

Theoretical Challenges: The Particle Physics Connection

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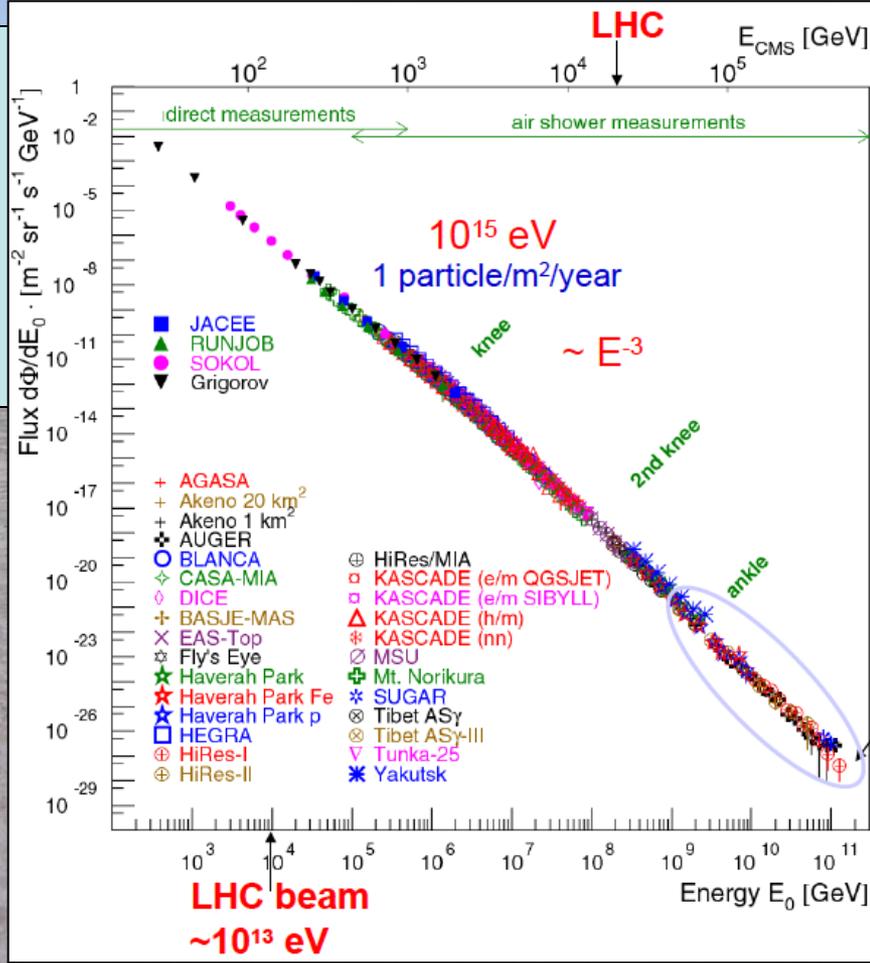
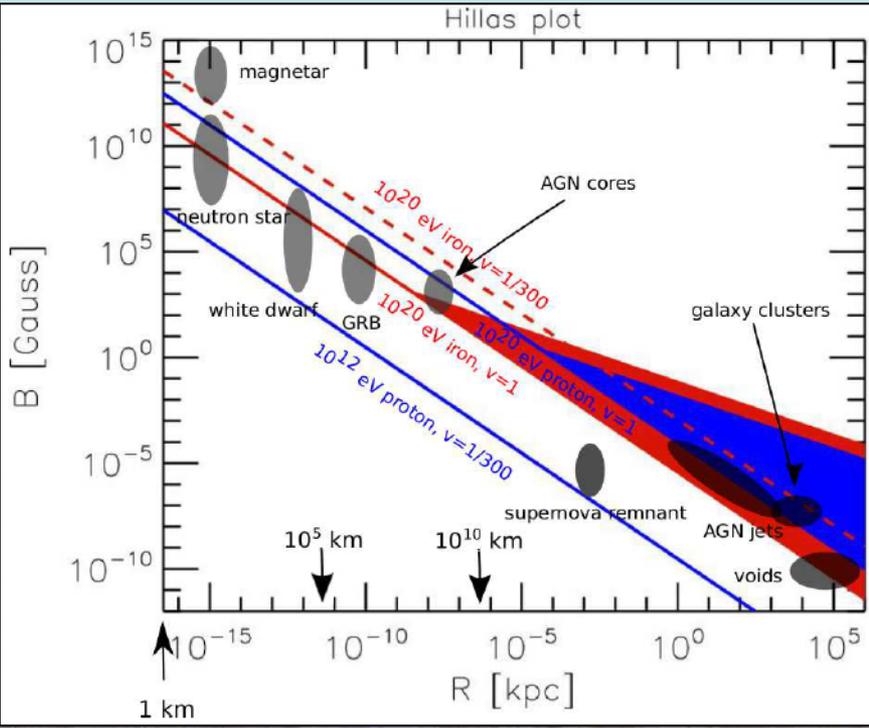
Outline

- RIP Top-down models?
 - Composition
 - Photon fraction
 - Angular distribution
- Strangelets and black holes?
- Lorentz violation?
 - In UHECR?
 - In neutrinos: OPERA, GZK?

Increasing
Speculation ↘

Origin of the UHECR?

- Top-down or bottom-up?
 - Heavy metastable particles?
 - Astrophysical sources?



Heavy Metastable Particles

- Topological defects, WIMPzillas, ...
- “Cryptons”
 - Hidden sector of string model
 - Weakly coupled to Standard Model particles
 - Decay slowly through higher-order operators
- Specific examples in flipped SU(5) from string

– Estimate lifetime:

$$\tau \approx \frac{\alpha_{string}^{2-N}}{m_X} \left(\frac{M_s}{m_X} \right)^{2(N-3)}$$

– Calculate decay spectra:

$$\Phi^{halo}(E) = \frac{n_X}{\tau_X} \frac{1}{\Gamma_X} \frac{d\Gamma(X \rightarrow g_1 + \dots)}{dE}$$

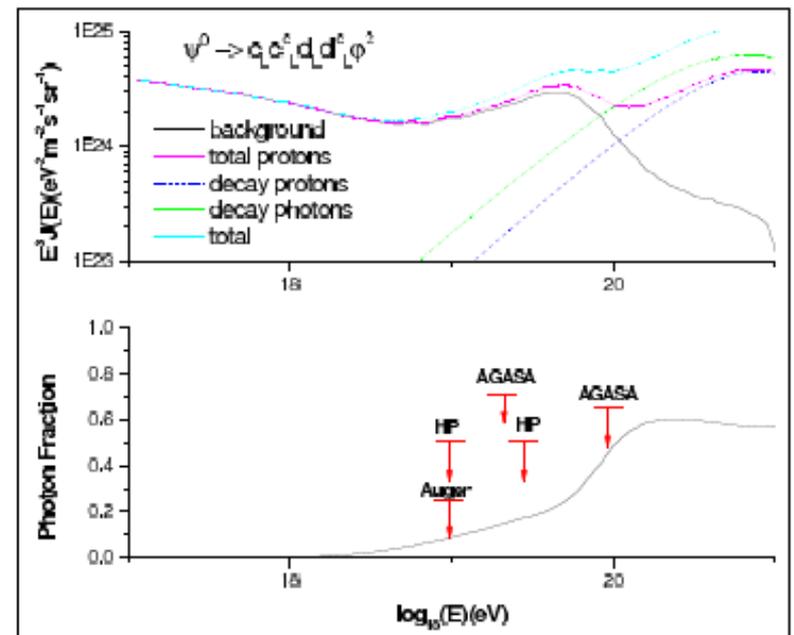
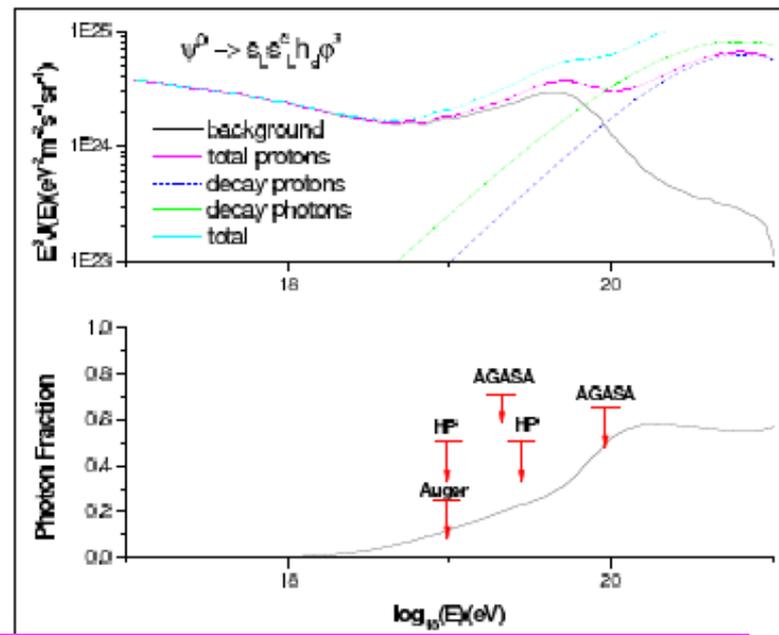
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_X} \frac{d\Gamma(X \rightarrow g_1 + \dots)}{dE} = \sum_a \int_0^x \frac{1}{\Gamma_a} \frac{d\Gamma_a(y, \mu^2, M_X^2)}{dy} \Big|_{y=x/z} D_a^g(z, \mu^2)$$

Sample Crypton Decay Models

- Known decay modes, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^0 &\rightarrow \tau \tau^c h_d \phi^3, \Psi^0 \rightarrow e/\mu e^c/\mu^c h_d \phi^3, \Psi^0 \rightarrow b b^c h_d \phi^3, \\ \Psi^0 &\rightarrow b b^c h_d h_d h_u \phi, \Psi^0 \rightarrow t t^c h_u \phi^3, \Psi^0 \rightarrow t t^c h_u h_u h_d \phi, \\ \Psi^0 &\rightarrow c c^c d d^c \phi^2, \Psi^0 \rightarrow s s^c h_d \phi^3 \end{aligned}$$

- Calculable decay spectra

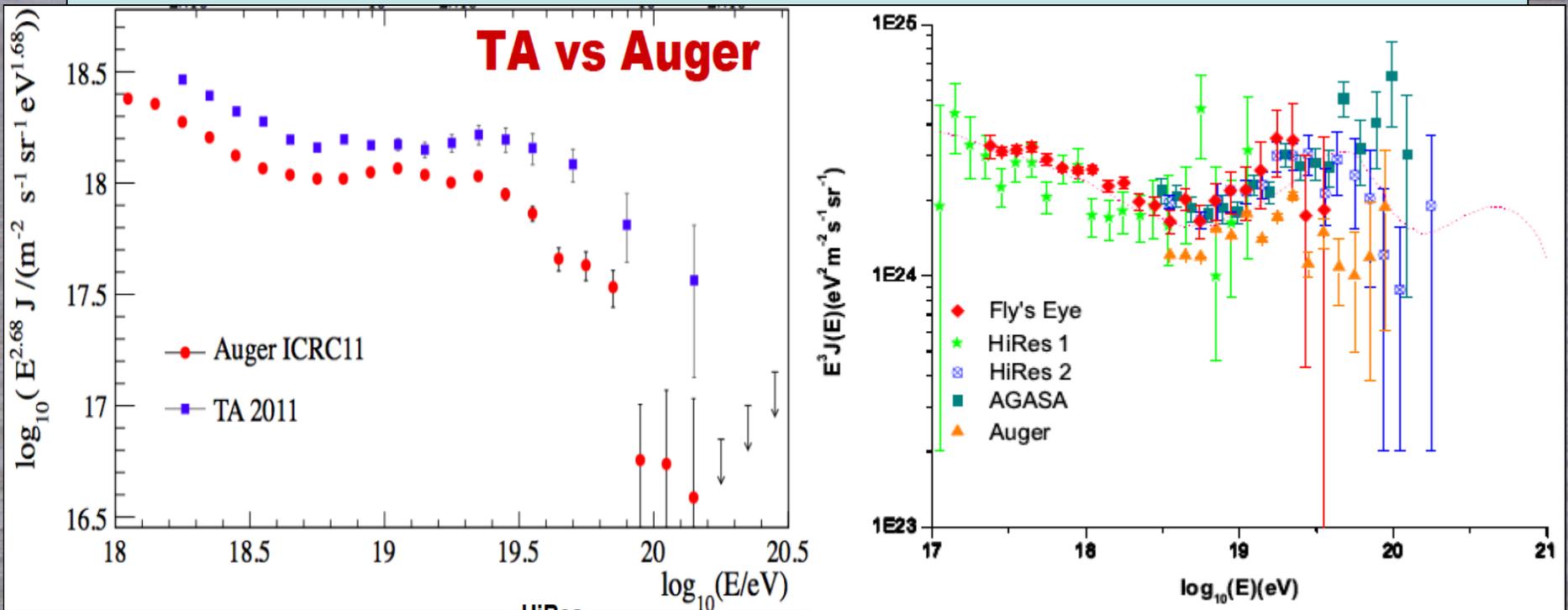


Four Strikes and You are Out

- Evidence for GZK cutoff
 - But feature possible in crypton models
- Composition
 - More heavy nuclei at higher energies
- Photon fraction
 - Strong upper limits from Auger
- Angular distribution
 - No indication of galactic anisotropy

