

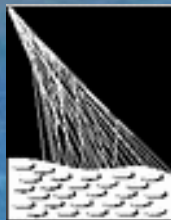


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# Extreme high energy Cosmic Rays

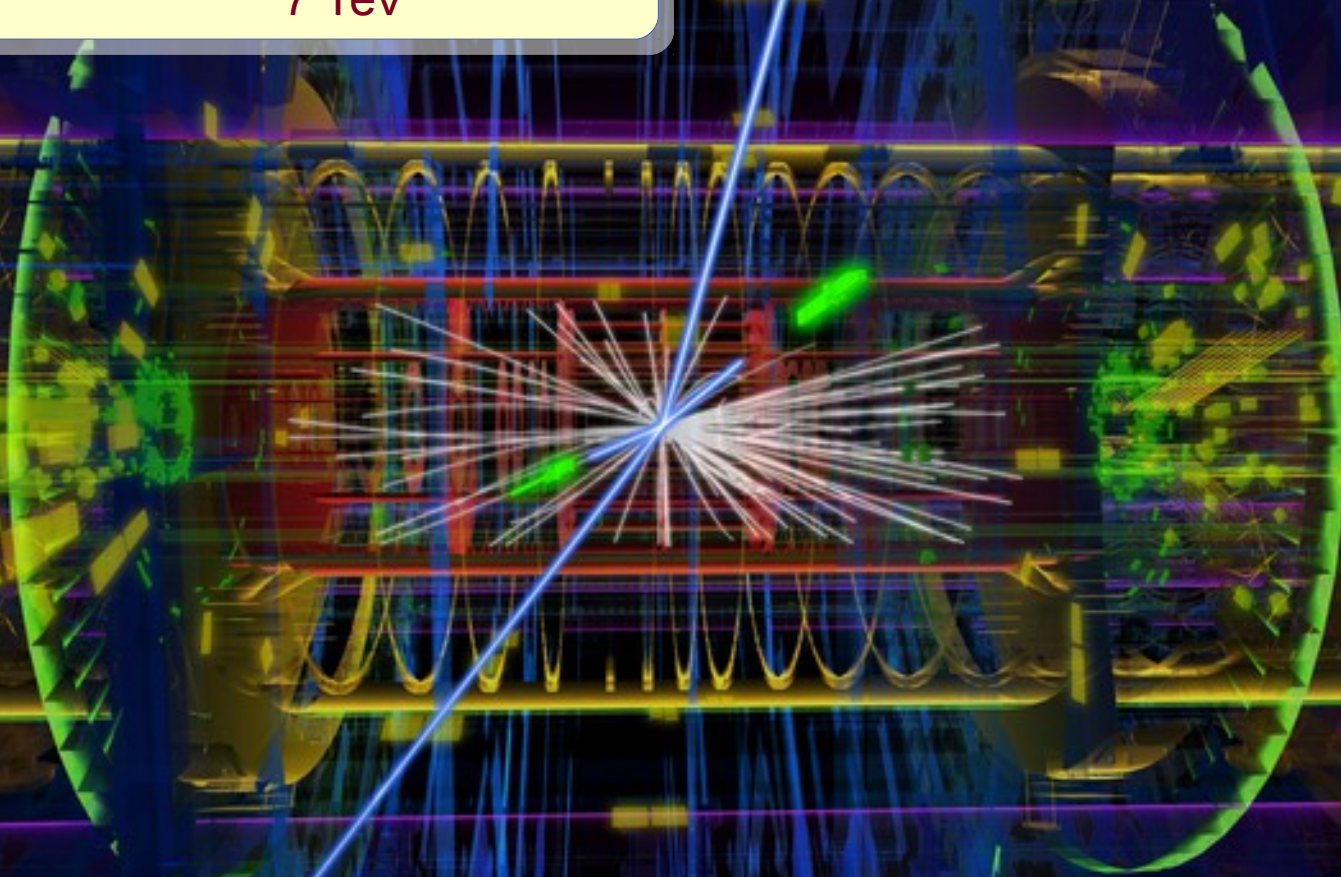
Julian Rautenberg

PIC2015, Warwick

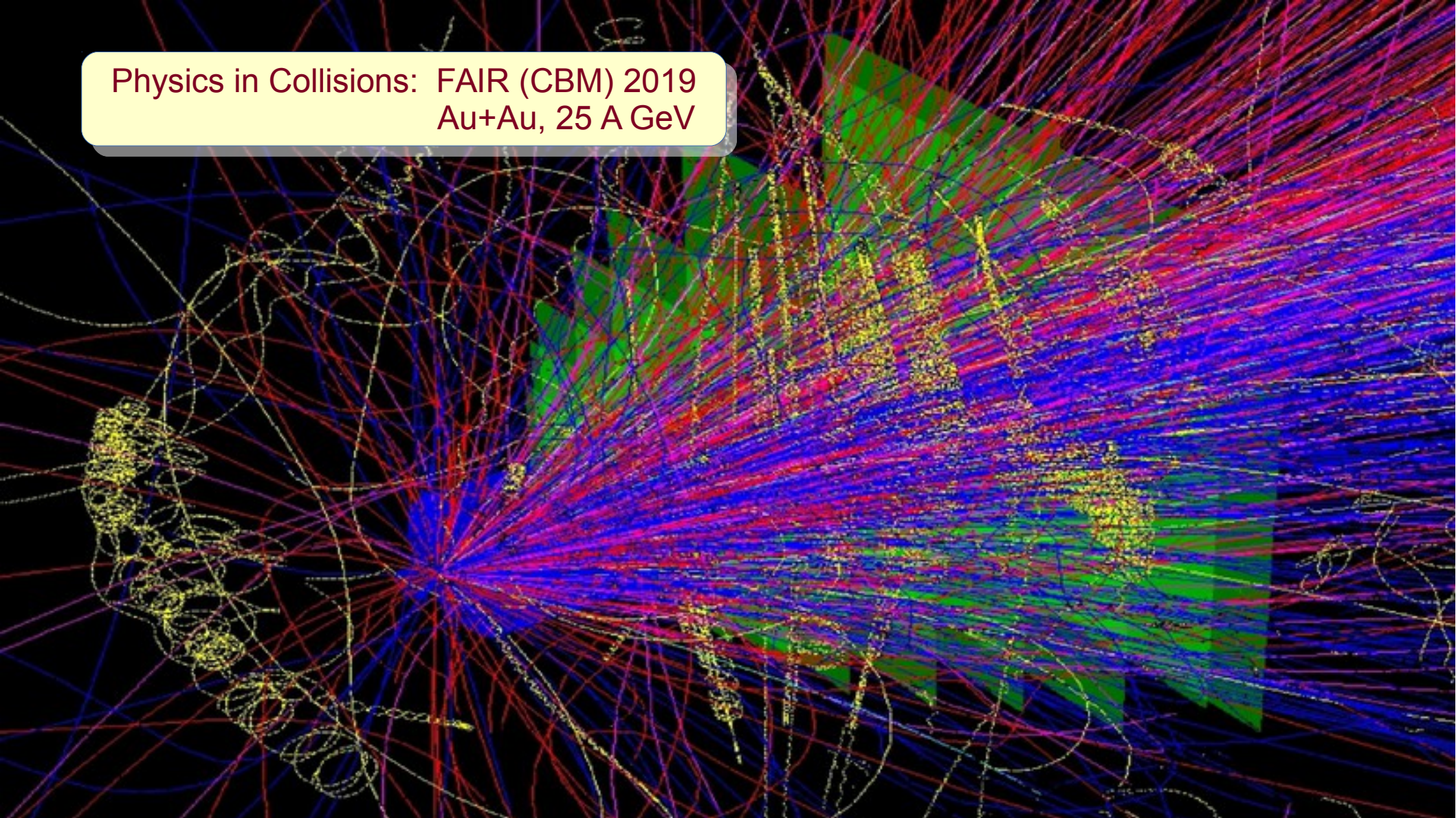


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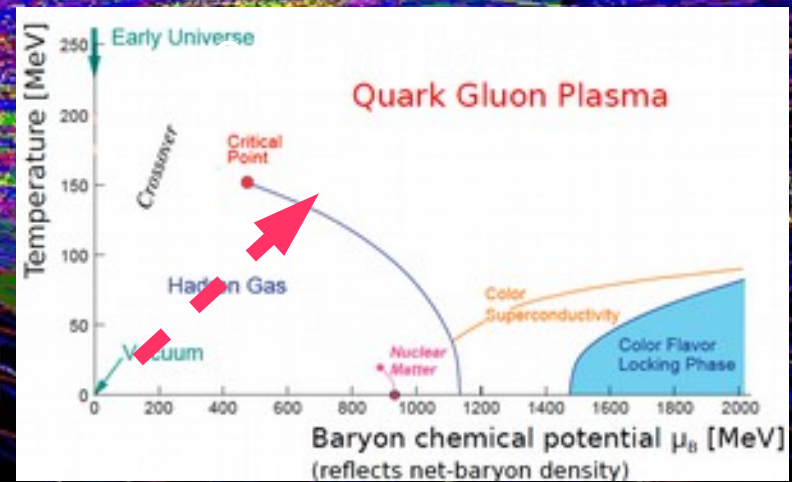
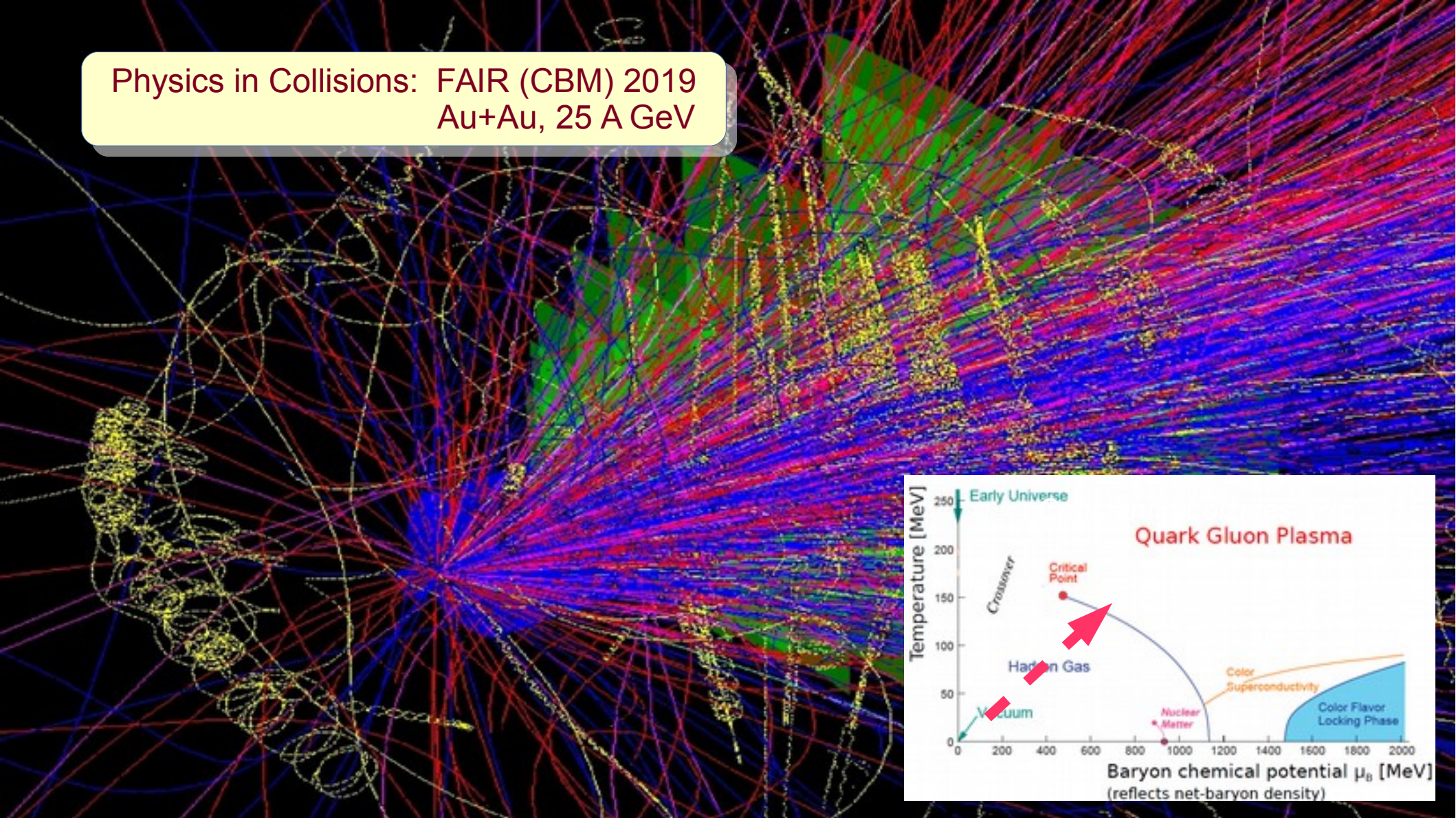
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Physics in Collisions: FAIR (CBM) 2019  
Au+Au, 25 A GeV



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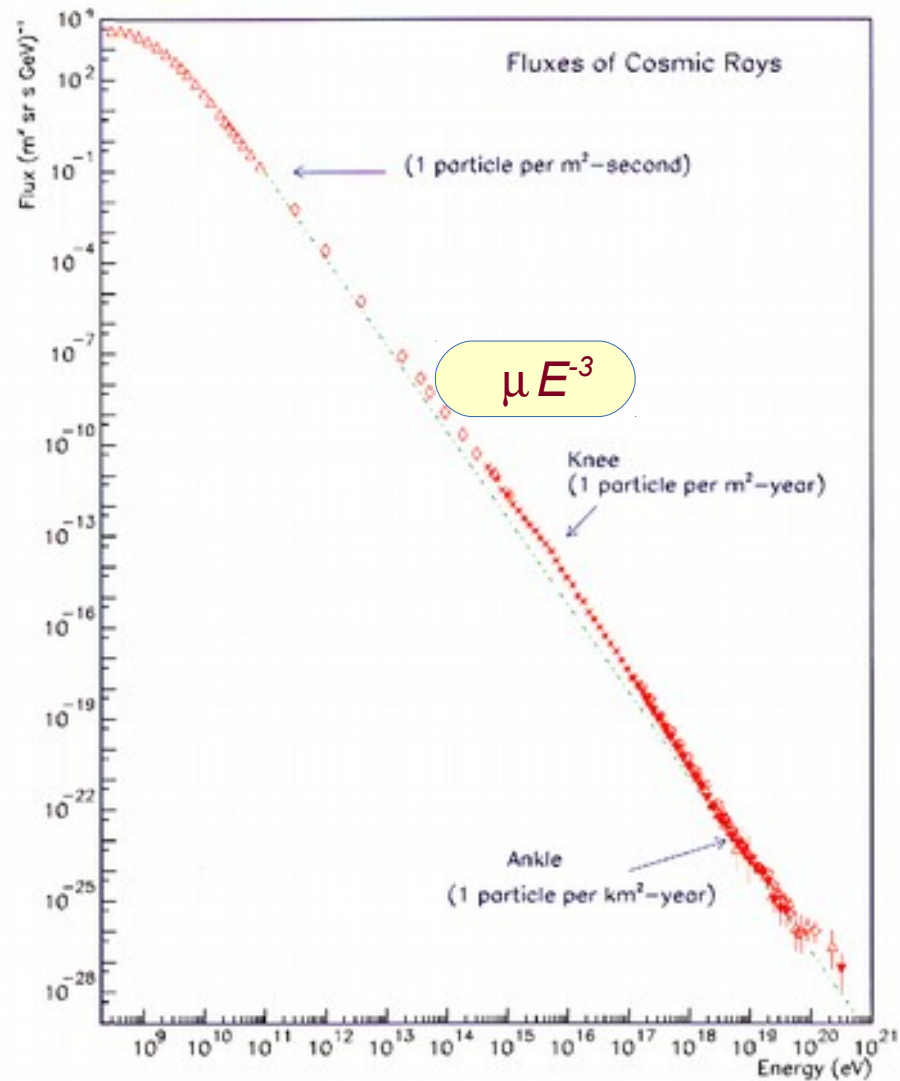




