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Cosmic Rays and Neutrinos

Cosmic Ray Spectrum



Window of Opportunity



Earth Skimming

Earth Skimming + Mountain Penetrating Cherenkov vs. fluorescence Cross SectionTelescope τ $\sim E^{1.4}$

> τ appearance experiment!

Sensitive to v_{τ} v_{e} : electron energy mostly absorbed in mountain v_{μ} : no extensive air shower

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What I learned 8/2001Vannucci Visit to NTU

- Earth Center Opaque for $E > 10^{14} \text{ eV }$
- Mountain-Valley v_{τ} Detection Concept

I asked whether he already had funding ... after - checking literature (e.g. Fargion)
- passing it thru NTUHEP PIs
I hired Alfred Huang in Fall (start simulations) (had to convince him ...)

Hawaii Site also came out from Vannucci visit ...

from Colloquium 3/2004 @ KIAS

Hawaii Big Island as Site: happened as gotcha





GWS Hou & MA Huang, astro-ph/0204145 P Yeh et al., MPLA 19 (2004) 1117 [CosPA 2003 WS]

from Colloquium 3/2004 @ KIAS

Three simulation stages

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- 1. Mountain simulation: $v_{\tau} \rightarrow \tau$
 - v+N cross-section
 - inelasticity
 - energy loss of tau
- 2. Air shower simulation:
 - $\tau \rightarrow$ Cherenkov photons
 - $-\tau$ decay mode
 - CORSIKA detailed air shower simulation vs. fast simulation
- 3. Detector performance simulation
 - light propagation + Q.E.
 - pixelization for triggers
 - reconstruction

$v_{\tau} \rightarrow \tau$ inside mountain



- SM CC v+N cross-section
- Inelasticity & energy loss calculated by G.L. Lin, J.J. Tseng, T.W. Yeh, F.F. Lee of NCTU
- Range (distance when survival prob = e^{-1}) calculated by M.A. Huang

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<u>Tau flux</u>





- Tau flux:
 - Fast simulation: single interaction inside target
 - Full transport eq.: Consider multiple interactions $v_{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow v_{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \dots$
- Conversion efficiency:
 - optimal thickness ~ several times of λ_{τ}
 - Energy loss decrease conversion efficiency

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Lateral profile of Cherenkov photons for horizontal shower (CORSIKA)



Similar profile for showers produced by e⁻ and π⁻
Cherenkov ring distance ~ (L-R_{max})×Tan θ_c
Outside ring, photon density ~ exponential decay
Detector can trigger far away from Cherenkov ring

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Photons numbers vs opening angle

- 1 PeV shower
 Shower core to detector plane
 30 km away
- Serious drop w/ attenuation



Opening angle (radian)

The Signal and Background Pattern

Cherenkov: ns pulse, angular span ~ 1.5 degrees Night Sky Background (mean)

Measured at Lulin observatory: 2.0 x10³ ph/ns/m²/sr

A magnitude 0 star gives 7.6 ph/m²/ns in (290,390) nm Cosmic Ray background very small Cluster-based trigger algorithm



Trigger Configuration

- Single Pixel Trigger: One pixel pass energy threshold H
- Duo Trigger: Two neighbouring pixels pass threshold H
 H
 H
- H-L Trigger: Two neighbouring pixels with one passes high threshold H
 H
 L
 and the other one passes low threshold L
 - Sum Trigger: 1. (3x3) trigger cell
 - n1 n2 n3 n8 H n4 n7 n6 n5

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Central pixel pass high threshold H
 Neighbour Npe Sum pass threshold A=n1+n2+...+n8

Night Sky Background:

• Npe Follows Poisson distribution: $Prob(n;\mu) = e^{-\mu} \mu^n/n!$,

 $\mu = \langle Npe \rangle \Phi t_g A FOV \epsilon_A \epsilon_q$,

 $\Phi = 200/ns/m^2/sr A = 1m^2 FOV = 0.5^{\circ}x0.5^{\circ}\epsilon_A = 0.5 \epsilon_q = 0.2$

 $\mu = 0.039 \text{ tg} = 25 \text{ ns}$; $\mu = 0.076 \text{ tg} = 50 \text{ ns}$

