Overview of the recent results of the Telescope Array experiment

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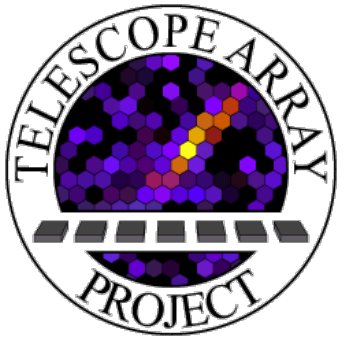

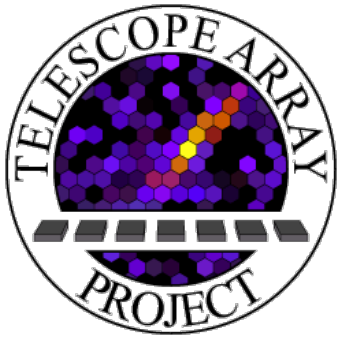

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Belgium, Czech Republic, Japan, Korea, Russia, Slovenia, USA

7 countries, 32 institutes

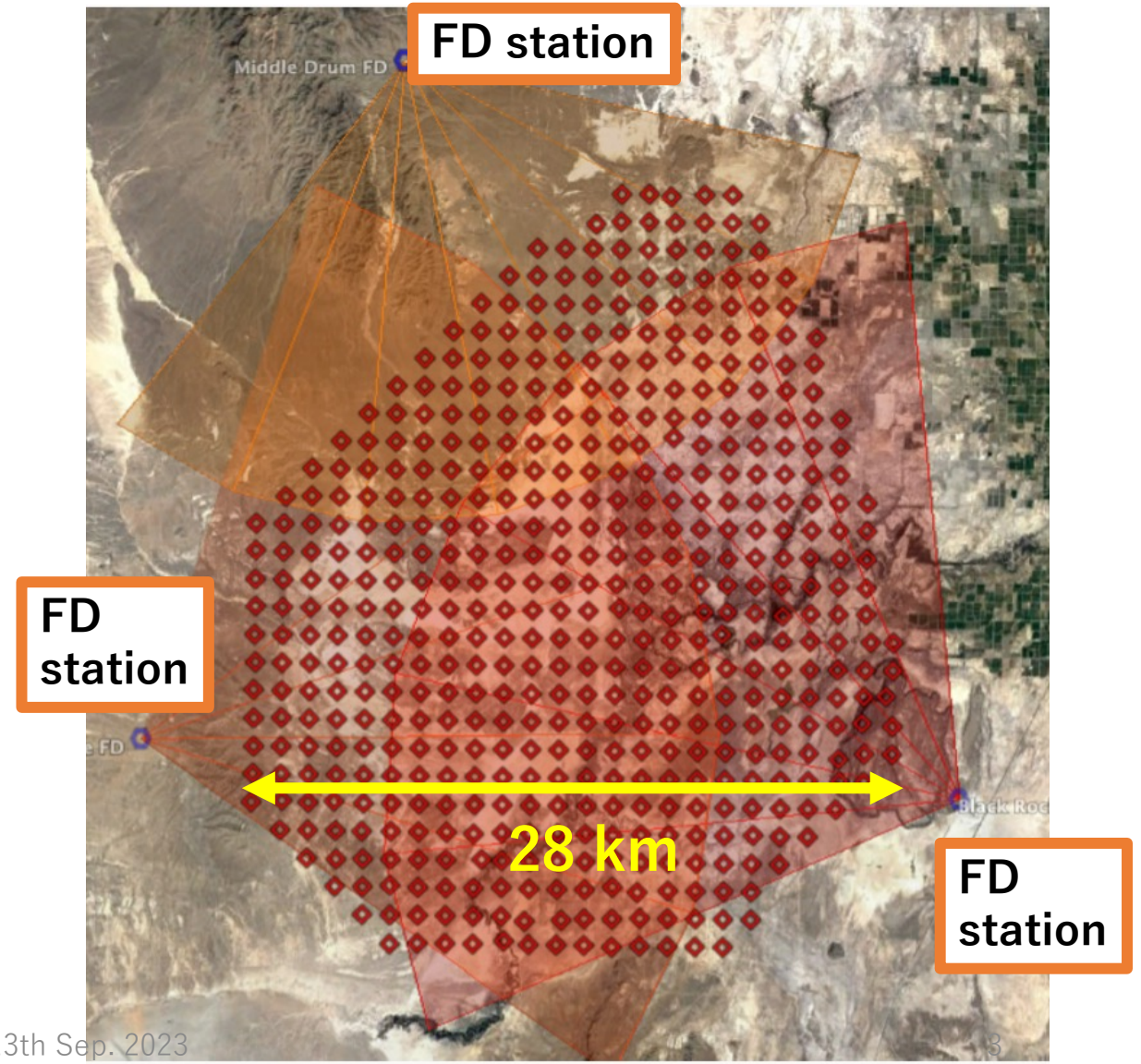
Overview of the Telescope Array (TA) experiment

- Located in Utah, U.S.
  at altitude of 1400 m

- 507 **SD**s (3 $\mathbf{m^2}$ area, 1.2 km spacing)
  covering ~**700 $\mathbf{km^2}$**
  - Largest cosmic-ray observatory
    in the northern hemisphere

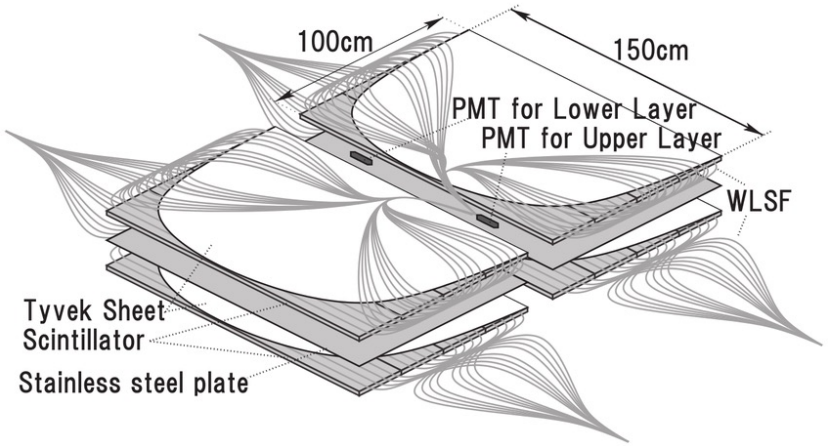
- 3 **FD** stations
  - Looking over SD array for
    hybrid detection

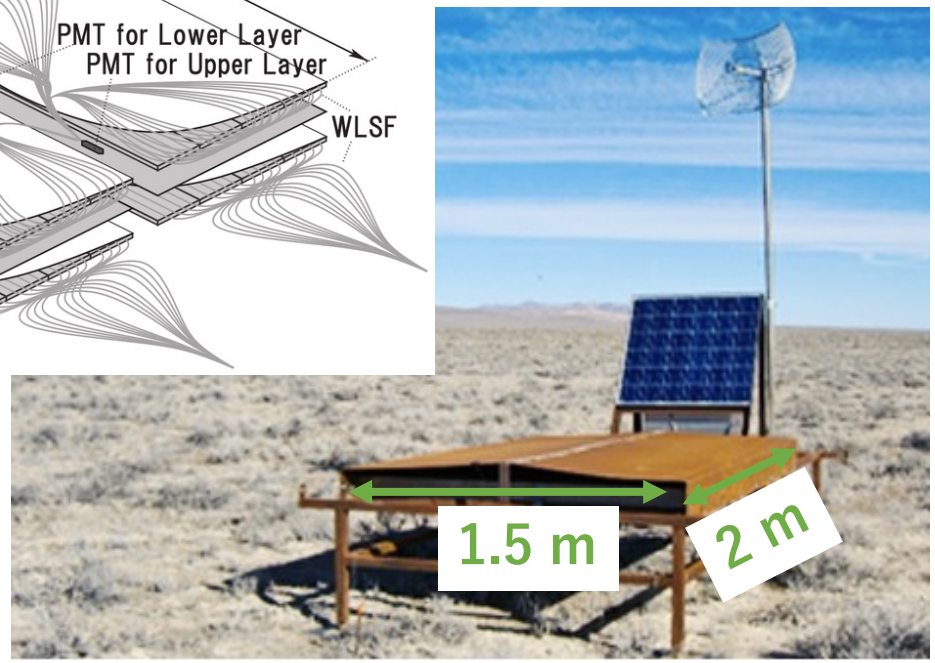
- Started observation in 2008

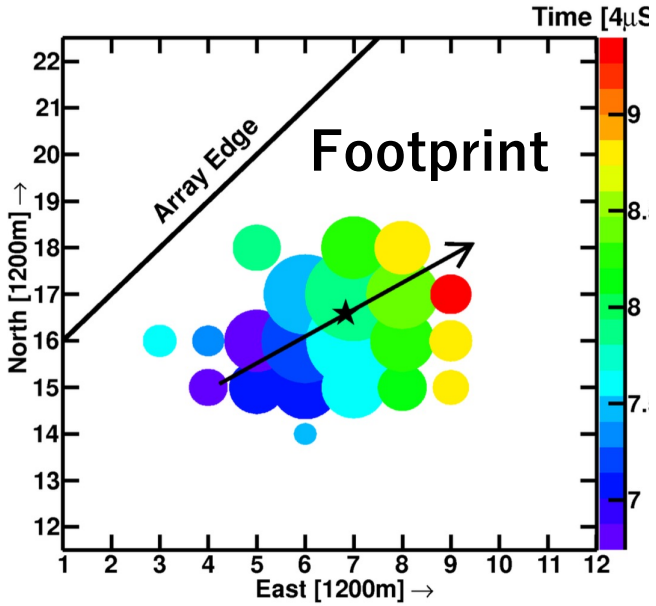


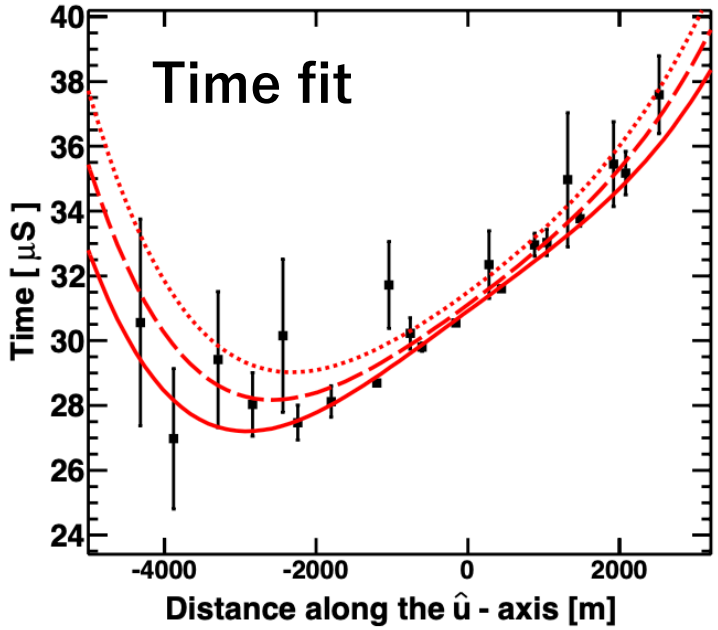
Reconstruction by SD

- 2 layers of plastic scintillators
  (2 m x 1.5 m, thickness: 1.2 cm)
- 12 bit 50 MHz FADC

