

Giornate di Studio Progetti del Centro Fermi 2020-2022 December 11th-12th 2019

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General considerations on projects and short reports for few of them







The northest CR detectors in the world *Pisano-Gnesi-Noferini*



Extreme Energy Events





First measurements performed with Museum Lilibeo, also with TTRX, and in the new laboratory inside the Palazzina Albertin-Festa

The Museum is open ! Focaccia-Piscicchia-Coccetti











New Publications Focaccia,Robotti,Rossi





Intrinsic Secure System - SIS Concentrated PhotoVoltaic - CPV

ENERGY







D. Francia

- Cosmological Radiative Transfer in Early Structure [CORTES]
- Higher Spins and their Symmetries [HIGHSPINS]
- Sistemi Complessi e Autogravitanti [SCA]
- The Algebraic and Geometric Structure of Supergravity from Black Holes to Condensed Matter [SUGRAPHENE]
- The Double Copy Paradigm [DCP]
- Radiazioni Ionizzanti e Effetti su nuovi Target Biologici [BioTarget]

Quark Gluon Coloured world – ALICE and beyond



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Quark Gluon Coloured world – ALICE and beyond

TOF-Upgrade

A1395/A1396 == power supply

Upgrade will ensure more stability (SEU protection, see August report) DRM2 == readout card

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Upgrade will ensure:

- GBTx link
- continuous readout for TOF in Run3/4

 Less interdependence in hardware (each crate receives clock independently)



Status installation end November

| Module | Total | A-SIDE | | C-SIDE | | Total |
|--------|-------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| | | Inst. | \checkmark | Inst. | \checkmark | |
| A1395 | 144 | 44 | 44 | 64 | 60 | 104 (72%) |
| A1396 | 72 | 20 | 20 | 28 | 22 | 44 (58%) |
| DRM2 | 72 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 32 (44%) |









Quark Gluon Coloured world – ALICE and beyond

Differential pt measurement of the **charmed baryon/meson ratio** in different collisions

Importance of **Colour Reconnection** in model prediction or **Statistical Hadronisation Model** using an augmented list of charmed baryon states J. Wilkinson chair paper committee





PROGETTO BESTRUCTURE

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PROGETTO BESTRUCTURE: NUCLEAR STRUCTURE THROUGH β DECAY



PROGETTO BESTRUCTURE: NUCLEAR STRUCTURE VIA β **DECAY**

- Study of nuclear structure complementing data coming from
 - → selective tool (selection rules peculiar highlight decay paths)
 - \rightarrow study of evolution of shapes and exotic shape
 - ➔ evolution of magic numbers

- Study of β decay properties (T_{1/2}, P_n, BR, S_β....)
 → strong link to stellar nucleosynthesis (inputs for r- and s-process)
- Exotic decay modes: PDR via β decay
- Fundamental questions: CKM unitarity via study of super-allowed decays
- Complementarity with other approaches
- A number of everyday applications of β-decaying sources can be found, for instance, in nuclear medicine, such as the use of unstable isotopes for Positron Emission Tomography imaging, and in nuclear safety related to decay heat evaluation in nuclear power plants.

Simple equipment: a beta-decay station (b-DS) @ SPES



exotic beams for scie

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SPES @ LNL: Facility for the production of RIB

- New High power compact CYCLOTRON 70 MeV 750 μA
- New configuration of High power ISOL System (8 kW Target ion source)
- ALPI superconductive linac (up-graded) for RIB's reacceleration

b-DS installation @SPES

Measurement of γ and β radiation in coincidence



EJ212 Plastic det. with SiPM readout



HPGe det.





