

# RECENT RESULTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF SUPER-KAMIOKANDE



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Inside of SK detector during  
refurbishment work (July 15, 2018)

# Super-Kamiokande collaboration

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Collaborating Institutes

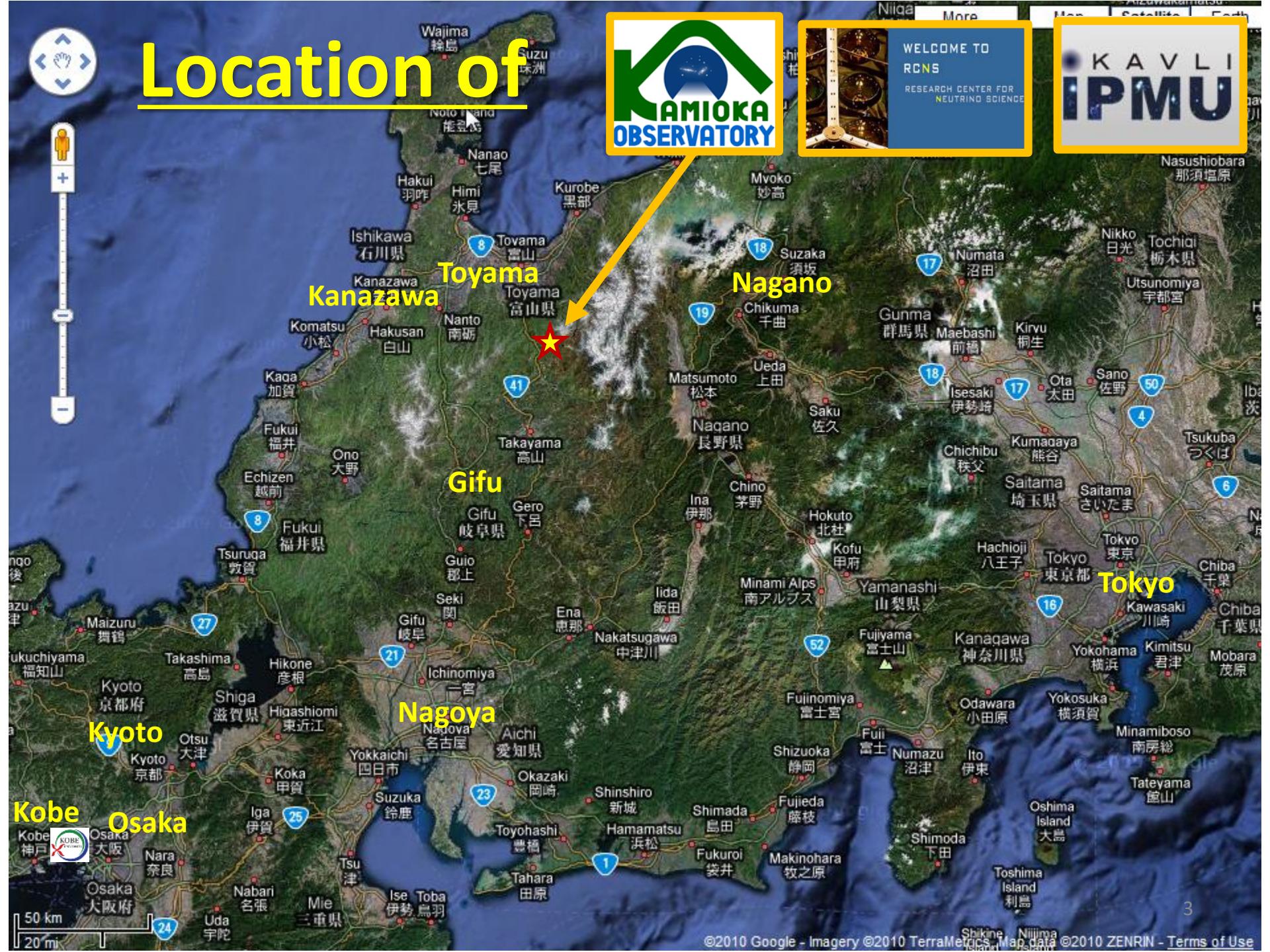
<http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/library/pamphlet.html> (as of June 2016)



10 nations, ~45 institutions, ~180 researchers (as of July 2018)



# Location of



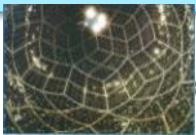


# Kamioka Underground site

2700 m.w.e.



A01/C02: KamLAND



B01/C02:  
XMASS



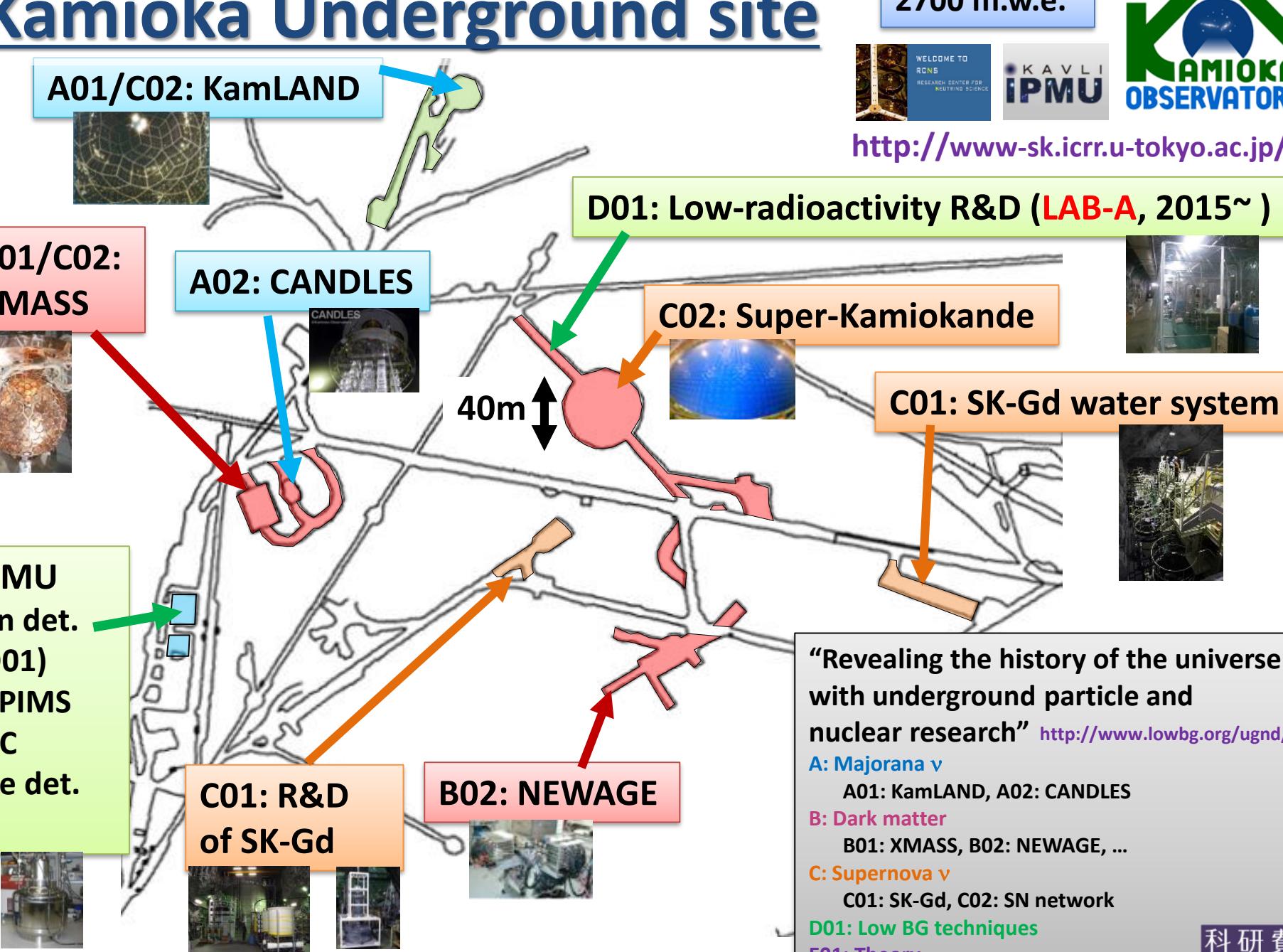
A02: CANDLES



D01: Low-radioactivity R&D (LAB-A, 2015~)



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"Revealing the history of the universe  
with underground particle and  
nuclear research" <http://www.lowbg.org/ugnd/>

**A: Majorana ν**

A01: KamLAND, A02: CANDLES

**B: Dark matter**

B01: XMASS, B02: NEWAGE, ...

