Supernova Relic Neutrino Search with Hyper Kamiokande

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Motivation & Contents

Motivation

- Spallation is the dominant background source in 10 20 MeV.
- The amount of muon flux / spallation product and the effect on SRN search is studied for HK candidate sites.

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studied by I. Shimizu (Tohoku Univ.)

2. SRN Search with Hyper-Kamiokande studied by T. Yano (Okayama Univ.)

Muon Flux : Status So far

- Muon flux was studied with MUSIC, for correct HK position at Tochibora.
- Spallation production was also studied with FLUKA.

Muon Flux : $\times 4.9 \pm 0.98$ of current SK Spallation : $\times 4 \pm 1$ of current SK



Calculation of Muon Flux at Mozumi

- A boring test was done at Mozumi site for HK.
- Boring starting position is ~400m west of SK.
- HK center position is read from the blue print for the boring test.



Muon Simulation at Mozumi

muon flux



HK muon direction

$\cos\theta$ distribution





HK muon energy : MC



Summary: Muon Flux at HK

Summary of MC (MUSIC)

	Muon flux	Muon average energy
HK (Mozumi*) HK (Tochibora*)	3.44 × 10 ⁻⁷ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ 8.25 × 10 ⁻⁷ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	227 GeV 200 GeV
SK	1.54 × 10 ⁻⁷ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	258 GeV

Ratio of Muon Flux (HK/SK)

 2.23 ± 0.45

HK (Mozumi*) HK (Mozumi, basing point)

1.59 ± 0.32 5.36 ± 1.07 (new)

HK (Tochibora*) HK (Tochibora, basing point)

 4.90 ± 0.98

Spallation production rate ×2 and ×4 are expected for Mozumi and Tochibora, respectively.

SRN Search with HK

Status so far :

of SRN events and non-0 significance with HK (pure water) were studied.

- ~270 ev. (20-30 MeV) and ~6 σ for ×1 μ 10y run.
- •~180 ev. and ~4.5 σ for $\times 5\,\mu$ case.



SRN Model Recognition with HK + Gd

Adding 0.2% Gadolinium sulfate in HK, it will reduce the backgrounds significantly by e⁺+n double tagging. The original idea is for Super Kamiokande, GADZOOKS!.

(Beacom and Vagins (2004)).

This time, SRN model recognition with reduced BG and lower energy threshold is studied.



Effect of Spallation Products

Spallation product is dominant BG for SRN search. Here, energy for SRN search is defined as the region where SRN signal dominates spallation.



SK-IV spallation BG is supposed. Increasing factor for locations are also considered.

Location effect on spallation BG		Factor ×1.8 increase		×3.3	×3.3 increase	
T. Yano, 3 rd open meeting for HK.	w/ Relic spacut	Cosmic	μ ×1	×2	×5	
	Signal Efficiency (E<20)		80%	81%	80%	
	Remaining spallation		1.2%	2.1%	3.9%	

Spectrum fit for SRN



Event samples are made from BGs and SRN models.
The samples are fit with BG and SRN spectra with several T_v and intensity. Likelihood is calculated for each T_v and intensity.
2D allowed regions are given on T_v vs intensity map.

While fitting, it is expected that NC BG intensity is known in the error of $\pm 10\%$.

SRN Model Recognition μ×1, 10years HK



LMA can be distinguished from HMA or other models with > ~90% confidence level, except for HBD 6MeV. It would be difficult to distinguish LMA and HBD 6MeV.

SRN Model Recognition μ ×2, 10years HK



Separation between models is a bit worse than $\mu \times 1$ case. Outline is mostly same as $\mu \times 1$ case.

SRN Model Recognition μ ×5, 10years HK



Separation between models becomes worse than $\mu \times 2$ case. In summary, the difference of $\mu \times 1$, 2 and 5 case does not affect SRN model Recognition dramatically.

Summary

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• The muon flux at Mozumi site is calculated using MUSIC.

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SRN Search with HK, by T. Yano (Okayama Univ.)

HK (Mozumi)

HK (Tochibora)

- SRN model recognition is studied for HK + Gd. HK+Gd can recognize e.g. LMA model from other models at >~90% C.L., except for HBD 6MeV.
- The muon flux of ×2 or ×5 does not affect so much on the recognition, but still its' better to have lower mu flux for low energy.

Appendix



Muon Simulation at Tochibora

Latitude (deg)

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Muon Flux at HK (Mozumi)

Summary of MC (MUSIC)

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Muon Flux at HK (Tochibora)

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Muon Simulation at Tochibora

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Muon Simulation at Mozumi

muon flux



SK muon direction: Data



HK (Tochibora) muon direction: MC



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SK muon direction: MC



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HK muon energy: MC



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Gadolinium option for HK



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The first study for SK-III was done by Watanabe et. al.(2009).

The study for SK-IV was done by Yano and Yamaguchi (2012 Nov. SK Collab.).

No study for Hyper-K, photo coverage 20% and more μ .

Signal efficiency and BG reduction

Double tagging with $Gd(n,\gamma)$ greatly reduces the background. Accidental coincidence of background events (spallation etc.) and low-E events (Rn, etc) still exists.



Accidental coincidence = max. BG reduction efficiency

Data samples

Data set : $Gd(n, \gamma)$ capture events

Super-K IV

• taken at 23th Oct. 2010

Source

- Am/Be + BGO + 0.2% Gd₂(SO₄)₃
- Neutron is tagged by scintillation of gamma:

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\alpha + Be \rightarrow C* + n, C* \rightarrow C + y
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Data set : Background

Super-K IV

- T2K dummy trigger (±500µsec)
- Run 066412 and Run 066415

These data sets are analyzed for 2 cases: with **normal SK-IV** configuration and with 50% masked SK-IV (photo coverage 19%, equivalent to SK-II (~ HK)).





Event selection criteria :

- Distance from source center: R < 2 m
- Event time difference from first trigger: $1.7\mu s < \Delta T < 35\mu s$
- Goodness, Dirks, Cherenkov like cut

BG Reduction Efficiency



Applying 3.0 MeV threshold, the reduction efficiency 7×10⁻⁵ can be achieved at SK-IV.

At HK, the same reduction efficiency 7×10^{-5} will be achieved by increasing the threshold to 3.75 MeV.

Gd in HK



At SK-IV, 92% of Gd(n, γ) events are kept by 3.0 MeV threshold, after R<2.0m selection.

At masked SK-IV (HK), the Gd(n, γ) events become 52% by 3.75 MeV threshold, after R<2.0m selection.

Conclusion: BG reduction efficiency is same as SK-IV, but the signal efficiency become 92% \rightarrow 52%.



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