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LARGE EXISTING UNDERGROUND
DETECTORS (3)

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PART III

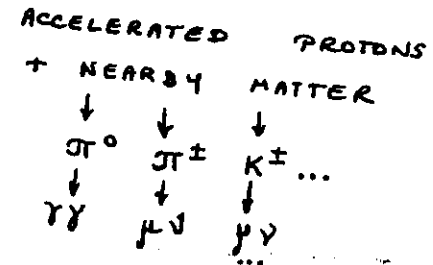
COSMIC RAY PHYSICS WITH
UNDERGROUND MUONS
& MUON BUNDLES

- THE SCOPE OF UNDERGROUND DETECTORS IN COSMIC RAY PHYSICS.
- POINT-LIKE SOURCES.
 - γ Sources (High Energy)
 - γ -ray Sources? Exotic sources?
- MUON BUNDLES & CHEMICAL COMPOSITION IN THE PeV RANGE.
 - Sensitivity to primary composition.
 - Recent FRÉJUS results.

THE SCOPE OF UNDERGROUND
DETECTORS IN COSMIC-RAY
PHYSICS

ORIGIN OF HIGH ENERGY COSMIC RAY?

- USE NEUTRINOS (OR γ -RAYS):
 - UNSENSITIVE TO GALACTIC MAGNETIC FIELDS
 - POINT BACK TO THEIR SOURCES



- UNDERSTAND SPECTRUM & CHEMICAL COMPOSITION
OF ORDINARY CHARGED PRIMARIES.
IN THE ENERGY REGION NOT ACCESSIBLE
TO DIRECT MEASUREMENT. (FLUX TOO LOW).
UNDERSTAND THE "KNEE" OF THE SPECTRUM.
UNDERGROUND REMNANTS OF THE MOST
ENERGETIC AIR SHOWERS = MUON BUNDLES.

WARNING:

REQUIRE PARTICLE PHYSICS ABOVE ACCELERATION ENERGIES:

PROTONS
HEAVY IONS
 γ AND ν

$E > 1700 \text{ TeV}$
CR
 $E_{CR}/A > 200 \text{ GeV/nucleon}$

THE SCOPE OF UNDERGROUND DETECTORS IN COSMIC RAY PHYSICS

- ONE EXPECTS MUONS & NEUTRINOS,
UNDERGROUND REMNANTS FROM EXTENSIVE
AIR SHOWERS.

ATMOSPHERIC MUONS { SINGLE MUONS : Depth vs Intensity $I(h)$
MUON BUNDLES : Primary Energy
(ALL DOWN-GOING $\downarrow$) in PeV range
if $h \sim 4000 - 5000$
m.w.e.

ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS { Vertex - contained events already discussed
THROUGH-GOING μ 's
GENERATED BY INTERACTIONS IN THE ROCK
PART IS UPWARD-GOING ($10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

- EXTRA - TERRESTRIAL POINT-LIKE SOURCES
OF COSMIC RAYS

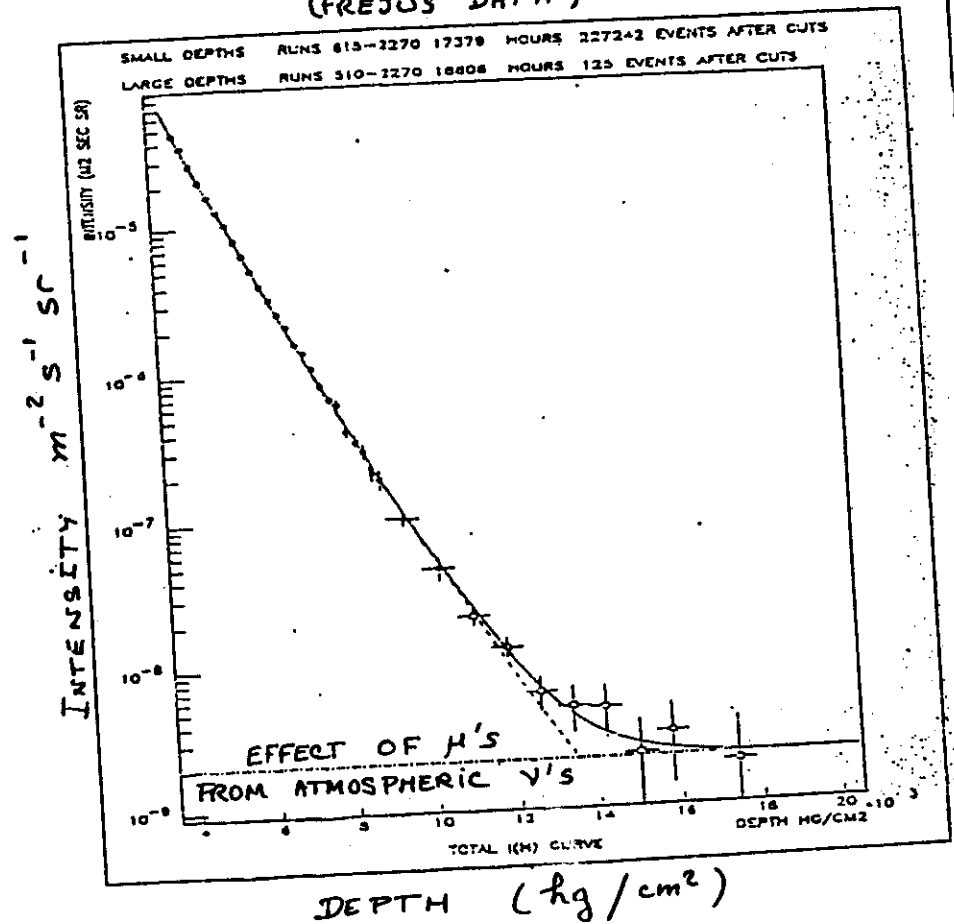
NEUTRINO SOURCES : DISCRIMINATE AGAINST
ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS

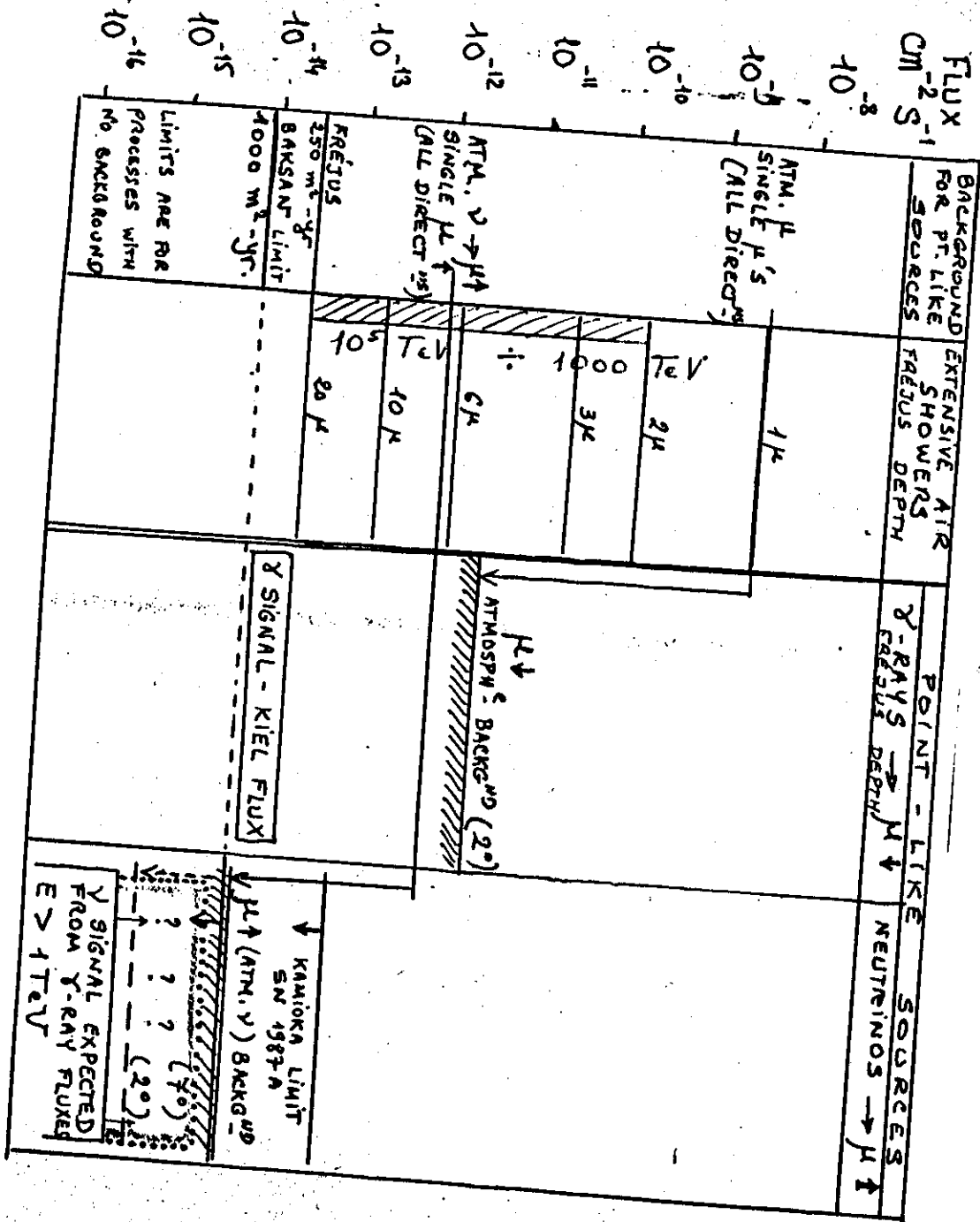
USE UP $\downarrow$ GOING μ 's ($\mu \uparrow$)
SOURCES IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE
(SN 1987A)

BACKG ND : $\mu \uparrow$ FROM ATM C NEUTRINOS
WITHIN ANGULAR
RESOLUTION

GAMMA-RAY SOURCES : DISCRIMINATE AGAINST
ATMOSPHERIC MUONS ($\mu \downarrow$) WITHIN ANGULAR
RESOLUTION
IF γ -RAY SHOWERS PRODUCE ENOUGH MUONS

ATMOSPHERIC MUONS VERTICAL INTENSITY VS. DEPTH (FRÉJUS DATA)





EXTRA - TERRESTRIAL SOURCES OF COSMIC RAYS.