Range < 0.5 km: Majority of photon arrives within 25 ne

Trigger Efficiency for Electron Shower

Sum Trigger gives largest range 1.1 km for $\varepsilon_{trig} = 90\%$ Sum 2 trigger similar Other three triggers Similar to each other Conservative estimate:

200 γ needed



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Possibility for Reconstruction

- Angular Error within 1°
- Energy Error ~ 40%
- Reconstruction Efficiency > 90% if triggered



Sensitivity

- Defined as reachable upper limit of flux
- Assume $F(En) = F0 En^{-2}$
- Assume no signal in 2 years of observation
- Feldman-Cousin method for upper limits: 2.44 signal events
- Theo1: ~ 0.5 events/year

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Demands of Optical system

Aperture~1m²

Photo sensor: 8 x 8 MAPMTs with 512 pixels

FOV: 16° horizontally 8° vertically

- Smaller image size is better.
- Smaller spot size is better.





• Wavelength: UV region, because it has more Cherenkov light as $1/\lambda^2$.

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Fresnel lens system not good enough

- The spot all isn't small, ~ 5mm. This is Chromatic issue.
 Spot with multi-wavelength is 2~3 times spot with single wavelength.
- The main way to lower the chromatic aberration is to use different material. However there are very few UV transparent material.
- Cytop is the best to eliminate dispersion (high Abbe no.), also high T(%) its spot size ~3mm, but it is expensive and lens will become fatter due to low index.

	Cytop	PMMA
Refraction index (n _d)	1.34	1.49
Abbe's number	90	55

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 To sum up, all spot size are less than the channel size of MAPMTs, it meets the threshold but not good enough. Any possible errors can make spots larger. So we changed to other design.

Electronics Device of NuTel (schematic)



Schematics of electronics



Schematics of electronics



Pre-amp. linearity

- Use attenuation to send decreasing pulses in height.
- Intercept with y axis is 1.025mV.





- Every step taking 96 ightarrowevents. Take peak clock value (usually 5th clock). Calculate every step's mean and rms.
- Error = rms/square(N) \bullet
- Use first order fn (line) to igodolfit.
- intercept with y-axis is ightarrowpedestal.







tau1 and tau2 over 512 channels



DAQ Test

 Event lost rate = total lost event / (50000+total lost event)









1/2004 up Mauna Loa

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- First set of two telescopes ready
- VHECR observation in Taiwan: prototype deployment in 2009 indicates high light background at Nei-Fong
- But it got cut out in <u>CosPA II</u> in Spring 2004 ... and we could not restore it, after several tries ... so I continued it on a shoestring ...

Schmidt Mirror System



Aspherical Corrector Lens mainly eliminate spherical aberration.

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Measurement of the Aspherical Lens at KEK



An image of a blue laser through the lens is measured on the screen.
Compare with design curve



Foucault test at KEK





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Spot size measurement



Mei-Fong site location


First NuTel Field Test at Mei-Fong 7/15-7/27



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Set-up of Observational Tent



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Image around the focal plane



Waiting for sunrise before leaving



Photon Flux Calculation

$$\phi_{photon} = \frac{N_{P.E.}}{t} \times \frac{1}{E_{MAPMT}} \times \frac{1}{E_{opt}} \times \frac{1}{T_{BG3}} \times \frac{1}{T_{ND}} \times \frac{1}{A_{opt}} \times \frac{1}{\Omega_{pixel}}$$

- Φ_{photon} : photon flux
- N_{P.E.}: number of photoelectron
- t : time of measurement (sec)
- T_{BG3}: transmittance of BG3, about 80%.
- T_{ND}: transmittance of ND filters
- A_{opt}: optical receive area, about $0.56^2\pi$ (m²⁾
- Ω_{pixel} : solid angle of each pixel, about $(0.5^{\circ})^2$

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Calibration of MAPMT gain

We use purple-UV led to shine on MAPMT in black box.

And we use a photo-diode to check the brightness distribution in MAPMT front window plane.

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Left graph shows input charge histogram.