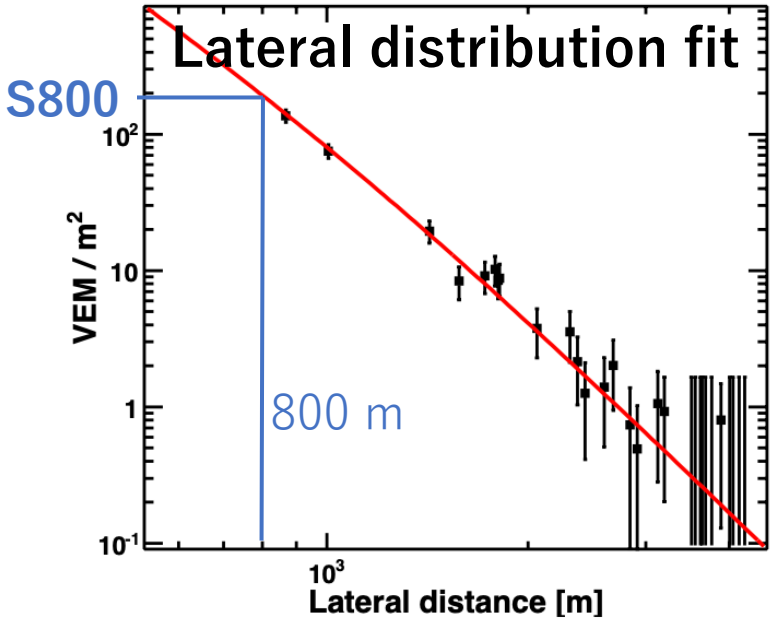




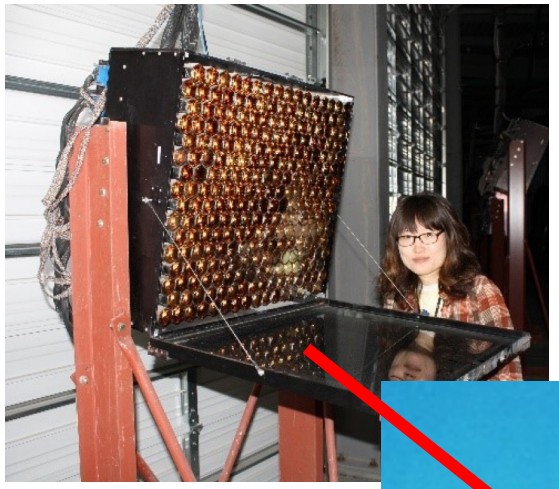




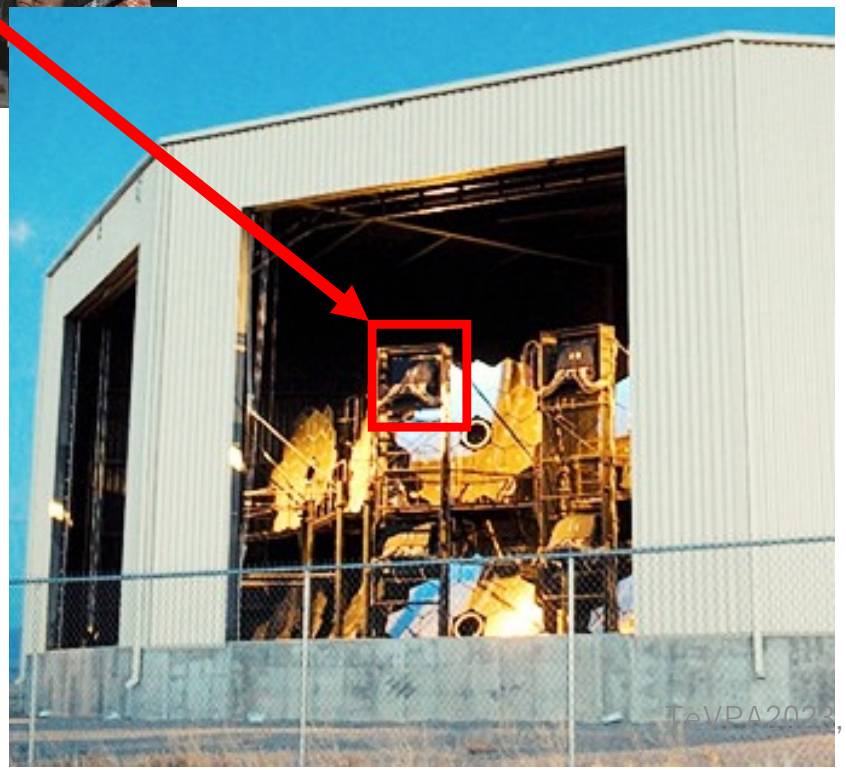
D. Ivanov, doctor thesis (2012)

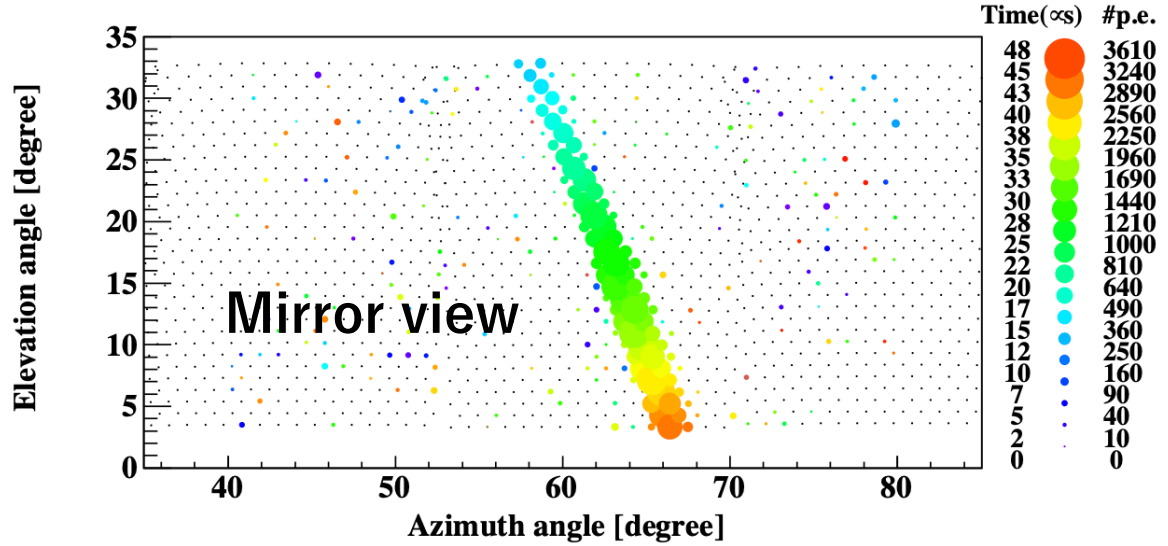


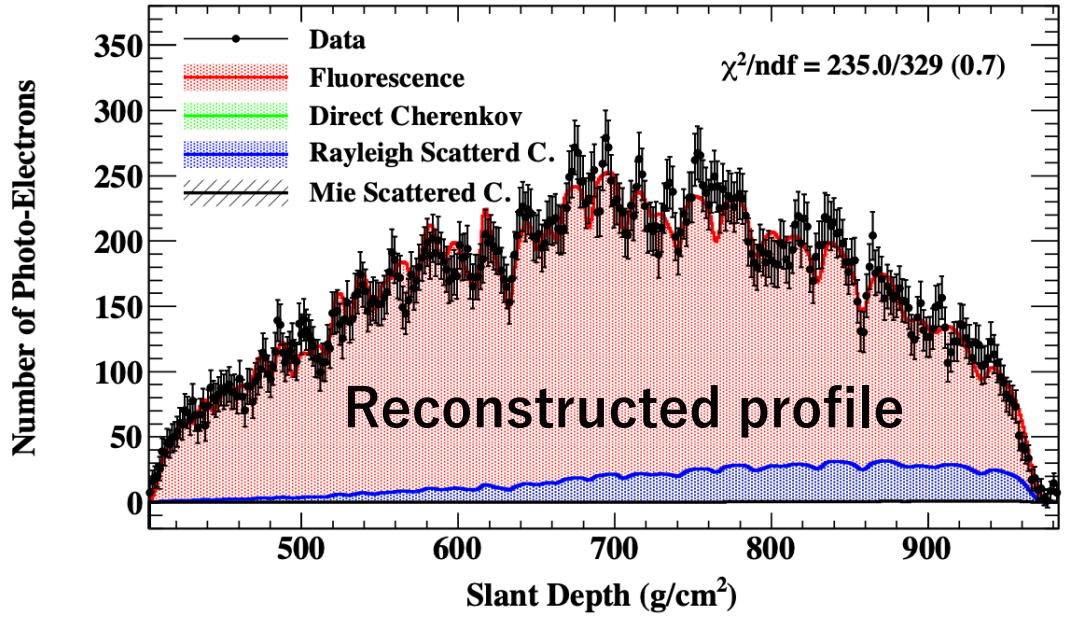
Reconstruction by FD



- **256** PMTs in a camera
- 12—14 telescopes in each station
- Covering 3°– 21° altitude



