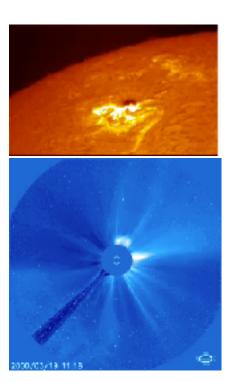
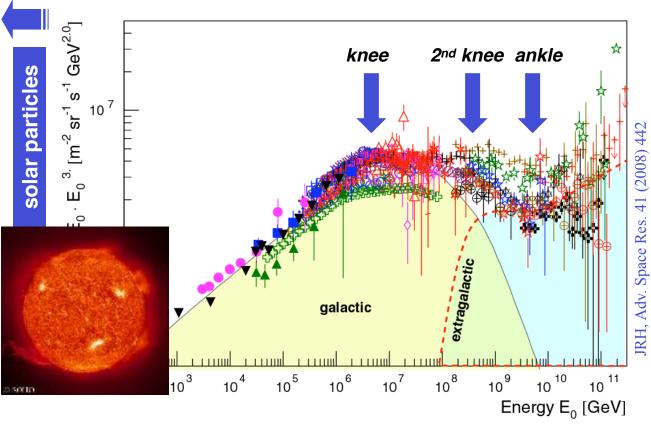
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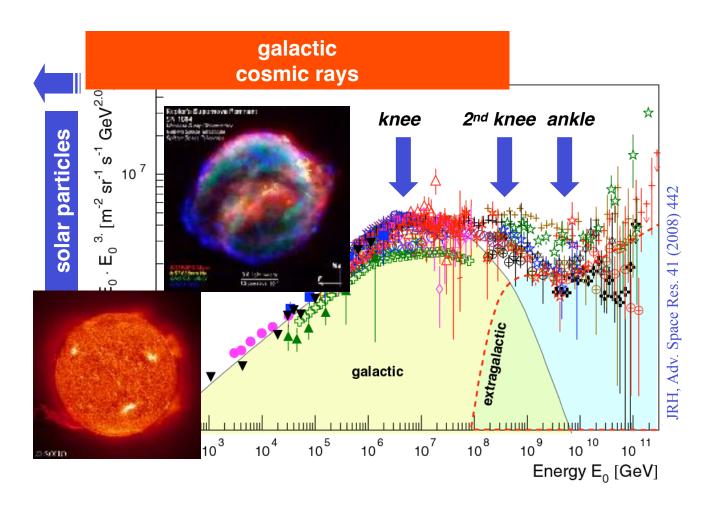
- Historical introduction basic properties of cosmic rays
- Hadronic interactions and accelerator data
- **Cascade equations** 3.
- **Electromagnetic cascades**
- **Extensive air showers** 5.
- **Detectors for extensive air showers**
- High-energy cosmic rays and the knee in the energy spectrum of cosmic rays
- Radio detection of extensive air showers 8_
- Acceleration, Astrophysical accelerators and beam dumps
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- 12. Astrophysical gamma rays and neutrinos
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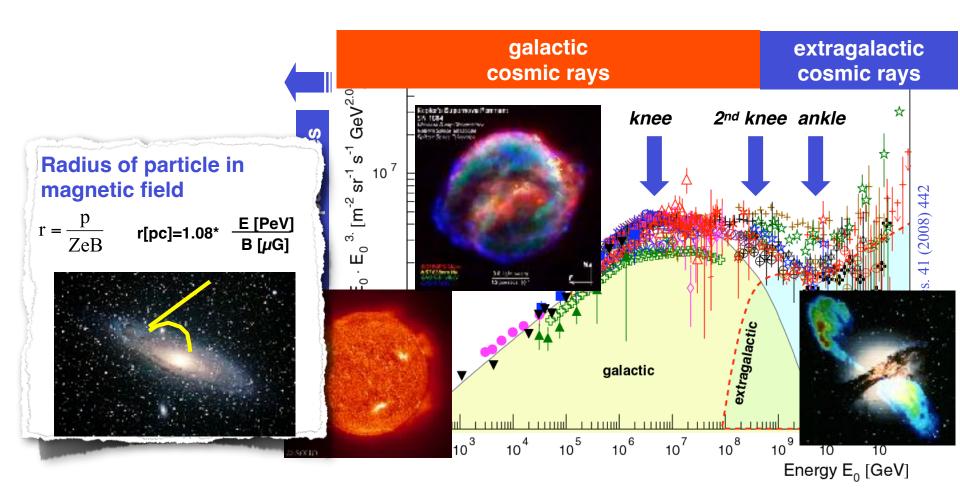
lecture 11 **Ultra-high-energy Cosmic** Rays

Solar flares









r= 0.04 pc 3.6 pc 360 pc 36 kpc

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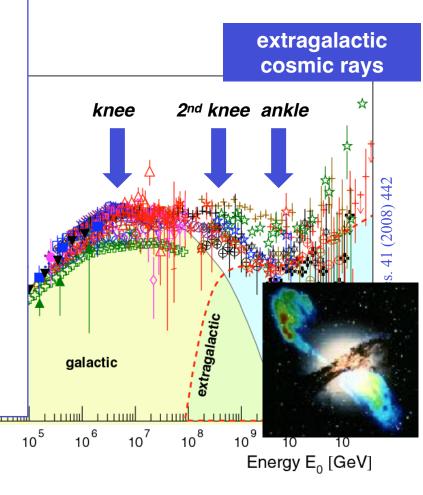
Energy content of extragalactic cosmic rays

$$ho_E=rac{4\pi}{c}\intrac{E}{eta}rac{dN}{dE}dE$$
 $ho_{ extsf{E}}$ =3.7 10-7 eV/cm³

total power

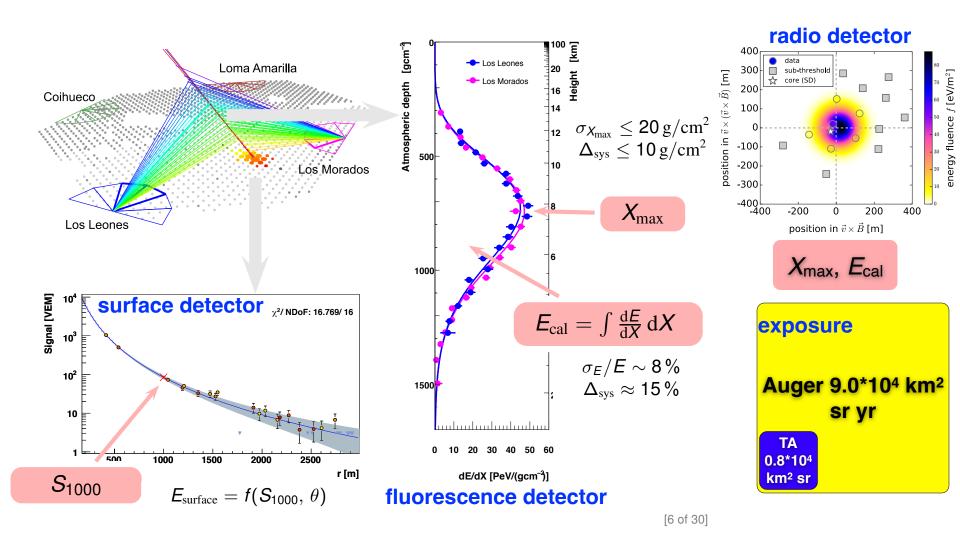
P=5.5 10³⁷ erg/(s Mpc³)

- → ~2 10⁴⁴ erg/s per active galaxy
- → ~2 10⁵² erg/s per cosmol. GRB





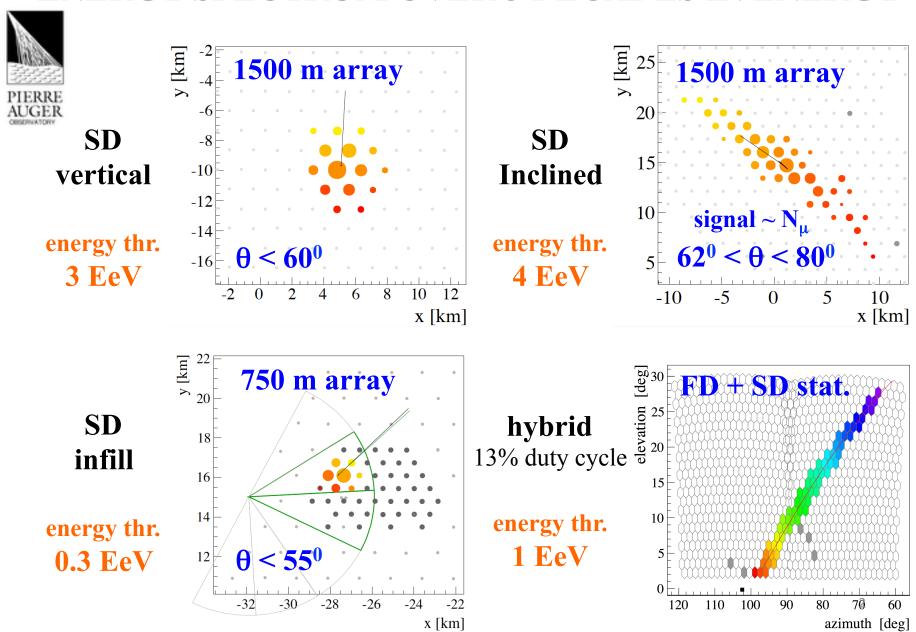
Measuring air showers with multiple techniques





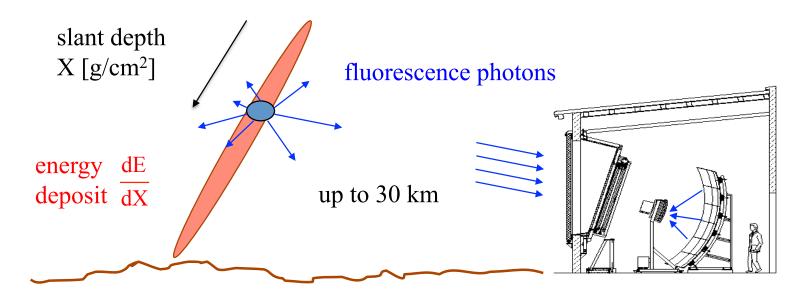
Energy spectrum

ENERGY SPECTRUM OVER 3 DECADES IN ENERGY



FD ENERGY SCALE





Fluorescence yield

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

Atmosphere

Invisible energy $(v, \mu, ..) \Rightarrow E_{inv}$

FD calibration

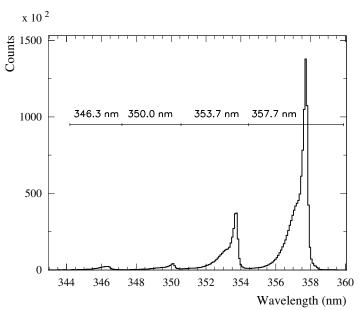
$$E = E_{cal} + E_{inv}$$

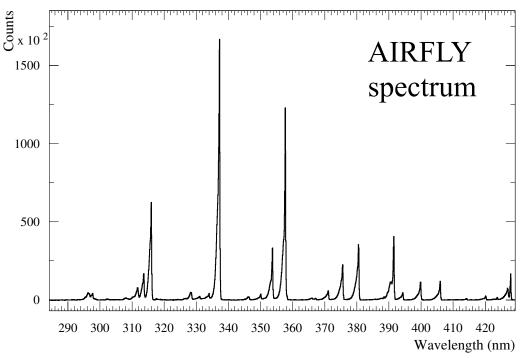
systematic uncertainties correlated and uncorrelated among different showers (crucial to correctly propagate the FD uncertainties to SD energies)

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

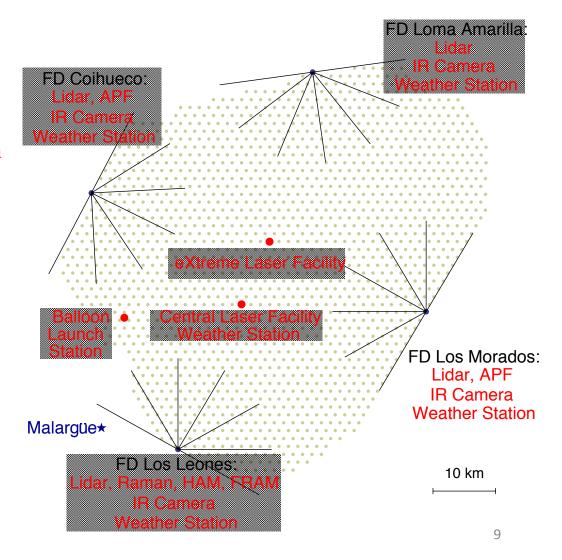
- don't care of possible contaminations between nearby bands
- > straightforward and correct propagation of Airfly measurement uncertainties 7

