

Victor Hess after his 1912 balloon flight, during which he discovered cosmic rays from space. **©** National Geographic.



Con lo studio dei raggi cosmici nasce la fisica delle particelle elementari

1927	Raggi cosmici misurati
1932	in camere a bolle
1937	Scoperta del muone
1938	
1946	Primi esperimenti sugli EAS
1949	
1962	Scoperto il primo evento
1966	$a E = 10^{20} eV$
1991	Scoperto il primo evento
1994	a Fly's Eye
1995	Parte il progetto Auger
1997	
ggi cosmici	2
	1927 1932 1937 1937 1946 1946 1949 1962 1962 1991 1991 1991 1995 1995

Particle	Year	Discoverer (Nobel Prize)	Method
e^-	1897	Thomson (1906)	Discharges in gases
p	1919	Rutherford	Natural radioactivity
n	1932	Chadwik (1935)	Natural radioactivity
e^+	1933	Anderson (1936)	Cosmic Rays
μ^{\pm}	1937	Neddermeyer, Anderson	Cosmic Rays
π^{\pm}	1947	Powell (1950), Occhialini	Cosmic Rays
K^{\pm}	1949	Powell (1950)	Cosmic Rays
π^{0}	1949	Bjorklund	Accelerator
K^0	1951	Armenteros	Cosmic Rays
Λ^0	1951	Armenteros	Cosmic Rays
Δ	1932	Anderson	Cosmic Rays
Ξ^{-}	1932	Armenteros	Cosmic Rays
Σ^{\pm}	1953	Bonetti	Cosmic Rays
p^-	1955	Chamberlain, Segre' (1959)	Accelerators
anything else	$1955 \Longrightarrow today$	various groups	Accelerators
$m_{\nu} \neq 0$	2000	KAMIOKANDE	Cosmic rays

 Table 1. Discovery of elementary particles



Progress in Cerenkov technique

Observation time necessary to detect the CRAB Nebula TeV signal:



Whipple, 1989 50 h





HESS, 2004 30 s !!!!

HEGRA, 1997

15 m

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Raggi cosmici



ULAS

Gamma ray Large Area Space Telescope



50 times more sensitive that EGRET at 100 MeV

Launch in Feb 2007

Large Area Telescope (LAT)

• 16 Tracker Modules (silicon-strip detector)

- Calorimeter
- Anti coicidence detector

20 MeV < E < 300 GeV

field of view » 2.5 sr

Burst Monitor

10 KeV < E < 25 MeV

field of view: 8 sr

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nuove finestre,...nuove scoperte

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 accreting binaries
Radio	Hewish, Bell	1967	Ionosphere	Pulsars
grays	military	1960?	Thermonuclear explosions	Gamma ray bursts

raggi cosmici

harged particles from the cosmos

- Protons, α-particles, heavier nuclei
- No significant anisotropy seen ("well stirred" by Galactic magnetic field)
- Energies above 10¹⁰ eV are from our Galaxy

(note: TV or PC monitor uses 103 eV electron beam)

- Energies above 10¹⁸ eV are extra-galactic
- Intensity drops sharply with E (like E^{-2.7}):

Energy	Rate of arrival
10 ¹⁰ eV	1000 per m ² per sec
10 ¹² eV	1 per m ² per sec
10 ¹⁵ eV	1000 per m² per <u>vear</u>
10 ¹⁹ eV	1 per <u>kilometer²</u> per year

ighest energy seen is ~10²⁰ eV, about 50 joules energy of a 50 mph baseball in one proton!) Many open questions:

- How/where are cosmic rays made?
- What process accelerates them to such enormous energies?
 - Supernova shocks?
 - Compact binary systems?
 - Active Galactic Nuclei?
- Why don't the highest energy cosmic ray point back to something interesting?
- Why are there kinks in the cosmic ray energy spectrum?
 - the knee at 10¹⁵ eV (1 PeV)
 - the ankle at 10¹⁹ eV (10 EeV)
 - the toe (?) at 10²¹ eV (1 XeV)
- How can the highest energy cosmic rays (>10²⁰ eV) ever reach us?
 - GZK cutoff should stop them

