

~1930 „elementary particles“: charged neutral

Rutherford (1919) **p** **n** (1932) Chadwick

Thomson (1897) **e<sup>-</sup>** **γ** (1905/26) Einstein



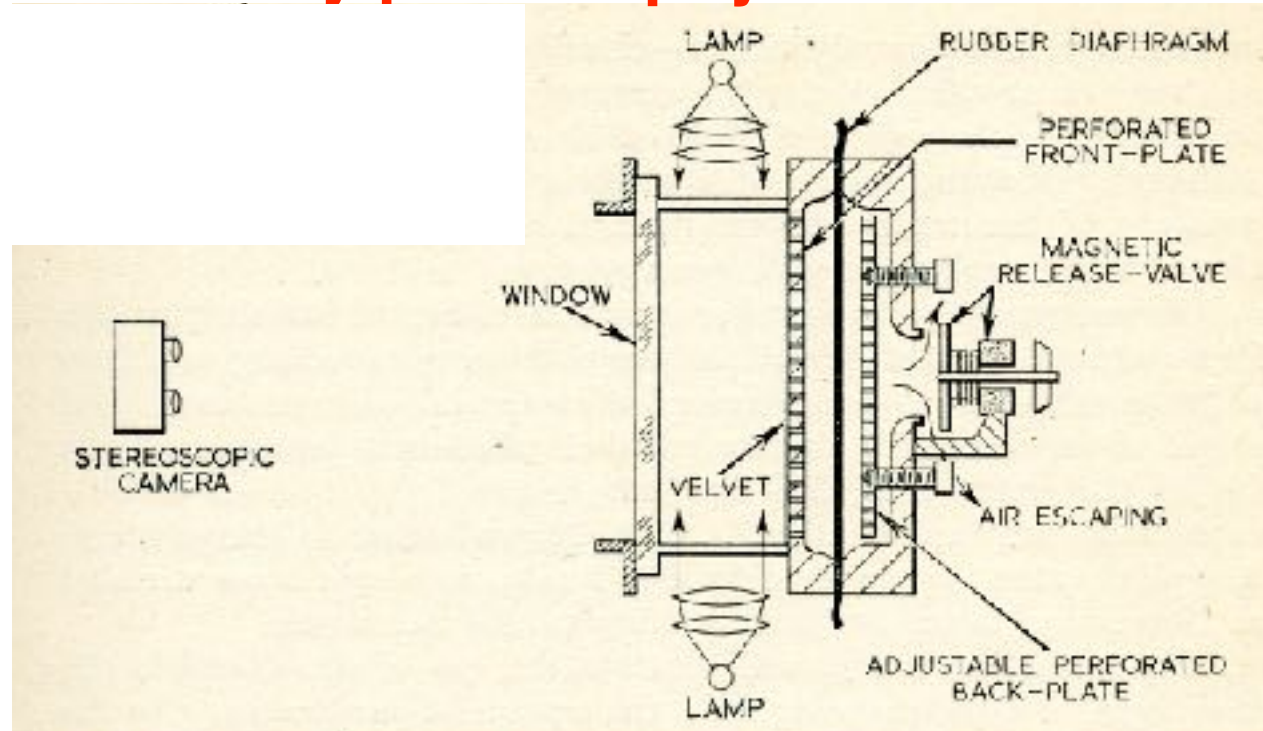
## Discovery of new particles in cosmic rays

~1930 – 1950

birth of elementary particle physics



cloud chamber  
C.T.R. Wilson  
Nobel Prize 1927



## The Positive Electron $e^+$

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(Received February 28, 1933)

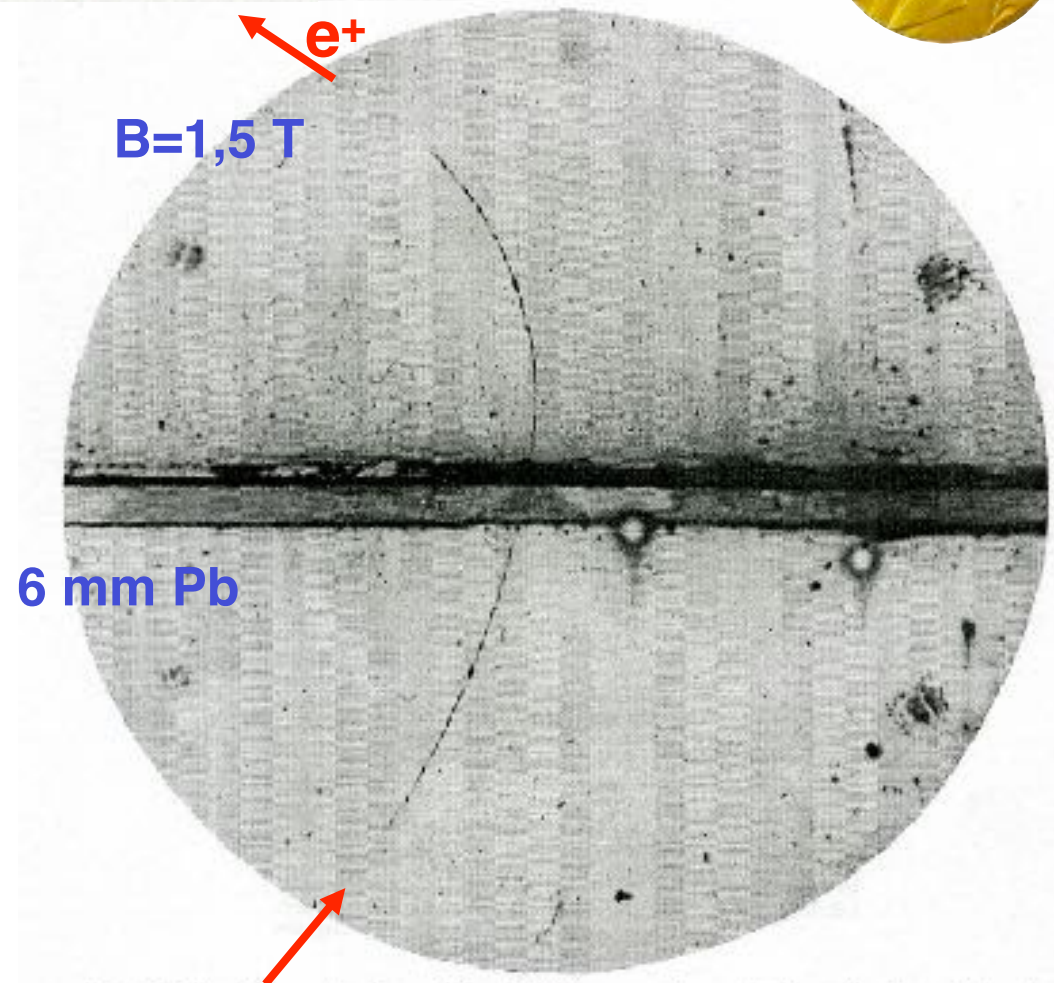
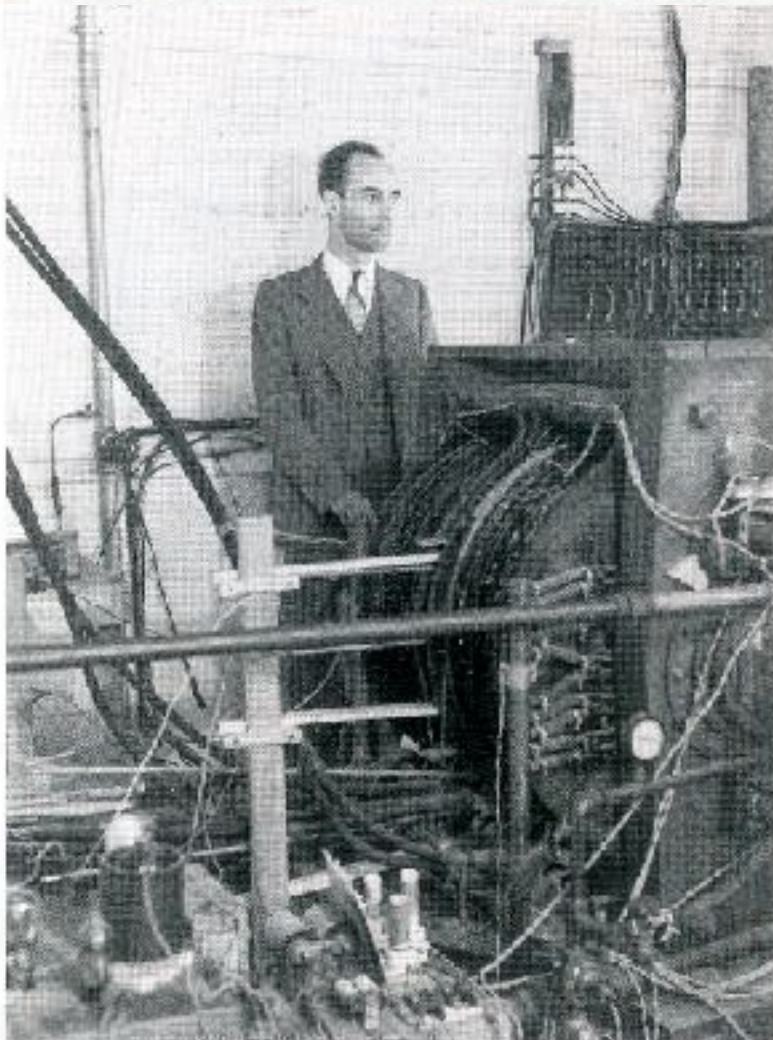
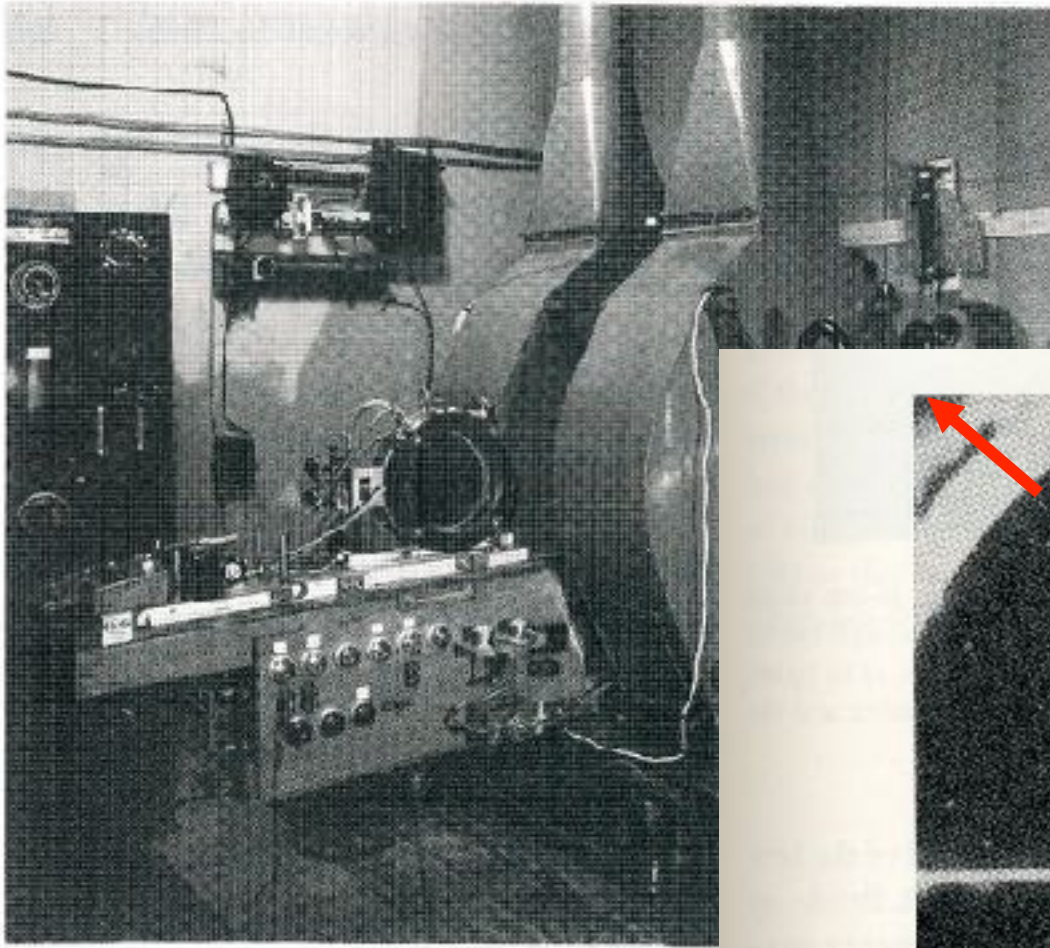


FIG. 1. A 63 million volt positron ( $H_p = 2.1 \times 10^6$  gauss-cm) passing through a 6 mm lead plate and emerging as a 23 million volt positron ( $H_p = 7.5 \times 10^5$  gauss-cm). The length of this latter path is at least ten times greater than the possible length of a proton path of this curvature.