* Other possibility of discrimination against background

Time structure of signal (e.g. periodicity) if known from other spectroscopy:

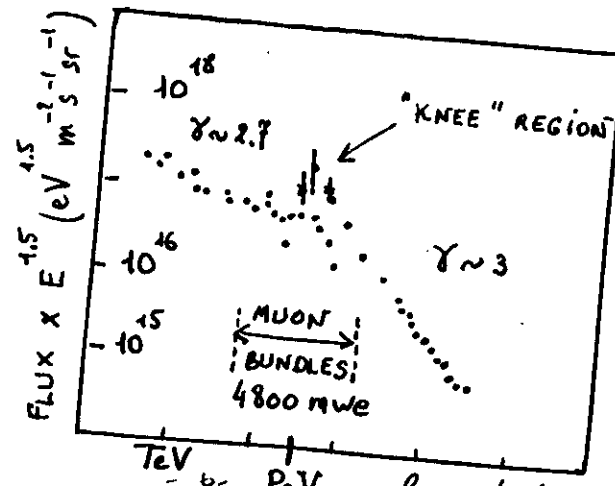
e.g. Cyg. X3 is a PERIODIC SOURCE IN X-RAY AND INFRA-RED ASTRONOMY.

MOON BUNDLE PHYSICS.

WHEN THE SITE DEPTH IS $\geq 3500 \text{ mwe}$ MOON BUNDLES ARE PRODUCED BY PRIMARIES IN THE "KNEE" REGION (PeV RANGE).

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF COSMIC-RAYS VS. (PeV RANGE)

PARTICLE PHYSICS IN PeV RANGE.



$$\frac{d\phi}{dE} = \frac{K}{E^\gamma}$$

POINT-LIKE SOURCES.

NEUTRINOS

- ONE MEASURES A FLUX OF UPWARD-GOING μ 's
 $\Phi_{\mu\uparrow}$

- IN ORDER TO RELATE IT TO THE NEUTRINO FLUX Φ_ν , ONE MUST MAKE AN ASSUMPTION ON THE ν SPECTRUM.

USUALLY: $\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} = \frac{K}{(E_\nu)^\gamma}$

γ = SPECTRAL INDEX ; POSSIBLE CUT-OFF ENERGY

- NEUTRINO INTERACTION IN THE ROCK:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \nu - \mu \text{ ANGLE } \theta & \text{AT VERTEX} \\ \text{MUON ENERGY} & \text{AT VERTEX} \end{array} \right.$

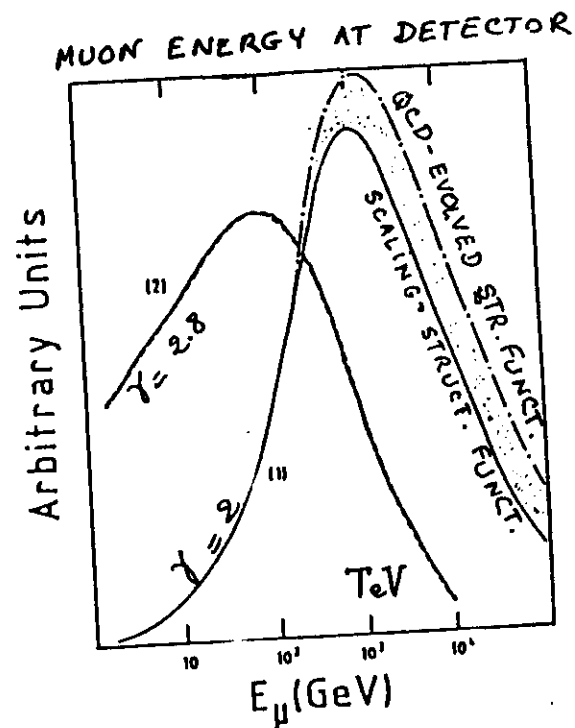
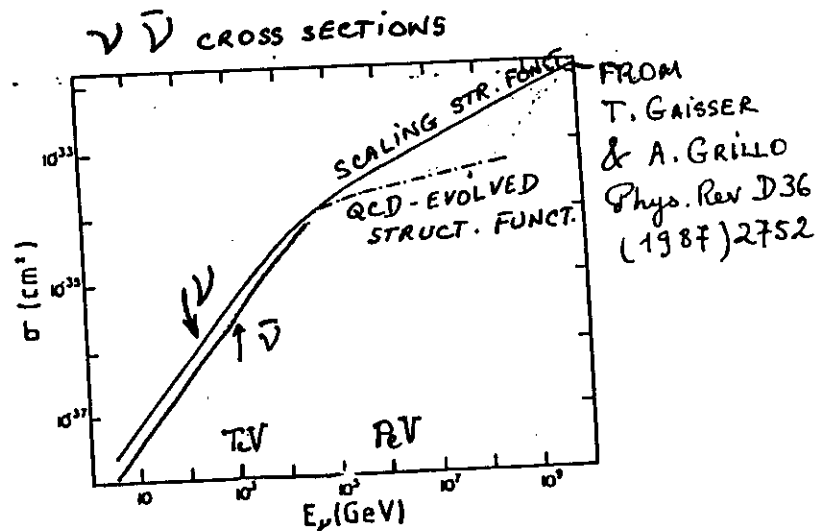
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{G_F^2 M E_\nu}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{2ME_\nu xy}{M_W^2}} \right]^2 \left\{ \left[1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right] F_2(x, q^2) \pm \left[y - \frac{y^2}{2} \right] x F_3(x, q^2) \right\}$$

$$x = \frac{q^2}{2M(E_\nu - E_\mu)} ; y = 1 - \frac{E_\mu}{E_\nu}$$

$$\theta \approx \sqrt{\frac{2Mxy}{E_\nu(1-y)}} \quad (x \sim 0.1 ; y \sim 0.5)$$

$$\approx 2.5^\circ \sqrt{\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{E}}$$

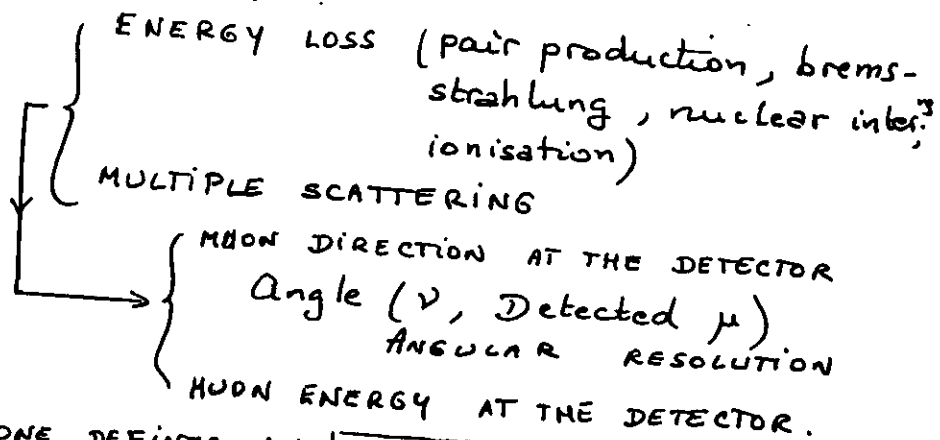
IF $S = 2ME_\nu \gg M_W^2$ ($E_\nu \gg 3.6 \text{ TeV}$)
W PROPAGATOR RESTRICTS Q^2 UP TO $\sim M_W^2$
SMALL $\{x, y\}$ FAVOURED $\rightarrow$ KNOWLEDGE OF
STRUCTURE FUNCTION AT SMALL x



DETECTION OF ν -INDUCED MUONS

NEUTRINO SOURCES

- MUON PROPAGATION IN THE ROCK - UP TO THE DETECTOR.



ONE DEFINES AN ANGULAR WINDOW AROUND THE DIRECTION OF THE SOURCE. The preceding calculations yield the ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ANGULAR WINDOW AS A FUNCTION OF THE SPECTRAL INDEX γ .

* EFFECTIVE TARGET MASS IS PROPORT. TO $\sigma_\nu(E) \times R(E_\mu)$
MUON RANGE

- WHAT COULD BE THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF A GENUINE NEUTRINO SIGNAL?

- FROM A REVIEW OF γ -RAY SOURCES ($E_\gamma > 1 \text{ TeV}$) (D. FEGAN, MORIOND '87) $\Phi_\gamma \approx 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - ASSUME THAT THIS FLUX HAS NOT BEEN ATTENUATED DURING PROPAGATION $\rightarrow$ EARTH (PESSIMISTIC)
ASSUME $\Phi_\nu \approx \Phi_\gamma$ AT SOURCE
 - ASSUME A POWER-LAW SPECTRUM $\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} \propto \frac{1}{E_\nu^\gamma}$ (γ IN THE RANGE 2.1 TO 3.5)
- THEN $\mu \uparrow \text{ SIGNAL} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ MORE, IF γ -RAY FLUX IS ATTENUATED

NEUTRINO SOURCES & UPWARD-GOING MUONS

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

BACKGROUND : $\mu \uparrow$ FROM ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS
 $(\Phi_{\mu \uparrow})_{\text{Atm. } \nu} \sim 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

* FRACTION IN ACCEPTANCE WINDOW

- THIS YEAR ('87 - '88) : SN 1987 A.
KAMIOKANDE (Phys. Rev. Lett. 59 (1987) 2604)
FIRST SIX MONTHS.

$$E_\mu > 1.7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{Window : } 7^\circ$$

$$\Phi_{\mu \uparrow} < 1.2 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

* Note that background is $\sim 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Present limit is an order of magnitude higher.