**C: Supernova ν**

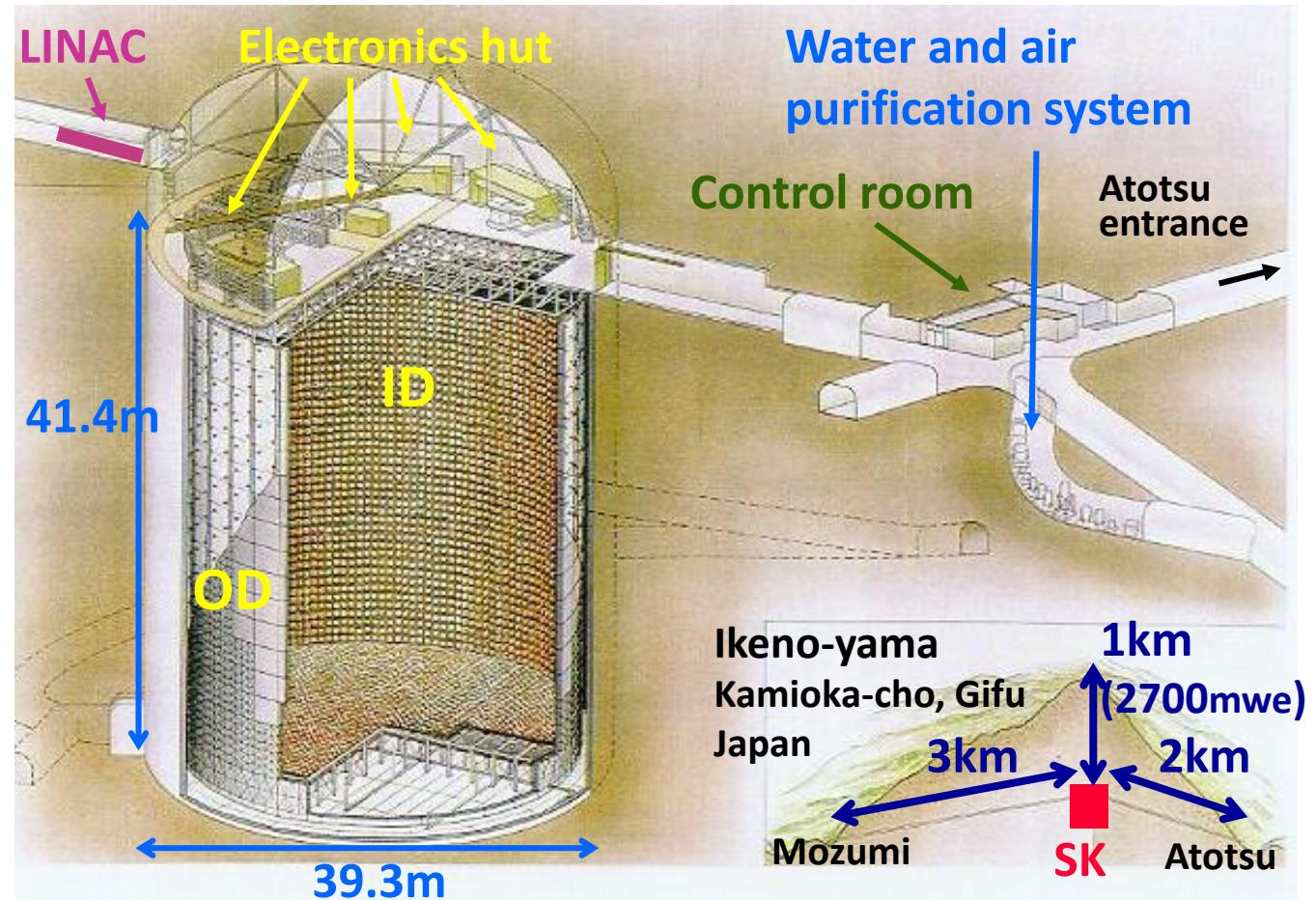
C01: SK-Gd, C02: SN network

**D01: Low BG techniques**

E01: Theory

# Super-Kamiokande detector

<http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/sk/>



- 50 kton water
- ~2m OD viewed by 8-inch PMTs
- 32kt ID viewed by 20-inch PMTs
- 22.5kt fid. vol. (2m from wall)
- SK-I: April 1996~
- Refurbishment work is ongoing

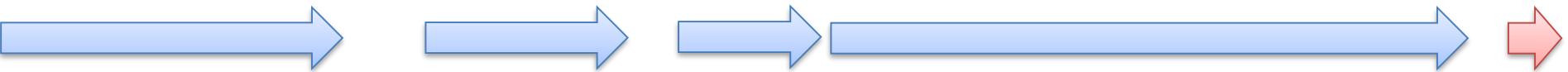
- Physics targets:
- Nucleon decay search
  - Neutrino oscillation study
  - Astrophysical neutrino search

Inner Detector (ID) PMT: ~11100 (SK-I,III,IV), ~5200 (SK-II)  
 Outer Detector (OD) PMT: 1885

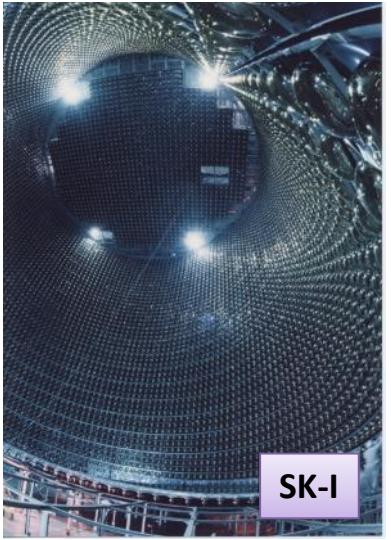
# History & Plan of Super-Kamiokande



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SK-I

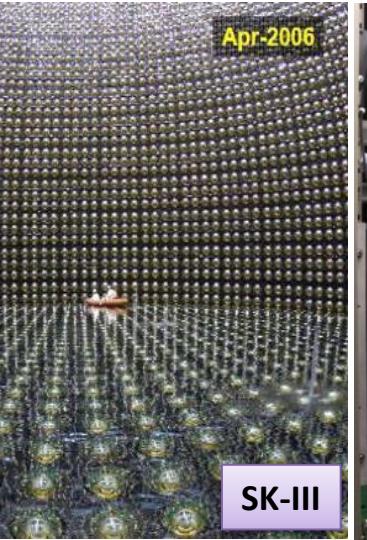


SK-I



Acrylic (front)  
+ FRP (back)

SK-II



SK-III



SK-IV



Water system  
For SK-Gd

**11146 ID PMTs**  
**(40% coverage)**

**4.5 MeV**

**1496 days**

**5182 ID PMTs**  
**(19% coverage)**

**6.5 MeV**

**791 days**

**11129 ID PMTs**  
**(40% coverage)**

**4.5 MeV**

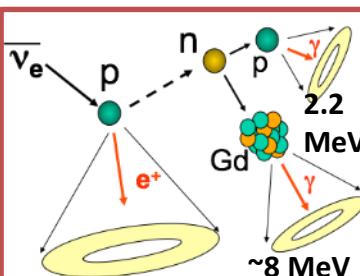
**548 days**

**Electronics  
Upgrade**

**3.5 MeV**

**2860 days**

**Neutron tagging  
with Gd**



- Analysis energy threshold (recoil electron kinetic energy)
- Live time for solar neutrino analysis

**Current total: 5695 days**

# Summary of recent results

## ■ Nucleon decay search

- PRD96, 012003 (2017): SK 316 kt·yr
- Current data set: SK 365 kt·yr (SK-IV: until Jan. 2018)
  - $\tau/B(p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0) > 2.0 \times 10^{34}$  years (90%CL, preliminary)

## ■ Atmospheric ν oscillation analysis

- ■ PRD97, 072001 (2018): SK 5326 days, 328 kt·yr
- arXiv: 1711.09436:  $v_\tau$  app. =  $338.1 \pm 72.7$  events ( $4.6\sigma$ , 5326 d)

