

T2K experiment status

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T2K experiment

- Overview
- Challenges
- Experimental set up
- Analysis strategy
- Early results and prospects



Neutrino oscillation

- Neutrino changes its flavor while propagating in vacuum/matter.
 - Neutrinos have masses = Evidence for physics beyond the Std. Model.



- Mass hierarchy (m₁ < m₂ < m₃ or m₃ < m₁ < m₂)?
- Size of the mixing angle θ₁₃?
- Size of the CP phase δ ? ... Ability to measure CP violation depends on $\sin \theta_{13}$.
- \rightarrow Important to measure θ_{13} .



T2K concepts

- v_{μ} disappearance experiment:
 - $|-P(v_{\mu}-v_{x}) \sim \sin^{2}2\theta_{23}\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{32}^{2}L/4E_{v})$
 - Measure Δm_{32}^2 and θ_{23}
 - Goals for (3.75MW*10⁷s)
 - $\delta(\Delta m_{23}^2) < 1*10^{-4} [eV^2]$
 - δ(sin²2θ₂₃) ~0.01
 - L is fixed by SK at 295 km
 - E_v is defined by the J-PARC beam properties
- v_e appearance experiment: $- P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_e) \sim \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{32}^2 L/4E_v)$ $- Determine \theta_{13}$



The T2K (Tokai-to-Kamioka) experiment

50-kt water cherenkov

30-GeV 750-kW proton beam



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Experimental setup: J-PARC Accelerator and Experimental Facility



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J-PARC complex

3GeV

Synchrotro

Neutrino Facility

Main Ring

Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility

Nuclear and Particle Experimental Facility (Hadron Hall)

T2K components



Proton beam(fast extracted) Pion(Kaon) production (90cm carbon target) Pion(kaon) focusing (Three horns) Pion(Kaon) decay section(110 m, helium filled) Hadron asbsorber (carbon/iron) Muon beam monitoring (Silicon/Ion chambers/emulsion) On-Axis(Ingrid) /off axis neutrino beam monitors Far detector (SK)



T2K neutrino beam

- derived from Proton energy 30Gev
- Fast extraction (Beam on/beam off ~ 1.5 *10-6)
- Optimized to the first oscillation maximum(.7GeV).
- Narrow band energy beam by using off axis position
- Highest possible intensity at J-PARC (750KW-4MW)





Accelerator complex

New FX kicker magnets





Harmonic number of the MR is nine and one vacant bucket makes the room for the rise time of kicker.

Before the 2010 summer shutdown, the MR operated with 6 bunches. It is limited by the performance of extraction kicker magnets. The pulse rise time of 1.6 µsec is too long to receive 8 bunches. →Shorter rise time than 1 µsec is required. We replace the kicker system with new one in 2010 summer shutdown.



Timing sequence



5: Bunch structure of the fast extracted beam to J-PARC neutrino beamline

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Timing critical





Off Axis beam concept





Off Axis beam kinematics





Neutrino facility in J-PARC

Special Features

- Superconducting combined
 - function magnets
- Off-axis beam

Components

- Primary proton beam line
 - Normal conducting magnets
 - Superconducting arc
 - Proton beam monitors
- Target/Horn system
- Decay pipe (130m)
 - Cover OA angle 2~3 deg.
- Beam dump
- muon monitors
- Near neutrino detector

Construction: JFY2004~2008

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Neutrino Beamline







Optical Transition Radiation Monitor (OTR)

- OTR detector is directly upstream of T2K target.
- Measures the proton beam width and position just before impact.
 - Cannot place conventional beam monitors in this position; wouldn't survive radiation.





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OTR Performance

- Understanding beam position and width is important for our v flux predictions.
- OTR has been working well and providing important feedback on proton beam.
 - Already providing good feedback on proton beam position.





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Beam dump area

 Dump designed to accommodate 4MW beam power







Off Axis beam advantages

- Narrow band energy distribution
- Maximum v_{μ} flux at the oscillation maximum
- Minimized high energy tail
- Low v_e contamination



Muon monitors





Proton beam stability

- Beam position on target have to be controlled < 1mm
 - To control direction of secondary beam within 1mrad
 - To avoid destroying the target from non uniform thermal stress on target (at higher power)
- Succeeded to control <1mm during long term operation



Correlation btw p beam position

on target vs MUMON center



Beam direction & intensity stability measured by Muon monitor



- Beam direction is controlled well within 1mrad
- Secondary beam intensity (normalized by proton intensity) stable within 1%
 - (reflects stability of targeting, horn focusing, etc)
- Stable well within our physics requirements





Neutrino flux estimation

• Proton beam intensity on target:

- Redundant intensity monitors
- Spill selection
- Proton beam properties on target:
 - Beam profile monitors
 - OTR in front of target
- Hadron production models:
 - Established codes like Fluka08 and GCalor
 - Validation data from NA61 with replicate target
- Simulation of the horn focusing system
- Decay tunnel and beam dump.



