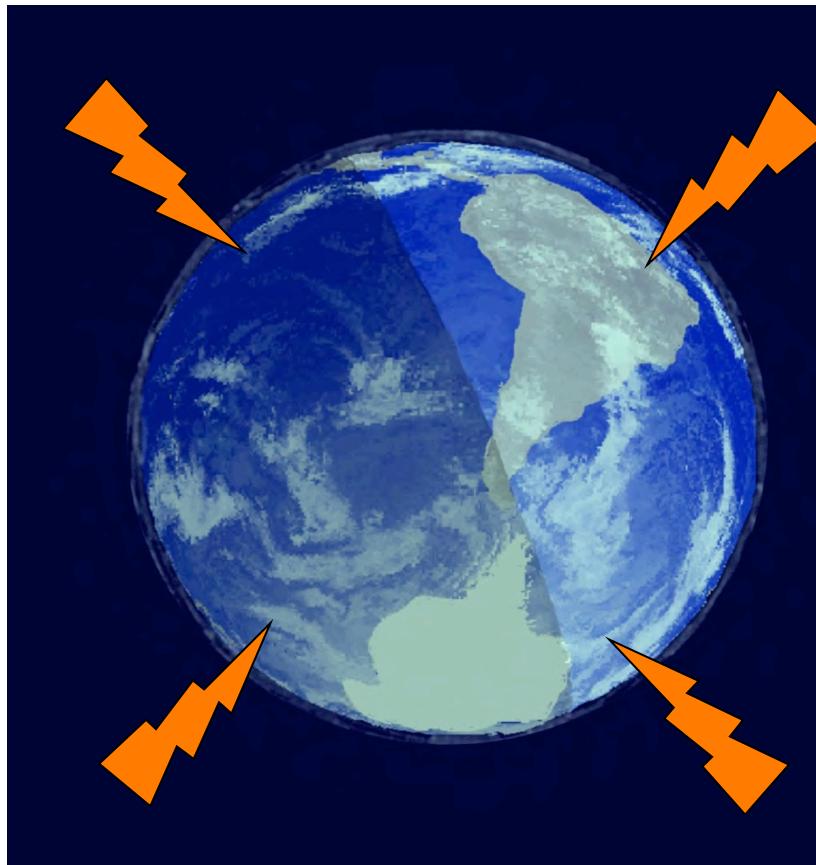


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Cosmic rays

Charged particles

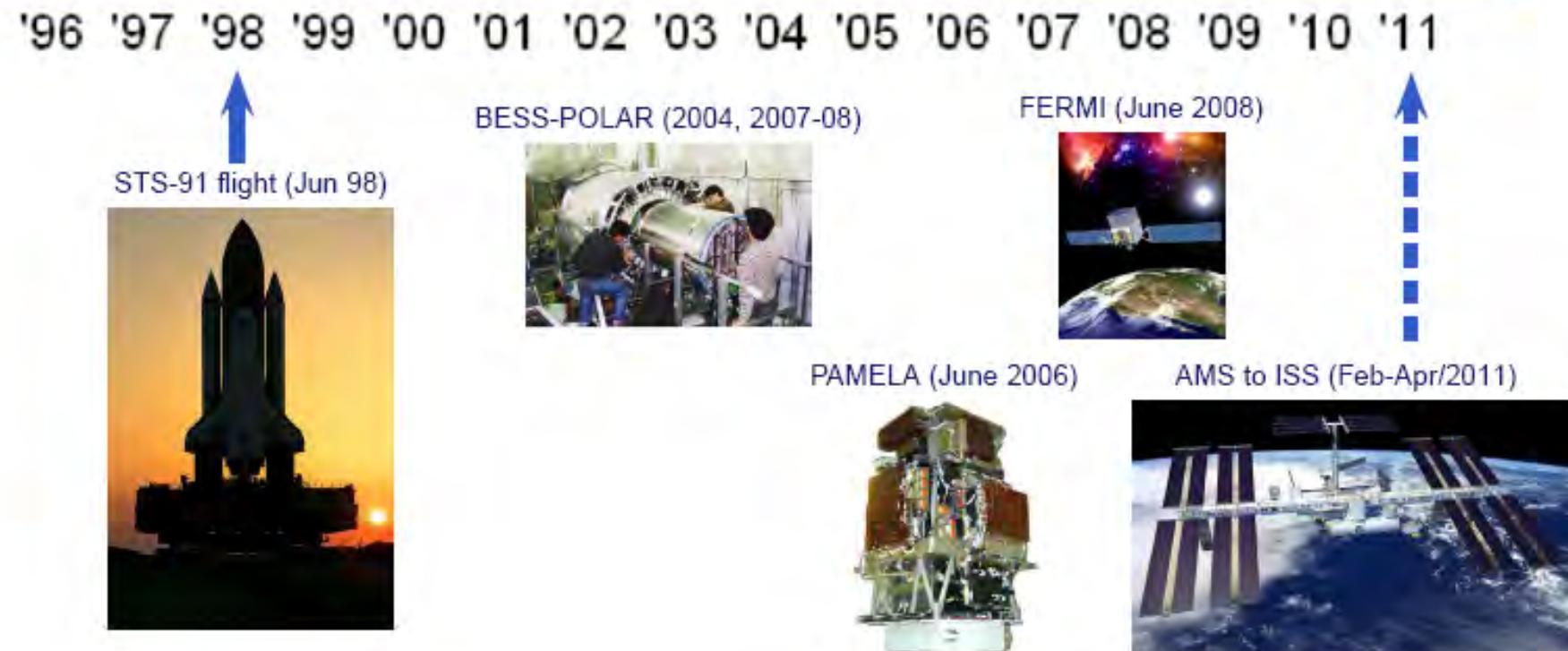
Gamma rays

Neutrinos

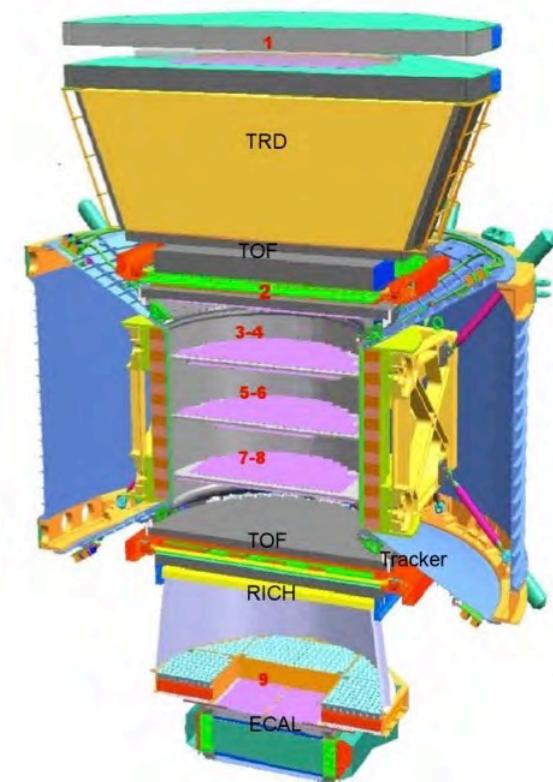
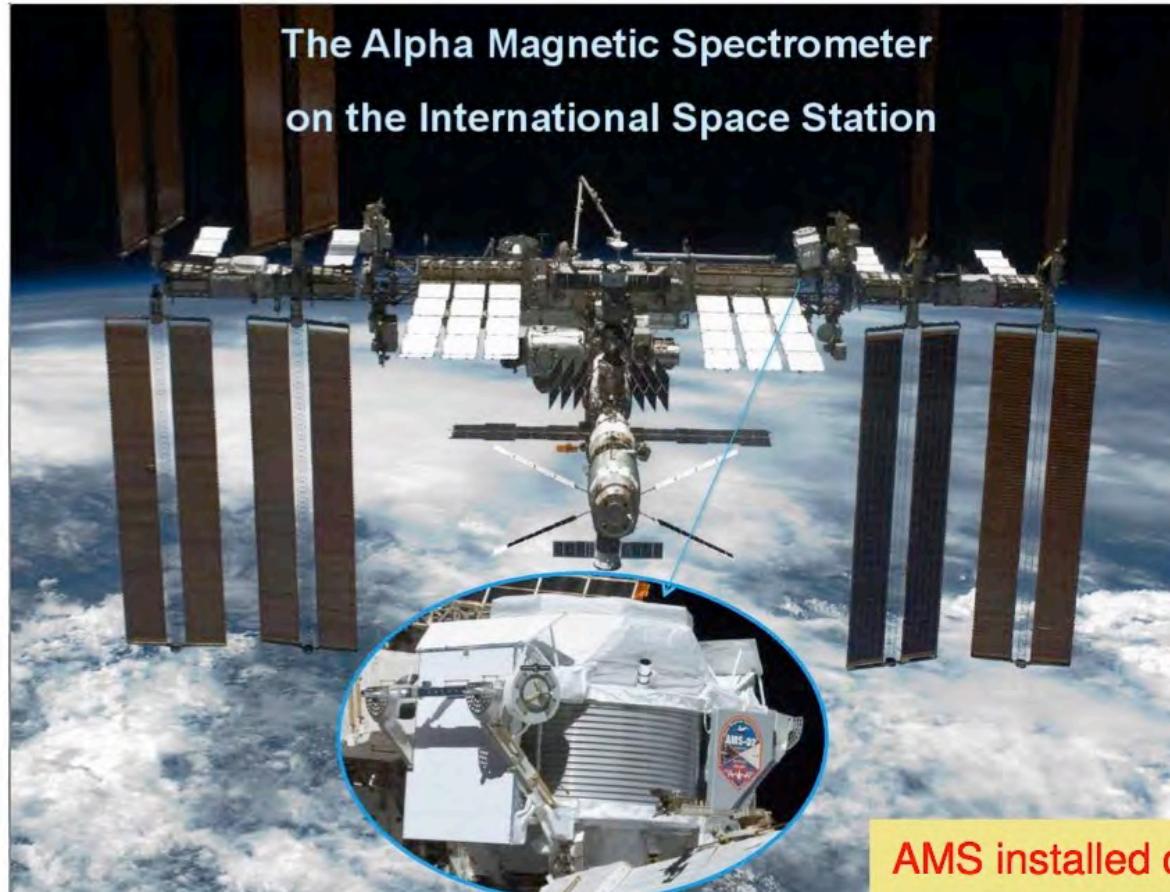
Gravitational Waves

???

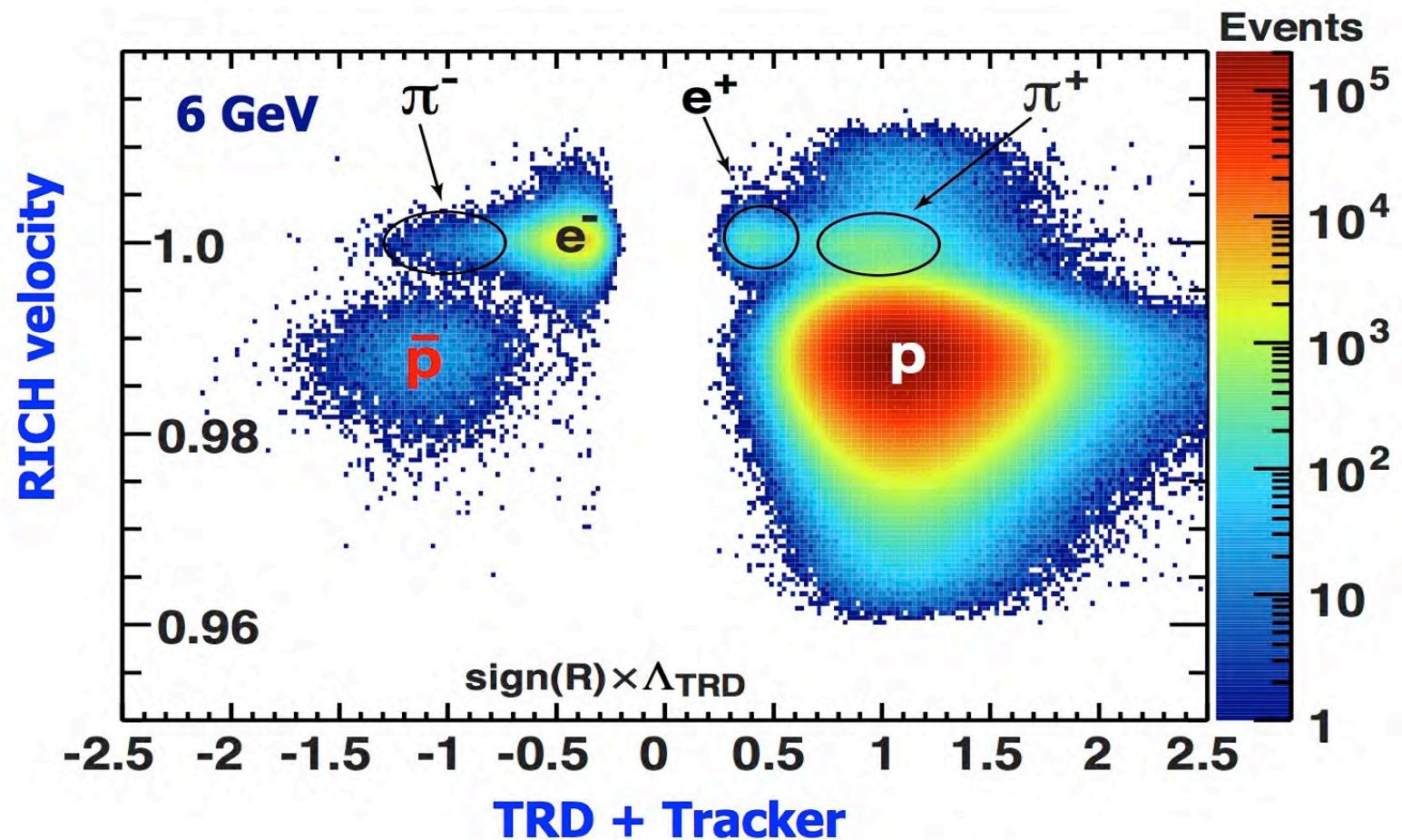
Cosmic ray detection in space



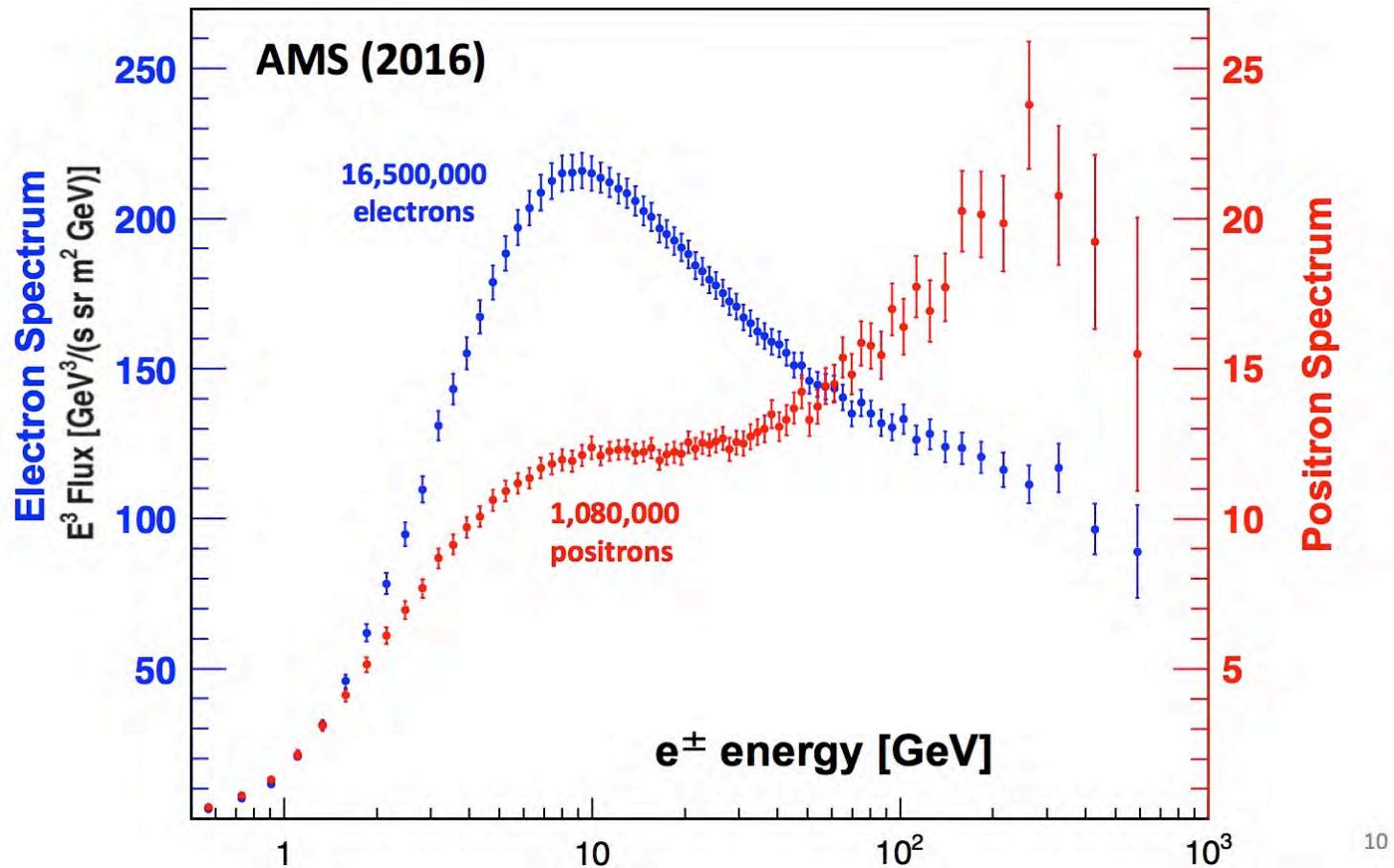
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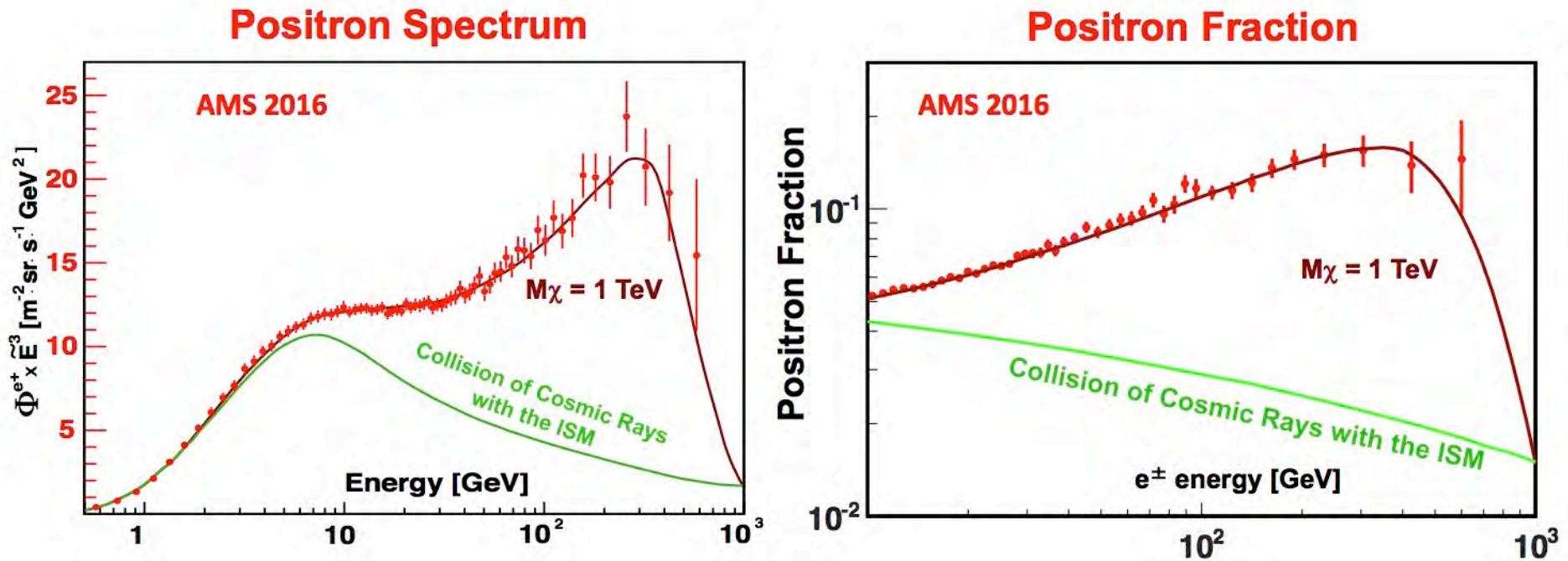
Particle identification



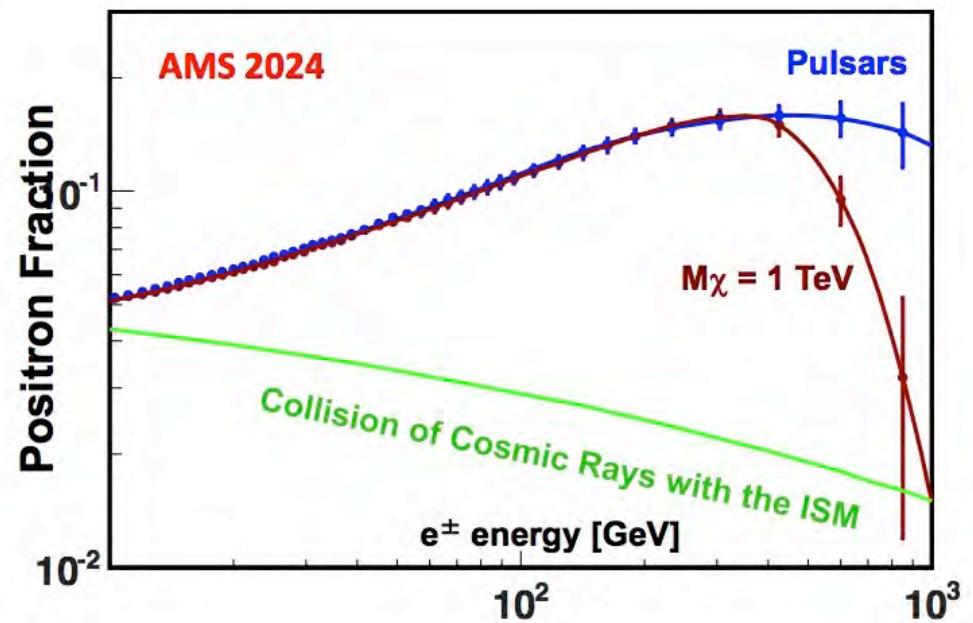
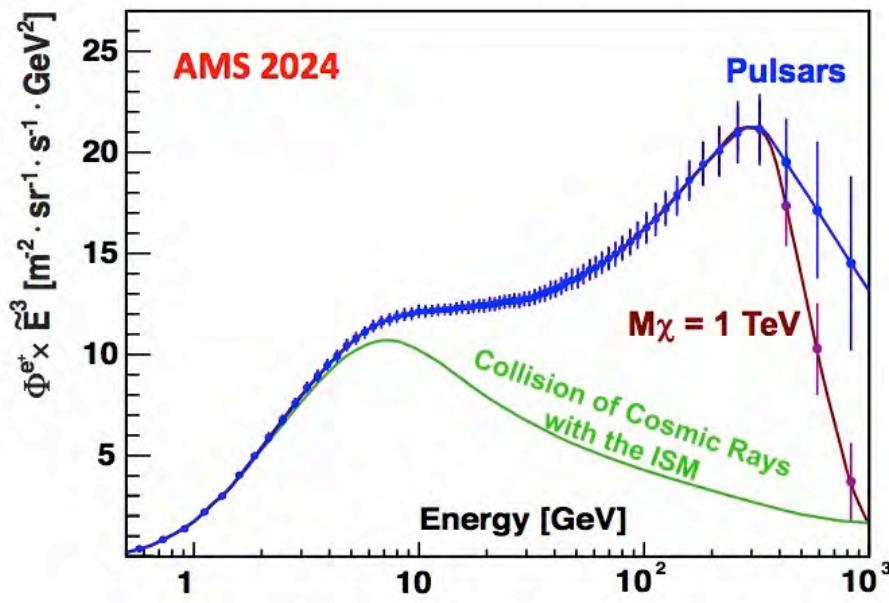
Electron, positron spectrum



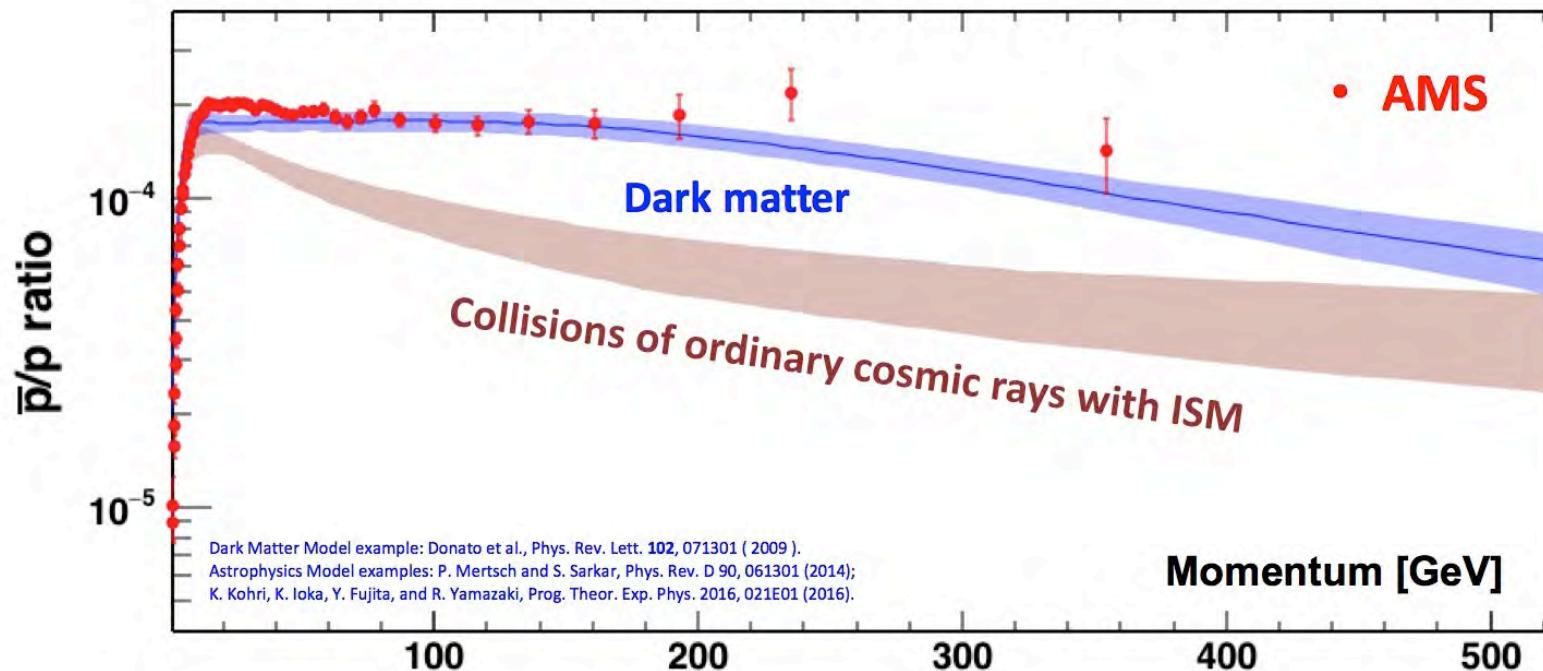
Dark matter signal?



Wait for 2024 ...

