

# About Photon Search at Low Energies and SD433 characterization

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# Recap

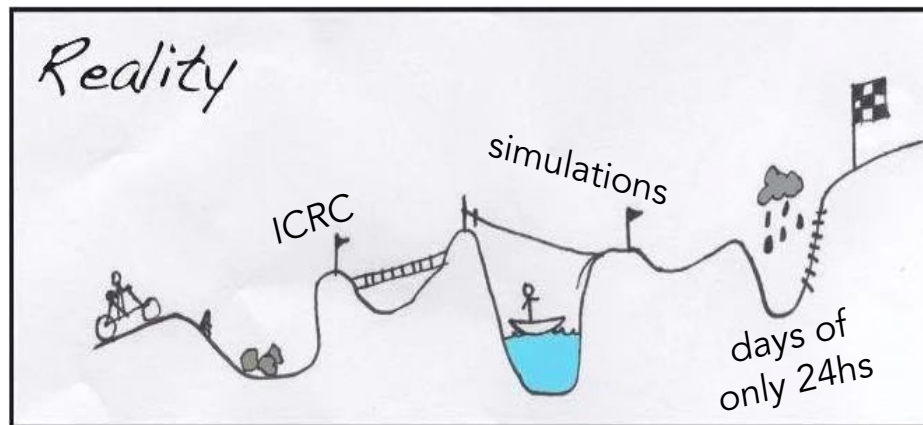
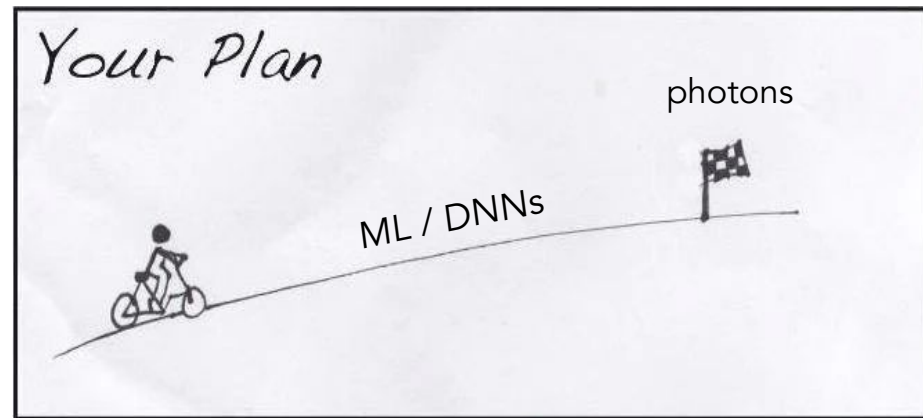
Goal: SD433+UMD Photon Search



Energy Range:  $\lg(E/eV) \in (16.X, 17.3)$

Personal Goals:

- Increase exposure using a general and robust model
- Acceptance of the study by the Collaboration



# A little bit of ML/DNNs for Photon Search

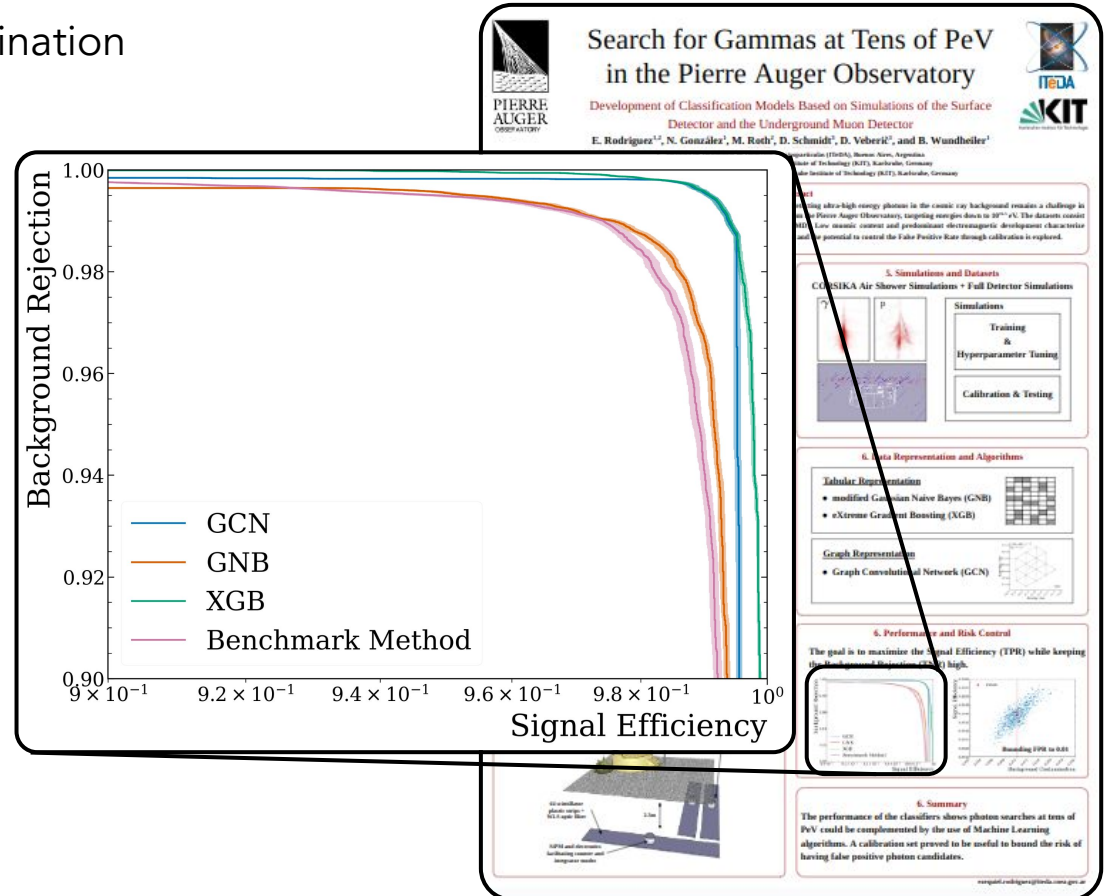
Optimism to enhance photon-hadron discrimination  
(ML Task Call, March 2023)

Explored:

- Bayesian Models
- Tree-Based Boosted Models
- Simple Graph Neural Networks

Initial tests to constraint FPR in testing sets  
(KITeDA Call, August 2023)

