

Charged Cosmic Rays up to the knee region and beyond (II)

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Outline of the lecture





The discovery of the Extensive Air Showers

Bruno Rossi 1933 Asmara, Erítrea

"...parrebbe che di tanto in tanto giungessero sugli apparecchi degli sciami molto estesi di corpuscoli, i quali determinano coincidenze fra contatori, anche piuttosto lontani l'uno dalll'altro. Mi e' mancato purtroppo il tempo di studiare piu' da vicino questo fenomeno..."

Pierre Auger and Roland Maaze1938 Paris, FranceDifferent counters at meters of mutual distance record the
arrival of cosmic ray particles at the same time.Measurements at Pic du Midi and Jungfraujoch: same effect
with counters 200 m apart 10^{15} eV !!!









| Observables | Detectors |
|---|--|
| Number and | scintillator arrays, |
| fluctuation of electrons | water Cerenkov detectors |
| Number, energy, deflection angle, h_{prod} , fluctuation of μ | buried detectors, tracking calorimeters |
| Number, energy and | deep hadroníc |
| distribution of hadrons | calorímeters |
| Number and distribution of Cerenkov photons | wíde angle Cerenkov detectors |
| Cerenkov angular | ímaging Cerenkov |
| dístríbutíon | telescopes |
| Depth of shower | Cerenkov, fluorescence |
| maximum | detectors |







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The en component

The shower size is determined through a fit of particle densities measured by different detectors to the NKG function

$$\rho_{ch} = \frac{N_{ch}}{2\pi r_0^2} \cdot C \cdot \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{s-2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{s-4.5}$$





The arrival direction is obtained from the relative times of arrival of the shower front at different detectors: $c\Delta t = d \cos \theta$





$$h$$
 $\Lambda_{\rm EAS}$ = (219 ± 3) g cm⁻²

[M.Aglietta et al, Astrop. Phys. 10 (1999) 1]

The µ component

The muon size comes from a fit to the muon densities measured at different distances from the shower core (LDF by Greisen in 1960

$$\rho_{\mu}(r) \propto r^{-\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{r_0}\right) \qquad \qquad N_{\mu}^{\text{tr}} = 2\pi \int_{r_0}^{r_1} \rho_{\mu}(r) r \, dr$$



μ component directly coupled to hadronic: link to properties of initial hadron

The number of low energy (GeV) and high energy (TeV) muons depends on primary atomic number

With Ne, the muon number is the most sensitive parameter to primary mass

Scintillators below absorber or tracking, water cerenkov tanks for GeV muons. underground detectors for TeV muons For a proton

$$N_{max} = E_0 / E_c \qquad \qquad N_{\mu} = \left| \frac{E_0}{E_{dec}} \right|^{\alpha}$$
$$X_{max} = \lambda_{\mu} \ln(E_0) \qquad \qquad \alpha = \frac{\ln n_{ch}}{\ln n_{tot}} \approx 0.82 \dots 0.95$$

For heavier nuclei

Superposition model:

A shower from a primary with mass A and energy E is equivalent to A showers of energy E/A

$$N_{max}^{A} = A E_{n}/E_{c} = E_{0}/E_{c}$$

 $X_{max}^A \sim \lambda \ln(E_0/A)$

$$N_{\mu}^{A} = A \left(\frac{E_{0}/A}{E_{dec}} \right)^{\alpha} = A^{1-\alpha} N_{\mu}$$

$$D_e = dX_{max}/dln \in \sim \lambda(1-d \ln A/d \ln E)$$

elongation rate $(D_{10}=2.3D_e)$



Development of cosmic-ray air showers



Burst detectors (hígh altítude), hadron calorímeters.

The hadronic component

Back bone of the air shower (hadronic core). They constantly feed the em component of the EAS through $\pi^{o}s$.

Secondary hadrons produced in early stages of showers

Reminder of first interaction features. Total number of hadrons nearly proportional to primary energy



 $n_{air} = 1.00029$ (at sea level) $E_{ch}(e) = 21 \text{ MeV} (35 \text{ MeV})$ at 7.5 km)



Maximum opening angle of emitted light $\approx 1.3^{\circ}$ (at sea level)



weak absorption of light in atmosphere



Lateral distribution and temporal structure depend on shower max position



Information on longitudinal development. Primary mass





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The Cerenkov light

Almost all electrons of the EAS emit Cherenkovlight.

