

A multi-messenger approach to ultra-high energy cosmic ray sources

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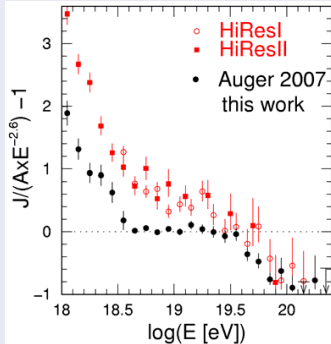
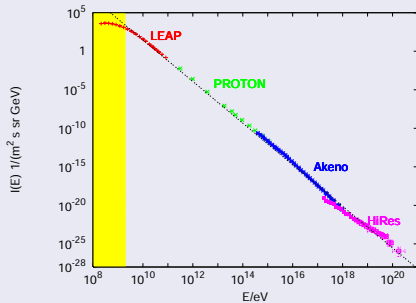
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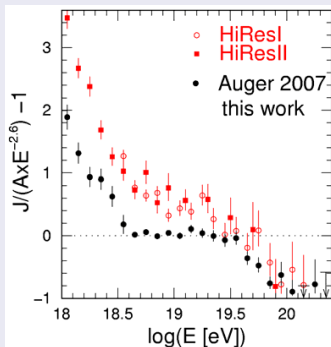
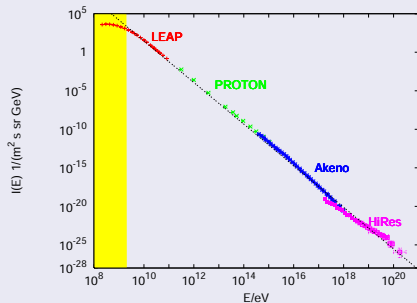
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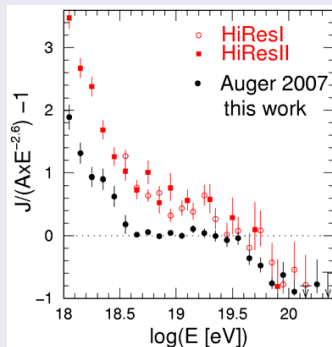
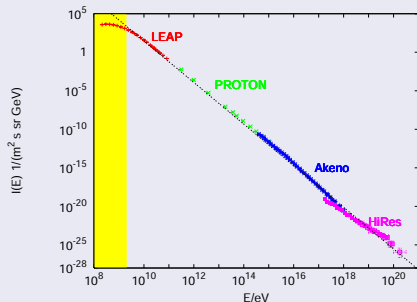


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- bottom-up: accelerated in astrophysical sources $\rightarrow$ candidates?

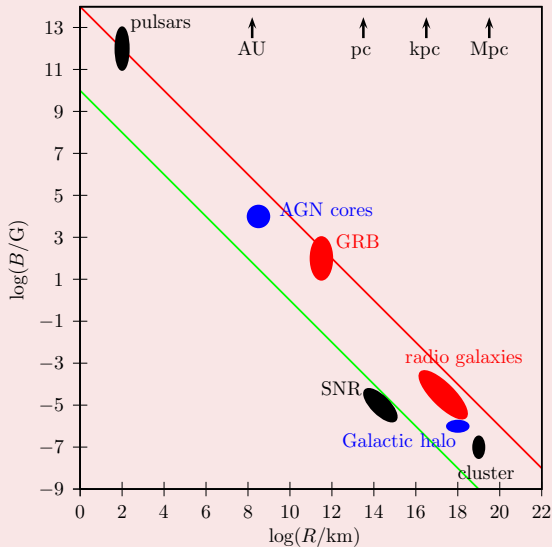
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Hillas plot

