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## Detector Techniques for Cosmology, Astroparticle and General Physics Poster Review



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## The Tunka Radio Extension Radio Detection of Air Showers in Siberia

Frank G. Schröder for the Tunka-Rex Collaboration





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detectors

PMT and

local DAQ

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# **Tunka-Rex**

- Cost-effective antenna array at Tunka experiment for cosmic rays in Siberia
- Cross-calibration of Radio and air-Cherenkov signal





## TITUS : An Intermediate Detector for the Hyper-K Experiment

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Tokai-to-Hyper-K Experiment

Leptonic CP violation can be established at  $3\sigma$  ( $5\sigma$ ) for 76% (58%) of  $\delta_{CP}$  space. New near detectors are needed to maximise physics potential of the T2HK beam programme.

# TITUS Detector Concept



#### A proposed Water Cherenkov Near Detector Main features:

- 2km from the neutrino beam source to match the far detector flux.
- Identical target nucleus and detector technologies as the far detector to maximise the cancelation of systematic uncertainties.
- Neutron tagging by capture on Gadolinium.
- Magnetised Muon Range detector for sign selection and measure escaping muons.

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## Muon Range Detector

A magnetised iron-scintillator sandwich

- measure momentum of escaping muons.
- allows sign-selection.
  - in-situ validation of the neutron capture technique



Please find my poster if you would like to know more!



**David Hadley** on behalf of the TITUS working group

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## STErile Reactor nEutrino Oscillation



- Sensibility cover 99% of the C.L. contour of the RA
- L0 = 10.0 m
- Thresold : E<sub>prompt</sub>>2 MeV | E<sub>delayed</sub>>5 MeV
- Efficiency 60% | ΔEscale = 2% | FoM = 1.2 | S/B = 1.5
- All syst. of predicted spectra
- Norm: 3.7% absolute | 1.7% relative between cells





#### Search for sterile neutrinos at the ILL Reactor (inverse beta decay method)



## Prototype cell

Development of reflective plates (increase the light collection (bot/ up effect))





Caroline Lahonde-hamdoun



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Ultra-Sensitive -Ray Spectroscopy Set-Up for Investigating Primordial Lithium Problem

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To precisely determine BBN <sup>6</sup>Li production, the cross section of the nuclear reaction  ${}^{2}H(\alpha,\gamma){}^{6}Li$  must be directly measured within the astrophysical energy range of 30 - 400 keV. This measurement requires an ultra-low -ray background. We have realized these conditions at LUNA, in the INFN Gran Sasso National Laboratory (LNGS), Italy.



Experimental setup, as seen from the side. The central chamber of the windowless gas target is seen near the center of the plot

#### LUNA2 400 kV accelerator



Mostly of the remaining  $\gamma$ -ray background seen in the spectra are coming from the energetic deuterons scattered in the gas target by the beam. Thanks to the low neutron environmental background at LUNA, the effect of this weak flux of 2-3 MeV neutrons on HpGe detectors has been studied in details and the results are presented and discussed.



Spectra taken with the HpGe (130% efficency). Blue line: in-beam spectrum at E = 400 keV, pTarget= 0.3 mbar, laboratory background subtracted. The quantity plotted is the counting rate. Black line: Laboratory background. The most important in-beam lines due to (n,n') and (n, $\gamma$ ) processes on structural and shielding materials are marked with arrows, and the relevant target nuclide is given, as well as the gamma-ray energy in keV.

# The POLIS interferometer for ponderomotive squeezed light generation

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## Project to realize a completely suspended low frequency independent

#### ponderomotive squeezer in the low frequency range

#### moving from the pioneers' work made in the LIGO laboratory at the MIT

[*Corbittetal*. Phys.Rev.A 73 (2 Feb. 2006), p. 023801]

and

taking the advantage of the available Virgo Super Attenuator Facility at EGO, SAFE to control the main noises source in the low frequencies range





# The POLIS interferometer for ponderomotive squeezed light generation

#### **Ponderomotive Squeezing:**

large squeezing values *without use* high laser power and/or very high cavity finesse *requires* very small suspended mirrors mass

very critical point is the mass suspension, suspension and coating thermal noise

# higher chance of success:

A relative large mass allows us to use the available well consolidate technologies of Virgo to control the low frequency noise



#### Low value of mass

• Large optical Spring resonance (frequency independent squeezing Band)

# High value of mass

 ease of construction;
 ease to sense and actuate motion;
 use commercial size



Maximum equivalent interferometer noise on the differential mode in order at least to reach the non-squeezed noise level.