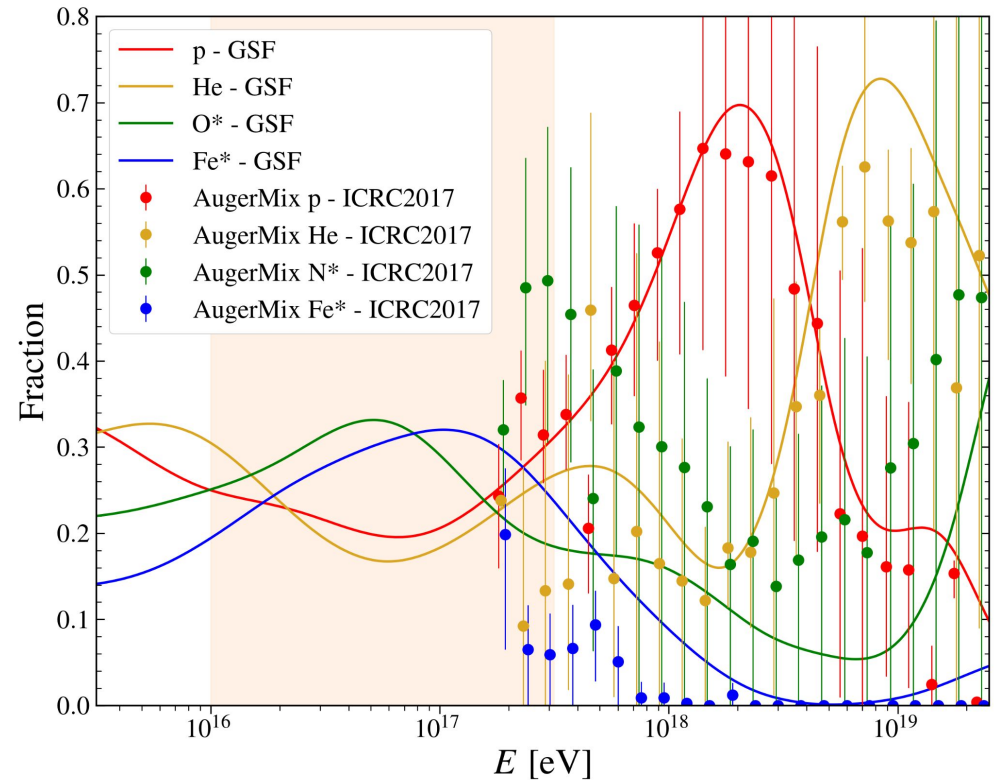
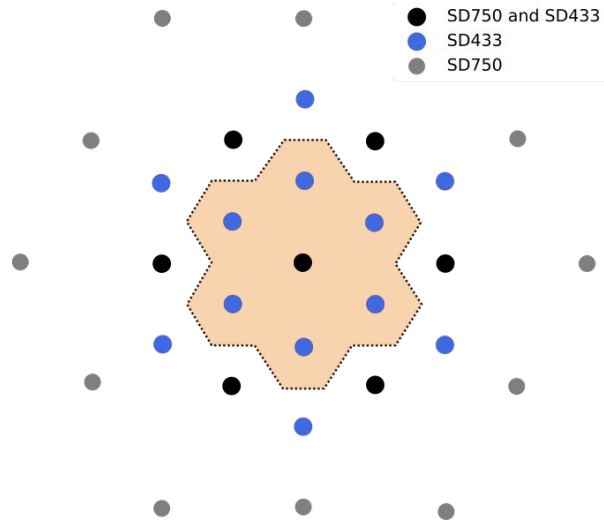
Informal poster presentation in  
Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung Summer School  
(Heidelberg University, August 2023)



# A lot of SD433 Efficiency and Energy Response

Latest update on past Collaboration Meeting (Spectrum Session)

- SD433 → lowest energy range array
- No FD measurements
- Emphasis on Composition

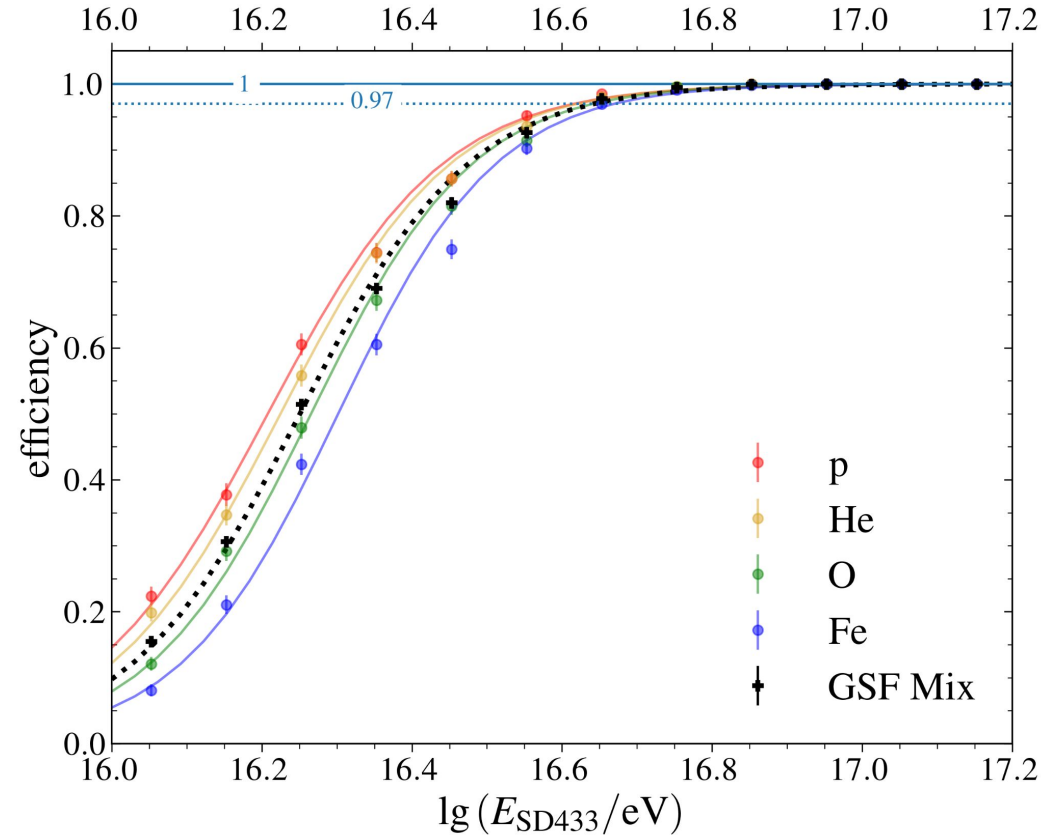
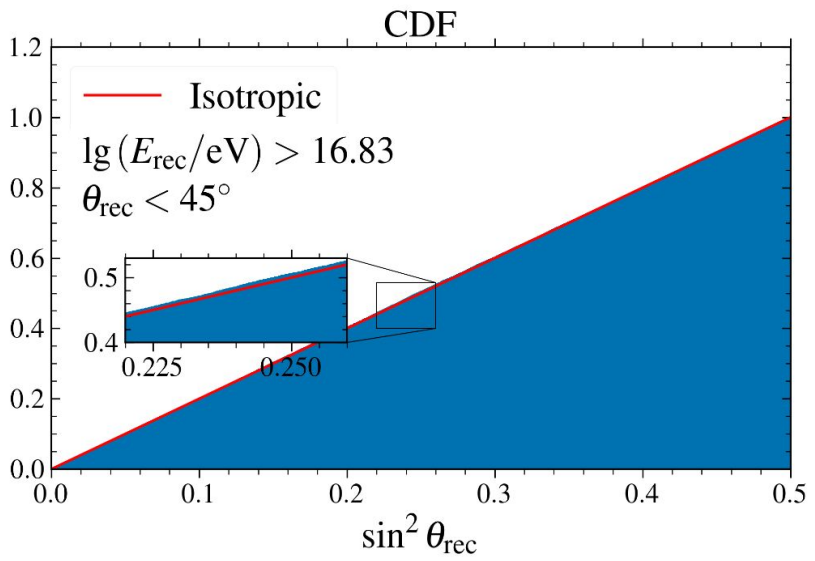




