Chapter 6

Astroparticle detectors

Similar detectors

Different system configurations

and different difficulties, ie. locations, size

ISS: 400 km

- AMS-02
- CALET
- ISS-CREAM

PAMELA: 600 km

DAMPE: 500 km

Fermi: 550 km

Modern Balloons ~30 km

Kolhörster 9 km

BESS-Polar II launch, McMurdo

IceCube, South Pole

Auger Observatory Argentina

Finding Cosmic Rays

- 1900: Theory: all radiation comes from soil/ground $\rightarrow \sim e^{-h/\lambda}$
- 1908: Wulf (electrometer) measure on ground and Eiffeltower – inconclusive
- 1909: Gockel: Ballon upto 3km – **no decrease** - does it come from the sun?
- 1912: Hess: Balloon up to 5.2km – **radiation increases** - does it come from the sun? Measure also during night and partial eclipse!
- 1914 Kohlhörster up to 9.2km – **radiation increases**
- 1928: Using Geiger counters
- 1931-1933 Compton starts world tour – yes, it is everywhere

Many Discoveries from Cosmic Ray Observations

Particle	Year	Discoverer (Nobel Prize)	Method
e^-	1897	Thomson (1906)	Discharges in gases
p	1919	Rutherford	Natural radioactivity
n	1932	Chadwick (1935)	Natural radioactivity
e^+	1933	Anderson (1936)	Cosmic Rays
$\mu^\pm$	1937	Neddermeyer, Anderson	Cosmic Rays
$\pi^\pm$	1947	Powell (1950) , Occhialini	Cosmic Rays
$K^\pm$	1949	Powell (1950)	Cosmic Rays
π^0	1949	Bjorklund	Accelerator
K^0	1951	Armenteros	Cosmic Rays
Λ^0	1951	Armenteros	Cosmic Rays
Δ	1932	Anderson	Cosmic Rays
Ξ^-	1932	Armenteros	Cosmic Rays
$\Sigma^\pm$	1953	Bonetti	Cosmic Rays
p^-	1955	Chamberlain, Segre' (1959)	Accelerators
anything else	1955 $\implies$ today	various groups	Accelerators
$m_\nu \neq 0$	2000	KAMIOKANDE	Cosmic rays

Cosmic Ray Spectrum

WHAT do we measure?

Particles that reach Earth from space!

Direct measurement:
Balloon, Satellite

Indirect measurement:
detectors on ground

Source 1: Solar Wind

Polar lights

Energy: 1,5-10 keV
Mainly protons

Source 2: Supernova Remnants, Massive Stars, Pulsars

SNR CasA

Energy: 100 MeV (10^8 eV) – 1 PeV (10^{15} eV)
Mainly protons

Source 3: Active galactic nuclei

Direct measurement:
Balloon, Satellite

Indirect measurement:
detectors on ground

Energy: 1 PeV (10^{15} eV) – 1 ZeV (10^{21} eV)
Mainly protons and nuclei

Single Particle Fluxes

Primary cosmic rays:

- Protons ~89%
- He ~10%
- Heavy nuclei (C) ~1%
- e⁻ ~1%

Secondary nuclei (from cosmic ray interactions):

- Traces of e⁺
- Traces of p
- Traces of nuclei

NB.: with special telescopes like x-ray and radio, we see that we have gases in addition to stars

→ Universe = Stars 1.5% + Gas 13.5% + 85% unknown

6.1 Earth based systems

Auger
Magic

Ground Based: Extensive Shower Arrays

Detection principle: use Earth's atmosphere as calorimeter, detect shower particles at observation level (defines energy threshold!).
 → **No/limited particle ID of primary particle!**

The highest energies: 10^{16} eV - 10^{21} eV

Acceptances: can be very high.

Limited by hemisphere and angular dependence of effective area

Techniques:

water **Cherenkov** telescopes, air Cherenkov telescopes, **fluorescence light**, **scintillation** counters, **PMs**, **SiPMs**, **tracking** detectors (drift chambers, Geiger tubes).

