

Astroparticle Physics

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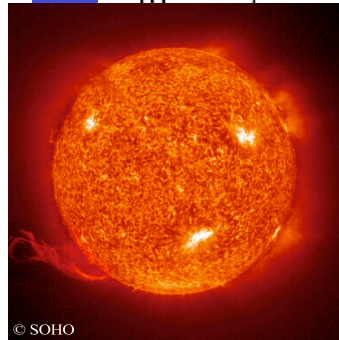
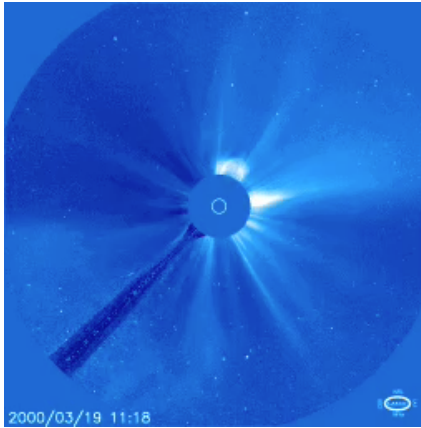
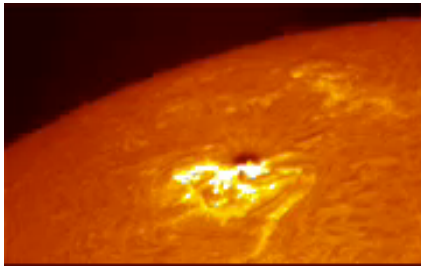
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Ultra-high-energy Cosmic Rays

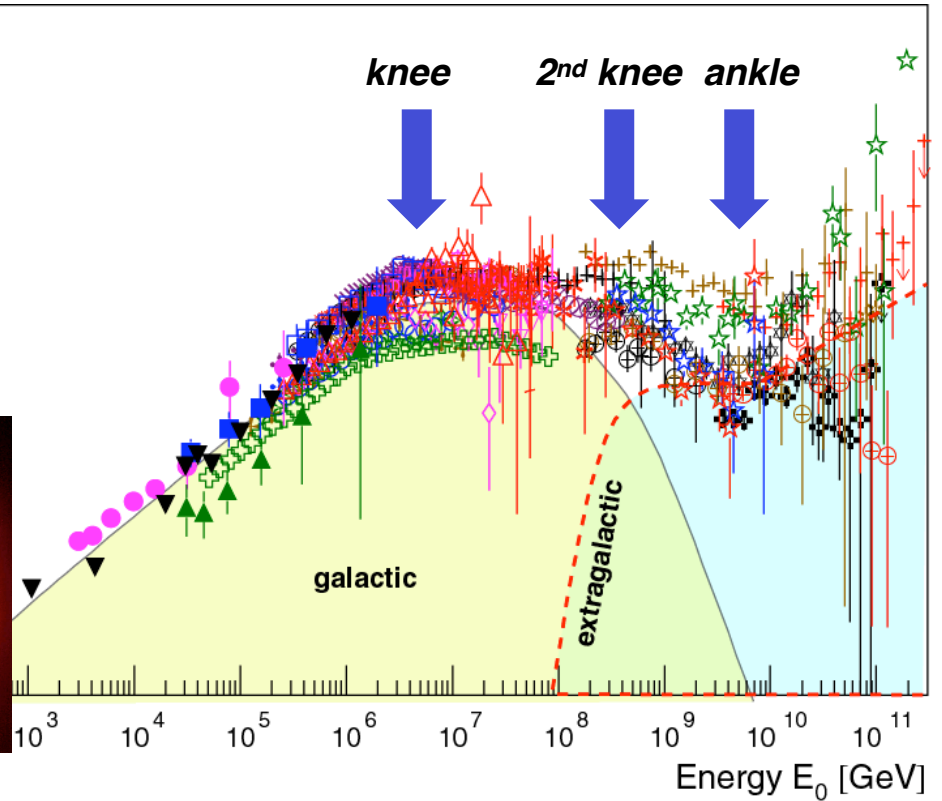
Cosmic rays

Solar flares



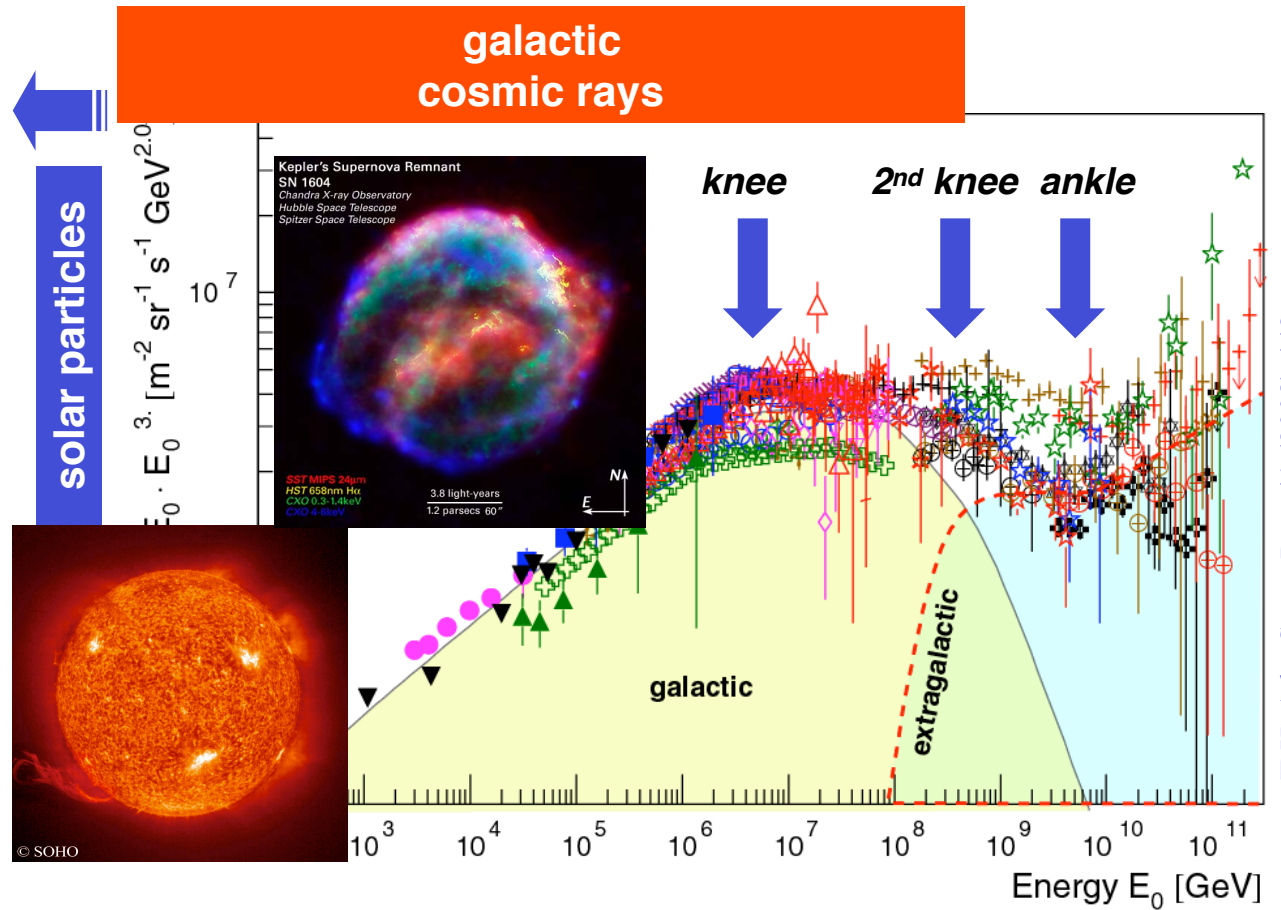
← solar particles

$E_0 \cdot E_0^3 \cdot [m^{-2} sr^{-1} s^{-1} GeV^{2.0}]$



JRH, Adv. Space Res. 41 (2008) 442

Cosmic rays



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Cosmic rays

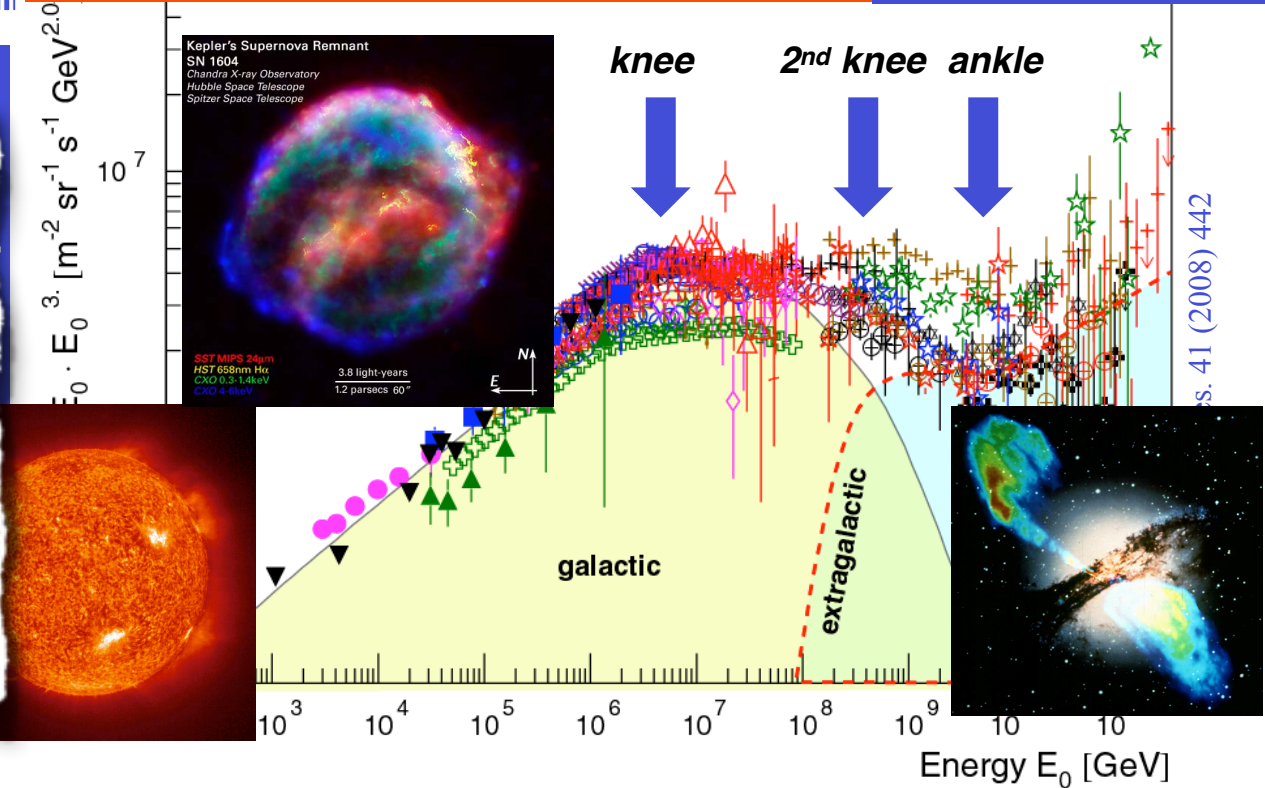
galactic cosmic rays extragalactic cosmic rays

Radius of particle in magnetic field

$$r = \frac{p}{ZeB} \quad r[\text{pc}] = 1.08 \cdot \frac{E [\text{PeV}]}{B [\mu\text{G}]}$$



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$r =$ 0.04 pc 3.6 pc 360 pc 36 kpc

Cosmic rays

Energy content of extragalactic cosmic rays

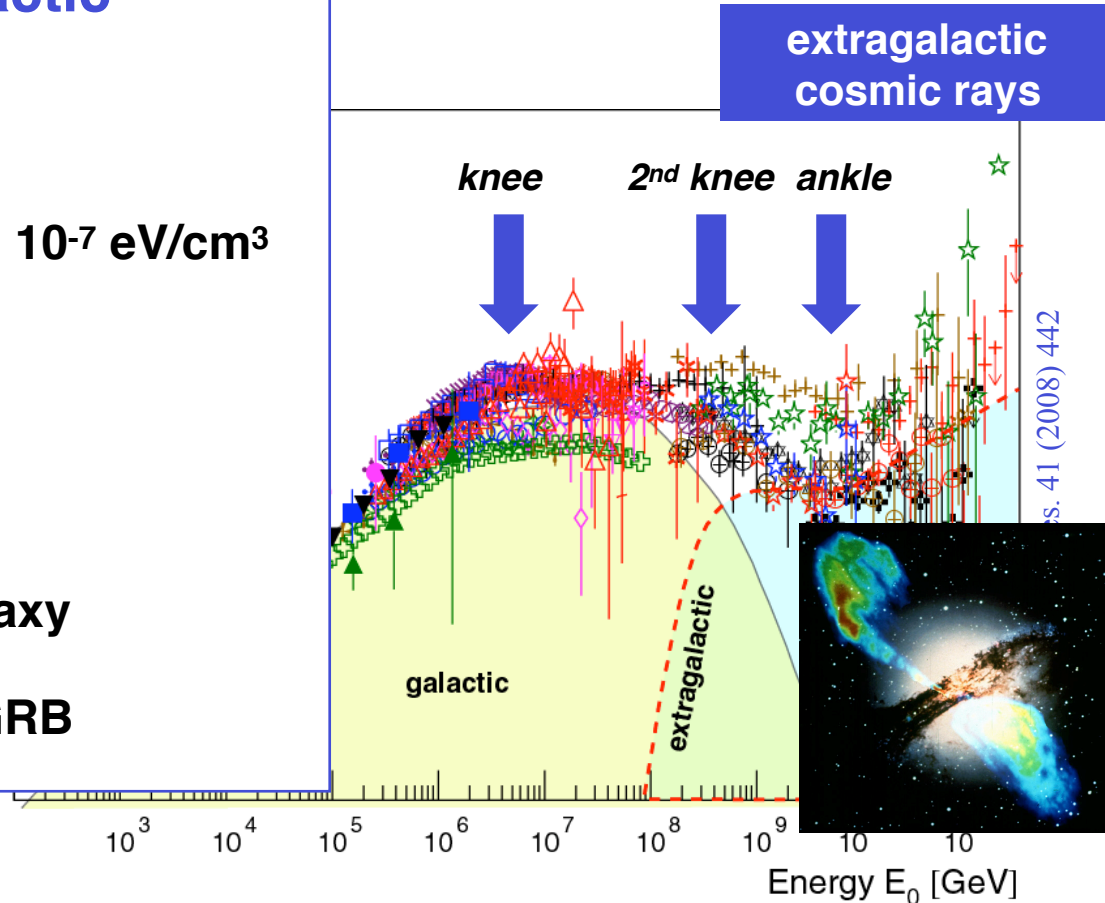
$$\rho_E = \frac{4\pi}{c} \int \frac{E}{\beta} \frac{dN}{dE} dE \quad \rho_E = 3.7 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ eV/cm}^3$$

total power

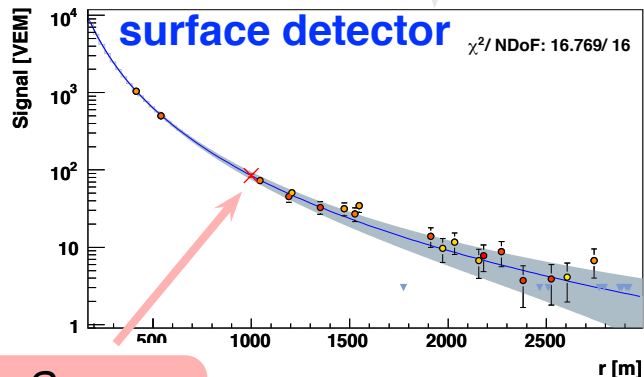
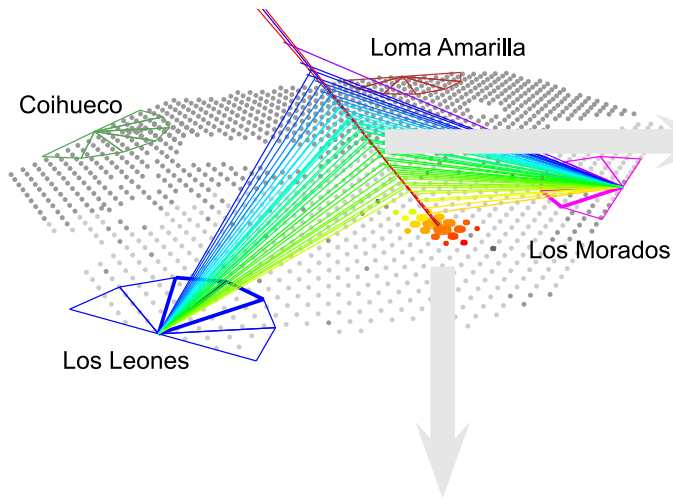
$$P = 5.5 \cdot 10^{37} \text{ erg/(s Mpc}^3\text{)}$$

→ $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{44}$ erg/s per active galaxy

→ $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{52}$ erg/s per cosmol. GRB

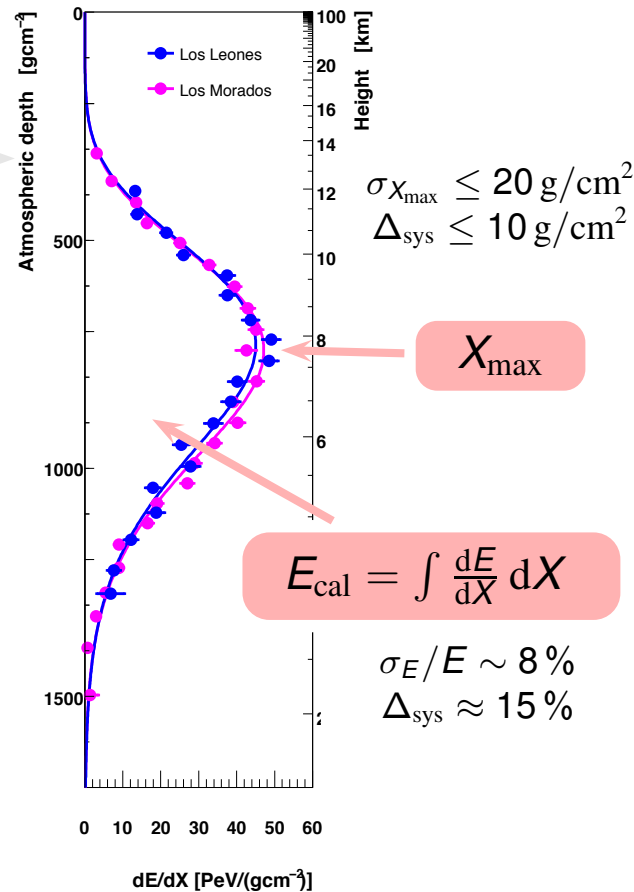


Measuring air showers with multiple techniques

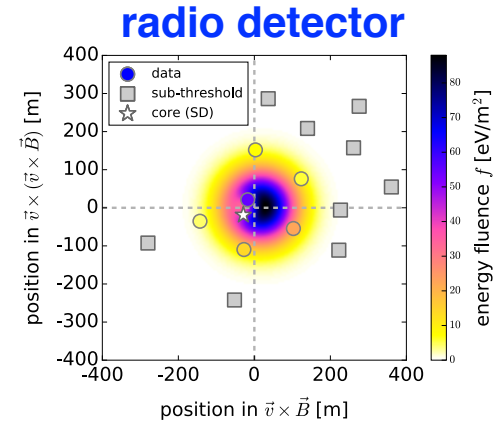


S_{1000}

$$E_{\text{surface}} = f(S_{1000}, \theta)$$



fluorescence detector



$X_{\text{max}}, E_{\text{cal}}$

exposure

Auger $9.0 \cdot 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$

**TA
 $0.8 \cdot 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr}$**



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Energy spectrum

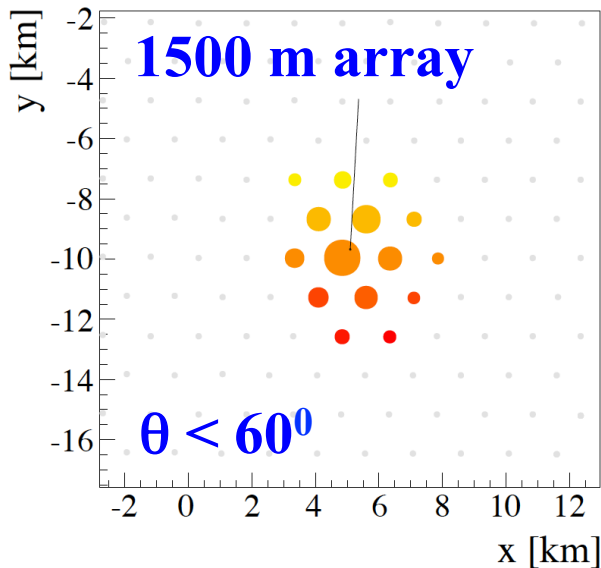
ENERGY SPECTRUM OVER 3 DECADES IN ENERGY



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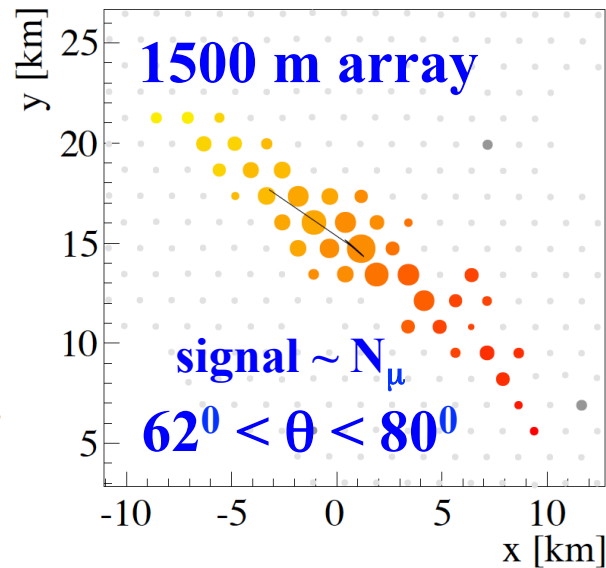
**SD
vertical**

energy thr.
3 EeV



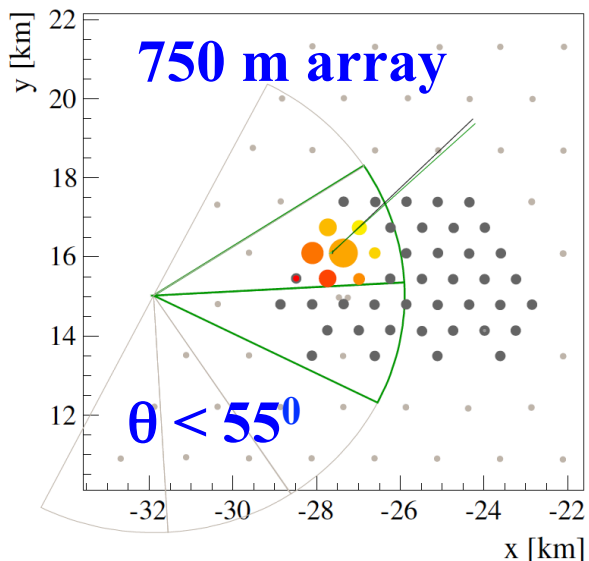
**SD
Inclined**

energy thr.
4 EeV



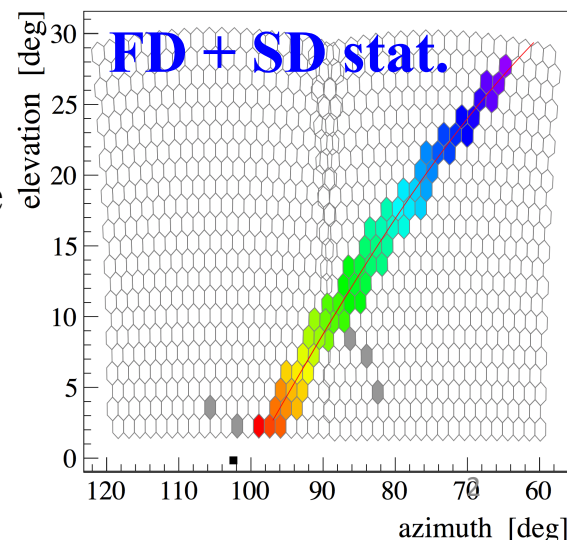
**SD
infill**

energy thr.
0.3 EeV



hybrid
13% duty cycle

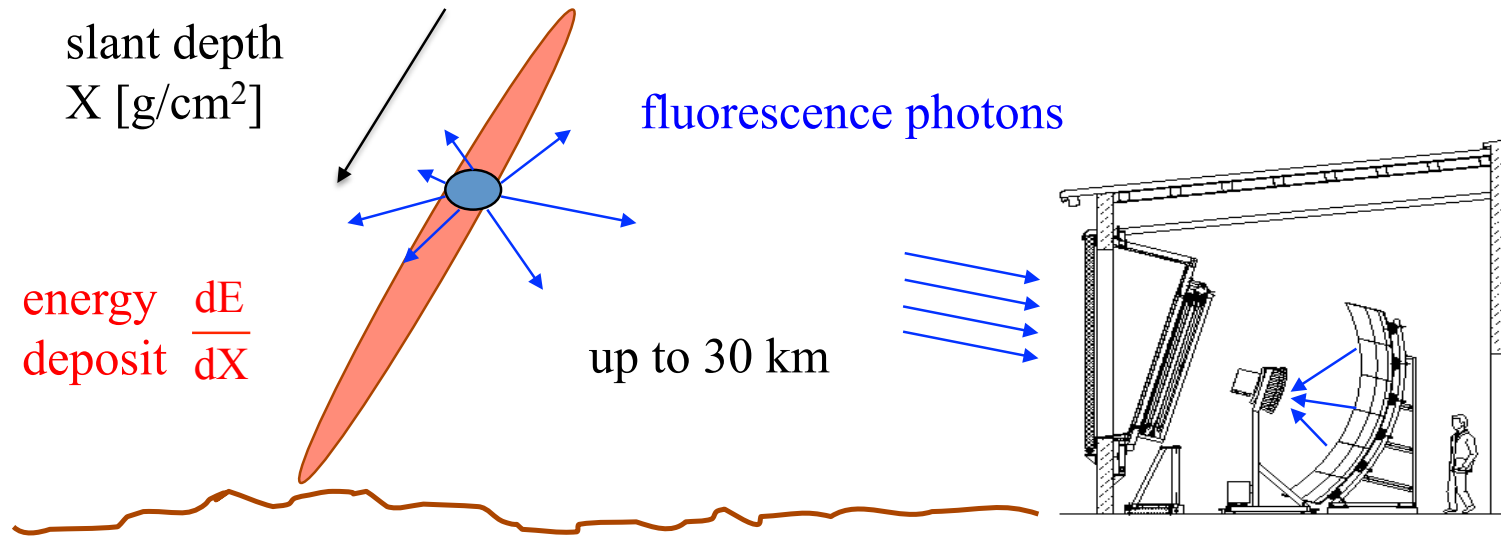
energy thr.
1 EeV



FD ENERGY SCALE



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Fluorescence yield

dE/dX reconstruction

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{cal}} = \int \frac{dE}{dX} dX$$

Atmosphere

Invisible energy (ν, μ, \dots)

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{inv}}$$

FD calibration

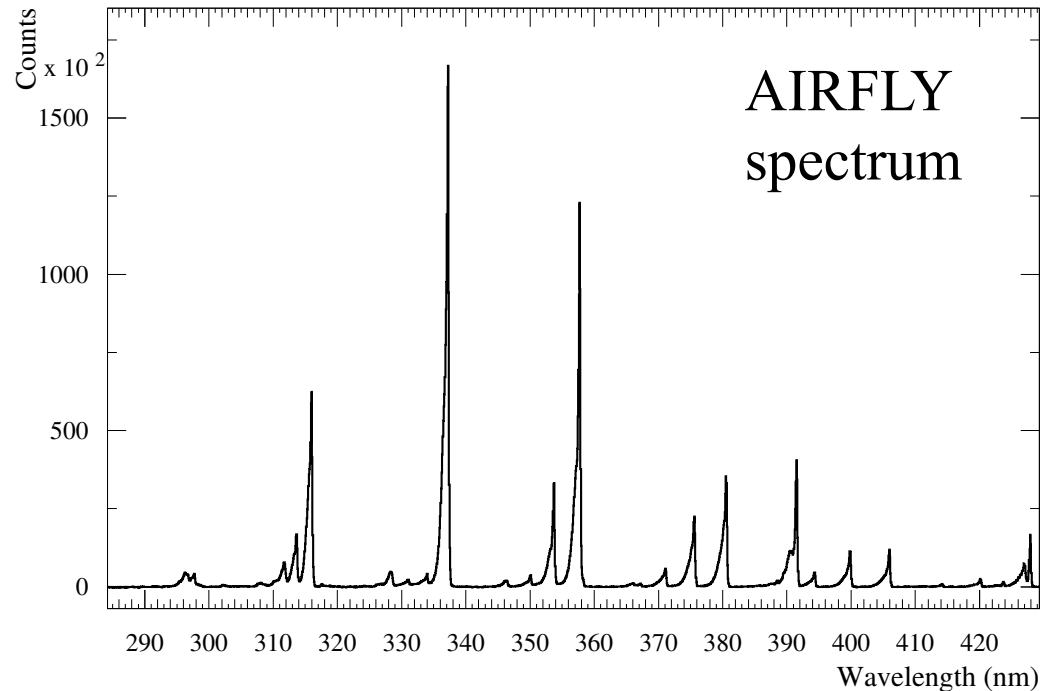
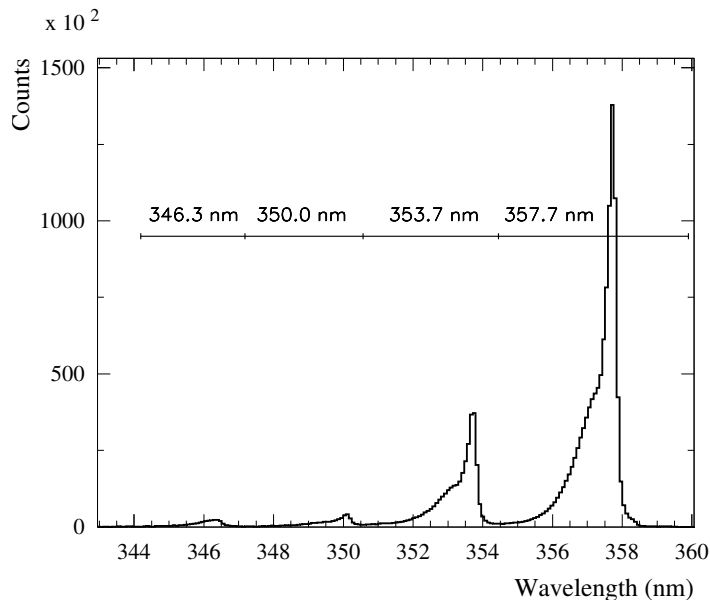
$$E = E_{\text{cal}} + E_{\text{inv}}$$

systematic uncertainties correlated and uncorrelated among different showers (crucial to correctly propagate the FD uncertainties to SD energies)

AIRFLY - FLUORESCENCE YIELD

The Airfly Collaboration: *Astropart. Phys.* **42** (2013) 90. *Astropart. Phys.* **28** (2007) 41.
Nucl. Inst.. Meth. A 597 (2008) 50. M. Bohacova talk at 6th Air Fluor. Workshop

- **relative spectrum and its pressure dependence**
- **humidity and temperature dependence of collisional cross sections**
- **absolute intensity of the 337 nm line**



