

Observation of Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECRs) - status and prospects -

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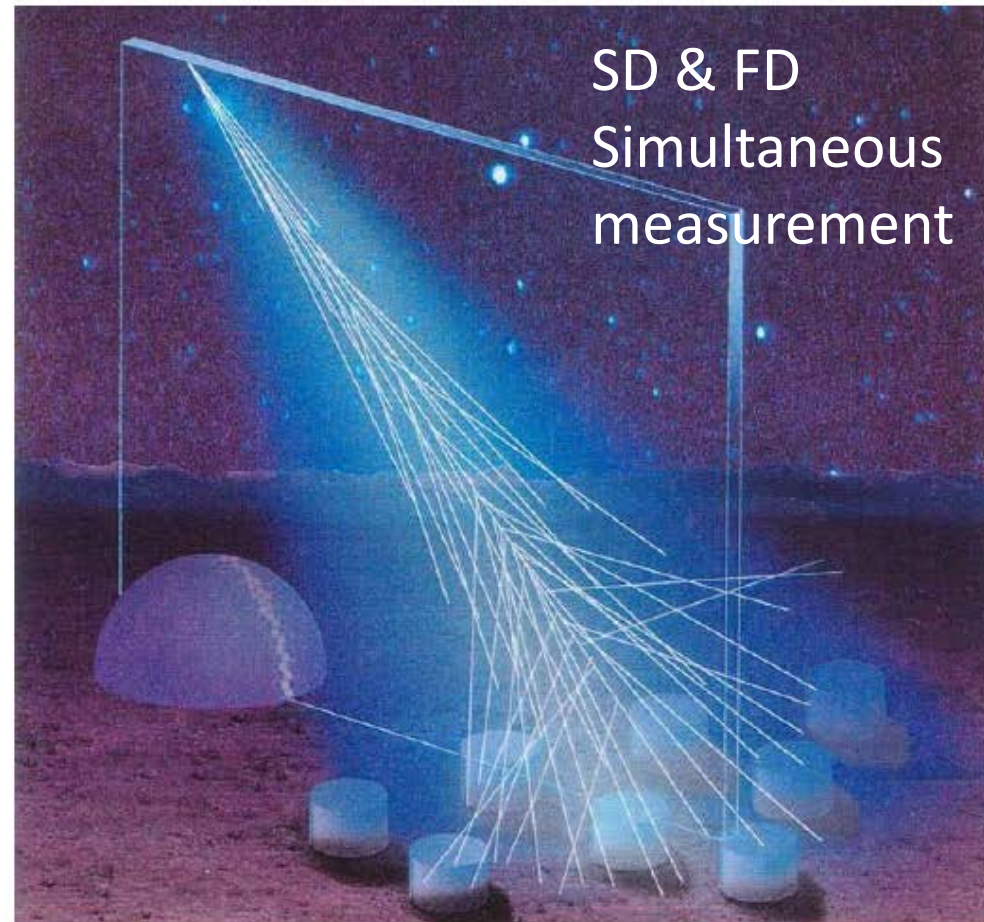
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UHECRs Detector

- Pierre Auger Observatory (Auger) in Malargue, Argentina
- Telescope Array (TA) Experiment in Utah, USA

Ground Array + Air Fluorescence Telescope



FD

Fluorescence
Detector

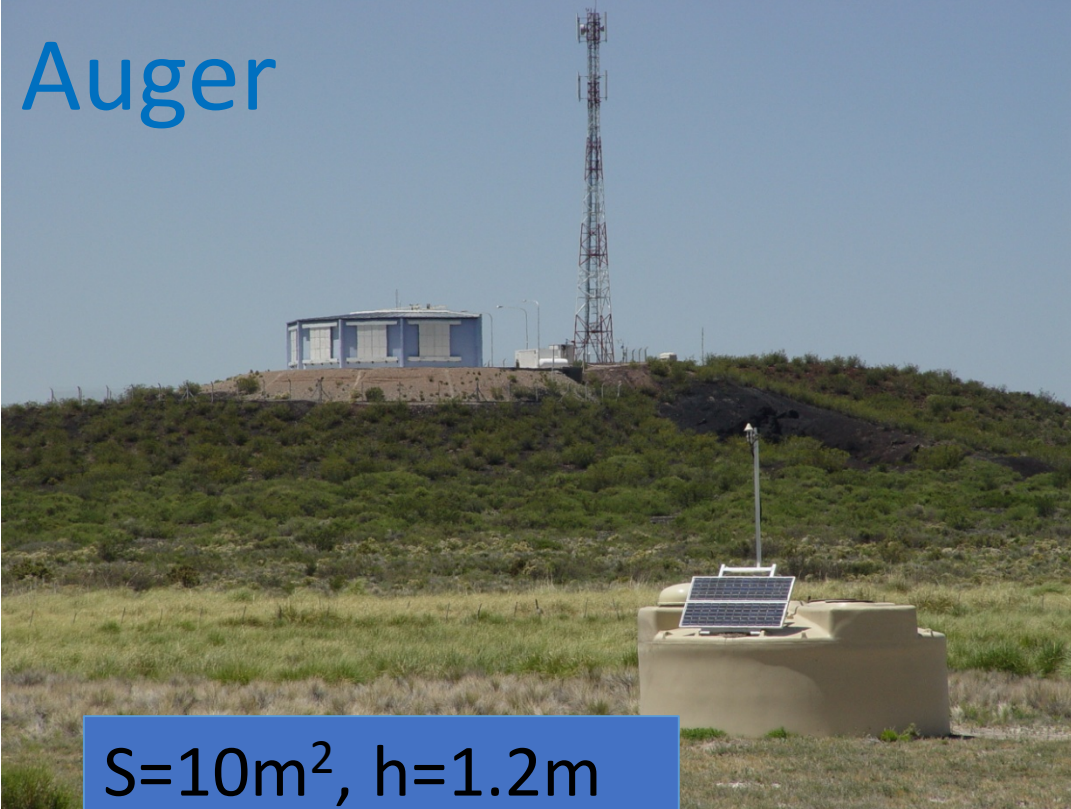
SD

Surface Detector

- Total absorption calorimetry > Energy scale
- Imaging > X_{max} > Particle Composition
- Duty ~ 10%

- Duty ~100%
- High Statistics > Spectral shape
- + ~Uniform sky sampling > Anisotropy

Auger



$S=10\text{m}^2$, $h=1.2\text{m}$
Water Tank
 μ based sampling

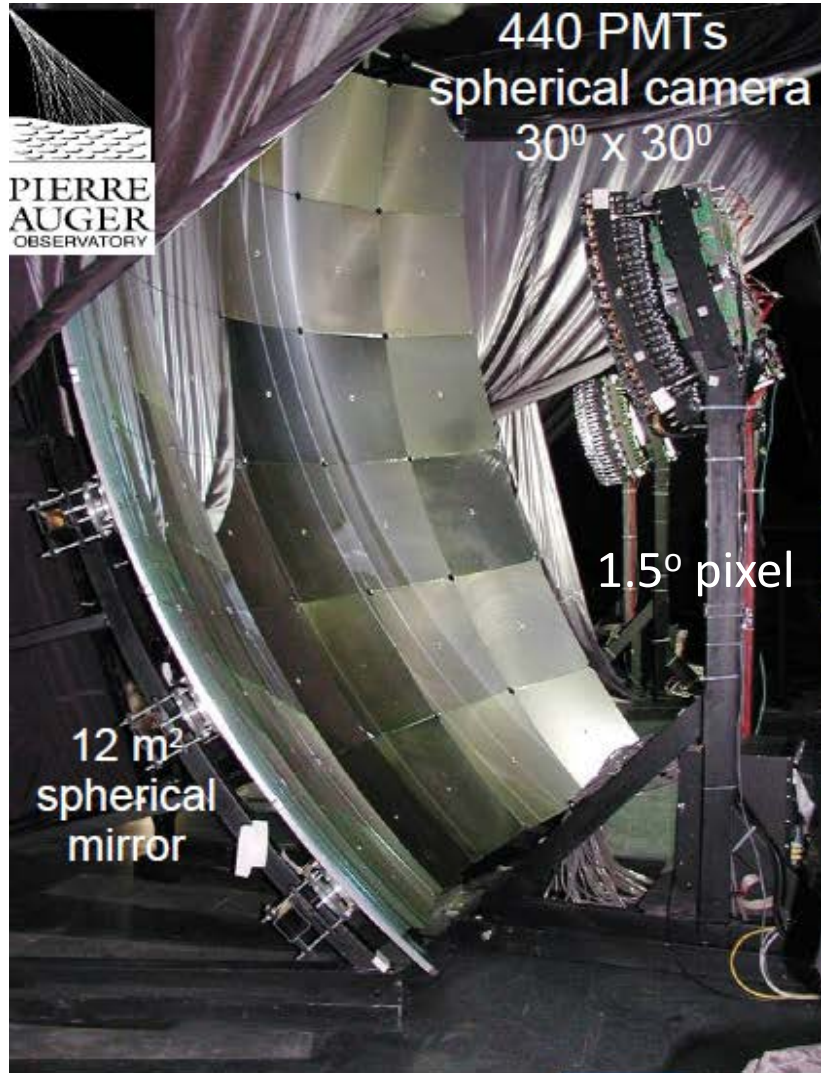
SD

Surface
Detector



TA

$S=3\text{m}^2$, $t=1.2\text{cm}$
Plastic Scint. 2-layer
EM based sampling



FD

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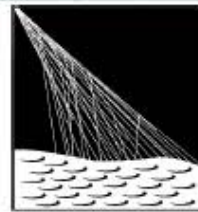


The Pierre Auger Observatory

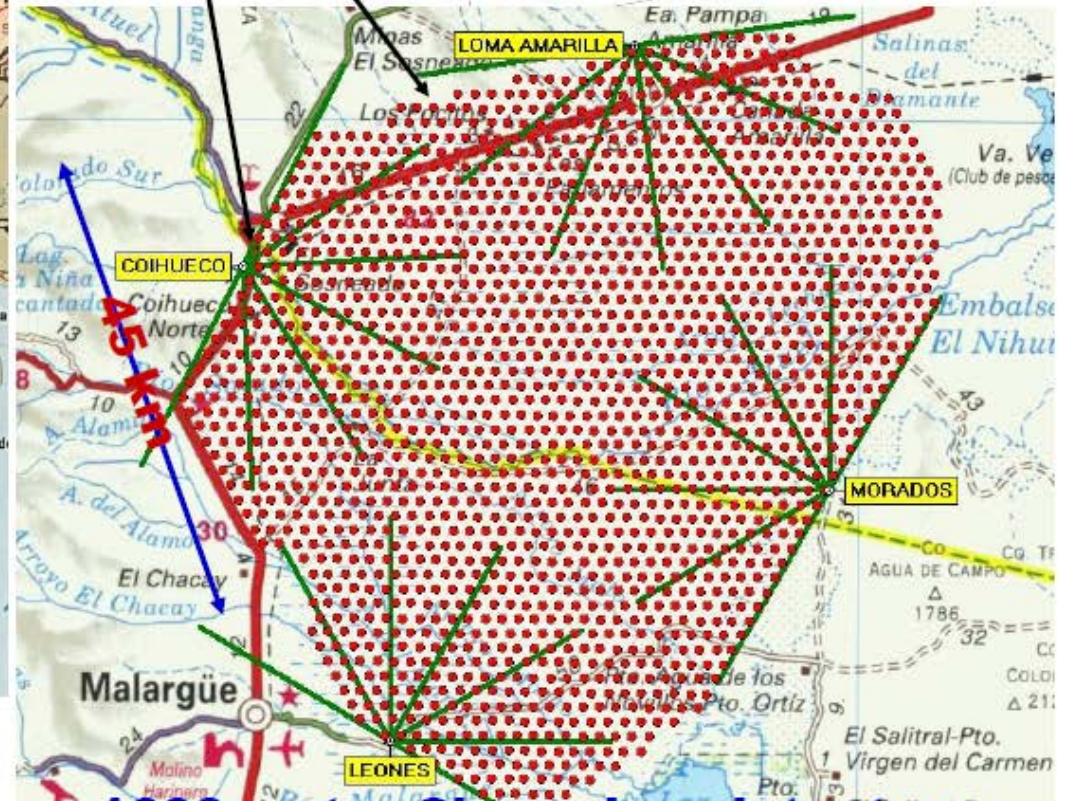
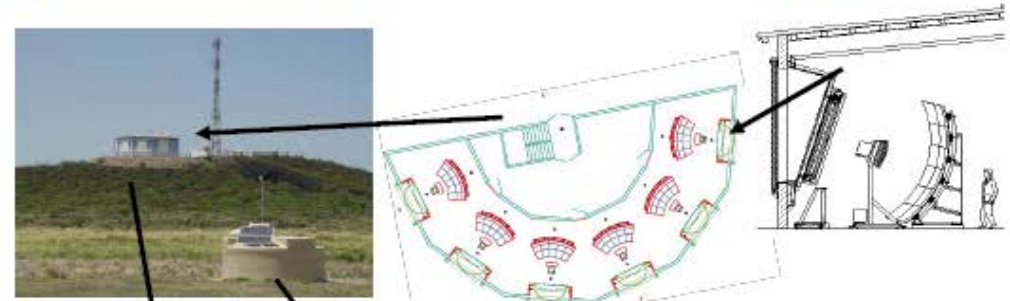
Argentina, Mendoza, Malargue
1.4 km altitude, 870 g/cm²



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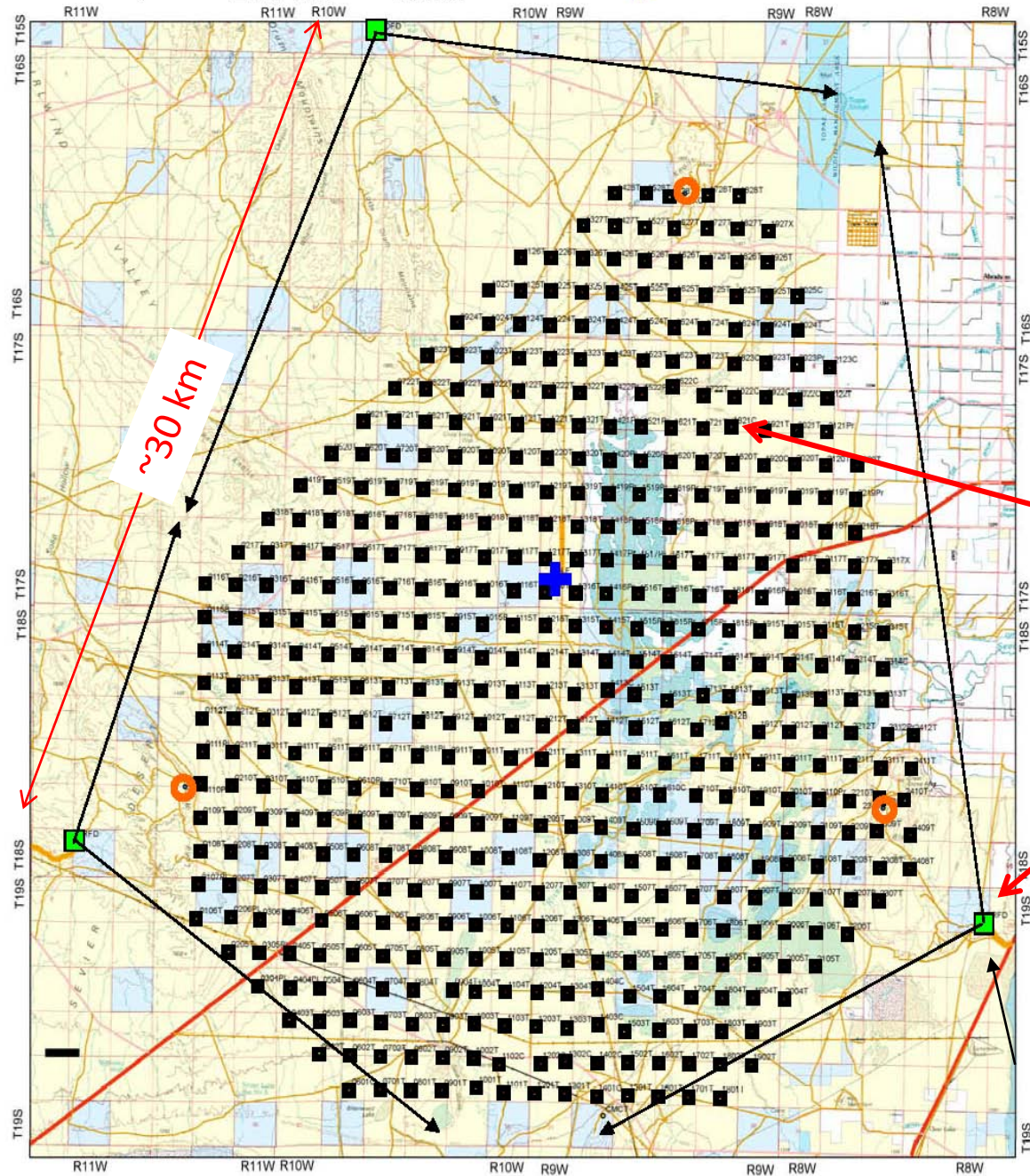
PIERRE
AUGER
OBSERVATORY



1600 water Cherenkov detectors,
(a la Haverah Park)

1.5 km spacing, 3000 km²,
4 x 6 fluorescence telescopes

■ Battery of Telescopes
 ■ Particle Detector
 ○ Communications Tower
 + CLF
 0 1 2 4 Miles



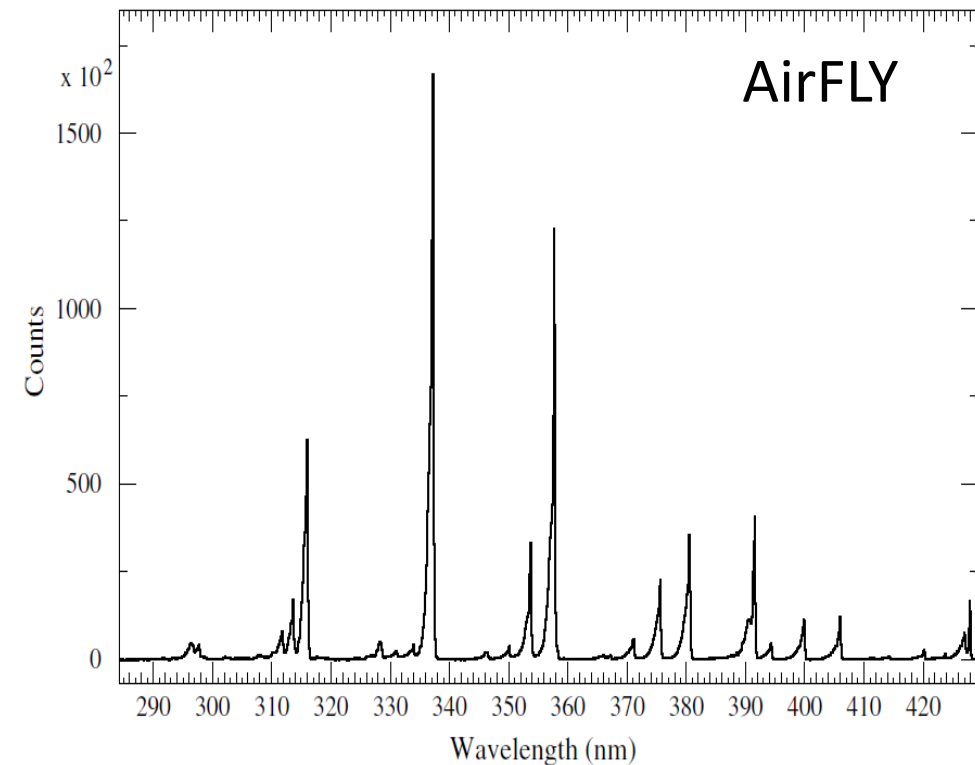
507 Surface Particle Detectors cover 680 km²

3 Fluores. Telescope stations overlook the array.

Utah, USA
 39.3 ° N
 112.9 ° W
 Alt. 1400 m

Air Fluorescence : Reference model established

Reference Model proposed by B. Keilhauer & experimental groups at UHECR2012 @CERN.



- Spectrum at 1013 hPa and 293 K: AirFLY
- Extinction, T and humidity dep. : AirFLY, N.Sakaki et al.
- Normalization (AF Yield at 337nm) : open

$$Y_{\lambda}^{NEW2012}(T, P, RH)(\text{ph/MeV}) = Y_{337\text{nm}}(T_r, P_r) \cdot I_{\lambda}(T_r, P_r) \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{P_r}{P_{air}'(T_0)} \left(\frac{T_0}{T_r}\right)^{1/2-\alpha}}{1 + \frac{P}{P_{air}'(T_0, RH)} \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{1/2-\alpha}}$$

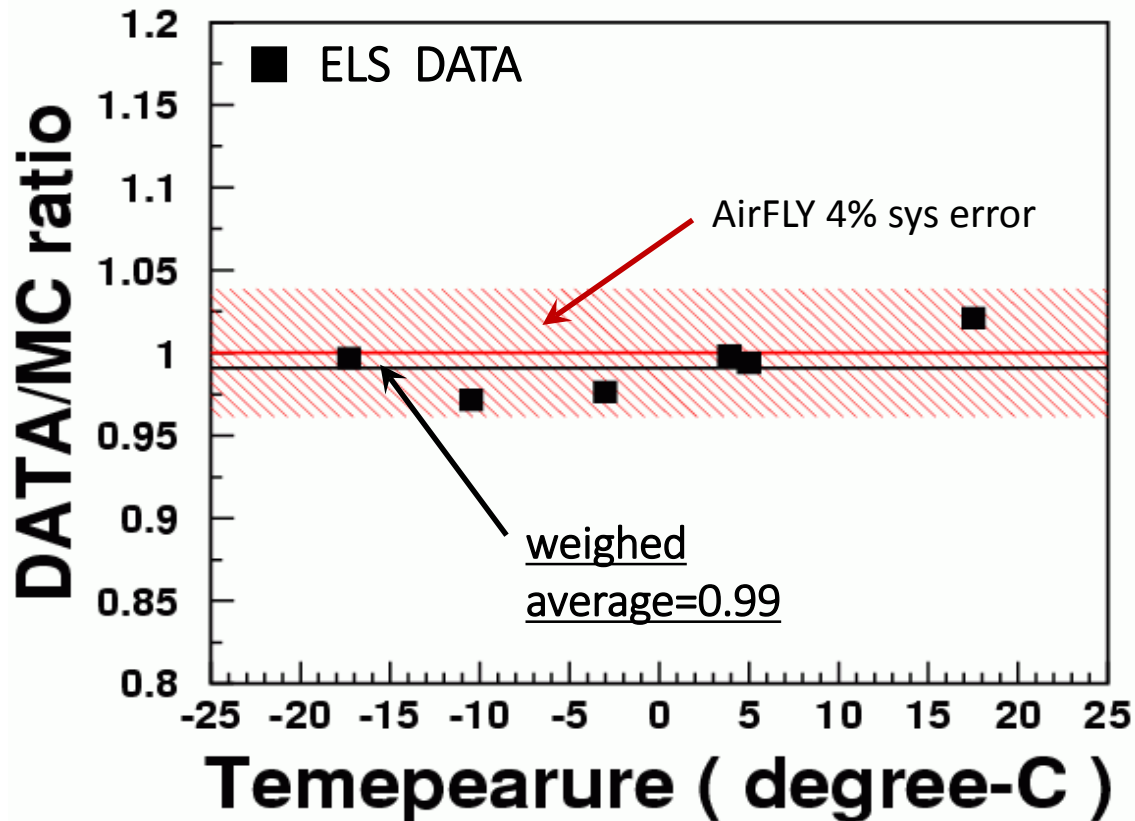
$T_r = T_0 = 293\text{K}$
 $P_r = 800\text{hPa}$

Air Fluorescence : 337nm Yield [photons/MeV]

AirFLY = 5.61 ± 0.06 (stat) ± 0.22 (sys)
for 1013 hPa and 293 K

Controlled laboratory measurement

Integrated Yield from Electron Beam relative to AirFLY yield.



TA measured the AF yield in situ using

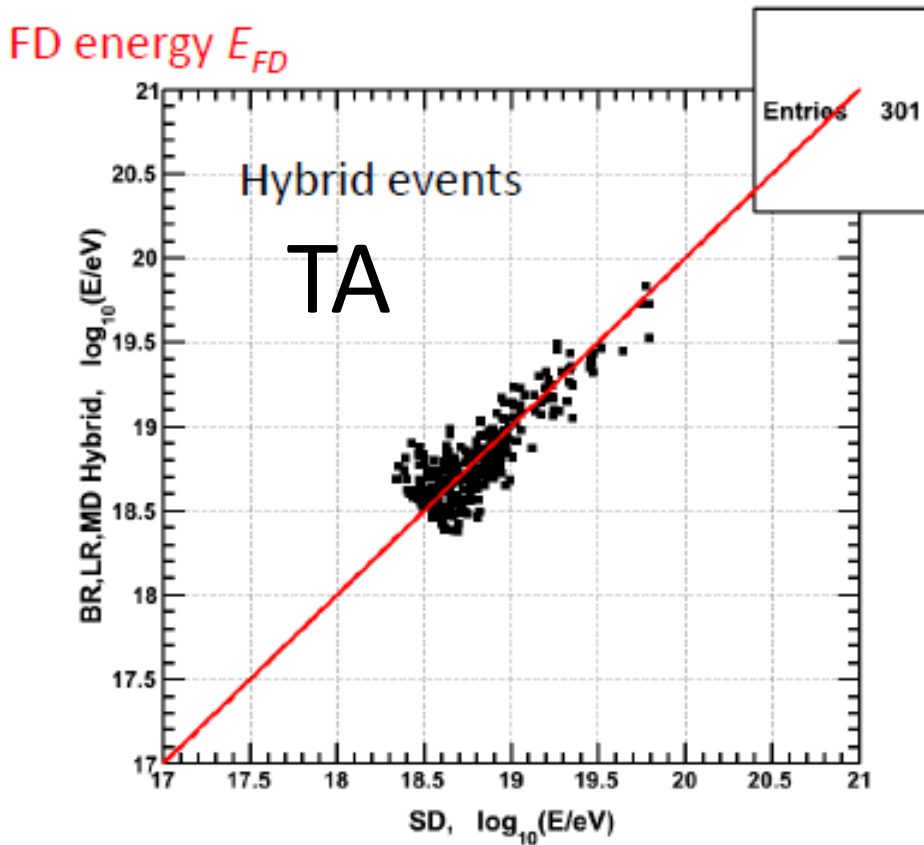
- 40 MeV electron beam from linac injected into the air.
- FD telescope with calib. database.
- Reference AF Model (spectrum, P-T-RH dependence)
- ΔE by GEANT-4 converted to photons with AirFLY yield.

Measurement in situ at TA.