- LIMITS FROM BAKSAN (MORIOND '87, Mikheiev)
FOR OTHER POINT-LIKE SOURCES
BAKSAN : Sensitivity = $1000 \text{ m}^2 \times \text{years}$
 $377 \mu \uparrow$ in 5 years
 $\Phi_{\mu \uparrow} \lesssim 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

- WITH A GOOD ANGULAR RESOLUTION ($\sim 2^\circ$)
BACKGND $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ may be comparable to or lower than expected ν signal - 1000 m^2 REQUIRED (MACRO)

POINT-LIKE SOURCES γ-RAYS & EXOTICS

STANDARD PHYSICS PREDICT:

γ-RAY SHOWER = MUON-POOR SHOWER
CALCULATION: T. STANEV (Phys Rev D 33, 2740 1986)

100 TeV γ-ray PRODUCES ON AVERAGE
~ 10^{-3} MUON WITH $E_\gamma > 2\text{TeV}$

* KIEL SURFACE ARRAY claimed a periodic
signal from Cyg X3 with significant
muon content. (NOT CONFIRMED)

EVEN IF THE OPTIMISTIC FLUX GIVEN BY

KIEL IS CHOSEN: $6 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{1\text{GeV}} \right)^{-1.11}$

FOR ENERGIES $\geq E_\gamma$

MUON SIGNAL (from γ's) ↓ < $\frac{1}{150}$
ATMOSPHERIC MUON BACKGND ↓

for angular window of 1° at 4000 mwe

NO HOPE IF NO EXOTIC γ INTERACTION
IN THE TeV RANGE

EXOTIC PHENOMENA?

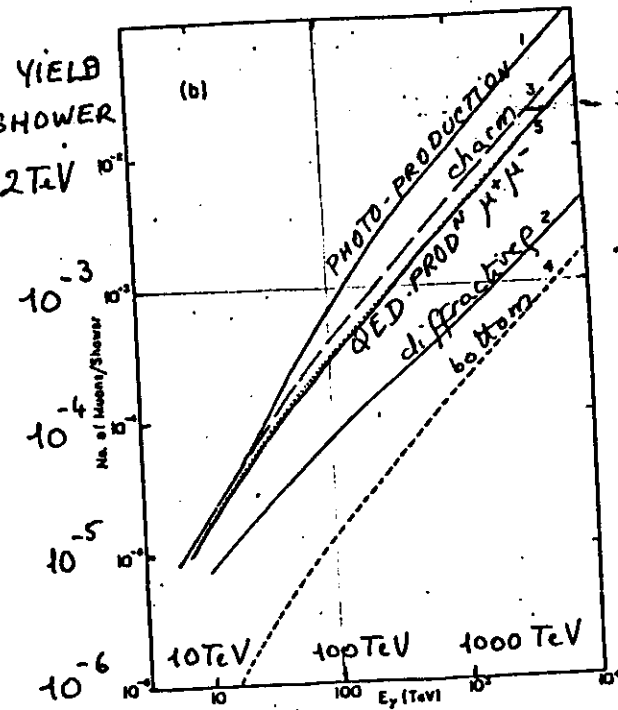
Exotic γ-interactions $E_\gamma > \text{TeV}$?

Exotic neutral particles?

INVOKED TO ACCOUNT FOR PERIODIC
MUON SIGNALS SEEN BY SMALL UNDERGROUND
DETECTORS IN 1985 (SOUDAN I + NUSEX)

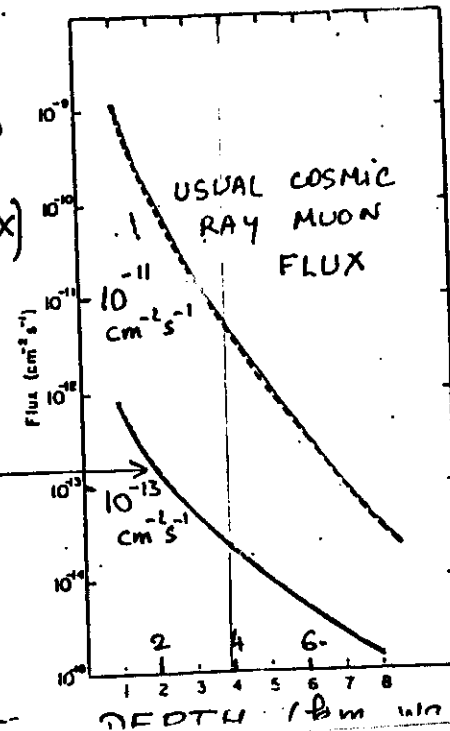
BUT SIGNAL NOT CONFIRMED BY LARGE
DETECTORS (KAMIOKA / FRÉJUS) IMB: possible optimized
signal in 1983 radio-burst

MUON YIELD
PER γ-SHOWER
 $E_\gamma > 2\text{TeV}$

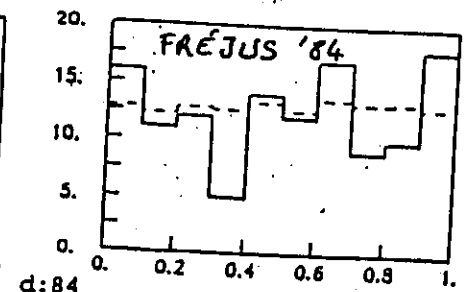
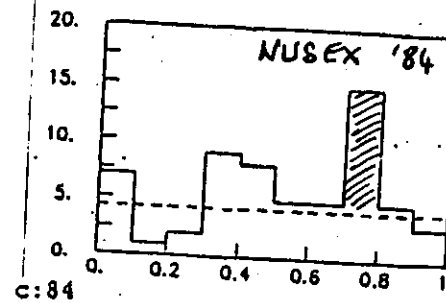
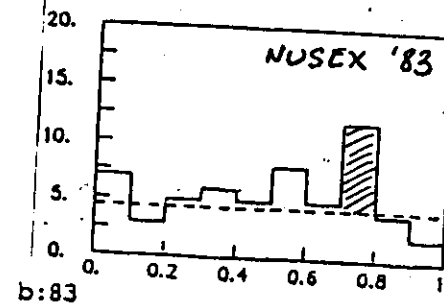
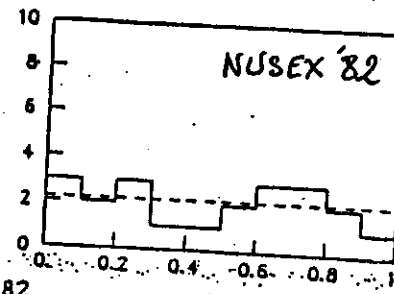
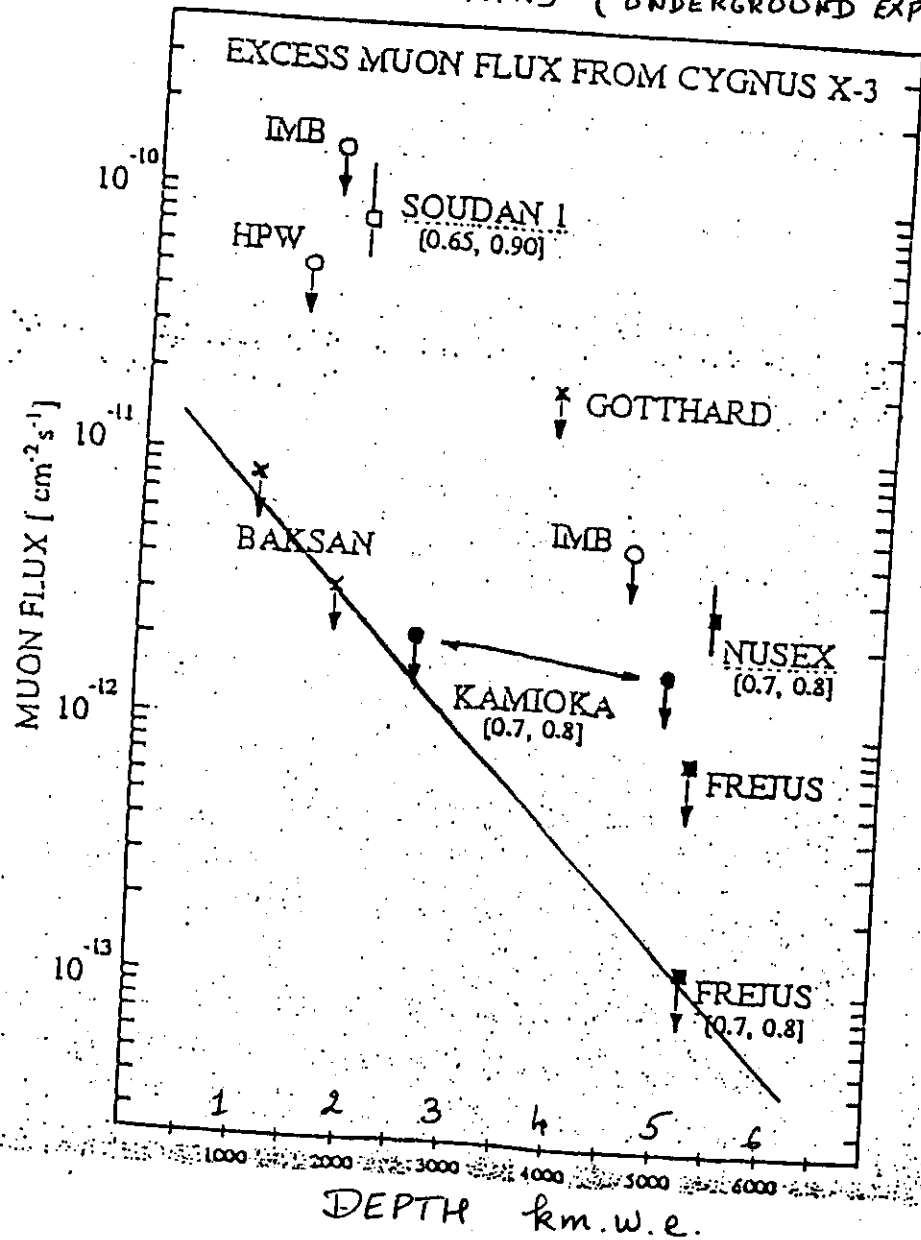


γ-RAY
INDUCED
MUONS from
T. STANEV
Phys Rev D 33
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VERTICAL
FLUX OF
γ-INDUCED
MUONS
("KIEL" FLUX)
optimistic
 1° ANGULAR
RESOLN



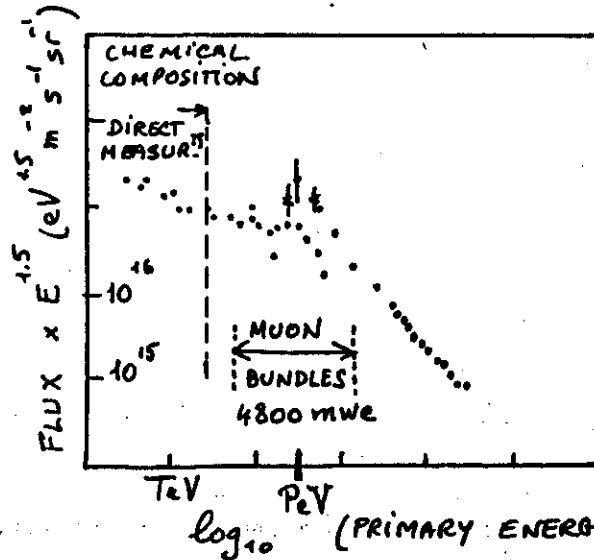
CYGNUS X3 (UNDERGROUND EXP^{TS})



CYGNUS X3

PHASE HISTOGRAMS

UNDERGROUND MUON BUNDLES & COSMIC-RAY CHEMICAL COMPOSITION IN THE PeV RANGE



- PRIMARY COSMIC-RAY COMPOSITION IS DIRECTLY MEASURED UP TO ~ 100 TeV (Satellites & Balloons). FLUX IS TOO LOW ABOVE.

