UniverseNet: Activities on the Origin of Cosmic Rays

- Oxford: Dependence of high energy neutrino fluxes on primary cosmic ray composition
- APC Paris: Cosmic Ray Propagation and Secondary photon fluxes at GeV and EeV energies, constraints on Lorentz symmetry violation from the photon fraction in EeV cosmic rays
- Trieste and Annecy: Galactic positron and anti-proton fluxes from dark matter annihilation
- Gran Sasso: Cosmic Ray Spectra from Supernova Remnants

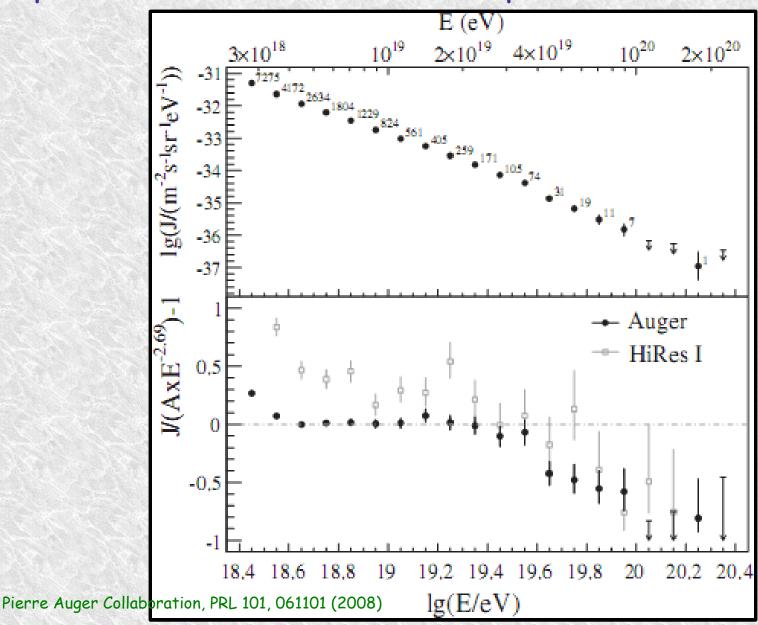
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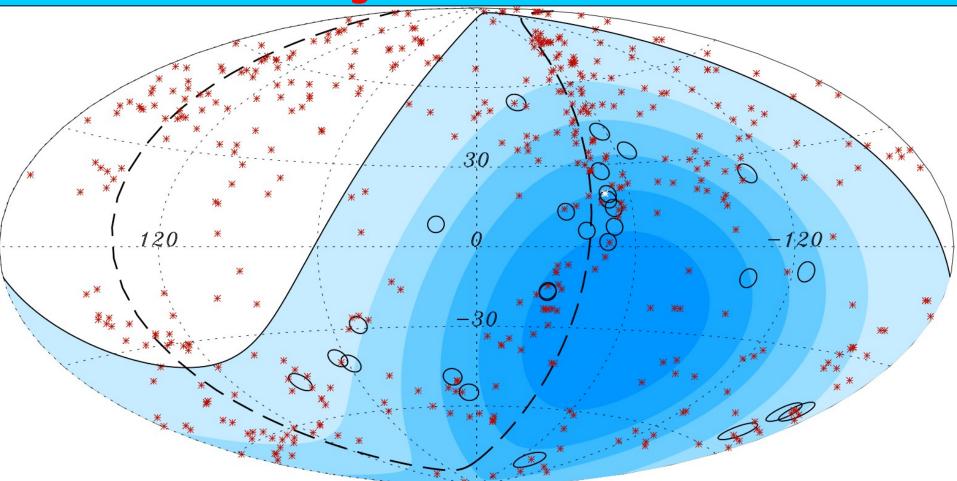
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Auger Spectrum