Recap: EM & Hadronic Showers

From lecture #10

- Electromagnetic (EM) shower**
 - Only processes: electron-positron pair production and bremsstrahlung
 - Characteristic length scale: radiation length X_0
- Hadronic shower**
 - Electromagnetic, nuclear reactions (partial conversion to binding energy), weak decays (undetected neutrinos)
 - Showers particles: approx. 90% pions, 1/3 each π^+ , π^-
 - $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays initiate electromagnetic sub-shower

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Luminescence in Gases

Mechanism: excitation and ionization, formation of excited/ionized molecules, de-excitation by UV photon emission

- Conversion to visible light by **wavelength shifter** = material with absorption in UV and emission in visible
- High light yield only in **liquid** gases or under **high pressure**

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Auger

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MAGIC

1. Pierre Auger Observatory, La Pampa

Surface detector:
1600 water cherenkov tanks
on a 1.5 km hexagonal grid

Fluorescence detector:
4x6 fluorescence telescopes

Auger– A “Hybrid Detector”

Fluorescence from air N₂ molecules
isotropic emission along shower axis

Limited to dark, moonless nights →
10% duty cycle

Range > 30km (for 1020 eV air
shower)

FD 4 x 6 fluorescence telescopes

Auger Water Cherenkov Detectors

Surface detector station

- Plastic tank
- Reflective tyvek liner
- 12 m³ purified water
- 3 PMTs (9 inches)
- 100% duty cycle

Reminder

Cherenkov Radiation

■ Symmetric polarization

■ No directed dipole moment

Polarization only to back

→ changing dipole moment

→ radiation

FIG. 2: A schematic view of the Cherenkov water tanks, with the components indicated in the figure.

Fluorescence Camera

2. Magic, La Palma

- The telescopes measure **Cherenkov** light images of extended air showers from a target source direction.
 - **Mirror + PM and starting to use SiPMS**
- **Previous: VERITAS & HESS**
- **Next: The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)** is the next generation ground-based observatory for gamma-ray astronomy at very-high energies. With more than 100 telescopes located in the northern (La Palma) and southern hemispheres (Chile).

Limits on ground based detection

Ground based detectors use the Earth's atmosphere as a giant calorimeter.

Achievements: large acceptance (can cover 3000 km² on ground rather cheap),
highest energies accessible (observation level, statistics)

Challenges: Primary Particle ID difficult or impossible
Low energy threshold → need to move to high altitude to access galactic cosmics

→ **Ballons!**

What about galactic
cosmic ray sources?
(lower energies)

..and dark matter?
(lower energies)

What is the composition
of cosmic rays?
(particle ID)

6.2 Balloon, Satellite and ISS based systems

CREAM

ISS CREAM

DAMPE

CALET

AMS

PAMELA

Balloon Experiments in Stratosphere

Detection principle: fly a particle detector in stratosphere with little grammage above top of instrument (“almost primary particles”).

Medium (galactic) energies: 10^{12} eV- 10^{15} eV

Duty cycle: duration of balloon flight (days).

Techniques: Transition radiation detectors, time-of-flight, calorimeters, silicon trackers, ..

Sound familiar?

Material budget limited by maximum payload weight of carrier.

1. CREAM Detector

Cosmic Ray Energetics and Mass (CREAM)

Timing Charge
Detector

Cherenkov
Camera

Silicon Charge
Detector

Carbon
Targets

Calorimeter

Support
Instrument
Package

CREAM-V integration at
Williams field near
McMurdo, Antarctica.

CREAM Flights

How can I improve these measurements?

Table 1
Summary of the six CREAM balloon flights in Antarctica.

	Launch	Termination	Duration
CREAM-I	2004.12.16	2005.1.27	42 days
CREAM-II	2005.12.15	2006.1.13	28 days
CREAM-III	2007.12.19	2008.1.17	29 days
CREAM-IV	2008.12.18	2009.1.7	19 days
CREAM-V	2009.12.1	2010.1.8	37 days
CREAM-VI	2010.12.21	2010.12.26	6 days

Limited statistics

[Advances in Space Research 53 (2014) 1451–1455]

→ ISS-CREAM Pronounced "ice-cream"

Balloon then ISS

SPACE: SATELLITE EXPERIMENTS

A satellite in space with solar panels and Earth in the background. The satellite is complex, with various instruments and solar panels extending from its main body. The Earth's surface is visible below, showing clouds and the curvature of the planet. The background is a deep blue space with some light artifacts.

Detection principle: fly a particle detector in low Earth orbit or on interplanetary missions

Low (galactic) Energies: 10^8 eV - 10^{13} eV

Acceptances: 2×10^{-3} m² sr (PAMELA) - 4 m² sr (ISS-CREAM)

Duty cycle: ~100%

Techniques: Transition radiation detectors, time-of-flight scintillators, calorimeters, silicon trackers, ..

