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### 60 years of Subnuclear Physics in Bologna

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# The EEE - Extreme Energy Events project







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Three main focus points:

- **Grants** for Junior/Senior researchers
- Interdisciplinary Research Projects
- Dissemination of Scientific Culture and Historic Memory also through the restoration of the "Monumental Complex" of Via Panisperna, to be used in part for the Museum dedicated to E. Fermi. Researchers : 7 permanent , ≈40 Grants , > 100 associated

Present President L. Cifarelli





## The Extreme Energy Events (EEE) Science inside Schools Project Leader A. Zichichi



Since 2004, EEE conjugates a real experiment on Cosmic Rays, with the largest area coverage, with a direct participation of students and teachers in all aspects of the experiment, from building the detectors, to monitoring the operations/data taking and analyzing the data.

INFN, CERN, MIUR (Italian Ministero Istruzione e Università) collaborate to the project.



PROGETTO "LA SCIENZA NELLE	SCUOLE"
<b>EEEE</b> Extreme Energy Events	
ANTONINO ZICHICH Università di Bologna, INFIN (Bolog CERN (Greve), Cento Fenni (Roma, Fendo WES (Pechnio, Grevea, Mosca, New Y	I ma) (25 (Ence) orit)





# The EEE project





#### Few numbers for EEE:

≈ 51 Institutes with a Telescope (+ 8 in Laboratories)

- ≈ 47 Institutes without Telescope
- ≈ 1000 students-teachers /year

#### Since 2004 more than ≈ 10000 participants



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with telescope without telescope nd INFN sites







Months of data acquisition

#### SCHEDA TECNICA DELL'ESPERIMENTO PER LA RILEVAZIONE DELLA FREQUENZA DEL SUONO EMESSO DALLA BOMBOLA DELE TELESCOPIO EEE

#### MATERIALE OCCORRENTE:

- Un computer portatile con un microfono interno oppure un computer collegato ad un microfono esterno.
- Il software open source Audacity, scaricabile da questo link http://www.audacityteam.org/
- Un martelletto gommato, come quelli utilizzati per colpire i diapason negli esperimenti di acustica



How to measure the amount of gas in a bottle by means of sound frequency Liceo F. e M. Campana (Osimo) 7



Project Conferences Monthly vidyo meetings Institutes visits Masterclasses ....

## EEE in Erice 2017 Neasurement of Neasurement Radius the Earth Radius

Both measurements are published in the *Giornale di Fisica* with students' signature.







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#### FISICA PER TUTTI

Come varia il flusso dei raggi cosmici con la quota? Basta chiederlo agli studenti del progetto EEE

How does cosmic ray flux vary with altitude? Let's ask it to EEE project students

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### Article signed by EEE collaboration and 140 students/teachers



#### Very large area experiments for Cosmic Rays studies CENTRO FERMI



#### Pierre Auger Observatory

**Centro Fermi** Extreme Energy Events Project EEE







### MRPC performances on the telescopes EEE Collaboration 2018 JINST 13 P08026





<u>Efficiency measured</u> with data taken in Run 3, for 9 telescopes:

Average efficiency over 31 telescopes : 93%



## Select High energy events via coincidences between distant telescopes

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counts/(100 ns)



















Among the non-periodic intensity variations, **rapid (few hours) decreases of the galactic cosmic-ray (GCR) flux due to solar activity** (the so-called Forbush decreases) followed by a <u>slow</u> recovery in a few days time range

Probably related to solar flares and the associated geomagnetic disturbances





# GCDR with EEE



#### EEE Collaboration Eur. Phys. J. Plus (2011) 126, 61. Eur. Phys. J. Plus (2013) 128, 62.



## Unprecedented with muons in High Schools !!! 16



# Long distance shower correlations





EEE typical distances between 2 telescopes Number of pairs



## Long Distance Shower Correlations - Clusters





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Extensive Air Showers (EAS) reconstructed via cluster signals i.e. telescope-pair coincidences within 1 µs