## ■ Solar ν oscillation analysis

- PRD94, 052010 (2016): (SK-IV: until Feb. 2014, 1664 d)

- ■ Current data set: SK 5695 days (SK-IV: until Dec. 2017, 2860 d)

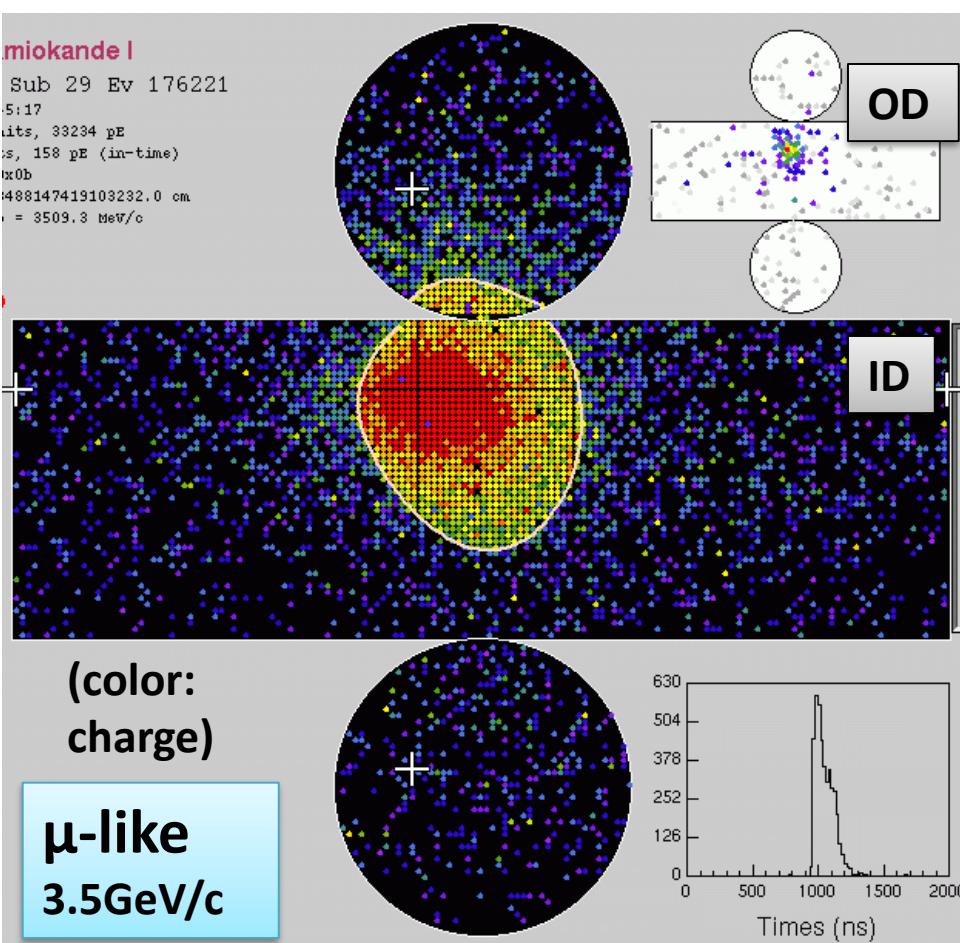
## ■ Astrophysics

- Gravitational Wave source searches (GW170817)
- WIMP searches (Sun, Earth, Galactic center)
- Supernova neutrinos (burst, relic)

