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UHECR2024 Statistics and Poster Awards

- 8 invited reviewers and 53 oral talks
- 59 poster contributions
- Circular 29 October: *"On the final day of the Symposium, two rapporteurs will summarize all poster contributions, and two posters will receive awards."*
- Rapporteurs assigned:
 - Daniel Supanitsky, Instituto de Tecnologia en Deteccion y Astroparticulas, Argentina
 - Yoshiki Tsunesada, Osaka Metropolitan University, Japan
- We appreciate your cooperation for providing the poster pdfs before the conference begins.

Poster Rapporteur: Tsunesada

Poster session at the Auger Assembly Building

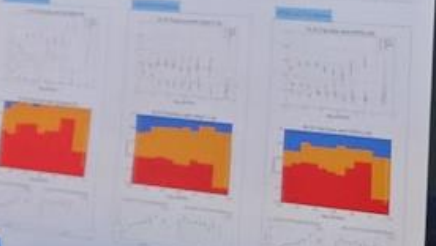


The fractional analysis of mass composition measured by the Telescope Array FADC fluorescence detectors in hybrid mode

U. S. Bhatia, et al. (TU Braunschweig, TU Braunschweig)

The Telescope Array (TA) is a next-generation cosmic ray observatory consisting of a large array of fluorescence detectors (FADC) and surface detectors (SD). The FADCs measure the longitudinal profile of the air shower fluorescence light, while the SDs measure the particle density at ground level. The combination of these two measurements allows for a more precise determination of the mass composition of the primary cosmic rays.

The fractional analysis of the mass composition is performed by fitting the measured longitudinal profiles with a set of template functions. The fractional analysis is a powerful tool for studying the mass composition of cosmic rays, as it allows for the determination of the relative contribution of different mass components to the total flux.



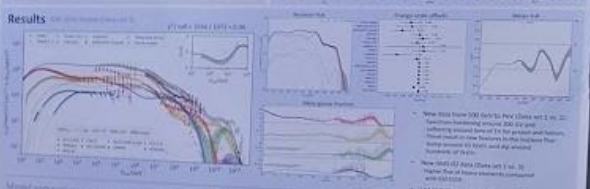
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Global Spline Fit (GSF) 2024

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Dataset

Year	Energy Range (GeV)	Zenith Angle Range (deg)	Source
2000-2001	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
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2004-2005	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2006-2007	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2008-2009	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2010-2011	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2012-2013	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2014-2015	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2016-2017	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2018-2019	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2020-2021	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande
2022-2023	0.1 - 100	0 - 180	Super-Kamiokande

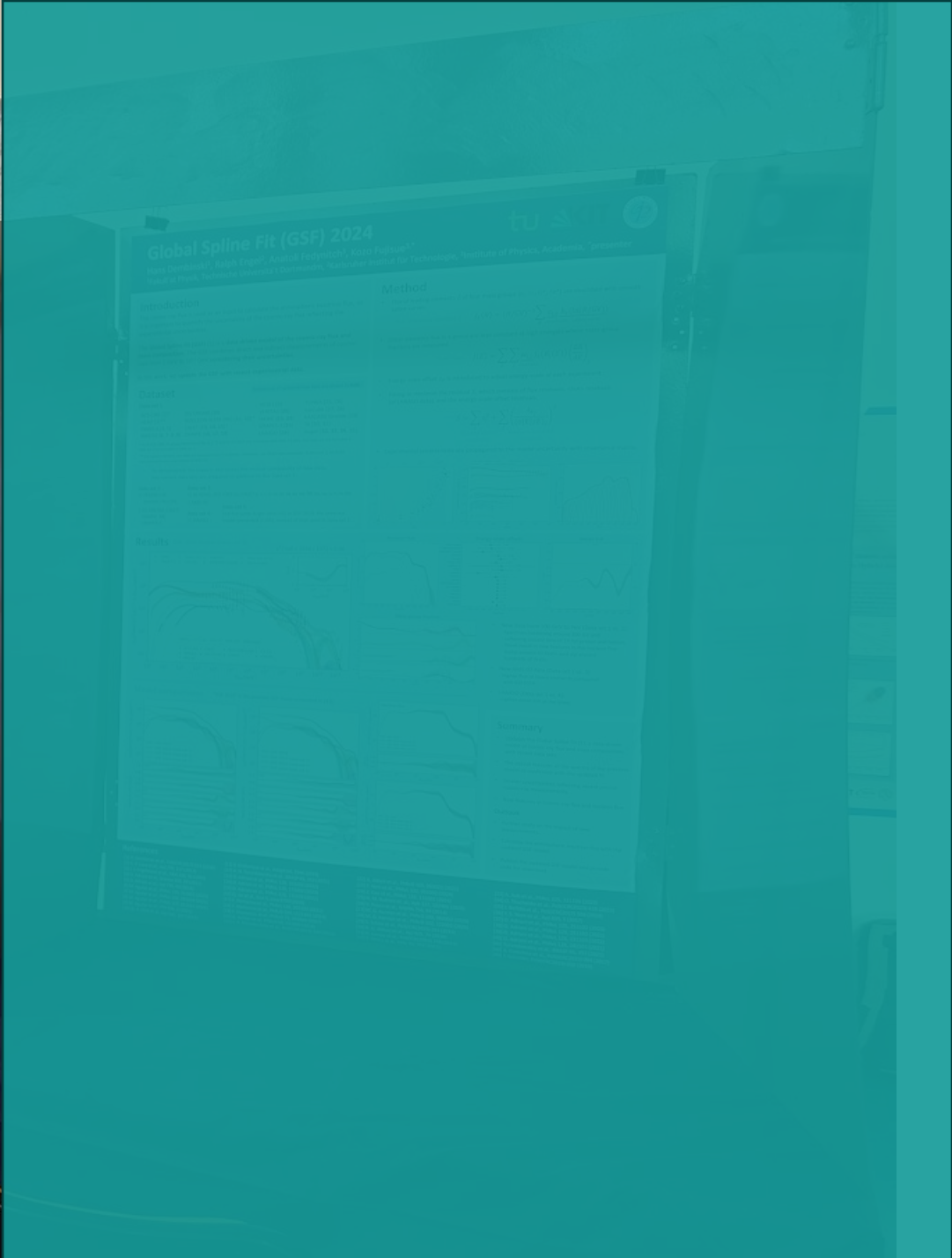
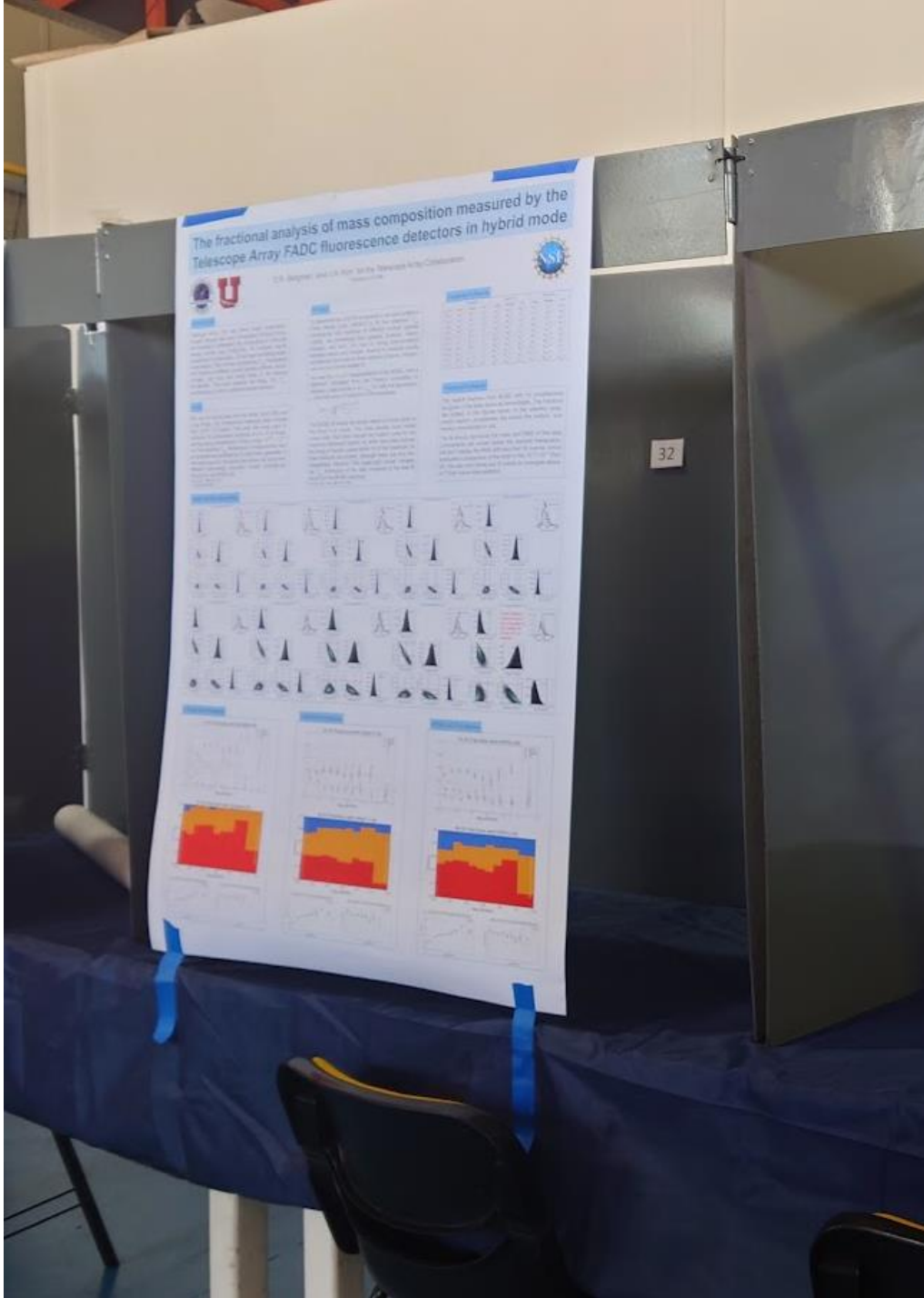
Results

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UHECR2024 Posters: Group 1

- Propagation talks
 - Nuclear transformation at sources or in the extragalactic photon fields
- Shower simulation talks
 - Hadronic interactions
 - Neutrinos showers
 - Radio showers
- Detector talks
 - Muons
 - Infill/add-on detectors
 - Calibration
 - Radio antennas
 - Primary gamma-rays
- Analysis methods
 - Machine learning
 - Inclined shower reconstruction
 - Composition studies
- Atmospheric studies
 - Sky monitoring
 - Magnetic/Electric fields
 - Elves, sprites, TGFs
- Outreaches
- Future detectors

Propagation talks

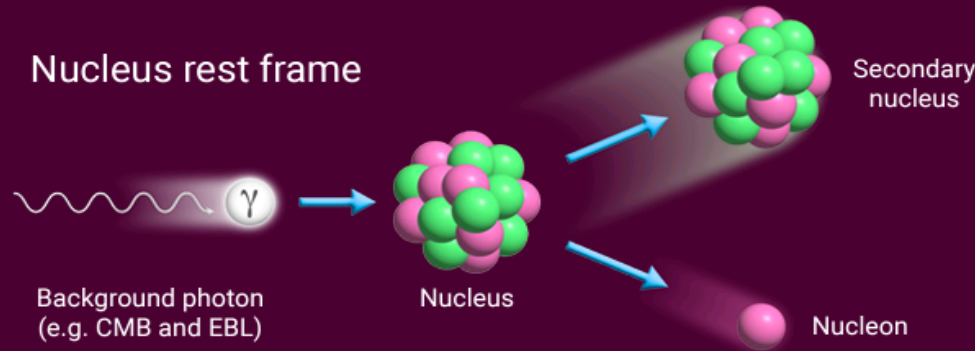
- L. Merejon, Julian Rautenberg: Stochastic description of UHECR interactions (CRPropa)
- L.A. Dourado et al.: Enhanced photodisintegration model in Simprop Sirente