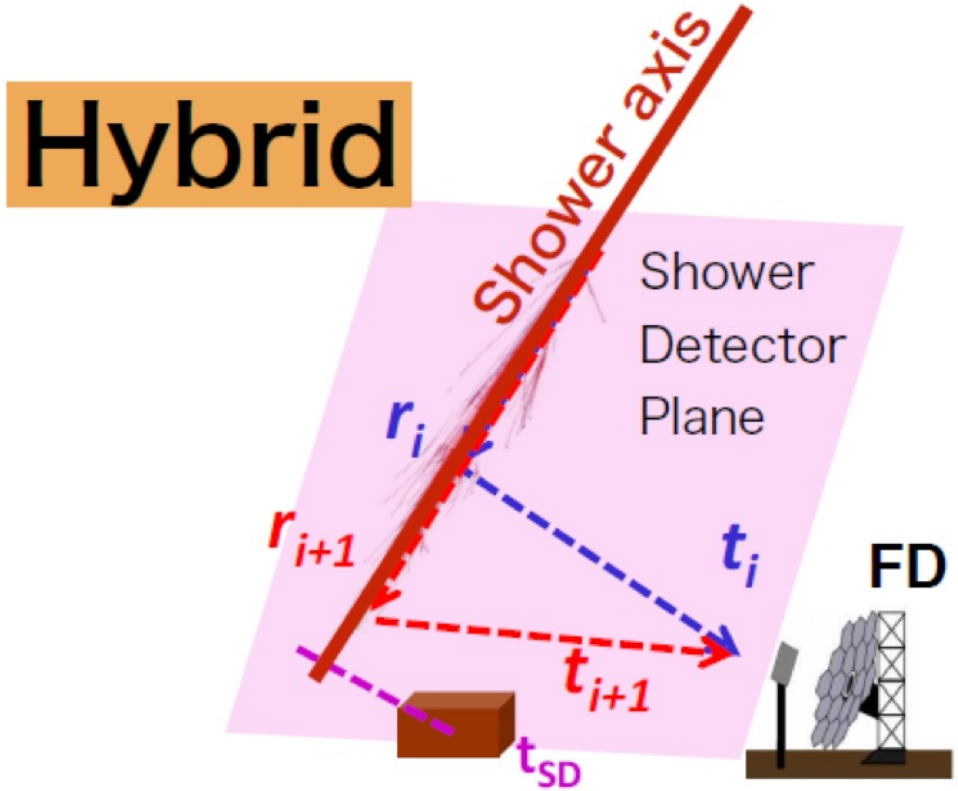


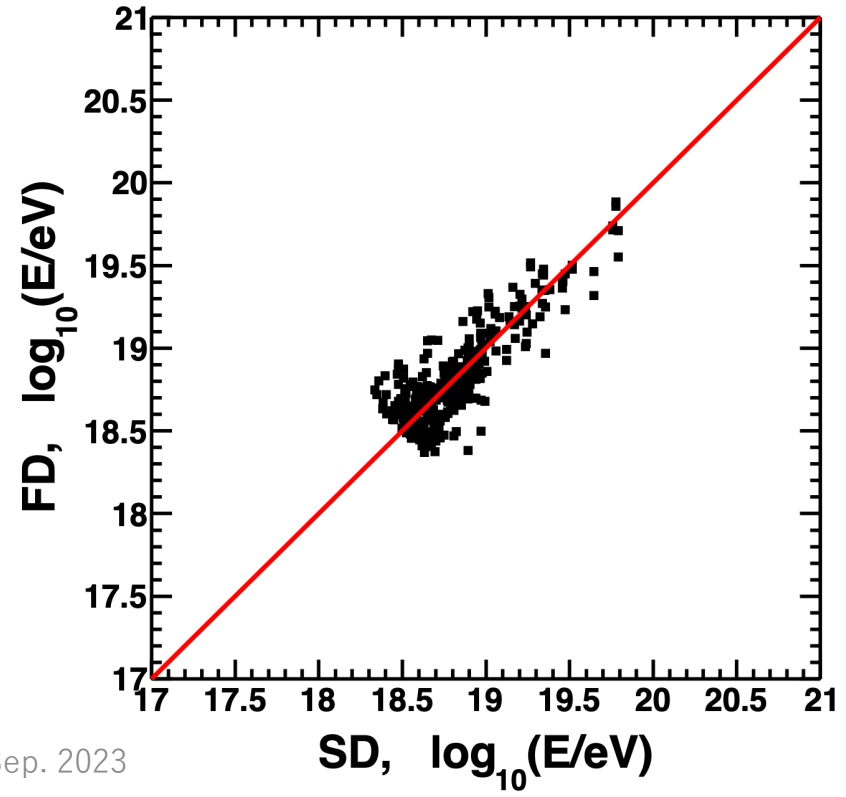


R. U. Abbasi et. al. ApJ, 80, 131-140 (2016)

Hybrid reconstruction

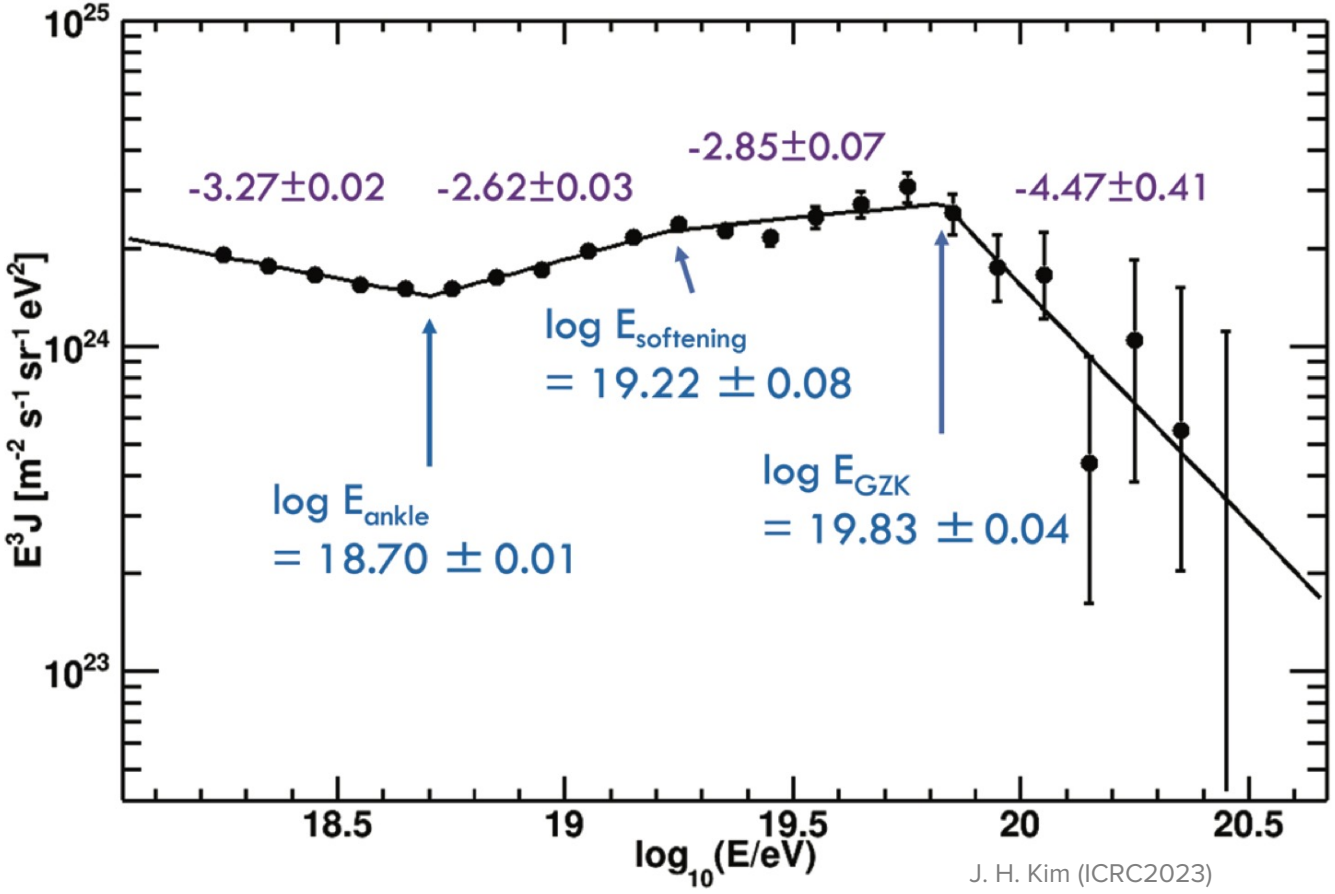
- Simultaneous detection with FD and SD
- Better resolution
- Calibrate SD–energy with FD–energy
  to reduce systematic uncertainty of SD–energy





Energy spectrum

14 years of **TA SD** data
(2008 –2022)



J. H. Kim (ICRC2023)

New feature in energy spectrum with a 4.0 σ significance
(“instep” / “shoulder”)

(Originally observed by Auger)

Pierre Auger Collaboration,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 121106 (2020)

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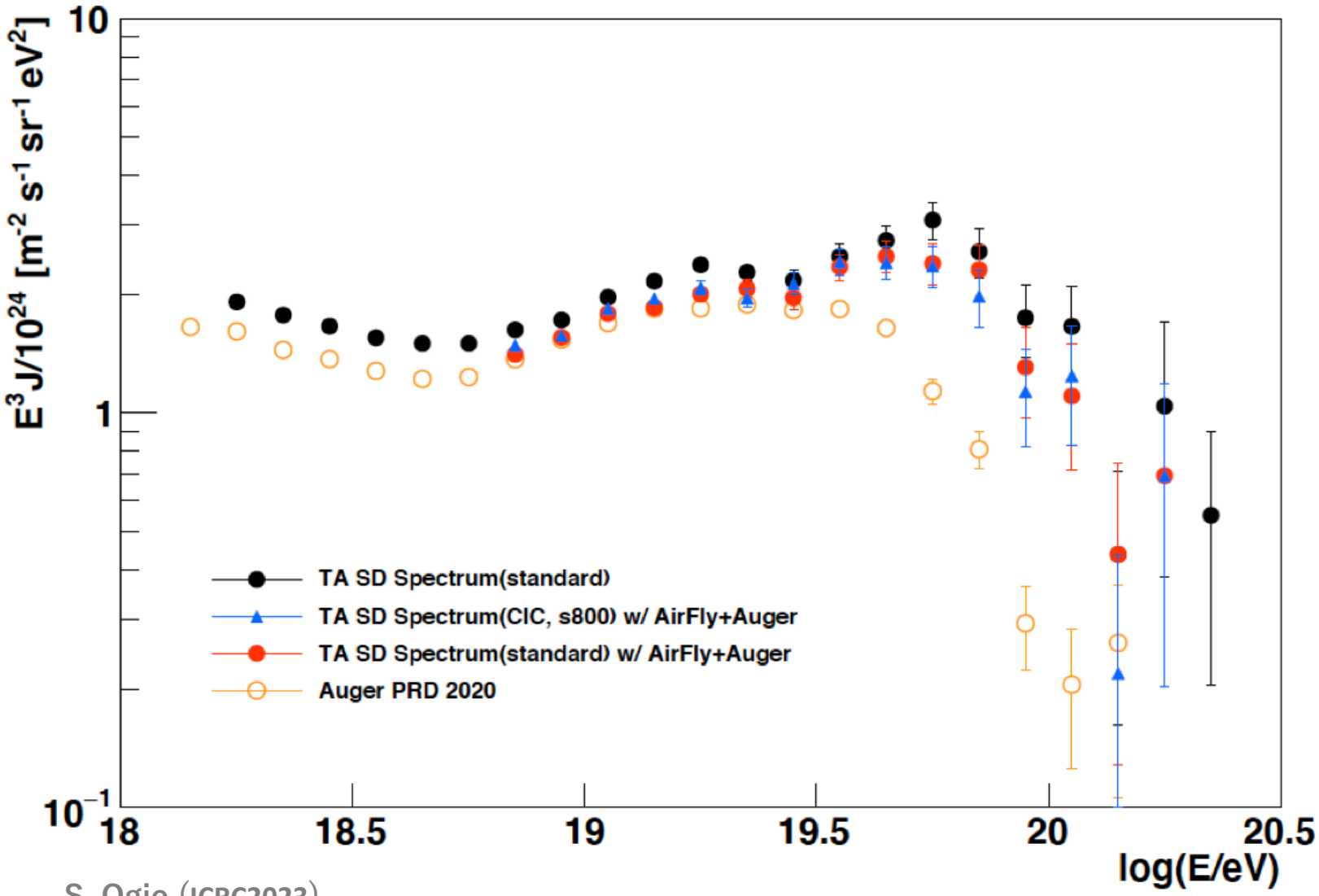
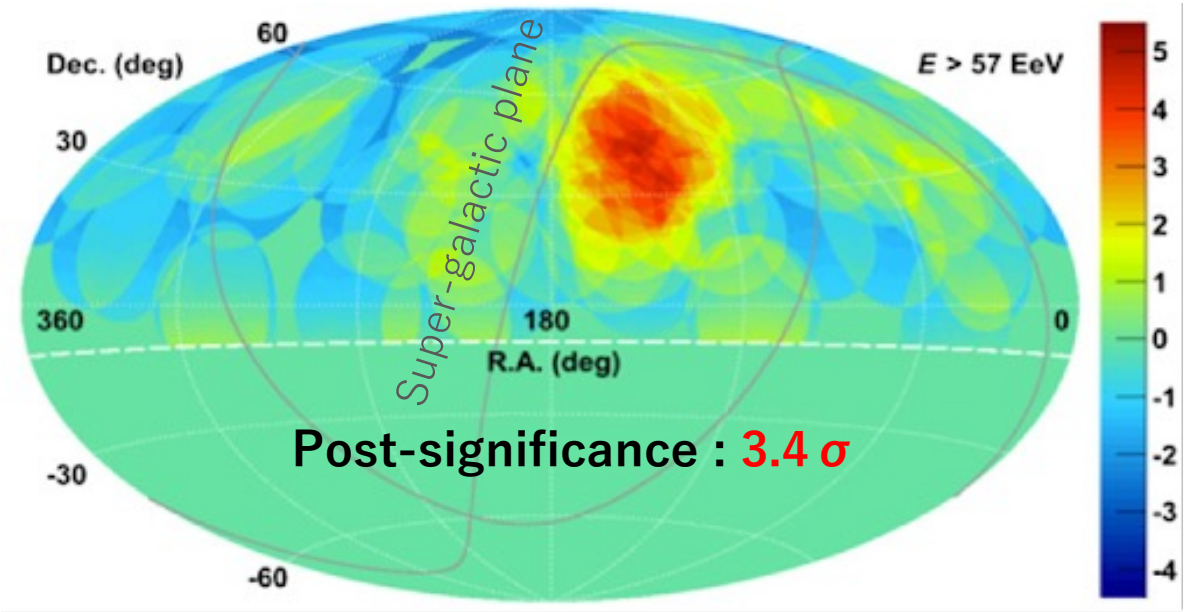