Development of cosmic-ray air showers



Raggi cosmici:

In legame tra astrofisica, cosmologia e fisica delle particelle elementari



(We can only detect and count charged particles)

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solo me n riescono a penetrare a **grande** orofondità sotoroccia



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Deduce character of the original cosmic ray from shower observations on the ground:

- Number of particles in shower is related to energy of primary cosmic ray
- Average direction of shower particles is direction of primary cosmic ray
- Proportion of muons in the shower is related to type of cosmic ray (proton, nucleus or gamma ray)





Exposure $S\Omega T = m^2$ -steradian-days

- Rate of arrival at highest energies:
- about 1 particle per 2 km²-sr-<u>vear</u>
- for energy $> 10^{19} \text{ eV}$

To detect high energy cosmic rays, we need lots of exposure:

- Large collecting area S
- Large solid-angle acceptance Ω
- Large collecting time T



Typical direct observations					
Experiment	Observables	Energy			
JACEE(1979-1995)	р, Не,, Fe;	TeV - PeV			
RUNJOB(1995-1999)	p, He,, Fe; ultra-heavy (Z ? 30);	TeV - PeV 1-10 GeV/n			
ATIC(2001-2002)	р, Не, …, Fe;	10 GeV-100 TeV			
BESS(1993, -)	p, He; anti-p, anti-He, e [±] ;	1-500 GeV .1-10 GeV			
AMS(1999,)	p, He, C,, Fe(?); anti-p, anti-He, anti-C,	1 GeV-1 TeV e [±] ; .1-10 GeV			

RUNJOB experiments

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construction

^{°early} May (ISAS, ICRR)

RUNJOB detector



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Balloon Trajectory



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individual spectra



The Primary Cosmic Ray Flux

IISURE DIRETTE

- nterstellar fluxes
- olar modulation
- eomagnetic effects





History of the Search for Cosmic-ray Antiprotons

- 1960s: L. Alvarez et al. Balloons & HEAO
- 1979: First claimed observations (Bogomolov et al. and Golden et al.)
- 1981: Low-energy excess (Buffington et al.)
- 1985: ASTROMAG Study Started
- 1987: LEAP, PBAR (upper limits)
- 1991: MASS
- 1992: IMAX (16 mass-resolved antiprotons)
- 1993: BESS (6 antiprotons), TS93
- 1994: CAPRICE94, HEAT-e*
- 1996-7: BESS series to Solar minimum
- 1998: CAPRICE98, AMS-01
- 2000: BESS 99-00, HEAT-pbar
- 2004-5: BESS-Polar, PAMELA
- 2006: BESS-Polar
- 2007: Solar minimum
- 2007-8: AMS-02

Firenze 15 9/6/2004

Prenared with R E Streitmatter

Antiproton measurements, ca 1980 Disagreement with "theory"









Antimatter





CP violation: BaBar result B⁰ and B⁰ mesons

$$B^{0} \rightarrow K^{+} + \pi^{-} \qquad 910$$
$$\overline{B}^{0} \rightarrow K^{-} + \pi^{+} \qquad 696$$

We still don't understand fully how the matter dominated Universe we live in has evolved. However this new result ... greatly advanced our understanding... There is still much to discover and learn on this fundamental issue.

Ian Halliday 2 Aug. 2004



Measurement Technique



• measures momentum per unit charge or rigidity (pA/Ze) Precision time-of-flight system: measures velocity and charge Silica-aerogel Cherenkov detector: background rejection

Searching for antihelium





• Unlike antiprotons, anti-helium cannot be produced by collisions in the interstellar gas above the level 10⁻¹³ or so.