Enhanced photodisintegration model for cosmic ray nuclei in SimProp Sirente

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Photodisintegration interactions in UHECRs

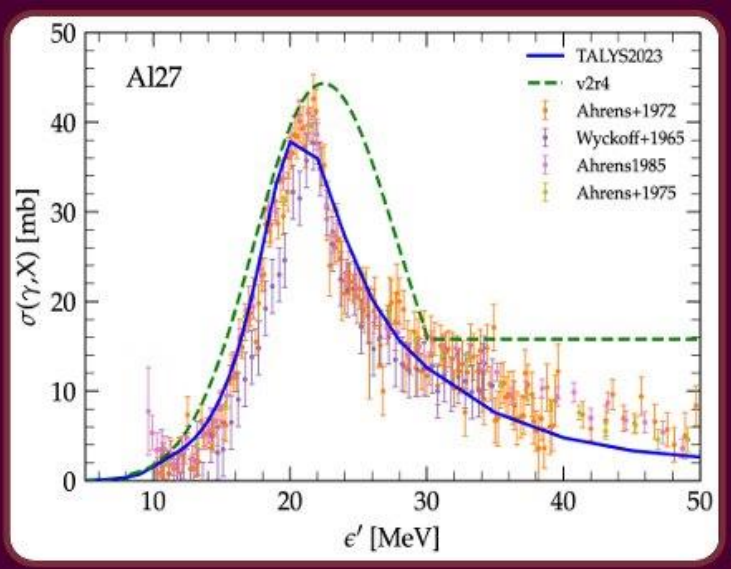
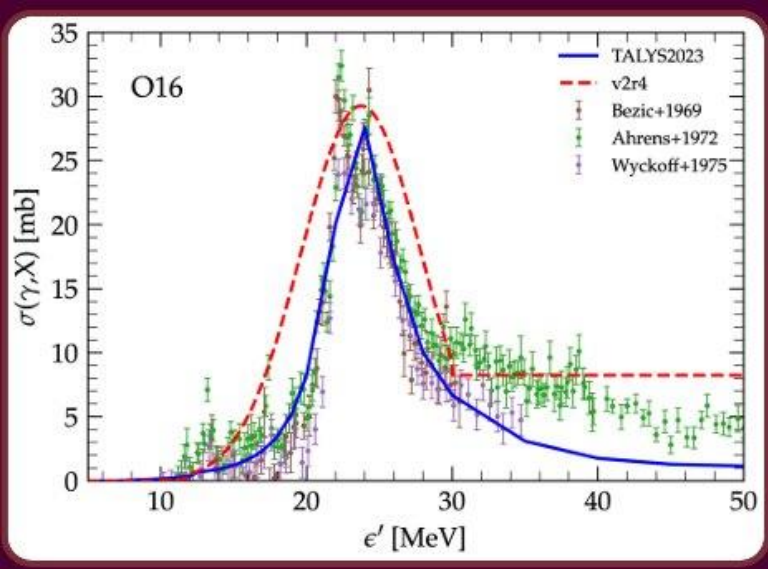
→ In the nucleus rest frame, the energy of the photon is boosted by the nucleus's Lorentz factor, reaching **MeV energies**



Here we illustrate a single nucleon extraction, but there are **several** possible channels, each with a specific probability of occurring

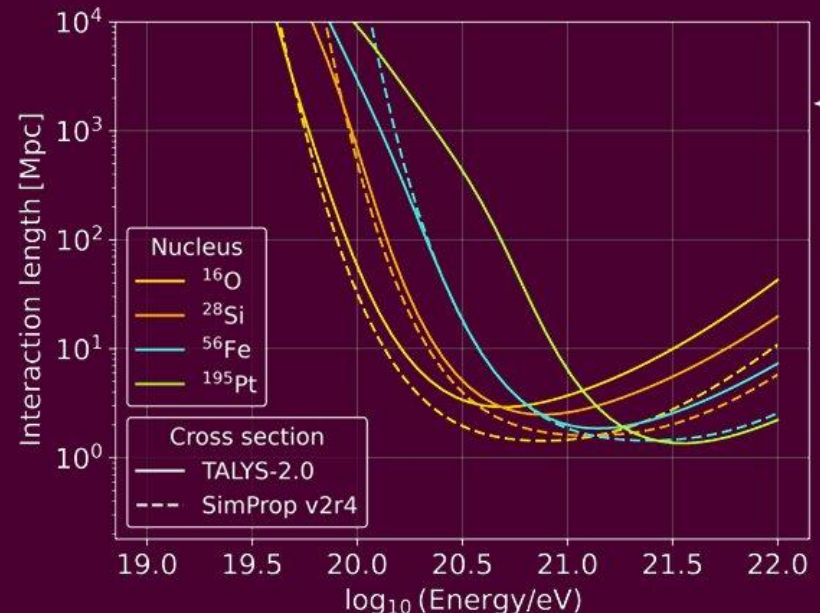
In *SimProp v2r4*, one of the models for the total inelastic cross section combines a **single-nucleon** and **α -particle extraction**, parameterized with channels from TALYS (nuclear interaction software) [3]

We are updating SimProp Sirente with the **latest available cross sections in TALYS**, testing the **approximation of one-nucleon plus alpha-particle emission**, and extending the nuclear network for **ultra-heavy ($A > 56$) UHECRs**



→ Our concern is how these differences between the models affect the **interaction length** of particles

$$\lambda_A(\Gamma) = cA \left[\frac{c}{2\Gamma^2} \int_{\epsilon_{th}}^{\infty} d\epsilon' \epsilon' \sigma_A(\epsilon') \int_{\frac{\epsilon'}{2\Gamma}}^{\infty} d\epsilon \frac{n_\gamma(\epsilon)}{\epsilon^2} \right]^{-1}$$



The integral of the density of background photons has an analytic solution for CMB

New cross sections impact up to 40% in the Lorentz factor range of $\Gamma \sim 10^{10}$

¹⁹⁵Platinum: heavier elements expand the horizon for UHECRs

Shower Simulation Talks

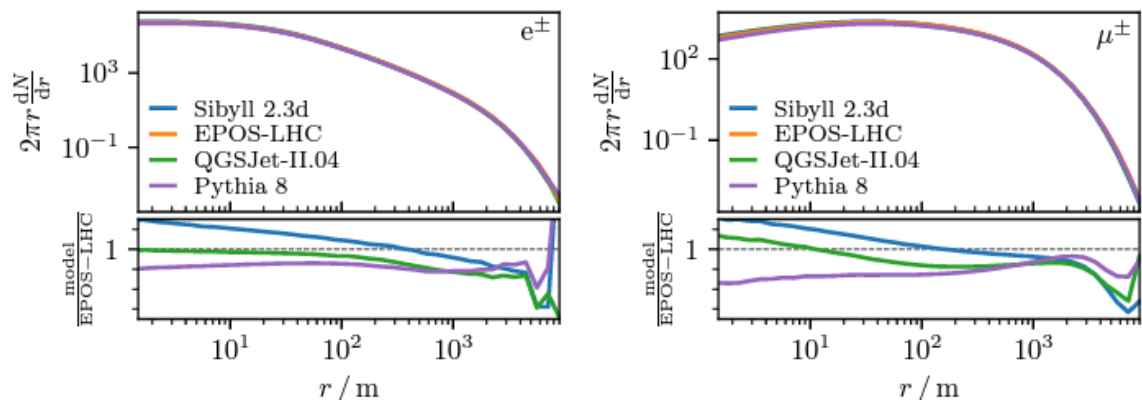
- C. Gaudu: Implementing Phytia 8 into CORSIKA-8
- J. Carasa-Velente: nuSpaceSim: An E2E simulation package for upward-moving showers
- F. Ellwanger: Investigations of CORSIKA thinning level for photon-hadronic separation at UH energies

Implementing Pythia 8 for EAS Studies: Another Piece to the Muon Puzzle

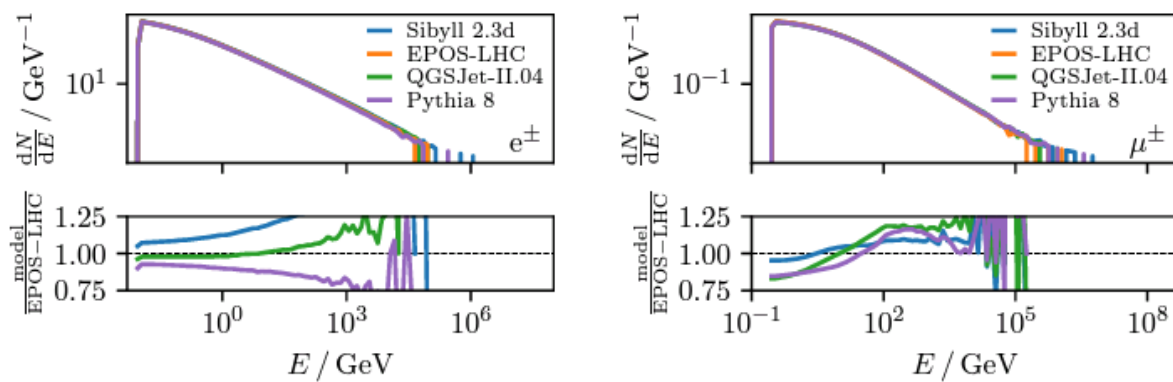
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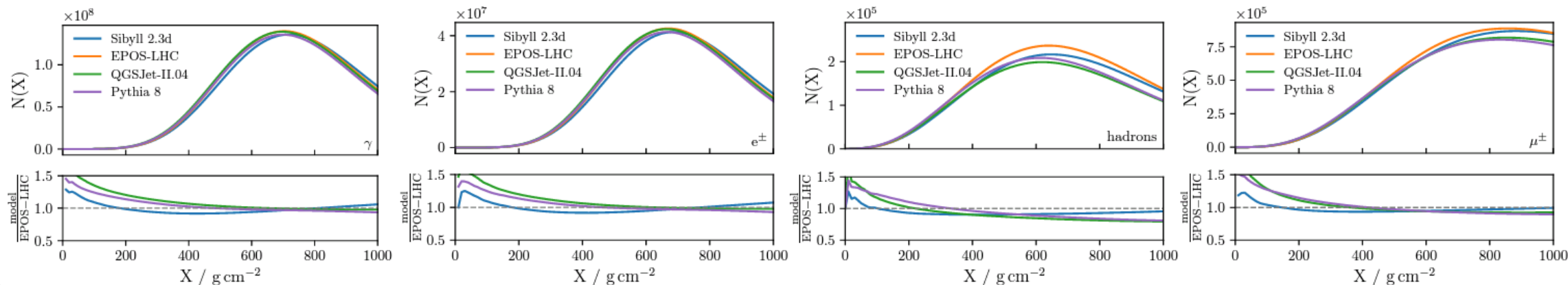
Lateral profile*



Energy spectrum*



Longitudinal profile*



Auger Muon Talks

- M.P. Shahvar, NN identification of highly inclined muons in WCD
- M. Gottowik: Muons in inclined showers with AERA and WCD
- M. Scornavacche: Effect of knock-on electrons in UMD
- J. de Jesus: Improved calibration methods for UMD
- J. de Jesus: Data-driven method for corner-clipping effect in UMD

Data-driven method to quantify and correct the corner-clipping effect in segmented muon counters

