

# The Cosmic Ray Extremely Distributed Observatory



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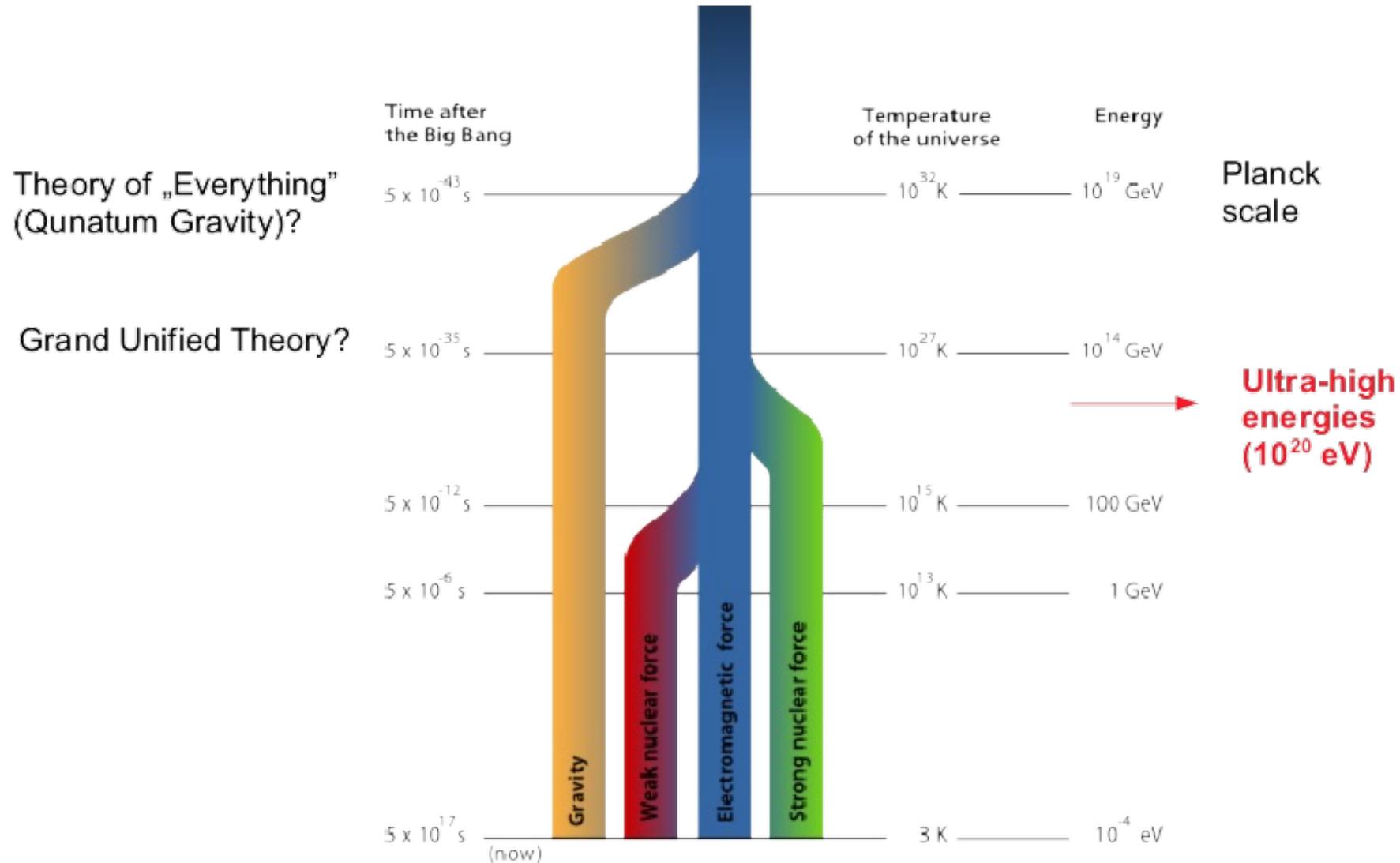


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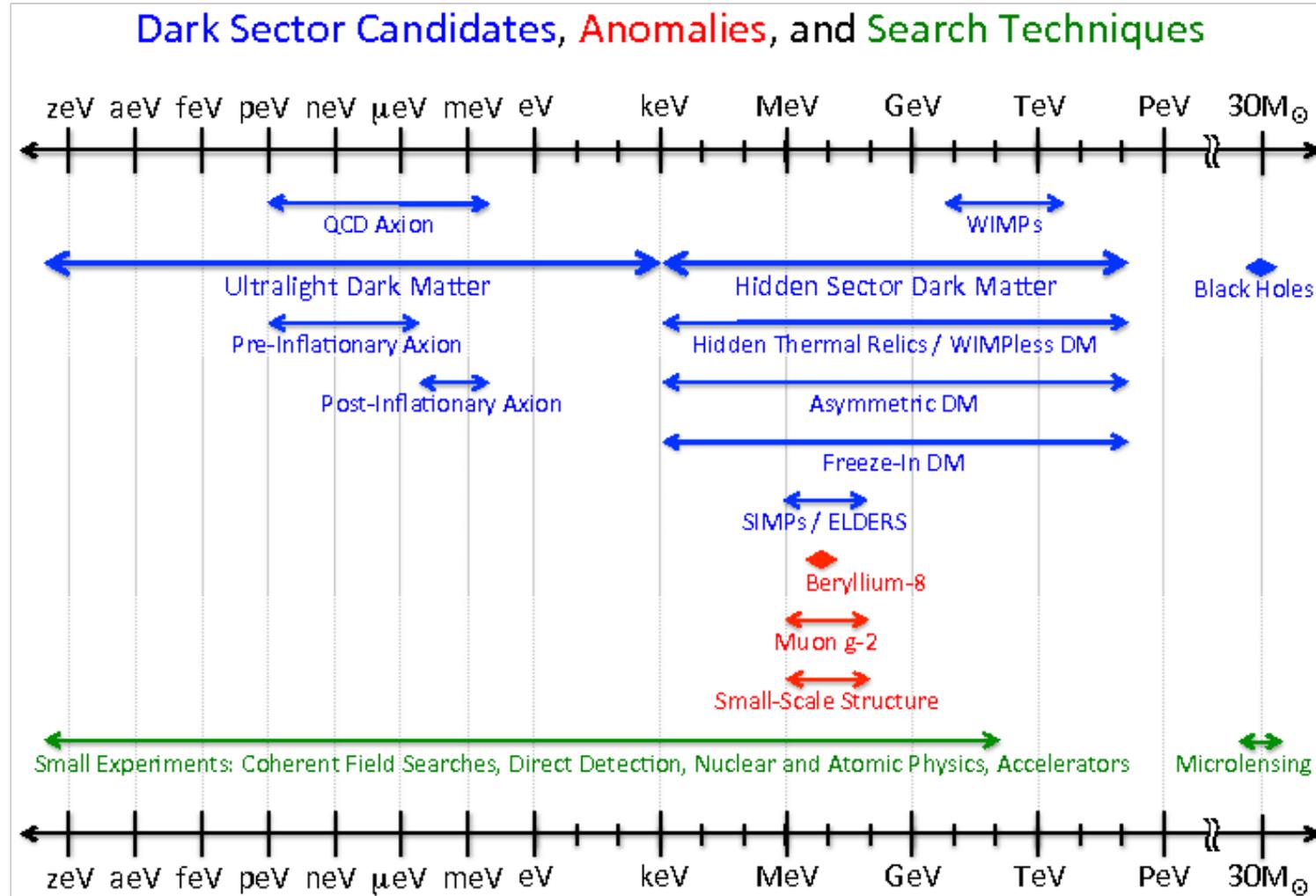
# Outline

- Introduction to detection of cosmic rays: CREDO.
- Invitation to participate in CREDO
- Introduction to high energy cosmic rays ensembles and theoretical scenarios for production.
- Cosmic ray ensembles as probes of fundamental physics.
- Cosmic rays signatures as possible precursors of Earthquakes
- Outlook

# Energy: the higher the better?



# Dark Matter Candidates and Searches



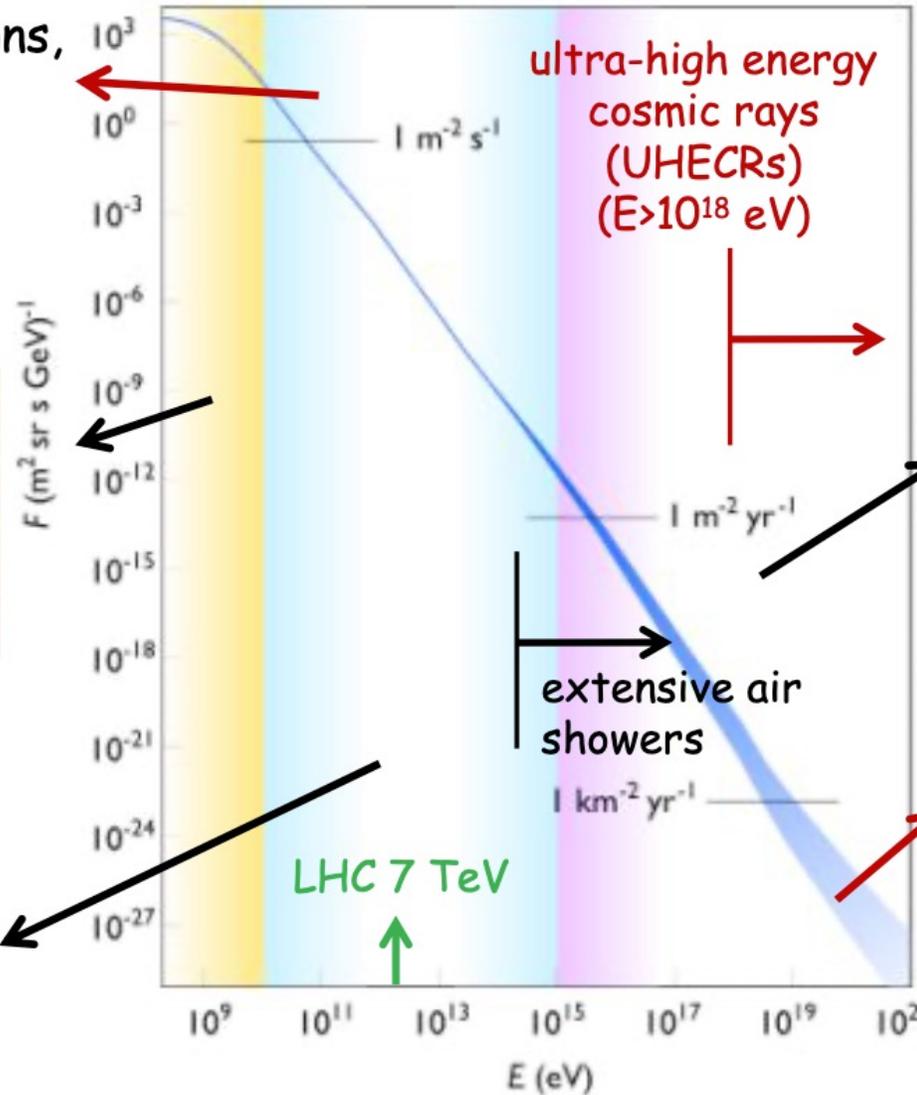
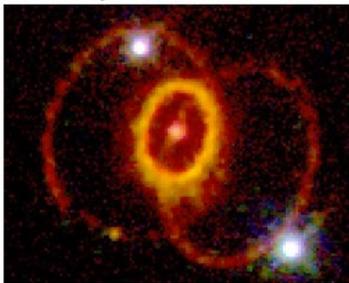
# Cosmic rays (CRs) - high-energy particles coming from space (protons, nuclei, neutrinos, photons, electrons,...)

direct observations,  
satellites,  
balloon-borne  
experiments

Sun

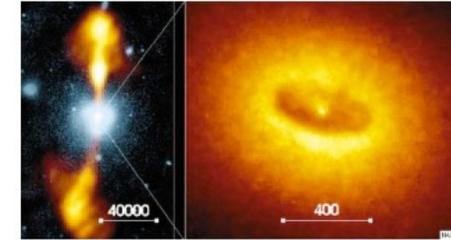


Supernovae,  
pulsars



**Sources unknown!**

star burst galaxies,  
active galactic  
nuclei (AGNs) ???



**E > 10<sup>20</sup> eV, very low flux:**  
**1 particle/km<sup>2</sup>/1000 yr**  
(indirect observations,  
extensive air showers,  
detector arrays  
covering large area)

**10<sup>20</sup> eV in LHC technology → accelerator size of Mercury orbit**

# (Underexplored) Cosmic Rays!

Ranges:

- energy: > 10 orders of magnitude
- flux: > 30 orders of magnitude
- → diverse physics (sources)
- → diverse detection techniques

Flux rapidly decreases with energy ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ),  
**Highest energies → the most demanding challenges:**

→ technical:

extremely low flux (at  $E=10^{20}$ eV

**1 particle / km<sup>2</sup> millenium**), but now:

the Pierre Auger Observatory ( $\sim 3000$  km<sup>2</sup>)

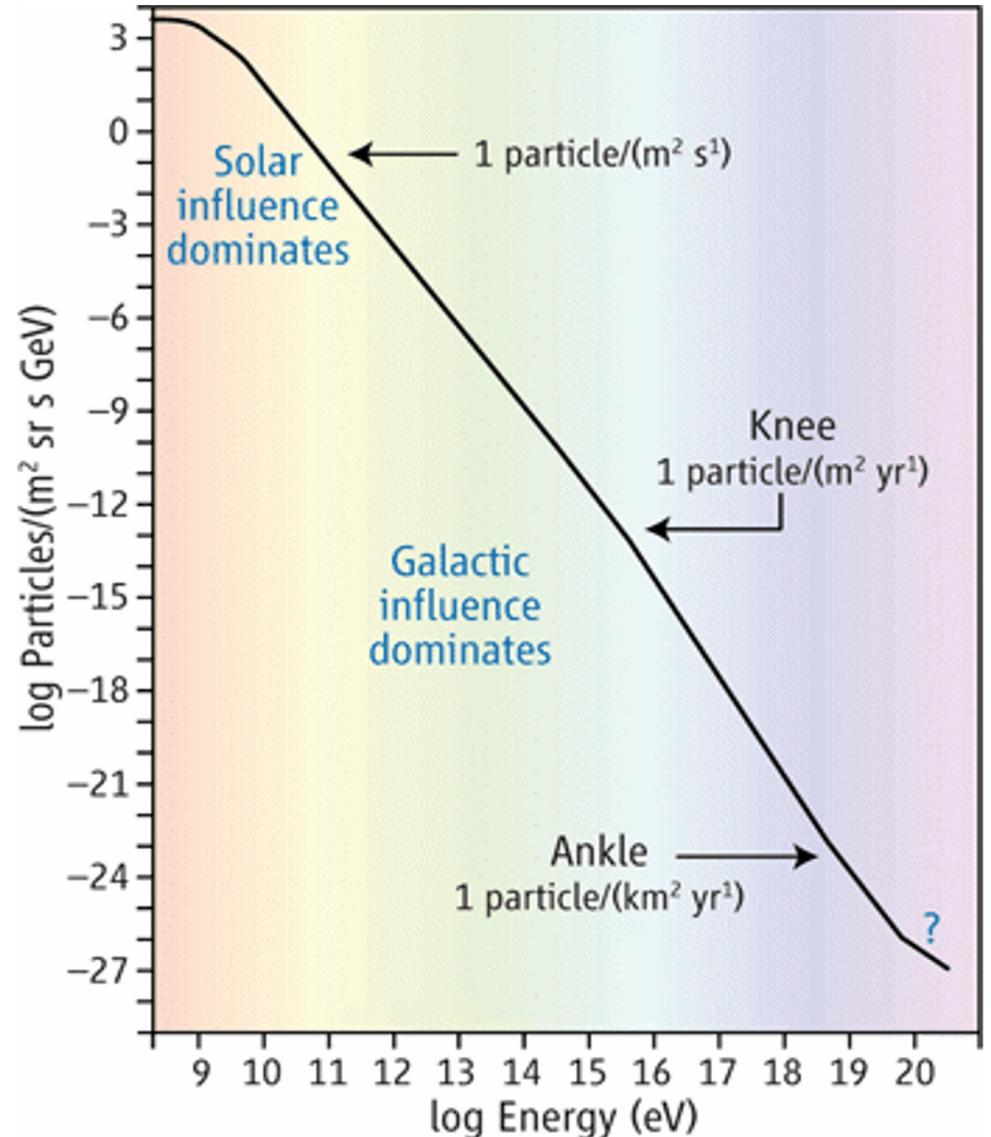
→ scientific:

**What are Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECR)?**

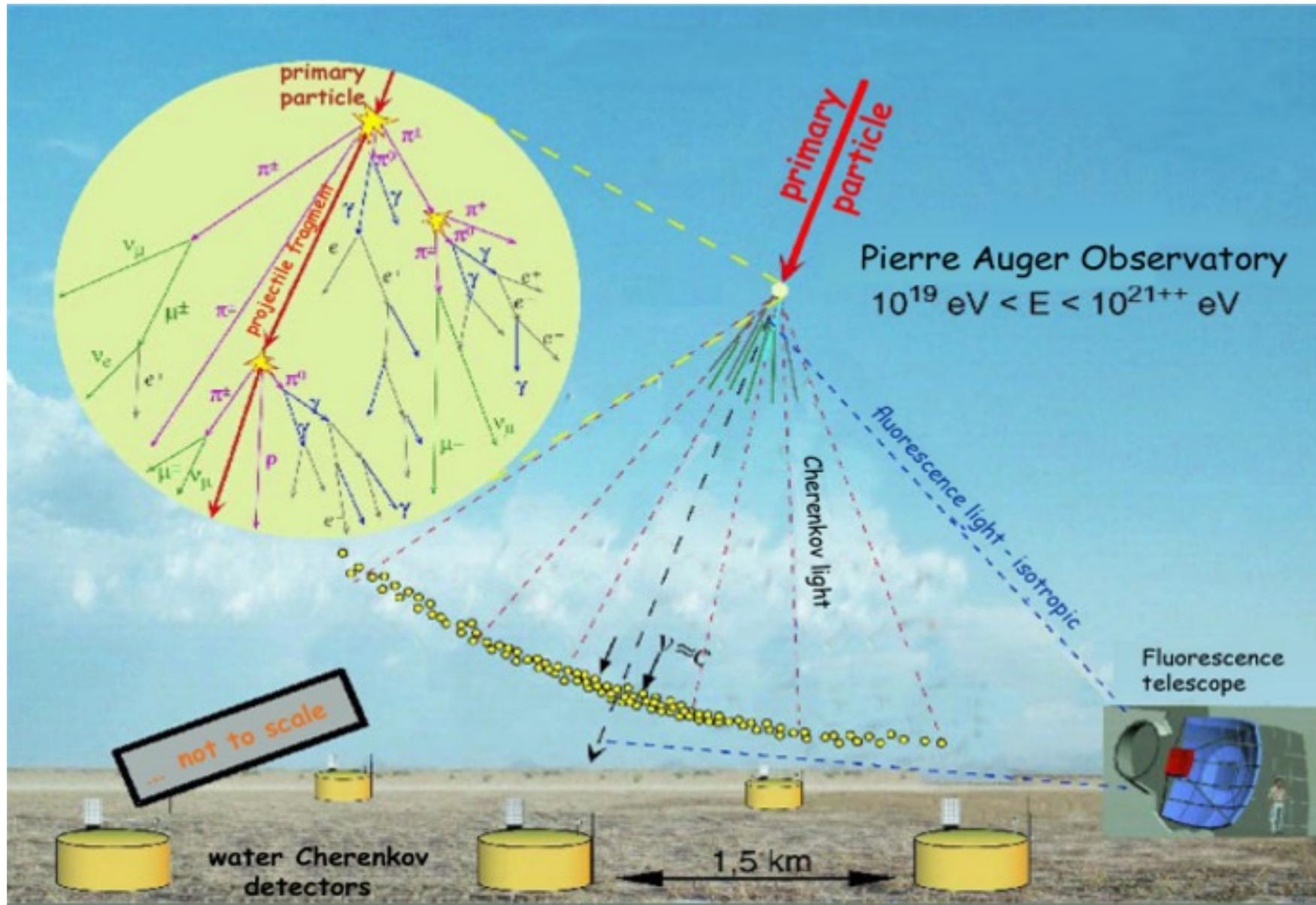
**Where they come from?**

**How do they propagate?**

**Do we (have a chance to) see UHE photons?**



# State-of-the art detection of cosmic rays: $N_{ATM}=1$



# The largest UHECRs observatories

## Northern hemisphere

Telescope Array (TA)

