Haspide-space WG5 Updates – Florence June 14, 2023

• ESA SPACEMON presentation on May 17, 2023. Possibility to present HASPIDE-SPACE in October at the NASA twin conference (Huntsville, AL) organized by NASA-JPL .



- Paper submission update: major revisions (in progress)
- The referee comments were useful to refine...
- ...the goals for space applications of HASPIDE sensors (trying talking to people of the heliospheric community and space agencies)



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A hydrogenated amorphous silicon detector for Space Weather Applications

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Highlights

- The majority of space missions monitor SEP differential fluxes below 100 MeV
- Deep charging of instruments on board space missions and astronaut dose rate are associated with particles with energies larger than 100 MeV
- We are studying the possibility of building a detector for solar proton observations up to 400 MeV and stellar flaring monitoring by using a:Si-H as sensitive material



Solar activity and overall particle flux

Solar activity (quasi 11-year cycle)

GSMF Polarity effects (quasi 22-year cycle; since 2013 + polarity; next polarity change 2024-2025)



Solar wind:

10⁶ tons/s p, e⁻ 200-800 km/s 6 particles/cm³ near Earth 0.3-5 keV





Singh & Bhargawa Astrophys. Space Sci., 364, 12 (2019)





SEP February 23, 1956 (p) SEP December 13, 2006 (p) SEP December 14, 2006 (p) SEP December 13, 2006 (He)/10⁴ Galactic cosmic-ray protons

GCR and SEP energy distribution



	Solar minimum	Solar maximum	Onset	Peak/Decay
GCR	19%	6%		
SEP 13/12/2006			90%	98% (peak)
SEP 14/12/2006			99%	100% (decay)
SEP 23/2/1956			25%	99.5% (peak)

Proton percentage below 400 MeV



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SEP flux measurements above 100 MeV

- BepiColombo/BERM protons up to about 200 MeV
- HEPD/CSES-01 protons up to 250 MeV (near Earth)
- SEISS/GOES protons up to 500 MeV (near Earth)
- SOHO/EPHIN protons up to 700 MeV (L1)
- Solar Orbiter/HET protons up to 1 GeV? (within 1 au no on soar)
- AMS-02 on board the Space Station protons > 450 MeV/n (near Earth)



An a:Si-H detector for solar activity monitoring

- We aim to set the characteristics of a detector for long-term monitoring of medium-intense solar proton events (>10⁷ protons cm⁻² > 30 MeV) with an uncertainty smaller than 30%
- This detector can be also considered for soft/hard X-ray and solar electron observations



October 28, 2021 SEP event - I – communicate with the heliospheric communities

Papaioannu et al., A&A, 660, L5, 9pp (2021)



Fig. A.1. A view of the ecliptic plane from solar north showing the positions of various spacecraft on 28 October 2021 at 15:15 UT. The Parker spirals are shown for each spacecraft. From the Solar MAgnetic Connection Haus tool (https://solar-mach.github.io/).



Fig. A.2. Energetic particle recordings of GLE73 in the near Earth space, (from top to bottom) 5-min averaged GOES/SEISS differential fluxes; SOHO/ERNE fluxes and SolO/HET measurements including the recordings of the SolO/HET/BCB-counter.



October 28, 2021 SEP event - II

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October 28, 2021 SEP event - III

- Small/large blue dots: data gathered in space up to 100 MeV with Solar Orbiter. Orange squares: neutron monitor data.
- The blue curve is the best fit with data up to 100 MeV.
- The red curve is the best fit with data up to 400 MeV-> SEP monitoring in space, far from Earth should be monitored up to minimum energies of 400 MeV.
- Dashed lines GCR protons





C. Grimani et al., CQG, 26, 26, 15004 (2009)



Some other events

- SGR 1900+14 : August 27, 1998 at 12.5 kpc from Earth, total hard X-ray and soft gamma emission of 2x10⁴⁴ erg.
- SGR 1806-20 at 8.7 kpc from Earth was observed on 27 dicembre 2004.
- Energy most likely beamed

