

# Astroparticle Physics

## 2021/22

**Tuesday 13:30 - 15:15 HG 03.082**

**Thursday 8:30 - 10:15 HG 00.065**

- lectures**
- student presentations**
- oral exam, ca. 45 min**

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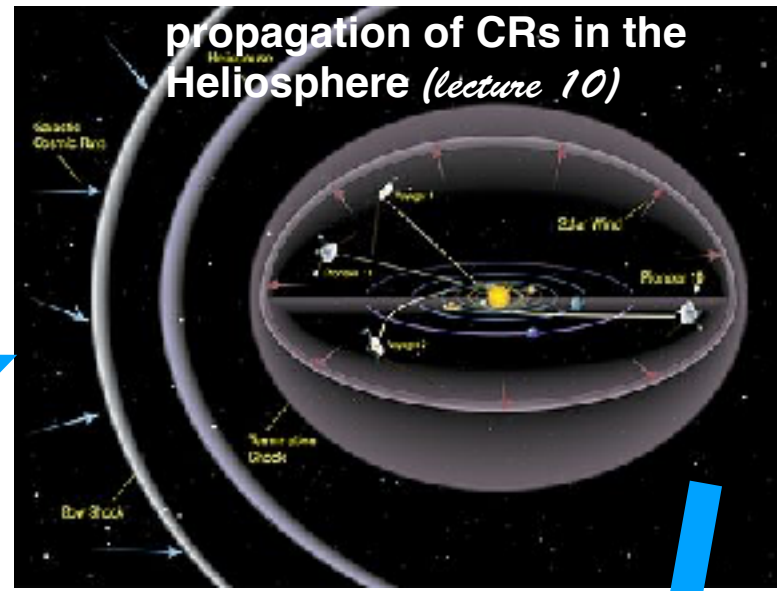
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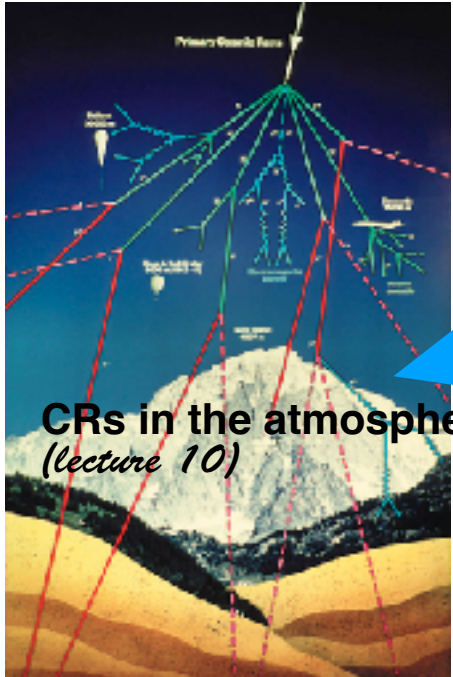
birth of cosmic rays  
CRs: supernova remnants  
neutrinos: e.g. Sun (lecture 9)



propagation of CRs in the Galaxy  
interactions with ISM (lecture 9)



propagation of CRs in the Heliosphere (lecture 10)

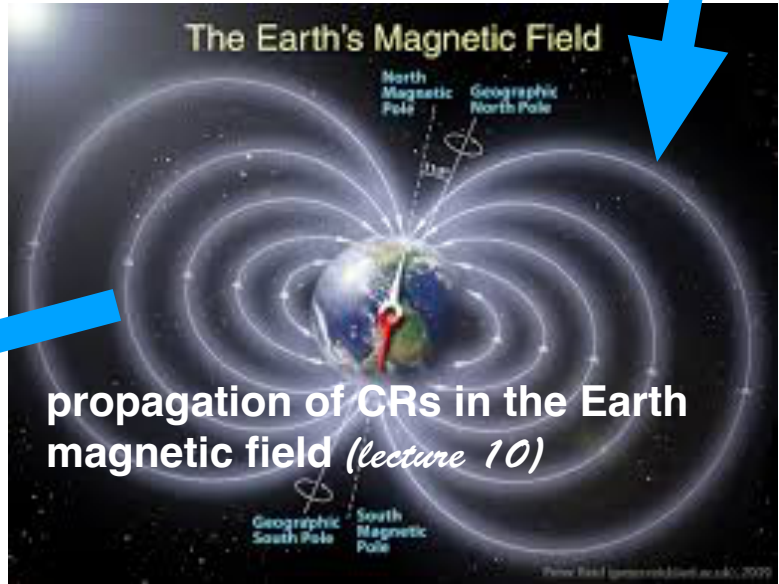


CRs in the atmosphere (lecture 10)



CRs at the top of the atmosphere (lecture 11)

CRs underground (lecture 12)  
neutrino oscillations (lecture 12+13)

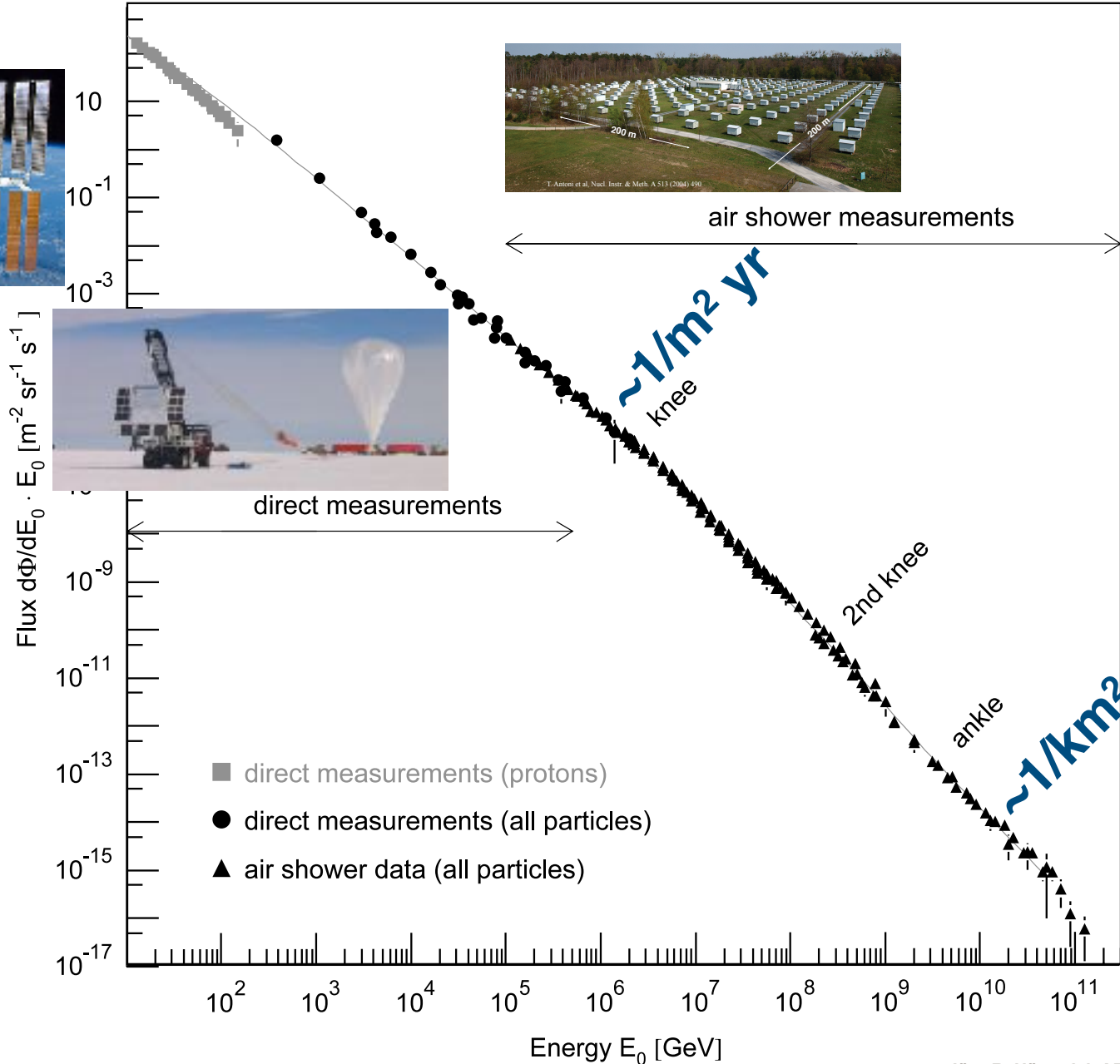


The Earth's Magnetic Field

propagation of CRs in the Earth magnetic field (lecture 10)