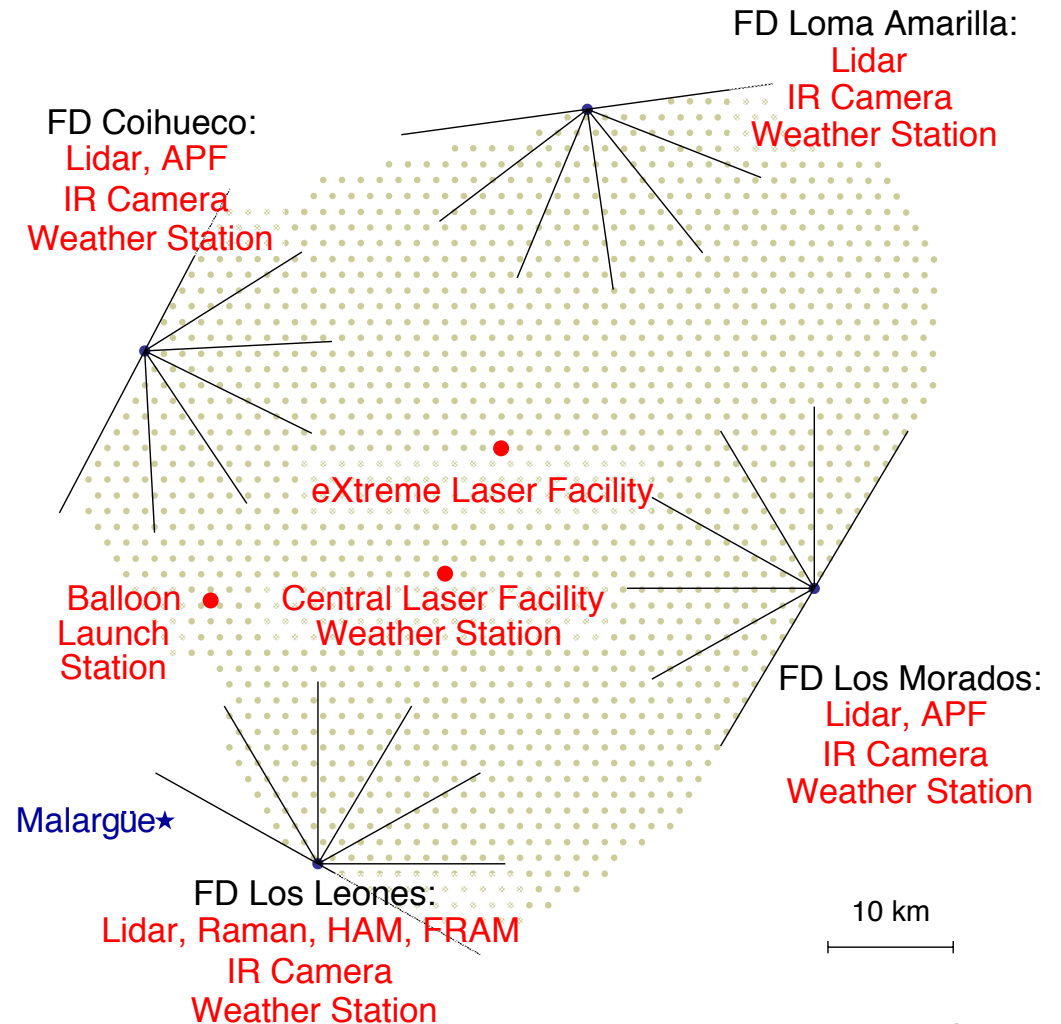
- **“effective” definition of the wavelength bands**
- **don't care of possible contaminations between nearby bands**
- **straightforward and correct propagation of Airfly measurement uncertainties**

ATMOSPHERE

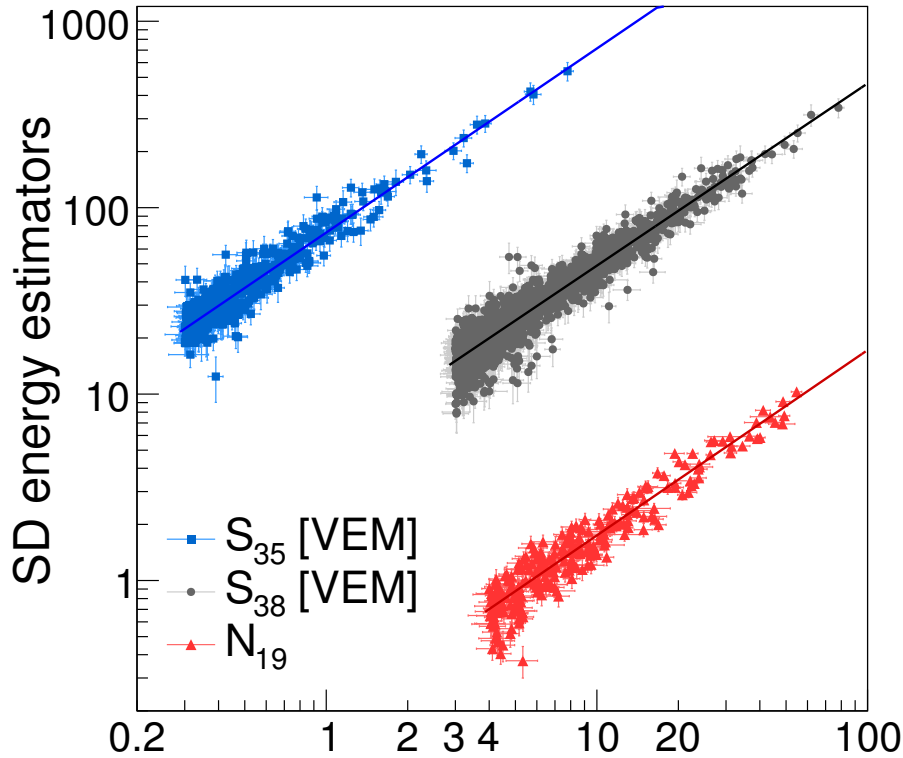
production and transmission of the light (aerosols and molecular scattering)

- **atmospheric profiles from Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS)**
- **hourly aerosol optical depth profiles**
- **aerosol phase function**
- **λ dependence of aerosol scattering cross sec.**
- **cloud coverage**

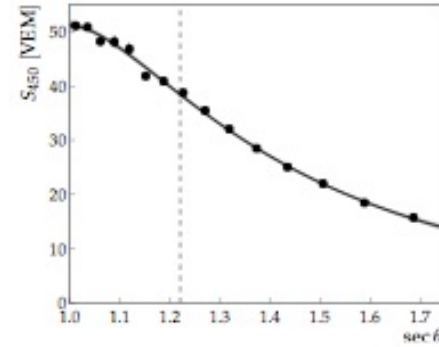
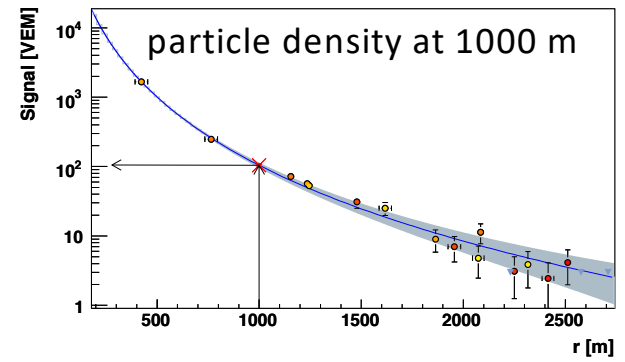
The Pierre Auger Collaboration
Astropart. Phys. **33** (2010) 108
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L. Valore ICRC 2013 #0920



SD Energy Calibration

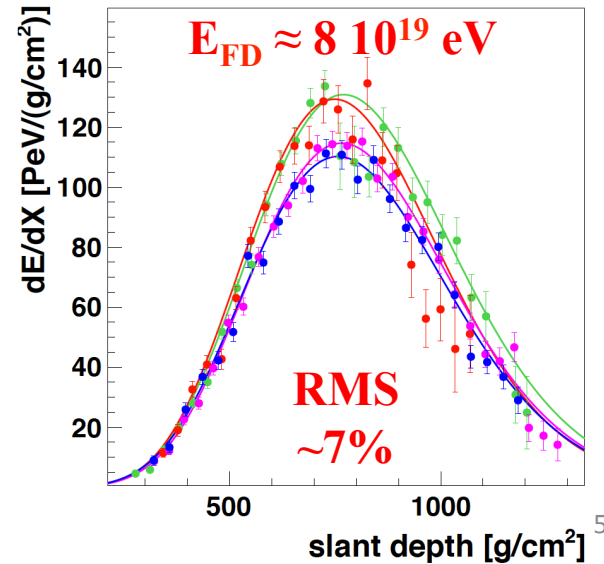


M. Unger, SuGAR 2018 E_{FD} [EeV]



Infill: particle density at 400 m

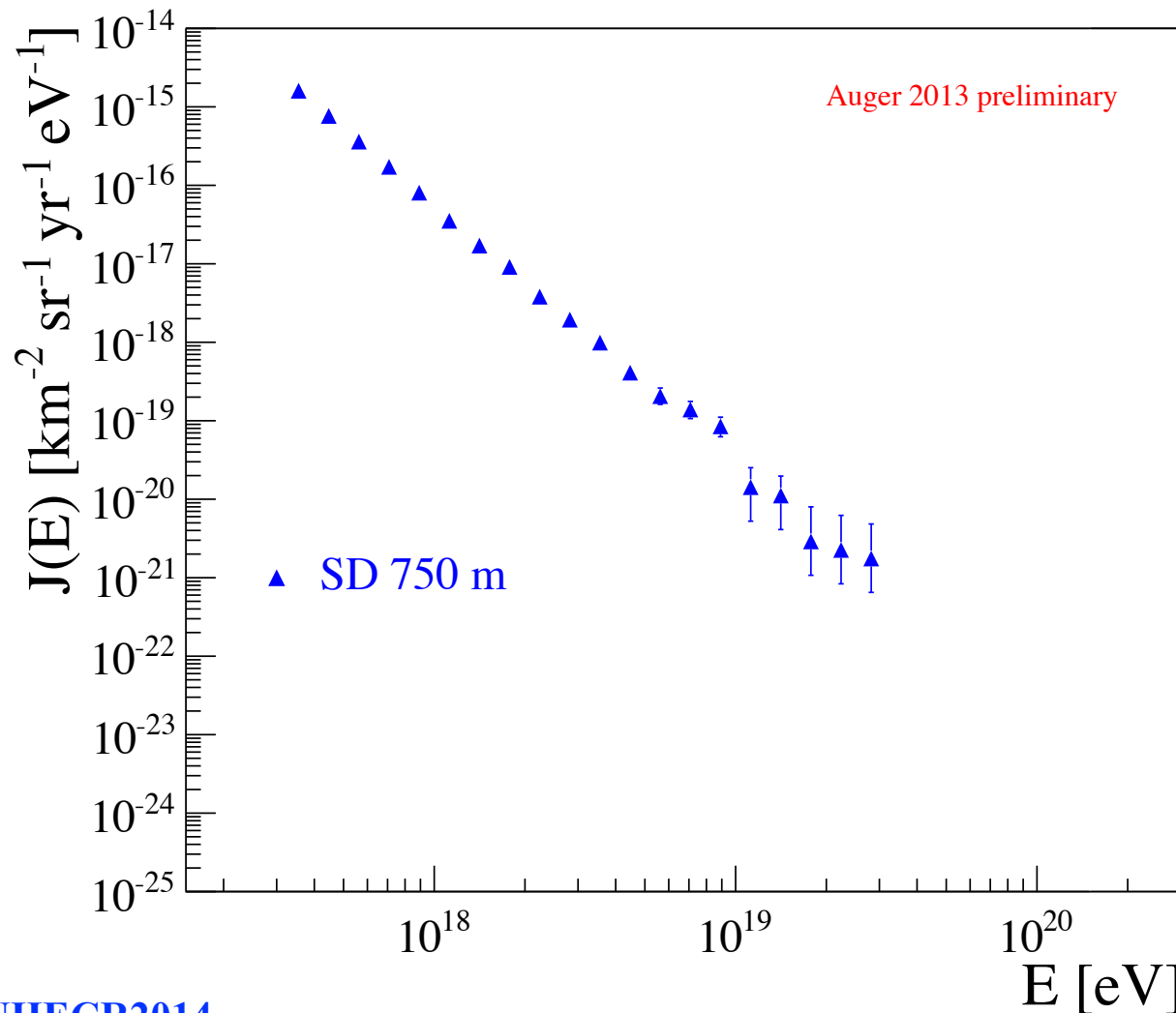
FD longitudinal profiles



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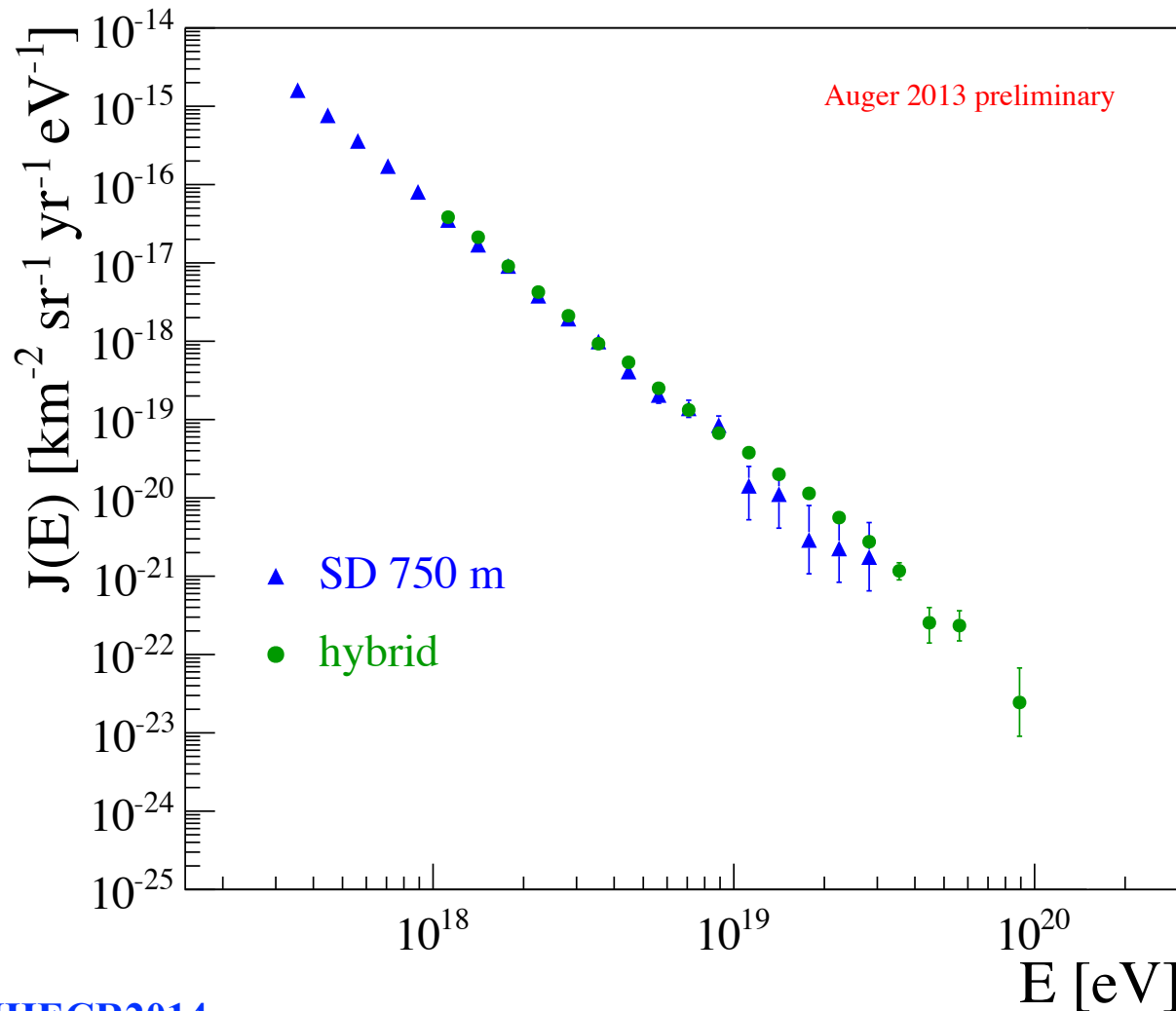
ENERGY SPECTRA

- SD 750 m spectrum: 29585 events above 3×10^{17} eV (08/2008 – 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum ($< 15\%$)



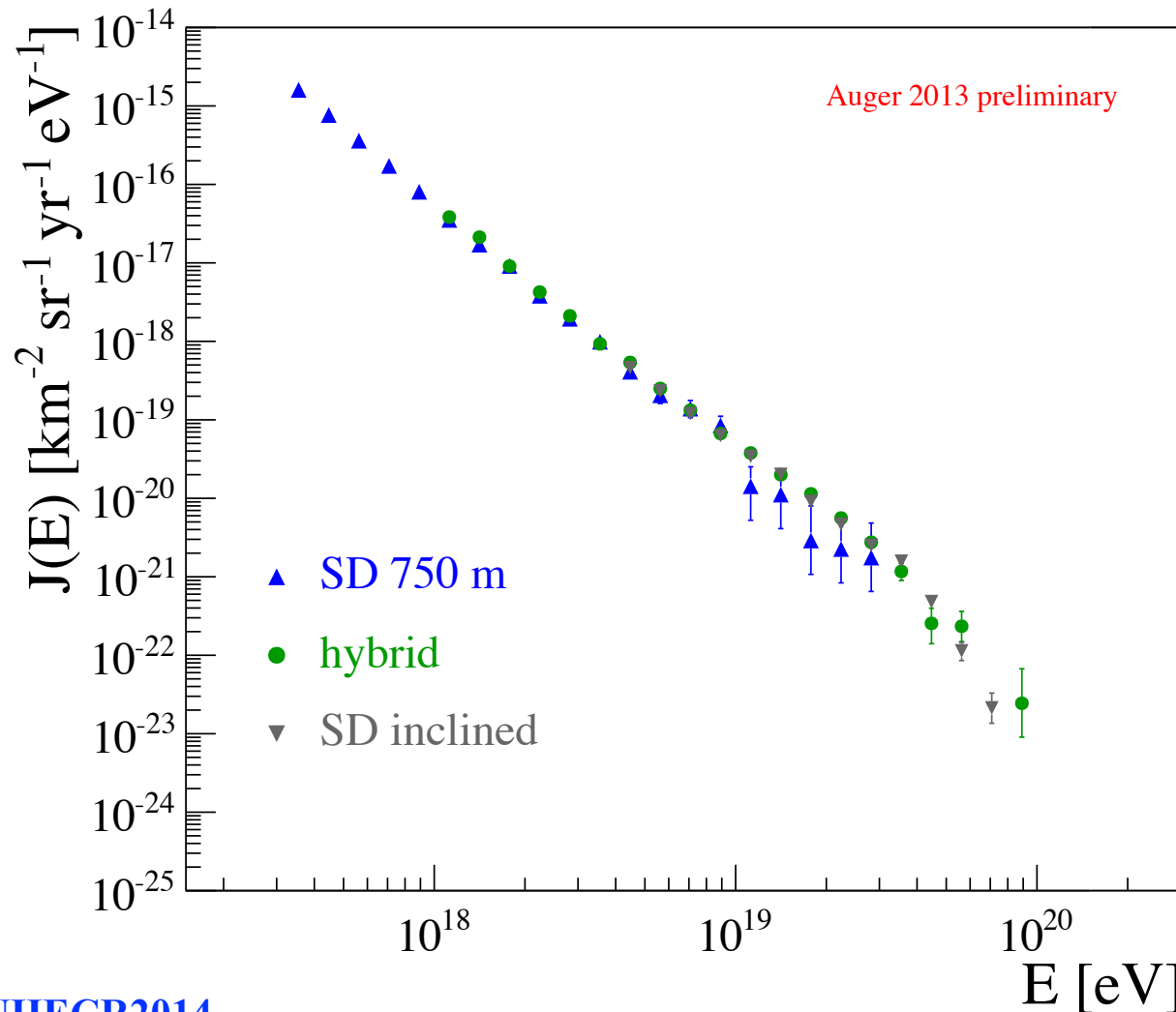
ENERGY SPECTRA

- hybrid spectrum: 11155 events above 10^{18} eV (11/2005 – 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum ($< 3\%$)



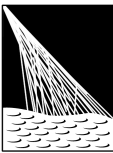
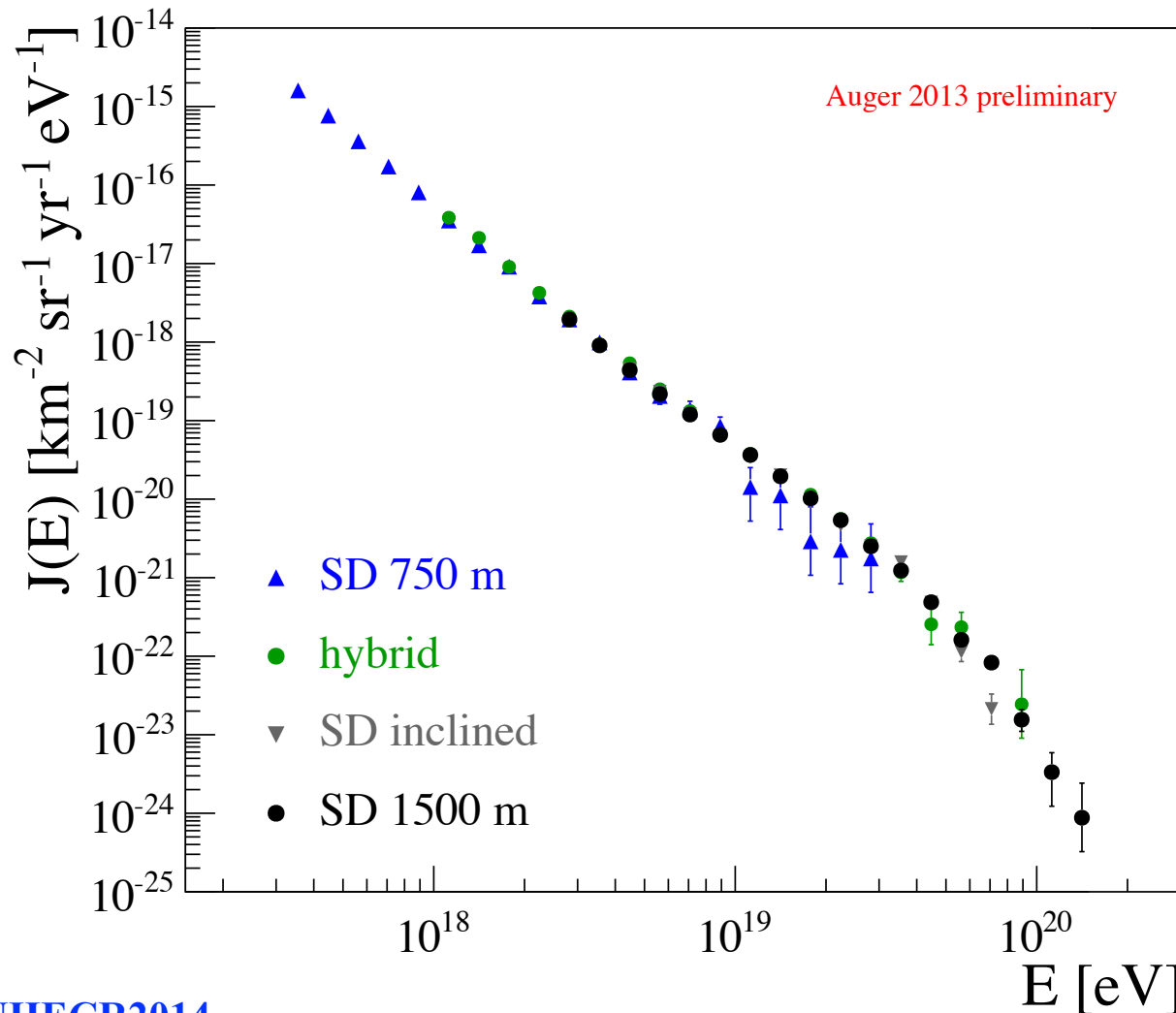
ENERGY SPECTRA

- SD inclined: 11074 events above 4×10^{18} eV (01/2004 – 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum ($< 12\%$)



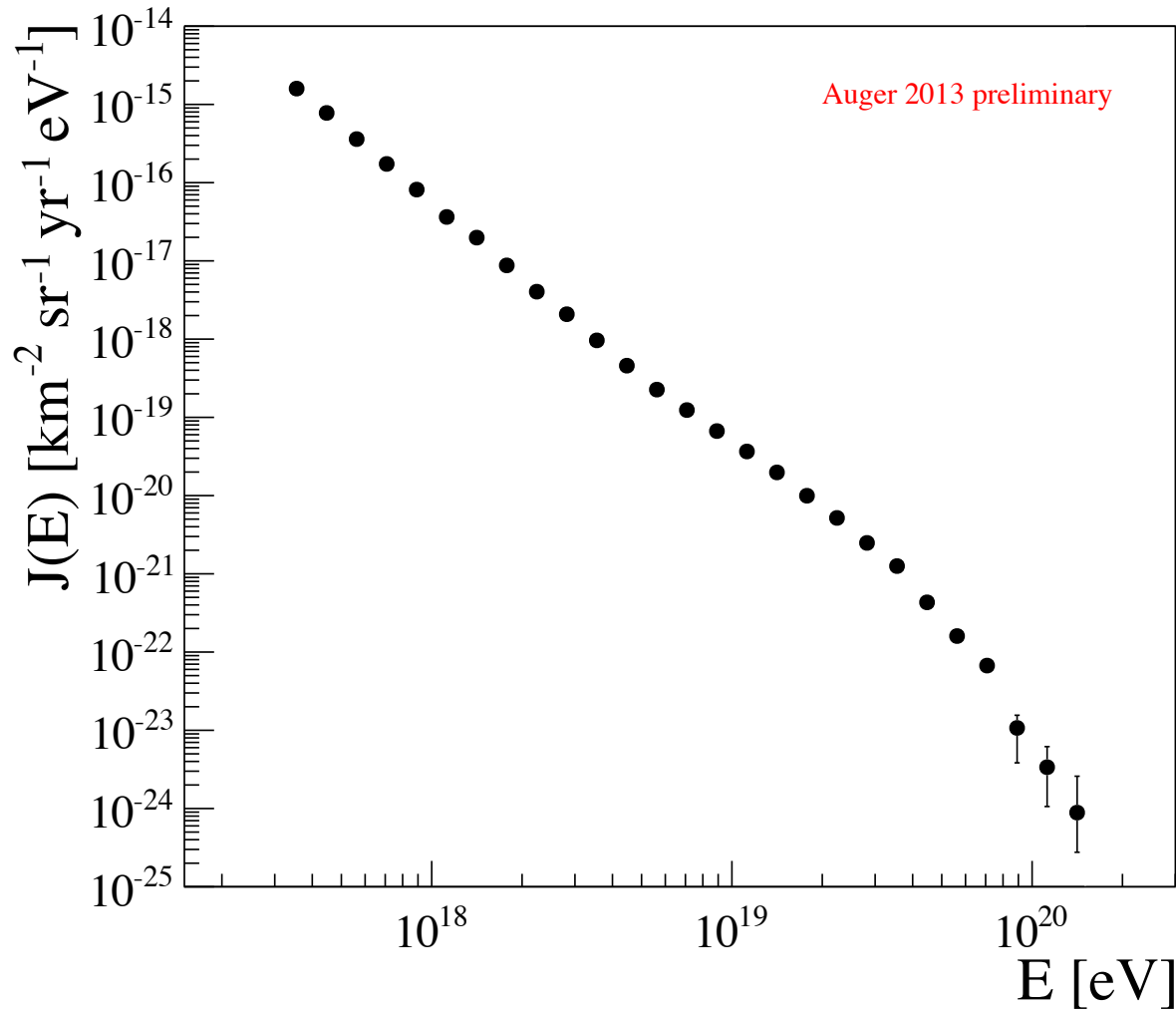
ENERGY SPECTRA

- SD inclined: 82318 events above 3×10^{18} eV (01/2004 – 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum ($< 17\%$)

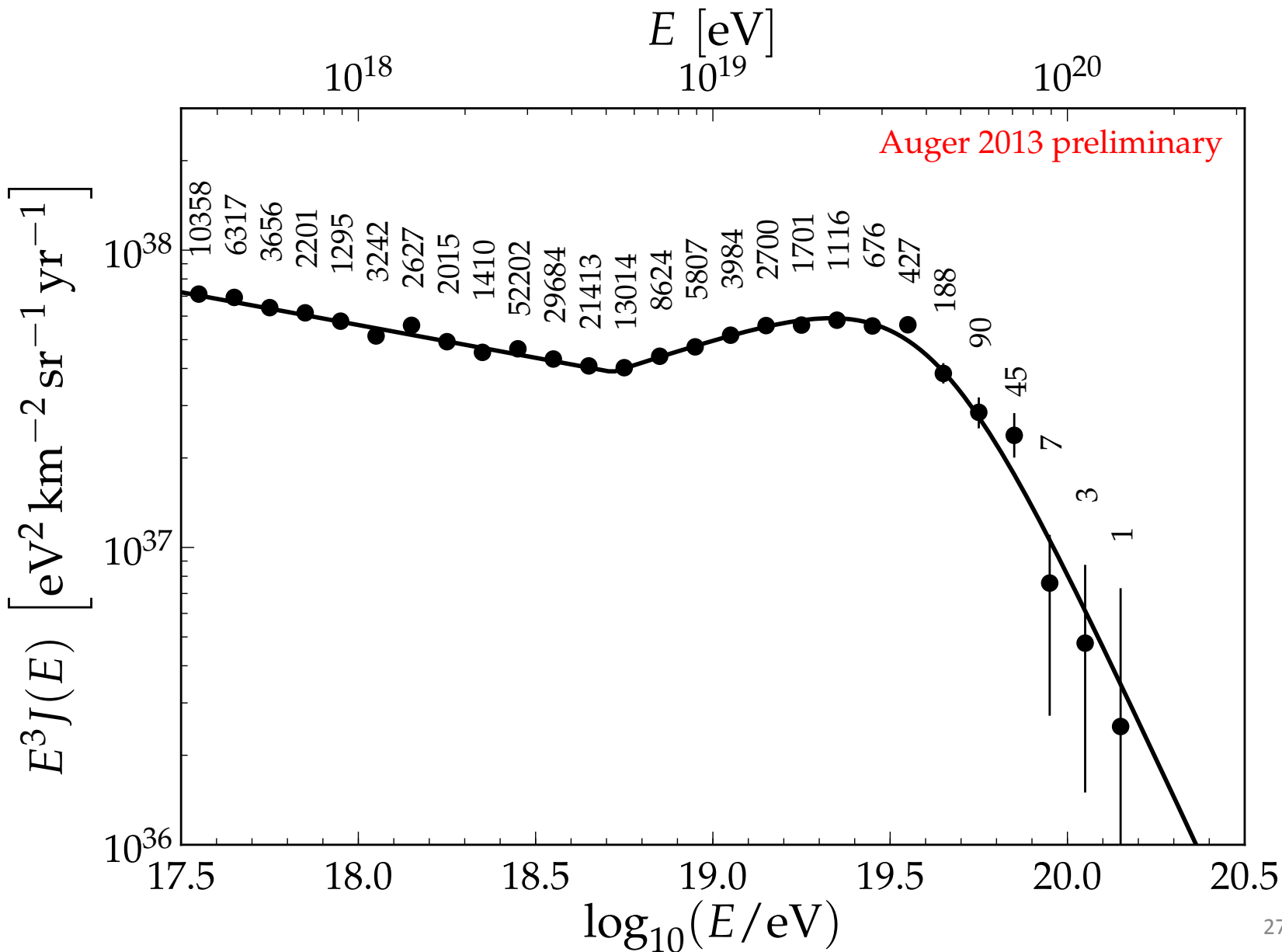


COMBINED ENERGY SPECTRA

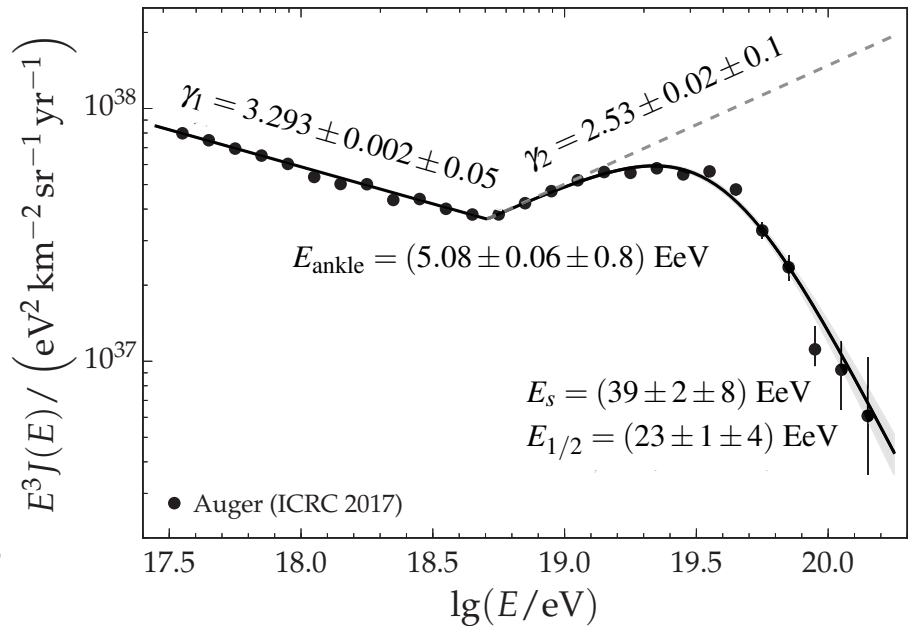
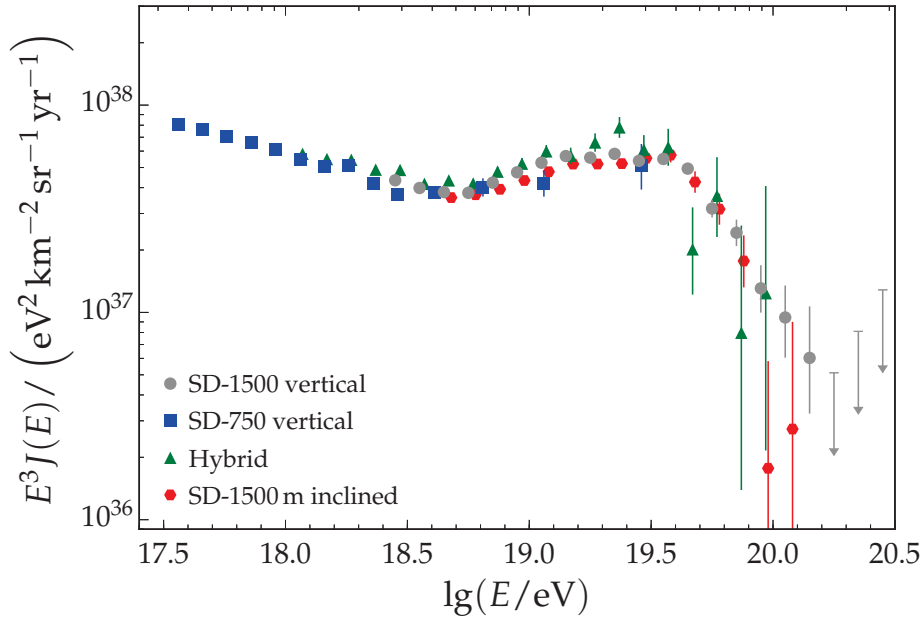
- combination after few % correction to the normalizations