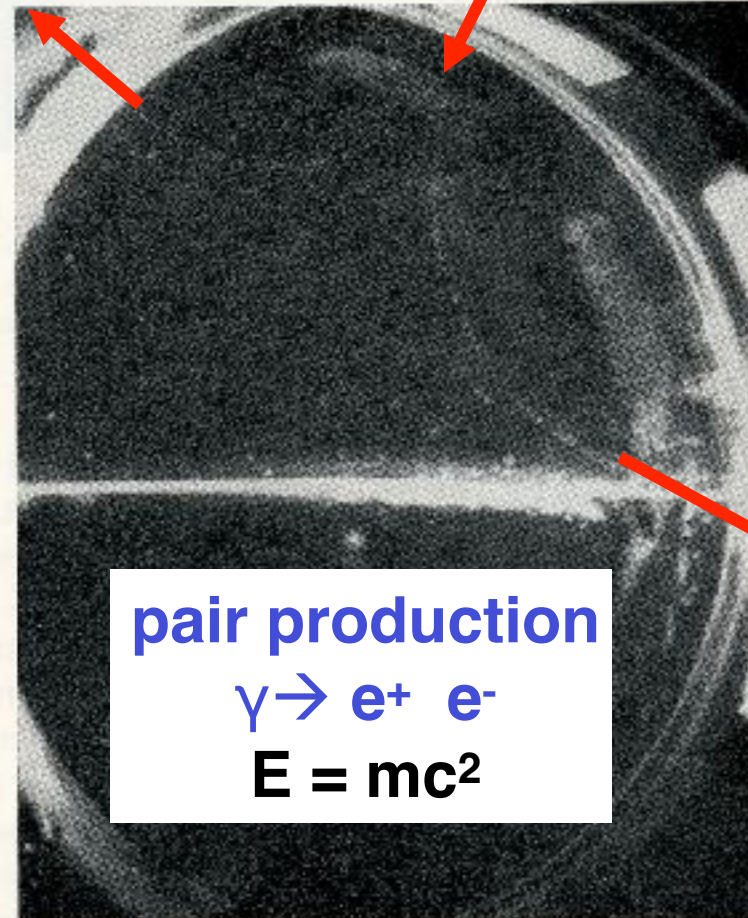


P.M.S. Blackett  
Nobel Prize 1948



1933 Blackett & Occhialini

10 t electromagnet  
30 cm cloud chamber



pair production

$$\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

$$E = mc^2$$

Fig. 9. Pair of positive and negative electrons produced by gamma rays. (Chadwick, Blackett, and Occhialini, 1934)

# Electromagnetic Cascades B. Rossi 1933

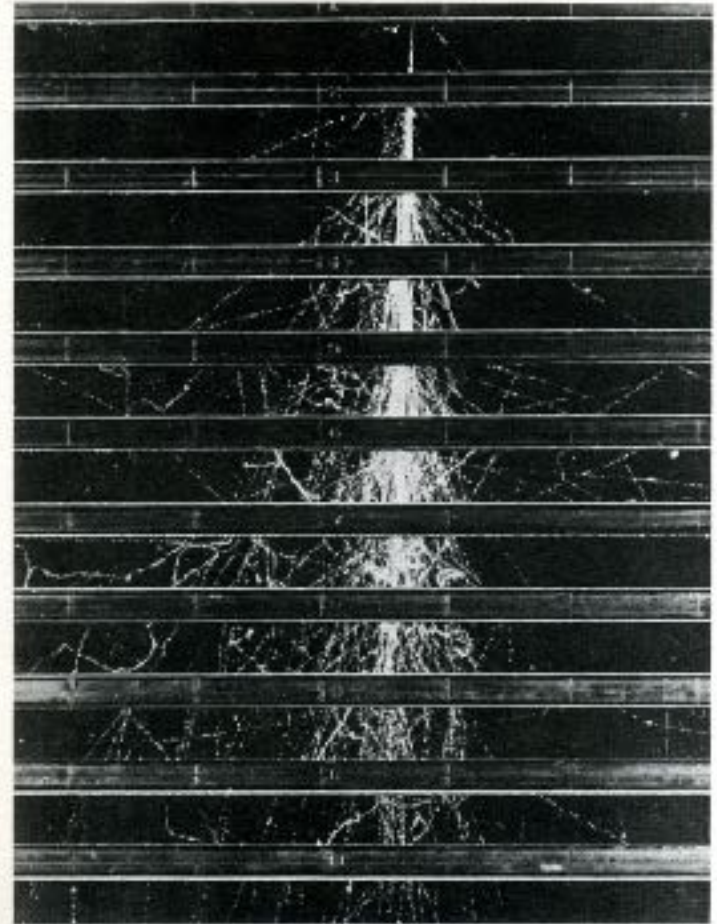
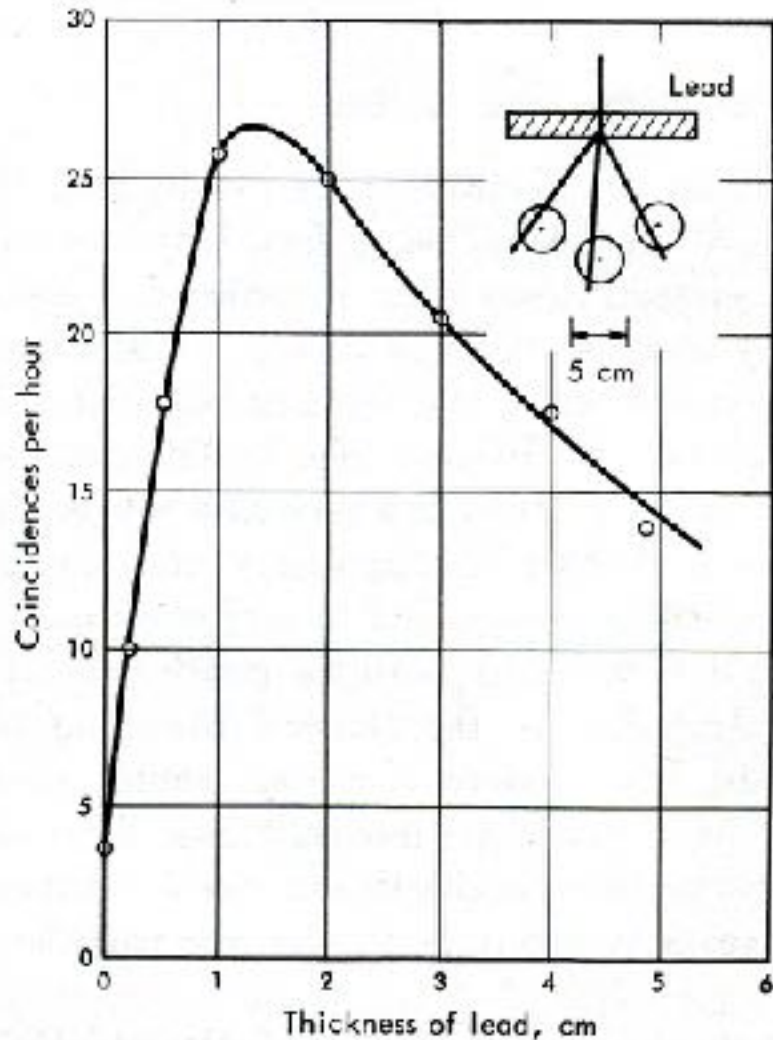


Fig. 7-5 A shower developing through a number of brass plates 1.25 cm thick placed across a cloud chamber. The shower was initiated in the top plate by an incident high-energy electron or positron. The photograph was taken by the MIT cosmic-ray group.

**Fig. 7-1 Shower curve.** The number of coincidences per hour is plotted as a function of the thickness of lead above the counters. The experimental arrangement is shown schematically in the inset. The circles are experimental points. (This figure is based on one appearing in a paper by the author in *Zeitschrift für Physik*, vol. 82, p. 151, 1933.)

$$\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

$$e^{\pm} \rightarrow \gamma$$

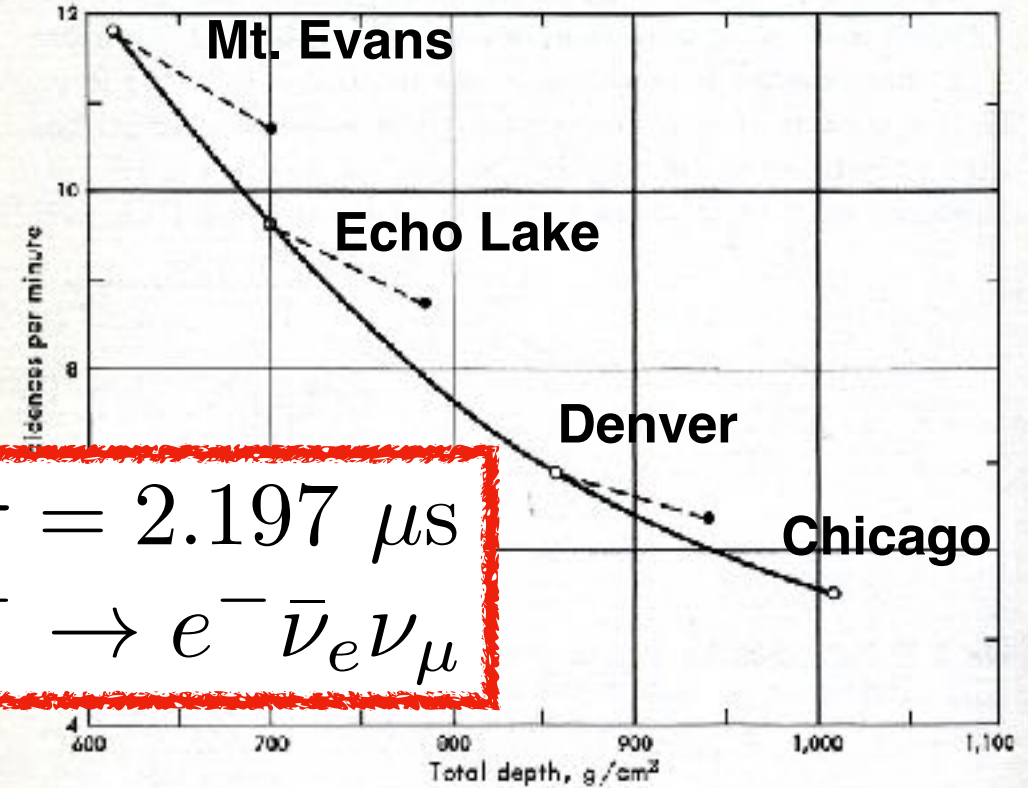
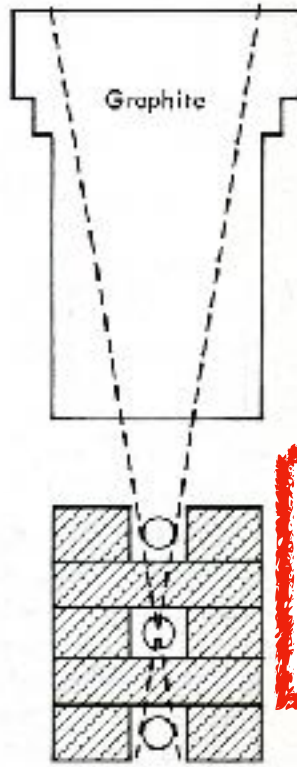


# Discovery of the Muon

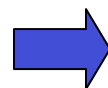
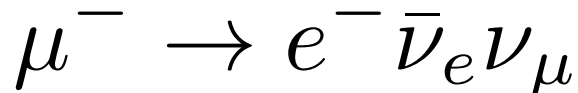
1937 Anderson & Neddermeyer:  $\mu$  in cloud chamber

$$m_{\mu} \sim 200 m_e$$

1939 B. Rossi: life time



PDG:  $\tau = 2.197 \mu\text{s}$




life time  $\tau \sim 2 \mu\text{s}$

$\mu \rightarrow e + \dots$

# P. Auger Jungfraujoch

Pierre Auger  
Paul Ehrenfest  
Louis Leprince-Ringuet } 2-26 IX 1934  
Wilson hammer viele "showers"

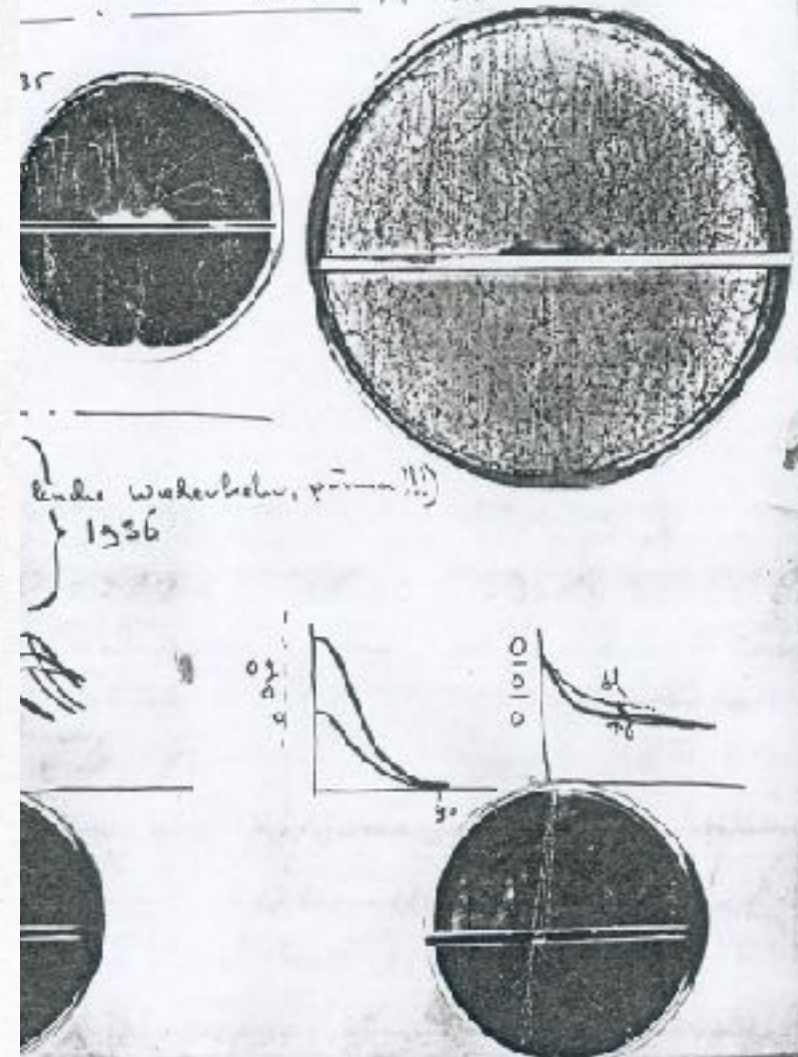


The sketches include two graphs of particle tracks, a diagram of a detector with a sun and clouds, and another diagram of a detector with a grid and a particle path.



MEASURING COSMIC RAYS IN THE SWISS ALPS

The author (left) and his collaborator, P. Ehrenfest, set up their apparatus in the Jungfraujoch.



Guest book research station Jungfraujoch (E. Flückiger)



**Kurze Originalmitteilungen.**

Für die kurzen Originalmitteilungen ist ausschließlich der Verfasser verantwortlich.

**Gekoppelte Höhenstrahlen.**

Bei Bestimmungen der Zufallskoinzidenzen hoch auflösender Zählrohrverstärkeranordnungen (bis  $5 \cdot 10^{-7}$  sec) ergab sich eine wesentlich größere Anzahl, als nach den elektrischen Konstanten der Anordnung zu erwarten war, ferner ihre Anzahl abhängig vom gegenseitigen Abstand der Zählrohre, wie z. B. für Zählrohre von 430 qcm wirksamer Oberfläche ( $90^\circ 4,8$ ) und  $\tau = 5 \cdot 10^{-6}$  sec Tabelle 1 zeigt.

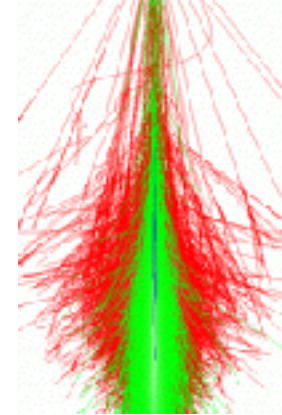
Tabelle 1. Anzahl der zusätzlichen Koinzidenzen je Stunde in Abhängigkeit vom gegenseitigen Abstand der ungepanzerten Zählrohre.