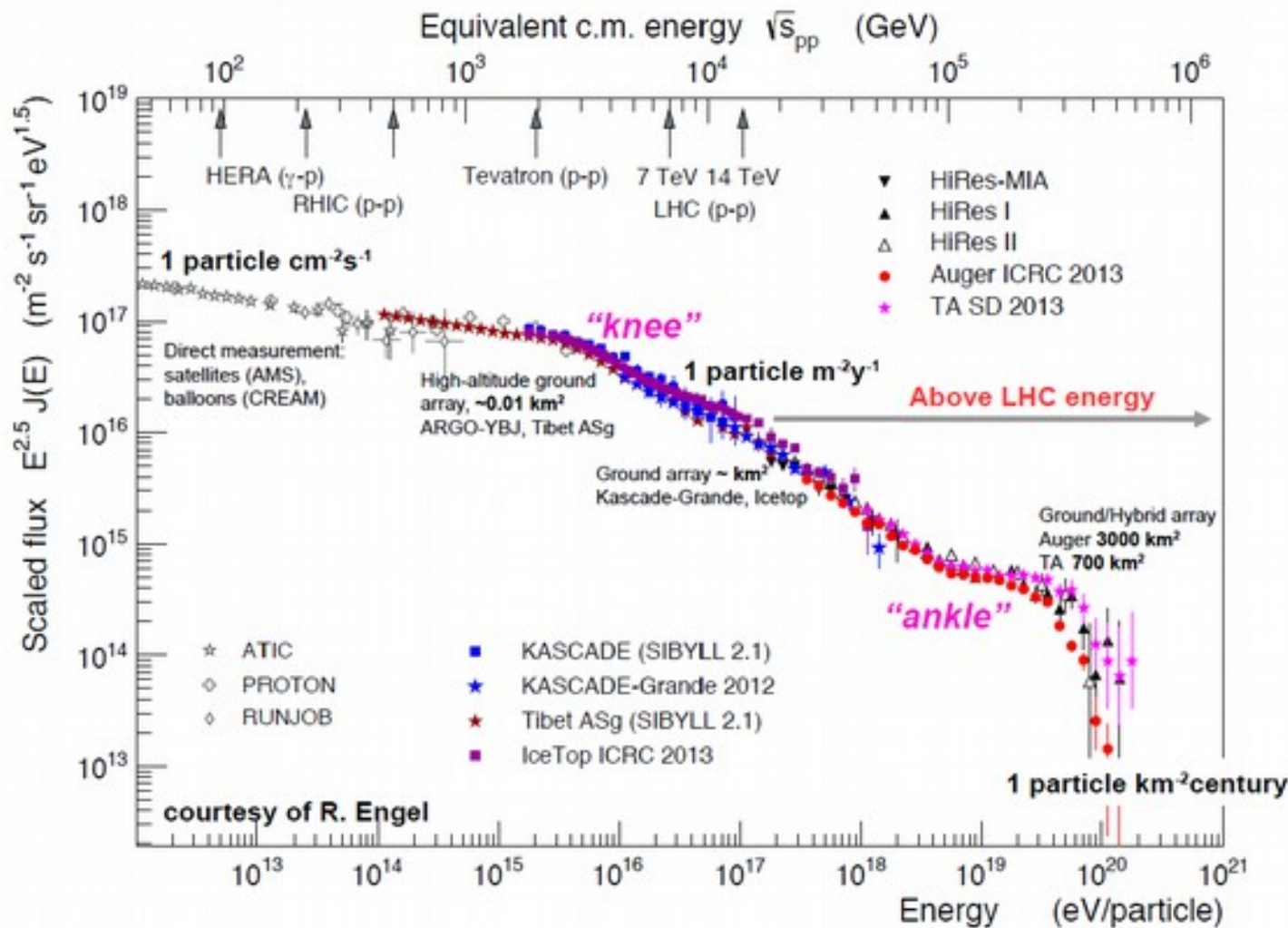
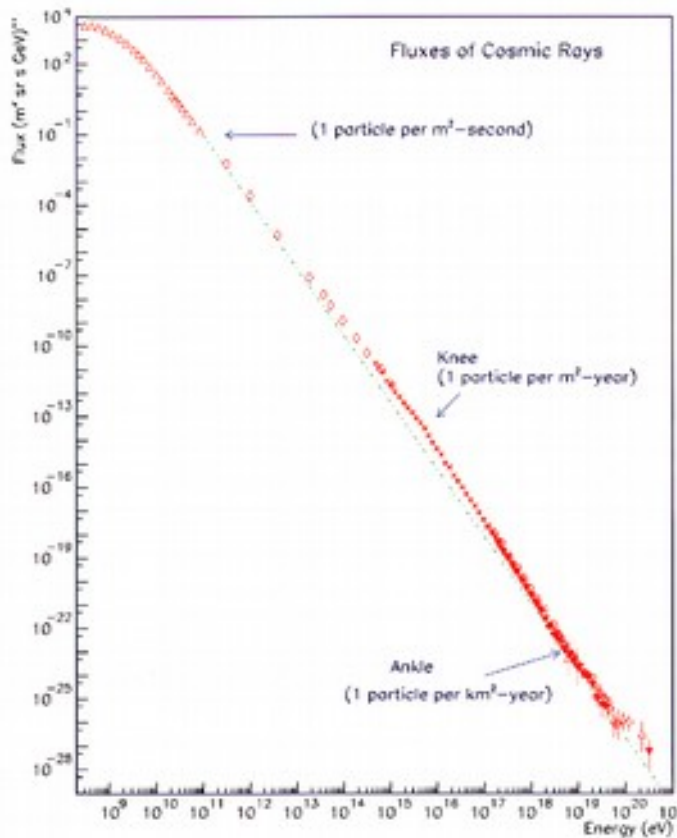
Physics in Collisions: AGN (?)  
0.3 ZeV

# Extreme high energy Cosmic Rays UHECR

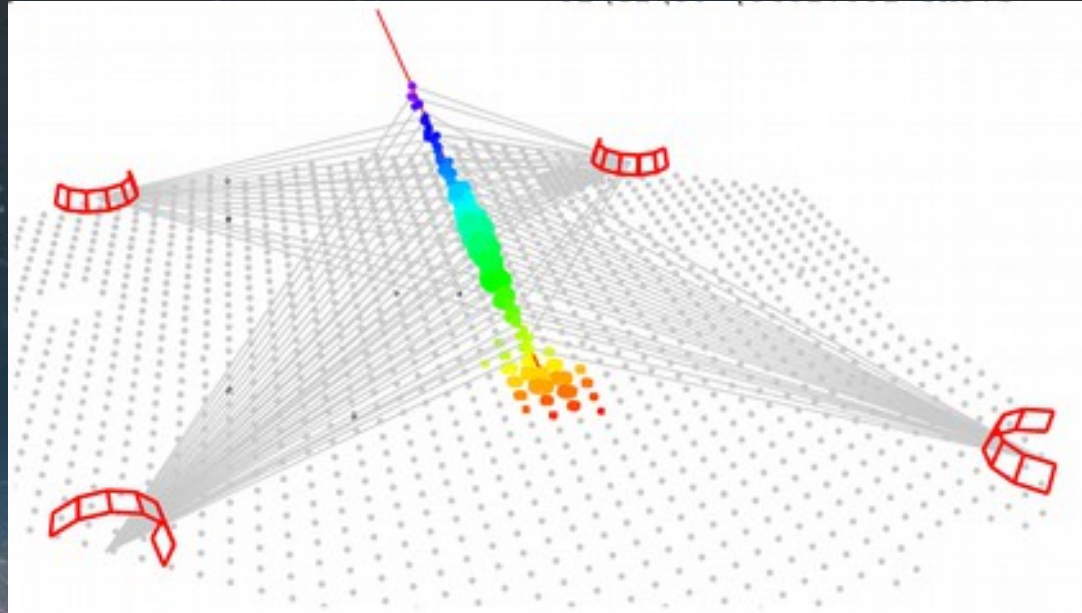
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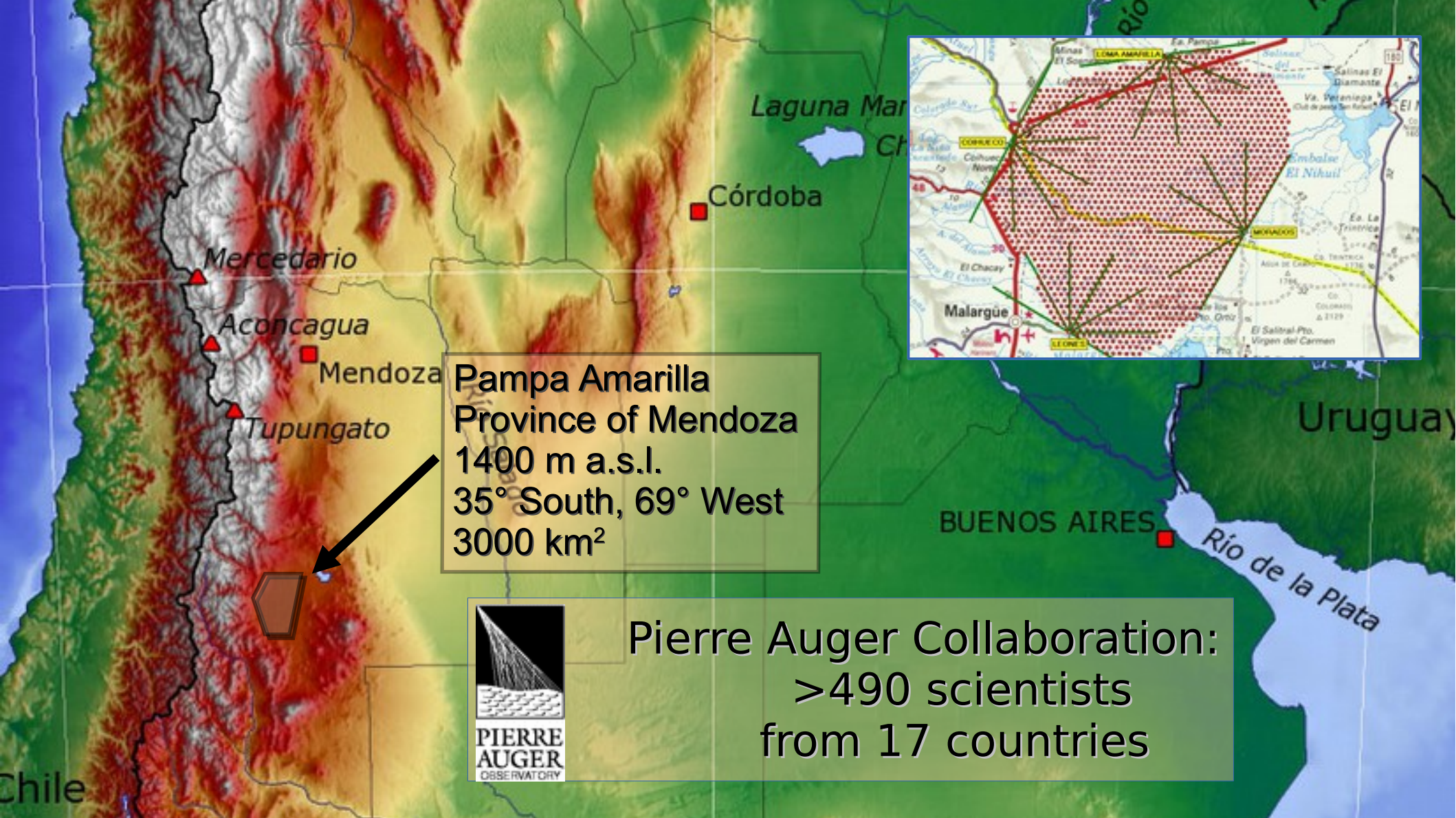
# The Flux of the Cosmic Rays



EAS: 15 km shower development







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Río de la Plata

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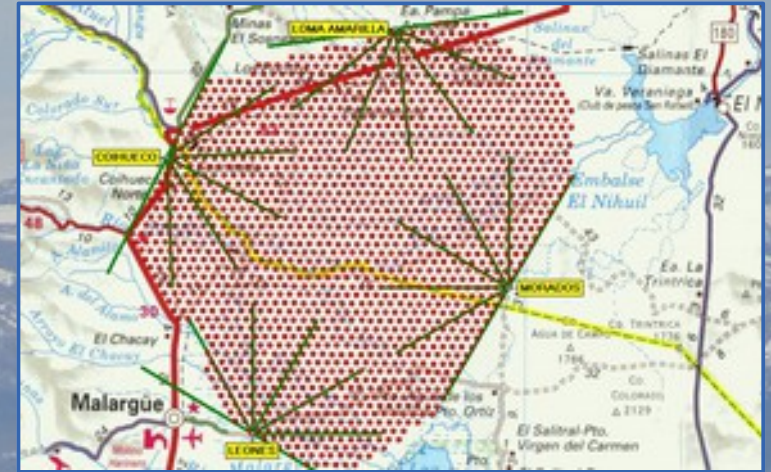
Pampa Amarilla  
Province of Mendoza  
1400 m a.s.l.  
35° South, 69° West  
3000 km<sup>2</sup>



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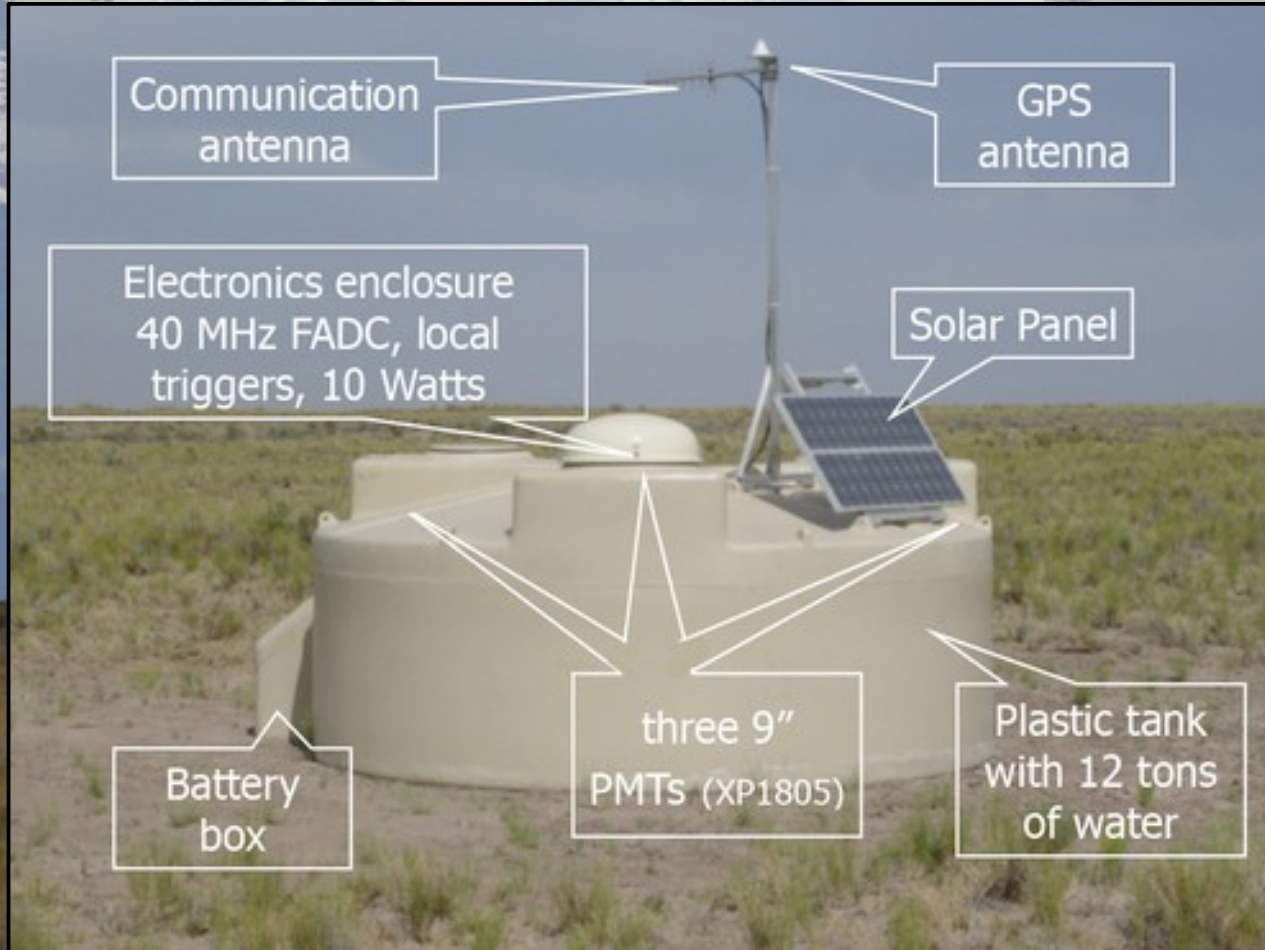
Pierre Auger Collaboration:  
>490 scientists  
from 17 countries

## Surface Detector (SD)



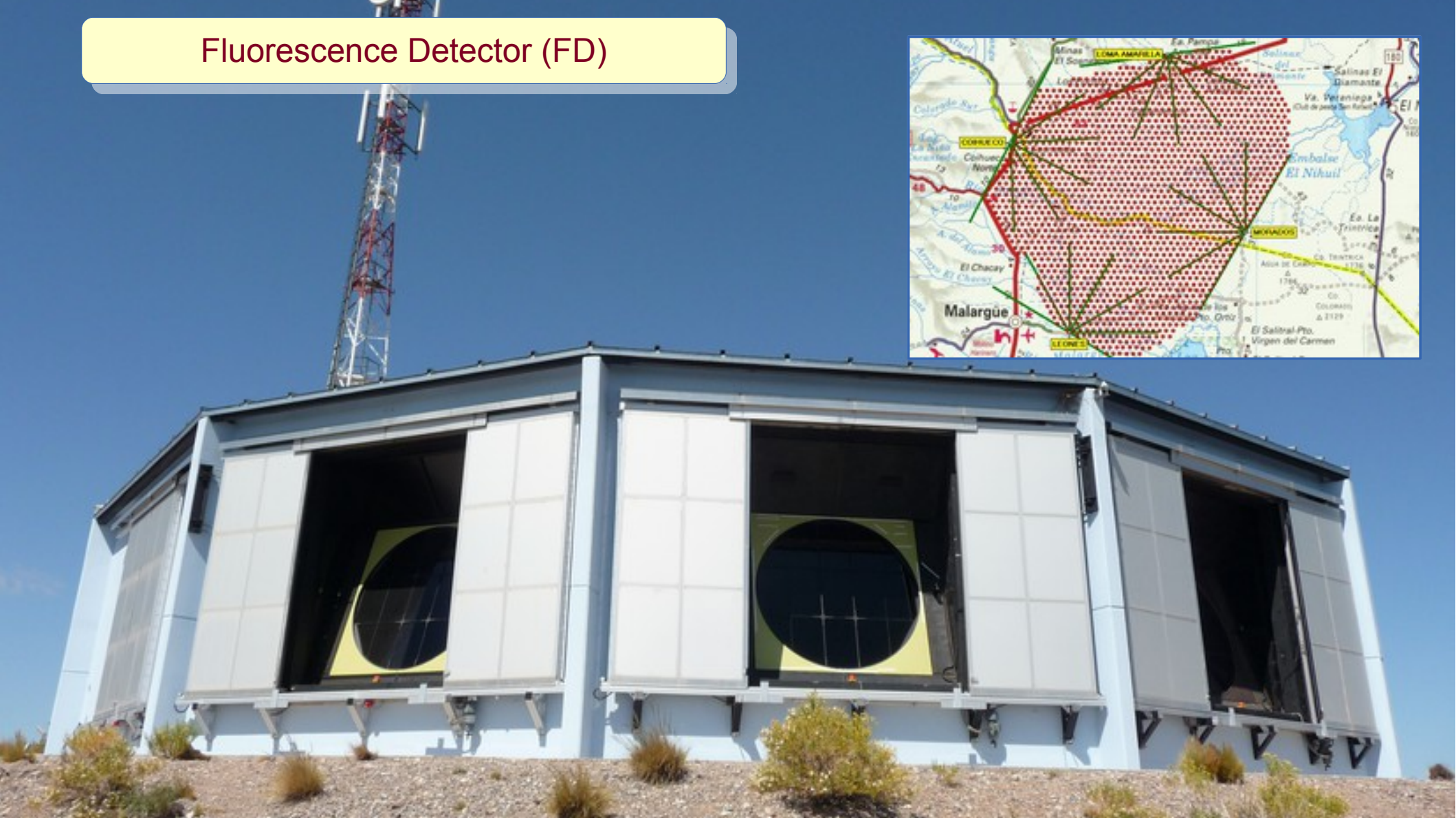
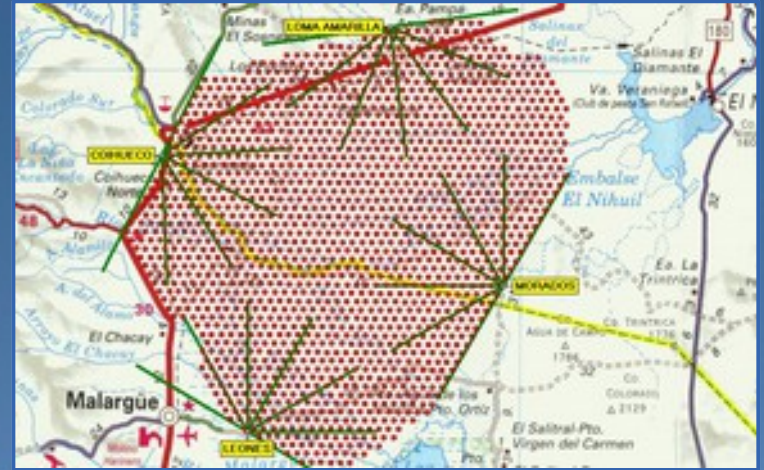
1660 Detectors  
1.5 km spacing  
Triangular grid  
Continuous data-taking  
Infill on half gridsize