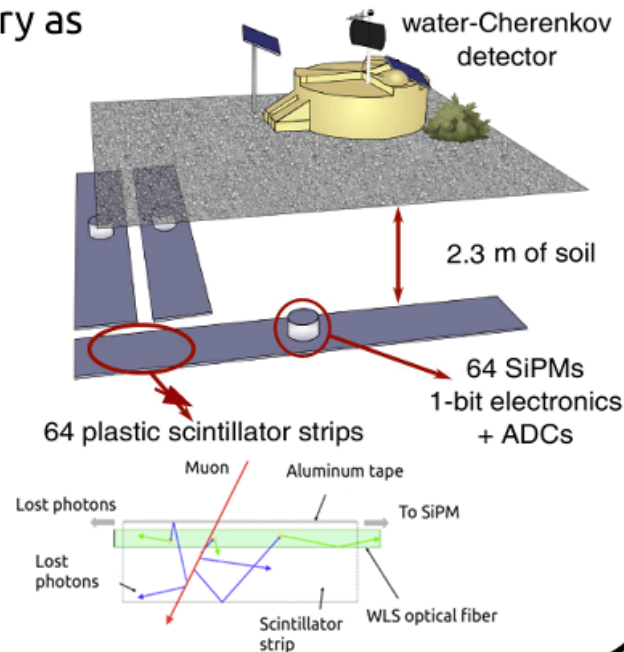
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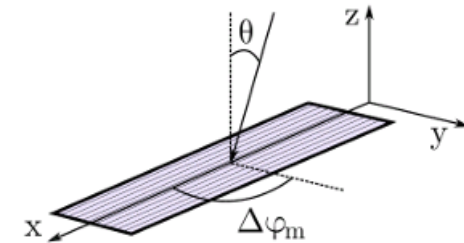
Underground Muon Detector (UMD) [1]

- Use UMD of the Pierre Auger Observatory as an example
- Array of muon detectors buried in the vicinity of water-Cherenkov detectors
- Each detector comprises 3 modules of 10 m² of plastic scintillator
- Each module is segmented into **64 independent strips**
- Muon signal → a bar is triggered if signal is above threshold for ≥ 12.5 ns



Corner-clipping muons

- An inclined μ may trigger two neighboring strips
- Effect dependent on the zenith and the azimuth of the muon w.r.t. the module



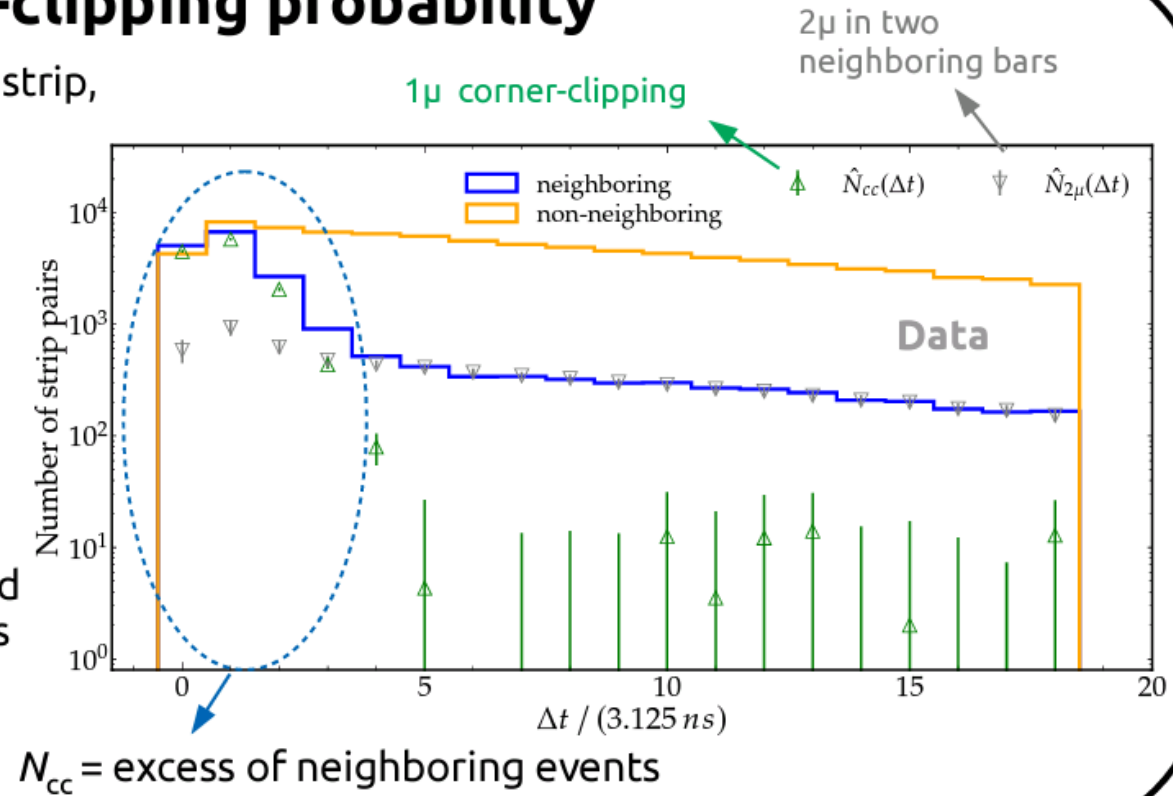
- Source of **bias**, leading to overcounting
- Previously accounted for with simulations

Single-muon corner-clipping probability

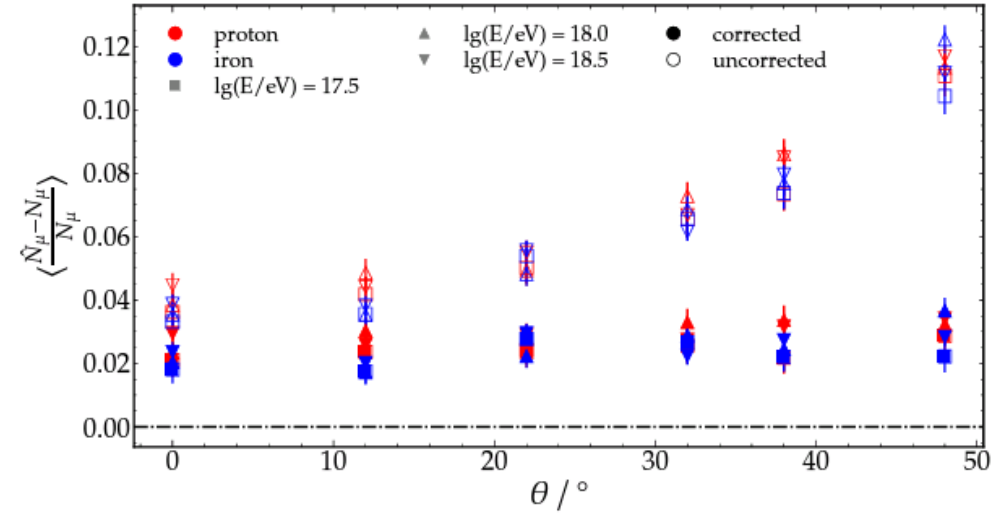
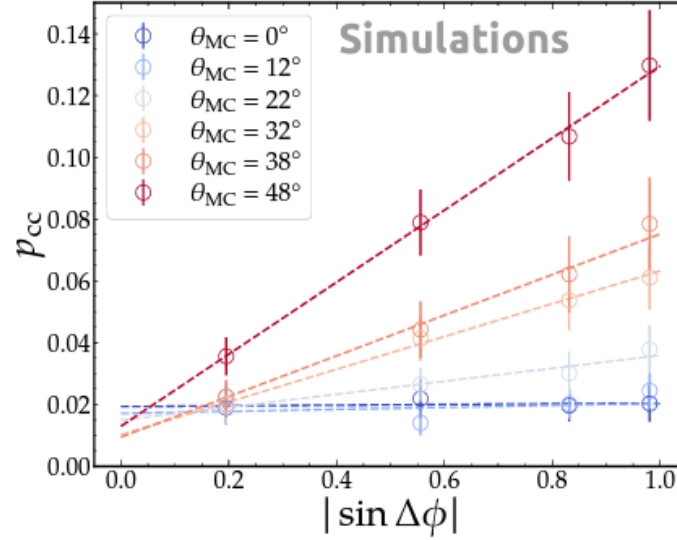
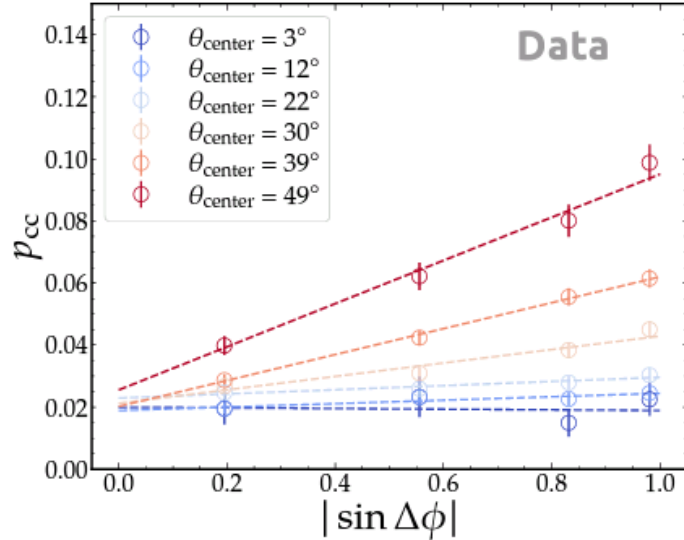
- When a single muon is injected into a module it can activate one strip, $N_{1\text{strip}}$, or two neighboring strips, N_{cc} (corner-clipping)
- Single-muon corner-clipping probability:

$$p_{\text{cc}}(\theta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{N_{\text{cc}}(\theta, \Delta\phi)}{N_{1\mu}(\theta, \Delta\phi)} \cong \frac{N_{\text{cc}}(\theta, \Delta\phi)}{N_{\text{cc}}(\theta, \Delta\phi) + N_{1\text{strip}}(\theta, \Delta\phi)}$$

- Use **timing with modules with only 2 strips activated** → Δt = difference between start times of the 2 strips
- N_{cc} obtained by quantifying **excess of events with $\Delta t < 5$** in the neighboring histogram → difference between the neighboring and non-neighboring distributions attributed to corner-clipping muons
- $p_{\text{cc}}(\theta, \Delta\phi)$ can be **obtained from data and be used to correct for overcounting**



Application of the method to data and simulations



✓ Data and simulations show similar behavior

• Corrected muon estimator:

$$\hat{N}_\mu = \frac{-64 \ln(1 - k/64)}{1 + p_{\text{cc}}(\theta, \Delta\phi)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{number of} \\ \text{triggered bars} \end{array}$$

✓ After correction, bias is flat with θ and below 3%

Radio Antenna Talks

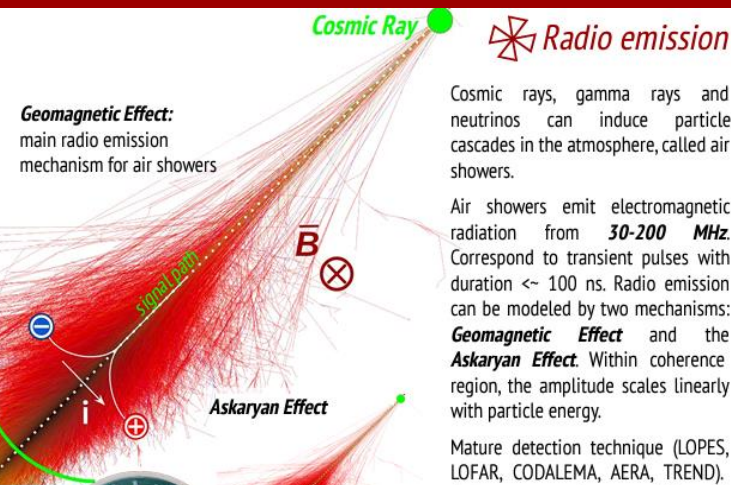
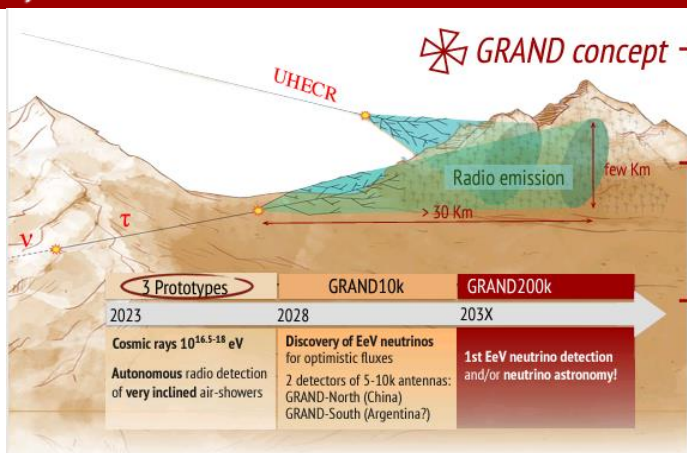
- M. Gottowik: Muons in inclined showers with AERA and WCD
- S. Verpoest et al.: A new antenna array at Auger 433m array
- S. Strahns et al.: Electric field reconstruction in radio detectors with Information Field Theory
- B. de Errico: GRAND@Auger
- J. Horandel: Radio detectors at Auger: Status, performance, and plans

