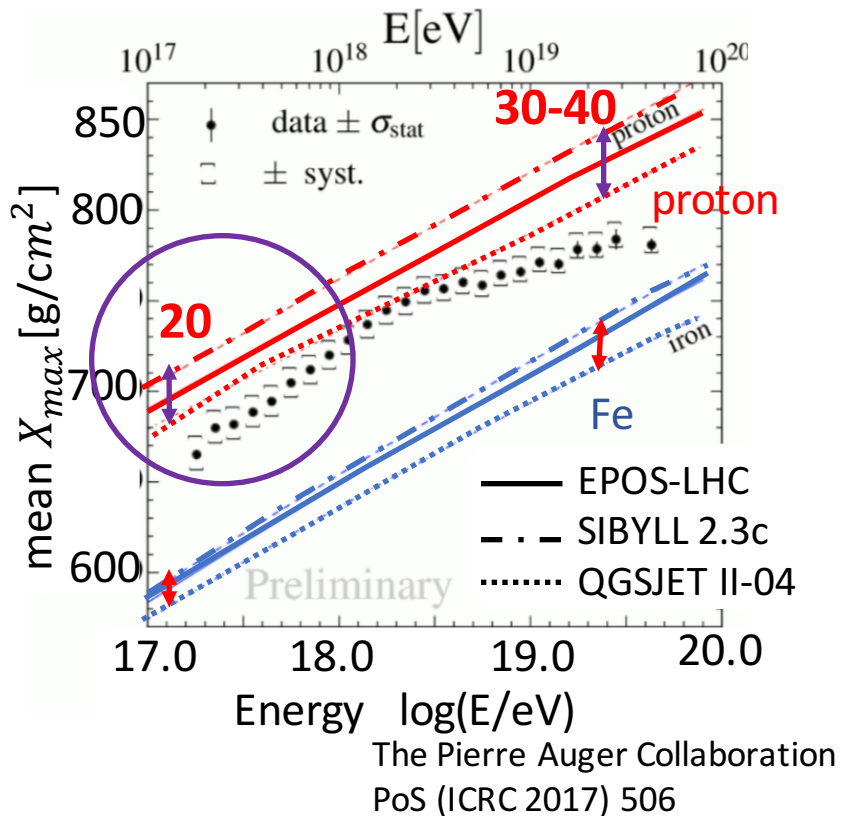


Impact of diffractive collisions on air shower development

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Mass composition and hadronic interaction models



Hadronic interaction models:
composed by theory and
phenomenological models

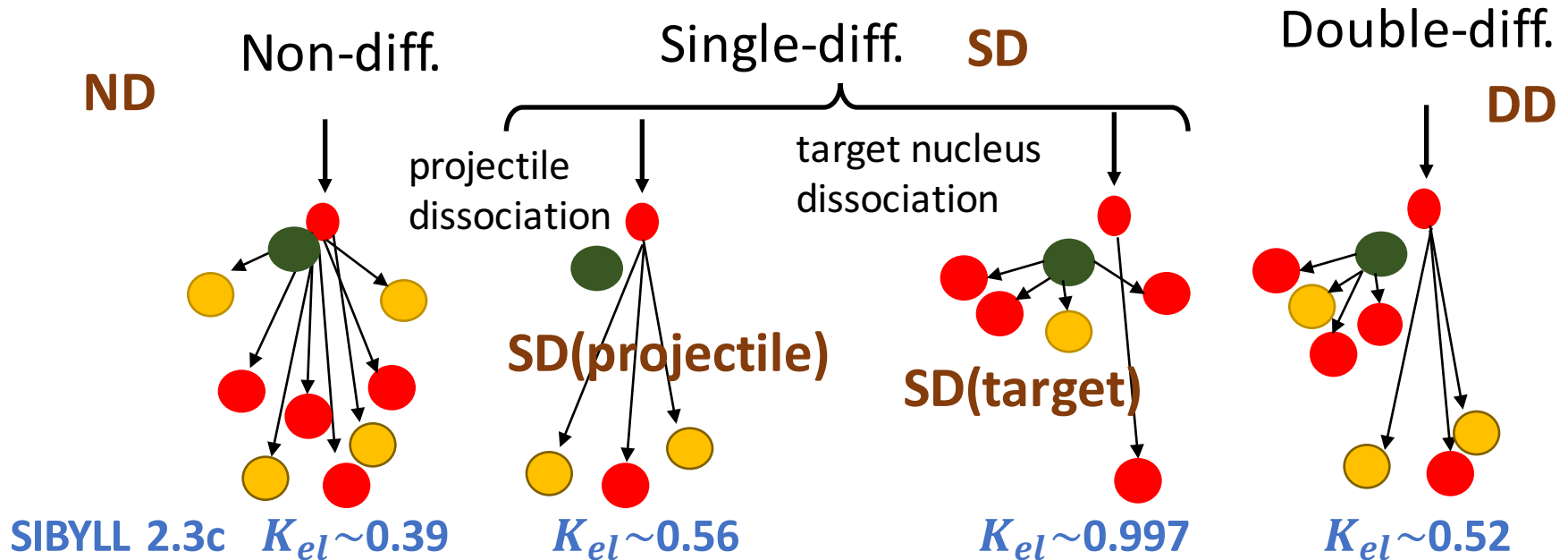
<possible sources of model uncertainty>

- production of high energy particles
- interaction between pions and air nuclei
- **diffractive collisions** etc.

