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Experimental High-Energy Astroparticle Physics

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 - TeV gamma rays

H.E.S.S., MAGIC, CTA

high-energy neutrinos

IceCube and KM3Net





Cosmic Rays around the knee(s)

High-Energy Cosmic Ray Investigations with KASCADE, KASCADE-Grande, and LOPES







Cosmic Rays around the knee(s) → galactic origin of CR



KASCADE 10¹⁵-10¹⁷eV: •knee?

KASCADE-Grande 10¹⁶-10¹⁸eV: •Iron knee (rigidity)? •Transition galactic-eg CR? •Second knee?

KASCADE -Grande 1995-2009 2003-2009





What is the origin of the (first) knee?



Galaxy by diffusion E(knee) ~ Z



Unknown effects of interactions at the airshower development E(knee) ~ A



KASCADE-Grande



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KASCADE-Grande = <u>KA</u>rlsruhe <u>Shower Core and Array DE</u>tector + Grande and LOPES

Measurements of air showers in the energy range $E_0 = 100 \text{ TeV} - 1 \text{ EeV}$



KASCADE: investigating the knee by multi-parameter measurements

- energy range 100 TeV 80 PeV
- up to 2003: 4.107 EAS triggers
- large number of observables:
 - ➔ electrons
 - muons (@ 4 threshold energies)
 hadrons



12 km





Run 3226, File 2, leve 65041, Ymd 10215, Hms 225810, Neds 250, Npds 138 (Xc,Yc) = (-45.4,-51.0), (Ze,Phi) = (36.7,228.6), log10(Ne)=6.14, log10(Lmuo)=4.66







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Model independent multi-parameter analysis

Use of three observables:

- high-energy local muon density → energy estimator
- Total muon number and electron number → mass estimator



- KNEE CAUSED BY DECREASING FLUX OF LIGHT ELEMENTS
- Do we need hadronic interaction models?

➔ yes, for normalization of absolute energy and mass scale!!

T.Antoni et al. Astroparticle Physics 16 (2002) 37



KASCADE : energy spectra of single mass groups





Measurement: KASCADE array data 900 days; 0-18° zenith angle 0-91m core distance Ig N_e > 4.8; Ig N_µ^{tr} > 3.6 → 685868 events

Searched: E and A of the Cosmic Ray Particles Given: N_e and N_μ for each single event → solve the inverse problem

$$g(y) = \int K(y,x) p(x) dx$$

with
$$y=(N_e,N_{\mu}^{tr})$$
 and $x=(E,A)$



KASCADE Unfolding procedure

$$\frac{dJ}{d\lg N_e \, d\lg N_{\mu}^{tr}} = \sum_A \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dJ_A}{d\lg E} \left(p_A(\lg N_e, \lg N_{\mu}^{tr} \mid \lg E) \right) d\lg E$$

kernel function obtained by Monte Carlo simulations (CORSIKA)
 contains: shower fluctuations, efficiencies, reconstruction resolution



KASCADE collaboration, Astroparticle Physics 24 (2005) 1-25, astro-ph/0505413



KASCADE results

- same unfolding but based on different interaction models:
- SIBYLL 2.1 and QGSJET01 (both with GHEISHA 2002) all embedded in CORSIKA
- also for different low energy interaction models: FLUKA and GHEISHA
- also for different zenith angular ranges



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KASCADE: sensitivity to hadronic interaction models



Main results keep stable independent of method or model:

- -) knee in data structure
- -) knee caused by light primaries
- -) positions of knee vary with primary elemental group
- -) no (interaction) model can describe the data consistently

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Validity of Hadronic Interaction Models







KASCADE set-up

Multi-Detector-Setup ! Aim: measure as much as possible observables of the air-shower !









hadrons in air shower cores

Unaccompanied hadron





KASCADE : sensitivity to hadronic interaction models

➔ New models are welcome for cross-tests with KASCADE data



correlation of observables:

no hadronic interaction model describes data consistently !

