The XMASS experiment



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Introduction to the XMASS

XMASS experiment

- Single phase (scintillation only) liquid Xenon detector : sensitive to e/γ events with very low backgrounds as well as nuclear recoil events
- Large 100 kg fid. mass & 835 kg inner mass (0.8 mφ)
- Pentakis-dodecahedron ← 12 pentagonal pyramids: Each pyramid ← 5 triangle
- 630 hexagonal & 12 round PMTs with 28-39% Q.E.
 - High light yields(13.9 pe/keV) & Large photon coverage (> 62% of inner surface)
 - Low energy threshold : < 5 keV_{ee} (~ 25 keV_{NR}) for fiducial volume and 0.3 keV_{ee} for full volume



diameter

XMASS Collaborator

11 institutes ~40 physicists



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Collaboration meeting at Kobe Univ. in June 2014

History of XMASS-I



PMT Al seal were covered by copper ring and plate to reduce BG as detector refurbishment. After refurbishment, event ~ 5keV is reduced to ~1/10. Now, the 3rd year continuity operation is ongoing. The longest running time among LXe detectors!





This year's physics results

- So far
 - Low mass WIMPs search (PLB 719 (2013) 78)
 - Solar axion search (PLB 724 (2013) 46)
 - Bosonic super-WIMPs search (PRL 113, 121301 (2014))
 - Inelastic WIMP nucleus scattering search (PTEP 063C01 (2014))
- This year
 - Search for annual modulation (arXiv: 1511.04807)
 - Search for double electron capture on ¹²⁴Xe (arXiv: 1510.00754)

Search for annual modulation (1)

- Event rate of dark matter signal is expected to modulate annually due to relative motion of the Earth around the Sun. It would be a strong signature of dark matter.
- The dataset after refurbishment (Nov 2013-Mar 2015) was analyzed.
 - Rejection of noise, Cherenkov and front of PMT event.
 - No e/n separation
- Detector stability was monitored by Co57 calibration. The change of efficiency by the change of light yield was evaluated with the systematic error.
- The observed count rate as function of time was estimated in each energy bin.
- Two kind of analysis was done.
 - Model independent analysis
 - Standard WIMPs search

Sudden drop at the power failure
 purification work
 We continuously circulate the gas for purification



Search for annual modulation (2)

Model independent analysis :

- Annual modulation signal is searched for without any model assumption.
- ✓ 1.1keVee (5keVr) analysis threshold is taken.
- Phase t0=152.5days, period
 T=365.25days, Ai (modulated amplitude) and Ci (unmodulated amplitude) are fitted by :

 $R_{i,j}^{\text{ex}} = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\Delta t_j}^{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t_j} (C_i + A_i \cos 2\pi (t_j - t_0)/T) dt_j$

The difference of two methods are used for analysis. Difference is small.
 No significant modulated signal has been observed.



Method 1 (pull term)

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{l}^{K-bins} \left(\sum_{j}^{t-bins} \frac{(R_{j}^{obs} - R_{l,j}^{pred} - \alpha K_{l,j})^{2}}{\sigma(\operatorname{stat})_{j}^{2}} \right) + \alpha^{2}$$

Method 2 (covariance matrix)

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j}^{E_i + \mathrm{bins}} (R_j^{\mathrm{obs}} - R_i^{\mathrm{pred}}) (V_{\mathrm{stat}} + V_{\mathrm{sys}})_{ij}^{-1} (R_j^{\mathrm{obs}} - R_j^{\mathrm{pred}})$$

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Search for annual modulation (3)

- Standard WIMPs search :
 - Assuming standard WIMP, data is fitted with the following equation:

 $\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{pred}}(E_i, t_j) = C_i + \sigma \times A(m_{\chi}, E_i) \cos 2\pi (t_j - t_0)/T$



The first extensive search against the DAMA region, including electron recoils.

Search for double electron capture on ¹²⁴Xe (1)

| lsotope Natural abundance | ¹²⁴ Xe | ¹²⁶ Xe | ¹²⁸ Xe | ¹²⁹ Xe | ¹³⁰ Xe | ¹³¹ Xe | ¹³² Xe | ¹³⁴ Xe | ¹³⁶ Xe |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 0.095% | 0.089% | 1.9% | 26.4% | 4.1% | 21.2% | 26.9% | 10.4% | 8.9% |

Natural xenon contains double electron capture nuclei as well as double beta decay nuclei
 ¹²⁴Xe 2v double electron capture (ECEC)

¹²⁴Xe (g.s., 0⁺) + 2 e^{-} \rightarrow ¹²⁴Te (g.s., 0⁺) + 2 v_{e} + 2864keV

In the case of 2K-capture, signal is total energy deposition of 63.6keV from atomic X-rays and Auger electrons.

¹²⁶Xe can also undergo 2v ECEC, but this reaction is much slower. (Q=896keV)



Search for double electron capture on ¹²⁴Xe (2)

Signal MC

- X-rays and Auger electrons after 2v 2K-capture are simulated.
- The energy window (56-72keV) is determined so that it contains 90% of the simulated signal.
- Efficiency for signal is 59.7%.

