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# テレスコープアレイ実験による 超高エネルギー宇宙線 原子核組成研究の進展

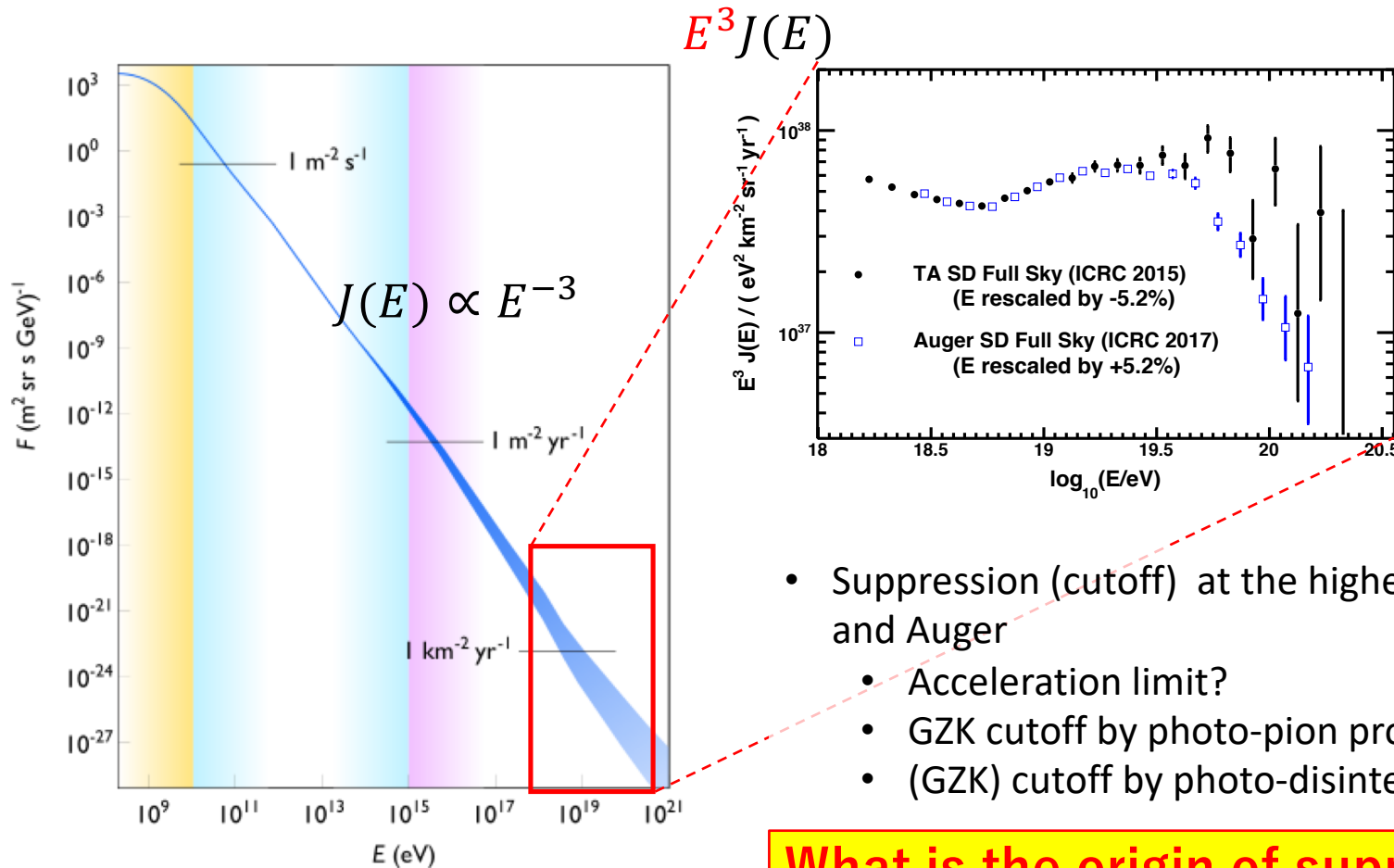
宇宙線観測と光核反応

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# End of the CR energy spectrum



Auger\*, TA Collaborations, EPJ Web of Conferences **210**, 01002 (2019)

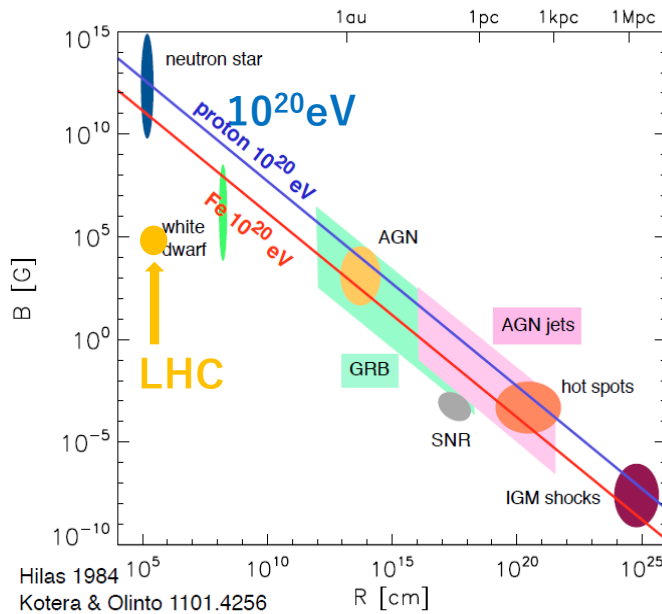
\*Pierre Auger Observatory: 3000km<sup>2</sup> array operating in the Southern hemisphere

- Suppression (cutoff) at the highest energy is established by TA and Auger
  - Acceleration limit?
  - GZK cutoff by photo-pion production of proton CRs?
  - (GZK) cutoff by photo-disintegration of nuclear CRs?

