Astroparticle Physics

Lecture 2

- The propagation from the sources to us
- Detectors for astroparticle physics
- Open problems, and future solutions?

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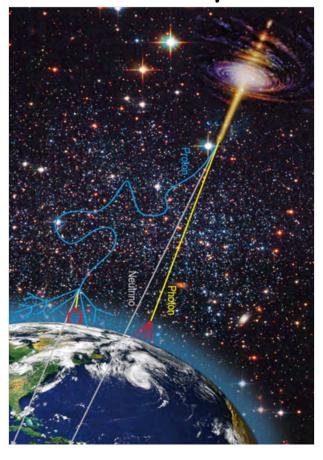
THE PROPAGATION

INTERACTION WITH THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND THE EARTH

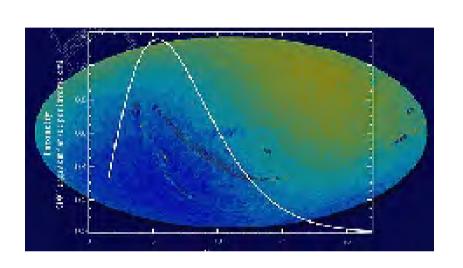
Propagation of charged CR in the Universe

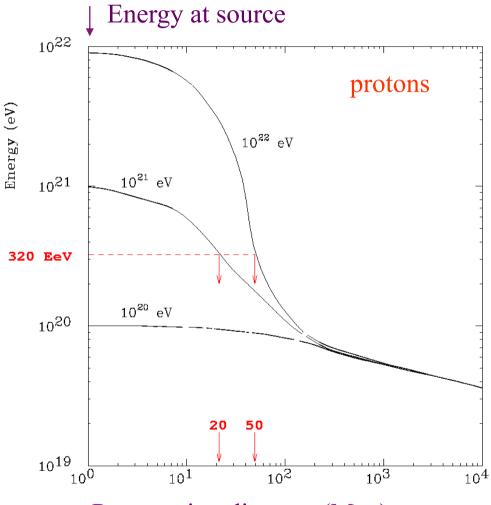
- Gyroradius
- B in the Galaxy: a few μG; outside the Galaxy: 1nG > B > 1 pG
- If you want to look at the GC (d ~ 8 kpc) you need E > 2 10¹⁹ eV
 - But only 1 particle / km2 / year
 - And: no galactic emitters expected at this energy
- But in principle one could look outside the galaxy, were B is smaller and there are SMBHs...
 - No: the GZK cutoff provides a maximum E ~ 10¹⁹ eV

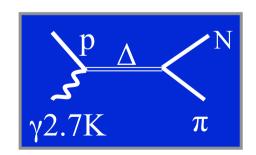
$$\frac{r}{1 \text{ pc}} \approx \frac{\frac{1 \text{ PeV}}{B}}{\frac{1 \mu G}{B}}$$



The Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin (GZK) cutoff



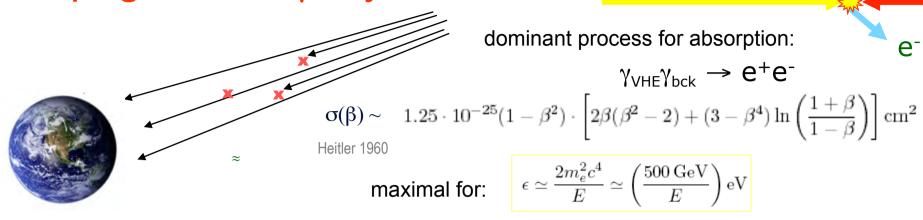




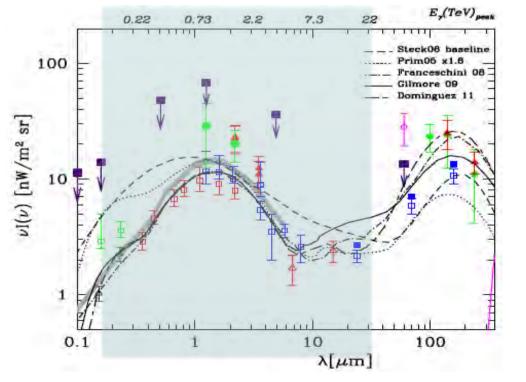
$$E_{p} \approx 10^{20} \,\text{eV}$$

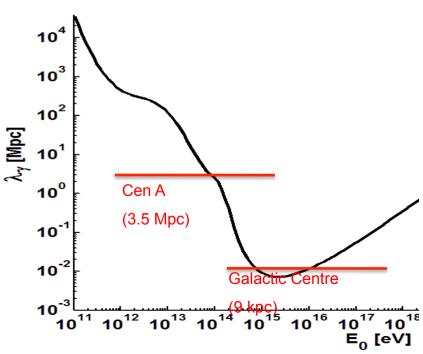
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma_{p\gamma} \rho_{CMB}}$$

Propagation of γ-rays in the Universe



- For gamma rays, relevant background component is optical/infrared (EBL)
- different models for EBL: minimum density given by cosmology/star formation





Extragalactic Sources

~60 Sources

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S5 0716+71 z=0.31±0.08 MAGIC 2009

1ES 0502+675 z=0.34 VERITAS 2009

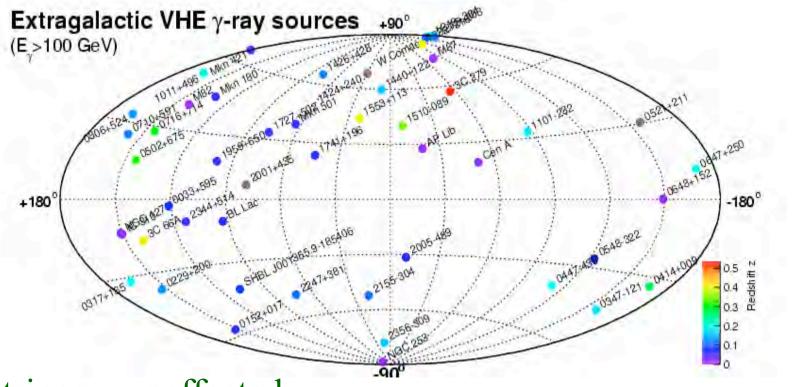
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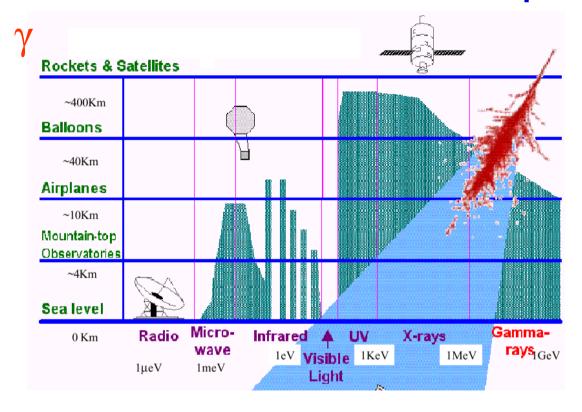
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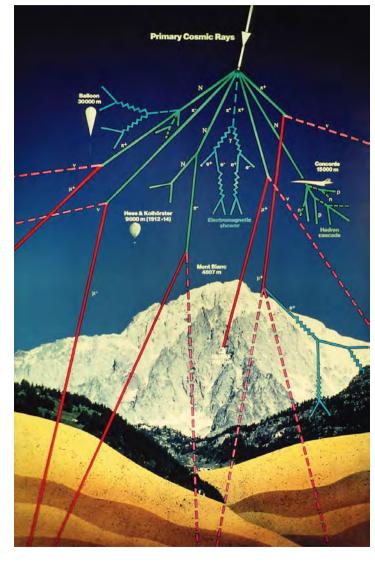