Rohrabstand in m:	1,25	3,75	5,00	7,50	10,00	20,00	75,00
Im Experimentierraum . . . . .	$13,3 \pm 2,1$	$13,3 \pm 1,3$	$13,1 \pm 1,3$	$9,3 \pm 1,2$	$0,4 \pm 0,8$	—	$0,7 \pm 1,3$
Im Freien . . . . .	$37,5 \pm 4,4$	—	$21,5 \pm 2,1$	—	$10,0 \pm 2,2$	$2,5 \pm 1,5$	—

Mit zunehmendem Abstand der Zählrohre voneinander nimmt die Anzahl der Zufallskoinzidenzen zunächst dauernd ab, bis sich bei über 10,0 m Abstand (Beobachtungen im Experimentierraum) konstante Werte einstellen und überschüssige Koinzidenzen nicht mehr nachweisbar sind. Wurde ein Bleipanzer ( $10 \cdot 10 \cdot 40$  cm<sup>3</sup>) so zwischen die Zählrohre gebracht, daß er den Durchgang ein und desselben Strahles durch die beiden horizontal liegenden Rohre hinderte, so änderte sich wesentlich nichts, wie ja nach der Richtungsverteilung der Höhenstrahlen zu erwarten ist. Wohl aber machten sich die zusätzlichen Koinzidenzen nicht mehr bemerkbar, wenn die Rohre allseitig durch 10 cm Blei geschirmt wurden. Dann erhielt man auch bei nahe aneinanderliegenden Rohren dieselben konstanten Werte für  $\tau$  wie bei über 10 m Abstand ungepanzert. Die zusätzlichen Koinzidenzen mußten demnach von Strahlen herrühren, die durch 10 cm Blei weitgehend absorbiert werden. Bei starker Erhöhung der Stoßzahlen durch radioaktive Bestrahlung wird der Einfluß der Höhenstrahlen unwirksam. Dann ergab sich ebenfalls bei kleinerem Zählrohrabstande (5 m) der Wert des Auflösungsvermögens, der 1. nach den elektrischen Daten, 2. nach den Bestimmungen mit allseitigem Panzer und 3. nach den Messungen über 10 m Abstand ungepanzert das wahre Auflösungsvermögen der Anordnung darstellt.

Nur bei statistisch verteilten und voneinander unabhängigen Einzelstößen  $N_1$  und  $N_2$  der beiden Zählrohre gilt die Beziehung  $K_z = 2N_1N_2\tau$  zur Bestimmung des Auflösungsvermögens  $\tau$ . Es müssen also bei ungeschirmten und zu nahe

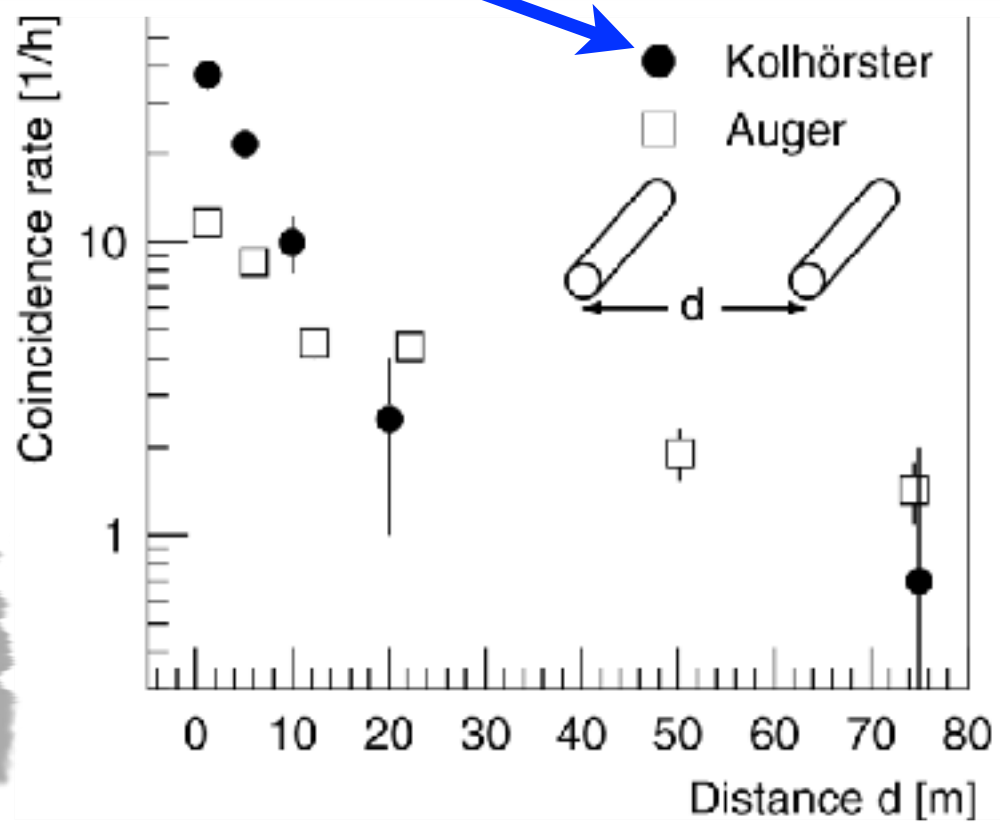
**coupled  
„high-altitude rays“**



Strahlen im Schauer. Unter der Decke des Experimentierraumes sind diese Sekundärstrahlen über eine Fläche von mindestens 60 qm sicher nachweisbar.

Sollten sie bevorzugt in die Zählrohre fallen würden nach der Geometrie bis zu  $80^\circ$  aus ihrer ursprünglichen Richtung worden sein. Indessen ist von nur 1 cm Blei und d. Strahlen von  $\mu_{Pb} = 0,12$  cm<sup>-1</sup> überwiegend in der Atmosphäre erzeugt werden. Daraus ergibt sich, daß in dem Freien eine größere Anzahl von Koinzidenzen zu erwarten ist, als mit der 2-fach-Koinzidenz die zusätzlichen Koinzidenzen 20 m sicher beobachtet werden können. Selbst bei 75 m Abstand sind Überschüsse vorhanden, deren Reihen sichergestellt werden können.

Aus dem niedrigen Absolutwert der Koinzidenzen, daß selbst Schauerstrahler dem Boden entstehen, die durch die Luft über eine Fläche von 60 qm Da für solche Schauer trotz der räumlichen Dichte der Sekundärstrahlen ordentlich gering sein kann, wenn sie als zusätzliche Koinzidenzen nachweisbar sind.



**Kolhörster  
discovery of air showers**

... wird sich also um Sekundärstrahlen handeln, um Schauer, handeln. Das zeigen auch folgende Versuche mit einer 3fachen Koinzidenzapparatur, deren Auflösungsvermögen mit einer besonderen Anordnung zu  $5 \cdot 10^{-6}$  sec bestimmt worden war. Bei Aufstellung der Zählrohre horizontal und radial auf einem Kreise ist dann überhaupt keine meßbare Anzahl von Zufallskoinzidenzen zu erwarten (höchstens  $10^{-4}$  Koi/Std.). Es ergaben sich aber bei Zählrohren von 216 qcm wirksamer Fläche

Dresden kurz berichtet. Berlin, Institut für Hörlöhrtät Berlin, den 25. August 1938. W. Kolhörster

**Neue Messungen der Fluoreszenzgrüne**

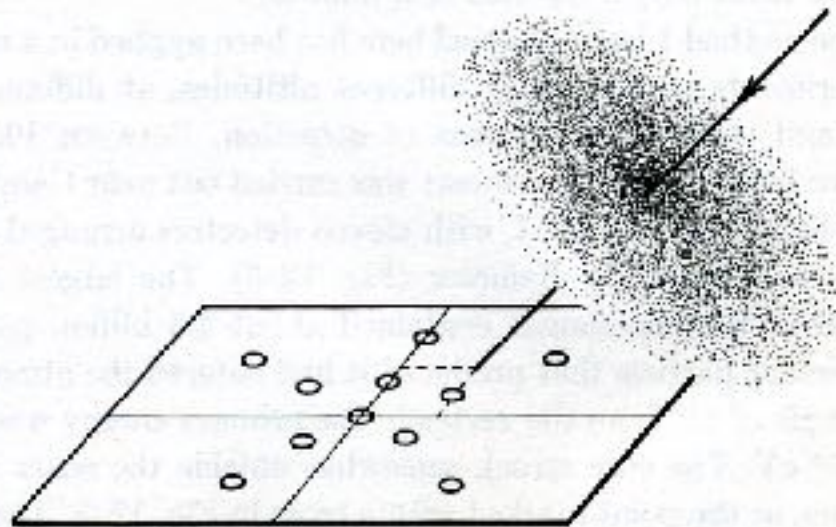
Ein günstiges Versuchsobjekt für quantitative Messungen ist die Meeressalge *Ulya lactuca*<sup>1</sup>. Sie besteht aus plattartigen...

P. Auger et al., Comptes renduz 206 (1938) 1721

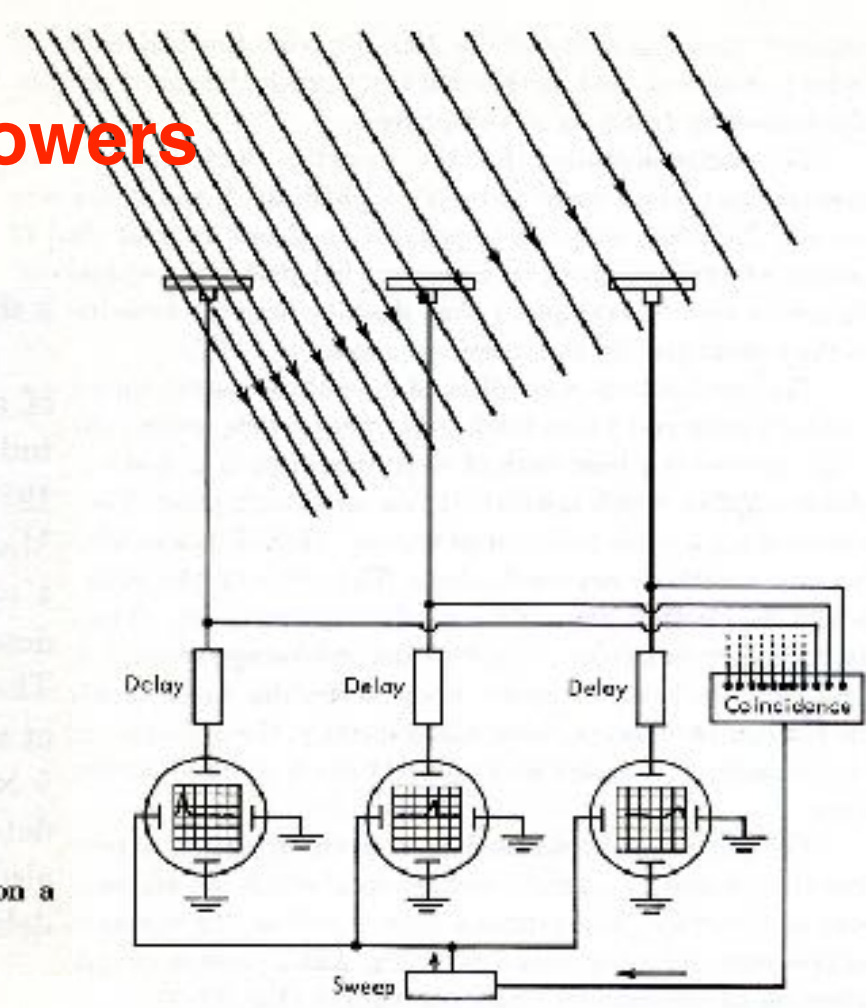




# ~ 1950 large detector arrays to measure extensive air showers



**Fig. 12-4** Shower disk approaching detectors (represented by circles on a horizontal plane).



**Fig. 12-3** Experimental arrangement used by the MIT cosmic-ray group to study air showers. Fluorescent plastic disks (thin rectangles at top) emit flashes of light when struck by charged particles. At the center of each disk is a photomultiplier tube that converts the light into an electrical pulse; the amplitude of the pulse is proportional to the brightness of the flash. Pulses travel to cathode-ray oscilloscopes (circles) through transmission lines containing delay circuits, which equalize the lengths of the electrical paths. Horizontal sweeps of all oscilloscope screens (grids) are triggered at the same time whenever three or more pulses pass through the coincidence circuit simultaneously. The amplitudes of the "spikes" (that is, the heights of the vertical deflections in the oscilloscope traces) indicate the numbers of particles striking the corresponding detectors. The positions of the spikes in the horizontal traces show the relative arrival times of the particles.

## EVIDENCE FOR A PRIMARY COSMIC-RAY PARTICLE WITH ENERGY $10^{20}$ eV†

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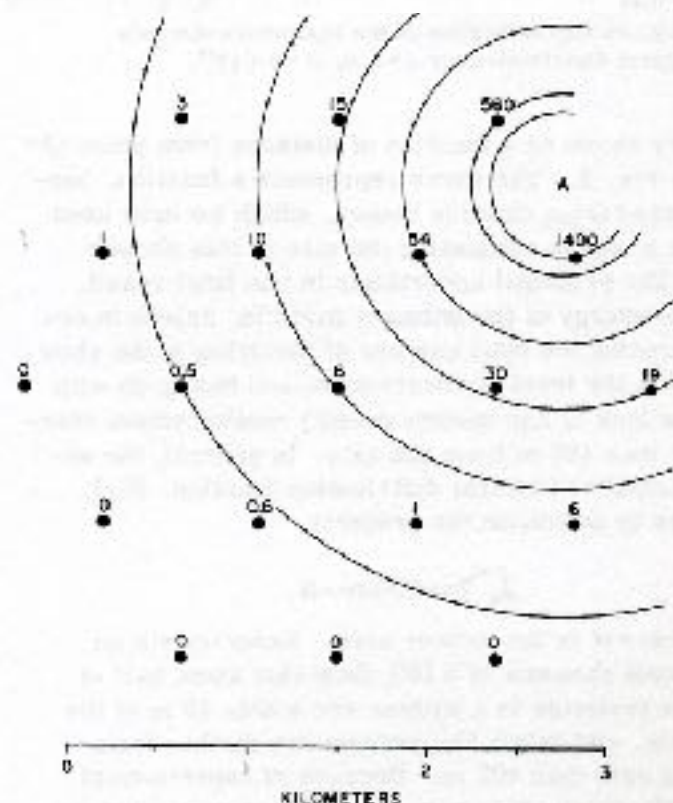
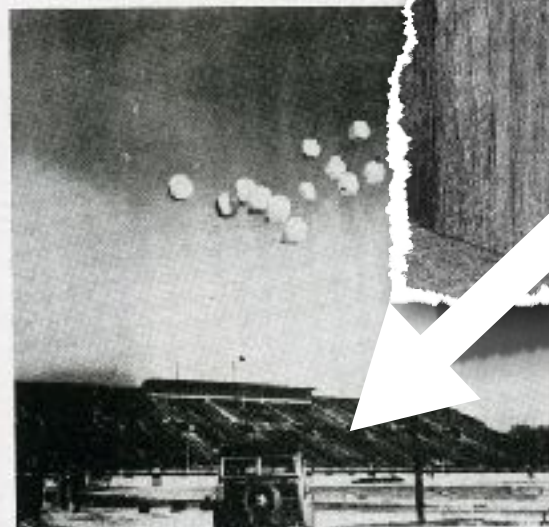


FIG. 1. Plan of the Volcano Ranch array in February 1962. The circles represent  $3.3\text{-m}^2$  scintillation detectors. The numbers near the circles are the shower densities (particles/ $\text{m}^2$ ) registered in this event, No. 2-4834. Point "A" is the estimated location of the shower core. The circular contours about that point aid in verifying the core location by inspection.