Dedicated exp hall

in the SPES building





Simulation and dedicated data analysis tools



Project Goals:

- Creation of an **event generator for beta-decay** including also the delayed particleemission channels, to be used as input for GEANT4 simulations of the response function of experimental arrays in realistic simulations and experiment simulations;
- Define geometry and performances of experimental array via **GEANT4 simulations**;
- Feasibility studies of the coupling of newly developed detectors for the measurement of specific quantities, such as new scintillators for neutron detection;
- Take part in the **installation and first measurement** at the beta-decay station that is being prepared for the SPES radioactive beams facility at LNL;
- Definition and proposal of the commissioning test and first **experimental campaigns** at the beta-decay station in LNL;
- Participation in the experimental activity in foreign laboratories;
- Participation in international conferences and workshops;

A complete program for a new grant , from the simulation to the design to the construction to the data analysis.



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iCoRe – Innovative Coating Research

Innocenzo M. Pinto, PI



Rome, December 11-12 2019

The iCoRe Project

• Increasing the visibility distance of interferometric detectors of gravitational waves is mandatory for Multimessenger Astronomy. Thermal noise (TN) in the high-reflectance coatings of the antenna testmasses (cavity mirrors) sets the visibility distance of these instruments.

• The iCoRe project aimes at exploring **nm-layer**ed glassy oxide composites as low-noise coating materials, with an eye to cryo-operation for 3rd generation detectors (Einstein Telescope).

Advanced Virgo noise Budget [Li et al., PRD 89 (2014) 092004]



 iCoRe Researchers: Innocenzo M. Pinto, PI [OSA Fellow "for fundamental contributions to thermal noise reduction in the mirror coatings of the LIGO detector"] Maria Principe [L'Oreal-UNESCO Women in Science Award 2018] Elisabetta Cesarini [Centro Fermi postdoc, until April 1st 2019] Chao Shiuh [professor, National Tsing-Hua University, Taiwan, ROC]

• Experience: the iCoRe Researchers invented the optimized coating design adopted by Advanced LIGO and Virgo detectors [*IP, MP et al.,* PRD-81 (2010) 122001]; proposed and validated the idea of nanola-yered optical films [*IP, MP & SC,* Opt. Expr. 22 (2014) 22847]; invented and developed the GeNS system for mechanical Loss angle measurements [*EC,* Rev. Sci. Inst. **80** (2009) 053904].

The iCoRe Facilities at Univ. Sannio and Salerno

iCoRe Optical Film Deposition Lab at the University of Sannio





- Up to 6 co-deposited materials;
- Dual e-beam (one installed);
- Plasma IAD;
- Fully programmable deposition with GUI;
- Accuracy/repeatability at the Å level;

iCoRe Optical Thin Film Characterization Facilities at the University of Salerno



Zeiss LEO-EVO 50 (EDS-SEM);

Zeiss Sigma Gemini (FE-SEM);

Renishaw Invia (Raman); JPK Nanowizard 3 (AFM); Philips 'Xpert-Pro (XRD);













iCoRe 2019 - Fully programmable, controlled atmosphere annealing oven designed & built (collab. with University of Salerno).

May accommodate up to 3-inch Ø dyes;
 Max annealing temperature : 900 ° C;

- Fully programmable annealing schedule;
- PID feedback-controlled heater power supply
- with 0.05°C accuracy/stability; • High-vacuum or controlled atmosphere
- (air, O2, N2, etc.)





Close-up of GeNS (Gentle Nodal Suspention) for Mechanical loss measure-Ment in Rome Tor Vergata

iCoRe Results (2019)

Theoretical/Modeling

We implemented **exhaustive simulations**, based on available data on candidate (amorphous) materials to identify binary nanocomposites yielding the best performance (lowest thermal noise and optical absorption) in a full-HR coating with 5ppm transmittance at 1064nm, designed for LIGO-Virgo.

Five alternative designs were identified, yielding a reduction of the coating noise power spectral density by a factor between 0.3 and 0.4 compared to present design, and checked for robustness against material and deposition tolerances.



Prototypes of the above designs are now scheduled for deposition in our Lab at the University of Sannio.

Experimental/Characterization

We performed 16 deposition runs, for a total of 74 nanolayered prototypes. These were characterized morphologically using AFM, (FE)SEM, XRD and SAXS helping to fine-tune the deposition parameters. Our results confirm a steady increase of the maximum annealing temperature before crystallization occurs with decreasing thickness of the nanolayers.