Reference spectra at SK







NA61/SHINE – Fixed Target Experiment at CERN SPS



 Large Acceptance Spectrometer for charged particles: (TPCs as main tracking devices; 2 dipole magnets with bending power of max 9 Tm over 7 m length (2007-Run: 1.14 Tm); new ToF-F to entirely cover T2K acceptance; high momentum resolution; good particle identification)

Data taking for T2K:	Year	Target	Statistics	Status
-	2007	thin C	670k triggers	Preliminary pion spectra
-	2007	replica	230k triggers	First analysis loop
•	2009			Under calibration ²



Neutrino Beam MC

- Determine muon flux @ dump monitors
 - High energy muons (>5 Gev)
 - Spil by spill direction and intensity monitoring
 - Horn focusing stability
- Determine v flux on Axis @ INGRID
 - Beam profile and position
 - High energy neutrino rate consistency check
- Determine v flux off axis @ND280
 - Neutrino energy spectrum
 - Neutrino species composition
 - Neutrino flux
- Determine v flux off axis @SK
 - Far to near ratio (critical systematic uncertainty)
 - Oscillation analysis
- Neutrino vector files generated for each subsystems



Neutrino flux validation

Dump muon monitors:

High energy (>5 GeV/c)

On Axis INGRID (Scint/ Iron tracker)

Iron target and High energy threshold
One scintillator only module

- Off Axis : ND280 detector complex
 - On Carbon target
 - On water target (SK target material)



INGRID measurements



- Bunch structure clearly seen as expected
- Event rate is stable
- Beam direction well controlled within requirement (<1mrad)



Ingrid beam profile





• $N_v(E) \sim \Phi_v(E) * \sigma_v(E) * \epsilon(E) * Target (H_2O in SK)$

- Neutrino flux
 - MC
 - Validation
 - Hadron production
 - Diff energy spectrum for CC and NC events

Cross section (10⁻³⁸cm²)

- Poorly known at 1GeV
- signal via CC
- Background NC related

Neutrino cross-section

Dominant channel @ T2K energy: CCQE



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Neutrino spectrum

T2K Events w/ and w/o Oscillations



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Neutrino Signals

• Golden mode: Charged-Current Quasi Elastic (CCQE) $\nu_l + n \rightarrow p + l^-$ • Flavor of \vdash is the \vee flavor • Energy and θ of \vdash give a good measurement of the \vee energy ν_{μ} signal $\nu_{\mu} + n \rightarrow p + \mu^ \nu_e + n \rightarrow p + e^ \nu_e + n \rightarrow p + e^-$

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What is measured

- Charged current reaction Muon type or electron type
- Lepton defines neutrino flavor
- Lepton momentum related to neutrino momentum only for two body reactions
 - CCQE (smearing by Fermi momentum)
 - Final state interaction



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Kinematic Reconstruction: Background



- Need accurate model of background rates and how often they can
- Need accurate model of background rates and how often they can topologically mimic CCQE

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Number of lepton events

CC and NC processes

- $N_{\lambda}(E_{\lambda}) \sim \Phi_{\nu\lambda}(E_{\nu}) * \sigma_{\nu}(E_{\lambda}) * \epsilon(E_{\lambda}) * Target$
 - Composition

- Muon(electron) momentum
 - CCQE signal
 - Fermi momentum
 - non CCQE contributions

Energy dep efficiencies - purity -cuts

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- Neutrino energy
- Neutrino type
- Backgrounds



Neutrino energy

- What is measured is lepton momentum.
- Use CCQE to convert to neutrino energy
 - Fermi momentum smearing
 - Final state interaction
- Ccqe is only a fraction of the processes contributing to the lepton production
 - CC1p
 - ССр0
 - Ccnp
 - Misidentified lepton
 - Misidentified NC events