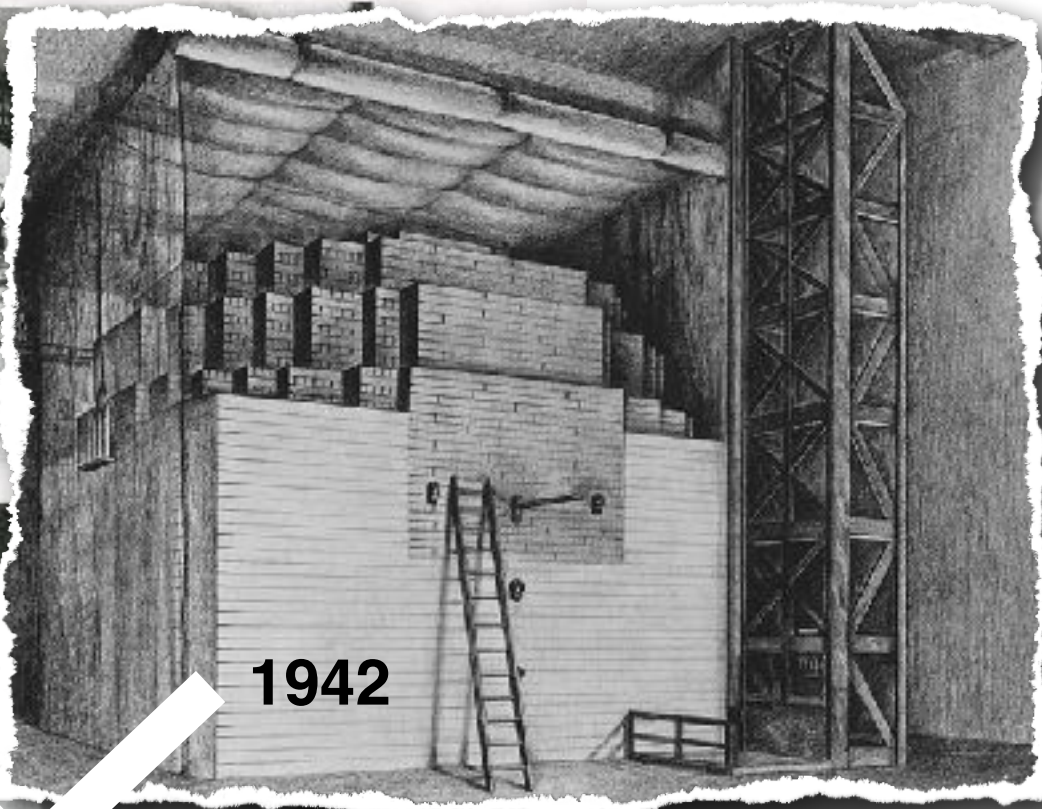


# 1943

## The University of Chicago



1942



*BALLOON FLIGHT OF JANUARY, 1943, CONDUCTED BY THE AUTHOR, SCHEIN, AND ROGOWSKI FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF EXTENSIVE (OR AUGER-) SHOWERS IN THE STRATOSPHERE*

*A. The balloons are assembled on Stag Field at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. In the foreground can be seen the long frame which was required for the wide separation of the cosmic-ray counters.*

*B. The large cluster of balloons as it is about to be released.*

*C. The balloon train sails into the sky after its release. Suspended below the balloons is the frame supporting the counters and recording apparatus.*

**P. Auger**



Fig. 1. Participants at the Cosmic Ray Conference (Symposium on Cosmic Rays, 1939) convened at the University of Chicago in the summer of 1939. The identification of participants is given by numbers in the overlay of this photograph as follows:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. H. Bethe              | 18. W. Bothe                  | 35. W. Bostick <sup>+</sup>   |
| 2. D. Froman             | 19. W. Heisenberg             | 36. C. Eckart                 |
| 3. R. Brode              | 20. P. Auger                  | 37. A. Code <sup>+</sup>      |
| 4. A.H. Compton          | 21. R. Serber                 | 38. J. Stearns (Denver?)      |
| 5. E. Teller             | 22. T. Johnson                | 39. J. Hopfield               |
| 6. A. Baños, Jr.         | 23. J. Clay (Holland)         | 40. E.O. Wollan*              |
| 7. G. Groetzinger        | 24. W.F.G. Swann              | 41. D. Hughes <sup>+</sup>    |
| 8. S. Goudsmit           | 25. J.C. Street (Harvard)     | 42. W. Jesse*                 |
| 9. M.S. Vallarta         | 26. J. Wheeler                | 43. B. Hoag                   |
| 10. L. Nordheim          | 27. S. Neddermeyer            | 44. N. Hillberry <sup>+</sup> |
| 11. J.R. Oppenheimer     | 28. E. Herzog (?)             | 45. F. Shonka <sup>+</sup>    |
| 12. C.D. Anderson        | 29. M. Pomerantz              | 46. P.S. Gill <sup>+</sup>    |
| 13. S. Forbush           | 30. W. Harkins (U. of C.)     | 47. A.H. Snell                |
| 14. Nielsen (of Duke U.) | 31. H. Beutler                | 48. J. Schremp                |
| 15. V. Hess              | 32. M.M. Shapiro <sup>+</sup> | 49. A. Haas? (Vienna)         |
| 16. V.C. Wilson          | 33. M. Schein*                | 50. E. Dershem*               |
| 17. B. Rossi             | 34. C. Montgomery (Yale)      | 51. H. Jones <sup>+</sup>     |

\*Then research associate of Compton.

+Then graduate student of Compton.



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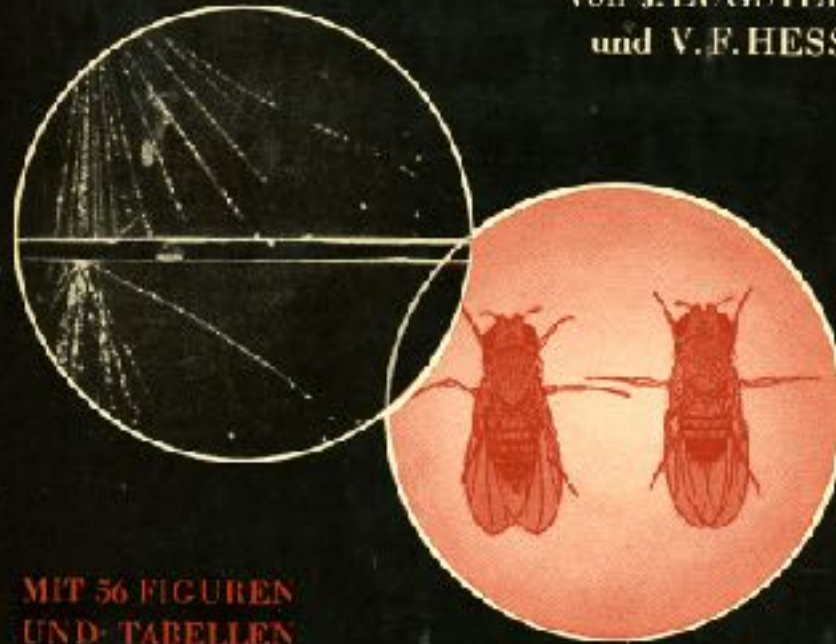
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# Die Weltraumstrahlung und ihre biologische Wirkung

von LEUGSTER  
und V.F. HESS



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UND TABELLEN

Die Kosmischen Strahlen, vor ca. 30 Jahren durch HESS entdeckt, und heute schon photographier- und meßbar, beeinflussen nachhaltig Wachstum, Fruchtbarkeit und Krebs, was EUGSTER in langjährigen Versuchen an Tieren und Pflanzen bewies. Das Buch gibt Physikern und Biologen, aber auch gebildeten Laien eine wertvolle Zusammenfassung der äußerst vielseitigen Forschungsergebnisse.

1939

# emulsion chambers at high-altitude lab above Innsbruck (Austria)

about it is the simultaneous emission of so many heavy particles with such long ranges, which excludes any confusion with 'stars' due to radioactive contamination. A similar configuration of tracks by chance is equally out of question. Brode and others<sup>1</sup>

## Disintegration Processes by Cosmic Rays with the Simultaneous Emission of Several Heavy Particles

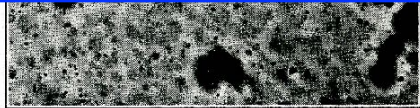


Fig. 1.

observed a single case of a disintegration with three heavy particles in a Wilson cloud chamber. The phenomenon which Wilkins believes was a shower of protons is perhaps a similar process, but he did not observe a centre<sup>2</sup>.

### Disintegration Processes by Cosmic Rays with the Simultaneous Emission of Several Heavy Particles

On photographic plates which had been exposed to cosmic radiation on the Hafelekar (2,300 m. above sea-level) near Innsbruck for five months, we found, apart from the very long tracks (up to 1,200 cm. in length) which have been reported recently in a note in the Wiener Akademie-Berichte, evidence of several processes described below.

From a single point within the emulsion several tracks, some of them having a considerable length take their departure. We observed four cases with three particles, four with four and 'stars' with seven, eight and nine particles, one of each kind.

The longest track corresponded to a range in (15°, 760 mm. Hg) of 176 cm. The ionization produced by the particles is different in the different cases. Most of the tracks show much larger mean grain-distances than  $\alpha$ -particles and slow protons.

In Fig. 1 a 'star' with eight tracks is reproduced. On account of the rather steep angles at which some of the particles cross the emulsion-layer (approximately 70  $\mu$  thick) it is not possible to have all the tracks of a 'star' in focus simultaneously. Fig. 1 shows a sketch of the same 'star'. Measurement of the tracks gives the results in the accompanying table.

Track	Length in cm. of air (15°, 760 mm.)	Number of grains	Position of the end of the track
A	30.0 "	113	Within the emulsion
B	11.0 "	15	" " "
C	44.6 "	71	Glass
D	6.2 "	11	"
E	7.0 "	22	"
F	1.2 "	5	Within the emulsion
G	13.6 "	67	Surface of the emulsion
H	23.9 "	58	Glass

Centre of the 'star' 25  $\mu$  under the surface of the emulsion.

We believe that the process in question is a disintegration of an atom in the emulsion (probably Ag or Br) by a cosmic ray. The striking feature



Die "Station für Ultraviolett-Forschung" auf dem Hafelekar bei Innsbruck (2300 m), 1950, vor dem späteren Ausbau.



M. BLAU.  
H. WAMBACHER.

Radium Institut  
u. 2 Physik. Institut,  
Wien.  
Aug. 25.

TRACK. AN INTERRUPTED LINE MEANS THAT THE TRACK IS TOO LONG TO BE REPRODUCED ON THE SAME SCALE. THE ARROWS INDICATE THE DIRECTION FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EMULSION TO THE GLASS.

The total energy involved in the process cannot as yet be calculated as most of the particles do not end in the emulsion.

We hope to give further details before long in the Wiener Akademie-Berichte.

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<sup>1</sup> Brode, R. L., and others, *Phys. Rev.*, 50, 581 (October, 1936).  
<sup>2</sup> Wilkins, *Nat. Geog. Soc., Stratosphere Series*, No. 2, 37 (1936).





# Tracks of Nuclear Particles in Photographic Emulsions

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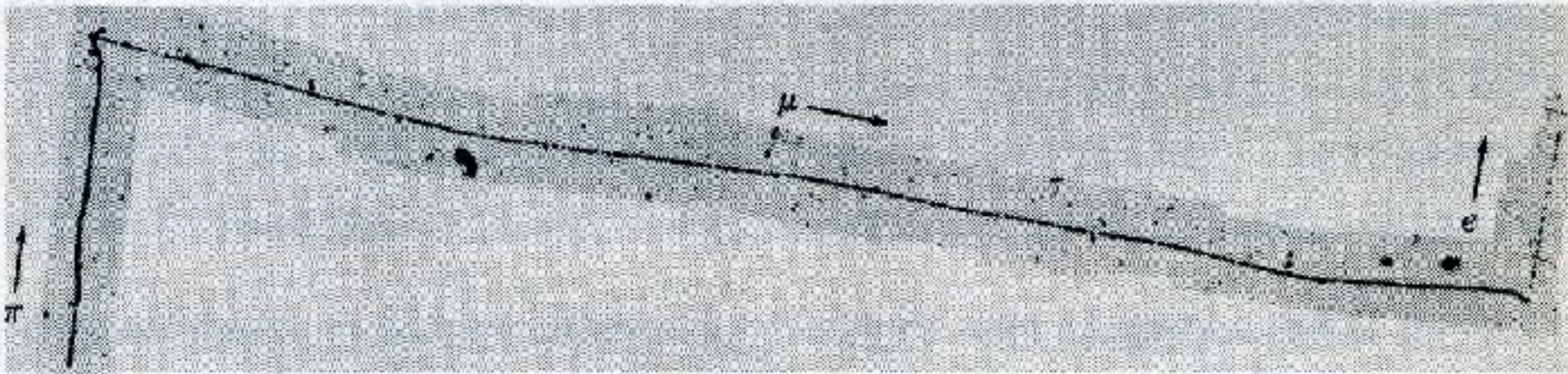
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# 1947 Discovery of the Pion



**Fig. 9-4** Photomicrograph of tracks in a nuclear emulsion, showing a  $\pi$  meson ( $\pi$ ) that comes to rest and decays into a  $\mu$  meson ( $\mu$ ). The  $\mu$  meson in turn comes to rest and decays into an electron ( $e$ ). (From R. H. Brown, U. Camerini, P. Fowler, H. Muirhead, C. F. Powell, and D. M. Ritson, *Nature*, vol. 163, p. 47, 1949.)

**C.F. Powell**  
**Nobel Prize 1950**

$$m_{\pi} \sim 280 m_e$$

**Pion: nuclear interaction**





# End 1940s plastic balloons



Fig. 1. Inflation of balloon of polyethylene just after dawn. The balloon has a total length of about 120 ft. and most of the fabric is on the ground. Such a balloon can in favorable conditions give level flight at about 90,000 ft. for many hours with a load of 40 kg.