GZK are alive and well

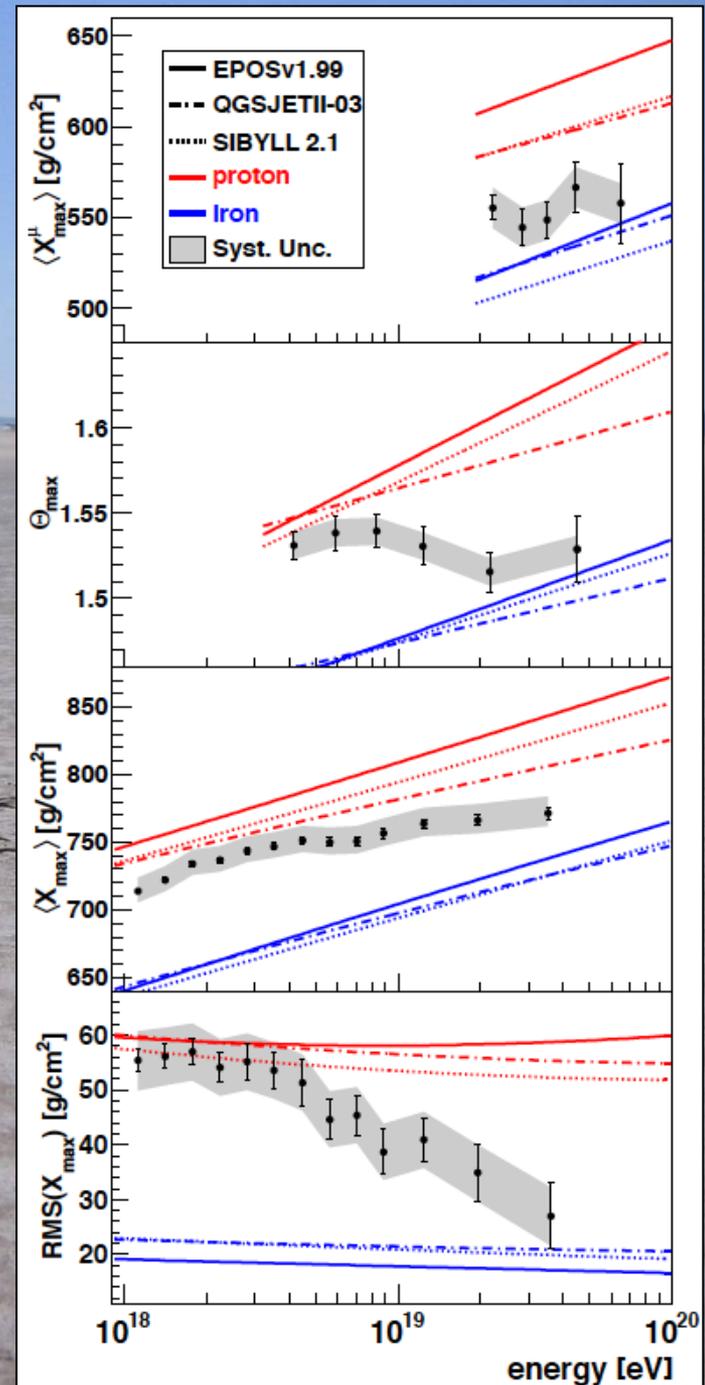
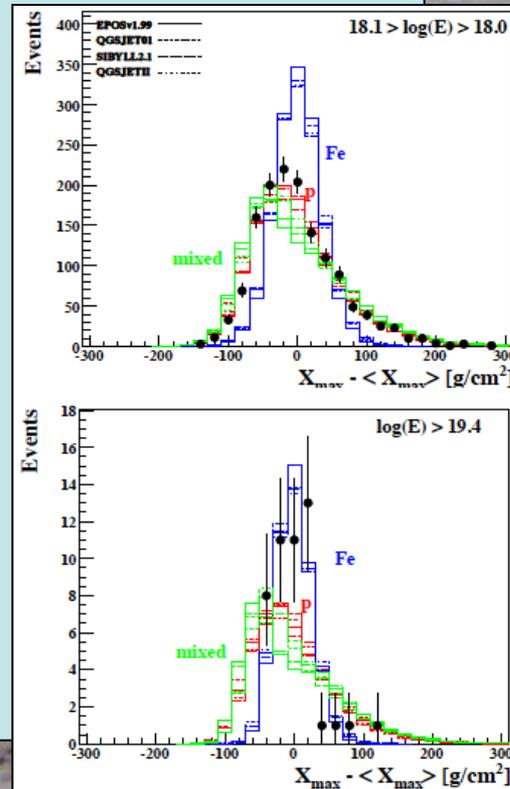
- Dixit HiRes, Auger, TA



- But features possible in crypton decay models

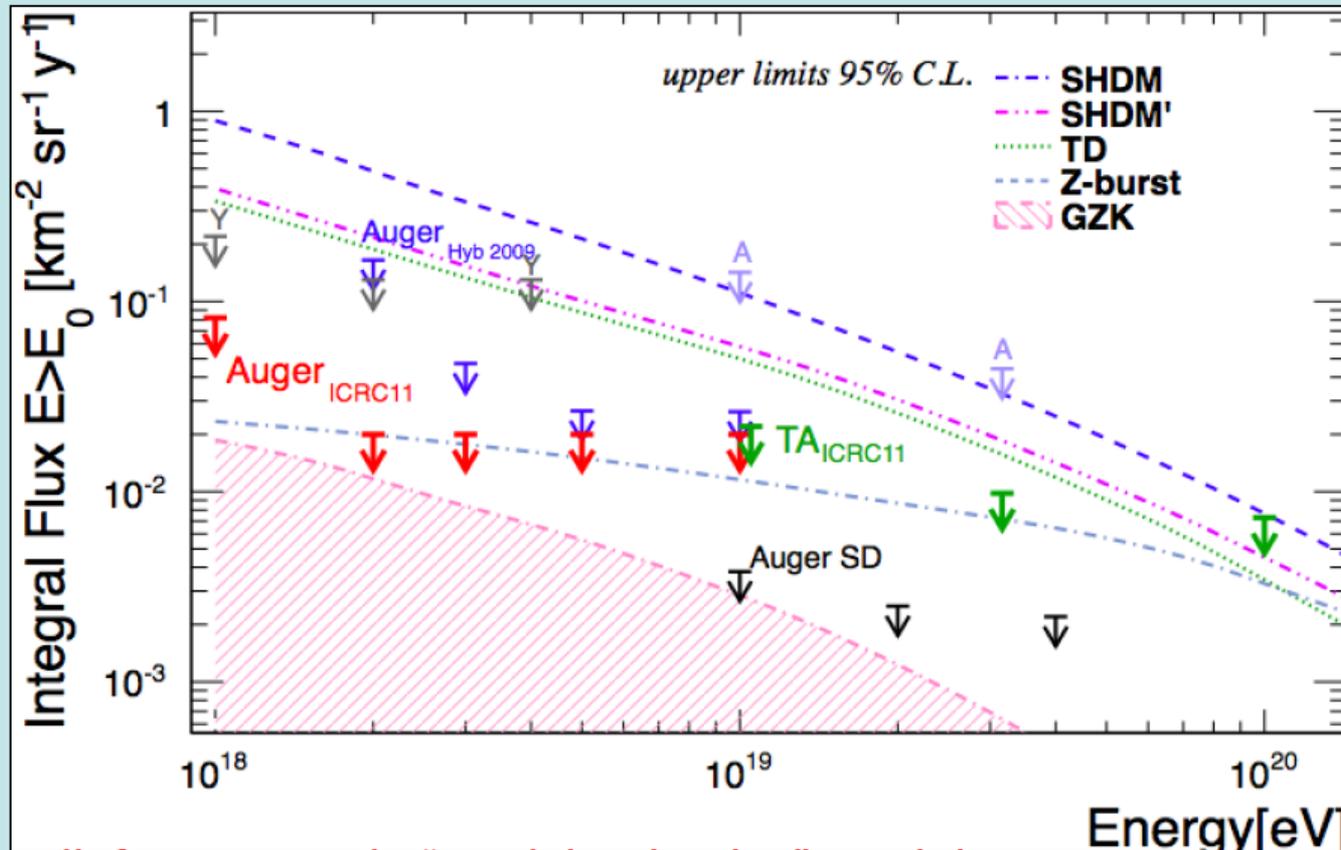
Cosmic-Ray Composition

- Auger suggests increasing fraction of heavy nuclei in UHECR
- Impossible in top-down model
- But may be some protons even at UHE



Upper Limits on Photons

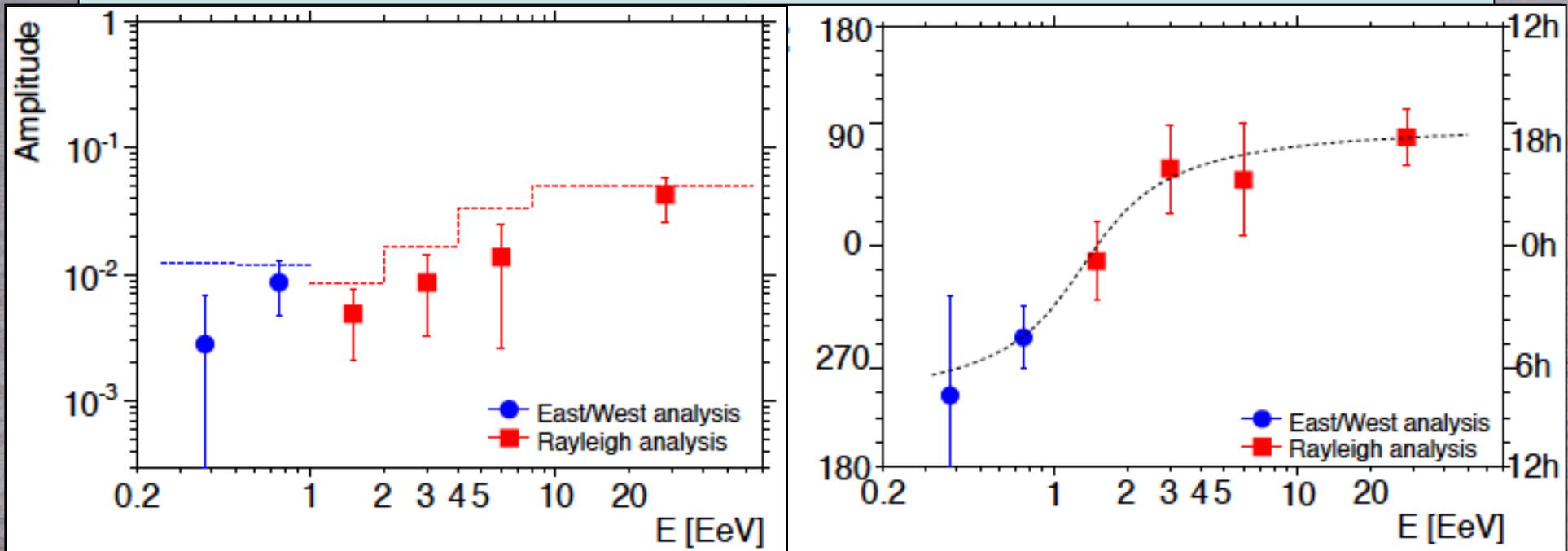
- Upper limits below (many) top-down models



- BUT: possibility of absorption by γ background?

UHECR Anisotropy?

