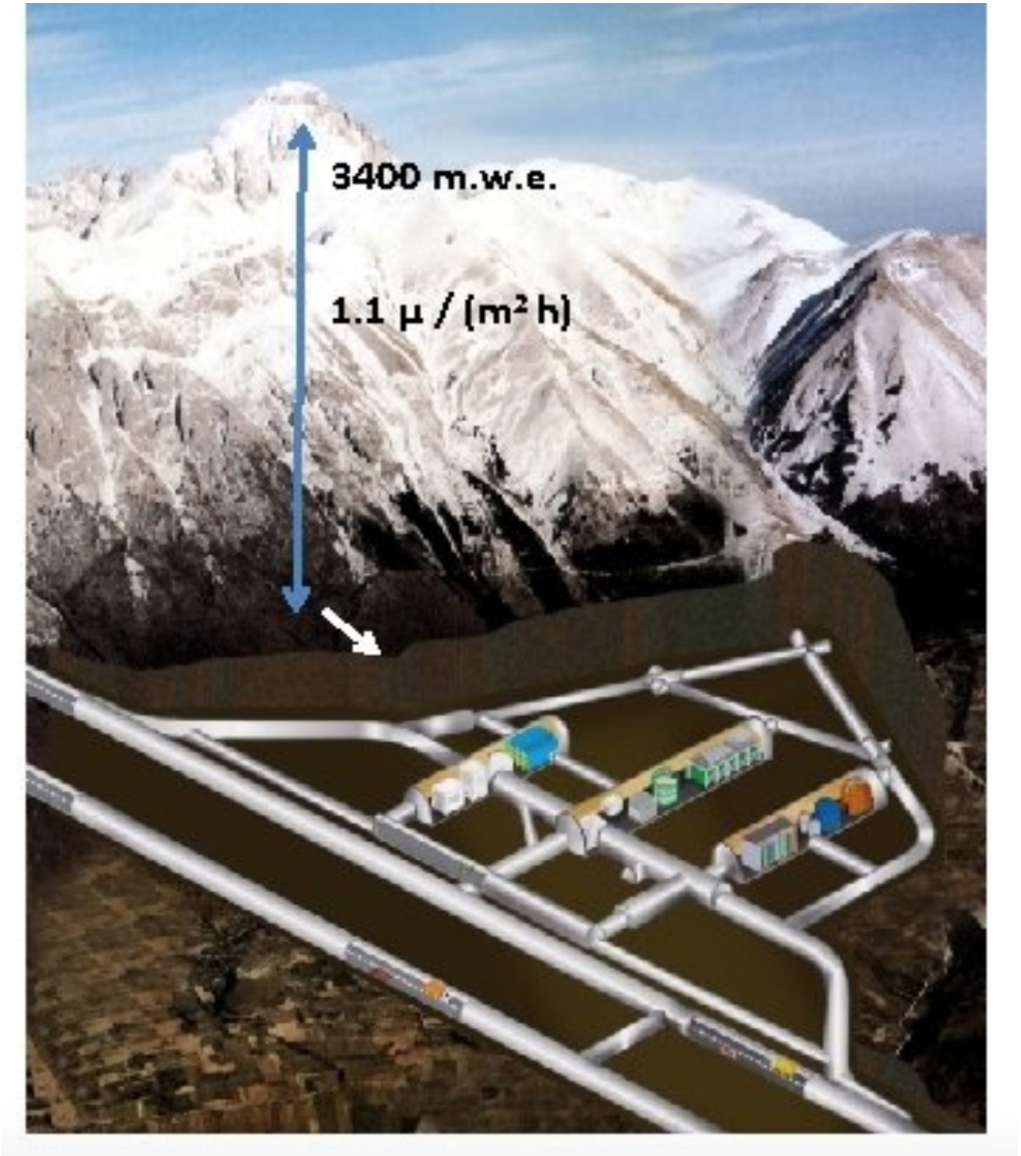
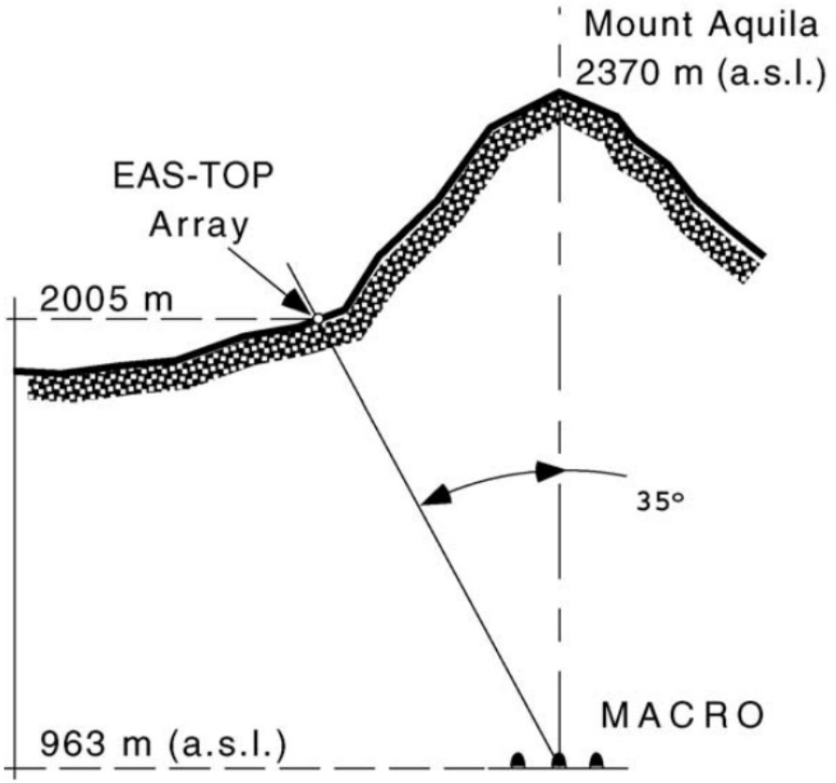
1982: Opening of the Gran Sasso Tunnel
[start construction of the underground laboratory]



