PANDORA project: photo-nuclear reactions for understanding extragalactic propagation of ultra-high-energy cosmic rays

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Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs) production - propagation - observation



Outline

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- II. Observatories
- III. Mass Composition and Anisotropy
- IV. Energy Loss Process in Space Propagation
- V. PANDORA project

UHECRs

Primary Cosmic Ray Flux and Composition



Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs) [PDG2018]



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Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs) [PDG2018]



UHECR Observatories

Observation of UHECRs



Extended Air Shower (EAS)



Hadronic process

primarily produces mesons (π or K) p(A) +A $\rightarrow \pi$, K, and nuclear fragments

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{\pm} &\to \mu^{\pm} + \nu_{\mu} \left(\overline{\nu_{\mu}} \right) \\ \pi^{0} &\to 2\gamma \\ \gamma &\to e^{+} + e^{-} \\ e^{\pm} + A &\to e^{\pm} + A + \gamma \end{aligned} E$$

Electromagnetic Shower



(RCNP \rightarrow) Pierre Auger Observatory



Pierre Auger Observatory

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Pierre Auger Observatory

[aug15, aug04]







The Pampa Amarilla site $(35.1^{\circ}-35.5^{\circ} \text{ S}, 69.0^{\circ}-69.6^{\circ} \text{ W}$ and 1300-1400 m asl) lies in the south of the Province of Mendoza, Argentina, close to Malargüe (pop. 18000) and 180 km south west of San Rafael (pop. 100000). It encompasses an area of 3100 km² (see Fig. 1a).

(Auger \rightarrow) Telescope Array





Pierre Auger Observatory Surface Detectors (SDs)

3,000 km² (~60km\$\$\$)

1,600 water Cherenkov detectors (SD) in a polyethylene tank mean distance 1.5 km on triangular grid

 $\sim 0.5 \text{ SD} / \text{km}^2$

High-purity water in three-layers of polyolefin liner (140+28+178µm)

 $10 \text{ m}^2 \text{ area} \times 1.2 \text{ m depth}$

Three PMT's

or Hamamatsu R5921 8"φ Photonis XP1802 9"φ

FADC 40 MHz

Time recording calibrated by GPS. $(\sigma=7.24 \text{ ns})$

100% running efficiency measured from $2004_{Fig. 2. (a) A}$







[aug04]

a) A photograph of an EA water tank; (b) schematic view of an EA tank; (c) the Yagi antenna and the solar power array.

Telescope Array Surface Detectors (SDs)

700 km² (~30kmφ)

507 plastic scintillation counter of 3m²×1.2cm×2 layers

mean distance 1.2 km on square grid

 $\sim 0.7 \text{ SD} / \text{km}^2$

104 wavelength-shifting fibersPMT 9124SA; Electron Tubes Ltd.12bit 50 MHz FADCTime recording calibrated by GPS.



[tok11, abu12,]



Pierre Auger Observatory (Fluorescence Detectors) FDs

24 fluorescence detector telescopes at 4 sites

with spherical mirror (3.5m×3.5m) and (440) PMT camera

UV light 310-390 nm fluorescence from nitrogen excited by air shower

Continuous digitization by 10MHz 12 bit ADC

100 Hz recording using sum trigger and threshold (20µsec)

Calibrated by YAG-laser (355nm) from CLF and XLF

~15% running efficiency with clear sky no moon





Fig. 8. Basic topological patterns of triggered pixels used in the second level trigger.



30° azimuth×28.6° elevation field of view per telescope



[aug15, aug04]

Telescope Array

[tok11, abu12,]

FD

12 fluorescence detector telescopes at 3 sites

Primary mirror $(3.3m\varphi)$ and (16×16) PMT camera 18° azimuthal 15° elevation field of view / telescope







Analysis Methods

Analysis Methods Event Reconstruction







Fig. 35. Reconstruction of shower geometry: schematic representation of the evolution of the shower front.

Absolute energy: sum of the FD signal with correction atmospheric attenuation escaped events (muon, neutrino) ~10% systematic uncertainty: 14%

The signal size (θ =38°) of SD: correlated with CR energy, calibrated to FD.

Angular resolution ~0.5°

VEM: Vertical Equivalent Muon

Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs)

[anc19]



Analysis Methods (Fluorescence Detectors) FDs



X_{max}:

atmospheric depth by FD data where the maximum number of particles is the largest.

