## UHECR and

## HADRONIC

## INTERACTIONS

Paolo Lipari "Searching for the origin of Cosmic Rays" Trondheim 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009

#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

#### ~60 years of UHECR

#### EXTREMELY ENERGETIC COSMIC-RAY EVENT\*

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### (shielded) (3.8) 7 (17) (19) (17)14 (74) SHOWER CORE 1.8 km ----

### Hadronic interaction Modeling

it follows on any reasonable shower model that the energy of the primary particle was about  $10^{19}$  ev. Taking the usual estimate  $3 \times 10^{-6}$  gauss for the galactic magnetic field, one finds the radius of curvature of the path of a proton of such energy to be about  $10^4$  light years. Since, according to current estimates, the radius of the galactic halo is only about five times this value, while the thickness of the galactic disk is about five or ten times smaller, it seems certain that the primary particle acquired its energy outside our galaxy.

Energy

An important question is whether the primary particle was a proton or a heavier nucleus.



### Energy measurement problem "solved". "Fly's Eye"



## $1^{st}$ Fly's Eye









## COMPOSITION of UHECR

Very high astrophysical importance

Controversial - inconsistent observations.

X

## Fluctuations of $X_{\text{max}}$ Other methods

### AUGER ICRC 2007



E [eV]

Elongation rate corrected for detector acceptance and comparison with previous results



Fig. 25.— Comparison of current HiRes stereo  $\langle X_{max} \rangle$  results with results from the HiResprototype/MIA hybrid (Abu-Zayyad et al. 2001) and previously published HiRes stereo results (Abbasi et al. 2005).

### **FD Results**

- $\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle$  and RMS vs *E*
- resolution correction
- broken line fit: slopes D [g/cm<sup>2</sup>/decade]
- comparison to air shower simulations
- published HiRes data (update cf. Pierre's talk)



### The "theory curve" <X<sub>max</sub>(E)> is determined by the parameters that describe hadronic interactions. (and by their energy dependence).

Interaction Lengths Multiplicity Inclusive Spectra

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## $\boldsymbol{X}_{max}$ and the Composition of Cosmic Rays

Proton Showers  

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Mass dependence

$$\langle X_{\max}(E) \rangle \simeq X_{\max}^p(E) - D_p(E) \langle \ln A \rangle$$

Obtain the average mass and its variation with energy

 $\langle \ln A \rangle_E = \frac{\sum_A \phi_A(E) \ln A}{\sum_A \phi_A(E)}$ 



### The importance of "CORNERS"

(when real)



E [eV]

# "METHODOLOGY"

C.R. DATA

### Astrophysical Information

Hadronic Interactions

#### From Accelerator Data + Theory - Astrophysics



 $\langle \ln A \rangle_E = \frac{\langle X_{\max}(E) \rangle - X_p(E)}{D_p}$ 





$$E^* = 10^{19} \text{ eV}$$

$$\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle = 750 \pm 5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 10 \text{ (syst)} \text{ g cm}^{-2}$$
  
 $\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle = 750 \pm 12 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$   
 $D_{\text{exp}} = 40 \pm 4 \text{ g cm}^{-2}/\text{decade}$ 

$$\begin{split} [\langle X^p_{\rm max} \rangle]_{\rm Sibyll} &= 800 \ {\rm g \ cm^{-2}} & \langle X^p_{\rm max} \rangle_{\rm QGSJet} \simeq 784 \ {\rm g \ cm^{-2}} \\ D_p^{\rm Sibyll} &\simeq 59 \ {\rm g \ cm^{-2}} & D_p^{\rm QGSJet} \simeq 46 \ {\rm g \ cm^{-2}} \end{split}$$

Naive 2-component model  $\phi(E) = \phi_p(E) + \phi_{\mathrm{Fe}}(E)$ 

 $\phi(E) \propto r \left(\frac{E}{E^*}\right)^{-\alpha_p} + \left(\frac{E}{E^*}\right)^{-(\alpha_p+\beta)}$ 

 $E^* = 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ 



### Sibyll-Interpretation

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**QGSJet-Interpretation** 

## Composition is Mixed

60% p 40% Fe

$$\langle \log_{10} A \rangle_{\text{QGSJet}} \simeq 0.72 \pm 0.26$$

$$\langle \log_{10} A \rangle_{\text{QGSJet}} \simeq \log \left[ 5.28 \begin{array}{c} +4.3 \\ -2.4 \end{array} \right]$$
$$\left[ \frac{p}{\text{Fe}} \right]_{\text{QGSJet}} = 1.4 \begin{array}{c} +0.4 \\ -0.3 \end{array}$$

Composition: Indication (1.5 s) of moderate increase of A with Energy

$$\begin{split} \left[ \frac{d \langle \log A \rangle}{d \log E} \right]_{\rm QGSJet} &\simeq 0.12 \pm 0.09 \\ [\beta]_{\rm QGSJet} &= -0.3 \pm 0.2 \end{split}$$

How can we include systematic uncertainties in the modeling of hadronic interactions in the estimate of properties of Cosmic Rays?

# "Spread" of predictions for different model.

Overestimate ?