S. Ogio (ICRC2023)

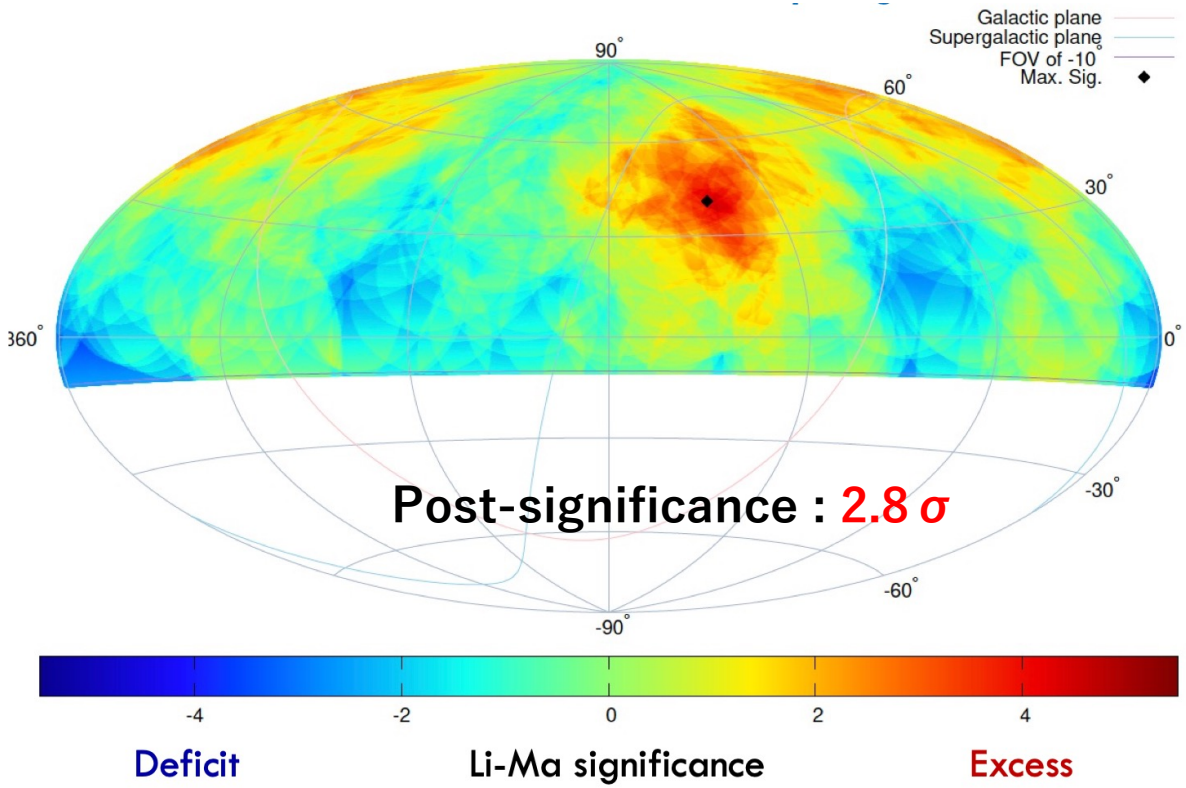
- Reconstruction with the same fluorescence yield model & missing energy model as Auger
  - Difference below $10^{19.5}$ eV: 9% → < 1%
- Reconstruction with CIC (which Auger uses)
  - Difference at the highest energy persists

Anisotropy TA hotspot (E > 57 EeV)



Original TA hotspot with **5 years** of TA SD data

TA collaboration, *ApJL* **790** L21 (2014)



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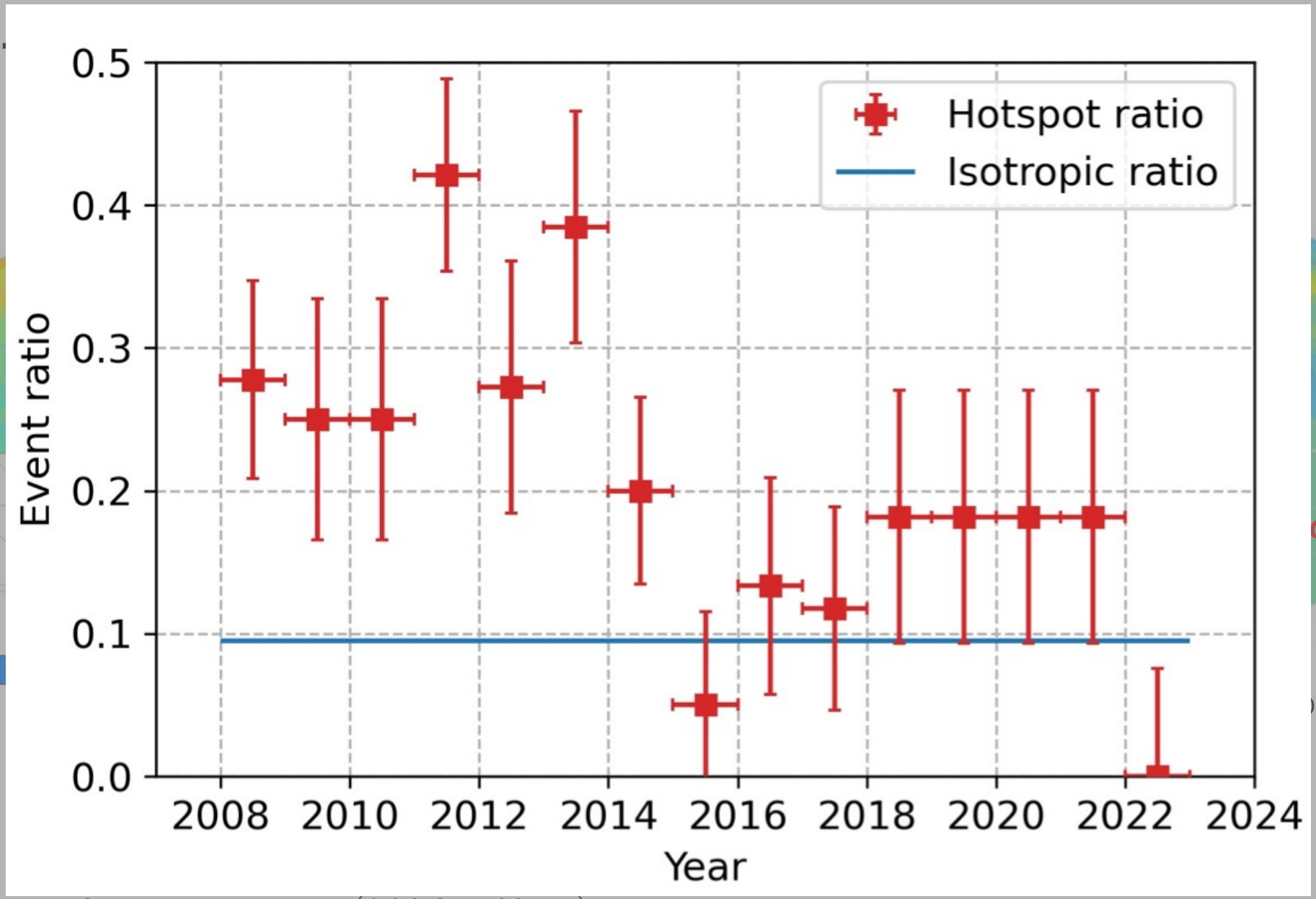
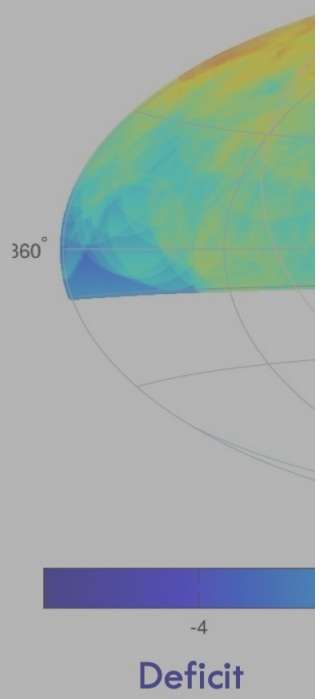
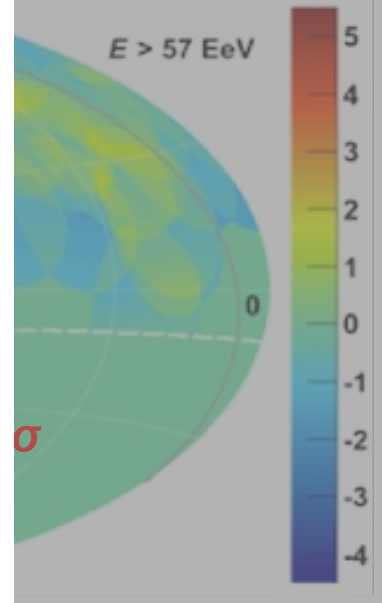
15 years of **TA SD** data (2008 –2023)