**To reduce model uncertainty,
 we need to understand the effect
 of each components in model on
 air shower developments.**

Diffractive collisions and air shower

schematic view of the interaction between a cosmic-ray proton and an air nucleus



=> the effect of each collision in air shower is different

fraction	
SIBYLL 2.3c	88.2 %
EPOS-LHC	84.4 %
	7.9 %
	3.3 %
	3.2 %
	3.8 %
	0.8 %
	8.4 %

=> Model differences in fractions of each collision type.

The effect of diffractive collisions on air shower developments

Previous work

L. B. Arbeletche et al.,
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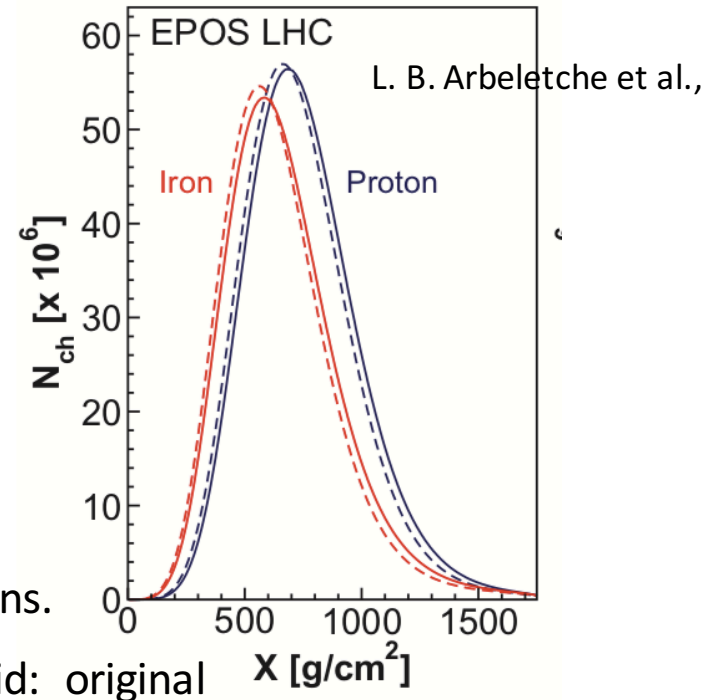
Estimate the effect by simulate air showers without diffractive collisions.

In previous work, differences of each type of diffraction is not considered.

➔ We need detail study to understand the effect of each collision type such as fractions.

In this work

Estimate the effect of fractions and diffractive mass on air shower developments quantitatively.



solid: original
dashed: diffractive collisions are artificially turn OFF

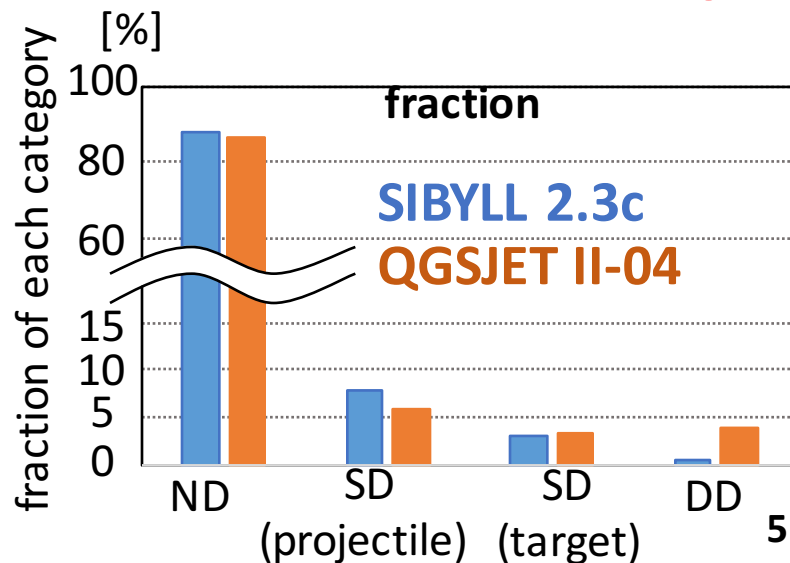
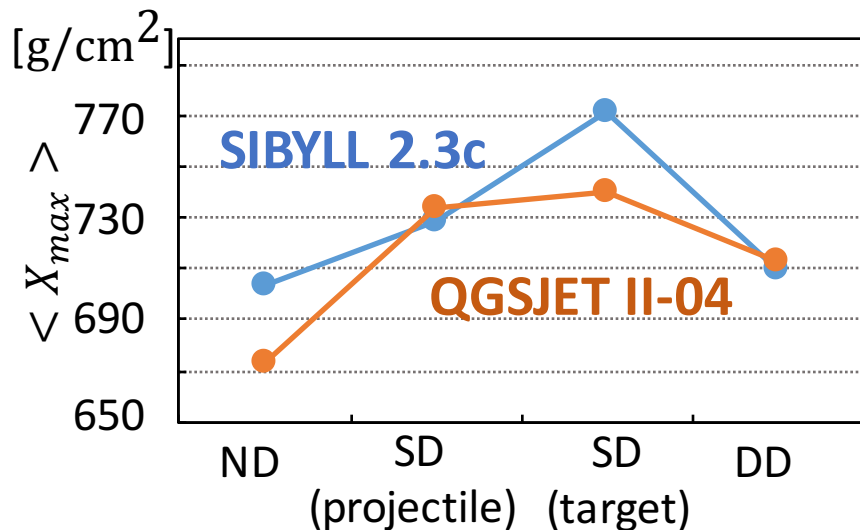
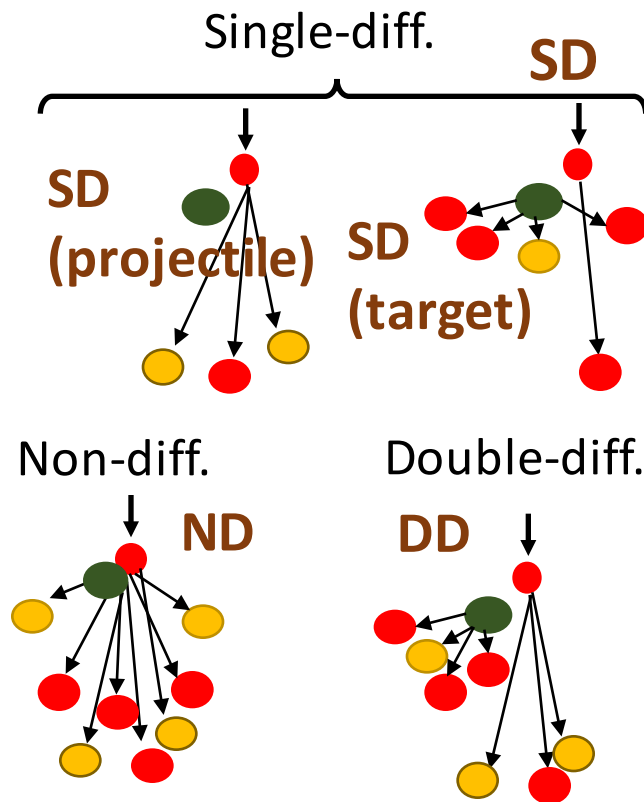
Air shower simulation

