# IN ICE NEUTRINO RADIO DETECTION PROJECTS

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### Cosmic Ray spectrum

#### Acceleration to 10 <sup>21</sup>eV? ~ 100 Joule ~ 0.01 M<sub>GUT</sub>









End of spectrum The GZK-limit at 5\*10<sup>19</sup>eV (Greisen–Zatsepin– Kuzmin, theoretical *limit*) **GZK-neutrinos** ("cosmological")

pdg.lbl.gov/2013/.../rpp2012-rev-**cosmic-rays**.pdf

### The proton horizon

• Protons interact with CMBR

With 10<sup>20</sup> eV energy, <u>protons</u> do not reach us from beyond our local supercluster, (about 50 Mpc) because of their small mean free path in the CMBR

Photon range also limited due to background radiation



# **GZK Neutrinos**

- Flux depends on cosmic-ray spectrum & composition
- v energy spectrum probes cosmic evolution out to redshift ~ 3-5
  - As redshift increases, the cosmic microwave photons are more energetic
    - Protons interact at lower energies.
- v spectrum peaks just below  $10^{19} \text{ eV} (v_e, v_\mu)$ with a 2<sup>nd</sup> peak at  $10^{16} \text{ eV} (v_e)$ 
  - All experiments focus on higher energy peak)
- v from  $\pi$ ,K decay have  $v_e:v_{\mu}:v_{\tau} = 1:2:0$ 
  - Oscillations alter this to a nearly 1:1:1 ratio





Figure 4. Contribution of different redshifts to the cosmogenic neutrino flux at  $10^{16}$ ,  $10^{18}$ , and  $10^{20}$  eV.

1 + Z



CR Composition, Cosmic evolution,  $\gamma$  constraints..... Different predictions Predicted event rates/mass low  $\rightarrow$  Need large mass detector  $\rightarrow$  100 km<sup>3</sup>

#### Measure Neutrino Cross-Section at Extreme Energy



#### With a sufficient number GZK neutrinos,

the cross-section can be determined from events just under the horizon. Could indicate new physics. Figs from S. Klein et al. arXiv 1304:4891

#### More exotics:

If neutrinos would be superluminal

 $\rightarrow$  cut-off in energy spectra

Fig from P. Gorham et al.

arXiv 1207:6425



Detection mechanism proposed by G. Askaryan (1962): Measure the coherent RF signal generated by neutrino interaction in dielectric media (such as ice)



### Radio detector?

#### G.A. Askaryan JETP 14 (1962) 441 G.A. Askaryan, At. Energ., vol 3/8 (1957) 152

in ice :  $\lambda_{abs}$ (radio)~ 1000m cf  $\lambda_{abs}$ (optical)~100m

- detect mainly the vertex showers from v's interacting via CC or NC
- such showers in matter develop a ≈20 % e<sup>-</sup> over e<sup>+</sup> excess since target material contains atomic e<sup>-</sup>'s
- resulting EM emission coherent for wavelengths longer than lateral shower size (O(few cm))
- emitted power  $\propto N^2 \propto E^2$
- effect confirmed by measurements in silica sand, and in ice.

Experiments:

- •In ice detection **RICE**
- •Planned/prototype/test: ARIANNA, ARA and GNO
- Above ice detector: ANITA and EVA (proposed)
- •Other media: Salt, Lunar regolith...



## **Observations of Askaryan Effect**

END STATION A side view

Used beamline at SLAC Approximately to scale  $\sim 10^9$  electrons at 28.5 GeV Total shower energy ~3 x 10<sup>19</sup> eV 13.4m NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABORATORY Ten tons of high **ANITA Radio** quality carving ice telescope Hand chipped!

PRL 99:171101 (2007)

crane hook: 13.7m

4.8m

10m

10.7m beamline

2.4

1.2m

3m

4m

### **Coherent Emission Measured**



Good agreement with predictions for ice, salt, and sand



 Left: Shower development of individual showers of energies 10<sup>19</sup> eV (solid lines) and 10<sup>18</sup> eV (dashed).