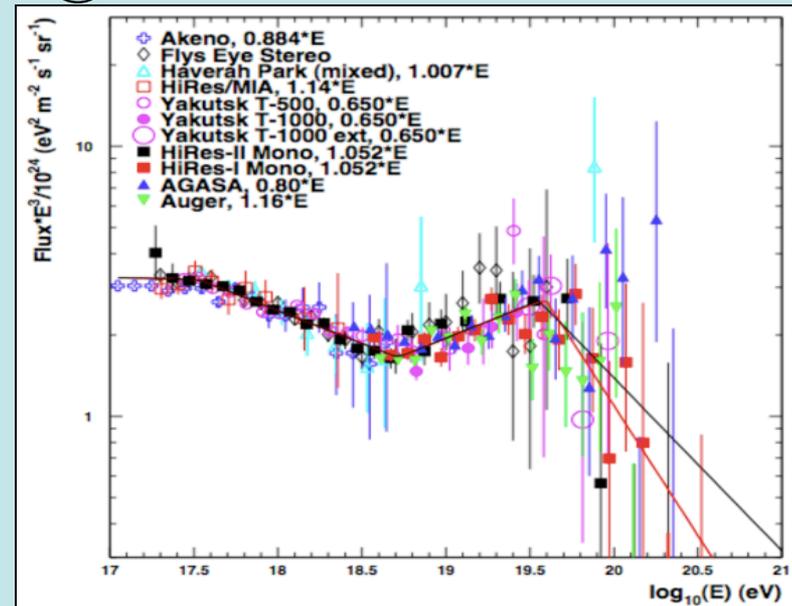
- Compatible with statistical fluctuations



- But non-trivial energy dependence of phase

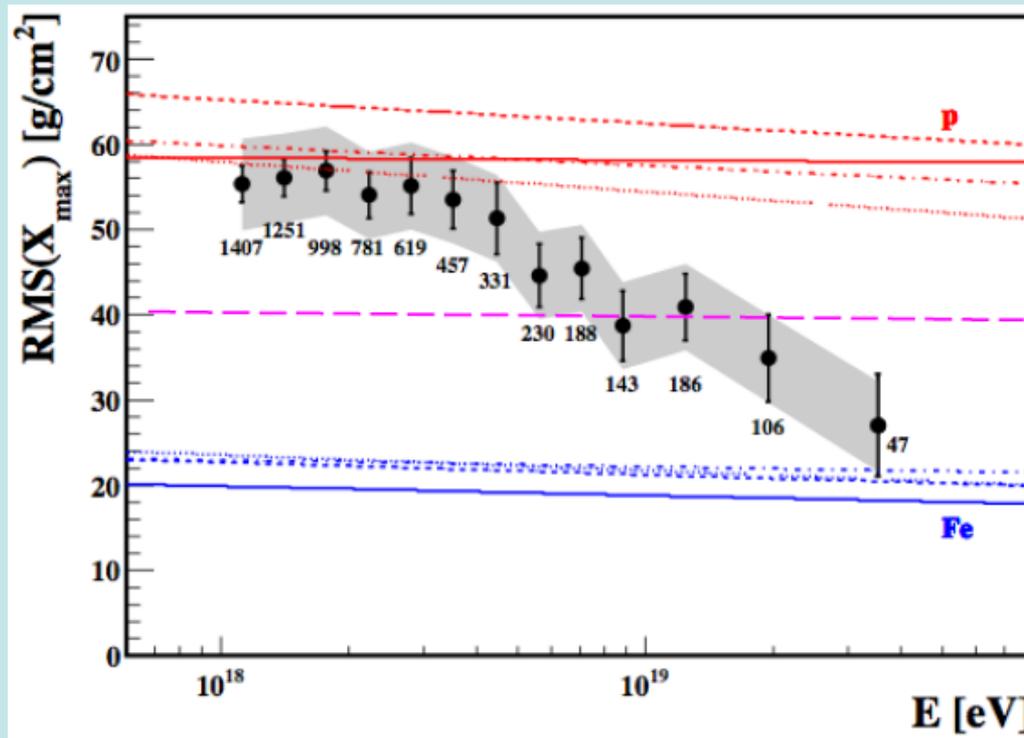
Nasties at the LHC?

- LHC @ 14 TeV = cosmic rays @ 10^{17} eV
- Cosmic rays seen to 10^{20} eV
- Protons and/or Iron?
- $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{22}$ cosmic rays above 10^{17} eV have struck Earth
- Equivalent to 10^5 LHCs
- Area of Sun 10^4 larger
- 10^{11} stars in Galaxy, 10^{11} galaxies in Universe
- Nature has performed 10^{31} LHC programmes
- Nature carries out $3 \cdot 10^{13}$ LHC programmes per second



Cosmic-Ray Composition

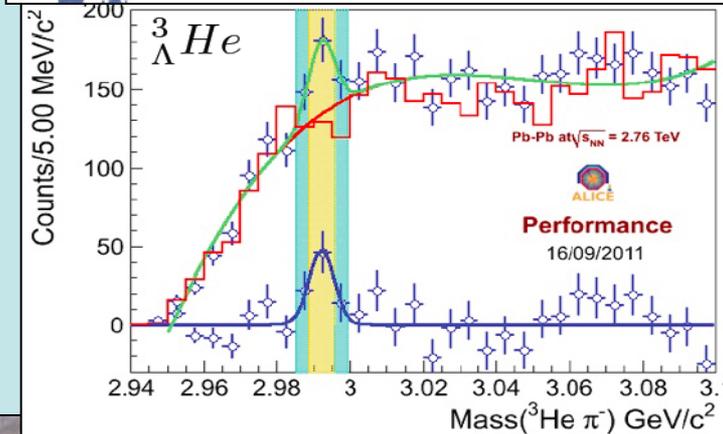
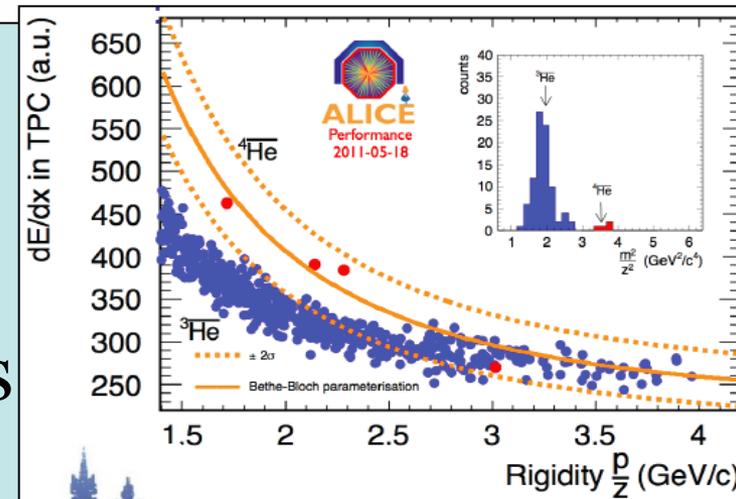
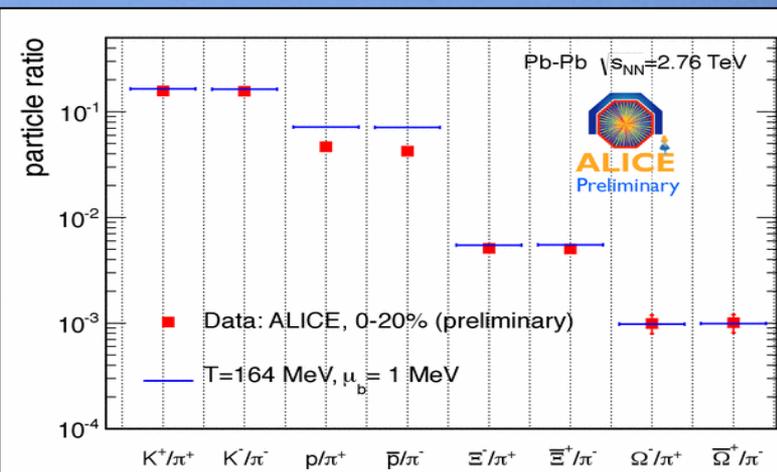
- Rates reduced by $1/A$ if all heavy nuclei
 - But Auger consistent with not all Fe



- Even if all Fe at source, $\geq 10\%$ protons on arrival

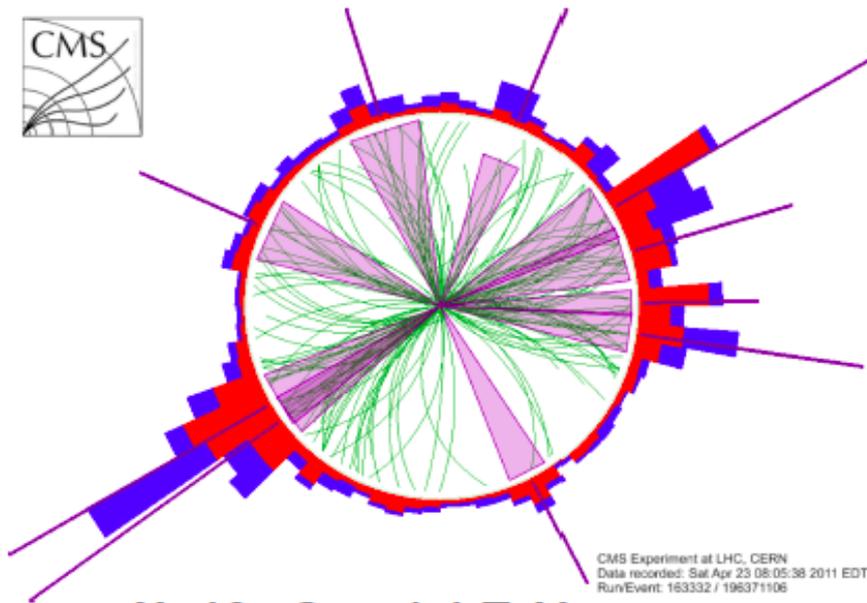
Strangelets?

- LHC heavy-ion collisions: strange particle production agrees with thermal models
- Production of (anti-)nuclei agrees with coalescence models
- Also strange nuclei
- **Negligible strangelet production predicted:**
 $< 10^{-24}$ for $A = 10$



No Black Holes at LHC

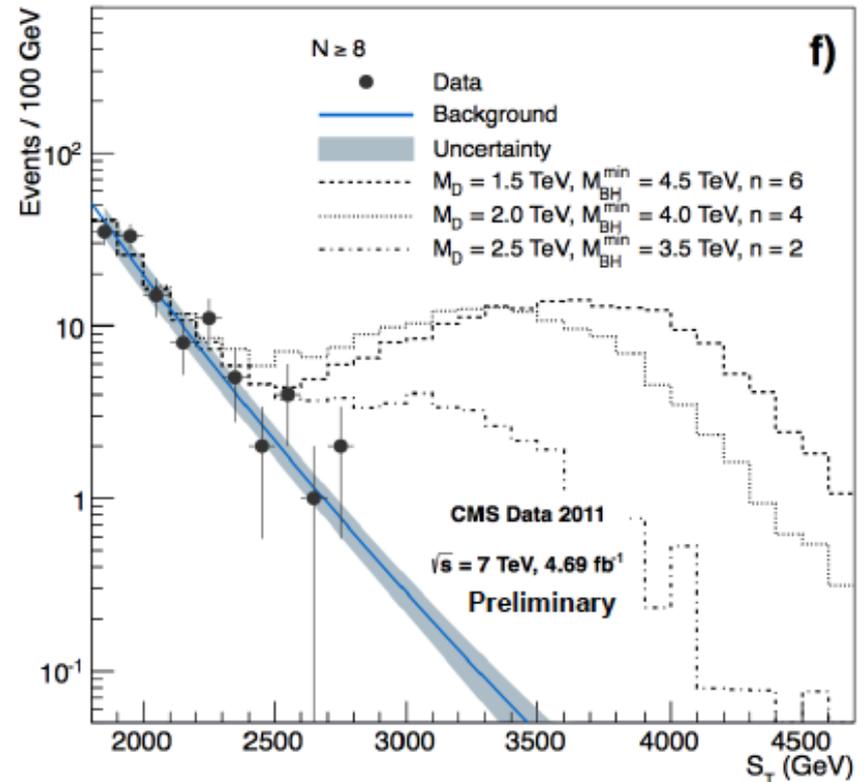
- Democratic and isotropic decay
- High S_T events (total transverse energy)
- High total multiplicity (e.g. ≥ 4)



N=10 $S_T = 1.1$ TeV

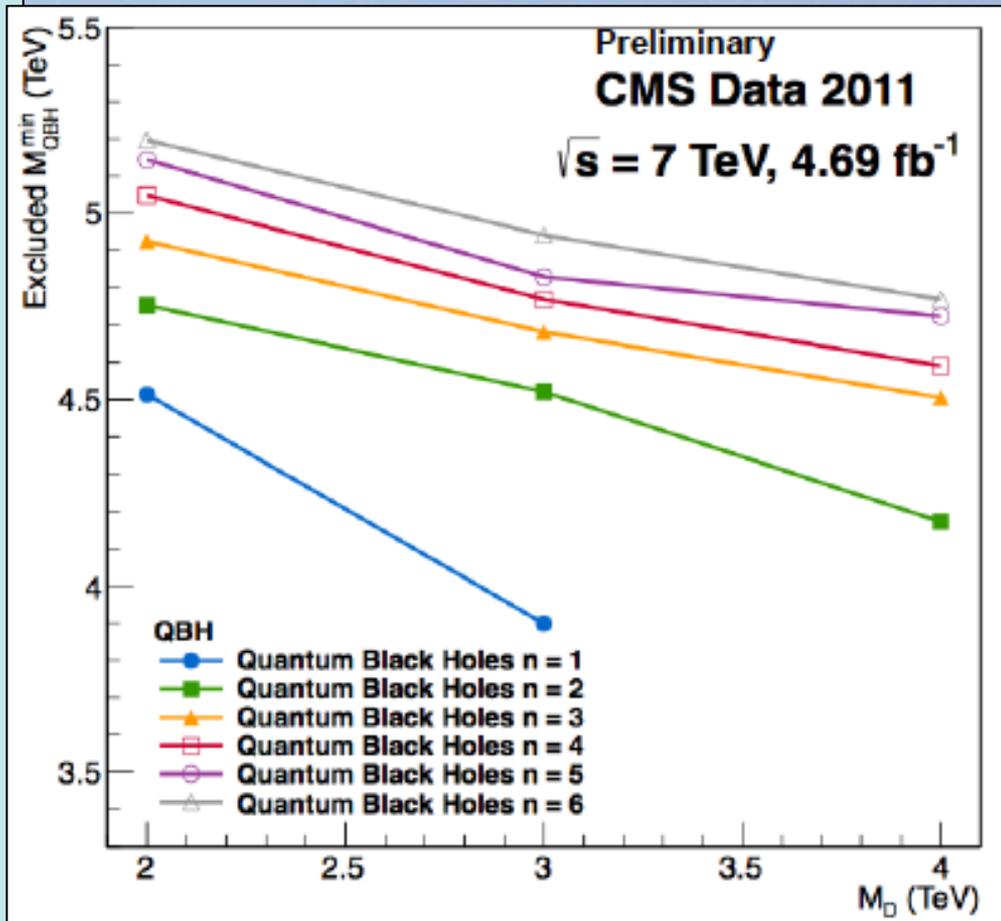
CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
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Use $N=2, 3$ for background model.