Larmor orbit
inside
accelerator size



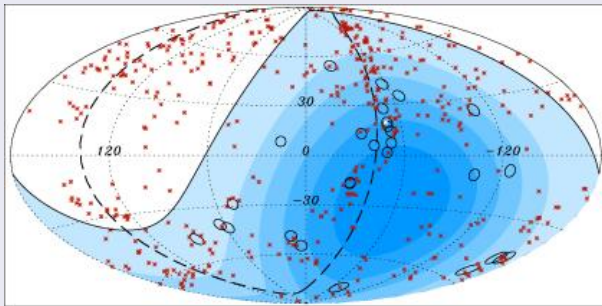
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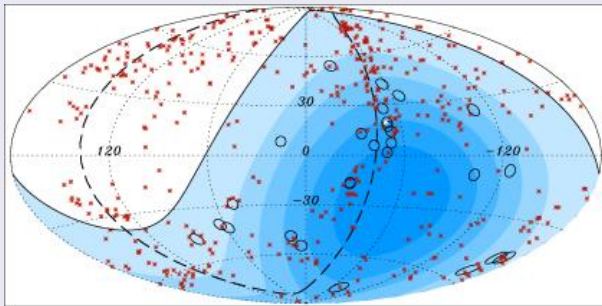
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- results not confirmed
- UHECRs affected by not well-known magnetic fields

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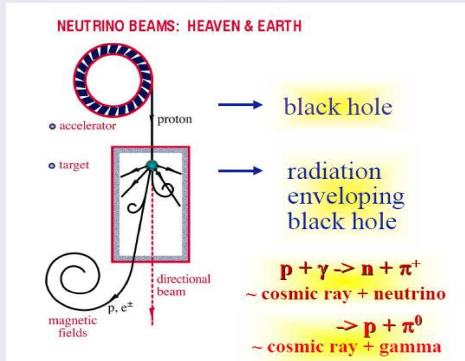
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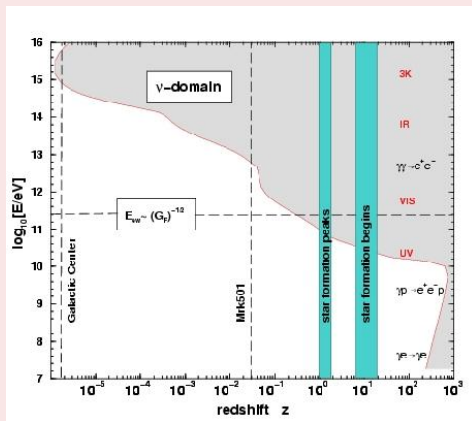
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• neutral particles $\Rightarrow$ not affected by B $\Rightarrow$ point back to the source

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Problems

- universe is opaque to photons for E larger than hundreds of TeV



- Extragalactic Background Light can affect the measurement

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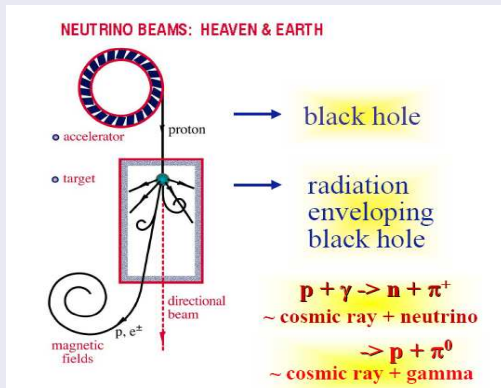
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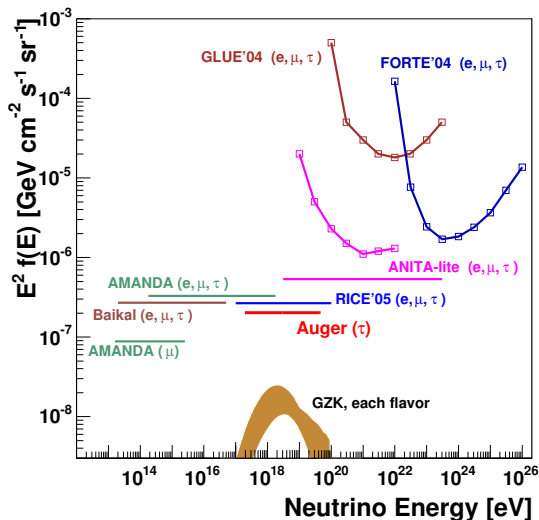
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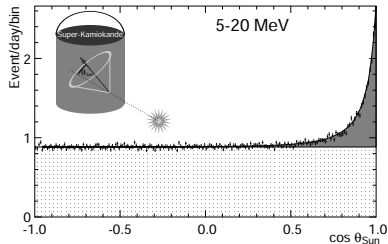
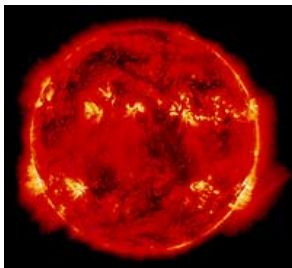
very hard to detect $\Rightarrow$ currently only upper bounds