• Right: Radio pulse angular distribution around the Cherenkov angle illustrating the individual variations from shower to shower at the same energy, and the narrowing of the angular distribution with higher frequency.

J. Alvarez-Muñiz and E. Zas, Phys. Lett. **B434**, 396 (1998)

### Time-domain is rich in information



J. Alvarez-Muniz, A. Romero-Wolf, and E. Zas, arXiv:1002.3873v1



Radio Ice Cherenkov Experiment: Performance & Simulation APP 19 (2003) 15-36 Limits reported in: Phys Rev D 73 (2006) 082002, NIM A 692 (2012) 233-235

### **RICE Detector**

- 20 recievers installed in top of holes for AMANDA
- Depth Z ~100-200 m, 350 m,
  Δ X/ΔY 200m /200 m
- $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ -dipole + electronics  $\rightarrow 200 - 500$  MHz band
- Filter  $\nu < 200 \text{MHz}$

Reduces PM-tube noise from AMANDA





Fig. 1. Simulated RICE event. The actual detector geometry is shown, to scale.

# **RICE Analysis**

Data set 1999 – 2005 – 2010 ~ 1700 days live-time

Simulation include

- pure EM shower
- hadron induced shower
- LPM effect
- Charge-by-charge superposition of Cherenkov radio emission
- Systematics from refraction, attenuation, antenna response air-ice, gain variation etc....



detected EM showers (blue) detected hadron showers (green)

## **RICE Analysis**

**Background reduction** 

#### • Continous Wave from radio tranmitters on surface

- Recognized frequencies and operating times
- High trigger rate
- Seen in forced trigger readouts
- ....
- True thermal noise
  - Vertex locations (Gaussian around detector center)
  - Small Time-over-Threshold
  - No double pulse signature
  - ...
- "Loud" transients from AMANDA/IceCube PMs
  - (1-2 km distant -> highpass filter > 250 MHz inserted)
- "Loud" transients from anthropogenic signals from surface
  - Vertex requirement deeper than 200 m
  - Vertex resolution tested with transmitter in hole at different depths

#### Expected backgrounds

- Atmospheric Muons -> bremsstrahlung or photonuclear interactions → EM shower
  - 100 PeV muons worst combination of energy and rate
  - Calculated, expected < 0.01 events (1999 2005)</li>
- Atmospheric neutrinos (prompt). Low rate & interaction probability  $\rightarrow$  no events
- Air Shower dense core, could give Askaryan pulse in firn.
  - Surface events, none found in 1 year CR triggered sample

#### No events remain after cuts $\rightarrow$ Limit

### Askaryan Radio Array (ARA)

Ref: Allison et al., Astropart.Phys. 35 (2012) 457-477, arXiv:1105.2854 (Design and performance paper)

- In December 2010 installed TestBed detector at 20-30 m depths
- Testbed station was used for a first ARA limit. arXiv:1404.5285 Submitted to Astroparticle Physics
- First proper ARA station (ARA1) installed 2011 at about 70- 100 m in depth (drill limitations).
- Stations ARA2 and ARA3 installed 2012-2013 at full design depth of 200m.
- 2013-2015 Calibrations + repair ARA1
- Deliver science data -> work on neutrino limit from the ARA data, hope for submission in a couple of months.

Planned array: ~ 150 km<sup>2</sup> near South Pole Total ARA stations planned: 37 Phase 1 operation: 3 stations Ice thickness: 2.8 km Attenuation length: ~ 1 km Deployed ARA Ο ()**ARA37** Station OPlanned ARA  $\cap$ Ο Station South О  $\cap$ Pole IceCube Test Bed South Ο Pole Station O Skiwav 0<sub>2 km</sub> 0 Ο

#### **ARA** station

A station consists of 4 strings with 4 antennas each located at ~200m depth. Each station is an

**Simulated** waveforms of a neutrino event of energy: E=10<sup>18</sup> eV recorded in ARA station Distance: 1.2km ("~on cone")



High signal/noise in all 16 antennas

### ARA field activities on the ice











# Why strings?

(rather than surface antennas)

- Acceptance: x2
  - Embedded detectors have larger acceptance due to shadowing caused by gradual change of index of refraction in the upper 200m of ice.
  - Gain at 200m depth compared to surface: > x2 event rate
- Background rejection:
  - Transient backgrounds, man made and natural come from surface!
  - Neutrino events generate vertex in the ice and the signal can be uniquely separated by basic event reconstruction.







