

# **Diffraction Production of Missing Mass in Air-Showers above $10^{16}$ eV (KASCADE-Grande Collaboration)**



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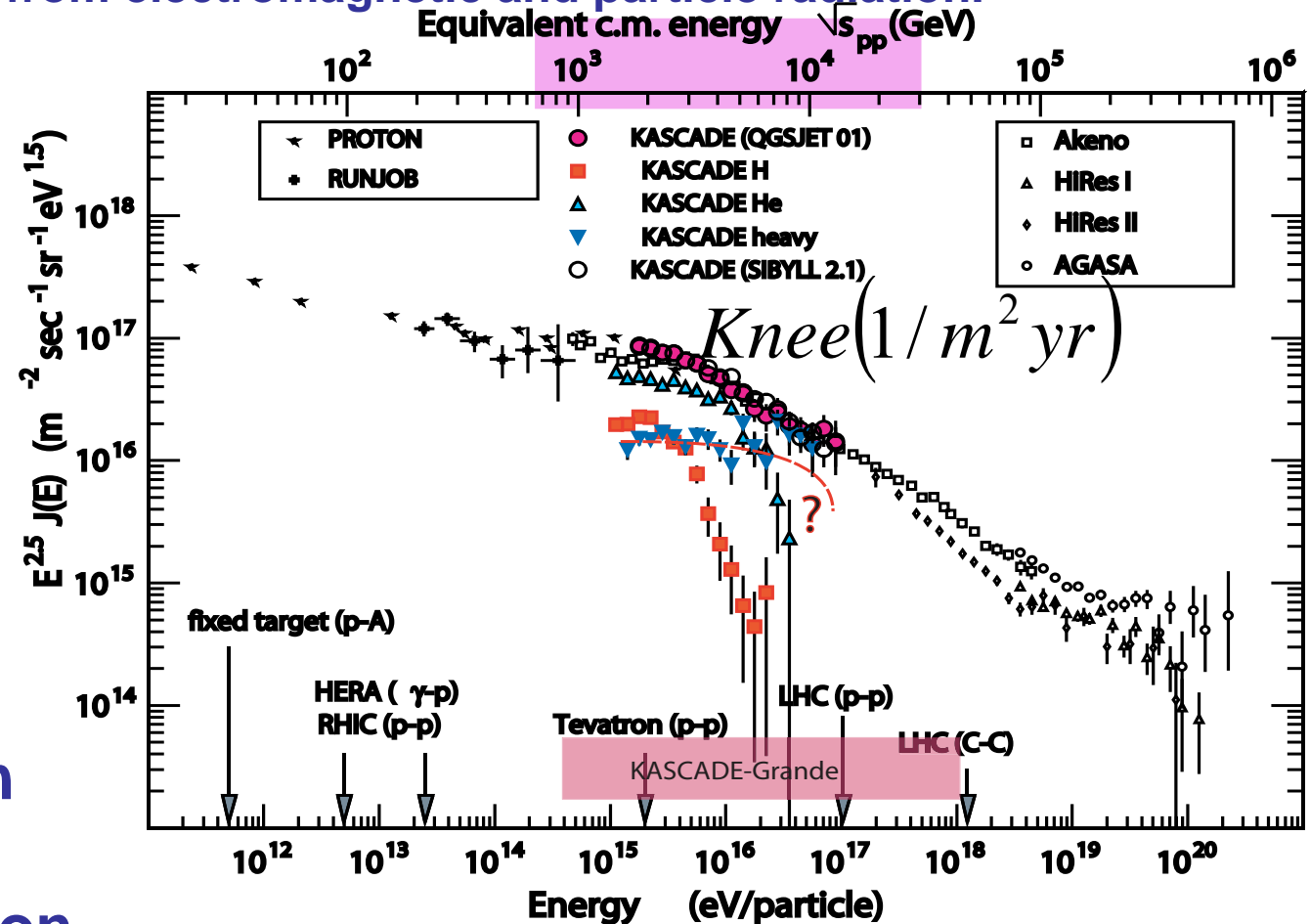
# Study of Cosmic Rays

Cosmic Radiation opens a window to the high energy processes in the Cosmos.  
We obtain information from electromagnetic and particle radiation.



