

The analysis of hybrid events in Auger

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Outline

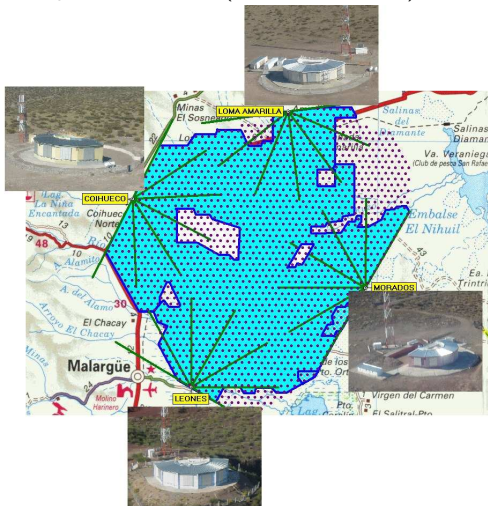
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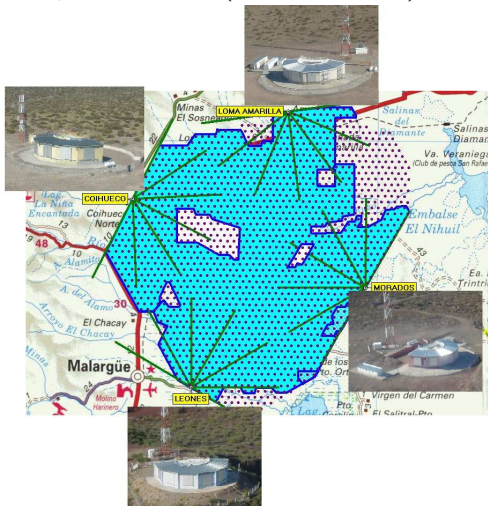


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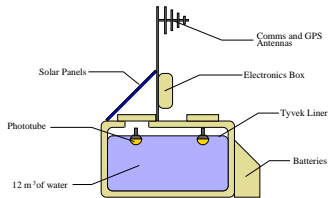
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Surface Array(SD)

1600 Cerenkov Detectors - 1307 working

1.5 km spacing
3000 km^2

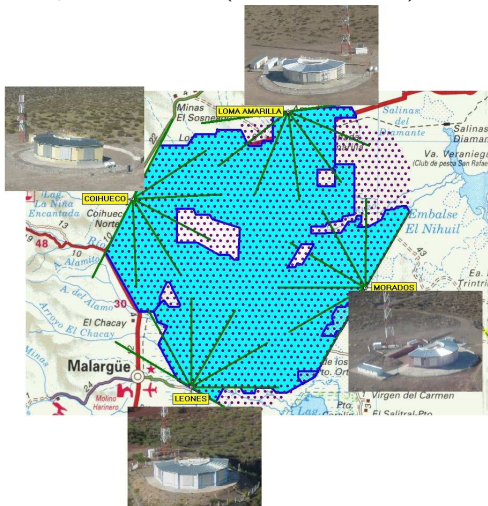


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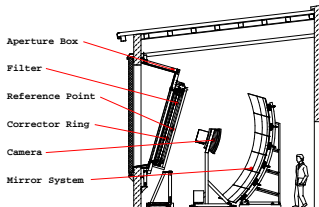
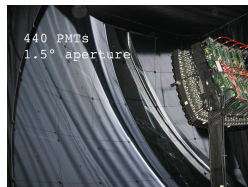
Fluorescence Detector(FD)