In case of **7 db of squeezin**g

(taken as *realistic value* due to losses) the **interferometer sensitivity limit** is 10<sup>-15</sup> m/sqrt(Hz) @ 10 Hz and 10<sup>-17</sup> m/sqrt(Hz)@100 Hz.

These requirements can be fulfilled by careful design of the interferometer.



Thermal noise reduction

## The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope Corner Raft Readout Electronics

### LSST in a Nutshell

- The telescope will be located in **northern Chile**.
- The LSST is an integrated survey system designed to conduct a decade-long, deep, wide, fast timedomain survey of the optical sky. It consists of an 8-meter class wide-field ground based telescope, a 3.2 Gpix camera, and an automated data processing system.
- The LSST will enable a wide variety of complementary scientific investigations, utilizing a common database and alert stream. These range from searches for small bodies in the Solar System to precision astrometry of the outer regions of the Galaxy to systematic monitoring for transient phenomena in the optical sky. LSST will also provide crucial constraints on our understanding of the nature of dark energy and dark matter.







## The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope Corner Raft Readout Electronics





Corner Raft Tower includes all electronic for a 48 channel CCD controller with a 18bit video chain (@500kHz pixel clock per channel)





# The EEE Project: an extended network of muon telescopes for the study of cosmic rays

M.P.Panetta on behalf of the EEE Collaboration

#### The EEE (Extreme Energy Event) Project

An array of more than 40 muon telescopes to study High Energy Extensive Air Showers

The stations are installed inside Italian high school buildings, INFN sections and at CERN, spread over a area of 3 x 10<sup>5</sup> km<sup>2</sup>

#### The EEE Telescope

- 3 Multi Resistive Plate Chambers (MRPC) for particle tracking – each with 24 readout strips
- A 6-fold coincidence of both strip ends of the 3
   MRPCs generates the data acquisition Trigger
- GPS UNIT gets the event time stamp to synchronize informations from different telescopes
- VME BRIDGE. DAQ connected to a PC via USB
   ...

**The particle impact point is reconstructed** by the hit strip (x) and **by the difference of signal arrival times** at the strip ends (y) **measured by TDCs** 

The EEE telescopes have been independently taking data since several years, and have been able to produce significant scientific outcomes:

search of coincidences, study of cosmic rays flux, ...

## RUN 1

#### <u>23 February 2015 – 30 April 2015</u>

For the first time 35 telescopes have been contemporaneously taking data. Data are transferred and stored to CNAF where events and tracks are analyzed:

#### 4 x 10 9 GOOD TRACKS have

been collected



45 days RUN 1





At the present, data transfer to CNAF, allowing a direct way to store and access all data, makes it easier to analyse contemporaneously all the EEE network results



Extensive Atmospheric Shower (EAS) Detection: Muon coincidences detected (5.4 +/-  $1.0 \sigma$ ) by stations placed at 1.2 km distance



#### Forbush decrease observations:

Muon rates averaged on 6 EEE telescopes (red), Neutron rates (blu)

#### **Upgoing tracks**

Most of them might be electrons from  $\mu$ -Decay







#### **Distance Correction**

Distance correction reduces background due to accidental coincidences (S/N and  $\sigma$ ) These corrections are important for High Energy EAS research among faraway telescopes (>2km) since coincidences peak width is proportional to  $\Delta L$ .

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# The Archimedes Experiment

P. Puppo<sup>3</sup> for Archimedes' collaboration



## From the cosmological constant problem:

why does vacuum energy exibit a gravitational contribution enormously lower than the predicted one? Does vacuum gravitate or not?



#### Cuprates are «natural» stacks of Casimir cavity



- The cuprate, when makes the transition, has parallel superconducting planes separated by dielectric planes.
- These planes expel part of the vacuum energy due to the increased reflectivity.

#### The Vacuum Weight

- The Casimir effect is a <u>macroscopic</u> manifestation of vacuum fluctuations.
- If the vacuum «weights» then there is a force, directed upward, equal to the weight of the modes expelled from the cavity when it becomes superconducting.