1. Acceleration
2. Propagation
3. Fragmentation

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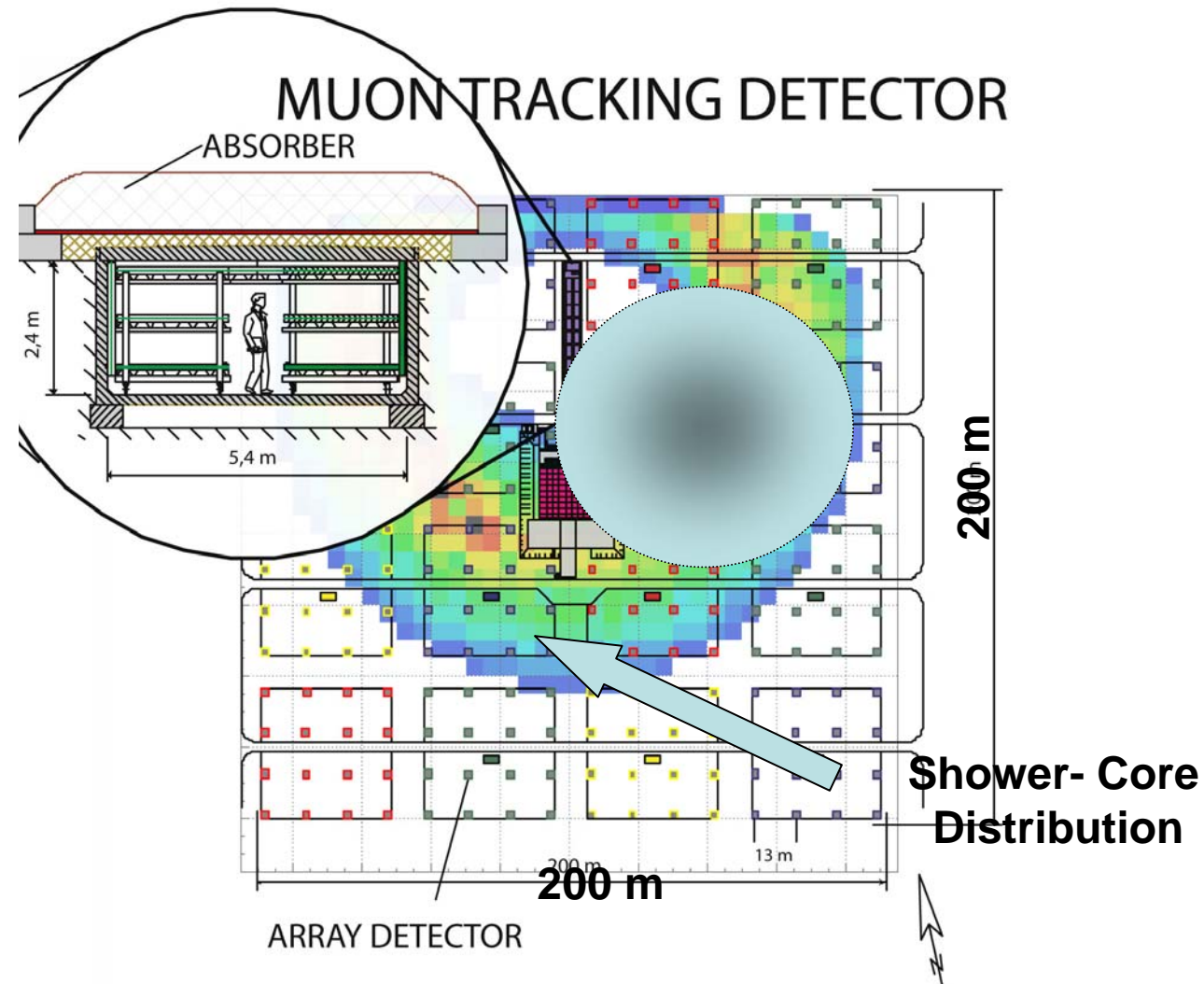
