

Indirect dark matter search using neutrino data recorded by Super-Kamiokande

Thursday 15 September 2016 16:30 (20 minutes)

Super-Kamiokande (SK), a large water Cherenkov detector located underground at the Kamioka Observatory in Japan, can search for weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) by detecting WIMP-induced neutrinos from the Sun and the Milky Way.

An excess of neutrinos from the Sun and Milky Way direction were searched for compared to the expected atmospheric neutrino background.

For the WIMP search from the Sun, data set of 3902.7 live-time days for fully-contained (FC) and partially-contained (PC) events and 4206.7 live-time days for upward-going muon (UPMU) events (collected from 1996 to 2012) were used.

For the WIMP search from the Milky Way, additional data set collected in 2013 and 2014, which in total corresponds to 4223.3 live-time days for FC/PC and 4527.0 live-time days for UPMU events were used.

In these analyses, not only UPMU events but also FC/PC events with interaction vertices in the detector were used to increase the signal acceptances.

We found no significant excess over expected atmospheric-neutrino background and the result is interpreted in terms of upper limits on WIMP-nucleon elastic scattering or WIMP self-annihilation cross sections.

Summary

Super-Kamiokande (SK), a large water Cherenkov detector located underground at the Kamioka Observatory in Japan, can search for weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) by detecting WIMP-induced neutrinos from the Sun and the Milky Way.

An excess of neutrinos from the Sun and Milky Way direction were searched for compared to the expected atmospheric neutrino background.

We found no significant excess over expected atmospheric-neutrino background and the result is interpreted in terms of upper limits on WIMP-nucleon elastic scattering or WIMP self-annihilation cross sections.

In this talk, I will present the result of the indirect WIMP search using neutrino data recorded by SK.

Author: TAKEDA, Atsushi (University of Tokyo)

Presenter: TAKEDA, Atsushi (University of Tokyo)

Session Classification: Dark matter (indirect detection)

Track Classification: Dark matter (indirect detection)