ATMOSPHERE

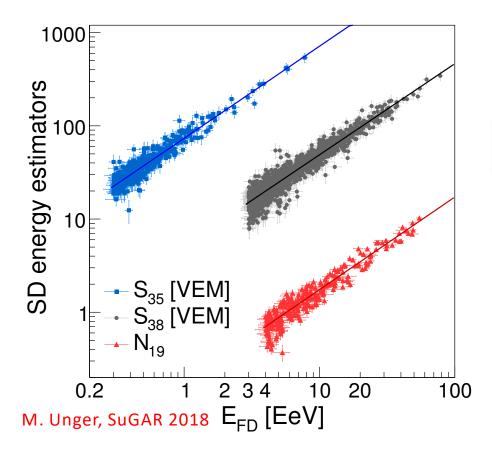
production and transmission of the light (aerosols and molecular scattering)

- 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

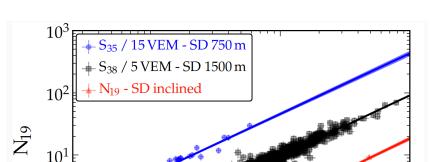
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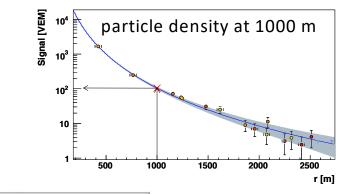


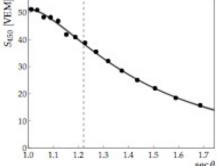
SD Energy Calibration





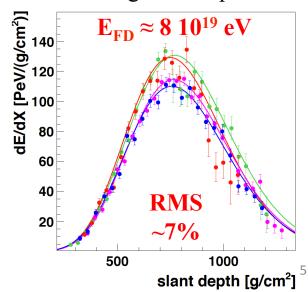




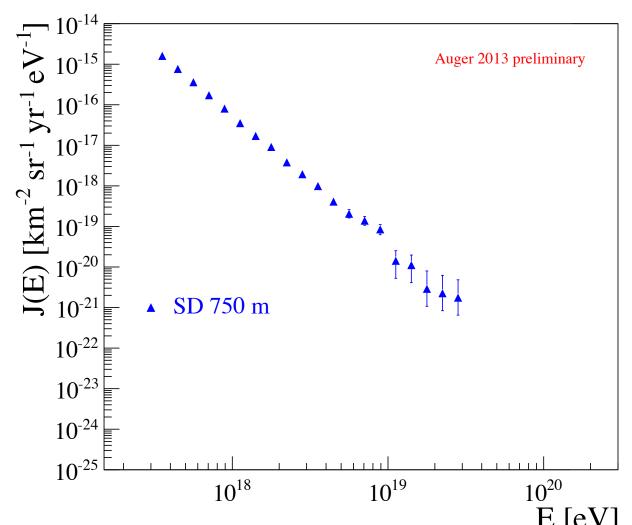


Infill: particle density at 400 m

FD longitudinal profiles

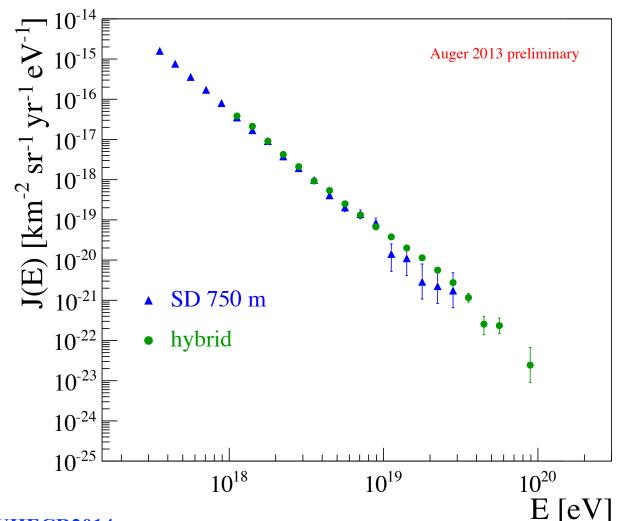


- SD 750 m spectrum: 29585 events above 3×10^{17} eV (08/2008 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum (< 15%)

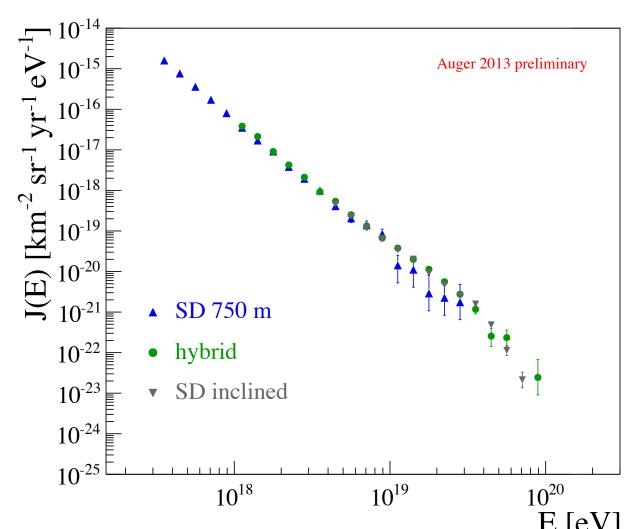




- hybrid spectrum: 11155 events above 10^{18} eV (11/2005 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum (< 3%)

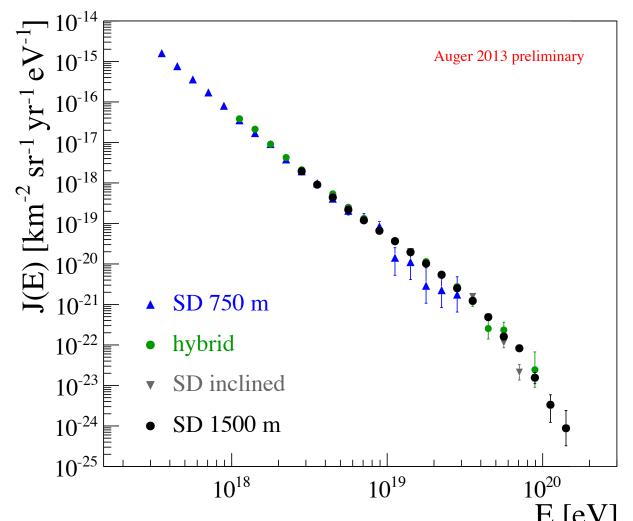


- SD inclined: 11074 events above 4×10^{18} eV (01/2004 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum (< 12%)



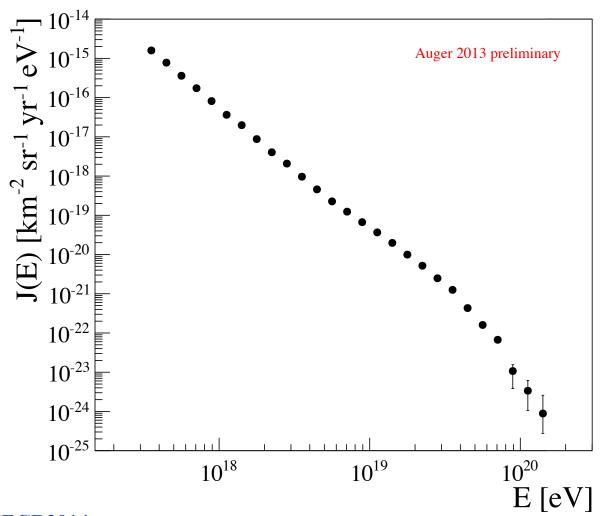


- SD inclined: 82318 events above 3×10^{18} eV (01/2004 12/2012)
- correction for bin-to-bin migrations due to the detector resolution and steepness of spectrum (< 17%)

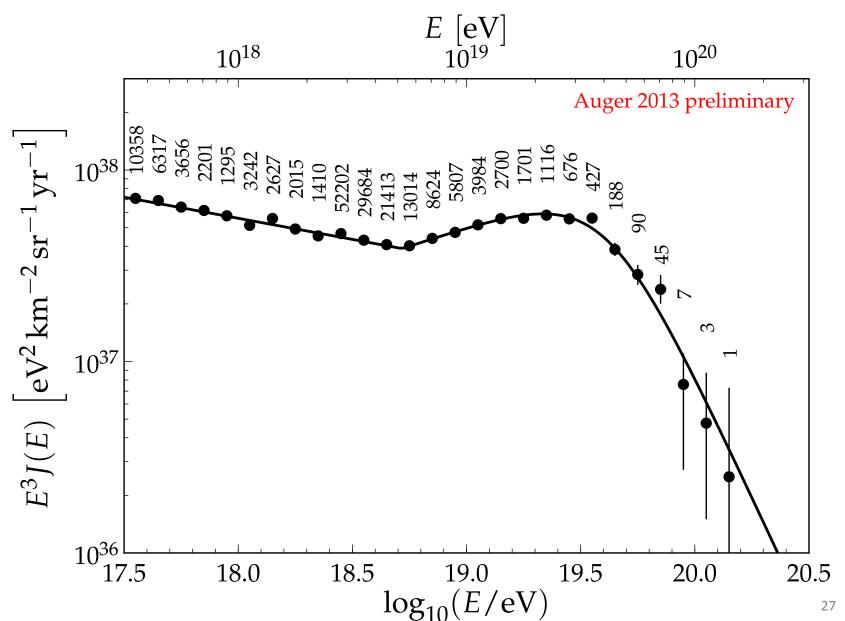


COMBINED ENERGY SPECTRA

• combination after few % correction to the normalizations



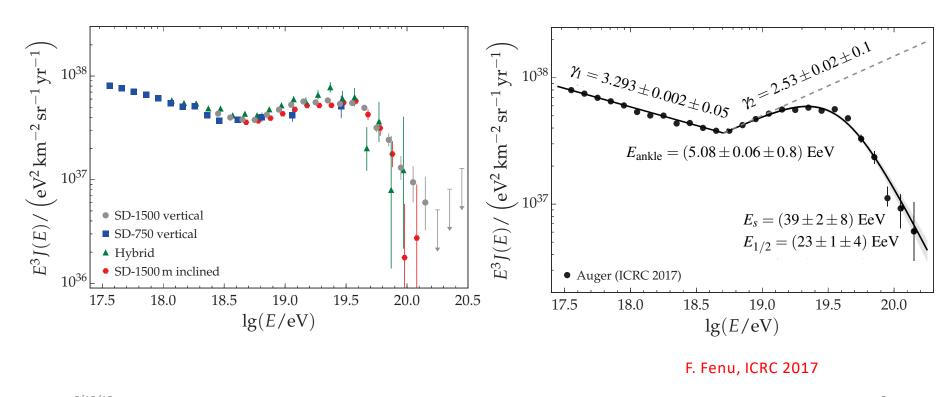
COMBINED ENERGY SPECTRA







The Cosmic Ray Spectrum

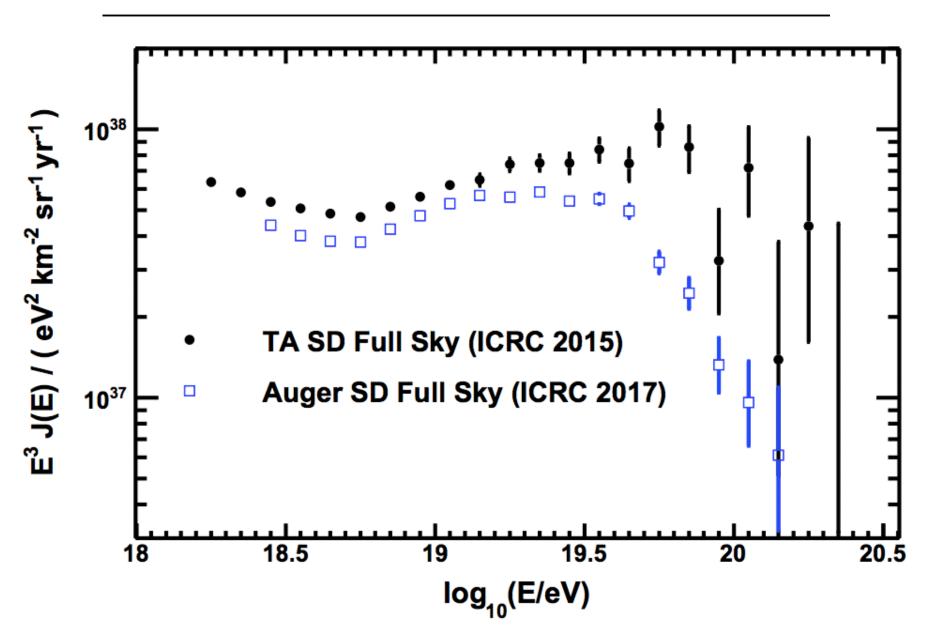


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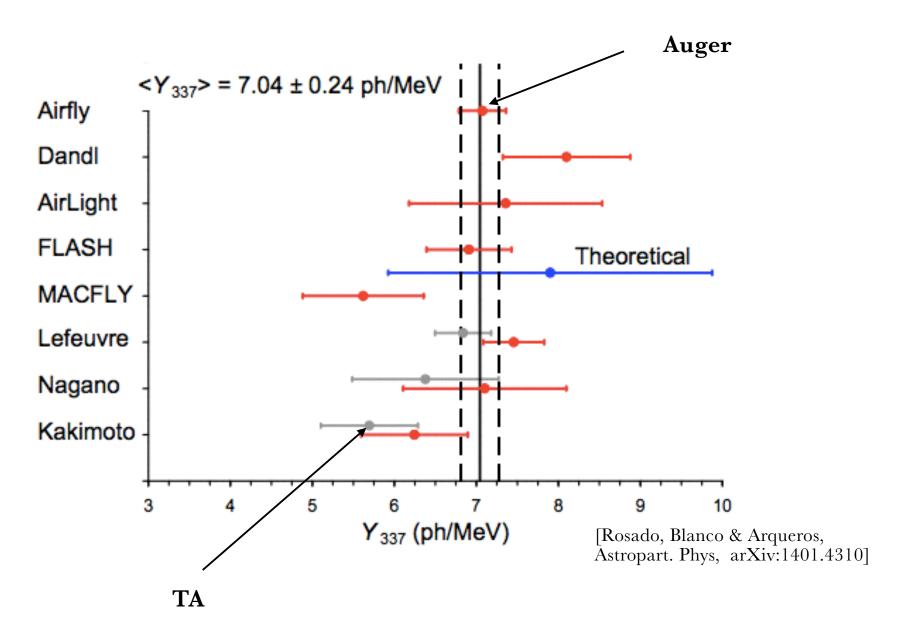
reason for fall-off at highest energies?