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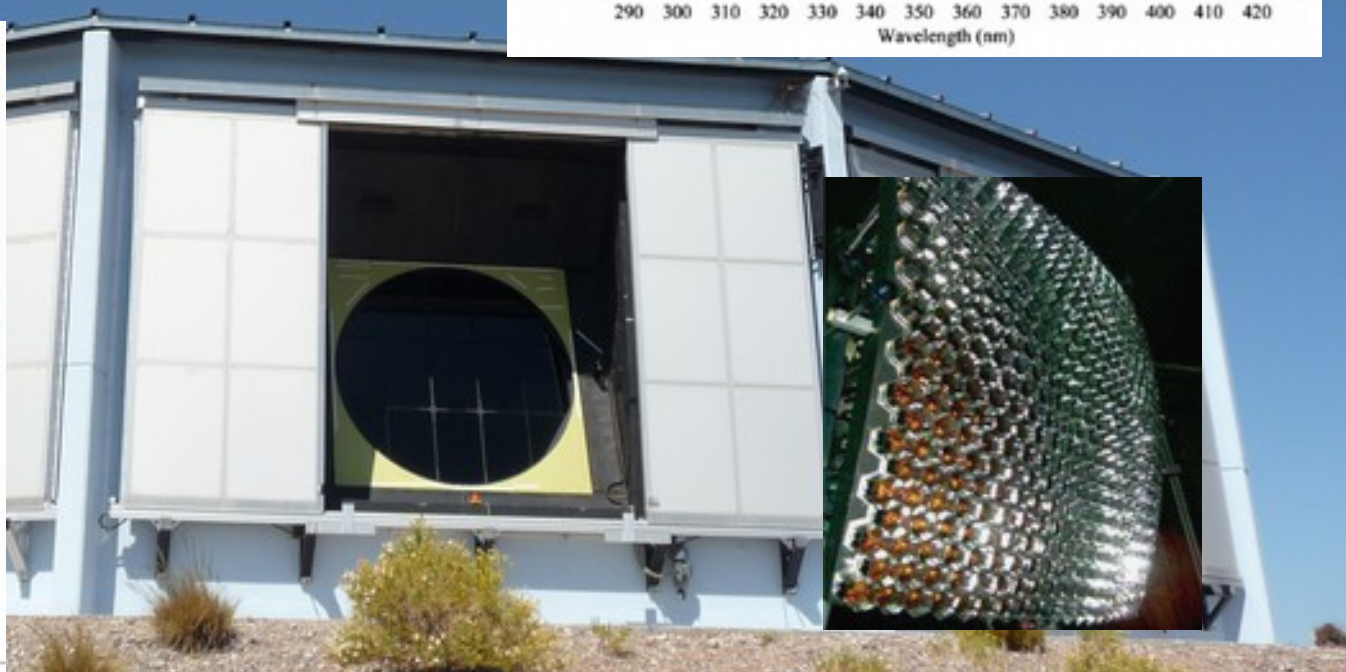
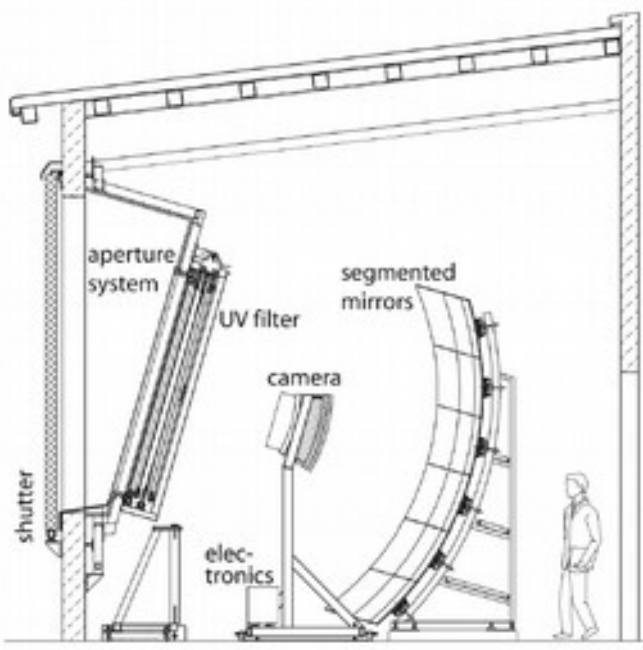
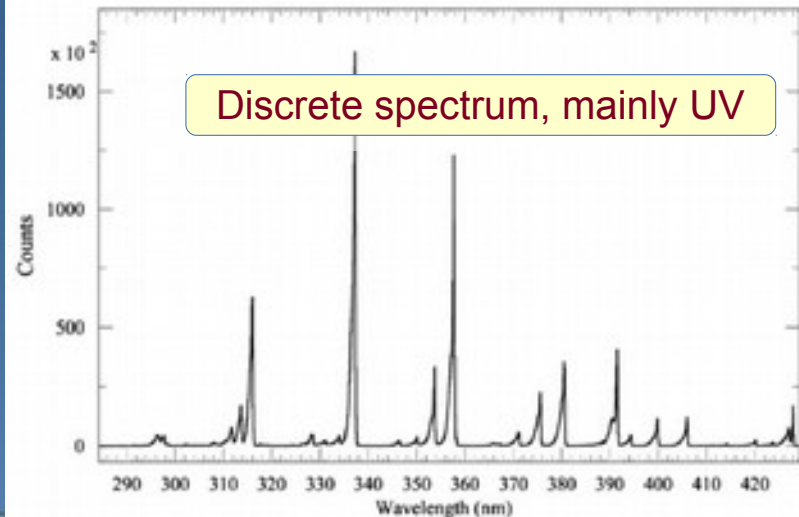
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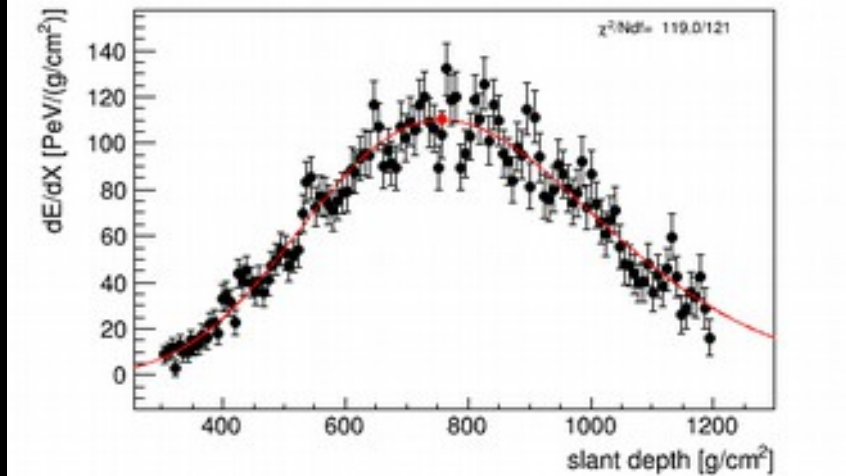
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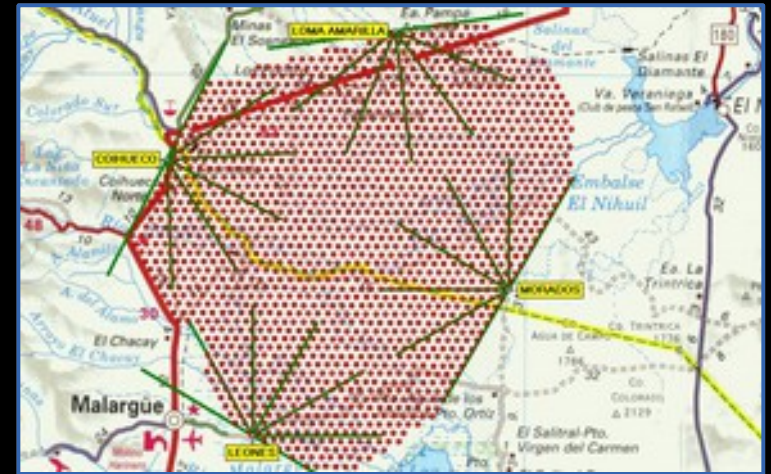
# Fluorescence Detector (FD)

4x6 Telescopes (+3)  
440 PMT camera  
Uptime ca. 15%

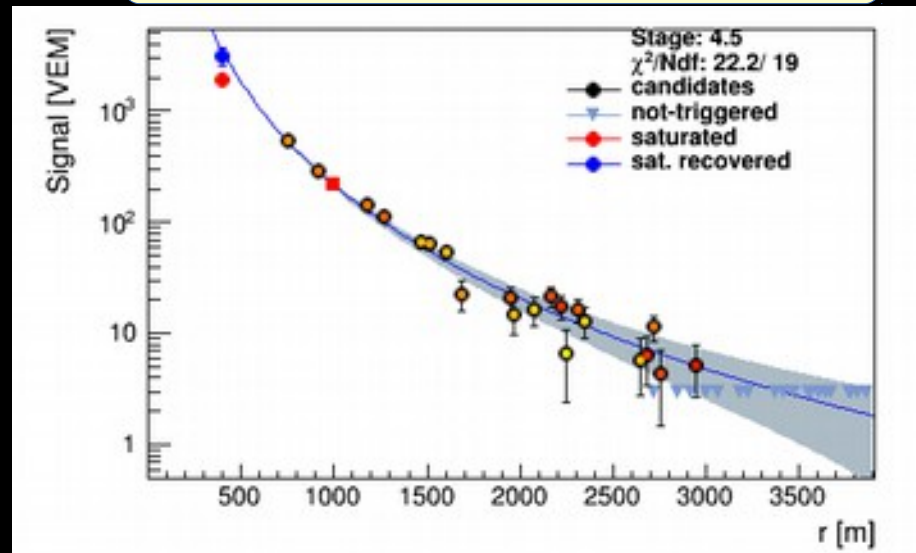
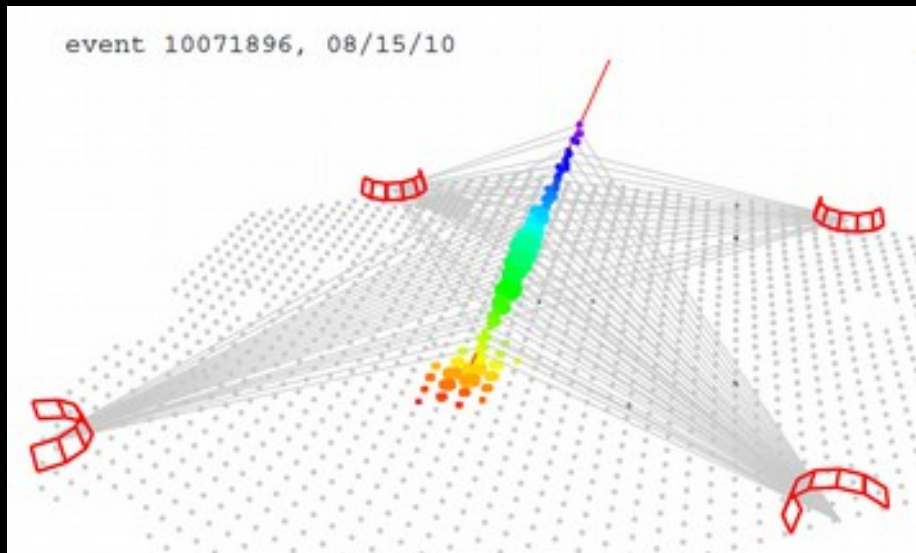




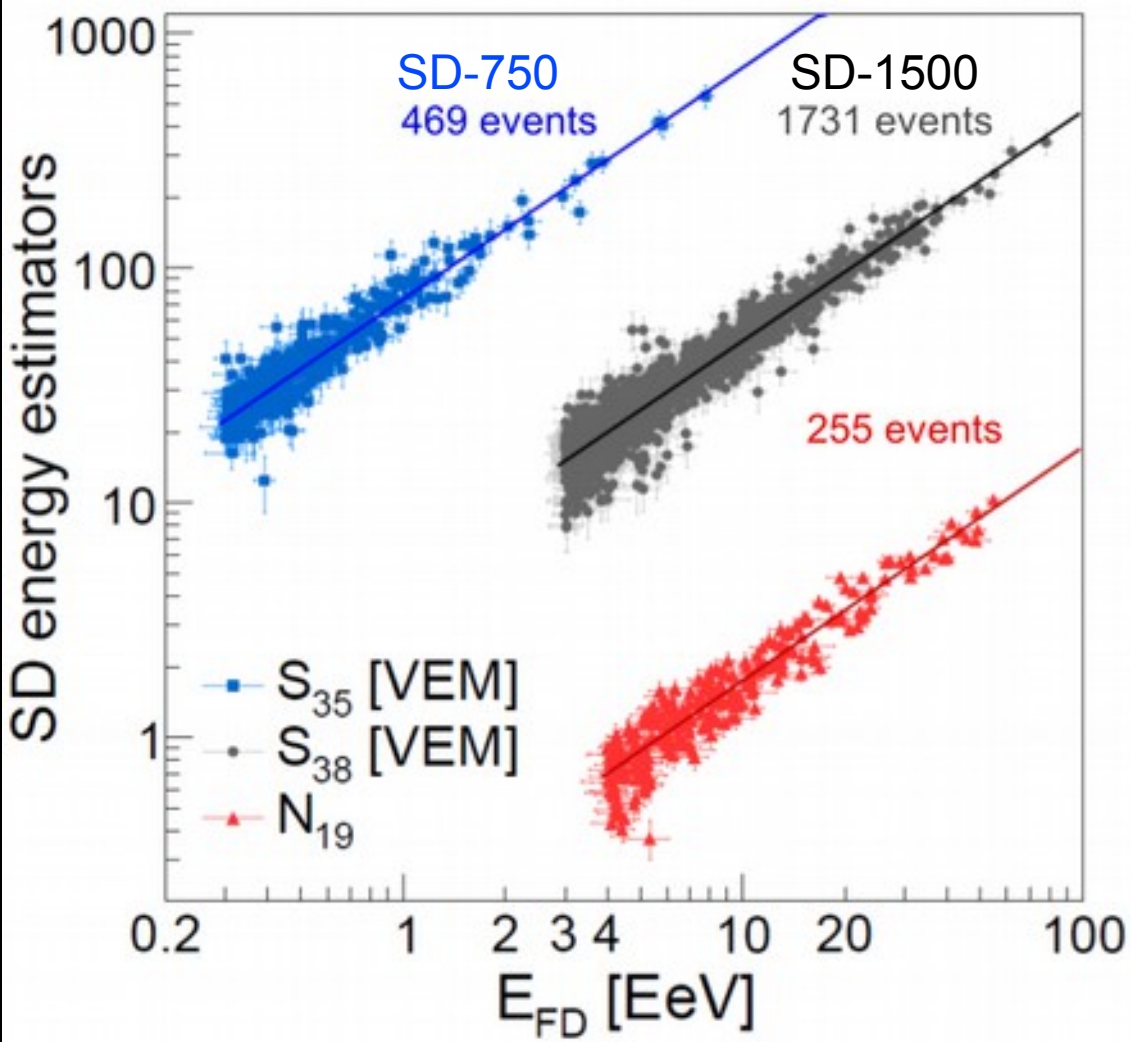
FD: longitudinal development



SD: lateral distribution



# Energy Calibration Pierre Auger Observatory



FD:  $dE/dx$  (EM)