COSMOS 8.035

primary: proton, 10^{17} eV
 # of events: 3000 events

For each events, we use

- X_{max}
- Collision type at the **first interaction**



The effect of fraction

categorized by collision type at the first interaction



Image: CORSIKA web page

To estimate the effect of fractions of each category, I use three ratios of the fraction.

$$R_1 = (\# \text{ of diff.}) / (\# \text{ of all events})$$

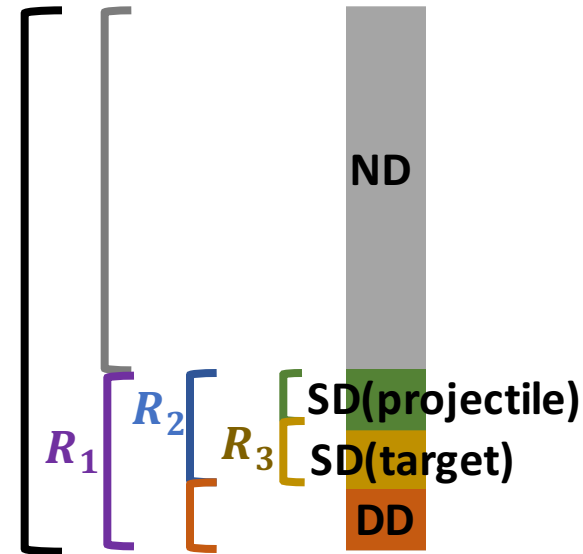
$$R_2 = (\# \text{ of single-diff.}) / (\# \text{ of single- and double-diff.})$$

$$R_3 = (\# \text{ of target single-diff.}) / (\# \text{ of single-diff.})$$

predictions of each ratio in models.

range of predictions

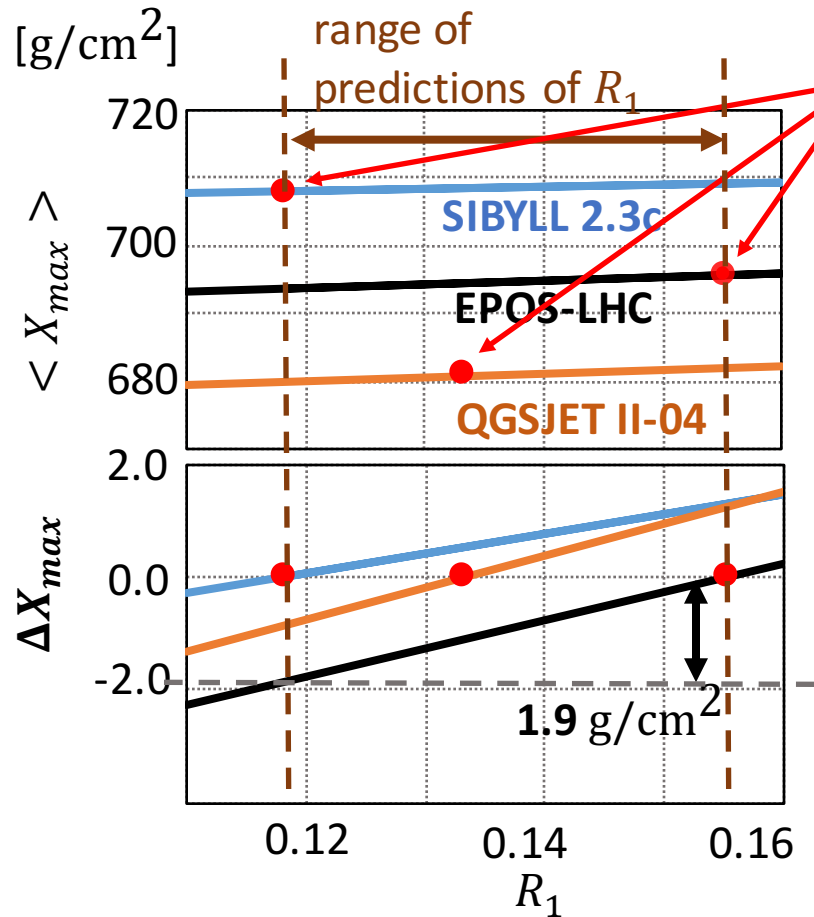
	SIBYLL 2.3c	QGSJET II-04	EPOS-LHC	range of predictions
R_1	0.12	0.13	0.16	0.12 - 0.16
R_2	0.94	0.71	0.46	0.46 - 0.94
R_3	0.29	0.38	0.53	0.29 - 0.53