# SD433 Efficiency

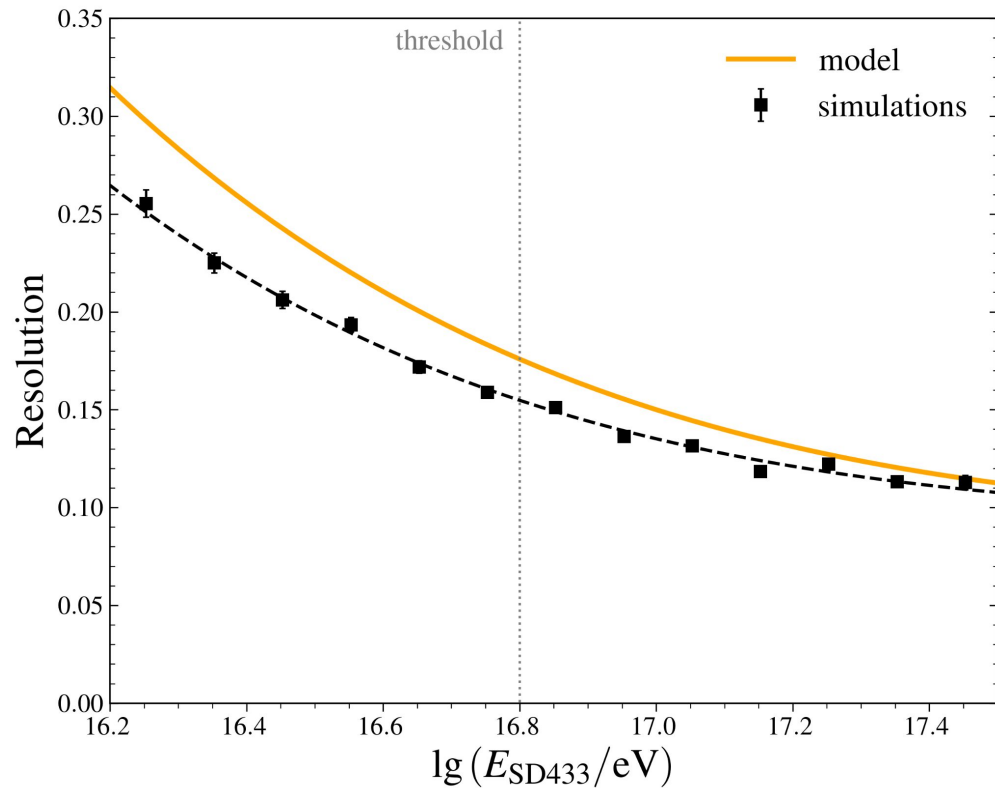
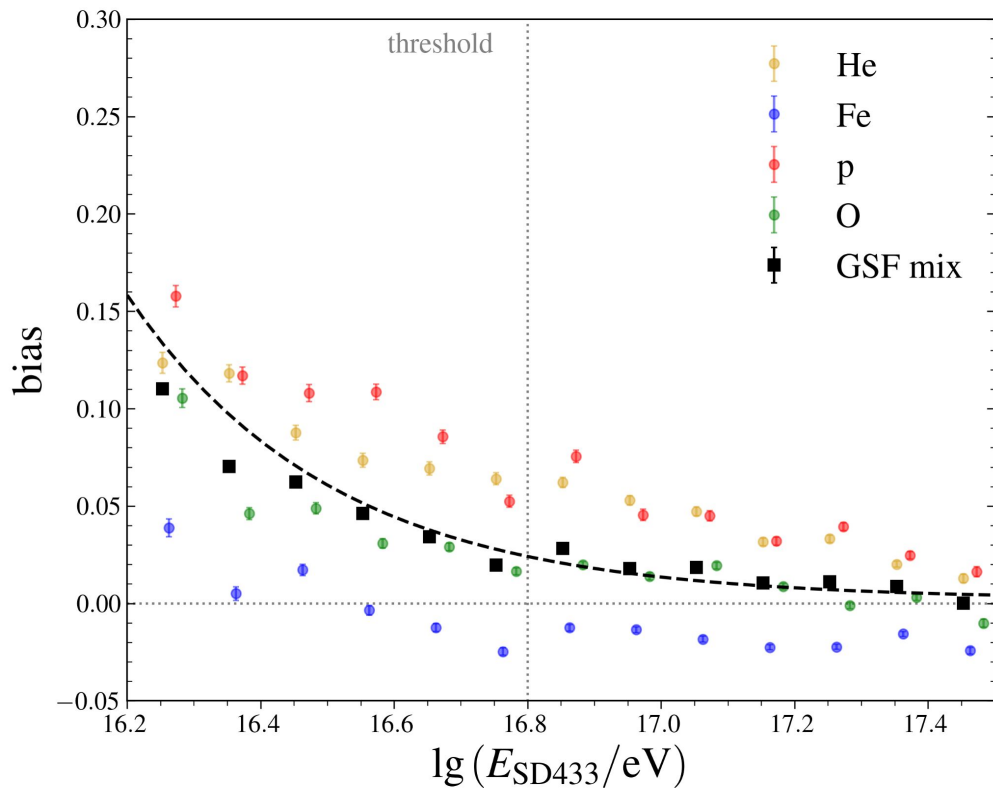
Detector Efficiency study with simulations.

Full efficiency threshold definition based on self-consistency checks with data.