++ well understood,

-- but attenuation in atmosphere  
needs proper monitoring

SD: particles from hadronic interactions

-- large uncertainties

Use Fluorescence Detector  
to calibrate Surface Detector

Result: 15% energy uncertainty



# Telescope Array Experiment



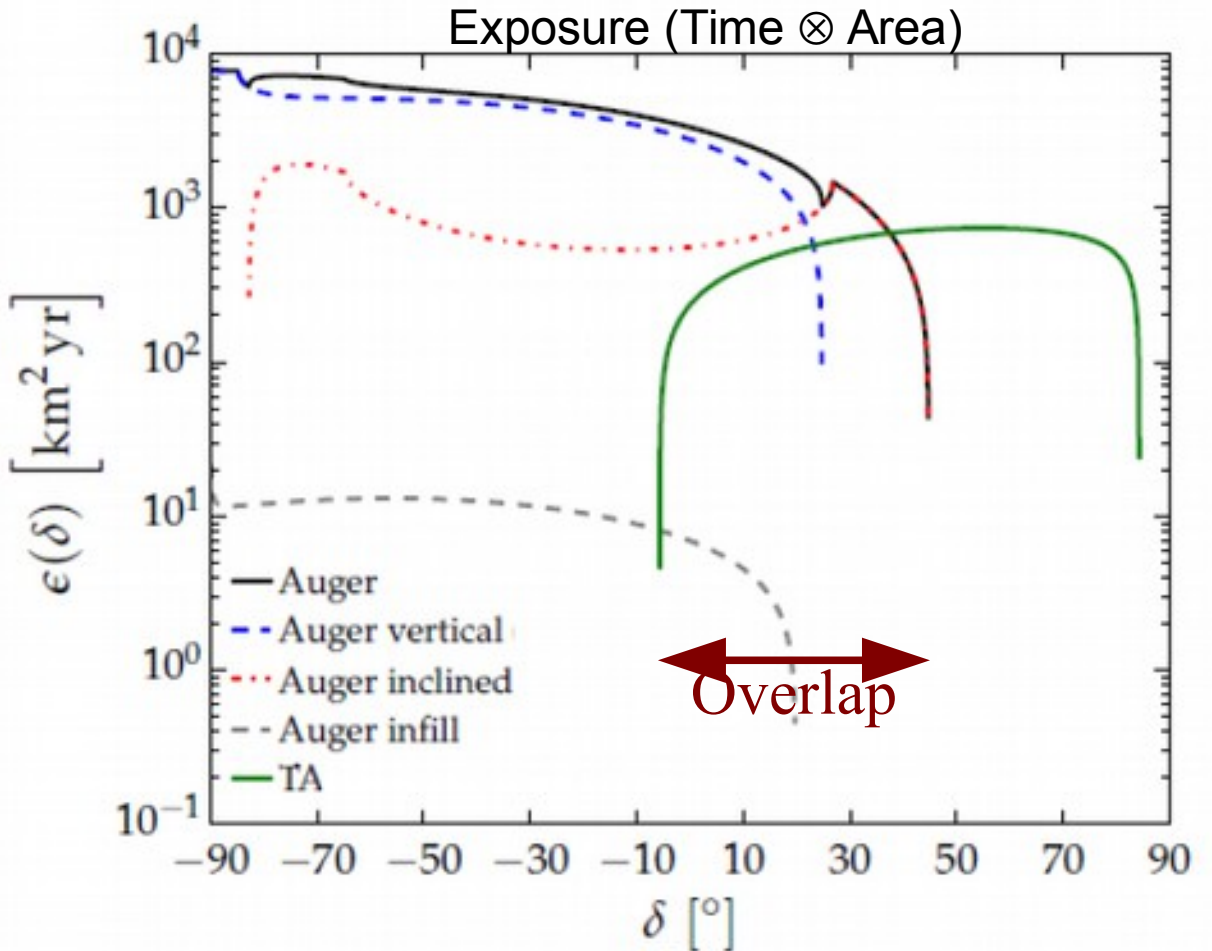
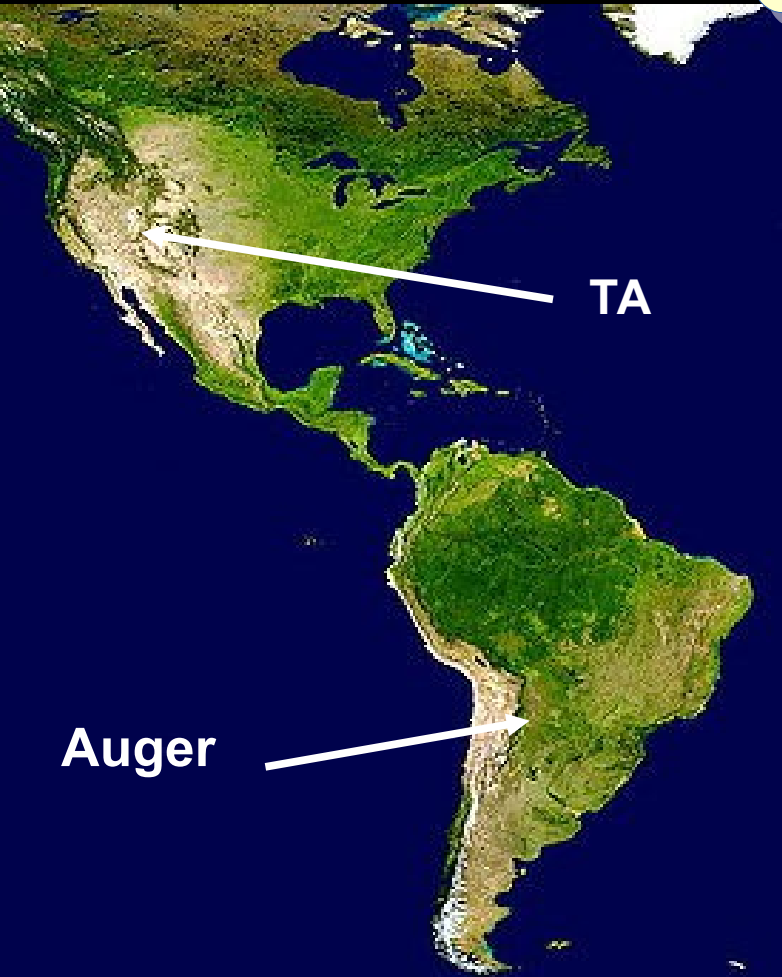
- ❖ Desert in Utah, USA
  - 39.30°N, 112.91°W, 1400m a.s.l.
- ❖ Surface Detector (SD)
  - 3m<sup>2</sup> Scintillation Detector
  - 507 det. with 1.2km spacing
  - Distributed across 700km<sup>2</sup>
  - Operating since 2008
- ❖ Fluorescence Detector (FD)
  - 3 stations
  - 12 telescopes / station



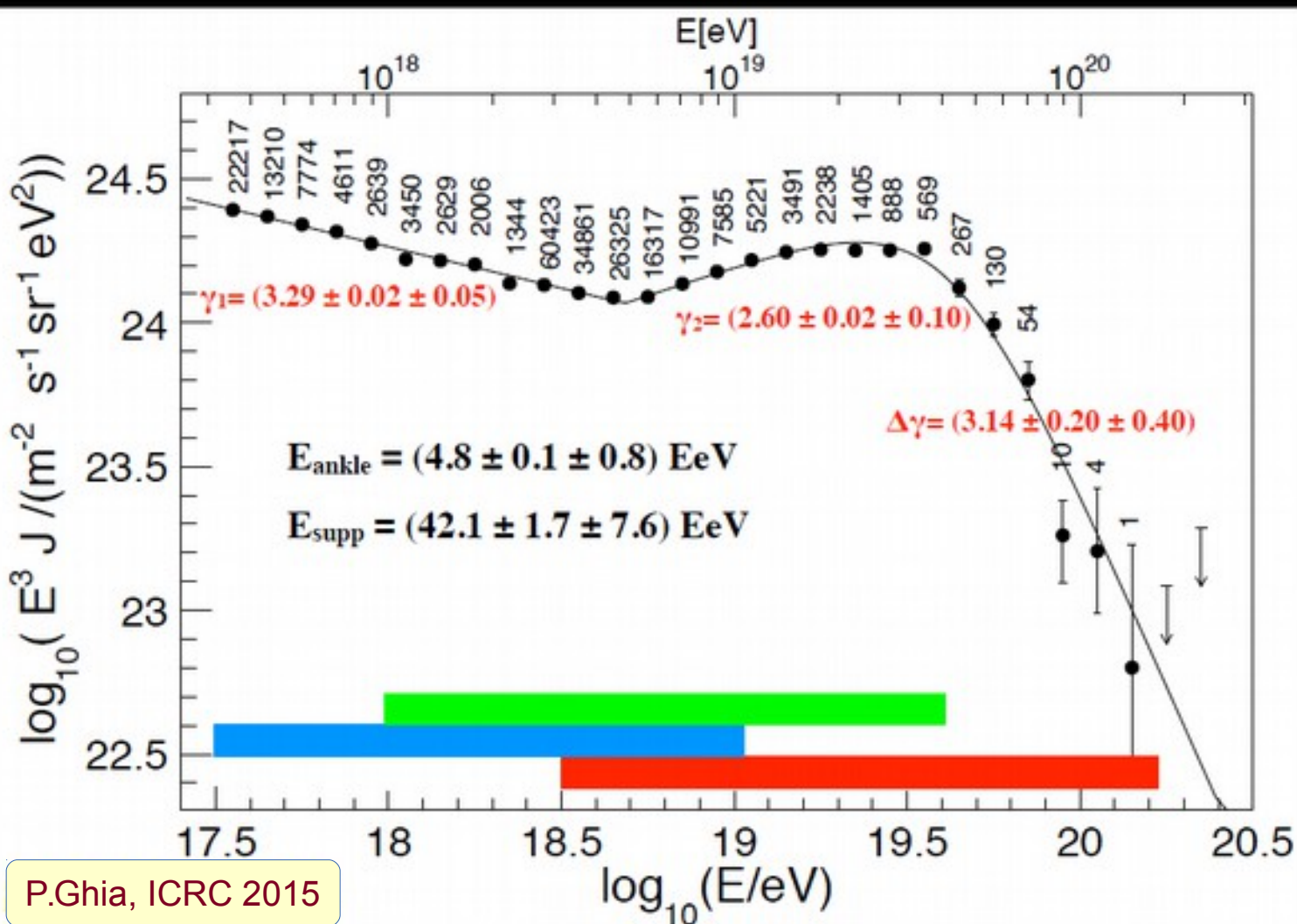
K. Kawata  
ICRC 2015



Complementary in declination  
Exposure: Auger ca. 8x TA

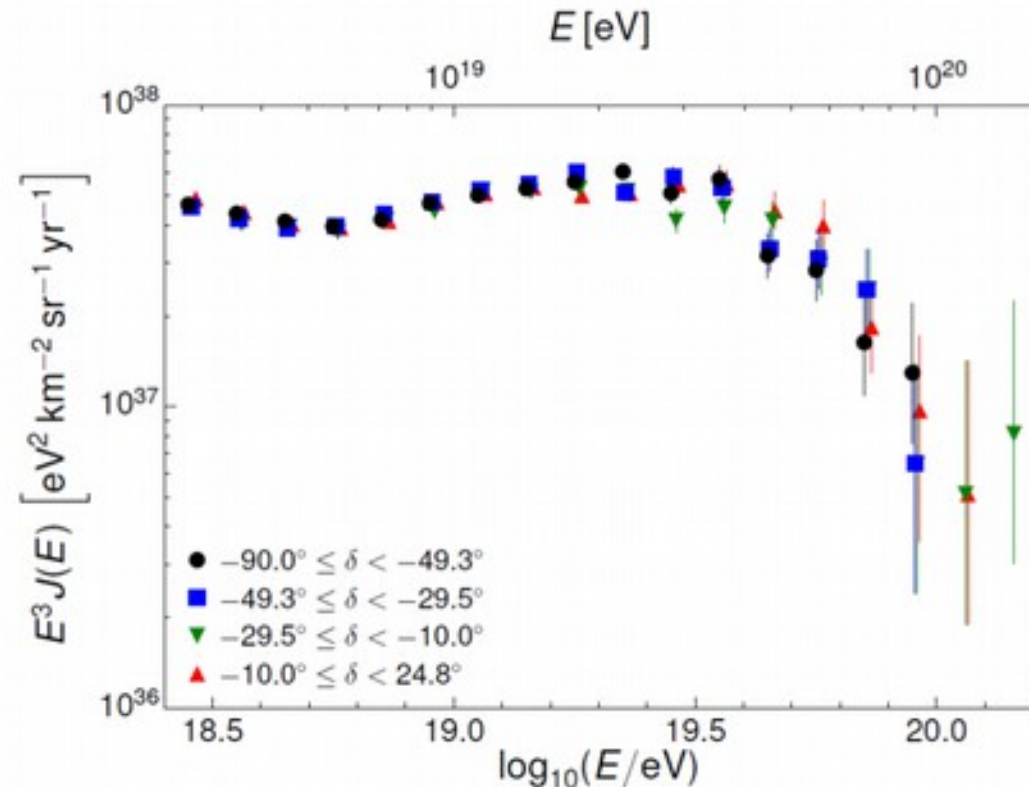
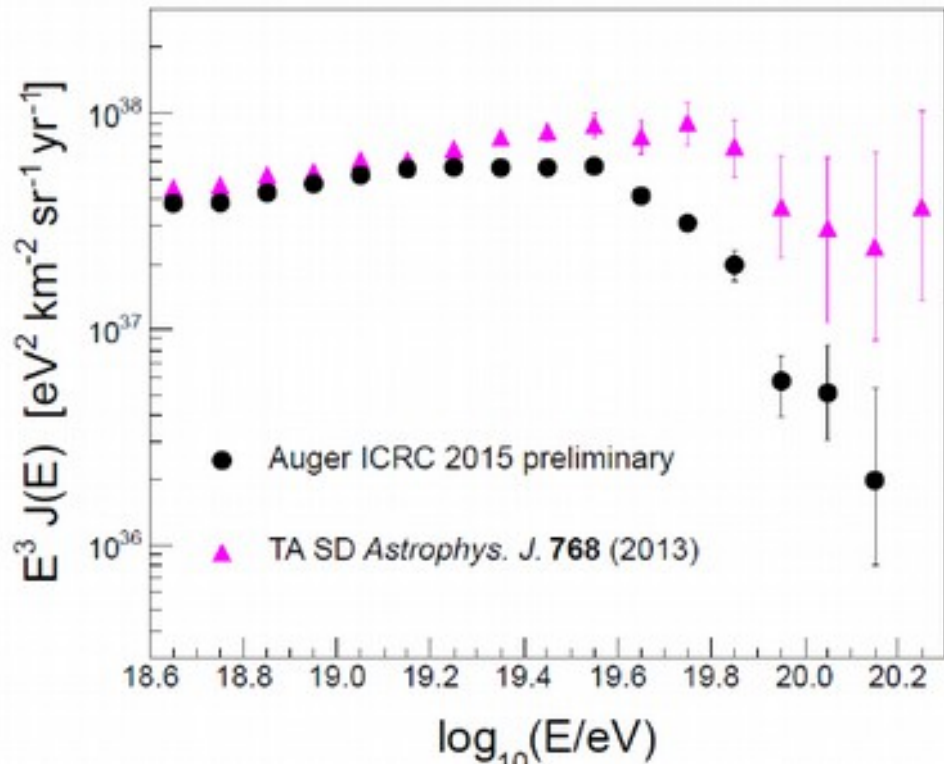


4 data sets combined: **SD 750 m**, **FD (hybrid)**, **SD 1500 m (0-60°)**, **SD 1500 m (60-80°)**  
 $\approx 200\,000$  events,  $\approx 50\,000$  km<sup>2</sup> sr yr exposure, FOV: -90°, +25 in  $\delta$

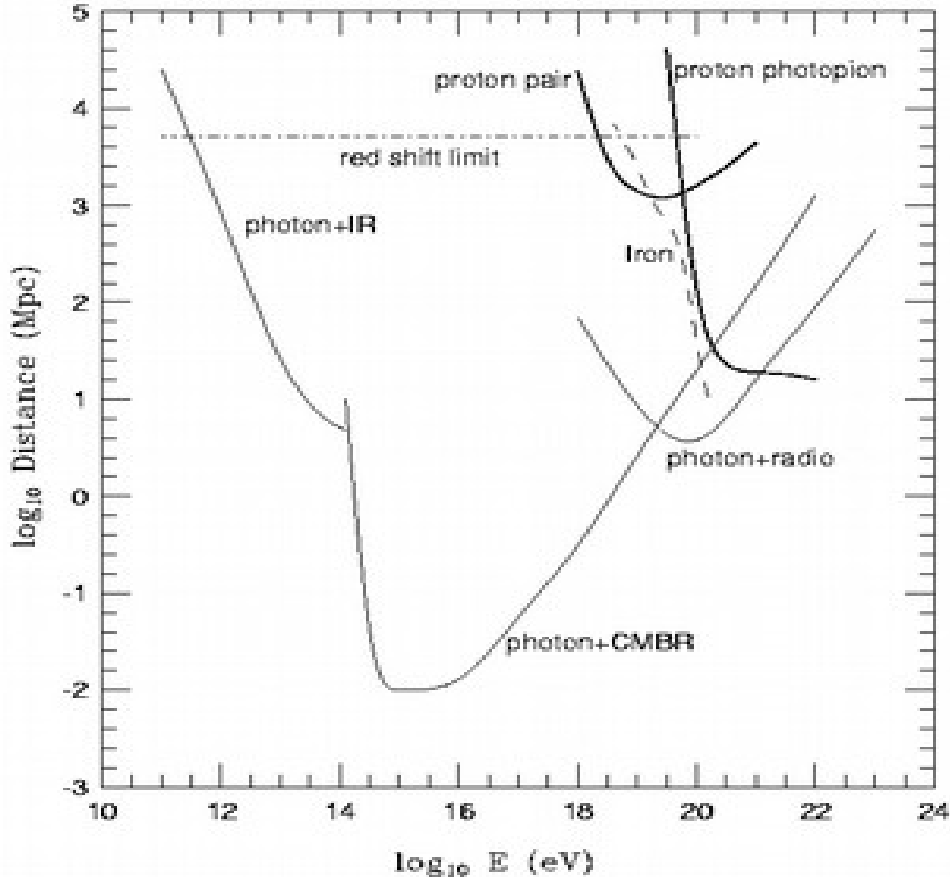


Discrepancy between Auger and TA  
Energy-scale? Fluorescence yield?

