

THE PIERRE AUGER OBSERVATORY

RECENT RESULTS

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*SÃO PAULO SCHOOL ADVANCED SCIENCE ON HIGH ENERGY
AND PLASMA ASTROPHYSICS IN THE CTA ERA*

HISTORY CHALCATAYA

1947 Discovery of the pion, emulsions chambers exposed in the Pic di Midi, Pirinées

1947 Cesare Lattes take emulsion chambers to Chacaltaya, Bolivia



First international Laboratory

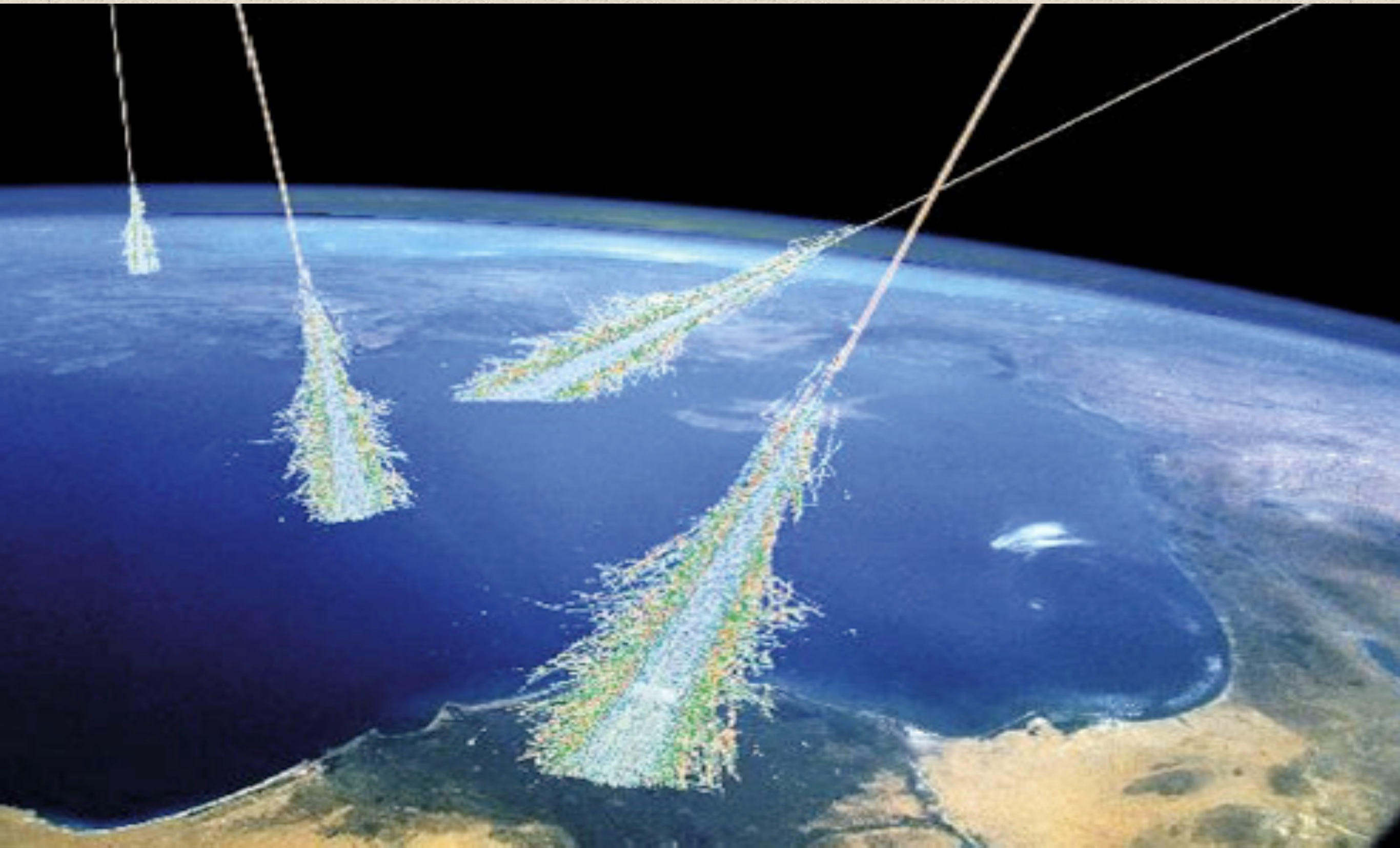
Later, in the 60's Brazil-Japan Collaboration



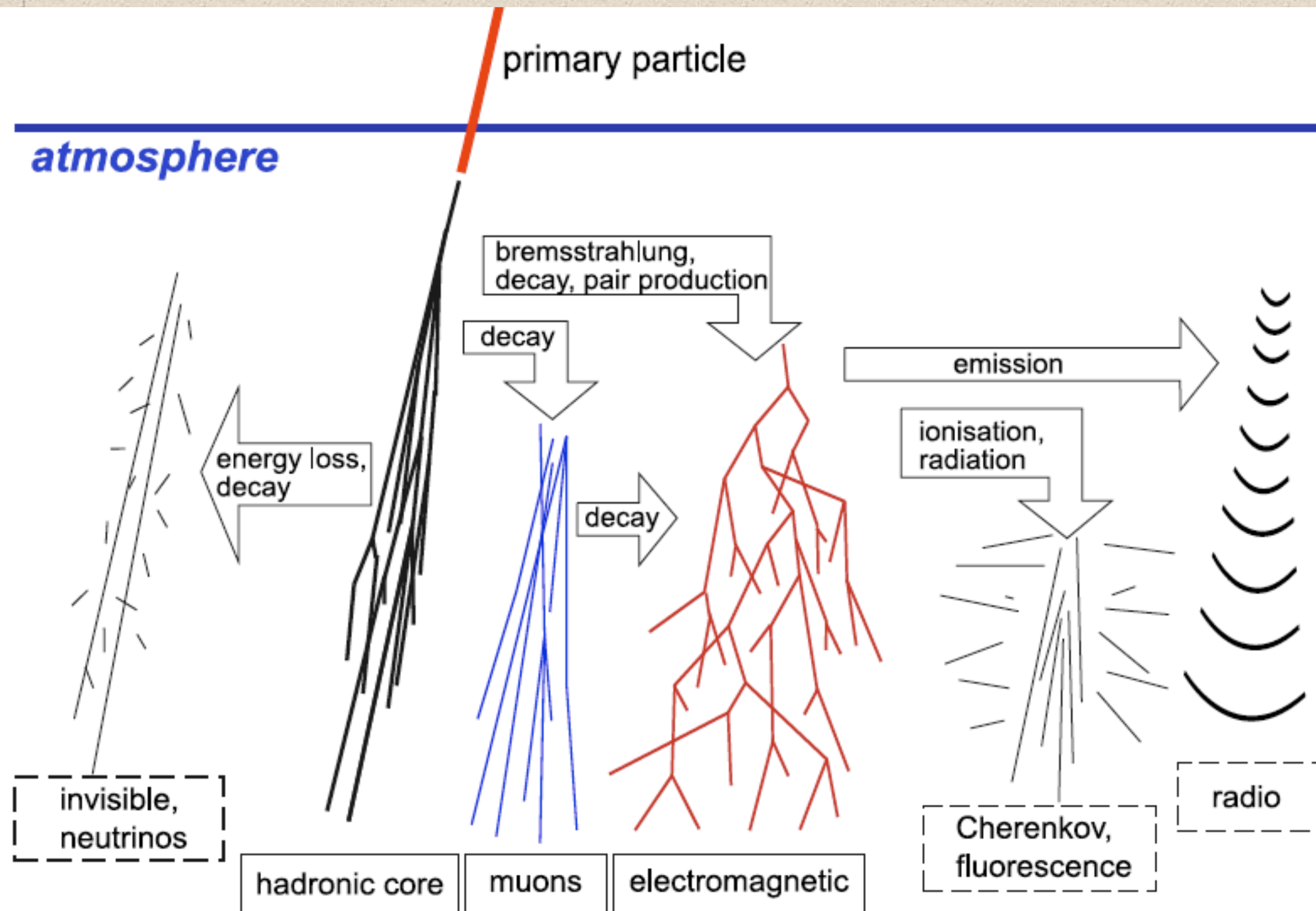
"Death road is over rated :) Chacaltaya is the real deal with LUNA TOURS"

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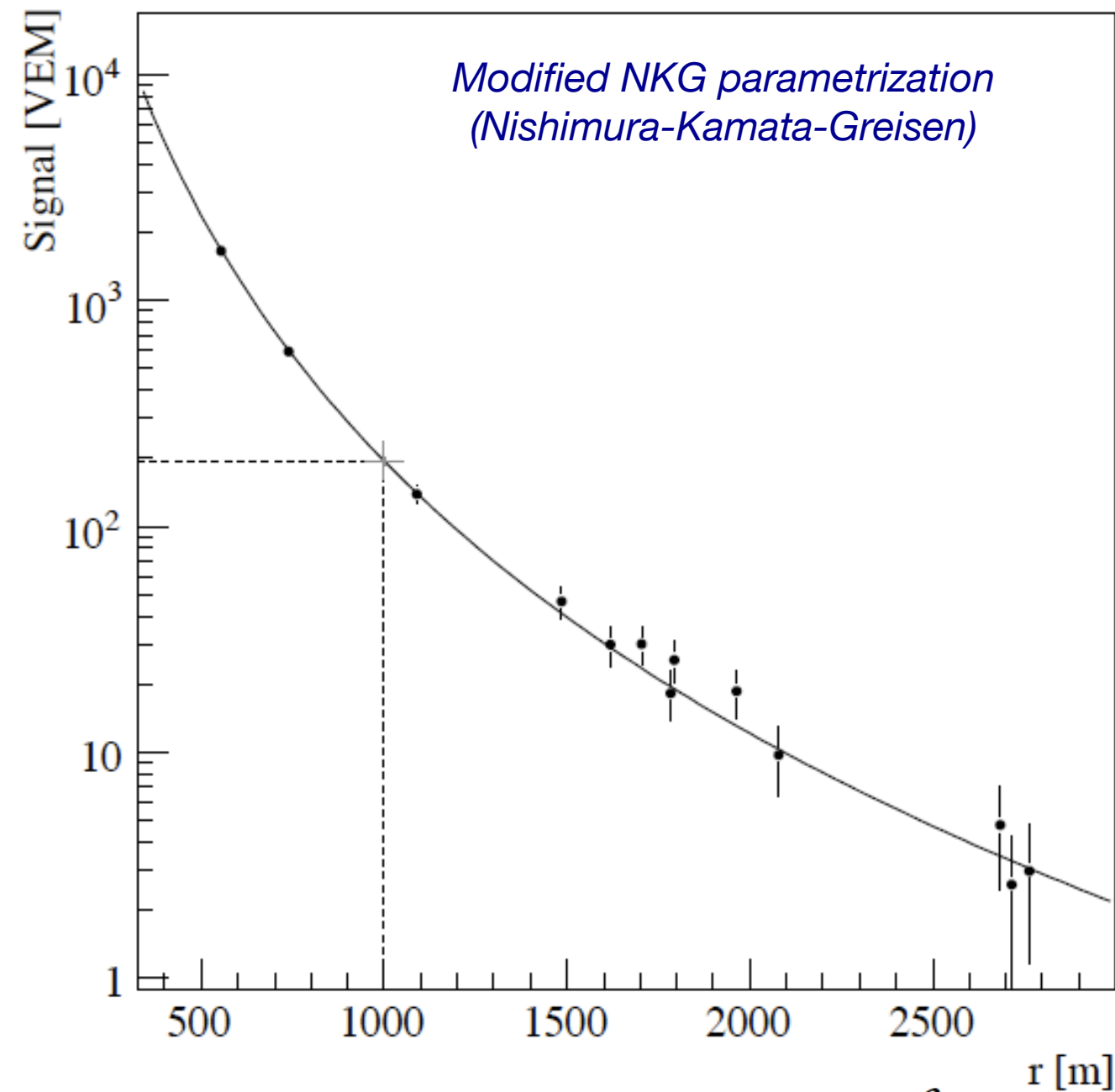
HISTORY OF THE AUGER COLLABORATION



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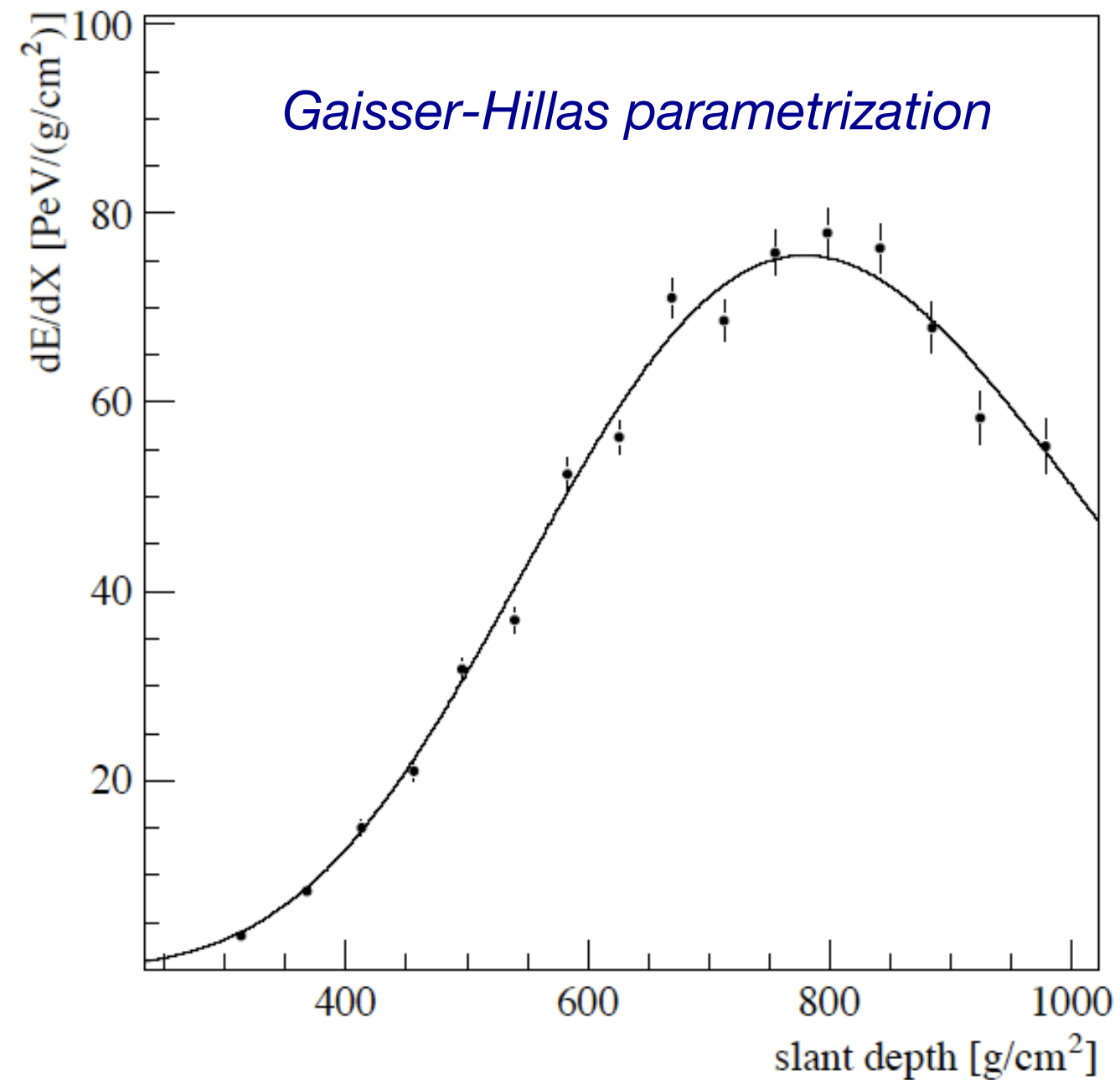


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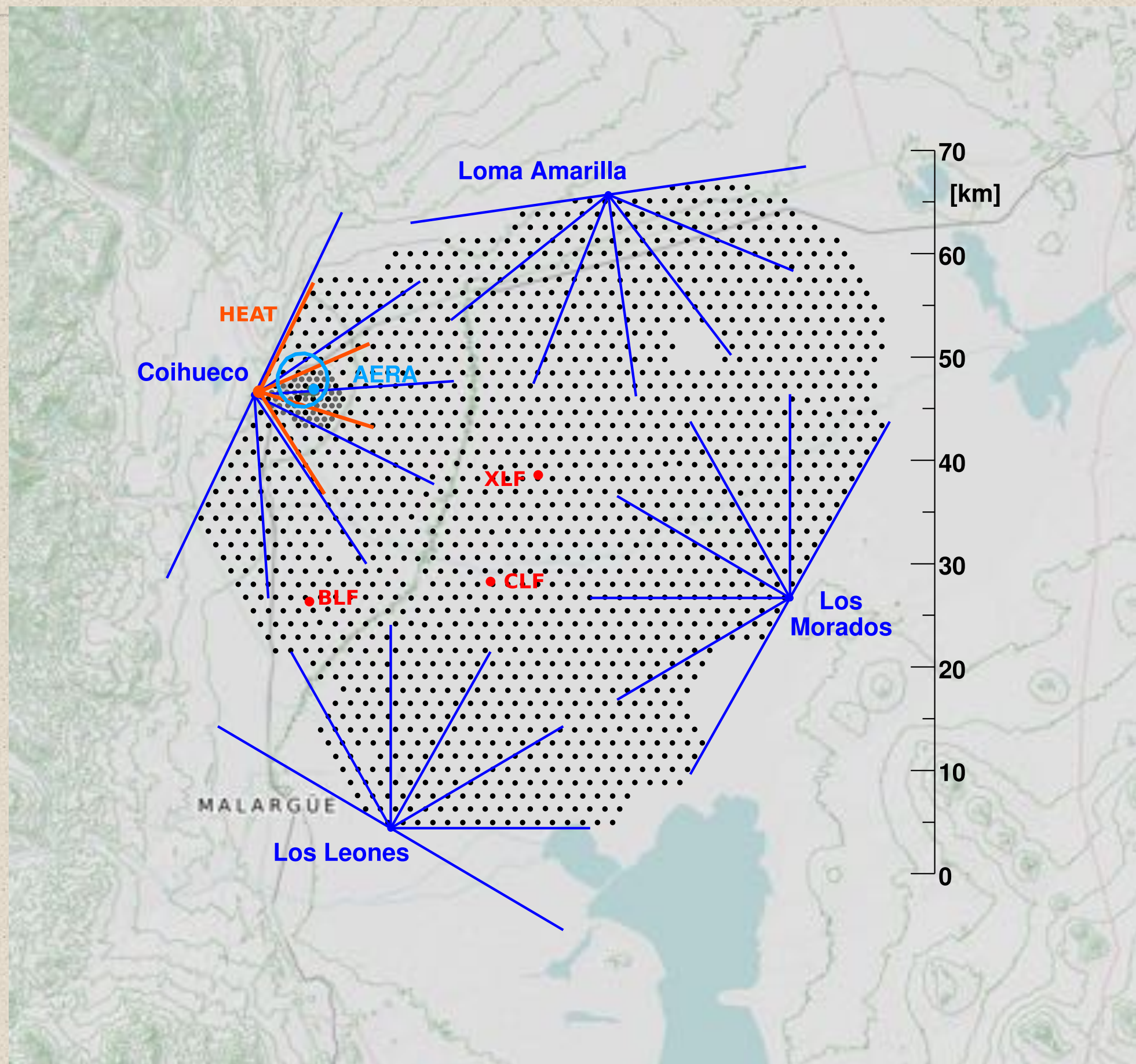
$$S(r) = S_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_s} \right) \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s} \right)^{-\beta}$$

$$\beta = 3.3 - 0.9 \sec \theta$$



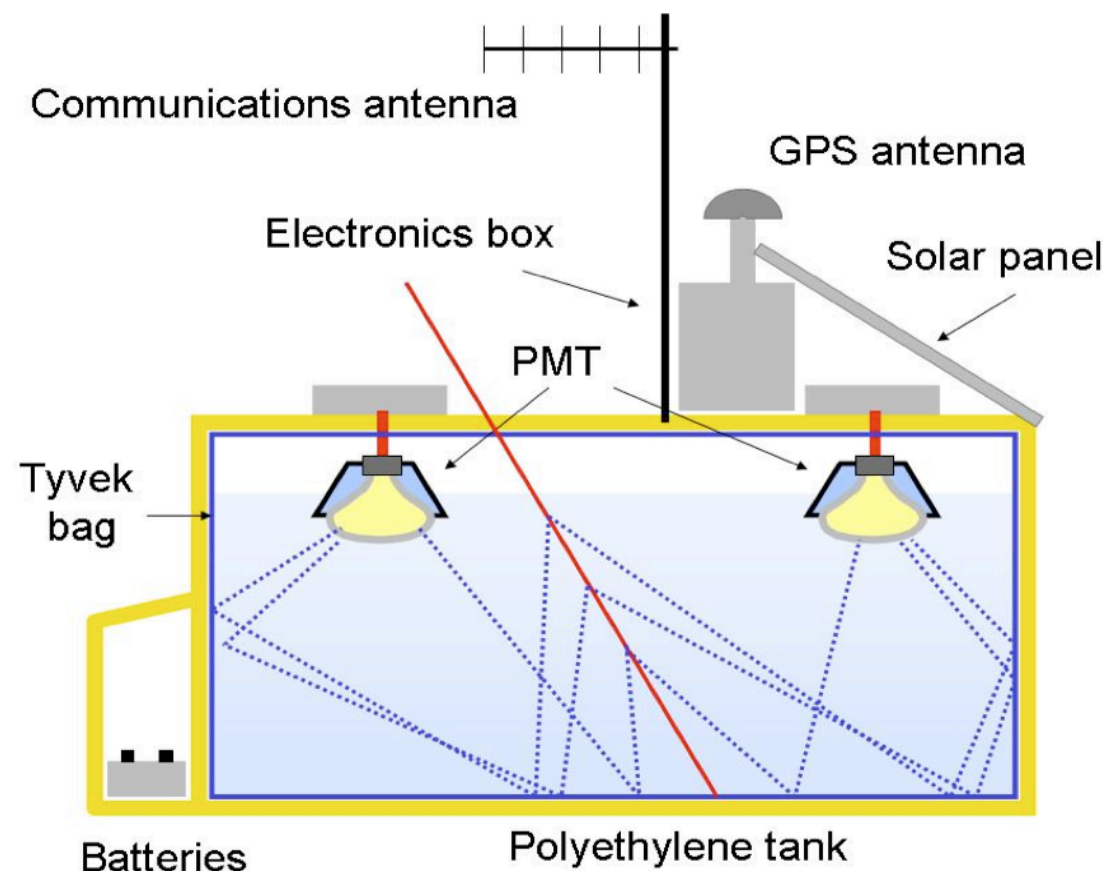
$$N(X) = N_{max} \cdot \left(\frac{X - X_0}{X_{max} - X_0} \right)^{(X - X_0)/\lambda} e^{-(X_{max} - X)/\lambda}$$



