

## **Perspectives and challenges in Astroparticle Physics**

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- What is Astroparticle Physics?
- The Grand View
- Selected pieces of success and challenge

## When and how did it begin?



#### The historical approach

- The School of Athens
- Henfflin 1477 Creation of the World





#### A recent scientific effort

 History of Astroparticle Physics and its Components by Vanessa Cirkel-Bartelt, Living Rev.
Relativity, 11, (2008), 2



History of Astroparticle Physics and its Components

#### Political definitions

- A stack of evaluations, roadmaps, brochures, recommendations, ...
- My personal starting date:
  - SN1987a

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## **History of the Universe**





### History of Astroparticle Physics and its Components

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#### Abstract

This article gives an outline of the historical events that led to the formation of contemporary astroparticle physics. As a starting point for analyzing the history of astroparticle physics this article will review the various, yet scattered pieces of historical work that have been done so far. To make the picture more complete it will then give a brief survey of the most important fields that have played a role in the development of astroparticle physics as we know it today. It will conclude with an overview of the historical questions that are still open and the rich philosophical implications that lie behind those questions.

(...) It is generally held that Hess "discovered" cosmic rays in 1911 and 1912 and thus laid the foundation for modern astroparticle physics. But neither did he happen to stumble upon the phenomenon by mere coincidence, nor did he invest only one year of work into it. Quite on the contrary, his famous article about the "penetrating rays" is the result of a rather long period of research, as will be shown in the following paragraphs. Besides, even after the publication of his famous balloon experiments, his evidence for the cosmic origin of "penetrating rays" was far from being generally accepted.



# German Committee for Astroparticle Physics 2003:

- Dark Matter
- Charged Cosmic Radiation
- Gamma-Ray Astronomy
- High-Energy Neutrino Astrophysics
- Low-Energy Neutrino Astrophysics
- Neutrino Properties
- Gravitational Waves
- Theoretical Astroparticle Physics
- Nuclear Astrophysics

## OECD 2010

- What is the Universe made of?
  - Nature of dark matter
  - Nature of dark energy
- What is the role of high energy phenomena in the Universe ?
  - Generalised cosmic ray studies (charged particles, photons, neutrinos)
  - Detection of gravitational waves
- What is the form of matter and interaction at the highest energies?
  - Proton decay and neutrino properties
  - Neutrino mass and nature

### **1054 IN CHINA**:

"... on the 11th of the month a new star appeared near Antares..."

## Today: the famous Crab nebulus



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## Today: the famous Crab nebulus







Feb 23, 1987: "A neutrino burst was observed in the Kamiokande II detector on 23 February, 7:35:35 UT (±1 min) during a time interval of 13 sec."







CMB temperature fluctuations: one of the most influential discoveries

## Cosmic radiations: nuclei

Victor Hess 1912 A DECK DECK DECK



 $\pi^0$  decay feeds electromagnetic part  $\pi^{\pm}$  decay feeds muonic part





element abundances: 15 My in galaxy & halo energy density ~like light, magnetic field, CMB; equiv. to 3 SN/ century at 10% eff. powerlaw spectrum  $dN/dE \sim E^{-3}$ 10 decades in energy; flux range very large stochastic acceleration in shocked plasma, confined by mag. fields knee: p drop out first; end of SN acceleration? isotropic directions ankle: harder component, extraglactic GZK: flux suppression above 60 EeV composition? sources? propagation? particle physics?















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## fluorescent detectors surface detectors









http://arxiv.org/abs/1009.1855 as of Sep 10, 2010



![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

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## composition at and above the GZK threshold?

alternative explanations like increasing cross section?

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

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## composition at and above the GZK threshold?

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

## **Clustering around Centaurus A**

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

13 arrival directions are within 18°, in which 3.2 arrival directions are expected <sup>25</sup> if the flux were isotropic; K-S test gives 4% chance probability...

![](_page_32_Figure_0.jpeg)

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## Challenge: energy calibration at 10<sup>20</sup> eV

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

after rescaling within systematic uncertainties

after Berezinsky 2009
### Telescope Array in Utah, 800 km<sup>2</sup>, in operation



#### fluorescence telescopes like HiRes



scintillators like AGASA



## AMS (long at CERN)

300 GeV	e-	<b>e</b> +	Ρ	He	γ	γ	
TRD		***			~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		
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Calorimeter				ŧ			



even a single anti-Helium nucleus would be a sensation

#### International Space Station (ISS)

# Fluorescence

JEM-EUSO

Extensive Air Shower (EAS)

# **JEM-EUSO Observational Principle**



JEM-EUSO is a fluorescence telescope onboard the International Space Station ISS, connected to the Japanese Experiment Module.

It is the largest refractor ever with 2.5 m diameter; the field of view is 60°. The focal surface has 300k pixels of PMT.



# Air shower Image on the Focal Surface

## simulation





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#### Cosmic radiations: neutrinos









### Baikal: from NT200 to GVD









Data taking in full configuration since 2008





#### Diffuse limits





#### A PRE-TRIAL SIGNIFICANCE SKY MAP FOR THE ALL-SKY POINT SOURCE SEARCH USING IC40 DATA.



SENSITIVITY AND UPPER LIMITS (90% CL) PLOT FOR AN E-2 SPECTRUM, AS A FUNCTION OF DECLINATION. THE SOLID BLUE LINE REPRESENTS THE UPPER LIMIT SET BY THE IC40 DATA, WITH THE GREEN LINE REPRESENTING THE UPPER LIMIT SET BY THE IC22 DATA. THE SQUARES REPRESENT THE UPPER LIMITS SET FOR THE 39 SOURCES SELECTED *A-PRIORI*.