Material budget limited by maximum payload weight of carrier

A Lift from Stratosphere into Space

2. ISS-CREAM (pronounced “ice cream”)

Space based data taking increases measurement time, but simultaneously:

- challenging hardware requirements
 - electronics needs to be ‘radiation’ hard and **redundant**
 - payload **weight** and dimensions need to fit carrier
 - detector operation (EM-radiation) must not interfere with ISS ops
- high costs
- huge imponderables and risks

The Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass experiment for the International Space Station (ISS-CREAM) was launched on board a SpaceX Falcon 9 on August 14th, 2017, installed on the Japanese Experiment Module (JEM) and powered up on August 22nd, 2017.

ISS-CREAM will measure cosmic ray energy spectra from **TeV to PeV**

- **Nuclei spectra** → sources and propagation
- **Secondary/primary ratios** → propagation and interactions
- **Individual isotopes** close to the **knee**

Silicon charge detector (SCD):

- Charge measurement
- Top/bottom counting detector (T/BCD):

- **Plastic scintillator** for e/p sep.
- Independent trigger

Calorimeter (CAL):

- **20 layers tungsten + scintillating fibers**
- Energy measurement up to 1 PeV
- Tracking and trigger

Boronated scintillator detector (BSD):

- Measures thermal neutrons → e/p separation

No magnet

3. CALET – CALorimetric Electron Telescope

All-calorimetric experiment:

- Charge detector (CHD)
- Pre-shower imaging calorimeter (IMG)
- Total absorption calorimeter (TASC) $30 X_0$
- CGBM (CALET Gamma-Ray Burst Monitor)

Japan, Italy, USA

e^+e^- Flux: CALET

CALET CAL: $30 X_0 \rightarrow$ fully contains TeV shower, **E-scale uncert: TBD, but small**
 AMS ECAL: $18X_0 \rightarrow$ contains 70% of TeV shower, **E-scale: 4% uncert. at 1TeV**
 Fermi ECAL: $10 X_0 \rightarrow$ contains 35% of TeV shower, **E-scale: 5% uncert. at 1 TeV**
 HESS: **E-scale: 15% uncert.**

4. DAMPE – DArk Matter Particle Explorer

DAMPE Collaboration:

Purple Mountain Observatory, National Space Science Center, Inst. High Energy Physics, Inst. Modern Physics, University of Science and Technology

Geneva University

Bari, Lecce, Perugia (Universities and INFN)

DAMPE

Dark Matter Particle Explorer successfully launched on December 17, 2015

Satellite

- DAMPE detector, consists of 4 subsystems:
 - the plastic scintillator strips detector (PSD), ← Charge
 - the silicon-tungsten tracker-converter (STK), ← Track & charge
 - the BGO imaging calorimeter (BGO), and ← Energy, $32 X_0$
 - the neutron detector (NUD). ← e/p discrimination

The DAMPE BGO Calorimeter

TABLE II: BGO specifications

Active area	$60 \times 60 \text{ cm}^2$ (on-axis)
Depth	32 radiation lengths
Sampling	$> 90\%$
Longitudinal segmentation	14 layers
Lateral segmentation	~ 1 Moliere radius

BGO ($\text{Bi}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{12}$)
is a high Z, high density scintillation material

Carbon Fiber Structure

BGO crystal installation

PMT installation

Cableing

Cable connector

BGO Calorimeter

MISSIONS AND SELECTED RESULTS (no magnet after AMS!)