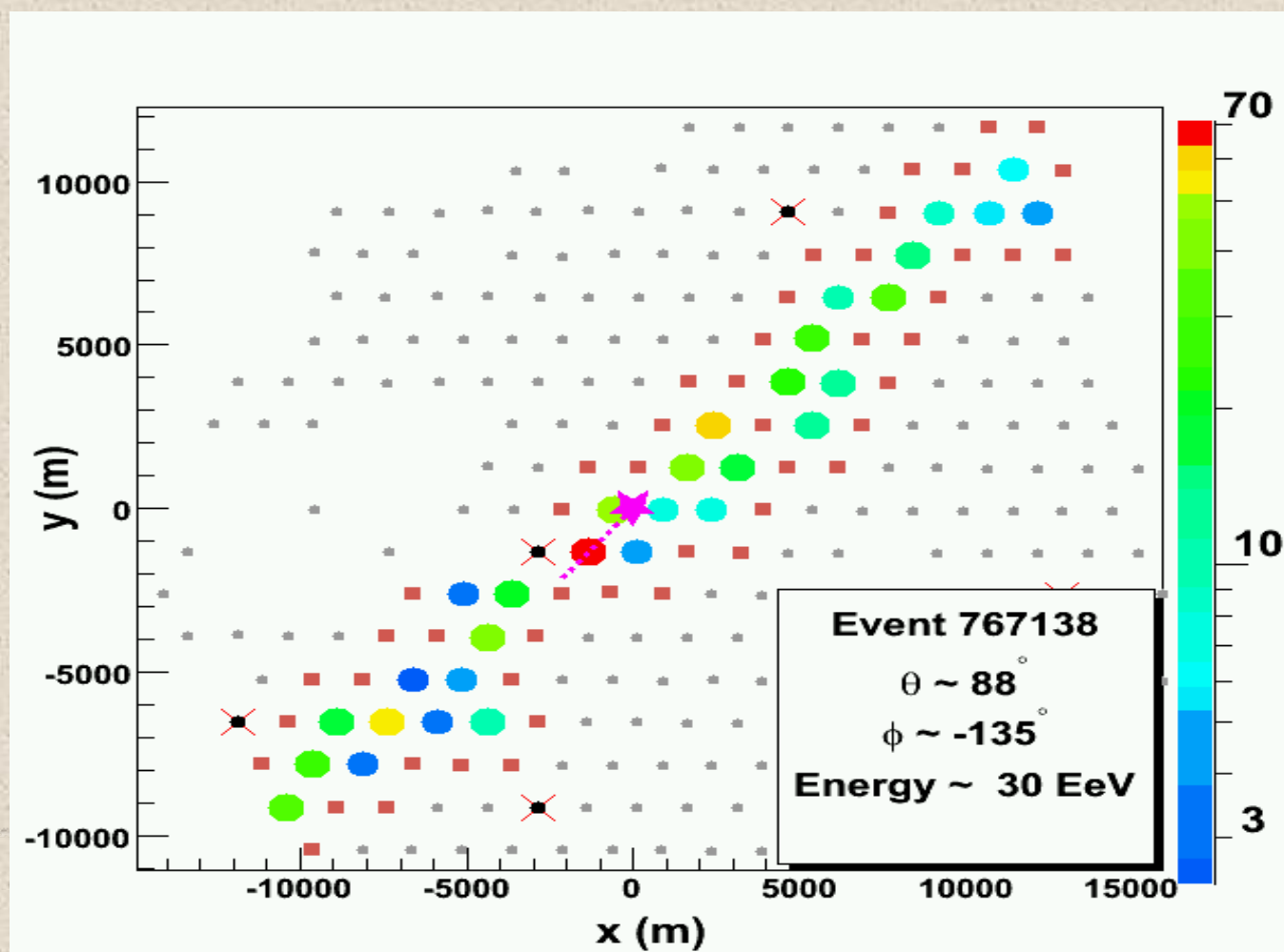
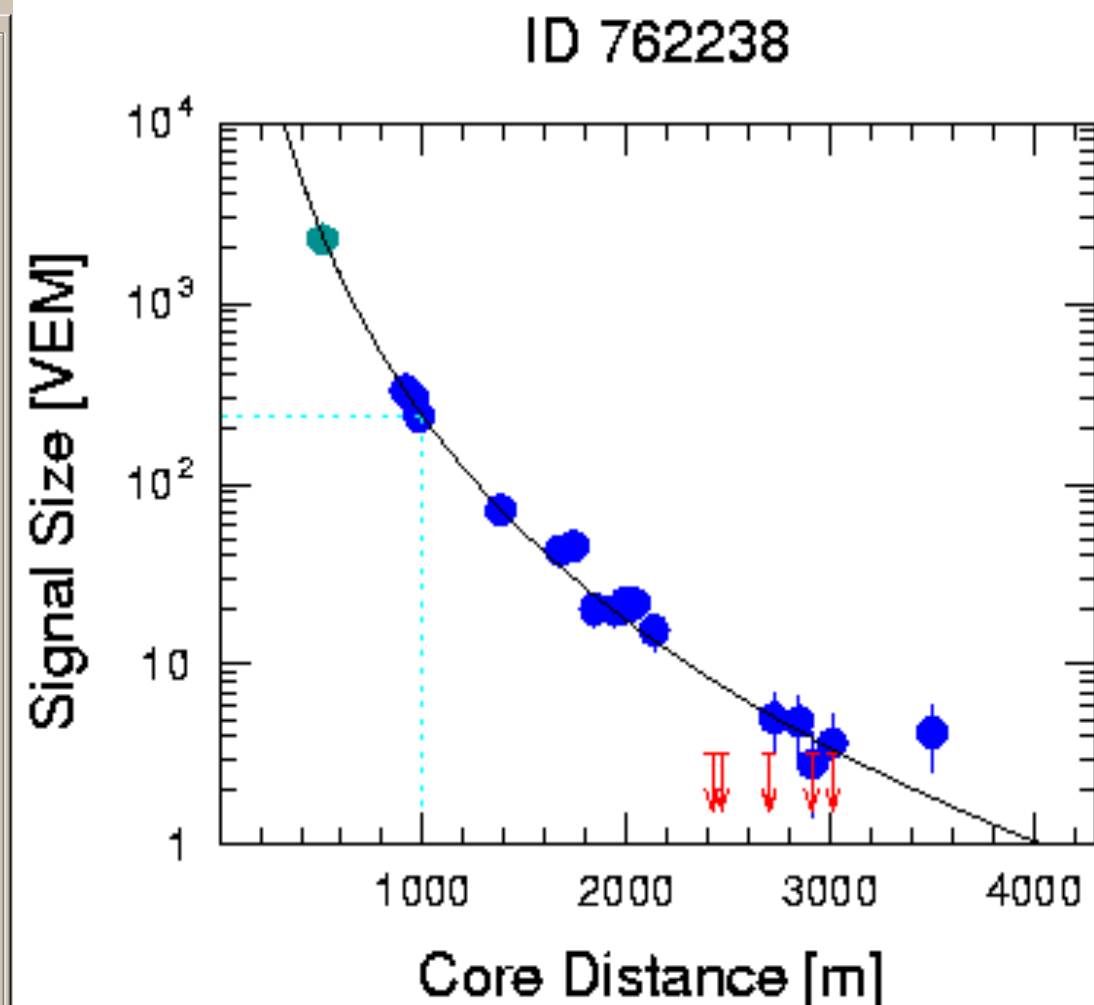
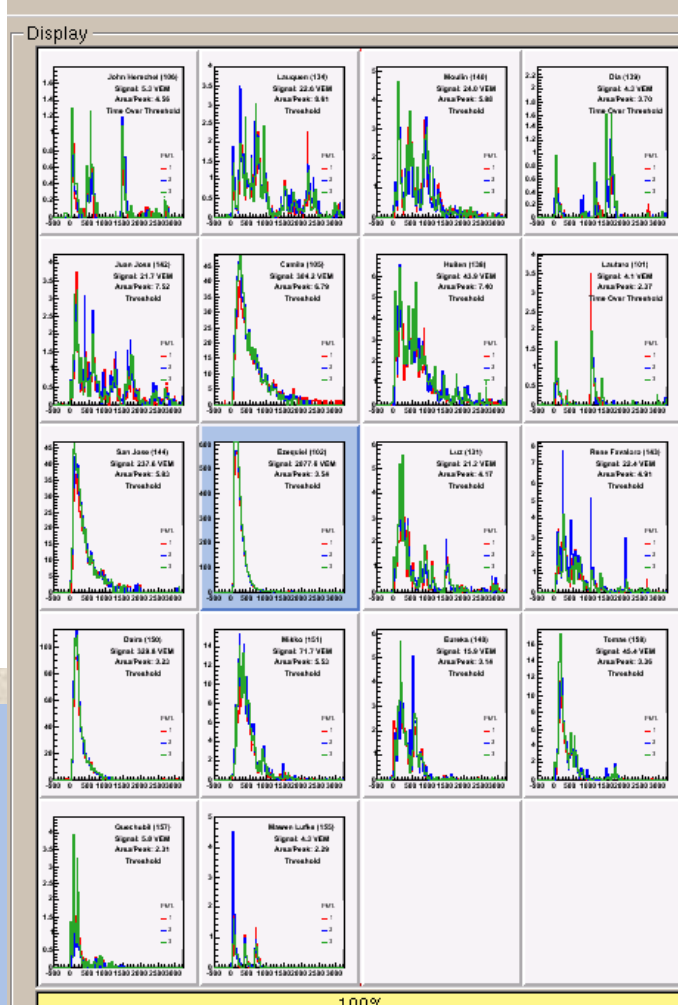
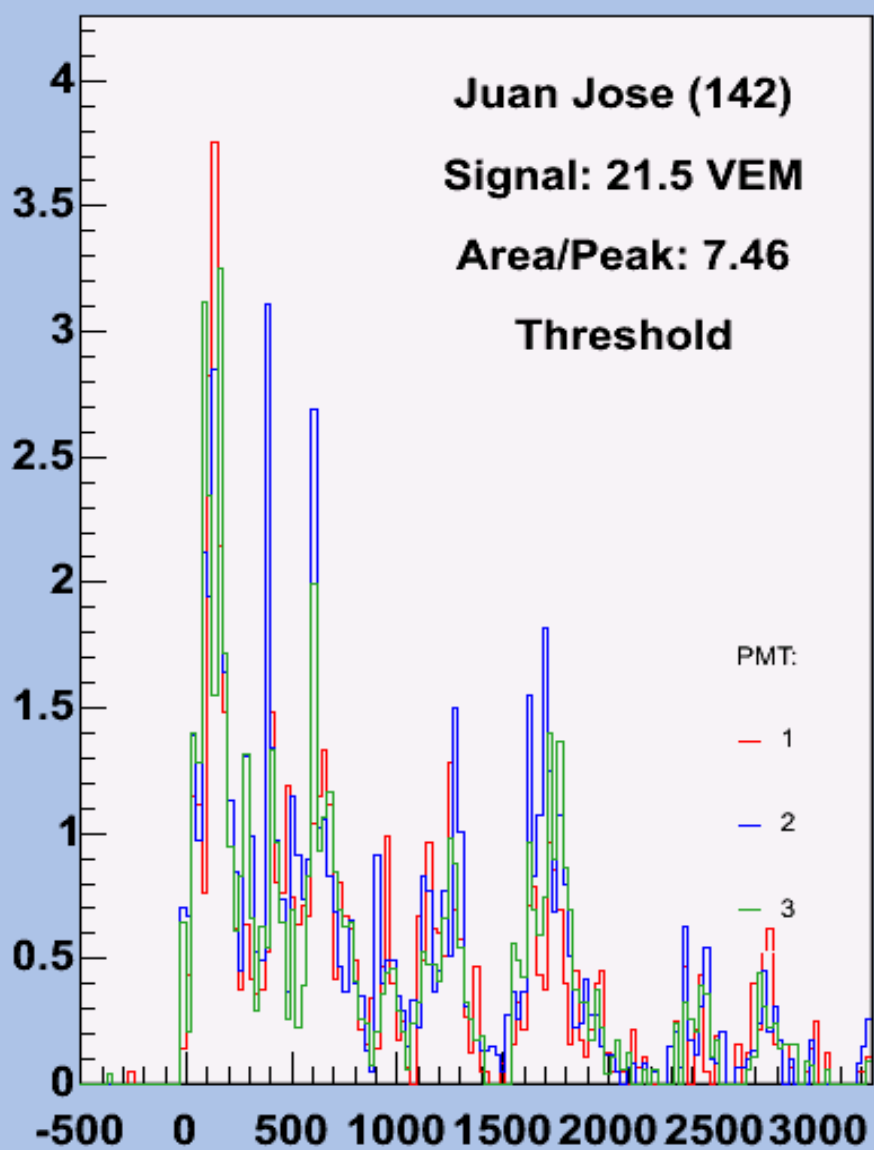
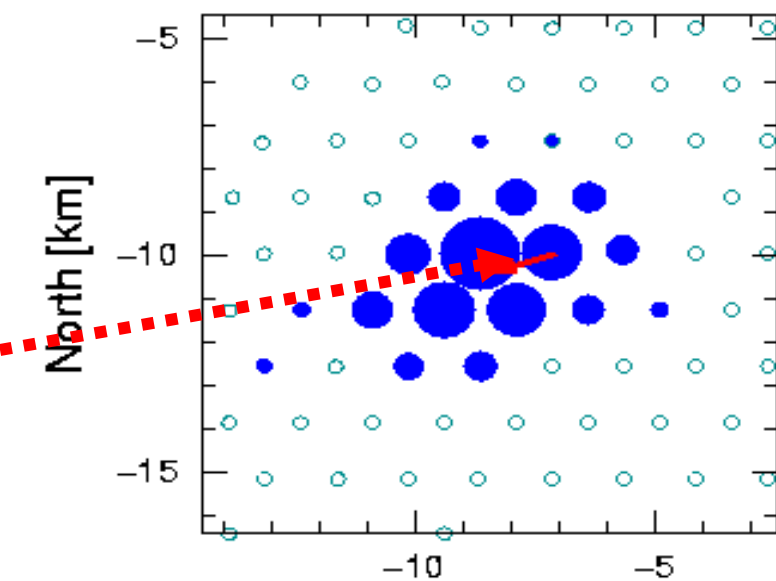




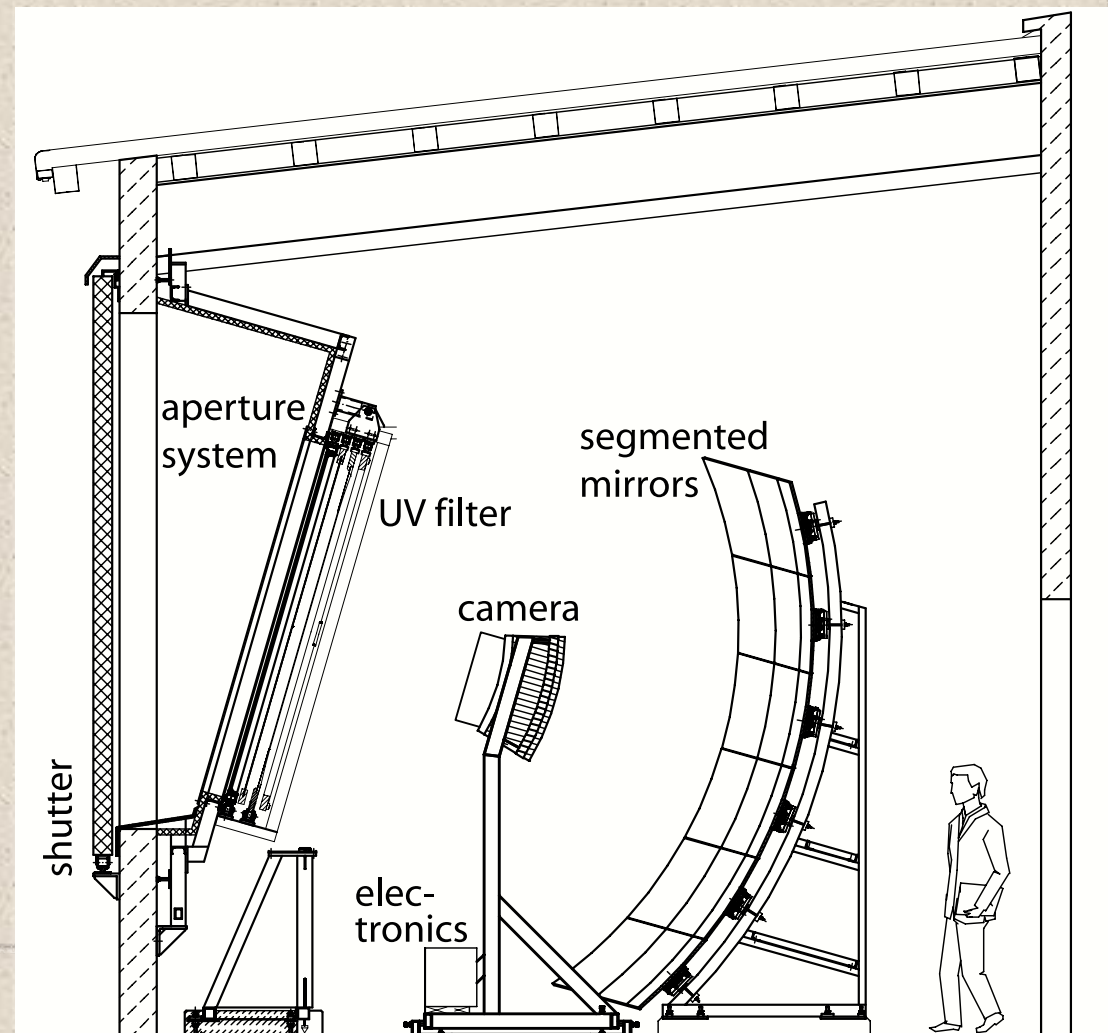
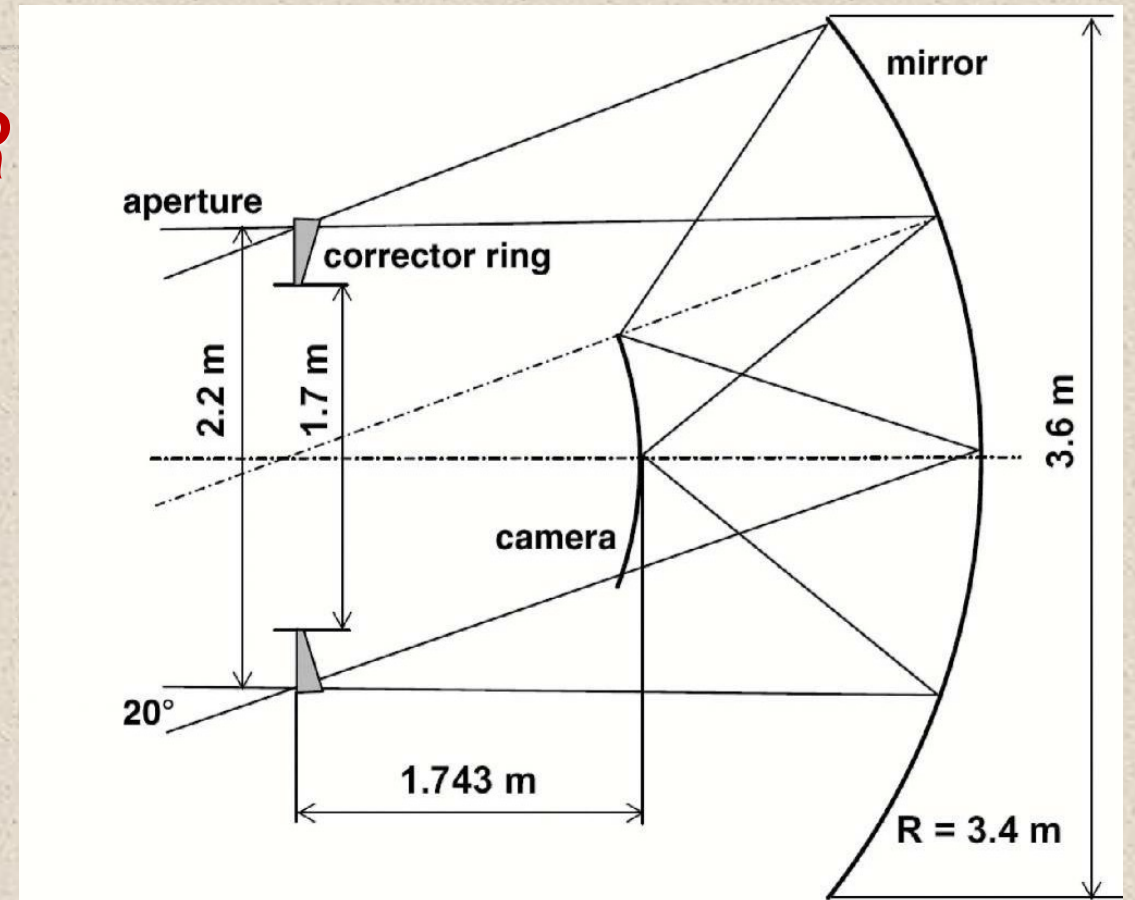
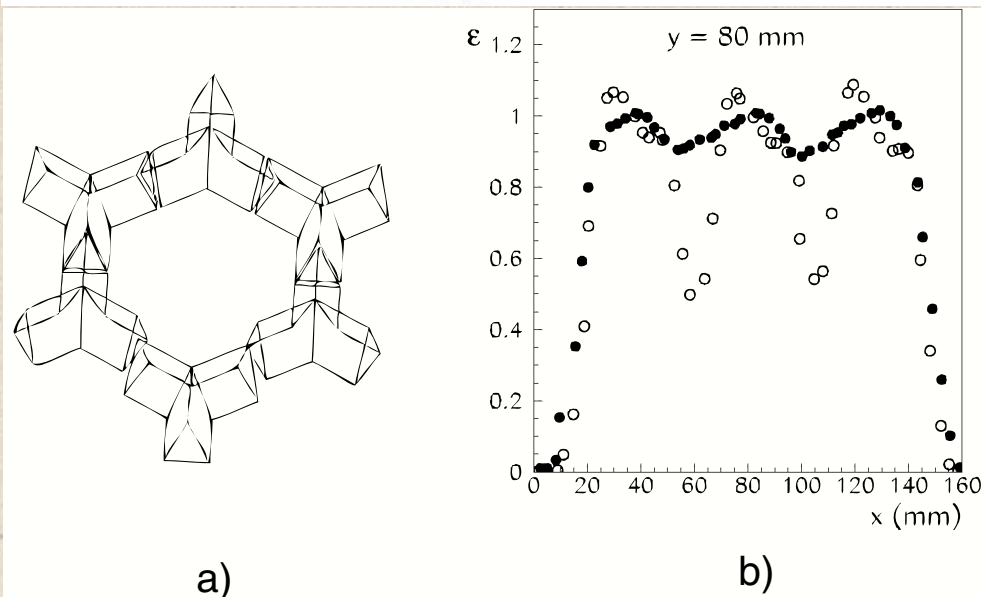
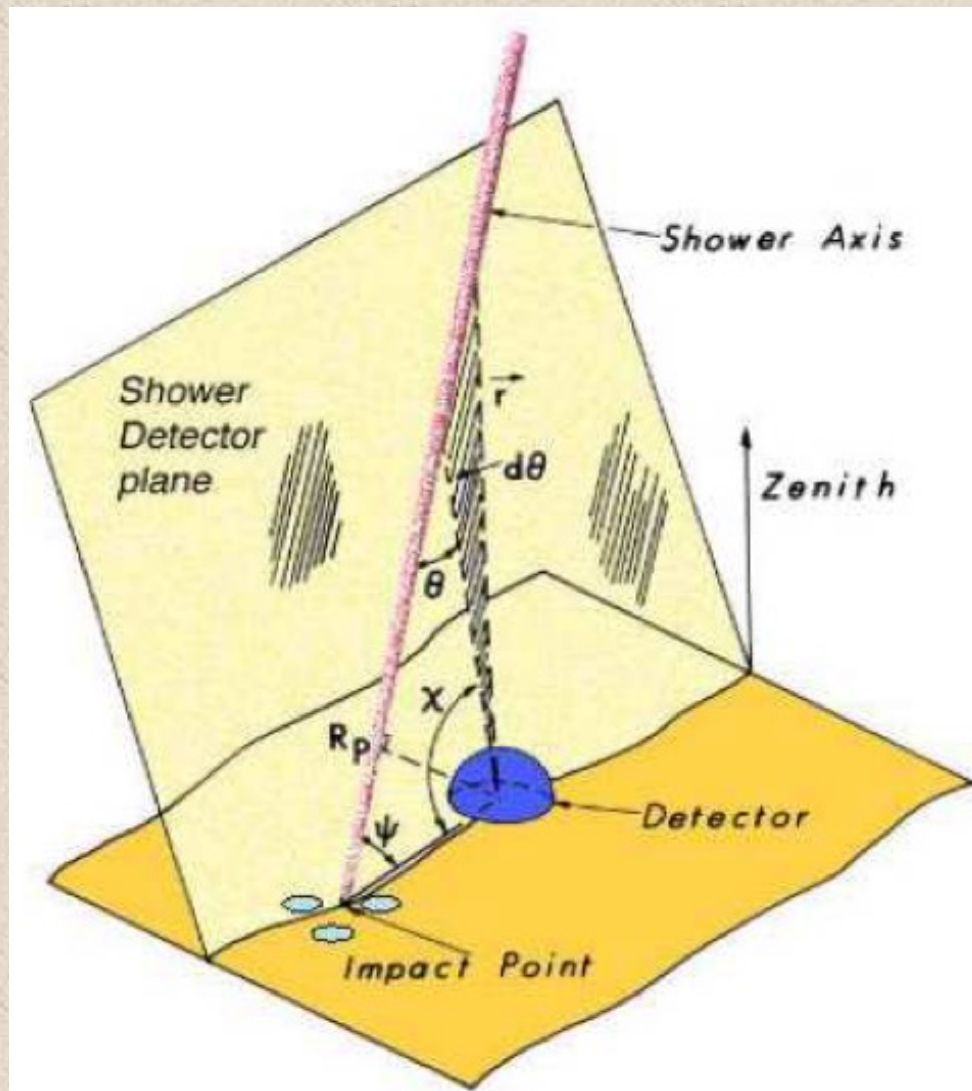
First Auger Tank (2003)



