Messengers from the Universe

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Topics to be covered

Ultra high-energy cosmic rays

- Universe greatest accelerators
 - ♦ Nature and origin still a mystery...
- Opportunity to do particle physics above the human-made accelerator energies

(Very) high-energy gamma-rays

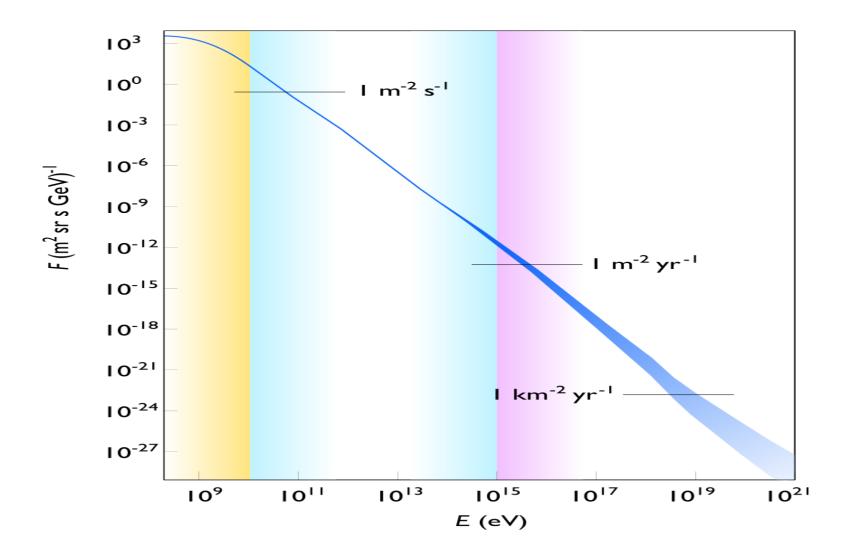
- Probe some of the most violent astrophysical phenomena
 - SuperNovae (SN) & SuperNovae Remnants (SNR)
 - Gamma-ray bursts (GRB)

Centaurus A



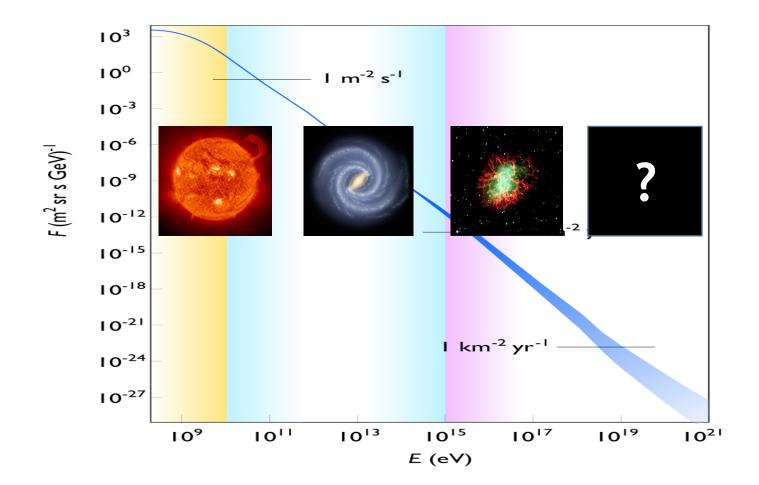


Cosmic ray energy spectrum



(Charged particles continuously bombarding Earth)

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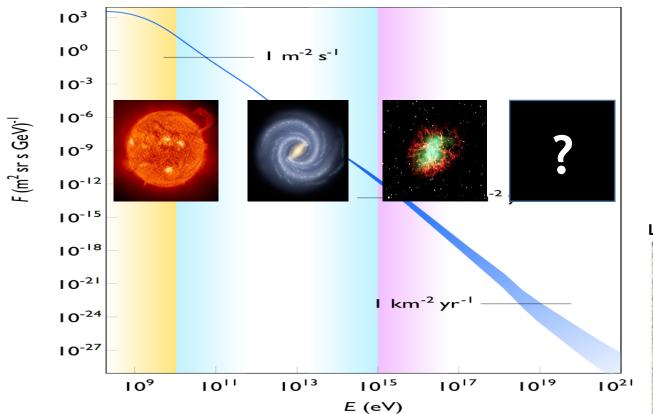


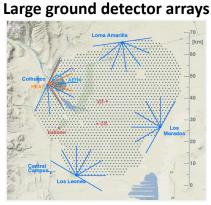
Rapidly falling energy spectrum Different sources according to the energy

Different experimental techniques vs energy

Detectors above Earth atmosphere







Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer

Installed on the International Space Station (ISS) in May of 2011

Collected more than 112,500,000,000 events up to this day, at a rate of about 45 million events per day

