COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DATA From Neutron and Muon Detectors at Antarctica

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WHAT ARE COSMIC RAYS ?

- High Energy particles or γ -rays from space
- sources of cosmic rays :
 - from solar winds, solar storms → solar energetic particles
 - from supernova explosions inside the Galaxy \rightarrow galactic cosmic rays
 - from gamma-ray bursts (GRBs),AGN
 outside the Galaxy → extragalactic cosmic
 rays



Fig I. Schematic diagram of a cosmic ray air shower. (Credit: CERN)

SOLAR MODULATION



Credit: NASA

Credit: NASA/GSFC/PFSS





Fig 2. Solar modulation : As solar activity rises (top panel, Source:WDC-SILSO Royal Observatory of Belgium, Brussels), the pressure-corrected count rate recorded by the neutron monitor in Thule decreases (bottom panel, Source: Bartol Research Institute, University of Delaware, USA). The solar magnetic polarity reversal can be seen between positive (denoted by A > 0) and negative (denoted by A < 0)

SHORT-TERM MODULATION

FORBUSH DECREASE

GROUND LEVEL ENHANCEMENT



Fig 3. A rapid decrease in the observed galactic cosmic ray intensity

Fig 4. Ground level enhancement onsets at four NM stations recording the event of January 20, 2005 (Flückiger et al., 2005)

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CROSSOVER



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Fig 7.

Alternative presentation of the averaged data using selected rigidity bins and superimposing the data for different solar magnetic polarities. A filled triangle is used to indicate positive (A > 0) solar magnetic polarity with solid lines showing the linear fits. Open triangles indicate data for negative (A <0) solar magnetic polarity while the dotted lines are linear fits to these data. There are clear differences in cosmic ray modulation before and after the solar magnetic polarity reversal. (Nuntiyakul et al., 2014)

OBSERVATION OF COSMIC RAYS WITH GROUND-BASED DETECTORS

- Ground-based detectors measure byproducts of the interaction of primary cosmic rays with Earth's atmosphere
- Two common types:

Neutron Monitor

Typical energy of primary: ~I GeV for solar cosmic rays,

~10 GeV for Galactic cosmic rays

Muon Detector

Typical energy of primary:~50 GeV for Galactic cosmic rays (surface muon detector) and greater for underground muon detector

(Adapted from Ground-Based Cosmic Ray Detectors for Space Weather Applications slide, Bieber, 2011)

AIM OF THIS STUDY

- To analyze linear regression of the mobile neutron monitor count rates during the years 1994-2007 and 2018-2020 against Mawson neutron monitor count rates. We are also interested in finding linear regression of the mobile neutron monitor count rate in survey years 2018 and 2019 against Jang Bogo's count rate (installed and operated later in 2016) for comparative purposes with the obtained linear regression against Mawson.
- To use the muon data at Mawson station for different zenith angles to study the spectrum variations.

OBSERVATIONS

LATITUDE SURVEY

Fig 8. 3NM64 installed inside the container for 1994-2007 latitude survey (Nuntiyakul et al., 2014)

Fig 9 . The track of the ship-borne neutron monitor latitude surveys for 1994-2007 and 2018-2019

superimposed on contours of the vertical cutoff rigidity.

STANDARD NEUTRON MONITOR (NM64)

(Adapted from NM Bootcamp 2020 slide, Nuntiyakul)

SAMI-LEADED NEUTRON MONITOR

Fig 11. Semi-Leaded Neutron Monitor which used for survey year 2018-2019

NEUTRON DETECTORS AT ANTARCTICA

Mawson Station

- Detector Type : Feb 1986 Oct 2002 6NM64
 Oct 2002 18NM64.
- Latitude : 67.60S
- Longitude : 62.88E
- Altitude : abount 30 m
- Rigidity (1965): 0.22 GV

Jang Bogo Station

- Detector Type: 18-tube NM64
- Latitude: 74.6S
- Longitude: 164.2E
- Altitude: 28 m
- Rigidity : <0.3 GV

COMPARE CHANGVAN TO 3NM64

• To compare the two tubes in the recent survey years to the 3NM64 in a 13-year survey, we find multiplicative factors from the ratio of 3NM64 1997 /(T1+T3) 2018-2020

• We apply a normalization factor of 1.80 for the survey year 2018 and that of 1.75 for the survey year 2019 to T1+T3.

Survey year 2018

(Nuntiyakul et al, 2014)

DRF FOR 1997 (+)AND 2006(-)

$$N = N_0 (1 - e^{-\alpha P_c^{-\kappa}})$$

$$N = \int_{P_c}^{\infty} (\text{DRF}) dP$$

$$\mathrm{DRF} = N_0 \alpha P^{-\kappa - 1} \kappa (e^{-\alpha P^{-\kappa}})$$

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Figure 8. Differential response functions for two survey years, near solar minimum, of opposite polarity and similar modulation level. A crossover is apparent near 5 GV.

Update Dorman Function 2018-2019 (30Nov21)

• Used Dorman Parameter from yakum et al., 2021->fit data by group data into rigidity bin and find mean value of each bin

Year	No	alpha	kappa
2018	8.87	6.84	0.807
2019	8.96	8.54	0.881

DRF of year 1997 (positive) and 2018 (positive)

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Update Dorman Function 2018-2019 (20Dec21)

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Year	No	alpha	kappa
2018	8.93	5.93	0.763
2019	9.05	7.787	0.852

DRF of year 1997 (positive) and 2018 (positive)

DRF of year 1997 (positive) and 2018 (positive)

DRF of year 2006 (negative) and 2018 (positive)

DRF of year 2006 (negative) and 2019 (positive)

MAWSON MUON TELESCOPE

Summary of muon telescope parameters at the Mawson Automated Cosmic Ray Observatory.

