PANDA: Neutrino Detector for Reactor Monitor

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Today's topics

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 - Properties of neutrino
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- PANDA : Plastic Anti-Neutrino Detector Array
 - Concept and History
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 - Future

Basics of reactor neutrino experiments

Neutrino in ß decay



Confirmed by the <u>reactor experiment</u>

Properties of neutrino

- Very light particle
 - Zero mass in Standard Model
 - --> Found nonzero mass
 - by <u>neutrino oscillation</u>
 - Still effectively zero mass
- Neutral lepton particle
 - No strong and E.M. interaction
 - --> Good for cosmology
 - by the higher transparency
 - Weekly interactive
 - --> Good for particle physics
 - --> Search for B.S.M.

Categories of interaction





Neutrino mixing

- Flavor = engine state of interaction
 - ~ Particle generation
 - Indefinite before measurement
- Particle = Superposition of wavelets
 - Superposition changes in time
 - => Flavor changes during flight
- Disappearance and appearance
 - Disappearance : to be indetectable
 - $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ (less interactive with e)
 - Appearance : to be detectable
 - $u_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e} \ (\text{interactive with } e \) \ ^{\text{Super}}$



Neutrino oscillation

Neutrino oscillation <--
Mixing of mass eigne state Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (MNS) matrix $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij} \ c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{\rm CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{\rm CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$ $\theta_{23}: P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu})$ by $\theta_{13}: P(\bar{\nu}_{e} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e})$ by Reactor ν $\theta_{12}: P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x)$ by Reactor ν & solar ν Atm. $\nu \& \nu$ beam $\theta_{13} \& \delta: P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e})$ by ν beam 2 flavor system: Survival probability of reactor v $P(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha}) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right)$ $\sin^2(2\theta)$

Flavor can change in flight

Neutrino oscillation is the unique phenomenon beyond the standard model --> Probe toward the new physics



Origins of neutrino

Generated in Nuclear reaction

- β decay of Nuclear fission product
- Decay chain of π and μ Kinds of neutrino sources
- Autificial · Mainly for Dantiala
- Artificial : Mainly for Particle Physics
 - Reactor in power production
 - Accelerator
- Natural : Cosmology or Geo Physics
- $\frac{9}{80}$ CNO cycle in the sum
- $^{\Omega}_{S}$ Supernova v
- $_{\odot}$ Geo ν : Core of the earth
- $\overset{{}_{\scriptstyle {igodynambda{U}}}}{\scriptstyle {igodynambda{U}}}$ Atmospheric u

Neutrino is good probe toward Nuclear and Geo and cosmology

Fission in Uran-235



Decay chain of π and μ

Artificial neutrino sources

Generation processes are well known

- Reactor : β decays in Nuclear fission
- Decay at rest : π decay in proton beam target
 - Pure test of neutrino properties

Advantage

- Well known source
 Flux & distance
- Close to source
 - High statistics
- Free neutrino
 - No operation fee

Disadvantage

- Not normal laboratory
 - Portability is important
 - Bad background condition

Reactor Neutrinos

- Most commercial reactors are PWR or BWR.
 - 235 U, 239 Pu, 241 Pu beta spectra measured at ILL, 238 U theoretically.
 - In LS: Energy 1-10 MeV, Rate : ~ 1 event/day/ton/GW @ 1km
- Power fluctuation <1%, rate and shape precision 2-3%
 - Rate and spectra were verified by Bugey, Bugey3, Bugey4





Reactor Neutrino Experiments

Reactor anti-neutrino experiments have played a critical role in the 60-year-long history of neutrinos.

- The first neutrino observation in 1956 by Reines and Cowan
- Determination of the upper limit of mixing angle θ_{13} in 90's
- The first observation of reactor anti-neutrino disappearance at KamLAND in 2002.
- Measurement of the smallest mixing angle θ_{13} at Double Chooz and other experiments in 2012.