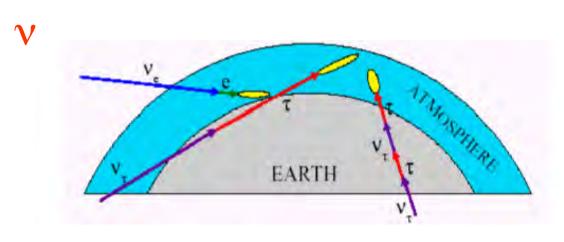
Neutrinos ~ unaffected

Interaction in the atmosphere/Earth





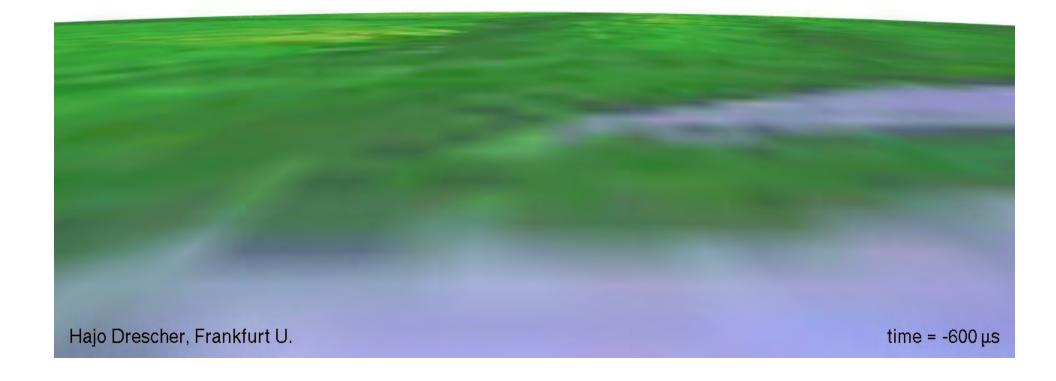










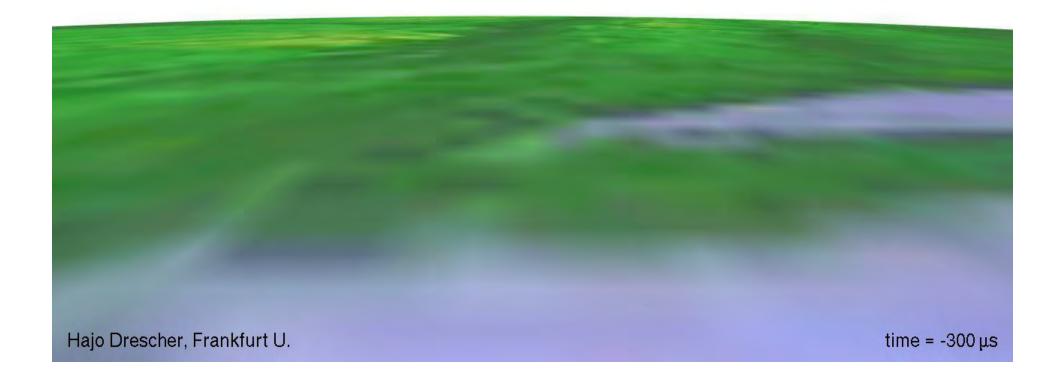




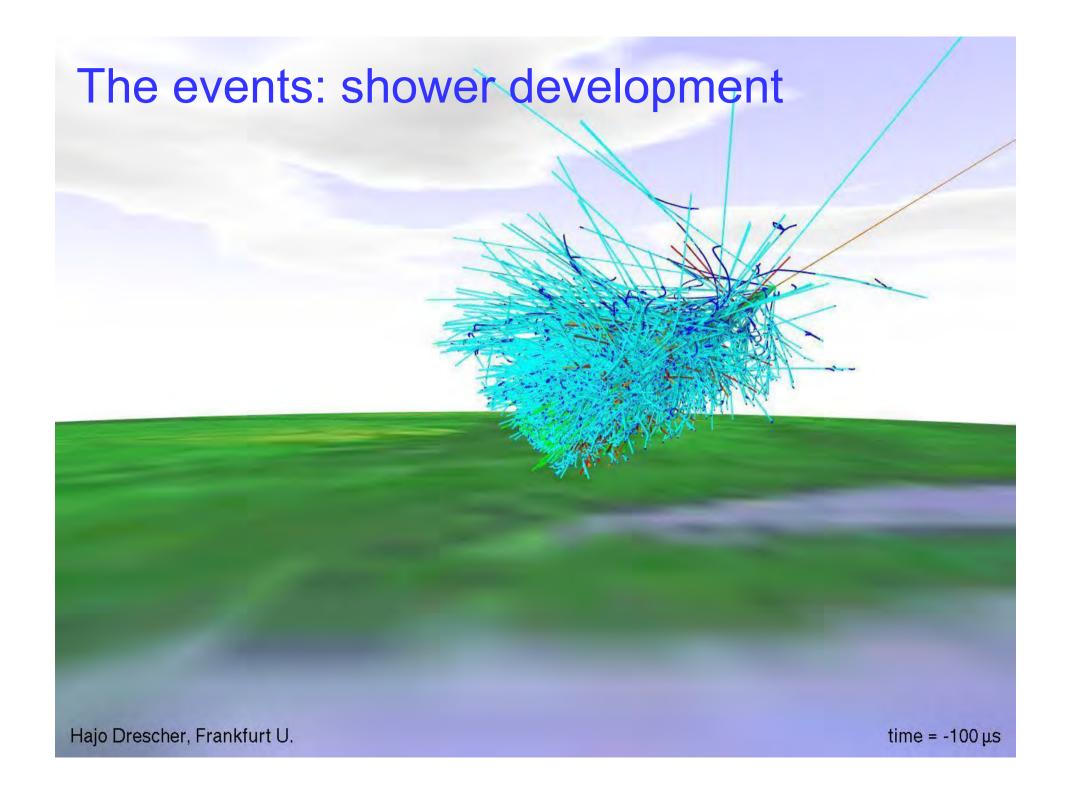


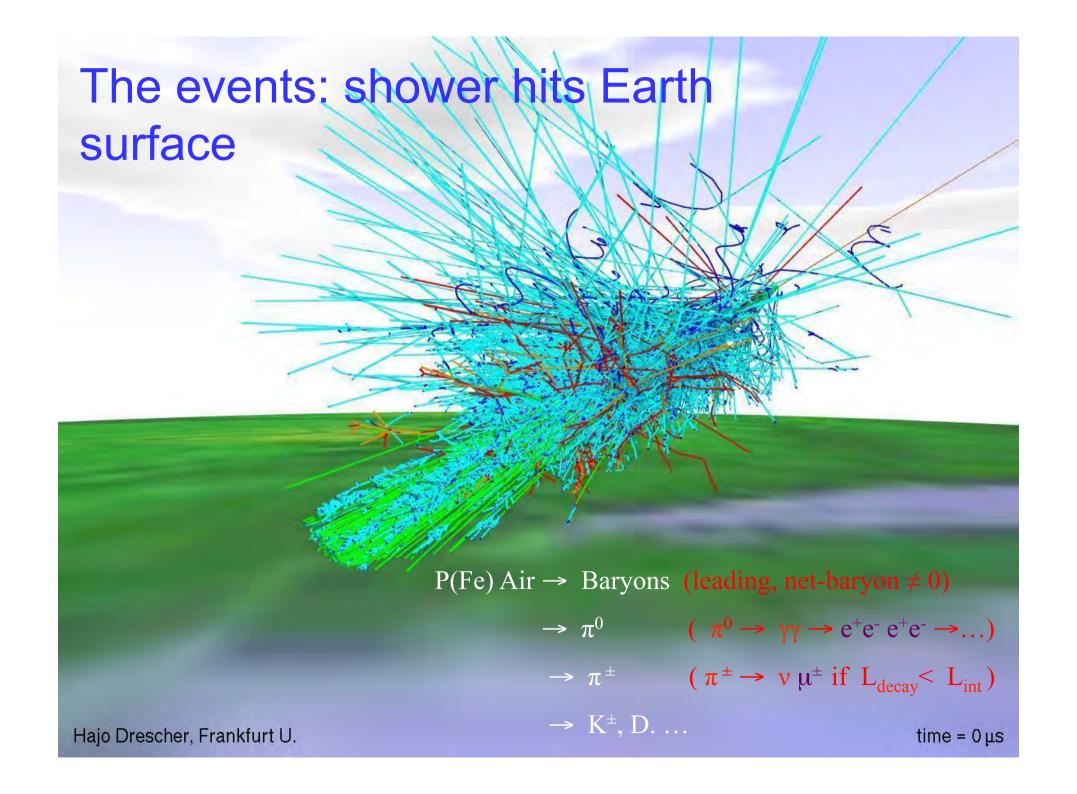
The events: first interaction



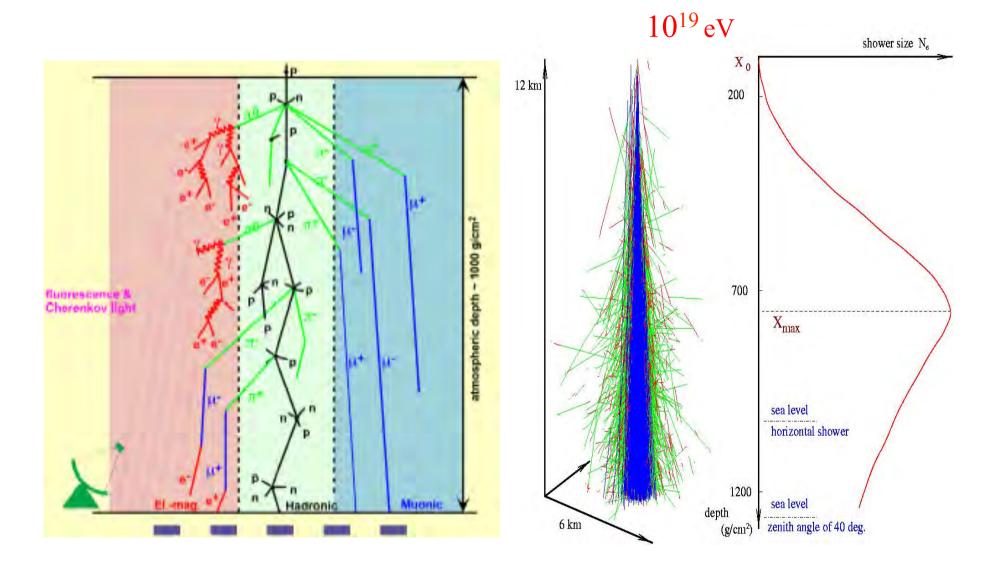








Extensive Air Showers (EAS)



Electromagnetic showers

- When a high-energy e or γ enters an absorber, it initiates an em cascade as pair production and bremsstrahlung generate more e and γ with lower energy
- The ionization loss becomes dominant < a critical energy E_c
 - $E_c \sim 88 \text{ MeV in air, } \sim (550/Z)\text{MeV}$
 - Approximate scaling in y = E/E_c
 - The longitudinal development ~scales as the radiation length in the material: t = x/Xo (~440 m in air at NTP)
 - The transverse development scales approximately with the Moliere radius R_M ~ (21 MeV/E_c) Xo
 - In average, only 10% of energy outside a cylinder w/ radius R_M
 - In air, $R_M \sim 80$ m; in water $R_M \sim 9$ cm
- Electrons/positrons lose energy by ionization during the cascade process
- Not a simple sequence: needs Monte Carlo calculations

QED HE processes: bremsstrahlung for electrons...

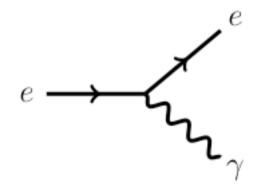
- (and pair production for photons).
 Forbidden in vacuo by 4-momentum conservation
 - Require interaction with the medium
- Bremsstrahlung (braking radiation): photons of momentum q<E_e emitted with probability ~proportional to 1/q
 - (and collimated: $\sim m_e/E$)

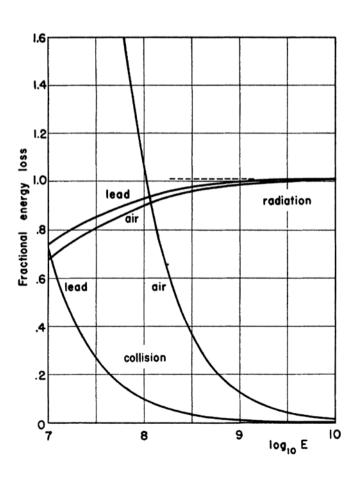
ie, energy emission is ~constant for each interval of photon energy; total is propto E

 The dependence on the material appears through the radiation length Xo:

$$dE_e/dx = -1/Xo$$

- Xo can be found in tables. It is ~440 m for air at NTP, ~43 cm for water; for density 1 g/cm³ roughly proportional to A/Z²
- Collision energy loss is almost constant (plateau)



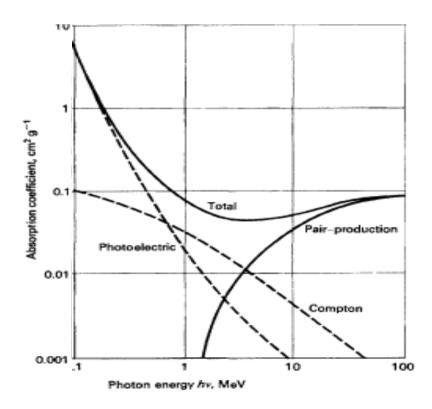


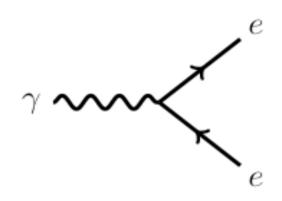
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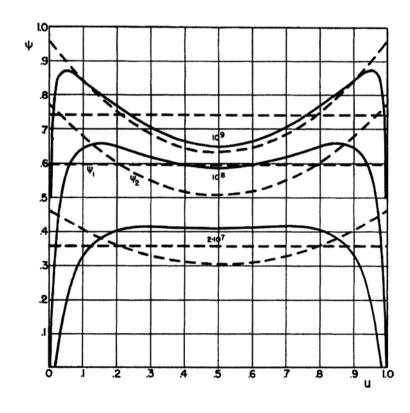
Pair production:

$$\lambda = (9/7) \text{ Xo for } E_{\gamma} >> 2m_{e}$$

Energy spectrum ~ flat

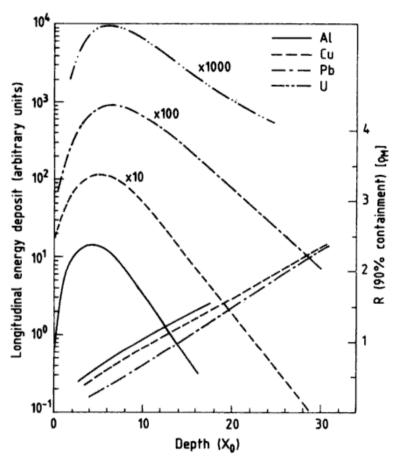






An analytic model: Rossi's "approximation B"

- Rossi in 1941 published an analytical formulation for the shower development as a set of 2 integro-differential equations under the approximation that:
 - Electrons lose energy by ionization & bremsstrahlung; asymptotic formulae hold
 - Photons undergo pair production only; asymptotic formulae hold (E > 2 me)
- Very good approximation until E ~ Ec



Incident electron

Incident photons

| Peak of shower, tmax |
|--|
| Centre of gravity, tmed |
| Number e ⁺ and e ⁻ at peak |
| Total track length T |

1.0 × (ln y-1)

$$t_{max} + 1.4$$

0.3 y × (ln y-0.37)^{-1/2}

1.0 × (ln y-0.5)

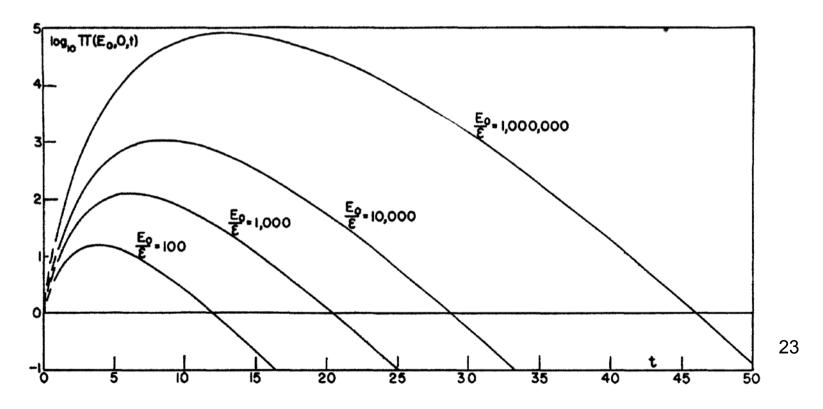
$$t_{max} + 1.7$$

0.3 y × (ln y-0.31)^{-1/2}
y

A snapshot of Rossi's equations (you can solve them, but...)

$$\frac{\partial \pi(E, t)}{\partial t} = 2 \int_0^1 \gamma \left(\frac{E}{u}, t\right) \psi_0(u) \frac{du}{u} - \int_0^1 \left[\pi(E, t) - \frac{1}{1 - v} \pi\left(\frac{E}{1 - v}, t\right)\right] \varphi_0(v) dv + \epsilon \frac{\partial \pi(E, t)}{\partial E}$$

$$\frac{\partial \gamma(W, t)}{\partial t} = \int_{0}^{1} \pi \left(\frac{W}{v}, t\right) \varphi_{0}(v) \frac{dv}{v} - \sigma_{0} \gamma(W, t)$$



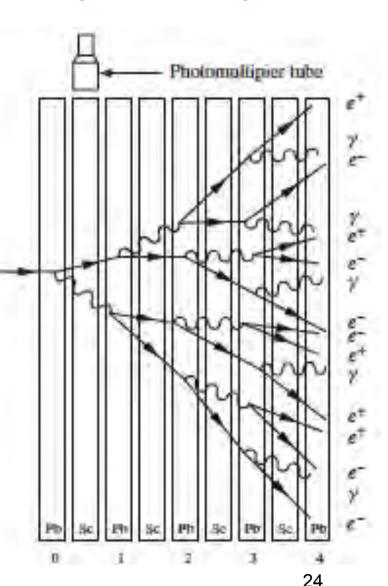
A simplified approach (Heitler)

 Qualitative features may be obtained from a simple model

Each electron with E>E_C
 travels 1 Xo and then gives up
 half of its energy to a
 bremsstrahlung photon

Each photon with E>E_C travels
 1 Xo and then creates an e+e-pair with each particle taking E/

- Electrons with E<E_C cease to radiate and lose the rest of their energy by collisions
 - lonization losses are negligible for E>E_C



Results from the simplified approach

If the initial electron has energy
 E₀>>E_C, after t Xo the shower will
 contain 2^t particles. ~equal numbers
 of e+, e-, γ, each with an average
 energy

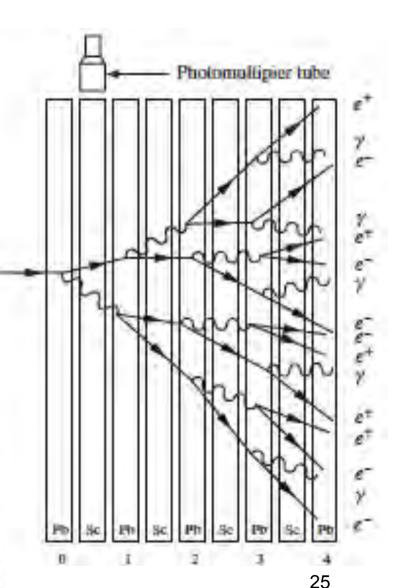
$$E(t) = E_0/2^t$$

 The multiplication process will cease when E(t)=E_C

$$t_{max} = t(E_C) \equiv \frac{\ln(E_0/E_C)}{\ln 2},$$

and the number of particles at this point will be

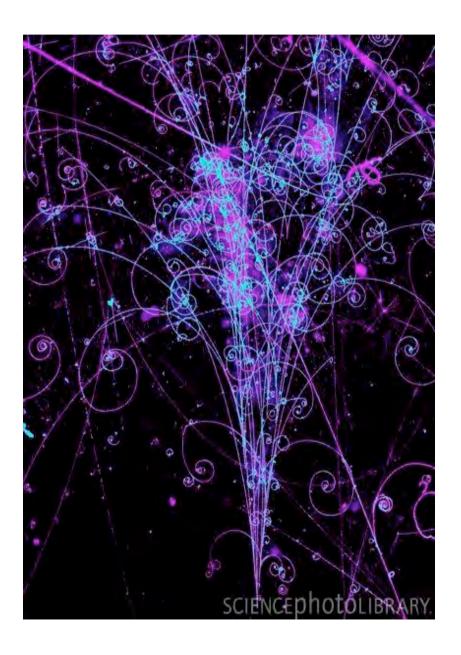
$$N_{max} = \exp(t_{max} \ln 2) = E_0 / E_C$$



Energy measurement

 Errors asymptotically dominated by statistical fluctuations:

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \cong \frac{k_E}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus c$$

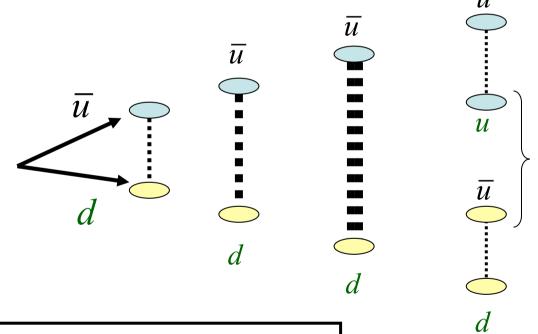


Hadronic showers

- Although hadronic showers are qualitatively similar to em, shower development is more complex because many different processes contribute
 - Larger fluctuations
- Some of the contributions to the total absorption may not give rise to an observable signal in the detector
 - Examples: nuclear excitation and leakage of secondary muons and neutrinos
- Depending on the proportion of π^0 s produced in the early stages of the cascade, the shower may develop predominantly as an electromagnetic one because of the decay $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma$
- The scale of the shower is determined by the nuclear absorption length λ_{H}
 - Typically $\lambda_H > X_O$
 - Larger lateral width

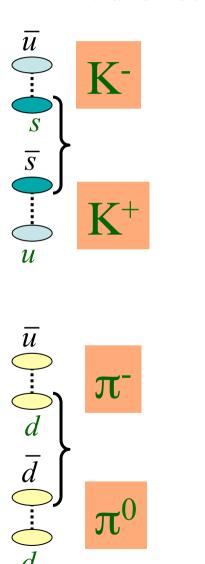
String fragmentation

Think of the gluons being exchanged as a spring... which if stretched too far, will snap! Stored energy in spring → mass!