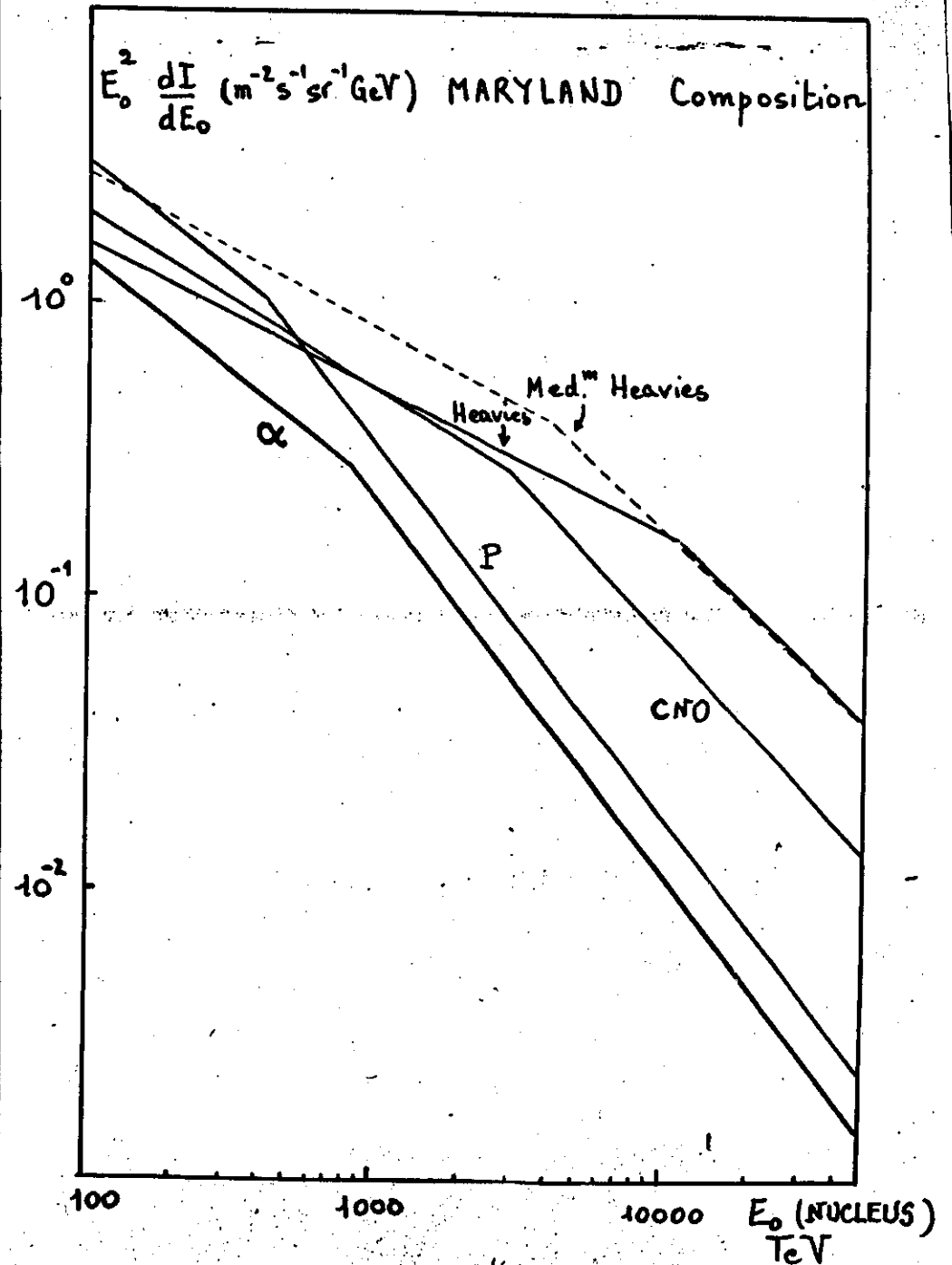
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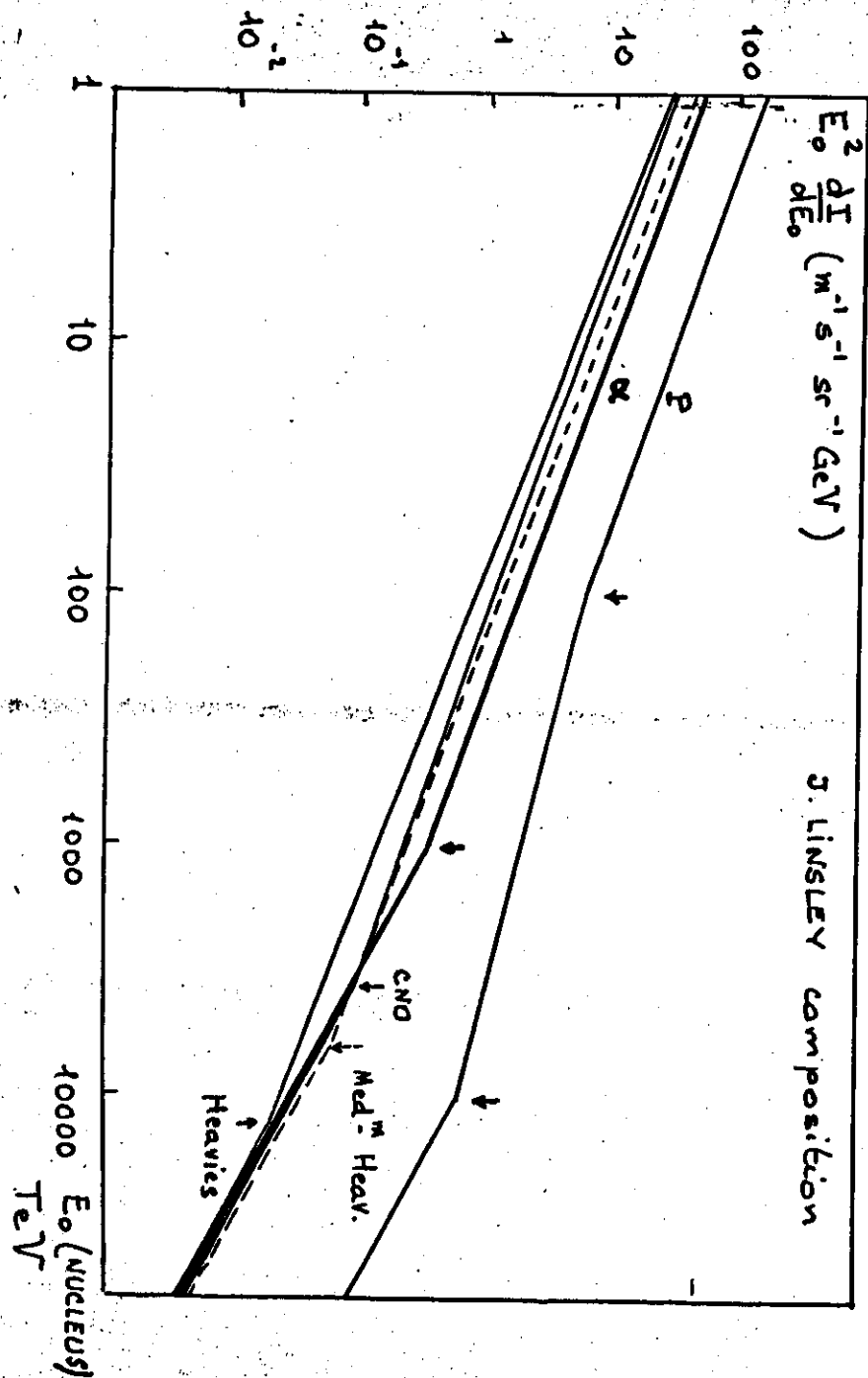
- MAGNETIC DECONFINEMENT ?

AT HIGH ENERGY, PARTICLES ARE LESS CONFINED BY GALACTIC MAGNETIC FIELDS AND START LEAKING $\rightarrow$ EXPECT HIGH Z (CHARGE) TO BE MORE CONFINED
INCREASE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF HEAVIES

- NEW COSMIC-RAY SOURCE ABOVE PeV ?

