### The Detectors based on PMTs



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### The PMTs in the Physics World



### **▶ 1. The Introduction of PMTs**

**≻2. The Application of PMTs in Fundamental Physics** 

**≻3. The Application of PMTs in Medical Imaging** 

 $\triangleright$  4. The Application of PMTs in Analytical Instruments

 $\geq 5$ . The Future of the PMTs

### 1.1 The Key technology of Scintillator Detector



 $\checkmark$  The photoelectric device and scintillation material promote each other. A good combination!

- $\checkmark$  The Max. QE of PMT @ 400nm----> Transparent scintillator with optical wavelength, like BGO crystal;
- $\checkmark$  Large-area liquid scintillator, plastic scintillator----> R&D of large-area PMT (20 inch PMT);
- $\checkmark$  Development of the SiPM, PDE plateau (300-600 nm) ----> all kinds of high light yield scintillator, like GAGG crystal;
- $\checkmark$  Development of low-cost SiPM, PD, PMT----> large-area scintillator with low-cost, like Glass Scintillator (GS);
- $\checkmark$  …………So! What about the progress of PMTs?

### What is the Glass Scintillator?



### What is the photomultiplier Tube (PMT)?



### 1.2 The Structure of PMTs



- The first photomultiplier in the world:  $\triangleright$  "Kubetsky's tube"
- A typical PMT contains a **photoncathode**, several dynodes, and an anode in a sealed glass envelope with a high vacuum inside.
- PMTs are widely used in various fields, such as fundamental physics, medical imaging, analytical instruments et al. Different types of PMTs have been developed to meet different requirements.

Ref: NIMA 567 (2006) 236–238

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 $\triangleright$  The Structure of the large PMT

### (1) Photocathode



- Photocathodes are generally made of compound alkali metals, or semiconductors activated with alkali
- Cs-I and Cs-Te are used for ultraviolet light (UV)
- Bialkali (Sb-Rb-Cs, Sb-K-Cs) and multialkali (Sb-Na- K-Cs) photocathodes are sensitive to the photons of visible light
- Semiconductors, such as GaAsP, GaAs, and InGaAs activated with alkali (Cs) are used to extend sensitivity further to about 1000 nm (infrared ray)

8 Ref: Sergey V. Polyakov, Experimental Methods in the Physical Sciences, Chapter 3 - Photomultiplier Tubes

### • Different material photocathode in the vacuum tube could detected different wavelength light



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### (2) Electron Multiplier

- For traditional dynode PMT, the number of photoelectrons is multiplied via the secondary-electron emission effect on each of the dynodes in the device.
- For MCP-PMT, when a primary electron impinges on the inner wall of a channel, secondary electrons are emitted.



 $\triangleright$  The Typical Dynode part for PMTs  $\triangleright$  The Typical MCP part for PMTs

• The Dynode part and MCP part are the most usefull and common electron multiplier in the vacuum tube.







 $\triangleright$  Box-and-line type



 $\triangleright$  Venetian blind type  $\triangleright$  Eelectron bombadment type  $\triangleright$  Mesh type



 $\triangleright$  Circular-cage type  $\triangleright$  Linear-focused type  $\triangleright$ 





Metal channel type



Ref: Photonmultiplier Tubes Basics and Applications, Hamamatsu

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### (3) The Anode

- Compared to the plate anode, a conical anode can significantly improve the timing performance .
- Multianode PMTs are used to achieve position-sensitive and can be roughly classified into two types or namely a matrix type and a linear type.
- Using cross-plate anodes is another method to achieve position-sensitive.







Single Anode for PMT  $\rightarrow$  Different types of the position-sensitive anode  $\rightarrow$  cross-plate anodes

12 Ref: NIMA 1041 (2022) 167333; Photonmultiplier Tubes Basics and Applications, Hamamatsu

### 1.3 The Size and shape of the PMTs



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### ■ 2.1. The Detector for Neutrino/Cosmic Rays

- 2.1.1 the 20inch Dynode-PMT for Neutrino detection
- 2.1.2 the 8inch Dynode-PMT for Neutrino detection
- 2.1.3 the large size of MCP-PMT for High Energy Physics
- 2.1.4 the large DOM with small PMTs for Neutrino detection

### ■ 2.2. The Detector for Special Detection

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### 2.1.1 20-inch Dynode-PMT for Neutrino detection



The Neutrino Detector of Super-K experiment



**Photomultiplier Tubes** 



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- Ref: Suzuki, A. (1994). Kamiokande: Historical Account.

- The KAMIOKA Nucleon Decay Experiment (Kamiokande) was started to verify the Grand Unified Theory of particle physics by searching neutrino.
- The detector was a cylindrical water tank (16 m in diameter and height) with 1000 of the 20-inch



# (2) Super-Kamiokande



### Ref: NIMA 501 (2003) 418-462

- Inner detector: contains 32 ktons of water and was viewed by 11146 inward-facing 20-inch PMTs (Hamamatsu R3600)
- Outer detector: instrumented with 1885 outward-facing 8-inch PMTs (Hamamatsu R1408, recycled from the IMB experiment)



# (3)Hyper-Kamiokande



- The detector fiducial volume of Hyper-K is 10 times larger than that of Super-Kamiokande.
- The Inner Detector is the main detector, with 40,000 20-inch ultrasensitive PMTs (Hamamatsu R12860) installed on its walls.