Preliminary measurements (in collaboration with S. Chao, NTHU, Taiwan, ROC) indicate that nanolayered Silica/Titania composites have lower losses compared to the materials presently in use, and exhibit no sensible cryo-peak.

Confirmation of the above results will be a breakthrough in the design of advanced+ and 3rd gen gravitational detectors

iCoRe Workplan (2019)

The iCoRe workplan for 2020 can be summarized as follows.

- 1. In house deposition of nanolayered quarter-wavelength-thick (at 1064nm) films based on the five best nanocomposite designs identified in 2019 (10 prototypes for each design);
- 2. In house morphological characterization of the above films (using TEM, SAXS, (FE)SEM, XRD and Raman spectroscopy). Measurement of the optical and mechanical losses in collaboration with Virgo-VCR/LIGO-OWG groups in the frame of the LIGO-Virgo Collaboration (LVC);
- 3. In house deposition of full HR-coatings featuring 5ppm transmittance at 1064nm (typical LIGO-Virgo test-mass coatings) using Silica as low index material and the above best nanocomposites as high-index material in a Bragg (stacked half-wavelength doublets) configuration (ten prototypes each); in house morphological analysis; direct measurement of thermal noise (collaboration with MIT and ENS);
- 4. In house deposition and characterization of Alumina/Silica nanolayered composites (best designs identified in 2019) as as possible cryo-friendly low-index materials for the Einstein Telescope.

Existing collaborations with partner Labs (TorVergata, Firenze/Urbino and Genoa Virgo-VCR groups) will be strenghtened; new collaborations (Ecole Normale Superieure of Lyon, MIT) will be fostered for the direct measurement [*IP, MP et al.*, PRD-81 (2010) 122001] of the noise power spectral density; the construction of a QDPI facility for the direct measurement of thermal noise in thin films is under discussion.



Sistemi Intrinsecamente Sicuri

Accelerator Driven Systems for Research on Nuclear Technology [SIS]

Project Leader: *Giovanni Ricco* Project Coordinator: *Marco Ripani*







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Beam pipe, 70 MeV-1 mA protons



D-D fusion

Fission blanke

2.5 MeV neutrons

DTT tokamak

Innovative low-power ADS concept:

fast neutron spectra in the core soft or thermal spectra in the reflector Conceptual design paper published (F. Panza et al., An ADS irradiation facility for fast and slow neutrons, EUROPEAN PHYSICAL JOURNAL PLUS 134 (2019) 195)

Milestone 1: Completion of studies for pilot experiment on fusion-fission hybrid concepts (100 % completed, published in proceedings of FUNFI3 conference)

Milestone 2: Completion of studies on fusion-fission hybrid based on RFP fusion machine and publication of a paper (100% completed , conference proceedings published on journal, C.Bustreo et al., Fusion Engineering and Design 146 (2019) 2725)





 $\frac{\text{Milestone 3:}}{\text{machine, considering alternative fuels among which the possibility to use spent fuel}}{\text{machine, considering alternative fuels among which the possibility to use spent fuel}} (Not possible to complete because postdoc took a permanent position at ENEA <math>\rightarrow$ will be likely performed by considering an ITER-like high power fusion reactor, in collaboration with ENEA, considering both spent fuels and reprocessed fuels)}

<u>Milestone 4:</u> Prepare paper on diamond sandwich detector characterization at PTB Braunschweig (100% completed, paper published, M. Osipenko et al., Calibration of a Li-6 diamond-sandwich spectrometer with quasi-monoenergetic neutrons, NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS & METHODS IN PHYSICS RESEARCH SECTION A-ACCELERATORS SPECTROMETERS DETECTORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT 931 (2019) 135)





- Experiment at PTB (Braunschweig) with certified monochromatic neutron source
- five beam energies + thermal calibration: 0-2 MeV
- reference energy reconstruction within 20 keV
- absolute neutron efficiency knowledge within 5%
- Resolution about 100 keV excluding energy loss tail at l.h.s. of distribution.