# Particles and the Cosmos

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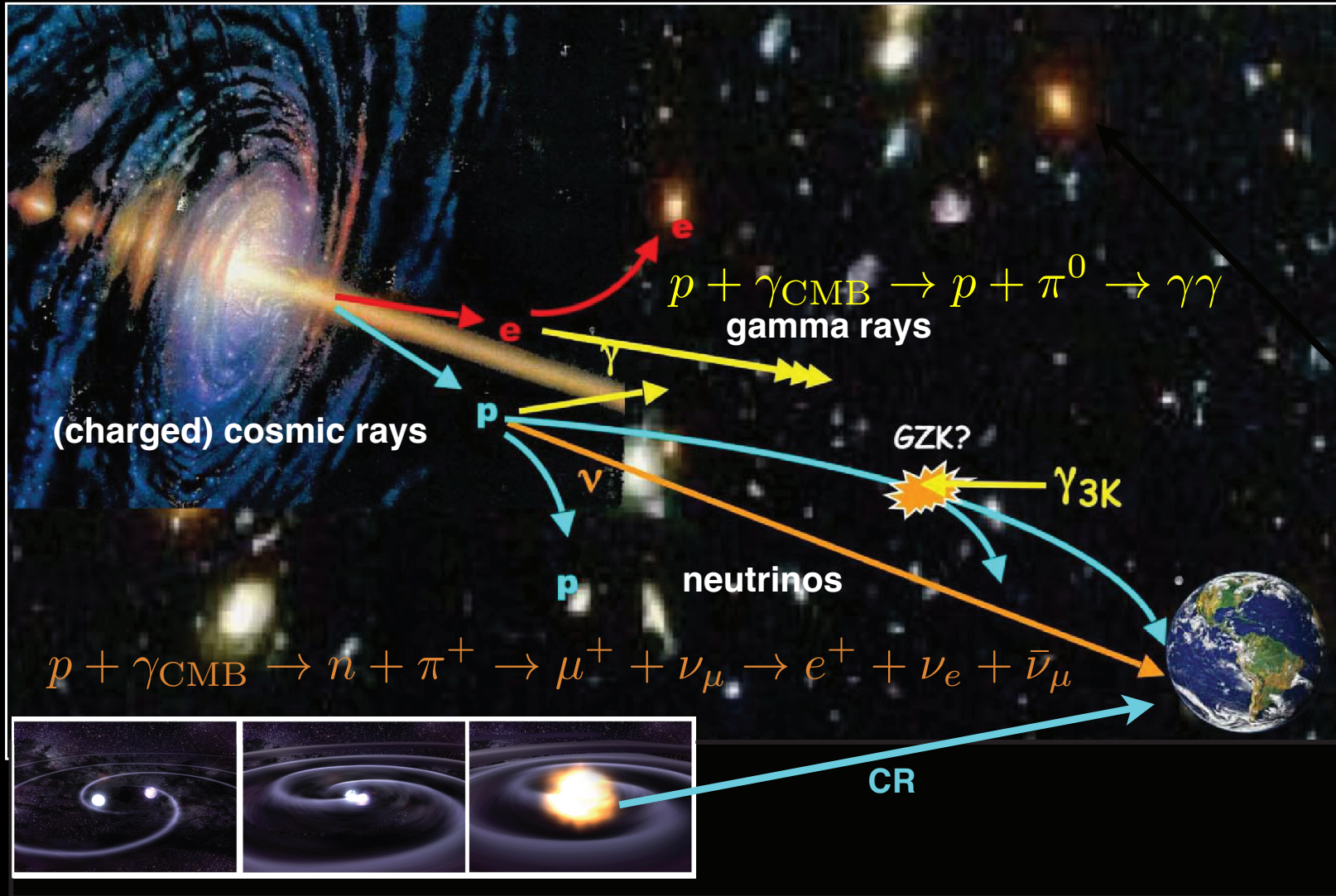


energy spectrum  
of cosmic rays  
extends to  
extremely high  
energies:  
 $10^{20} \text{ eV} \sim 16 \text{ J}$



# Origin of cosmic rays

## multi messenger technique





## RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

## NEUTRINO ASTROPHYSICS

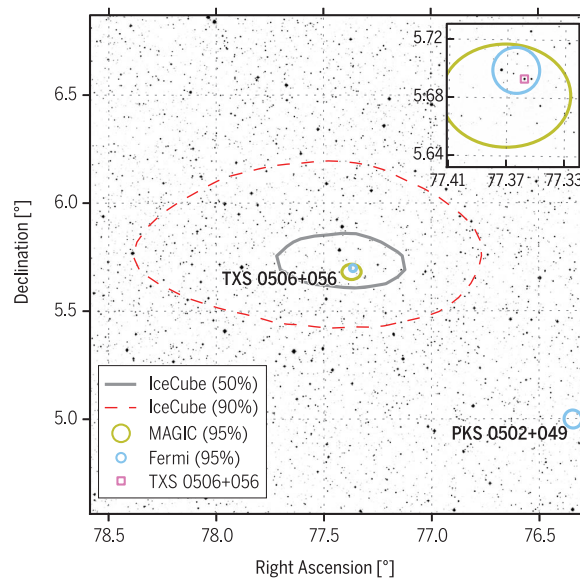
# Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with high-energy neutrino IceCube-170922A

The IceCube Collaboration, *Fermi*-LAT, MAGIC, *AGILE*, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., *INTEGRAL*, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverpool Telescope, Subaru, *Swift*/*NuSTAR*, VERITAS, and VLA/17B-403 teams\*†

**INTRODUCTION:** Neutrinos are tracers of cosmic-ray acceleration: electrically neutral and traveling at nearly the speed of light, they can escape the densest environments and may be traced back to their source of origin. High-energy neutrinos are expected to be produced in blazars: intense extragalactic radio, optical, x-ray, and, in some cases,  $\gamma$ -ray sources characterized by relativistic jets of plasma pointing close to our line of sight. Blazars are among the most powerful objects in the Universe and are widely speculated to be sources of high-energy cosmic rays. These cosmic rays generate high-energy neutrinos and  $\gamma$ -rays, which are produced when the cosmic rays accelerated in the jet interact with nearby gas or photons. On 22 September 2017, the cubic-kilometer IceCube Neutrino Observatory detected a  $\sim 290$ -TeV neutrino from a direction consistent with the flaring  $\gamma$ -ray blazar TXS 0506+056. We report the details of this observation and the results of a multiwavelength follow-up campaign.

**RATIONALE:** Multimessenger astronomy aims for globally coordinated observations of cosmic rays, neutrinos, gravitational waves, and electromagnetic radiation across a broad range of wavelengths. The combination is expected to yield crucial information on the mechanisms

mic rays. The discovery of an extraterrestrial diffuse flux of high-energy neutrinos, announced by IceCube in 2013, has characteristic properties that hint at contributions from extragalactic sources, although the individual sources remain as yet unidentified. Continuously monitoring the entire sky for astrophysical neu-



**Multimessenger observations of blazar TXS 0506+056.** The 50% and 90% containment contours for the neutrino IceCube

trinos, IceCube provides real-time triggers for observatories around the world measuring  $\gamma$ -rays, x-rays, optical, radio, and gravitational waves, allowing for the potential identification of even rapidly fading sources.

