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0 Allgemeines

Die astrophysikalische Forschung am Institut besteht aus experimenteller Gamma-Astronomie (Bereich von W. Hofmann), sowie zugehörigen Arbeiten in den Gruppen Hochenergie-Astrophysik, Theoretische Astrophysik und Infrarot-Astrophysik. Hinzu kommen Forschung auf dem Gebiet der Sonnenneutrinos, die in der neugegründeten Abteilung für Teilchen- und Astroteilchenphysik von M. Lindner eingegliedert wurde, Hoch-Energie Neutrino-Astronomie mit IceCube, die von der Emmy-Nöther-Nachwuchsgruppe (E. Resconi) betrieben wird und in-situ Untersuchungen von interplanetarem und interstellarem Staub in unserem inneren Sonnensystem, die von der Staubgruppe (R. Srama) durchgeführt werden.

Wichtigstes Gemeinschaftsprojekt ist das *High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.)* in der bodengebundenen Gamma-Astronomie bei sehr hohen Energien (W. Hofmann). Die erste Phase von H.E.S.S. (H.E.S.S. Phase I) in Namibia ist seit Ende 2003 voll in Betrieb. Sie umfasst vier optische 12m-Teleskope. Die Erweiterung des Teleskopsystems durch Hinzufügen eines sehr viel größeren 28m-Teleskops (H.E.S.S. Phase II), die den Einsatzbereich bis hin zu niedrigeren Energien (etwa 30 GeV) erweitern soll, befindet sich in der Bauphase. Darüberhinaus spielt das Institut eine führende Rolle bei der Planung des zukünftigen "Cherenkov Telescope Array" (CTA).

Die Hochenergie-Astrophysik Gruppe des Instituts (F. Aharonian) ist auf der einen Seite am Betrieb des H.E.S.S.-Experiments, der Datenanalyse und der Interpretation der Beobachtungen (zusammen mit der H.E.S.S.-Gruppe) beteiligt. Auf der anderen Seite stehen theoretische Untersuchungen der Strahlungsprozesse in einem breitbandigen Spektralbereich. Die theoretischen Untersuchungen zielen teilweise auf grundlegende physikalische Prozessen, wie die Beschleunigung von Teilchen der Kosmischen Strahlung. Ein anderer Teil ist auf die physikalischen Eigenschaften von spezifischen Arten von Quellen wie Supernova-Überreste, Plerions, Micro-Quasare, AGNs, Galaxien und Galaxien-Haufen gerichtet und wird auch für die quantitative physikalische Auswertung von H.E.S.S. Daten verwendet.

Die Theoretische Astrophysik (J.Kirk) beschäftigt sich allgemein mit nichtthermischen Prozessen im Universum, unter anderem mit der Physik von Pulsaren und Supernova Überresten und deren Bedeutung für die beobachtende TeV-Astronomie.

In der Infrarot-Astrophysik (R. Tuffs) wurde Beobachtungen mit dem *Spitzer* Weltraumte-

leskop der NASA durchgeführt, komplementär zu theoretischen Untersuchungen des Einflusses der Staubkomponente auf das Emissionsspektrum und die Strahlungsabsorption von Galaxien vom UV-Bereich bis zum submm-Gebiet. In Vorbereitung zukünftiger Missionen beteiligt sich die Gruppe an einer Machbarkeitsstudie für die vorgeschlagene japanische-europäische Infrarot Weltraumteleskop SPICA (“Space Infrared Telescope for Cosmology and Astrophysics”).

Die Emmy-Nöther-Nachwuchsgruppe (E. Resconi) beteiligt sich am Projekt “IceCube” durch Datenanalysen, phänomenologische Studien und Interpretationen von Daten, die durch das Vorgängerteleskop “AMANDA” gewonnen worden sind. Die Daten von ICECUBE werden zur Zeit aus 79 von insgesamt 86 geplanten “Phototube Strings” gewonnen. Ein zusätzliches Projekt, “IceCube Deep Core”, das den Nachweis von Niedrig-Energie Neutrinos ermöglichen wird, wurde im Haus entwickelt und in Betrieb genommen.

Nach dem Abschluss des erfolgreichen Sonnenneutrino-Experiments *Gallium Neutrino Observatory (GNO)* beteiligt sich das Institut am Sonnenneutrino-Experiment *Borexino* im Untergrundlabor in Gran Sasso (Italien). Messungen des ${}^7\text{B}$ Neutrino-flusses mit Borexino wurden seit 2007 durchgeführt. Inzwischen konnte die Genauigkeit des ${}^7\text{B}$ -Flusses auf etwa 5% verbessert werden. Dadurch wurde eine Präzision von $< 1\%$ des *pp*-Neutrino-flusses erreicht. Darüberhinaus konnte eine Obergrenze für die Luminosität des CNO-Neutrino-flusses von 3,3% der gesamten Neutrino-luminosität abgeleitet werden. Alle Resultate stimmen mit theoretische Erwartungen für das Standard-Solarmodell sowie für Neutrino-Oszillationen überein. Gegenwärtige Arbeiten haben den Schwerpunkt *pep*- und *pp*-Neutrinos aus dem *pp*-Fusionszyklus als auch Neutrinos aus dem CNO-Zyklus direkt nachzuweisen.