Estimate the shift of $\langle X_{max}^{total} \rangle$ when we change R_i artificially within the range of predictions

$$\langle X_{max}^{total} \rangle = \sum_{i=ND,SD(target,projectile),DD} F^i(R_1, R_2, R_3) \langle X_{max}^i \rangle$$

The effect of R_1



red point:
predictions of original models

the effect of R_1 :
NOT the dominant source of
model discrepancy in $\langle X_{max} \rangle$

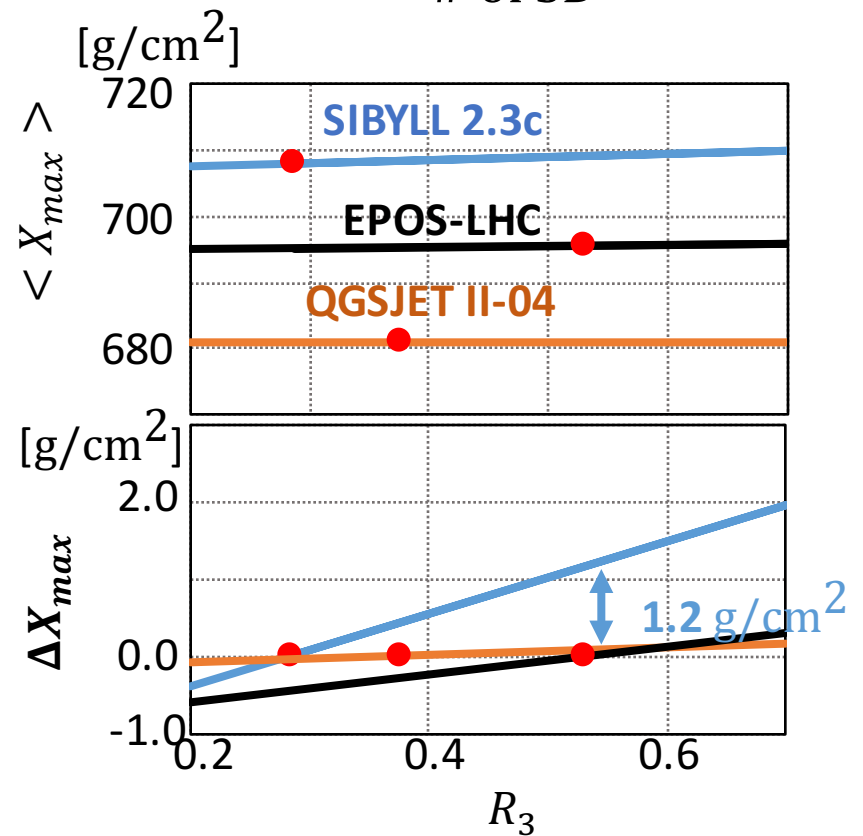
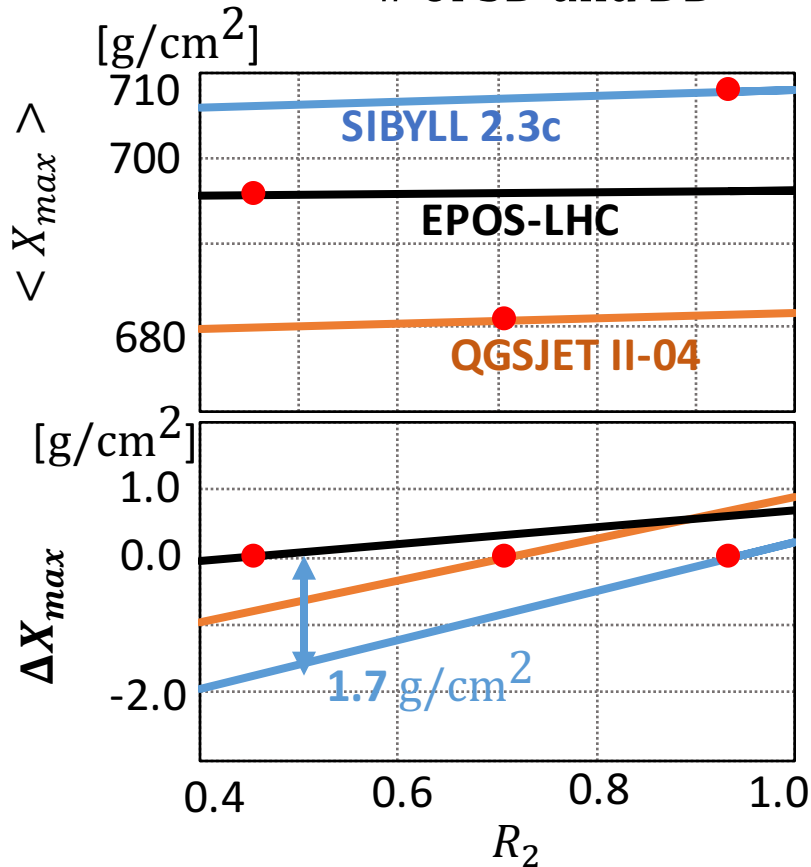
The size of the effect of R_1 :
 1.9 g/cm^2 at maximum.

