UHECR and HADRONIC INTERACTIONS

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

~50 years of UHECR

EXTREMELY ENERGETIC COSMIC-RAY EVENT*

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(shielded) (3.8) 7 (17) (19) (17)14 (74) SHOWER CORE 1.8 km ----

Hadronic interaction Modeling Energy

it follows on any reasonable shower model that the energy of the primary particle was about 10^{19} ev. Taking the usual estimate 3×10^{-6} gauss for the galactic magnetic field, one finds the radius of curvature of the path of a proton of such energy to be about 10^4 light years. Since, according to current estimates, the radius of the galactic halo is only about five times this value, while the thickness of the galactic disk is about five or ten times smaller, it seems certain that the primary particle acquired its energy outside our galaxy.

An important question is whether the primary particle was a proton or a heavier nucleus.

Mass A

Measure a single slice of the shower at the ground •

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Different components

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"Multi Components Air Shower Array"

EASTOP at Gran Sasso

[A very important "jump of quality": Electromagnetic part Hadronic calorimeter Cherenkov light Deep underground Muons]

Hadronic Model dependence.

"Multi Components Air Shower Array"



[A very important "jump of quality": Electromagnetic part Hadronic calorimeter Cherenkov light Deep underground Muons (unique !!)]

Hadronic Model dependence.

A beautiful idea !!

That perhaps has not received the recognition it deserves.

Very valuable results that it would be useful To re-analyze with the best "modeling instruments" We are developing now.

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KASCADE (Karlsruhe)

KASCADE-GRANDE

a "bridge to higher energy"

"competitors" and collaborators

Common project New Results! The **Fly's Eye** Detector concept



"Quasi-Calorimetric" Energy Measurement

Fluorescence Light

Artists View of Hybrid Set-Up











$E \simeq 10^{20} \text{ eV}$



Longitudinal Development Shape studies N_{max} X_{\max} N(t) $N_{max}/2$ N_{\min} $t_{1/2}^{left}$ $t_{1/2}^{right}$ tmax L_O $t = X/X_0$

Structure in the energy spectrum





COMPOSITION of UHECR

Very high astrophysical importance

Controversial - inconsistent observations.

X

Fluctuations of X_{max} Other methods

AUGER





HiRes 2009



HIRES 2009Fluctuations on X max





Theoretical curves:

$$|\langle X_p \rangle_{\text{Model 1}} - \langle X_p \rangle_{\text{Model 2}}| \lesssim 20 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$$
$$D_p = \frac{d\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle}{d \log_{10} E} \simeq 45 - 55 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$$

$$10^{19} \text{ eV}$$



$$\langle X_A(E) \rangle \simeq \left\langle X_p\left(\frac{E}{A}\right) \right\rangle$$

$\langle X_p(E) \rangle \simeq X_0 + D_p \log_{10} E$

$$\langle X_A \rangle \simeq \langle X_p \rangle - D_p \log_{10} A$$





 $\langle \log A \rangle$

$$\langle \ln A \rangle_E = \frac{\sum_A \phi_A(E) \ln A}{\sum_A \phi_A(E)}$$



Measurements of Composition evolution.

Obtain the average mass and its variation with energy

 $\langle \ln A \rangle_E = \frac{\sum_A \phi_A(E) \ln A}{\sum_A \phi_A(E)}$

 $\langle \ln A \rangle_E = \frac{\langle X_{\max}(E) \rangle - X_p(E)}{D_p}$ $\frac{d\langle \ln A \rangle_E}{d\ln E} = 1$ $\frac{D_{\text{exp}}}{D}$

Importance of "CORNERS"



Fig. 25.— Comparison of current HiRes stereo $\langle X_{max} \rangle$ results with results from the HiResprototype/MIA hybrid (Abu-Zayyad et al. 2001) and previously published HiRes stereo results (Abbasi et al. 2005).