- → tests and tuning of hadronic interaction models !
- → close co-operation with theoreticians (CORSIKA including interaction models)
- → e.g.:

•EPOS 1.6 is not compatible with KASCADE measurements •QGSJET 01and SIBYLL 2.1still most compatible models

KASCADE collaboration, J Phys G (3 papers: 25(1999)2161; 34(2007)2581; (2009)035201)

SHINE (NA61) @ SPS/CERN

 had (and will have) dedicated cosmic ray runs pp (13-158GeV), pC (31-158GeV), π C (158-350GeV) particle identification with TDC and ToF







Inclusive π^{-} - spectra

(pilot run 2007) p + C at 31 GeV/c





LHCF@LHC

- Measures very forward (η >8.4; including 0 degree)
- Measures neutral particles at LHC p-p (ion-ion) collisions
- Tungsten calorimeter with plastic scintillators



Spectra Comparison with MC (QGSJET2)

Sako, ISVHECRI 2010





ALICE @ LHC

 Multiplicity distributions and dNch/d η at 0.9, 2.36 and 7 TeV
 → significantly larger increase from 0.9 to 7 TeV than in HEP- MCs
 → CR- MCs seems to better agree





KASCADE Summary



-) knee caused by light primaries -> composition gets heavier across knee

- -) positions of knee vary with primary elemental group
- -) relative abundancies depend strongly on high energy interaction model
- -) no (interaction) model can describe the data consistently
- -) all-particle spectra agree inside uncertainties (EPOS1.6 a bit lower)
- -) proton spectra agree with direct measurements (not for EPOS1.6)





KASCADE → **KASCADE**-Grande







KASCADE-Grande : multi-parameter measurements







Reconstruction











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size spectra (charged particles)

muon number spectra (Ν_μ ; E_μ>230MeV)



-stable data taking since 2004, c. 1200 days effective DAQ time -performance of reconstruction (and detector) is stable



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KASCADE-Grande: constant intensity cut method CIC



Shower size spectra



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All-particle energy spectrum via combination of N_{μ} and N_{ch}



$\log_{10}(\mathsf{E}) = [a_p + (a_{\mathsf{Fe}} - a_p) \cdot \mathsf{k}] \cdot \log_{10}(\mathsf{N}_{ch}) + \mathsf{b}_p + (\mathsf{b}_{\mathsf{Fe}} - \mathsf{b}_p) \cdot \overline{\mathsf{k}}$

 $k = (\log_{10}(N_{ch}/N_{\mu}) - \log_{10}(N_{ch}/N_{\mu})_{p}) / (\log_{10}(N_{ch}/N_{\mu})_{Fe} - \log_{10}(N_{ch}/N_{\mu})_{p})$



-different zenith angle bins -no composition dependence

Astroparticle Physics 36 (2012) 183







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Elemental composition : model independent way







Composition via shower size ratio :

 $log_{10}(E) = [a_{p} + (a_{Fe} - a_{p}) \cdot k] \cdot log_{10}(N_{ch}) + b_{p} + (b_{Fe} - b_{p}) \cdot k$ k = (log_{10}(N_{ch}/N_{\mu}) - log10(N_{ch}/N_{\mu})_{p}) / (log10(N_{ch}/N_{\mu})_{Fe} - log10(N_{ch}/N_{\mu})_{p})







Spectra of individual mass groups :



Phys.Rev.Lett. 107 (2011) 171104

- spectra of individual mass groups:

→ steepening close to 10¹⁷eV (2.1σ) in all-particle spectrum

Steepening due to heavy primaries (3.5σ)

 → light+medium primaries show steeper spectrum,
 → fit by power law okay
 → possibility for hardening above 10¹⁷eV

→ spectrum of more enhanced heavy sample has harder spectrum before break.



Hadronic Interaction Model



Unfolding of 2-dim shower size distribution :

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Like in KASCADE!

