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Status of $KL \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ analysis at J-PARC KOTO

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The purpose of the J-PARC KOTO experiment is to study the $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay.

This rare decay is known as a “golden mode” to search for new physics beyond the Standard Model (SM) because it violates the CP symmetry directly, it is strongly suppressed in the SM ($BR \sim 3 \times 10^{-11}$)[1], and its theoretical uncertainty is small (~2%).

The upper limit of the branching fraction of this decay was given as 2.6×10^{-8} (90% C.L.) by the KEK E391a experiment[2].

In 2013, we had our first physics run for 4 days and achieved a comparable sensitivity as the E391a result.[3]

In 2015, we performed a physics run and collected 20 times the amount of data as that of the 2013 run. The analysis status of the 2015 run data will be presented in this talk.

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Summary

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