GRAND@Auger: status and first results

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GRAND@Auger

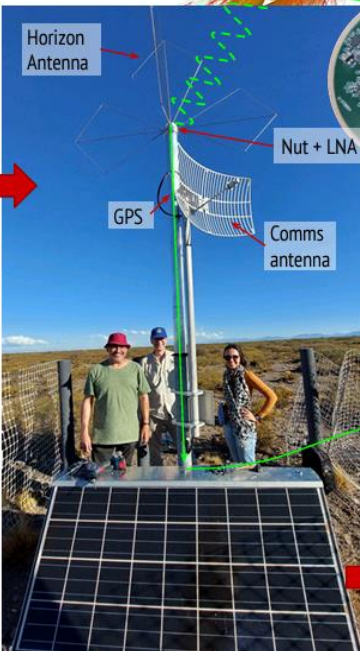
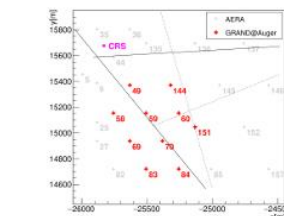
GRAND's three prototype arrays:

- GRANDProto300 in China
- GRAND@Nançay in France
- **GRAND@Auger in Argentina**

GRAND@Auger came to be as an agreement between the **GRAND** and **Pierre Auger** Collaborations. 10 repurposed AERA stations as GRAND's Horizon Antennas. Deployment was completed in August 2023.

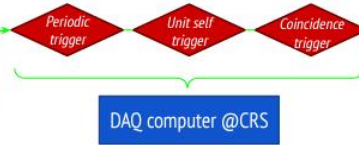
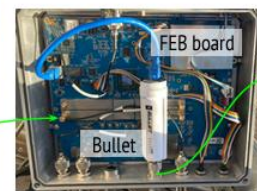
Goals:

- Validate GRAND's detection concept;
- Search for air showers events in time coincidence with Auger SD's events;
- Validate GRAND's reconstruction performance;



Setup specifications

- Sensor antenna with 3 polarizations;
- 3.5 m high pole;
- Solar panel + charge controller + battery;
- Front-End Board inside Faraday cage;
- 30-200 MHz filtering;
- 500 MSPS ADC;
- Flexible filtering and triggering;
- Wireless data transfer;

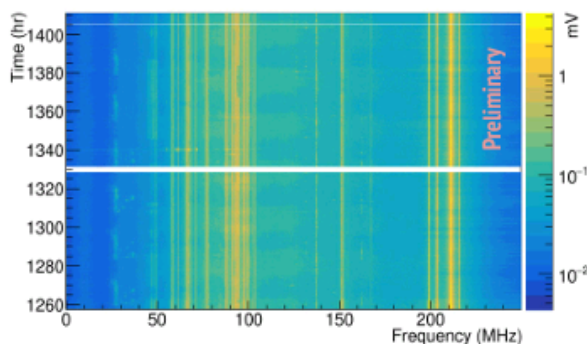


Daily data transfer through 4g to CCIN2P3
Data available for analysis!

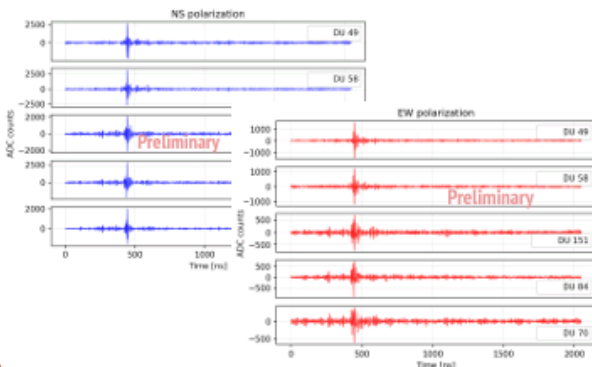
First results & analyses

1. Data through 2023 & 2024

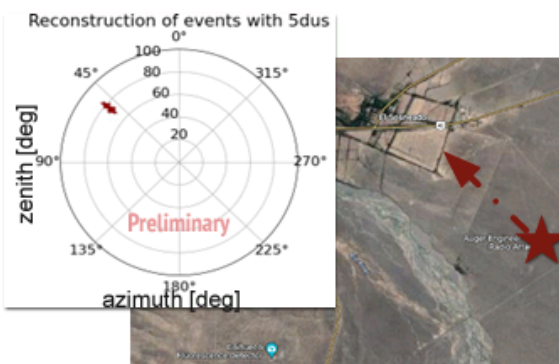
- 10 Detector Units (DUs) operational;
- Commissioning and debugging of hardware and software;
- Stable data taking with functional hibernation settings;



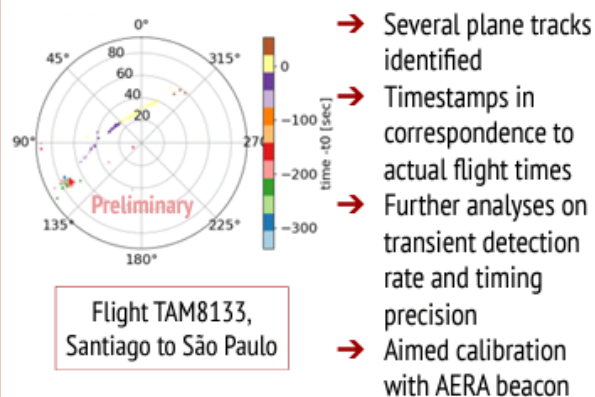
- Online self-trigger tests and optimization;
- Self-triggered events with at least 3 DUs in coincidence;
- Trigger rate ~ 100 Hz;



2. Arrival Direction Reconstructions

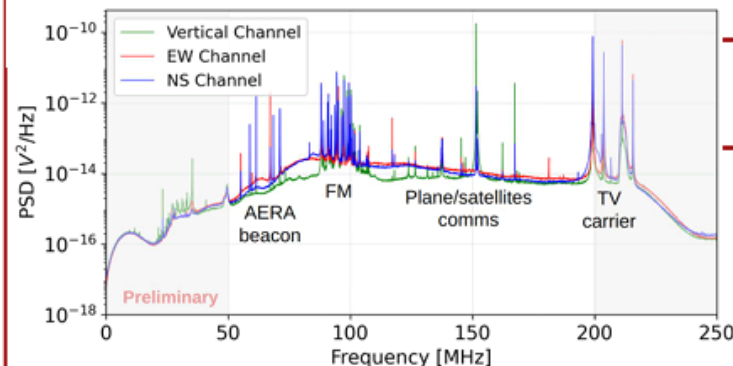


- 14 online self-triggered coincidence events reconstructed;
- Three independent analyses: analytic PWF, Minuit PWF/SWF and TREND SWF;
- Pointed towards two nearby villages;

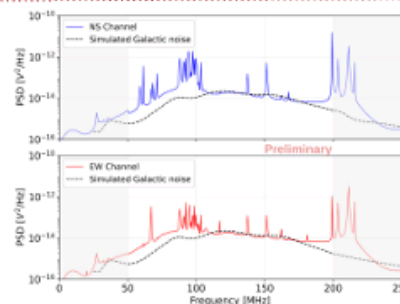


- Several plane tracks identified
- Timestamps in correspondence to actual flight times
- Further analyses on transient detection rate and timing precision
- Aimed calibration with AERA beacon

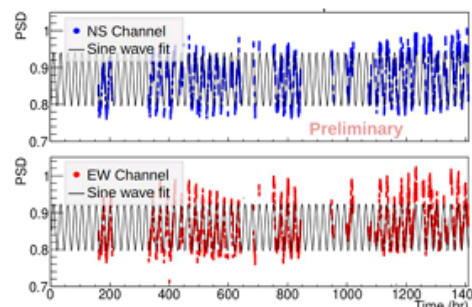
3. Background Studies



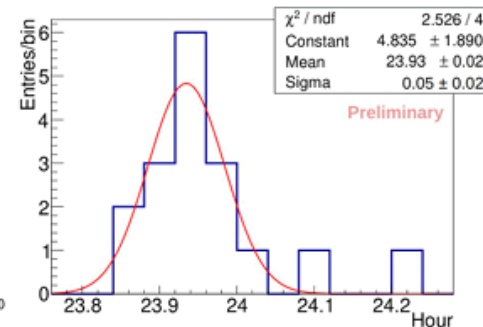
- Local environmental background characterization;
- Narrowband transient noise sources identified through arrival direction reconstruction & known local sources;



- **On-going analysis** for Galactic Background (GB) searches;
- Antenna calibration potential
- Preliminary comparisons of **GB + RF chain simulations vs. measured PSD** indicate agreement;



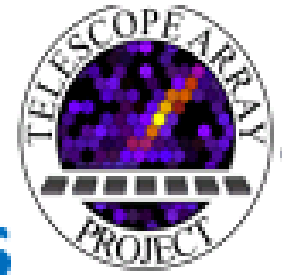
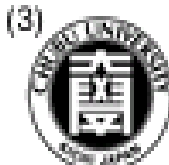
- Sine wave fit over data from **March and April 2024, 120 to 200 MHz** range;
- Galaxy's expected period: 23h56min = 23.934hrs



- Averaged results over all 10 DUs for NS and EW polarizations:
 - **Mean period = 23.93 ± 0.02 h**
 - Std of period = 0.05 ± 0.02 h
 - $\chi^2 / \text{ndf} = 2.5/4$

Calibration Talks

- M. Scornavacche: Effect of knock-on electrons in UMD
- J. de Jesus: Improved calibration methods for UMD
- J. de Jesus: Data-driven method for corner-clipping effect in UMD
- P. Phillip: Calibration of AugerPrime SDs
- T. Tomida et al.: Calibration of TA-FD with "Opto-copter" and CLF



Calibration of the TA Fluorescence Detectors and Systematic Uncertainties in UHECR Analysis