- kernel function obtained by Monte Carlo simulations (CORSIKA)
- contains: shower fluctuations, efficiencies, reconstruction resolution

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Si

Fe

sum spectrum



D.Fuhrmann et al – KASCADE-Grande, ICRC 2011



8.6

8.4

8.2

Unfolding results KASCADE ←→KASCADE-Grande





M.Finger, KASCADE-Grande, PhD thesis, June 2011



Light and Heavy Knees

knee position $\propto Z$



KASCADE: knee of light primaries at ~3.10¹⁵eV
 KASCADE-Grande: knee of heavy primaries at ~9.10¹⁶ eV



Implications



A.M.Hillas, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 31 (2005) R95

V.Berezinsky, astro-ph/0403477

KASCADE-Grande:

light knee above 10¹⁵eV spectrum concave at 10¹⁶eV heavy knee at 10¹⁷eV mixed composition





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LOPES : radio detection of air-showers



LOPES collaboration: -) KASCADE-Grande -) U Nijmegen, NL -) MPIfR Bonn, D -) Astron, NL -) IPE, FZK, D





→ Development of a new detection technique!



Radio from Air Showers

Detection principle:

-Geomagnetic deflection of electrons and positrons -Time-variation of number of charged particles -Time-variation of charge excess radiation -and possibly more (refraction index)

➔ lead to coherent emission in atmospheric air showers (initiated by UHECR)

- MHz frequency range !
- µV/m-range amplitude
- few ns duration







Radio from Air Showers

~3-4000 cosmic ray events unambiguously detected by

LOPES CODALEMA Radio Prototypes@Auger AERA TREND ANITA Tunka-Rex

(and of course the historical experiments, partly re-analyzed: MSU, Yakutsk, e.g.)

→Now: do we understand the signals?















ANITA : ANtarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna



Horn antennas 300MHz-1GHz
 → 16 EAS candidates (Energy ~10¹⁹eV)
 → No neutrino candidate

→2012 next (CR optimized) flight

A.Romero-Wolf, ARENA 2010, Nantes S.Hoover et al. - Phys.Rev.Lett.105:151101,2010.





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Evolution of LOPES





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W->E Direction

100

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LOPES: Proof of principle

2. Radio data analysis



5. Publication LOPES collaboration, Nature 425 (2005) 313

1. KASCADE measurement



3. Skymapping



4. Many events







LOPES 30 event example

-radio reconstruction inclusive calibration factors of antennas
→CC-beam value (per event)
→Field strength (per antenna)

$$cc[t] = + \sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{N_{Pairs}} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j>i}^{N} s_i[t] s_j[t]\right|}$$

(degree of correlation \rightarrow extract coherent pulse):







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Lateral distribution



W.D. Apel et al. (The LOPES Collaboration), Astroparticle Physics 2010

- Field strength of individual antennas
- Fit with exponential function $\epsilon(R) = \epsilon_0 \exp -(R/R_0)$
 - 80% exponential with $R_0 \sim 100-200$ m
 - 20% total flat events or flat at small distances





Lateral distribution Comparison of data with simulations



- Simulation of measured events
- REAS2 often too steep
- REAS3 fits well, explains also most flat events

REAS3: Huege, Ludwig, Astroparticle Physics 2010 LOPES data: F.Schröder, PhD thesis, Feb 2011



LOPES: Lightning vs. EAS



- Problem: how lightning are initated?
- One solution: by EAS
- Radio good oportunity to measure lightning development



LOPES coll, accepted Advance Space Research (2011)



Connection particle array – radio array:

Radio detection technique is still in developing phase hardware, software, analysis, emission mechanism(s?), ... → Calibration (understanding) radio emission

Dependencies of radio signal

Understanding emission mechanism(s)

Capability of the radio detection technique? Sensitivity and resolution to primary energy? arrival direction? composition ?

EAS radio detection for CR (and neutrino) measurements: stand alone or hybrid technique?

