



# The NINJA Experiment and its future prospects

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# **Neutrino oscillation**

### • First experimental result beyond the standard model in the particle physics



v CP violation → matter-dominated universe



Sterile neutrino!?
→ fourth generation dark matter?

## Neutrino physics on sub-multi GeV



Most current and future neutrino oscillation experiments are in this energy region



The uncertainty of v-nucleus is a barrier to the precise measurement of neutrino oscillations.

## **NINJA Experiment**

Neutrino Interaction research with Nuclear emulsion and J-PARC Accelerator

- Precise measurement of neutrino-nucleus cross-sections in Sub-Multi GeV
- Electron neutrino cross-section measurement
- Sterile neutrino search





48 researchers from

# - NINJA



## Merits using nuclear emulsion

- Neutrino-water interactions ← same target as the large water Cherenkov detector
- Low background for  $v_e$  measurement  $\leftarrow$  clear verification of sterile neutrino





The nuclear emulsion has all the essential elements for low energy neutrino study.

# NINJA Physics Run (E71a)

- First measurement of v-multi nucleon interactions
- Exclusive cross-section measurement of ν-water interactions

Neutrino beam exposure :  $4.8 \times 10^{20}$  POT @ 2019-2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Physics Run: E71a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Physics Run(E71b)  $\rightarrow$  2023







## **Emulsion Shifter**



#### Position difference between Moving wall and Fixed wall

### Tracking efficiency (angle dependence) for one film







Each spot corresponds to the time information.

3hold tracks are used.



## **Scintillation Tracker**

2mm position resolution with novel structure of 2cm-width scintillation bar.





The performance (position and angle resolution) of the Scintillation Tracker was as expected.



# NINJA Status of Physics Run(E71a)



#### Connected muon tracks between ECC-BM with ES and ST





## NINJA Status of Physics Run(E71a) Emulsion Scanning



### Neutrino event search and reconstruction

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### Systematic partner track search is performed well.

# NINJA Status of Physics Run(E71a)



 $\mu \rightarrow$  almost consistent, proton $\rightarrow$  deviations are observed.  $\rightarrow$  to be confirmed future

## Recent NINJA results

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Data of charged pion production (backward) in anti-neutrino int. is larger than the MC prediction.
→ Still not fully understood neutrino-nucleus interactions.
Unknown effect in neutrino-nucleon interaction? Secondary interaction in nucleus?

# NINJA Future prospects: heavy water run

Study of neutrino-nucleon interactions without nuclear effect Proposed new physics run in front of T2K NDs





$$= (v_{\mu} - n)$$







Nitrogen-filled chamber → Prevents degradation of D<sub>2</sub>O Actually, a heavy water ECC was installed in T81 (2021).

36,000 heavy water interactions and 31,200 water interactions @2.5x10<sup>21</sup>POT  $\rightarrow$  4,800 ± 230 (v-n) interactions

# NINJA Status of Physics Run(E71b)

Last week, neutrino beam exposure was started (NINJA 2<sup>nd</sup> physics run)



Nov. 8th

#### - NINJA 16 Preparation status Emulsion films for water ECC

Emulsion film coating

#### Refreshable large crystal emulsion



### Film refresh at Nagoya U.

- 20t

Oct. 2th ·



Transport to J-PARC

~1200 emulsion films

**Emulsion film** 



– Nov.81



# NINJA Preparation status

### COP based emulsion film for emulsion shifter

## Hand-made special film with high angle accuracy for emulsion shifter



### **Operation test @B2 floor (Oct. 31th~)**





### Scintillation Tracker

### Repairing of dead channels

#### Repair of dead channels – fiber damage



#### New scintillator bar

ST removed dead channel (light leak from fiber

### Repair of dead channels – fiber inside of GOMI connector

■ There is low light from the edge of fiber in ch92, 156, 157, 163 Because...





#### Operation test @B2 floor (Oct. 27th~)



# NINJA Status of Physics Run(E71b)



500

2023/12/31

2023/12/11 0:00

2023/11/21 0:00

1000

1500

2000

2500

3000

Beam exposure status (this morning)



Last week, neutrino beam exposure was started (NINJA 2<sup>nd</sup> physics run)



## Snowmass2021 process at US



**DPF Community Planning Exercise** 



Ethics Guidelines

Snowmass Report

#### Organization

Snowmass Steering Group Snowmass Advisory Group Frontier Conveners APS DPF Snowmass page Snowmass Early Career

#### Snowmass Frontiers

Energy Frontier Neutrino Physics Frontier

#### Trace: • start

#### Welcome to Snow

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The Snowmass Community Plann COVID-19 pandemic, resumed ful Community Summer Study Works Individual frontiers can be found the activity by signing up to the remenu if you haven't already done The Particle Physics Community F of Particles and Fields (DPF) of the

of Particles and Fields (DPF) of the provides an opportunity for the e document a scientific vision for th partners. Snowmass will define th identify promising opportunities t Snowmass here **WHow to Snow** Prioritization Panel, will take the s

#### Search

### SNOWMASS NEUTRINO FRONTIER: NEUTRINO INTERACTION CROSS SECTIONS (NF06) TOPICAL GROUP REPORT

SUBMITTED TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE US COMMUNITY STUDY ON THE FUTURE OF PARTICLE PHYSICS (SNOWMASS 2021)

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# Future prospect: ESS $\nu$ SB





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## Summary



- Precise measurement of neutrino-water interactions is important for future neutrino oscillation analysis (especially, CC2p2h and  $\nu_e$ CC) and proton information is key to improving the neutrino-nucleus interaction model.
- NINJA has introduced nuclear emulsion to study low-energy neutrino interactions for this purpose.
- The results of neutrino and anti neutrino-iron interactions were reported. We found a discrepancy between data and MC in backward pion production.
- The analysis of the physics run (E71a) is ongoing and we will open the full data set, corresponding to 4.8 x 10<sup>20</sup> POT near future.
- The 2nd physics run (E71b) is just started.
- A new experiment using heavy water ECC is being proposed.
- NINJA-type water ECC will be installed as a ND of ESSvSB project.



## Neutrino multi-nucleon interaction



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## ト**Future prospect :D<sub>2</sub>O target**ル

There is a discussion to further understand v-nucleus interactions, the study of v-nucleon interactions is important.

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Neutrino Scattering Measurements on Hydrogen and Deuterium: A Snowmass White Paper

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 $\frac{\text{Conceptual principle:}}{(v - D_2 O) - (v - H_2 O)} \rightarrow (v - n)$ 

Actually, a heavy water ECC was produced in T81. So, technically feasible. Development of a bubble chamber is being considered in US.

In NINJA, by introducing a heavy water target, we are developing a method to study  $\nu$ -nucleon interactions by analyzing the subtraction between a heavy water events and a water events.