 These 90% confidence limits on the ratio of anti-helium/helium in cosmic rays have been going down by about 2 orders of magnitude pe decade. They are now below 10⁻⁶ and will be pushed to 10⁻⁷ by BESS-Polar flights.

• AMS is expected to reach $\sim 10^{-9}$.



Pamela e AMS



- p : 80 MeV ÷ 190 GeV
- e⁺: 50 MeV ÷ 270 GeV
- He/He: some unity 10-7
- nuclei spectra (H to O)
- 100 MeV/n ÷ 200 GeV/n

AMS will search for extraterrestrial p^+,e^-,γ ; antimatter nuclei (anti-He, C, 10^{-9}); light isotopes;

... e lo sciame esteso (EAS, Extensive Air Shower) ?



Itre cento particelle secondarie di sciame traversano il nostro corpo ogni secondo ! ... e l'esposizione aumenta con l'altitudine

(i raggi cosmici sono di grande importanza in biologia; ontribuendo, a lungo andare, alle mutazioni genetiche, anno giocato e continuano a giocare un ruolo rilevante nell'evoluzione della vita sulla Terra)

Quando attraversa l'atmosfera terrestre

-) il raggio cosmico (particella primaria) collide con i nuclei dell'aria provocando una
-) cascata di particelle secondarie di energia più bassa, che a loro volta
- subiscono ulteriori collisioni producendo così uno sciame di miliardi e più di particelle che raggiungono il suolo terrestre in un'area la cui estensione può essere anche di diversi chilometri quadrati.

Gli sciami EAS contengono di tutto

- nucleoni, nuclei,
- gamma duri,
- mesoni (π[±],π⁰, *K*[±], ...),
- leptoni carichi (e^{\pm} , μ^{\pm} , τ^{\pm}),
- neutrini (v_e , v_{μ} , v_{τ}).
- ...

MISURE INDIRETTE

Le tecniche indirette misurano i prodotti secondari dell'interazione dei raggi cosmici in atmosfera.

EAS Extensive Air Shower

Nell' interazione l'identita' del primario e' perduta.

Solo in modo statistico, con analisi multiparametriche si possono separare gruppi di elementi (p+He, CNO, Fe)

Fondamentale il ricorso alle simulazioni estrapolando alle alte energie i risultati degli acceleratori

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Raggi cosmici

1 atm=1030 gr/cm² $X_0=36.7$ $l_a=90$ gr/cm²

28X.

11**1**。



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Raggi cosmici

Towards the Knee...

Measurement of elemental fluxes vs. E

Relevant for:

<u>Astrophysics</u> Acceleration and confinement of c.r.

Particle Physics

fluxes of secondaries in atmosphere Benchmarks for shower/interaction models input for atmospheric neutrino analysis (oscillation physics)

Raggi cosmici

Fermi Acceleration Mechanism

Stochastic energy gain in collisions with plasma clouds

2nd order :

randomly distributed magnetic mirrors



[Slow and inefficient]

1st order :

acceleration in strong shock waves (supernova ejecta, RG hot spots...)






$E_{th} \sim 6 \ TeV$ Chakaltaya, 5200 m a.s.l.

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The MACRO experiment @ Gran Sasso

from 1989 to 2000

SW~10,000 m²sr

12 m

76 m

3 Subdetectors:
•Scintillators
•Limited Streamer
tubes
•Nuclear track
detectors

m.w.e















2 lines of 25 storeys

900 PMs

The ANTARES Detector



IceCube

80 Strings
 4800 PMT
 Instrumented
 volume: 1 km3 (1 Gt)
 IceCube is designed 1400 m
 to detect neutrinos of
 all flavors at energies
 from 10⁷ eV (SN) to
 10²⁰ eV



2400 m

cel



I metodi "density sampling" e "fast timing"



Il "Gruppo Raggi Cosmici" guidato da Bruno Rossi al M.I.T. mette a punto una nuova tecnica per determinare l'energia e la direzione di arrivo del CR primario che ha originato lo sciame EAS:

Density sampling": la distribuzione della ensità di particelle secondarie osservate in iverse posizioni in un *array* di contatori è sata per localizzare il centro dello sciame AS, e per risalire all'energia del CR primario.