ELS (data) / AirFLY (MC)
= $0.96^{*}) \pm 0.01$ (stat) ± 0.15 (sys)
for ~ 860 hPa, $-17^{\circ} \sim 17^{\circ}$ C

*) 0.99 with -3% correction not included in MC

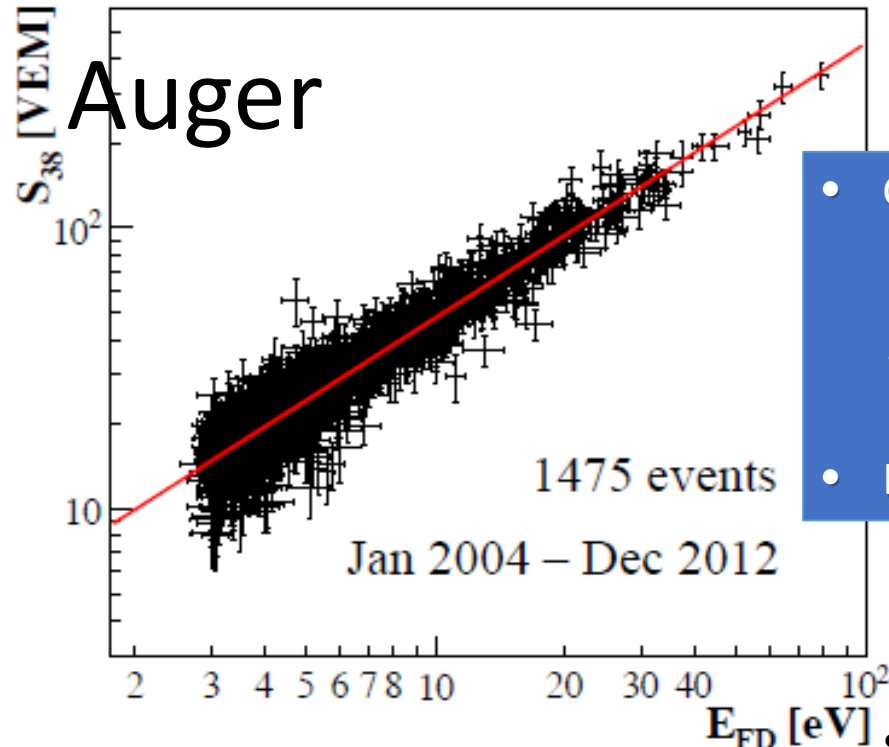
Energy Calibration E'_{SD} (S_{38} for Auger) vs E_{FD} using hybrid events



SD energy E_{SD}

$$E_{SD} = E'_{SD}/1.27$$

- S-800 = # of particles at D=800m
- S-800(E'_{SD} , θ) map is obtained by air shower simulation.



$$E_{SD} = A S_{38}^B$$

$A = 0.190 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$

$B = 1.025$

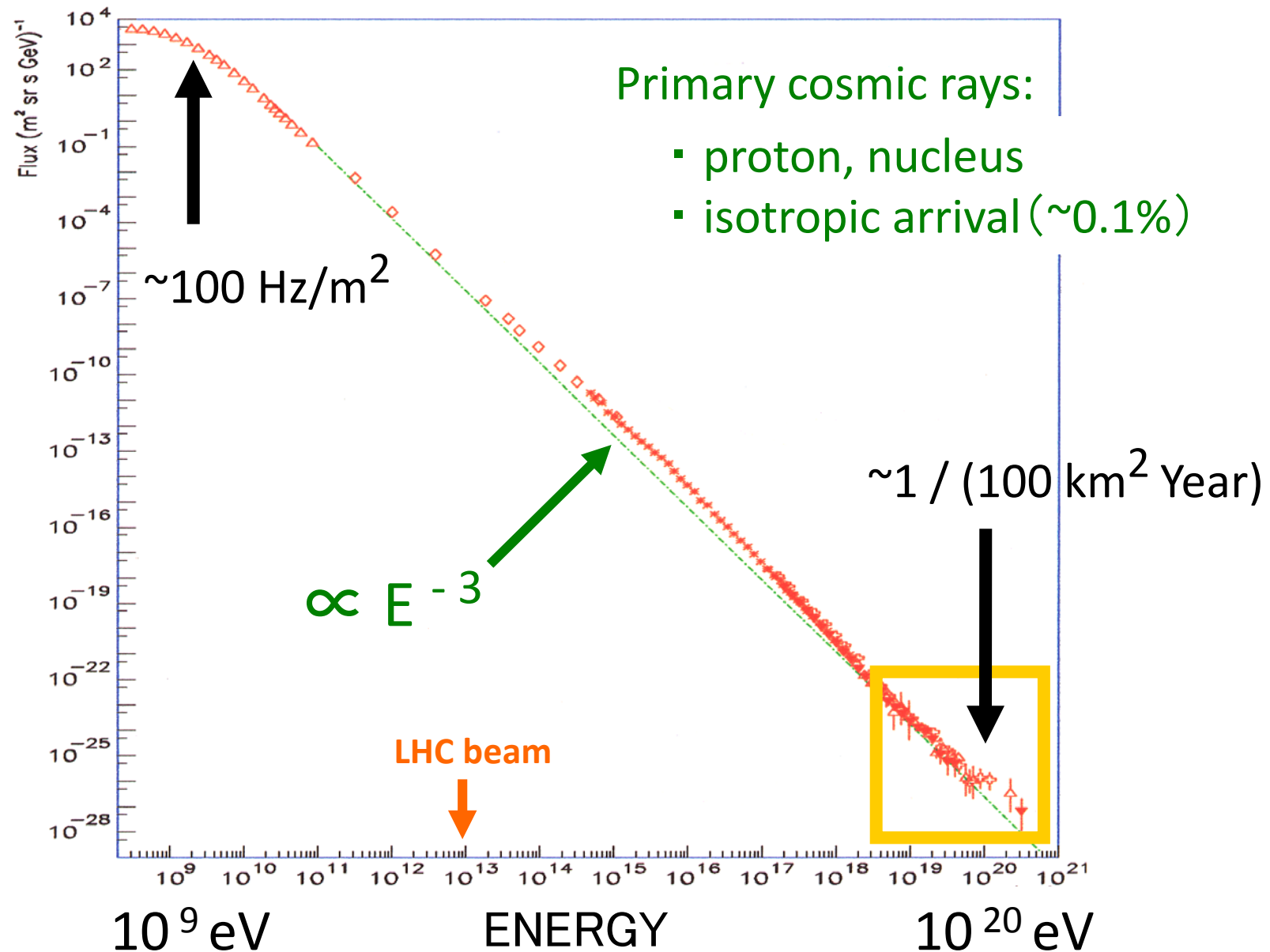
- S_{38} = # of VEMs at $\theta=38^\circ$ and D=1000m
- Zenith attenuation of VEMs obtained from Constant Intensity Cut (CIC)

- Good correlation (\sim linear) with particle density at 1000m (Auger), 800m (TA) from core for $10^{18.5} < E < 10^{19.8}$ eV.
- Limited statistics for $10^{19.5} \text{ eV} < E$

- Auger E-scale updated (ICRC2013) using (nearly) reference model.
- TA E-scale unchanged:
 - Spectrum: FLASH
 - Yield: Kakimoto et al. extended
 - same as HiRes

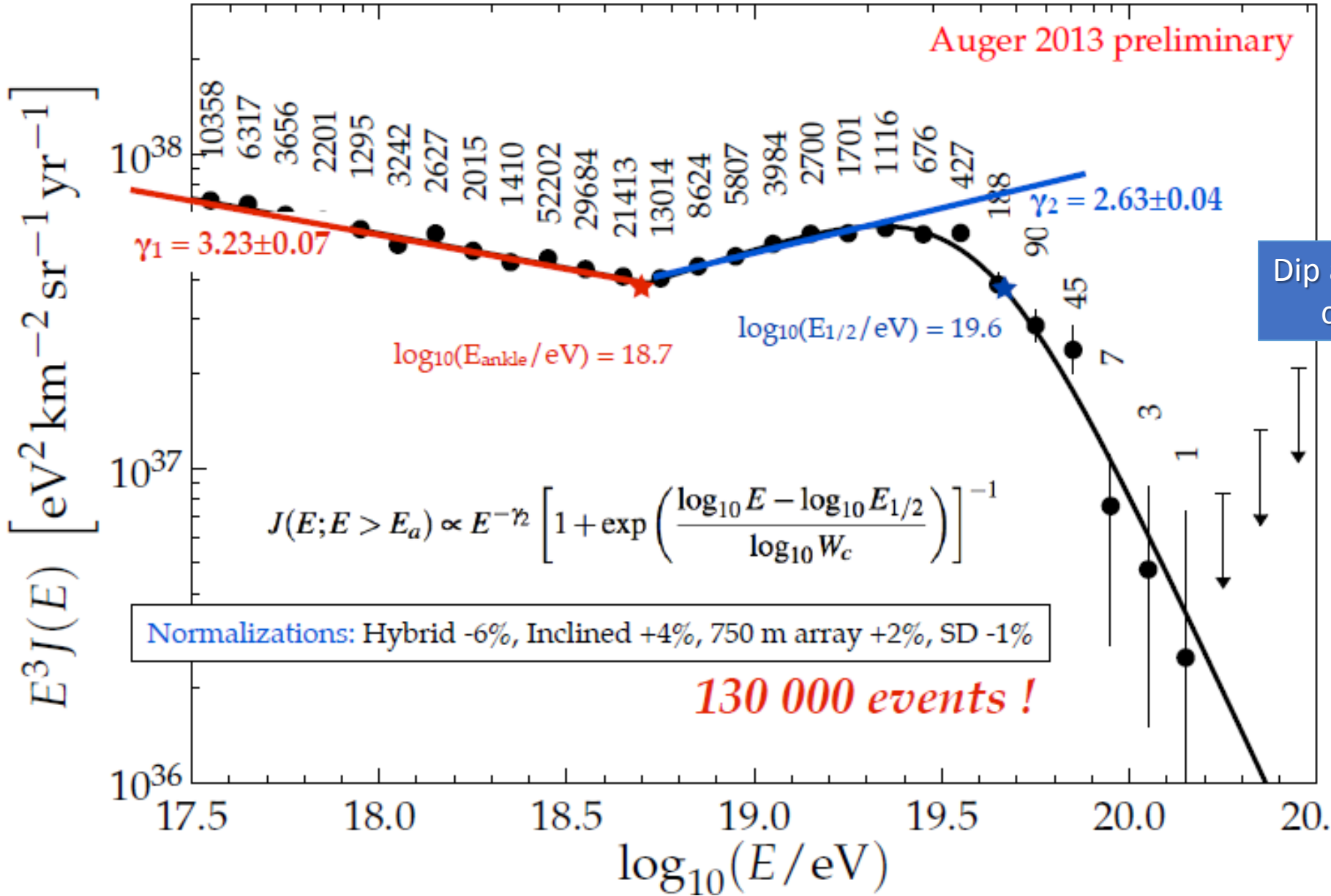
Energy Spectrum

Energy Spectrum of Cosmic Rays



THE AUGER ENERGY SPECTRUM

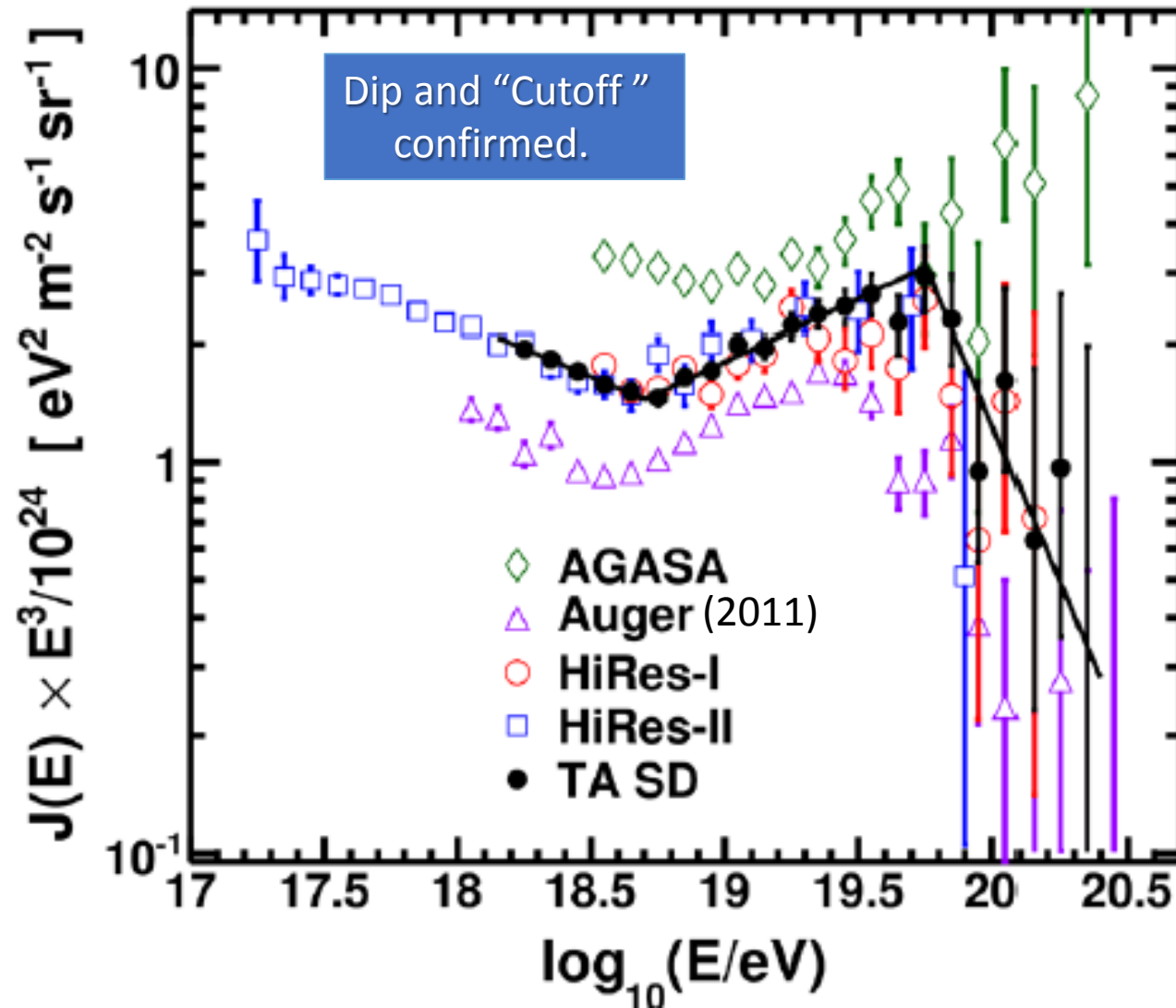
Updated at ICRC2013
with New Energy analysis



Energy Increased by
16% at $10^{18.0}$ eV and
10% at 10^{19} eV
(mainly not by new AFY)

5 year TA SD spectrum

Updated at ICRC2013



TA data

May, 2008 – May, 20013

Zenith angle $< 45^\circ$

14787 ev. ($E > 10^{18.2}$ eV)

Exposure $4500 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$

Broken power law fit

$$\gamma_1 = -3.283 \pm 0.032$$

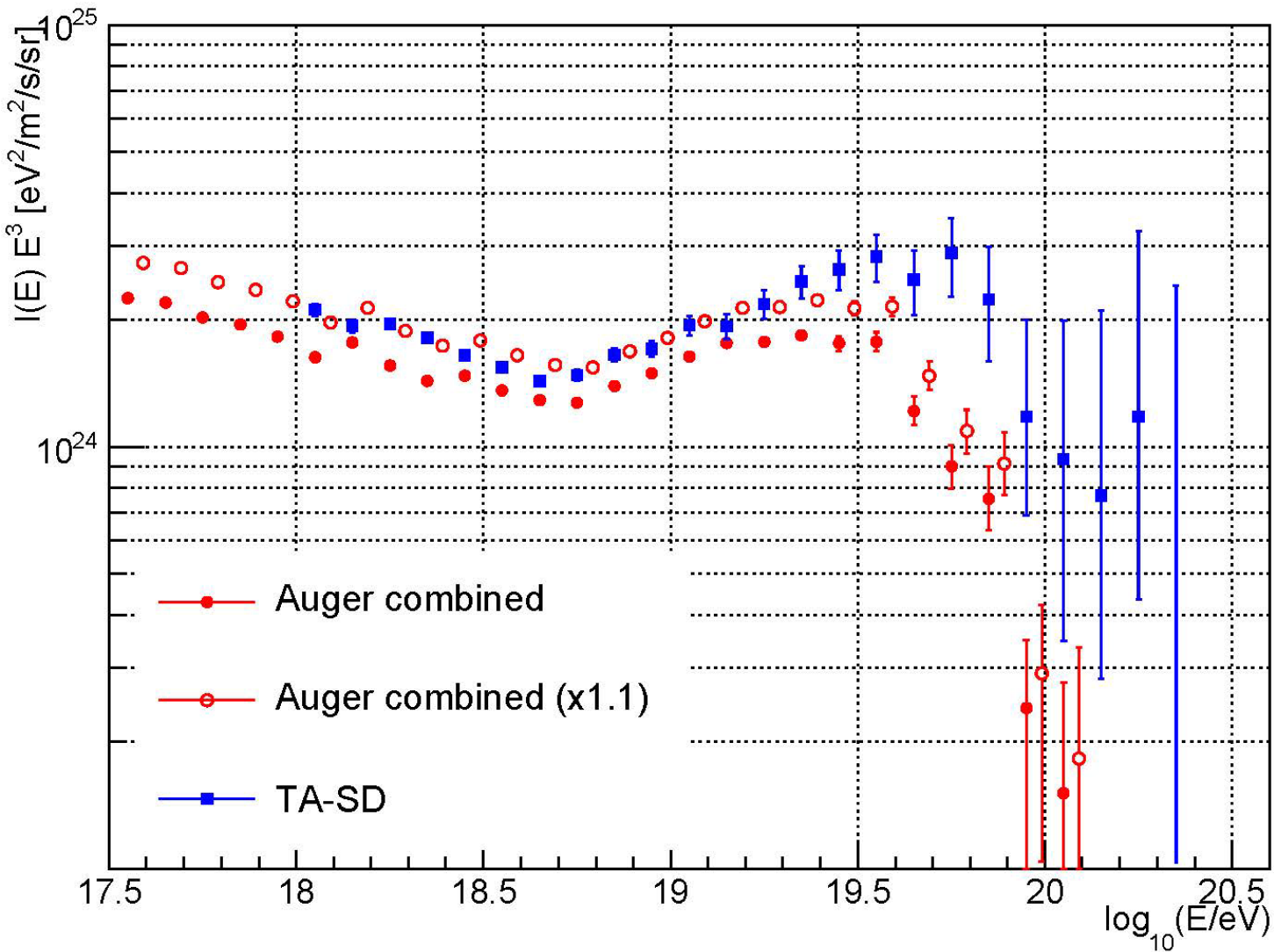
$$E_{\text{ankle}} = (5.04 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$$

$$\gamma_2 = -2.685 \pm 0.030$$

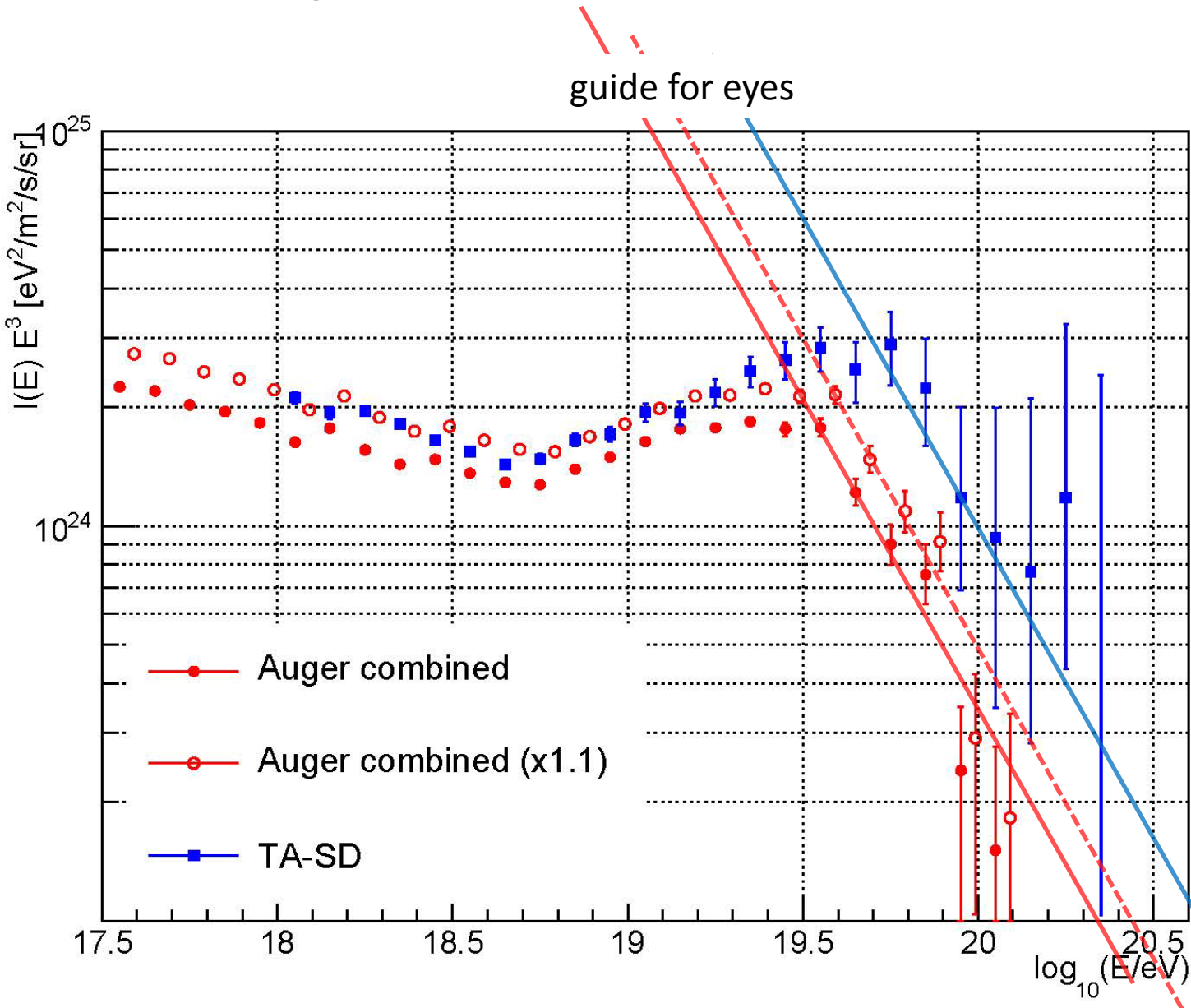
$$E_{\text{GZK}} = (5.68 \pm 1.05) \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$$

$$\gamma_3 = -4.62 \pm 0.74$$

Spectrum at UHE : Auger and TA



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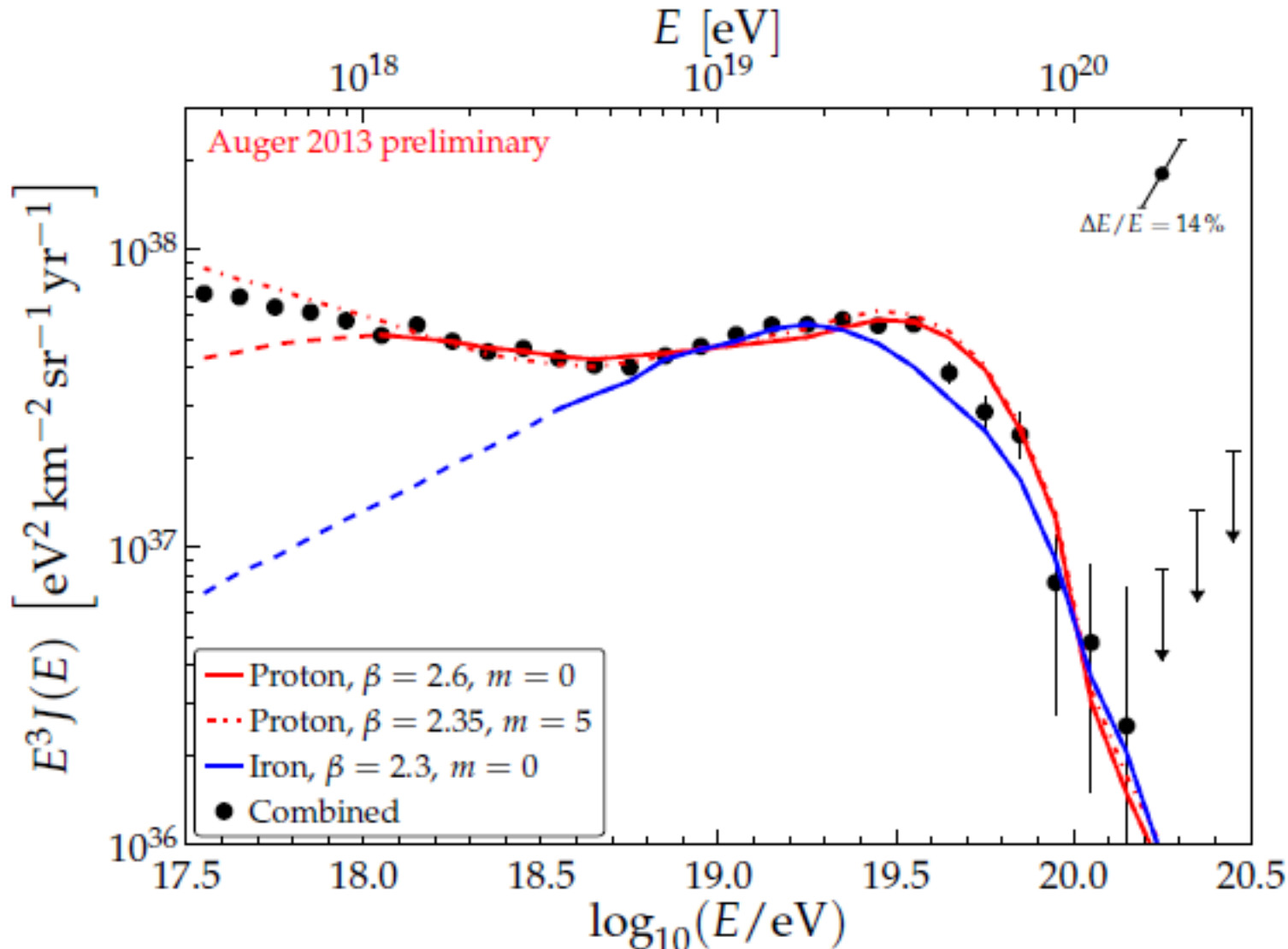


Results of Broken Power Law Fit

	Auger	TA
$\gamma-1$	3.23 ± 0.01	3.28 ± 0.03
E_{ANKLE}	$10^{18.72}$ eV	$10^{18.70}$ eV
$\gamma-2$	2.63 ± 0.02	2.69 ± 0.03
$E_{1/2}$	$10^{19.63}$ eV	$10^{19.74}$ eV

- Spectral shape: Auger and TA agree well for $E < \sim 10^{19.3}$ eV if overall E-scale shifted by 10%.
- $E_{1/2}$: $E_{\text{AUGER}} = 0.78 \times E_{\text{TA}}$ (w/o 10% rescale)

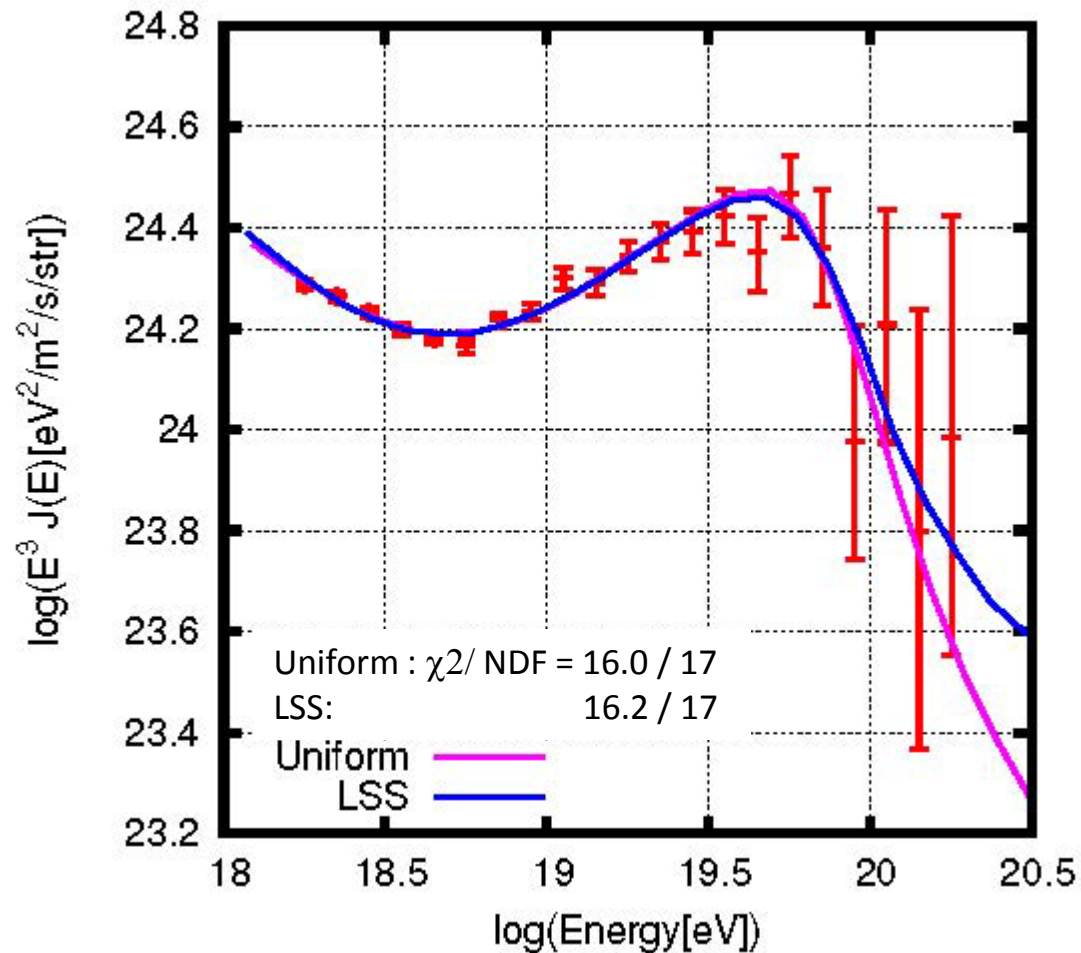
Astrophysical Scenario : AUGER



- Models calculated with CRPropa and validated with SimProp.
- Spectrum alone is not enough to Discriminate between scenarios.
- Cutoff by Acceleration limit is not excluded?

Astrophysical Scenario: TA

Fit with extra-galactic proton



Source Distribution

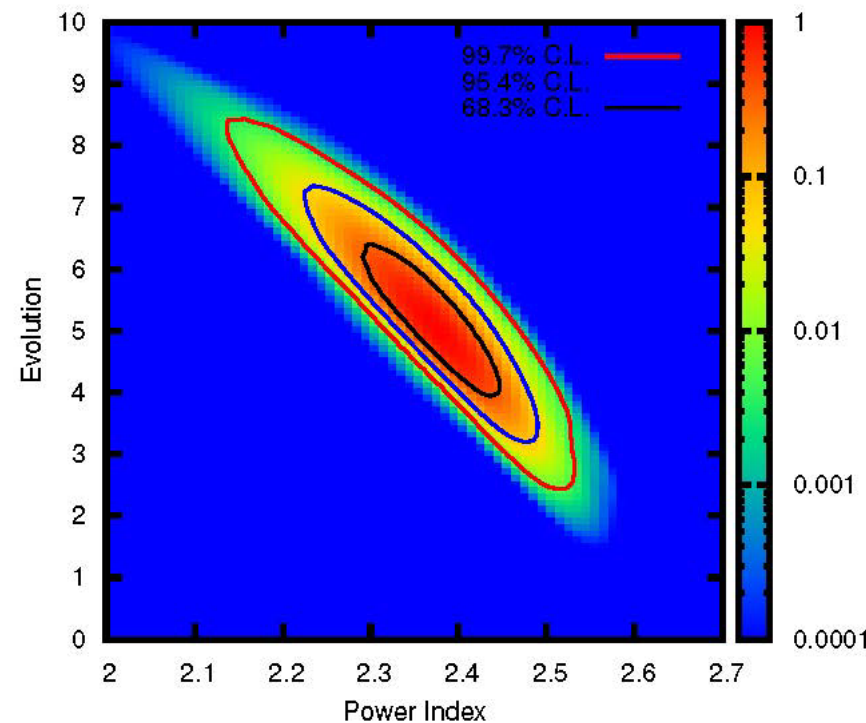
- Uniform
- LSS ($\sim 2\text{MASS XSCz}$)

Energy Loss with

- CMB
 - Infra-Red
- using CRPropa 2.0 simulation
checked with analytic ΔE .
No magnetic field.