Some models are lower quality.

### Underestimate ?

Perhaps we are missing something important.

"Alternative Approach" to the problem.



# "CONSISTENCY"

### Different Methods to measure same physical quantity must agree

Fluorescence versus Surface detection

X<sub>max</sub> versus "Muons"

### From Cosmic Ray Data — Hadronic Interactions

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Astrophysical Information

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1 < A < 56 (very likely)

"Astrophysical Composition Methods"

## Energy Spectrum "imprints" of Energy Loss

Cosmic Magnetic Spectrometer" Features in the Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum can in principle give information on the nature of the particle

Interpreted as the effect of energy loss during propagation from their extragalactic sources.

Known target: 2.7 K CMBR radiation field

Energy Thresholds for protons :

$$p \ \gamma \to p\pi^{\circ}$$
  
 $p \ \gamma \to n\pi^{+}$ 

$$p \ \gamma \rightarrow p \ e^+ e^-$$

**Pair Production** 





### "COSMIC MAGNETIC SPECTROMETER"



Constraint on : B, Z



### AUGER RESULT

### Correlations of the Highest-Energy Cosmic Rays with Nearby Extragalactic Objects (AGN)

Protons are preferred [....? ....]
Deviation in GALACTIC Magnetic Field

$$\delta \simeq 2.7^{\circ} \frac{60 \text{ EeV}}{E/Z} \left| \int_{0}^{D} \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{kpc}} \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{3 \ \mu \mathrm{G}} \right) \right|$$

#### Deviation in EXTRA-GLACTIC Magnetic Field

$$\delta_{rms} \approx 4^{\circ} \frac{60 \text{ EeV}}{E/Z} \frac{B_{rms}}{10^{-9} \text{G}} \sqrt{\frac{D}{100 \text{ Mpc}}} \sqrt{\frac{L_c}{1 \text{ Mpc}}}$$

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## Electromagnetic Showers

versus

## Hadronic Showers

# Toy model discussion.

### **Electromagnetic Showers**



Radiation Length (Energy independent) Vertices : theoretically understood (and scaling)

### Electromagnetic Showers

$$X_{\max}(E) \simeq \lambda_{\mathrm{rad}} \ln\left(\frac{E}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

Logarithmic growth of the penetration.

$$N_{\max}(E) \simeq \frac{E}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ln(E/\varepsilon)}}$$

Energy Conservation

#### Elongation rate = $85 (g/cm^2)/decade$

#### Heitler toy model for electromagnetic showerws

"Electron-photon" particle Splitting length  $\lambda$ Critical energy  $\epsilon$ 

 $N(X, E) = 2^{X/\lambda}$ 

 $N_{\max}(E) = \frac{E}{\varepsilon}$ 

 $X_{\max}(E) = \lambda \log_2$ 

Shower development in Heitler toy model:











#### Hadronic parameters

#### Λ, inelasticity, hardness



#### Hadronic shower in toy model.



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Hadronic interaction parameters  $IF \ \Lambda$  , and the other hadronic interactions parameters are energy independent

$$\frac{dX_{\max}}{d\ln E} = \frac{\lambda}{\ln 2} \equiv \lambda_{\mathrm{rad}}$$

"Elongation rate" is equal to the radiation length  $IF \ \Lambda$  , and the other hadronic interactions parameters are energy independent

$$\frac{dX_{\max}}{d\ln E} = \frac{\lambda}{\ln 2} \equiv \lambda_{\mathrm{rad}}$$

"Elongation rate" is equal to the radiation length

Energy dependent parameters: Elongation rate changes

$$\begin{split} \frac{dX_{\max}(E)}{d\ln E} &= \lambda_{\mathrm{rad}} \quad \left[ 1 - \frac{dm(E)}{d\ln E} - \frac{d\ln f(E)}{d\ln E} \quad \left( \frac{1 - f(E)\left(1 + k\right)}{1 - f(E)} \right) \right] \\ &+ k \frac{d\Lambda(E)}{d\ln E} \end{split}$$



Elongation Rate For protons

Log[Energy]



 $\lambda_{int}(p/\pi \text{ Air}) [g \text{ cm}^{-2}]$ 

Exactly Scaling Interactions



 $\langle X_{max} \rangle$  (g cm<sup>-2</sup>)

## Exactly scaling models Different elongation ra



Introduce Energy dependent softening of the spectra



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Possible also to introduce A faster rise of the cross section Predictions for LHC !!?

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#### WARNING !!

Perhaps : this approach is completely incorrect the mass composition is indeed mixed .... We have to rely on [accelerator data + theory]

## Fluctuations on X<sub>max</sub>

Very Interesting an puzzling piece of information !

Not confirmed by HIRES

Potentially very important

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Comparison of data and p-QGSJET02 fluctuation widths Use 2-sigma truncated gaussian width to fit Xmax distr. Detector resolution is NOT deconvoluted!

HIRES



Fig. 28.— Results of fitting HiRes stereo data X<sub>max</sub> distribution to Gaussian truncated at 2 × RMS (black points). Superimposed are curves representing expectations based on QGSJET1 and QGSJET2 proton and iron Monte Carlo. Gaussian-in-age parametrization used in reconstruction.