Exposure = 2 × HiRes = 4 times AGASA exposure



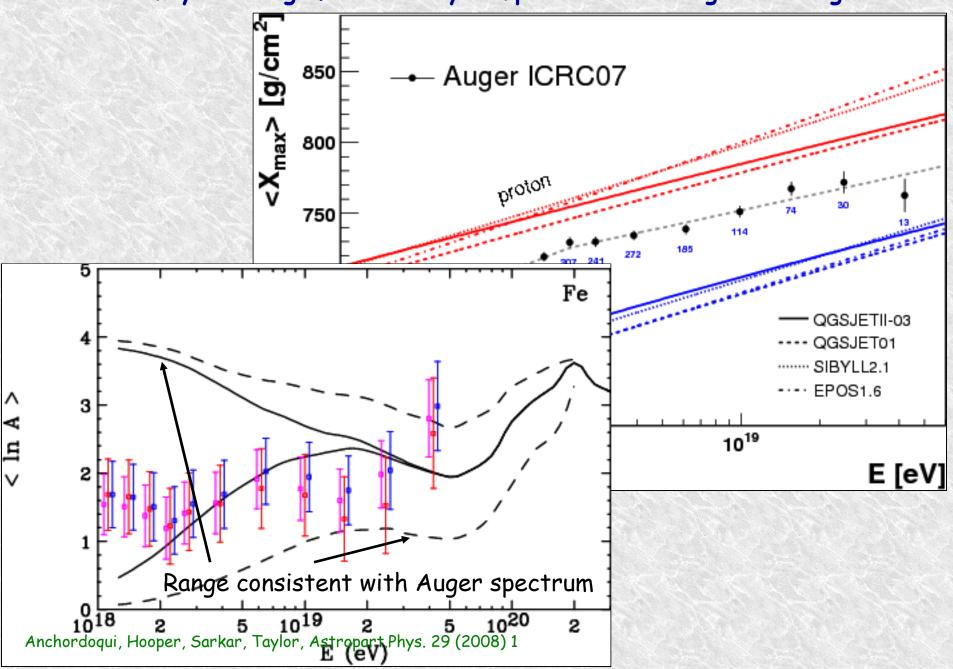
Auger sees Correlations with tracers of large scale structure !



Red crosses = 472 AGNs from the Veron Cetty catalogue for z < 0.018 circles = 27 highest enery events above 57 EeV. 20 events correlated within 3.1°, 7 uncorrelated of which most in galactic plane

Pierre Auger Collaboration, Science 318 (2007) 938

There may be a significant heavy component at the highest energies:



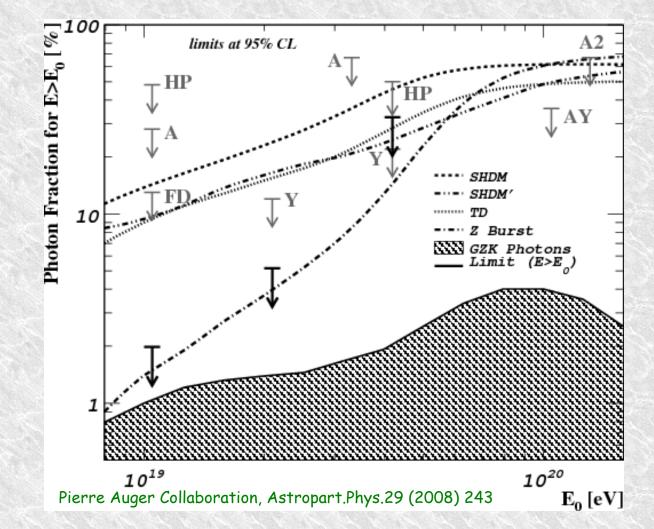
Open Question: Reconcile following observational indications:

a) If correlated AGN are sources, primaries should be protons to avoid too much deflection in galactic field

b) air shower measurements indicate mixed composition

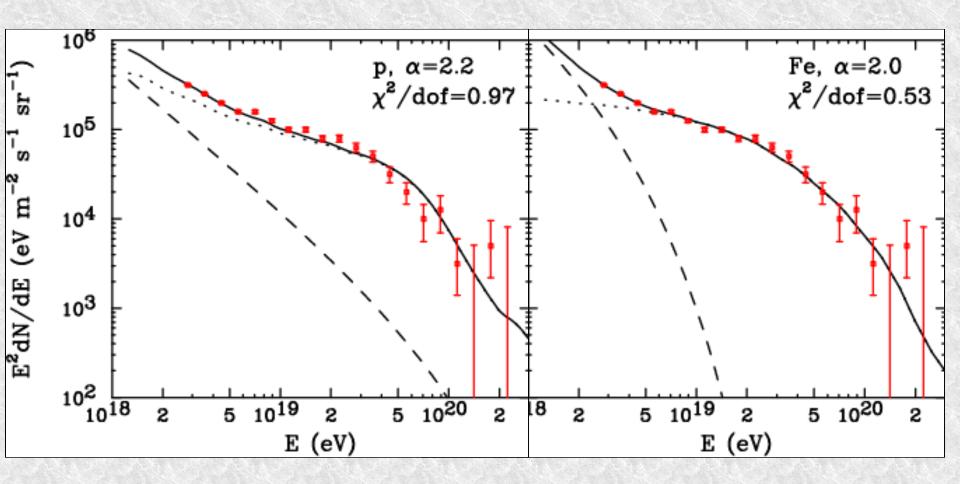
c) Theory of AGN acceleration seem to necessitate heavier nuclei to reach observed energy