4-parameter fit

- Injection spectrum : E^{-p}
 $E_{\text{max}} = 10^{21} \text{ eV}$
- Evolution : $(1+z)^m$
- Flux normalization
- Energy scale



For LSS

$$P = 2.37 \quad +0.08 \quad -0.08$$

$$m = 5.2 \quad +1.2 \quad -1.3$$

$$\text{Log } E'/E = -0.02 \quad +0.04 \quad -0.05$$

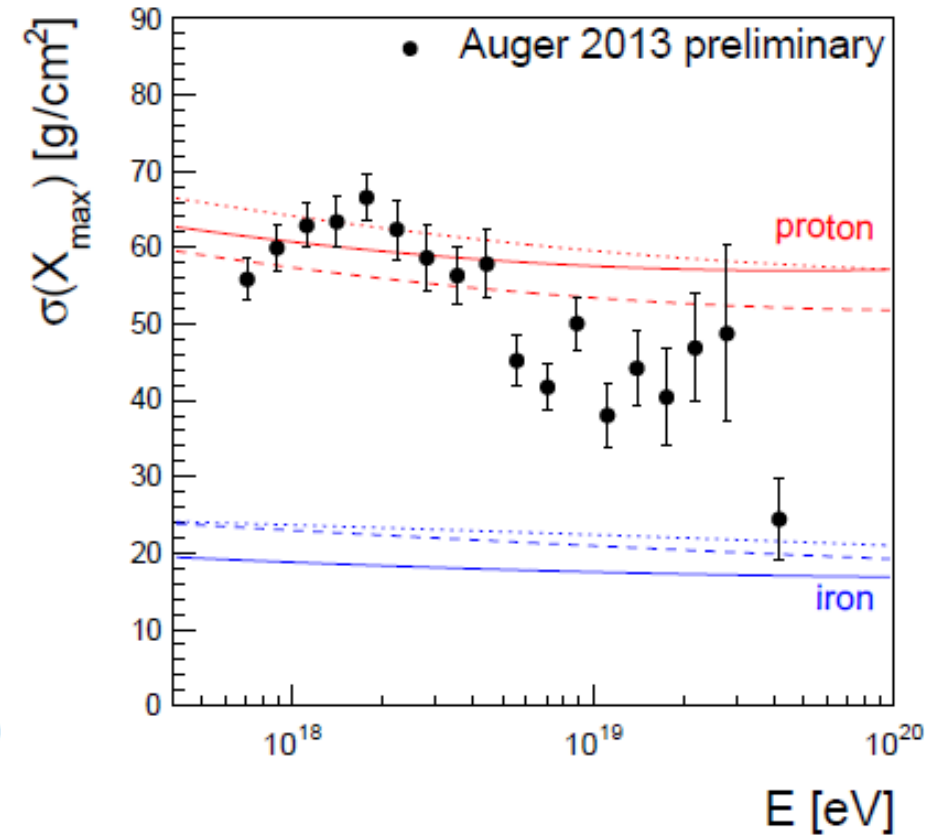
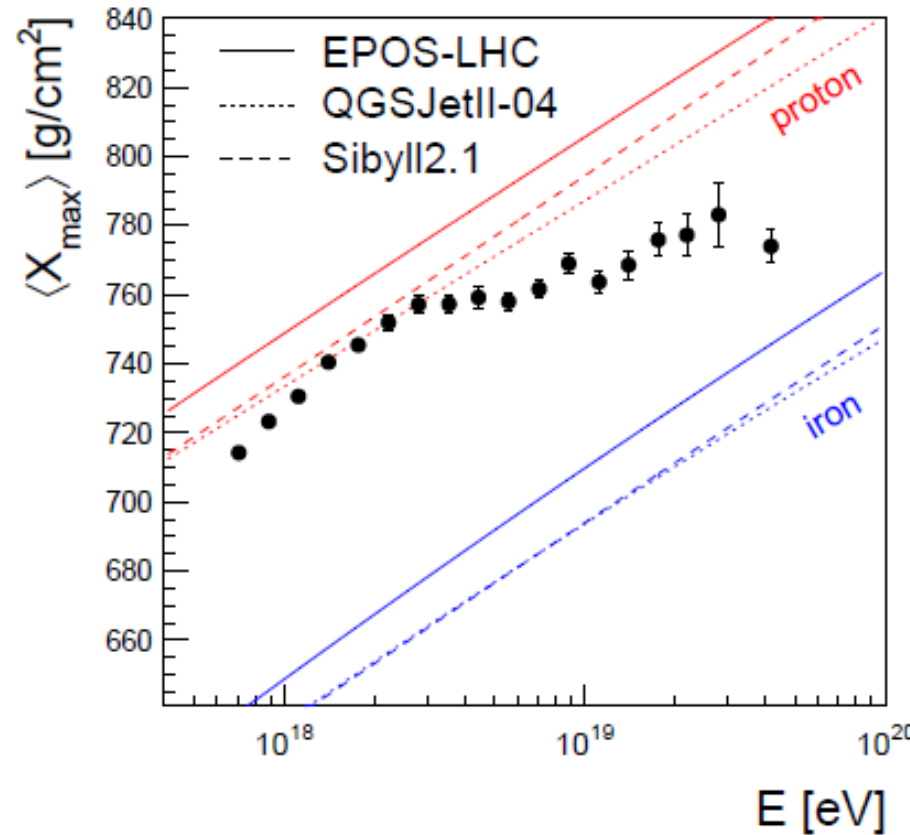
Particle Composition

Auger Xmax (updated at ICRC 2013)

- + statistics
- AFY updated.
- PSF updated.
- Calibration etc.

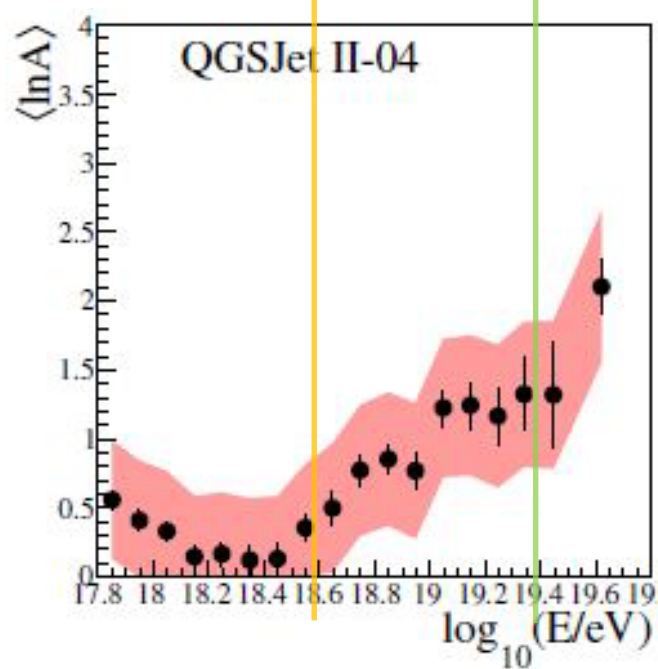
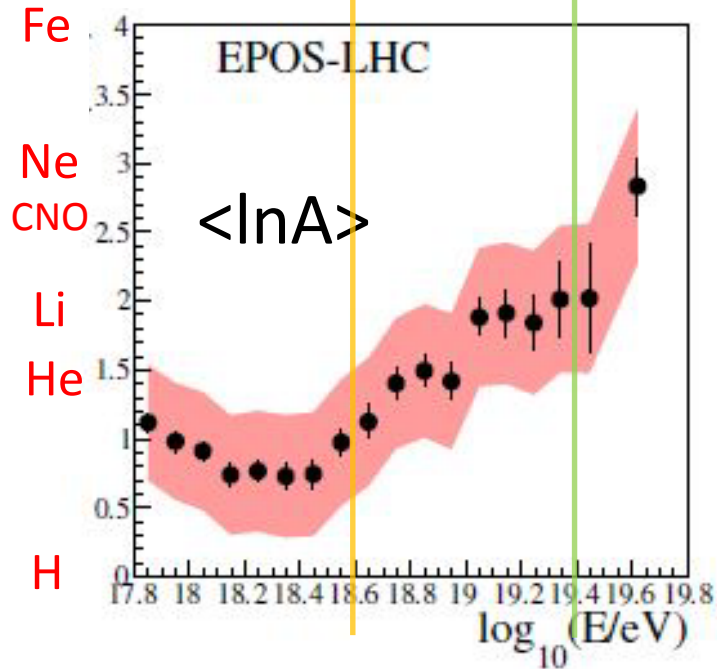
$\langle X_{\max} \rangle$ larger
 +13 g/cm² at 10¹⁸ eV ~
 +6 g/cm² at 10^{19.5} eV

RMS(X_{\max}) larger
 < 10 g/cm²
 for 10¹⁸⁻¹⁹ eV



Updated models: EPOS-LHC and QGSJET-II-04 are used for MC rails.

IF PURE



Auger LnA Study

$$\langle X_{\max} \rangle, \sigma(X_{\max}) \rightarrow \langle \ln A \rangle, \sigma_{\ln A}$$

Using $\langle X_{\max} \rangle \approx \langle X_{\max}^p \rangle - D_p \langle \ln A \rangle$

$$\sigma(X_{\max})^2 \approx \langle \sigma_j^2 \rangle + D_p^2 \sigma(\ln A)^2$$

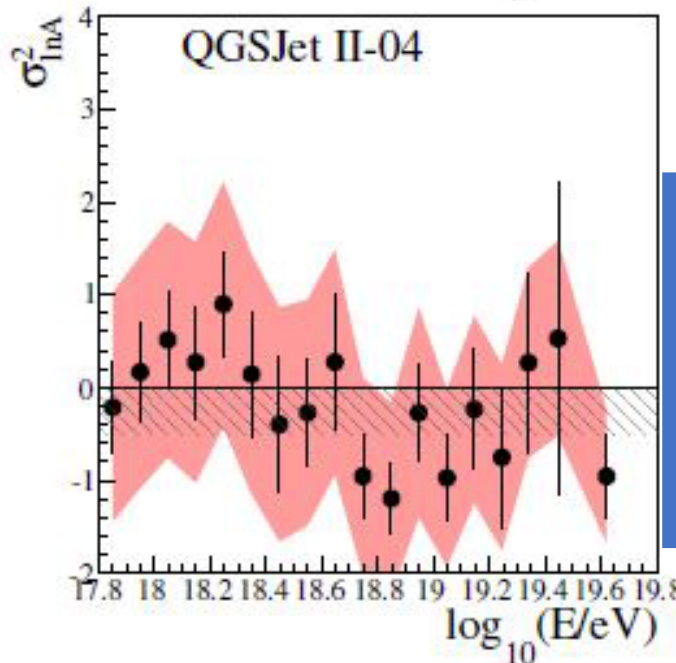
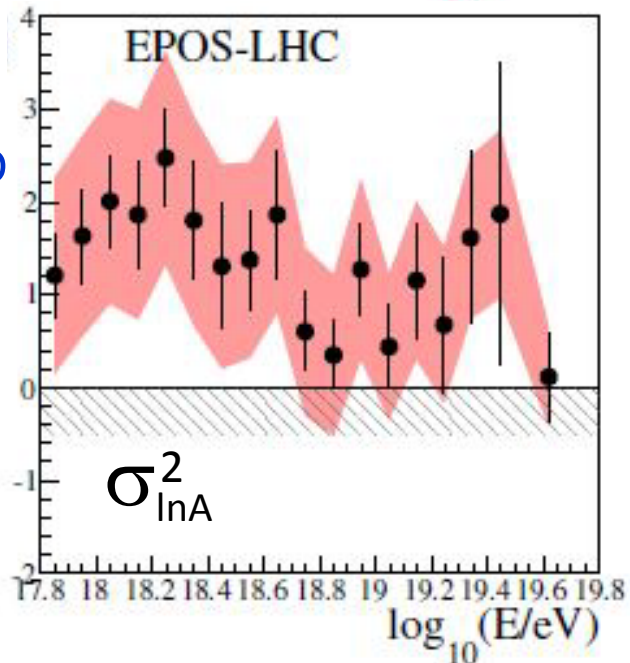
DP : elongation rate

σ_j^2 : mass averaged shower fluctuation

- ▶ $\langle \ln A \rangle$ decreases until $\sim 10^{18.3}$ eV
- ▶ increase of $\langle \ln A \rangle$ at higher energies.
- ▶ small $\sigma_{\ln A}^2 \lesssim 1$ at high energies

MIXED

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PURE



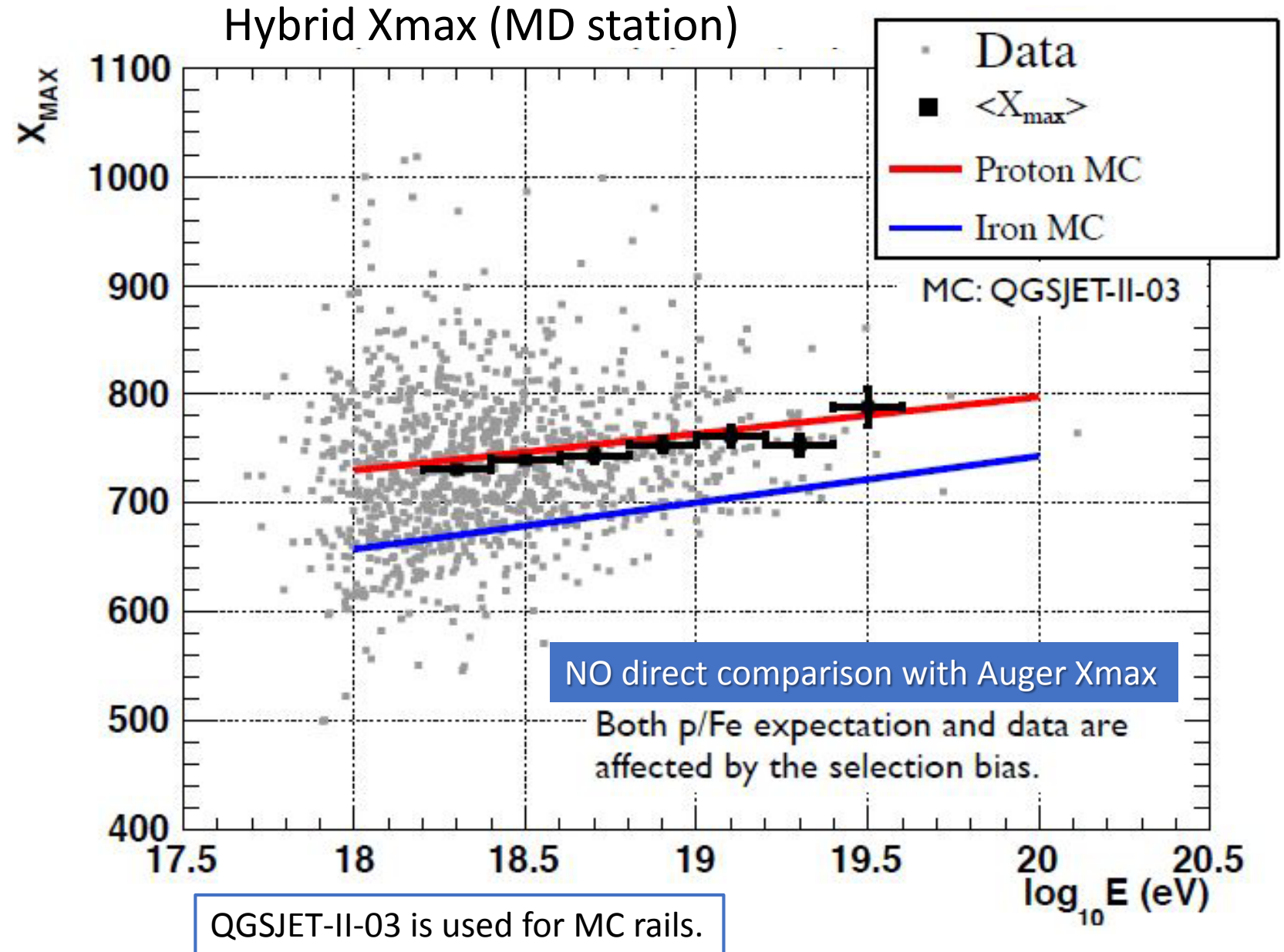
Bottom Line of Auger Xmax study:

- ▶ showers at ultrahigh energies are shallower and fluctuate less than proton simulations

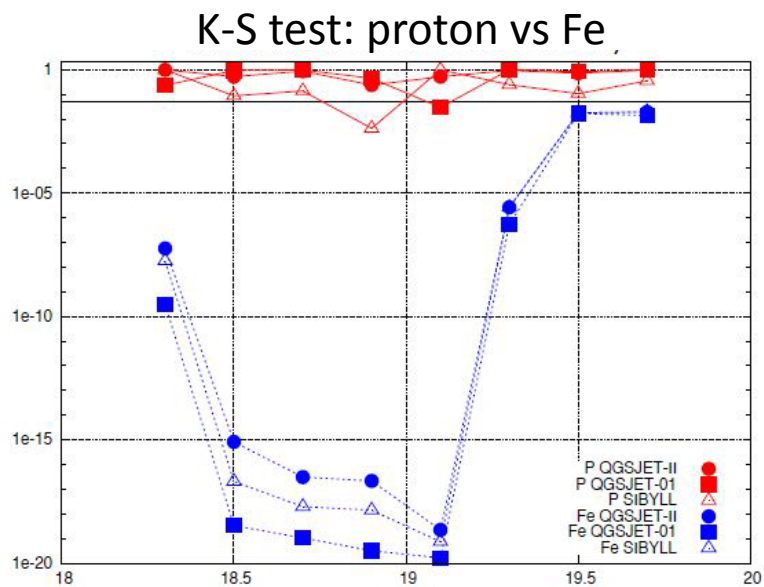
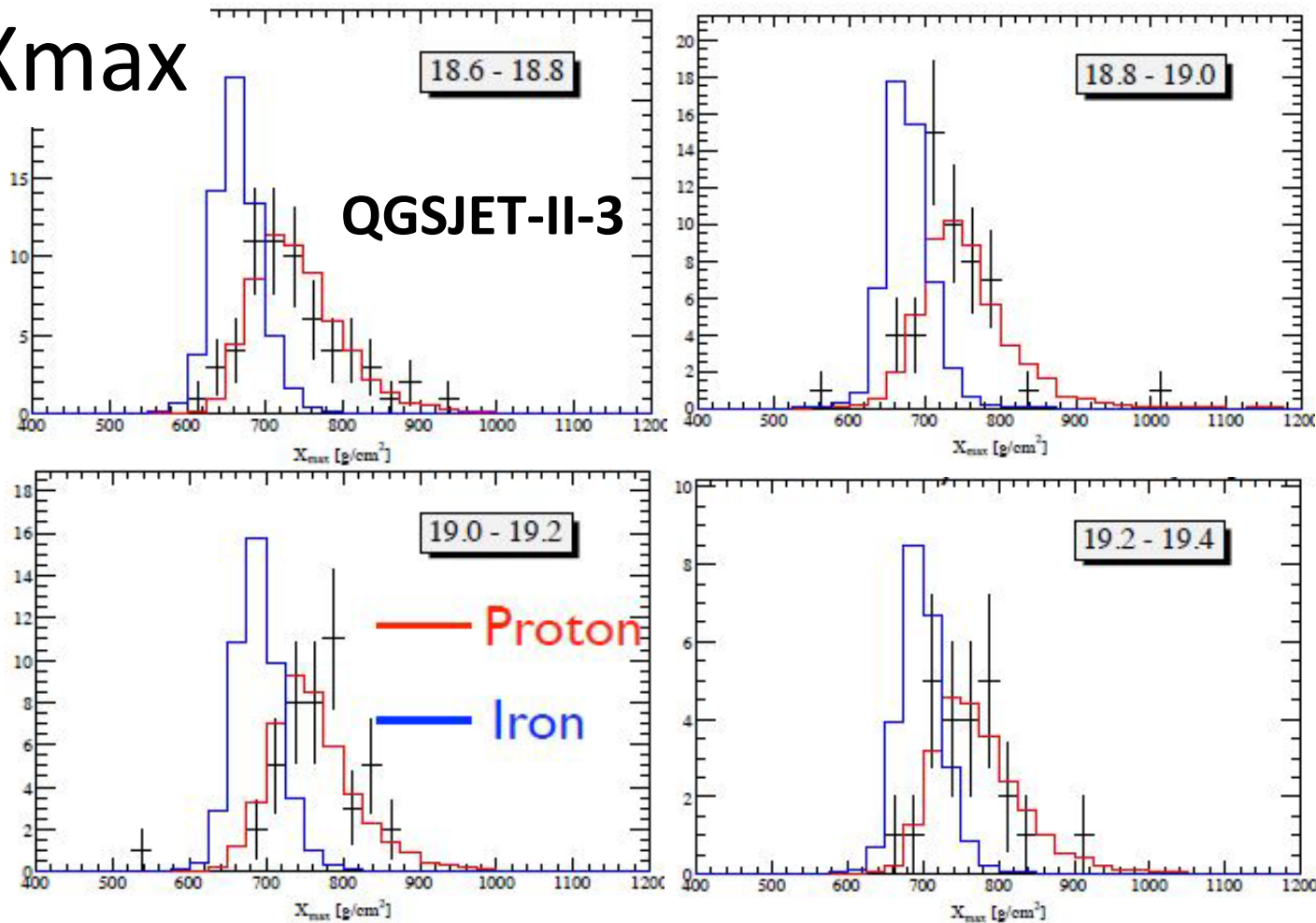
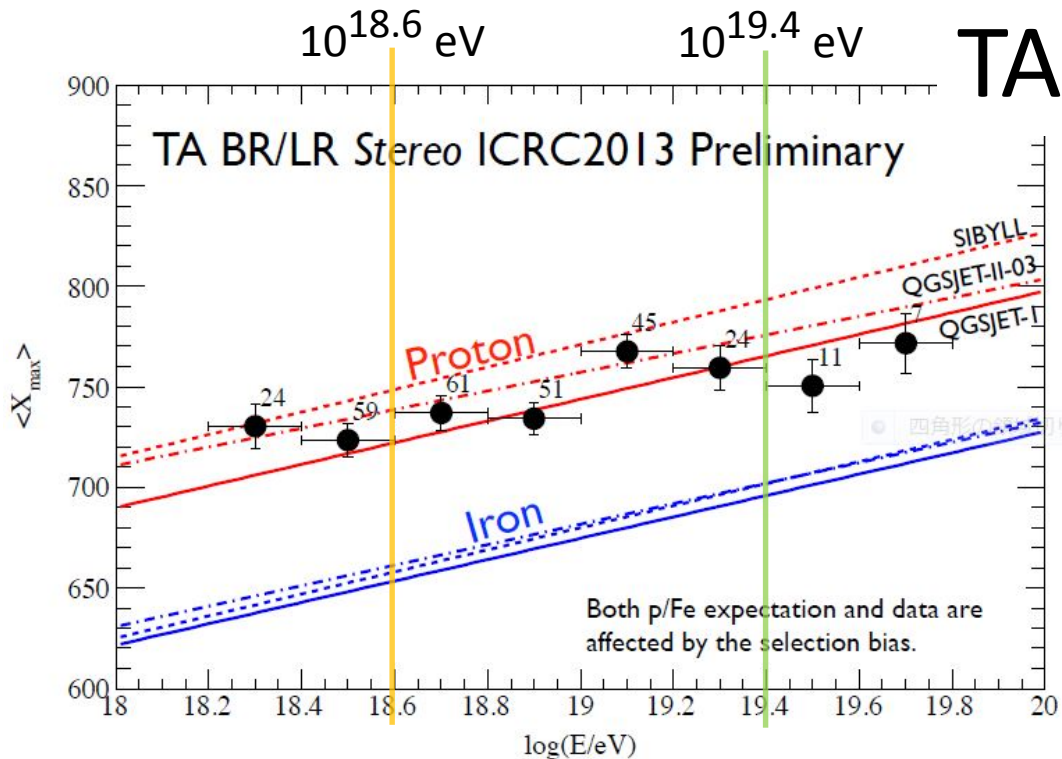
TA Xmax

(updated @ICRC2013)

- Hybrid Xmax added
- + statistics and Analysis updated for Stereo Xmax
- Analysis using QGSJET-II-03
SIBYLL
QGSJET-I

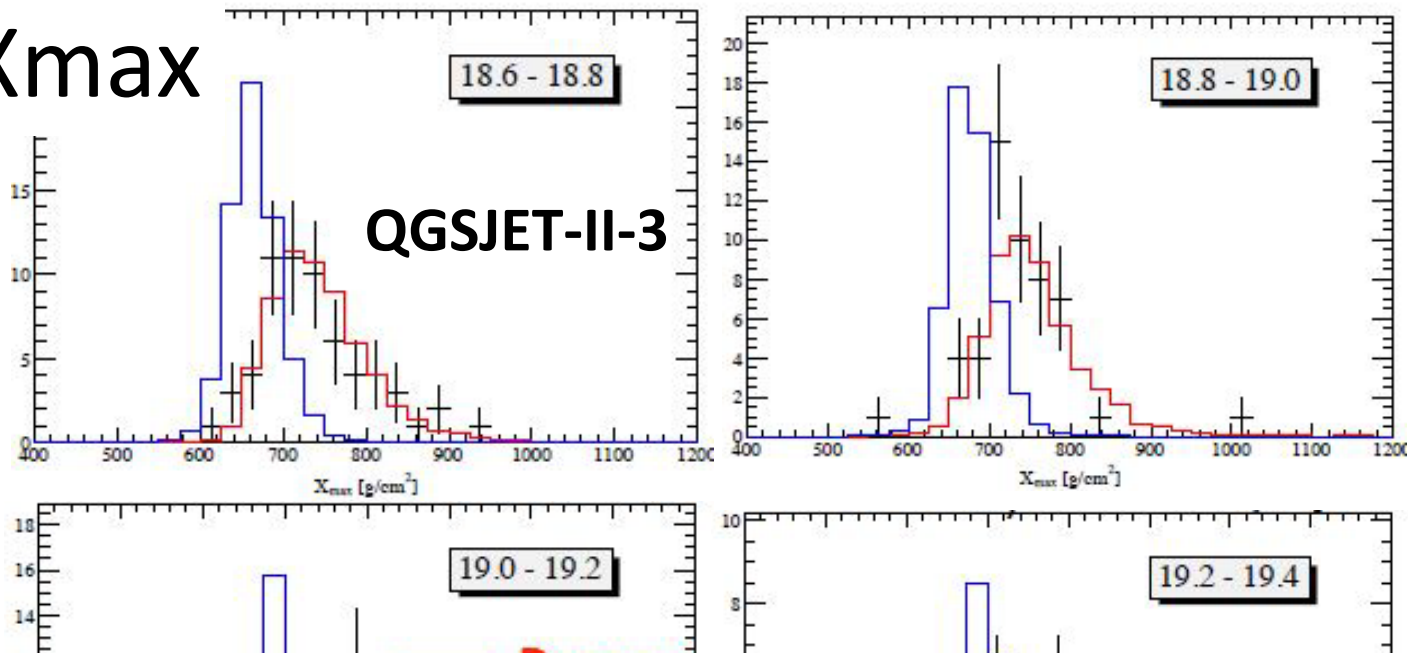
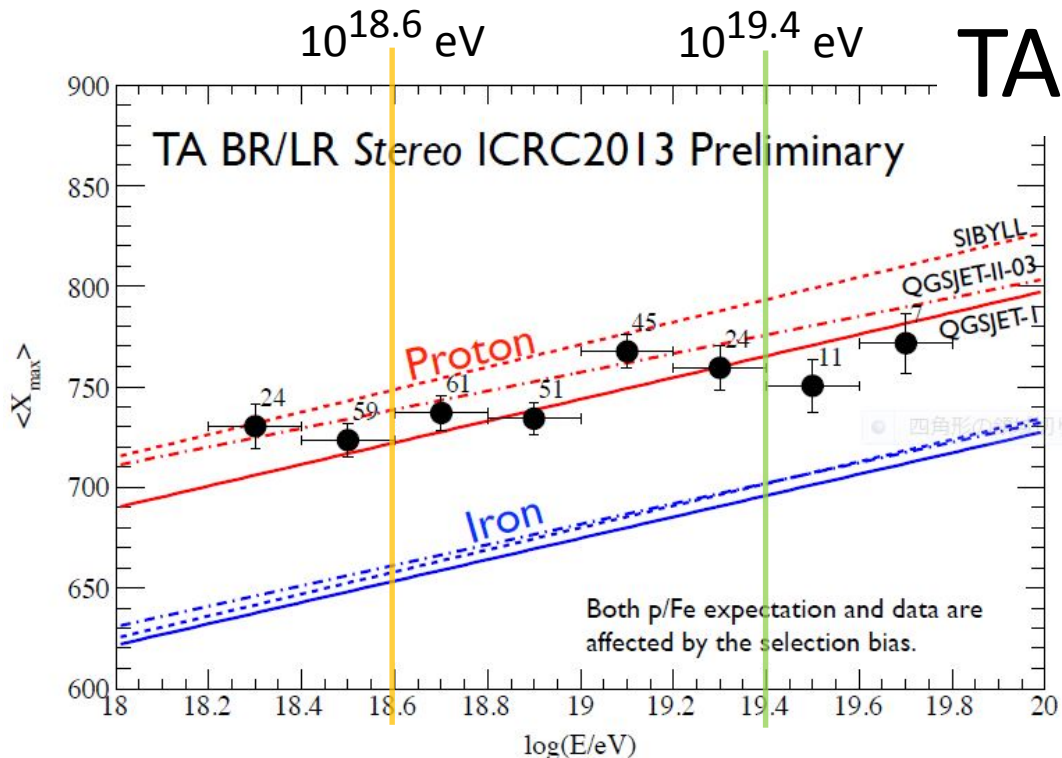


TA Xmax



$\langle X_{max} \rangle$ and X_{max} distribution is consistent with proton by stereo and hybrid analyses.