**RESULTS:** A high-energy neutrino-induced muon track was detected on 22 September 2017, automatically generating an alert that was

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distributed worldwide within 1 min of detection and prompted follow-up searches by telescopes over a broad range of wavelengths. On 28 September 2017, the *Fermi* Large Area

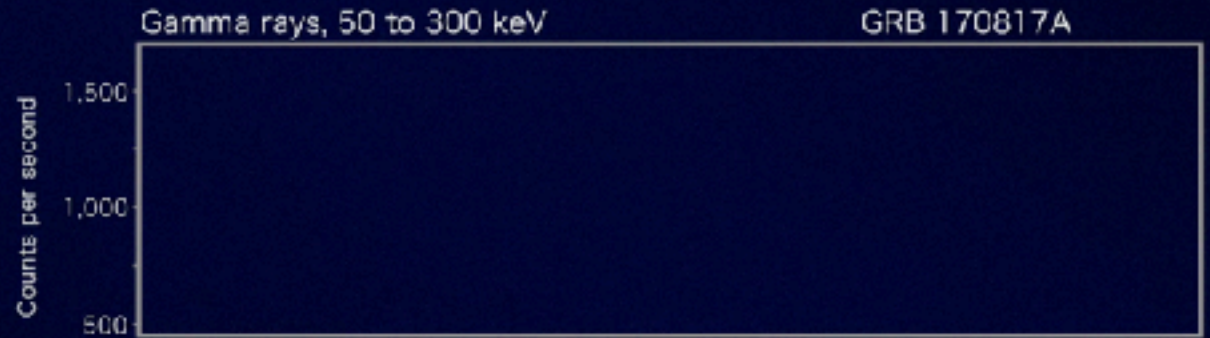
Telescope Collaboration reported that the direction of the neutrino was coincident with a cataloged  $\gamma$ -ray source,  $0.1^\circ$  from the neutrino direction. The source, a blazar known as TXS 0506+056 at a measured redshift of 0.34, was in a flaring state at the time with enhanced  $\gamma$ -ray activity in the GeV range. Follow-up observations by imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes, notably the Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov (MAGIC) telescopes, revealed periods where the detected  $\gamma$ -ray flux from the blazar reached energies up to 400 GeV. Measurements of the source have also been completed at x-ray, optical, and radio wavelengths. We have investigated models associating neutrino and  $\gamma$ -ray production and find that correlation of the neutrino with the flare of TXS 0506+056 is statistically significant at the level of 3 standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ). On the basis of the redshift of TXS 0506+056, we derive constraints for the muon-neutrino luminosity for this source and find them to be similar to the luminosity observed in  $\gamma$ -rays.

**CONCLUSION:** The energies of the  $\gamma$ -rays and the neutrino indicate that blazar jets may accelerate cosmic rays to at least several PeV. The observed association of a high-energy neutrino with a blazar during a period of enhanced  $\gamma$ -ray emission suggests that blazars may indeed be one of the long-sought sources of cosmic high-energy

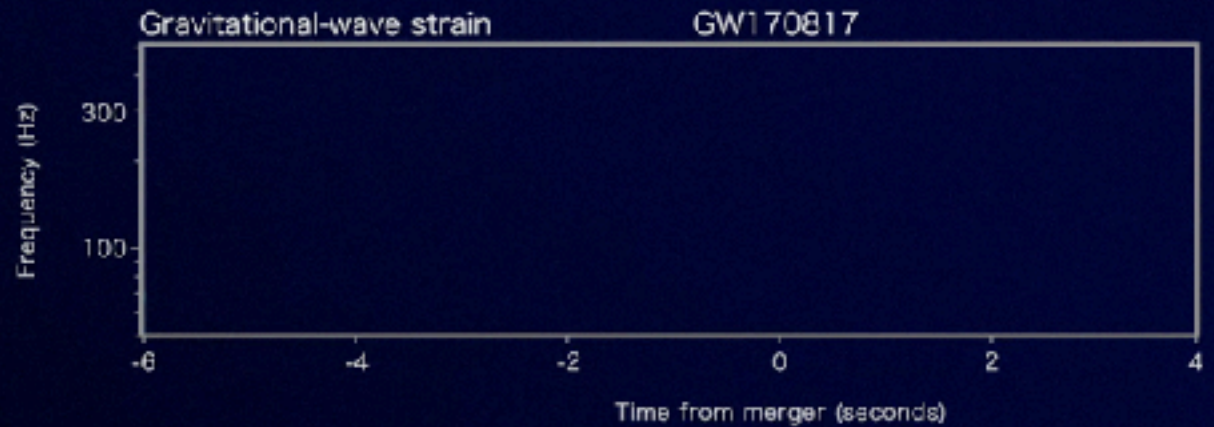
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DATA FOR THE R-BAND IN MAGNIFIED VIEW

# Follow-up of GW170817 with PAO (neutrinos)

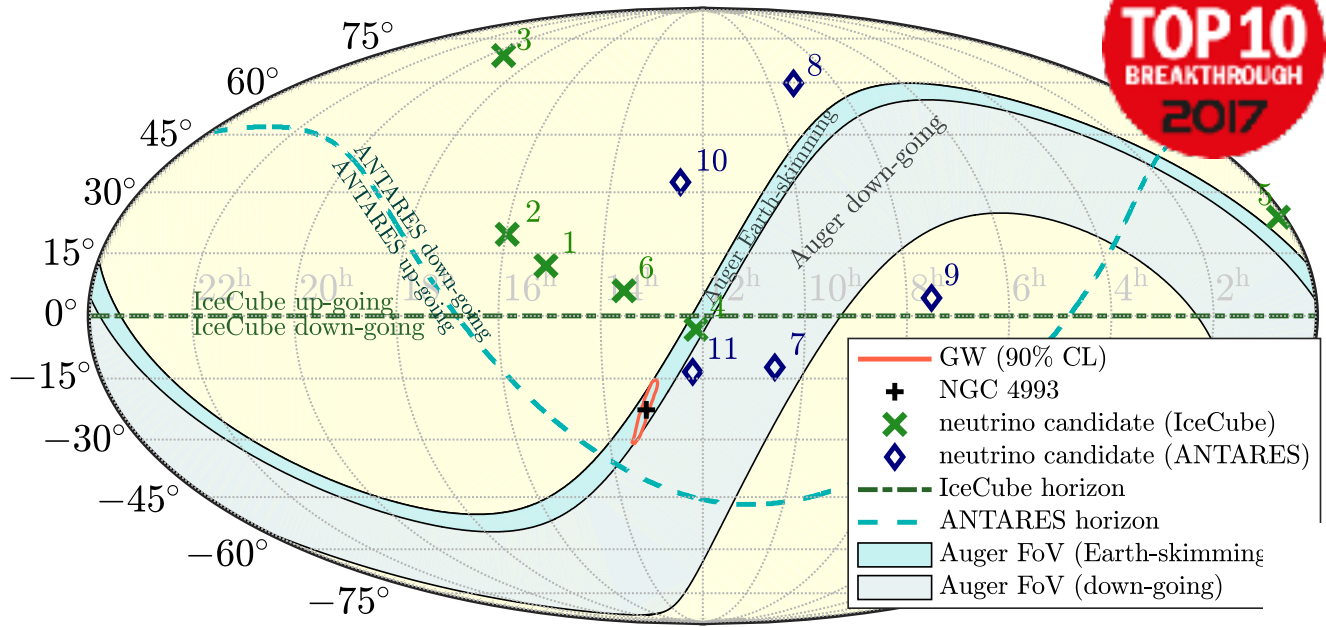


LIGO





# Follow-up of GW170817 with PAO (neutrinos)



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## Multi-messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger

LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration, Fermi GBM, INTEGRAL, IceCube Collaboration, AstroSat Cadmium Zinc Telluride Imager Team, IPN Collaboration, The Insight-Hxmt Collaboration, ANTARES Collaboration, The Swift Collaboration, AGILE Team, The 1M2H Team, The Dark Energy Camera GW-EM Collaboration and the DES Collaboration, The DLT40 Collaboration, GRAWITA: GRAvitational Wave Inaf TeAm, The Fermi Large Area Telescope Collaboration, ATCA: Australia Telescope Compact Array, ASKAP: Australian SKA Pathfinder, Las Cumbres Observatory Group, OzGrav, DWF (Deeper, Wider, Faster Program), AST3, and CAASTRO Collaborations, The VINROUGE Collaboration, MASTER Collaboration, J-GEM, GROWTH, JAGWAR, CaltechNRAO, TTU-NRAO, and NuSTAR Collaborations, Pan-STARRS, The MAXI Team, TZAC Consortium, KU Collaboration, Nordic Optical Telescope, ePESSTO, GROND, Texas Tech University, SALT Group, TOROS: Transient Robotic Observatory of the South Collaboration, The BOOTES Collaboration, MWA: Murchison Widefield Array, The CALET Collaboration, IKI-GW Follow-up Collaboration, H.E.S.S. Collaboration, LOFAR Collaboration, LWA: Long Wavelength Array, HAWC Collaboration, **The Pierre Auger Collaboration**, ALMA Collaboration, Euro VLBI Team, Pi of the Sky Collaboration, The Chandra Team at McGill University, DFN: Desert Fireball Network, ATLAS, High Time Resolution Universe Survey, RIMAS and RATIR, and SKA South Africa/MeerKAT (See the end matter for the full list of authors.)

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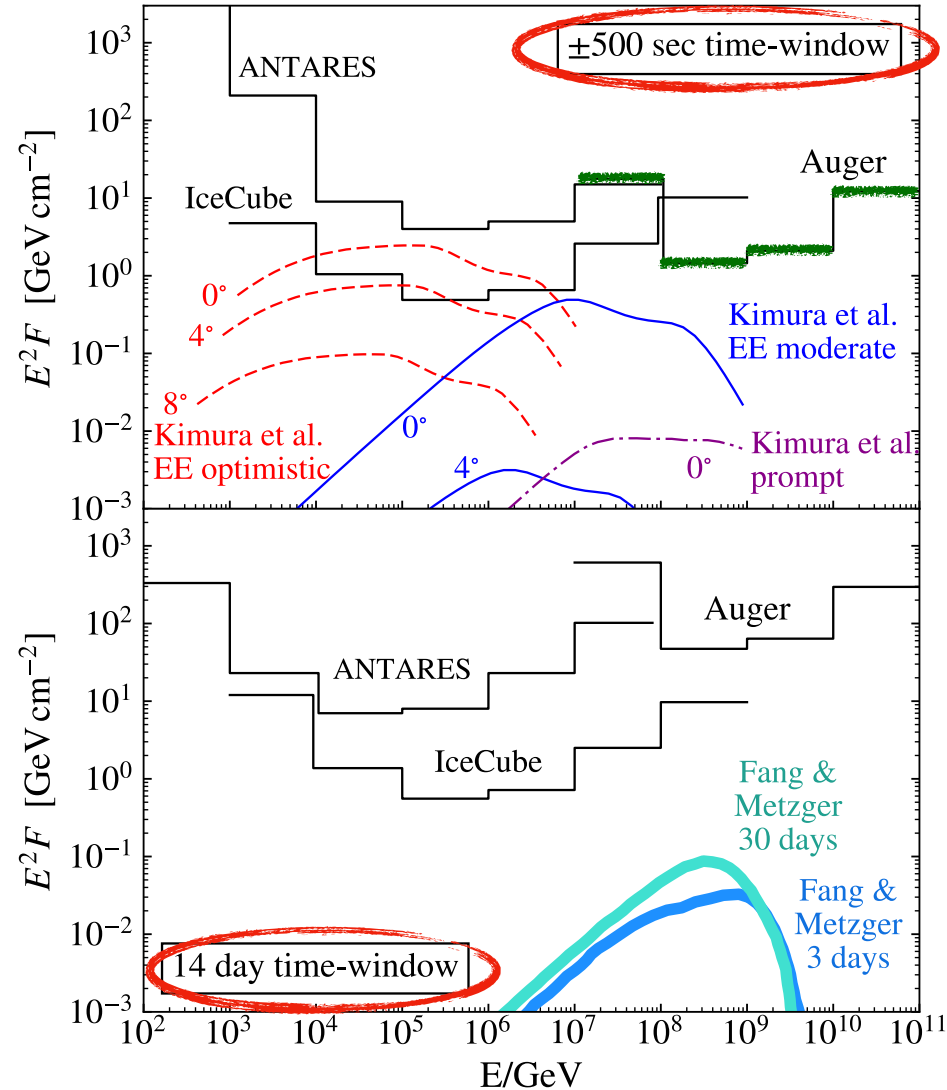
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## Search for High-energy Neutrinos from Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817 with ANTARES, IceCube, and the Pierre Auger Observatory

ANTARES Collaboration, IceCube Collaboration, The Pierre Auger Collaboration, and LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration

PAO in pre-defined +/- 500 s window as sensitive as IceCube

GW170817 Neutrino limits (fluence per flavor:  $\nu_x + \bar{\nu}_x$ )

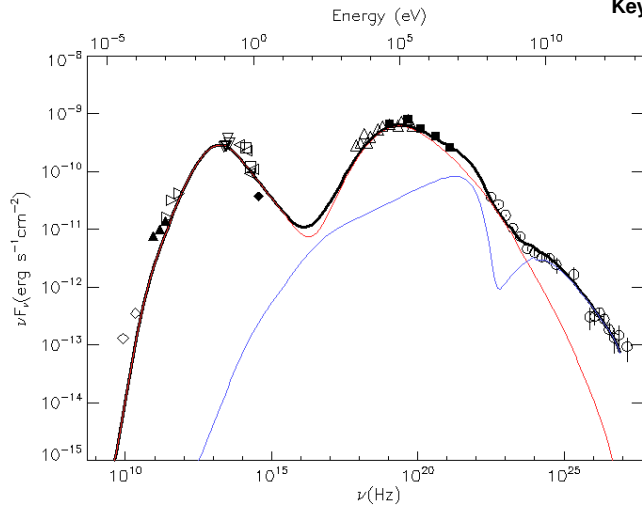


## The $\gamma$ -ray spectrum of the core of Centaurus A as observed with H.E.S.S. and *Fermi*-LAT

### ABSTRACT

Centaurus A (Cen A) is the nearest radio galaxy discovered as a very-high-energy (VHE; 100 GeV–100 TeV)  $\gamma$ -ray source by the High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.). It is a faint VHE  $\gamma$ -ray emitter, though its VHE flux exceeds both the extrapolation from early *Fermi*-LAT observations as well as expectations from a (misaligned) single-zone synchrotron-self Compton (SSC) description. The latter satisfactorily reproduces the emission from Cen A at lower energies up to a few GeV. New observations with H.E.S.S., comparable in exposure time to those previously reported, were performed and eight years of *Fermi*-LAT data were accumulated to clarify the spectral characteristics of the  $\gamma$ -ray emission from the core of Cen A. The results allow us for the first time to achieve the goal of constructing a representative, contemporaneous  $\gamma$ -ray core spectrum of Cen A over almost five orders of magnitude in energy. Advanced analysis methods, including the template fitting method, allow detection in the VHE range of the core with a statistical significance of  $12\sigma$  on the basis of 213 hours of total exposure time. The spectrum in the energy range of 250 GeV–6 TeV is compatible with a power-law function with a photon index  $\Gamma = 2.52 \pm 0.13_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.20_{\text{sys}}$ . An updated *Fermi*-LAT analysis provides evidence for spectral hardening by  $\Delta\Gamma \approx 0.4 \pm 0.1$  at  $\gamma$ -ray energies above  $2.8^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$  GeV at a level of  $4.0\sigma$ . The fact that the spectrum hardens at GeV energies and extends into the VHE regime disfavour a single-zone SSC interpretation for the overall spectral energy distribution (SED) of the core and is suggestive of a new  $\gamma$ -ray emitting component connecting the high-energy emission above the break energy to the one observed at VHE energies. The absence of significant variability at both GeV and TeV energies does not yet allow disentanglement of the physical nature of this component, though a jet-related origin is possible and a simple two-zone SED model fit is provided to this end.