4 fluorescence buildings(Eyes) -

4 working

6 telescopes per eye

telescope f.o.v $30^\circ \times 30^\circ$



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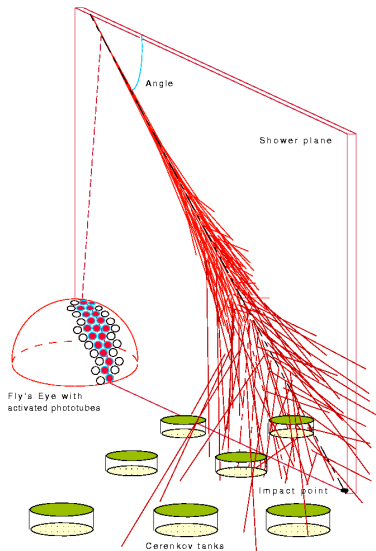
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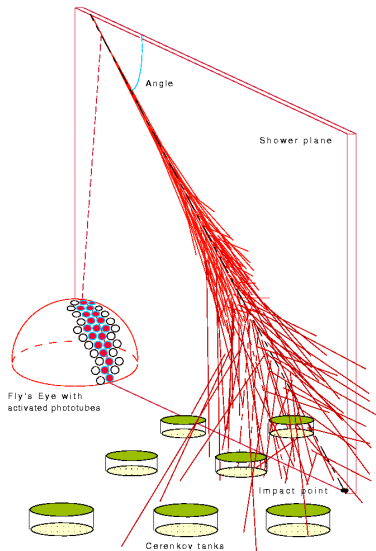
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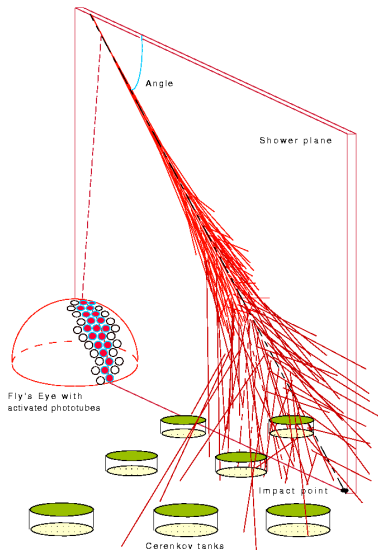
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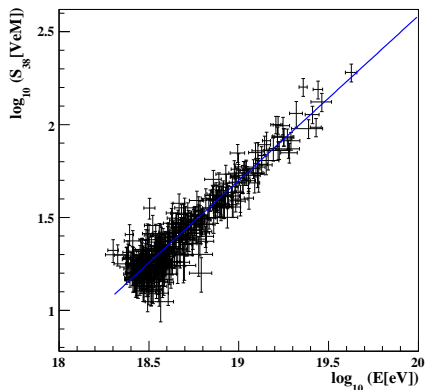
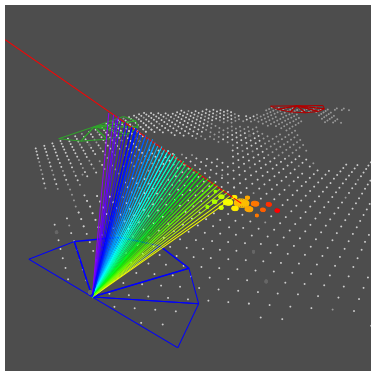
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The Hybrid Concept II - Golden Hybrid Events

Events with independent **SD** and **Hybrid** trigger and reconstruction

SD absolute Energy Calibration from FD

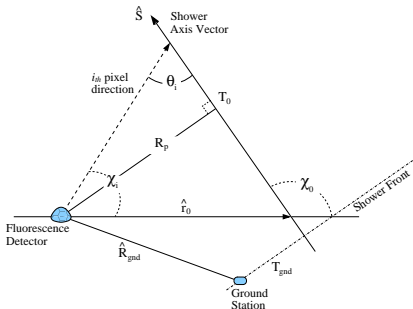
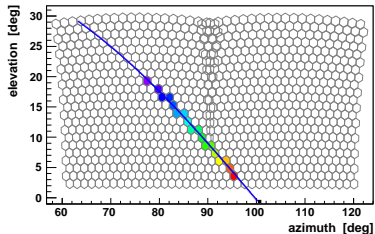
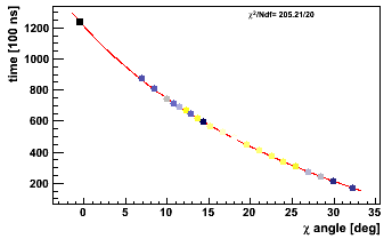