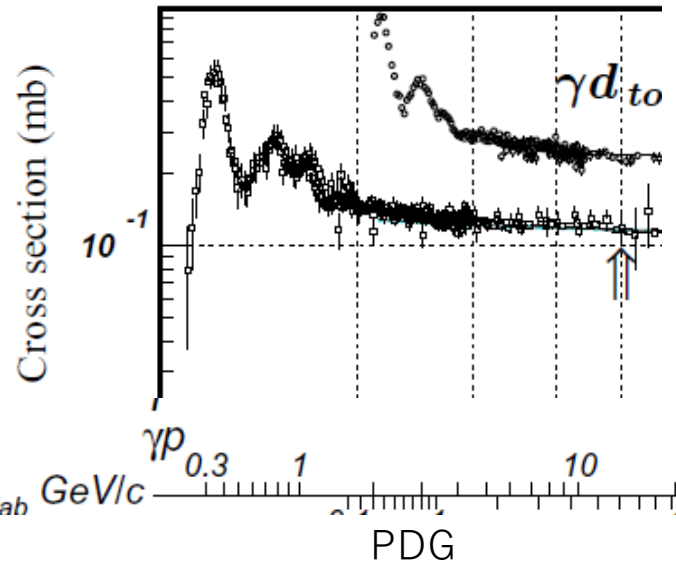
**What is the origin of suppression (cutoff)?**

# Three cutoff scenarios

Hillas plot

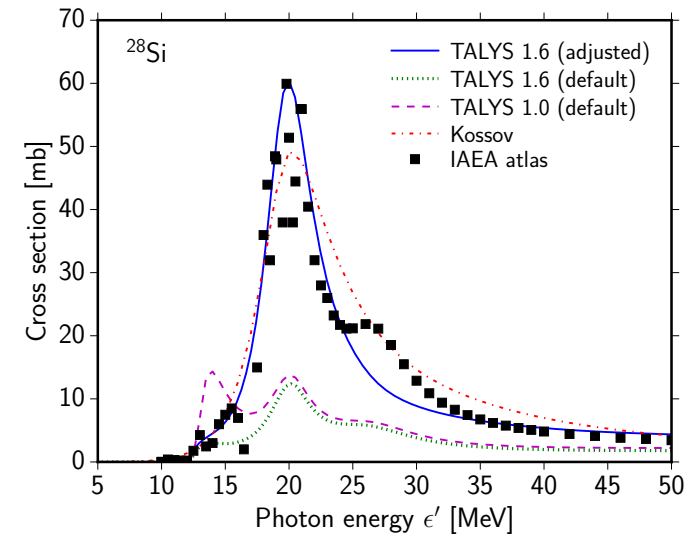


**Confinement limit** of cosmic storage ring for known objects suggests  $10^{20}\text{eV}/Z$  is the maximum energy



## GZK cutoff (photopion production)

$p + \gamma \rightarrow p(n) + \pi^0(\pi^+)$  cross section opens at  $E_p > 7 \times 10^{19} \text{eV}$  with  $E_{\gamma, \text{CMB}} \sim 2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{eV}$  ( $\Gamma_{\text{proton}} > 7 \times 10^9$ )



## Photodisintegration

$A + \gamma \rightarrow (A-1) + p(n)$  cross section opens at  $\Gamma_A \gtrsim 7 \times 10^8$   
 $E_A = A \times m_p c^2 \Gamma_A$

- All processes become effective at  $E_{\text{CR}} \sim 10^{20} \text{eV}$  ( $E_{\text{CR}}$  is in total energy, but not in  $E/\text{nucleon}$ )
- Determination of CR mass composition is key and challenge in CR observations

# Long journey from the source(s) to our detectors

## Source

- object type
- 3D distribution/evolution
- maximum energy (rigidity)
- spectral index
- mass composition
- escape from environment