## Expected force 10<sup>-16</sup> N

### How to measure it?

- The idea is to weigh a <u>rigid Casimir cavity</u> when the vacuum energy is modulated by changing the reflectivity of the plates.
- High Tc layered superconductors as natural multi Casimircavities
- High variation of Casimir energy at the transition → Taking advantage from the fact that in normal state the plane (that will become superconducting) is a very poor conductor

#### **The Experiment**

- Seismically isolated balance
- Temperature modulation around Tc
- Balance tilt possibly read with an optical lever



#### Signal and Sensitivity for Archimedes)

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# The Advanced Virgo monolithic fused silica suspension



<u>P. Puppo<sup>3</sup> for the monolithic suspension team</u> INFN Roma







## Monolithic suspensions of the Advanced Virgo Mirror

- Double pendulum system;
- 40 kg mirror suspended with fused silica fibers;
- new wire clamping with the upper stage, silica-steel interface at the level of the upper stage;
- new ears and wire upper and lower T-clamps;





#### **Thermal Noise Calculation with FEM**

#### Details in the poster

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# Daniel Krasnický (on behalf of AEgIS collaboration [1]) INFN - Sezione di Genova, Via Dodecaneso 33, 16146 Genoa, Italy

AEgIS is an experiment located at the Antiproton Decelerator at CERN whose goal is to measure gravitational acceleration g of cold antihydrogen to 1% precision.

We show:

- The experiment overview
- The detector scheme for the gravity measurement
- The importance of a micron precise pos. sensitive detector
- Use of nuclear emulsions in vacuum for high precision annihilation vertex measurement







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# **Test of Weak Equivalence Principle on Antimatter in AEgIS**

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## Proof-of-principle measurement of Lorentz force on antiprotons

- Nuclear emulsion was coupled to two small moiré deflectometer gratings with 40μm grating pitch
- Slow (100keV) antiproton beam passed through the deflectometer
- A Lorentz force of the order of 500aN was measured by observing a 9.8 µm shift of the antiproton pattern with respect to an undeflected light pattern.



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# Possible usage of Cherenkov photons to reduce the background in a <sup>136</sup>Xe neutrinoless double-beta decay experiment



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The main background to<sup>136</sup>Xe nutrinoless double-beta decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ ) is the signal from Compton scattering of photons with energy around the decay end point at 2.458 MeV.

This can be reduced by self-shielding. Another proposed method is tagging the daughter barium nucleus. This is an extremely challenging task and, although feasible, presently suffers from very low efficiency.

Xenon scintillates at 178 nm (VUV) but liquid xenon is extremely transparent to ultra violet light.

We studied the possibility to distinguish 1-electron Compton background from 2-electron  $0\nu\beta\beta$  by combining scintillation and Cherenkov light amount (2 electrons go below threshold faster) and topology (two electron events are more symmetric).



A simple simulation of a cylindrical detector read out by alternating SiPM sensitive to scintillation or cherenkov light only show that in a 2D plane one electron and two electron events cluster in different regions.



#### Cherenkov vs scintillation yield and topology

The plots below show the difference in Cherenkov light yield above 200 nm for one and two electrons cases. In the 2D plot a simple topological variable (the ratio of the centroid of Cherenkov vs scintillation light) is plotted against the ratio of scintillation/Cherenkov emitted photons. It is clear that a cut in this plane is effective in distinguishing the signal from the background.



The background from a single site Compton electron has both more Cherenkov light and a less symmetric shape. The cut in figure, for instance, retains 75% of the signal events by rejecting 90% of the background

# **Phase camera experiment**

## (for Advanced Virgo)



Kazuhiro Agatsuma, Martin van Beuzekom, Mesfin Gebyehu, Laura van der Schaaf, Jo van den Brand



We report on a **frequency selective wave front sensor** used for monitoring **sidebands** and **aberrations** in a gravitational wave detector

- Heterodyne detection
- Scanning wave front with pin-hole PD





We have developed a prototype phase camera and are checking integrated performance Expected sensitivity is better than 2 nm

## Installation in Advanced Virgo



**Advanced Virgo** is a gravitational wave detector in Pisa





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# **Fermilab**

# Experimental study of breakdown electric fields in liquid argon Roberto Acciarri - Fermilab



#### Study of breakdown electric field in liquid argon as a function of argon electronegative contamination level, cathode-anode distance and electrode size.

- Motivation: dielectric strength of liquid argon not precisely determined, yet its value is crucial for the design of the next generation liquid argon neutrino and dark matter detectors.
- An electrode sphere-plate geometry was implemented using spheres with diameters of 1.3 mm, 5.0 mm, and 76 mm.
- The cathode-anode distance was varied from 0.1 mm to 25 mm.
- > Each set of measurements was repeated at different liquid argon contamination levels, ranging from 1.5 parts-per-million of  $O_2$  equivalent to less than 100 parts-per-trillion.