Possible master thesis at University of Milan





Plans for 2020-2022

Neutronic characterization of a TRIGA reactor in a sub-critical configuration

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Coupling between a D-T neutron generator and TRIGA-RCI reactor operating in subcritical mode to simulate the behaviour of a fusion-fission hybrid system



Thermofischer MP-320 D-T neutron generator



TRIGA-RCI reactor

Simulated neutron spectra



Neutron energy (MeV)





Coordinator:

Prof. Sandro Centro, University of Padua

Participants:

Dr. Nardello Marco, Centro Fermi, Research fellow, 09/06/2016-June 2019

Place of Work & Collaborations:

Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Galileo Galilei" University of Padua









Project main goal

Producing an industrial CPV photovoltaic system

- 3J solar cells
 - High efficiency (η=44%)
 - Small surface (5,5x5,5mm)
 - Allow for light concentration
 - Better behavior at high temperature
- Recyclable materials
 - Avoids problems of Si decommissioning
- Concentration (700x)
 - Al mirrors, PC substrate
 - SiO₂ prism as a secondary optic
 - Low cost
 - Better quality than lenses
 - Low volumes
- Solar tracking
 - Higher light collection
 - Higher complexity and costs















Results achieved in 2018/9

First installation at production site

San Vendemiano (TV)

- Performances
 - 2430W (700W/m² DNI) produced AC current
 - 2910W production for 24 modules at CSOC (900W/m² DNI, ambient T 25°C)
 - Nominal efficiency at CSOC 28%
 - Nominal efficiency (at CSTC) 31% for modules DC production









Installation in Sicily Proto Serramenti, industry in Agrigento

Performances:

- 3100W (830W/m² DNI)
- 3361W 28% (CSOC)
- 3735W 31% (CSTC for modules DC production)

Efficiencies confirmed

More power produced throughout the year because of better environmental conditions







Important improvements

Deposition of aluminum layer

- Good reflective power
- Weakness of protective SiO₂ layer (only 10nm)
- Permeation with water can ruin the mirror

Already done

- SIMS analysis shows modification of chemical structure and topography
- Thickness of SiO₂ layer of 10nm

(Collaboration with UniPD)

To be done

- Increasing SiO₂ Thickness
- Change of deposition method

(Collaboration with SuNaGen)









Monitoring of pilot installation

- Energy production
- Efficiency
- Reliability
- Behaviour at different environmental conditions (hot summer)
- Intervention in case of problems

Further developement of the system

- Modification of the receiver assembly
- Cost reduction (less material)
- Changing of custom layout
- Possiblity of using a complete and improved receiver produced by AzurSpace (less suppliers in the chain)
- Need for a feasibility study and new handling techniques
- Need for a modification of the optics
- Study of a new deposition af Al layer

- Needs of the project

The possibility to have a grant is very important for the future Other expenditure (consumable/missions) around 20 $k \in$ /year

- External funding

Possible funding through agreements with the industries involved in the project In 2016 CF received 42.7k€ due to the provided industrial consulting. Since its beginning, several contributions from Regione Veneto to the industries involved in the project (several hundreds k€)







Responsabile: Prof. Egidio D'Angelo

Grantista Centro Fermi: Teresa Soda (Completato)

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MNL studia i meccanismi funzionali dei microcircuiti neuronali locali del cervello, ne genera modelli matematici e li impiega per spiegare i segnali ottenuti mediante tecniche di MRI.

- 1) Come si manifesta l'attività dei microcircuiti neuronali a livello dell'attività cerebrale?
- 2) Come viene generato il segnale BOLD-fMRI ?
- 3) Si può ricostruire la mappa fMRI partendo dall' attività dei microcircuiti neuronali?
- 4) Come si integrano i dati MRI nei modelli di funzionalità del cervello ?