Location: USA

507 SD stations, area 680 km<sup>2</sup>

36 FD telescopes overlooking the surface detector



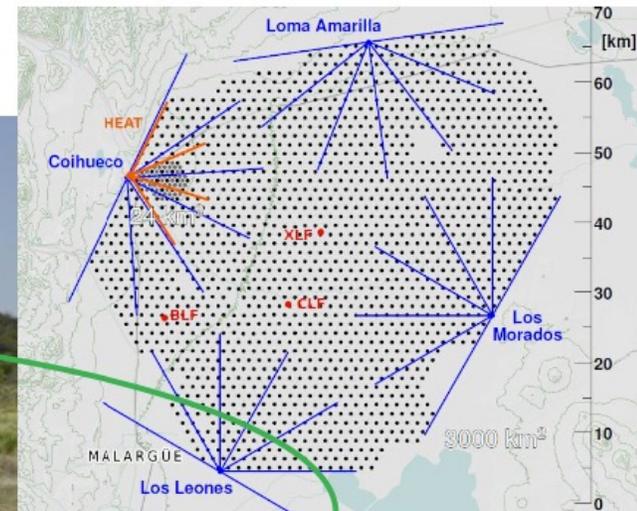
## Southern hemisphere

Pierre Auger Observatory (Auger)

Location: Argentina

1660 SD stations, area 3000 km<sup>2</sup>

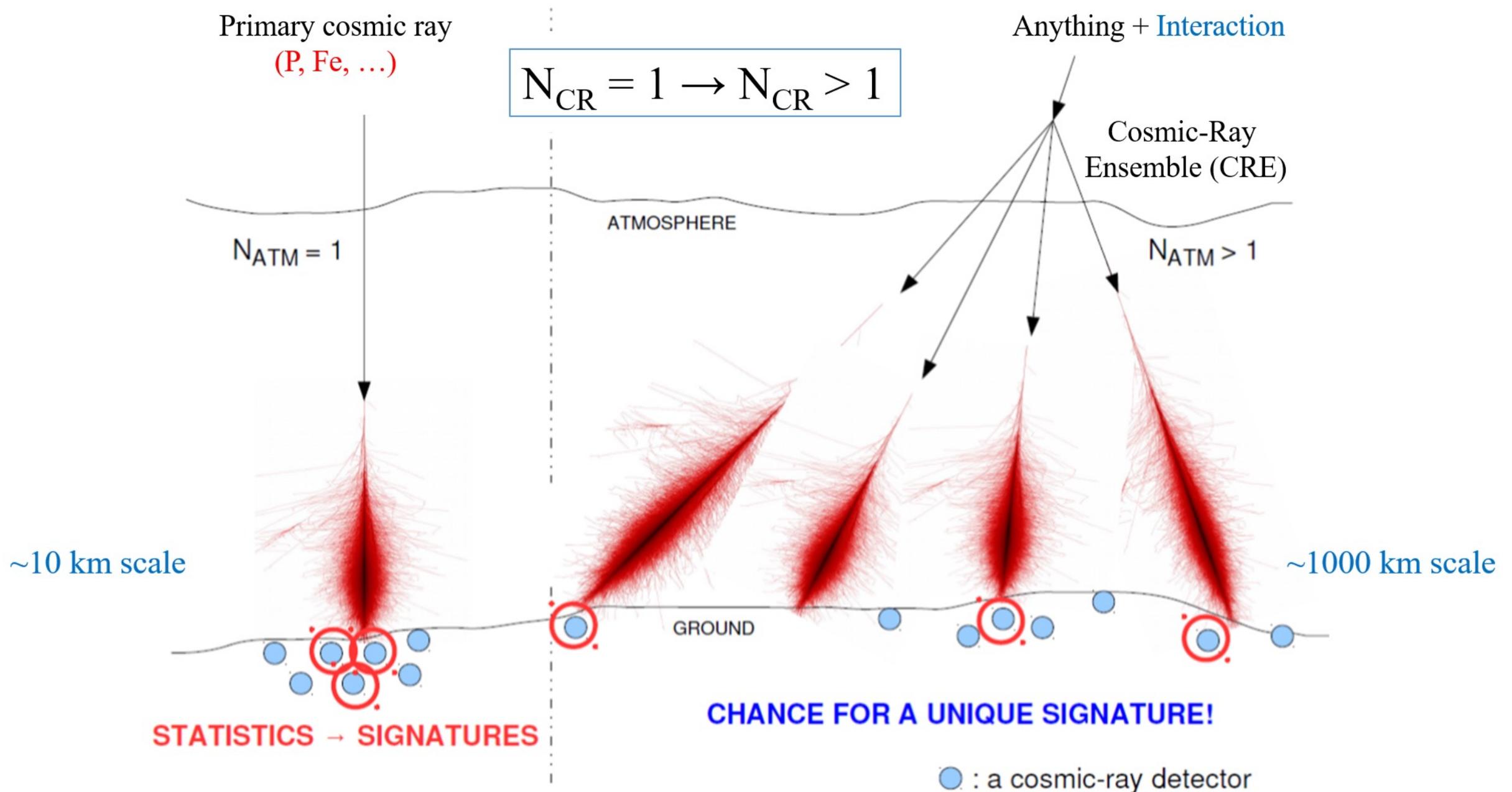
27 FD telescopes



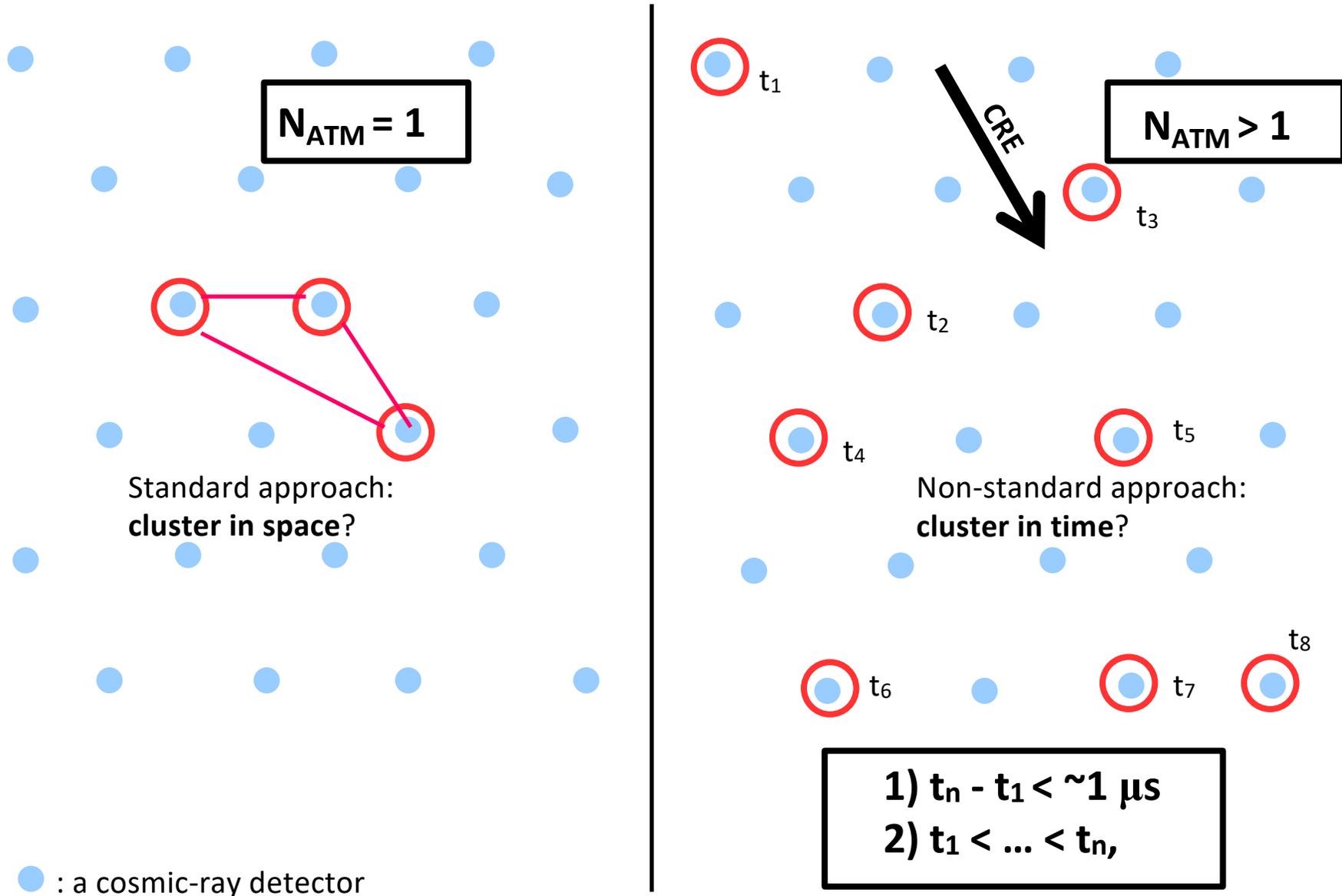
## Key questions:

- Origin?
- Mass composition?
- Acceleration process?
- Is there an upper limit to the UHECRs energies?

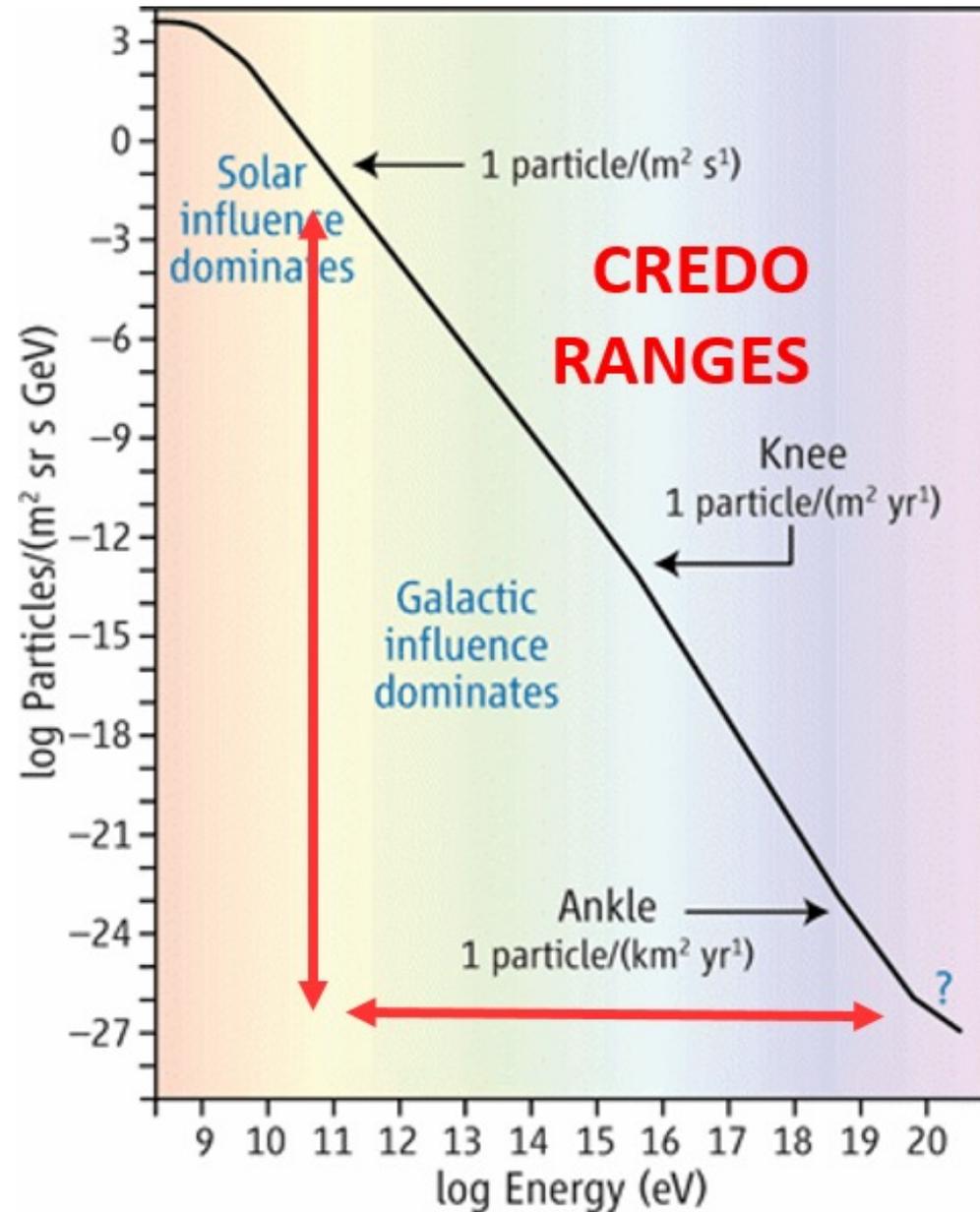
# What about large scale correlation of cosmic rays?



# A chance for a unique CRE signature



# Cosmic Ray Ensembles (CRE)! Full energy spectrum!



# Novel global concept: cloud of clouds



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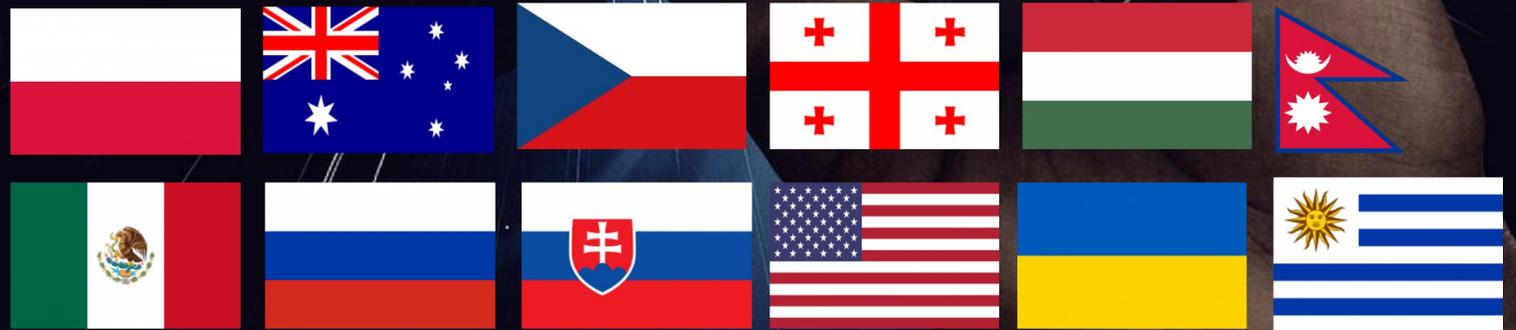
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# Invitation to the Cosmic Ray Extremely Distributed Observatory

**CREDO**  + you = stronger together  
THE QUEST FOR THE UNEXPECTED

**CREDO**  
JOURNEY



# CREDO Science Potential

$10^{-35}$  m

$10^{-5}$  m

$10^{25}$  m



Space-time  
structure

**CREDO**

THE QUEST FOR THE UNEXPECTED

Cosmology,  
Dark Matter, ...

MICRO

MACRO

astro/cosmo/geo/bio/eco/hi-tech/...  
infrastructure

**CREDO** 

THE QUEST FOR THE UNEXPECTED



# CREDO: already global



48 institutions / 20 countries / 5 continents / ~ 16 700 users / ~ 12 700 teams / > 12 500 000 smartphone detections / > 1200 smartphone work years

Cosmic Ray Extremely  
Distributed Observatory  
(CREDO)



since 2.10.2018

**This multi-beneficiary Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made**

**BETWEEN:**

**the Institutions named in Section 8: Signatories, henceforth referred to as "Parties", with the Effective Date being the date of signing by each of the Parties,**

**in relation to the Project entitled**

**COSMIC RAY EXTREMELY DISTRIBUTED OBSERVATORY (CREDO), henceforth referred to as "Project".**

**THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED THAT:**

### Section 1: Background

The Parties agree to cooperate in exploring the multidisciplinary potential of a widely distributed network of cosmic ray detectors, under the name of the Cosmic Ray Extremely Distributed Observatory (CREDO). As an initiative of the Henryk Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics Polish Academy of Sciences the CREDO concept has been under development since 30th August 2016.

### Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to stipulate, in the context of the Project, the relationship between the Parties. In particular, this concerns the distribution of work between the Parties, the management of the Project and the rights and obligations of the Parties.

## CREDO institutional members (11.10.2021):

- Australia (2)
- Canada (2)
- Chile (1)
- Czech Republic (3)
- Estonia (1)
- Georgia (1)
- Hungary (1)
- India (2)
- Italy (1)
- Mexico (1)
- Nepal (1)
- Poland (16)
- Portugal (1)
- Russia (1)
- Slovakia (1)
- Spain (2)
- Thailand (1)
- Ukraine (3)
- Uruguay (2)
- USA (3)

**(46 institutions, 20 countries)**

# CREDO Detector: what do we see?

[work in progress, e.g. at IFJ PAN]

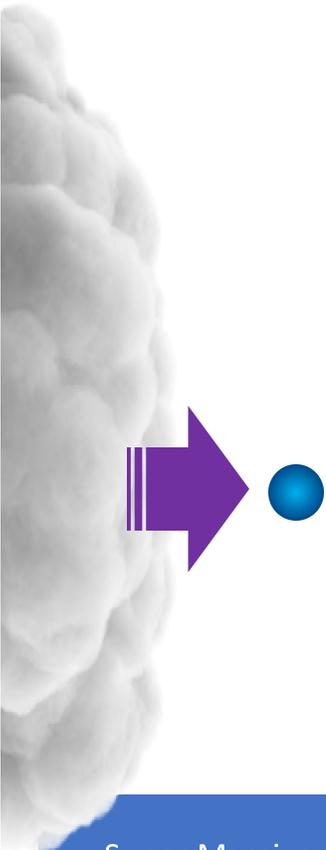
scenarios!



muons?

air  
showers  
?

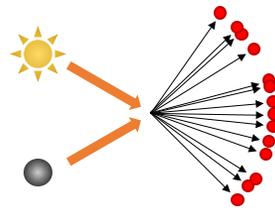
CRE?