In this way, you can see that quarks are always confined inside hadrons (that's **CONFINEMENT**)!

Hadrons!

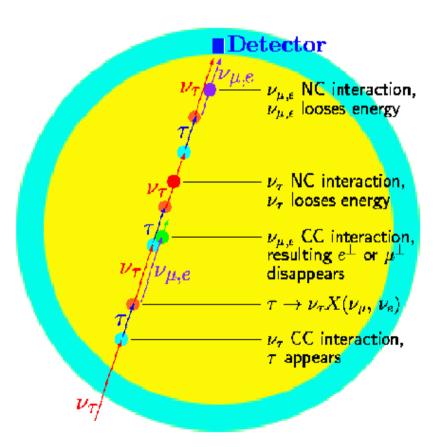


Neutrino interactions: no interaction in space;

with Earth

$$v_{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow v_{\tau} \rightarrow \dots$$

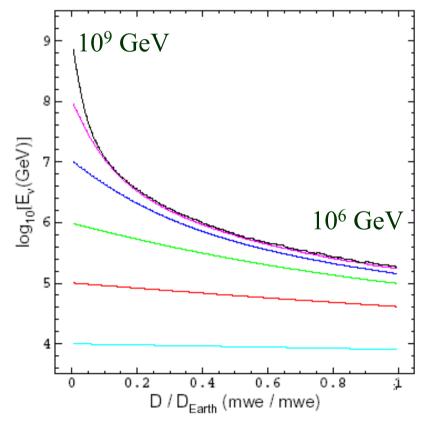
 v_{τ} energy degradation



$$\sigma_{\rm v} t E_{\rm v}$$

The Earth is opaque to $v_e v_\mu$

Above $E_{\tau} \sim 10^7 \,\text{GeV}$: $L_{\tau int} < L_{\tau decay}$



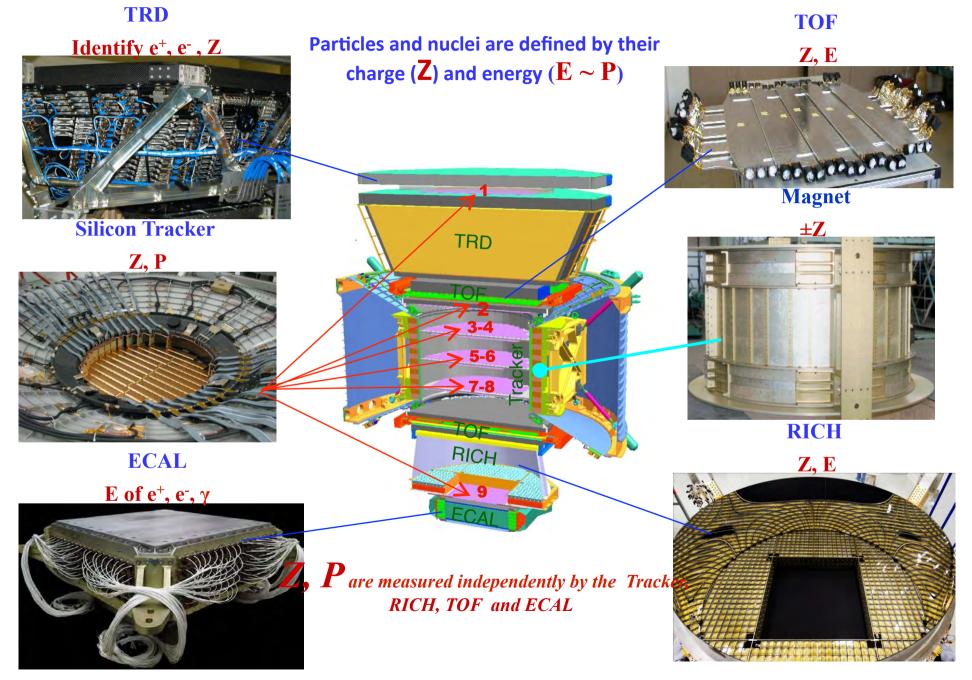
Fraction of Earth diameter

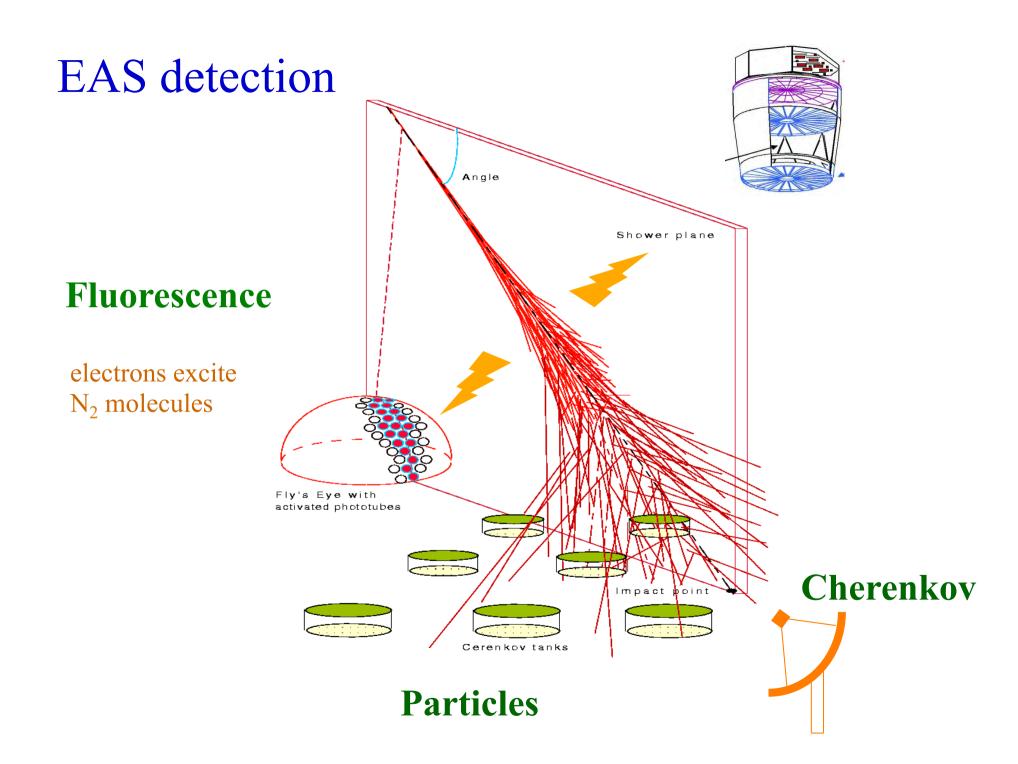
THE DETECTION

Cosmic ray detection in space



AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer

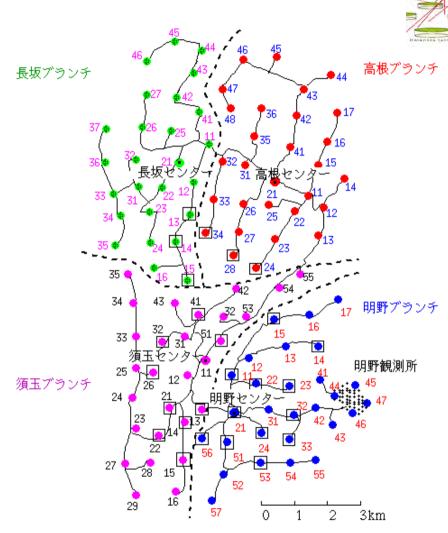




AGASA

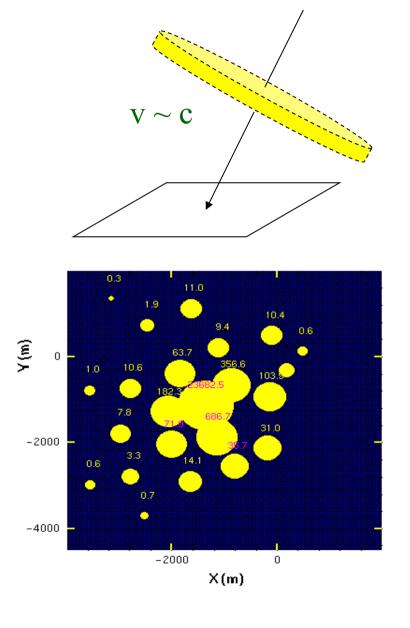




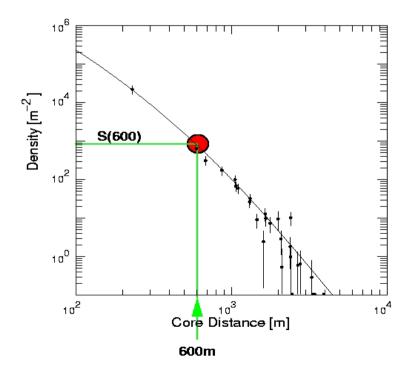


111 detectors for electrons

Ground arrays measurements



From (n_i, t_i):
The direction
The core position
The Energy



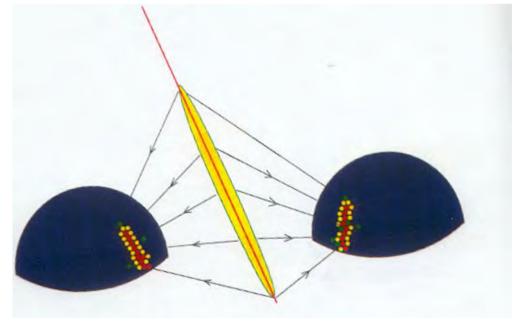
Fluorescence detectors:



