"ISAI" Investigating Solar Axion by Iron-57

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ISAI (Investigating Solar Axion by Iron-57)



Previous and on-going works

- Moriyama (1995). PRL 75, 3222
- Namba (2007), Phys.Lett.B, 645, 398
- Derbin (2011), Phys.At.Nucl.74, 596
- B04 group of DM学術変革領域 etc.

- Monochromatic axions emitted from the sun by M1 transition of the excited Fe-57 through a-N coupling
- Detect 14.4 keV X-rays from the reverse reaction in Fe-57 targets placed in a laboratory.

 $a + {}^{57}Fe \rightarrow {}^{57}Fe^* \rightarrow {}^{57}Fe + \gamma (14.4 \text{keV})$

- Dependent only on a-N coupling
- No ambiguity due to mixing of a-e or a-γ coupling

From the point of view of experimentation, Detection of X-ray emission lines in a low BGD environment



Configuration of the ISAI experiment

- Table top level experiment running in a temperature chamber placed in our laboratory at Kyoto University.
- New and unique sensors, SOI pixel sensors (SOIPIXs), detect 14.4 keV X-rays from Fe-57.
- Surrounded by passive shield of O-free-Cu & low BGD Pb, and VETO counter of plastic scintillators.
- The camera is installed in a temperature chamber and cooled down to reduce the readout noise of SOIPIXs and improve its energy resolution.





the ISAI team

Multi-Disciplinary Team

HEP: Onuki CR: Fujii, Taketa, Iwasaki, Namba, Nagasawa DM: Miuchi, Inoue, Ikeda Nuclear Medical: Uenomachi Astro.: Tsuru, Matsuda, Kayama, Amano Detector Sci.: Takeda, Tsuru Undergraduate: Anazawa, Yoshimura





Broadband X-ray observatory FORCE

ISAI uses SOIPIX, which we have been developing for FORCE.

Offer X-ray imaging spectroscopy at 1-80 keV with a high angular resolution better than 15" in HPD

> x10 higher sensitivity than NuSTAR

We are proposing a future Japanlead X-ray mission, FORCE, to be realized at early 2030s.

Scientific Objective

SOIPIX

CdTe

Hunt for "missing black holes" in various mass-scales from stellar mass BH to SMBH to trace their cosmic evolution.



Intermediate mass BH (10²⁻⁴ M_{sun})



"XRPIX" = SOI pixel sensor for X-ray Astronomy"



This is the very performance required by the ISAI experiment.

Event Driven Readout using Trigger Function







Low BG Readout Board

The sensor itself must be very low BGD in ISAI.





- Radioactivity of the detector head is dominated by G10 PCB (Onuki+19, NIMA, 924, 448)
- Change G10 PCB to rigid FPC
 Only the rigid FPC is placed inside the shield



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 Measure γ-rays from each circuit part with HPGe at UT to select and use quiet parts (Ose M-thesis,UT,2017).



Veto Counter : plastic scintillator with SiPM



SIPM: HPK S13360-1375PE



Veto counting rate ~ 10 Hz



Assembly

加減圧器







assembly lines of triangular scintillators



Assembly



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PEEK

Fe foil

 28×28

 10×10

Si PIN

0.5

0.3

Si PIN

by undergraduate students

r observation mainly by ate students with Si PIN diode same position for SOIPIX. 13

pbservation with a normal Fe foil in February, 2023, (but without anti-coincidence)

 Analyzing the data now in order to identify the source of BGD and find the way to reduce it.





O-free-Cu

SOIPIX "XRPIX7 (2017)" : Commissioning Run

- Searched for optimal operating parameters of back bias voltages and the working temperature. Developed event analysis method
- Made calibration of overall gain and pixel-to-pixel gain variation
- Made a commissioning run from 14 December, 2022 to 25 January, 2023 with exposure time = 15.17 days (but without anti-coincidence)
- Confirmed stable operation of SOIPIX, Daq., temperature control
- Plan to start observation using Fe-57 at Q1, FY2023.



<u>New SOIPIX ! : "XRPIX10 (2022)"</u>

- "XRPIX7" was a 3rd generation sensor.
- In 2022, we developed XRPIX10, a 4th-generation sensor with a new device structure "pinned depleted diode" that improves energy resolution, modified circuit design that improves readout speed.
- Performance evaluation is currently underway.
- After 8 months of observation with XRPIX7, we will put XRPIX10 into the ISAI experiment (Q1 FY2024)



ISAI experiment : Summry

- Investigating Solar Axion by Iron-57
 - Dependent only on a-N coupling
 - No ambiguity due to mixing of a-e or a-γ coupling
- Table top experiment
 - Passive and active shield, X-ray SOIPIXs with high ΔE, high QE, high Δt
 Illustrated ISAI-san
- Commissioning run with XRPIX7 using normal Fe foil
 - Observations to begin in Q1 of FY2023 using actual Fe-57 foil
- Preparing the new sensor XRPIX10 having higher energy resolution (210 eV) than XRPIX7 (480 eV)
 - Will start observation in Q1 of FY2024

We are ready to start observation with Fe-57.





Previous Researches

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→ Si









- Good ΔE to reduce effective BG
- Low BG \rightarrow passive and/or anti-coincidence





Predicted sensitivity to axion mass



- Fe-57 mass : 127 mg
- Efficiency (solid angle & Sensor QE) : 14.9% @ 14.4keV
- Energy Resolution: 250 eV (FWHM) @ 14.4 keV
- BGD : Assuming BGD only from circuit parts mounted on rigid FPC

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Black Body

kT~10keV

y+

FORCE

- Axions from core of a red-giant star are converted into X-rays by the interstellar magnetic field through the inv-Primakoff conversion [arXiv:1711.00345, PRL 126,031101].
- **Red Super Giant** We observe the X-rays with the FORCE satellite equipped with SOIPIXs, whose sensitivity is one order of magnitude higher than that of the NuSTAR satellite.
 - We will apply the background rejection function developed for the ISAI experiment to those for the FORCE satellite.