The Cowan-Reines Reaction

- The first observation of neutrinos in 1956 by Reines & Cowan.
 - Inverse beta decay in CdCl₃ water solution
 - → coincidence of prompt and <u>delayed</u> signal
 - Liquid scintillator + PMTs
 - Underground
- Modern experiments are still quite similar, except
 - Loading Gd into liquid scintillator
 - Larger detector
 - Deeper underground, shielding

Prompt signal

$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma$$

$$\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$$

Capture on H, or Gd, Cd, etc. Delayed signal



KamLAND



- 2002-, Kamioka, Japan
- 53 reactors, 80 GWth
- 1000-ton LS
- 2700 mwe



Double Chooz Experiment

MUBLE





DoubleChooz detector



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Outer Veto: plastic scintillator strips (400 mm-t) v-Target: 10.3 m³ scintillator doped with 0.1g/l of Gd in an acrylic vessel (8 mm-t)

 γ -Catcher: 22.3 m³ scintillator in an acrylic vessel (12 mm-t)

Buffer: 110 m³ of mineral oil in a stainless steel vessel (3 mm) viewed by 390 PMTs

Inner Veto: 90m³ of scintillator in a steel vessel equipped with 78 PMTs

Veto Vessel (10mm) & Steel Shielding

Double Chooz results





Located under ground 120/300 mwe Distance in 400/1050m 30to Gd-loaded liquid scintillator

Latest results $sin^{2}2 \theta_{13} = 0.105 \pm 0.014$ *Nature Phys.* 16 (2020) 5, 558-564





Day-by-day neutrinos around reactor off period



Near detector Data (~400m)

Next road of reactor v measurments ~2020

~2000



~2010



Long baseline ~ 100km Large scale ~ 1kton

Middle baseline ~ 1km Middle scale ~ 10ton

- Detector gets close to reactor core
 - Search for more fine oscillation
- Smaller detector size
 - Enough statistics can be kept



Long baseline ~ 100km Large scale ~ 2kton



Short baseline $\sim 100m$ Small scale $\sim 1ton$

Reactor Anomaly in short baseline experiments



Reactor neutrino anomaly

- Lack of neutrino flux in 10-100 m distance from core
 - Due to calculation of nuclear fission?
 - Hits for new particle such as sterile neutrino?

Potential of short baseline experiments

- <u>Reactor activity monitor (Neutrino application)</u>
 - Security for Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

 --> Possible to monitor outside
 of reactor building
- Search for next neutrino oscillation
 - Search for unknown neutrino
- More for Nuclear physics and engineering
 - Scope to inside of the reactor core for next generation reactor
 - More ??

Essentials to archive

- Measurement very close to the reactor
- High efficiency and low BG detector



International Atomic Energy Agency



Oscillation parameters

Non-proliferation Monitoring



- Non-proliferation monitoring studies supported by IAEA (France, US, Russia, Japan, Brazil, Italy)
 - Ton-level detector
 - Very close to core < 100m

Short baseline reactor experiments

Experiment	Reactor Power/Fuel	Overburden (mwe)	Detection Material	Segmentation	Optical Readout	Particle ID Capability
DANSS (Russia)	3000 MW LEU fuel	~50	Inhomogeneous PS & Gd sheets	2D, ~5mm	WLS fibers.	Topology only
NEOS (South Korea)	2800 MW LEU fuel	~20	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	none	Direct double ended PMT	recoil PSD only
nuLat (USA)	40 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	few	Homogeneous ⁶ Li doped PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm, 3-axis Opt. Latt	Direct PMT	Topology, recoil & capture PSD
Neutrino4 (Russia)	100 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	2D, ~10cm	Direct single ended PMT	Topology only
PROSPECT (USA)	85 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	few	Homogeneous ⁶ Li-doped LS	2D, 15cm	Direct double ended PMT	Topology, recoil & capture PSD
SoLid (UK Fr Bel US)	72 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Inhomogeneous ⁶ LiZnS & PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm multiplex	WLS fibers	topology, capture PSD
Chandler (USA)	72 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Inhomogeneous ⁶ LiZnS & PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm, 2-axis Opt. Latt	Direct PMT/ WLS Scint.	topology, capture PSD
Stereo (France)	57 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~15	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	1D, 25cm	Direct single ended PMT	recoil PSD

From Neutrino2016 N.Bowden

- 1ton size with some PID capability
- 10~100m distance from the core

PANDA: Plastic Anti-Neutrino Detector Array

Portable reactor neutrino detection



Reactor = Powerful source of reactor neutrino

- Neutrinos / fission : 6x10²⁰ v /s (3GWth)
- Observable in outside of building (~45m)
- Detectable via Inverse beta decay

Technology change

Double Chooz (France)

- 2009 ~ 2017
- Liquid scintillator
- Volume ~ 10 t (7 x 7 x 7m)
- Under ground (300mwe)