Current upper limits on the photon fraction are of order 2% above 10¹⁹ eV from latest results of the Pierre Auger experiments (ICRC) and order 30% above 10²⁰ eV.



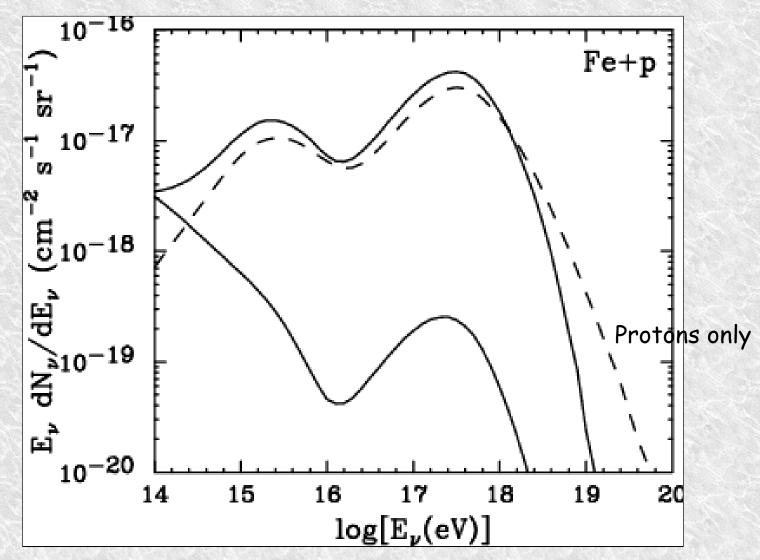
Rules out many top-down scenarios and Lorentz symmetry violation in the photon sector

Chemical Composition and Cosmogenic Neutrino Flux



Best fits to Auger spectrum for proton and iron injection with E_{max}=(Z/26)10²² eV Anchordogui, Hooper, Sarkar, Taylor, Astropart.Phys. 29 (2008) 1

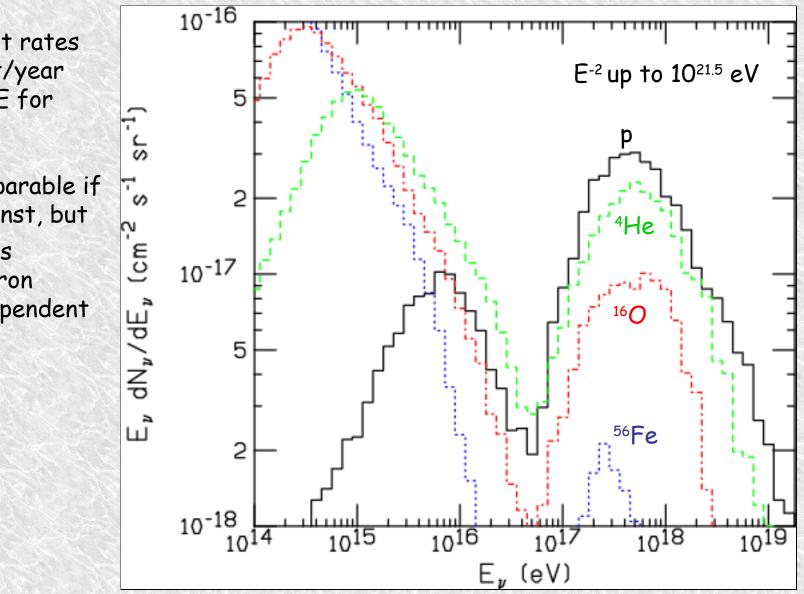
Range of cosmogenic neutrino fluxes consistent with PAO spectrum and composition



