

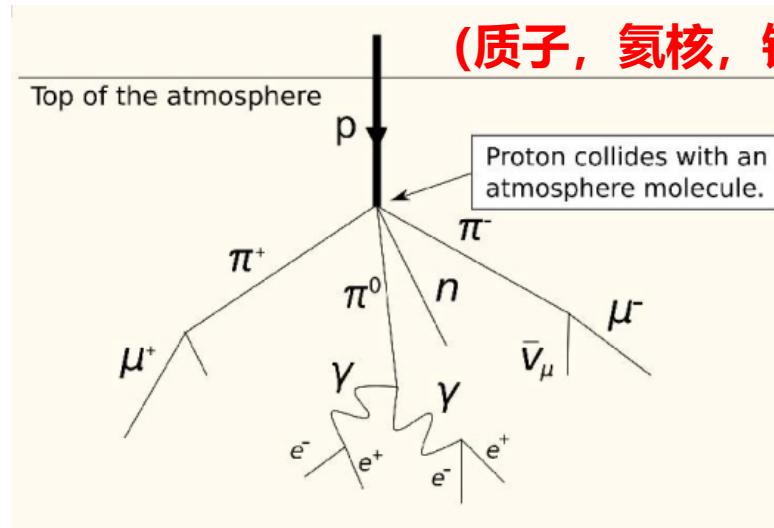
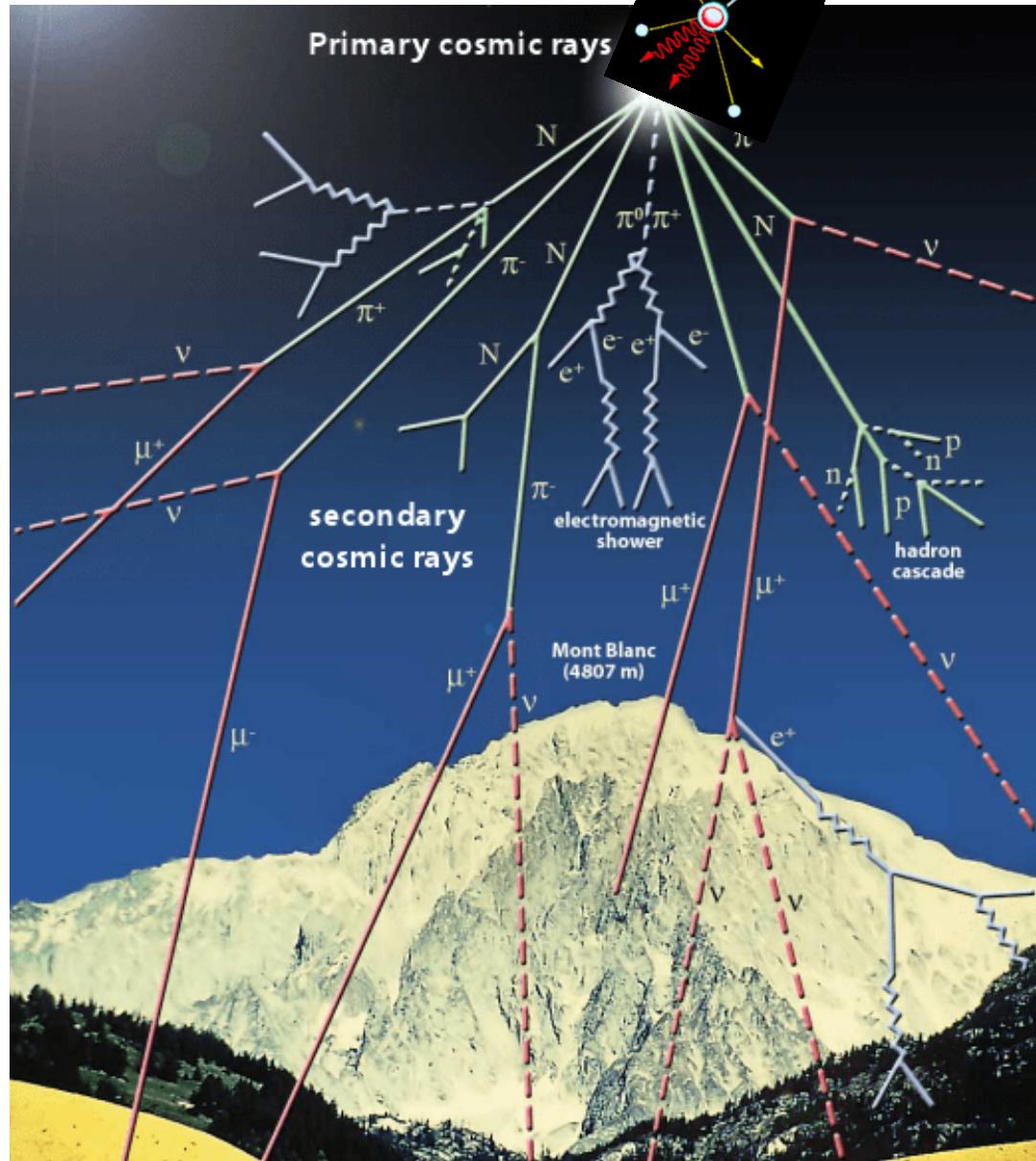
LHAASO: 与强相作用相关研究

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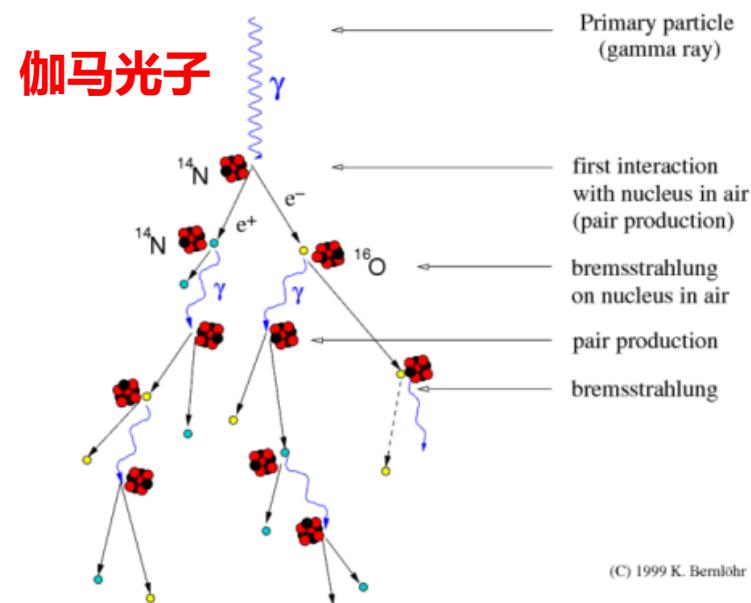
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Opportunities and Ideas at the QCD Frontier
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如何探测宇宙线?



Development of gamma-ray air showers



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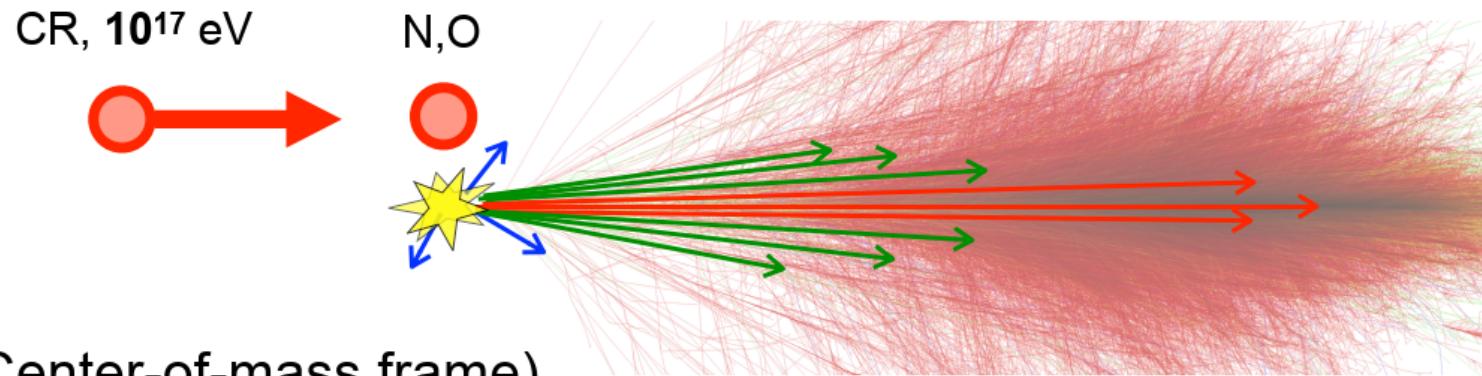
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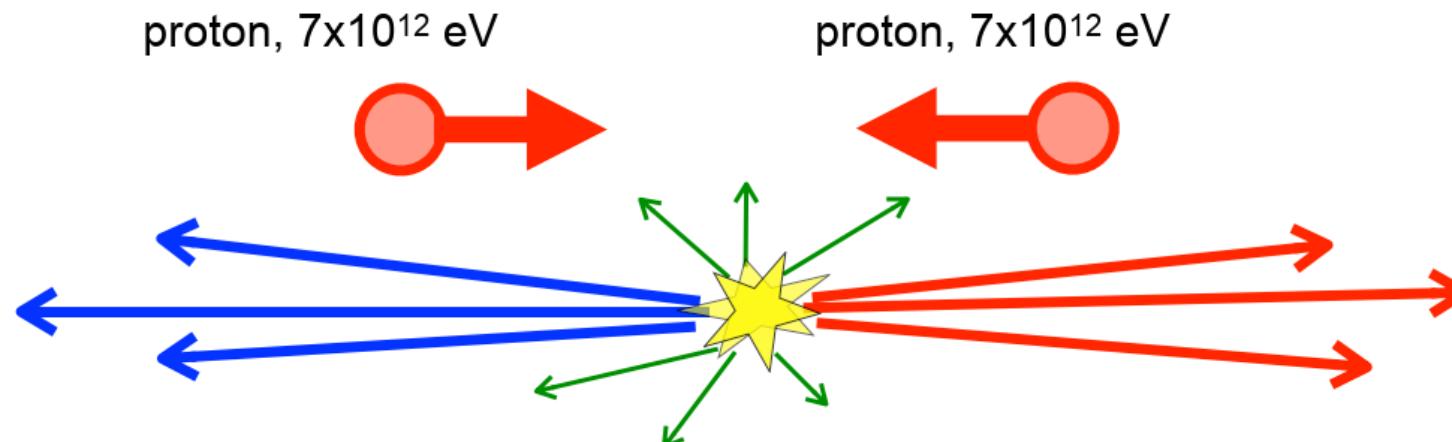
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Interaction studies at LHC

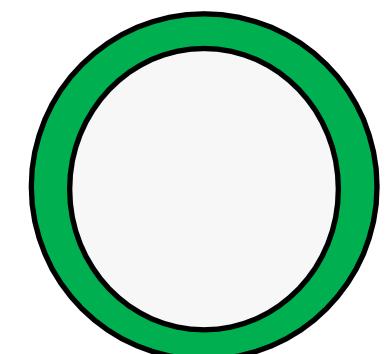
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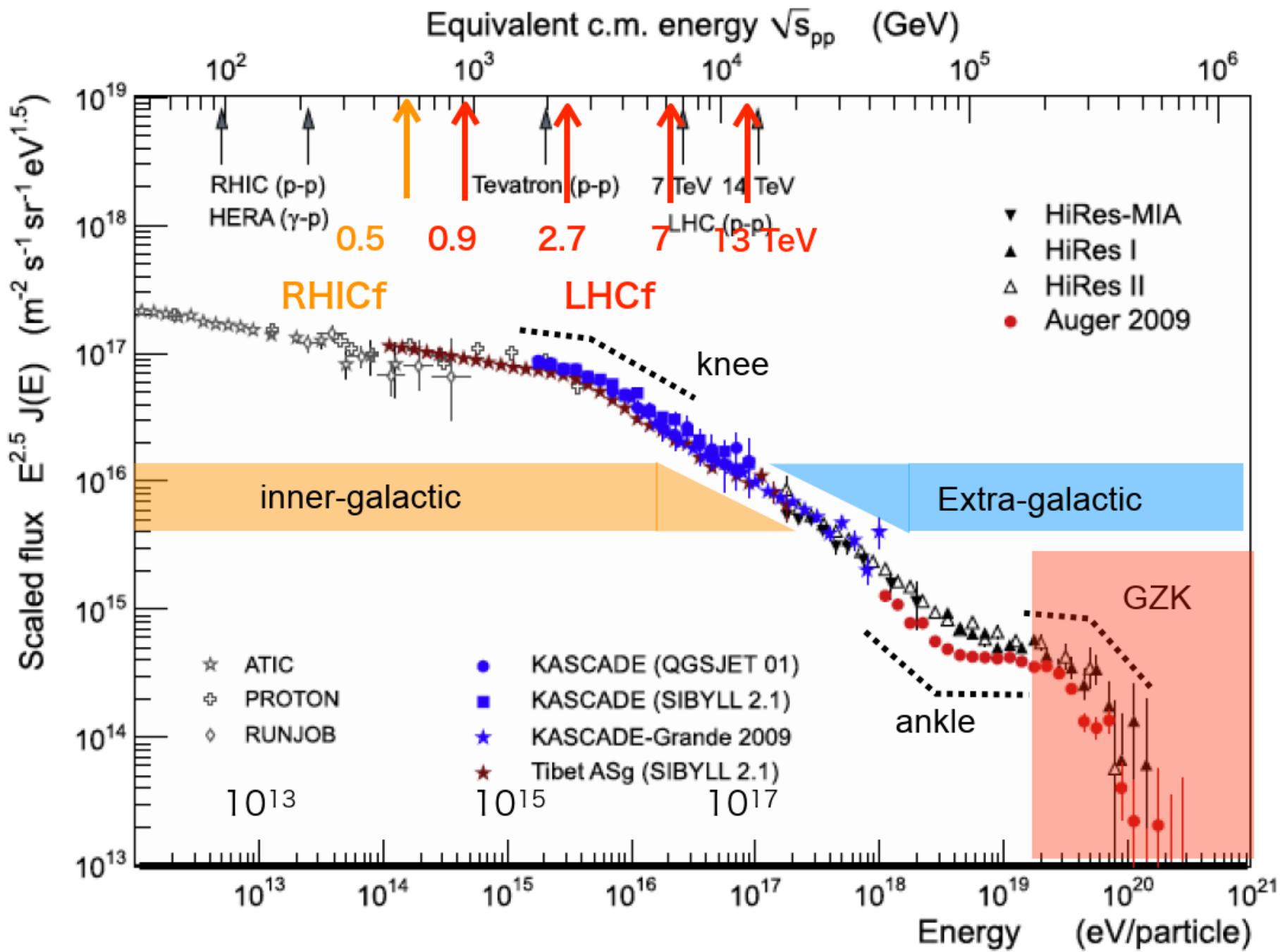


LHC(Center-of-mass frame)



质子-反质子对撞机
单一储存环





The Site

Bird's eye view of LHAASO, 2021-08

- Location: $29^{\circ}21' 27.6''$ N, $100^{\circ}08'19.6''$ E
- Altitude: 4410 m
- 2021-07 completed built and in operation

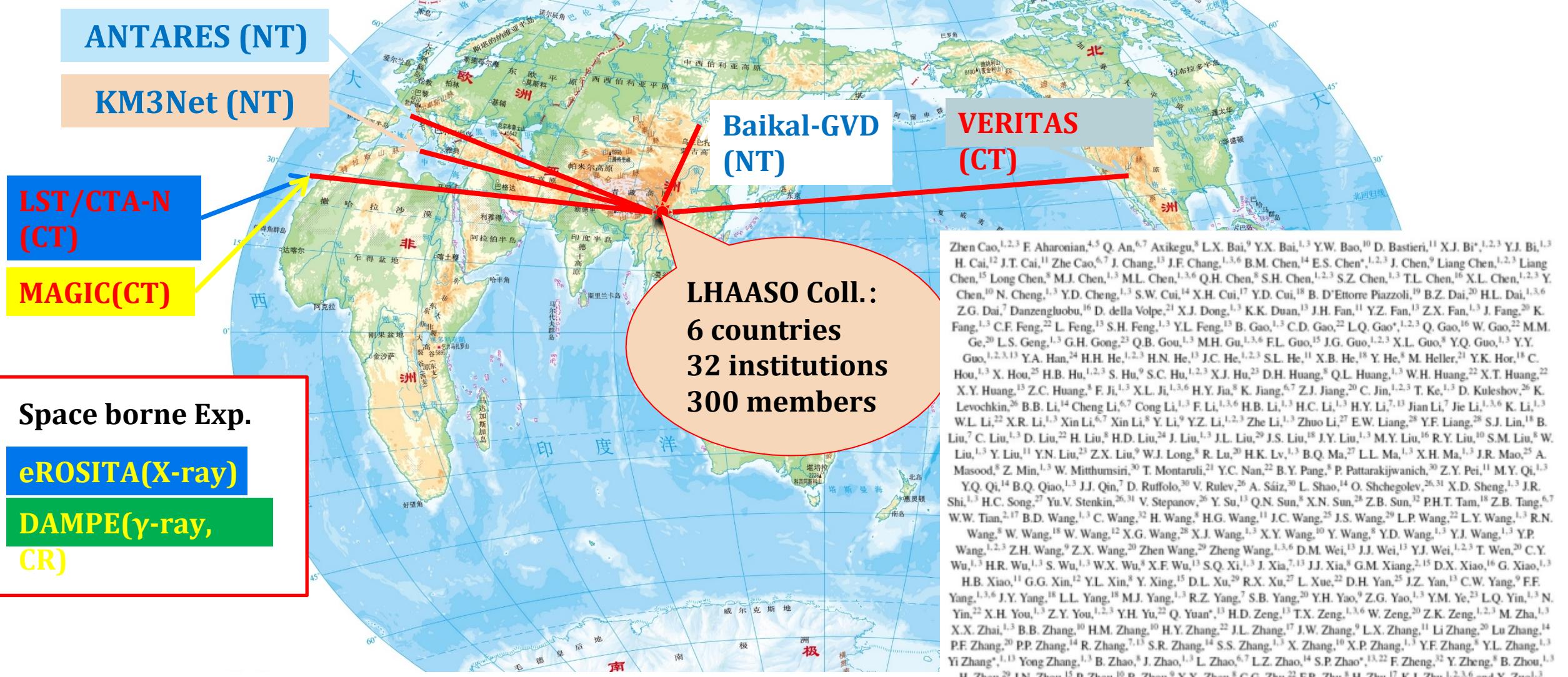


LHAASO, *Nature Astronomy* 5:849 (2021)

(Aug. 2018, at 4410 m a.s.l.)

LHAASO: Multi-Messenger Collaboration Network

The LHAASO collaboration has signed MOUs with 8 international detector collaboration.



High Energy Cosmic Rays

Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO)

CATCHING RAYS

China's new observatory will intercept ultra-high-energy γ -ray particles and cosmic rays.