# SD433 Energy Bias and Resolution

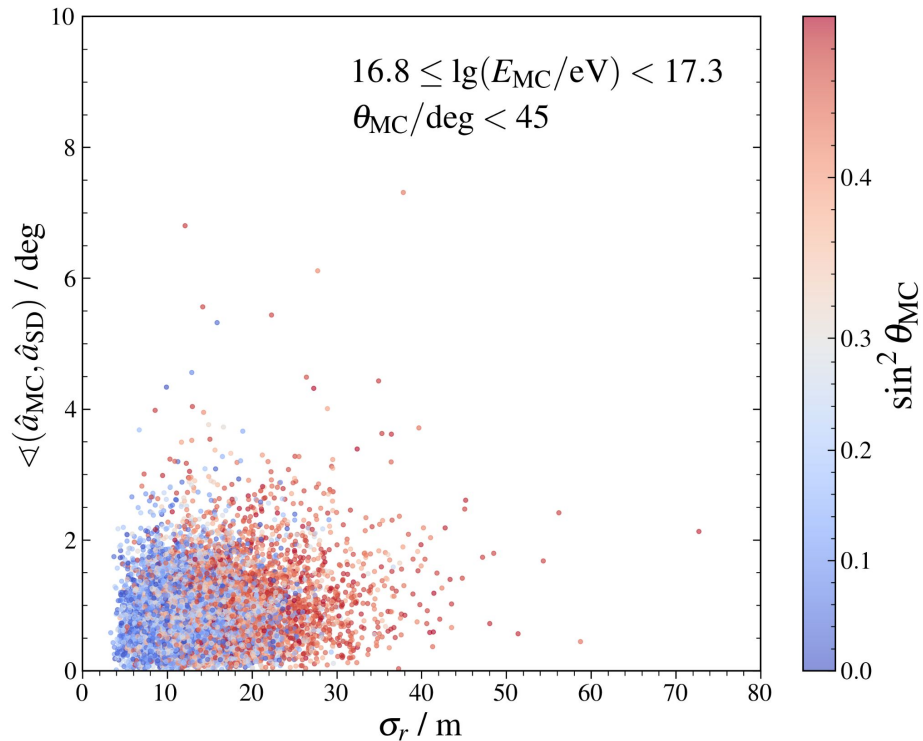
Characterization of the SD433 energy response.



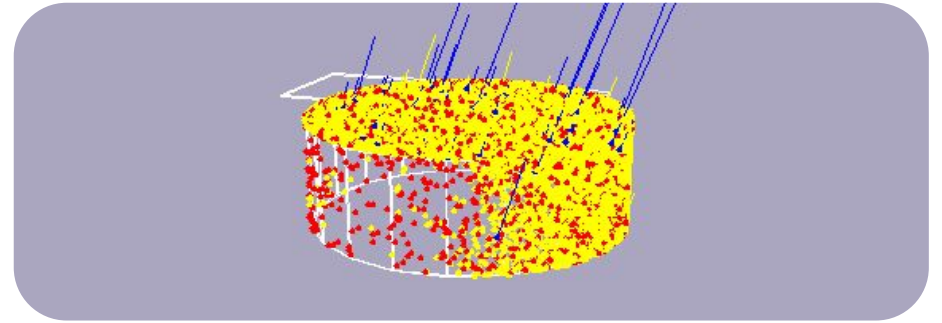
# Photon Simulations Quality Checks

High- and trace-level quality validation of photon simulations (Foundations session of latest Coll. Meeting)

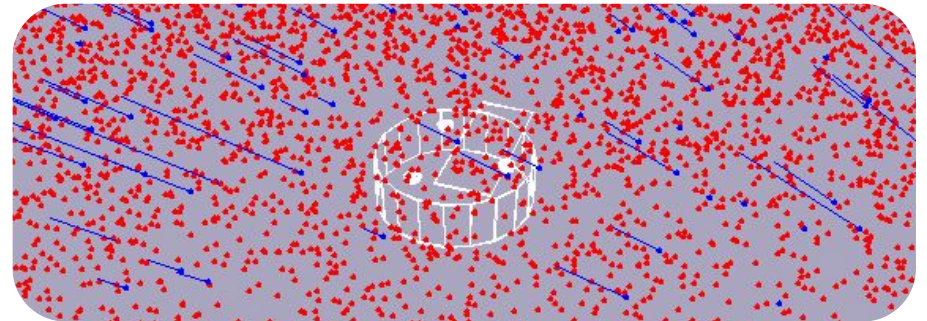
Strategies to catch artifacts on the way.



Pure SD simulation



SD + UMD simulation



# Opening the game

## Standard Apps

- Sd433 {Sim/MCReconstruction/SimRec}
  - MdSd433 {Sim/MCReconstruction/SimRec}
  - MdSdInfill {Sim/MCReconstruction/SimRec}
- } E.R. and LIP team
- } AMIGA team

Bootstraps for Phase {I, II} and {w,wo} dense rings.

Simple but useful validation in CI

MdSdReReconstruction: Offline to ADST Streaming validation





# Next Steps

Full focus on photon search.

- Definition/training/testing of the discrimination model
  - Include raw MD trace
  - Include SD trace (not only integrated signal)
- Stress the model to test robustness
- Understand the model (XAI)
- Lots of discussions within the ML and Neutral Particles

