# EHE Physics and ARIANNA

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# Cosmogenic neutrino flux



Calculations depend on:

- 1. Composition [p, mix]
- 2. Evolution of sources
- 3. Highest energy,  $E_{max}$
- 4. Injection Spectrum
- 5. End of Gal. CR

J. Hanson, PhD Dissertation, 2013 Fig. adapted from Kampert&Unger



### Aperture and Rates (3 year)

Model and Reference	Model Class	Predicted $N_{\nu}$
ESS Fig. 4 $(\nu_e + \nu_\mu)$ [71]	No source evo.	30.8
Kotera (2010) Fig. 1 [33]	SFR1, Pure Proton	37.1
ESS Fig. 9 [71]	Strong evo.	104.9
Kalashev Fig. 2 [69]	High $E_{max}, z \leq 2$	96.1
Barger Fig. 2 [42]	Strong evo.	114.9
Yuksel, Kistler (2007) [53]	SFR evo.	45.4
Yuksel, Kistler (2007) [53]	QSO evo.	55.5
Yuksel, Kistler (2007) [53]	GRB evo.	156.1
Ave et al. (2005) [24]	Pure Fe comp.	11.3
Todor Stanev [80]	Fe, CMB+IRB	2.40
Kotera Fig. 7 upper [33]	Mixed comp.	21.7
Kotera Fig. 7 lower [33]	Pure Fe	7.50
Fermi-LAT [22]	$E_{cross} = 10^{17.5} \text{ eV}$	15.5
Fermi-LAT [22]	$E_{cross} = 10^{18.0} \text{ eV}$	21.1
Fermi-LAT [22]	$E_{cross} = 10^{18.5} \text{ eV}$	32.9
Fermi-LAT [22]	$E_{cross} = 10^{19.0} \text{ eV}$	42.8
WB (1999) [17]	No source evo.	22.4
WB (1999) [17]	QSO evo.	67.1
Olinto review (2011) [23]	Fe, $E_{max} = 100 \text{ EeV}$	0.14
Olinto review (2011)	Mixed, $E_{max} = 10 \text{ EeV}$	0.068
Olinto review (2011)	Proton, $E_{max} = 3 \text{ ZeV}$	101.3
Olinto review (2011)	Various protonic, SFR	37.1



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- Straightforward logistics
  - not far (~120 km) from main US science station
  - surface deployment (no drilling)
- Excellent site properties
  - Protected from man-made noise
  - Good attenuation length and reflectivity from bottom
- Lightweight, robust technologies (so low \$\$)
- Internet access 24/7
- Array is reconfigurable to follow science
- Green Technologies: solar and wind only



#### Ice Properties



Reflection consistent with flat reflector ( $R^{1/2}=0.92$ )



# Electronics and base of comms tower (AFAR+Irid)

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Variation in rates cause by temp variation. All rates far below max trigger rate of ~50 Hz, so no impact on livetime

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# Wind Power is Sufficient!

(Southwest WindPower Air 40)

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Require ~0.9A to operate station and station produced 1.45A Wind expected to stronger in winter However, low temps in winter lead to loss of efficiency

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## **Bounce Tests**

Pulser->Seavey TRX->Station

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Notes: Time delays are determined from all 4 antennas, compatible with plane wave

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# **Bounce Tests**

Pulser->Seavey TRX->Station

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~0.16 deg angular resolution for EM wave

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#### Data Analysis: HRA Station 3 (Dec 15, 2012 - Mar 15, 2013)

552473 events collected in 2/4 majority logic at 5 sigma thresholds on each channel

#### Remove event if

- (1) Too much power below highpass
- (2) Unusual peaks in power spectrum
- (3) No waveforms consistent with time domain expectation
- (4) Inconsistent power in parallel antenna

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#### Complete rejection of BG without timing or event reconstruction

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- New DAQ electronics function as expected and latest design operates on 10 Watts/station
- Station communicates via high speed wireless and Iridium satellites
- ProtoStation automatically restarted during austral spring, so technology survives winter.
- No evidence of impulsive background that resembles neutrinos
  -> straightforward analysis
- Significant power from wind gen in 2013
- Angular resolution of 0.16 deg of EM plane wave