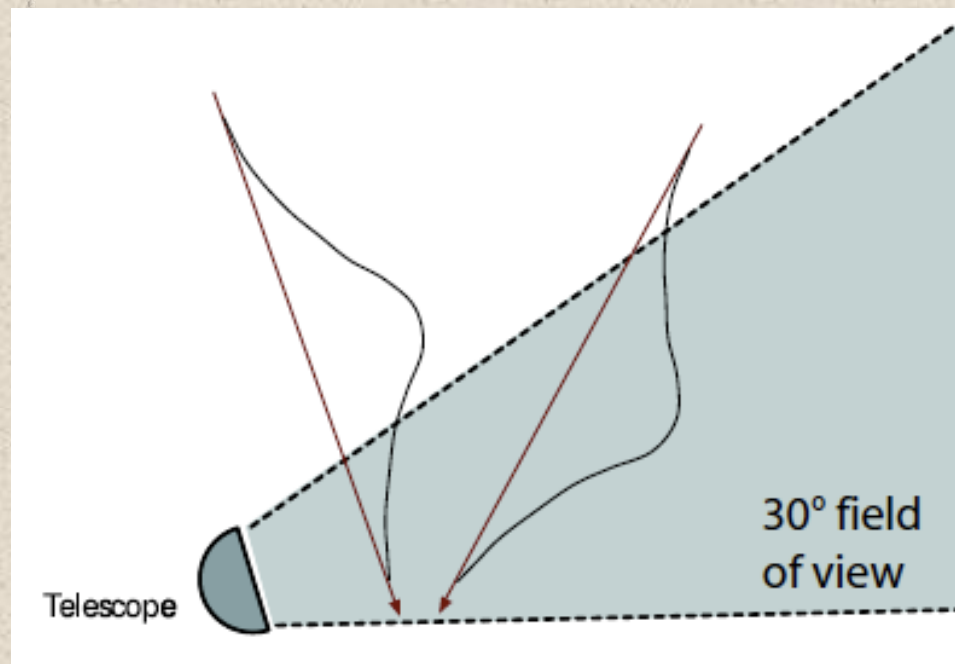
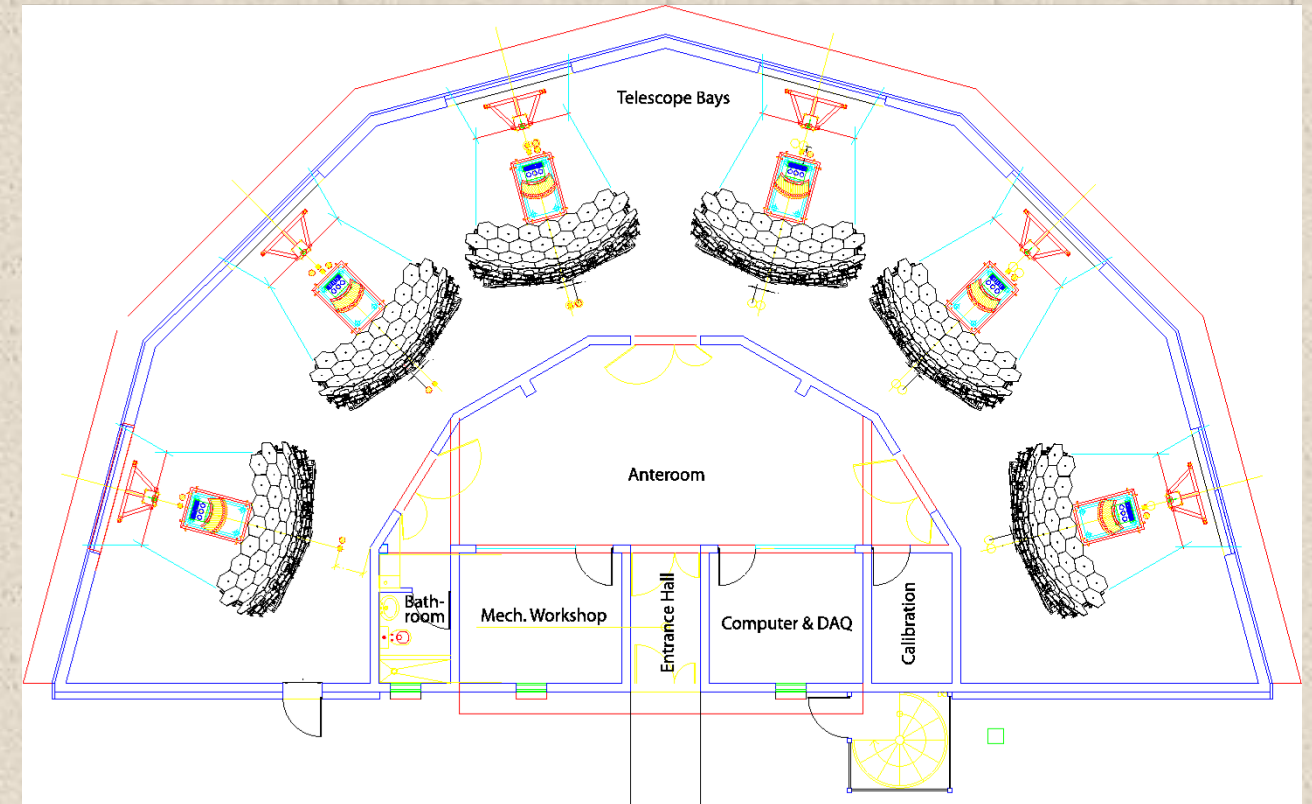
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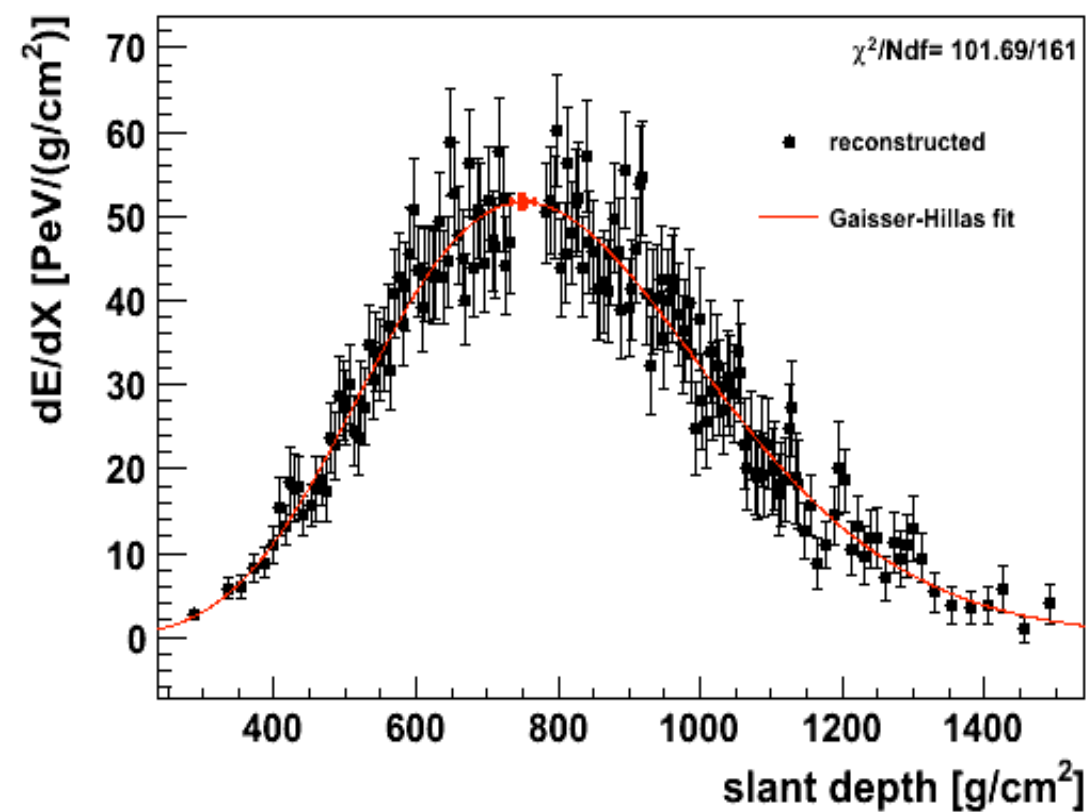
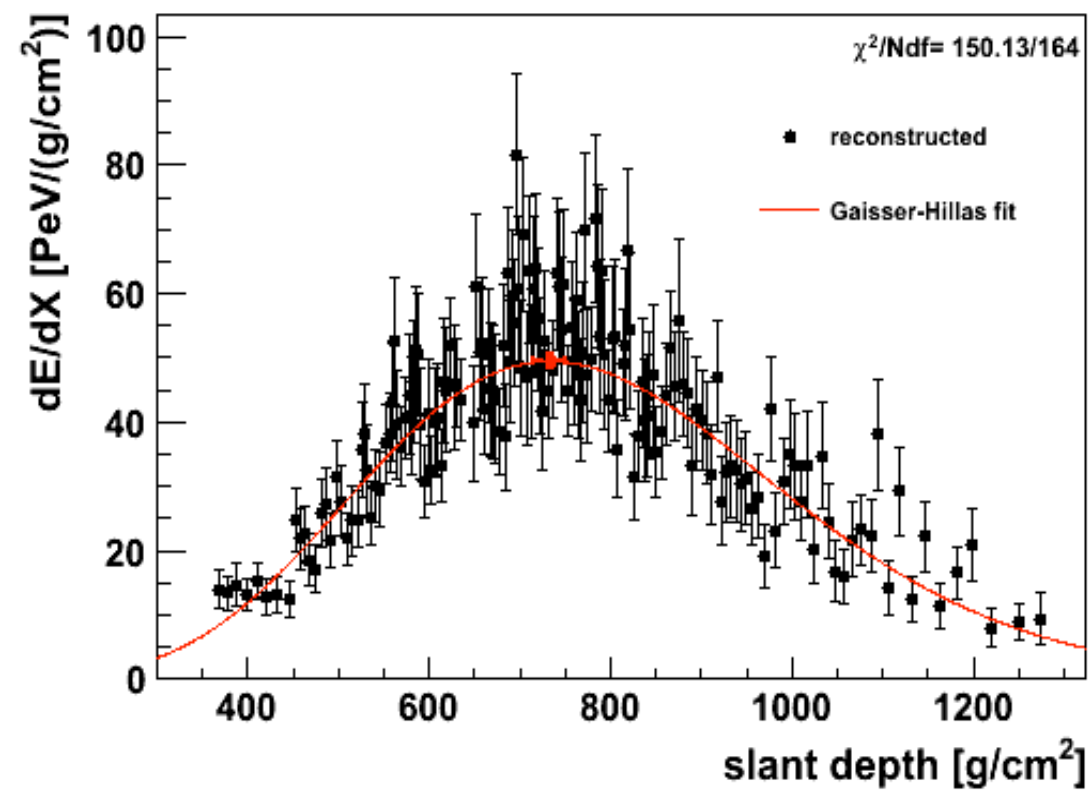
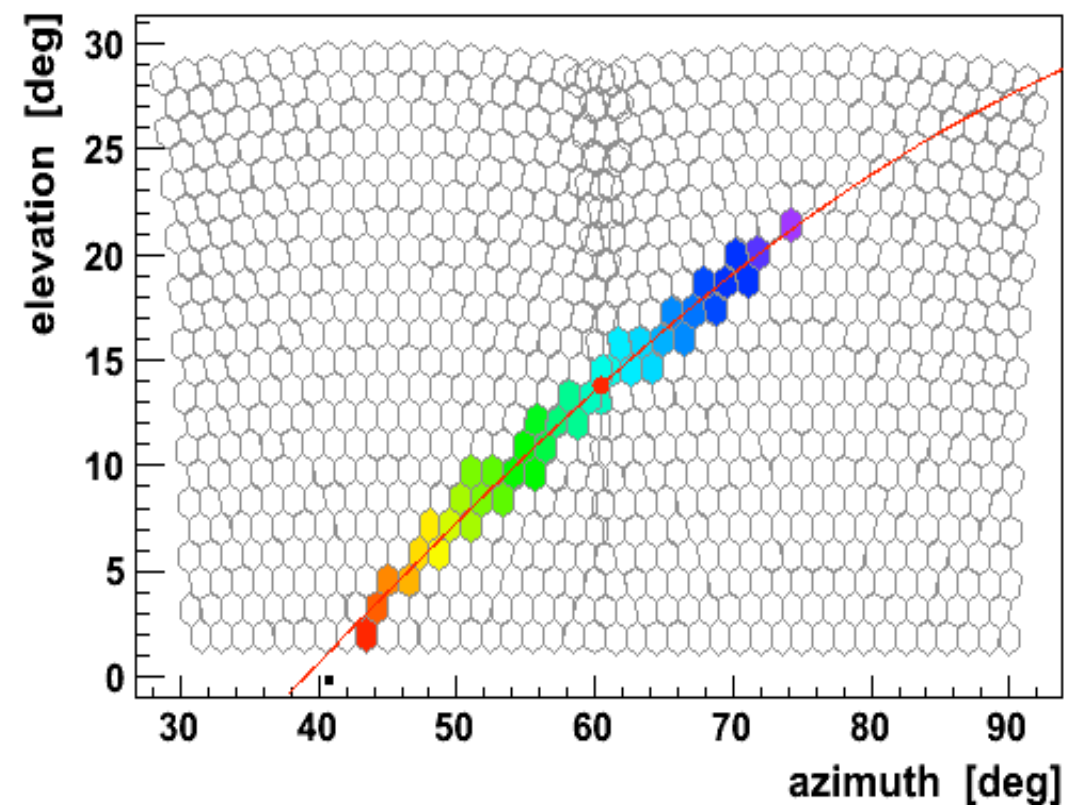
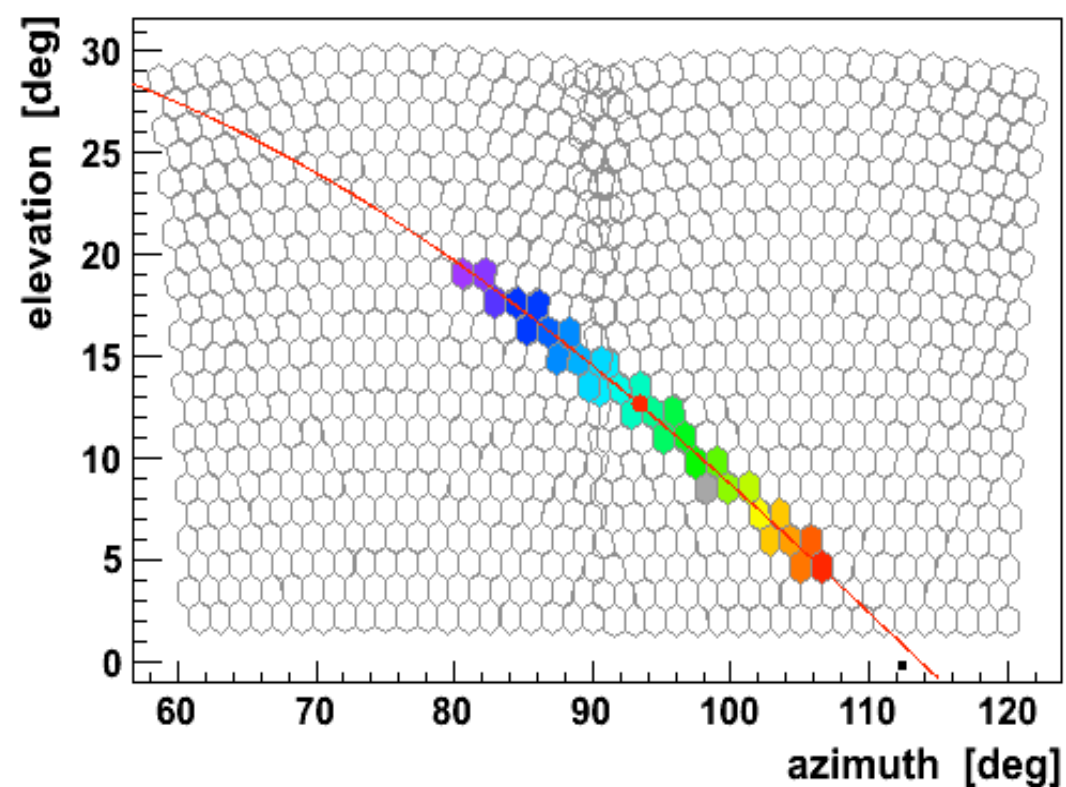


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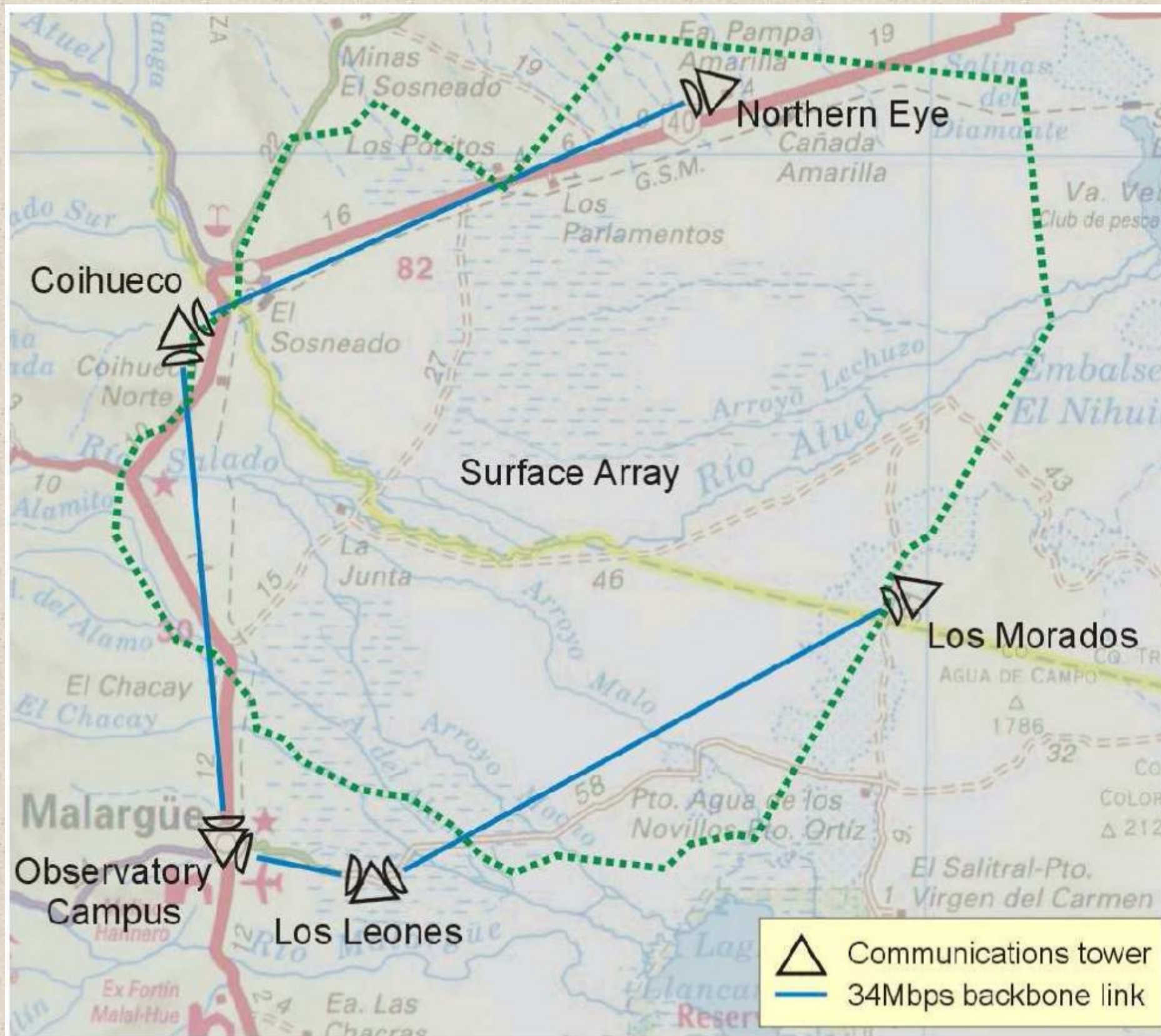


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COMMUNICATION SCHEME



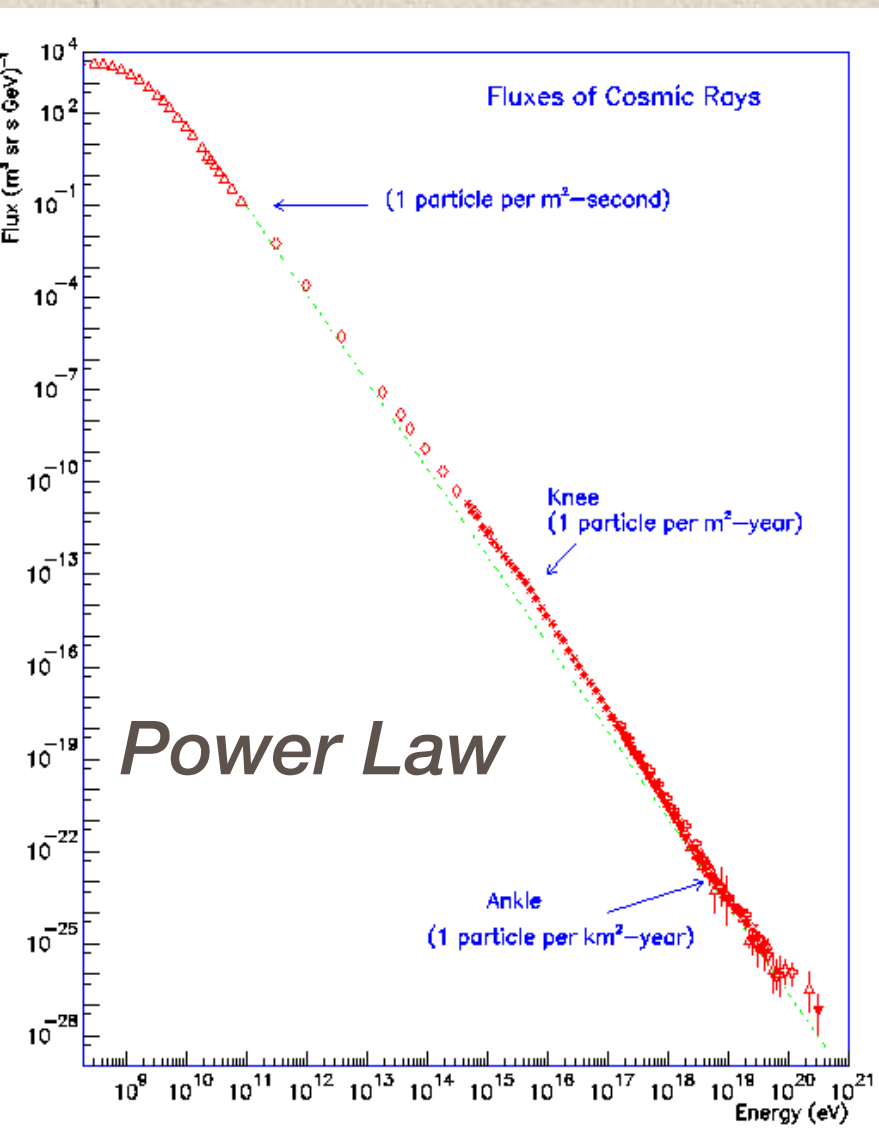
LIFE IS COMPLICATED



PHYSICS

THE SPECTRUM and COMPOSITION

SPECTRUM



What is it in a power law?

$$\mathcal{N}(E) = \mathcal{N}_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{-\gamma}$$

Kick and escape!