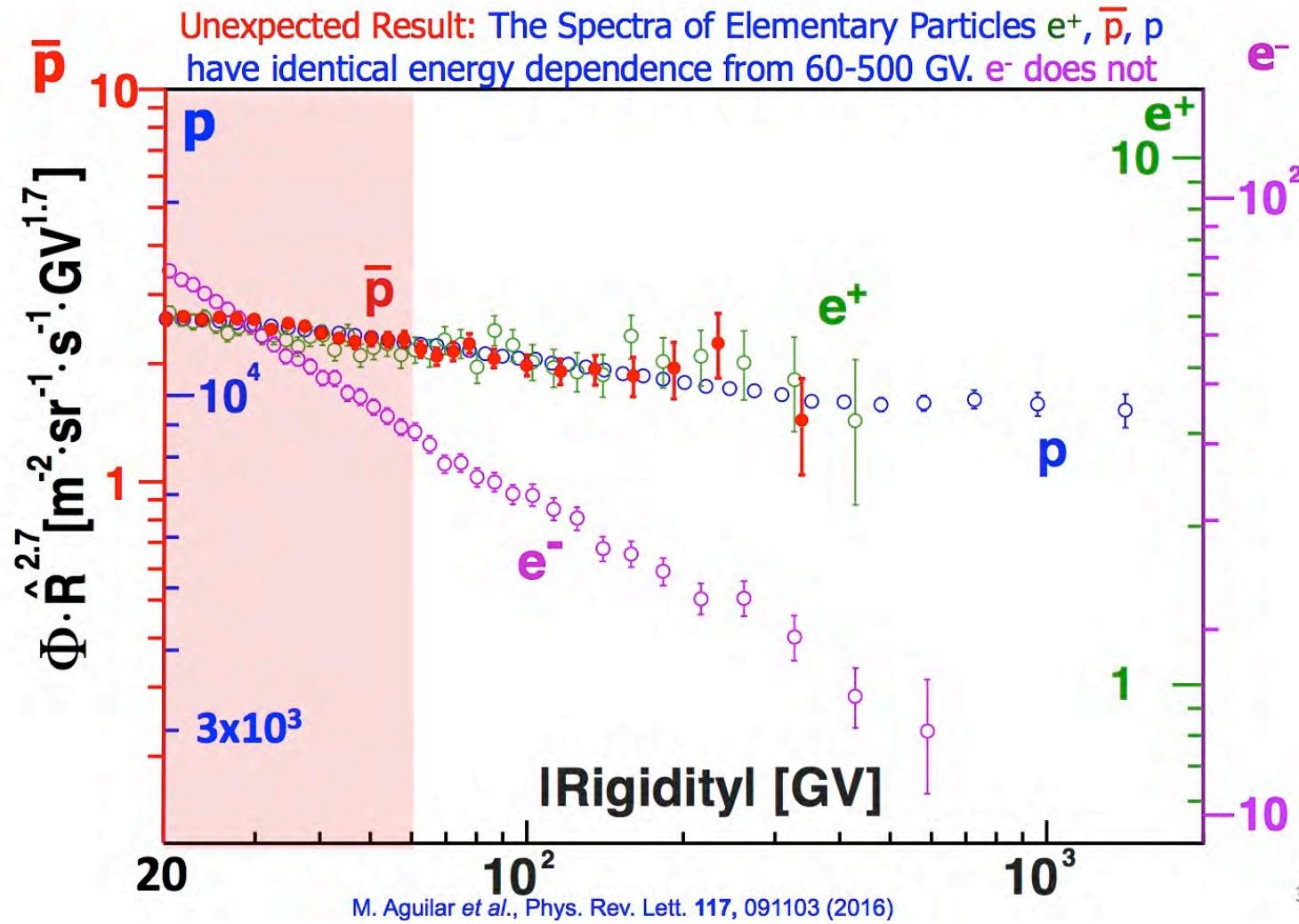


anti-proton/proton ratio

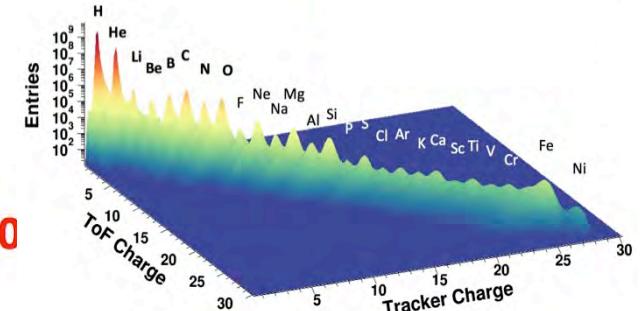
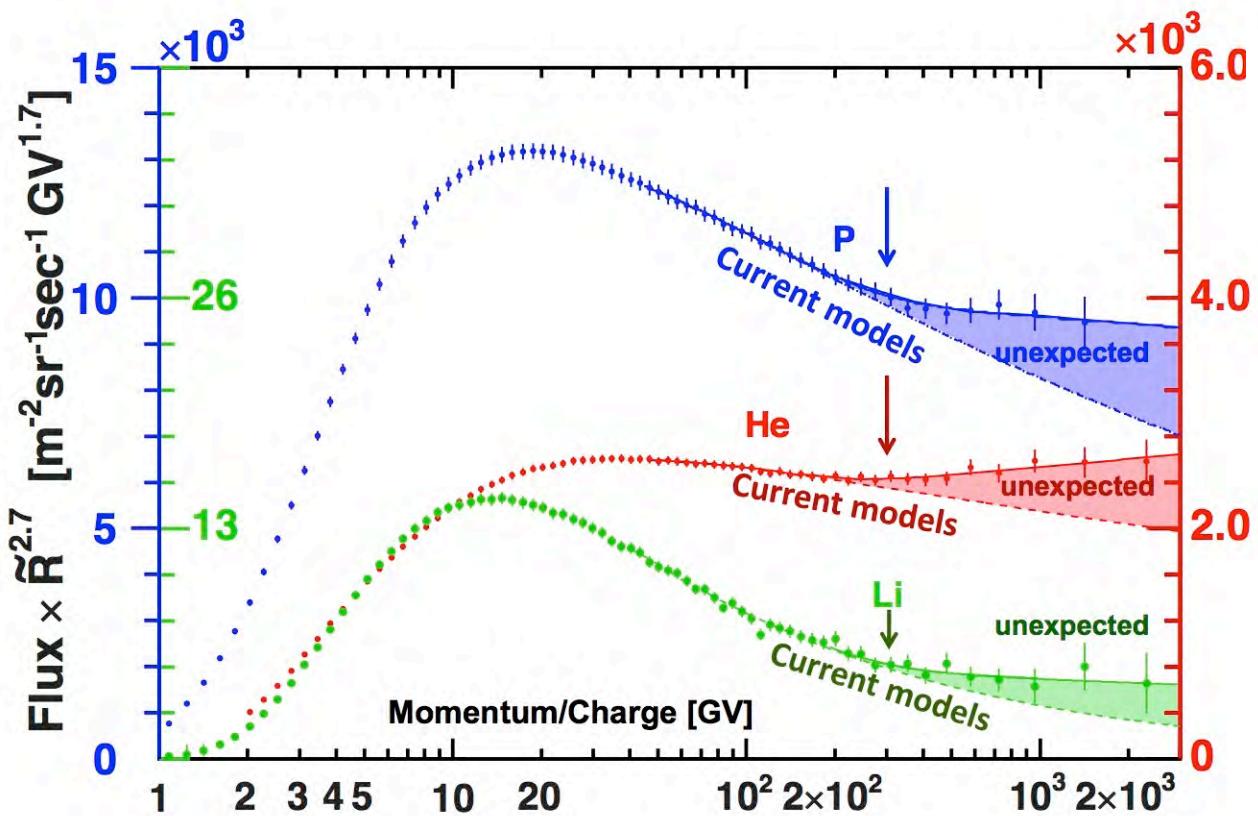


Not easily explained by pulsars ...

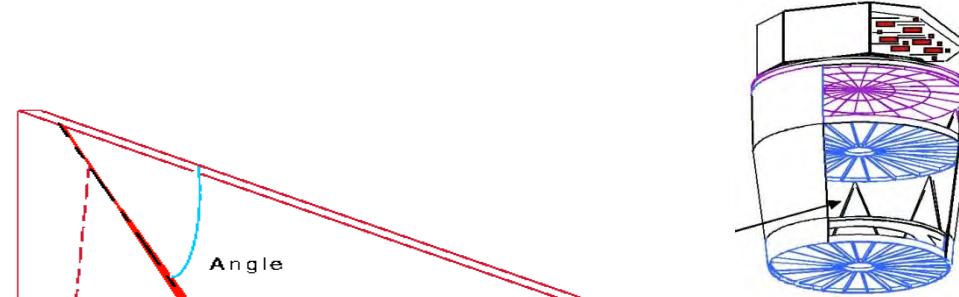
elementary particles spectra



Nuclei ...

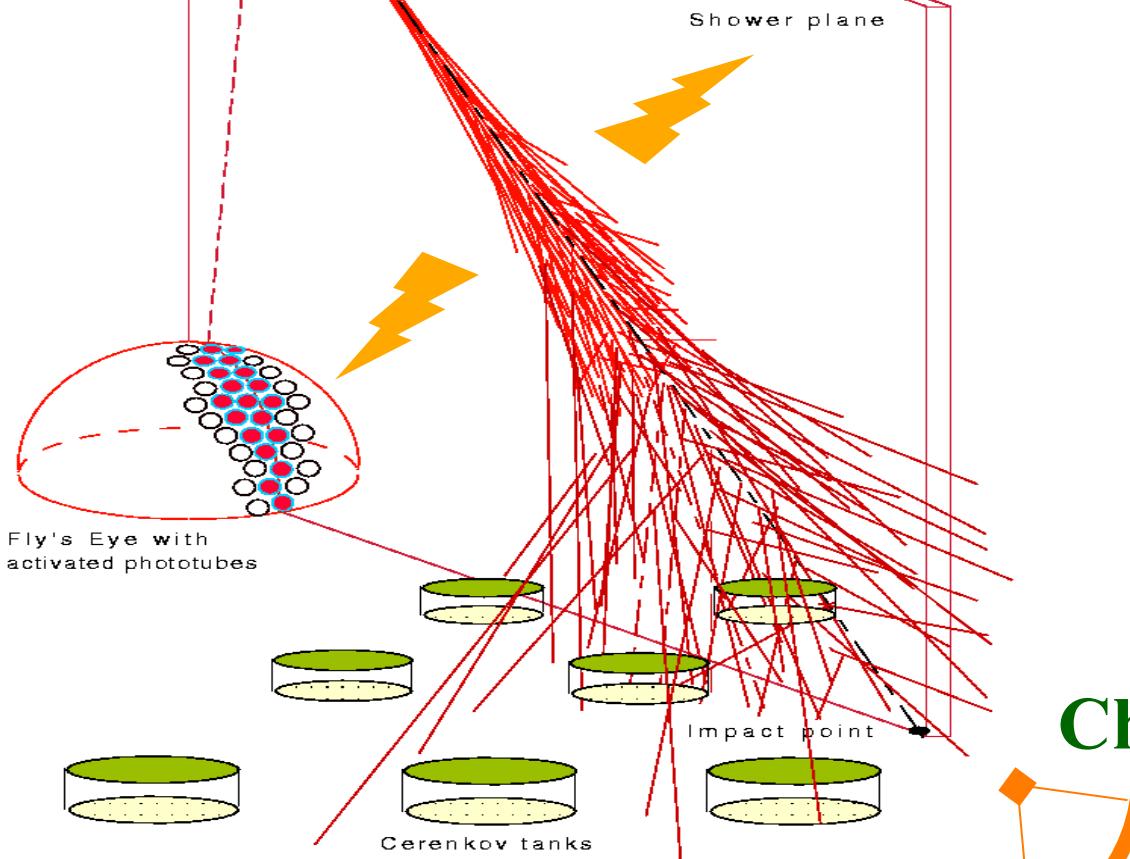


EAS detection



Fluorescence

electrons excite
 N_2 molecules



Cherenkov

Particles



Fluorescence

- EAS electrons moving in the atmosphere excite N₂ molecules
- de-excitation → fluorescence light

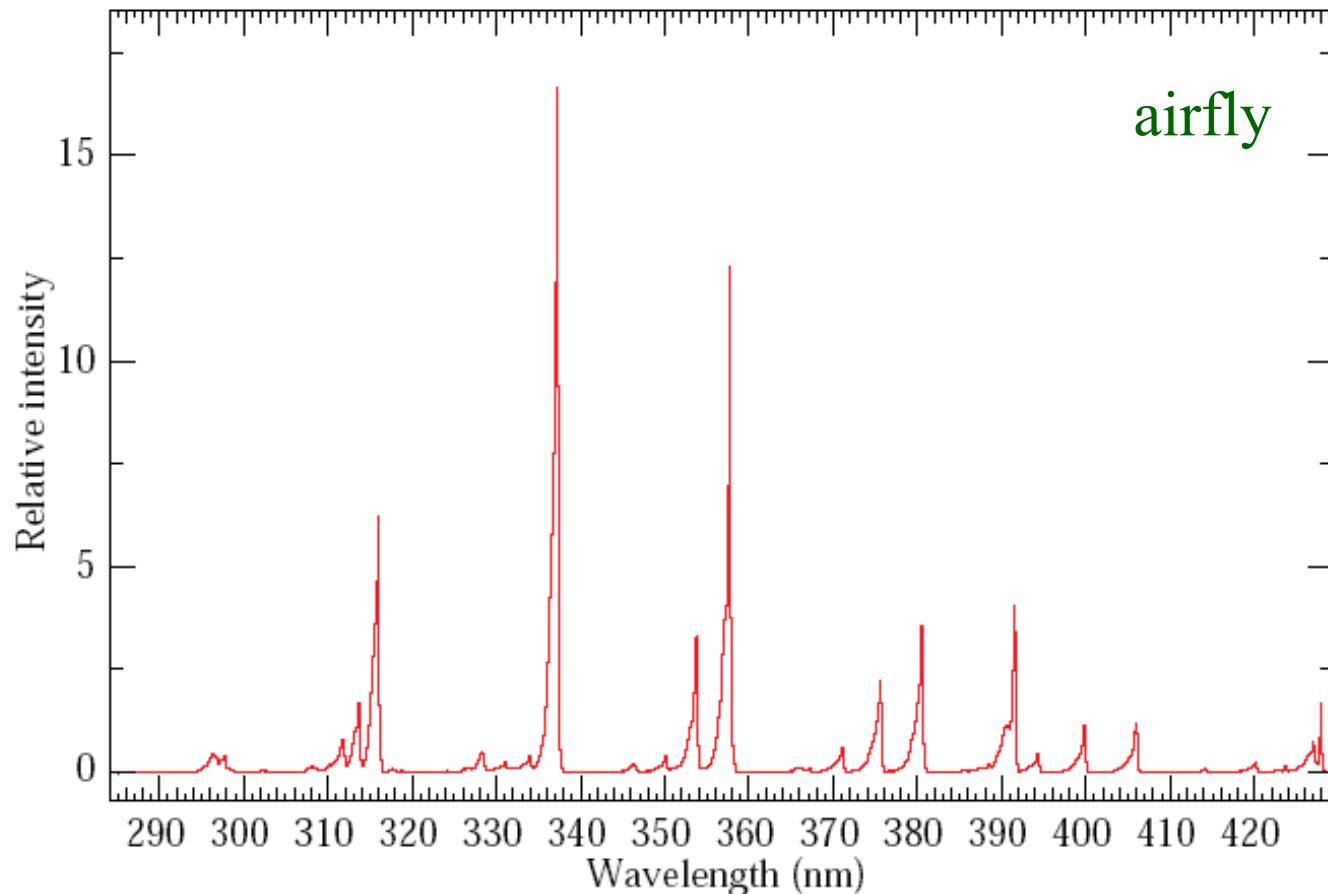


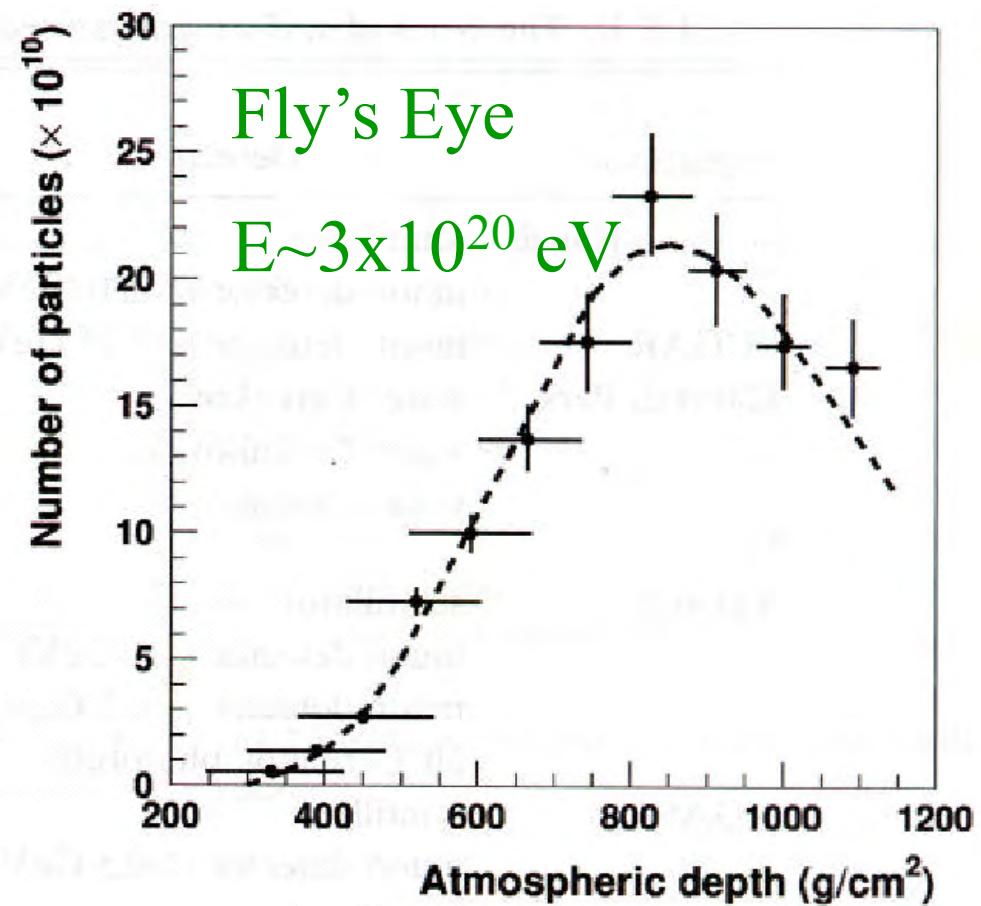
Figure 32.1: Measured fluorescence spectrum excited by 3 MeV electrons in dry air at 800 hPa and 293 K [9].

Fluorescence detectors measurements

The direction
The X_{\max}
The Energy

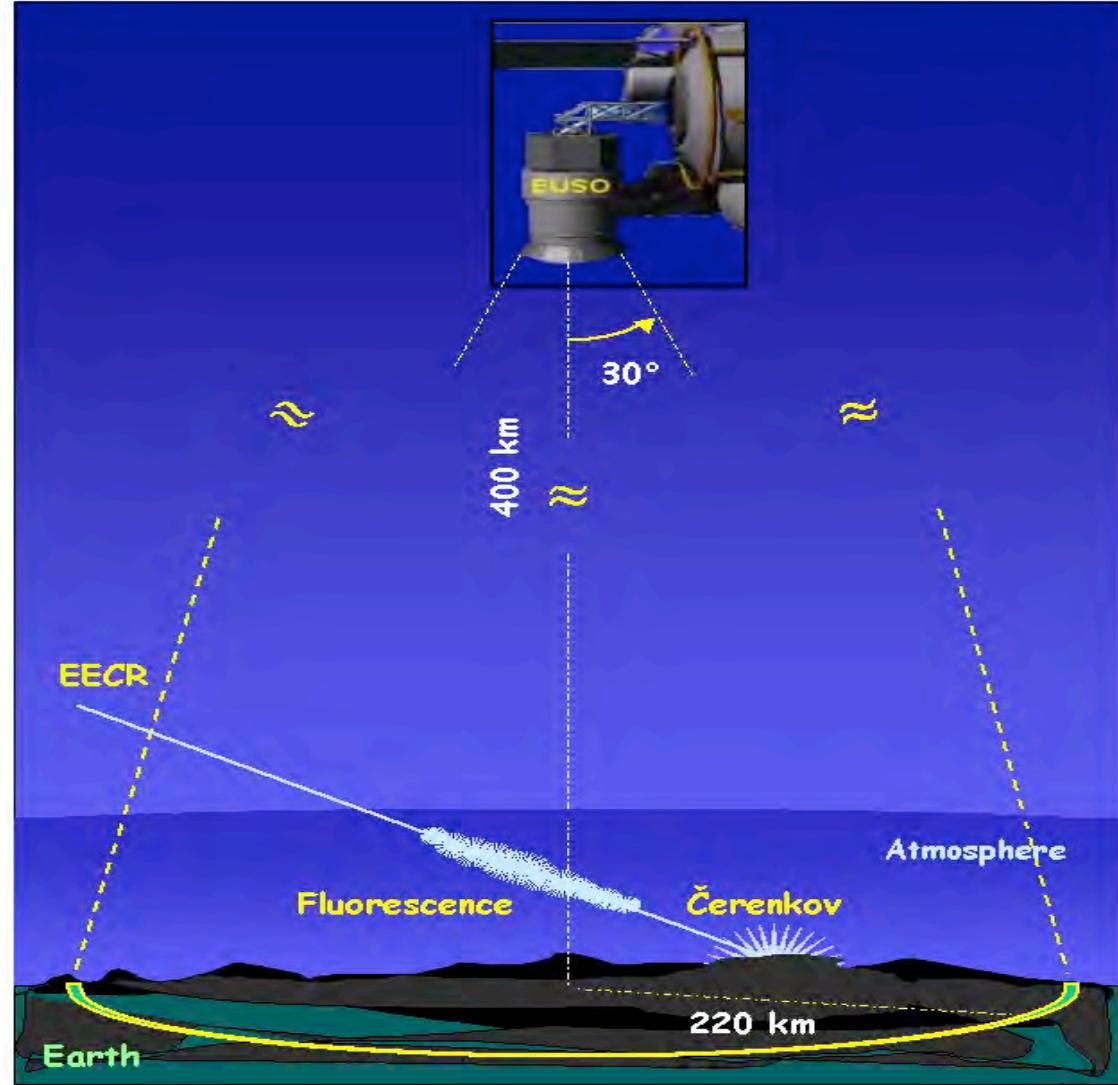
$$E \propto N_e$$

$$\propto \int N(t)$$



Fluorescence from space

JEM-EUSO



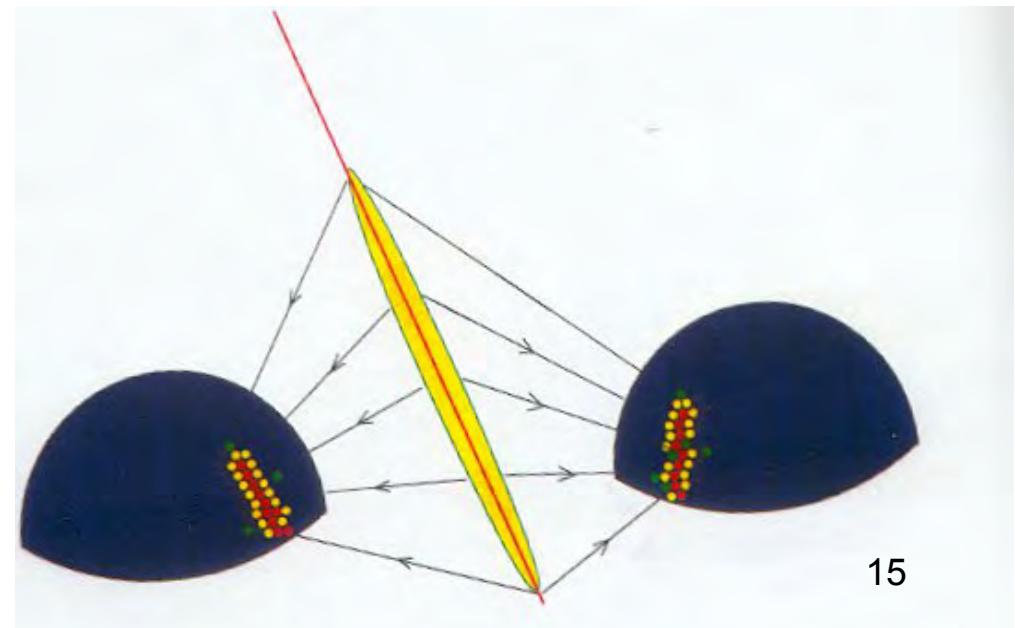
Fluorescence from Earth



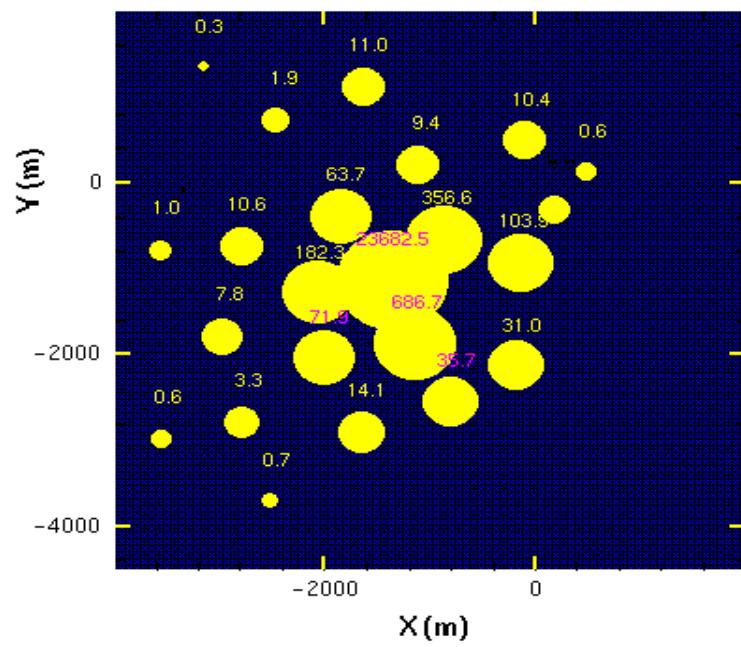
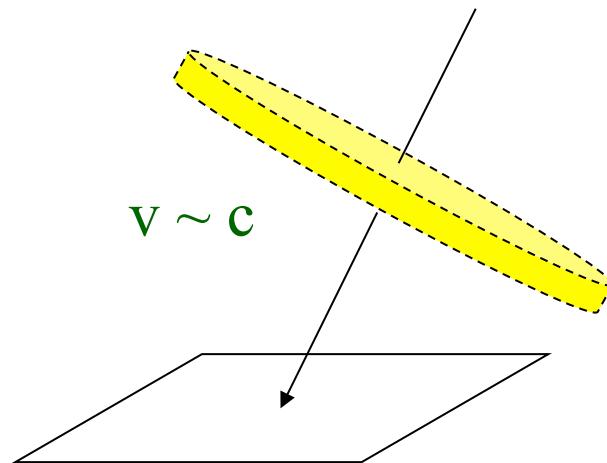
Fly's Eye