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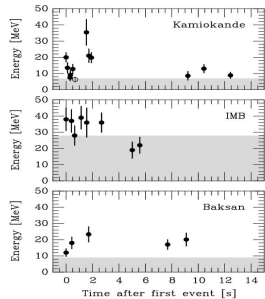
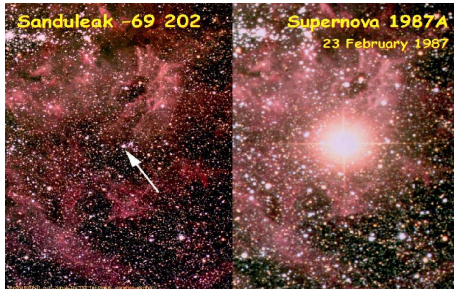
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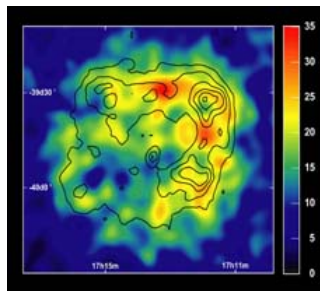
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- PAO observation on UHECRs from Cen A $\Rightarrow \nu$ flux predicted

Astrophysical Thick Sources

Crucial point: **UHECRs $\leftrightarrow$ gamma-rays $\leftrightarrow$ HE neutrinos**

Assumption: transparent sources (interaction depth $\tau_0 \equiv R_s/l_{\text{int}} \ll 1$)



what happens if this condition is not fulfilled?

... non-trivial relation among the different fluxes

- **A) thick sources** ($\tau_0 \gtrsim 1$)
- **B) transparent sources with strong magnetic fields** $\longrightarrow$ diffusion
 $\Rightarrow$ effective size of the source R_{eff} increases $\Rightarrow \tau_{\text{eff}} \equiv R_{\text{eff}}/l_{\text{int}} \gtrsim 1$

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- synchrotron radiation
- e^+e^- pair production
- inverse Compton scattering
- diffusion due to turbulent magnetic field

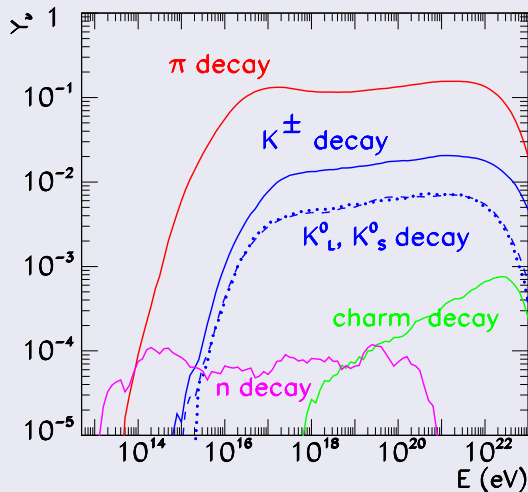
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Neutrino Yield Y_ν