LHAASO Physics Topics

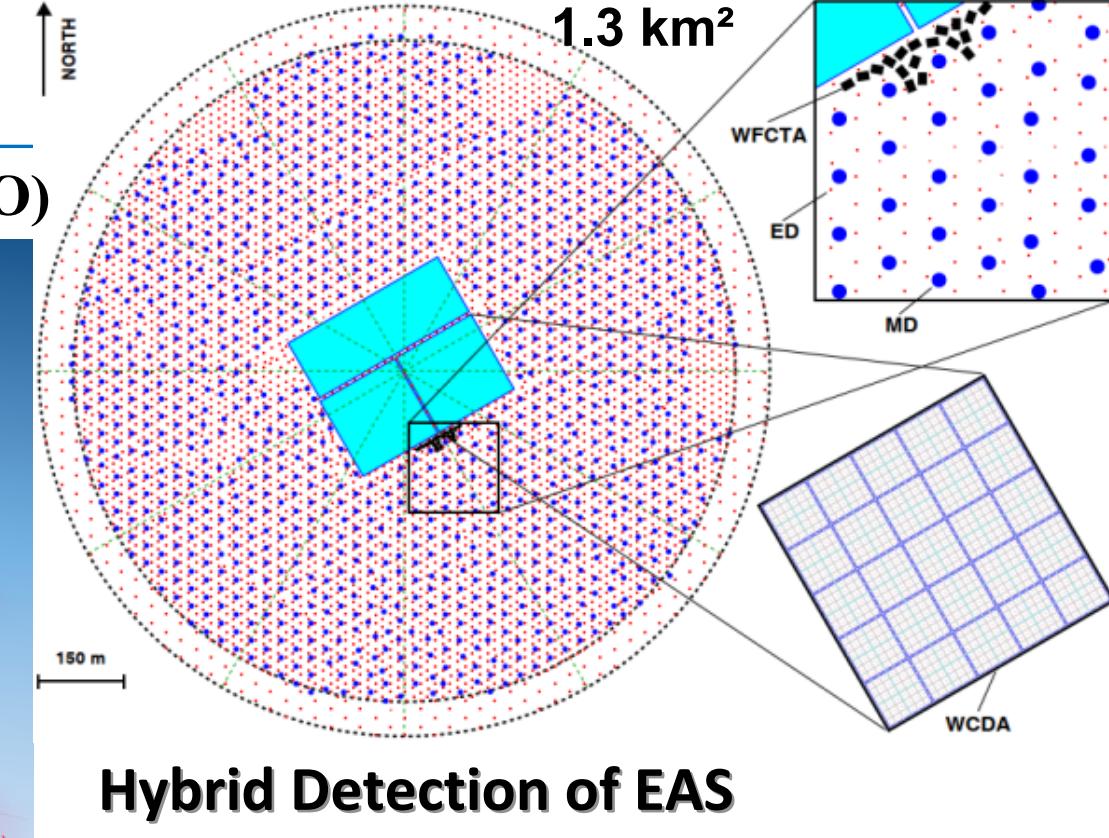
- Gamma Ray Astronomy
- Charged CRs measurement
- New Physics Frontier

18 wide-field-of-view air Cherenkov telescopes

5,195 scintillator detectors

4,410 m

$\sim 25,000$ m



78,000-m² surface-water Cherenkov detector

1188 underground water Cherenkov tanks
(muon detectors)

高海拔宇宙线观测站 (LHAASO)

- 地点: 四川甘孜州稻城海子山
- 海拔: 4410 m

“膝区”宇宙线测量的理想位置，测量精度高

- **2021年7月全面建成，2023年5月通过国家验收**



地面粒子探测器阵列(KM2A)

最灵敏的超高能伽马望远镜

5216个ED



1188个MD

水切伦科夫探测器阵列(WCDA)

最灵敏的甚高能伽马巡天望远镜



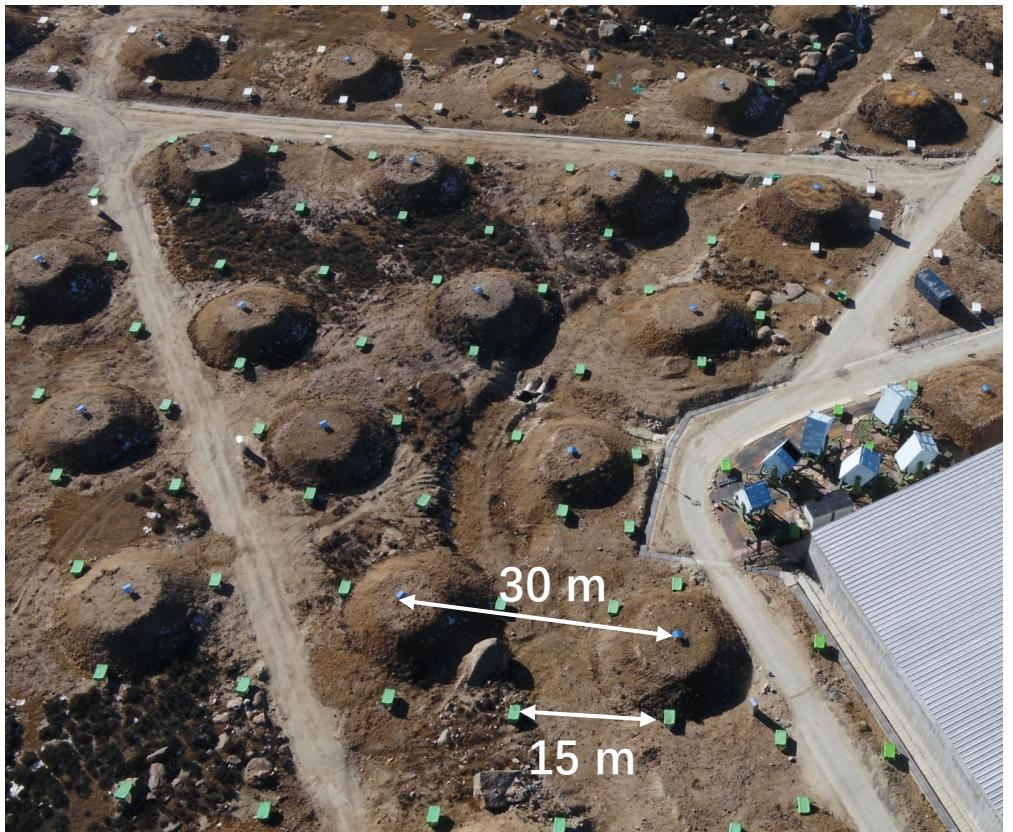
3120个单元

广角切伦科夫望远镜阵列(WFCTA)

能量覆盖最宽的高能宇宙线立体装置

18台望远镜

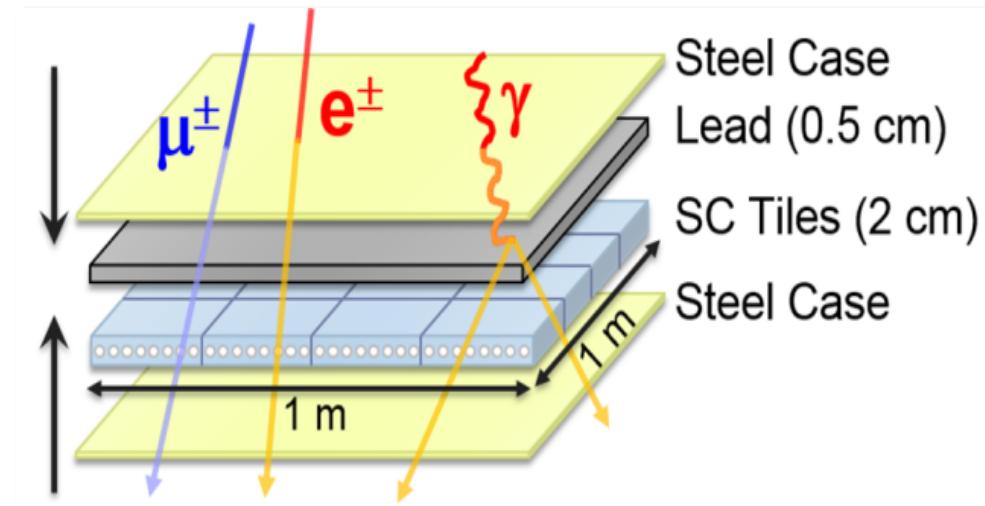




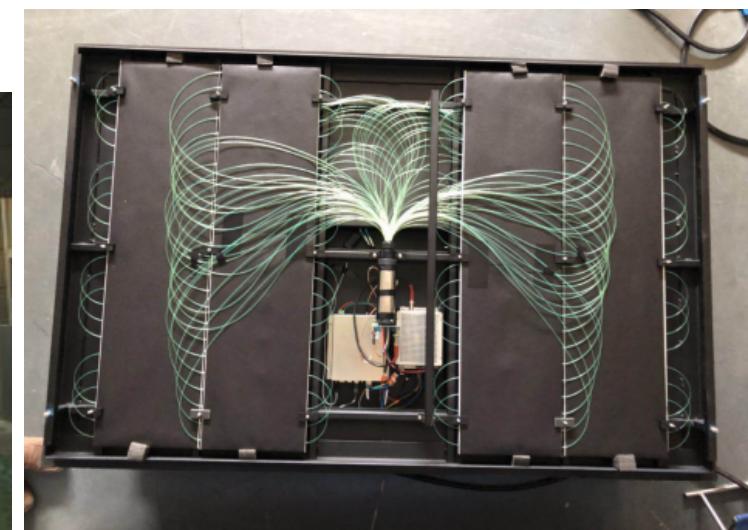
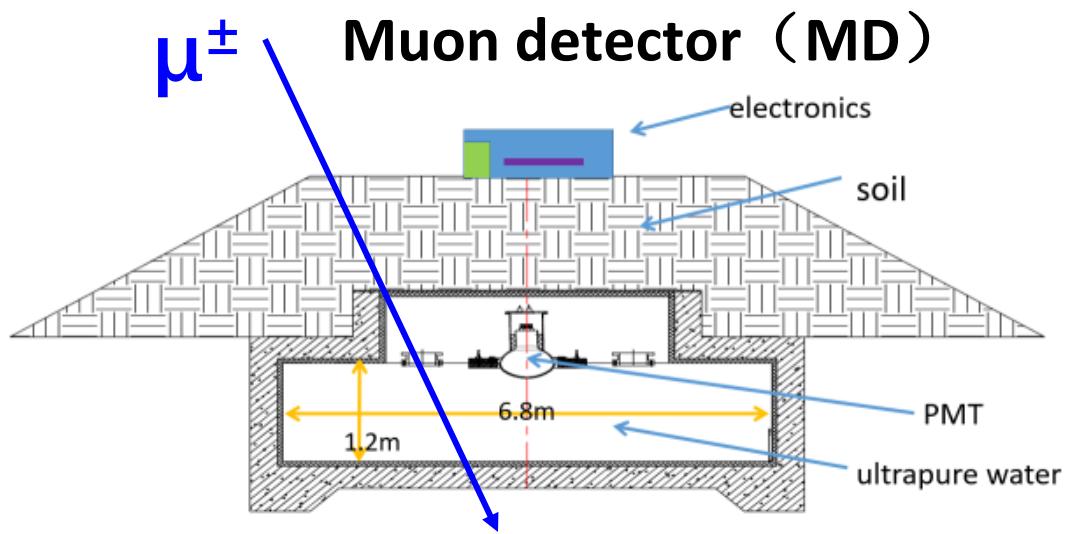
KM2A: 1.36 (km)²

- 5195 EDs
 - 1 m² each
 - 15 m spacing
- 1188 MDs
 - 36 m² each
 - 30 m spacing

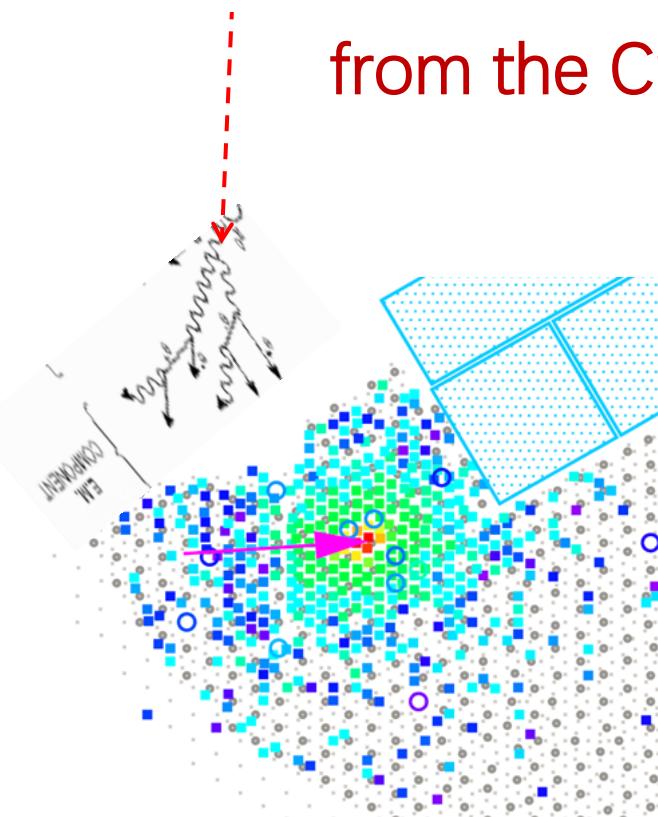
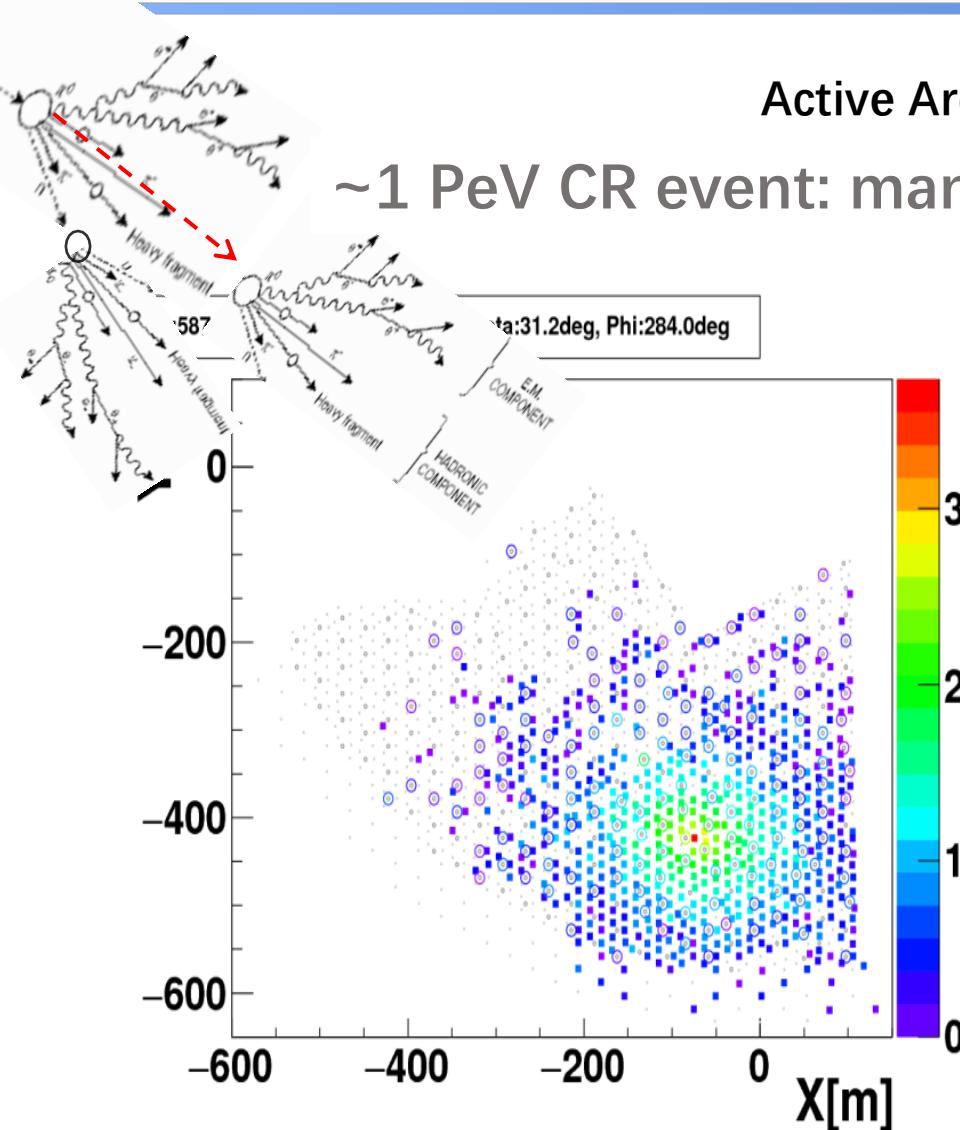
Scintillator Detectors (ED)



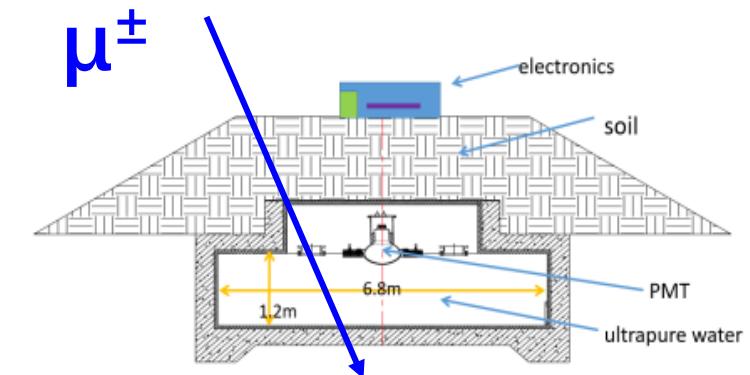
Inner View of one ED



粒子鉴别参数： μ 子

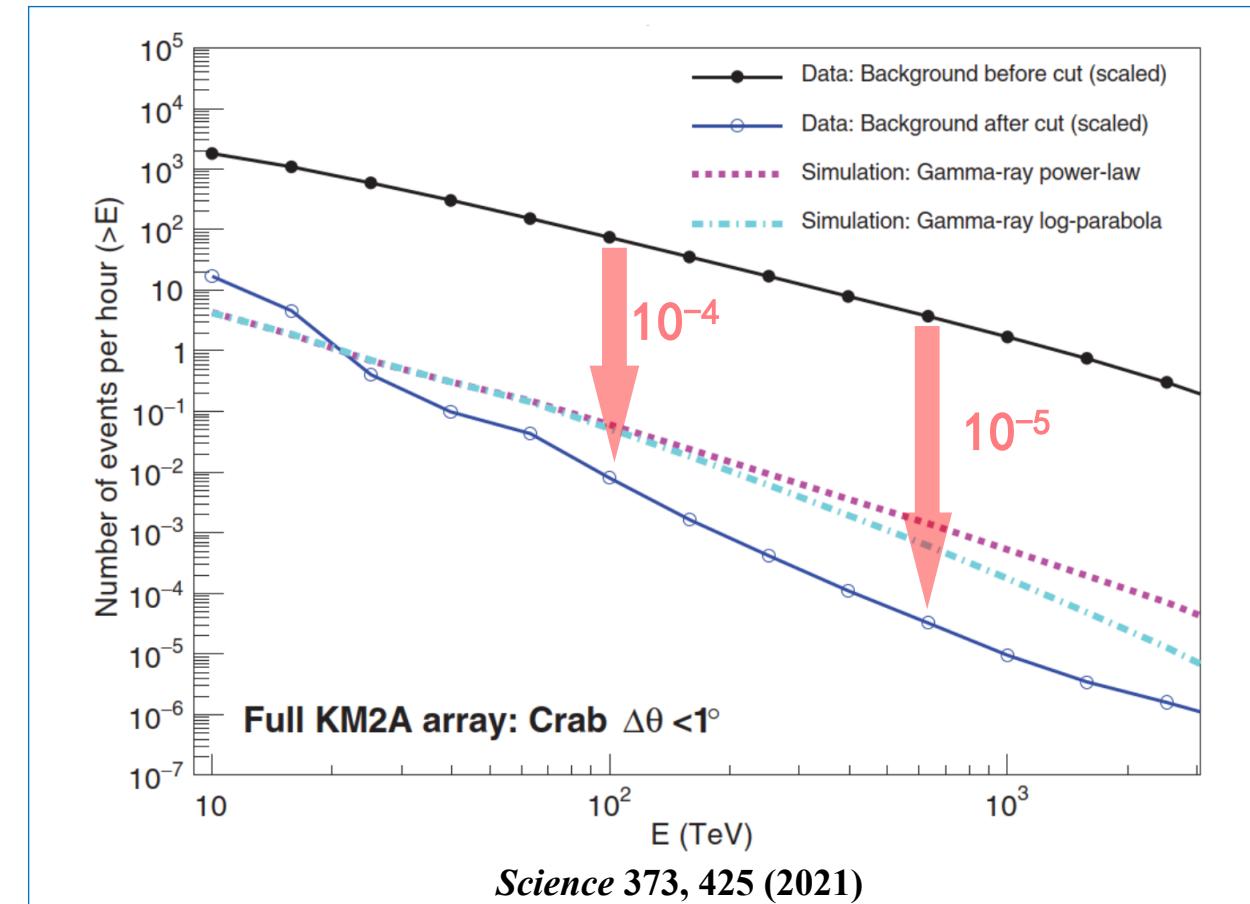
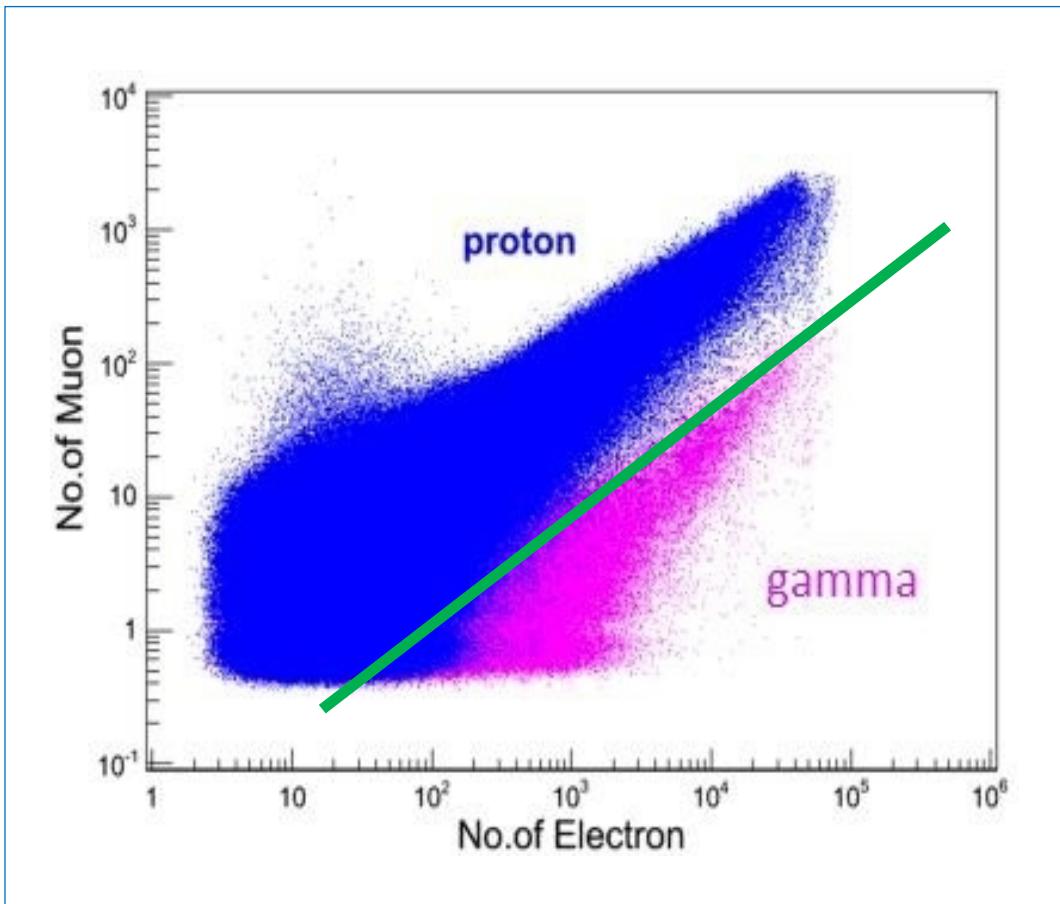