#### Muon astronomy?



The arrival direction of cosmic-ray muons recorded with 40 IceCube strings (Southern Hemisphere). The variations are of order 10–3 on a uniform distribution. The color scale represents the relative intensity. The dots indicate the directions of Vela, the brightest gamma-ray source in the sky, and Geminga. Also shown is the muon data of Milagro obtained by the same method (Northern Hemisphere).

From F.Halzen, ISVHECRI 2010

#### Cosmic radiations: photons

Rep. Prog. Phys. 71 (2008) 096901 F Aharonian et al





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## VERITAS





RA

Dec.





Galactic longitude (°)

Galactic latitude (°)

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# The Cherenkov Telescope Array

- Increase sensitivity
- Extend energy range
- Improve angular resolution

CTA: an advanced facility for ground-based  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy and astro-particle physics

- Observatory with flexible and robotic operation
- Arrays in North and South for full sky coverage

50 to 100 large, medium and small telescopes





taken from Schlenstedt 2009

#### Where and what is the Dark Matter?



## The quest for Dark Matter



< 3. Production at the Large Hadron Collider



### **WIMP sensitivities**







### Rings of Dark Matter in the galaxy?



from W. de Boer, S. Kunz, M. Weber, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics (2011), doi:10.1016/j.ppnp.2011.01.006
### Dark Matter search at CERN



**DM search at LHC:** look for missing (transverse!) energy that might be due to the escape of a neutral, weakly interacting massive particle... Q: how to relate that with the ones in the universe?

### Neutrino mass

**cosmic architects:** role of relic v's as hot dark matter?

#### cosmology



structure of the universe (Millenium Simulation)

**cosmic architects:** role of relic v's as hot dark matter? large scale structures: free streaming of v's on Gpc scales



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(Millenium Simulation)

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## KATRIN – a MAC-E filter system







## focal plane detector - requirements

parameter	FPD requirements
electron energy	5 - 100 keV
background rate	< 10 <sup>-3</sup> mHz in Rol
efficiency	>90 % (with veto)
sensitive area	>6300 mm <sup>2</sup> Ø = 10 cm
segmentation	148 pixels
single pixel	~ 50 mm²
time resolution	∆t < 0.5 µs
dead layer	< 100 nm
dark currents	< 2 nA / cm <sup>2</sup>
magnetic field	3 T → 6 T
temperature	100 K → 250 K













'Bare' <sup>enr</sup>Ge array in liquid argon
Shield: high-purity liquid Argon / H<sub>2</sub>O
Phase I: 18 kg (HdM/IGEX) / 15 kg nat.
Phase II: add ~20 kg new enr. Detectors; total ~40 kg



Array(s) of <sup>enr</sup>Ge housed in high-purity electroformed copper cryostat
Shield: electroformed copper / lead
Initial phase: R&D demonstrator module: Total ~60 kg (30 kg enr.)

Physics goals: degenerate mass range Technology: study of bgds. and exp. techniques

- open exchange of knowledge & technologies (e.g. MaGe MC)
- LOI intention to merge for O(1 ton) exp. (inv. Hierarchy) selecting the best technologies tested in GERDA and Majorana



### **Background requirement for GERDA/Majorana:**

⇒Background reduction by factor  $10^2 - 10^3$  required w.r. to precursor exps. ⇒Degenerate mass scale  $O(10^2 \text{ kg·y}) \Rightarrow$  Inverted mass scale  $O(10^3 \text{ kg·y})$ 

# Background reduction:

### external bgds: $\gamma$ , n, residual- $\mu$



### N.B.: shield design has impact on $\mu$ induced backgrounds

Low-Z shield  $\Rightarrow$ LNGS 3400 mwe ok with water Cherenkov  $\mu$ -veto

Pb/Cu shield requires depth >4500 mwe  $\Rightarrow$ SNOlab, DUSEL



### Multi-messenger astroparticle physics

### the sky in cosmic nuclei



blue: VCV AGNs + 3.1° weighted with exposure, distance less than 75 Mpc black: 69 events, E>55 EeV, <60° zenith, angular resolution  $\leq$  0.9°; available as list

### looking far ./. seeing well

att. length 10,000 Mpc



#### att. length 50 Mpc





### the neutrino sky -- still all background



### particles from the cosmos

messenger	instrument	message
photons	telescopes	sources mostly known not all understood
cosmic rays	particle detectors	sources unknown propagation unknown composition unknown
neutrinos	neutrino telescopes	3 known sources: atmosphere, sun, SN1987a
gravitational waves	resonators, interferometer	not yet detected
Dark Matter	particle detectors	multiple evidence no detection yet

### Very interesting but not covered today

- Element synthesis in Big Bang, stars, supernovae, nuclear astrophysics
- Solar neutrino spectroscopy: BOREXINO, LAGUNA, ...
- Neutrino oscillations to pin down the MNS-matrix
- Satellite projects for x-ray and gamma astronomy
- Supernovae, universe expansion, Dark Energy, ...
- Cosmology and astroparticle physics
- "Forward physics" at colliders to improve air shower models
- Anything else

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# Synthesis

Excellence in Detectors and Instrumentation Technologies CERN, Geneva, Switzerland - 31 January - 10 February 2011

- Astroparticle physics is a great integration effort
- We have gained much deeper insights into the connections between quarks and cosmos
  - More will follow
- Many large projects are conducted outside established laboratories...; important aspect for daily life!
- The role of detectors is of course of utmost importance.
  - At least three extremes: extremely harsh operating conditions extremely large systems - extremely high precision
- You/we have exciting times ahead!