KICK: variable E , gets a small kick starting at E_0 . After m

steps: $E_m = (1 + \xi)^m E_0$ for $\xi > 0$

ESCAPE: the total number of elements with property E

decreases at each step $N_m = \mathcal{P}^m N_0$

Rephrase the probability to
stay in the same state:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= 1 - \mathcal{P}_{esc} \\ N_m &= (1 - \mathcal{P}_{esc})^m N_0 \end{aligned}$$

Re-write:

$$\begin{aligned} m \ln(1 + \xi) &= \ln\left(\frac{E_m}{E_0}\right) \\ m \ln(1 - \mathcal{P}_{esc}) &= \ln\left(\frac{N_m}{N_0}\right) \\ \ln\left(\frac{N_m}{N_0}\right) &= \frac{\ln(1 - \mathcal{P}_{esc})}{\ln(1 + \xi)} \ln\left(\frac{E_m}{E_0}\right) \end{aligned}$$

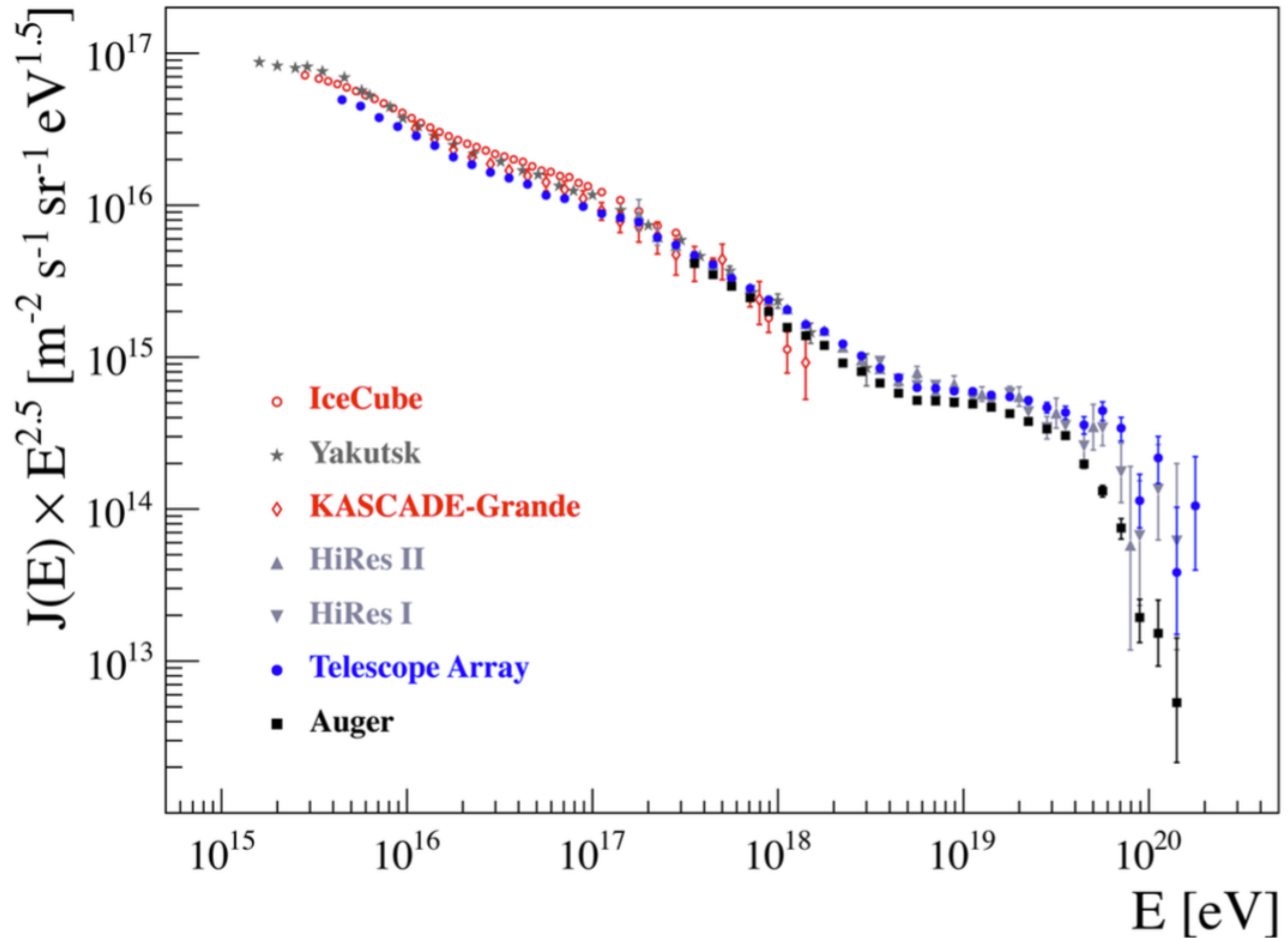
Put it in infinitesimal form:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(1 + \frac{dN}{N}\right) &= -\gamma \ln\left(1 + \frac{dE}{E}\right) \\ \gamma &= -\frac{\ln(1 - \mathcal{P}_{esc})}{\ln(1 + \xi)} \simeq \frac{\mathcal{P}_{esc}}{\xi} \end{aligned}$$

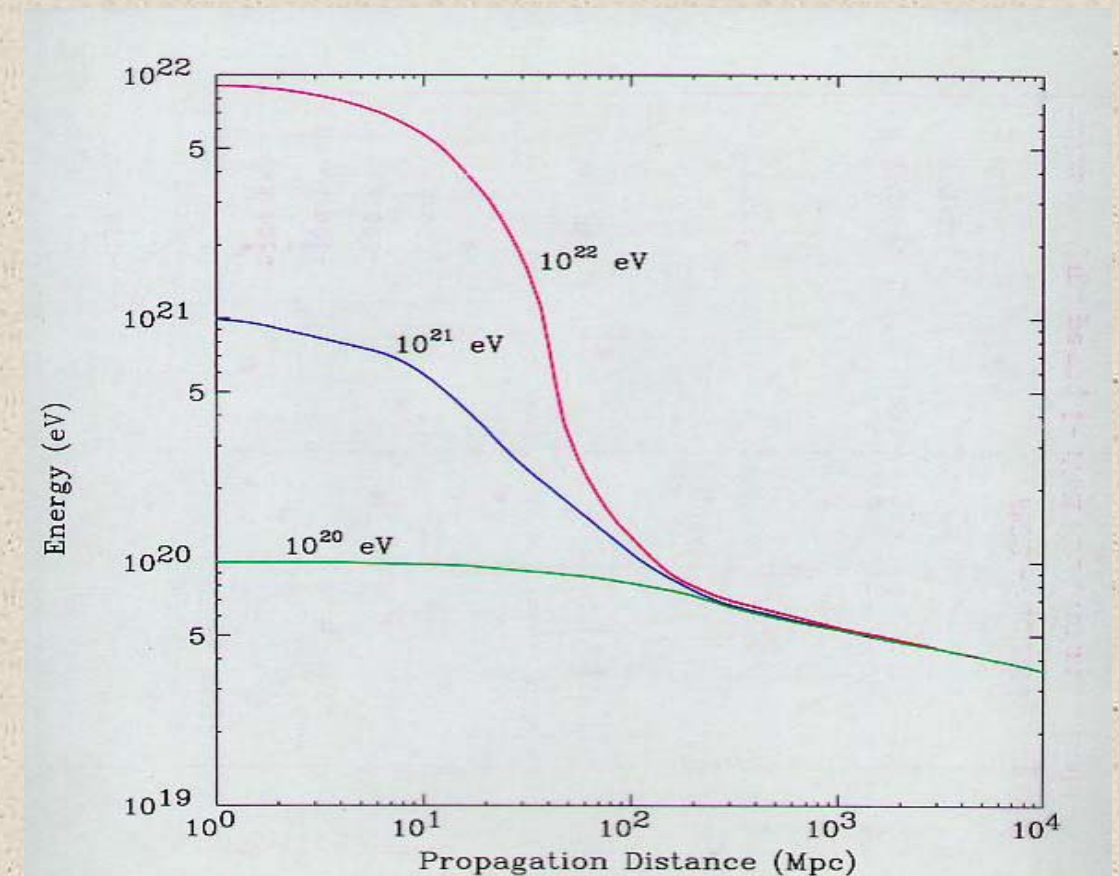
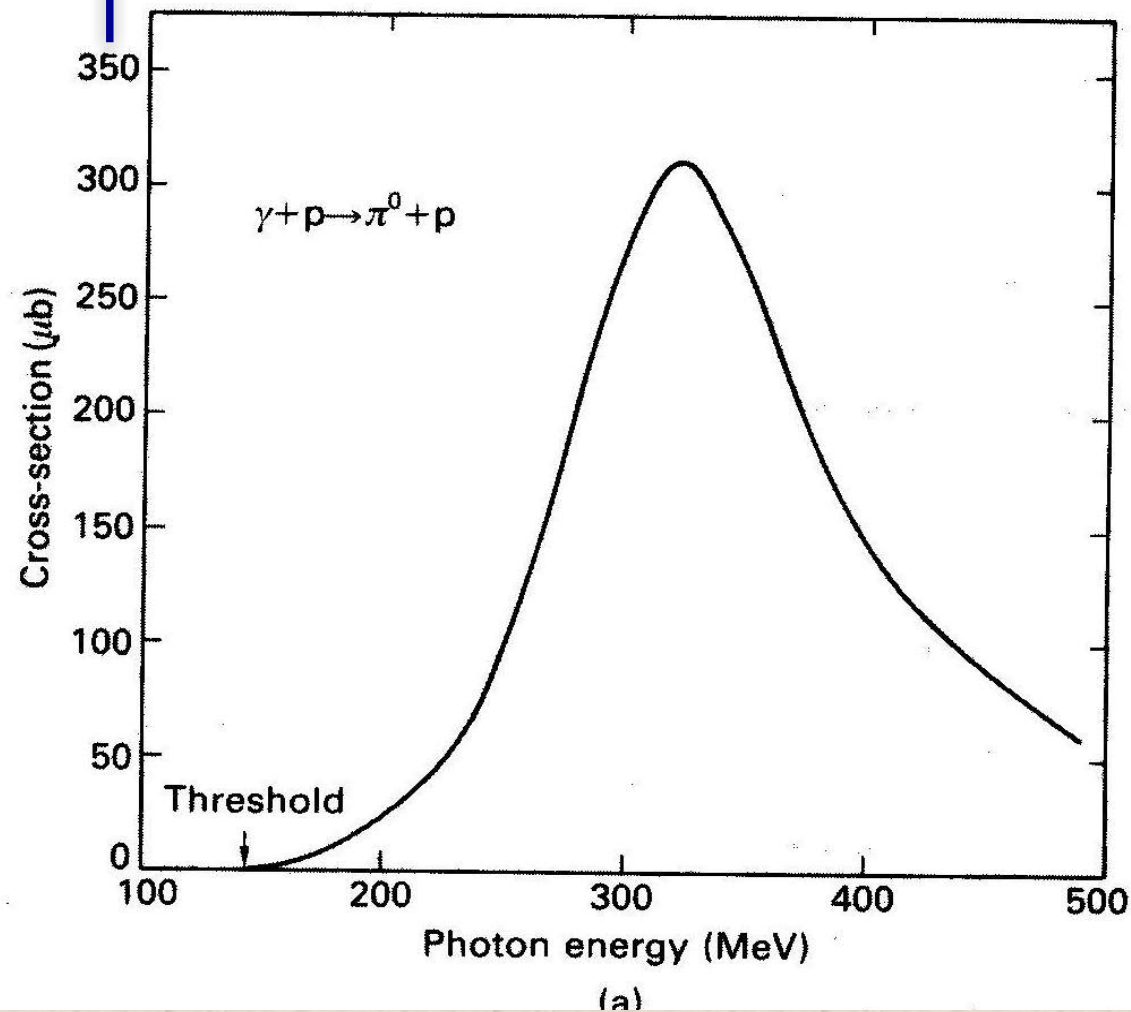
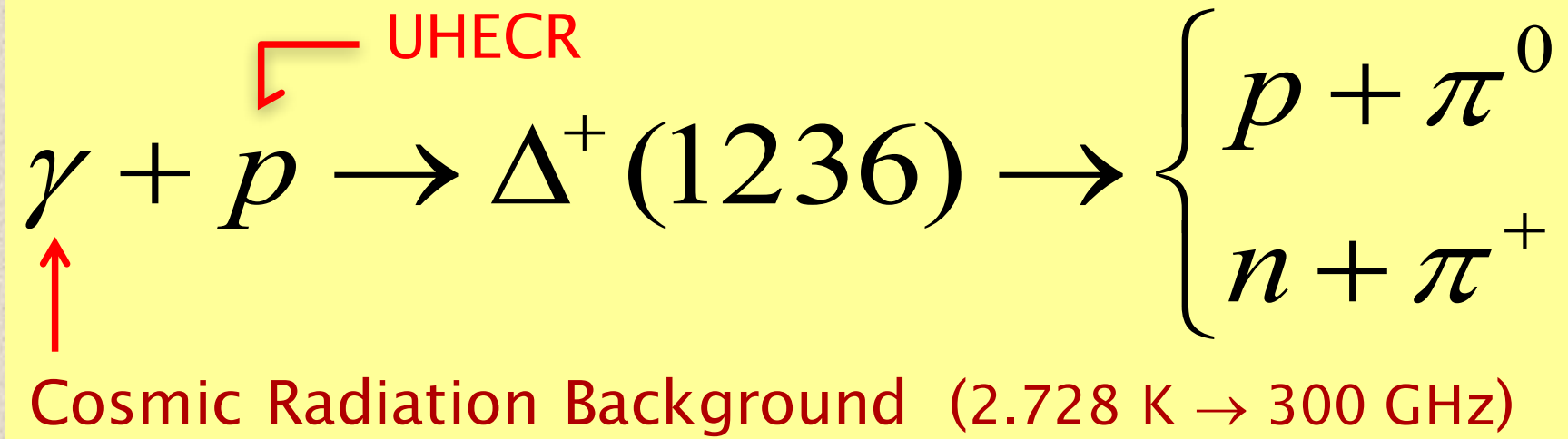
and voilà

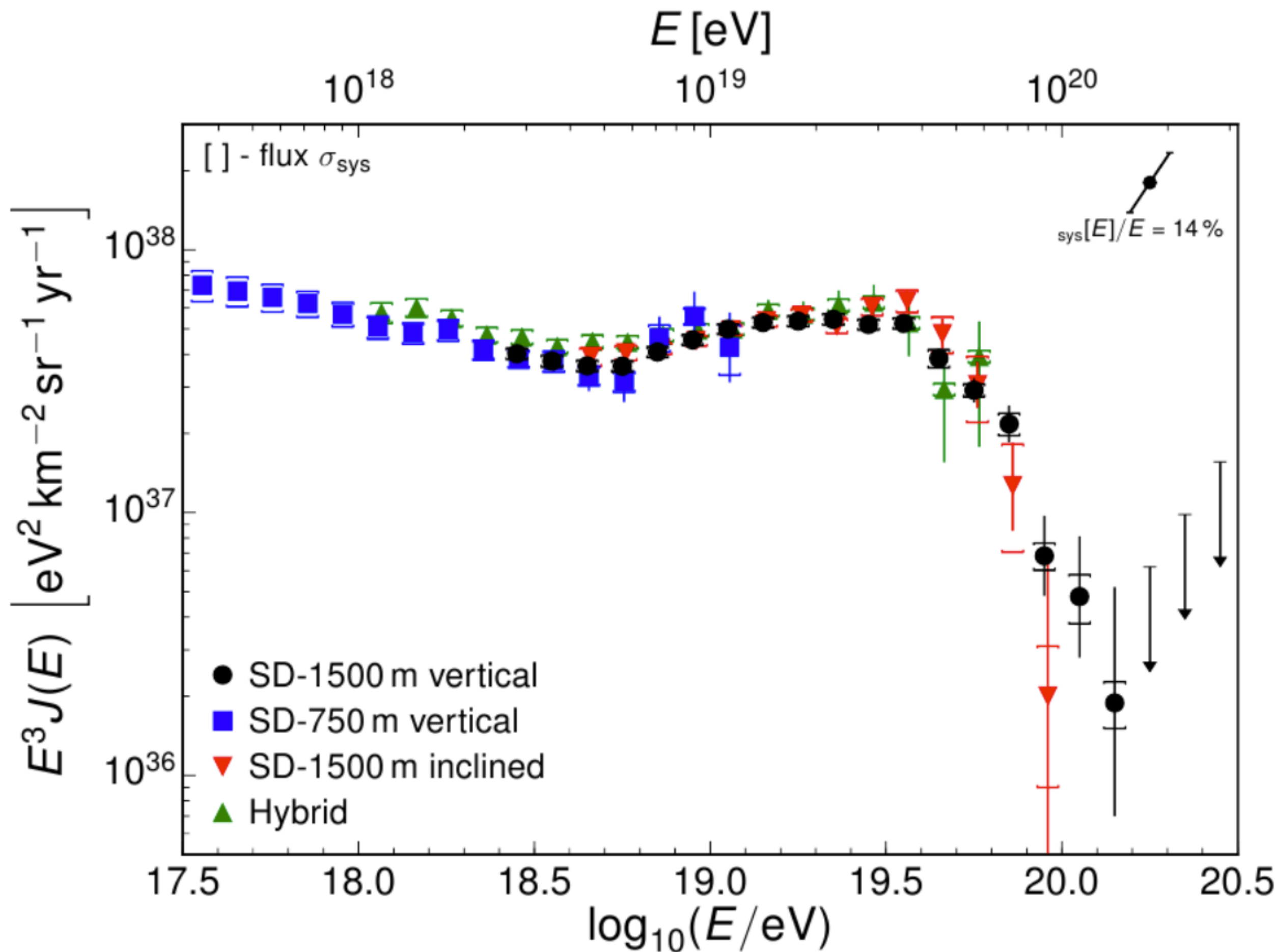
$$\frac{dN}{N} = -\gamma \frac{dE}{E}$$

RESULTS: COSMIC RAY SPECTRUM

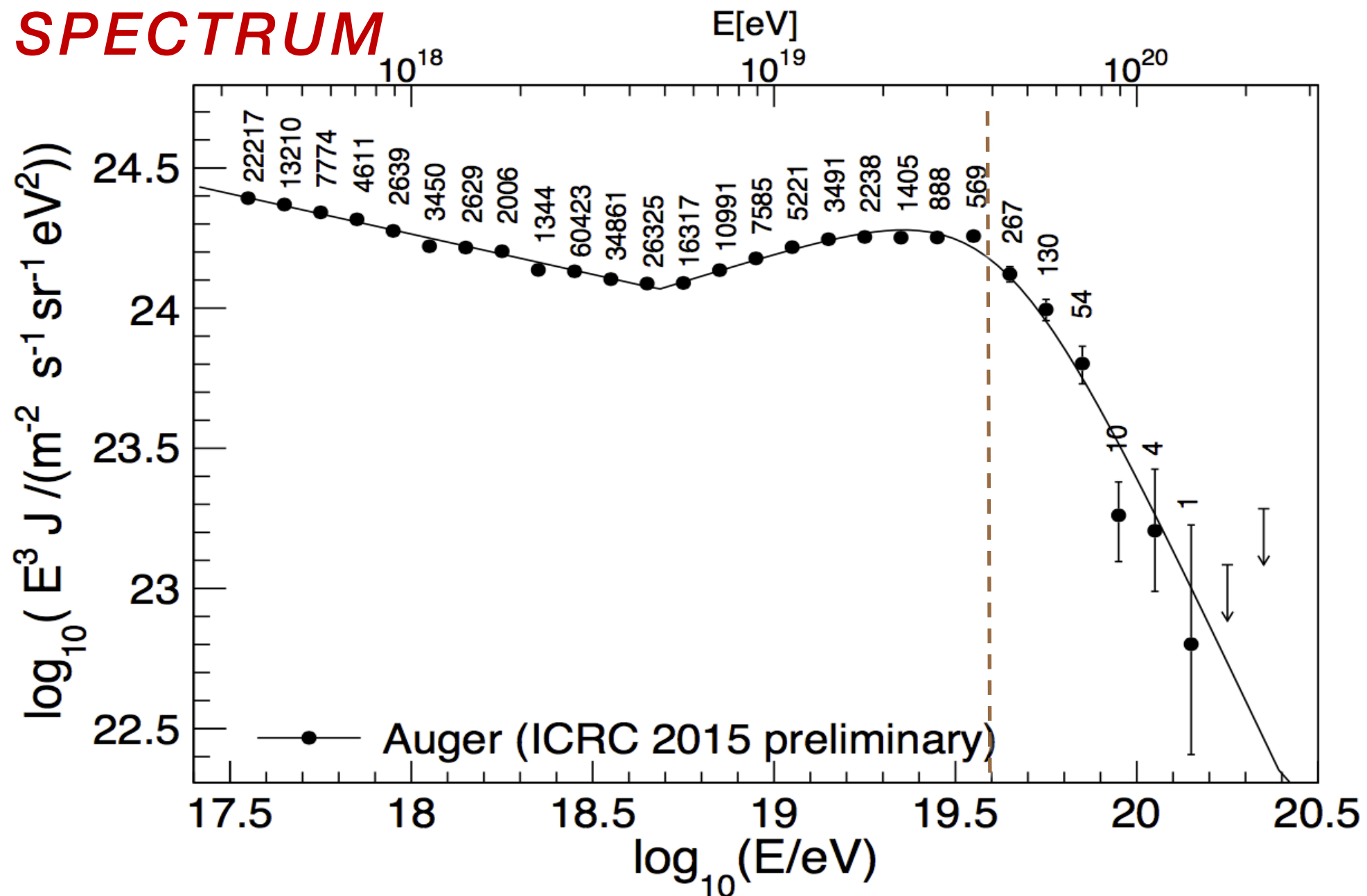


THE GZK CUTOFF





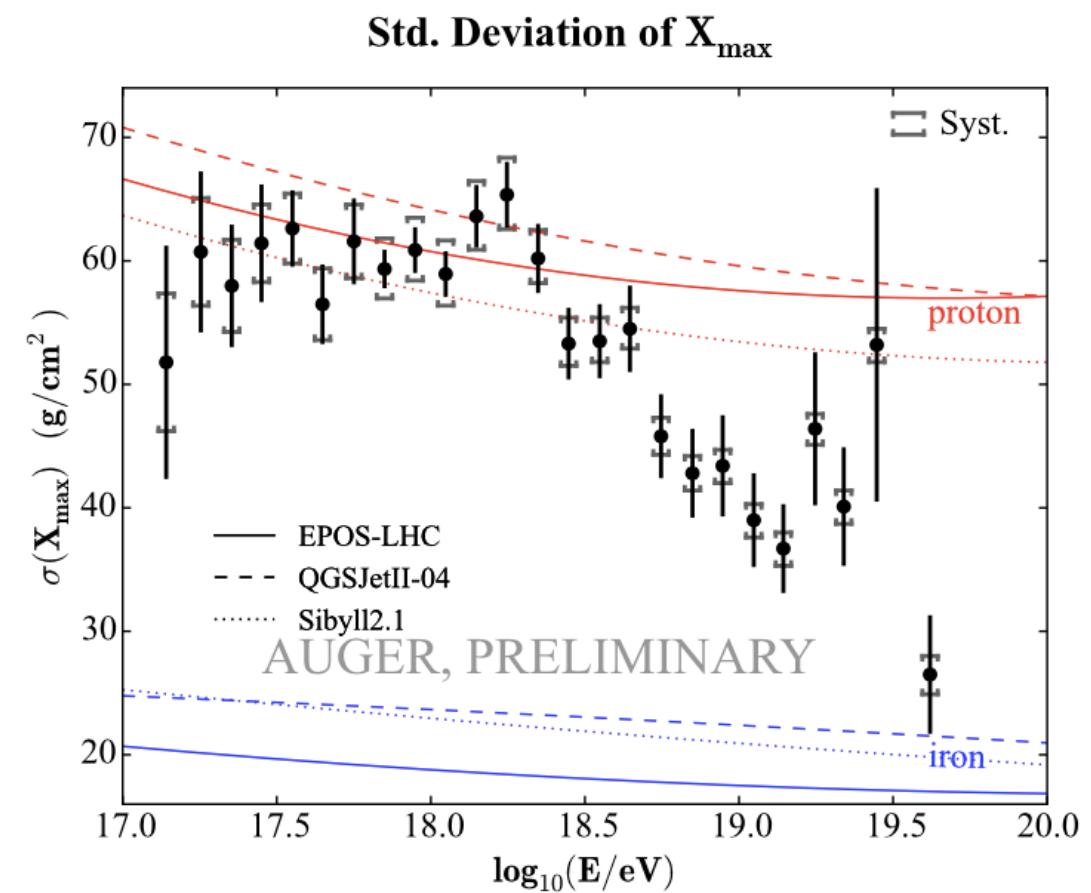
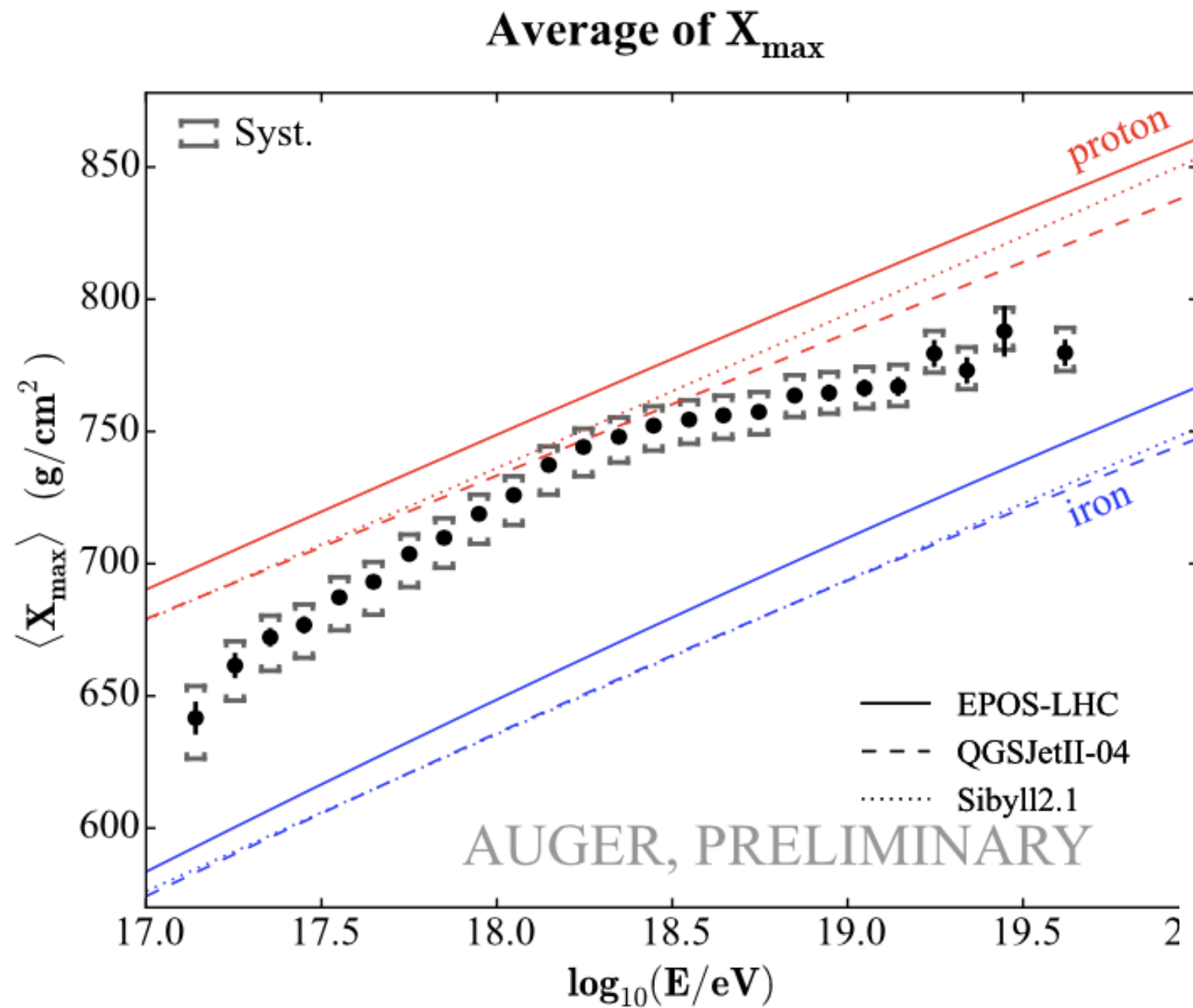
SPECTRUM

