Experimental Astroparticle Physics (a short introduction)



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Charged Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum



Features of Cosmic Ray Spectrum



 $dN/dE \sim E^{\alpha} + \delta$ Ingredients of models: Source acceleration: $\alpha = -2.0$ to -2.2,...Source cut-off E <10¹⁸ Z $\left[\frac{R}{kpc}\right] \left[\frac{B}{\mu G}\right] eV$ Diffusion models $\delta = -0.3$ to -0.6GZK cut-off on CMB $\gamma E \approx 7 \ 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ 'Conventional Wisdom': Galactic SNR $E < 3 \ 10^{18} \text{ eV}$

Extragalactic $E > 3 \ 10^{18} \ eV$ exotic $E > 7 \ 10^{19} \ eV$

How are they produced? (Possible acceleration sites)

- Wherever you have gravitational collapses, you can convert gravitational potential energy into kinetic energy of particles
 - Galactic sources (supernova remnants, binaries...)
 certainly able to produce particles up to ~ 100 TeV
 - Below the knee?
 - Galactic magnetic field ~1-3 μ G can trap protons up to the knee
 - Beyond this energy? Active Galactic Nuclei
 (supermassive black holes, ~10⁹ solar masses, accreting at the expense of local matter – with big flares)

Mass composition at knee

Average shower depth and ratio N_{μ} / N_e sensitive to primary mass (NB. Mass composition extracted is very sensitive to Monte Carlo simulation)



KASCADE ⇒ series of knees at different energies: p,He,..,C,..,Fe. E(Knee) $\propto Z$ ⇒ knee due to source confinement cut-off ?



log₁₀ Distance (Mpc)

GAMMA RAY ENERGY (TeV)

Explanations of Ankle/ $E > 10^{20} eV$ events

Astronomy type explanations'Bottom-Up' : acceleration

- - pulsars in galaxy,
 - radio lobes of AGN (proximity a problem due to GZK, also should see source)

Particle Physics type explanations

- 'Top-Down' : decay of massive particles
 - GUT X particles with mass $> 10^{20}$ eV and long lifetimes
 - Topological defects
- New Physics (Lorentz violation)
- They don't exist...

(favorite explanation after Auger results)

HiRES (Fly's Eye)







The origin of cosmic rays at VHE

- On Nov 9, 2007, the Pierre Auger Collaboration (J. Cronin, A. Watson et al.) published in Science an article saying that
 - Out of 15 events with energies > than about 60 EeV, 12 were located within 3.1° of AGN closer than 75 Mpc from Earth



Conclusion form the Auger result



- Active Galactic Nuclei are the main source of VHE cosmic rays
- First measurement of the extragalactic magnetic field:

 $B\sim 0.1-1 \ nG$

(dA, Roncadelli and Persic 2007, arXiv:0711.3346)

A new concept: EUSO (and ...)

• The Earth atmosphere is the ideal detector for the Extreme Energy Cosmic Rays and the companion Cosmic Neutrinos. The new idea of EUSO (2012?-) is to watch the fluorescence produced by them from the top



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Detectors for multimessanger astrophysics

We see only partly what surrounds us

- We see only a narrow band of colors, from red to purple in the rainbow
- Also the colors we don't see have names familiar to us: we listen to the radio, we heat food in the microwave, we take pictures of our bones through X-rays...



What about the rest ?

• What could happen if we would see only, say, green color?



The universe we don't see

• When we take a picture we capture light

(a telescope image comes as well from visible light)

- In the same way we can map into false colors the image from a "X-ray telescope"
- Elaborating the information is crucial





Pulsars

- Rapidly rotating neutron stars with
 - T between ~ 1 ms and ~ 1 s
 - Strong magnetic fields (~100 MT)
 - Mass \sim 3 solar masses
 - R ~ 10 Km (densest stable object known)
- For the pulsars emitting TeV gammas, such an emission is unpulsed





Multi Messenger Astronomy



Radio Telescope (Bonn)



Optical Telescope



X - ray Satellite (INTEGRAL/ESA)