Fast timing": la direzione d'arrivo del CR primario (assunta coincidente con l'asse lello sciame EAS) è determinata dalle differenze tra i tempi d'arrivo del fronte dello ciame di particelle sui vari contatori.

> La tecnica del "density sampling" e del "fast timing" è alla base dei tanti esperimenti con *array* di rivelatori di particelle ...

Angular vs timing accuracy

Error of 65 nsec in timing causes $\sim 2 \text{ deg error}$ in direction estimate for shower at 45 deg and array with 1 km spacing:



Zenith angle θ =45.00 deg X=1000m, L=707m Δt =L/c=2.36 µsec With timing error: Δt +65 nsec=2.42 µsec

- apparent L = 727 m
- apparent θ = 43.4 deg

i apparati sciami e.m. misurano densita' e tempo di arriv elle particelle (e,**mg)** su di una matrice di rivelatori al Jolo.

 $T_1 < T_2 < T_3 \dots \rightarrow direzione$ $N_3 > N_4 > N_2 \dots \rightarrow d.I.$

e numero totale di particelle

Energia primario



parametri dello sciame e.m. permettono di separare nuclei leggeri da nuclei pesanti





AS-IOP Campo Imperatore 1989-2000



moduli a ntillatore da 10m² 0.1Km²

Rum EXENT (ENCTH HATEXM FLEN 2212 231329 817 88 7197 39-01-88 50H8Hr31.642229



orimetro <u>adronico</u>

RUE DENT 129004 447094 14214 2024 802994 144 1 2020 17-01-98 024094021/34407





E₀ ~ 100 TeV



MACRO/EAS-TOP Coincidences



p, He, CNO @ ~ 100 TeV



Information	EAS-TOP & MACRO	JACEE	RUNJOB
J _{p+He} (80 TeV)	18 ± 4	12 ± 3	8 ± 2
J _{p+He+CNO} (250 TeV)	1.1 ± 0.3	0.7 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 0.1
J _p / J _{p+He} (80 TeV)	0.29 ± 0.09	0.45 ± 0.12	0.63 ± 0.2
J _{p+He} / J _{p+He+CNO} (250 TeV)	0.78 ± 0.17	0.70 ± 0.20	0.76 ± 0.2
J _{He} (80 TeV)	12.7 ± 4.4	6.4 ± 1.4	3.1 ± 0.7

x 10-7 m-2s-1sr-1TeV-

EAS-TOP & MACRO data

EAS-TOP & MACRO data + p-flux

The All Particle Spectrum





The connection between All-particle flux and All-nucleon flux

$$\frac{d\phi(E_0)}{dE_0} = \sum_i K_i E_0^{-\gamma}$$

$$E_{nuc} = E_0 / A$$

$$\frac{d\phi(E_{nuc})}{E_{nuc}} = \frac{d\phi(E_0)}{dE_0} \frac{dE_0}{dE_{nuc}}$$

$$\frac{d\phi(E_{nuc})}{E_{nuc}} = \sum_{i} K_i (A_i E_{nuc})^{-\gamma} A_i$$

$$\frac{d\phi(E_{nuc})}{E_{nuc}} = \sum_{i} K_i A_i^{\gamma - 1} E_{nuc}^{-\gamma}$$

sum running on different mass group

(A = mass number)



OSCILLAZIONI DI NEUTRINO

nel vuoto: $P(\boldsymbol{n}_m \to \boldsymbol{n}_t) \approx \sin^2(2\boldsymbol{J}) \sin^2 \left(1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 (\text{eV}^2) L(\text{km})}{E(\text{GeV})} \right)$