PANDA (Japan)

- 2006 ~ 2019
- Plastic scintillator
- volume ~ 1 t (1 x 1 x 1m)
- On ground



Upgrades for quick and portable neutrino measurement

- <u>Safety</u> : Liquid (burnable) to Solid plastic (stable)
- Portability: Less than 2 ton without shielding

\overline{v}_e detection technique

Inverse Beta Decay (IBD) creates positron and neutron

- Positron : $e^+ dE/dx + 2\gamma s$ from annihilation
- Neutron : γ s from neutron capture by nucleus - Gd: $n + Gd^{155(157)} \rightarrow Gd^{156(158)} + \gamma s$ (~8MeV)



Surrounding Gd-loaded sheet around a plastic scintillator

Delayed coincidence

- Prompt (positron) : 1~8 MeV
- Delayed (n-Gd) : ∼8 MeV
- Time difference : \sim 60 μ s
 - Reduces environment BG significantly but still too much BG remain..

Major backgrounds for IBD

- Accidental : Environment γ + n
- Correlated : Fast neutron

Plastic Anti-Neutrino Detector Array (PANDA)



- Scintillator BC-408
- Target volume : ~1 t (1 x 1 x 1m)
- No anti-background material

Combined $10 \times 10 = 100$ modules



Portable on the truck

Construction of PANDA





PANDA history

Univ. Tokyo

Kitasato



First trial for neutrino measurement



430

420 410

400

350

340 330

11/19

correlated event [count/day]

PANDA36 @Ohi plant (2012)

- By Univ. Tokyo
- Reactor 2:3.42 GWth (PWR)
- On ground 35.9m far from core
- Sep. 2012 Jun. 2013
- Reactor on (30 days) off (34 days)



Reactors after the earthquake

Operation status (No reactor operated in 2014)



https://www.nippon.com/en/features/h00238/

Experiment site: Ohi power plant



- Close to Osaka and Kyoto
- 7 hours by train from Tokyo



Ohi reactor power plant in Japan

- Operated by Kansai Electric Power Company (KEPCO)
- Locates at Fukui (Hokuriku area)
- Two reactors restarted in 2018
 - Reactor 3:1.18MW (~3GWth)
 - Reactor 4:1.18MW (~3GWth)

Neutrino observation at Ohi

Premeasurement (2018)

- Detector tests at two locations
 - Near site (Reactor 4) : 18 days 11/26 ~ 12/14
 - Far site (Reactor 3) : 12 days
 12/14 ~ 12/26
 - Tuned DAQ configuration

ON-OFF (2019, near site)

- ON OFF subtraction
 - Reactor ON : 38 days
 5/28 ~ 7/4
 - Reactor OFF: 33 days
 7/5 ~ 8/7

Measurement of reactor anti-neutrino energy spectrum by subtraction of Reactor ON - OFF

Far site (~100m)

Reactor-4

Bird eye view of

Ohi plant

Near site

(~45m)

Reactor ON : Neutrino + BG Reactor OFF : BG only

Reactor-3

Goals of the Ohi measurement



- Extraction of neutrino spectrum with amount of environmental backgrounds
 - Reactor ON: neutrino + BG
 - Reactor OFF: BG only

Neutrino spectrum can be obtained by subtraction of ON - OFF periods

- Two operation phases
- Premeasurement (2018)
 - Confirm on-site operation
 - Background measurement
- Measurement (2019)
 - ON OFF Subtraction

Members at the reactor site





Staff and Students from Kitasato, Fukui, Tokyo metro etc.



PANDA detector in truck





Near site (~45m) Reactor-4

Measurement at Ohi Reactor 4



PANDA in side the truck



Measurement at Ohi Reactor 3



Operation status (2018)

- DAQ succeeded almost non-stop operation
 - Trigger rate ~1.1kHz



Temperature changed in 1day (no cooler)
 Increased ~40 degrees due to sunshine



Detector status (2019)

- Unstable compared to 2018 =>High temperature in summary
 - External electronics noise : 2% of data is not available



- Increased temperature from late July to August
 - Varied in 30 \sim 50 degrees in each day



IBD selection results

Reactor near-far (2018)