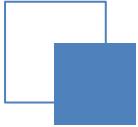
from the Crab



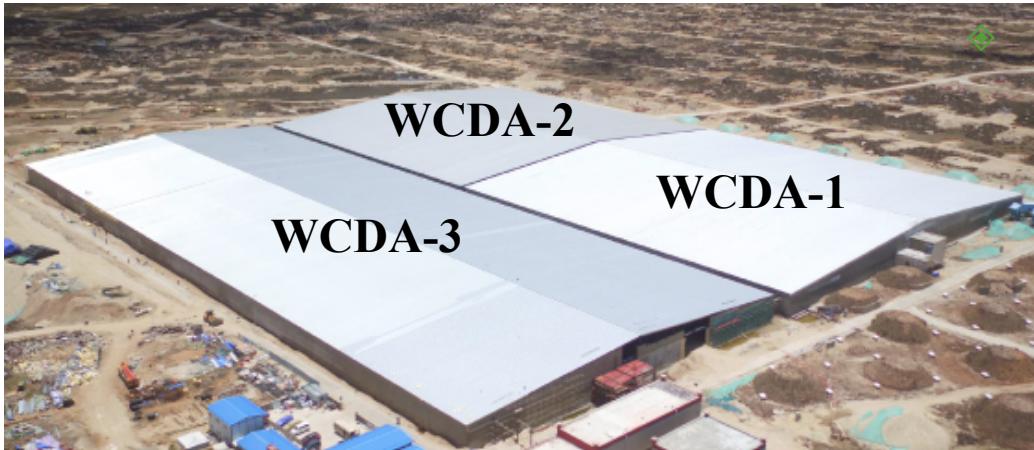
Muon detector (MD)

Muon information from LHAASO





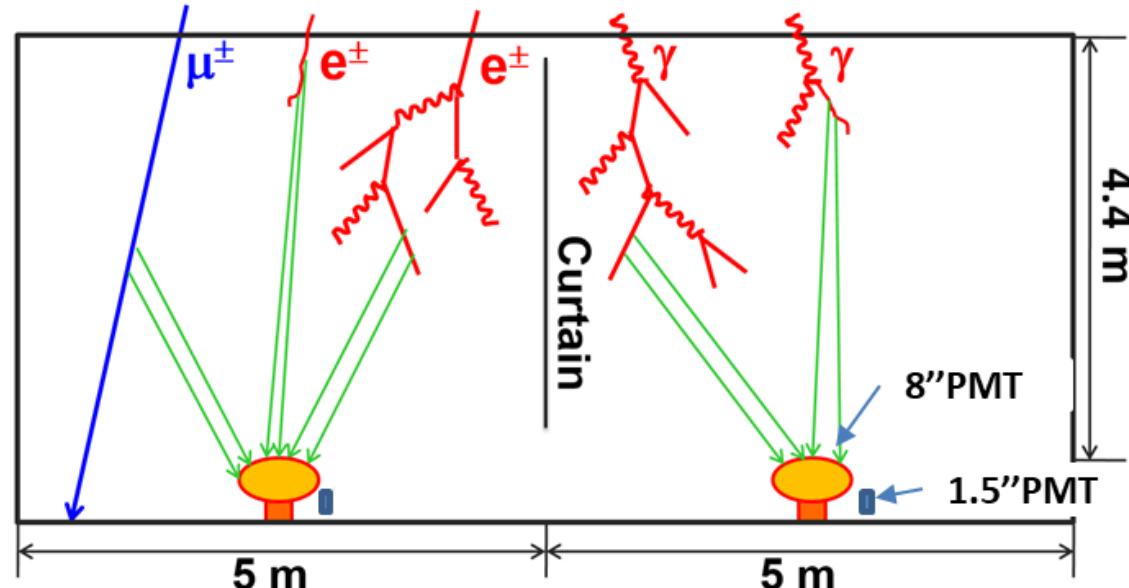
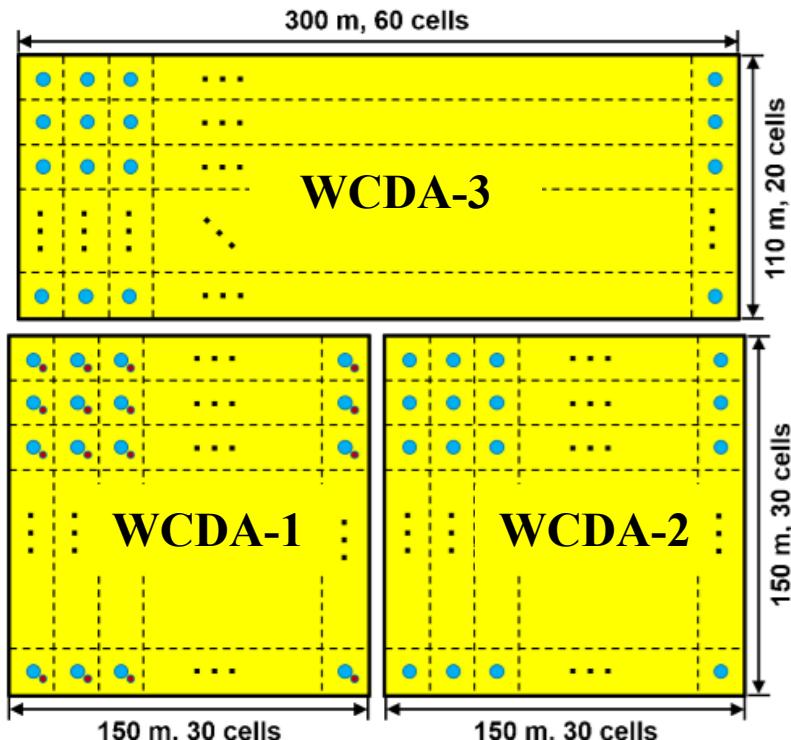
Water Cherenkov Detector Array (WCDA)

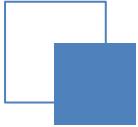


- Total area: **78,000m²**
- Total units: **3,120**
- Unit size: **5m × 5m × 4.4m**
- Two type of PMTs in each unit:
 - **8 inches and 1.5 inches for WCDA-1**
 - **20 inches and 3 inches for WCDA-2 and WCDA-3**

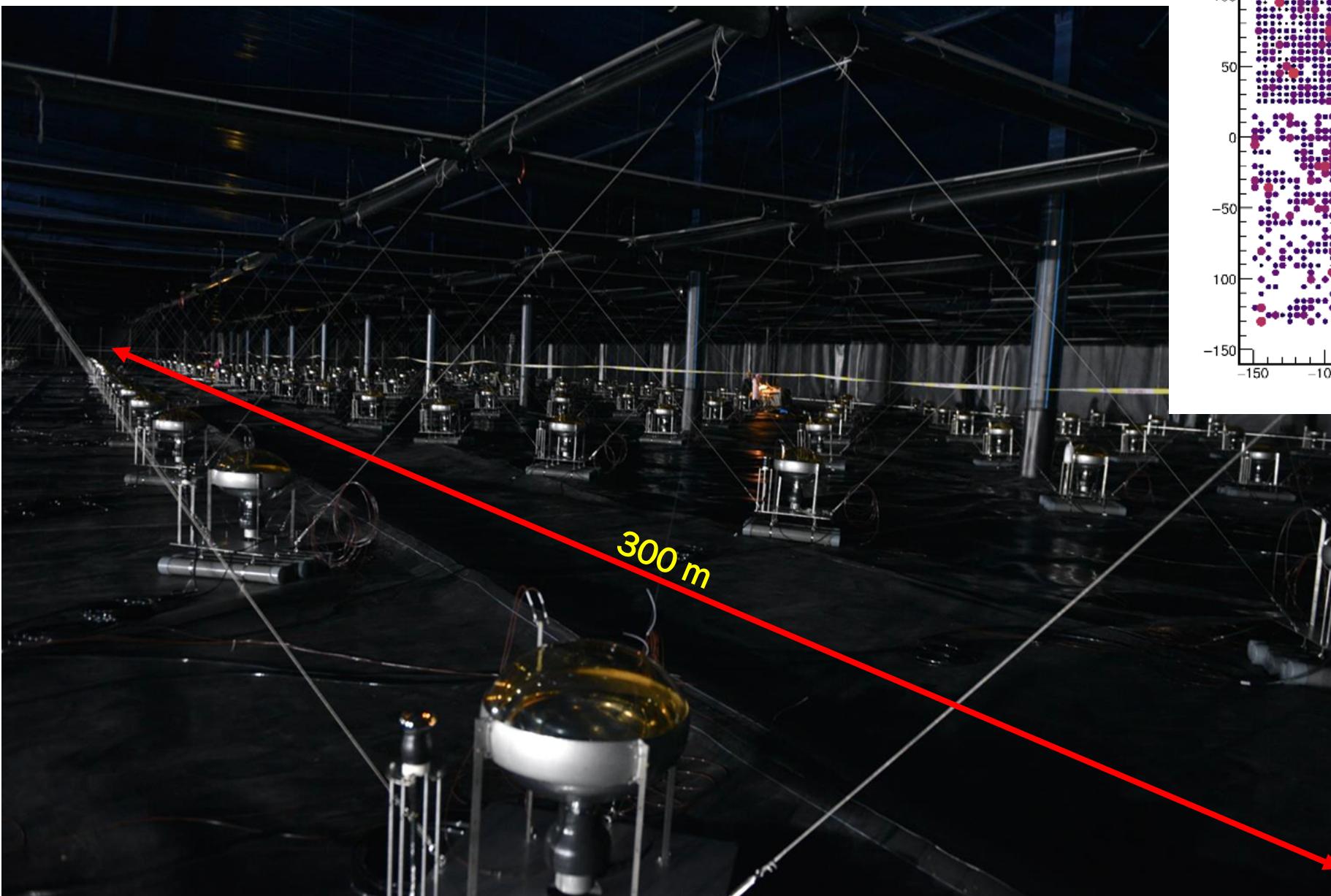
Energy range

- ❖ WCDA-1
 - 300 GeV – 10 PeV
- ❖ WCDA-2 and WCDA-3
 - 100 GeV - 10 TeV

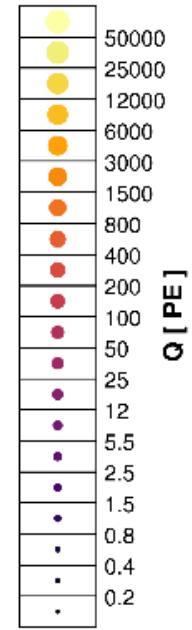
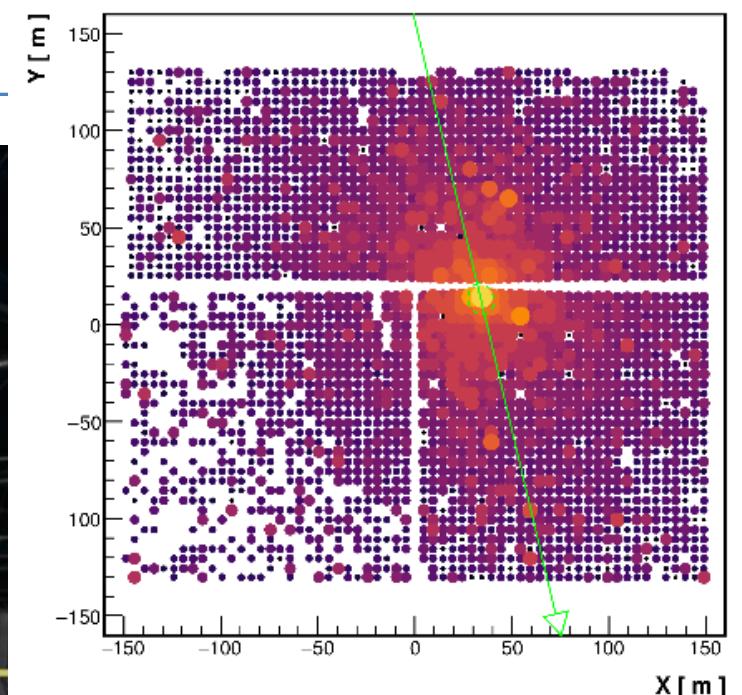




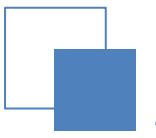
Inside of WCDA-3



20210511/131236/0.554789897: nTrig=1, 0=37.81±0.02°, φ=103.39±0.02°



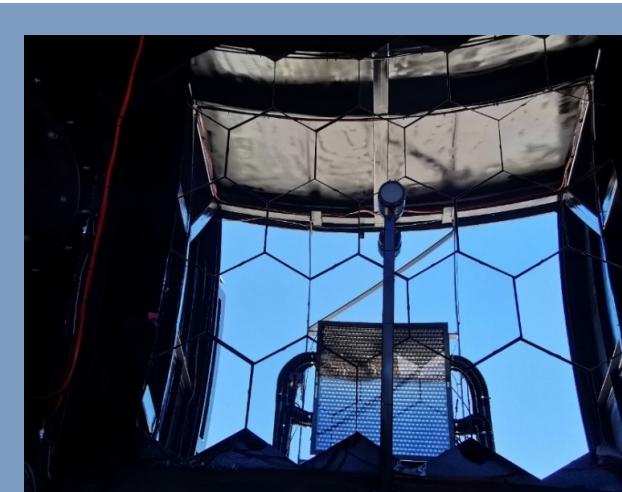
- ◆ WCDA-1 started operating in April 2019
- ◆ WCDA-2 started operating in January 2020
- ◆ WCDA-3 started operating in March 2021



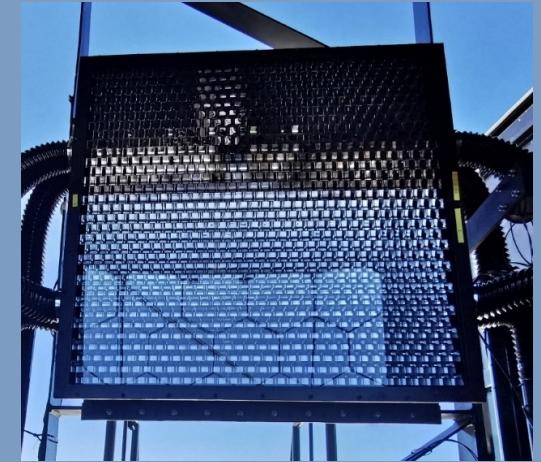
Wide Field of View Cherenkov Telescope (WFCTA)

◆ Telescope parameters:

- **~5 m² spherical mirror**
- **Camera: 32×32 SiPMs array**
- **FOV: 16° × 16°**
- **Pixel size: 0.5°**



Mirror



SiPM camera



SiPM and Winstone cone

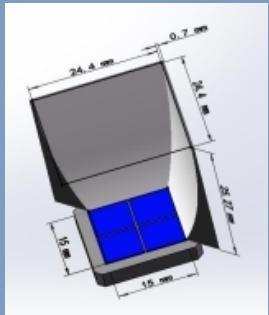


Table 1. LHAASO vs other EAS arrays

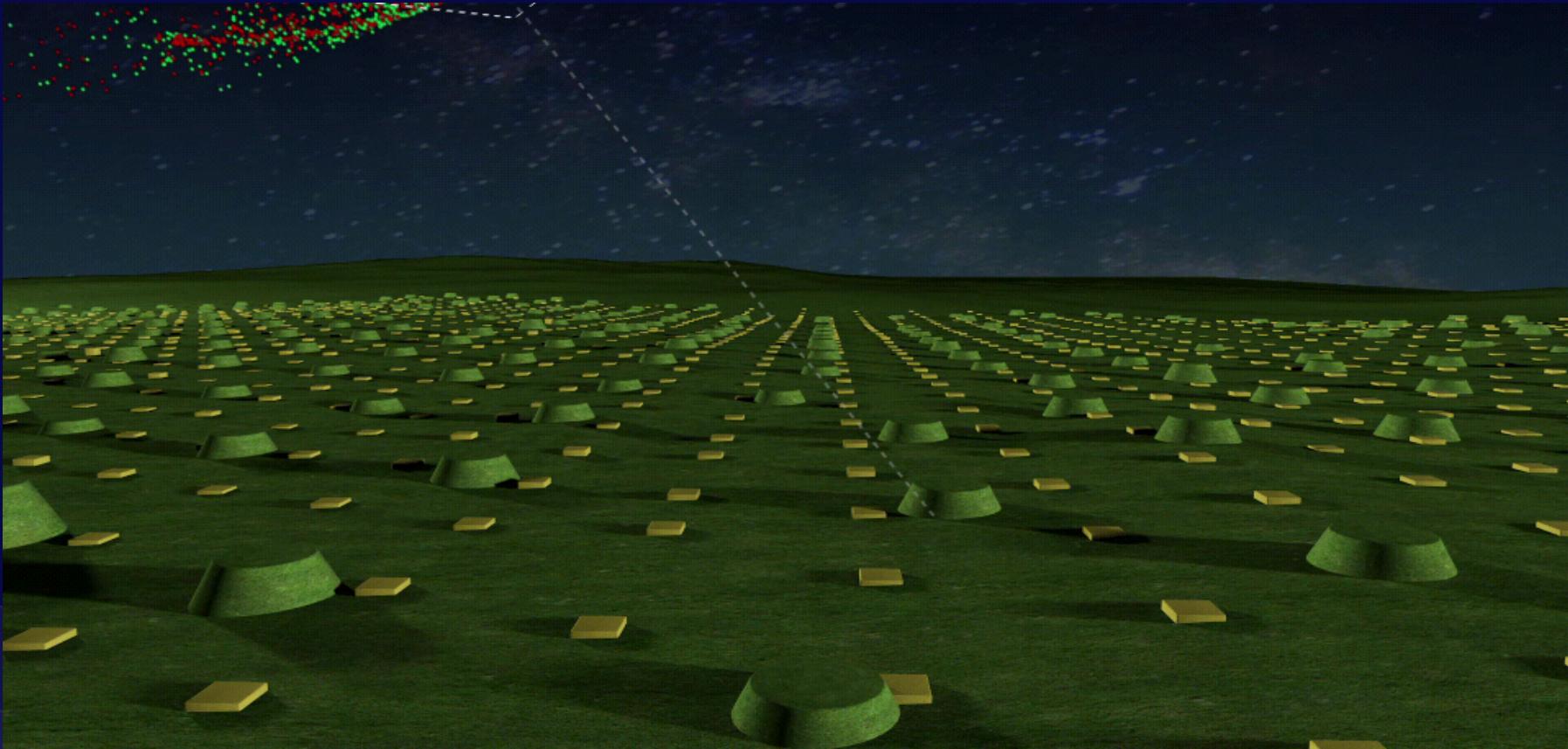
| Experiment | depth g/cm ² | Detector | ΔE (eV) | e.m. Sensitive Area (m ²) | Instrumented Area (m ²) | Coverage |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| ARGO-YBJ | 606 | RPC/hybrid | $3 \times 10^{11} - 10^{16}$ | 6700 | 11,000 | 0.93 (central carpet) |
| BASJE-MAS | 550 | scint./muon | $6 \cdot 10^{12} - 3.5 \cdot 10^{16}$ | | 10^4 | |
| TIBET AS γ | 606 | scint./burst det. | $5 \times 10^{13} - 10^{17}$ | 380 | 3.7×10^4 | 10^{-2} |
| CASA-MIA | 860 | scint./muon | $10^{14} - 3.5 \cdot 10^{16}$ | 1.6×10^3 | 2.3×10^5 | 7×10^{-3} |
| KASCADE | 1020 | scint./mu/had | $10^{15} - 10^{17}$ | 5×10^2 | 4×10^4 | |
| KASCADE -Grande | 1020 | scint./mu/had | $10^{16} - 10^{18}$ | 370 | 5×10^5 | 7×10^{-4} |
| Tunka | 900 | open Cher.det. | $3 \cdot 10^{15} - 3 \cdot 10^{18}$ | - | 10^6 | - |
| IceTop | 680 | ice Cher.det. | $10^{15} - 10^{18}$ | 4.2×10^2 | 10^6 | 4×10^{-4} |
| LHAASO | 600 | Water C scint./mu/had Wide FoV Cher.Tel | $3 \times 10^{11} - 10^{18}$ | 5.2×10^3 | 1.3×10^6 | 4×10^{-3} [KM2A] |

Muon detectors

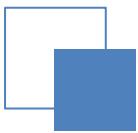
| Experiment | m asl | μ Sensitive Area [m ²] | Instrumented Area [m ²] | Coverage |
|-------------------|-------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| LHAASO | 4410 | 4.2×10^4 | 10^6 | 4.4×10^{-2} |
| TIBET AS γ | 4300 | 4.5×10^3 | 3.7×10^4 | 1.2×10^{-1} |
| KASCADE | 110 | 6×10^2 | 4×10^4 | 1.5×10^{-2} |
| CASA-MIA | 1450 | 2.5×10^3 | 2.3×10^5 | 1.1×10^{-2} |

如何探测宇宙线线?