Die Staubgruppe (R. Srama) ist maßgeblich mit einem eigenen Instrument an der Weltraum-Mission *CASSINI* beteiligt. In Vorbereitung auf zukünftige Missionen auf dem Gebiet der Staubastronomie wird ein Staubteleskop zur in-situ Messung von interplanetarem und interstellarem Staub in unserem inneren Sonnensystem entwickelt. Das Staubteleskop besteht aus einem Trajektorien-sensor und einem Flugzeitmassenspektrometer, die simultane Messungen der Zusammensetzung, Geschwindigkeitsvektor, Primärladung und Masse der Staubteilchen erlaubt. Das Staubteleskop findet Anwendung bei den Missionsvorschlägen “DuneXpress” und “SARIM” im Rahmen des “Cosmic Vision” Programmes der ESA.

In der Labor-Astrophysik (W. Krätschmer) wurden die Untersuchungen über Kettenmoleküle des Kohlenstoffs und der Oxide dieser Spezies fortgesetzt. Die ausserordentlich starken Infrarot Absorptionen des Oxides sollten astronomisch beobachtbar sein.

Ins Einzelne gehende Berichte über die längerfristigen Forschungsarbeiten am Institut enthält der 2-jährige Tätigkeitsbericht 2007/2008 des Instituts, der sowohl in verkürzter Form (“Compendium”) wie auch in voller Länge auf der Webseite des Institutes unter der Adresse: <http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de> abgelegt ist. Er ist auch in Papierformat erhältlich über PD Dr. Sparn, Tel. (06221)516-295, e-mail: gunter.sparn@mpi-hd.mpg.de.

Das Institut ist maßgeblich beteiligt an der *International Max-Planck Research School for Astronomy and Cosmic Physics (IMPRS) at the University of Heidelberg*. Mehrere Doktoranden am Institut sind Mitglieder der IMPRS.

Ebenso ist das Institut an dem Sonderforschungsbereich 439 (“Galaxien im jungen Universum”) der DFG beteiligt.

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Berufungen

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2 Lehrveranstaltungen, Ausbildung von Studenten:

Universität Heidelberg, Sommersemester 2009:

Prof. J. Kirk (mit Dr. S. Wagner/LSW): Particle Astrophysics (Lecture)

Dr. W. Rodejohann: The Standard Model of Particle Physics II: Theory (Lecture)

Universität Heidelberg, Wintersemester 2009:

PD Dr. K. Bernlöhr: Hochenergieastrophysik

Prof. J. Kirk (mit Dr. F. Rieger und Dr. S. Wagner/LSW): Sources of high-energy radiation (Seminar).

Dr. W. Rodejohann: Aktuelle Themen der Astroteilchenphysik: Theorie und Experiment (Seminar)

Sonstige Universitäten:

Prof. F. Aharonian: Radiation Processes in High Energy Astrophysics (Vorlesung, Trinity College Dublin)

Dr. S. Kempf: Himmelsmechanik (Vorlesung, Universität Braunschweig)

Dr. R. Srama: Astronomiemissionen und Raumfahrtanwendungen/Staubsensorik (Vorlesung, Universität Stuttgart)

International Schools:

F. Aharonian: Nagoya University Winter School, Japan, Feb 2009 (1 lecture); DPG Physics School 2009 on "Astroparticle Physics" Bad Honnef, Sep. 2009 (1 lecture); 27th Jerusalem Winter School in Theoretical Physics, Jerusalem, Israel, Dec. 2009 (1 lecture).

K. Bernloehr: 4th Heidelberg Astronomy Summer School, August 2009 (1 lecture)

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E. Resconi: Schule für Astroteilchenphysik Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg Okt. 2009 (1 lecture)

3 Tagungen, Vorträge

3.1 Beteiligung an der Veranstaltung von Tagungen:

2nd Heidelberg Workshop: High-Energy Gamma-rays and Neutrinos from Extra-Galactic Sources, Heidelberg, 13-16. Januar. 2009 (F. Aharonian, E. Resconi)

European Planetary Science Congress, Münster, 14.-18. September 2009 (R. Srama)

LAUNCH 09: Neutrinos and Beyond: Conference on Neutrinos and Dark Matter in Particle, Astroparticle and Nuclear Physics, Heidelberg, 9-12 November 2009 (M. Lindner, W. Rodejohann, S. Schönert).

TeV Particle Astrophysics 2010, Paris 19-23 Juli 2009 (session coordinator neutrino astrophysics E. Resconi)

3.2 Öffentliche Vorträge und Veranstaltungen:

Hofmann, W.: Physik am Samstagmorgen, Heidelberg, Germany

4 Mitarbeit in Gremien:

Aharonian, F: Co-Director LEA (European Associated Laboratory on High Energy Astrophysics); ESA representative on the Science working group of the JAXA-NASA X-ray mission ASTRO-H; Member of the International Review Board of the Helmholtz Association on “Astroparticle Physics”; Member of the European ASTRONET Infrastructure Roadmap Panel A: “High Energy Astrophysics, Astroparticle Physics Gravitational Waves”; Member of the Editorial Board of “International Journal of Modern Physics: D”; Member H.E.S.S., CTA Collaboration Boards; Member KM3NeT Consortium Board; Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Center for Relativistic Astrophysics (Italy).

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Tuffs, R.J.: Member of the collaboration board for the european instrument SAFARI for the JAXA/ESA SPICA mission.

Völk, H.J.: Associate Member (IAU) to the IUPAP Commission on Cosmic Rays (C4); Member H.E.S.S. Collaboration Board; Member Steering Committee, European Associated Laboratory (LEA) on High Energy Gamma-ray Astronomy

5 Veröffentlichungen

5.1 In Zeitschriften mit Referee-System:

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