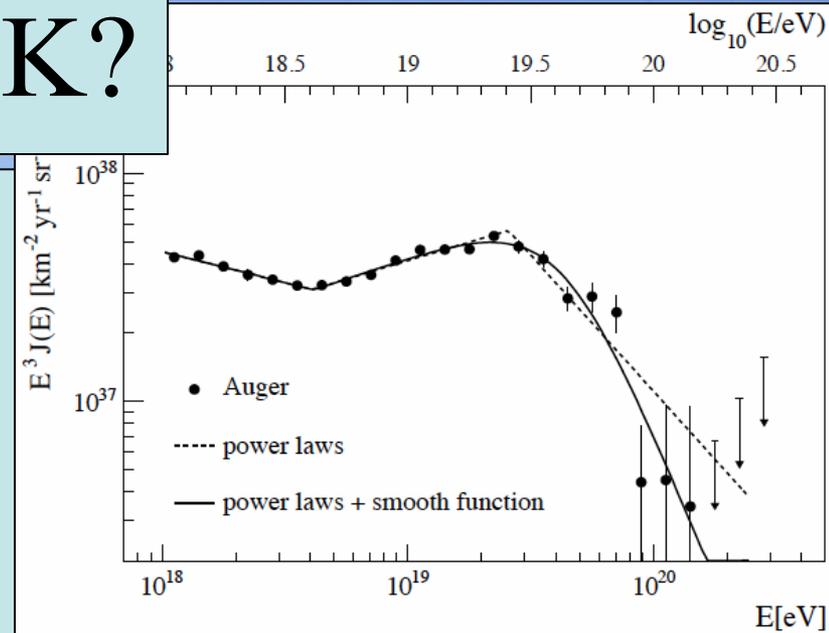
No Black Holes at LHC

- Many variant models studied
 - Stable remnants
 - Unstable remnants
 - Different numbers of dimensions
- ☹️ : would have been wonderful quantum gravity laboratory



To GZK or not to GZK?

- Not GZK mechanism?
- Cutoff at production?
 - Limited acceleration?
 - Mass in top-down model?
- Avoid GZK by Lorentz violation?
 - Could affect kinematics of $p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow N + \pi$
- Why use exotic mechanism to explain absence of standard effect that is probably present?
- GZK protons would have γ -factor $E/m \sim 10^{11}$



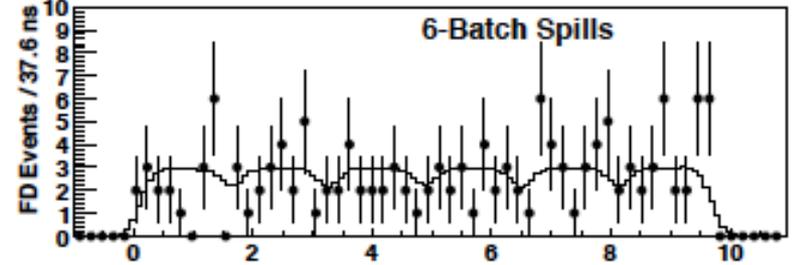
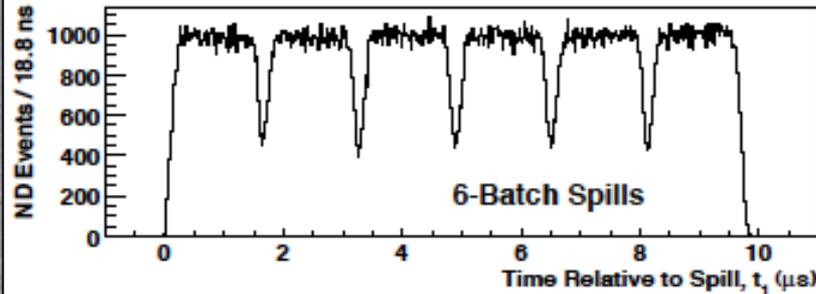
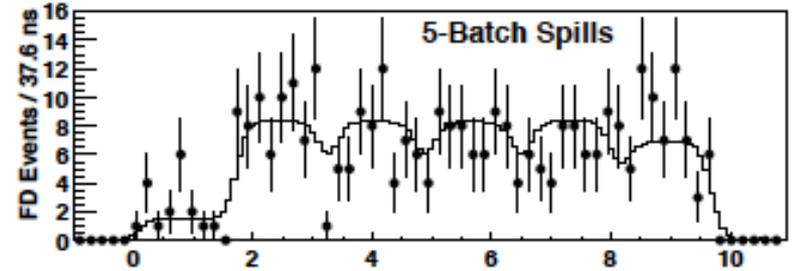
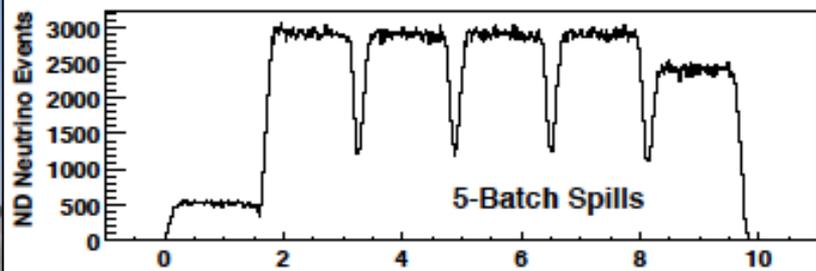
Just like OPERA neutrinos!

The End of Relativity is Nigh?

- 1862: Maxwell found that there should be electromagnetic waves travelling at approximately the (known) speed of light
- 1905: Einstein used universal speed of light as foundation of geometric description of physics
- 2011: OPERA finds 6- σ discrepancy between neutrino speed and that of light

“Life in the fast lane”

MINOS Measurement of ν Speed



Near & far detectors

Uncertainties

Description	Uncertainty (68% C.L.)
A Distance between detectors	2 ns
B ND Antenna fiber length	27 ns
C ND electronics latencies	32 ns
D FD Antenna fiber length	46 ns
E FD electronics latencies	3 ns
F GPS and transceivers	12 ns
G Detector readout differences	9 ns
Total (Sum in quadrature)	64 ns

Published result

$$(v - c)/c = 5.1 \pm 2.9 \times 10^{-5}$$

almost $2 \sigma > 0$

Probes of Lorentz Violation in Neutrino Propagation

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Abstract

It has been suggested that the interactions of energetic particles with the foamy structure of space-time thought to be generated by quantum-gravitational (QG) effects might violate Lorentz invariance, so that they do not propagate at a universal speed of light. We consider the limits that may be set on a linear or quadratic violation of Lorentz invariance in the propagation of energetic neutrinos, $v/c = [1 \pm (E/M_{\nu QG1})]$ or $[1 \pm (E/M_{\nu QG2})^2]$, using data from supernova explosions and the OPERA long-baseline neutrino experiment. Using the SN1987a neutrino data from the Kamioka II, IMB and Baksan experiments, we set the limits $M_{\nu QG1} > 2.7(2.5) \times 10^{10}$ GeV for subluminal (superluminal) propagation, respectively, and $M_{\nu QG2} > 4.6(4.1) \times 10^4$ GeV at the 95 % confidence level. A future galactic supernova at a distance of 10 kpc would have sensitivity to $M_{\nu QG1} > 2(4) \times 10^{11}$ GeV for subluminal (superluminal) propagation, respectively, and $M_{\nu QG2} > 2(4) \times 10^5$ GeV. With the current CNGS extraction spill length of 10.5 μ s and with standard clock synchronization techniques, the sensitivity of the OPERA experiment would reach $M_{\nu QG1} \sim 7 \times 10^9$ GeV ($M_{\nu QG2} \sim 8 \times 10^3$ GeV) after 5 years of nominal running. If the time structure of the SPS RF bunches within the extracted CNGS spills could be exploited, these figures would be significantly improved to $M_{\nu QG1} \sim 5 \times 10^7$ GeV ($M_{\nu QG2} \sim 4 \times 10^4$ GeV). These results can be improved further if similar time resolution can be achieved with neutrino events occurring in the rock upstream of the OPERA detector: we find potential sensitivities to $M_{\nu QG1} \sim 4 \times 10^8$ GeV and $M_{\nu QG2} \sim 7 \times 10^5$ GeV.

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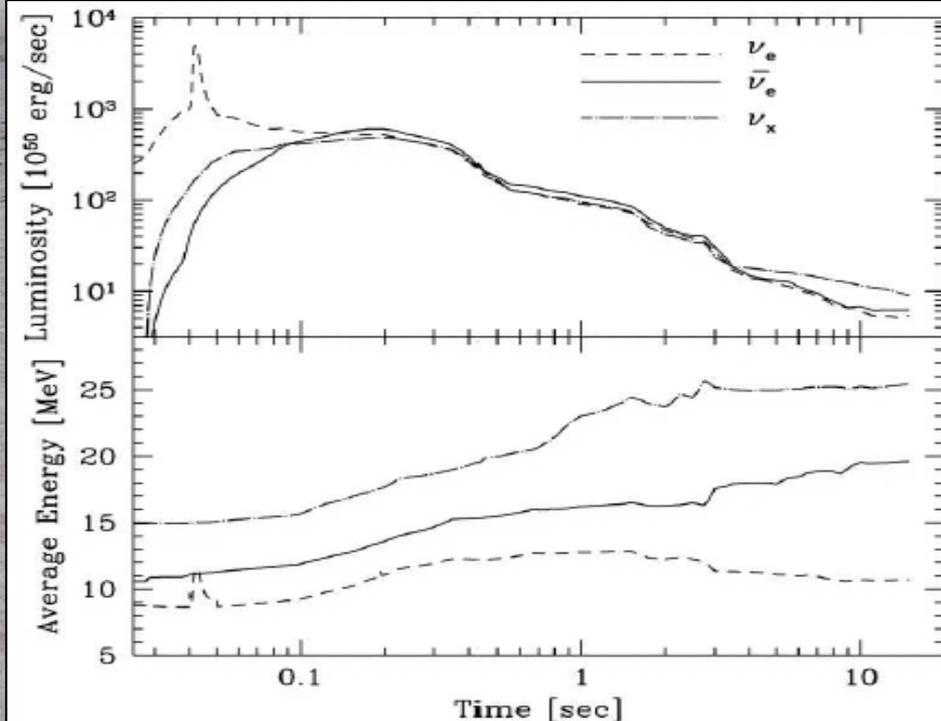
Constraints from Supernova 1987a

- Data from 3 experiments

IMB			Kamiokande II		
t (s)	E (MeV)	σ_E (MeV)	t (s)	E (MeV)	σ_E (MeV)
$t \equiv 0.0$	38	7	$t \equiv 0.0$	20.0	2.9
0.412	37	7	0.107	13.5	3.2
0.650	28	6	0.303	7.5	2.0
1.141	39	7	0.324	9.2	2.7
1.562	36	9	0.507	12.8	2.9
2.684	36	6	1.541	35.4	8.0
5.010	19	5	1.728	21.0	4.2
5.582	22	5	1.915	19.8	3.2
Baksan			9.219	8.6	2.7
t (s)	E (MeV)	σ_E (MeV)	10.433	13.0	2.6
$t \equiv 0.0$	12.0	2.4	12.439	8.9	1.9
0.435	17.9	3.6			
1.710	23.5	4.7			
7.687	17.6	3.5			
9.099	10.3	4.1			