. neutrini solari

L = $1.5 \ 10^{11}$ m, E ~ $10 \ MeV$. da cui: L/E ~ 10^{10} km/GeV.

$$\mathbf{n}_e \rightarrow \mathbf{n}_x$$

2. **neutrini atmosferici** (eventi confinati)

- L = 30 km (dall'alto), $E \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$
- L = 10^4 km (dal basso), E ~ 10 GeV da cui: L/E varia da ~ 1 a 10^4 km/GeV.
- B. neutrini da sorgenti astrofisiche
 - $L = 3.10^{21}$ km (100 Mpc), $E > 10^7$ GeV Sorgenti localizzate rispetto al fondo dei neutrini atmosferici

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Caratteristiche del flusso di neutrini atmosferici

Flussi dei diversi flavor di neutrini

$$\frac{\nu_{\mu} + \overline{\nu}_{\mu}}{\nu_e + \overline{\nu}_e} \simeq 2$$

Simmetria Up-Down dei flussi di neutrini

 $\phi_{\nu_{\alpha}}(E,\theta) = \phi_{\nu_{\alpha}}(E,\pi-\theta)$



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$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{an}) = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{an})$



'Upward muons" sono limitati dall'assorbimento dei neutrini nella Terra



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G.L. FOOLI Commissione II INFN - Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso, 22 marzo 2004





DATA SAMPLES(measured (Bartol96 expected

Upthrough(1)	85
	1169
In up(2)	15
	28
In down(3)+	
Up stop(4)	26

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Neutrino events in Super-K

Contained events:

Ily contained	Partially contained
FC	PC





e/m identification all assumed to be **m**

> different energy scale
 > different analysis technique
 > different systematics

All have to be separate from "cosmic" muons (3Hz)

Upward through-going m m Upward stopping Interaction in rocks

Neutrino energy spectra





Results of combined fit (2 flavors) FC + PC + Up-m + Multi-ring

c² vs **D**m²



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A plausible neutrino mass hierarch



Describes well solar and atmospheric P.GaleReptettrino oscillations Rajgnorfes LSND result



AGN Model Stecker

AGN Models Protheroe, Mannheim

GRB (fireball model) good candidates but big variability in flux calculations depending on GRB distance
F ($r, E; r_o, E_o$): structure function



• : solar system $\hat{r}(r \sim 10 \text{ kpc}, z \sim 0)$

$$\times$$
 : source $\dot{r}_0(r_0, z_0)$

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in our Galaxy

Deflection angle < 1 degree at 10²⁰eV





The neutrino error box is limited only by the instrument angular resolution, the proton error box is dominated by the intergalactic magnetic fields.

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Cyg X-3 Nusex

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AGN Unified Model

According to the Unified Model all AGNs share the same fundamental mechanism.

Source of energy:

super massive black hole ~10⁶-10⁹ solar masses

+ accretion disk

Fuel: 1-10 solar masses /year



The Cosmic Ray Spectrum



ZeV = Zetta-electron-volt (10²¹ eV)



2 ...la caviglia segna il passaggio tra r.c. galattici ed extra galattici ?



Sull'origine dei raggi cosmici (entro il limite GZK)

L'identificazione delle sorgenti di origine è legata all'energia dei raggi cosmici stessi.

Per energie entro il limite GZK, i raggi cosmici sono prodotti in sistemi celesti dotati di intensi campi magnetici che riescono ad accelerare i nuclei ad alte energie o sono prodotti durante l'esplosione di una stella.



$10^{15} \div 5 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ (limite GZK):

origine extragalattica

(esplosioni di Super Novae, pulsar con intensi campi magnetici, buchi neri nuclei galattici attivi)

Sull'origine dei raggi cosmici (oltre il limite GZK)

Per energie $E_0 > \sim 5 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ l'origine dei raggi cosmici primari diventa un mistero.



