

Antarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna Experiment 2004-2020-balloon borne CR astronomy



searching for GZK neutrinos with radio detection in Antarctic ice





ANITA Experiment

ANITA detects ~10¹⁹ eV CR and neutrinos



Pisin Chen, Trieste, June 2011









После выпуска



ANITA launch





January 9, 2015 ANITA `cutdown'



view ice from above: ANITA concept





-1 1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 Ocean Surface Temperature (degC) 06/11/2018

Satellite temperature map (12/2014)



NASA Long Duration Balloon (LDB) Site at Willy Field, McMurdo Station 2014-2015 Antarctica Operations (With Support from <u>NSF</u> and <u>USAP</u>)



Flight Complete <u>Total Flight Time</u> 22 days, 9 hours

<u>Total Flight Time</u> 5 days, 13 hours

ANITA III & HICAL2 Track Overlays

Flight Complete <u>Total Flight Time</u> 1 day, 19 hours Flight Complete <u>Total Flight Time</u> 16 days, 12 hours

SPB=super-pressure balloon – V constant in PV=NkT => heavier, rugged material Variable-volume balloon: solar heating=>temperature rise/fall=>elevation changes



Interferometric observation of Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays (10 EeV) with ANITA



Correlation with local magnetic field



SLAC T-510 testbeam experiment



FIG. 6. Left: horizontally polarized signal normalized by vertical showing the expected linear behavior vs. magnetic field.

THE MYSTERY EVENTS!



FIG. 3: The three non-inverted polarity events are shown in panels A,B,C. Panel A shows the anomalous event, with the same polarity

What is it, what is it, what is it? Spectrum matches tau neutrino! 100 log10(ASD) (pW MHz⁻¹ m⁻²)^{0.5} Upgoing τ Air Shower 10^{-1} ANITA AI FA

10² Frequency (MHz) 10^{3}

Other Possibilities: Surface Roughness (Dasgupta & Jain, 2019) BSM models (people in this room right now) Transition Radiation Backlobe (Prohira & deVries) Triboelectric Effect (dzb, alisa nozdrina (KU), masha mikhailova (MEPhI)

Tau neutrinos? Must break standard model!

Possible (SM) explanations of mystery events: 1) Surface Roughness?

- 2) Tribo-electric effect?
- 3) Backwards-directed transition radiation?
- 4) Sub-surface reflectors?

surface roughness from stereoscopic photos







FIG. 1: Antarctic topography along Vostok route (I)

FIG. 2: Antarctic topography along Vostok route (II)

FIG. 3: Antarctic topography along Vostok route (III)

1/14 Data taken by AARI, St. Petersburg – reconstruction of point-clouds in progress

Calibrating surface roughness via Solar albedo



HiCal-trailer balloon to measure roughness



The Problem:

- On a 5 kg payload, hanging from a balloon, include:
 - Low-cost transmitter capable of generating ~10 kV signal amplitude signals, with duration 10 ns (Kansas U.)
 - Hardware to measure azimuthal orientation of payload, with capability for measuring signal amplitude and provide GPS time stamp (MEPhI)

Low-cost, high-voltage transmitter



Piezo-ceramics

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Compact Piezo-Based High Voltage Generator - Part I: Quasi-Static Measurements

This paper presents the results of an effort to develop and test a piezo-based high voltage generator (HVG). A theoretical model was developed and, in order to verify this model, quasi-static measurements were conducted using a 15 mm diameter and 20 mm long cylindrical PZR-5A piezoelectric element and an electric press driven by a rotating screw. Measurements were made using various load capacitances and resistances and using single and multiple piezo elements. The results of these measurements will be presented. A prototype piezo-based HVG with a diameter of 65 mm and a length of 275 mm was also built and tested and the results will be presented in a follow-on paper. This generator produced almost 400 kV with 3 J of energy stored in the generator.

RF transmitter



More precise surface reflectivity probe

- 12/14: ANITA HiCal: Pathfinder class balloon, launched after main ANITA-3 launch
 - Tx emits both direct + surface-reflected signal
- Hardware:
 - "custom" transmitter that mimics EAS spectrum (ignition coil or piezo sparker [\$10 from WalMart]) fed into a RICEtype dipole antenna



HiCal sparker at 5 mB



HiCal schematic



HiCal Launch (Jan. 5, 2015)





in Maria



Event 1-HiCal observed from 750 km!



HiCal Event-2 (at float)



Time signature of $\delta t(D,R)$

Time Difference: Reflected-Direct RF Signal (s)



Antarctic Surface Reflectivity Calculations and Measurem and HiCal-2 Experiments

Recall partial wave expansion of incoming plane wave...

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EVA the future: the medium is the message