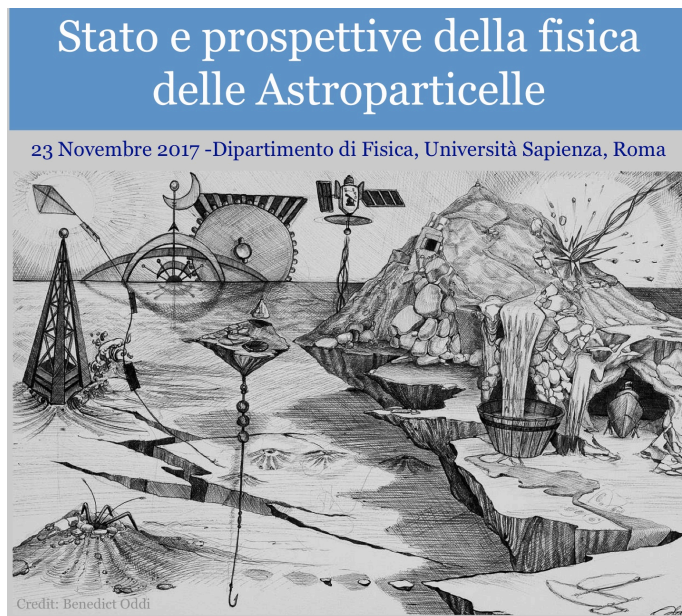


Status and future perspectives on Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays

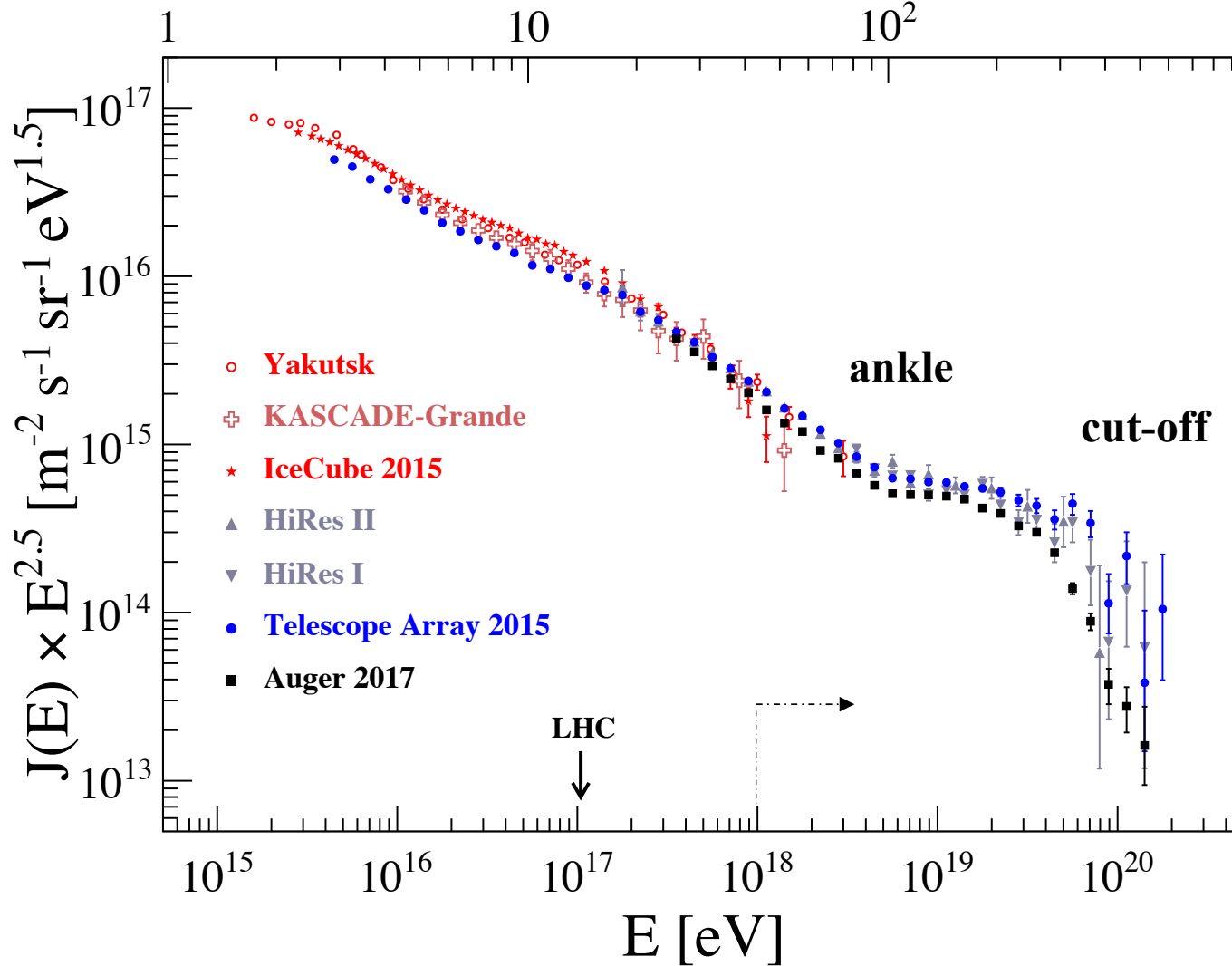
Valerio Verzi

INFN, Sezione di Roma "Tor Vergata", Italy



ENERGY SPECTRUM

equivalent c.m.s. energy [TeV]



$$\sqrt{s} \cong \sqrt{2m_p E / A}$$

at 10^{20} eV
 ~ 400 TeV

$$\frac{dN}{dE} \sim \frac{1}{E^3}$$

at 10^{20} eV
 ~ 1 part./km²/century

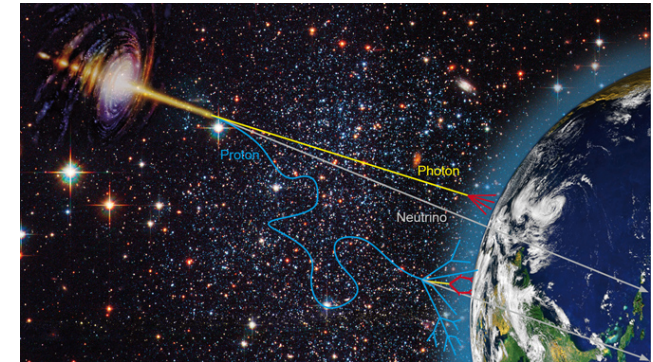
note: at 10^{15} eV
 ~ 1 part./m²/year

UHECR = Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays

SOURCES IDENTIFICATION

- nuclei (from p to Fe) likely of extragalactic origin

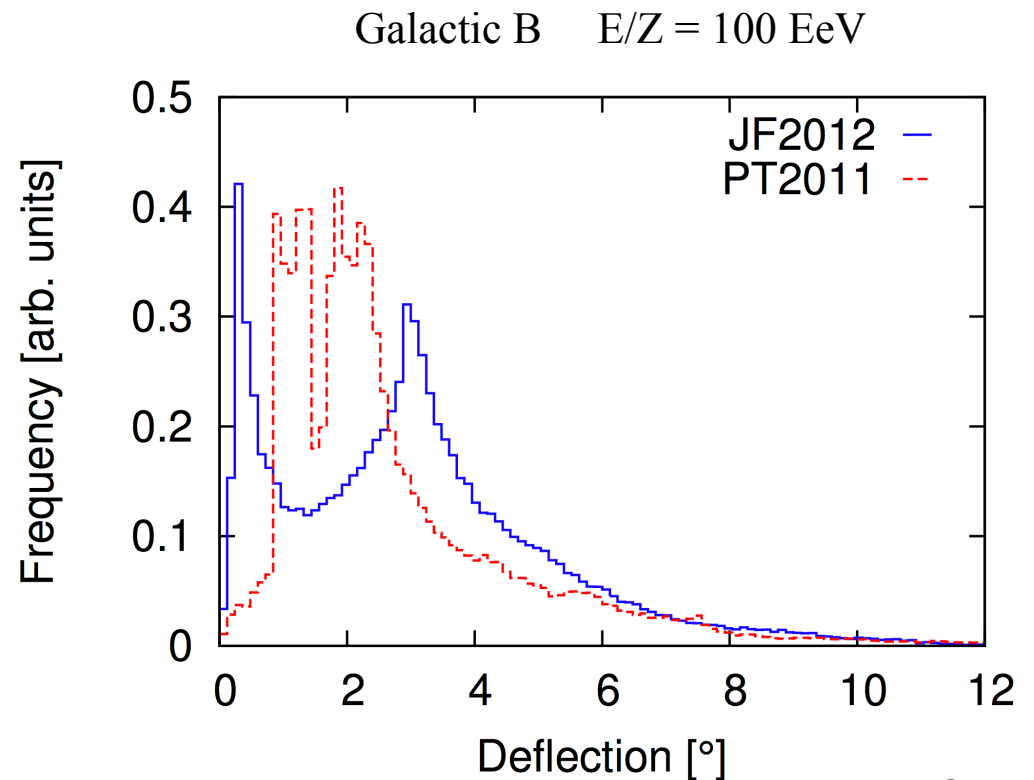
$$r_L [\text{kpc}] \sim \frac{E[\text{EeV}]}{Z B[\mu\text{G}]} \quad B = 2 - 3 \mu\text{G} \quad \text{thickness of galactic disk} \sim 300 \text{ pc}$$



- sources identification possible if deflections in galactic and inter-galactic magnetic fields are small

IceCube Auger Telescope Array
 JCAP 01 (2016) 037
 and references therein

- mass composition is crucial



PROPAGATION

interaction with the CMB

GZK effect $p \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow N \pi \quad E_{th} \approx \frac{m_p m_\pi}{2 \epsilon_{CMB}} \approx 10^{20} \text{ eV}$

K. Greisen, Phys. Rev. Lett., 16 (1966) 748

G.T. Zatsepin and V.A. Kuz'min, Sov. Phys. JETP Lett., 4 (1966) 114

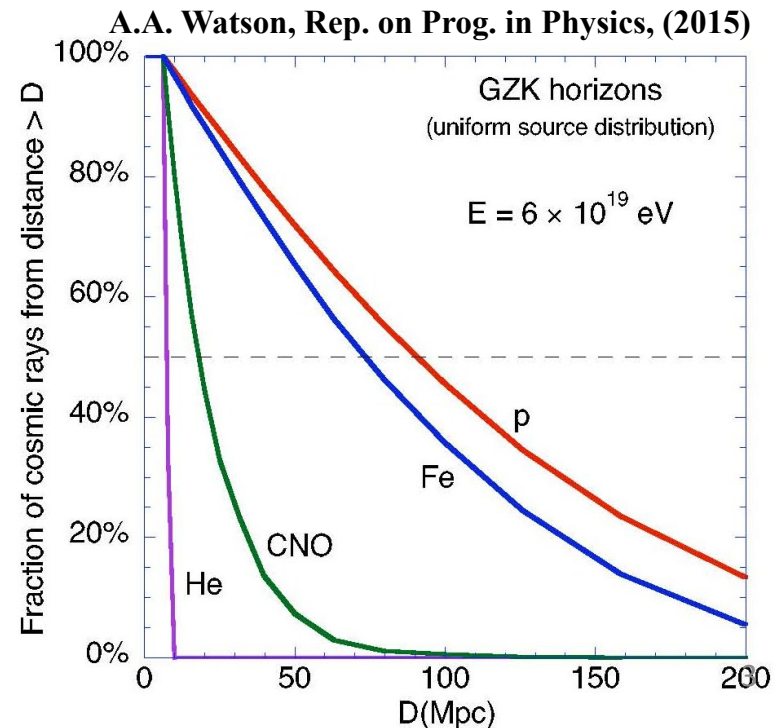
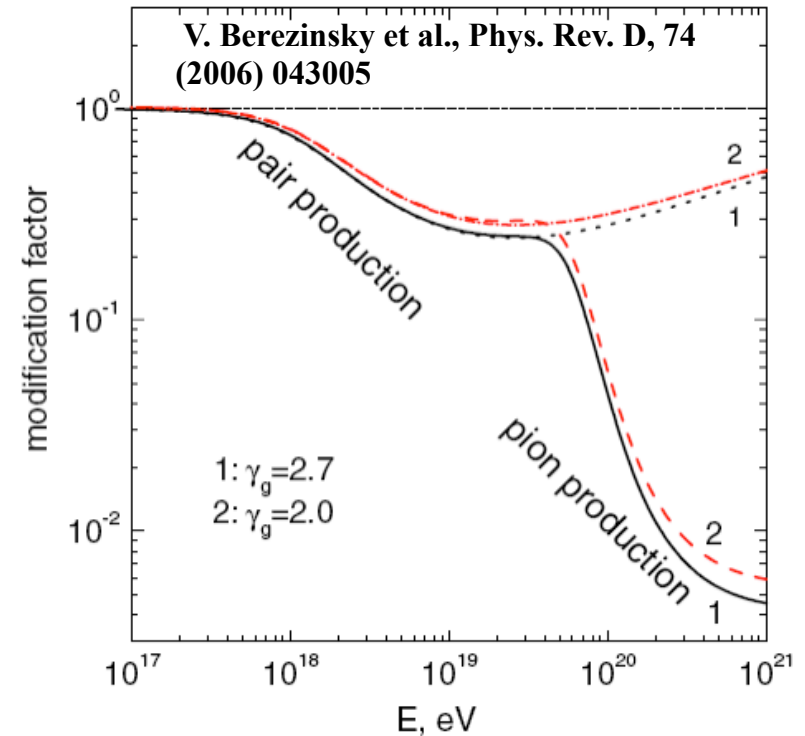
abrupt suppression consistent with the GZK cut-off

ankle consistent with

$$p \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow p e^+ e^-$$

- GZK horizon depends on primary mass
- mass composition at Earth \neq from the one at the sources

$$A \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow A-1 N$$

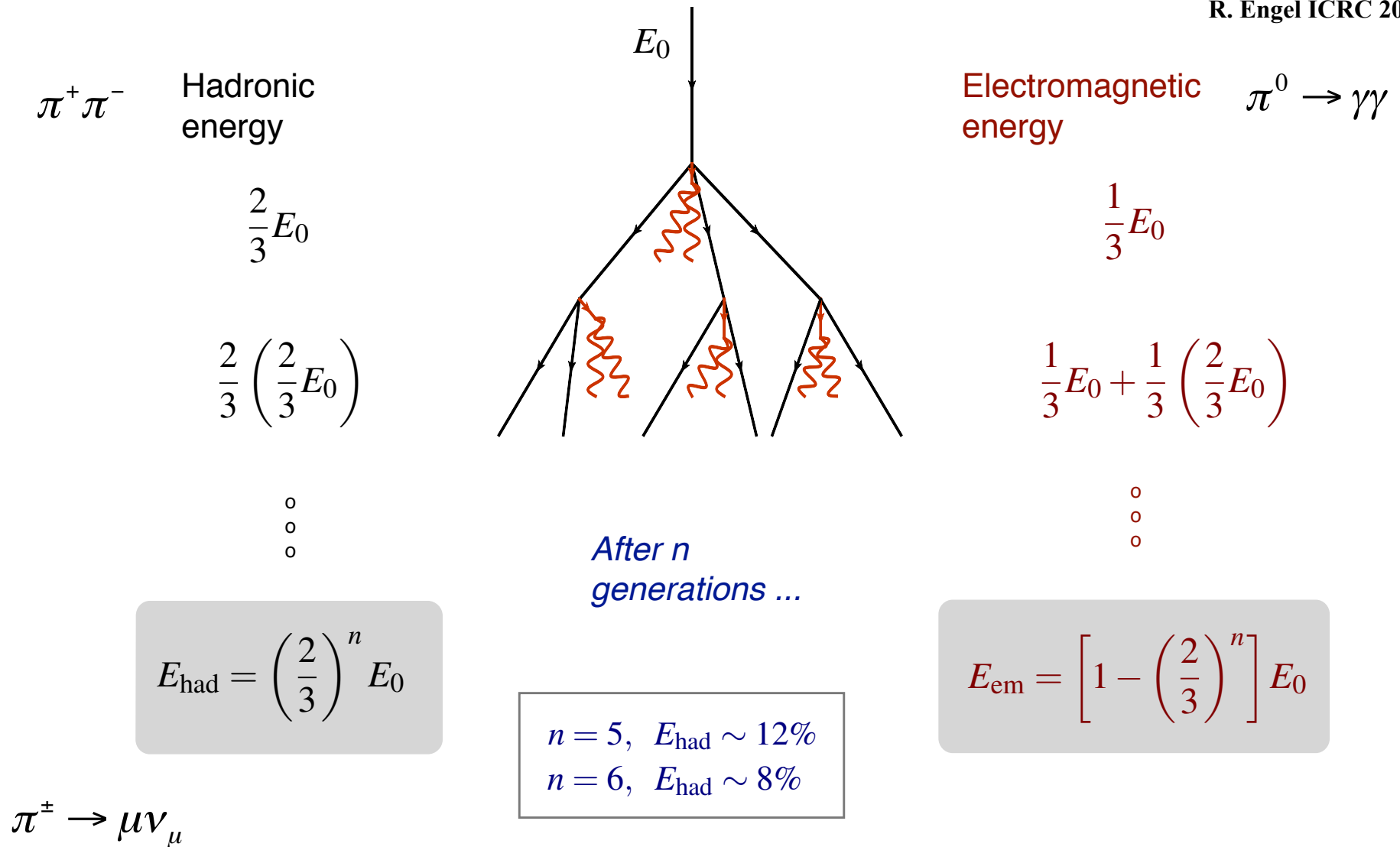


ATMOSPHERIC SHOWERS

J. Matthews, Astropart.

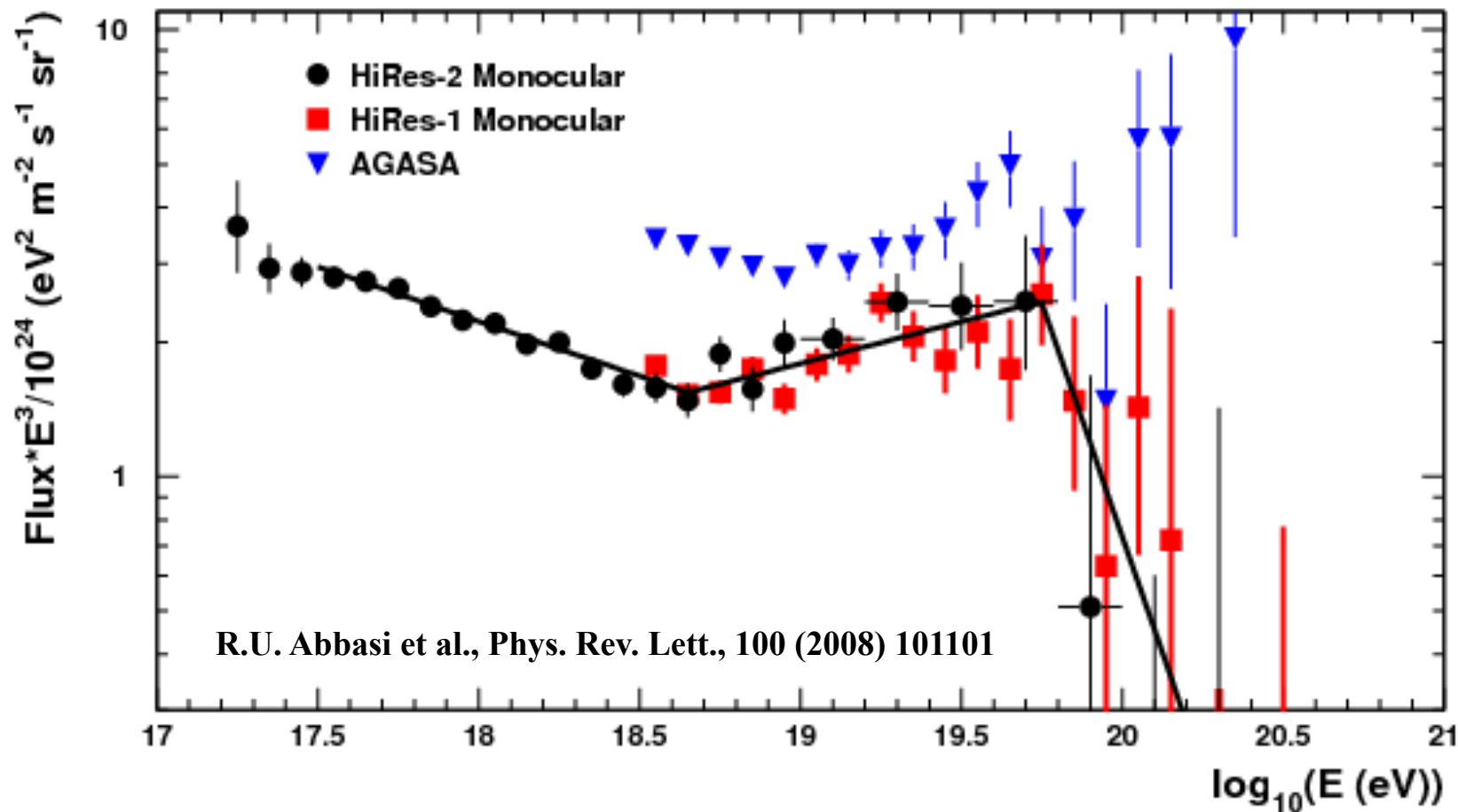
Phys. 22 (2005) 387

R. Engel ICRC 2015



- most of the energy transferred to the em component
- shower development and signal at ground sensitive to the hadronic interactions

The importance to take under control the systematic uncertainties



AGASA: 100 km² array of scintillators
 Hires: fluorescence detector

$$\frac{\Delta J}{J} \sim (\gamma - 1) \times \frac{\Delta E}{E}$$

DETECTION TECHNIQUES

Surface Detector array (SD)

detection of the shower front at ground

(+) duty cycle $\sim 100\%$

(-) shower size at ground $\propto E$ (systematics)

Fluorescence Detector (FD)

longitudinal shower development from fluorescence light from the N_2 de-excitation

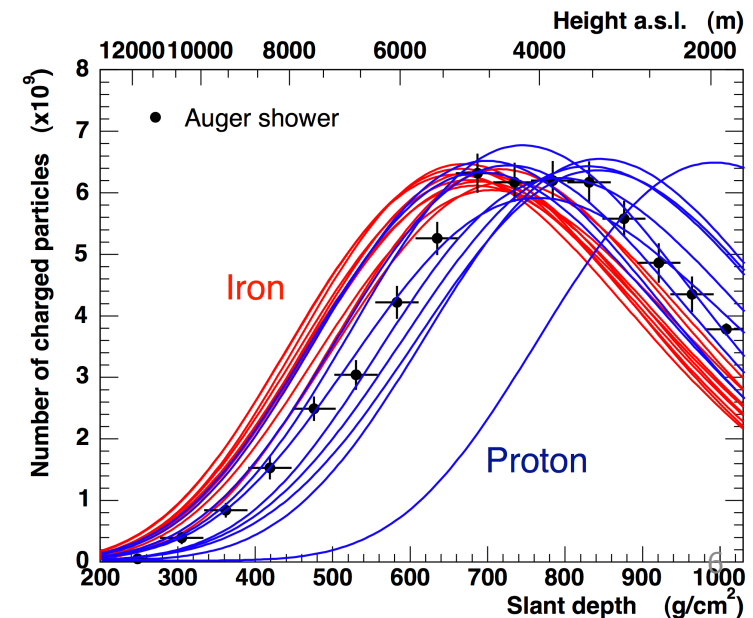
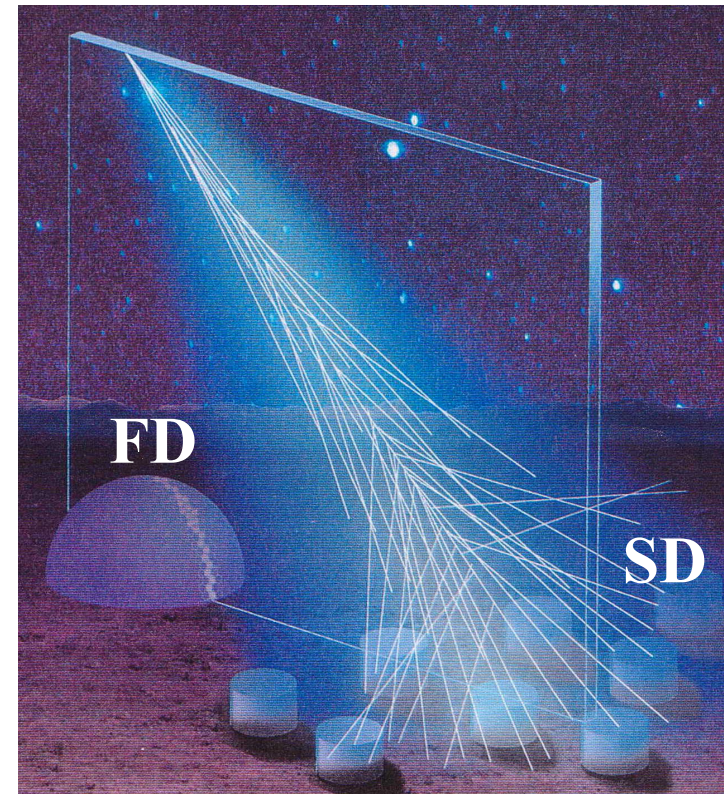
(-) duty cycle $\sim 13\%$

(+) calorimetric measurement of E

Hybrid detector (SD+FD)

calibrate the SD signals against FD energies

note: from FD $X_{\max} \sim \ln\left(\frac{E}{A}\right)$



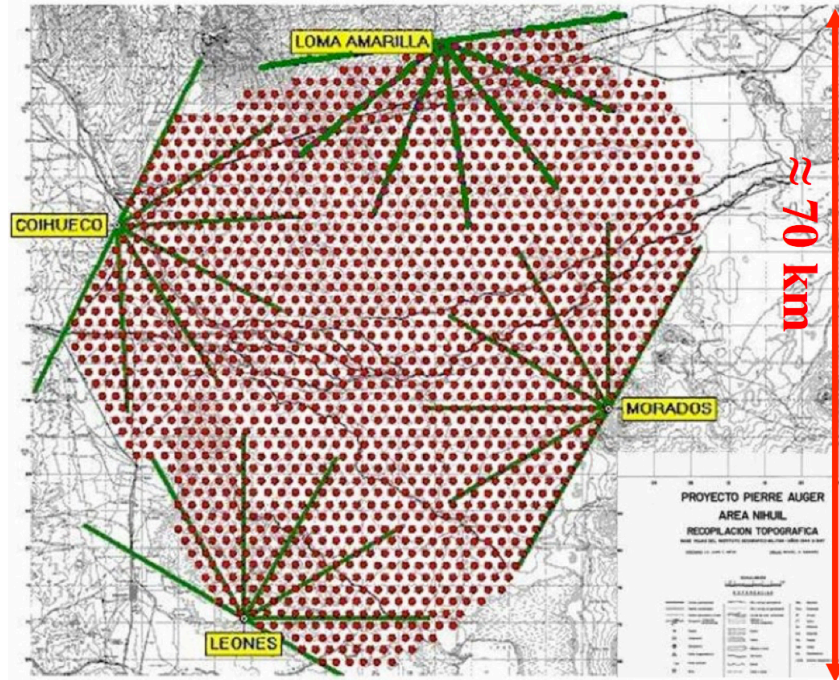
UHECR HYBRID OBSERVATORIES

PIERRE AUGER OBSERVATORY

Malargüe – Mendoza (Argentina)

35° S latitude 3000 km²

The Pierre Auger Collaboration, NIM A 798 (2015) 172-213

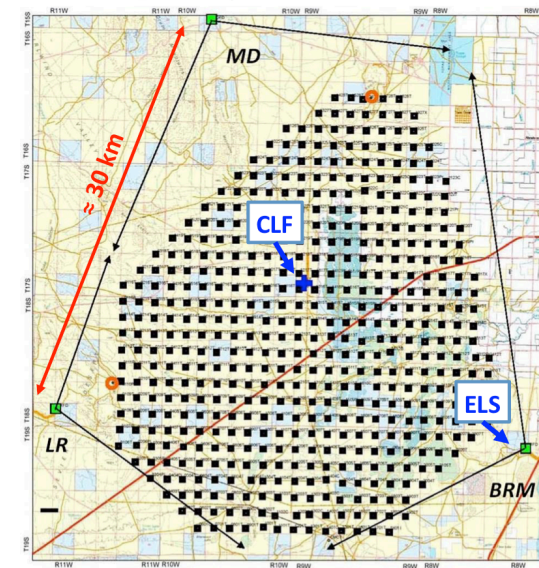


TELESCOPE ARRAY

Millard County, Utah (USA)

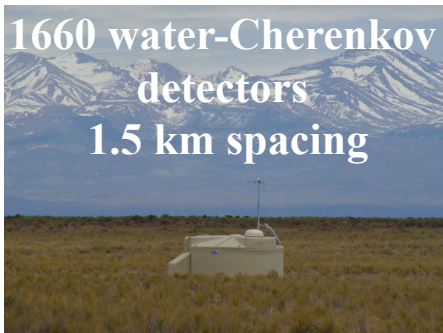
39° N latitude 700 km²

M. Fukushima et al., Prog. Theor. Phys. Suppl. 151 (2003) 206



1400
m a.s.l.

1660 water-Cherenkov
detectors
1.5 km spacing



FD – 4 sites



507 scintillators
1.2 km spacing



FD – 3 sites



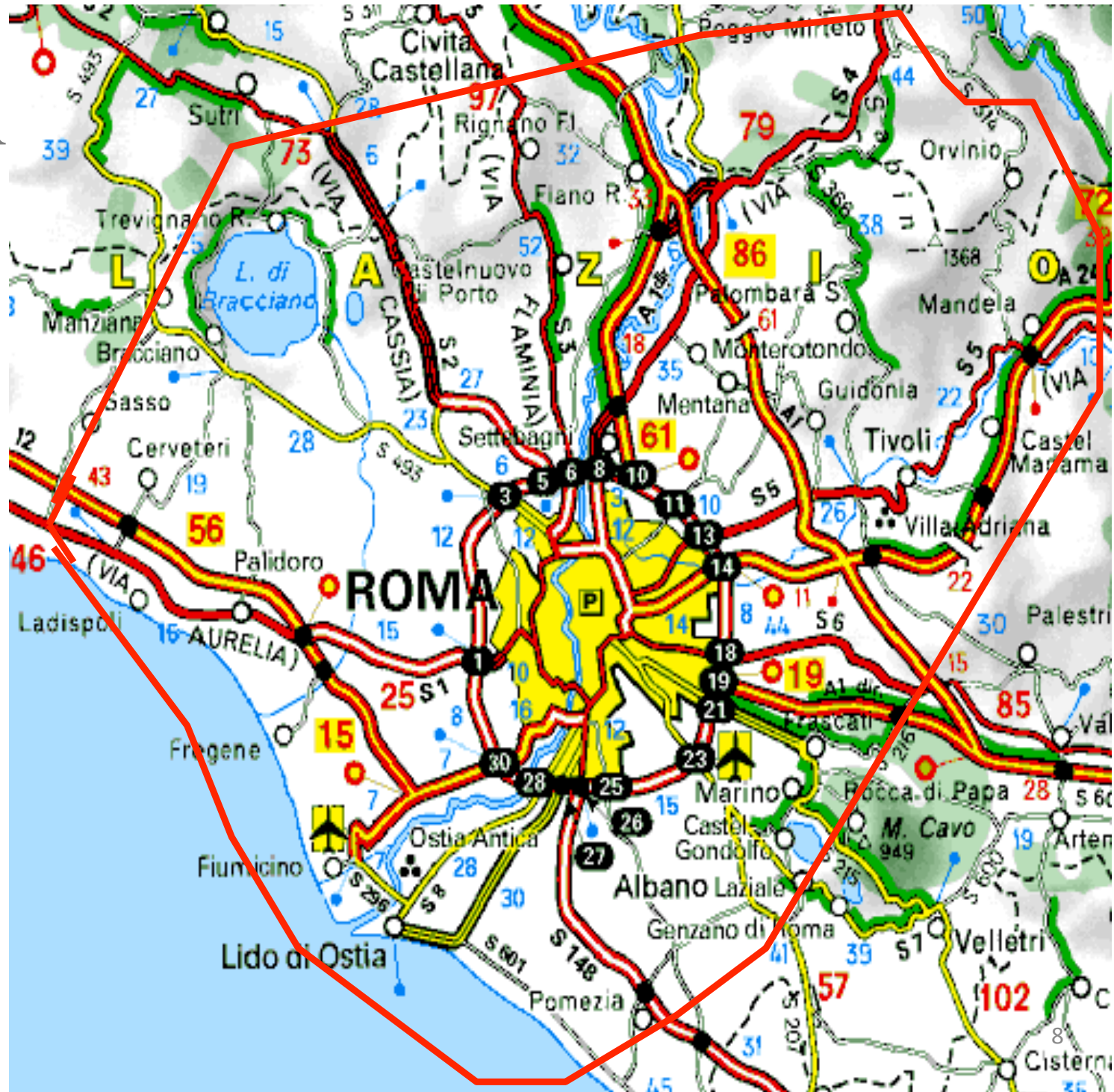
fully operative since 2008

AUGER VS ROMA

3000 km²

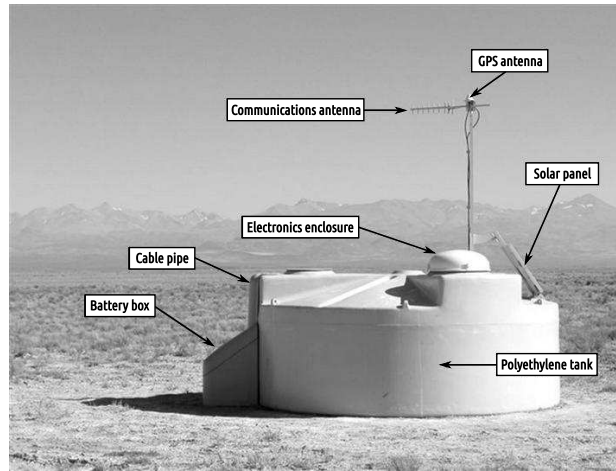
rate \approx
1/km²/sr/century

TA smaller
by a factor 4

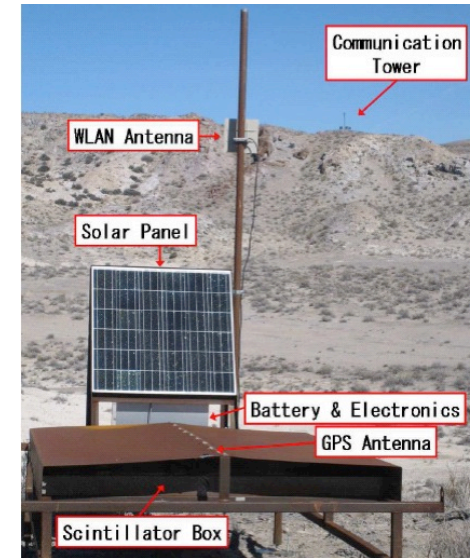


- autonomous units
- FADC at 40/50 MHz
- water cherenkov vs scintillators
 → sensitive to showers inclined at large zenith angle
 → more sensitive to μ s