 $\gamma\,$ - ray Telescope

m	10 ⁻⁵	ст 10 ⁻⁴	m m 1 0 ⁻³	10-2	10 ⁻¹	μm 1	10	1 0 ²	n m 1 0 ³	Å 10 ⁴	105	106	107	108	10 ⁹	1 0 ¹⁰	10 ¹¹	1 0 ¹²	1 0 ^{1 3}	1 0 ¹⁴	1 0 ¹⁵	e V
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View of sky in Galactic Coordinates in four different photon wavelengths



RadioVisible lightX - raysγ rays

Centre of Galaxy in Different Photon Wavelengths



Radio 408 Mhz

Infrared 1-3 μm

Visible Light

Gamma Rays

Multi-Messengers to see Whole Universe



Distant universe invisible in high energy photons

need neutrinos



But also...



- Neutrino astrophysics
- Graviton (?) astrophysics

Surprises in history of astrophysics

New instruments often give unexpected results:

Telescope	User	date	Intended Use	Actual use		
Optical	Galileo	1608	Navigation	Moons of Jupiter		
Optical	Hubble	1929	Nebulae	Expanding Universe		
Radio	Jansky	1932	Noise	Radio galaxies		
Micro-wave	Penzias, Wilson	1965	Radio-galaxies, noise	3K cosmic background		
X-ray	Giacconi	1965	Sun, moon	neutron stars accreating binaires		
Radio	Hewish,Bell	1967	Ionosphere	Pulsars		
γ-rays	military	1960?	Thermonuclear explosions	Gamma ray bursts		

With future new detector can again hope for completely new discoveries $_{23}^{23}$

The high-energy γ spectrum $E_{\gamma} > 30 \text{ keV} (\lambda \sim 0.4 \text{ A}, \nu \sim 7 \text{ 10}^9 \text{ GHz})$

Although arbitrary, this limit reflects astrophysical and experimental facts:

- Thermal emission -> nonthermal emission
- Problems to concentrate photons (-> telescopes radically different from larger wavelengths)
- Large background from cosmic particles

Transparency of the atmosphere



Detection of a high E photon

- Above the UV and below
 "50 GeV", shielding from the atmosphere
 - Below the e+e- threshold + some phase space ("10 MeV"),
 Compton/scintillation
 - Above "10 MeV", pair production
- Above "50 GeV", atmospheric showers

 Pair <-> Brem



Consequences on the techniques

The earth atmosphere (28 X₀ at sea level) is opaque to X/γ Thus only a satellite-based detector can detect primary X/γ



- The fluxes of h.e. γ are low and decrease rapidly with energy
 - Vela, the strongest γ source in the sky, has a flux above 100 MeV of 1.3 10⁻⁵ photons/(cm²s), falling with E^{-1.89} => a 1m² detector would detect only 1 photon/2h above 10 GeV
 - => with the present space technology, VHE and UHE gammas can be detected only from atmospheric showers
 - Earth-based detectors, atmospheric shower satellites
- The flux from high energy cosmic rays is much larger

Satellite-based and atmospheric: complementary, w/ moving boundaries





Satellite-based detectors: figures of merit

- Effective area, or equivalent area for the detection of γ $A_{eff}(E) = A x eff.$
- Angular resolution is important for identifying the γ sources and for reducing the diffuse background
- Energy resolution
- Time resolution

X detectors

- The electrons ejected or created by the incident gamma rays lose energy mainly in ionizing the surrounding atoms; secondary electrons may in turn ionize the material, producing an amplification effect
- Most space X- ray telescopes consist of detection materials which take advantage of ionization process but the way to measure the total ionization loss differ with the nature of the material

Commonly used detection devices are...

