

Results on nucleon decay and $n-\bar{n}$ oscillation from Super-Kamiokande

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for Super-Kamiokande collaboration**

Grand Unified Theory (GUT)

- Single symmetry group $G \supseteq SU(3)_{\text{color}} \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$
 - Single coupling constant, quantization of electric charge, etc.

- Numerous GUTs exist. Examples

- SO(10) GUT

- 15 fermions and ν_R in single rep.

- Supersymmetry(SUSY) GUT

- 3 coupling constants meet at $\sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$

- **GUTs predict instability of nucleon**

- Two benchmark decay modes

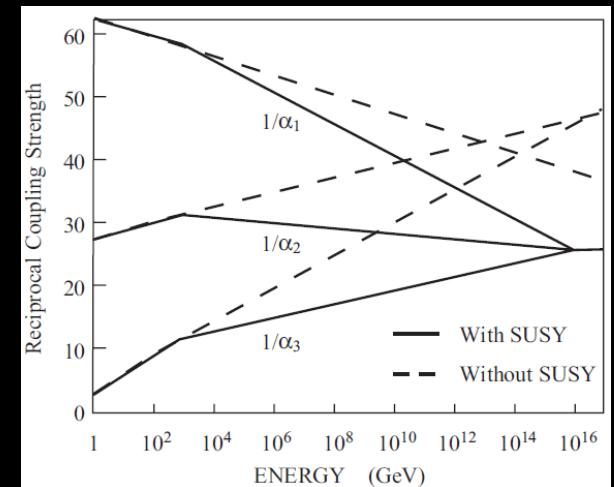
- $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ (non-SUSY), $p \rightarrow \nu K^+$ (SUSY)

- Some models predict lifetime $< 10^{34}$ years, can be probed by SK

- Baryon asymmetry of the Universe

ν_L	d_R^c	d_G^c	d_B^c	u_R	u_G	u_B	e^+	ν_L^c
e^-	u_R^c	u_G^c	u_B^c	d_R	d_G	d_B		
5*				10				1

$SU(2)_L$
 $SU(2)_R$
 $SU(4)_c$



Continued...

- Numerous GUTs...
 - $\Delta(B-L) = 0$
 - $\Delta(B+L) = 0$
 - 3-body decay
 - dinucleon decay
 - $n-\bar{n}$ oscillation
($\Delta B = \Delta(B-L) = 2$)
 - etc.
- Lifetime prediction uncertainty: 10^{2-3}
- Should experimentally test various GUTs

References	Br. (%)				
	SU(5)		(SO10)		
	[20]	[21]	[22]	[23]	[23]
$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$	33	37	9	35	30
$p \rightarrow e^+ \eta$	12	7	3	15	13
$p \rightarrow e^+ \rho^0$	17	2	21	2	2
$p \rightarrow e^+ \omega$	22	18	56	17	14
others	17	35	11	31	31
τ_p/τ_n	0.8	1.0	1.3		

[20]Nucl.Phys.B550,37(1979), [21]Phys.Lett.B98,51(1981),
 [22]Phys.Lett.B92,99(1980), [23]Phys.Lett.B223,178(1989)

Flipped SU(5) GUT:

$$\frac{\Gamma(p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0)}{\Gamma(p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0)} = \frac{|U_{l_{12}}|^2}{|U_{l_{11}}|^2} \sim 1$$

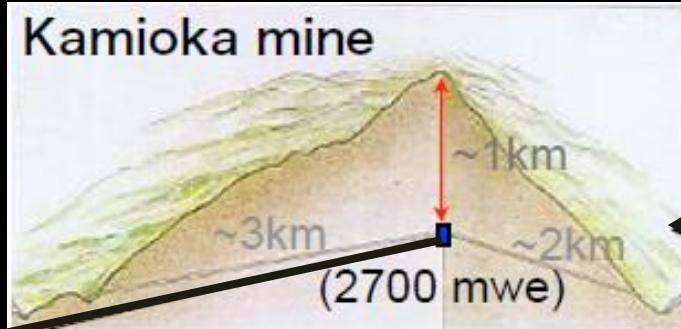
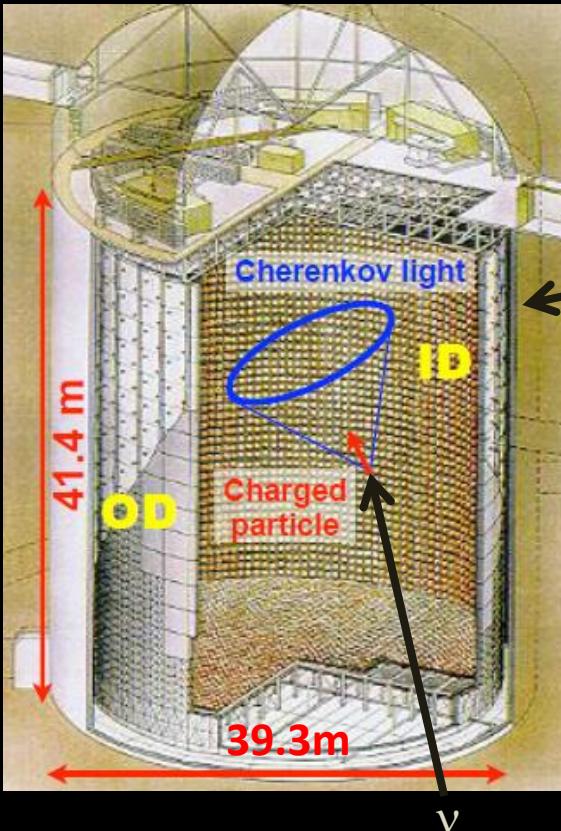
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Nucleon decay searches in SK

(unique way to directly probe GUTs)

- The world's best sensitivities on nucleon lifetime
 - large fiducial volume (V)
 - 22.5kt water $\rightarrow \sim 7.5 \times 10^{33}$ protons and $\sim 6 \times 10^{33}$ neutrons
 - excellent detector performance (ε_{sig} , #BKG)
 - Ex.) Nucl. Instr. & Meth A 433 (1999)
 - long stable detector operation since 1996 (T)
- Lifetime sensitivity $\propto \begin{cases} (\varepsilon_{\text{sig}} / 2.3) \cdot VT & \text{(BKG free)} \\ (\varepsilon_{\text{sig}} / \sqrt{\#BKG}) \cdot \sqrt{VT} & \text{(BKG dominant)} \end{cases}$
 - important to increase signal efficiency and BKG rejection
- This talk: the latest results on
 - nucleon decay to charged antilepton + meson
 - $n-\bar{n}$ oscillation (SK-I data)

Super-Kamiokande (SK)



Nucl. Instr.&Meth, A 737C(2014)

Phase		SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV
Period	start end	1996 Apr. 2001 Jul.	2002 Oct. 2005 Oct.	2006 Jul. 2008 Sep.	2008 Sep. (running)
Number of PMTs	ID (photo-coverage)	11146 (40%)	5182 (19%)	11129 (40%)	11129 (40%)
	OD	1885			
Anti-implosion container	no	yes	yes	yes	
OD segmentation	no	no	yes	yes	
Front-end electronics	ATM (ID) OD QTC (OD)			<u>QBEE</u>	

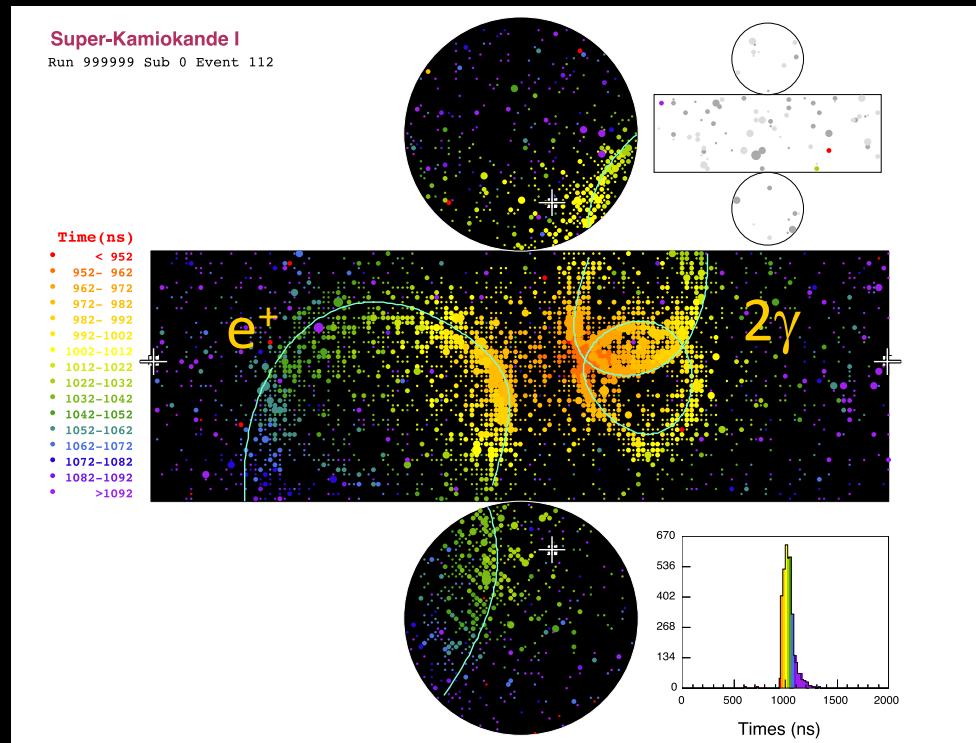
- SK total ~ 20 years

$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ search

- Event selections

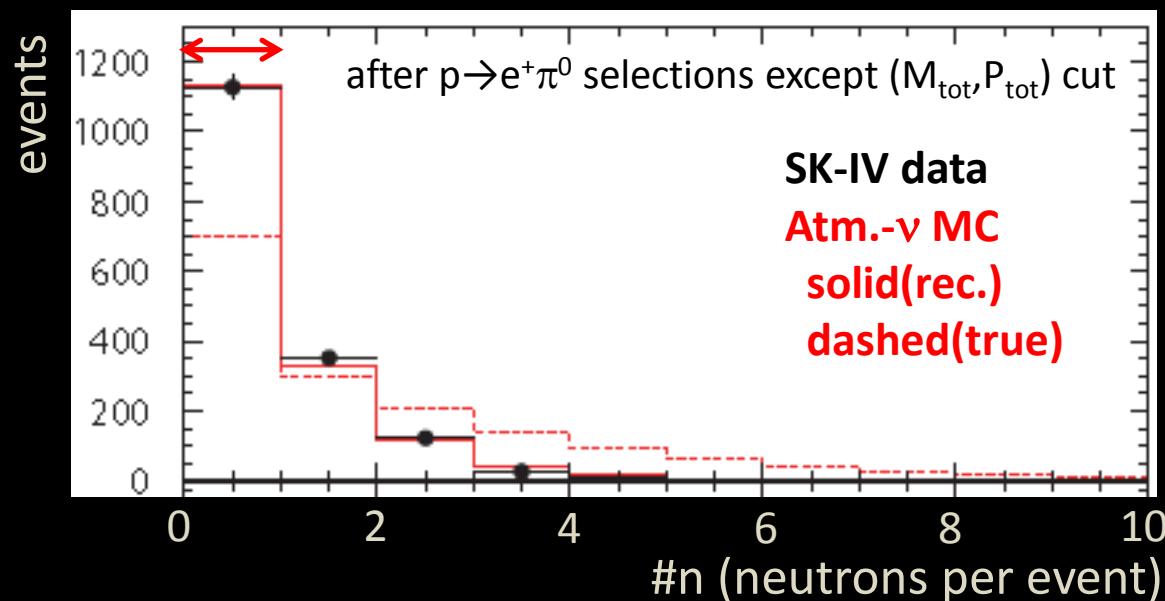
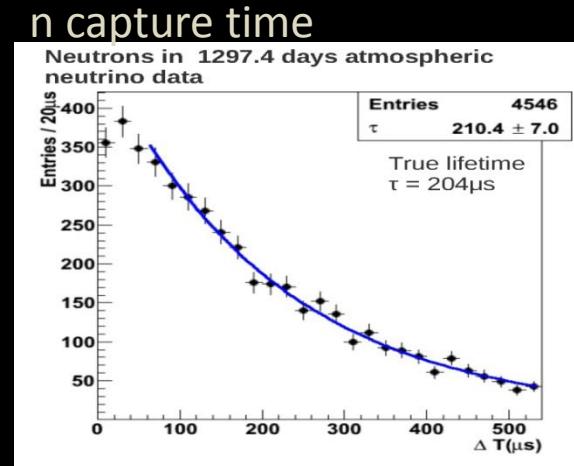
- fully contained
- fiducial volume
- 2 or 3 rings
- all e-like (PID)
- no Michel electrons
- $85 < M_{\pi^0} < 185 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ (3-ring)
- $800 < M_{\text{tot}} < 1050 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $P_{\text{tot}} < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$,
 $100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250 \text{ MeV}/c$
- no neutrons (SK-IV only)