### **ARA Ice Properties**

APP 35 (2012) 454-477 arXiv:1105.2854



Note Fig is for Testbed depth

# **ARA Design**

APP 35 (2012) 454-477 arXiv:1105.2854



#### ARA Design APP 35 (2012) 454-477 arXiv:1105.2854



Pre-amp and receiver Notch filter at 450 MHz used against local communication radio frequency



Low frequency surface antennas + amps Galactic center noise visible



Directional resolution to calibration pulser Better than 1°

# ARA Design

#### <u>APP</u> 35 (2012) 4<u>54-477 arXiv:1105.285</u>4



# TestBed limit to exercise full analysis process with new simulations



# TestBed limit to exercise full analysis

#### arXiv:1404.5285 Submitted to Astroparticle Physics



#### First cuts:

Anomalous electronic behaviour Exclude 'South Pole summer work period' (keeps Feb. 16 – Oct 22) Period with electronics instability 80 ms each second (calibration pulses) Corrupted waveforms (1%) To much power below 150 MHz (below amp cut-off)

#### **Differences to full ARA:**

Testbed antennas at 20-30 m depth Calibration sources at 20-30 m depth + surface Some differences in antenna design, their arrangement and in electronics chain.

#### Three different analysis schemes on Testbed:

- Interferometric mapping (main method)
- Coherent summing of Waveforms
- Template based

Clock time January 2011 – December 2012 Main objective is to find efficient methods to eliminate background events. (330 M  $\rightarrow$  0)

Adaptive blind analysis on each of two data periods.

### TestBed limit, Interferometric maps



Match waveforms using time delays Ray-tracing to calculate expected time delays from grid of source positions at test distances of 30 m and 3000 m

Figure 9: The reconstruction directions of the events that passed both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the analysis in the 30 m (upper) and 3 km (lower) maps. Events that passed the unaltered cuts in Stage 1 are shown in blue and those that passed the Stage 2 cuts are shown in red. The initial Geometric Cut regions (dashed blue line) were adjusted after Stage 1 (solid red lines) based on a Gaussian fit to the background event distribution with a limited set of cuts applied.

#### arXiv:1404.5285 Submitted to Astroparticle Physics

Directional maps, after cuts on reconstruction quality, consistency with equipment resolution, direction to S P Station or 'unknown repeating sources' (Is "200 MHz" an SPS "ghost" ?)



## TestBed limit, additional cuts

#### arXiv:1404.5285

#### Submitted to Astroparticle Physics

- Saturation Cut (Dynamic range minus 5 mV)
- Gardient Cut (remove events with to strong gradient for distant origin)
- Delay Difference Cut (strongest pair direction should be consistent with direction from all)
- In-Ice Cut (rejects events above horizontal as seen from Testbed)
- Continous Wave Cut (remove events with narrowband anthropogenic noise)
- Peak/Correlation Cut (2<sup>nd</sup>high V<sub>peak</sub>/RMS vs max correlation value)



Data, 10% sample

Simulation,  $E_v = 10^{18} eV$ 

# TestBed limit to exercise full analysis process with new simulations











### **ARIANNA Station**



HRA Pilot station is reduced version: 4 down antenna and no CR up antenna

### The signal antenna: Log-Periodic Dipole Array



### Example of a *frequency-independent* antenna (bandwidth of 100-1300 MHz)

Radiation pattern is maximal in direction of *bore-sight*. The *bore-sight* configuration (shown above) optimizes reception.