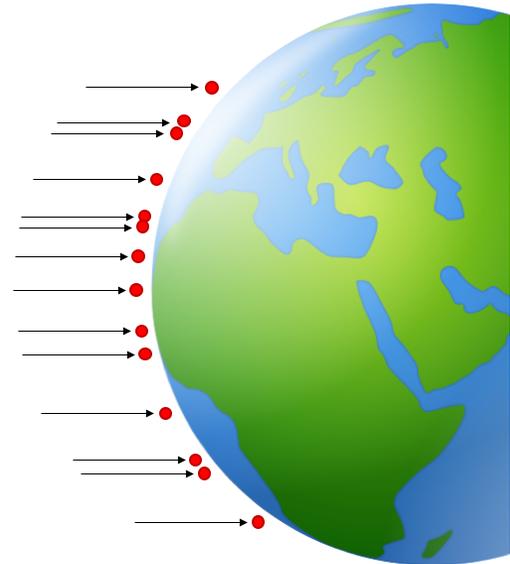
Super Massive  
Particles formed in  
the early Universe



Super massive  
particle decays to a  
very high energy  
photon

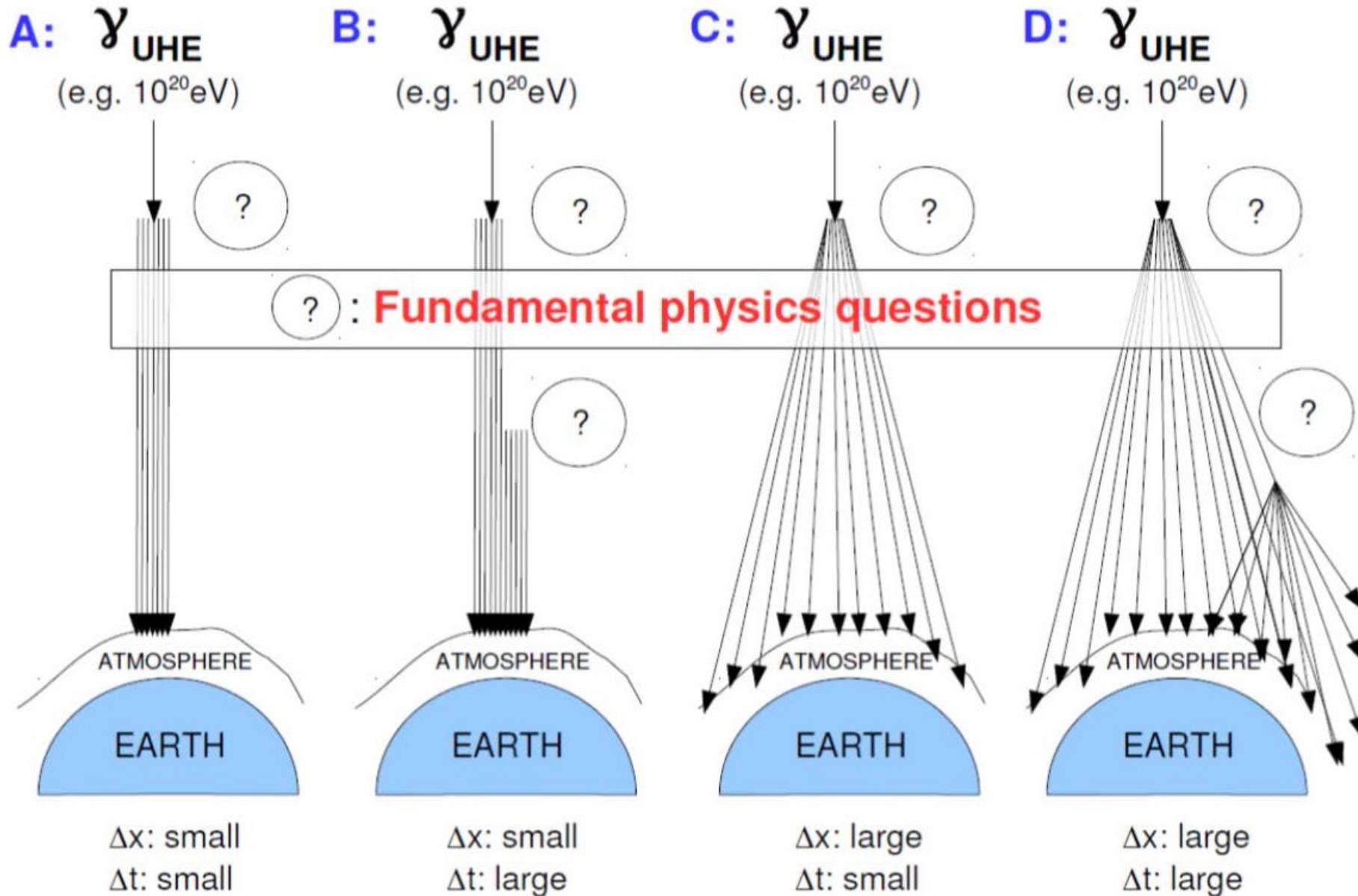


High energy photon  
collision creates lots  
of low energy  
photons



Low energy photons  
in a super-preshower  
are detected on the  
Earth

# Classes of cosmic-ray ensembles



# $N_{\text{ATM}} > 1$ motivated by data! (1)

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## Possible Observation of a Burst of Cosmic-Ray Events in the Form of Extensive Air Showers

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(Received 7 April 1983)

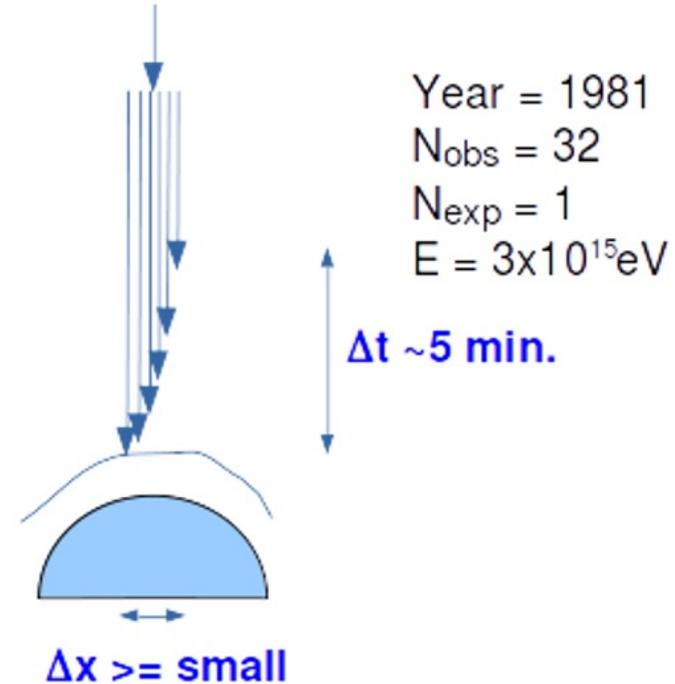
A series or burst of 32 extensive air showers of estimated mean energy  $3 \times 10^{15}$  eV was observed within a 5-min time interval beginning at 9:55 A.M. (CST) on 20 January 1981 in Winnipeg, Canada. This observation was the only one of its kind during an experiment which recorded 150 000 such showers in a period of 18 months between October 1980 and April 1982.

PACS numbers: 94.40.Ps, 94.40.Rc, 95.30.-k

Forgotten (!) treasure (?) no. 1

Correlated cosmic rays?

$N_{\text{ATM}} > 1?$



# $N_{\text{ATM}} > 1$ motivated by data! (2)

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## Observation of a Burst of Cosmic Rays at Energies above $7 \times 10^{13}$ eV

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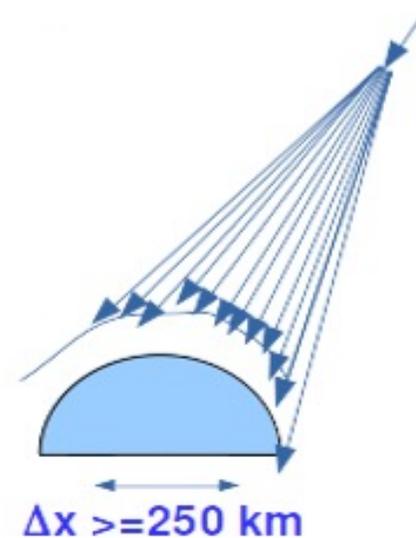
(Received 14 September 1983)

The authors report on an unusual simultaneous increase in the cosmic-ray shower rate at two recording stations separated by 250 km. The event lasted for 20 s. This event was the only one of its kind detected in three years of observation. The duration and structure of this event is different from a recently reported single-station cosmic-ray burst. The simultaneity of the coincident event suggests that it was caused by a burst of cosmic gamma rays. There is a possibility that this event may be related to the largest observed glitch of the pulsar in the Crab Nebula.

PACS numbers: 94.40.Pa, 95.85.Qx, 97.80.Jp

Correlated cosmic rays?

$N_{\text{ATM}} > 1$ ?



Year = 1975  
 $E > 7 \times 10^{13}$  eV

# Cosmic-Ray Ensembles: road map

Theoretical scenarios (ongoing)

non-exotic / exotic



CRE standalone simulations → particle distributions  
at the top of the atmosphere (ongoing)



Air shower simulations (ongoing)



Detector response (ongoing)



Observation / upper limits

# Photons as UHECR: astrophysical scenarios

## Astrophysical scenarios

acceleration of nuclei (e.g. by shock waves)

+ „conventional interactions”, e.g. with CMBR

- sufficiently efficient astrophysical objects difficult to find
- small fractions of photons and neutrinos – mainly nuclei expected

??? Exotic scenarios (particle physics) ???

Decay or annihilation the early Universe relics

→ hypothetic supermassive particles of energies  $\sim 10^{23}$  eV

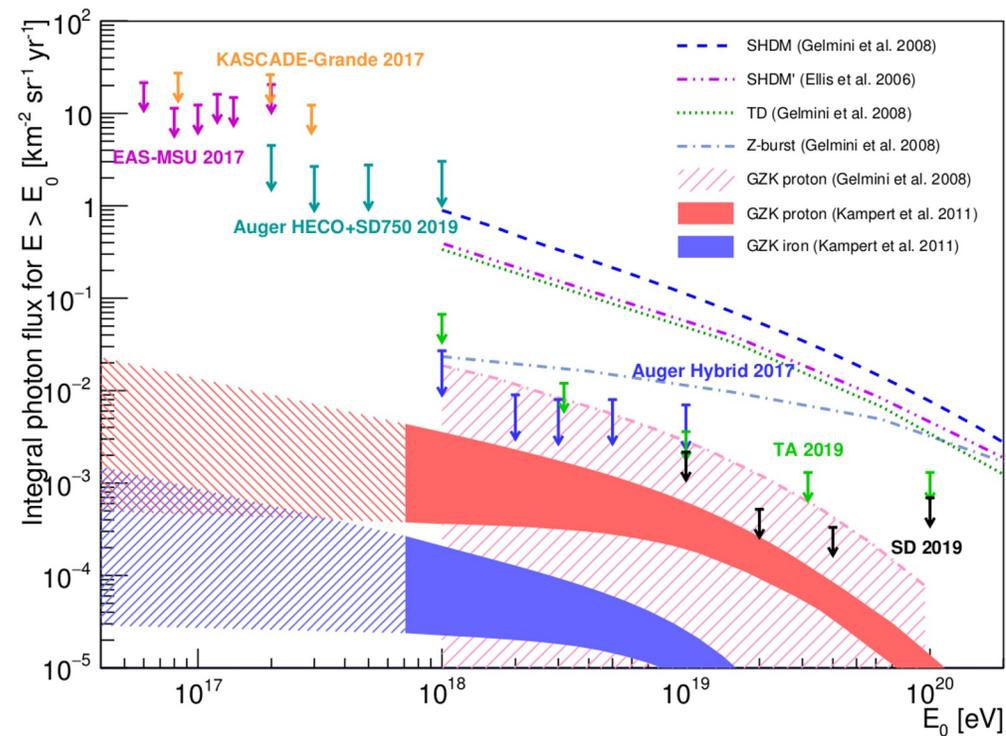
→ decay to quarks and leptons → hadronization (mainly pions)

- large fraction of photons and neutrinos in UHCER flux

  
not the case?

# UHE photons: expected, but not identified yet

From: Rautenberg, J.; for the Pierre Auger Collaboration. Limits on ultra-high energy photons with the Pierre Auger Observatory, [PoS 2020, ICRC2019, 398](#).



**Figure 7:** Photon flux limits at 95% C.L. for the different analysis of the Pierre Auger Observatory, compared to model predictions [14, 15, 16] and other experimental limits at 95% C.L. [17], as well as at 90% C.L. [18, 19].

# Example non-exotic scenario: preshowers

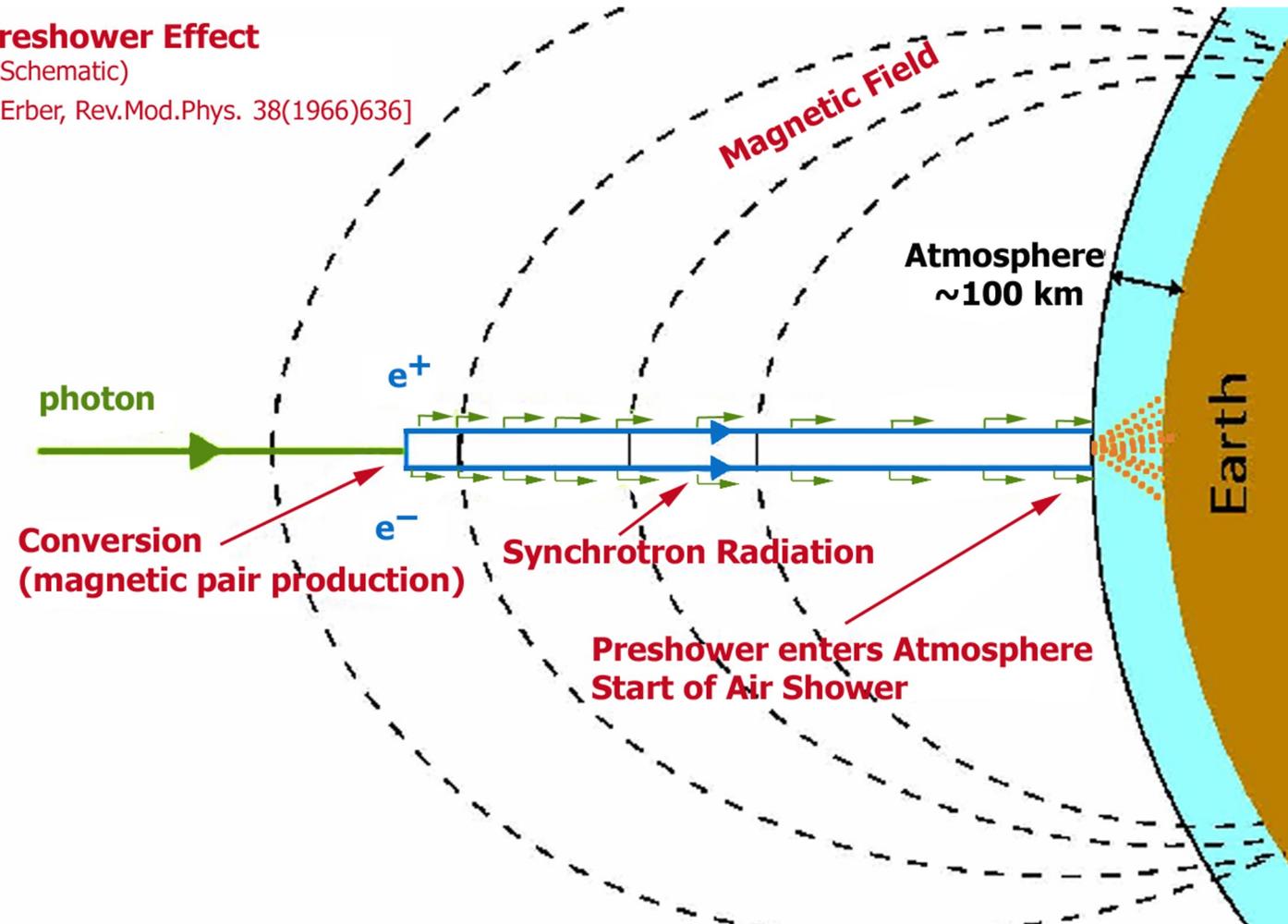
Preshower (important for  $E > 10^{19}$  eV):

→ contains typically 100 particles  
(created at around 1000 km a.s.l.)

## Preshower Effect

(Schematic)

[Erber, Rev.Mod.Phys. 38(1966)636]



# Neutron star mergers

## High-energy emissions from neutron star mergers

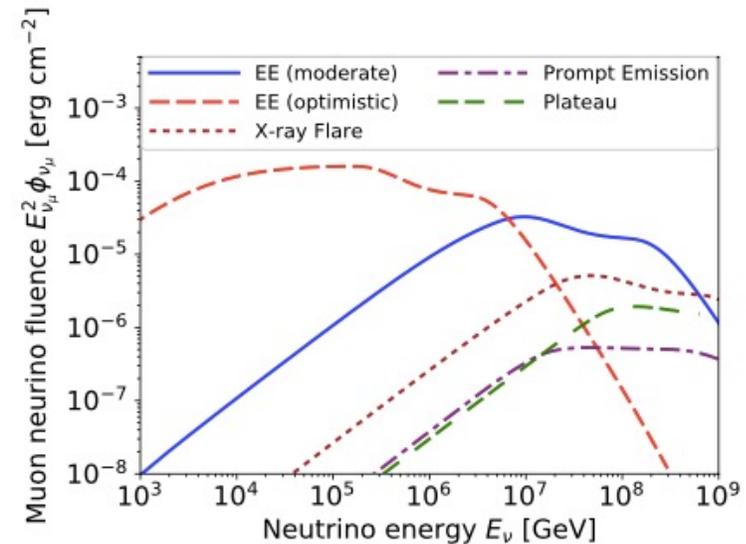
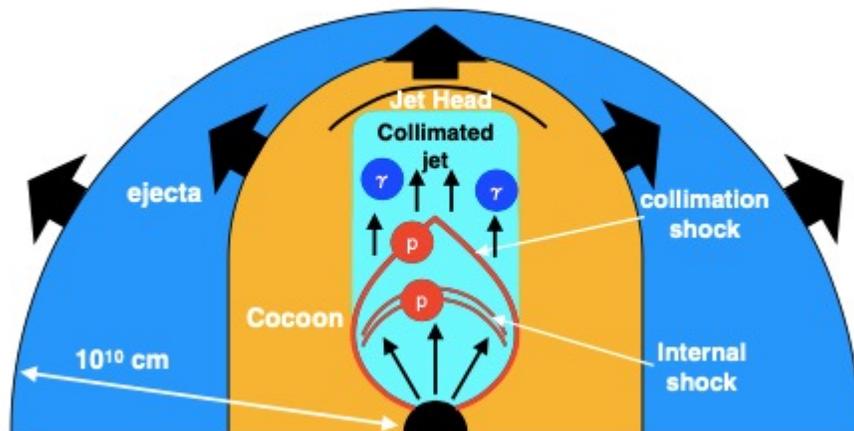
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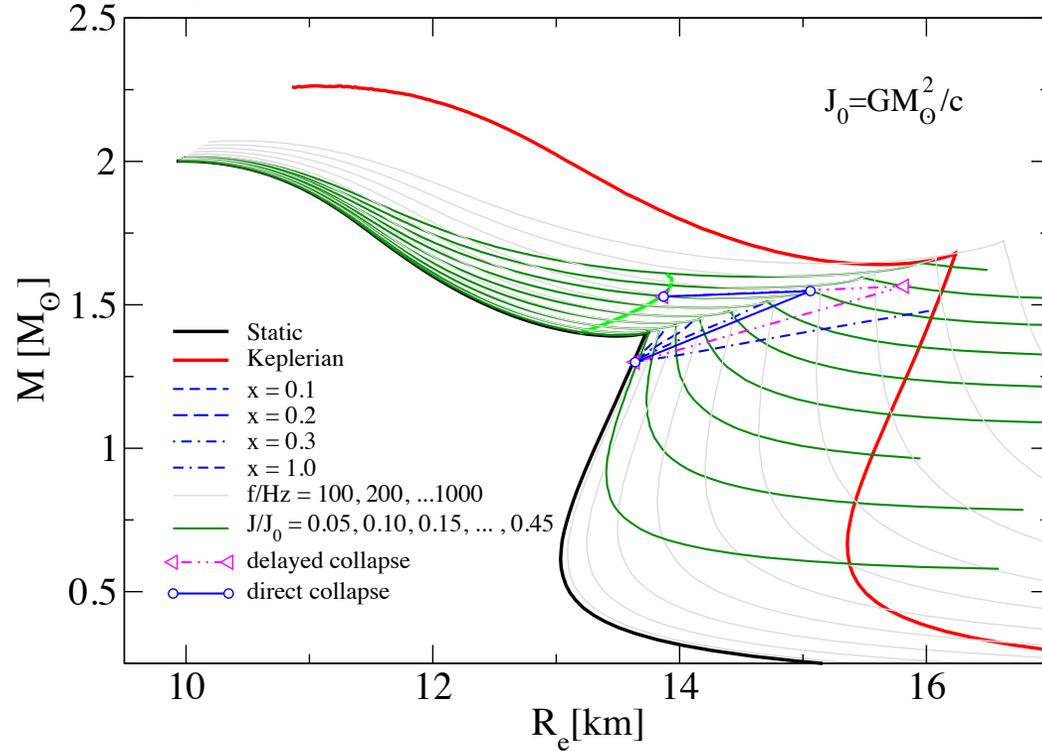
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**Abstract.** In 2017, LIGO-Virgo collaborations reported detection of the first neutron star merger event, GW170817, which is accompanied by electromagnetic counterparts from radio to gamma rays. Although high-energy neutrinos were not detected from this event, mergers of neutron stars are expected to produce such high-energy particles. Relativistic jets are launched when neutron stars merge. If the jets contain protons, they can emit high-energy neutrinos through photomeson production. In addition, neutron star mergers produce massive and fast ejecta, which can be a source of Galactic high-energy cosmic rays above the knee. We briefly review what we learned from the multi-messenger event, GW170817, and discuss prospects for multi-messenger detections and hadronic cosmic-ray production related to the neutron star mergers.