- Arrived hours before γ 's
 $\rightarrow \delta v$

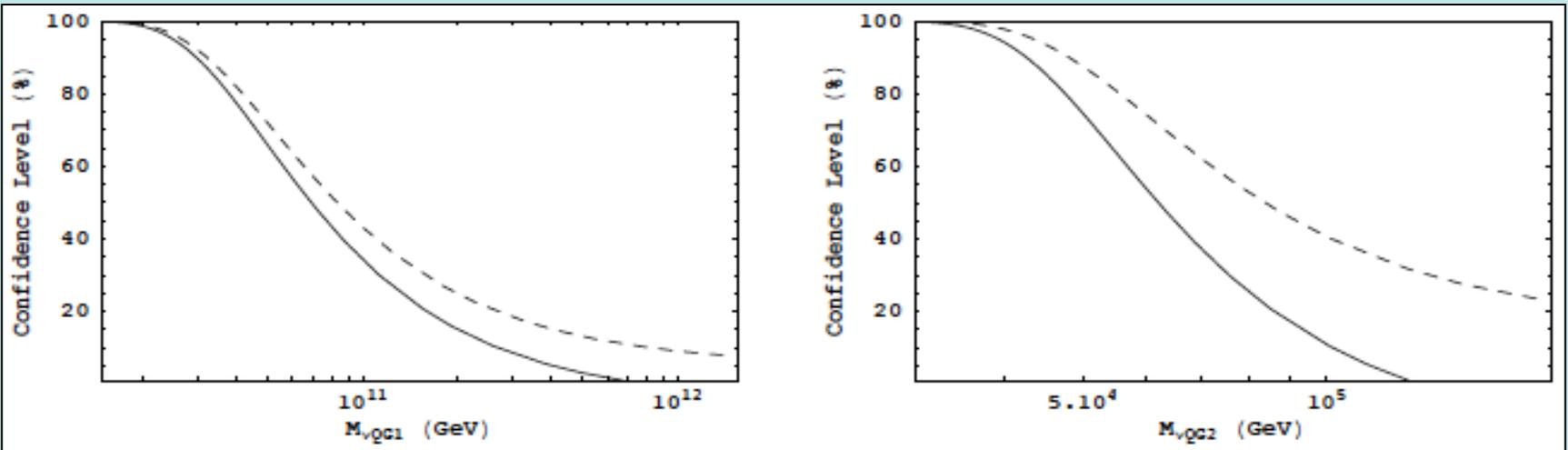
- Supernova simulation



- Possible E dependence of δv constrained by bunching

Constraints from SN1987a

- Fit to possible E-dependent time-lag

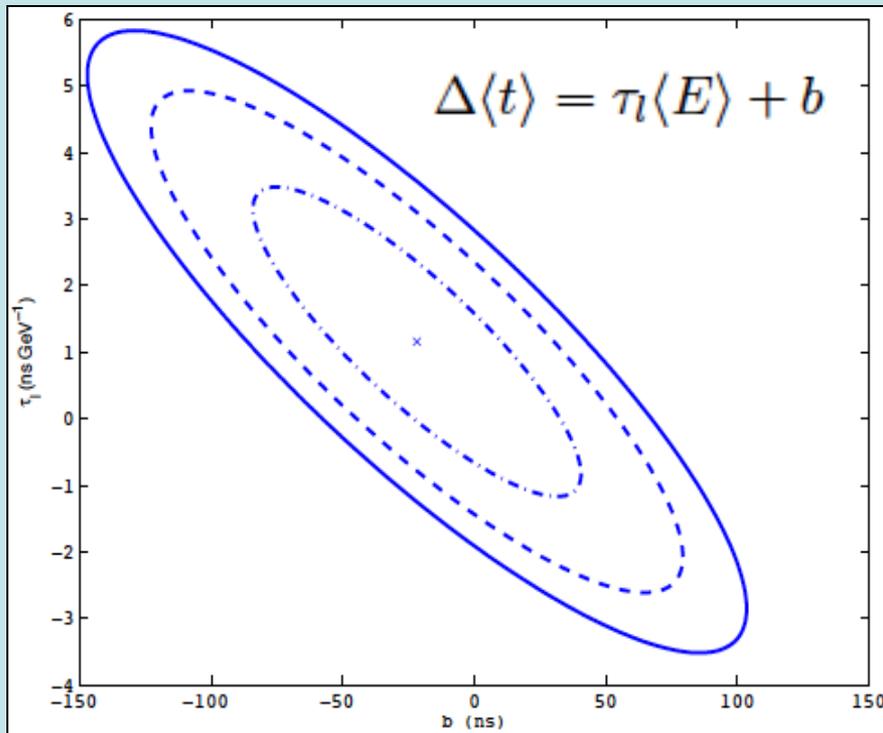


Subluminal and superluminal cases

- Linear: $M_{\nu QG1} > 2.7 \times 10^{10}$ GeV or $M_{\nu QG1} > 2.5 \times 10^{10}$ GeV
- Quadratic: $M_{\nu QG2} > 4.6 \times 10^4$ GeV or $M_{\nu QG2} > 4.1 \times 10^4$ GeV

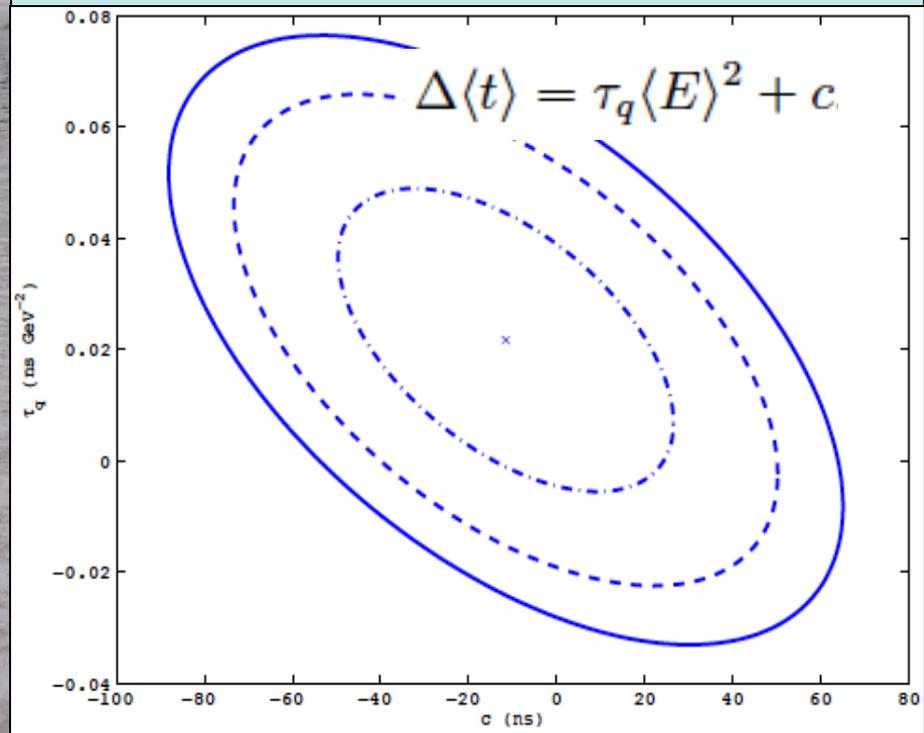
Fits to Simulated OPERA Data

- Linear case



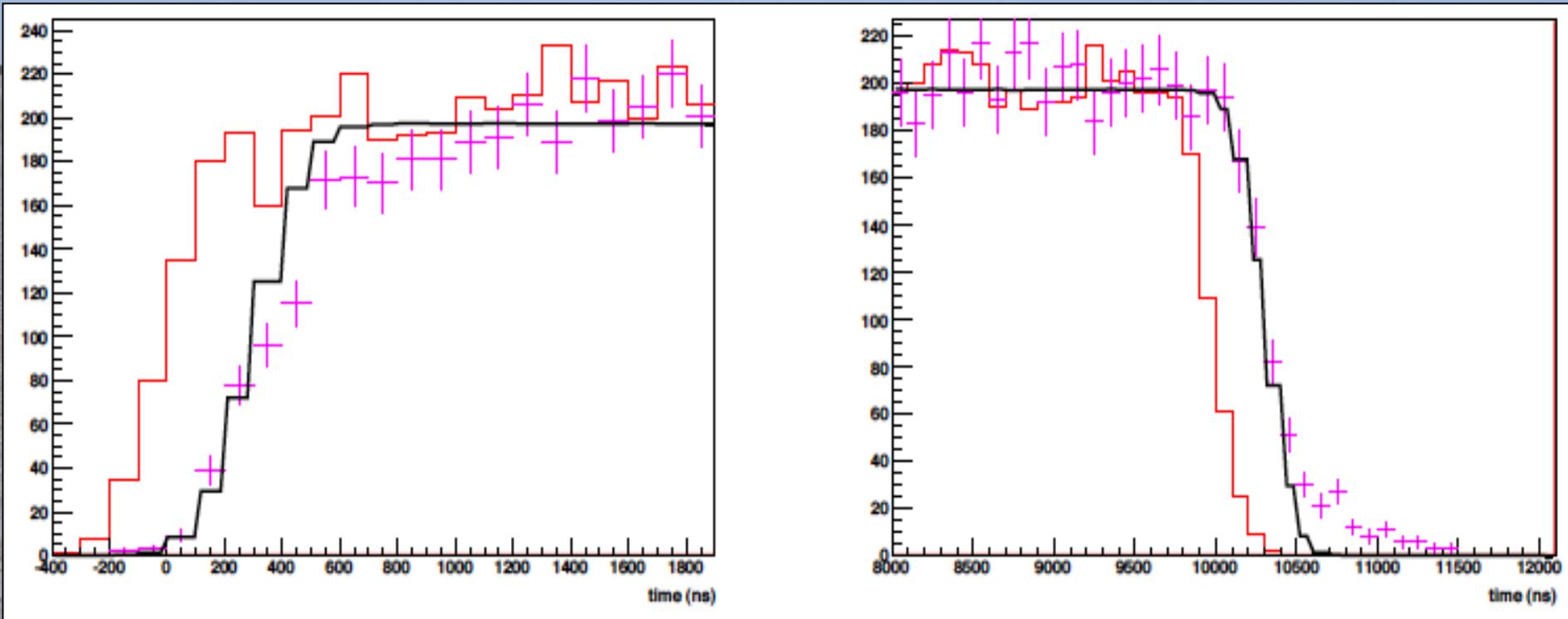
- Sensitivity $M_{\nu QG1} \simeq 7 \times 10^5$ GeV

- Quadratic case



- Sensitivity $M_{\nu QG2} \simeq 8 \times 10^3$ GeV

Fitting Edges of Spill



- Factor ~ 5 less sensitivity to energy dependence

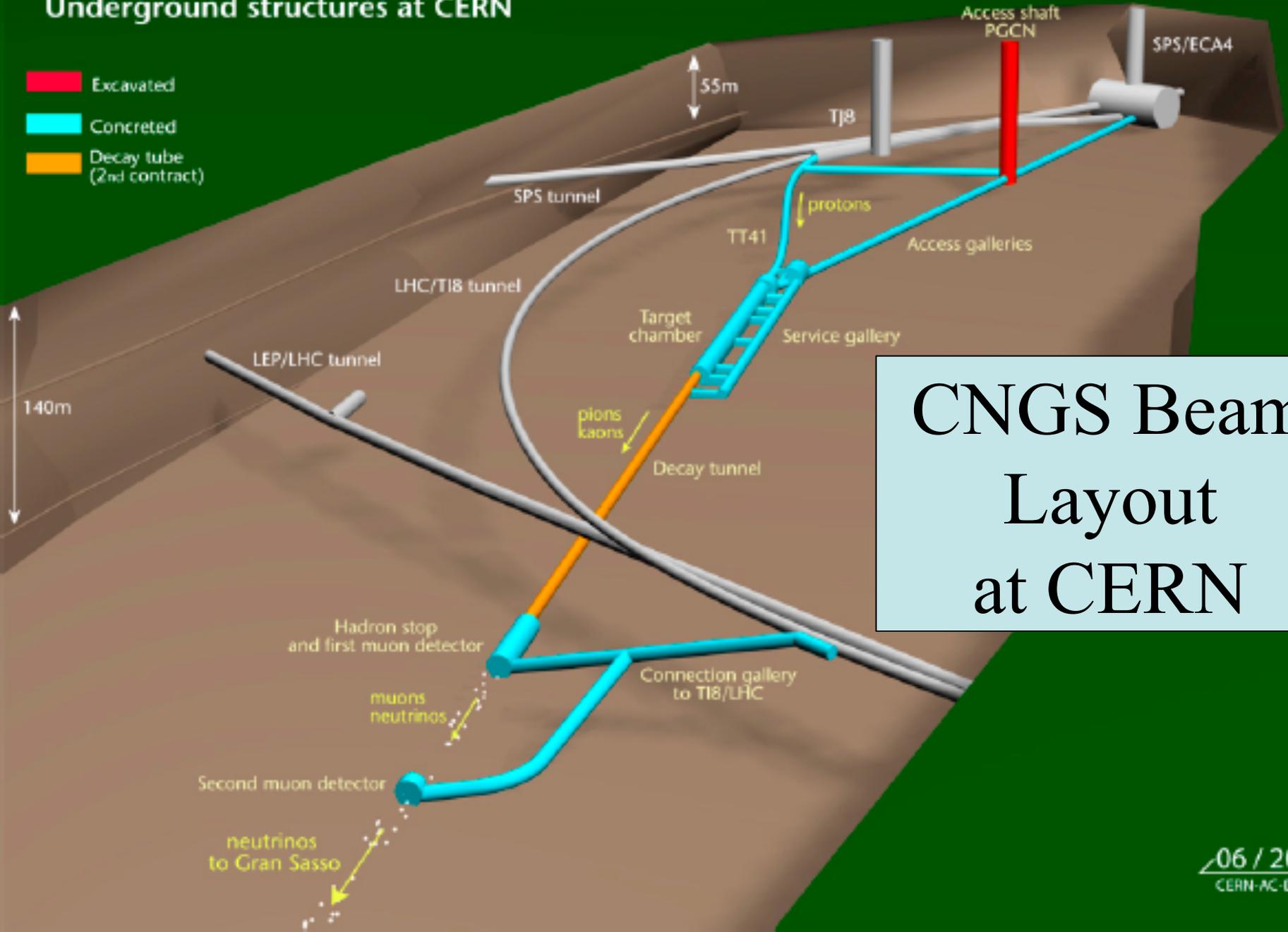
Measurement of the neutrino velocity with the OPERA detector in the CNGS beam