Neutrino beam energy

Use quasi elastic events for which P_I and θ_I determine E_v







ND280 Off Axis detectors





Role of ND280 OA detectors

- Neutrino flux and Energy spectrum for ν_{μ} and ν_{e} components of the beam (FGD and TPC)
- Charge current cross sections both for signal and background processes (FGD and TPC)
- Pizero production cross sections on water (POD .FGD,ECAL)
- Cosmics and neutrino induced pit/magnet interactions



ND 280 components

- (UA1/Nomad) Magnet (.2Tesla field)
- 2 Fine grain detectors
- 3Time projection chambers
- POD
- ECAL
- SMRD



Off-Axis Detector

- Measure neutrino flux and cross section
- UA1 Magnet 0.2 T field
- Tracker Region: Fine Grained Detectors (FGDs) & TPCs
 - Particle Tracking (p,θ) & identification
- POD
 - Measure NC π^0 rate
- Includes a water target in POD and FGD2
 - Understand interactions on H₂0 target
- ECAL (Downtream Currently Installed)
 - Surrounds tracker and POD
 - Capture EM energy
 - Rest of ECAL is to be installed this summer
- SMRD
 - Muon ranging instrumentation in the magnet yoke







Fine Grain Detector

ND280 Fine-Grained Detectors

- 9.6mm x 9.6mm polystyrene scintillator bars with WLS fiber readout
- First FGD is all plastic, second has 6 x 2.5cm water target panels
- Full FGD has ~5800 channels WLS fiber



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Multipixel photon counter





New technology



Multi-Pixel Photon Counters (MPPC) Readout

- MPPC is an array of silicon photodiodes operating just above the avalanche breakdown voltage.
 - Output from MPPC is a sum of charge from each individual pixel avalanche.
 - Similar characteristics to PMTs, but smaller, cheaper and insensitive to magnetic fields.



Hamamatsu MPPC Active area: 1.3x1.3 mm² Number of pixels: 667

 ND280 has chosen to use MPPC as the photosensors for all scintillator detectors.

 Using ~50,000 MPPCs for ND280; first large-scale use of these devices.

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Fine Grain detector









- Charged Lepton identification
 v_e component of the beam
- Charged Lepton momentum measurement to 10% resolution at 1GeV/c
 - Muon momentum scale to 2%
- Charged Pion identification
- Only low mass detector in the ND280











PID performances

- Look at ALL the reconstructed tracks during beam triggers in the first T2K physics run
- Divided in positive and negative tracks
- Negative: mainly muons, some electrons
- Positive: protons, MIPs, electrons











Figure 6.7: The P0D detector viewed from the upstream end. The central region of the P0D is constructed of alternating water target and scintillator tracking layers. The upstream and downstream regions are composed of lead radiator and scintillator tracking layers.





- Measure NC π^0 production in water
- Systematic level of 10% on SK background

- Alternating water planes (3cm) and scintillator tracking planes (3cm), X and Y planes with thin lead sheet in between (0.6cm)
- Front and back module s without water





- Electromagnetic calorimeter surrounding the main tracker detectors
- Pizero detector
- 32 layers of scintillator (1cm thick,4cm wide)
- 31 layers of lead 1.75cm thick



Reactions involved

Int. Mode	Fraction	
CC - QE	65 %	
$CC - 1\pi$	20 %	
$CC-coh\pi$	1 %	
$CC - n\pi$	3 %	
$NC-1\pi$	7%	
$NC - N\pi$	7 %	

Table 2.2: Fraction of interaction modes around oscillation maximum ($0.35 GeV < E_{\nu}^{rec} < 0.8 GeV$) for the 1 ring muon-like event as predicted by the NEUT Monte Carlo.

GeV Neutrino Interactions

- GeV Neutrinos are detected through a variety of processes.
- Signal mode for our measurement is Charged Current Quasi-Elastic (CCQE):
 - $v_{\mu e}$ + n $\rightarrow \mu$ /e⁻ + p
 - Allows flavor tagging of the neutrino via the charged lepton.
 - Dominant process at T2K oscillation maximum.



