RAP-Rivelazione Acustica di Particelle

Present Status and First Results



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Nautilus Cosmic Ray veto system

In 1992 NAUTILUS was equipped with a cosmic ray veto system Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A355:624-631,1995

Streamer Tubes



PVC-rectangular cells (8 per tube) with cross section 3X3 cm2



Cu-Be 100µm diameter anode



 $\Delta V = 5550 V$



Gas mixture:40%Ar+60% Isobuthane







Anomalous Signals

Comparison between calculations and measurements



Hadrons + T.A.M unable to explain the data





The Shape Factor Gn: analytic and numerical estimation



Why T.M.A doesn't work with 2000 data Data vs Thermodynamic temperature



Incoherent hypothesis with Explorer's 2003 data Feb-Jul 2000 ➡ 308 stretches Mar-Sep 2001 ➡ 968 stretches particle density>300/m²

RAP PROPOSAL

Possibilities to explain data:

Unexpected response of a possible metastable state of a massive superconductor to the passage of particles:

Enhancement of g Grüneisen factor in super-conducting state

Enhancement of energy conversion (*dE/dx*) in super-conducting state

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Something strange in the cosmic rays composition at the energy of interest (exotic nuclei, monopoles, etc).



Creep phenomena: impulsive release of accumulate internal tension



DAONE Beam Test Facility



n(average)=1-10¹⁰ particles

Energy 20-800 MeV



Repetition rate:50 Hz





1% energy selection



BTF experimental hall 100 m²

Experimental setup The main component of the detector are:



Mechanical structure needed to host and suspend the cryostat



The cryogenic and vacuum system



- The suspension system
- The cylindrical test mass



The read-out and DAQ



Suspension System, Test Mass, Cryogenic System



5096 Hz @ 300 K

[†]1L

KADEL Liquid Helium Cryostat + Dilution Refrigerator Working Temp: 100 mK

Suspension 7 OFHC copper masses 1 OFHC copper tube Attenuation: -200db@ 5KHz

First run @ 300 K



theory

 $9.4 \cdot 10^{10}$ electrons @ 500 MeV Energy released in the bar $1.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$ J Amplitude of 1L mode = $4.13 \cdot 10^{-13}$ m



First Rap Cool-down

Date	Temperature
28/05/2004	300 K
5/06/2004	77 K
9/6/2004	8 K
10/6/2004	4.4 K
14/06/2004	77 K
17/06/2004	300 K

Merit Factor Q vs Temperature



Frequency of first longitudinal mode





Preliminary Comparison with other results



Temperature

Good agreement between 1D / 3D calculation results and measured values

Conclusion and future plans



First Measure @ low Temperature. Good agreement with previous experiments (room temperature) and theory



Filtering Optimization + accurate Data Analysis and Errors Evaluation



Installation and Measurement with Dilution Refrigerator in super-conducting state before end of 2005

Raw Data of the largest signal recorded



Time [s]

The Thermo-Acoustic model predicts very small signal signal for resonant gravitational wave @ present sensitivity

2001

Dependence on NAUTILUS thermodynamic temperature



RAP read-out system

2 piezo-electric ceramics (PZT24, 1cm²x0.5cm) embedded in the test mass





JFET amplifier 1nVHz^{-1/2}@ 5KHz bandwidth 25KHz

Calibrazioni

Obiettivo: determinare la costante di accoppiamento elettromeccanio vs Temperatura



Circuito elettrico equivalente



- C1= elasticità
- L1= massa risonante
- R1= dissipazione
- C2= capacità del traduttore o piezoelettrico

$\alpha = \frac{2\pi f_l}{C_2 + C_{cavi}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{MC_1}{2}}$	
T=300 K	1.35e+10 V/m
T=77 K	1.5e+10 V/m
T=4.4 K	1.33e+10 V/m

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Physics News Update The American Institute of Physics Bulletin of Physics News

Number 465 (Story #3), January 7, 2000 by Phillip F. Schewe and Ben Stein

COSMIC RAYS OBSERVED BY GRAVITY-WAVE DETECTOR at the Frascati Laboratory in Italy consists of a 2300-kg aluminum cylinder cooled to a temperature of 0.1 K. The plan is that a passing gravitational wave (broadcast, say, by the collision of two neutron stars) would excite a noticeable vibration in the cylinder. NAUTILUS has not yet recorded any gravitational waves, but scientists have now witnessed the cylinder vibrated by energetic particle showers initiated when cosmic rays strike the atmosphere. The signal generated by the rays is believable because conventional cosmic-ray detectors surrounding the bar also lit up when they were struck by the particles. In effect the detector is able to discern a mechanical vibration as small as 10⁻¹⁸ meters, corresponding to an energy deposit as small as 10⁻⁶ eV. (Astone et al., Physical Review Letters, 3 January 2000; Select Article. Contact Giuseppina Modestino, modestino@lnf.infn.it, 011-39-694-032-756.)



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Event Rate ~ 2 order of magnitude

higher than expected

Energy ~ 2 order of magnitude higher than that one computed with the thermo-acoustic model