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CERN NEUTRINOS TO GRAN SASSO

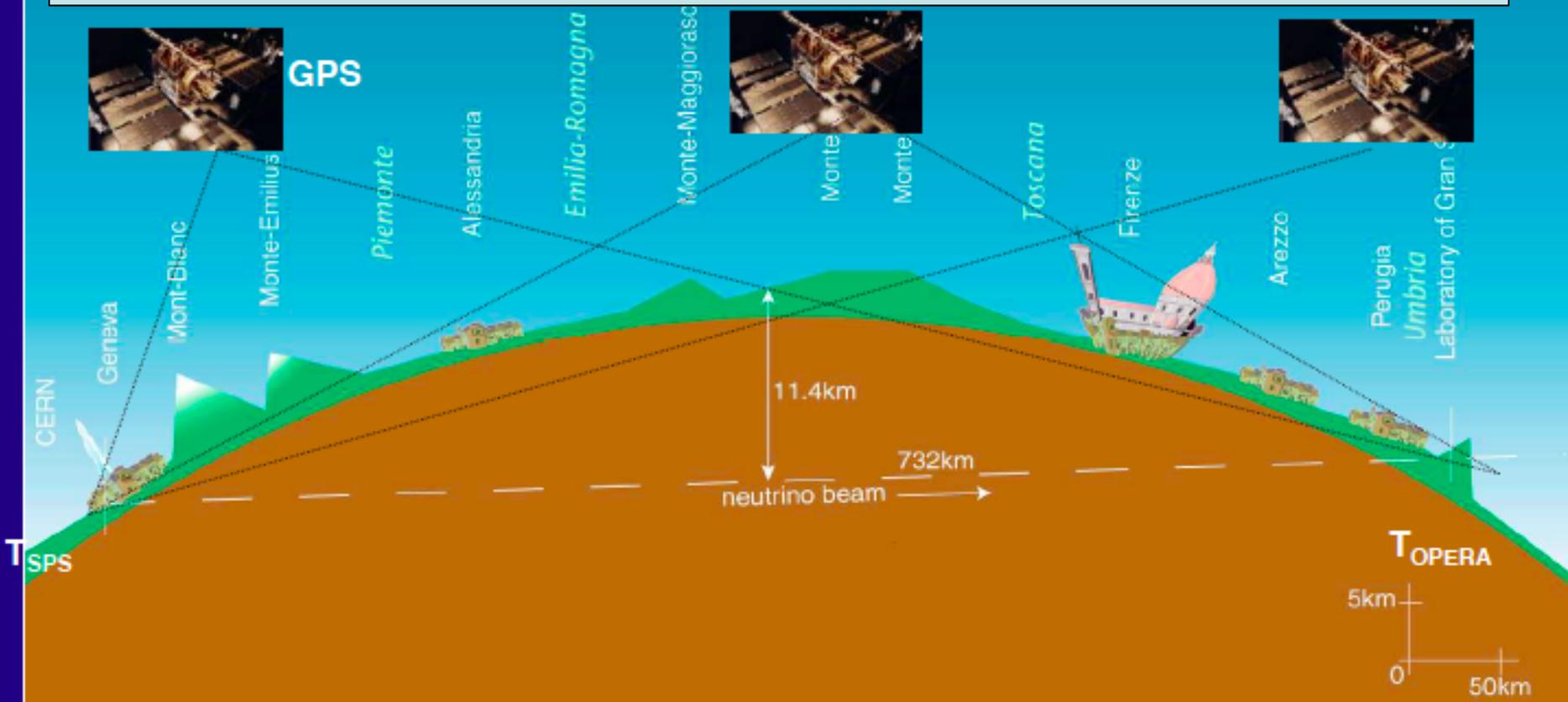
Underground structures at CERN

- Excavated
- Concreted
- Decay tube (2nd contract)



CNGS Beam
Layout
at CERN

Timing using the GPS System

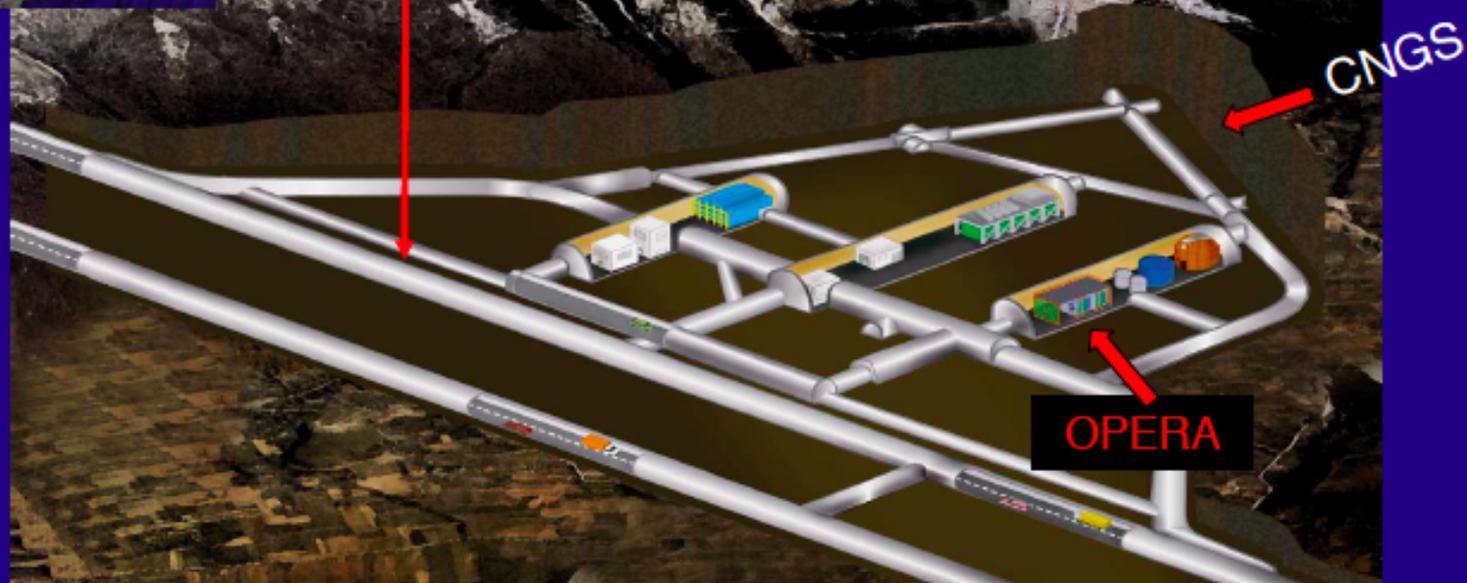


Offline coincidence of SPS proton extractions (kicker time-tag) and OPERA events

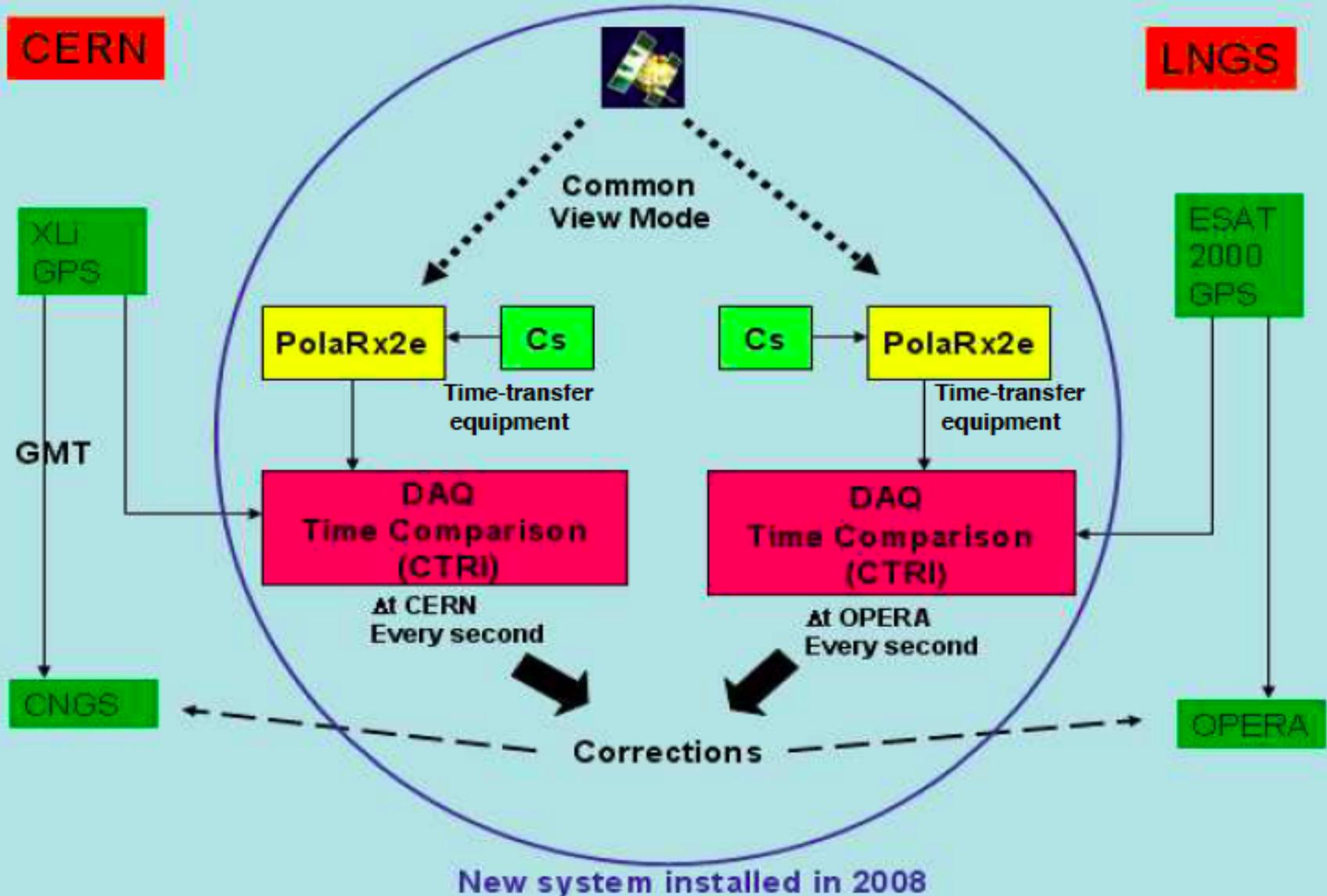
$$|T_{\text{OPERA}} - (T_{\text{Kicker}} + \text{TOFc})| < 20 \mu\text{s}$$

Synchronisation with standard GPS systems ~ 100 ns (inadequate for our purposes)