*Linearly polarized.* The E-plane is the plane containing the dipole elements, the H-plane is perpendicular to E-plane, containing only the *spine* of the antenna

### **HRA Station**



Heartbeat antenna, horisontal, pulsed for monitoring of station performance WiFi communication for high speed internet,

Iridium for SMS type data transfer (planned sufficient for normal running) Power system, Solar panels, Lithium battery and experimental Wind power Running stations on only solar power (+ battery) gave 58% (65-70%) up-time
# **ARIANNA HRA Stations**

### Dig and deploy!



# **Constructing Station**





Digging hole for antenna

Installing Power Tower



# Station Overview



# **ARIANNA** tower



Hexagonal Rado Array deployment completion work, December 2014



### Electronics and base of comms tower (AFAR+Irid)

(AFAR=high speed internet)



Cosmic	Radio	ARIANNA	<u>HRA</u>	Data	Signal	Summar
						У

# Assemble and test!



# Checking out operation





# All stations in prototype system HRA 7 are taking data now (March 3, 2015)





Setting up camp for 24 days

22 days by ourselves

Five ARIANNA workers on ice Deployed 4 new HRA stations

- + 1 Upward CR station
- + Service, calibration, etc

Deployment time: 1 station 4 hrs, can be reduced

# **ARIANNA Electronics**



arXiv 1410:7369





NOTE: Input in mV, output in V

Amplifier handles high input signals with smooth attenuation and limiting. Cut on events with large signals not needed.

Frequency response amplifier without gaps.

Bandwidth digital part 850 MHz (-3dB) 7 W total per station

# **ARIANNA** Trigger





Low trigger threshold:  $< 4^* \sigma_{V-therm}$ High-Low criterium used -> strong rate reduction Field verified early 2014 Rates in fig includes majority 2 of 4 channels DAQ can handle > 100 Hz

Single High ○ H+L Patterns

Station A Station C ★ Station G

Threshold (o)

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# **ARIANNA HRA-7**







# **Bounce Tests**

Pulser->Seavey TRX->Station



~0.16 deg angular resolution for EM wave

Design and performance: arXiv:1410.7369 (resolution, not figs)



# Ave. Attenuation Length



Attenuation length averaged over full depth of ice No evidence of birefringence from combination of data

Ice measurments: arXiv:1410.7134 Submitted to Journal of Glaciology



## Reflection from bottom



Ice measurments: arXiv:1410.7134 Submitted to Journal of Glaciology



#### **ARIANNA limit - HRA-3 data analysed**

**Cut 2** 



#### **ARIANNA limit - HRA-3 data analysed**



#### Cut 3

Create **template for neutrino event** signals by simulation. Astroparticle Physics 62 (2015) 139-151

Calculate correlation to observed signals
Plot (best) correlation value for data
← Both clock triggers and all normal triggers

Simulated neutrino events show high correlation

Cut at correlation value 0.81 in HRA  $\rightarrow$  93% efficiency , no remaining event

One station, storm, Windgen broke.



HRA-3 limits etc: arXiv:1410.7352, Accepted Astroparticle Physics Journal Ice measurments: arXiv:1410.7134, Submitted to Journal of Glaciology Time domain response: arXiv:1406.0820, Astroparticle Physics 62 (2015) 139-151 Design and performance: arXiv:1410.7369, Submitted IEEE TNS

## ARIANNA

#### Some additional info

Further tools will be used in analysis of complete ARIANNA stations with 8 downward antennas and 2 upward antennas.

- Likelihood analysis for reconstruction of incoming radio signal direction
- Likeliehood analysis for incoming **neutrino direction and energy**
- **Cosmic ray** signal **suppression** using upward antennas.
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32 Gb Compact flash memory/station. Sufficient to keep full year data, also at highest expected rates.

Autocorrelation cut can be implemented locally, this will reduce the rate of physics to 0.1 mHz, without loss of physics events. --> Data transfer on Iridium link OK.

# **Expected ARIANNA performance**

Based on measurments of ice, simulations + "known physics", conservative estimates ....



Ice measurments: arXiv:1410.7134 Submitted to Journal of Glaciology HRA-3 results: arXiv 1410.7352 To be published in Astroparticle Physics

## Spectral response & energy resolution (simulation, in situ beam to weak.....)



For 'typical' input spectrum

Threshold at 10<sup>17</sup> eV Flux limits upper end

#### **Energy resolution**

Dominant factors contributing is uncertainty on angular distance to cherenkov angle and variations in transfer of neutrino energy to shower. Distance, reflexion, antenna response contributions smaller.