S_{38} is the particle density at 1000 m from the core referred to 38° with the CIC method.

$$\begin{aligned}\lg E_{FD} &= A + B \cdot \lg S_{38} \\ A &= 17.8 \pm 0.03; B = 1.13 \pm 0.02\end{aligned}$$

The Hybrid Concept III - Brass Hybrid Events

Hybrids events with at least one triggered tank

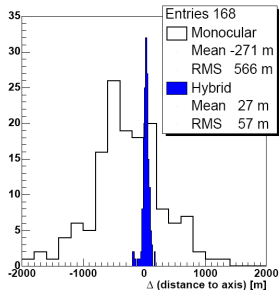
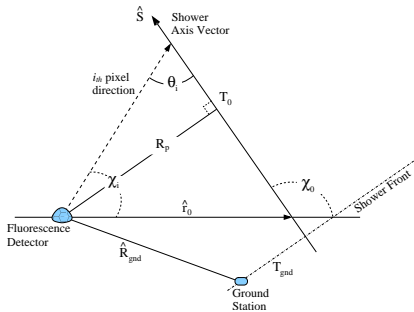
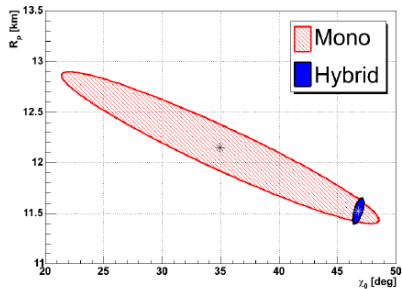
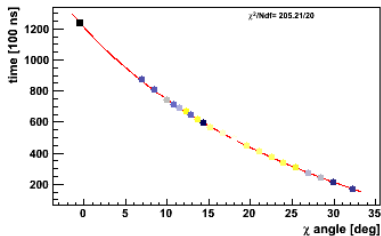


$$\chi^2 = \sum_i w_i (\vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{n})^2;$$

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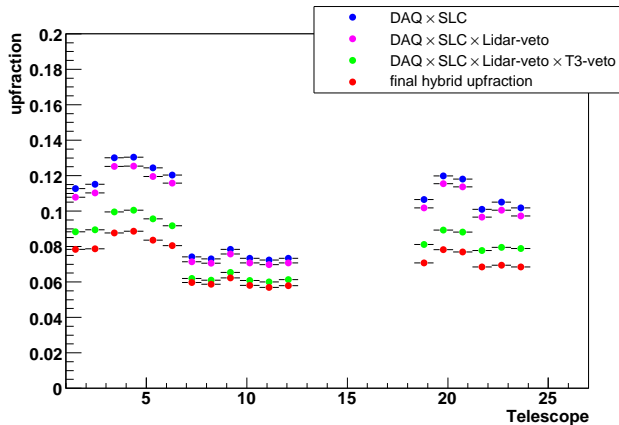
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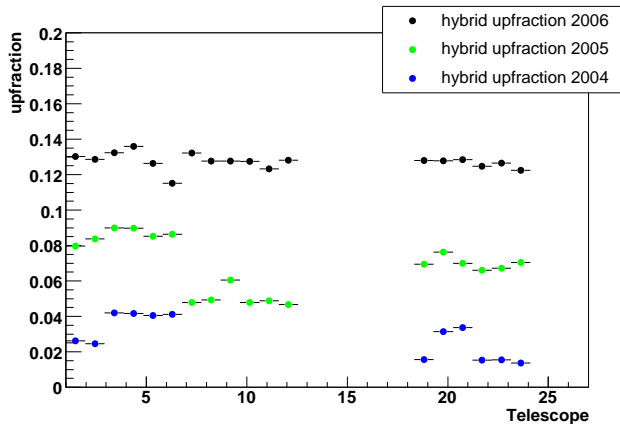
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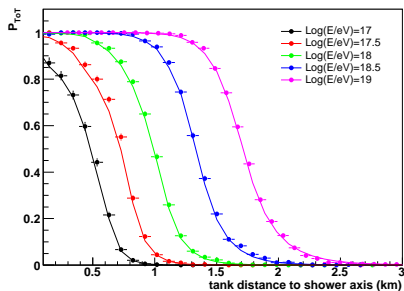
Hybrid Uptime Time Evolution