Most of primary cosmic rays crossing AMS are protons

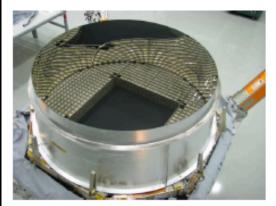
AMS detector

Upper TOF



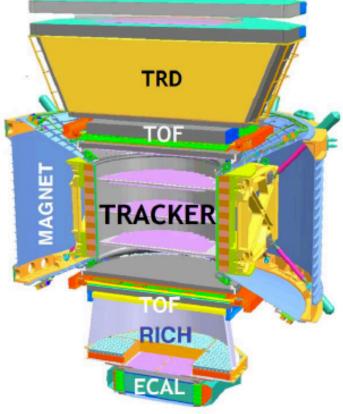
Lower TOF

Ring-Imaging Cherenkov Detector



Transition Radiation Detector

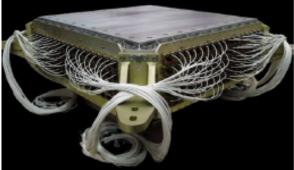




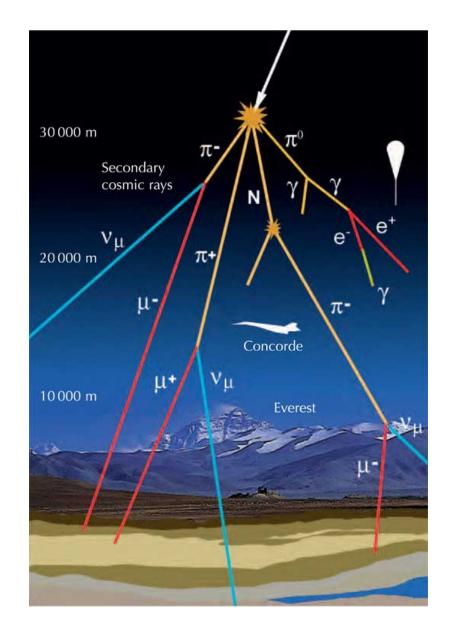
Sillicon Tracker



Electromagnetic Calorimeter



Extensive Air showers





Cosmic Ray Interactions in a Cloud Chamber

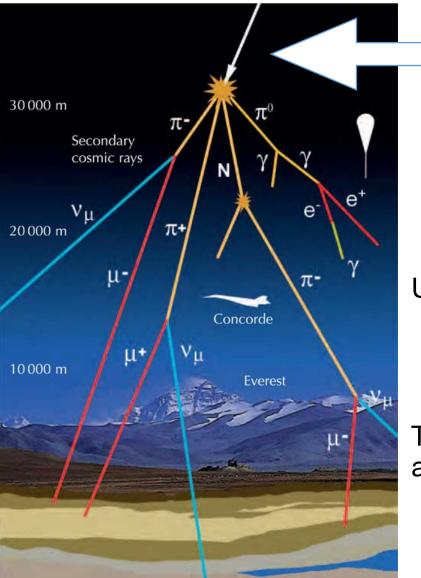


Spark chamber @ LIP

We can see the cosmic rays !



Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays



High-energy interactions

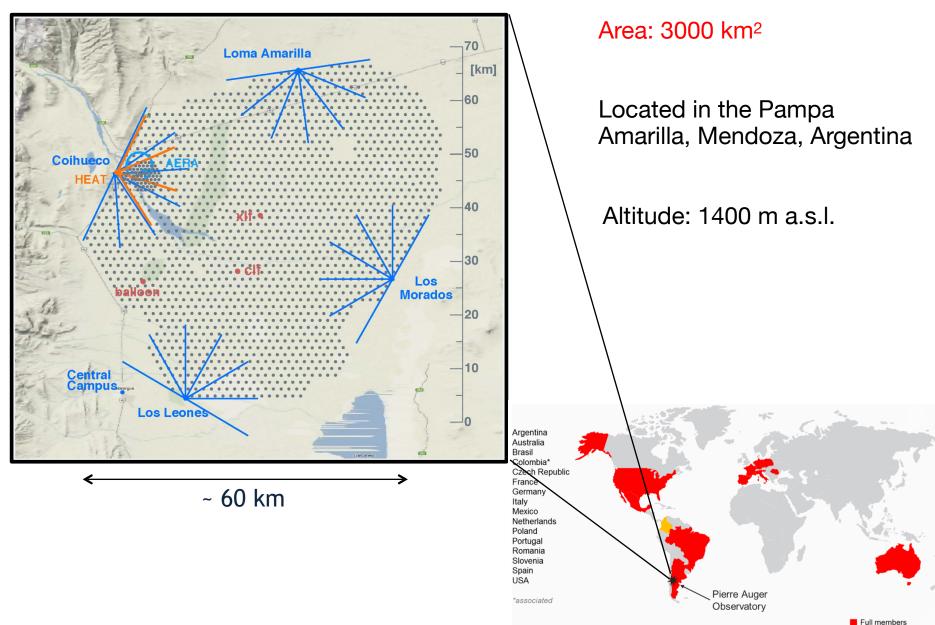
 $E \simeq 10^{19} - 10^{20} \, eV$

 E_{CM} ~ 100 TeV

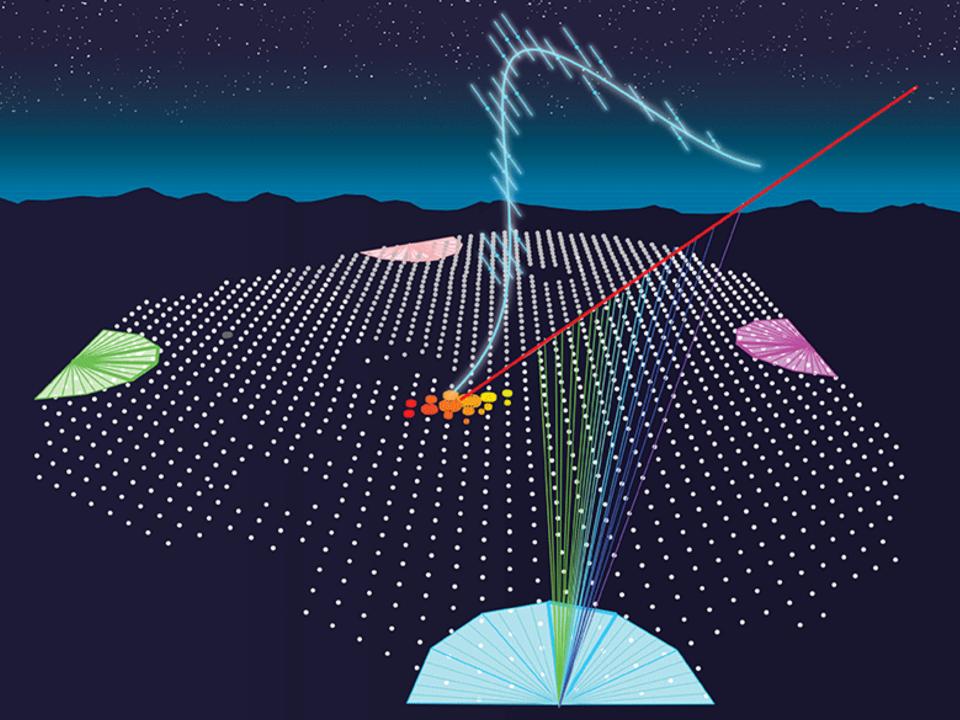
Understand high-energy Universe Production (sources; acceleration mechanisms...)

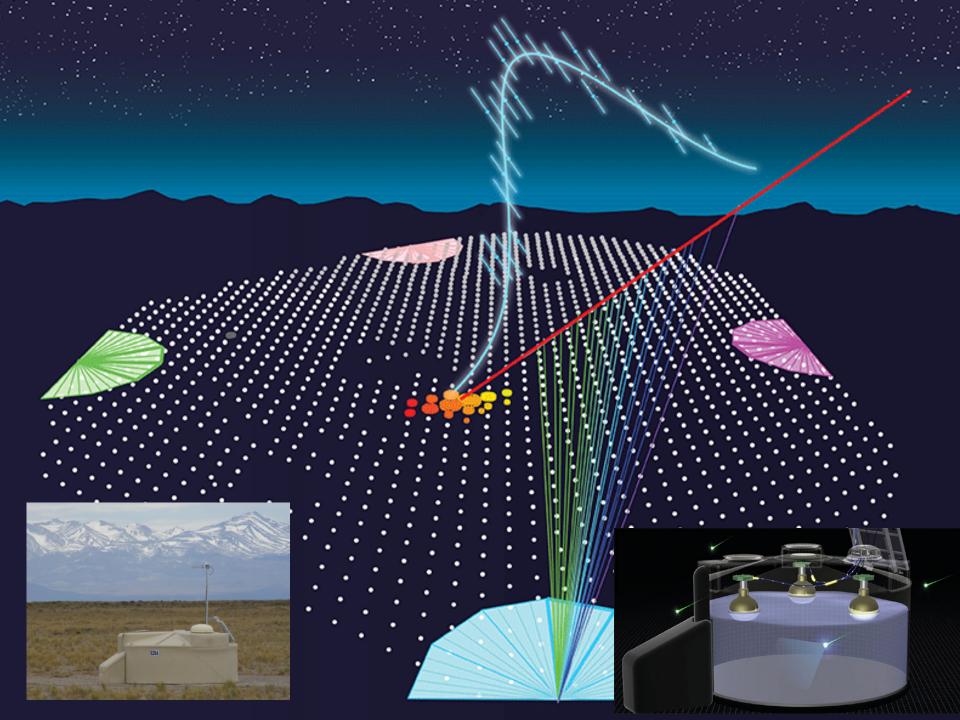
Test particle physics at energies above the LHC