Abrupt change in the variation of the properties of hadronic interactions with energy

Abrupt change in the composition evolution.

Problems in comparing Auger and HiRes measurements:



Electromagnetic Showers

versus

Hadronic Showers

Toy model discussion.

Electromagnetic Shower



Radiation Length (Energy independent) Vertices : theoretically understood (and scaling)



Elongation rate = $85 (g/cm^2)/decade$

Heitler toy model for electromagnetic showerws

"Electron-photon" particle Splitting length λ Critical energy ϵ

 $N(X, E) = 2^{X/\lambda}$

 $N_{\max}(E) = \frac{E}{\varepsilon}$

 $X_{\max}(E) = \lambda \log_2$

Electromagnetic showers:

$$\langle X_{\max}(E) \rangle = X_0 + D_{\gamma} \log E$$

 $D_{\gamma} = \ln 10 \ X_{\text{rad}} \simeq 85 \ \text{g cm}^{-2}$

Fluctuations:

 $\sigma_X^2(\gamma, E) = \text{constant}$

$$\sigma_X^2(\gamma, E) \simeq 1.1 \ X_{\rm rad} \simeq 40 \ {\rm g \ cm^{-2}}$$



HADRONIC INTERACTIONS



One single proton Shower: $E_0 = 10^{19} \text{ eV}$



50 highest energy individual sub-showers



100 photons ~50% of energy 1000 photons ~70% of energy

Approximately 100 photons in 30-40 interaction vertices control the structure of the shower: $x \sim 0.1$
$Toy \ Model \ {\rm for \ hadronic \ shower}$

$$p + \operatorname{air} \rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \ \pi^{\circ} \rightarrow n \ \gamma$$

Energy equally divided among n photons.



 $\frac{dN_{\gamma}}{dz} = \sum P_n \, \delta \left| z - \frac{1}{n} \right|^n$

$$\langle X_{\rm max}^{(p)} \rangle = \langle X_{\rm 1st} \rangle + X_{\rm rad} \left\langle \log \left(\frac{E_0}{n_{\gamma} \varepsilon} \right) \right\rangle$$

1st interaction

Development of photon shower of energy E/n

$$\langle X_{\max}^{(p)} \rangle = \langle X_{1st} \rangle + X_{rad} \left\langle \log \left(\frac{E_0}{n_{\gamma} \varepsilon} \right) \right\rangle$$

$$\langle X_{\max}^{(p)} \rangle = \lambda_p + X_{rad} \log \left[\frac{E_0}{\varepsilon} \right] + X_{rad} \left\langle \log n_{\gamma} \right\rangle$$

$$Interaction \qquad Photon \qquad Shower \qquad Particle production \\ properties \qquad Production \qquad Note: Not: Note: Note:$$

$$\begin{split} \langle X_{\max}^{(p)} \rangle &= \lambda_p + X_{\mathrm{rad}} \log \left[\frac{E_0}{\varepsilon} \right] - X_{\mathrm{rad}} \langle \log n_{\gamma} \rangle \\ &\text{Interaction length} & \text{"Softness"} \end{split} \\ \end{split}$$



Elongation Rate For protons

Log[Energy]

Total pp Cross Section



σ_{tot} (mbarn)



 $\lambda_{int}(p/\pi \text{ Air}) [g \text{ cm}^{-2}]$

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Phenomenological Evidence for SCALING





 X_{F}

EXTRAPOLATION to HIGH ENERGY (Pythia pp)



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z dn_p/dlog[z]



d(Energy)_π/dLog[z]

PROTON Spectra (elasticity spectra)



dn_p/dlog[z]

PYTHIA PROTON Spectra



dn_p/dlog[z]

PROTON Spectra (elasticity spectra)



z dn_p/dlog[z]

C.R. DATA

Astrophysical Information

Energy Spectrum Composition

Hadronic Interactions

Cross sections, Inclusive spectra Multiplicities

From Accelerator Data + Theory - Astrophysics

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Cross sections, Inclusive spectra Multiplicities

 $\langle \ln A \rangle_E = \frac{\langle X_{\max}(E) \rangle - X_p(E)}{D_p}$



How can we include systematic uncertainties in the modeling of hadronic interactions in the estimate of properties of Cosmic Rays?