 $< X_{max} >: mean of X_{max}$

 $\sigma(\langle X_{max} \rangle)$: standard deviation of X_{max}

for the events of interest

 $\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle$ and $\sigma(\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle)$ are predicted to be correlated with the mass (*A*) of the primary CR.

The correlation depends on the hadronic shower model.

Primary beam energy is above where accelerate laboratory data are available.

[anc19]

 X_{max} distribution predictions



Composition

Mass Composition

[gor18]

Pierre Auger Observatory



The fraction of proton increases up to $10^{18.3}$ eV and then decreases.

Composition of heavier mass nuclei are becoming dominating at the highest energy.

Mass Composition

Telescope Array



TA data also show heavier nuclei at high-energy with flatter energy dependence than Auger.

Mass Composition

[mol18]



Anisotropy

Anisotropy

Pierre Auger Observatory

[aab15,aug17]



Anisotropy by dipole fit (5.2σ)

Anisotropy after subtracting the isotropic component is analyzed.

Anisotropy is an important indicator of the sources of UHECRs and their distribution.

Anisotropy Pierre Auger Observatory

[aab18]



The observed anisotropy showed correlation with the distribution of SBGs (4.0σ).

SBG: star burst galaxy γAGN: γ-active galactic nucleus



Prediction of UHECR intensity assuming SBGs as the source including attenuation in the extragalactic propagation.

Note that the region (surrounded by the dashed line) close to M82 is not covered by Auger.

Anisotropy

Pierre Auger Observatory

Studying the correlation between the UHECR anisotropy and the distribution of galaxies from the 2FHL catalog (FERMI-LAT)

SBG: star burst galaxy

γAGN: γ-active galactic nucleus

SBGs	<i>l</i> (°)	b (?)	Distance [*] (Mpc)	Flux Weight (%)	Attenuated Weight: A/B/C (%)	% Contribution": A/B/C (%
NGC 253	97.4	-88	2.7	13.6	20.7/18.0/16.6	35.9/32.2/30.2
M82	141,4	40.6	3.6	18.6	24.0/22.3/21.4	0.2/0.1/0.1
NGC 4945	305.3	13.3	4	16	19.2/18.3/17.9	39.0/38.4/38.3
M83	314.6	32	4	6.3	7.6/7.2/7.1	13.1/12.9/12.9
IC 342	138.2	10.6	4	5.5	6.6/6.3/6.1	0.1/0.0/0.0
NGC 6946	95.7	11.7	5.9	3.4	3.2/3.3/3.5	0.1/0.1/0.1
NGC 2903	208.7	44.5	6.6	1.1	0.9/1.0/1.1	0.6/0.7/0.7
NGC 5055	106	74.3	7.8	0.9	0.7/0.8/0.9	0.2/0.2/0.2
NGC 3628	240.9	64.8	8.1	1.3	1.0/1.1/1.2	0.8/0.9/1.1
NGC 3627	242	64.4	8.1	1.1	0.8/0.9/1.1	0.7/0.8/0.9
NGC 4631	142.8	84.2	8.7	2.9	2.1/2.4/2.7	0.8/0.9/1.1
M51	104.9	68.6	10.3	3.6	2.3/2.8/3.3	0.3/0.4/0.5
NGC 891	140.4	-17.4	11	1.7	1.1/1.3/1.5	0.2/0.3/0.3
NGC 3556	148.3	56.3	11.4	0.7	0.4/0.6/0.6	0.0/0.0/0.0
NGC 660	141.6	-47.4	15	0.9	0.5/0.6/0.8	0.4/0.5/0.6
NGC 2146	135.7	24.9	16.3	2.6	1.3/1.7/2.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
NGC 3079	157.8	48.4	17.4	2,1	1.0/1.4/1.5	0.1/0.1/0.1
NGC 1068	172.1	-51.9	17.9	12.1	5.6/7.9/9.0	6.4/9.4/10.9
NGC 1365	238	-54.6	22.3	1.3	0.5/0.8/0.8	0.9/1.5/1.6
Агр 299	141.9	55.4	46	1.6	0.4/0.7/0.6	0.0/0.0/0.0
Arp 220	36.6	53	80	0.8	0.1/0.3/0.2	0.0/0.2/0.1
NGC 6240	20.7	27.3	105	1	0.1/0.3/0.1	0.1/0.3/0.1
Mkn 231	121.6	60.2	183	0.8	0.0/0.1/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
γAGNs						
Cen A Core	309.6	19.4	3.7	0.8	60.5/14.6/40.4	86.8/56.3/71.5
M87	283.7	74.5	18.5	1	15.3/7.1/29.5	9.7/12.1/23.1
NGC 1275	150.6	13.3	76	2,2	6.6/6.1/7.5	0.7/1.6/1.0
IC 310	150.2	-13.7	83	1	2.3/2.4/2.6	0.3/0.6/0.3
3C 264	235.8	73	95	0.5	0.8/1.0/0.8	0.4/1.3/0.5
TXS 0149 + 710	127.9	9	96	0.5	0.7/0.9/0.7	0.0/0.0/0.0
Mkn 421	179.8	65	136	54	11.4/48.3/14.7	1.8/19.1/2.8
PKS 0229-581	280.2	54.6	140	0.5	0.1/0.5/0.1	0.2/2.0/0.3
Mkn 501	63.6	38.9	148	20.8	2.3/15.0/3.6	0.3/5.2/0.6
1ES 2344 + 514	112.9	-9.9	195	3.3	0.0/1.0/0.1	0.0/0.0/0.0
Mkn 180	131.9	45.6	199	1.9	0.0/0.5/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
1ES 1959 + 650	98	17.7	209	6.8	0.0/1.7/0.1	0.0/0.0/0.0
AP Librae	340.7	27.6	213	1.7	0.0/0.4/0.0	0.0/1.3/0.0
TXS 0210 + 515	135.8	-9	218	0.9	0.0/0.2/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
GB6 J0601 + 5315	160	14.6	232	0.4	0.0/0.1/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
PKS 0625-35	243.4	-20	245	1.3	0.0/0.1/0.0	0.0/0.5/0.0