On track for completing Hexagonal Array in Dec 2013

![](_page_14_Picture_0.jpeg)

Very hard to give precise number until HRA completed in December, 2013 and full proposal developed by collaboration, but here goes

Hardware: \$10k/station	~ 9.6M	target
Personnel:	~10 M	
Logistics (3 year install):	~5 M	guess
Total:	~24.6M	

### EHE $\nu$ detectors: Comments

EHE neutrino detectors:

- Contribute to ongoing quest to understand CRs
  - Neutrino measurements provide independent confirmation of GZK mechanism
  - Combined with CR and photon measurements, can help to constrain source class, evolution, Emax, and composition of CR
- Search for new physics
  - Beam of EeV neutrinos can uncover new physics at  $\sim$ 5-10 x E<sub>cm</sub> of LHC through cross-section and spectral modifications
- Search for new sources:
  - EeV neutrinos must point back to sources and direction can be measured with good precision and can be improved.

Huge upside at modest cost, development time, deployment and risk

### Backup Slides

### Cosmic Ray Spectrum

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before 2008

after 2008

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**Energy Resolution** 

Peak response at "sweet spot" of GZK spectrum

Details of waveform give energy info

K. Dookayka, UCI PhD dissertation, 2011

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#### Capabilities

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### Protostation LiveTime

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![](_page_20_Picture_3.jpeg)

Automatically restarted in Austral Spring

# Low E<sub>max</sub> Sources

![](_page_21_Figure_1.jpeg)

D. Allard, APP 39-40(2012)33

 $dN/dE \sim E^{-1.6}$  (very hard)

No magic number at Zx10<sup>18.4</sup> eV Every source in Universe cuts off at this energy to prevent photodisintigration?

CR should not point (compatible with Auger anisotropy?)

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#### Noise distributions are stable Station 3

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# Noise characteristics

Channel 0 of station 3: all other channels similar

Minbias data is collected by randomly triggering in time.

Thermal data is biased by majority logic trigger

Gaussian structure shows measured noise is consistent with pure thermal

Extra width from trigger is expected. High side peak is artifact of digitizer

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# Preliminary Goals for Dec 2013

- 1. Focus on cost reduction, deployment speed and overwinter operation
- 2. Replace 3 current stations with improved MotherBoard power system
  - 1. Use components rated to 23V
  - 2. Encapsulate to mitigate radiation leaks through AFAR port
- 3. Install 4 new stations (including site of monitoring station)
  - 1. We have 3 complete stations at UCI (or stored in the field) and plan to fabricate 1-2 more
  - 2. Improve Amp design to reduce costs and match physics
- 4. Investigate less costly wireless comm for local communication to more central AFAR link. Comm should be coaxial throughout
- 5. Improve calibration
  - 1. Bounce tests for all stations
  - 2. Thorough study of pattern trigger to reduce threshold

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# Station Overview

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#### Polarization of Reflected Signals

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Polarization preserved in frequency band (100-350MHz) where sufficient power exists to measure cross-pol component.

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#### Protostation Event Analysis (J. Hanson, UCI Dissertation, 2013)

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Data collected over 3 years (2009-2012)

No impulsive backgrounds which mimic neutrino signals

Cut	Value	Events Remain.	Cut efficiency
Event Cleaning, 1	$\Delta t$ analysis	1717295	96.5%
Event Cleaning, 2	Self-triggered	1645466	96.0%
Causality	$  au_{ij}  < nx_{ij}/c$	174043	$\geq 99\%$
$T_{pp}$	$\geq$ 60 ns all chan.	8077	$\geq 99\%$
Α	$\geq 5$ (excl. West)	15	64.2%
Plane wave	$ P  \le 1.0$ ns	0	$\geq 99\%$
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#### Data Analysis: HRA Station (Dec 15 2012 - Mar 15, 2013)

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#### Signal-Like Event

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Bounced Event with Added Forced Trigger Noise

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#### Scaled signal event

Preliminary

#### Waveform shape correlation

Highest Event Correlation Coefficient Distribution

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Select antenna channel with largest correlation coefficient in given event