Auger: declination independent !  
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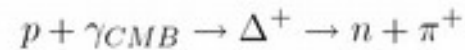
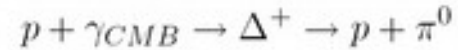
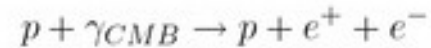


# End of the spectrum?



**Greisen Zatsepin Kuz'min effect (1966):**  
Interaction with the cosmic microwave background (CMB)

**protons:**

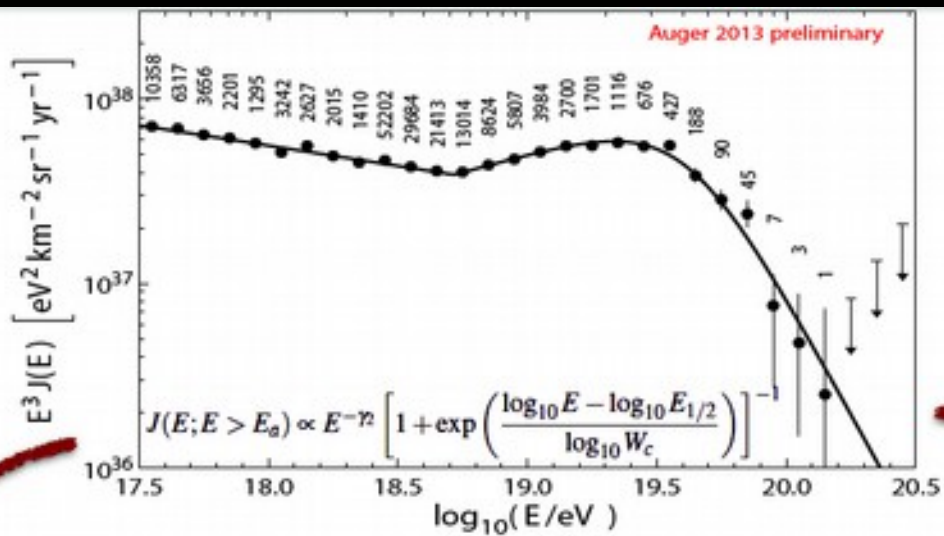


$E \geq 7 \cdot 10^{19}$  eV

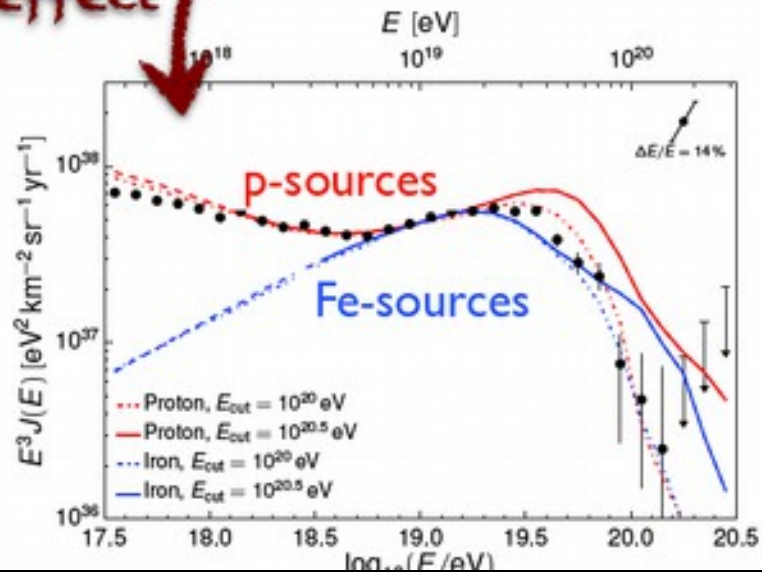
**nuclei:** photo-disintegration and pair production on CMB (RB IR)

**“horizon” (p and nuclei)  $\sim 100$  Mpc ( $\sim 10^{20}$  eV)**

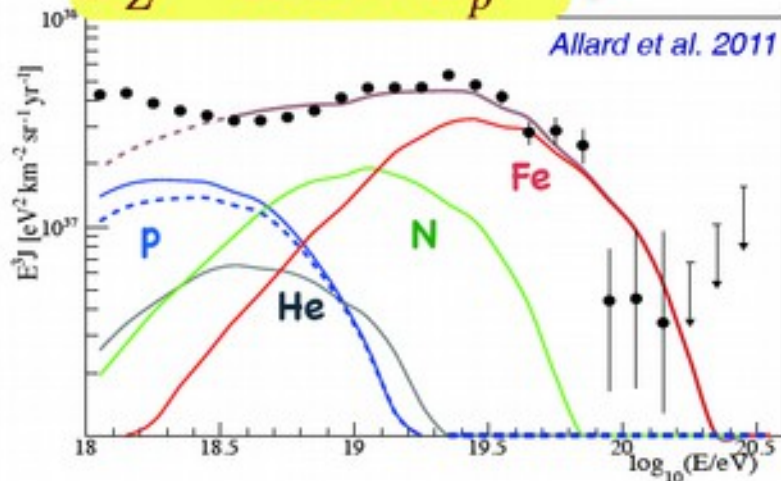
GZK-effect



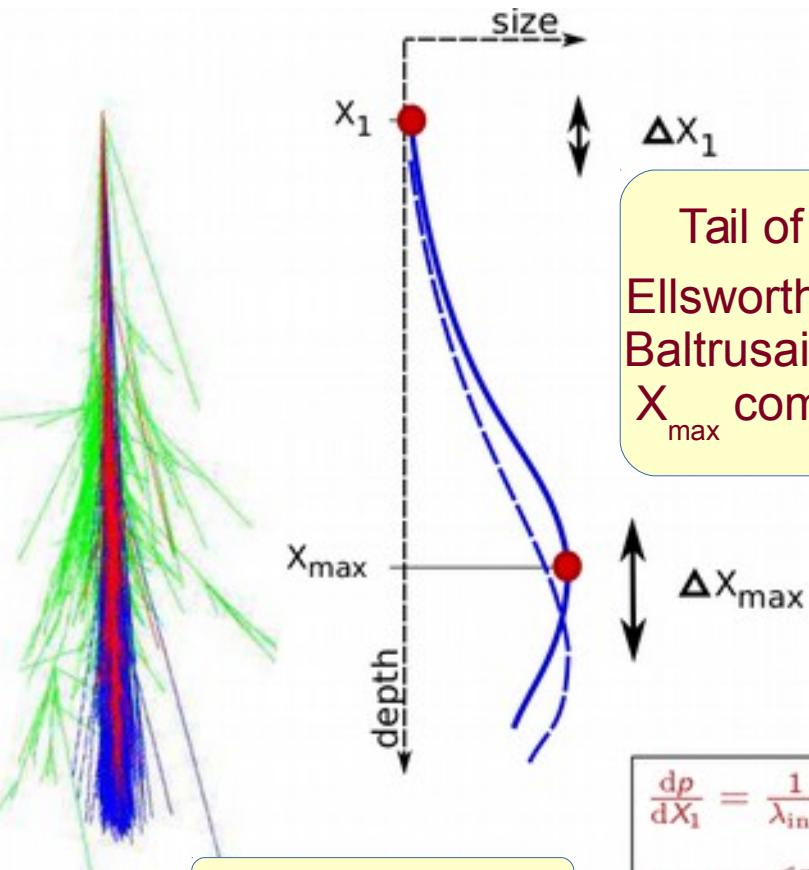
exhausted sources



$$E_Z^{\text{max}} \propto Z \times E_p^{\text{max}}$$



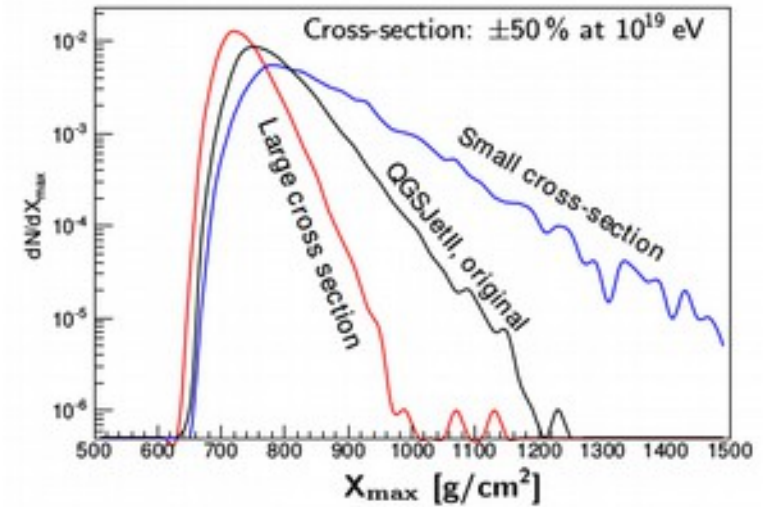
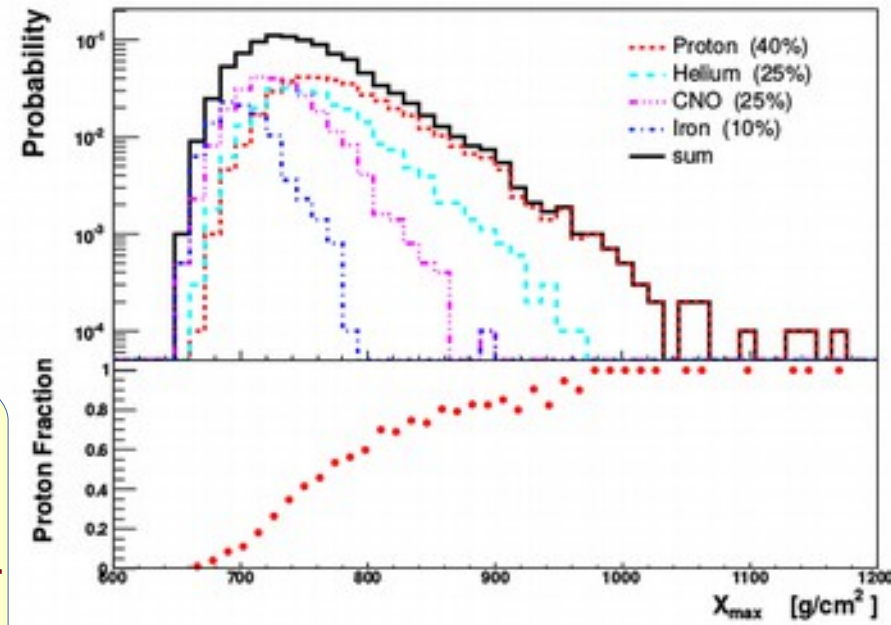
# p-Air cross-section at EeV

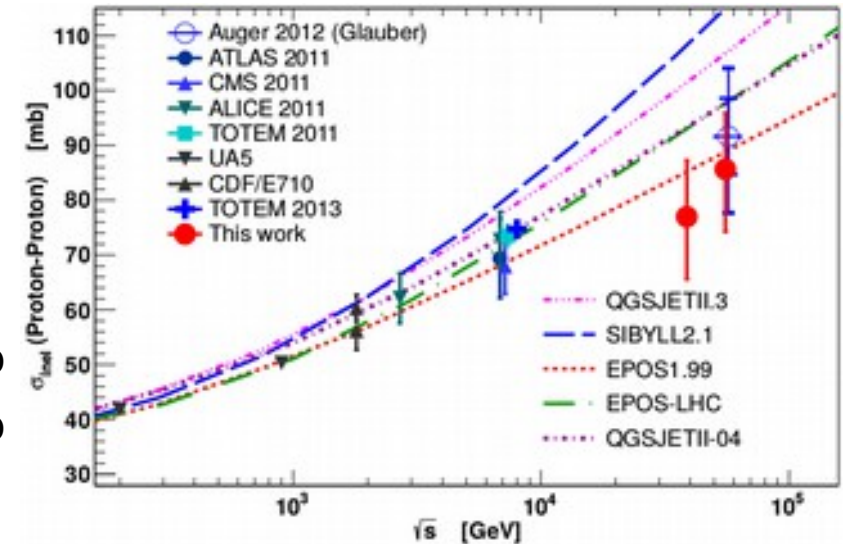
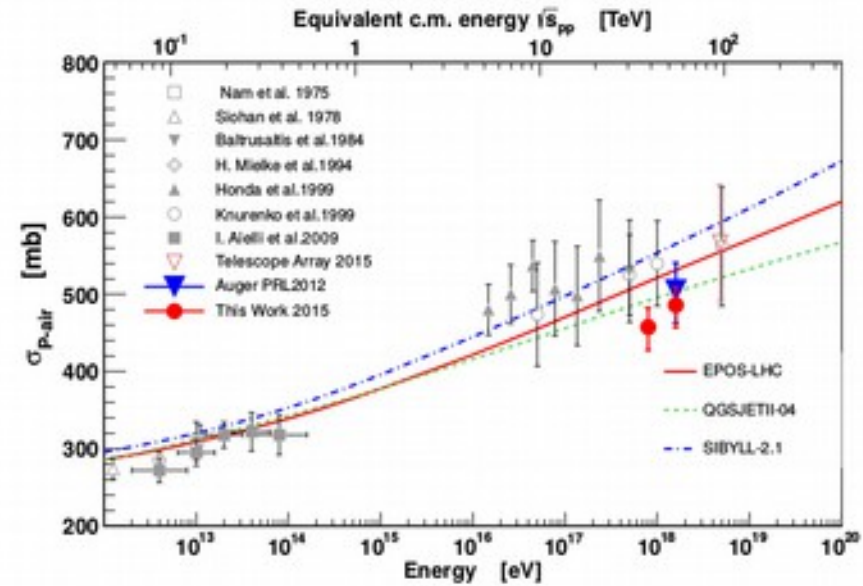
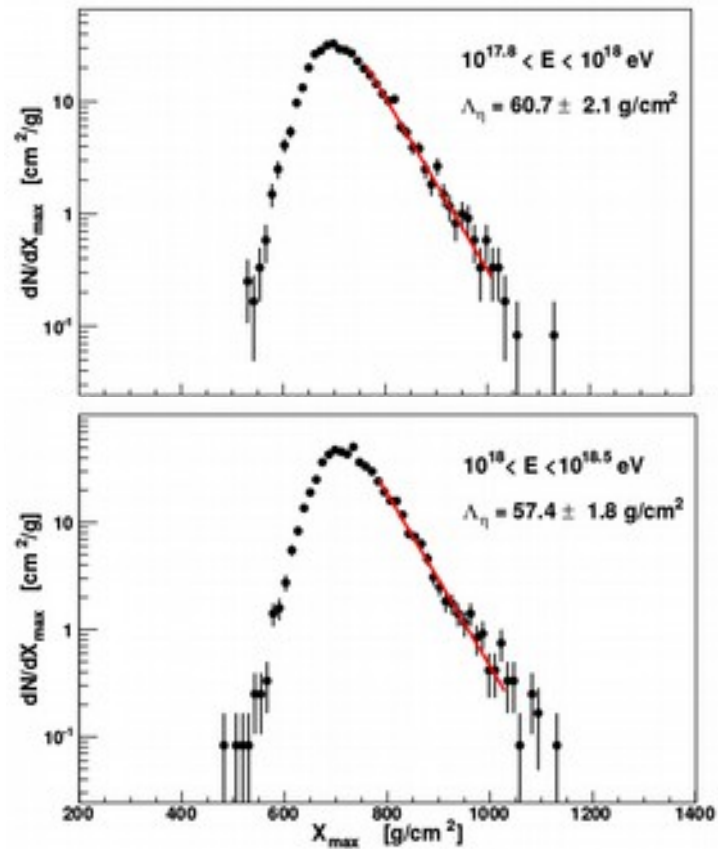


Tail of  $X_{\max}$  distribution  
 Ellsworth et al. PRD 1982,  
 Baltrusaitis et al. PRL 1984  
 $X_{\max}$  composition sensitive

$$\frac{d\rho}{dX_1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{int}}} e^{-X_1/\lambda_{\text{int}}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{int}} = \frac{\langle m_{\text{air}} \rangle}{\lambda_{\text{int}}}$$





$\sigma_{pp}$  [38.7±5.2 TeV] = [76.9±5.4(stat)+5/-7(syst) ± 7(glauber) ] mb  
 $\sigma_{pp}$  [55.5±3.6 TeV] = [85.6±5.0(stat)+5/-7(syst) ± 7(glauber) ] mb