Tasks are expected

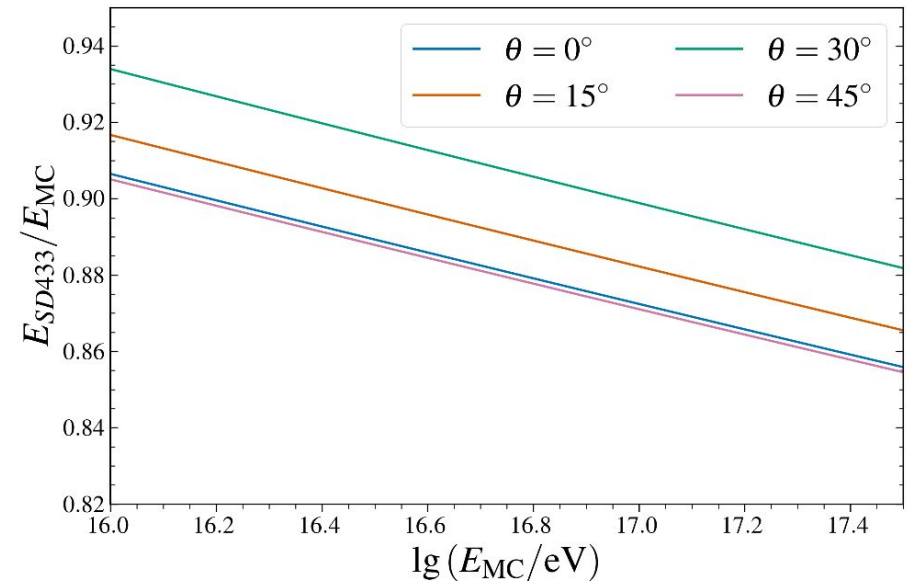
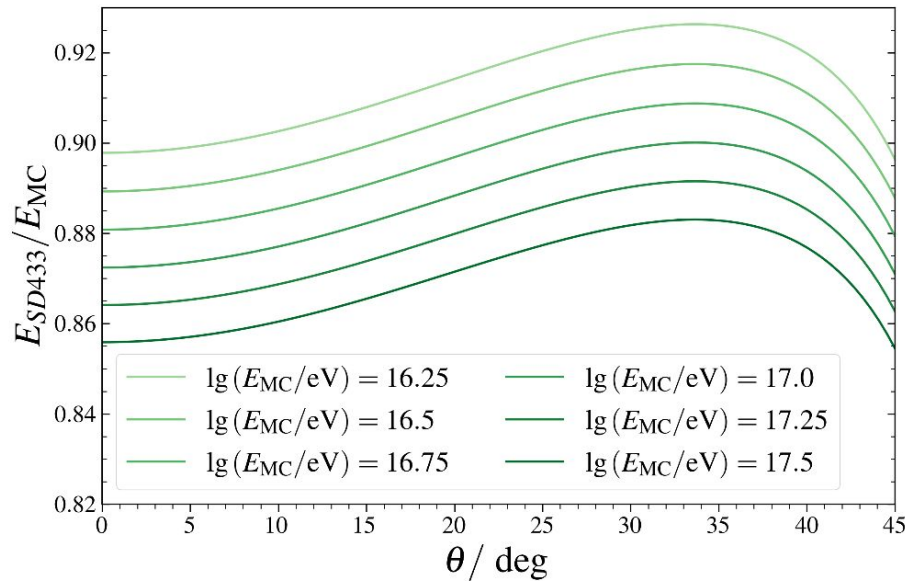


# Backup

# Energy Scales

$$E_{MC} \rightarrow S_{30, MC} \xrightarrow{\text{cal}_{MC}} S_{300} \rightarrow S_{30, \text{data}} \rightarrow E_{SD433} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad E_{SD433}(E_{MC}, \theta)$$

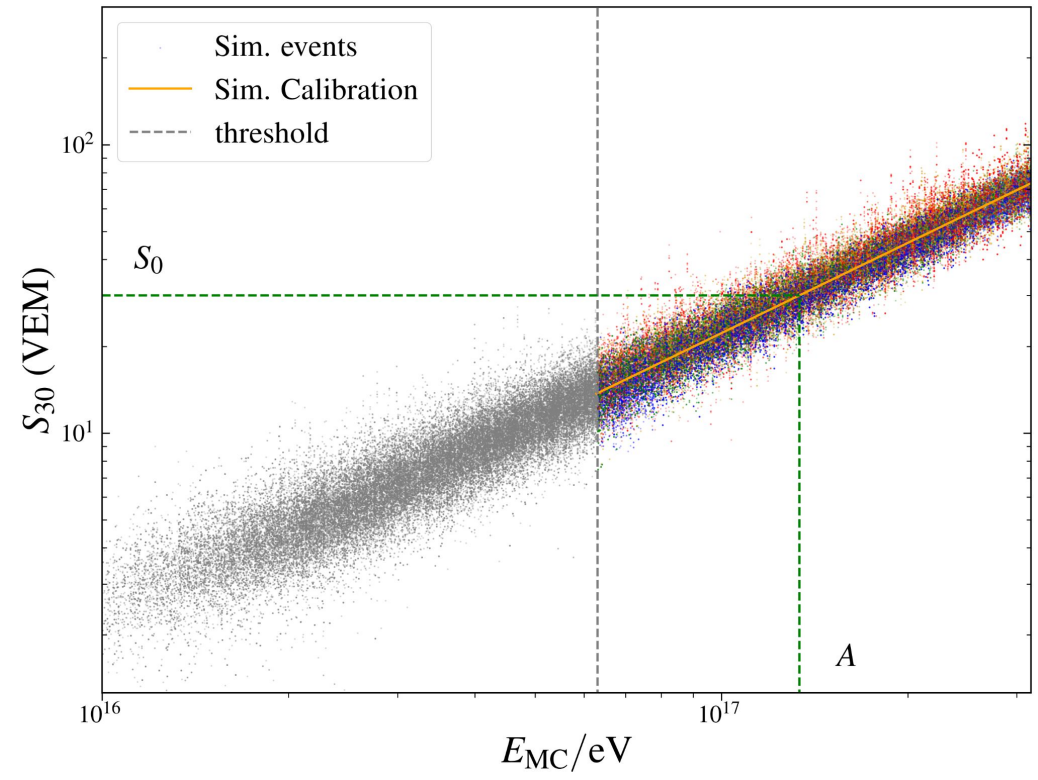
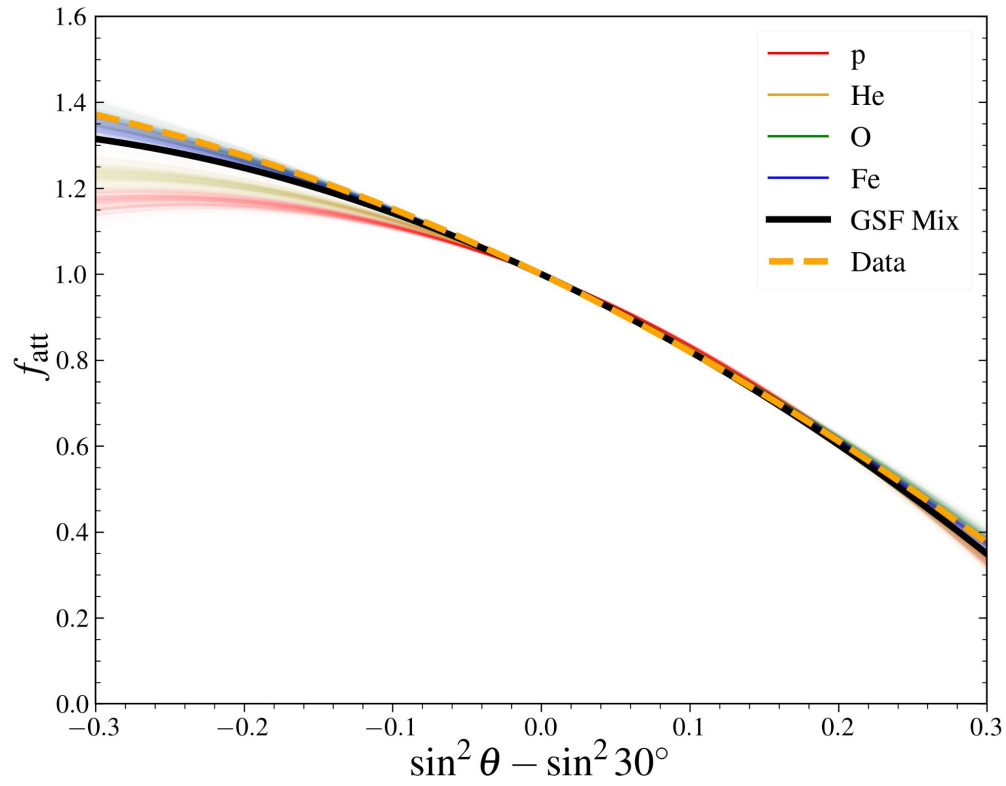
Same CIC and energy calibration implementations have been run for all steps.