COMBINED ENERGY SPECTRA



The Cosmic Ray Spectrum



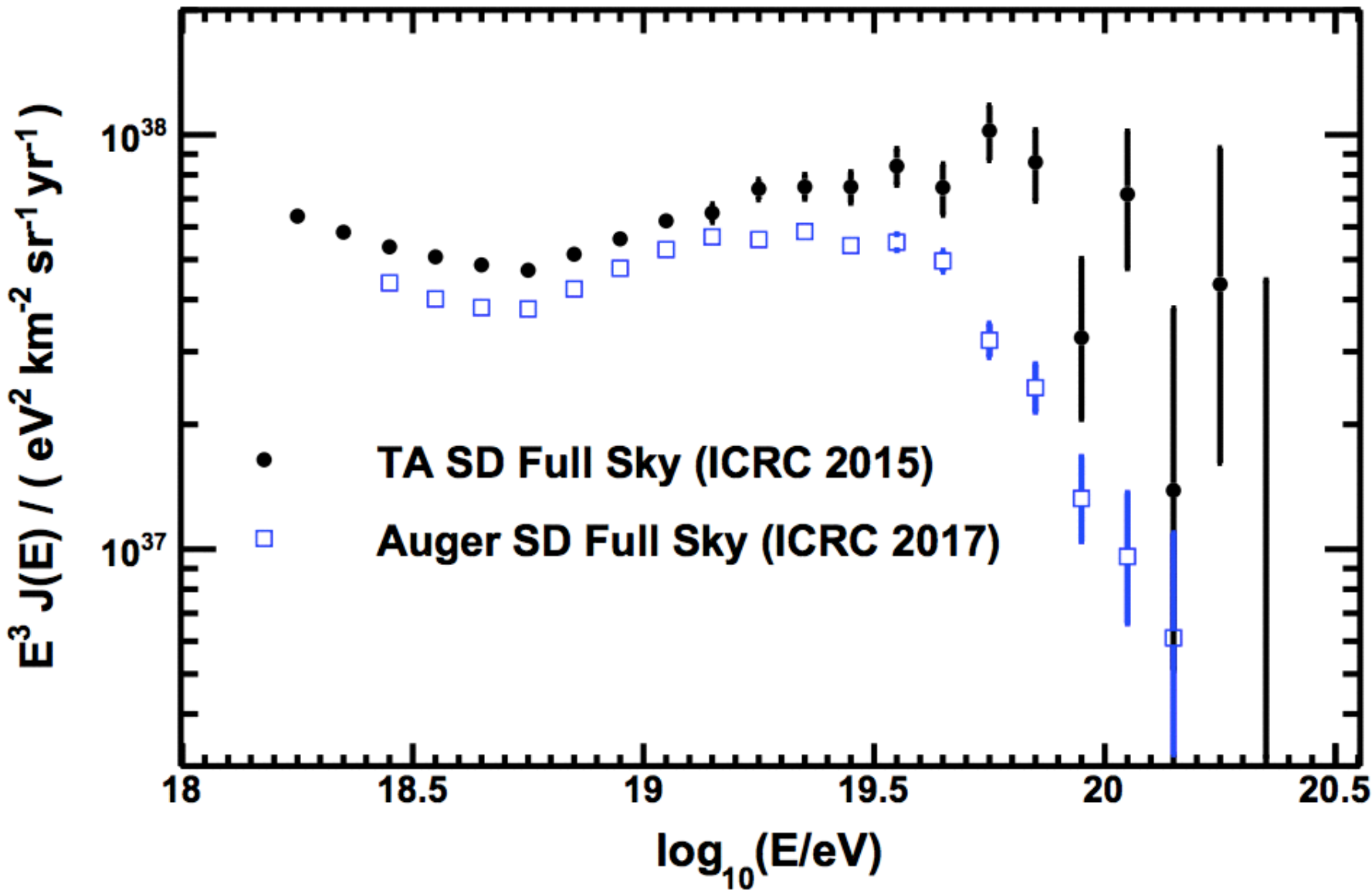
F. Fenu, ICRC 2017

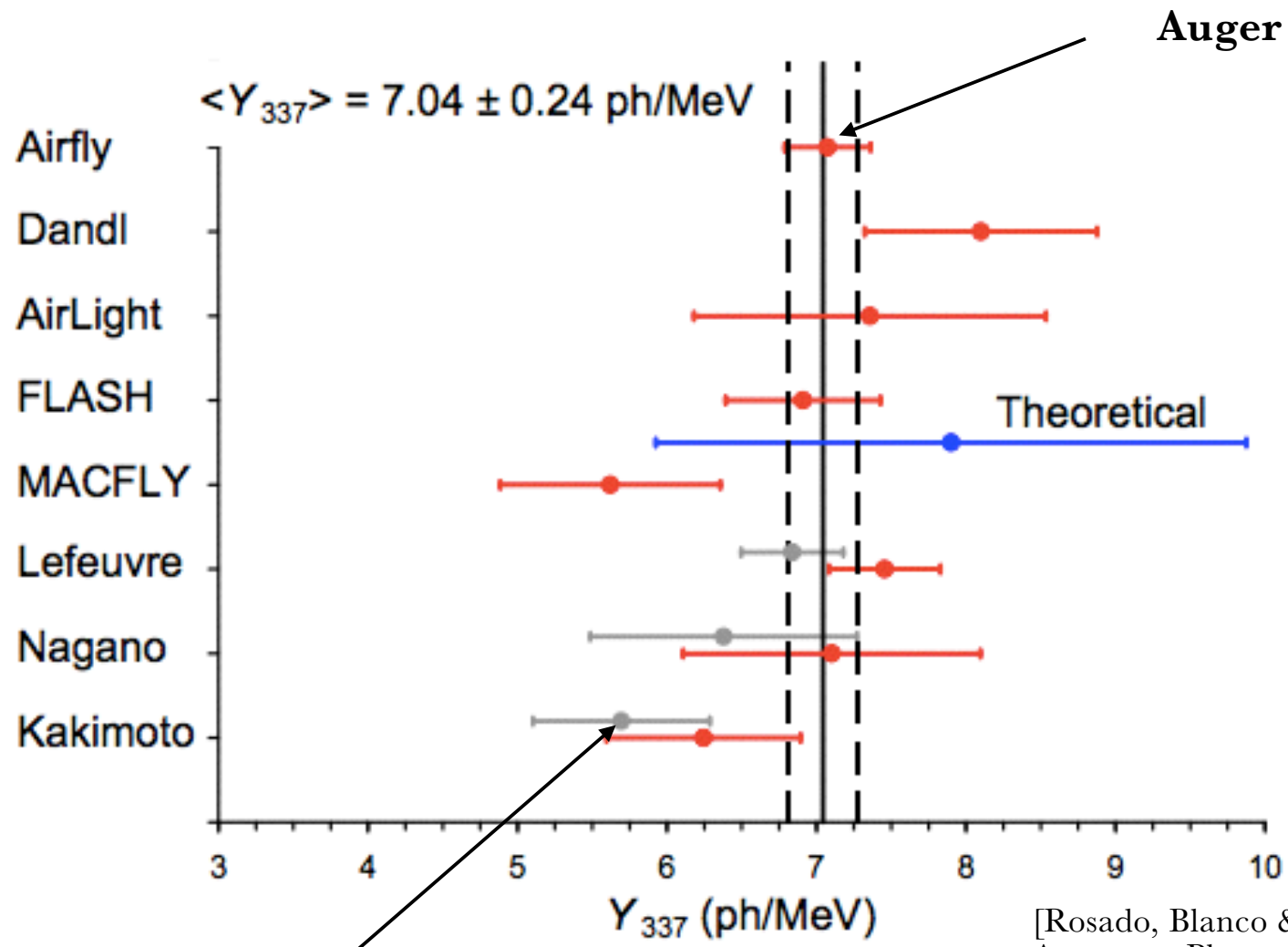
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reason for fall-off at highest energies?

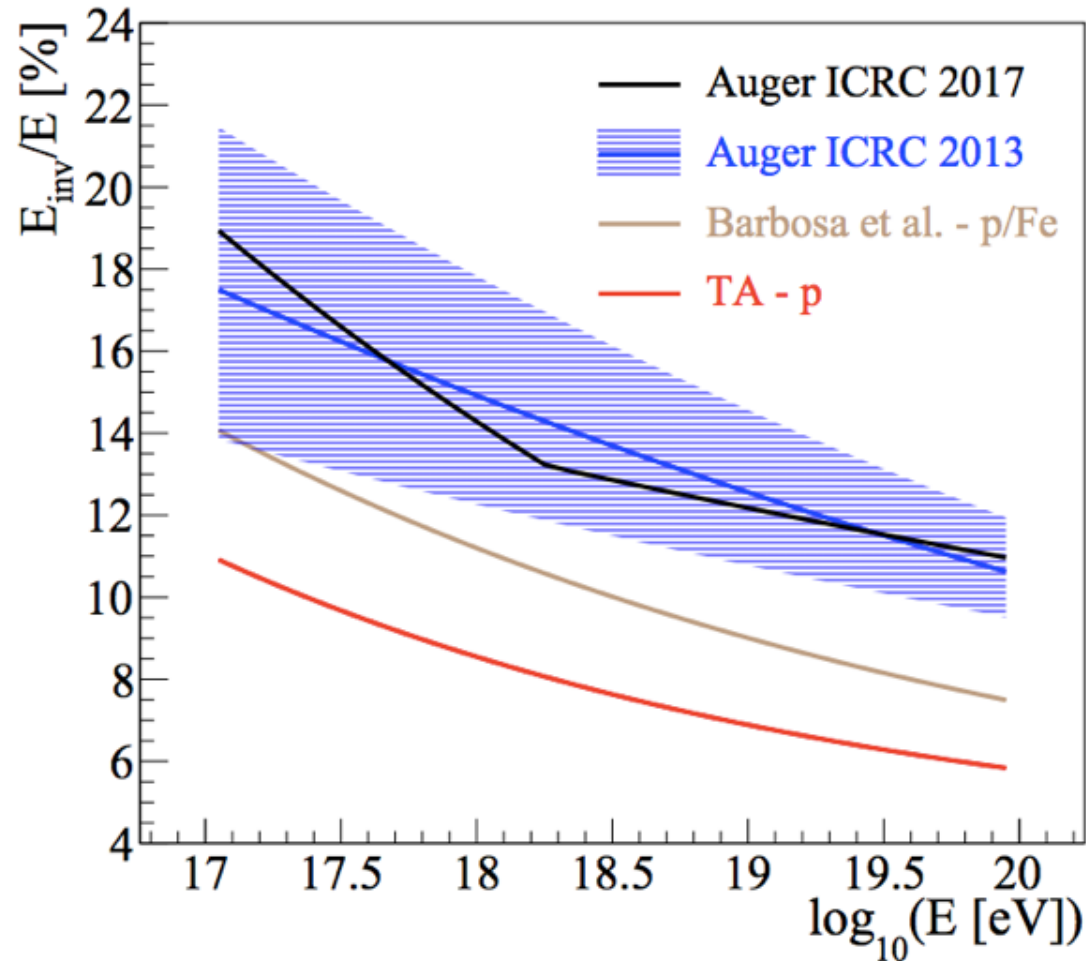
- maximum rigidity of accelerators?
- interactions with CMB?





[Rosado, Blanco & Arqueros, Astropart. Phys, arXiv:1401.4310]

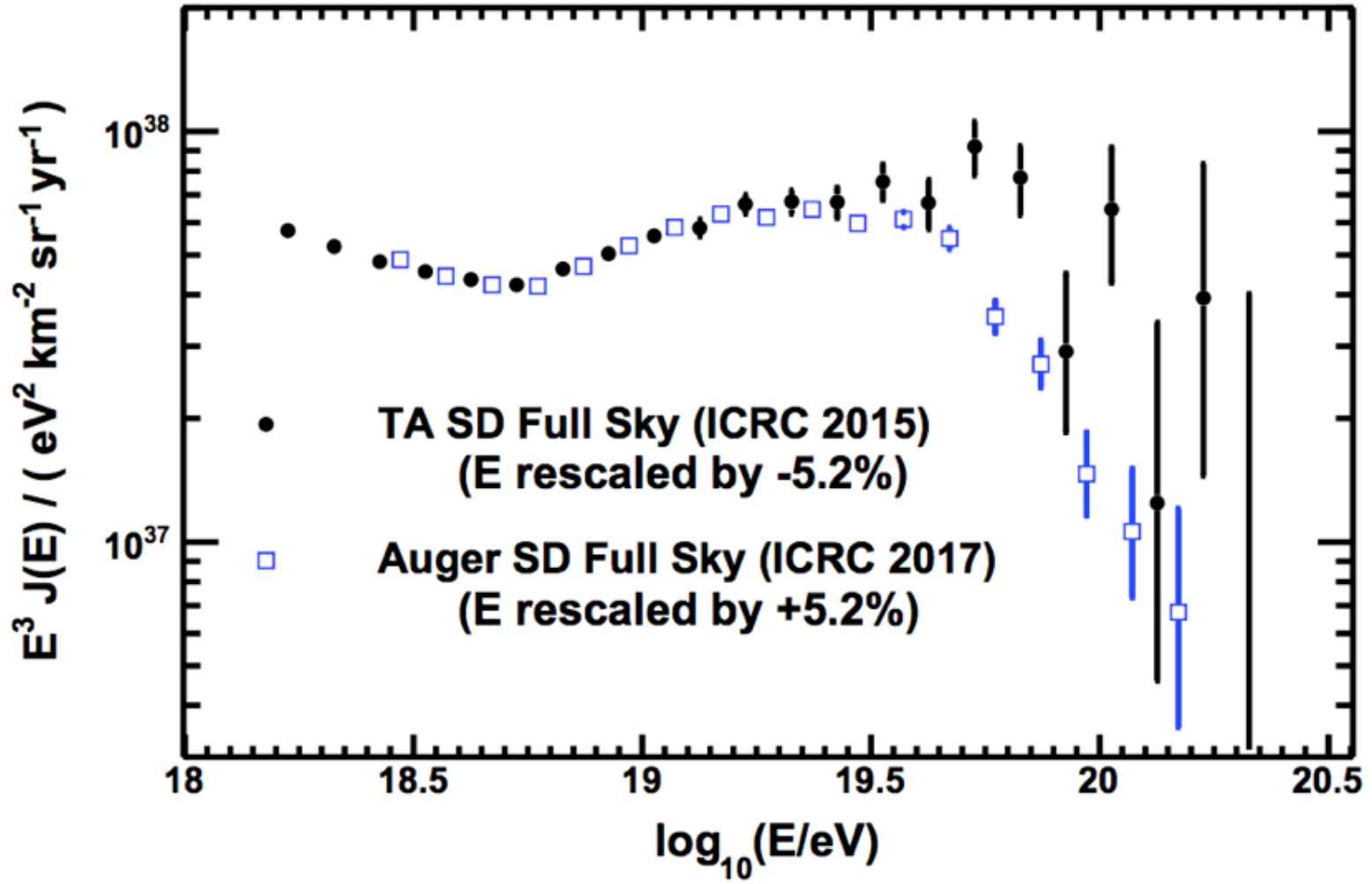
TA



➔ Good rationale to understand the global difference and so to apply a global rescaling

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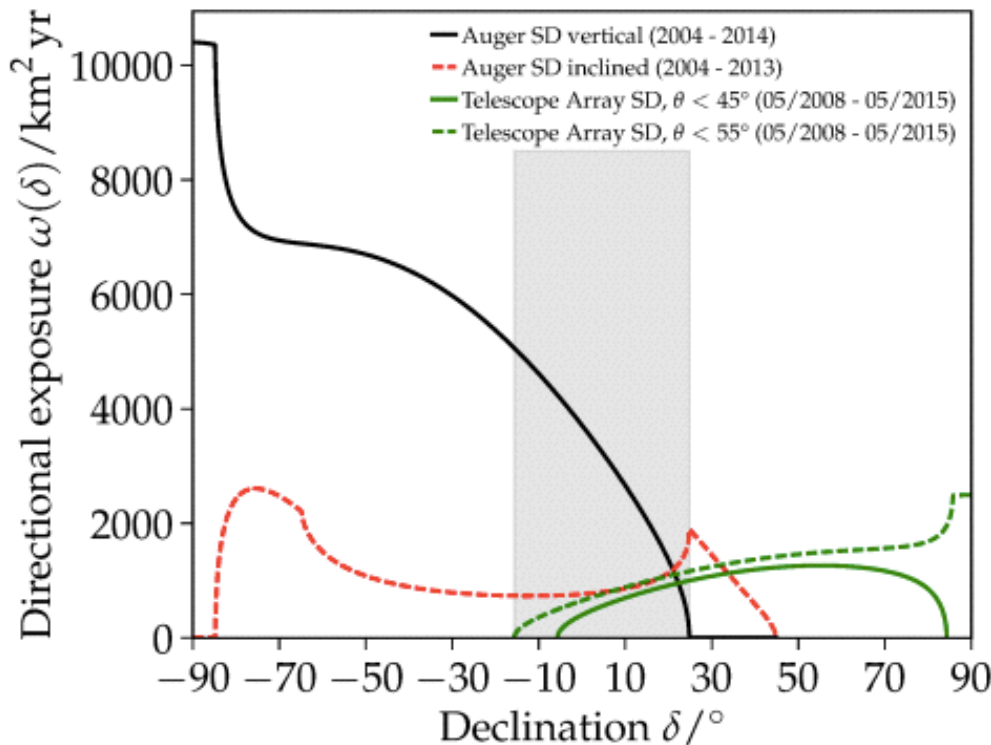
Rescaled energy spectrum



➔ Astrophysical effect or systematic uncertainties?

TA & PAO

Focus on the common field of view

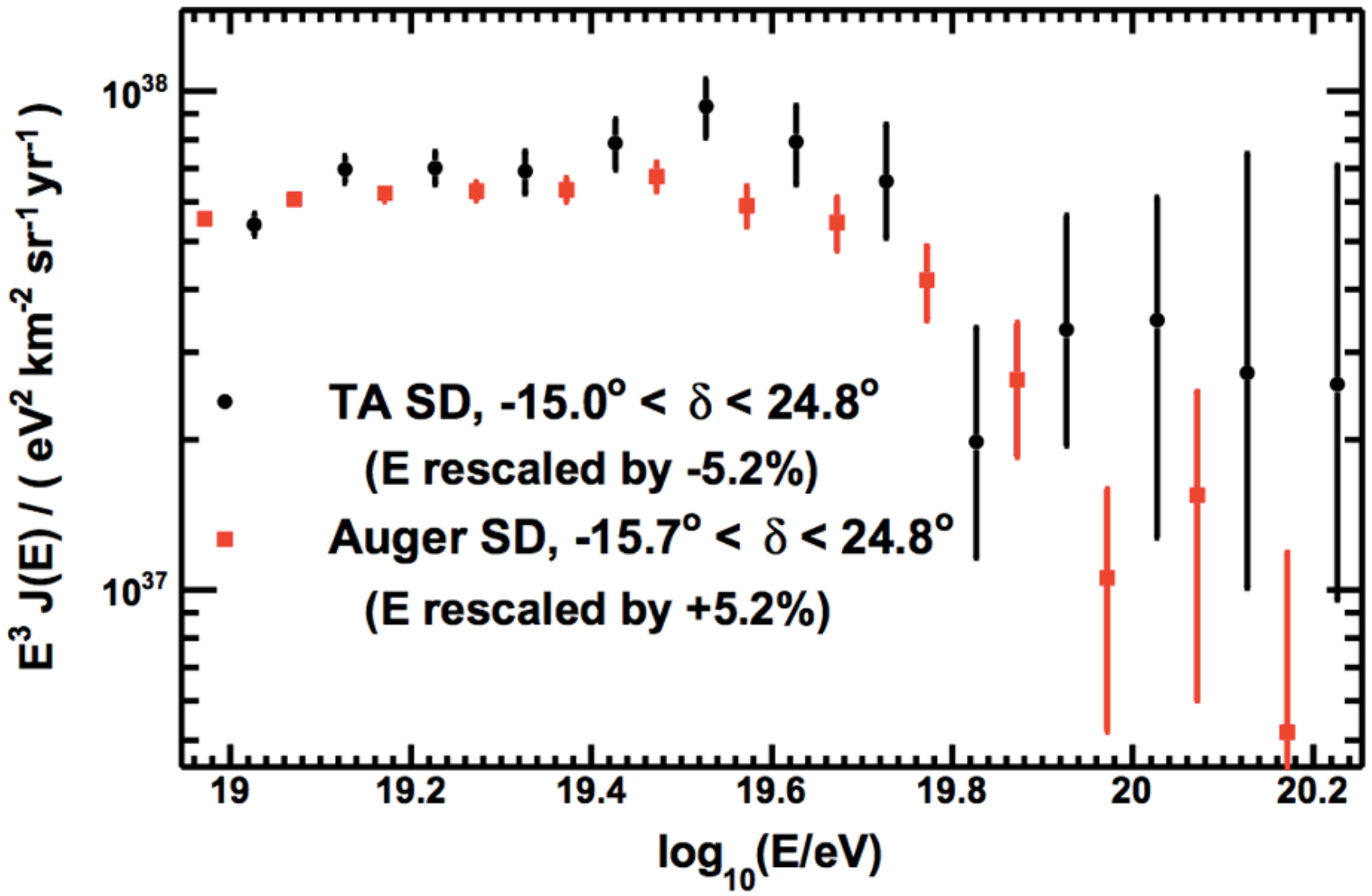


- Possibly, different intensities in different regions of the sky >10 EeV
- *But* same intensity in the common field of view
- If anisotropies, possible distortions by the directional exposure functions
- ➔ Remove distortions induced from different directional exposures in case of anisotropies:

$$J_{1/\omega}(E) = \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega\Delta E} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\omega(\delta_i)}$$

TA & PAO

Results in the common sky—shifted energies



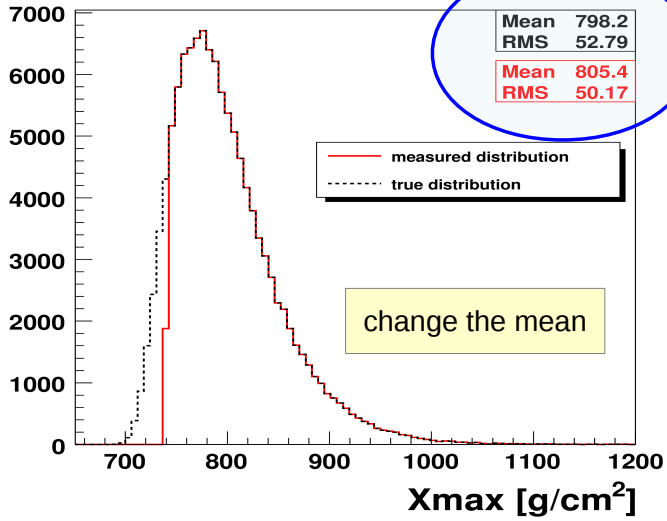


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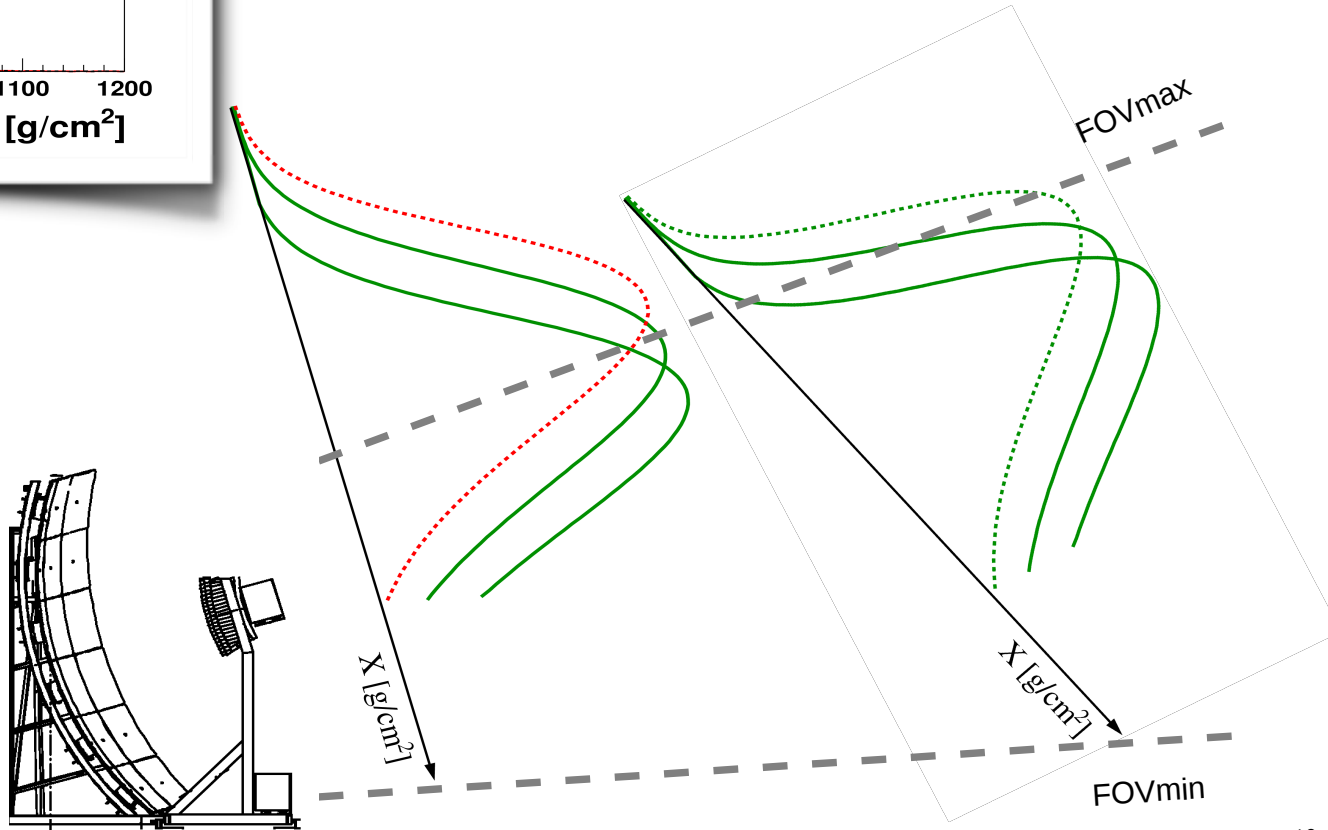
Mass composition



valid geometries ?



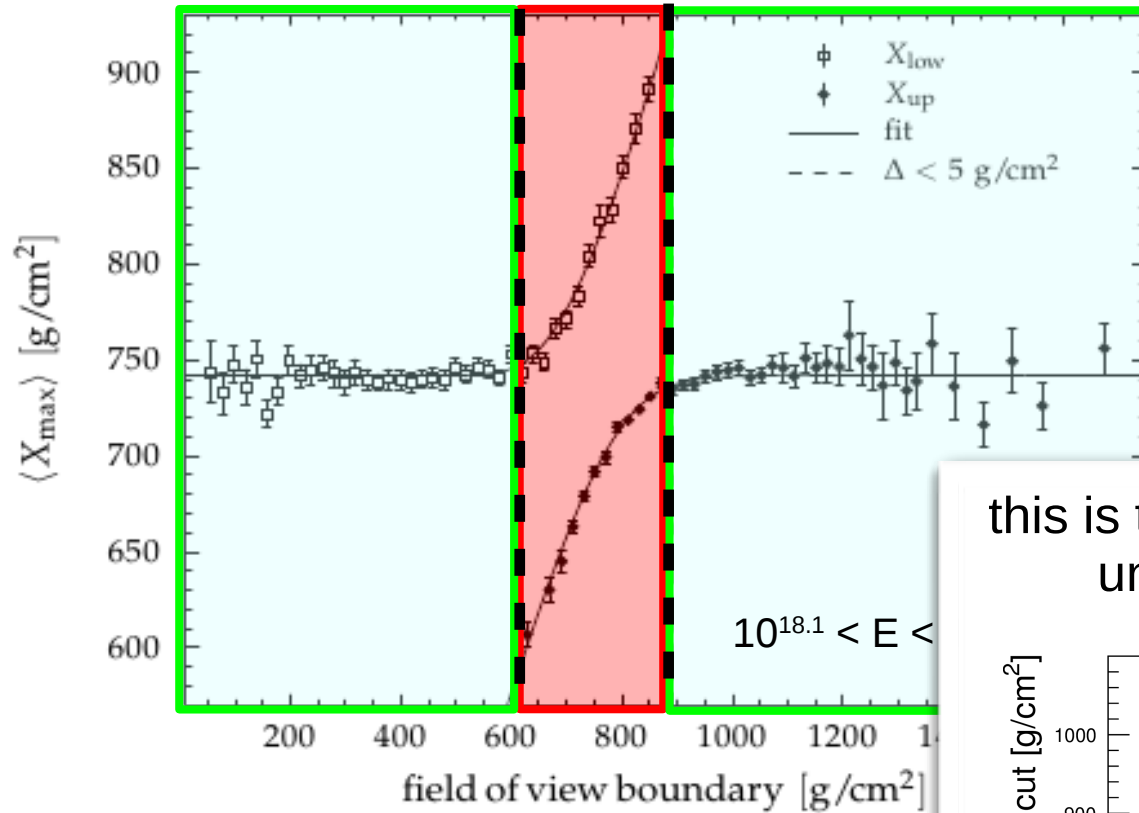
fiducial field of view



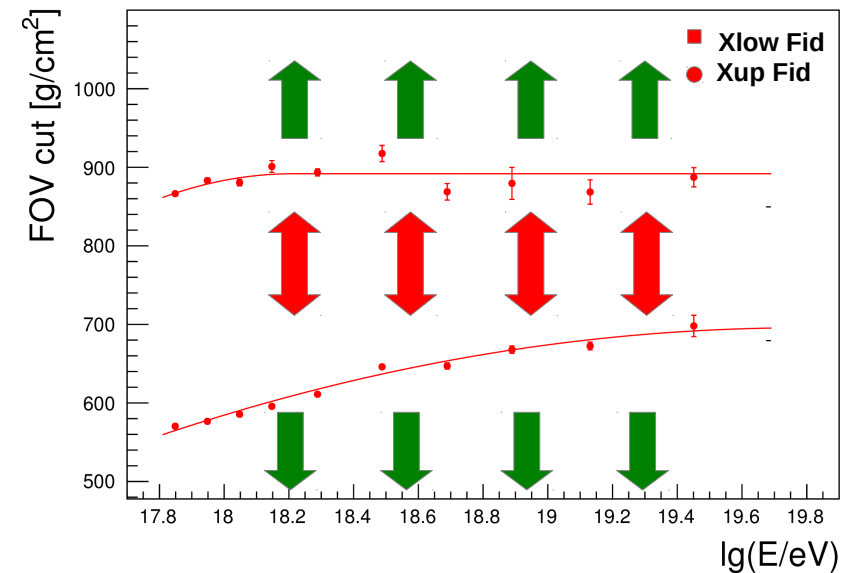
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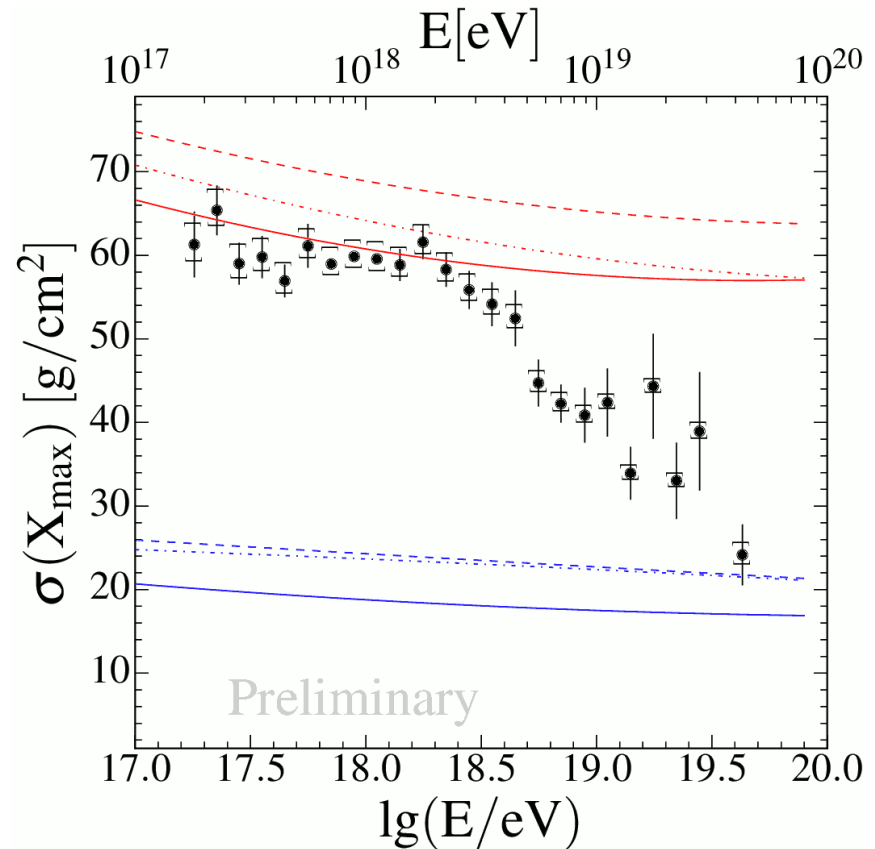
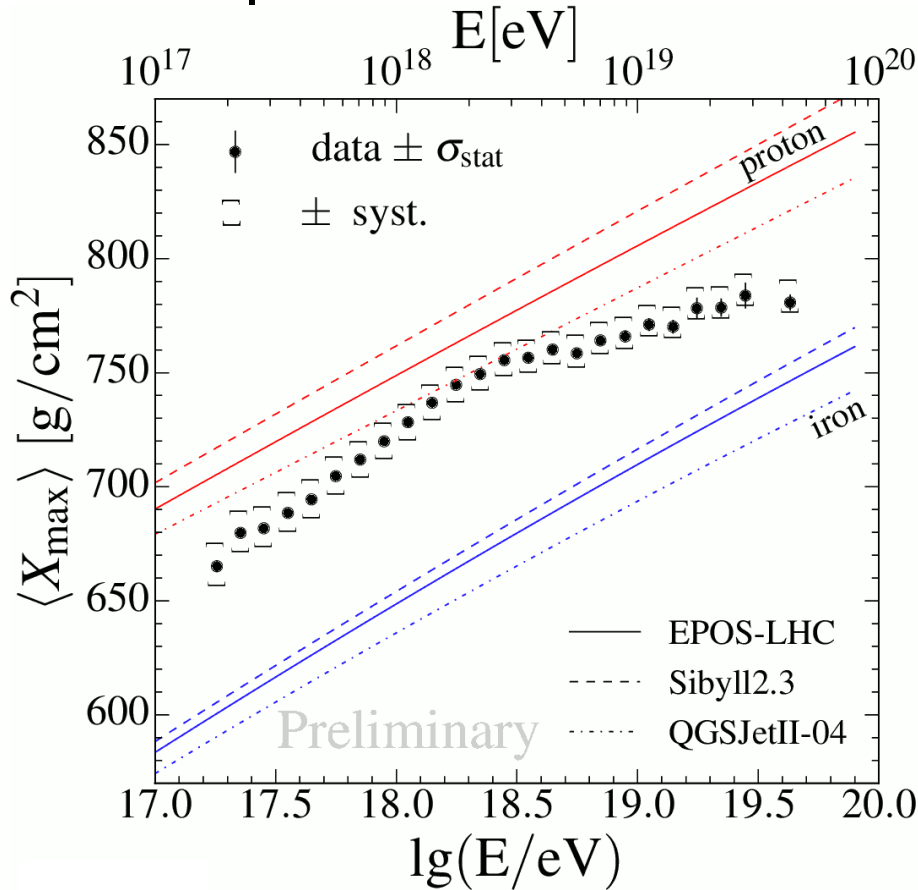
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this is the valid geometry that assures unbiased X_{\max} distributions