**Key words.** gamma rays: galaxies – radiation mechanisms: non-thermal



**Fig. 3.** SED of Cen A core with model fits as described in text. The red curve corresponds to an SSC component designed to fit the radio to sub-GeV data. The blue curve corresponds to a second SSC component added to account for the highest energy data. The black curve corresponds to the sum of the two components. SED points as derived from H.E.S.S. and *Fermi*-LAT data in this paper are shown with open circles. Observations from the radio band to the MeV  $\gamma$ -ray band are from TANAMI ( $\diamond$ ), SEST ( $\blacktriangle$ ), JCMT ( $\triangleright$ ), MIDI ( $\nabla$ ), NAOS/CONICA ( $\triangleleft$ ), NICMOS ( $\square$ ), WFPC2 ( $\blacklozenge$ ), *Suzaku* ( $\triangle$ ), OSSE/COMPTEL ( $\blacksquare$ ). The acronyms are described in Appendix B.

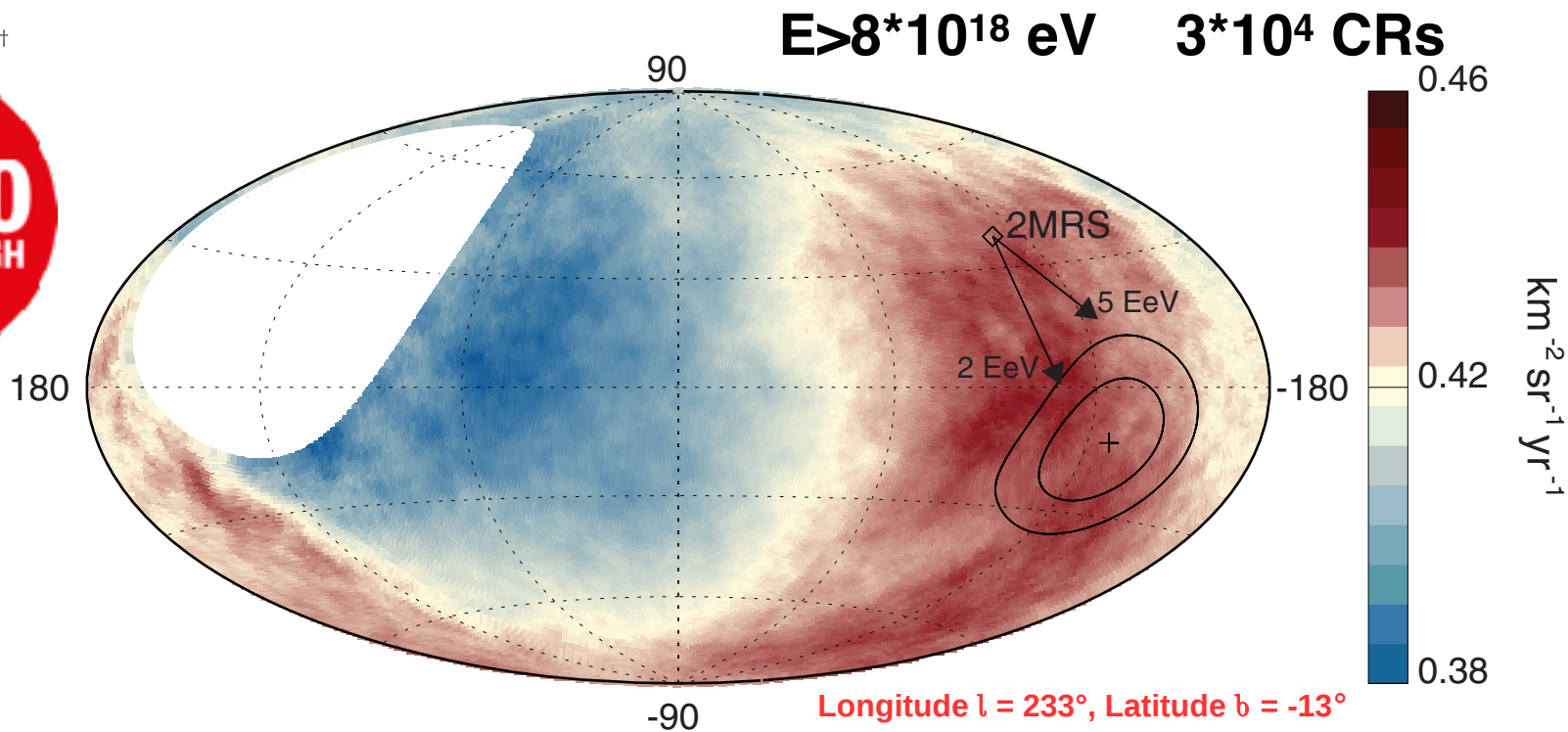


# Observation of a large-scale anisotropy in the arrival directions of cosmic rays above $8 \times 10^{18}$ eV

The Pierre Auger Collaboration\*†



## Anisotropy detected at $>5.2$ sigma dipole amplitude 6.5%

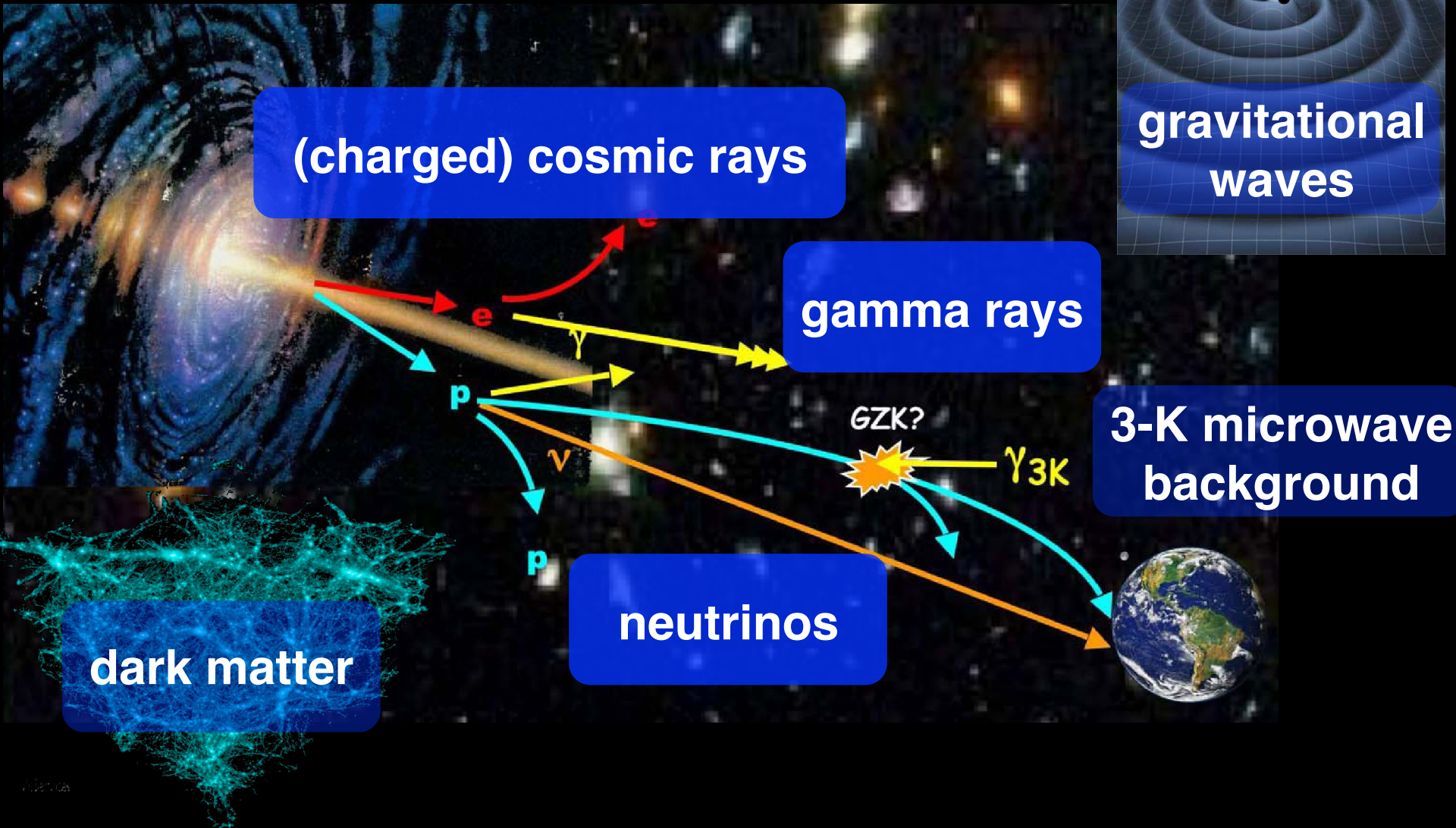


**Fig. 3. Map showing the fluxes of particles in galactic coordinates.** Sky map in galactic coordinates showing the cosmic-ray flux for  $E \geq 8$  EeV smoothed with a  $45^\circ$  top-hat function. The galactic center is at the origin. The cross indicates the measured dipole direction; the contours denote the 68% and 95% confidence level regions. The dipole in the 2MRS galaxy distribution is indicated. Arrows show the deflections expected for a particular model of the galactic magnetic field (8) on particles with  $E/Z = 5$  or 2 EeV.



# Astroparticle Physics

messengers from the Universe



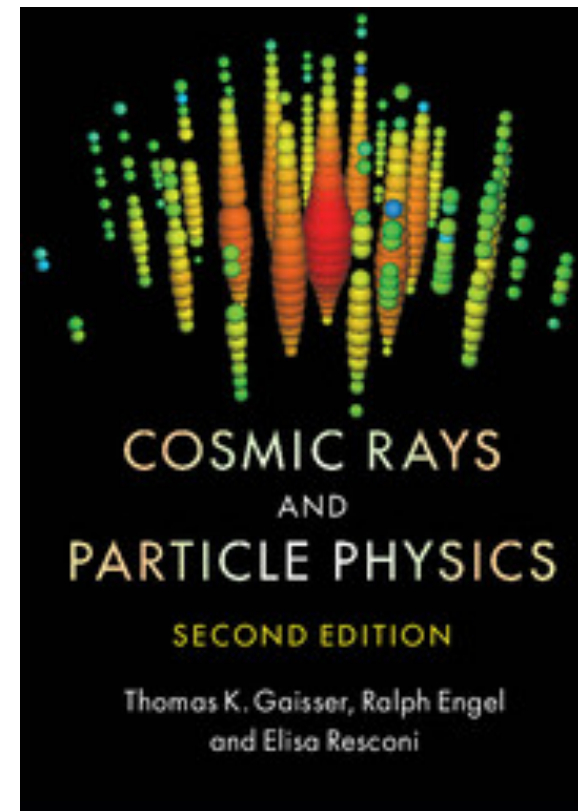
# Literature

Particles & Cosmos: Stanev

Astroparticle Physics:

*Tom Gaisser, Cosmic rays and particle physics*  