## Propagation in photon field

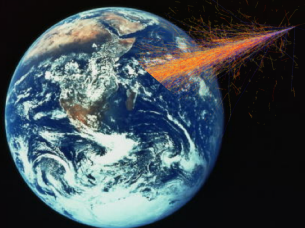
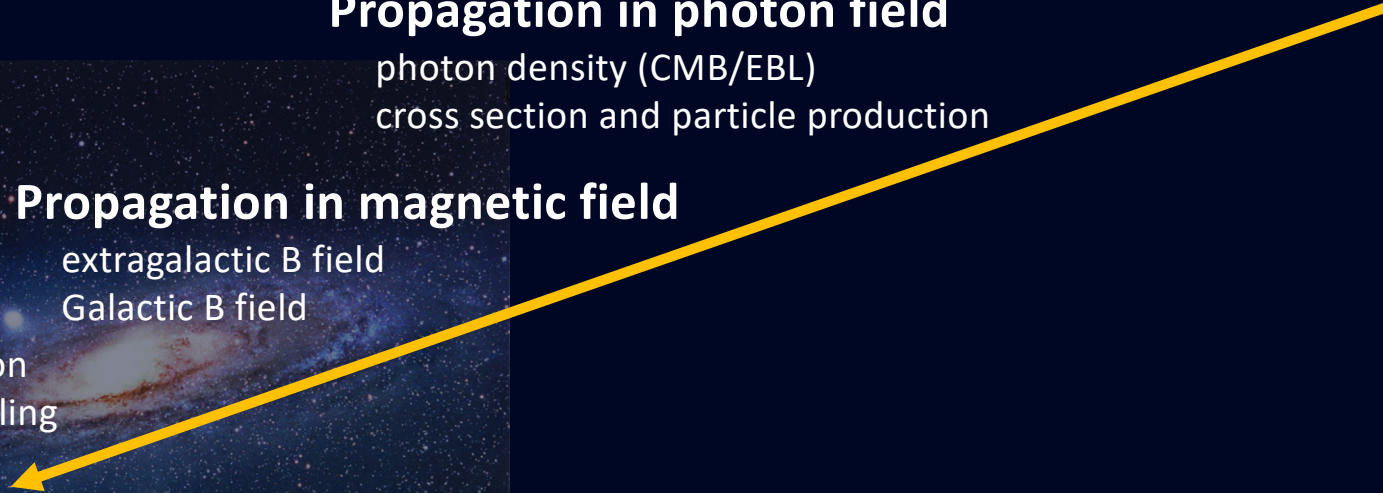
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- extragalactic B field
- Galactic B field

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- hadronic interaction
- atmosphere modeling





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$$A \rightarrow (A-1) + N$$

$$E \rightarrow (A-1)/A \times E + E/A$$



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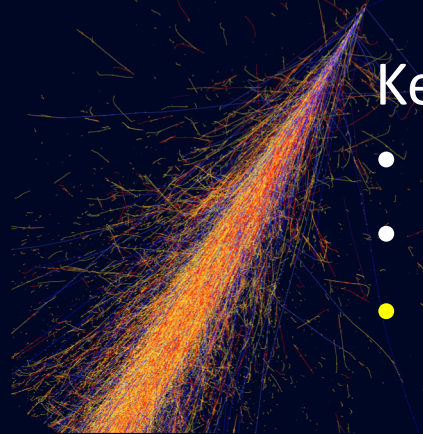
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Air shower in the atmosphere

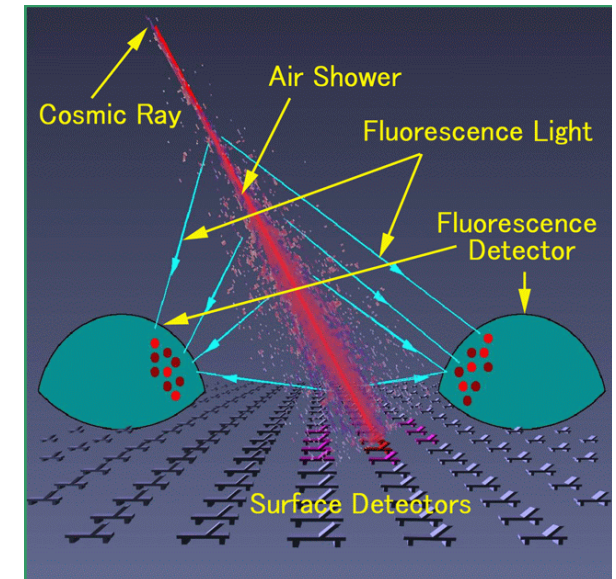
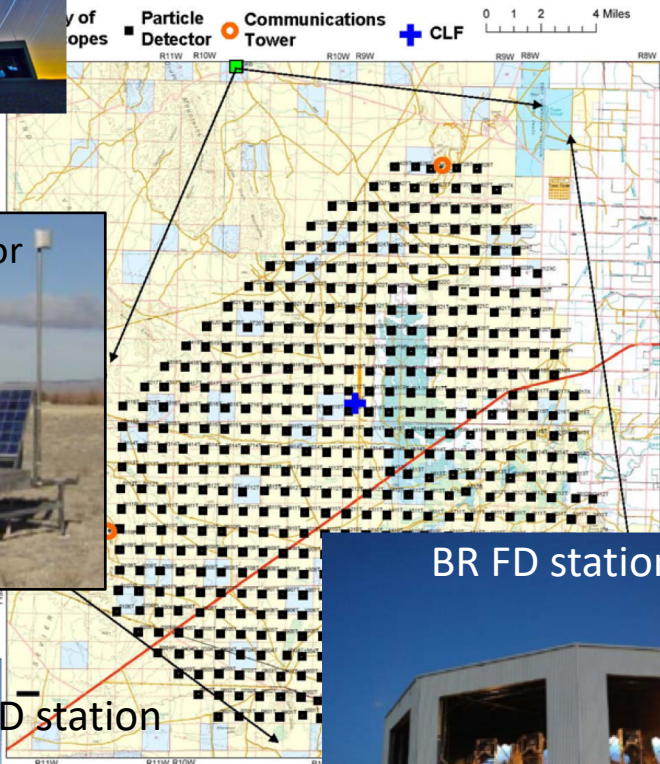
Key observables are

