Muographers 2017

SAKURAJIMA Muography Project

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I. Motivation

- Muography allows good precision (< 50 m × 50 m) imaging of the interior of active volcanoes from safety distance (> 1 km)
- Scintillators and gaseous detectors are applicable for time-sequential muography

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 Low energy muons (E < few GeV), high energy (E >> few GeV) electrons and hadrons produce background on the flux of muons

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I. Motivation



- Motivation of Sakurajima Muography Project (Earthquake Research Institute and Wigner RCP of the HAS):
- High-definition imaging of the interior of Sakurajima volcano
 → makes visible the thin (< 50 m) magma conduits as well
- Performing of low-noise muography:
 - \rightarrow extends the range of imaging up to the thickness of few kilometers
- Development of large-size (~ 10 m²) MWPC-based Muographic Observation System

 \rightarrow optimized time sequential (few hours) muography of Sakurajima volcano

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II. MWPC-based Muographic Observation System



MWPC Lead plate with stainless steel coverage (25.76 g/cm²)

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mMOS is a joint development of Wigner RCP and Earthquake Research Institute

High-definition, low-noise and real-time muography can be performed by mMOS:

- Detector layers: seven MWPCs (surface of 0.6 m², length of 2 m): Positional resolution of MWPCs: 4 mm
 → angular resolution of mMOS: 2.7 mrad
- **Shielding layers:** five 2-cm-thick lead plates placed in 2-mm-thick stainless steel casettes
- Raspberry Pi controlled Data Acquisition System is accessible in real-time via Virtual Private Network

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II. MWPC-based Muographic Observation System

- Low material budget MWPC with simplified design and **exceptional operating stability**
- **2D positional information** is provided by the field shaping wires and pick-up wires (100 μm copper, on ground potencial) inside a 2-cm-thick gap filled with Ar-CO₂ gasmixture
- Anode wires (25 µm gold-plated tungsten, + 1700 V) are connected and provide trigger signal
- Portable (< 5 kg), integrated, low-power (< 5 Watt) DAQ system operated by Raspberry Pi allows remote control and online data analysis (parallel data readout, dead time ~ 100 μs)

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III. Sakurajima measurement campaign



mMOS maintenance and long-term performance

- Ar-CO₂ (80-20) gasmixture → **gas consumption is ~ 0.5-2 Liters/hour**
- Detector power is provided by local electricity network → **power consuption is < 10 Watt**
- Detector maintenance performed in every two months
- The mMOS operated reliably more than six months:
 - resonable trigger rate of 7-9 Hz and stable track rate of around 0.05 Hz
 - tracking efficiency was found above 98 %



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Data analysis and analytical methods

- Measured flux was determined by event-by-event offline data analysis:
 - Cluster findind on MWPCs, combinatorial tracking algorithm
 - Selection of well fitting ($\chi^2/ndf < 2$) tracks above the noise level (A >120 ADC, 1 ADC = 1800 e⁻) and flux calculation with correction on detector acceptance, solid angle and time of data taking
- Calculation of expected flux:
 - Path-lenth distribution was dermined from elevation map of GSI, minimum energy (E_{min}) of penetrating muons were calculated using CSDA Groom et al.: Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables 76 183-356 (2002)
 - Spectra of muons were parametrized by Modified Gaisser model and were integrated from E_{min} A. Tang et al.: Phys. Rev. D 74 (2006) 053007

• Density equals with the modeled one with which the residual of expected and measured fluxes is minimal



High-definition muography with mMOS

• Measured muon flux with the precision of $2.7 \times 2.7 \text{ mrad}^2$ ($7.5 \times 7.5 \text{ m}^2$ resolution image from the distance of 2.8 km) well reproduces the ridge of the Sakurajima



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Low-noise muography with mMOS

 Low energy (< 1 GeV) background particles were suppressed in mMOS and the measured flux was found in good agreement with the expected flux up the thickness of 5000 meter-water-equivalent



Density map between the craters B and Showa



Comparison of vertical flux slices



The uncertainty of the density map

 The observed density error, Δρ is 0.1-0.2 g/cm3 (~ 5-10 %) in 10.9 × 10.9 mrad² angular bins between the crater B and Showa



High-definition density maps



IV. Future perspectives

- **Development of MWPCs is ongoing in ERI, University of Tokyo:**
 - First MWPCs are constructed in the beginning of FY 2017
 - Mass production will be expected to start during FY 2018
 - Real-time (few hours) imaging $\rightarrow 10 \text{ m}^2 \text{ mMOS}$ (FY 2020)
- Development of software framework is ongoing for real-time data QA and time-sequential imaging (FY 2018)



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Summary

- Muography is a promising technique for the investigation of volcanoes
- **MWPC-based Muographic Observation System:**
 - Based on lightweight, low power and high-precisional MWPCs (position resolution of 4 mm, angular resolution of 2.7 mrad)
 - Raspberry Pi controlled DAQ allows remote control and data management
- Sakurajima measurement campaign:
 - High operational stability of mMOS was demonstrated during 156 days
 - High-definition (2.7 × 2.7 mrad² from 2.8 km \rightarrow 7.5 × 7.5 m²) muography
 - Low background noise up to the thickness of ~ 5000 meter-water-equivalent
- Future developments:
 - Large-size mMOS (~ 10 m²) for time-sequential (few hours) imaging

Thank You for your attention!

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