- maximum rigidity of accelerators?
- interactions with CMB?

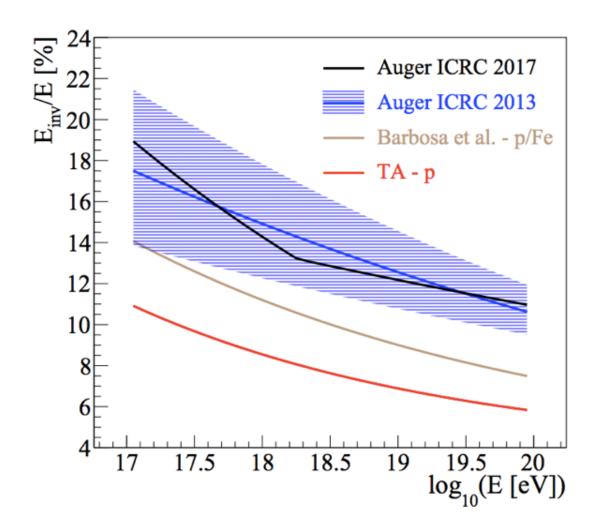
Energy spectrum



Fluorescence yield

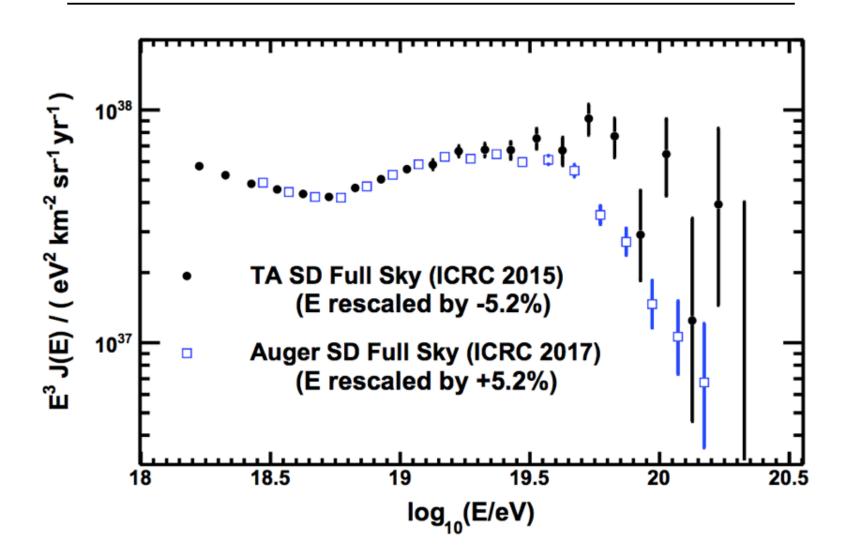


Invisible energy



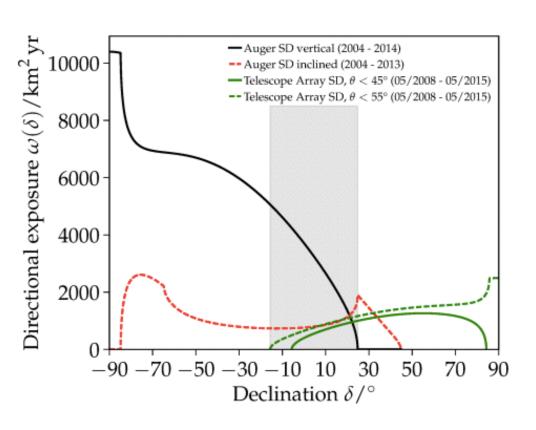
→ Good rationale to understand the global difference and so to apply a global rescaling

Rescaled energy spectrum



Astrophysical effect or systematic uncertainties?

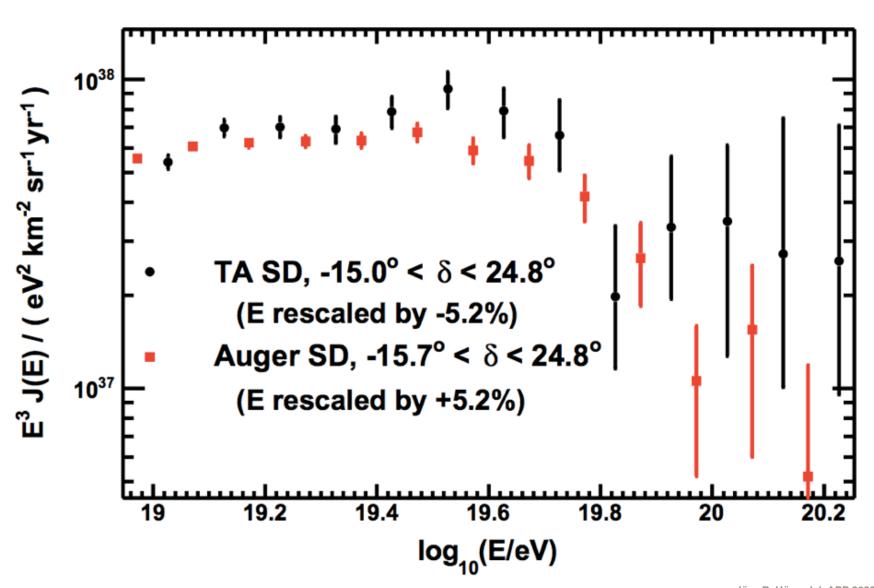
Focus on the common field of view



- 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:

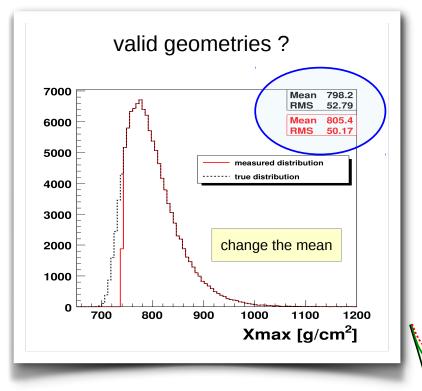
$$J_{1/\omega}(E) = \frac{1}{\Delta \Omega \Delta E} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\omega(\delta_i)}$$

Results in the common sky—shifted energies



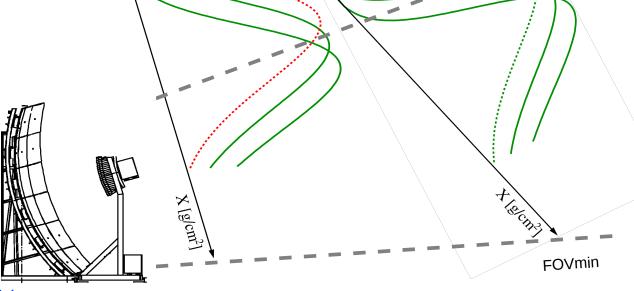


Mass composition





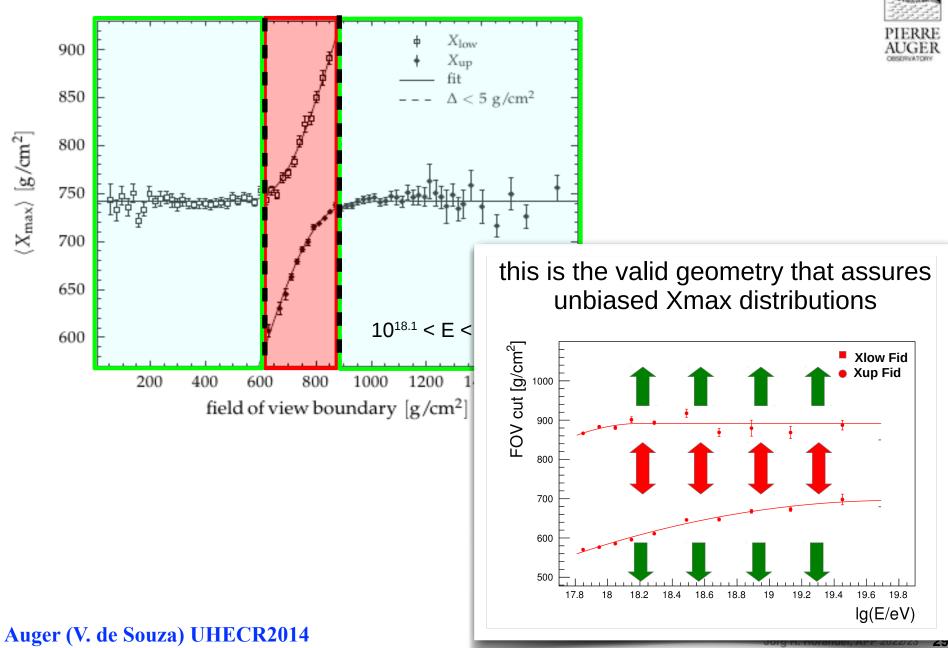
fiducial field of view



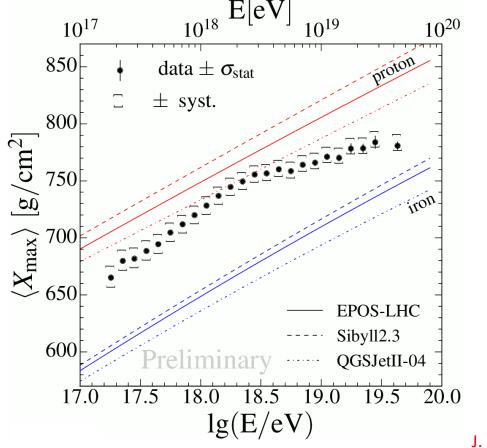
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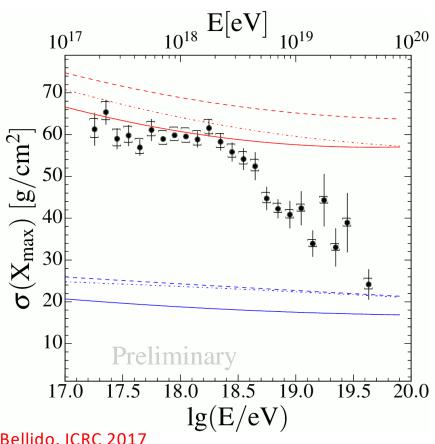
valid geometries?





Composition: The elongation rate $_{10^{17}}$ $_{10^{18}}$ $_{E[eV]}$ $_{10^{19}}$ $_{10^{20}}$

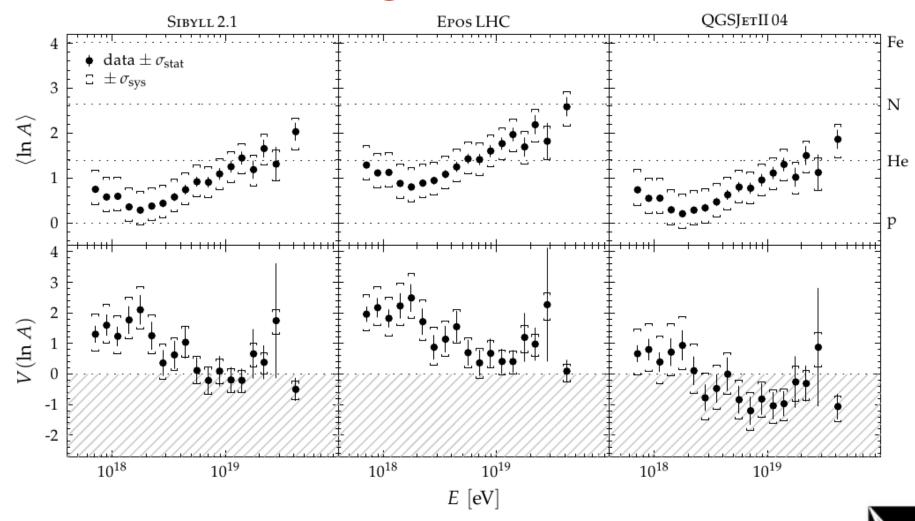




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$$\langle \ln A \rangle \equiv \sum_{i} r_{i} \ln A_{i}, \qquad \langle \ln A \rangle = \frac{X_{\text{max}}^{\text{meas}} - X_{\text{max}}^{\text{p}}}{X_{\text{max}}^{\text{Fe}} - X_{\text{max}}^{p}} \cdot \ln A_{\text{Fe}}.$$