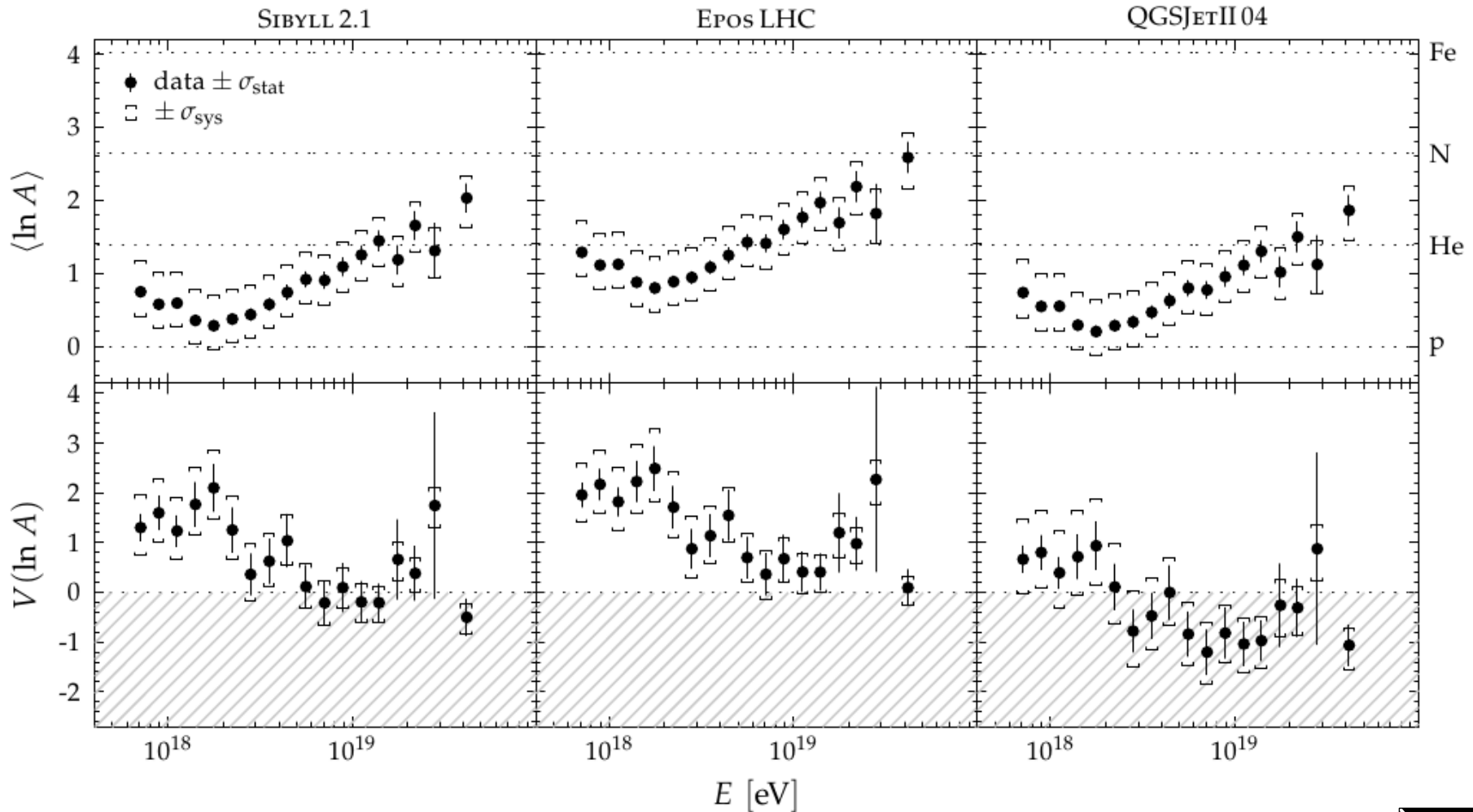
Composition: The elongation rate



J. Bellido, ICRC 2017

$$\langle \ln A \rangle \equiv \sum_i r_i \ln A_i, \quad \langle \ln A \rangle = \frac{X_{\max}^{\text{meas}} - X_{\max}^{\text{P}}}{X_{\max}^{\text{Fe}} - X_{\max}^{\text{P}}} \cdot \ln A_{\text{Fe}}.$$

Mean logarithmic mass



$V(\ln A)$ measures the purity of the sample:

- pure Pr or pure Fe or pure anything $\rightarrow V(\ln A) = 0$
- 50:50 Pr:Fe $\rightarrow V(\ln A) \approx 4$

J. Lisley, ICRC 1985

fitting abundances

simulated air shower including the detector response

2×10^4 showers
per energy bin

Proton
Helium
Nitrogen
Iron

s

Pr + Fe
Pr + N + Fe
Pr + He + N + Fe

In each bin of energy
Log Likelihood fit

$$L = \prod_j \left[\frac{e^{-C_j} C_j^{n_j}}{n_j!} \right]$$

fraction of
each species


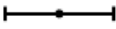
$$C_j = \frac{N_{data}}{N} \sum_s f_s X_{s,j}^m$$

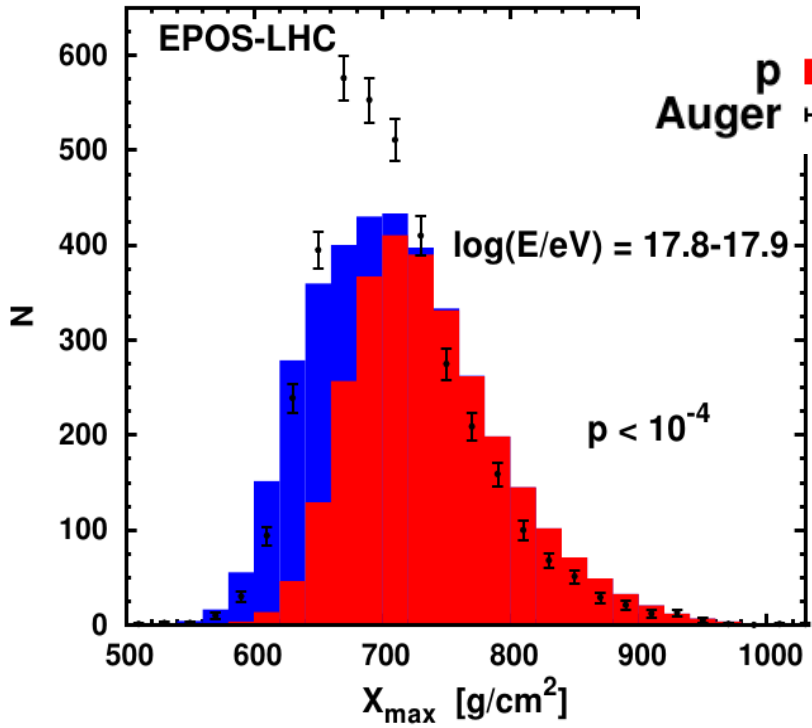
j = index of Xmax bin

n_j = measured number of shower

C_j = Simulation prediction

Fe 

p 
Auger 




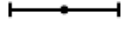
proton + iron

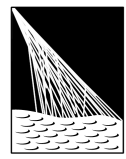
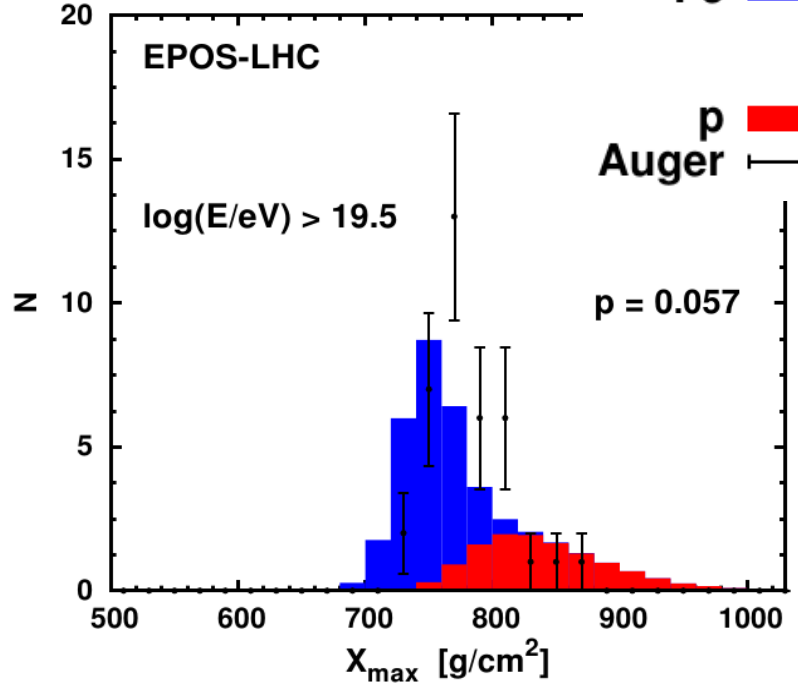
Similar picture for all hadronic interaction models



Very poor agreement with the data for most energy bins

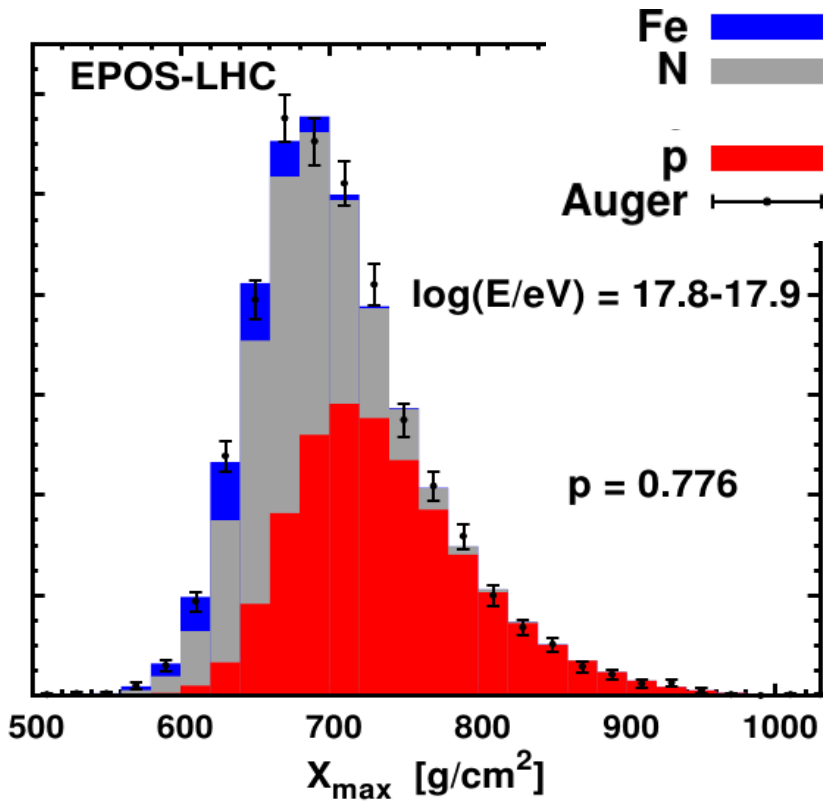
Fe 

p 
Auger 

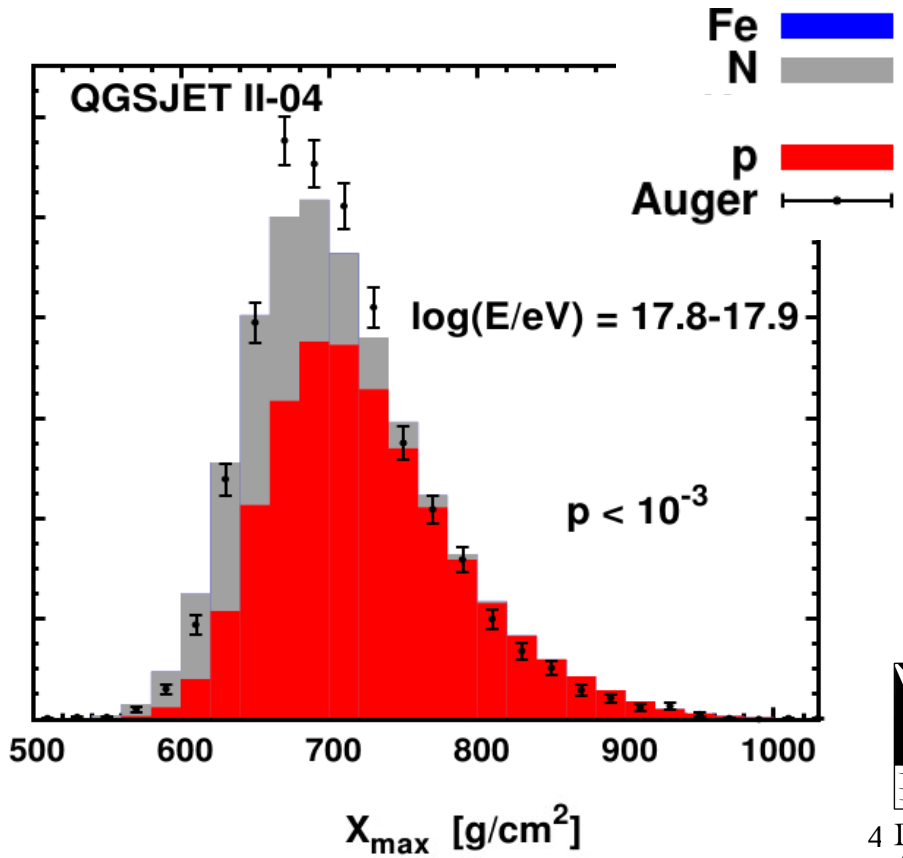


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proton + nitrogen + iron

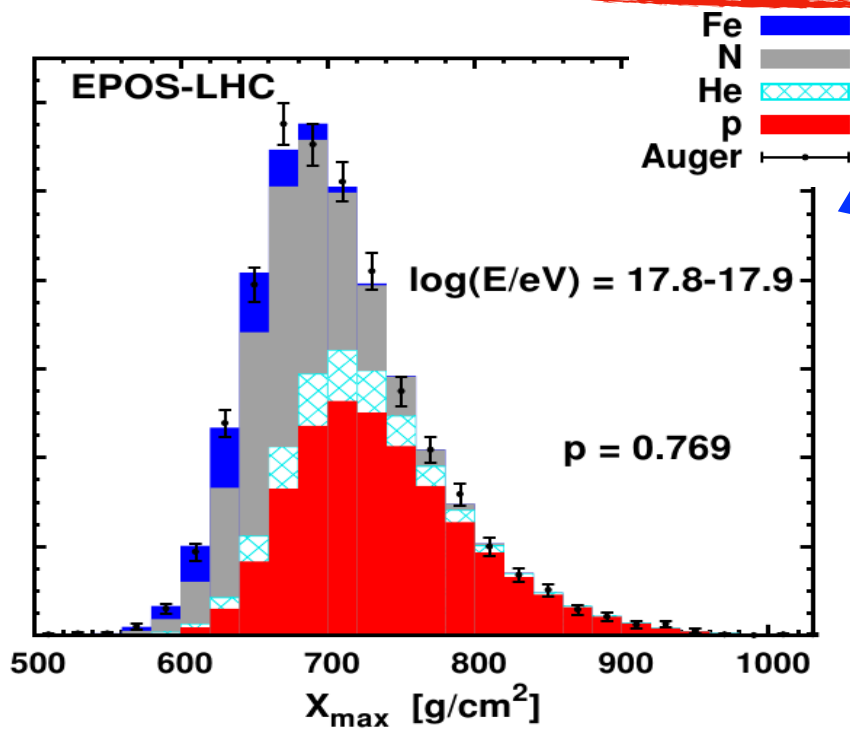


EPOS-LHC describes the data best



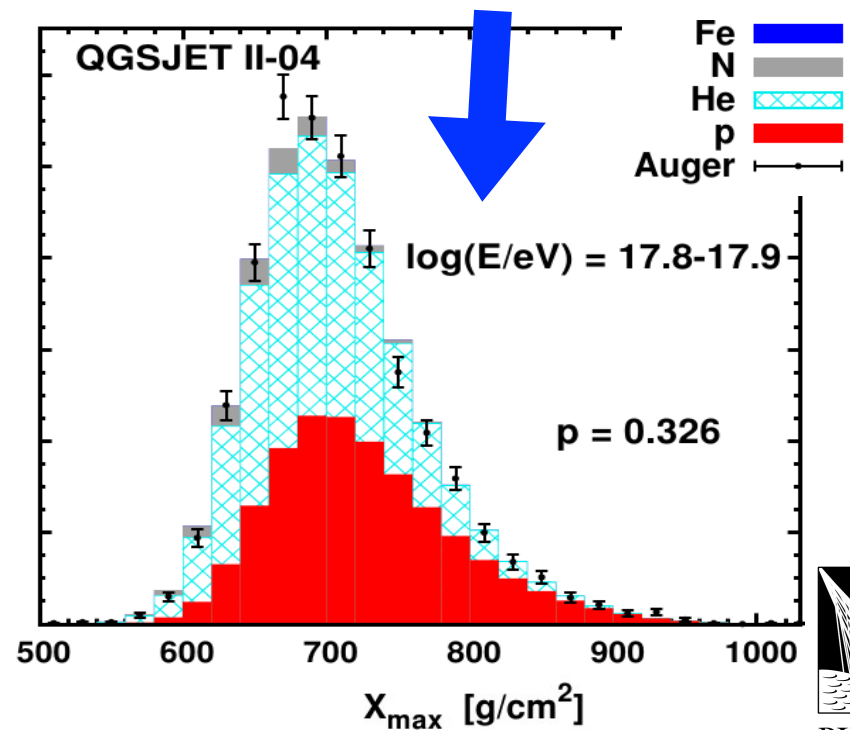
acceptable/poor agreement with the data

proton + helium + nitrogen + iron

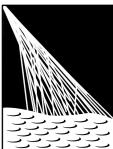


EPOS-LHC describes the data best

QGSJet II-04 describes the data worst

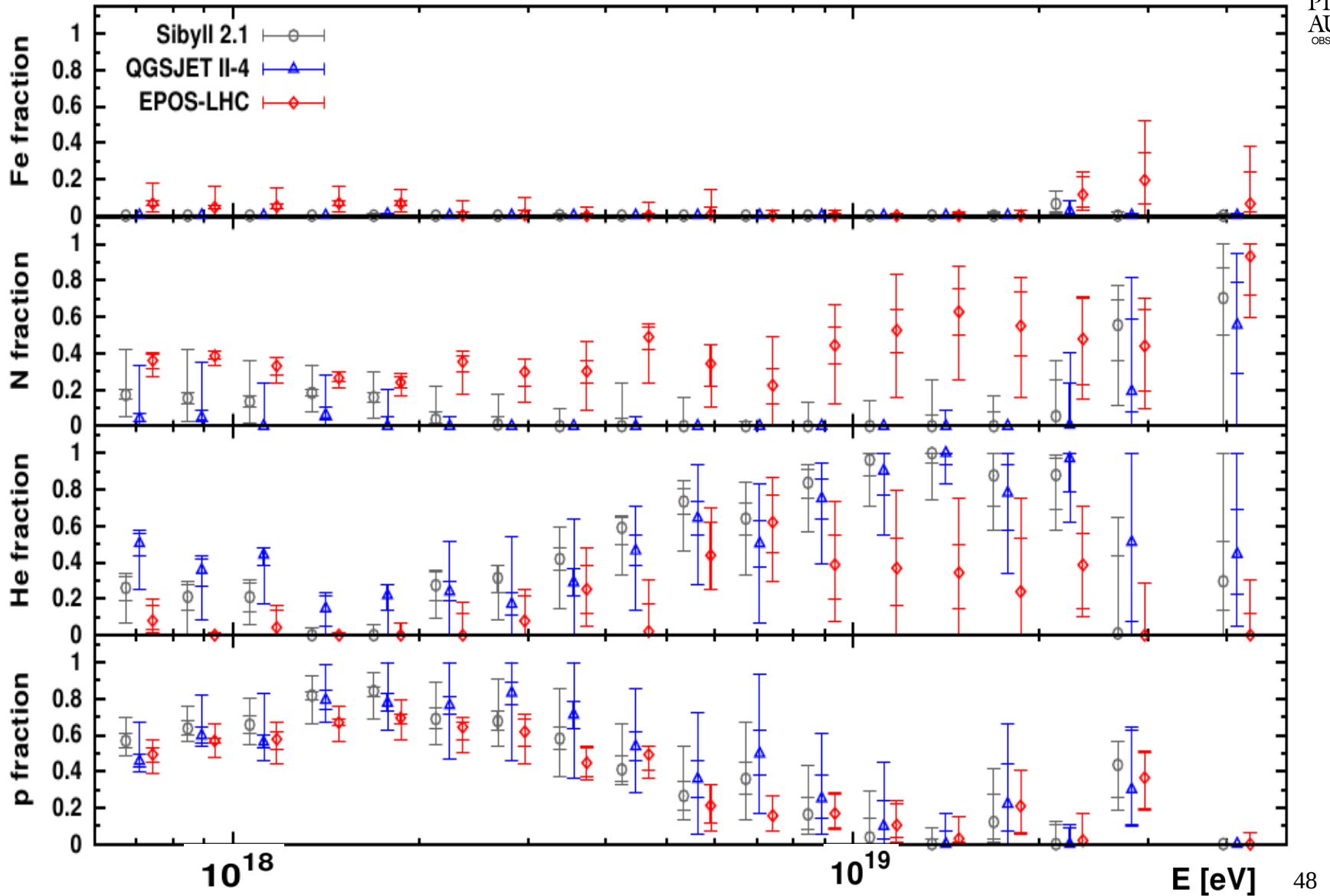


acceptable/good agreement with the data



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proton + helium + nitrogen + iron



Combined fit of spectrum and composition data as measured by the Pierre Auger Observatory

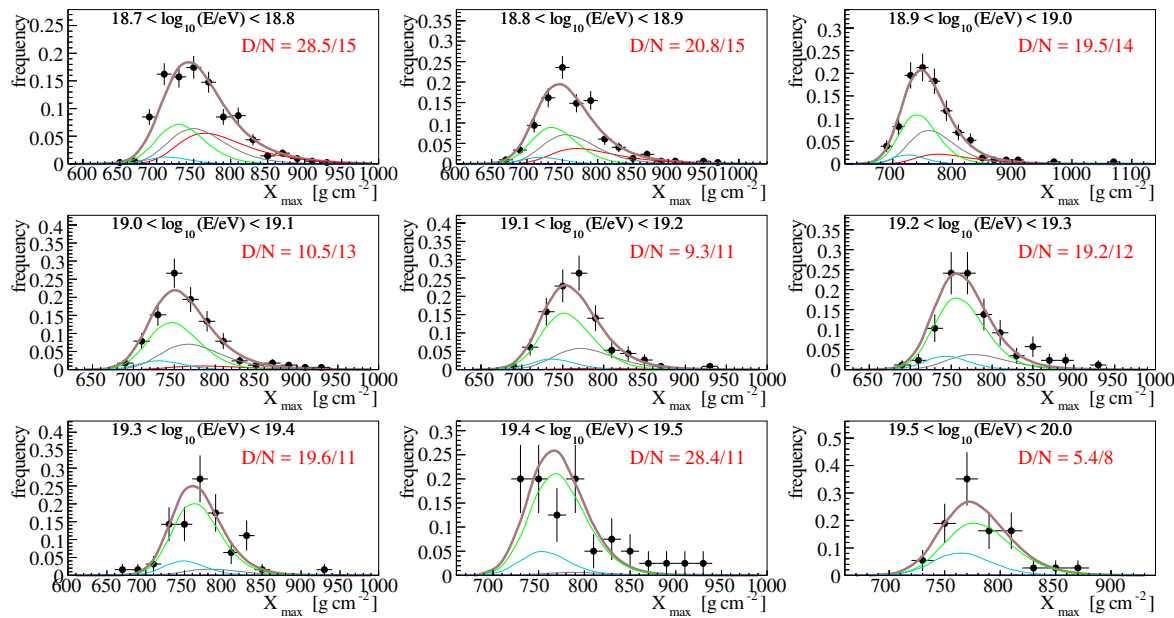
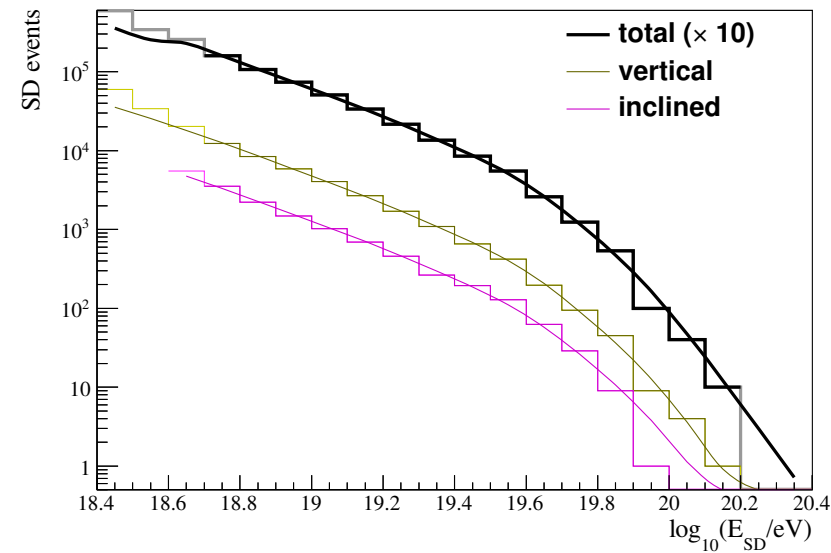


Figure 2. Top: fitted spectra, as function of *reconstructed* energy, compared to experimental counts. The sum of horizontal and vertical counts has been multiplied by 10 for clarity. Bottom: the distributions of X_{\max} in the fitted energy bins, best fit minimum, SPG propagation model, EPOS-LF UHECR-air interactions. Partial distributions are grouped according to the mass number as follows: $A = 1$ (red), $2 \leq A \leq 4$ (grey), $5 \leq A \leq 22$ (green), $23 \leq A \leq 38$ (cyan), total (brown).

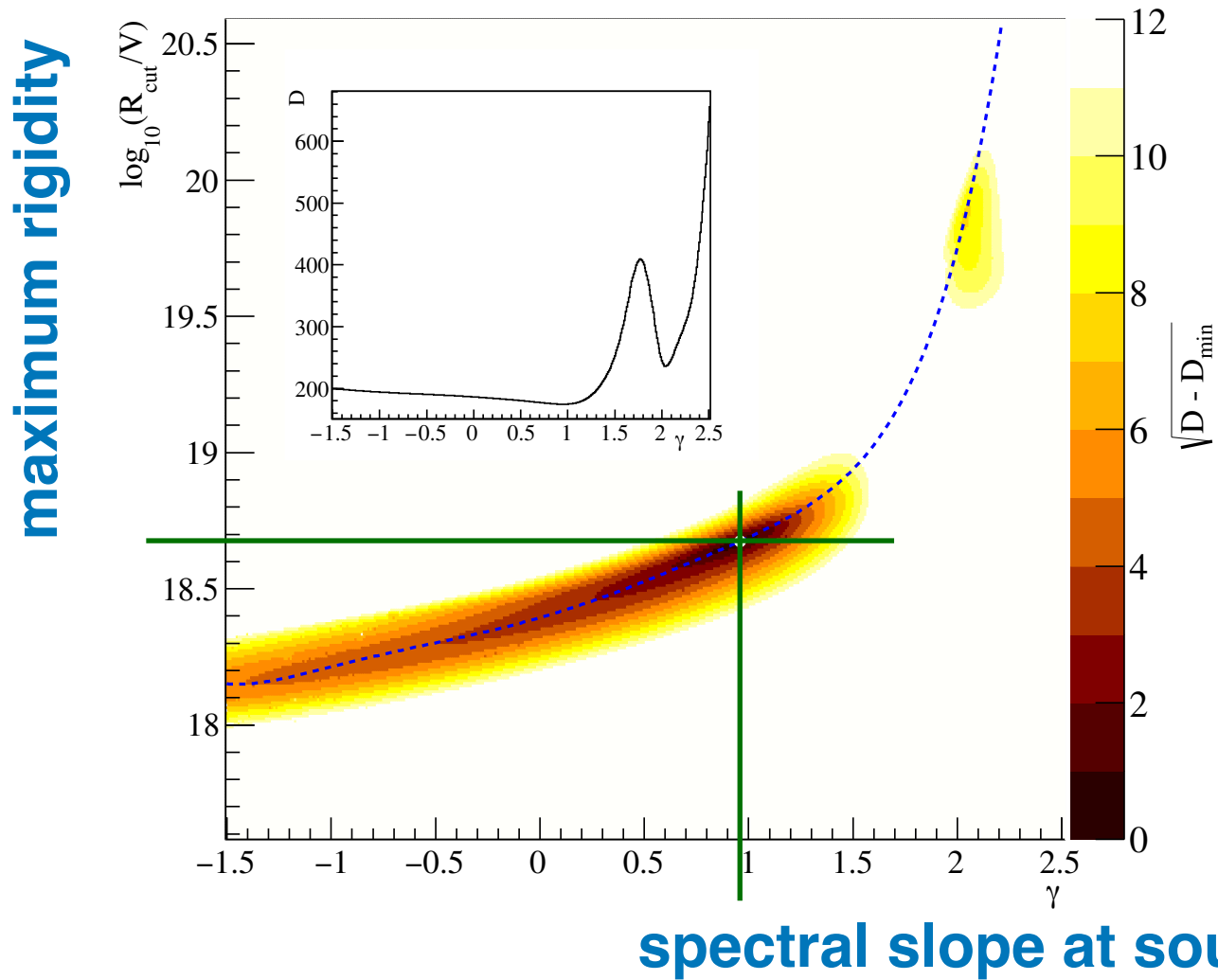
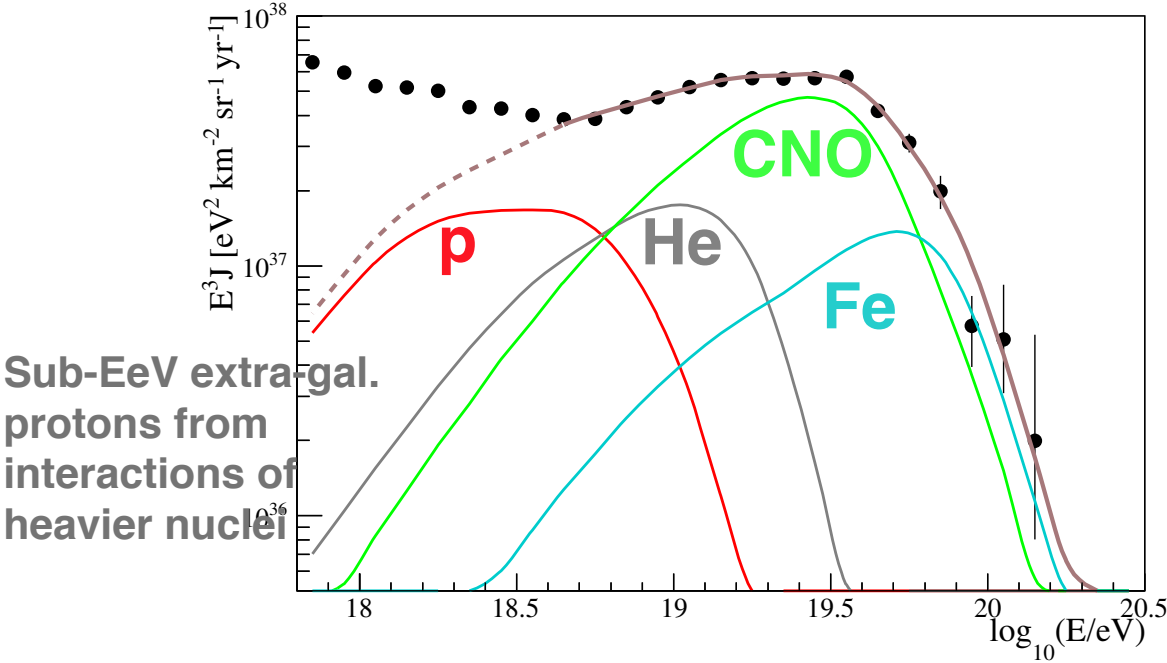


Figure 1. Deviance $\sqrt{D - D_{\min}}$, as function of γ and $\log_{10}(R_{\text{cut}}/V)$. The dot indicates the position of the best minimum, while the dashed line connects the relative minima of D (valley line). In the inset, the distribution of D_{\min} in function of γ along this line.