Experiment	$e^+ e^-$ (present data)	e^+e^- (energy range)	CR nuclei (energy range)	Charge	Gamma-ray	Type	Launch
PAMELA	$e^+ < 300$ GeV $e^- < 625$ GeV	1-700 GeV (3 TeV with cal)	1 GeV-1.2 TeV (ext. $\rightarrow$ 2TeV)	1-8	-	SAT	2006 Jun 15
FERMI	-	7 GeV -2 TeV	50 GeV-1TeV	1	200 MeV-300GeV GRB 8 keV-35 MeV	SAT	2008 Nov 11
AMS-02	$e^+ < 500$ GeV $e^- < 700$ GeV	0.5 GeV-1 TeV (extendable)	0.5 GV-1.9 TV (extendable)	1-26++	1 GeV-1TeV (calorimeter)	ISS	2011 May 16
NUCLEON	-	100 GeV-3 TeV	100 GeV-1TeV	1-30	-	SAT	2014 Dec 26
CALET	-	1 GeV -20 TeV	10 GeV-1TeV	1-40	10 GeV-10 TeV GRB 7-20 MeV	ISS	2015 Aug 19
DAMPE	-	10 GeV -10 TeV	50 GeV-500TeV	1-20	5 GeV-10 TeV	SAT	2015 Dec 17
ISS-CREAM	-	100 GeV-10 TeV	1TeV-1PeV	1-28++	-	ISS	2017 Aug 14
CSES	-	3-200 MeV	30-300 MeV	1	-	SAT	2018
GAMMA-400	-	1 GeV-20 GeV	1 TeV-3 PeV	1-26	20 MeV – 1 TeV	SAT	2023-25
HERD	-	10(s)- 10^4 GeV	Up to PeV	TBD	10(s)- 10^4 GeV	CSS	2022-25
HELIX	-	-	<10 GeV/n	light isotopes	-	LDB	proposal
HNS	-	-	$\sim$ GeV/n	6-96	-	SAT	proposal
GAPS	-	-	<1GeV/n	p, D	-	LDB	

Future

Atempause

Then AMS

5. AMS-02: The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer 02

- **Volume** 64 m³, height 4 m
- **Weight** 8500 kg
- **Power** 2500 W
- **Data downlink** 9 Mbps (minimum)
- **Magnetic field** 0.15 T (400 x Earth, PAMELA: 0.4 T, but H=44.5 cm)
- **Launch** May 16th, 2011 (Endeavour)
- **Data taking** as of May 19th, 2011
- **Construction** 1999-2010 (>3 PhD generations)
- **Mission duration:** until the end of ISS operation

16th May 2011

19th May 2011

To measure:

■ $\Phi(p) / \Phi(e^+) \sim 10^3-10^4$

■ $\Phi(e^-) / \Phi(e^+) \sim O(10)$

[Hillas 2006,arXiv:astro-ph/0607109 v2]

How to find a positron:
 Among all collected events we need to find the 0.1%-0.01% signal positrons.

Transition Radiation Detector: TRD

	e^-	p	Fe	e^+	$\bar{p}$
TRD	x-rays +ion.	ion.	ion.	x-rays +ion.	ion.

Identifies e^+ , e^-

LEPTON/HADRON SEPARATION WITH THE TRD

Transition Radiation - mechanism

- Charged particles with large Lorentz factor γ : characteristic **transition radiation** when crossing interface between vacuum and dielectric medium (V.L. Ginsburg, I.M. Frank, 1946)

- Physics idea: different electromagnetic fields in vacuum and medium
 → re-organization at boundary: pieces "shaken off" as transition radiation

$$\frac{\vec{v}}{c_{ph}} = \vec{v} \frac{n}{c_0} \text{ leads to Bremsstrahlung or Synchrotron radiation}$$

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- The change is very abrupt $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$!

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20 layer of radiator (fleece) and straw tubes for Xrays ($\sim\text{KeV}$) detection

Time – of Flight: TOF

	e^-	p	Fe	e^+	$\bar{p}$
TRD	x-rays +ion.	ion.	ion.	x-rays +ion.	ion.
TOF	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒

e/p?

Q, β

→ **Charge Q**
→ **Velocity β**

- Remember the goal: separate particles with different mass/velocity at same momentum.
- Time difference of 2 particle at a given momentum p:

$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{c} \left(\frac{1}{\beta_1} - \frac{1}{\beta_2} \right) = \frac{L}{c} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{m_1^2 c^2}{p^2}} - \sqrt{1 + \frac{m_2^2 c^2}{p^2}} \right)$$

$$p \gg m \Rightarrow \frac{Lc}{2p^2} (m_1^2 - m_2^2)$$
- Typical required time resolution for electron-pion-proton separation (momentum: few GeV, distance: 1 m): $\sigma \lesssim 100$ ps (rule of thumb: need separation of better than 3-4 σ for particle ID) → very fast detectors
- TOF is applicable for low energies/momenta only e.g.: Separate π from K with 4 standard deviations, detector: $\sigma = 0.3$ ns ($\Delta t = 4\sigma = 1.2$ ns) →
 - L = 3 m at p=1 GeV/c but already L=12 m at p=2 GeV/c

