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Muon telescope

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Research Topic: VB6 & Coding C++ on FPGA of new Readout electronics board, correlation function with the full 10-s McMurdo & Jang Bogo datasets

Institution: Chiang Mai University

OUTLINE

• Introduction

- Cosmic Rays
- Standard-Neutron Monitor
- Semi-leaded Neutron Detector
- Cosmic Ray Spectra
- Latitude Surveys
 - 1994-2007 (13 survey years)
 - 1995
 - 2009
 - 2018-Present
- Output

Introduction: Cosmic rays

- Energetic particles or y-rays from space
- Discovered by Hess in 1912 (Nobel Prize in 1936)
- Ordinary matter accelerated to high energies
 - p, ⁴He, ¹²C, ¹⁶O, heavy muclei and γ , e⁺, e⁻, μ , ν_{2} .
- Key sources of cosmic rays for Earth's radiation environment:
 - From solar storms (solar energetic particles)
 - · From supernova explosions inside the Milky-Way Galaxy (Galactic cosmic rays)
 - From intense events/objects GRB, AGN outside the Galaxy (Extra Galactic cosmic rays)
- Key cause of biological mutation

Image credit: www.invisiblemoose.com (WALTA group)

















INTRODUCTION: STANDARD NEUTRON MONITOR (NM64)



INTRODUCTION: SEMI LEADED COUNTER





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https://www.physics.utah.edu/~whanlon/spectrum.html



FIGURE 5



Figure 6 Solar modulation





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MISS. KLEDSAI POOPAKUN

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Comparative Analysis of Data from Neutron and Muon Detectors at Antarctica



FIGURE 7 The track of the ship-borne neutron monitor latitude surveys for 1994-2007, and 2019-2020, superimposed on contours of the vertical cutoff rigidity (GV).

Courtesy Poopakun et al., 2021

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Kledsai also works on the data analysis of the Muon Telescope at Mawson, Antarctica



Taken photo by Pradiphat Muangha



Figure 8 Regression of the mobile neutron monitor count rate in different apparent cutoff rigidity bins against the count rate of Mawson neutron monitor superimposing the data for different solar magnetic polarities. Courtesy Poopakun et al., 2021

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- Update results about Mawson vs. mobile neutron monitor analysis
- In addition to the correlation work, Kledsai also has progress reports on the analysis of Muon detector!



Cosmic Ray Flux Correlation between McMurdo and Jang Bogo Stations



FIGURE 9 The track of the ship-borne neutron monitor latitude surveys for 1994-2007, and 2019-2020, superimposed on contours of the vertical cutoff rigidity (GV).

Courtesy Poopakun et al., 2021

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McMurdo and Jang Bogo Stations





Figure 10 Bird-eye view of McMurdo Station (courtesy: nmdb database)

Figure 11 Bird-eye view of Jang Bogo Station (courtesy: KOPRI)



FIGURE 12 LEFT: Asymptotic directions on December 20, 2015 at 18:00 UT. RIGHT: Small scale features as seen by Jang Bogo and McMurdo neutron monitors.

METHODOLOGY

- Initial Processing
 - Datasets are 10-second data from December 16, 2015, to October 20, 2016

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- We made histograms to remove clear outliers beyond SD \pm 4.5 σ from 24-hr moving average
- Filled data gaps with the mean of the rest data
- Calculate Local Time for each station's location from LT = UT + LON/15°. We applied both UT & LT in our analysis
- Barometric Pressure Correction

Station	Barometric Pressure Coef. (%/mmHg)	Reference Pressure (mmHg)
Jang Bogo	1.00090	733.6
McMurdo	0.99994	730.0
$r = \frac{(c - \overline{c})}{c}$		

- Calculate relative values from r
- Determine auto- & cross-correlation value (cf) from

$$cf[\tau] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} r_1[m] \cdot r_2[\tau+m]$$

• Optimize reasonable linear regression fit to find time lag (τ)

Autocorrelation MCMU-MCMU



MCMU #1 vs #0



MCMU #2 vs #0











JBGO #5 vs #0












Autocorrelation JBGO-JBGO













JBGO #5 vs #0



FIGURE 13 A schematic diagram of the placement of (a) McMurdo and (b) Jang Bogo neutron counters.