$$\Delta X_{max} = X_{max}^{modified} - X_{max}^{original}$$

The effect of R_2 and R_3

$$R_2 = \frac{\# \text{ of SD}}{\# \text{ of SD and DD}}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{\# \text{ of target SD}}{\# \text{ of SD}}$$



$$\Delta X_{max} = X_{max}^{modified} - X_{max}^{original}$$

red point: prediction of original model

The effect of fractions

If two or three ratios are changed...

	range of predictions	combination: X_{max} maximum	combination: X_{max} minimum
R_1	0.12 – 0.16	0.16	0.12
R_2	0.46 – 0.94	0.94	0.46
R_3	0.29 – 0.53	0.53	0.29

	combination: X_{max} maximum	combination: X_{max} minimum	difference Δ
SIBYLL 2.3c [g/cm ²]	710.8	706.2	4.6
EPOS-LHC [g/cm ²]	683.1	679.3	3.8
QGSJET II-04 [g/cm ²]	696.2	693.4	2.8

current model discrepancy in $\langle X_{max} \rangle$ predictions :

27.1 g/cm² (COSMOS 8.035, 10^{17} eV proton primary)

uncertainty caused by the fraction is **4.6 g/cm²** at max.

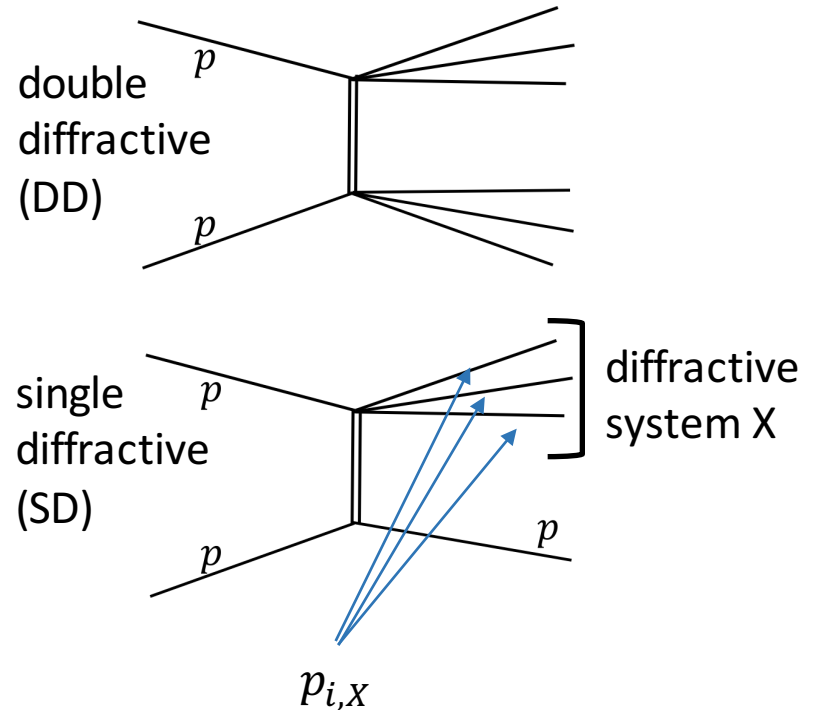
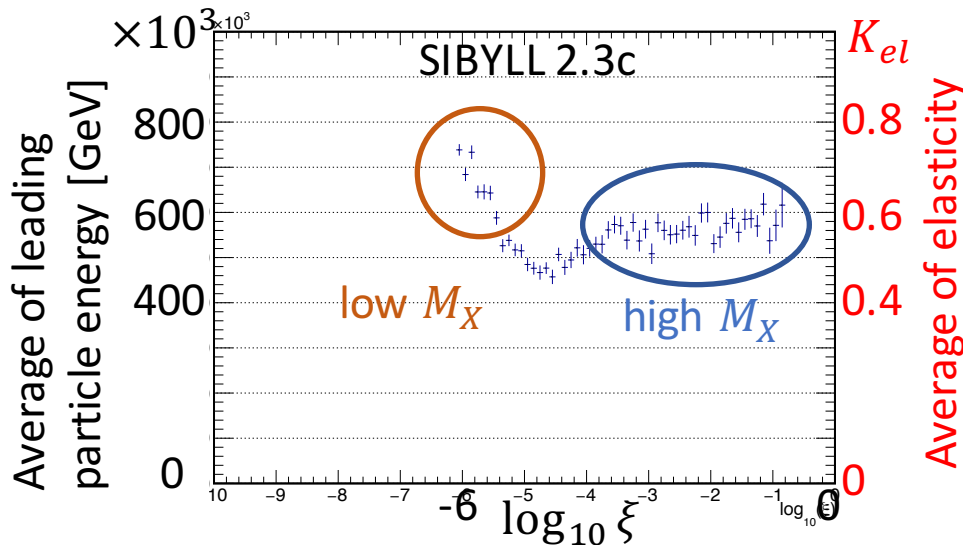
(17 % of current model discrepancy in $\langle X_{max} \rangle$)