# Spin frequency vs gravitational mass of the hybrid star at birth



$$ds^2 = -e^\nu \left[ 1 + 2(h_0 + h_2 P_2) \right] dt^2 + e^\lambda \left[ 1 + \frac{2(m_0 + m_2 P_2)}{r - 2M} \right] dr^2 + r^2 \left[ 1 + 2(v_2 - h_2) P_2 \right] \left[ d\theta^2 + \sin^2(\theta) (d\phi - \omega dt)^2 \right] + O(\Omega^3),$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dM_b} = l_{\text{tot}} = \kappa l(r_0) - l_m,$$

$$l_m = \frac{\mu^2}{9r_0^3 \dot{M}_b} \left( 3 - 2\sqrt{\frac{r_c^3}{r_0^3}} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Omega r} \frac{dl}{dr} = \frac{1}{2} f_{ms}(r_0) = \left( \frac{r_m}{r_0} \right)^{7/2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_c^3}{r_0^3}} - 1 \right),$$

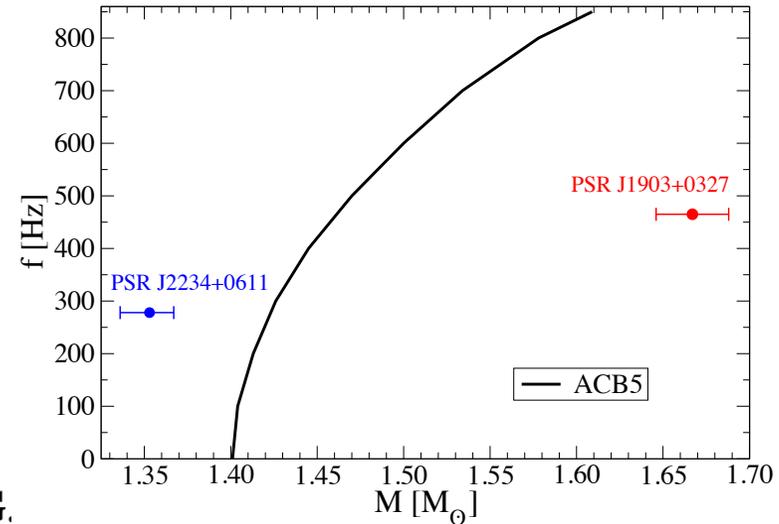
$$r_m = \frac{\mu^{4/7}}{(GM)^{1/7} \dot{M}_b^{2/7}},$$

$$r_c = \left( \frac{GM}{\Omega^2} \right)^{1/3},$$

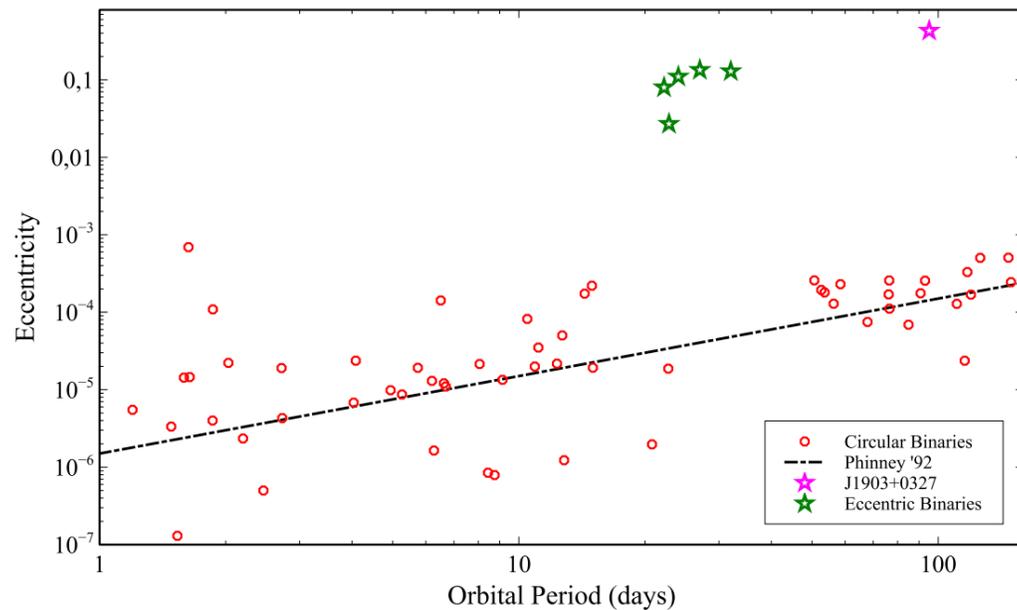
$$0 = f_{ms}(r_{ms}).$$

$$B(M_{acc}) = \frac{B_i}{1 + M_{acc}/m_B}.$$

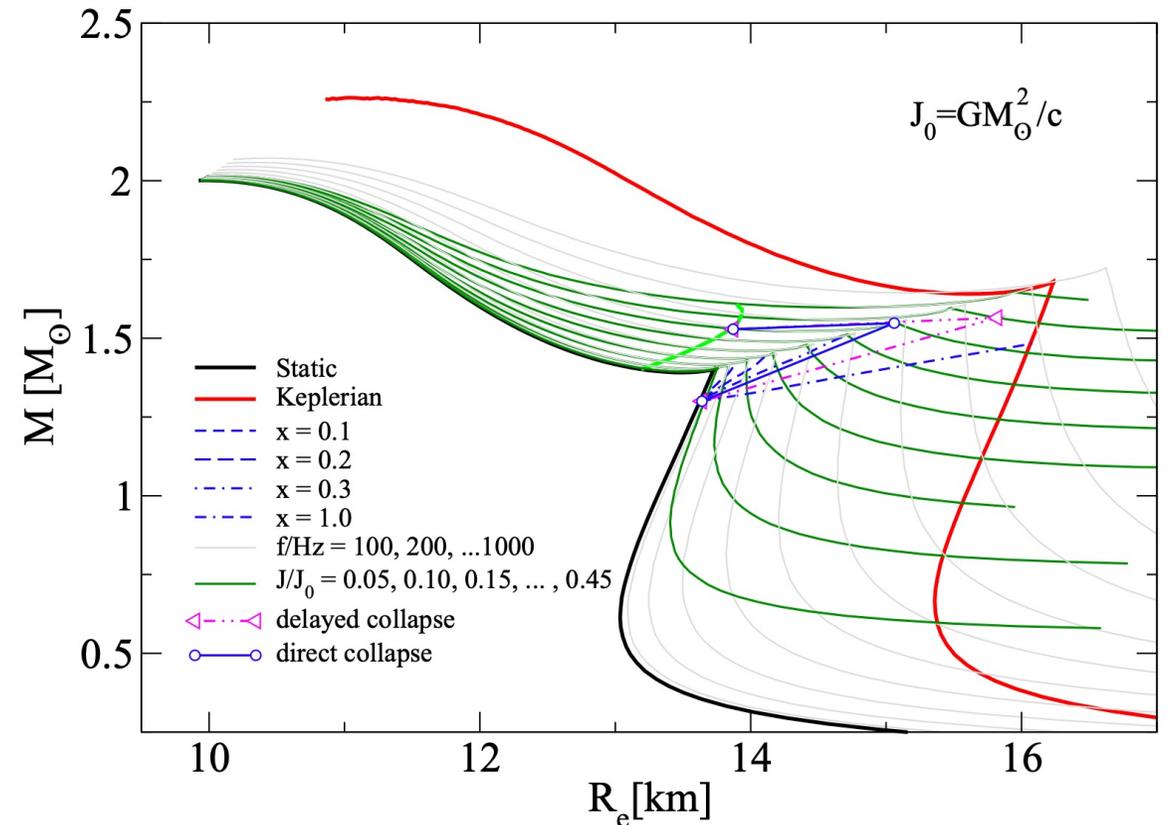
$$\dot{M}_b \cong 10^{-9} M_\odot, \quad B_i \cong 10^8 \text{ G}.$$



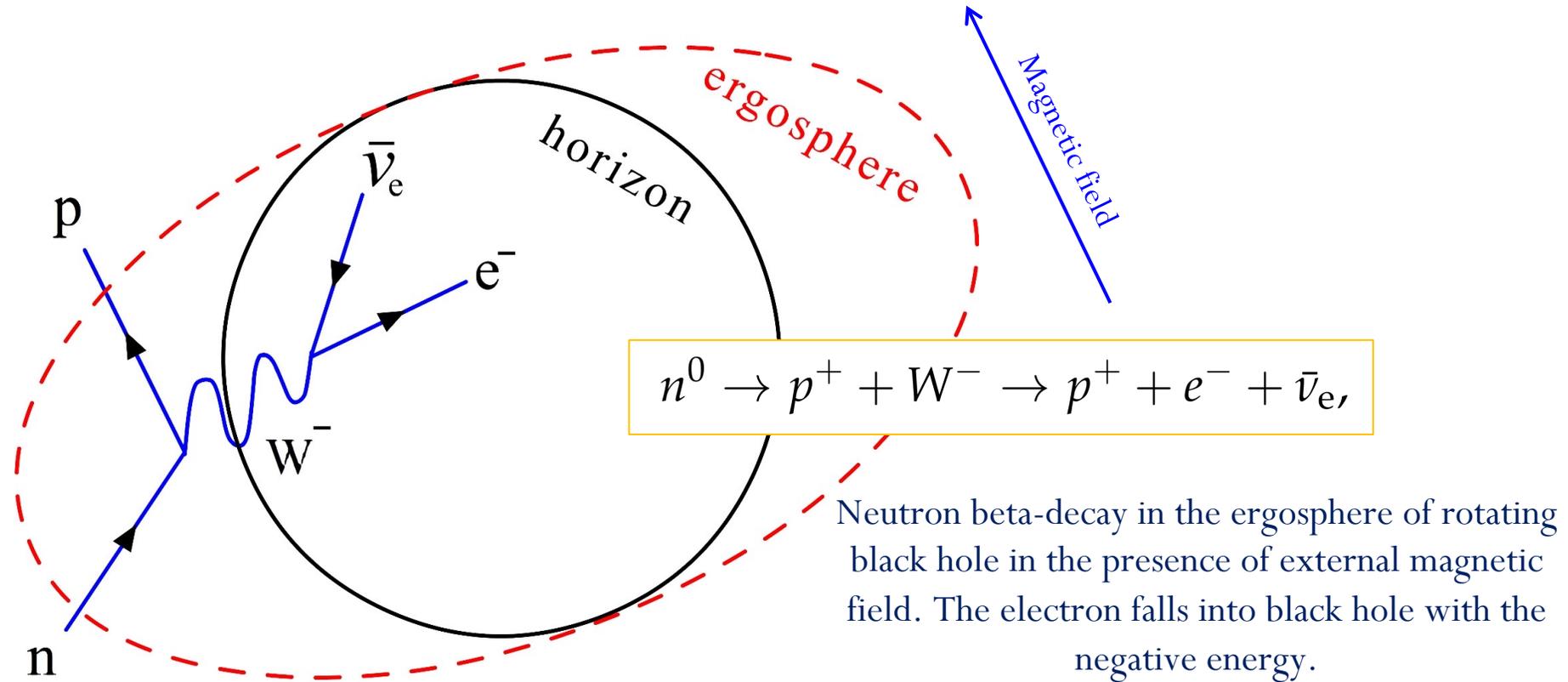
# Accretion-induced collapse to third family compact stars as trigger for eccentric orbits of millisecond pulsars in binaries



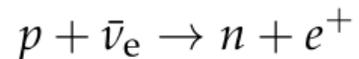
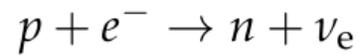
**FIGURE 1** Eccentricity vs. orbital period for millisecond pulsars in binaries with white dwarf companions, see (J. Antoniadis, 2014; Stovall, 2019).



# Beta-decay in ergosphere



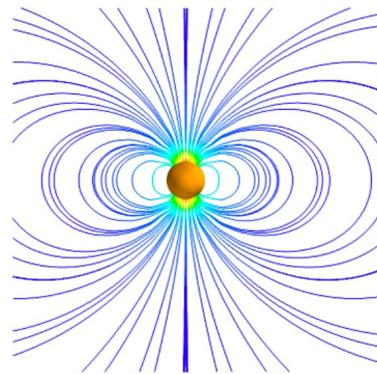
In the hot and dense torus, with temperature of  $\sim 10^{11}$  K and density  $> 10^{10}$  g·cm $^{-3}$ , neutrinos are efficiently produced. The main reactions that lead to their emission are the electron/positron capture on nucleons, as well as the neutron decay. Their nuclear equilibrium is described by the following reactions:



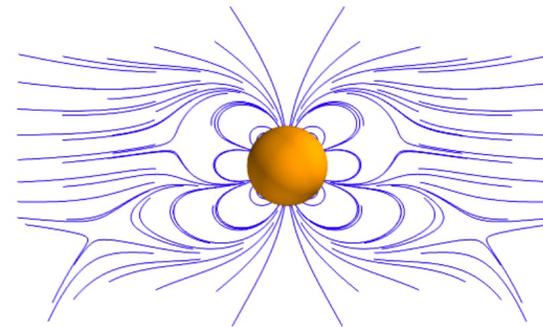
# Simulations of SPS at the vicinity of the Sun

## Two approaches to the description of the magnetic field of the Sun:

- Dipole field approximation<sup>1</sup> considering the magnetic moment of the Sun as  $M_S = 6.87 \times 10^{32} \text{ G} \cdot \text{cm}^3$ .
- Dipole – quadrupole– current sheet<sup>2</sup> (DQCS) which is more realistic than the dipole model even at larger distances from the Sun. It provides a more accurate tracking of electron-positron pairs on their way towards the Earth, and a better treatment of the magnetic Bremsstrahlung process.



Dipole model

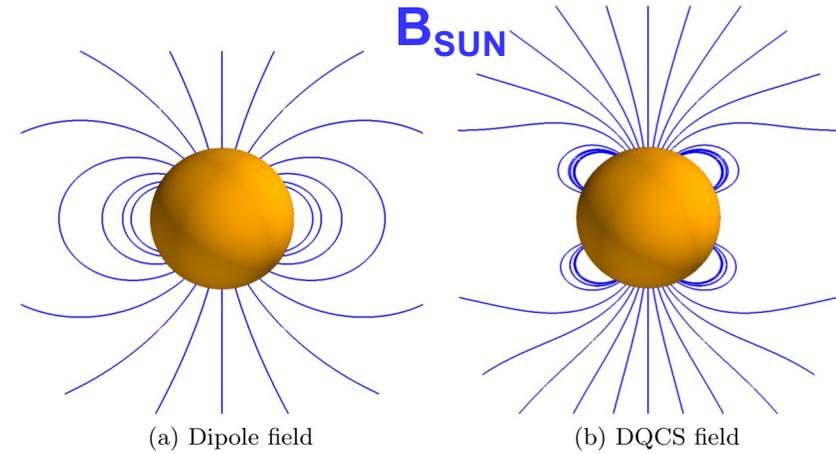
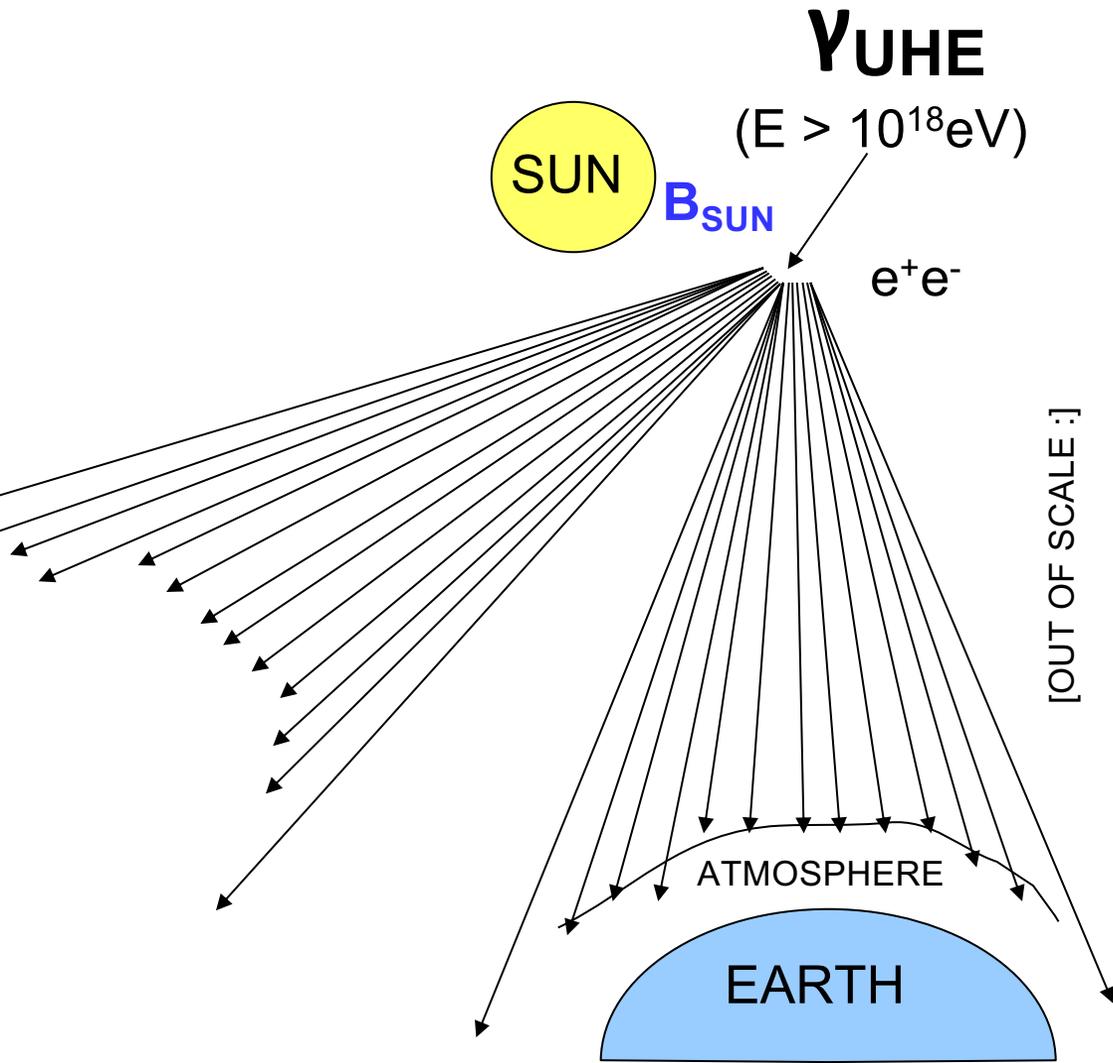


DQCS model

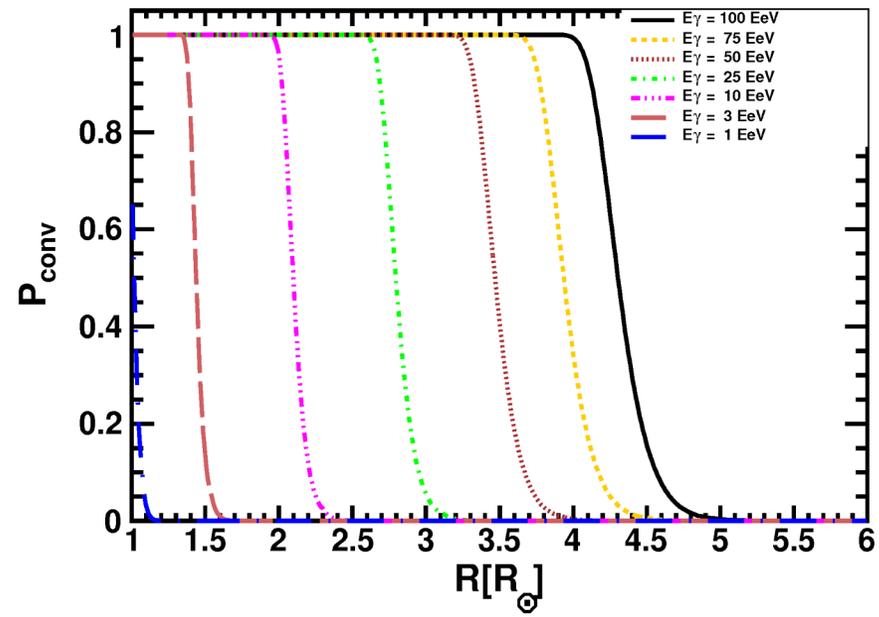
<sup>1</sup>W. Bednarek 1999, arXiv:astro-ph/9911266