$$Y_\nu(E) = \frac{\phi_\nu(E)}{\rho_{\text{int}} \phi_p(E)}$$

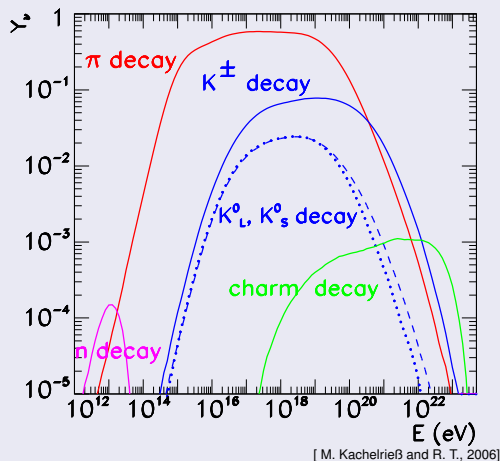
- ν 's from π decay dominates
- above E_{th} no dependence on energy

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Source at $T = 10^4$ K and $\tau_0 = 10^2$



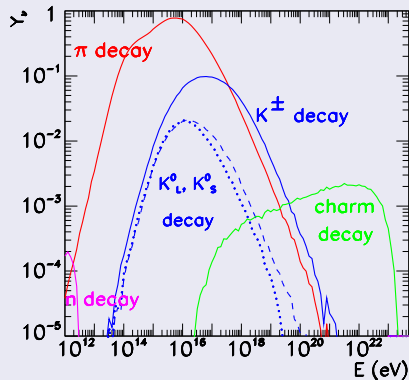
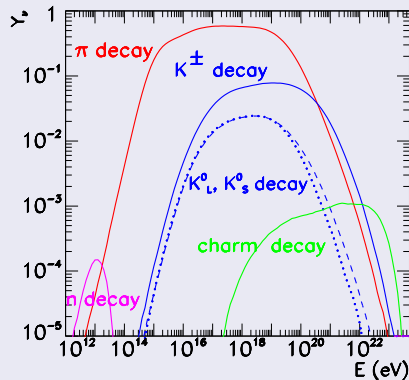
multiple scattering $\Rightarrow \nu$ flux

- Low En.: more mesons produced $\Rightarrow$ increase
- High En.: mesons scatter before decaying $\Rightarrow$ suppression
- composition depends on energy:
 - Low: π decay
 - Intermediate: K decay
 - High: charm mesons decay

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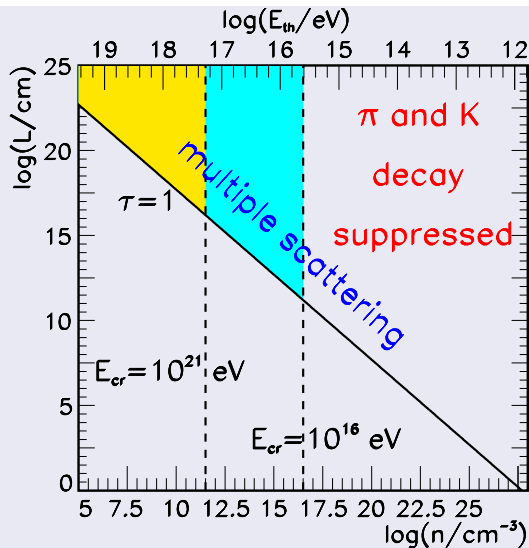
Source with $\tau_0 = 10^2$ at $T = 10^4$ K and $T = 10^5$ K

[M. Kachelrieß and R. T., 2006]