$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0 (\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma) \text{ MC}$



New: Neutron tag in SK-IV

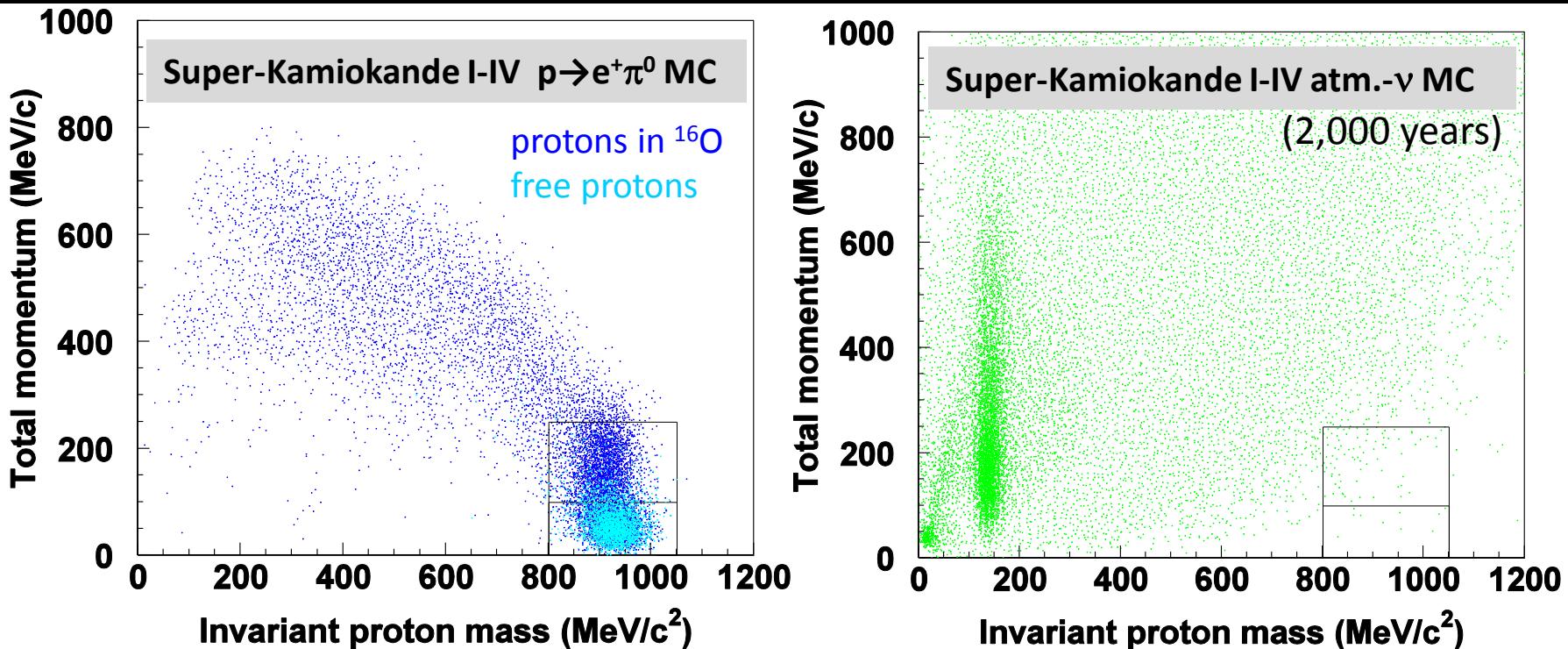
- Atm.- ν BKG frequently accompanied by neutron production
- $n + p \rightarrow d + \gamma$ (2.2MeV)
- γ hit search enabled by QBEE
 - signal detection ε : 20.5%
(ε : ~80% with Gd. See SK-Gd talk)
 - ~50% BKG rejected ($\#n=0$)



New: P_{tot} separation into 2 regions

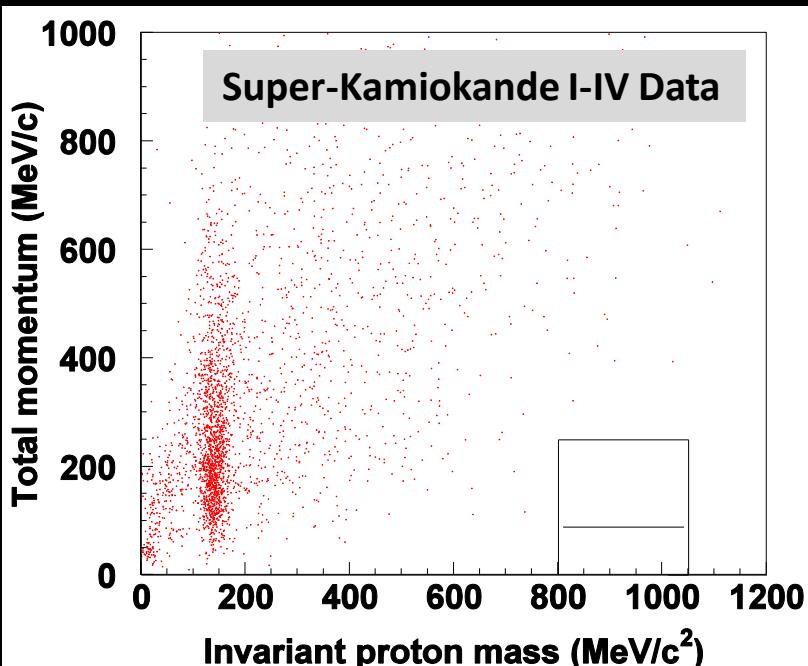
$P_{\text{tot}} < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$, $100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250 \text{ MeV}/c$

(after $p \rightarrow e\pi^0$ selections without $(M_{\text{tot}}, P_{\text{tot}})$ cut)



- Total(SK I-IV) expected #BKG($P_{\text{tot}} < 100$, $100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250$): (~ 0.05 , ~ 0.5)
- $P_{\text{tot}} < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$: smaller syst. error on ε and almost BKG free
→ 3σ discovery reach in lifetime: $\sim 13\% (\sim 21\%)$ higher at $\sim 0.3(1) \text{ Mt} \cdot \text{yr}$

$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ search result



		SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV
Exp.	kt·yrs	91.7	49.2	31.9	133.5
$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$					
($P_{\text{tot}} < 100$)	Eff. (%)	18.8 ± 1.9	18.3 ± 1.9	19.6 ± 2.0	18.7 ± 1.9
	BKG	$0.03^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	< 0.01	< 0.01	$0.02^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$
	(/Mt·yr)	$0.36^{+0.30}_{-0.20}$	$0.26^{+0.27}_{-0.17}$	$0.09^{+0.21}_{-0.08}$	$0.18^{+0.25}_{-0.13}$
	OBS	0	0	0	0
($100 < P_{\text{tot}} < 250$)	Eff. (%)	20.4 ± 3.6	20.2 ± 3.6	20.5 ± 3.6	19.4 ± 3.4
	BKG	0.22 ± 0.08	0.12 ± 0.04	0.06 ± 0.02	0.15 ± 0.06
	(/Mt·yr)	2.4 ± 0.8	2.5 ± 0.9	1.8 ± 0.7	1.1 ± 0.8
	OBS	0	0	0	0

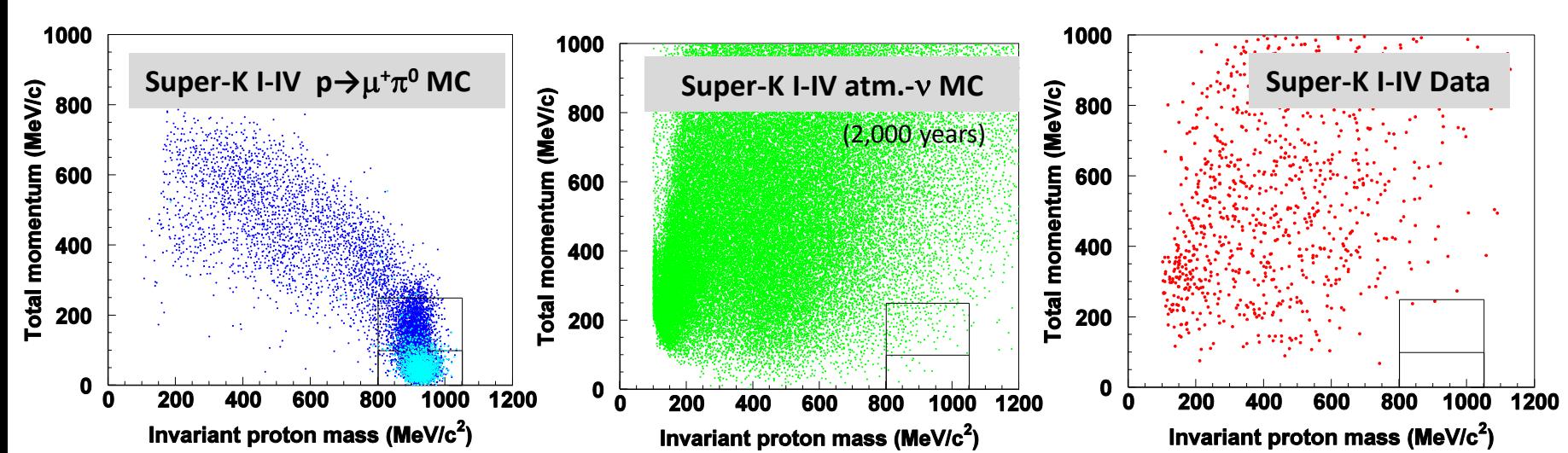
- 306.3 kton·years (SKI-IV)
- signal $\varepsilon(P_{\text{tot}} < 250 \text{ MeV}/c) \approx 40\%$
- total(SKI-IV) expected #BKG($P_{\text{tot}} < 250 \text{ MeV}/c$) < 1
#BKG: confirmed with K2K ν beam data [PRD 77, 032003(2008)]
- no data candidate

$$\tau/B_{p \rightarrow e\pi^0} > 1.6 \times 10^{34} \text{ years (90% CL)}$$

arXiv:1610.03597 (submitted to PRD)

