

Astroparticle physics

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Outline

Session I:

- ▶ Survey: extreme energies, extreme densities.
- ▶ Relics from the early Universe: freeze-out.

Session II:

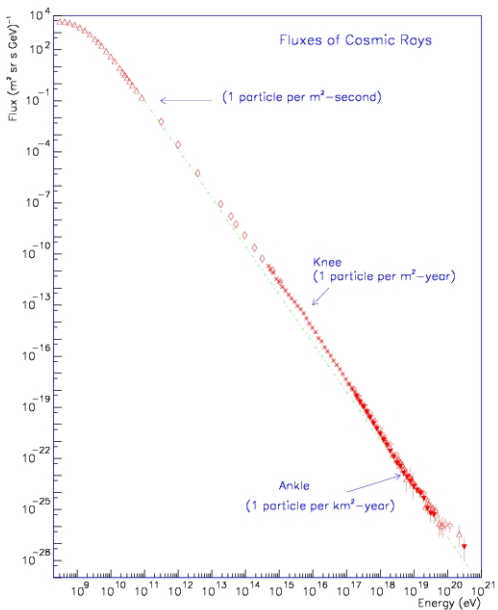
- ▶ The most energetic particles: ultra-high energy cosmic rays.

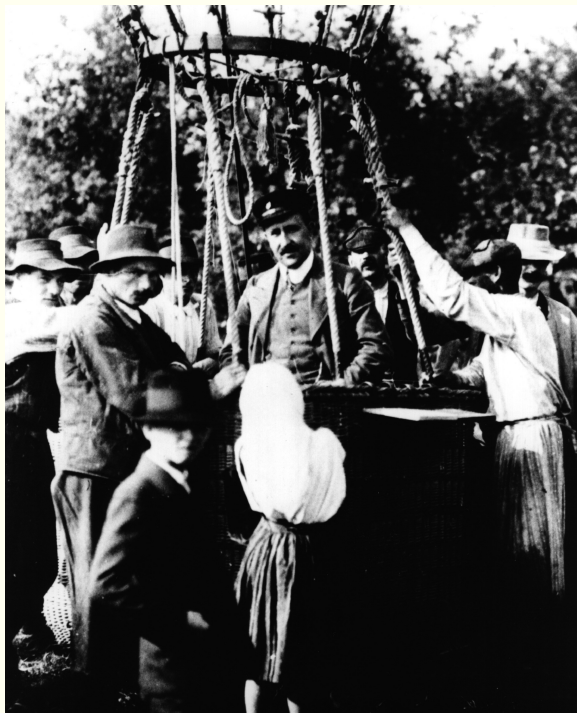
Session III:

- ▶ Gamma-ray astronomy.
- ▶ Cosmological magnetic fields.

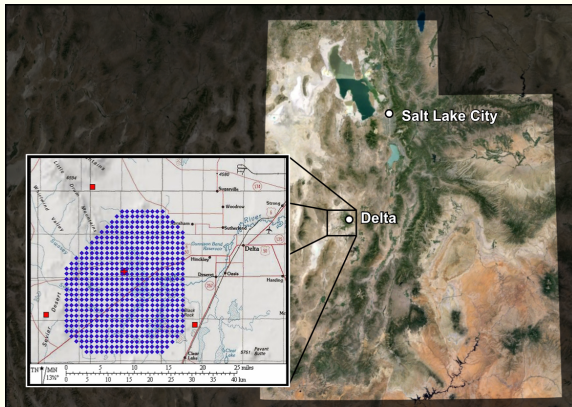
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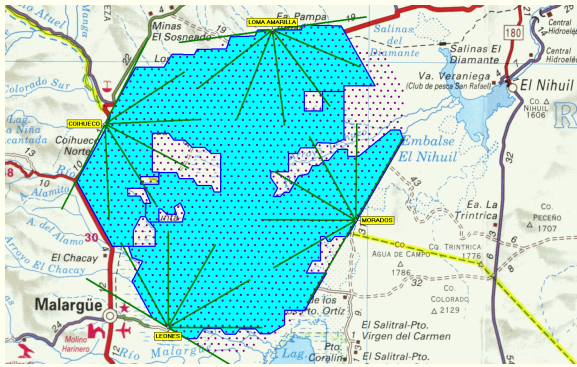