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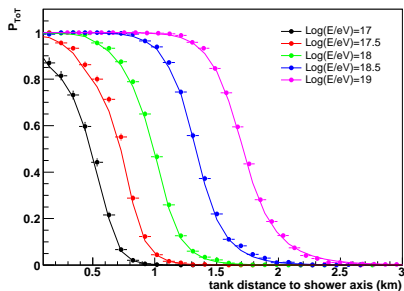


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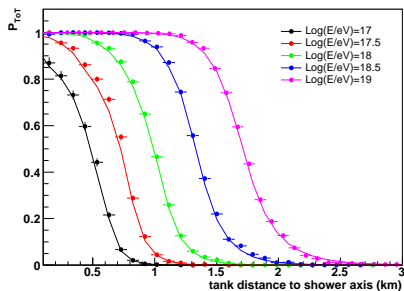


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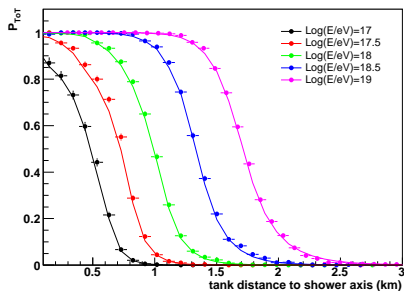


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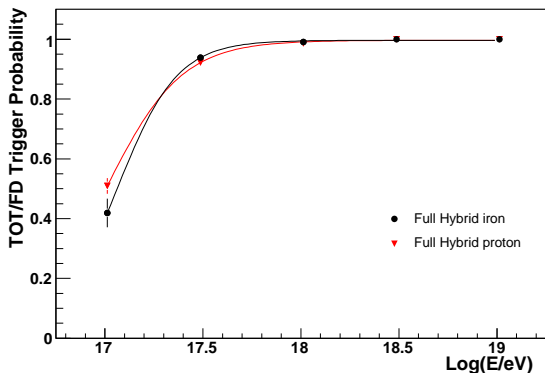


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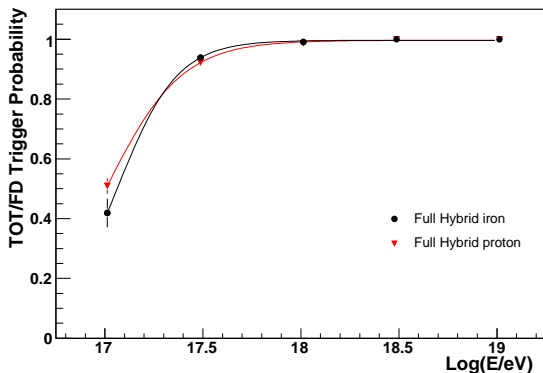


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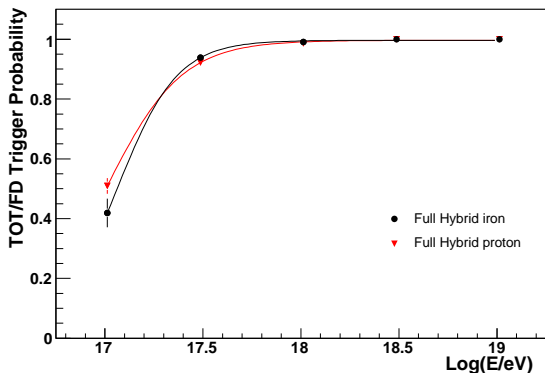


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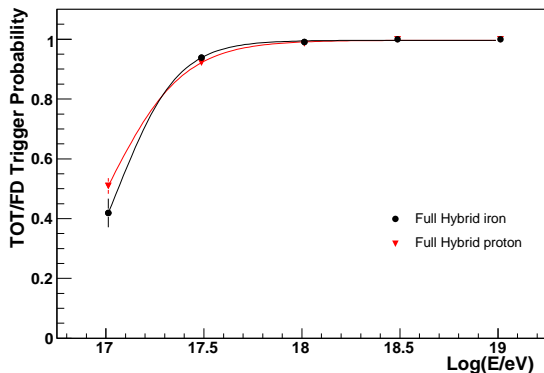