From CERN to the Gran Sasso



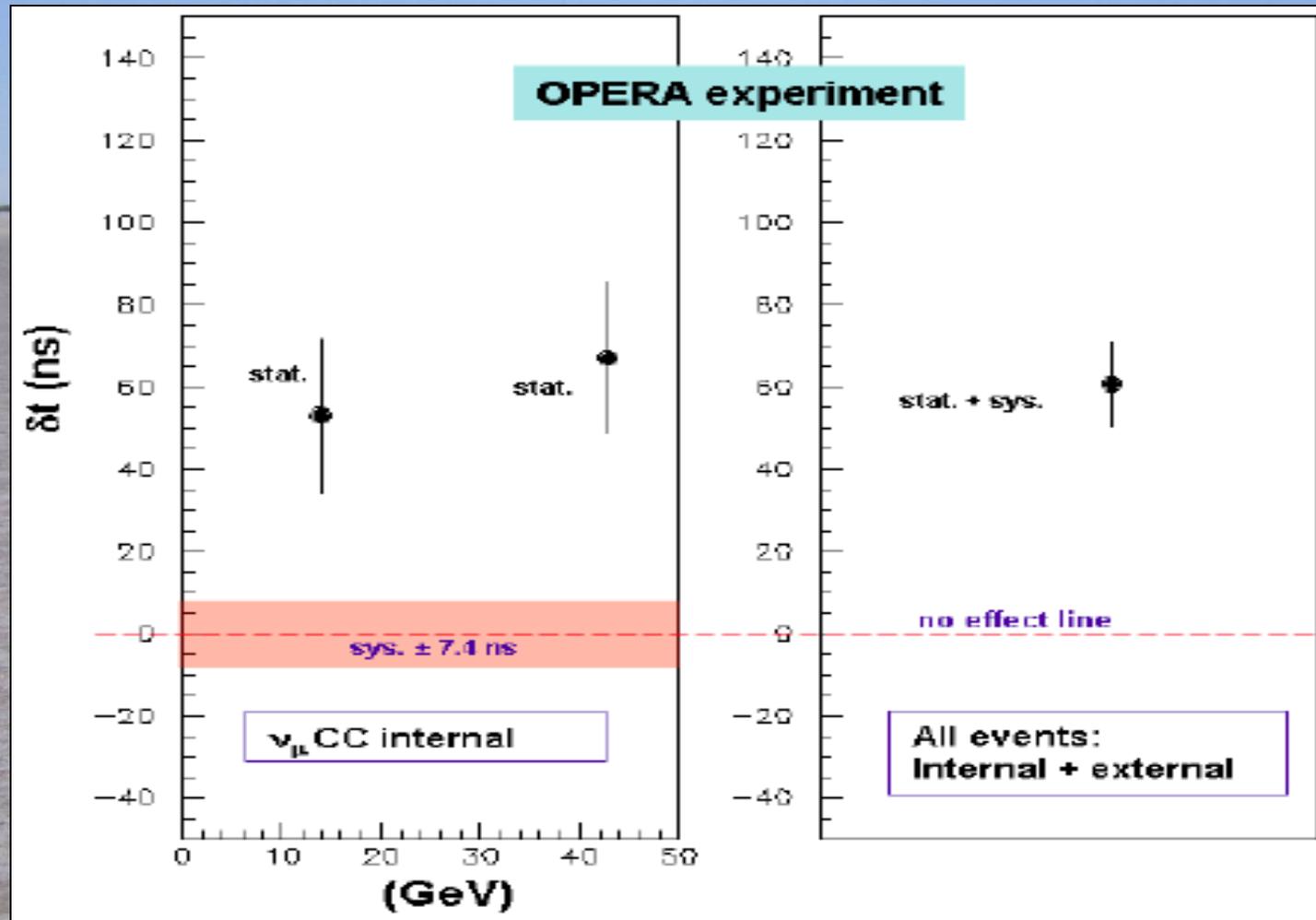
Summary of Synchronization Procedure



Summary of Timing Uncertainties

Item	Result	Method
CERN UTC distribution (GMT)	10085 ± 2 ns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable Cs• Two-ways
WFD trigger	30 ± 1 ns	Scope
BTC delay	580 ± 5 ns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable Cs• Dedicated beam experiment
LNGS UTC distribution (fibers)	40996 ± 1 ns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two-ways• Portable Cs
OPERA master clock distribution	4262.9 ± 1 ns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two-ways• Portable Cs
FPGA latency, quantization curve	24.5 ± 1 ns	Scope vs DAQ delay scan (0.5 ns steps)
Target Tracker delay (Photocathode to FPGA)	50.2 ± 2.3 ns	UV picosecond laser
Target Tracker response (Scintillator-Photocathode, trigger time-walk, quantisation)	9.4 ± 3 ns	UV laser, time walk and photon arrival time parametrizations, full detector simulation
CERN-LNGS intercalibration	2.3 ± 1.7 ns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• METAS PolaRx calibration• PTB direct measurement

The Main Result

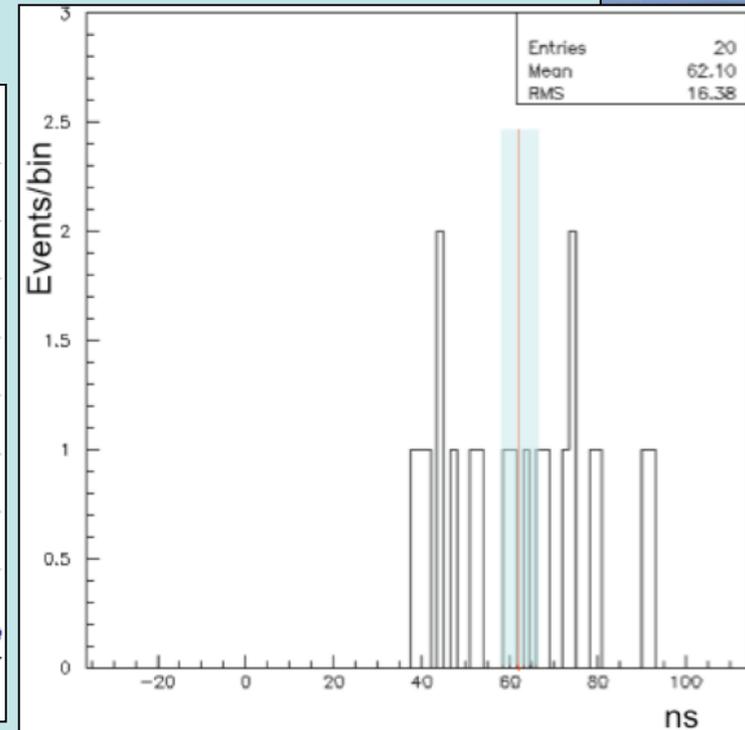
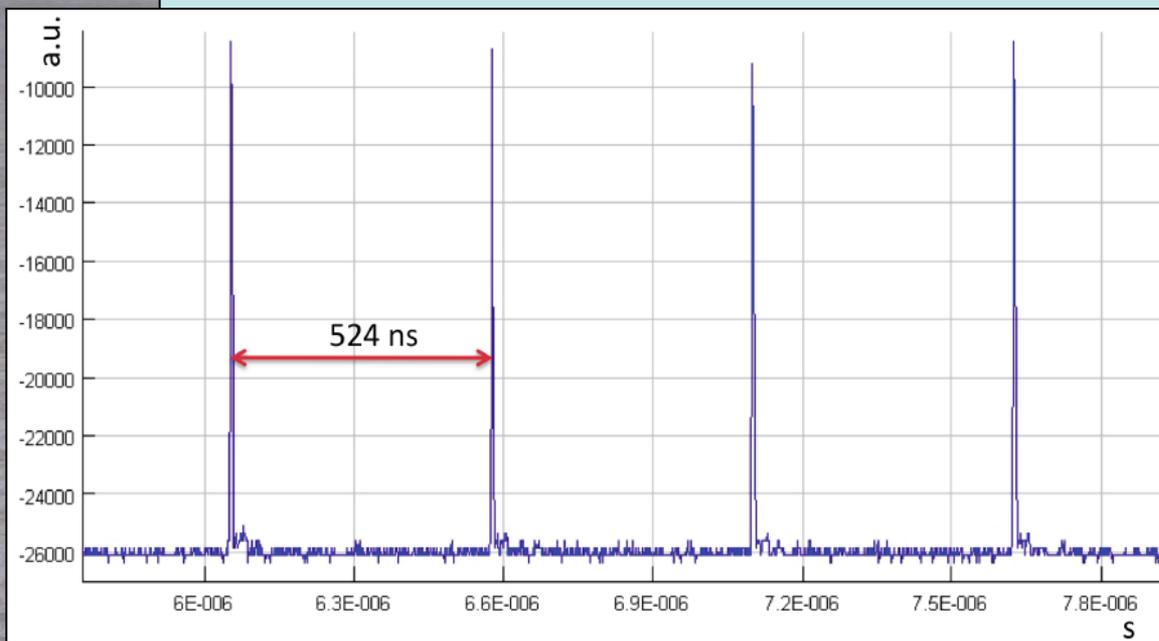


$$\delta t = (60.7 \pm 6.9 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7.4 \text{ (sys.)}) \text{ ns}$$

$$(v-c)/c = \delta t / (\text{TOF}'_c - \delta t) = (2.48 \pm 0.28 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.30 \text{ (sys.)}) \times 10^{-5}$$

Test with Bunched Beam

- Avoid problem of modelling spill by using bunched beam:



- Reproduce same timing advance

Special and General Relativity

- Sagnac effect (rotation of Earth during travel):

$$\delta t \simeq \frac{\vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{r}_1 \times \Delta \vec{r})}{c^2} : \delta t = + 2.16 \text{ ns}$$

- Tends to increase travel time
- Smaller than total error, taken into account

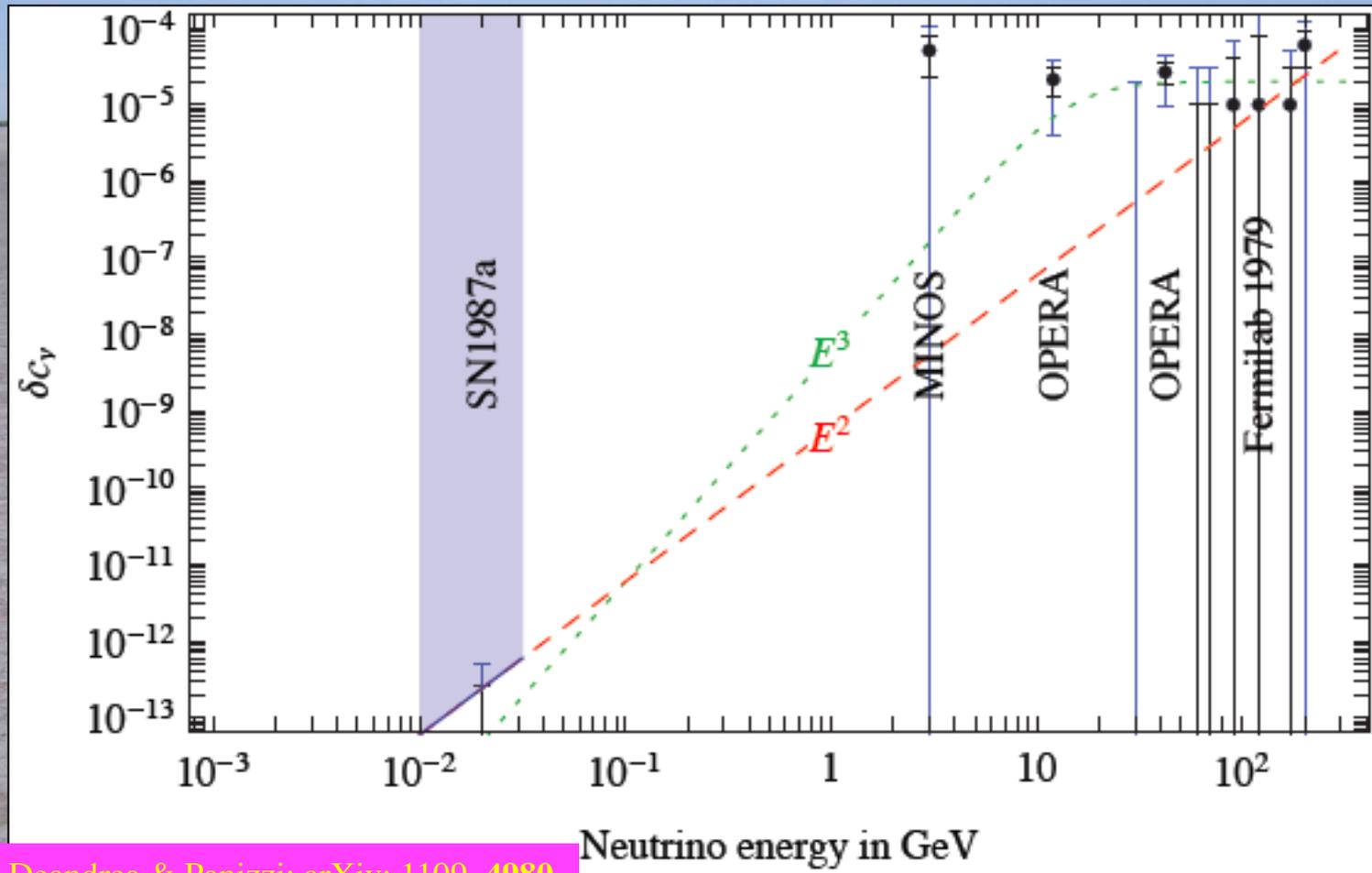
- Schwarzschild effects $\sim \epsilon = \frac{r_s}{L} = \frac{2GM_e}{Lc^2} \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-8}$

Neutrinos follow geodesic, re-evaluate Euclidean distance

$$\delta_e^{(1)} \simeq \delta_e^{(2)} = -1.22 \times 10^{-9} \quad , \quad \delta_e^{(2)} - \delta_e^{(1)} \approx \times 10^{-12}$$

- Non-inertial effects, redshifts of clocks, dipole field, frame-dragging all negligible

Comparison of Neutrino Constraints



Cacciapaglia, Deandrea & Panizzi: arXiv: 1109.4980

Giudice, Sibiryakov & Strumia: arXiv: 1109.5682

Alexandre, JE & Mavromatos: arXiv: 1109.6296

SN1987a excludes $\delta v \sim E$ or E^2

Could Neutrinos be Tachyons?