Hybrid with particle arrays, not fluorescence technique (duty cycle).



Primary Energy



- Sensitivity and resolution $\Delta E/E \sim 20-25\%$
- Particle array: 10-20%
- is energy resolution really worse?
 Model dependence?
 Emission mechanism?
 Geometry of shower (polarization)?



- Energy sensitivity via electric field strength
- Radio signal (electric field) scales with primary energy:

→Power of electric field scales approximately quadratically with primary energy !





Arrival Direction



- sensitivity via pulse arrival time and phase
- systematic studies of direction resolution: KASCADE vs. LOPES
- resolution better 1°

(by beam forming; Better with increasing field strength, but number of antennas?)

→ ~1ns time resolution needed



Sensitivity and
 resolution
 σ(direction) << 1°



F.Schröder et al., NIM A 615 (2010) 277



Composition



- Lateral distributions have composition sensitivity!
- model dependence?



- Sensitivity and resolution ??
- Particle array: unknown (large) uncertainty (FD better)
 - → by lateral sensitivity (pattern)seems possible
 - → by longitudinal sensitivity:
 - pulse shape wave front frequency spectrum







Composition II



Cone parameter ρ , geometrical delay τ_{geo} , lateral distance to shower axis R



Conical wave front good approximation in data and simulations!

- wave front is conical and has composition sensitivity!
- model dependence?
- distance dependence?



- → X_{max} (shower maximum)
 sensitivity is given
- Resolution: in REAS3: 30g/cm² in LOPES: 200g/cm²

F.Schröder, PhD thesis, Feb 2011





- as new CR detection technique established E_{threshold} ~ 10¹⁷eV
- successful and sensitive to
 - primary energy $\epsilon \sim E_0^{\gamma} (\gamma \approx 1) \Delta E/E \sim 20-25\%$
 - arrival direction beam forming resolution better 1°
 - composition LDF-slope; wave front $\Delta A/A$ still unknown
- still many question open to emission mechanism(s)

suitable for hybrid measurements ? yes!! As stand-alone technique? will see!!

Next: AERA@Pierre Auger Observatory / LOFAR / Tunka-Rex / ANITA-CR optimization / TREND / IceCube surface Radio Array = RASTA / Yakutsk





Next steps in R&D

- Horizontal sensitivity (for Neutrinos)
- Scalability of stations to hundreds of antennas
- Embedded radio detection in surface particle detectors



>80°: sensitivity for neutrinos



>70°: 35% of the total solid angle: larger rate for charged cosmic rays











- KASCADE: knee by light primaries (maybe Helium dominant)
- KASCADE-Grande: high quality data at 10¹⁶ 10¹⁸ eV to identify the "iron"- knee and transition galactic–extragalactic cosmic rays!
- first results KASCADE-Grande:

energy spectrum : → no single power law (concave form at 1-2 10¹⁶ eV) elemental composition → knee of heavy primaries at around 8-9 10¹⁶eV anisotropy studies → no anisotropy seen yet interaction models → muon attenuation, muon production height, etc...

- 30/03/2009: KASCADE-Grande closure symposium KASCADE-Grande → EAS test facility until 2012
 → data analysis continued...
- new detection techniques:

LOPES – radio detection of air showers in MHz
 support of GHz EAS detection (CROME)





Discussion / Question / Exercise

• expectations on spectral features in transition region?

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ideal accelerator experiment for cosmic ray physics?

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- why radio could be better than fluorescence?
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Discussion / Question / Exercise

- expectations on spectral features in transition region?
 - should not be smooth
 - galactic ends with iron; extragalactic starts with proton
 - anisotropy
- ideal accelerator experiment for cosmic ray physics?
 - p....Fe ←→ N beam
 - forward detector
 - cross-sections / multiplicities
- why radio could be better than fluorescence?
 - 95% duty cycle
 - weather independent
 - cheaper (larger area)