- $N_{\text{ch}} \propto E_{\text{CR}}$  : energy
- $\theta, \varphi$  : arrival direction
- $N_{\text{ch}} - N_{\mu}, X_{\text{max}}$  : mass





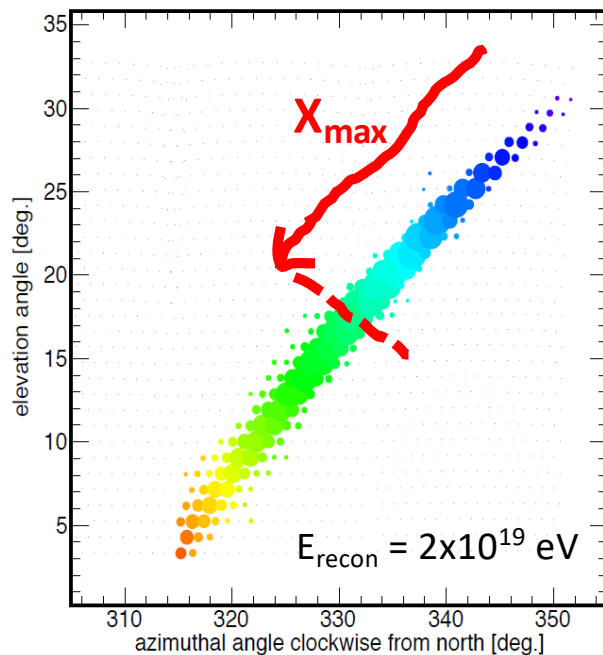
# Telescope Array is



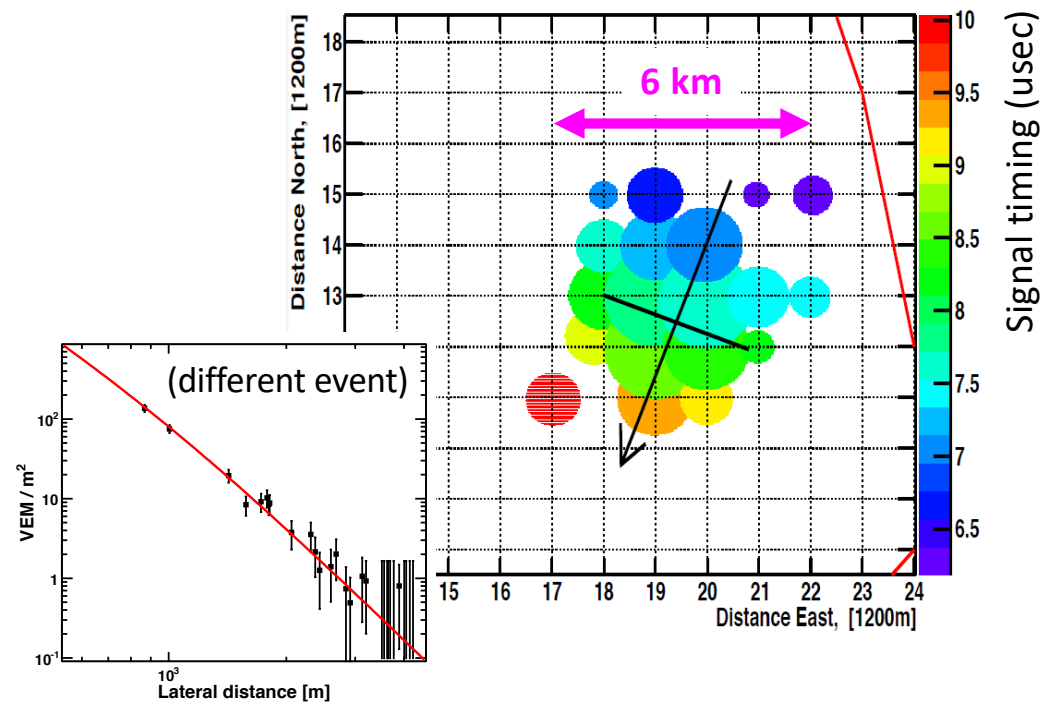
- Largest air shower experiment in Northern hemisphere, Utah in USA
- Since 2008
- Surface Detector (SD) array
  - 3m<sup>2</sup> Scintillation Detector x 507
  - 1.2km spacing, total ~700km<sup>2</sup>
- Fluorescence Detector (FD)
  - 3 stations, 38 telescopes