"Spread" of predictions for different model.

Overestimate ?

Some models are lower quality.

Underestimate ?

Perhaps we are missing something important.



From Cosmic Ray Data — Hadronic Interactions

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1 < A < 56 (very likely)

"Astrophysical Composition Methods"

Energy Spectrum "imprints" of Energy Loss

Cosmic Magnetic Spectrometer" Features in the Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum can in principle give information on the nature of the particle

Interpreted as the effect of energy loss during propagation from their extragalactic sources.

Known target: 2.7 K CMBR radiation field

Energy Thresholds for protons :

$$p \ \gamma \to p\pi^{\circ}$$

 $p \ \gamma \to n\pi^{+}$

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

Pair Production





AUGER result on Correlations with the VCV AGN catalogue November 2007.



Select highest energy Showers.

14 ev. 8 coincid. (2.9) 13 ev. 9 coincid. (2.7)

AUGER result on Correlations with the VCV AGN catalogue $Update \ september \ 2010.$



Significant dilution [but not disappearance] of the statistical significance

14 ev. 8 coincid. (2.9)
13 ev. 9 coincid. (2.7)
42 ev. 12 coincid. (8.8)

$$\delta\theta = (\delta\theta)_{\text{Milky Way}} + (\delta\theta)_{\text{Intergalactic}} + (\delta\theta)_{\text{Source Envelope}}$$
Deviation in GALACTIC Magnetic Field
$$\delta \simeq 2.7^{\circ} \frac{60 \text{ EeV}}{E/Z} \left| \int_{0}^{D} \left(\frac{\mathrm{dx}}{\mathrm{kpc}} \times \frac{\mathrm{B}}{3 \,\mu\mathrm{G}} \right) \right|$$

Deviation in EXTRA-GLACTIC Magnetic Field

$$\delta_{rms} \approx 4^{\circ} \frac{60 \text{ EeV}}{E/Z} \frac{B_{rms}}{10^{-9} \text{G}} \sqrt{\frac{D}{100 \text{ Mpc}}} \sqrt{\frac{L_c}{1 \text{ Mpc}}}$$

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Overall comparison of Xmax data with QGSJET02 p and FE





Fig. 11.— Top: X_{max} overlay of HiRes data (points) with QGSJET02 proton Monte Carlo airshowers after full detector simulation. Bottom: X_{max} overlay of HiRes data (points) with QGSJET02 iron Monte Carlo airshowers after full detector simulation.

The distribution of X_{max} encodes valuable informations on the detector performance and on the fundamental properties of the showers that is only partially captured by the first 2 momenta

Personal opinion:

The X_{max} distributions are valuable "intellectual property" of the scientists that measure it.

But for a healthy scientific discussion, they should be made available to our entire community in a reasonable time FLUCTUATIONS on X_{\max}

$$X_{\max} = X_{1st} + Y_{\max}$$
$$\sigma_{X_{\max}}^2 = \sigma_{X_{1st}}^2 + \sigma_{Y_{\max}}^2$$
$$\left(\sigma_{\langle X_{\max} \rangle}^{\text{proton}}\right)^2 \simeq \lambda_p^2 + \sigma_{Y_{\max}}^2$$