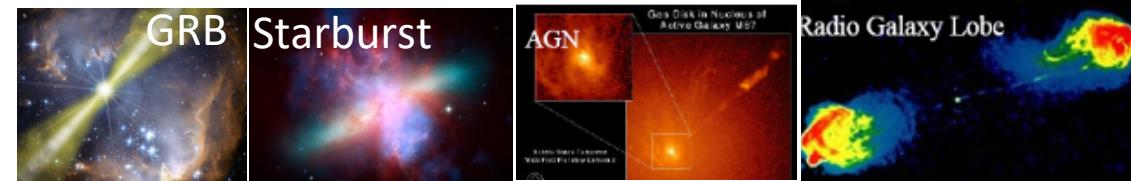
每天收集10多亿高能宇宙线/伽马射线引发粒子“阵雨”



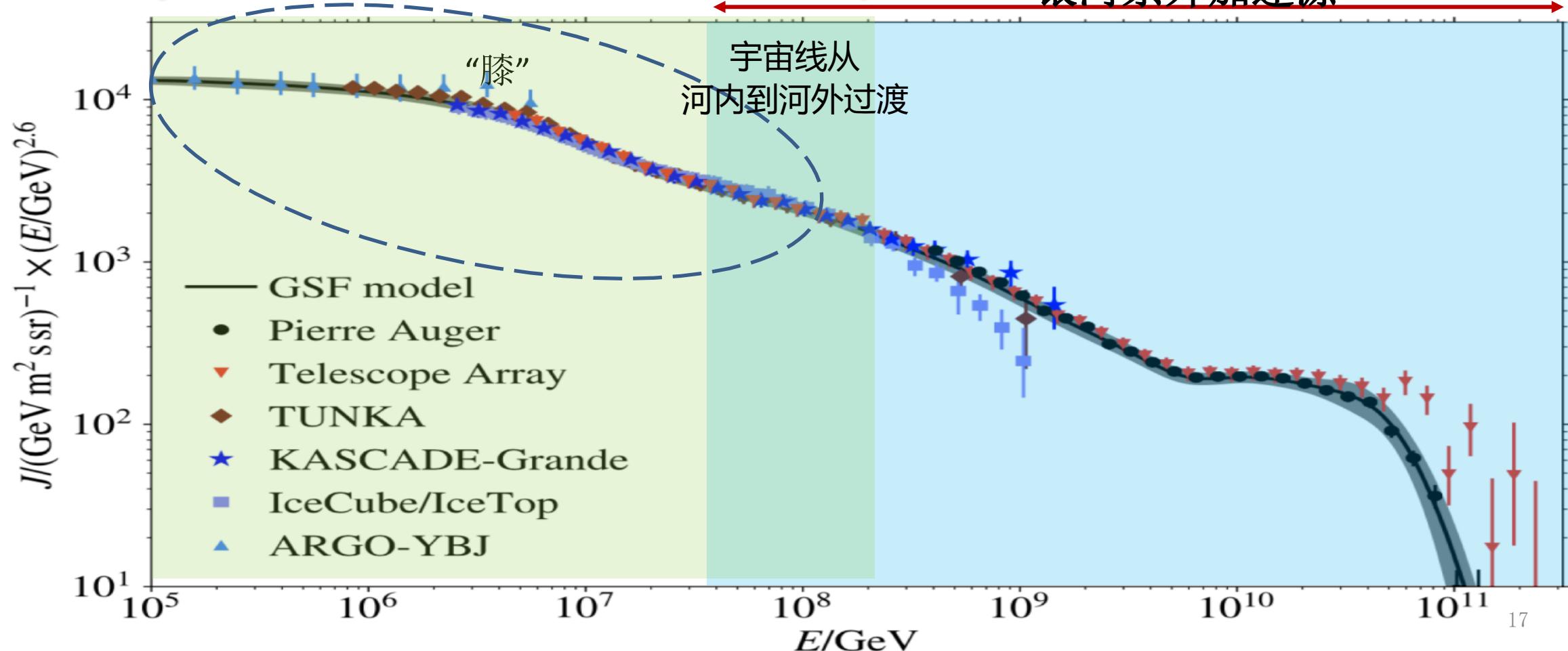
“阵雨”洒落在“拉索”阵列上，一场“雨”持续的时间只有几十微妙



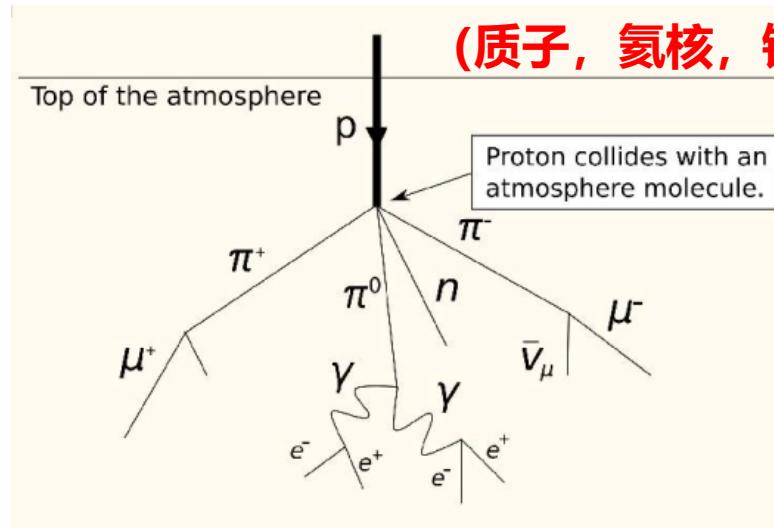
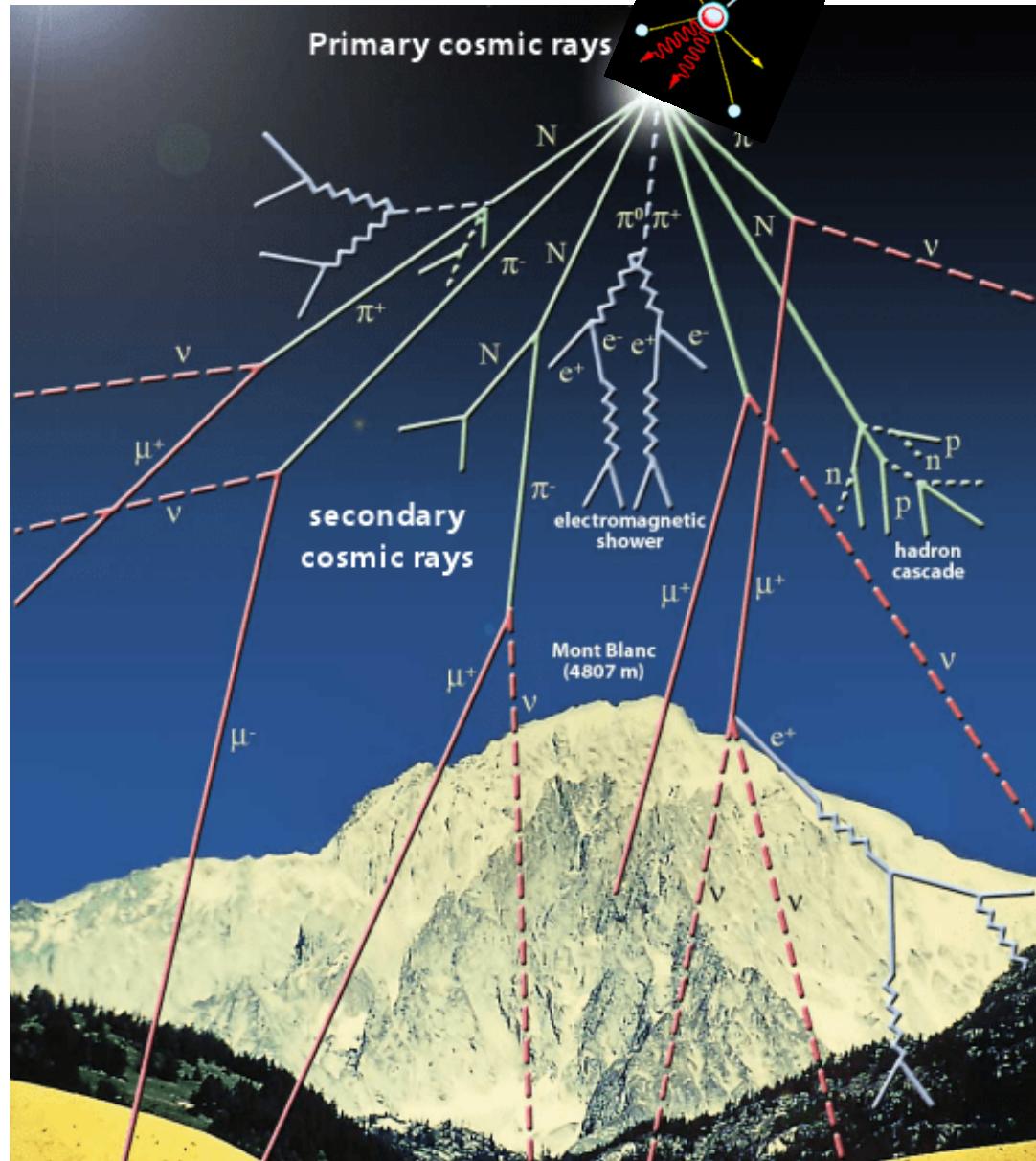
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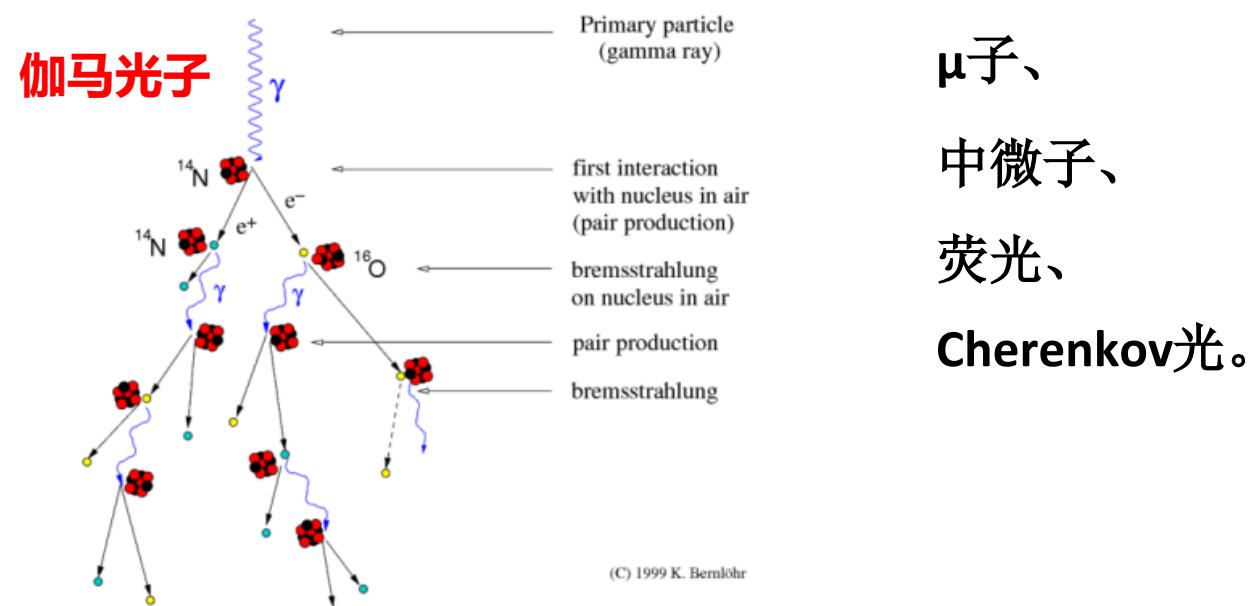
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Development of gamma-ray air showers



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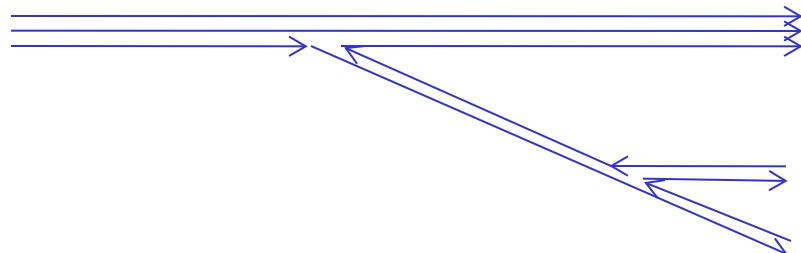
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Soft interaction models

Collider based

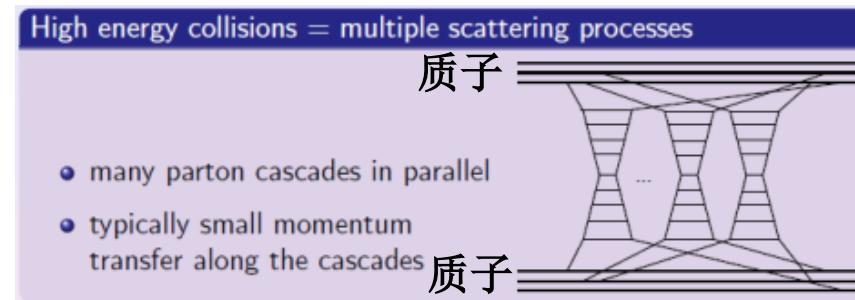
- PYTHIA (瑞典)
 - 以弦模型为基础多重产生维像模型
 - arXiv:1101.2599 review
- DPMJET (法国人)
 - Dual Parton Model



– arXiv:hep-ph/0012252

Cosmic ray researches

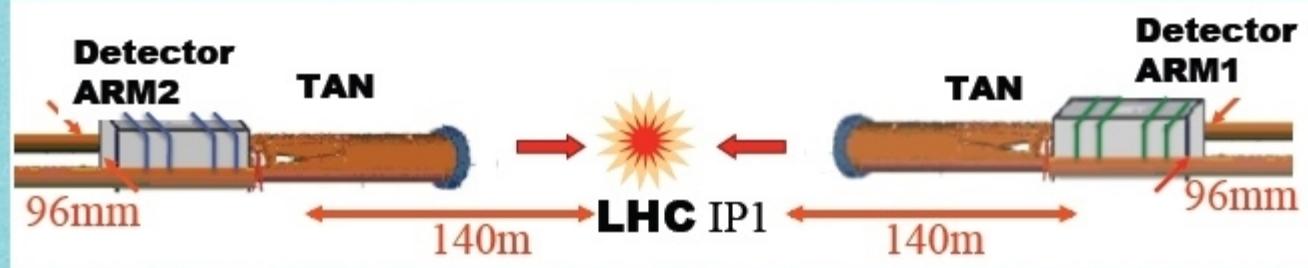
- QGSJET (俄国)
 - QCD **pomeron** (Regge Pole theory) model



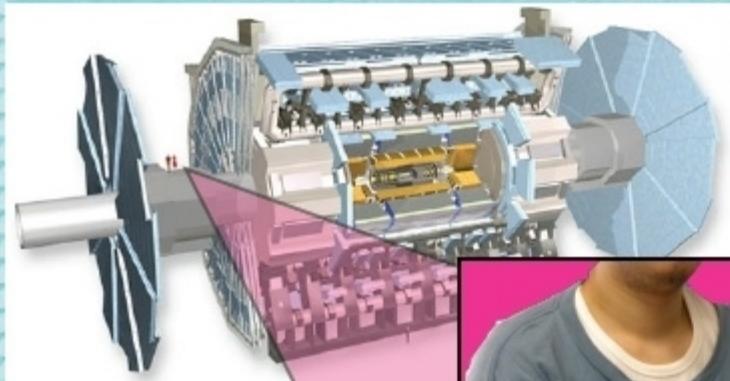
[SO, PLB636 (2006) 40; PRD77 (2008) 034009; PRD83 (2011) 014018]

- SIBYLL
 - Mini-Jet Model, parton cascading in both structure and fragmentation, Q^2 -dependence
- EPOS (next page)

LHCf Experimental Set-up



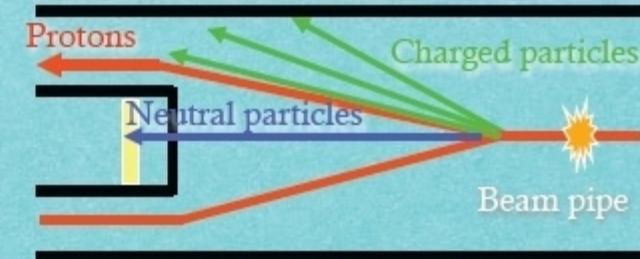
Detectors installed in the TAN region, 140 m away from ATLAS Interaction Point (IP1)



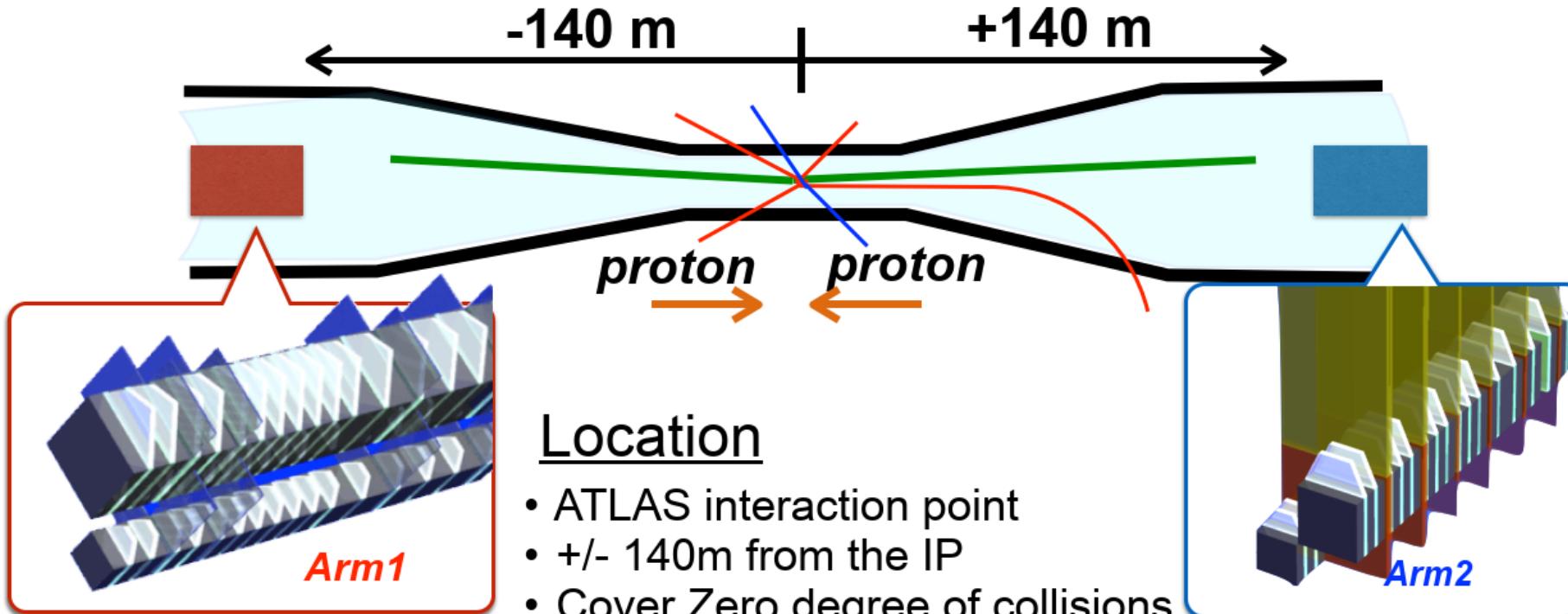
* Here the beam pipe splits in 2 separate tubes.

* Charged particle are swept away by magnets

* We will cover up to $y \rightarrow \infty$



LHCf experiment



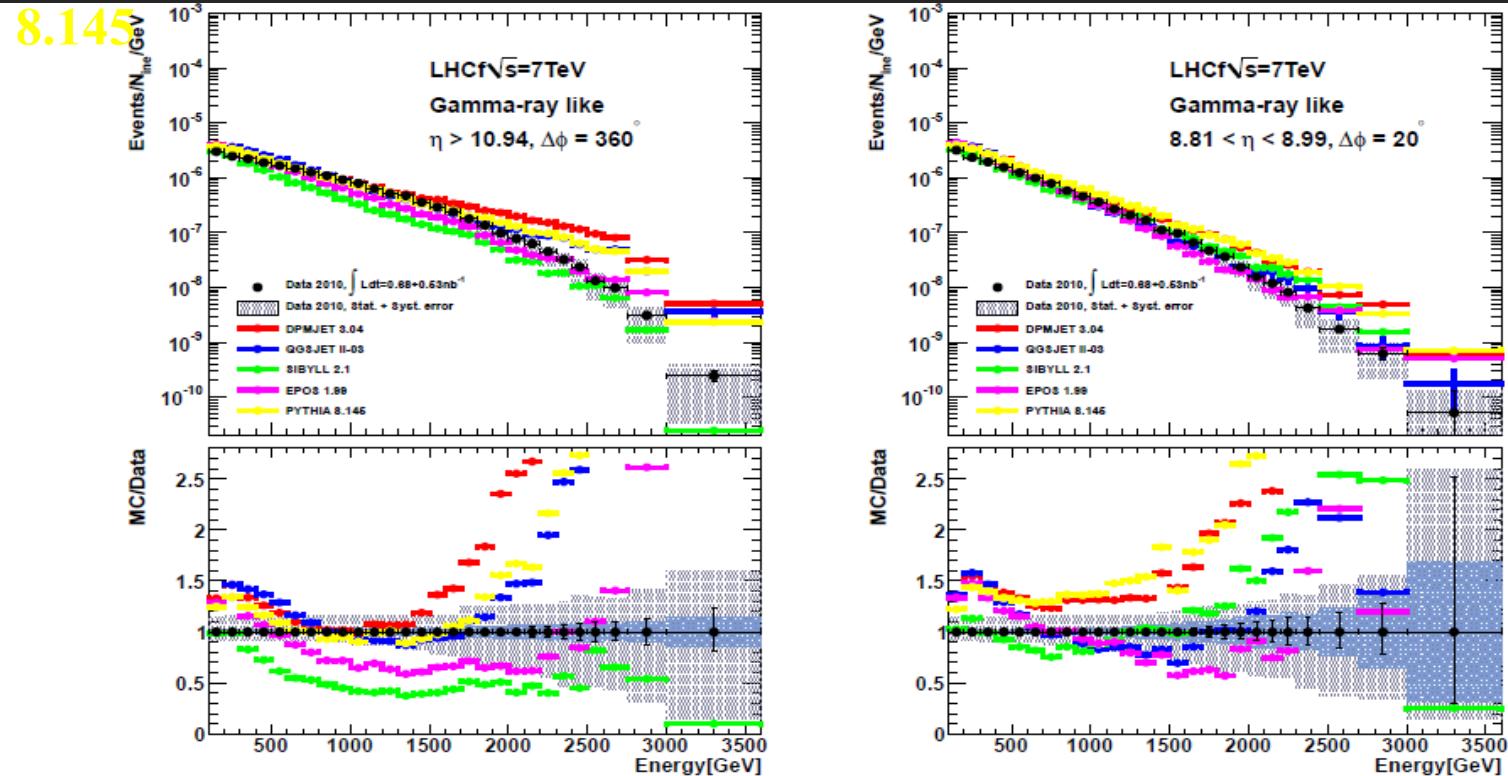
Location

- ATLAS interaction point
- $\pm 140\text{m}$ from the IP
- Cover Zero degree of collisions
pseudo rapidity $\eta > 8.4$