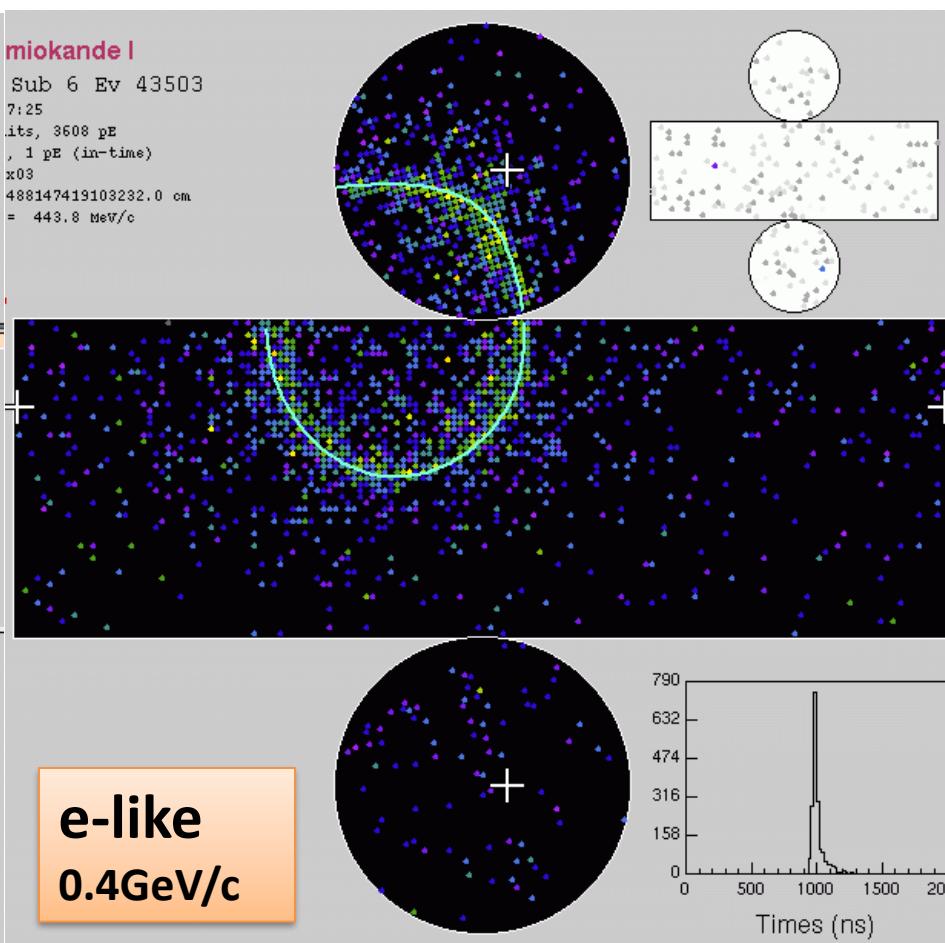
# Atmospheric neutrino results

# Typical high-energy events

## Atmospheric v: Partially contained (PC)



## Atmospheric v: Fully contained (FC)

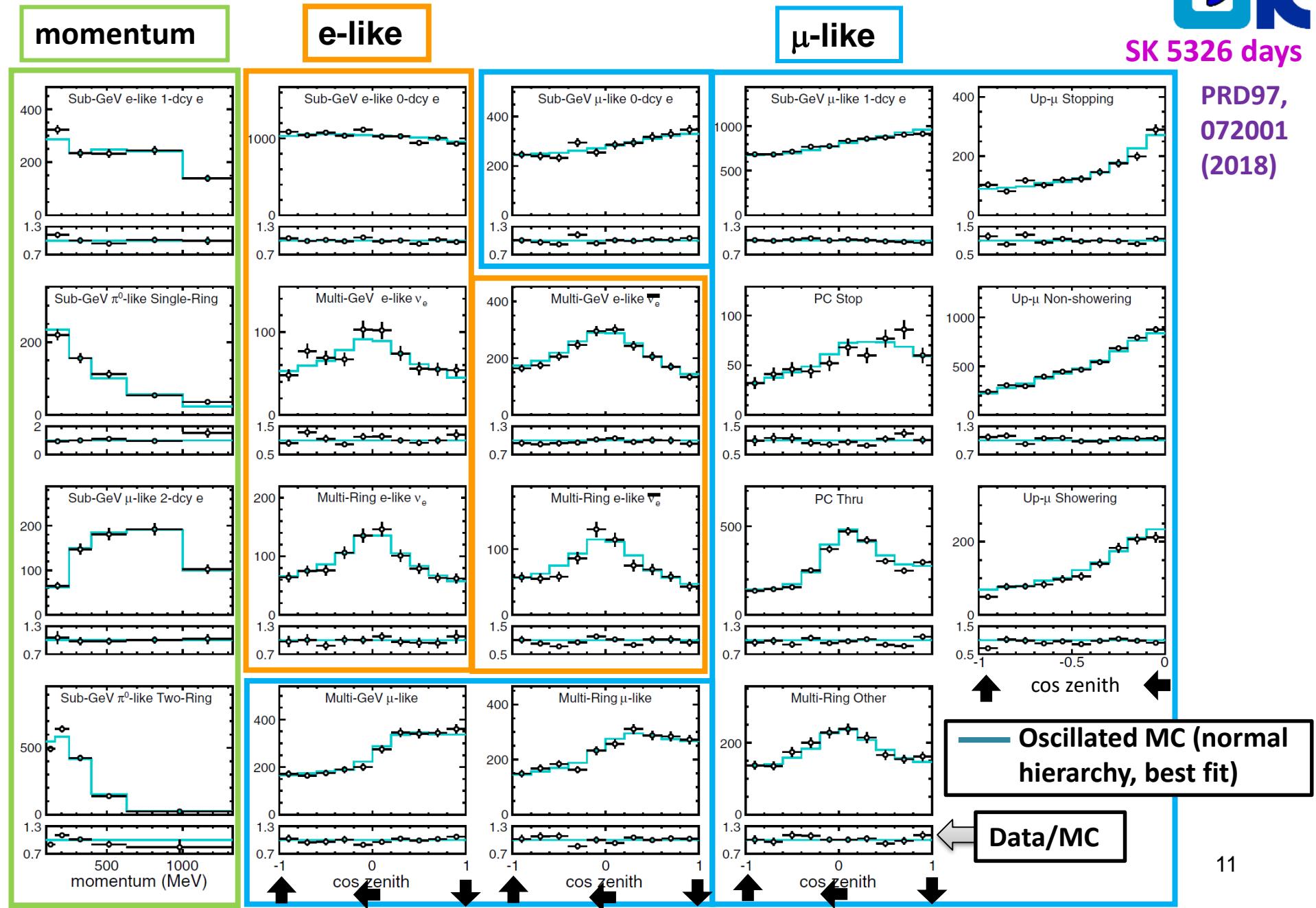


# Zenith angle & lepton momentum distributions

SUPER  
SK

SK 5326 days

PRD97,  
072001  
(2018)



# Atm. ν oscillation results: mass ordering



SK + T2K(model) with  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0219 \pm 0.0012$

SK 5326 days

PRD97, 072001 (2018)

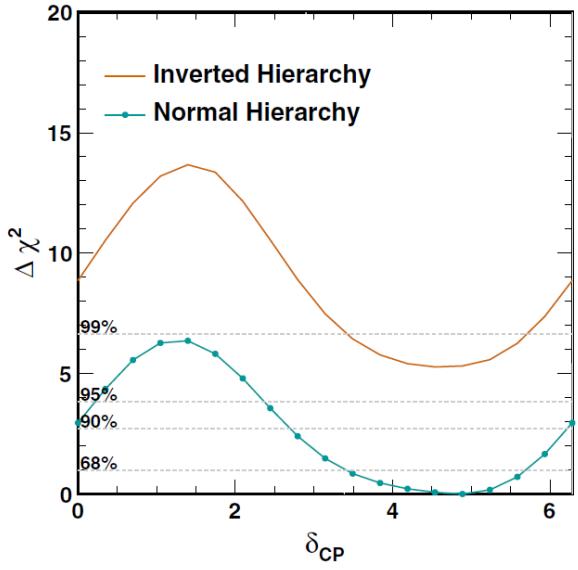
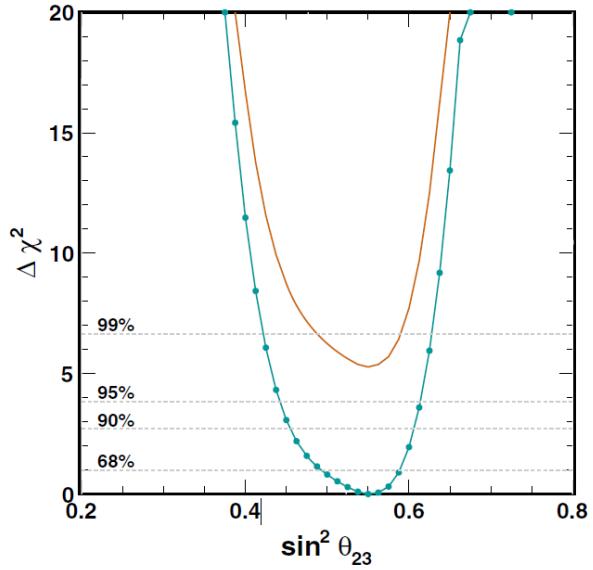
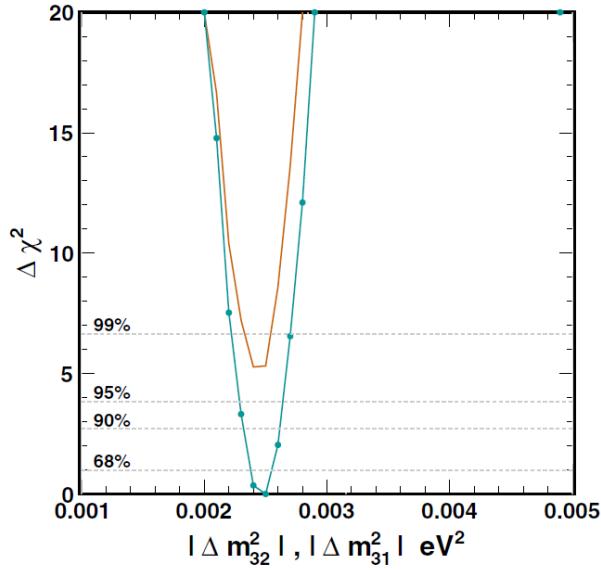


FIG. 16. Constraints on neutrino oscillation contours from a combined fit of Super-K atmospheric neutrino data and a model of the T2K experiment assuming  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0219 \pm 0.0012$ . Orange lines denote the inverted hierarchy result, which has been offset from the normal hierarchy result, shown in cyan, by the difference in their minimum  $\chi^2$  values.

$$\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH,min} - \chi^2_{IH,min} = -5.27$$

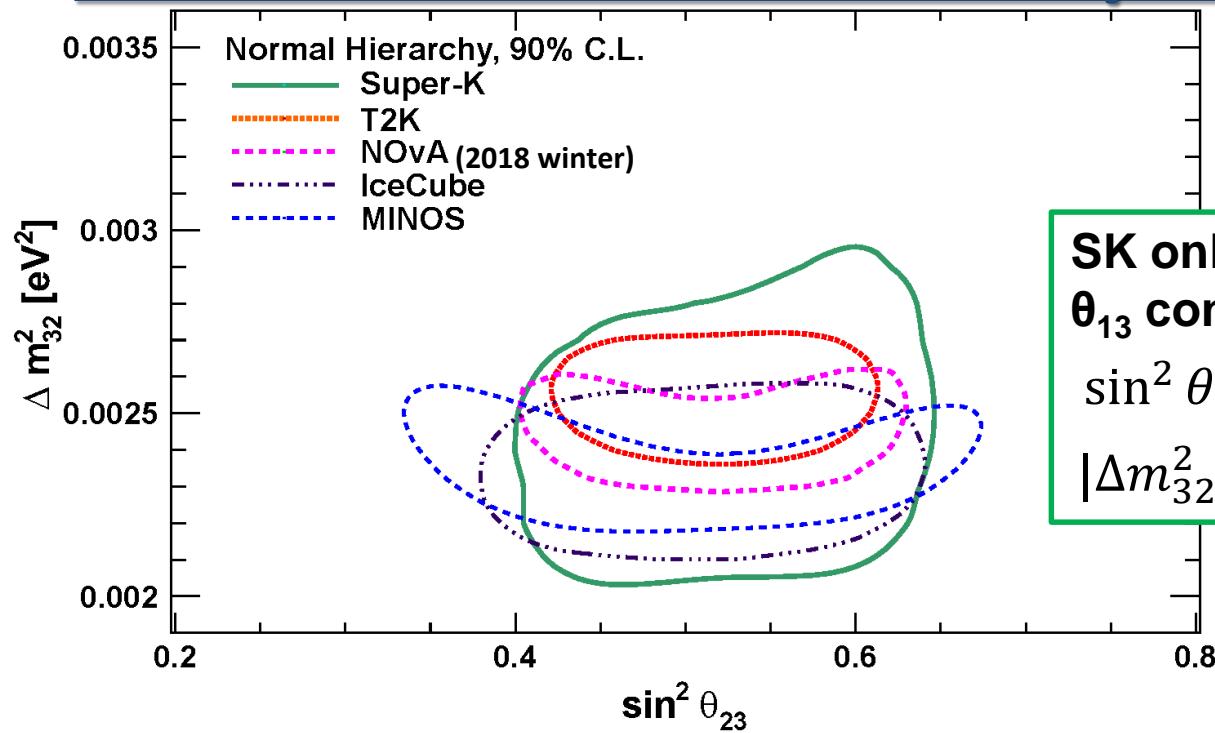
Over the range of parameters allowed at 90% confidence level, the **normal mass hierarchy is favored** by between **91.9%** and **94.5%** based on the combined Super-Kamiokande plus T2K result.