1941 protons (M. Schein)

1948 heavy nuclei (Brandt & Peters)

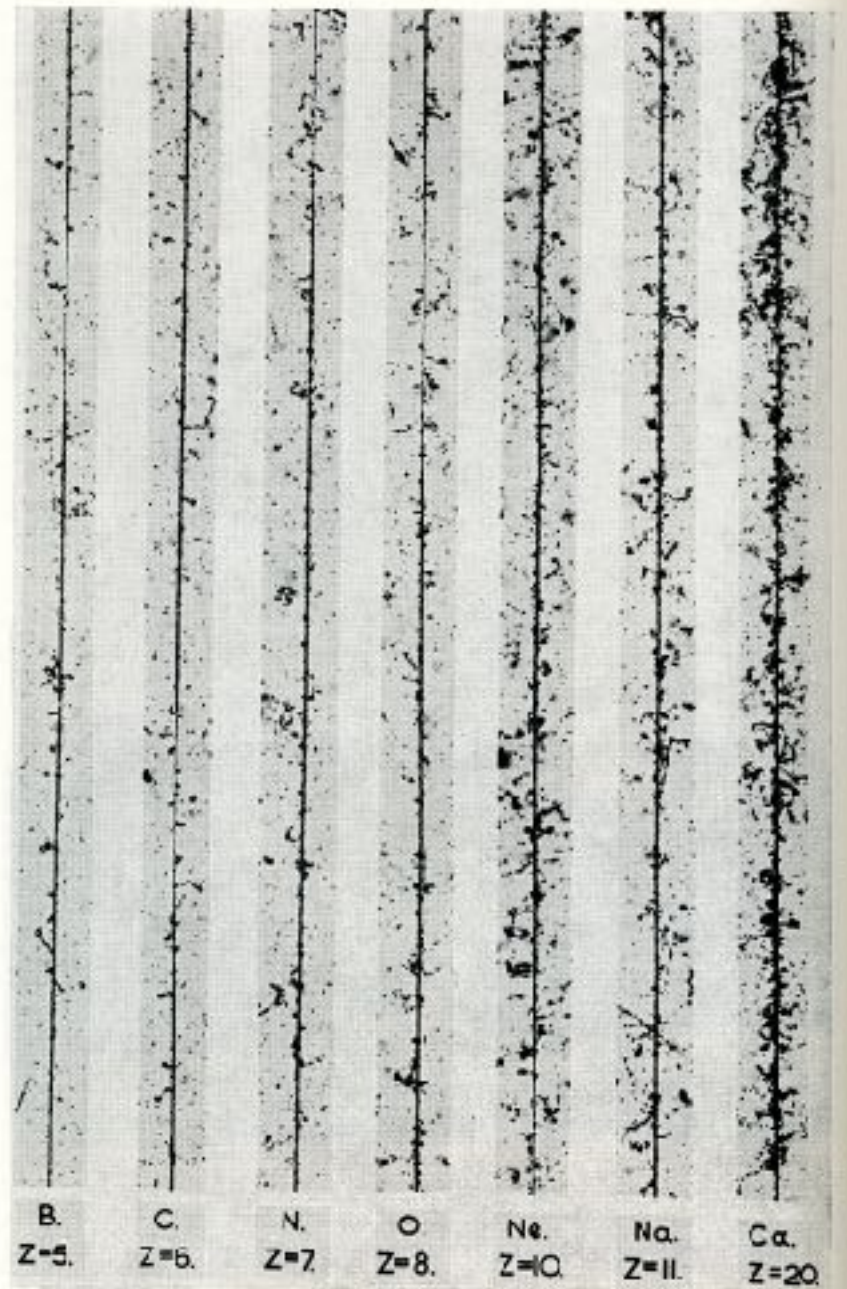


Fig. 2. Examples of the tracks in photographic emulsions of primary nuclei of the cosmic radiation moving at relativistic velocities.

# The Cosmic-Ray Counting Rate of a Single Geiger Counter from Ground Level to 161 Kilometers Altitude

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counting rate

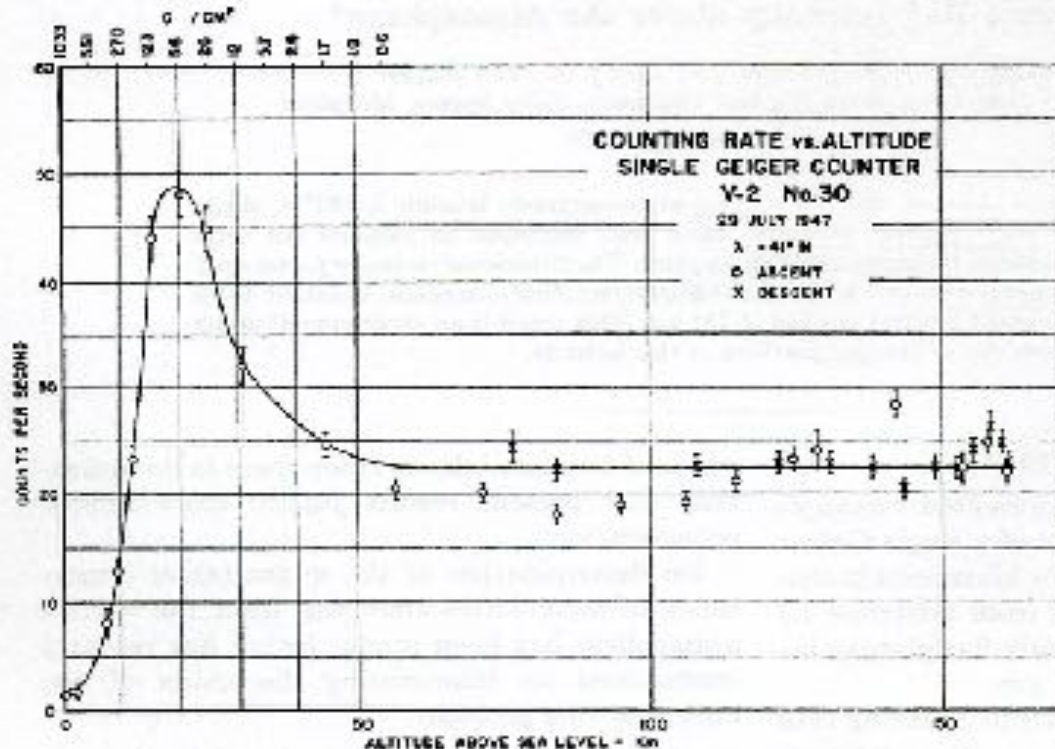
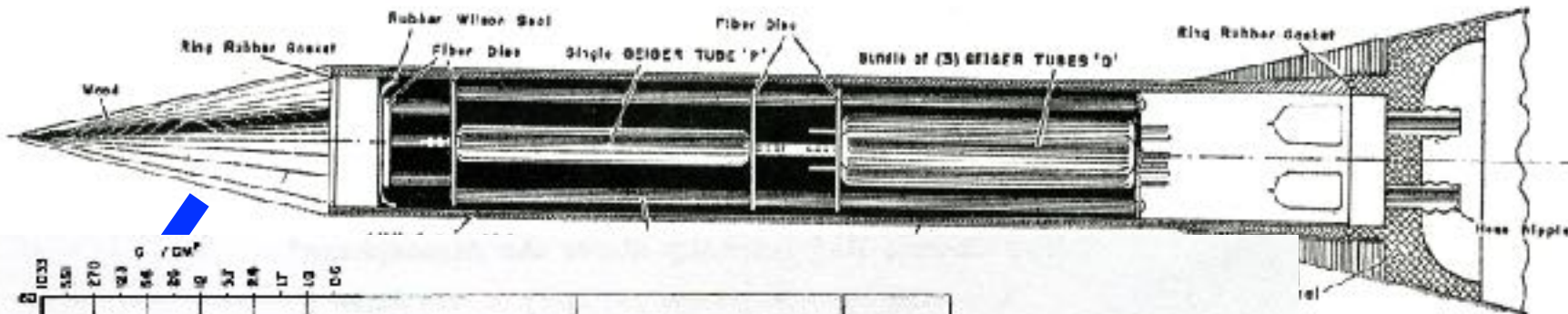


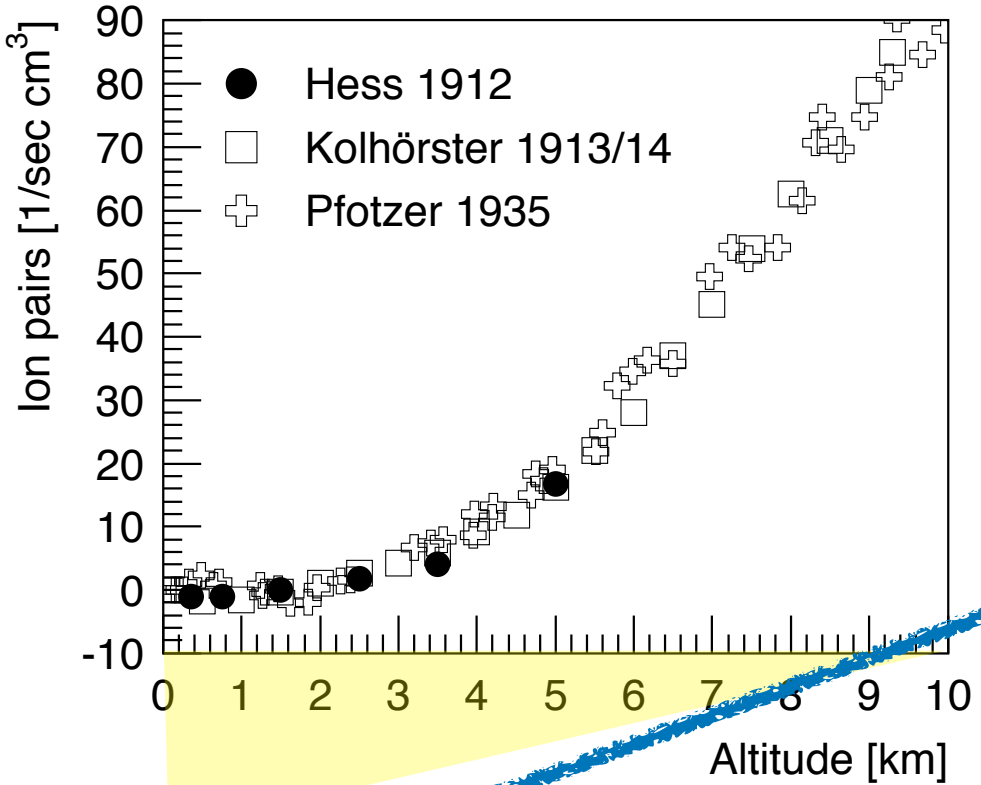
FIG. 1. Counting rate of a single Geiger counter as a function of altitude.

50 km

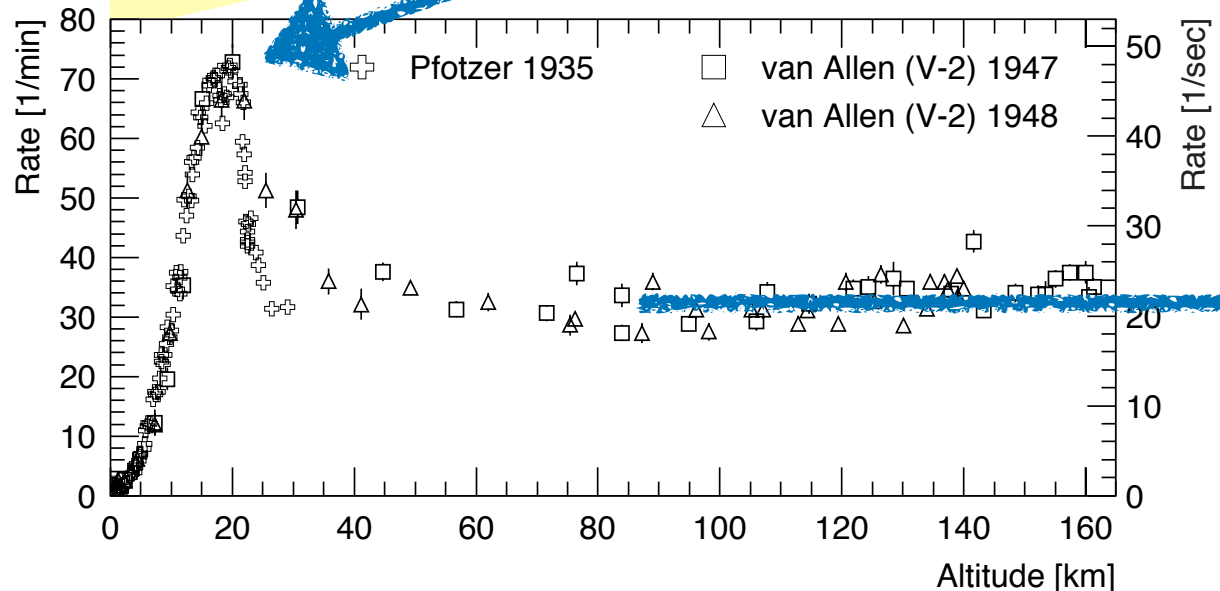
150 km



# Intensity vs. height



cosmic rays with ~GeV energies initiate cascades in the atmosphere



(galactic) cosmic rays

## Cosmic-Ray Detection on Board of a REXUS Rocket

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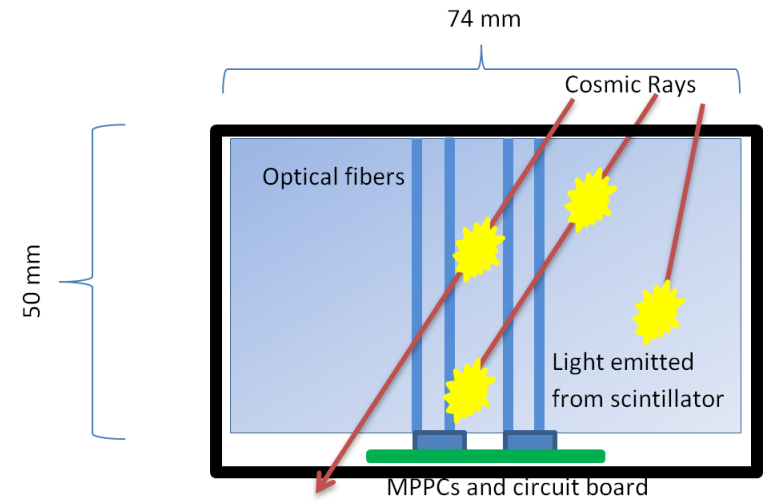


Figure 1.6: A schematic view of an intersection of the CubeSat cosmic-ray detector. Some cosmic-rays pass through the scintillator, but others are absorbed. Light emitted by the scintillator can then be detected by the light sensitive MPPCs at the bottom. The optical fibers increase the amount of light that is guided towards the MPPCs, thereby decreasing the amount of energy absorbed that remains undetected. The black outer rim represents the tape that covers the entirety of the cosmic-ray sensor, so that no outside light sources can cause misfires in the MPPCs.

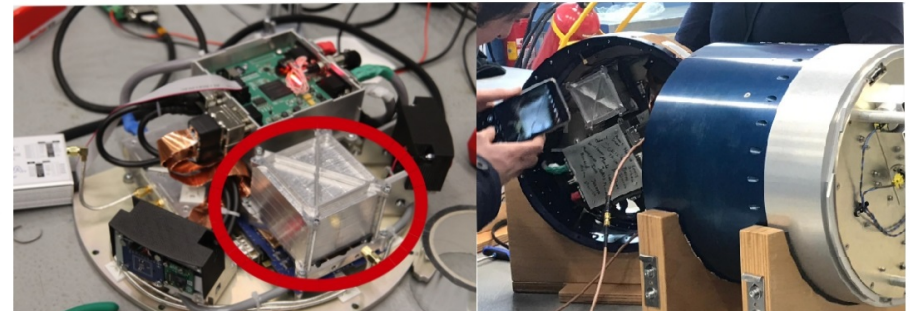


Figure 2.3: The PR3 module, without the outer rim. The circled gray box is the CubeSat cosmic-ray detector. And the PR3 module in the rocket.