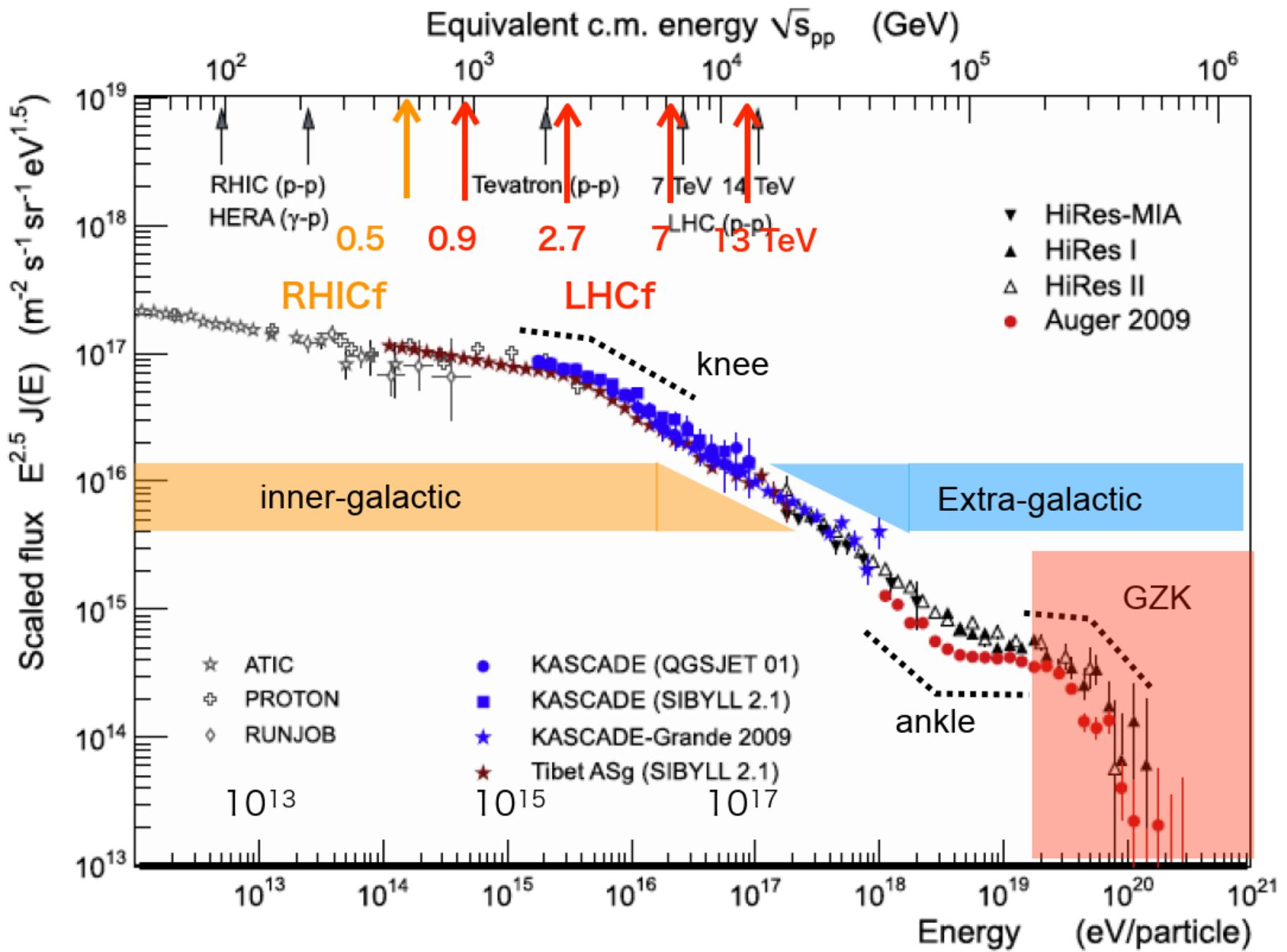
LHCf detectors

- Sampling and positioning calorimeters
- Two towers, 20×20 , $40 \times 40\text{mm}^2$ (Arm1) , 25×25 , $32 \times 32\text{mm}^2$ (Arm2)
- Tungsten layers, 16 GSO scintillators, 4 position sensitive layers
(Arm1: GSO bar hodoscopes, Arm2: Silicon strip detectors)
- Thickness: 44 r.l. and 1.7λ

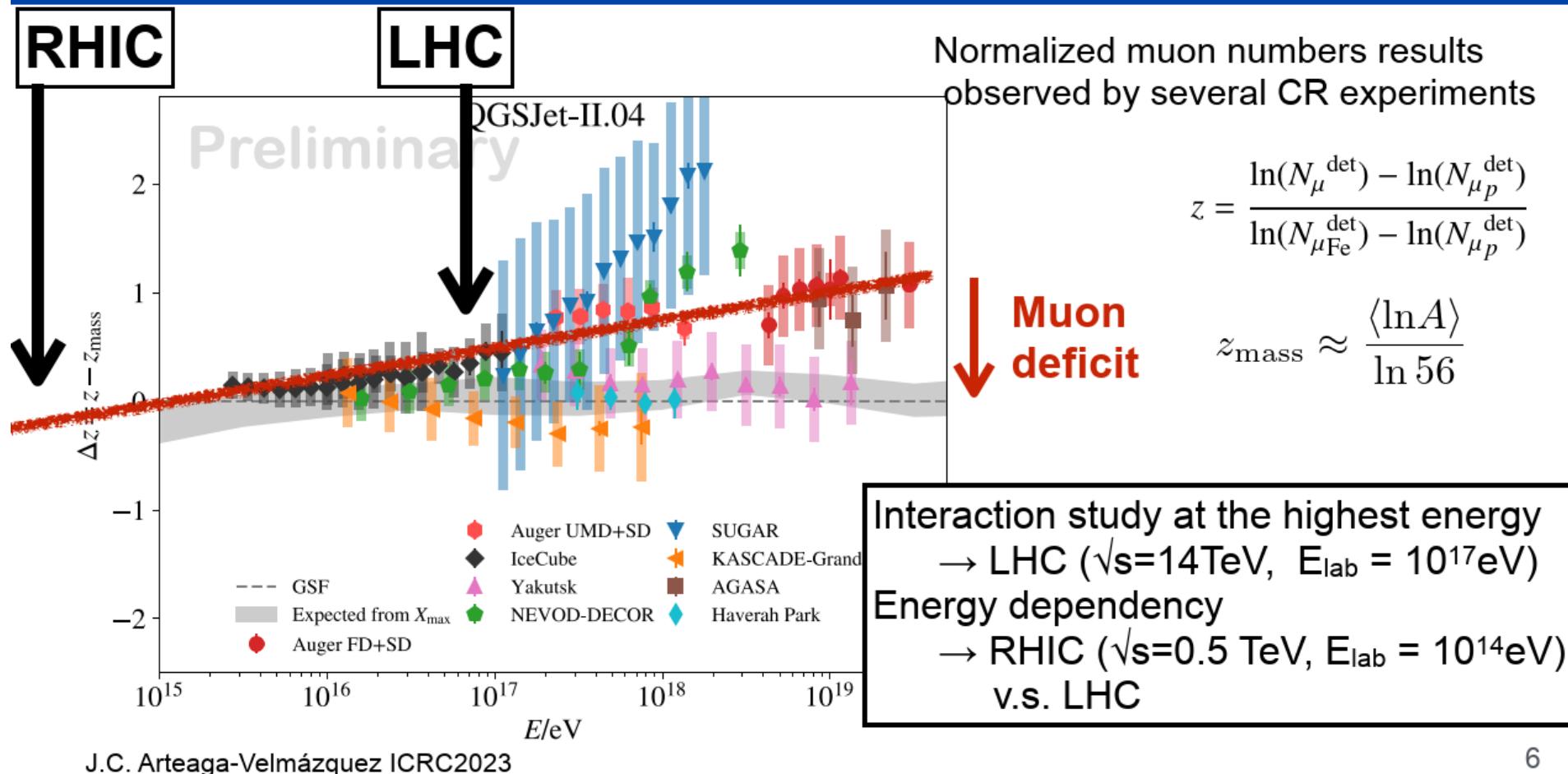




1. None of the models perfectly agree with data.
2. QGSJET II, DPMJET3, PYTHIA8: good agreement in $0.5\text{-}1.5\text{TeV}$ at $\eta>10.94$ but large difference $>2\text{TeV}$.
3. SIBYLL2 shows good spectral shape $>0.5\text{TeV}$ at $\eta>10.94$ but only half yield
4. Less deviation at $8.81 < \eta < 8.99$ but still big difference $>2\text{TeV}$ in DPMJET3 and PYTHIA8

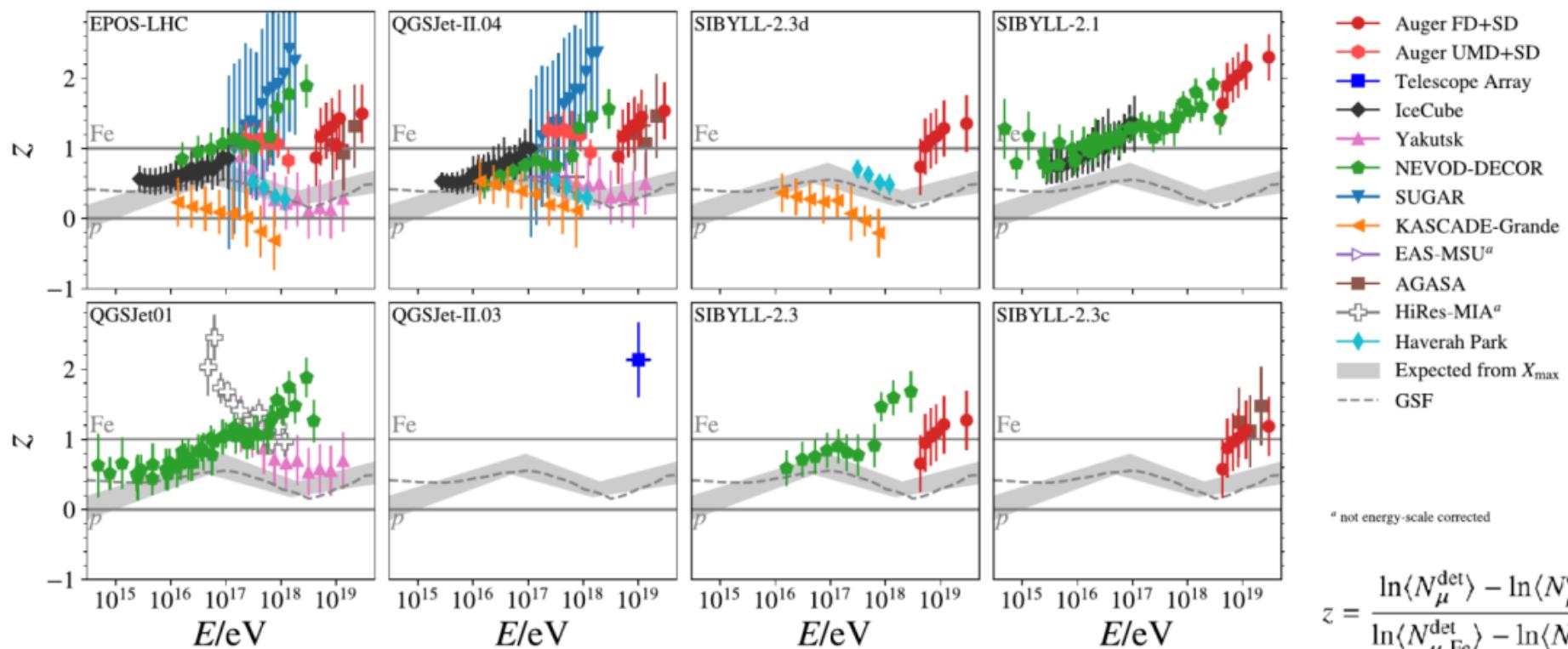


Energy dependency of muon deficit

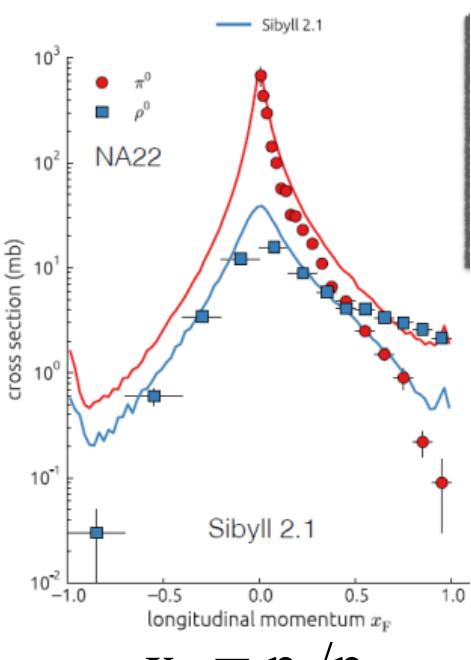


Blurry Picture.

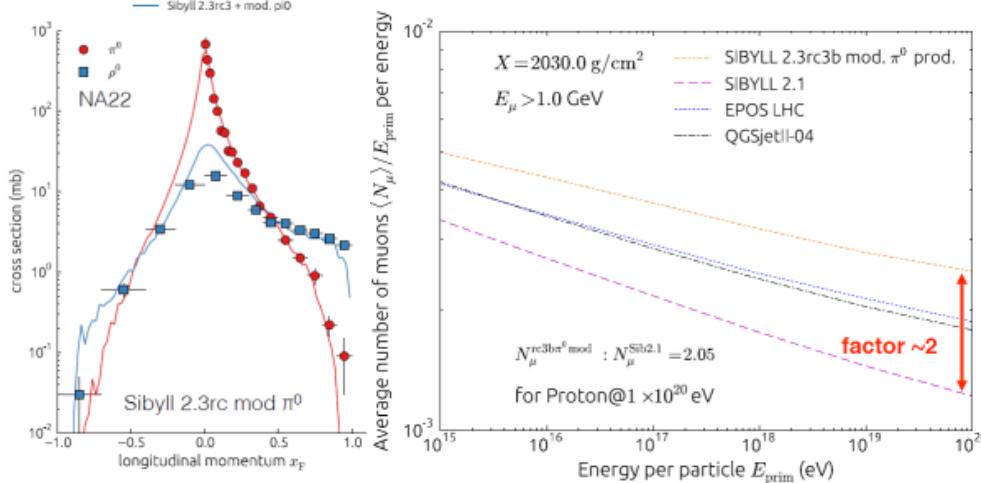
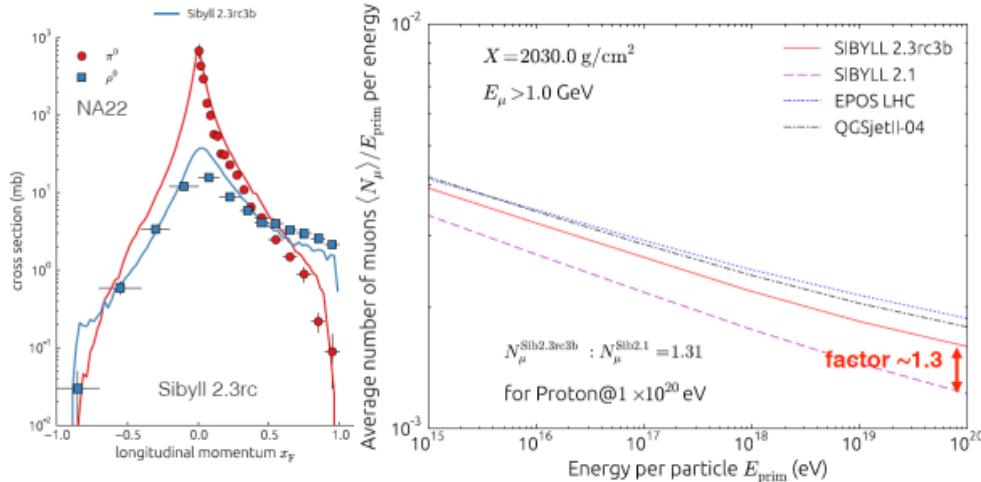
- “Muon Puzzle” ($\langle N_\mu \rangle$) depends on energy measurement technique
 - Update of WHISP analysis (2023)



Muon content



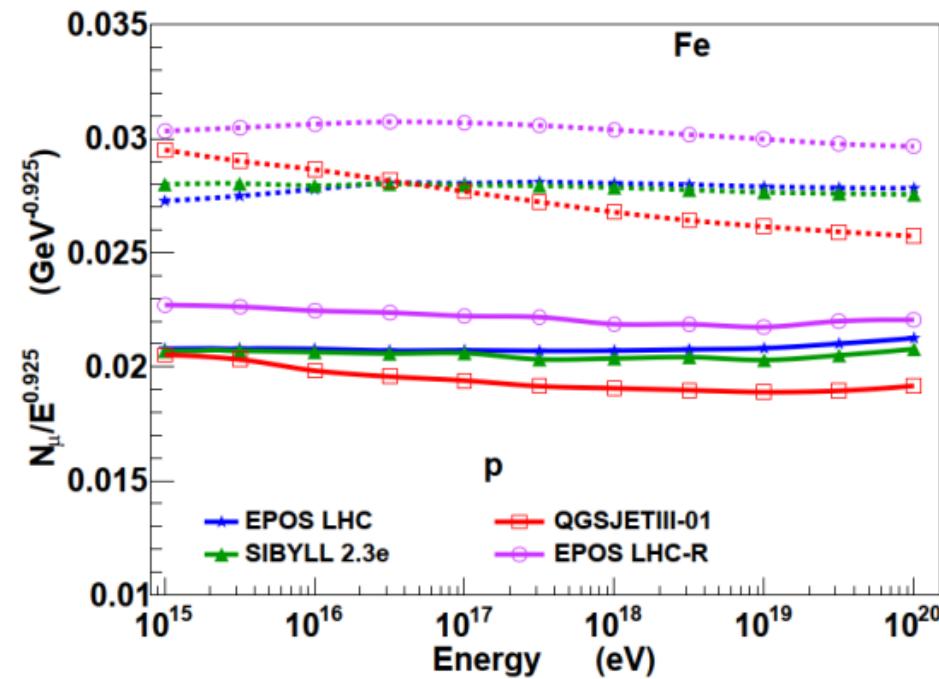
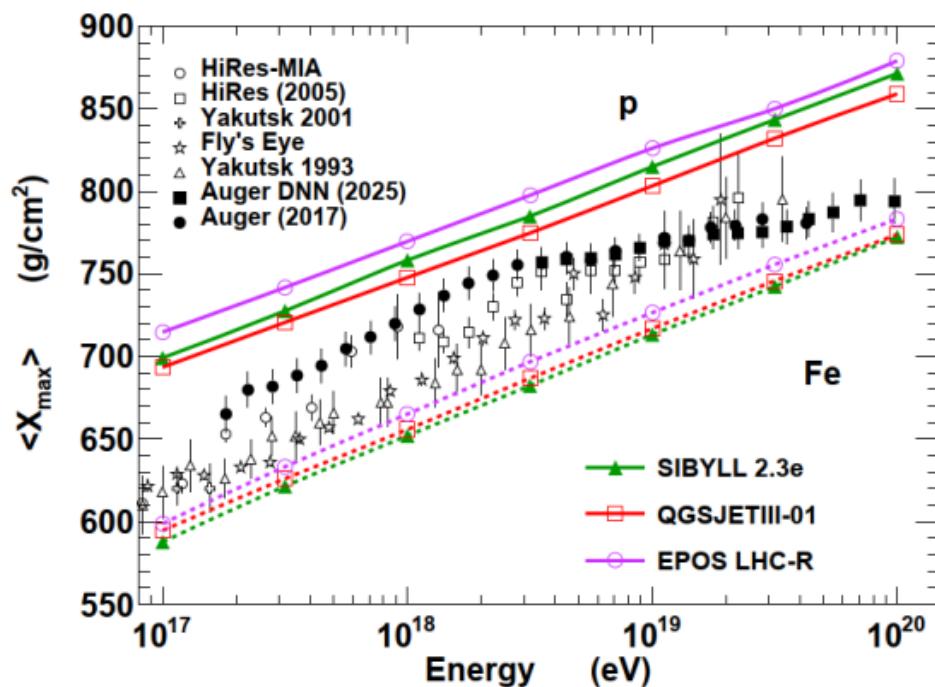
- **Very unstable in models:**
 - Tiny change in ρ^0 -production as a leading particle in π -p colliding
 - Huge difference in muon content



X_{\max} and N_{μ}

Global changes

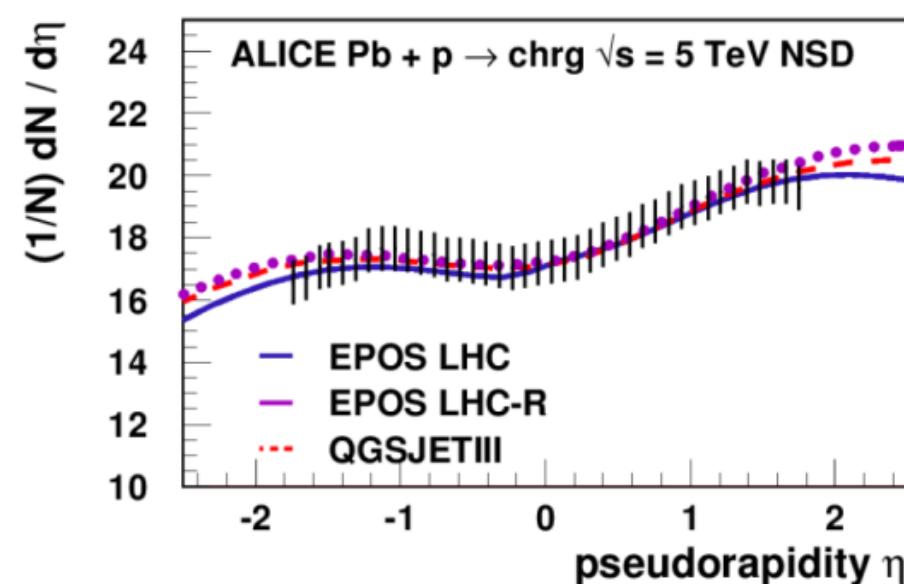
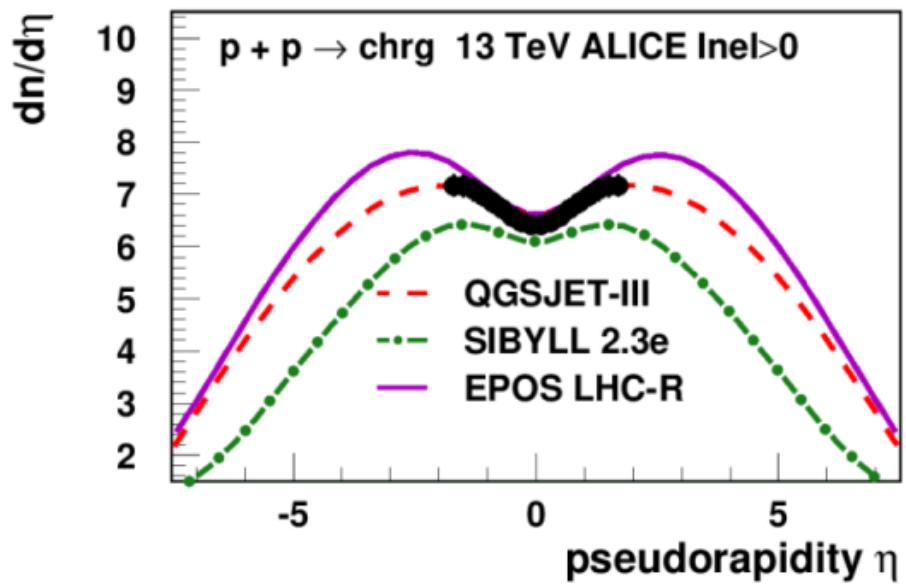
- Taking into account new data, new EPOS shifted by +20g/cm² (+/- 5g/cm²)
- QGSJETIII-01 shifted by +15g/cm² (=EPOS LHC)
- Increase of the number of muons by about 10% (+/- 5%) for EPOS LHC-R



Pseudorapidity

Simple (basic) measurement still important !

