

The birth of Underground Laboratories

- Underground labs are needed to reduce `noise'
- R. Davis ³⁷Cl Experiment (1960's) on solar neutrinos probably the father of all large UG labs
- In the late 1970's a strong boost to build UG experiments from

Grand Unified Theories (GUT)

- GUT's (from Georgi & Glashow, 1974) predict nucleon instability: expected decay times ~10³⁰ yr for SU(5), larger 10³²÷10³⁴ yr for SO(10), SUSY-GUT
- Many experiments with sensitivity ${\cal O}$ (kt-yr) since early 80's searching for proton-decay
- Two classes:
 - Fine grained tracking calorimeters: Kolar GF (India), Nusex, Frejus (Europe), Soudan (USA)

• Water Cherenkov: IMB, HPW (USA), Kamioka (Japan)

• All hosted in disused mines or in side-halls of road tunnels

The birth of Gran Sasso Laboratory (LNGS)

1979: Proposal by A. Zichichi to Italian Parliament

Initial ideas for new detectors. Two main directions: solar neutrinos, proton decay

1982: Approval of LNGS construction

New collaborations formed, new detector designs

Symposium on Underground Physics, Saint-Vincent, Italy, April 1985

1987: Construction completed

1989: Start data taking of first large experiment (MACRO)

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Two unexpected

1983 Cygnus X-3

1987 SN1987A

events:



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DETECTION OF 2 \times 10¹⁵ TO 2 \times 10¹⁶ eV GAMMA-RAYS FROM CYGNUS X-3

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Viewpoint

From the ionization of air to beyond the LHC

Alan Watson looks at how the links between particle physics and cosmic-ray research have evolved over the past century

In August, some 100 physicists will gather at Bad Saarow in Germany to celebrate the centenary of the discovery of cosmic rays by the Austrian scientist, Victor Hess. The meeting place is close to where Hess and his companions landed following their flight from accelerator experts Aussig during which they reached 5000 m in a hydrogen-filled balloon; Health and Safety legislation did not restrain them. Finding the rate of ion-production at 5000 m to be about three times that of sea level, Hess speculated that the Earth's atmosphere was bombarded by high-energy radiation. This anniversary might also be regarded as the centenary of the birth of particle physics. The positron, muon, charged pions and the first strange particles were all discovered in cosmic rays between 1932 and 1947; and in 1938 Pierre Auger and colleagues showed, by studying cascade showers produced in air, that the cosmic-ray spectrum extended to at least 1015 eV, a claim based on the new ideas of QED.

Reviewing history, one is struck by how reluctant physicists were to contemplate particles other than protons, neutrons, electrons and positrons. The combination of the unexpectedly high energies and uncertainties about the validity of QED meant that flaws in the new theory were often invoked to explain observations that were actually evidence of the muon. Another striking fact is how many giants of theoretical physics, such as Bethe, Bhabha, Born, Fermi, Heisenberg, Landau and Oppenheimer, speculated on the interpretation of cosmic-ray data. However, in 1953, following a famous conference at Bagnères de Bigorre, the focus of work on particle physics moved to accelerator laboratories and despite some isolated discoveries - such as that of a pair of particles with naked charm by Kiyoshi Niu and colleagues in 1971, three years before the discovery of the J/w at accelerators accelerator laboratories were clearly the

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led to the construction of the VERITAS. HESS and MAGIC instruments that have now created a new field of gamma-ray astronomy at tera-electron-volt energies. The construction of the Auger Observatory, the largest cosmic-ray detector ever built, is another major consequence. In addition to important astrophysics results, the instrument has provided information relevant to particle physics. Specifically, the Auger Collaboration has reported a

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However, another cosmic-ray "discovery" led to a change of scene. In 1983, a group at Kiel reported evidence for gamma rays of around 1015 eV from the X-ray binary, Cygnus X-3. Their claim was apparently confirmed by the array at Haverah Park in the UK and at tera-electron-volts energies at the Whipple Telescope in the US. Several particle physicists of the highest class were sucked into the field by the excitement. This led to the construction of the VERITAS, HESS and MAGIC instruments that have