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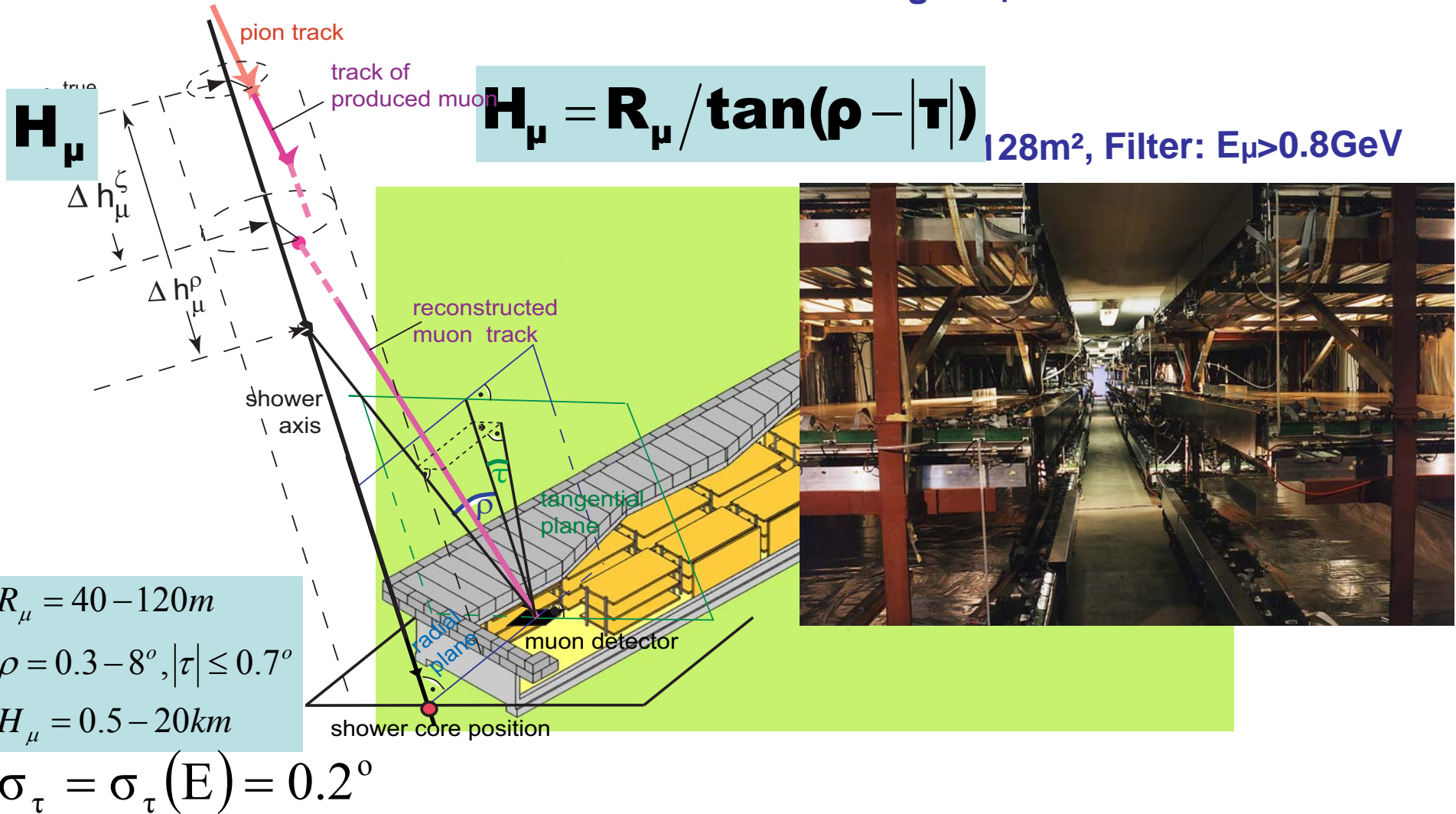
# Air Shower Experiment KASCADE-Grande