The fitting results shows mean # of photoelectron and

$$h(t) = A \times \frac{\mu^N \times e^{-\mu}}{N!} = A \times \frac{\mu^{\frac{n}{g}} \times e^{-\mu}}{\Gamma(\frac{q}{g}+1)}$$

q is measured charge(mV) for each event g is gain(mV/p.e.), denoted by P1 μ is mean number of photoelectrons, denoted by P2

A is a scaled factor (probability \rightarrow entries) , denoted by P3

Noisy environment?



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- Pair up with Ashra-1 (M.Sasaki) at ICRR → NTA



Ashra-1



• Ashra-1 succeeded in demonstrating powerfulness of Earth-Skimming for τ appearance.







Total Resolution: ~3 arcmin image in 42 deg FOV

Can Cover Mauna Kea Surface at 35 km Distant



[Y.Asaoka, M.Sasaki NIM, A647:34-38,2011]

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Ashra Observational Site: Mauna Loa



3,300 m a.s.l. 35 km from MK 77% mono. 27% stereo. 2~3 arcmin image

Nice Coverage and Precision as Particle Monitor



Advantages of ES Tau Neutrino Detection



Possible Point v < 0.1 deg

Atm-v & CR BG Free

Image A Fine Tau Shower → Open up Multi-Particle Astronomy

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Swift GRB Alert during Commissioning

First Check for PeV-EeV Tau Neutrino from a GRB

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Ashra-1 R0000941/E115513 Triggered Real Shower Event vs MC





Ashra-1 R0000941/E115513 Triggered Real Shower Event vs MC

R0001087/E112357 120620 UT 13:03:32.606158



MC reproduce real event

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Observed CR Spectrum



Validation of Sensitivity and Reconstruction

Some Hint for Composition







Even Commisioning 100x Better than Rice

Started Obs03 Runs Approaching to IceCube Area



Ashra-1



GRB Neutrino Search Comparison



0. Auger, PRD 79 (2009) 102001

Complement IceCube:

- Methodology
- Energy
- <u>Self-trigger for Tau Neutrino</u>
- 1. IceCube, Nature 484 (2012) 351
- IC40+IC59 stacked 117+181GRBs
- Very strong bias for time window (28s) around Satellite Triggers to suppress huge BG
- 2. Murase et al. ApJ 651 (2006) L5
- Nearby Low luminosity (LL) GRB (ex. GRB 060218/SN 2006aj) dominate total neutrino fluxes at Earth
- X or γ Satellites cannot detect
- 3. Hummer et al. PRL 108 (2012) 231101
- Recalculated neutrino flux => Ashra Energy Region more important

Plausible: Ashra's Unbiased Search with BG-free

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Neutrino Telescope Array (NTA)





Conceptual Layout <u>Central Site</u> (Site-0) <u>Peripheral Sites</u> (Site-1, 2, 3) 25 km Triangle Grids

⇒ Huge Target Mass (>100 km³-weq)
Huge Atm. Mass (above area >1000 km²)
3 Mountains Shield BG

Compound Eyes watching the air from sides and beneath The air in good weather condition between 3 mountains Cherenkov & fluorescence images of tau appearance showers

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Earth-Skimming τ Shower Imaging Method





Neutrino Telescope Array (NTA)



NTA Light Collector (NTA-LC) mount baseline design (tentative)



Design Review ~ 1 yr in NTA collaboration ⇒ Technical Proposal

<u>Light Collector (LC)</u> Schmidt Optics with ϕ 1.5m pupil FOV 28° = focal sphere ϕ 50cm

 $\frac{\text{Detector Unit (DU)}}{4 \text{ LCs watching same FOV}}$ Superimposed 4 images $\Rightarrow \text{ Effective pupil size =}$ $\phi 3 \text{m}$

⇒ Concept of NTA Light Collector: Ashra-1 x 1.5 scaled-up + same trigger & readout

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Acceptance with Water & Muon vs Air & Tau



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NTA Survey Depth: z ~ 0.15 (2 Glyr) for GRBv flux (by Hummer et al.)