Air shower
stereo image

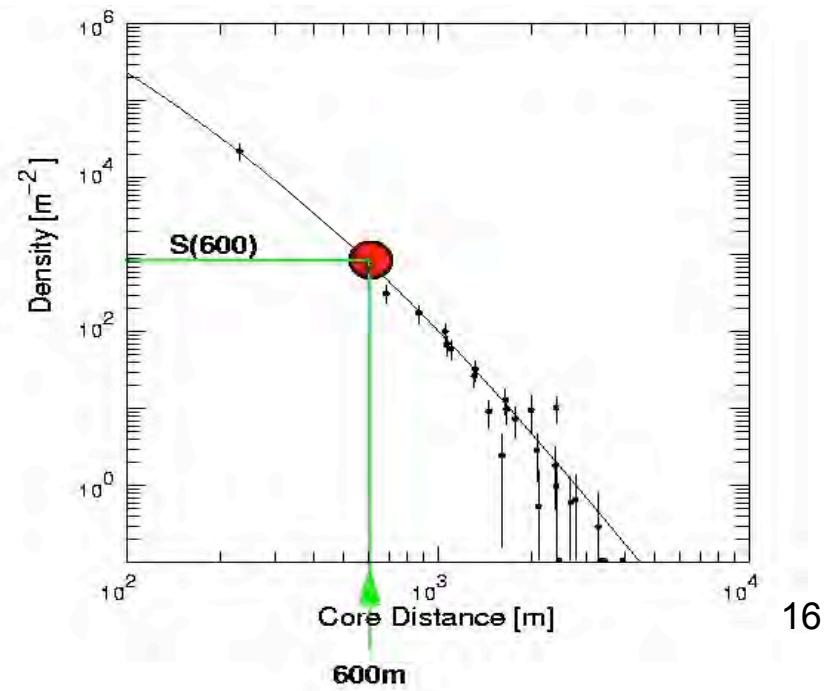


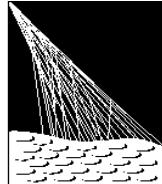
Ground arrays measurements



From (n_i, t_i) :
The direction
The core position
The Energy

The LDF





PIERRE
AUGER
OBSERVATORY

The Pierre Auger Observatory

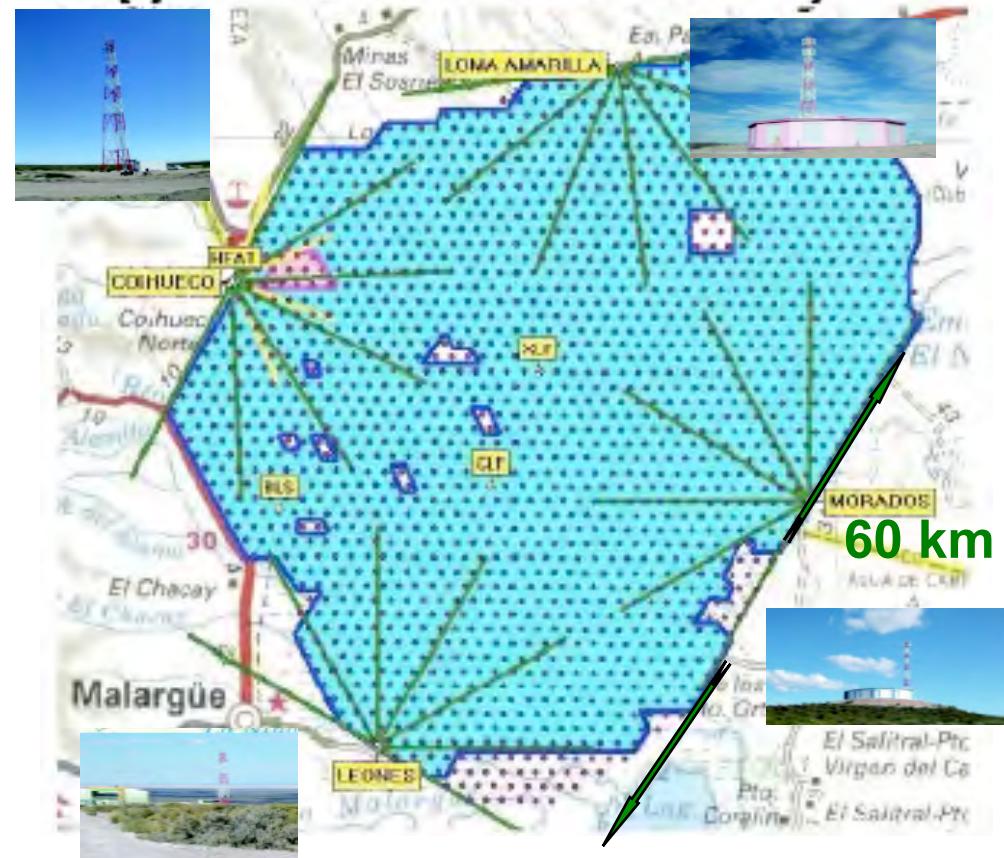
South Hemisphere



Area $\sim 3000 \text{ km}^2$

24 fluorescence telescopes

1600 water Cerenkov detectors



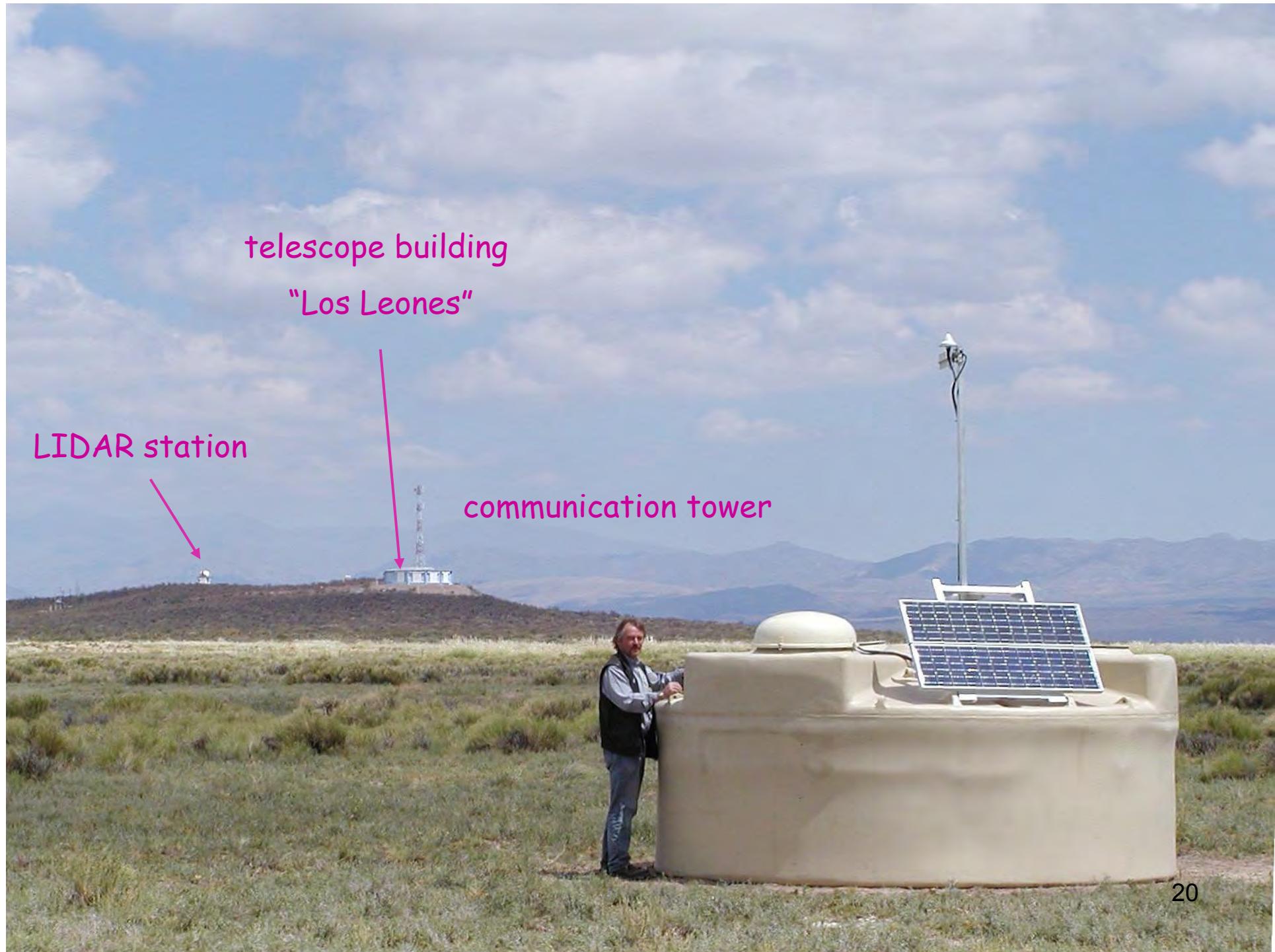
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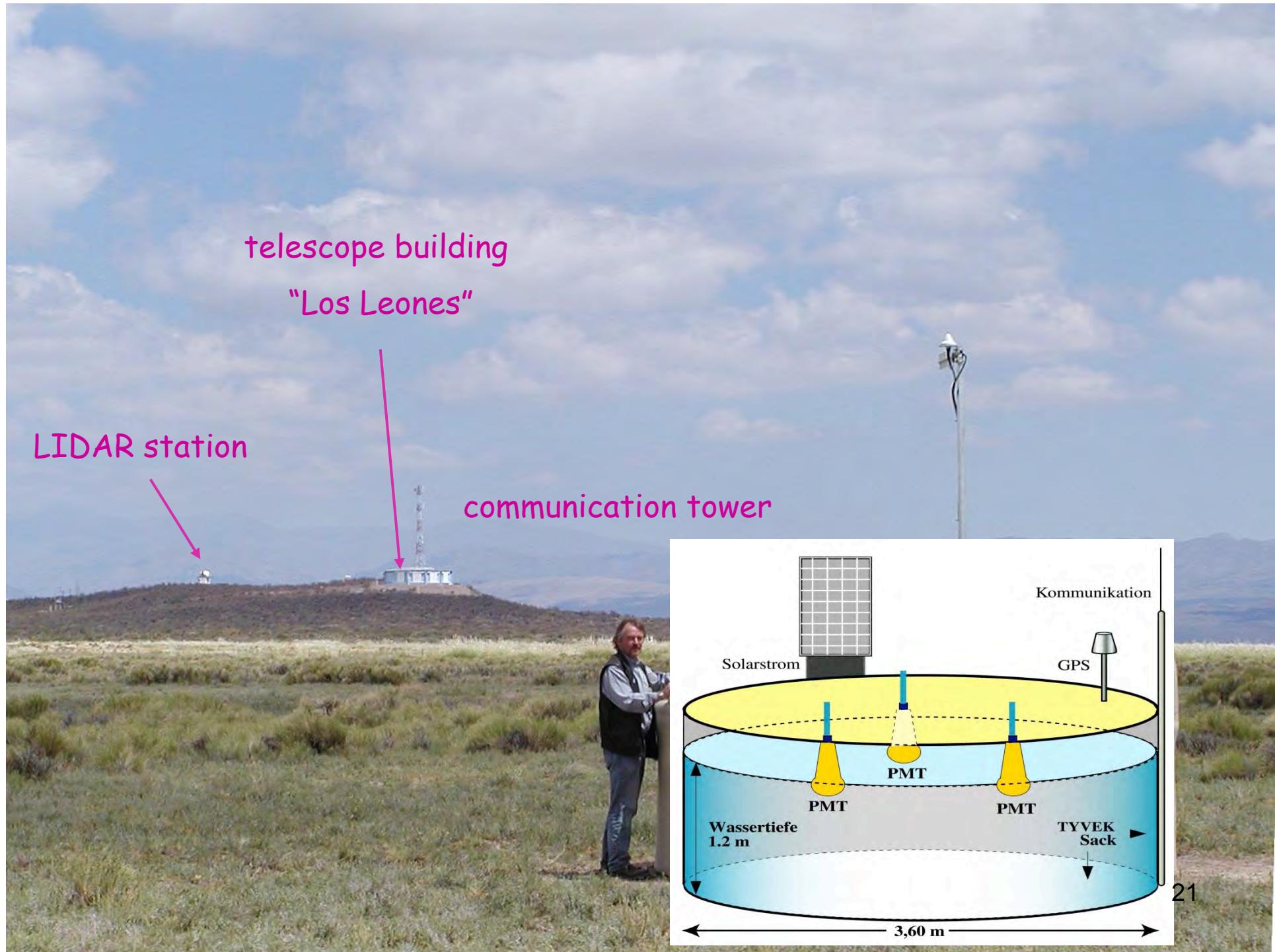
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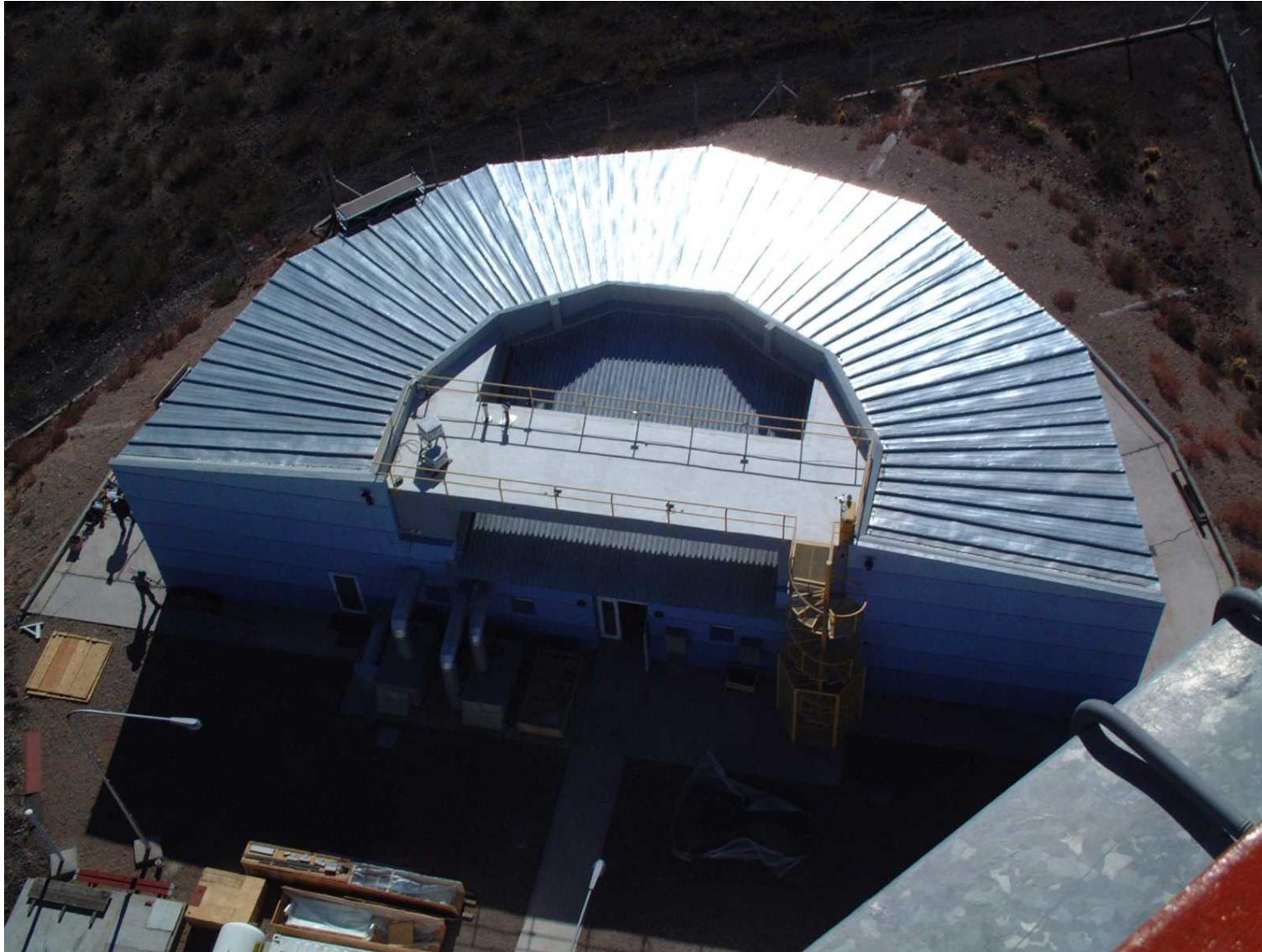


Tanks aligned seen from Los Leones

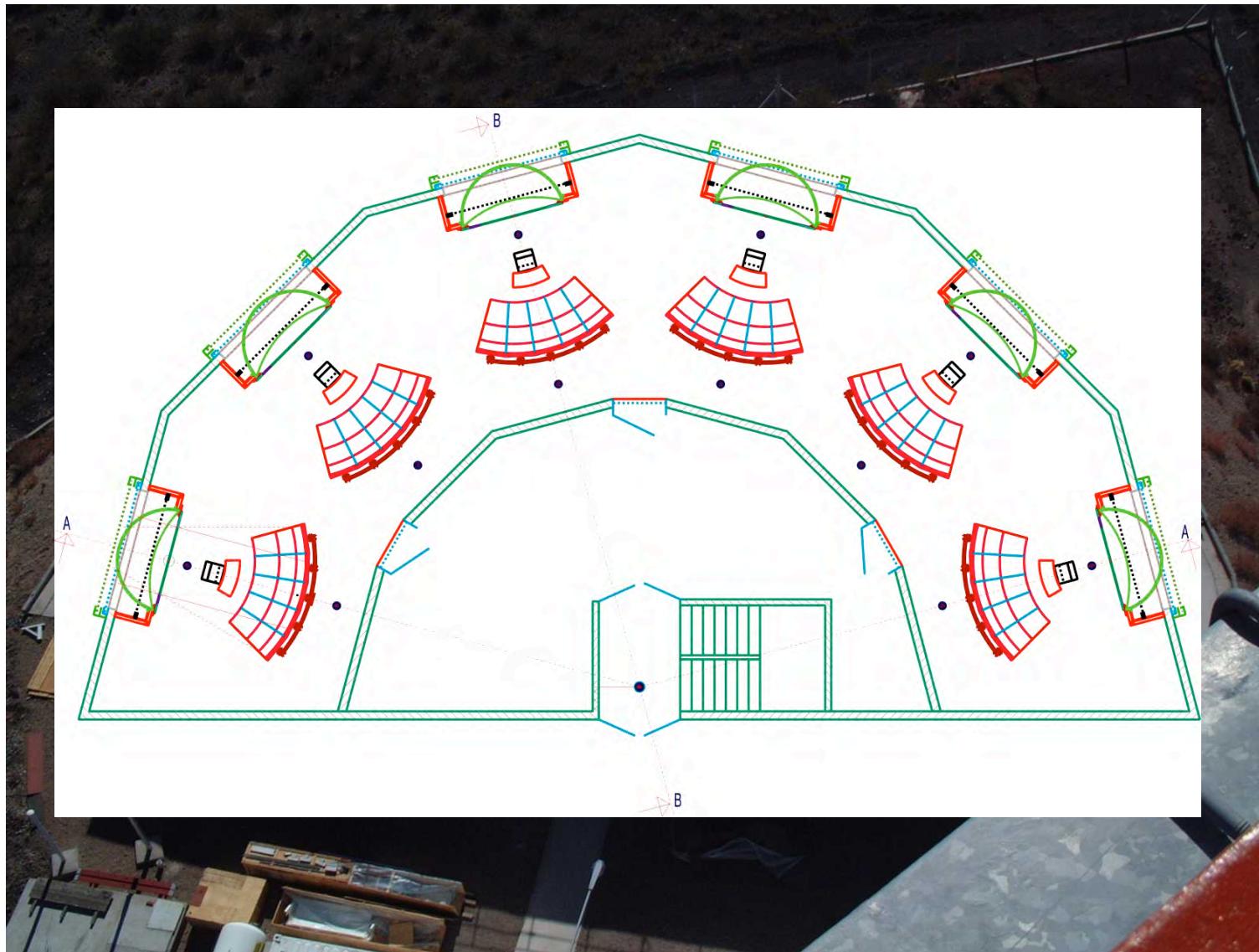




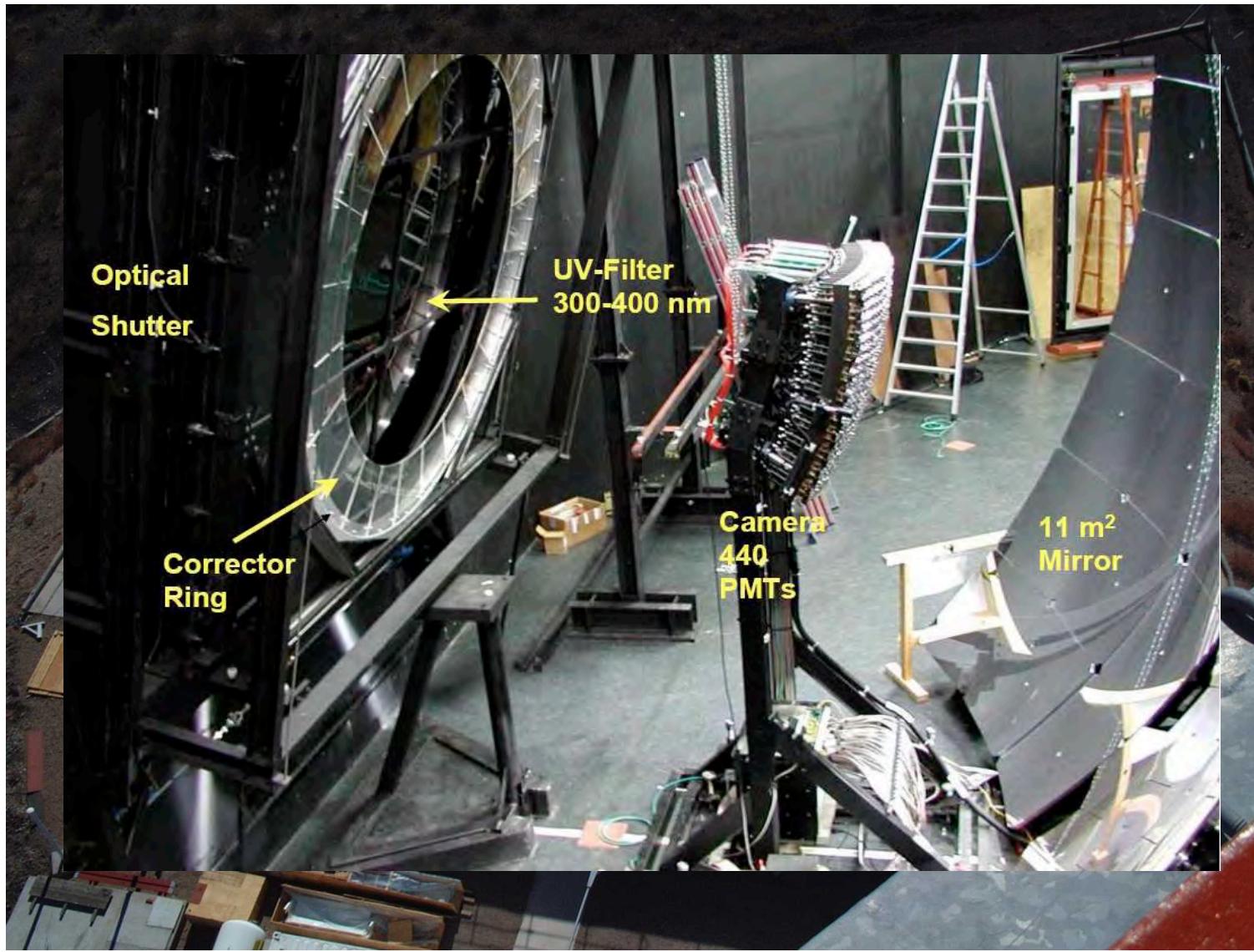
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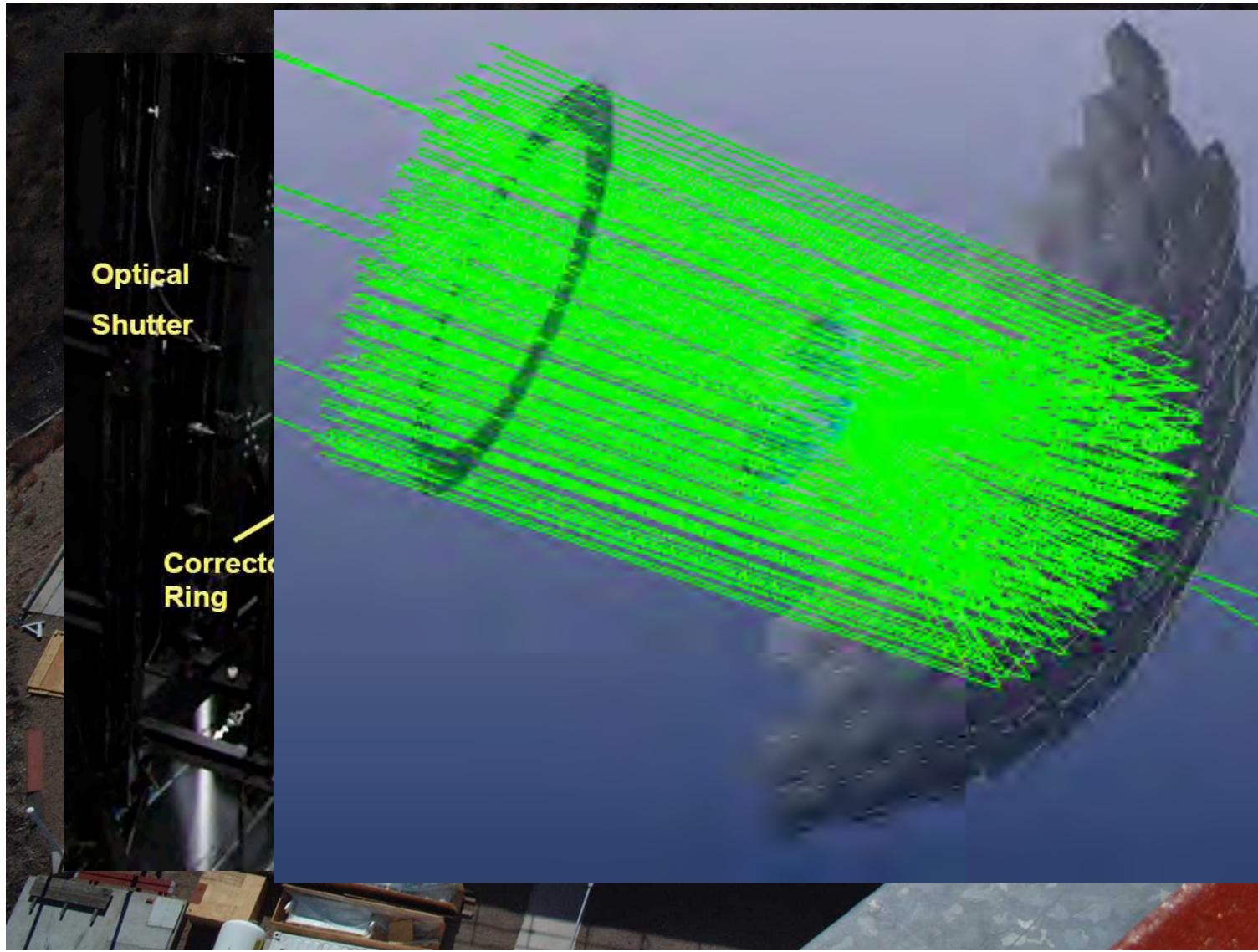
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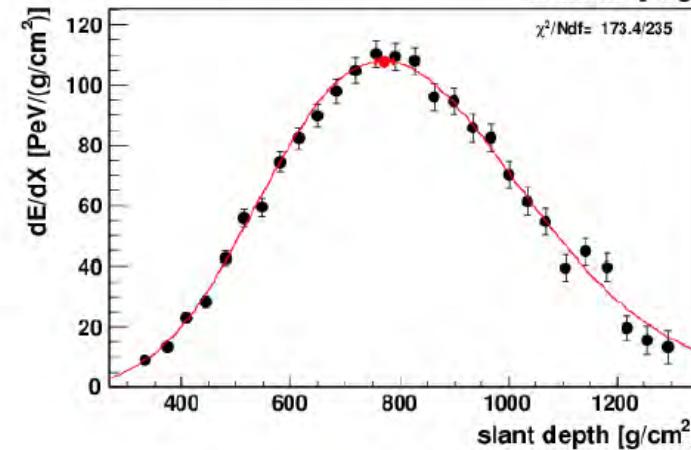
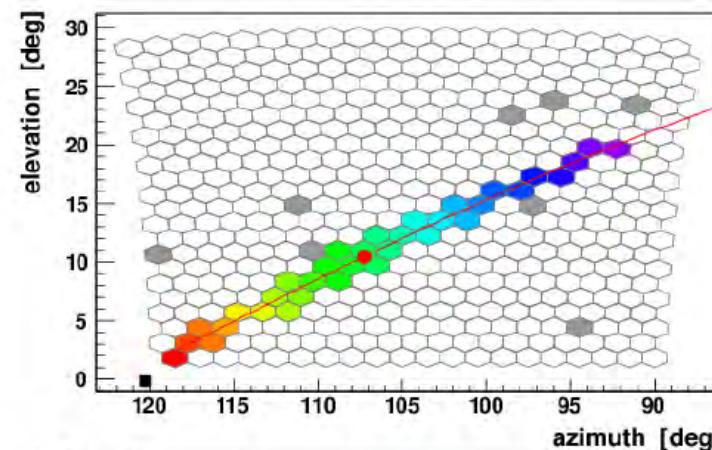
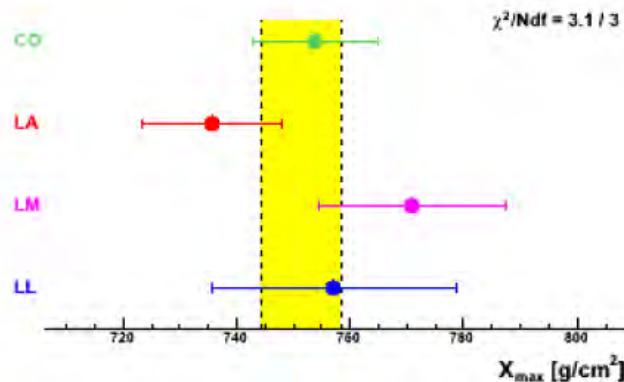
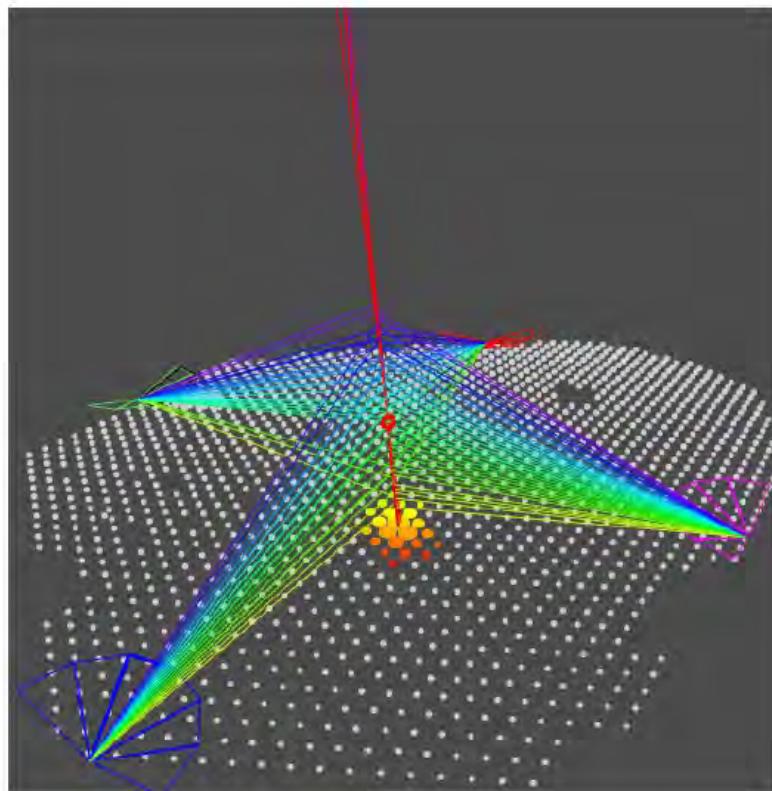
The fluorescence detectors (FD)



The fluorescence detectors (FD)



A 4 eyes hybrid event !