Mean logarithmic mass



V (In A) measures the purity of the sample:

• pure Pr or pure Fe or pure anything $\rightarrow V(\ln A) = 0$

• 50:50 Pr:Fe $\rightarrow V(\ln A) \approx 4$



fitting abundances

simulated air shower including the detector response

2x10⁴ showers per energy bin

Proton Helium Nitrogen Iron

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In each bin of energy Log Likelihood fit

$$L = \prod_{i} \left[\frac{e^{-C_{j}} C_{j}^{n_{j}}}{n_{j}!} \right]$$

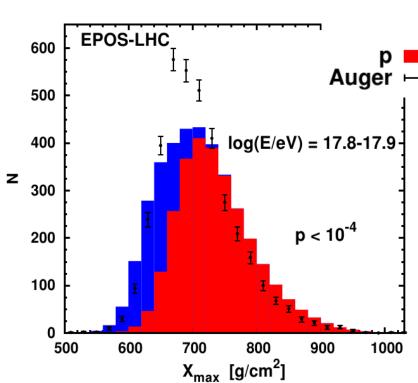
fraction of each species

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

j = index of Xmax bin

 n_i = measured number of shower

 C_i = Simulation prediction

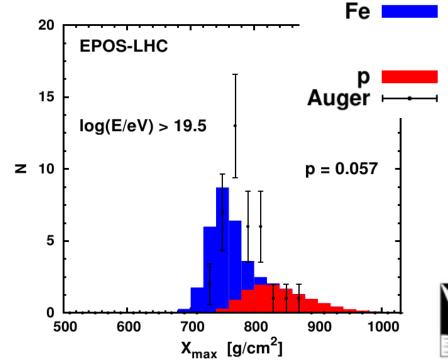


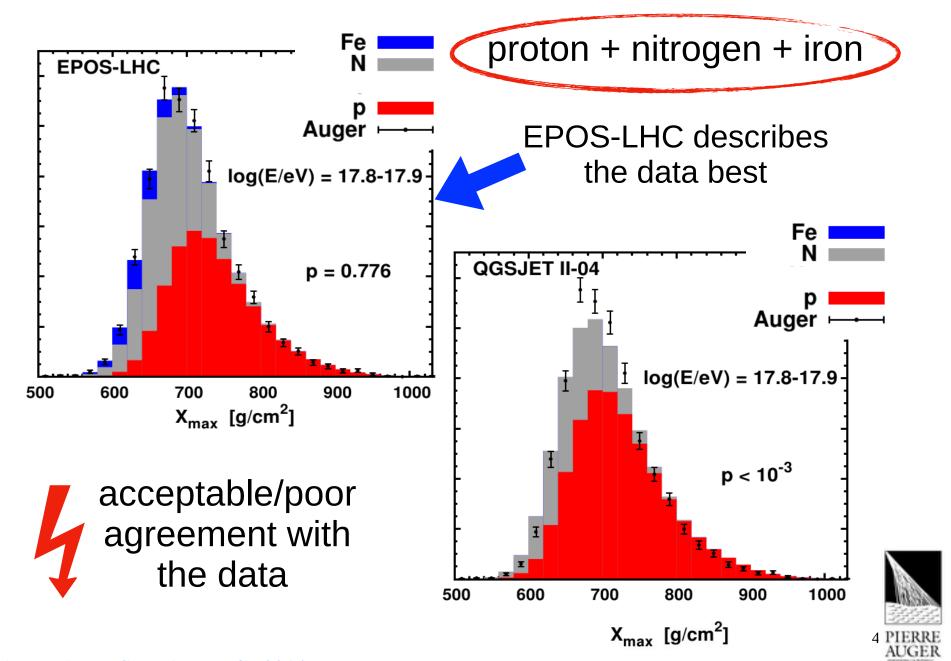
Fe

Very poor agreement with the data for most energy bins

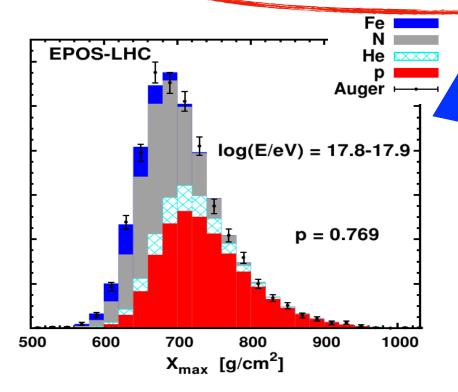
proton + iron

Similar picture for all hadronic interaction models





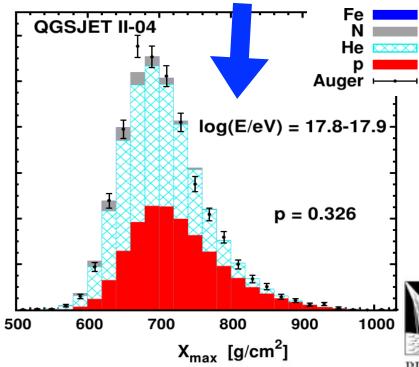
proton + helium + nitrogen + iron



acceptable/good agreement with the data

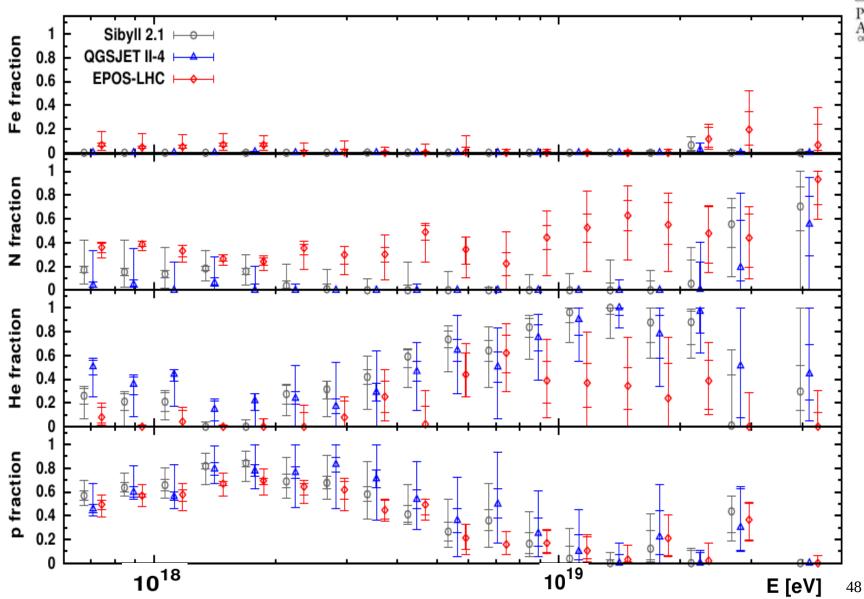
EPOS-LHC describes the data best

QGSJet II-04 describes the data worst

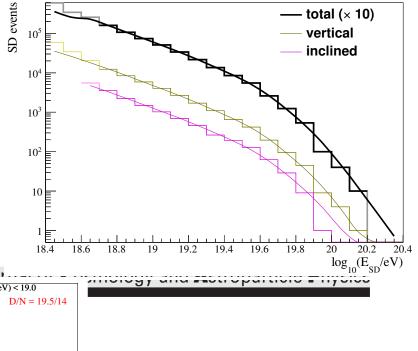


proton + helium + nitrogen + iron





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



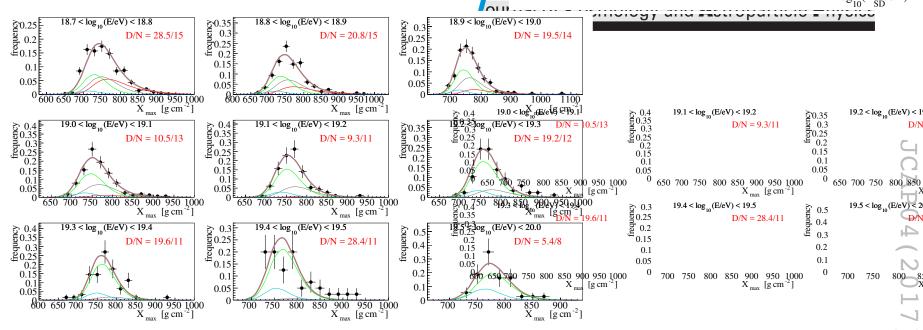


Figure 2. Top: fitted spectra, as function of reconstructed energy, compared to experimental coun The sum of horizontal and vertical counts has been multiplied by 10 for clarity. Bottom: the dist butions of X_{max} in the fitted energy bins, best fit minimum, SPG propagation model, EPOS-LI UHECR-air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

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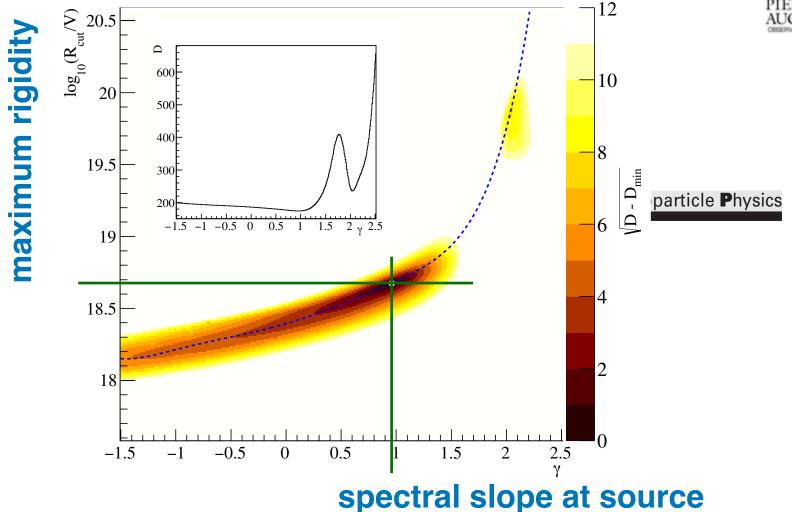
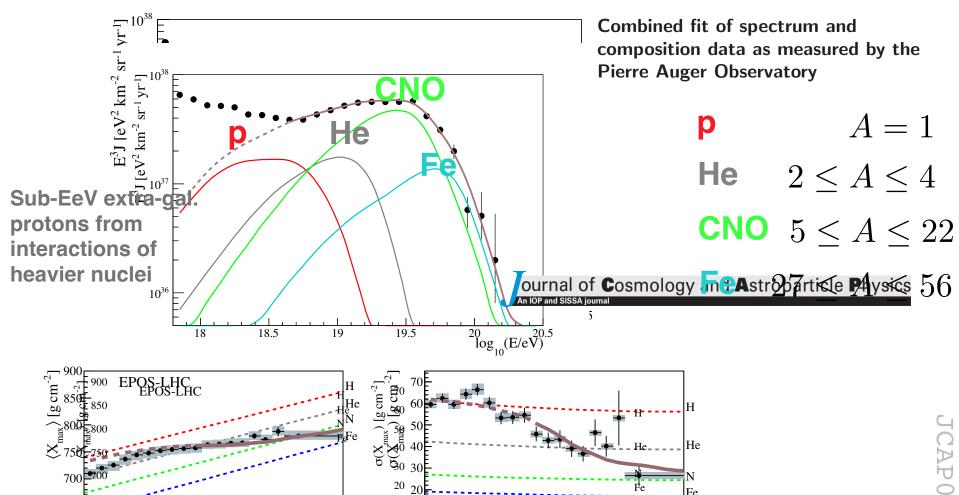


Figure 1. Deviance $\sqrt{D-D_{\min}}$, as function of γ and $\log_{10}(R_{\text{cut}}/\text{V})$. The dot indicates the position of the best minimum, while the dashed line connects the relative minima of D (valley line). In the inset, the distribution of D_{\min} in function of γ along this line.



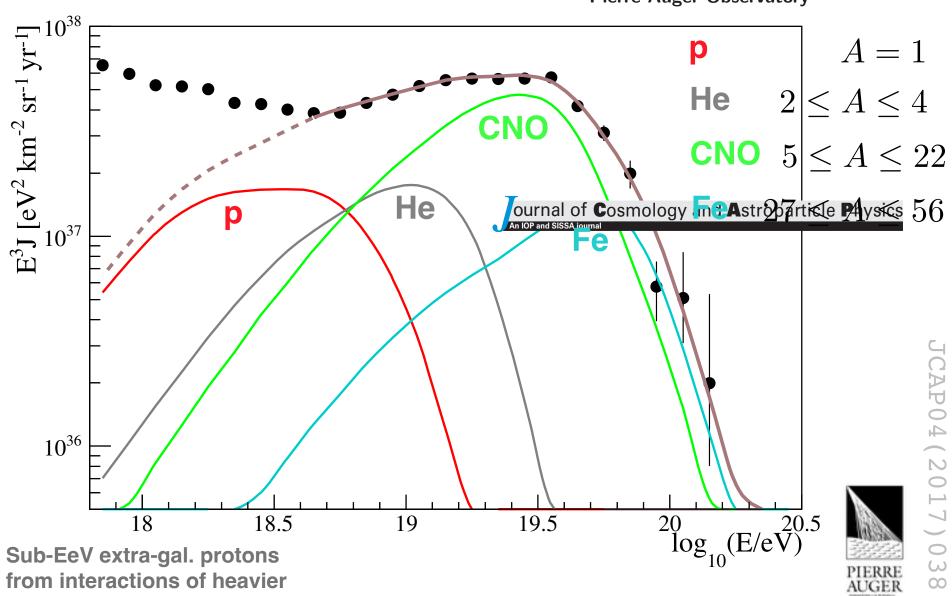
 $\frac{1905}{19\log_{10}(E/eV)} = 200$ $\log_{10}(E/eV)$

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 $X_{\rm max}$ distribution as predicted (assuming EPOS-LHC UHECR-air interactions) for the model (brown) versus pure $^1{\rm H}$ (red), $^4{\rm He}$ (grey), $^{14}{\rm N}$ (green) and $^{56}{\rm Fe}$ (blue), dashed lines. Only the energy range where the brown lines are solid is included in the fit.