$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$ search result

(analysis proceeds as with $e^+ \pi^0$ with additional requirement of 1 Michel-e)



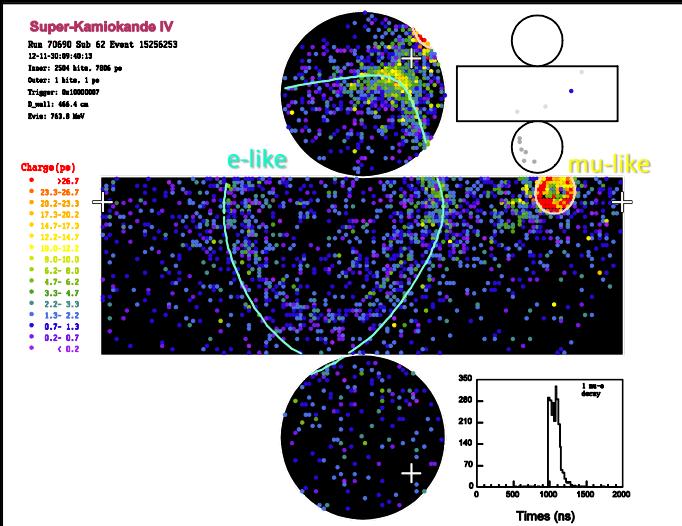
	SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV
Exp. kton·yrs	91.7	49.2	31.9	133.5
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$				
($P_{\text{tot}} < 100$) Eff. (%)	16.4 ± 1.5	16.0 ± 1.5	16.4 ± 1.5	20.1 ± 1.9
($P_{\text{tot}} < 100$) BKG (/Mt·yr)	$0.03^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	< 0.01	< 0.01	$0.01^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
($100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250$) OBS	0	0	0	0
($100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250$) Eff. (%)	15.8 ± 2.8	15.8 ± 2.8	16.5 ± 3.0	18.2 ± 3.3
($100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250$) BKG (/Mt·yr)	0.33 ± 0.10	0.14 ± 0.05	0.12 ± 0.04	0.23 ± 0.08
($100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250$) OBS	3.6 ± 1.1	2.9 ± 0.9	3.7 ± 1.2	1.7 ± 0.6

- 306.3 kton·yrs (SKI-IV)
 - signal $\epsilon(P_{\text{tot}} < 250 \text{ MeV}/c)$: 30-40%
 - total expected #BKG:
 - $P_{\text{tot}} < 100$: ~0.05
 - $100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250$: ~0.82
 - no significant data excess
- $\tau/B_{p \rightarrow \mu\pi} > 7.7 \times 10^{33} \text{ years (90\% CL)}$
- arXiv:1610.03597 (submitted to PRD)

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Event #1



$$(M_{\text{tot}}, P_{\text{tot}}) : (903, 248)\text{MeV}$$

Wall : 466cm

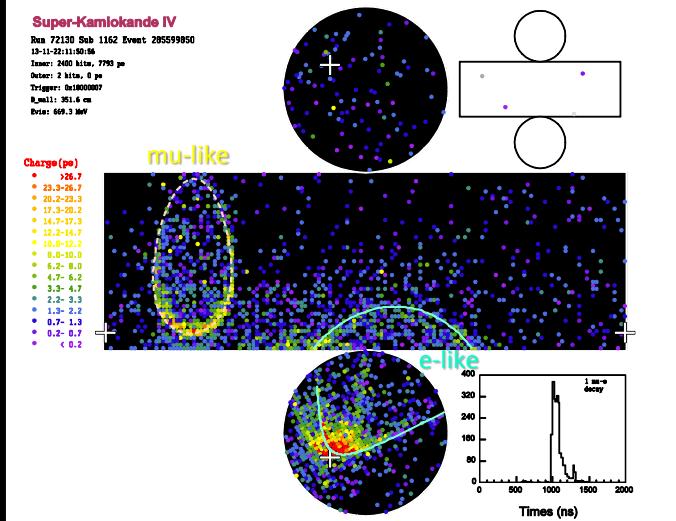
ring : 2

P_e : 375MeV/c

P_μ : 551MeV/c

$\theta_{e-\mu}$: 158°

Event #2



$$(M_{\text{tot}}, P_{\text{tot}}) : (832, 238)\text{MeV}$$

Wall : 352cm

ring : 2

P_e : 461MeV/c

P_μ : 391MeV/c

$\theta_{e-\mu}$: 149°

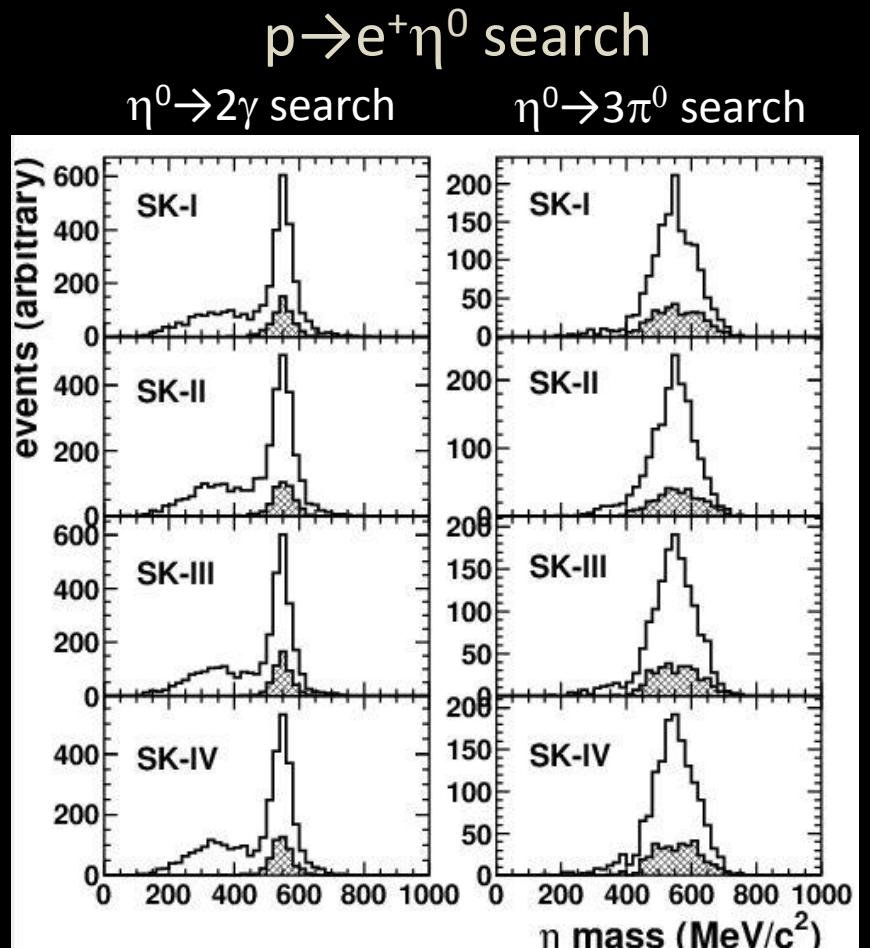
If we include additional initial ring rejected by ring correction →
 $(M_{\text{tot}}, P_{\text{tot}}) : (880, 289)\text{MeV}$

	$P_{\text{tot}} < 100\text{MeV}/c$	$100 \leq P_{\text{tot}} < 250\text{MeV}/c$
Total #BKG (SKI-IV)	~0.05	~0.82
Data(SKI-IV)	0	2

- Poisson prob. (≥ 2 ; 0.82): 19.9%

Other charged antilepton + meson searches

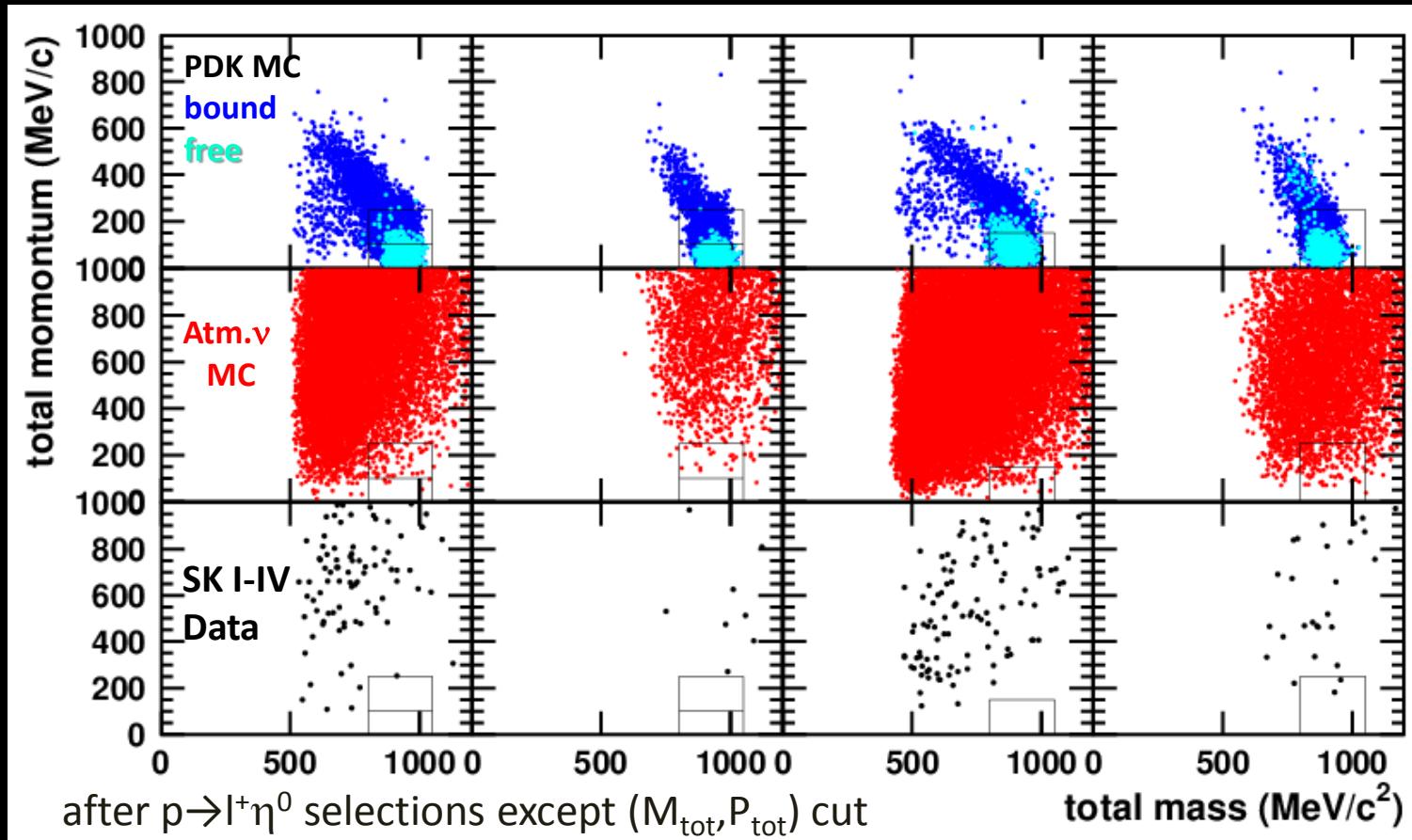
- $p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) + (\eta^0, \rho^0, \omega^0)$,
 $n \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) + (\pi^-, \rho^-)$
- SK I-IV data (316 kton·year)
- Several analysis improvements from previous results using SK-I,II data (PRD 85, 112001(2012))
 - 2.26 times data
 - P_{tot} separation in $p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \eta^0$, $\eta^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$
 - n-tag in SK-IV
 - systematic error estimations
 - etc.