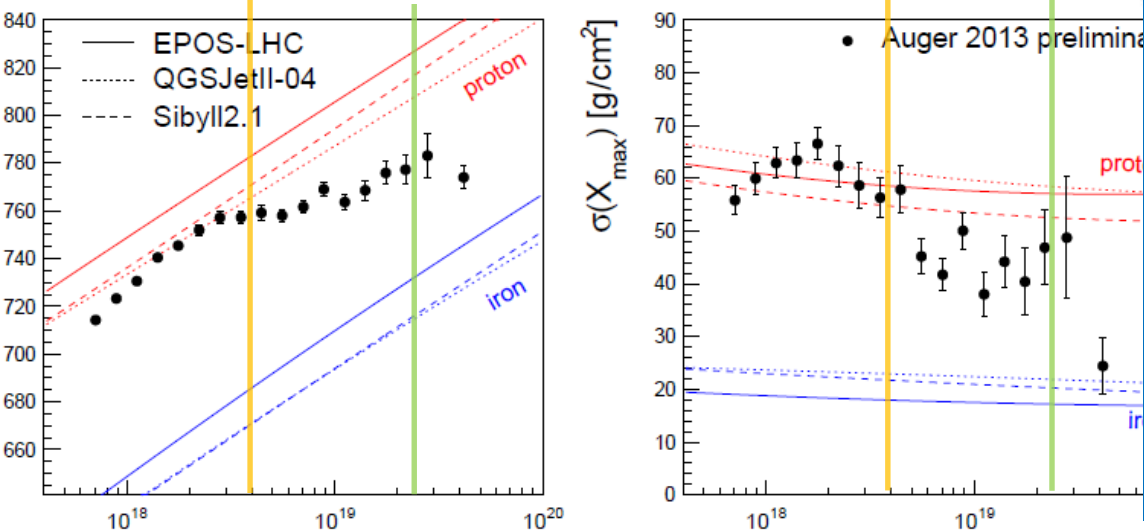
TA Xmax



Difference between Auger and TA on Xmax:

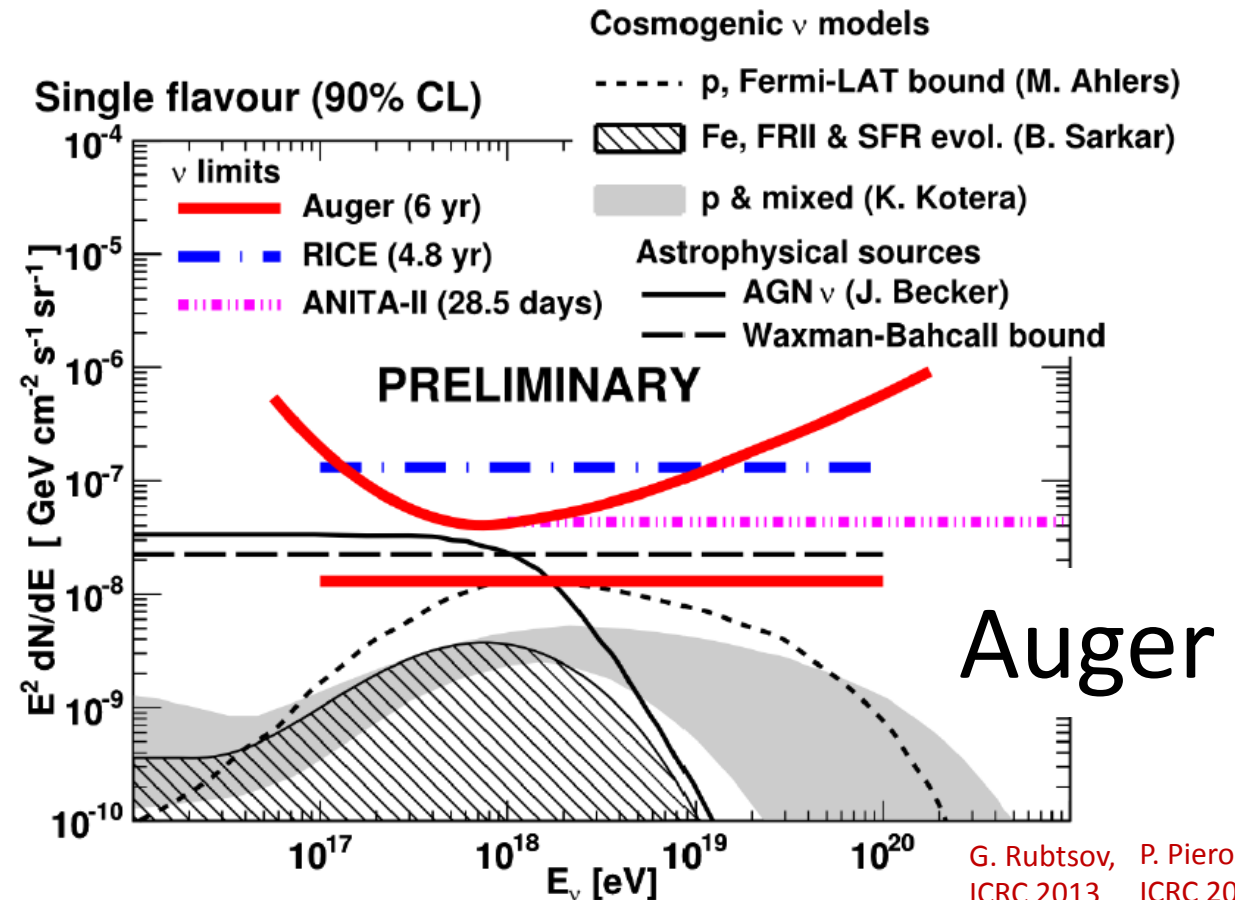
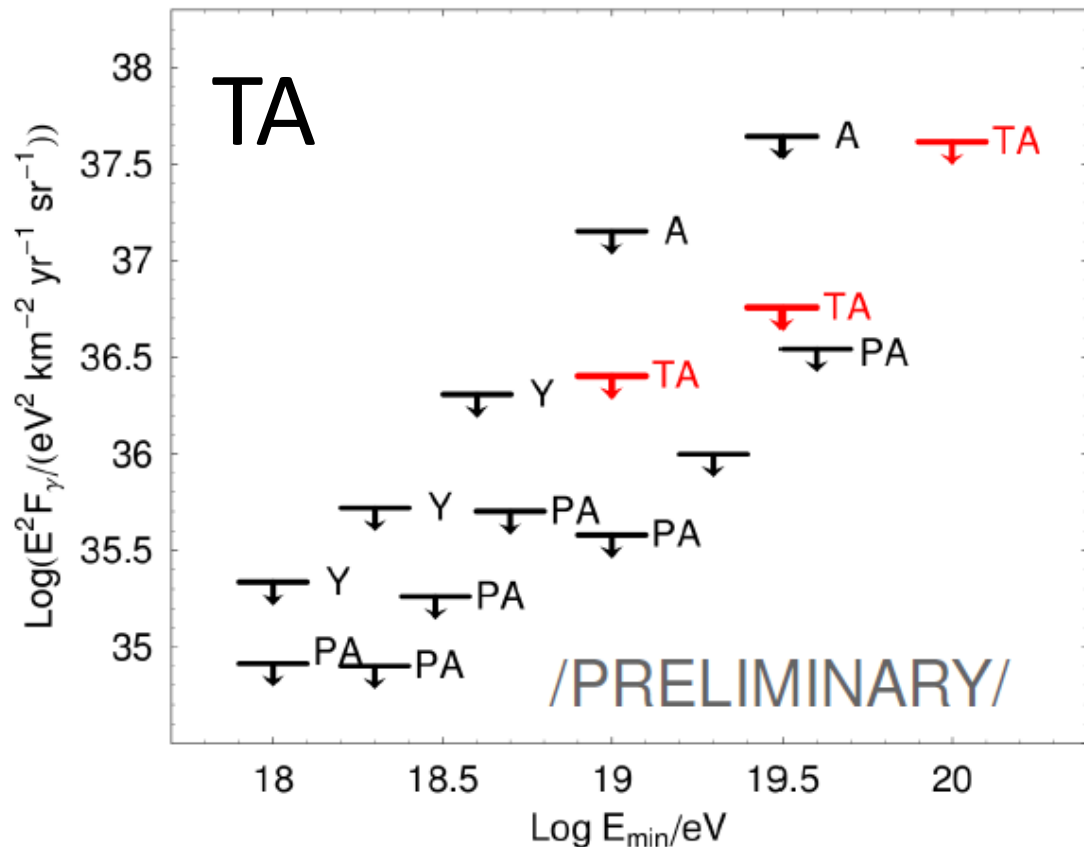
- For $10^{18.6} < E < 10^{19.4}$ eV, where Auger's $\langle \ln A \rangle$ analysis with QGSJET-II-04 simulation suggests a transition from proton to $\langle \text{Helium} \rangle$, TA's $\langle X_{max} \rangle$ and X_{max} distribution are consistent with proton using QGSJET-II-03.
- Above $10^{19.4}$ eV, TA has no stat. power to separate p/Fe.
- Auger's last point for $E > 10^{19.5}$ eV is somewhat singular suggesting pure Li or CNO depending on models.

Auger Xmax



UHE Gammas and Neutrinos

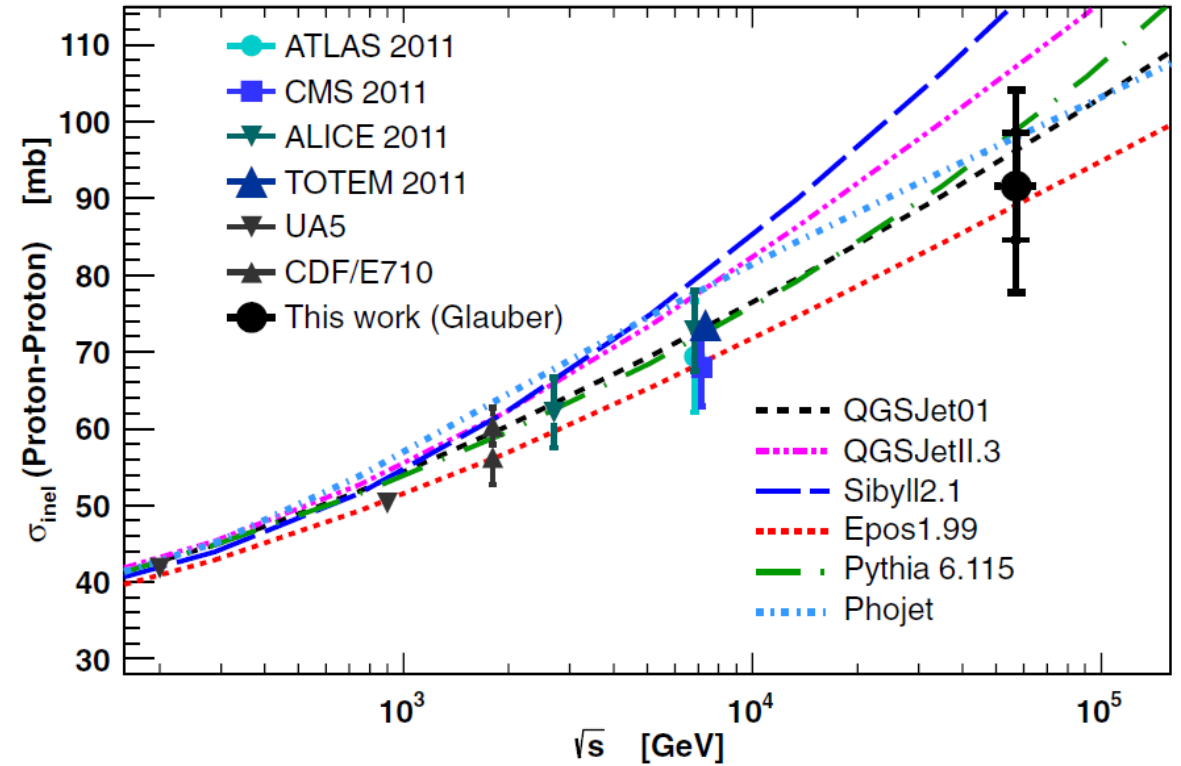
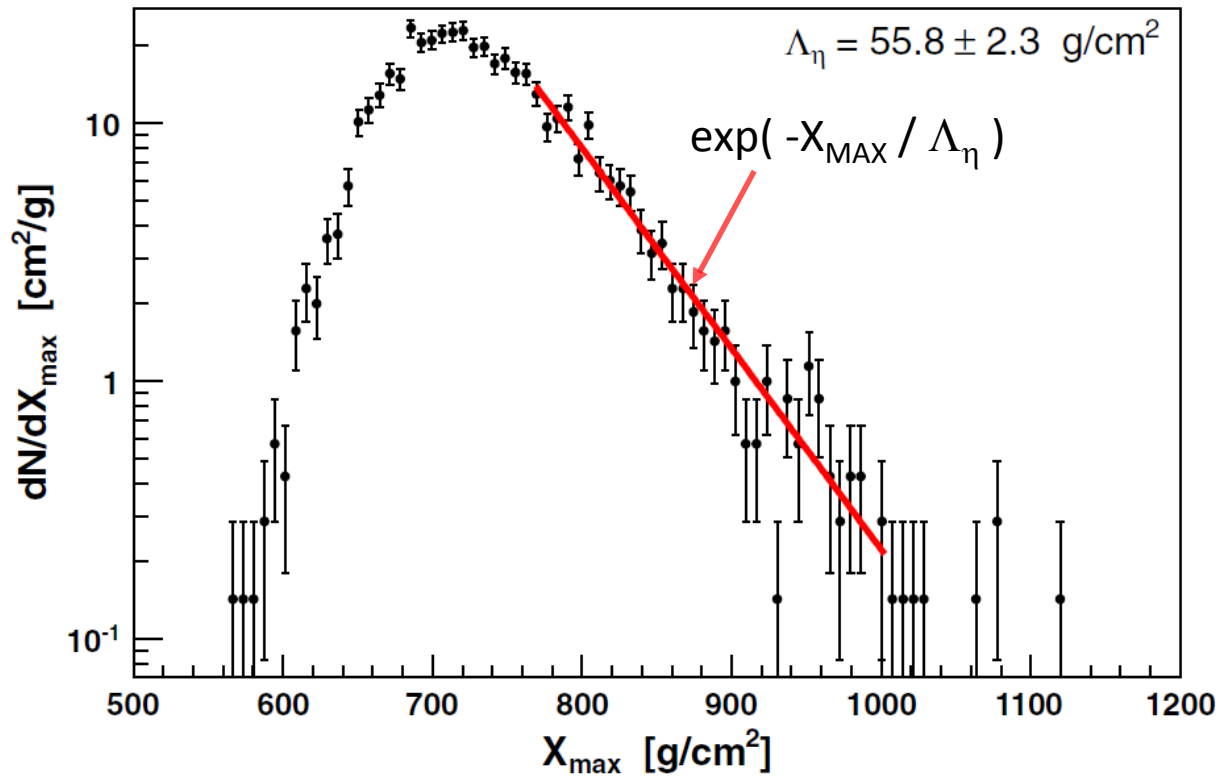
- No candidates found. Limits are updated.
- Some Top-down models are strongly constrained.
- Cosmogenic neutrinos maybe showing up soon.
- GZK gammas may be seen in next generation array.



Hadronic and Nuclear Interactions
above LHC

Air Shower Simulation

p-Air Cross Section by Auger ($10^{18} < E < 10^{18.5}$ eV)



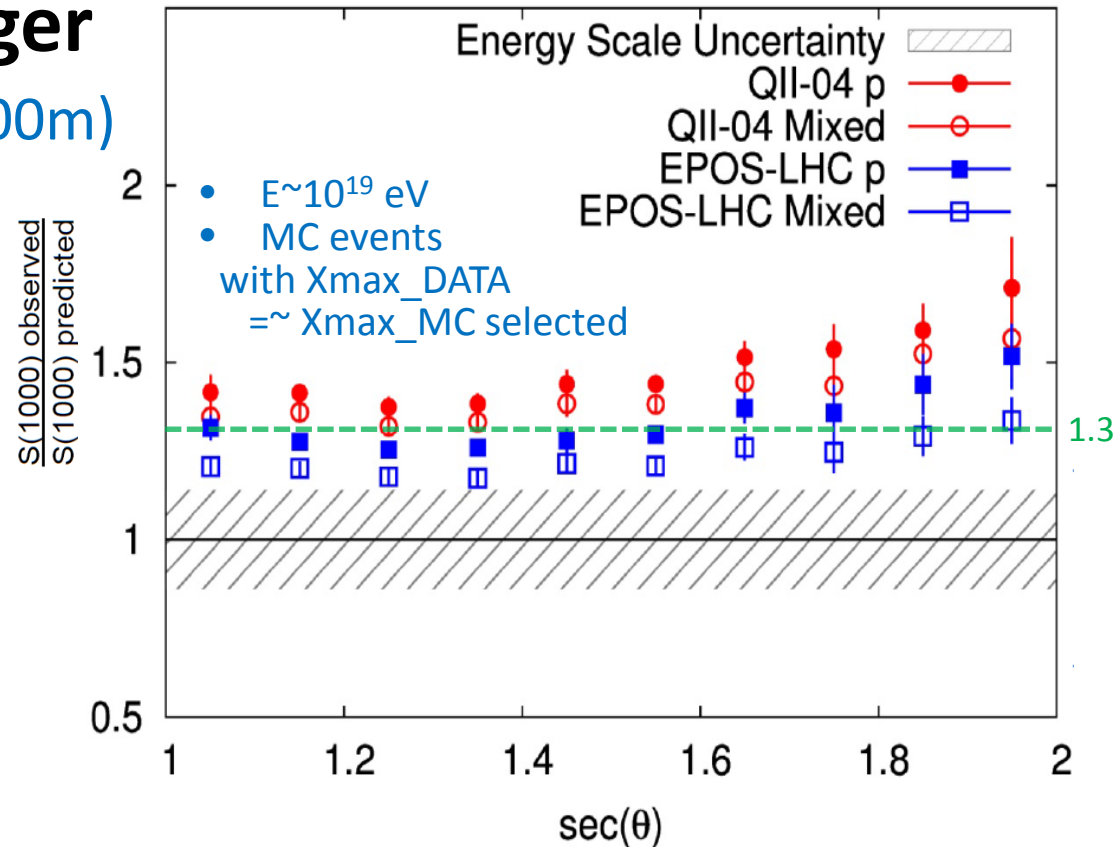
Observed Λ_η matched by tuning $\sigma_{p\text{-Air}}$ in model

Inelastic $\sigma_{p\text{-p}}$ obtained by Glauber model.

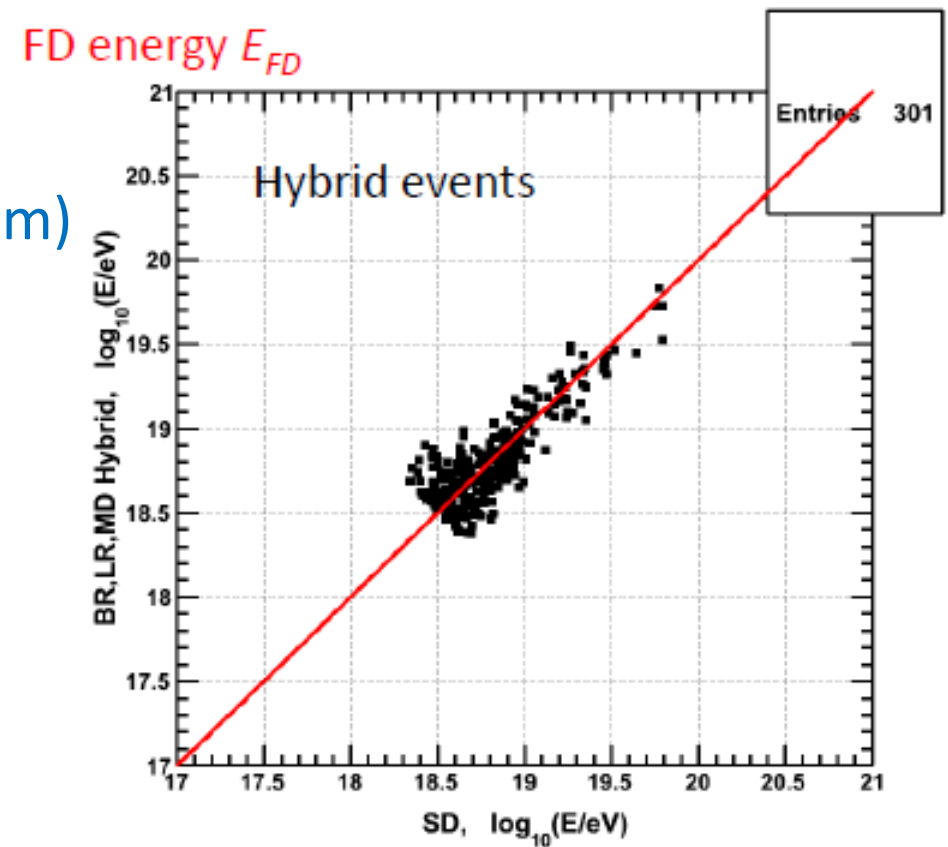
$$\sigma_{pp}^{\text{inel}} = [92 \pm 7(\text{stat})_{-11}^{+9}(\text{syst}) \pm 7(\text{Glauber})] \text{ mb}$$

Observed SD Signal vs Air Shower Simulation

Auger
S(1000m)



TA
S(800m)



SD signal is ~ 1.3 or more larger than Air Shower simulation at $d=800-1000\text{m}$, Water Tank ($\sim \mu$) or Scintillator ($\sim \text{EM}$).

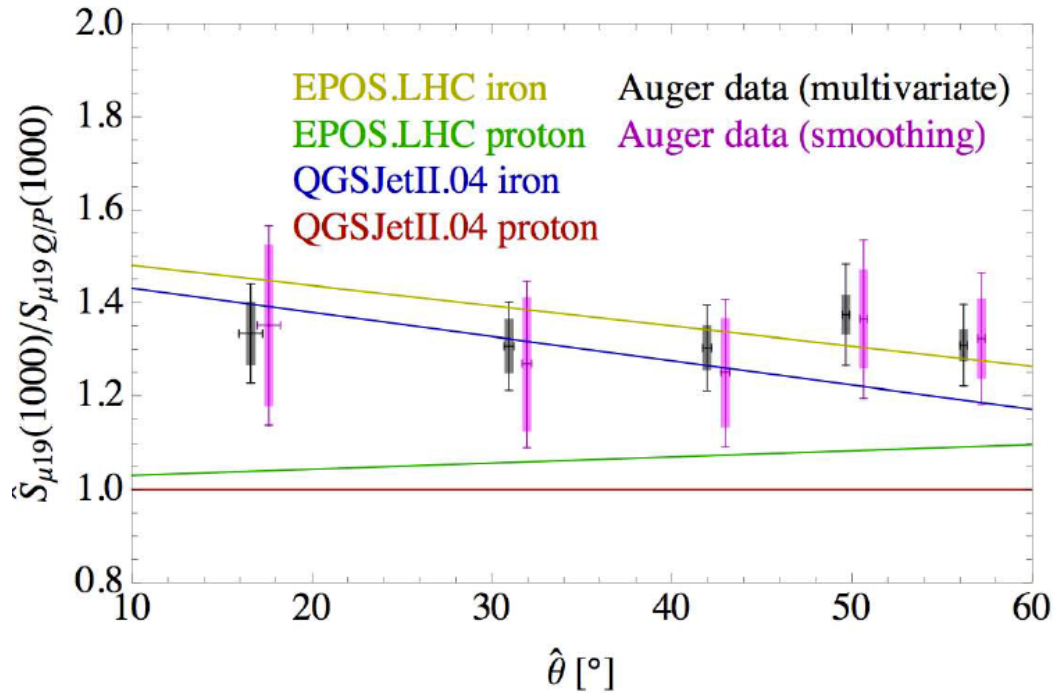
SD energy E_{SD}
(scaled to FD energy)

$$E_{SD} = E'_{SD} / 1.27$$

Observed μ Signal vs Air Shower Simulation

Auger

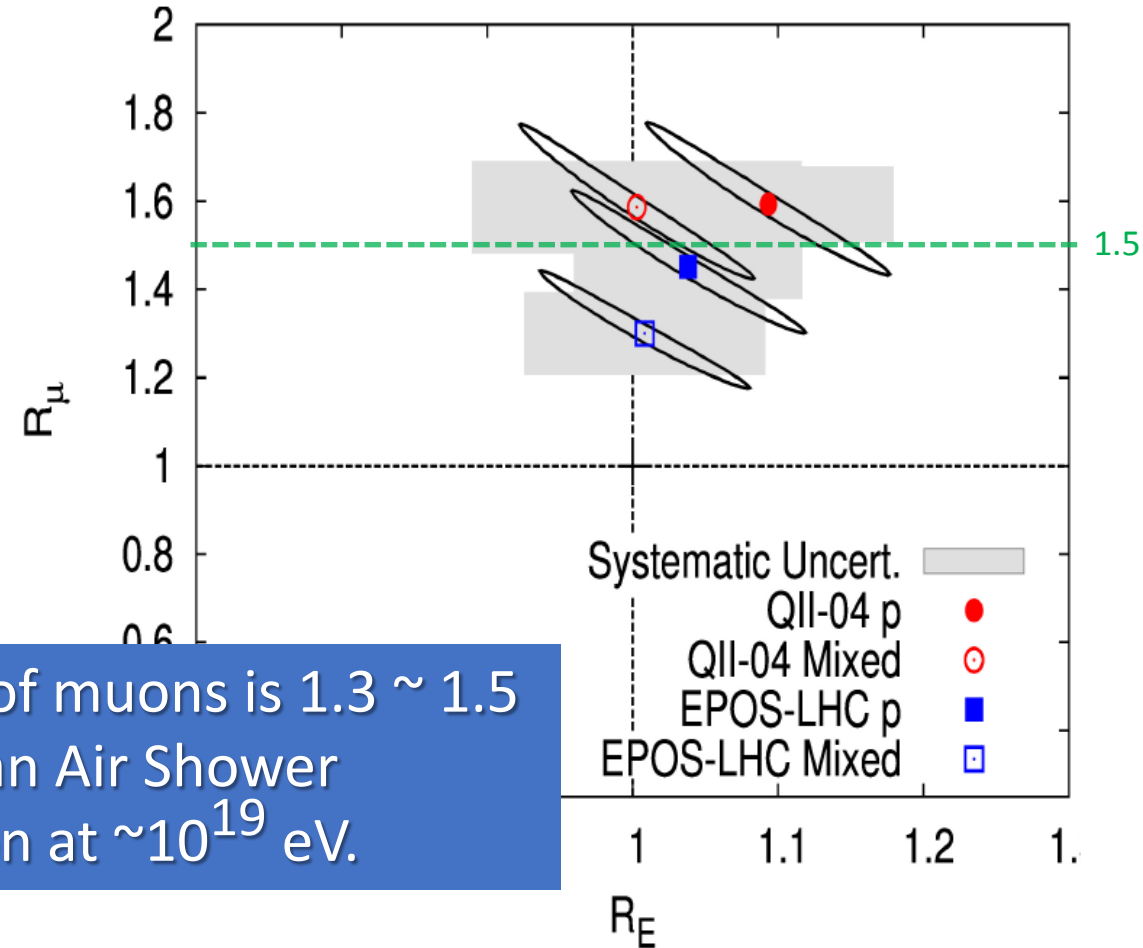
Muon signal rescaling wrt QGSJetII.04 proton



1.33 ± 0.02 (stat.) ± 0.05 (sys.) (multivariate)

1.31 ± 0.02 (stat.) ± 0.09 (sys.) (smoothing)

Auger



Number of muons is 1.3 ~ 1.5 larger than Air Shower Simulation at $\sim 10^{19}$ eV.

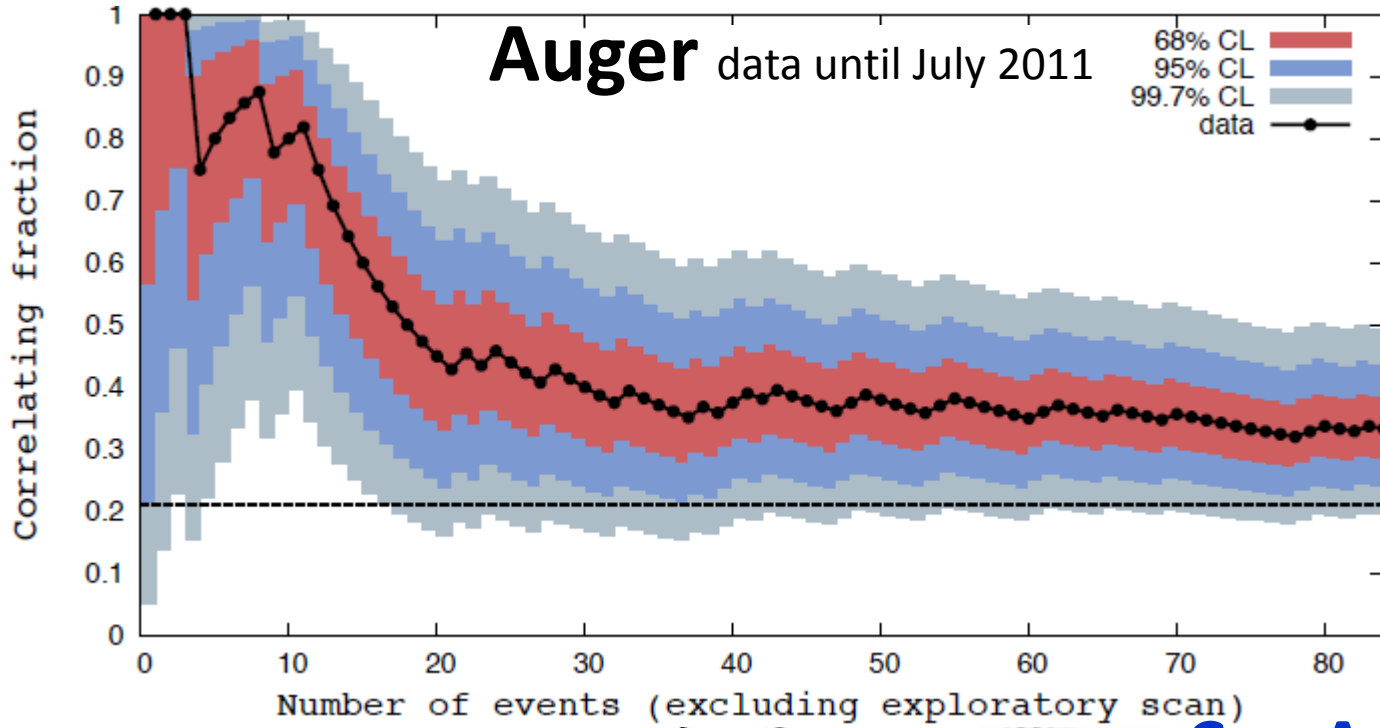
- Separating μ and EM signal by wave form and timing.
- $E \sim 10^{19}$ eV and $d \sim 1000$ m

- Energy and μ rate of MC can be fitted
- Using Xmac_DATA \sim Xmax_MC events.