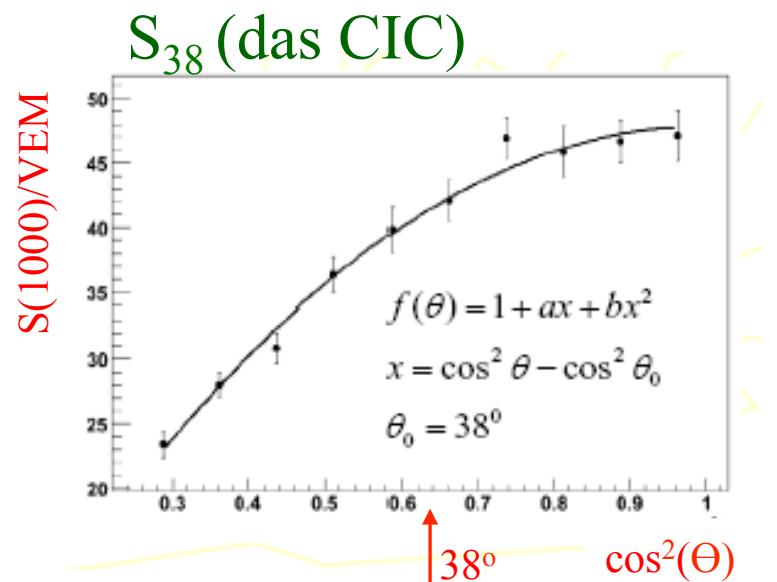
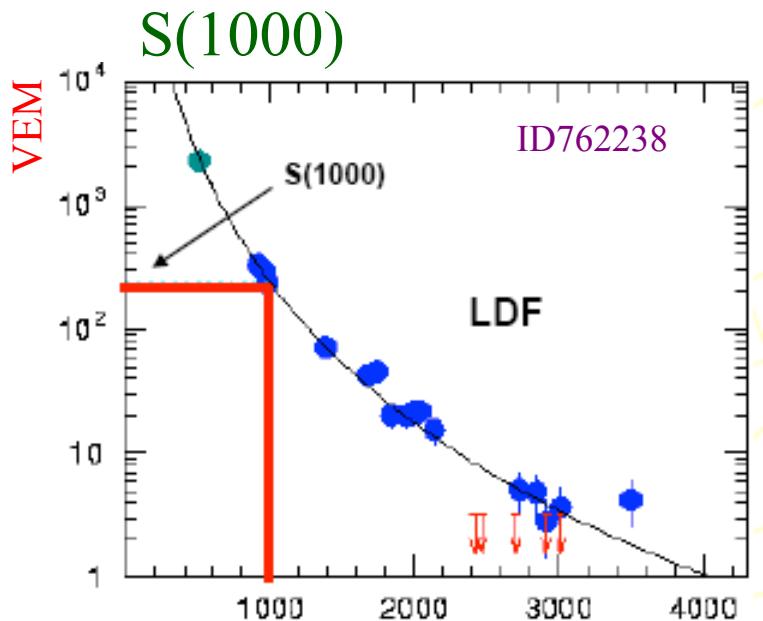
Energy

$$E = (7.1 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$$

Depth of the maximum

$$X_{max} = (752 \pm 7) \text{ g/cm}^2$$

Energy determination in Auger



Calibration



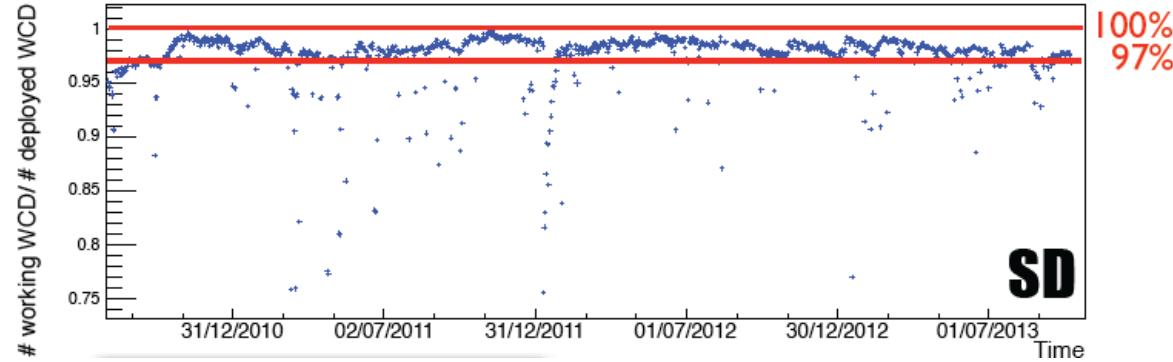
$$\sigma_E \sim 10\%$$

Auger is running smoothly

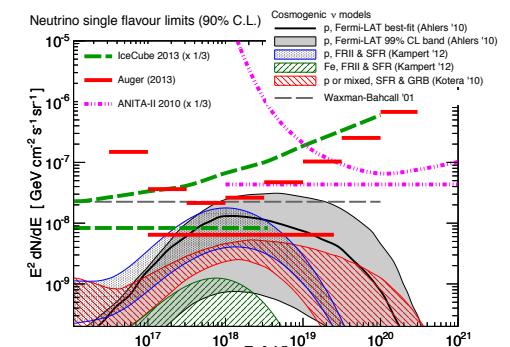
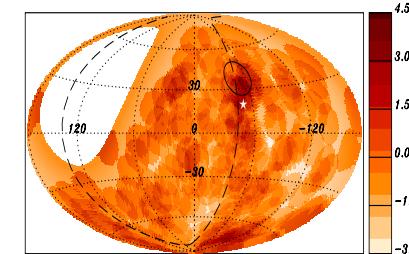
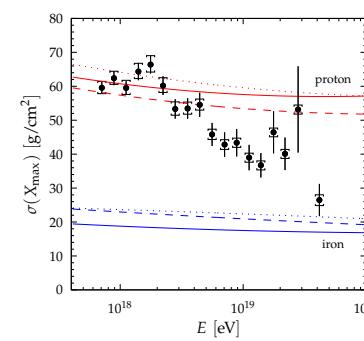
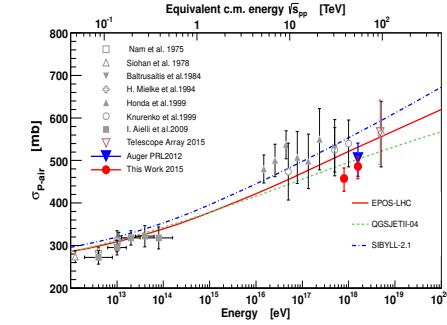
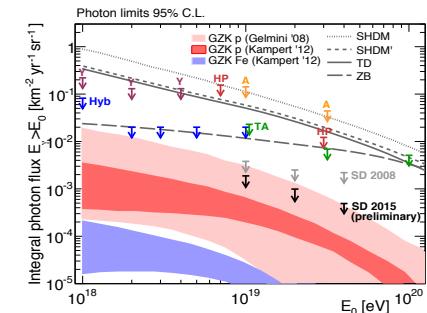
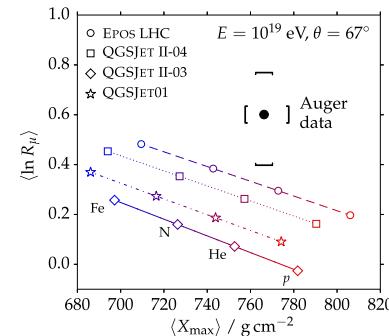
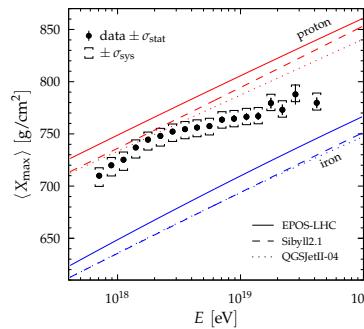
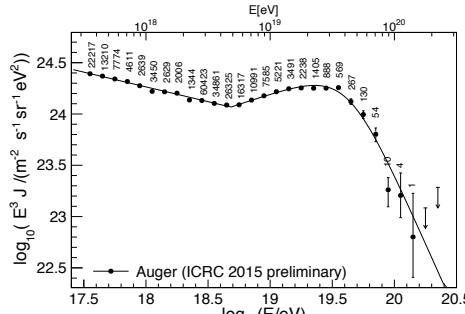
The Swiss clock!



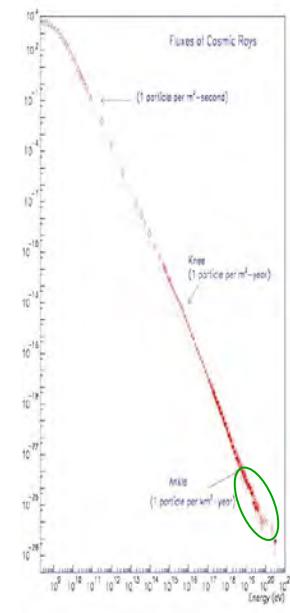
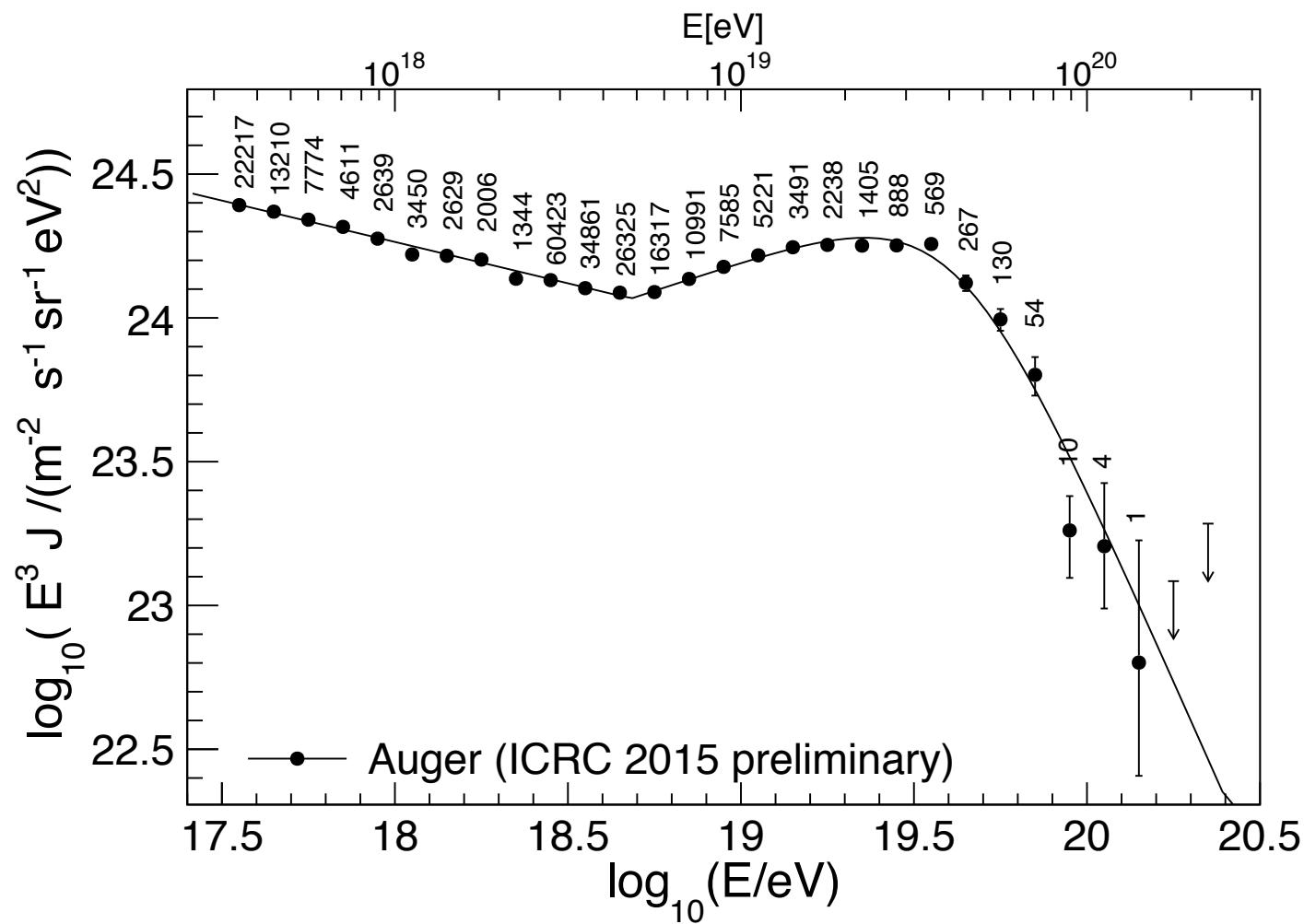
Fraction of Water Cherenkov Tanks in operation



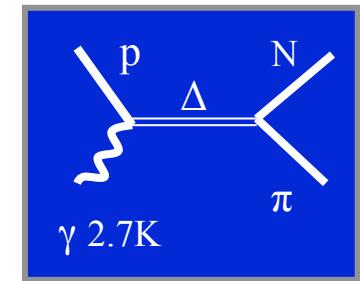
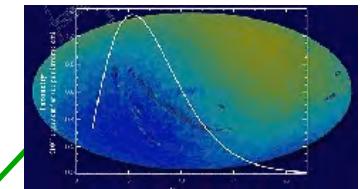
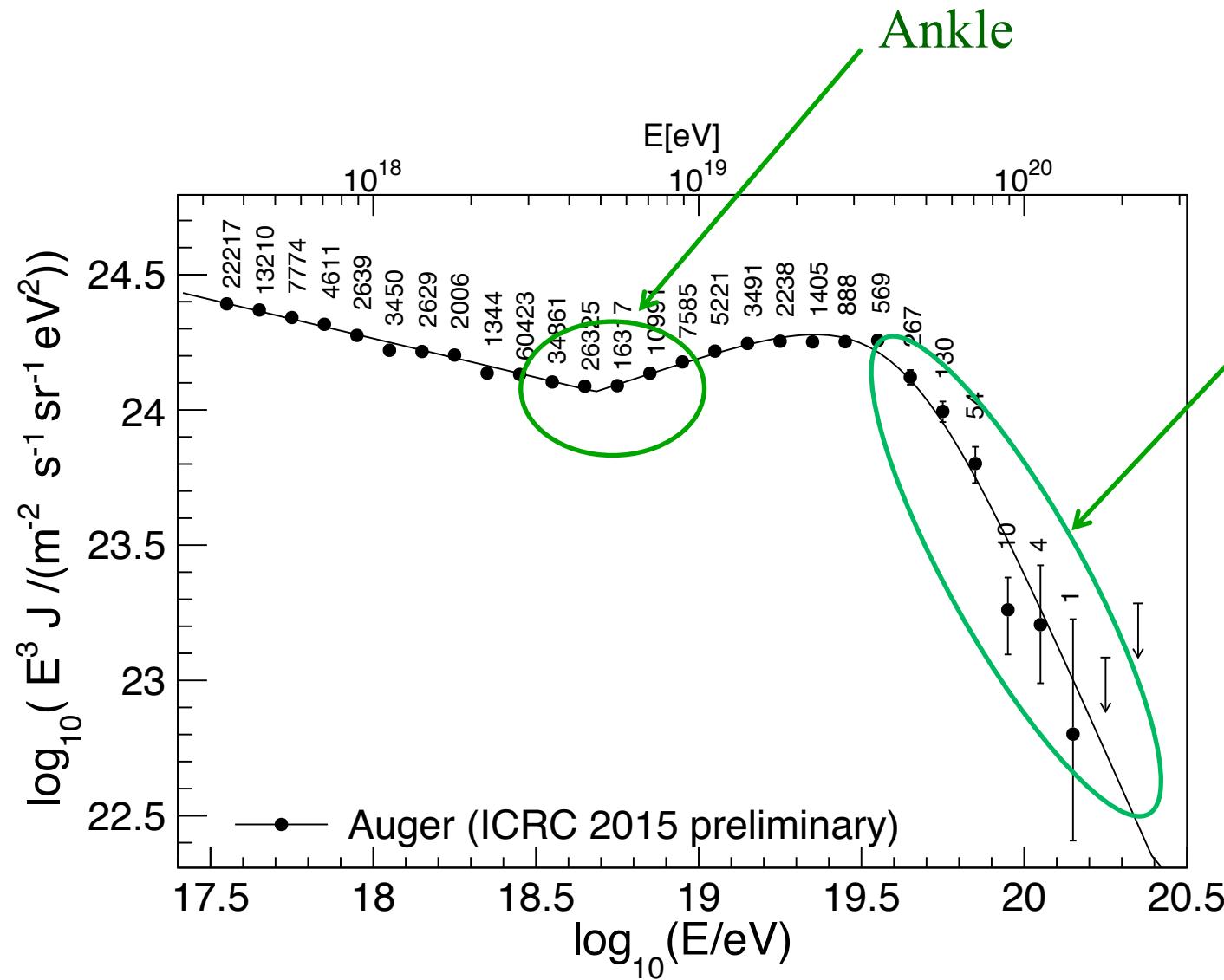
Many and important results !



Energy spectrum

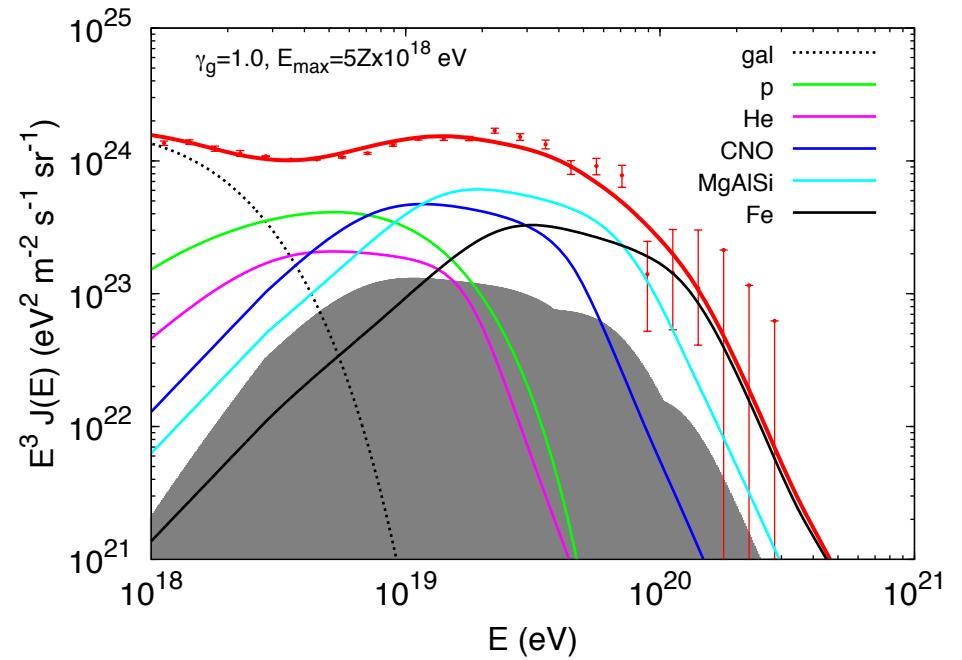
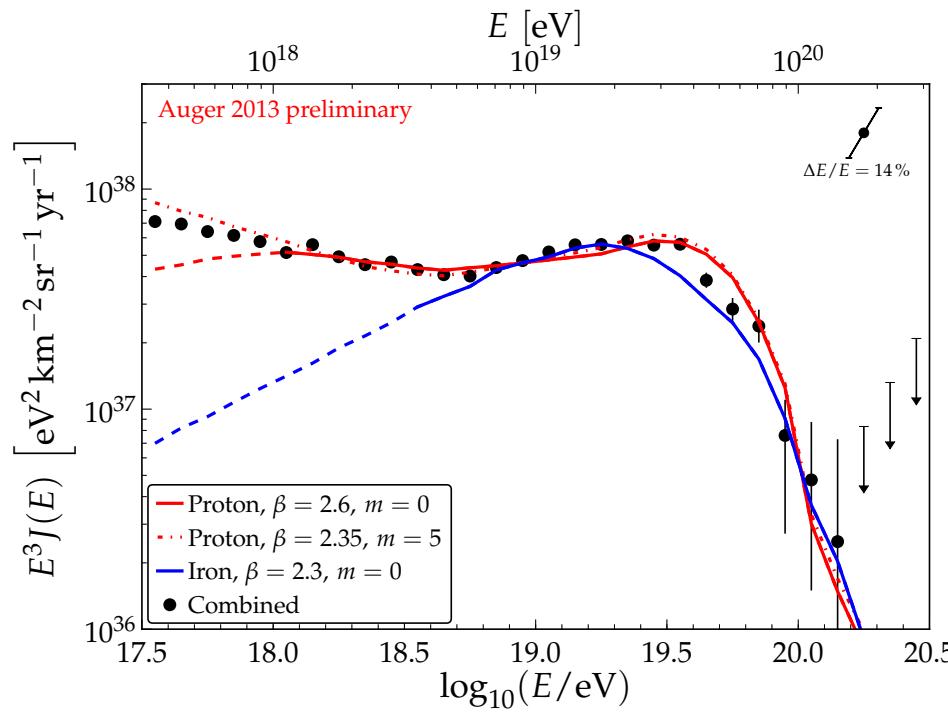


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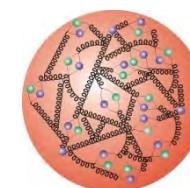
GZK like
suppression !!!

GZK or the exhaustion of sources ???



Composition is the key to disentangle the two scenarios!

X_{\max} and the “beam composition”

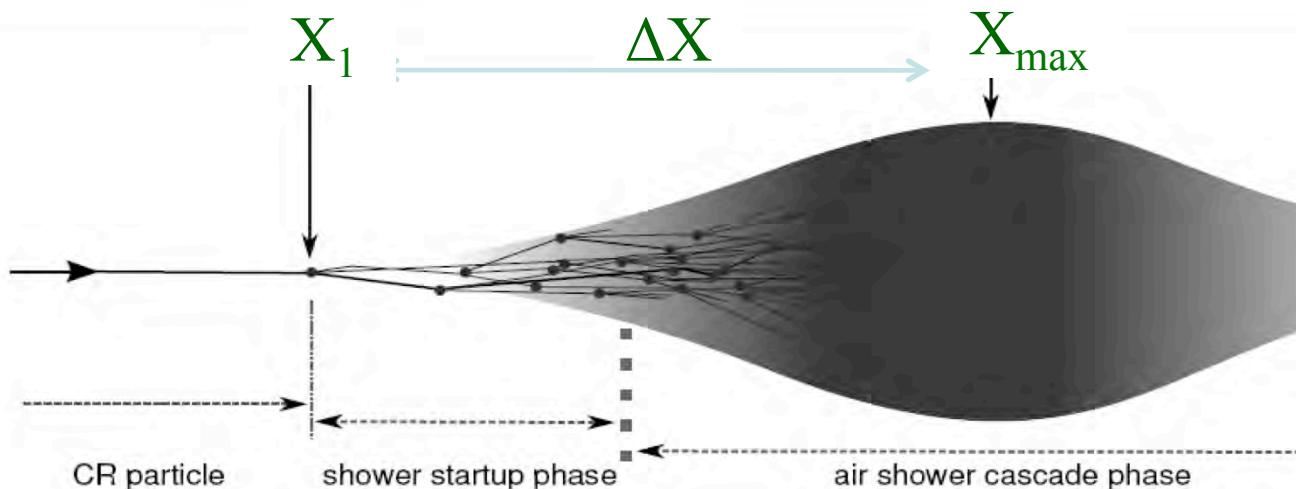


Proton

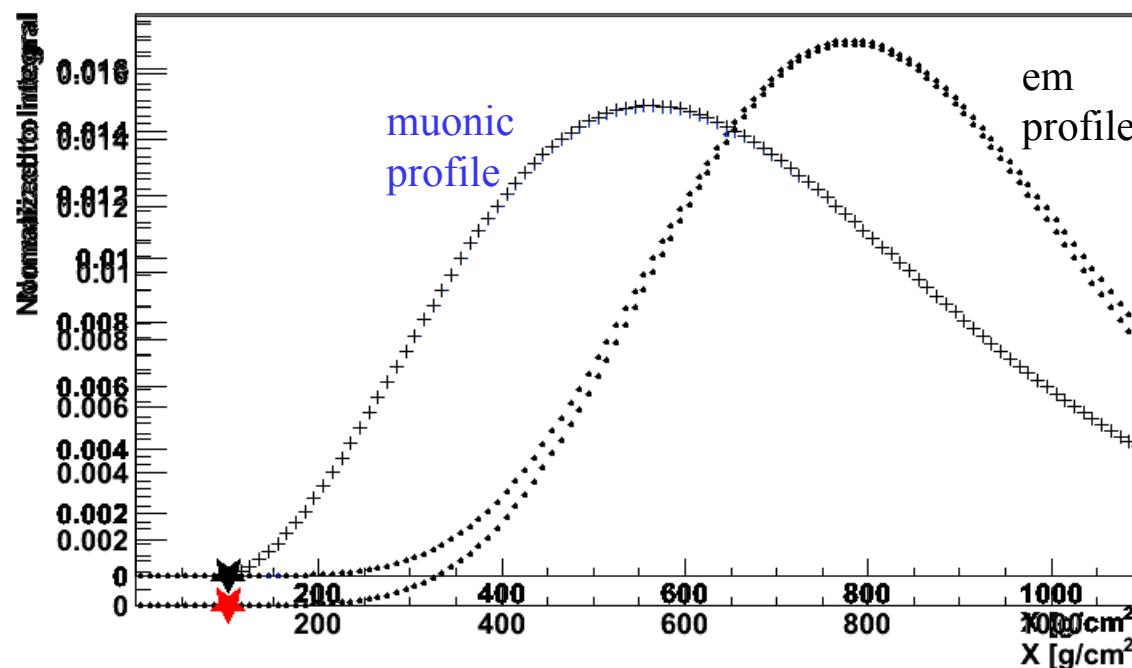
Nuclei
(Iron, ...)