#### Breakdown test setup



## (some of the) Results

#### Average breakdown E-field



- ✓ A dependence of the breakdown E-field on liquid argon electronegative contamination level is mostly evident with the 1.3 mm probe. Similar dependence is not clearly visible for the other probes.
- A stronger dependence of the E field on the probe size becomes evident when comparing these results with studies present in literature, conducted at a variety of argon contamination levels and electrode sizes (*relative plot present in the poster*).

#### E-field vs stressed cathode area



✓ Defining <u>stressed cathode area</u> as the area of the probe with E-field above 80% of the max E-field, a clear dependence of the breakdown E-field on the stressed area is observed for all the probes.

- ✓ This is the first time such dependence is shown for liquid argon.
- ✓ The observed geometric effects are of critical importance in the design of LArTPC detectors for future neutrino experiments, where drift distances on the scale of meters are required.

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Max-Planck-Institut für Physik (Werner-Heisenberg-Institut) Evaluation of PMT Candidates for CTA







# Evaluation of PMT Candidates for CTA



(Werner-Heisenberg-Institut)

Gain Measurement:



#### Pulse Width (FWHM of Signal): ×10<sup>-9</sup> ET Enterprises D569/3SA 8dynode Width (FWHM) [sec] 3.6 ET Enterprises D573KFLSA 7dynode Hamamatsu R12992-100 7dynode 3.2 **CTA requirement:** 2.8 3.0 ns @40k Gain Pulse / 2.6 2.4 ×10<sup>3</sup> 2.2 90 100 30 50 60 80 Gain

### Probability of Afterpulses:



#### Transit Time Spread:



# EUSO-Balloon: the first flight

#### V. Scotti\* and G. Osteria\* for the JEM-EUSO collaboration \* INFN of Naples



JEM-EUSO is a new type of observatory which aims to study the Extreme Energy Cosmic Rays, EECR (E > 5×10<sup>19</sup> eV), which are the most energetic component of the cosmic radiation.

JEM-EUSO telescope will observe fluorescence and Cherenkov **UV** photons generated by Extensive Air Showers (EAS) created by EECR.



**EUSO-Balloon** is a pathfinder mission developed by the JEM-EUSO collaboration: a balloon-borne instrument designed to fly to an altitude of 40 km.

- Technology demonstrator: full scale test of JEM-EUSO's key technologies
- Trigger studies
- UV background studies
- Observation of artificial calibrated sources
- 1<sup>st</sup> detection of EAS by looking down from the edge of space



## EUSO-Balloon: the first flight

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Preliminary measured UV background map compared with the positions of man-made visible lights observed by satellites

laser energy and direction,

monitor sensitivity to EASs

# **Francesca Bisconti for the JEM-EUSO Collaboration**



Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

- Designed for the International Space Station
- First instrument able to observe an area ~10<sup>5</sup> km<sup>2</sup>
- Full-sky observation

## Scientific objectives

- Detection of UV photons of fluorescence and Cherenkov light from extensive air showers
- A high statistics measurement of the trans-GZK spectrum
- Identification of sources and source regions

## **JEM-EUSO** prototypes

EUSO-Balloon

30 km altitude, first flight from Timmins, Canada in August 2014

**EUSO-TA** •

> Telescope Array site, Utah (USA) First campaigns in March and May 2015







# EUSO-TA prototype telescope

Francesca Bisconti for the JEM-EUSO Collaboration

## **EUSO-TA** objective

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Validation of the JEM-EUSO prototype

- Calibration with Central Laser Facility and Electron Light Source
- Cross-calibration with TA fluorescence detectors through comparison of noise and signal
- Observation of extensive air showers triggered by TA

## **Sensors for the Photon Detection Module**









Development of a super-resolution optical microscope for directional Dark Matter search experiment Andrey Alexandrov (INFN-Napoli) on behalf of the NEWS collaboration

- NEWS Nuclear Emulsion Wimp Search experiment will use a novel technique for DM search with a capability of detecting the directionality of recoils
- Nuclear emulsion advantages:
  - High density, ~4 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (acts both as a target and a tracking detector)
  - Extreme spatial resolution (limited by a crystal size, few tens of nm)
  - No electronics is required in target area during the exposure
- Nano Imaging Tracker (NIT) new emulsion type available:
  - Extremely low fog level (the number of thermally excited crystals)
  - Not sensitive to electrons
  - 20 nm crystal size, ~29 crystals/μm under testing
- The goal of the presented R&D is to build a microscope capable of detecting 100nm-long recoil tracks in NIT emulsions and measuring their direction
- Problem: resolution of optical microscopes is limited by diffraction (to approx. 200 nm) -> Grains are not resolved and a track is seen as a single spot (a cluster)