10g5 (E/eV) 20 log10 (E/eV)

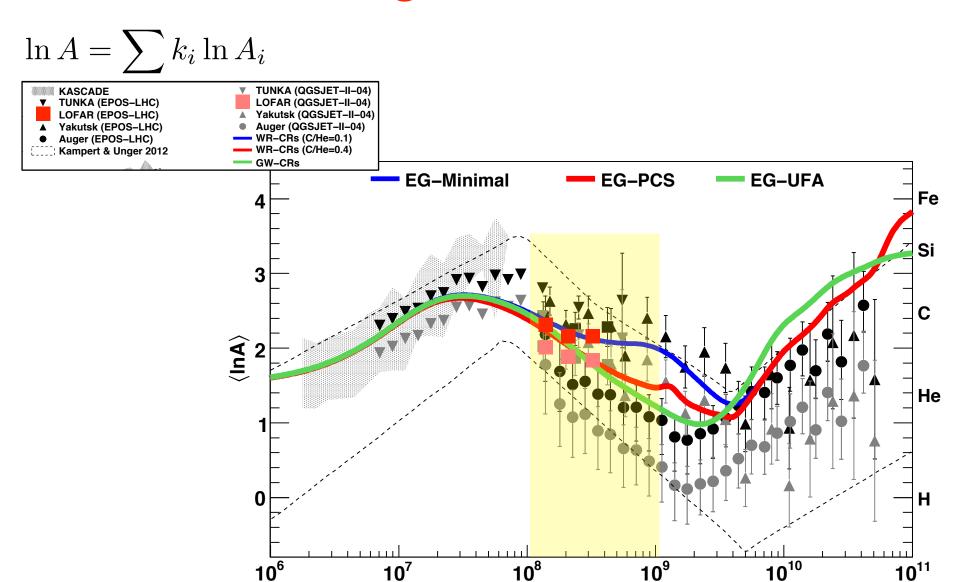


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nuclei

Mean logarithmic mass



Energy E (GeV)



Arrival direction

COSMIC RAYS

Anisotropy detected at >5.2 sigma dipole amplitude 6.5%

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

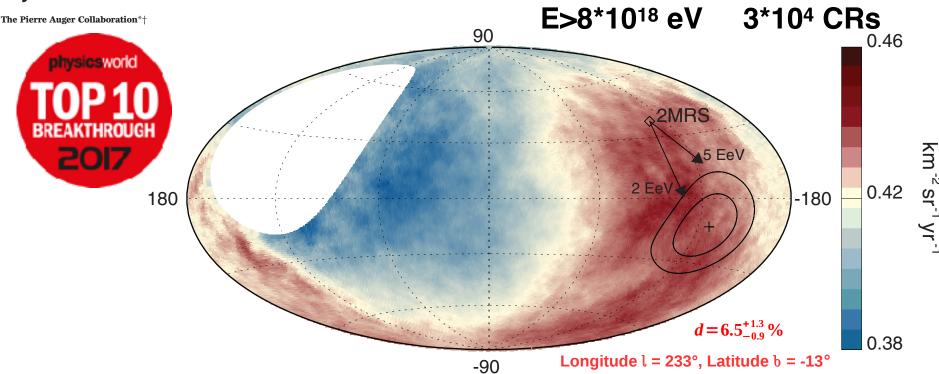
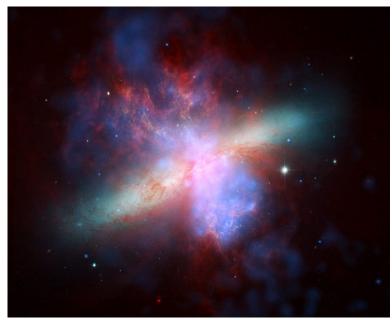


Fig. 3. Map showing the fluxes of particles in galactic coordinates. Sky map in galactic coordinates showing the cosmic-ray flux for $E \ge 8$ EeV smoothed with a 45° top-hat function. The galactic center is at the origin. The cross indicates the measured dipole direction; the contours denote the 68% 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-heighenergy cosmic rays through comparison to the flux pattern of extragalactic gamma-ray sources

Active Galactic Nuclei

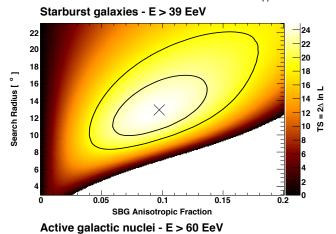
- 2FHL AGNs
- flux proxy: $\Phi(>50\,\mathrm{GeV})$
- 17 objects within 250 Mpc

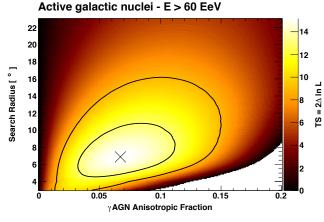
Star-forming of Starburst Galaxies

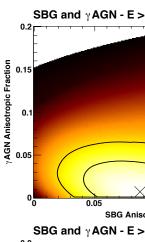
- Fermi-LAT search list (Ackermann+2016)
- $\Phi(> 1.54, \text{GHz}) > 0.3 \text{ Jy}$
- flux proxy: $\Phi(> 1.54, \mathrm{GHz})$
- 23 objects within 250 Mpc

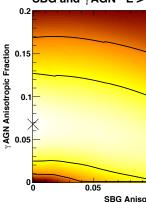
Likelihood ratio analysis

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



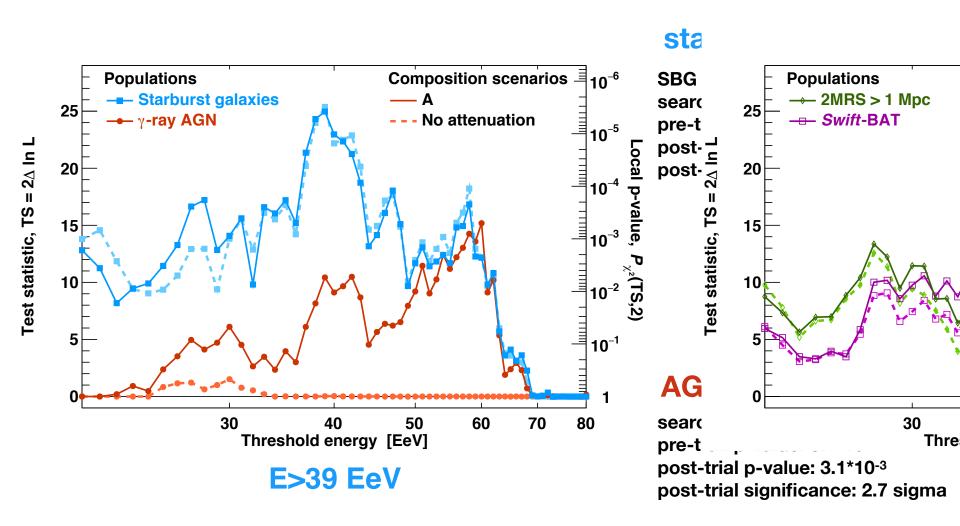




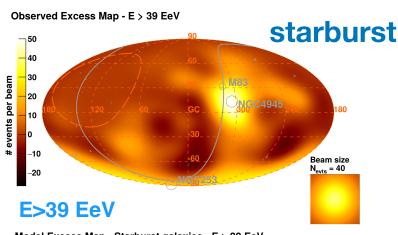


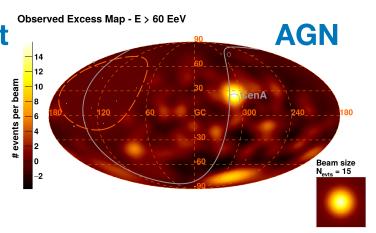
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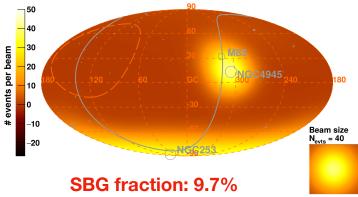


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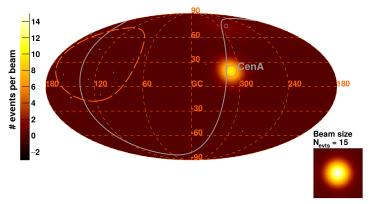




Model Excess Map - Starburst galaxies - E > 39 EeV



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



search radius: 12.9°

pre-trail p-value: 3.8*10⁻⁶ post-trial p-value: 3.6*10⁻⁵

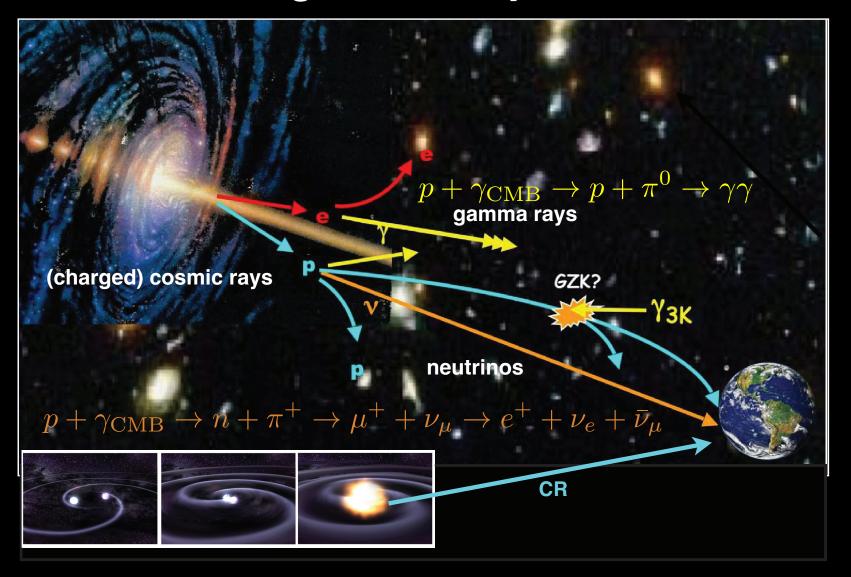
post-trial significance: 4.0 sigma

search radius: 6.9°

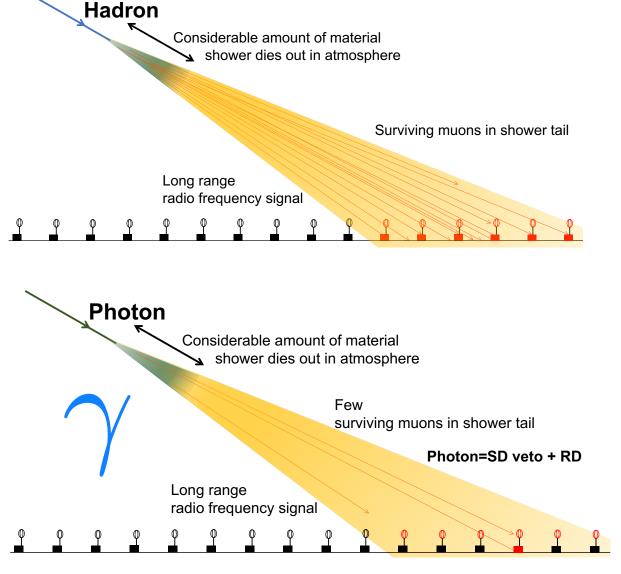
pre-trail p-value: 5.1*10⁻⁴ post-trial p-value: 3.1*10⁻³

post-trial significance: 2.7 sigma

Origin of cosmic rays multi messenger technique



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.

