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- Detection is a challenge.







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Galaxies

Galactic Clusters

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Cosmic rays with the same energy that we can create on Earth (10 TeV)

Once per second

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ANS-02 International Space Station

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Direct detection

Time of Flight Z, E

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Time of Flight Ζ, Ε

Precision measurement of the positron fraction in CRs.

Signature of dark matter?

TRD Identify e⁺, e⁻

Silicon Tracker

ECAL E of e⁺, e⁻

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Direct detection

Direct detection can also be accomplished with high-altitude balloons

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e positron

Highest-energy cosmic rays

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We need a BIG detector Hundreds or thousands of square miles in size

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Indirect detection

Energetic particles make the air fluoresce in the UV

Can be detected by telescopes on moonless nights

Some particles reach the ground. Recorded by particle detector on the surface.

Terminal 5 🔳

Intrepid Sea, Air 🗃

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Paterson

Clifton

Bloomfield

East Orange

Irvington

Elizabeth

Linden

STATEN ISLAND

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Norwalk

•Stamford

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New Rochelle

Commack

Hempstead

West Babylon

Massapequa

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Poughkeepsie

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Danbury

Hartford

Waterbury Middletown

New Haven

Milford

•Huntington

Yonkers

New York

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Middletown

Brick

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Warwick

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Providence

Newport

Cosmic rays up to ~ 100 TeV can be detected directly from space or from baloons.

Higher energies require gigantic

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detectors, thousands of sq. miles in size.