Courtesy: Kittiya et al. 2022



Figure 14 Rectangular grid of correlation values in the 12 × 12 dimensional array of McMurdo neutron counters. Color bar indicates correlation values of highest data points at around zero time lag. All values displayed in the bottom portion of this mesh grid can be seen in Figure 4 as described in the text. As unit 5 is damaged, we can see all the ingredients associated with this tube are all zeros.



Figure 15 Rectangular grid of correlation values in the 6 × 6 dimensional array of Jang Bogo neutron counters. Color bar indicates correlation values of highest data points at around zero time lag. As unit 3 is damaged, we can see all the ingredients associated with this tube are all zeros.



FIGURE 16



PLANS TO REPORT IN THE BOOTCAMP 2021 ARE:

- Update about correlation work that I've mentioned before
- In addition to the correlation work, Jumbo also has progress reports on the pulse selection!

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MISS. SIDARAT KHAMPHAKDEE

Analysis of the Changvan Neutron Monitor Operation in Latitude Surveys during 2019-2020





FIGURE 18 The placement of the 2NM64 and semi-leaded neutron detectors inside the Changvan. Courtesy Khampakdee et al., 2020

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LATITUDE SURVEY: VOYAGE IN 2018-2020 SURVEY YEARS



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FIGURE 19 Route of the Oden for the 2019-2020 latitude survey, superimposed on contours of the 2018 effective vertical cutoff rigidity, calculated for May 01, 2018 at 12:00 UT. Numbers at each contour indicate the effective vertical cutoff rigidity in GV.

Courtesy Khampakdee et al., 2021



FIGURE 20 (a)-(c) Data set of the survey year 2019 and (d)-(f) of the survey year 2020, as a function of time. (a) and (d) Hourly averaged count rates for T1 (black), T2 (blue), and T3 (red). The vertical grey lines show the time period that causes the count rate to fluctuate by having other containers intervene. (b) and (e) The barometric pressure. (c) and (f) The geomagnetic cutoff rigidity, where the black line shows the apparent geomagnetic cutoff rigidity and the blue line shows the vertical effective cutoff rigidity. We will clearly see the difference between the two geomagnetic cutoffs at high cutoffs (low latitudes). Courtesy Khampakdee et al., 2020

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PLANS TO REPORT IN THE BOOTCAMP 2021 ARE:

- Response functions and Dorman parameters
- Short-term modulation effect
- Temperature effect



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MISS. PANUTDA YAKUM

Analysis of Neutron Time-Delay Histograms from Changvan Latitude Surveys

The leader fraction $(L) \equiv$ neutron counts that do not follow a previous neutron count in the same counter from the same atmospheric secondary particle



$$L = \frac{\int_{t_d}^{\infty} A_0 e^{-\alpha t} dt}{\int_{t_d}^{t_0} N(t) dt + \int_{t_0}^{\infty} A_0 e^{-\alpha t} dt}$$

or for the discrete histogram,

$$L = \frac{\frac{A_0}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t_d}}{\int_{t=t_d}^{t_0} N_t + \frac{A_0}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t_d}}$$



FIGURE 21 Frequency histograms of short time delays collected for each neutron counter tube during one hour (2nd hour of universal time (UT) on the 20 December 2019 of the survey vear 2020): (a) tube 1, (b) tube 2, and (c) tube 3. The red vertical band shows the electronics dead time for each tube, about 87 μ s. Statistical error bars are shown.