# FD-SD Hybrid observation and analysis

Fluorescence image



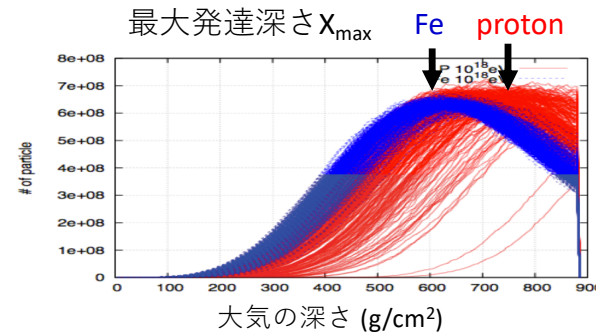
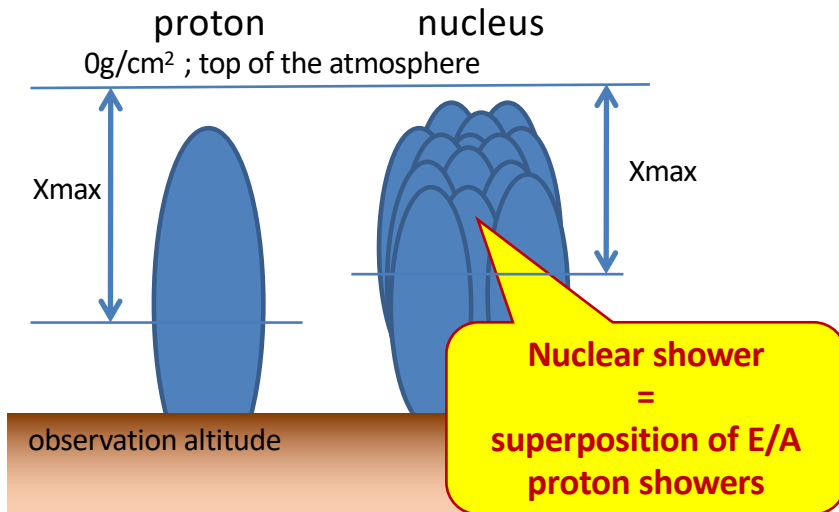
Footprint by Surface scintillators



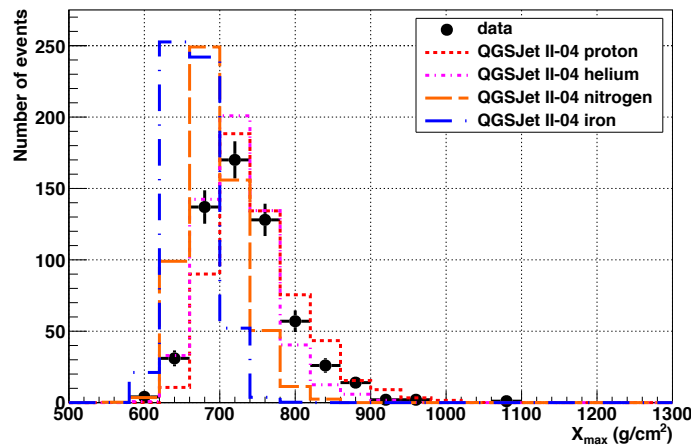
- Calorimetric energy determination  $\Rightarrow E$
- Longitudinal profile  $\Rightarrow X_{\max}$ : depth of the maximum from the top of the atmosphere ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )

- Normalization of lateral fit  $\Rightarrow E$

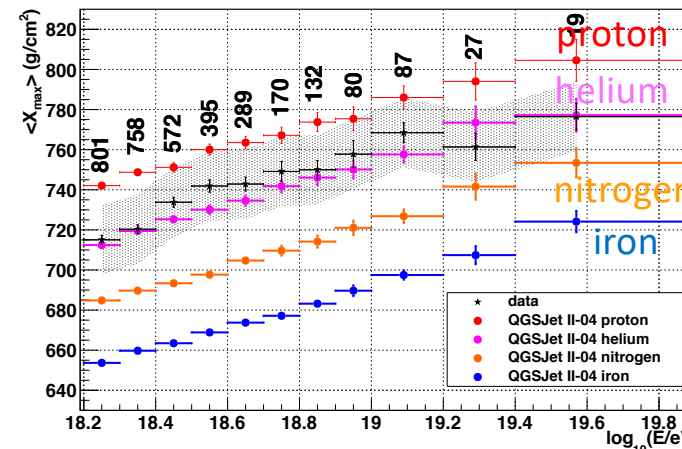
# FD/SD hybrid analysis for mass composition



Telescope Array, ApJ, 858:76 (2018)