Sub-GeV Neutrino Interactions

Interaction background processes:

- Largest ν_µ background to CCQE ν_µ measurements at Super-K is CCπ⁺
 - $v_{\mu e} + N \rightarrow \mu'/e' + N + \pi^+$
 - comparable size to CCQE
- Largest ν_µ background to ν_e search at Super-K is NCπ⁰
 - $v_{\mu e} + N \rightarrow v_{\mu e} + N + \pi^0$
 - Only π⁰ →γγ detected in the final state
 - γ and e are indistinguishable





What are we expecting to see in the near detector

Int. Mode	Fraction	Events/10 ²¹ POT/ton
CC - QE	38 %	65038
$CC - p\pi^+$	11 %	17846
$CC - p\pi^0$	3 %	4887
$CC - n\pi^+$	3 %	5107
$CC-Coherent \pi^+$	1 %	2189
$CC - multi \pi$	7 %	11943
CC - DIS	8 %	13057
NC - Elastic n	9 %	15671
NC - Elastic p	8 %	13581
$NC - n\pi^0$	2 %	2837
$NC - p\pi^0$	2 %	3519
$NC - p\pi^{-}$	1 %	1931
$NC - n\pi^+$	1 %	2300
$NC - Coherent \pi^0$	1 %	1099
$NC - multi \pi$	2 %	3639
NC - DIS	2 %	4022

Table 2.1: Total number of events predicted by the NEUT Monte Carlo for the Near Detector, per ton and per $10^{21}POT$. The Fractions of different interaction modes are also shown.

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Neutrino event in ND280





Far detector: Super-Kamiokande IV



- Water Cherenkov detector
- Deep underground (1000m, 2700 m.w.e), Kamioka-mine, Japan.
- Cylindrical shape,50kton water (22.5 kton fid.vol)
- Optically separated Inner Detector/ Outer Detector
- ID: 11129 20inch PMTs (~40% photo-coverage)
- OD: 1885 8inch PMTs
- SK-IV started Aug.2008 with new frontend electronics.
- 4π acceptance, very efficient π^0/e separation.
- High Particle ID (μ/e) power (~99% at 600MeV/c)
- Good energy reconstruction.
- Methods are established.

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T2K 1st neutrino event in Super-K



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Number of events at SK [With FC]

Class / Beam run	29-31	32	33	34	ALL
POT (x 10 ¹⁹)	0.34	0.76	1.21	0.93	3.23
Fully-Contained (FC)	2	15	9	7	33
+ fiducial volume cut + visible ene. > 30MeV (FCFV)	2	11	8	2	23

Delta-T distribution at SK





Analysis strategy

Beam

Proton
MC flux simulation
Validation

ND280

• Flux

- Cross section
- Efficiencies

SK

- Flux(N/F ratio)
- Cross section
- Efficiencies



v_{μ} disappearance








30 GeV, 8.3 x 10²¹ POT







2.0

1.0

0

3.0

Reconstructed E_v (GeV)

4.0

5.0

* NC: Neutral Current



v_e analysis

- Signal: CC v interactions in the FGD
- 3 sources of backgrounds:
 - ν_µ interactions in the FGD with misid muons → negligible in the MC, to be measured on the data
 - CC/NC $\nu_{_{\mu}}$ interactions in the FGD
 - with $\gamma \rightarrow$ electrons in the TPC
 - Interactions outside the FGD with γ converting in the FGD





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Break down of final events



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V_e Events

- Appearance of V_e events in the far detector is dominated by mixing angle θ_{13}
- Largest background from v_e in the beam at J-PARC
- Select events that have
 - Vertex > 2m from tank wall
 - Direction < 25 degrees of beam
 - <16 hits in outer tank</p>
 - + Single e-like ring, no decay e,
 - + Low π_0 likelihood and invariant mass
 - ♦ 0.35 GeV <E < 0.85 GeV</p>

Signal and Background for 5x10²¹ protons on target

Parameters	v_{μ} CC Bkg	ν _μ NC Bkg	Beam Ve Bkg	Ve Signal
Δm ₁₃ ²=2.4e10 ⁻³ , sin²2θ ₁₃ =0.1	0.4	9.7	15	143

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30 GeV, 8.3 x 10^{21} POT $\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$



International competition



Request beam time of more than 10⁷ sec(=~120days) per year in order to keep leading international competition

Power upgrade plan of RCS and MR(FX)





Systematic errors goals

- –Neutrino flux:< 5%
- –Energy spectrum width : < 10%
- -Non-QE/QE:< 5-10%
- –NC-1π0, beam-ve:< 10%
- –SK energy scale:< 2%

The T2K Collaboration

~500 members, 62 institutes, 12 countries

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T2K experiment



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Neutrino mixing