FIGURE 22 Example of analysis of long time delay histograms collected for each neutron counter tube during one hour (2nd hour UT on the 20th December 2019 of the survey year 2020) of (a) tube 1, (b) tube 2, and (c) tube 3. Error bars are shown.

Courtesy Yakum et al., 2020



FIGURE 23 Hourly leader fraction (*L*) of tube 1 (blue), tube 2 (black), and tube 3 (green), and geomagnetic cutoff rigidities as a function of time. (a)–(d) Data for the survey year 2019. (e)–(h) Data for the survey year 2020.

Courtesy Yakum et al., 2020



Figure 24 Leader rate function for the survey year 2019 (CN35)(blue line) and the survey year 2020 (CN36)(red line) are the averages from $(T_1 + T_3)/2$. (black line) is the Leader rate function for the unleaded (T2) of the survey year 2020 (CN36). Fitted line with .95 confidence-level band.



Figure 25 The count rate (left) and leader rate (right) ratio of unleaded vs. leaded counters as a function of apparent cutoff rigidity for the 2019 and 2020 survey years. Here, "unleaded" means T2, and "leaded" means the averaged T1 and T3. Error bars indicate the standard error.

PLANS TO REPORT IN THE BOOTCAMP 2021 ARE:

- Cross-counter leader fraction for latitude surveys during 2018-2020
- PHA at the South Pole



26 Dec 09:00 – 10:30 Hrs

MISS. YANEE TANGJAI

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Determining the Yield Function of Ice Cherenkov Detector Operation during a Latitude Survey



Digital Optical Module (DOM) frozen in to the surface of an IceTop "Tank" Cherenkov detector at the South Pole.



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- For a typical PeV primary, many tanks record large signals and the shower can be "reconstructed" to give an energy event by event.
- At a few GeV, typically the primary will produce a signal in one or two isolated tanks.
- The average signal in a tank is still proportional to the primary energy.
- Since the flux of GeV particles is high, the counting rate above a given discriminator setting is proportional to the particle flux in a (rather broad) range of energy.
- This proportionality is described by the <u>Yield Function</u>, which is essentially an energy dependent effective area.



FIGURE 26 Example data from the Oden Ice Cherenkov detector as a function of time. A signal at SPE discriminator setting 660 (Condition Code 33).

Courtesy Tangjai et al., 2021



FIGURE 27 The relation of the count rate (pressure correction) and apparent cutoff rigidity (GV). We use the Dorman function to fitting separately for the (a) southbound and (b) northbound intervals. Here is an example of SPE discriminator setting 660 (Condition Code 33).



Figure 28 Comparisons of (a) Integral Response Function (*IRF*) and (b) Differential Response Function (*DRF*). Here is an example of signals at SPE discriminator setting 660 (Condition Code 33). The black line is data indicated the southbound (SB). The blue line is data showed the northbound (NB).



Figure 29 The relation of Yintercept (P_0) of threshold settings discriminator settings of the (a) southbound and (b) northbound intervals.



Courtesy Tangjai et al., 202x

Figure 30 The relation of Slope (P_1) of threshold settings discriminator settings of the (a) southbound and (b) northbound intervals.







Figure 31 The relation of Ice Cherenkov detector count rate for all 47 SPE threshold setting and McMurdo count rate at the South Pole station, both data are corrected for pressure.

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DETERMINING THE YIELD FUNCTION

- The yield function can be calculated using FLUKA, but you need an accurate model of the IceTop Tank.
- We had already done with the Ice Cherenkov Detector geometry that can run in the latest version of FLUKA (shown in the next slide).
- The yield functions can also be measured, as I will describe, but only at sea level.
 A good model calculation is therefore also important to relate the measurement to the actual configuration at the South Pole.