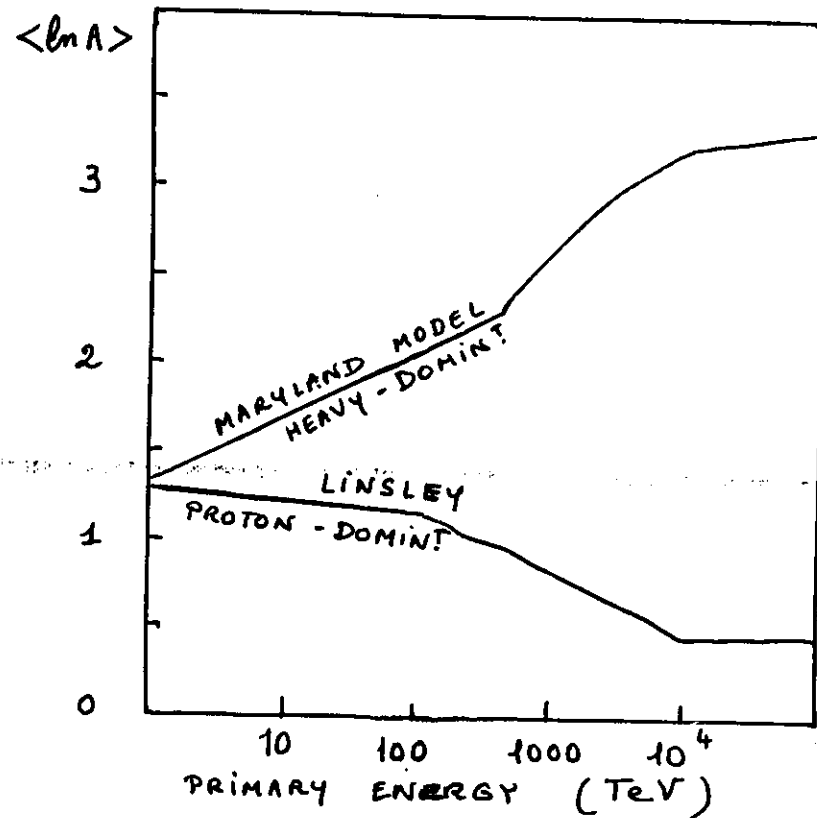
SUPPORTED BY SOME FEATURES OF VERY ENERGETIC SHOWERS, SUGGESTING SIGNIFICANT PROTON CONTRIBUTIONS.



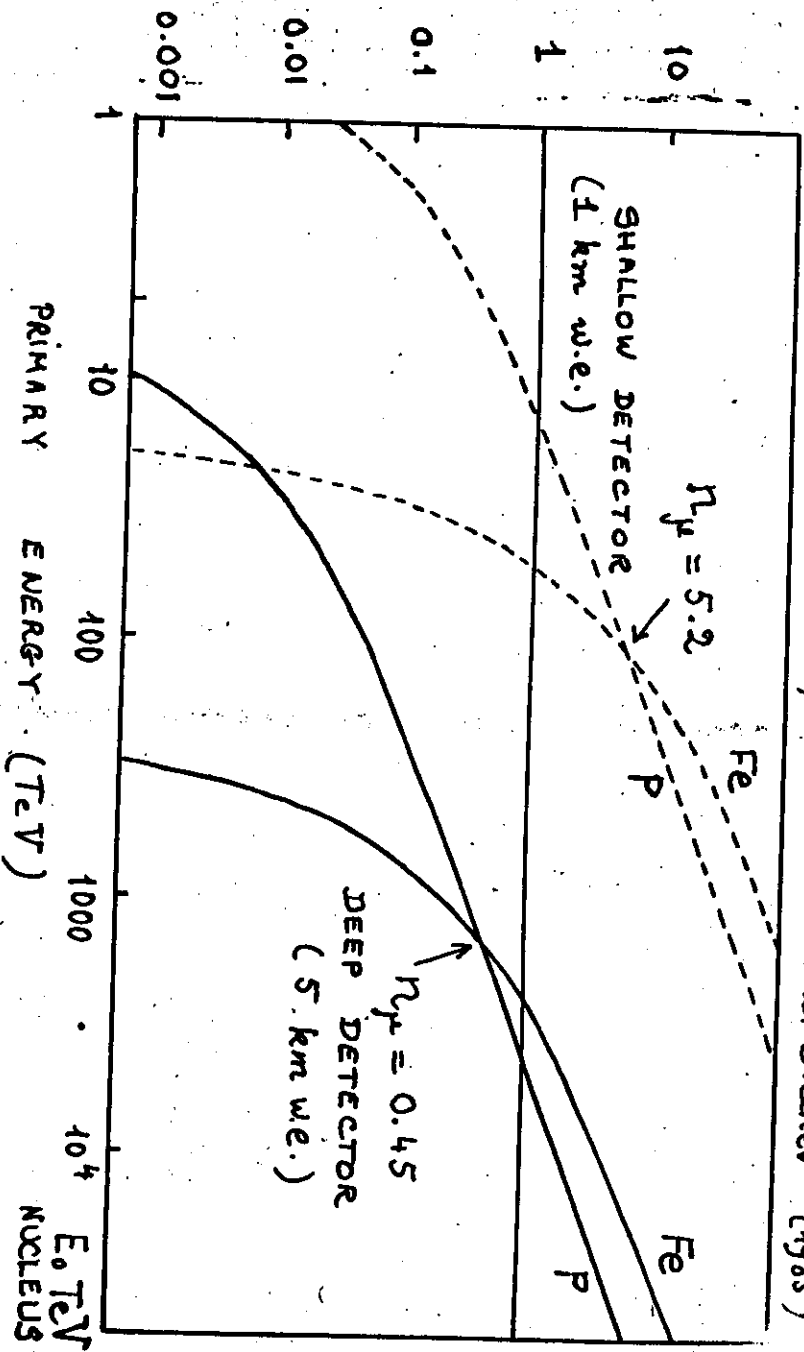


TWO "EXTREME" COMPOSITION MODELS
COMPATIBLE WITH

- ALL-PARTICLE SPECTRUM.
- COMPOSITION BELOW TeV RANGE.



$\langle n_p \rangle$ AT DETECTOR DEPTH from Gaisser and Stanev (1985)



PRIMARY ENERGY PER NUCLEON ($\frac{E_0}{A}$) $\Rightarrow$ MUON ENERGIES

• THRESHOLD ON μ ENERGY (SET BY DEPTH) $\Rightarrow$ HIGHER THRESHOLD

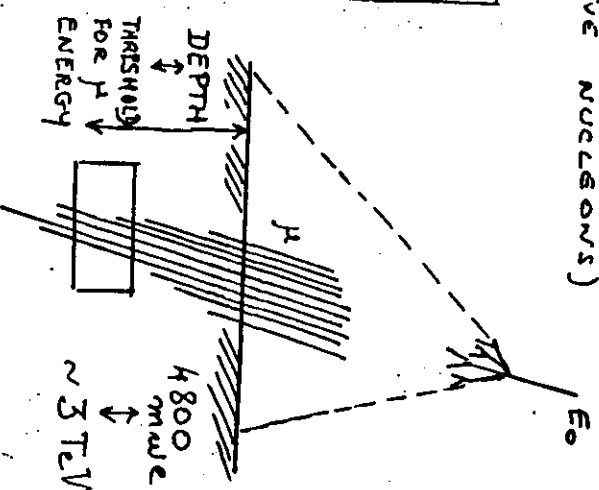
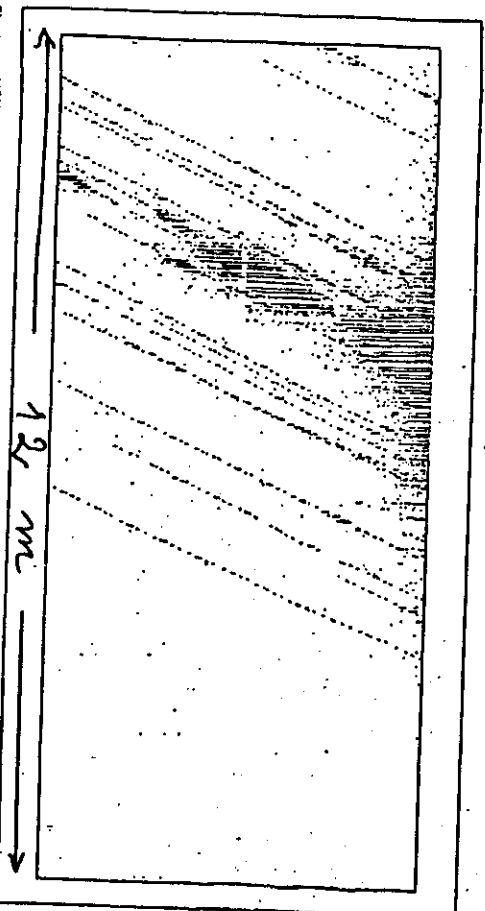
FOR HIGHER A (e.g. IRON HAS A SMALL EFFECT ON UNDERGROUND μ 's FOR $E_0 < 1000$ TeV AT 4800 m.w.e.)

• ONCE, IRON THRESHOLD IS OVERCOME, HEAVY NUCLEI ARE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN LIGHT ONES.

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(A PRODUCTIVE THAN LIGHT NUCLEONS)

WIDE VIEW MUON BUNDLE / FREQUENT DETECTOR



A MORE QUANTITATIVE RELATION WITH MUON BUNDLES

PRODUCTION MODEL : PRIMARY { ENERGY E_0
A NUCLEONS
SIMULATE NUCLEUS-NUCLEUS COLLISIONS
PARTICLE PRODUCTION
PARTICLE INTERACTIONS
AND DECAYS

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NUMBER OF μ 's
WITH ENERGY $> E_\mu$
THRESHOLD
(SITE DEPTH)

- DISTRIBUTION IS POISSONIAN in the primary energy range of interest
- SUMMARIZE MODEL BY MEANS OF A SEMI-EMPIRICAL FORMULA $\rightarrow$ AVERAGE μ MULTIPLICITY $E > E_\mu$
e.g. GAISSER & STANEV 1985

PROTONS :

$$n_\mu^{(P)} = \frac{\alpha}{E_\mu \cos \theta} \left(\frac{E_0}{E_\mu} \right)^\alpha \left(1 - \frac{E_\mu}{E_0} \right)^\beta$$

ASYMPTOTIC THRESHOLD BEHAVIOUR

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = 0.014 \text{ TeV} \\ \alpha = 0.775 \\ \beta = 5.96 \end{cases} \text{ from Gaisser \& Stanev Monte-Carlo}$$

- NUCLEI : "SUPERPOSITION" ASSUMPTION

$$n_\mu^{(A)}(E) = n_\mu^{(P)}\left(\frac{E_0}{A}\right) \times A$$

PREDICTIONS FOR THE MUON MULTIPLICITY DISTRIBUTION AT THE SITE DEPTH

P_N = PROBABILITY TO HAVE A SHOWER WITH N MUONS WITH ENERGY $> E_\mu$.

$$P_N = \sum_A \int \underbrace{I_A(E_0) dE_0}_{\text{PRIMARY SPECTRUM}} \underbrace{\exp(-n_\mu(E_0, A)) \frac{(n_\mu(E_0, A))^N}{N!}}_{\text{POISSON}}$$

- IN PARTICULAR, IF ALL NUCLEI HAVE THE SAME SPECTRAL INDEX γ AT HIGH ENERGY, THE ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOUR OF P_N (LARGE N) CAN BE CALCULATED :

$$P_N \propto \frac{\Gamma(N - \frac{\gamma-1}{\alpha})}{N!} \approx \frac{1}{N^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\alpha} + 1}}$$

EXPONENT $\gamma^{\text{AS}} = \frac{\gamma-1}{\alpha} + 1$ IS INDEPENDENT OF CHEMICAL COMPOSITION.