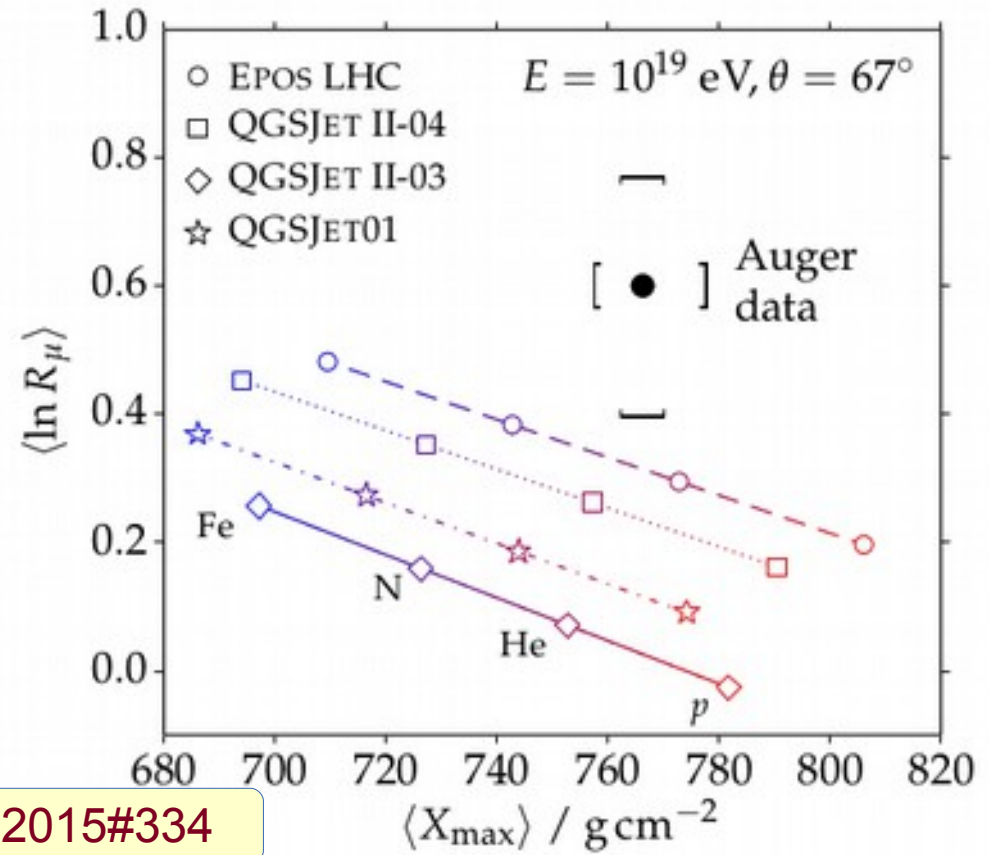
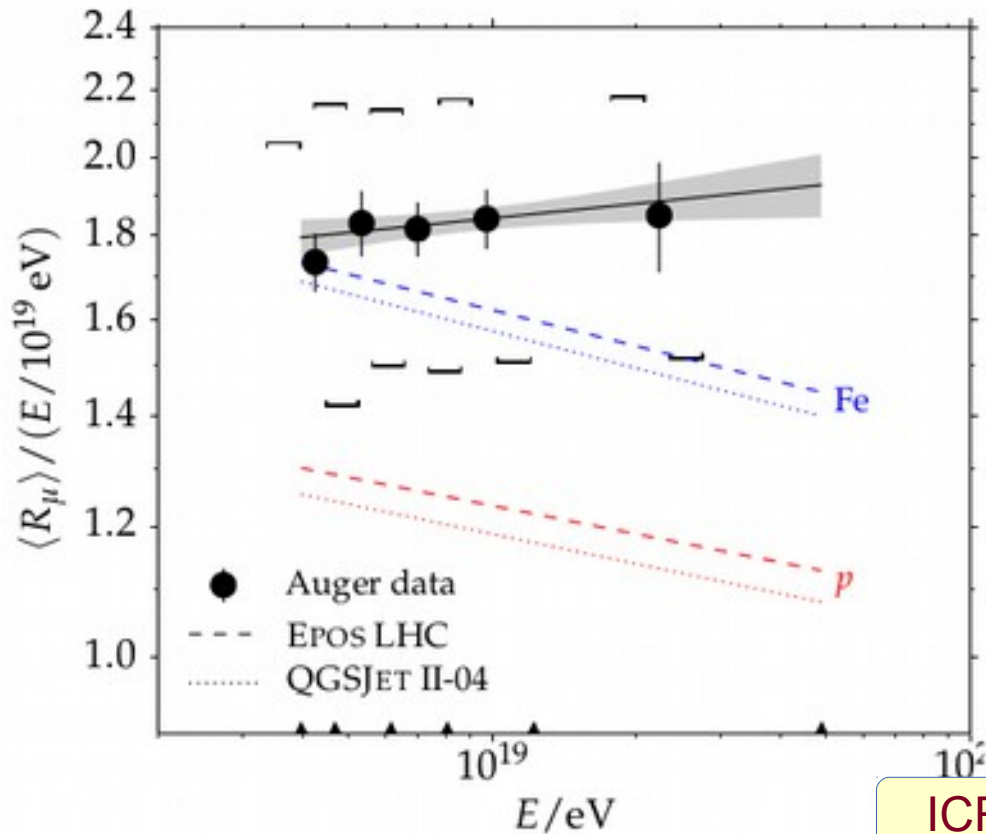
# Testing the hadronic models

For hybrid inclined shower (em absorbed) measure number of muons

Too many muons and tension with  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$

$\langle \# \text{muons} \rangle$  vs energy

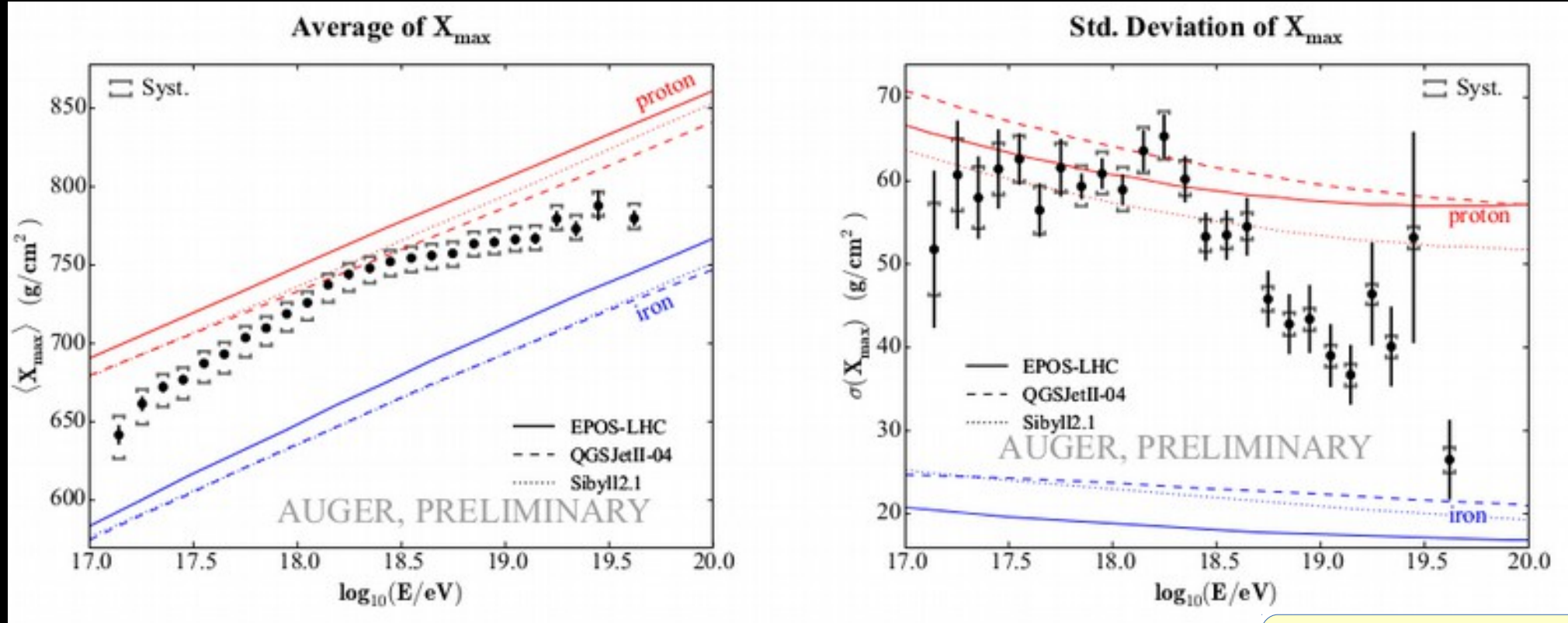
$\langle \# \text{muons} \rangle$  vs  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$  at 10 EeV



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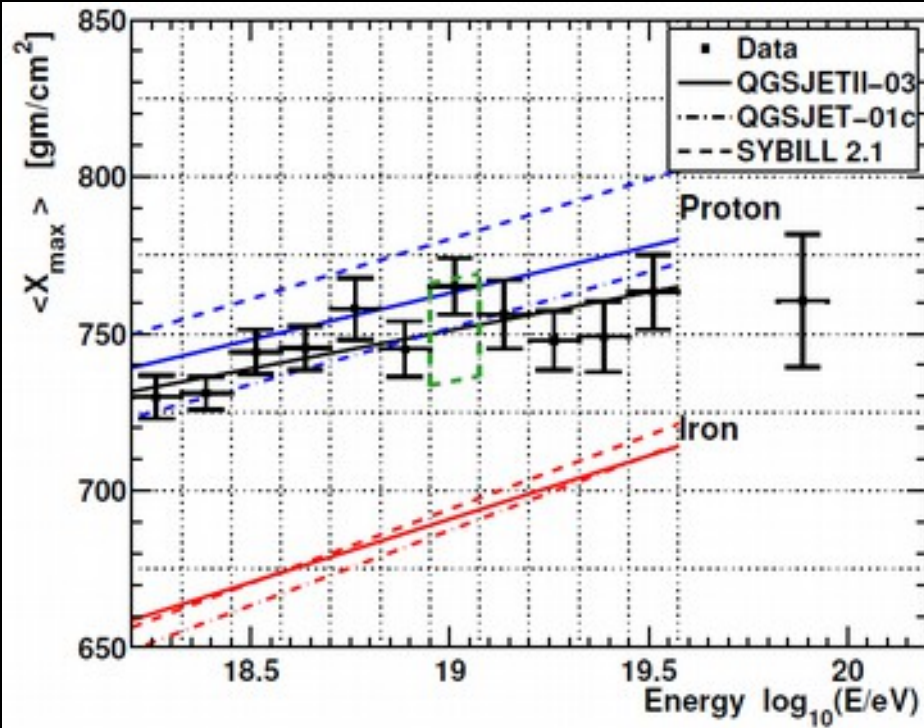
# Composition: $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$



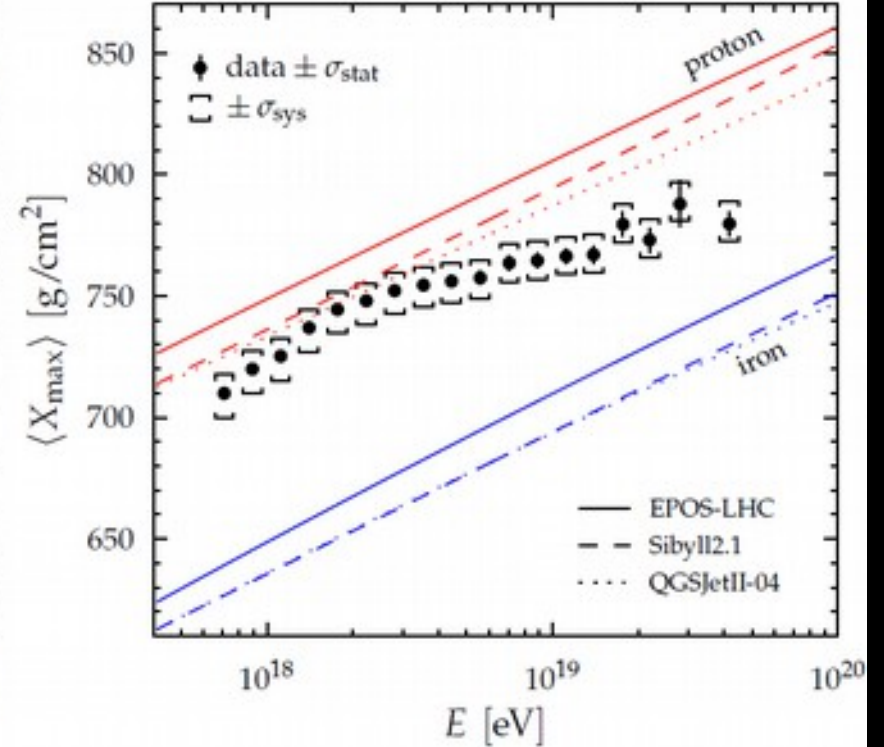
Heavy ( $2 \times 10^{17}$  eV) to Light ( $2 \times 10^{18}$  eV) to Heavy ( $2 \times 10^{19}$  eV)  
Data up to 40 EeV  
Conclusion independent of EPOS-LHC / QGSJETII-04

ICRC2015#420

# Composition: $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$



Telescope Array Collaboration, APP 64 (2014) 49



Pierre Auger Collaboration, PRD 90 (2014) 12, 122005

Maximize statistics

Measured  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$

Simulation incl. Detector

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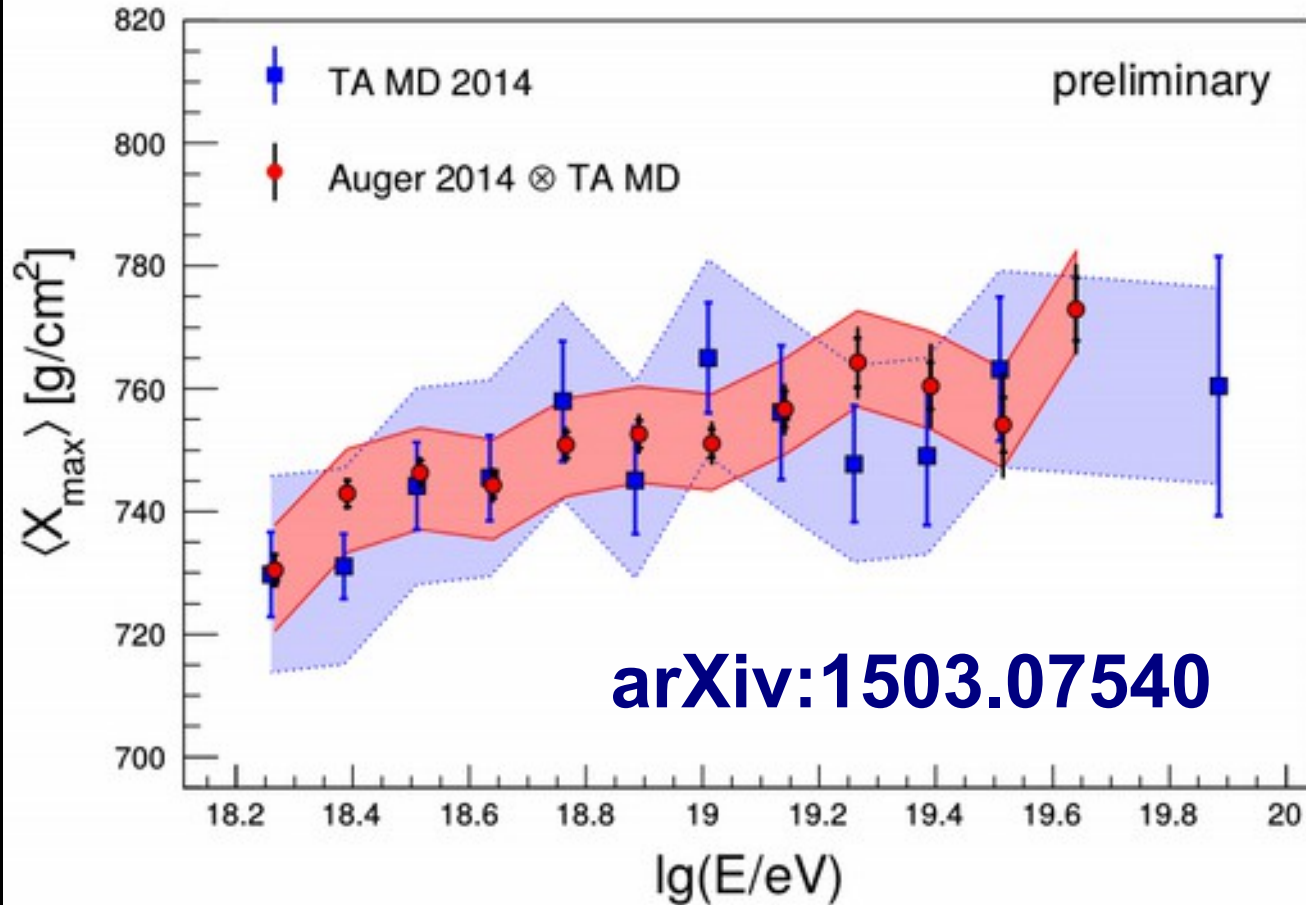
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Minimize bias

Unfolded  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$

Simulation as generated

# Composition: $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$



UHECR Working-Group  
resolved discrepancy  
between TA and Auger:

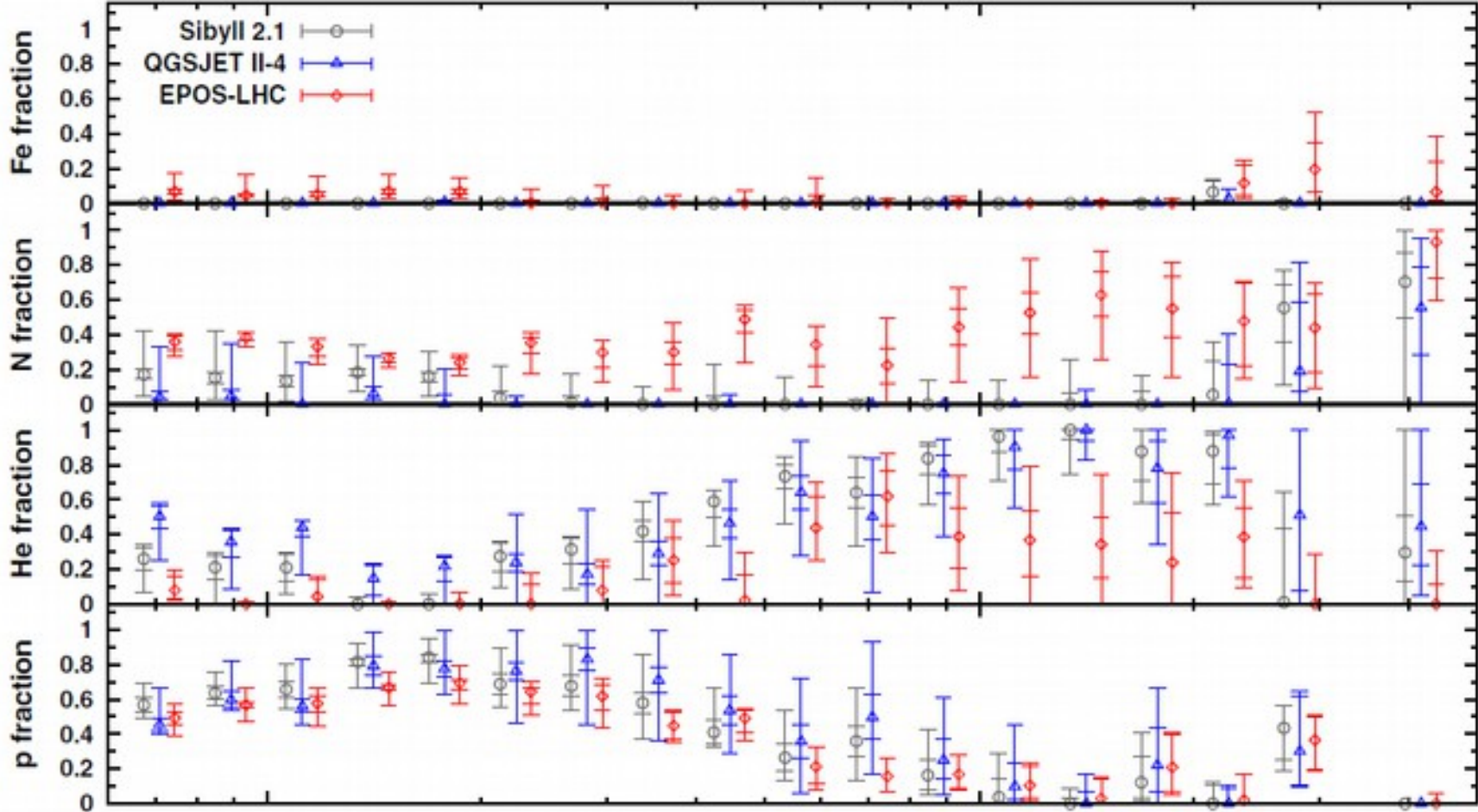
Auger data folded with  
TA Detector acceptance  
agrees well