26 Dec 11:00 – 12:30 Hrs

MISS. AUDCHARAPORN PAGWHAN

Determination of Yield Functions of Neutron Counters at the South Pole from Monte-Carlo Simulation



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Location	Moderator	Rate	Date		
South Pole, Antarctica					
B2	None	13.492(4)	2012		
B2	Paraffin	14.862(5)	2012		
B2	Donut	13.82(2)	2010-01-23		
Snow	Donut	12.88(9)	2010-01-26		
University of Delaware, USA					
Patio	None	1.487(4)	2010-08-26		
Patio	Paraffin	1.727(5)	2010-08-27		
Patio	Donut	1.448(4)	2010-08-27		
Patio	Standard	2.585(5)	2010-08-30		
Shop	None	0.844(1)	2010-08-31		
Shop	Paraffin	0.889(1)	2010-08-27		
Shop	Donut	1.111(1)	2010-08-27		
Shop	Standard	1.257(1)	2010-08-31		



FIGURE 34 Bare ³He Neutron Detector Tests

FIGURE 35 Neutron detectors



Figure 36 The ratio of the observed count rates at the South Pole for the two types of configuration (orange horizontal line) and the ratios of the simulated yield functions (red and black markers).



Figure 37 (a) Simulated *YF* for protons and alphas of 12 bare counters at the South Pole. (b) *YF* of the two Paraffin bares from this work compared to the determination of [6] and [17].

PLANS TO REPORT IN THE BOOTCAMP 2021 ARE:

- Expand beam size for bare neutron counter simulations
- Brainstorm how to improve FLUKA simulations for SP 3-1NM64



26 Dec 14:00 – 15:30 Hrs

DR.ACHARA SERIPIENLERT

Validation of Monte Carlo Yield Function of a Semi-Leaded Neutron Monitor using Latitude Survey Data in 2019 and 2020

FIGURE 38 The geometry of the Changvan neutron monitor implemented in the FLUKA program. The
 dimensions and materials of some the main components are provided.

FIGURE 39 Path of Changvan neutron monitor in the 2019 (CN35: grey line) and 2020 (CN36: orange line) survey years. The contours with numbers indicate vertical cutoff rigidity (in the units of GV), calculated for February 11, 2019, at 12:00 UT.

FIGURE 40 Yield functions for protons and alphas of Changvan neutron monitor

Courtesy Seripienlert et al., 2021

Courtesy Seripienlert et al., 2021

Figure 41 Comparison between (a) Simulation count rate and (b) Data count rate. The simulation count rate is higher than the Data count rate. The ratio of Simulation/Data count rate is provided in (c). The vertical error bar in (a)–(b) represents the standard error, and (c) the error propagation of the ratio; in many cases, the error bar is smaller than the plot symbol.

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Figure 42 (a) The ratios of unleaded/leaded NM count rates. (b) The ratio of leaded/leaded NM rates. The vertical error bar represent the error propagation of the ratio, which still large for the simulated results.

Courtesy Aiemsa-ad et al., 2015							
	Calibrator	Water		_			
	Height	Height					
Configuration	(cm)	(cm)	Start Time ^b	Stop Time ^b	Electronics	Cal/NM ^c	Nd
1	140	0	2009/327/11	2009/341/03	NWU1	0.005710(6)	2.97×10^{6}
2	140	50	2009/342/01	2009/349/03	NWU1	0.005635(6)	1.98×10^{6}
3	140	68	2009/349/08	2009/357/06	NWU1	0.005622(6)	2.11×10^{6}
4	140	25	2009/357/07	2009/362/02	NWU1	0.005659(7)	1.27×10^{6}
5	70	0	2009/362/08	2010/005/01	NWU1	0.005744(7)	2.17×10^{6}
6	70	60	2010/008/11	2010/017/04	NWU1	0.005505(5)	$2.28 imes 10^{6}$
8	70	65	2010/042/07	2010/096/23	BRI	0.004860(2)	9.12×10^{6}
9	70	65	2010/098/08	2010/110/08	NWU1	0.005506(4)	2.68×10^{6}
10	70	65	2010/112/05	2010/127/05	NWU2	0.005637 <mark>(</mark> 6)	$2.76 imes 10^{6}$
11	70	50	2010/127/06	2010/132/01	NWU2	0.005771(12)	8.99×10^{5}
12	70	25	2010/132/02	2010/155/02	NWU2	0.005695(6)	4.54×10^{6}
13	70	0	2010/155/04	2010/158/04	NWU2	0.005756(15)	6.45×10^{5}
15	55	0	2010/162/07	2010/179/02	BRI	0.005007(2)	4.48×10^{6}