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[aab18]

UHECR: Anisotropy

Auger and TA



Candidate production sites Active Galactic Nuclei Starburst Galaxies

Figure 7: Skymap in Galactic coordinates of the Li-Ma significances of over-densities in 20° radius windows for 840 events recorded by Auger with $E > E_{\rm th,Auger}$ and 130 events recorded by TA with $E > E_{\rm th,TA}$. The color scale indicates the significance in units of standard deviations; negative values follow the convention of indicating the (positive) significance of deficits. Nearby SBGs providing a significant contribution to the UHECR correlation signal of Auger [3] and TA [163] are indicated by stars. From Ref. [161].

Auger data with a model prediction of deflection of UHECRs by galactic and extragalactic magnetic fields. Magnetic Rigidity $\propto E/Z$

Again the composition of UHECRs is important. Intergalactic magnetic field is also not known well.



Energy Loss Process in Space Propagation

Greisen, Zatzepin, and Kuzmin (GZK) Cutoff

[gre66,zat66]

GZK predicted a cutoff of UHECR flux at around 10²⁰ eV due to energy-loss with the collision of CMB in extragalactic propagation

For UHECR protons pion-production by scattering with CMB $p+photon \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} production$

For UHECR nuclei

photo-absorption of CMB

- \rightarrow excitation to GDR
- \rightarrow disintegration (photo-disintegration)

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



Energy-loss process of UHECR is a key to understood the energy distribution and composition of UHECRs and their origin, production mechanism, and the propagation.

Energy Loss Process of UHECRs in Extragalactic Propagation [all12, kha05]



A Composition Reconstruction by a Model (fitted to data)





PANDORA Project

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Photo-Absorption of Nuclei and Decay Observation for Reactions in Astrophysics

Joint project among three experimental facilities with nuclear theories and astrophysical simulations

RCNP-Grand Raiden (Osaka, Japan)

iThemba LABS South Africa



ELI-NP (Romania)



CAKE

decay charge particle detector array



complementary experimental techniques

PANDORA Project

Photo-Absorption of Nuclei and Decay Observation for Reactions in Astrophysics

Motivations

- Extragalactic propagation of ultra-high energy comic rays (UHECRs)
- Nuclear-astrophysics and nucleosynthesis
- Neutral-current neutrino detection in large volume neutrino detectors
- Nuclear Structure
 - electric dipole strength distribution: PDR, GDR, EDP
 - decay mechanism
 - gamma-decay of GR: damping mechanism
 - alpha-cluster structure

Systematic Measurement on Photo-Absorption C.S. and n,p,α,γ decays for light to A~60 stable nuclei

- photo-absorption (electric dipole) strength distribution
- n, p, α , γ decay branching ratios
- for stable nuclei from light to A~60



Photo-disintegration Pass of ⁵⁶Fe



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 (γ,xn) , (γ,α) reactions also take place. Several unstable nuclei also contribute.