diffractive mass dependency of $\langle X_{max} \rangle$ of projectile SD

diffractive mass

$$M_X^2 = \left(\sum_i p_{i,X} \right)^2$$

low $M_X \rightarrow$ high elasticity
 high $M_X \rightarrow$ low elasticity



$$\log \left(\frac{M_X^2}{s} \right) = \log(\xi)$$

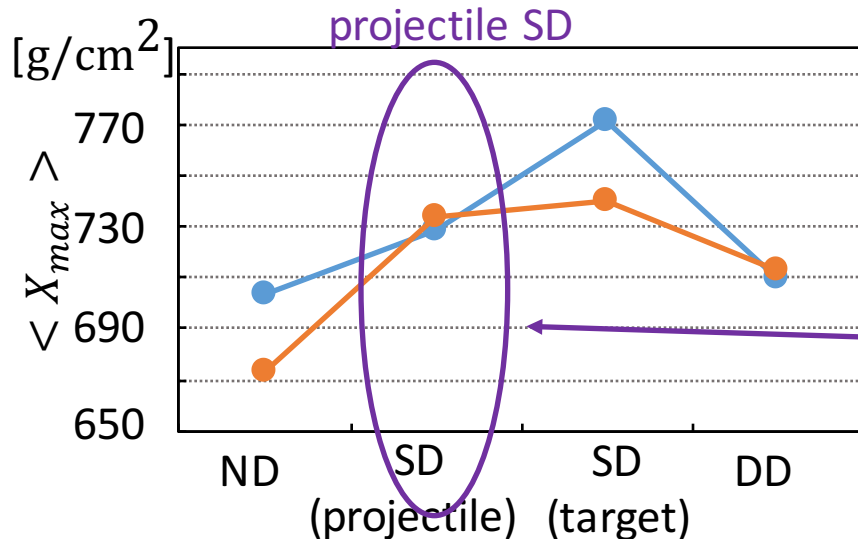
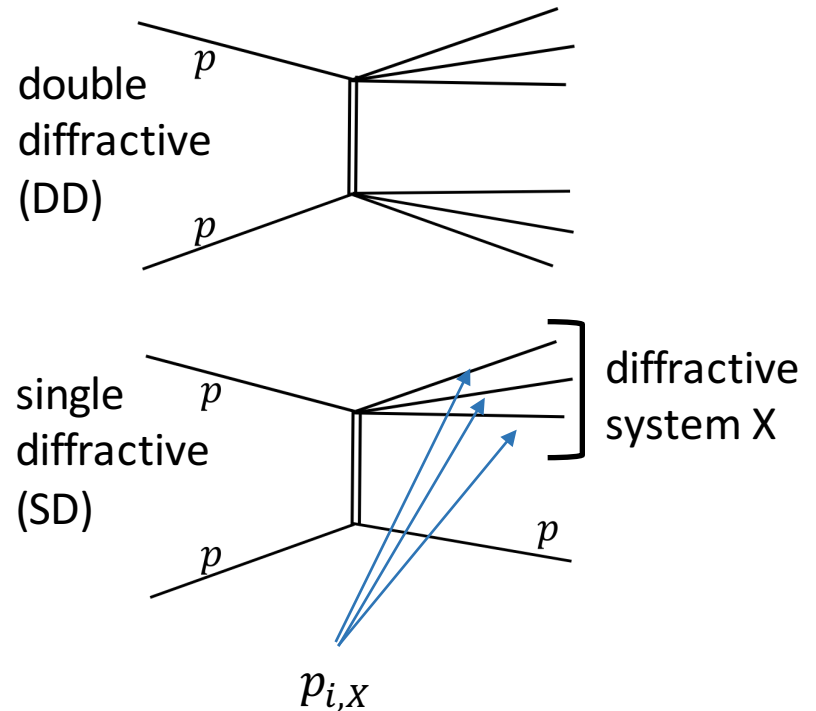
s : center of mass energy

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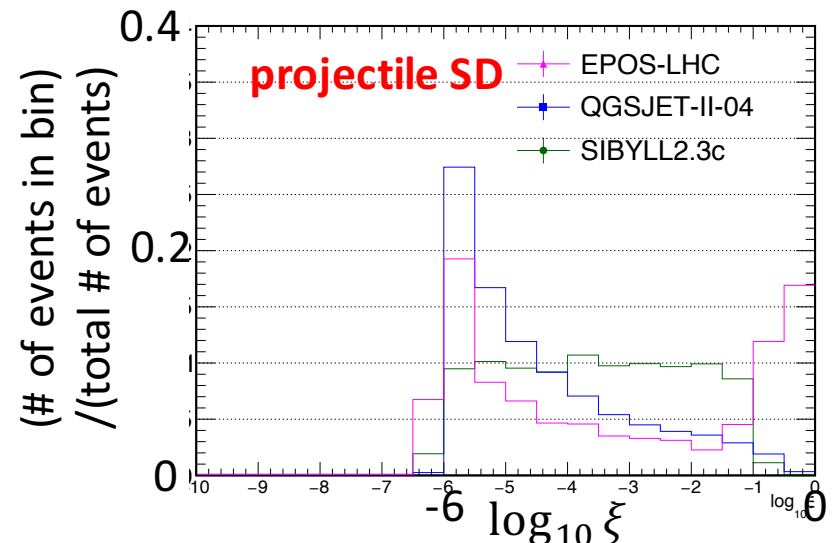
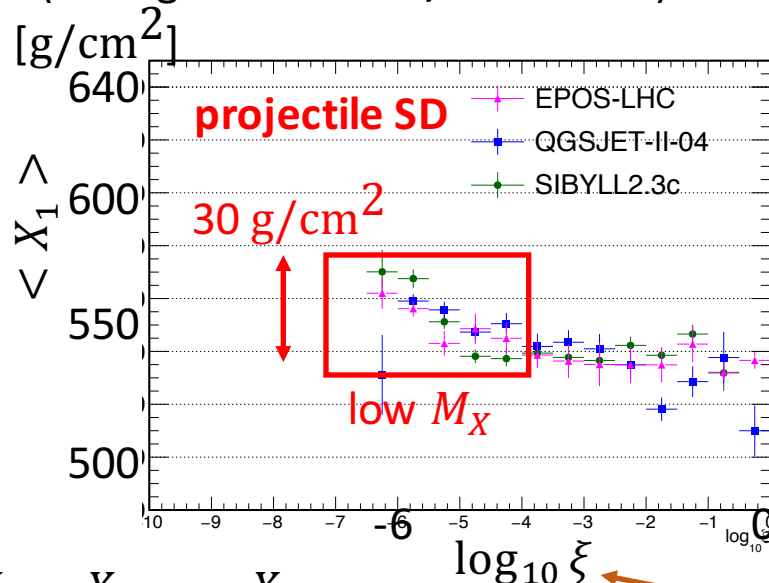