Auger

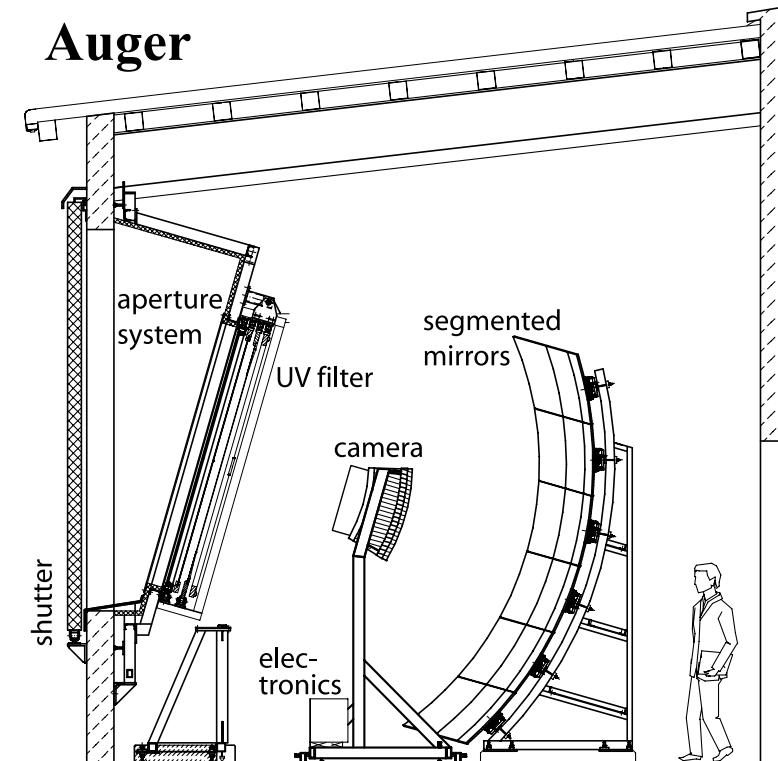


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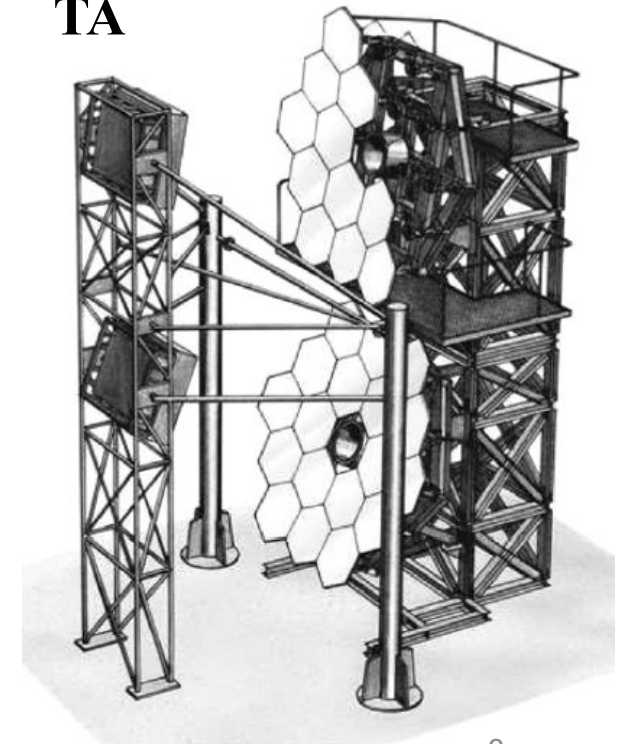


- large spherical mirrors
- camera in the focal surface covered by pmts
- FADC at 10/40 MHz
- similar f.o.v. (elevation $\sim 0^\circ - 30^\circ$)

Auger



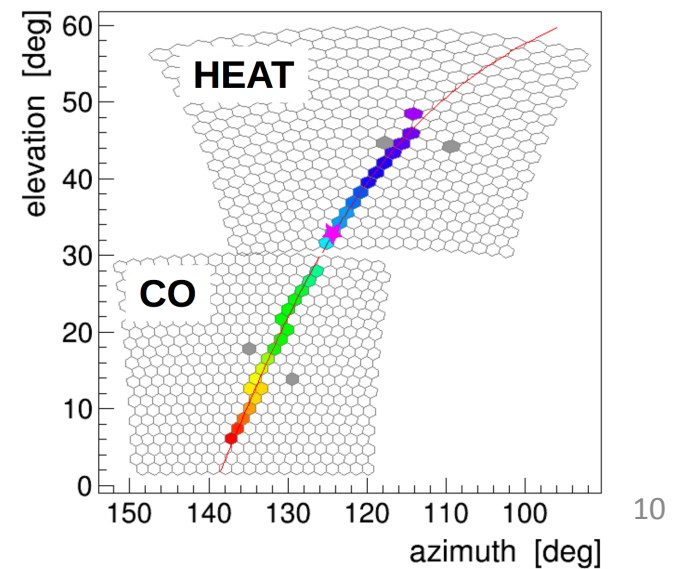
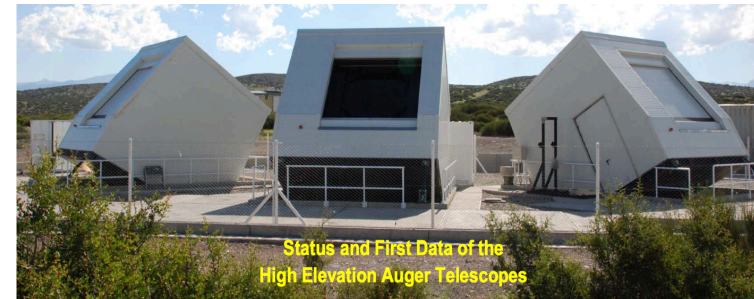
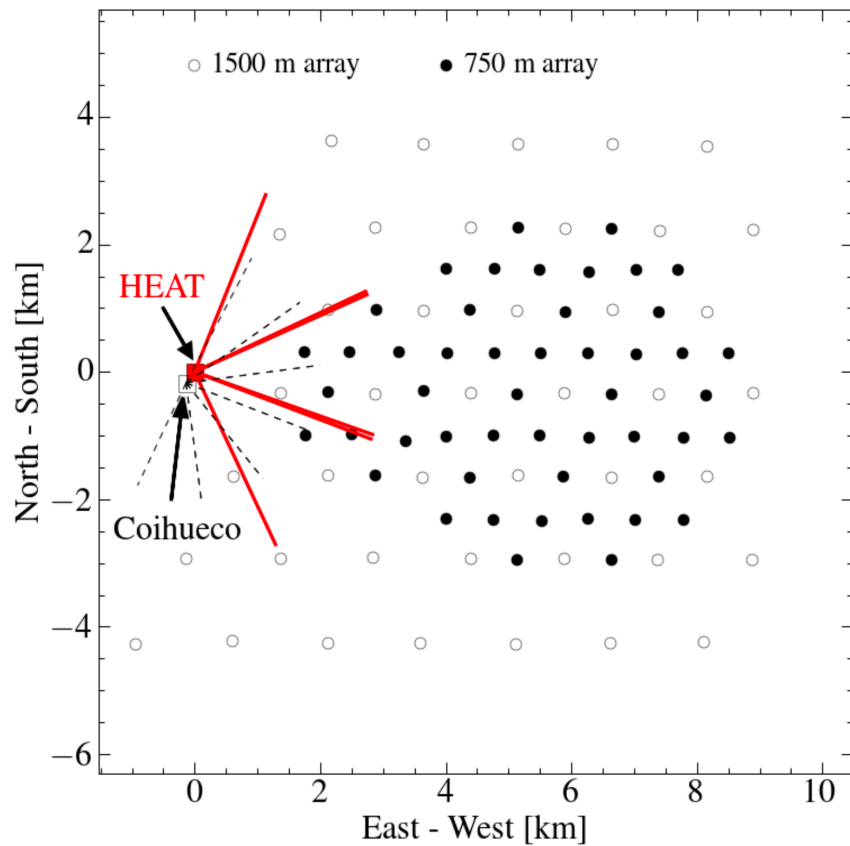
TA



LOW ENERGY EXTENSION

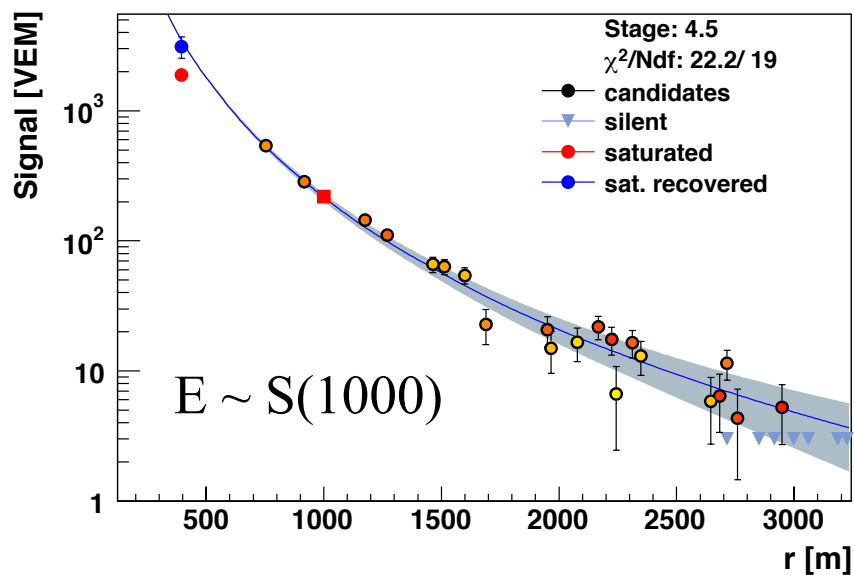
Low energy extension

- denser array
- high elevation FD telescopes ($\sim 30^\circ - 60^\circ$)

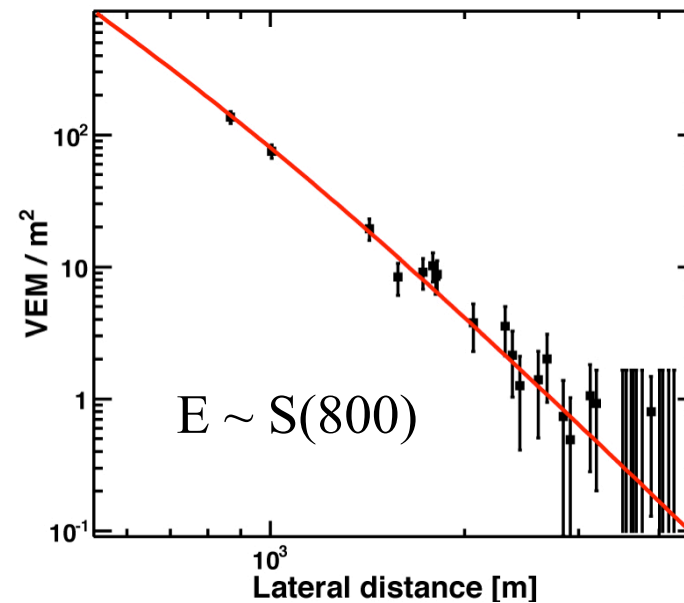


SD EVENTS

AUGER SD - $\theta < 60^\circ$ 'vertical'

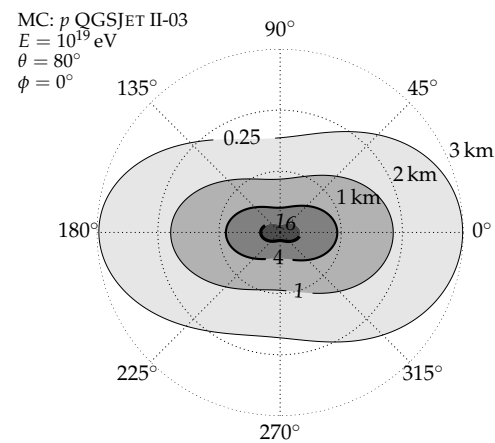
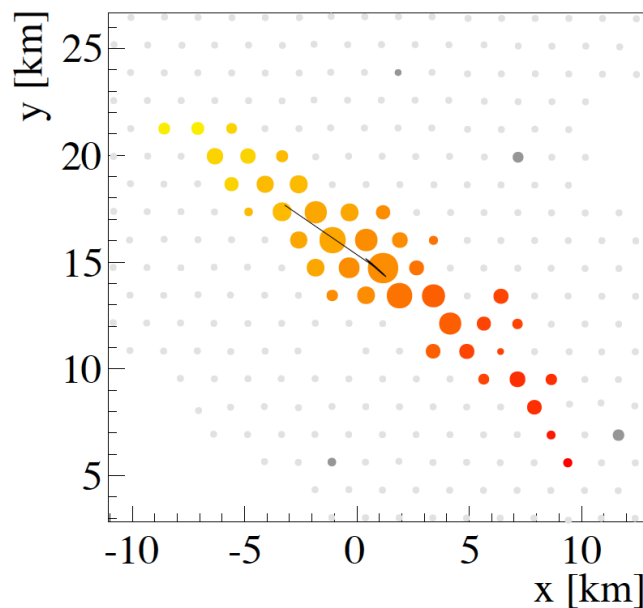


TA SD - $\theta < 45^\circ$



**AUGER SD
 $\theta > 60^\circ$ 'inclined'**

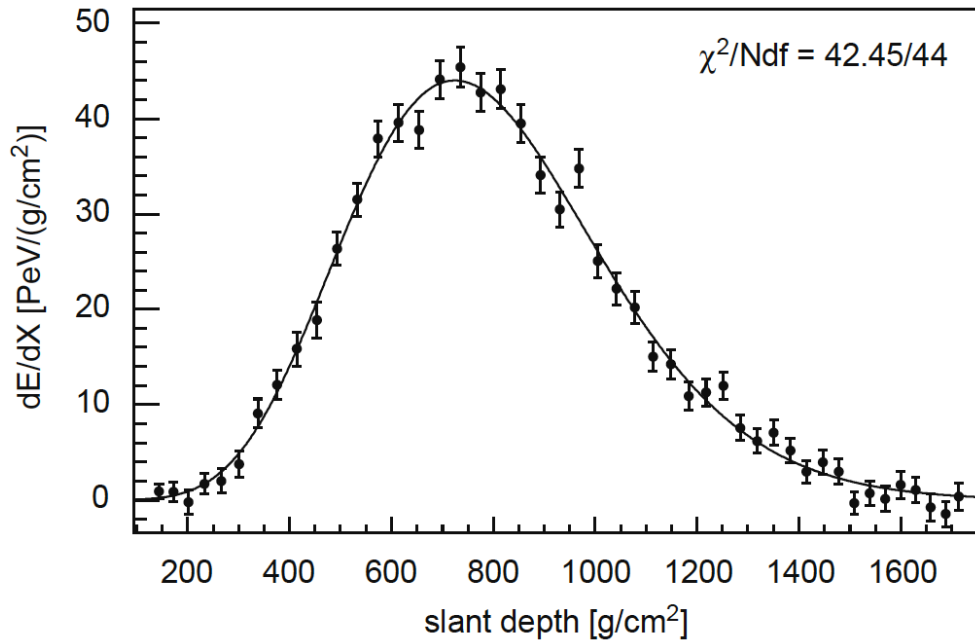
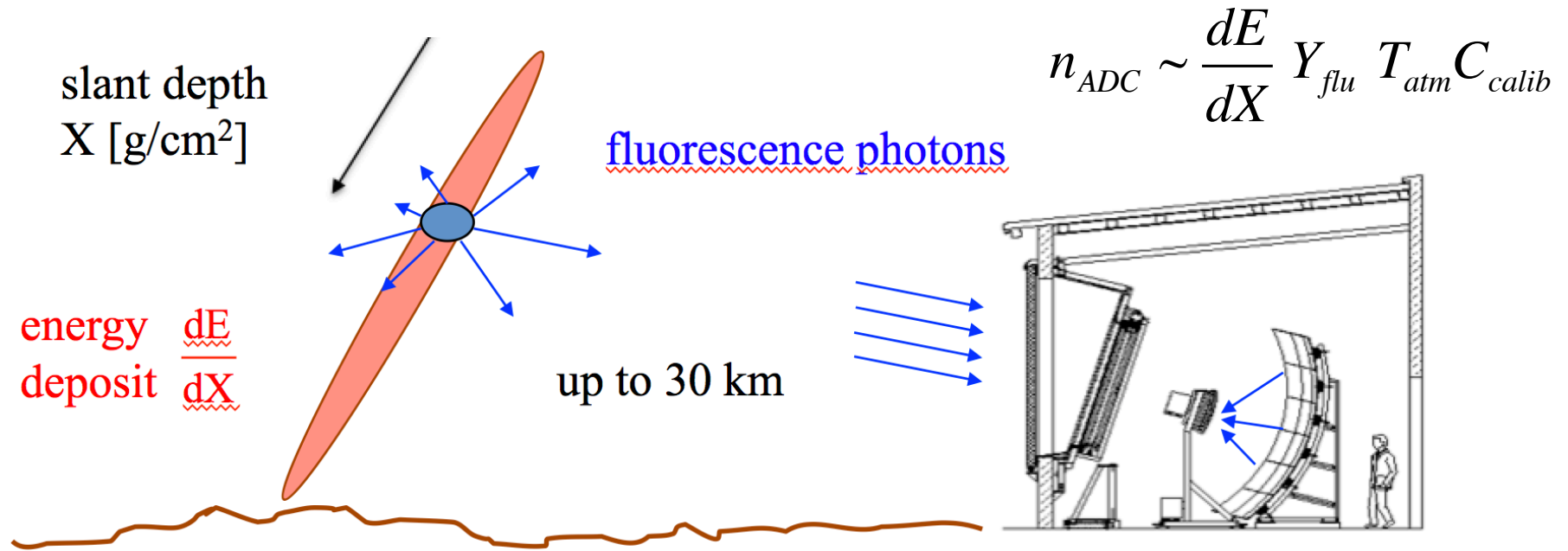
**signal dominated
 by muons**
 (em part absorbed
 in the atmosphere)



$$\rho_\mu = N_{19} \rho_{\mu,19}(r, \theta, \phi)$$

$$E \sim N_{19}$$

FD ENERGY SCALE



Fluorescence yield

Atmosphere

FD calibration

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

Invisible energy (ν, μ, \dots) $\Rightarrow E_{inv}$

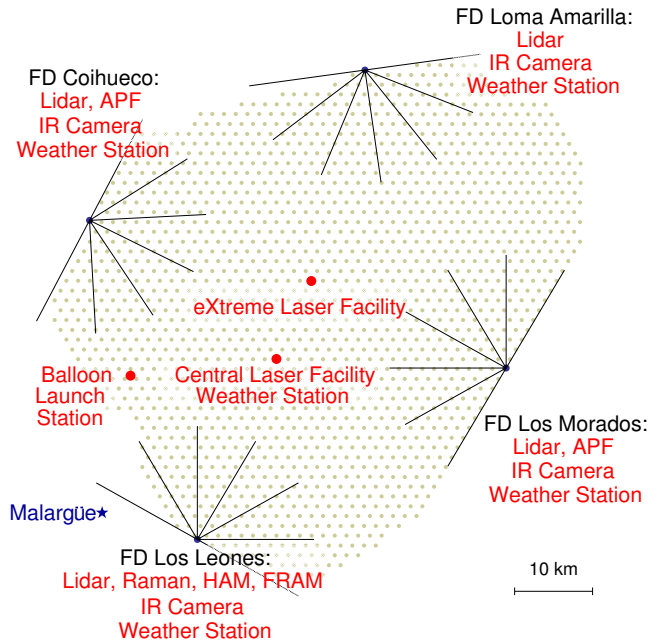
$$E = E_{cal} + E_{inv}$$

CHALLENGING EXPERIMENTS

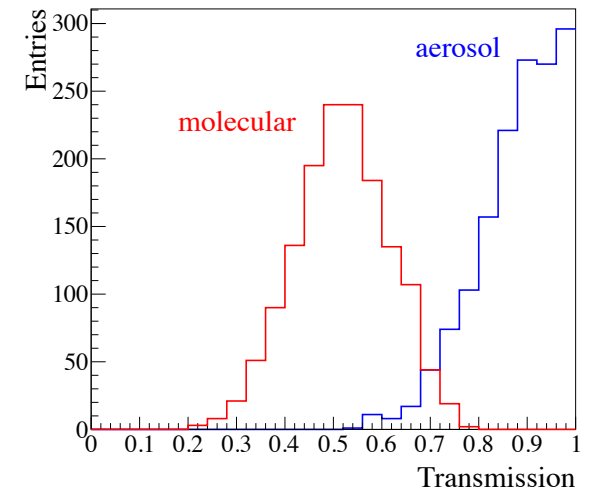
- **complex atmospheric monitoring (aerosols, clouds, ...)**

Auger, *Astrop. Phys.* 33 (2010) 108

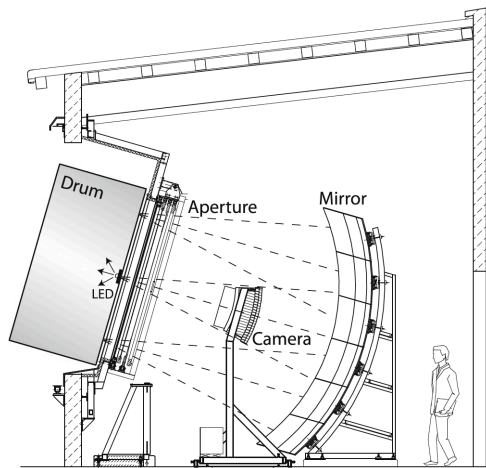
- **FD absolute calibration**



light transmission

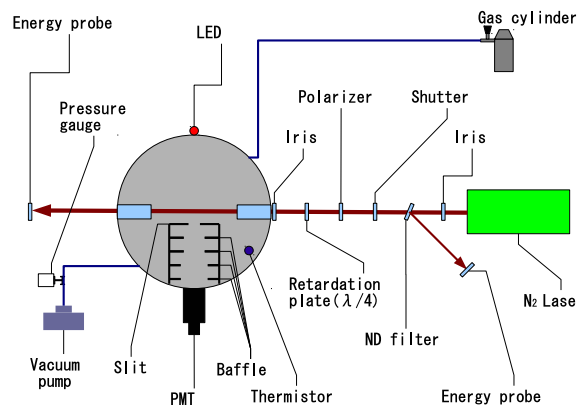


Auger Drum



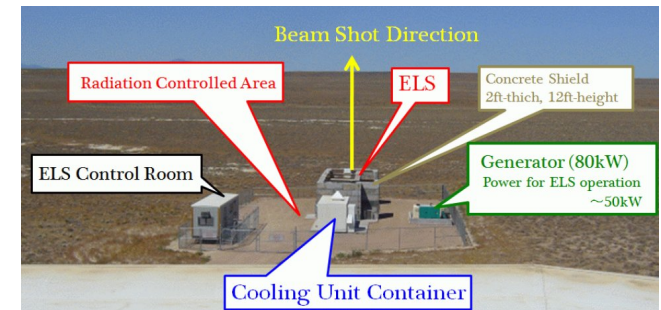
J. T. Brack et al.,
JINST 8 (2013) P05014

TA CRAYS



S. Kawana et al.,
Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 681 (2012) 68

TA ELS (linac accelerator)



B. Shin et al., *PoS (ICRC2015)* 640

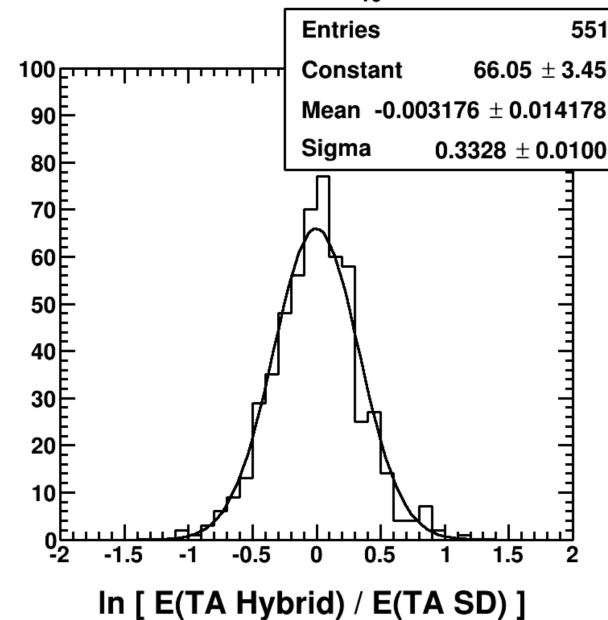
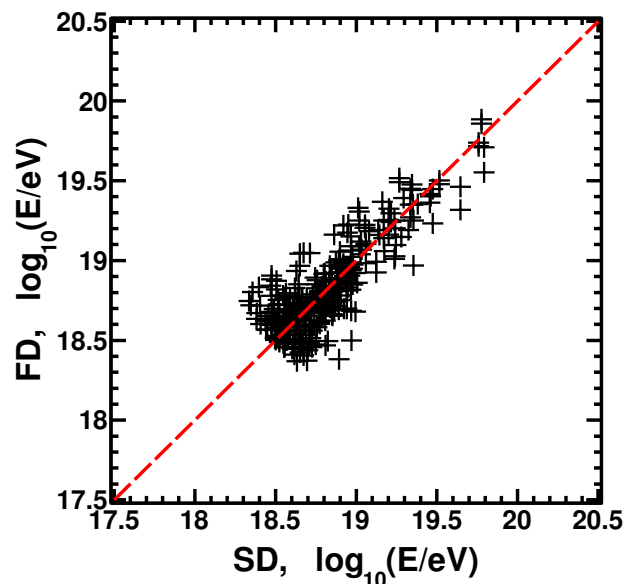
HYBRID EVENTS

estimate of SD
resolution

TA

MC simulations to
convert S(800) into
shower energy
(E_{TBL})

$$E = \frac{E_{TBL}}{1.27}$$

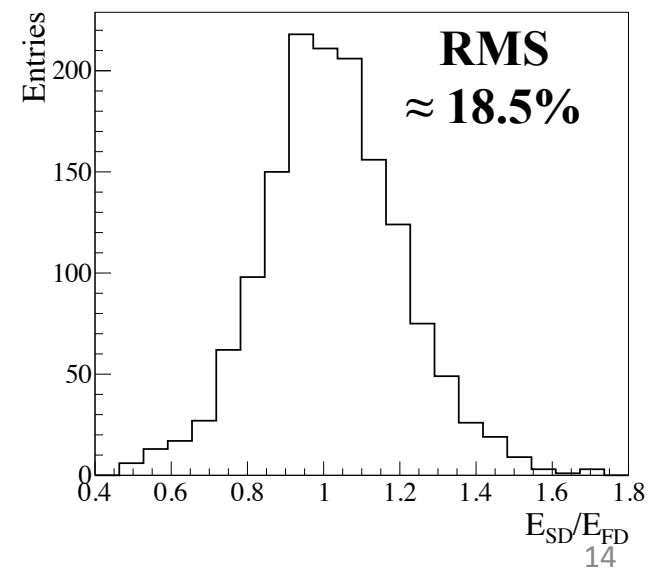
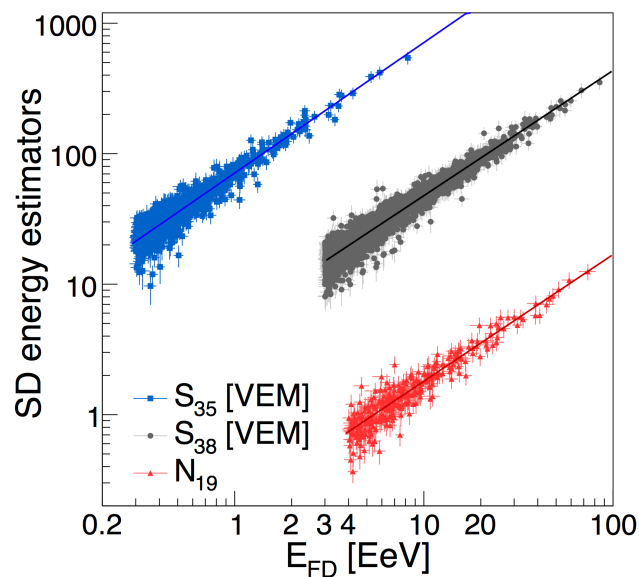


AUGER

CIC method to
remove zenith
angle dependence

$$E = A S^B$$

$$B \approx 1$$

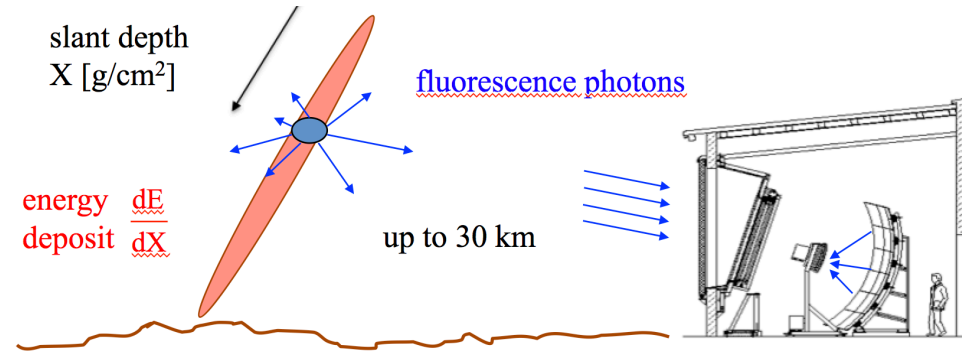


ENERGY SCALE

AUGER

ICRC13 arXiv:1307.5059

Absolute fluorescence yield	3.4%
Fluores. spectrum and quenching param.	1.1%
Sub total (Fluorescence Yield)	3.6%
Aerosol optical depth	3% ÷ 6%
Aerosol phase function	1%
Wavelength dependence of aerosol scattering	0.5%
Atmospheric density profile	1%
Sub total (Atmosphere)	3.4% ÷ 6.2%
Absolute FD calibration	9%
Nightly relative calibration	2%
Optical efficiency	3.5%
Sub total (FD calibration)	9.9%
Folding with point spread function	5%
Multiple scattering model	1%
Simulation bias	2%
Constraints in the Gaisser-Hillas fit	3.5% ÷ 1%
Sub total (FD profile rec.)	6.5% ÷ 5.6%
Invisible energy	3% ÷ 1.5%
Statistical error of the SD calib. fit	0.7% ÷ 1.8%
Stability of the energy scale	5%
TOTAL	14%



TA

Astropart.Phys. 61 (2015) 93-101

Item	Error (%)	Contributions
Detector sensitivity	10	PMT (8%), mirror (4%), aging (3%), filter (1%)
Atmospheric collection	11	aerosol (10%), Rayleigh (5%)
Fluorescence yield	11	model (10%), humidity (4%), atmosphere (3%)
Reconstruction	10	model (9%)
Sum in quadrature	21	missing energy (5%)

ENERGY SCALE

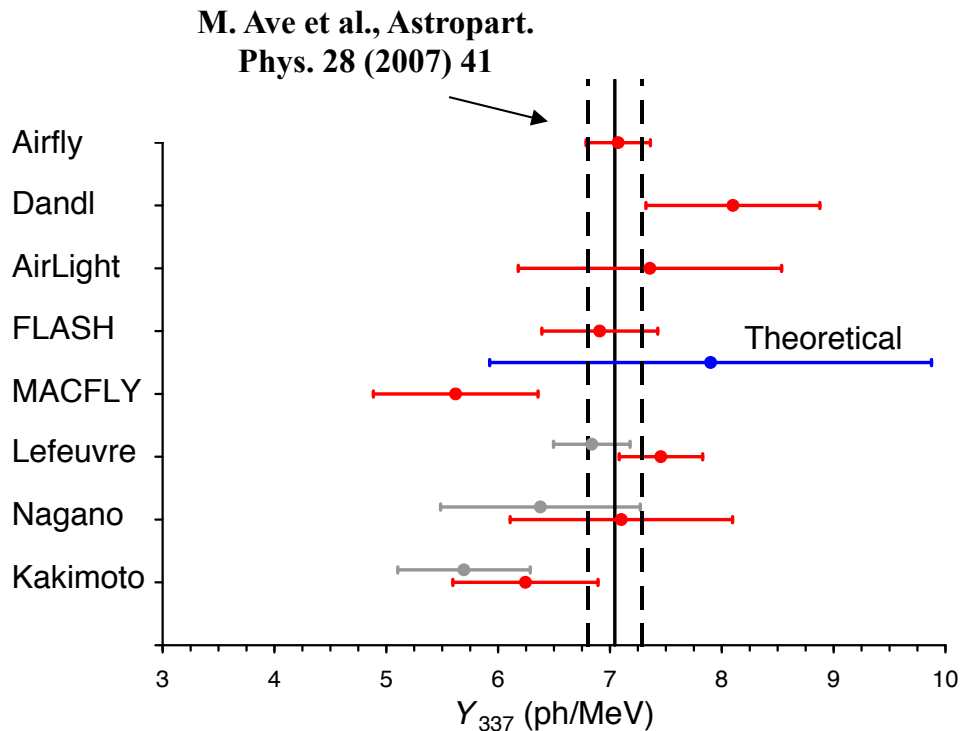
Fluorescence yield

Auger uses Airfly

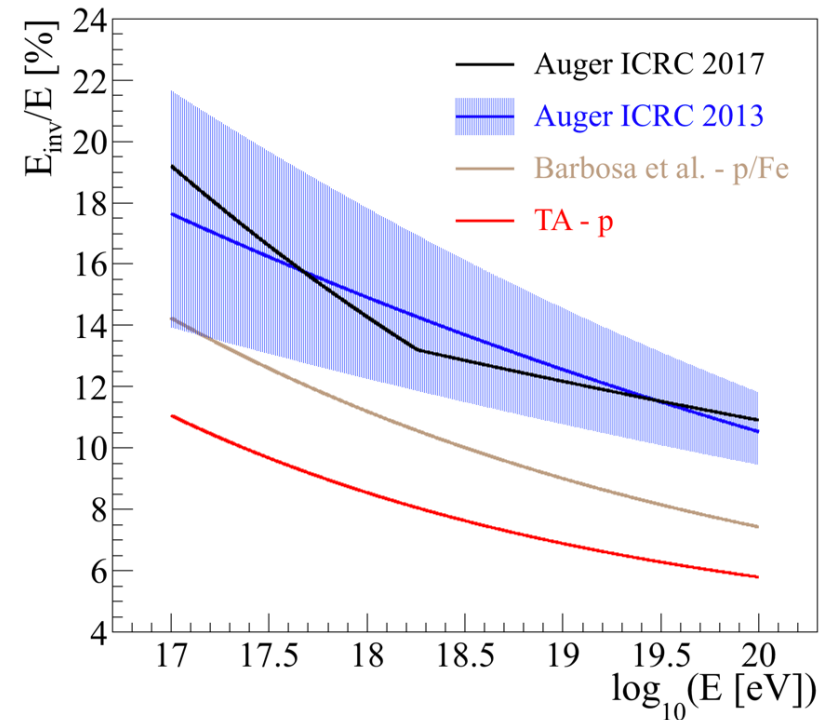
TA uses Kakimoto + FLASH

Invisible energy (ν , μ , ..)