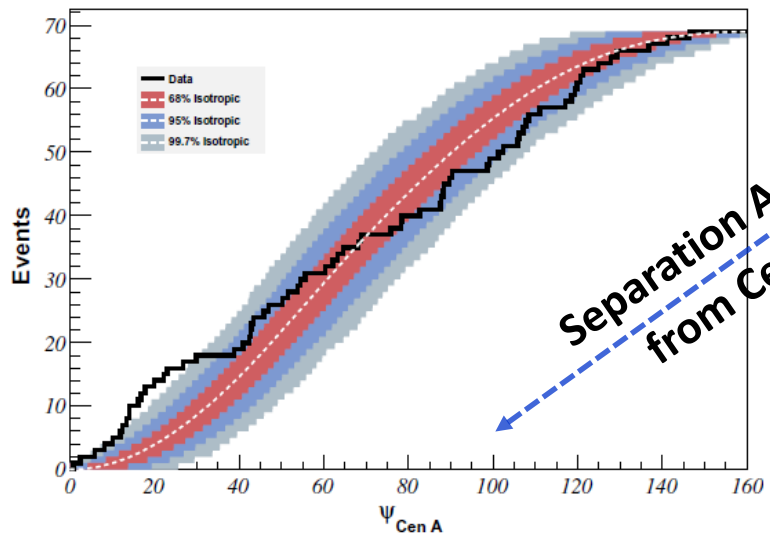
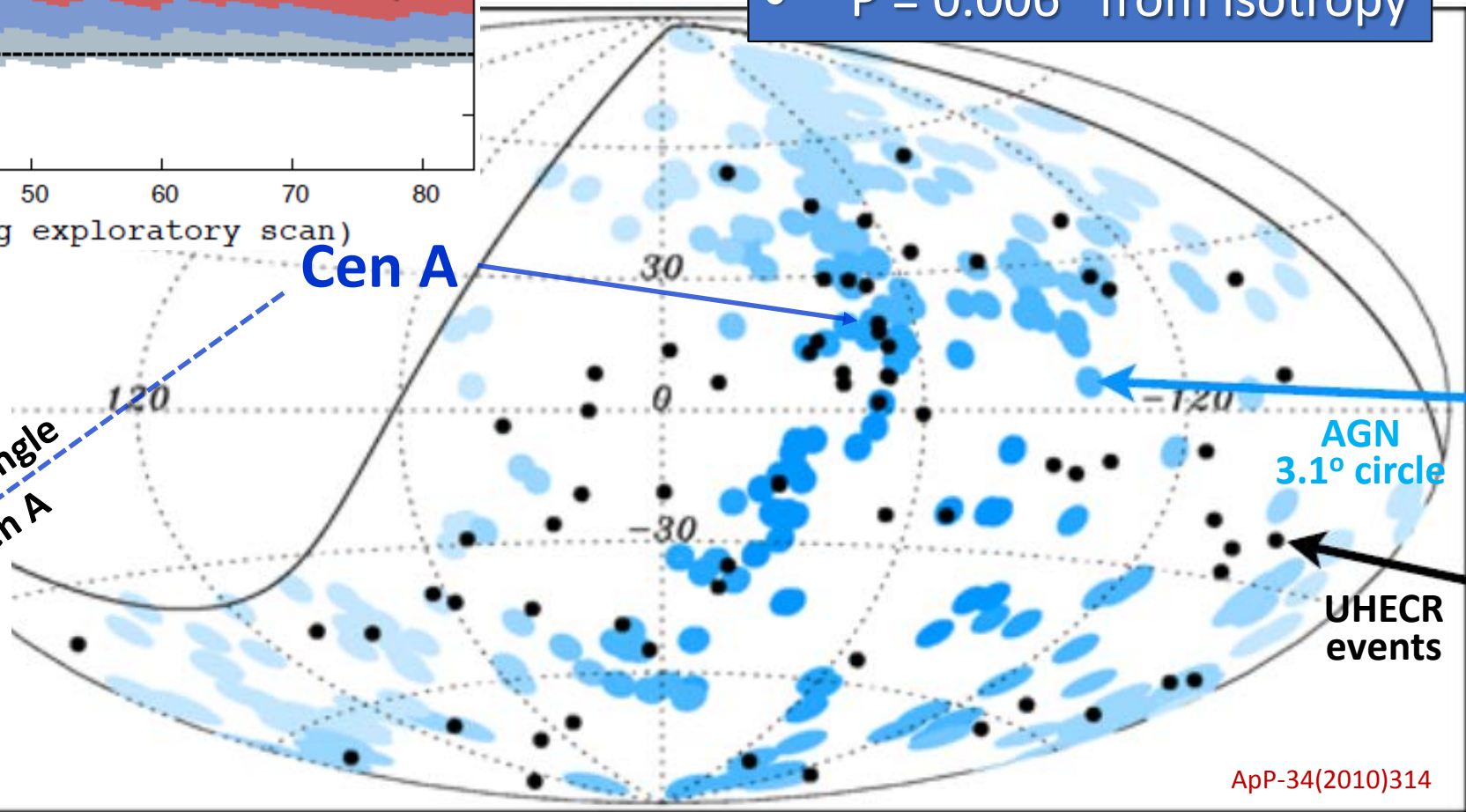
Arrival Directions

- Anisotropy
- Association with Astronomical Objects
- Clusters of events

Correlation with AGN in VCV Catalogue within 75Mpc



- $E > 55 \text{ EeV}$ in 2011 E-scale
- 28/84(tot) correlated
- $P = 0.006$ from isotropy

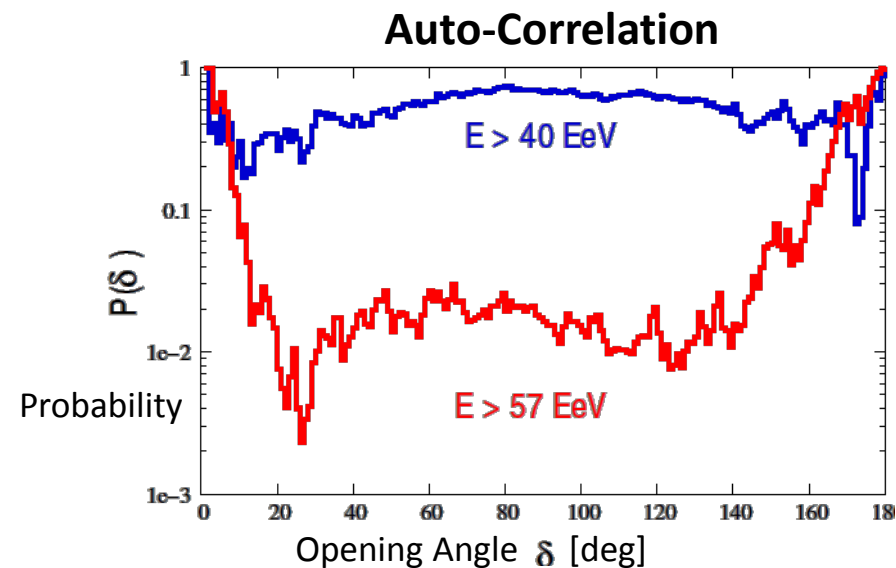
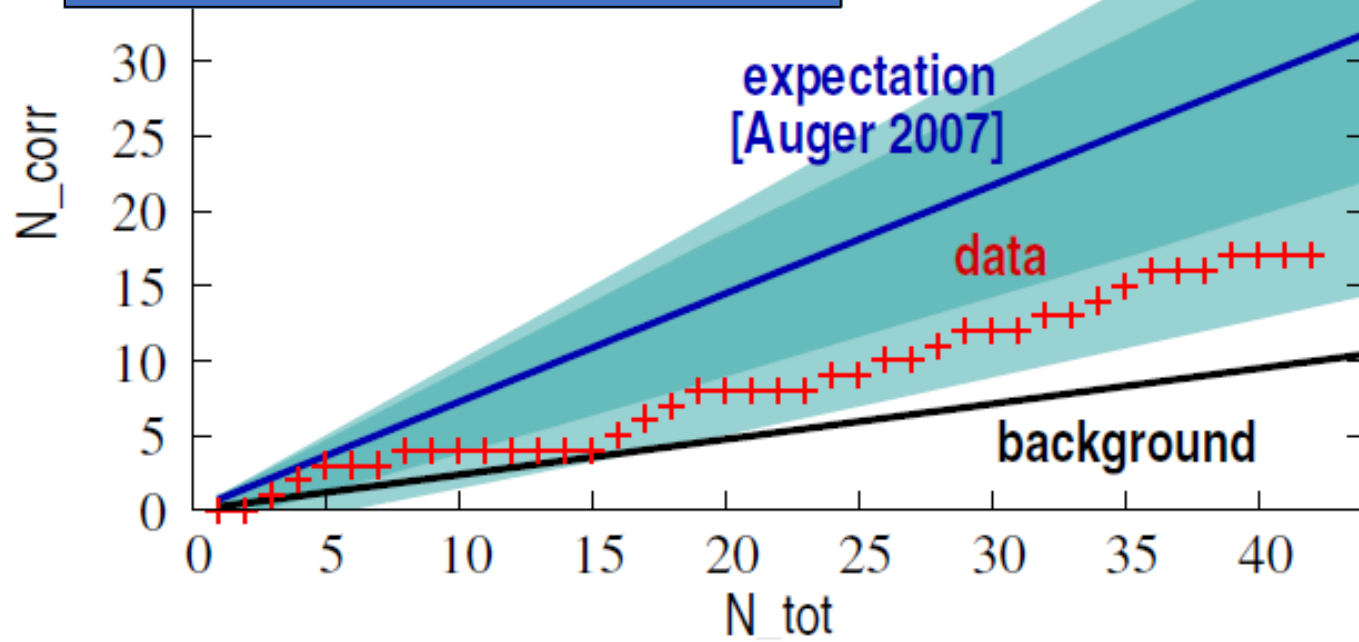
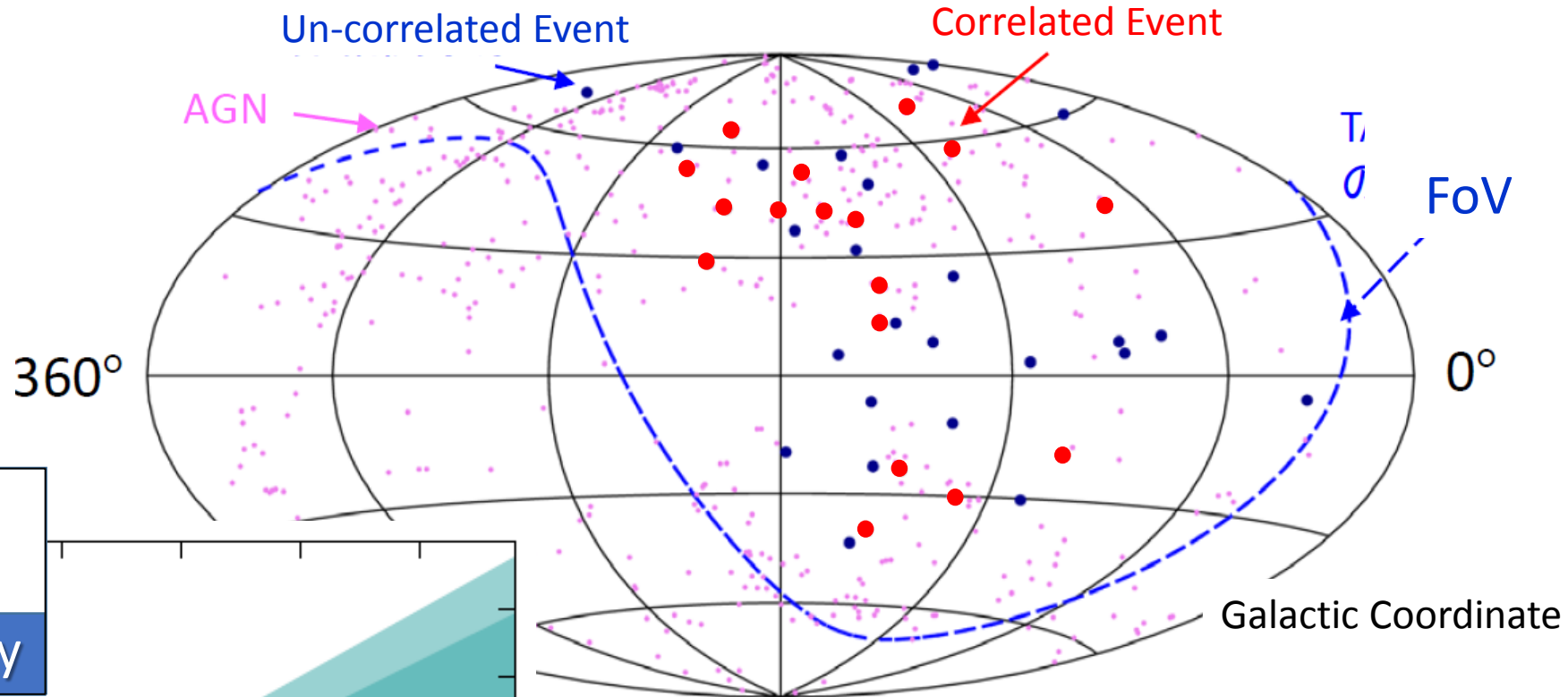


TA

Correlation with VCV in the north

- Data until May 2013
- Same condition as Auger

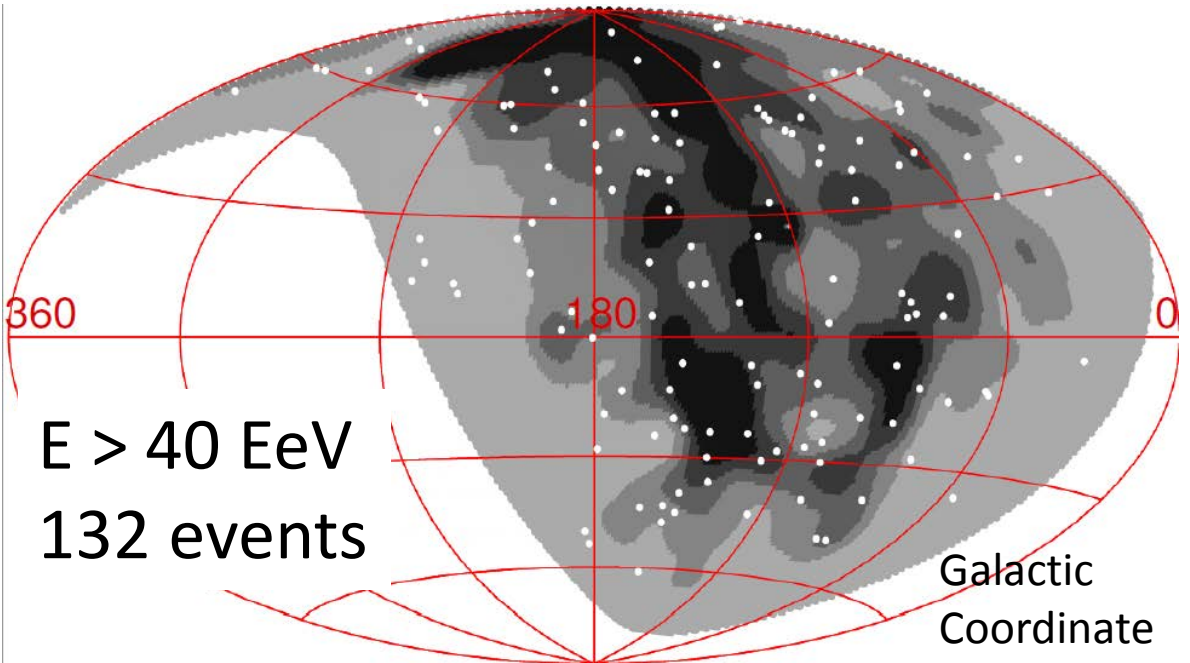
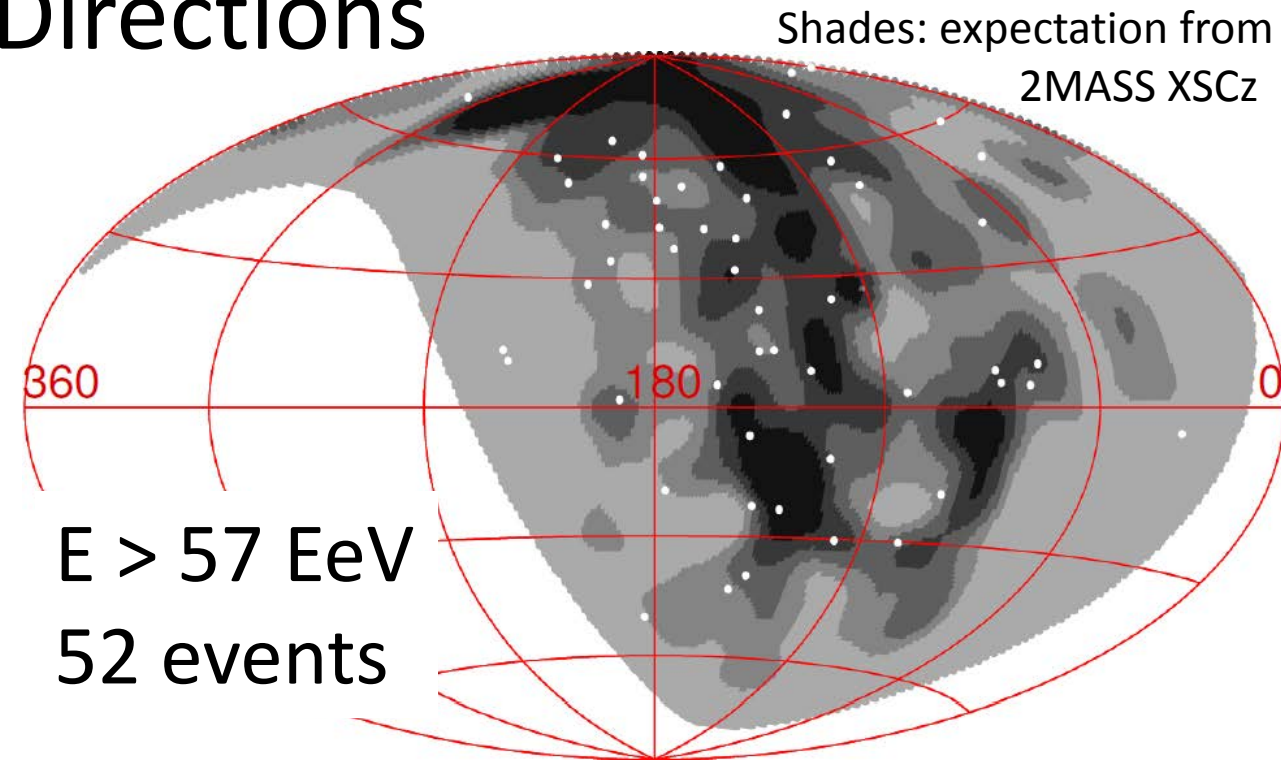
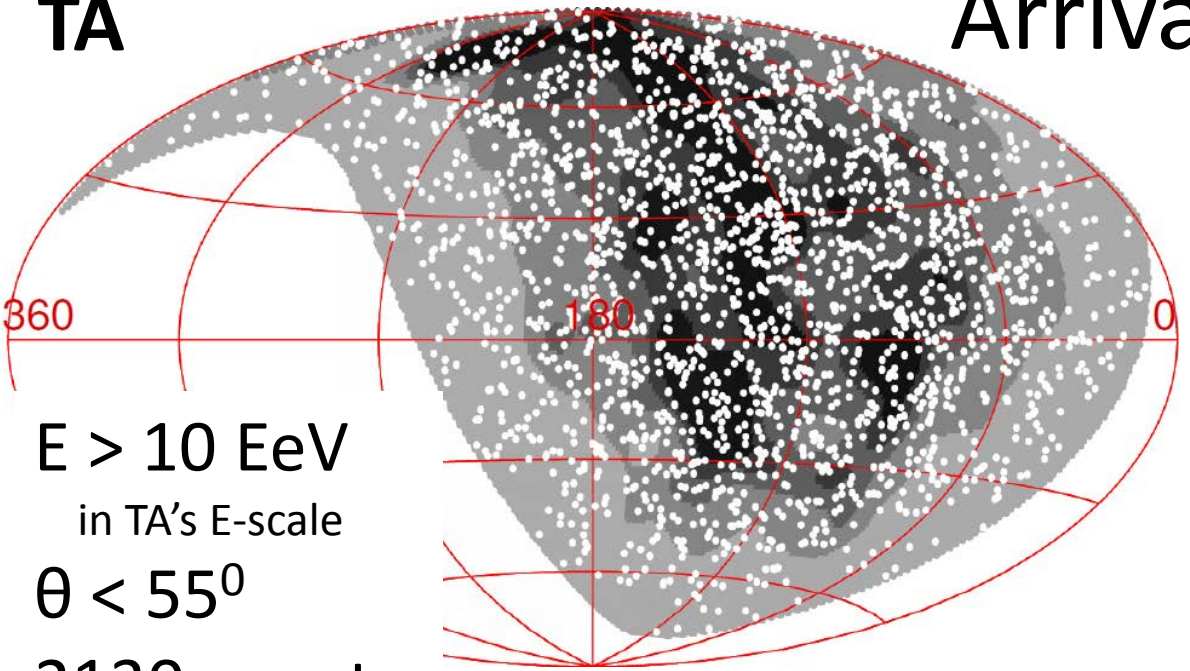
- $E > 57 \text{ EeV}$ in TA's E-scale
- 17/42(tot) correlated
- $P = 0.014$ from isotropy



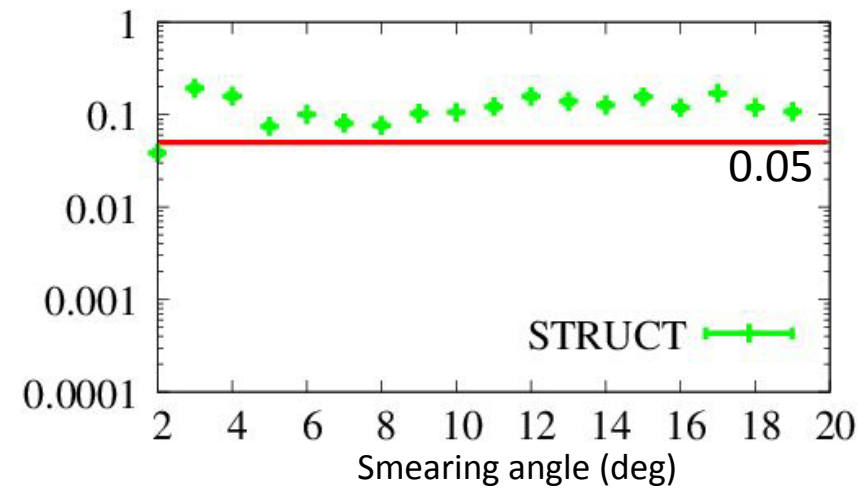
TA

Arrival Directions

Shades: expectation from 2MASS XSCz



Compatibility with LSS expectation (shades)



Compatibility with Isotropy: $p \sim 0.001$ for 6° smearing

A Cluster of Events in Hotspot

Looser cuts:

- No 1.2 km boarder cut
- $\theta < 55^\circ$
- $E > 57 \text{ EeV}$

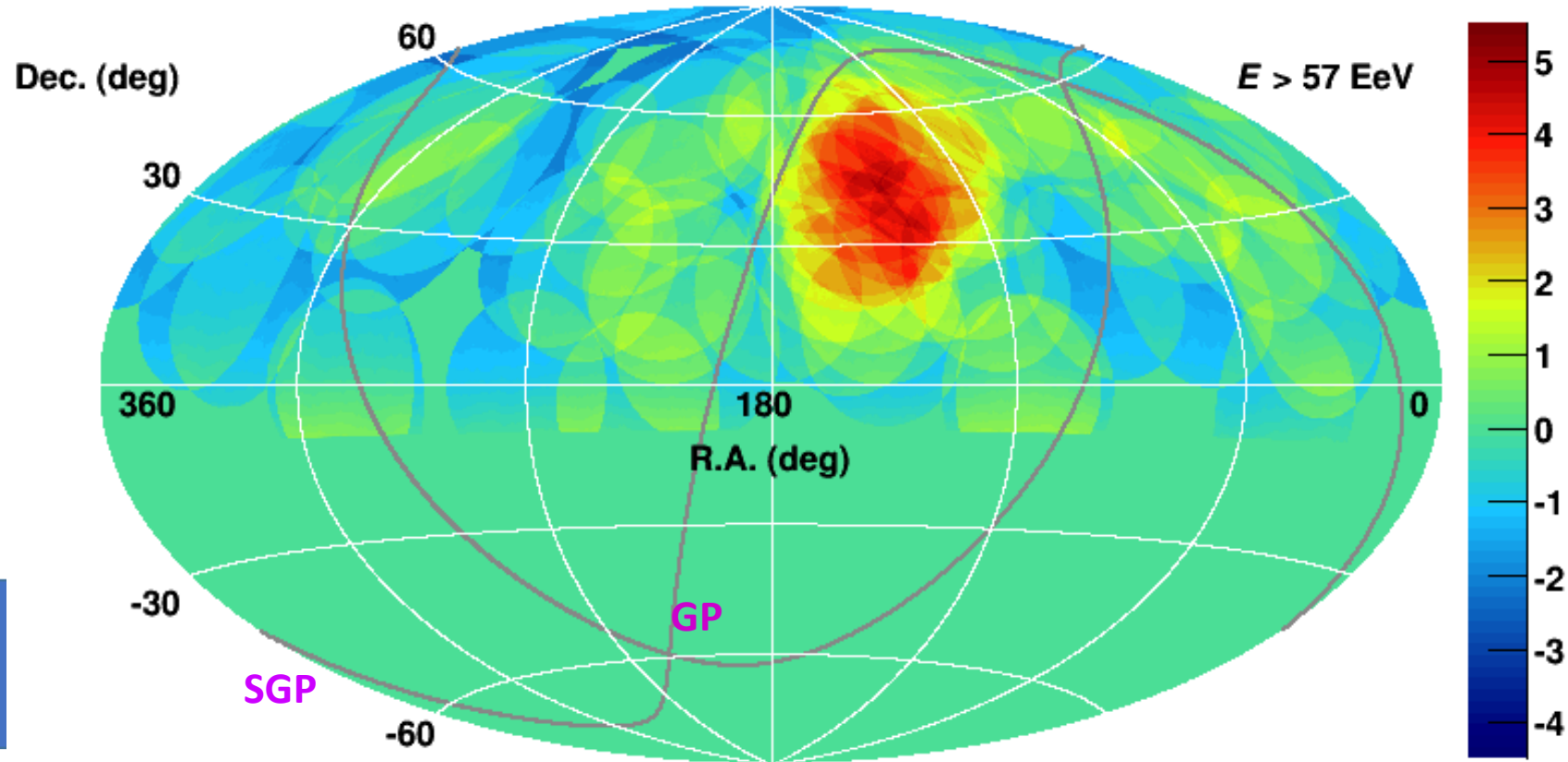
2008 May – 2013 May:
A Total of 72 events selected.

Oversampling with $r = 20^\circ$ circle

Background from 72 random
isotropic events estimated by MC

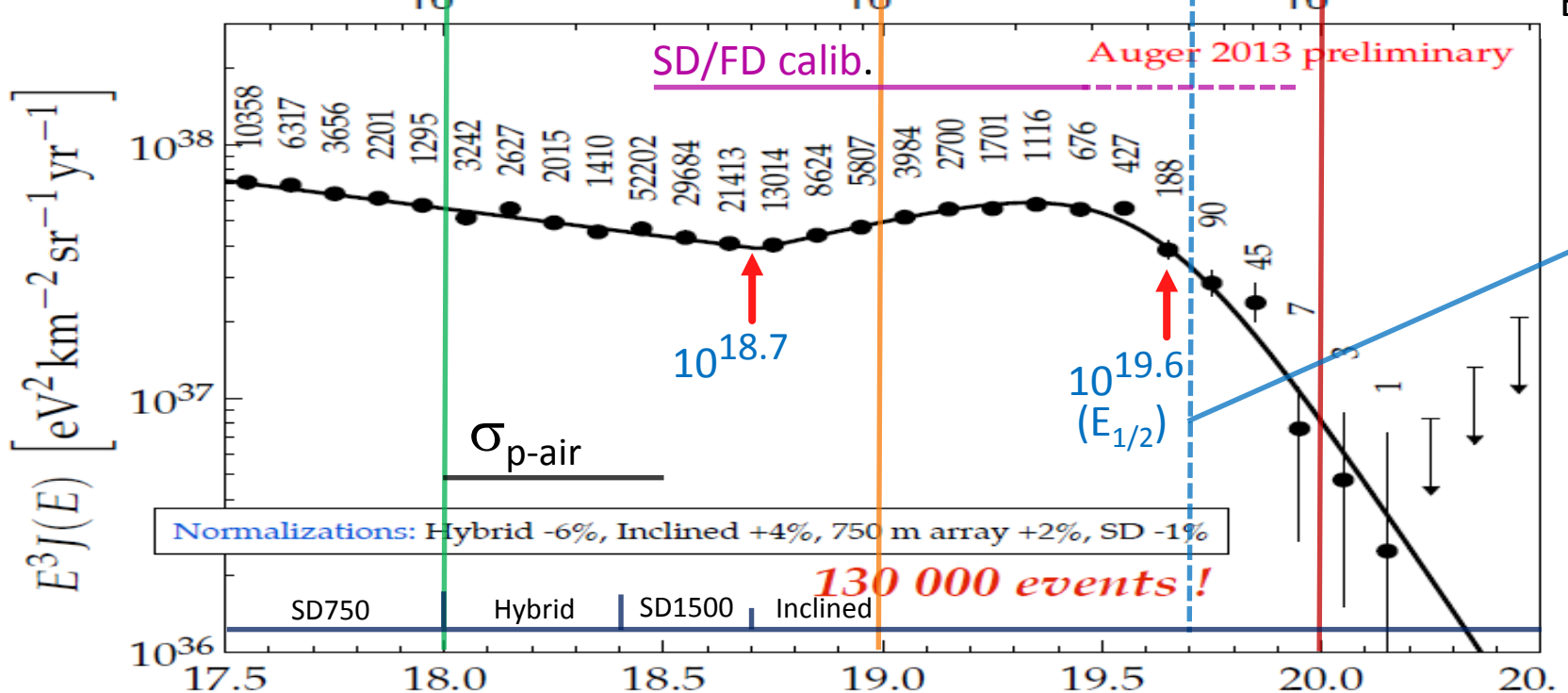
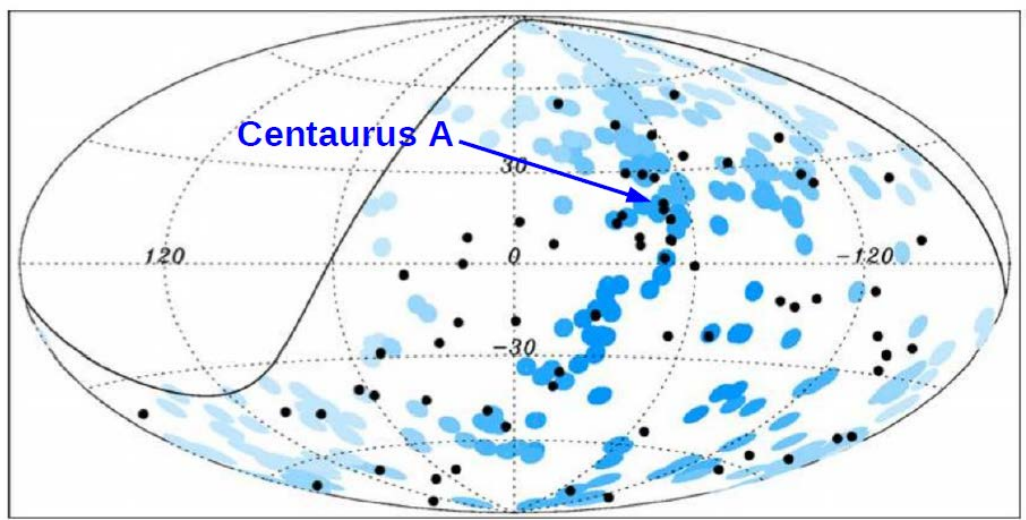
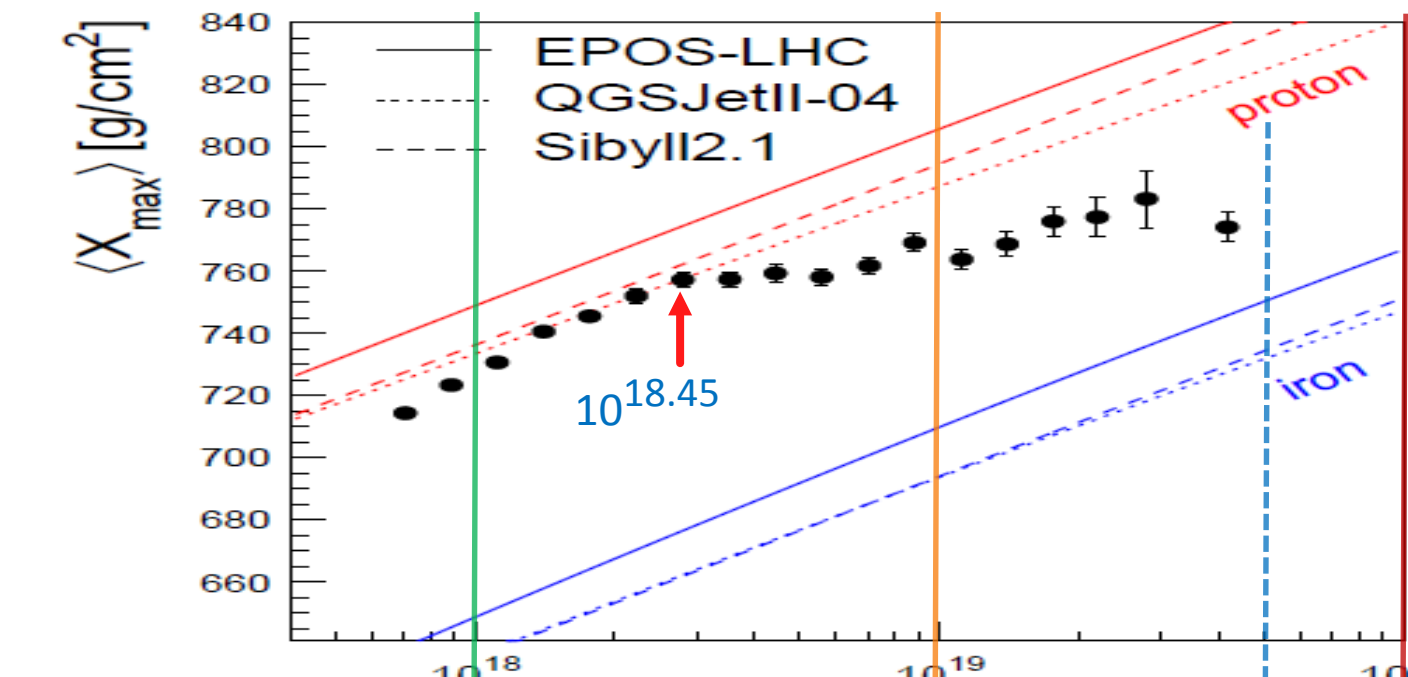
Maximum significance in hot
spot is 5.1σ by Li-Ma method

Post-trials chance probability is
being estimated.