# Atm. $\nu$ oscillation results: parameters



SK 5326 days

PRD97, 072001 (2018)



**SK only, normal hierarchy,  
 $\theta_{13}$  constrained**

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.588^{+0.031}_{-0.064}$$

$$|\Delta m^2_{32}| = (2.50^{+0.13}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

TABLE V. Summary of parameter estimates for each analysis and hierarchy hypothesis considered. Here NH (IH) refers to the normal (inverted) hierarchy fit. The terms “free” and “constrained” refer to fits without and with a constraint on  $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ , respectively, as described in the text. The expected absolute  $\chi^2$  value for the SK (SK + T2K) fits is 559.9 (636.2). The p-value for obtaining a smaller  $\chi^2$  than the data is 0.439 (0.482) in the NH  $\theta_{13}$ -constrained fits.

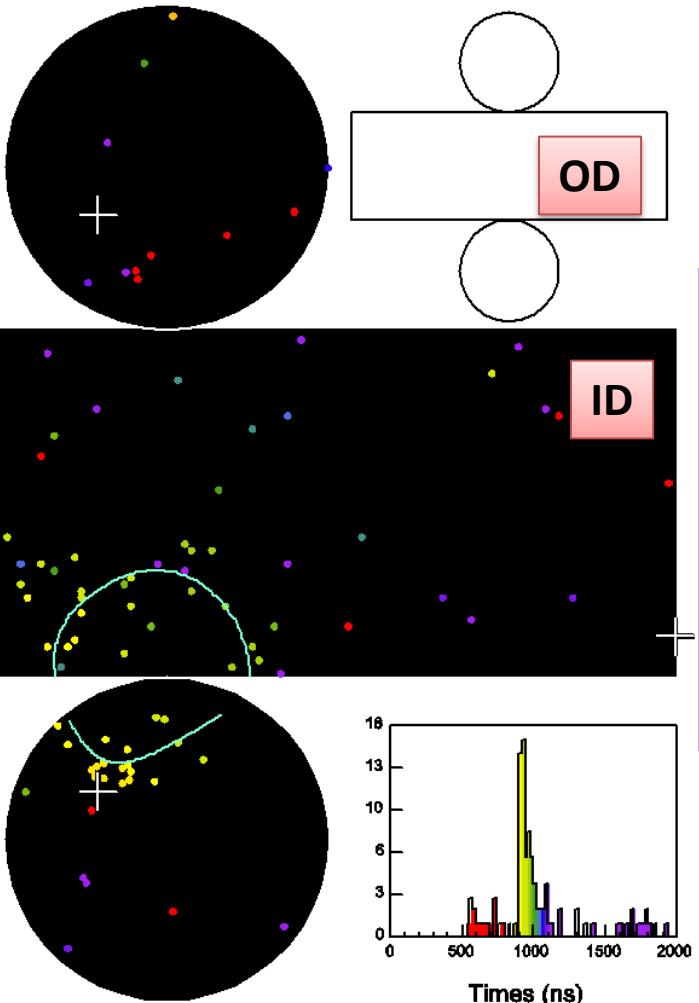
Fit	Hierarchy	$\chi^2$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$ \Delta m^2_{32,31}  [\times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2]$	$\delta_{CP}$
SK $\theta_{13}$ Free	NH	571.29	$0.018^{+0.029}_{-0.013}$	$0.587^{+0.036}_{-0.069}$	$2.50^{+0.13}_{-0.31}$	$4.18^{+1.45}_{-1.66}$
	IH	574.77	$0.008^{+0.017}_{-0.007}$	$0.551^{+0.044}_{-0.075}$	$2.20^{+0.33}_{-0.13}$	$3.84^{+2.38}_{-2.12}$
SK $\theta_{13}$ Constrained	NH	571.33	—	$0.588^{+0.031}_{-0.064}$	$2.50^{+0.13}_{-0.20}$	$4.18^{+1.41}_{-1.61}$
	IH	575.66	—	$0.575^{+0.036}_{-0.073}$	$2.50^{+0.08}_{-0.37}$	$4.18^{+1.52}_{-1.66}$
SK + T2K $\theta_{13}$ Constrained	NH	639.43	—	$0.550^{+0.039}_{-0.057}$	$2.50^{+0.05}_{-0.12}$	$4.88^{+0.81}_{-1.48}$
	IH	644.70	—	$0.550^{+0.035}_{-0.051}$	$2.40^{+0.13}_{-0.05}$	$4.54^{+1.05}_{-0.97}$

## Solar neutrino results

# Typical low-energy event

## Super-Kamokande

Run 1742 Event 102496  
 96-05-31:07:13:23  
 Inner: 103 hits, 123 pE  
 Outer: -1 hits, 0 pE (in-time)  
 Trigger ID: 0x03  
 $E = 9.086 \text{ GeV}$   $\text{GDN}=0.77$   $\text{COSSUN}=0.949$   
 Solar Neutrino



(for solar neutrinos)

- Timing information  $\rightarrow$  vertex position
- Ring pattern  $\rightarrow$  direction
- Number of hit PMTs  $\rightarrow$  energy

**~6 hit / MeV  
 (SK-I, III, IV)**

## Resolutions (for 10 MeV electrons)

Energy: 14%

Energy: 14%

Vertex: 87cm

Vertex: 55cm

(software improvement)