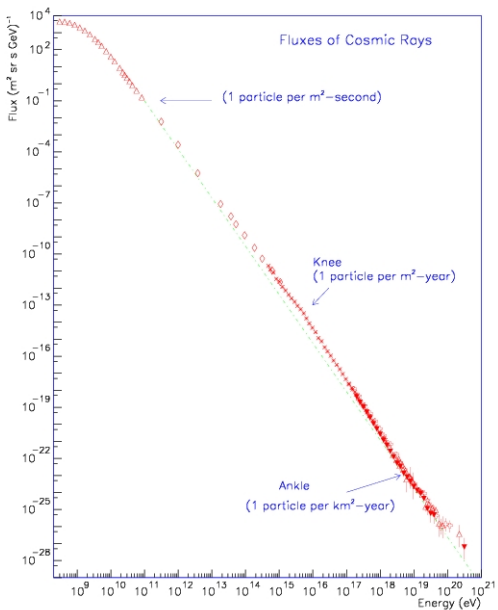


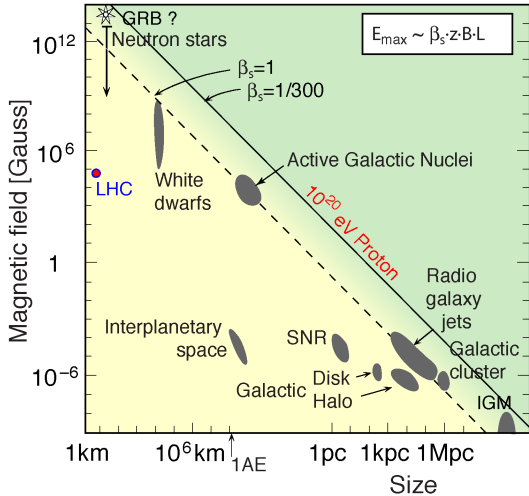












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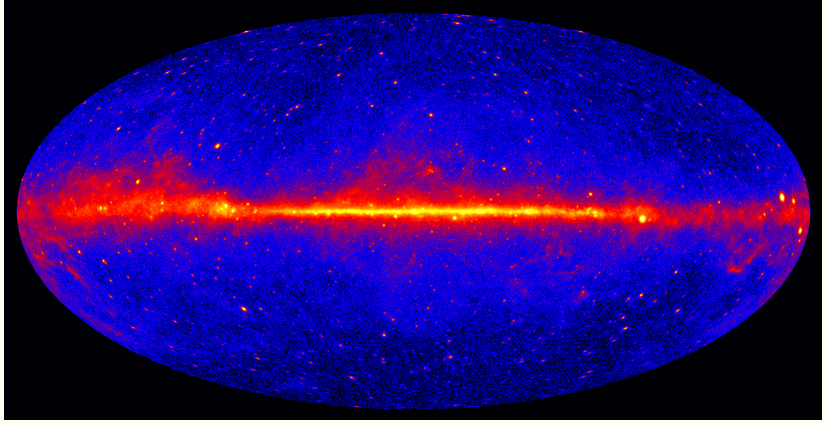
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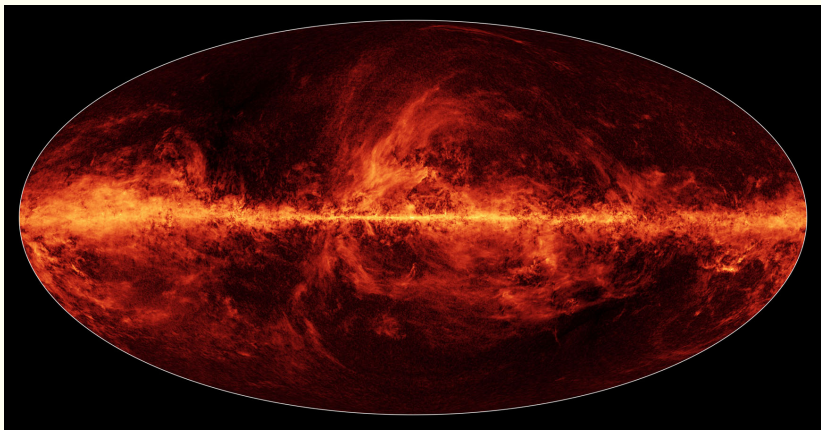
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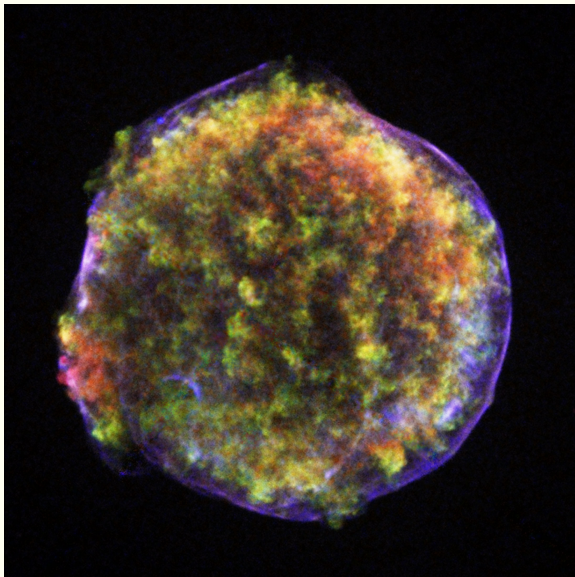
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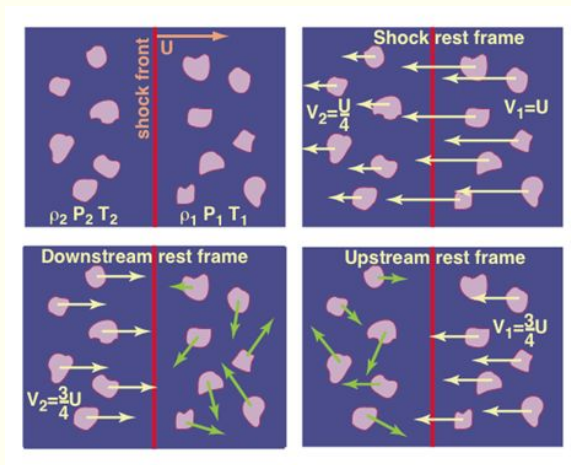
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First order Fermi acceleration