	SURFACE		UNDERGROUND	
	NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH WEST
Cutoff Rigidity Effective Median Rigidity	13 GV 35-200 GV 190 GV	13 GV	13 GV 35-200 GV	13 GV 180 GV
Azimuth Zenith Absorber	North 34° -84° .13m (steel)	South 34*-84* .13m (steel)	330° 24° 48 m.w.e. (granite)	215* 40* 53 m.w.e. (granite)

Geometry of Mawson station

(Duldig, 1990)

THE DATA OF MUON TELESCOPE

Accidental vs Coincidental rate

Accidental rate = independent particles pass through difference trays

Coincidental rate = a single particle pass through both trays

the accidental rate can be removed to give the true coincidence rate.

When $\tau < < 1/C$	$R(\tau) = C + A(\tau)$
and for $\tau_2 = 2\tau_1$	$A(\tau_2) = 2A(\tau_1)$
solving for C gives	$C = 2R(\tau_1) - R(\tau_2)$
and	$A(\tau_1) = R(\tau_2) - R(\tau_1)$

The coincidence rate for the new telescope is 180000 particles/hour (i.e. the average time between particles is 20 ms)

Surface Muon Telescopes

ground Level

 P1, 2 & 3 have effective mean Rigidity 35-200 GV both north and south and have 0.13m steel absorber between the counter walls. P1, 2 & 3 North view equatorial to mid southern latitudes. Effective mean Rigidity 35-200 GV.

P1, 2 & 3 South view across the south pole into the opposite temporal hemisphere but have maximum geomagnetic deflection due to viewing across the field and so effectively spread spectral phenomena out in time. Effective mean Rigidity 35-200 GV.

P1, 2 & 3

Manson Muon zenith angle

Hour data P2

Hour data P3

Underground Level

P6 & 7 view along the local geomagnetic field and thus have minimal geomagnetic deflection and view mid southern latitudes very close to the Mawson NM view.
 Effective mean Rigidity 180 GV resulting from 48 mwe granite absorber along the central viewing direction.

P6 & 7

Manson Muon zenith angle

Hour data P6

Hour data P7

 P9 & 10 view approximately along the southern polar rotation axis after geomagnetic bending, therefore measuring the isotropic intensity. Effective mean Rig 190 GV resulting from 53 mwe granite absorber along the central viewing direction.

Manson Muon zenith angle

P9 & 10

Hour data P9

Hour data P10

Hour data

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THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS ?

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COMAGNETIC CUTOFF RIGIDITY

Rigidity is defined as momentum per unit charge

The magnetic field of the Earth excludes particle below a well-defined rigidity at any given location known as cutoff rigidity VERTICAL CUTOFF RIGIDITIES (GV) 2000 IGRF

Fig 7. Rigidity contours for vertical geomagnetic cutoff rigidities for epoch 2000. (Smart & Shea, 2006)

Vertical cutoff rigidity
 → the minimum rigidity for a vertical incident particle

Apparent cutoff rigidity

 \rightarrow an estimate rigidity for each possible direction of incident particle

CUTOFF-RIGIDITY

• $R_c = [M \cos \lambda^4] / \{r^2 [1 + (1 - \sin \epsilon \sin \xi \cos \lambda^3)^{1/2}]^2\}$

Where

- *R_c* is the geomagnetic cutoff rigidity
- λ is the latitude
- *M* is the magnitude of the dipole moment
- *r* is the distance from the dipole center in centimeters

Fig II. The effective vertical geomagnetic cutoff-rigidity (Nevalainen, Usoskin & Mishev, 2013)

NM64 RESPONSE ENERGY

Fig 13

Simulated neutron monitor count rates produced by various types of atmospheric secondary cosmic rays arriving to ground level (Aiemsa-ad et al.. 2015)

DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE FUNCTION

$$N(P_c) = N_0 (1 - e^{-\alpha P_c^{-\kappa}}),$$

$$N(P_c) = \int_{P_c}^{\infty} DRF(P) dP,$$

$$DRF(P) = N_0 \alpha P^{-\kappa - 1} \kappa e^{-\alpha P^{-\kappa}}.$$

$$DRF(P) = -\left[\frac{dN}{dP_c}\right]_p$$

$$= \sum G(P)M(P,t)Y(P,h)$$

Fig 12 Dorman function fits to neutron monitor data (b) and show the resulting differential response functions (DRFs) (d) (Nuntiyakul et al., 2018)

WHAT CAUSES THE SUN'S MAGNETIC FIELD FLIP?

DATA REDUCTION

- I : Tube ratio cleaning
- \succ If one tube was removed

-> tube I, corrected count =
$$\left(\frac{s_1+s_2+s_3}{s_2+s_3}\right)(D_2+D_3)$$

➢ If two tubes were removed

-> remaining actual count rate x average ratio of whole survey

-> Only Tube I remaining, corrected count Tube 2 =
$$\left(\frac{D_1}{s_1/s_2}\right)$$

, corrected count Tube 3 =
$$\left(\frac{D_1}{s_1/s_3}\right)$$

If three tubes were removed -> DATA GAP

Applied for Mobile NM And Mawson NM data since Oct 2002 to Dec 2002

II: Pressure correction

Barometric pressure was corrected using Equation as follow;

GROUND LEVEL ENHANCEMENT

 Ground level enhancement onsets at five NM stations recording the event of April 15,2001 (Mavromichalaki et al., 2007)

FORBUSH DECREASE

 A rapid decrease in the observed galactic cosmic ray intensity following a coronal mass ejection (CME).