Shower development



$$X_{\max} = X_1 + \Delta X$$

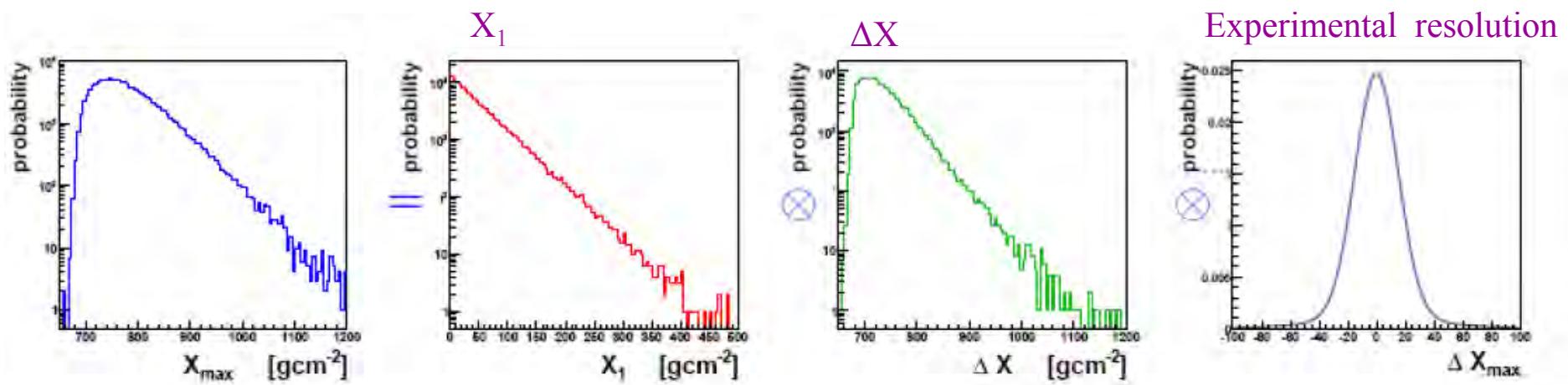
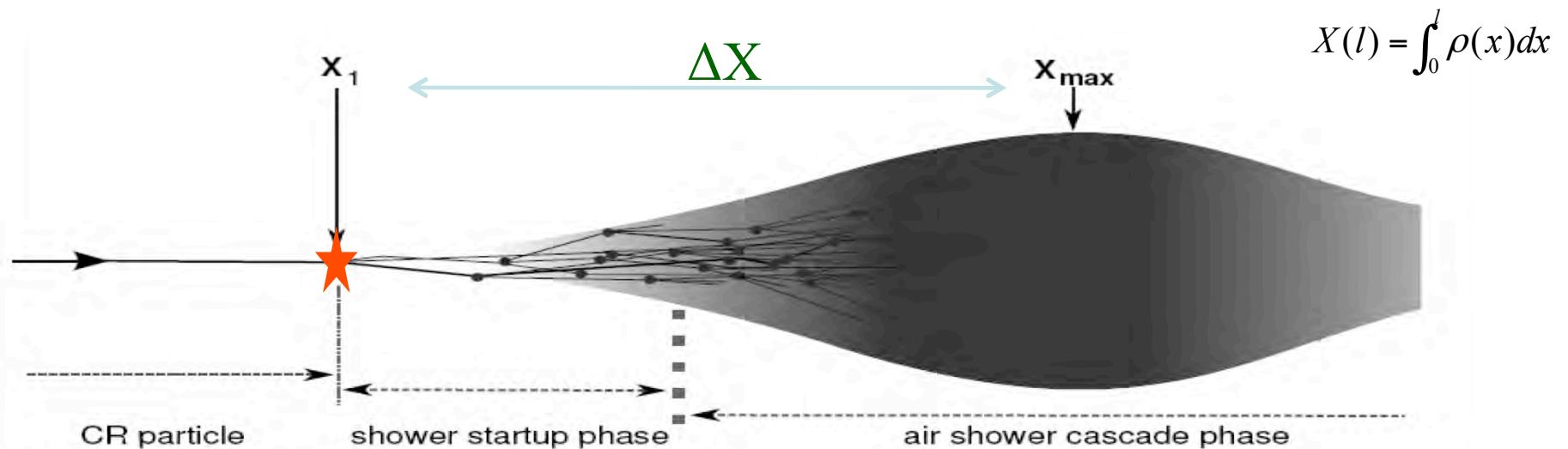


$$E \propto N_e$$

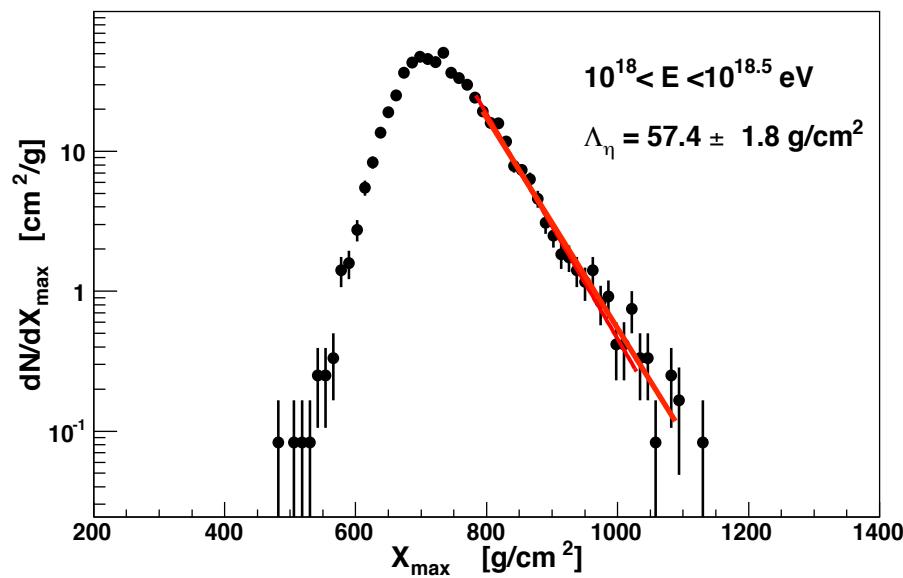
$$\propto \int \frac{dN_e}{dX} dX$$

$$N_\mu \propto \int \frac{dN_\mu}{dX} dX$$

The “ X_{\max} distributions”

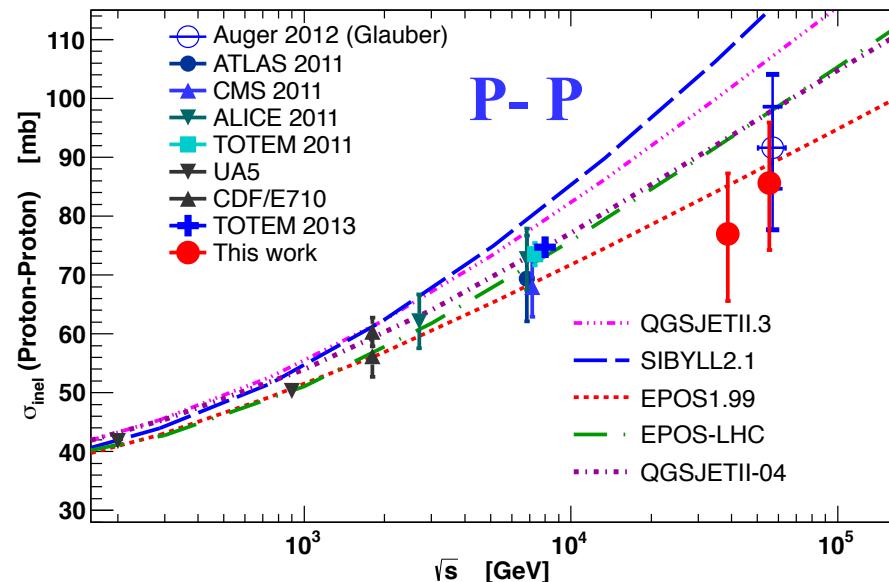
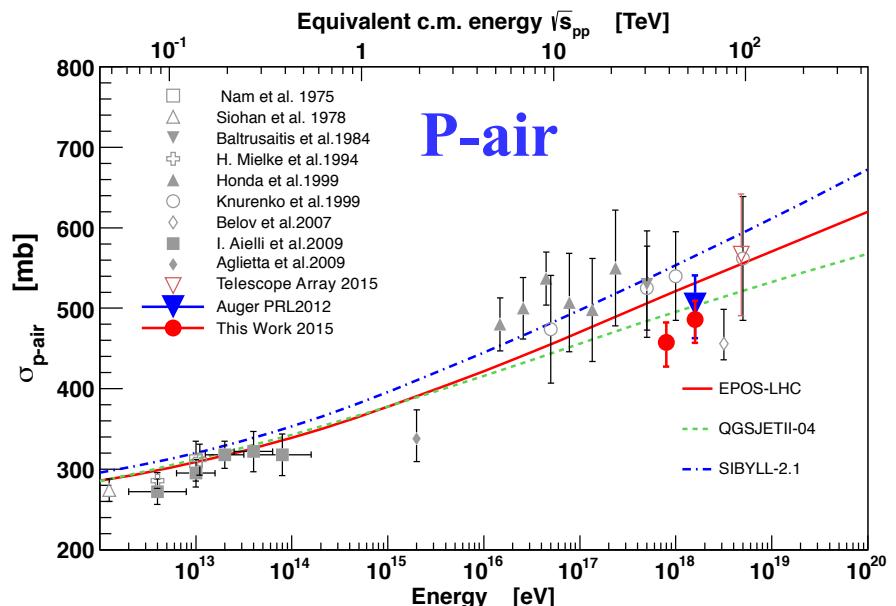


Proton cross-section



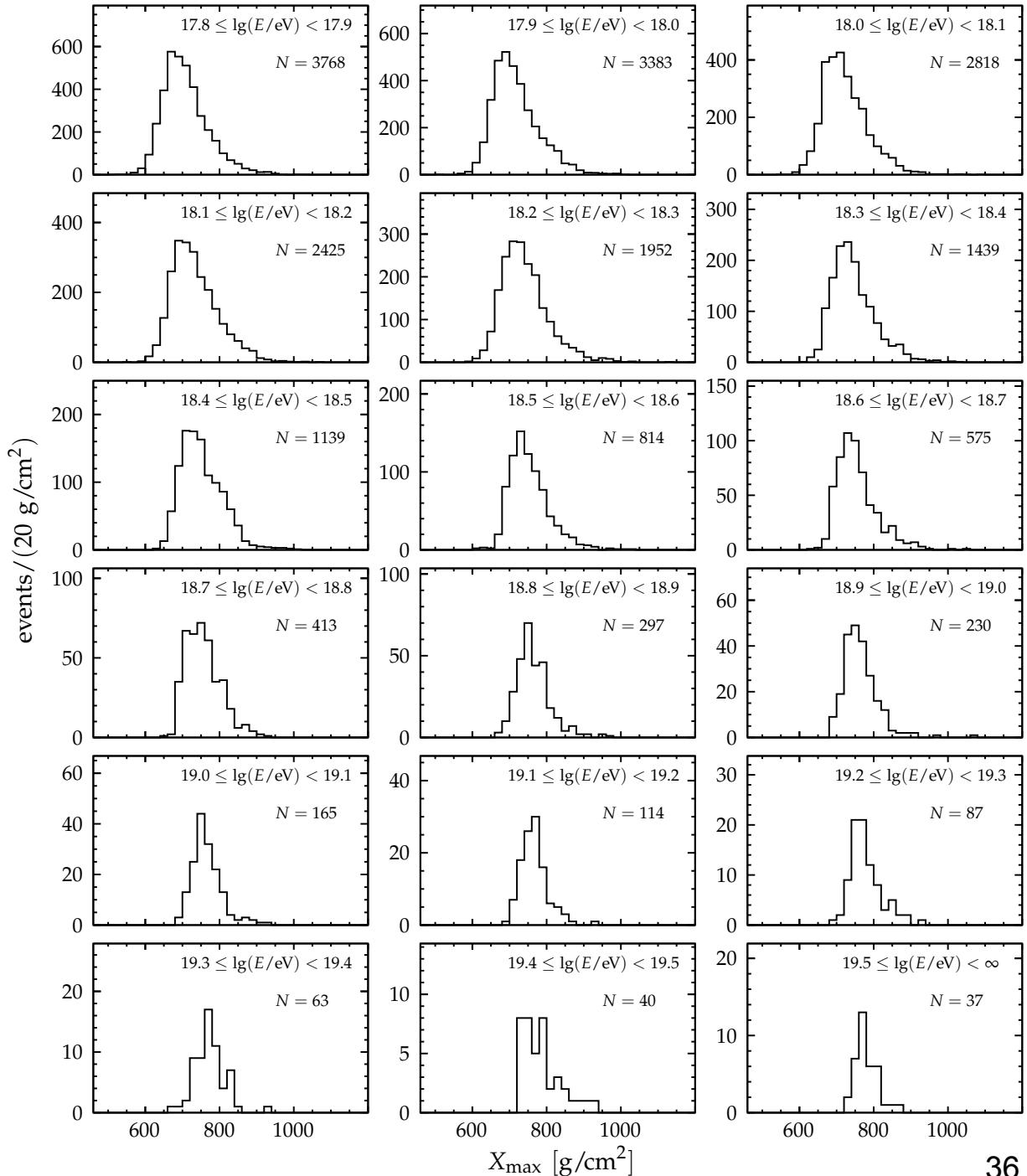
If % p > 20%, % He < 25%

Slightly lower than it was expected at the time by most of the models, but in good agreement with recent LHC data.

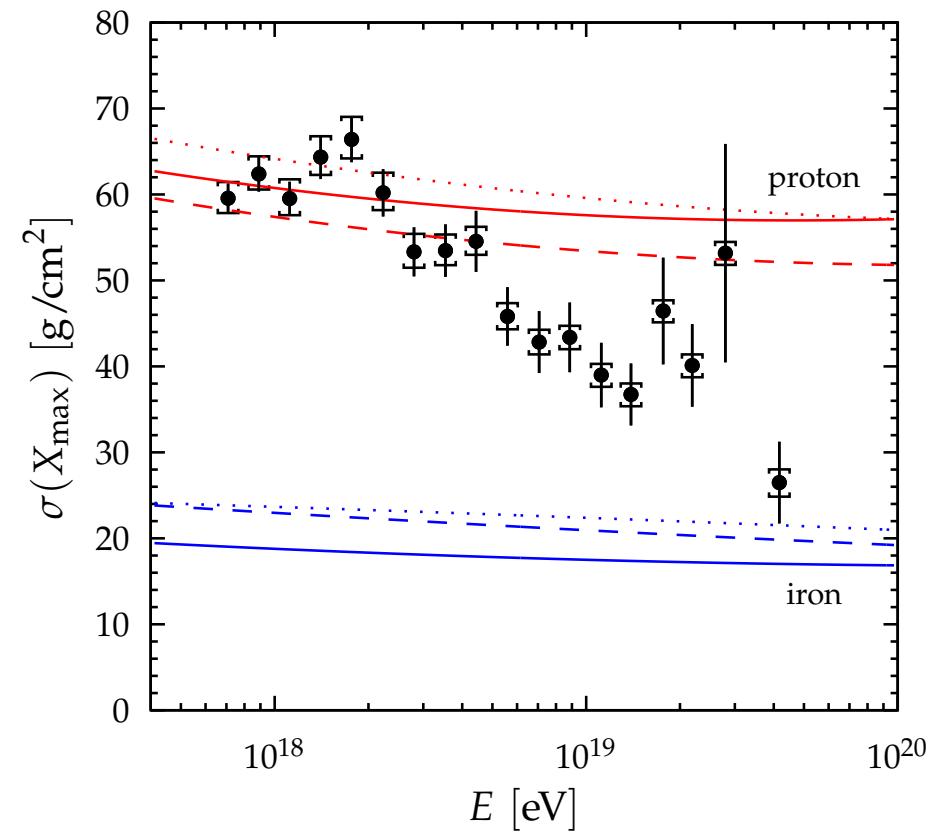
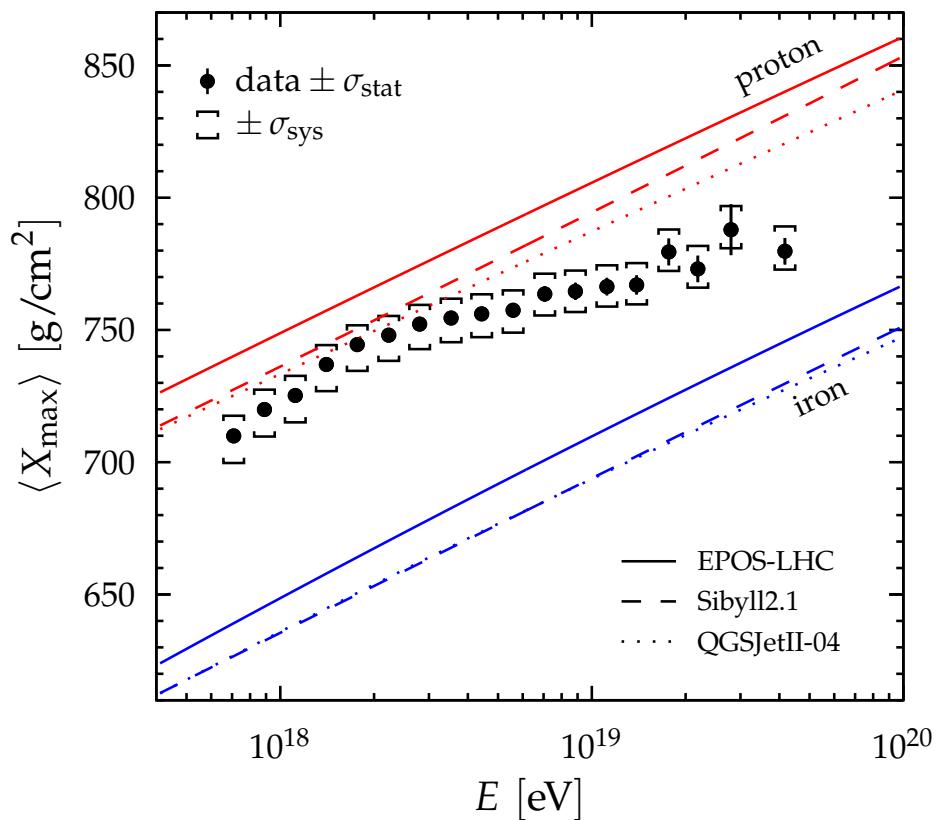


X_{\max} distributions

As the energy increases
the distributions become
narrower !!!



$\langle X_{\max} \rangle$ and $\text{RMS}(X_{\max})$

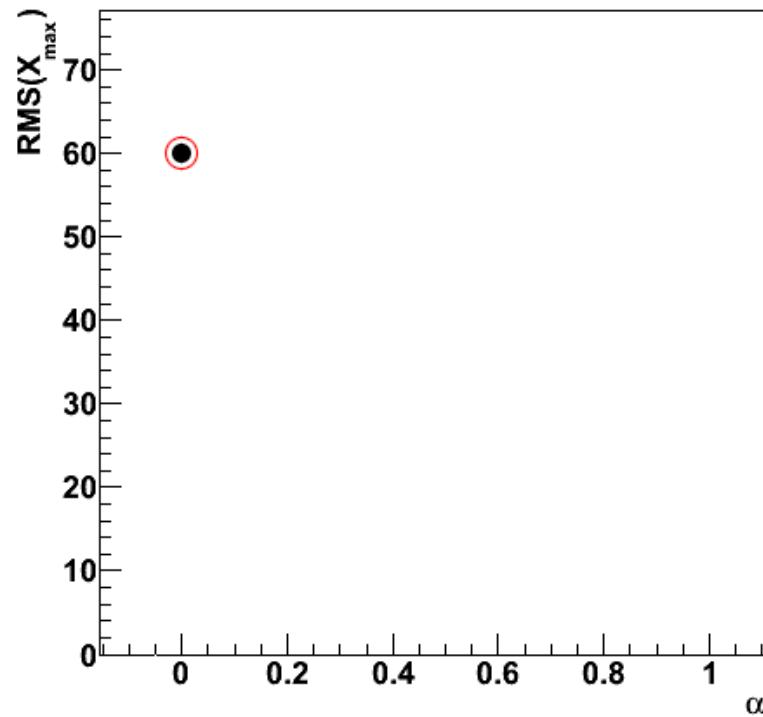
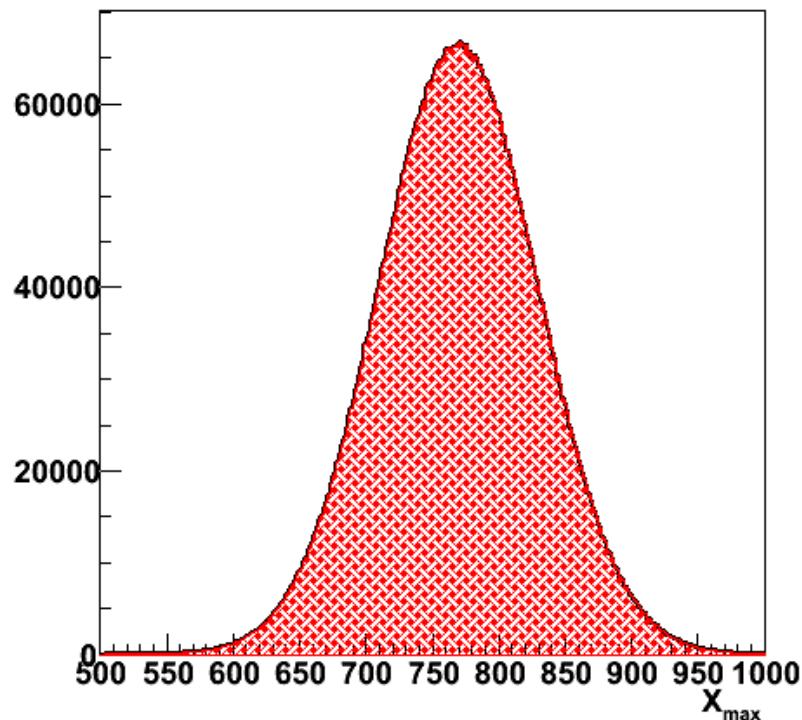


A clear change above $3 \cdot 10^{18}$ eV
Beam composition ??? Hadronic interactions???

But if just proton and iron ...