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2 c^2}{p^2}}}$$

4 scintillator planes (2 above, 2 below magnet)

The TOF provides to AMS-02

- Fast trigger to charged particles through different thresholds
- Time-Of-Flight dT (res $\sim 160\text{ps}$) to determine velocity with few % resolution
- Particle charge Z up to $Z=15$

– Upgoing μ ons discrimination rejection power 10^{-9}

Silicon Strip Tracker and Magnet

	e^-	p	Fe	e^+	$\bar{p}$	
TRD	x-rays +ion.	ion.	ion.	x-rays +ion.	ion.	e/p?
TOF	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	dE/dx 🕒	Q, E
Tracker Magnet						Q, R

→ Charge Q

→ Rigidity $R=p/Z$

9 Silicon planes

Single coordinates resolution
10 μm (bend plane) 30 μm (not-bend plane)

2264 **double-sided** Si micro-strip sensors
For a total of 6.4m² active area
200K readout channels

Channels aligned to 3 μm using

- 20 UV laser (inner tracker)
- cosmic rays (outer planes)

Maximum detectable rigidity ~ 2TeV

- 134 cm diameter collection surface
- 640 4X4 PMTs
- Conical reflector to increase RICH acceptance

Cherenkov Rings

Intensity $\sim Z^2$

Opening Angle $\sim \beta$

- β measurement with a resolution $\sim 0.1\%$ for $Z=1$ particles, and $\sim 0.01\%$ for ions ($Z>1$).
- Particle charge measurement with a charge confusion of the order of 10 % up to $Z=30$

Electromagnetic Calorimeter: ECAL

	e^-	p	Fe	e^+	$\bar{p}$	
TRD	x-rays +ion.	ion.	ion.	x-rays +ion.	ion.	e/p?
TOF	dE/dx ⌚	dE/dx ⌚	dE/dx ⌚	dE/dx ⌚	dE/dx ⌚	Q, β
Tracker Magnet	dE/dx	dE/dx	dE/dx	dE/dx	dE/dx	Q, R
RICH						Q, β
ECAL		had	had		had	E, e/p?
Physik	Transport + production from CRs			Dark Matter		

TRD
TOF
Tracker
TOF
RICH
ECAL

Identify e^+ , e^-
Energy for e^+ , e^-

Particle properties - redundant measurements

- **Lead (58%); Scintillating fibre (33%); Optic glue (9%)**
- **1296 readout cells**
- **18 Layers (17 X_0 , 0.6 λ_{nuc})**
- Volume: 65.8 x 65.8 x 16.7 cm³,

Particle Signatures in AMS

0.3 TeV	e^-	e^+	P	$\bar{\text{He}}$	γ	
TRD						
TOF						
Tracker						
RICH						
Calorimeter						

Operating AMS-02 on the ISS

TRD

- 24 Heaters
- 8 Pressure Sensors
- 482 T Sensors

Silicon Tracker

- 4 Pressure Sensors
- 32 Heaters
- 142 T Sensors

ECAL

- 80 T Sensors

1118 temperature sensors
5 radiators
298 thermostatically controlled heaters

TOF & ACC

- 64 T Sensors

Magnet

- 68 T Sensors

RICH

- 96 T Sensors

Tracker front-end electronics are kept stable to 1°C (optimal performance) radiating ~ 150W to Space

Satellite

a Payload for **A**ntimatter **M**atter **E**xploration and **L**ight-nuclei **A**strophysics

Main requirements → high-sensitivity antiparticle identification

6. PAMELA was launched on 15 June 2006 and was the first satellite-based experiment for the **detection** of cosmic rays, with a particular focus on **positrons and antiprotons**.