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

multivariate analysis

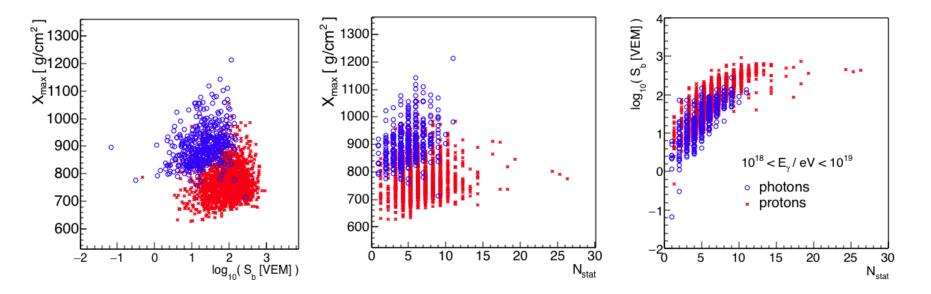


Figure 2. Correlation between the discriminating observables used in the multivariate analysis for the energy range $10^{18} < E_{\gamma} < 10^{19} \,\mathrm{eV}$: the red stars and the blue circles are the proton and photon simulated events, respectively. Events are selected applying the criteria in 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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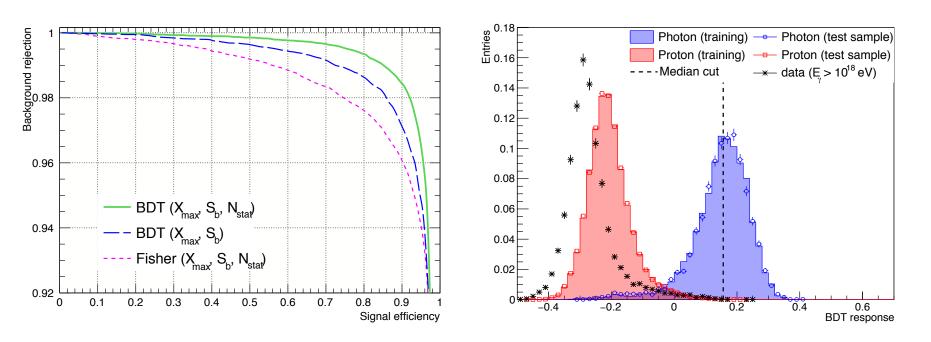
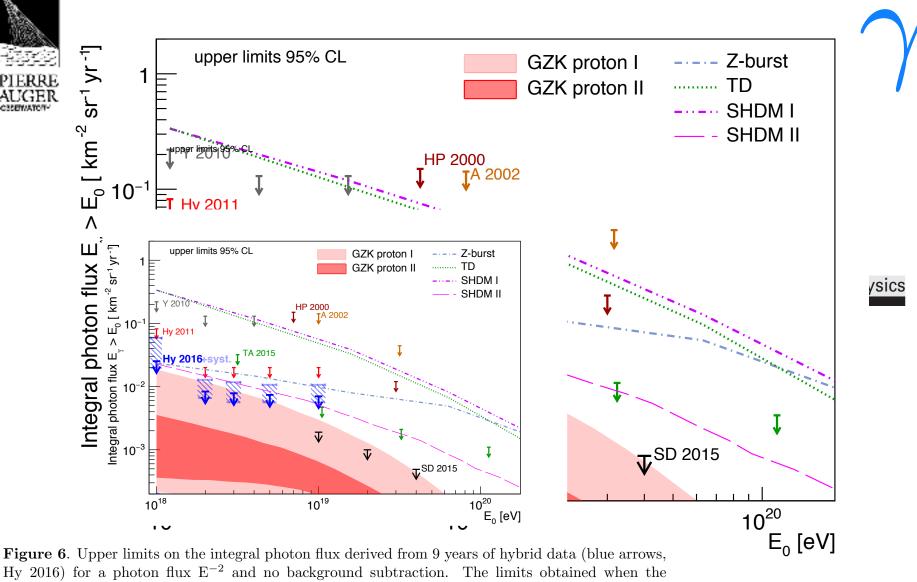


Figure 3. Left: curve of the background rejection efficiency against the signal efficiency for different algorithms and observables. Right: distribution of the <u>Boosted Decision Tree</u> observables for signal (photon, blue), background (proton, red) and data (black). For simulations both the training 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.



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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A Targeted Search for Point Sources of EeV Photons with the Pierre Auger Observatory

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

Class	No.	\mathcal{P}_{w}	\mathcal{P}	R.A. (°)	Decl.	Obs	Exp	Exposure (km ² yr)	Flux UL (km ⁻² yr ⁻¹)	E-flux UL (eV cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	р	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, P can differ from p in the sets that contain only a single target.

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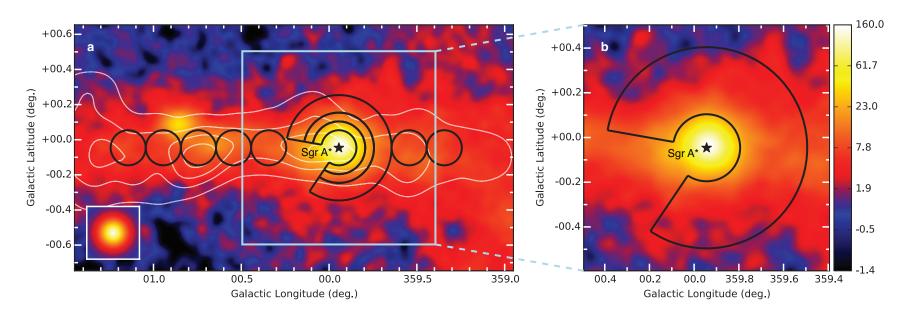


Figure 1: VHE γ -ray image of the Galactic Centre region. The colour scale indicates counts per $0.02^{\circ} \times 0.02^{\circ}$ pixel. Left panel: The black lines outline the regions used to calculate the CR energy density throughout the central molecular zone. A section of 66° is excluded from the 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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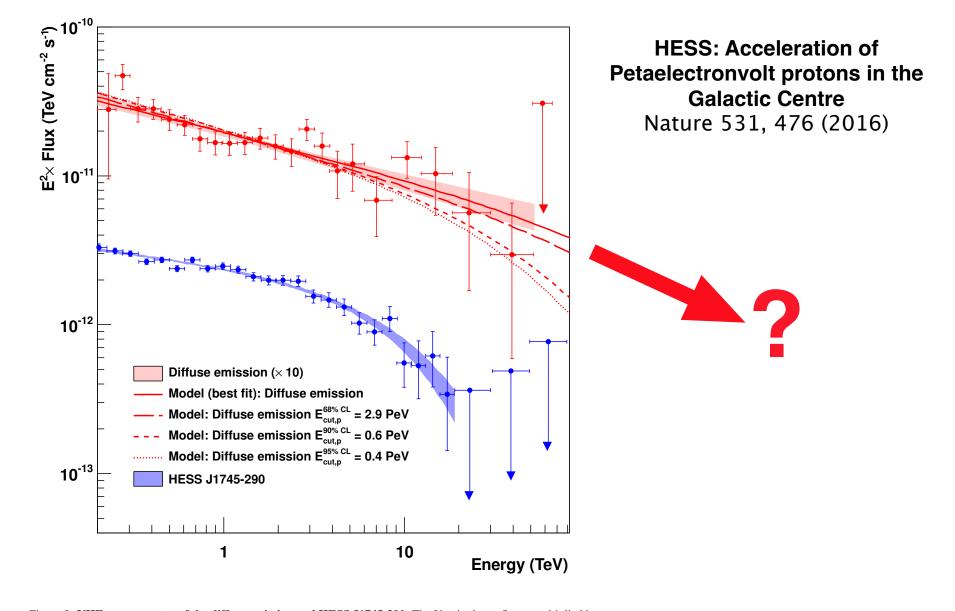


Figure 3: VHE γ -ray spectra of the diffuse emission and HESS J1745-290. The Y axis shows fluxes multiplied by a factor E^2 , where E is the energy on the X axis, in units of $TeVcm^{-2}s^{-1}$. The vertical and horizontal error bars show the 1σ statistical error and bin size, respectively. Arrows represent 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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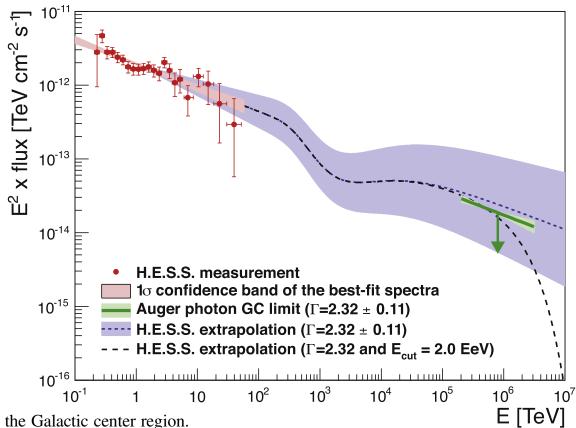
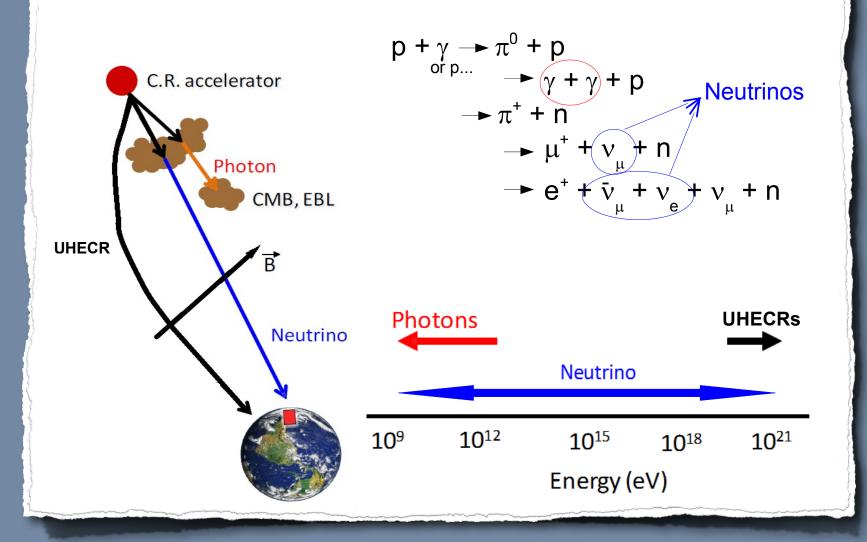


Figure 2. Photon flux as a function of energy from the Galactic center region. Measured data by H.E.S.S. are indicated, as well as the extrapolated photon flux at Earth in the EeV range, given the quoted spectral indices (Abramowski et al. 2016; conservatively the extrapolation does not take into account 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 $E_{\rm cut} = 2.0 \cdot 10^6 \, {\rm TeV}$ is indicated as well.

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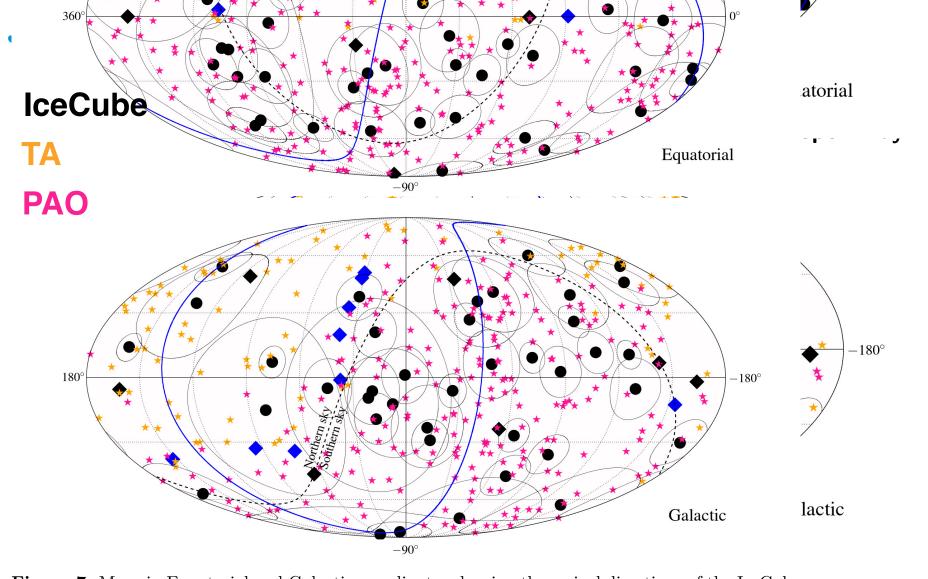
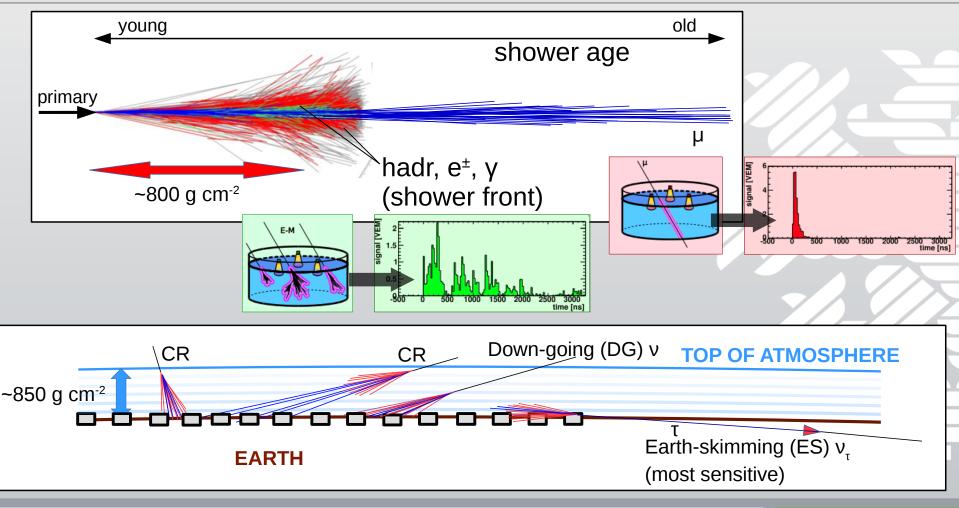


Figure 7. Maps in Equatorial and Galactic coordinates showing the arrival directions of the IceCube cascades (black dots) and tracks (diamonds), as well as those of the UHECRs detected by the Pierre Auger Observatory (magenta stars) and Telescope Array (orange stars). The circles around the showers indicate 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.