Xmax distribution and RMS

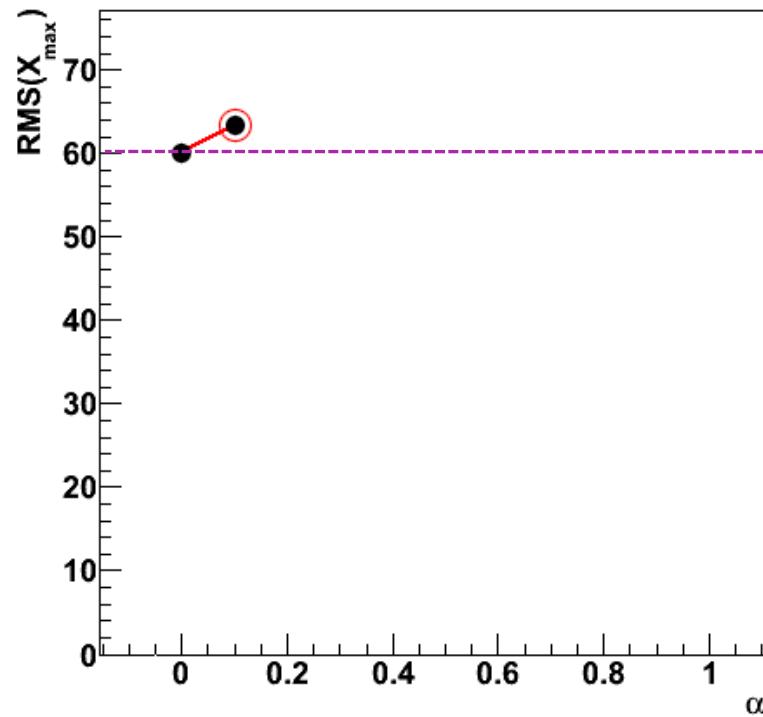
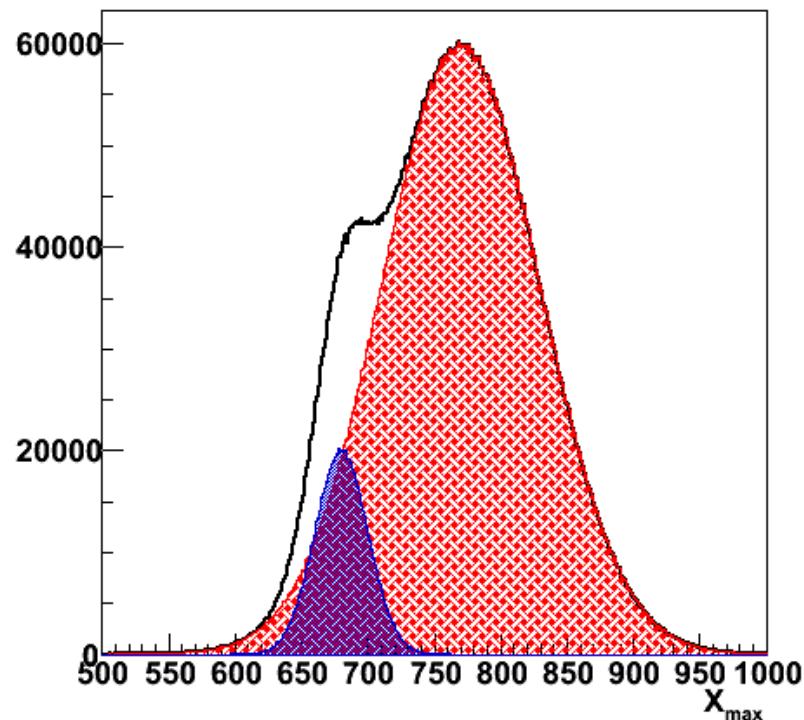
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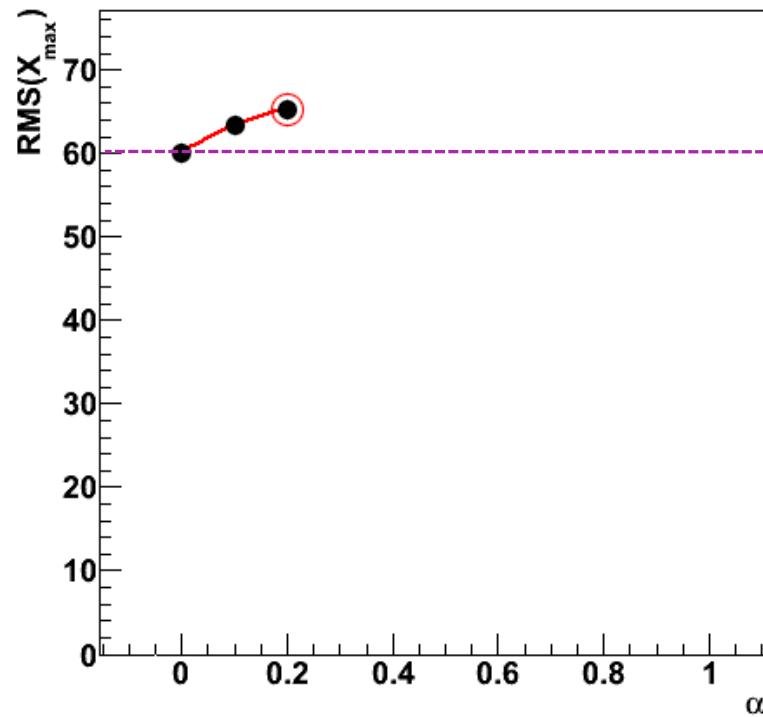
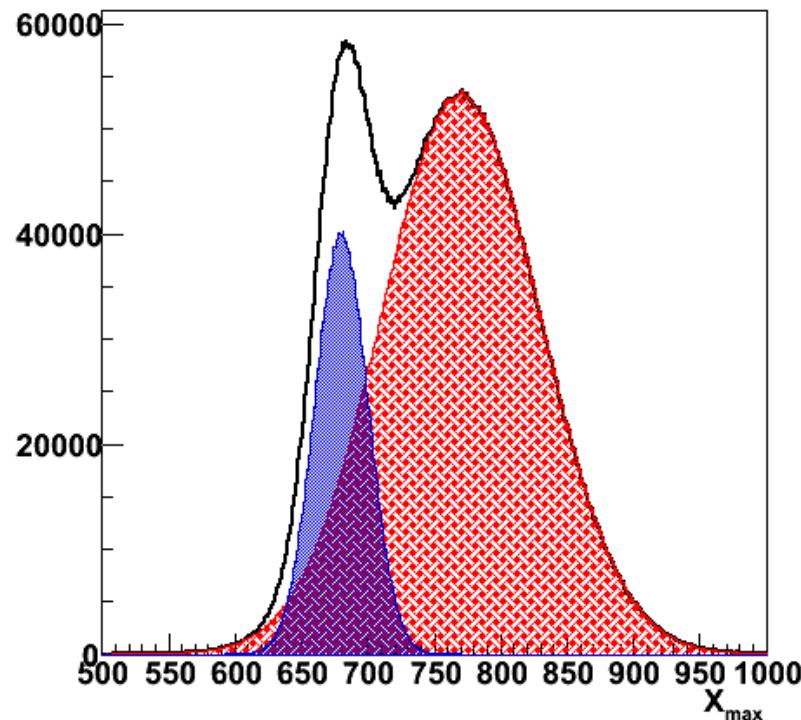
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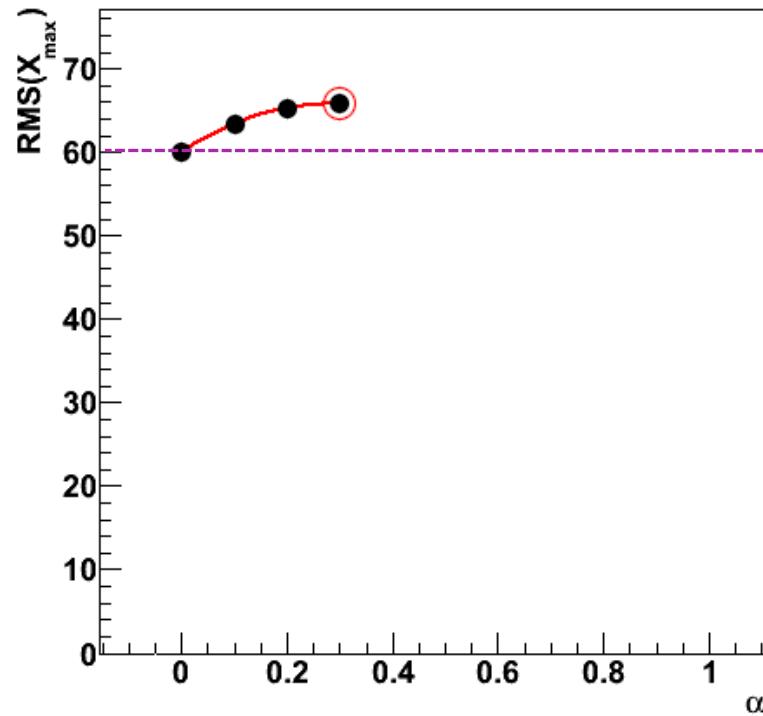
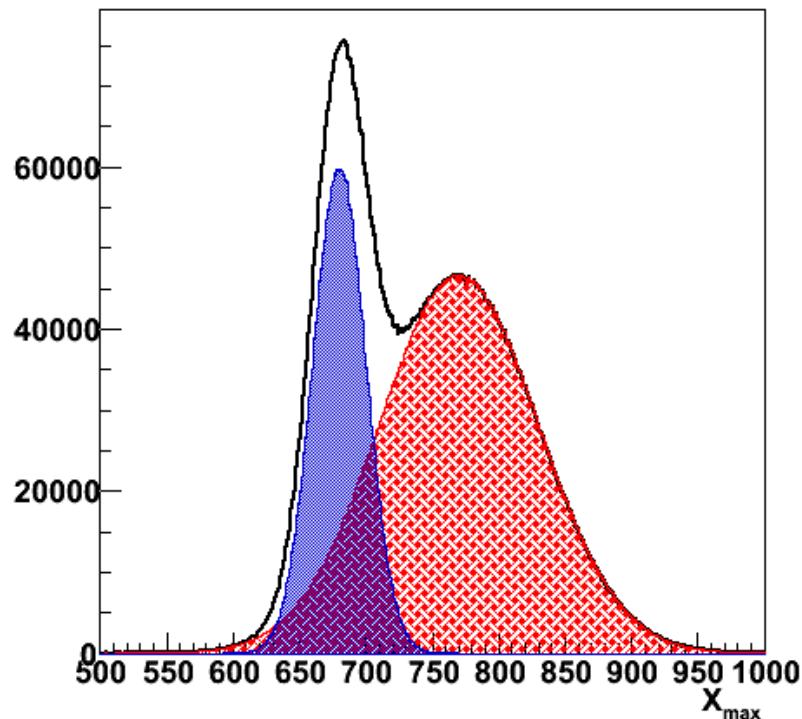
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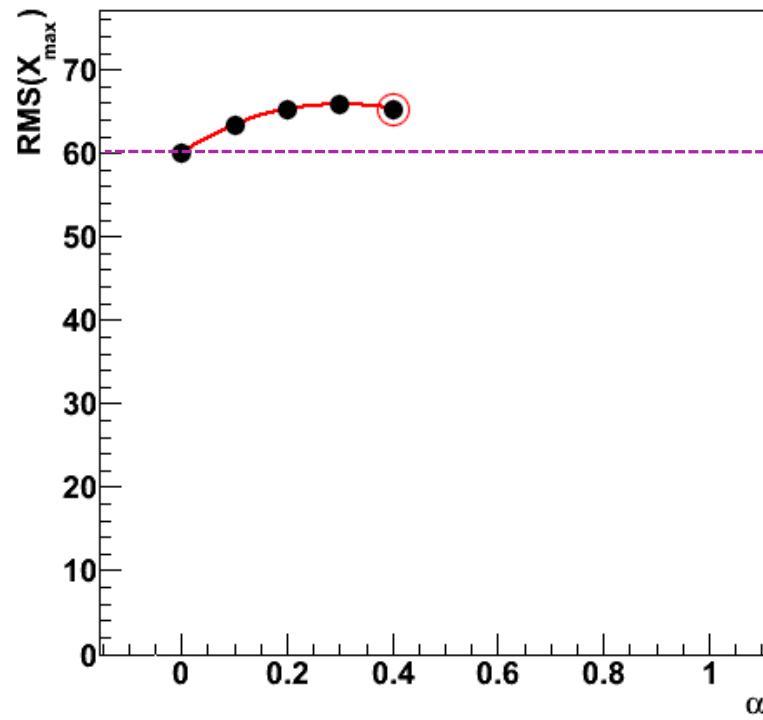
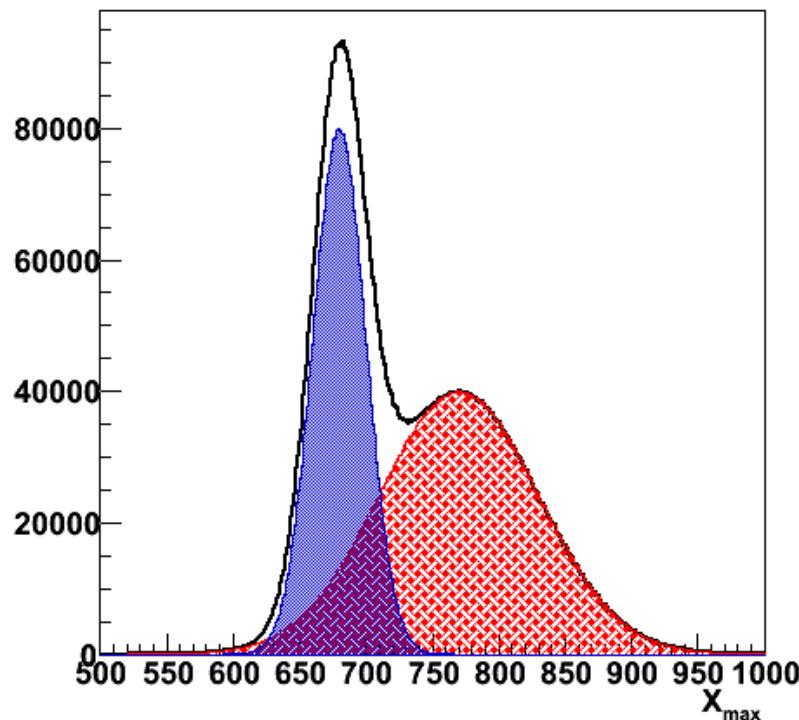
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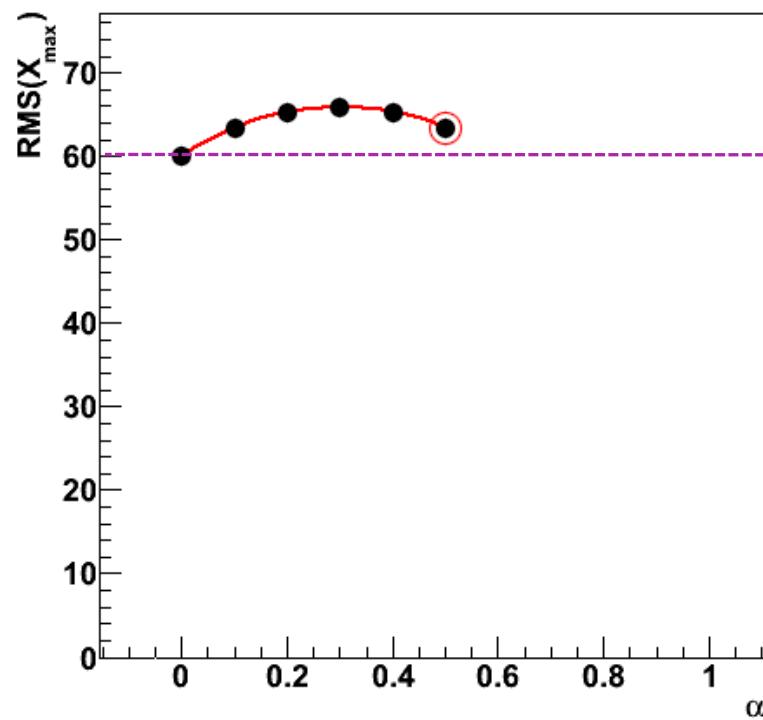
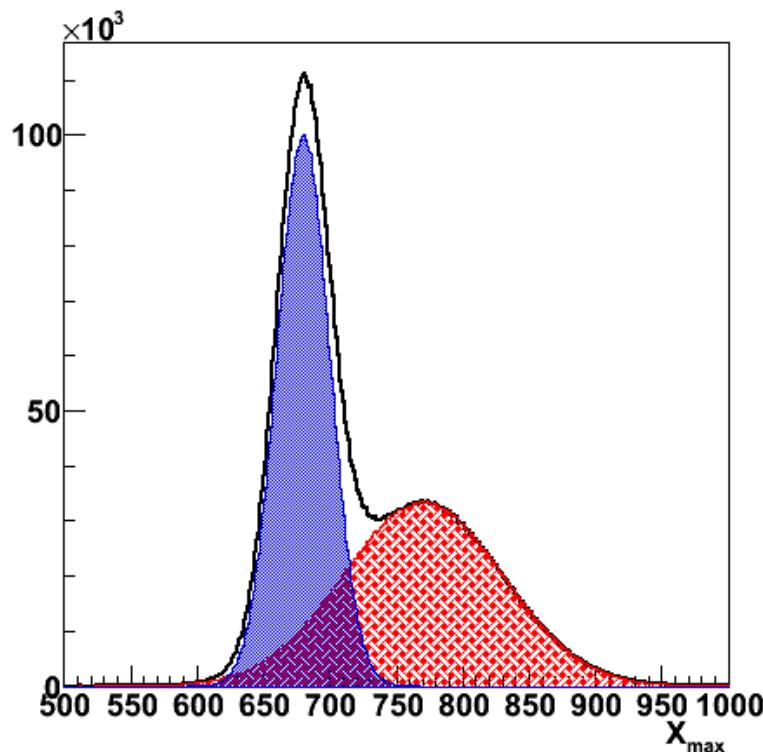
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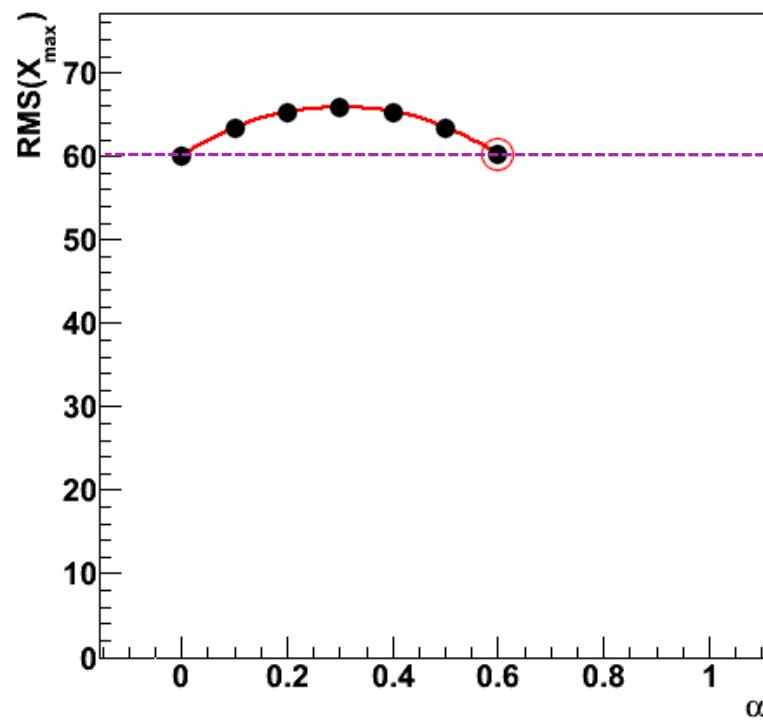
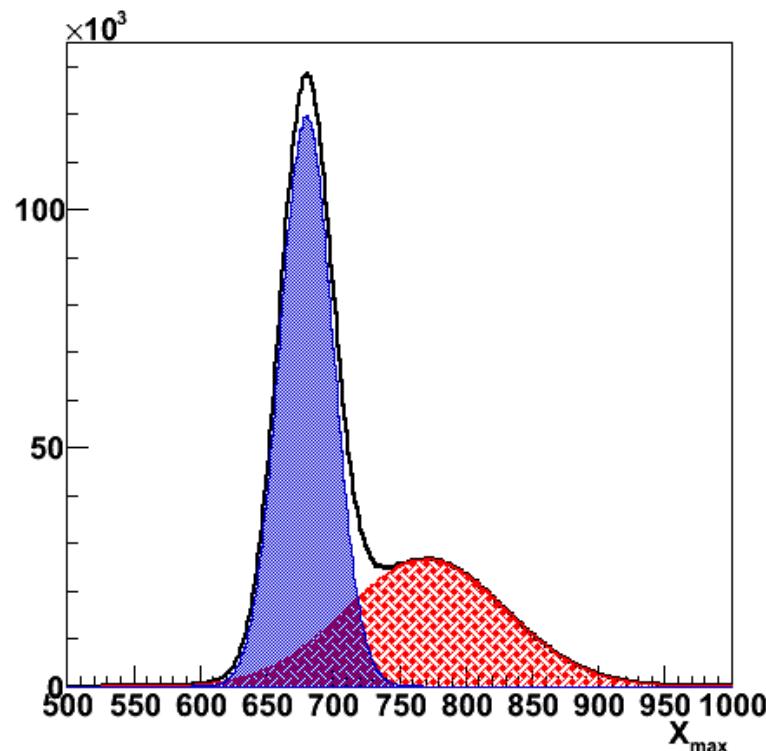
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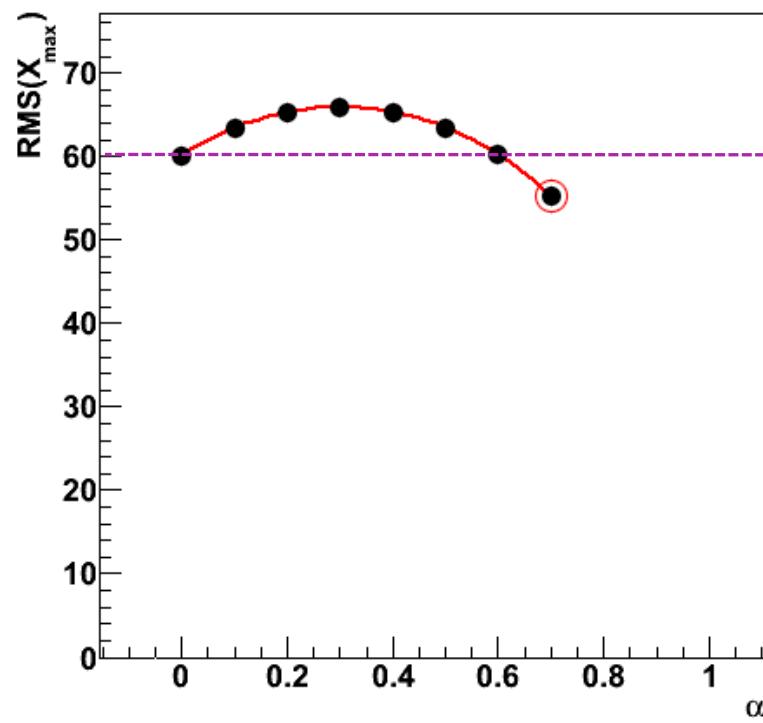
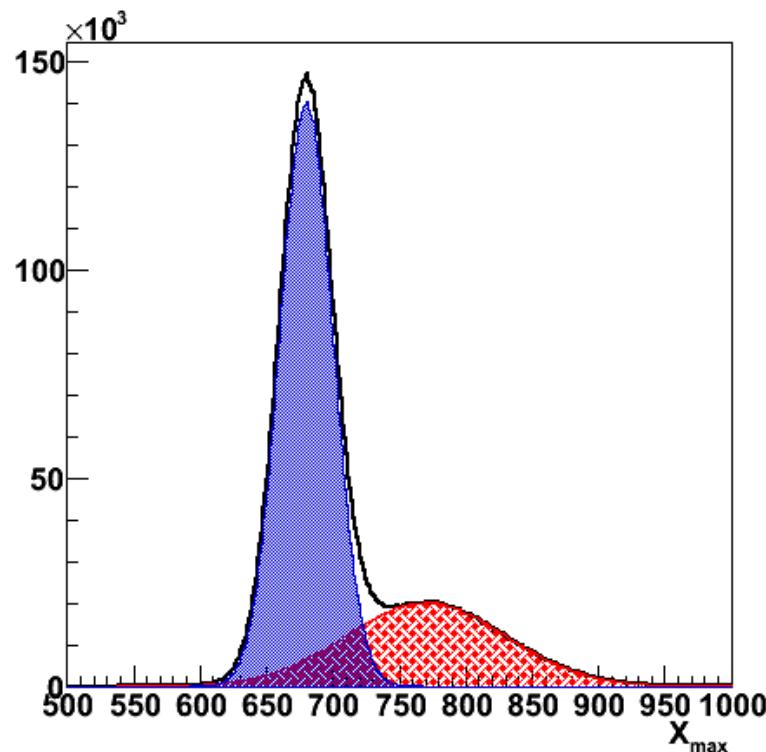
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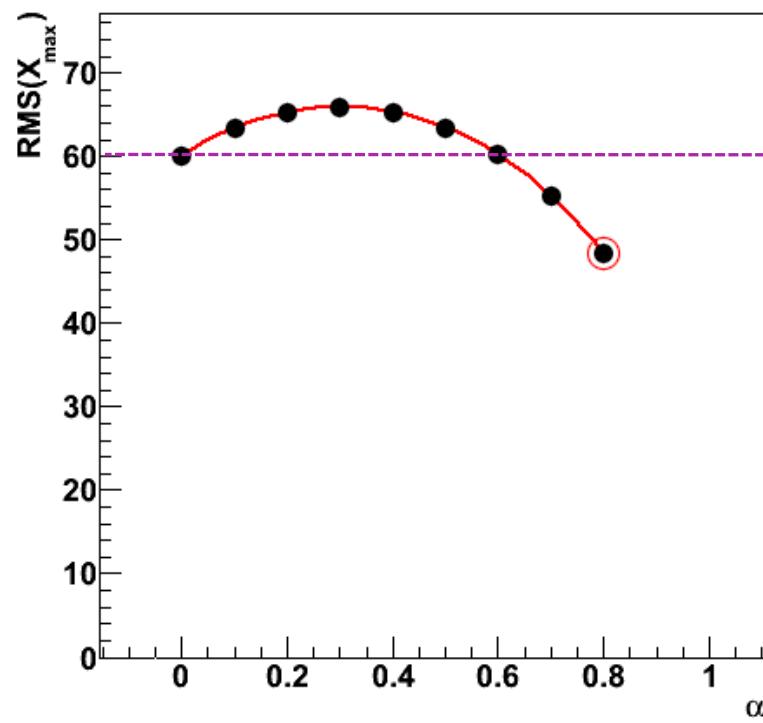
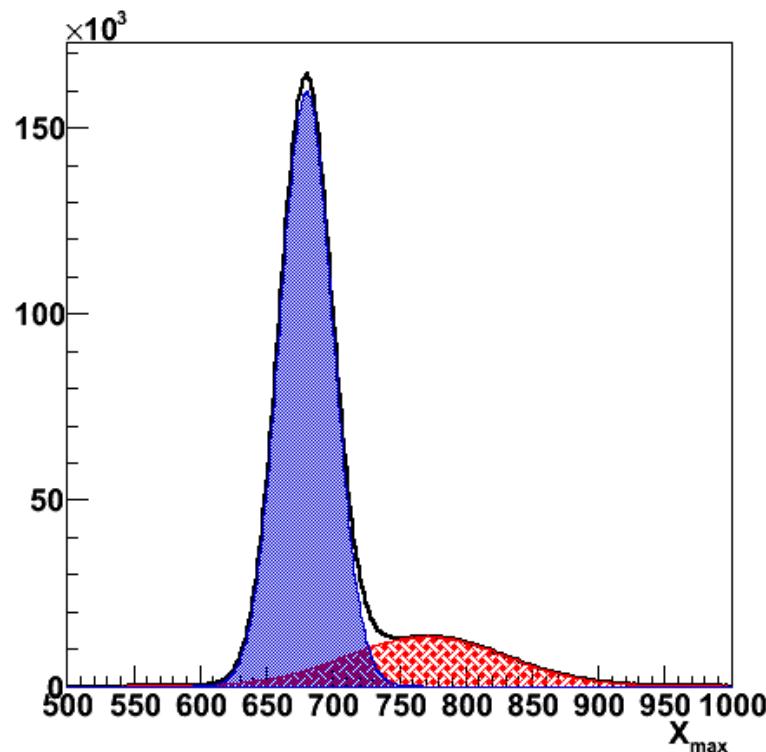
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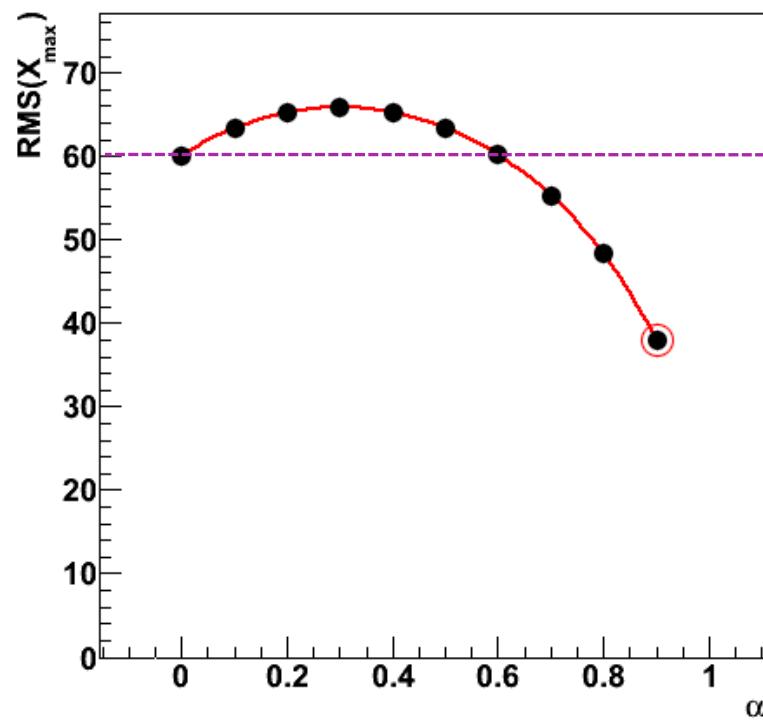
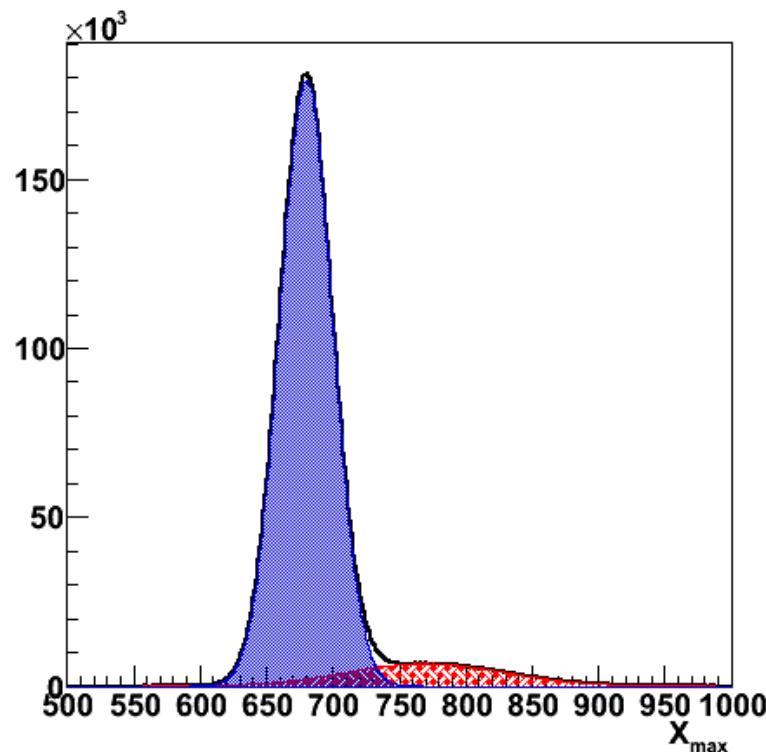
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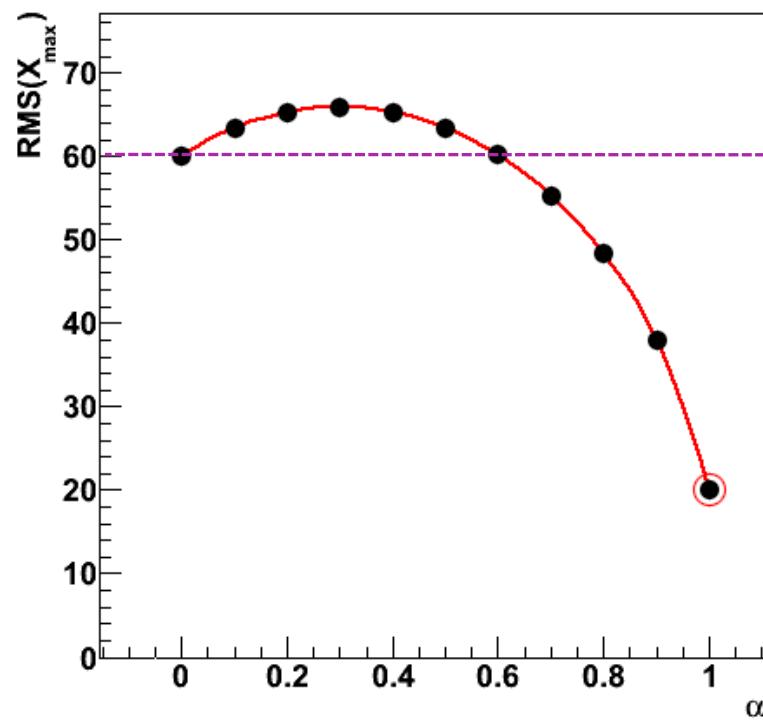
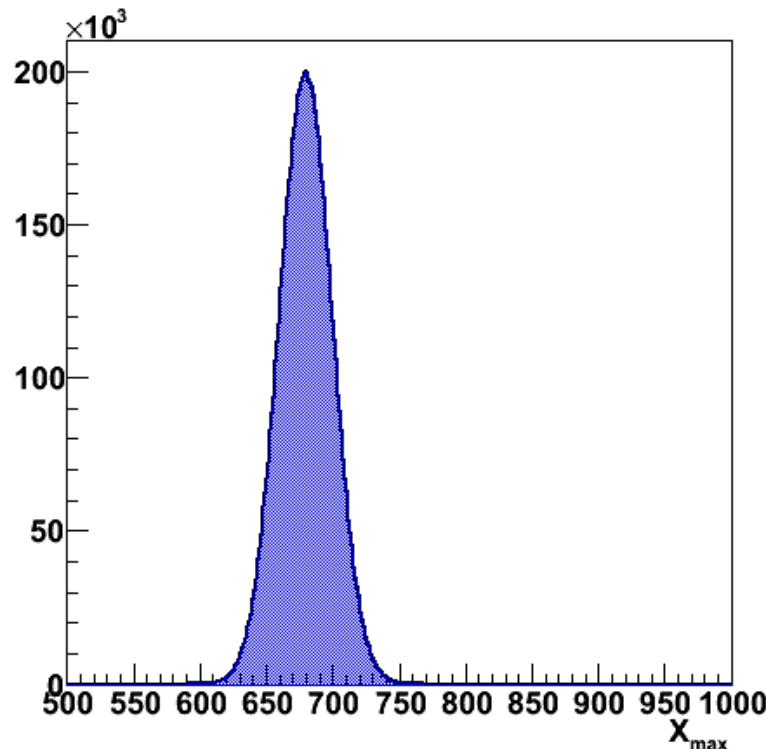
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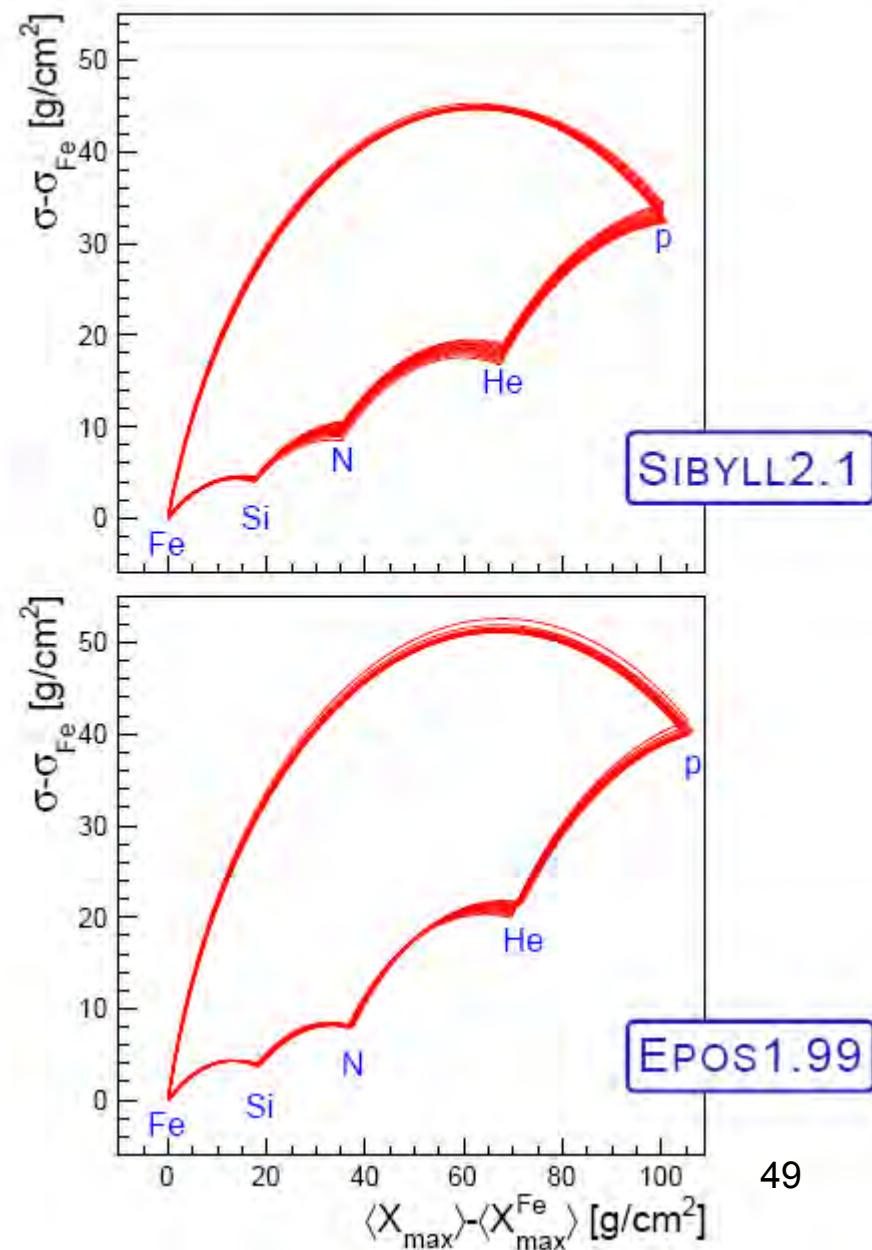
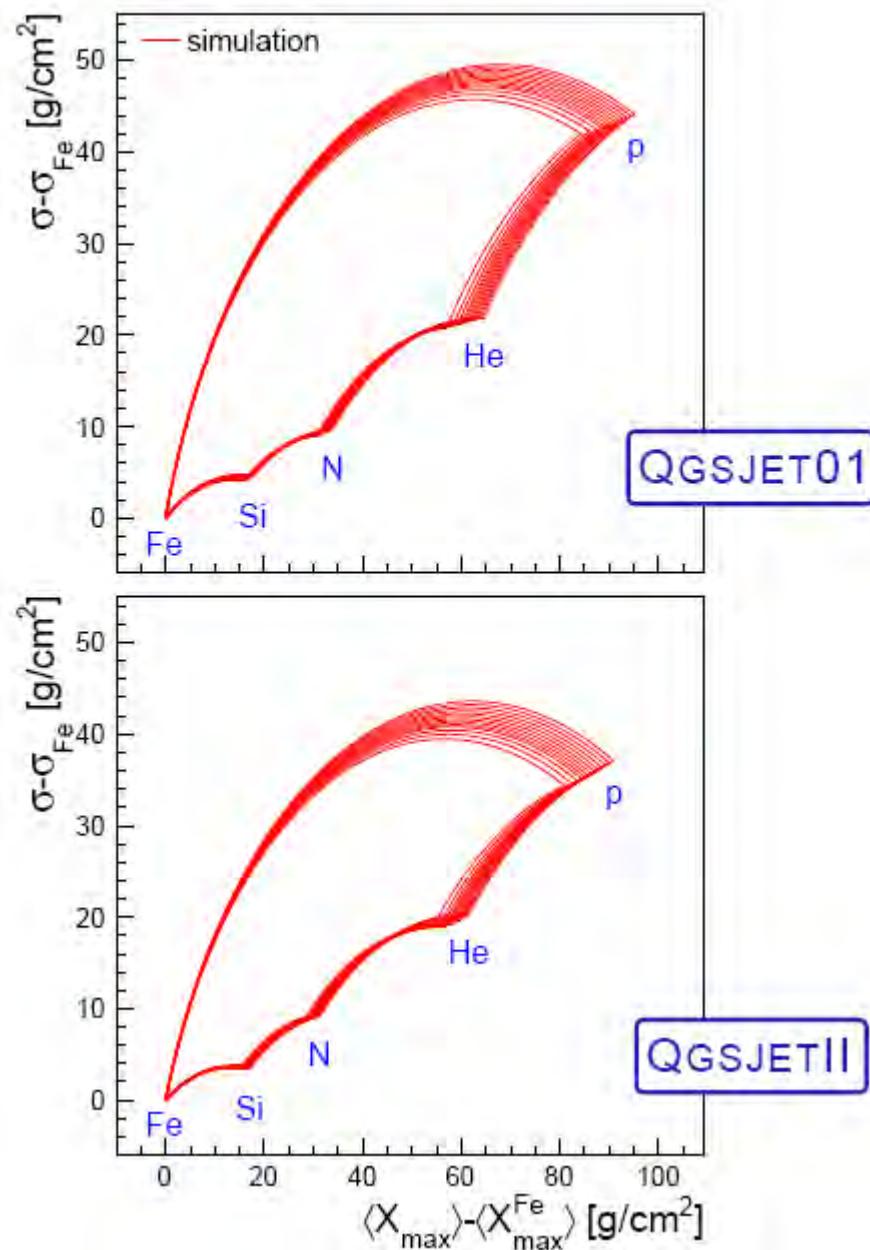
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\quad + \alpha(1 - \alpha) \left(\langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle_p - \langle X_{\text{max}} \rangle_{Fe} \right)^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