Fly's Eye

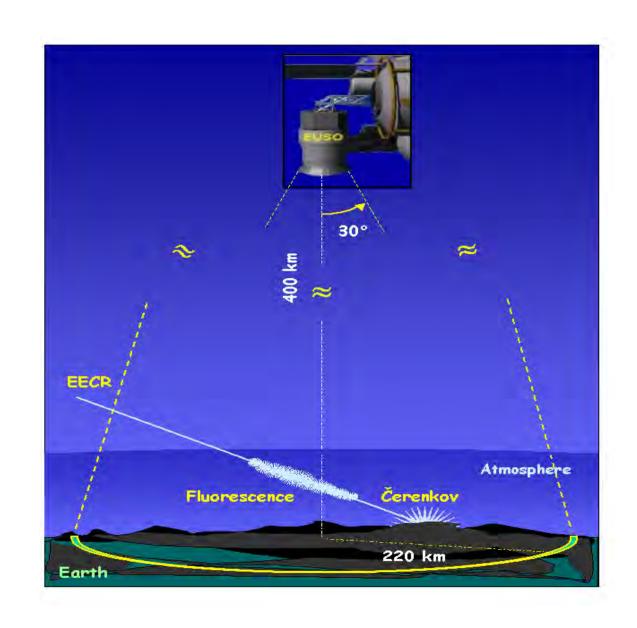


Air shower stereo image



Fluorescence from space

JEM-EUSO





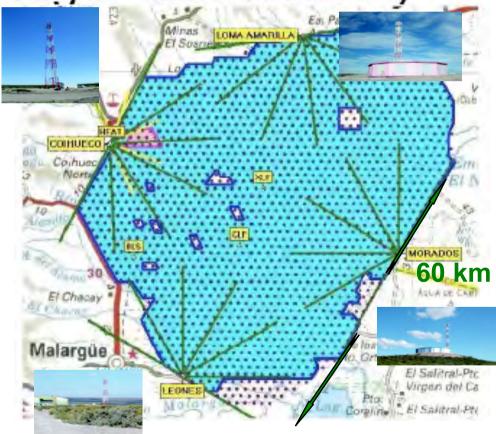
The Pierre Auger Observatory

South Hemisphere

Area ~ 3000 km2 24 fluorescence telescopes

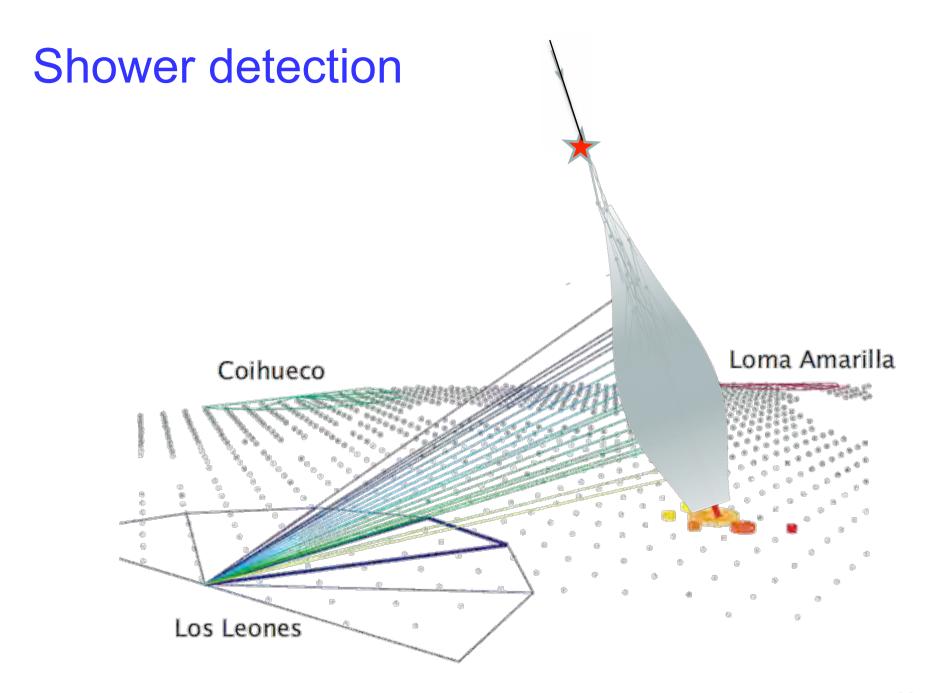
1600 water Cerenkov detectors



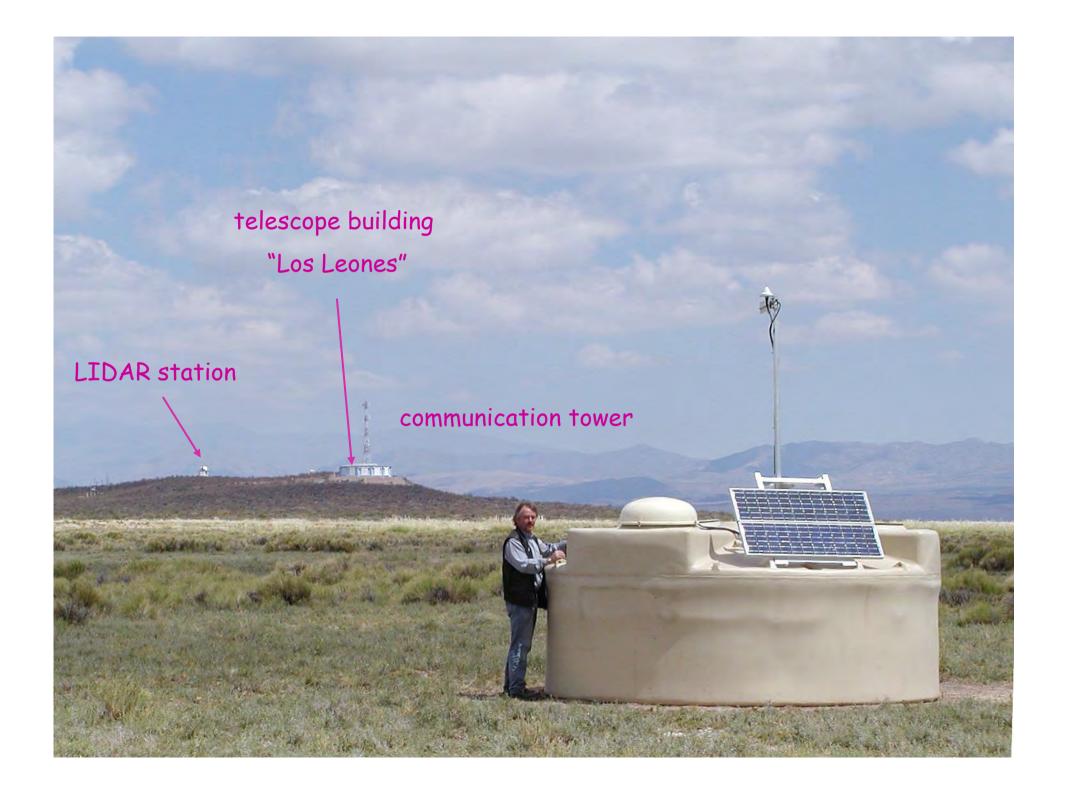


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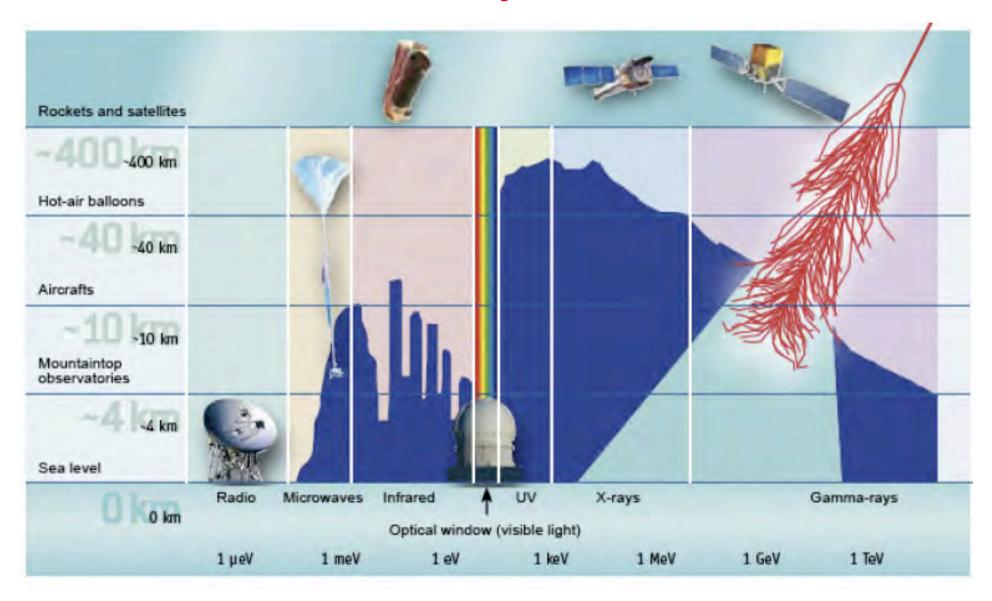
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Gamma ray detection



=> GeV (HE) detection requires satellites; TeV (VHE) can be done at ground

Precision Si-strip Tracker (TKR)

18 XY tracking planes

Detectors

Single-sided silicon strip detectors 228 μm pitch, 8.8 10⁵ channels



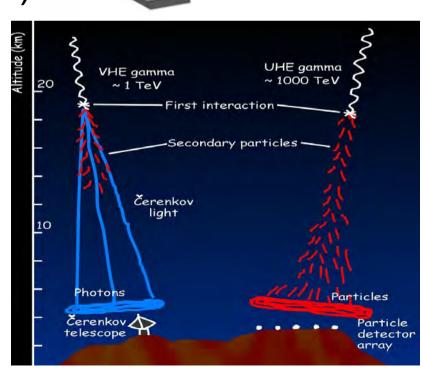
Satellites (AGILE, Fermi)

Silicon tracker (+calorimeter)

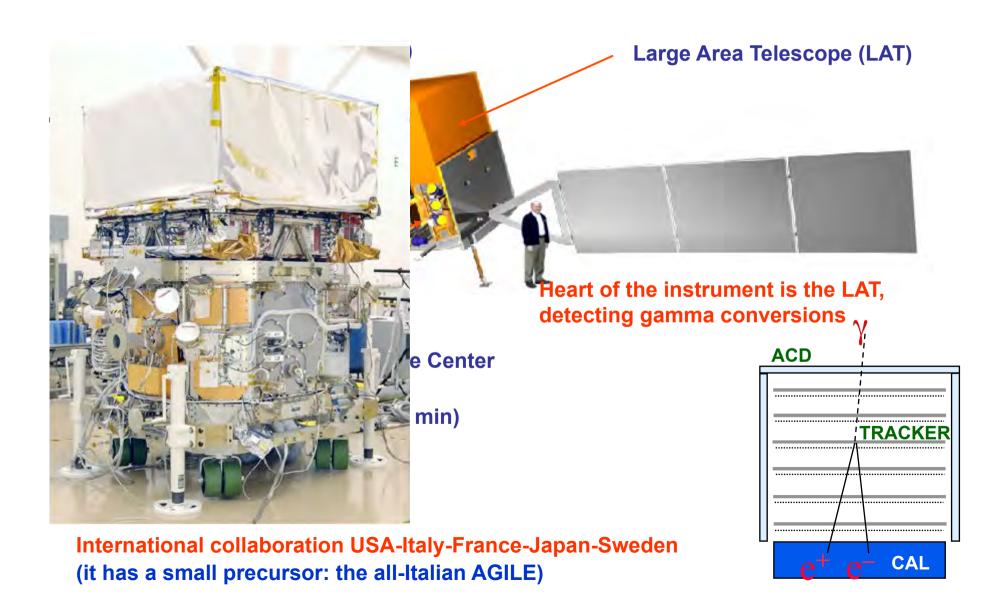
 Cherenkov telescopes (H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS)

 Extensive Air Shower det. (ARGO, MILAGRO): RPC, scintillators, water Cherenkov

HEP detectors!



The GLAST/Fermi observatory and the LAT



LAT overview

Si-strip Tracker (TKR)

18 planes XY ~ 1.7 x 1.7 m² w/ converter

Single-sided Si strips 228 μm pitch, ~10⁶ channels

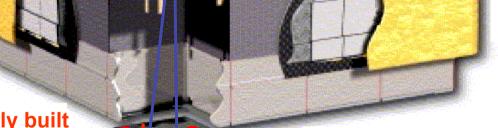
Measurement of the gamma direction

Astroparticle groups INFN/University Bari, Padova, Perugia, Pisa, Roma2, Udine/Trieste

The Silicon tracker is mainly built in Italy

Italy is also responsible for the detector simulation, event display and GRB physics

AntiCoincidence Detector (ACD)
89 scintillator tiles around the TKR
Reduction of the background from charged particles

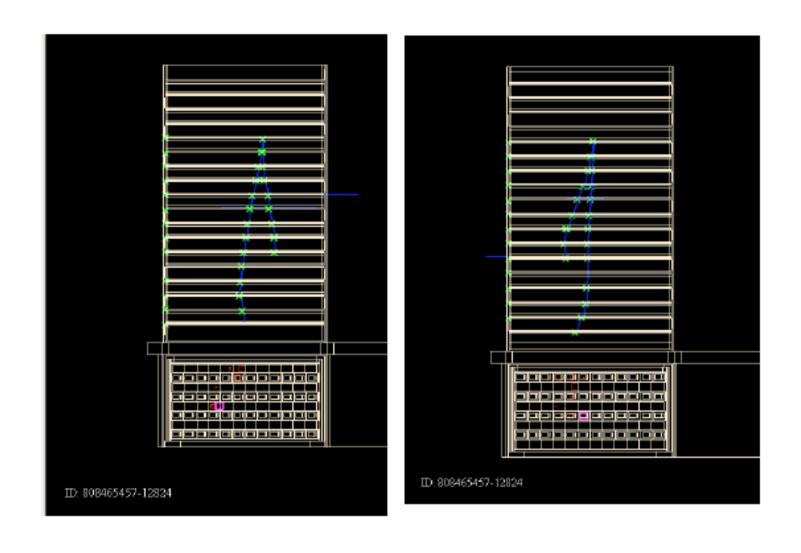


Calorimeter (CAL)

Array of 1536 Csl(Tl) crystals in 8 layers Measurement of the electron energy



Detection of a gamma-ray



Ground-based telescopes still needed for VHE...

Peak eff. area of Fermi: 0.8 m²
 From strongest flare ever recorde of very high energy (VHE) γ-rays:

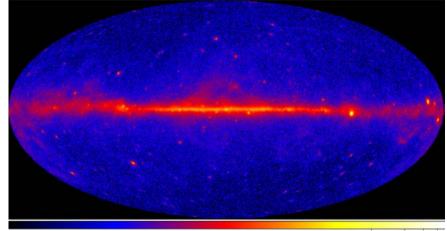
1 photon / m² in 8 h above 200 GeV (PKS 2155, July 2006)

 The strongest steady sources are > 1 order of magnitude weaker!

Besides: calorimeter depth ≤ 10 X₀

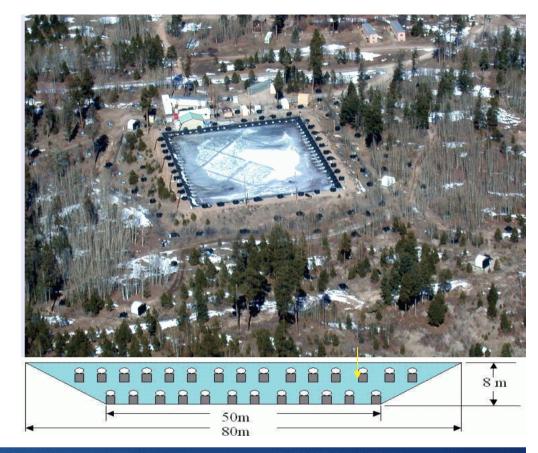
⇒ VHE astrophysics (in the energy region above 100 GeV) can be done only at ground



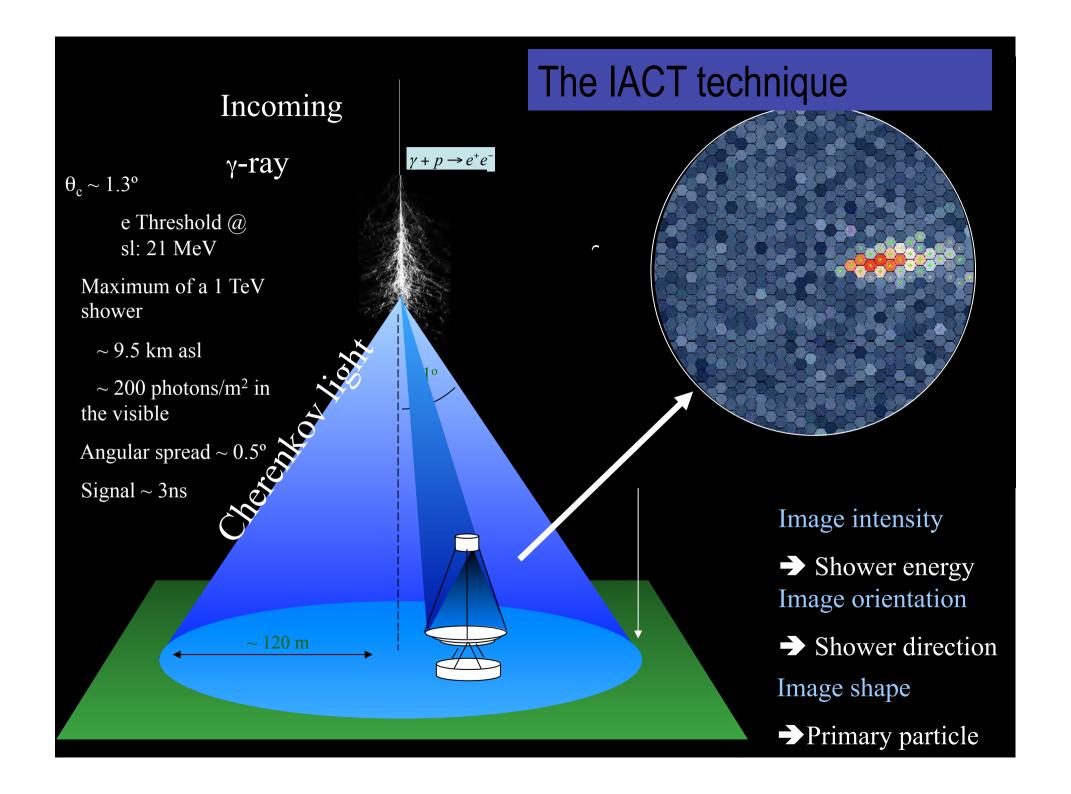


EAS

MILAGRO (New Mexico@2600m)
water Cherenkov,
60x80m^2 + outriggers,
γ/h: Muon-identification
in second layer)