Toy model
$$\left(\sigma_{\langle X_{\max}\rangle}^{\text{proton}}\right)^2 \simeq \lambda_p^2 + X_{\text{rad}}^2 \left[\left\langle (\ln n_\gamma)^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle \ln n_\gamma \right\rangle^2 \right]$$
$$\begin{split} \left(\sigma_{\langle X_{\max}\rangle}^{\text{proton}}\right)^2 &\simeq \lambda_p^2 + \sigma_{Y_{\max}}^2 \\ \left(\sigma_{\langle X_{\max}\rangle}^A\right)^2 &\simeq \overline{f(A)} \ \lambda_p^2 + \frac{\sigma_{Y_{\max}}^2}{A} \\ \hline A &= 56 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{A}} = 0.13 \\ \sqrt{f(A)} &\simeq 0.4 \end{split} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Nuclear interaction.} \\ \text{Several Nucleons} \\ \text{Interact at same point.} \end{array}$$



 $\sigma_X^2 = \sum_j f_j \ \sigma_{A_j}^2 + \sum_j f_j \langle X_{A_j} \rangle^2 - \left(\sum_j f_j \langle X_{A_j} \rangle\right)^2$

$\sigma_X^2 = \langle \sigma_A^2 \rangle + D_p \left[\langle (\log A)^2 \rangle - \langle \log A \rangle^2 \right]$

$$\sigma_X^2 \simeq \langle \sigma_A^2 \rangle + D_p \ \sigma_{\log A}^2$$

Mixing Protons with Iron-nuclei



THEORY

Construction of Hadronic Models

Hadronic Interactions

Composite (complex) Objects Multiple interaction structure







Field - Feynman : Quark - Fragmentation

Where does the approximate Feynman scaling comes from ?

The (iterative) Fragmentation of one COLOR STRING produces a SCALING SPECTRUM of HADRONS



 $\langle n_{\rm Ch} \rangle \approx c_0 + c_1 \ln E_{\rm Cm}$, ~ Poissonian multiplicity distribution



Basic Structure of a NON diffractive PP interactions is made of TWO STRINGS

hard/semihard interactions result in additional strings

Color Structure

 $3\otimes 3=\overline{3}\oplus 6$

 $3\otimes\overline{3}=1\oplus 8$







Parton Distribution Function

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Typically 2 – 3 interactions/event at the Tevatron, 4 – 5 at the LHC, but may be more in "interesting" high- p_{\perp} ones.





Most particles in Fragmentation Regions Described by the "beam remnants strings"



MULTIPLE INTERACTIONS

- Estimate of the average number of Elementary interactions per pp scattering
- "Spatial Distribution" [proton spin] (Transverse coordinates) of the partonic constituents.
- Fluctuations of the "parton configuration" of an interactig hadron. Beyond PDF's

Parton Distribution Functions

Very Important potential of LHC



7 + 7 TeV PP collider



Higgs discovery golden channel







Diffraction

 $h_1h_2 \rightarrow h_1^*h_2$ (beam diffraction), $h_1h_2 \rightarrow h_1h_2^*$ (target diffraction), $h_1h_2 \rightarrow h_1^*h_2^*$ (double diffraction).

ISR 62.3 GeV CERN UA4 546 GeV







$$\sigma_{\rm el} = \frac{\sigma_{\rm tot}^2 (1+\rho^2)}{16\pi B_{\rm el}}$$















PROBLEM of PHASE SPACE COVERING

LHCF

projected Cu thickness 1 rJ I. P (140 m away) Beam pipe Detector 94 mm

Calorimeter for neutral particles in the very forward region

> Two non-identical Detectors



A long Common History

Carl Anderson (february 1933)

Near his "Wilson chamber"

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Discovery of the POSITRON



23 MeV

6 mm Lead plate

63 MeV





Occhialini , Powell







We are studying at the same time

"Gigantic Astrophysical Beasts" Millions of light years away Length scale 10^{+24} cm

Exciting

Difficult

Many Questions....

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I believe that Gianni Navarra continues to contribute to this scientific "quest".

- Via the observatories he contributed to build and that continue to produce new data (and surprises).
- In the activities of community of younger scientists he played a crucial role to form [thanks for organizing this meeting!]
- In the ideas and enthusiasm he communicated to so many of us (including me...).