- gas detectors
- scintillation counters
- semiconductor detectors



X detection (direction-sensitive)

A coded mask (array of opaque blocks) is disposed so that a point source at infinity projects on a position sensitive detector a pattern characteristic of the source direction



Coded mask



Position sensitive detector

X detection (direction-sensitive)



Unfolding is a nice mathematical problem $\frac{1}{33}$

INTEGRAL/CHANDRA

 INTEGRAL, the International Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory is an ESA medium-size (M2) science mission



- Energy range 15 keV to 10 MeV plus simultaneous X-ray (3-35 keV) and optical (550 nm) monitoring
- Fine spectroscopy ($\Delta E/E \sim 1\%$) and fine imaging (angular resolution of 5')
- Two main -ray instruments: SPI (spectroscopy) and IBIS (imager)
- Chandra, from NASA, has a similar performance

γ satellite-based detectors: engineering

- Techniques taken from particle physics
- γ direction is mostly determined by e+econversion
 - Veto against charged particles by an ACD
 - Angular resolution given by
 - Opening angle of the pair m/E ln(E/m)
 - Multiple scattering $(20/p\beta) (L/X_0)^{1/2}$ (dominant)
 - => large number of thin converters, but the # of channel increases

(power consumption << 1 kW)

 If possible, a calorimeter in the bottom to get E resolution, but watch the weight (leakage => deteriorated resolution)
 Smart techniques to measure E w/o calorimeters (AGILE)



GLAST/Fermi

- \Box γ telescope on satellite for the range 20 MeV-300 GeV
 - hybrid tracker + calorimeter
- International collaboration US-France-Italy-Japan-Sweden
 - Broad experience in high-energy astrophysics and particle physics (science + instrumentation)
- Timescale: 2008-2013 (->2018)
- Wide range of physics objectives:
 - Gamma astrophysics
 - Fundamental physics

A HEP / astrophysics partnership




Fermi: the instrument

- Tracker Si strips + converter
- Calorimeter
 CsI with diode readout

(a classic for HEP)

- 1.7 x 1.7 m² x 0.8 m height/width = 0.4 \Rightarrow large field of view
- 16 towers \Rightarrow modularity



GLAST: the tracker



- Si strips + converter
 - High signal/noise
 - Rad-hard
 - Low power
- 4x4 towers, of 37 cm \times 37 cm of Si
- 18 *x*,*y* planes per tower
 - 19 "tray" structures
 - 12 with 2.5% Pb on bottom
 - 4 with 25% Pb on bottom
 - 2 with no converter
- Electronics on the sides of trays
 - Minimize gap between towers
- Carbon-fiber walls to provide stiffness

GLAST performance (compared to EGRET)

Quantity	GLAST	EGRET
Energy range	20 MeV- > 300 GeV	20 MeV- 30 GeV
Energy resolution	10 % (E>100 MeV)	10%
Peak Effective Area	> 8000 cm² (E>1 GeV)	1500 cm ²
Single photon angular resolution (68%, on-axis)	<3.5 deg (100 MeV) <0.15 deg (E>10 GeV)	5.8 deg (100 MeV)
*Field of view (FOV)	> 2 sr	0.5 sr
Time resolution	10 microseconds	0.1 milliseconds
Dead time	< 20 microsec/event	100 ms/event



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10⁰

Angular Resolution

vs. Energy EGRET

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GLAST performance two examples of application

• Cosmic ray production

• Facilitate searches for pulsations from millisecond pulsars







- GLAST sent to space in June 2008
- A collaboration USA-Japan-France-Italy-Sweden
- Large part of the software is written in Udine... So come and help !



But despite the progress in satellites...

- The problem of the flux (~1 photon/day/km2 @ ~30
 PeV) cannot be overcome
 - Photon concentrators work only at low energy
 - The key for VHE gamma astrophysics and above is in ground-based detectors
 - Also for dark matter detection...



Earth-based detectors Properties of Extensive Air Showers

• We **believe** we know well the γ physics up to EHE...

Predominant interactions e.m.