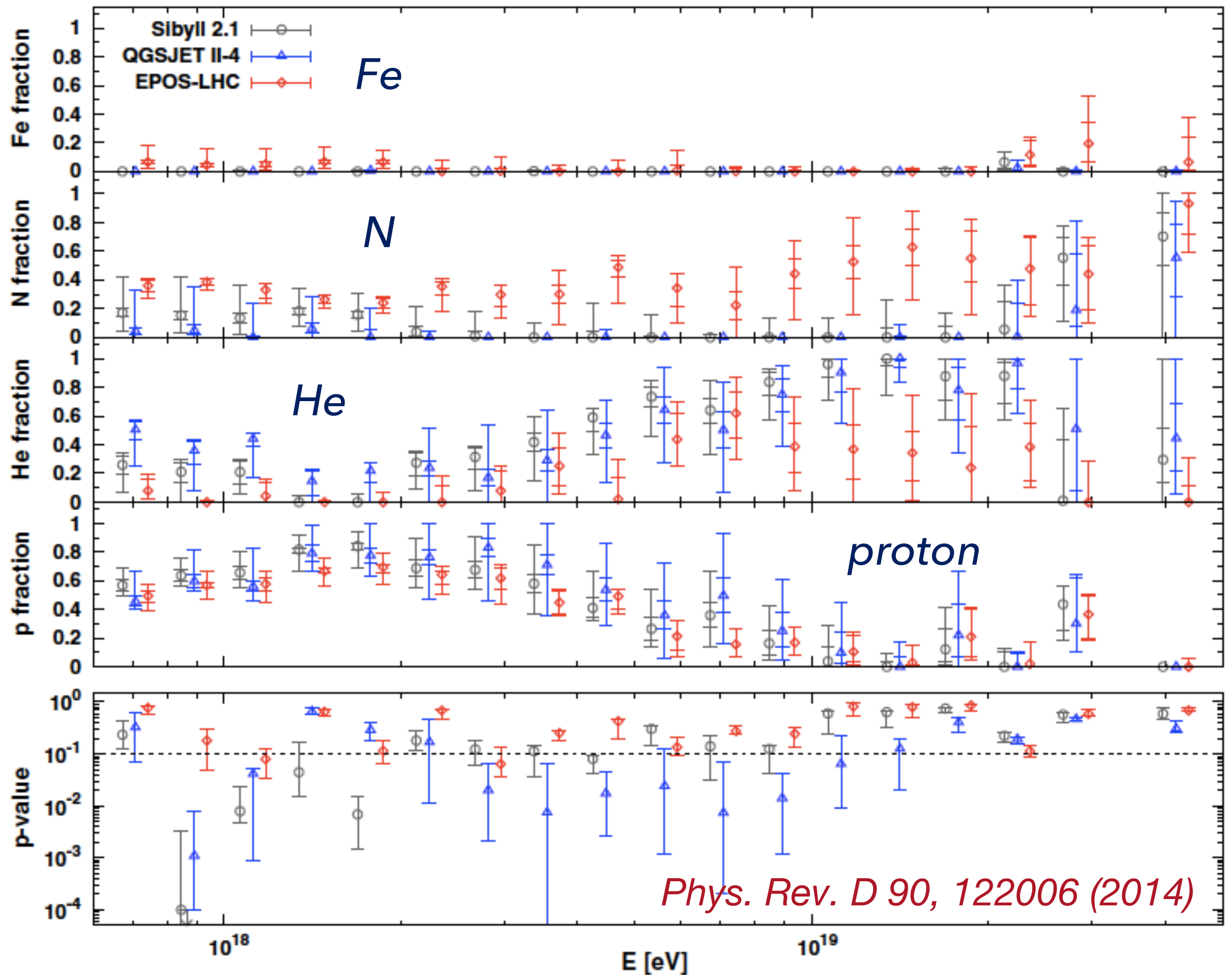


$$J(E) = J_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{ankle}}} \right)^{-\gamma_2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{E_{\text{ankle}}}{E_s} \right)^{\Delta\gamma} \right] \left[1 + \left(\frac{E}{E_s} \right)^{\Delta\gamma} \right]^{-1}.$$

J_0 [eV ⁻¹ km ⁻² sr ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹]	E_{ankle} [EeV]	E_s [EeV]	γ_1	γ_2	$\Delta\gamma$
$(3.30 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-19}$	$4.82 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.8$	$42.09 \pm 1.7 \pm 7.61$	$3.29 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.05$	$2.60 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.1$	$3.14 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4$

Mass composition





What do spectrum and composition data tell us?

GZK cutoff? There are many way to fit the spectrum!

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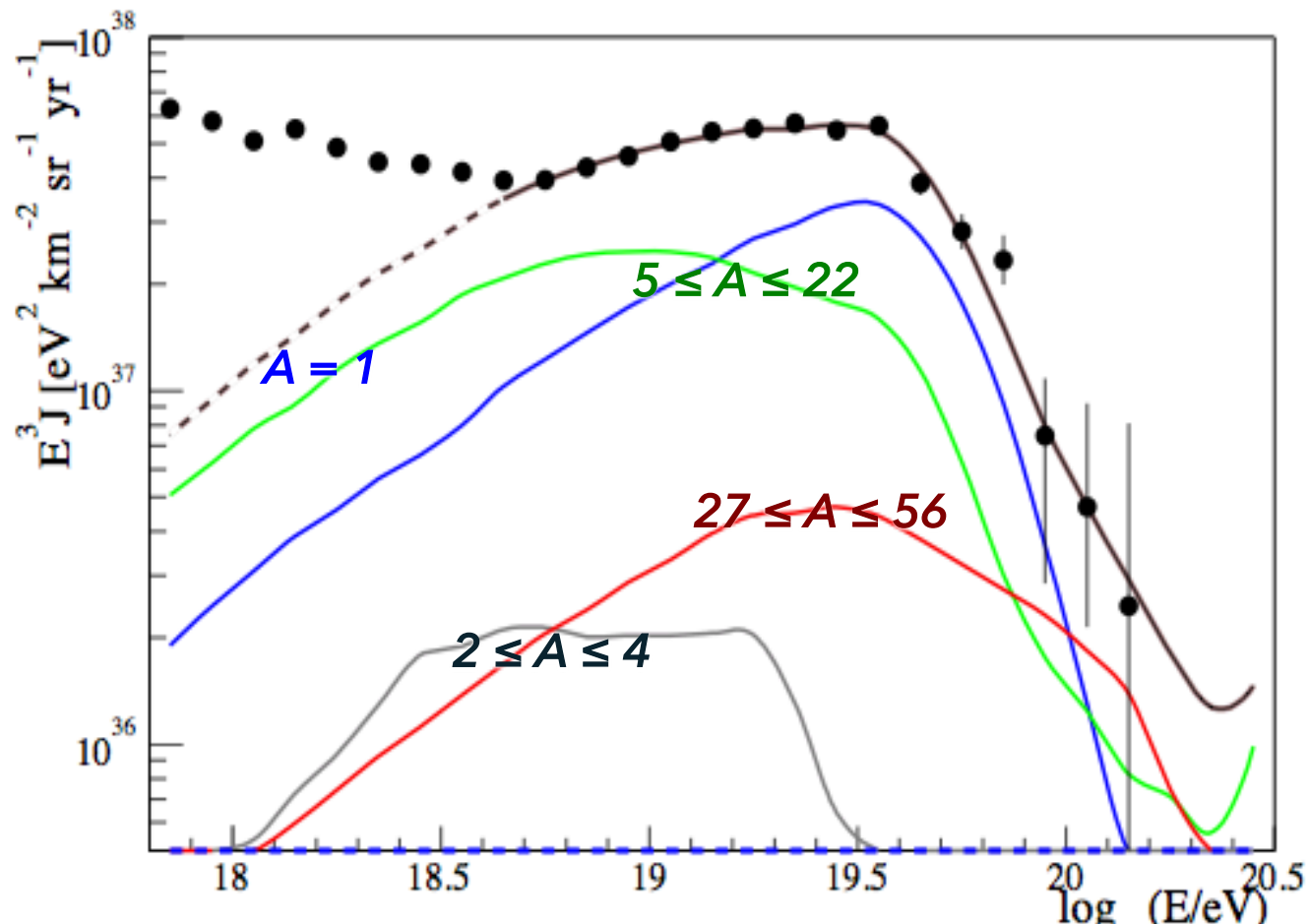
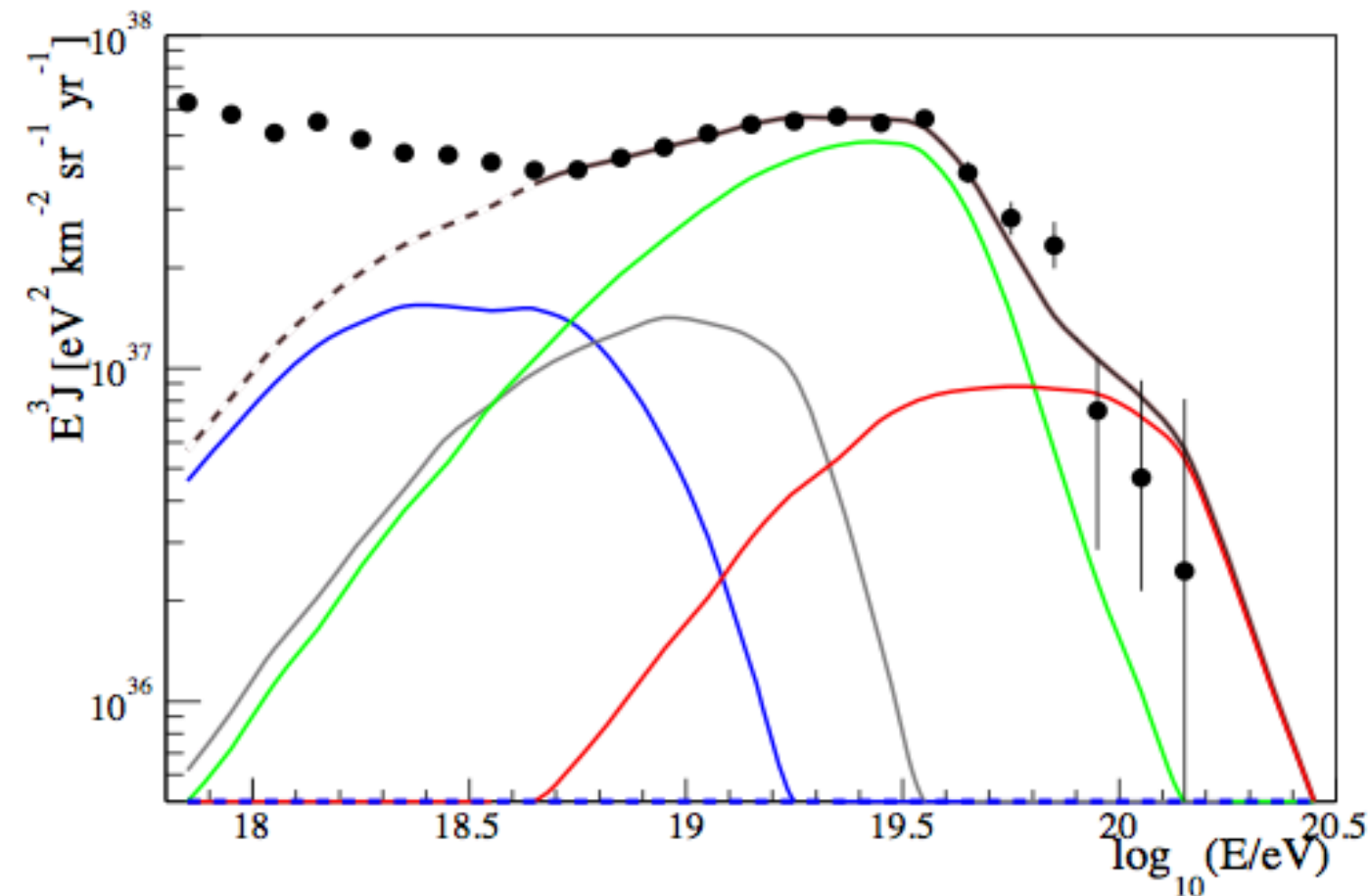


Photo-disintegration scenario

$$A + \gamma_{\text{CMB/IBR}} \rightarrow (A - 1) + N$$

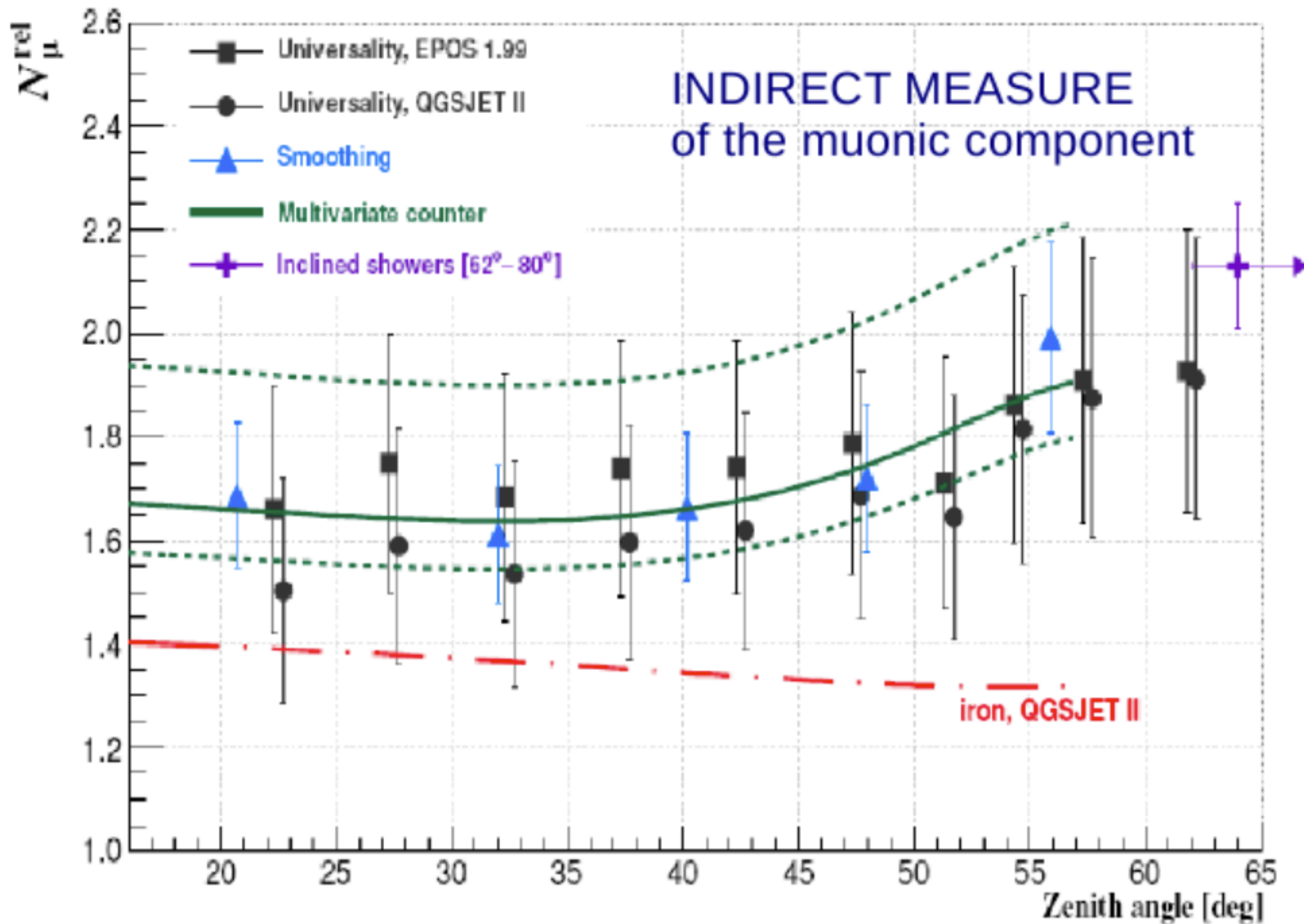


Maximum rigidity scenario

$$E_{\text{MAX}}^Z = Z \times E_{\text{MAX}}^p$$

Origin of the suppression unresolved !!!

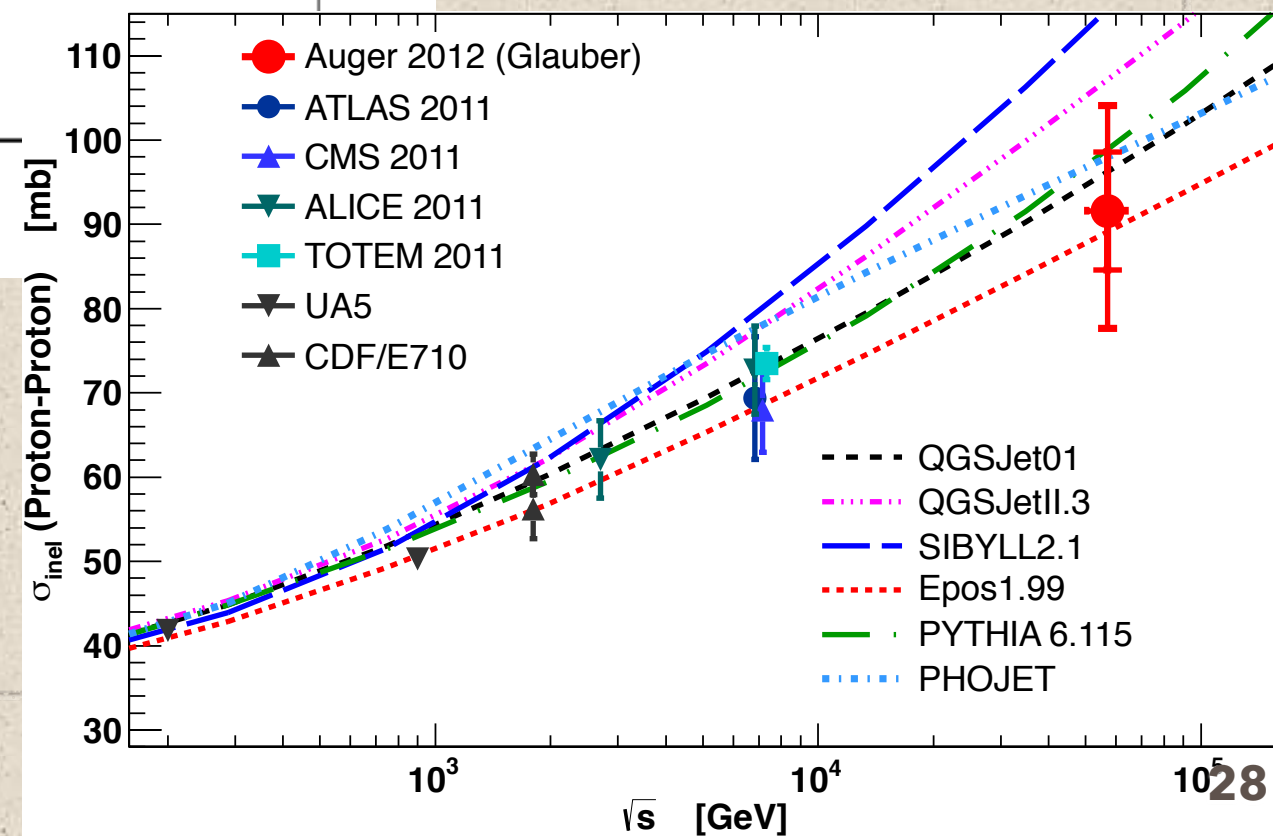
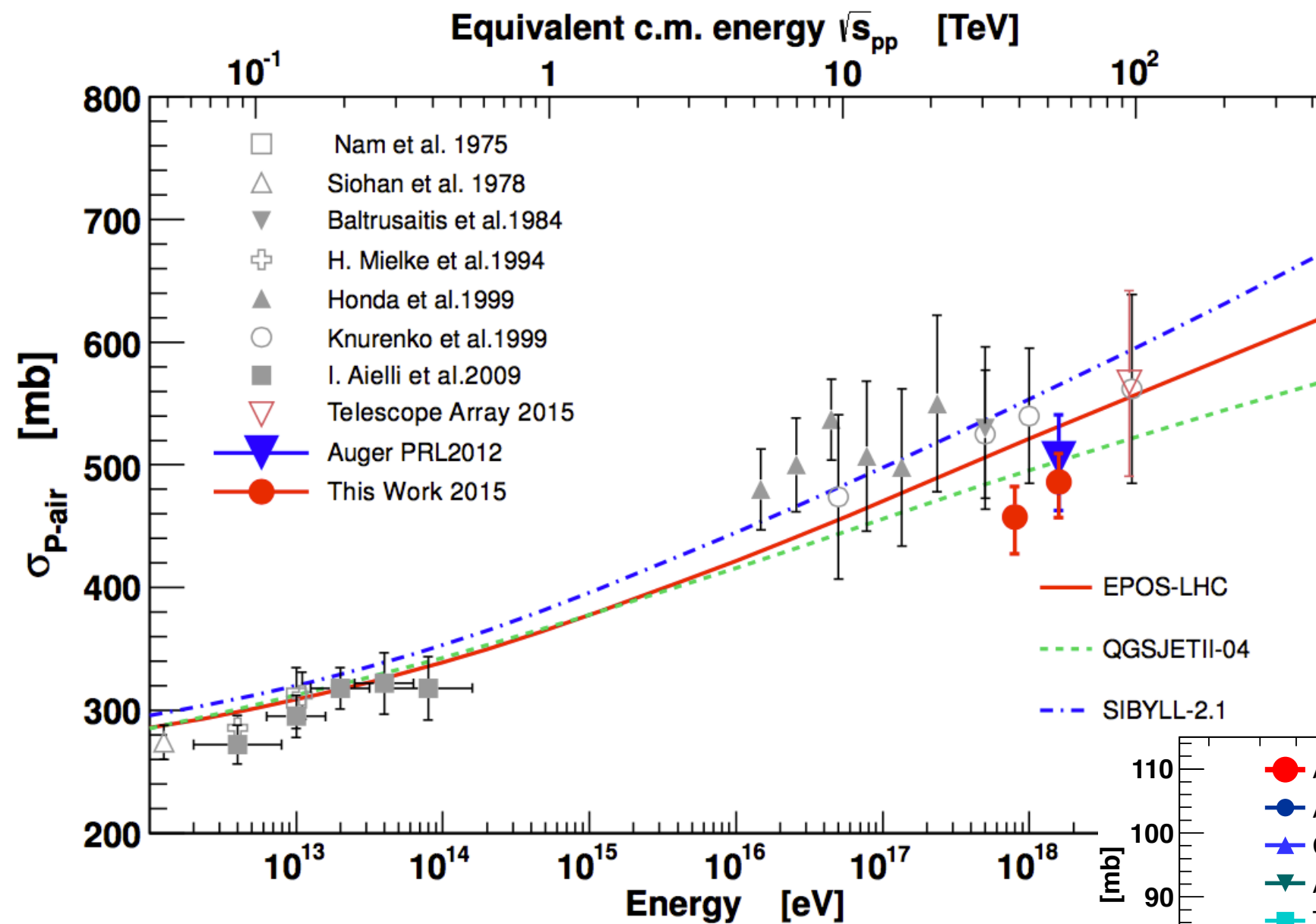
Need to discriminate among different scenarios