Aniso



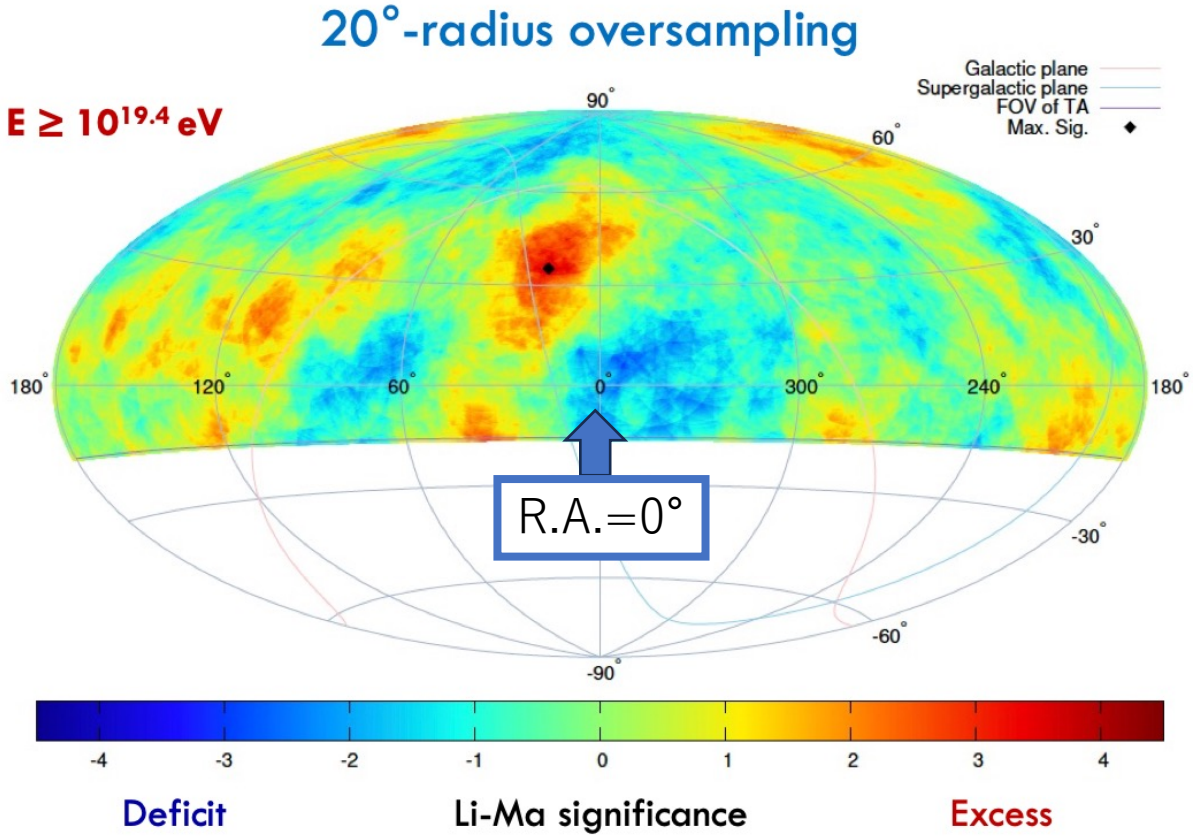


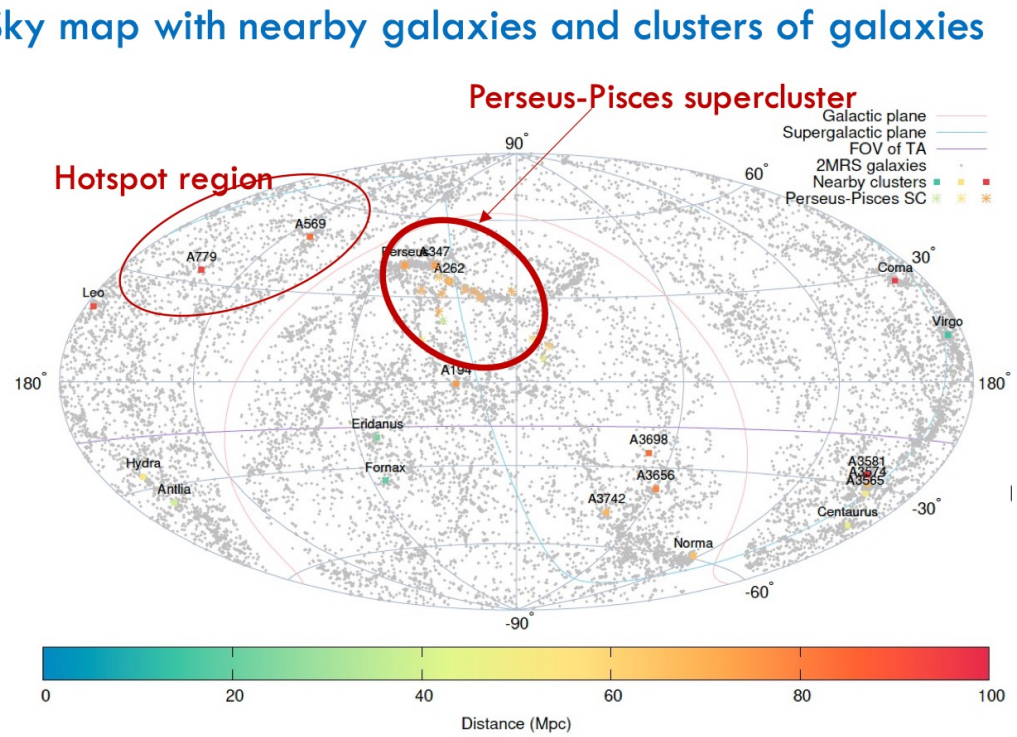


of TA SD data

Maximum significance position: (144.0°, 40.5°)

Anisotropy New intermediate-scale anisotropy





J. H. Kim (ICRC2023)

15 years of **TA SD** data

- New excess at lower energy region in the direction of **Perseus-Pieces Supercluster**

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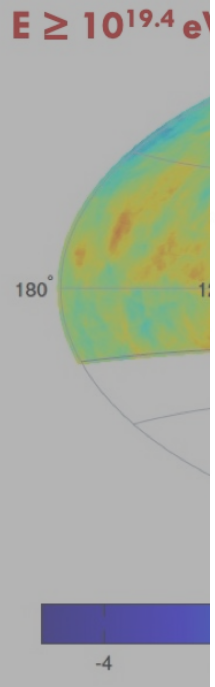

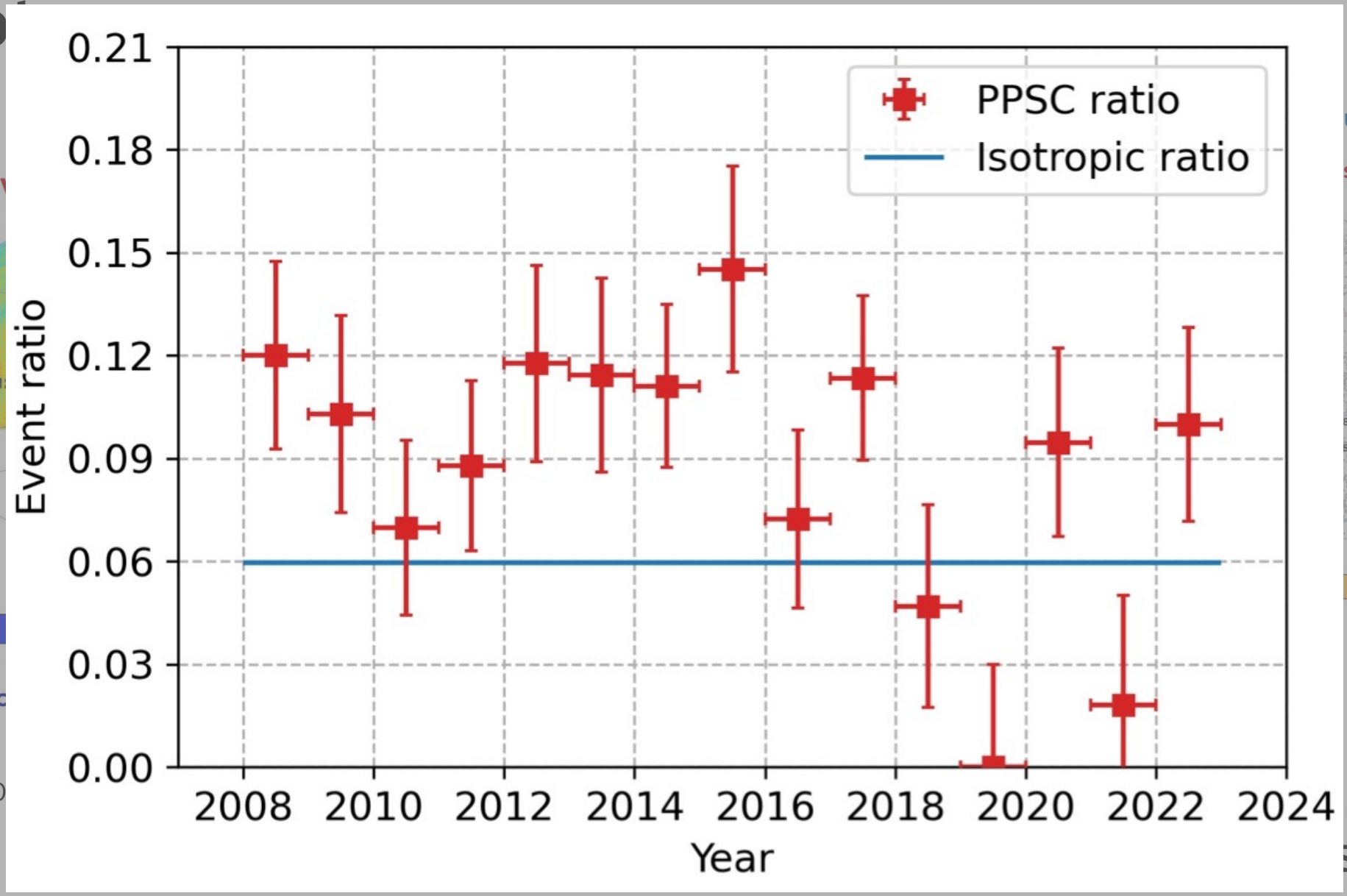

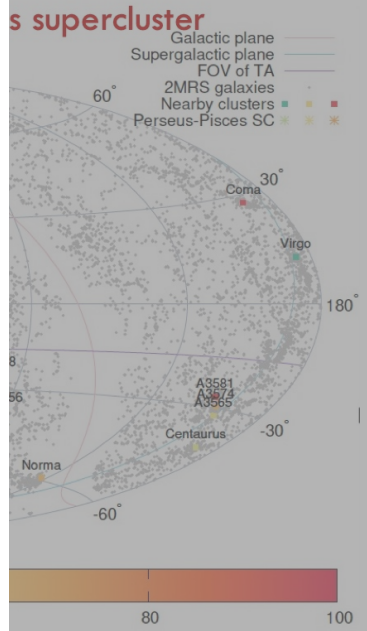

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Composition

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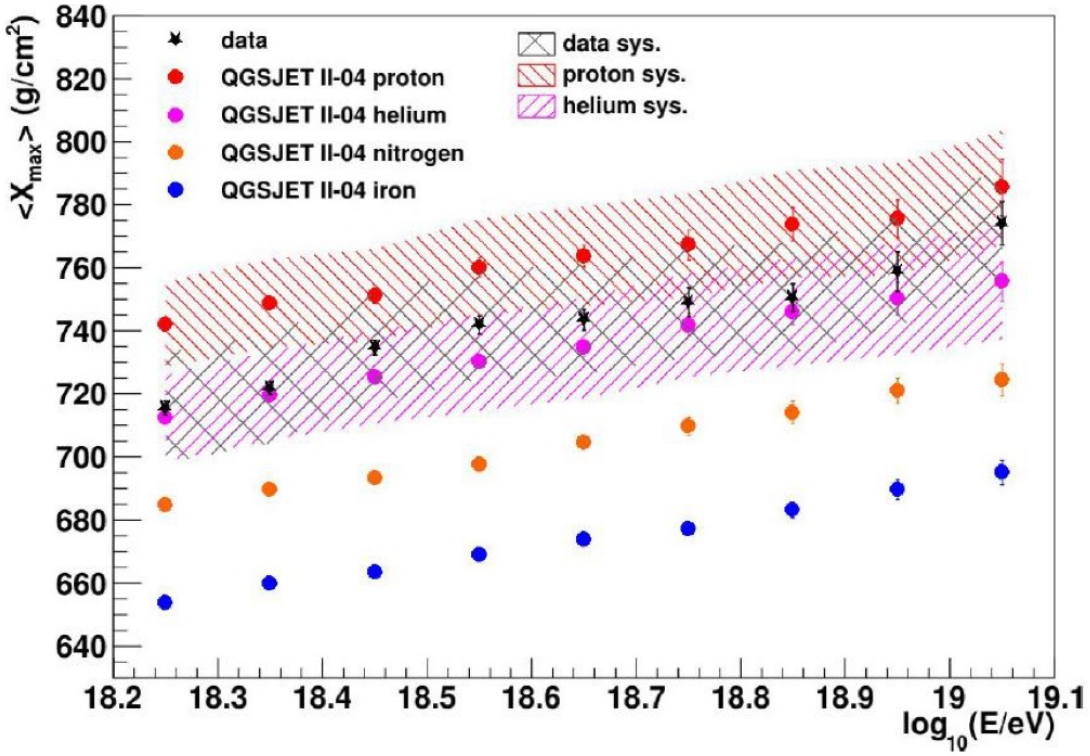