<sup>2</sup>Banaszkiewicz et al. 1998, A&A

# $\geq 1$ EeV photons nearby the Sun $\rightarrow$ big CRE



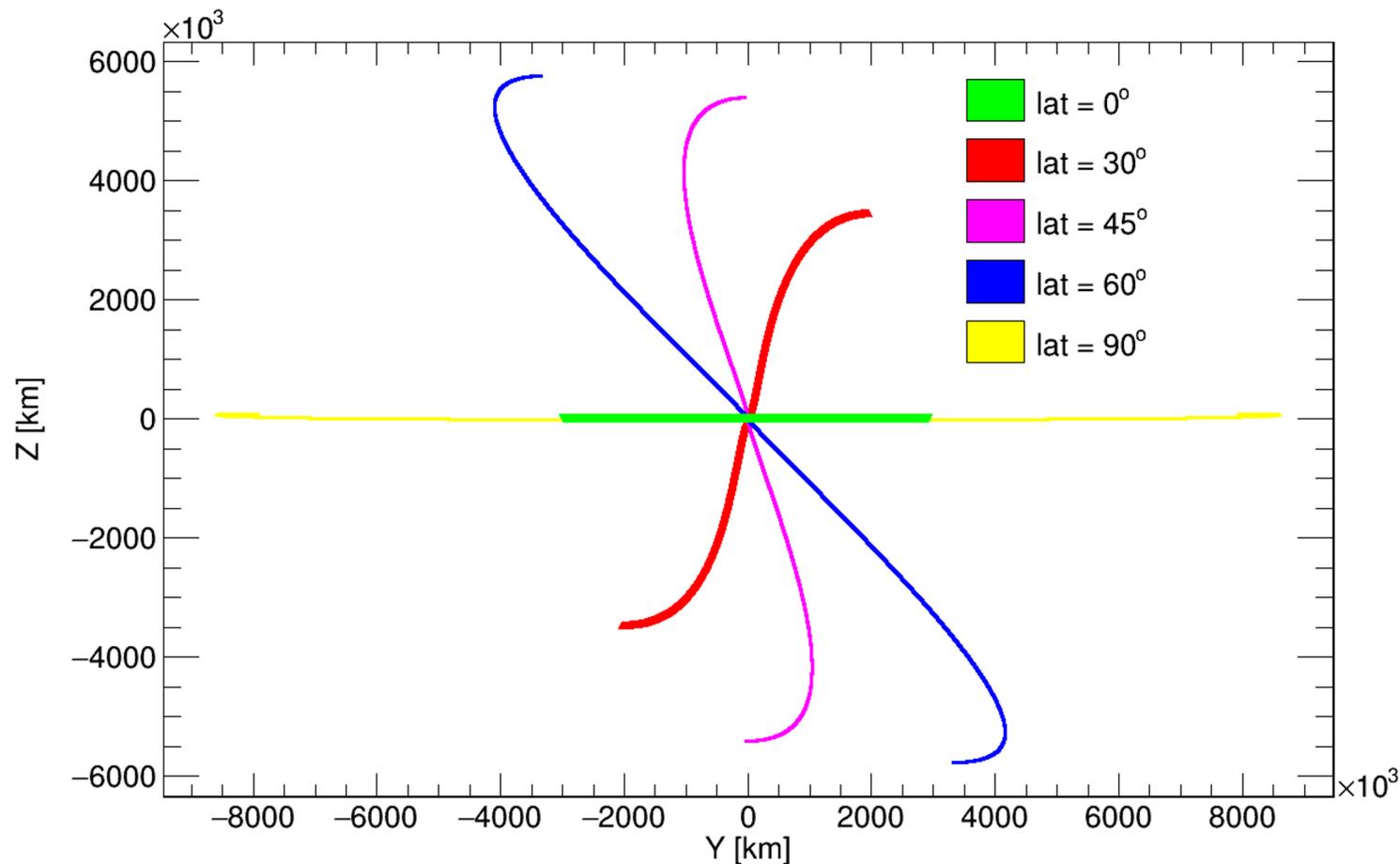
The Sun-preshower effect starts at 1 EeV



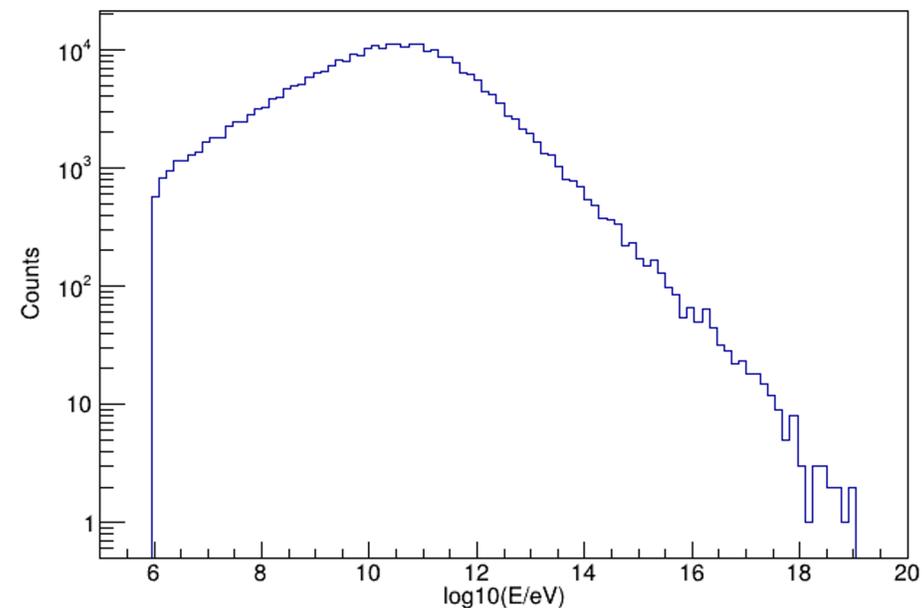
Primary gamma  
conversion  
probability vs. impact  
parameter,  
polar incidence

# Sun-CRE: footprints up to 1 AU, all photon energies

Footprints very thin, up to 1 AU long, non-trivial shapes, dependent on incidence angle and impact parameter

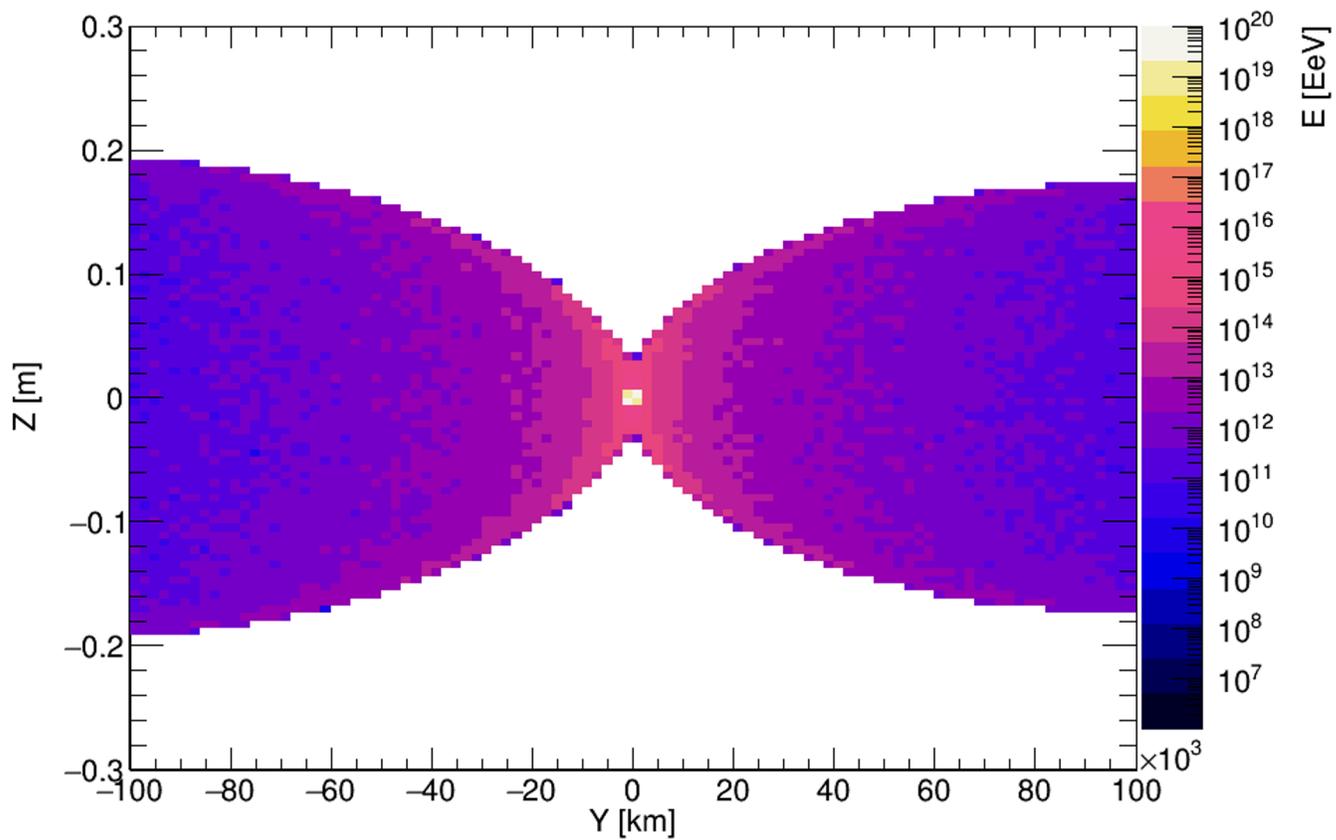


Entire photon spectrum engaged

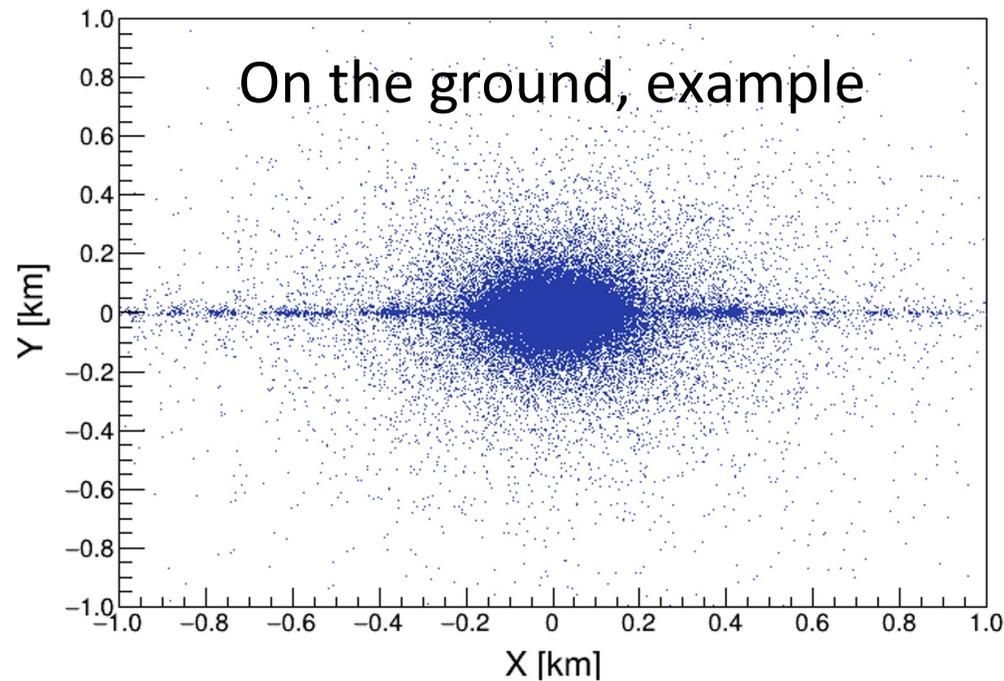


# The Sun-CRE footprints

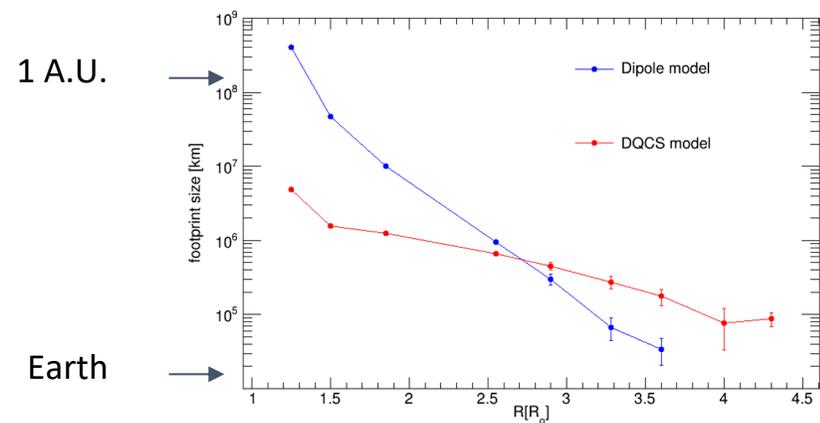
On top of the atmosphere, example



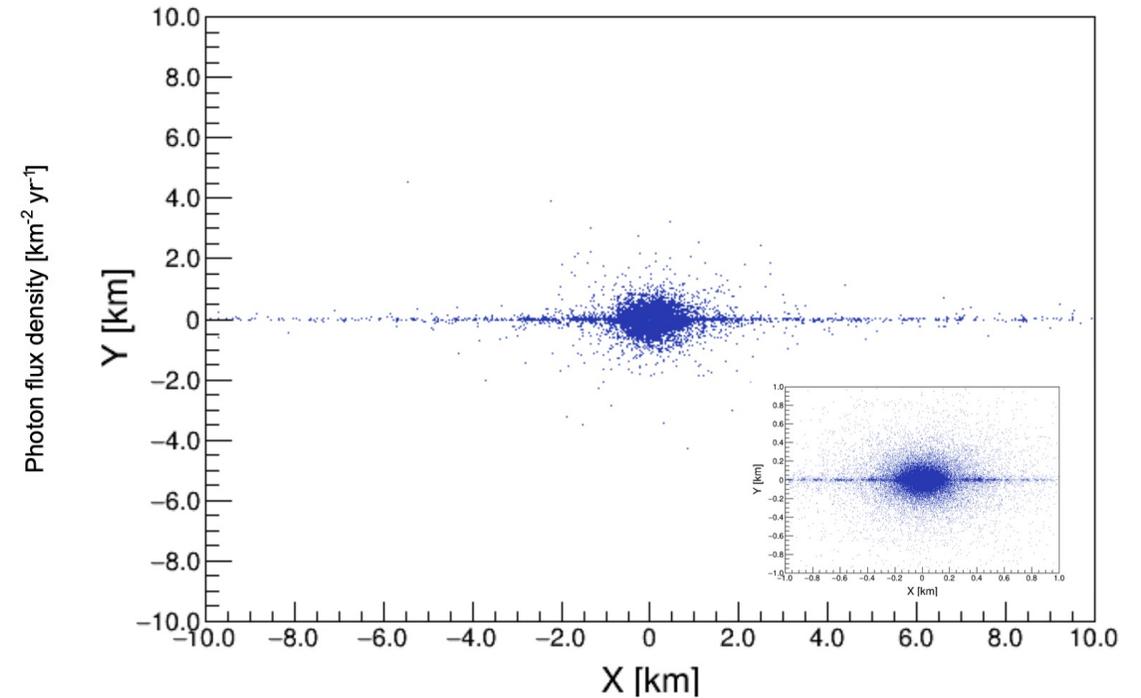
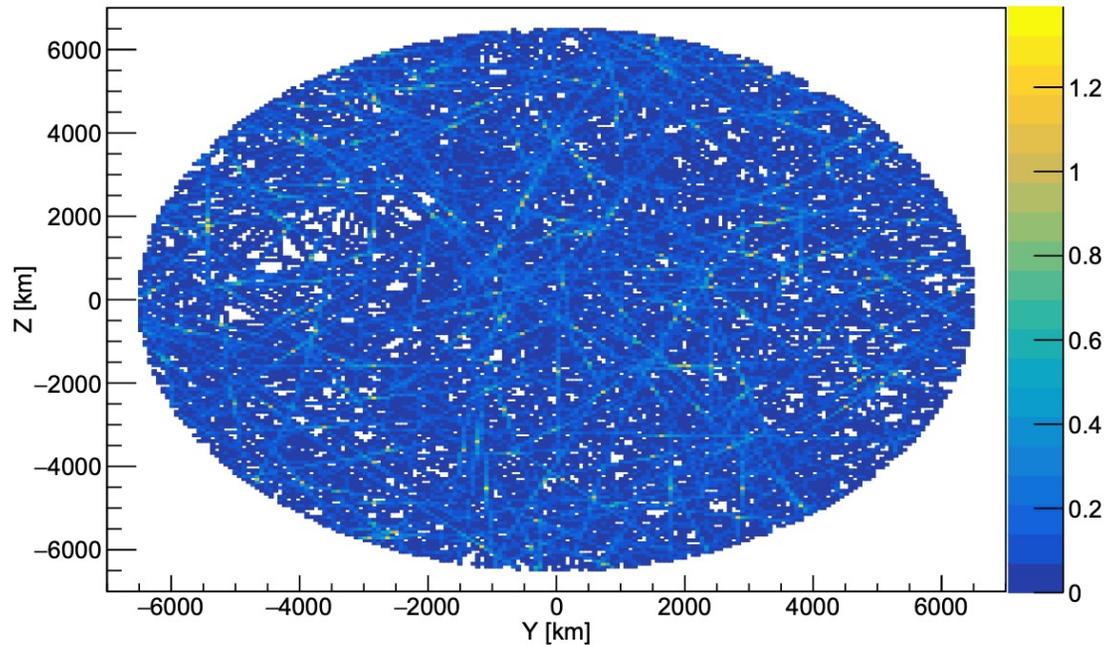
On the ground, example



Size vs. impact parameter, on top of the atmosphere

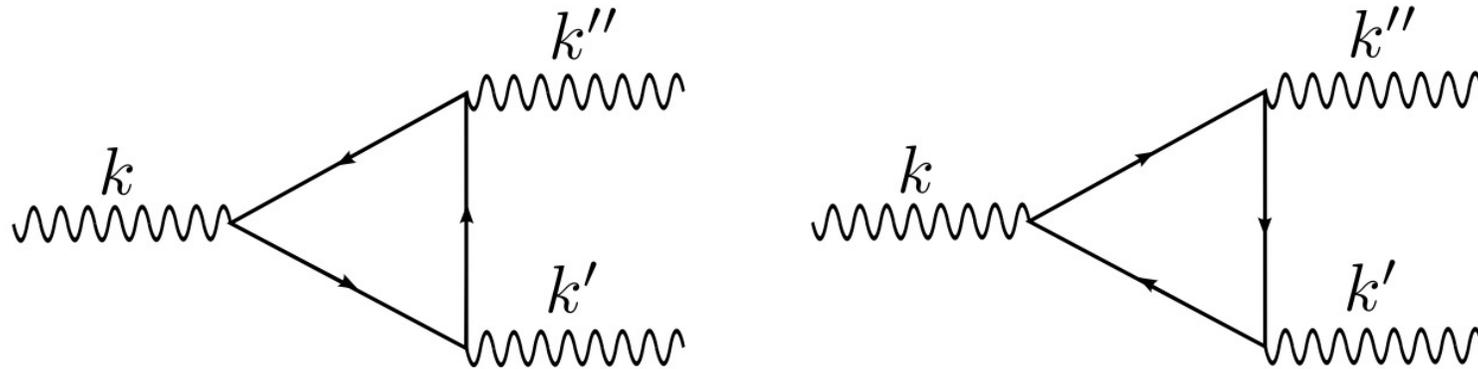


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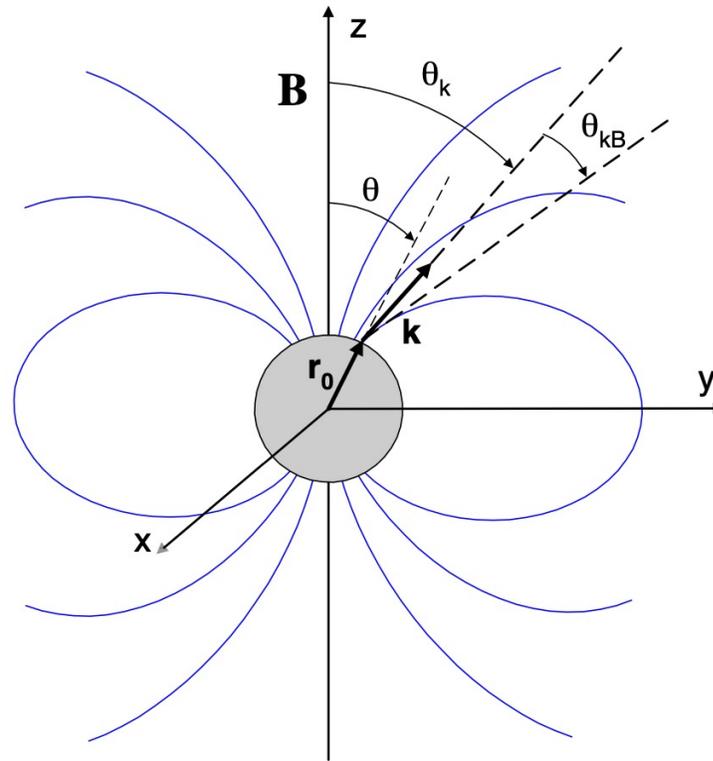


*Left:* The cumulative spatial distribution of secondary photons at the top of the atmosphere, for the primary photons energy 100 EeV.  
*Right:* Shower footprint derived from the CORSIKA simulation program for particles that are tracked through the atmosphere that eventually react with air nuclei. The inset displays the core of the footprint in a smaller area.

