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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

KAMLAND (KAMIOKA LIQUID SCINTILLATOR ANTINEUTRINO DETECTOR)

2009 - 2016

Research Assistant, University of Hawaii at Manoa

- Spearheaded development of novel directional neutrino detection technique in scintillator and demonstrated with data for the first time that this can be applied to conduct indirect dark matter searches in scintillator; first ever physics application of neutrino directionaly in scintillator
- Led unprecedented particle ID capability studies in scintillator using track profile reconstruction techniques using never before observed T2K events spilling into KamLAND
- Was responsible for high energy (≥1 GeV) energy calibration using cosmic ray muons and applying this to neutrino analysis for first time

MINI-TIMECUBE (WORLD'S SMALLEST PORTABLE NEUTRINO DETECTOR)

2009 - 2016

Research Assistant, University of Hawaii at Manoa

- Led development of Geant4 detector simulation with team of 3 undergraduate students to conducted case studies of neutron capture doping agents in solid scintillator. Simulation results were later used to guide overall detector design during construction
- Was responsible for background studies associated with long lived cosmogenic isotopes ⁸He/⁹Li to quantitatively determine effect on detector live time

CUORE (CRYOGENIC UNDERGROUND OBSERVATORY FOR RARE EVENTS)

APR. 2016 - Current

Post-doctoral Scholar, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

- Spearheading development of precision α background modeling in collaboration with a graduate student with goal for further background reduction to cover inverted neutrino mass hierarchy of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in ¹³⁰Te
- Mentored and worked with 2 undergraduate students for investigation of shielding structures to mitigate γ/β backgrounds for next generation $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay searches requiring ultra-low background levels

LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MENTOR, UCLA 2016 - Current

• Taught weekly Geant4 tutorials to 3 PhD students and 3 undergraduate students for 1 semester; students are now able to take on simulation projects of their own and make original contribution

TEACHING ASSISTANT, University of Hawaii at Manoa

2007 - 2009

- Planned classwork and taught 2 weekly undergraduate Physics Laboratory classes of over 20 students each for 3 semesters, received "excellent" reviews
- · Mentored undergraduate students in undergraduate Physics classwork for 2 hours each week for 3 semesters

SKILLS

Human Languages: English (native), Japanese/Korean (trilingual proficiency)
Programming Languages: Proficient in C, C++, Python, Fortran, Mathematica, Bash

Software/Tools: ROOT, GEANT4, PADS, AUTOCAD

EDUCATION

PHD, EXPERIMENTAL NEUTRINO PHYSICS

2016

GPA: 4.0/4.0, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Dissertation: High Energy Neutrino Analysis at KamLAND and Application to Dark Matter Search

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICS

2006

GPA: 4.5/4.5, Sun Moon University, S. Korea

DOUBLE BS, PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS

2005

GPA: 4.3/4.5, Sun Moon University, S. Korea

President's Award 2005, Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Samsung Corp.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

(Tentative) Monte Carlo Tools for Beyond the Standard Model Physics, Durham, UK Invited Talk: Monte Carlo Tools in CUORE	Apr 2018
Argonne National Laboratory	Feb 2018
Seminar: CUORE: A BOLOMETRIC SEARCH FOR LEPTON NUMBER VIOLATION	
Division of Nuclear Physics, Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon University	Oct 2017
Talk: CUORE AND BACKGROUND REDUCTION CASE STUDIES FOR CUPID	
Conference on Science at SURF, South Dakota	May 2017
Invited talk: Status of the CUORE $0 uetaeta$ Decay Search	Ť
Fermilab - Frontiers of Liquid Scintillator Technology	Mar 2016
Invited talk: Particle ID and event reconstruction algorithms in scintillator	
Los Alamos National Laboratory	Nov 2015
Seminar: High Energy Analysis at Kamland and Application to Dark Matter Search	
California Institute of Technology	Nov 2015
Seminar: High Energy Analysis at Kamland and Application to Dark Matter Search	
University of California, Los Angeles	Oct 2015
Seminar: High Energy Analysis at Kamland and Application to Dark Matter Search	
DOE project review, Honolulu, Hawaii	Jul 2015
Talk: High Energy Analysis and Application to Dark Matter Search in Kamland	
Neutrino, Kyoto, Japan	Jun 2012
Poster: Indirect Dark-Matter Detection Through Kamland	
University of Hawaii Campus Open-house	Nov 2010, 2011
Talks: What is a Neutrino?, mini-TimeCube: The World's Smallest Neutrino Detector	
Applied Antineutrino Physics, Sendai, Japan T. Illian D. A. R. Company A. Company A	Aug 2010
Talk: MINI-TIMECUBE: A PORTABLE DIRECTIONAL NEUTRINO DETECTOR	2
DOE project review, Honolulu, Hawaii Talk, Karal AND Surveyore	Sep 2009
Talk: Kamland Summary	Jul 2000
• Fermilab - International Neutrino Summer School	Jul 2009
Talk: Student presentation: How to solve $ heta_{23}$ degeneracy	

PUBLICATIONS

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- [17] J. Kumar, J. G. Learned, M. Sakai, and S. Smith, "Dark Matter Detection With Electron Neutrinos in Liquid Scintillation Detectors," *Phys. Rev.*, vol. D84, p. 036007, 2011.

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