check the diffractive mass dependency of projectile SD

diffractive mass dependency of $\langle X_{max} \rangle$ of projectile SD

10^{15} eV proton primary, COSMOS 8.035
(total generated: 50,000 events)

select projectile SD by collision type of the first interaction



$$X_1 = X_{max} - X_0,$$

X_0 : the depth of the first interaction

diffractive mass of the first interaction

Diff. mass dependency of X_1 are same among the models.

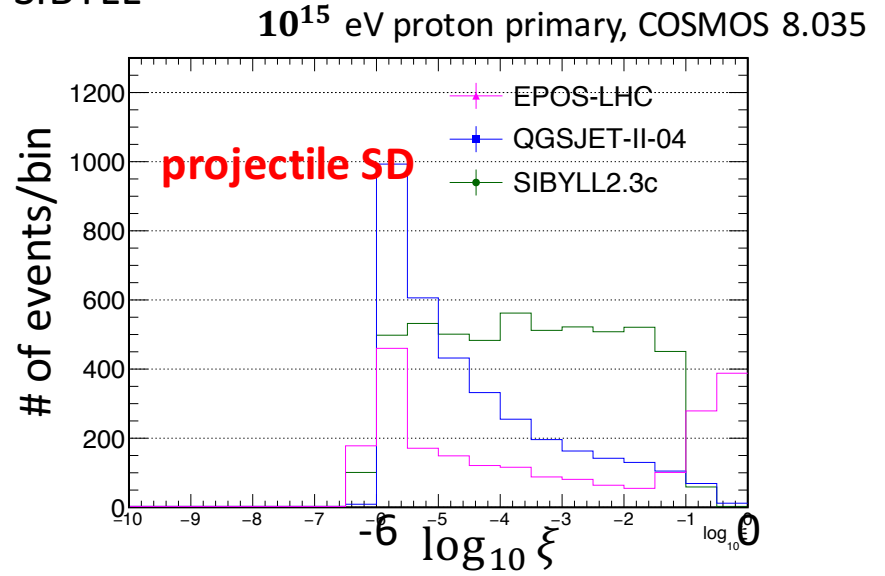
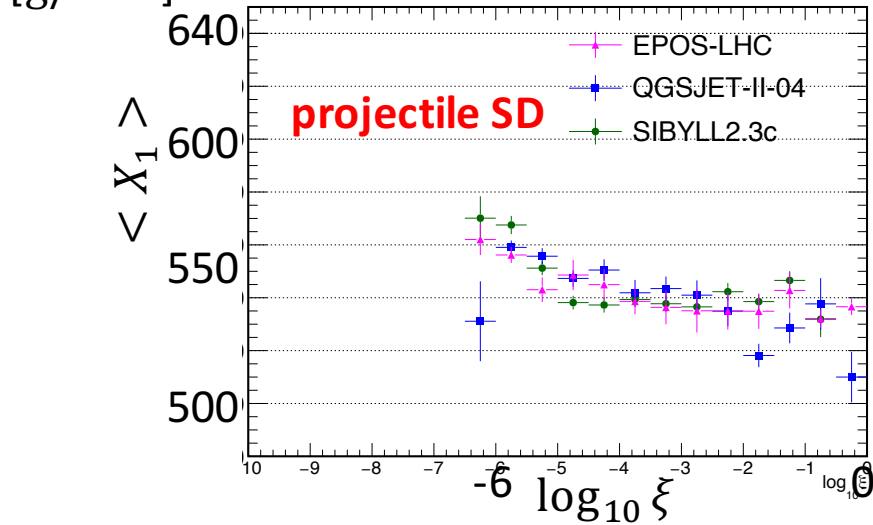
Large model discrepancies can be seen in the diff. mass spectrum.

the effect of diffractive mass

$$\langle X_{max}^{projectile SD} \rangle = \langle X_0 \rangle + \frac{\sum N_i * C_i}{\sum N_i}$$