Combined fit of spectrum and composition data as measured by the Pierre Auger Observatory

p	$A = 1$
He	$2 \leq A \leq 4$
CNO	$5 \leq A \leq 22$
Fe	$27 \leq A \leq 56$

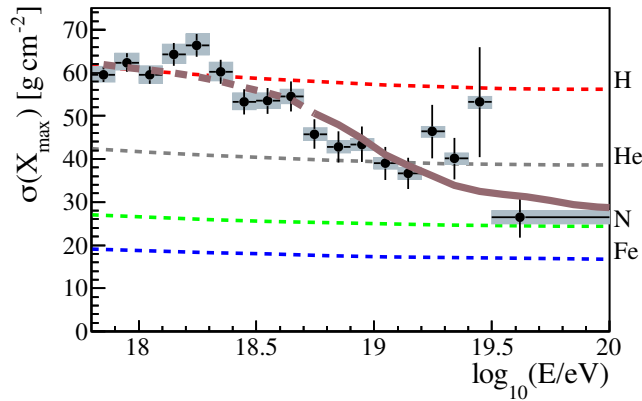
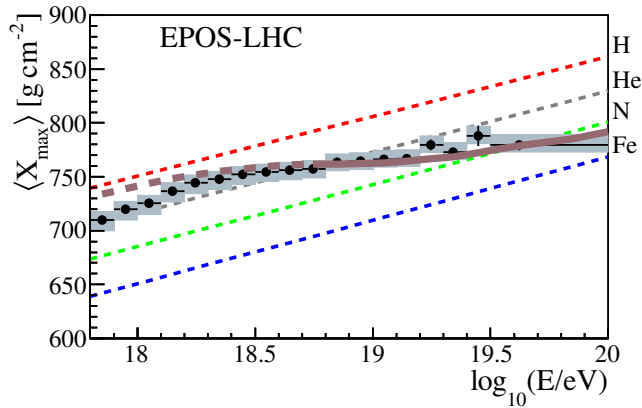
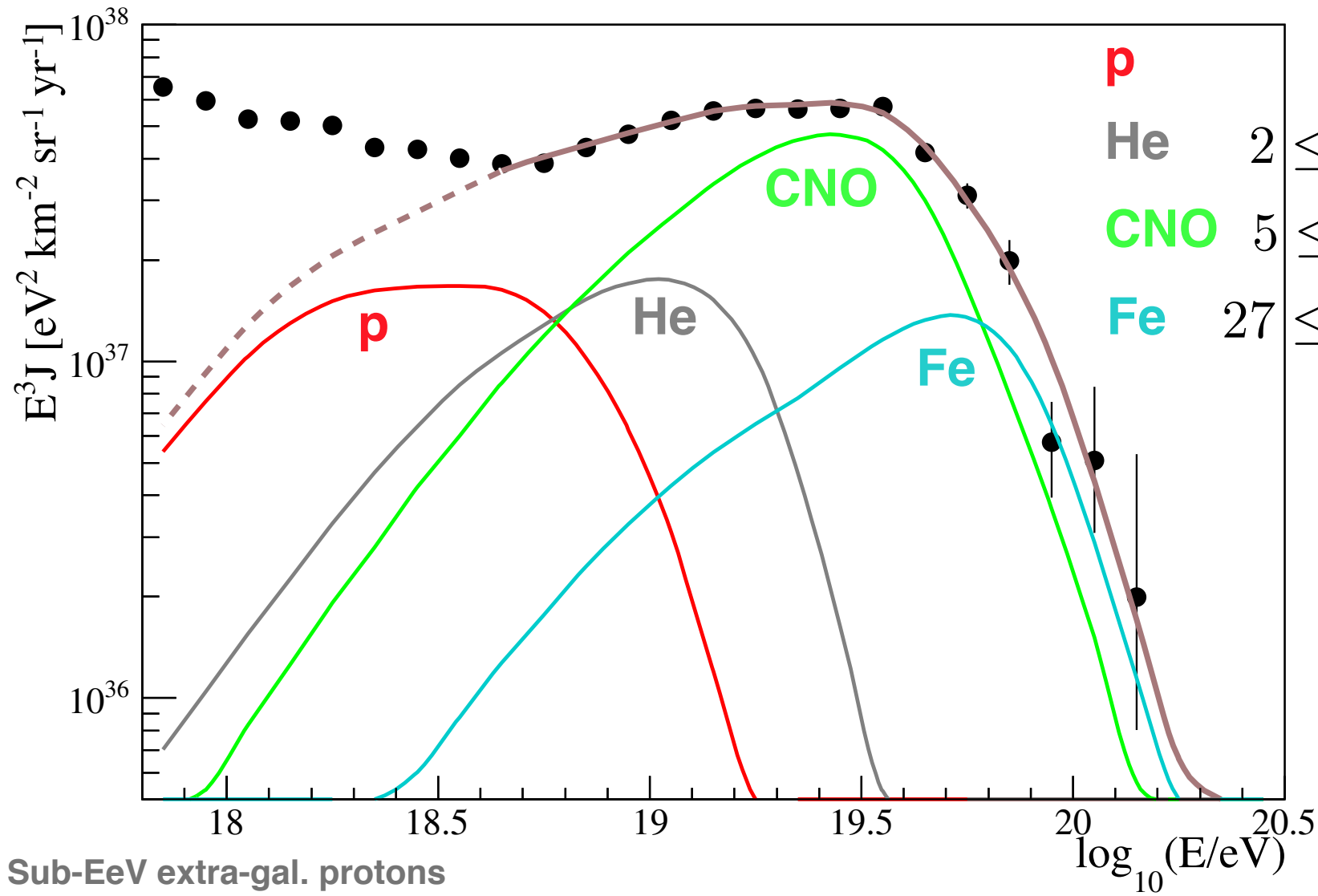


Figure 3. Top: simulated energy spectrum of UHECRs (multiplied by E^3) at the top of the Earth's atmosphere, obtained with the best-fit parameters for the reference model using the procedure described in section 3. Partial spectra are grouped as in figure 2. For comparison the fitted spectrum is reported together with the spectrum in [4] (filled circles). Bottom: average and standard deviation of the X_{\max} distribution as predicted (assuming EPOS-LHC UHECR-air interactions) for the model (brown) versus pure ^1H (red), ^4He (grey), ^{14}N (green) and ^{56}Fe (blue), dashed lines. Only the energy range where the brown lines are solid is included in the fit.



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Combined fit of spectrum and composition data as measured by the Pierre Auger Observatory



p	$A = 1$
He	$2 \leq A \leq 4$
CNO	$5 \leq A \leq 22$
Fe	$27 \leq A \leq 56$

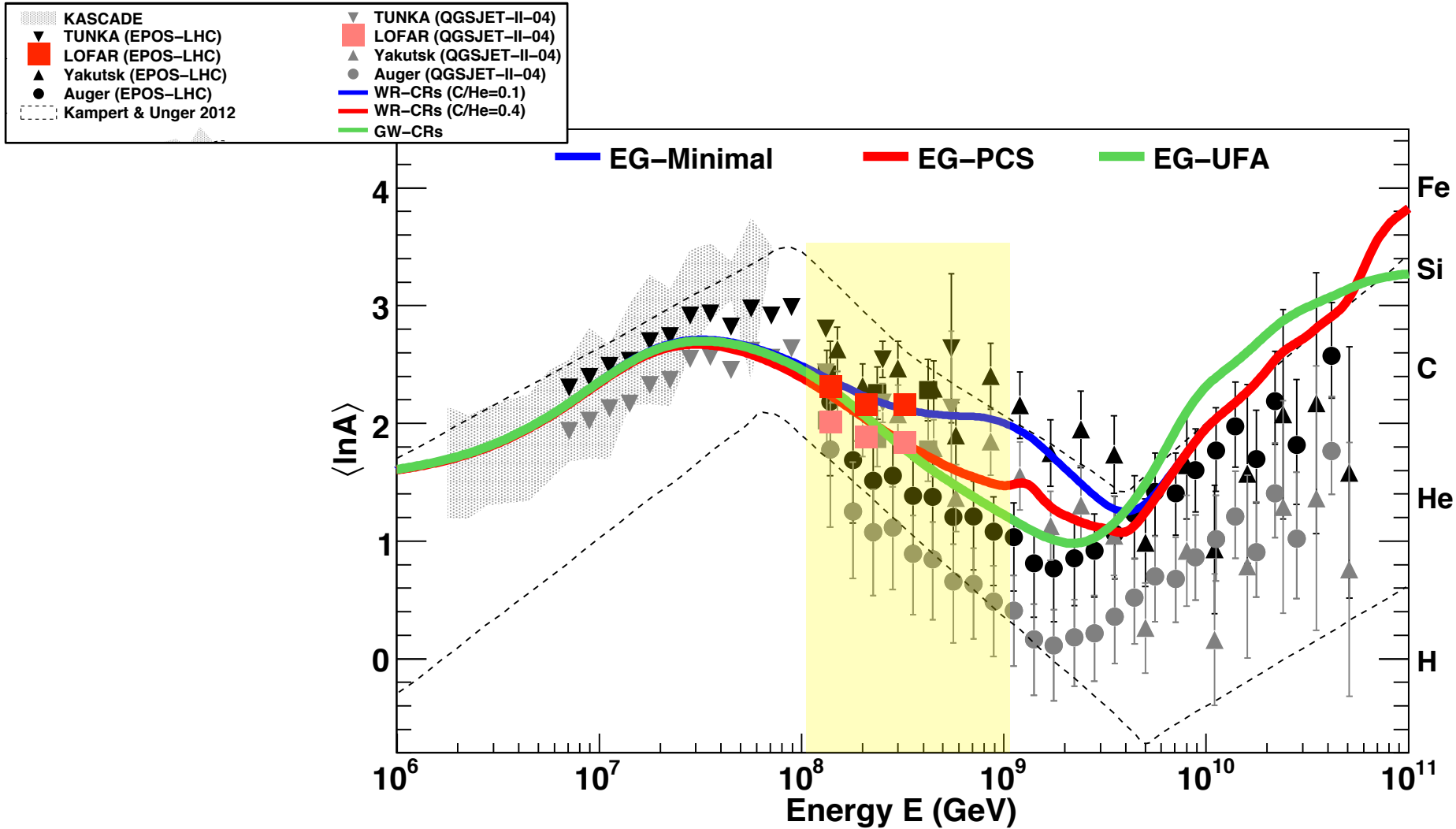
Sub-EeV extra-gal. protons from interactions of heavier nuclei



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Mean logarithmic mass

$$\ln A = \sum k_i \ln A_i$$





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Arrival direction

Observation of a large-scale anisotropy in the arrival directions of cosmic rays above 8×10^{18} eV

The Pierre Auger Collaboration*†



Anisotropy detected at >5.2 sigma dipole amplitude 6.5%

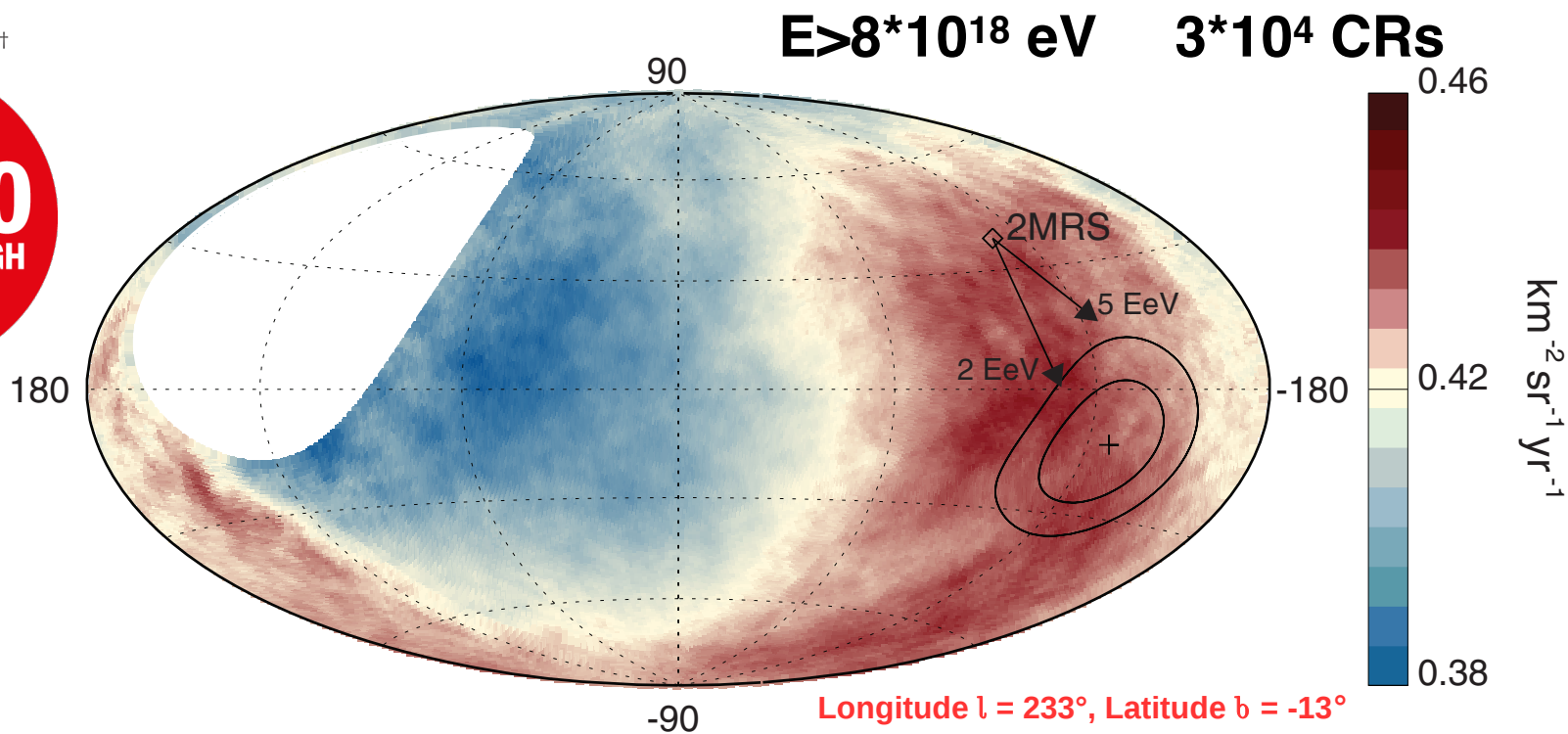


Fig. 3. Map showing the fluxes of particles in galactic coordinates. Sky map in galactic coordinates showing the cosmic-ray flux for $E \geq 8$ EeV smoothed with a 45° top-hat function. The galactic center is at the origin. The cross indicates the measured dipole direction; the contours denote the 68% and 95% confidence level regions. The dipole in the 2MRS galaxy distribution is indicated. Arrows show the deflections expected for a particular model of the galactic magnetic field (8) on particles with $E/Z = 5$ or 2 EeV.

Extragalactic tested population

Starburst galaxies



M82

Intense star formation + winds

23 objects from *Fermi*-LAT observations within **250 Mpc** with a radio flux at **1.4GHz > 0.3 Jy**

Nearby galaxies

e.g.: NGC253, M82, NGC4945, NGC1068

Active Galactic Nuclei



Centaurus A

Jets and radiolobes

17 objects from 2FHL catalog within **250 Mpc**
(*Fermi*-LAT, > 50 GeV)

More distant galaxies

e.g.: Centaurus A, Mkn421, Mkn501

Indication of anisotropy in arrival directions of ultra-high-energy cosmic rays through comparison to the flux pattern of extragalactic gamma-ray sources

Active Galactic Nuclei

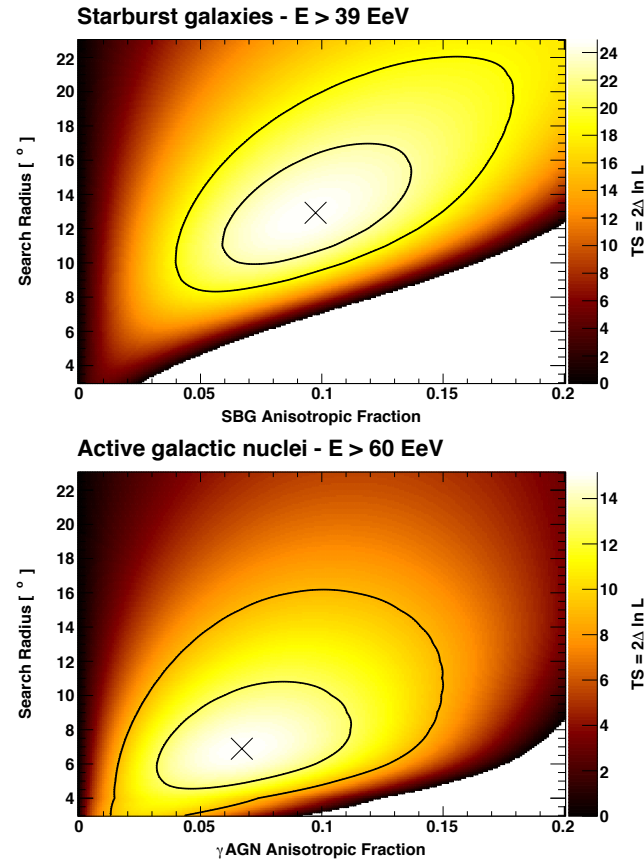
- 2FHL AGNs
- flux proxy: $\Phi(> 50 \text{ GeV})$
- 17 objects within 250 Mpc

Star-forming of Starburst Galaxies

- Fermi-LAT search list (Ackermann+2016)
- $\Phi(> 1.54, \text{GHz}) > 0.3 \text{ Jy}$
- flux proxy: $\Phi(> 1.54, \text{GHz})$
- 23 objects within 250 Mpc

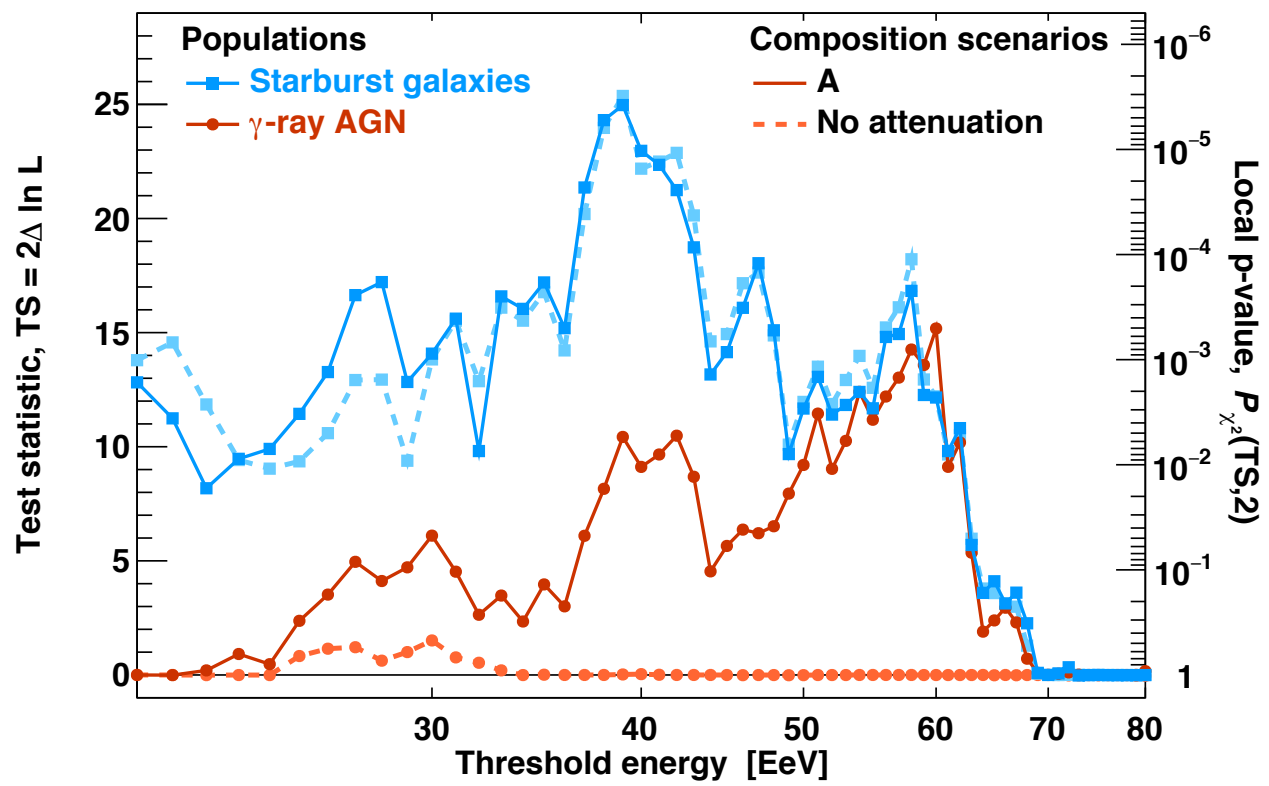
Likelihood ratio analysis

- smearing angle ψ
- H_0 : isotropy
- H_1 : $(1 - f) \times \text{isotropy} + f \times \text{fluxMap}(\psi)$
- $TS = 2 \log(H_1/H_0)$



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E > 39 EeV

starburst

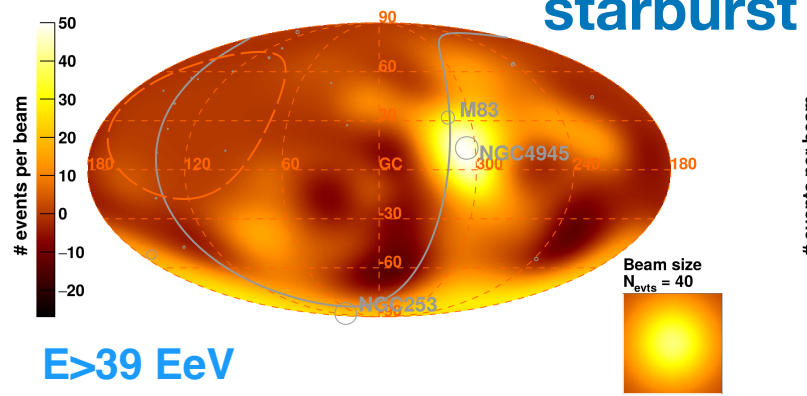
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post-trial significance: 4.0 sigma

AGN

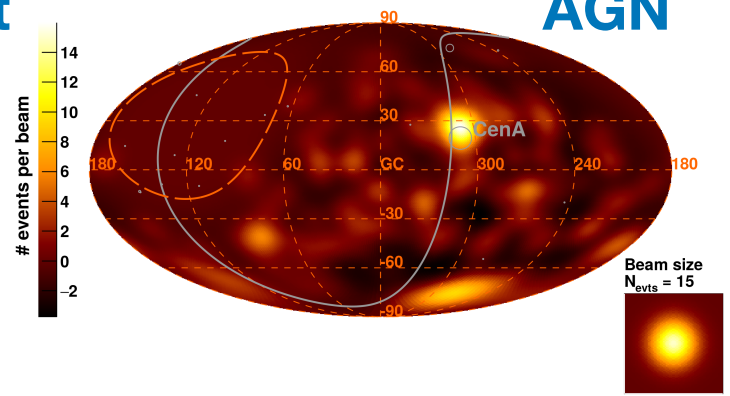
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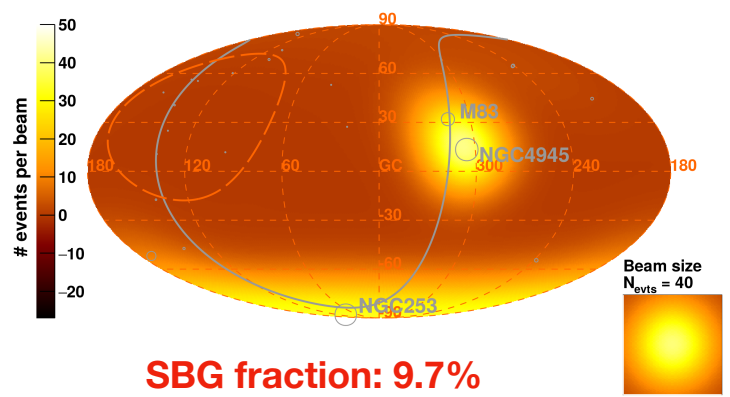
Observed Excess Map - $E > 39$ EeV



Observed Excess Map - $E > 60$ EeV

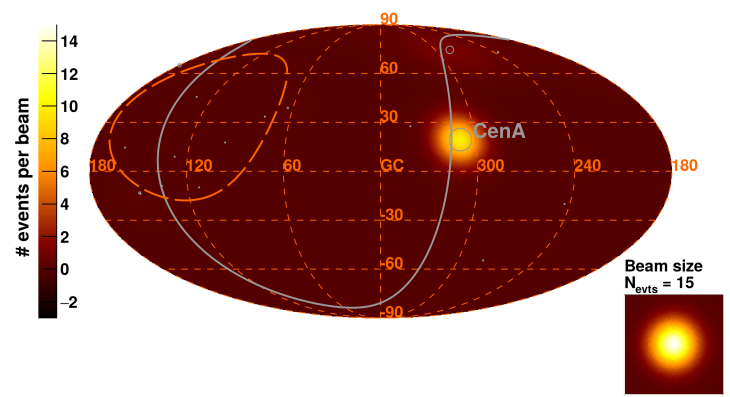


Model Excess Map - Starburst galaxies - $E > 39$ EeV



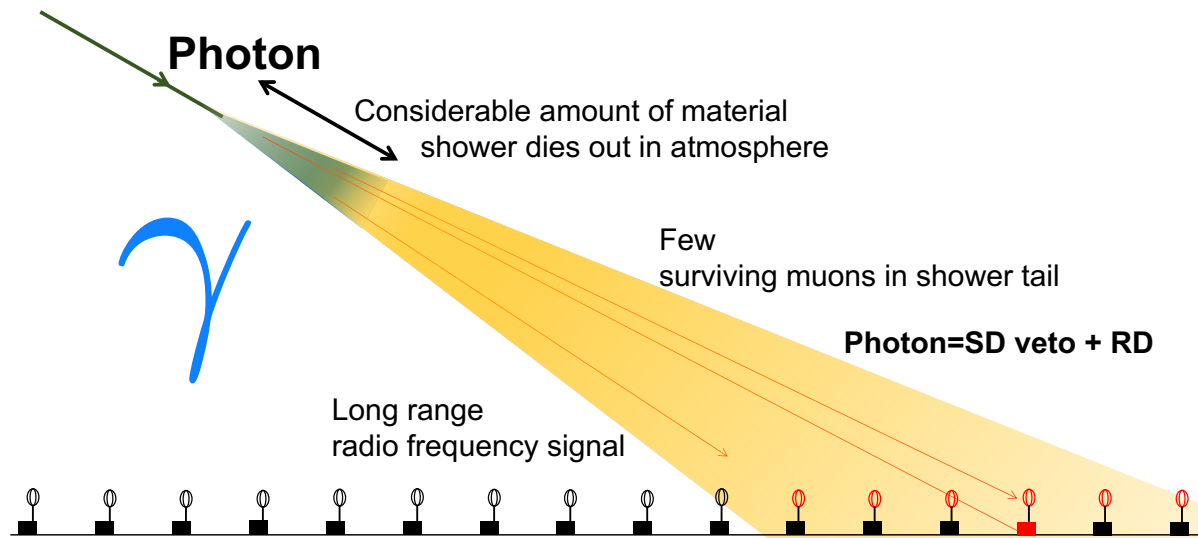
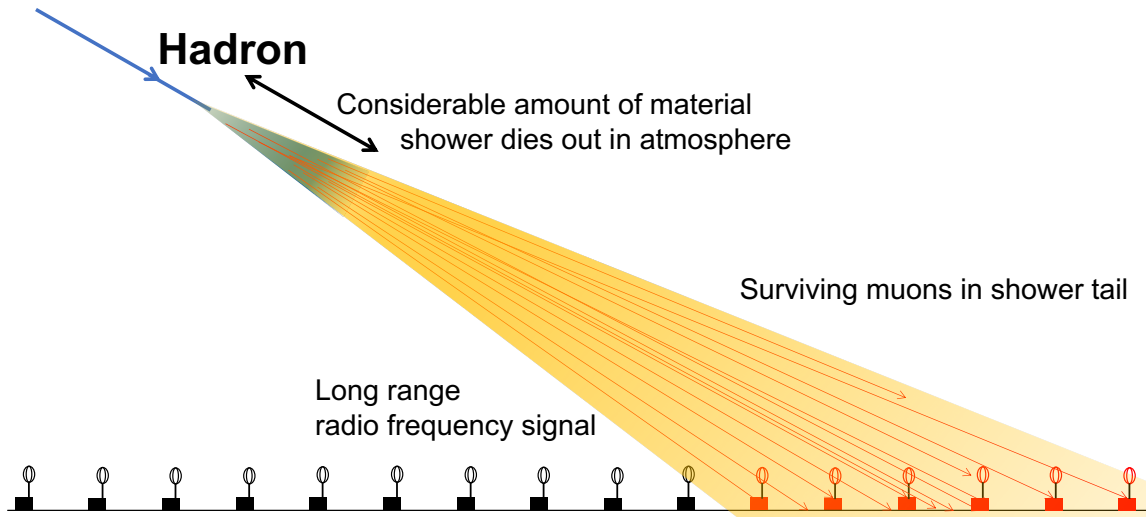
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Model Excess Map - Active galactic nuclei - $E > 60$ EeV



search radius: 6.9°
 pre-trail p-value: $5.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
 post-trial p-value: $3.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
 post-trial significance: 2.7 sigma

Photons



**photons:
deep showers, small
footprint, few WCD
stations**

The new RDs at each SD will also help to increase our sensitivity to neutrinos and photons.