1986
Tom Gaisser is invited to Frascati an extended visit to "educate" the italian physics community

and I meet him for the first time .....



EASTOP detector at Gran Sasso

Tom:

An outstanding scientist
who played a crucial, central role in the birth
and development of what is now called
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Muons in gamma showers from Cygnus X-3?

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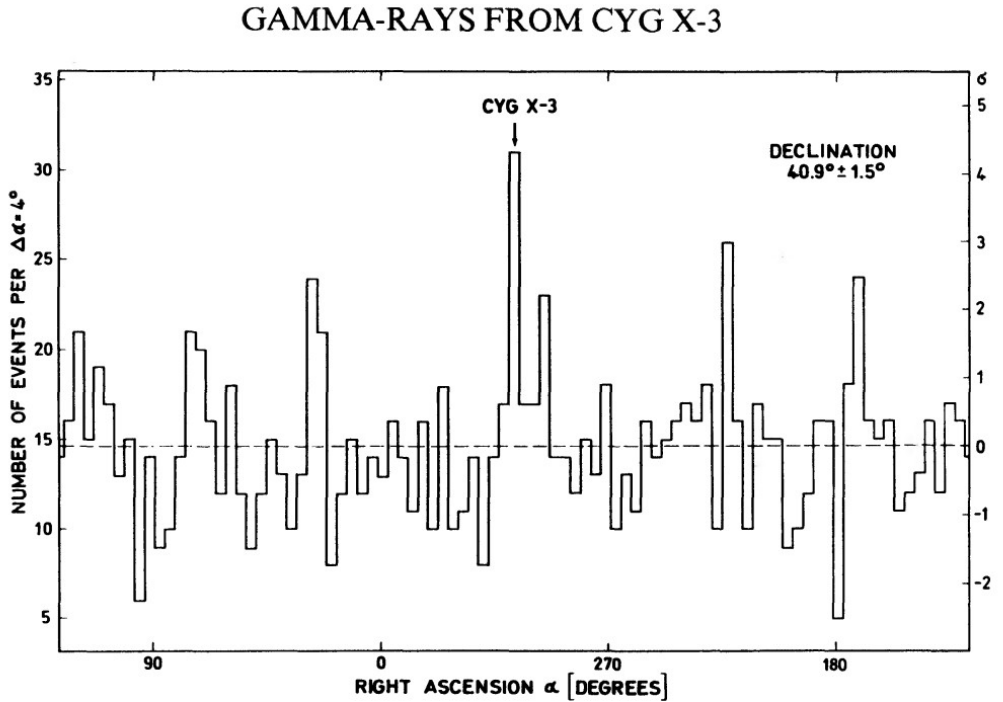
The Kiel experiment found that the average density of muons in gamma showers from Cygnus X-3 is 80% of that of nucleon-induced air showers. We therefore calculated again the muon content of photon-induced showers. Our calculations confirm the widely held belief that gamma showers should be μ-poor and that this should indeed be a discriminating signature for electromagnetic origin of a shower.