- e+e- pair production dominates
- electrons loose energy via brem
- Rossi approximation B is valid
 - Maximum at $z/X_0 \approx \ln(E/\epsilon_0)$; ϵ_0 is the critical energy ~80 MeV in air; $X_0 \sim 300$ m at stp
 - Cascades ~ a few km thick
 - Lateral width dominated by Compton scattering ~ Moliere radius (~80m for air at STP)
- Note: $\lambda_{had} \sim 400 \text{ m}$ for air

hadronic showers have 20x more muons and are less regular than em



Ground detectors: EAS vs. IACT



• EAS (Extensive Air Shower): detection of the charged particles in the shower

Cherenkov detectors: (IACT): detection of the Cherenkov light from charged particles in the atmospheric showers

EAS

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

Proposed: HAWC 10x bigger @ 4500m a.s.l.



80m

TIBET-AS (@4300m a.s.l.) SCINTILLATOR-ARRAY, 350x350m² SEE: CRAB, MKN421 SOON: ARGO-YBJ 6500m² RPC

Cherenkov (Č) detectors Cherenkov light from γ showers

- Č light is produced by particles faster than light in air
- Limiting angle $\cos \theta_c \sim 1/n$
 - \Box $\theta_{c} \sim 1^{\circ}$ at sea level, 1.3° at 8 km asl
 - Threshold @ sea level : 21 MeV for e, 44 GeV for μ
 - Maximum of a 1 TeV γ shower ~ 8 Km asl
 - 200 photons/ m^2 in the visible
 - Duration $\sim 2 \text{ ns}$
 - Angular spread $\sim 0.5^{\circ}$





Systems of Cherenkov telescopes

Better bkgd reduction Better angular resolution Better energy resolution

Gamma / hadron separation



IACT vs Satellite

- Satellite :
 - primary detection
 - small effective area $\sim 1m^2$
 - lower sensitivity
 - large angular opening
 - search
 - large duty-cycle
 - large cost
 - lower energy
 - low bkg



- IACT/ground based
 - secondary detection
 - huge effective area $\sim 10^4 \, m^2$
 - Higher sensitivity
 - small angular opening
 - Serendipity search
 - small duty-cycle
 - low cost
 - high energy
 - high bkg



Ground-based detectors Improvements in atmospheric Č

- Improving flux sensitivity
 - Detect weaker sources, study larger sky regions $S/B^{1/2} \propto (A/\tau\Omega)^{1/2}$
 - Smaller integration time
 - Improve photon collection, improve quantum efficiency of PMs
 - Use several telescopes
- Lowering the energy threshold
 - Close the gap ~ 100 GeV between satellite-based & ground-based instruments



The "Big Four"



DETECTOR PARAMETERS

In 2009:	#	~mirror area m ²	Camera pixels	FOV deg	Altit. m asl	arrangement
CANGAROO	4x	57	427	4	160	□ ~100m
H.E.S.S.	4x	107	960	5	1800	□ ~120m
MAGIC	2x	240	577	3.5	2200	~80m
VERITAS	4x	110	499	3.5	700	~40m

The MAGIC site

La Palma, IAC 28° North, 18° West







MAGIC and its Control



MAGIC

MAGIC

- Mirror: 17 m diameter
- 240 m² Al panels + heating
- · 85%-90% reflectivity
- Frame deformation
 Active Mirror Cont

Camera: 3.5° FOV
577 pixels
Optical fibre readout
2 level trigger & 300 Mhz FADC system

Light carbon fiber tubes
Telescope: 65 tons
Positioning: 22s

After upgrade of the optics in July 2004 the 1st telescope is in its final shape







the Active Mirror Control laser beams



IACT Scientific Highlights

Galactic observations:

I. Discovery of many new Galactic sources by HESS:

• <u>HESS GP Survey</u> & targeted observations.

II. Detailed studies of Galactic sources by **HESS**:

- Precision measurements (spectra, morphology, etc.).
- Theoretical models and understanding.

III. Discovery of new classes of VHE gamma-ray emitters by **HESS**:

• First variable galactic source

IV. Study of the Galactic Center by CANGAROO, HESS and MAGIC:

- Evidence for a TeV signal; search for DM annihilation
- V. New class of periodical galactic sources by MAGIC and HESS

Scientific Highlights

Extragalactic observations:

VII. Discovery of ~30 new AGN by HESS and MAGIC:

- Measurements of AGN properties and multi- λ studies.
- Constraints on cosmological EBL density from absorption spectrum.