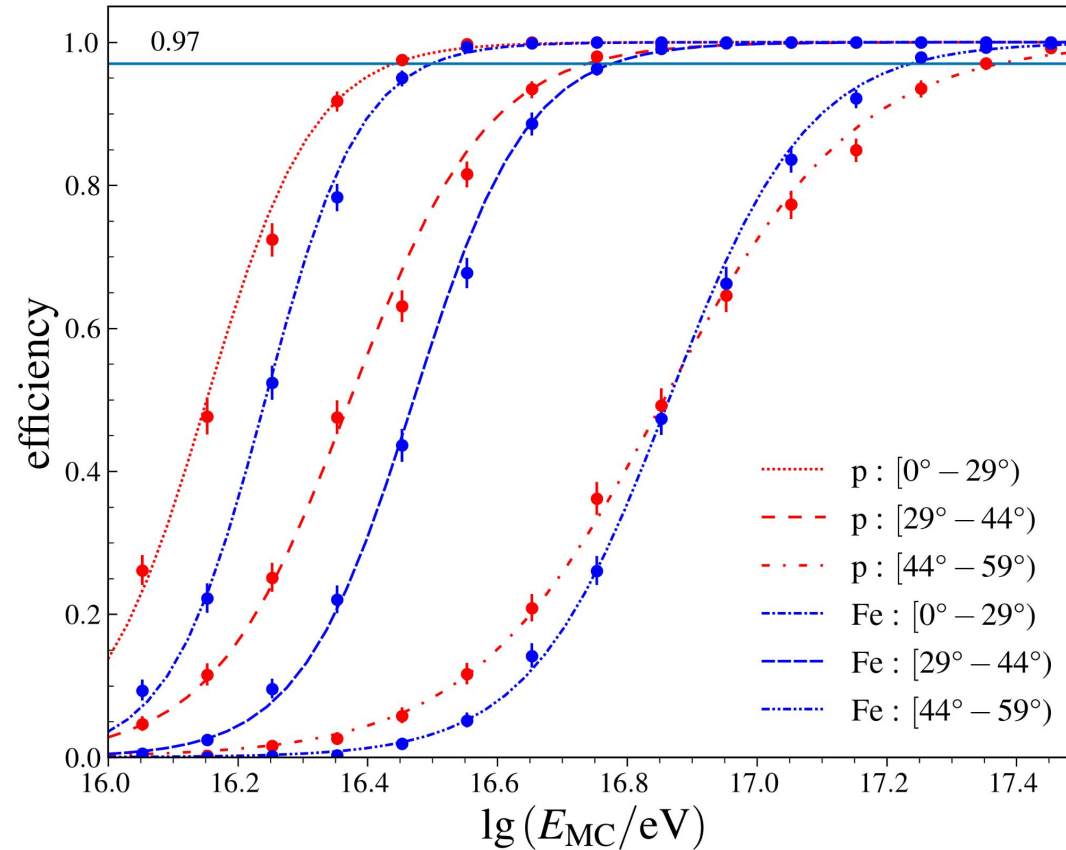
\*Energy Scale transformation taken from A. Coleman, [GAP2018-045](#)

# CIC and Calibration

Consistent code implementation for simulations and data.



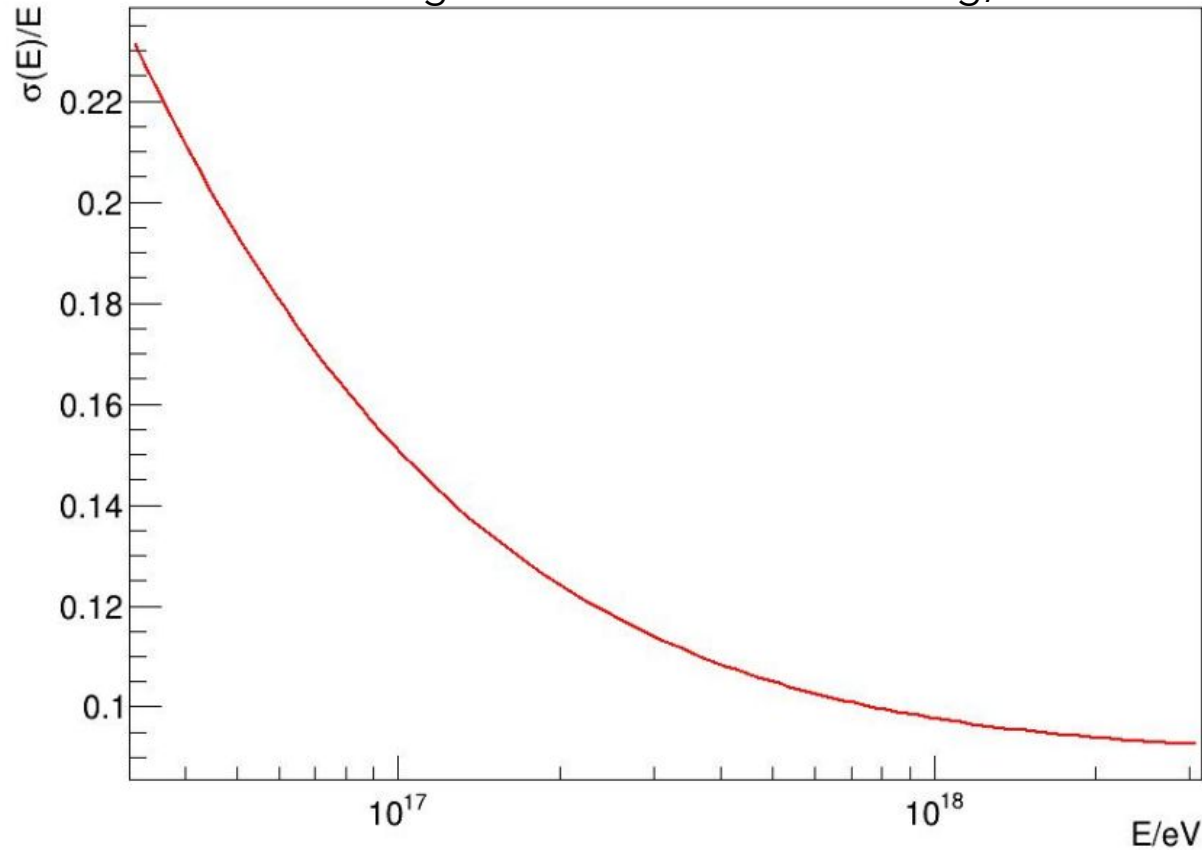
# Efficiency Dependency with Mass Composition and Zenith Angle