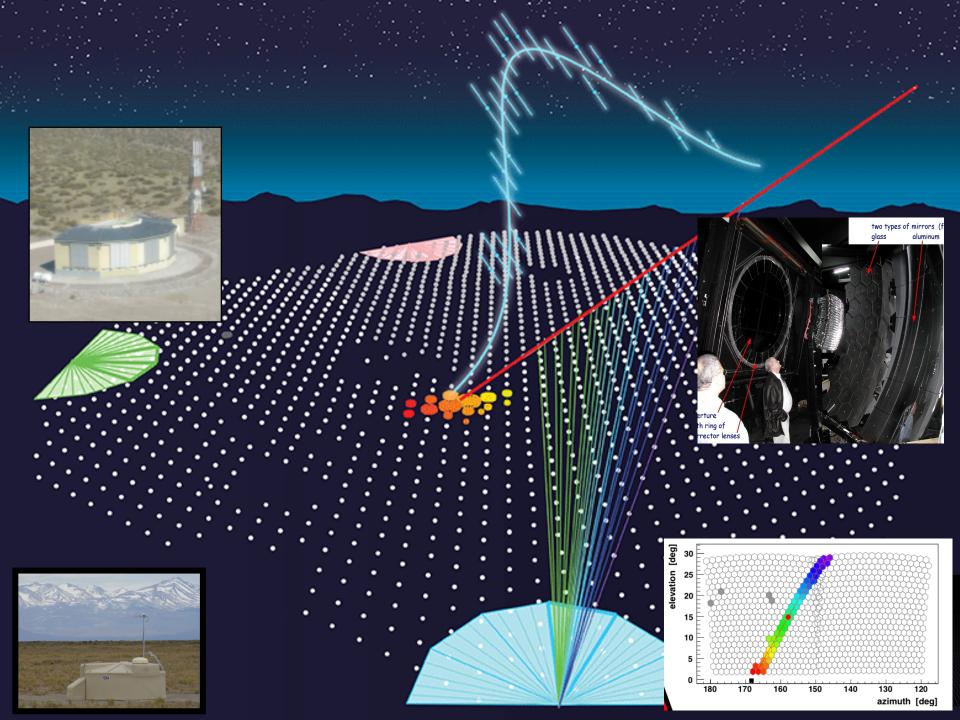
Pierre Auger Observatory



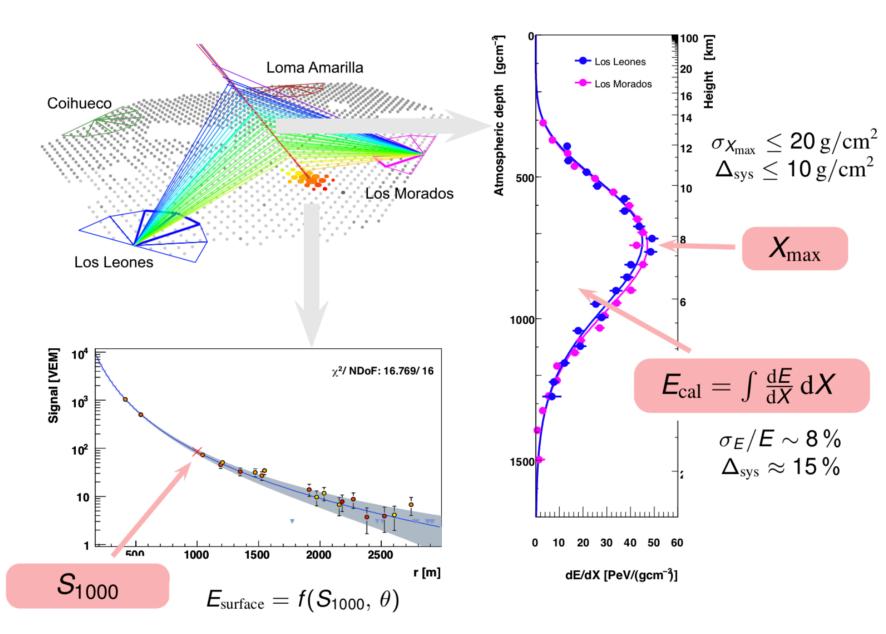
Associate members



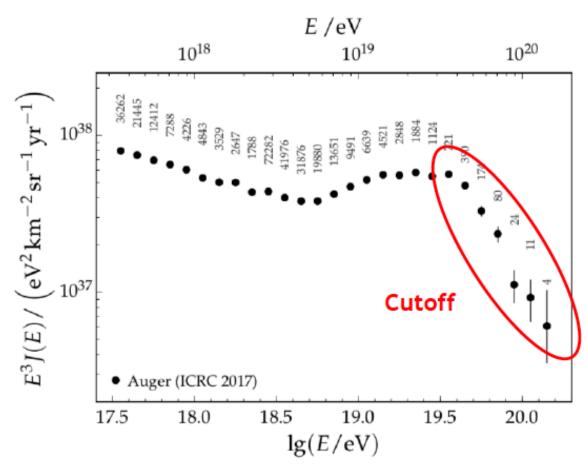




Hybrid Technique

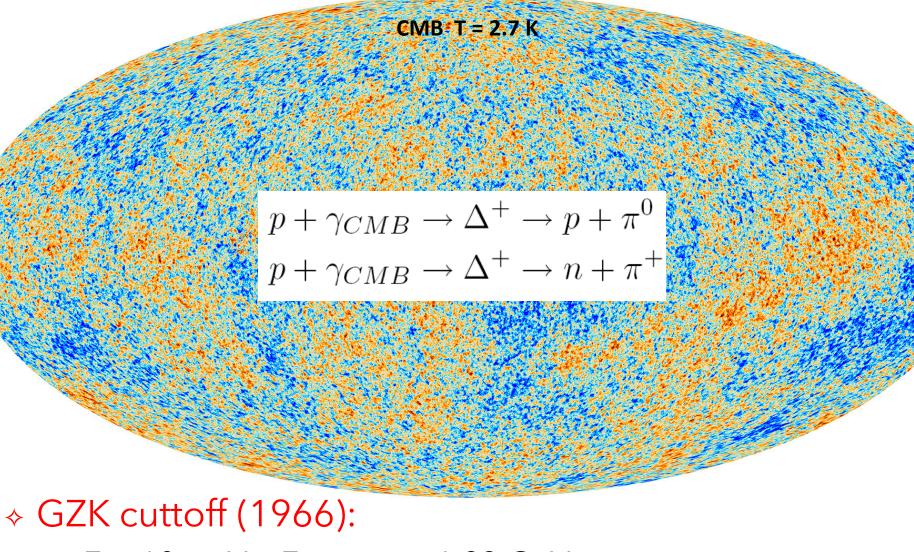


Very-high-energy cosmic-ray flux



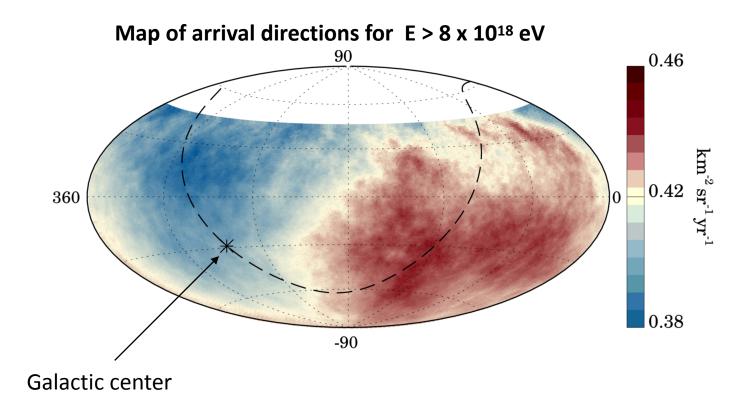
(Suppression could still be due to the source exhaustion)

Greisen, Zatsepin, Kuz'min effect



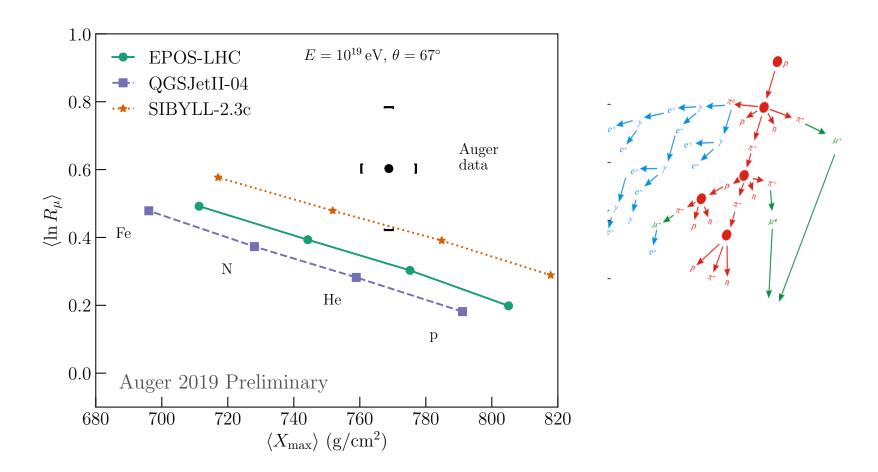
 $\label{eq:expansion} \diamond ~E \sim 10^{20}~eV ~: E_{CM} {>}~m_{\Delta} {=}~1.23~GeV$