Auger: estimated from data exploiting the muon sensitivity of the SD signals



J. Rosado et al., *Astropart. Phys.* 55 (2014) 51



note: combined effect: 5%-10% relative shift between TA and Auger energy scales 16

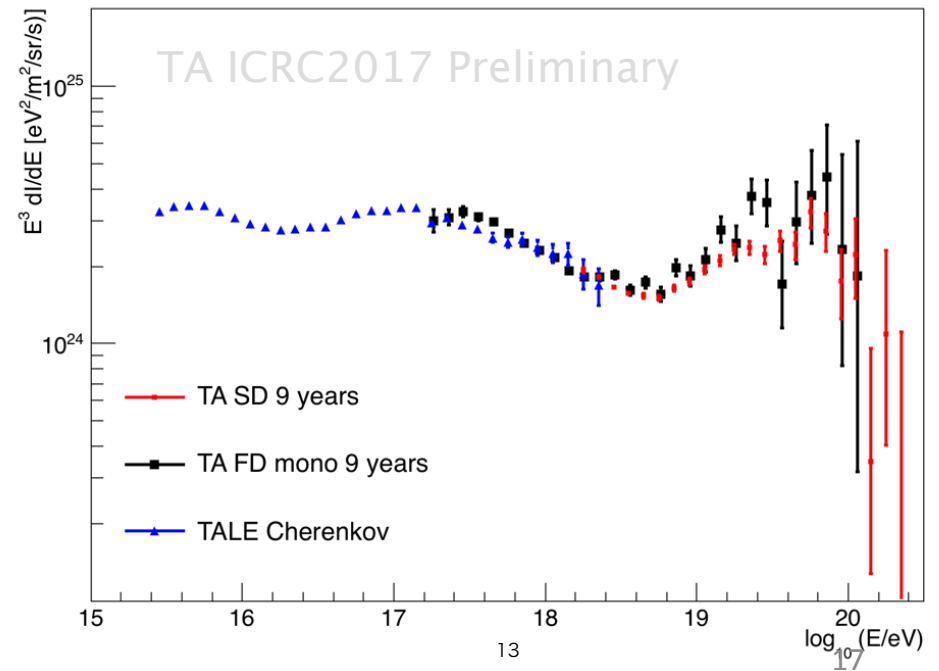
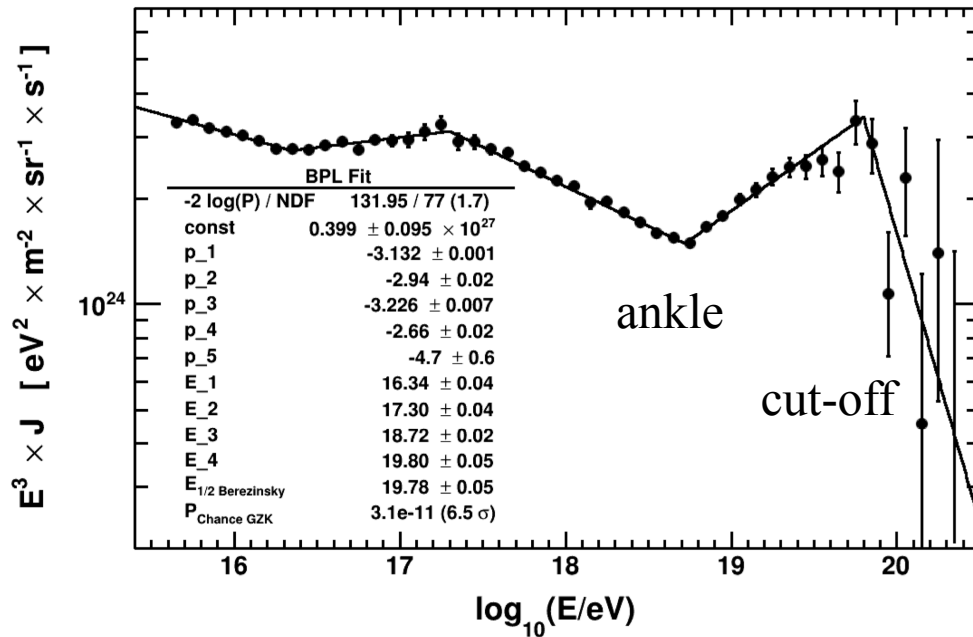
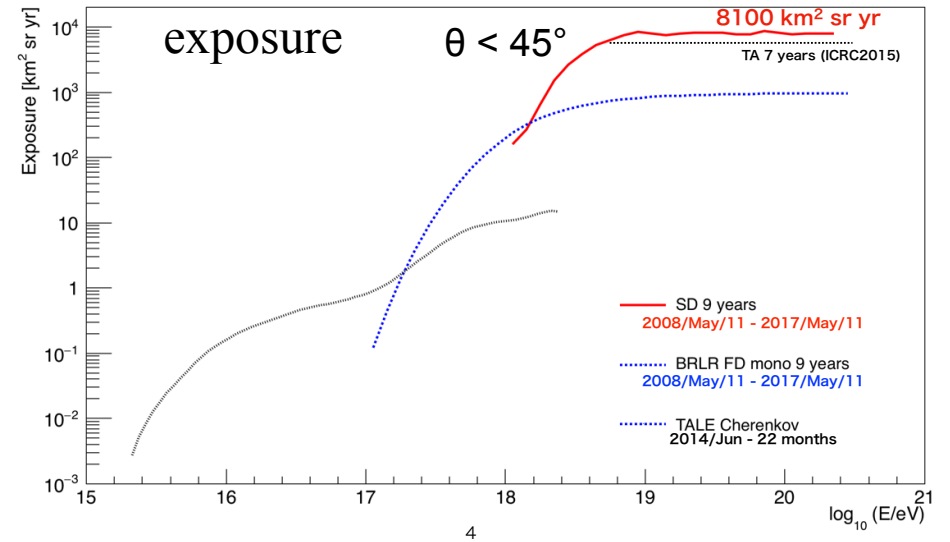
TA ENERGY SPECTRUM

remarkable extension up to the knee
common energy scale

Y. Tsunesada et al., PoS (ICRC2017) 535

Tareq AbuZayyad , PoS (ICRC2017) 534

D. Ivanov, PoS (ICRC2015) 349



AUGER ENERGY SPECTRUM

unprecedented statistics

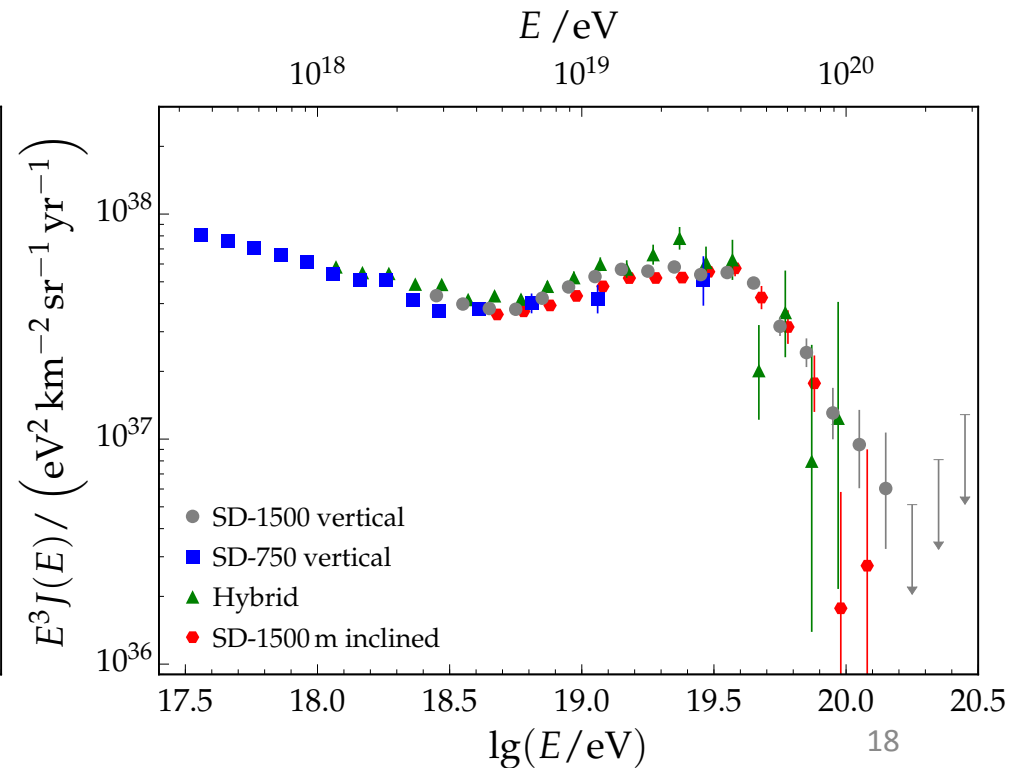
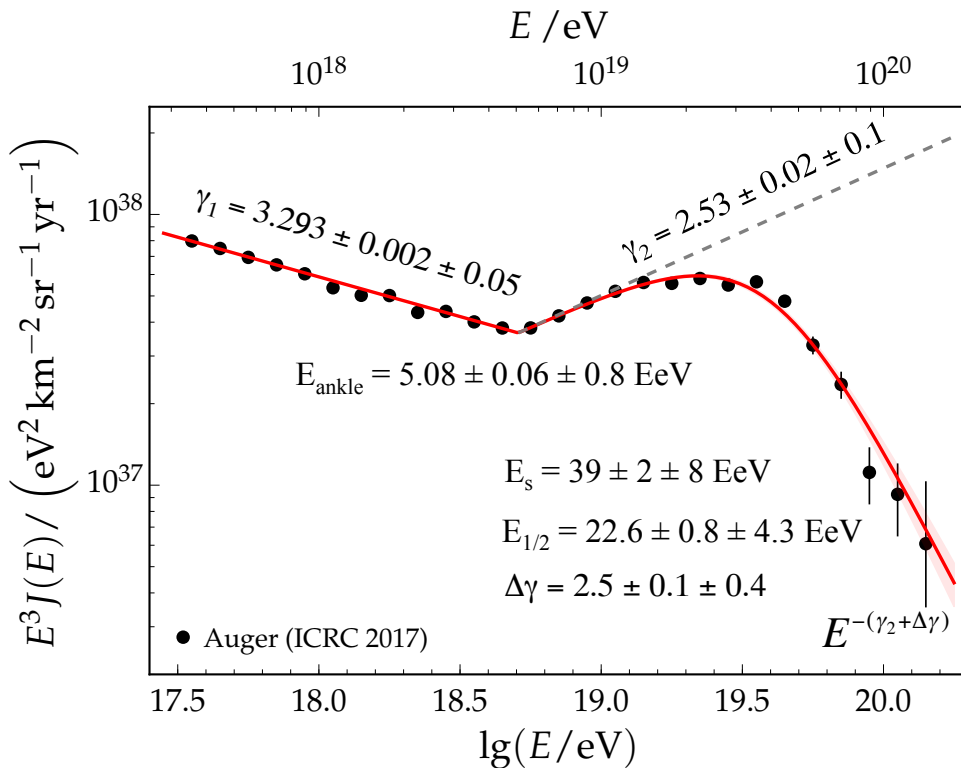
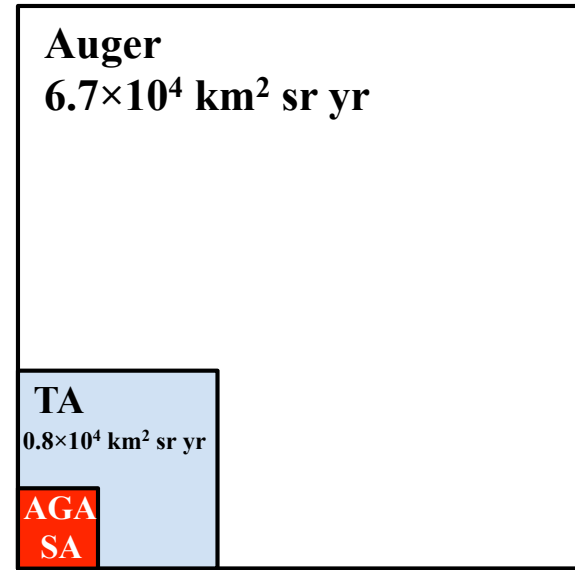
SD spectra only above full efficiency energy threshold

consistency between different measurements

common energy scale

Auger ICRC17 arXiv:1708.06592

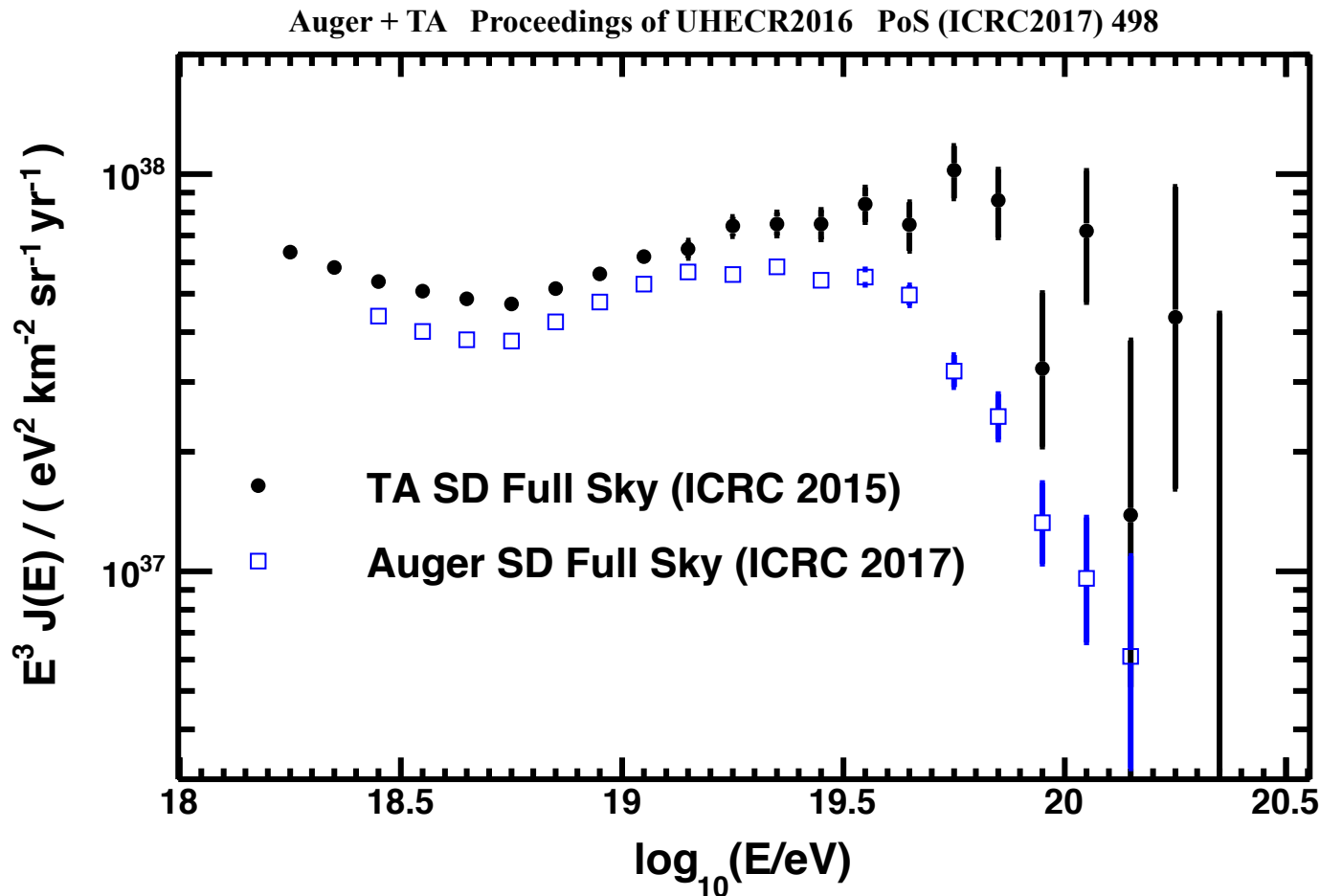
exposure



ENERGY SPECTRUM: AUGER vs TA

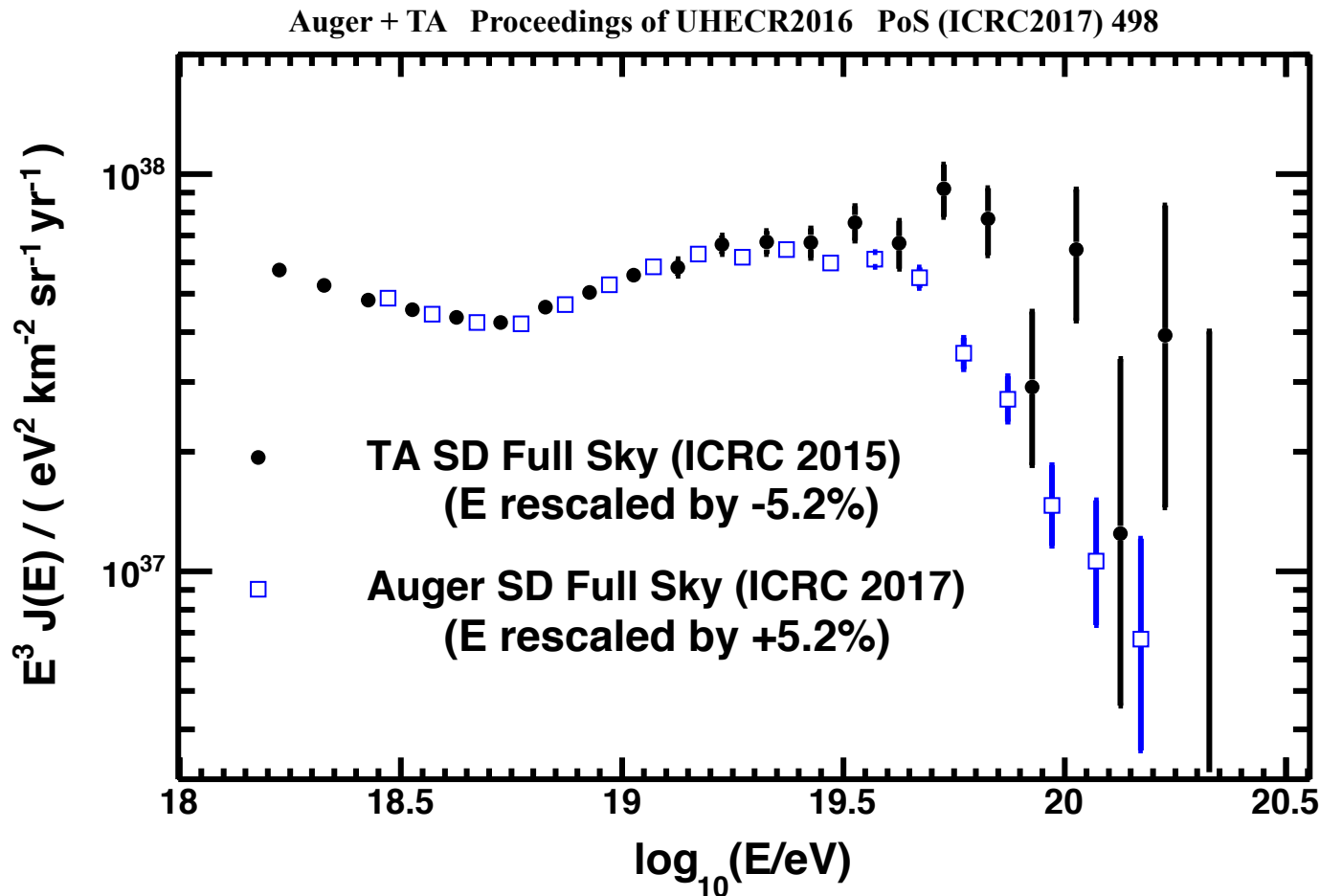
- consistency in the ankle position
- inconsistency in the cut-off position

	Auger	TA
E_{ankle} (EeV)	5.08	5.2
$E_{1/2}$ (EeV)	22.6	60



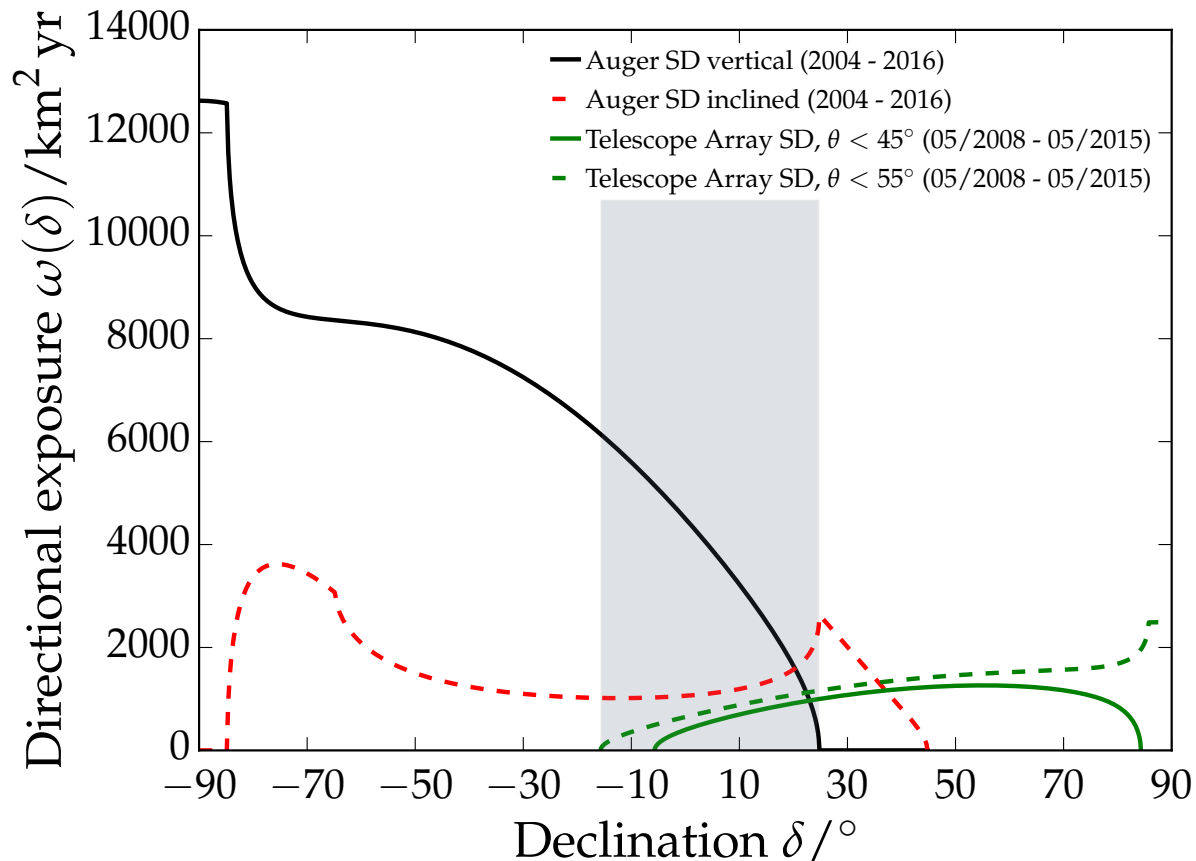
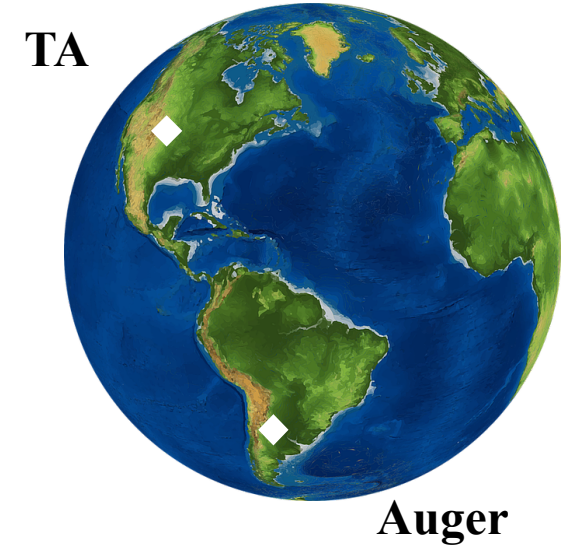
ENERGY SPECTRUM: AUGER vs TA

- a 10.4% rescaling factor is fully consistent with the different fluor. yield and E_{inv} (if TA uses Auger fluol. yeld & $E_{inv} \rightarrow \Delta E/E \approx -9\%$)
- why the spectra are so different at the cut-off?
 - astrophysics?
 - and/or experimental effects?



Telescope Array & Auger

- common declination band \rightarrow inter calibration, systematics, ..., comparison of the energy spectra
- main goal: anisotropy with full sky coverage



Dedicated conferences:

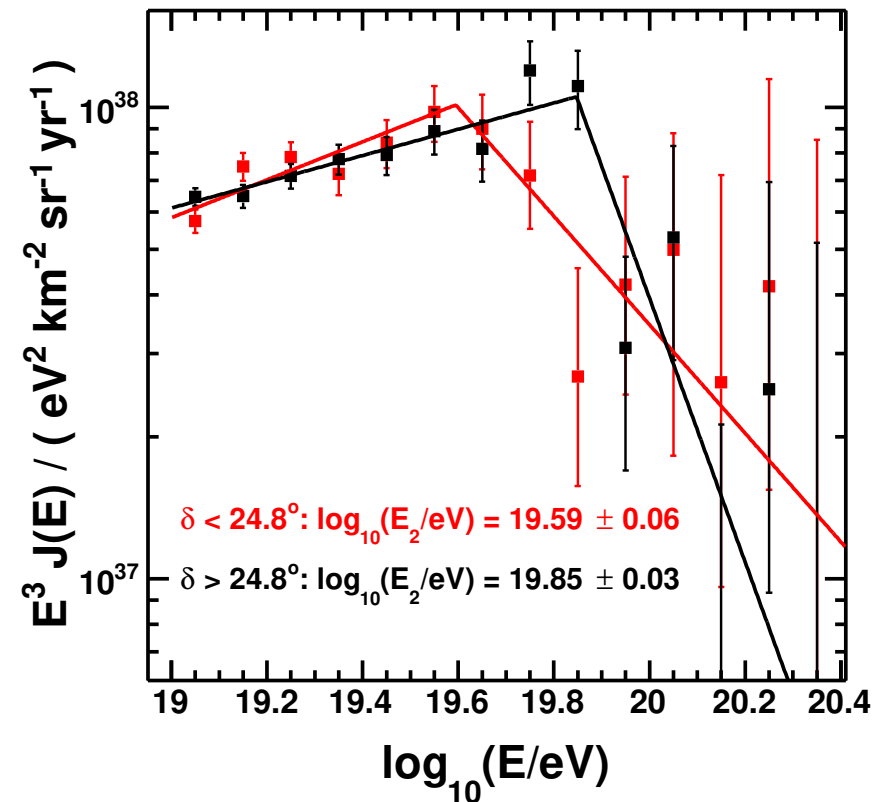
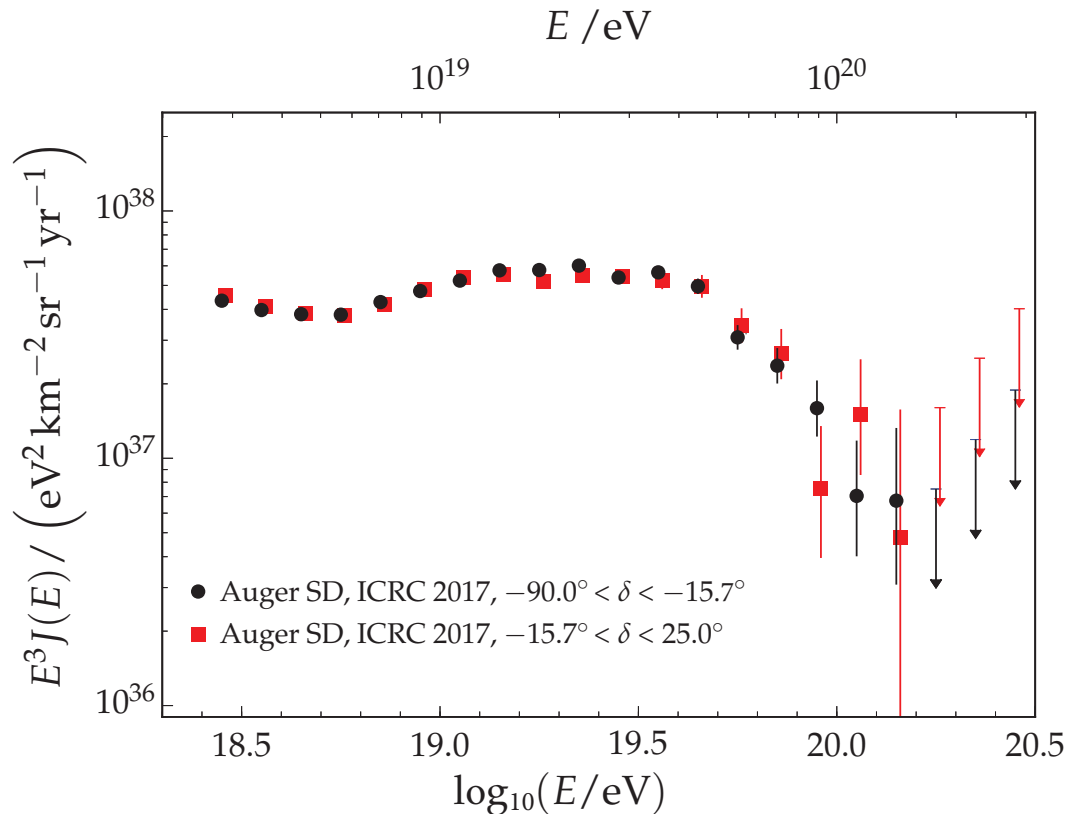
- 1) Nagoya (Japan) Dec 2010
- 2) CERN Feb 2012
- 3) Utah (USA) Oct 2014
- 4) Kyoto (Japan) Oct 2016

next: Oct 2018

DECLINATION DEPENDENCE OF THE ENERGY SPECTRA

Auger + TA Proceedings of UHECR2016 PoS (ICRC2017) 498

- common declination band $-15.7^\circ < \delta < 25^\circ$
- Auger has not a declination dependence
- TA: cut-off position in the common declination band closer to the Auger one (*)



(*) common decl. band $\log_{10}(E_2) = 19.59$ e 19.56 for TA and Auger, respectively

Anisotropies at intermediate scale

TA 'hot spot'

S. Troitsky
PoS (ICRC2017) 548

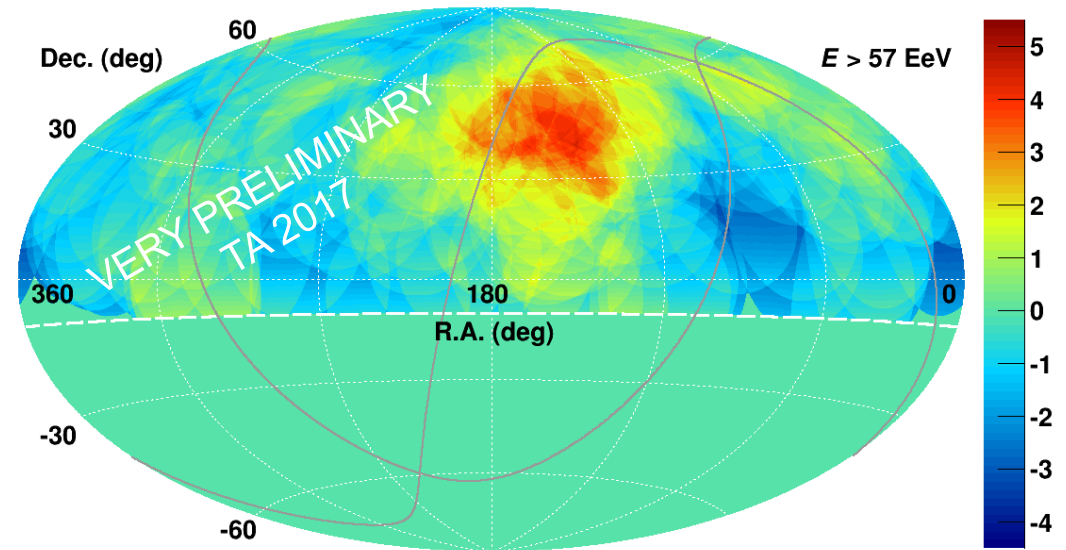
25° around $(\alpha, \delta) = (144.3^\circ, 40.3^\circ)$

143 events $E > 57 \text{ EeV}$

$N_{\text{obs}} = 34$ $N_{\text{exp}} = 13.5$

$\sim 3\sigma$ post-trial

note: 'hot spot' outside the common declination band $-15.7^\circ < \delta < 25^\circ$



Auger

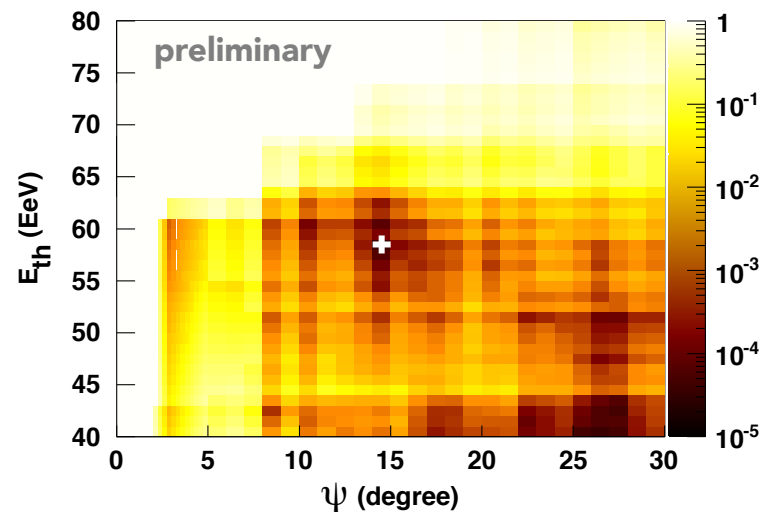
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19 events

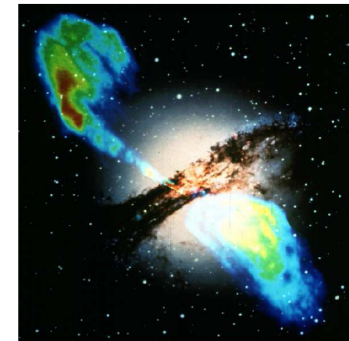
$E > 58 \text{ EeV}$

$N_{\text{obs}} = 19$ $N_{\text{exp}} = 6$

$\sim 3\sigma$ post-trial



Centaurus A



AGN at
only 3.4
Mpc

Anisotropies at intermediate scale - Auger

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UHECR produced in gamma-ray sources

Active Galactic Nuclei

- 17 AGNs from 2FHL Catalog (Fermi-LAT) with $E > 50$ GeV
- $\Phi(> 50 \text{ GeV})$ proxy of UHECR flux