- New data at 13 TeV in p-p
 - Test extrapolation with different triggers
 - Sibyll has a clear difference with other models (and data) : too narrow !
- Detailed data at 5 TeV for p-Pb



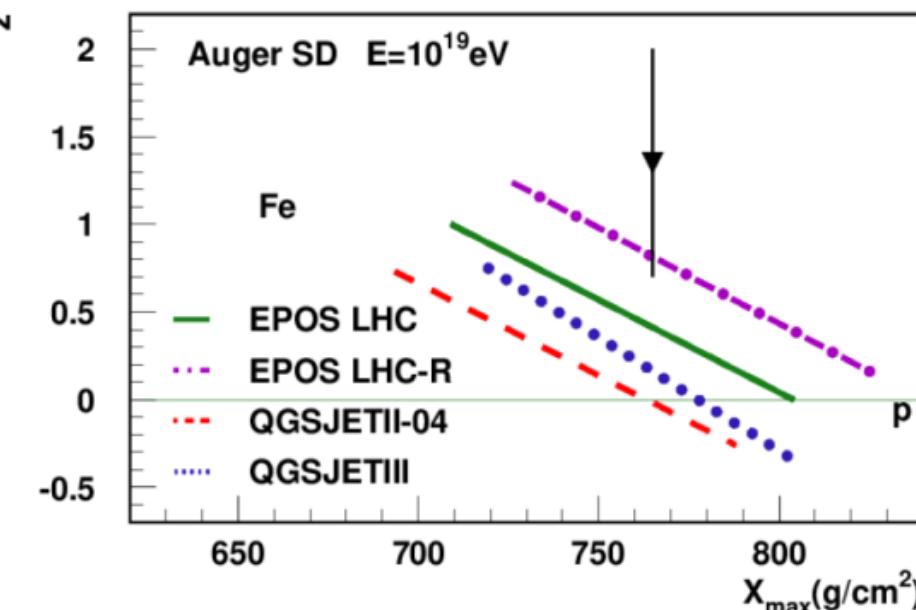
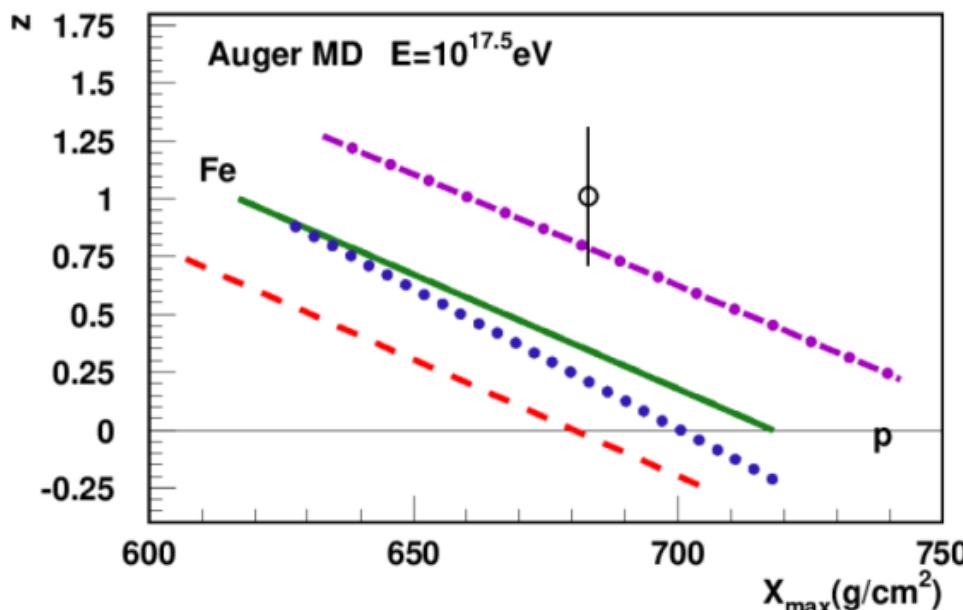
“Muon Puzzle”

EPOS LHC-R, first model producing a deeper X_{max} and more muons and being compatible with all measured accelerator data :

- Deeper X_{max} give larger <lnA> reducing the gap with measured muon content
- Increase of muons further decrease the gap to reach Auger systematics
- No big change for QGSJETIII

➡ Impact at low energy ???

$$z = \frac{\ln N_{\mu}^{\text{det}} - \ln N_{\mu,p}^{\text{det}}}{\ln N_{\mu,\text{Fe}}^{\text{det}} - \ln N_{\mu,p}^{\text{det}}}$$



$$P_{\mu e} = \log_{10} \frac{N_\mu}{N_e^{0.82}}$$

- N_μ : 40~200 m
- N_e : 40~200 m

$$P_{\theta c} = \frac{\theta_c^{250} - \langle \theta_c^{250} \rangle}{\langle \theta_c^{250} \rangle|_{PeV}} \text{ 和 } X_{\max} \text{ 相关}$$

$$P_{\theta c+\mu e} = -\sin(\delta) \cdot P_{\theta c} + \cos(\delta) \cdot P_{\mu e}$$

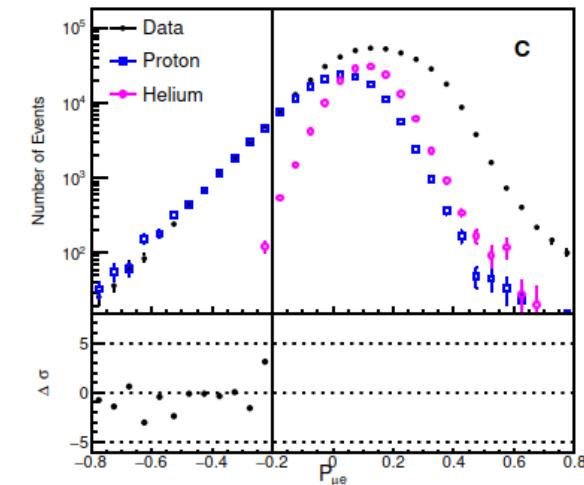
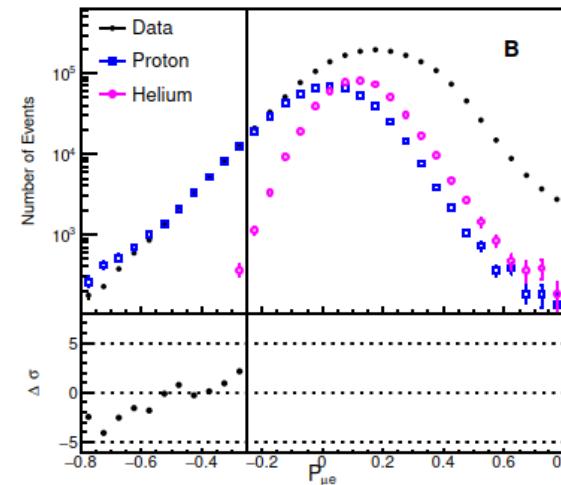
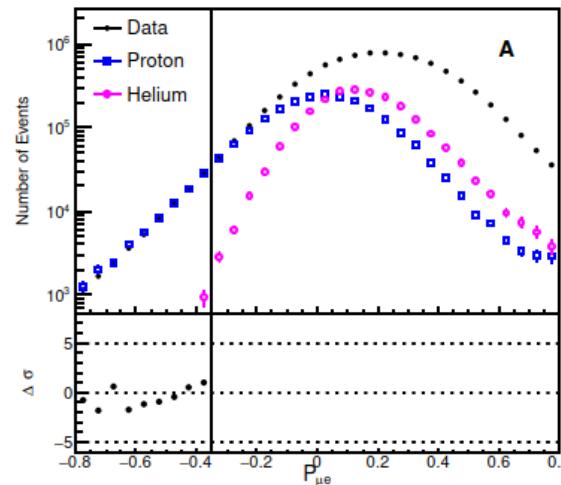
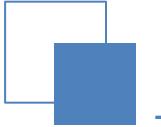


Figure S16: Parameter comparison. These three sets of figures represent the comparisons of $P_{\theta c+\mu e}$ in the energy ranges of $10^{5.2} \sim 10^{5.6}$ GeV (pad A), $10^{5.6} \sim 10^{6.0}$ GeV (pad B), and $10^{6.0} \sim 10^{7.1}$ GeV (pad C). The above row shows the distribution of $P_{\theta c+\mu e}$ in both the data and the simulation in different energy intervals. The simulation events are based on EPOS-LHC model. The black dots represent the data, while the blue square represent proton events in simulation and pink circle represent Helium events in simulation. The row below shows the deviation between the data and the simulation.



Shower direction

θ_c

Centroid

150 < Rp < 155

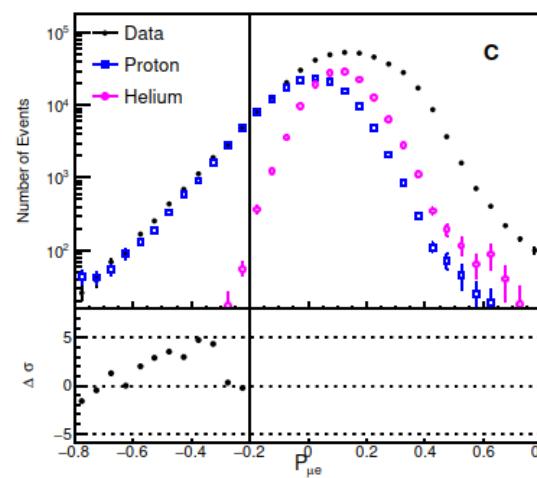
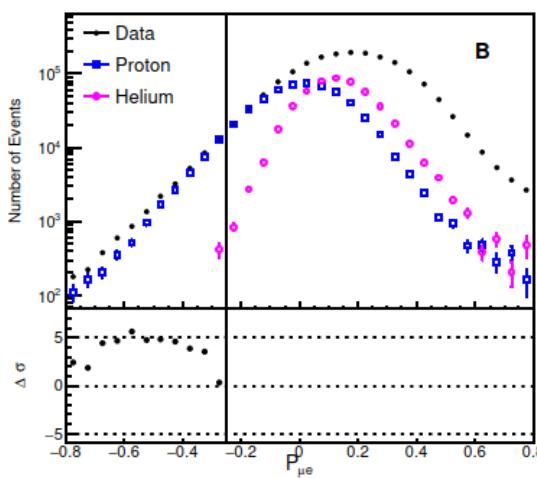
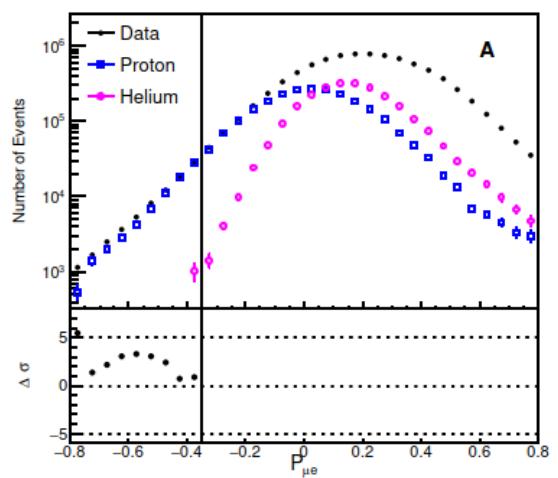
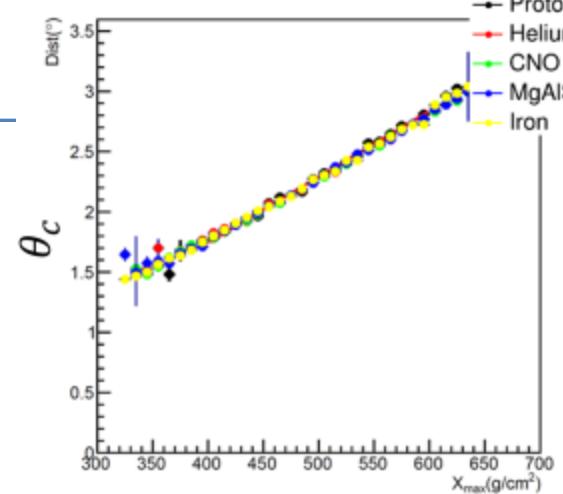
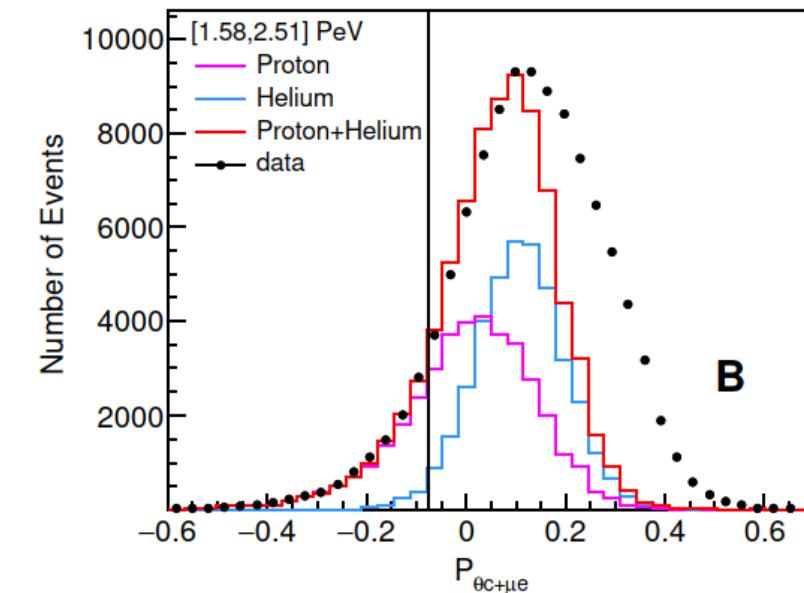
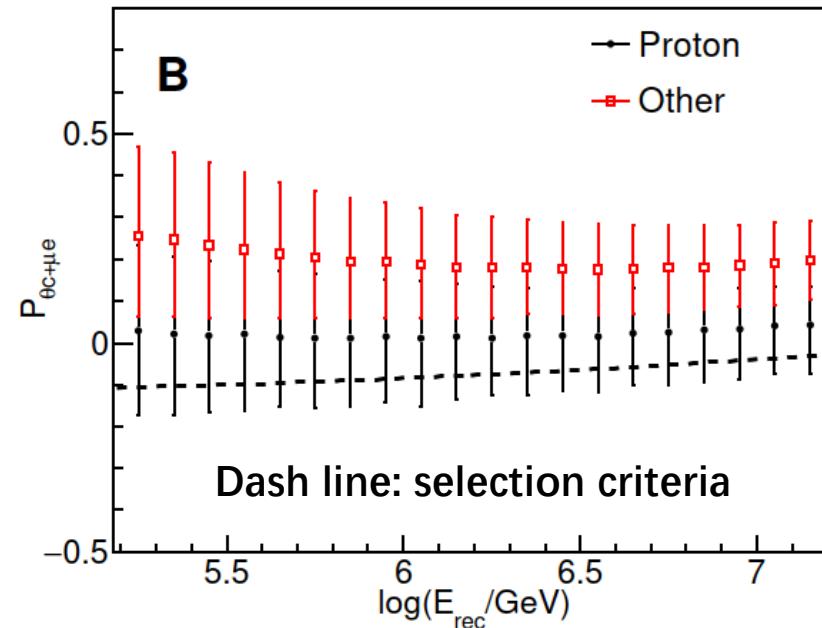
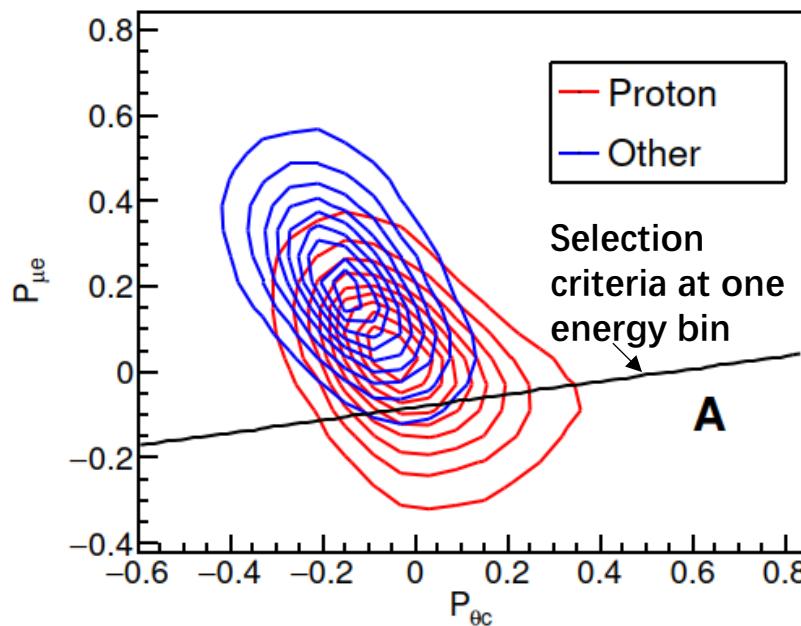


Figure S17: Parameter comparison. These three sets of figures represent the comparisons of $P_{\theta c + \mu e}$ in the energy ranges of $10^{5.2} \sim 10^{5.6}$ GeV (pad A), $10^{5.6} \sim 10^{6.0}$ GeV (pad B), and $10^{6.0} \sim 10^{7.1}$ GeV (pad C). The above row shows the distribution of $P_{\theta c + \mu e}$ in both the data and the simulation in different energy intervals. The simulation events are based on QGSJET model. The black dots represent the data, while the blue square represent proton events in simulation and pink circle represent Helium events in simulation. The row below shows the deviation between the data and the simulation.

Proton Selection

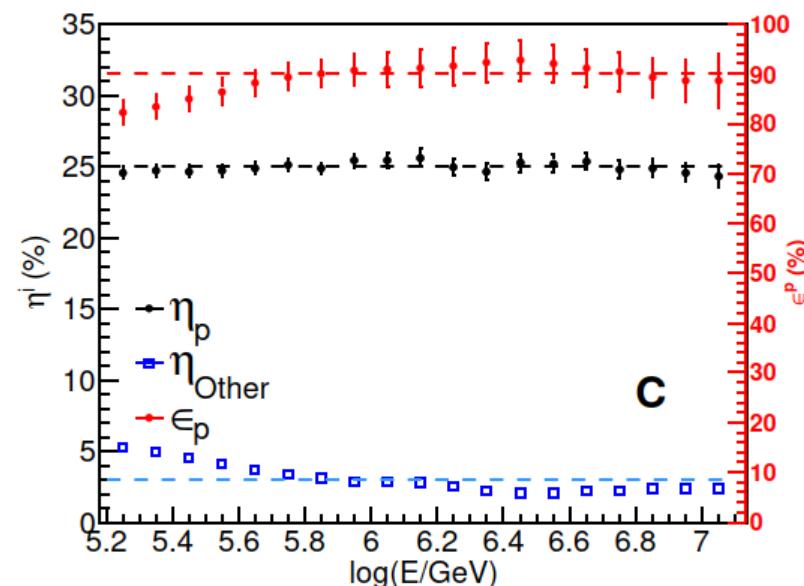


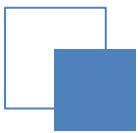
$$P_{\theta c+\mu e} = -\sin(\delta) \cdot P_{\theta c} + \cos(\delta) \cdot P_{\mu e} \quad (\delta = 8.5^\circ)$$

➤ Purity ($\epsilon^l = \frac{N_{select}^L}{N_{select}^L + N_{select}^H}$) : ~90% @ 1PeV

- Most of the contaminations come from Helium

➤ Selection efficiency ($\eta^l = \frac{N_{select}^L}{N_{all}^L}$) : 25%.