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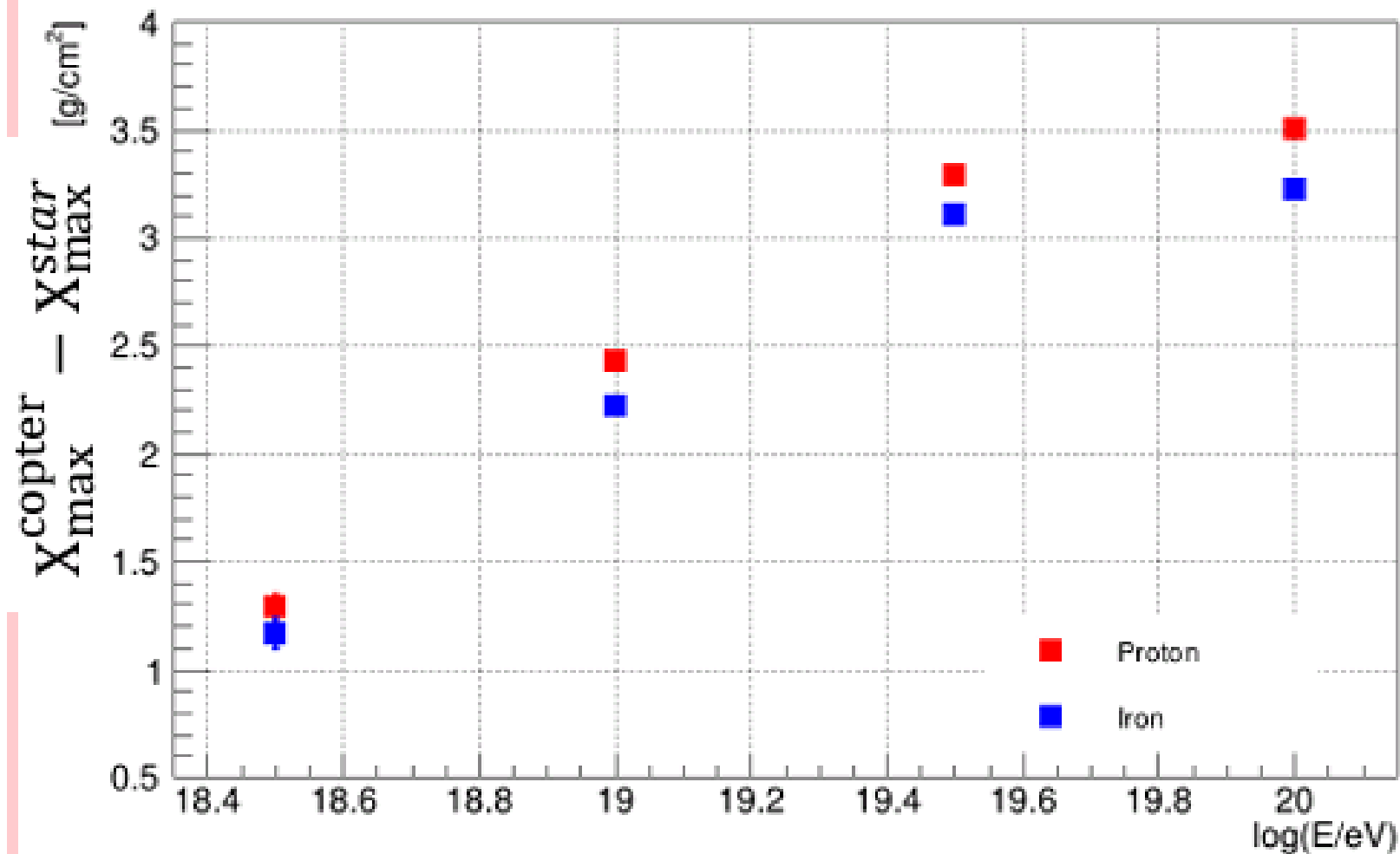


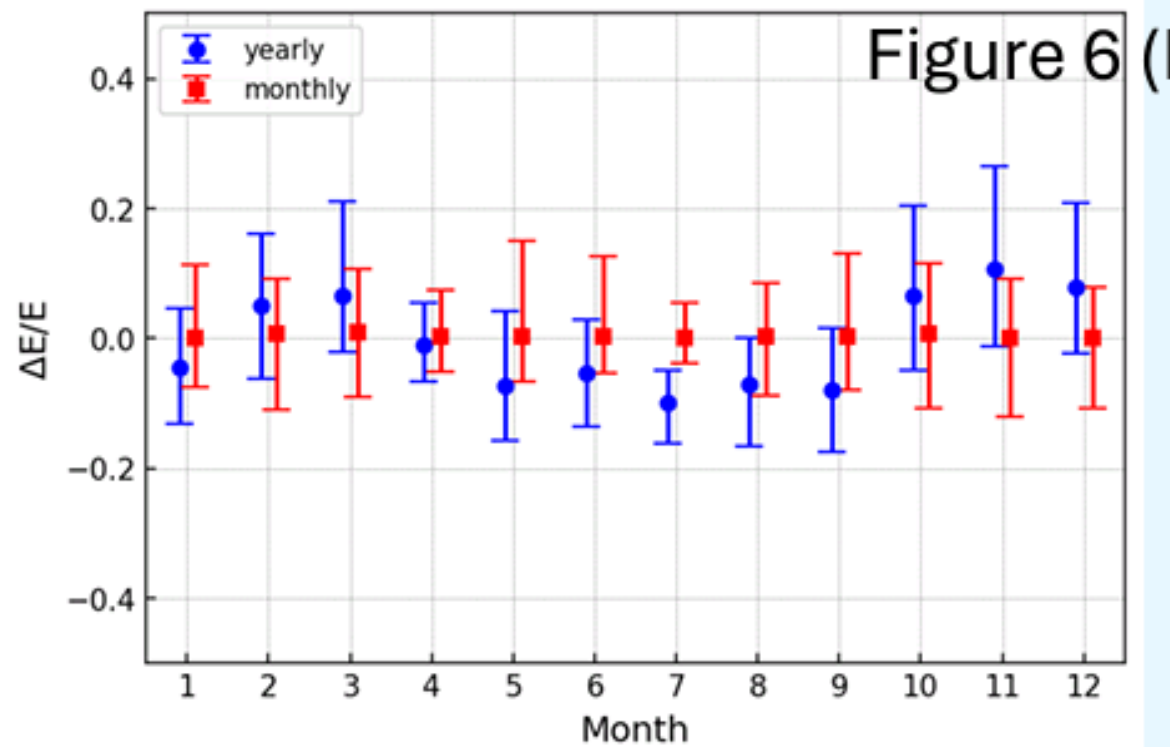
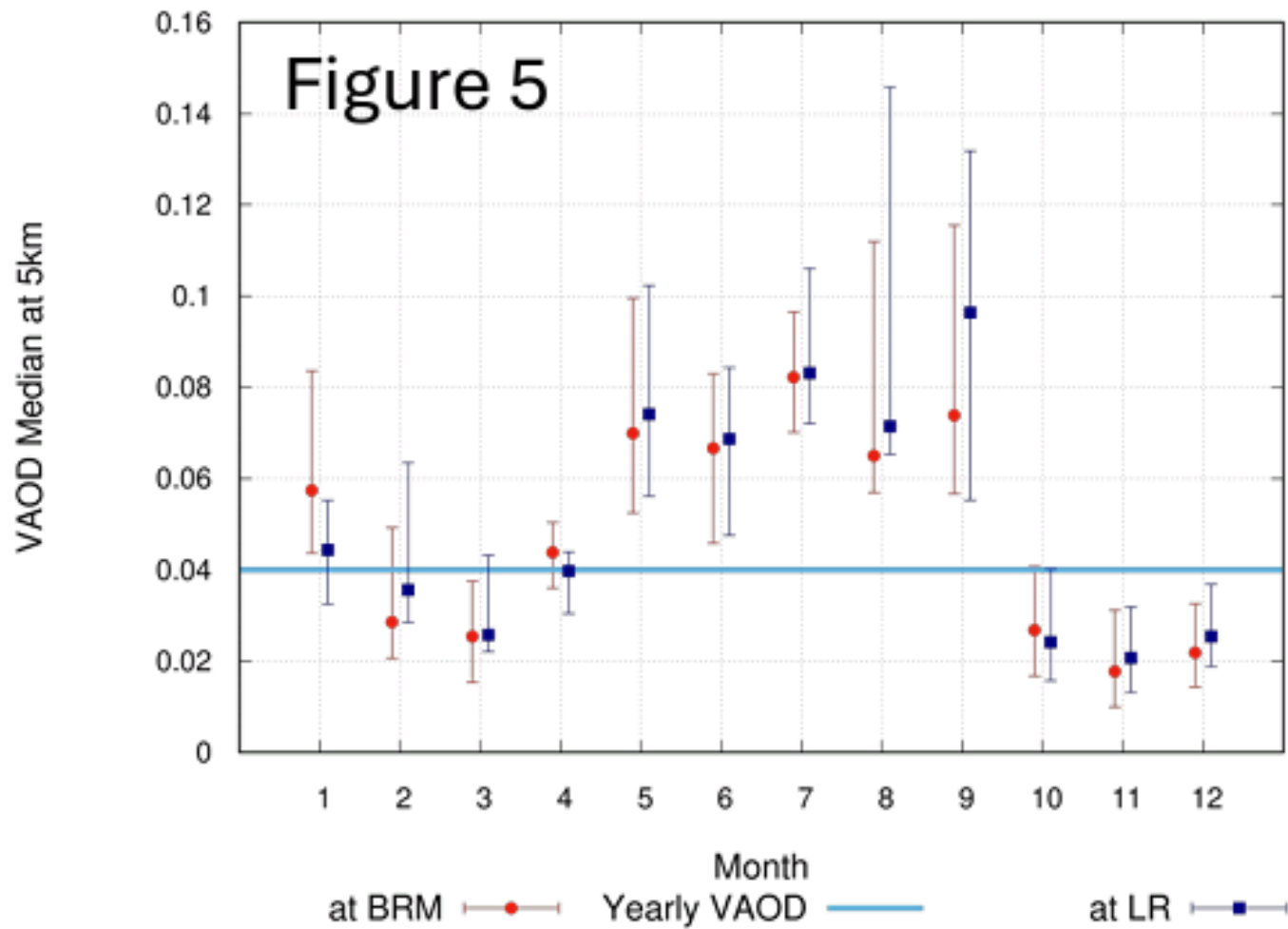
Opt-copter

- UV light source and RTK-GPS on a drone for TA-FD pointing direction calibration
- RTK-GPS: 10-cm positioning accuracy, 0.02 degrees pointing accuracy
- Update the PMT pointing directions instead of star-tracking methods

	FD00	FD01	FD02	FD03	FD04	FD05	FD06	FD07	FD08	FD09	FD10	FD11
Δ Azimuth [deg.]	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.01	-0.04	0.01	-0.05	-0.02	0.01
Δ Elevation [deg.]	0.11	-0.04	0.02	-0.03	-0.04	-0.12	-0.05	-0.14	-0.12	-0.19	-0.14	-0.15

Table 1. The results of FD pointing analysis at BRM station (2018)



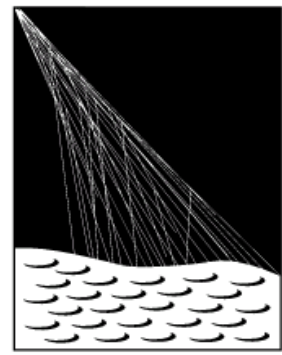


Analysis Technique Talks

- M.P. Shahvar, NN identification of highly inclined muons in WCD
- V. Varma: Evaluating the Composition Purity using X_{\max} and muon density
- E. Rodriguez: NN for photon search with AugerPrime
- C. Koyama: Inclined shower reconstruction with TAx4 SD
- S. Hahn: Machine-learning analysis for Auger
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Machine learning-based analyses using surface detector data of the Pierre Auger Observatory