Summary

- Pierre Auger Observatory
- Telescope Array



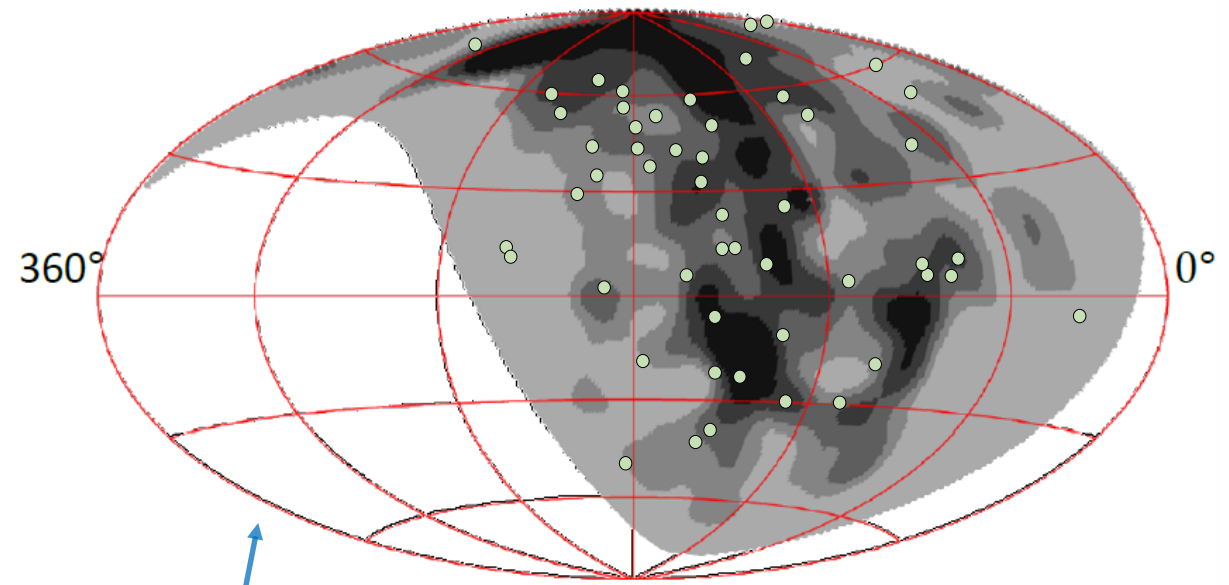
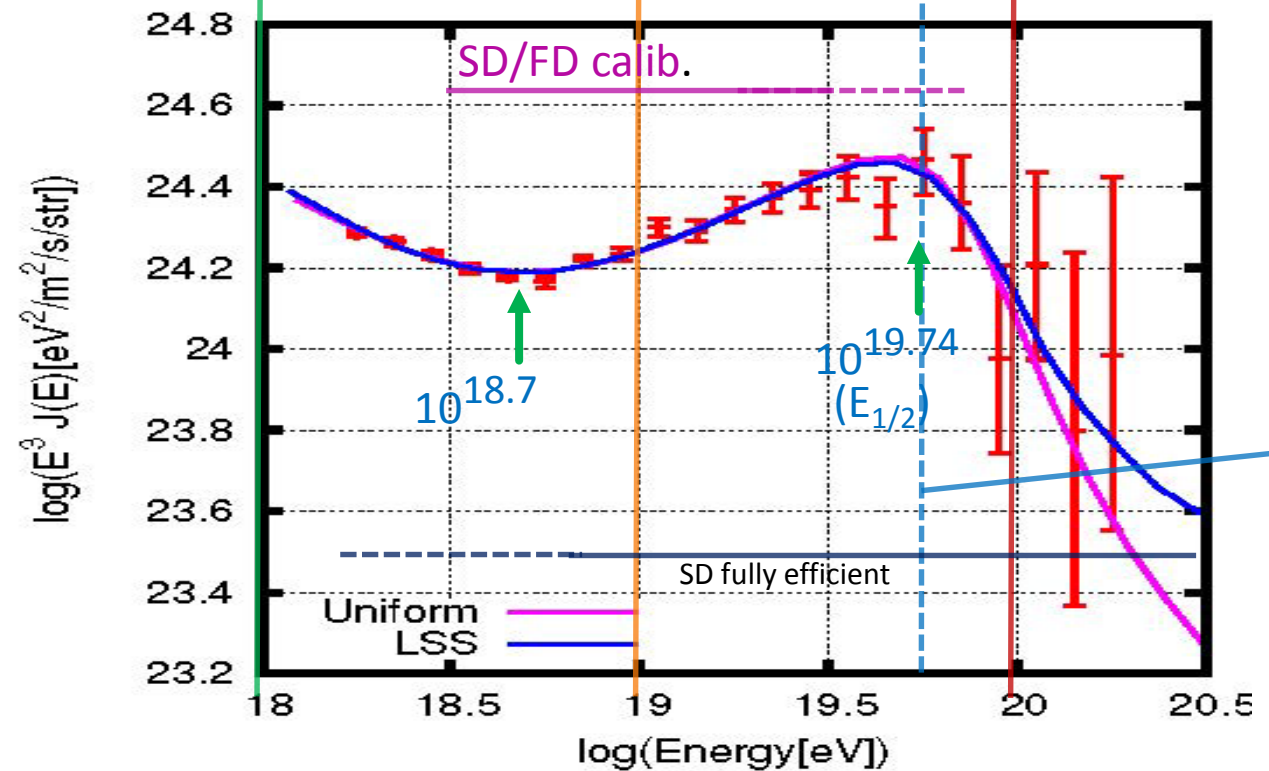
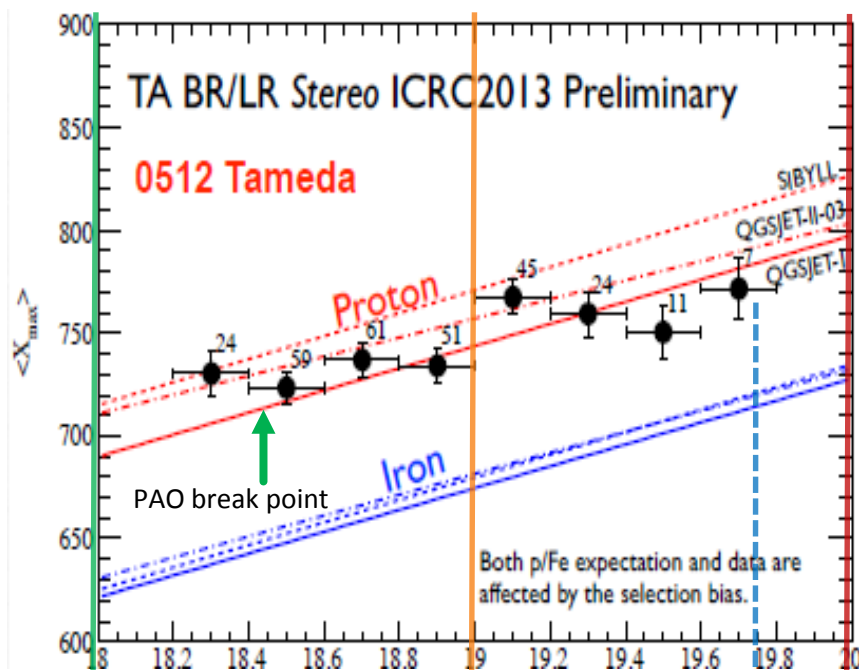
AUGER AGN correlation

- 28/84 correlated
- $P = 0.006$ from randoms
- Cluster at Cen A?

TA with same selection

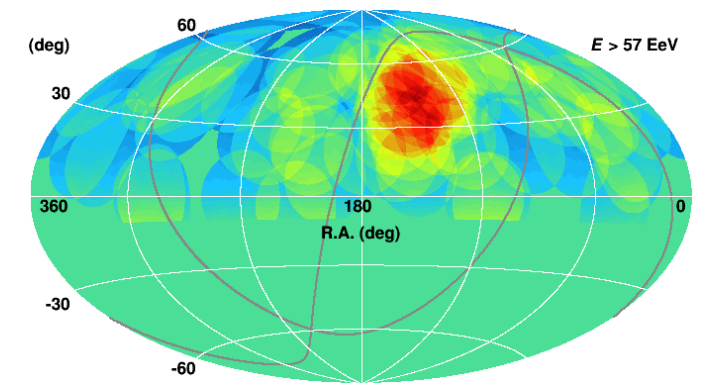
- 17/42 correlated
- $P = 0.041$

Summary of Auger



LSS correlation (6° smearing)

- $P = 0.1$ from LSS
- $P = 0.001$ from isotropy
- Cluster of $\sim 20^\circ$ radius near the SG plane



Summary of TA

Auger and TA run for next 10 years with

prospects

- ◆ Auger extension for efficient mu-tag at each SD and
- ◆ TA extension for x4 acceptance (+500 SDs and +1 FD)

Collaboration started on

- ◆ S+N all sky coverage, common anisotropy analysis
- ◆ understand differences in composition and E-scale by exchanging calib, analysis, simulation, tank/scint...

Both are harboring RD projects for

- ◆ Radio detection (MHz, GHz, Radar,...)
- ◆ Testing and calibrating JEM-EUSO prototype
- ◆ High performance SD/FD/RD for future super-Ground-Array
- ◆ Earth and atmospheric science

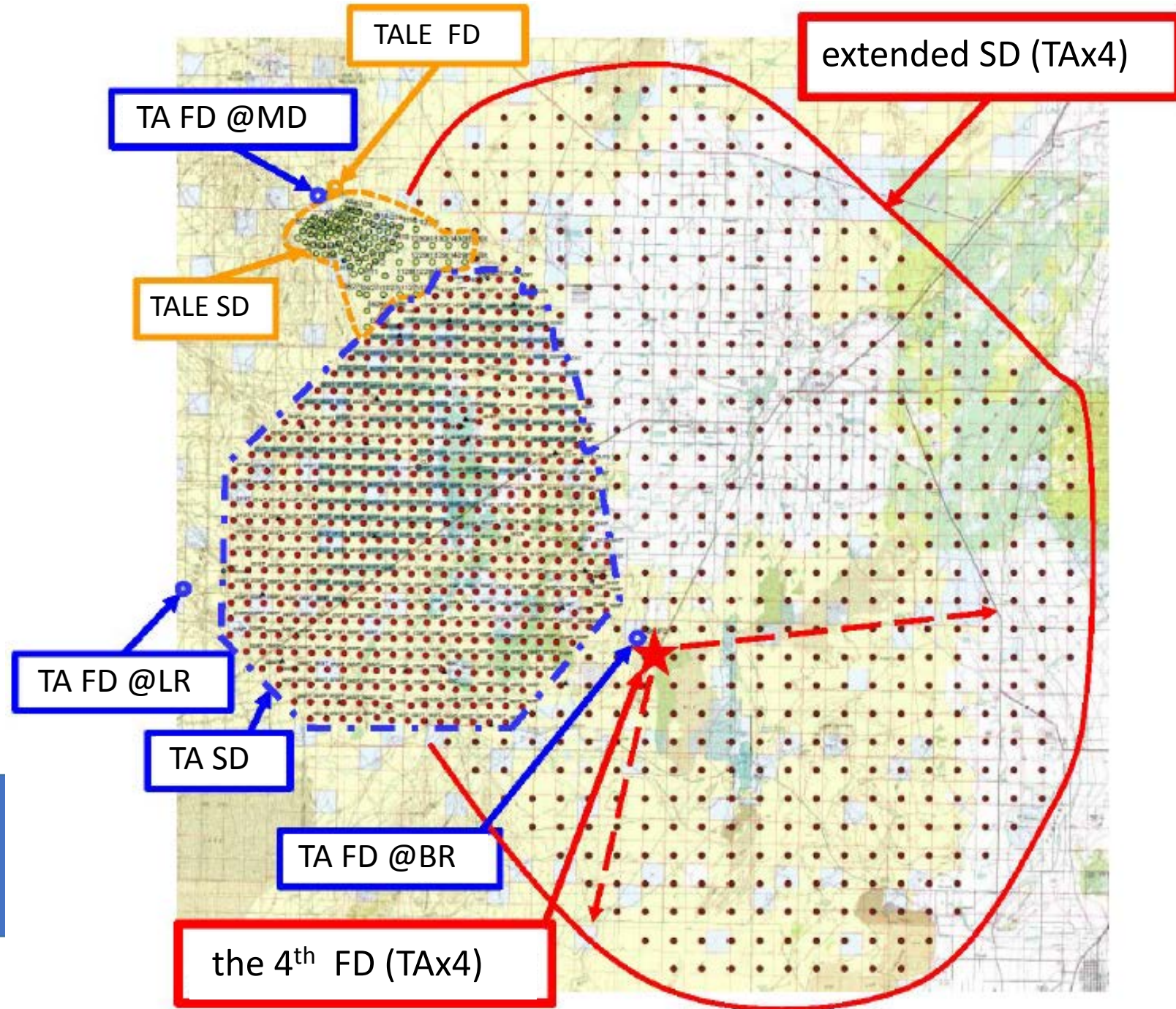
JEM-EUSO on ISS (2017 -)

super-Ground-Array

TAx4: Near Future Operations of TA

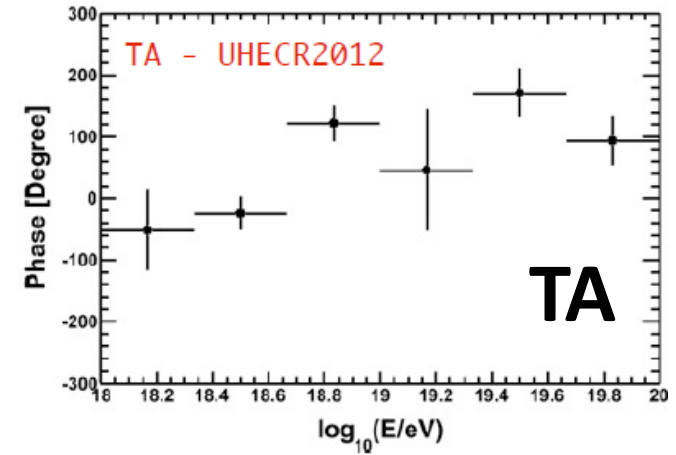
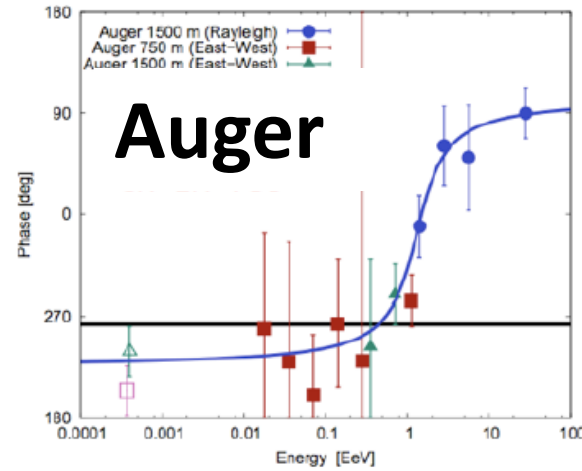
- Construction expected in 2014-2015.

- Anisotropy and Hotspot :
~5 σ confirmation by 2019.



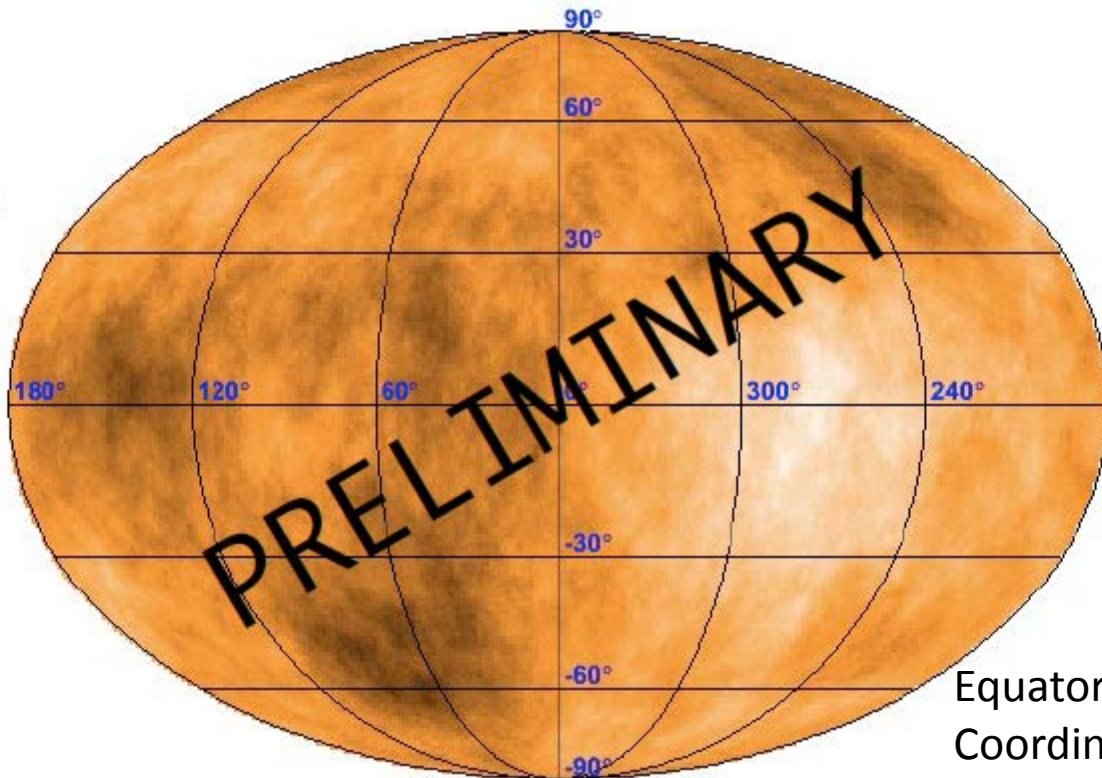
Common Isotropy Analysis using Auger and TA data

Upper limit on 1st harmonic amplitude (Auger), but change of phase seen?



$N_{TA} \sim 1800$
($\sim 5200 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$)

**TA
+
Auger**

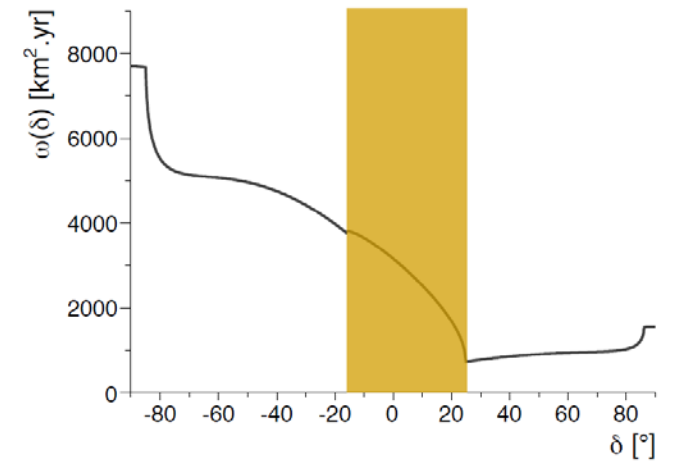


In the overlap :

$N_{TA} \sim 650$

$N_{Auger} \sim 3400$

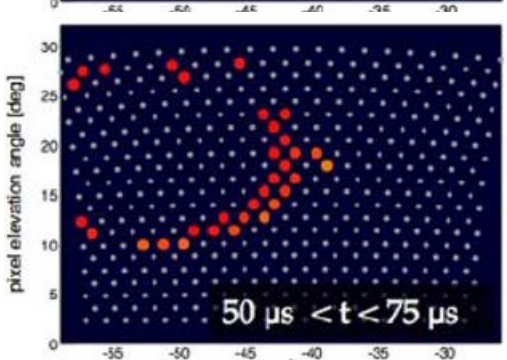
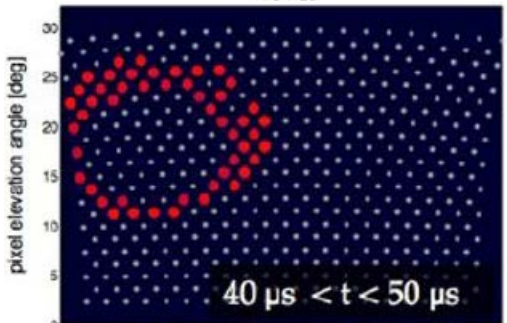
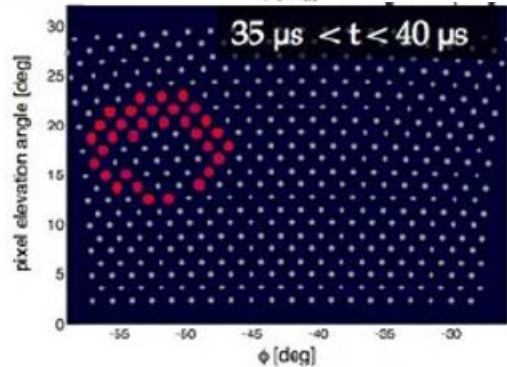
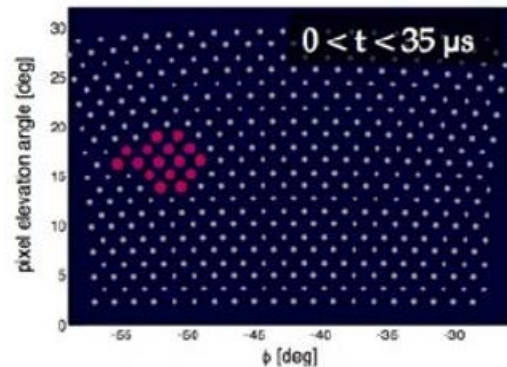
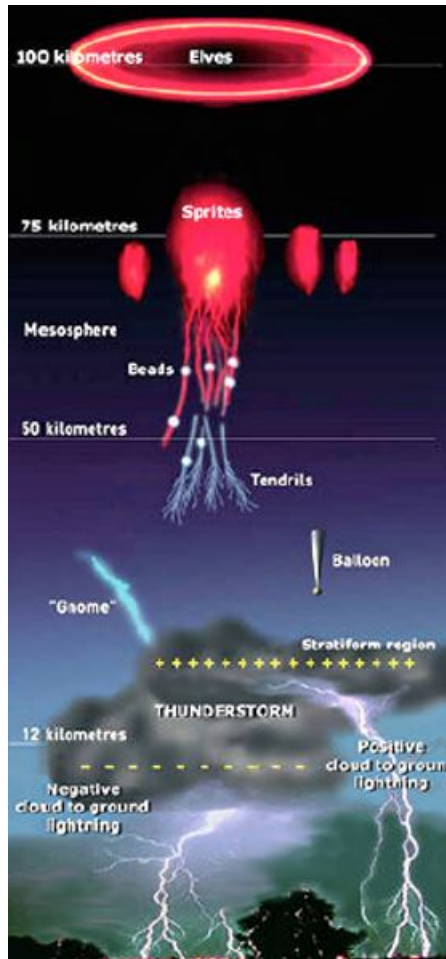
- Auger/TA acceptance matching
- $E > 10^{19}$ eV in TA scale
- Fitting with spherical harmonics



Octocopter of Auger flew twice in 2012 and 2013 over TA's night sky with calibrated UV-LED light source.

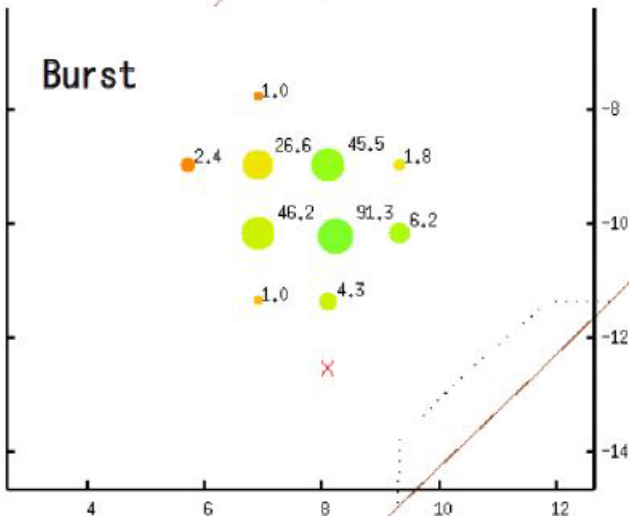
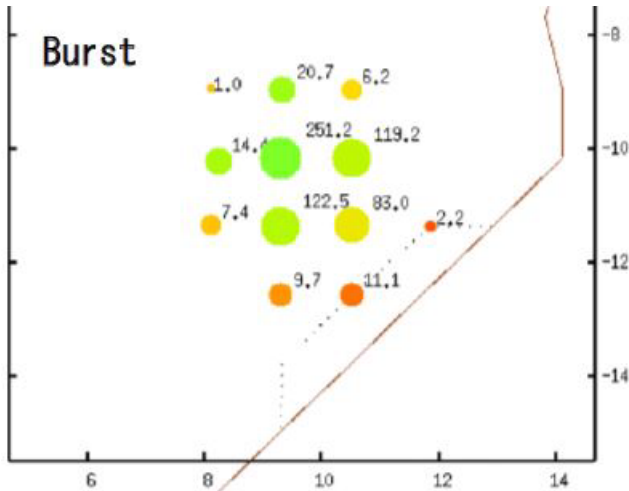


ELVES observed by Auger FD

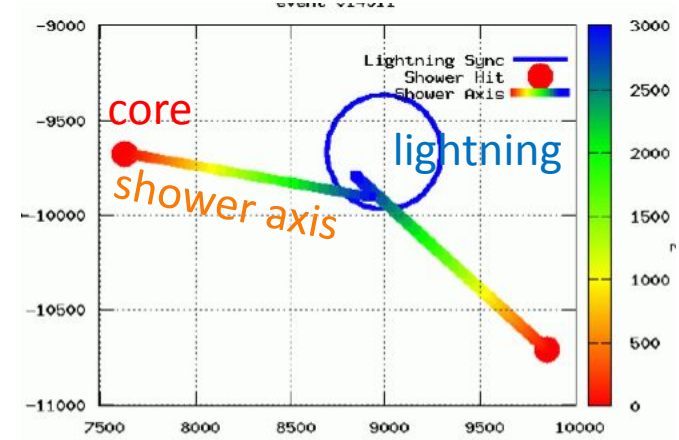


Burst of particle showers observed by TA SD associated with lightning

5 bursts in 5 years



- Example of one burst
- 2 particle showers within 1ms.
- $\sim 10^{-4}$ event from randoms.