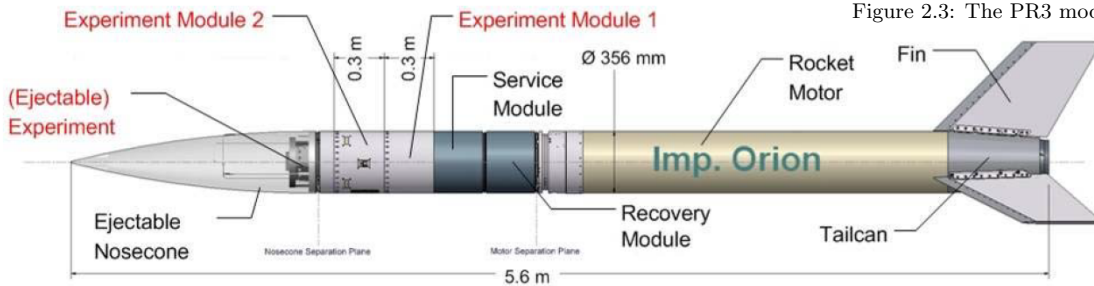


Figure 2.1: A typical configuration of a REXUS sounding rocket [4].



## Cosmic-Ray Detection on Board of a REXUS Rocket

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### 3.2.2 Counts and Altitudinal Profile

Using the altitude data, from the combination of REXUS 25 and REXUS 26, together with the measured counts for the cosmic radiation a cosmic-ray count rate versus altitude graph is reconstructed. This is done in order to get a look at the shape of the Pfozter maximum, from which the ratio of high and low energy particles can roughly be estimated.

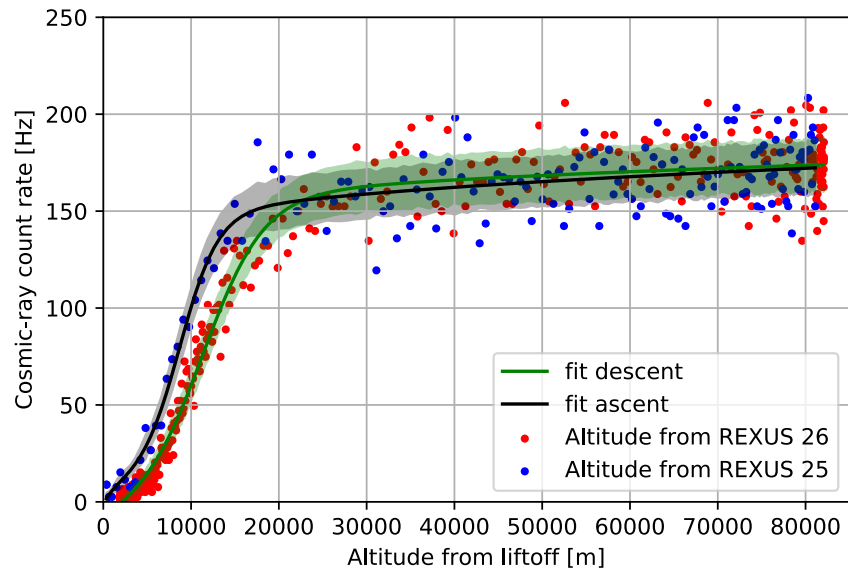


Figure 3.5: Altitude versus count rate. As the GPS data for the REXUS 25 flight cut-off around 80 km altitude this part of the flight has been fitted separate from the descent part of the flight, which was mainly made with GPS data from REXUS 26. A square root of  $N$  error for both the ascent and the descent fit is added as the shaded areas.

## Stars and Heavy Primaries Recorded during a V-2 Rocket Flight

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Plates flown to an altitude of 150.7 km in a V-2 rocket exhibit a differential star population of  $5000 \pm 800$  per cc per day and a flux of heavy primaries of about 0.03 per  $\text{cm}^2$  per min. above the stratosphere. The star intensity is about 3.6 times greater than that recorded by plates exposed in the stratosphere, the increment being attributable to secondary star forming radiations created by interaction of cosmic-ray primaries with the massive projectile. The flux of heavy primaries is essentially of the same order of magnitude as reported for elevations of 28 km.

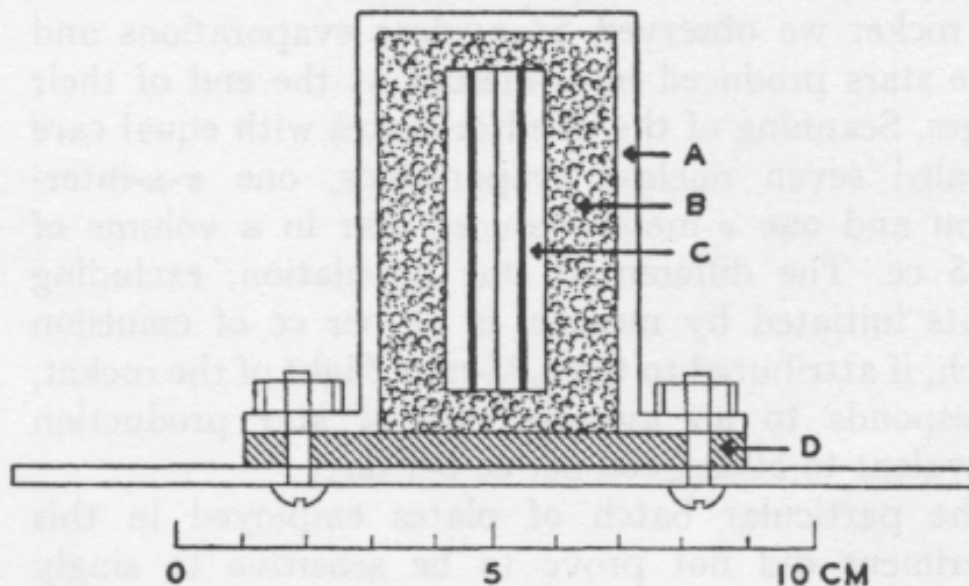


FIG. 1. Cross section of plate holder. A. Aluminum jacket 3 mm thick. B. Sponge rubber packing. C. Plates assembled with emulsion layers adjacent to each other. D. Rubber gasket.

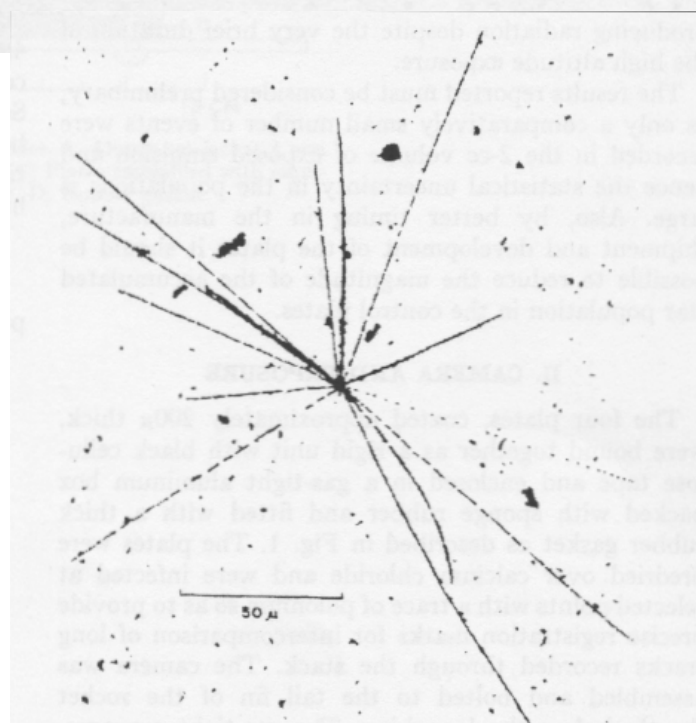


FIG. 3. Nuclear evaporation recorded in one of the rocket plates.



# 1953 Cosmic-Ray Conference

## birth of particle physics

### particles discovered in cosmic rays:

- 1932  $e^+$  Anderson
- 1937  $\mu$  Anderson/  
Neddermeyer
- 1947  $\pi$  Lattes,  
Occhialini, Powell
- 1947  $K$  Rochester,  
Butcher, Powell
- 1951-53 hyperons  
 $\Lambda$   $\Xi$   $\Sigma$

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# Rocket Determination of the Ionization Spectrum of Charged Cosmic Rays at $\lambda = 41^\circ\text{N}$

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In a V-2 rocket measurement at  $\lambda = 41^\circ\text{N}$  an analysis has been made of the various components of the charged particle radiation on the basis of ionization and absorption in lead. The ionization was determined by two proportional counters, the particle paths through which were defined by Geiger counters. With increasing zenith angle toward the north, the intensity is found to be substantially constant until the earth ceases to cover the under side of the telescope. The intensity of all particles with range  $\geq 7 \text{ g/cm}^2$  is  $0.079 \pm 0.005 \text{ (cm}^2 \text{ sec steradian)}^{-1}$ . Of this an intensity  $0.012 \pm 0.002$  is absorbed in the next  $14 \text{ g/cm}^2$ . The ionization measurement is consistent with  $\frac{2}{3}$  of these soft particles being electrons of  $< \sim 60 \text{ Mev}$ , the remainder being slow protons and alpha-particles. For the particles with greater range an ionization histogram is plotted, the smaller of the two ionization measurements for a single event being used to improve the resolution. The particles divide into protons, alpha-particles, and one carbon nucleus, with  $N_p/N_\alpha = 5.3 \pm 1.0$ . Their absorption is exponential with mean free path  $440 \pm 70 \text{ g/cm}^2 \text{ Pb}$ . Extrapolating to zero thickness, the total primary intensity is  $0.070 \pm 0.005 \text{ (cm}^2 \text{ sec steradian)}^{-1}$  with  $0.058 \pm 0.005$  as protons,  $0.011 \pm 0.002$  as alpha-particles, and  $0.001 \pm 0.001$  as  $Z > 2$ .

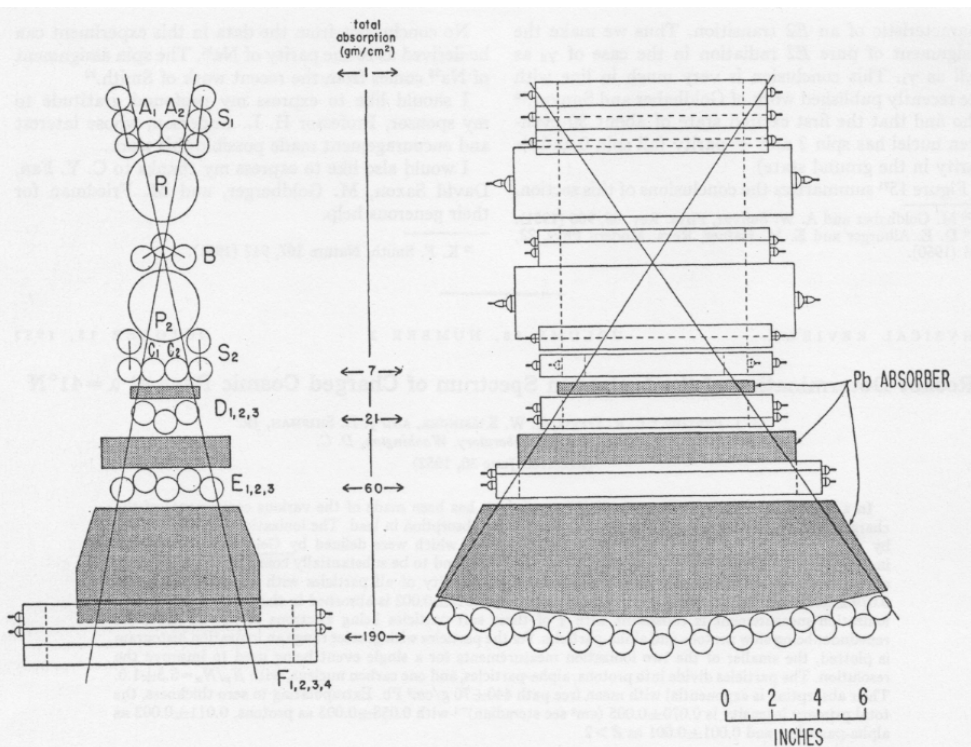


FIG. 1. Diagram of telescope.

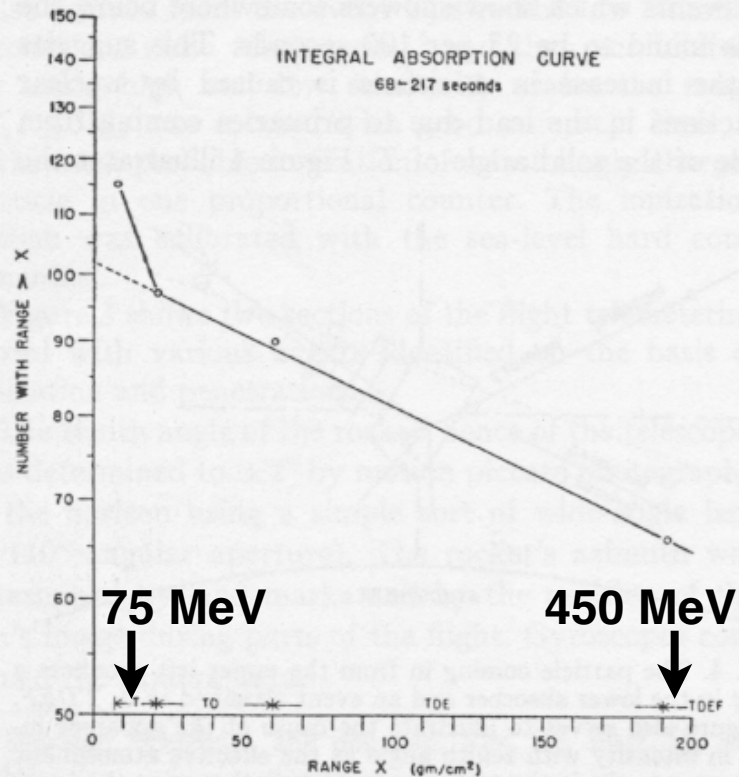


FIG. 6. Absorption in lead of the total radiation.



# Van Allen Belts

- KEY
1. Cosmic ray burst detector.
  2. Vertical telescope.
  - 3 and 4. Dynamotor power supply and flight batteries.
  5. Magnetic orientor for determining direction of rocket axis with respect to earth's magnetic field.
  - 6, 7, 8 and 9. Geiger counter coincidence circuits, telemetering circuits and radio telemetering transmitter.
  9. Horizontal telescope.
  11. 45° telescopes.
  12. Photocell orientor to determine angle of rocket axis with the solar vector.
  13. Coaxial cable to telemetering antenna 14.