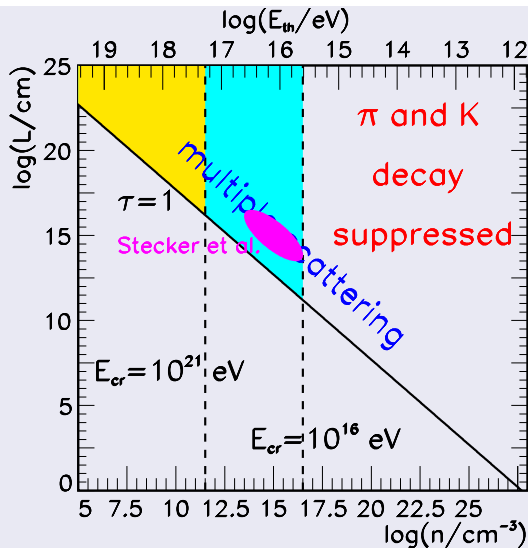


suppression at HE strongly depends on the medium density

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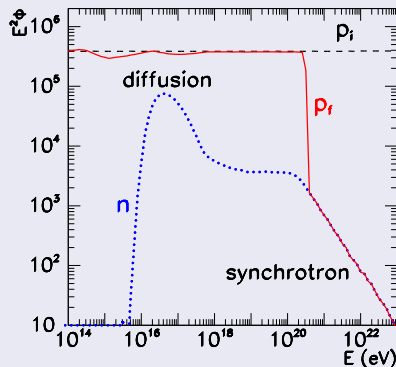
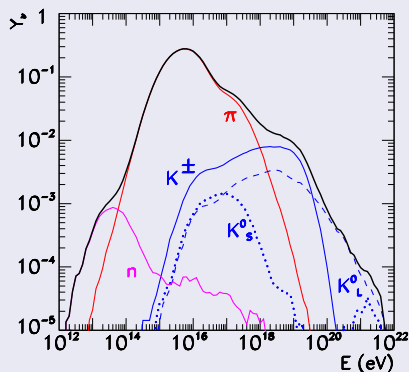


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Neutrino Yields: B) transparent source with B

Source at $T = 10^4$ K, $\tau_0 = 0.1$, and $B = 10^2$ G [M. Kachelrieß, S. Ostapchenko, R. T., 2007]



magnetic field

- at HE: synchrotron losses dominate $\Rightarrow$ suppression of HE ν flux
- at LE: diffusion $\Rightarrow \tau_{\text{eff}}$ increases $\Rightarrow$ bump of π and n neutrinos

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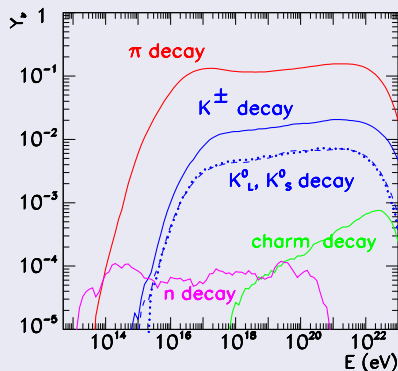
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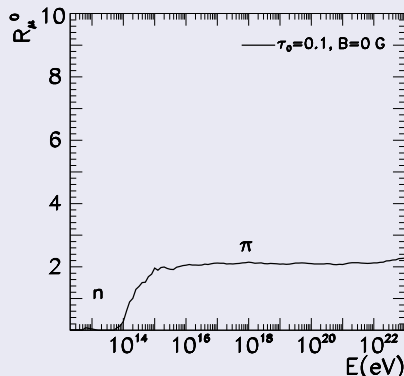
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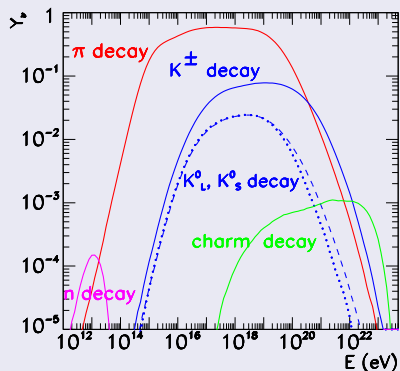
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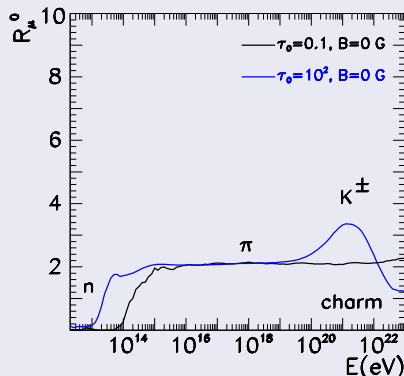
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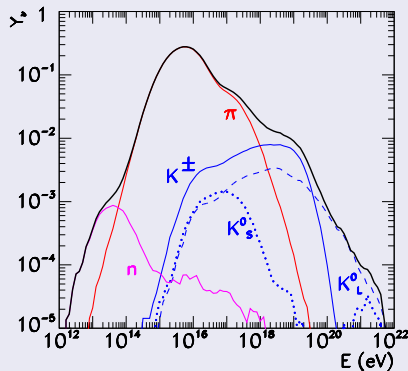