γ = Spectral index ≈ 3

α governs asymptotic behaviour of n_μ :
 $n_\mu \propto E_0^\alpha$ far above the threshold

- SENSITIVITY TO CHEMICAL COMPOSITION COMES FROM A RESTRICTED RANGE IN N WHICH DEPENDS ON THE SITE DEPTH.
- IN THE "KNEE REGION" OF THE PRIMARY SPECTRUM, ALL SPECIES HAVE NOT THE SAME γ . SENSITIVITY IS ENHANCED IF THE ENERGY REGION PRODUCING μ BUNDLES IS $\approx$ KNEE

PRIMARY COSMIC RAY COMPOSITION FROM MUON MULTIPLICITY DISTRIBUTION

- TRY TO FIT A POWER LAW: $P_N = \frac{K}{N^\nu}$

- DOMINANCE OF HEAVY NUCLEI:

A SINGLE VALUE OF $\nu \sim 3.7$ (CLOSE TO THE ASYMPTOTIC VALUE) WILL FIT FOR $N \geq 2$.

- DOMINANCE OF LIGHT NUCLEI:

A VALUE OF ν SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN ~ 3.7 WILL FIT THE DATA FOR $N \ll 10$, BUT THIS POWER LAW WILL UNDERESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF EVENTS AT HIGH N (since the asymptotic behaviour $\sim \frac{K'}{N^{3.7}}$)

● EXPLANATION

HEAVY NUCLEI EVENTUALLY DOMINATE AT HIGH N IN ANY MODEL.

DOMINANCE OF HEAVY NUCLEI:

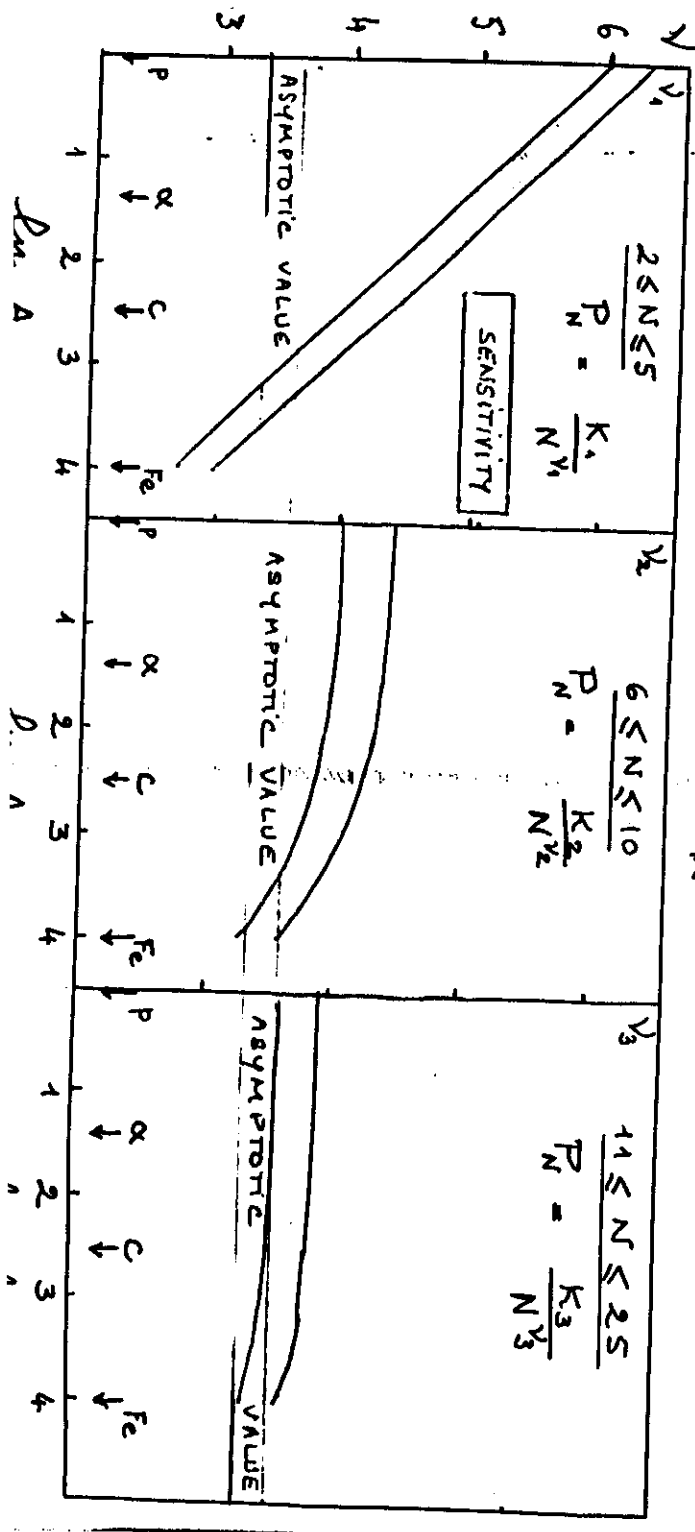
They dominate even at low multiplicities ($N \sim 4$)

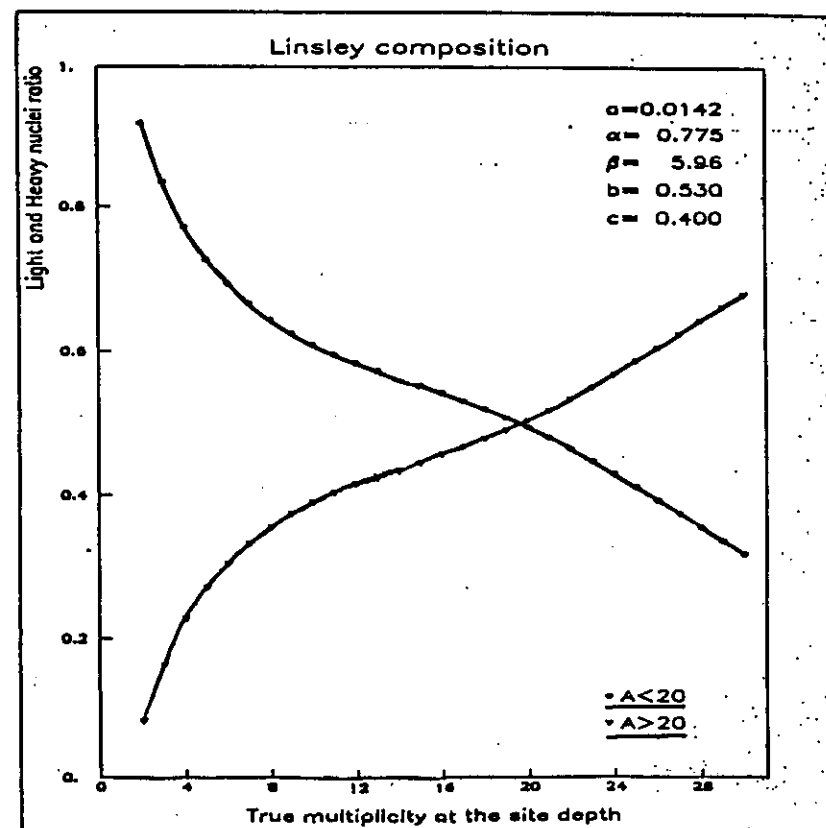
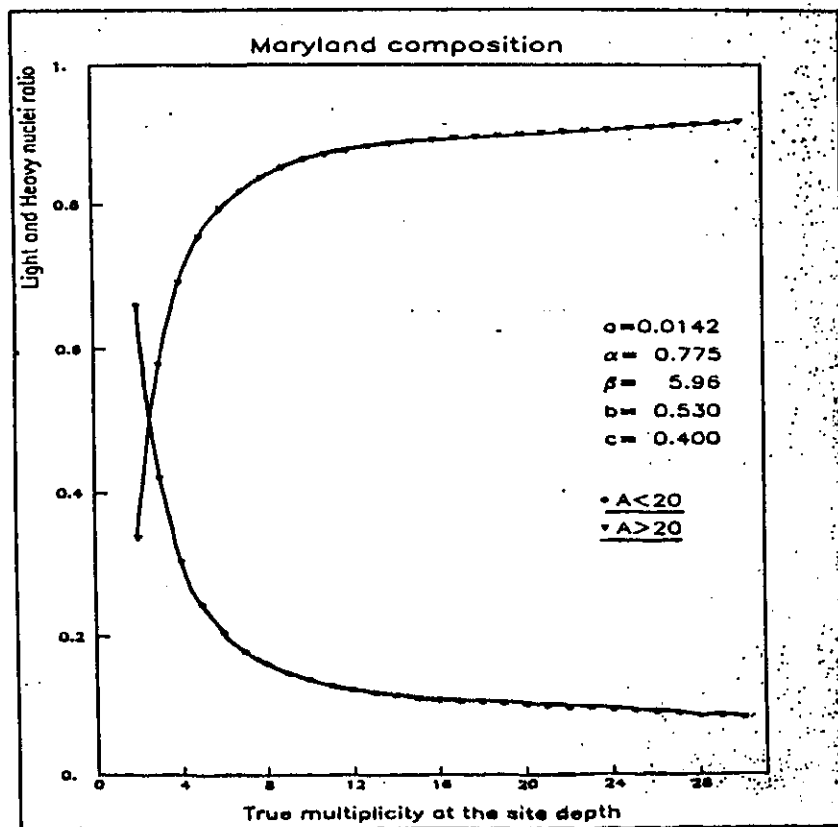
DOMINANCE OF PROTONS:

They dominate for very large N only.