- v would approach c from above as E increases
- No non-trivial finite-dimensional unitary representations of Lorentz group for $m^2 < 0$
 - i.e., no spin-1/2 spinors
- Should spin 0 be quantized as bosons?
 - “*No*” (Feinberg) vs “*Yes*” (Sudarshan)
- Problem of causality!
 - Reinterpret backward emission of $E < 0$ as forward emission of $E > 0$?
- **Deform/break Lorentz symmetry?**

Lifshitz-Type Field Theory

- Time and space dimensions scale differently
(Interesting for quantum gravity, mass generation)
- Anisotropy parameter z J. Alexandre: arXiv: 1109.5629
- Model for neutrino velocity: $[t] = -z = -3, [x] = -1$
- Action: $S_{4ferm} = \int dt d\vec{x} \left(\bar{\psi} i \gamma_0 \dot{\psi} - \bar{\psi} (M^2 - \Delta) (i \vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{\gamma}) \psi + g (\bar{\psi} \psi)^2 \right)$ $\Delta \equiv -\partial_i \partial^i = \vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{\partial}$
- Dispersion relation: $\tilde{\omega}^2 = \mu_{dyn}^2 + p^2 + \frac{2}{M^2} p^4 + \frac{p^6}{M^4}$
- Group velocity: $v_g = \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}}{\partial p} > c$
- Superluminal propagation: $\delta v \sim E^2$

Čerenkov Radiation by Neutrinos

$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \begin{cases} \nu_\mu + \gamma \\ \nu_\mu + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e \\ \nu_\mu + e^+ + e^- \end{cases}$$

Possible if speed $>$ light

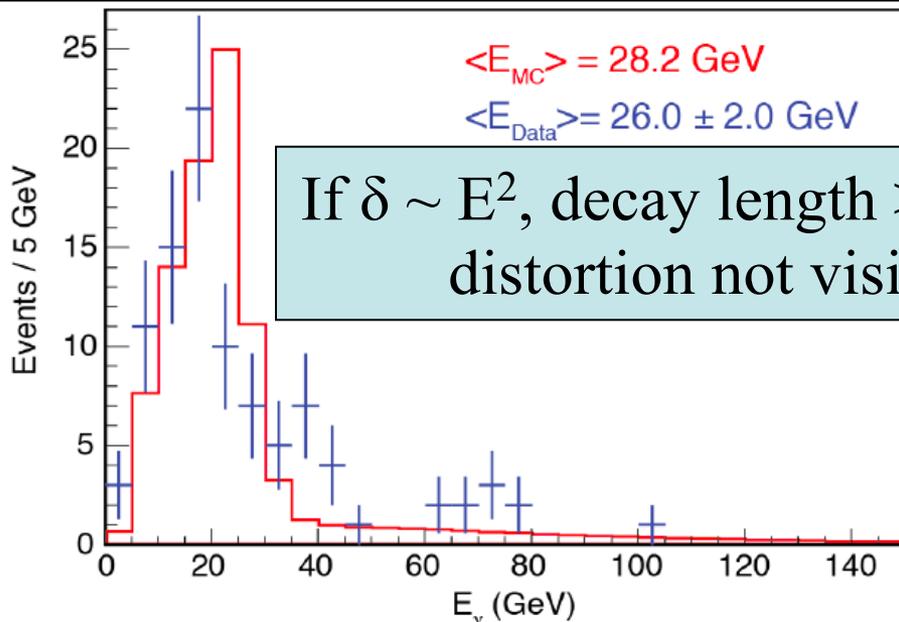
dominant process e^+e^- Bremsstrahlung

Energy loss rate: $\frac{dE}{dx} = -k \frac{G_F^2}{192\pi^3} E^6 \delta^3$: $k = 25/448$

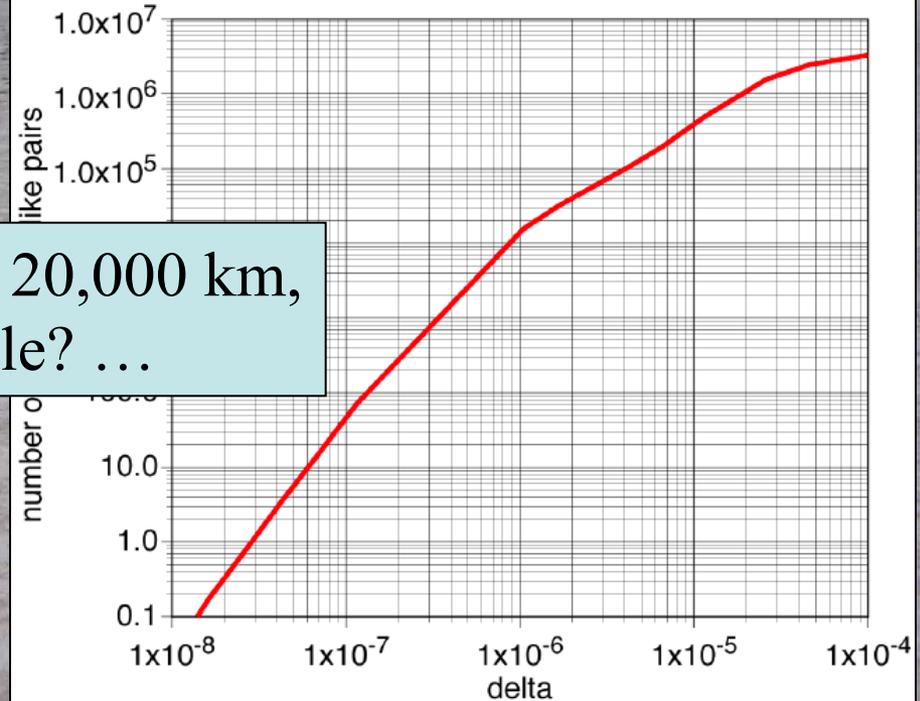
- Difference between initial/final energies, terminal energy E_T : $E^{-5} - E_0^{-5} = 5k\delta^3 \frac{G_F^2}{192\pi^3} L \equiv E_T^{-5}$
- Sensitive to $\delta = 2 \delta v$ and its E dependence
- Applied to IceCube data suggests $\delta < 1.7 \times 10^{-11}$
- Does not apply to models with distorted metrics, nonlinear deformations of Lorentz symmetry

Constraints from ICARUS

- No visible distortion of neutrino energy spectrum



- No excess of e^+e^- pairs



Cohen & Glashow: arXiv: 1109.6562

ICARUS Collaboration: arXiv: 1110.3763

Mohanty & Rao: arXiv: 1112.2981

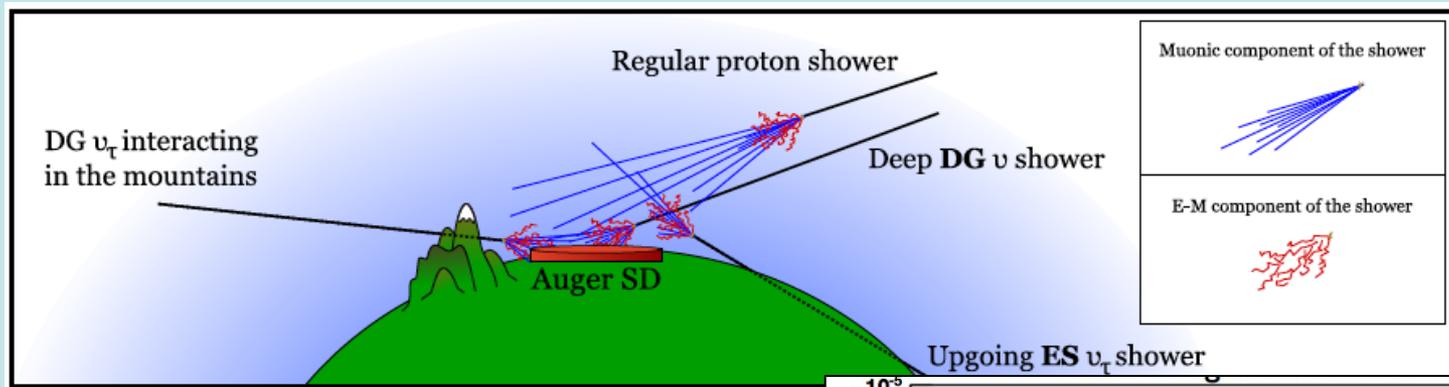
... but expect $\sim 10^5$ events in OPERA

The Story so far

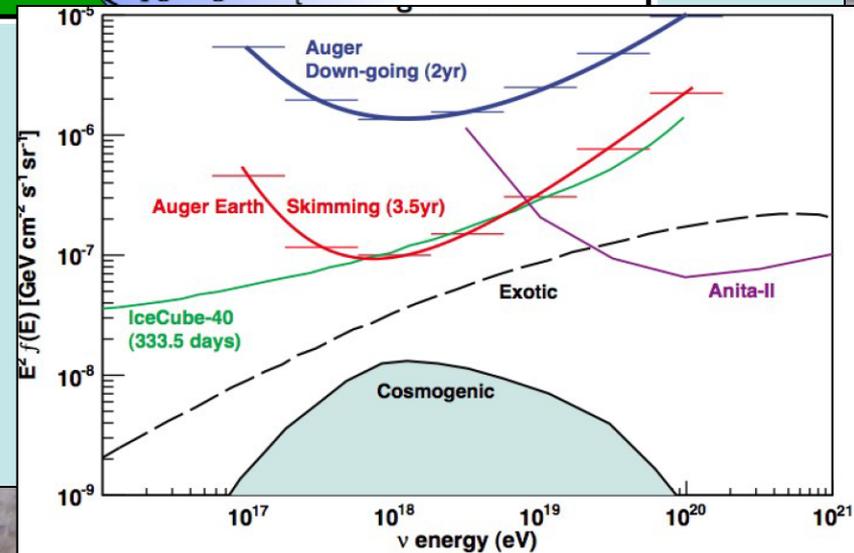
- No technical error found
 - OPERA carried out test with separated bunches
- No theoretical error found
- Difficult to reconcile with other constraints
(SN1987a, Cohen-Glashow radiation, ...)
- No direct contradiction with other experiments
- Other experiments are preparing to check
- **This is how science should be done**
(technical scrutiny, verification, tests, theory)

GZK Neutrinos?

- Independent probe of GZK mechanism
- Search underway with Auger, IceCube et al



- But flux uncertain, other possible sources
- Could also be affected by Lorentz violation



Sensitivity to Lorentz Violation

- GZK neutrinos would be degraded by Cohen-Glashow effect (if it exists):

$$E^{-5} - E_0^{-5} = 5k\delta^3 \frac{G_F^2}{192\pi^3} L \equiv E_T^{-5}$$

- OPERA $\delta \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$: max $E_\nu = 12.5$ GeV
- Superkamiokande limit ($E_\nu \sim 1$ TeV, $L = 10^4$ km):
 $\delta < 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$
- IceCube limit ($E_\nu \sim 16$ TeV, $L = 500$ km):
 $\delta < 3.7 \times 10^{-10}$
- GZK neutrinos (10^{20} eV, 10^8 Pc) sensitive to
 $\delta \sim 10^{-27}$

GZK Photons?

- GZK collisions also produce photons:



- These would be absorbed by background γ 's:



- But not in some models with Lorentz violation:
conflict with Auger limit?

Maccione, Liberati & Sigl: arXiv:1003.5468

- Constraint avoided in D-brane model of space-time foam

JE, Mavromatos & Nanopoulos: arXiv:1004.4167

- Test this model via time delays in arrivals of high-energy γ 's from GRBs and AGNs

Amelino-Camelia, JE, Mavromatos, Nanopoulos & Sarkar: astro-ph/9712103

Summary

- UHECR the most extreme environment for studying particle physics
 - Energy $\sim 10^{11}$ GeV at production
 - Centre-of-mass energy in collision > 100 TeV
- No evidence of any exotic physics
 - Stay on the look-out!
- Exotic physics always possible
- Be aware of complementary experiments
 - Not just LHC, also OPERA, ...

What's New? Exuberance for Novelty Has Benefits

By JOHN TIERNEY

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