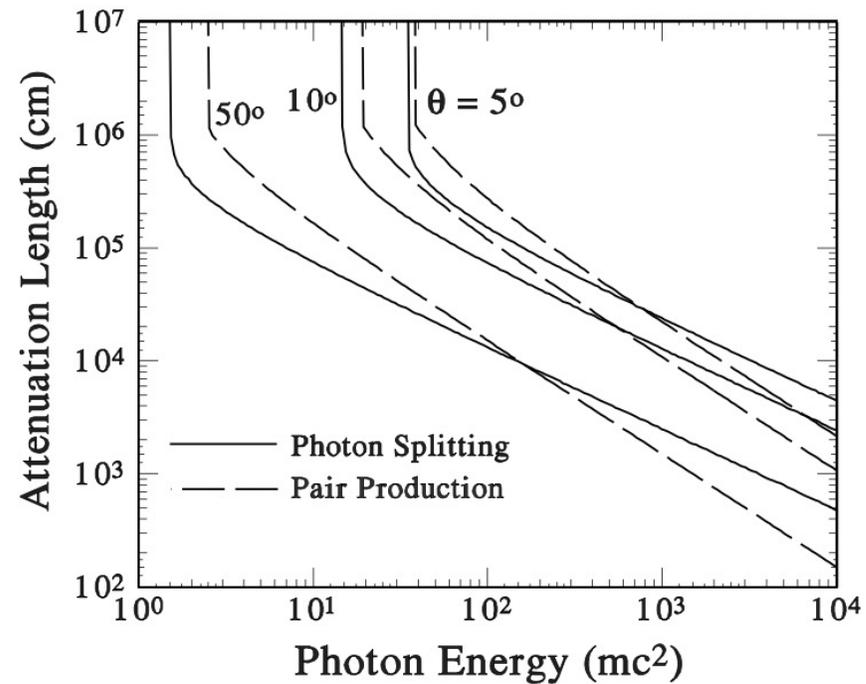
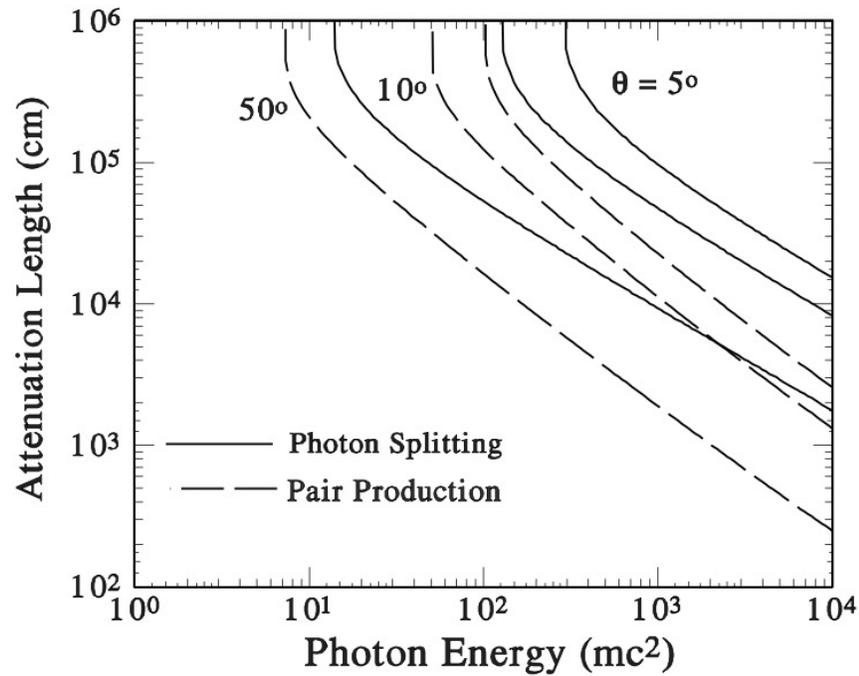
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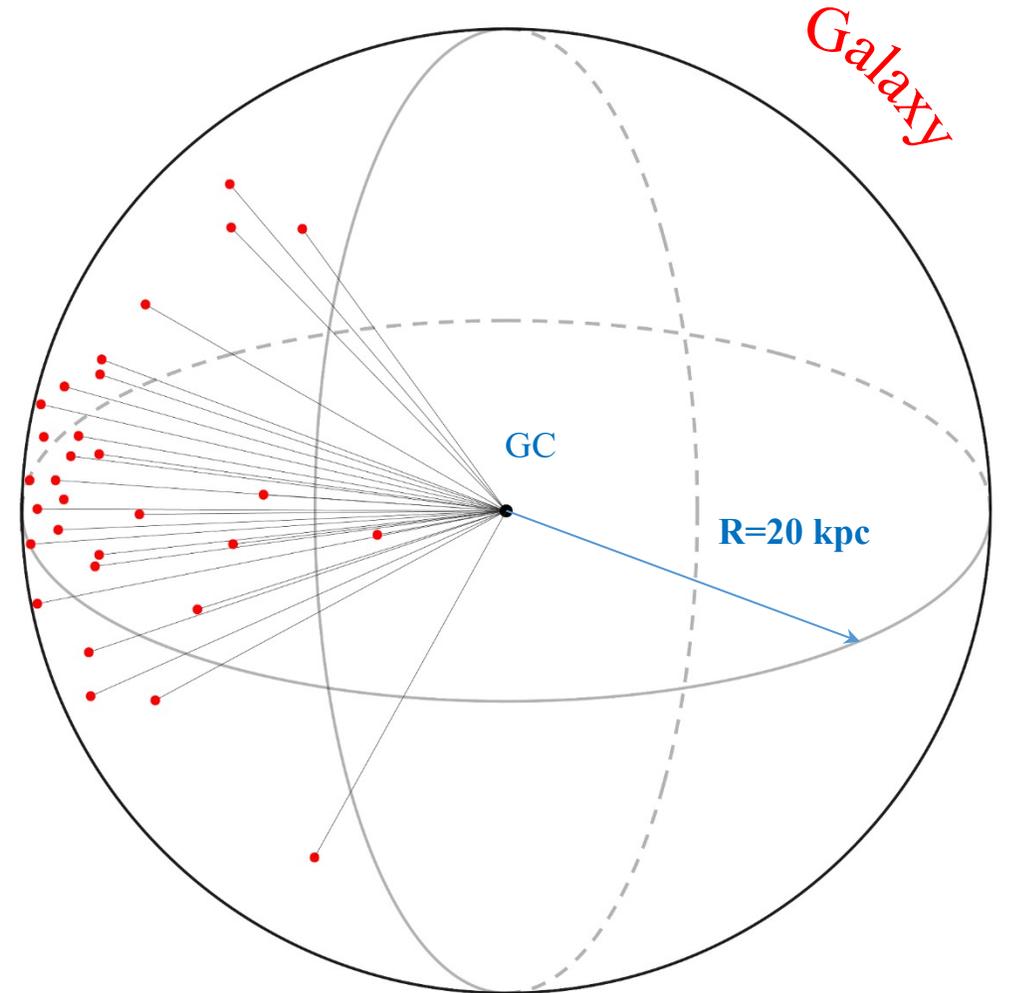
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# Astrophysics scenarios. Galactic center (GC) model

## Simulation parameters

- The primary electron starting energy (21 values in total):  $10^{17} \leq \log(E_0/eV) \leq 10^{19}$  with the step  $\Delta(\log(E_0/eV))=0.1$
- The initial position: GC
- The minimum energy threshold:  $E_{br}=10$  PeV
- The initial directions: 11 randomly chosen
- The Galactic magnetic field described by the JF12 model
- The synchrotron radiation threshold:  $E_{synch} = 1$  GeV
- The propagation module (PropagationCK,  $10^{-4}$ ,  $10^{-5}$  pc,  $10^{-2}$  pc)
- 10 runs in every energy/direction combination
- 2310 runs overall

## Setup scheme



# Studying the Variation of Fundamental Constants at The Cosmic Ray Extremely Distributed Observatory

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The Study of the Variation of Fundamental Constants through time or in localized regions of space is one of the goals of the The Cosmic Ray Extremely Distributed Observatory which consists of multiple detectors over the Earth. In this letter, the various effects which can be potentially identified through cosmic rays detections by CREDO are presented.

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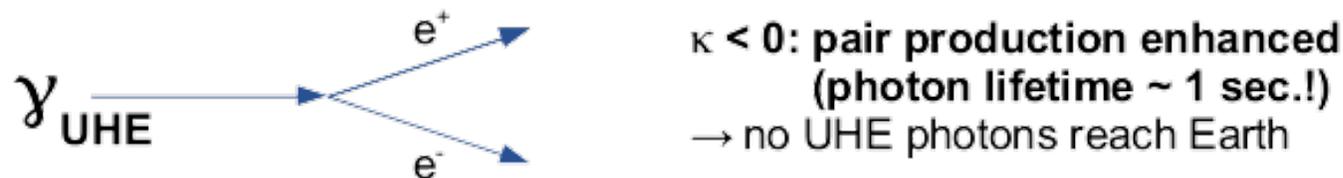
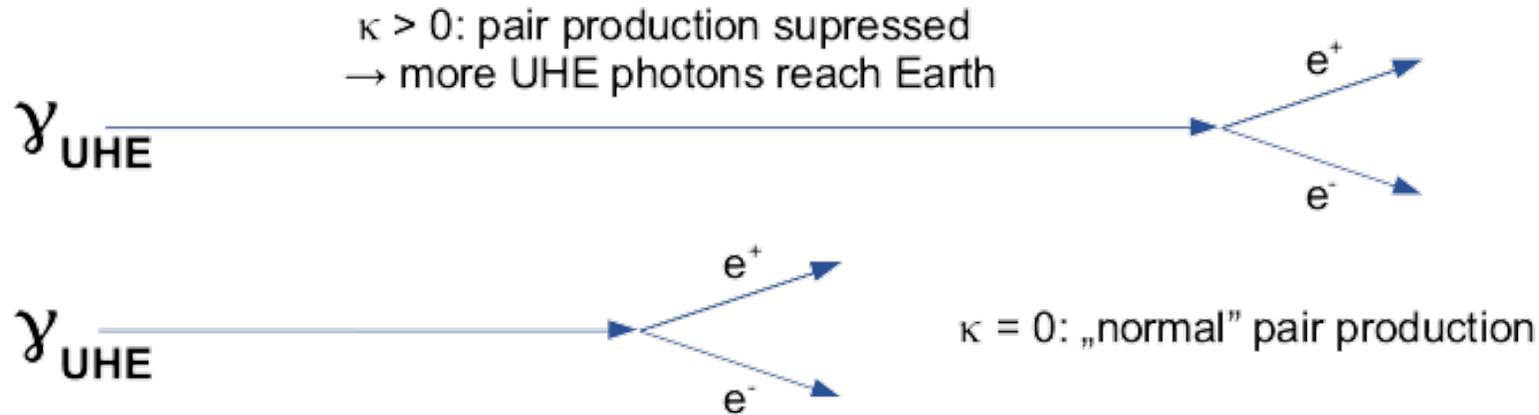
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# CRE and Lorentz Invariance Violation

Modified dispersion relation of a photon:

$$E_\gamma(\vec{k}) = \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \kappa)}{(1 + \kappa)} |\vec{k}|}$$

limits from gamma-ray astronomy,  
98% C.L. (Klinkhamer & Schreck, 2008):  
 $6 \times 10^{-20} > \kappa > -9 \times 10^{-16}$



→ critical importance for the UHE photon search!  
Observation of **photon cascades** would point to  $\kappa < 0$ !

Jacobson T., Liberati S.,  
Mattingly D. Annals Phys.  
(2006) V. 321. P. 150 196  
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# Interdisciplinary potential: contribution to earthquake early warning system?

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## Observation of large scale precursor correlations between cosmic rays and earthquakes

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The search for correlations between secondary cosmic ray detection rates and seismic effects has long been a subject of investigation motivated by the hope of identifying a new precursor type that could feed a global early warning system against earthquakes. Here we show for the first time that the average variation of the cosmic ray detection rates correlates with the global seismic activity to be observed with a time lag of approximately two weeks, and that the significance of the effect varies with a periodicity resembling the undecadal solar cycle, with a shift in phase of around three years, exceeding 6 sigma at local maxima. The precursor characteristics of the observed correlations point to a pioneer perspective of an early warning system against earthquakes.

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# 27/02/2010 earthquake in Chile Magnitude 8.8



# On the Magnetic Precursor of the Chilean Earthquake of February 27, 2010

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**Abstract**—Some recent publications reported on an anomalous geomagnetic disturbance that was observed three days before the strongest Chilean earthquake on February 27, 2010. The present paper analyzes in detail the data from magnetic station, photometers, and riometers in Canada, Chile, and Antarctica. The analysis unambiguously shows that the supposedly anomalous geomagnetic disturbance was not related to seismic activity and was caused by a standard isolated substorm.

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## INTRODUCTION

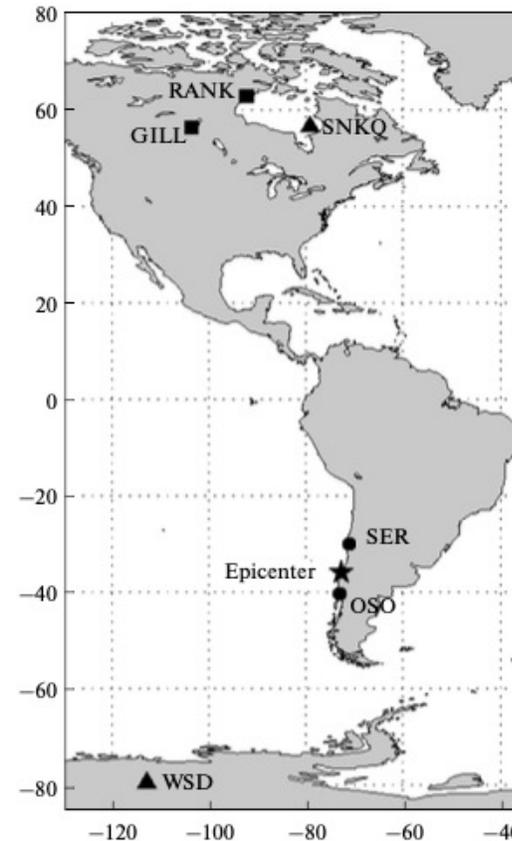
Recent publications by Shestopalov et al. (2011a, 2011b, 2013) reported on a series of anomalous geophysical phenomena prior to the Chilean earthquake of February 27, 2010. In particular, it was reported that a significant geomagnetic disturbance had been observed three days before the event for about an hour long at different magnetic stations of the INTERMAGNET network. The authors thought it was endogenous disturbance (Belov, Shestopalov, and Kharin, 2009; Belov et al., 2010), because no magnetic storms took place that time.

However, an absence of magnetic storms in the analyzed period does not exclude effects from such natural geomagnetic disturbances as substorms, which are constantly observed in auroral zones in the absence of magnetic storms. The natural problem is whether the phenomenon analyzed in (Shestopalov et al., 2013) an anomalous disturbance or a common substorm. To solve this problem, we will consider a broader set of geophysical data.

## ANALYSIS OF GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE EARTHQUAKE

The strongest  $M$  8.8 Chilean earthquake occurred on February 27, 2010 in 0634 UT at a depth of  $H = 35$  km (the geographic coordinates of the epicenter are  $35.93^\circ$  S,  $72.78^\circ$  W). According to (Shestopalov et al., 2013), the magnetic precursor of this event was revealed on February 24, 2010, at different magnetic stations.

Let us consider the magnetograms of February 24, 2010, obtained at stations of the SAMBA (Chile) and CARISMA (Canada) networks (Mann et al., 2008), which form a latitudinal profile along the zero mag-



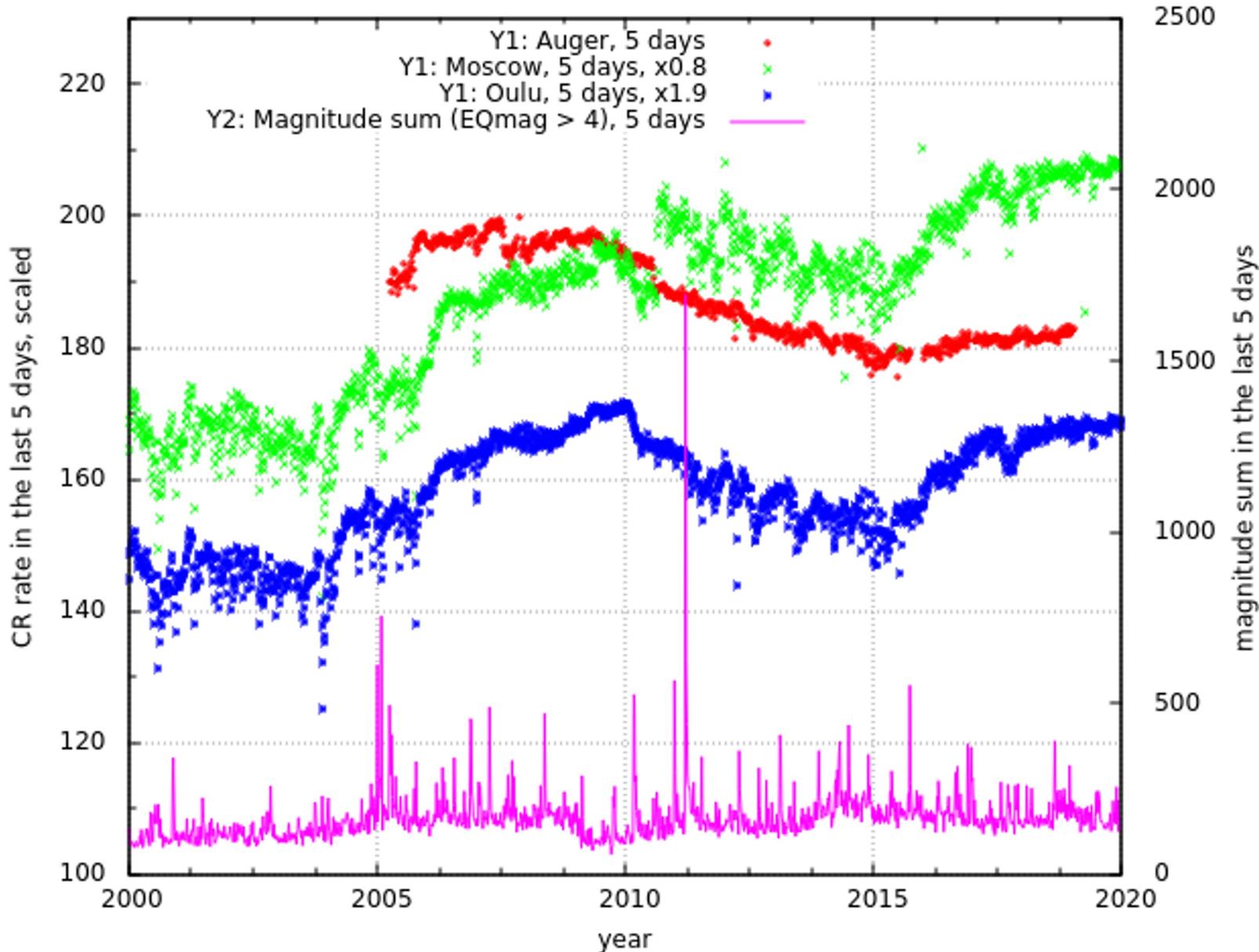
**Fig. 1.** Map of positions of the chosen stations and the earthquake epicenter.