Signal duration: ~ 3ns



MAGIC at La Palma

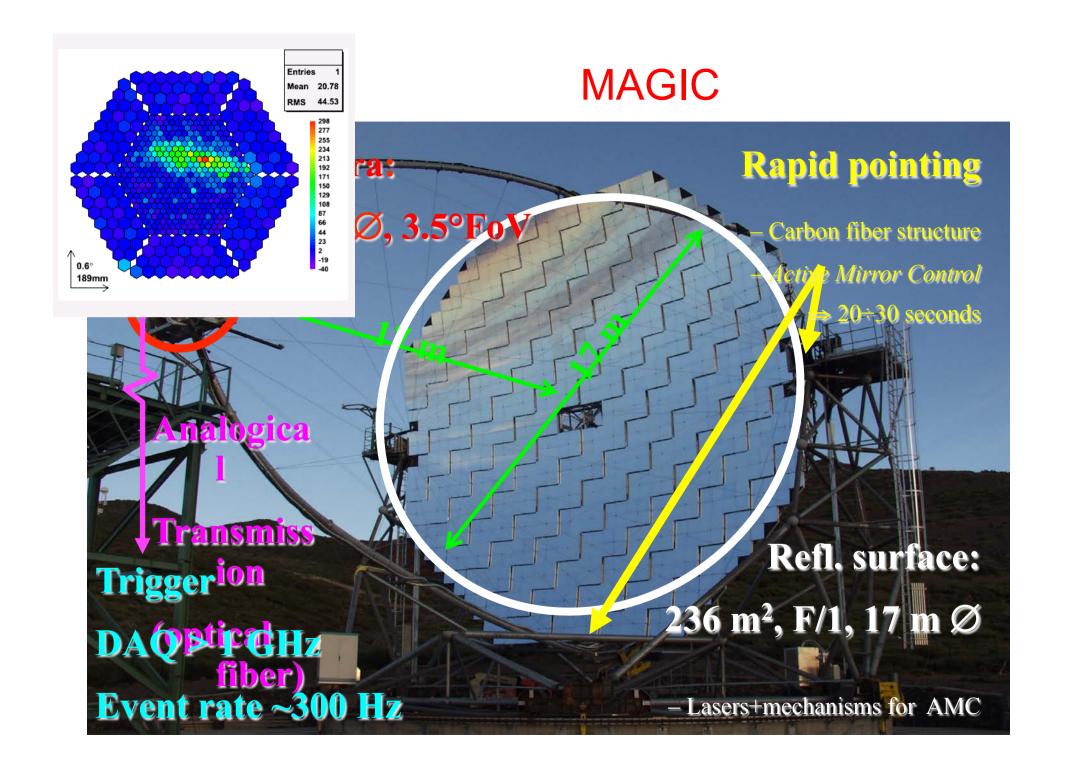
(2 x 17 meters diameter telescopes)

An international collaboration of 160 scientists from institutes in Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Switzerland, Finland, Poland, Bulgaria, Croatia

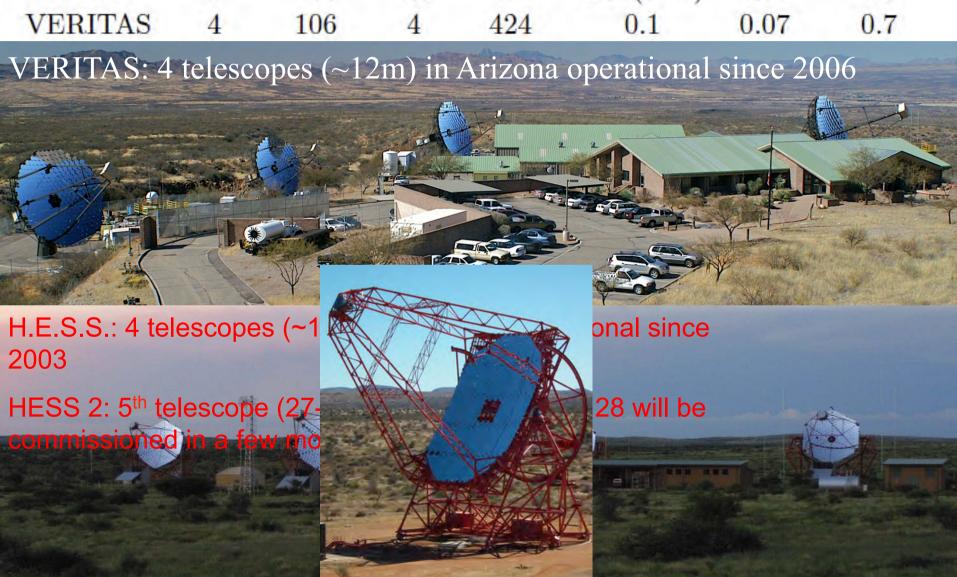
Commissioned as a stereo system since May 2010

(was mono since 2004)

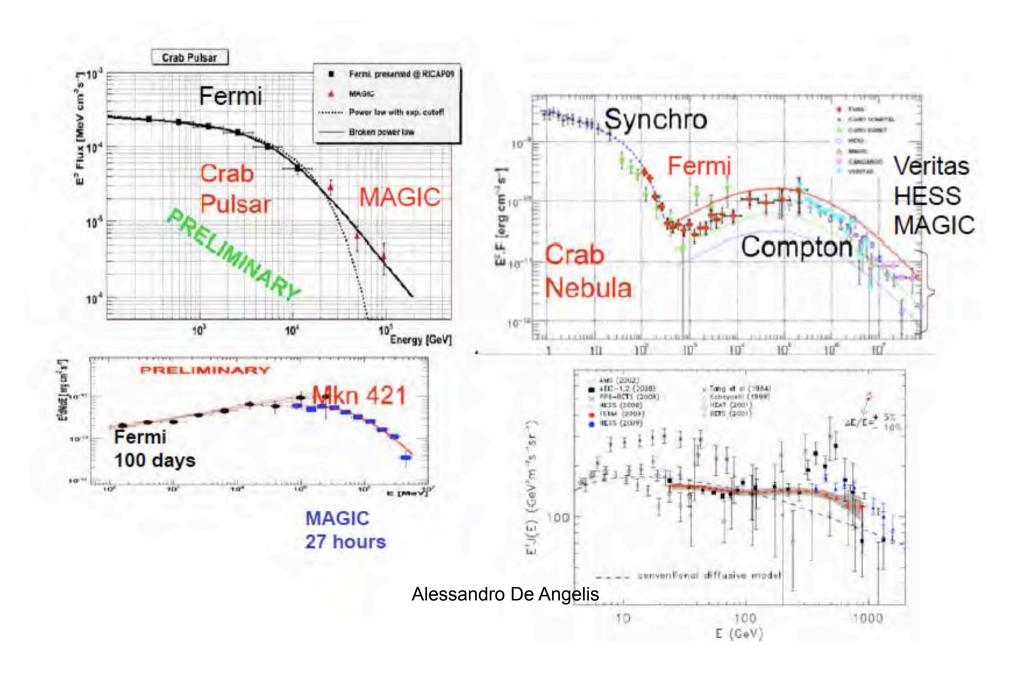


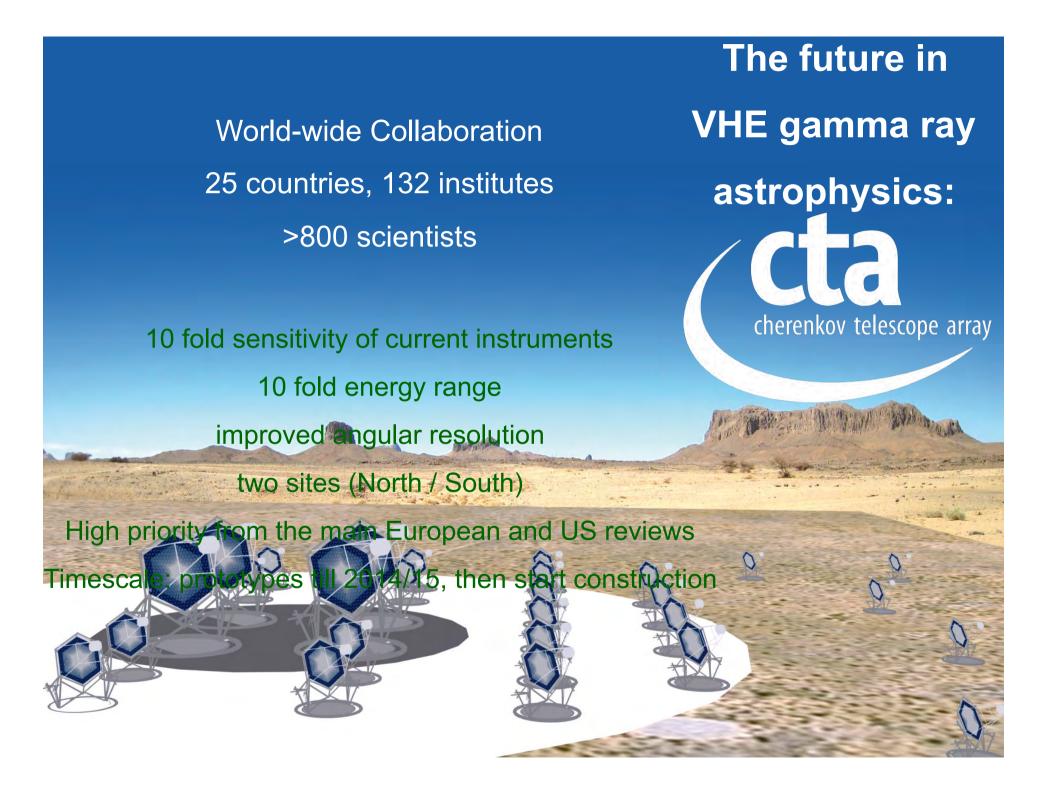


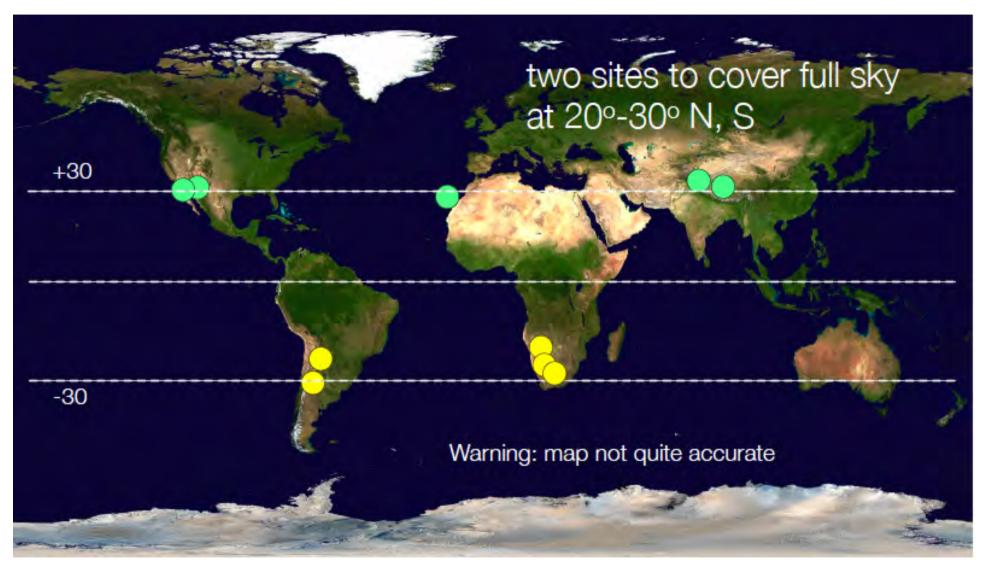
| Instr. | Tels. # | Tel. A (m ²) | FoV (°) | $Tot A$ (m^2) | Thresh. (TeV) | PSF (°) | Sens. (%Crab) |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| MAGIC | 2 | 236 | 3.5 | 472 | 0.05(0.03) | 0.06 | 0.8 |
| VERITAS | 4 | 106 | 4 | 424 | 0.1 | 0.07 | 0.7 |

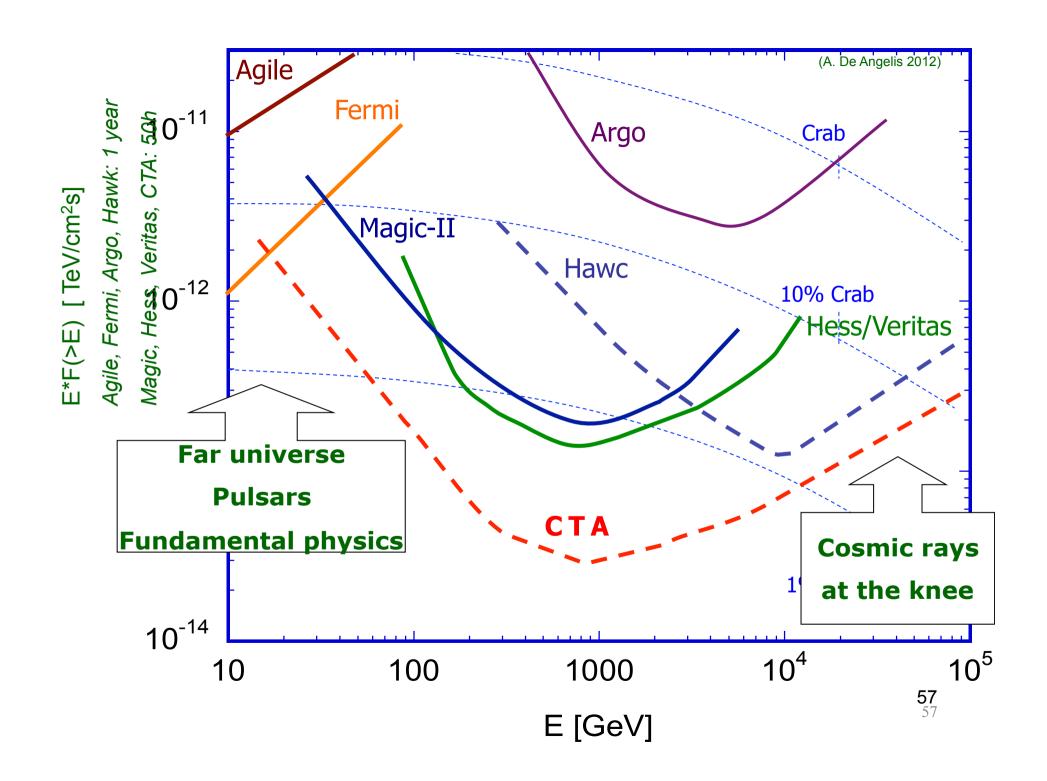


Complementarity IACT/Fermi



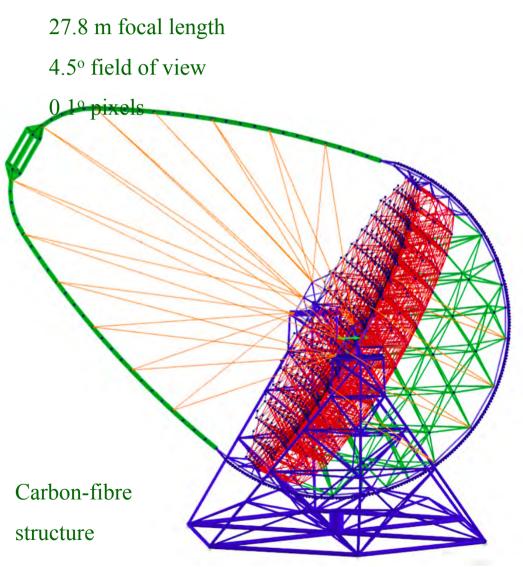






Design: 23 m Large Telescopes

optimized for the range below 200 GeV



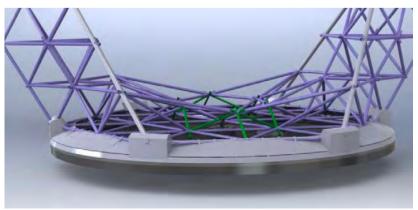
400 m² dish area 1.5 m sandwich mirror facets