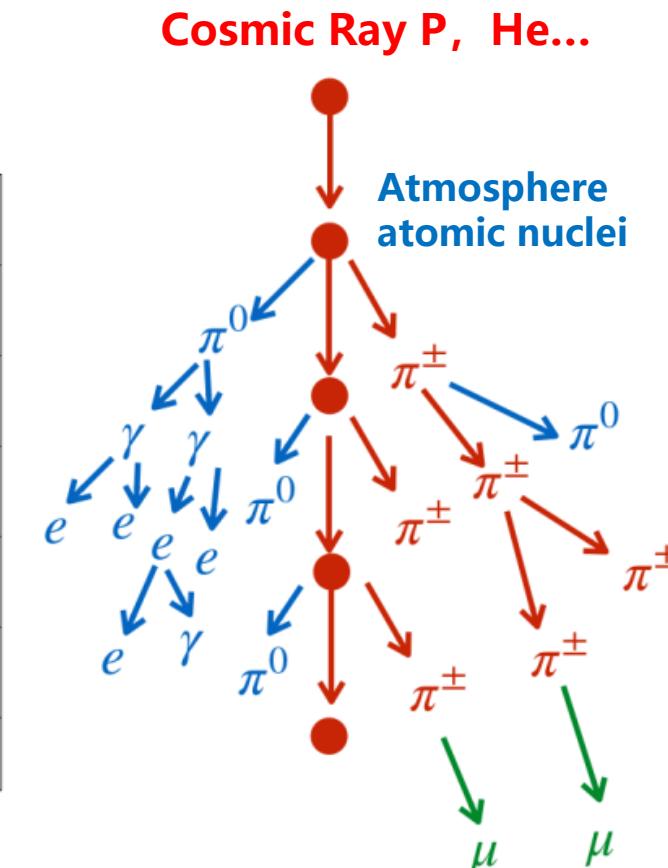
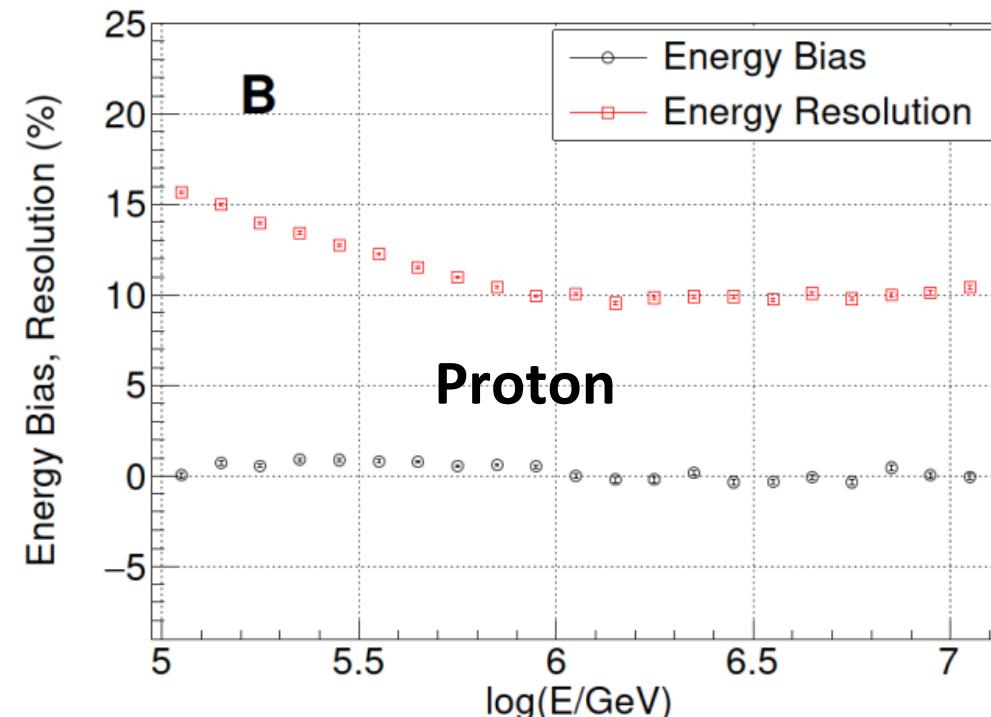
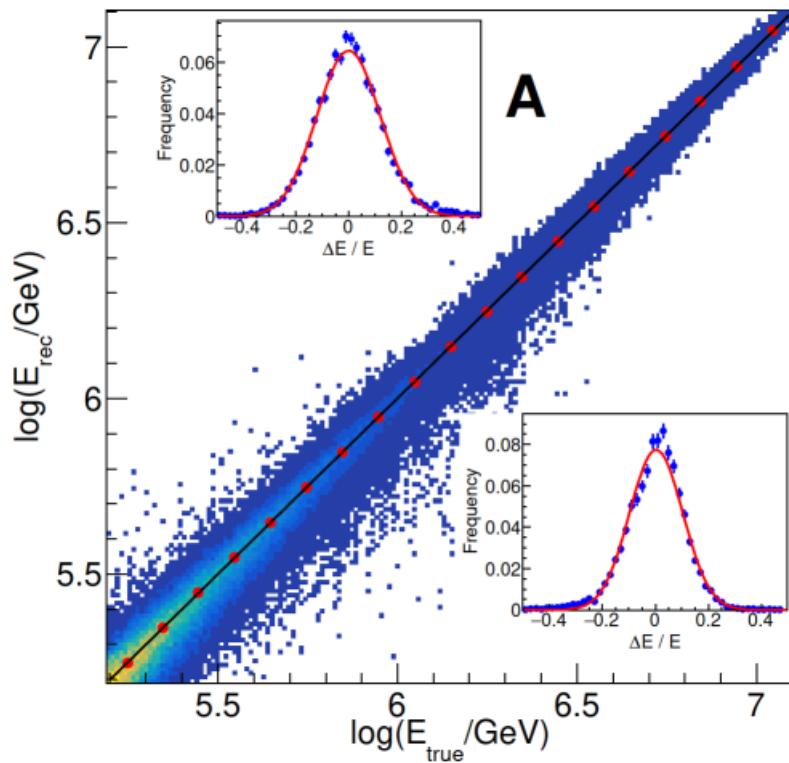




Energy Reconstruction

- Electromagnetic component: Cherenkov photons (N_{ph}) or electrons + gamma rays (N_e)
- Hadronic component: $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$ (N_μ)

$$N_{c\mu} = N_{ph} + CN_u$$
$$E_{rec} = kN_{c\mu}$$



Energy reconstruction

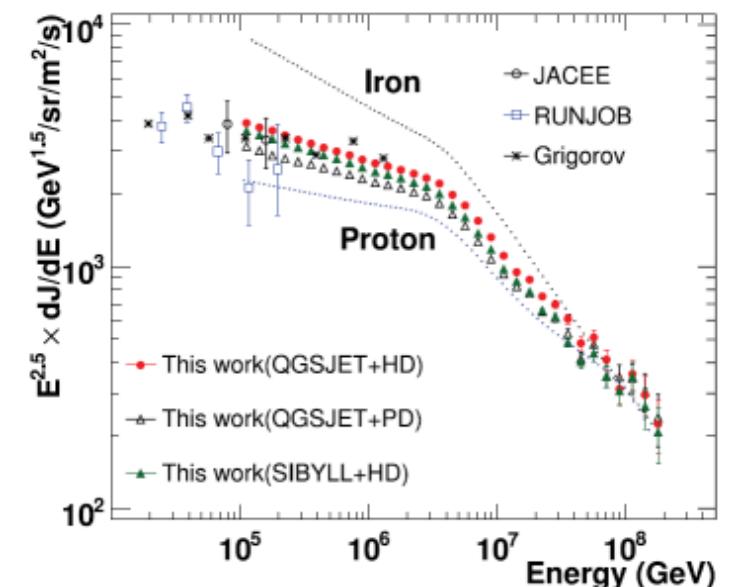
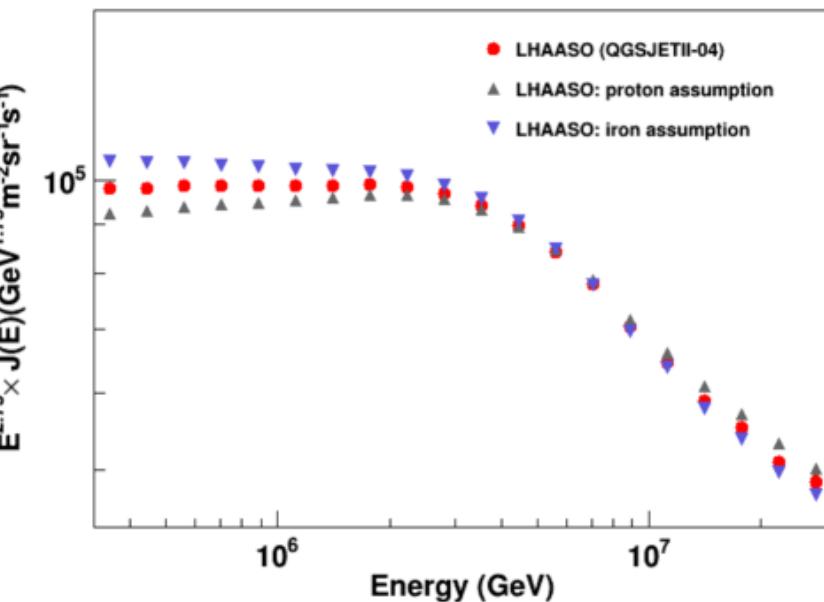
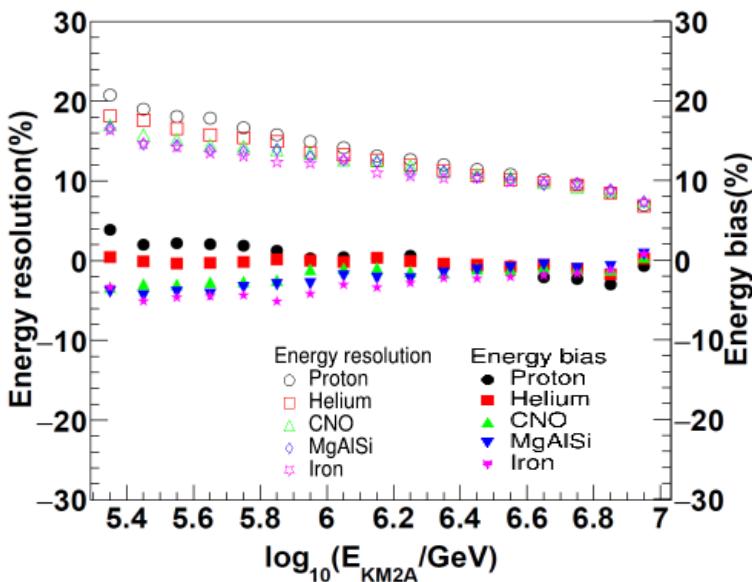
- Energy reconstruction independent of the primary CR component
- Scintillator detector array (ED) : Electromagnetic component (N_e)
- Muon detector array (MD) : *hadron component* $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu$ (N_μ)

$$\frac{\pi}{e} \times N_\mu + N_e \approx N_{e\mu} \approx N_e + aN_\mu = E_0 E$$

$$N_{e\mu} = N_e + aN_\mu$$

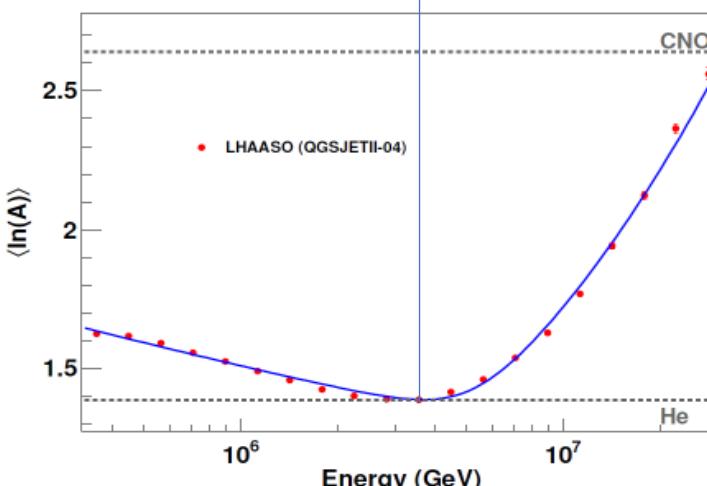
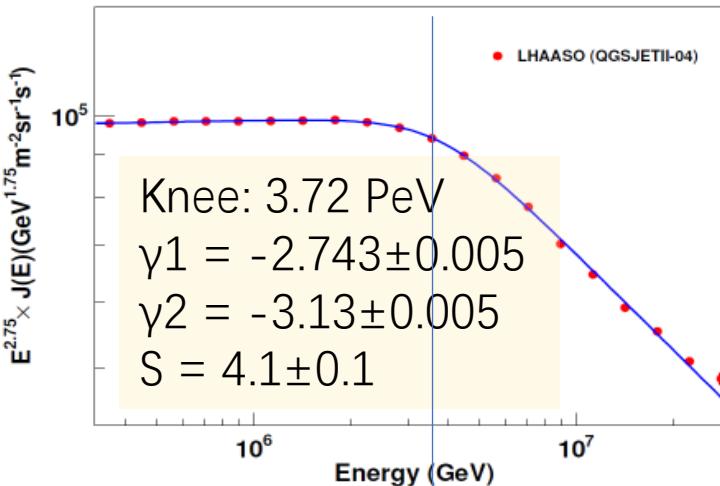
$$E_{rec} = \mathbf{b} \times N_{e\mu}$$

J. Matthews, Astropart. Phys. 22, 387 (2005)

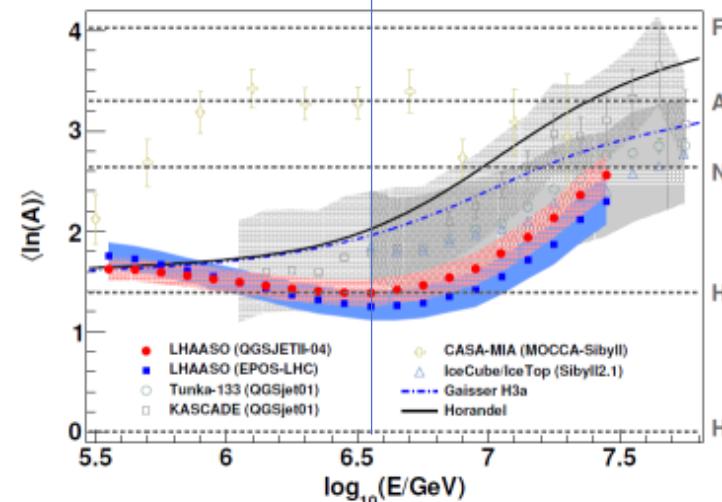
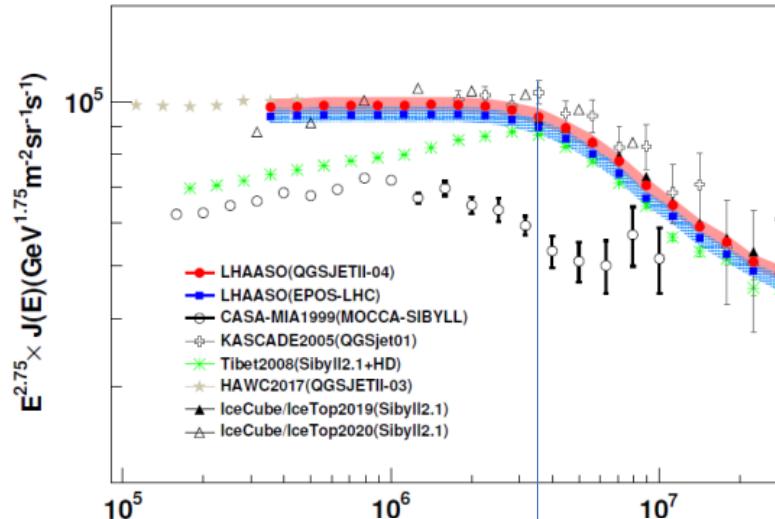


All-particle energy spectrum & composition by LHAASO

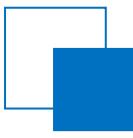
(from 0.3 to 30 PeV)



LHAASO Collaboration, PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 132, 131002 (2024)



- Systematic uncertainties are sufficiently small
- This unveils a clear correlation between the flux and the composition at the knee



总结和展望

- LHAASO于2019年4月1/4阵列投入运行，**2021年7月全阵列建成，2023年5月通过国家验收**
- 2021年在银河系内发现了**12个**超高能伽马射线源，至2023年，数量增加至**43个**
 - 揭示了银河系内普遍存在拍电子伏超高能伽马射线源
 - 几乎涵盖银河系内所有的高能天体：超新星遗迹、脉冲星脉、脉冲星风云、大质量星团等
 - LHAASO打开了前沿学科“超高能伽马天文学”新窗口
- LHAASO最精确测量了宇宙线全粒子能谱和平均质量
- 宇宙线“膝区”质子能谱、轻成分能谱、氦核能谱即将发布
- **宇宙线大气簇射物理研究**
 - 高能强相互作用模型
 - 簇射中的缪子数
 - ...
- **寻找新物理：新粒子、暗物质？**
- AI 应用于粒子鉴别

新物理探索：洛伦兹对称性破缺研究

□ Using the most energetic γ -rays observed by LHAASO

- The Lorentz symmetry was tested for the 1st order effect w/ the breaking energy 10⁵ higher than the Planck scale, **a dozen of times higher than the previous result**
- The 2nd order effect is still possible, w/ the breaking energy 10³ below the Planck scale

Process: $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

$$E_{LIV}^{(1)} \gtrsim 9.57 \times 10^{23} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}} \right)^3,$$

$$E_{LIV}^{(2)} \gtrsim 9.78 \times 10^{17} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2.$$

Process: $\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma} = 5 \times 10^{-14} \frac{E_\gamma^{19}}{m_e^8 E_{LIV}^{(2)10}},$$

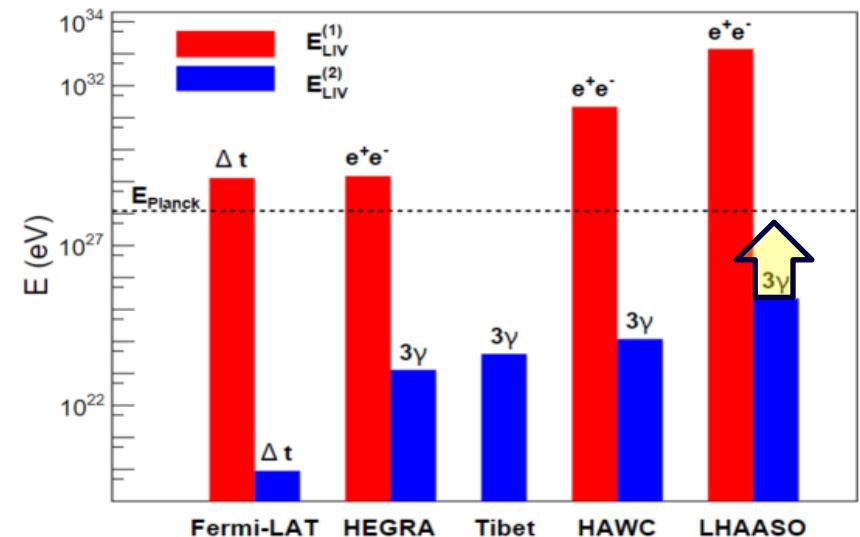
$$E_{LIV}^{(2)} > 3.33 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{L}{\text{kpc}} \right)^{0.1} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{1.9}.$$

| Source | L (kpc) | E_{\max} (PeV) | $E_{\text{cut}}^{95\%}$ (PeV) | $E_{LIV}^{(1)}$ $\times 10^{32}$ | $E_{LIV}^{(2)}$ $\times 10^{23}$ | $E_{LIV}^{(2)} (3\gamma)$ $\times 10^{25}$ |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Crab Nebula | 2.0 | 0.88 ± 0.11 | $0.75^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$ | $4.04^{+0.69}_{-0.62}$ | $5.5^{+0.61}_{-0.58}$ | $1.04^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$ |
| J2032+4102 | 1.4 | 1.42 ± 0.13 | $1.14^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | $14.2^{+2.42}_{-2.18}$ | $12.7^{+1.41}_{-1.34}$ | $2.21^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$ |

$$E_{\text{planck}} = 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

$10^5 E_{\text{planck}}$

$0.1\% E_{\text{planck}}$

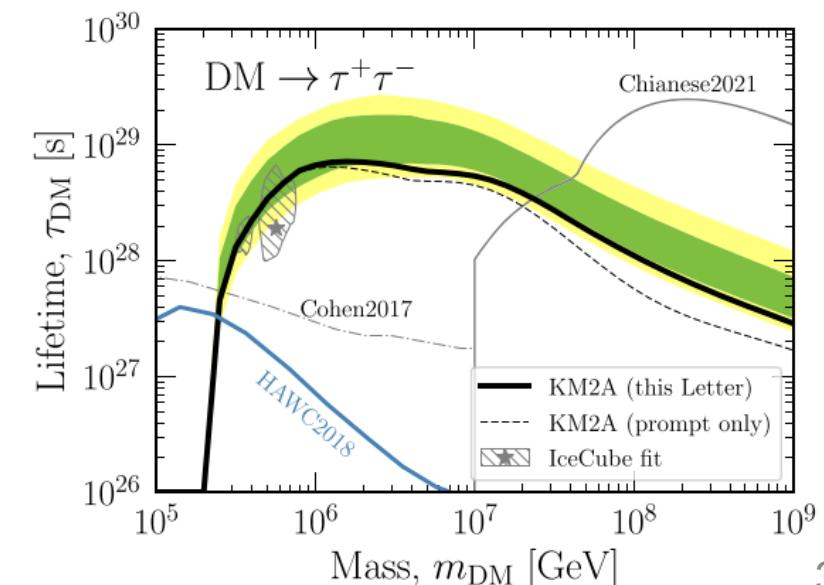
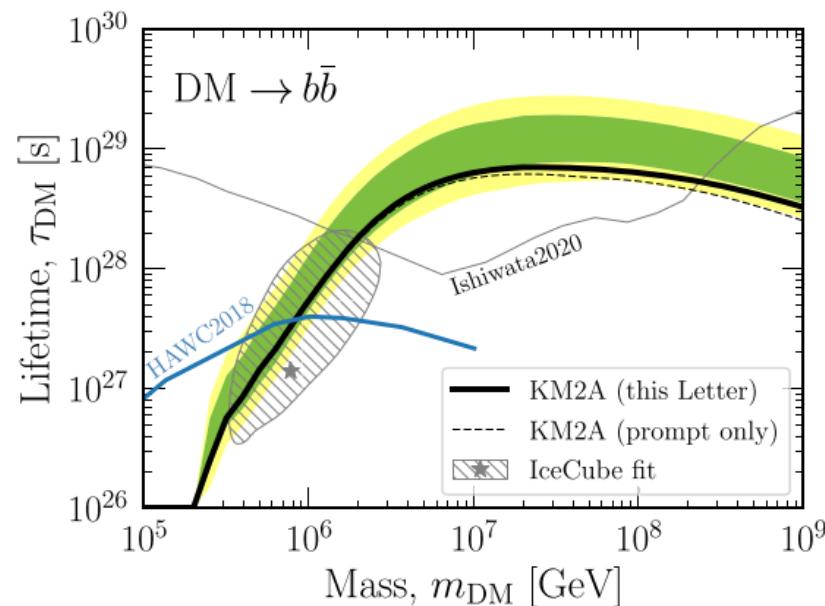