Direction:  $26^\circ$  SK-I

Direction:  $23^\circ$  SK-III, IV

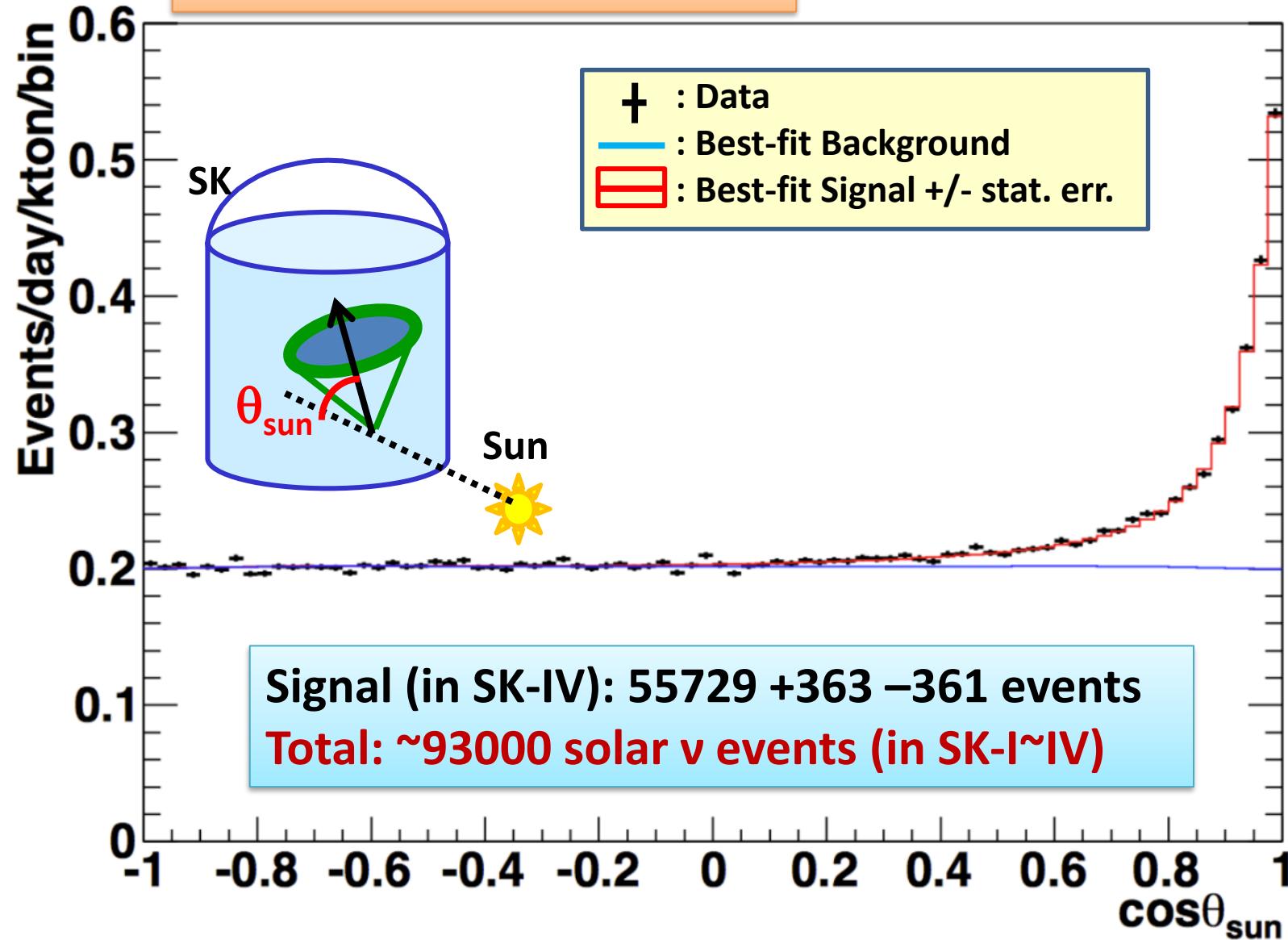
# SK-IV solar neutrino signal

Apr 2018

Preliminary

SK-IV 2860days

SK-IV 3.5-19.5 MeV(kinetic)



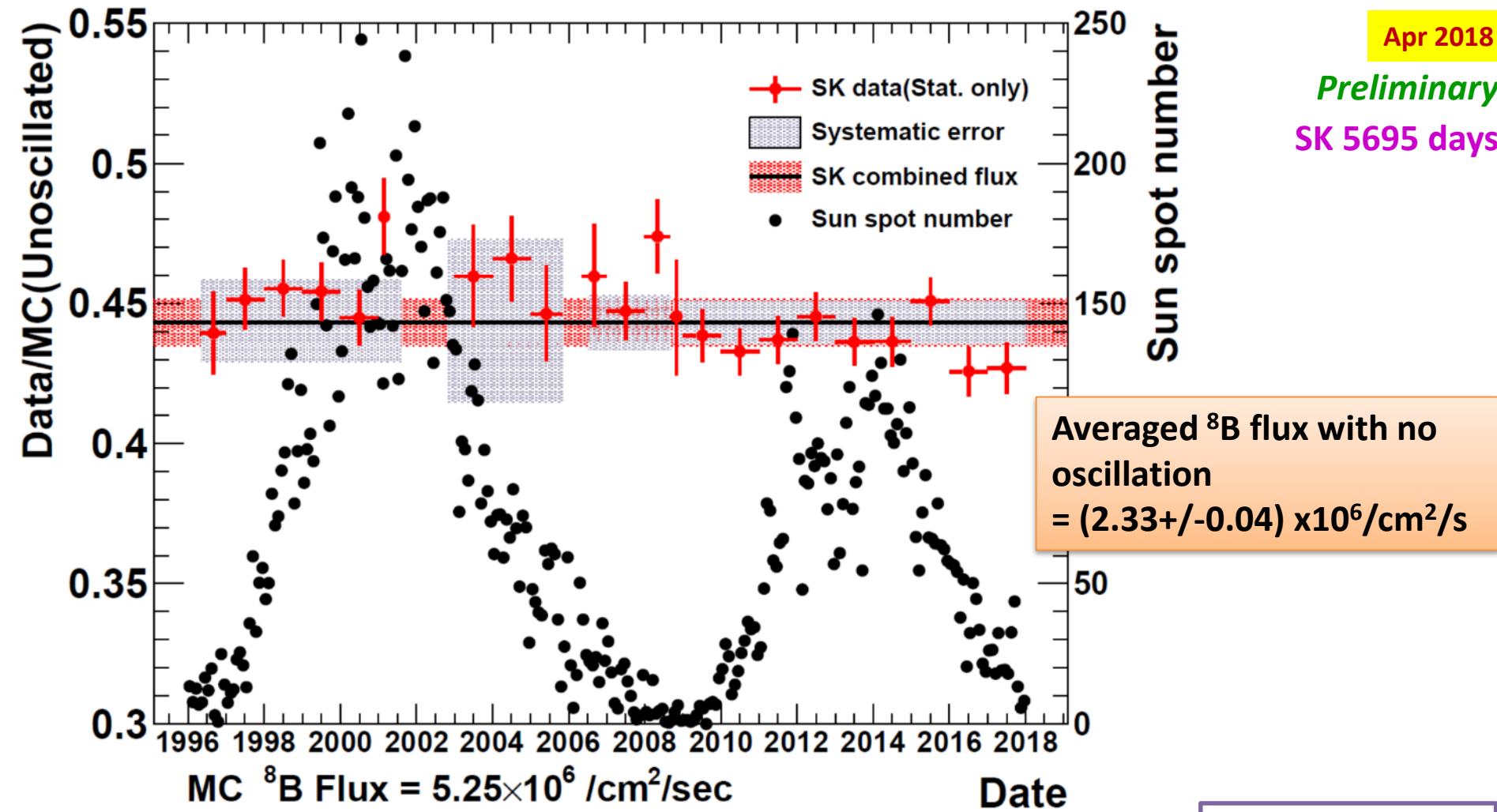
# <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino flux: Yearly plot



Apr 2018

Preliminary

SK 5695 days



$$\chi^2 = 21.57 / 21 \text{ d.o.f.} \rightarrow \text{Confidence level} = 41.4 \%$$

Super-K solar rate measurements are fully consistent with a constant solar neutrino flux emitted by the Sun.

Sun spot number:  
 WDC-SILSO, Royal Observatory of Belgium, Brussels

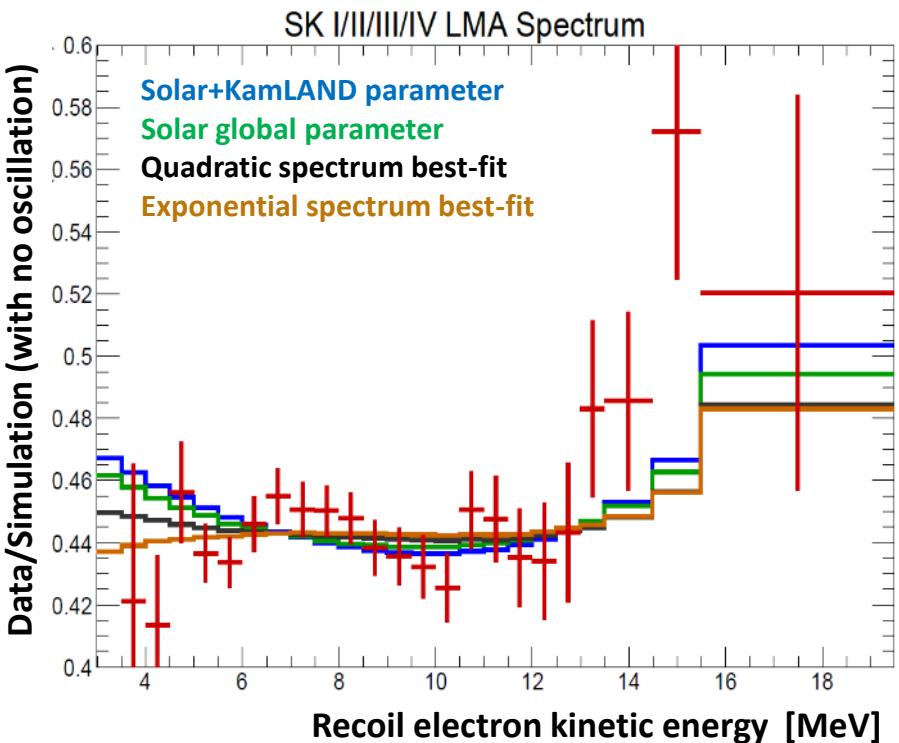
# Solar $\nu$ oscillation results

Apr 2018

Preliminary

SK 5695 days

- Quadratic fit of SK spectrum is consistent with solar  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  within  $\sim 1.2 \sigma$  and disfavors KamLAND  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  by  $\sim 2.0 \sigma$ .
- $\sim 2.0 \sigma$  level tension in  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  between solar global analysis and KamLAND is still remaining.