Dipolar anisotropy



UHECRs coming from outside our galaxy !

Composition vs Hadronic interactions



Tension between data and all hadronic interaction models -> calls for an independent direct measurement of the number of muons

The future in Auger

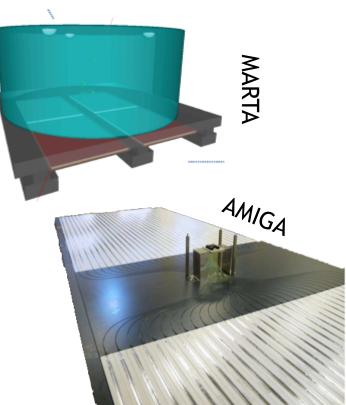
Auger upgrade

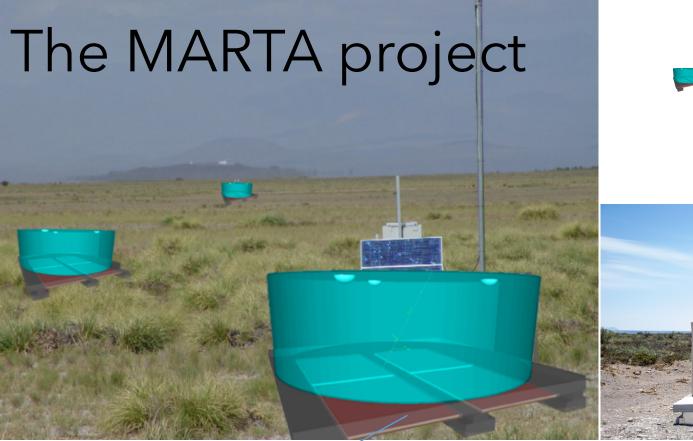
- Auger PRIME (operates until 2025)
- Put a scintillator on top of the SD
- Complementary information to separate the muon from the e.m. shower component