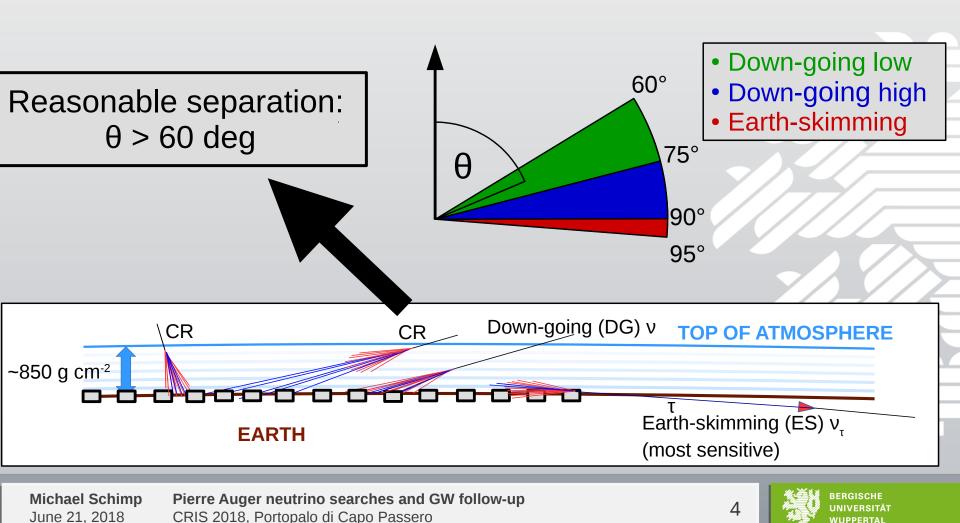
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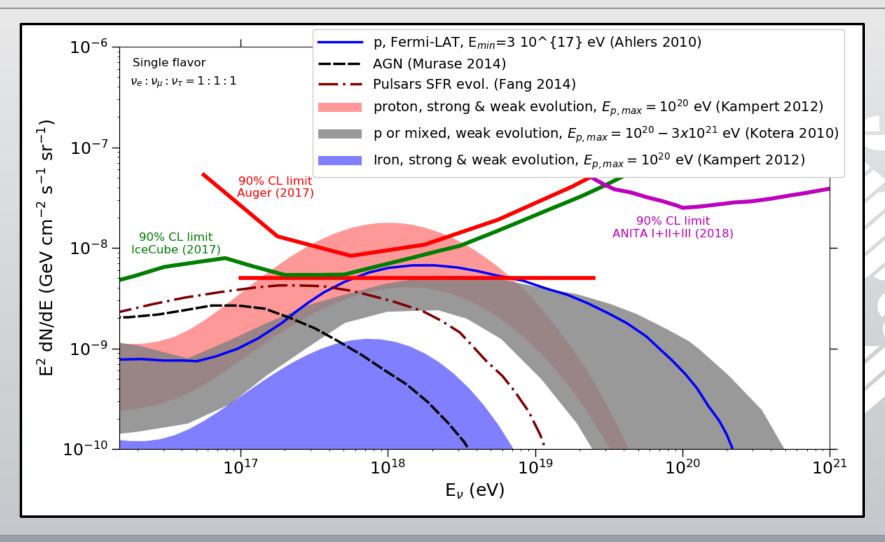
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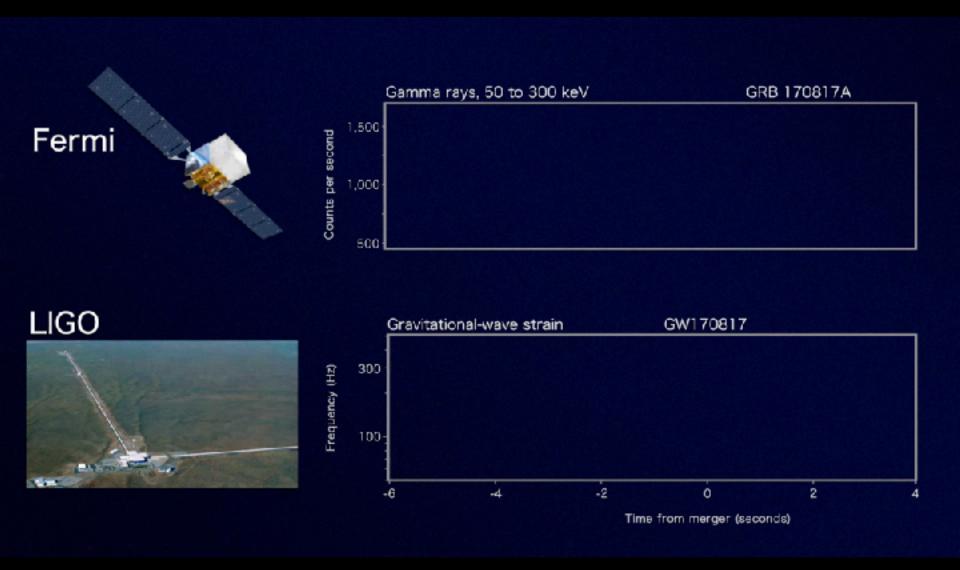
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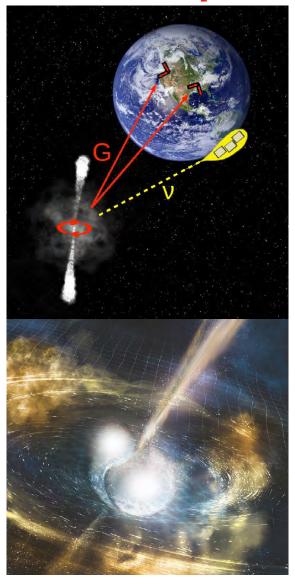
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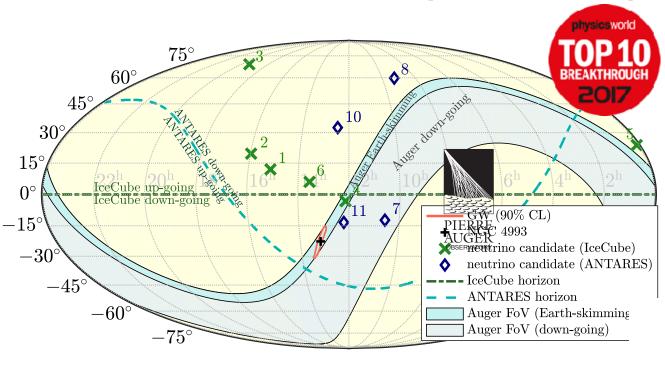


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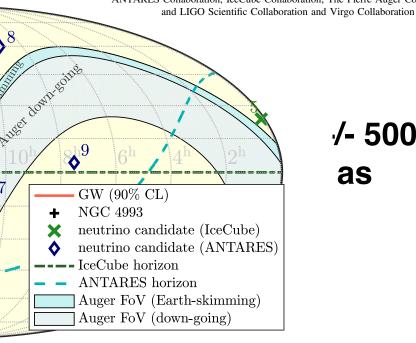
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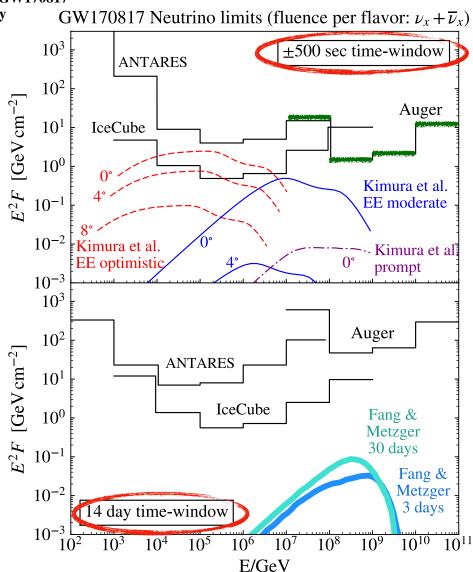
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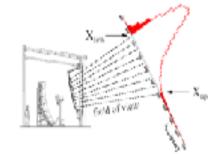




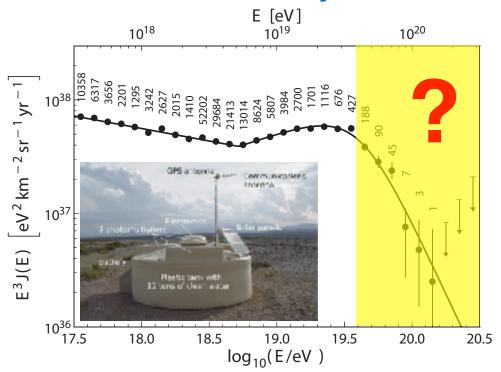
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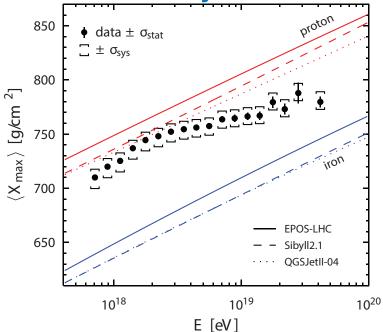
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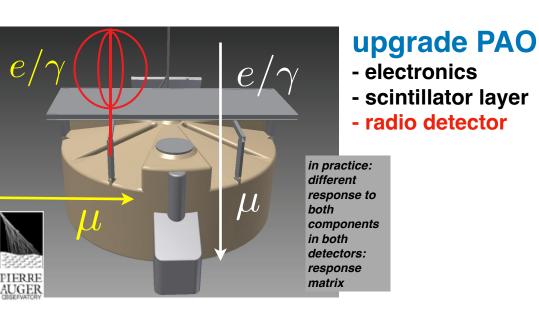
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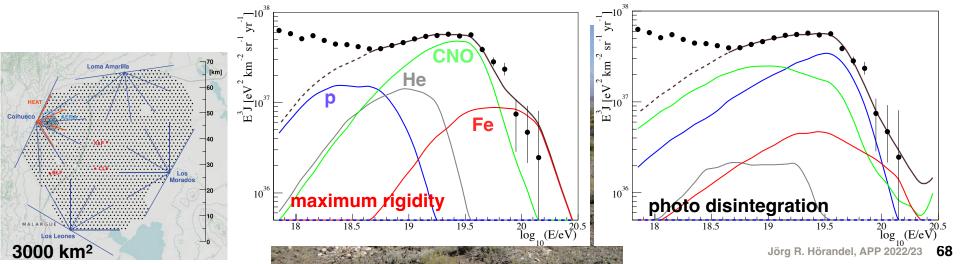


Upgrade of the Pierre Auger Observatory (astro-)physics of the highest-energy particles in nature

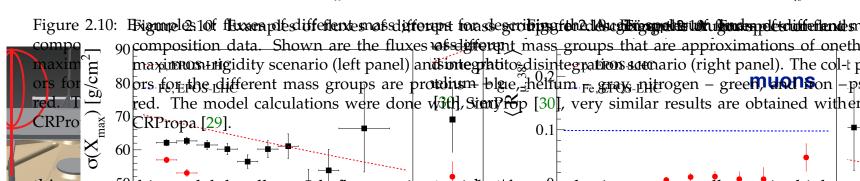


Key science questions

- •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?