Detection of Cygnus X-3 (Kiel air shower detector) ApJ may 1983.

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FLUX OF ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS

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PARTICLE ASTROPHYSICS WITH HIGH ENERGY NEUTRINOS

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Cosmic-ray composition around 10^{18} eV

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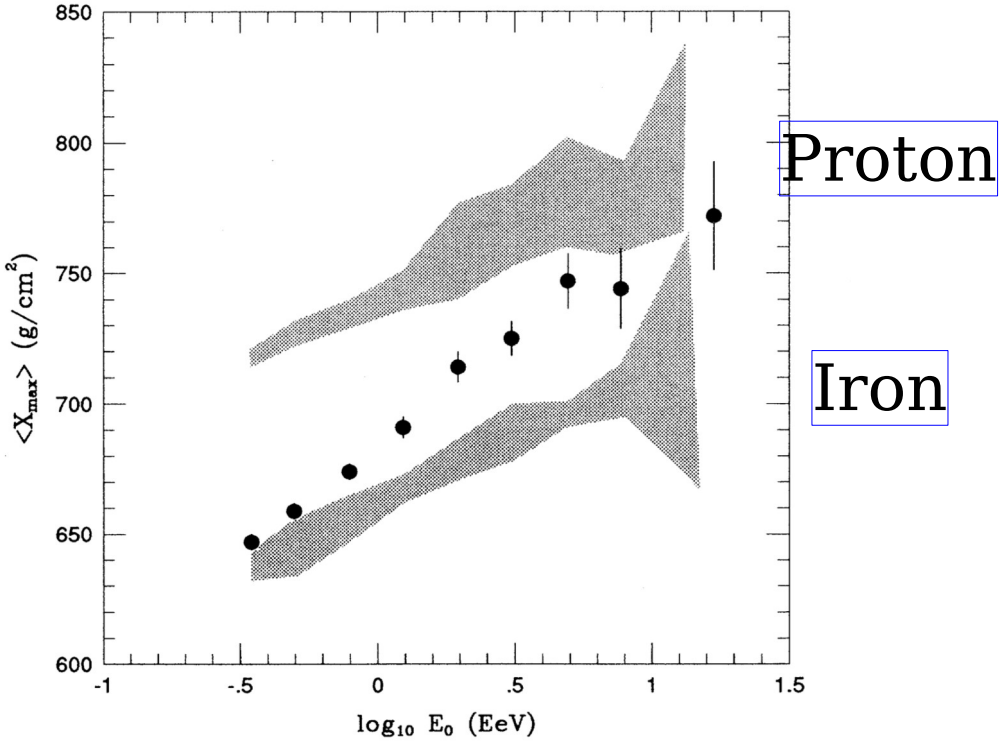