**parameters :  $N_e, \theta_s, \varphi_s, N_\mu, \theta_\mu, \varphi_\mu, N_h, E_h$**

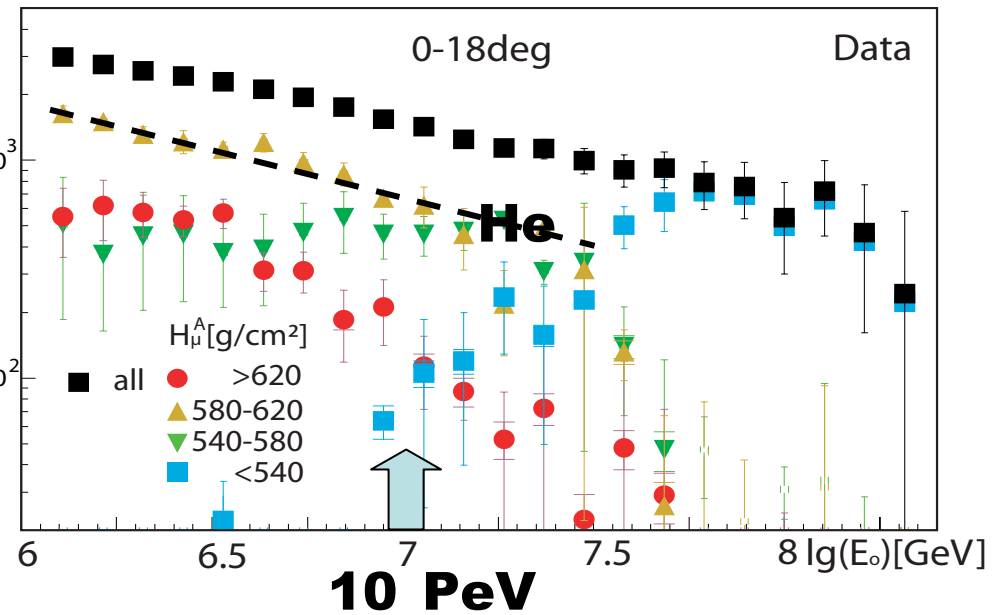
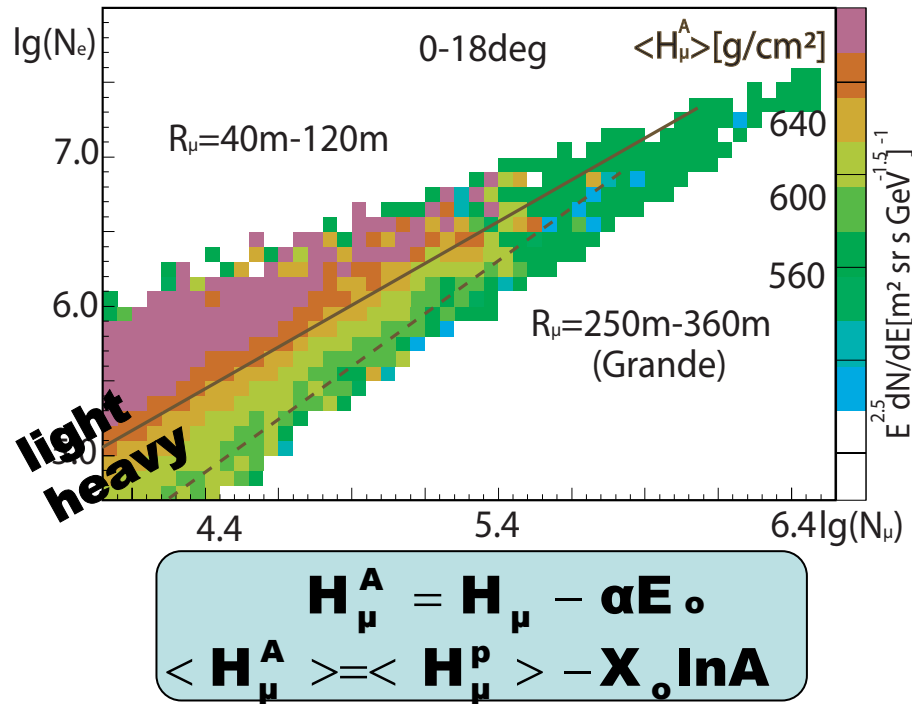
# Muon Production Height (Shower Cascade)

The Muon Detector measures direction of muons with respect to the shower axis. One can determine the Muon Production Height  $H_\mu$ .