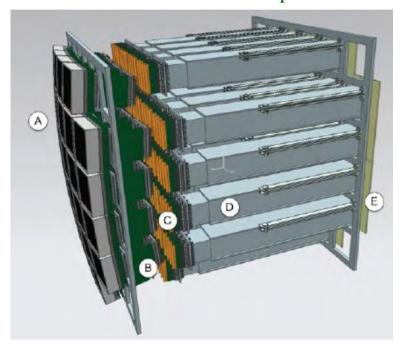




Design: Small 4-6 m Telescopes secondary mirror

cover the range above few TeV across 10 km²

Multi-Anode PMT camera option

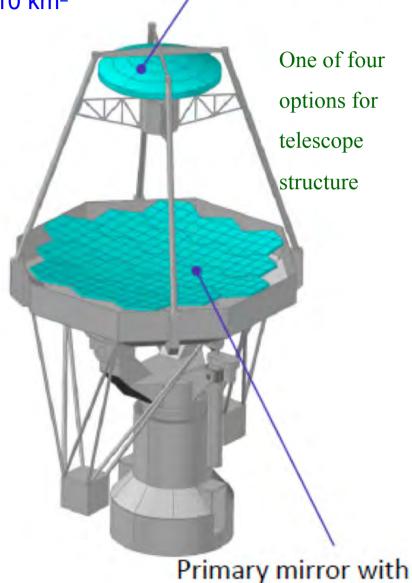


Under study:

dual-mirror optics with compact photo sensor arrays single-mirror optics

PMT-based and silicon-based sensors

→ Not yet conclusive which solution is most cost-effective



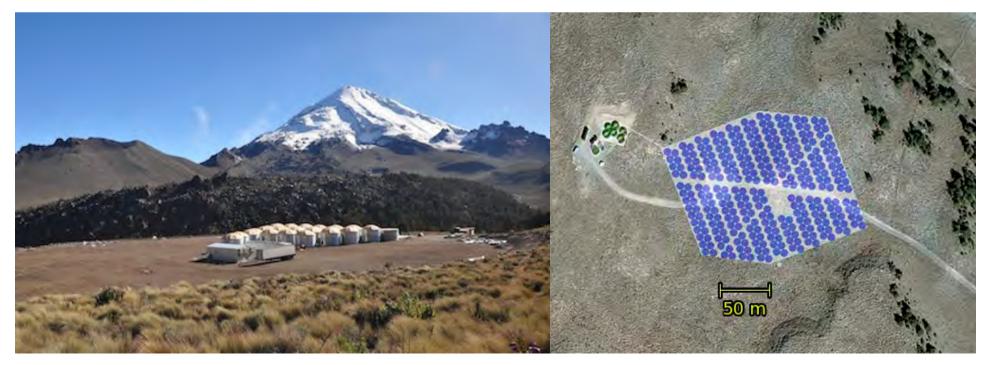
Monolithic

hexagonal panels

Future in EAS detectors: HAWC

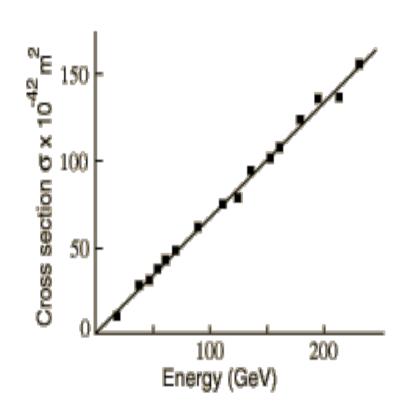
- EAS detectors have advantages on Cherenkov: duty cycle, serendipitous searches
- But the EAS up to now (Argo, Milagro, Tibet) were not sensitive enough
- The High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory, or HAWC, is a facility designed to observe TeV gamma rays and cosmic rays with large FOV, with sensitivity better than 10% Crab in 1 year between 200 GeV and 100 TeV
- HAWC is under construction at 4100 m asl in Mexico





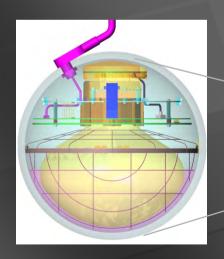
Neutrino detection

- Since cross section is small, needs large converters (and large detection volumes)
 - Use the Earth as converter
 - Make Cherenkov detectors using as fluids the sea and the Antarctica ices

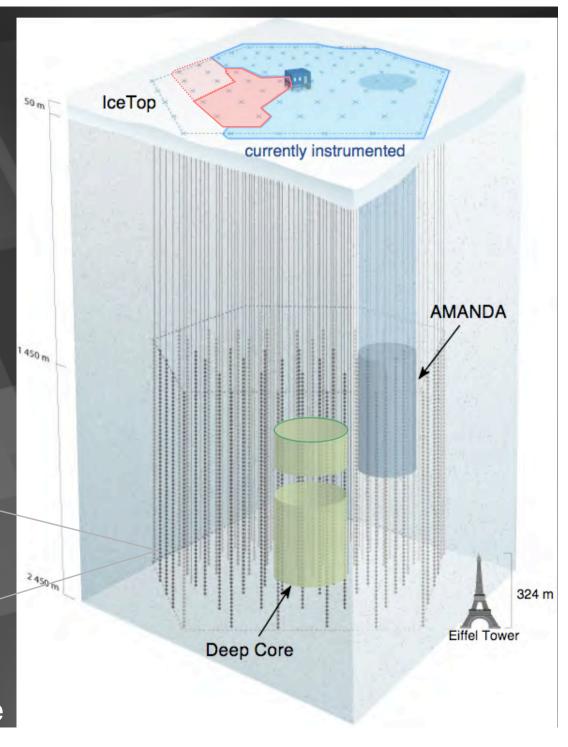


IceCube / Deep Core

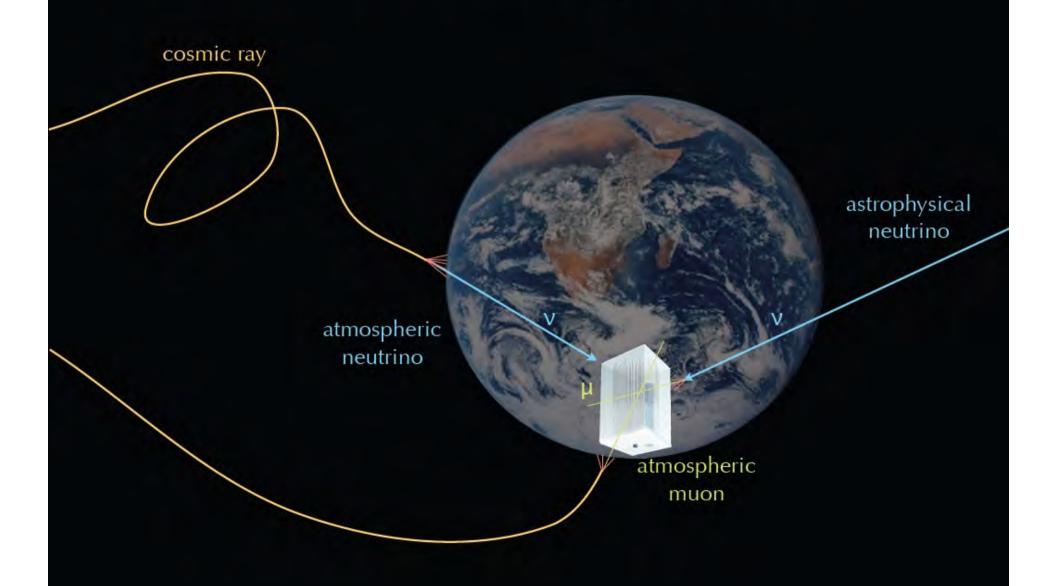
- 5160 optical sensors between 1.5 ~ 2.5 km
- detects > 200 neutrinoinduced muons and
 ~ 2 x 10⁸ cosmic ray muons per day



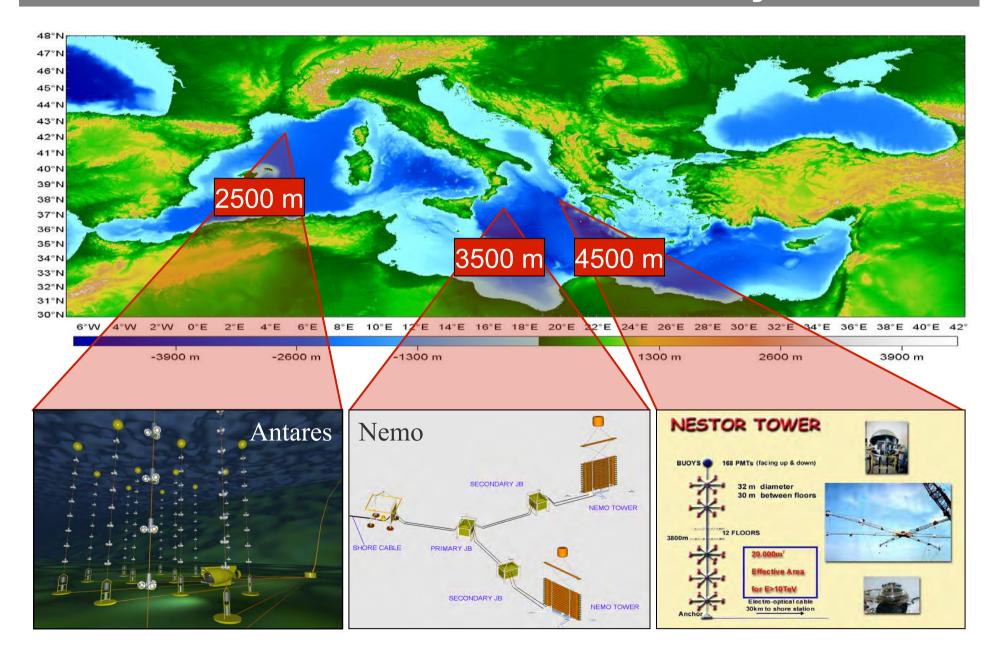
DOM-Digital Optical Module



Signals and Backgrounds



Three Mediterranean Pilot Projects



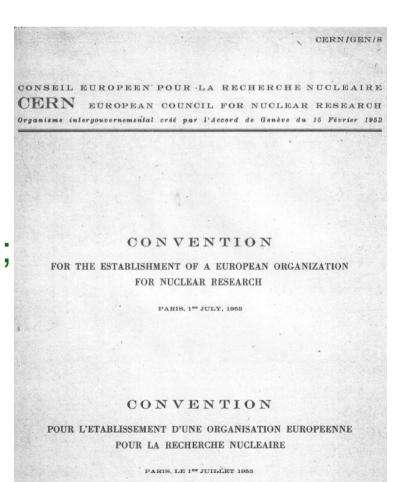
OPEN QUESTIONS

Main open problems on VHE photons (with emphasis on fundamental physics)

Cosmic Rays

Transparency of the Universe;
 Tests of Lorentz Invariance;
 Axion-Like Particles

Dark matter & new particles

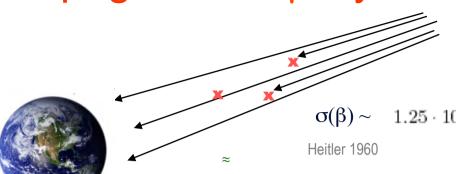


Questions on Cosmic Rays

- CR at 100 TeV x 10 come from SNR; still >1 decade from the knee...
- Are the other galactic sources of gamma rays important for the formation of CR?
 - Binaries accreting galactic BH
 - **—** ...
 - Pulsars and electron-positron pairs
- How are CR accelerated in AGN?
- Are they accelerated also in GRB?

(Need improvement of energy range, PSF, stat)

Propagation of γ-rays



dominant process for absorption:

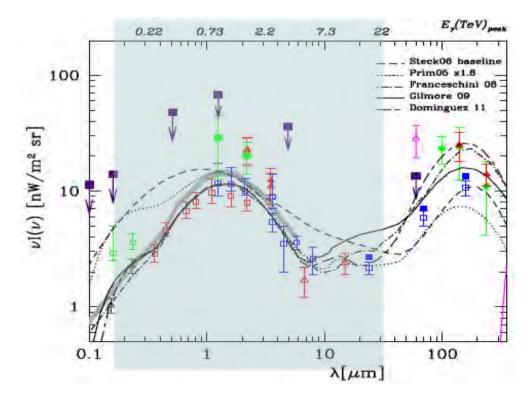
$$\gamma_{VHE}\gamma_{bck} \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

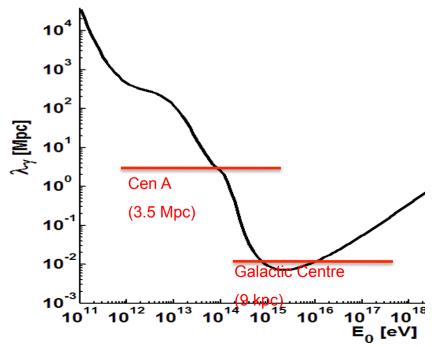
$$\sigma(\beta) \sim 1.25 \cdot 10^{-25} (1 - \beta^2) \cdot \left[2\beta (\beta^2 - 2) + (3 - \beta^4) \ln \left(\frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta} \right) \right] \text{cm}^2$$

maximal for:

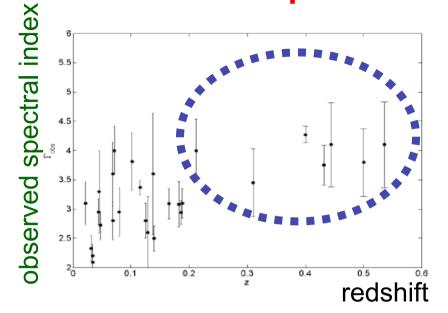
$$\epsilon \simeq \frac{2m_e^2c^4}{E} \simeq \left(\frac{500\,{
m GeV}}{E}\right){
m eV}$$

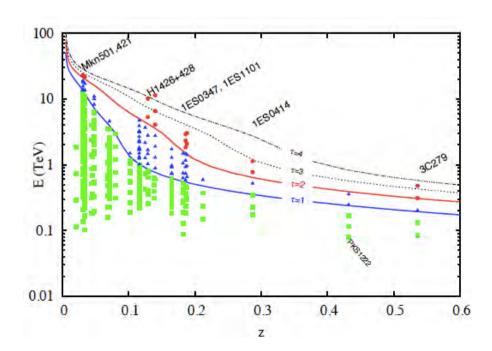
- For gamma rays, relevant background component is optical/infrared (EBL)
- different models for EBL: minimum density given by cosmology/star formation





If there is a problem





Explanations from the standard ones

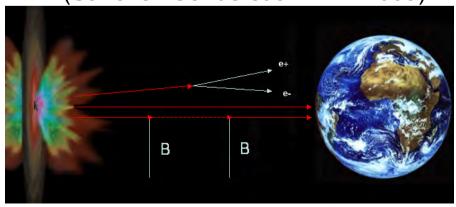
- very hard emission mechanisms with intrinsic slope < 1.5 (Stecker 2008)
- Very low EBL, plus observational bias, plus a couple of "wrong" outliers

to almost standard

 γ-ray fluxes enhanced by relatively nearby production by interactions of primary cosmic rays or v from the same source

to possible evidence for new physics

- Oscillation to a light "axion"? (DA, Roncadelli & MAnsutti [DARMA], PRD2007, PLB2008)
- Axion emission (Simet+, PRD2008)
- A combination of the above (Sanchez Conde et al. PRD 2009)



