

Cosmic particles from distant galaxies: a new astronomy?

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Primäre Kosmische Strahlung

N

N

e+

π-

π-

N

 μ^+

 π^+

V

 μ^+

 π^+

N

 μ^+

11

Elektromagnetischer Schauer µ⁺

 $\pi^0 \pi^+$

e- e+

e-

Mont Blanc (4807 m) Hadronische Kaskade

This cosmic ray image is a modified version of an original picture produced by CERN

et

μ-









Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin (1964)

protons scatter with the CMB: threshold effect above 5×10^{19} eV: p+ $\gamma_{3K} \rightarrow \Delta(1232) \rightarrow p\pi^0 \rightarrow p \gamma\gamma$ or $n\pi^+ \rightarrow pe^+\nu$











June 16, 2008: 1660 tanks deployed 1637 with water 1603 with electronics

1.5 km between tanks

4 x 6 fluorescence telescopes

physics data since January 2004























the best discriminator for the mass of the primary particle is the depth of shower maximum, "Xmax"

8000

Auger shower

500

400

300

Height a.s.l. (m)

1200010000

8

6

3

200

(x10⁹)

Number of charged particles

Neutrinos would be deeply penetrating...:

the Xmax puzzle...: a trend to heavy primaries?

- 3 remarks:
- the plot may be too suggestive
- hadronic interactions at play?
- beware the energy range...

Correlation of the Highest-Energy Cosmic Rays with Nearby Extragalactic Objects

Capricornus Supercluster

Capricornus Void Pavo-Indus

> Sculptor Sculptor Superclusters Void

Pisces-Cetus Superclusters

Horologiu

Horologium Supercluster

Columba Supercluster

Perseus-Pisces Supercluster

Supercluster

Hercules Superclusters

100 million ly

Centaurus Supercluster Supercluster

Virgo Coma Superclüster Hydra Pisces Juster

Ursa Major Supercluster Leo Superclusters

Corona-Borealis

Supercluster

Bootes Void Bootes

Superclusters

Sextans Supercluster

Cosmic ray density map predicted from the flux-weighted distribution of X-ray AGNs detected by SWIFT, smoothed with an angular scale of 7°. (An isotropic fraction of 35% was built into the maps to account for catalog incompleteness.) The dots represent the arrival directions of the 58 trans-GZK cosmic rays detected with Auger South up to March 31, 2009.

excess from the supergalactic plane

Radio R&D at Auger

van den Berg & AUGER Collaboration (2007, ICRC)

Radio at Auger ...

- Proposal: build a 20 km² self-triggering radio array
- Radio will allow tripledetection (radio, fluorescence, particles) to nail down energy scale and systematics at >10¹⁸ eV
- Questions to be answered:
 - Maximal lateral extent and shape on km scale?
 - composition with ~100% duty cycle possible?
 - < 0.1° localization with interferometric technique?
 - Self-triggering?
 - Large scale deployment?

see van den Berg et al. (2007)

composition at and above the GZK threshold?

alternative explanations like increasing cross section?

particle physics at $\sqrt{s} > 350$ TeV

Addressing these questions needs much more statistics at the highest energies, i.e. a much larger area

Lamar Community College

Auger North central facilities

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just examples

1.A miles

Prowers County Building

	Auger South	Auger North
Location	35° S, 69° W	38° N, 102° W
Altitude	1,300 - 1,500 [m a.s.l.	1,300 [m a.s.l.
Area	3,000 km ²	20,000 km ²
Number of SD stations	1,600	4,000
(infill)		(400)
SD spacing	1,500 m	2,300 m
(infill)		(1,600 m)
PMT sensors / SD station	3	1
Communications network	SD-tower radio	peer-to-peer
SD array 50% efficient at	0.7-1 EeV	8-10 EeV
SD array 100% efficient at	3 EeV	80 EeV
FD stations	4	5
FD telescopes	24 (4 × 6)	39 (2 × 12 + 2 × 6 + 1 × 3)
Begin construction	1999	2011
End construction	2008	2015

Year	Milestones
1	Campus: Complete Office & Assembly Buildings
	FD: Construct 1st 12-Telescope enclosure; Install Telescopes 1-6
11	SD: Procure Detectors 1–100; Install Detectors 1–50
2	FD: Construct 2nd 12-Telescope enclosure; Install Telescopes 7-18
	SD: Procure Detectors 101–1000; Install Detectors 51–400
3	FD: Construct 1st 6-Telescope enclosure; Install Telescopes 19–30
	SD: Procure Detectors 1001–2400; Install Detectors 401–1000
4	FD: Construct remaining enclosures; Install Telescopes 31–39
	SD: Procure 2401–3600; Install Detectors 1001–2500
5	FD complete
	SD: Procure remaining detectors; Install Detectors 2501-4400

WBS	Activity	Total Project Cost (M\$)
	AUGER NORTH Project	126.7
1.0	FLUORESCENCE DETECTOR	32.9
2.0	SURFACE DETECTORS	68.5
3.0	COMMUNICATIONS	6.8
4.0	CENTRAL DATA ACQUISITION	0.4
5.0	DATA PROCESS & ANALYSIS	1.1
6.0	SITE DEVELOPMENT	11.9
7.0	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	5.1

Country contributions to construction

Sum(hopes) ≥ amount required

Pierre Auger Observatory Surface Detector Station

This demonstration Durface Detector Station or "tank" is similar to detectors used at the Pierre Auger Southern Hemisphere Observalicity in Argentina. Write Inis percicular taok is

inch-operational, it is designed to detect small flashes of light that are made as cosmic ray particles pass through the very pure water initide.

About 4,000 of these tanks will potentially be placed on local land over an approximate area of 4,000 square miles in Prowers, Bent, Back and Kowa counties (as shown by the shaded area on the diagram al right). The tanks which are made of heavy plastic. are proposed to ser near section corners with permission from landowners and with flexibility on their exact placement

These tanks are completely self-constained, designed to operate for long peliods without maintenance, and are harmless to farm animulis. Once the tanks are in place, they are estimated to be used to collect data for about 25 years.

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