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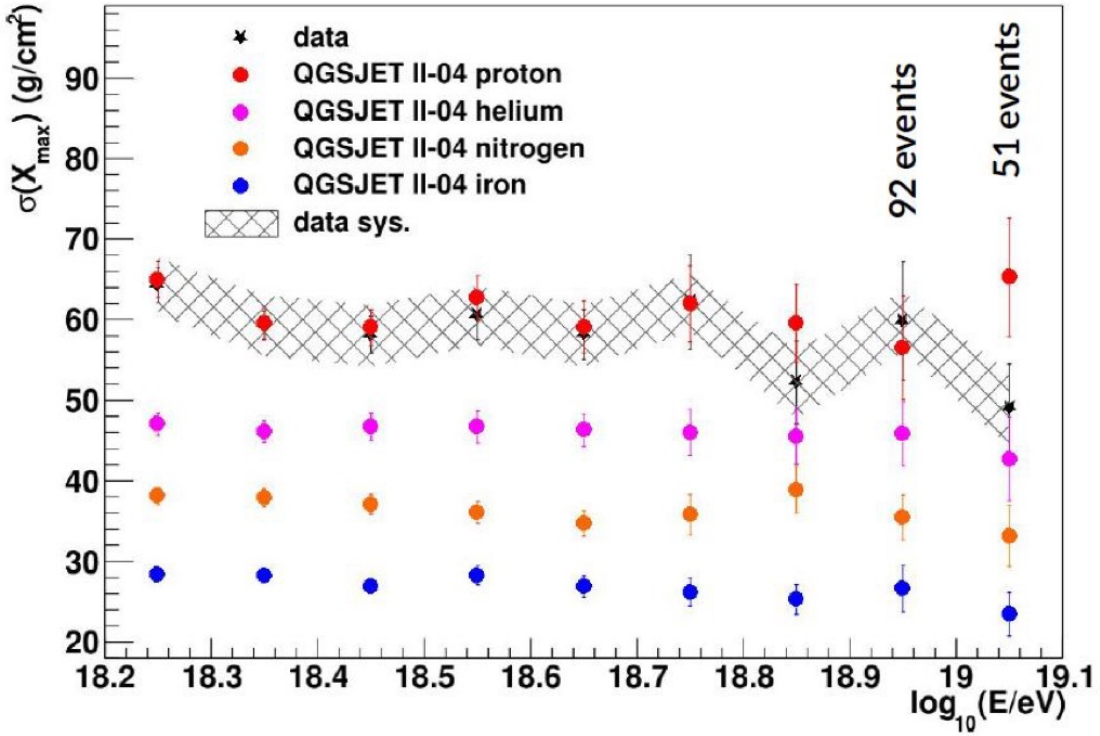


W. Hanlon (ICRC2019)

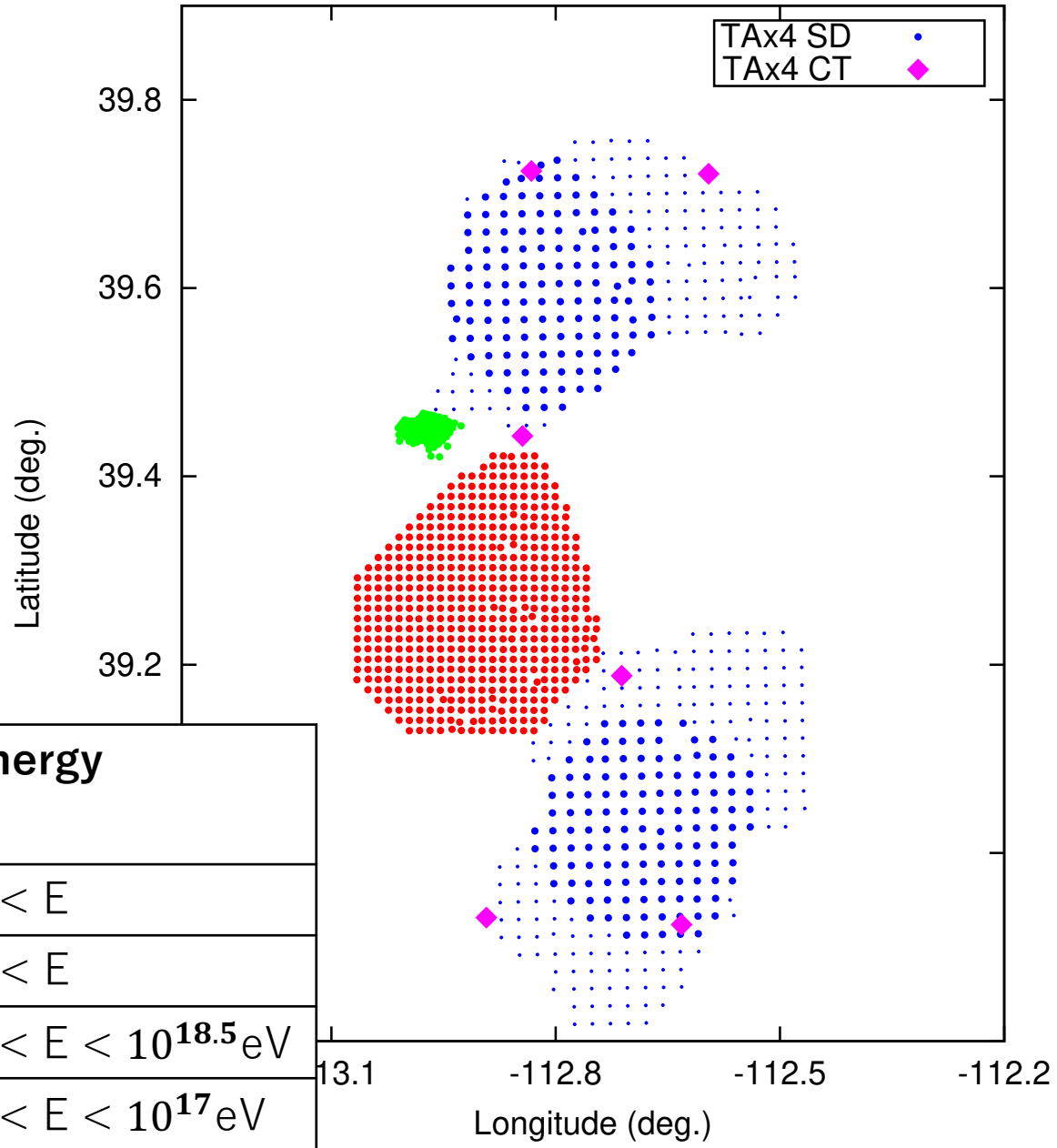
10 years of TA hybrid data: 3560 events after event selection

- Agreement with mixtures of light composition using QGSJET II-04 as a hadronic interaction model in $10^{18.2}\mathrm{eV} - 10^{19.1}\ \mathrm{eV}$

The TA experiment expansion

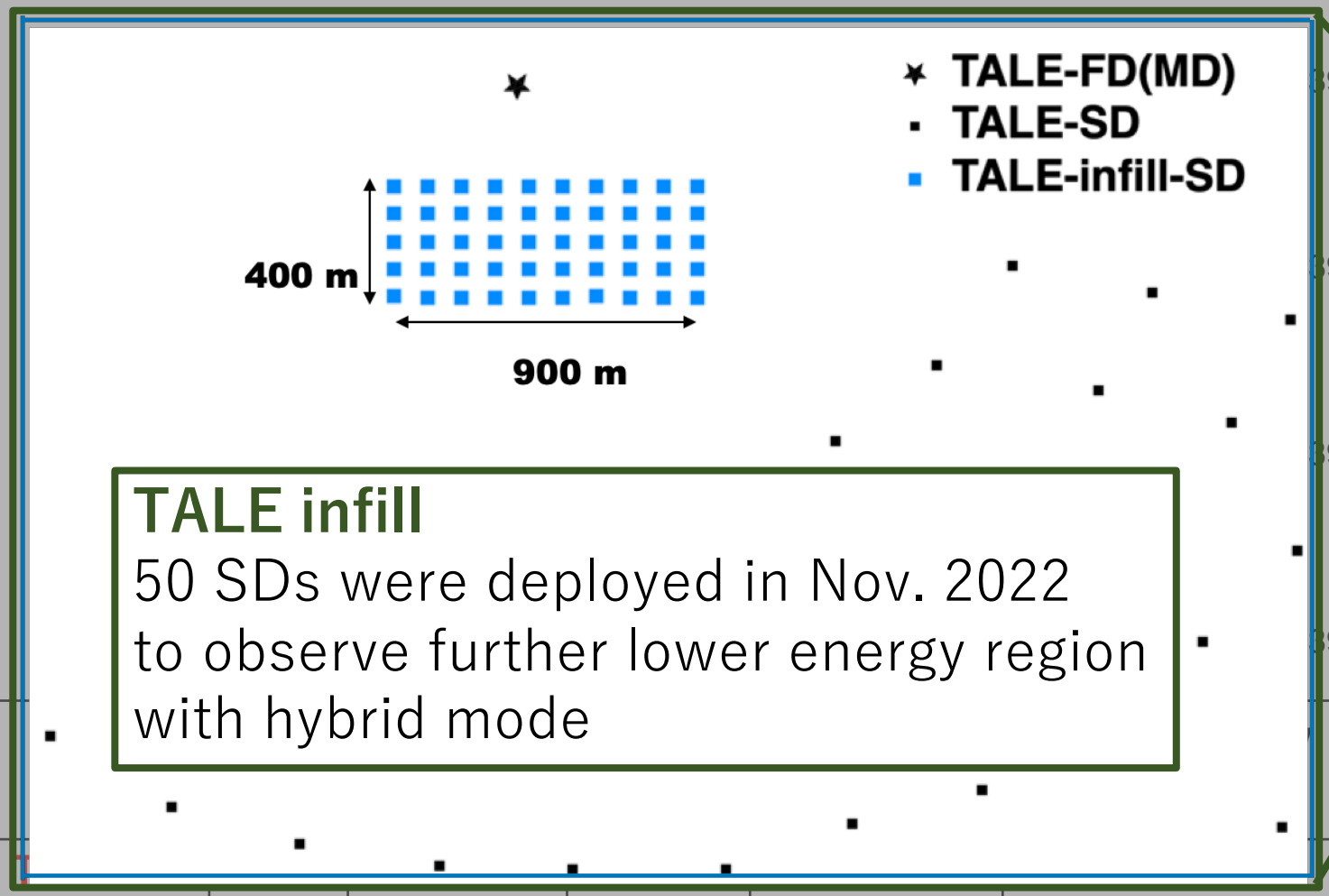
- TA Low energy Extension (**TALE**)
  - Further extension for lower energy (**TALE infill**) will start observation in near future