Ref: C Bronner et al 2020 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 1468 012237



### 2.1.2 8-inch Dynode-PMT for Neutrino detection



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 $\triangleright$  The Neutrino Detector to measure the mixing angle  $\theta$ 13



- The inner PMT system was one of the core parts of the Double Chooz detector, which detected the scintillation light and gave information about the energy and timing of the signals.
- Each detector used 390 low-background 10-inch PMTs (Hamamatsu R7081), uniformly arranged around the interior of the cylindrical



# (2) RENO



- Inner detector: 354 10-inch PMTs (Hamamatsu R7081) are mounted on the inner wall of the stainless steel container, providing 14% surface coverage.
- Outer detector: 67 10-inch R7081 water-proof PMTs mounted on the wall of the veto vessel.



# (3) Daya Bay



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- The Daya Bay Neutrino Experiment is a neutrino-oscillation experiment designed to measure the mixing angle θ13 using anti-neutrinos produced by the reactors of the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) and the Ling Ao NPP
	- Antineutrino detector:192 8-inch PMTs (Hamamatsu R5912) installed in the mineral oil volume and around the circumference of the stainless steel vessel.



Ref: NIMA 811 (2016) 133–161; Junqueira de Castro Bezerra, T. (2015).



### 2.1.3 Large size MCP-PMT for High Energy Physics



▶ two types of 20-inch MCP-PMTs produced by NNVT in CHina for JUNO and LHAASO

# (1) JUNO



D43.5m AS: Acrylic sphere; SSLS: stainless steel latticed shell





- JUNO (Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory).
- Central detector: 20kton liquid scintillator, 18000 20-inch PMTs (both MCP and Dynode) + 25000 3-inch dynode-PMTs;
- VETO detector: a top tracker of plastic scintillator walls, a water

Cherenkov detector of 35kton ultra-pure water and 2000 20" PMTs;



Ref: Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 123 (2022) 103927; NIMA 952 (2020) 162002

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> The JUNO just finished the installation of the CD and PMTs on 19th.Nov 2024<br>27

# (2)LHAASO WCDA



• In the Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO), the main physics objective of the water Cherenkov detector array (WCDA) is to survey the sky for gamma-ray sources in the energy range of 100GeV to 30 TeV.

• a pair of 20-inch MCP-PMT and 3-dynode-PMTs in each unit of WCDA-2 and WCDA-3



Ref: X. You et al ICRC2021

# (3)JNE



- The Jinping Neutrino Experiment (JNE) under construction is a hundred-ton liquid scintillator detector with Cherenkov and scintillation light readout at CJPL II.
	- JNE use a new type of 8-inch MCP-PMT with high photon detection efficiency for MeV-scale neutrino measurements



Ref: NIMA 1055 (2023) 168506; Benda Xu 2020 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 1468 012212



### 2.1.4 Large DOM with small PMTs for Neutrino Detection



The Digital Optical Modules (DOM) for IceCube neutrino detection

# **KM3NeT**



- KM3NeT is a European deep-sea research infrastructure hosting new generation neutrino detectors located at the bottom of the deep seas of the Mediterranean.
- In the design of the KM3NeT optical module, the glass sphere is equipped with a set of 31 3-inch PMTs — with approximately the same photocathode area as three 10 inch PMTs — of which the signals are individually processed.



**Ref: S. Aiello et al 2022 JINST 17 P07038** 

# (2) IceCube





Ref: NIMA 618 (2010) 139–152; The IceCube Collaboration, ICRC2019

- IceCube uses the 2800m thick glacial ice sheet as a Cherenkov radiator for charged particles.
- Novel optical sensors will play a key role in the expected performance enhancements of the IceCube Upgrade.
- A large fraction will be so-called multi-PMT Digital Optical Modules (mDOMs) featuring 24 relatively small 3-inch PMTs



# (3) TRIDENT





- The Tropical Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope (TRIDENT), nicknamed Hai-Ling in Chinese ('ocean bell').
- aims to rapidly discover multiple high-energy astrophysical neutrino sources and greatly boost the measurement of cosmic neutrino events of all flavours.
- This experiment has already booked the 3-inch dynode- PMTs from different company for the test.



- Ref: Fan Hu et al ICRC2021
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### 2.2 The Detector for Special Detection

### **Example 2 In Space Radiation Rays In Low Temperature In High Temperature In High Temperature**

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Ref: Astroparticle Physics 94 (2017) 1–10

- The Plastic Scintillator Detector (PSD) of the DArk Matter Particle Explore (DAMPE) has a double layer configuration with 82 detector modules in total.
- Each detector module has a long plastic scintillator bar.
- The signals are readout by two 0.5-inch PMTs coupled to the

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- The LUX dark matter direct detection experiment uses 350 kg of liquid xenon for the detection of recoils resulting from the scattering of Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs).
- The experiment uses 122 Hamamatsu R8778 PMTs directly above and below the active region to detect

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# (3) in high temperature

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• For oilfield applications, gamma ray detectors require reliable and stable performance during hundreds of hours of operation in the harsh well-logging environment (high shock levels and high temperature).