PHYSICS

THE CROSS SECTION

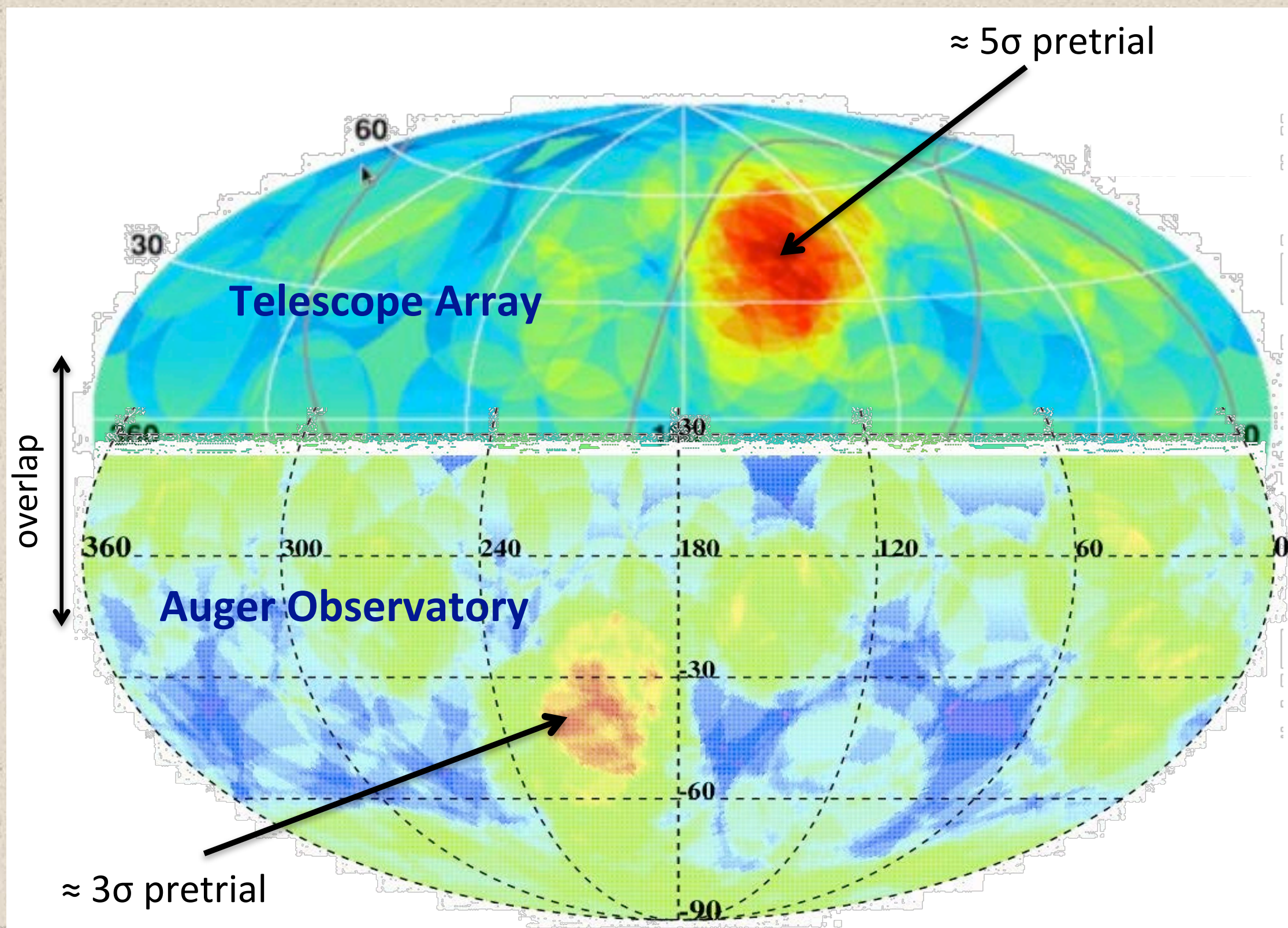
RESULTS: CROSS SECTION



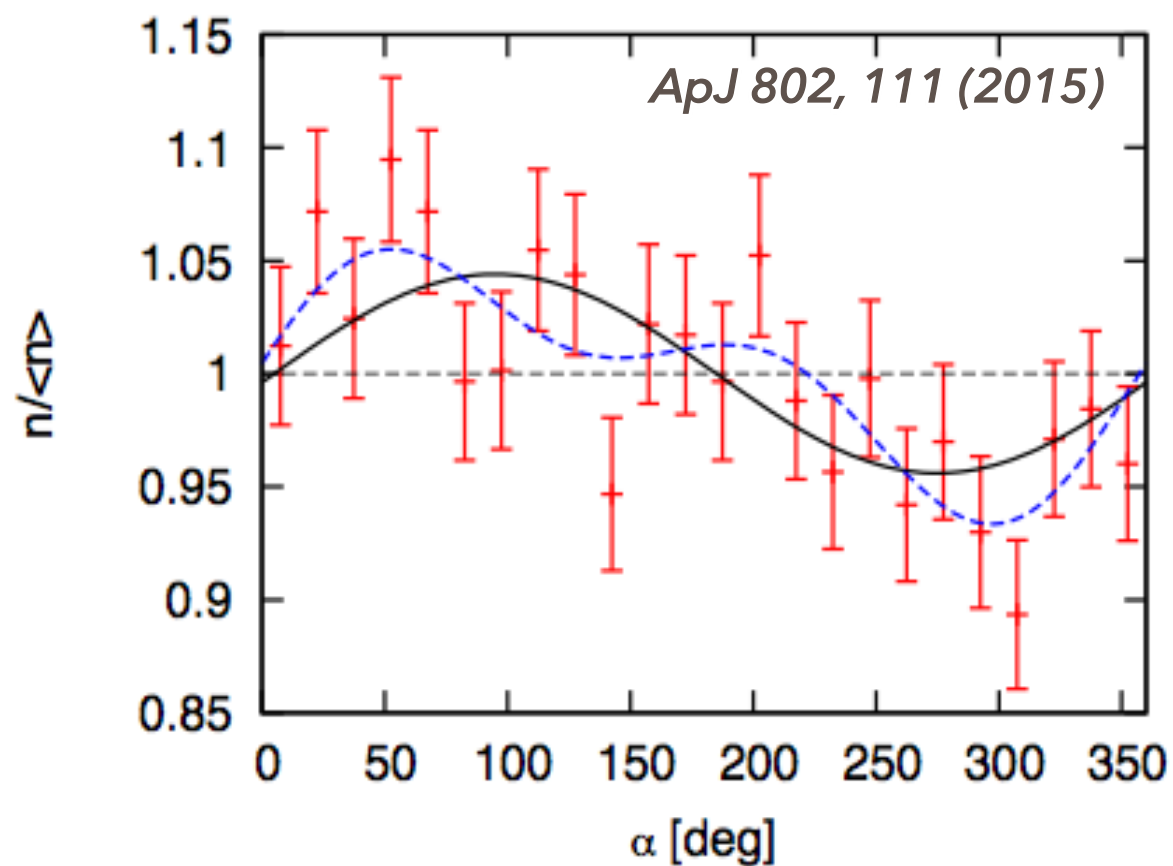
PHYSICS

THE ANISOTROPIES

RESULTS: ANISOTROPY (ABOVE 8EeV)



Arrival direction on the celestial sphere

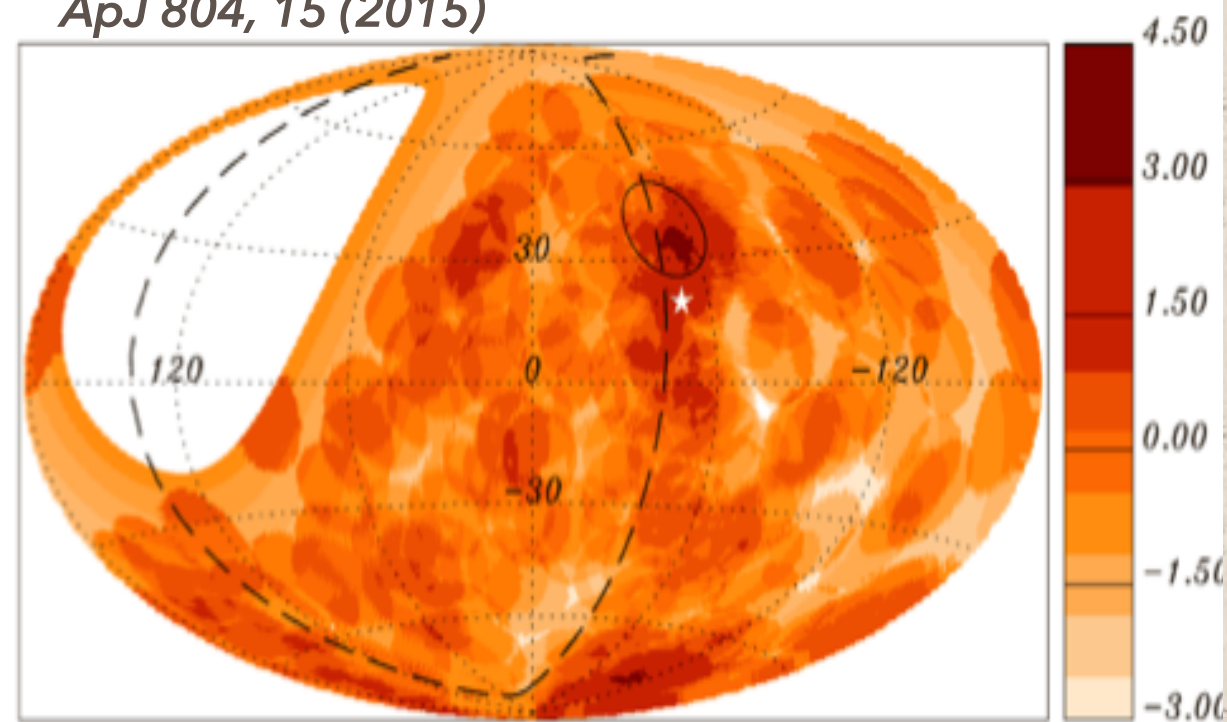


Large scale anisotropy (just below the suppression)

*departure from isotropy at $\sim 5.5\sigma$
(updated results, to be published)*

*above 8×10^{18} eV with a $(4 \pm 1)\%$
amplitude in the first harmonic in RA*

ApJ 804, 15 (2015)



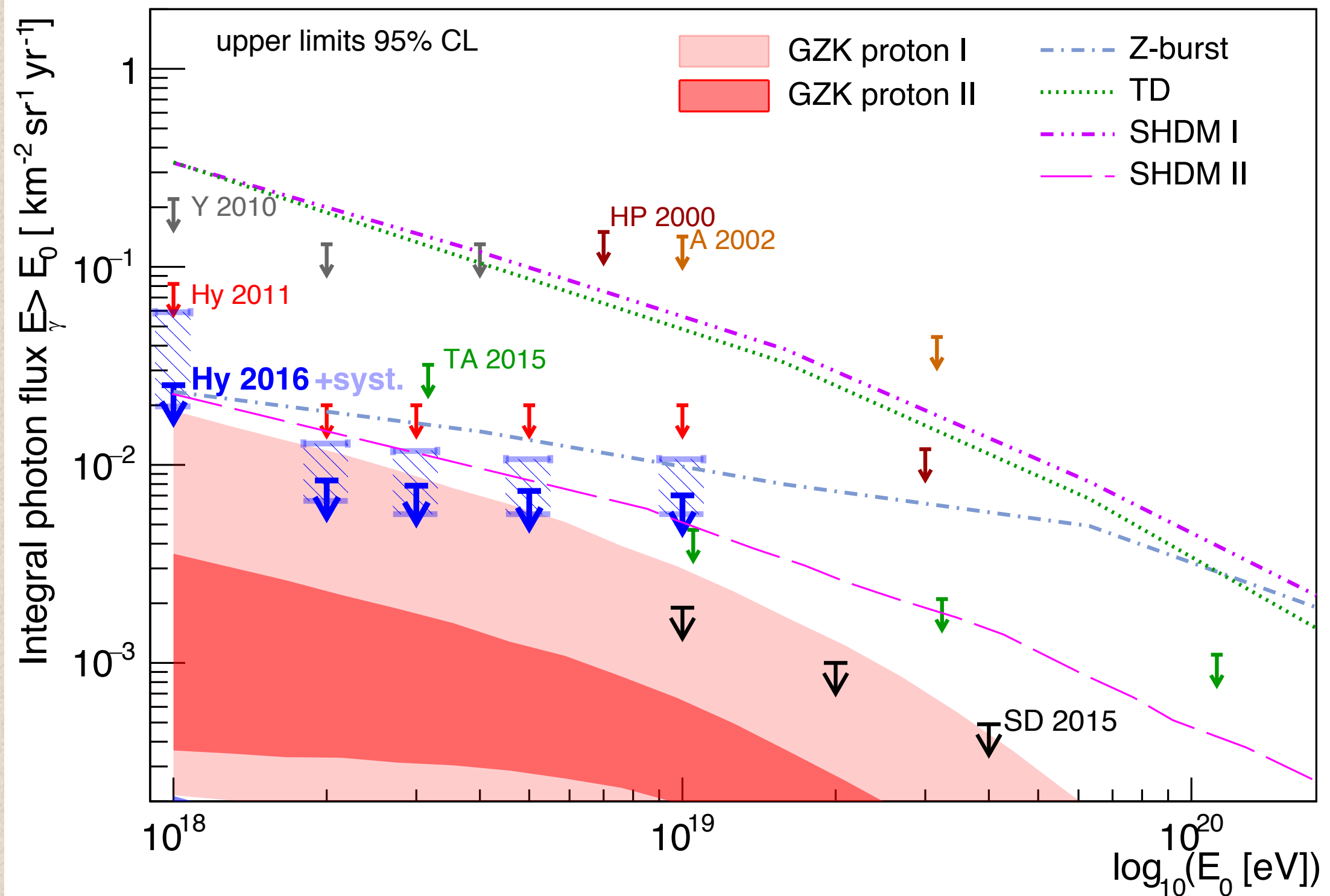
Small scale anisotropy (in the suppression region)

*$\sim 4.3 \sigma$ for $E > 54 \times 10^{19}$ eV EeV and
 $\theta = 18^\circ$ post-trial probability 68%*

PHYSICS

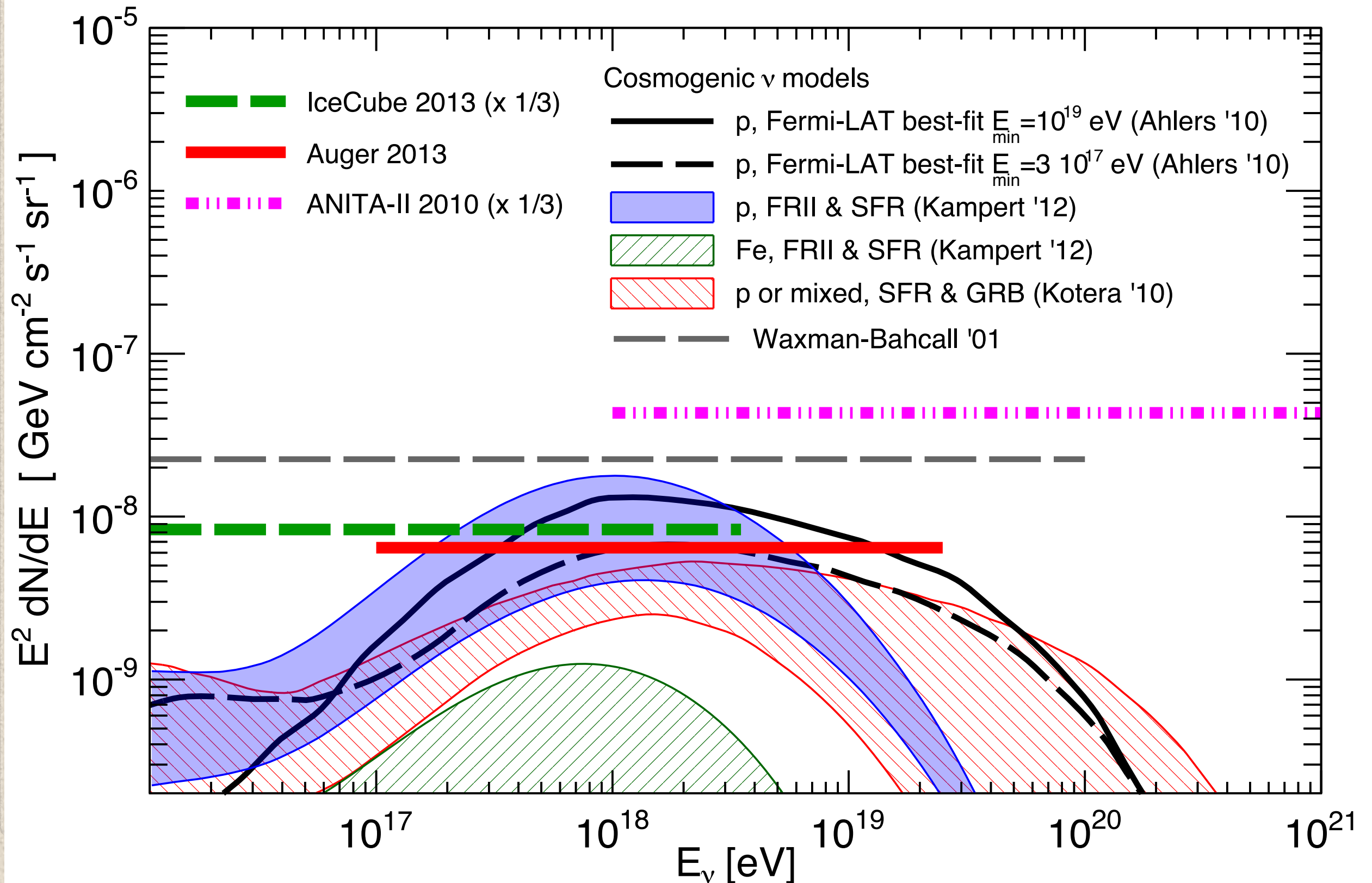
THE LIMITS

RESULTS: PHOTONS



RESULTS: NEUTRINOS

Single flavour, 90% C.L.



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The Pierre Auger Observatory Upgrade

AugerPrime - [arXiv:1604.03637](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.03637)

Motivations

- *Investigate mass composition in the suppression region on an event-by-event basis*
- *Reach the sensitivity to detect a small contribution ($\sim 10\%$) of protons in the suppression region*
- *Study hadronic interactions at center-of-mass energies above 100 TeV*

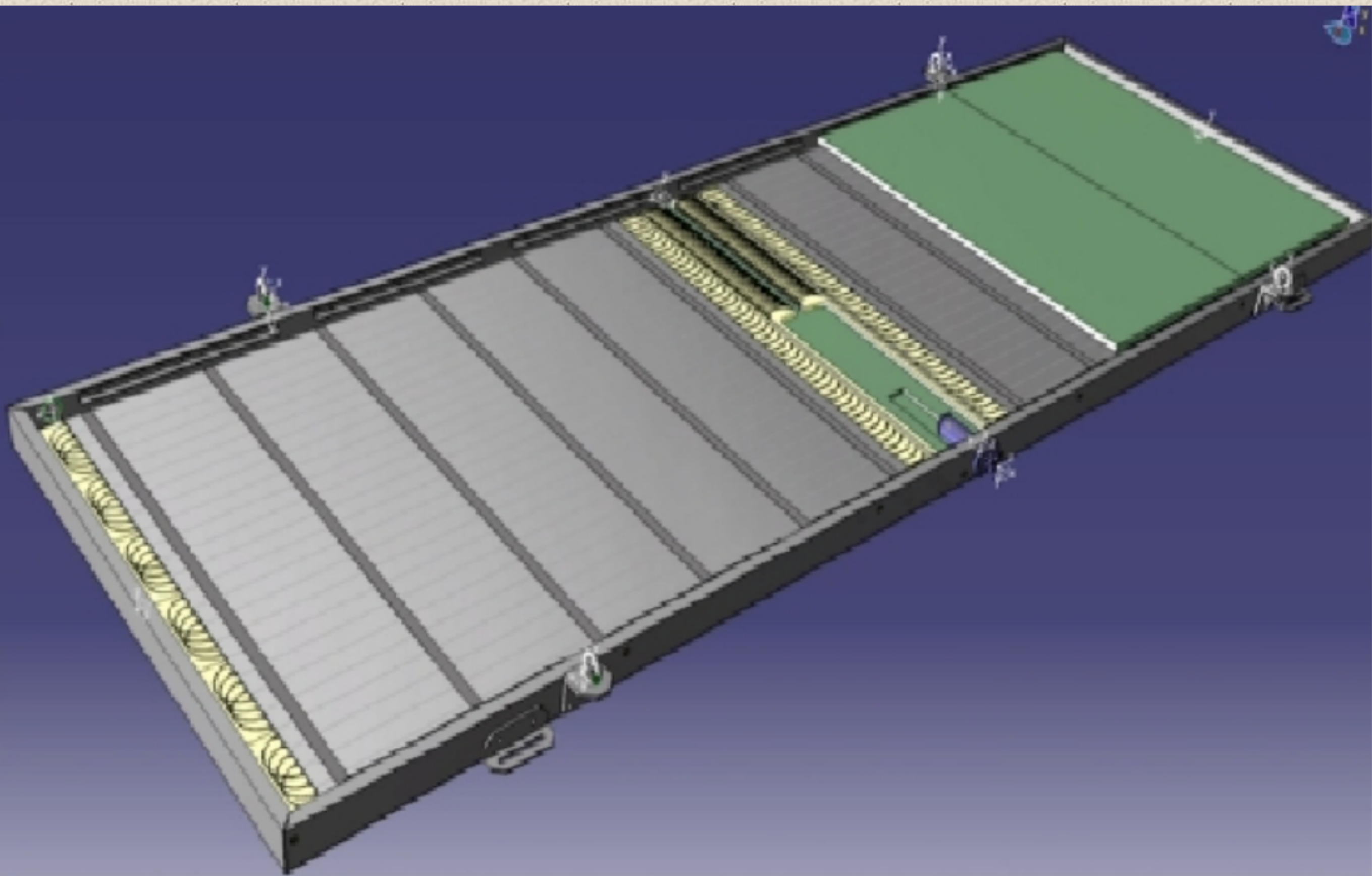
The Pierre Auger Observatory Upgrade

Planned upgrades

- *Surface Scintillator Detectors (SSD) above the existing Water-Cherenkov-Detectors (WCD)*
- *New electronics for faster sampling of both WCD and SSD signals (better timing accuracy, increased dynamic range)*
- *Underground Muon Detectors in the SD area of 25 km² (“infill area”)*
- *Extend Fluorescence Detector duty cycle from $\approx 15\%$ to $\approx 20\%$*



from Roberta Colalillo



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FUTURE EXPERIMENTS

LATTES

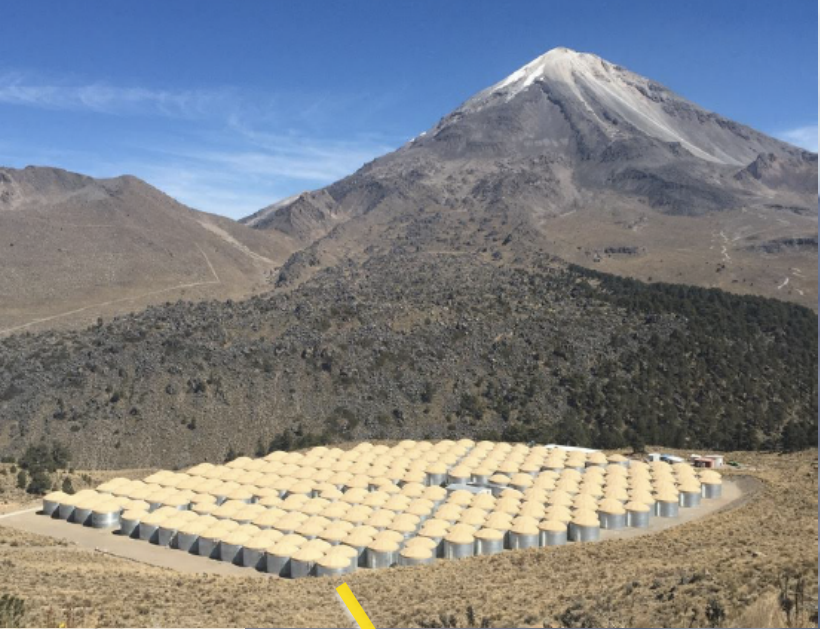
***LARGE ARRAY TELESCOPES FOR TRACKING
ENERGETIC SOURCES***

HAWC (Northern Hemisphere)