*Cambridge University Press (2016)*

+ primary literature (journal articles)



# Astroparticle Physics

## 2021/22

1. **Historical introduction - basic properties of cosmic rays**
2. **Hadronic interactions and accelerator data**
3. **Cascade equations**
4. **Electromagnetic cascades**
5. **Extensive air showers**
6. **Detectors for extensive air showers**
7. **High-energy cosmic rays and the knee in the energy spectrum of cosmic rays**
8. **Radio detection of extensive air showers**
9. **Acceleration, Astrophysical accelerators and beam dumps**
10. **Extragalactic propagation of cosmic rays**
11. **Ultra-high-energy energy cosmic rays**
12. **Astrophysical gamma rays and neutrinos**
13. **Neutrino astronomy**
14. **Gamma-ray astronomy**



# Student talks

- **Students will present selected topics, based on journal publications.**
- **Learn how to derive information from primary literature.**
- **Presentation followed by discussion and questions.**
- **60 min presentation, 15 min discussion**
- **You are expected to participate in discussions and ask questions.**
- **Your presentation + interaction will be part of your grade.**

# Student talks

- **Air showers - Matthews Heitler model**
- **Radio detection of air showers**
- **CR anisotropy at TeV energies, IceCube/Top, HAWC**
- **the knee in the energy spectrum of cosmic rays**
- **Detectors for UHE CRs, Auger, TA**
- **Auger proton-air cross section**
- **GZK effect and the end of the CR spectrum, Auger, TA**
- **CR mass composition at highest energies, Auger, TA**
- **CR anisotropy at highest energies, Auger, TA**
- **IceCube neutrino astronomy**
- **KM3NeT project ARCA+ORCA**
- **H.E.S.S. TeV gamma-ray astronomy galactic center emission**
- **H.E.S.S. TeV gamma-ray astronomy galactic plane survey**
- **Cherenkov Telescope Array - CTA**
- **XENON dark matter search**
- **LIGO + Virgo gravitational waves**