3 orders of magnitudes below the Planck-scale

新物理探索：寻找暗物质

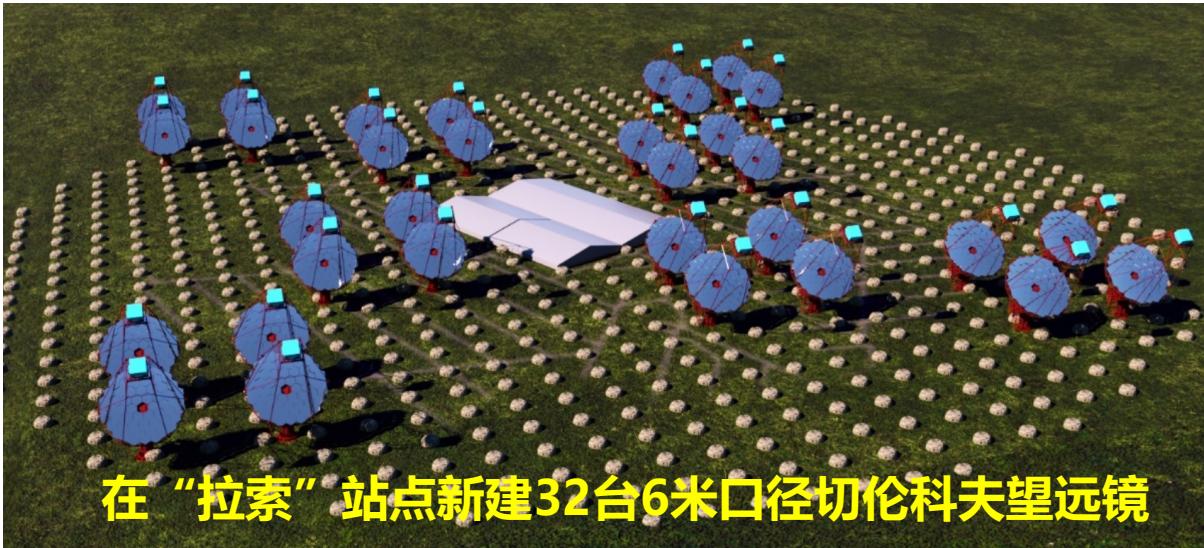
LHAASO观测结果对超重暗物质给出最强限制

- 利用LHAASO基于银盘以外超高能伽马射线测量，**对超重暗物质的寿命下限做出了迄今最强烈的限制，比已有结果提高了近10倍，并排除了超重暗物质对超高能弥散中微子观测结果解释的大部分参数范围**
- 2022年12月发表，被**物理评论快报（PRL）**编辑选为**高亮论文**



拉索提升计划：大型超高能伽马源立体跟踪装置（LACT）

- LACT：角分辨比“拉索”提升5倍以上
灵敏度和“拉索”相当
- 项目得到四川省委、省政府的大力支持
已获得了省发改委批复立项
预算1.5亿
- 媲美欧美部署的耗资2亿欧元的同类项目（CTA）
引起了全球高度关注；
- LACT将率先实现对“拉索”发现的重要天体开展精细结构解析，把握突破性发现的重要机遇；
- “拉索” + LACT 进一步加固了我国在超高能伽马天文研究领域的领先地位；

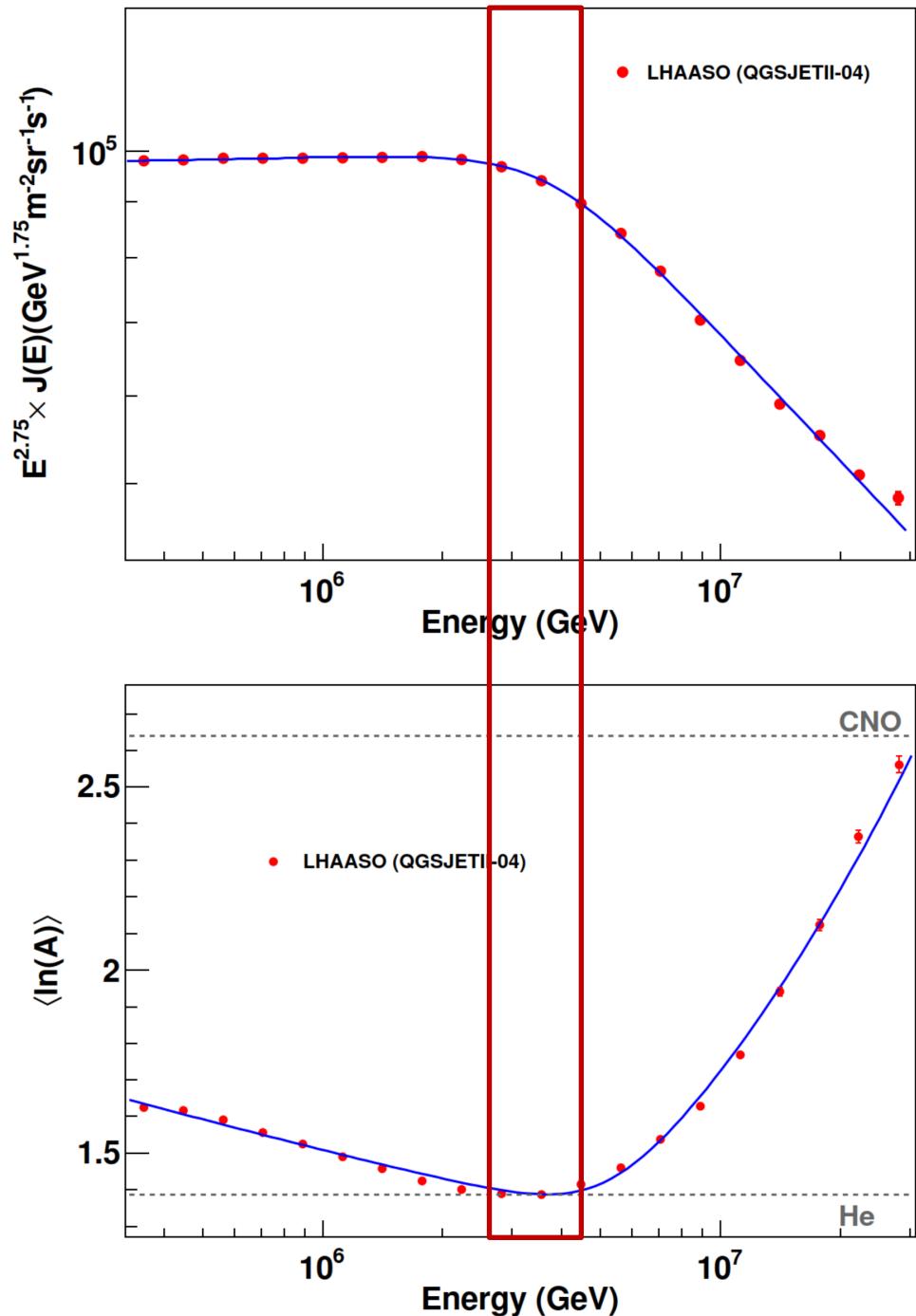
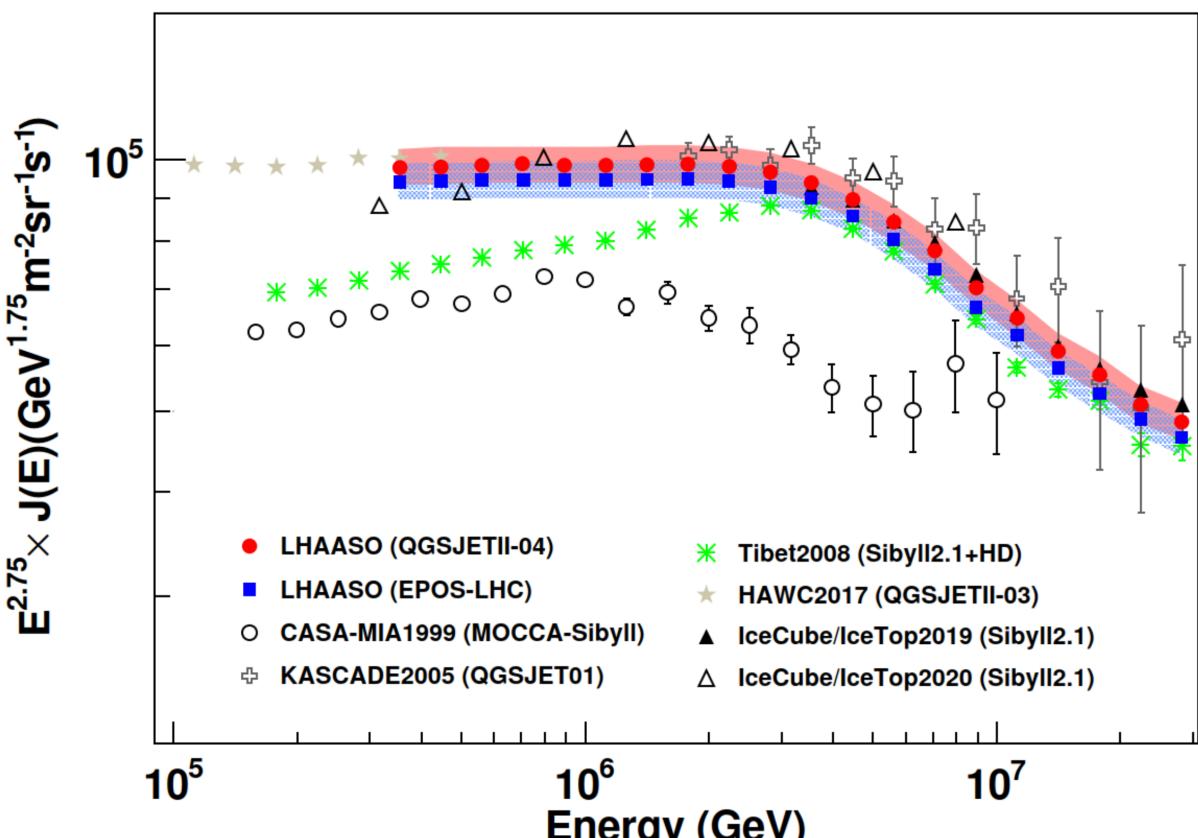




科学探索
未来可期，亦不可期

谢谢！

第一次精确测定 “膝”与成分关联



Component sensitive parameters

Muons and electromagnetic particles in EAS

$$N_\mu \propto A^{1-\beta} \left(\frac{E_0}{1 \text{ PeV}} \right)^\beta$$

$$N_e \propto A^{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{E_0}{1 \text{ PeV}} \right)^\alpha$$

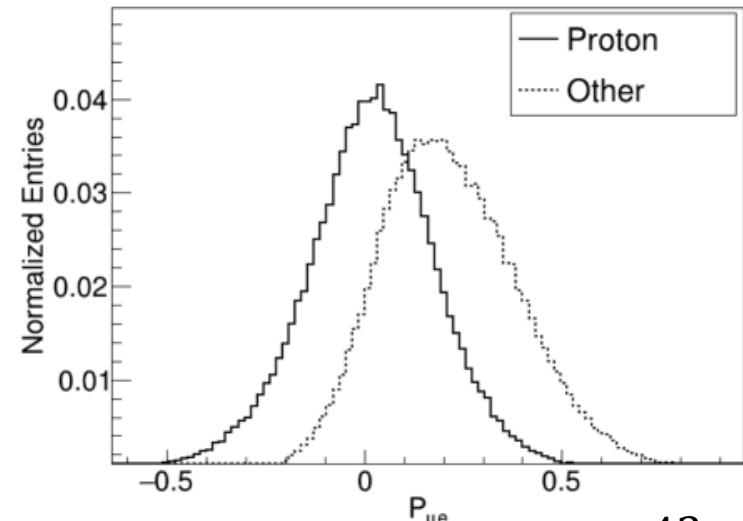
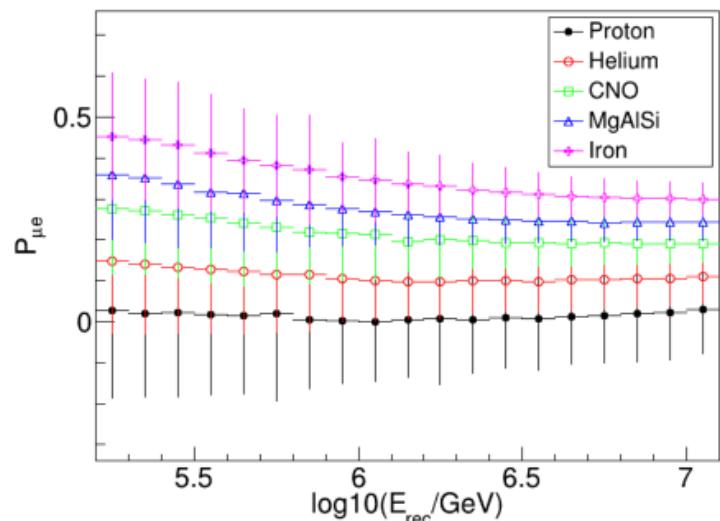
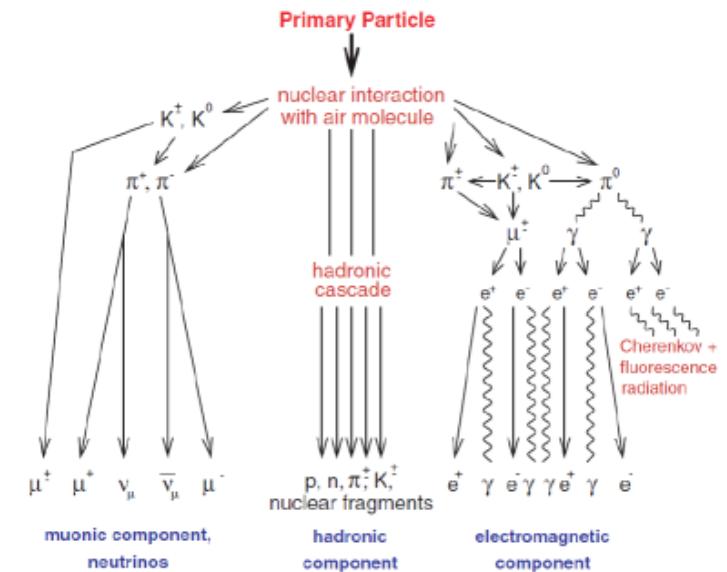
$$\log A = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} \log \left(\frac{N_\mu}{N_e^{\beta/\alpha}} \right) - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} \log \left(\frac{K_\mu}{K_e^{\beta/\alpha}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} \log \left(\frac{N_\mu}{N_e^{\beta/\alpha}} \right) + \text{const}$$

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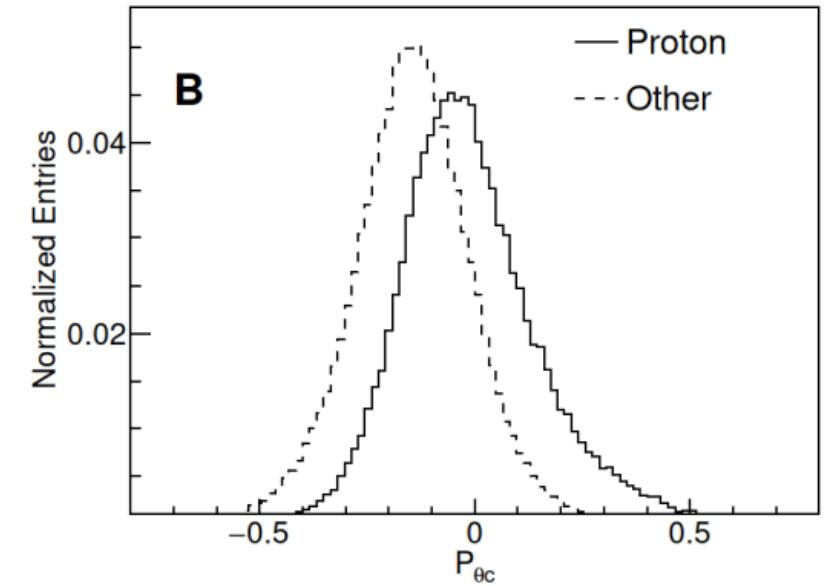
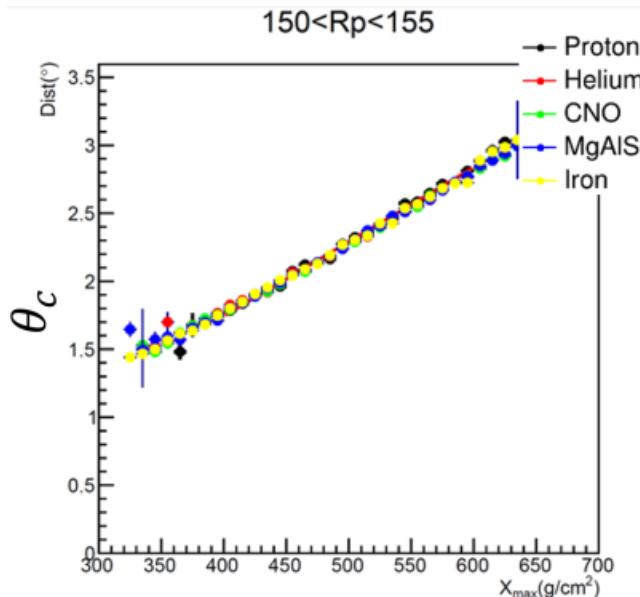
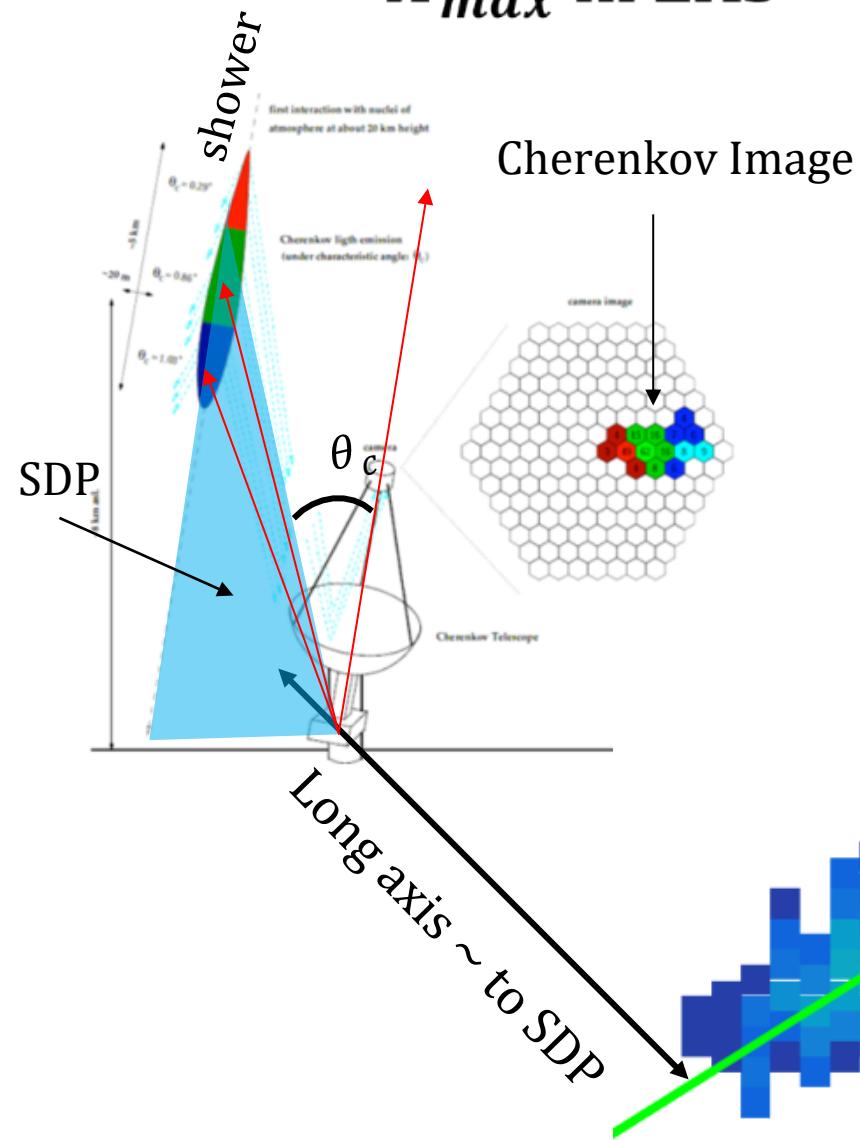
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J. R. Hörandel, Cosmic rays from the knee to the second knee:
 10^{14} to 10^{18} eV, Mod. Phys. Lett. A 22, 1533 (2007)



Component sensitive parameters

X_{max} in EAS



$$P_{\theta_c} = \frac{\theta_c^{250} - \langle \theta_c^{250} \rangle}{\langle \theta_c^{250} \rangle|_{PeV}}$$

- Normalization in the impact parameter R_p :
$$\theta_c^{250} = \frac{\theta_c}{\cos(\theta)} + 0.011 \times (R_p - 250)$$
- Normalization in energy:
$$\langle \theta_c^{250} \rangle = p_0 + p_1 \cdot \log_{10} E + p_2 \cdot \log^2_{10} E$$
- $\langle \theta_c^{250} \rangle|_{PeV}$: the average value of θ_c for proton events at $R_p = 250$ m and $E = 1$ PeV