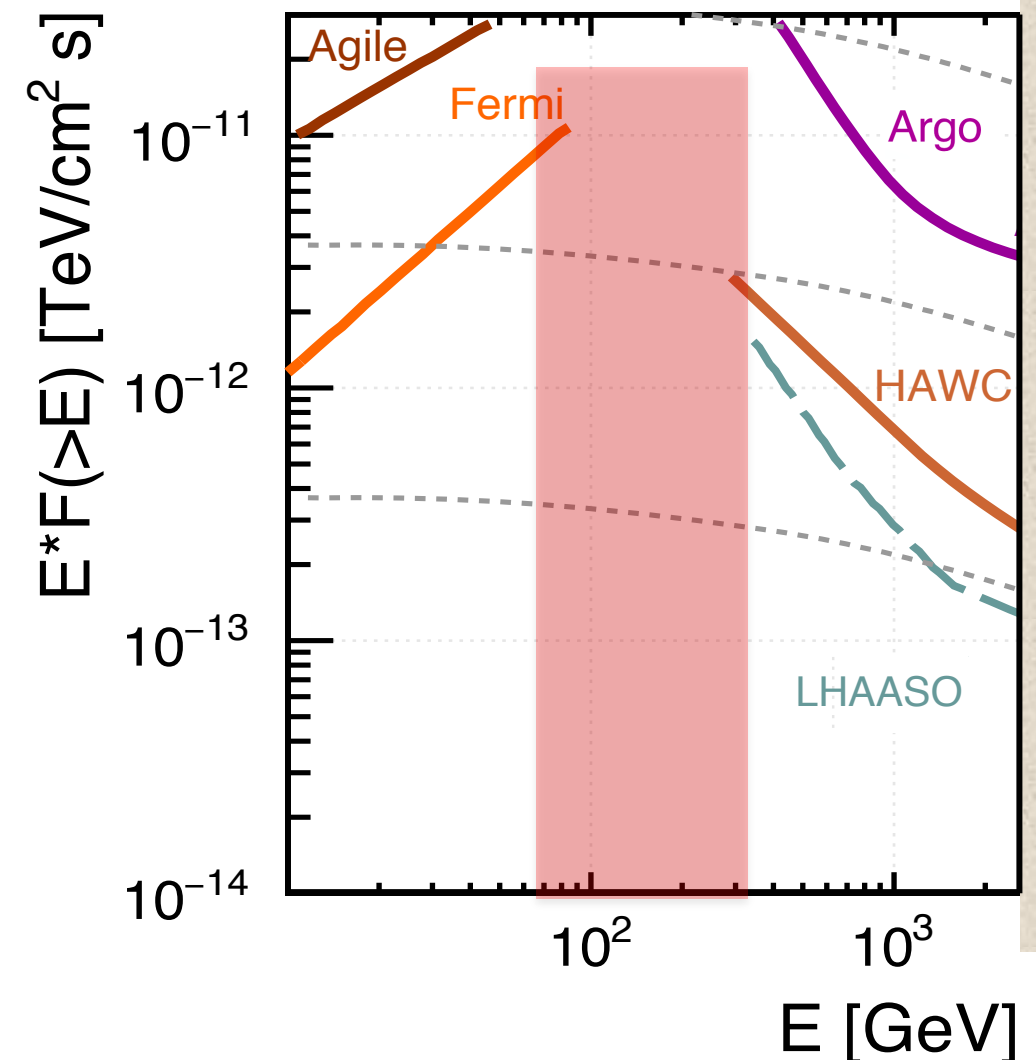
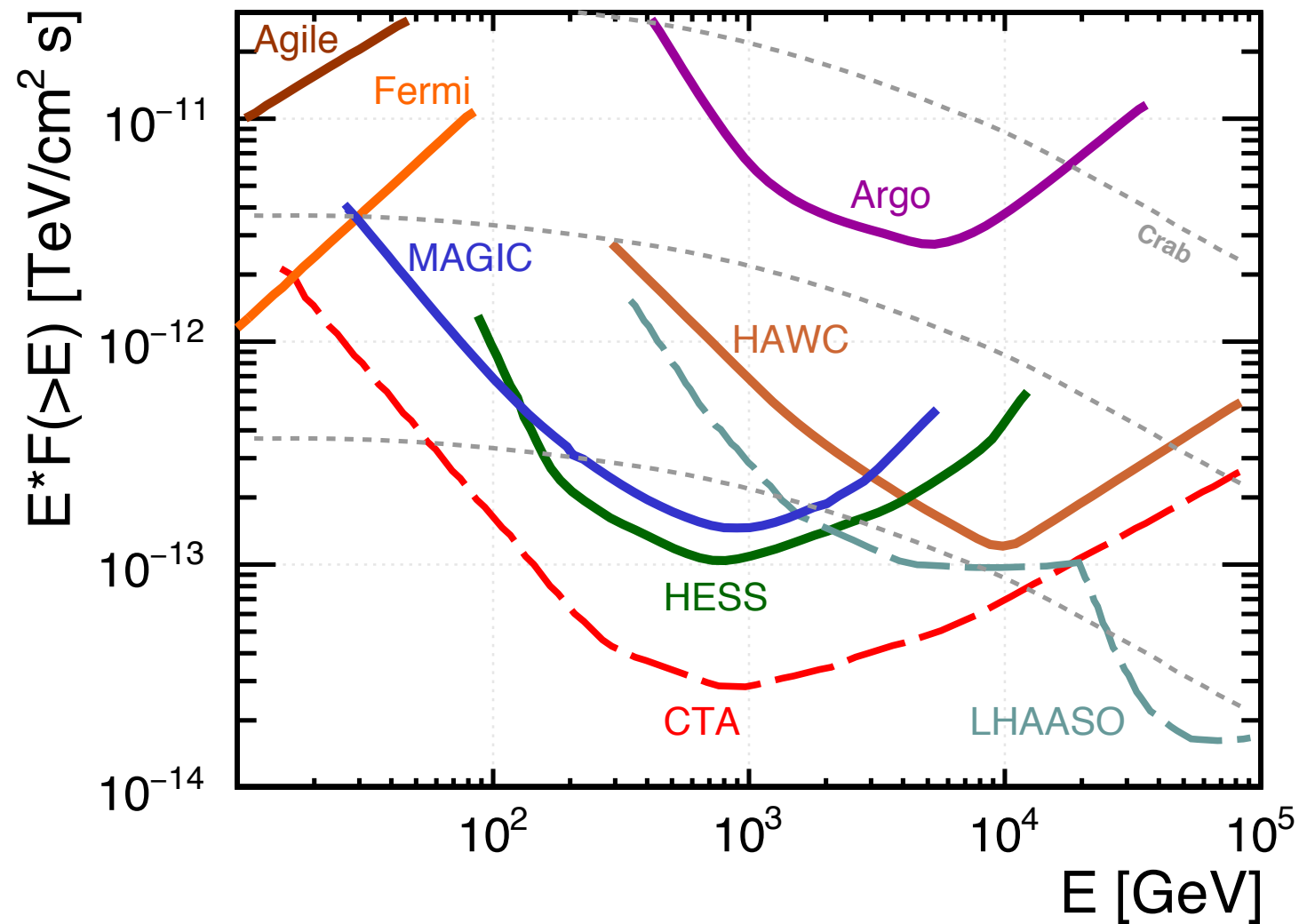
- Altitude 4.100 m.a.s.l.*
- 20.000 m² covered with 300 W.C. Tanks*
- 200 ton water + 4 Photomultipliers*

➤ Inaugurated Mar 20, 2015



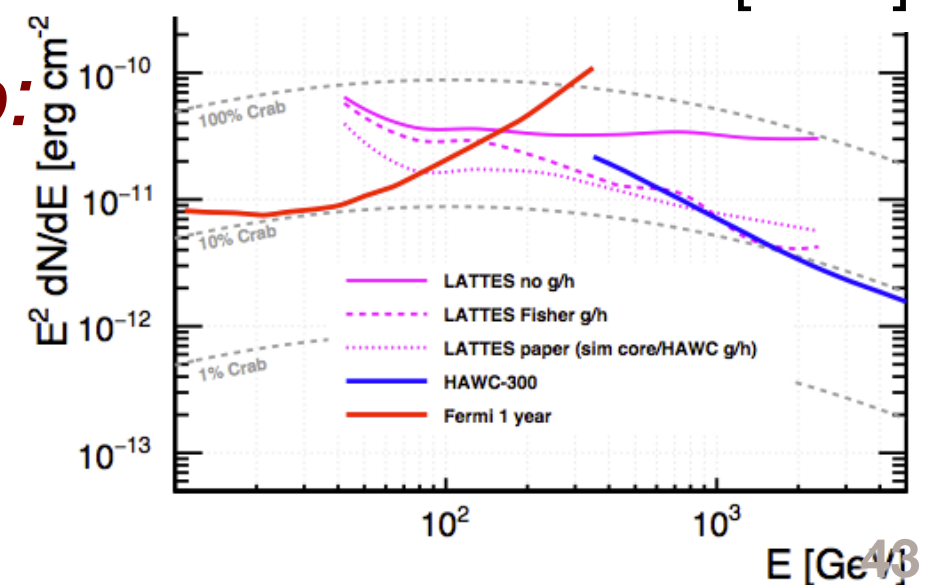


Why LATTES: Present situation



There are no large field of view experiment to:

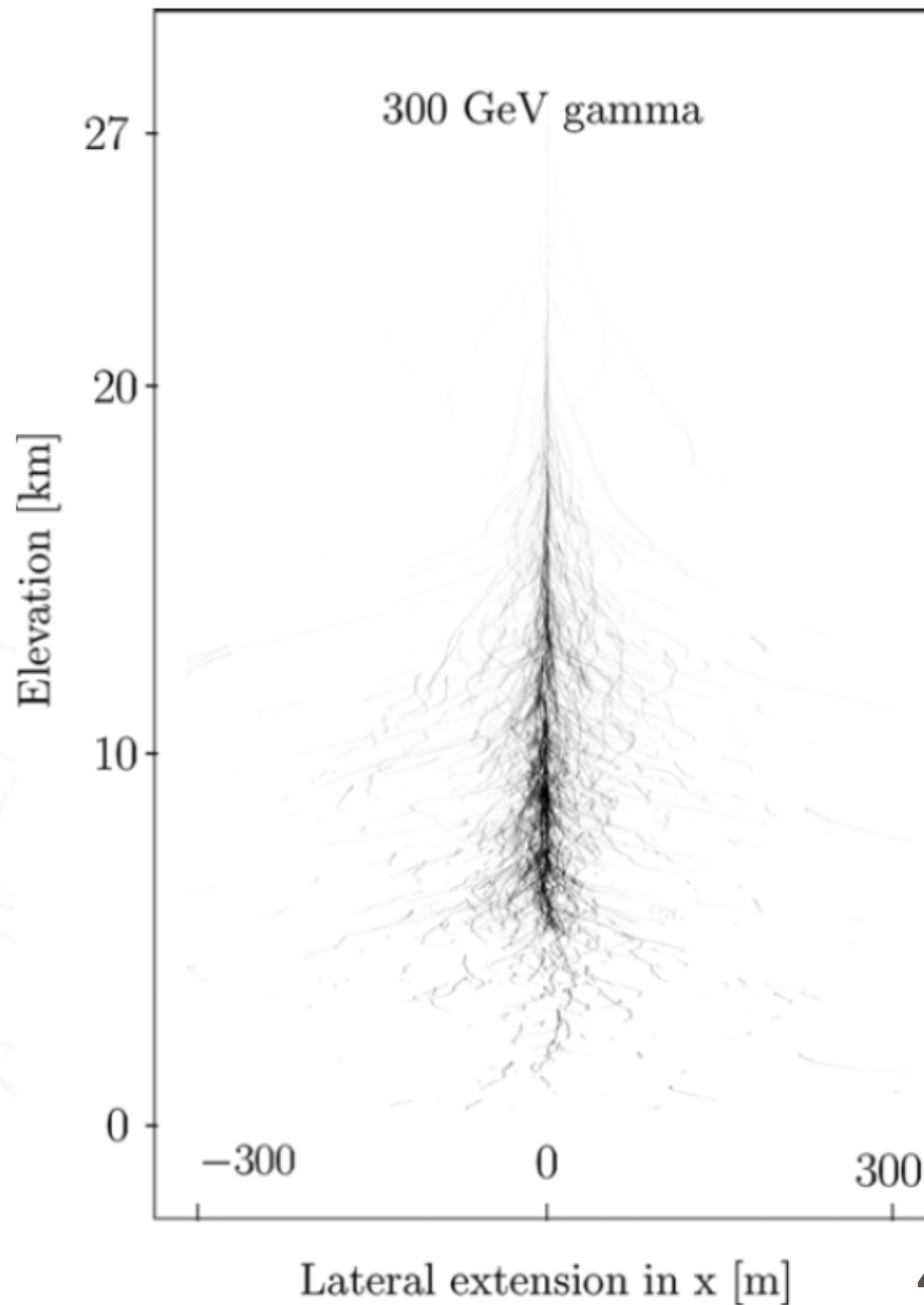
- *Monitor the Center of the Galaxy*
- *Exploit the 100 GeV range*



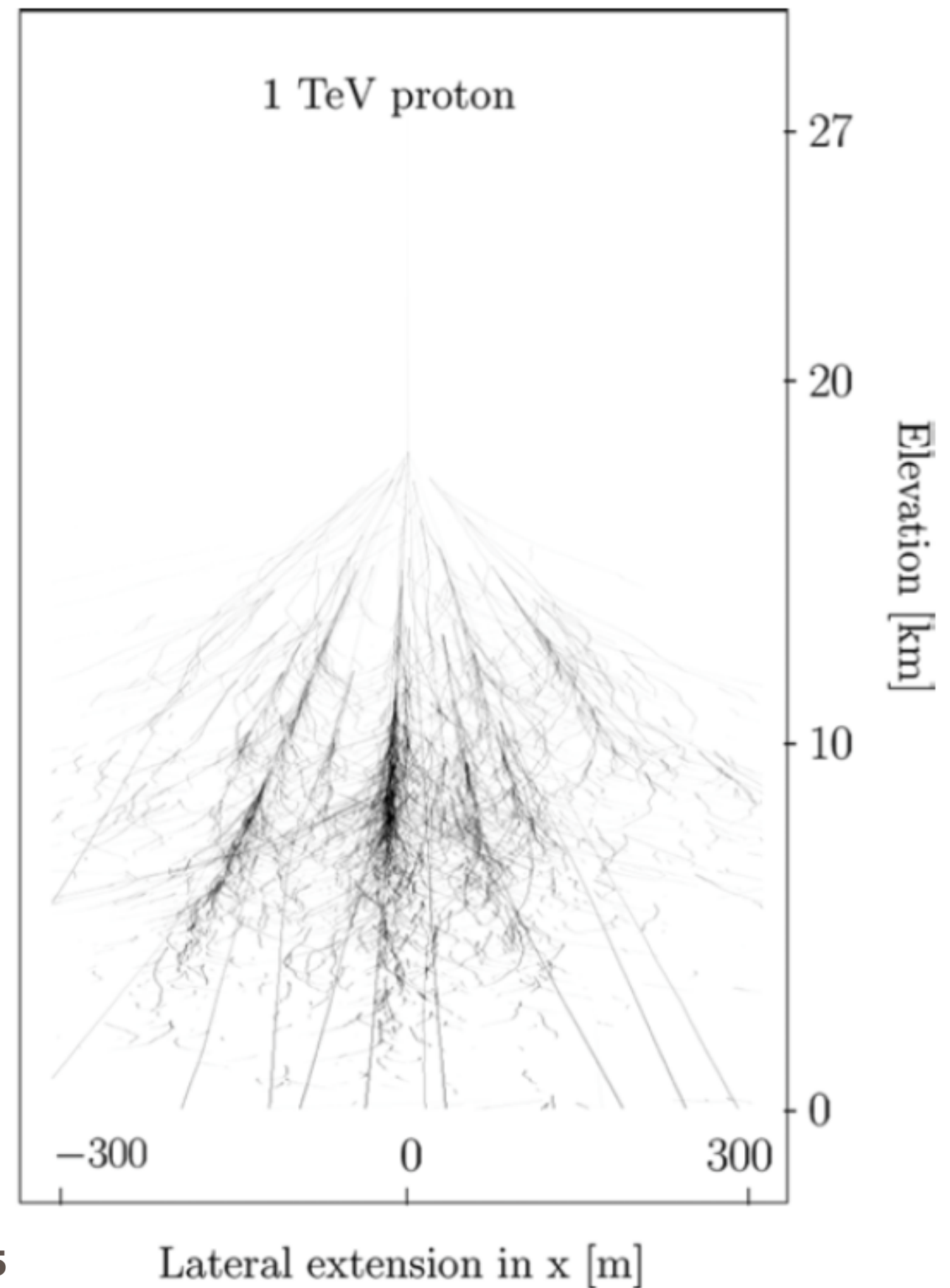
LATTES OBJECTIVES

- *Build a gamma ray detector operating 24/7, field of view of $\pi \text{ rad}^2$*
- *Low energy sensitivity $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$*
- *Altitude above 5.000m*
- *South America (interesting objects)*
- *Physics:*
 - *Fast Monitoring: Seendipituos flare hunting+trigger of other observatories*
 - *Slow Monitoring: Long baseline on several TeV sources*
 - *General Astrophysics: high energy TeV tail+ sinergy with IACT+wide-FOV observation*
 - *Fundamental Physics: exotic physics, the unknown*

TOPOLOGY OF GAMMAS AND PROTONS



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LATTES BASE DESIGN

- *Exposition area of the order of 20.000 m²*
(mix of scientific arguments e realism about funding!)
- *Dense coverage of the area*
- *Detectors simple e robust. Low maintenance costs*
- *Good temporal resolution*
- *Good hadronic background rejection*
- *Good angular resolution*
- Scalable

BASE DESIGN – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

CESAR

*Calorimeter **E**lectromagnetic for **S**tudying **AiR** gammas*

Two lines of development for radiator: water or **glass**

Measure the shower energy with good resolution

MARTA

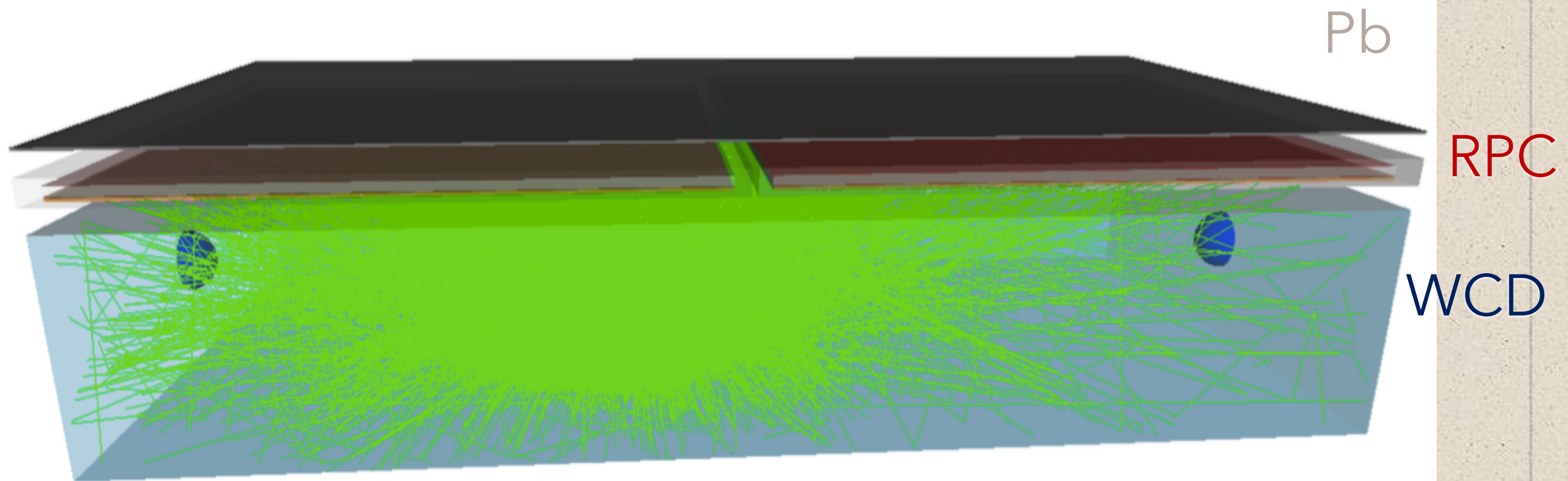
***M**uon **A**rray **R**pcs for **T**agging **A**irshowers*

Particle counter based on RPC technology

(RPC -- Resistive Plate Chamber)

Temporal resolution ~ 1 ns

LATTES Station



- *Thin slab of lead (Pb)*
 - 5.6 mm (one radiation length)
- *Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC)*
 - 2 RPC per station
 - Each RPC with 4X4 reading pads
- *Water Cherenkov Detector (WCD)*
 - 2 PMT (diameter 15 cm)
 - Dimension: 1.5 m X 3 m X 0.5 m