$p \rightarrow e^+ \eta^0$ MC: open(hatch) for all(free) protons

$p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \eta^0$ search

$p \rightarrow e\eta(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma)$ $p \rightarrow \mu\eta(\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma)$ $p \rightarrow e\eta(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi)$ $p \rightarrow \mu\eta(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi)$

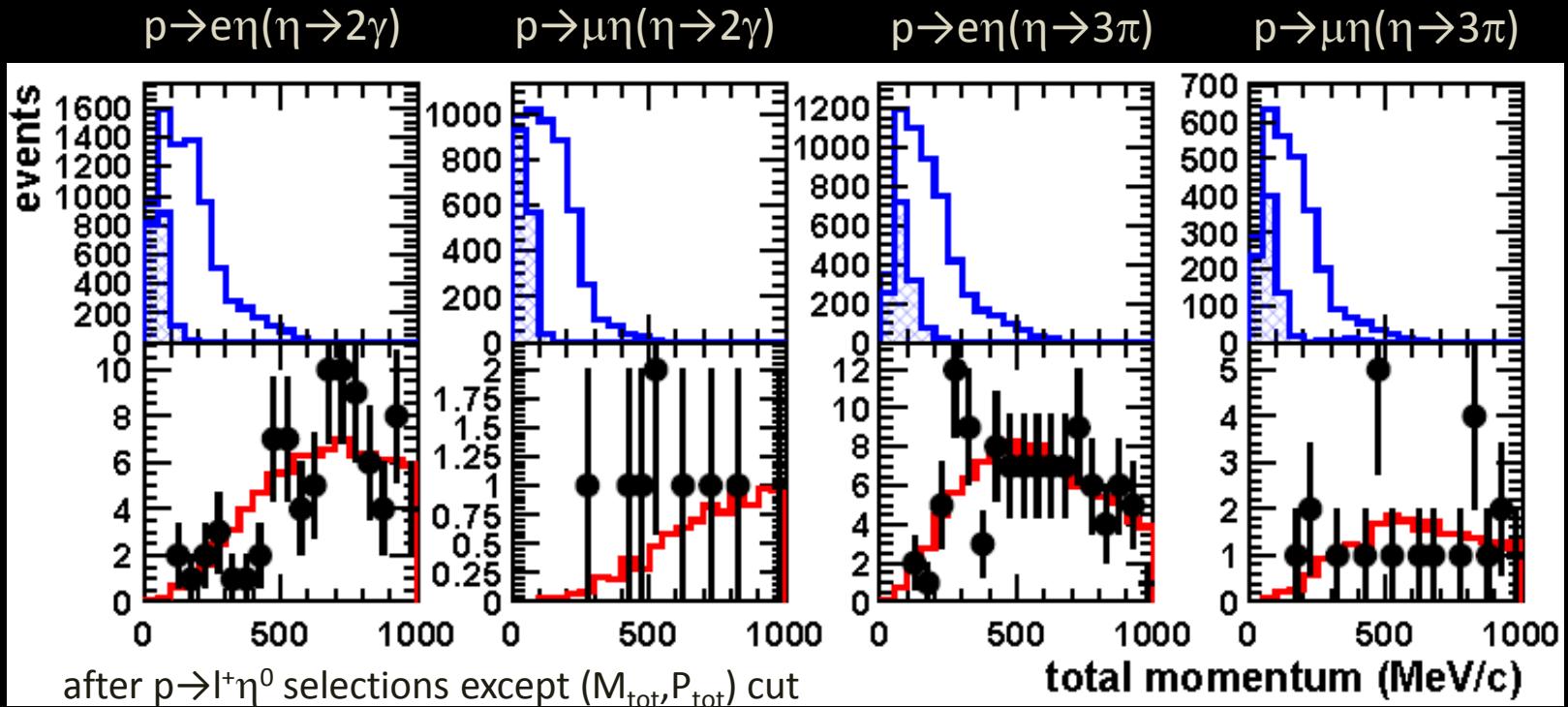


- P_{tot} separation in $\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$ mode
 - ex.) Discovery reach: $\sim 12(\sim 20)\%$ higher at $\sim 0.3(1)\text{Mt}\cdot\text{yr}$ for $p \rightarrow e\eta, \eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$
 - $\varepsilon: 10\text{-}11\% (P_{\text{tot}} \geq 100\text{MeV}/c), 7\text{-}8\% (P_{\text{tot}} < 100\text{MeV}/c)$
 - total expected #BKG: $\sim 0.45 (P_{\text{tot}} \geq 100\text{MeV}/c), \sim 0.03 (P_{\text{tot}} < 100\text{MeV}/c)$
 - data candidate: 0 in both P_{tot} regions

(detail of $\varepsilon, \# \text{BKG}$, data for all searches in supplement)

$p \rightarrow l^+ \eta^0$ MC
 bound(open)
 free(hatched)
 Atm. ν MC
 SK I-IV Data

$p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \eta^0$ search



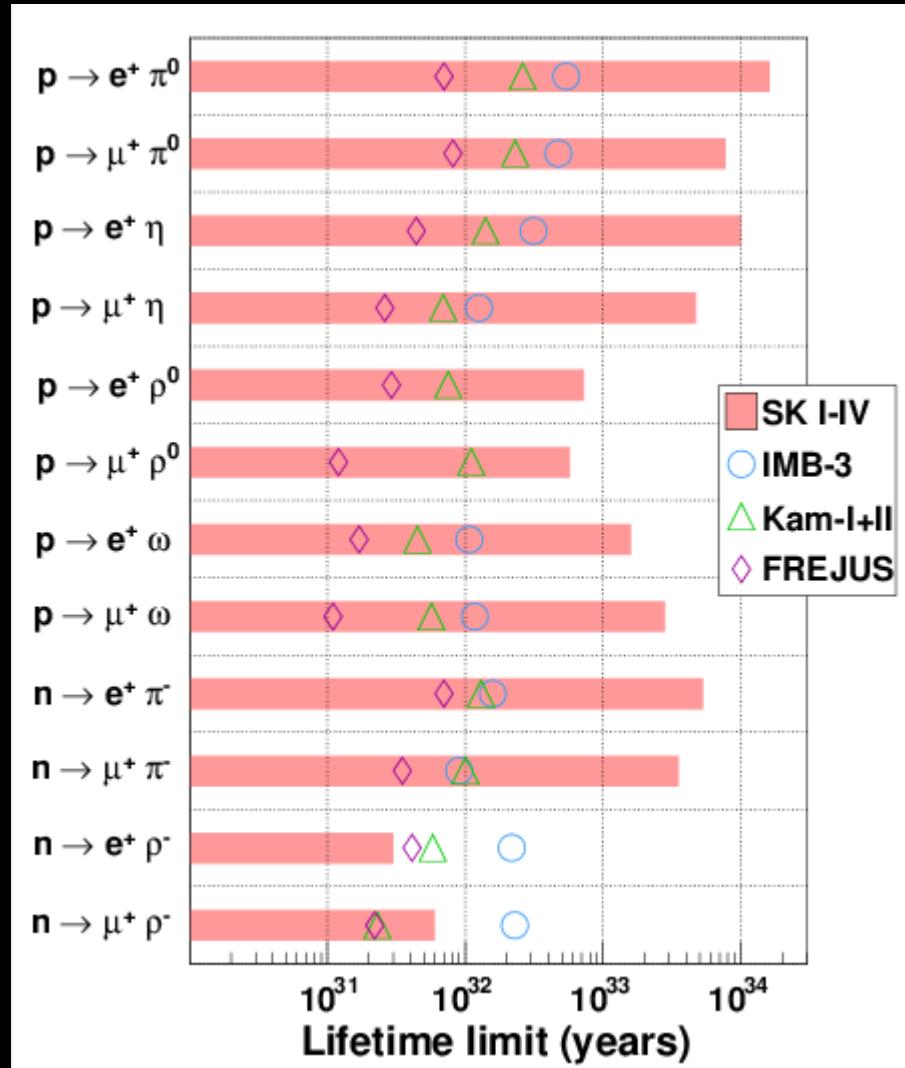
- Most free protons decay in $P_{\text{tot}} < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$ for $\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$
- Data and atm.- ν MC agree well with each other

Results of other charged antilepton + meson search

Modes	Background (events)	Candidate (events)	Probability (%)	N (measurements)	Lifetime Limit ($\times 10^{33}$ years) at 90% CL
$p \rightarrow e^+ \eta^0$	0.78(0.44)	0(0)	N/A	12	10.(4.2)
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \eta^0$	0.85(0.49)	2(2)	20.9	12	4.7(1.3)
$p \rightarrow e^+ \rho^0$	0.64(0.35)	2(0)	13.5	4	0.72(0.71)
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^0$	1.30(0.42)	1(1)	72.7	4	0.57(0.16)
$p \rightarrow e^+ \omega^0$	1.85(0.53)	1(1)	74.1	4	1.6(0.32)
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \omega^0$	1.09(0.48)	0(0)	N/A	4	2.8(0.78)
$n \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-$	0.41(0.27)	0(0)	N/A	4	5.3(2.0)
$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^-$	0.77(0.43)	1(1)	53.7	4	3.5(1.0)
$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$	0.87(0.38)	4(1)	1.2	4	0.03(0.07)
$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$	0.96(0.29)	1(0)	61.7	4	0.06(0.04)
total	8.6(4.1)	12(6)	15.7	N/A	N/A

- Numbers in () are from previous analysis in SK-I,II
- **No significant excess of data above background expectation**
 - the smallest Prob.(\geq cand.,#BKG) in $n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$ search (detail in supplement)
- Limits are typically higher than previous results by factor 2-3
 - will submit to PRD