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Neutrino Telescope Array (NTA)



Diffuse v case: Duty 10% × solid angle ratio 0.5 \Rightarrow competitive w/ IceCube

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- Excellent detection sensitivity of Earth-Skimming (ES) τ Shower Imaging method in PeV-EeV region to search for v's from hadron acceleration in astronomical objects, with good pointing accuracy and negligible BG from CR and atm-v's.
- NuTel and Ashra-1 were developed to detect v_{τ} with the ES method. The optical/electronic systems of NuTel were designed, built and tested at 2100 m on Mei-Fong Mountain in Taiwan, and is ready for physics observation. Ashra-1 succeeded in the first search for PeV-EeV v_{τ} from GRBs with the best instantaneous sensitivity since 2008.
- New collaboration for next-gen. Neutrino Telescope Array (NTA) begin to form. The layout considers three site stations for 25 km-grid triangle and a single site station at the center with full-sky coverage, watching the total air mass surrounded by the 3 mountains on Hawaii Island. This configuration allows tremendous sensitivity (> 100 Gton weq.) and wide survey capability with Cherenkov-fluorescence observation for PeV-EeV v's in essentially background-free conditions.







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NuTel at NTU



Fix and let the main part of support easily leaving the floor to rotate vertically.

Gravity center, make rotation easier.

Trick of alignment of position & tilt: make incident and reflected light overlapped.

• Mei-Fong (2100 m)



• Lu-Lin Zan Chung (2700 m)

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Site survey in summer 2008

• Kuan-young (3092 m)



Working in the observational Tent


Installation of light sensor/readout



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Final adjustment of optics



Taking shifts for online monitoring



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N.D. filter **Transmit rate**

By adding N.D. filter in front of window of MAPMT, we can decrease incident photons into MAPMT.

The N.D. filters are reflective type. The transmit rate verse wavelength show as left graphs.

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Calibration of MAPMT gain

We use purple-UV led to shine on MAPMT in black box.

And left picture show the purple led and it shine on grid paper.

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CC 相互作用ごとに非弾性度分エネルギー損失しながら、レプトン変換を繰り返す ⇒ 高いエネルギーの v_{τ} を低いエネルギーの v_{τ} に"変身"させて検出する。

- ⇒ 高いエネルギーの v_τ の地球による遮蔽を軽減できる。
- ⇒ 検出視野(俯角)を稼ぐことができる
- ⇒ NTAによる探査範囲が広がる









Tau Propagation Length in Rock (MC study)



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Forming International Collaboration





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地中におけるCC散乱長 (L_{cc}^ν) に相当する俯角 (-θ_{elev})



τシャワーの方向精度(検出方法起源)

• 伝播・反応過程での方向変化

Astropart. Phys. in press, arXiv:1202.5656

- 素粒子・宇宙線分野で広く用いられ定評ある シミュレーションプログラムにより評価

過程	評価方法	精度@PeV	注釈
v_{τ} 荷電相互作用	ΡΥΤΗΙΑ	< 0.3分角	Pt: W質量で制限
τ地中伝播	GEANT4 ALLM model	<1分角	輻射プロセス重要 光核反応のみALLM モデルで評価した
τ崩壊	TAUOLA	<1分角	Pt: τ質量で制限
空気シャワー	CORSIKA	0.1°	AS軸ずれ∝ E ^{-1/2}

PeV-EeV領域では、
τシャワーは
ν_τの方向を覚えている



- 到来方向決定精度 ⇒ 重要
 - 大天頂角宇宙線BG除去
 - 超高エネルギーニュートリノ源同定

• $\sigma = 0.16^{\circ}$

⇒ Cherenkov モノ観測でも 高精度方向決定が可能

$$L = \sum_{i} N_{\rm pe}^{i} \log(p_i).$$





E>PeV τ シャワー

の方向精度良好

(cf.)

宇宙線BG

- 支配的なバックグラウンド
 大天頂角からの宇宙線シャワー
- 期待されるBG量 (CORISKAにて推定)
 - Commissioning 観測
 - N_{BG} = 1.3x10⁻⁴ (197.1hr) ⇒ 無視可能
 - 本観測 (1LC)
 - 山際からの距離
 0.1°
 0.3°
 1.0°
 3.0°
 - 期待されるBG頻度 0.082/yr 0.55/yr 4.3/yr 39/yr