Table 1 SN1987A neutrino data

Detector	Event number	Time ^a (seconds)	Electron energy (McV)	Electron angle with respect to LMC (degrees)	Comment
IMB	1	7:35:41.374(UT)	38±7	80±10	± 50 ms
	2	0.411	37 ± 7	44 ± 15	
	3	0.650	28 ± 6	56 ± 20	
	4	1.141	39±7	65 ± 20	
	5	1.562	36 <u>+</u> 9	33 ± 15	
	6	2.683	36 ± 6	52 ± 10	
	7	5.010	19±5	42 ± 20	
	8	5.581	22 ± 5	104 ± 20	
KII	1	7:35:35(UT)	20.0 ± 2.9	18 ± 18	$\pm 1 \min$
	2	0.107	13.5 ± 3.2	40 ± 27	
	3	0.302	7.5 ± 2.0	108 ± 32	
	4	0.323	9.2±2.7	70 ± 30	
	5	0.507	12.8±2.9	135 ± 23	
	6	0.685	6.3±1.7	68 <u>+</u> 77	background
	7	1.540	35.4±8.0	32 ± 16	
	8	1.728	21.0 ± 4.2	30 ± 18	
	9	1.915	19.8±3.2	38 ± 22	
	10	9.219	8.6±2.7	122 ± 30	
	11	10.432	13.0 ± 2.6	49 <u>+</u> 26	
	12	12.439	8.9±1.9	91 <u>+</u> 39	
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	2	0.435	18 <u>+</u> 3.6		
	3	1.710	23.3 <u>+</u> 4.7		
	4	7.687	17 <u>+</u> 3		
	5	9.099	20.1 ± 4.0		
Mont Blanc	1	2:52:36.792(UT)	7		IMB-4.7 hrs
	2	3.857	8		
	3	4.215	11		
	4	5.904	7		
	5	7.008	9		

* The UT times on February 23, 1987, are given for the first event; the time for each subsequent event is relative to the first.

A. Burrows, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci., 1990

- Both CygX3 and SN1987 strongly impacted the designs of LV and LA detectors
- LVD strongly focused on neutrinos (SN, astrophysical, atmospheric): 1 kton Liq.Sc. but poor tracking capabilities → improved tracking system (+ streamer tubes)
- MACRO good tracker on wide area (77×12 m²) (needed for monopoles) → + `attico' for increased Liq. Scint. mass (SN), tot. 0.56 kton and up/down discr. (atm-v)



Figura 1: scheme of the arrangement of the counters in LVD



M. Ambrosio et al. | Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 486 (2002) 663-707

A short detour to personal memories

- My previous activity in Particle Physics at accelerators
- After announcement of GS Lab, contacts with NUSEX towards a `super-NUSEX' for proton-decay
- But... frustration from running p-decay experiments!
- New idea: GUT monopoles !!! Strong interest from US groups (B. Barish, +...)
- Need of a large area tracking system with dedicated trigger for low- β

MACRO

• An excellent tracker (50,000 ST) for UG muons, multimuons ⇒ Cosmic Rays



My approach to Cosmic Rays



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Cosmic Rays and Particle Physics

To Sergio Petrera and To Sergio Petrera and Rome MAIRO Group With best wishes and With best wishes and With best hospitality thanks for hospitality in Rome, Tom Davisu

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E_{μ} (thresh) \approx 1.4 TeV at LNGS Originate from CR's around the `knee' region Multimuons sensitive to composition

Gaisser & Stanev, NIM, 1985



Fig. 5. Muon yields from primary protons (solid line) and iron nuclei (dash line) at depth of 4 km.w.e.

A selection of CR results from Gran Sasso Lab

- Spectrum and composition from MACRO multimuons
- EAS-TOP-MACRO results
- Other UG muon results
- Atmospheric neutrinos

Fit of spectrum and composition from multimuon



$$R(N_{\mu}) = \Omega S \sum_{A} \int dE \Phi_{A}(E) \cdot D_{A}(E, N_{\mu})$$

 $D_A(E, N_\mu)$ probability for a primary of mass A and energy per nucleus E to be reconstructed as an event with N_μ muons in MACRO. Obtained from MC detector simulation using HEMAS (Forti et al., PRD, 1990) as UG muon generator. Comparison with Sibyll: largest differences for single muons.