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### Ref: Procedia Engineering 7 (2010) 223–228

![](_page_39_Picture_163.jpeg)

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	- 3.1 Development of Microscopic Imaging Technology
	- 3.2 PET / TOF-PET Imaging with PMTs
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# 3.1 Microscopic imaging -- confocal microscopy

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Principle of confocal microscope

The optical path diagram of laser scanning confocal microscopy uses a laser beam as the light source. The laser beam is illuminated by a pinhole, reflected by a beam splitter to the objective lens, and focused on the sample, rapidly scanning and imaging the focal plane of the specimen point by point, line by line, and face by face.

• The traditional confocal microscope uses PMT as the detector, and SiPM has been used in recent years.

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## 3.1 Microscopic imaging - two-photon microscopy

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### Principle of two-photonc microscope

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Structure of two-photonc microscope

- The two-photon microscope is based on the principle of two-photon absorption, in which two photons are absorbed by the sample at the same time, releasing an ionized electron and a hole, resulting in a random charge distribution.
- By measuring the influence of the electric field on the photon absorption, the image of the sample can be obtained.

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# 3.1 Microscopic imaging - Summary

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### 3.2 PET / TOF-PET Imaging with PMTs

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 $\geq$  2020, the TOF-PET with 214ps time resolution, with the name" Biograph Vision" from Siemens,

# Commercial TOF-PET

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Principle of TOF-PET Siemens PMT Siemens SiPM

- TOF-PET usually uses crystal and PMT as the detection unit, and the core parameters are coherent and time-resolved.
- With the development of SiPM technology, several representative TOF-PET companies have begun to use crystal array and SiPM array as the detection unit.
	- Siemens uses PMT for individual PET models, and SIPM for the latest TOF-PET,<br>achieving 178 ps time resolution. United Imaging uses LYSO crystal and SiPM to achieve 196 ps coincidence time resolution (CTR).

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LYSO + SiPM United Imaging

# (2) PET for better position resolution

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### Various digital PET-CT technical parameters comparison.

Note: The technical data was obtained from the brochure, datasheet, website, and manuals of different manufacturers and literature.<sup>14–19</sup>

All commercial TOF-PET uses SiPM as the core detection for better position-sensitive detection now.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.radi.2023.10.004

# (3) new research status--Hamamtsu

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Hamamtsu uses a single anode lead glass window for MCP-PMT

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At the same time, the concept of reconstruction free imaging was proposed, which is expected to realize the implementation of PET imaging.

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(Sun Il Kwon, Nature Photonics, 15, 914–918 (2021))

# (3) new research status--IHEP

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

Phtek210+Pb $F<sub>2</sub>$ CTR:  $93.9 \pm 0.1$  ps FWHM (Lishuang Ma,2022 JPCS. 2374 012132)

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V4.0 CRW-FPMT CTR:  $156.7 \pm 10.6$  ps FWHM (Lishuang MA, NIMA,2023,168089)

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V6.0 CRW-FPMT

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CTR:  $40.9 \pm 12.9$  ps FWHM (Lingyue Chen, NIMA,2024,169173)

# (3) new research status--Clearmind

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SiPM BroadCom **ClearMind prototype**  $3x3x3$  mm<sup>3</sup>  $22$ Na source LYSO crystal Wrapped with Teflon Plate attached to the 2D motor  $D1$  $D2$ 

Clearmind detector module

Coincidence time resolution testing device

The ClearMind project aims to develop an optimized TOF-PET position sensitive detection module. The project uses a 59  $*$  59  $*$  4mm<sup>2</sup> PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystal, packaged in a commercial microchannel plate photomultiplier tube MAPMT253, and deposited a double alkali photocathode on the crystal. The initial test CTR can reach 350 ps.

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 $3x3$  mm<sup>2</sup>

Clearmind Anode and readout electronics design

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## 4. The Application of PMTs in Analytical Instruments

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 $\triangleright$  Fluorescence spectrometer

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 $\triangleright$  Raman spectroscopy  $\triangleright$ 

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Atomic absorption spectrometer

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- Thermo Scientific™ ICE3400
- > HORIBA FluoroMax → > ZOLIX OmniRS-532 →

## The Medical analysis equipment with PMTs

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 $\triangleright$  Principle of Polarimeter  $\triangleright$  Principle of PCR

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Principle of Flow cytometer

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JASCO P-2000

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Archimed 384

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Thermo Scientific™ Attune NxT

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In recent years, the detectors used in biological detection instruments have gradually been replaced by APD and SiPM.

### 5. The Future of the PMTs

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