



Neutrino Physics - VALOR JROTC INTERNSHIP

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INTRO

- Rising Senior, Deputy Commander, and Emcee of the Air Force Academy High School
 - Supervise officers throughout Cadet Staff and in-charge of special guest ceremony procedures.
 - Hobbies of mine are to travel the world, network, and play volleyball
 - Been to multiple countries, predominantly central america.
 - Plan to major in Business Management/Economics, preferably at Arizona State or Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.











Why Fermilab?

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- Fermilab is one of the major international laboratories throughout the world!
 - Internships here at Fermilab alone are highly competitive and to be accepted and be apart of ground-breaking work is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
 - Major Experiments are ongoing!
 - Muon G-2 is a internationally recognized experiment here at fermilab that involves the examination of Muon Stability. or the DUNE Project that is undergoing construction.
 - Also gave me something to do during the 2-3 months of freetime on my hands



What are Muons?

- Muons are a type of particle in our everyday lives! they are around us!
 - They are considered a Large electron that is classified as a lepton.
 - Cosmic Ray Showers are showers of high energy astrophysical particles that come specifically from the sun throughout the universe that collide into our atmosphere that decay to muons.
 - they also divide in Pions and other known elements. but we study muons due to their long-term lifespan on the ground
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- Muon Foundation and Weather Correlation
 - In my Neutrino Division, which is Particle Physics, we are currently analyzing data throughout the world about Muon entrance into atmosphere.
 - Current data suggests a rate of 1 muon every second for an area of 1 square centimeter on the surface of the Earth.
 - so my assignment with another intern was to base this information to create a mimicable chamber such as the neutrino observatory chamber called super-kamiokande in Japan!



Task: ROOT CERN EXAMINATION



- throughout these 5 weeks, I was tasked to use 2 various data showers using ROOT CERN
 - ROOT Cern is computer database used to analyze bulk data files converted to branches that match a trees structure and makes data plots for analyzaion, papers, etc.
 - throughout this internship, I worked on 2 seperate data showers that were converted to data plots
 - there are no visual plots on this presentation due to our technological outage occurred last friday, causing different 2 computer system switches in the process this week alone



Task: Muon Detector (Cosmic Watch)







Special Thank you to Cosmic Watch for making this possible!

Cosmic watch developed a type of detector that is used to for muon evaluation. its used to mimic a bubble chamber such as those

- 1. Building the boards (assembling it was fun, saundering was fun but tedious at times.)
- 2. Assembling the circuit with together to create the machine (Little machine about the size of two golf balls)
- This detector will continue to help analyze further data similar to Super- to use within ROOT Cern

Favorite Workshops



- Favorite Workshop was the College Admission workshop. one specific tip that stood out to me was reaching out to counselor on recommendation letter during the summer.
 - Another Workshop that stood out was the Resume workshop was useful in terms of standing out in the workforce. found surprising that most recruiters take on average 6 seconds per resume.



Favorite Tour

- Favorite tour was the Environmental Tour of the protected grasslands here at Fermilab!
- Fermilab has over nearly 7000 acres of property!
- State-of-the-art environment protection measures!





Reflection

1. Gained more knowledge on Physics and Neutrinos

2. have a deeper understanding in STEM-related Careers

3. learned more about coding practices

4. proud to have done a small part in the overall research in my department



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DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FERMILAB INTERN (VIDEO)

https://youtu.be/GGnOFF64Xm4?si=3lu8i5DHV8nRer_Y