# Production Height Dependent Energy Spectra

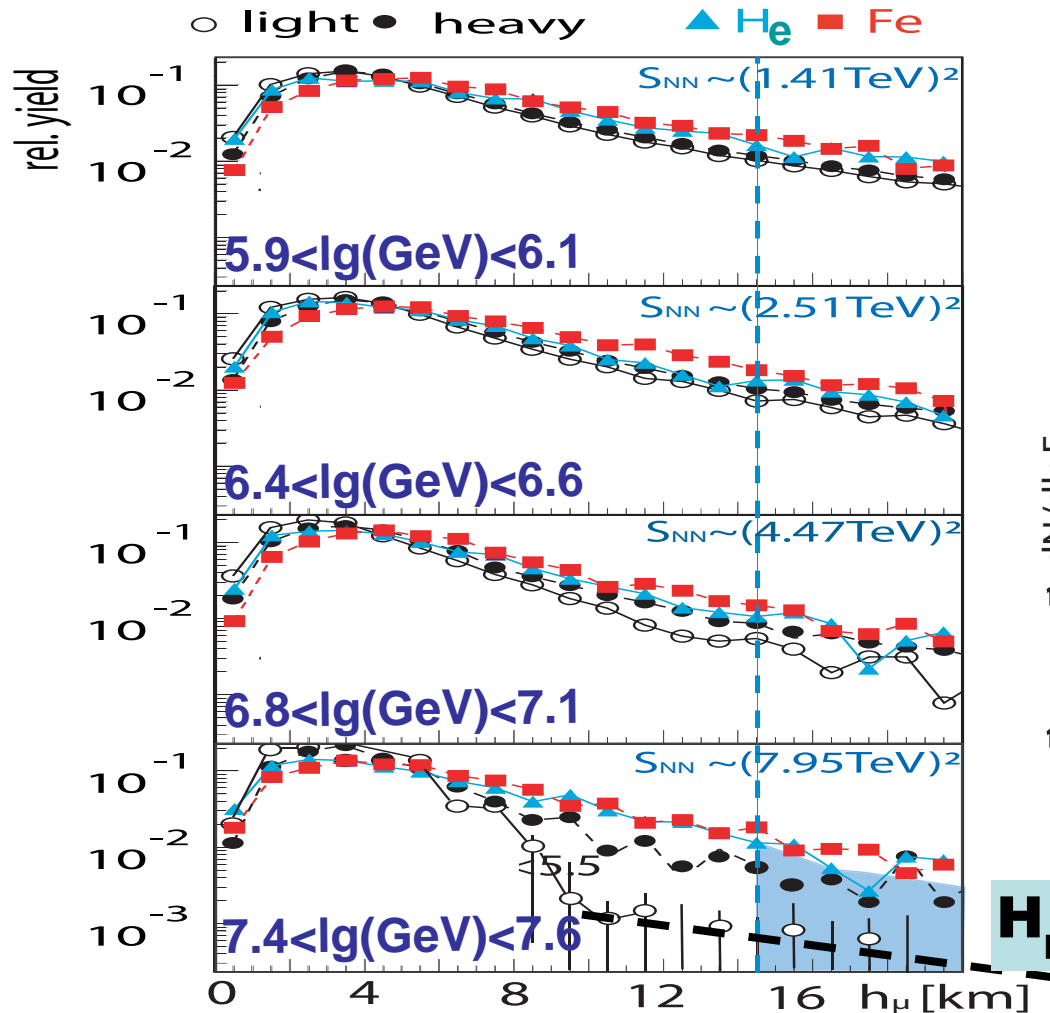
Regions of constant  $H_\mu^A$ . Sorting the  $\lg N_e/\lg N_\mu$  events after the range in  $H_\mu^A$  one can obtain mass-specific energy spectra.



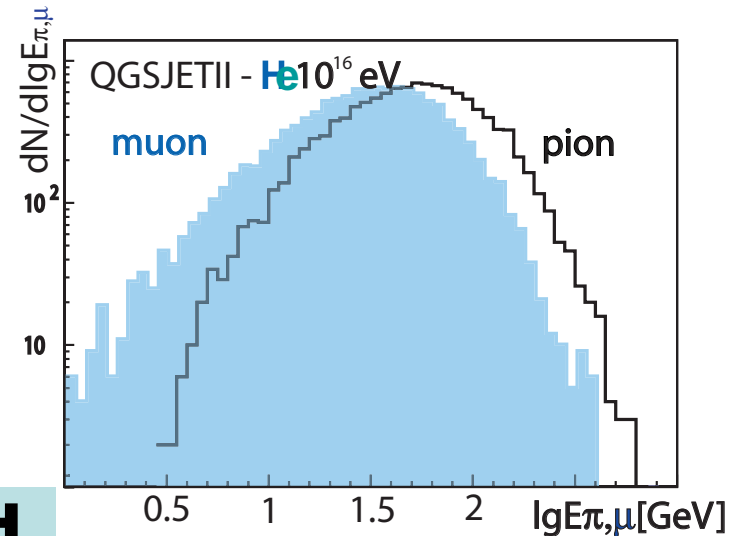
Unfolding  $\lg N_e/\lg N_\mu$  size using CORSIKA-simulations can be improved including  $H_\mu$  parameter.

$$\lg E_0 [\text{GeV}] = 0.19 \lg N_e + 0.79 \lg N_\mu + 1.93$$

# Muon Production Height $h_\mu$ for light-heavy ( $\lg N_e/\lg N_\mu$ ) Cosmic Ray Particles



Parameter  $h_\mu$  exhibits information from  
1. Interaction (pt increase?).



missing secondary hadron production in the diffraction process at  $\sim 8$  TeV,  
regular shower development further down.

