Solar Neutrino Results from Super-Kamiokande

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Solar Neutrinos



v Detection Method

Detection via elastic scattering:

 $V + e^- \rightarrow V + e^-$

- Strongly Forward-Peaked
- no threshold
- Measured recoil e⁻ spectrum gives ٠ integrated v spectrum

Super-K θ_{Sun}

Sun

18 years of observations: **Continuous Measurements:**

- Time variations ٠
- Energy spectrum Study U_{e1} & U_{e2} of U_{PMNS}



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Detector Info	Reconstructed Info	Resolution
Hit timing	Vertex	52 cm
Hit Pattern	Direction	23 ⁰
# hit PMTs	Energy (~6 hits/MeV)	14%

Detector Response at 10 MeV

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Super-Kamlokande Run 1742 Event 102496 96-05-31:07:13:23 Innor: 109 hits, 123 p2

Outer: -1 hits, 0 of (in-time)



Other Time Variations: SK Yearly Plot + Sunspot Number



Sunspot Data: http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/greenwch/spot_num.txt June 09, 2015

Recoil e⁻ Energy Spectrum



Neutrino Oscillation

- Δm_{21}^{2} and θ_{12}^{2} are important for solar neutrinos survival probability P_{ee}^{2}
 - Solar v not sensitive to $\delta_{CP\!,}$ not very sensitive to θ_{13}

$$P_{ee} = |\langle v_e | v_e(t) \rangle |2 = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^* U_{ei} \ e^{-mi^2 L/2E} \right|^2$$

Pontecorvo–Maki–Nakagawa–Sakata mixing matrix (U_{PMNS})

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_{e} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} c_{ij} = \cos(\theta_{ij}) \\ s_{ij} = \sin(\theta_{ij}) \\ s_{i$$

Solar Oscillation Parameters: Δm_{21}^2 and $\sin^2(\theta_{12})$ **SK I-IV Combined** SK and SNO 30 X 8 $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.317^{+0.017}_{-0.027}$ $\Delta \chi^2$ 8 6 $\Delta m^2_{21} = 5.4^{+2.2}_{-1.1}$ $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.339^{+0.027}_{-0.024}$ 6 4 20 4 $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 4.74^{+1.6}_{-0.76}$ 2 $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.339^{+0.027}_{-0.024}$ $\Delta m^2_{21} = 4.74^{+1.6}_{-0.79}$ 2 Δm² in eV² 18 12 12 12 Am² in eV² 18 12 12 12 12 θ_{12} LMA Solution $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.313^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ favored > 3σ for SK $\Delta m^2_{21} = 4.86^{+1.4}_{-0.62}$ 15 14 14 13 12 SK Δm₂₁²: SK has better constraint **U** N C V A G O U C C L C C L preliminary SNO preliminary PRC88, 025501 (2013) SK 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 987654 SK+SNO 4 3 sin²0₁₃=0.0242±0.0026 2 sin²013=0.0242±0.0026 ³B flux is constrained by SNO NC data 20 30 0.3 0.2 0.4 0.5 2468 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 2468 0.1 0.5 θ₁₂: SNO has better constraint $\sin^2(\theta)$ $\Delta \chi^2$ $\sin^2(\theta)$ $\Delta \chi^2$ Solar All Data set for global solar analysis $\Delta \chi^2$ 8 3o $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.312^{+0.033}_{-0.025}$ 6 Does Not Include Borixino pp 2014 1 SK: $\Delta m^2_{21} = 7.54^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$ 20 2 SK-I 1496 days, spectrum 4.5-19.5 MeV(kin.)+D/N:Ekin>4.5 MeV Δm² in eV² 19 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1σ $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.311^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$ SK-II 791 days, spectrum 6.5-19.5 MeV(kin.)+D/N: Ekin>7.0 MeV $\Delta m^2_{21} = 4.85^{+1.4}_{-0.59}$ ~ 2σ tension in Δm_{21}^2 SK-III 548 days, spectrum 4.0-19.5 MeV(kin.)+D/N: Ekin>4.5 MeV between Solar 16 15 SK-IV 1669 days, spectrum 3.5-19.5 MeV(kin.)+D/N: Ekin>4.5 MeV and KamLAND $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.308^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$ 14 13 12 SNO: $\Delta m^2_{21} = 7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$ Parameterized analysis (co, c1, c2, ao, a1) of all SNO phased. (PRC88, 025501 (2013)) 11 10 preliminary Solar v + (Note: the same method is applied to both SK and SNO with a₀ and a₁ to LMA expectation.) 98765432 KamLAND \overline{v} Radiochemical: Cl, Ga Ga rate: 66.1±3.1 SNU (All Ga global) (PRC80, 015807 (2009)) KamLAND v CI rate: 2.56±0.23 SNU(Astrophys. J.496, 505 (1998)) Borexino: Latest 7Be flux (PRL 107, 141302 (2011)) Solar v KamLAND reactor : Latest (3-flavor) analysis (PRD88, 3, 033001 (2013)) sin²013=0.0242±0.0026 1σ 2σ 30 ⁸B spectrum: Winter 2006 (PRC73, 73, 025503 (2006)) 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 2 4 6 8 0.5 ⁸B and hep flux free, if not mentioned. $sin^{2}(\theta)$ Δχ