Overall comparison of Xmax data with QGSJET02 p and FE





Fig. 11.— Top:  $X_{max}$  overlay of HiRes data (points) with QGSJET02 proton Monte Carlo airshowers after full detector simulation. Bottom:  $X_{max}$  overlay of HiRes data (points) with QGSJET02 iron Monte Carlo airshowers after full detector simulation.

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to you !

RMS [Xmax] decreasing with energy !

Need robust confirmation.

What does it imply ?

Composition getting heavier !

Proton shower fluctuations becoming smaller.

Much larger cross sections (shorter interaction length)

Particle production properties. (seems unlikely to me....) [but ....]

## THEORY

## Construction of Hadronic Models

### HADRONIC INTERACTIONS





## Phenomenological Evidence for FEYNMAN SCALING



 $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{F}}$ 



 $X_{F}$
Hadronic Interactions

Composite (complex) Objects Multiple interaction structure











### HARD scattering

### Parton Distribution Functions



Field - Feynman : Quark - Fragmentation



Parton Distribution Function

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# Where does the approximate Feynman scaling comes from ?

The (iterative) Fragmentation of one COLOR STRING produces a SCALING SPECTRUM of HADRONS



 $\langle n_{\rm Ch} \rangle \approx c_0 + c_1 \ln E_{\rm Cm}$ , ~ Poissonian multiplicity distribution



#### Basic Structure of a NON diffractive PP interactions is made of TWO STRINGS

hard/semihard interactions result in additional strings

Color Structure

 $3\otimes 3=\overline{3}\oplus 6$ 

 $3\otimes\overline{3}=1\oplus 8$ 



Typically 2 – 3 interactions/event at the Tevatron, 4 – 5 at the LHC, but may be more in "interesting" high- $p_{\perp}$  ones.





Most particles in Fragmentation Regions Described by the "beam remnants strings"

#### EXTRAPOLATION to HIGH ENERGY (Pythia pp)



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PROTON Spectra (elasticity spectra)



dn<sub>p</sub>/dlog[z]

# PYTHIA PROTON Spectra



dn<sub>p</sub>/dlog[z]

PROTON Spectra (elasticity spectra)



z dn<sub>p</sub>/dlog[z]

# MULTIPLE INTERACTIONS

- Estimate of the average number of Elementary interactions per pp scattering
- "Spatial Distribution" [proton spin] (Transverse coordinates) of the partonic constituents.
- Fluctuations of the "parton configuration" of an interactig hadron. Beyond PDF's

Parton Distribution Functions

Hadrons crossing time short

"Snapshot" of the Parton Configuration.







# Very Important potential of LHC



7 + 7 TeV PP collider

#### Problems at the Beginning of Commissioning

 $19^{\text{th}}$  september 2008



# Dates...

Tests of the transfer lines SPS-LHC:

June-August (3 weekends).

Injection tests into parts of the LHC:

~September.

First circulating beam:

~October.

First collisions at a few TeV: (Very low luminosity...) ~November.

... then a run over winter until November 2010.

Jorg Wenninger : june 2008 Hadron Collider summer school





#### LHC Cooldown Status

# LHC Physics in 2009/2010

First beams: very early physics - rediscover SM physics Detector synchronization, in-situ alignment and calibration

**10 pb**<sup>-1</sup>: Standard Model processes measure jet and lepton rates, observe W, Z bosons first look at possible extraordinary signatures...

~  $10^3$  ttbar (measure  $\sigma$  to 10%)

 $\sim 10^5 \text{ W} \rightarrow \text{ev}$ 

30 pb<sup>-1</sup>



Initial Higgs searches and searches for physics beyond the SM

 $> 200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ Entering Higgs discovery era and explore large part of SUSY and new resonances at  $\sim$  few TeV





# Higgs discovery golden channel





 $\sigma_{tot}~(mbarn)$ 

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<b>Tevatron:</b>
E710:
1.8 TeV: $\sigma_{tot} = 72.8 \pm 3.1 \text{ mb}$
E811:
1.8 TeV: $\sigma_{tot} = 71.42 \pm 2.41 \text{ mb}$
CDF:
546 GeV: $\sigma_{tot} = 61.26 \pm 0.93$ mb
(agrees with UA4)
1.8 TeV: $\sigma_{tot} = 80.03 \pm 2.24$ mb

$$\sigma_{tot} = 111.5 \pm 1.2 \ \begin{array}{c} +4.1 \\ -2.1 \end{array} \ \mathrm{mb}$$

Prediction for LHC at sqrt[s] = 14 TeV

Cross section

Measurements

[PRL 89 201801 (2002)]





### PROBLEM of PHASE SPACE COVERING

# LHCF

projected Cu thickness 1 rJ I. P (140 m away) Beam pipe Detector 94 mm

Calorimeter for neutral particles in the very forward region

> Two non-identical Detectors



We are studying at the same time

"Gigantic Astrophysical Beasts" Millions of light years away Length scale  $10^{+24}$  cm

Exciting

Difficult