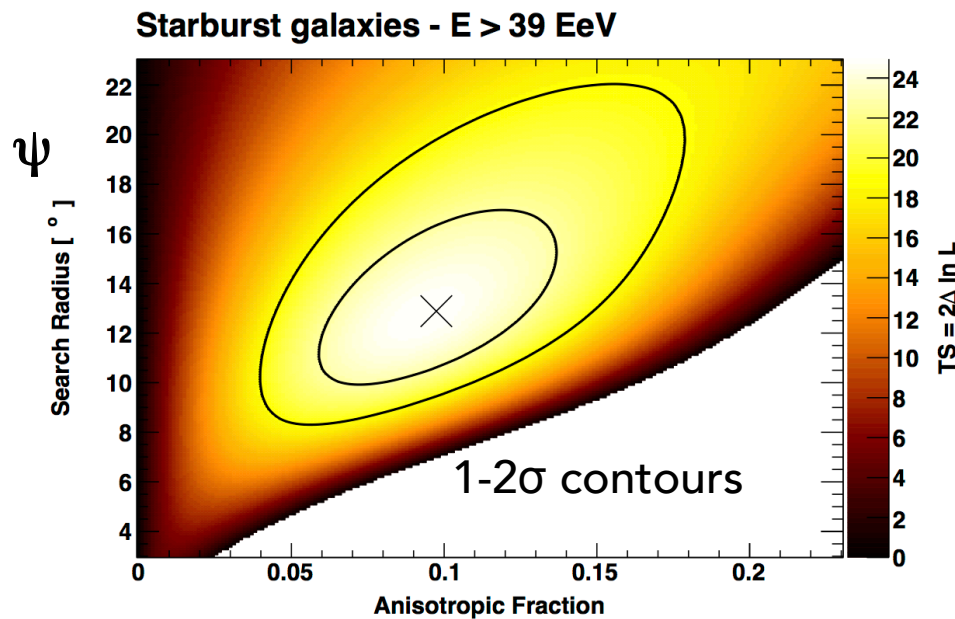
Star-forming or Starburst Galaxies

- 23 objects with $\Phi(> 1.4 \text{ GHz})$ from Fermi-LAT search list
- $\Phi(> 1.4 \text{ GHz})$ proxy of UHECR flux

Likelihood ratio $TS = 2 \ln \left(\frac{H_1}{H_0} \right)$

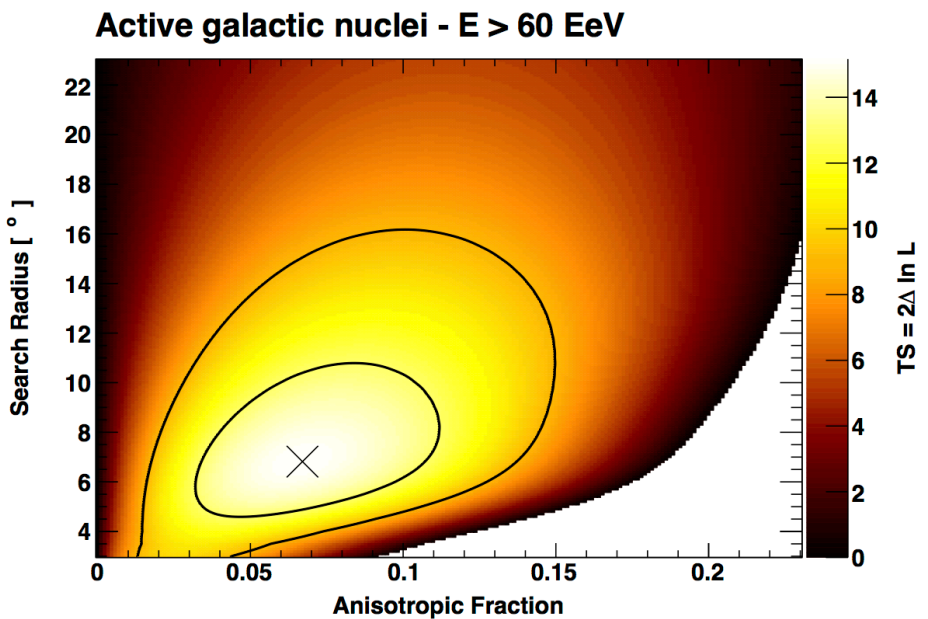
H_0 : isotropy

H_1 : $(1 - f) \times \text{isotropy} + f \times \text{FluxMap}(\psi)$



3.9σ

post-trial significances

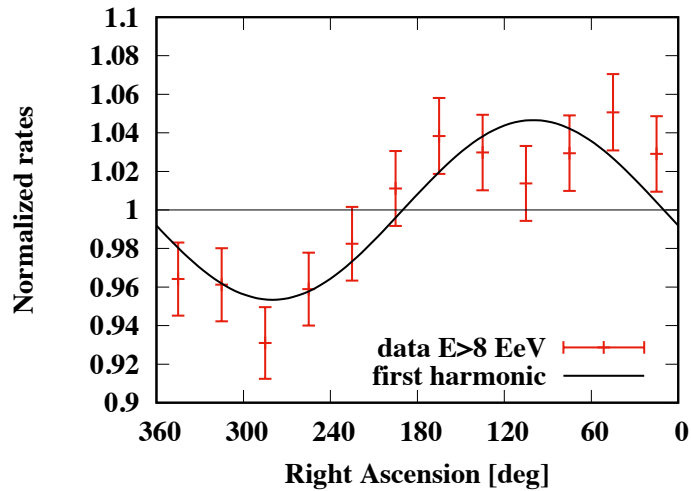


2.7σ

OBSERVATION OF A LARGE SCALE ANISOTROPY

Auger, Science 57 (2017) 1266-1270

harmonic analysis in right ascension



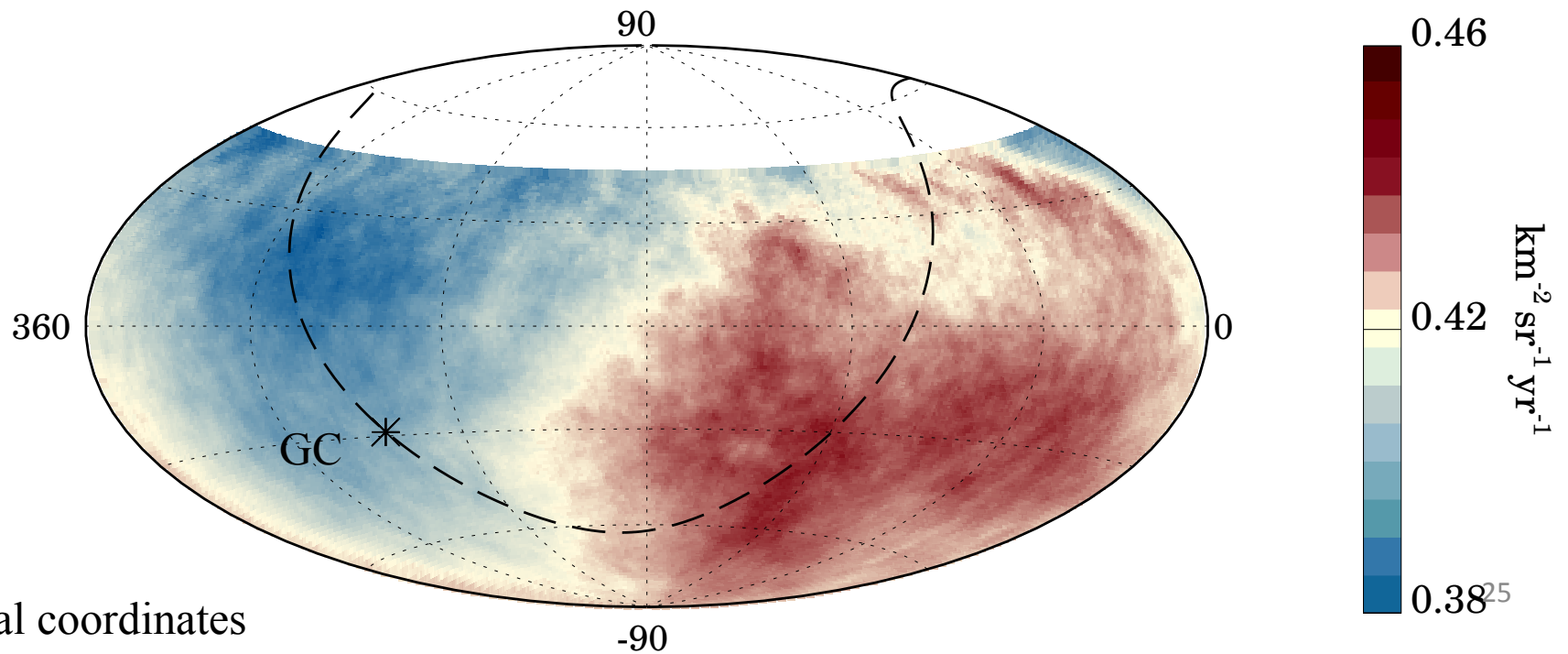
Energy (EeV)	Number of events	Amplitude r_α	Phase φ_α ($^\circ$)	Probability $P(\geq r_\alpha)$
4 to 8	81,701	$0.005^{+0.006}_{-0.002}$	80 ± 60	0.60
≥ 8	32,187	$0.047^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	100 ± 10	2.6×10^{-8}

modulation > 8 EeV at 5.2σ

first time!

with a similar analysis on azimuth angle:

3d dipole > 8 EeV $d = 6.5^{+1.3}_{-0.9} \%$ $(\alpha_d, \delta_d) = (100^\circ, -24^\circ)$

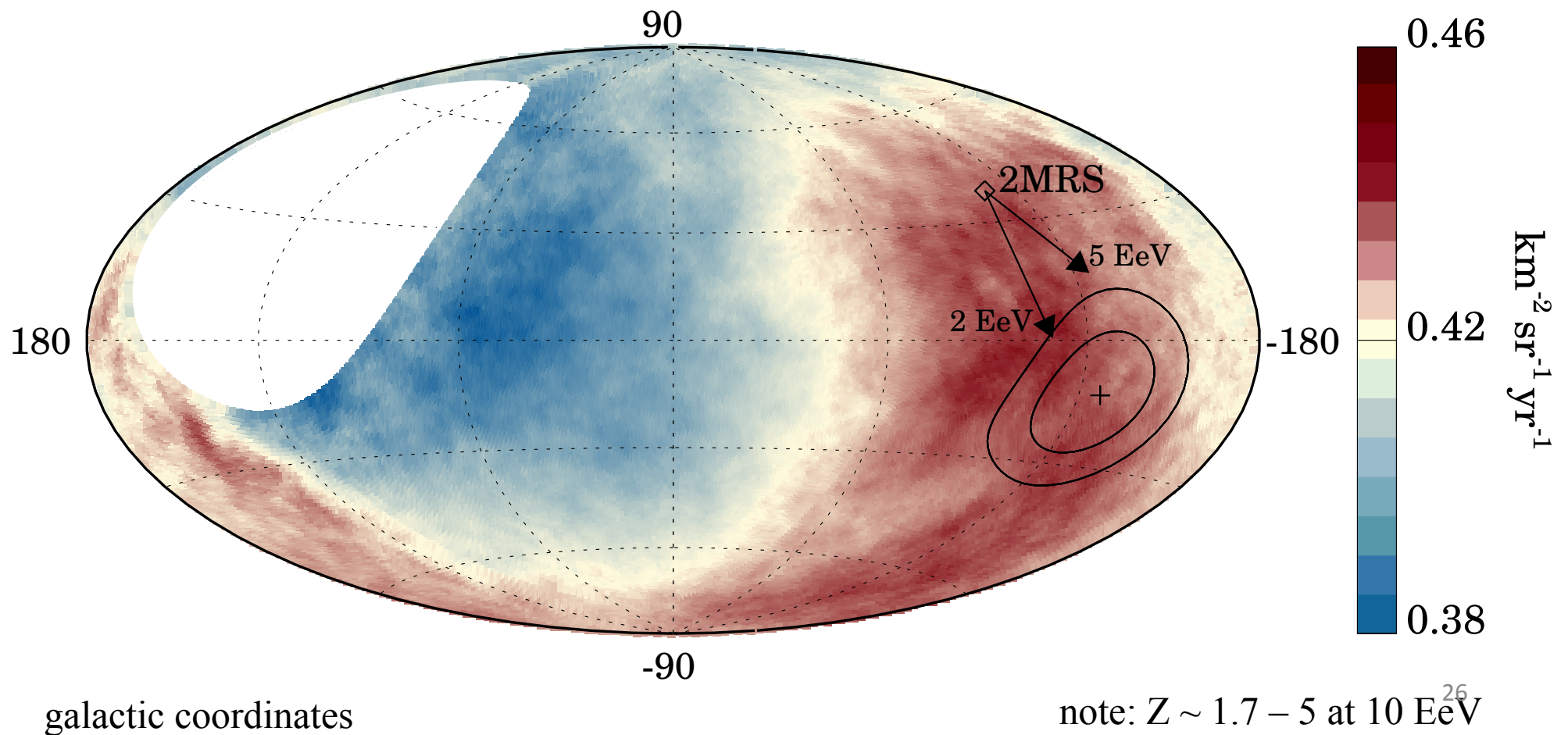


equatorial coordinates

EVIDENCE OF EXTRAGALACTIC ORIGIN OF UHECRs

Auger, *Science* 57 (2017) 1266-1270

- observed dipole lies $\sim 125^\circ$ from GC
- infrared-detected galaxies in 2MRS catalog
 - dipole lies $\sim 55^\circ$ from the expected one
 - better agreement when the Galactic B is taken into account



ANISOTROPIES WITH FULL SKY COVERAGE

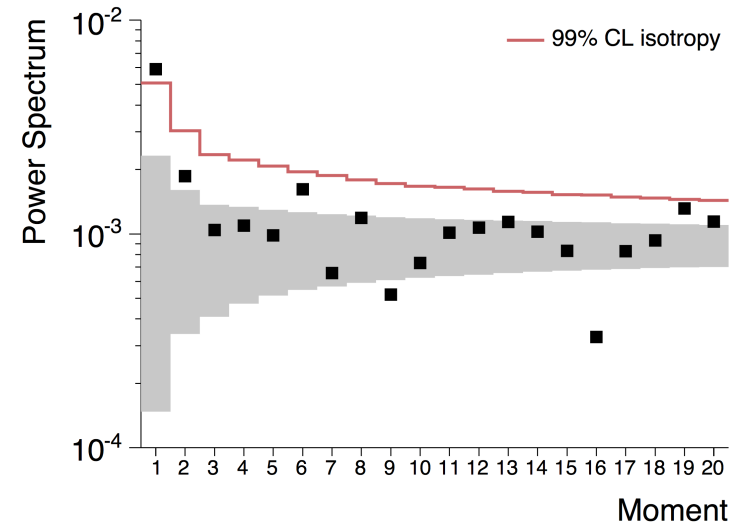
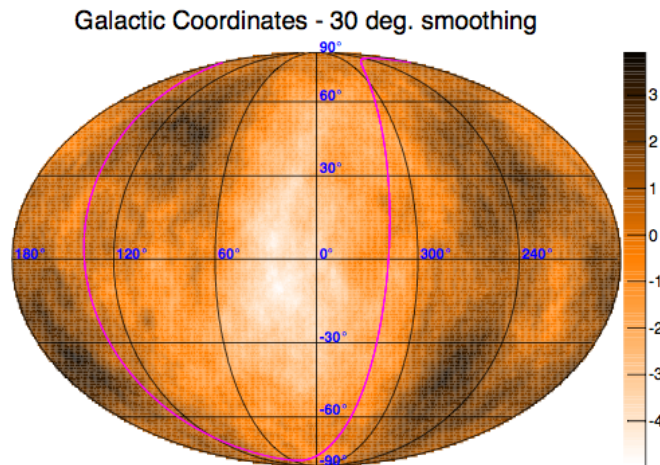
Higher order multipoles $\Phi(\mathbf{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{+\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n})$

anisotropy at $\sim 1/l$ radians

**Auger
+ TA**

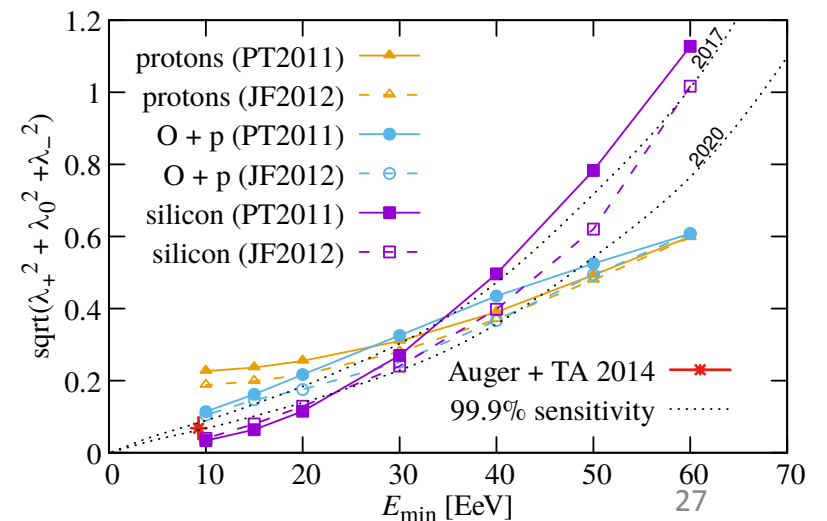
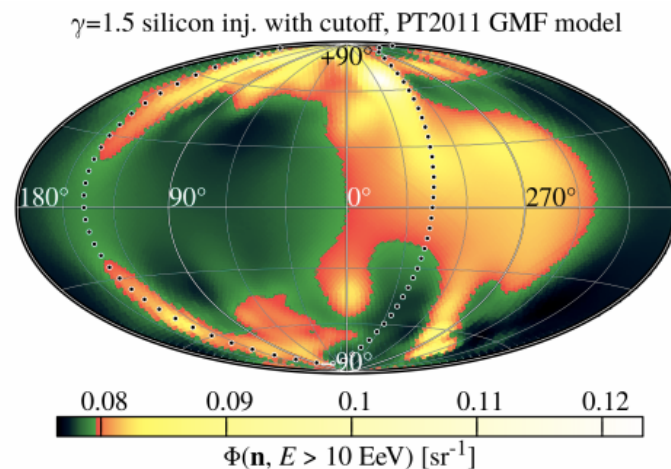
O. Deligny
PoS (ICRC2015) 395

$$C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell m}|^2$$



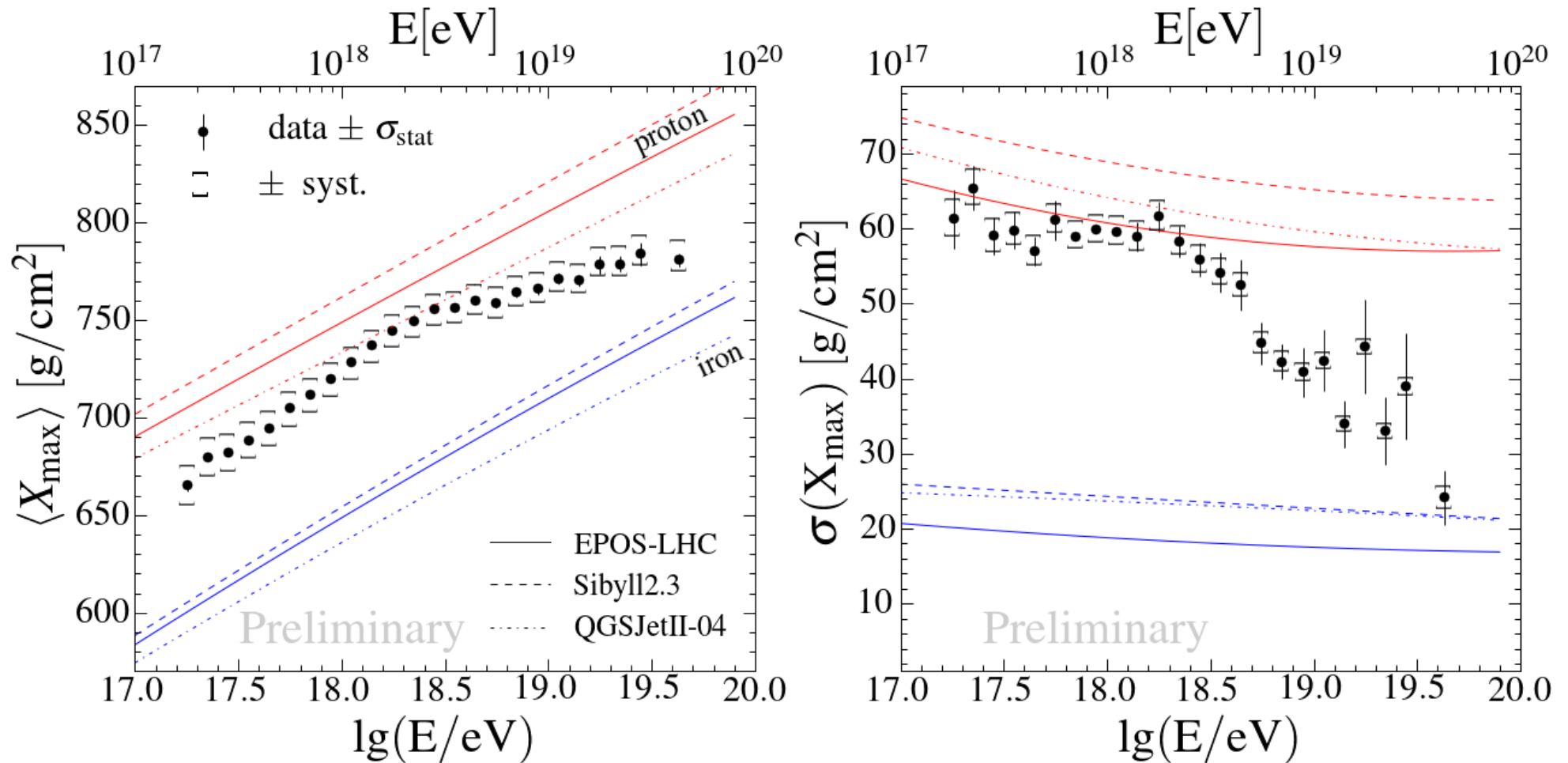
constraint
on models?

Di Matteo & Tyniakov
arXiv:1706.02534



MASS COMPOSITION - AUGER

J. Bellido, PoS (ICRC2017) 522

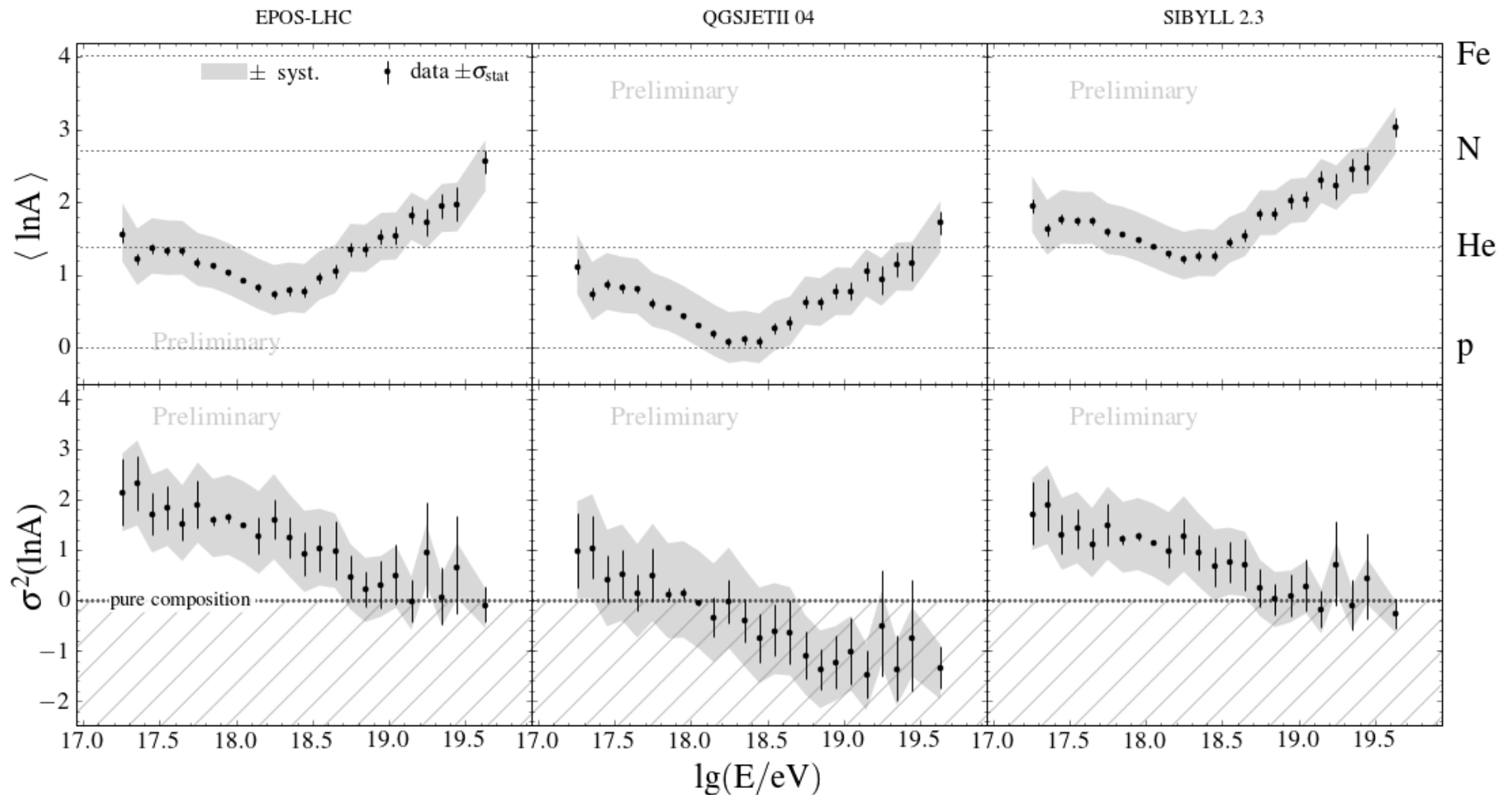


lightest composition at $\sim 2 \times 10^{18}$ eV
heavier composition at lower and at higher energies
narrower $\sigma(X_{\max})$ above $\sim 2 \times 10^{18}$ eV

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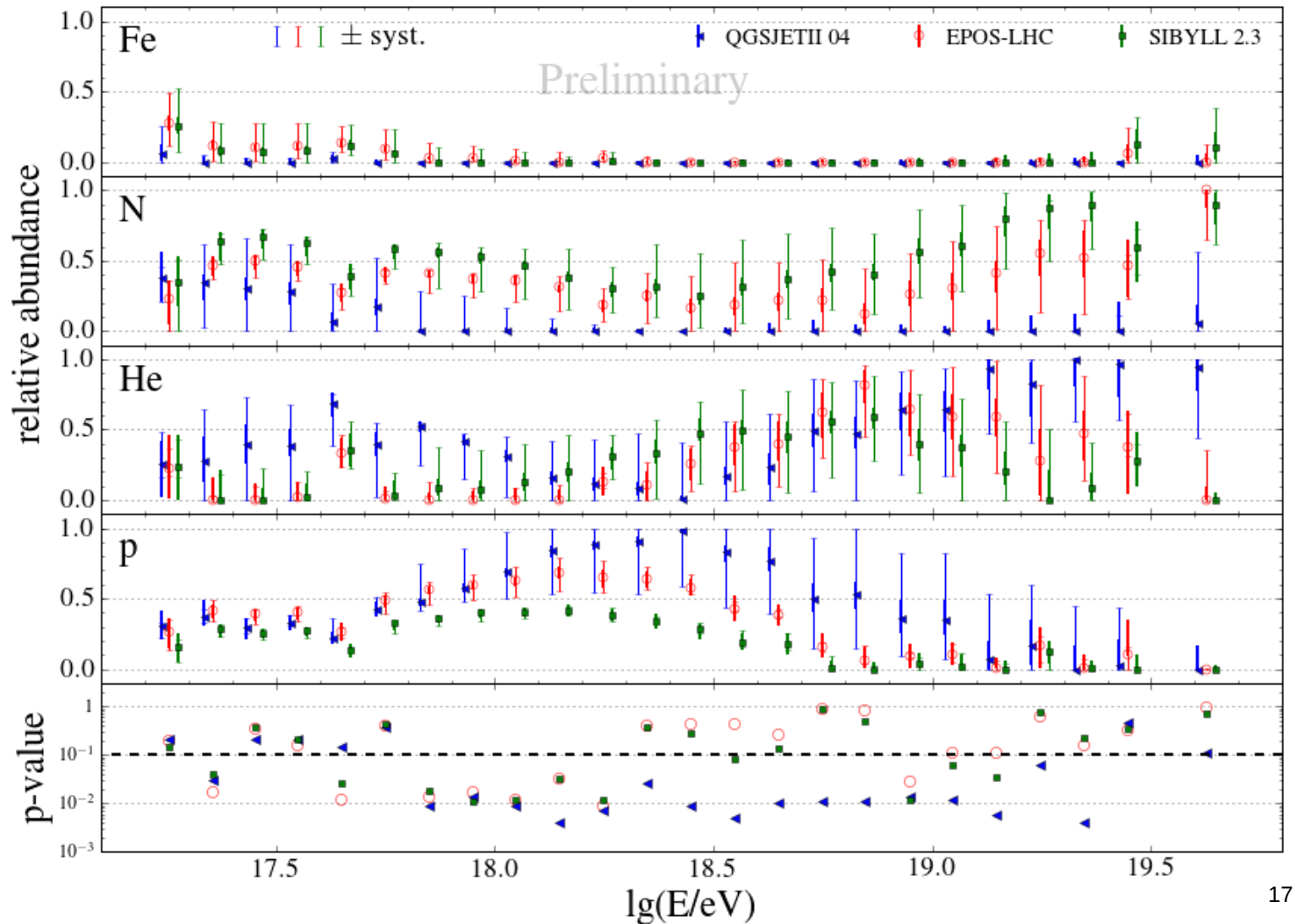
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mass composition from X_{\max} distributions



MASS COMPOSITION - AUGER

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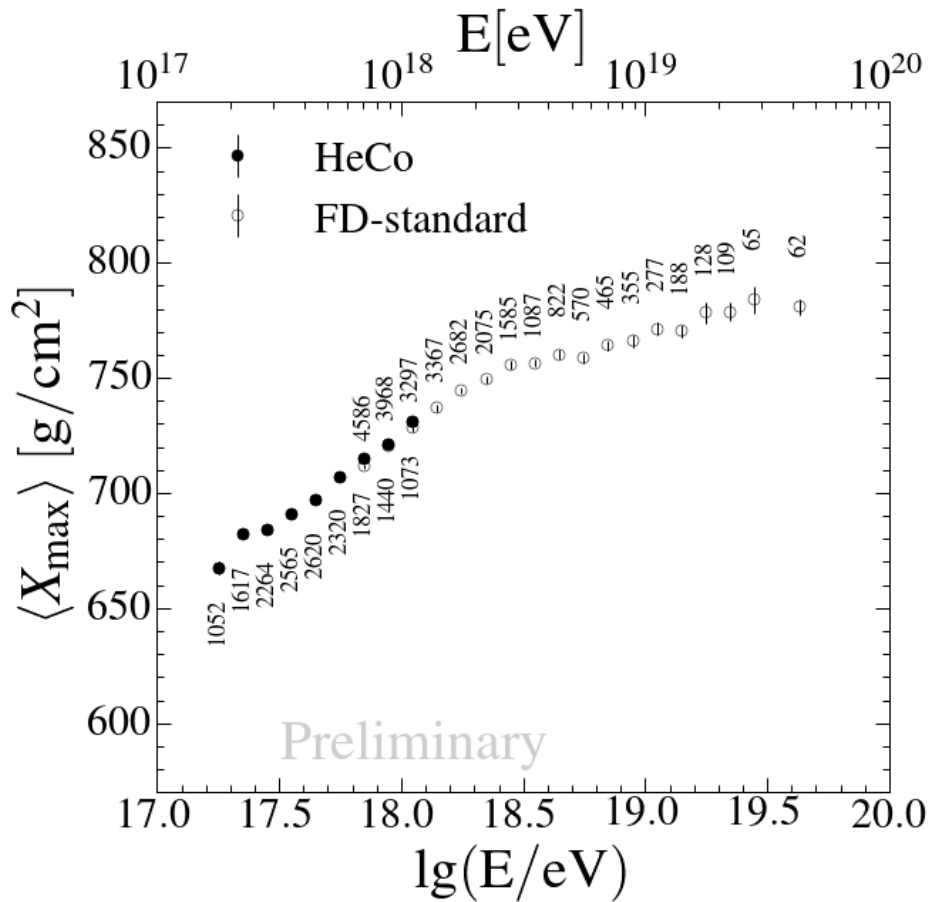


- largest proton fractions at $\approx 10^{18.3}$ eV
- above $10^{18.3}$ eV increasing fraction of He and N
- no Fe at almost all energies

X_{\max} data

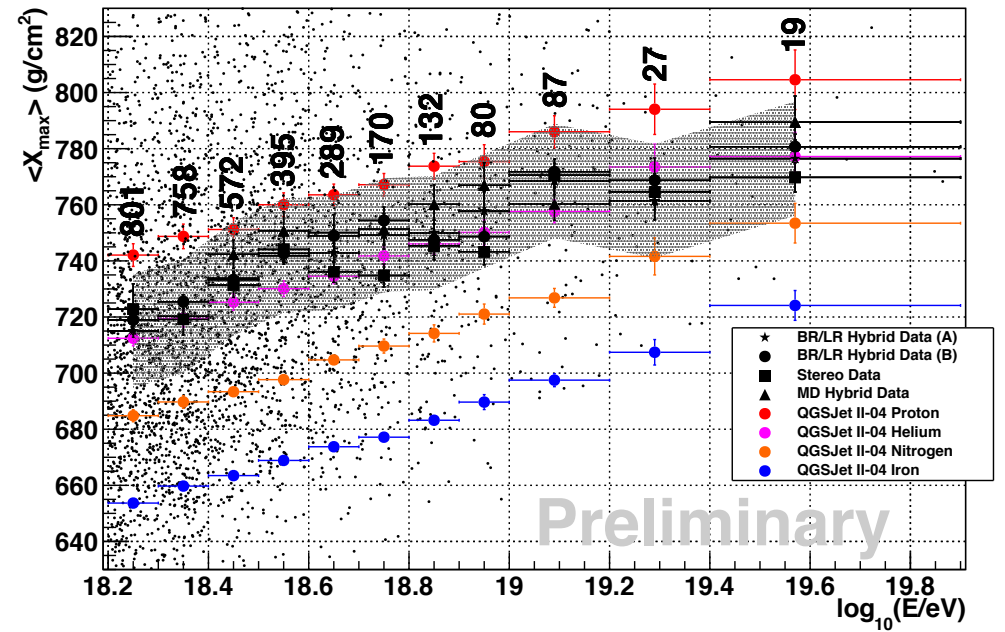
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TA

W. Hanlon, PoS (ICRC2017) 536



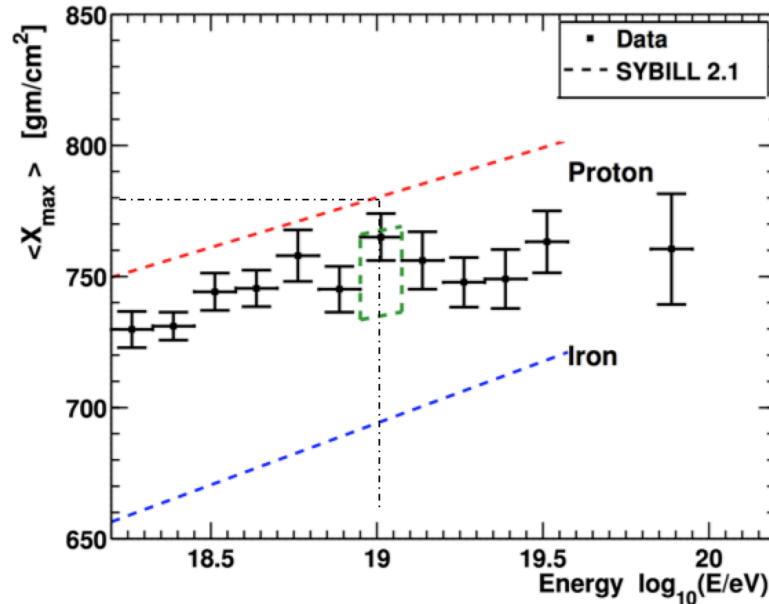
are the two measurements in agreement?