- **TA×4**: increase the data collection speed for energies greater than 57 EeV
  - Half extension was made in 2019



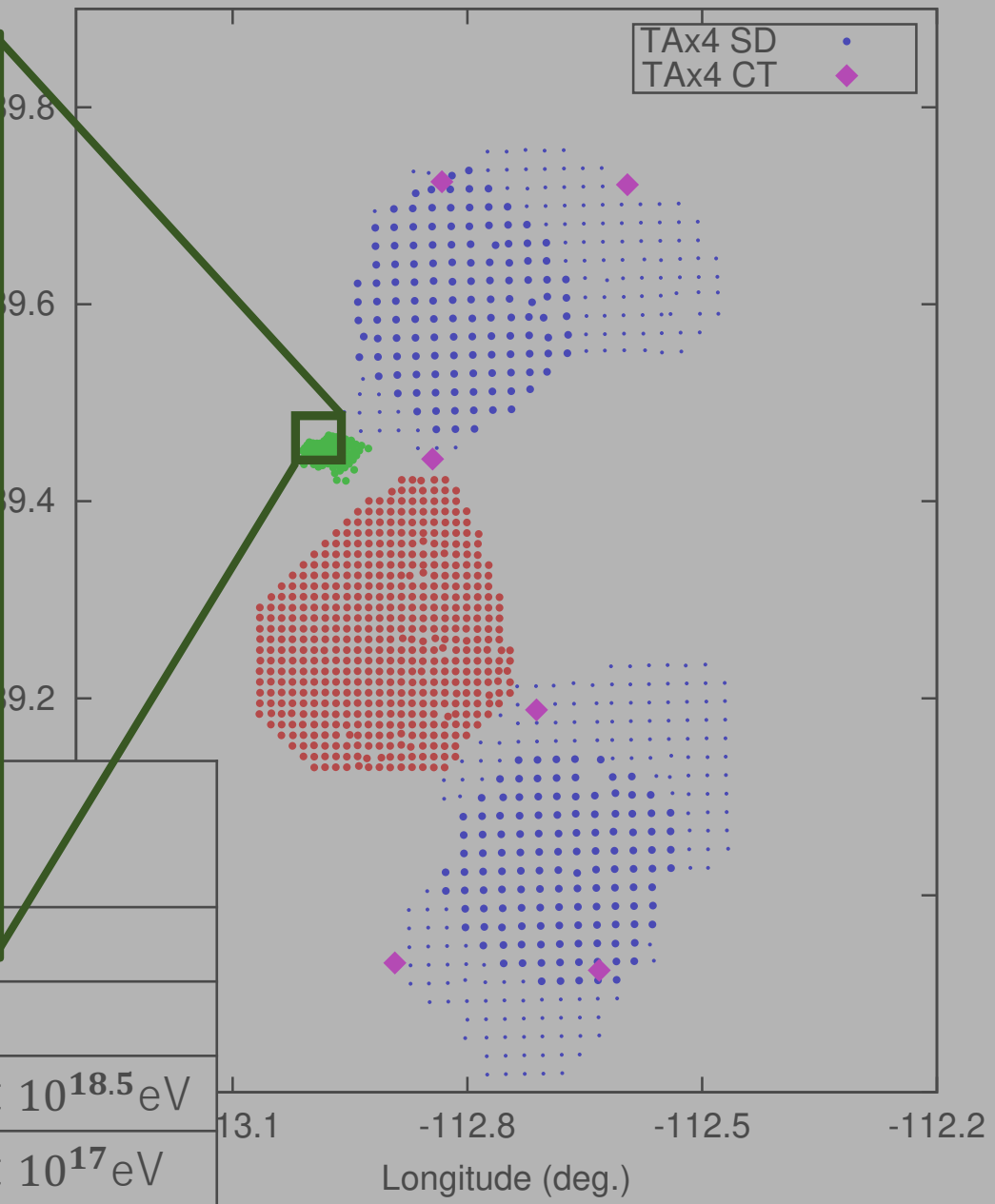
	# of SDs	Spacing [m]	Area [km^2]	When started (SD)	Target energy
TA	507	1200	~700	2008	10^{18} eV < E
TA×4*	257	2080	~1000	2019	$10^{19.7}$ eV < E
TALE	80	400–600	~20	2017	10^{16} eV < E < $10^{18.5}$eV
TALE infill	50	100	~0.4	(2023)	10^{15} eV < E < 10^{17}eV

* Additionally deployed part, about half of the final plan



TALE infill

50 SDs were deployed in Nov. 2022
to observe further lower energy region
with hybrid mode



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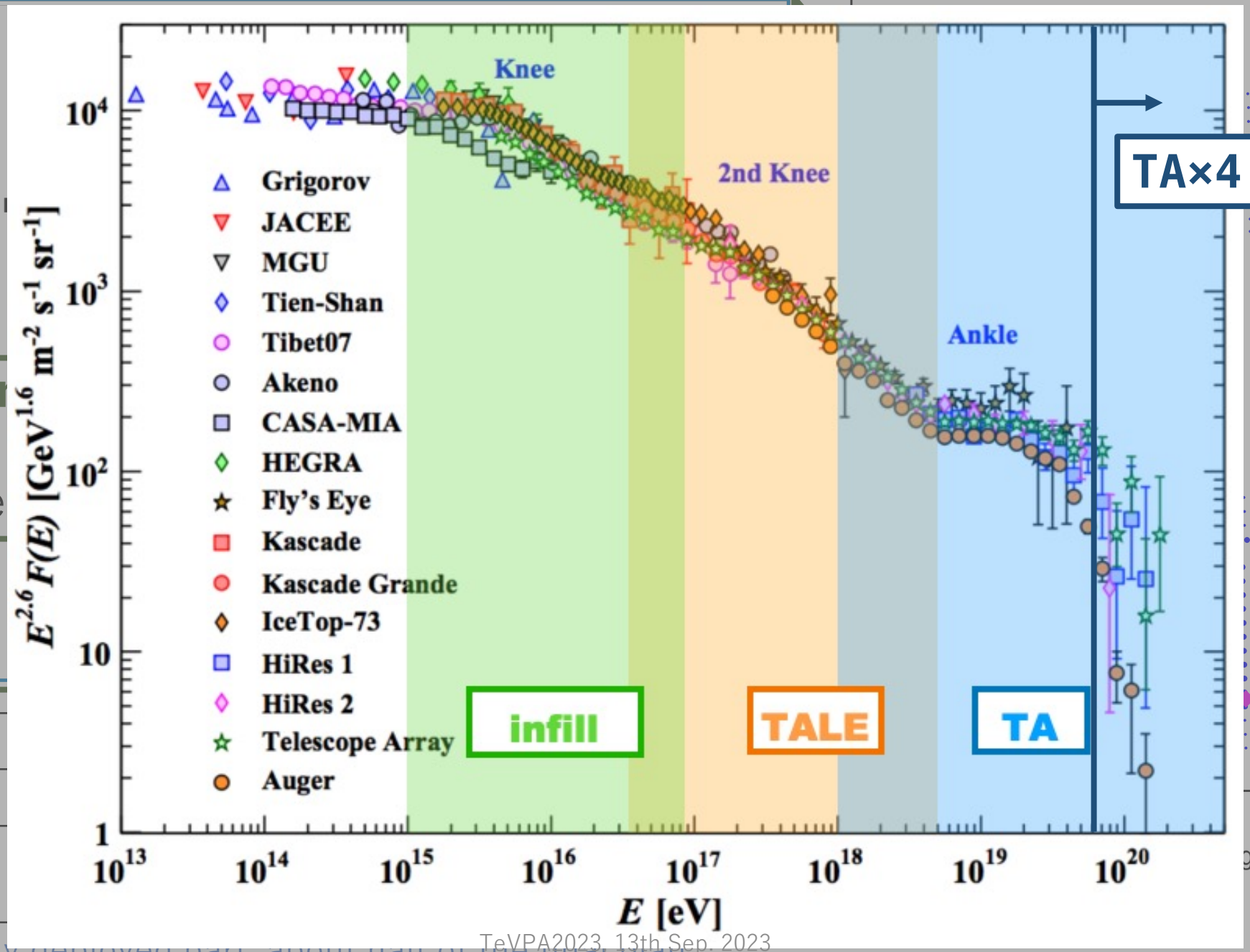