Moving to very fancy explanations of unexpected results on the transparency of the Universe

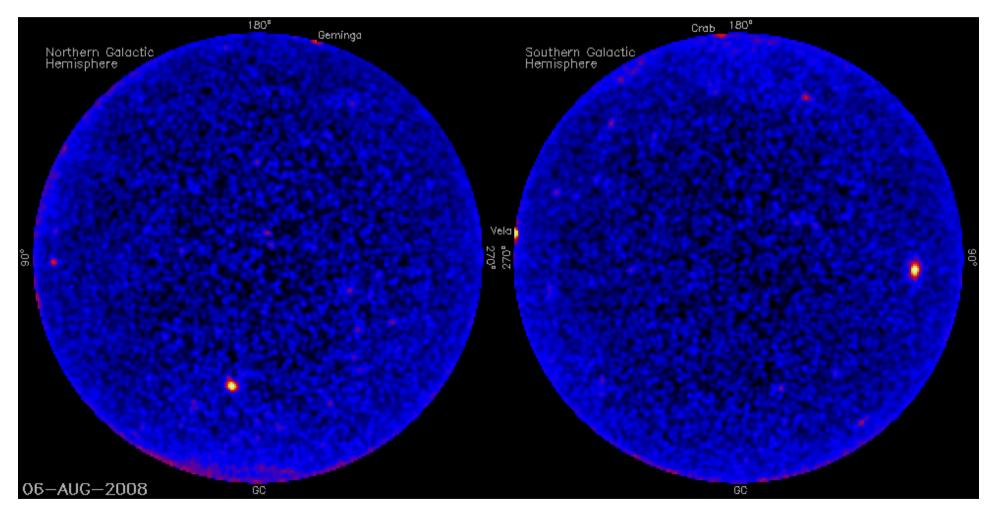
- Emission models are more complicated than we think (but only for sources far away: nearby sources behave well)
- VHE photons are generated on the way (interaction of cosmic rays, neutrinos and photons with intergalactic medium: Sigl, Essey, Kusenko, ...)
- Something is wrong in the $\gamma\gamma$ -> e+e- rate calculation
 - Vacuum energy (new sterile particles coupling to the photons): DARMA,
 - For example an ALP: consistent values for m, g=(1/M) in a range not experimentally excluded ("Se non e' vero e' ben pensato")
 - γγ -> e+e- cross section
 QED calculations appears to be in a safe region; then it must be
 - the boost (Lorentz transformations; relativity)

Is Lorentz invariance exact? Due to large E, d astroparticles are a crash test

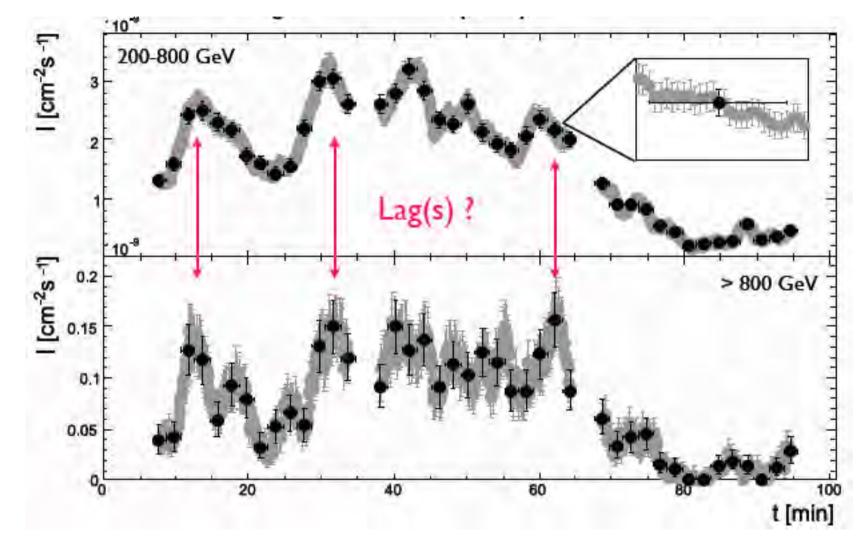
- For longtime violating Lorentz invariance/Lorentz transformations/Einstein relativity was a heresy
 - Is there an aether? (Dirac 1951)
 - Many preprints, often unpublished (=refused) in the '90s
 - Gonzales-Mestres, ADA, Jacobson, ...
- Then the discussion was open
 - Trans-GZK events? (AGASA collaboration 1997-8)
 - LIV => high energy threshold phenomena: photon decay, vacuum Cherenkov, GZK cutoff (Coleman & Glashow 1997-8)
 - GRB and photon dispersion (Amelino-Camelia et al. 1997)
 - Framework for the violation (Colladay & Kostelecky 1998)
 - LIV and gamma-ray horizon (Kifune 1999)

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Variability



Tests of Lorentz violation: the name of the game

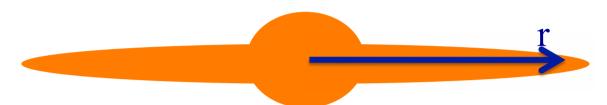


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The Dark Matter Problem

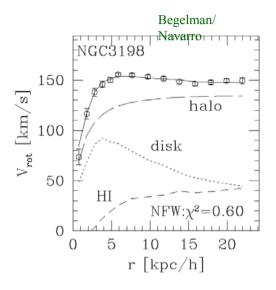
Measure rotation curves for galaxies:



For large r, we expect:

$$G\frac{M}{r^2} = \frac{v^2(r)}{r} \implies v(r) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

we see: flat or rising rotation curves

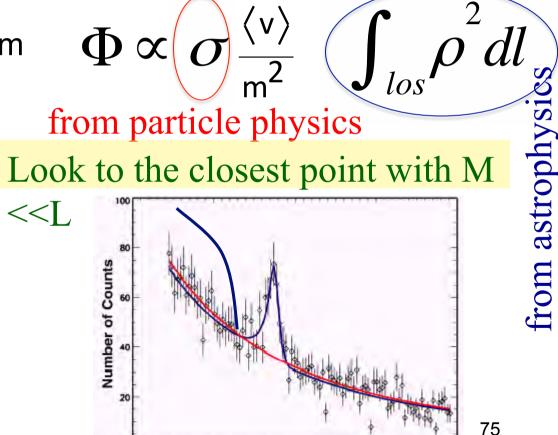


Hypothesized solution: the visible galaxy is embedded in a much larger halo of Dark Matter (neutral; weakly interacting; mix of particles and antiparticles - in SUSY



Which signatures for gamma detectors?

- Self-annihilating WIMPs, if Majorana (as the neutralino in SUSY), can produce:
 - Photon lines $(\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z)$
 - Photon excess at E < mfrom hadronization
- Excess of antimatter (annihilation/decay)
- Excess of electrons, if unstable



Energy (GeV)

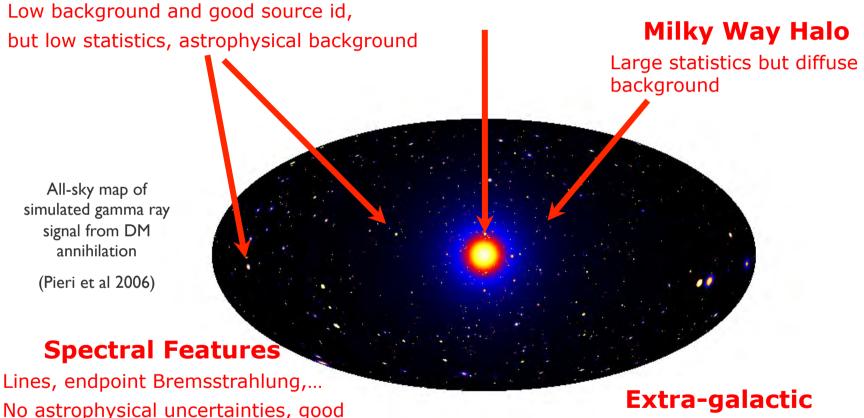
Many Places to Seek DM!

Galactic Center

Satellites

source Id, but low sensitivity because of expected small BR

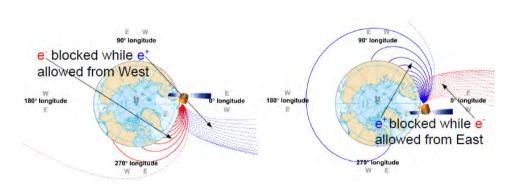
Good statistics but source confusion/diffuse background



Large statistics, but astrophysics, galactic diffuse backgrounds

Cosmic rays: the PAMELA anomaly

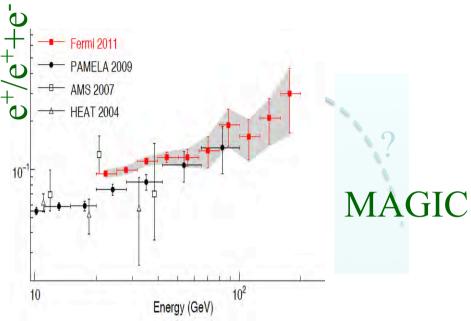
Unexpected increase in e⁺/e⁻ ratio (PAMELA) confirmed by Fermi



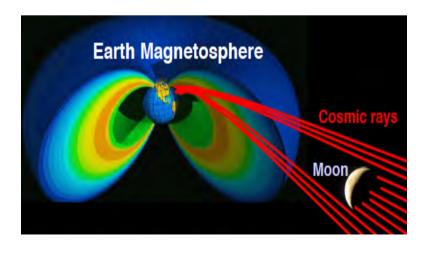
Moon shadow observation mode developed for the MAGIC telescopes [MAGIC ICRC 2011]

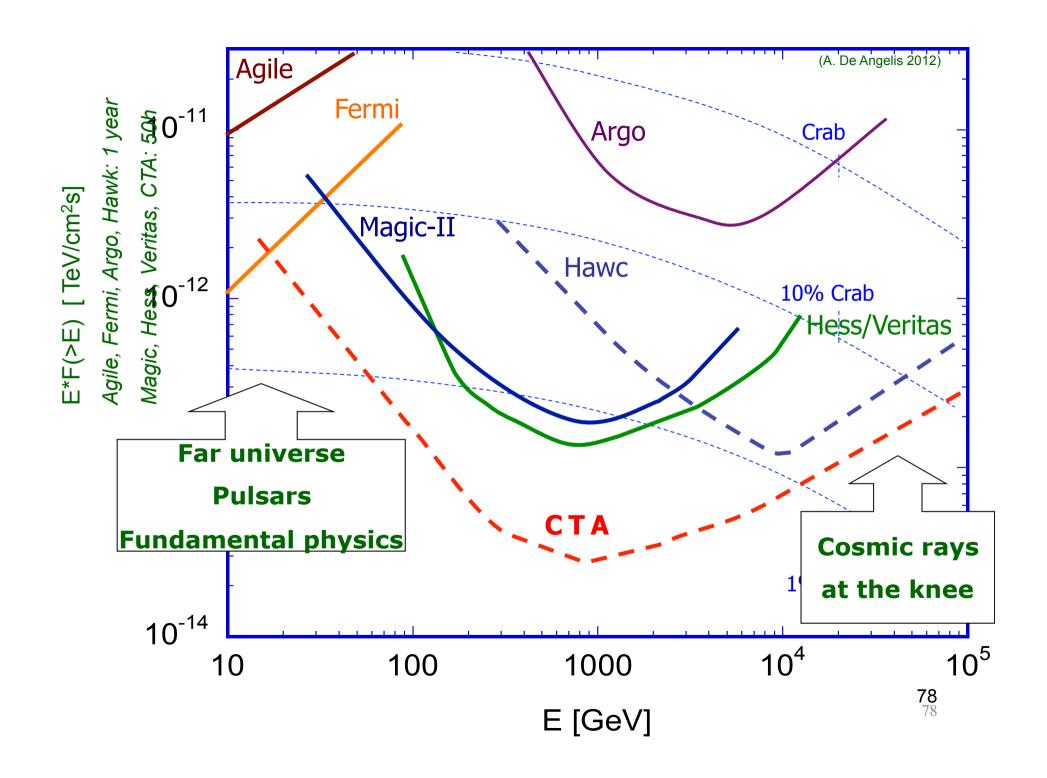
sensitivity (50h): 300-700GeV: ~4.4% Crab measurement possible in few years

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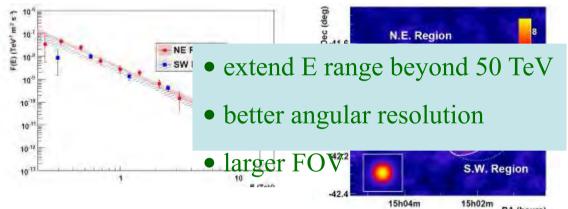
probe e+/e- ratio at 300-700 GeV



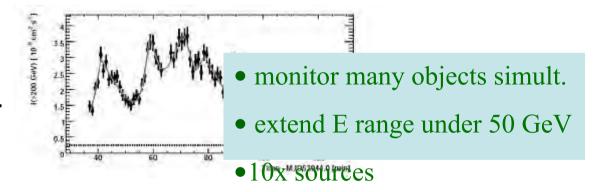


A wish list for the future

Galactic sources & CR



AGN & gamma prop.