Auger vs TA

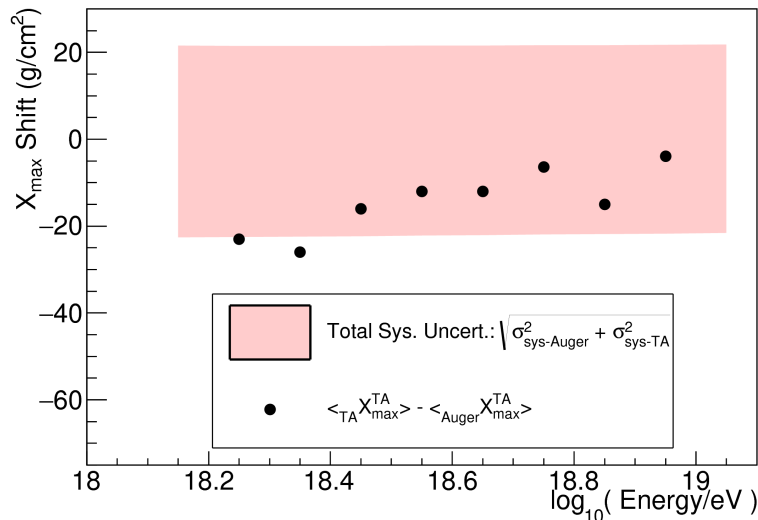
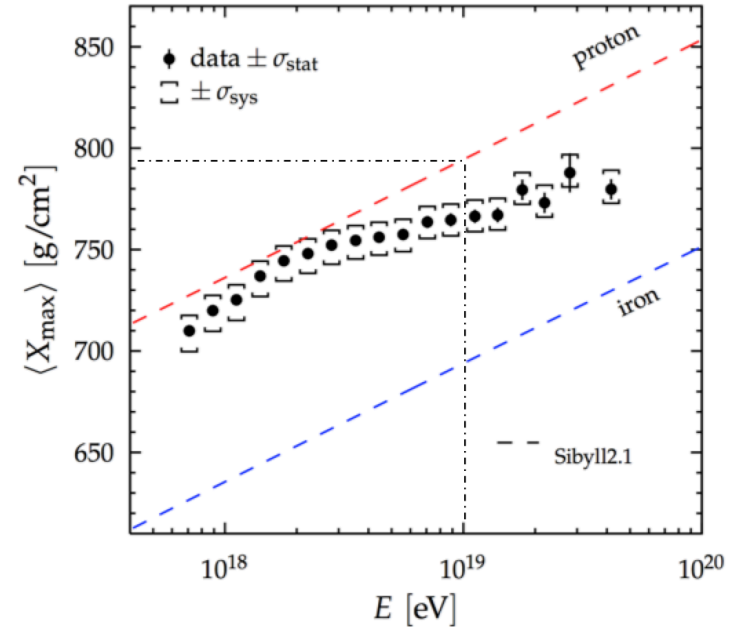
M. Unger PoS (ICRC2015) 307

they can't be compared

TA: X_{\max} distributions folded with detector effects (maximize the statistics)



Auger: unbiased X_{\max} distributions



- 1) simulate TA events according to the Auger composition
- 2) compare TA X_{\max} distributions: data vs simulations

consistency within the systematics

SPECTRUM INTERPRETATION

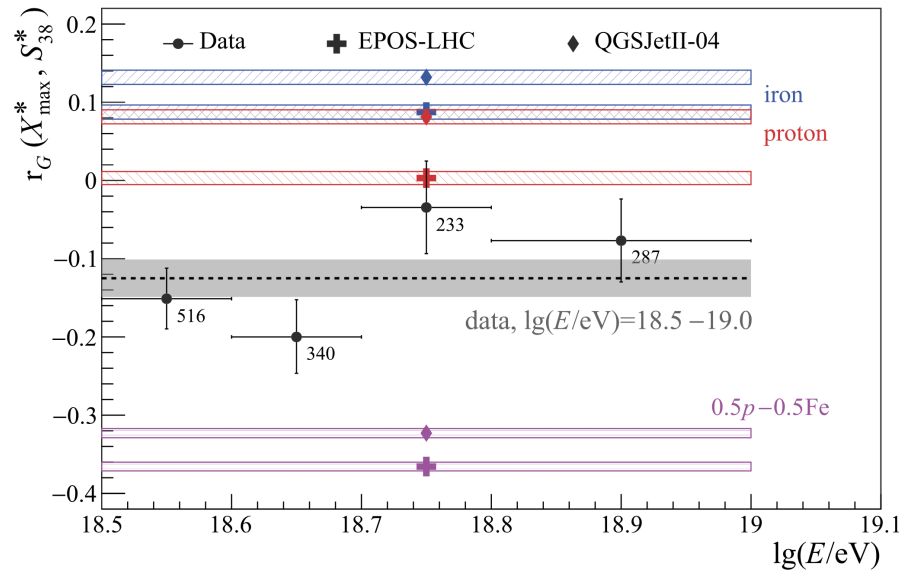
ankle 5×10^{18} eV

“dip” scenario requires
extragal. protons (>85%)

BUT

correlation X_{\max} vs $S(1000)$

evidence of a mixed
composition at the ankle



Auger, Phys Lett. B 762 (2016) 288

others: R. Aloisio & V. Berezhinsky arXiv1703.08671

cut-off

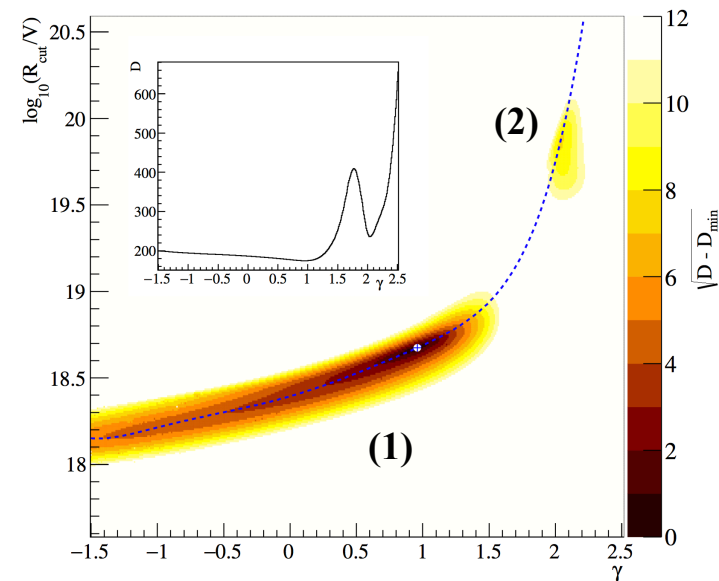
end of the spectrum due to
propagation effects?

BUT

combined fit spectrum and composition

$$\Phi_A \propto f_A E^{-\gamma} f_{cut}(E, Z_A, R_{cut})$$

maximum rigidity (1) favored
over photo-disintegration (2)



Auger, JCAP04 (2017) 038

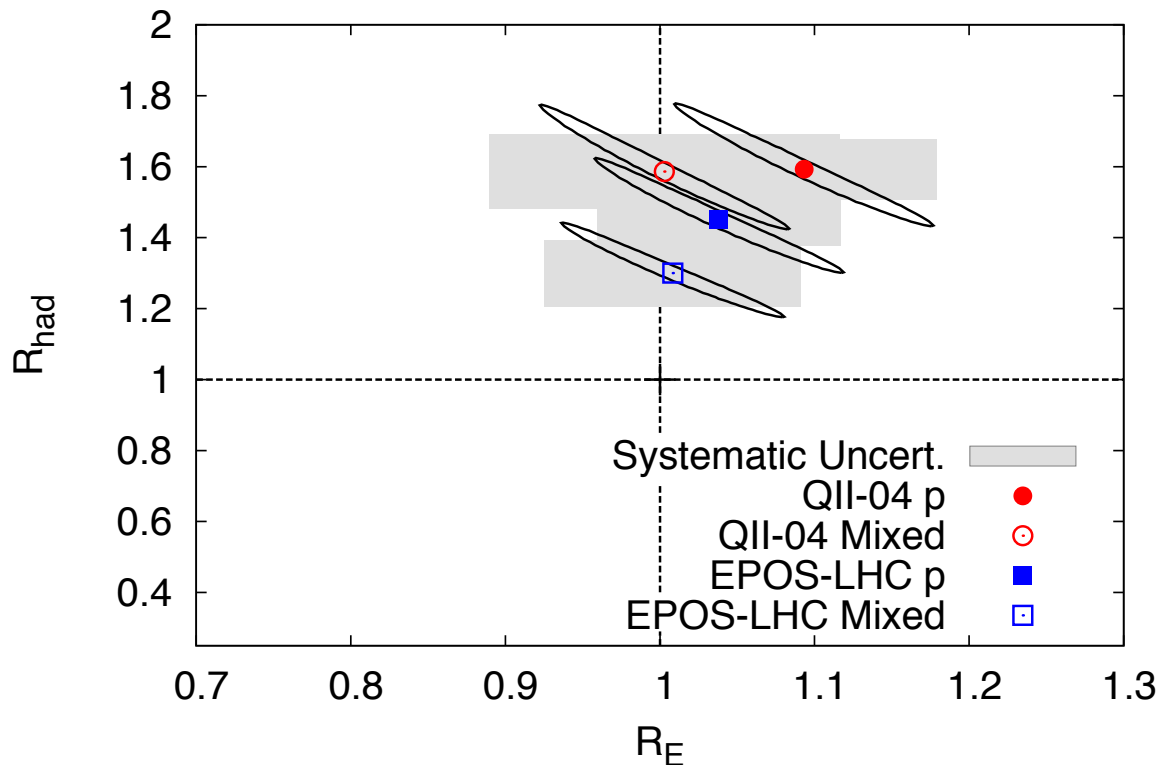
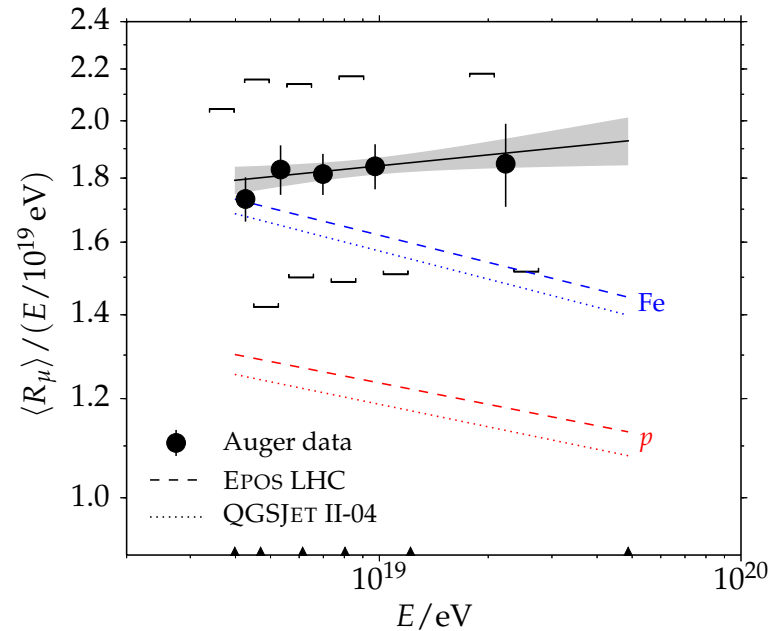
G.Farrar & M.Unger, PoS (ICRC2015) 336513

HADRONIC INTERACTIONS

Auger, PRD 91 (2015) 032003

showers inclined at large zenith angle

muon excess ~ 30%-80% for mass composition from X_{\max}



Auger, PRL 117 (2017) 192001

$$S = R_E S_{EM} + R_{had} R_E^{\alpha} S_{had}$$

rescaling factors to match the SD and FD signals (hybrid data)

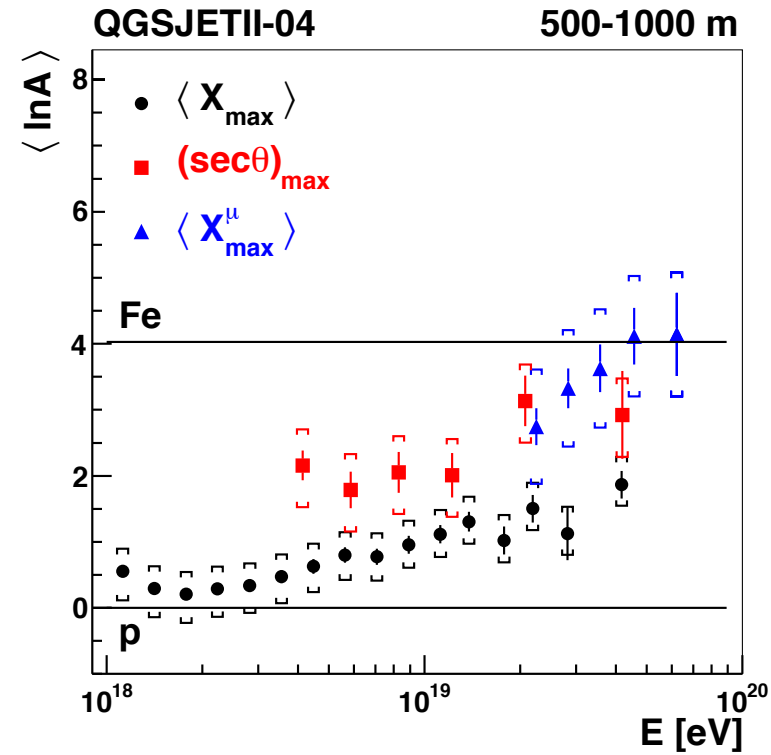
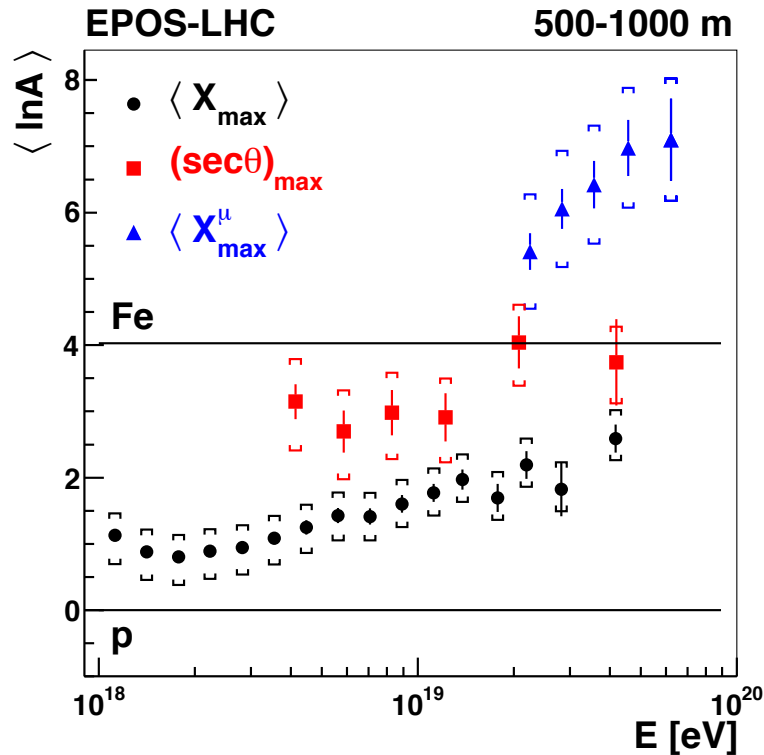
evidence of muon excess
not sensitive to energy scale
uncertainty

OTHER OBSERVABLES SENSITIVE TO MASS COMPOSITION

Auger, PRD 90 (2014) 122005
L.Collica (Auger) PoS (ICRC2015) 336

Auger, PRD 92 (2015) 019903

Auger, PRD 93 (2016) 072006



FD: X_{\max} - 'e.m.'

SD: $(\sec\theta)_{\max}$ azimuthal
asymmetry of rise time -
'e.m. + muons'

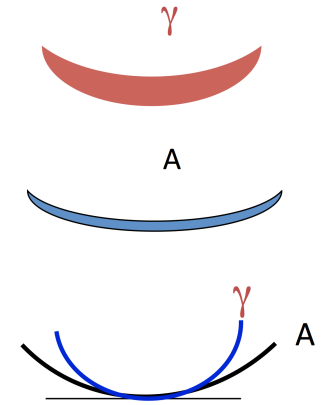
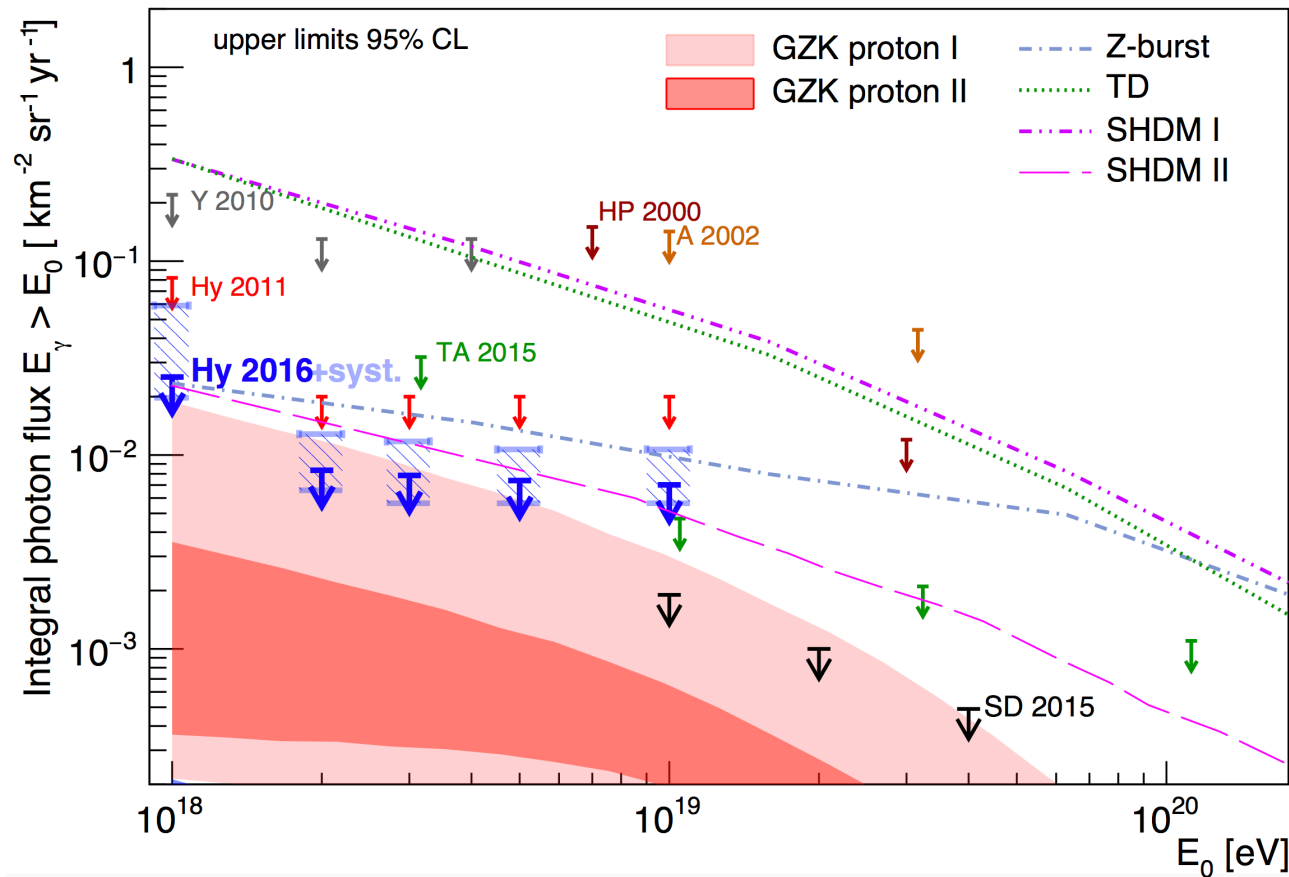
SD: X_{\max}^{μ} muons production
depth - 'muons'

Hadronic interaction models fail to provide consistent interpretations of different observables

PHOTON LIMITS

FD: X_{\max}

SD: time spread, shower front curvature



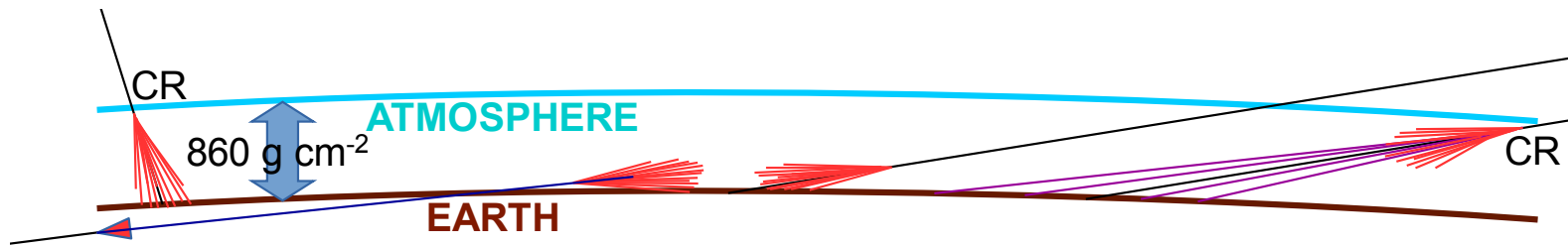
**Auger,
JCAP 04 (2017) 009
and references
therein**

most of top-down models ruled-out

start to constraint GZK photons

$$p \gamma_{\text{GZK}} \rightarrow p \pi^0$$

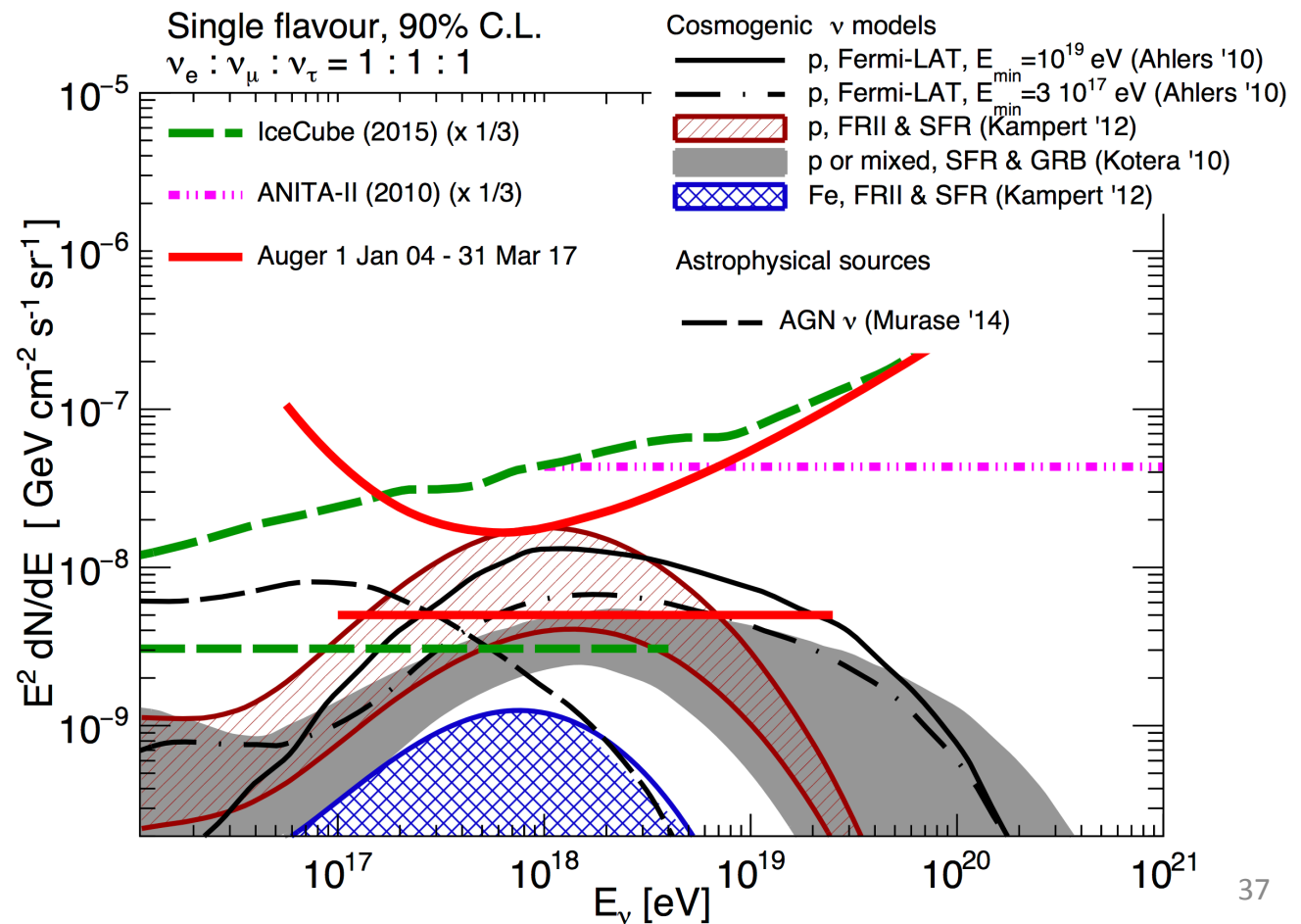
NEUTRINO LIMITS



**Auger well suited
for detecting
cosmological
neutrinos**

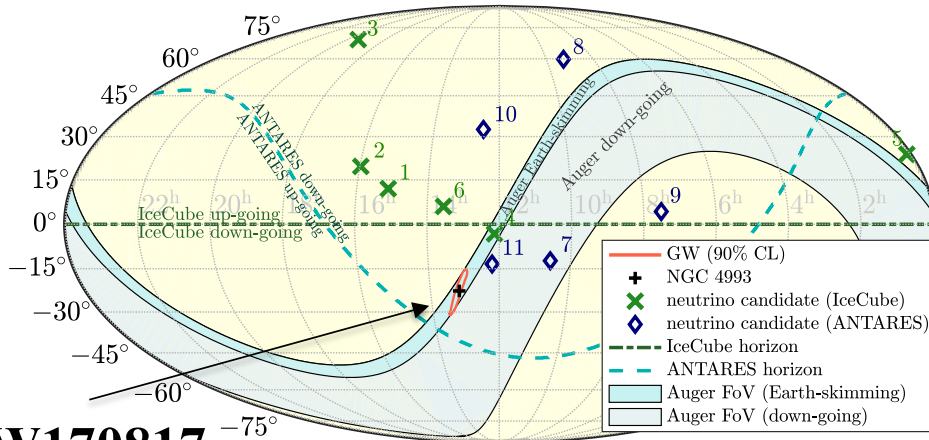
**E. Zas PoS
(ICRC2017) 972**

**J. Alvarez-Muñiz
PoS (ICRC2017) 1111**



NO NEUTRINOS ($E > 100$ PeV) IN COINCIDENCE WITH GW IN AUGER SD DATA

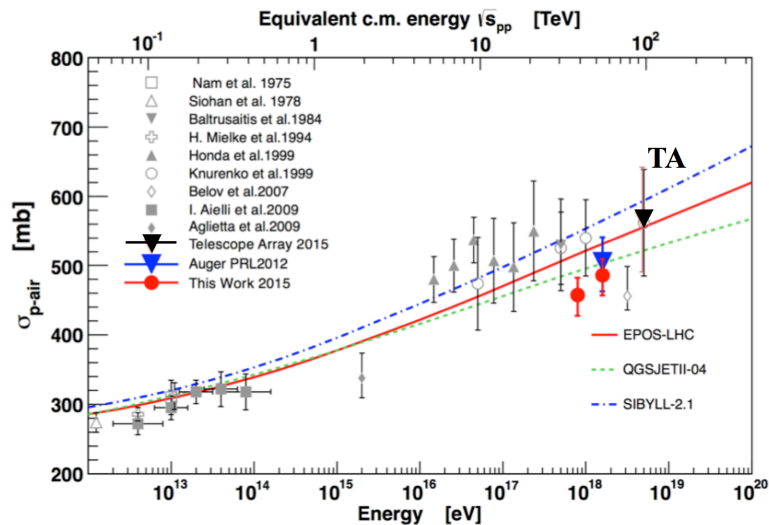
Auger Antares IceCube arXiv:1710.05839
 E. Zas PoS (ICRC2017) 972 Auger, Phys. Rev. D 94, 122007 (2016)



GW170817
 ApJL, 848:L12, 2017

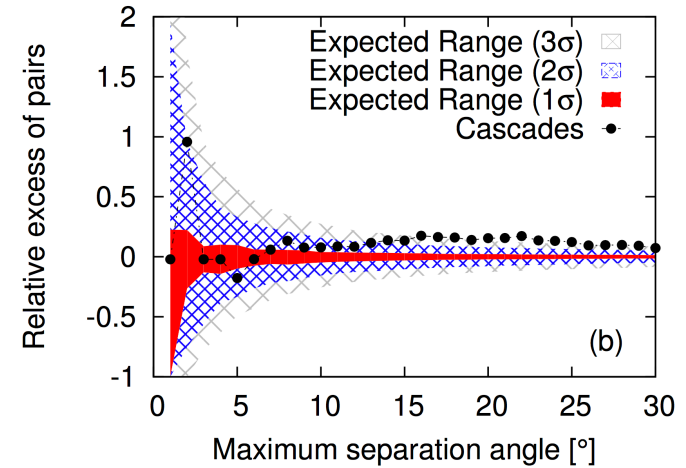
$\sigma_{p\text{-air}}$ FROM FD

R. Ulrich PoS (ICRC2015) 401
 R. Abbasi PoS (ICRC2015) 402



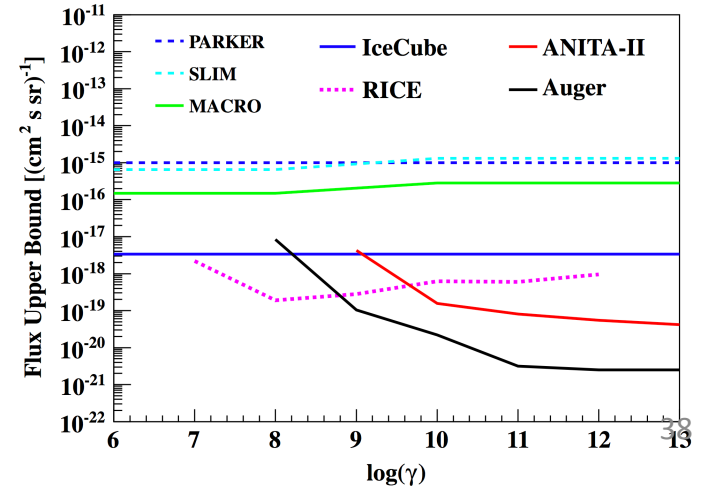
CORRELATIONS AMONG IceCube NEUTRINOS AND TA+AUGER CRs

IceCube, Auger & TA JCAP01 (2016) 037



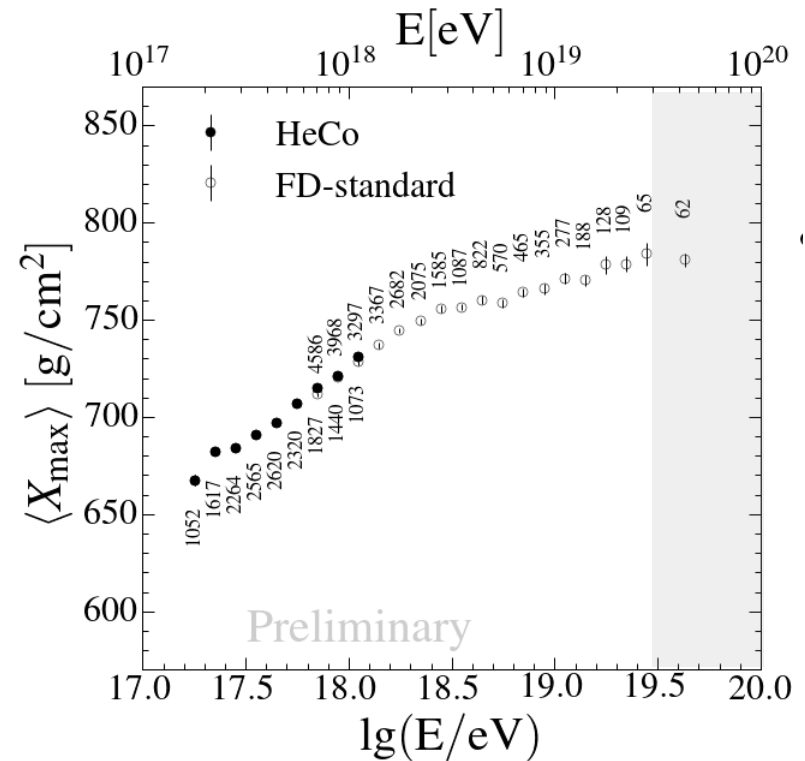
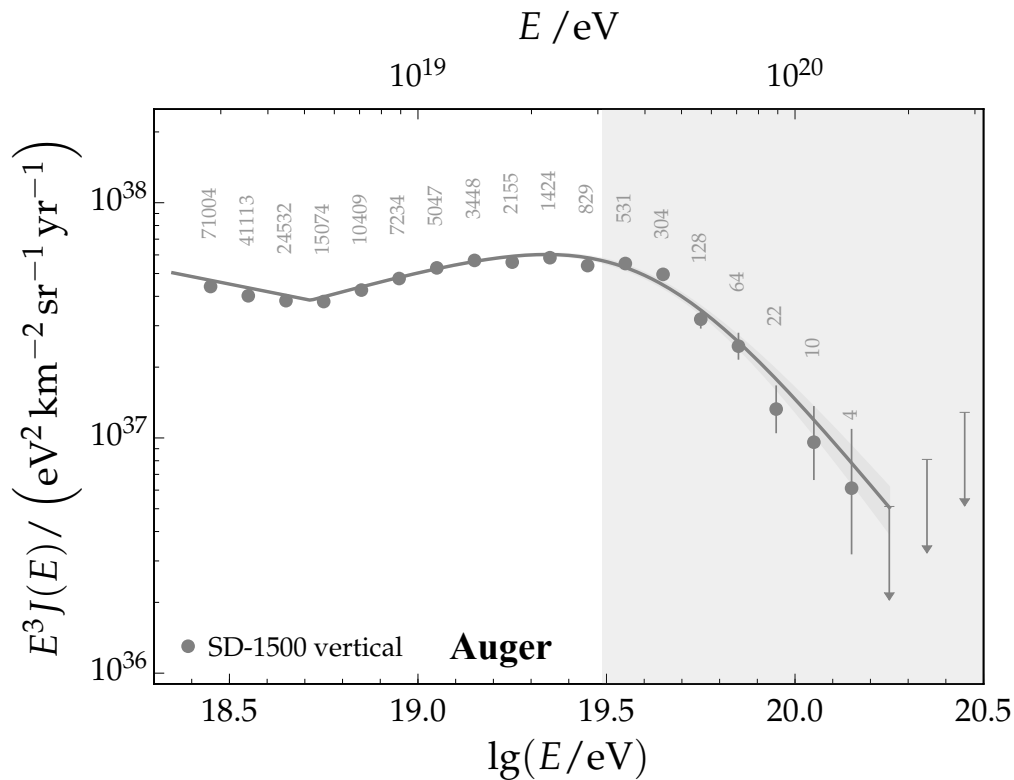
NO ULTRARELATIVISTIC MONOPOLES IN AUGER FD DATA

Auger, Phys. Rev. D 94 (2016) 082002



FUTURE

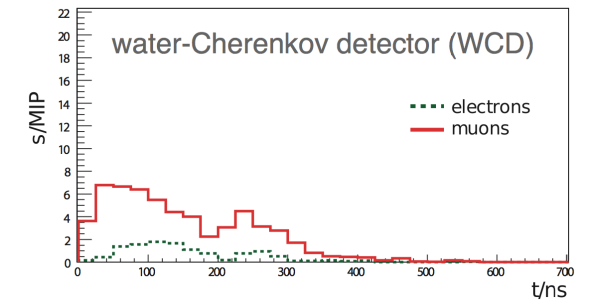
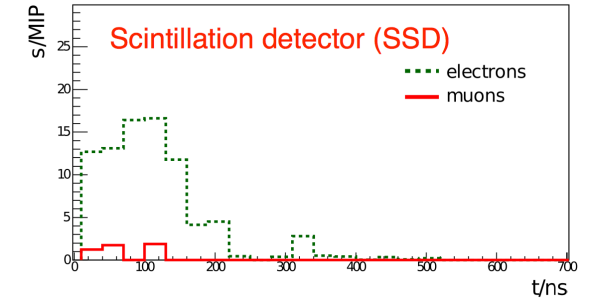
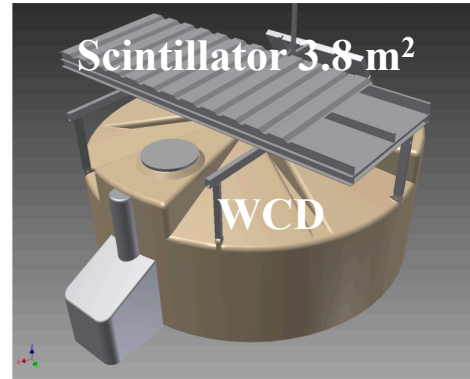
- accumulate exposure
- mass composition at the highest energies ?
- how to overcome the problem of the limited FD duty cycle ?