Search for photons with energies above 10^{18} eV using the hybrid detector of the Pierre Auger Observatory

multivariate analysis

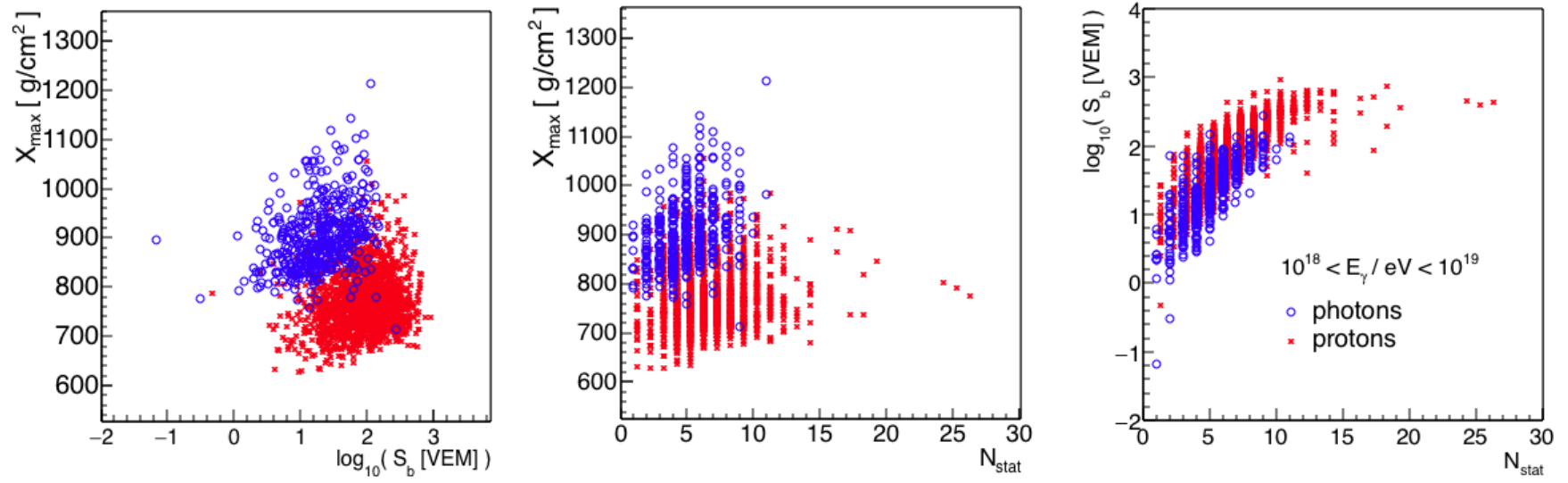


Figure 2. Correlation between the discriminating observables used in the multivariate analysis for the energy range $10^{18} < E_\gamma < 10^{19}$ eV: the red stars and the blue circles are the proton and photon simulated events, respectively. Events are selected applying the criteria in section 4. For a better visibility of the plot only 5% of events are plotted and a shift of 0.25 is applied to N_{stat} for proton events.

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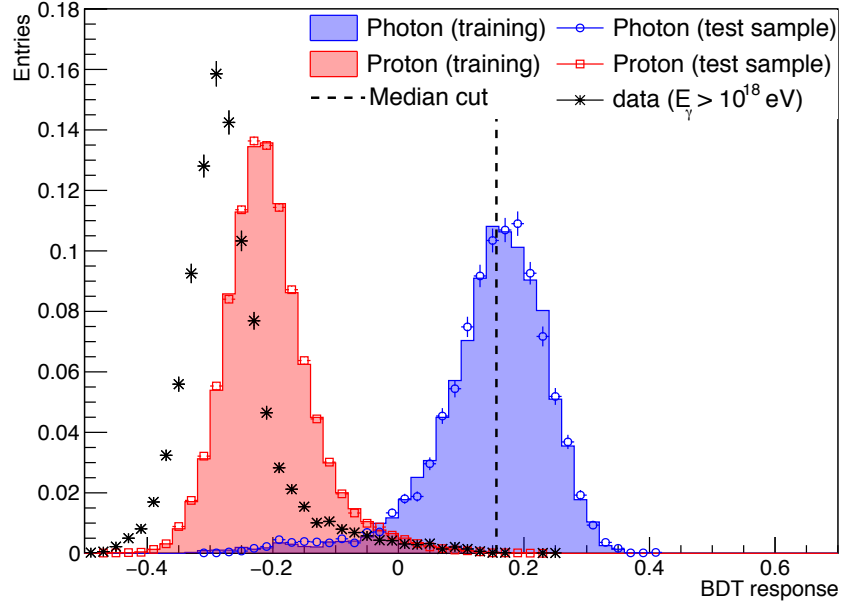
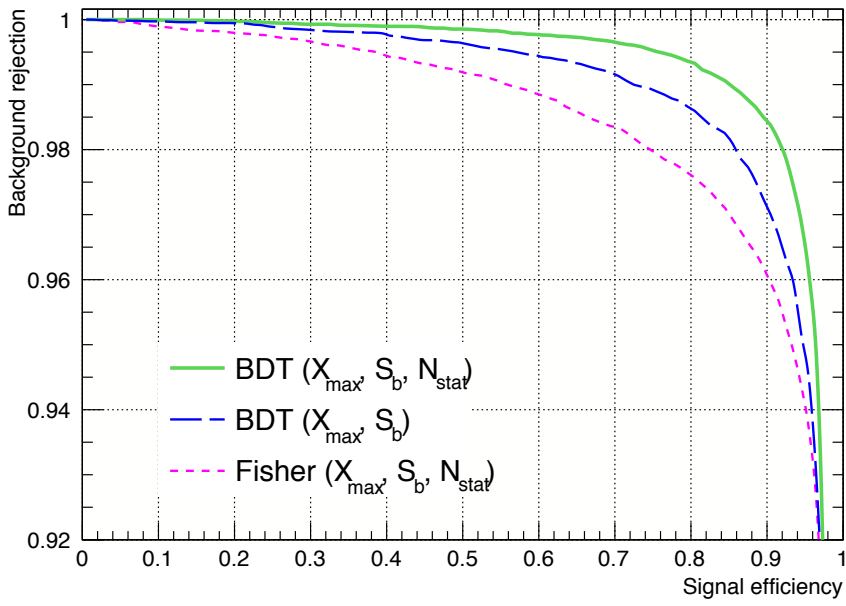


Figure 3. Left: curve of the background rejection efficiency against the signal efficiency for different algorithms and observables. Right: distribution of the Boosted Decision Tree observables for signal (photon, blue), background (proton, red) and data (black). For simulations both the training and the test samples are shown. The cut at the median of the photon distribution is indicated by the dashed line. QGSJET-II-04 used as high-energy hadronic interaction model.

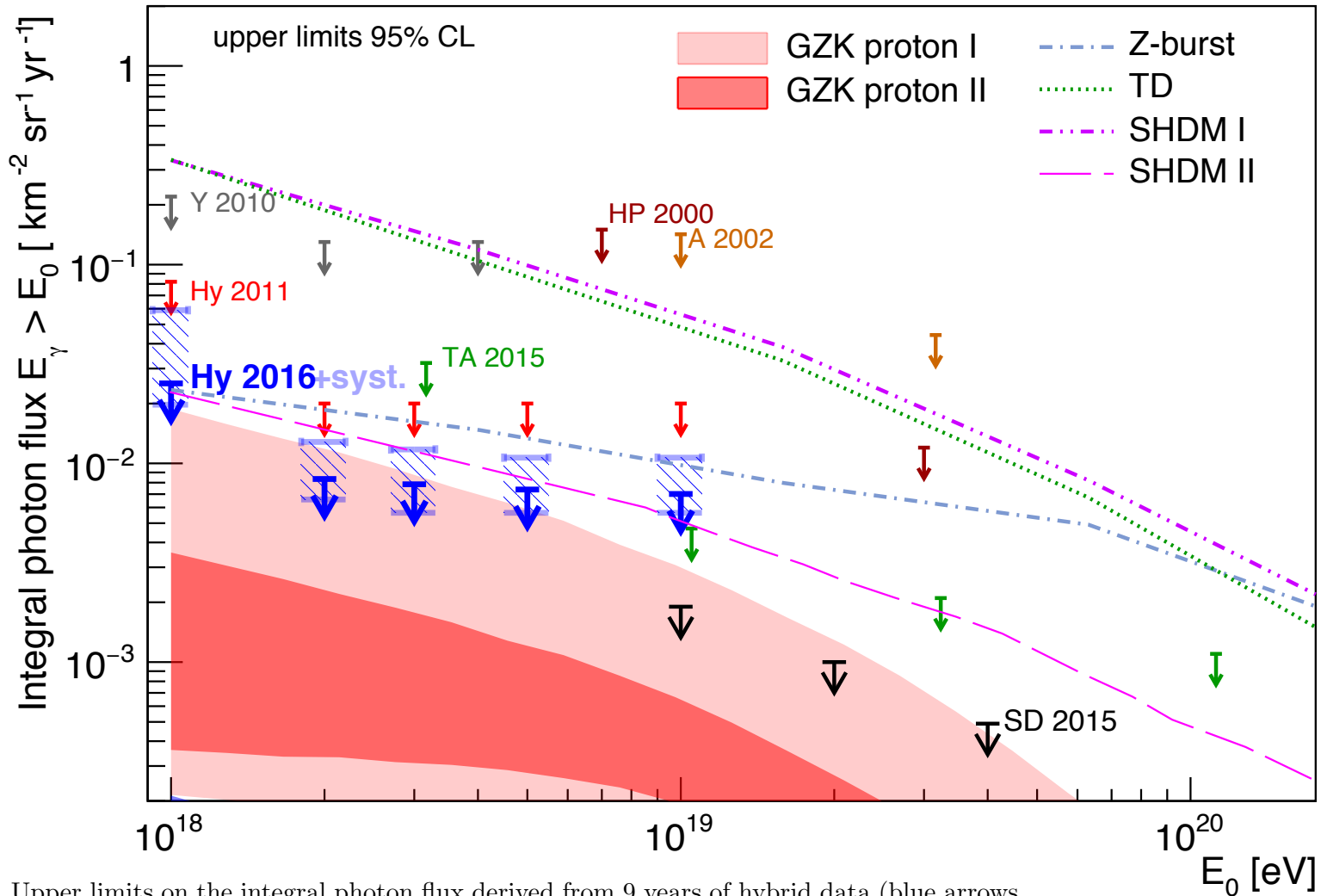


Figure 6. Upper limits on the integral photon flux derived from 9 years of hybrid data (blue arrows, Hy 2016) for a photon flux E^{-2} and no background subtraction. The limits obtained when the detector systematic uncertainties are taken into account are shown as horizontal segments (light blue) delimiting a dashed-filled box at each energy threshold. Previous limits from Auger: (SD [20] and Hybrid 2011 [19]), for Telescope Array (TA) [59], AGASA (A) [60], Yakutsk (Y) [61] and Haverah Park (HP) [62] are shown for comparison. None of them includes systematic uncertainties. The shaded regions and the lines give the predictions for the GZK photon flux [14, 16] and for top-down models (TD, Z-Burst, SHDM I [63] and SHDM II [21]).



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Table 1
Combined Unweighted Probabilities \mathcal{P} and Weighted Probabilities \mathcal{P}_w for the 12 Target Sets

Class	No.	\mathcal{P}_w	\mathcal{P}	R.A. ($^{\circ}$)	Decl. ($^{\circ}$)	Obs	Exp	Exposure ($\text{km}^2 \text{ yr}$)	Flux UL ($\text{km}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	E -flux UL ($\text{eV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	p	p^*
msec PSRs	67	0.57	0.14	286.4	4.0	5 (7, 9 [*])	1.433	236.1	0.043	0.077	0.010	0.476
γ -ray PSRs	75	0.97	0.98	312.8	-8.5	6 (8, 10 [*])	1.857	248.1	0.045	0.080	0.007	0.431
LMXB	87	0.13	0.74	258.1	-40.8	6 (8, 11 [*])	2.144	233.9	0.046	0.083	0.014	0.718
HMXB	48	0.33	0.84	285.9	-3.2	4 (7, 9 [*])	1.460	235.2	0.036	0.066	0.040	0.856
H.E.S.S. PWN	17	0.92	0.90	266.8	-28.2	4 (8, 10 [*])	2.045	211.4	0.038	0.068	0.104	0.845
H.E.S.S. other	16	0.12	0.52	258.3	-39.8	5 (8, 10 [*])	2.103	233.3	0.040	0.072	0.042	0.493
H.E.S.S. UNID	20	0.79	0.45	257.1	-41.1	6 (8, 10 [*])	2.142	239.2	0.045	0.081	0.014	0.251
Microquasars	13	0.29	0.48	267.0	-28.1	5 (8, 10 [*])	2.044	211.4	0.045	0.080	0.037	0.391
Magnetars	16	0.30	0.89	257.2	-40.1	4 (8, 10 [*])	2.122	253.8	0.031	0.056	0.115	0.858
Gal. Center	1	0.59	0.59	266.4	-29.0	2 (8, 8 [*])	2.048	218.9	0.024	0.044	0.471	0.471
LMC	3	0.52	0.62	84.4	-69.2	2 (8, 9 [*])	2.015	180.3	0.030	0.053	0.463	0.845
Cen A	1	0.31	0.31	201.4	-43.0	3 (8, 8 [*])	1.948	214.1	0.031	0.056	0.221	0.221

Note. In addition, information on the most significant target from each target set is given. The number of observed (Obs) and expected (Exp) events and the corresponding exposure are shown. The numbers in brackets in the observed number of events column indicate the numbers of events needed for a 3σ observation unpenalized and penalized (*). Upper limits (UL) are computed at the 95% confidence level. The last two columns indicate the p -value unpenalized (p) and penalized (p^*). Due to the discrete distribution of p -values arising in isotropic simulations, \mathcal{P} can differ from p in the sets that contain only a single target.

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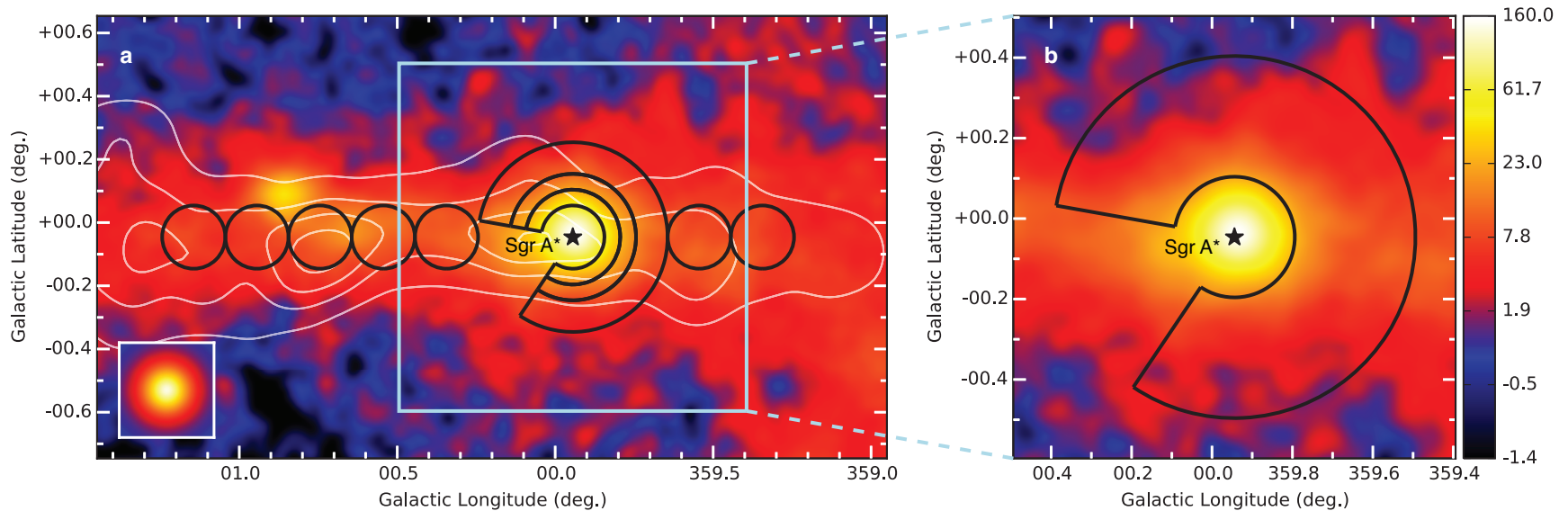


Figure 1: **VHE γ -ray image of the Galactic Centre region.** The colour scale indicates counts per $0.02^\circ \times 0.02^\circ$ pixel. *Left panel:* The black lines outline the regions used to calculate the CR energy density throughout the central molecular zone. A section of 66° is excluded from the annuli (see Methods). White contour lines indicate the density distribution of molecular gas, as traced by its CS line emission³⁰. The inset shows the simulation of a point-like source. *Right panel:* Zoomed view of the inner ~ 70 pc and the contour of the region used to extract the spectrum of the diffuse emission.

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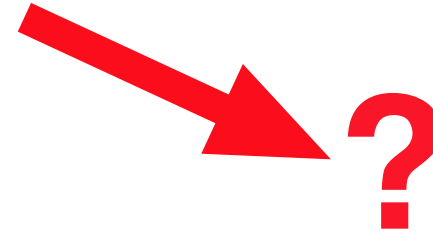
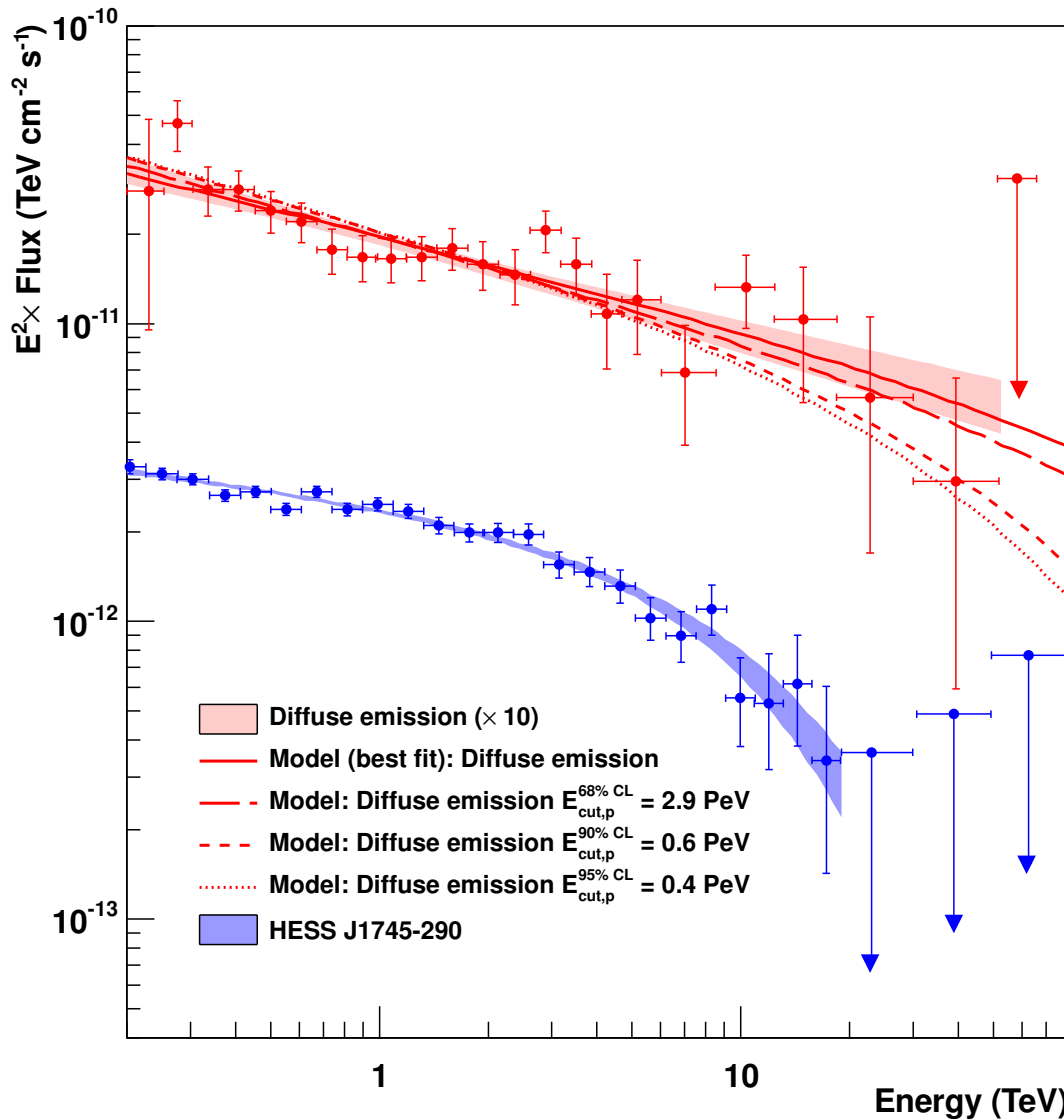


Figure 3: **VHE γ -ray spectra of the diffuse emission and HESS J1745-290.** The Y axis shows fluxes multiplied by a factor E^2 , where E is the energy on the X axis, in units of $\text{TeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$. The vertical and horizontal error bars show the 1σ statistical error and bin size, respectively. Arrows represent 2σ flux upper limits. The 1σ confidence bands of the best-fit spectra of the diffuse and HESS J1745-290 are shown in red and blue shaded areas, respectively. Spectral parameters are given in Methods. The red lines show the numerical computations assuming that γ -rays result from the decay of neutral pions produced by proton-proton interactions. The fluxes of the diffuse emission spectrum and models are multiplied by 10.



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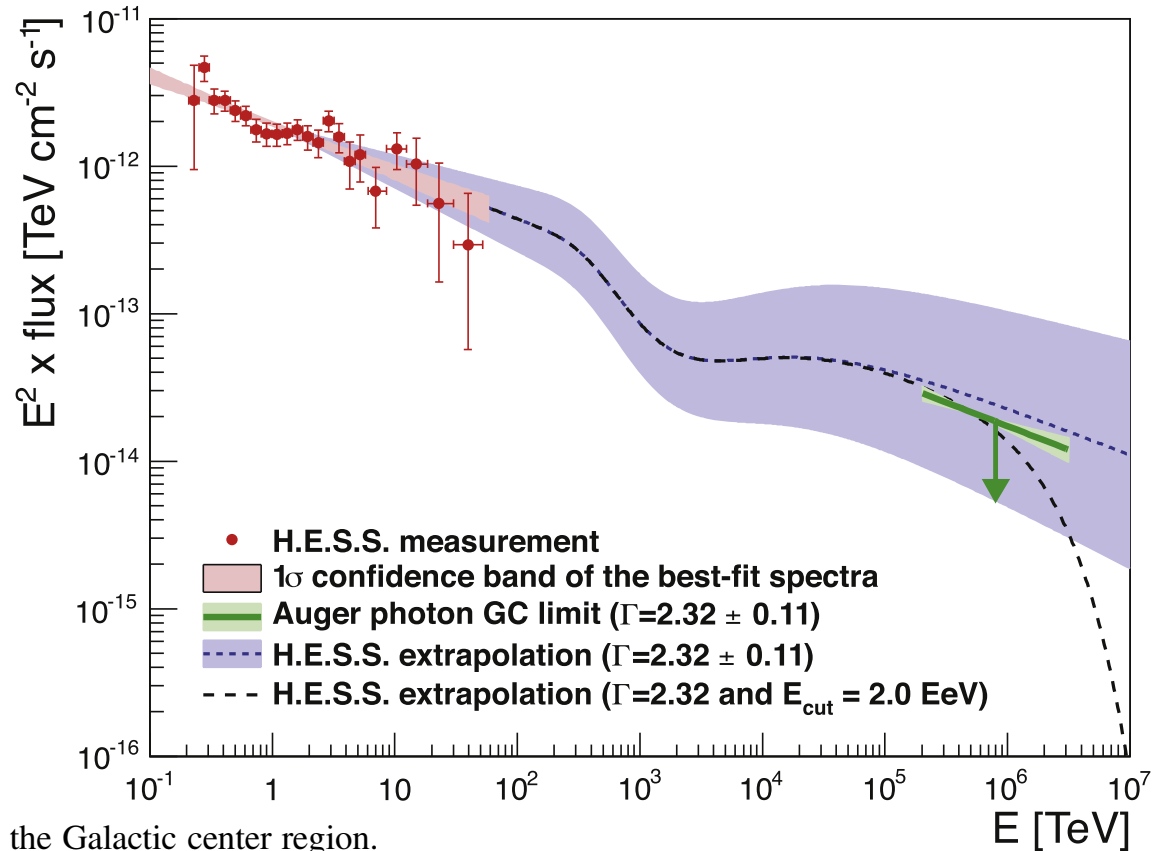
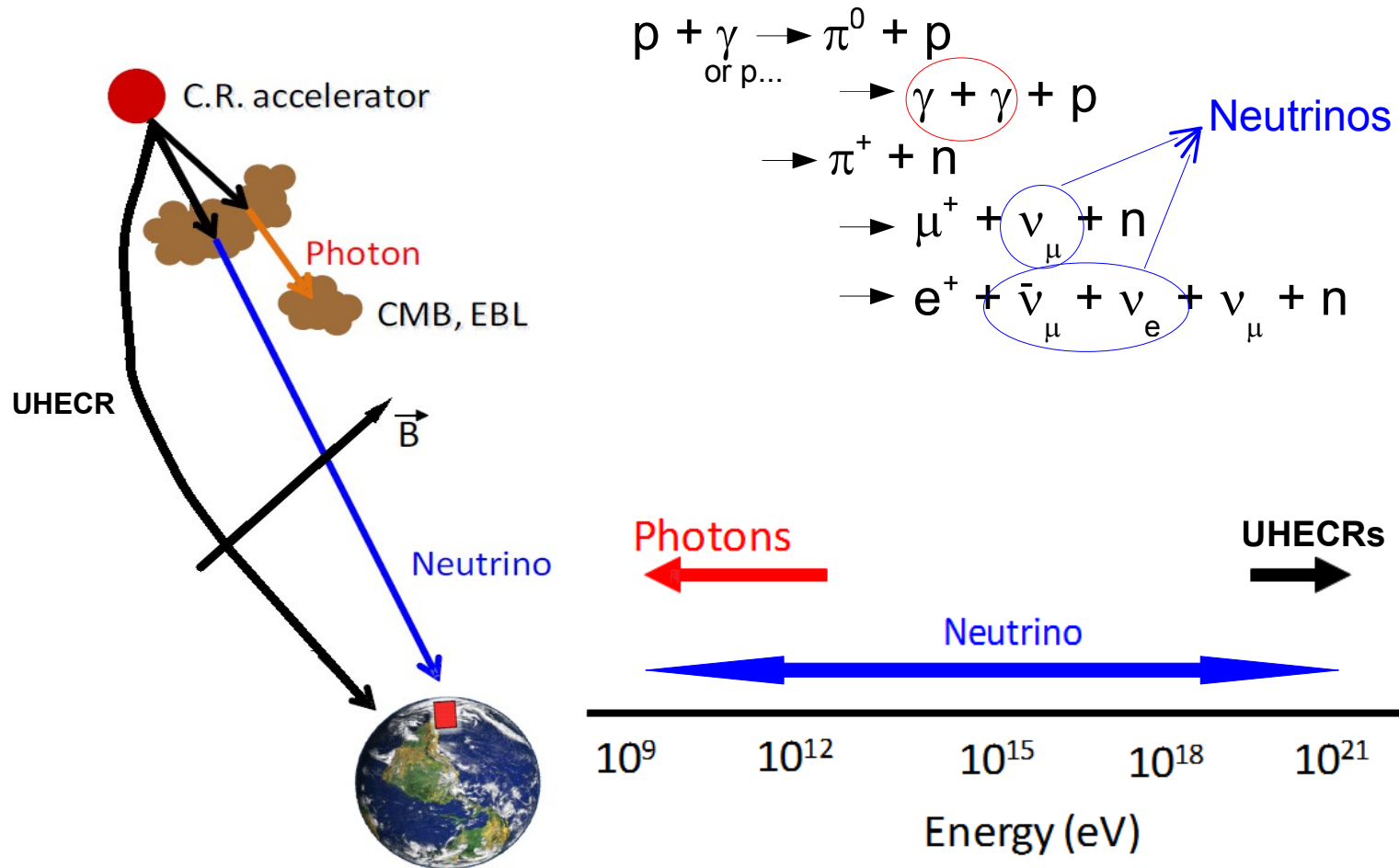


Figure 2. Photon flux as a function of energy from the Galactic center region. Measured data by H.E.S.S. are indicated, as well as the extrapolated photon flux at Earth in the EeV range, given the quoted spectral indices (Abramowski et al. 2016; conservatively the extrapolation does not take into account the increase of the p - p cross-section toward higher energies). The Auger limit is indicated by a green line. A variation of the assumed spectral index by ± 0.11 according to systematics of the H.E.S.S. measurement is denoted by the light green and blue band. A spectral index with cutoff energy $E_{\text{cut}} = 2.0 \cdot 10^6 \text{ TeV}$ is indicated as well.