Si 'strips' imaging
44 layers
EM calorimeter

GF: 21.5 cm² sr
Mass: 470 kg
Size: 130x70x70 cm³
Power Budget: 360W

Time-Of-Flight
plastic scintillators + PMT:

- Trigger
- Albedo rejection;
- Mass identification up to 1 GeV;
- Charge identification from dE/dX

Electromagnetic calorimeter
W/Si sampling (16.3 X0, 0.6 λl)

- Discrimination e⁺ / p, anti-p / e⁻ (shower topology)
- Direct E measurement for e⁻

Neutron detector
³He Tubes:

- High-energy e/h discrimination

Spectrometer
microstrip silicon tracking system + permanent magnet

It provides:

- **Magnetic rigidity** → $R = pc/Ze$
- **Charge sign**
- **Charge value from dE/dx**

0.43 T permanent magnet
Double sides Si sensors

Chapter 7

Neutrino Detectors

Homestake
SNO
Kamiokande
ICECUBE

Neutrinos - Properties

- Where from?
 - Atmosphere
 - Cosmic Rays, Supernova
 - Sun
 - Collider
 - Reactor
 - Decay
 - Neutrinoless double beta decay
- Cross section
 - Interactions/forces?
 - **What material to interact with?**
 - **Which resulting particles to measure?**
- What do we measure?
 - Just count and compare to theory, e.g. sun CNO cycle
 - Mass
 - Oscillations
 - Disappearance / Appearance

Neutrinos from the Sun [pp chain]

[also: CNO cycle]

Atmospheric neutrino source

I have done a terrible thing, I have postulated a particle that cannot be detected.

W. Pauli

Pauli on β -decay
 $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$

Detection of Neutrinos

Neutron detection only via weak interaction ...

Possible reactions:

Charged Current Reactions:

...

Neutral Current Reactions:

Remark:

Neutral Current νN -interactions not usable due to small energy transfer

Neutrino nucleon x-Section:

[examples]

10 GeV neutrinos: $\sigma = 7 \cdot 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2/\text{nucleon}$

Interaction probability for 10 m Fe-target: $R = \sigma \cdot N_A [\text{mol}^{-1}/\text{g}] \cdot d \cdot \rho = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$
with $N_A = 6.023 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ g}^{-1}$; $d = 10 \text{ m}$; $\rho = 7.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Solar neutrinos [100 keV]: $\sigma = 7 \cdot 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2/\text{nucleon}$

Interaction probability for earth: $R = \sigma \cdot N_A [\text{mol}^{-1}/\text{g}] \cdot d \cdot \rho \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-14}$
with $N_A = 6.023 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ g}^{-1}$; $d = 12000 \text{ km}$; $\rho = 5.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Neutrinos need a **light year of lead** ($\sim 10^{13} \text{ km}$) to be stopped with 50% chance

In HEP detectors $\nu = \text{MET}$

Detection of Solar Neutrinos

Solar Electron Neutrino Problem

Exp: ~ 2.6 SNU
BS05: ~ 8.1 SNU

Exp: ~ 70 SNU
BS05: ~ 126 SNU

Exp: ~ 2.4 SNU
BS05: ~ 5.7 SNU

ν_e only

The solar **neutrino unit (SNU)** is a unit of Solar **neutrino flux** widely used in **neutrino astronomy** 57

1. Homestake (1970-1994)

General Homestake Mine Development

2500m

The Homestake Mine

Water = neutron shield

BROOKHAVEN SOLAR NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY
DRAWN BY A.C. PROCTOR - 7-68-16

Neutrino capture:

Lifetime: 35 days

Detection of ^{37}Ar via e^- -capture [$^{37}\text{Ar}(e, \nu_e)^{37}\text{Cl}$]; $\tau \approx 35$ days results in Auger-electron @ 2.82 keV which after extraction is detected in proportional counter

Experimental details:

- 615 tons of C_2Cl_4
- Threshold: 814-keV threshold
- Bubble He gas through to extract Ar [every 2-3 month]
- Ar trapped in cold trap
- Proportional Counter filled with Ar gas (7% methane)
- Important: ^{37}Cl is 24% abundant.

→ Chlorine for primary interaction
Trap Ar (tens atoms/month) - Ar via Auger e^- in proportional chamber

Figure 15. A summary of all of the runs made at Homestake after implementation of rise-time counting. Background has been subtracted. Over a period of 25 years, 2200 atoms of ^{37}Ar were detected, corresponding to an average solar neutrino flux of 2.56 SNU. The gap in 1986 occurred when both perchloroethylene circulation pumps failed. Based on data from Cleveland *et al.* (1998).