AUGER IN THE NEXT DECADE

Auger upgrade

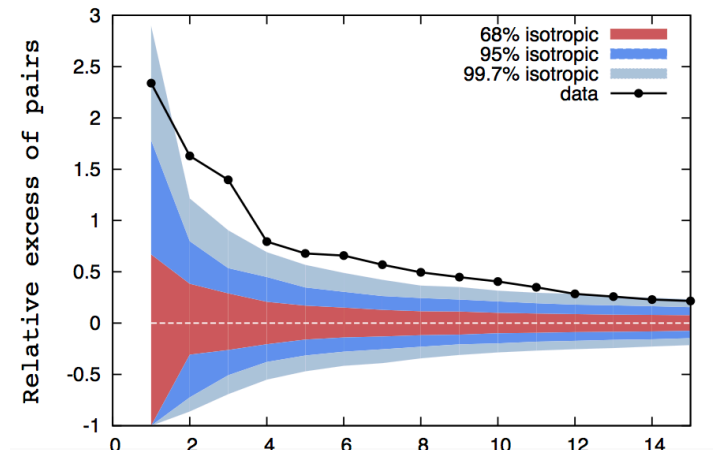
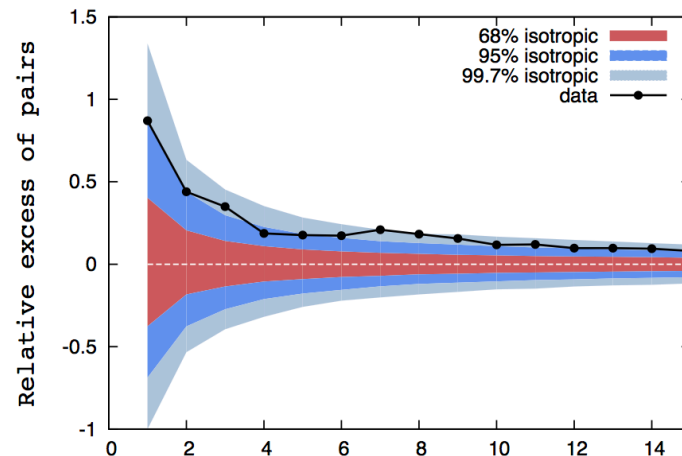
scintillator
faster electronic (120 MHz)
...



$$S_{\mu, \text{WCD}} = a S_{\text{WCD}} + b S_{\text{SSD}}$$

- discriminate e.m. and muonic components
- **mass sensitivity above the cut-off**
(no sensitivity from FD)

e.g. anisotropies for light primaries

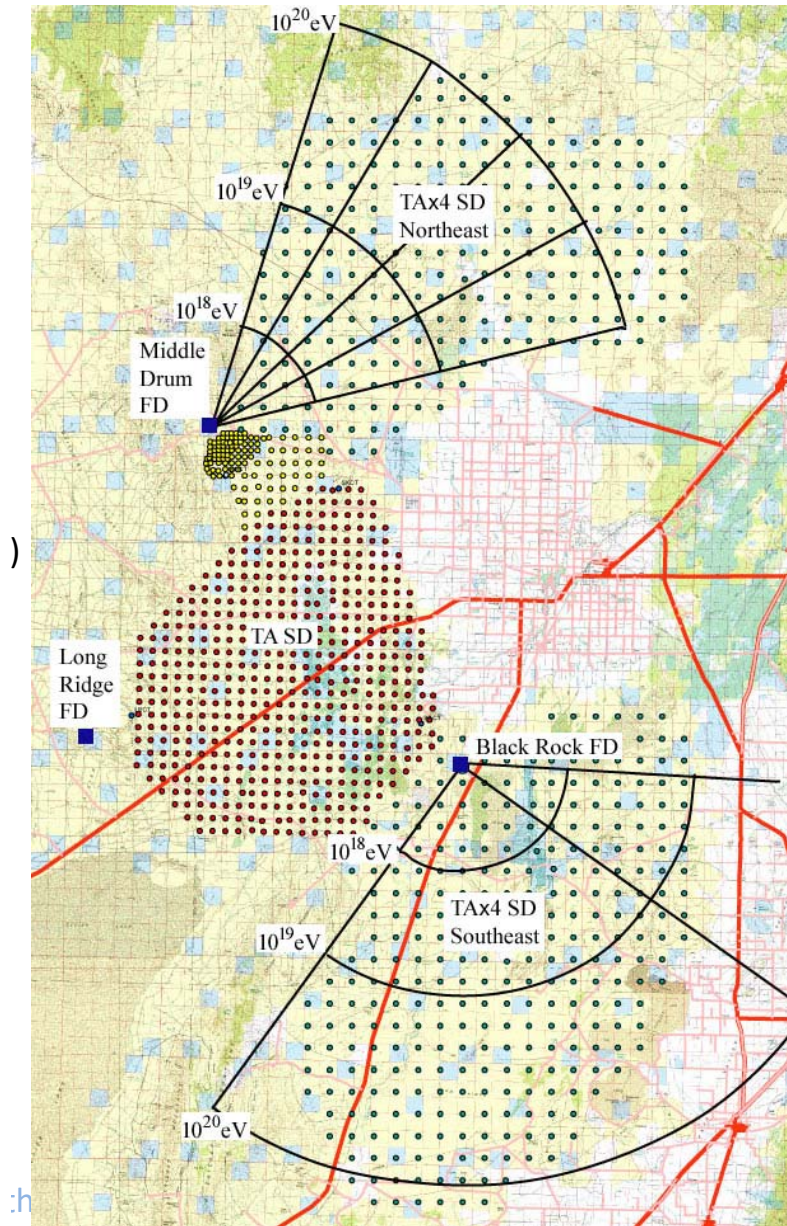


arXiv:1604.03637

D. Martello, PoS (ICRC17) 383

TA IN THE NEXT DECADE

J. Matthews, PoS (ICRC17) 1096

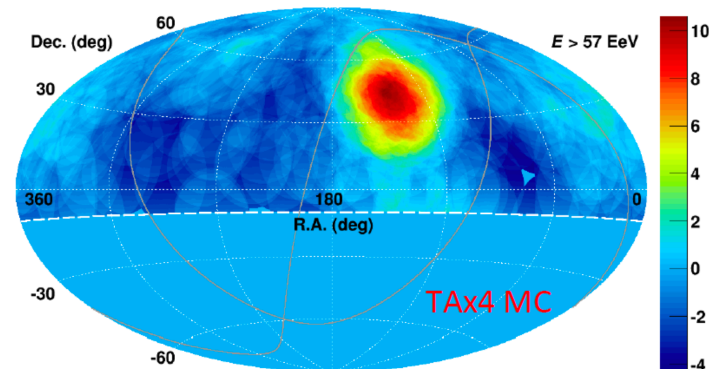


TAx4 **$\sim 3000 \text{ km}^2$**

SD: 507 scintillators
1.2 km - 700 km^2

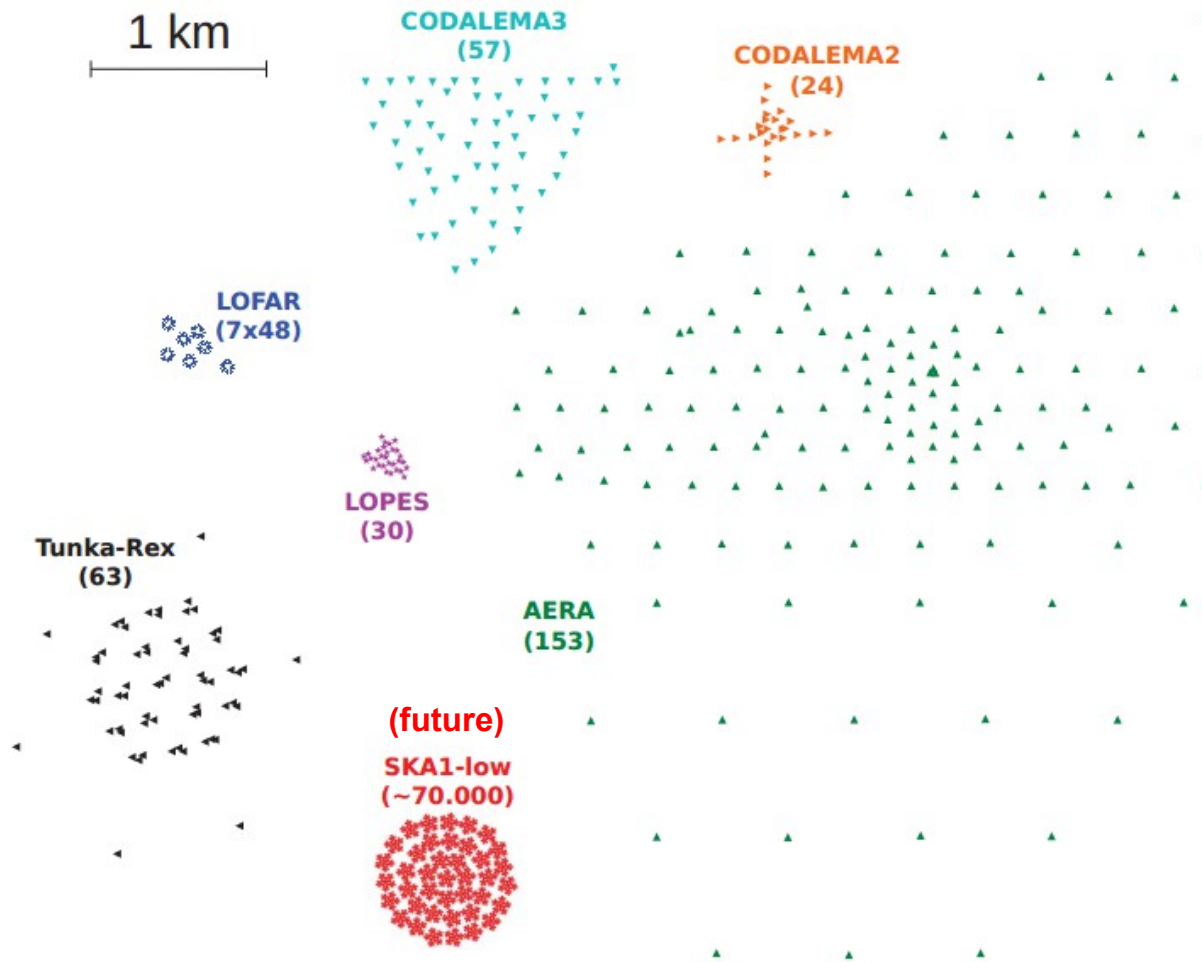
new 500 SD stations
2.08 km spacing

2 additional FDs in MD and BR

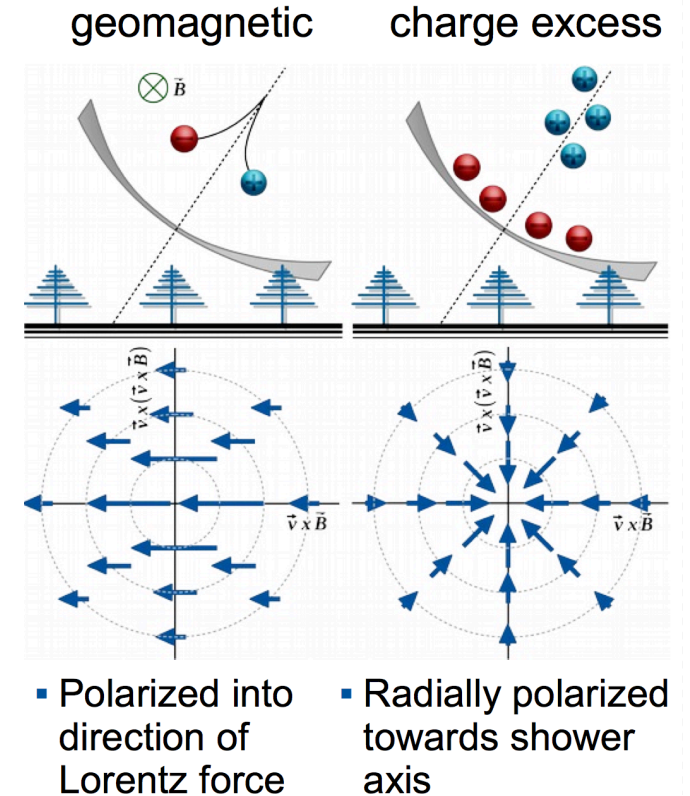


Radio detection of EAS

T. Heuge
Phys. Rep. 620, 1-52 (2016)



~ 100 MHz



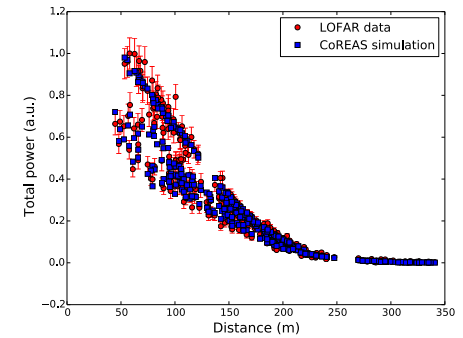
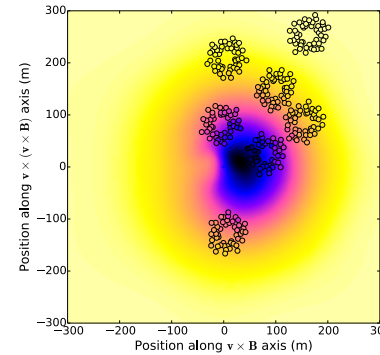
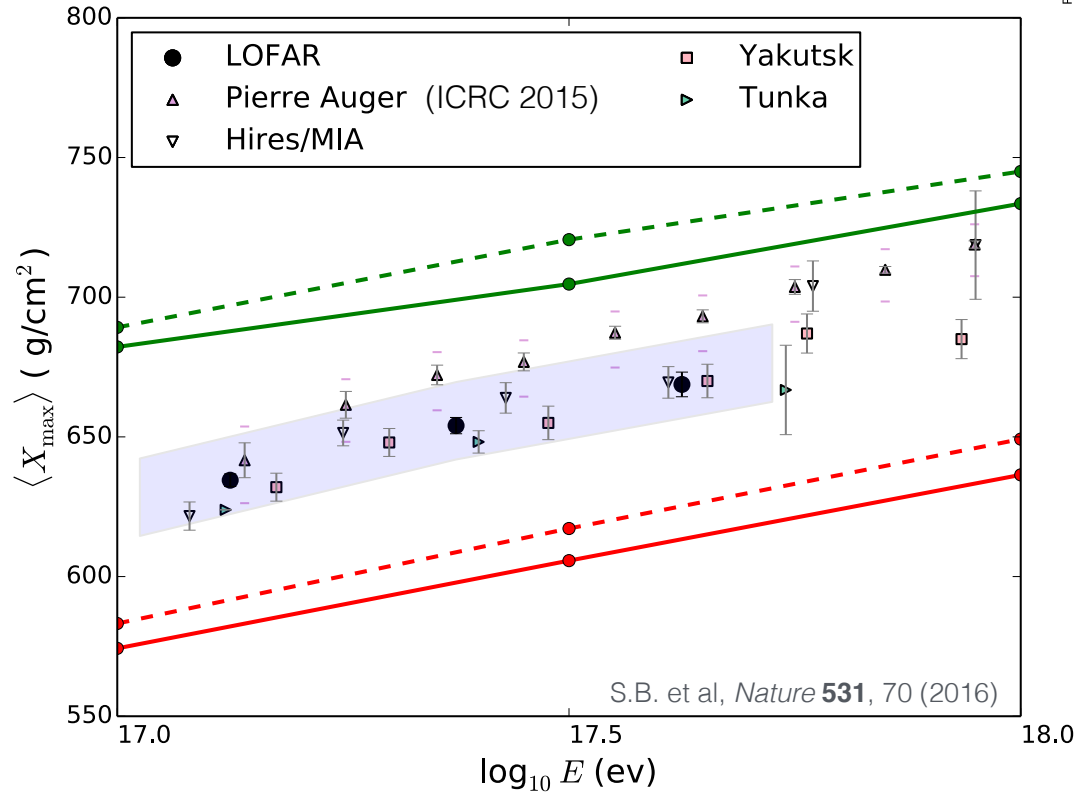
radio signals related to the em of the shower
100% duty cycle
no atmospheric attenuation, ...

Askaryan effect
25% of e^- over e^+

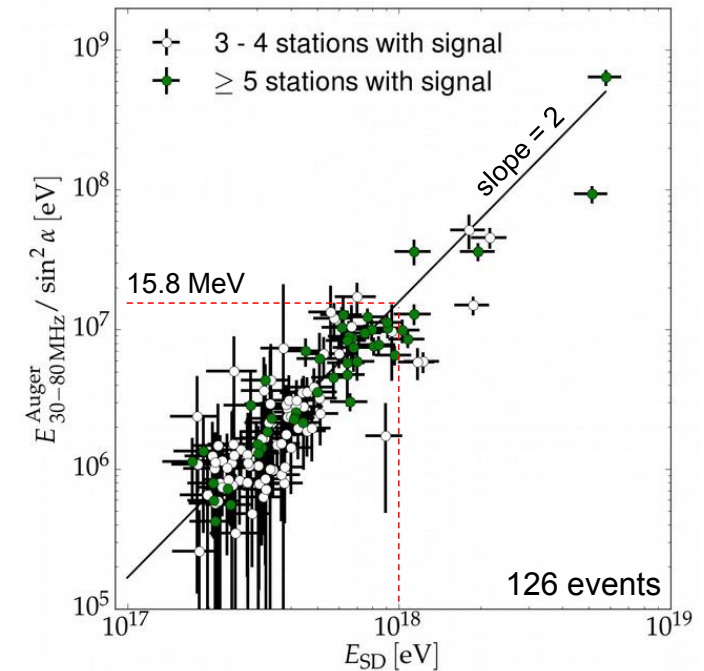
G. Askar'yan,
Soviet Phys. JETP 14, 441 (1962)

Radio detection of EAS

LOFAR



AERA (Auger)



many progresses and CR physics feasible

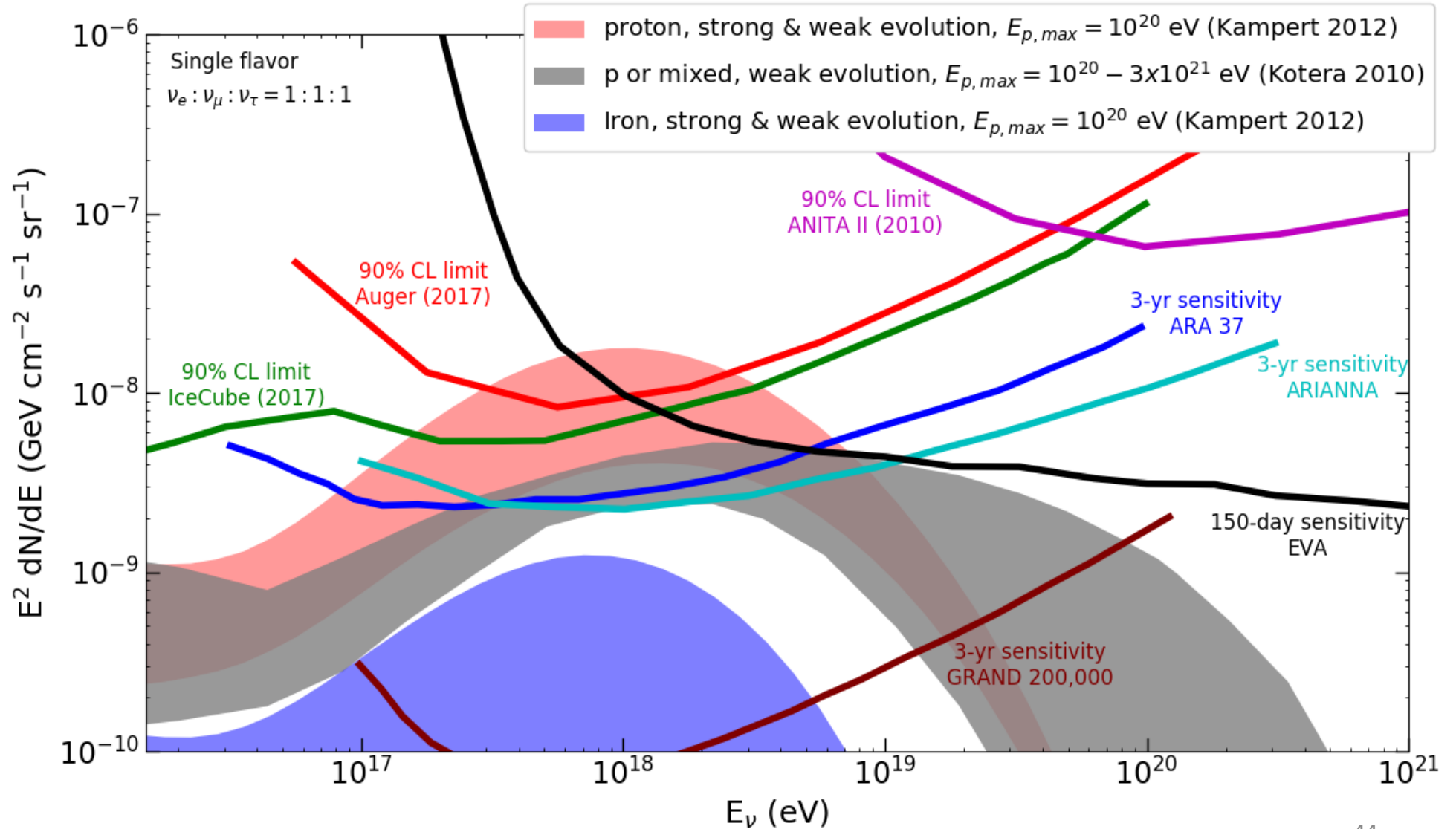
- X_{\max} from LOFAR
- energy estimation from AERA (Auger)

main limitation:

- small footprint at ground \rightarrow requires dense array of antennas

Neutrino with radio detectors

J. Alvarez-Muñiz PoS (ICRC2017) 1111



Fluorescence radiation detection from space

JEM-EUSO Program

EUSO-TA (2013 -)

EUSO-Balloon (2014)

EUSO-SPB1 (2017)

MiniEUSO (2018)

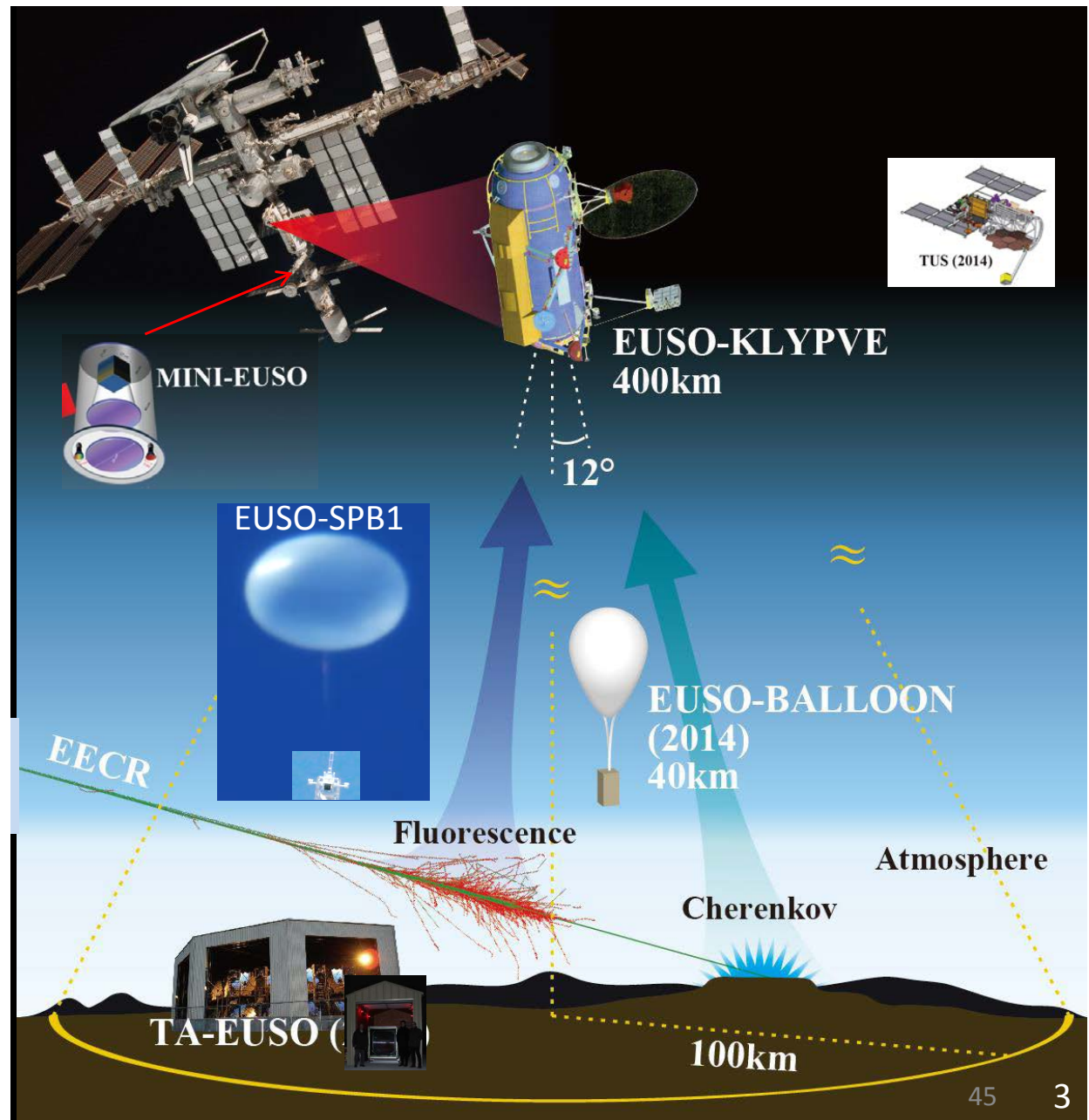
EUSO-SPB2 (2021)

K-EUSO (2023)

also

POEMMA (2025 +)

M. Casolino PoS (ICRC2017) 370

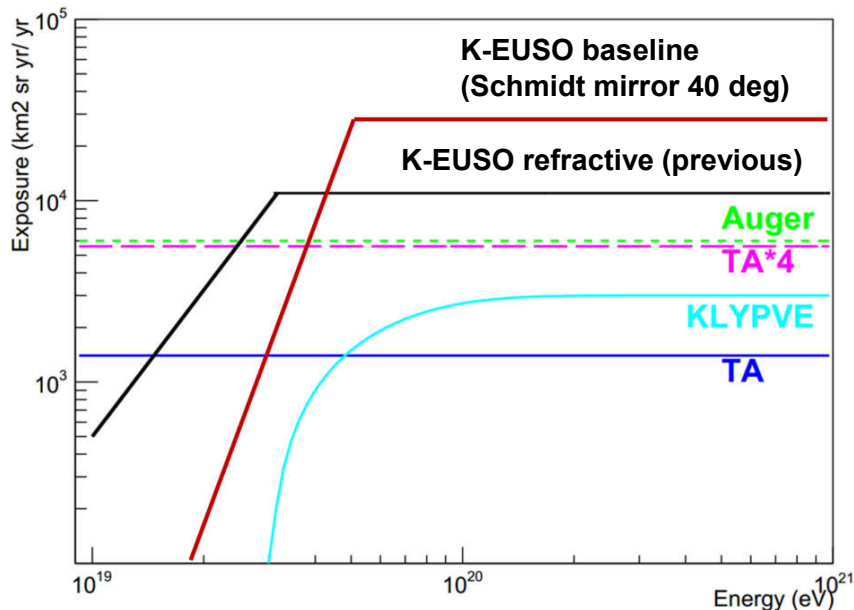


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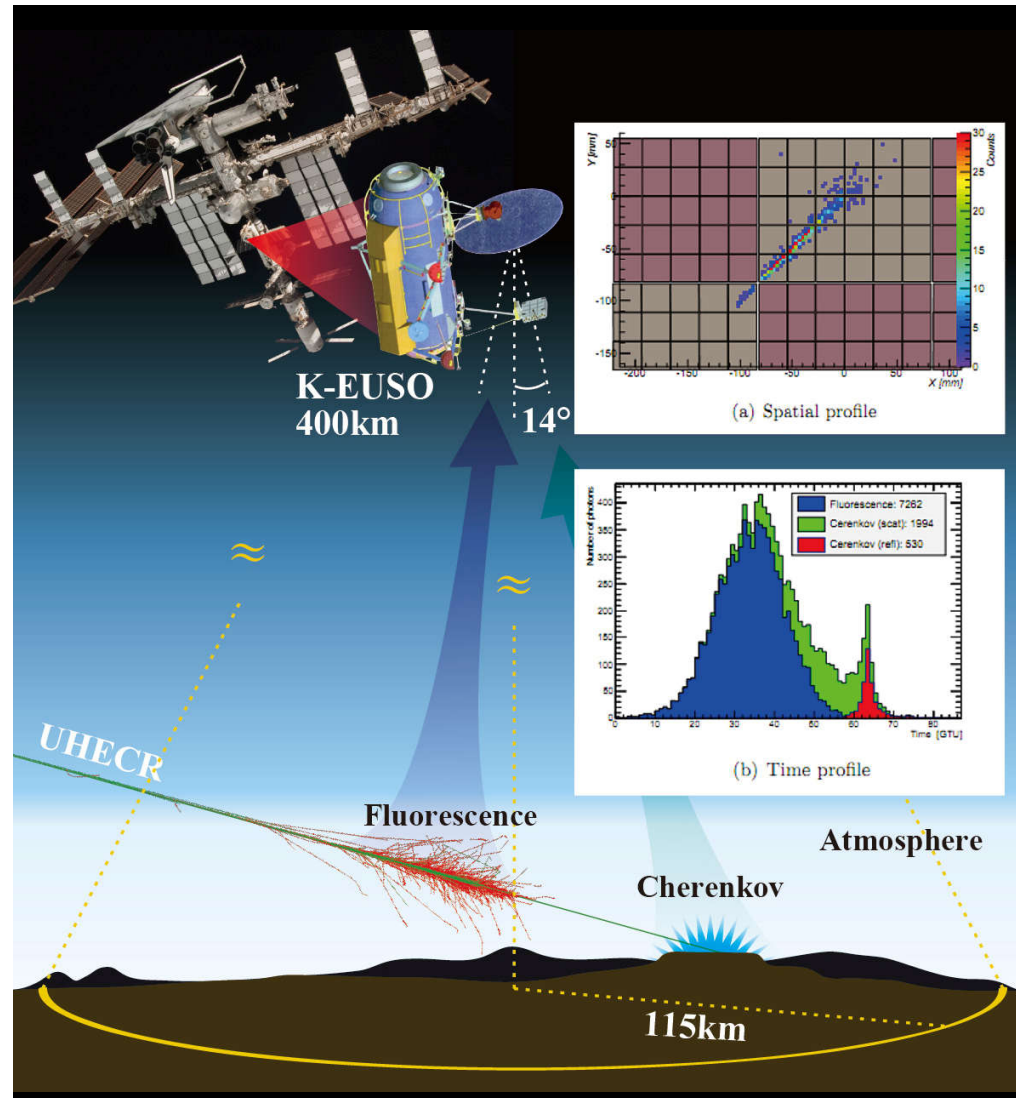
K-Euso - ISS

- approved by Russian Space Agency
- it is a concrete mission at a fraction of the cost of JEM- EUSO

uniform full sky coverage with large exposure

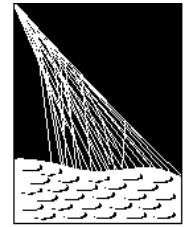


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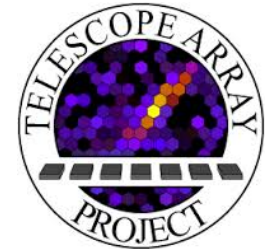


OUTLOOK

- **successful implementation of the hybrid technique (FD+SD) but still many open issues**
 - UHECRs are of extragalactic origin
 - there is some level of anisotropy but what are the sources?
 - UHECRs are not only protons. What is the mass composition at the cut-off? ankle and cut-off interpretation?
 - hadronic interaction models?
- **Auger and TA will take data in the next decade**
 - 6000 km² with full sky coverage
 - mass sensitivity at the highest energies
- **next generation experiments**
 - fluorescence detection from space
 - current UHECRs observatories are the ideal place where to develop new detection techniques (radio ...)
- **new LHC data**