- ~45m (11/26~12/14)
 - Live time : 17.0 days
 - # candidates : 7437 [/day]
 - Accidental : 2812 [/day]
 - Correlated : 4625 [/day]
- ~100m (12/14~12/26)
 - Live time : 10.6 days
 - # candidates : 7462 [/day]
 - Accidental : 3034 [/day]
 - Correlated : 4428 [/day]

Reactor ON-OFF (2019)

- Reactor-ON (6/4~6/28)
 - Live time : 19.6 days
 - # candidates : 16184 [/day]
 - Accidental : 6414 [/day]
 - Correlated : 9770 [/day]
- Reactor-OFF (7/5~8/7)
 - Live time : 29.1 days
 - # candidates : 15227 [/day]
 - Accidental : 5988 [/day]
 - Correlated : 9239 [/day]
- Obtained <u>enough data set for neutrino observation</u>
- Threshold voltages was changed from 60mV to 30mV, causing increase of the trigger rage

Analysis strategy

Tight experiment environment for portability must be treated

- Room & detector <u>temperature were instable</u>
 - Energy scale varied very much --> Requires correction
- Higher background signals on the ground
 - Correlated BG: Fast neutrons from cosmic products
 - Accidental BG: Environmental γ and neutrons --> Selection using event topology
- On BG level gets suppressed, we can compare ON / OFF!



Energy scale correction

Correction using 2 energy peaks of environmental ⁴⁰K and ²⁰²TI



Energy scale stability (in n-H)





IBD selection criteria

- **Muon veto**: $dT_{\mu} > 400 [us]$ (Muon ID : $E_{sum} > 25 [MeV]$)
- Delayed coincidence :
 - Prompt signal: 2 < E_{sum} < 24 [MeV]
 - 2 \leq N_{hits} \leq 5
 - $E_{2nd} < 0.6 \text{ [MeV]}$
 - $E_{sum} (E_{1st} + E_{2nd}) < 0.7 \text{ [MeV]}$
 - $\cos(\theta) < 0.8$
 - Delayed signal: 3 < E_{sum} < 9 [MeV]
 - Time difference : 8 < dT < 300 [us]</p>
- Further background reduction
 - Selection using likelihood ratio:

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$$R = \frac{pdf(\text{correlated})}{pdf(\text{correlated}) + pdf(\text{accidental})} > 0.85$$



PDF for accidental/correlated events

- P.D.F obtained from fast neutron candidates
- $\int_{-\infty}^{-\infty} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} = \frac$
 - → independent of IBD candidates by E2nd
- Accidental = off time
- Correlated = on off time





Distance between delayed most distant 2 hits

hit delayed modules



Likelihood ratio for delayed event

 Event Likelihood is defined as multiply of P.D.F.s

$$L_{\rm acc/cor} = \prod_{v} p_{\rm acc/cor} (v)$$

- v : the five parameters
- Defined Likelihood ratio as L_{cor}

$$R = \frac{1}{L_{\rm cor} + L_{\rm acc}}$$

- EEfficiency for correlated :
 - Reactor ON : 69.7 [%]
 Reactor OFF : 68.1 [%]
 ON/OFF ratio : +2.35%



Likelihood ratio (Reactor ON)

ON / OFF comparison by cosmic induced events



Independent of reactor operation

Energy spectrum for cosmic products

- ON/OFF ratio : +0.39 ± 0.72 [%]
- # neutrino signal : 0.00 ± 1.36 [day⁻¹]

=> Consistent between ON / OFF



Extraction of neutrino speactum

Comparison of ON and OFF spectra in IBD candidates

• χ^2 minimization of spectra comparison

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{i} \frac{\left(N_{i}^{ON} - \left(\boldsymbol{P_{OFF}} \times \widetilde{N}_{i}^{OFF} + \boldsymbol{P_{MC}} \times N_{i}^{MC}\right)\right)^{2}}{\sigma_{i}^{ON2} + \sigma_{i}^{OFF2} + \boldsymbol{P_{MC}} \times N_{i}^{MC}}$$

*P*_{OFF} : Correction factor of OFF event rate (free parameter)
 *P*_{MC} : # of IBD signals in MC (free parameter)

• Updates: Fit with muon product spectrum as penalty term

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{i} \frac{\left(N_{i}^{ON} - (P_{OFF} \times \tilde{N}_{i}^{OFF} + P_{MC} \times N_{i}^{MC})\right)^{2}}{\sigma_{i}^{ON2} + \sigma_{i}^{OFF2} + P_{MC} \times N_{i}^{MC}} + \sum_{i} \frac{\left(N_{i}^{ON} - P_{OFF} \times \tilde{N}_{i}^{OFF}\right)^{2}}{\sigma_{i}^{ON2} + \sigma_{i}^{OFF2}}$$