GRBs and magnetar flaring

- Continuous X-ray emission characterized by a few second periodicities and a luminosity of 10³⁵-10³⁶ erg s⁻¹ in the range 1-200 keV.
- Flaring 0.1-1 s (first phase 0.2 s)
- In general magnetars emit 10³⁹-10⁴² erg s⁻¹ even though the emission may reach 10⁴⁴ erg s⁻¹ and the total energy vary between 10⁴⁴ a 10⁴⁶ erg
- These emissions are weak with respect to extragalactic GRBs (> 10⁵¹ erg)

Comparison of near-Earth X solar flaring to the March 5th event @ 1 kpc distance



Hurley et al., Nature, vol. 434, 28 April 2005

HASPIDE-SPACE

a-Si:H detector present sensitivity: improvements are expected and necessity of presenting results in the same units

 \rightarrow photons: by considering the 3-40 keV energy interval the minimum detectable flux lies well below expected solar flux

 \rightarrow electrons: by considering electrons with energies > 50 keV signal barely noticeable (S/N 1.8): **no from** simulations

 \rightarrow protons: using the whole spectrum we obtain thousands of protons per second as minimum detectable signal

M. Menichelli et al., arXiv:2211.17114 submitted to Instruments C. Grimani et al., arXiv: 2302.00339, submitted to Astroph. Sp. Sc.



Detection limits at 5σ for monochromatic photon fluxe
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Photon Energy [keV]	Minimum detectable flux $[\gamma/({\rm cm^2~sr~s})]$
3.0	$2.4 \cdot 10^3$
5.0	$3.8 \cdot 10^3$
10.0	$10.2 \cdot 10^3$
15.0	$20.2 \cdot 10^3$
20.0	$33.0 \cdot 10^3$
25.0	$47.8 \cdot 10^3$
30.0	$79.8 \cdot 10^3$
35.0	$150.0 \cdot 10^3$
40.0	$237.0 \cdot 10^3$

Detection limits at 5σ for monochromatic proton fluxes.

Proton Energy $[MeV]$	S/N = 1 Flux [p (cm ² sr s) ⁻¹]
5.0	$0.4 \cdot 10^3$
$\begin{array}{c} 10.0\\ 20.0 \end{array}$	$0.5 \cdot 10^3$ $1.0 \cdot 10^3$
50.0	$1.5 \cdot 10^3$
100.0	$3.5 \cdot 10^3$
$200.0 \\ 400.0$	$5.0 \cdot 10^3$ 10.0 \cdot 10^3

Optimization of a a:Si-H detector

- a:Si-H active material and tungsten as passive material
- CSDA proton range in tungsten (Z=74)
- Tungsten density: 19.25 g/cm³
- Geometrical factor 0.5 cm² sr (single sensor) about 1 kg detector (minimum) depending on the material in the region between the sensitive detectors to detect up to 400 MeV protons

Energia	CSDA range	Range	Massa
300 MeV	99.33 g/cm^2	5.16 cm	2.5x2.5 → 620 g 2.0x2.0 → 397 g 1.5x1.5 → 223 g
350 MeV	127.1 g/cm^2	6.60 cm	2.5x2.5 → 795 g 2.0x2.0 → 508 g 1.5x1.5 → 286 g
400 MeV	156.8 g/cm^2	8.15 cm	2.5x2.5 → 979 g 2.0x2.0 → 627 g 1.5x1.5 → 353 g



HASPIDE-SPACE preliminary simulations with Fluka

75% of protons fully contained @ 400 MeV



Array 5×5 silicon detectors between two kapton foils on 5 layers, the front plane area is 4.8 cm²

3.6-4 eV are needed to generate an electron-hole pair Charge collection efficiency: 30-80%



Contraction

Particle containment

- Photons from 5 keV through 100 keV
- Electrons from 100 keV through 1 MeV

Pass the first layer only and arrive at different times: photons within minutes, electrons in not less than tens of minutes and protons in hours (order of magnitude) from flaring.

Fund requests 2024

- No HW further requests
- Travel money (support)
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