Observed data

- Commissioning run data were analyzed.
- Effective live time is 132.0 days, and fiducial mass of natural xenon is 41kg (It contains 39g of ¹²⁴Xe).
- 5 events remained in the signal region. Main background in this energy region is ²¹⁴Pb (daughter of ²²²Rn) in the detector, and expected number of 214Pb BG events in the signal region is 5.3+/-0.5. No significant excess above background was observed.

• Set the world best lower limit of half-life : $T_{1/2} > 4.7 \times 10^{21}$ years (90%CL).



Future of XMASS

New PMTs for future XMASS



- Surface events can be identified and rejected very effectively by new dome-shaped PMTs.
- TTS(Transit Time Spread) of the new PMT will be improved, and it will result in improvement of Cherenkov BG rejection and position reconstruction using timing.
- Performance test was carried out using the first batch of the new PMTs.
- Reduction of radioactivity in PMT parts was done.

PMT Performance test(1)



- Sensitivity at the side of photocathode was measured as the relative CE(collective efficiency) including QE(quantum efficiency).
 - Put a PMT in the instrument of the figure.
 - Inject laser through a hole out of 4 holes on the cap, which can be turned.
 - Even the worst CE is 80% of CE at top. It may be sufficient for surface BG rejection.
 - The performance of surface BG rejection in future XMASS detectors will be checked using MC.

PMT Performance test (2)

- Measurement of transit time spread
 - Entire photocathode was irradiated by laser through a diffuser.
 - Measured time difference between laser clock and 1pe PMT signal. Compared with current PMT, improved.
 - The performance of Cherenkov BG rejection and position reconstruction using timing in future XMASS detectors will be checked using MC.

diffuser







Summary

Current status

After refurbishment, event rate around ~5keV is reduced by ~1/10. Now, the 3rd year continuity operation is ongoing. The longest running time among LXe detectors.

This year's physics result

- Dark matter search by means of annual modulation due to relative motion of the Earth around the Sun
 - In the model independent analysis, no significant modulated signal has been observed.
 - In the standard WIMP search, DAMA/LIBRA region is mostly excluded by our measurement. It's the first extensive search against the DAMA region, including electron recoils.
- Search for double electron capture on ¹²⁴Xe
 - No significant excess above background was observed.
 - We set the world best lower limit $T_{1/2}(2v2K)>4.7 \times 10^{21}$ years (90% CL).

Future of XMASS

- Performance test of the new PMT for future XMASS was done using the first batch of the PMTs successfully.
- Reduction of radioactivity in PMT parts done.
- Aim to $\sigma_{s_1} < 10^{-46} \text{cm} 2 (> 5 \text{keV})$ for fiducialization.



Characteristics of XMASS

• XMASS : single phase detector

- Large volume and simple structure, operation.
 - 1 ton scale xenon detector, 100kg for fiducial volume.
- Background reduction technique :
 - Self shielding
 - Reconstruction by hit pattern of PMTs
- High light yields & Large photon coverage (15 pe/keV)
 - Low energy threshold (< 5 keVee ~ 25 keVNR) for fiducial volume
 - Lower energy threshold: 0.3 keV for whole volume
- Large Scalability, simple to construct.



Low background technique

(1) BG from detector materials

642 PMTs: We developed new ultra low RI PMT with Hamamatsu. (1/100 of ordinary one).
 OFHC copper: Bring in the mine < 1month after electrorefining (Mitsubishi Material Co.)
 Other materials: All the components were selected with HPGe and ICP-MS. (>250 samples were measured) The total RI level is much lower than PMT BG.

(2) External BG

• gamma and n from rock are sufficiently reduced by a > 4m thickness pure water tank : $\gamma < \gamma$ from PMT, n << 10⁻⁴ /day/kg

•72 20" PMTs for active veto for CR μ



PMT HPGe meas. result

| RI in PMT | Activity per 1PMT(mBq/PMT) |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 238U-chain | 0.70+/-0.28 |
| 232Th-chain | 1.51+/-0.31 |
| 40K-chain | 9.10+/-2.15 |
| 60Co-chain | 2.92+/-0.16 |

(3) Internal BG (in Xenon)

- Radon : Our goal (<10-5 /day/keV/kg)=> 222Rn 0.6 mBq/detector
 - Radon emanation from detector material was measured⁴⁰ with material selection. <15mBq/detector was estimated.
 - Radon concentration in XMASS by Bi-Po coincidence analysis : 8.2+/-0.5mBq.
 - The radon removal system from xenon gas are prepared.
 - Kr : Odregoalife 10-5 9434 / Ketters == (1912)t
 - 5 order of magnitude reduction with 4.7kg/hr processing time was achieved by distillation system.
 - <2^K.7ppte(API9V/SMASasUPEnAstrewrsample1ga9)&aso achieved.
- Water, H2, O2 etc :
 - Worse the optical property of xenon and probability of BG (3T)
 - Xenon gas was passed to hot and room temperature getter to remove these.



total number of PEs x10^3 Distillation tower



Detector response for a point-like source (~WIMPs)



- ⁵⁷Co source @ center gives a typical response of the detector.
- 14.7p.e./keV_{ee} (2.2 for S1 in XENON100)
- The pe dist. well as vertex dist. were reproduced by a simulation well.
- Signals would be <150p.e. exp shape.



The world best background of electron recoils in fiducial volume and reduction for future XMASS



By achieving the ultimate BG caused by pp v BG and utilizing the low threshold, an extensive search for DM signal must be done!