Up to $\approx 10^{15}$ eV and E^{-2} injection spectrum.

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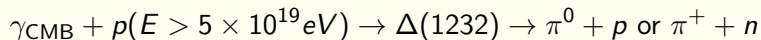
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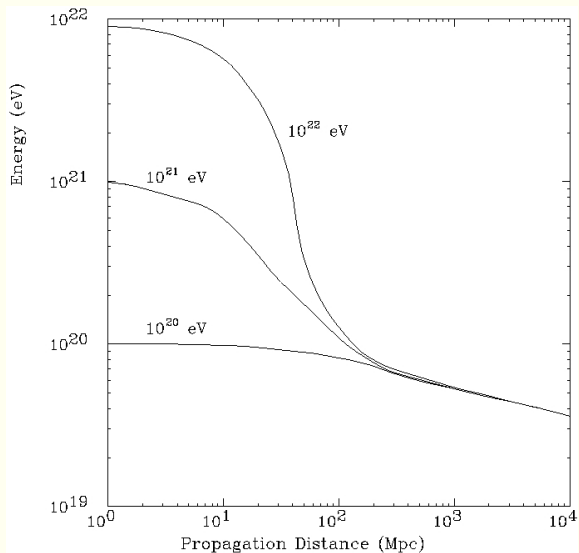
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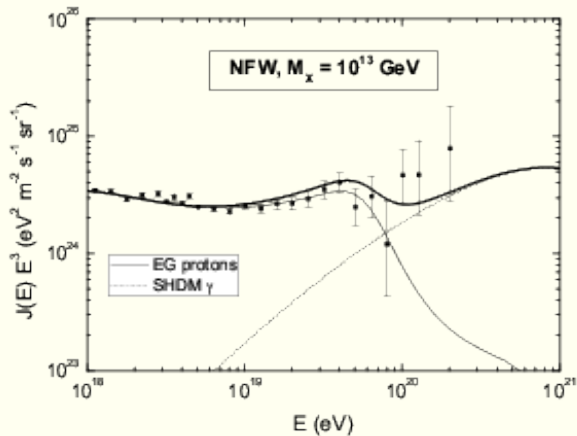
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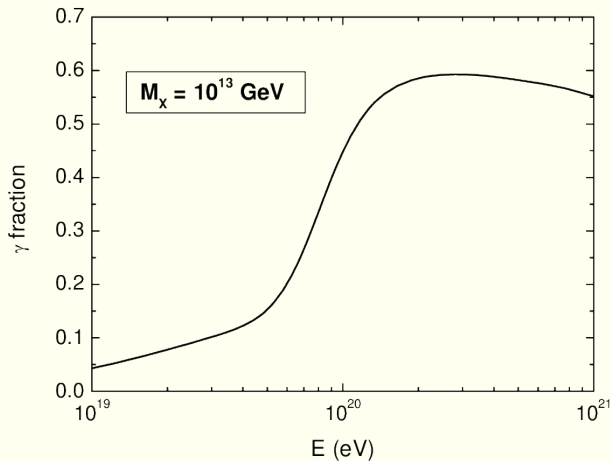
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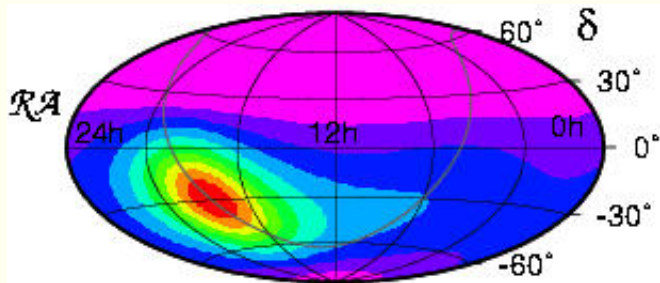
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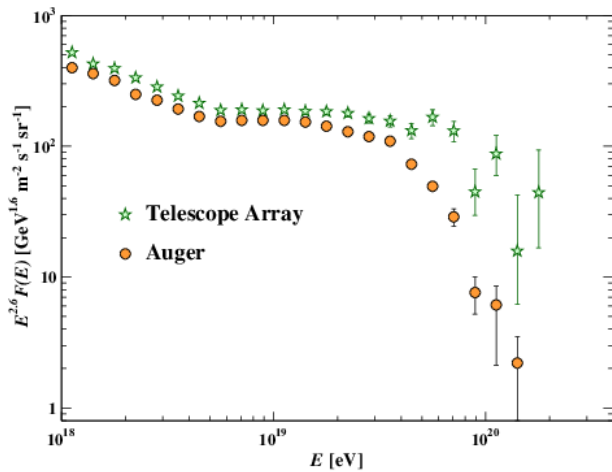