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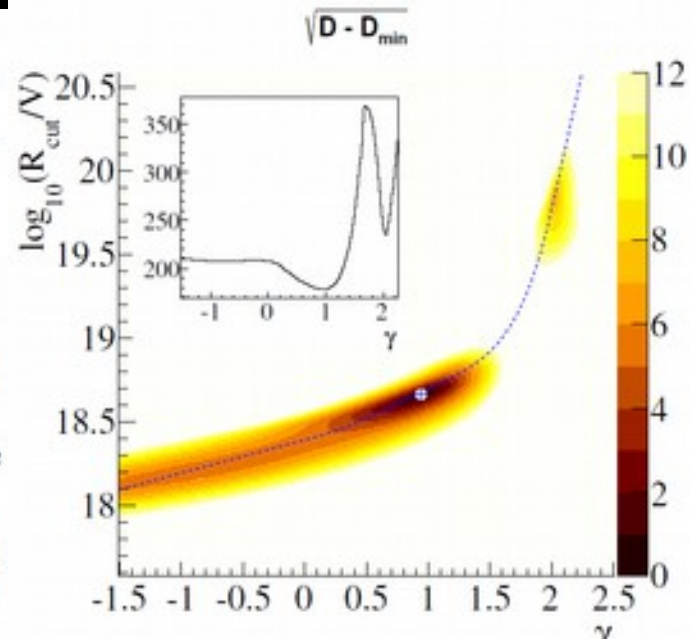
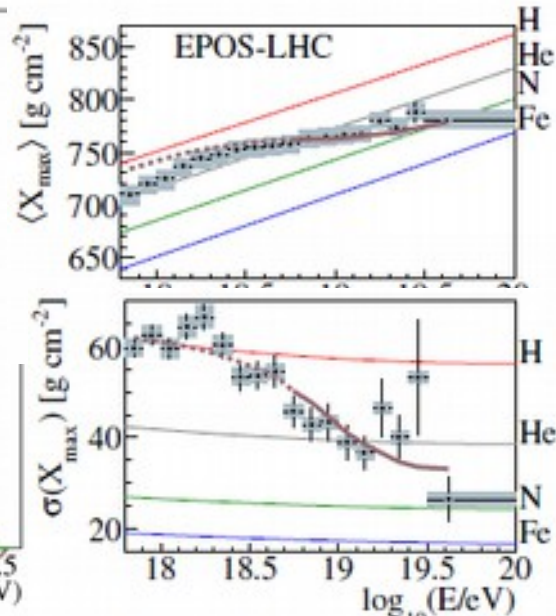
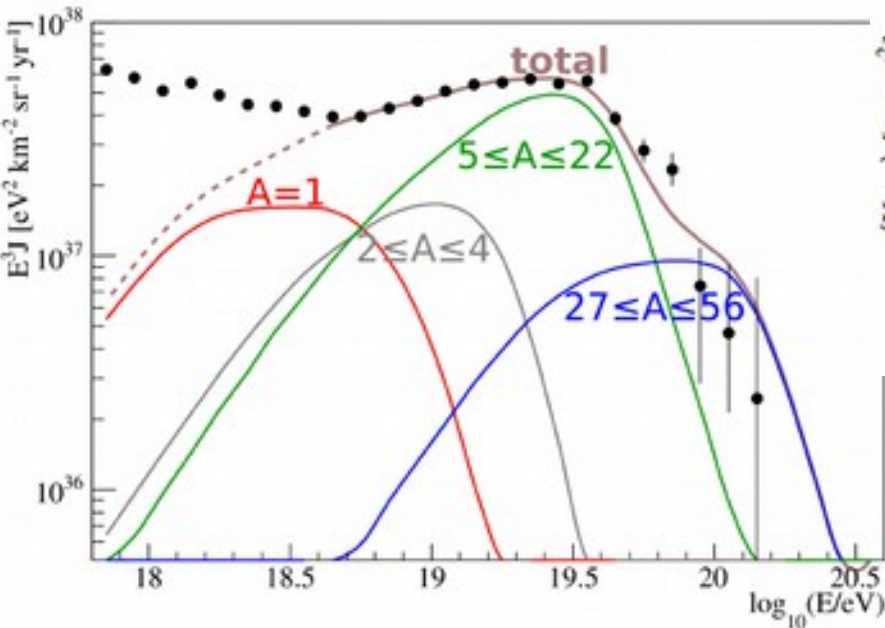


# Propagation simulation

Fit results of propagation simulations (**SimProp**, **CRPropa**) to Auger measurements (Spectrum,  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$ ,  $\sigma(X_{\max})$ )

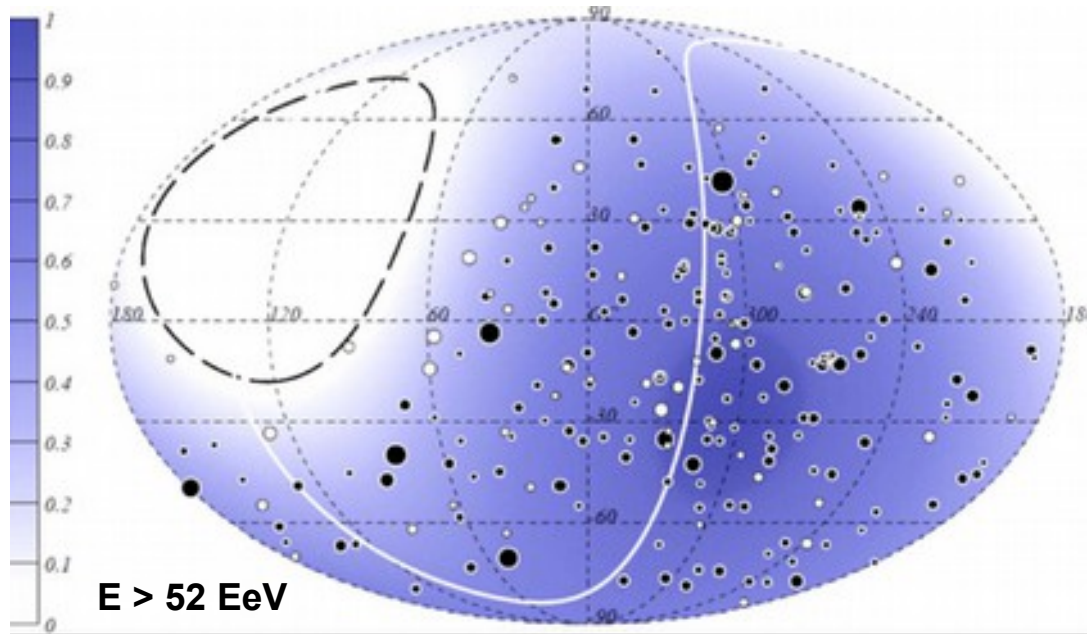
Varying spectral index and cut-off energy of source while

Assuming source distribution and extra galactic magnetic field model



# Anisotropy

Astrophysical Journal, 804:15, 2015



231 events, zenith  $< 80^\circ$   
black(white) vertical (inclined)

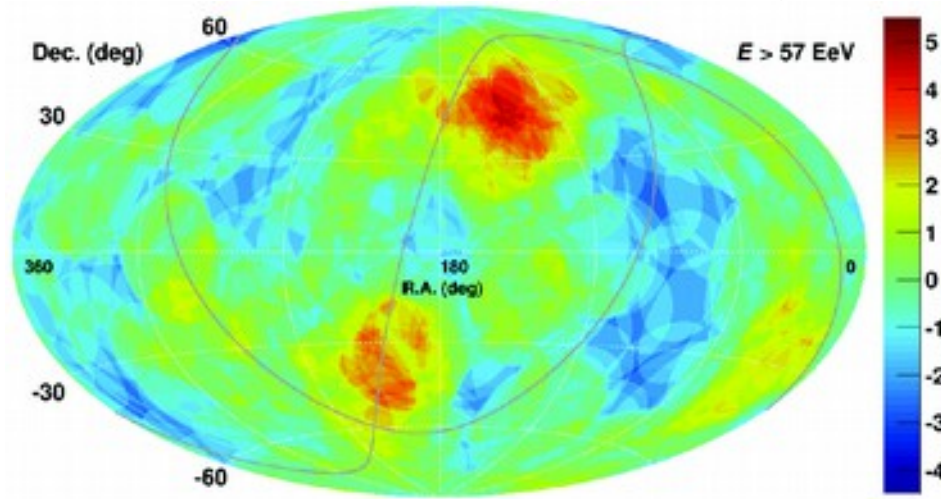
No significant excesses were found around the Galactic Center, the Galactic Plane, or the Super-Galactic Plane.

No significant correlations with source from several catalogs

1/1/2004 - 31/3/2014

# Sky survey with Auger and TA

Auger and TA, ICRC 2015

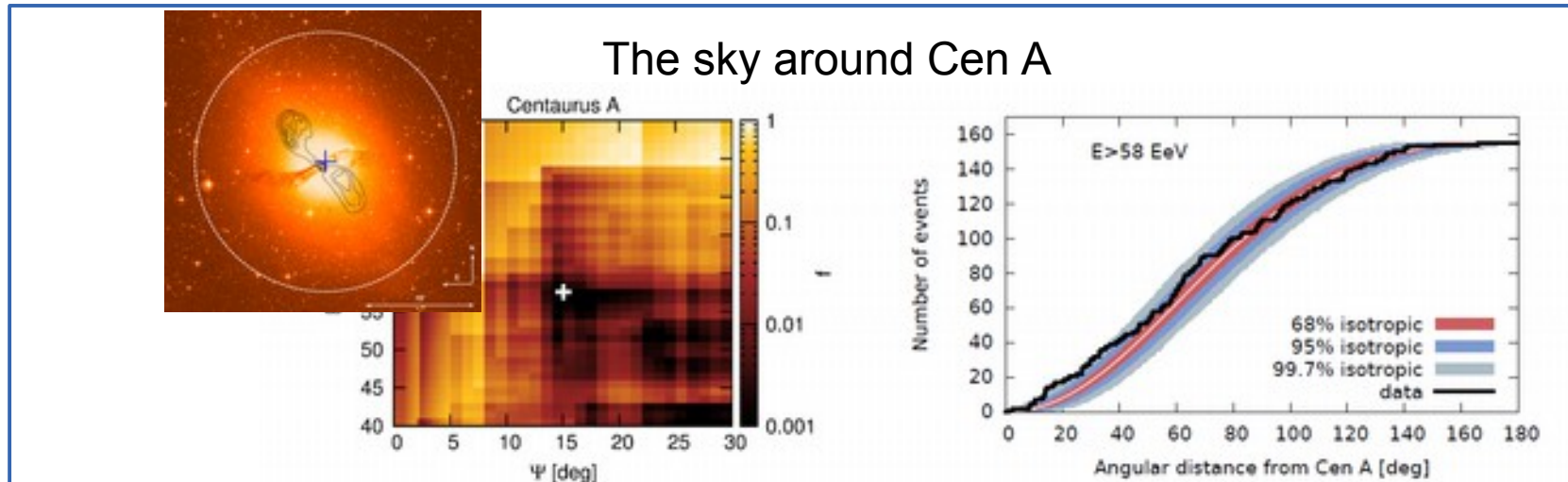


## TA

7 years, 109 Events ( $> 57 \text{ EeV}$ )  
Northern Hemisphere: hot spot seen by TA ( $3.4 \sigma$ ) near the Ursa Major cluster

## Auger

10 years 157 events ( $> 57 \text{ EeV}$ )  
Southern Hemisphere: hot spot seen by Auger (post-trial prob 1.4%) near to Cen A

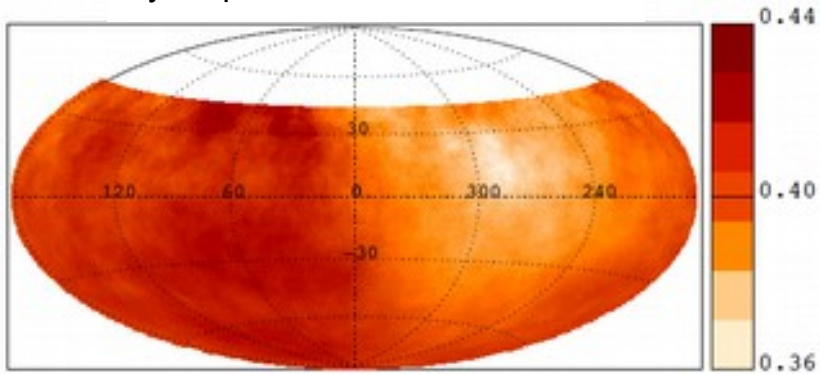


# Large Scale anisotropy at the highest energies

Rayleigh analysis in right ascension and azimuth

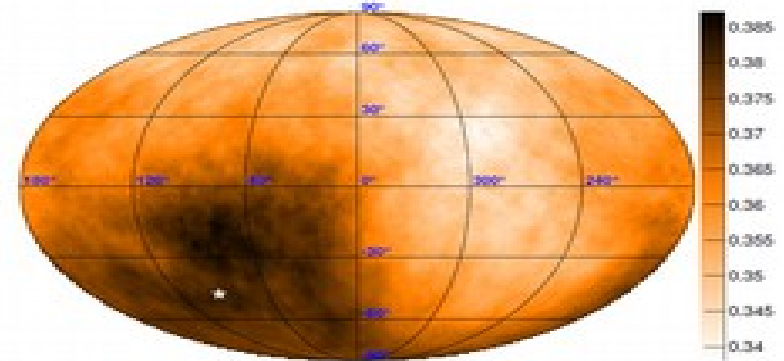
Auger and TA, ICRC 2015

Sky map of the CR flux  $E > 8 \text{ EeV}$



Auger ( $7.3 \pm 1.5\%$ ) ( $p=6.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ )

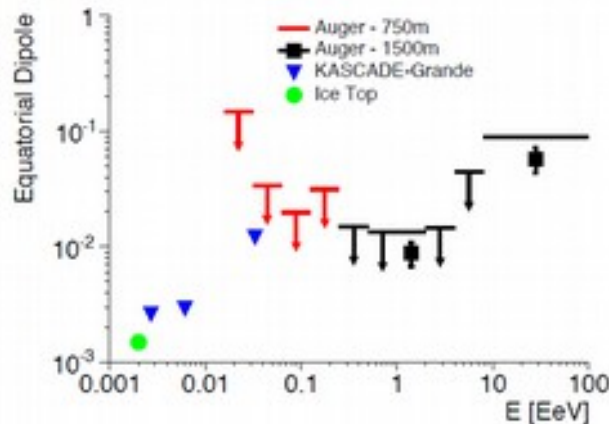
Sky map of the CR flux  $E > 10 \text{ EeV}$



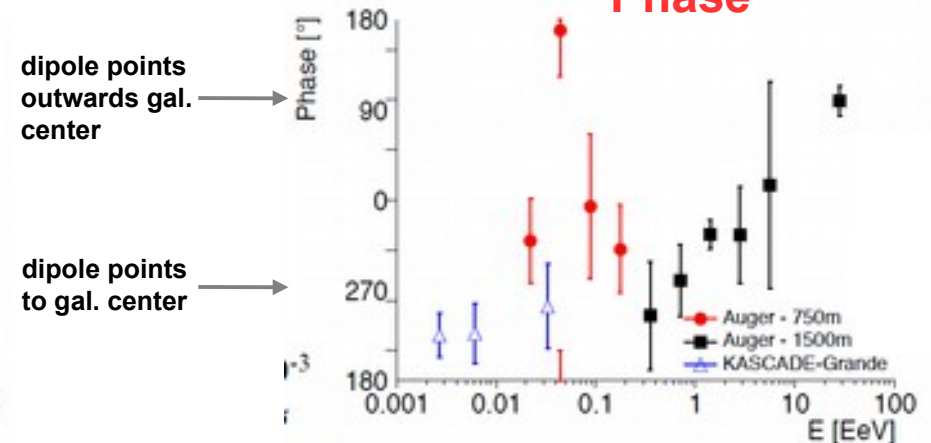
Auger and TA ( $6.5 \pm 1.9\%$ ) ( $p=5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )

Indication of transition from galactic to extragalactic cosmic rays

## Dipole Amplitude

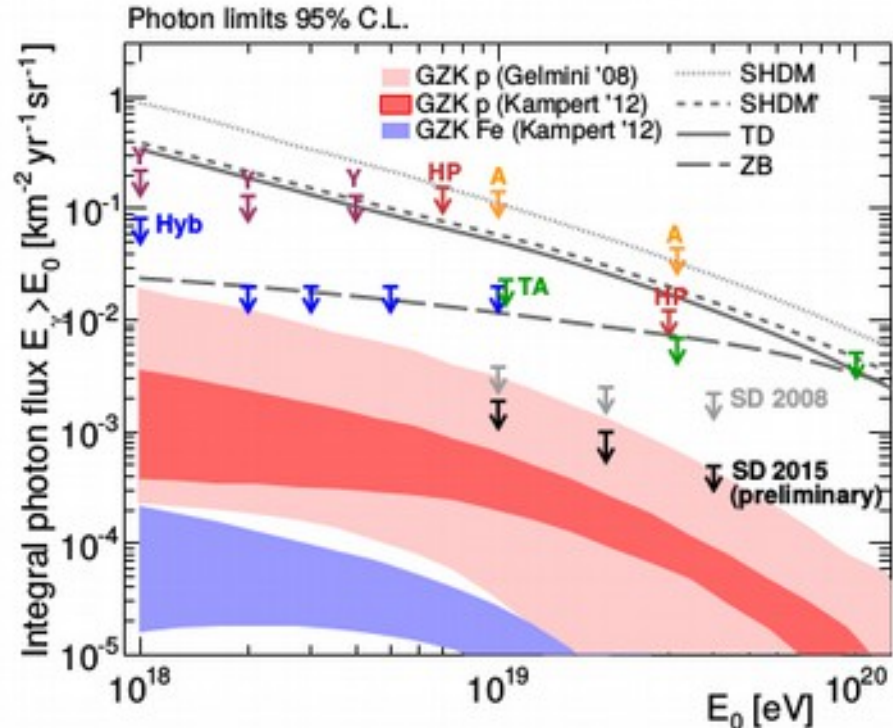
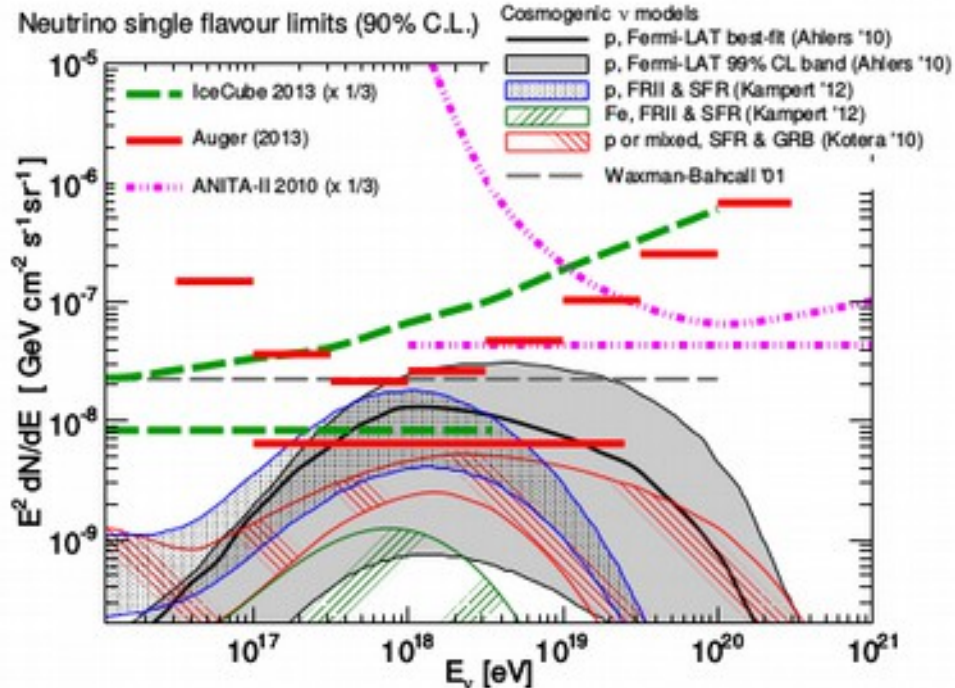


## Phase





# Neutrino and Photon limits

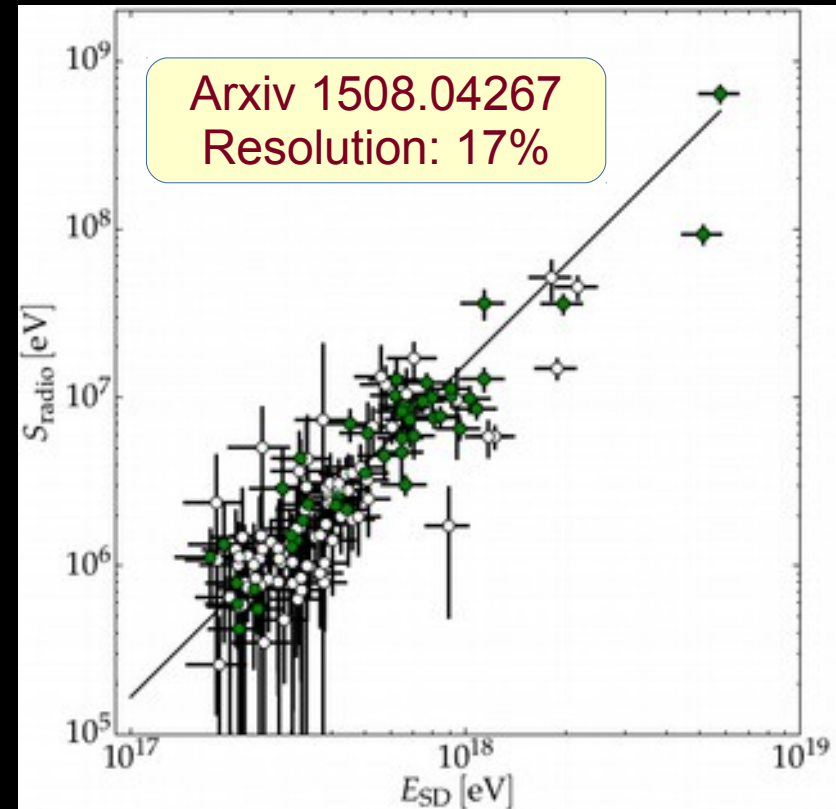


Select „young“ showers in inclined or earth-skimming events  
 First limits from EAS into WB-bound

Select photons by timing characteristics and lateral distribution  
 Strongly disfavours Top-Down models

# EAS radio-detection at the Pierre Auger Observatory

- Emission well understood
- Optimal EM detector for inclined shower
- No attenuation in atmosphere
- Coposition sensitivity promising
- High potential for absolute e-scale



A visualization of a cosmic ray shower, showing a bright purple and blue streak of light descending from the top left towards the bottom right, set against a dark space background with a galaxy and Earth's surface visible at the bottom.

## Summary:

Spectrum and  $X_{\text{max}}$  at very high precision  
Constraints on astro-physical scenarios

pp cross-section at highest energies

Tension (missing muons) in hadronic models

Strong Neutrino and Photon limits

Cosmic rays remarkable isotrop

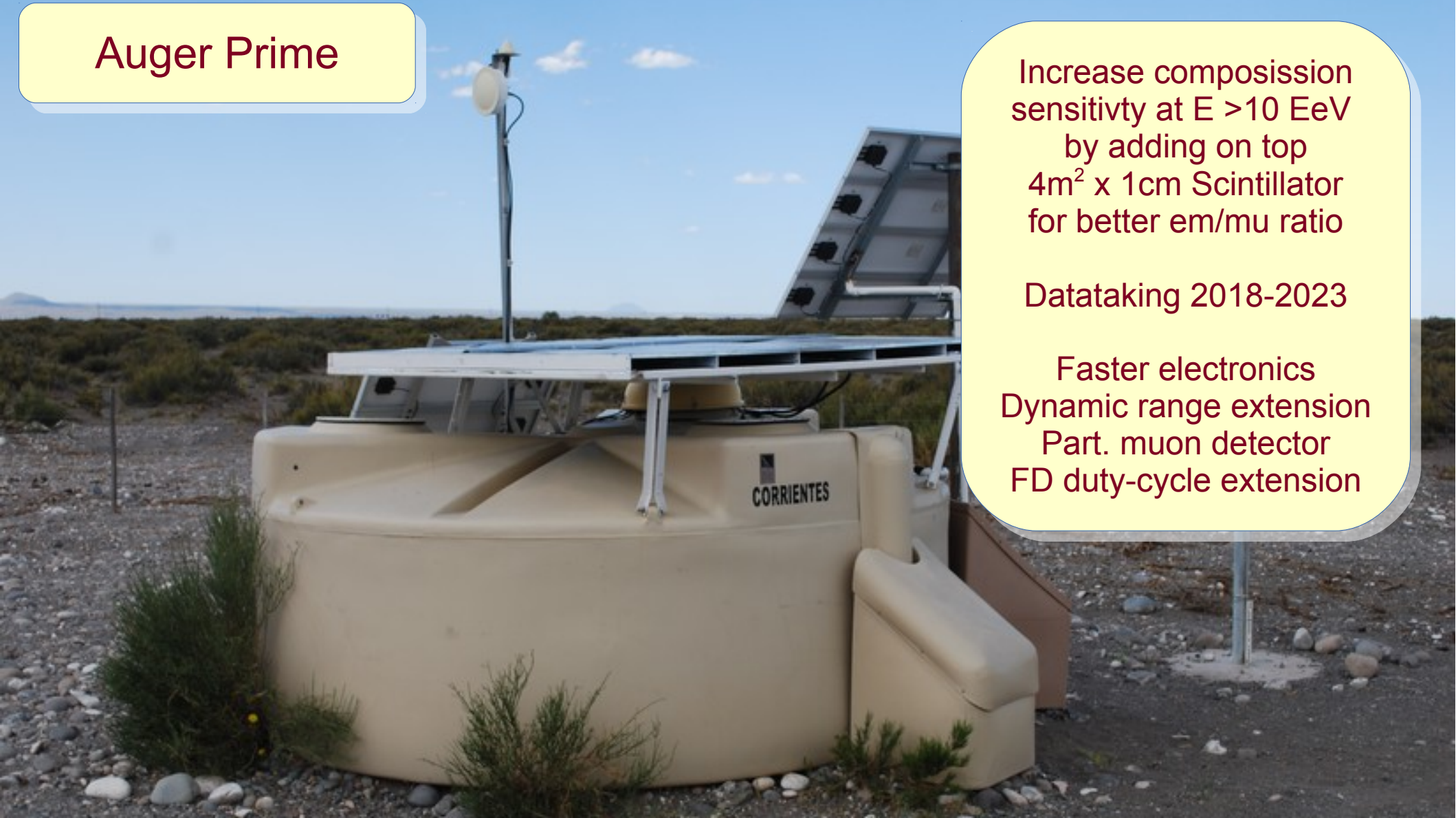
Large scale dipole indicates  
transition galactic  $\rightarrow$  extra galactic

# Auger Prime

Increase composition sensitivity at  $E > 10 \text{ EeV}$  by adding on top  $4\text{m}^2 \times 1\text{cm}$  Scintillator for better em/mu ratio

Datataking 2018-2023

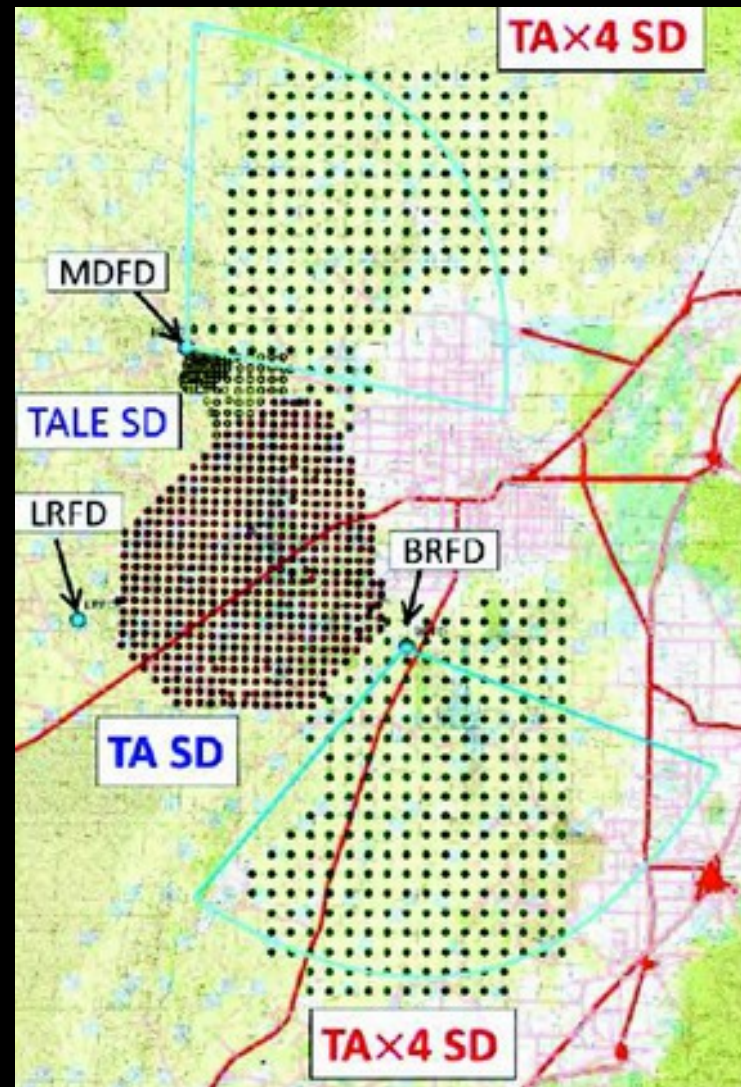
Faster electronics  
Dynamic range extension  
Part. muon detector  
FD duty-cycle extension



## TA upgrade

Extend the SD area by a factor 4  
700 → 2800 km<sup>2</sup>

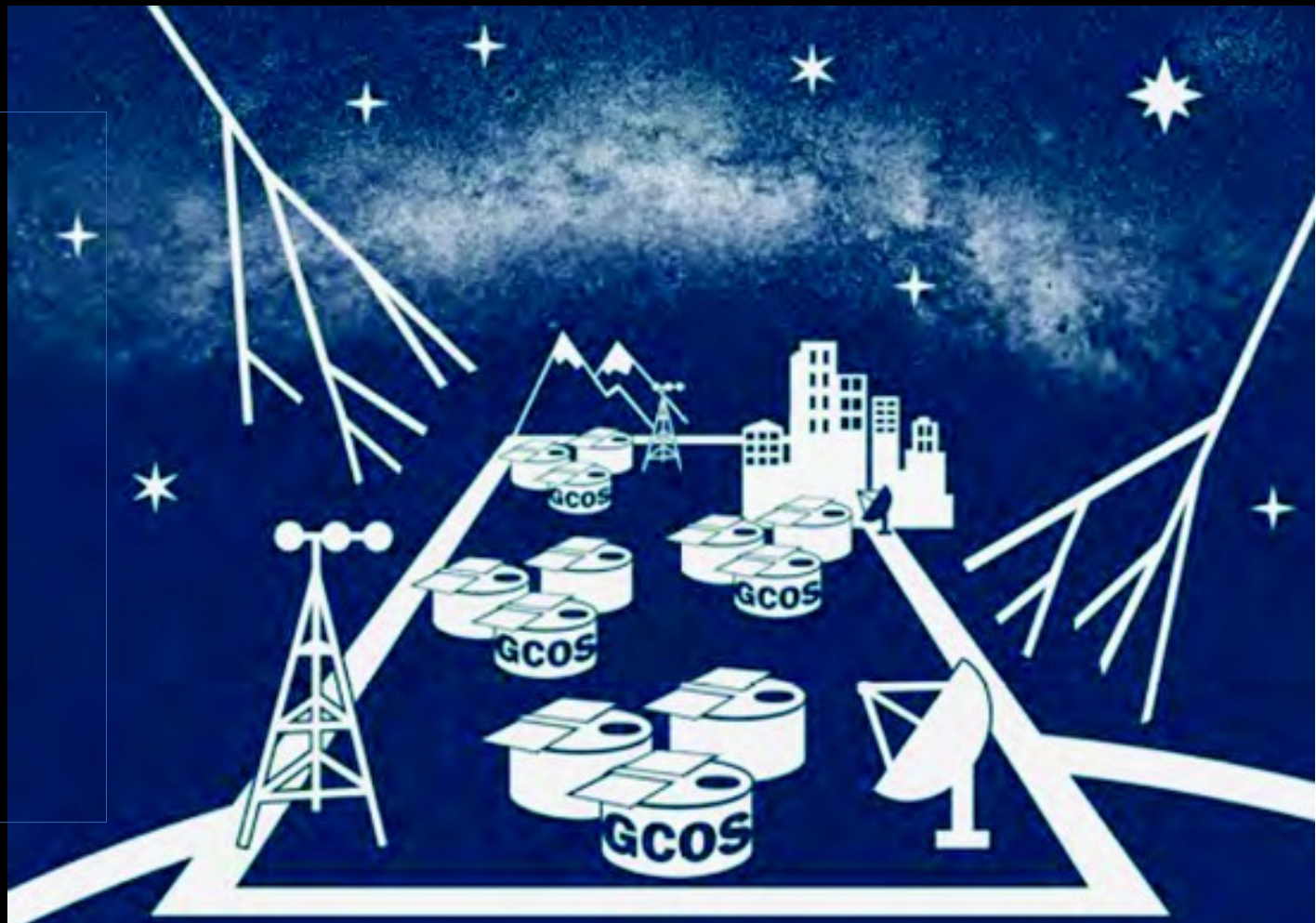
Additional few-PMT FDs?



# Far-Future: GCOS

## p-astronomy with sources

- Global, few sites, N+S
- ca. 90,000 km<sup>2</sup> (x30 Auger)
- FD with SiPMs?
- No FD at all?
- Optimal detector for composition-sensitivity?





... some way ahead to understand  
the sources of the highest energetic particles