#### Energy resolution in range 2.2 – 5 on ratio E-rec/E-neutrino



#### **Angular resolution**

Timing of signals on the different antennas, 100 ps, give direction of RF within 1 degree.

Cherenkov radiation is polarized,

- → different amplitudes in the antennas with different orientation
- → direction of incoming neutrino.

Resolution on Zenith and Azimuth of about 2.5 – 3 degree.



#### Cosmic ray detection & background

Cosmic ray events will trigger the array

Background and calibration/monitoring

Simulated Full ARIANNA, with backward gain in antennas overestimated (need to improve lab measurment)

ightarrow Rate overestimated in plot

2 upward antennas, 8 downward Strong separation in difference of average power Up-Down ← CR mis-ID < 10<sup>-5</sup> Cut in plot → 0.2 events/year (conservative)

Neutrino signal scaled to 10/year

# Effective volume



Averaged over neutrino flavors and neutrino/antineutrino At trigger level (4 sigma thermal noise) Extends to lower energy but simulation accuracy must be improved

### **ARIANNA SENSITIVITY**



# Greenland Neutrino Observatory



- Use 3 km thick ice on Greenland at the Summit station
- Water layer at bottom gives good reflections
- Solar power(latitude N 72<sup>o</sup>37')
- Ice attenuation measured 2013
  - arXiv:1409.5413



- A. Connolly (neutrinos beyond Icecube 2014)
- K. Bechtol (ICHEP 2014, ARENA 2014)
- arXiv 1409.5413 (submitted to Journal of Glaciology)
- A. Vieregg, E-mail



# **G**reenland **N**eutrino **O**bservatory





# Things I did not cover

- ANITA (ANtarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna)– Ballon born radio recievers floating over Antarctica, looking for GZK-neutrino signals refracted out from the ice sheet.
- EVA (ExaVolt Antenna) Evolution of ANITA aiming for increased sensitivity by using part of interior of a super-pressure balloon as a radio-reflector.
- Radio telescopes looking for signals from neutrinos interacting in the rim of the moon.
- Radar detection. Feasability study of possibility to use radar technology to detect the plasma created in the wake of a neutrino induced shower.
- PRIDE Passive Radio Ice Depth Experiment Satellite born radio receiver in orbit to measure ice on moons of outer planets by use of EHE neutrinos

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## **Summary and Conclusion**

- Compelling scientific reasons to measure the 'guaranteed' flux of cosmological GZK neutrinos in the EeV energy range
- Best limit on GZK neutrinos from (non-)detection of Askaryan signals are obtained with radio recievers installed in ice.
- Two prototype projects in Antarctica (ARA, ARIANNA) are well developed and there is a promising new project started at Greenland (GNO).
- Technology has been developed and demonstated to have the required performance.
- The radio detection of neutrinos in ice is a very cost effective technology for obtaining large samples of GZK neutrinos.

We should start building these detectors now!



# ARA Design

#### APP 35 (2012) 454-477 arXiv:1105.2854

Specified parameter	ARA 2012++ planned	ARA 2010-2011 prototype
Number of Vpol antennas	8	2 near-surface, 4 in ice
Vpol antenna type	bicone	bicone
Vpol antenna bandwidth (MHz)	150-850	150-850
Number of Hpol antennas	8	2 near-surface, 6 in ice
Hpol antenna type	quad-slotted cylinder	bowtie-slotted-cylinder
Hpol antenna bandwidth (MHz)	200-850	250-850
Number of Surface antennas	4	2
Surface antenna type	fat dipole	fat dipole
Surface antenna bandwidth (MHz)	30-300	30-300
Number of signal boreholes	4	6
Borehole depth (m)	200	30
Vertical antenna configuration	H,V above H,V	V or H above H or V
Vertical antenna pair spacing (m)	20	5
Approximate geometry	trapezoidal	trapezoida
Approximate radius (m)	10	10
Number of calibration antenna boreholes	3	3
Calibration borehole distance from center (m)	40 (2), 750 (1)	30
Calibration borehole geometry	isosceles triangle	equilateral triangle
Calibration signal types	noise and impulse	impulse only
LNA noise figure (K)	< 80	< 80
LNA/amplifier dynamic range	30:1	30:1
RF amplifier total gain (dB)	> 75	> 75