Comparison with other experiments



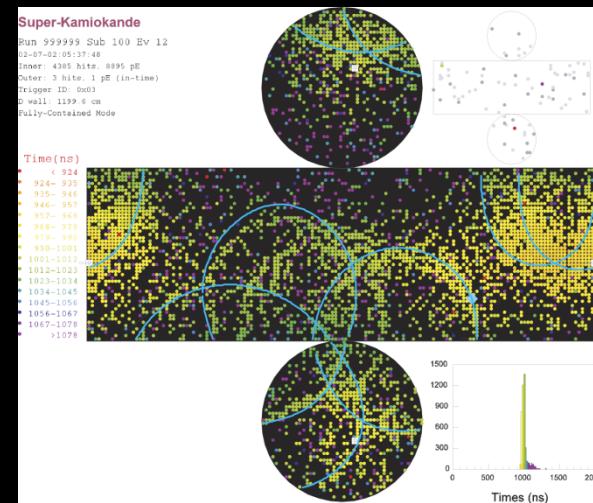
- Most SK results are better than other experiments by 1-2 orders of magnitude
 - lower for $n \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \rho^-$ mainly due to lower ε , syst. errors on ε , data cand. > #BKG

n - \bar{n} oscillation search

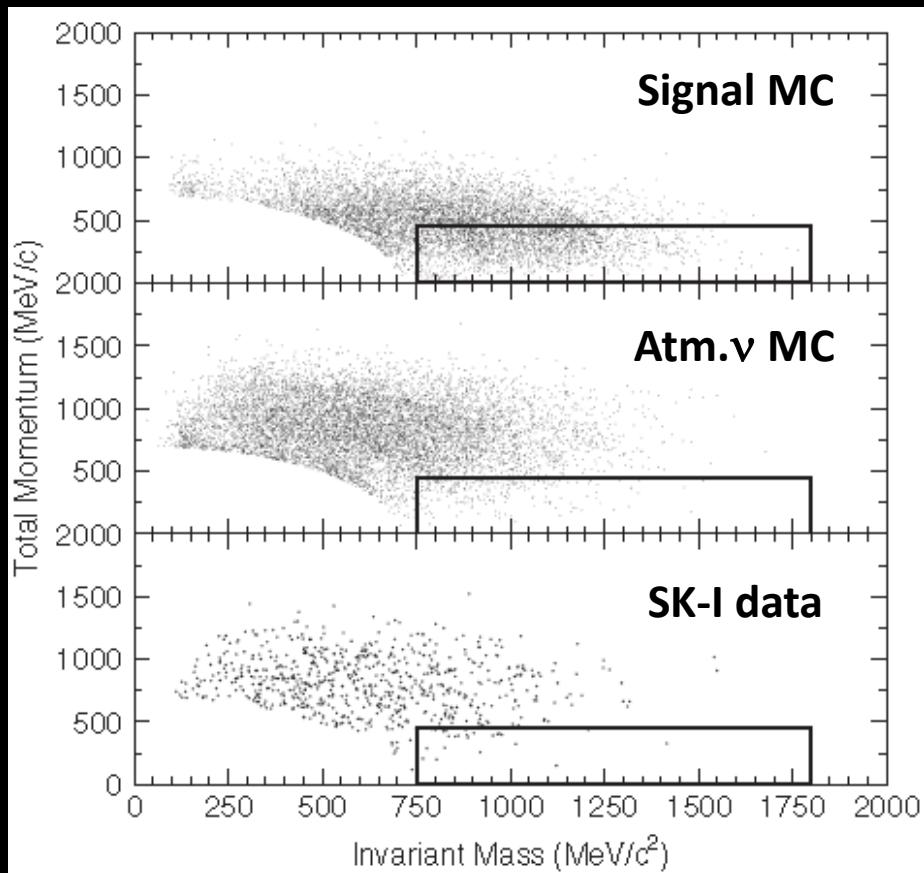
- $\Delta B = \Delta(B-L) = 2$
- PRD 91, 072006(2015)
- SK-I data only (91.5kt·yr)
 - 2.45×10^{34} neutron·year
- \bar{n} annihilates with surrounding nucleon and produce mainly pions
- Event selections
 - multi rings
 - $700 < E_{\text{vis}} < 1300 \text{ MeV}$
 - $P_{\text{tot}} < 450 \text{ MeV}/c$
 - $750 < M_{\text{tot}} < 1800 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Branching ratios in our simulations

	$\bar{n} + p$	$\bar{n} + n$	
$\pi^+ \pi^0$	1%	$\pi^+ \pi^-$	2%
$\pi^+ 2\pi^0$	8%	$2\pi^0$	1.5%
$\pi^+ 3\pi^0$	10%	$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	6.5%
$2\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	22%	$\pi^+ \pi^- 2\pi^0$	11%
$2\pi^+ \pi^- 2\pi^0$	36%	$\pi^+ \pi^- 3\pi^0$	28%
$2\pi^+ \pi^- 2\omega$	16%	$2\pi^+ 2\pi^-$	7%
$3\pi^+ 2\pi^- \pi^0$	7%	$2\pi^+ 2\pi^- \pi^0$	24%
		$\pi^+ \pi^- \omega$	10%
		$2\pi^+ 2\pi^- 2\pi^0$	10%



Results



- $\varepsilon = 12.1\%$
- Expected #BKG = 24.1
- 24 candidate events
- No data excess. Lifetime limit
 $T_{n-n} > 1.9 \times 10^{32} \text{ years (90\% CL)}$

$$T_{n-n} = R \cdot \tau_{n-n}^{-2}$$

R: nuclear suppression factor.
 $0.517 \times 10^{23} \text{ s}^{-1}$ with theoretical uncertainty of 20-30%.
PRD 78, 016002(2008)

- Oscillation time $\tau_{n-n} > 2.7 \times 10^8 \text{ s}$
3 times more restrictive than ILL/Grenoble reactor experiment

- On-going analysis improvements
 - SK-I to SK-IV data
 - multivariate method with a boosted decision tree
 - \bar{n} -nucleon annihilation branching fractions
 - pion-nucleon interaction models, and so on...

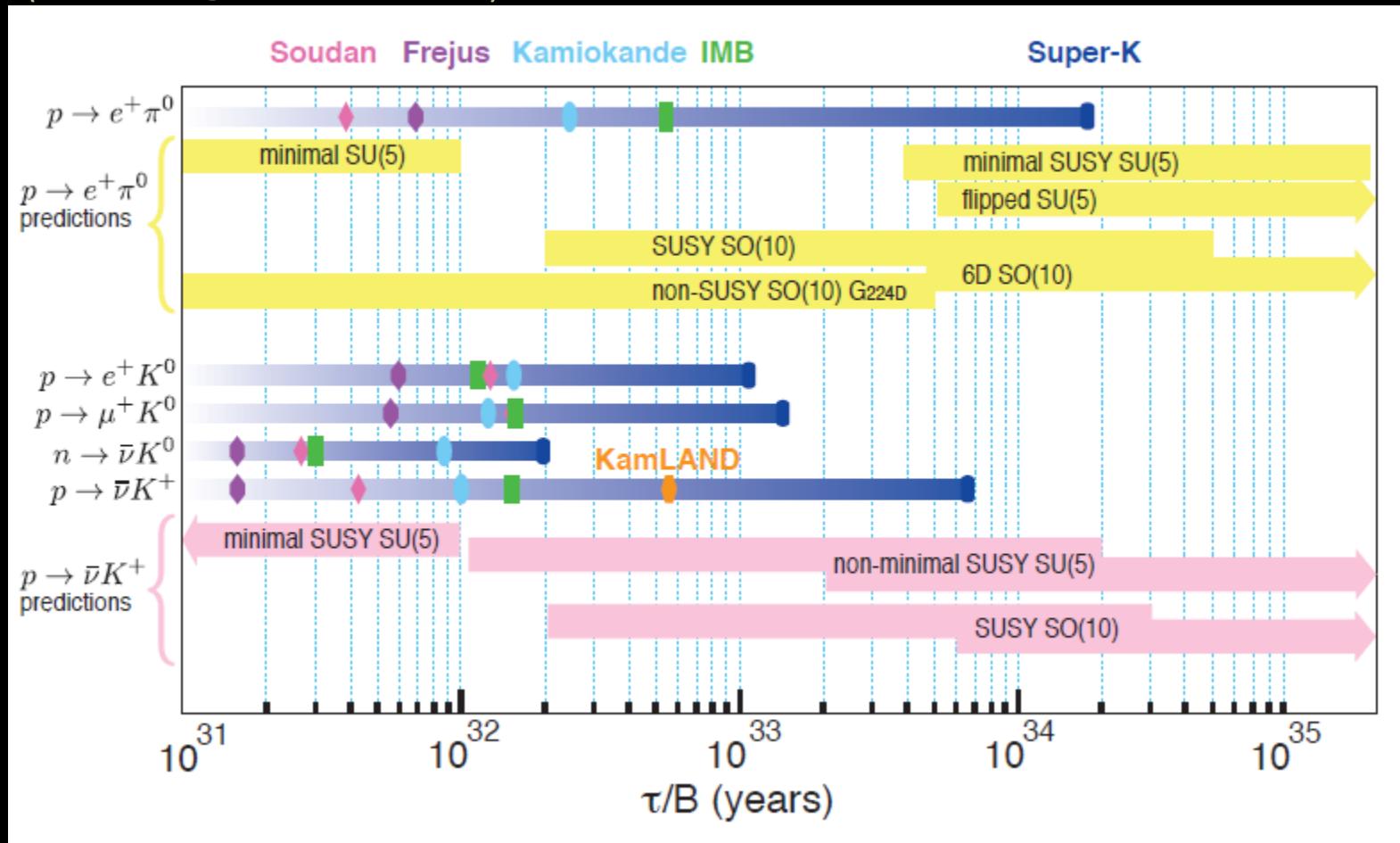
Recent nucleon decay and $n-\bar{n}$ results in SK

Decay mode	$ \Delta(B-L) $	Lifetime lower limit at 90% CL (years)	Paper
$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$	0	1.6×10^{34}	arXiv:1610.03597 (submitted to PRD)
$p \rightarrow \nu K^+$	$0(\bar{\nu}), 2(\nu)$	6.6×10^{33}	PRD 90, 072005 (2014)
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$	0	7.7×10^{33}	arXiv:1610.03597 (submitted to PRD)
$p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) (\eta, \rho, \omega), n \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) (\pi, \rho)$	0	$(0.03-10) \times 10^{33}$	will submit to PRD
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ K^0$	0	1.6×10^{33}	PRD 86, 012006 (2012)
$\bar{n} \rightarrow \nu \pi^0, \bar{p} \rightarrow \nu \pi^+$	0	$1.1 \times 10^{33}, 3.9 \times 10^{32}$	PRL 113, 121802 (2014)
$p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \nu \nu$	$0(\bar{\nu}\nu), 2(\nu\nu, \bar{\nu}\bar{\nu})$	$1.7/2.2 \times 10^{32}$	PRL 113, 101801 (2014)
$p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) X$?	$7.9/4.1 \times 10^{32}$	PRL 115, 121803 (2015)
$n \rightarrow \nu \gamma$	$0(\bar{\nu}), 2(\nu)$	5.5×10^{32}	PRL 115, 121803 (2015)
$pp \rightarrow K^+ K^+$	2	1.7×10^{32}	PRL 112, 131803 (2014)
$pp \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+, pn \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0, nn \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$	2	$7.2 \times 10^{31}, 1.7 \times 10^{32}, 4.0 \times 10^{32}$	PRD 91, 072009 (2015)
$np \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+, \tau^+) \nu$	$0(\bar{\nu}), 2(\nu)$	$(0.22-5.5) \times 10^{32}$	PRL 115, 121803 (2015)
$n-\bar{n}$ oscillation	2	1.9×10^{32}	PRD 91, 072006 (2015)

- No significant excess of data above BKG expectation \rightarrow lifetime limits

Benchmark searches and GUT predictions

(Ed Kearns @ 2013 Snowmass)



- Huge theoretical uncertainty (2-3 orders of magnitude)
- Current searches are in interesting ranges → SK, Hyper-K, etc.