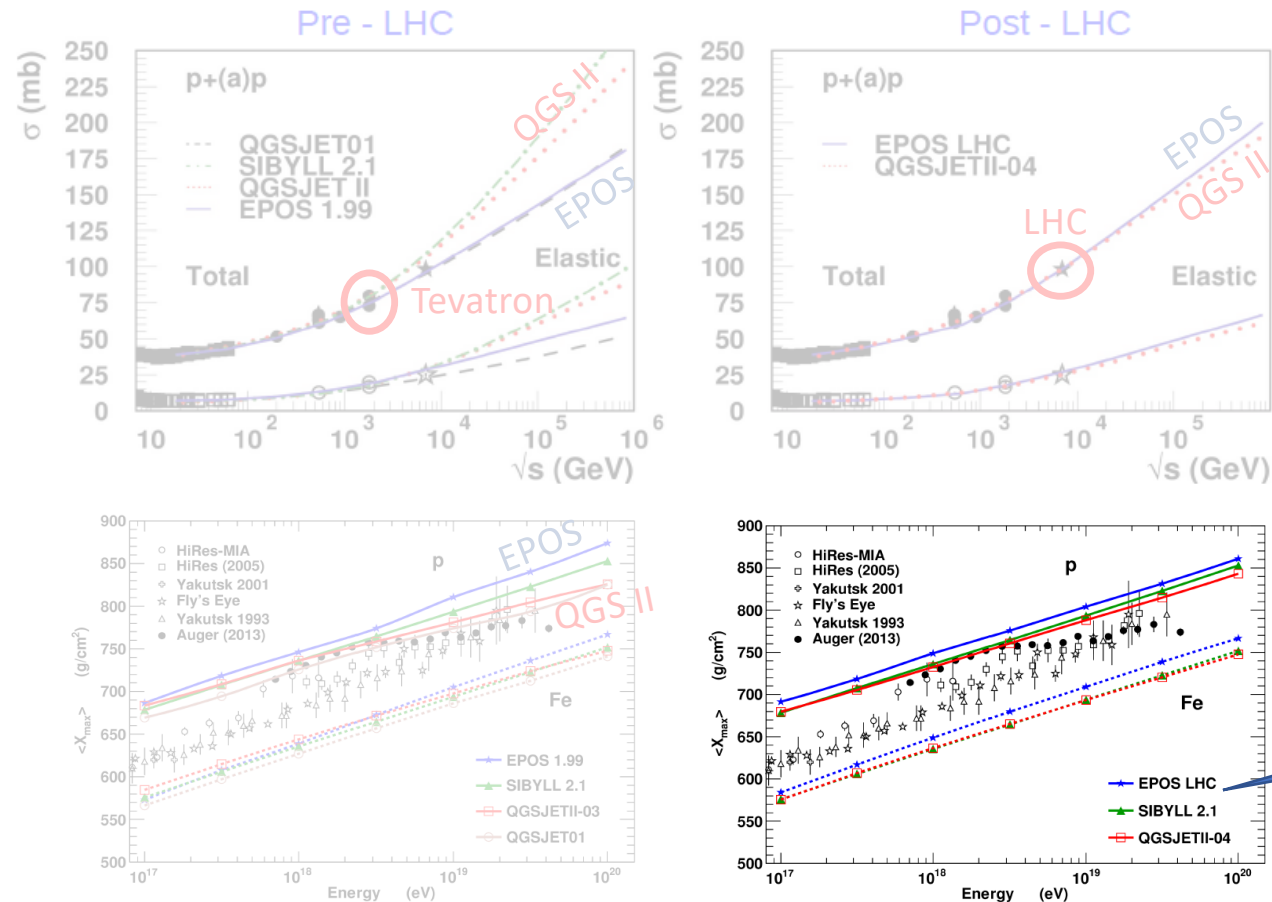


(c)  $18.4 \leq \log_{10}(E/\text{eV}) < 18.5$



- Light composition up to  $10^{19.6}\text{eV}$
- What is QGSJET II-04?