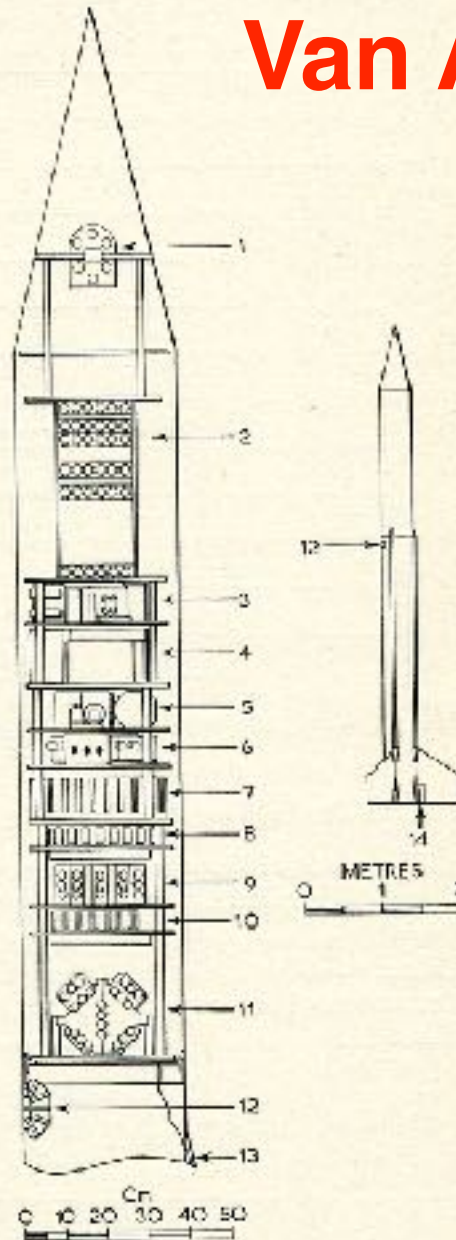


FIG. 32. EXPERIMENTAL ARRANGEMENT FOR AEROBEE ROCKET COSMIC RAY EXPERIMENTS OF VAN ALLEN AND SINGER.

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## Radiation Around the Earth to a Radial Distance of 107,400 km.

JAMES A. VAN ALLEN & LOUIS A. FRANK

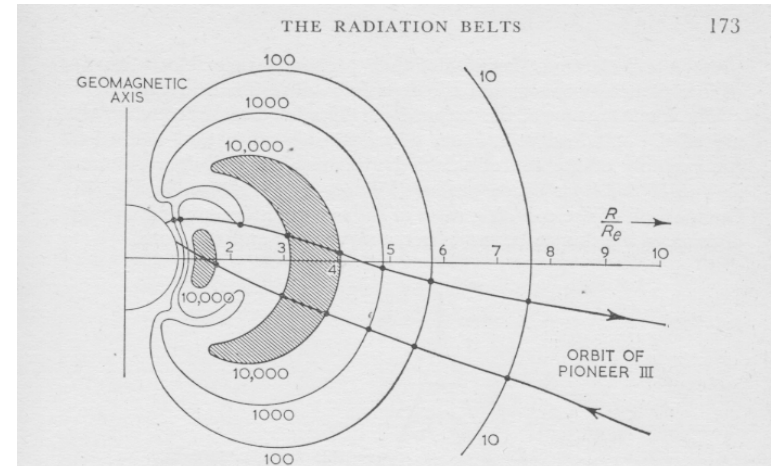
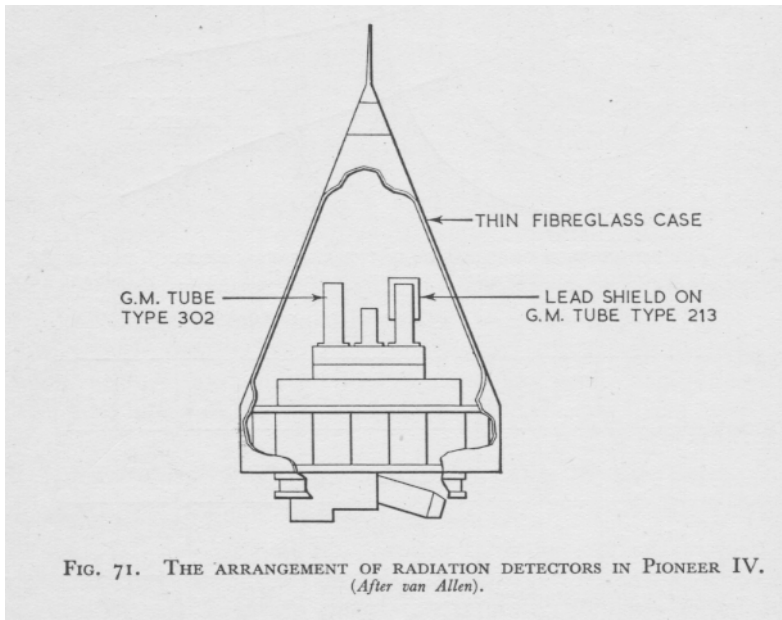


FIG. 69. THE DISTRIBUTION OF INTENSITY IN THE RADIATION BELTS. (6 DEC. 1958). The diagram represents a cross section through a meridian plane.  $R_e$  ( $\sim 6400$  km) is the radius of the earth. (After van Allen and Frank, *Nature*, 183, 430 (1959)).

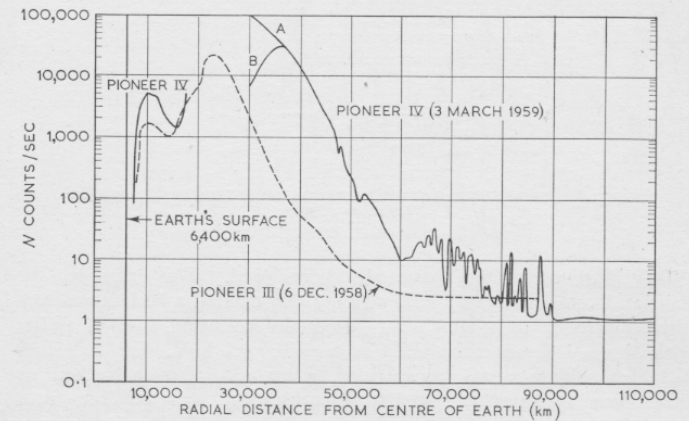


FIG. 70. A COMPARISON OF THE INTENSITIES OF RADIATION FOUND WITH NEARLY IDENTICAL COUNTERS IN PIONEER III AND PIONEER IV. The trajectories of the two probes were almost, but not quite, the same. At the peak of the second belt the readings of the intensity from Pioneer IV were ambiguous and followed either curve A or curve B. Curve A is more probable. (After van Allen and Frank, *Nature* 184, 219 (1960)).





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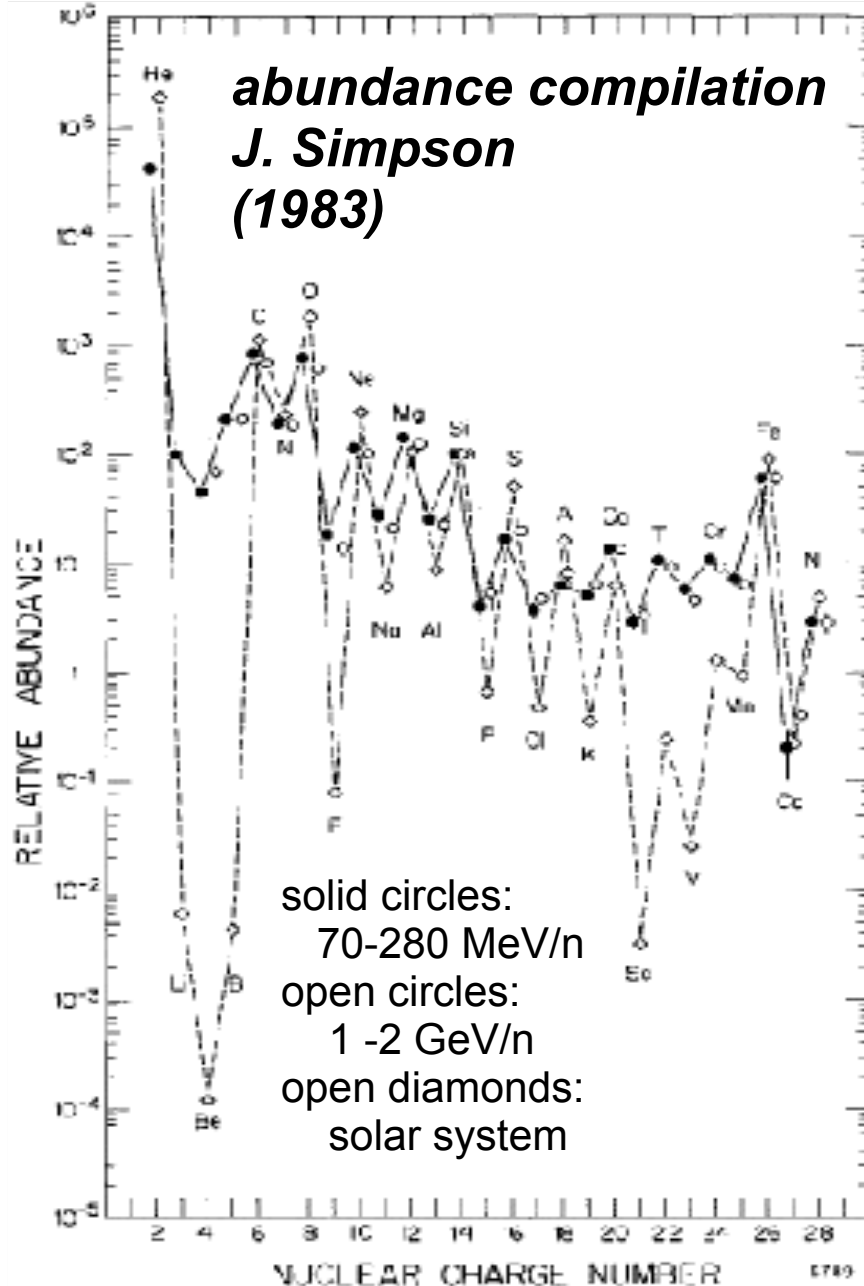
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**1959 EXPLORER 6**

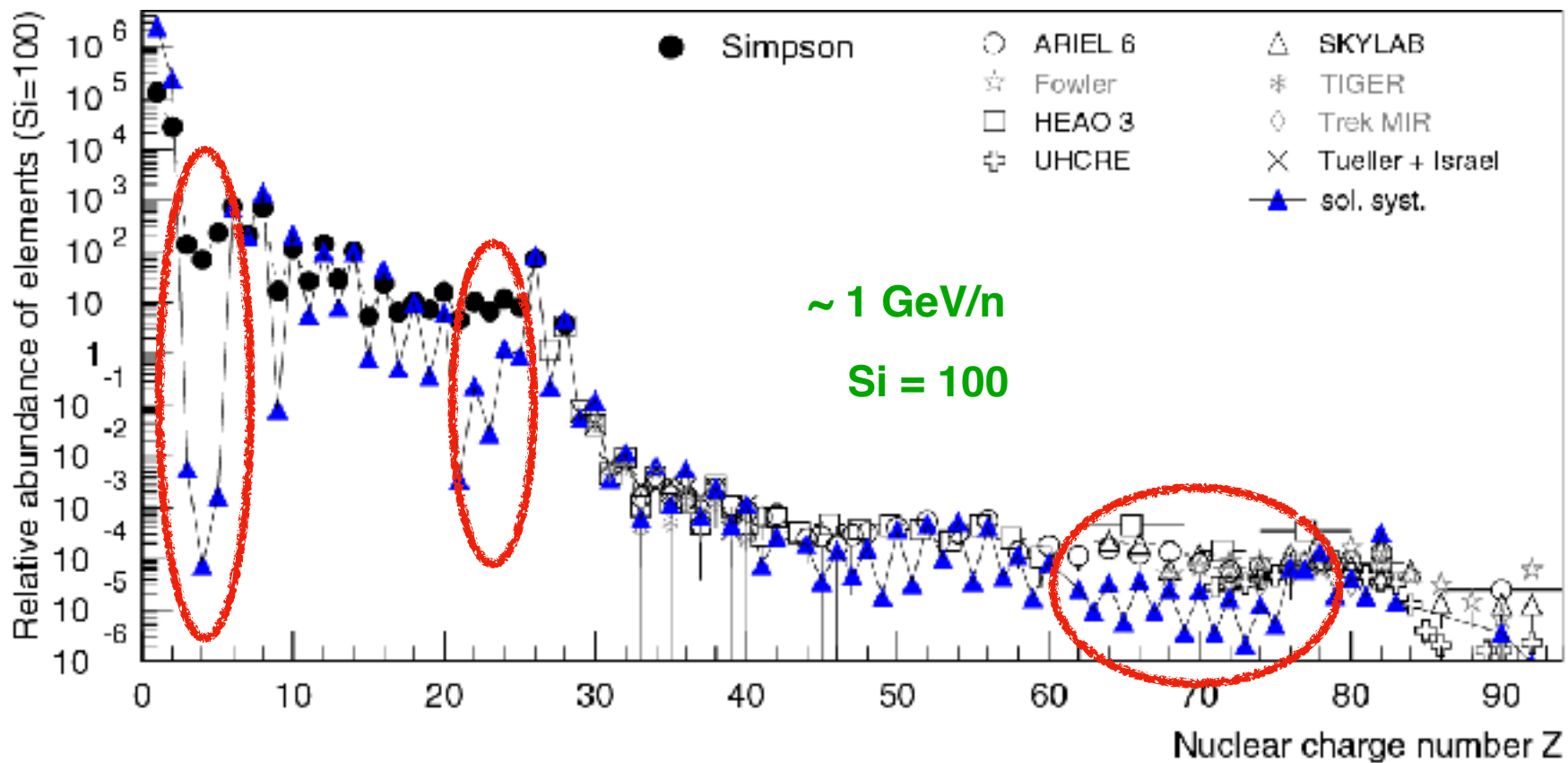
subsequently, more than 20 o  
*including: IMP1-8; OGO 1,3,5*  
*PIONEER 5,6,7 - S*  
*PIONEER 10,11 - o*  
*ULYSSES - out of*

- **Elemental composition of co**
- **Isotopic composition**
- **Measurement of anomalous**
- **Particles and fields in the He**
- **Planetary magnetospheres**
- **Solar modulation to outer He**



# Formation of the chemical composition

## Relative abundance of elements at Earth



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abundance of elements in CRs and solar system mostly similar

but few differences, e.g. Li, Be, B → important to understand propagation of cosmic rays in Galaxy → column density of traversed matter

primary cosmic rays generated at source e.g. p, He, Fe  
 spallation products → secondary cosmic rays, e.g. Li, Be, B