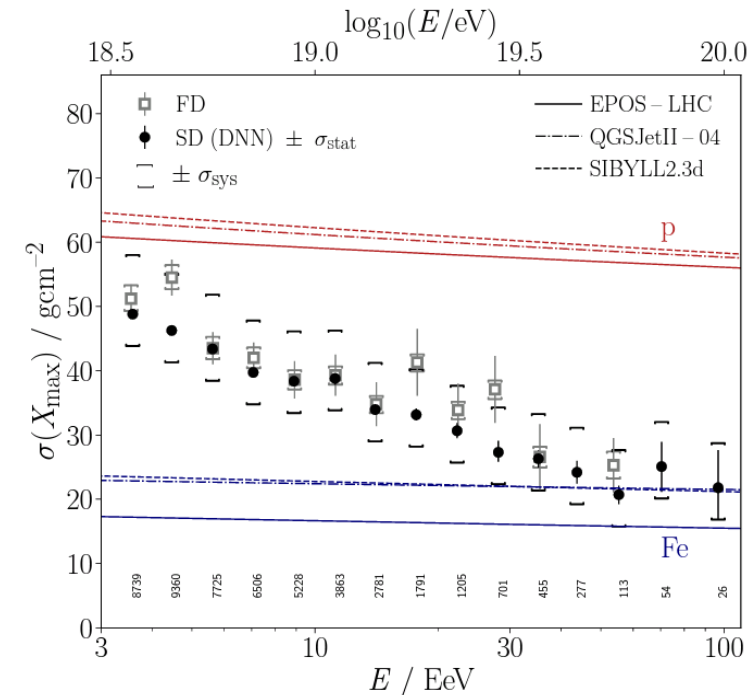
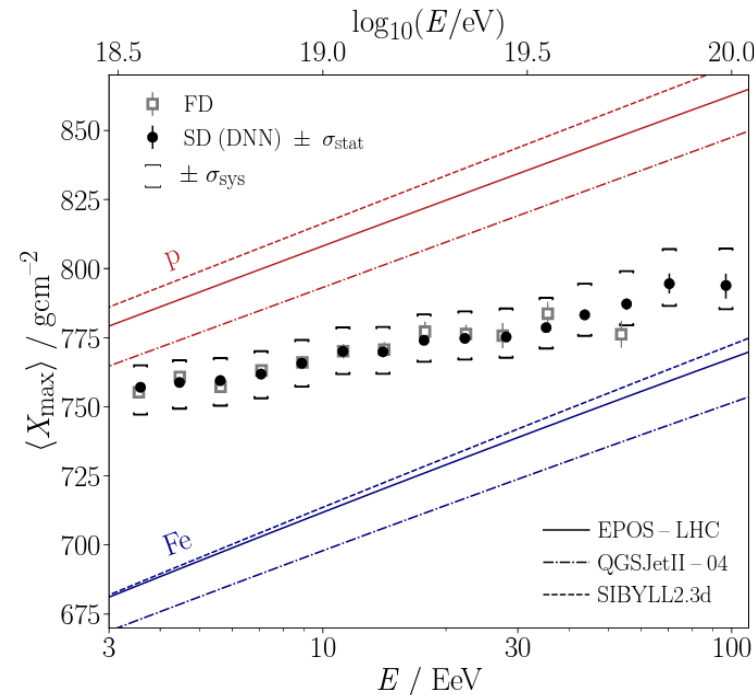
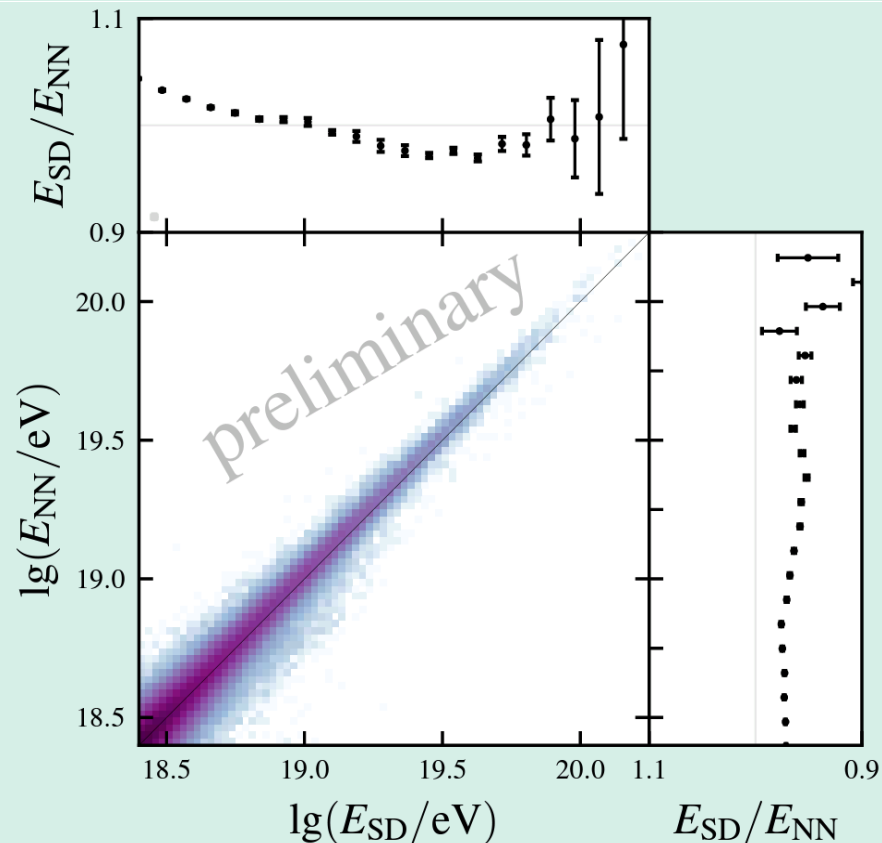
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Shortend abstract

To analyze the complex spatio-temporal data from air shower footprints detected by the Pierre Auger Observatory, machine learning-based algorithms are used to complement traditional methods. These algorithms help extract mass-sensitive observables, such as the number of secondary muons and the (atmospheric) depth of the shower maximum, from the surface detectors, improving the precision of UHECR mass estimates with an uptime of nearly 100%. The machine learning-based analyses perform exceptionally well in simulations and show, after calibration, excellent results when applied to measurements.



Analysis of Inclined Air Shower Events Observed by the TA × 4 SD



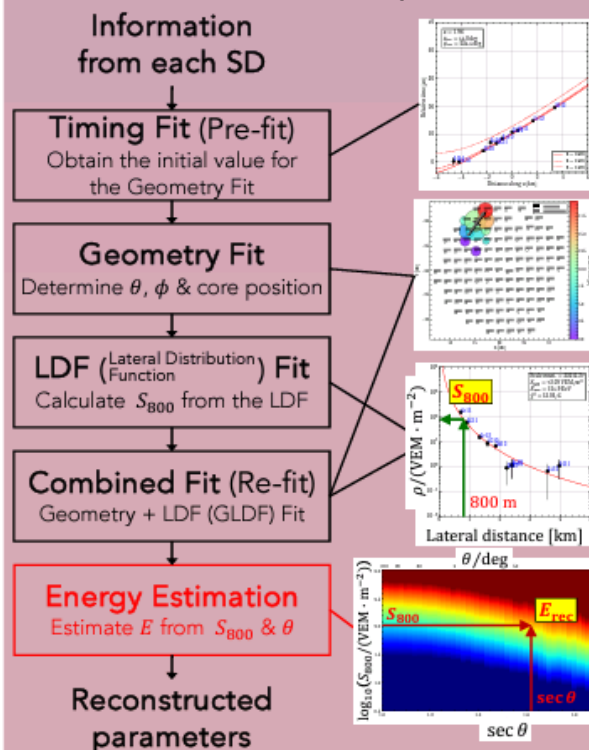
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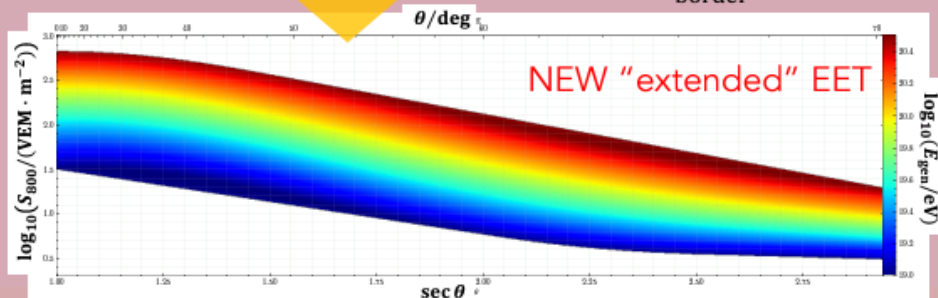
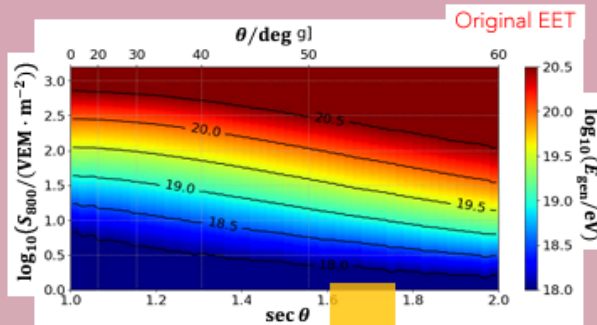


Extension of the reconstruction method

Event reconstruction process



It was necessary to extend the **energy estimation table** (EET) used to the large zenith angle region for reconstructing inclined events. Using an enhanced method, we extended the EET generated from the MC simulation to $\theta = 70^\circ$



MC simulation dataset

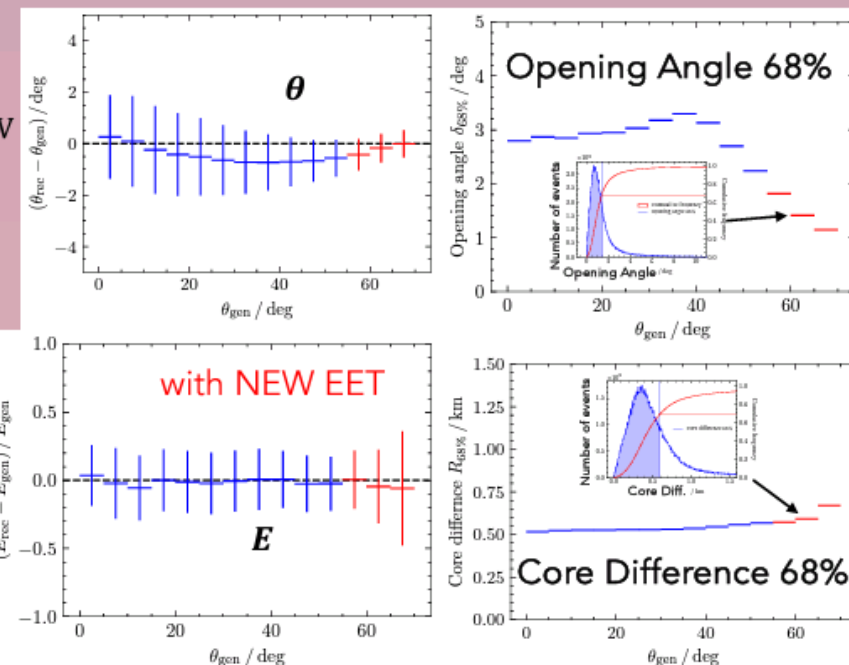
- pure proton, QGSJETII-04
- $10^{17.5} \text{ eV} \leq E_{\text{gen}} \leq 10^{20.5} \text{ eV}$
- $0^\circ \leq \theta_{\text{gen}} \leq 70^\circ$

Selection criteria

- $N_{\text{SD}} \geq 5$
- reduced $\chi^2 \leq 4$
- $\sigma_{S_{800}} / S_{800} \leq 0.5$
- $\sigma_{\text{point direc.}} \leq 6^\circ$
- $D_{\text{border}} \geq 400 \text{ m}$

Evaluation of reconstruction accuracies

Reconstruction accuracies of each parameter are evaluated for each zenith angle (Below are ex. of $10^{20.1} \text{ eV}$).