VI. Observation of AGN with orphan flares by **MAGIC**:

• Connexion to neutrino and UHECR astronomy?

VIII. High time-resolution study of AGN flares by **MAGIC**:

• New constraints on emission mechanisms and light speed dispersion relations.

IX. Prompt follow-up of 11 GRB (implosion of hypernovae) by MAGIC:

• GRB follow-up in coincidence with observation in the X-ray domain.

Violation of the Lorentz-Invariance?

Light dispersion due to quantum gravity effects expected in some QG models

$$V = c [1 + \xi (E/E_{QG}) - \xi_2 (E/E_{QG})^2 + ...]$$
1st order $\Delta t \sim \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \frac{z}{H_0} = \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \frac{L}{c}$

MAGIC Mkn 501, arXiv:0708.2889

 $E_{QG} \sim 0.03 M_{P}$ $E_{QG} > 0.02 M_{P}$

HESS PKS 2155, ICRC 2007 prel. $E_{QG} > 0.04 M_P$

Whipple 1999, PRL 83(1999)2108 $E_{QG} > 0.005 M_P$

GRB X-ray limits: E_{OG} > 0.001...0.01 M_P

... but in most scenarios $\Delta t \sim (E/E_{QG})^{\alpha}, \alpha > 1$ > VHE gamma rays even better > Mrk 501: E_{OG} > 3.10⁻⁹ M_P, $\alpha = 2$





Too large transparency of the Universe to gamma rays

- More than 20 AGN at VHE discovered by γ telescopes
 - Including 3C279 at z=0.54
- Unexpectedly large, due to attenuation expected for γ
 - Dominant process for the absorption of γ is

$$\gamma + \gamma_{background} \longrightarrow e^+ e^-$$

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

maximal for

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

- Only QED, relativity and cosmology in the formula above
 - For γ rays, relevant background component is optical/infrared (EBL)
 - EBL density given by cosmology/star formation
- How to explain observations?

Interaction with a new light neutral boson? (AdA, Roncadelli & Mansutti [DARMA], arXiv:0707.4312)

- Photons might oscillate into a neutral (pseudo)scalar particle ϕ of mass m, which travels unimpeded
- ϕ interacting with γ through the Lagrangian

$$L = -\frac{1}{4M} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} \phi = \frac{1}{M} \left(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \right) \phi$$

If m(φ) << 10⁻¹⁰ eV (1 μK) and M > 3 10¹¹ GeV the experimental observations are explained!

















An armada of detectors at different energy ranges



Sensitivity



All sensitivities are at 5σ. Cerenkov telescopes sensitivities (Veritas, MAGIC, Whipple, Hess, Celeste, Stacee, Hegra) are for 50 hours of observations. Large field of view detectors sensitivities (AGILE, GLAST, Milagro,ARGO are for 1 year of observation.

MAGIC sensitivity based on the availability of high efficiency PMT's
The second MAGIC telescope



The Cherenkov Telescope Array facility

































- aims to explore the sky in the 10 GeV to 100 TeV energy range
- builds on demonstrated technologies (?)
- combines guaranteed science with significant discovery potential
- is a cornerstone towards a multi-messenger exploration of the nonthermal universe

European lead...





In the 100 TeV -100 PeV region...



Neutrino Telescope Projects



AMANDA-ICECUBE

South Pole: glacial ice



Future in v telescopes: ANTARES



- 1996 Started
- 1996 2000 Site exploration and demonstrator line
- 2001 2004 Construction of 10 line detector, area ~0.1km² on Toulon site
- future 1 km³ in Mediterranean



To know more...

- Not to ingenerate confusion, just a book
 - It's swedish, and it connects well to Martin & Shaw:
 Bengström & Goobar, Cosmology and Particle Astrophysics, Wiley

But careful: the field is in fast evolution...
So if you are interested, talk to a teach' (to me if you pass by) and have a chat about a school