# Previous Resolution Model

D. Ravignani. Collaboration Meeting, Nov 2022



$$R_{433}^2 = R_{sh}^2 + \frac{R_0^2}{E/E_0}$$

$$R_0^2 = 12\%$$

$$R_{sh}^2 = 9\%$$

$$E_0 = 10^{17} \text{ eV}$$

# Standard Thinning

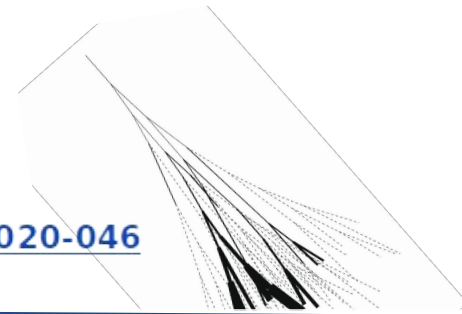
Secondary particles may be (re)weighted according to its kinetic energy

$$w_i = \frac{w'_i}{F_i} \quad F_i(E_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & E_i \geq E_t \\ \frac{E_i}{\sum_k \tilde{E}_k} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Maximum allowed weight for each component

$$w_{max,EM} = \frac{E_t}{GeV} = \frac{E_0 t_f^{-1}}{GeV}$$
$$\varepsilon = \frac{w_{max,EM}}{w_{max,\mu}} = 100$$

S. Saffi, [GAP2020-046](#)



E. Santos, A. Yushkov, [GAP2018-043](#)

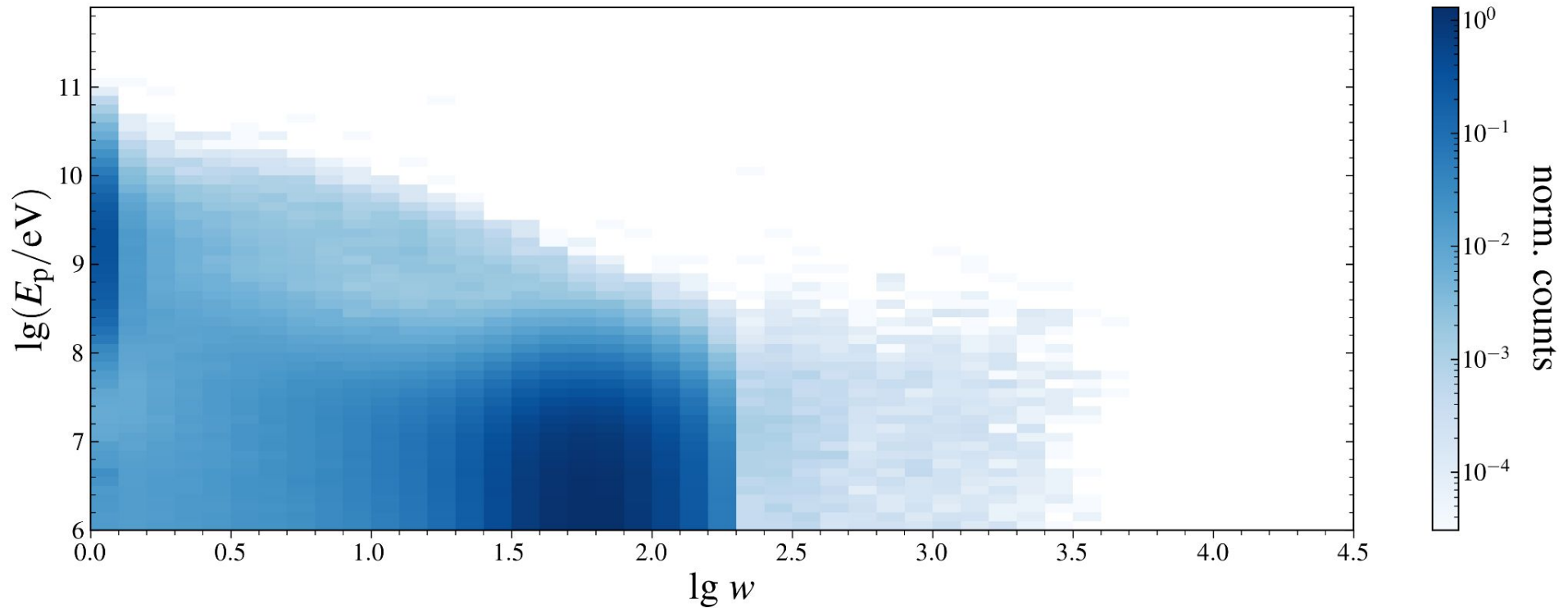
Napoli-Praha library settings

$$t_f = 10^{-6}$$
$$\varepsilon = 100$$

$E_0 / \text{eV}$	$E_t / \text{GeV}$
$10^{17}$	100
$10^{18}$	1000
$10^{19}$	10000