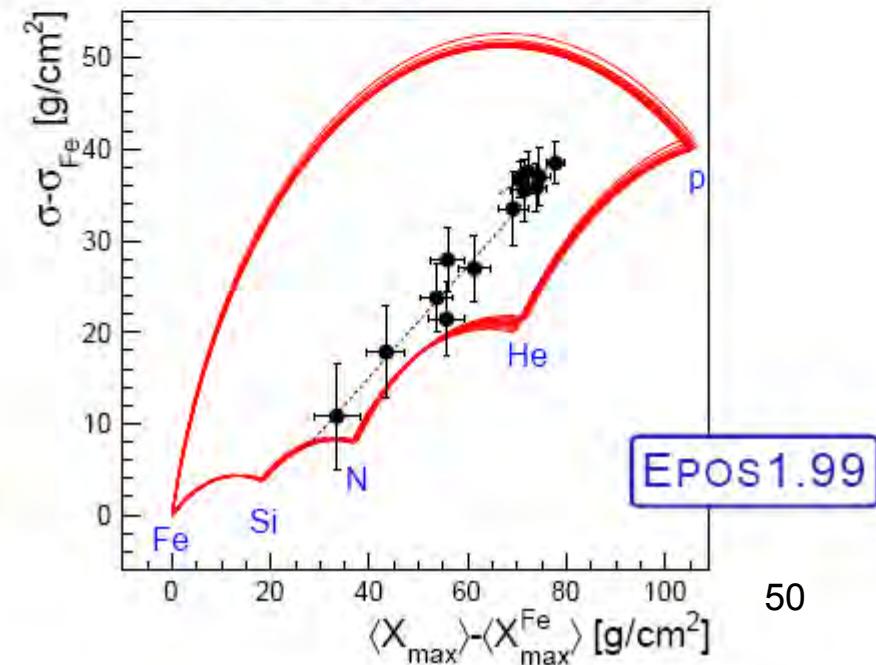
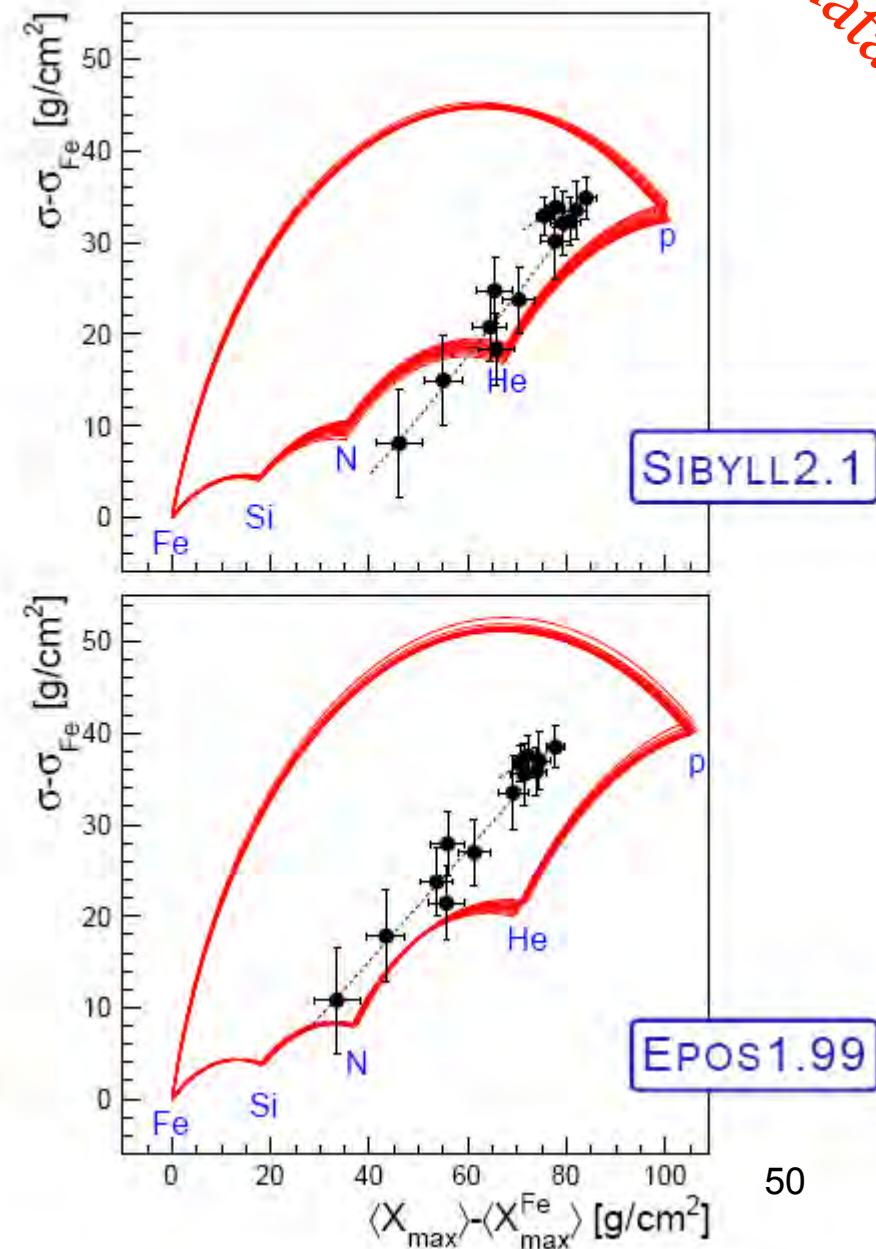
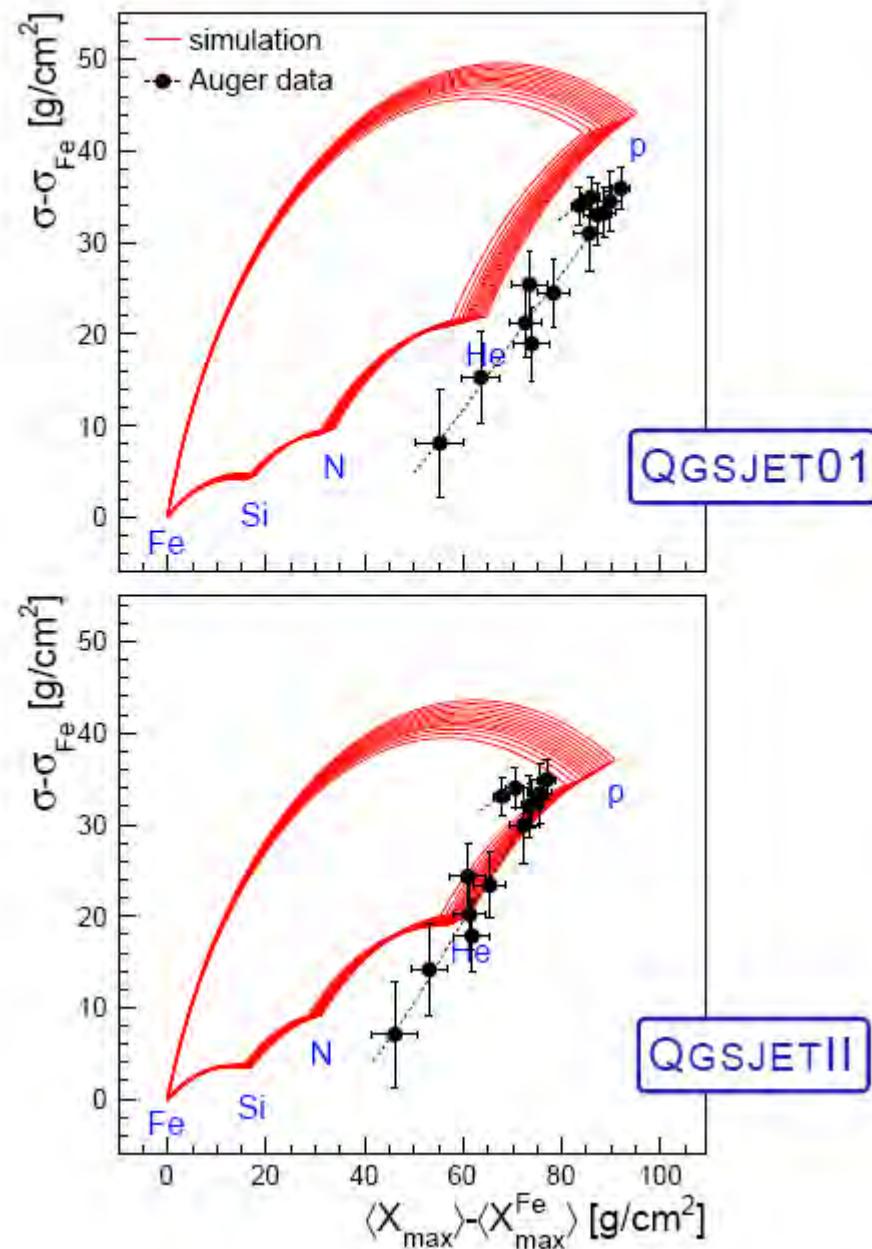
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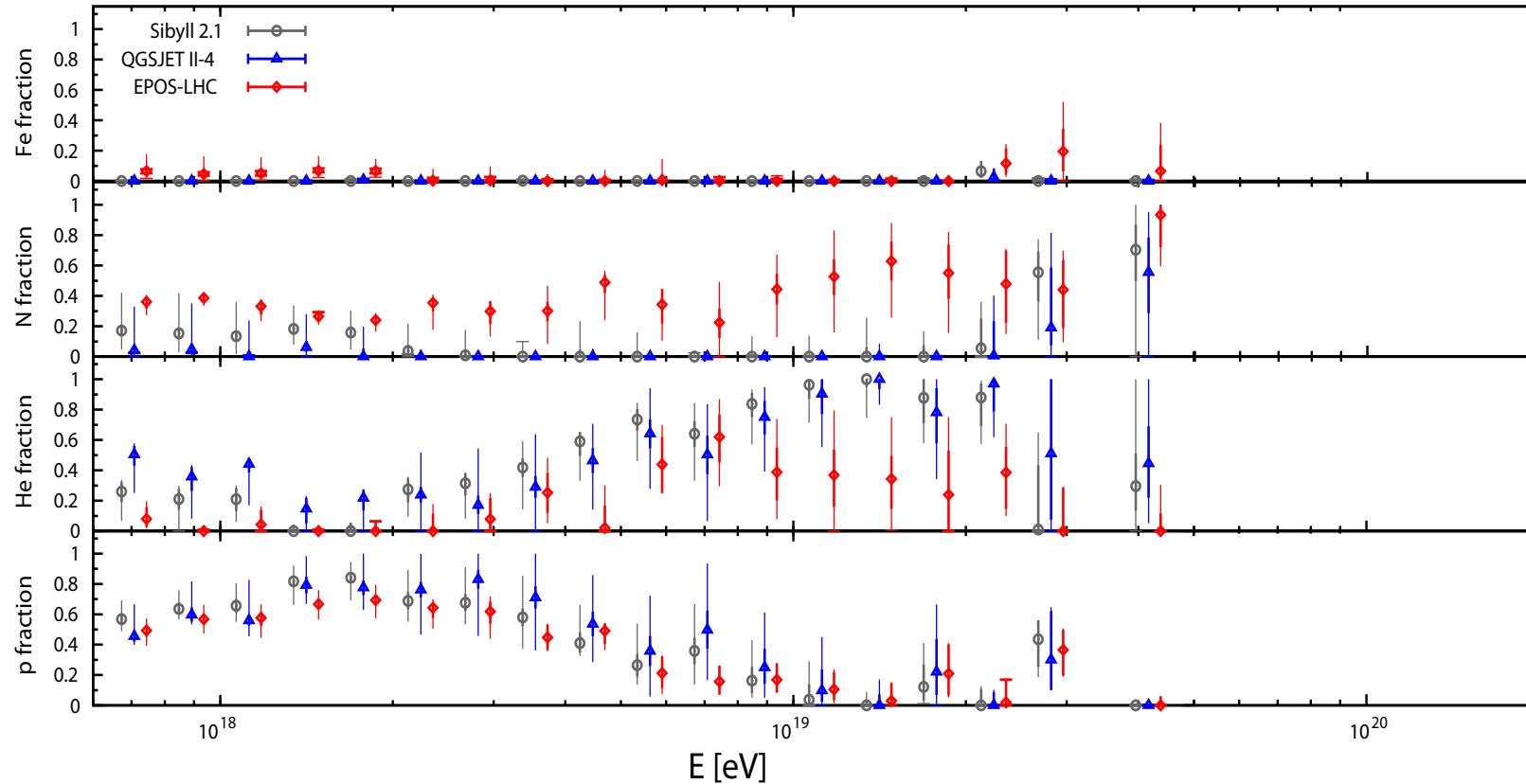


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Old data



Nuclei fraction from X_{\max} distributions



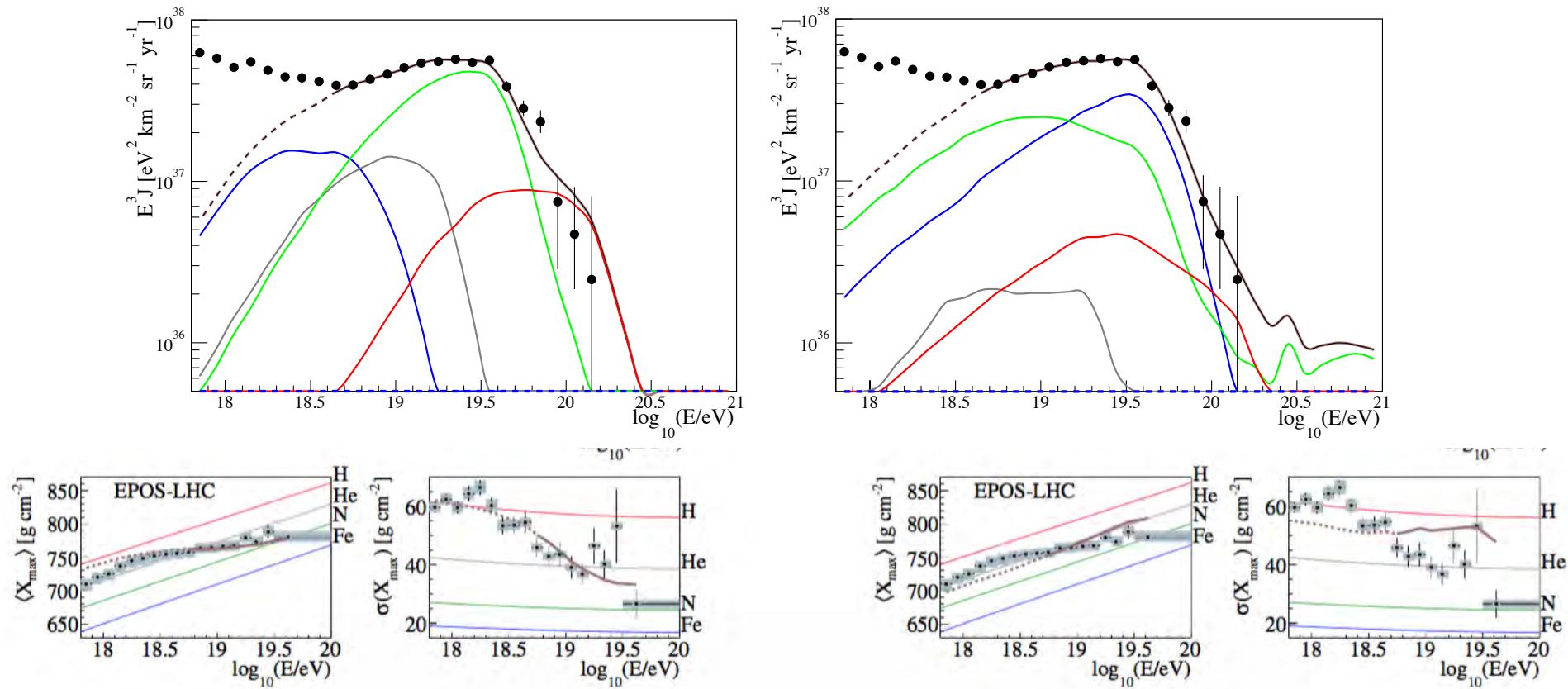
almost no Fe and <10% of p at the highest energies

a no “standard” astrophysics scenario !

Combined fits

A. di Matteo for the Pierre Auger Coll., Proc 34th ICRC (2015)

Protons (blue)
Helium (gray)
Nitrogen (green)
Iron (red)



A Fit (spectrum, $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$, $\text{RMS}(X_{\max})$) is always possible but it requires a very unusual metallicity of the sources!

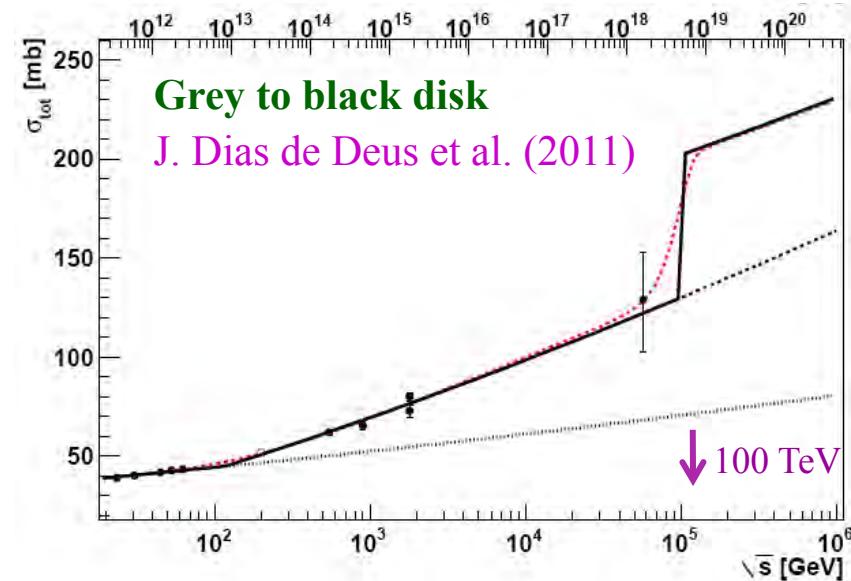
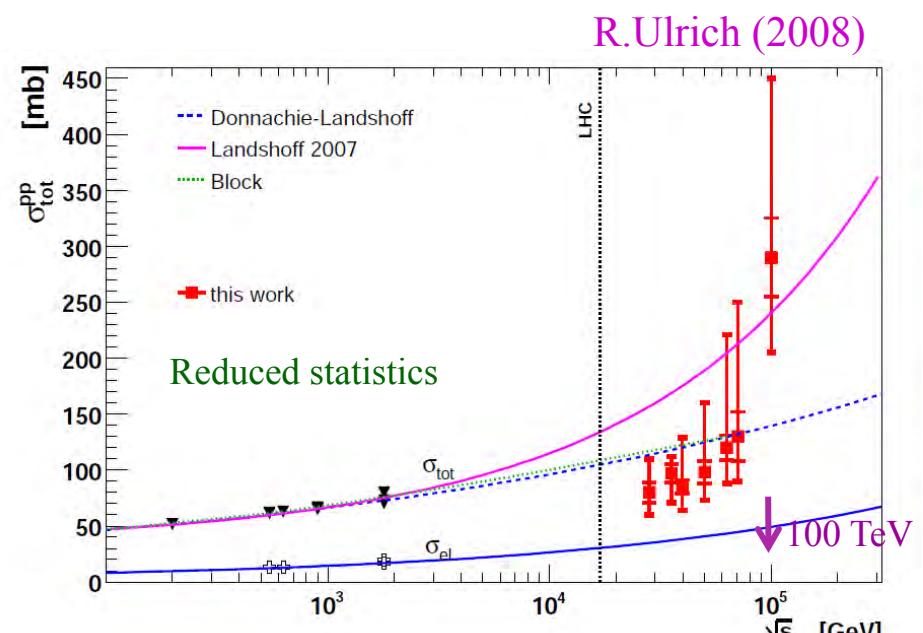
The “Particle Physics” interpretation ...

If just proton ...

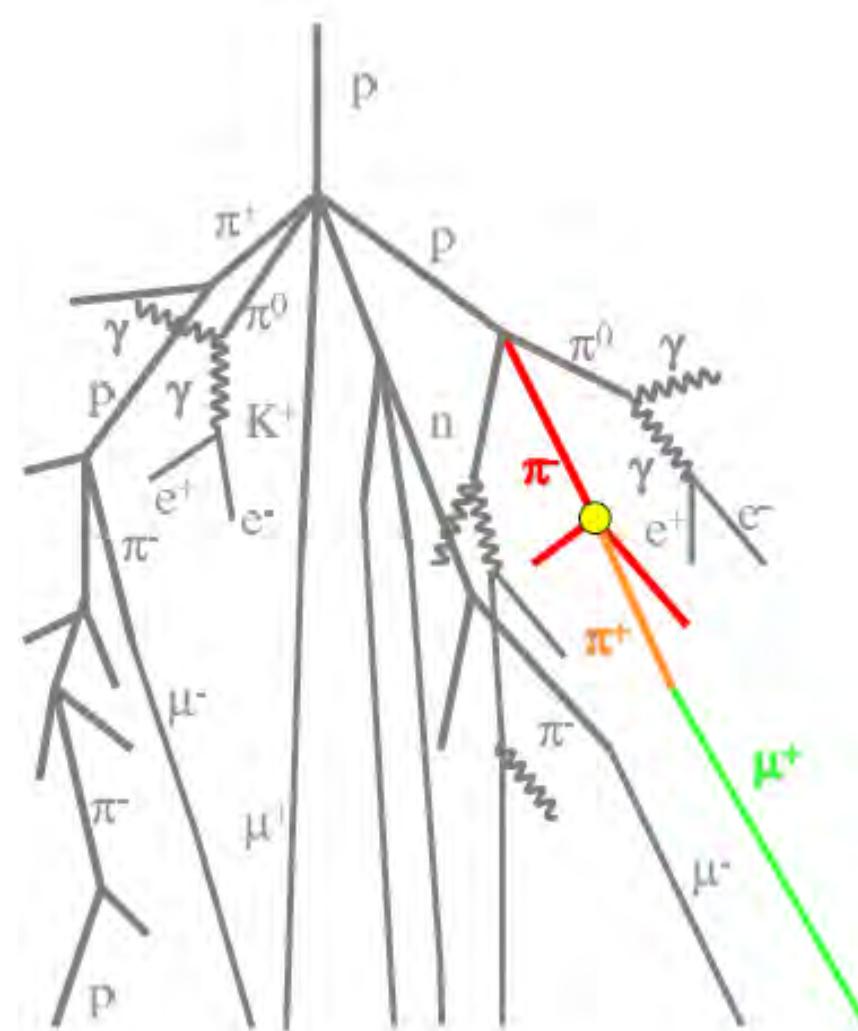
$$\sqrt{s} = 100 \text{ TeV !!!}$$

A dramatic increase in the proton-proton cross section

But no violation of the Froissart bound

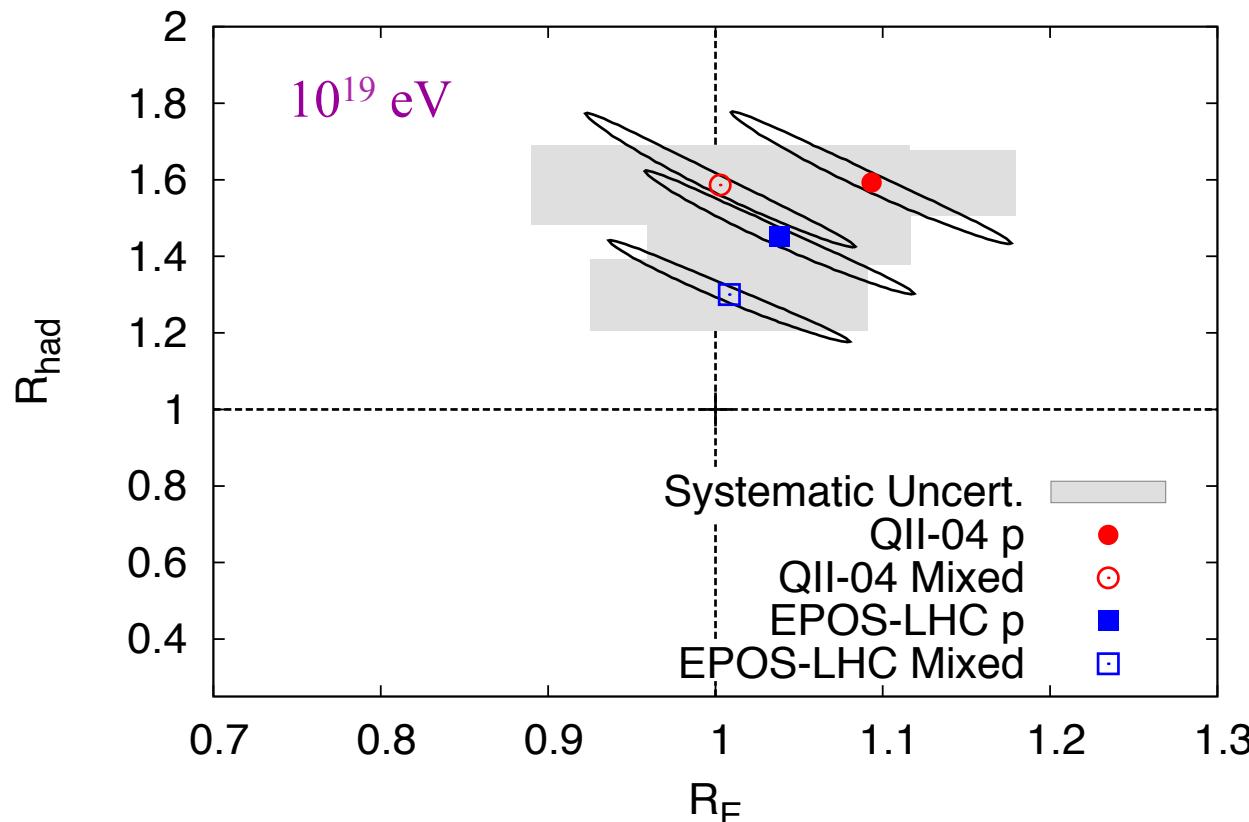


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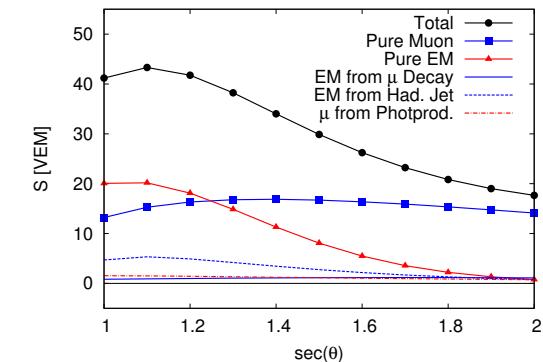