2. Sudbury Neutrino Observatory SNO

- SNO uses heavy water as a target

- Goal to distinguish ν_e and ν_x (Homestake only ν_e)

$e^- \rightarrow$ **Cherenkov light**

$n \rightarrow$ capture ($n+p \rightarrow d$) + $\gamma \rightarrow$ Compton scattering $\rightarrow e^- \rightarrow$ **Cherenkov light**

- Cherenkov light – detection PM

- Ratio of CC/NC $\rightarrow \nu_e$ too low $\rightarrow \nu$ oscillation

The SNO Experiment

- Measurement of ν_e energy spectrum
- Weak directionality: $1 - 0.340 \cos \theta$

- Measure total ^8B ν flux from the sun
- $\sigma(\nu_e) = \sigma(\nu_\mu) = \sigma(\nu_\tau)$

- Low Statistics
- $\Sigma \phi = \phi(\nu_e) + 0.154 \phi(\nu_\mu + \nu_\tau)$
- Strong directionality:

$$\theta_e \leq 18^\circ \quad (T_e = 10 \text{ MeV})$$

3. Super-Kamiokande 1998

Superkamiokande Detector

Electronics trailers

Catching Neutrinos

About once every 90 minutes, a neutrino interacts in the detector chamber, generating Cherenkov radiation. This optical equivalent of a sonic boom creates a cone of light that is registered on the photomultipliers that line the tank. Characteristic ring patterns tell physicists what kind of neutrinos interacted and in which direction they were headed

Control room

Access tunnel (2 km)

12.5 million gallon tank of ultra-pure water

Mountains filter out other signals that mask neutrino detection.

Distance under ground
1.6 km

A few neutrinos interact within the huge tank of super pure water, generating a cone of light

The light is detected by photo sensors that line the tank, and translated into a digital image.

Mt. Ikeno Y

ama

University of Hawaii media graphic

Water tank
1.6 km below ground

50 Million liter
ultra-pure water

1 Neutrino-interaction
every 1.5 hours

Neutrino detection
via Cherenkov light

& many PMs

Mounting of Photomultiplier Tubes

Total: 11,146 20" pmts
1,885 8" pmts

The generated charged particle emits the Cherenkov light.

Direction from cone (with time measurement)

Well, there is quite an error on the direction ...

SK-I: ⁸B Solar Neutrino Flux

→ sun is source of neutrinos

Muon event

[603 MeV]

Observation of clean Cherenkov ring with sharp edges

Flight direction from timing measurements [blue: early; red: late]

Energy from amount of light observed in PMT:

Electron event

[492 MeV]

Observation of Cherenkov ring with fuzzy edge [from e.m. shower]

Flight direction from timing measurements [blue: early; red: late]

Energy from amount of light observed in PMTs

Solar neutrino

[12.5 MeV]

Unusually nice, well-defined

Flight direction from timing measurements [blue: early; red: late]

Energy from amount of light observed in PMTs

Frequency 1/90min

The Sun Shine with Neutrinos!

The sun seen
through the earth
in neutrino light

Also here neutrino oscillations:
Only half ν_μ through earth then
directly from above →
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ during travel

Nobel Prize 2002

Raymond
Davis Jr.
[Homestake]

Masatoshi
Koshiba
[Kamiokande]

Riccardo
Giacconi
[X-Ray Sources]

Finding Extraterrestrial Neutrinos

Water/ice as medium → Cherenkov light → Photomultiplier (PMs)

50 m

Ice Top

IceCube Laboratory
Data is collected here and sent by satellite to the data warehouse at UW-Madison

Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica
A National Science Foundation-managed research facility

1450 m

86 strings of DOMs, set 125 meters apart

Digital Optical Module (DOM)
5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice

2450 m

IceCube detector

DeepCore

DOMs are 17 meters apart

60 DOMs on each string

Antarctic bedrock

IceTop is the veto array for IceCube, and is used for cosmic ray showers. It consists of two Cherenkov tanks above each IceCube string on the surface.

How does IceCube work?

When a neutrino interacts with the Antarctic ice, it creates other particles. In this event graphic, a muon was created that traveled through the detector almost at the speed of light. The pattern and the amount of light recorded by the IceCube sensors indicate the particle's direction and energy.

Neutrinos are not observed directly, but when they happen to interact with the ice they **produce electrically charged secondary particles that in turn emit Cherenkov light**, as a result of traveling through the ice faster than light travels in ice.

Direction/path from time measurement

date: November 12, 2010 duration: 3,800 nanoseconds energy: 71.4 TeV
 declination: -0.4° right ascension: 110° nickname: Dr. Strangepork