Potenziali sorgenti sono:

- Collisioni tra galassie o ammassi di galassie, radio galassie. Ma la presenza della radiazione di fondo cosmico (CMB) impedisce che particelle di altissima energia possano percorrere distanze cosmologiche (effetto GZK); la massima distanza da cui possono provenire è quella dell'ammasso della Vergine (M87). Ma questo contraddice con la isotropia del fenomeno EHECR. Infatti, mentre i CR di energia inferiore a 10¹⁸ eV mostrano una piccola ma significativa anisotropia verso il centro galattico, la distribuzione delle direzion di arrivo degli EHECR è apparentemente isotropa su larga scala, con una indicazione di raggruppamenti su piccola scala (doppiette, triplette) che suggeriscono la possibile esistenza di sorgenti compatte.
- Decadimento di particelle createsi subito dopo il Big Bang. In questo caso molti dei Raggi Cosmici EHECR dovrebbero essere neutrini.

oche sorgenti opravvivono al riterio

 $B_XL > E/Z$

Stelle di neutroni

GRB

AGN

Radio lobi

Ammassi

collisioni di

alassie/Ammassi

 $E_{MAX} \propto gZBL$



Atmosphere is required for the primary particle to interact and develop shower with a production of:

Cherenkov light

Fluorescence light

Details of the UV light production yield details of the primary particle :

> the amount of UV light produced is proportional to the particle's energy

the shape of the shower profile and the atmospheric depth of the shower maximum contain information about particle mass composition



▲ТВ45 ▲ТВ44 ANB4-NB44 TB46 ATB43 TB17 NB46 NB40 TB47 TB36 TB42 TB16 **ATB48** NB42NB41 TB35 TB41 TB15TB14 NB25 NB11 TB32B3 TB21 TB11B12 NB37 NB32 NB32 NB36 NB31 NB31 NB13 TB27 TB23 TB23 ANB13 ATB27 TB23 NB33ANB23 ATB34 **SB55** AB1 ANB34 ANB14 AB16-NB15/SB42 AB16 SB53 AB15 AB13 SB35 SB43 B41 **SB34** SB31 AB12 AB/5 AB23 SB3 B32 SB1 AB1 AB2 AB42 AB4B32 AB4B AS \$826 6 AB21 AB24 AB33 AB55 S B2 SB14 AB51 AB53 AB54 SE28822 **SB28** SB16 AB57 SB29

AGASA Akeno Giant Air Shower Array

111 Electron Det27 Muon Det.



mici

4km

Les premières détections – Fly 's eye (US, 81-92)

1 rayon cosmique d'énergie de 3 10²⁰ eV

67 miroirs de 1.6 m de diamètre

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Area ~ 3000 km² Aperture ~ 7400 km² sr

SD Array 1600 nerenkov tanks 1.5 km spacing

D 24 orescence escopes 4 buildings







Gravitational Wave Detectors

LISA

Interferometric

Resonant-Mass

GEO AURIGA VIRGO NAUTILUS

LIGO

NIOBE

TAMA

oravitational maye research

Greisen, Zatsepin and Kuzmin (1960) pointed out that there ought to be a "cutoff" in the cosmic ray spectrum around 10²⁰ eV:

- The universe is filled with Cosmic Background Radiation (CBR), relic photons from the Big Bang
- CBR photons have an energy spectrum characteristic of a blackbody at ~3K, so they are in the ~0.001 eV (microwave) energy range
- But in the rest frame of a 10²⁰ eV proton, they look like high energy (10⁹ eV) gamma rays!
- Protons and nuclei have a high probability (cross section) for interacting with GeV gamma rays and getting smashed into other (lower energy) particles