**PIERRE
AUGER**
OBSERVATORY

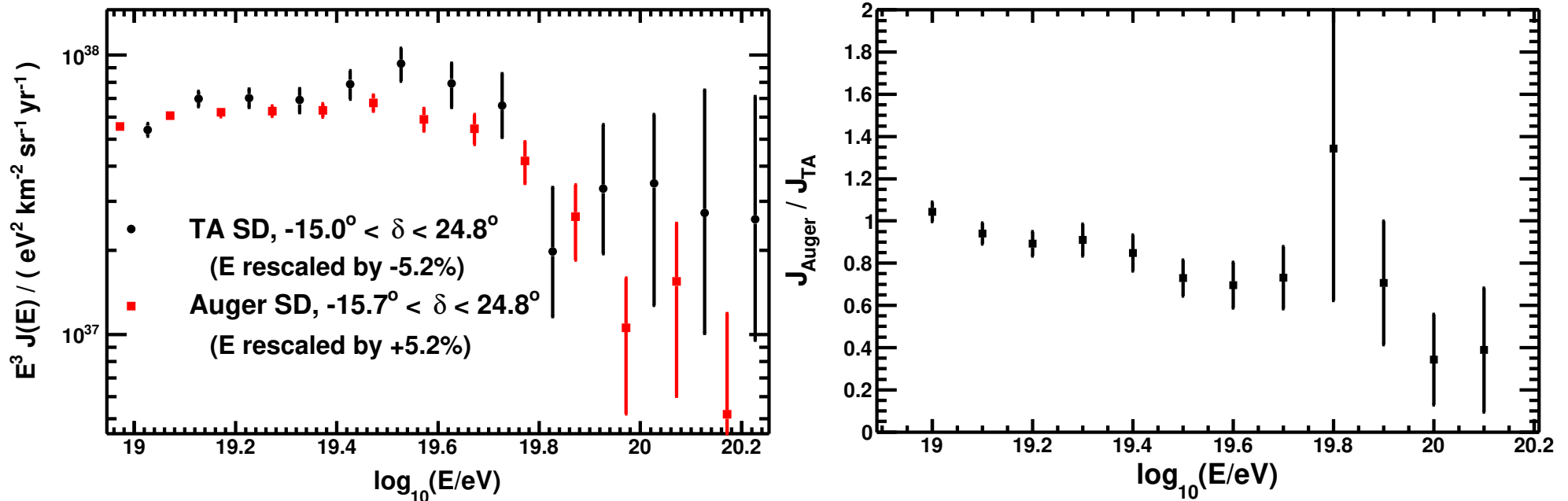


THANKS

COMPARISON OF THE ENERGY SPECTRA IN THE COMMON DECLINATION BAND

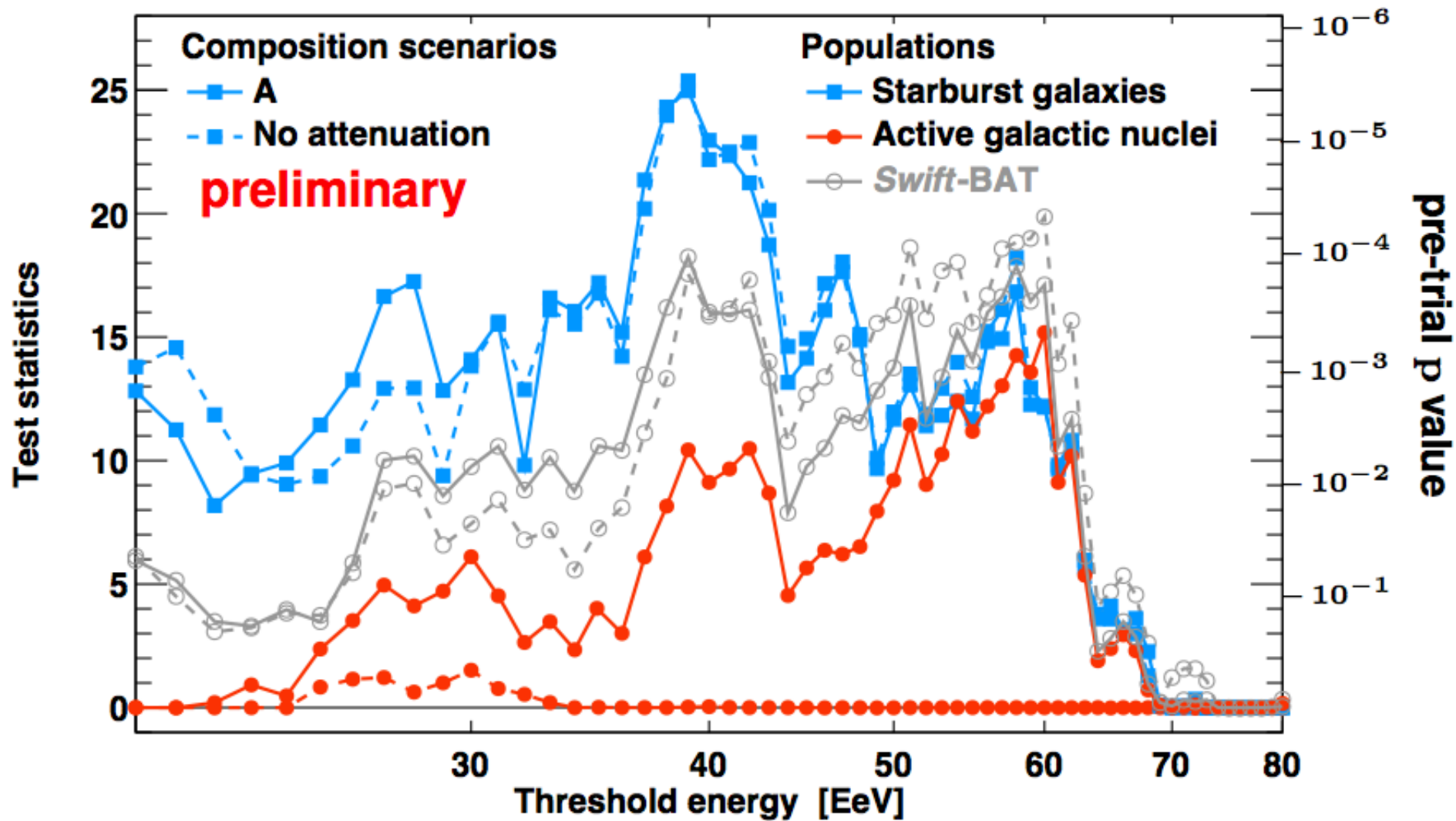
- common declination band $-15.7^\circ < \delta < 25^\circ$
- account for the different shapes of the directional exposure
 - better agreement than in the full declination band
 - still some discrepancy that has to be due to experimental effects

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Anisotropies at intermediate scale - Auger

U. Cacciari,
PoS (ICRC2017) 484

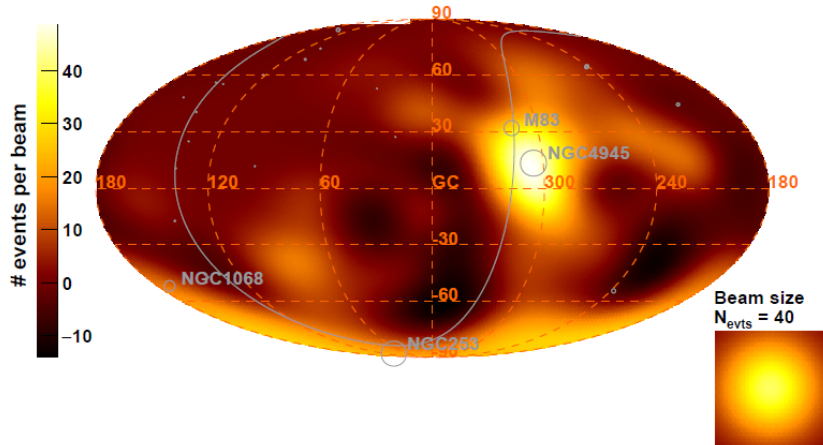


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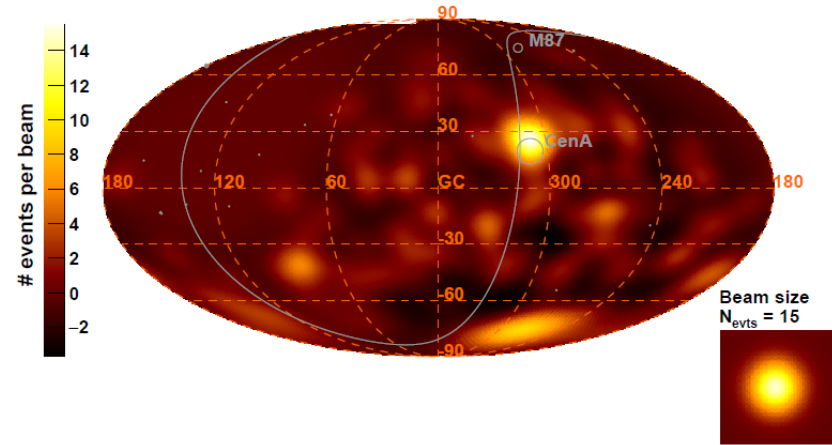
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preliminary

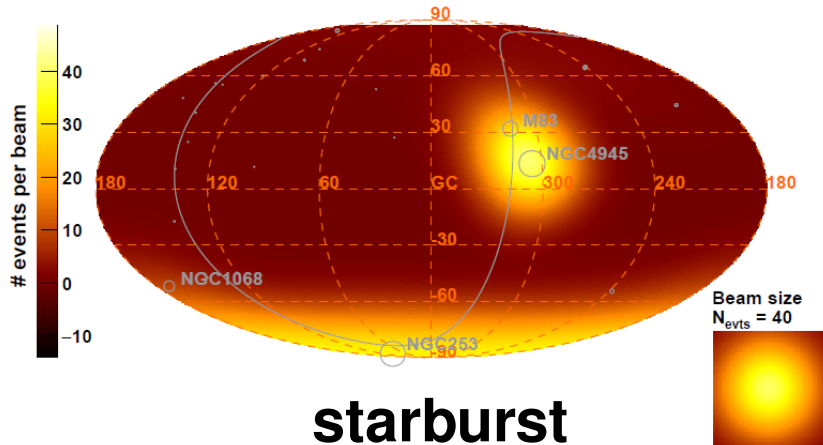
Observed Excess Map - $E > 39$ EeV



Observed Excess Map - $E > 60$ EeV

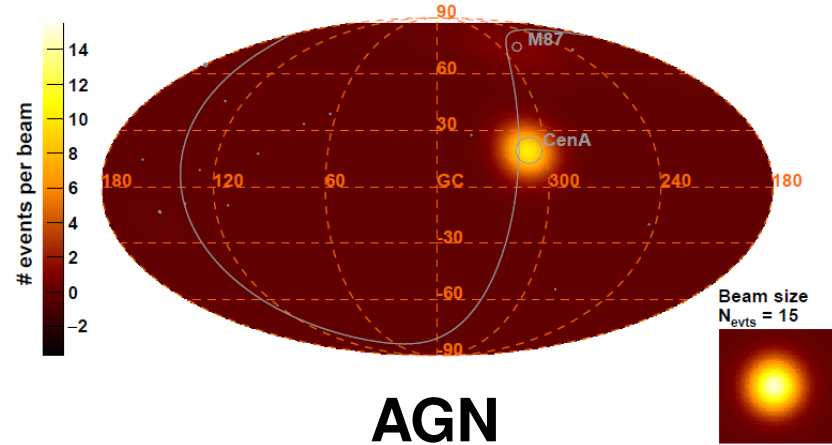


Model Excess Map - Starburst galaxies - $E > 39$ EeV



starburst

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



AGN

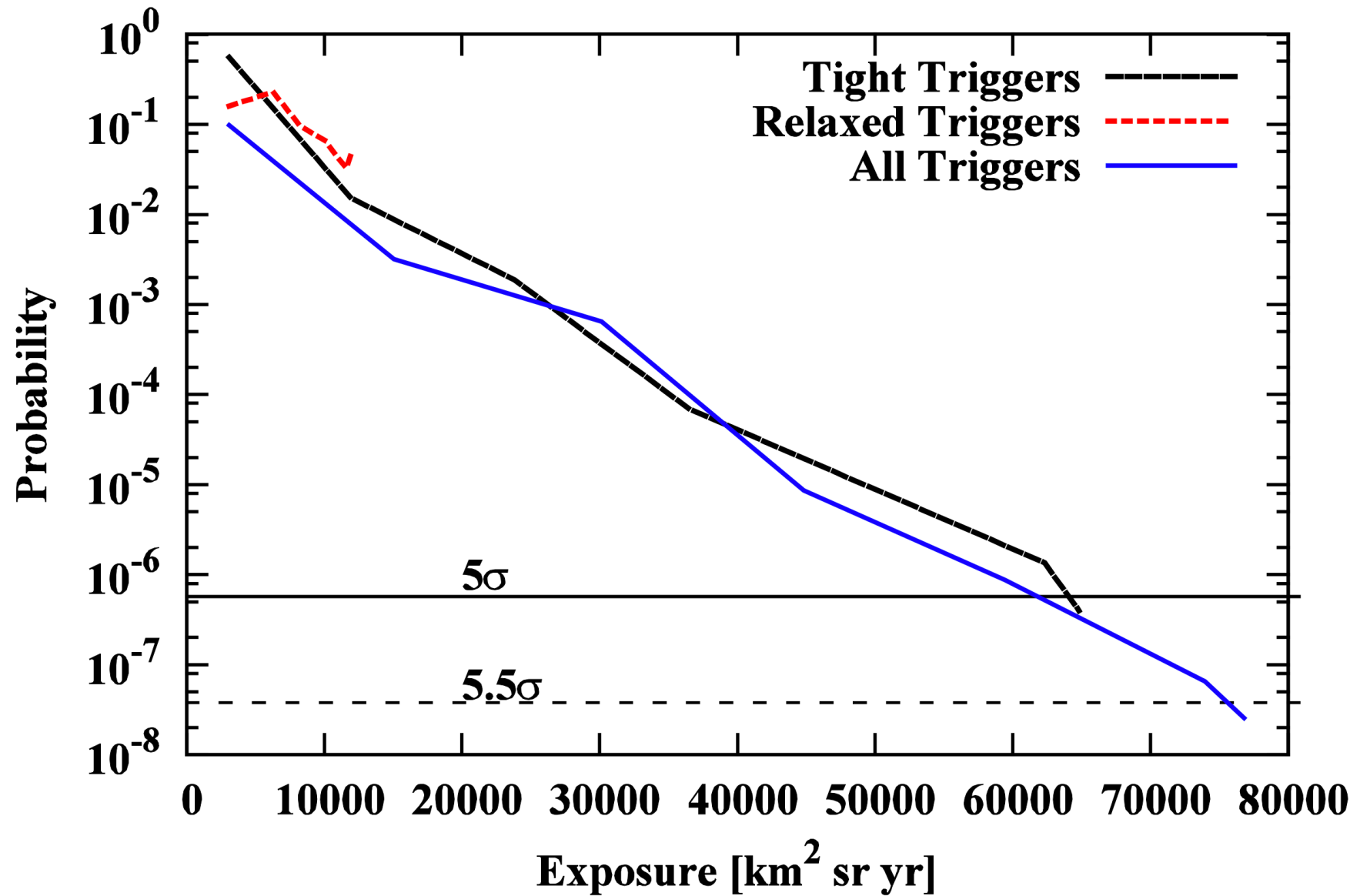
3.9σ

post-trial significances
(energy scan)

2.7σ

OBSERVATION OF A LARGE SCALE ANISOTROPY

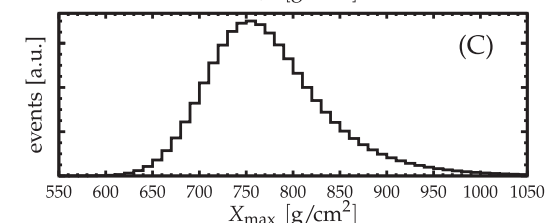
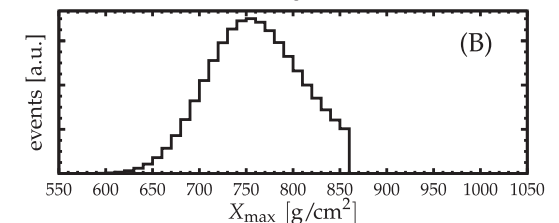
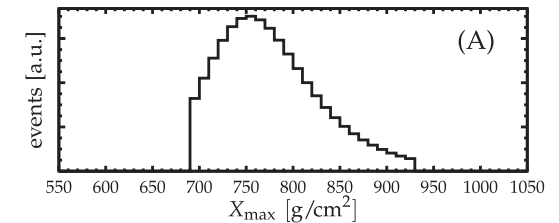
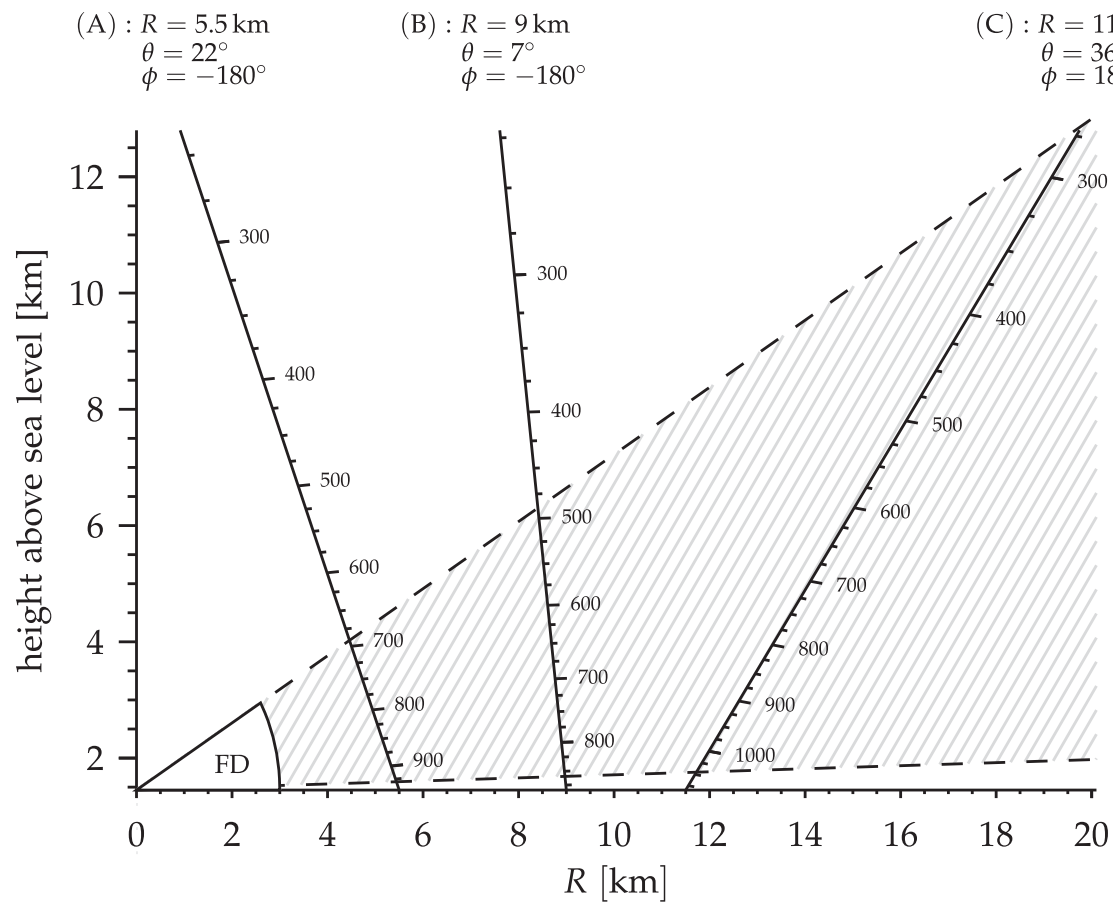
Auger, Science 57 (2017) 1266-1270



X_{\max} : Auger vs TA

X_{\max} distributions distorted by the FD field of view

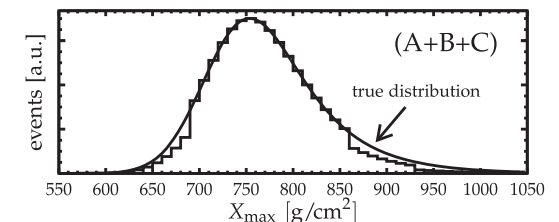
- Auger: cuts to obtain unbiased X_{\max} distributions
- TA: X_{\max} distributions folded with detector effects (maximize the statistics)



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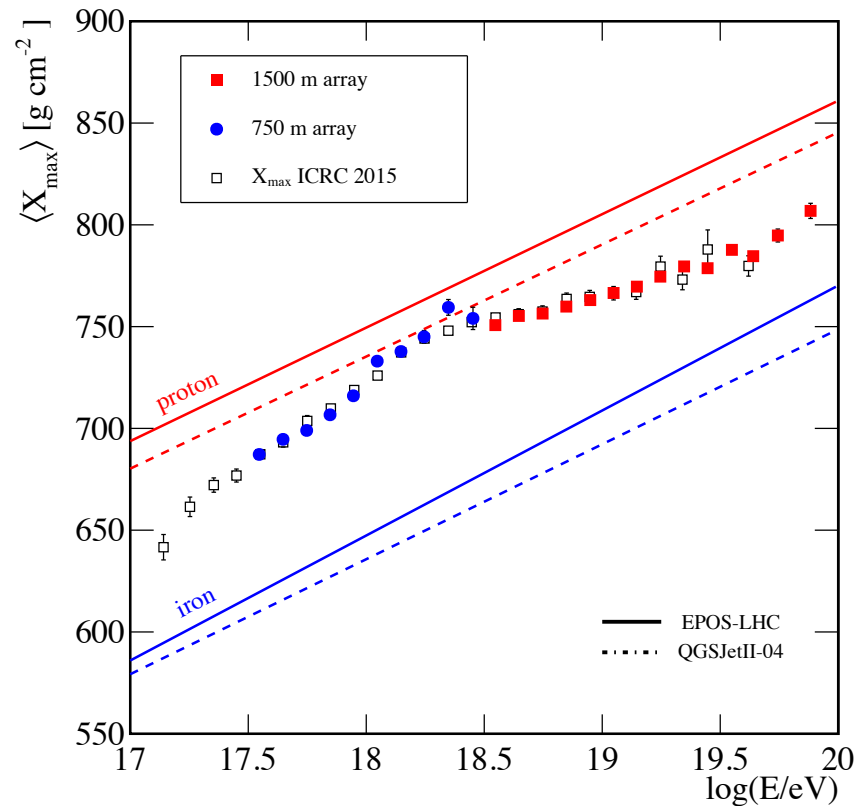
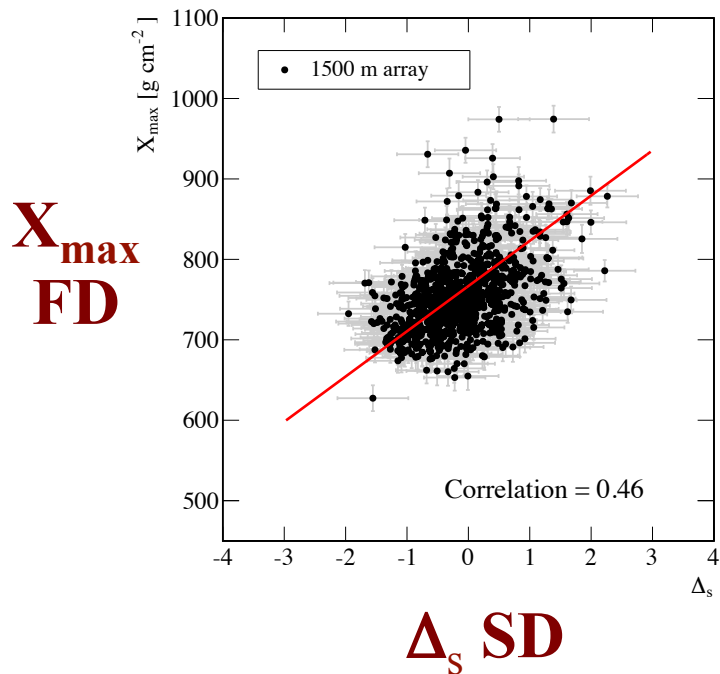
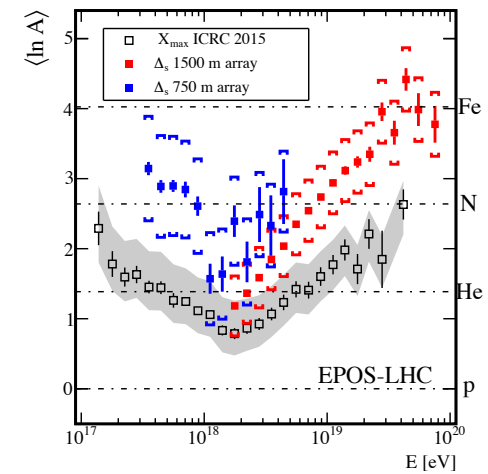
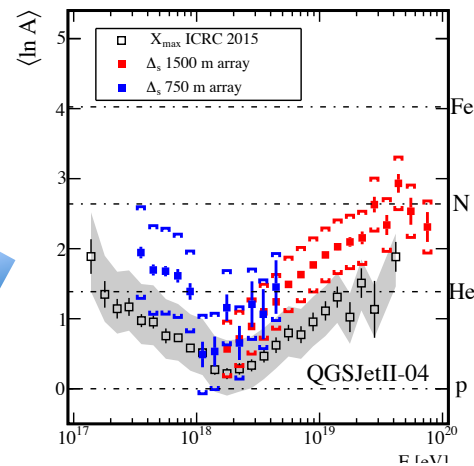
Calibrate SD mass estimator againsts X_{\max} from FD

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rise time in SD signals sensitive to mass composition

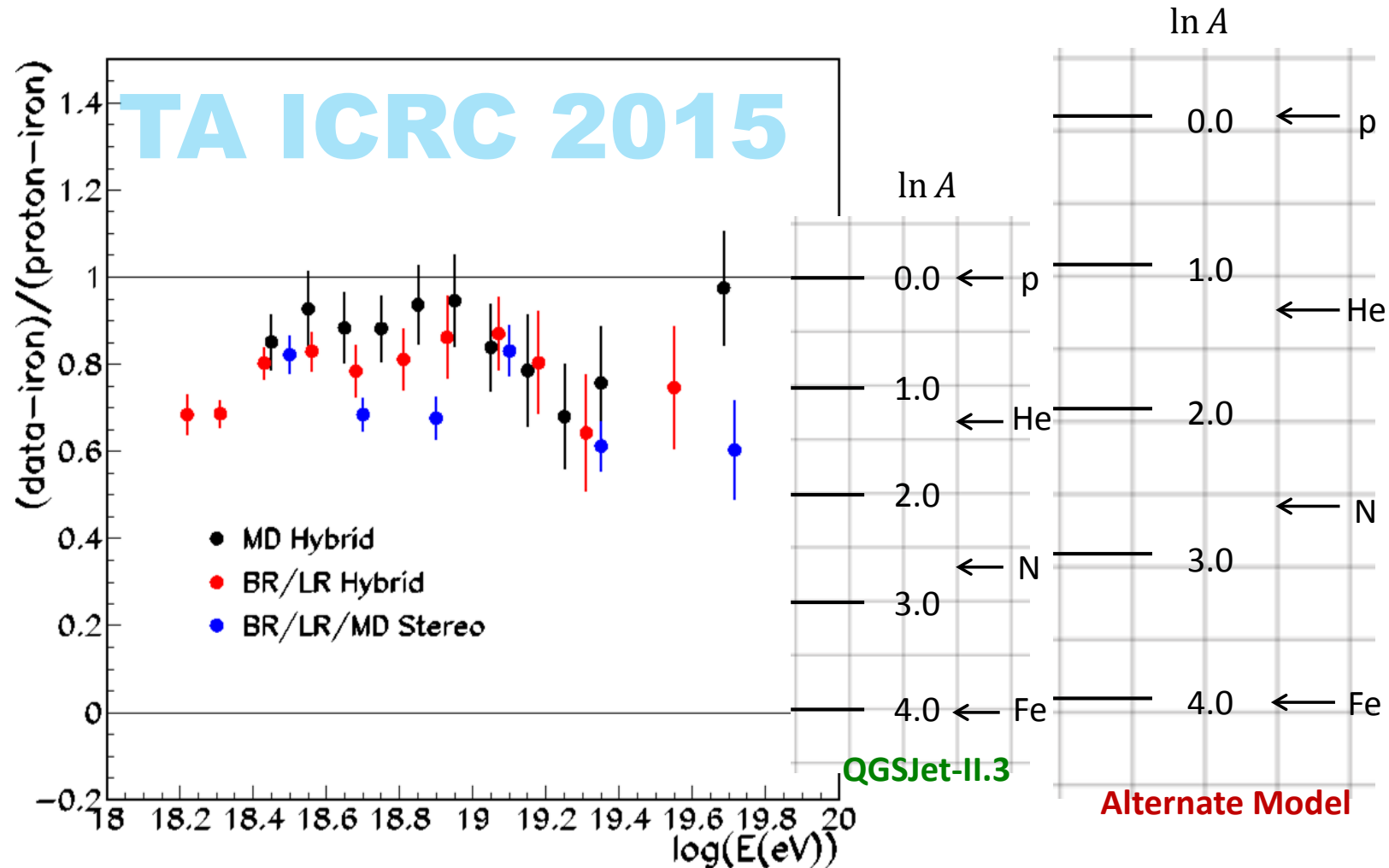
but its interpretation is not consistent with the one from X_{\max}

calibrate it against X_{\max} from FD



rise of mass composition > 50 EeV seems to stop

TA data compared to QGSJet-II.3



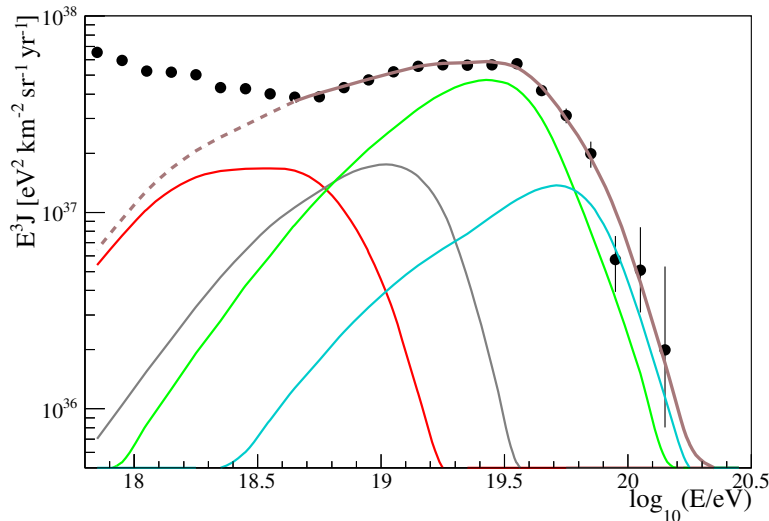
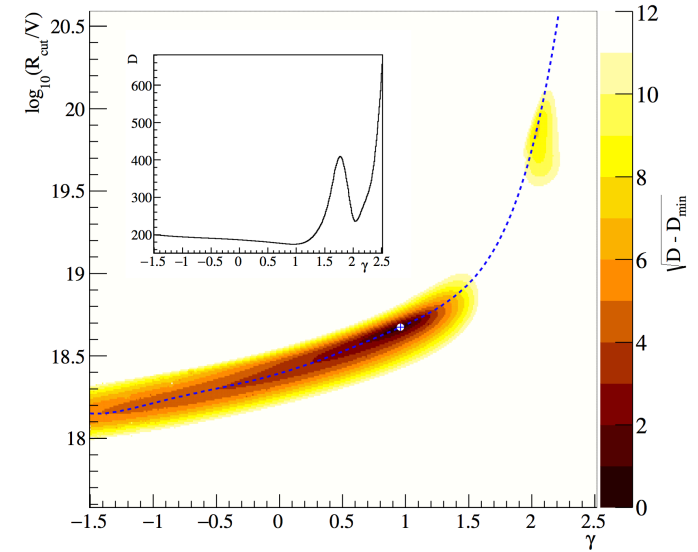
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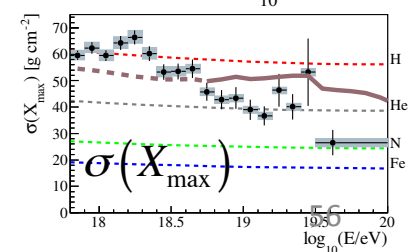
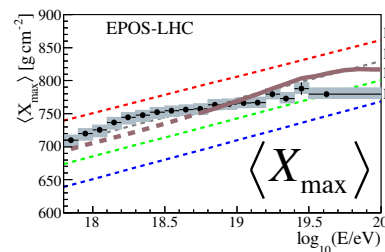
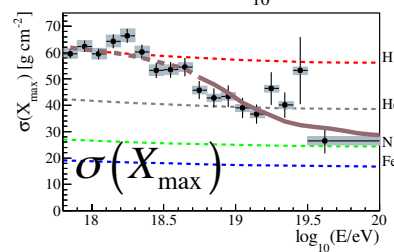
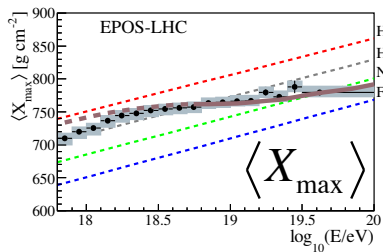
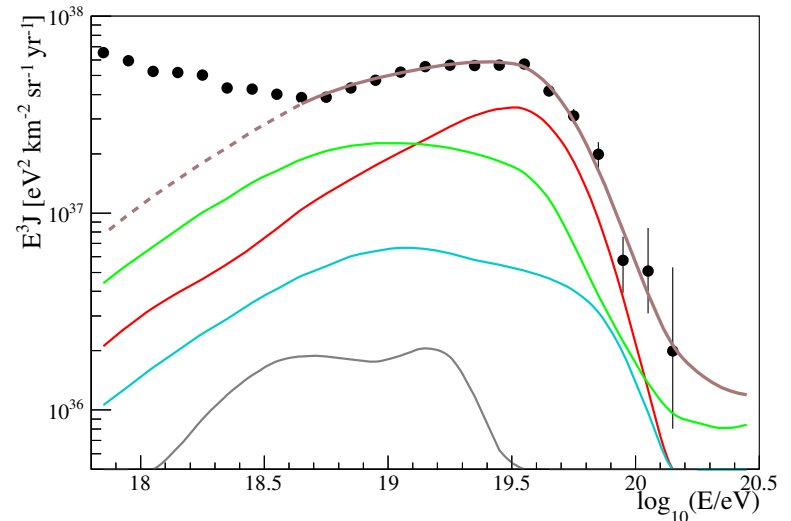
predict the energy spectrum at Earth assuming that CRs are of extragalactic origin

fit (f_A, γ, R_{cut}) at sources $\Phi_A \propto f_A E^{-\gamma} f_{cut}(E, Z_A, R_{cut})$

do we observe the cut-off at the sources?