All C-light associated to EAS contained in a narrow cone, keeping the shower direction

Most C-light reaches observation level. $N_{ph} \propto Ltr$ above observer, a very good measure of E_o

Outline of the lecture

Introduction Origin, acceleration and propagation of cos The all-particle energy spectrum Models of the knee The link with direct measurement: Extensive Air Showers spectra and comp. below the knee Energy spectrum and composition The high energy region Cerenkov detector results measurements and results Models of the knee: comparison The measurement of the p-Air cross section with data Anisotropy studies with EAS arrays The Galactic to Extragalactic transition Future projects



Energy and composition are strictly related information All observables are derived either from the lateral spread of EAS at a specific observation level or from its longitudinal development in atmosphere

Multí-detector arrays are more powerful, sínce they can correlate dífferent observables

The understanding of data relies on the knowledge of the stochastic and systematic uncertainties.

The conversion from the observable to the physical quantity relies on Monte Carlo simulations



[M.Aglietta et al., Astrop. Phys. 10 (1999) 1]

1089 particle detectors (0.25 km²)

1024 muon detectors, 3 m underground

$$F = \log(N_e + \xi N_{\mu}) \sum$$

•F does not depend on A: systematic differences in energy assignment less than 5%

 $\bullet \mbox{F}$ depens very little on θ but remains independent on composition

•ξ dependent on the model

the energy is determined independently from composition

 \land the knee does not change with θ

[M.Glasmacher et al., Astrop. Phys. 10 (1999) 291]







Combined χ^2 minimization to fit Ne, Nµ size spectra simultaneously $\frac{dJ}{d\log N_e d\log N_\mu} =$ $\Sigma_A \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dJ_A}{d\log E} \quad p_A(\log N_e, \log N_\mu | \log E) d\log E$ The all particle spectrum : sum of 5

mass groups spectra

[T.Antoní et al., Astrop. Phys. 24 (2005) 1]

 $200 \times 200 \text{ m}^2$ at 1020 g/cm^2 Array: 252 detector stations with e/γ - and muon counters Central detector: 300 m^2 hadron calorimeter and 4 muon layers MTD: 120 m^2 muon tunnel





...but need different mass groups spectra to discriminate among astrophysical models!

Spectrum and composition information



Direct measurements with balloons

| | RUNJOB, JACEE | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
| target (~10cm) | Passíve detectors with nuclear emulsions | 4 mm ² O | the second |
| spacer (~20cm) | must be recovered and developed in laboratory | 10 mm | |
| thin EC(~5c.u.) diffuser (~4cm) | record the incoming particle and secondaries from interaction | Garrino Bioco X-ray Idea | in the second |
| | p,He,heavy nucleí up to 500 Tev/nucleon | Hadron Bock X-ray fams | |



ATIC, TRACER, CREAM

Include detectors for charge measurement (fine grain silicon matrix, scintillators) and for energy evaluation (calorimeters, transition radiation detectors,)

p-Ní from 50 GeV to 100 TeV total energy O-Fe from 1 GeV/n to 10 TeV/n p-Fe from 10^{11} to 10^{15} eV





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EAS-TOP (Gran Sasso, Italy)

> 2000 m asl 820 g cm⁻²

144 m² Hadron calorímeter: 9 layers x 13 cm Fe absorber, 2 layers streamer tubes 1 layer "quasí-proportíonal" tubes







and expected (from dífferent proton spectra) hadron flux



Composition from Cerenkov light and HE muons



What is measured:

MACRO : selection of primaries based on the energy/nucleon by means of the TeV μ and EAS geometry by means of the muon tracking ($E_{\mu}^{\ thr} \sim 1.3 \ TeV$) EASTOP : Cerenkov light intensity and average Cerenkov lateral distribution (E^{thr} =20 TeV)





The Cerenkov photon density for r>140 m is a good estimator of the primary energy



of core distance:

r<30 m : γ density dominated by fluctuations

r=30-140 m: exp density, with slope related to X_{max}

r>140 m : almost constant light, information on E_o



Spectrum and Composition information







The knee is due to a cutoff in the light component The cutoff moves to higher energies for heavier nuclei

The interpretation is limited by knowledge of the properties of the hadronic interaction properties

[T.Antoní et al, Astrop. Phys. 24 (2005) 1]





The local muon density KASCADE

More dírect approach, less dependent on ínteractíon models



EASTOP



Composition from em and Tev muon data







EAS array : 221 scintillation counters (15 m grid, 3.7 10^4 m²) + emulsion chambers (80 m²) + burst detector (80 m²)

4300 m asl (606 g cm⁻²)