- Many hypotheses have been offered, suggesting UHE CRs are due to:
- Bottom-up models: some variant of the same mechanism valid for lower energies
- Top-down models: created at UHE due to decay of a very heavy parent particle (GUT or supersymmetry models), or perhaps due to topological defects in the Universe
- Neutrino interactions in intergalactic space
- Exotic astrophysics: AGNs, , jets, GRBs little is known about gamma ray bursters or UHE CRs, so maybe there is a connection!
- Magnetic field models: maybe intergalactic space has a larger magnetic field than expected, so charged particles do not point back to sources even at UHE
- Violation of Lorentz invariance would solve the GZK puzzle

a radiazione cosmica di fondo a 3 ^oK rende l'Universo paco ai raggi cosmici di energia molto elevata . Greisen – G.T.Zatsepin & V.A.Kuz'min (1966)

GZK Cutoff $\mathbf{p+g} \rightarrow \mathbf{p+p^0}$ $p+g \rightarrow n+p^+$ E_{thr}=6.8 10¹⁹ eV l=1/sr=6Mpc **r~410 g/cm³** s=135mbarn Raggi cosmici con energia E> 7 • 10¹⁹ eV devono avere la loro sorgente entro 50Mpc



Propagation : interaction des RC avec le CMB

- Ces photons sont inoffensifs, car d'énergie très faible...
 - ... à moins de se jeter sur eux à toute allure !!!





Interaction des RC avec le CMB

Interaction des protons

photoproduction de pions :

$$p + \boldsymbol{g}_{2,7K} \to \Delta \to n + \boldsymbol{p}^{+}$$
$$p + \boldsymbol{g}_{2,7K} \to \Delta \to p + \boldsymbol{p}^{0}$$
$$p + \boldsymbol{g}_{2,7K} \to \Delta \to p + e^{+} + e^{-}$$

- À chaque interaction, perte d'environ 22% d'énergie
- Processus se répète jusqu'à ce que l'énergie totale p- γ dans leur centre de masse soit inférieure au seuil de production de la résonance Δ :

c'est l'effet Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin (1966) ou effet GZK



Propagation : interaction des RC avec le CMB

 Les noyaux ultra-énergétiques se brisent sur les photons du rayonnement fossile

$$A + \mathbf{g}_{2,7K} \to (A - 1) + N$$
$$A + \mathbf{g}_{2,7K} \to (A - 2) + 2N$$
$$A + \mathbf{g}_{2,7K} \to A + e^{+} + e^{-}$$

 Energie d'excitation plus faible, mais sont les noyaux les plus stables ⇒ étapes moins connues

Photons

 Seuil de création de paires e⁺e⁻ atteint rapidement. Coupure GZK vers 10¹²⁻¹³eV

Neutrinos

 Parfaitement insensible à tous les obstacles : sondes idéales... oui, mais extrêmement difficile de les détecter



Conséquences de l'effet GZK sur les protons

Libre parcours moyen

 Au dessus de 5.10¹⁹ eV : 10Mpc.

 $(1 \text{ pc} = 3.09 \ 10^{16} \text{ m})$

- Brutalité de la coupure GZK:

- à partir de 100Mpc, toutes les énergies sont ramenées sous 10²⁰ eV
- record à 3 $10^{20} \text{ eV} \Rightarrow$
 - Source dépassant largement cette énergie
 - Ou située à quelques dizaines de Mpc
- Problème : on ne connaît pas de telle source !!!



THE GZK EFFECT

$p + hn \mathbb{R} D^+ \mathbb{R} N + p$

Energy and attenuation factor $(e^{-x/t}_{GZK})$ are: $E_{GZK} \sim 5 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ $\lambda_{GZK} \sim 30 \text{ Mpc}$ •Super-GZK hadrons from distant sources will lose energy and pile-up at sub-GZK energies. •If UHE CR are protons, they show the highest value for the Lorentz factor ($\gamma \sim 10^{11}$) observed in nature.





AGASA vs HiRes













(1)





BOTTOM - UP PROCESSES

Here acceleration of low energy particles occurs in objects such as AGN and their radio lobes, interacting galaxies or highly magnetized neutron stars (an extreme case in this class are GRBs).