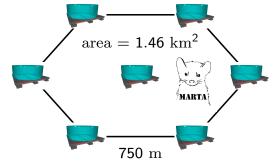
Several R&D projects

- EAS radio detection
- MARTA engineering array
 - RPCs below the tank
- AMIGA
 - Scintillators below the ground



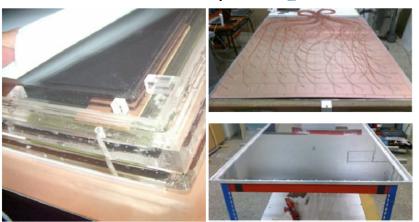




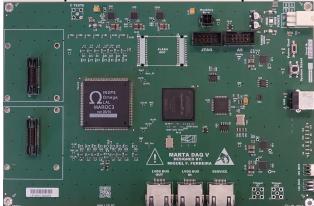




Resistive Plate Chambers developed @ LIP



Data acquisition electronics developed @ LIP



(Very) High Energy Gamma Rays

Astrophysical gamma rays

- Energy region of interest from GeVs to hundreds TeVs
- Scientific interest:
 - Key to understand the acceleration mechanism of cosmic rays in our galaxy
 - Violent astrophysical phenomena: pulsars and black holes
 - Galactic magnetic fields
 - Photon radiation fields in the Universe
 - Indirect search of dark matter (WIMP interactions)
 - Test fundamental properties of quantum gravity

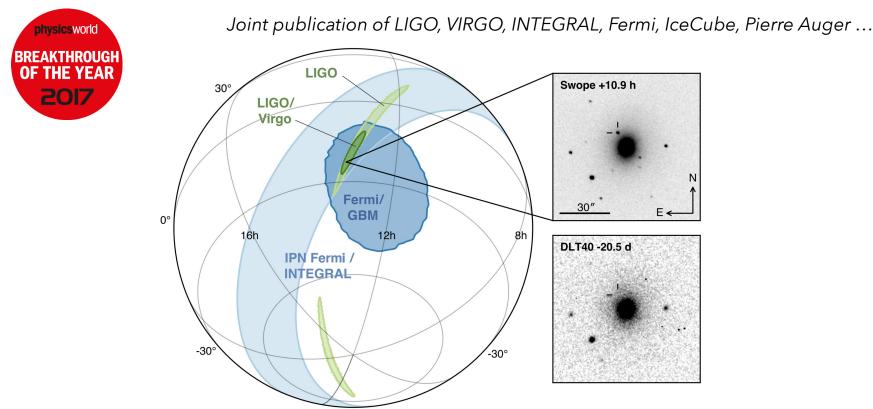
Complementarity

protons are deflected by the galactic magnetic fields

gammas travel in straight lines but can be absorbed in the way

neutrinos travel in straight lines but are very difficult to detect

Multi-messenger observation of a Binary Neutron Star Merger

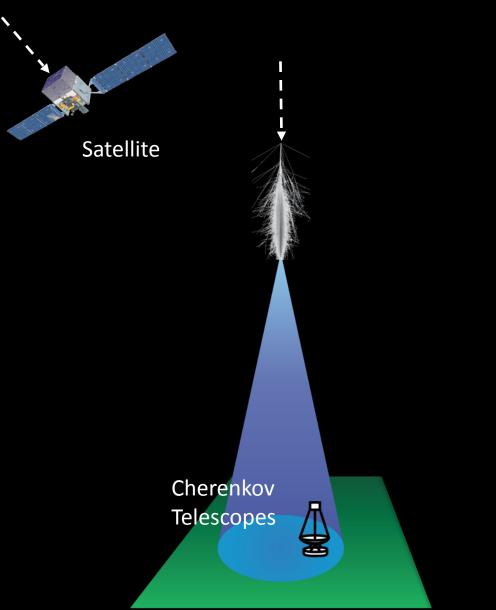


- Simultaneous observation of a Gravitational Wave + electromagnetic counter parts
- Allows to test the dynamics of our surrounding Universe
- Study of transient phenomena in all energy regions is one of the main ingredients