¹H
⁴He
¹⁴N
⁵⁶Fe



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predictions	pre LHC	post LHC
$\langle X_{\max} \rangle$	$\sim 70 \text{ g/cm}^2$	$\sim 40 \text{ g/cm}^2$
elongation rate	different	similar

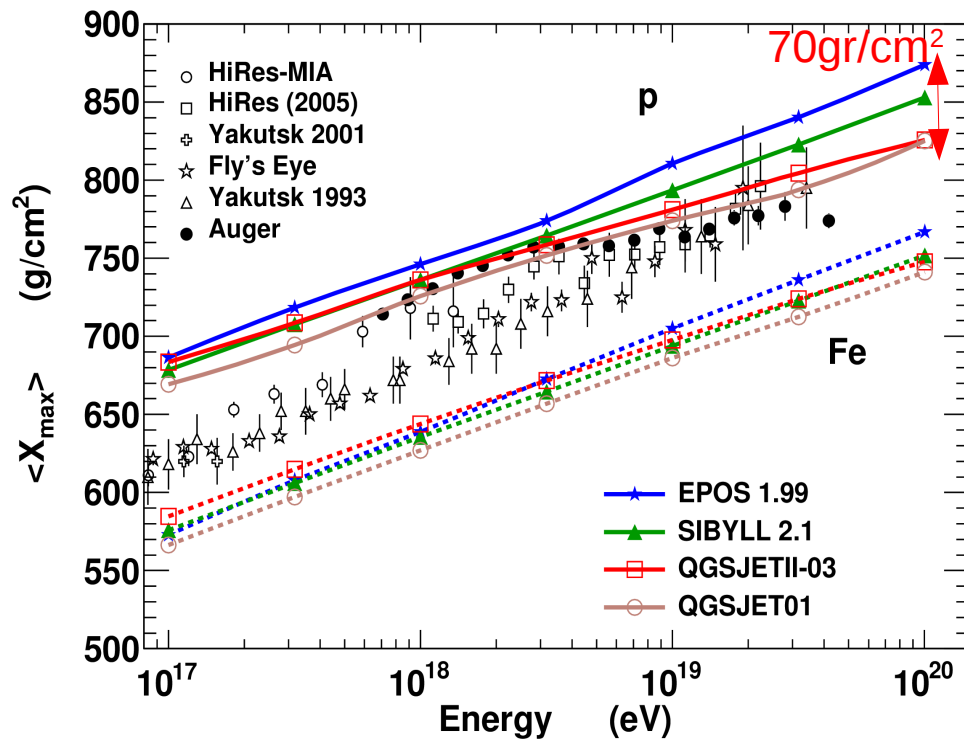
generalized Heitler model

J. Matthews, Astropart. Phys. 22 (2005) 387

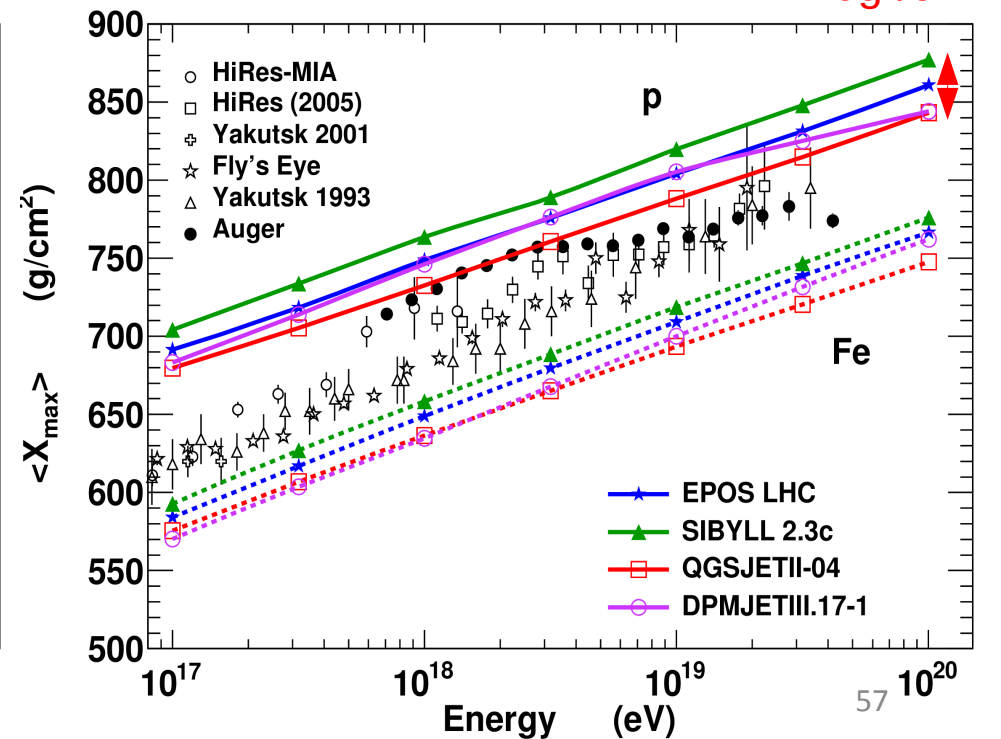
$$X_{\max} \sim \lambda_e \ln \left(\frac{(1-k)}{2 n_{\text{tot}}} \times \frac{E}{A} \right) + \lambda_{\text{ine}}$$

elasticity
CROSS
multiplicity
section

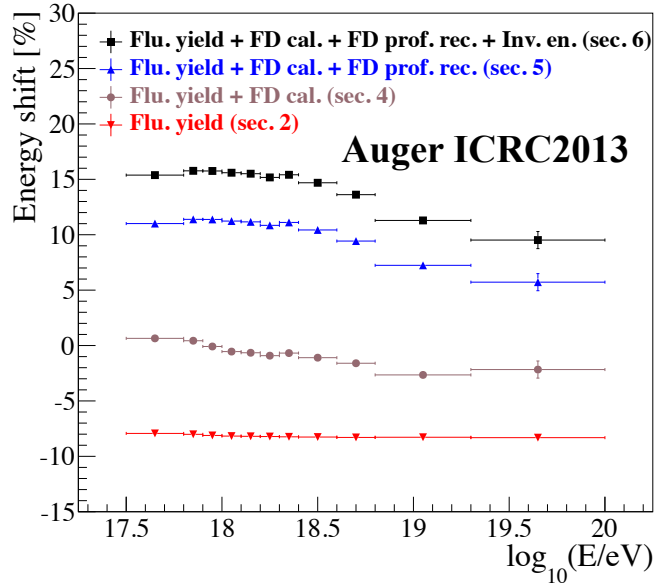
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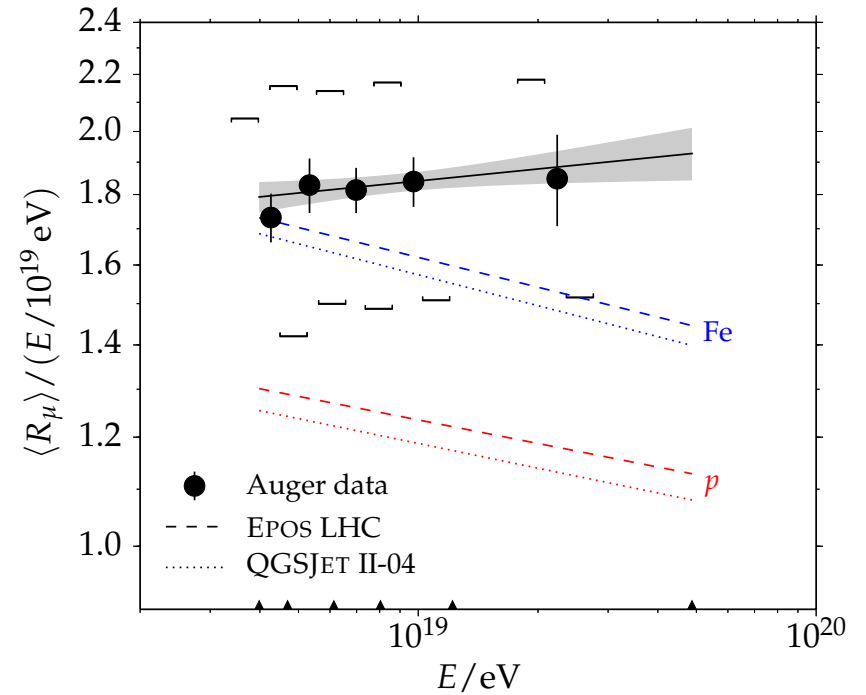
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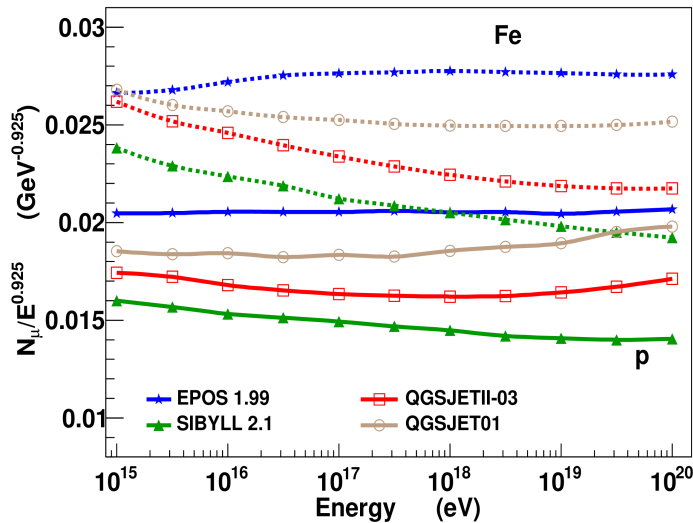


better energy estimation

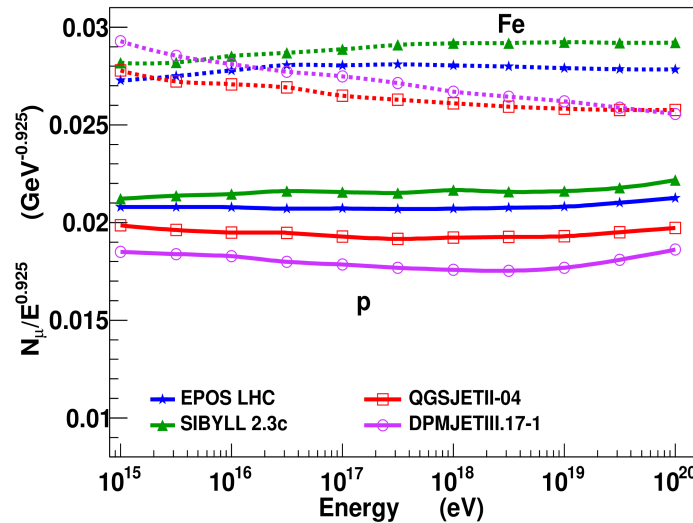


better prediction of N_μ

pre LHC



post LHC



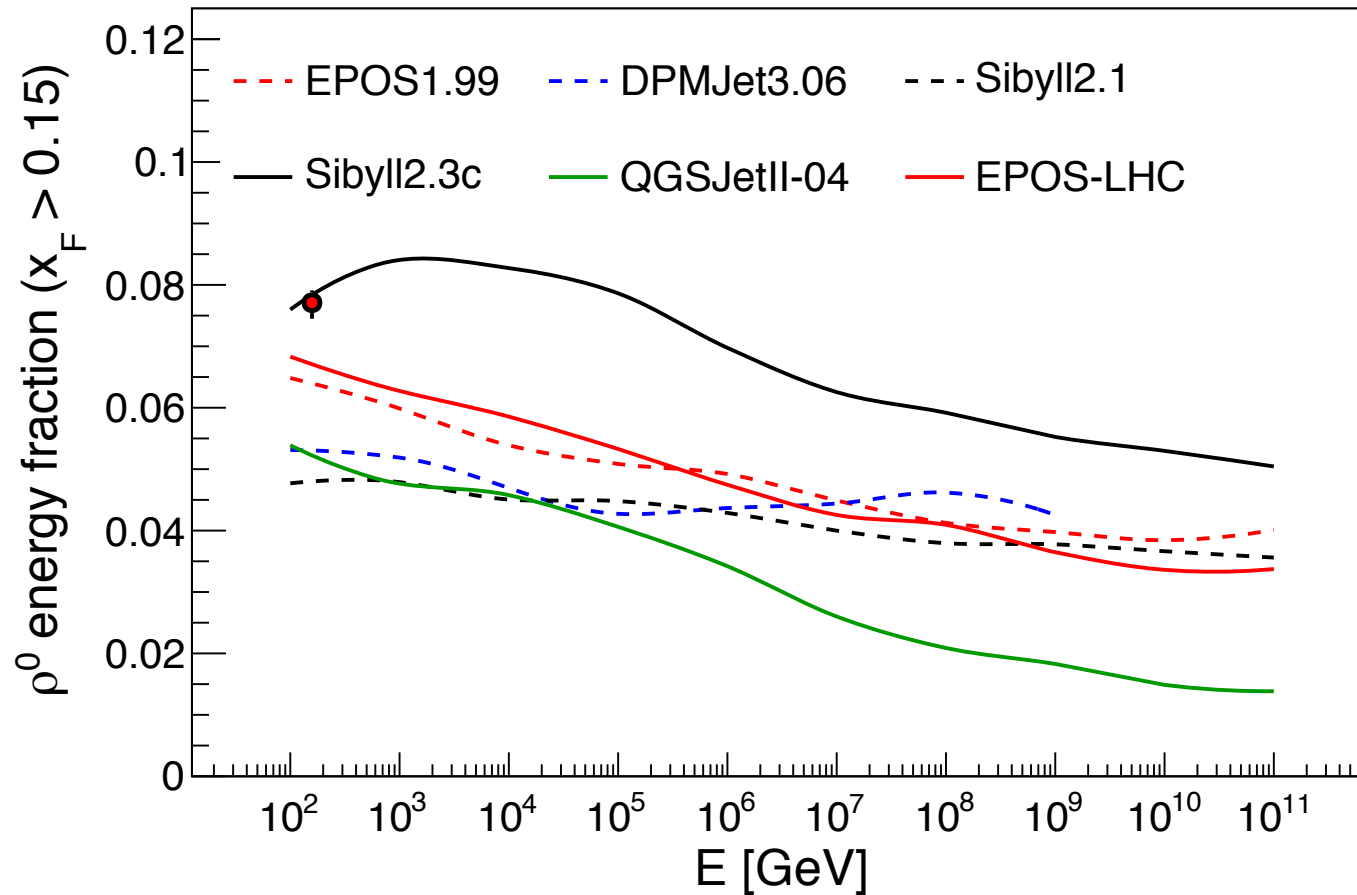
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$$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu$$

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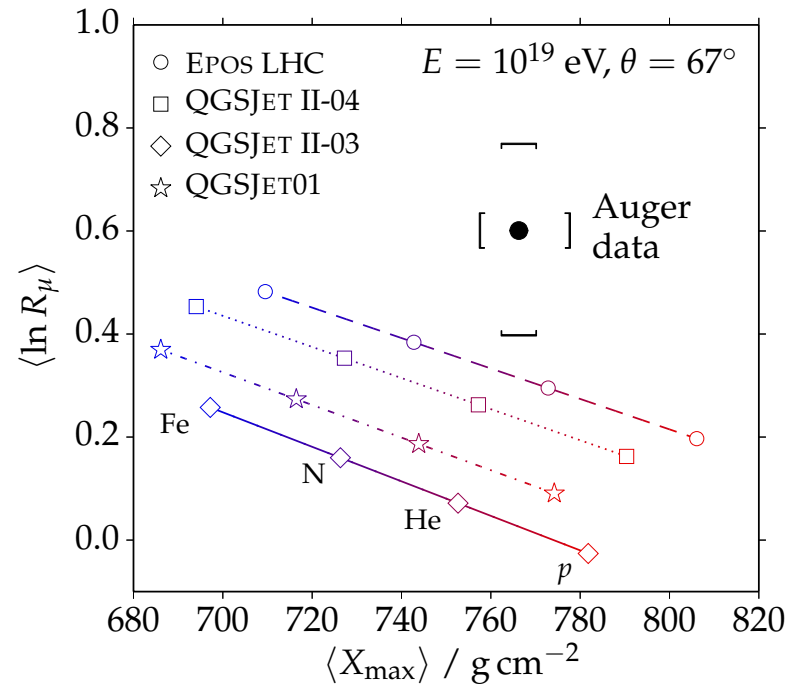
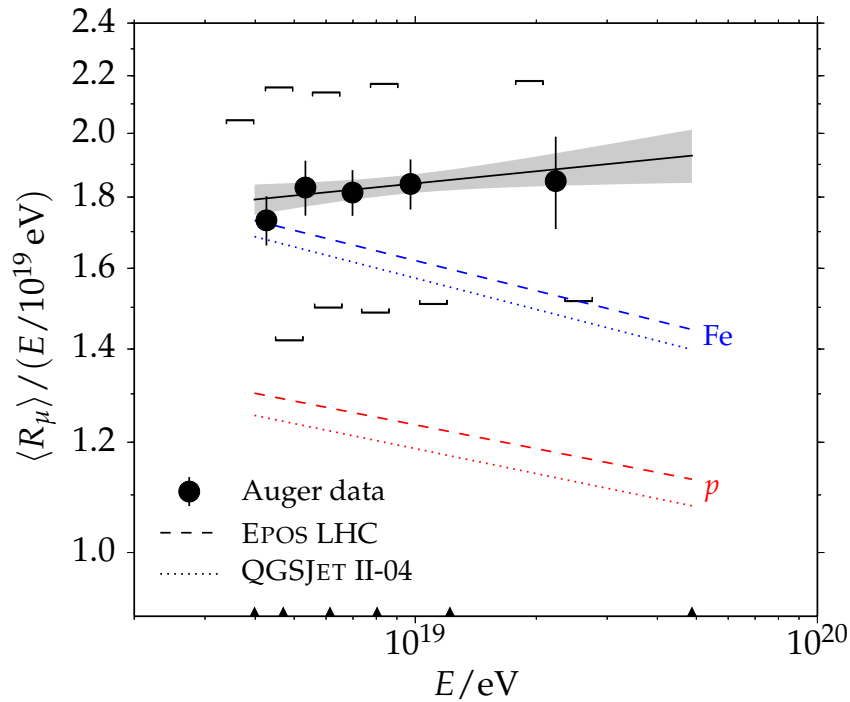
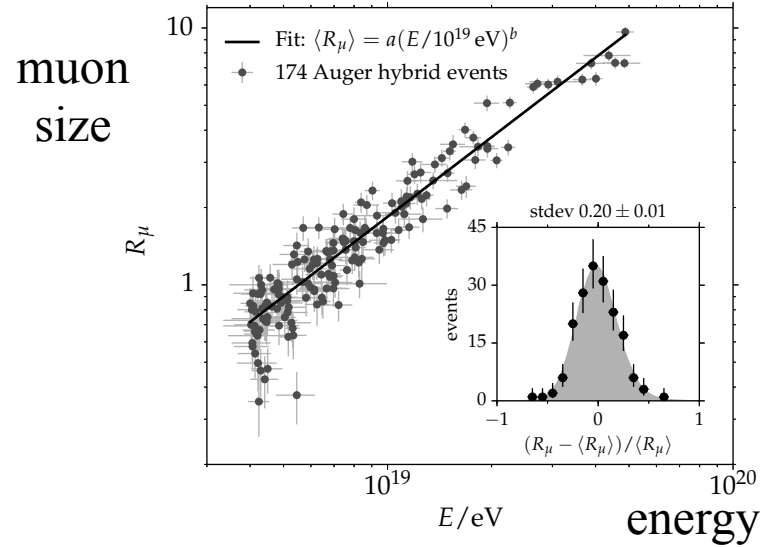


ρ^0 energy fraction in $\pi^- + C$

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hybrid showers inclined at large zenith angle



muon excess $\sim 30\%$ - 80% for mass composition from X_{max}

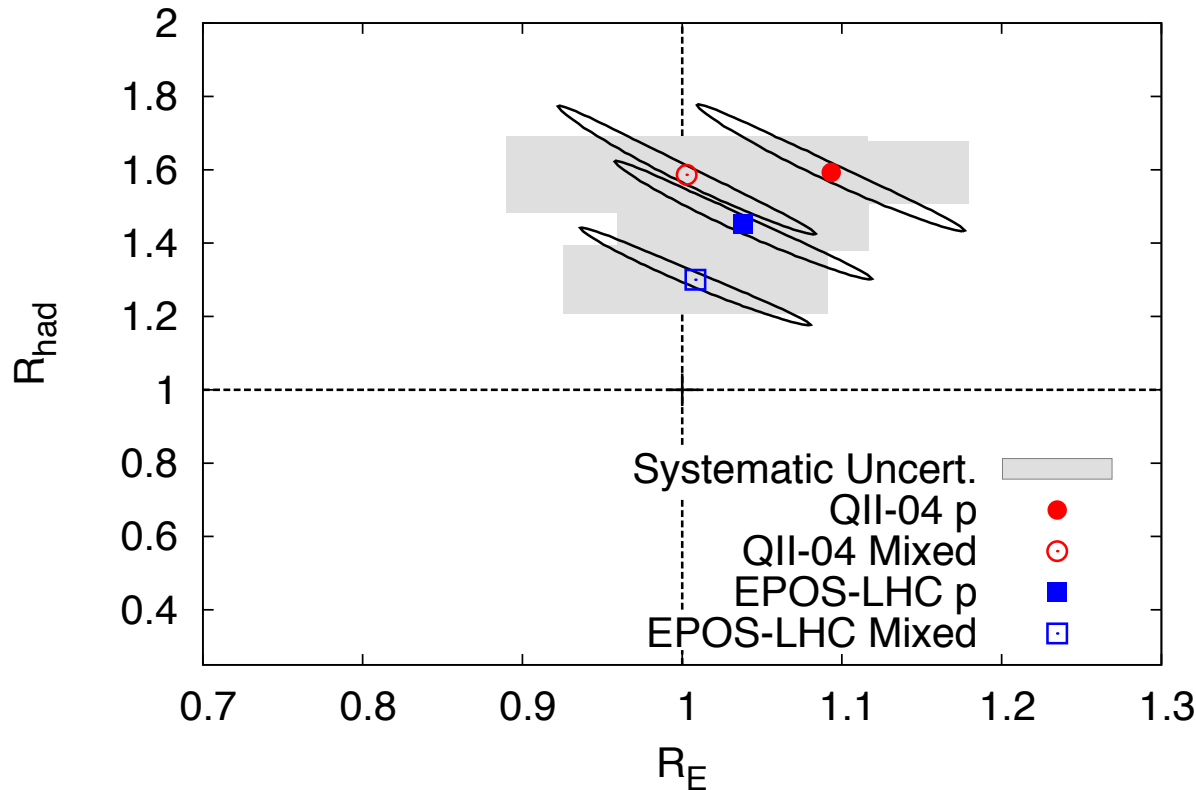
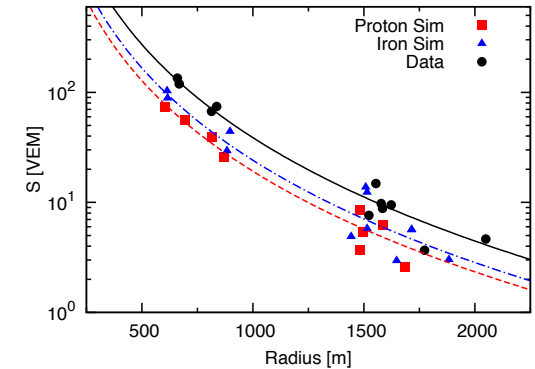
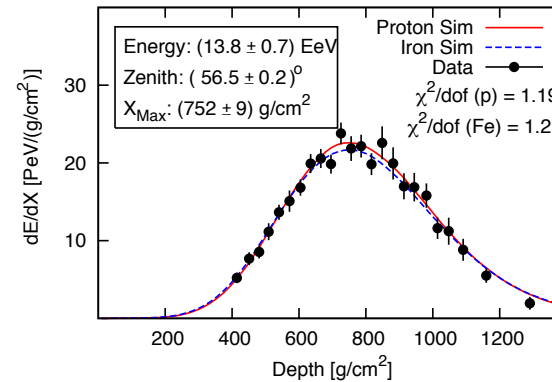
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Auger hybrid events

$E \sim 10^{19}$ eV $\theta < 60^\circ$

- simulate showers matching FD data
- compare simulated signal at ground with SD data



$$S = R_E S_{EM} + R_{had} R_E^\alpha S_{had}$$

↑ ↑
rescaling factors to
match the data

evidence of muon
excess not
sensitive to energy
scale uncertainty

Expected cosmogenic vs with the Auger exposure

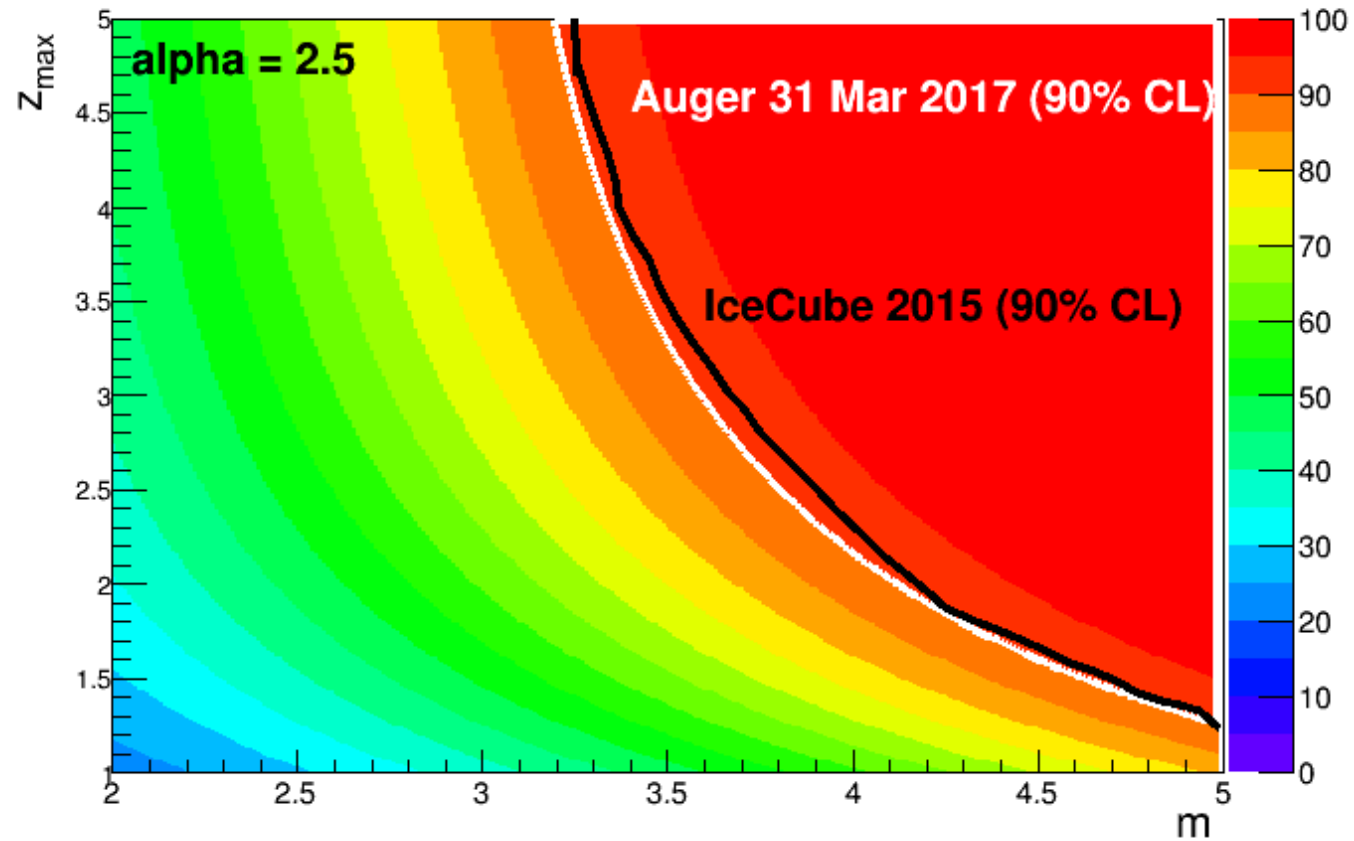
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Diffuse flux neutrino model	Expected events (1 Jan 04 - 31 Mar 17)
Cosmogenic - proton - strong source evolution	
Cosmogenic - proton, FRII evol. (Kampert 2012)	~ 5.2
Cosmogenic - proton, FRII evol. (Kotera 2010)	~ 9.2
Cosmogenic - proton - moderate source evolution	
Cosmogenic - proton, SFR evol (Aloisio 2015)	~ 2.0
Cosmogenic - proton, SFR evol, $E_{\max} = 10^{21}$ eV (Kotera 2010)	~ 1.8
Cosmogenic - proton, SFR evol. (Kampert 2012)	~ 1.2
Cosmogenic - proton, GRB evol. (Kotera 2010)	~ 1.5
Cosmogenic - proton - normalized to Fermi-LAT GeV γ -rays	
Cosmogenic - proton, Fermi-LAT, $E_{\min} = 10^{19}$ eV (Ahlers 2010)	~ 4.0
Cosmogenic - proton, Fermi-LAT, $E_{\min} = 10^{17.5}$ eV (Ahlers 2010)	~ 2.1
Cosmogenic - mixed and iron	
Cosmogenic - mixed (Galactic) UHECR composition (Kotera 2010)	~ 0.7
Cosmogenic - iron, FRII (Kampert 2012)	~ 0.35
Astrophysical sources	
Astrophysical - radio-loud AGN (Murase 2014)	~ 2.6
Astrophysical - Pulsars - SFR evol. (Fang 2014)	~ 1.3

EXCLUDED (> 90% CL), **DISFAVORED** (85% < CL < 90%), **ALLOWED**

Constraints on Cosmogenic neutrinos from proton-dominated sources

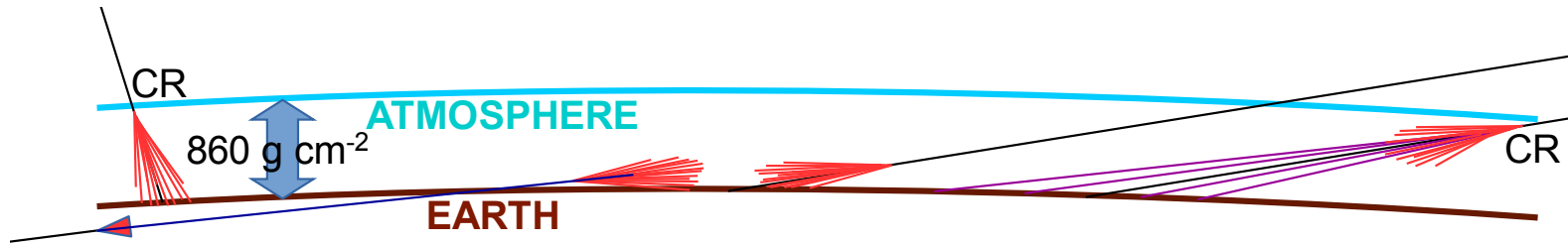
maximum
source
distance



Injection spectra $dN/dE \sim E^{-\alpha}$

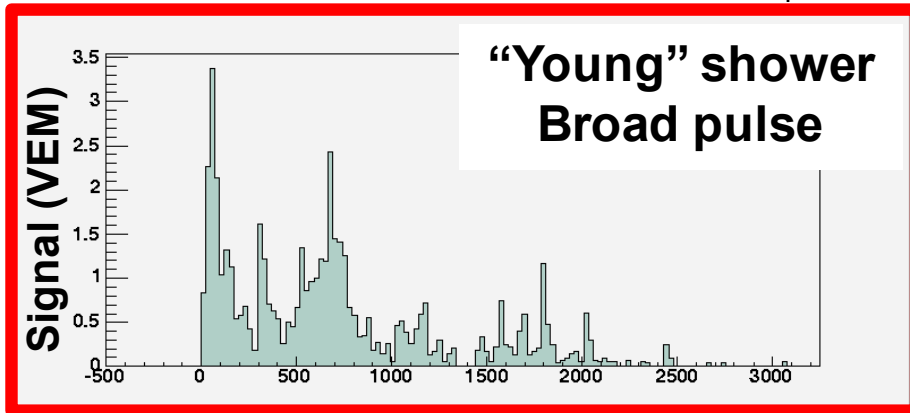
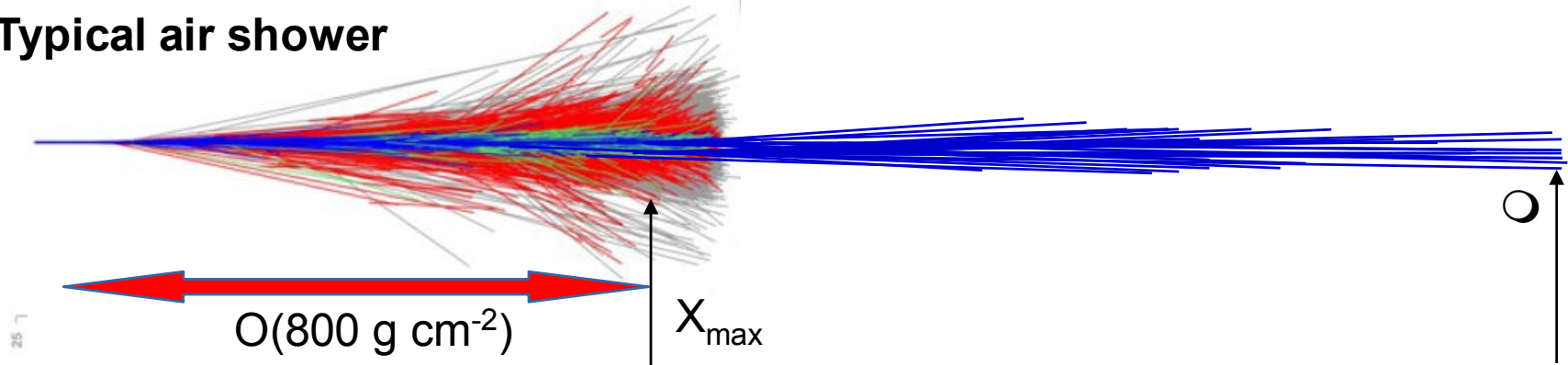
source evolution $\sim (1+z)^m$

Unambiguous identification of ν s - Auger



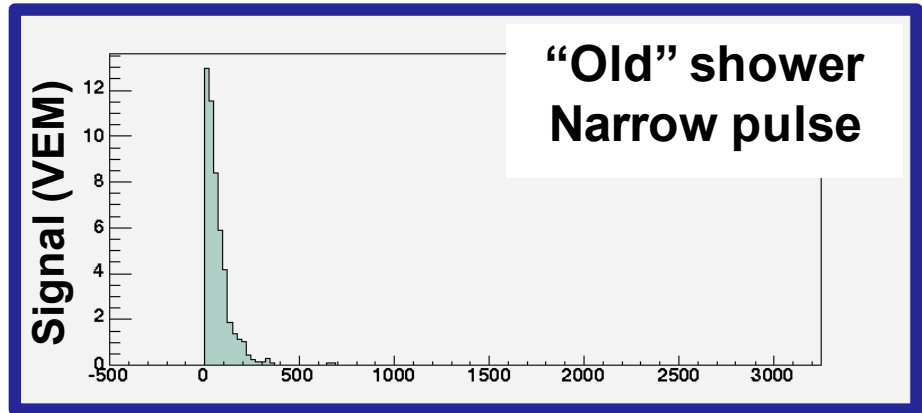
Neutrino: Inclined air shower with broad component

Typical air shower



"Young" shower
Broad pulse

Time (ns)



"Old" shower
Narrow pulse

Time (ns) 64

X_{\max} measured by LOFAR

fit of the asymmetric l.d.f.

200-450 antennas/event

118 showers

$\delta X_{\max} \sim 15 \text{ g/cm}^2$

$\delta E \sim 27\%$ (LORA)