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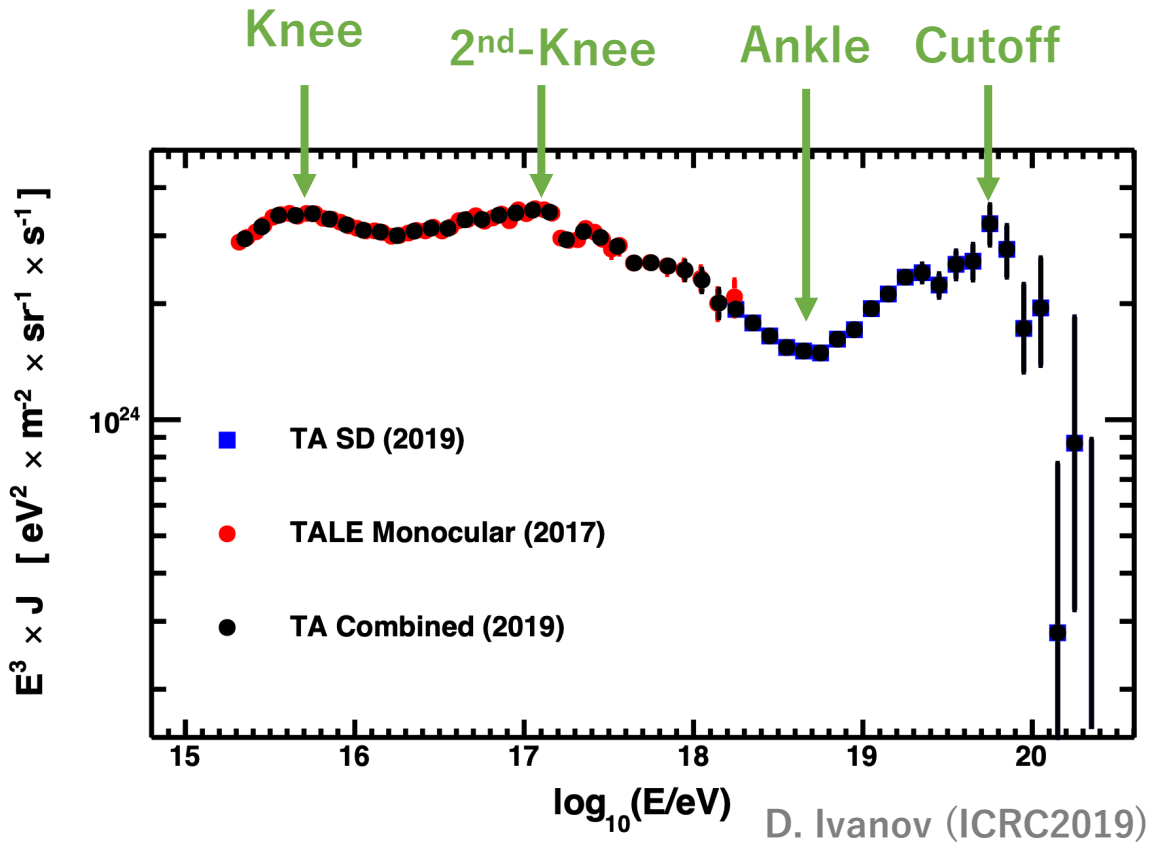
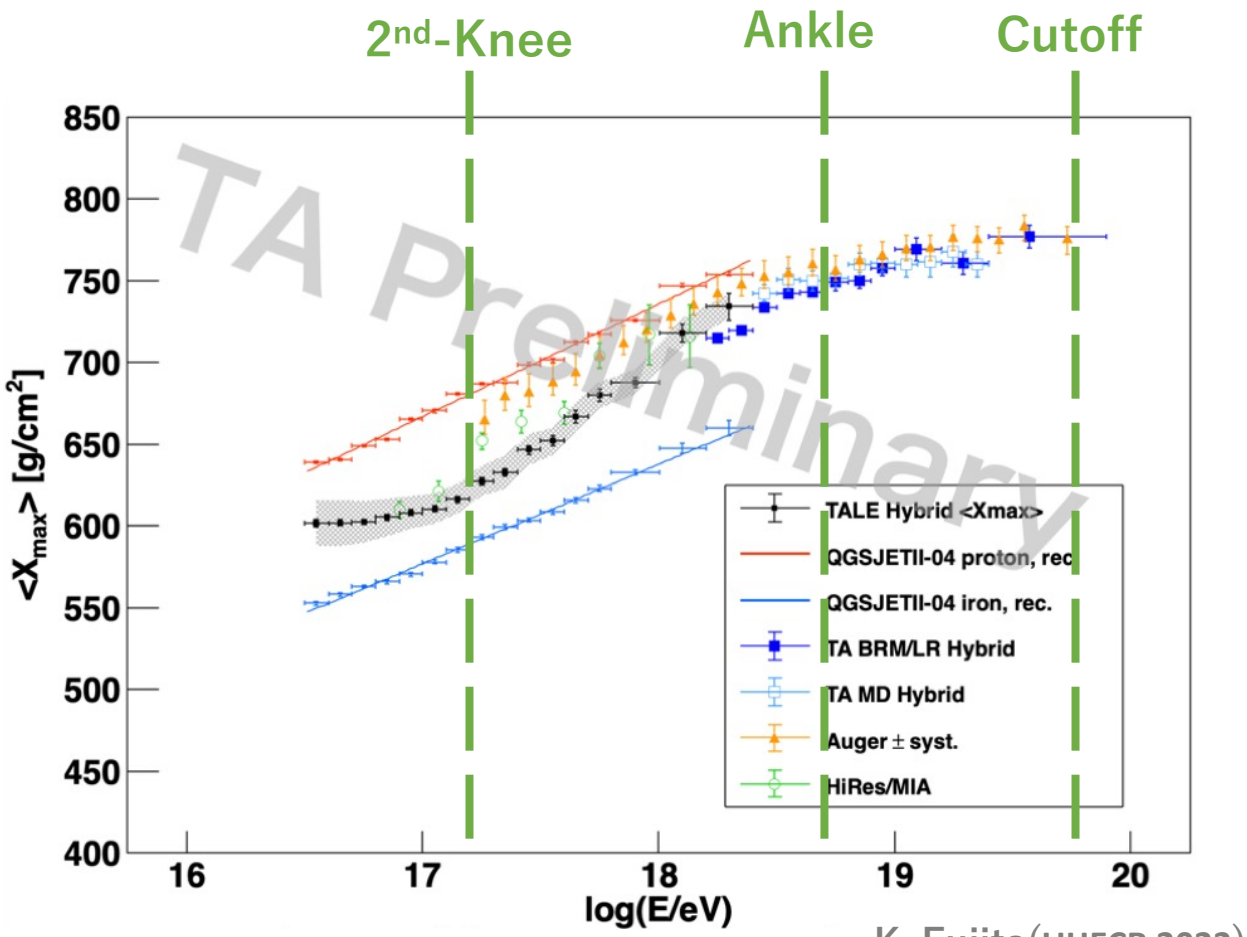
Energy spectrum & composition



D. Ivanov (ICRC2019)

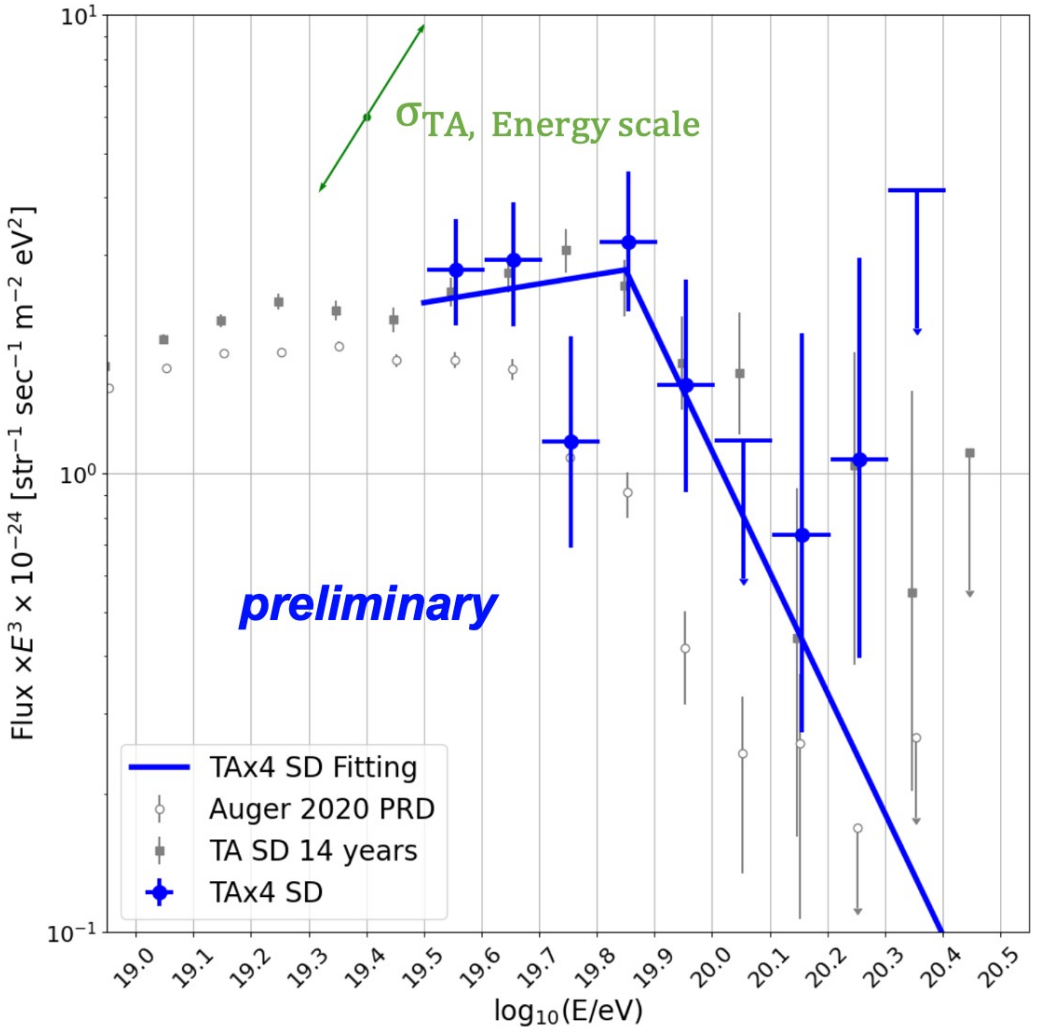
22 months of **TALE FD**
11 years of **TA SD**



K. Fujita(UHECR 2022)

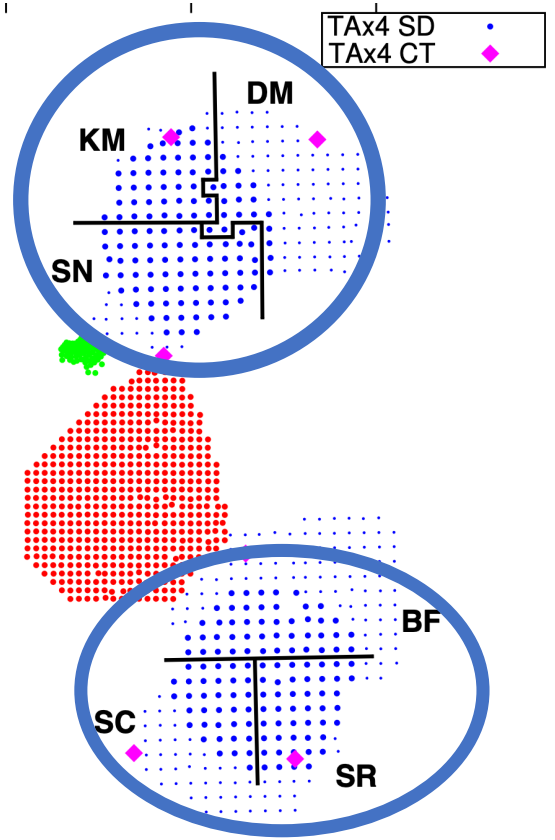
4 years of **TALE Hybrid**
8.5 years of **TA Hybrid**

TA×4 experiment



Energy spectrum

- 3 years of TA×4 SD data
  - In this period, 6 sub-arrays operated independently
- Consistent with TA SD energy spectrum including cutoff structure



Prospects

- Inter-tower trigger was implemented in Oct. 2022
  → Increasing the aperture
- Data analysis is ongoing

Summary

- The TA experiment observes UHECRs in the Northern Hemisphere
- **Energy spectrum**
  - Some features: Knee, 2nd-Knee, Ankle, Instep, Cutoff
- **Mass composition**
  - Agreement with light composition in $10^{18.2}$ eV—$10^{19.1}$ eV
  - <Xmax> breaks around 2nd-knee (~$10^{17.1}$ eV) observed with TALE
- **Anisotropy**
  - TA hotspot for E > 57 EeV = $10^{19.76}$ eV: **2.8** σ with 15 years of TA SD data
  - New excess in direction of PPSC with E > $10^{19.4}$ eV

- TALE + TALE infill (10^{15} eV < E < $10^{18.5}$ eV)
  - TALE infill will start observation in near future
- TA×4 (E > $10^{19.7}$ eV)
  - Energy spectrum is consistent with TA SD energy spectrum