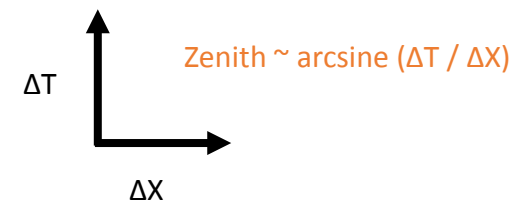
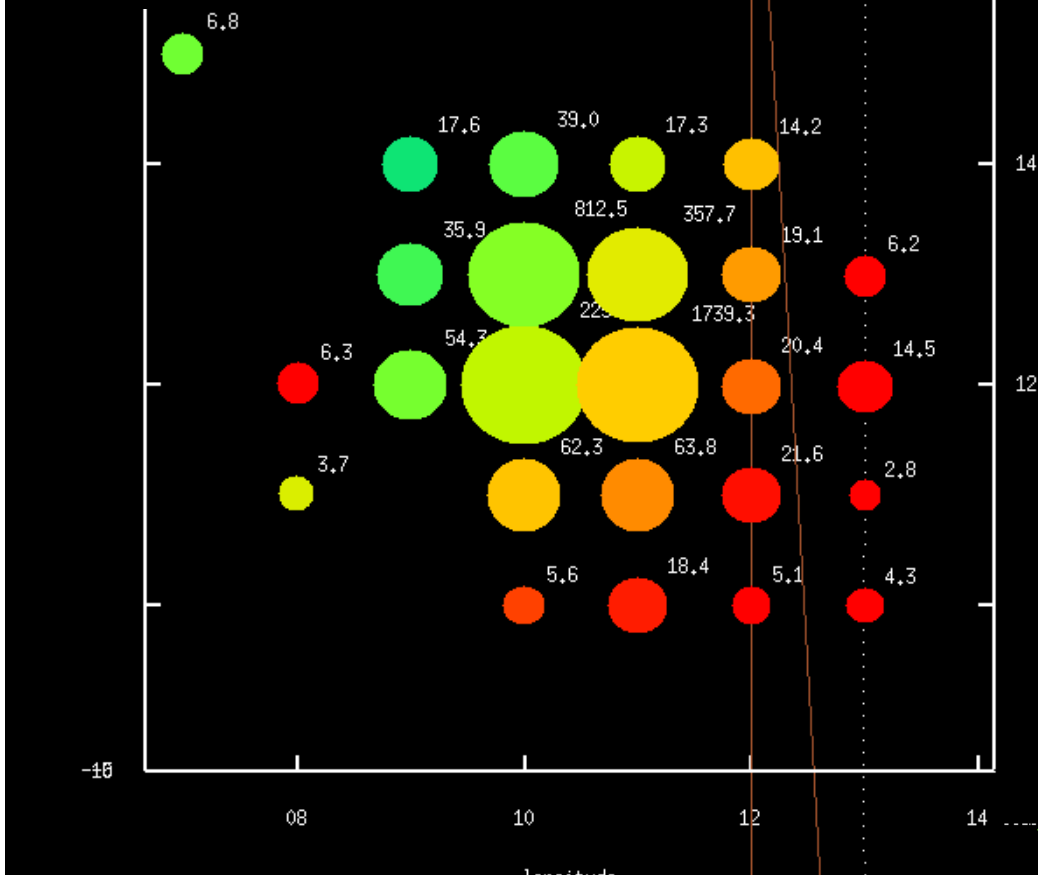
- Core locations ~ 2 km apart.
- Common "origin" ~ 3 km above Ground. (highly curved shower front $r \sim 3$ km)
- Lightning found within 1ms (NLDN-db)
- Lightning location \sim core location

End

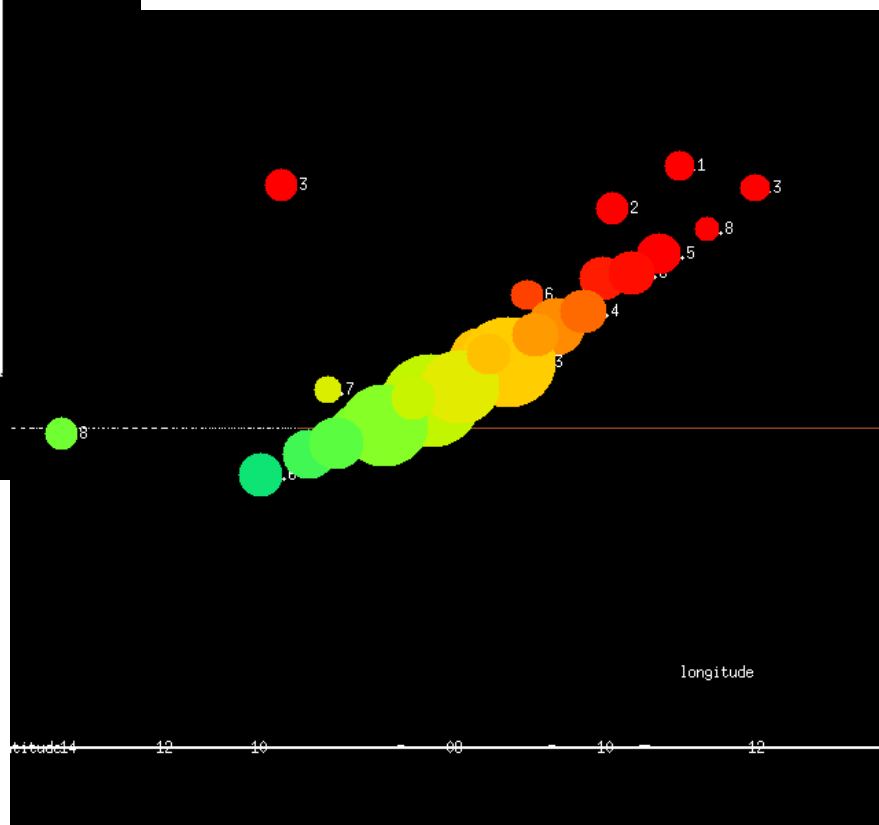
SD Event

090122-225422
TH~38°

TA



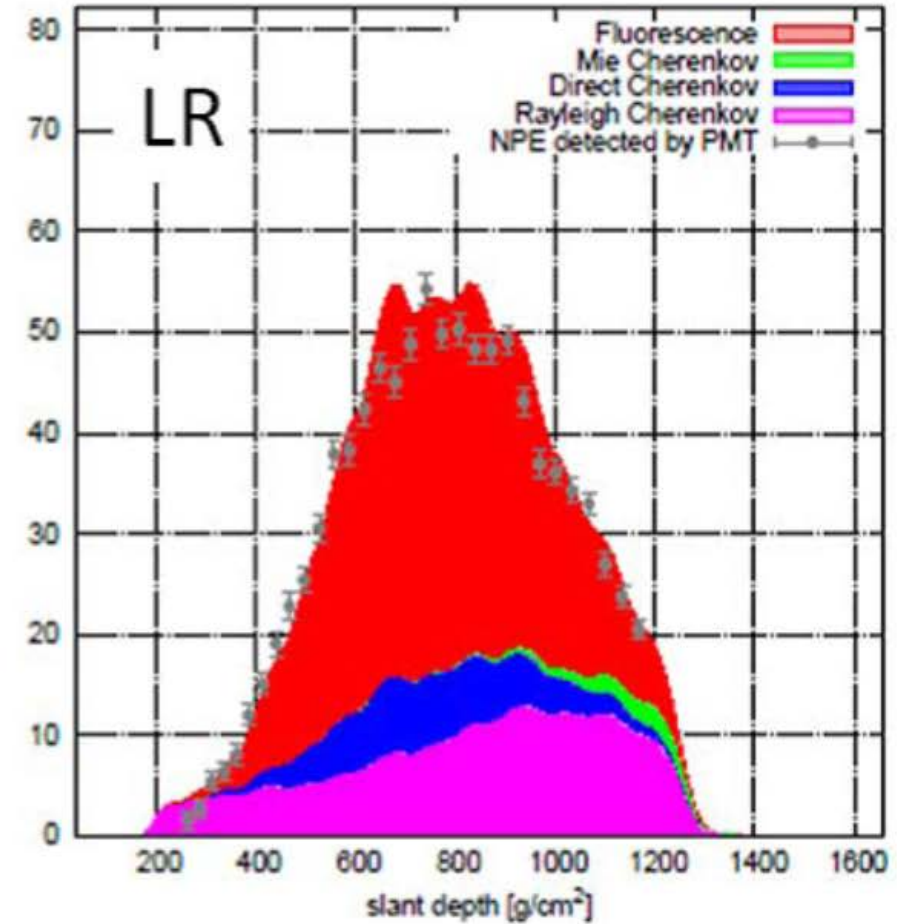
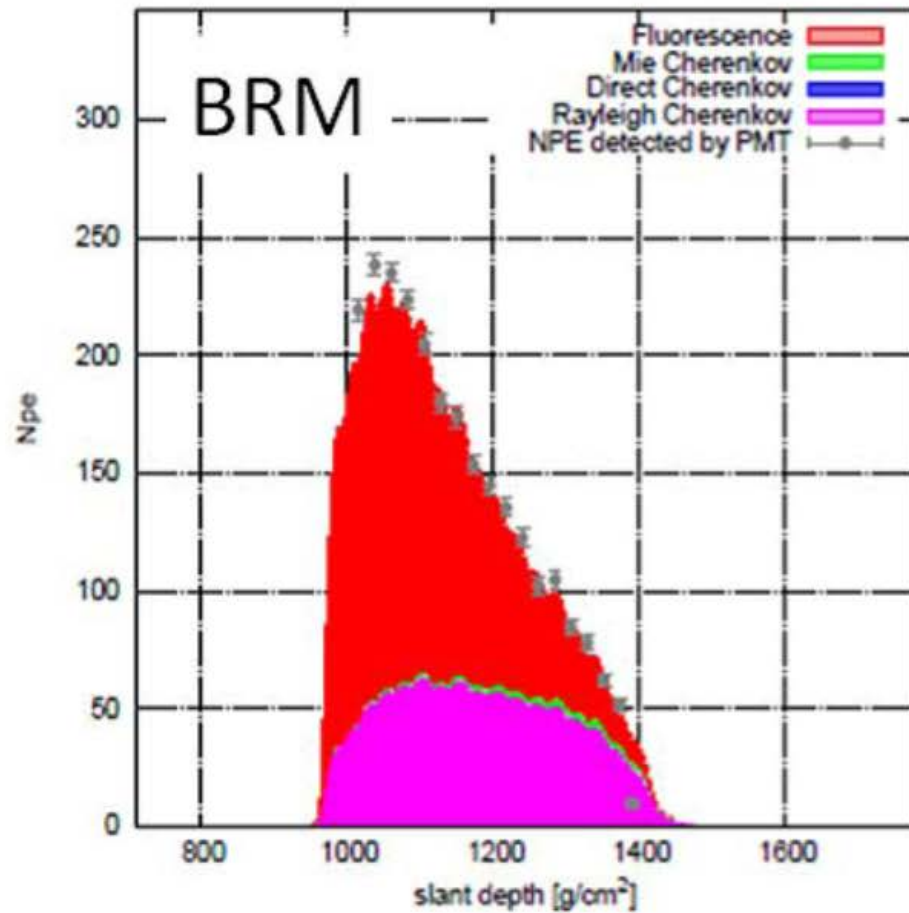
Event "Side" View



Event Top View

X,Y = counter #
number = MeV energy deposit (av U+D)
~ 2.5 MeV for vertical mu

FD Event



FD Energy Scale

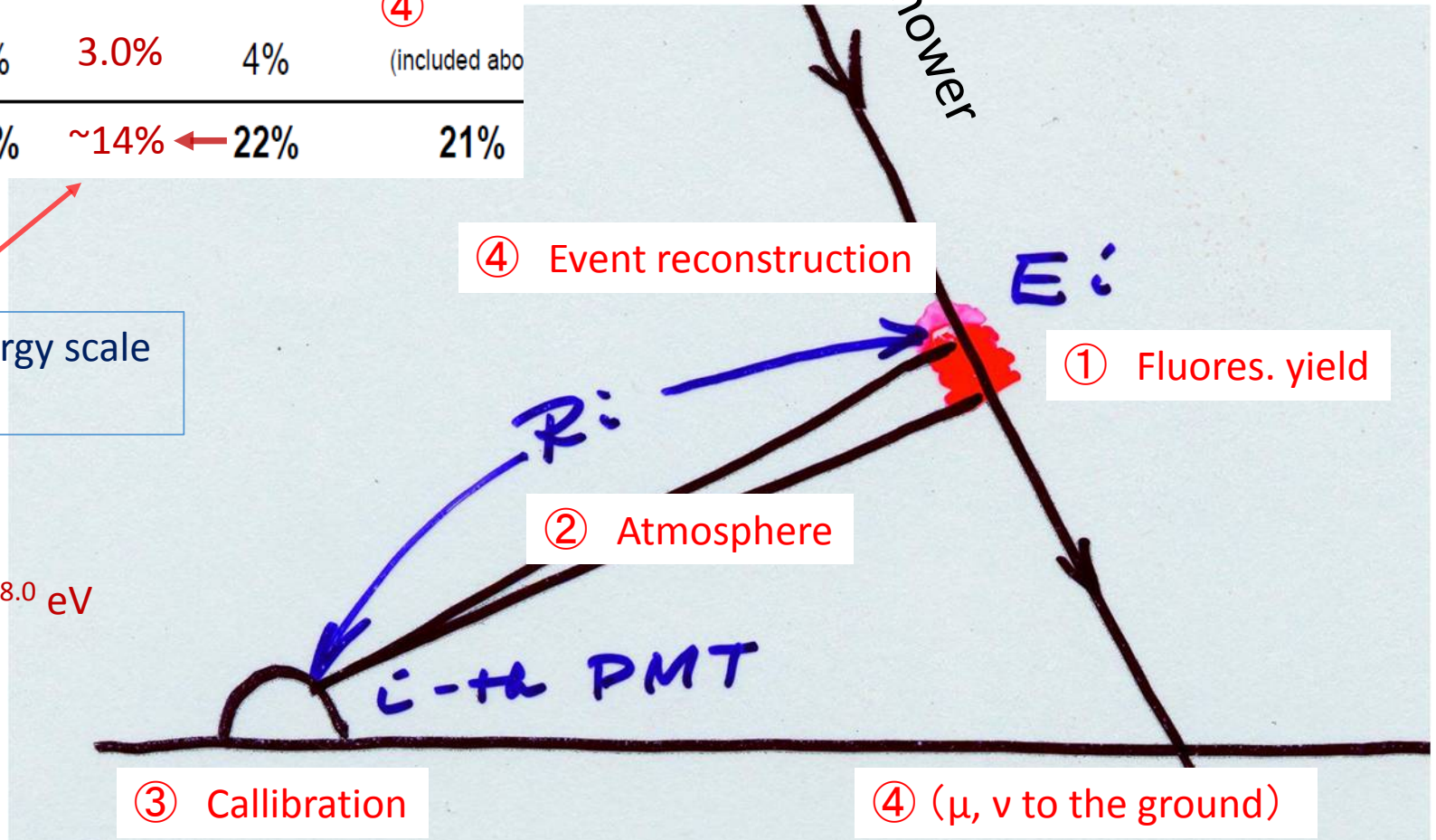
	HiRes	Auger	TA
Calibration	10%	9.9%	③ 10%
Fluorescence yield	6%	3.6%	① 11%
Atmosphere	5%	6.2%	② 11%
Reconstruction	10%	6.5%	④ 10%
Invisible energy	5%	3.0%	(included above)

Total Systematic Uncertainty

17% ~14% ← 22% 21%

Auger updated energy scale in ICRC 2013

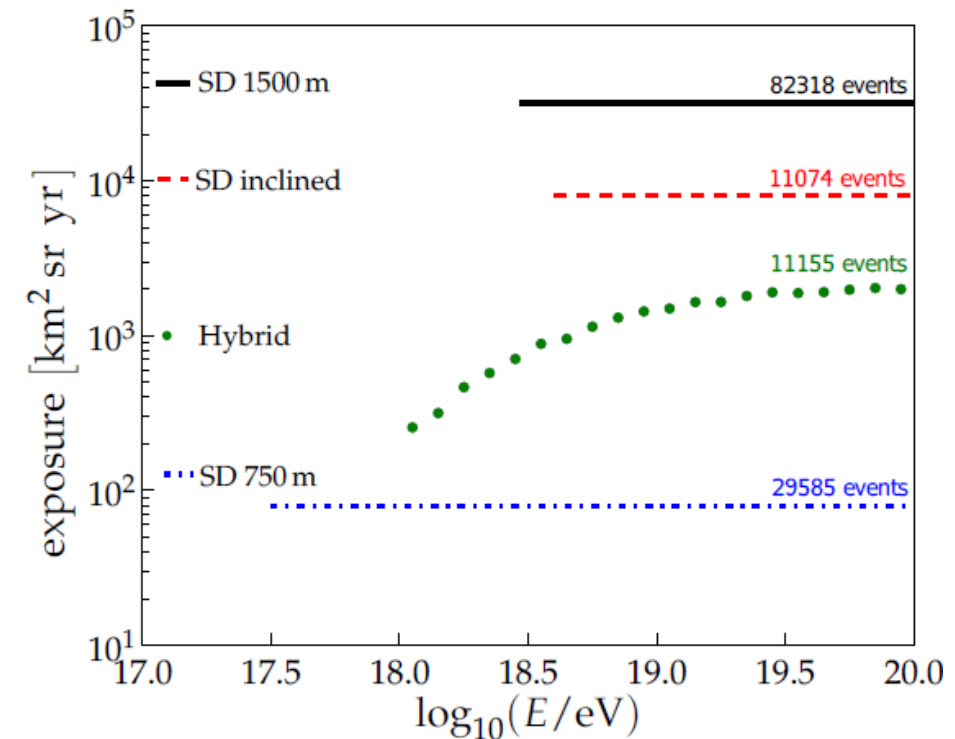
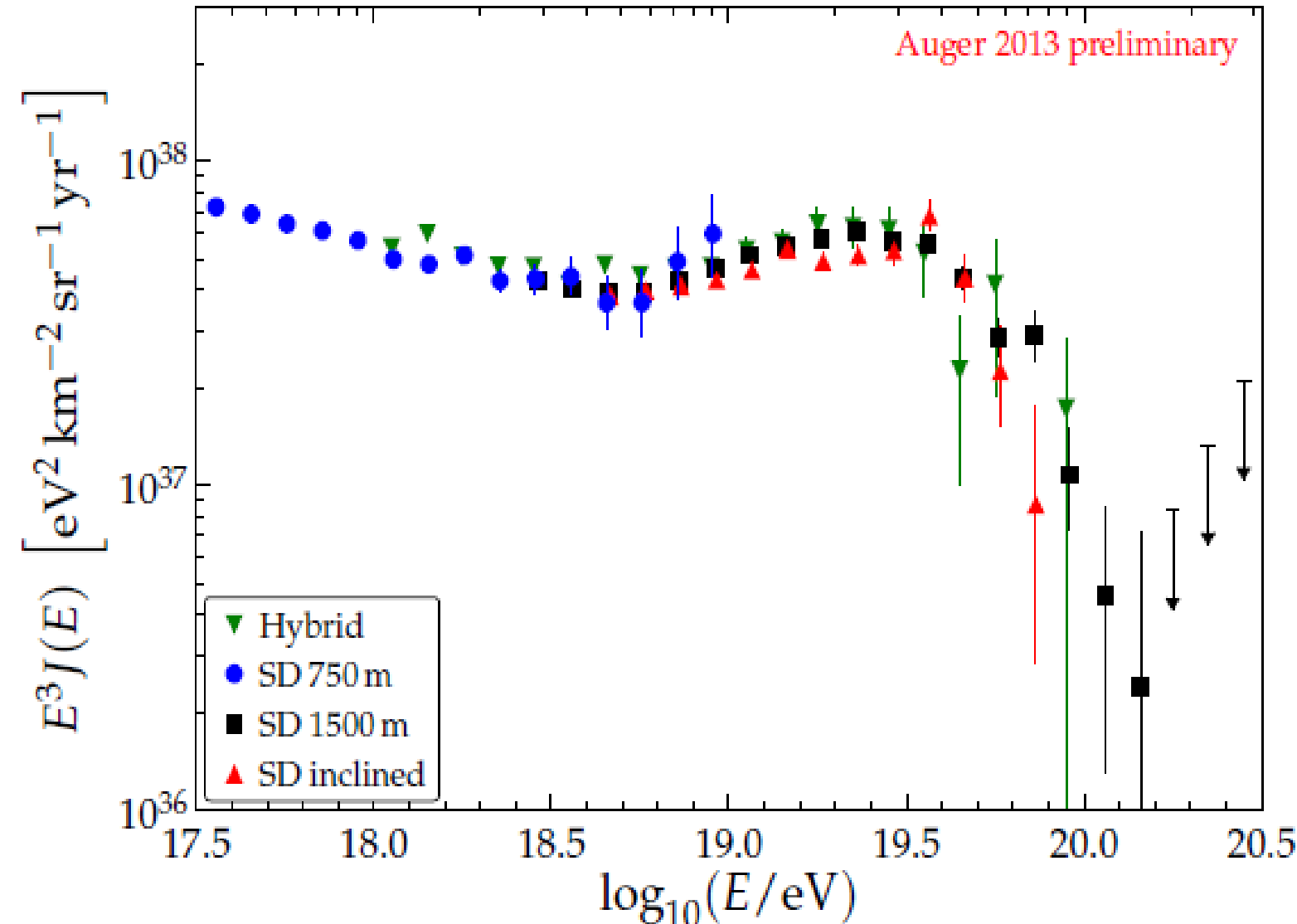
Energy Increased by 16% at $10^{18.0}$ eV and 10% at 10^{19} eV



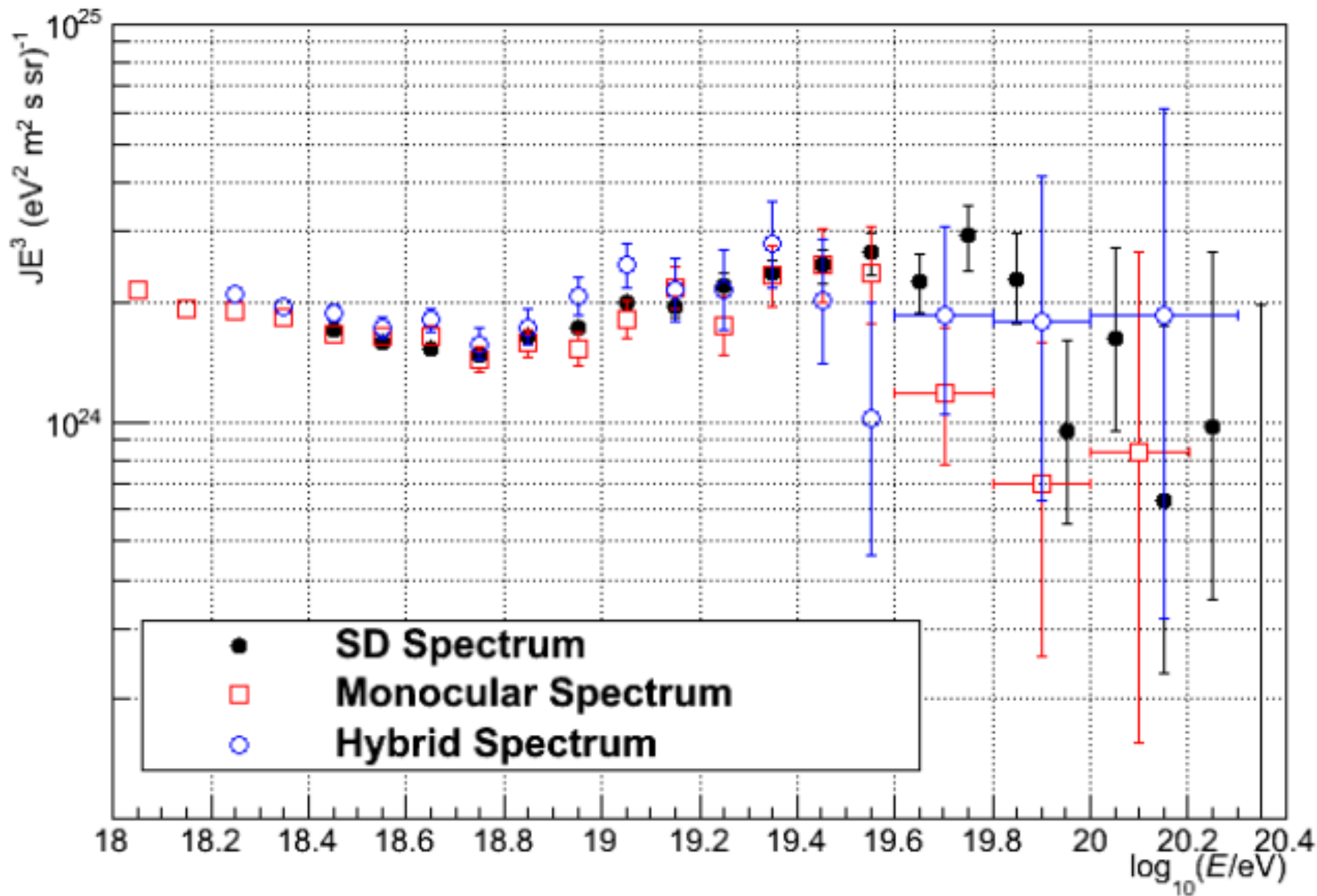
SD_{1500m} - SD_{inclined} - SD/FD Hybrid & SD_{750m} Spectra

Consistent among
Different methods

Auger 2013 preliminary



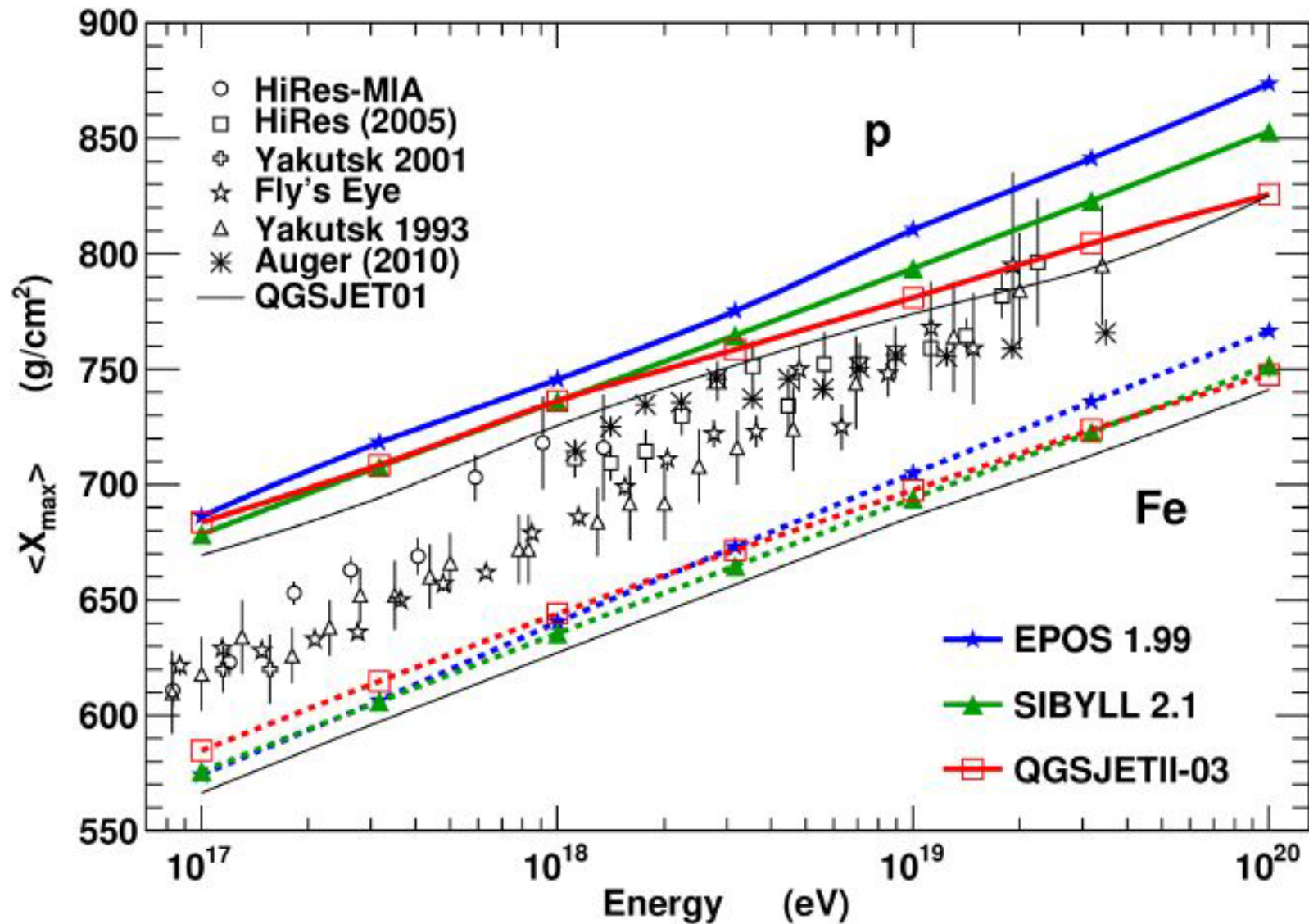
SD - FD_{monocular} - SD/FD Hybrid Spectra



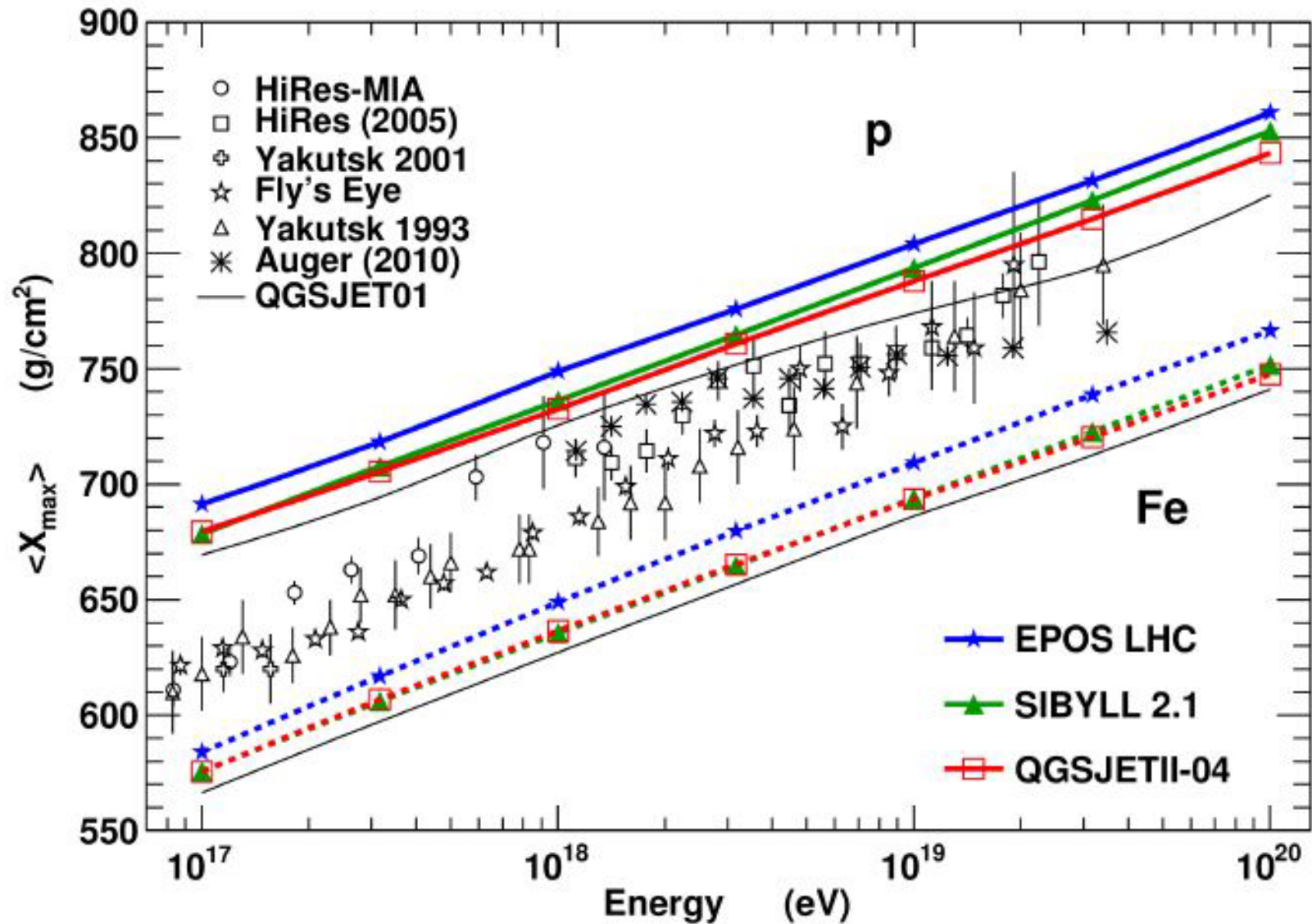
Consistent among Different methods.