N_i : # of events of i-th bin in diff. mass spectrum
 C_i : factor of i-th bin in $\log_{10} \xi - X_1$ plot

replace N_i of EPOS-LHC to QGSJET or SIBYLL



$\langle X_0 \rangle$ and C_i : use original predictions in EPOS-LHC

diff. mass spectrum	EPOS-LHC	QGSJET II-04	SIBYLL 2.3c	prediction by EPOS-LHC
projectile SD				
$\langle X_{max}^{pSD} \rangle$ [g/cm ²]	611.0	614.0	609.4	611.1

4.6 g/cm²

fraction of projectile SD: 8% at max. \rightarrow the effect to total X_{max} : < 0.5 g/cm² 13

summary

- The effect of diffractive collisions on air shower developments are estimated quantitatively.
- Simulated events are categorized by collision type at **the first interaction**.
- The effect of fraction is estimated by using ratios of the fraction of each category, and uncertainty caused by fraction is 4.6 g/cm^2 at max.
- The effect of diffractive mass spectrum is 4.6 g/cm^2 for projectile Single-diff.

backup

the effect of diffractive mass

$$\langle X_{max}^{projectile\ SD} \rangle = \langle X_0 \rangle + \frac{\sum N_i * C_i}{\sum N_i}$$

N_i : # of events of i-th bin in diff. mass spectrum
 C_i : factor of i-th bin in $\log_{10} \xi - X_1$ plot

replace N_i (diff. mass spectrum)

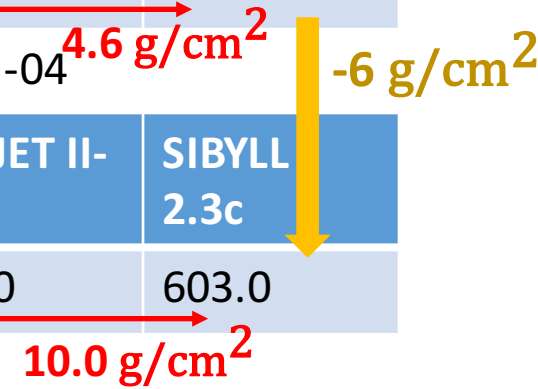
$\langle X_0 \rangle$ and C_i are same as predictions by EPOS-LHC

diff. mass spectrum	EPOS-LHC	QGSJET II-04	SIBYLL 2.3c
$\langle X_{max}^{pSD} \rangle$ [g/cm ²]	611.0	614.0	609.4

$\langle X_0 \rangle$ and C_i are same as predictions by QGSJET II-04

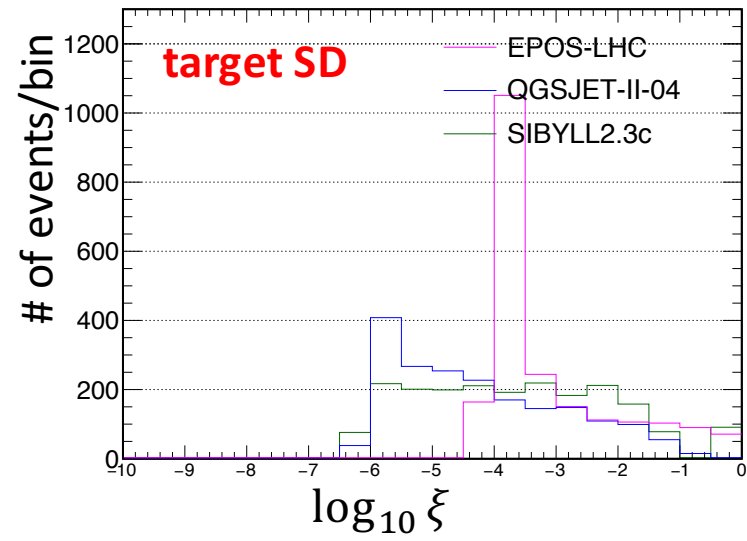
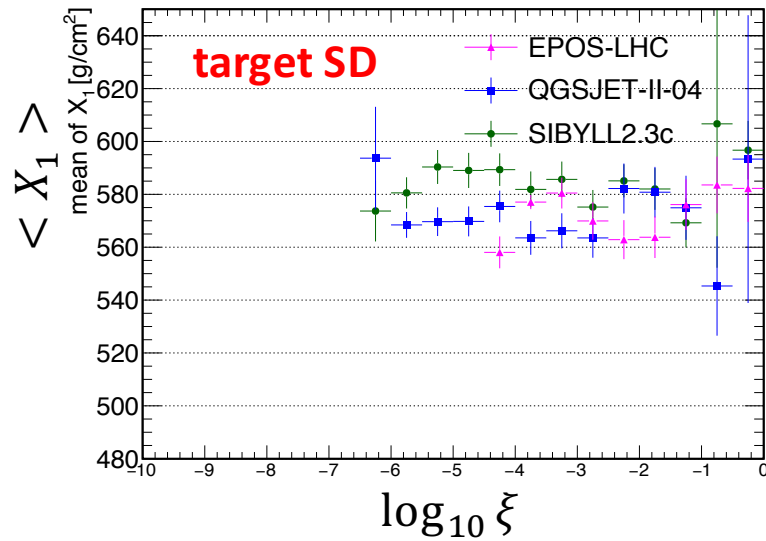
diff. mass spectrum	EPOS-LHC	QGSJET II-04	SIBYLL 2.3c
$\langle X_{max}^{pSD} \rangle$ [g/cm ²]	605.2	613.0	603.0

$\langle X_{max}^{pSD} \rangle$	prediction by EPOS-LHC	prediction by QGSJET II-04
[g/cm ²]	611.1	612.4



diffractive mass spectrum of target SD

diffractive mass



Double-diff.