Summary

- **Testing baryon number violation is an essential and high priority objective of particle physics**
- **Nucleon decay searches in Super-Kamiokande**
 - No evidence so far → most stringent lifetime limits in the world
 - Keep discovery potential and increase statistics
 - Prospect of sensitivity improvements by sophisticated reconstruction algorithm, reducing systematic errors, etc.
 - Search new modes
 - SK-Gd talk tomorrow
- **Hyper-K/DUNE/JUNO talks in this afternoon**

Supplement

$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$ 2nd data candidate

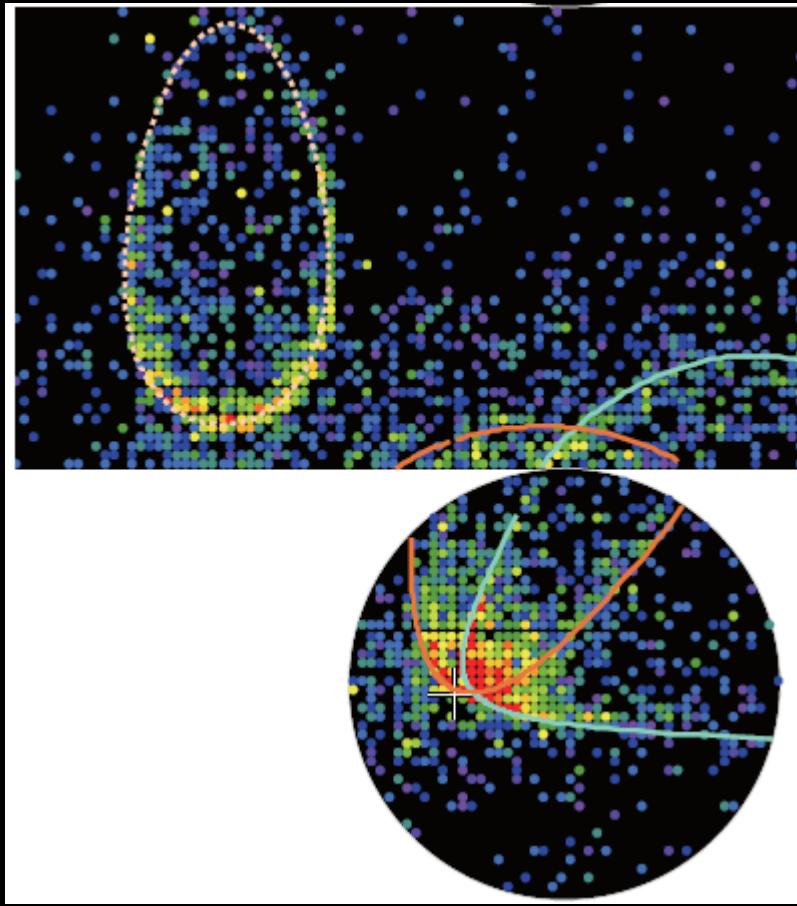


FIG. 5. (color online) Event display of the second candidate event, zoomed to the region of the rings. The blue solid line and the tan dashed line show the reconstructed e -like and μ -like ring, respectively. The dark orange solid line shows an additional e -like ring that was identified in the initial ring counting process, but it is rejected by the ring correction because it is too close in angle to the other e -like ring (blue line). As a result, this event is judged as a two-ring event.

¹ This event is judged as an 3 ring event, but leaves the signal box if we use updated PMT gain correction, introduced in 2016, which depends on PMT production year.

$p \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \pi^0$ searches

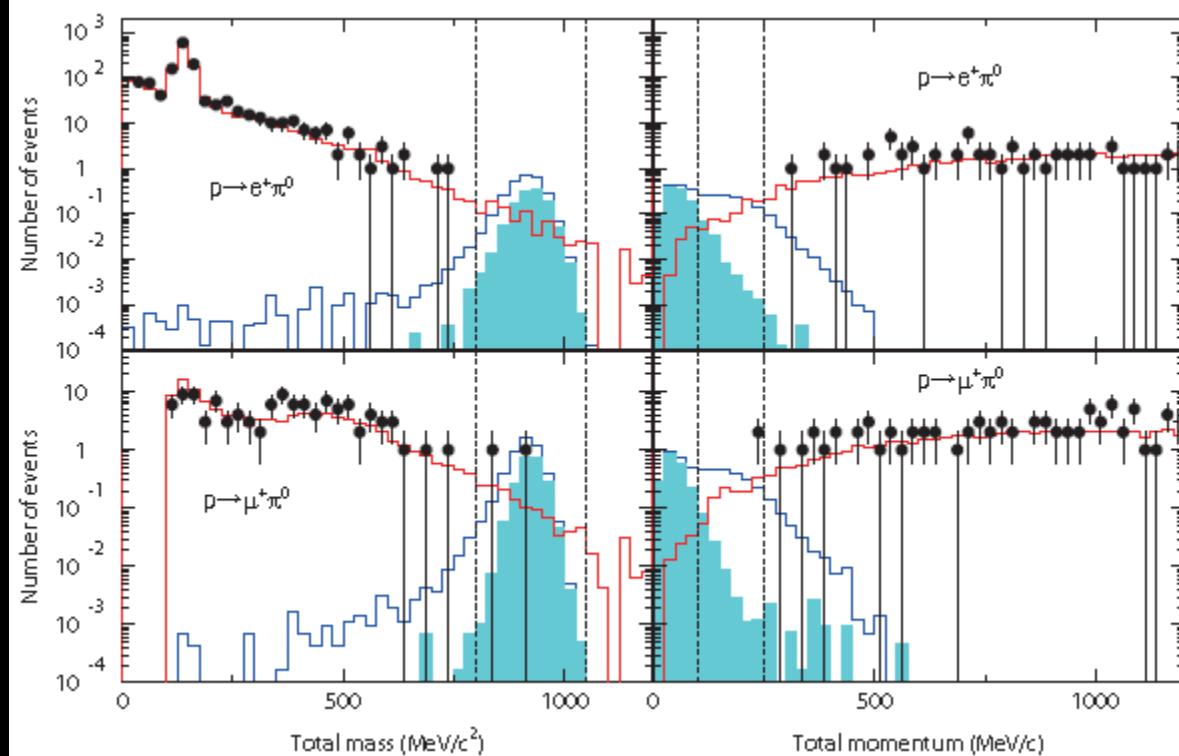
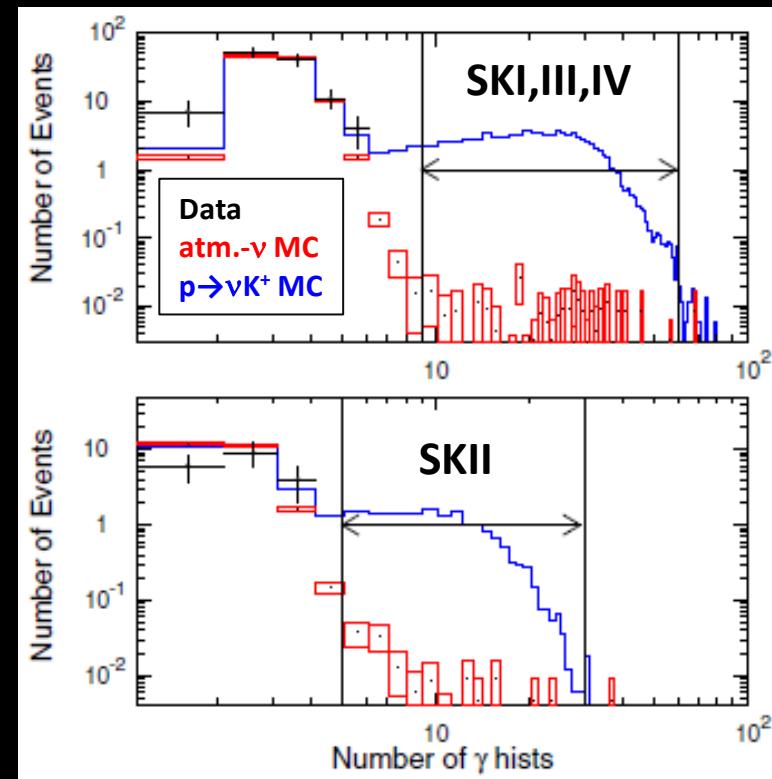
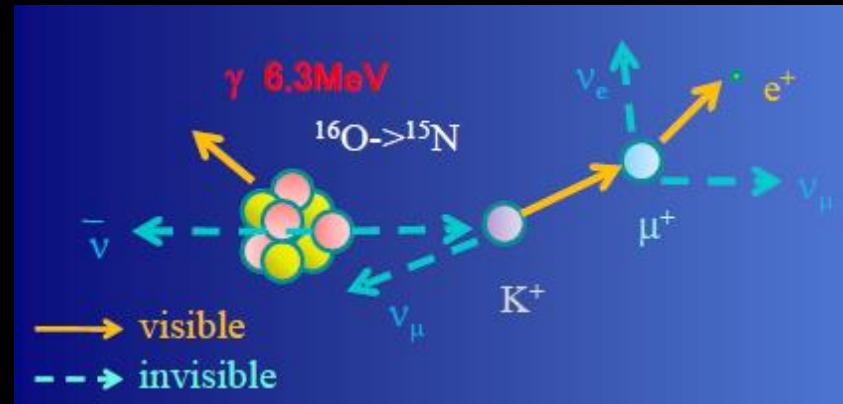


FIG. 4. (color online) Distributions of reconstructed invariant mass (left) and total momentum (right) for $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$ in the top panels and for $p \rightarrow \mu^+\pi^0$ in the bottom panels, after all selection cuts except cuts on the plotted variable. The dark blue histograms correspond to 90% confidence level allowed signal and the histograms filled by light blue show the portion contributed by free proton decay. The red histograms show atmospheric ν MC, and the dots are data with 0.306 Mton·years exposure. Vertical dashed lines indicate the signal regions. The peak around $160 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ in the total mass distribution of atmospheric ν and data in the left top panel arises from π^0 decays.

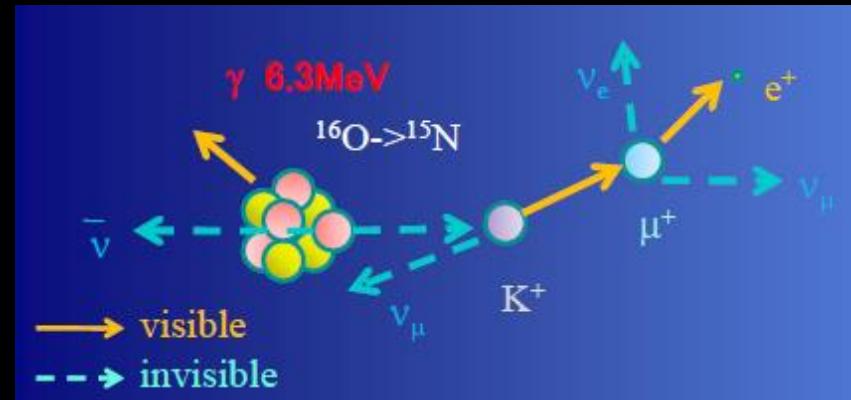
$p \rightarrow v K^+$ search (prompt γ method)

- event selections:
 - fully contained
 - fiducial volume
 - 1 μ -like (PID)
 - 1 Michel-e
 - $215 < P_\mu < 260 \text{ MeV}/c$
 - proton ring rejection
 - $8(4) < N_\gamma < 60(30)$ for SK-I,III,IV(SK-II)
 - $T_\mu - T_\gamma < 75 \text{ ns}$
 - no neutrons (SK-IV only)
- no data candidate