Solar  $\nu$  energy spectrumSolar  $\nu$  oscillation parameters

Solar + KamLAND:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.310 \pm 0.012$$

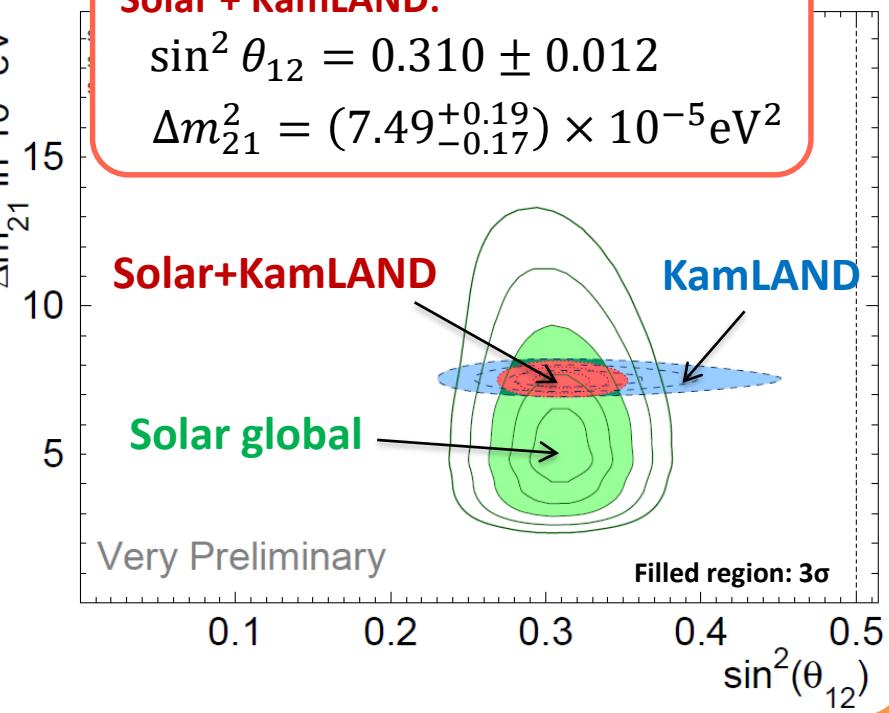
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.49^{+0.19}_{-0.17}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

Solar+KamLAND

Solar global

KamLAND

Very Preliminary

Filled region:  $3\sigma$ 

## Future prospects (SK-Gd)

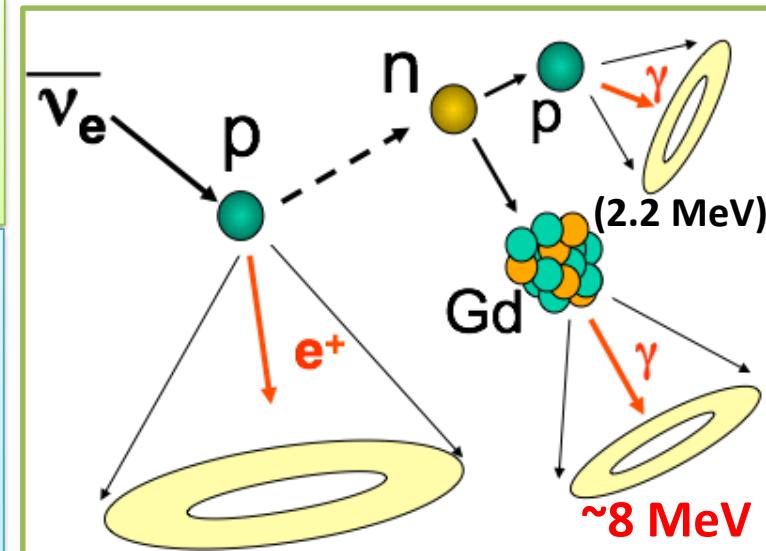
# Next step: SK-Gd Phase

## SK-Gd Phase:

Add gadolinium (Gd) to **enhance neutron tagging efficiency** of the SK detector.

## Physics targets:

- Detect the world's first Supernova Relic Neutrinos (SRN) (or Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background, DSNB)
- Improve pointing accuracy for supernova
- Early warning of nearby supernova from pre-burst signal (silicon burning)
- Enhance  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$  discrimination in atmospheric  $\nu$  & T2K analysis
- Reduce backgrounds in proton decay search



- Reduce BG of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  signal
  - Delayed coincidence
  - $\Delta T \sim 30 \mu s$
  - Vertices within  $\sim 50$  cm

SK refurbishment is ongoing since June 2018

- Fix water leakage
- Replace dead PMTs
- Improve water piping in the SK detector

Capture efficiencies in water

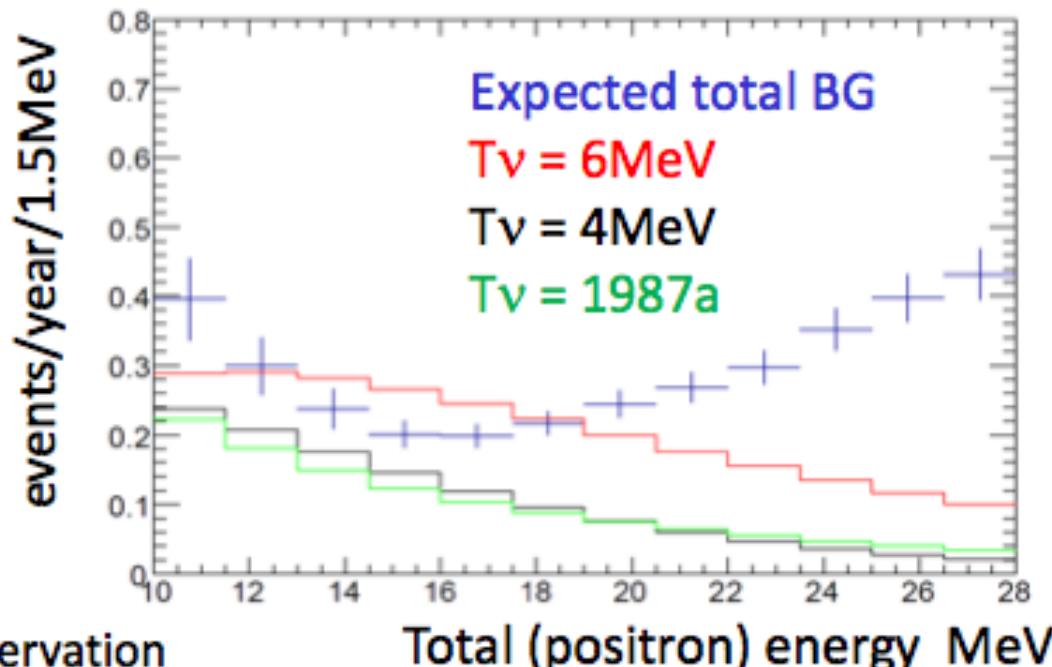
- 0.01% Gd [ $Gd_2(SO_4)_3$  10t] :  $\sim 50\%$
- 0.1% Gd [ $Gd_2(SO_4)_3$  100t] :  $\sim 90\%$

# SK-Gd: Expected sensitivity

DSNB flux:

Horiuchi, Beacom and Dwek,  
PRD, 79, 083013 (2009)