^aFor Configurations 1–13, the calibrator was outside the PSNM building as in Figure 3. For Configuration 15, the calibrator was inside the PSNM building as in Figure 2.

^bYear/day of year/hour (UT).

^cCalibrator to PSNM count rate ratio. Parentheses indicate statistical standard error in the final digits.

^dCounts detected by the calibrator during usable times.

FIGURE 45 Ratio Cal/NM Vs. height of water (cm)

FIGURE 46 Ratio Cal/NM Vs. Calmon height – water height (cm)

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MR. MONTREE PHETA

Maser polarization in 3D with numerical implementation

A maser (<u>/'meizər/</u>, an acronym for microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation) is a device that produces <u>coherent electromagnetic waves</u> through amplification by <u>stimulated emission</u>.

27 Dec 18:00 – 19:00 Hrs

DR. CHANOKNAN BANGLIENG

GPS – (Water Vapour Pressure) WVP Workshop and GDAS

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The National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) uses the Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS) to interpolate data from a variety of observing systems and instruments onto a three-dimensional grid. NCEI provides access to this gridded output data, which is used to initialize the <u>NCEP Global Forecasting System (GFS) model</u>.

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MR. EKKARACH SOOMBOON

Analysis of Neutron Time-Delay Histograms from Mawson NM Station

29-Dec-21 **Courtesy** Nuntiyakul et al.

Cross-Counter Leader Fraction (LF)

Hourly LF Data

Plot LF Vs. Time

We have a joint research project with Mahidol University, led by Prof. David Ruffolo. We help the team to maintain the existing detectors of cosmic rays at Mawson and Kingston, which are efficient and inexpensive for detecting cosmic ray variations due to solar storms and the solar wind. We also contribute partially data analysis from the neutron monitors there.

The atmosphere while Thai researchers traveling to the Mawson station in Antarctica during February-March 2020. Image Credit: Padiphat Muangha, a Ph.D. student from Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand

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Click here to see Cross-counter leader fractions of 50 combinations at Mawson

Click link below to download data

Full_50_Combination_Mawson.csv

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Select to see each combination or Selected by date and time

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Click plot the graph

. Data preparation and leader fraction (L) analysis have been made by Mr. Ekkarach Somboon, a scientist in Astronomy Laboratory, Department of Physics and Materials Science, Faculty of Science, Chiang Mai University.

Mawson Leader Fraction (L) Database

You are welcome to use data from our webpage, under the conditions following this website: http://obs.science.cmu.ac.th/lfdatabase/

FIGURE 47

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0.5 t(s)

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0.5 t(s)

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Web resources & Facebook Page

- Establish <u>http://obs.science.cmu.ac.th/antarcticthai/</u> to provide information and present activities regarding our research
- Update Facebook Page that we have already been developed highlighting ongoing Astronomy and Astrophysics Research in Antarctica, especially projects with Thai involvement.

And more

Why the Antarctic research in Thailand would be important?

Thailand is not a country with a natural interest in cold climate research, nor is it geographically close to the Antarctic. It, however, has a population of approximately 70 million, with a rapidly growing industrial and technological economy. It is, therefore, essential to maintain Antarctica pristine and exploit only for carefully controlled scientific purposes that Thai people are exposed to the reasons why the Antarctic is so important for scientific research.

What are we doing? Why Antarctica?

Translation IceCube comic books

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