Hybrid: sensitivity of EAS array Improved by with large emulsion chambers Enrich the proton and Helium events by tagging them with γ-families + very high altitude

Selection of primary protons event by event







TIBET results

p spectrum agrees with satellite and Kascade(Sibyll) The knee in the all particle spectrum is due to nuclei Heavier than Helium Claim less dependence on models

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but.... Knee assumed at 1.5 Z PeV very low and
below the range of experiment
Separation p/He : strong correlation errors on He spectrum
Cannot see heavy nuclei
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KNN TEST

Monte Carlo símulation and classification according to some "characteristics" : ρ_e , ρ_{μ} , s

Each event is assigned a "class" in the plane of "characteristics"

K nearest neighbor: event A : 100% class 1 event B : 100% class 2 event C : 50% - 50%



Fluctuations tend to superimpose classes: only "p-like" and "Fe-like" events









BLANCA - 144 angle integrating detectors

<X_{max}> derived directly from the slope of the Cerenkov ldf (through MC)

weak dependence on model: mixed composition lighter approaching the knee, then heavier



systematic uncertainty <10% in the whole range

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(11) Imaging Cerenkov detectors

- (i) CR within the field of view produces an image of the shower on the focal plane
- (íí) Need to know

from EAS array

- dístance to core and shower dírectíon

from Monte Carlo

- the Cerenkov light distr. around the axis at each depth

(iii) Fit to the Longitudinal distribution $X_{max} N_{\gamma}$ and width (iv) Total intensity of Cerenkov light

E from total intensity of C light



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(111) Direct Cerenkov detection by IACT

Before the first interaction... $\delta(h) = (n-1)$, n = local atmosphere refraction index $N_c \propto Z^2 \left| \frac{1}{\gamma_{thr}^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right|$ Cerenkov emission rate $\frac{\gamma_{thr}}{\sqrt{2\delta(h)}} \longrightarrow \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{2\delta(h)}} \qquad \text{E.g. Fe nucleus: At sea level} \qquad \gamma_{thr} \sim 42 \quad \text{E}_{thr} \sim 2 \text{ Tev}$ $\frac{At 50 \text{ km}}{\sqrt{2\delta(h)}} \qquad \text{At 50 km} \qquad \gamma_{thr} \sim 680 \quad \text{E.c.} \sim 26 \text{ Tev}$ At 50 km γ_{thr} ~680 E_{thr} ~36 TeV $Y_{DIR} \approx Y_{EAS} \longrightarrow E_{MAX}$ Energy (TeV) Direct Cerenkov Measurement Window 10² E_{Uppe} 10 $\Delta E/E \propto Z$ ELower 1 10⁻¹ Primary Charge Z^{10²} 10 1



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Summary on spectrum and composition

| Type | Technique | Energy Range | Experiment and Sensitive Components |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| dir. | Spectrometer | 1-200 GeV | AMS(p-He), BESS(p,He), HEAO(CNO-Fe) |
| dir. | Calorimeter | 30 GeV - 500 TeV | ATIC(all), CREAM(all) |
| dir. | Emulsion chambers | 10-500 TeV | JACEE, RUNJOB (all) |
| ind. | Hadron calorimeter | 500 GeV -1 PeV | KASCADE, EAS-TOP (p) |
| ind. | Muon spectrometer | 100 GeV - 10 TeV | L3+C(mostly p and He) |
| ind. | Cherenkov + TeV μ | 50-300 TeV | EAS-TOP/MACRO(p,He,CNO) |
| ind. | $N_{e}-N_{\mu}$ | 100 TeV - 10 PeV | GRAPES, KASCADE, EAS-TOP (all) |
| ind. | Emulsion chambers | 5-300 TeV | Tibet $AS\gamma$ (p,He) |

The spectra from direct and EAS measurements in the "low" energy region do agree quite well

The knee in the all particle spectrum exists at 3-4 PeV

The knee of the cr spectrum is most probably due to light elements (He); the mean composition gets heavier above the knee.

Does the knee scale as E/Z or as E/A? Uncertain...

Hadronic interaction models are the main source of systematics



The proton spectrum

Good agreement for all measurements Global fit to the spectrum $dN/dE \propto E^{-2.75}$



The Helíum spectrum

Discrepancy between Jacee and RunJob results: ATIC2 agrees with Jacee Global fit to the spectrum $dN/dE^{-2.61}$ Accuracy for the Ne-Nµ results ~ direct measurements



The CNO spectrum

Different definitions of CNO group Global fit to the spectrum $dN/dE \propto E^{-2.61}$