Chile 2010 earthquake & DEMETER satellite:

Statistical study of the ionospheric density variation related to the 2010 Chile earthquake and measured by the DEMETER satellite D. Pısa, O. Santolik Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Prague, Czech Republic. M. Parrot LPC2E/CNRS, Orléans, France.

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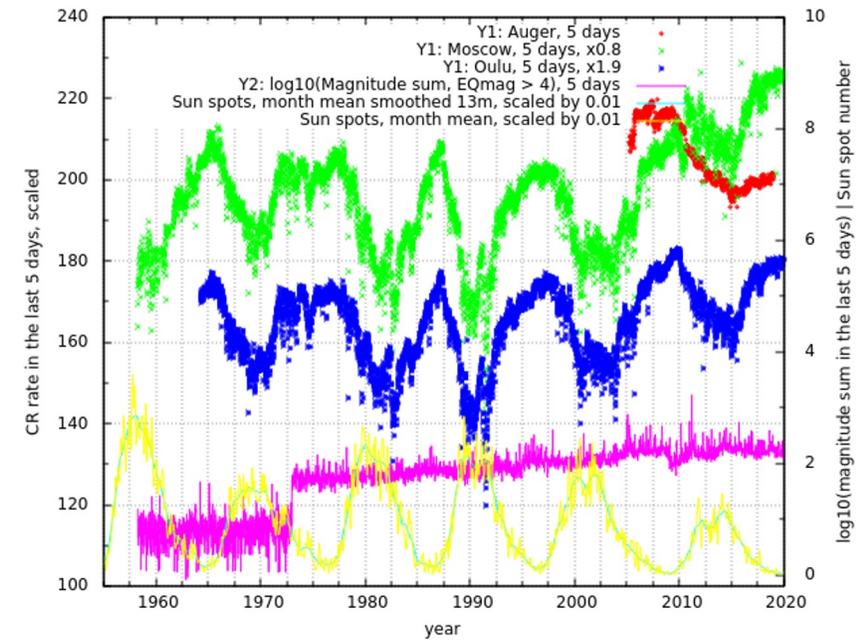
-> Unexplained anomaly in particle density in the ionosphere 10-20 days before the EQ



# The data

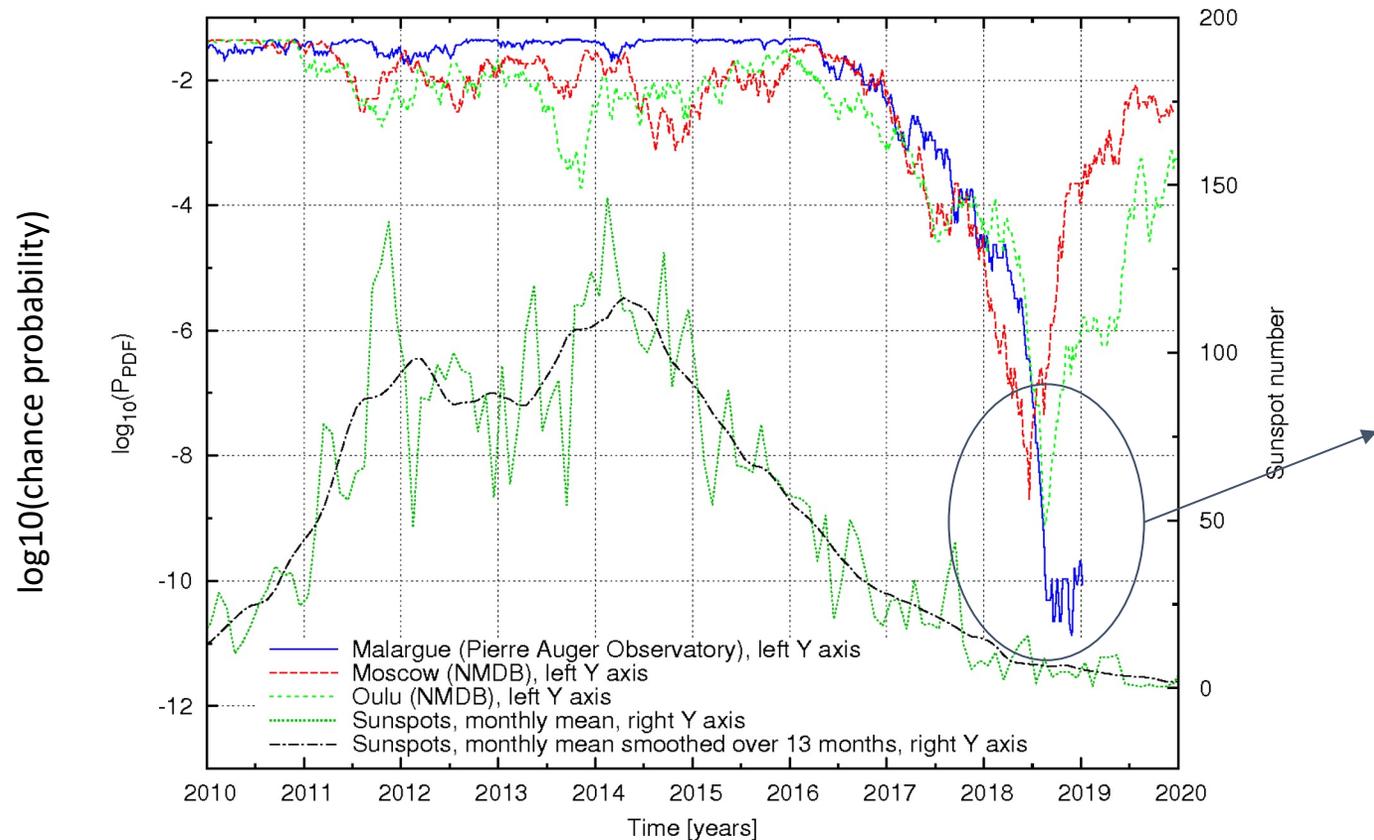
public resources of:

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- [U.S. Geological Survey](#)
- [Solar Influences Data analysis Center](#)



Checking for a correlation  $|dN_{CR}|$  vs.  $\Sigma \text{magnitude}_{EQ}$  using **5-day bins** over  $\sim 4.5$  yr windows

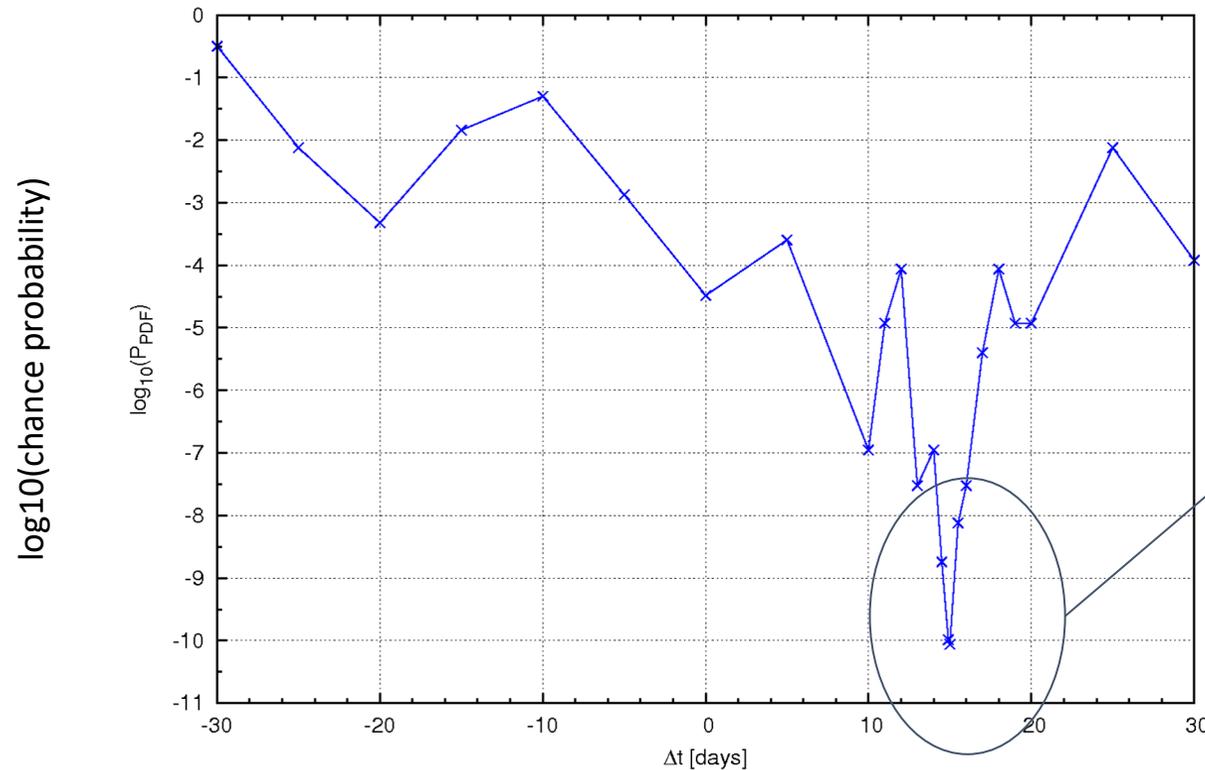
# Local cosmic dynamics vs. global seismicity: dependence on geographical location?



different cosmic ray sites  
see the correlation effect  
differently? Need for more  
detectors?

~6  $\sigma$  significance of the effect in three technically independent CR data sets collected by the Moscow and Oulu NMDB stations, and by the Pierre Auger Observatory, compared to sunspot numbers. **Each point** illustrates the correlation effect during **the last ~4.5 years** (335 **five-day intervals**). All the significance curves were obtained after fine tuning of the parameter  $t_0$  performed by applying 20 small shifts in time between 0 and 5 days.

# Cosmic ray variation **15 days before** the corresponding change in seismic activity!

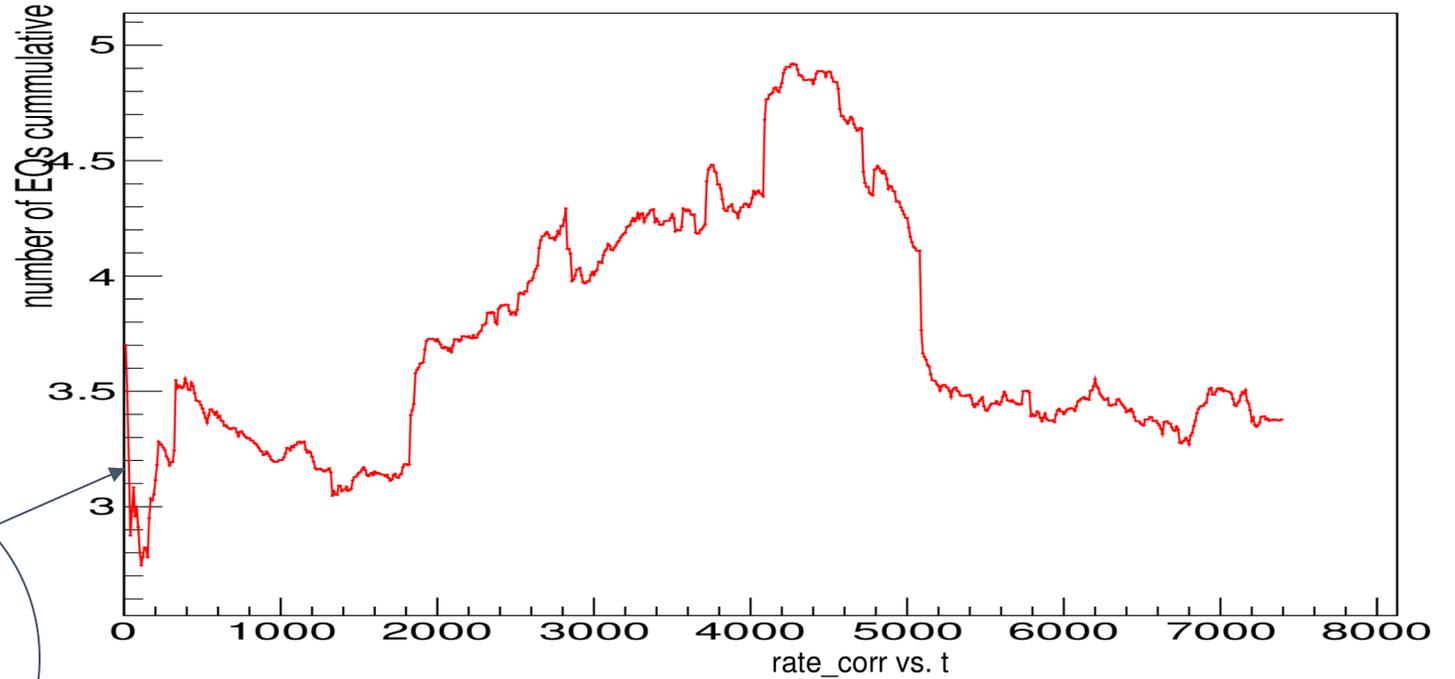


New perspective for an early warning system against earthquakes?

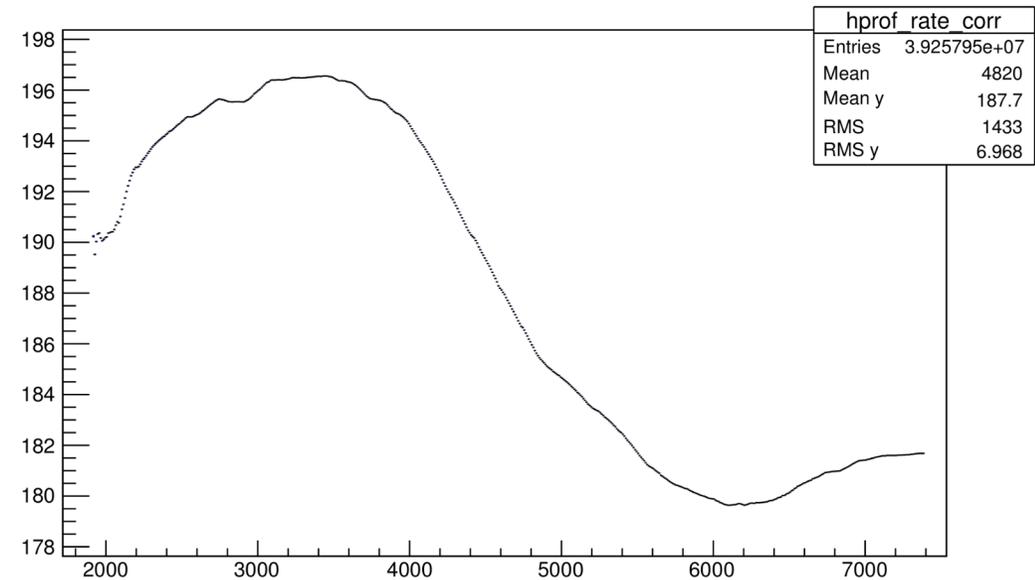
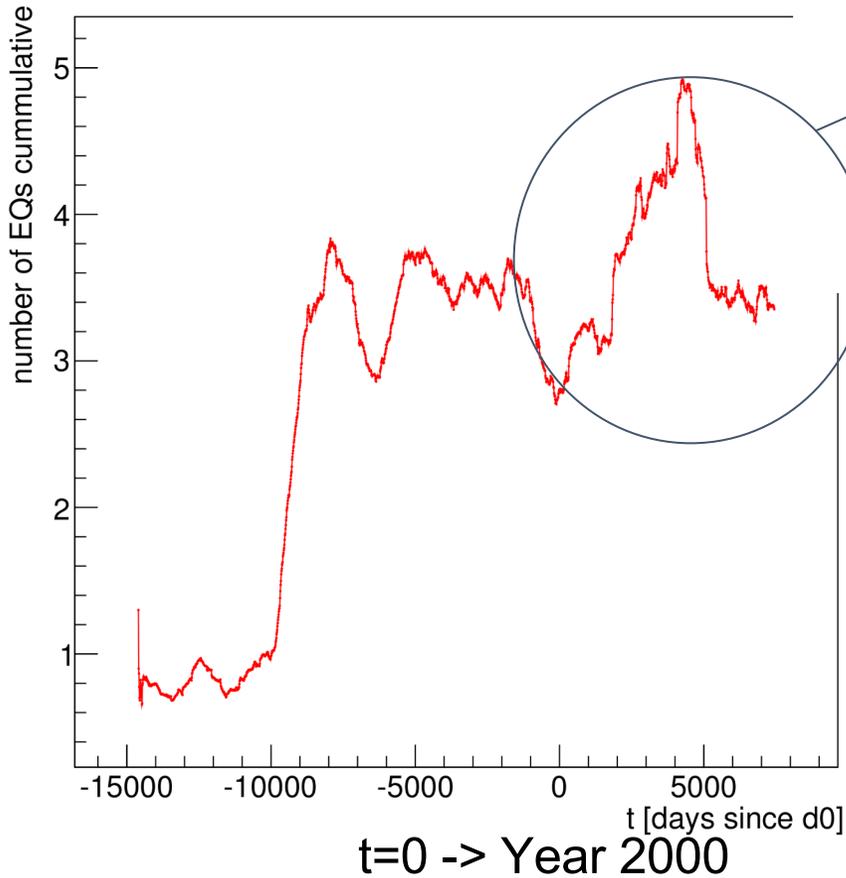
The dependence of the significance of the *cosmo-seismic* correlations on the time shift  $t$  of the EQ data with respect to the Auger CR data, for the optimum free parameter set defined in Eq. 1. The positive or negative values of  $t$  correspond to the situations in which one compares the secondary cosmic ray data in a given time interval to the seismic data recorded in time intervals in the future or in the past, respectively.

# Super large scale EC CR behavior

neq, sliding window 10 d



neq, sliding window last 1000 days



# Bayesian Analysis/Inference

Bayesian analysis is a statistical paradigm that shows the most expected hypotheses using probability statements and current knowledge.

One of the most frequent case is analysis of probable values of model parameters.

Bayes' theorem:

$$p(H_1 | D, I) = \frac{p(D | H_1, I) p(H_1 | I)}{p(D | I)}$$

Posterior                      Likelihood                      Prior                      Evidence

**Prior:** knowledge before experiment (logically)

**Likelihood:** Probability for data if the hypothesis was true

**Posterior:** Probability that the hypothesis is true given the data

**Evidence:** normalization; important for model comparison

Generally, maximum likelihood (parameters which maximize the probability for data) **does not** give the most likely parameters!!!