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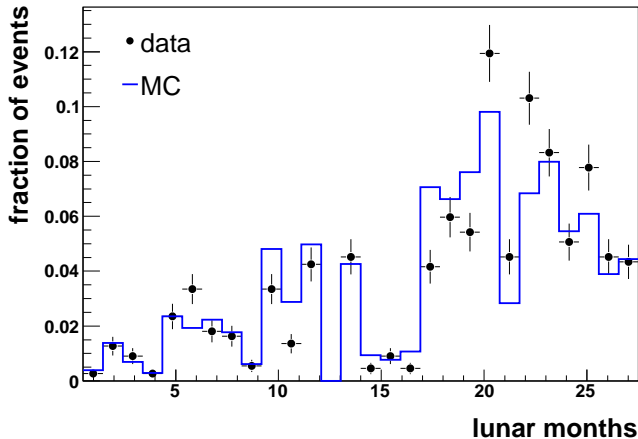
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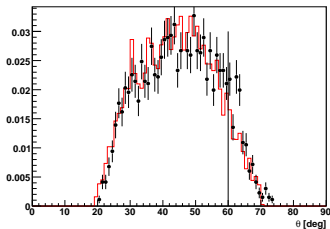
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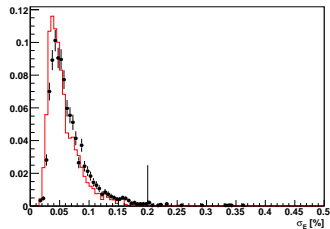
The dependence of detector configurations on time is well reproduced by the simulation

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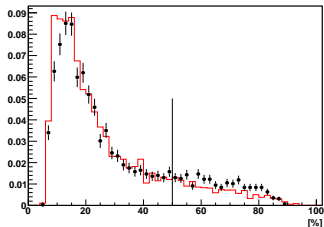
Data - MonteCarlo Comparison



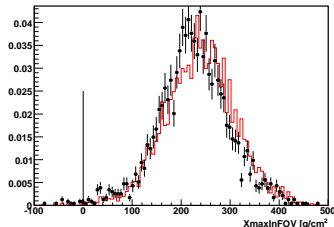
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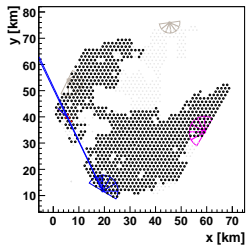


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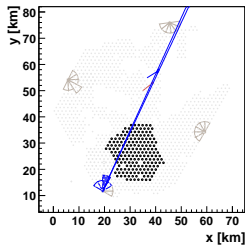


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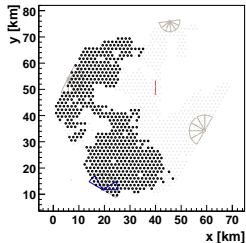
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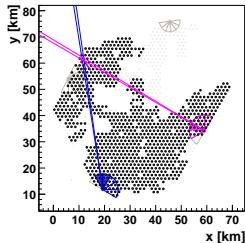
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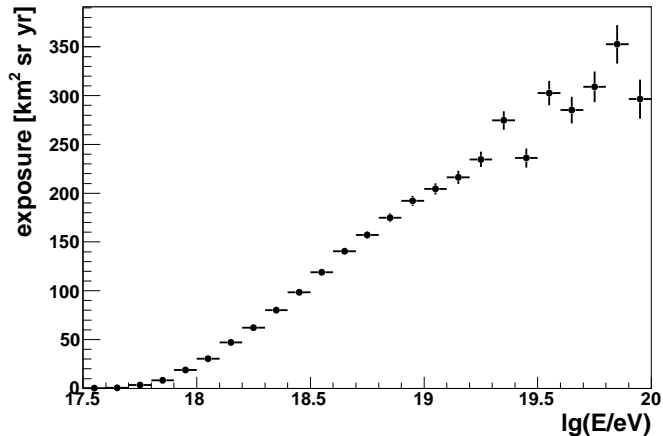
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Analysis of Brass Hybrid Events - Hybrid Exposure