End-to-end calibration of the ARA detectors using the Telescope Array LINAC

TA LINAC @Utah



Purpose: Confirmation of Askaryan signals and the ARA detector calibration

#### Expected number of events above 10<sup>17</sup> eV at trigger level

#### arXiv 1410.7352 accepted, Astroparticle Physics

Neutrino Model	Model Type	$N_{\nu}$ Triggers	$(E_{\nu} > 10^8 \text{ GeV})$
		ARIANNA	IceCube [13]
ESS(2001)[38]	$m=4, \ \Omega_M=1$	55	
WB (1999) [66]	$E_{\nu}^{-2}$ QSO source evolution	65	
Yuksel et al. (2007) [67]	$E_{\nu}^{-2}$ GRB source evolution	100	
Kotera <i>et al.</i> (2010) [68]	Protons, SFR1 evolution	7.3	0.46(0.64)
Kotera <i>et al.</i> (2010) [68]	Protons, GRB2 evolution	9.0	0.48(0.67)
Kotera <i>et al.</i> (2010) [68]	Protons, FRII evolution	48	2.9(4.0)
Yoshida et al. (1993) [69]	$m = 4, z_{max} = 4$	34	2.0(2.8)
Ahlers <i>et al.</i> (2010) [70]	$E_{min} = 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \text{ (best fit)}$	26	1.5(2.1)
Ahlers <i>et al.</i> (2010) [70]	$E_{min} = 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \text{ (maximal)}$	58	3.1(4.3)
Kotera <i>et al.</i> (2010) [68]	Mixed composition	7.4	
Kotera <i>et al.</i> (2010) [68]	Pure Iron	2.5	
Ave et al. (2005) [71]	Pure Iron, $m = 4$ , $z_{max} = 1.9$	18	
Olinto <i>et al.</i> (2011) [42]	Pure Iron, $E_{max}/Z = 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$	0.097	
Aartsen <i>et al.</i> $(2014)$ [24]	$E_{\nu}^{-2.3}$ IceCube best fit	2.8	
Fang <i>et al.</i> $(2013)$ [72]	Young pulsar sources	43	

#### Some of above models may already be disfavored/ruled out, but are kept for reference



# **Bounce Tests**

Pulser->Seavey TRX->Station

#### **Excellent mirror**



Notes: Time delays are determined from all 4 antennas, compatible with plane wave


## Building a Neutrino Template

(J. Hanson, KU)



Small variation in shape due to emission angle



## Checking Template Procedure



Average cross-correlation over all tests is  $\chi = 0.84$ 

Can be improved with better amp response model

Barwick et al, Astropart. Phys 2014, accept arXiv:1406.0820





• High wind periods produce max  $\chi < 0.8$ .

S. Barwick et al, in prep 2014



# Cross-Correlation analysis ( $\chi$ )

2 of 4 majority,  $4V_{rms}$ 



• 90% of signal retained with full rejection of background.

S. Barwick et al, in prep 2014



## Wind Power is Sufficient!

(Southwest WindPower Air 40)



Require ~0.9A to operate station and station produced 1.45A Wind expected to stronger in winter However, low temps in winter lead to loss of efficiency

#### AIR 40 Technical Specifications

Model	AIR 40
Weight	13 lb / 6 kg
Rotor Diameter	46 in / 1.17 m
Start Up Wind Speed	7 mph / 3.1 m/s
Kilowatt hours/month	38 kWh/month @ 12 mph / 5.4 m/s avg. wind speed
Maximum Wind Speed	110 mph
Rated Power	160 watts @ 28 mph / 12.5 m/s wind speed
Certifications	CSA (certificate 1954979), CE
Operating Temperature Range	AIR 40 are certified under IEC requirements applying to the temperature range $14^{\circ}$ F (- $10^{\circ}$ C) to $104^{\circ}$ F (40° C)



12 volt, 24 volt and 48 volt AIR 40 wind turbines are eligible to bear the CSA mark with "C" and "US" indicators. The "C" and "US" indicators signify that the product has been evaluated to the applicable CSA and ANSI/ UL standards for use in Canada and the US.