Fly's Eye detector

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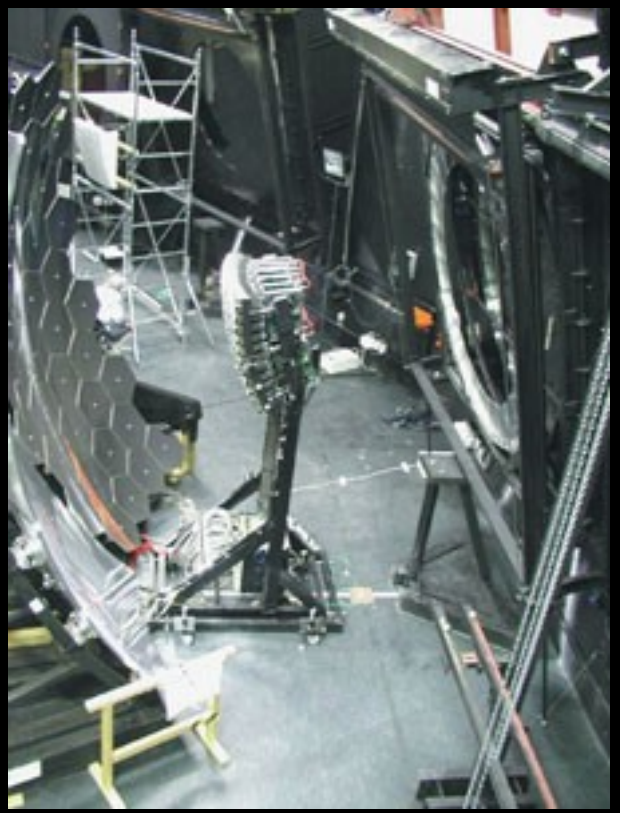
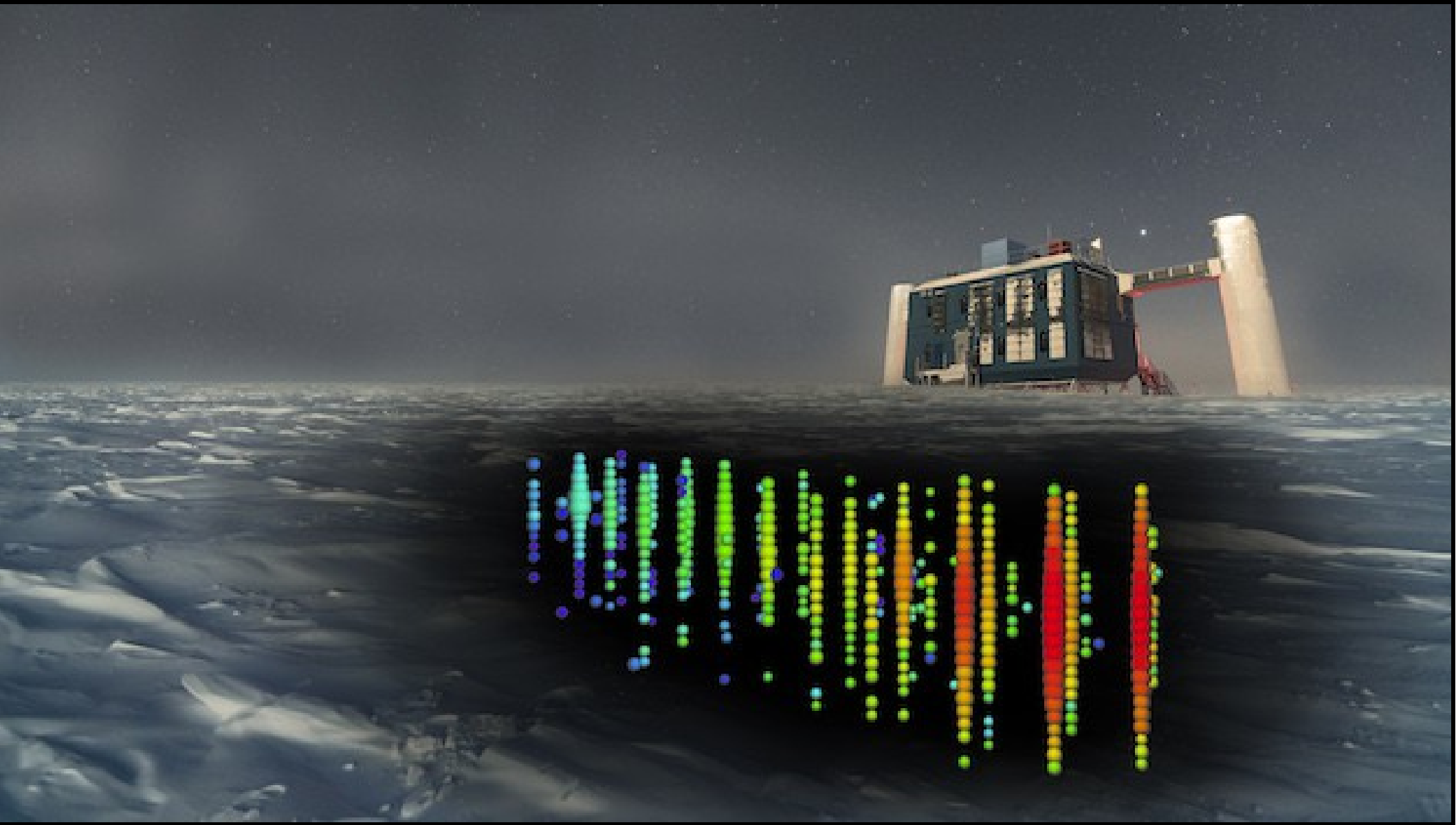
fluorescence detector





Francis Halzen
[Cern Courier obituary]

Tom took to the task of building IceTop with gusto.
For several summer seasons he travelled to Antarctica, staying there for weeks at a time ...
He delighted in the hard physical labour and the camaraderie of everyone engaged in the project, from bulldozer drivers to his colleagues and their students.