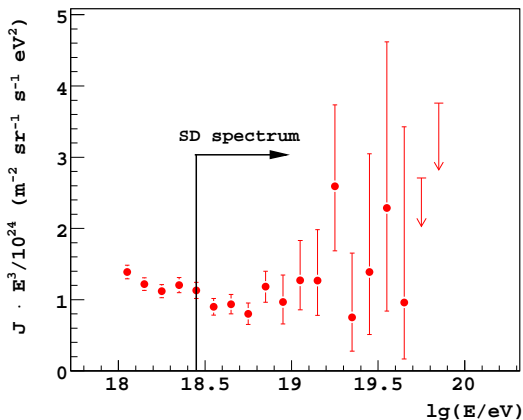
Applying all the data selection cuts on the Montecarlo one gets the Hybrid Exposure at Reconstruction Level.



Analysis of Brass Hybrid Events - The Hybrid Spectrum



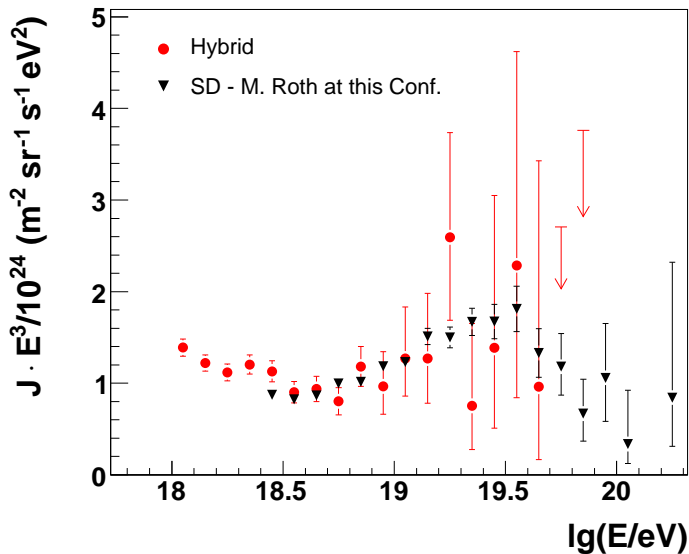
$$J(E) = \frac{1}{\Delta E} \frac{N^D(E)}{\mathcal{E}(E)}$$



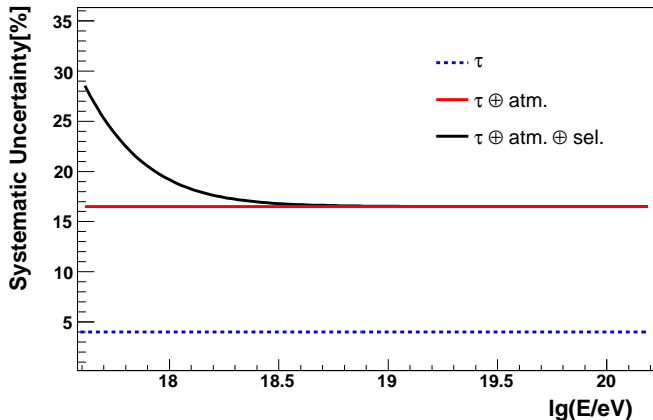
Conclusions

- A class of events "Brass Hybrids" has been characterized as a suitable sample for physics analysis;
- the spectrum of Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays has been evaluated "for the first time" in the energy region above 10^{18} eV;
- in spite of the low statistics the use of Brass Hybrid events allows to extend the Auger spectrum below $10^{18.5}$ eV;
- these events allow a robust determination of X_{max} and consequently a more reliable mass composition study (see H. Geenen at this conference)

FD - SD Comparison



Hybrid Spectrum Systematics



Uptime 4%, Atmosphere 16%, energy scale 22% \rightarrow selection 15% at 10^{18} eV.