# lecture 1

**Historical introduction**  
**Basic properties of Cosmic Rays**



# Discovery of Radioactivity

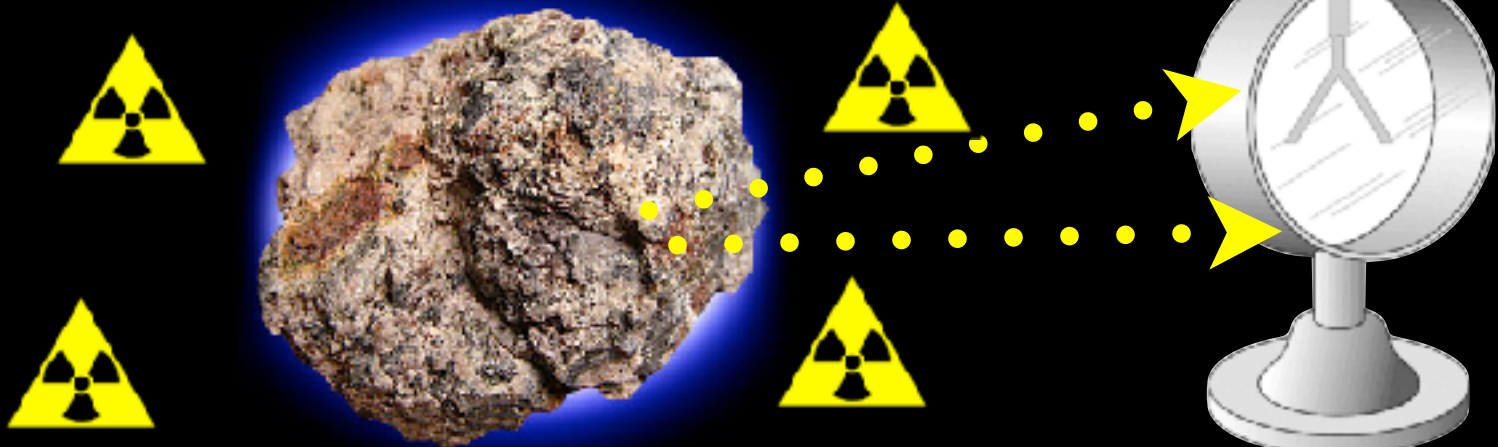


Henri Becquerel



Marie & Pierre Curie

Nobel Prize  
1903



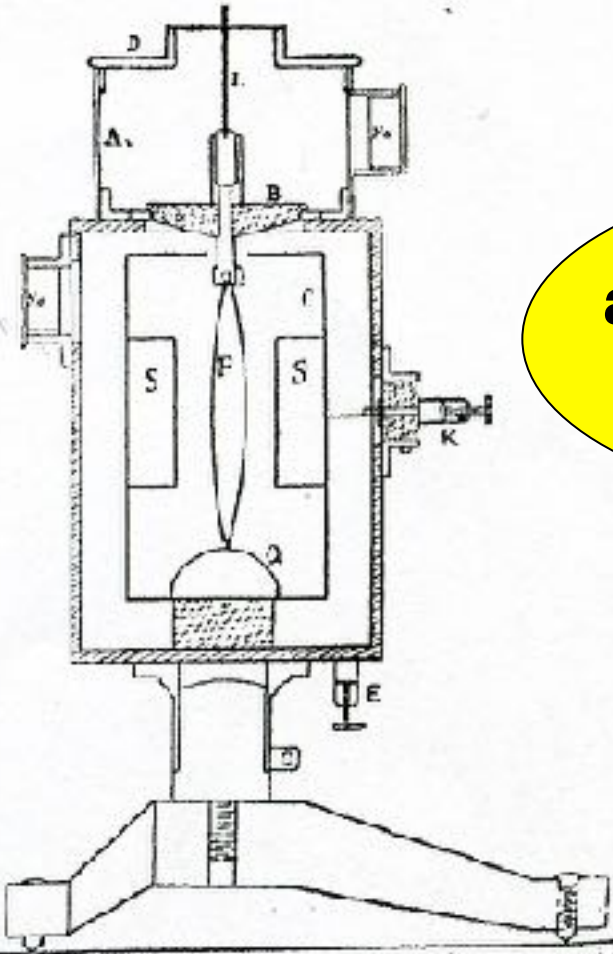
Ein neues Elektrometer für statische Ladungen.

Dritte Mitteilung<sup>1)</sup>.

Von Th. Wulf.

Mitteilung enthält einige  
weiter beschriebenen Appa-  
raturerhöhung seiner Transport-

a new electrometer  
for static charges





**Sir J.J.Thomson  
Nobel Prize 1906**



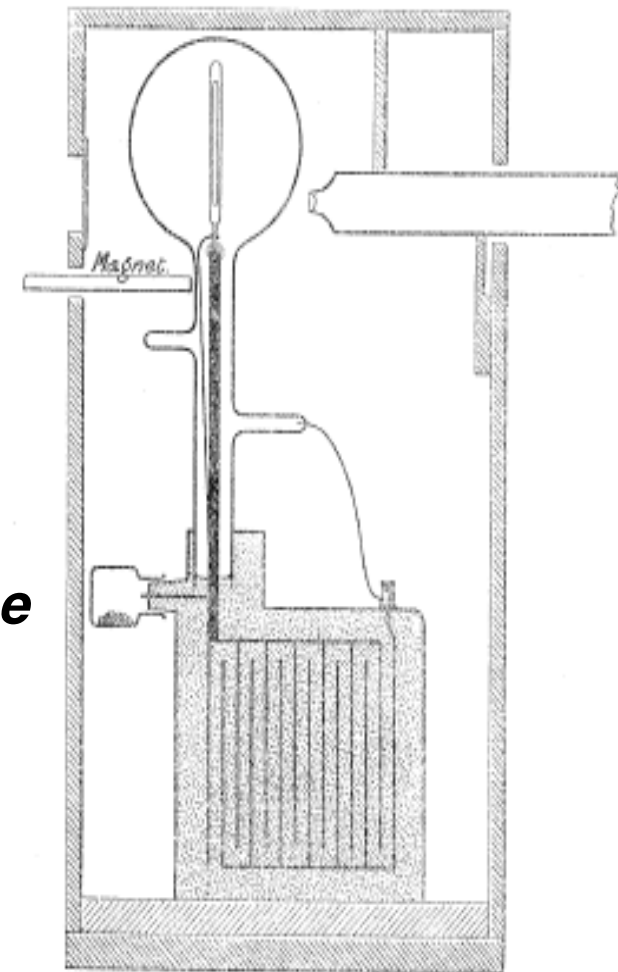
**Conduction of electricity through gases (1928):**

**It would be one of the romances of science if these obscure and prosaic minute leakages of electricity from well-insulated bodies should be the means by which the most fundamental problems in the evolution of the cosmos came to be investigated.**



Credit Alex MacDonald

## Detector used by Wilson to investigate ionization of air



***“the continuous production of ions in dust-free air could be explained as being due to radiation from sources outside our atmosphere, possibly radiation like Röntgen rays or cathode rays, but of enormously greater penetrating power”***

**C T R Wilson, Proc Roy Soc A 68 (1901) 151**



on the origin of gamma radiation in the atmosphere

Über den Ursprung der in der Atmosphäre vorhandenen  $\gamma$ -Strahlung.

Von Th. Wulf.

Tabelle I.

Strahlung der Wände von Gebäuden.

Ort	Material	Alter	Strahlung Ionen pro cm <sup>2</sup> u. Sekunde
Abtei Maria Laach bei Andernach a. Rh. . . . .	Vulkanisch Tuff	50 Jahre	13,7
Valkenburg, Colleg, Holland-L. . . . .	Ziegelsteine	15 "	3,7
Löwen, Colleg, Belgien	Ziegelsteine	—	8,0
Namur, Colleg N. D. de la paix, Belgien . . . . .	Ziegelsteine	ca. 100	3,7
Wynandsrade Kasteel, Holland . . . . .	Ziegelsteine	200 Jahre	0,0

Man kann den Inhalt dieser Arbeit kurz so zusammenfassen. Es wird über Versuche berichtet, welche beweisen, daß an dem Beobachtungsort die durchdringende Strahlung von primär radioaktiven Substanzen verursacht wird, welche in den obersten Erdschichten liegen, bis etwa 1 m unter der Oberfläche.

Wenn ein Teil der Strahlung aus der Atmosphäre stammt, so ist er doch so klein, daß er sich mit den gebrauchten Mitteln nicht nachweisen ließ.

Die zeitlichen Schwankungen in der  $\gamma$ -Strahlung . . . . .

the radiation originates from the soil maybe a small contribution from the atmosphere

Nur in dem alten holländischen Kasteel Wynandsrade, vor fast 200 Jahren aus Ziegelsteinen erbaut, zeigte sich kein Unterschied in der Strahlung im Zimmer und im Freien. — Am stärksten war die Strahlung in Maria Laach in einem



~1910



**Theodor Wulf**

**1909: Soddy & Russel:  
attenuation of gamma rays  
follows an exponential law**

$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu L}$$



# Discovery of Cosmic Rays

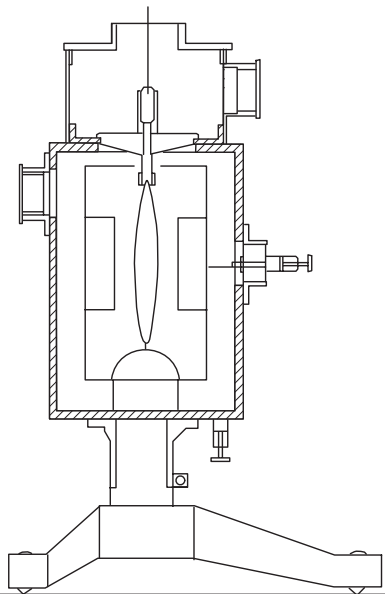
## Viktor Franz Hess

### 7. August 1912

Early cosmic-ray work published in German

Jörg R. Hörandel

Citation: *AIP Conf. Proc.* **1516**, 52 (2013); doi: 10.1063/1.4792540



**FIGURE 1.** *Left:* Electrometer after Th. Wulf [5]. *Right:* Two grandsons of V.F. Hess revealing a plaque to commemorate the discovery of cosmic rays on August 7th, 2012, close to the presumed landing site of V.F. Hess in Pieskow close to Berlin. It reads: "To commemorate the discovery of cosmic rays. On 7 August 1912 landed the Austrian physicist Victor F. Hess with a hydrogen balloon close to Pieskow. On the journey from Lower-Bohemia he reached an altitude of 5300 m and he proved the existence of a penetrating, ionizing radiation from outer space. For the discovery of cosmic rays V.F. Hess has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1936. The participants of the symposium '100 years cosmic rays', Bad Saarow-Pieskow, 7 August 2012".