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- Though the individual grains are not resolved the track's shape becomes elliptical while images of fog grains remain circular
- Use elliptical fit to detect direction and select track candidates
- Angular resolution by elliptical fit = 235 mrad = 13°
- Developed Ag grains are not spherical -> scattered light is polarized -> grain brightness changes with polarizer rotation
  - Position accuracy = 10.5 nm
- By analyzing images of one and the same track under different polarization angles it is possible not only distinguish tracks from fog grains but also to isolate individual grains inside the track!
- With the use of Elliptical Fit and Polarization Analysis the detection of 100nm-long tracks is possible!



#### A simple technique for gamma ray and cosmic ray spectroscopy using plastic scintillator

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#### Summary



- Gamma ray and cosmic ray muon pulse height spectroscopy has been done without using SCA or MCA.
- Only scintillator detector, a leading edge discriminator and a NIM scaler have been used in this technique.
- Gamma ray spectrum has been obtained for Co<sup>60</sup> and Cs<sup>137</sup> sources.
- Proportionality in energy and pulse height has been observed.
- The energy resolution for the detector has been found to be 9.3% and 7.6% for the Co<sup>60</sup> 1.17 MeV and 1.33 MeV peak respectively and 10.2% for 662 keV peak of Cs<sup>137</sup>.
- Cosmic ray spectrum has been obtained and fitted with Landau distribution.
- MPV increases exponentially with applied voltage to the PMT.
- Although the energy resolution is not so good but still using plastic scintillator detector gamma spectroscopy and cosmic ray muon pulse height spectroscopy can be done. Main drawback of this technique is that this process is time consumable and may not be useful for real experiment; however, this process is very useful and can be applied for laboratory measurement where MCA or SCA are not available.

## Results



Co<sup>60</sup> spectrum, a curve of count per minute as a function of pulse height



Cs<sup>137</sup> spectrum, a curve of count per minute as a function of pulse height



## Energy vs. pulse height Calibration curve



Energy resolution as a function of 1/VE





Cosmic ray spectrum

MPV as a function of the applied voltage.



#### A scintillating bolometer array for double beta decay studies: the LUCIFER experiment



Luca Gironi on behalf of the LUCIFER collaboration

#### The Low-background Underground Cryogenics Installation For Elusive Rates (LUCIFER)

The LUCIFER setup will consist of an array of 30 individual module detectors, arranged in a tower-like structure installed underground in the Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso. Each module will be composed by a ~0.5 kg enriched (95%) ZnSe scintillating crystal equipped with a Ge-crystal light detector operated as bolometers at ~10 mK. The goal of Lucifer is to reach sensitivity of few  $10^{25}$  y for the search of the neutrinoless double beta decay and to be a demonstrator for a background free experiment.





#### A scintillating bolometer array for double beta decay studies: the LUCIFER experiment



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#### ZnMoO4

Successful R&D pursued within LUCIFER with Mobased compound before choosing ZnSe.

Isotope	Q-value	i.a.
$^{100}$ Mo	$3034\mathrm{keV}$	9.6 %



They demonstrate the very appealing possibility to discriminate particle through pulse shape analysis on the heat channel.

Background reduction without a double readout.

#### 2vDBD of <sup>100</sup>Mo

The large statistics collected during the operation of a ZnMoO<sub>4</sub> array, for a total exposure of 1.3 kg day of <sup>100</sup>Mo, allowed the first bolometric observation of the 2vDBD of <sup>100</sup>Mo. The analysis of coincidences between the crystals allowed the assignment of constraints to the intensity of the different background sources, resulting in a reconstruction of the measured spectrum down to an energy of ~300 keV.



$$^{2\nu}_{/2}$$
 (<sup>100</sup> Mo ) = [7.15 ± 0.37 (*stat* ) ± 0.66 (*syst* )]×10<sup>-18</sup> y

Crystal mass (g)	Anticoincidence	Coincidence
247	$509 \pm 26$	$4.4 \pm 0.2$
235	$472 \pm 24$	$5.4\pm0.3$
329	$661 \pm 34$	$6.2 \pm 0.3$

Number of events from the  $2\nu$ DBD of  $^{100}$ Mo in the anticoincidence spectrum and in the coincidence spectrum for each crystal.



# So have a nice poster session !!