Anchordoqui, Hooper, Sarkar, Taylor, Phys.Rev.D 76 (2007) 123008

Influence of Composition on Cosmogenic Neutrinos

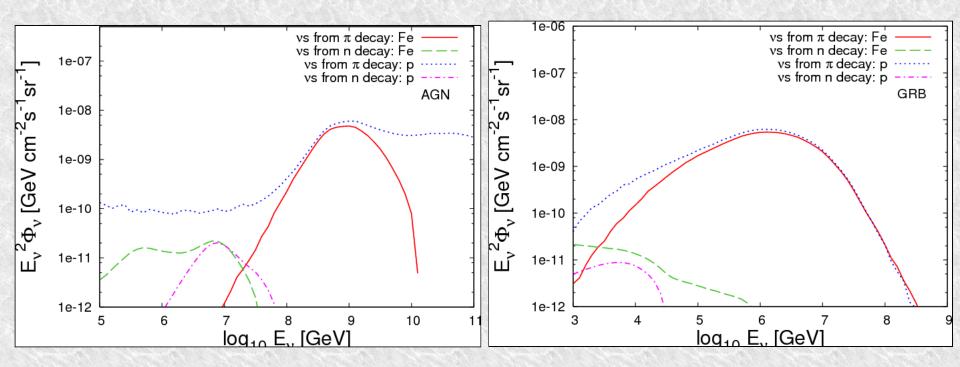
The highest rates are 1 event/year in ICECUBE for protons Rates comparable if $E_{max}/Z = const$, but 10-30 times lower for iron if E_{max} independent of Z.



D.Hooper, A.Taylor, S.Sarkar, Astropart.Phys.23 (2005) 11

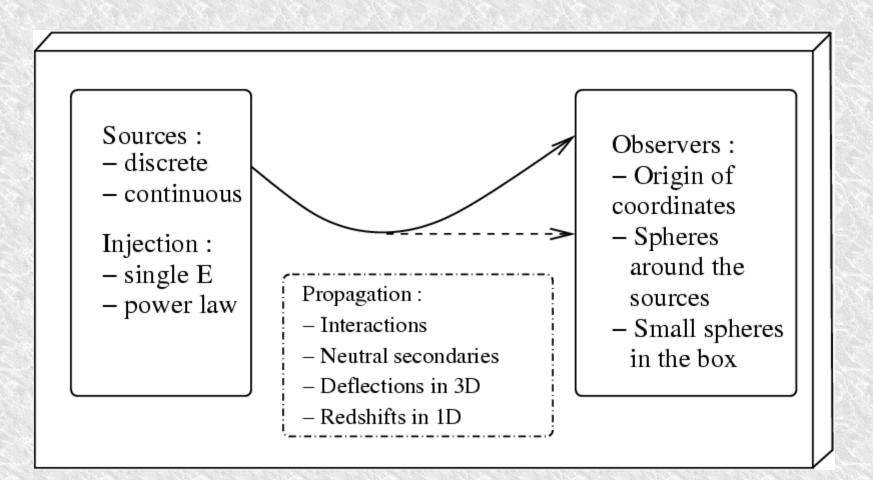
Chemical Composition and Source Contributions to the Ultra-High Energy Neutrino Flux

In AGN sources, nuclei are disintegrated above ~10¹⁹ eV In GRB sources, all nuclei are practically disintegrated (compact source) In starburst galaxy sources, very few nuclei are disintegrated



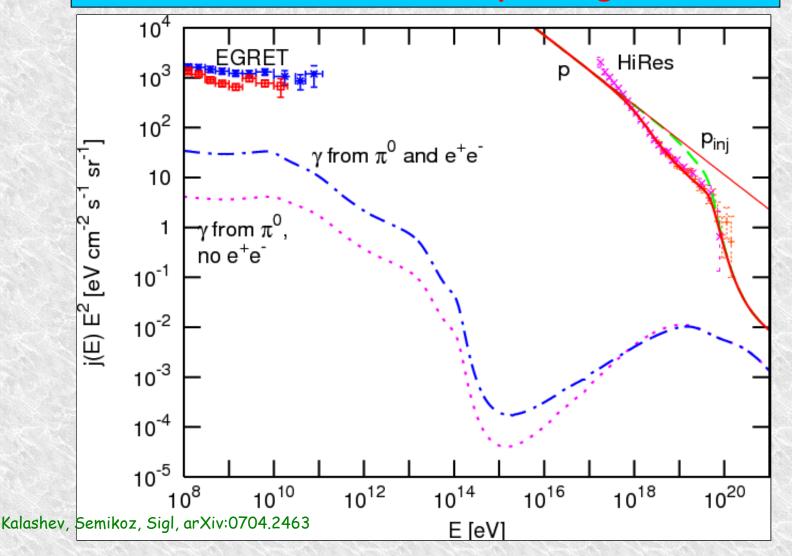
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CRPropa is a public code for UHE cosmic rays, neutrinos and y-Rays