# Uncertainty in the air shower interpretation

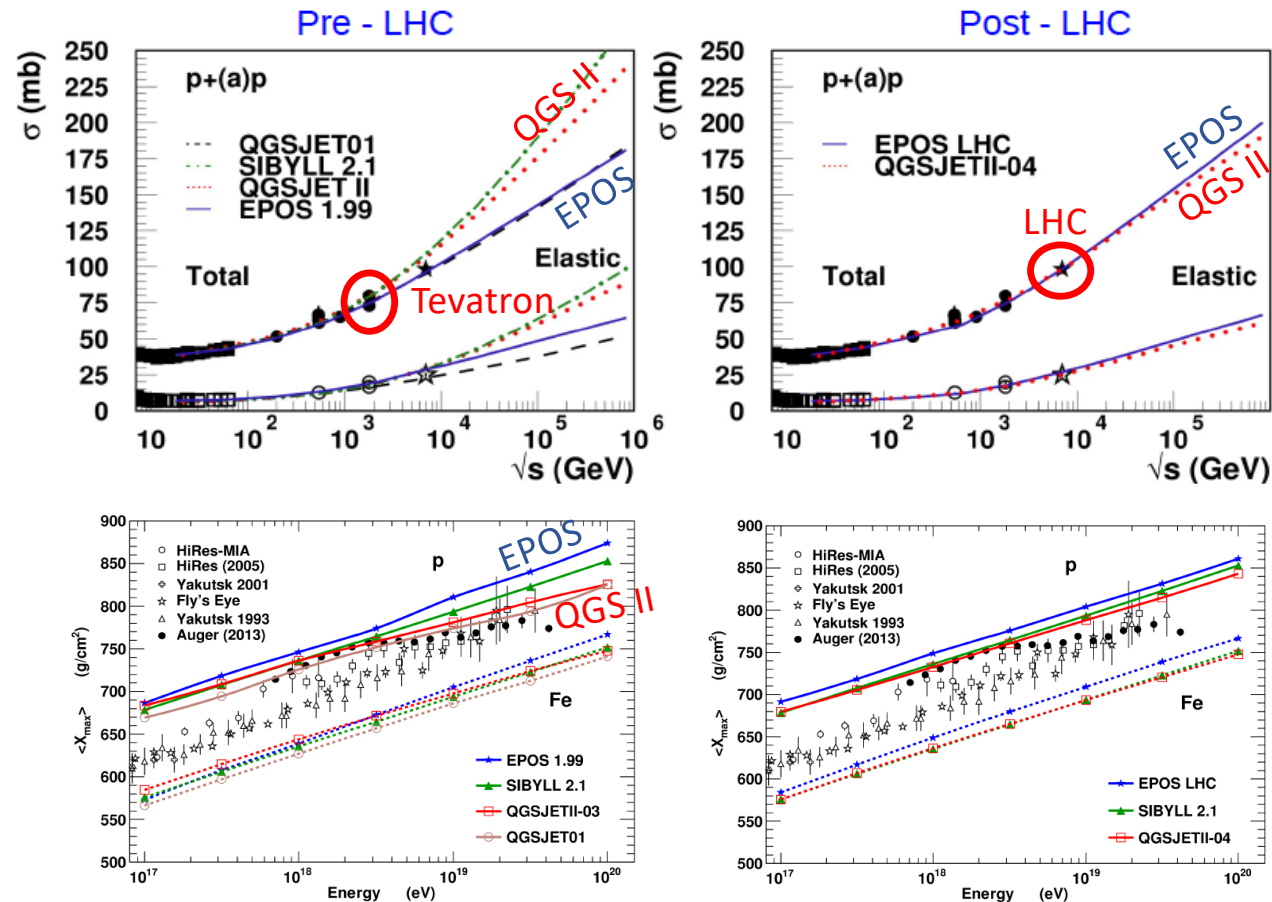


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- MC predictions depend on the choice of hadronic interaction model



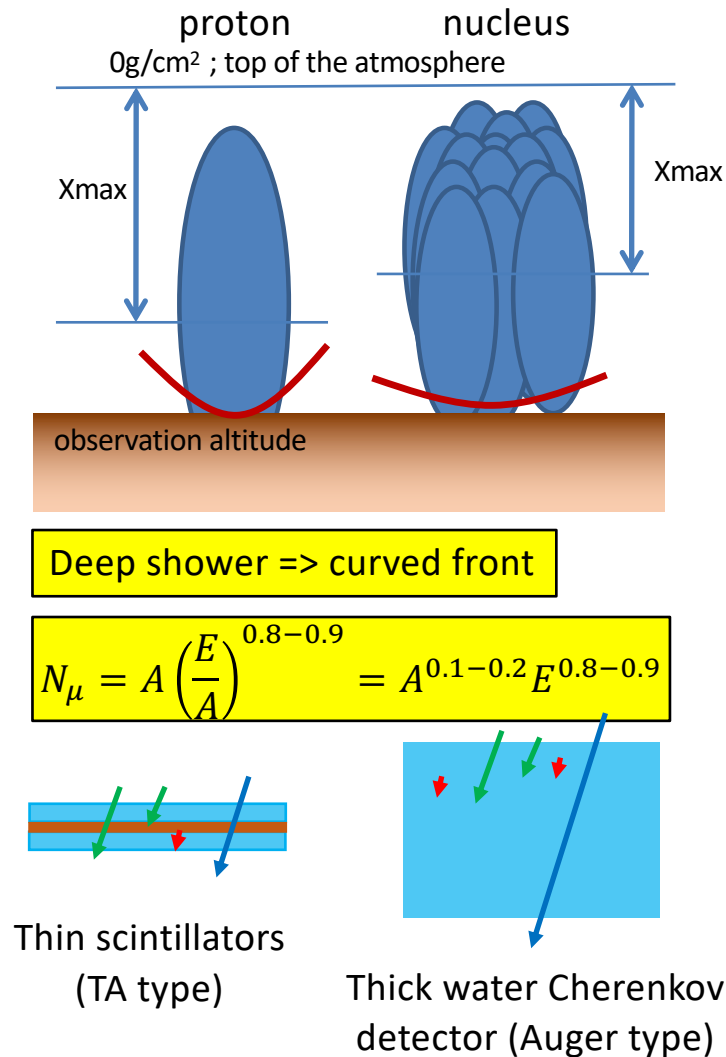
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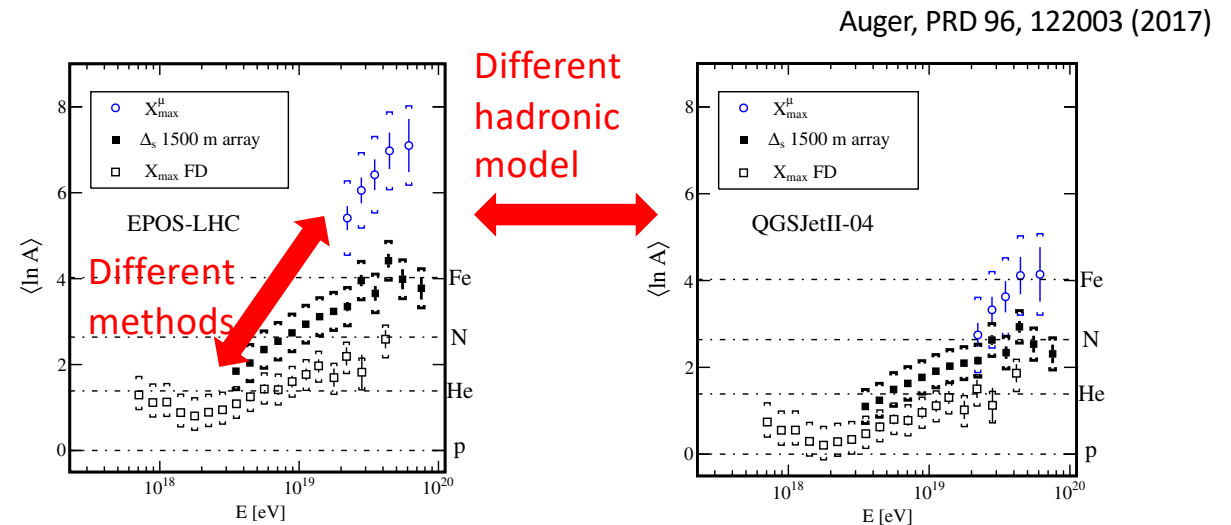
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- MC predictions depend on the choice of hadronic interaction model
- Difference becomes smaller in the LHC era, and intensively studies on going