IBD candidate spectrum muon product spectrum

• Minimized by MINUT

Neutrino extraction (Near/Far comparison, 2018)



- Near, Far: Accidental subtracted
- Error of Near Far from Near and Far stat
- MC shows 1 σ range

Compared Near – Far to MC simulation

- # IBD signal : <u>78.7 ± 36.0 [/day]</u>
 <u>Non-Zero : 2.18 σ (>95%C.L.)</u>
- Expected from 2019 <u>~ 77.8[/day]</u>
 - Far also included neutrinos
 - Higher threshold voltage
 - Narrower Prompt energy range
 - = > ~ 60 % decreased

Consistent with ON/OFF measurement in 2019

Extraction of neutrino spectrum



• Reactor OFF : 8722.4 ± 36.4 [day⁻¹]

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Success and tasks

Success: completed neutrino observation at Ohi plant

- <u>No critical trouble</u> among 2018-2019 operations
 - No critical point in PANDA for safety
 - No troubles in high voltage supplies
- Observed reactor neutrino spectrum with 5.2σ
 - Comparison of reactor ON OFF periods
 - Correction temperature difference
- Tasks: Improvement of reactor neutrino sensitivity
- Background
- Detection efficiency
- Temperature control
- Electronics noise



Prospect for next detector

Development was started

- New detection methods
 - ⁶Li sheet for n-capture
 - More channel from PMT -> MPPCs
- Capability of event topology
 - Fine segmentation
 Less than 5 cm
- Anti-BG materials
 - Water tank : ~1.7t
 - Fast neutron detector by reuse of PANDA



New detector development continues for coming 2-3 years

Summary

 Reactor neutrino is essential tools for both particle physics and reactor safety

– Measurement on the ground is a key

- Japanese group developed PANDA (plastic anti neutrino detector array) as 1t volume detector
- Measurement at KEPCO Ohi reactor power plant during reactor ON and OFF in 2018 and 2019
 - 2018 : $45m \rightarrow 100m$ for 3 weeks
 - 2019 : ON (1month) \rightarrow OFF (1month) for 2 months
- Obtained neutrino spectrum for both 2018 and 2019
 Background level is still higher than 100 times
- New detector development is already started This work was supported by JSPS KAKENHI Grant Number JP19K03891

Live timeの計算

- DAQ live time : Run timeからDAQ busyを差し引いたもの
 BUSY時間はFPGAロジックボードが記録
- Live time : DAQ live timeからmuon veto timeを差し引いたもの
 Veto time は N_u x T_u (=400us)ではない



Off timing法(Accidentalの見積もり)

Promptからわざと時間的に離れたDelayed用のTime windowを作り、 時間相関のない事象の組み合わせ(Accidental)を作る

- **On time** : Correlated (ニュートリノ信号含む)+Accidental
 - 時間相関:8 < dT < 300 [us]
 - 連続信号の除去: -200 < dT < 300 [us]
- ・ Off time: 1つのPrompt候補に最大100個のtime window (i=1..100)
 - 時間相関:8 < dT (1s + 2000us x i) < 300 [us]
 - 連続信号の除去: -200 < dT < 300 [us]かつ Delayed window 周辺: -200 < dT - (1s + 2000us x i) < 300 [us]
 - 偽Prompt (T+ (1s + 2000us x i))がμ veto にかかる場合は ウィンドウ自体を作らない



Off timingのレート補正

Off timeのDelayed信号のinefficiencyはOn timeと異なる

- => Off timingのTime window 補正:f_{iso} x x f_{win}
- Signal Isolation : Off timeだけdelayedに二重にかかる
 - Isolation cutOefficiency: $e_{iso} = exp(-R_{iso} \times T_{iso})$
 - R_{iso}:前後-200 < dT < 300 us にイベントがないDelayed候補 (ミューオンベトー後のイベントのみ)のイベントレート
 - 補正項: $f_{iso} = 1. / e_{iso}$ (e_{iso} : isolation cut のefficiency)
- Prompt候補数(N_{pwin})とDelayed window数(N_{dwin})を数えて比を取る