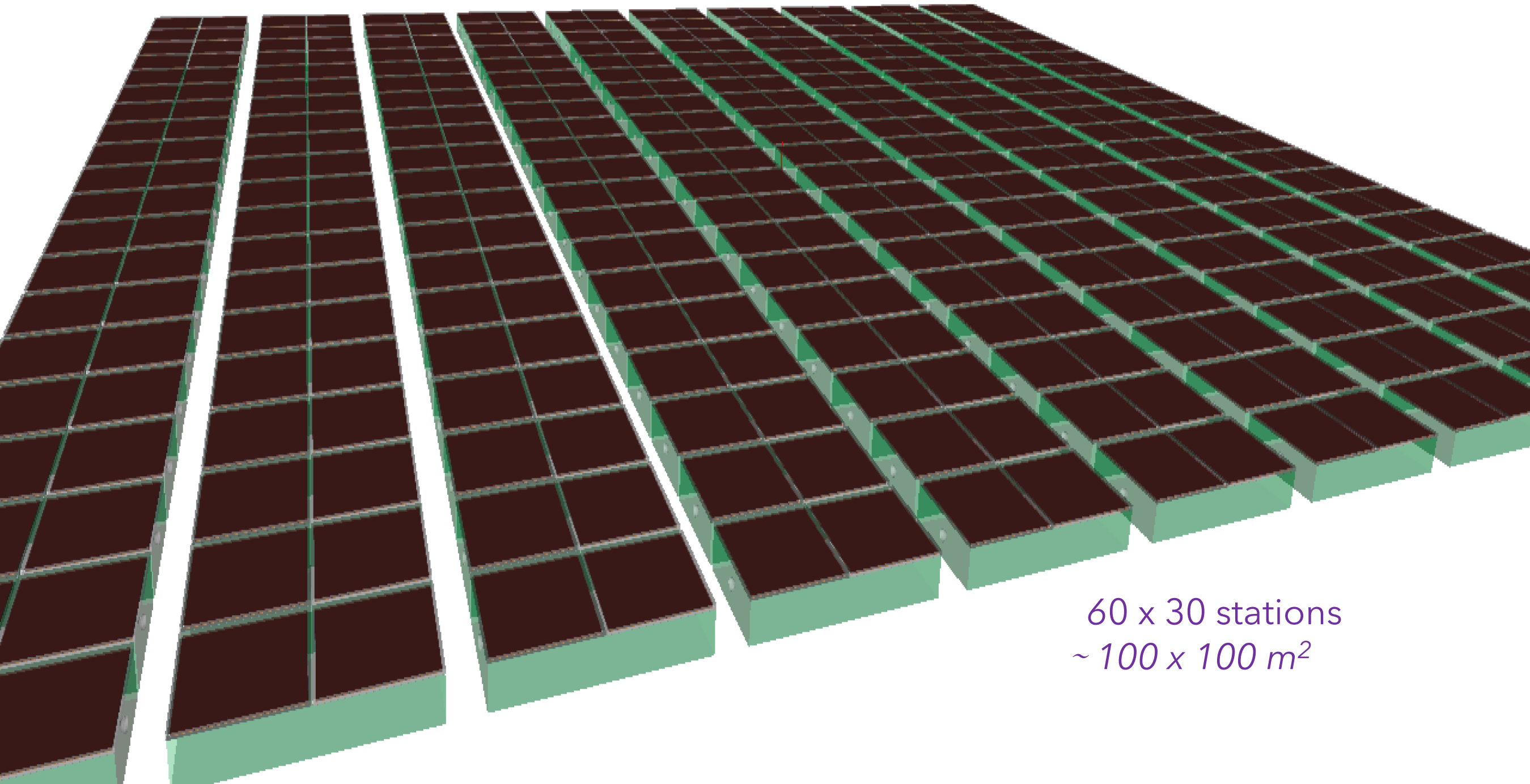
LATTES Layout

Conversor: 5.6 mm Pb

Pattern and timing: RPCs

Calorimeter and

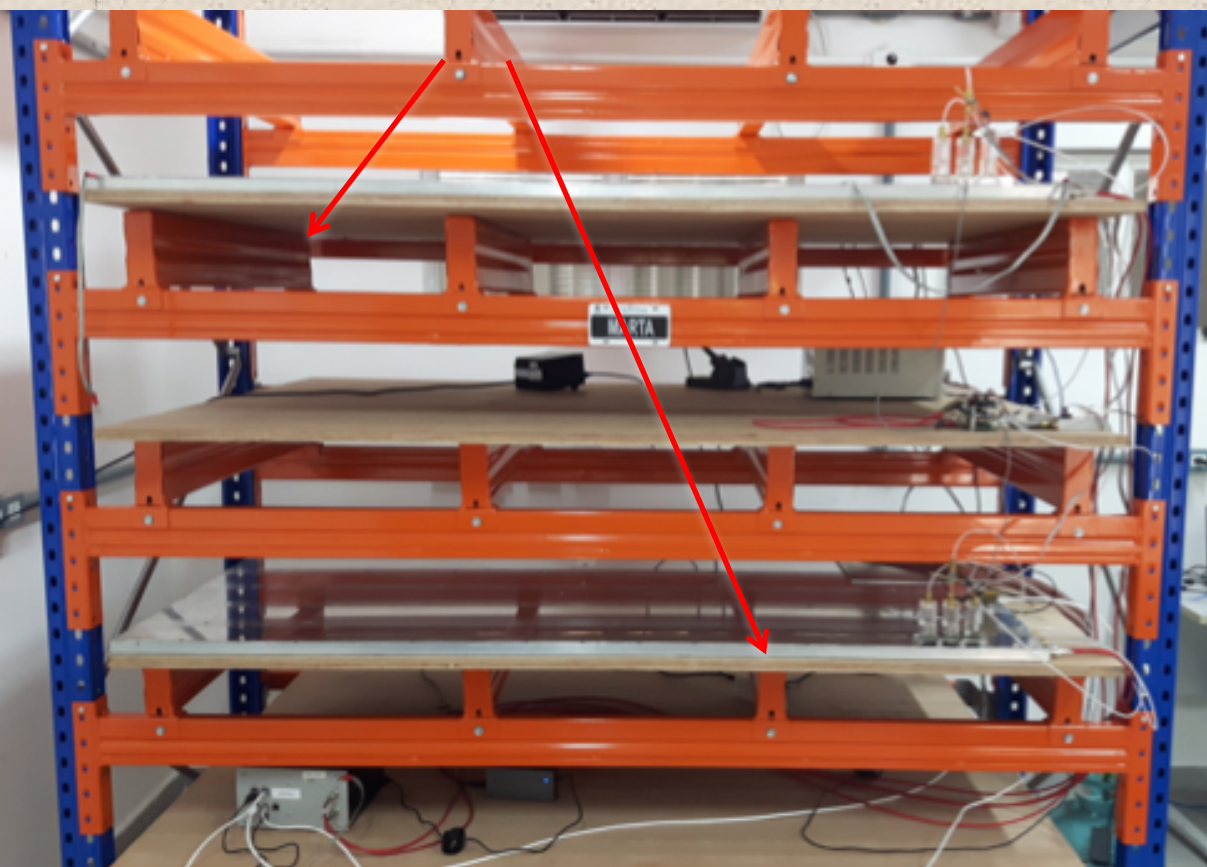
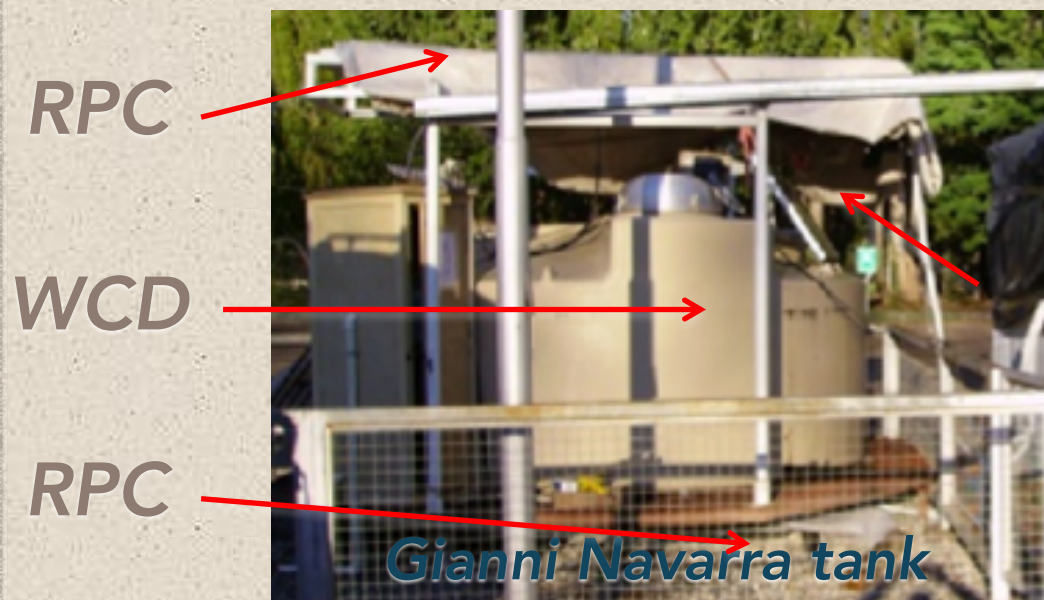
μ identification: WCD



*60 x 30 stations
~ 100 x 100 m²*

Ongoing developments and test on RPCs

Same RPCs of the MARTA project (Muon Array with RPCs for Tagging Air showers) used for studying WCD response of the Pierre Auger Observatory



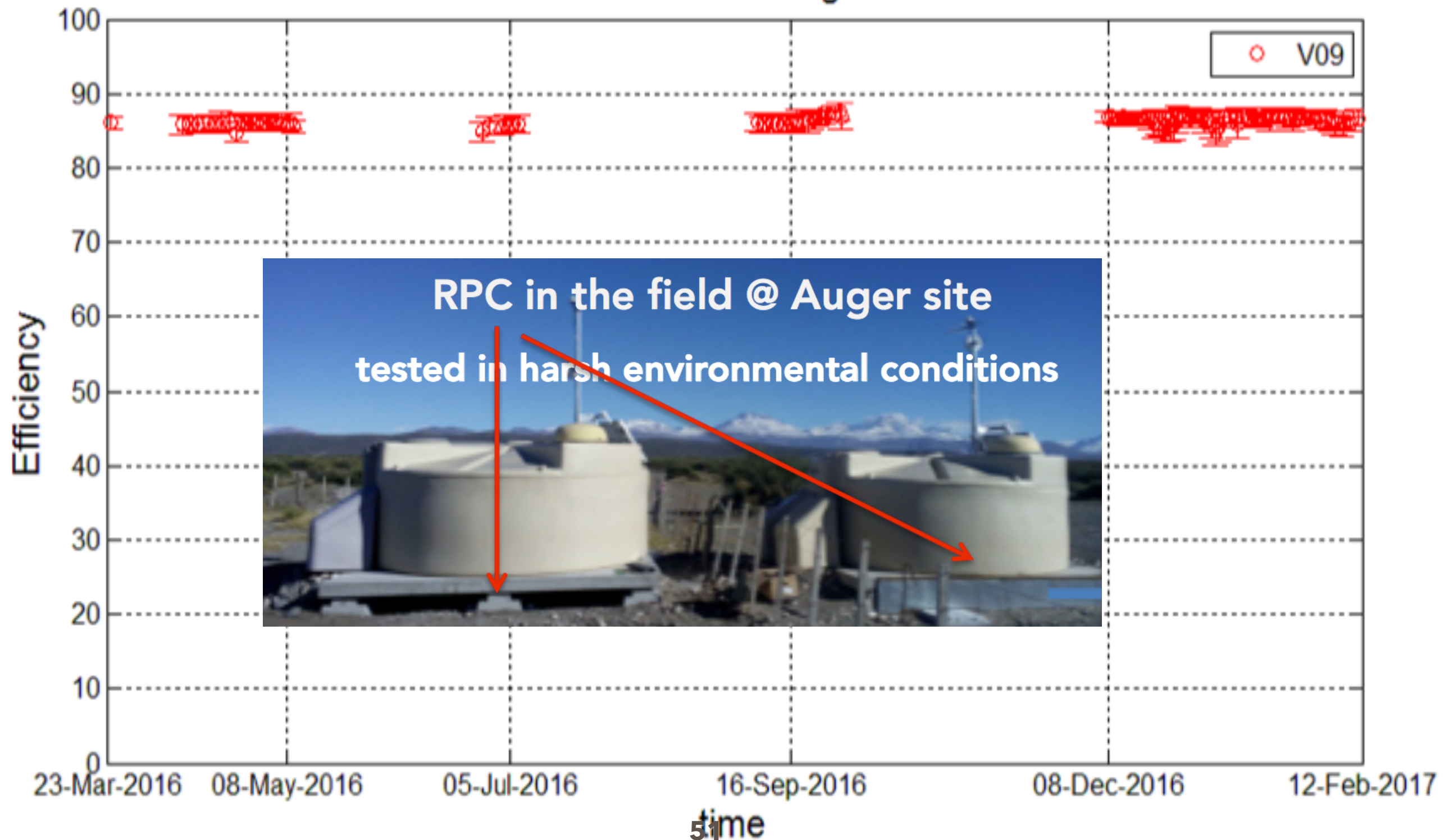
CBPF RPC telescope

- characterize RPC telescope operation
- comparison with a dedicated MC simulation
- synergy between two experiments/techniques
- RPC used for absolute calibration of SSD

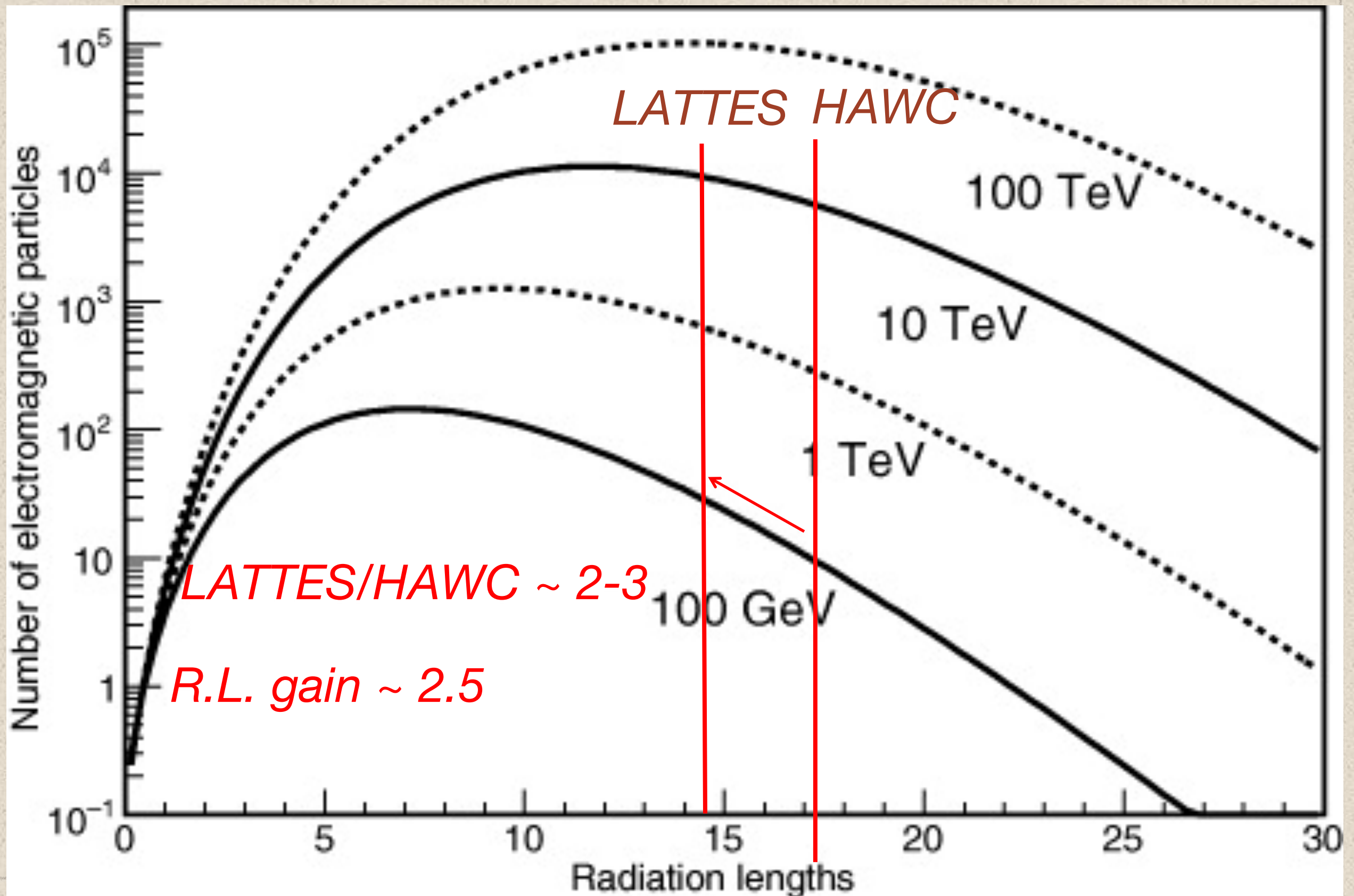
Why RPC's?

MARTA performance on hostile environment

Tierra del Fuego



LATTES (Altitude?)



Site for LATTES





CAMINO INTERNACIONAL
PASO JAMA

PROYECTO ACT
Univ. Princeton

PROYECTO POLARBEAR

CONICYT

PROYECTO CCAT
Univ. Cornell.

PROYECTO TAO
Univ. Tokio.

ALMA

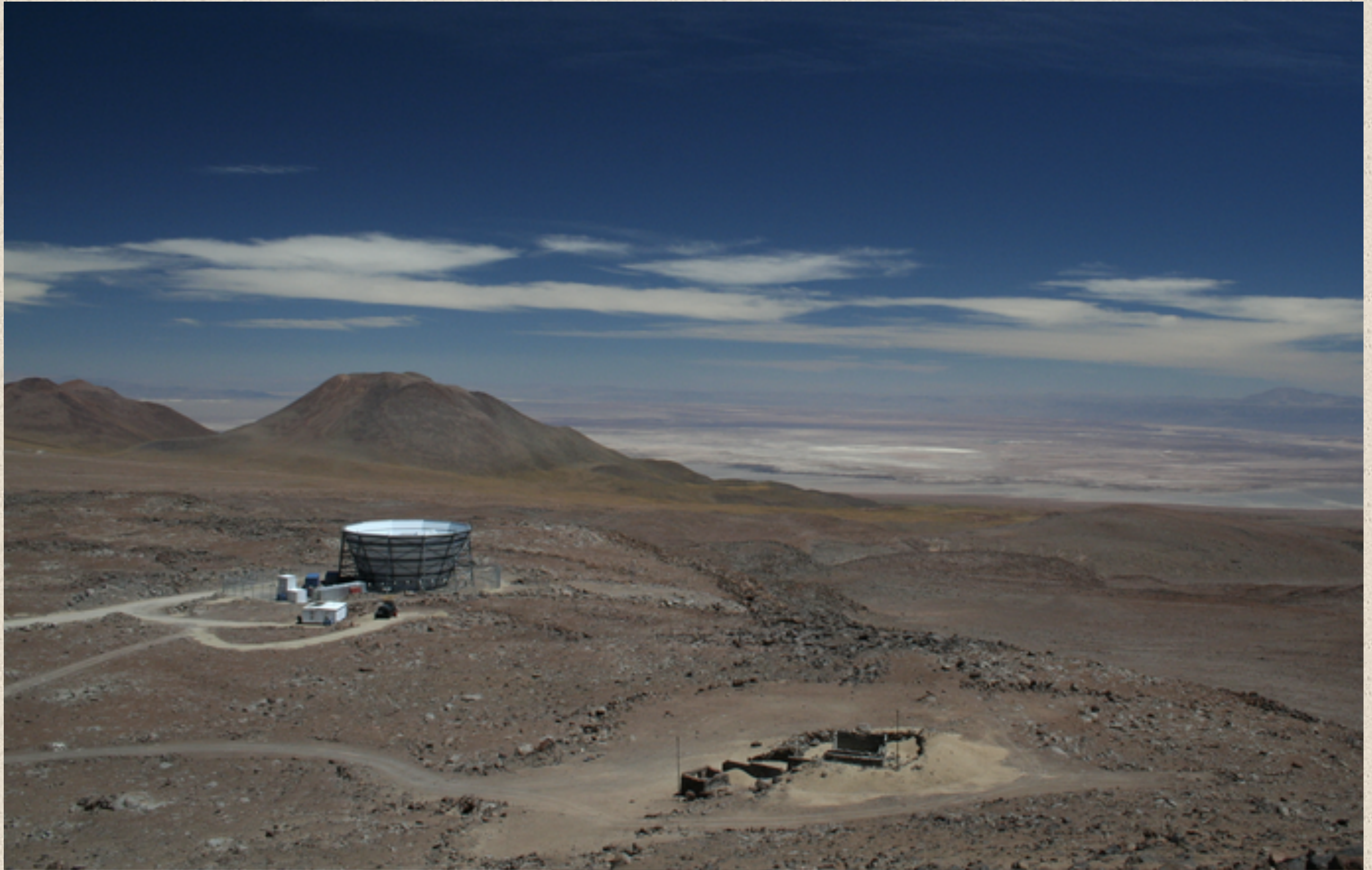
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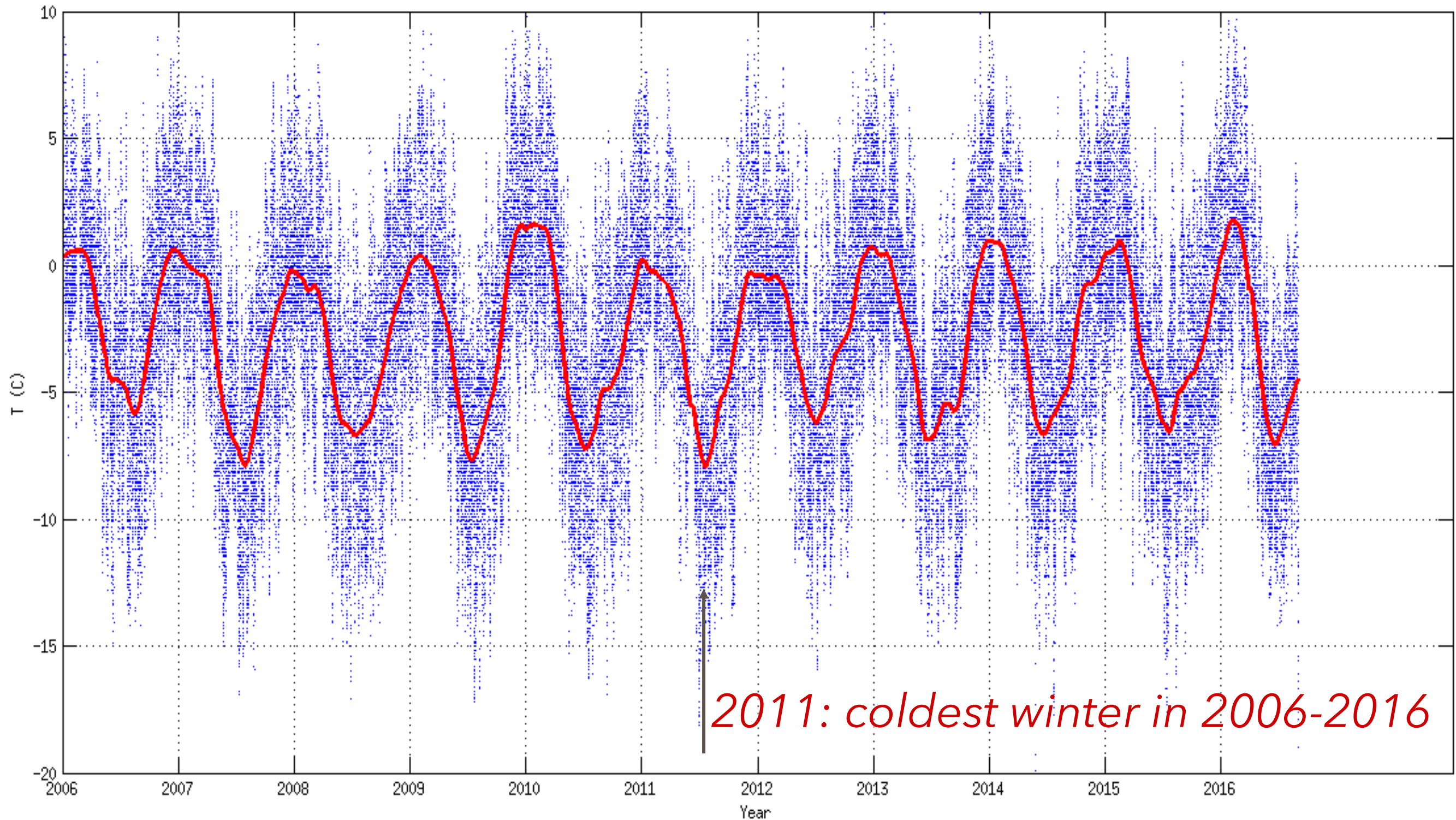
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Site for LATTES



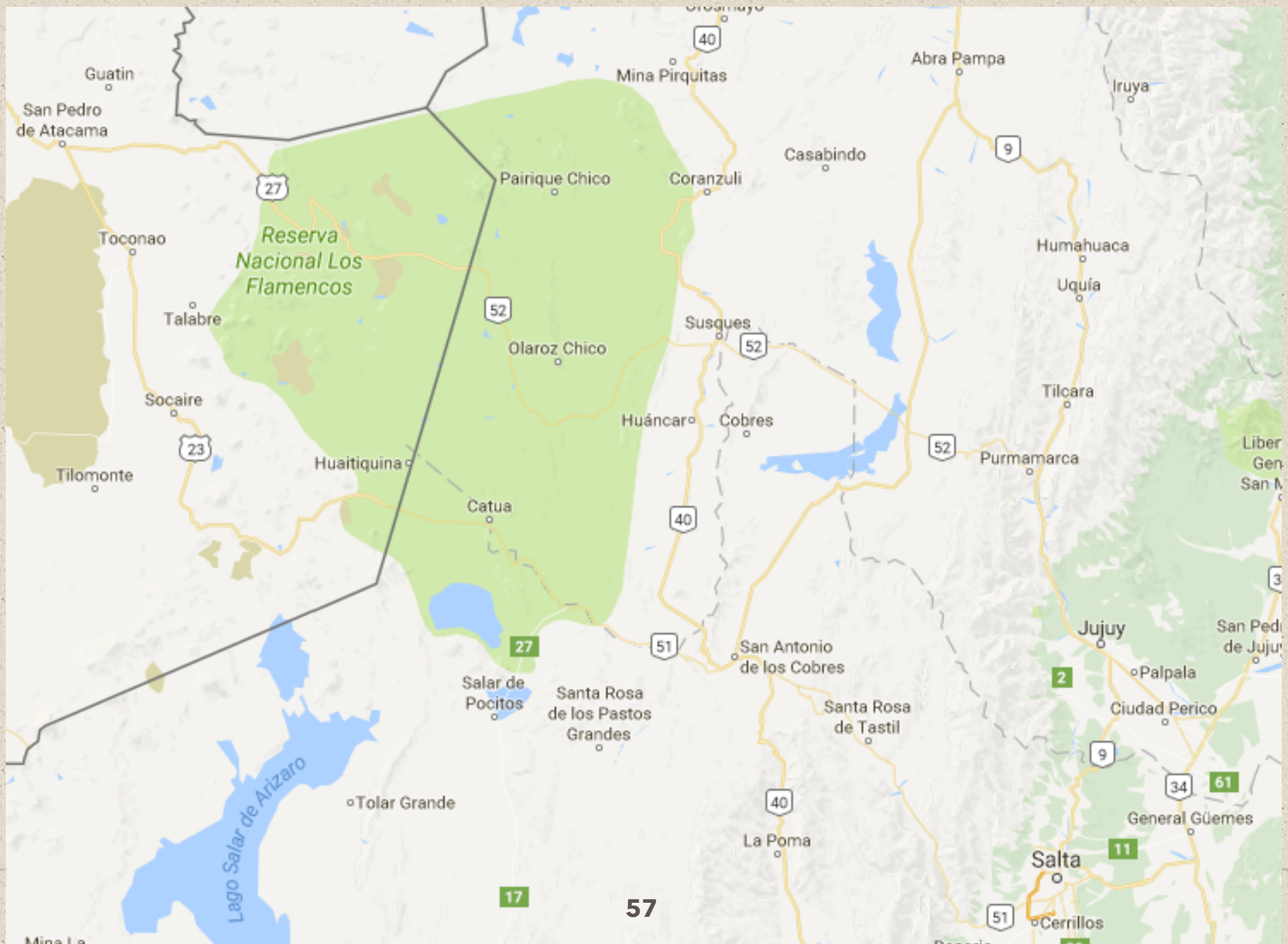
MODELING – ATMOSPHERE

Data from the ALMA site



2011: coldest winter in 2006-2016

Alternative Site for LATTES: San Antonio de los Cobres AR



Site



CONCLUSION

AUGER

- *Is a mature experiment, stable and collecting large amount of data*
- *Bound to take data at least until 2025*
- *Preparing the upgrade to improve the resolution on the mass composition*
- *Keep tuned, important results on the verge of being announced*

LATTES

- *Is a large field of view (FOV) γ ray experiment in SA*
- *Complementary to CTA*
- *Next generation of hybrid gamma ray experiments*
- *Good sensitivity to low energy (100 GeV)*
- *Tool to alert on variable sources and transients*