Finanziamenti

Centro Fermi – 1 AR senior (scad. 31 Gennaio 2019) Human Brain Project – AR & research funds UNIPV - structural funds & personnel, PhD







Schema generale dell'attività di ricerca per la ricostruzione dell'attività cerebrale: neuroni, microcircuiti, modelli matematici del cervello e segnali MRI









Modellizzazione bottom-up del segnale BOLD del cervelletto



Incorporazione dell'algoritmo nei voxel di un modello di larga scala del cervelletto attualmente in costruzione.







Integrazione di modelli e dati MRI per applicazioni di ricerca e cliniche





MNL – attività futura



MNL propone di sviluppare la sua attività operando in punti nodali della modellistica delle funzioni cerebrali:

- (1) Completamento del modello dell'accoppiamento neurovascolare per ricostruire, per la prima volta, la mappa del segnale BOLD del cervelletto dall'attività dei singoli neuroni.
- (2) Sviluppo della prima "neural mass" specifica del cervelletto per analizzare i segnali fMRI BOLD nel simulatore The Virtual Brain.
- (3) Applicazione dei modelli a dati derivati da soggetti (disponibili tramite collaborazioni con la rete IRCCS neurologica) affetti da patologie del sistema nervoso (malattia di Alzheimer ed atassie cerebellari) per predirne l'evoluzione e disegnare possibili interventi terapeutici e riabilitativi.
- Queste attività sono assolutamente uniche e guadagano valore aggiunto dalla interazione con Human Brain Project, che espande i risulati della ricerca a livello Europeo e fornisce le infrastrutture modellistiche necessarie. Inoltre hanno diretti risvolti clinici e tecnologici oltre che scientifici.



Hackathon CEREBELLUM MODELLING

13 - 15 January 2020 | Pavia, Italy





TARGET BIOLOGICI: MICROTUBULI

- I Microtubuli sono componenti del citoscheletro cellulare; costituiti da due isoforme di tubulina (a e β);
- È stata marcata l'isoforma a, tramite una reazione d'immunocitochimica;

MISURE STORM (Stochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy)

• Ricostruzione della struttura/organizzazione dei microtubuli.

LINEE CELLULARI UTILIZZATE

| Linea cellulare HTB-126 | Linea cellulare HTB-125 |
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| (carcinoma mammario umano - triplo negativo) | (epitelio mammario umano non tumorale) |

IRRAGGIAMENTI (TIFPA Trento)

- Dosi uniche (non frazionate) di raggi X da 4Gy ed 8Gy
- Dosi uniche (non frazionate) di protoni da 46y ed 86y

NB: Grazie alle simulazioni MC (Fluka) svolte dal gruppo del progetto MONDO si è potuto verificare che il contributo alla dose delle particelle secondarie generate dall'interazione dei protoni con il setup sperimentale (Petri dish e mezzo di coltura) è trascurabile rispetto alle dosi del fascio primario.



Linea cellulare HTB-126(carcinoma mammario umano) Controllo



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Linea cellulare HTB-126 (carcinoma mammario umano)

8 Gy raggi - X





Disuniformità di densità : riorganizzazione interna dei microtubuli

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Linea cellulare HTB-125(epitelio mammario umano non tumorale) Controllo



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Linea cellulare HTB-125 (epitelio mammario umano non tumorale)

8 Gy protoni

8 Gy raggi - X



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% realization of Milestones 2019 average 72.2% 40 —

Total publications 1512







Final considerations

All projects demonstrate a great ingenuity and new ideas at the frontier of technological and theoretical research

The number of publications, citations and the high fraction of achievements of the milestones indicates a good quality and important recognition of the results.

All projects are based on a strong collaboration with other Institutes and Universities (how it could be different in research!), but Centro Fermi has also the strength to propose and lead some of them which are unique and original in their scope. This is why Centro Fermi has its own position within the national research institutes.

Unfortunatelly the budget constraint (expecially with the new Palazzina now operational) presently prevents to support all the projects in a sufficient way. As for the other research institutes, this requires a change in paradigm, often underlined by our President, with more and more efforts from all of us to search for external funding and support to give a future to all our projects.

BACKUP



Pubblicazioni 2019











Ricercatori Centro Fermi : Grants, TD and TI

Grants al 30/11/2019