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$$S_{\text{resc}}(R_E, R_{\text{had}})_{i,j} \equiv R_E S_{EM,i,j} + R_{\text{had}} R_E^\alpha S_{\text{had},i,j}$$

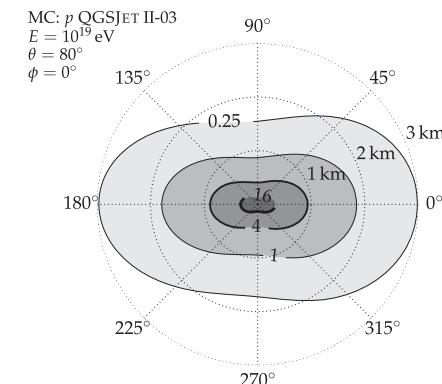
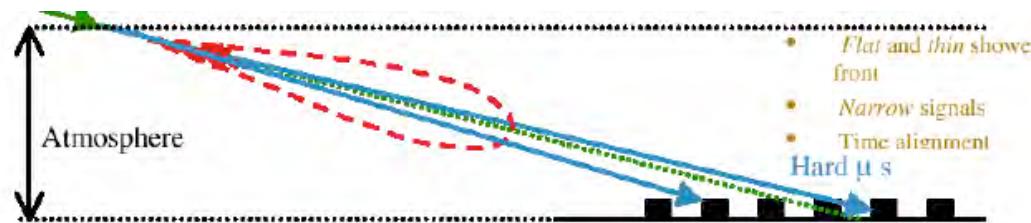


Model	R_E	R_{had}
QII-04 p	$1.09 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.09$	$1.59 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.09$
QII-04 Mixed	$1.00 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.11$	$1.61 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.11$
EPOS p	$1.04 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.08$	$1.45 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.08$
EPOS Mixed	$1.00 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.08$	$1.33 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.09$

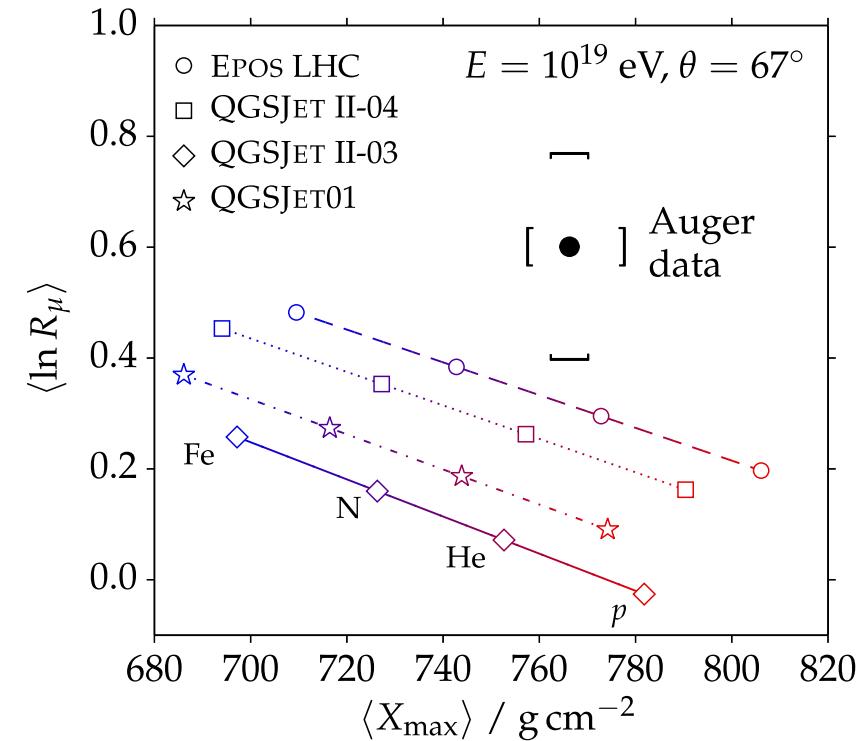
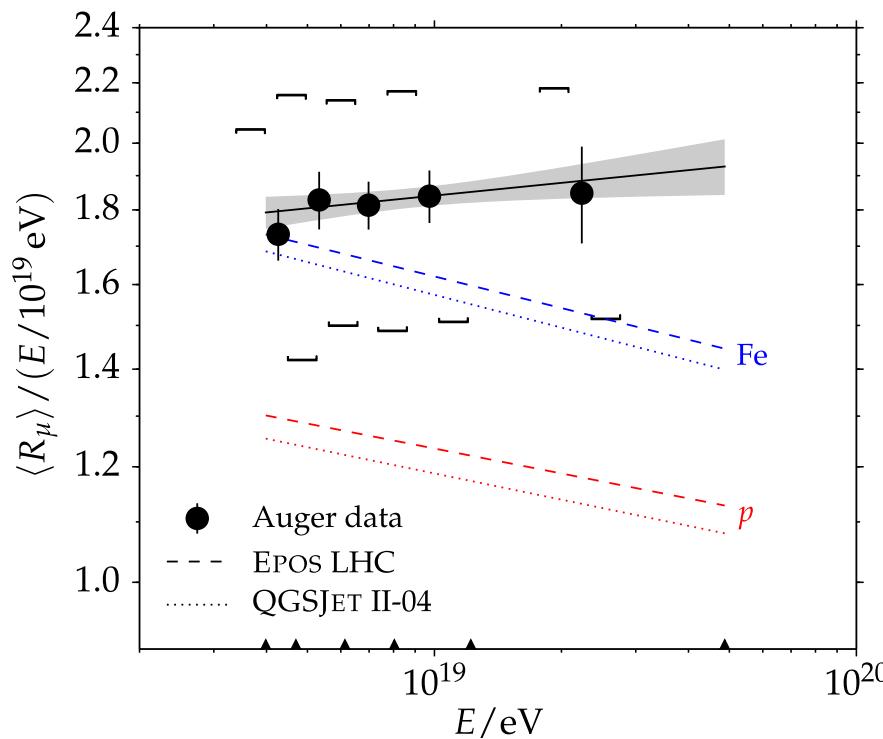


Hadronic signal in data
is significantly larger

The “number of μ_s (inclined showers)



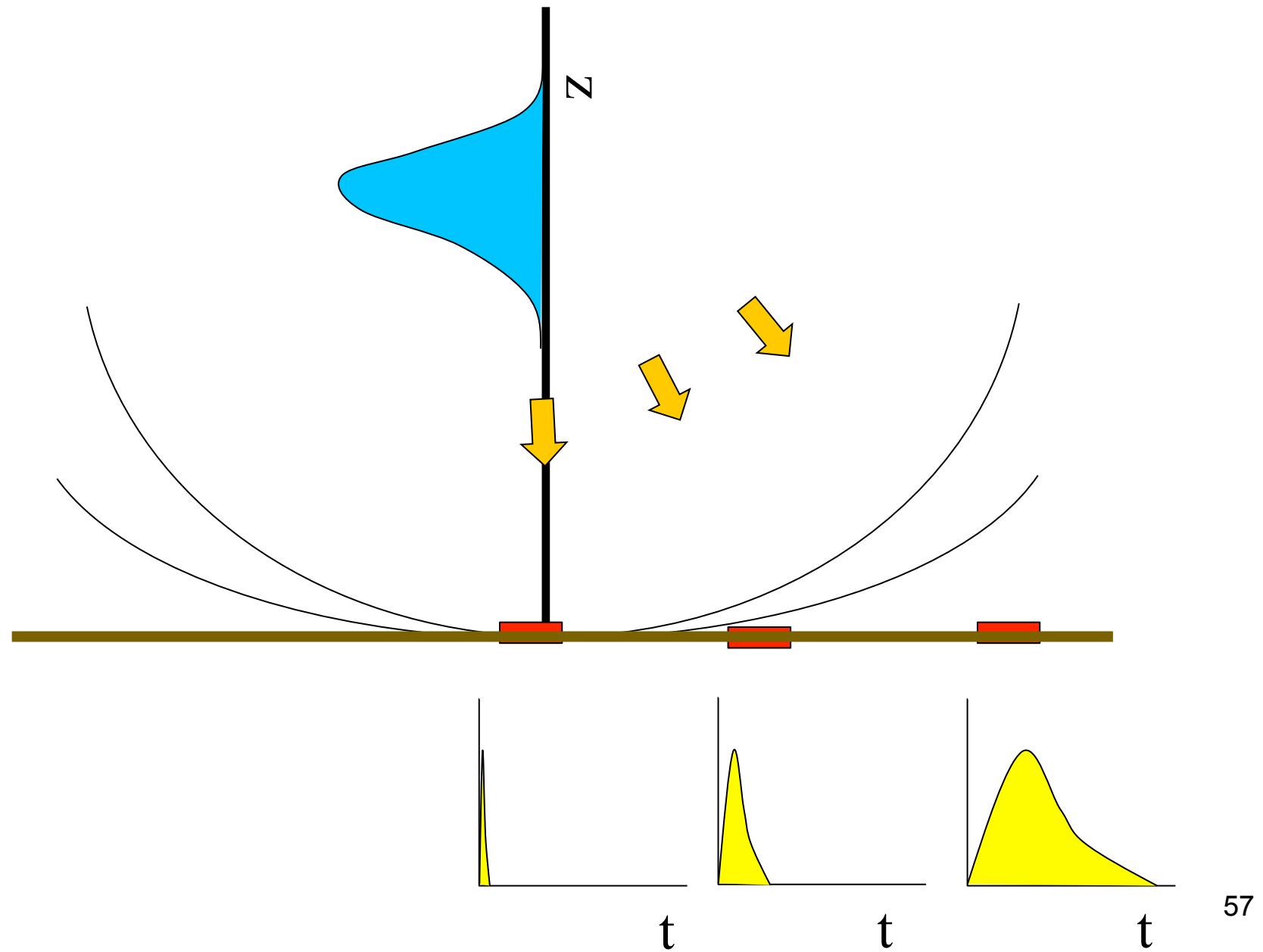
$$R_\mu = N_\mu^{\text{true}} / N_\mu^{\text{map}}(\theta, \phi) = N_{19}^{\text{true}}$$



Tension between data and all hadronic interaction models $^{56}!!$

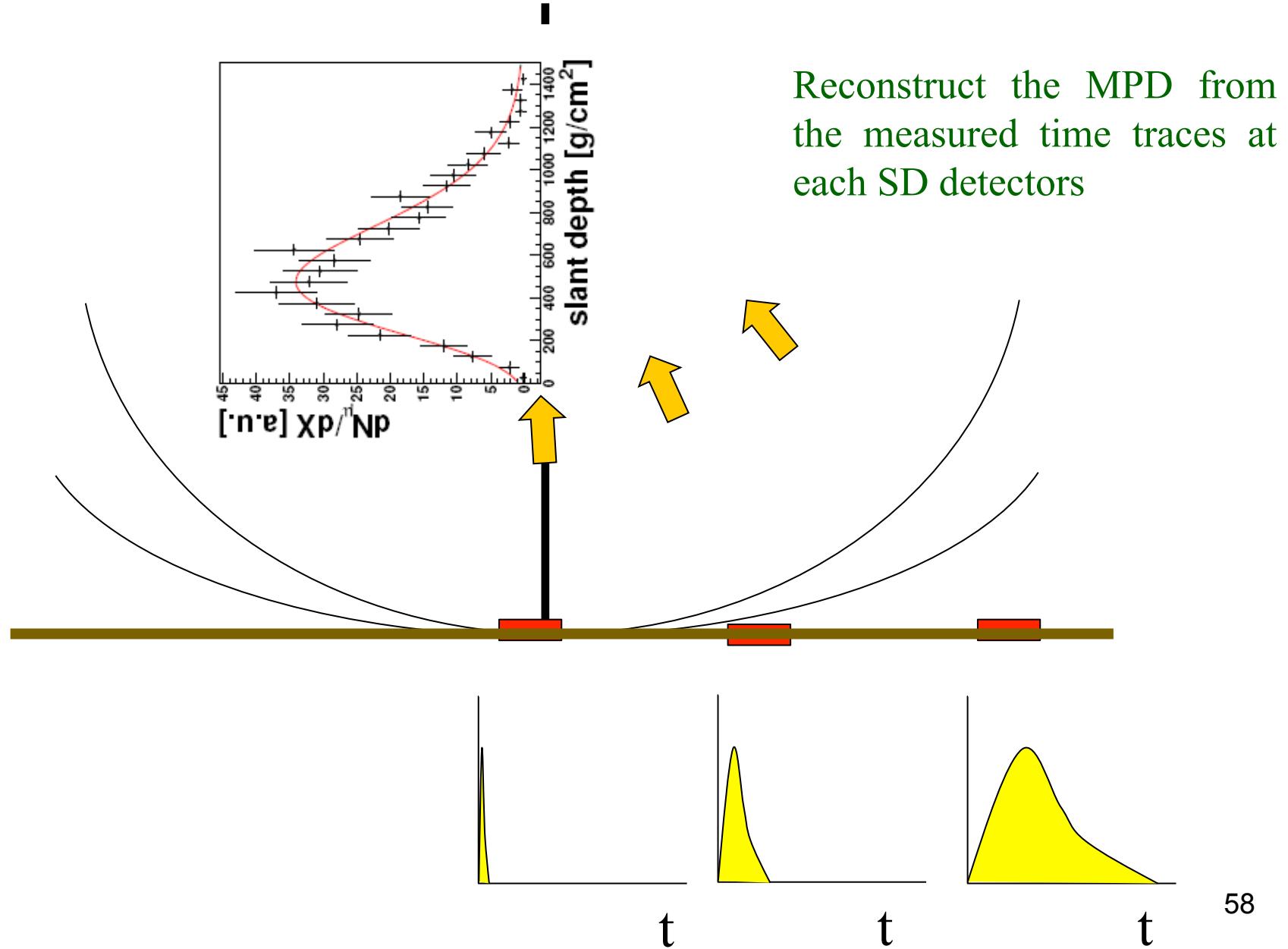
Muon Production Depth (MPD)

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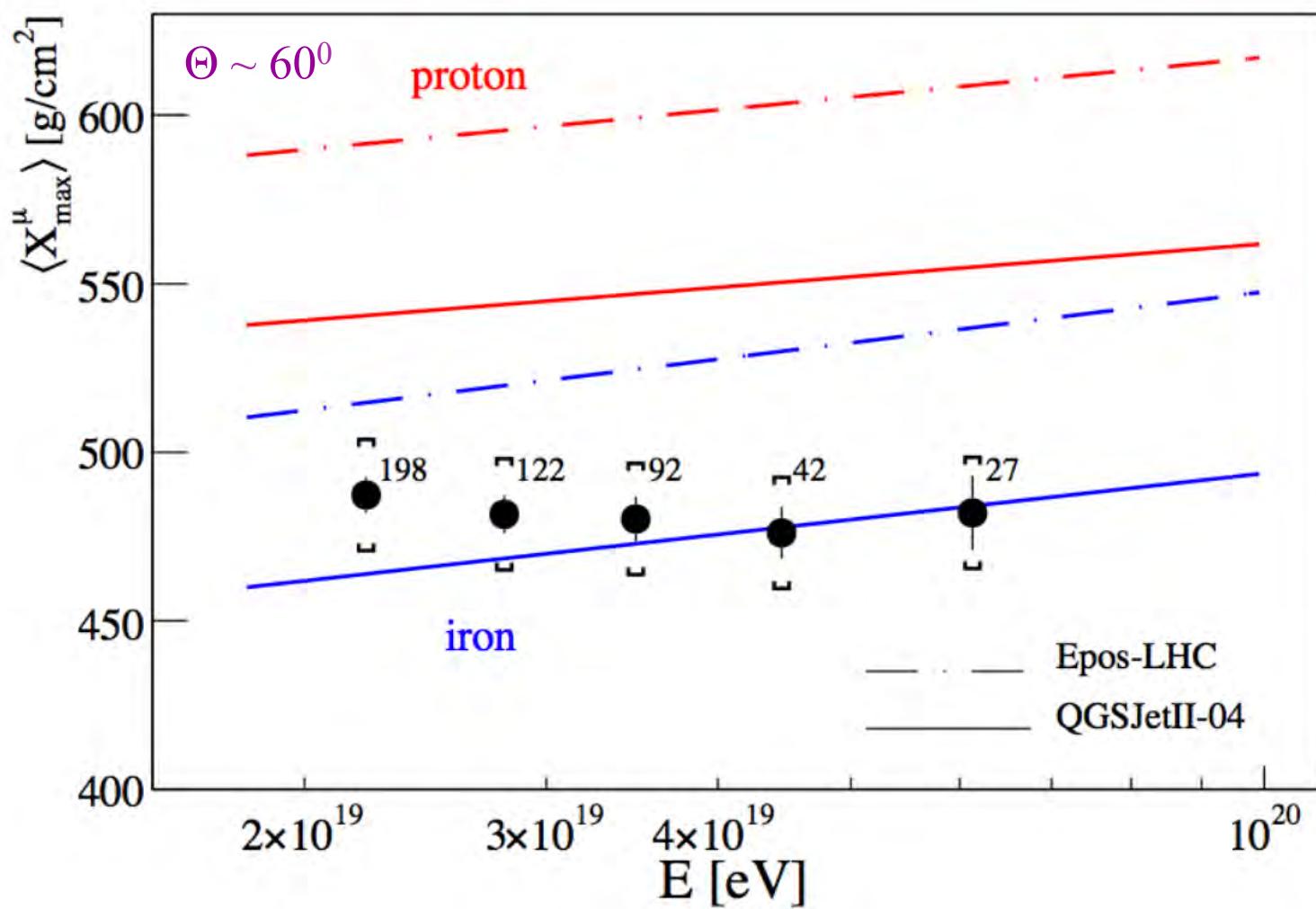


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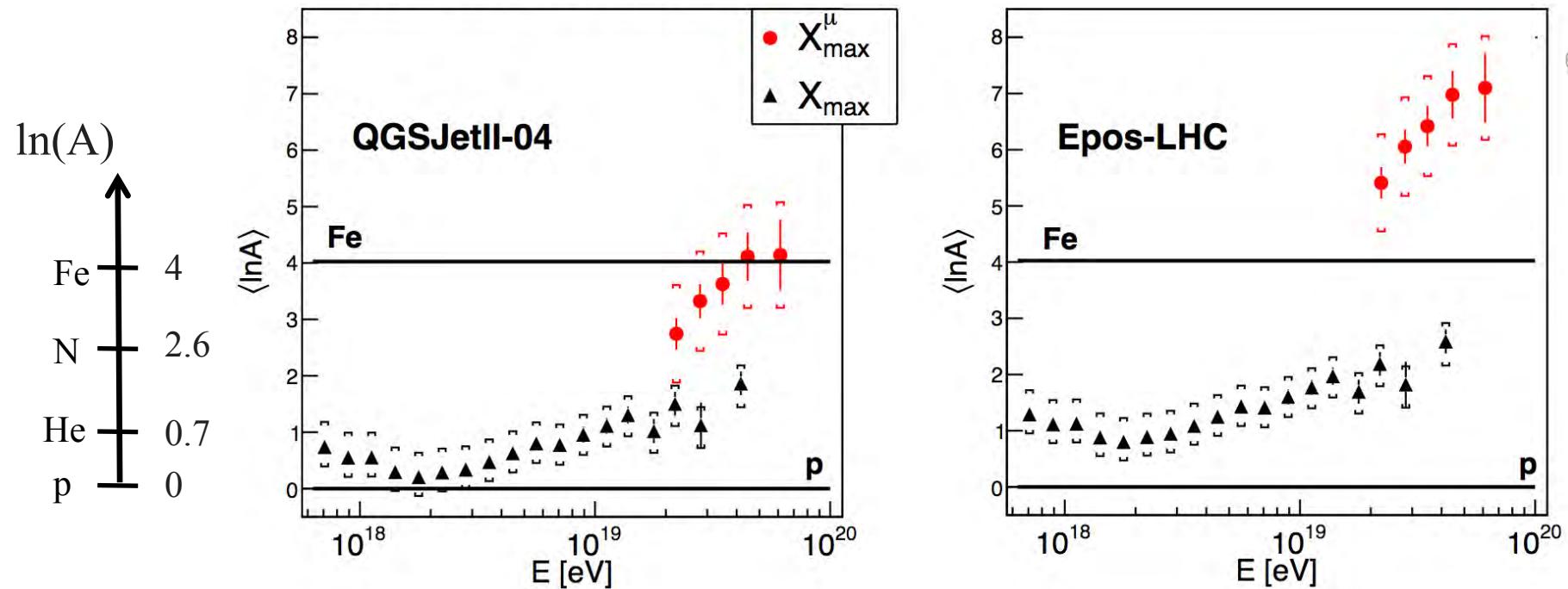
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$\langle X_{\max}^\mu \rangle$



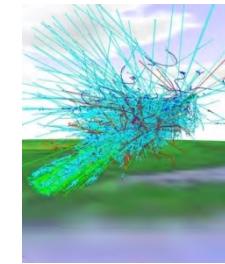
$\langle \ln A \rangle$ from X_{\max} and X_{\max}^μ



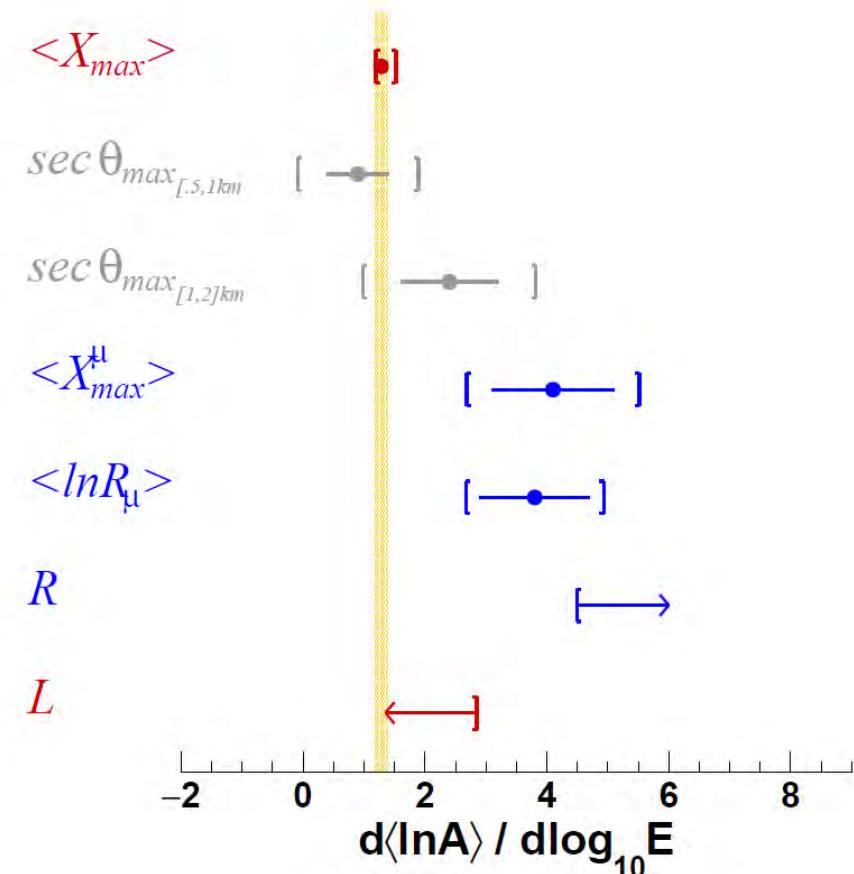
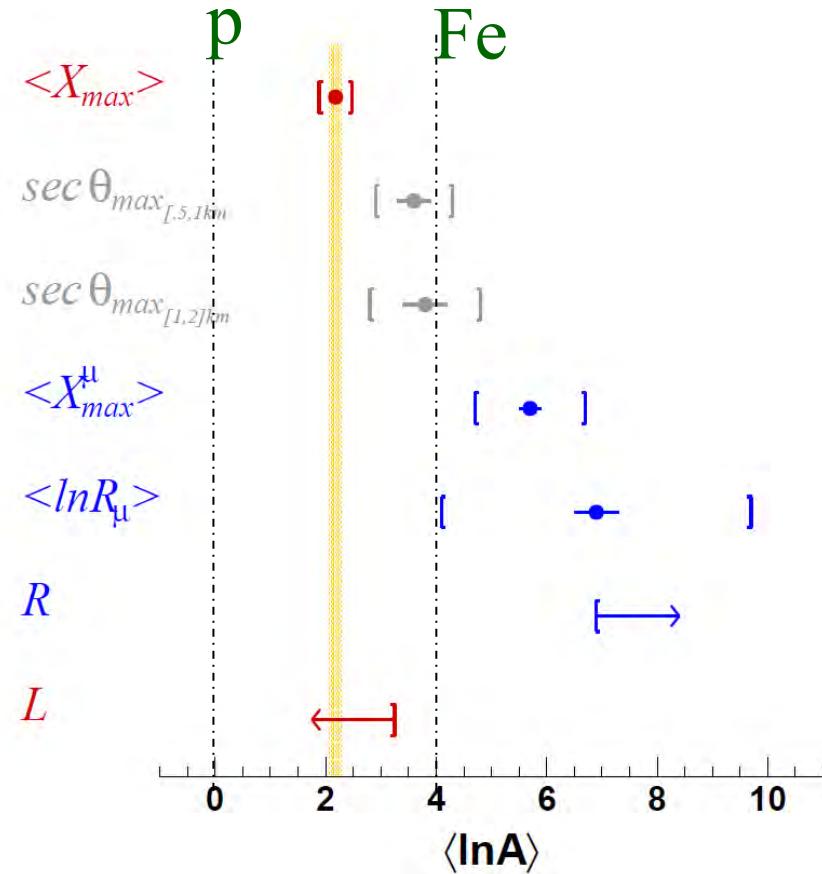
(X_{\max}, X_{\max}^μ) is sensitive to hadronic development of the shower
(rapidity distributions, ...)

The Physics puzzle

Are we understanding our showers?



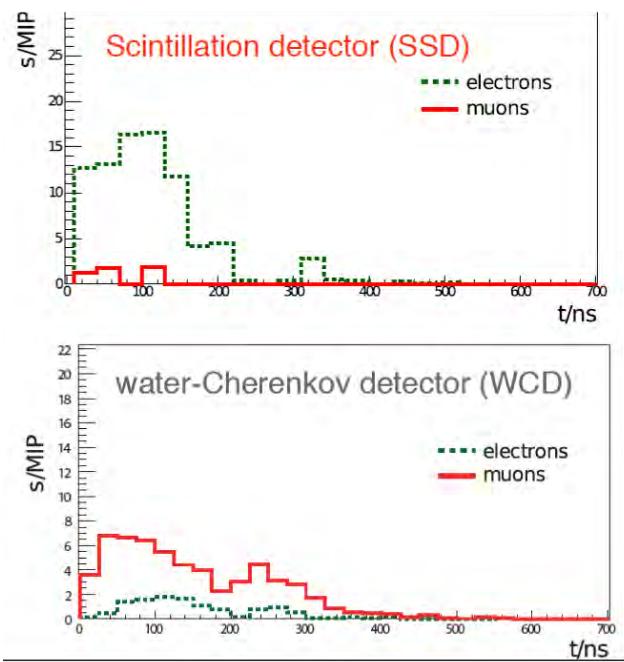
EPOS-LHC model, $E \sim 10^{19.4}$ eV



None of the present hadronic interaction models can describe fully
our measurements at $\sqrt{s} \sim 100$ TeV !!!

Auger Prime

- “Primary cosmic Ray Identification through Muons and Electrons”
- Two complementary detectors:
 - Scintillator on top of the tank: signal dominated by e.m. component
 - WCD sensitive to e.m. + muons
- The goal:
 - Enhance primary identification
 - Improve shower description
 - Reduce systematic uncertainties



Exciting times ahead us

