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Cosmic Ray detector module with liquid scintillator

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Motivation

• The detection of Cosmic ray muon or electromagnetic particles is one of the basic requirements of most particle experiments.

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Cosmic ray detectors

- Hit/trigger
- Timing
- Position/track
- S/N
- Cost
- Reliability
- Robustness
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Gas based



Plastic scintillator (+ fiber)

Fluid based

Cloud chamber

WIS fil

holding nan

sleeve units

Liquid scintillator (+ fiber)

Crystal + camera 2D track ext only https://arxiv.org/pdf/2301.01969

Skipper CCD

Water based

Film, OPERA



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Example I: JUNO TT, plastic scintillator







Angel Abusleme et. Al. The JUNO experiment Top Tracker, NIM A, V. 1057, 2023,168680, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2023.168680.

Corner clipping µ or rock µ

(e)

Example II: TAO plastic scintillator





Li, M., Wang, ZM., Liu, CM. *et al.* Performance of compact plastic scintillator strips with wavelength shifting fibers using a photomultiplier tube or silicon photomultiplier readout. NUCL SCI TECH **34**, 31 2024/12/11 [2023]. https://doi.org/10.1007/s41365-023-01175-6 Wer VK Lu P7 at al. Design of plastic scintillators with wavelength-shifting fibers and silicon photomultiplier readouts in the top wate tracker of the UNO-TAO experiment. NU

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Example III: LAHHSO ED

LAHHSO

 \cdot 1m² sensitive area of each ED

- \cdot sensitivity to the electromagnetic components, including *e*, γ and μ .
- \cdot time resolution better than 2 ns.
- detection efficiency greater than 95%.
- $\cdot~1$ $\sim~10^4/m^2\,dynamic$ range of particle density, with charge resolution of 25% @ single particle, and 5% @ 104 particles.

 \cdot count rate <2 kHz at working gain and given threshold.



F. Aharonian et. al, Performance test of the electromagnetic particle detectors for the LHAASO experiment, NIM A, V. 1001, 2021, 165193, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2021.165193.



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Discriminating cosmic muons and radioactivity using a liquid scintillation fiber detector Y. P. Zhang *et al* 2017 *JINST* **12** P03015, **DOI** 10. 1088/1748-0221/12/03/P03015

Proposal

- Liquid scintillator
 - Performance similar to plastic scintillator
 - But cheaper
 - Easy to produce/model for different shapes
 - But, Difficult to seal tightly
- Wavelength shift fiber
 - For larger dimension
- PMT or SiPM
 - Sensitive to single photon, then aim to lower energy events

Pre-Design

- 1m*1m •
- Max. height: inside 12cm (liquid max. 8cm) •
- Inner: White PVC: 6mm ٠
- Outer: Al •
- 40 fibers in 1.5mm: 20 vertical, 20 horizontal •
 - Fiber to bottom 11.5mm •
 - Distance between neighbors: 40mm ٠
- Fiber support frame 13.5mm high The aperture of the optical fiber is 2.5mm, and the diameter of 1.5mm and 2mm optical fibers can be passed ٠







More details









Simulation

- LS thickness: 2cm
- 80*80cm liquid scintillator,
- 19 optical fibers in the XY direction
 - Length 2.4m, type: BCF92
- 4 PMTs





2cm thickness liquid scintillator, The QE of PMT is calculated at 20%.

Photon received by PMTs



Considering PMT's response





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Time resolution



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Light yield of the module



Position response



Muon with different angle



PMT testing



目前已用DT取数,后续需要修改程序,读取数据文件处理分析数据,即可出图 19

Fiber preparation

Optical fiber grinding machine: with grinding paper, polish the end face of the optical fiber that is subsequently cut;

A complete set of grinding process takes about 10min, grinding 4-5 at a time



The detector assembly

The container is shown below;





Detector assembly



The optical fiber is determined to be 2.4m, and the distance between the two ends after the optical fiber comes out is shown in the figure below







External trigger with LED



Testing with Muon in air/water



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Summary

- Cosmic ray detector with liquid scintillator + WLS fiber proposed
- Simulation shows good performance
- A prototype designed and assembled firstly
- Pre-testing shows good with the structure
 - In air or in water
- More testing with LS is going on

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