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Key Elements of Upgrade

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- 1) New Electronics for Surface Detector
 - → faster sampling, better triggers, larger dynamic range, more channels
- 2) Enhanced Muon-Counting in Surface Detector

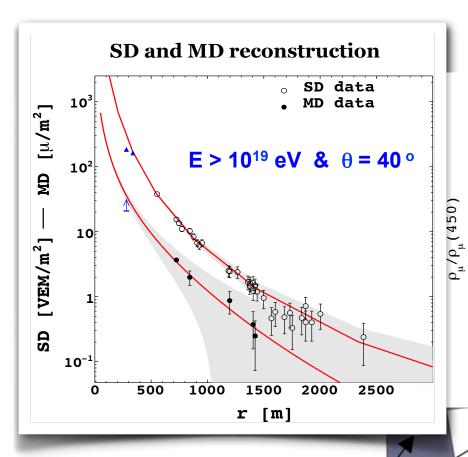
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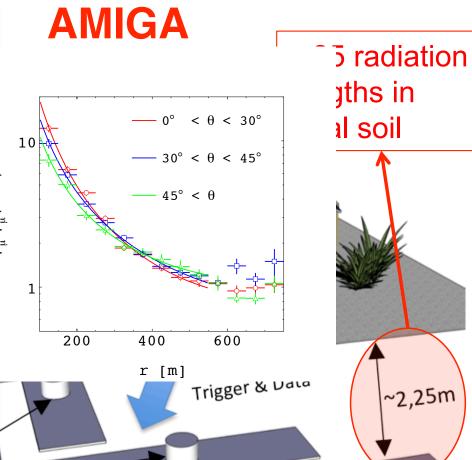
- 3) Extended operation of fluorescence telescopes may double observation time
- 4) High Precision Array with shielded muon detectors





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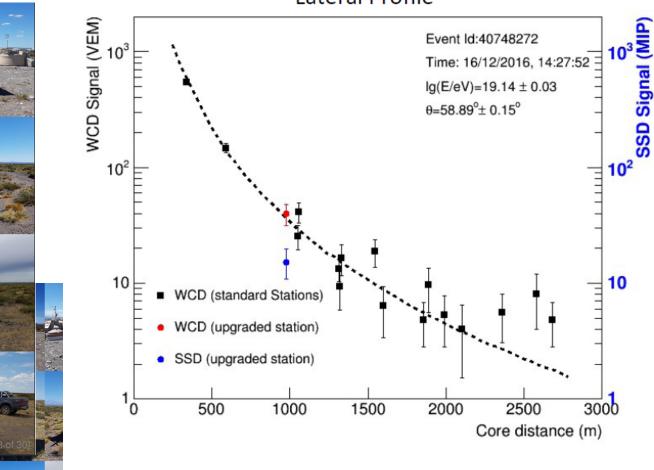


Performance of scintillator upgrade

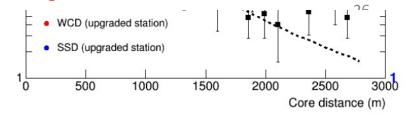
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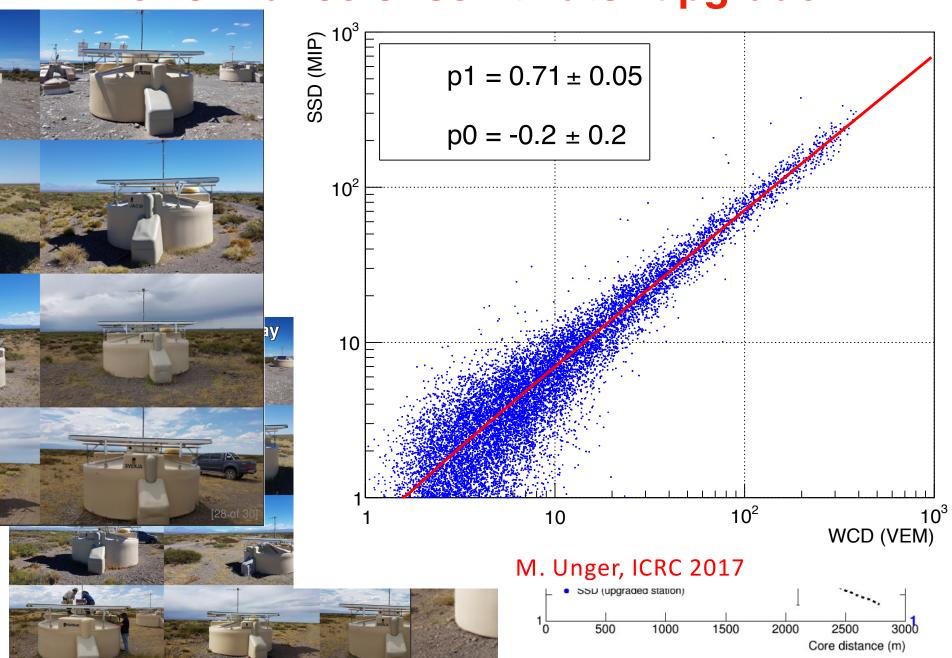




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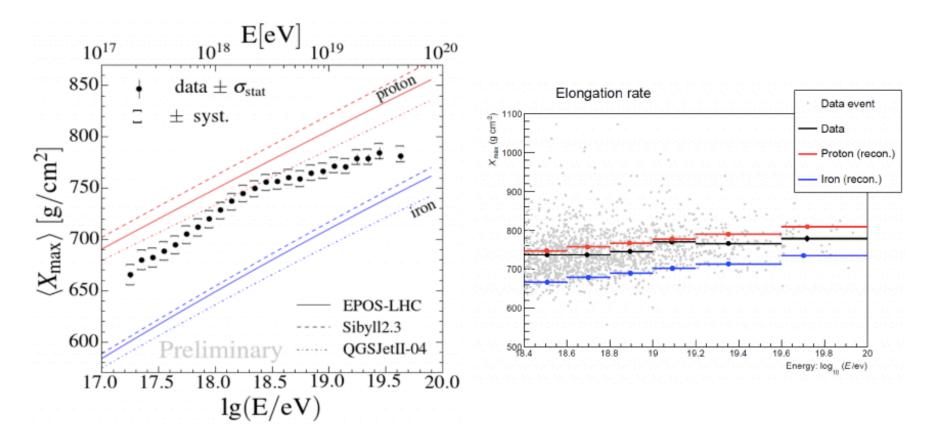


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PAO & TA

Pure protons vs mixed composition: a controversy?

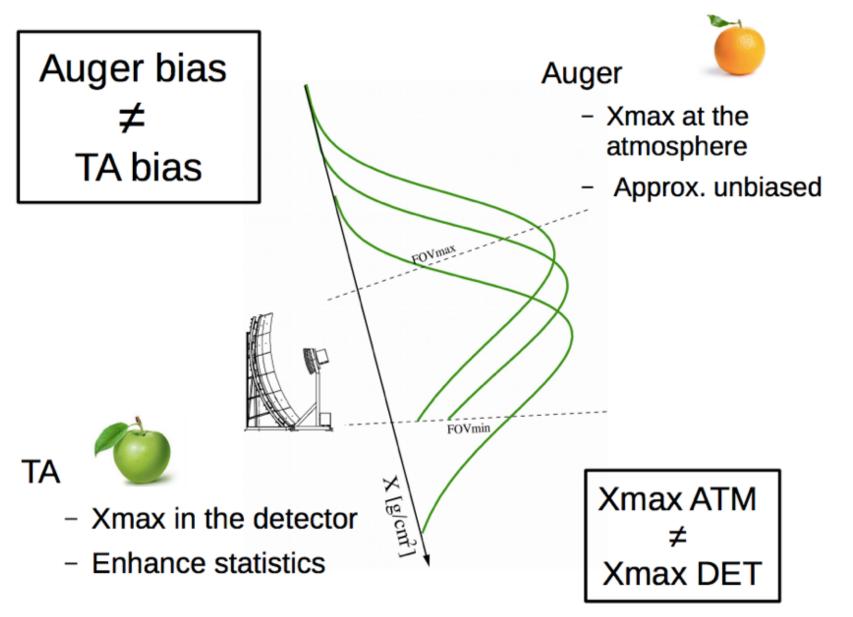


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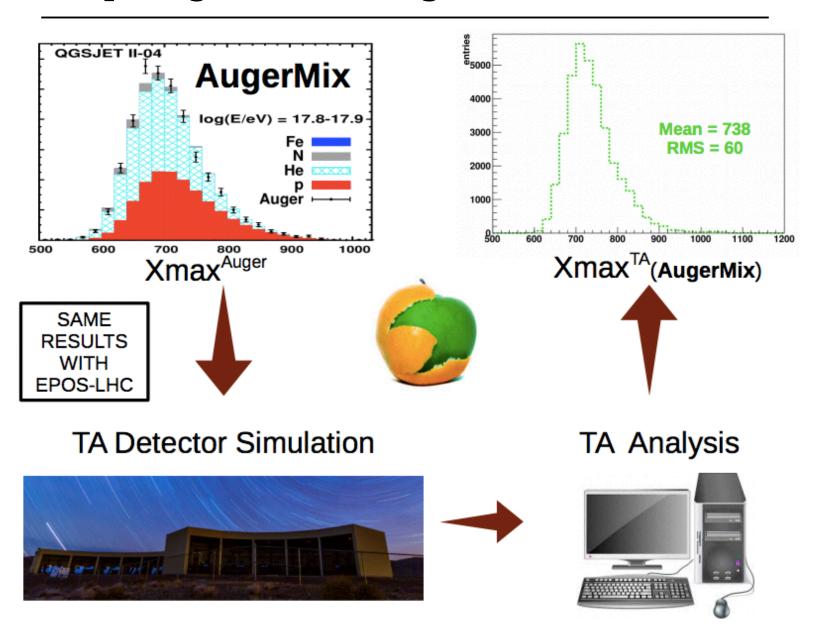
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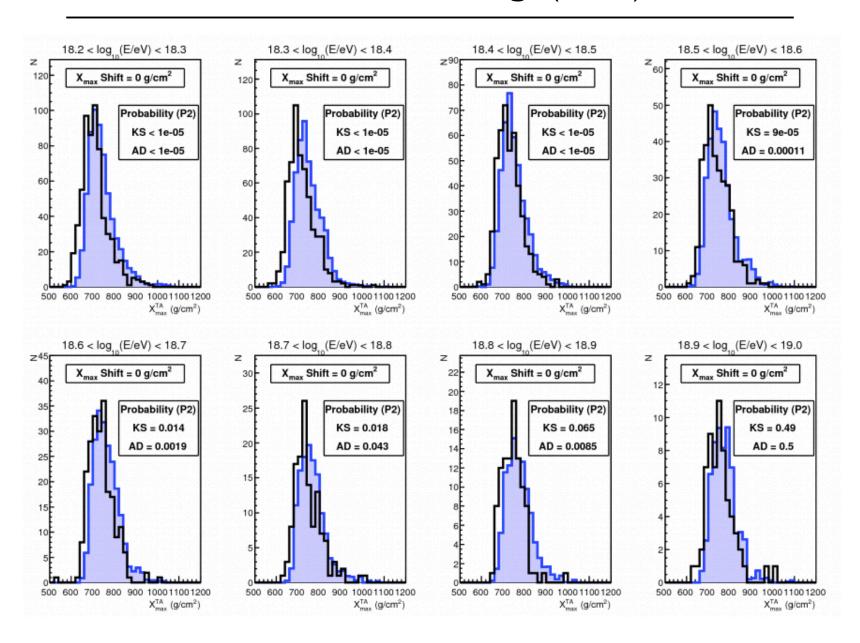
Comparing apples and oranges



Comparing X_{max} from Auger and TA—AUGERMIX



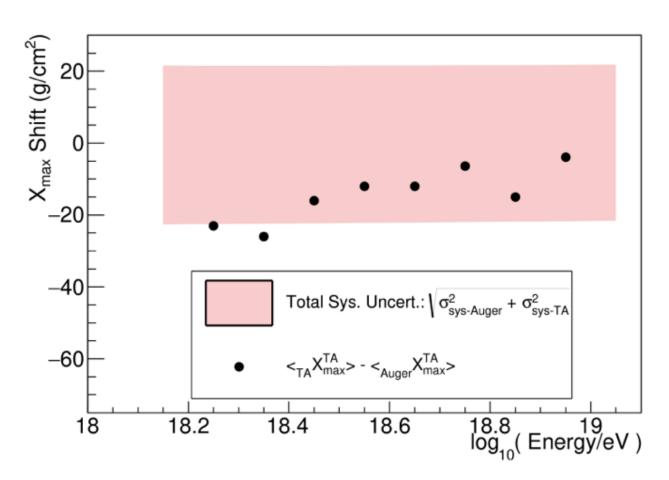
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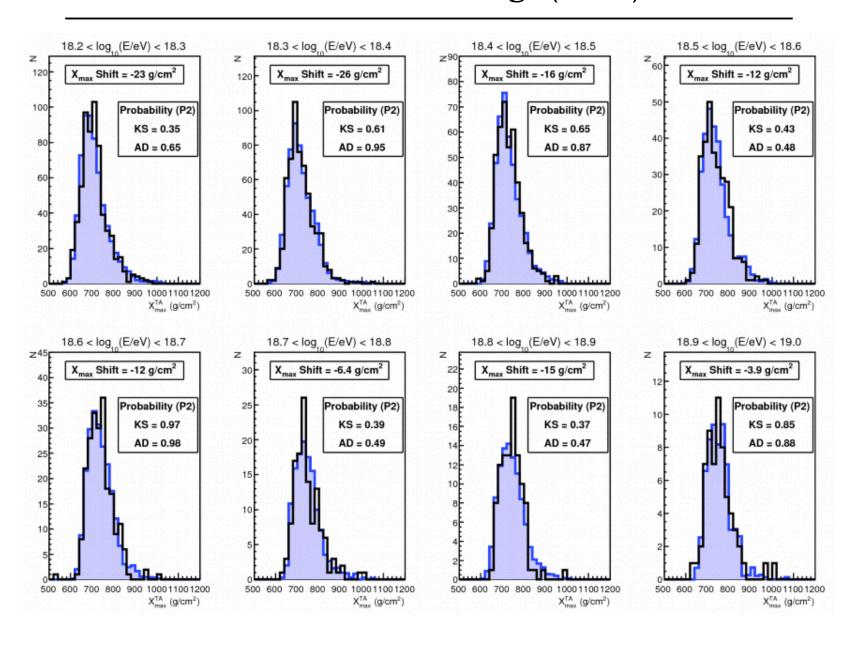
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Auger: -10/+8 g/cm²



→ 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<log₁₀(E/eV)<19.0

Within systematic uncertainties