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Δm_{21}^2 and Day/Night Asymmetry

SK-I/II/III/IV Combine Day/Night Asymmetry



	Amplit	Straight calc.	
preliminary	$\Delta m^{2}{}_{21}$ =4.84x10 ⁻⁵ eV ²	Δm^{2} 21=7.50x10 ⁻⁵ eV ²	(D-N)/((D+N)/2)
SK-I	-2.0±1.8±1.0%	-1.9±1.7±1.0%	-2.1±2.0±1.3%
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SK-III	-4.2±2.7±0.7%	-3.8±2.6±0.7%	-5.9±3.2±1.3%
SK-IV	-3.6±1.6±0.6%	-3.3±1.5±0.6%	-4.9±1.8±1.4%
combined	-3.3±1.0±0.5%	-3.1±1.0±0.5%	-4.1±1.2±0.8%
non-zero significance	3.0σ	2.8σ	2.8σ

 $(\sin^2\theta_{12}=0.311, \sin^2\theta_{13}=0.025)$

⁸B Survival Probability: Quadratic Fit, Upturn



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Non-Standard Interactions (NSI)

- Extension of the MSW Effect (Set muon-related terms to zero S)
- Solar P_{ee}^{2f} analytical calculation*, converted to P_{ee}^{3f} calculation Why does SK & SNO prefer no upturn? Can NSI allow for better fit to flat SK recoil e⁻ spectrum? Can it describe the lack of MSW upturn in SK data? Set limits on NSI parameters. $H_{mat} = \sqrt{2}G_F n_e \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \mathcal{E}_{ee} & \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{e\tau} & \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{e\tau} \\ \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{e\tau} & \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mu\tau} & \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{\tau\tau} \\ \mathcal{E}_{e\tau} & \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{\mu\tau} & \mathcal{E}_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{ee} - \epsilon_{\tau\tau} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \& \epsilon_{12} = -2\epsilon_{e\tau} \sin \theta_{23}$$

⁸B: NSI and non-NSI (ϵ_{11} , ϵ_{12}) =(0,0)



*Friedland, Lunardini and Pena-Garay Phys.Lett.B594:347,2004

WIT/Future

- SK is pushing low energy threshold to attack the MSW upturn:
 - SK standard DAQ threshold being lowered
 - 100 % efficiency@ 3.5
 MeV kinetic energy threshold
 - A couple of weeks of WIT data collected
 - Commissioning of the system, background cuts
 - 2.5 MeV kinetic energy threshold (100% efficiency)
 - Continuous running soon.







Summary

- Super-K has been detecting ⁸B solar neutrinos for about 18 years via elastic scattering off e⁻ in H₂O, and has measured the solar flux with large statistics
- Super-K has made competitive measurements of the solar oscillation parameters Δm_{21}^2 and θ_{12} , along with a measurement of the Day/Night Asymmetry
- Super-K is further exploring the MSW upturn by lowering its energy threshold via WIT and the standard DAQ; also performing search for Non-Standard Neutrino Interactions

Backup

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First Indication of Terrestrial Matter Effects on Solar Neutrino Oscillation

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D/N Zenith Angle Distribution



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D/N Asymmetry vs Recoil e⁻ Kinetic Energy





Data set for global solar analysis SK: Does Not Include Borixino pp 2014

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How do the ε_{ij} parameters affect P_{ee}^{3f} ? Solar analysis best fit values of θ_{12} , θ_{13} , and Δm_{12}^{2}

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Pee NSI Log(E_v)



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