Multi-messenger astronomy

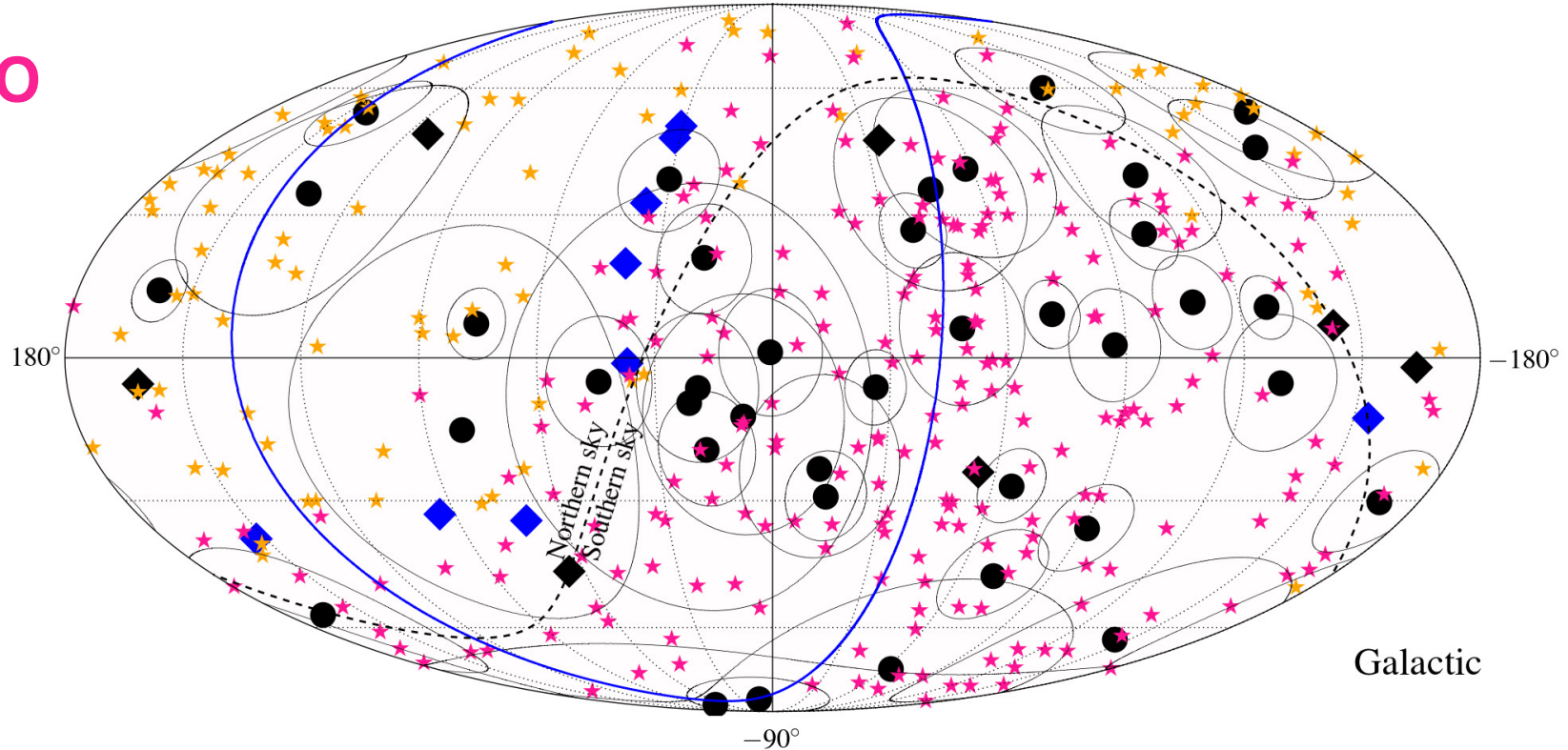


Search for correlations between the arrival directions of IceCube neutrino events and ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays detected by the Pierre Auger Observatory and the Telescope Array

IceCube

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PAO

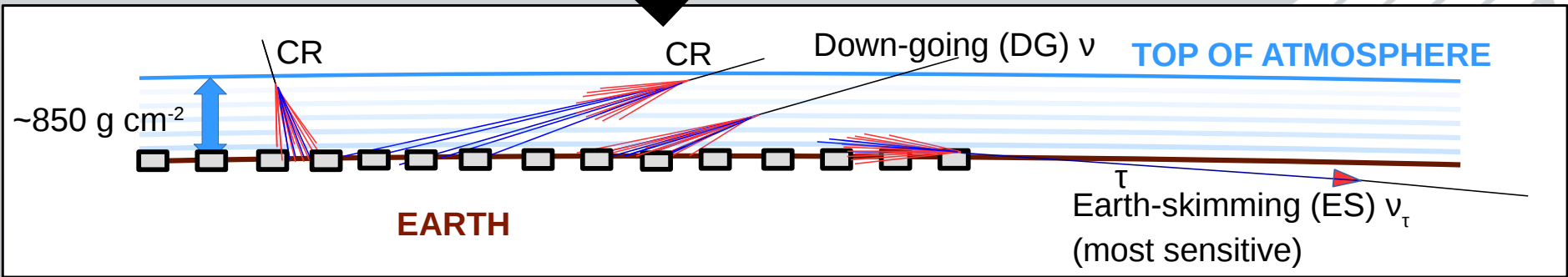
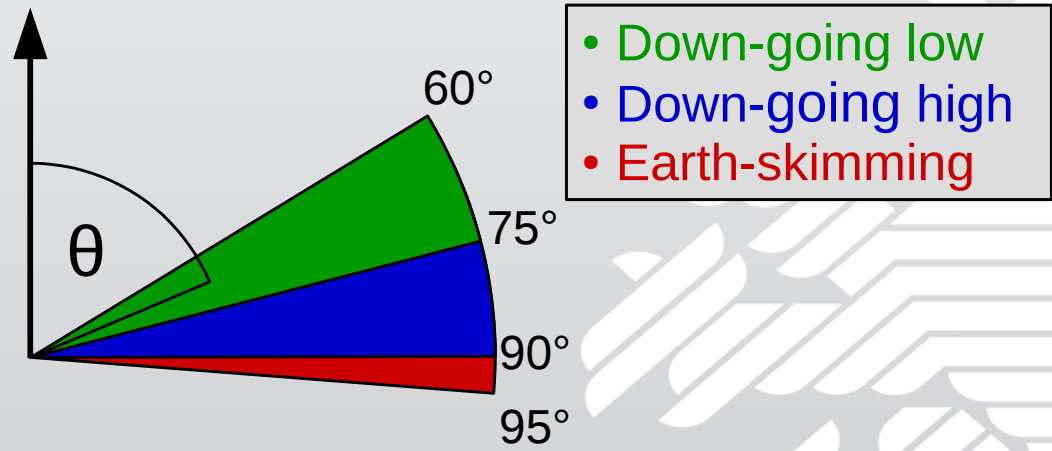


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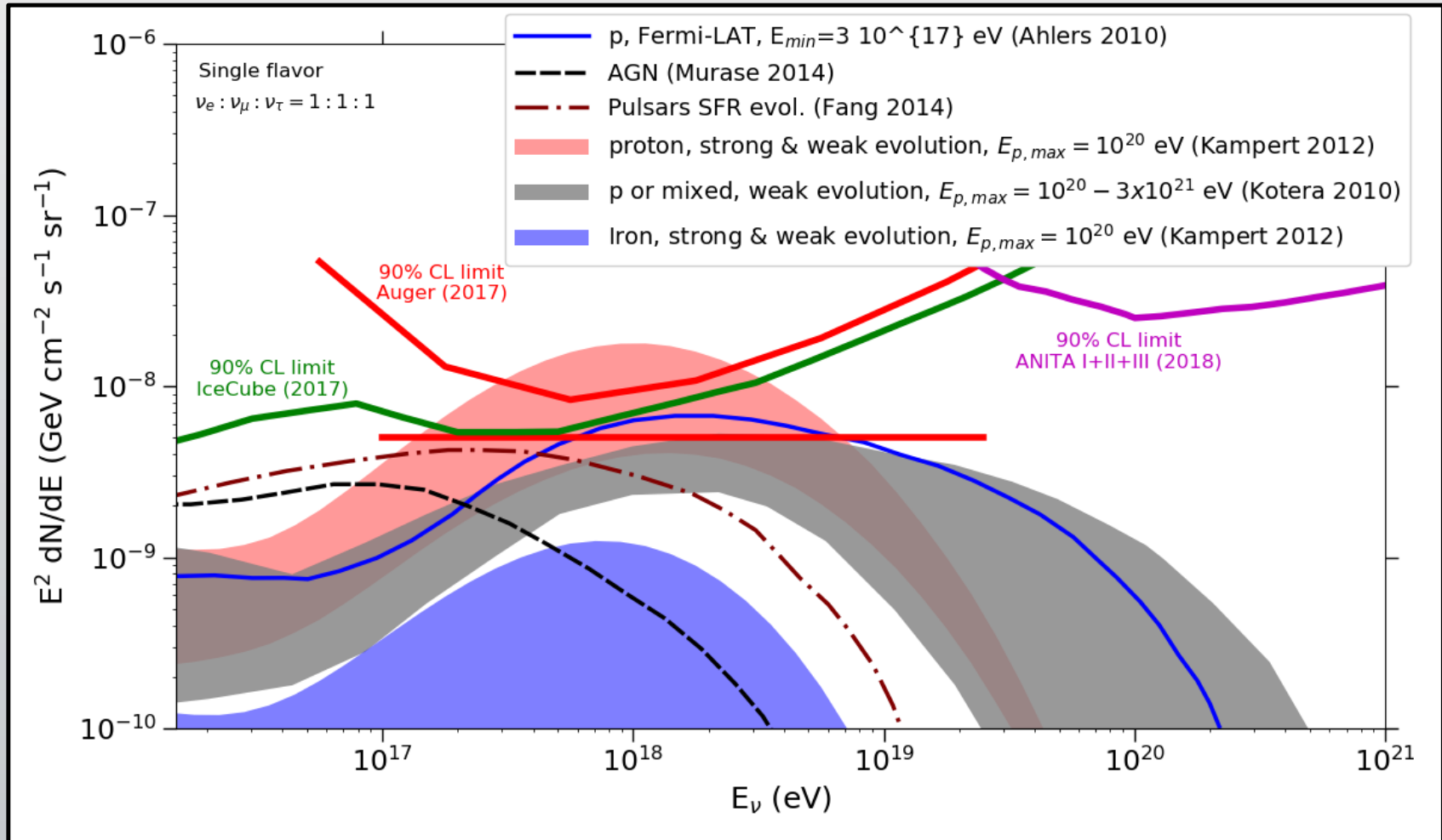
Figure 7. Maps in Equatorial and Galactic coordinates showing the arrival directions of the IceCube cascades (black dots) and tracks (diamonds), as well as those of the UHECRs detected by the Pierre Auger Observatory (magenta stars) and Telescope Array (orange stars). The circles around the showers indicate angular errors. The black diamonds are the HESE tracks while the blue diamonds stand for the tracks from the through-going muon sample. The blue curve indicates the Super-Galactic plane.

Neutrino detection with the Pierre Auger SD

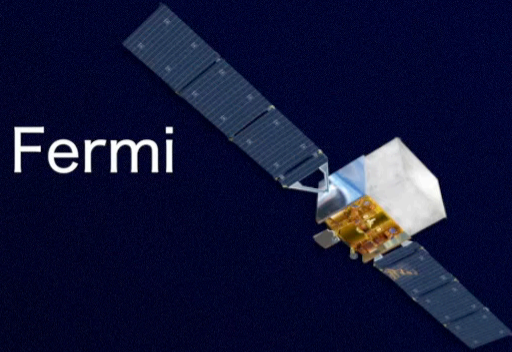
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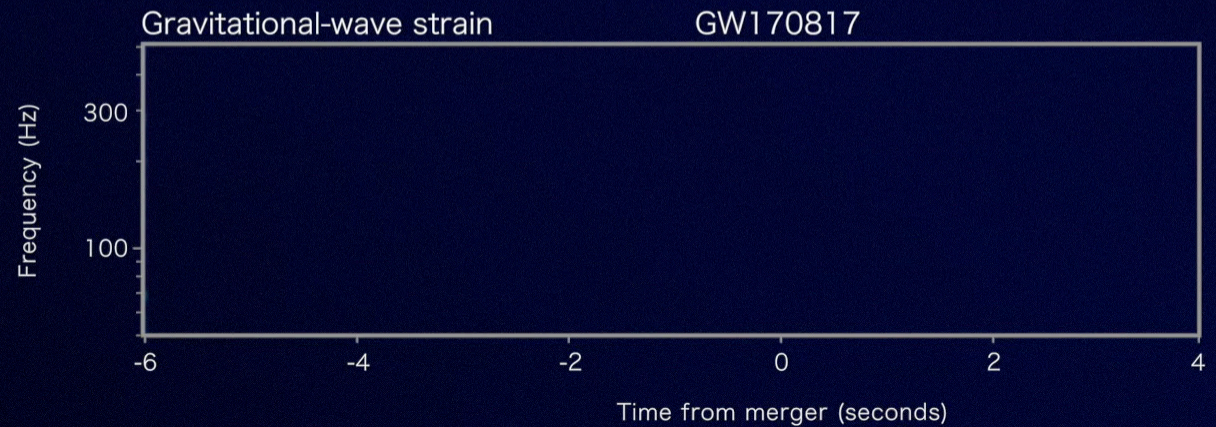
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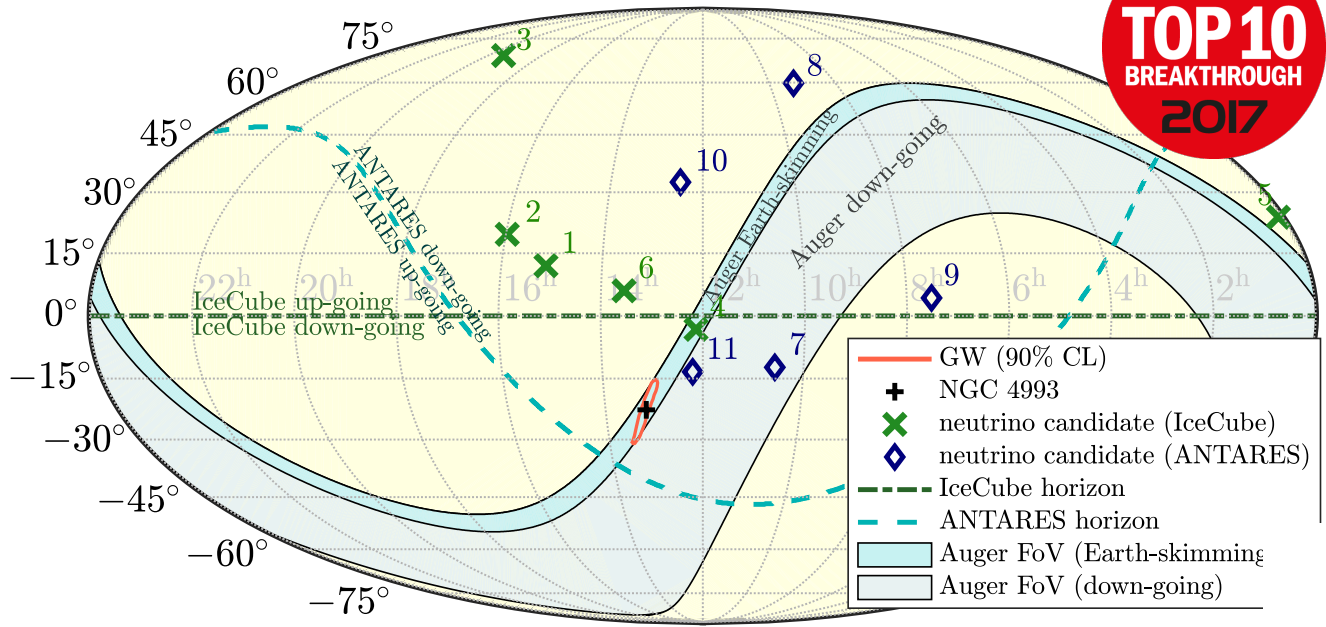
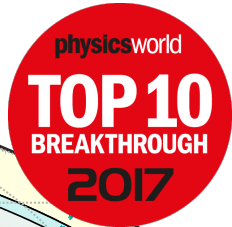
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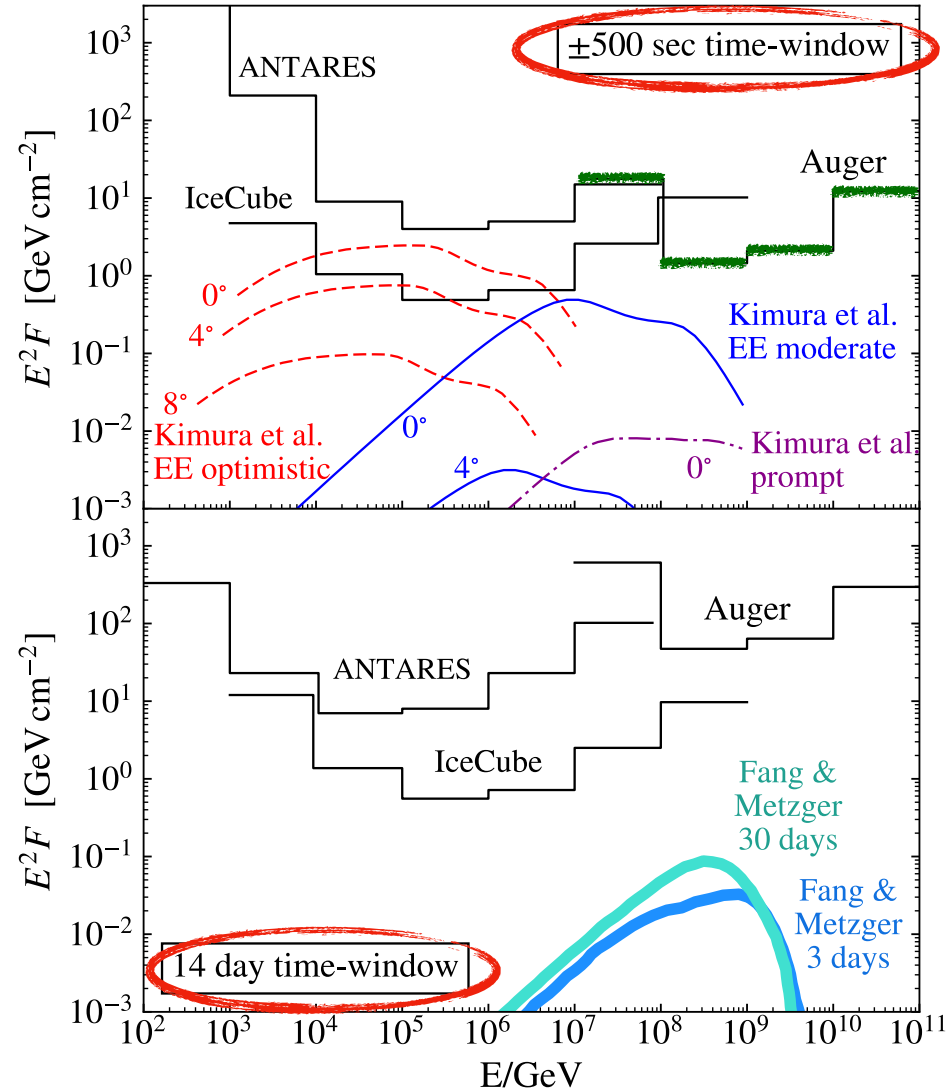
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PAO in pre-defined +/- 500 s window as sensitive as IceCube

GW170817 Neutrino limits (fluence per flavor: $\nu_x + \bar{\nu}_x$)

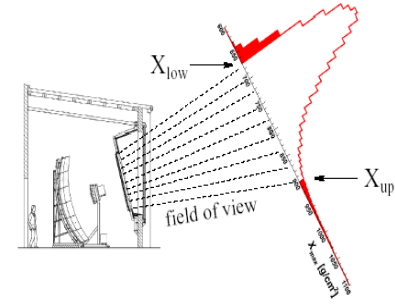




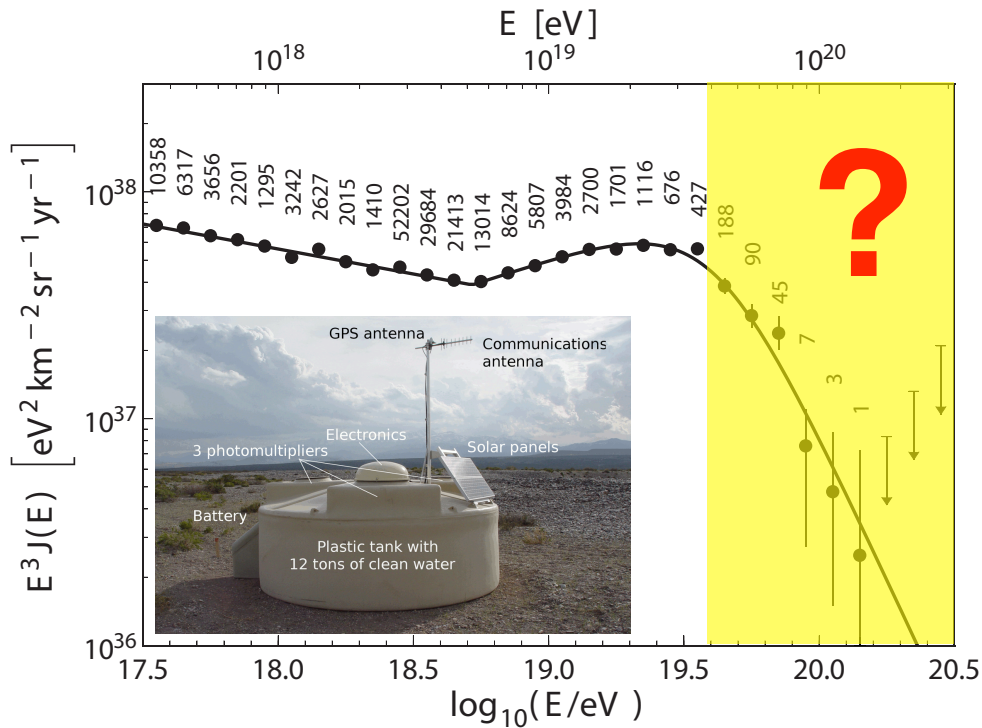
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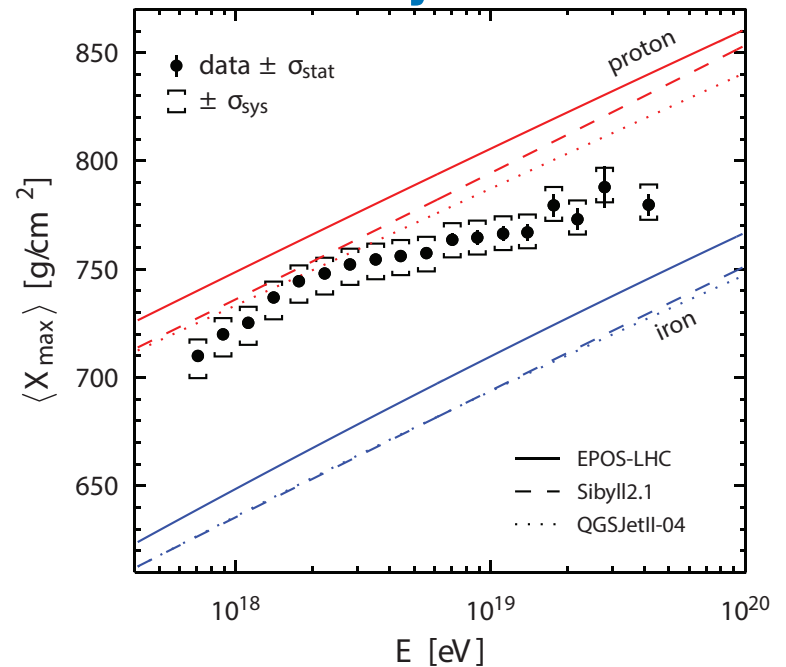
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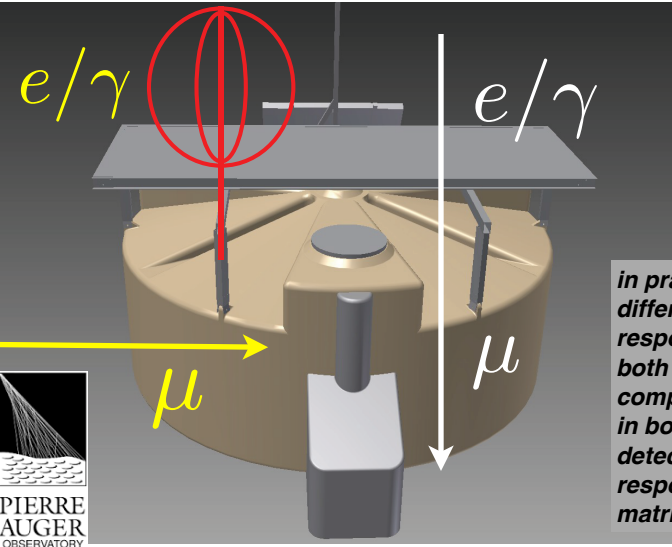
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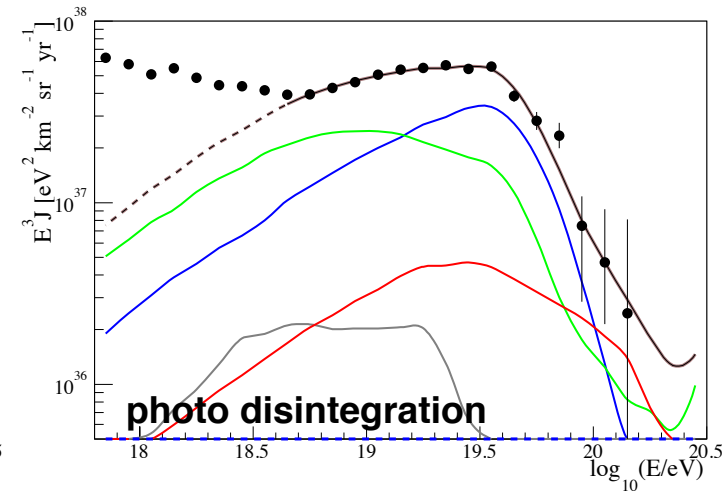
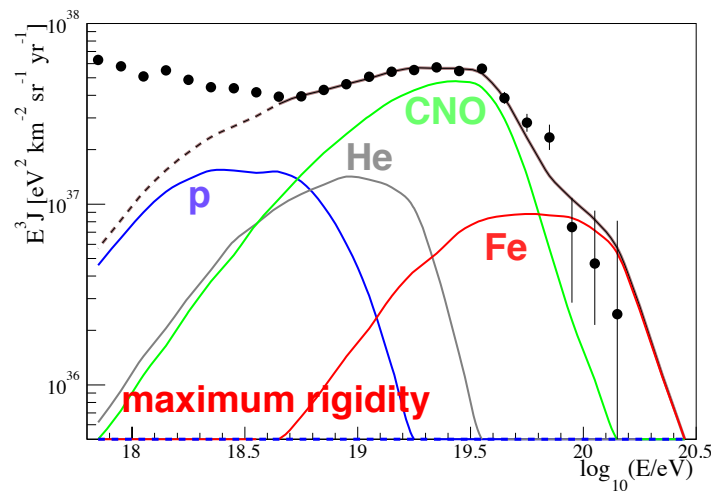
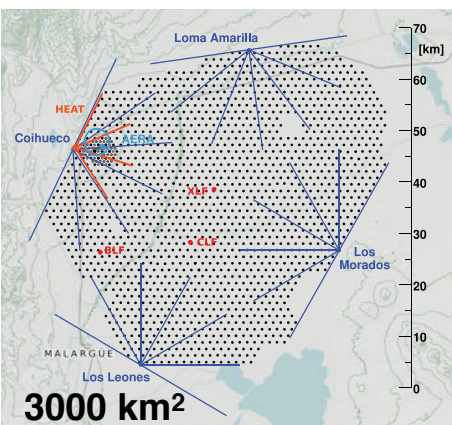
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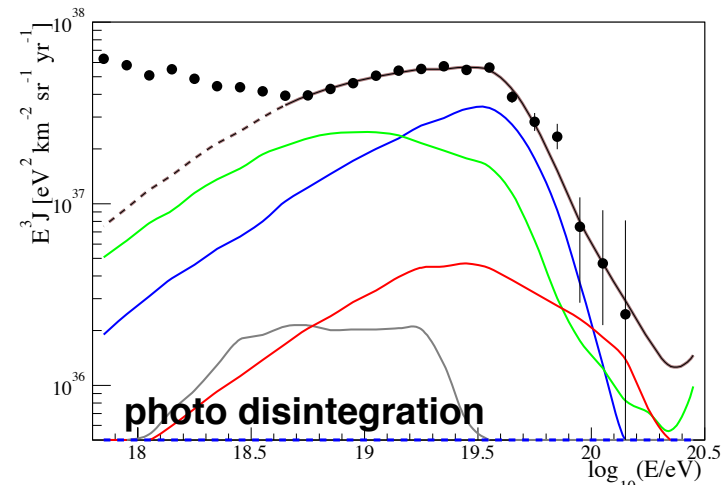
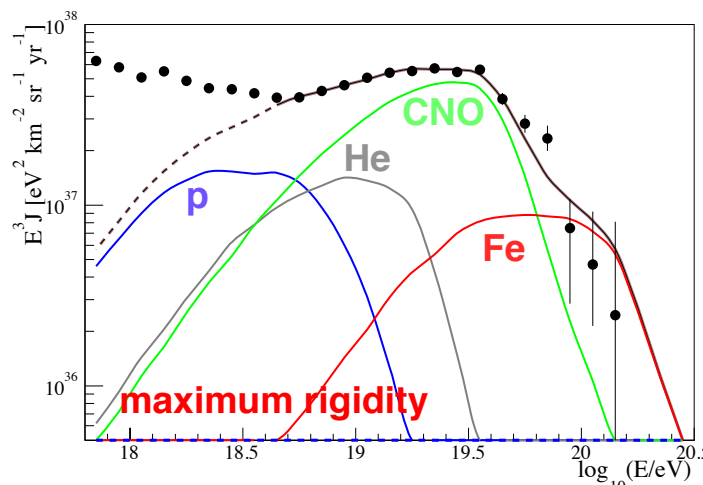
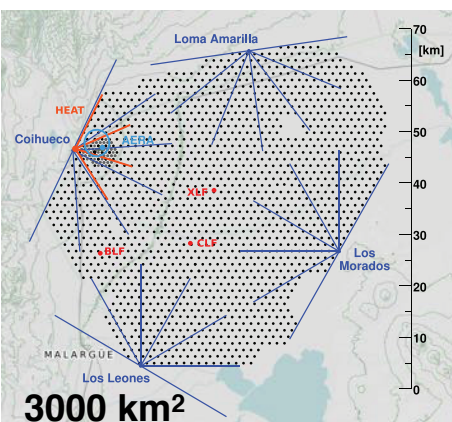
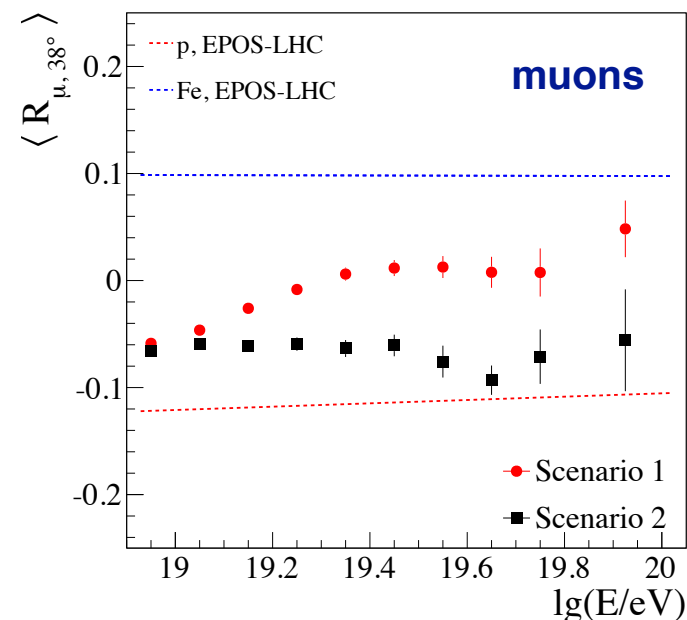
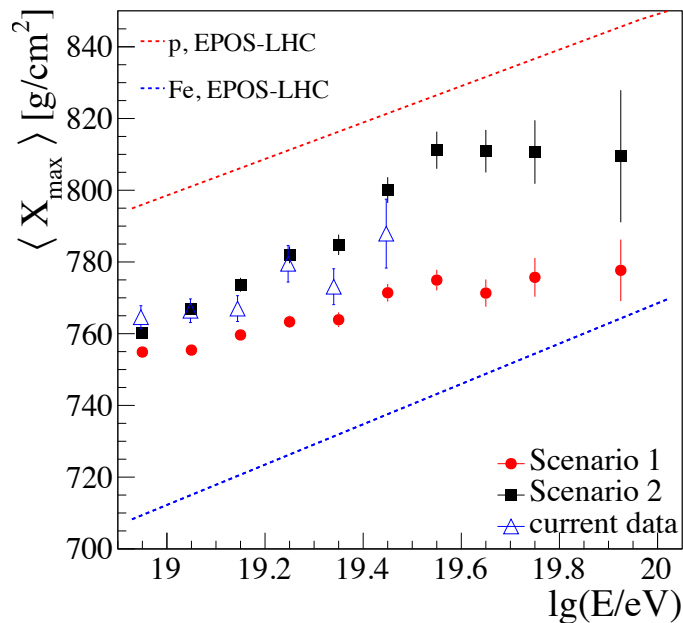
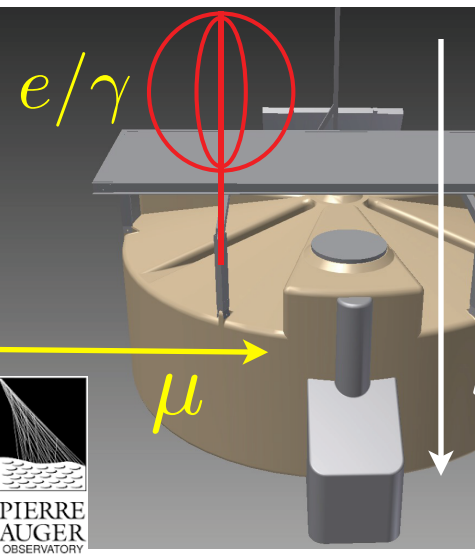
*in practice:
different
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Key science questions

- What are the **sources** and **acceleration** mechanisms of ultra-high-energy cosmic rays (UHECRs)?
- Do we understand **particle** acceleration and **physics** at energies well beyond the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) scale?
- What is the fraction of **protons**, **photons**, and **neutrinos** in cosmic rays at the highest energies?