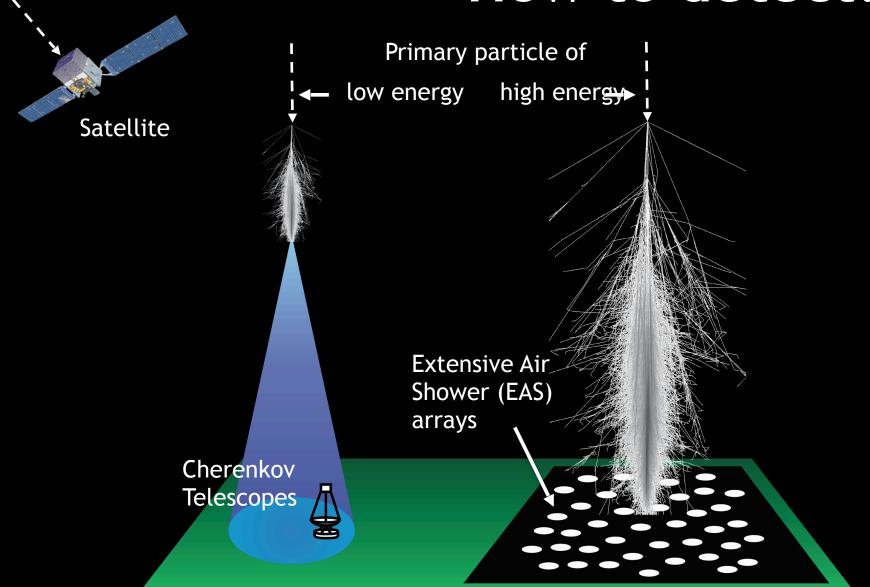
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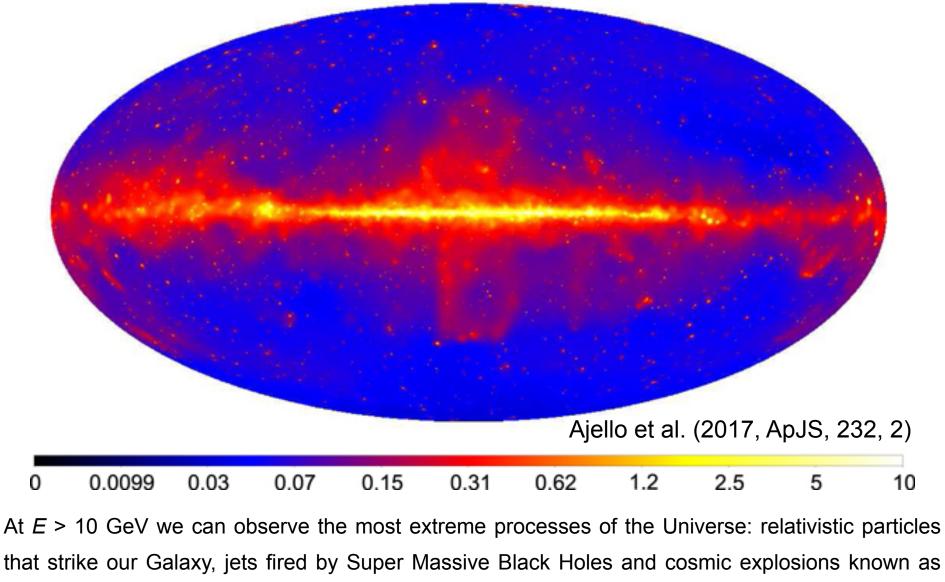


How to detect?



Arrays at high-altitude = large field of view + large duty cycle + low energy

A picture of the sky in VHE Gamma-Rays



Gamma Ray Bursts

Looking at the VHE gamma sky

MAGIC





СТА





Built IACTBuilt ArrayPlanned IACTPlanned Array

LHASSO

ARGO

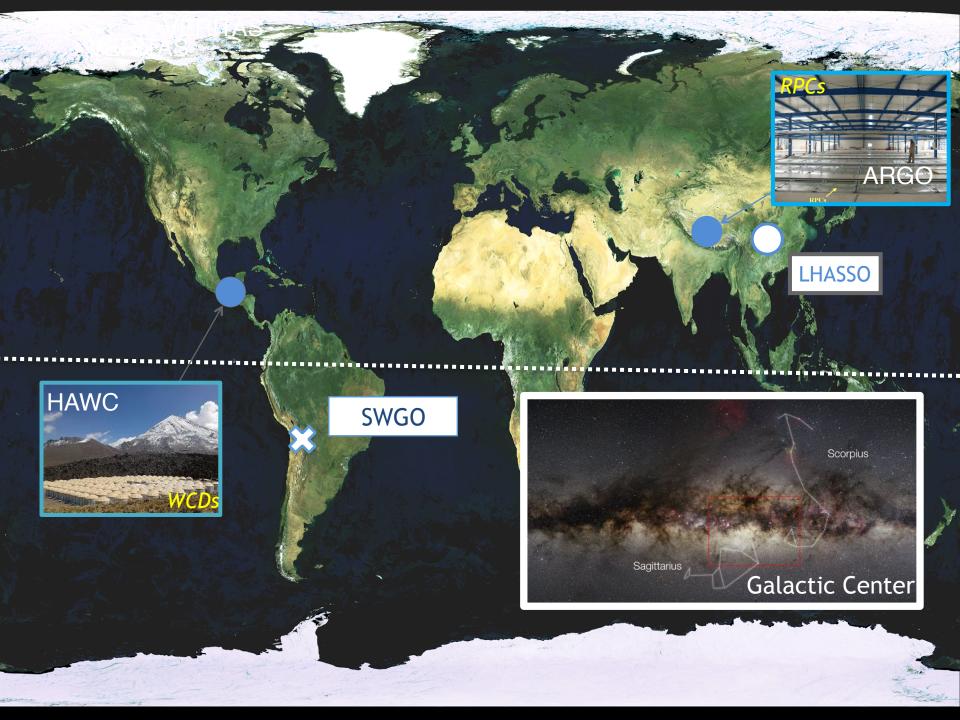


Presently no large FoV EAS gamma observatories in the South !