- New particles, new phenomena
 - dark matter and astroparticle physics

• better flux sensitivity

e physics

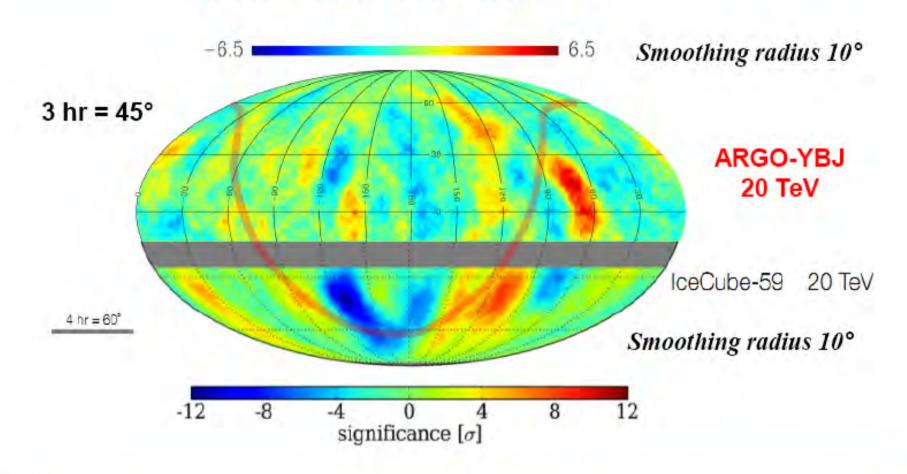
lower threshold

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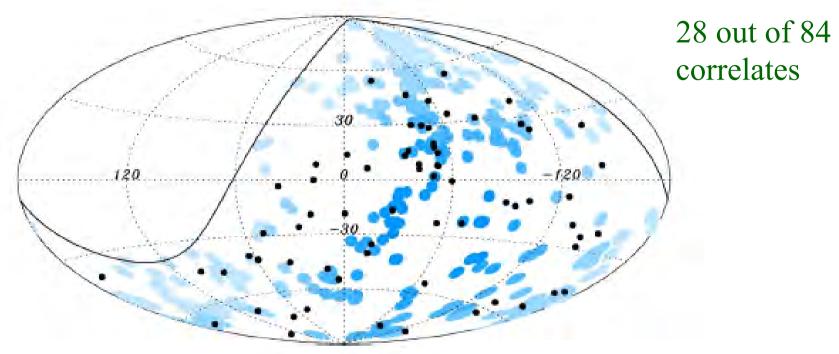


Complete CR map of the entire TeV sky

ARGO-YBJ + IceCube-59



Correlation with AGNs



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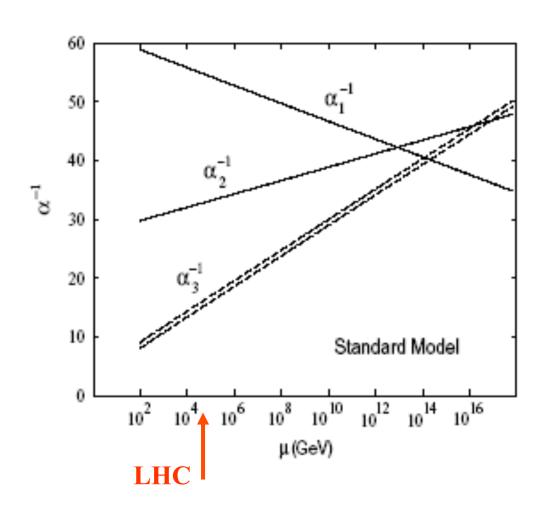
Vernon-Cetty-Vernon AGN catalog

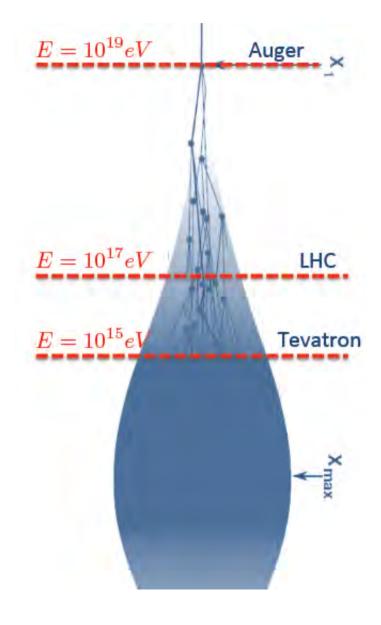
E> 57 EeV, z<0.018, distance < 3.1 deg.

P = 0.006, $f = 33 \pm 5\%$

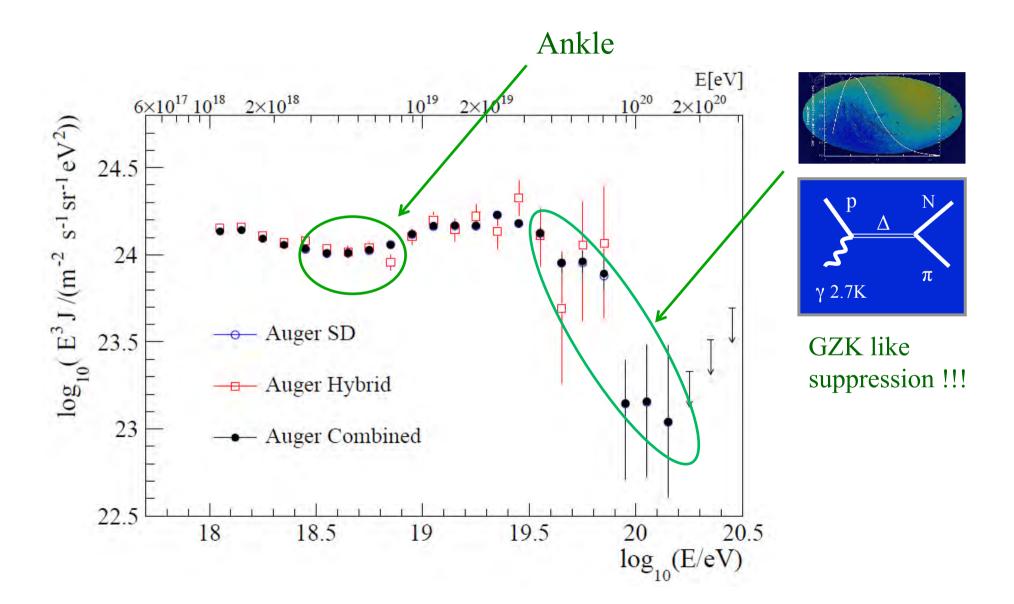
Number of events (excluding exploratory scan)

An opportunity to Particle Physics

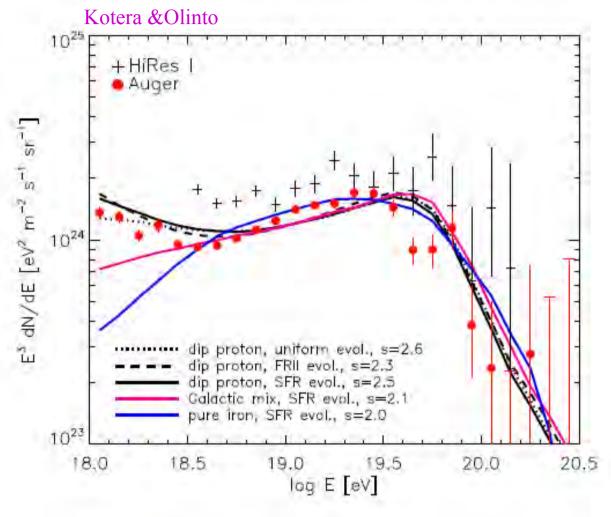




Energy spectrum



Energy spectrum (interpretation)



GZK: $p \gamma \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow \pi N$

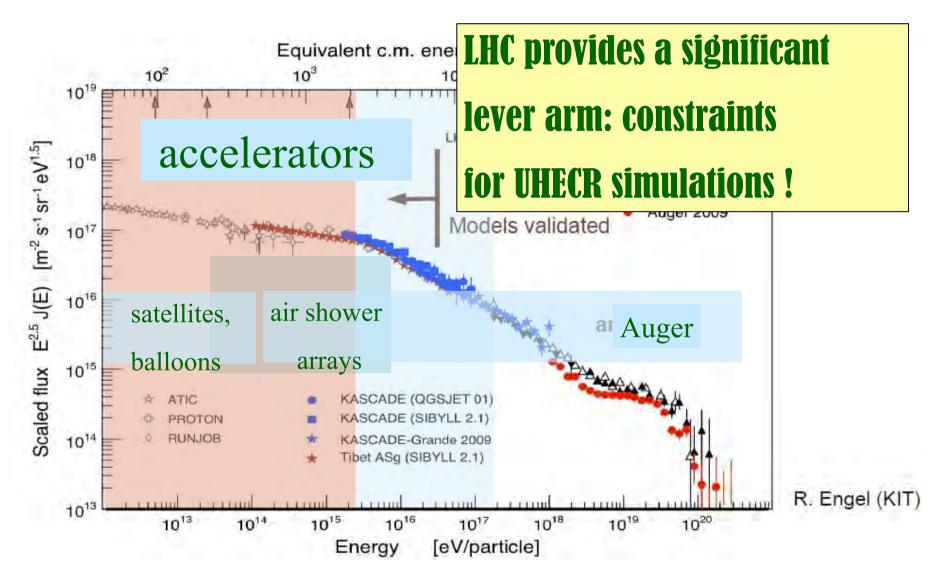
The "disappointing" model: heavy nuclei

Mixed models: fine tuning!

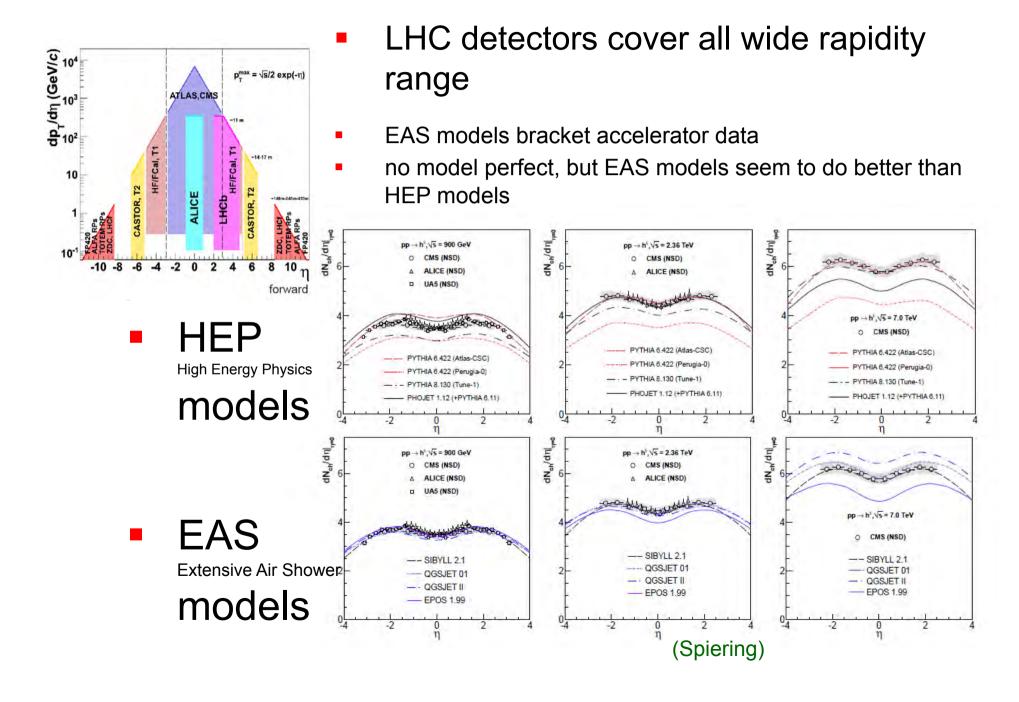
Spectrum of UHECRs multiplied by E³ observed by HiRes I and Auger. Overlaid are simulated spectra obtained for different models of the Galactic to extragalactic transition and different injected chemical compositions and spectral indices, s.

Cross section & composition

Cosmic Rays and LHC



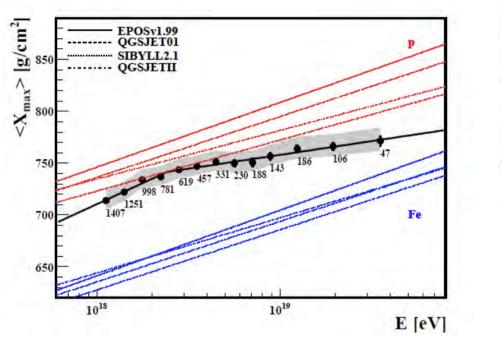
Small-x region (LHC as a pathfinder for CR, and vice-versa)

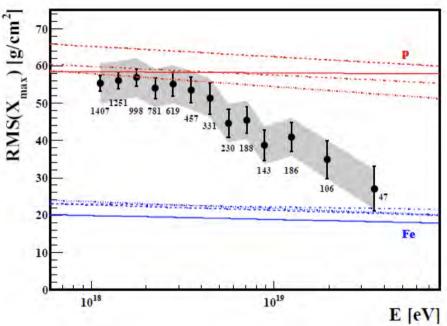


Cross sections: something not understood in Auger

Shower Maximum X_{max}

(Pimenta)





These suggest high cross section and high multiplicity at high energy.

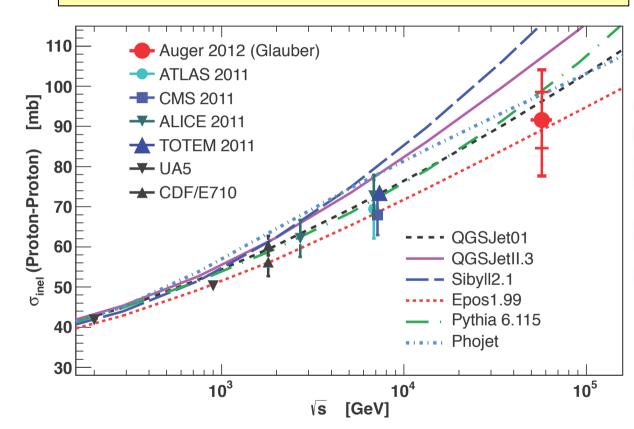
Heavy nuclei?

Or protons interacting differently than expected?

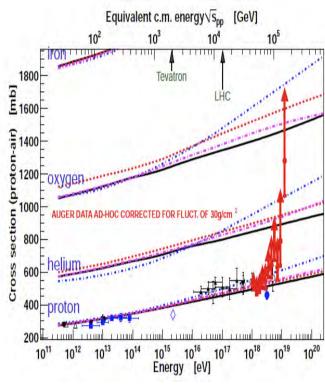
Information lacking for the EHE (anisotropic?) energy regime!

Cosmic Rays and LHC: total cross section

pp inel. cross section at sqrt(s)=57 TeV



Tune EAS simulations

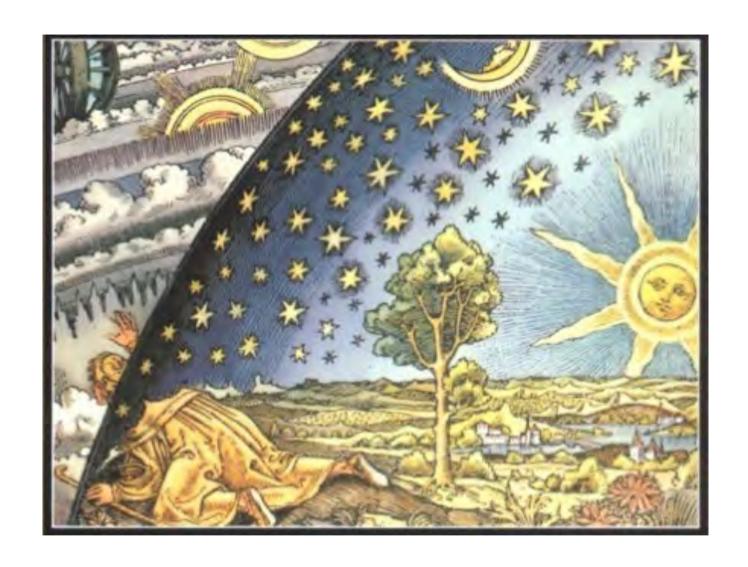


If protons, the

X-section rises

at ~100 TeV

=> A new physics scale?



In astroparticle physics we are exploring the 100 TeV energy scale, well beyond LHC, and maybe we are touching something fundamental!