Upgrade of the Pierre Auger Observatory (astro-)physics of the highest-energy particles in nature



Key Elements of Upgrade

1) New Electronics for Surface Detector

→ faster sampling, better triggers, larger dynamic range, more channels

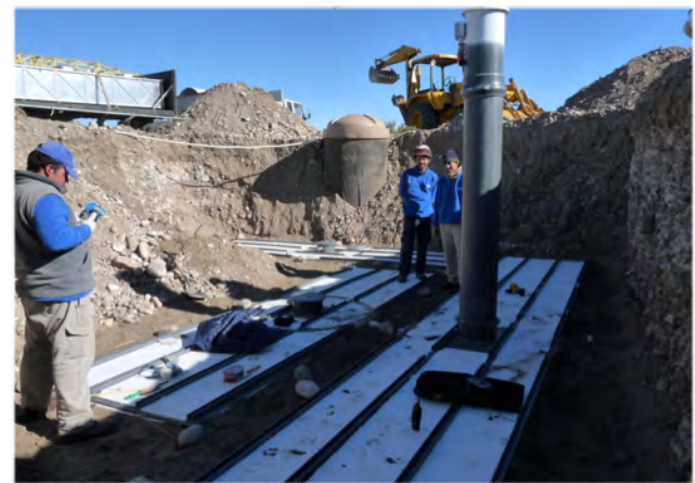
2) Enhanced Muon-Counting in Surface Detector

add scintillator on top of each tank

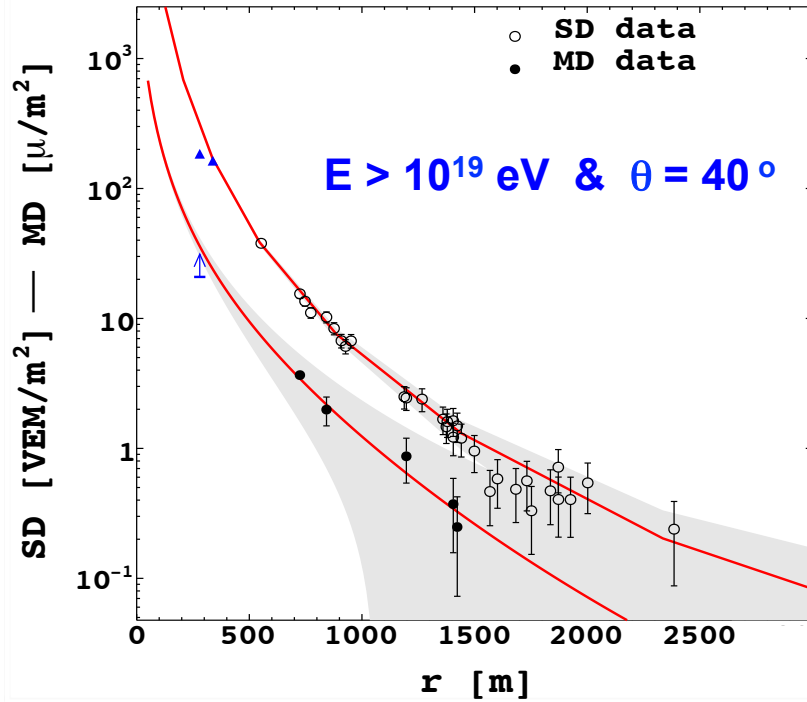
3) Extended operation of fluorescence telescopes

may double observation time

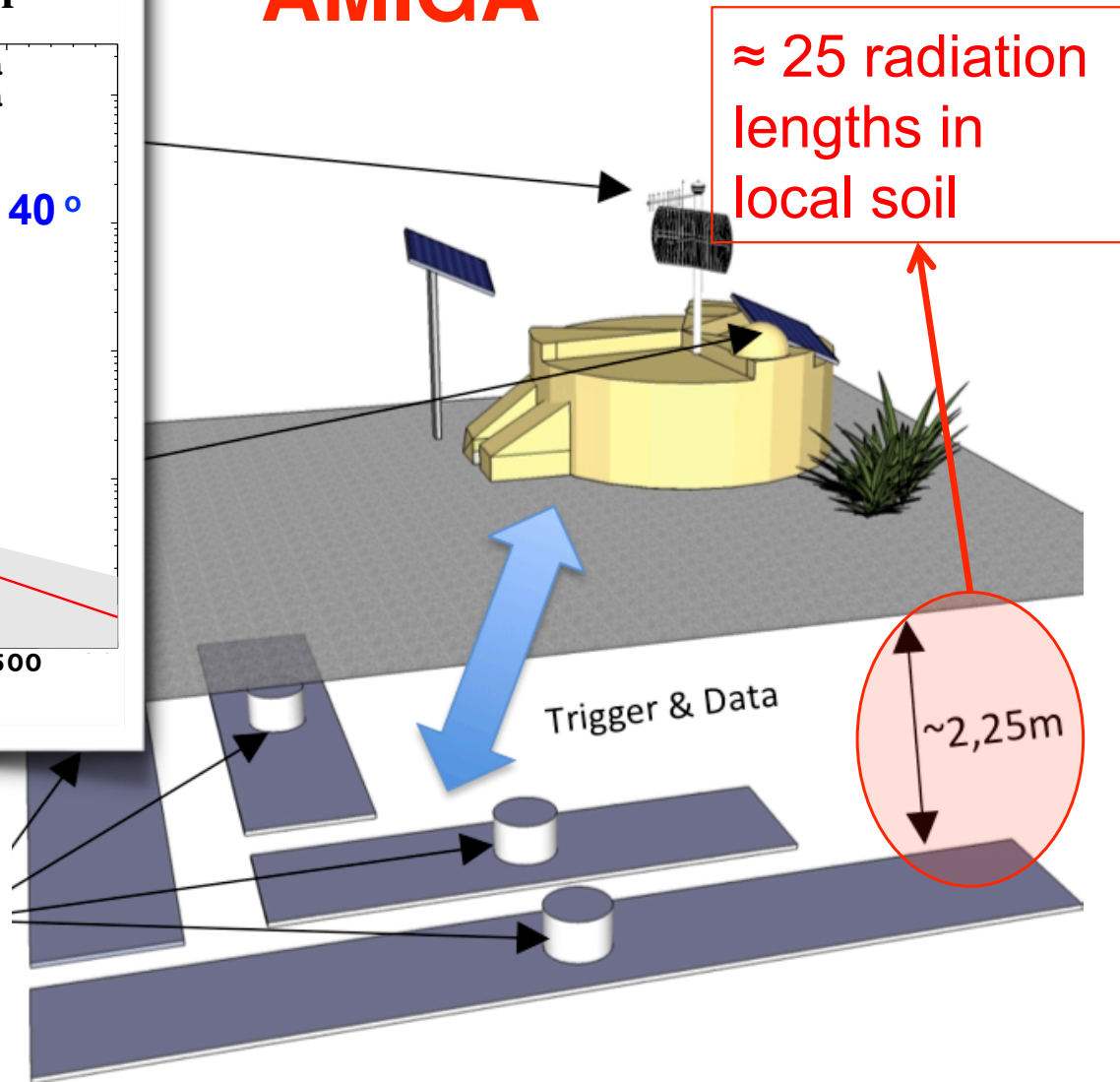
4) High Precision Array with shielded muon detectors



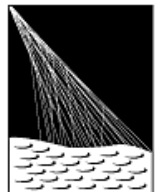
SD and MD reconstruction



AMIGA

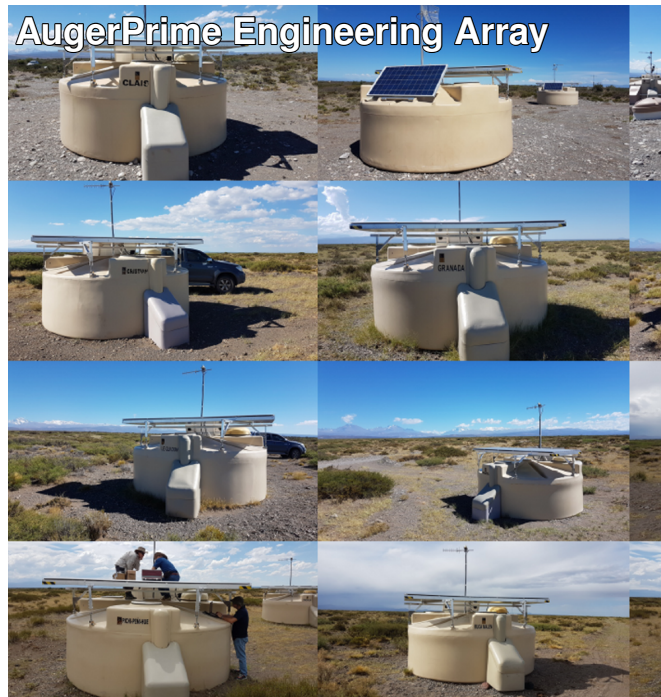
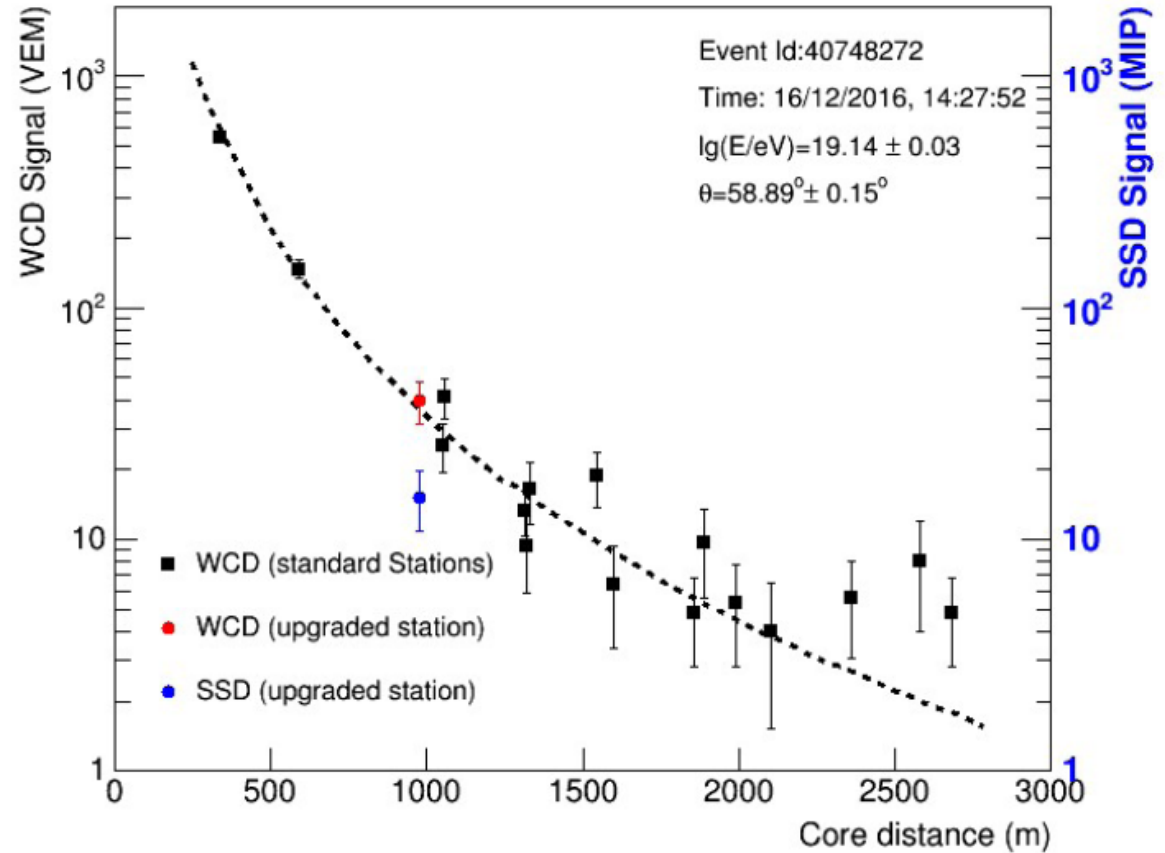


- No electromagnetic contamination
- $E_{\text{threshold}}$ for muons of 1 GeV



Performance of scintillator upgrade

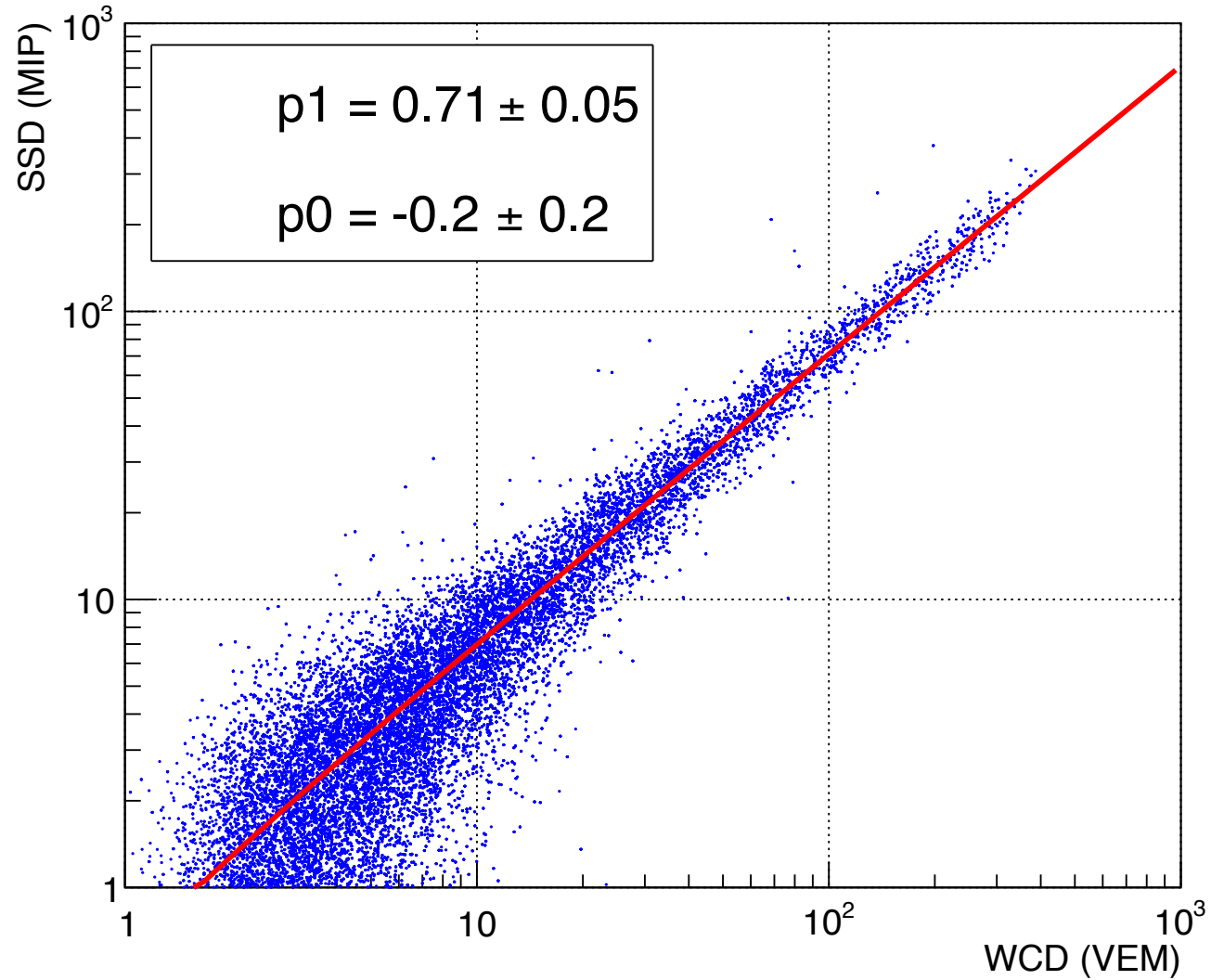
Lateral Profile



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Performance of scintillator upgrade



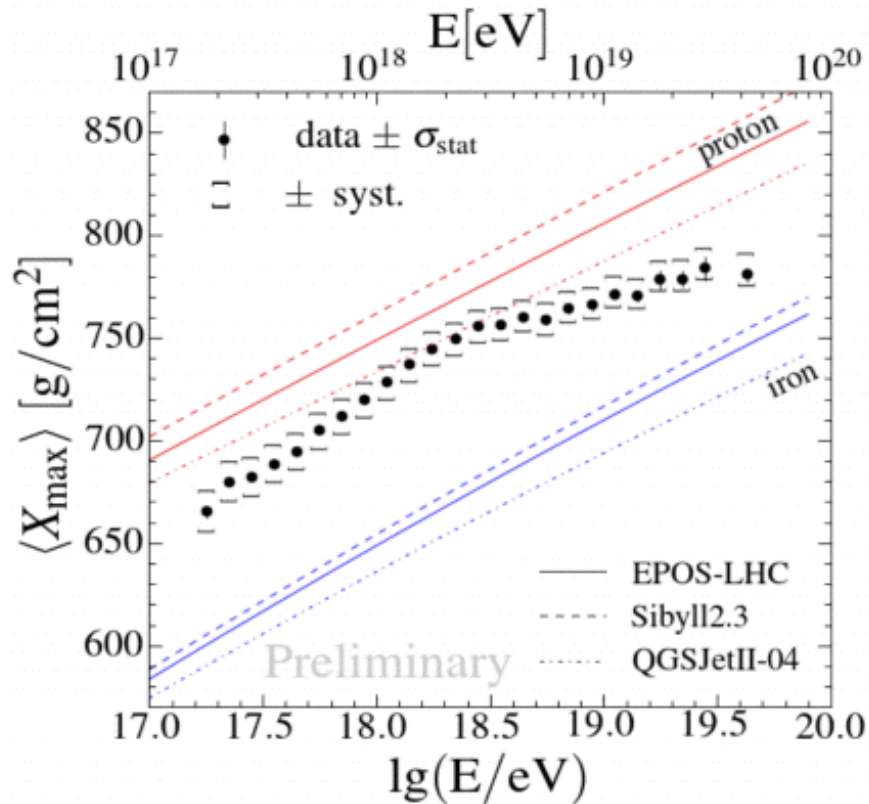
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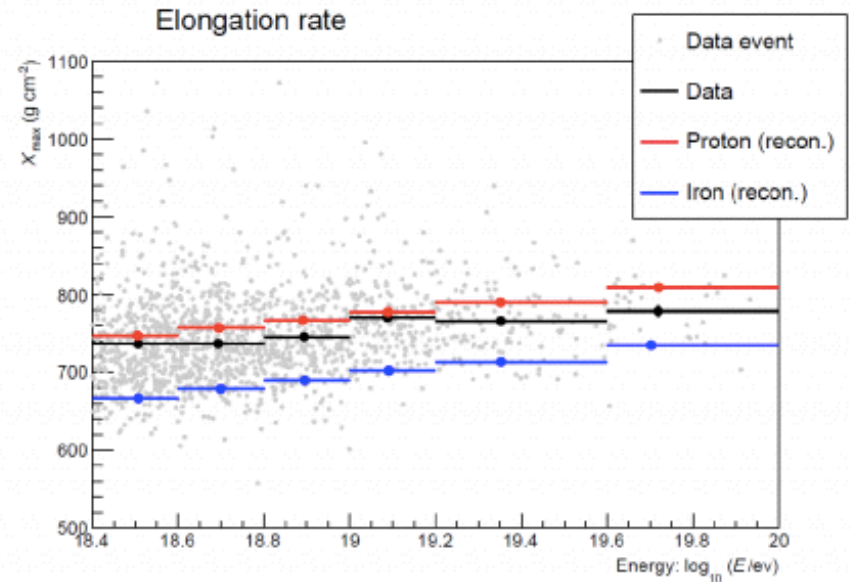
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PAO & TA

Pure protons vs mixed composition: a controversy?



Auger Collaboration, ICRC2017



TA Collaboration, ICRC2017

➔ **Straightforward comparison? Controversy?**

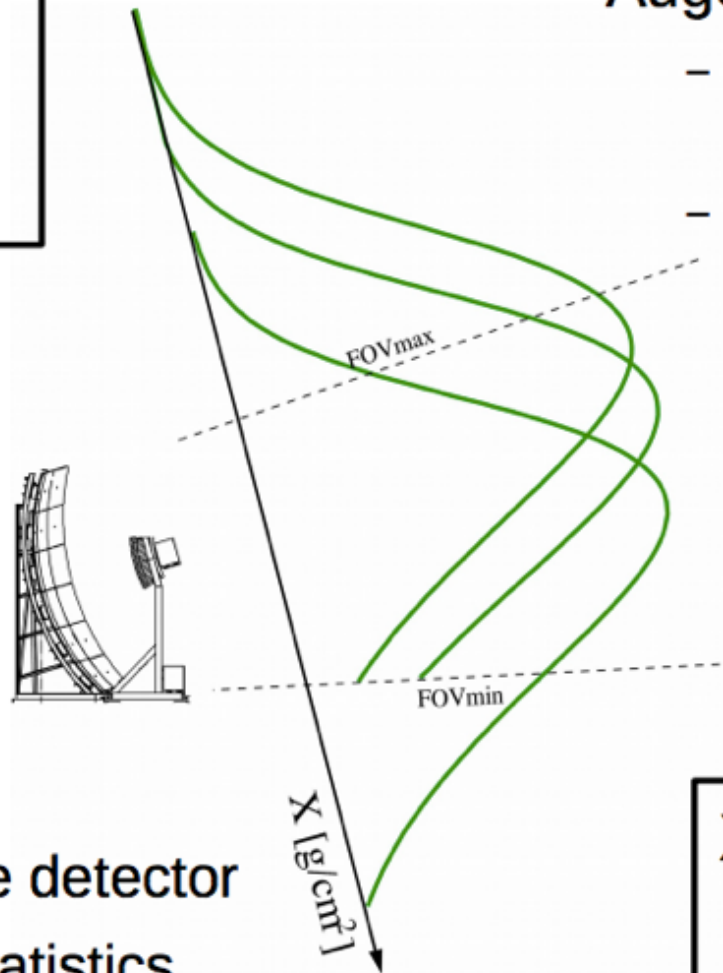
Comparing apples and oranges



Auger bias
 \neq
TA bias

Auger

- X_{\max} at the atmosphere
- Approx. unbiased



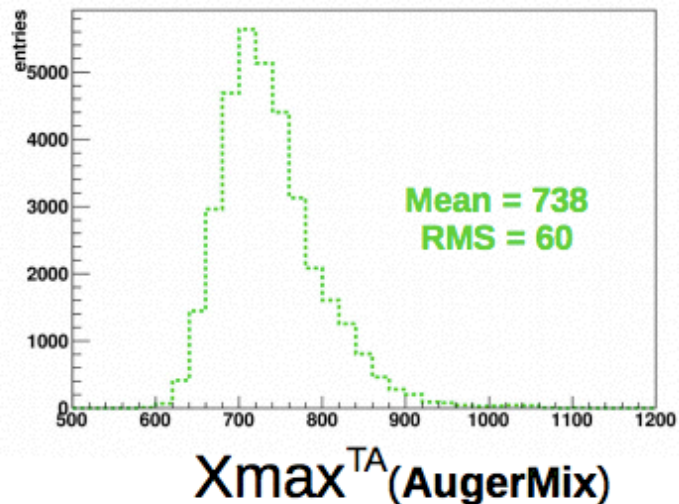
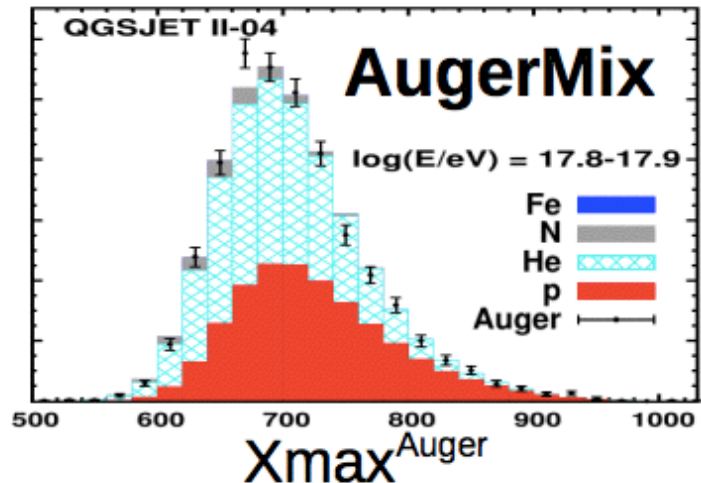
TA



- X_{\max} in the detector
- Enhance statistics

X_{\max} ATM
 \neq
 X_{\max} DET

Comparing X_{\max} from Auger and TA—AUGERMIX



SAME
RESULTS
WITH
EPOS-LHC

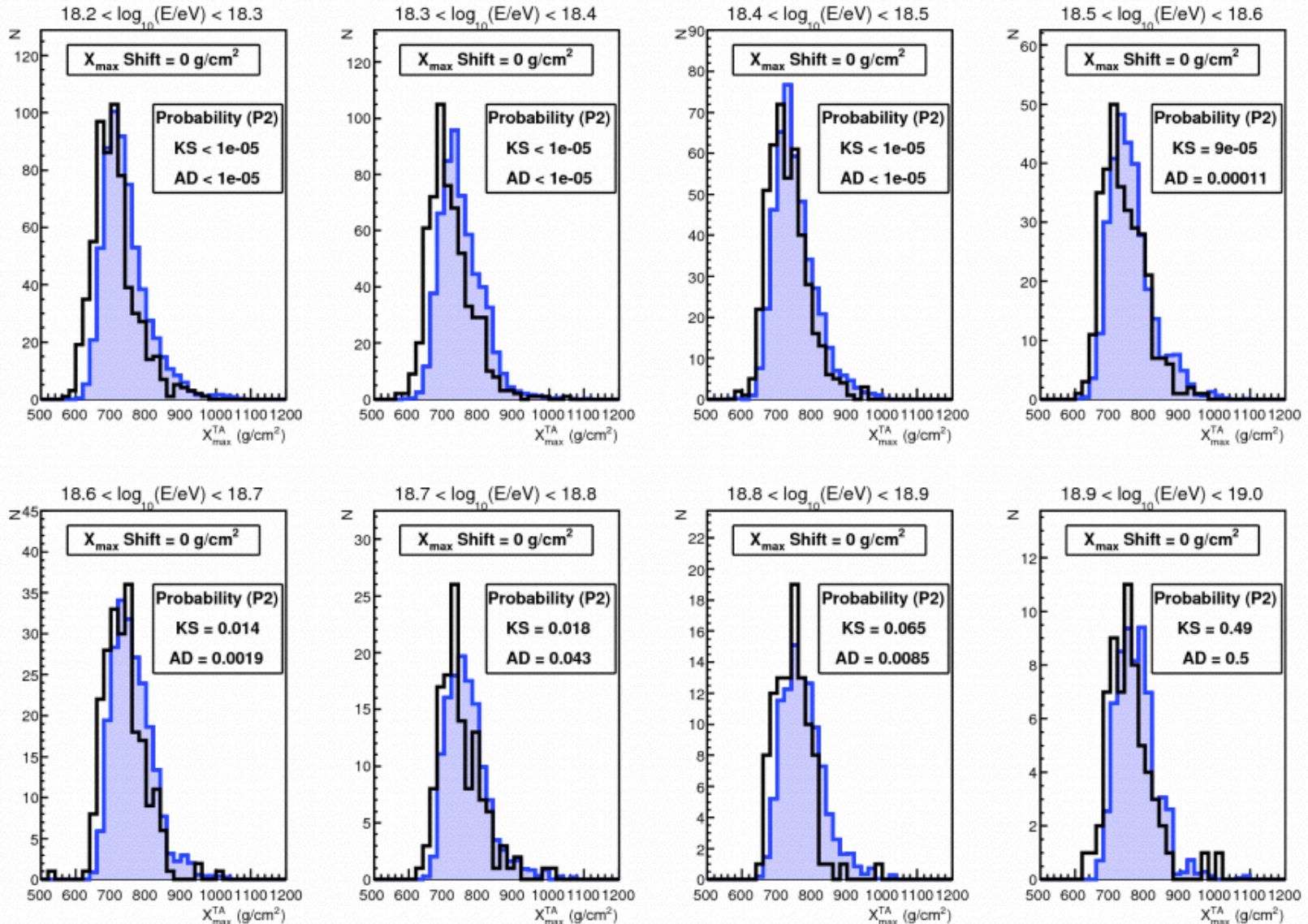


TA Detector Simulation

TA Analysis



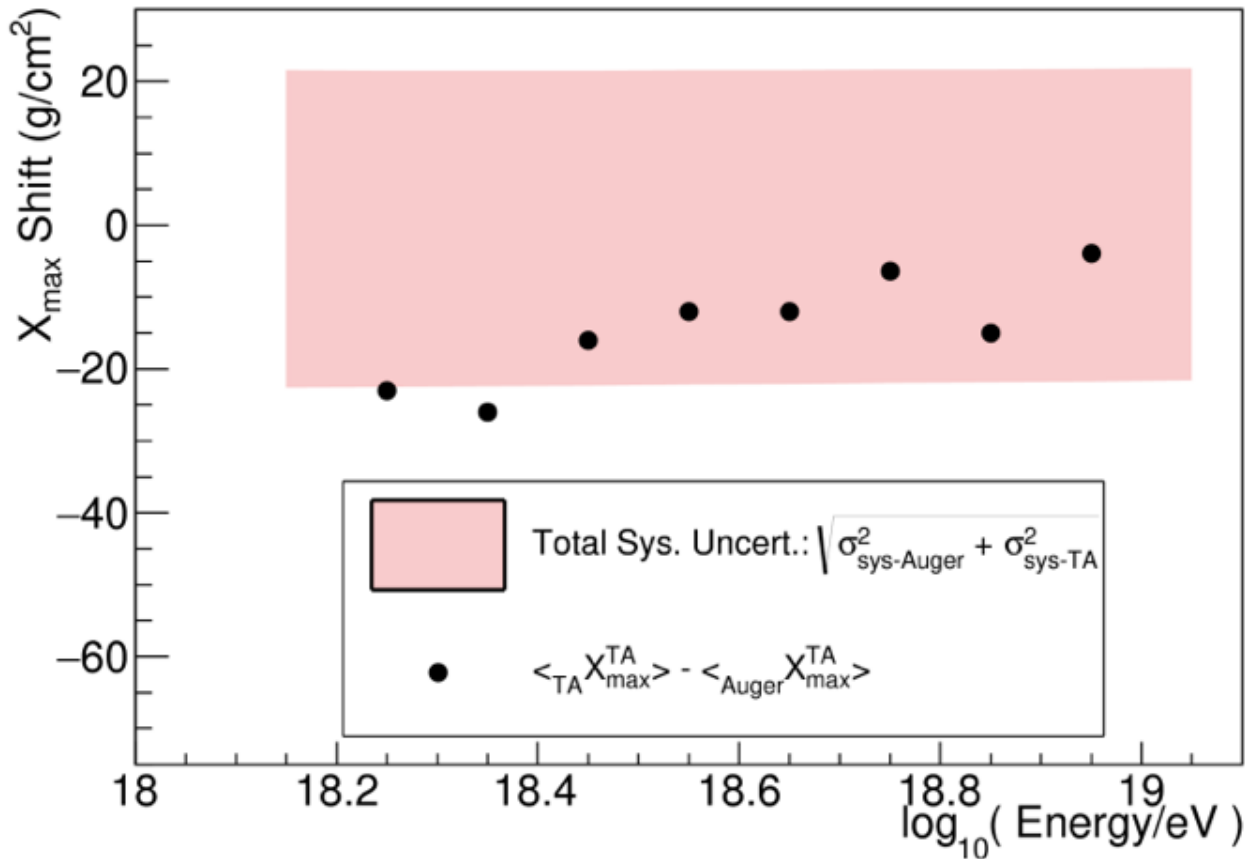
Results between $18.2 < \log_{10}(E/eV) < 19.0$



Systematic uncertainties

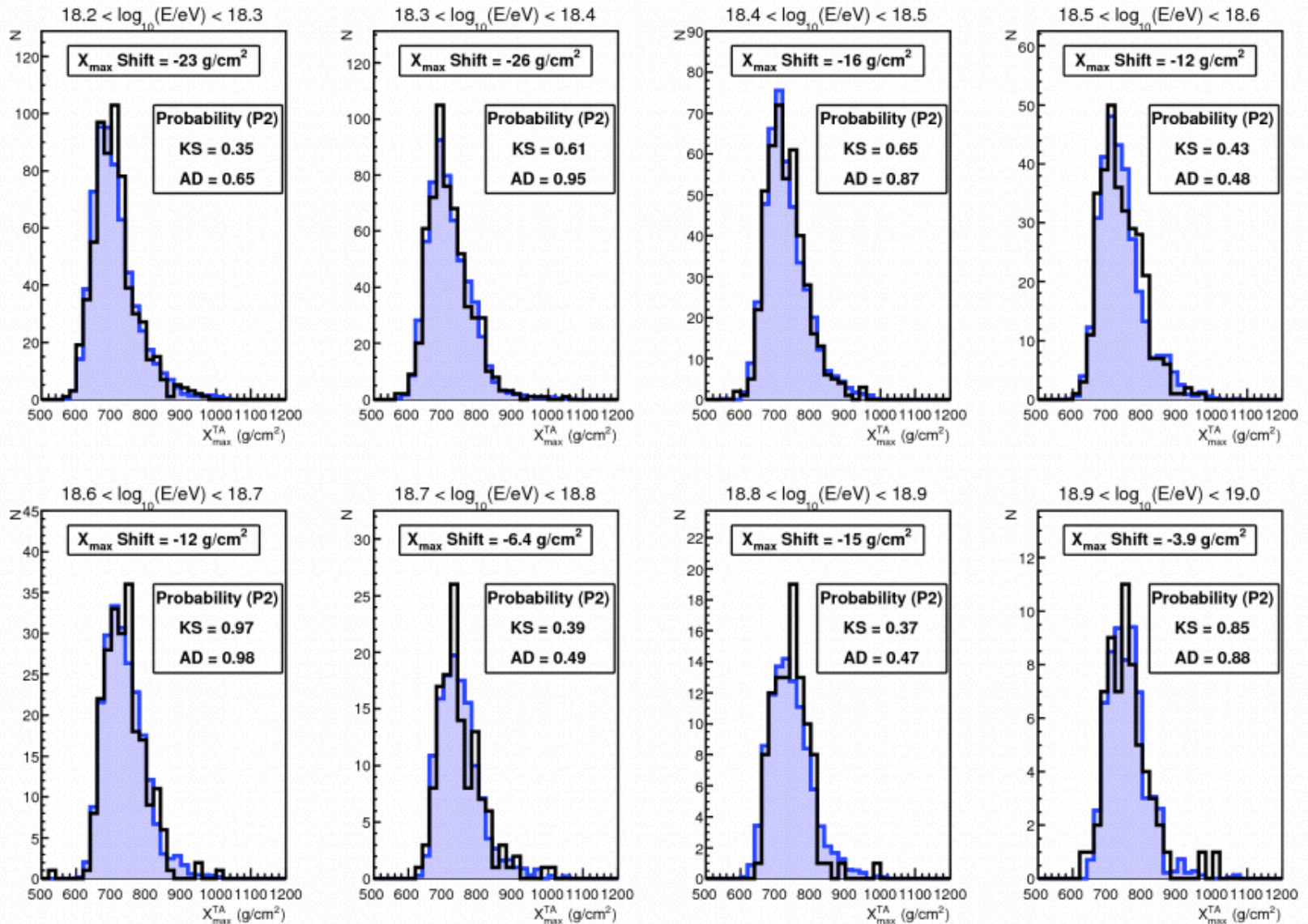
TA: 20.3 g/cm²

Auger: -10/+8 g/cm²



➔ Shift needed so that the means of the distributions match

Results between $18.2 < \log_{10}(E/eV) < 19.0$



X_{\max} compatibility table— $18.2 < \log_{10}(E/\text{eV}) < 19.0$

➔ Within systematic uncertainties

■ Compatible Incompatible ■