Parametric fluxes to fit

$$\Phi_A(E) = K_1(A) E^{-\gamma_1(A)}$$
 for $E \le E_{\text{cut}}(A)$,

$$\Phi_A(E) = K_2(A)E^{-\gamma_2(A)}$$
 for $E > E_{cut}(A)$,

with $K_2 = K_1 E_{\text{cut}}^{\gamma_2 - \gamma_1} E_{\text{cut}} (Z) = E_{\text{cut}} (\text{Fe}) \cdot Z/26$

MACRO Coll., PRD, 1997



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EAS-TOP-MACRO





Correlating EAS-TOP sizes N_e to MACRO UG muon multiplicities N_{μ}



CORSIKA simulation. Five samples with different nuclear masses have been generated:

• grouped into [L] proton + helium and [H] magnesium + iron

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Also correlation of EAS-TOP Cherenkov light to MACRO UG muons exploited to get spectrum for p+He (80 TeV) and p+He+CNO (250 TeV)

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Depth (m.w.e.)

TABLE 4 SEARCH FOR MODULATED MUON SIGNALS FROM POINT SOURCES

FIG. 9.-MACRO limit to the modulated muon flux from Cyg X-3 compared with the results from other underground detectors.

Atmospheric neutrinos

- Atmospheric neutrinos produced by CR interactions with air nuclei
- Search for neutrino oscillation in MACRO based on $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \mu$ events
- Flavor oscillation affects muon angular distribution
- Different topologies observed in MACRO: Upgoing, Stopping and Internal



UPGoing Muons

MACRO Coll., PLB (1998)



Bartol flux: Agrawal, Gaisser, Lipari, Stanev Phys. Rev. D (1996)

MACRO Coll., PLB (2000)



Muon Multiple Scattering for E separation

Sample	Energy cuts	Median energy	
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Low	$E_{\nu}^{\rm rec} < 30$	13	
Medium-Low	$30 < E_{\nu}^{\rm rec} < 80$	36	
Medium-High	$80 < E_{\nu}^{\rm rec} < 130$	88	
High	$E_{\nu}^{\rm rec} > 130$	146	



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MACRO Coll., PLB (2003)



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"...E quindi uscimmo a riveder le stelle" "...And thence we came forth to see again the stars" (Dante Alighieri, La Divina Commedia)





`Puccio' Bellotti: first director of LNGS, for leaving an unforgettable mark with his wisdom and friendly attitude, in the start of experimental operations. **Tom Gaisser:** for his crucial role in the study of underground muons and their potential in CR physics. Thanks for his papers, his books and the enlightening discussions.

Backup slides



Cosmic Ray Physics at LNGS: a historical journey

From the web: "Why are laboratories underground?"

Being underground gives scientists protection from most of the "noise", such as **cosmic rays** and other background radiation from the universe.

Contradiction between `Underground Lab' and `Cosmic Rays' ?

CR's secondaries are suppressed, but HE muons and neutrinos still survive MACRO

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Mount Aquila

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TABLE 4

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MUON ASTRONOMY WITH THE MACRO DETECTOR





SEARCH FOR MODULATED MUON SIGNALS FROM POINT SOURCES

Source	Po	Туре	$W(\geq Z^2)$	$J_{\mu}^{mod}(95\%)$ (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)
4U 0115+63	24.32 days*	Orbital	0.79	$< 8.9 \times 10^{-13}$
Crab	33.3 ms ^b	Pulsar	0.90	$< 1.1 \times 10^{-12}$
Her X-1	1.70 days ^c	Orbital	0.98	$< 9.4 \times 10^{-13}$
4U 1907 + 09	8.38 days ^d	Orbital	0.57	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-12}$
Cvg X-1	5.60 dayse	Orbital	0.68	$< 9.0 \times 10^{-13}$
Суд Х-3	4.79 hr ^ŕ	Orbital	0.06	$< 1.1 \times 10^{-12}$

* Ricketts et al. 1981.