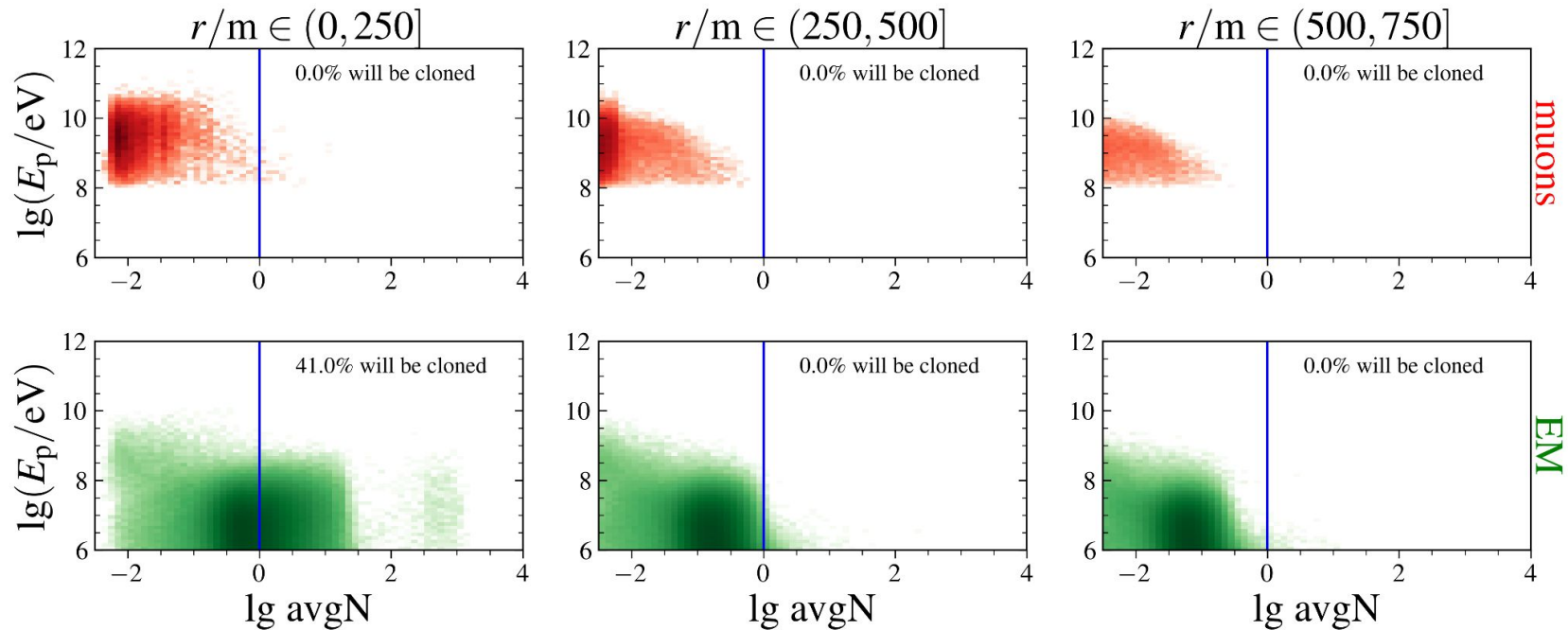
## Standard Thinning - $16.8 \leq \log(E_0/\text{eV}) < 17.3$ & $\theta < 45^\circ$

Bulk of CORSIKA weights values around  $10^2 \rightarrow 100$  times smaller than weights in photons showers with  $E_0 > 10^{19} \text{eV}$



# Un-thinning - SD rescaled weights

Before injection to stations, CORSIKA weights are rescaled by a factor depending on effective area.\*  
The new weights are interpreted as the average number of particles reaching the sampling area.

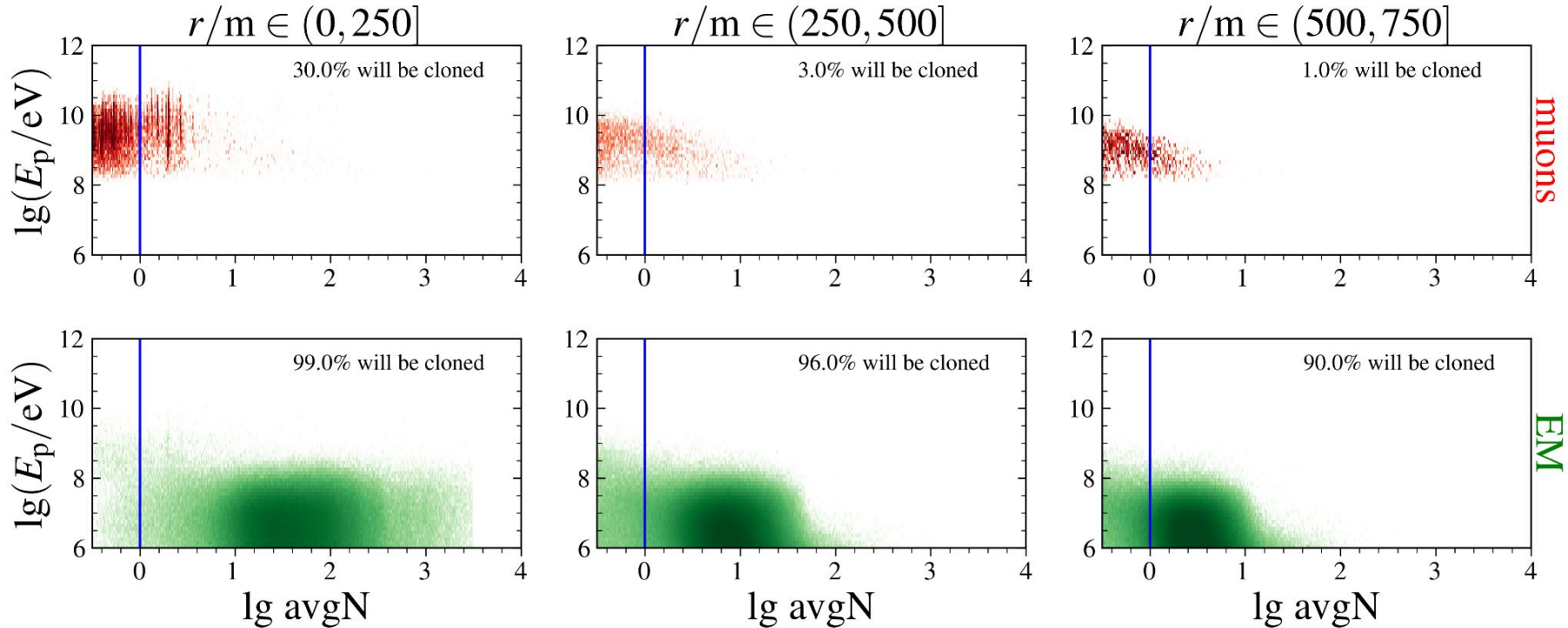


BLUE LINE → cloning threshold

\* S. Saffi, B. Dawson, J. Bellido, [GAP2015\\_086](#)

# Un-thinning - SD + UMD rescaled weights

Because the effective area depends on the injection volume, simulating the UMD makes a difference.\*



More clones close to the shower axis, specially EM particles.



# Tracking potentially “pathological” traces

/offline/Modules/SdSimulation/CachedShowerRegeneratorOG/CachedShowerRegenerator.cc

```
unsigned int n = 0;
if (fUseWeightDependentResamplingArea && avgN < 1) {
    // see GAP-2015-086 for details
    if (!sInfo->IsInScaledArea(avgN, pPhi, pLnSqrR)) {
        DUMP_REJECT;
        continue;
    }
    // direct injection
    InsertValue(fShowerData->fWeightStat, sId, 1);
    n = 1;
} else {
    // cloning
    InsertValue(fShowerData->fWeightStat, sId, avgN);
    n = RandPoisson::shoot(fRandomEngine, avgN);
}
```

If (extreme condition/s):  
flag the simulation;

extreme conditions

- max value for avgN
- max value for delay
- max value for r
- combination of these

flag the simulation

Stream to a log file.