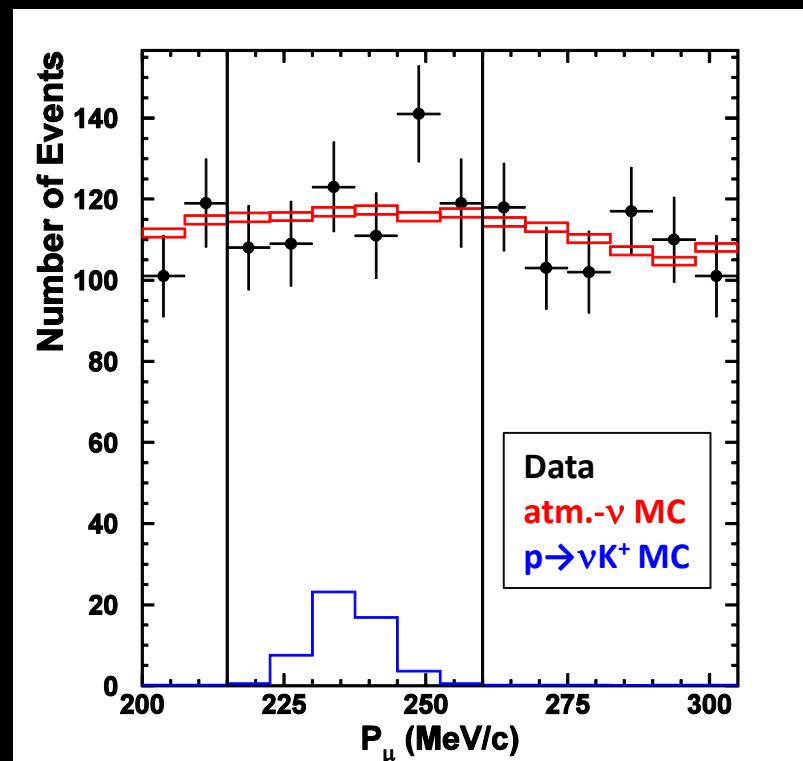


(plot from PRD 90, 072005 (2014))

$p \rightarrow v K^+$ search (P_μ spec. method)

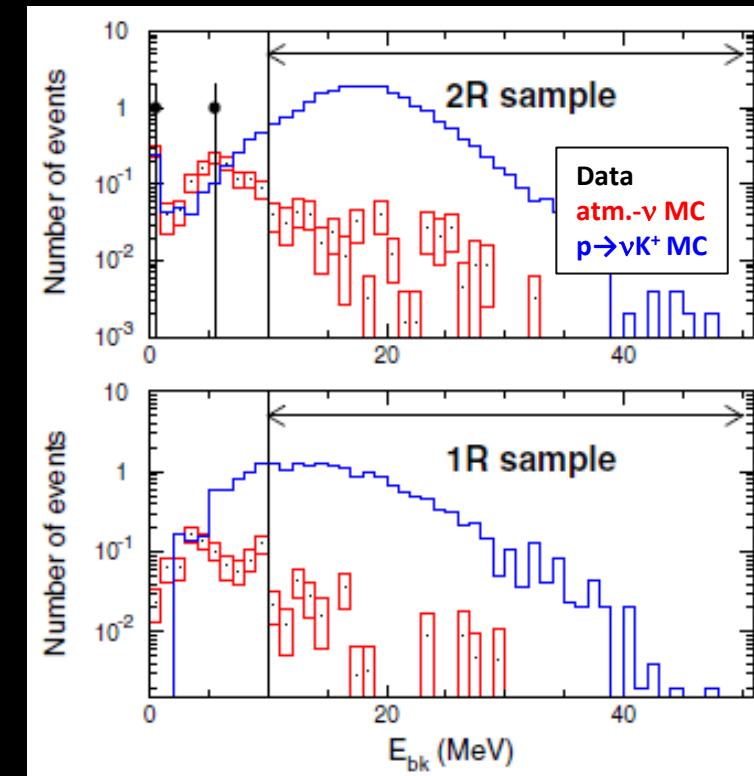
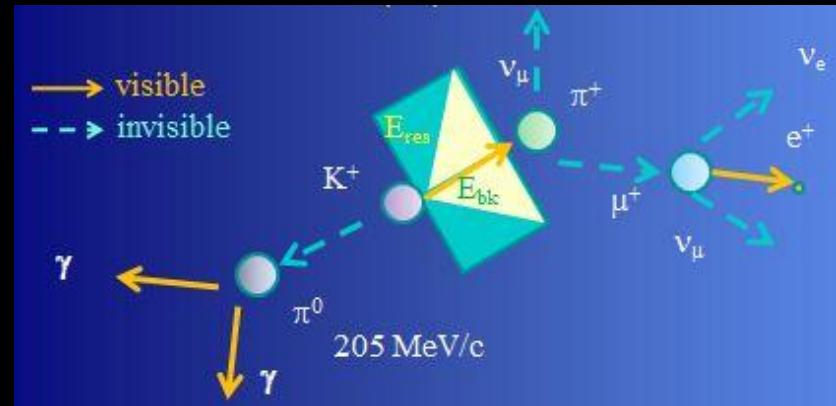


- event selections:
 - same as γ meth. except:
 - no prompt γ hits
 - relaxed P_μ cut
- no data excess



$p \rightarrow v K^+$ search ($\pi^+ \pi^0$ method)

- event selections:
 - fully contained
 - fiducial volume
 - 1 or 2 e-like rings (PID)
 - 1 Michel-e
 - $85 < M_{\pi^0} < 185 \text{ MeV}/c^2$,
 - $175 < P_{\pi^0} < 250 \text{ MeV}/c$
 - charge profile likelihood for π^+
 - $10 < E_{\text{bk}} < 50 \text{ MeV}$
 - no neutrons (SK-IV only)
- no data candidate



$p \rightarrow v K^+$ search result

		SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV
Exp.(kt·yrs)		91.7	49.2	31.9	133.5
Prompt γ	Eff. (%)	7.9	6.3	7.7	8.5
	BKG	0.08	0.14	0.03	0.14
	OBS	0	0	0	0
$\pi^+ \pi^0$	Eff. (%)	7.8	6.7	7.9	9.0
	BKG	0.18	0.17	0.09	0.12
	OBS	0	0	0	0

- 306.3 kton· years (SKI-IV)
- signal ε for prompt γ and $\pi^+ \pi^-$ methods: 6-9%
- total expected #BKG for prompt γ and $\pi^+ \pi^0$ methods < 1
- no data excess above BKG expectation

$$\tau/B_{p \rightarrow v K^+} > 6.61 \times 10^{33} \text{ years (90% CL)}$$

(91.5, 49.1, 31.8, 143.8 kton·year for SK-I, II, III, IV)

Modes	Efficiency (%)				Background (events)				Candidate (events)			
	SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV	SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV	SK-I	SK-II	SK-III	SK-IV
$p \rightarrow e^+ \eta^0$												
(2 γ , total)	18.9(18.8)	17.6(18.2)	18.9	17.3	0.17±0.04(0.19)	0.11±0.02(0.09)	0.05±0.01	0.15±0.04	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
(2 γ , upper)	11.0	10.9	10.7	9.8	0.17±0.04	0.10±0.02	0.05±0.01	0.13±0.04	0	0	0	0
(2 γ , lower)	7.9	6.7	8.2	7.5	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	<0.01	0.01±0.01	0	0	0	0
(3 π^0)	8.0(8.1)	8.2(7.6)	7.6	7.7	0.15±0.03(0.08)	0.06±0.02(0.08)	0.06±0.01	0.03±0.02	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \eta^0$												
(2 γ , total)	13.1(12.4)	12.1(12.4)	13.1	15.5	0.05±0.02(0.03)	0.02±0.01(0.01)	0.01±0.01	0.03±0.01	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
(2 γ , upper)	7.3	6.5	7.2	8.4	0.05±0.02	0.02±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.03±0.01	0	0	0	0
(2 γ , lower)	5.8	5.6	6.0	7.0	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0	0	0	0
(3 π^0)	6.9(6.1)	6.2(6.1)	6.9	7.9	0.34±0.05(0.30)	0.13±0.02(0.15)	0.12±0.02	0.16±0.04	0(0)	1(2)	0	1
$p \rightarrow e^+ \rho^0$	3.8(4.9)	3.3(4.2)	3.6	3.8	0.29±0.05(0.23)	0.13±0.02(0.12)	0.05±0.01	0.17±0.04	0(0)	0(0)	0	2
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^0$	1.9(1.8)	1.3(1.5)	2.2	1.9	0.41±0.05(0.30)	0.21±0.03(0.12)	0.13±0.02	0.55±0.07	1(1)	0(0)	0	0
$p \rightarrow e^+ \omega^0$												
($\pi^0 \gamma$)	2.8(2.4)	2.5(2.2)	2.3	2.1	0.16±0.04(0.10)	0.08±0.02(0.04)	0.06±0.01	0.05±0.03	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
($\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$)	2.7(2.3)	2.2(2.3)	2.6	2.7	0.44±0.06(0.26)	0.17±0.03(0.13)	0.12±0.02	0.27±0.06	1(1)	0(0)	0	0
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \omega^0$												
($\pi^0 \gamma$)	2.6(2.8)	3.0(2.8)	3.1	3.3	0.18±0.04(0.24)	0.10±0.02(0.07)	0.08±0.01	0.07±0.03	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
($\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$)	3.1(2.7)	2.6(2.4)	3.2	4.6	0.19±0.03(0.10)	0.10±0.02(0.07)	0.08±0.01	0.29±0.05	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
$n \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-$	12.7(19.4)	12.2(19.3)	13.5	12.6	0.17±0.04(0.16)	0.05±0.01(0.11)	0.07±0.01	0.12±0.04	0(0)	0(0)	0	0
$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^-$	11.3(16.7)	10.7(15.6)	11.5	13.4	0.29±0.04(0.30)	0.15±0.02(0.13)	0.09±0.01	0.24±0.05	0(1)	0(0)	1	0
$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$	1.4(1.8)	1.1(1.6)	1.4	1.5	0.36±0.05(0.25)	0.13±0.02(0.13)	0.14±0.02	0.24±0.06	1(1)	1(0)	2	0
$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$	1.0(1.1)	1.0(0.9)	1.1	1.2	0.34±0.04(0.19)	0.14±0.02(0.10)	0.14±0.02	0.34±0.06	0(0)	1(0)	0	0

- Higher ϵ for nucleon decay mode with μ in SK-IV thanks to QBEE
- Expected background rates are comparable between SK-I and SK-IV with n-tag
- Numbers in () are from previous analysis in SK-I,II

NDK MC

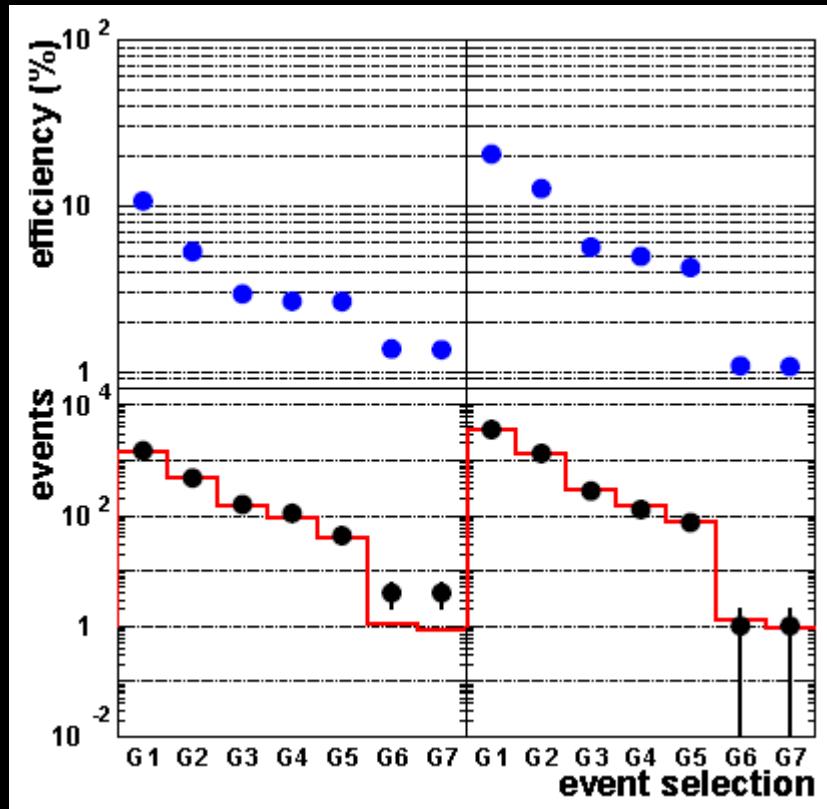
Atm.v MC

SK I-IV Data

$n \rightarrow (e^+, \mu^+) \rho^-$ search

$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$

$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$



- (G1) the number of Cherenkov rings is four (three) for $n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$ ($n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$),
- (G2) one of the rings is a no-shower type ring,
- (G3) the ρ^- mass is in between 600 and 900 MeV/c²,
- (G4) the π^0 mass is in between 85 and 185 MeV/c²,
- (G5) the number of Michel electrons is 0 (1) for $n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$ ($n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$),
- (G6) the total momentum is less than 250 (150) MeV/c for $n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$ ($n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$), and the total invariant mass is in between 800 and 1050 for $n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$,
- (G7) the number of neutron is 0 in SK-IV.