#### Voltage Regulation Set Point (factory setting)

12 Volt Systems	14.1 Volts
24 Volt Systems	28.2 Volts
48 Volt Systems	56.4 Volts

#### Regulator Adjustment Range

12 Volt Systems	13.6 to 17.0 Volts (approximately)
24 Volt Systems	27.2 to 34.0 Volts (approximately)
48 Volt Systems	54.4 to 68.0 Volts (approximately)

#### Recommended f use Size

12 Volt Systems	20 amp (slow blow)
24 Volt Systems	10 amp (slow blow)
48 Volt Systems	5 amp (slow blow)

Tower Loads

Shaft Thrust\*

52 lb @ 100 mph wind speed (230 N @ 45 m/s)

\*Value does not include safety factor. SWWP recommends safety factor of 1.5.



### Assessment of green power production in Antarctica

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Figure 2: Average wind speed in Antarctica during summer (left) and winter (right).

#### 3. The MERRA data set

To be able to study the Antarctic wind resource and compare the wind power potential at several scientific stations, reanalysis data from the Modern-Era Retrospective Analysis for Research and Applications (MERRA) (Rienecker et al. 2011) has been used for the calculations. The data set is provided by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and covers the modern era, from 1979 and onwards, during which remote sensing has been dominant when collecting data about the atmosphere.

The reanalysis data is created by combining different types of measurements (such as (surface observations, radio soundings and satellite data) and using a numerical model to calculate a gridded data set in a consistent way.



Arianna	78.5 °S	165.3 °E
Amundsen-Scott	90.0 °S	0.0 °E
Mawson <sup>1</sup>	68.0 °S	62.7 °E
Princess Elisabeth	71.5 °S	23.3 °E

Figure 4: Monthly change of WPD for the research stations investigated.

1200

1000

800

200

Wind power density

[W/m<sup>2</sup>]

**Figure 5:** Distribution of wind speeds for the four research staions investigated.

Wind speed [m/s]

Amundsen-Scott Arianna

Princess Elisabeth

Mawson

20

22 24



Figure 8: Median WPD in the Arianna area.



Figure 9: Percent of time that the wind speed is less than 4 m/s in the Arianna area.

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Arianna site

### McMurdo Station

The resolution of the MERRA data is too low to accurately depict the wind conditions in the coastal zones. However, in combination with measurements from a weather station it should be possible to long time correct the results. It is also concluded that the extreme high wind speeds are underestimated in the MERRA data.



Figure 11: Average monthly incoming shortwave flux for Arianna and Princess Elisabeth.

## Acoustic detector?

in ice :  $\lambda_{abs}$ (radio)~  $\lambda_{abs}$ (sound)~1000m cf  $\lambda_{abs}$ (optical)~100m

## Radio methods

- detect mainly the hadronic showers from v's interacting via CC or NC
- such showers in matter develop a (10-30)% e<sup>-</sup> over e<sup>+</sup> excess since target material contains atomic e<sup>-</sup>'s
- resulting EM emission coherent for wavelengths longer than lateral shower size (O(few cm))
- effect confirmed by measurements in silica sand, and in ice.

Acoustics methods (only on next slide)

- a v at 10<sup>21</sup> eV produces a shower which deposits
  ~ 30J of heat in a highly localized region
- pressure pulse propagates outward
- pressure amplitude measures energy
- pressure distribution measures incoming direction

•Tested by group in IceCube, SPATS, actual  $\lambda_{\text{abs,ice}}{<}500\text{ m}$ 

### G.A. Askaryan JETP 14 (1962) 441 G.A. Askaryan, At. Energ., vol 3/8 (1957) 152





ICATPP, Oct. 3rd, 2011 Jens Berdermann-Status of the work on acoustic detection of neutrinos at the south pole 10