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We present a combined fit of both flux and composition of ultra-high energy cosmic rays as measured by the Pierre Auger Observatory. The fit has been performed for energies above 5×10^{18} eV, the region of the all-particle spectrum above the so-called "ankle" feature. A simple astrophysical model has been adopted, consisting of identical sources, injecting nuclei with a rigidity dependent mechanism and uniformly distributed in a comoving volume. The solutions that have been found suggest a source model characterized by relatively low maximum injection energies and hard spectral indices. The impact of different sources of systematic uncertainties in the above result is discussed.

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