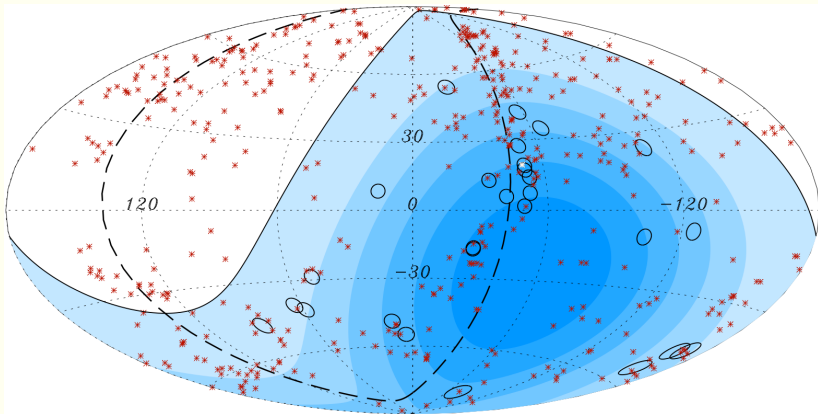
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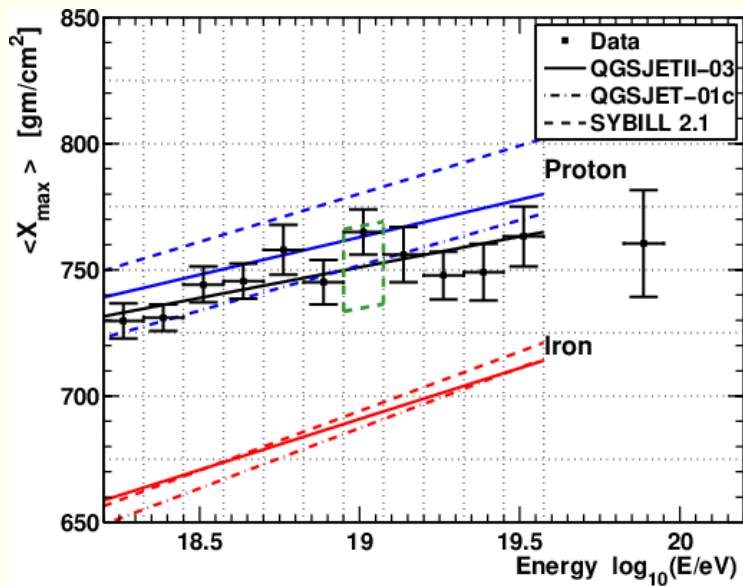


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Open questions:

- ▶ GZK cutoff or source power limit
- ▶ Do we understand particle interactions at the highest energies?
- ▶ Is CR astronomy viable?
- ▶ Associated HE ν s?