No significant bias in the large zenith angle region

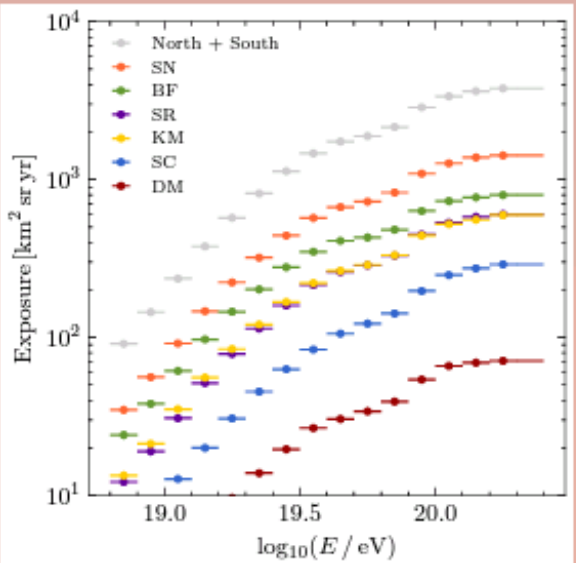
Measurement of energy spectra

Cosmic Ray Flux

$$J_i = \frac{\sum_{\text{s.a.}} \frac{(N_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Data}})_i}{\Delta E_i}}{\sum_{\text{s.a.}} \left[\frac{(N_{\text{rec}}^{\text{MC}}(E_{\text{rec}}))_i}{(N_{\text{gen}}^{\text{MC}}(E_{\text{gen}}))_i} A_{\text{gen}} \Omega_{\text{gen}} T \right]}$$

Effective exposure considering bin to bin migration (TA 11yr spectra was assumed)

	TA × 4 North array			TA × 4 South array		
Sub-array	KM	DM	SN	BF	SR	SC
Array area [km ²]	~120	~40	~230	~150	~140	~110
# of days T [days]	1120	1102	1120	1093	1120	1120



Exposure values were smaller in the highest energy bin than in the lower energy bins (Because the highest energy of the EET was not covered, the highest energy bins are extrapolated values are used assuming flat exposure).

Comparison on the numbers of events of observed data $N_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Data}}$ with $E \geq 10^{18.8}$ eV

TA × 4 SD original analysis
(Criteria : $\theta \leq 55^\circ$)
 $N_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Data}} = 186$

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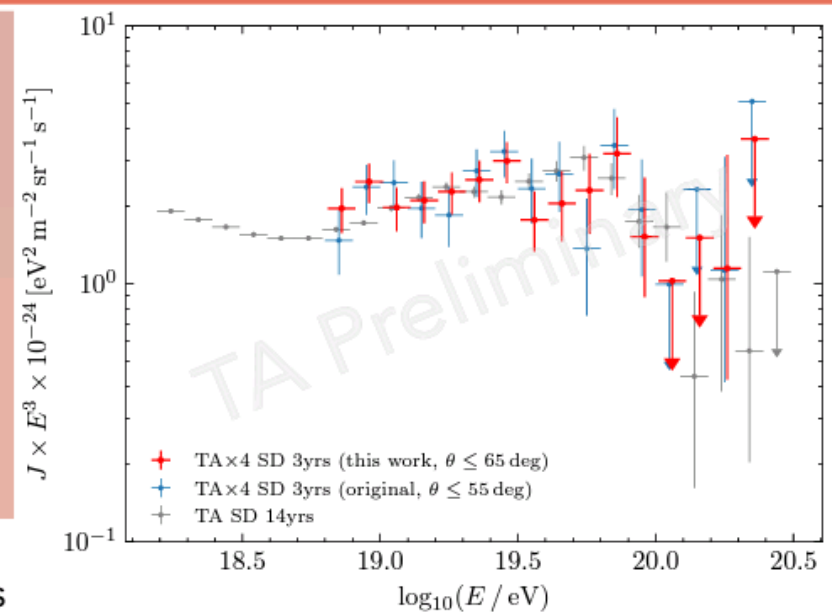
This work
(Criteria : $\theta \leq 65^\circ$)
 $N_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Data}} = 259$

1.4 × increase in statistics **

** This is larger than expected increase from expansion of aperture associated with extension of the zenith angle (By extension from $\theta = 55^\circ$ to 65° , aperture expands $\sim 1.2 \times$ larger). This is because events in low-energy region where reconstruction efficiency is not 100% are more likely to be reconstructed in the large zenith angle region.

than in the lower energy region (reconstruction efficiency is too low), so that

Good agreements with previous analysis

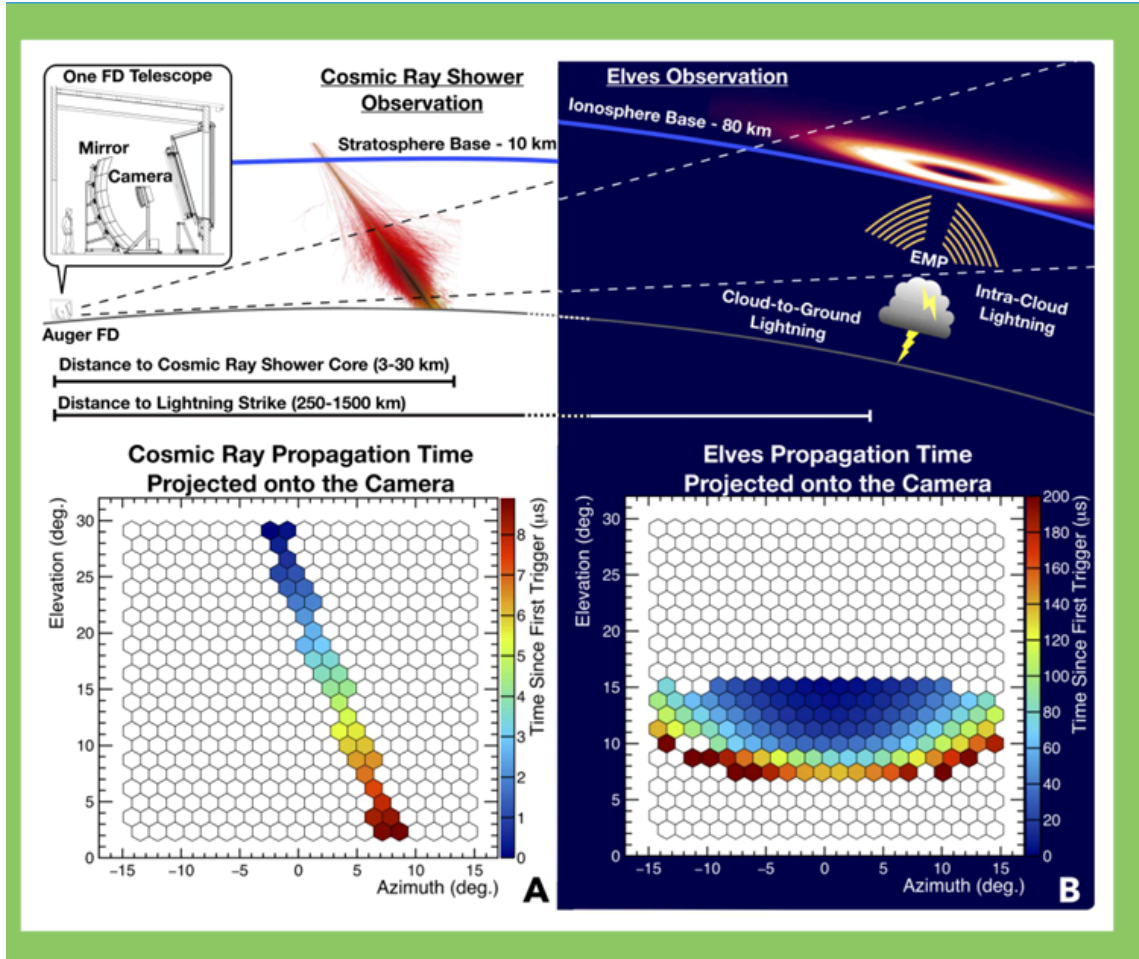


Atmospheric Studies

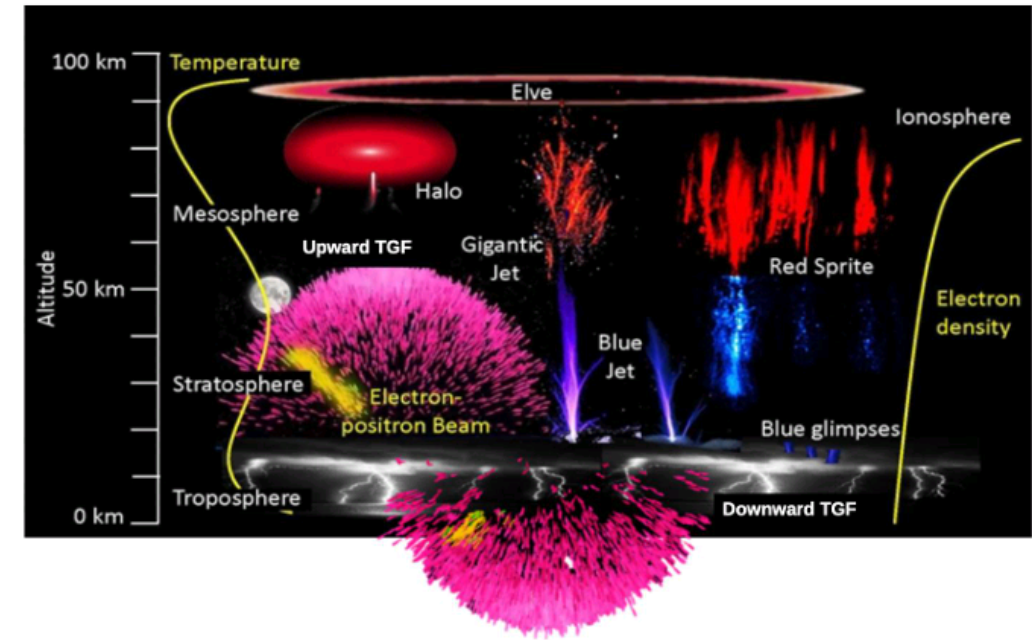
- L. Valore and M. Busken: Upgrade of atmospheric monitoring system of Auger
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Results and prospects in atmospheric electricity studies and solar physics at the Pierre Auger Observatory

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Types of Transient Luminous Events (TLE)



Thunderstorms are the most energetic natural particle accelerators on Earth. Very bright events are produced in coincidence with lightning and the Pierre Auger Observatory proved to be a unique instrument to study these phenomena.

New Detectors

- A. Elsenhans et al: ANDESPix: A digital SiPM for ANDES muon detectors
- T. Sako: ALPACA and ALPAQUITA
- L. Lavitola: MultiPMT detectors for SWGO
- B. Flaggs and I. Maris: Layered WCD for next generation arrays
- B. Errico: GRAND@Auger
- Y. Kawachi: TALE-infill array

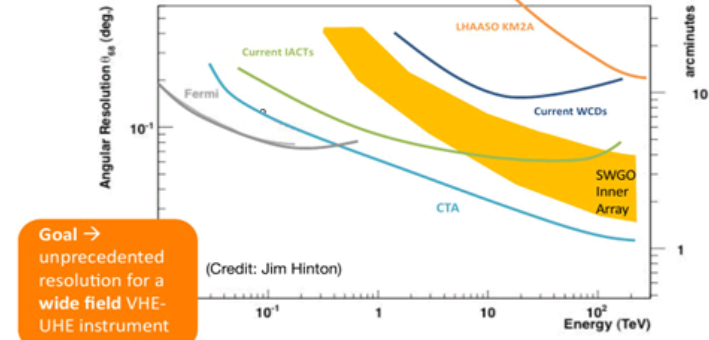
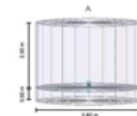
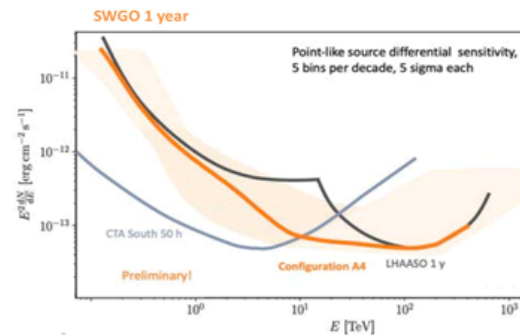
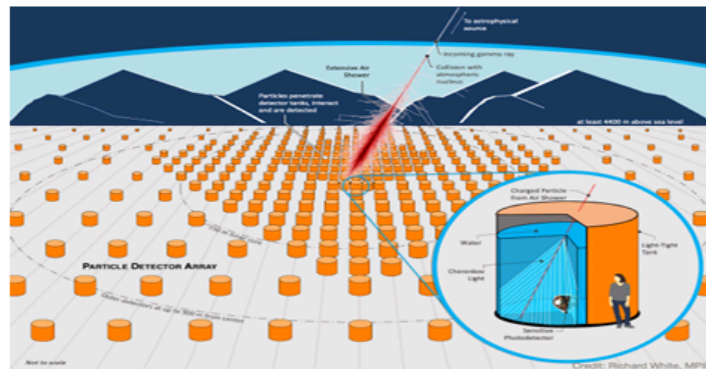
A proposal for a multiPMT detector in the Southern hemisphere wide field of view gamma-ray observatory (SWGO)