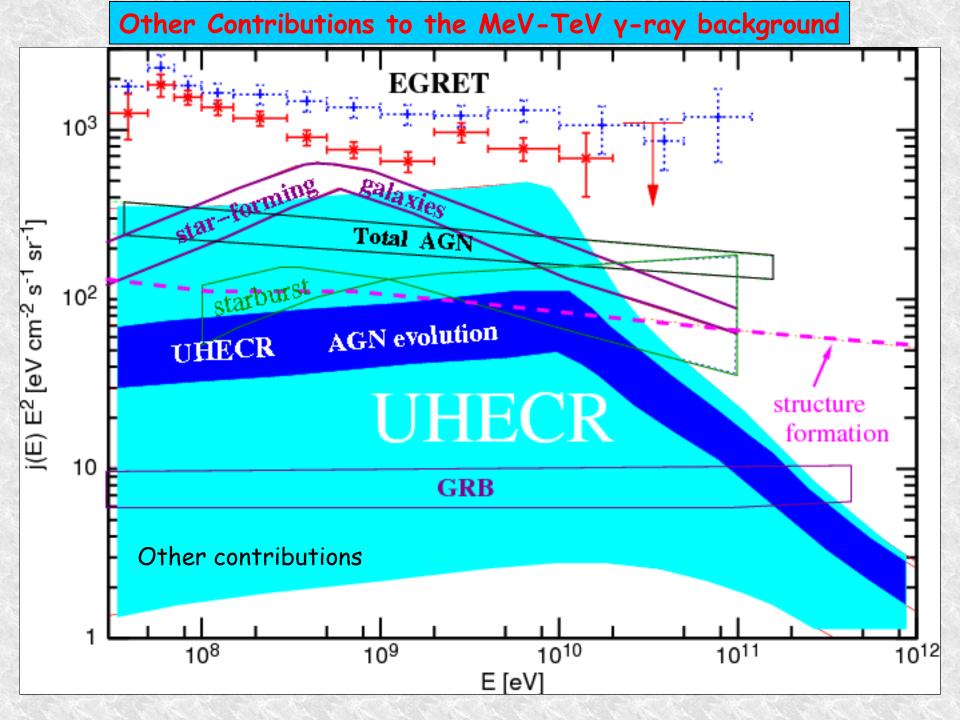


Eric Armengaud, Tristan Beau, Günter Sigl, Francesco Miniati, Astropart.Phys.28 (2007) 463. http://apcauger.in2p3.fr/CRPropa/index.php

Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Ray Contributions to the MeV-TeV y-ray background

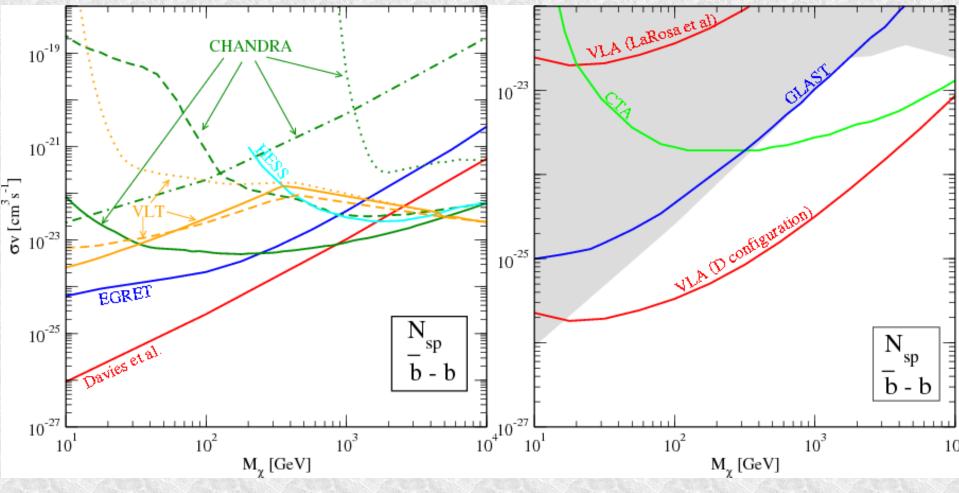


Unstructured, homogeneous sources: $E^{-2.6}$ proton injection for 10^{16} eV < E < 10^{21} eV with constant comoving injection power.