Photo-disintegration Pass of ⁵⁶Fe



Systematic Measurement on Photo-Absorption C.S. and n,p,α,γ decays for light to A~60 stable nuclei

difficulties in theoretical modeling of light-medium mass nuclei

- stronger shell structure effects than heavy nuclei
- many-nucleon correlations: α -clustering, *np*-pairing, deformation, ...
- isospin selection rule, often unimplemented in statistical calculations, e.g. in A(N=Z, I=0)+ $\gamma \longrightarrow GDR$ (I=1) $\longrightarrow A-4(N=Z, I=0) + \alpha(I=0)$

- Preequilibrium component of the decay



Probing Photo-Nuclear Response of Nuclei

Virtual photo excitation by proton scattering

- Missing mass method with proton Coulomb excitation
- better for total strength and strength distribution higher cross sections also applicable for p,α,γ decays

Real photo excitation

- Gamma-beam by laser-Compton scattering with an electron beam
- individual decay channels
 better for absolute normalization
 applicable also for *n* and *xn* decays in addition to p,α,γ

High-Resolution Spectrometer Grand Raiden in 0-deg mode

Coulomb excitation by proton scattering at very forward angles

Probing the E1 Response

Gamma Beam System - Layout

ELI-NP

K.A. Tanaka et al., Matter and Radiat. Extremes 5, 024402 (2020)

FIG. 1. Schematic overview of the HPLS and the VEGA system and associated target areas at ELI-NP. The two laser arms are depicted in red. The target areas E1, E4, E5, E6, and E7 show the 3D CAD designs of the target chambers currently under construction. The positions of the target areas E3, E8, and E9 associated with the VEGA system are indicated. The E9 area sits in the newly installed annex sketched by the blue footprint adjacent to the left side of the main building. The target area E2 will be facilitated for VEGA system-related experiments in the future.

Experiment combining three complementary facilities

Virtual Photon Exp.

<u>**RCNP**</u> 2022-

Total strength distribution up 32 MeV γ -decay

multipole decomp. analysis (ang. dep. and polarization transfer)

iThemba LABS 2021-

Total strength distribution up 24 MeV p,α,γ -decays

multipole decomp. analysis (ang. dep.)

Real Photon Exp.

ELI-NP 2023-

absolute c.s. model independent separation of E1 and M1 n,p,α,γ -decays up to 20 MeV

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iThemba LABS 2021-

Beam time approved for the first cases: ¹²C, ²⁷Al

Total strength distribution up 24 MeV

p, α , γ -decays

multipole decomp. analysis (ang. dep.)

Real Photon Exp.

ELI-NP 2023-

Good systematic data Consistency among three facilities Reference target: ²⁷Al.

 σ_{abs} and p, α, γ decays

absolute c.s. model independent separation of E1 and M1 n,p, α , γ -decays up to 20 MeV

Propagation

and production

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Targets

Measurements on 10-20 nuclei in 5-10 years with theoretical model developments

Candidate target nuclides

- ¹²C, ¹⁶O, and ²⁷Al first cases, alpha decay, reference target
- ⁶Li, ⁷Li, ⁹Be light nuclei
- (²⁰Ne), ²⁴Mg, ²⁸Si, ³²S, (³⁶Ar), ⁴⁰Ca N=Z nuclei, α-cluster effect, deformation
- ²⁶Mg, ⁴⁸Ca, ⁵⁶Fe N>Z nuclei
- ${}^{13}C$, ${}^{14}N$, ${}^{51}V$ odd and odd-odd nuclei
- (γ,xn) on ¹⁸O, ⁴⁸Ca, ⁶⁴Ni

Sensitivity test and selection of important nuclei are under discussions.

Summary

- PANDORA is a joint project combining complementary experimental facilities of real and virtual photon scatterings, nuclear theories and astrophysical simulations. Measurements will start in 2021.
- Systematic measurements on photo-absorption cross sections and n,p,α and γ decays from light to A~60 nuclei are planned.
- Development of theoretical models is planned by AMD, RPA and RNFT.
- We appreciate your suggestions and support from the community.

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