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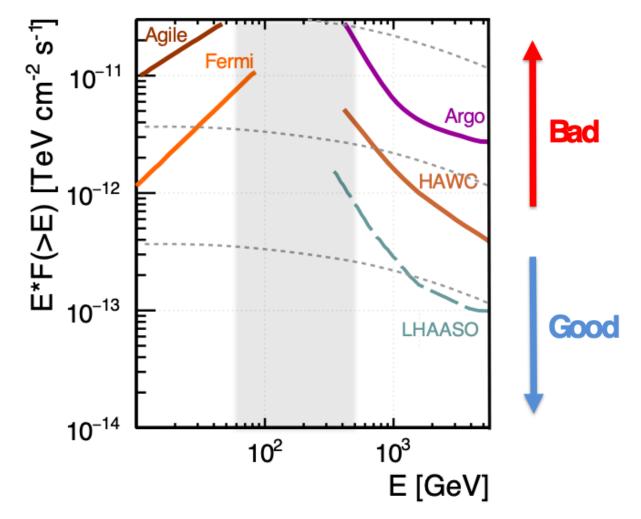




Complementary to the powerful Cherenkov Telescope Array project



Current Wide FoV Gamma-Ray Observatories



A window to be opened ! But a big challenge...

- > Find new technological solutions;
- > Develop novel data analysis methods;

SWGO

Southern Wide-field Gamma-ray Observatory

Energy range 100 GeV – 100 TeV High altitude in South America Based on Water Cherenkov Detectors

80000 m² compact array

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220 000 m² sparse array

Possible WCD layout

SWGO Collaboration

Next 3 years R&D programme to develop the detectors design, choose site, ...



Countries in SWGO

Institutes

Argentina*, Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany*, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, United Kingdom, United States*

Supporting scientists

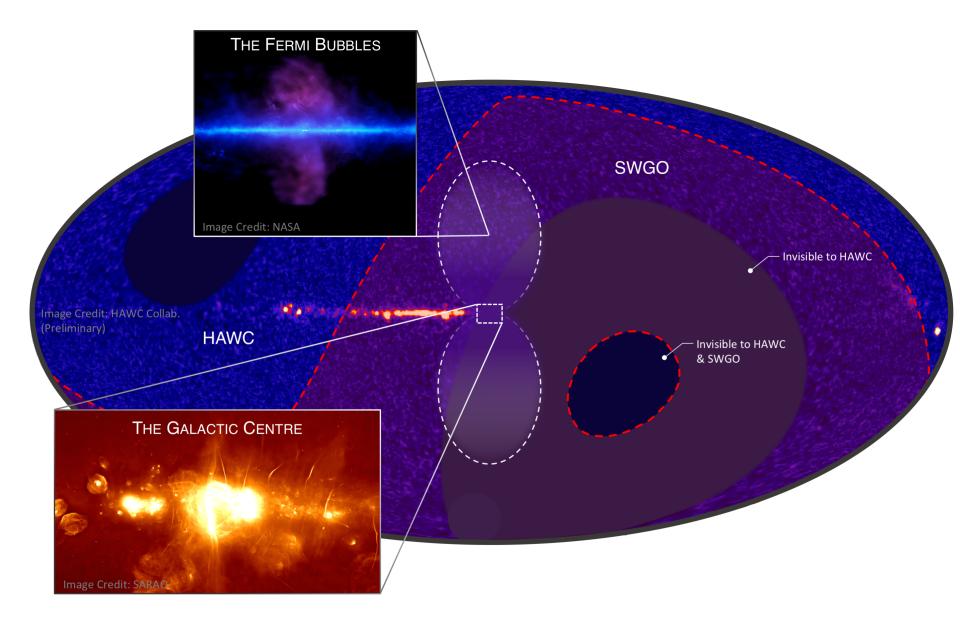
Australia, Chile, France, Japan, Slovenia

*also supporting scientists

Several possible sites...



Prospective gamma-ray sky view



SWGO Scientific potential

Gamma-ray bursts

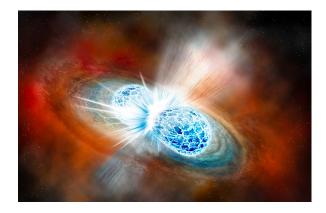
- SWGO as a finder for VHE bursts
- ♦ Triggers for CTA

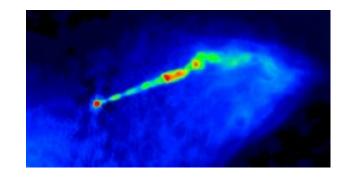
Flaring Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)

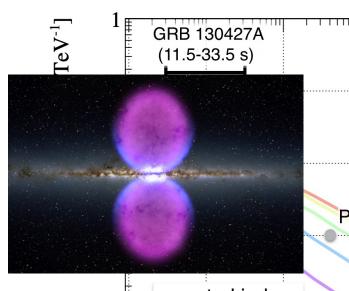
- Bright AGN flares detectable on short timescales with SWGO
- Long-term monitoring

Large scale Galactic emission

- Fermi Bubbles
- Halos around CR accelerators







Summary

- (Multi)-Messengers from the Universe
- Gain a deeper understanding of the dynamics of our Universe
- Highest-energy particle beams available at Earth

Several ambitious projects in which LIP participates

Backup slides

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