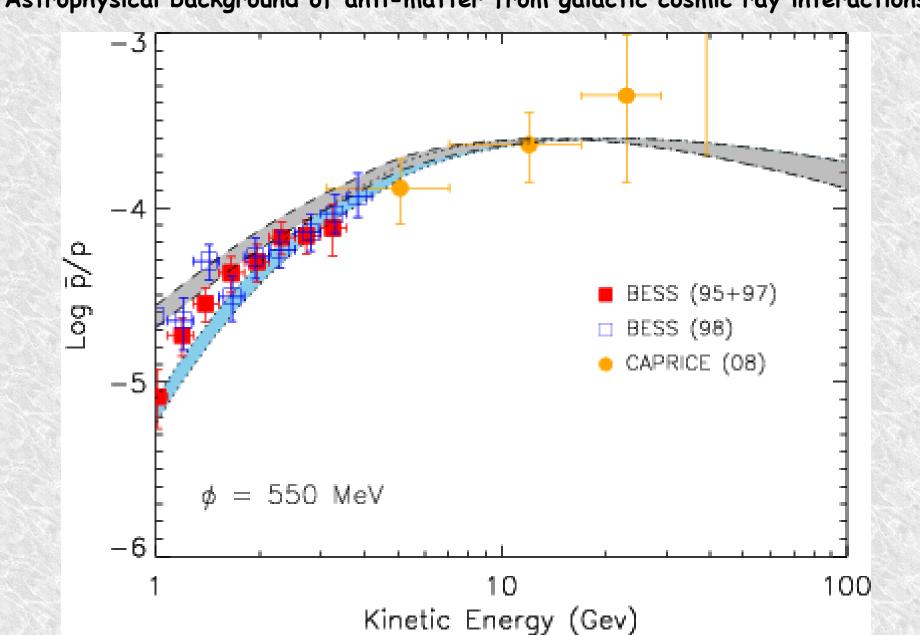
Galactic Cosmic Ray Propagation and Signatures of Dark Matter Annihilation

A detailed multi-wavelength study has been performed in Regis, Ullio, Phys.Rev.D78, 043505 (2008):



Current constraints

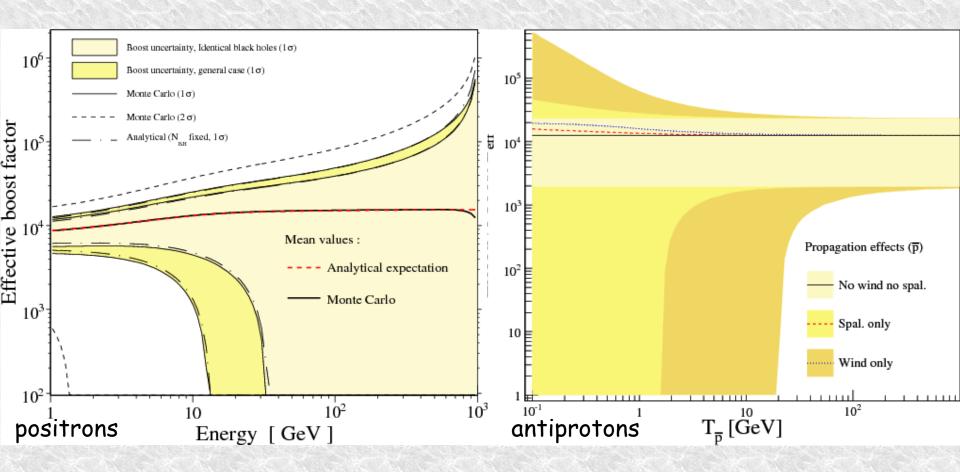
Future sensitivities



Astrophysical background of anti-matter from galactic cosmic ray interactions

Evoli et al., arXiv:0807.4730

Boost Factors for Galactic Positron and Antiproton Fluxes from Dark Matter Spikes around intermediate mass black holes



Brun, Bertone, Lavalle, Salati, Taillet, Phys. Rev. D 76 (2007) 083506



- 1.) Many activities on the origin of cosmic rays and related topics at several participant labs.
- 2.) Cross-connections to dark matter activities via indirect detection by annihilation products
- 3.) ESR Philipp Mertsch at Oxford working on ultra-high energy neutrino cross sections.