$M_x \sim 60 \times 40$  GeV

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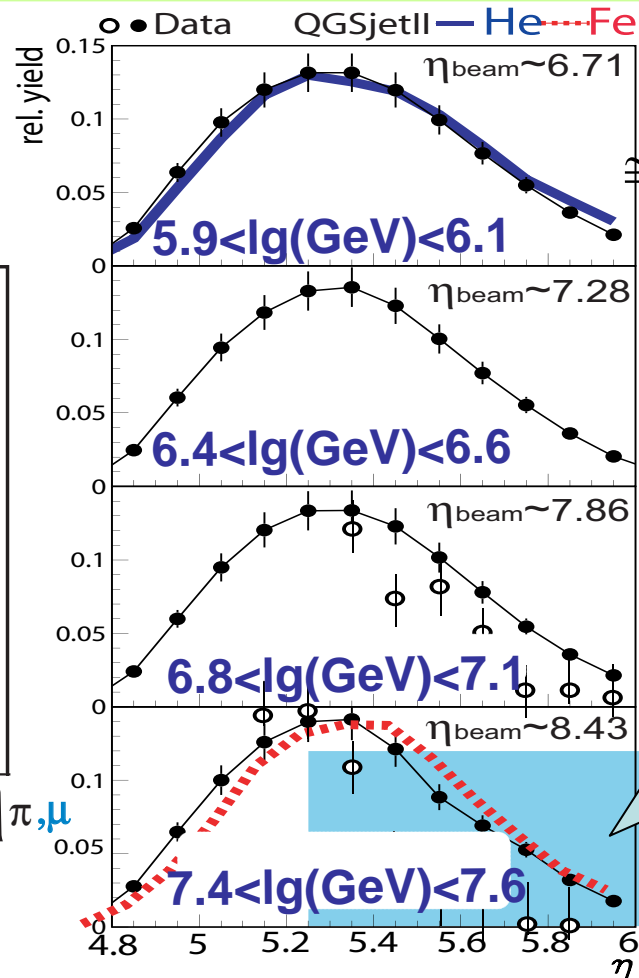
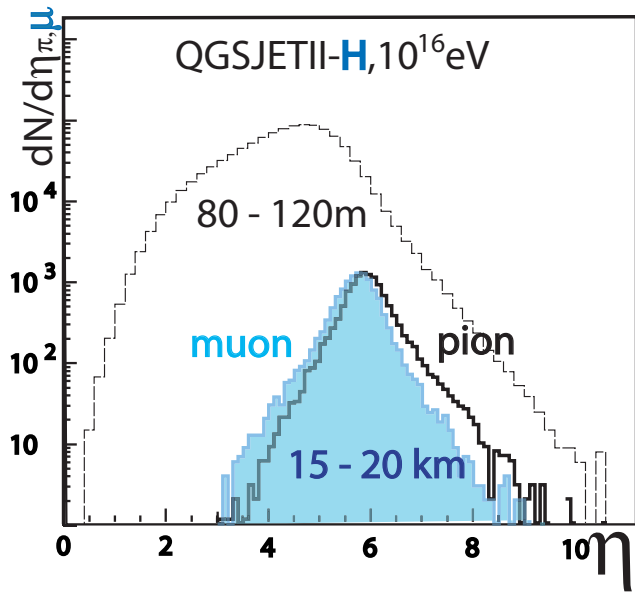


# Muon Pseudorapidity Range in Diffraction

$$\eta \cong \ln(p_{||}/p_{\perp}) \cong -\ln(\sqrt{\rho^2 + \tau^2}/2)$$

**( $R_{\mu} = 80 - 120\text{m}, H_{\mu} > 15\text{km}$ )**

Which step in the shower-development do we see?



$$\cong \ln\sqrt{s} = \ln\sqrt{2E_0/3} - 0.5\ln A$$

$E_0/3A$  available in lab.system for  $\pi$  production.

Rapidity Gap:  
 $\eta_{\text{parent}} - \eta_{\mu} \sim 3$

$$M_X^2 = S_{NN} \exp(-\Delta\eta)$$

P.Doll et al., <http://arxiv.org/abs/1010.2702>

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# Longitudinal Shower Development Studies by Air Shower Experiment KASCADE-Grande

- 1. Muon Production Height shows near  $\sim 8$  TeV above 15 000 m for light cosmic ray mass (helium) a reduction of muons ( $M_x \sim 1.8-2.2$  TeV).**
- 2. Nikolsky (1995) and Kempa (2012) also observed for light cosmic ray particles a reduction in the multiple pion production near  $\sim 8$  TeV.**
- 3. Comparison with ongoing TOTEM and CASTOR studies.**