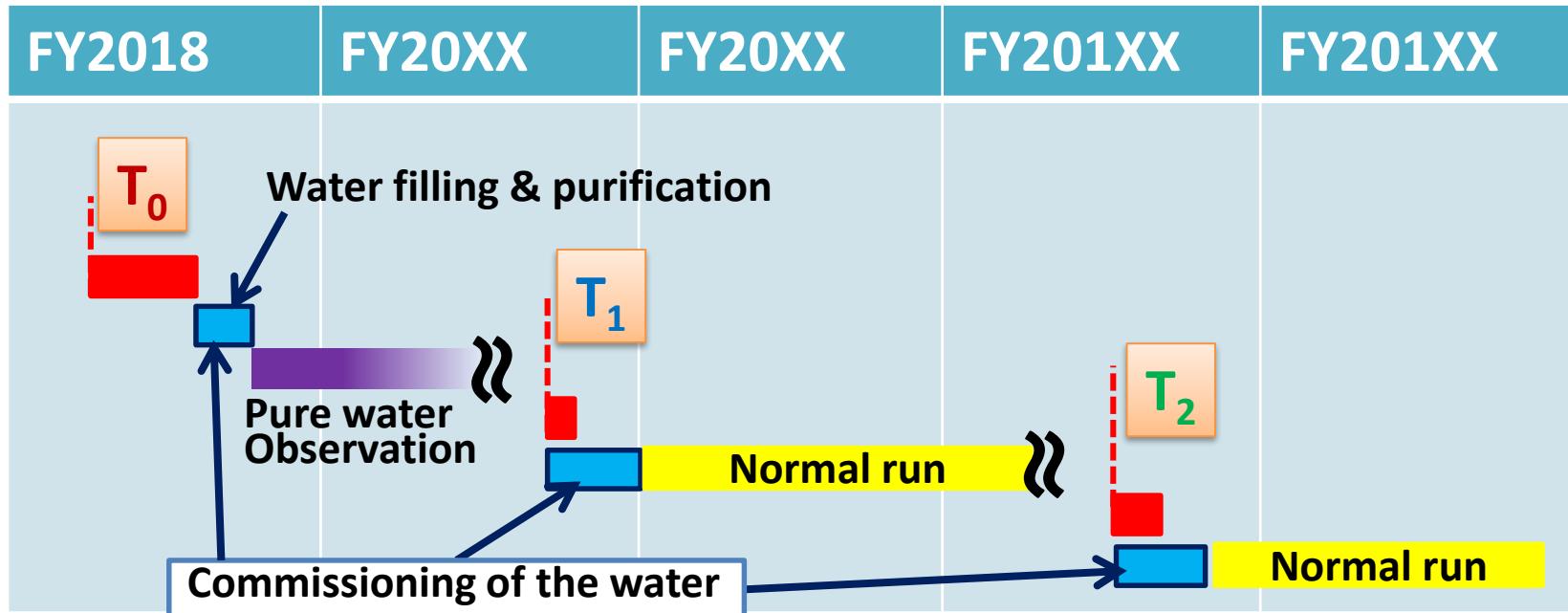
- It depends on typical/actual SN emission spectrum



DSNB events number with 10 years observation

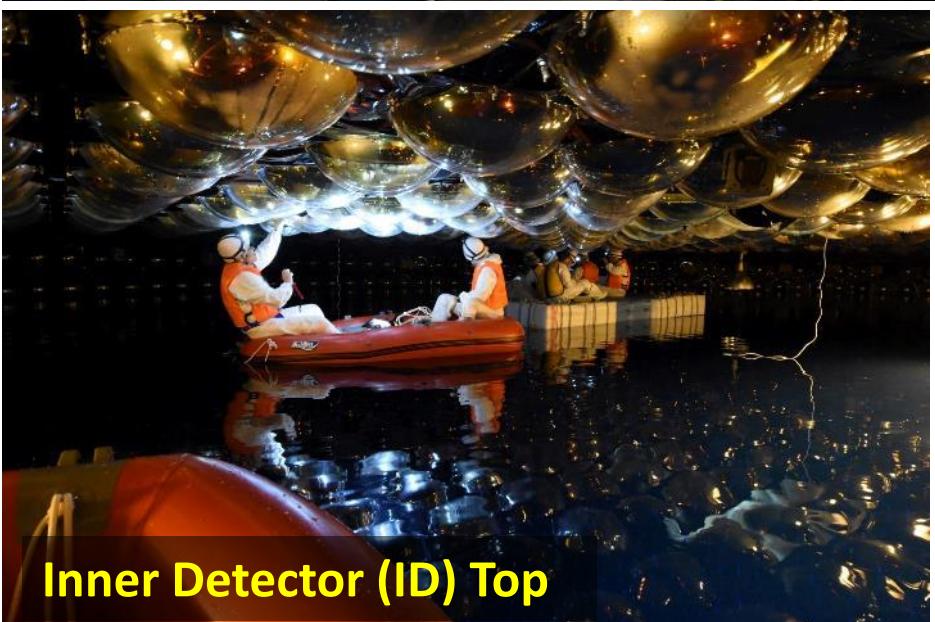
HBD models	10-16MeV (evts/10yrs)	16-28MeV (evts/10yrs)	Total (10-28MeV)	significance (2 energy bin)
$T_{\text{eff}}$ 8MeV	11.3	19.9	31.2	5.3 $\sigma$
$T_{\text{eff}}$ 6MeV	11.3	13.5	24.8	4.3 $\sigma$
$T_{\text{eff}}$ 4MeV	7.7	4.8	12.5	2.5 $\sigma$
$T_{\text{eff}}$ SN1987a	5.1	6.8	11.9	2.1 $\sigma$
BG	10	24	34	----

# SK-Gd: Current plan

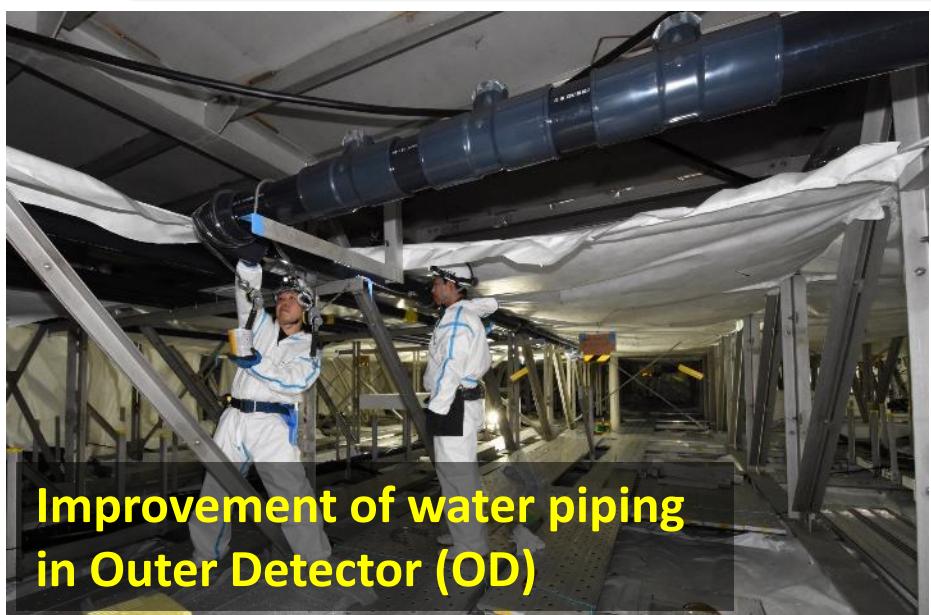


- **T<sub>0</sub>: Start SK detector refurbishment (May 31, 2018)**
  - Jun. ~ Dec. 2018: refurbishment & water filling
  - Jan. 2019 ~: pure water run
- **T<sub>1</sub>: Load first 10 ton Gd<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> [0.01% Gd, 50% eff.]**
  - First possible T<sub>1</sub> is late 2019 (will be decided with T2K/J-PARC v beam)
- **T<sub>2</sub>: Load additional 90 ton Gd<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> [0.1% Gd, 90% eff.]**

# Refurbishment of SK detector: 1/2



# Refurbishment of SK detector: 2/2



# Summary

- Super-Kamiokande (SK) is a 50-kton water Cherenkov detector located 1,000 m underground in Japan.
- SK is providing various unique results since 1996, for more than 20 years.
  - neutrino oscillation parameters, nucleon decay searches, astrophysical neutrino searches, ...
- The refurbishment of the SK detector for the next phase (SK-Gd) is started in June 2018.
- The main physics target in SK-Gd phase is the first observation of supernova relic neutrinos.