# Age of cosmic rays

## THE AGE OF THE GALACTIC COSMIC RAYS DERIVED FROM THE ABUNDANCE OF $^{10}\text{Be}^*$

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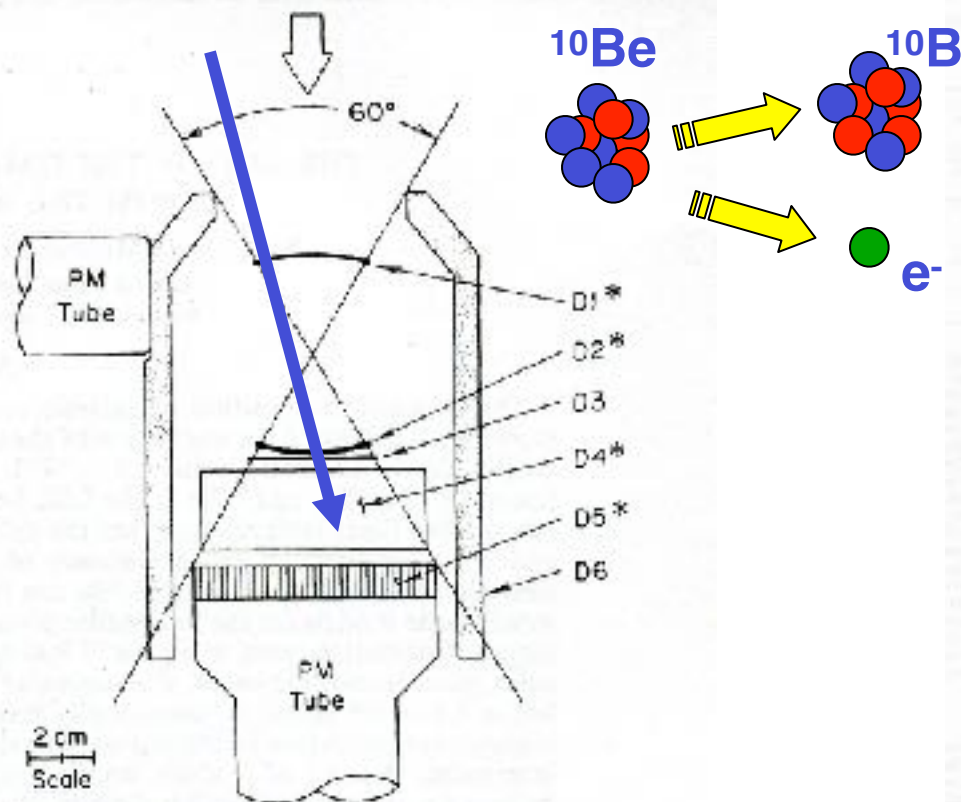
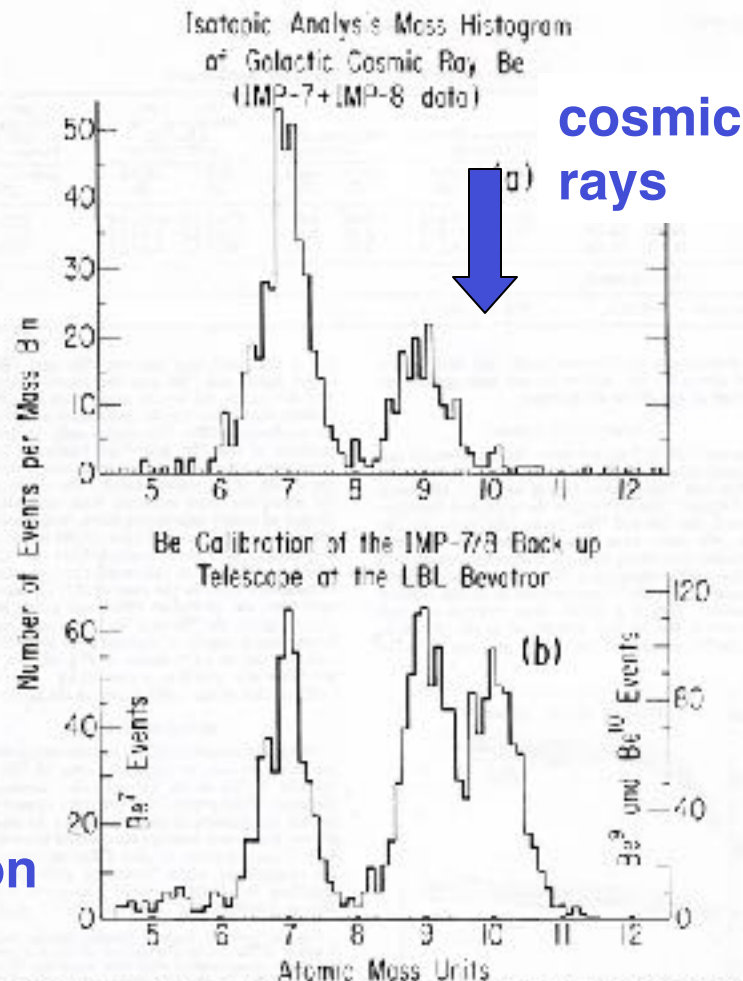
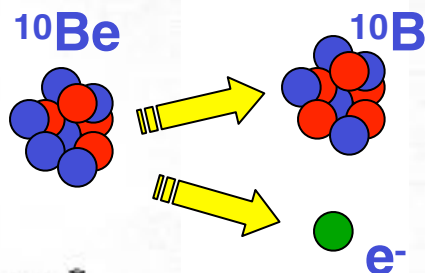


FIG. 1.—Cross section of the IMP-7 and IMP-8 telescopes. D1, D2, and D3 are lithium-drifted silicon detectors of thickness 750, 1450, and 800  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively. D4 is an 11.5  $\text{g cm}^{-2}$  thick CsI (Tl) scintillator viewed by four photodiodes. D5 is a sapphire scintillator/Cerenkov radiator of thickness 3.98  $\text{g cm}^{-2}$ , and D6 is a plastic scintillation guard counter viewed by a photomultiplier tube. Asterisks denote detectors whose output is pulse-height analyzed.

$$\tau = 17 \cdot 10^6 \text{ a}$$



calibration

FIG. 1.—(a) Mass histogram of Be events from IMP-7 and IMP-8 summed together. (b) Corresponding mass histogram obtained with the backup instrument at the Bevatron calibration.

# Path length of cosmic rays

## Composition of Cosmic-Ray Nuclei at High Energies\*

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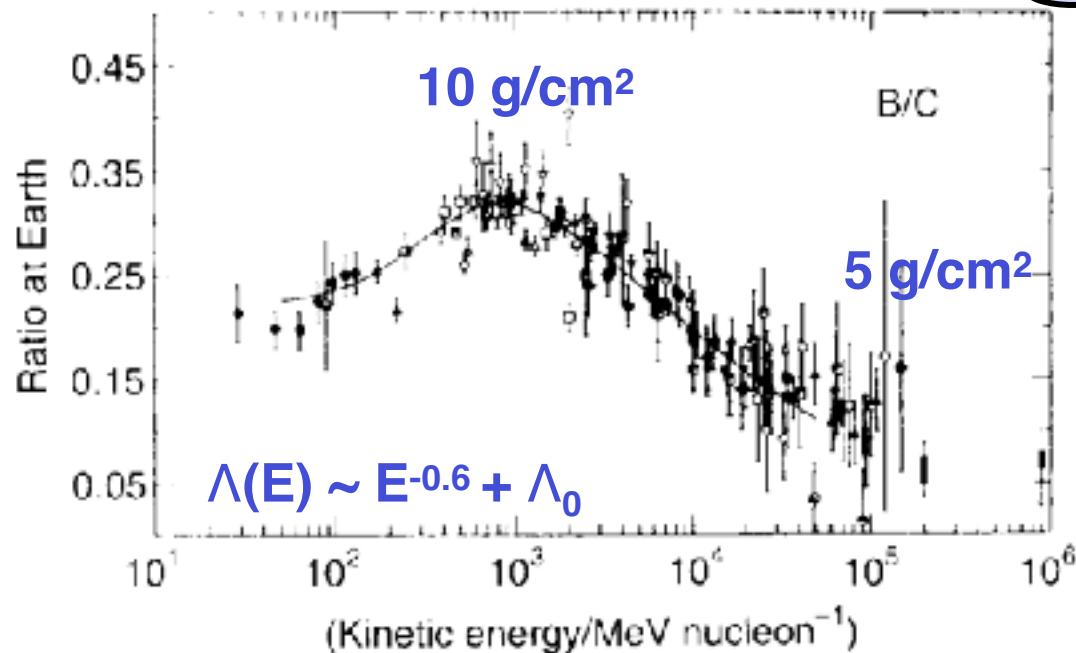
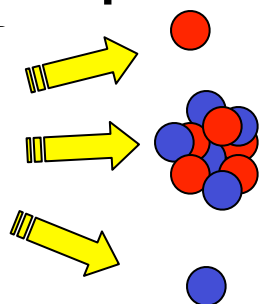
We have measured the charge composition of cosmic-ray nuclei from Li to Fe with energies up to about 100 GeV/nucleon. A balloon-borne counter telescope with gas Cherenkov counters for energy determination was used for this experiment. Our first results show that, in contrast to low-energy observations, the relative abundances change as a function of energy. We find that the ratio of the galactic secondary nuclei to primary-source nuclei decreases at energies above about 30 GeV/nucleon.

g/cm<sup>2</sup>



### B/C-ratio

### spallation

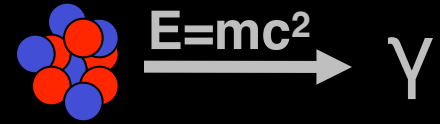


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# Origin of Cosmic Rays?

1927 R.A. Millikan: „death cries of atoms“



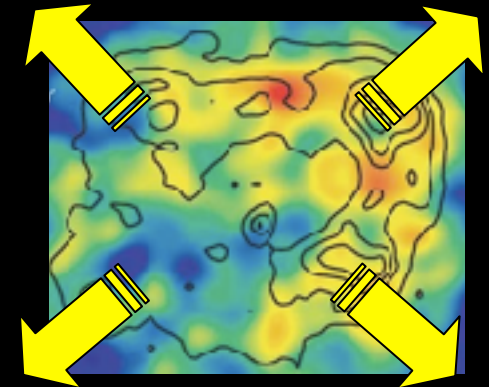
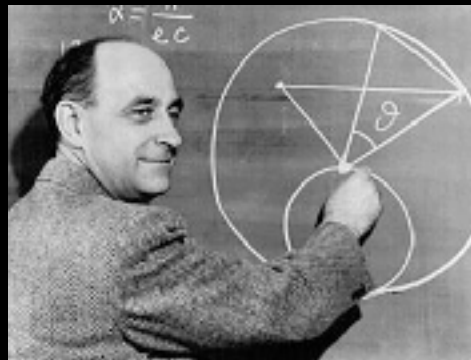
1933 Regener: E density in CRs ~ E density of B field in Galaxy

1934 Supernovae



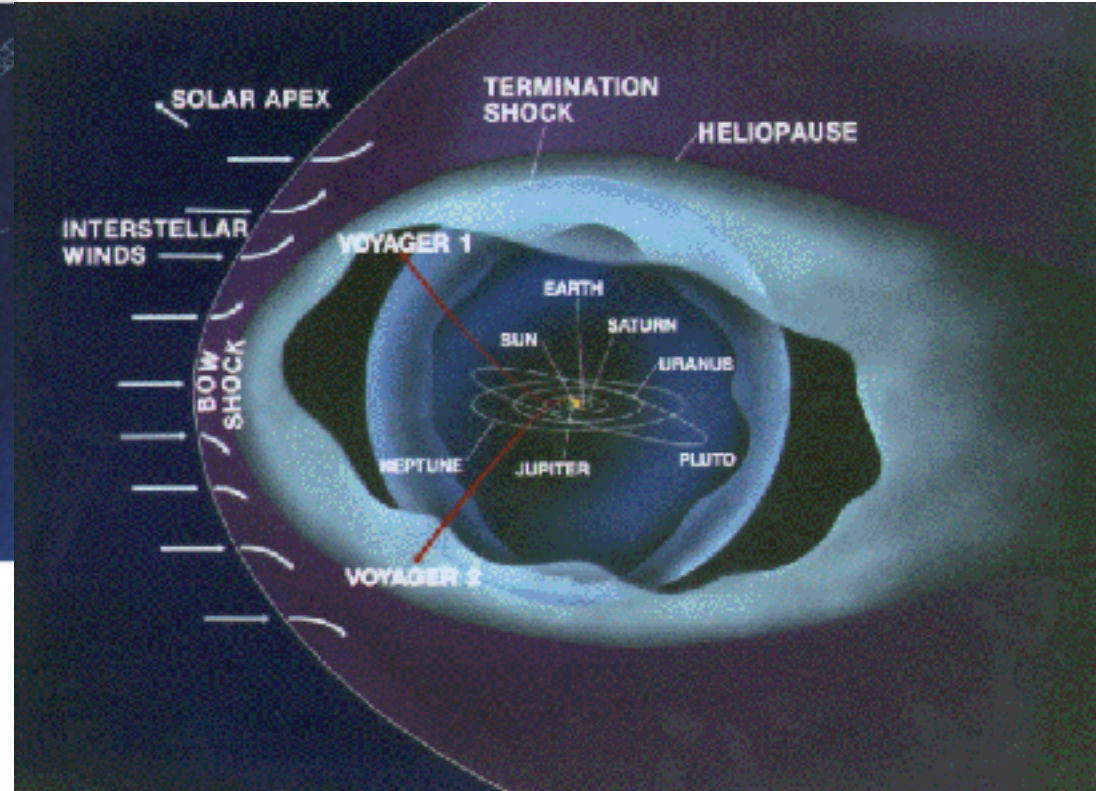
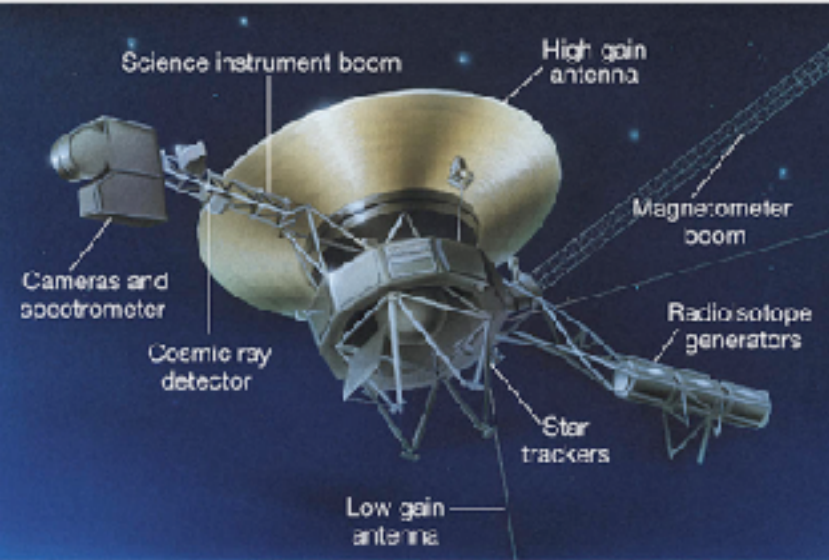
Walter Baade Fritz Zwicky

1949 E. Fermi: acceleration at magnetic clouds



1978 R.D. Blanford, J.P. Ostriker: acceleration at strong shock front  
(1st order Fermi acceleration)

# Beyond the boundaries of our Solar System



passage through termination shock ended  
Voyager 1: 94 AU, December 2004  
Voyager 2: 84 AU, August 2007

February 2012: Voyager 1: 119.7 AU from Sun  
Voyager 2: 97.7 AU from Sun

Voyager 2: 20 August 1977  
Voyager 1: 5 September 1977  
Kennedy Space Center

$$\Delta T = c d \approx 17 \text{ h}$$



# Galactic Cosmic Rays and the Heliosphere