WHAT IS THE RANGE IN μ MULTIPLICITY SENSITIVE TO COMPOSITION?

- USE GAISSER-STANEV FORMULA FOR VERTICAL SHOWERS
 $E_p = 3 \text{ TeV}$ (FREJUS SITE)
- ONE KIND OF NUCLEUS A . VARY THE POSITION OF THE "KNEE" $\sim 50\%$
- FIT P_N TO A POWER LAW $\frac{K}{N^\nu}$ IN 3 INTERVALS OF N





MUON BUNDLE EXPERIMENTS

● OBSERVABLES

● MUON MULTIPLICITY DISTRIBUTION

- RATES.

ABSOLUTE RATES ARE DIFFICULT
TO INTERPRETE SINCE PRIMARY FLUX
IS NOT KNOWN ACCURATELY.

- SHAPE.

SENSITIVE TO COMPOSITION
 $N \leq 6$ AT FRÉJUS DEPTH

● MUON LATERAL DISTRIBUTION

μ - μ DISTANCES

● TWO CONDITIONS TO BE SENSITIVE TO COMPOSITION

● EXPERIMENTAL : DETECTOR SIZE

MUST MATCH SHOWER SIZE

$\uparrow D$ (Axis of a shower - μ) ~ 3 m (FRÉJUS)
 $\downarrow$ FRÉJUS DETECTOR AREA : 12m x 6m

● DEPTH : SUCH AS TO HAVE

MULTIMUONS $\longleftrightarrow$ KNEE REGION
PRODUCTION

IN PRACTICE $R > 3500$ mwe

AREA VS. DEPTH

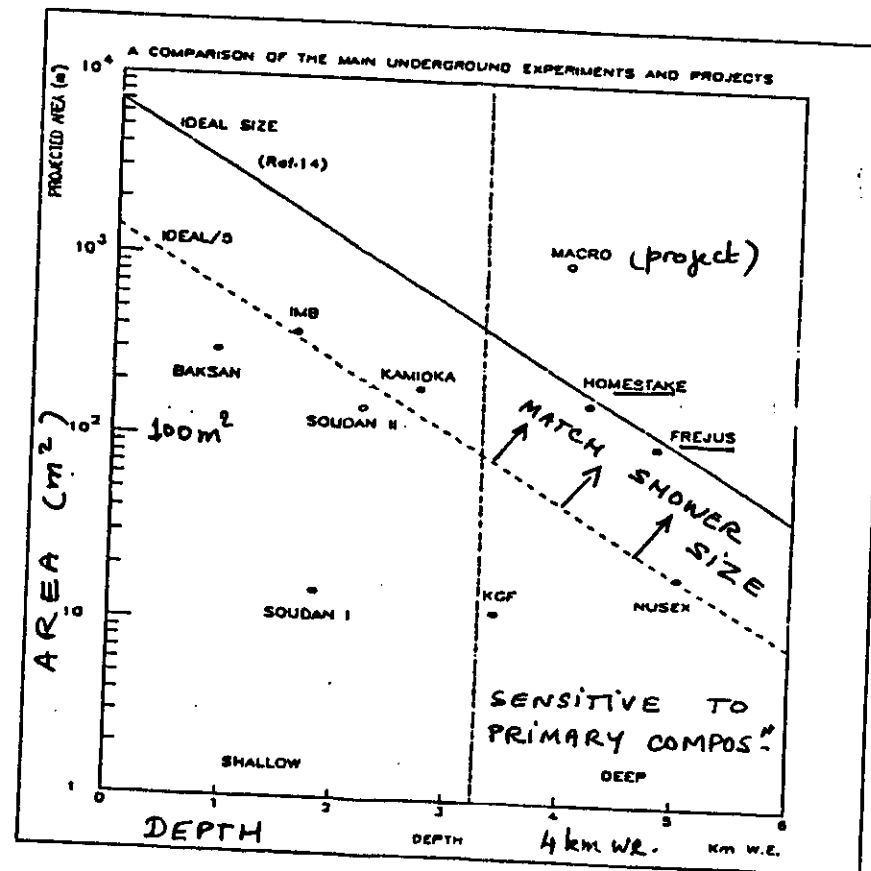


Figure 5

FRÉJUS ANALYSIS ON MUON BUNDLES

FIRST EXPERIMENT IN WHICH DATA ARE PRESENTED
CORRECTED FOR DETECTOR SIZE EFFECTS

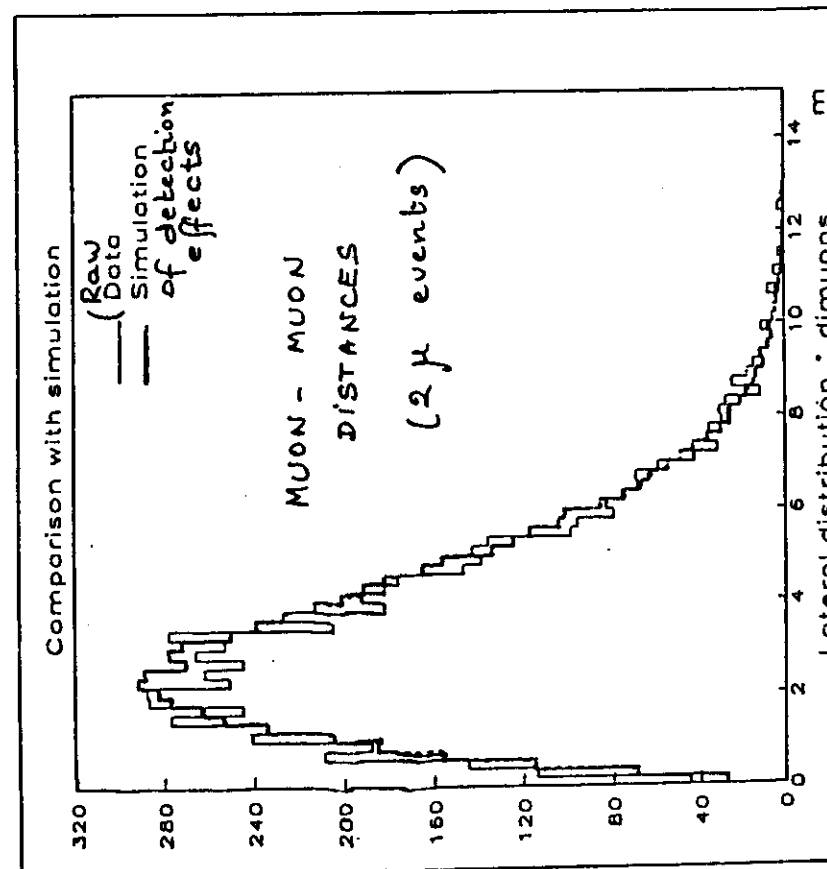
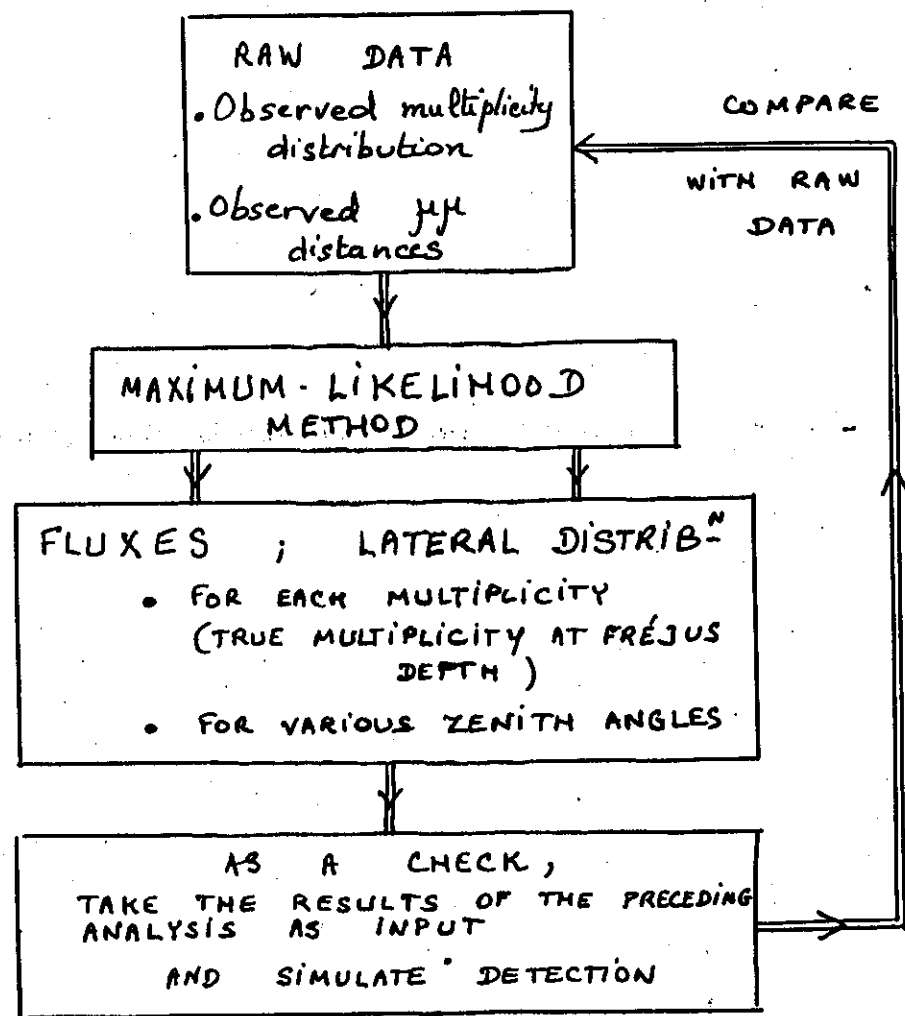


Figure 3 a

FRÉJUS RESULTS & INTERPRETATION

● MULTIPLICITY DISTRIBUTION

1) TRY A POWER LAW

$$\underbrace{\phi_N}_{\text{flux for } N \text{ muons}} = \frac{K}{N^{\gamma_0}}$$

(Fréjus site)

$$\gamma_0 = 4.28 \pm 0.04$$

1) SIGNIFICANTLY > 3.7

2) FAILS TO REPRODUCE THE OBSERVED DISTRIBUTION FOR $N \gtrsim 10$ (UNDERESTIMATE)