Analysis searches for coincidences of 2 EAS over 10 clusters

## Long Distance Shower Correlations - Clusters

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Jurico Jeruin





Event	EEE pairs	Distance (km)	$\begin{aligned}  t_1 - t_2  \\ (\mu s) \end{aligned}$	$\vartheta_{\rm rel}$ (deg)	Expected events	p-value
(A)	BOLO-CAGL	614	86	27.1	$0.0069 \pm 0.0002$	0.007
(B)	BOLO-LAQU	290	740	9.1	$0.014 \pm 0.001$	0.014
(C)	CATA-TORI	1040	88	9.2	$0.0265 \pm 0.0005$	0.026
(D)	GROS-TORI	377	297	14.4	$0.032 \pm 0.001$	0.031
(E)	CERN-CATA	1200	248	9.3	$0.049 \pm 0.001$	0.048

## FERMI Long Distance Shower Correlations - multitrack





Extensive Air Showers (EAS) reconstructed via mutitrack events i.e. telescope coincidences within 1 μs

### Preliminary results

- 816 days of time exposure
- 50 million events
- 11 observed events in a time window ≈ 10<sup>-5</sup>-10<sup>-4</sup> s with expected background ≈ 5



Analysis searches for coincidences of 2 EAS over 39 telescopes + 5 clusters



## Search for <u>Multi-messenger</u> events with EEE telescopes



#### VERY PRELIMINARY analysis of GW events observed in August 2017

- GW170814: First measurement of GW polarization
- GW170817: First detection of EM counterpart of GW

#### Analysis strategy: search for multi-track events

- Rate of multi-track events: 10-60 events in 1000 s
- First analysis carried out in +/- 500 s around the GW event of interest with  $N_{\text{track}} \geq 3$





## Search for <u>Multi-messenger</u> events with EEE telescopes



On Sept. 22, 2017 a high energy (290 TeV) neutrino event was observed by the <u>IceCube km3 neutrino Observatory</u>. An association with a blazar emitting  $\gamma$ -rays was found, suggesting that blazar jets may be an important source of <u>very high energy cosmic rays</u>.



Starting new analysis for EEE: search for n telescopes with time coincidence ( n >10-12).

With 59 telescopes it requires a strong computational control of the many combinations of n of them.



# The PolarQuEEEst experiment Measure Cosmic Rays flux at the north Pole

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CERN





## Airship Italia 1928 Umberto Nobile

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### PolarQuest 2018 20 July - 4 September 2018 http://www.polarguest2018.org/

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# Previous cosmic ray measurements underwater at the North Pole







#### A. Chilingarov and A. Zichichi – 2007

Measurements done at the North Pole in a submersible for few hours down to more than 4000 m depth  $\rightarrow$  «No rate anomaly»









CERN: May 22<sup>nd</sup>- May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

<u>23 students</u> from Italy, Norway and Switzerland at CERN to build the detectors.





Movie available here http://www.polarquest2018.org/adventure-for-climate-change/cosmicrays/

Front End (one for 2 SiPM) Set Voltage, thresholds Discriminator LVDS signals TOT signals for charge measurements

**Total power consumption 12,5 W** 16 ch TDC-TOT , Trigger, DAC, GPS, Controls

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#### <u>Polar-01</u> on boat Nanuq







<u>Polar-02</u> Nesodden (Oslo)

Polar-03 Bra (Turin)







POLA-01 on boat  $22/07 \rightarrow 02/09$  2018

- 3500 NM long voyage and 865 hours of data taking
- more than 110 M events collected













# Orientation correction: an example



On 30th July a problem occurred for Nanuq (during low tide) ...





## PolarQuEEEst : Rate (corrected)



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## Conclusions



- The EEE project is an experiment based on scientific research AND dissemination of scientific culture for high school students
- The EEE project has a very large area coverage, with 59 stations in high schools and laboratories distributed all over Italy and Switzerland.
- The EEE project detector performances have reached an exceptional level of quality and uniformity, considering its large extension and the involvement of high school students as for operation controls.
- The EEE project is presently working to increase the number of telescopes and improve the stability of operation through the whole year
- The EEE project is an experiment exceeding Italian borders, with many and increasing international connections and extending its measurements up to the North Pole.
- The EEE project has developed/is developing several analysis on multimessenger events (Solar Forbush, Long range EAS correlations, Gravitational waves, Blazar jets) and is looking for further and more precise contributions to these studies