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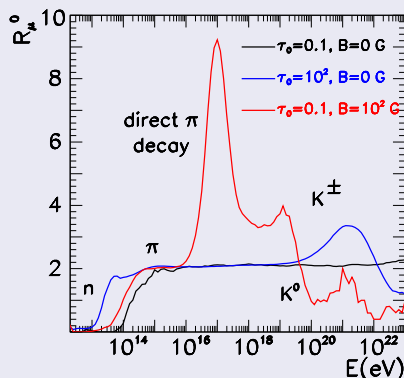


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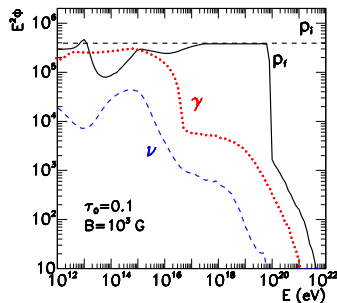
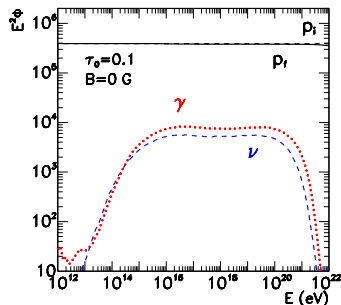
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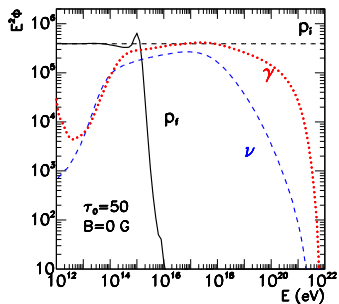
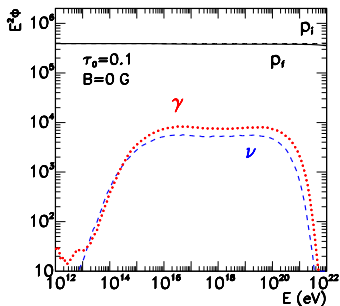
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- Consider **more realistic** models for the **sources**
- Analyze not only the source but particle **propagation** after they leave
 - distribution of sources
 - extragalactic magnetic fields
 - CRPropa code (Armengaud, Sigl, Beau, and Miniati)
(<http://apcauger.in2p3.fr/CRPropa/index.php>)
- Include the different **detectors**

Final goal: **constrain models + make predictions**

Summary

- **multimessenger approach required** to identify and understand the UHECRs sources
- key ingredient: **relationship** between the expected fluxes of **UHECRs**, **gamma rays and neutrinos**



transparent sources ok, but for thick sources the connection is more involved

- we have developed a code to study the relationship between UHECRs and neutrinos for phenomenologically characterized **thick sources**
- future: **more realistic** models of **sources** (include photons) + **propagation** in the Universe + different **detectors** → **constrain models**

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