2) MODIFY POWER LAW TO FIND A GOOD FIT

$$\gamma \text{ DECREASES WITH } N \quad \gamma = \frac{\gamma_1}{1 + aN}$$

$$\phi_N = \frac{K}{N^{\gamma(N)}} \quad \begin{cases} \gamma_1 = 4.62 \pm 0.16 \\ a = (0.63 \pm 0.24) \cdot 10^{-2} \end{cases}$$

THIS IS WHAT IS EXPECTED FOR A RATHER LIGHT COMPOSITION. IF α (governing the growth of average n_μ with E_0) is $\gtrsim 0.7$

THEN $\langle \ln A \rangle \leq 1.5$ FOR $10^3 \div 10^6 \text{ TeV}$

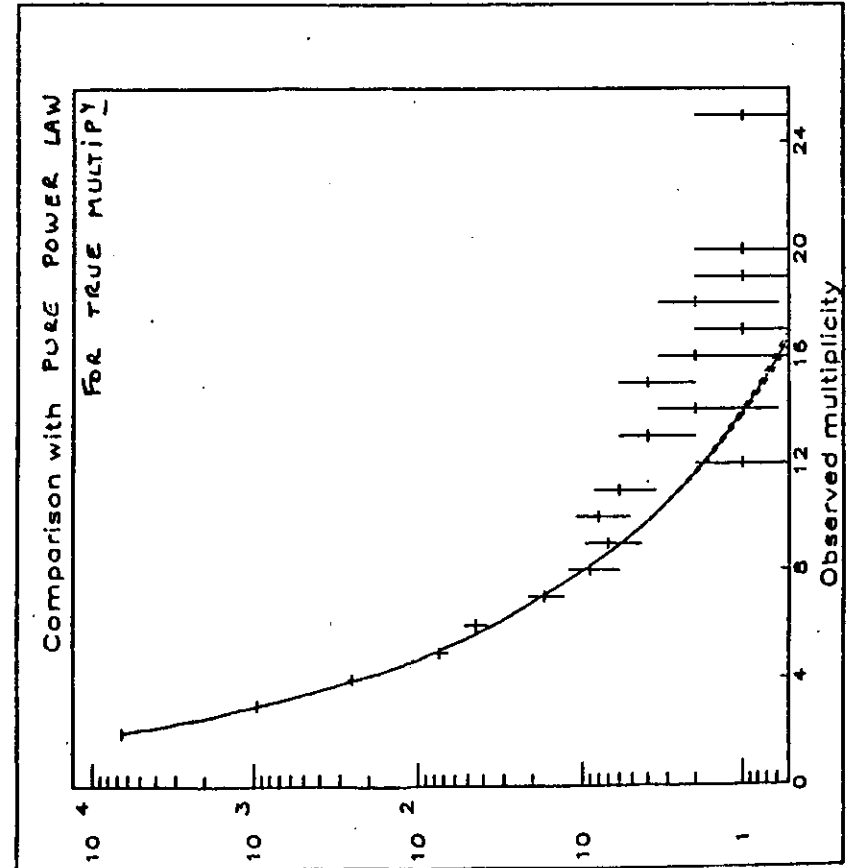
HEAVY COMPOSITION WOULD REQUIRE $\alpha \lesssim 0.65$

● LATERAL DISTRIBUTION

$$\frac{dN}{dr} = C^b \cdot r \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{r}{r_0}\right)$$

SHRINKAGE FOR $N \geq 4$:

$$\begin{cases} r_0(N=2) = 173 \pm 4 \text{ cm} \\ r_0(N=3) = 170 \pm 8 \text{ cm} \\ r_0(N \geq 4) = 138 \pm 3 \text{ cm} \end{cases}$$



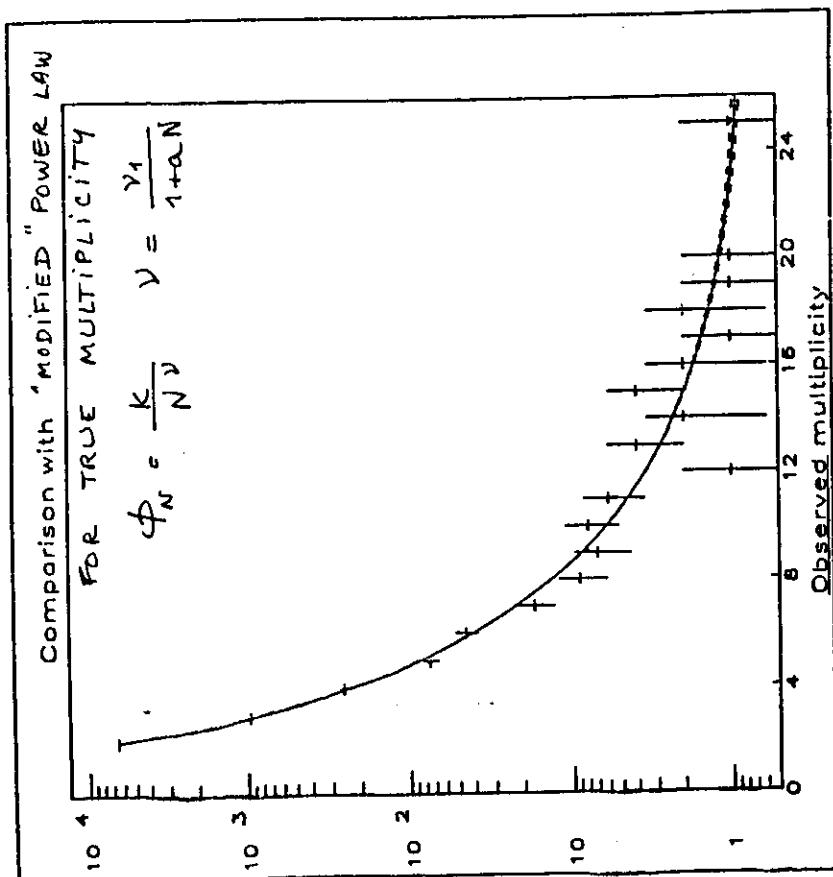
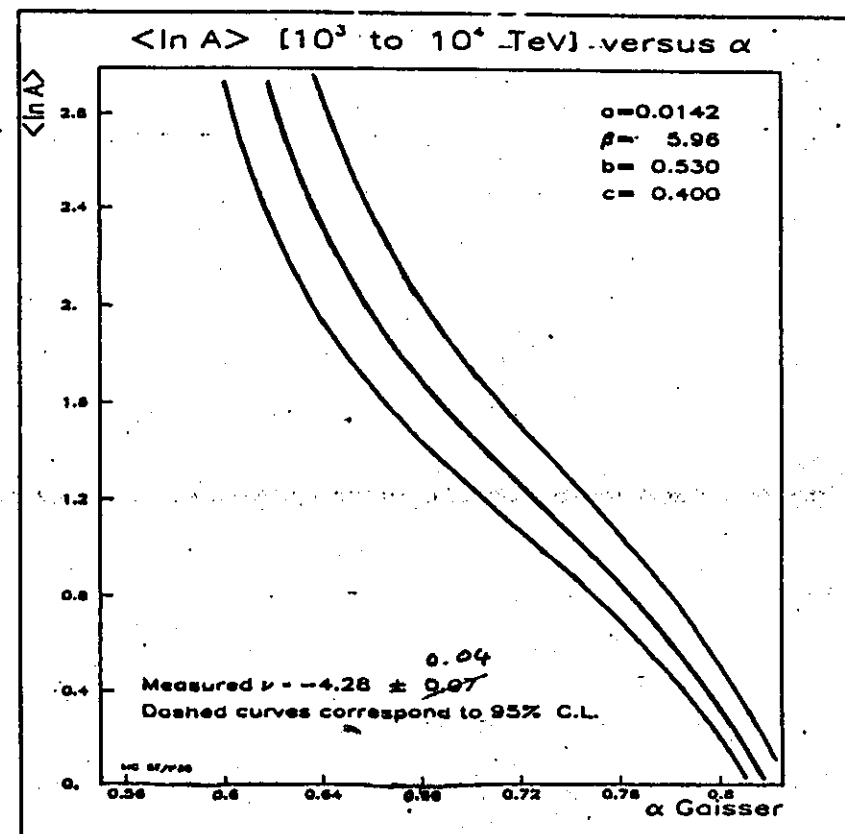


Figure 2



FOR USUAL VALUES OF α ($\alpha \geq 0.7$)
OUR EXPERIMENTAL RESULT FAVOURS A
LIGHT COMPOSITION ($\langle P_{MA} \rangle \ll 1.5$)

A HEAVY COMPOSITION CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR
WITH LOWER VALUES OF α .

COSMIC RAY PHYSICS WITH PRESENT UNDERGROUND DETECTORS

SUMMARY & PERSPECTIVES.

- ONLY NEGATIVE RESULTS IN γ ASTRONOMY
 $\Phi_{\mu\tau} \lesssim 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ BAKSAN

for some galactic
possible sources

$$\Phi_{\mu\tau} < 1.2 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ KAMIOKANDE II}$$

for SN 1987 A, 6 months

PRESENT DETECTORS TOO SMALL.

MACRO 300 m² OR DUMAND 6000 m² MORE ADAPTED.

- NO COMPELLING RESULT IN FAVOUR OF EXOTIC
SOURCES OR EXOTIC INTERACTIONS OF γ -RAYS
(Underground $\leftrightarrow$ Cyg X3)

● MUON BUNDLES:

- FRÉJUS DETECTOR MATCHES THE SIZE OF
UNDERGROUND SHOWERS.
- SENSITIVE TO PRIMARY COSMIC RAY COMPOSITION
FAVOURS $\langle \ln A \rangle \lesssim 1.5$ FOR $10^3 \div 10^4$ TeV
PRIMARY ENERGIES PROVIDED THERE IS
NO MAJOR CHANGE IN HADRONIC PHYSICS IN
THIS RANGE; (κ parameter)
- MACRO WILL HAVE MORE STATISTICS IN VERY HIGH
MULTIPLICITIES (α measured) + Constraints of
surface array; (E_0 measured in a sub-sample).