Aeronautisches Gelände im Wiener Prater, wo seine ersten Freiballon-Forschungsfahrten u schichtfliehe Mu

Hess on

Route des Entdeckungsfluges der kosmischen Strahlung.

Aus der Abteilung für Geophysik, Meteorologie  
und Erdmagnetismus:

Viktor F. Hess (Wien), Über Beobachtungen  
der durchdringenden Strahlung bei sieben  
Freiballonfahrten.

on the observation of  
the penetrating  
radiation during 7  
balloon campaigns

Im Vorjahre habe ich bereits Gelegenheit  
gehabt, zwei Ballonfahrten zur Erforschung  
der durchdringenden Strahlung zu unterneh-  
men: über die erste Fahrt

7. Fahrt (7. August 1912).

Ballon: „Böhmen“ (1680 cbm Wasserstoff).  
Meteorolog. Beobachter: E. Wolf.

Führer: Hauptmann W. Hoffory.  
Luftelektr. Beobachter: V. F. Hess.

		Mittlere Höhe		Beobachtete Strahlung				Temp.	Relat. Feucht. Proz.
		absolut	relativ m	Apparat 1	Apparat 2	Apparat 3			
				$\varphi_1$	$\varphi_2$	$\varphi_3$	reduz. $\varphi_3$		
1	15h 15—16h 15	156	0	17,3	12,9	—	—	1½ Tag vor dem Auf- stiege (in Wien)	
2	16h 15—17h 15	156	0	15,9	11,0	18,4	18,4		
3	17h 15—18h 15	156	0	15,8	11,2	17,5	17,5		
4		1700	1400	15,8	14,4	—	—		
		2750	2500	17,3	17,3	—	—		
		3850	3600	19,8	—	—	—		
		4800	4700	40,7	36,7	—	—		
		(4400)	(3350)	—	—	—	—		
8	10h 45—11h 15	4400	4200	28,1	22,7	—	—		
9	11h 15—11h 45	1300	1200	(9,7)	11,5	—	—		
10	11h 45—12h 10	250	150	11,9	10,7	—	—		
11	12h 25—13h 12	140	0	15,0	11,6	—	—		

hydrogen!

altitude

intensity



Aus der Abteilung für Geophysik, Meteorologie  
und Erdmagnetismus:

Viktor F. Hess (Wien), Über Beobachtungen  
der durchdringenden Strahlung bei sieben



V.F. Hess in 1936–37, on the occasion of Nobel prize.

**Nobel Prize 1936**

der Verringerung der radioaktiven Substanzen  
der Atmosphäre zurückzuführen.

Die Ergebnisse der vorliegenden Beobachtungen scheinen am ehesten durch die Annahme erklärt werden zu können, daß eine Strahlung von sehr hoher Durchdringungskraft von oben her in unsere Atmosphäre eindringt, und auch noch in deren untersten Schichten einen Teil der in geschlossenen Gefäßen beobachteten Ionisation hervorruft. Die Intensität dieser Strahlung scheint zeitlichen Schwankungen unterworfen zu sein, welche bei einstündigen Ablesungsintervallen noch erkennbar sind. Da ich im Ballon weder bei Nacht noch bei einer Sonnenfinsternis eine Verringerung der Strahlung fand, so kann man wohl kaum die Sonne als Ursache dieser hypothetischen Strahlung ansehen, wenigstens solange man nur an eine direkte  $\gamma$ -Strahlung mit geradliniger Fortpflanzung denkt.

Daß die Zunahme der Strahlung erst jenseits 3000 m so stark merklich wird ist nicht

erweitertes Beobachtungsmaterial wurde.

# Neue Untersuchungen über die durchdringende Hesssche Strahlung.

Von E. Steinke in Königsberg i. Pr.

# Absorption in the atmosphere

Intensity as function for different altitudes

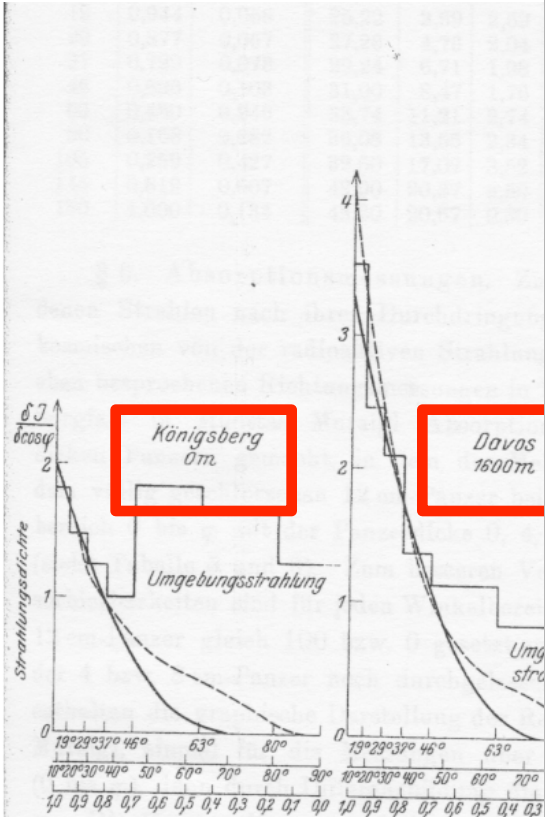
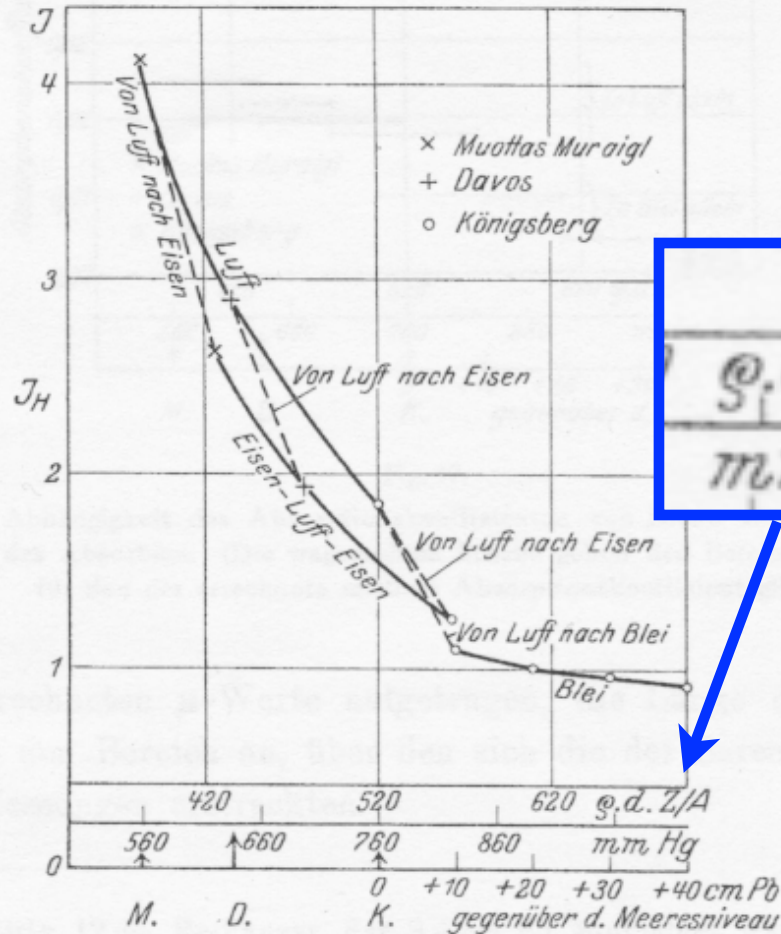


Fig. 9. Richtungsverteilung der durchdringenden Strahlung. Die Kurve gibt die beobachteten Werte an. Ferner bedeutet die berechnete Kurve für die durchdringende Strahlung mit einer Absorption von  $0,05 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  zusammen

intensity



$\frac{\text{g.d. Z/A}}{\text{mm Hg}}$

atmospheric overburden

Intensität der durchdringenden Strahlung in Abhängigkeit von der Absorptionsschicht.