NDK MC

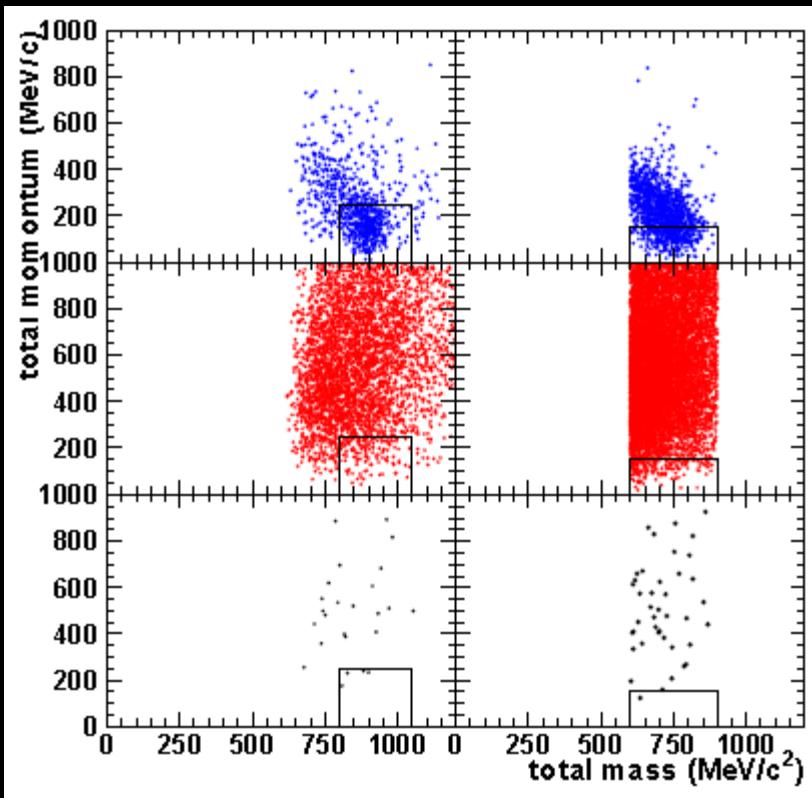
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SK I-IV Data

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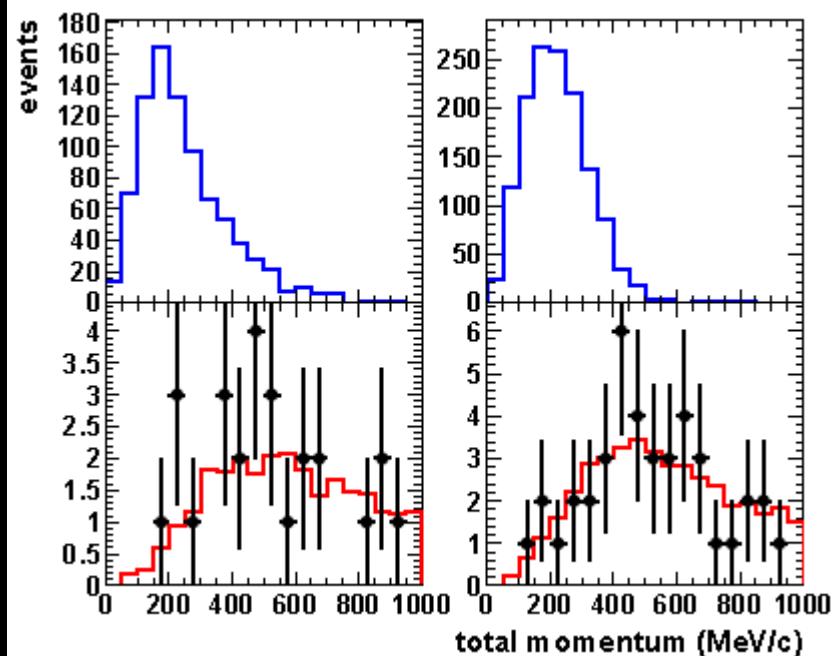
$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$

$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$



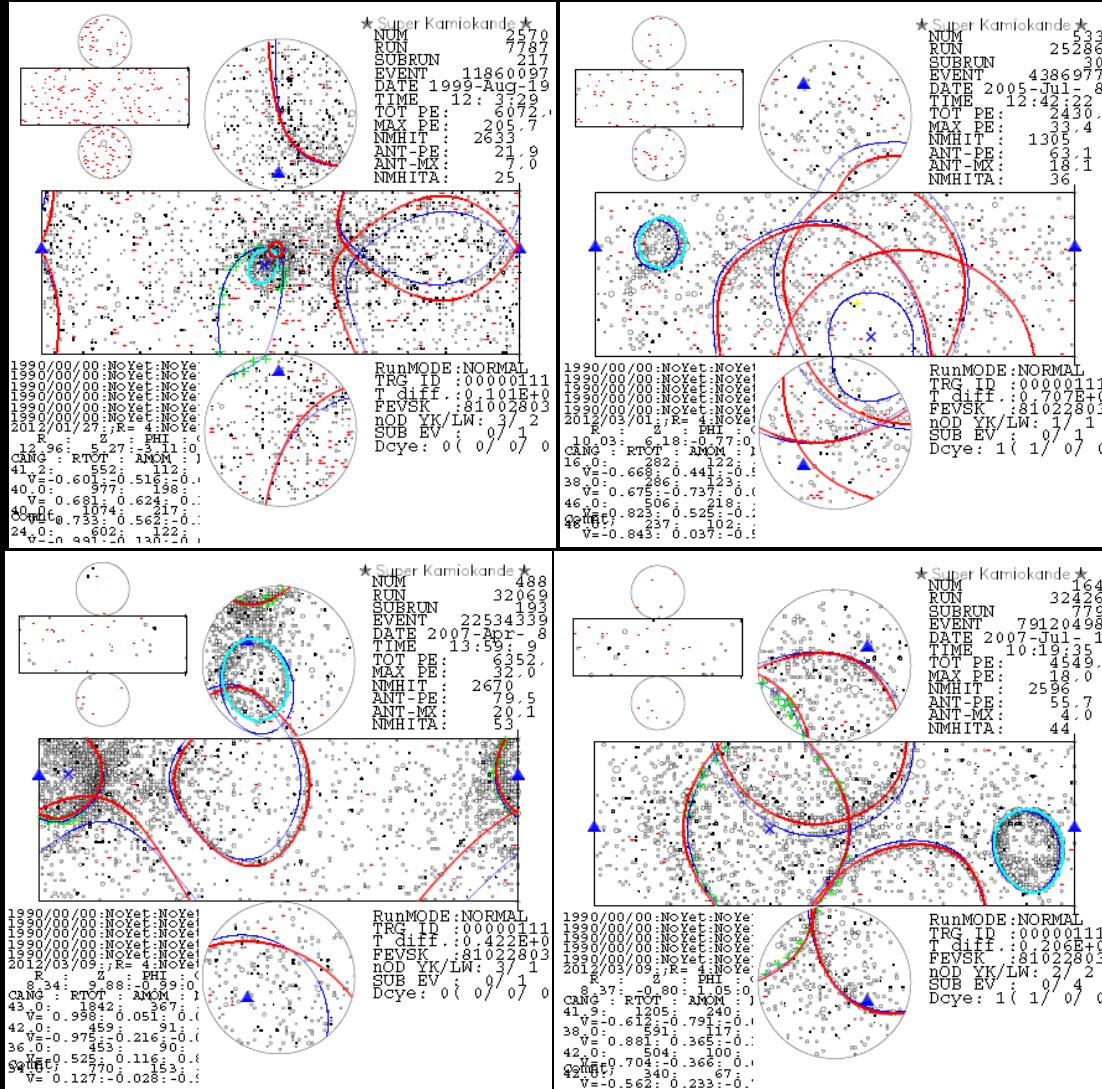
$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$

$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$



- All selections applied except ($M_{\text{tot}}, P_{\text{tot}}$) cut

Data candidates in $n \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\rho}^-$ search



Comparison with other experiments

(H.Nishino, PhD Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Feb. 2009)

	SK-I+II				IMB-3				KAM-I+II			
	eff. (%)	BG (/141)	N_c	τ	eff. (%)	BG (/7.6)	N_c	τ	eff. (%)	BG (/3.8)	N_c	τ
$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$	44.6	0.31	0	8.2	48	0.2	0	0.54	45	<0.04	0	0.26
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$	35.5	0.34	0	6.6	42	0.6	0	0.47	43	<0.2	0	0.23
$p \rightarrow e^+ \eta$	26.9	0.44	0	4.2	28	0.2	0	0.31	24	<0.04	0	0.14
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \eta$	18.5	0.49	2	1.3	23	2.8	3	0.13	21	<0.08	1	0.07
$p \rightarrow e^+ \rho^0$	4.9	0.35	0	0.71	-	-	-	-	24	2.7	2	0.08
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^0$	1.8	0.42	1	0.16	-	-	-	-	22	1.7	0	0.11
$p \rightarrow e^+ \omega$	4.9	0.53	1	0.32	21	10.8	7	0.11	11	1.45	2	0.05
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \omega$	5.5	0.48	0	0.78	33	12.1	11	0.12	13	1.9	2	0.06
$n \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-$	19.4	0.27	0	2.0	30	5.0	3	0.16	28	<0.2	0	0.13
$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^-$	16.7	0.43	1	1.0	14	1.9	1	0.09	23	<0.2	0	0.10
$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$	1.8	0.38	1	0.07	49	4.8	4	0.22	15	1.9	0	0.06
$n \rightarrow e^+ \rho^-$	1.1	0.29	0	0.04	36	9.5	3	0.23	6	1.8	1	0.02
Total		4.7	6		47.9	32			11.5	9		

Table 10.1: The comparison of efficiencies, background estimations, candidates and lifetime limits between SK, IMB and KAMIOKANDE. 'BG' is the background estimation for SK, IMB and KAMIOKANDE in 141, 7.6 and 3.79 kiloton-year exposure, respectively. ' N_c ' is the number of candidate. ' τ ' is the partial lifetime limit in 10^{33} years. The efficiencies for SK and KAMIOKANDE are those in SK-I and KAMIOKANDE-II, respectively.