Statistics limited Below $10^{19.6}$ eV.

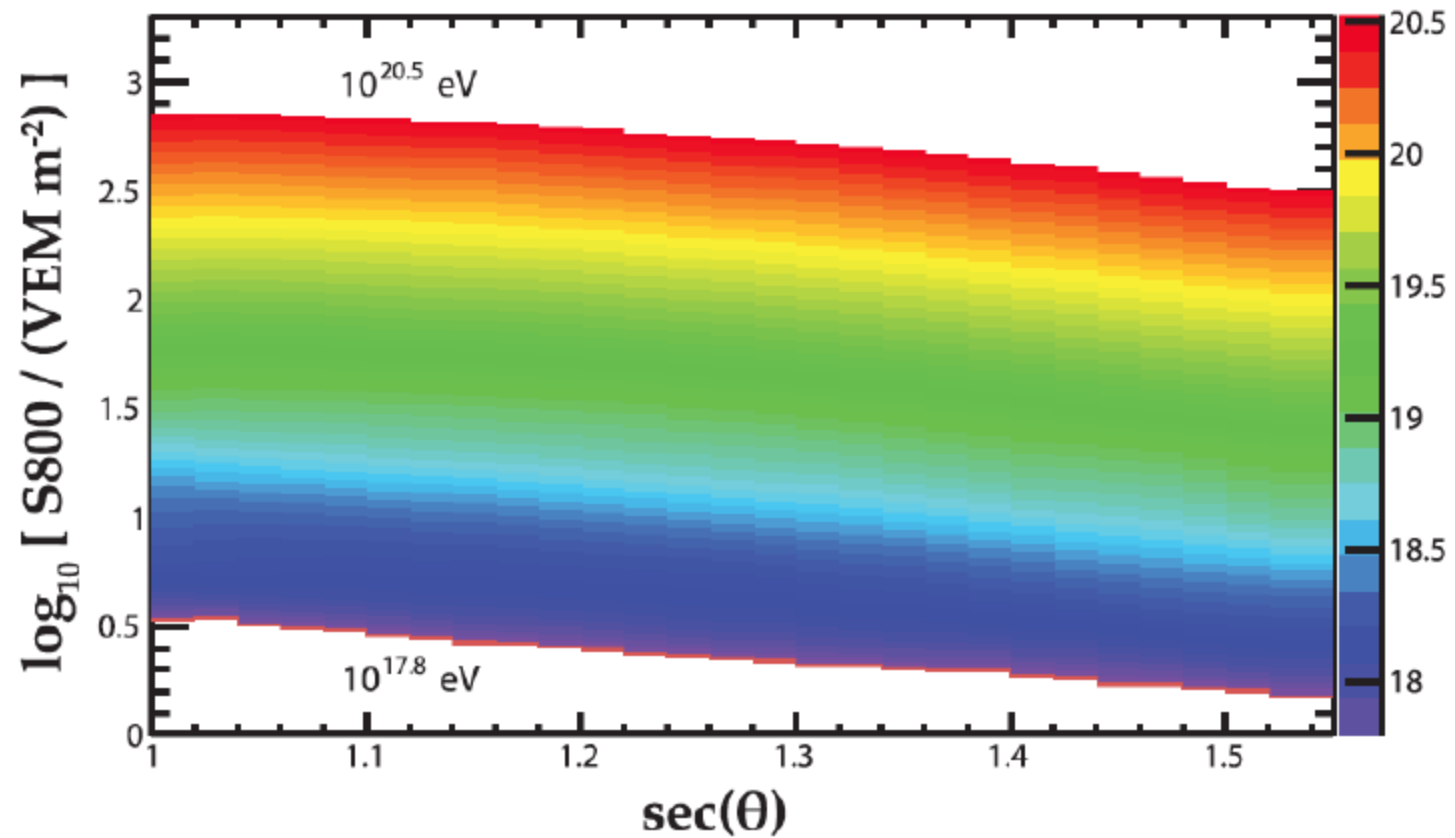
EAS with Old CR Models : X_{\max}



EAS with Re-tuned CR Models : X_{\max}

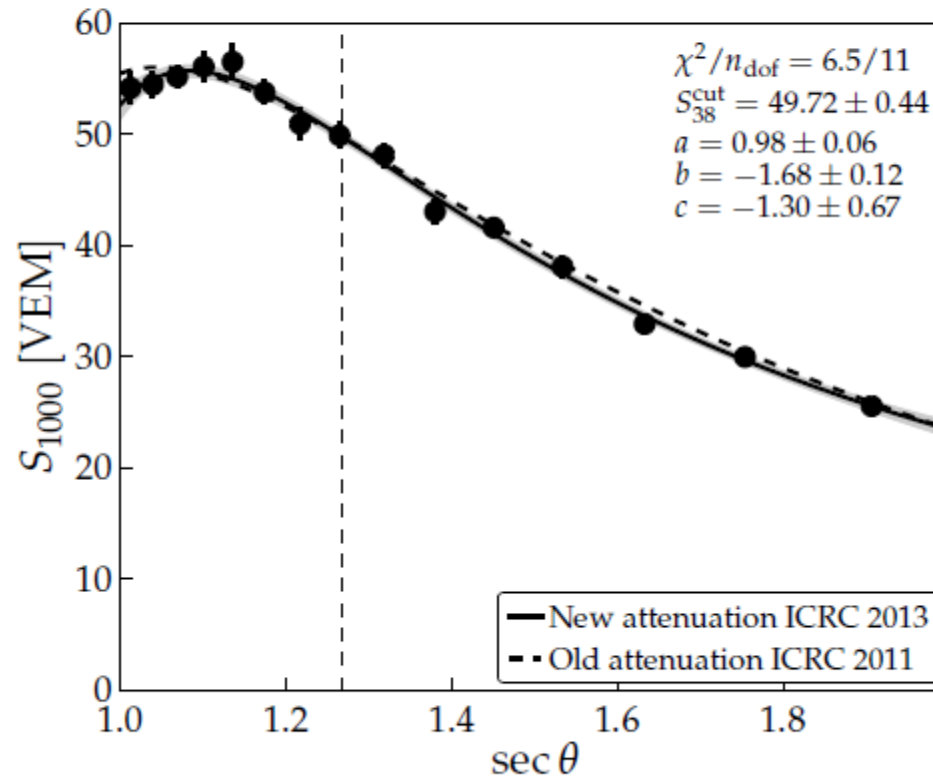


SD Analysis



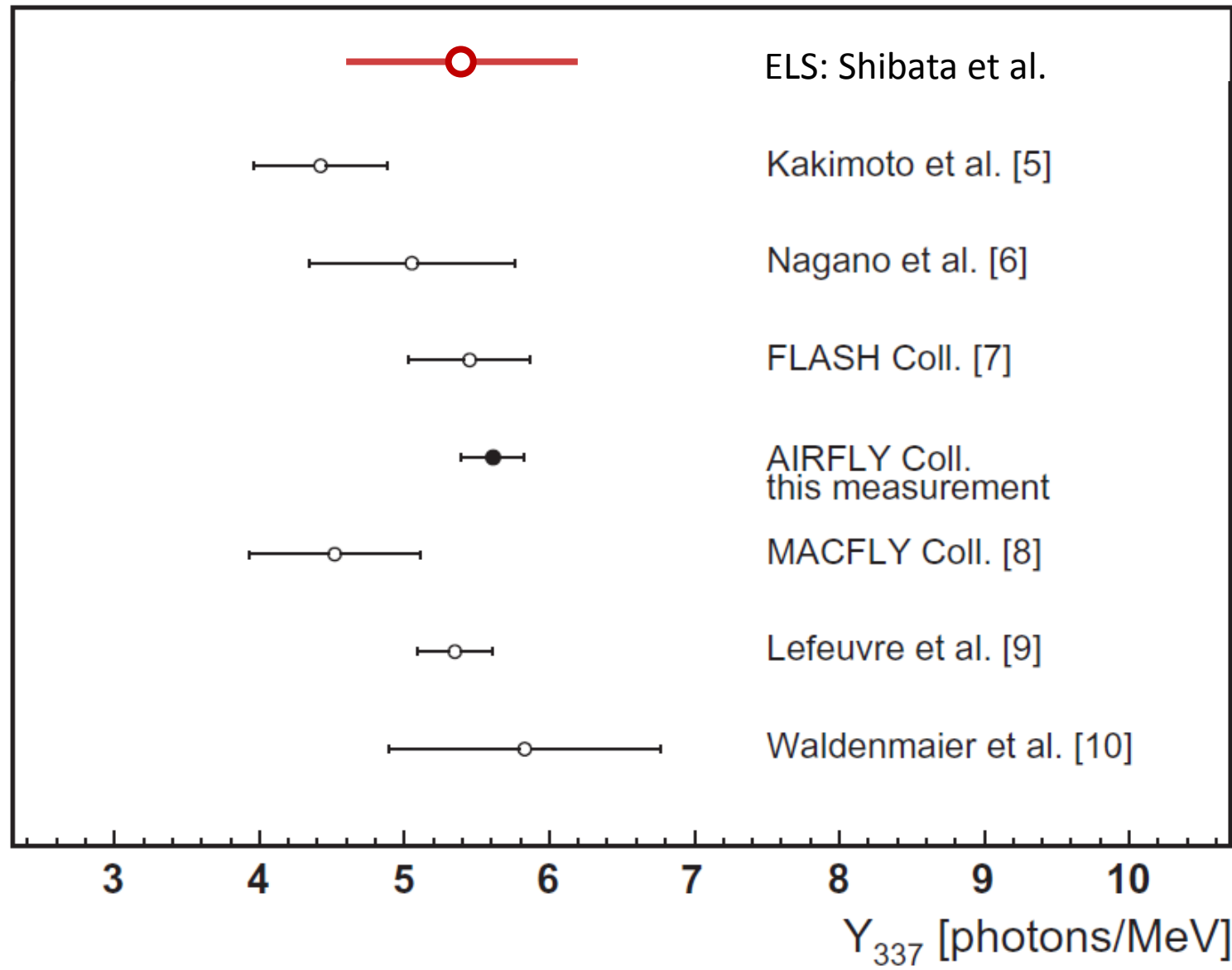
$S(1000)$ attenuation function

- Empirical correction with 3rd deg. polynomial
 $CIC(\theta) = 1 + ax + bx^2 + cx^3$ ($x = \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 38^\circ$)
- Zenith angle independent energy estimator $S_{38} = S(1000)/CIC(\theta)$

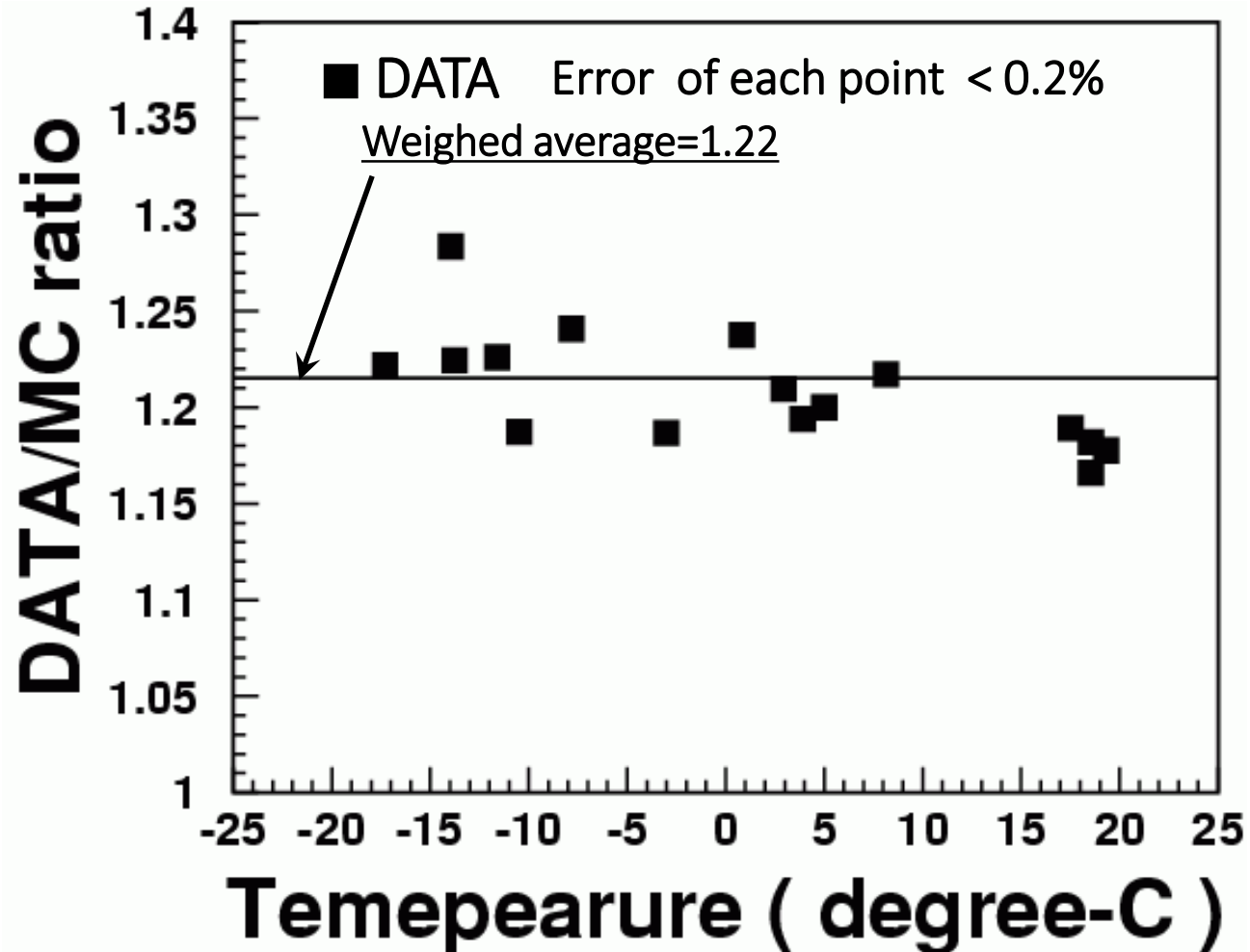


- In case of SD 750 m array: $S(450) \Rightarrow S_{35}$. Separate attenuation function.

Air Fluorescence : 337nm Yield by TA electron beam calibration



Air Fluorescence Yield using ELS beam



TA and HiRes use

- FLASH spectrum
- Modified Yield of Kakimoto et al.

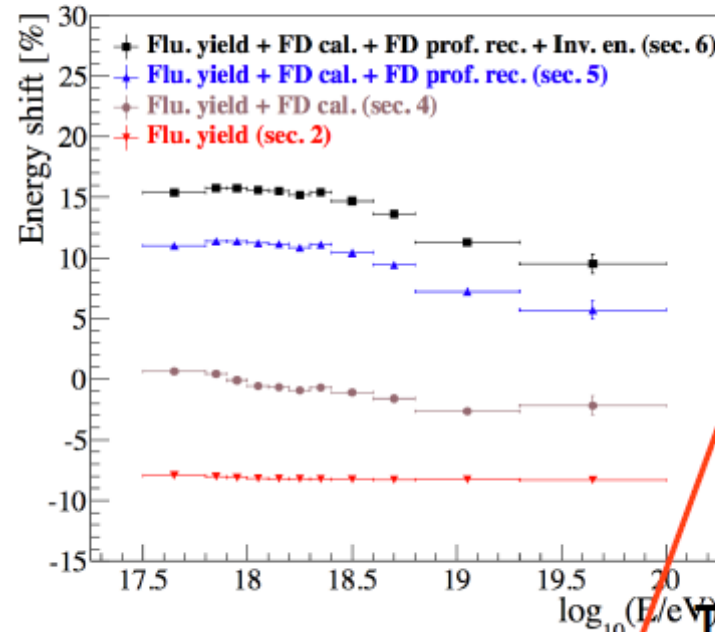
ELS (data) / TA (MC)

$$= 1.18^{*}) \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.18 \text{ (sys)}$$

for ~ 860 hPa, $-17^{\circ} \sim 19^{\circ}$ C

*) 1.22 with -3% correction not included in MC

ENERGY SCALE III



Uncertainties entering into the SD calibration fit	
Sub total FD energy resolution	7% ÷ 8%
Sub total SD energy resolution	17% ÷ 12%

The fluorescence yield **1 EeV** **10 EeV**

The atmosphere

The absolute calibration of the telescopes

Reconstruction of the longitudinal profile of the showers

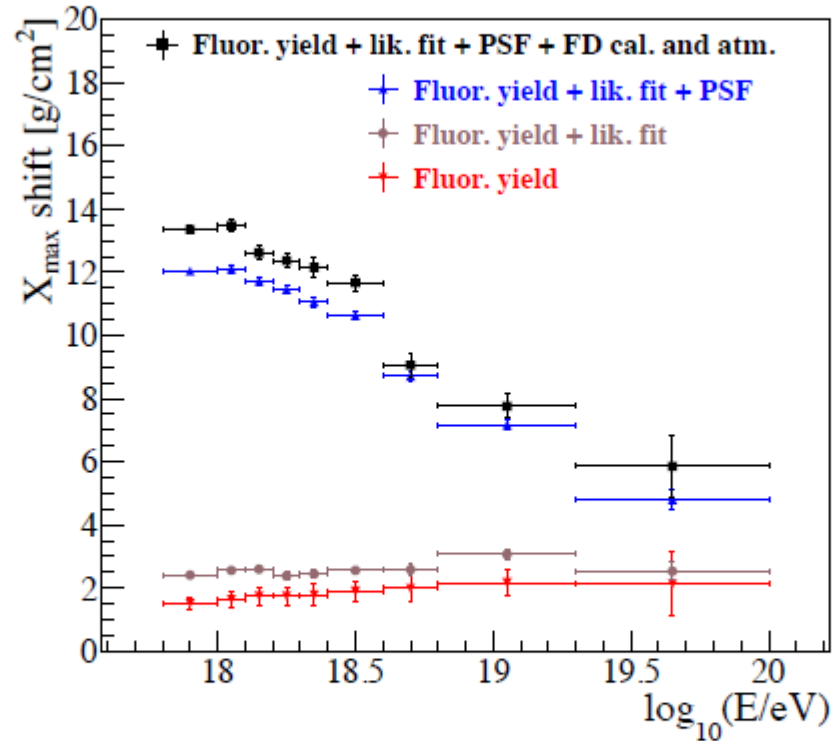
The invisible energy

Changes in FD energies at 10^{18} eV	
Airfly fluorescence yield (sec. 2)	-8.2%
New optical efficiency	4.3%
Calibr. database update	3.5%
Sub total (FD calibration - sec. 4)	7.8%
Likelihood fit of the profile	2.2%
Folding with the point spread function	9.4%
Sub total (FD profile reconstr. - sec. 5)	11.6%
New invisible energy (sec. 6)	4.4%
Total	15.6%

Systematic uncertainties on the energy scale	
Absolute fluorescence yield	3.4%
Fluor. spectrum and quenching param.	1.1%
Sub total (Fluorescence yield - sec. 2)	3.6%
Aerosol optical depth	3% ÷ 6%
Aerosol phase function	1%
Wavelength depend. of aerosol scatt.	0.5%
Atmospheric density profile	1%
Sub total (Atmosphere - sec. 3)	3.4% ÷ 6.2%
Absolute FD calibration	9%
Nightly relative calibration	2%
Optical efficiency	3.5%
Sub total (FD calibration - sec. 4)	9.9%
Folding with point spread function	5%
Multiple scattering model	1%
Simulation bias	2%
Constraints in the Gaisser-Hillas fit	3.5% ÷ 1%
Sub total (FD profile rec. - sec. 5)	6.5% ÷ 5.6%
Invisible energy (sec. 6)	3% ÷ 1.5%
Stat. error of the SD calib. fit (sec. 7)	0.7% ÷ 1.8%
Stability of the energy scale (sec. 7)	5%
Total	14%

Update of X_{\max} Results

accumulated effect of **improved reconstruction and calibration**[†]:



most important change:

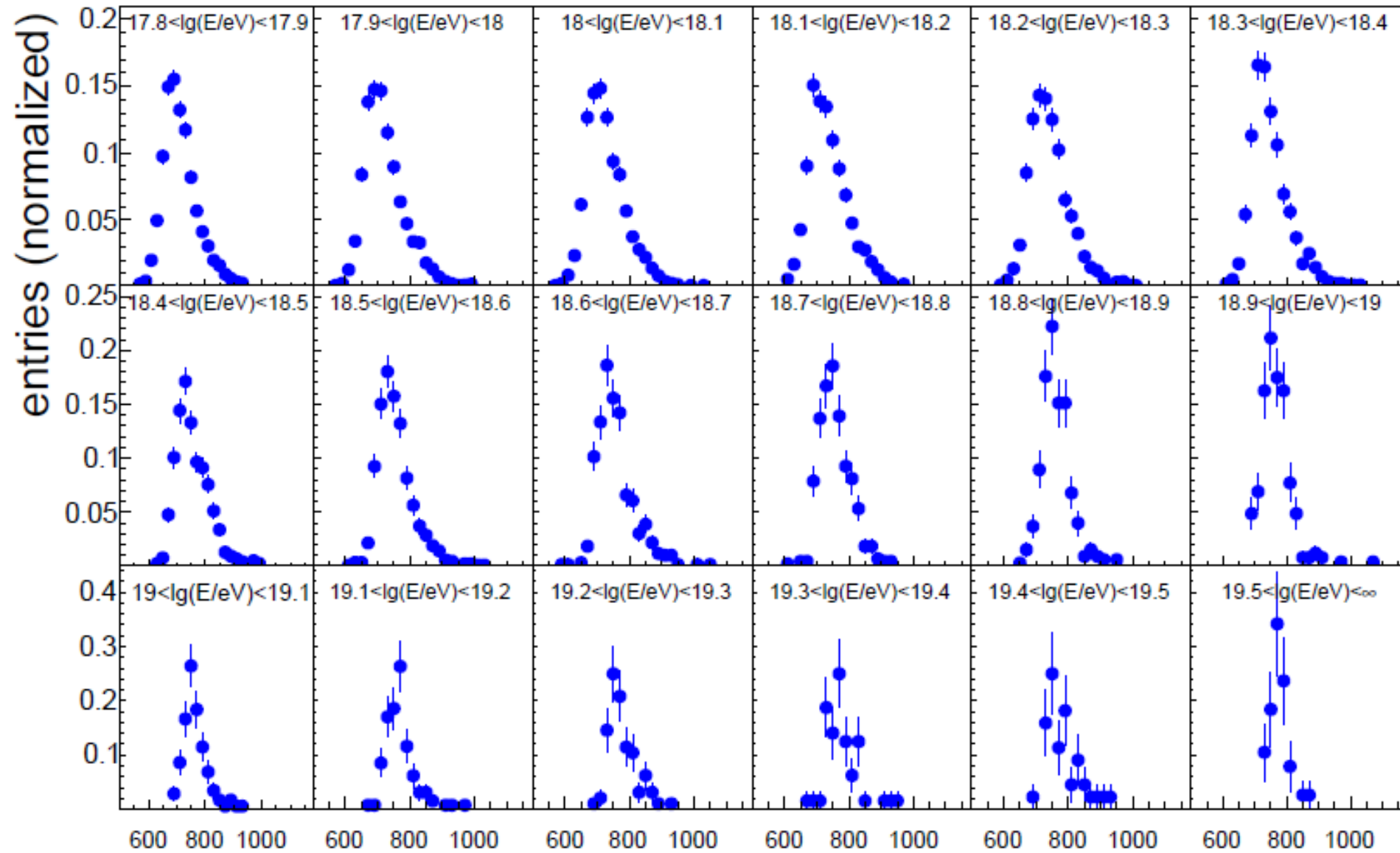
convolution of point spread function[‡] with lateral shower width

$$\rightarrow \Delta X_{\max} \sim +10 \text{ g/cm}^2 \text{ at low energies}$$

[†]V. Verzi for the Auger Collab., ICRC #0928, [‡]J. Bäuml for the Auger Collab., ICRC #0806

X_{\max} Distributions

Auger 2013 preliminary



X_{\max} [g/cm²]

Expectation from LSS

- Sources:
 - with $5 < D < 250$ Mpc : 2MASS galaxy redshift catalog (XSCz)
Apparent magnitude < 12.5 and
extrapolate with luminosity density function
Galactic center is extrapolated from surroundings
 - with $D > 250$ Mpc: uniform distribution
- Propagation:
 - proton with $E^{-2.4}$ at origin
 - dE with CMB interactions (average energy loss)
- Magnetic Field:
 - Gaussian smearing (6° for shown plots)
 - No regular GMF deflection is introduced

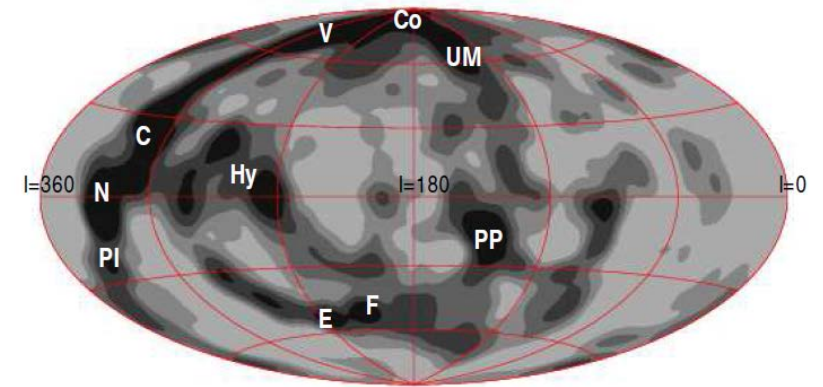
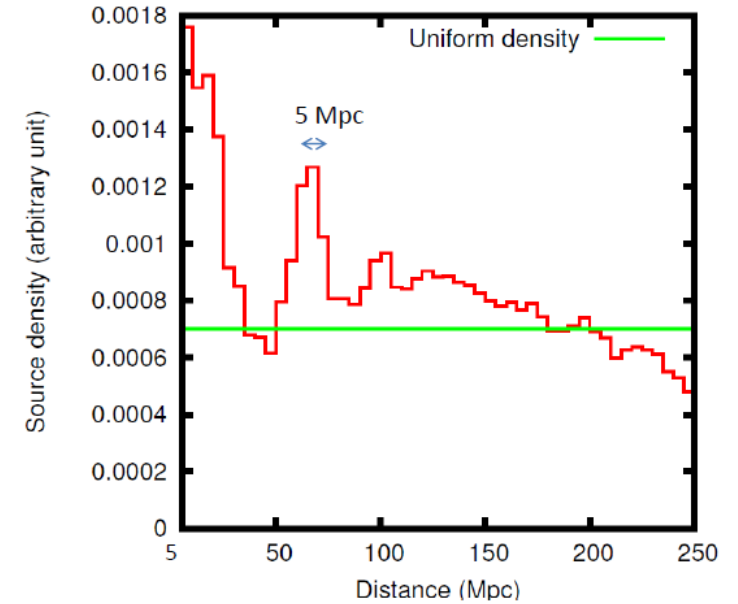


FIG. 5.— Sky map of expected flux at $E > 57$ EeV (Galactic coordinates). The smearing angle is 6° . Letters indicate the nearby structures as follows: **C**: Centaurus supercluster (60 Mpc); **Co**: Coma cluster (90 Mpc); **E**: Eridanus cluster (30 Mpc); **F**: Fornax cluster (20 Mpc); **Hy**: Hydra supercluster (50 Mpc); **N**: Norma supercluster (65 Mpc); **PI**: Pavo-Indus supercluster (70 Mpc); **PP**: Perseus-Pisces supercluster (70 Mpc); **UM**: Ursa Major (20 Mpc); **V**: Virgo cluster (20 Mpc).