^b Massaro et al. 1991.

° Ögelman 1987.

^d Bolton 1975.

^e Makishima et al. 1984.

^f van der Klis & Bonnet-Bidaud 1989.





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NEUTRINO ASTRONOMY WITH THE MACRO DETECTOR





TABLE 5

Flux Upper Limits on Muon Fluxes from Neutrino Production from Various Catalogs

Catalog	Number of Sources	Average Exposure ($\times 10^{-14}$ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	v-Induced μ -Flux Limit (×10 ⁻¹⁶ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	v-Flux Limit $(cm^{-2} s^{-1})$
MACRO list	42	4.67	3.06	5.79×10^{-8}
SNRs (Green catalog) ^a	220	2.35	2.63	5.00×10^{-8}
Blazars (Padovani & Giommi 1995)	181	2.77	5.44	1.03×10^{-7}
BATSE ^b	2527	3.37	1.68	3.17×10^{-8}
EGRET [°]	271	3.66	2.03	3.82×10^{-8}
BeppoSAX (E. Pian 1999, private communication)	32	3.41	6.84	1.27×10^{-7}
Novae X (N. Masetti 1999, private communication)	29	4.97	5.34	1.01×10^{-7}

NOTE.—Flux upper limits are at 90% c.l. for $E_{\mu} > 1$ GeV and for an assumed spectral index of the neutrino flux of $\gamma = 2.1$. The catalog, the number of souces in it, the average exposure (which is the denominator in eq. [11]), the muon flux upper limits, and the neutrino flux upper limits ($E_{vmin} = 1$ GeV) are given. Flux upper limits are calculated according to eqs. (12) and (13).

^a Green, D. A. 1998, A Catalog of Galactic Supernova Remnants, available at the URL http://www.mrao.cam.ac.uk/surveys/snrs.

^b Paciesas, W. S., et al. 1999, available at the URL http://gammaray.msfc.nasa.gov/batse.

[°] Hartman, R. C., et al. 1998, available at the URL ftp://gamma.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/THIRD_CATALOG.



Figure 2: 'Depth – vertical muon intensity' relation in Gran Sasso rock. LVD data are presented together with the best fit (solid curve). Dashed curves show the calculated intensities for maximal and minimal contributions from neutrino-induced muons (see text for details).



Correlation of EAS-TOP Cherenkov telescopes to MACRO N_{μ}



Fig. 12. Same as Fig. 11 in fixed intervals of photon density and scaling all core distances in the region $r \in [145, 185]$ m to $r \in [125, 145]$ m.

Table 5

Comparison (a) of the present results alone and (b) combined with the direct p-flux measurements, with the JACEE and RUNJOB data

Quantity(*)	EAS-TOP and MACRO	JACEE	RUNJOB
(a) $J_{p+He}(80 \text{ TeV})$	18 ± 4	12 ± 3	8±2
(b) $J_{\rm He}(80 {\rm ~TeV})$	12.7 ± 4.4	6.4 ± 1.4	3.1 ± 0.7
(b) $\frac{J_{\rm p}}{J_{\rm p+He}}$ (80 TeV)	0.29 ± 0.09	0.45 ± 0.12	0.63 ± 0.20
(a) $J_{p+He+CNO}(250 \text{ TeV})$	1.1 ± 0.3	0.7 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 0.1
(a) $\frac{J_{p+He}}{J_{p+He+CNO}}$ (250 TeV)	0.78 ± 0.17	0.70 ± 0.20	0.76 ± 0.25

CNO data and all errors of JACEE and RUNJOB are interpreted by ourselves from plots. (*)Intensity units are 10^{-7} m⁻² s⁻¹ sr⁻¹ TeV⁻¹.

MACRO Coll., Eur. Phys. J. C (2002)



Fig. 9. The global MACRO limit for an isotropic flux of bare magnetic monopoles, with $m \geq 10^{17} \text{ GeV/c}^2$, $g = g_D$ and $\sigma_{cat} < \text{few mb.}$ For comparison, we present also the flux limits from other experiments [31]