The observation of a direction of arrival and time coincidence of a GRB and an extreme energy neutrino (E > 10^{19} eV) would provide a crucial test for the identification of GRBs as the UHE CR sources, in spite of their location at distances well beyond the GZK limit.



Other Bottom-Up Hyp.

Cosmological and Low lumininosity Gamma-Ray Bursts

Heavy Nuclei from astrophysical sources With heavy composition and accelerated under conditions preventing dissociation.

Fe could have a cutoff ~200 EeV instead of the ~60 for protons



TOP - DOWN PROCESSES

One way to overcome the many difficulties with the acceleration of EECR is to introduce a new, unstable supermassive particle called the X-particle. The decay of these particles is thought to produce copious amounts of photons, neutrinos and leptons, and a smaller fraction of protons and neutrons which could be detected as UHE CR.

The X-particles themselves could be produced by the decay of topological defects or supermassive relic particles produced at the end of the GUT phase transition stage of the universe.


The "Top-Down" alternatives

-Relics of GU Era: Topological Defects

Localized regions where extreme densities of mass-energy are trapped. $M>10^{23}$ eV decaying into GUT Higgs, superheavy fermions or leptoquarks

-"Z-bursts"

UHE neutrinos could produce interacting with relic neutrinos, particles fragmenting into burst of Z⁰. Does a halo of neutrinos exist? (there are problems anyway)

-UltraHeavy Dark Matter Particles



UHE CR PRODUCTION MECHANISMS

Observations and Experiments are needed to answer to the questions remaining open

Bottom – up signatures

- Protons/nuclei
- •Power law spectrum
- •counterparts

Top – down signatures

- Photons/neutrinos
- •Non-power law spectrum
- No counterparts/repeatsHalo distribution

Proton spectrum according to $E^{-2.7}$, 3 years of data taking Neutrino spectrum : E^{-1} 3*10¹⁹ – 10²¹ (arbitrary large statistics

The probability of neutrino interaction in atmosphere is proportional to the atmospheric density.



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Summary of Super-K nucleon decay searches

mode	exposure (kt• yr)	ε Β m (%)	observed event	B.G.	τ/B limit (10 ³² yrs)
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^+ + \pi^0$	92	40	0	0.2	54
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mu^+ + \pi^0$	92	32	0	0.2	43
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^+ + \mathbf{n}$	92	17	õ	0.2	23
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{u}^+ + \mathbf{n}$	92	9	õ	0.2	13
$\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{n}$	45	21	5	9	5.6
$\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^+ + \mathbf{o}$	92	4.2	õ	0.4	5.6
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^+ + \mathbf{\omega}$	02	2.9	ŏ	0.5	3.9
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{w}$	52	2.5	Ū	0.5	5.5
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^{T} + \gamma$	92	73	0	0.1	98
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mu^+ + \gamma$	92	61	0	0.2	82
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{v}} + \mathbf{K}^+$	92				22
. K [*] →νμ [*] (sp	pectrum)	34			3.8
prompt χ +	μ [≁]	8.6	0	0.7	11
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$		6.0	0	0.6	7.9
$\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{K}^{\circ}$	92				2.0
$\mathbf{K}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \pi^{0}$		6.9	14	19.2	3.0
K°→π [*] π [*]		5.5	20	11.2	0.8
p → e + K°	92				10.7
$\mathbf{K}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \pi^{0}$		9.2	1	1.1	8.7
$\mathbf{K}^{\circ} \rightarrow \pi^{\circ} \pi^{\circ}$			-		
2-ring		7.9	5	3.6	4.0
3-mg	~~~	1.5	0	0.1	1.7
$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mu^{*} + \kappa^{*}$	92	5 4			13.9
$\sim \pi^{-}\pi^{-}$		5.4	0	0.4	7.1
$-\pi \rightarrow \pi \pi$		7.0	3	32	4.9
3-ring		2.8	õ	0.3	3.7
g		2.0	•	0.0	5.1

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