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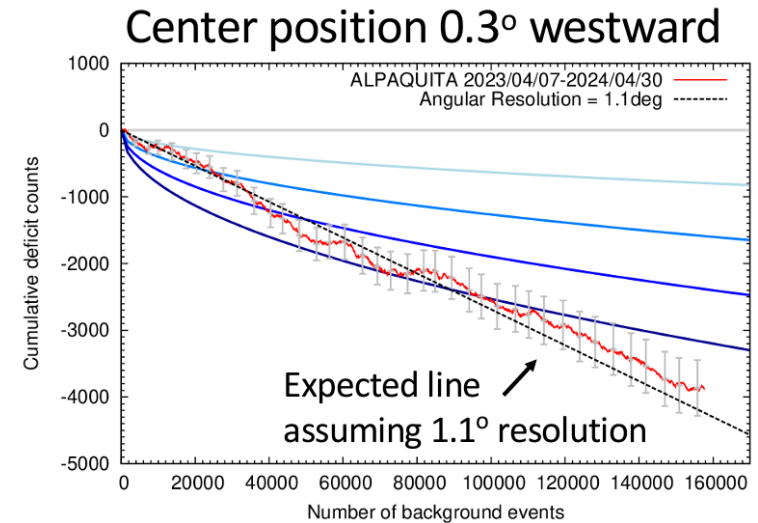
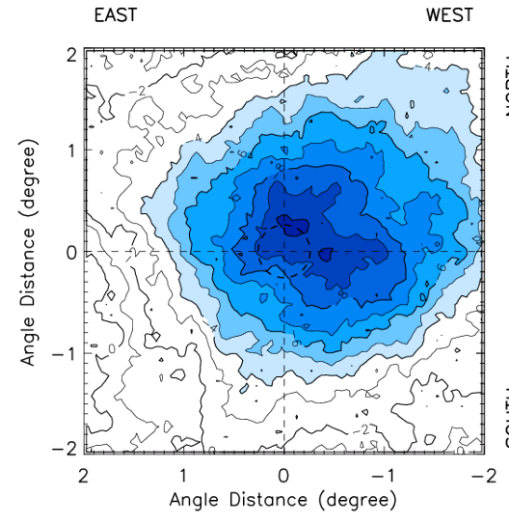
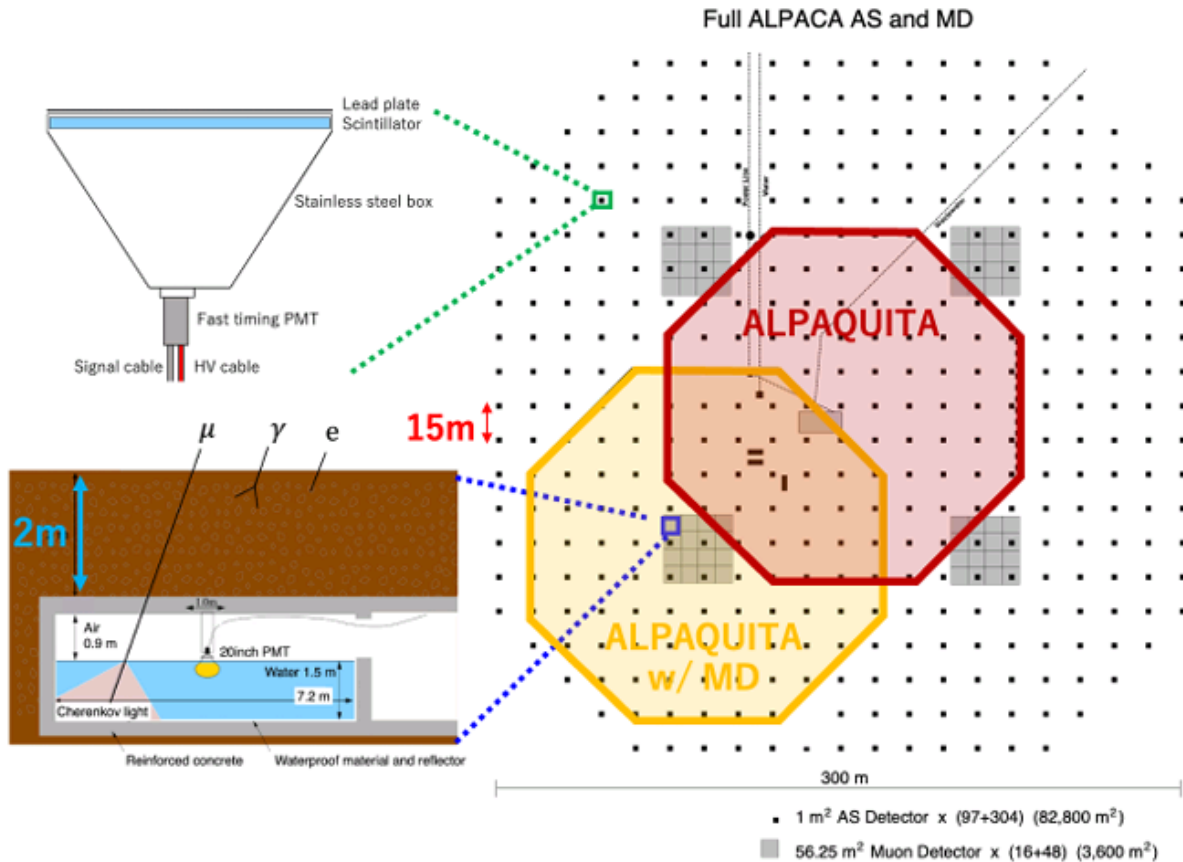
SWGO will be a new ground-based gamma-ray observatory in the southern hemisphere. It will be based on water Cherenkov detectors and it is proposed to complement existing Northern instruments like HAWC, Tibet-ASg, and LHAASO. The selected site is Pampa la Bola in Chile, at 4770 m, in the Atacama Astronomical Park, featuring a high fill-factor core detector with enhanced sensitivity and a low-density outer Array. This observatory will cover energies from 100s of GeV to PeV, offering near 100% duty cycle and wide field of view. This includes mapping large-scale gamma-ray emissions, accessing the Galactic Centre, and supporting transient and multi-messenger astronomy, with significant potential for cosmic-ray studies and anisotropy detection.



ALPACA project to observe sub-PeV gamma-ray sky in the southern hemisphere



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Outreaches

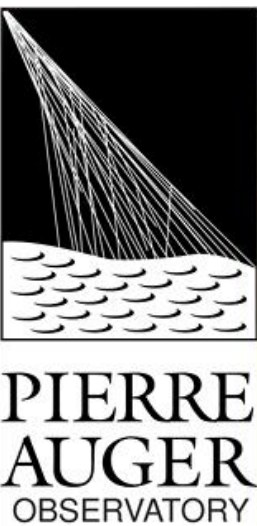
- B. Garcia: Communicating astroparticle physics with the public
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The Pierre Auger Observatory Open Data

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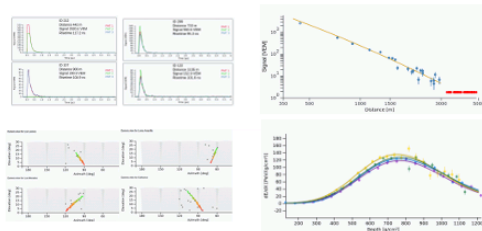
The Open Data Portal

Datasets

- 10% **cosmic ray dataset**:
 - ~ 81000 events collected by the surface detector (SD) in the time period 2004-2018 used in 2019 ICRC in Madison, USA
 - SD1500 m array events above full efficiency threshold, zenith angle < 80° → 80% coverage of the
 - SD750 m events above 0.1 EeV, zenith angle < 40°
 - ~ 3300 hybrid events, collected simultaneously with the fluorescence detector (FD), and selected according to specific analyses

JSON files containing **calibrated data** for each event: surface detector stations with their photo-multiplier traces

CSV files containing **high-level info** with reconstructed parameters



Reconstruction of the highest energy hybrid event in the released UHECR catalog: surface detector (top) and fluorescence detector data and reconstruction (bottom)

- 100% **atmospheric data**: local condition parameters as pressure, temperature, humidity, and wind speed measured at the Auger site by weather stations and monitoring devices
- 100% **scaler mode data**: rates acquired by surface detector stations in low threshold particle counter mode, for space-weather studies

Data are released under the **CC BY-SA 4.0 International License**
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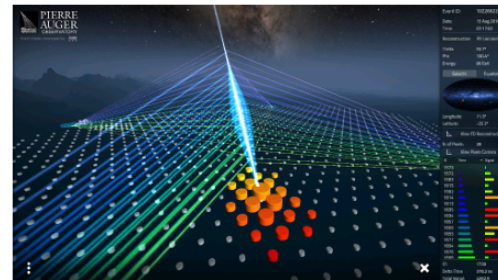
Visualization

A **user-friendly interface** for selecting and browsing each of the public events by specifying an event ID or a range of reconstructed variables, such as the energy or the zenith angle is available. The browser contains an **immersive 3D animation** from the arrival direction of the cosmic rays to the detection of the created extensive air-shower with the instruments of the Observatory.

UHECR Catalog

The events published in the catalog of the **100 highest-energy cosmic-ray events** [5] ($76 \text{ EeV} < E < 166 \text{ EeV}$) collected during Phase I of the data taking (between 2004 and 2021), along with the **9 highest-energy hybrid events** used for their calibration, are available for **inspection and download**.

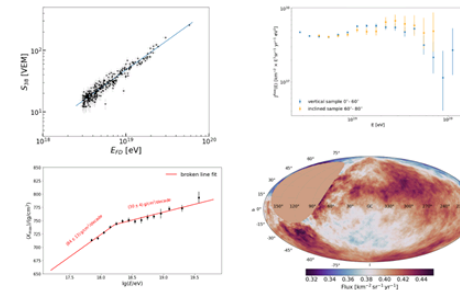
For these events, additional features can be viewed: not only the footprint at ground can be displayed, but also that on the shower plane, and besides the lateral distribution of the shower particles, the user can also see the time delays of the signals with respect to a plane shower front.



The highest energy hybrid event in the UHECR catalog: the reconstructed zenith angle is 54°, the energy 82 EeV. It triggered 22 SD stations and all FDs

Analysis

The Open Data can be analyzed using the provided **Python Jupyter Notebooks**. Tutorial examples are provided in the Portal introducing the Python programming language and its use with the Open Data. More advanced analysis codes are simplified reimplementation of parts of analyses published by the Collaboration. All the Notebooks can be downloaded or run online in a web browser via Kaggle (<https://kaggle.org>) platform.



Graphical output of the analysis notebooks: energy calibration and spectrum (top), mass composition and arrival directions (bottom)

Outreach

The Outreach section, aimed at a **wider audience** and translated into several languages, is providing a unique opportunity to share the excitement of cosmic-ray physics with **students, teachers and citizen scientists** in the general public. Built in the same spirit as the research part, with the same data, but in a **simplified format**, it is providing **exemplary tutorial and analysis tools** to understand and manipulate the released data.. An invitation to people to **explore data** and use them for their own inquiry by developing original education and outreach activities.

My Conclusions and Message

- So many significant achievements reported,
- Deserve greater attention and recognition,
- Essential to the successs of this conference.