Tom's Role as spokeperson of IceCube

Tom:

A man of broad interests
and profound culture.

[Lucretius on atoms]

And their reciprocal movement. The same atoms
Constitute ocean, sky, lands, rivers, sun,
Crops, bushes, animals; these atoms mingle
And move in different ways and combinations.
Look—in my lines here you can see the letters
Common to many of the words, but you know
Perfectly well that resonance and meaning,
Sense, sound, are changed by changing the
arrangement.
How much more true of atoms than of letters!

Lucretius “De Rerum Natura” I,814-829

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Partons in antiquity

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We point out that the idea of confined quarks or partons as constituents of the elementary particles was already present in the Greek atomic theory. We describe some similarities and differences between ancient and modern confinement, and we suggest that in both cases the idea is in large part a response to an inherent conflict between the intuitive notion of infinite divisibility and the idea of discrete fundamental atoms of matter.

I. GREEK ATOMIC THEORY

Common to many of the words, but you know
Perfectly well that resonance and meaning,

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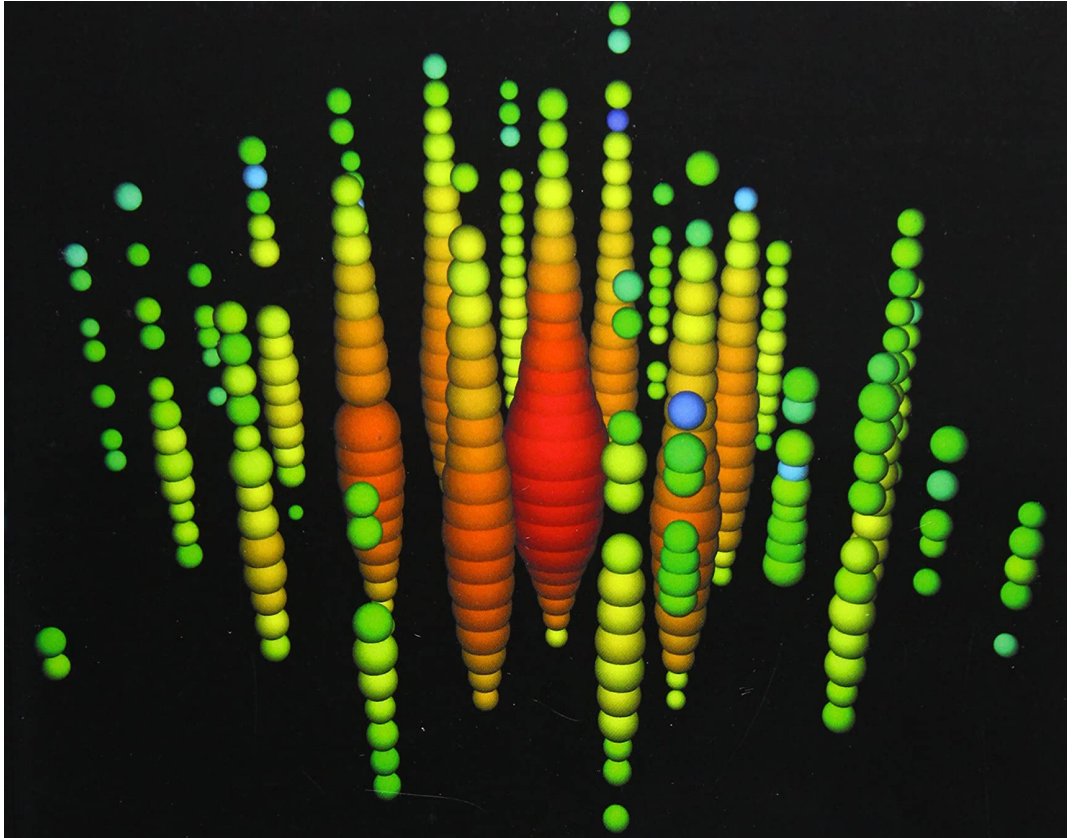

COSMIC RAYS AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

SECOND EDITION

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Tom:

A man that was profoundly respected
and admired, not only for his
obvious knowledge and scientific competence,
but also for the wisdom and attention that he showed
in his interactions with everybody,
starting from the youngest researchers.

Tom's imprint
in the field of Astroparticle Physics, thanks to
his book,
his papers,
countless lectures
and innumerable discussions
remains profound and lasting.

....
and profound and lasting is the admiration
and affection for him for those who had
the fortune to meet him and know him ....
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