# Bayesian Analysis

Formulation of set of models (set of hypothesis):

$$\pi_i \text{ here } i = 0..N - 1$$



Finding the *a priori* probabilities of the models:

$$P(\pi_i) = 1/N \quad \text{for } \forall i = 0..N - 1$$



Calculating the conditional probabilities of the events:

$$P(E | \vec{\pi}_i) = \prod_{\alpha} P(E_{\alpha} | \vec{\pi}_i),$$

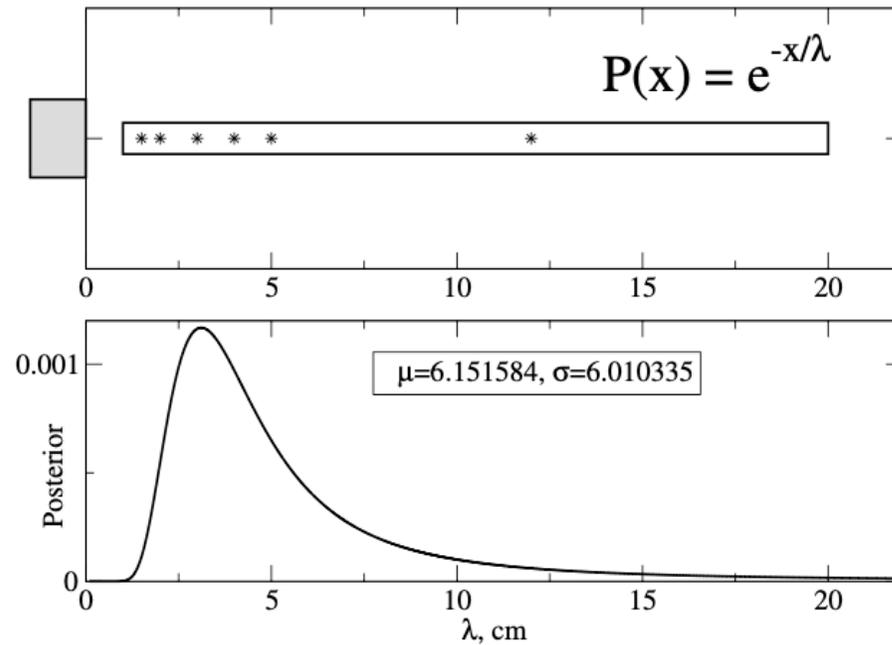
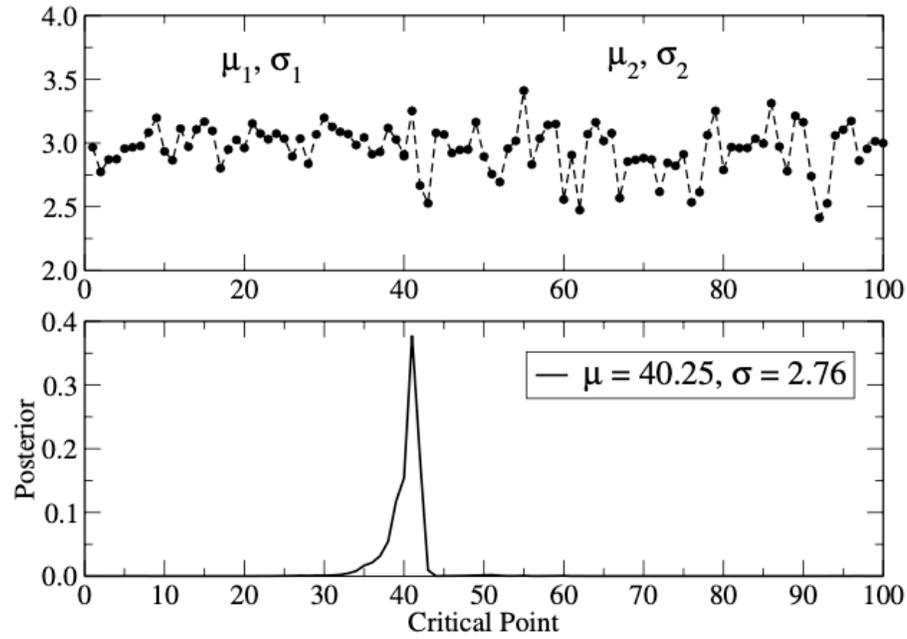
where  $\alpha$  is the index of the observational constraints.



Calculating the *a posteriori* probabilities of the models:

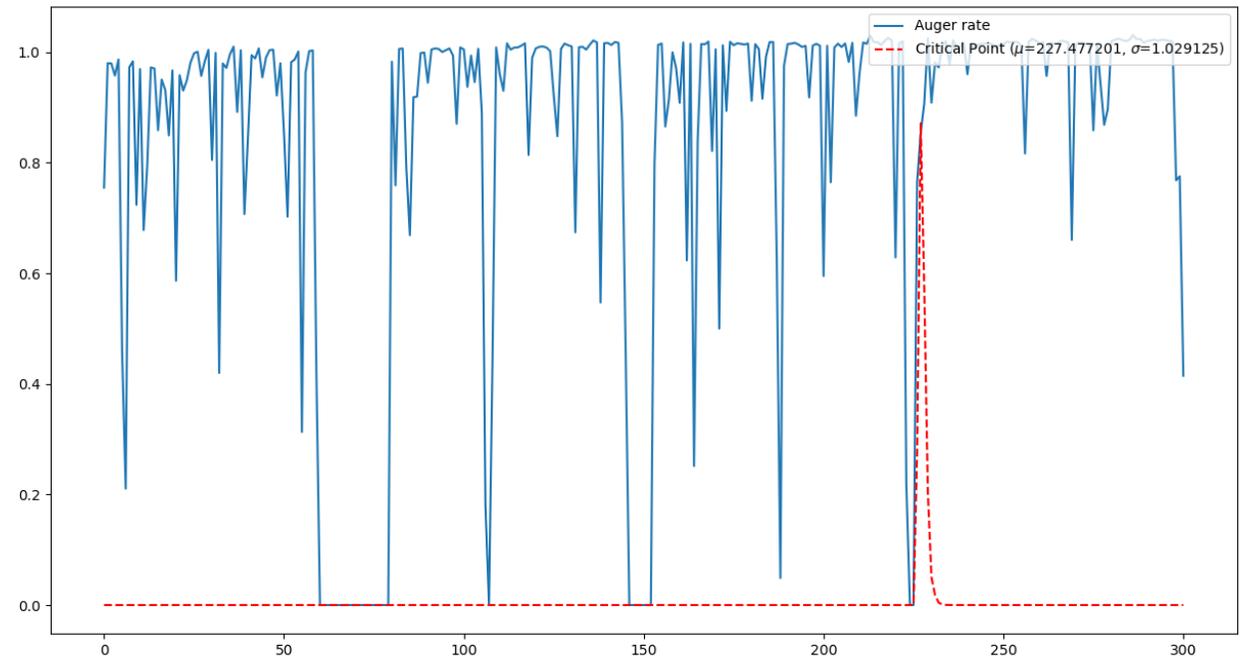
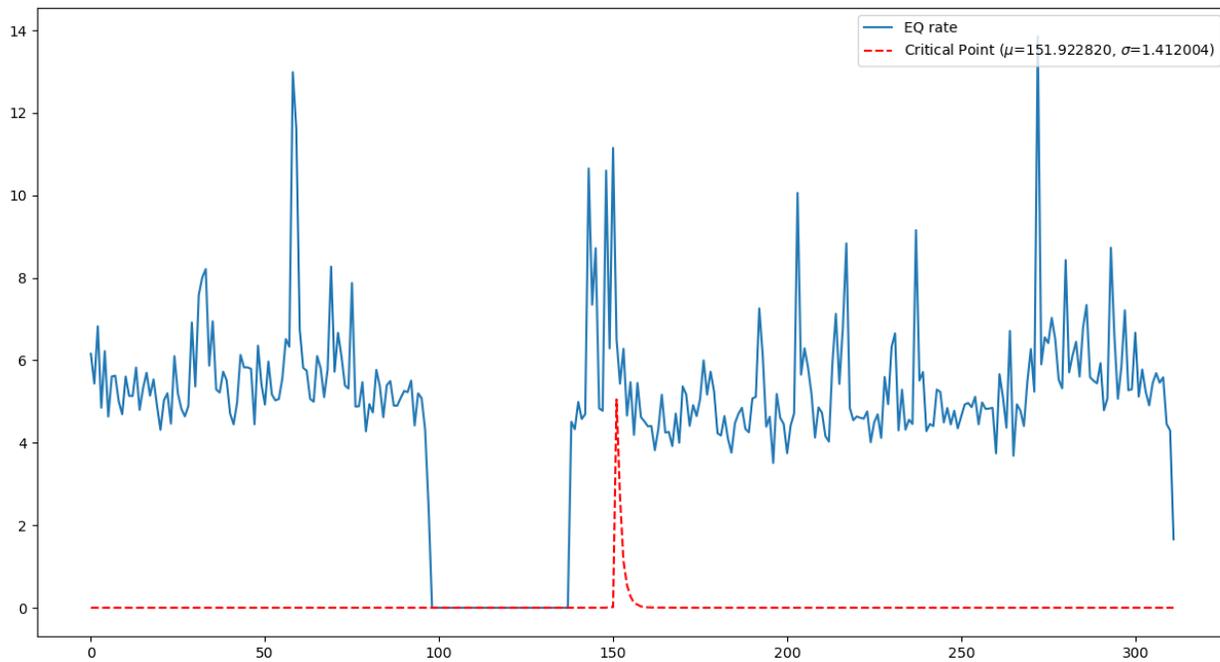
$$P(\vec{\pi}_i | E) = \frac{P(E | \vec{\pi}_i) P(\vec{\pi}_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} P(E | \vec{\pi}_j) P(\vec{\pi}_j)}$$

# Bayesian Analysis



# Results

Detected changepoints for EQ rate (left) and Auger rate (right)



# CREDO detectors today

- [CREDO Detector](#) (Android app, ~2M track candidates, origin: IFJ PAN, Kraków)
- [cosmicrayapp.com](http://cosmicrayapp.com) (iOS, ~7M track candidates, origin: Canada)
- [CREDO Web Detector](#) (Chrome, in tests, origin: Kraków)
- [HEAMS - High Energy Astrophysics Muon System](#) (8 x 1m<sup>2</sup> scintillator detectors, ~300k ~0.1 PeV air showers, location: Adelaide, Australia)
- IFJ PAN Gamma Spectrometer: *Appl. Sci.* **2021**, *11*(17), 7916;  
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Public resources:

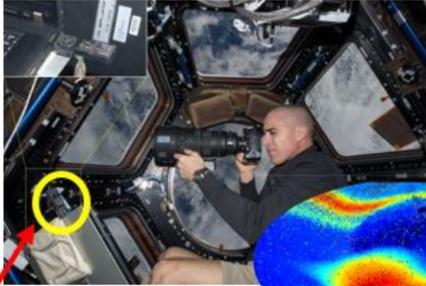
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Short term perspective: [GELATICA](#), [CZELTA](#), other public resources

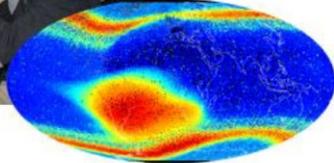
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In space: On board of ISS



Result



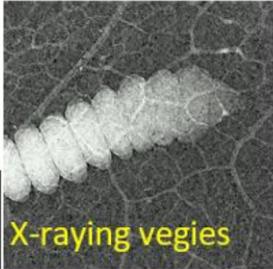
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Cosmic rays in your office:



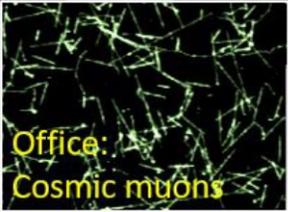
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Radon in cellar

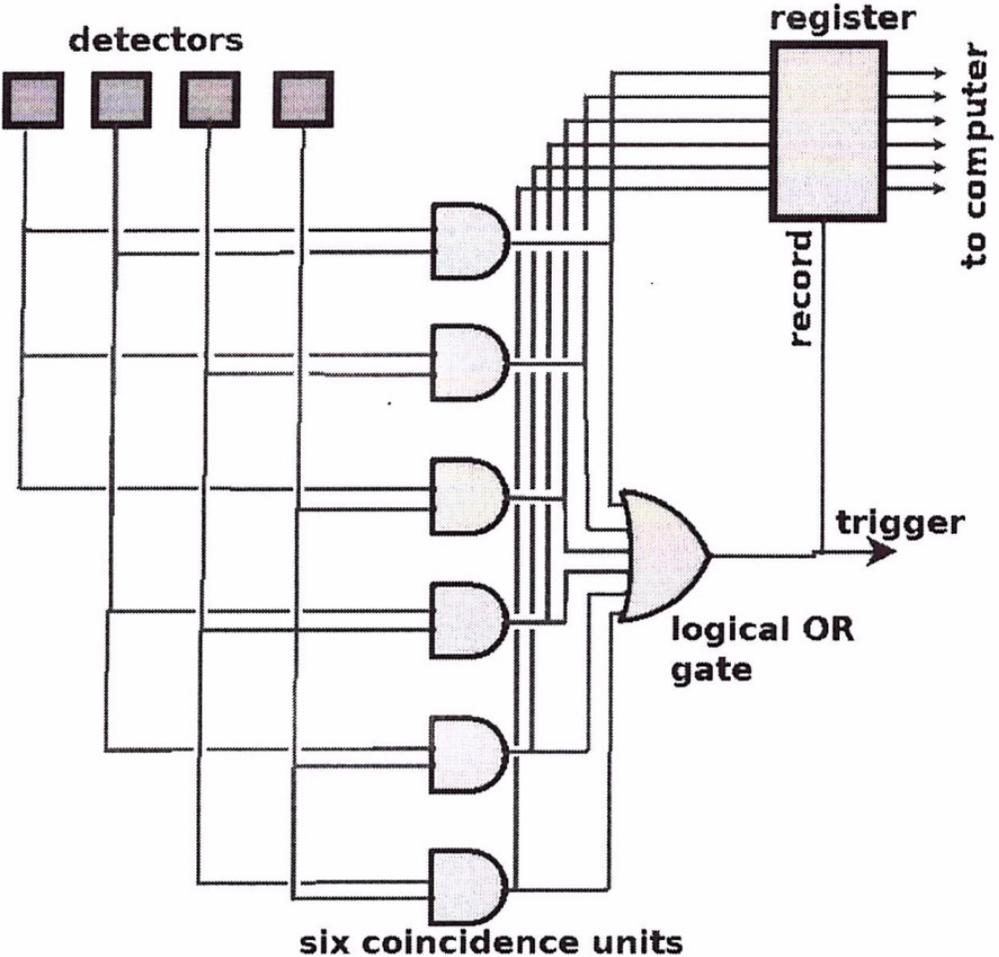


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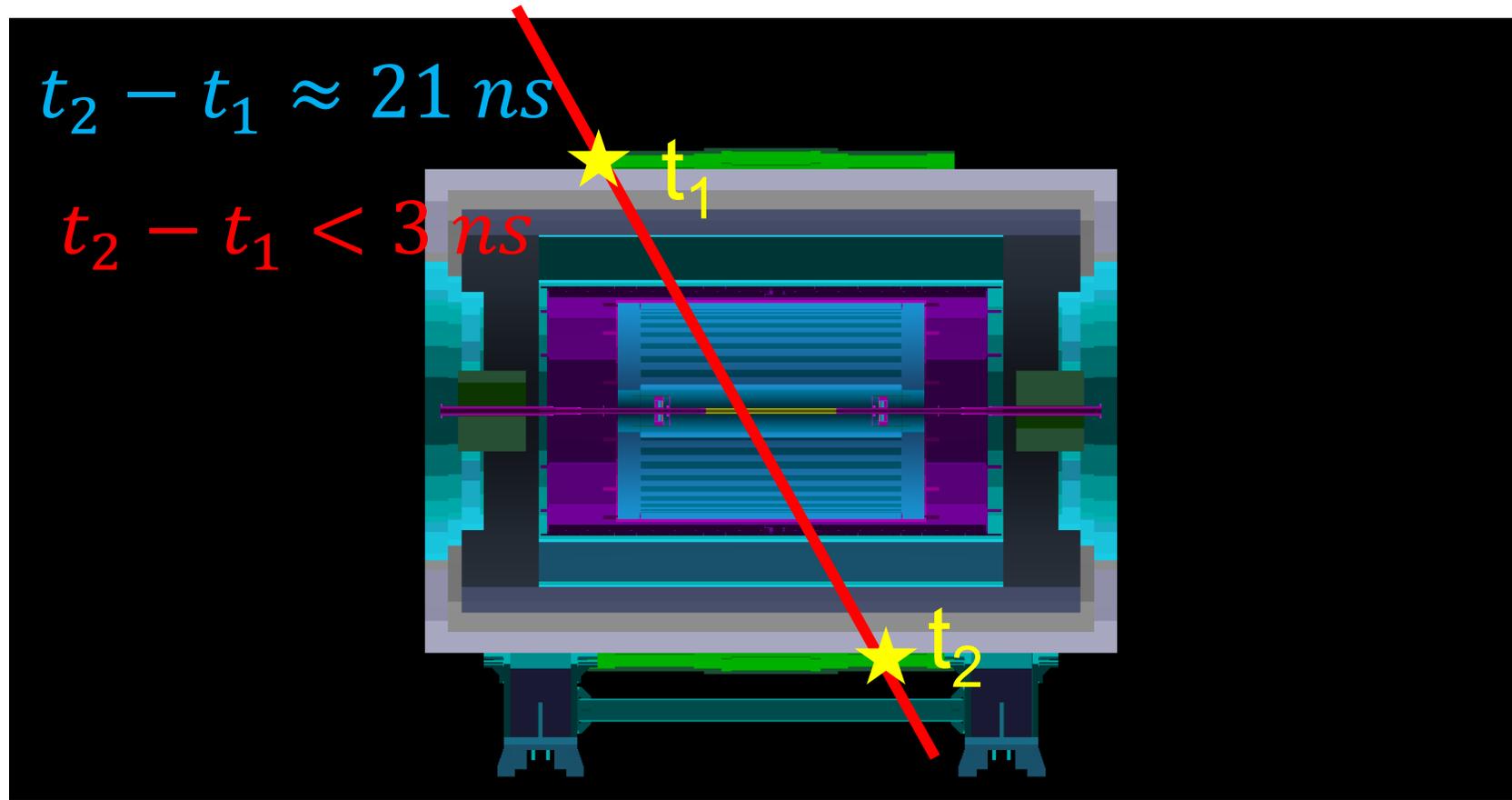


Office: Cosmic muons

# CREDO-MAZE Detector



# Time of flight in colliders





# ASTROTECTONIC - Earthquake AI avoidance and prediction system

## THE IDEA

Astrotectonic will enable to obtain early signal notifications for upcoming earthquakes in the threatened area. Essence of the idea lies in multi-channel approach. We develop unified system which allows to manage various earthquake precursors within single platform.

## INNOVATION

- Astrotectonic is opening an information channel - **cosmic particles registration**.
- Multichannel approach unifies the data of different nature.
- Astrotectonic introduces recent advances in **deep learning** to find and define anomalies in data that appear prior shakes (multimodal Neural Network).

## HARDWARE & SOFTWARE

Astrotectonic is a hardware-software solution. Hardware is remote, compact, easy to use cosmic ray detector. Whereas software is a dedicated system for data analysis and visualization. Astrotectonic will install several detectors to provide a continuous accurate data feed and a live visualization of earthquake chance probability.



# Citizen science motivation

## Citizen science

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Citizen science (CS)** (also known as **crowd science**, **crowd-sourced science**, **civic science**, **volunteer monitoring** or **networked science**) is scientific research conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur or nonprofessional scientists. Citizen science is sometimes described as "public participation in scientific research", [participatory monitoring](#) and [participatory action research](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

**Mutual benefit resulting from synergy!**



**Participants** get opportunities:

- To educate themselves
- To do real science
- To feed their curiosity
- To become co-authors of a scientific paper

**CREDO** gets:

- Manpower
- Geographical expansion
- Popularization of its ideas and PR

# Sustainability? Fun -> gamification!

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- install the CREDO Detector application on your smartphone

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Predicting earthquakes?? Probing DM streams??? Testing Quantum Gravity scenarios??? With smartphones????

-> possible ultimate ambition: **cosmic ray station in every school and BTS station + citizen science**

-> organizational concept: e.g. **Open Multi Messenger Organization** (OMMO)

## The breakthrough in science might come from citizen science...



→ large geographical spread

→ inter-collaboration cooperation

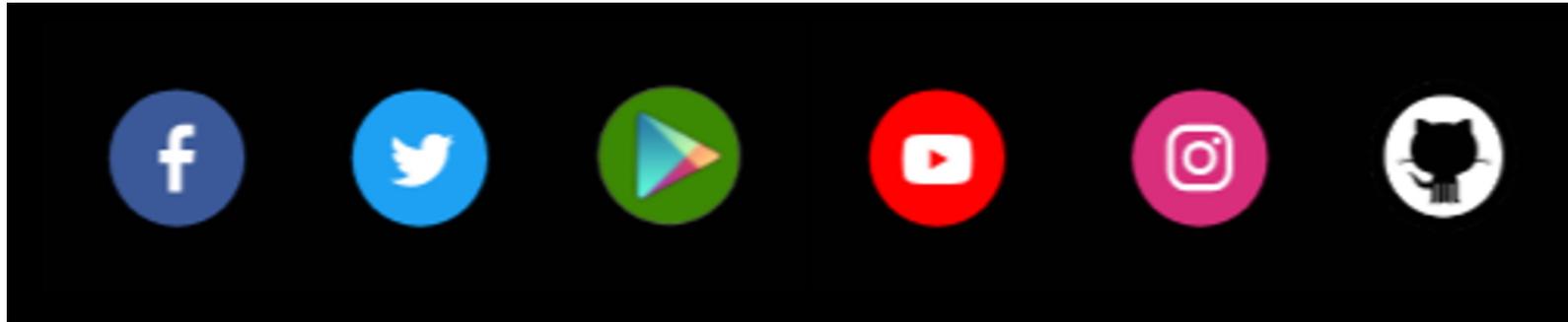
→ **massive public engagement**



citizen science might be an invaluable scientific tool!

# More about CREDO

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