# Mass estimation using SD



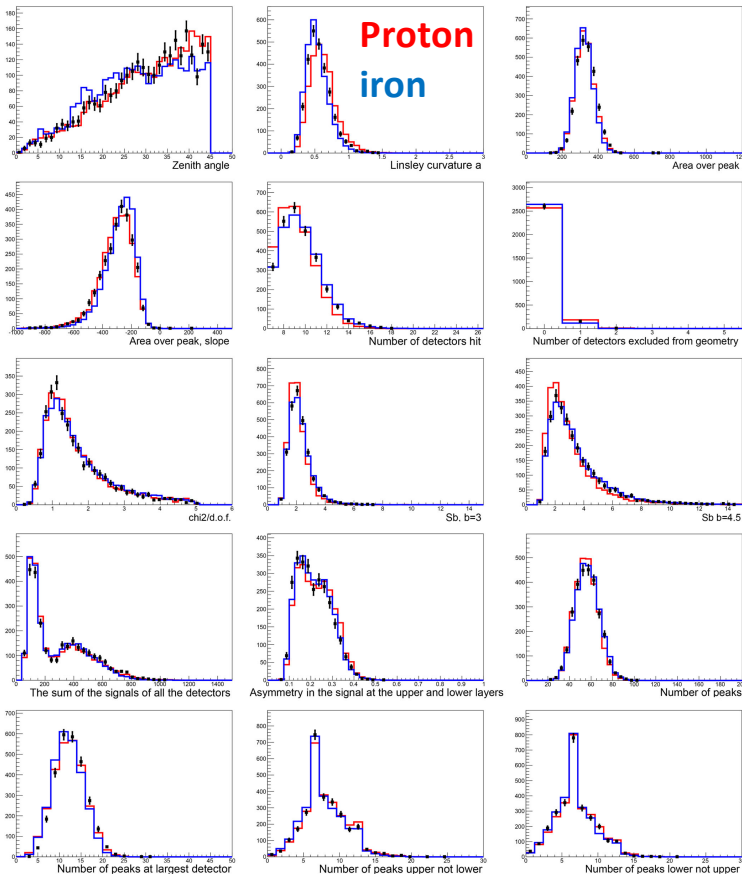
- FD observation is limited in duty time O(10%)
- Muon sensitive analyses (Auger\*) and machine learning (TA) to use SD in progress



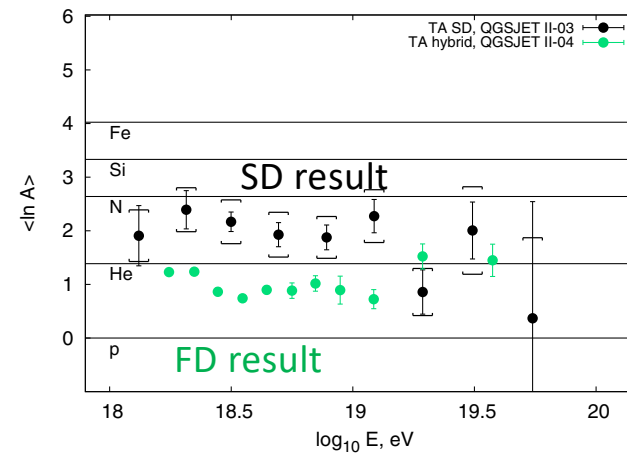
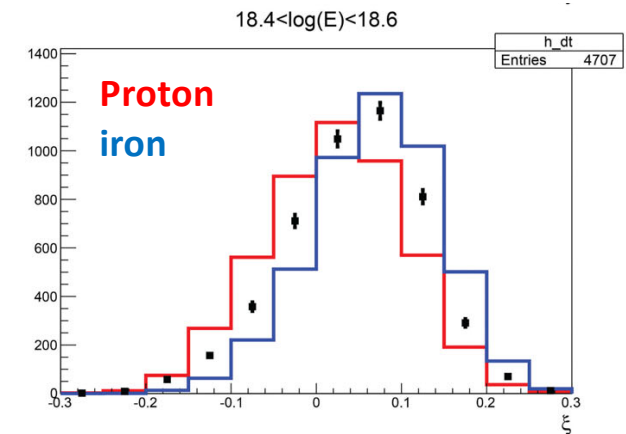
- Auger: different  $\langle \ln A \rangle$  with different analyses, different models,...
- Unnatural 'heavier than Fe' using muon data

# Mass estimation using SD

Telescope Array, PRD 99, 022002 (2019)



16 reconstructed parameters  
to train BDT classifier,  $\xi$



- Mass ( $\langle \ln A \rangle$ ) determination suffers from the shower modeling and is hot topic of improvement

# Let us interpret the observations

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object type  
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maximum energy (rigidity)  
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## Propagation in photon field

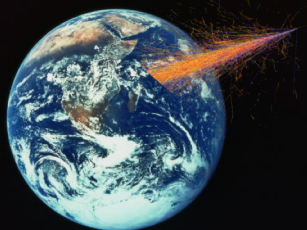
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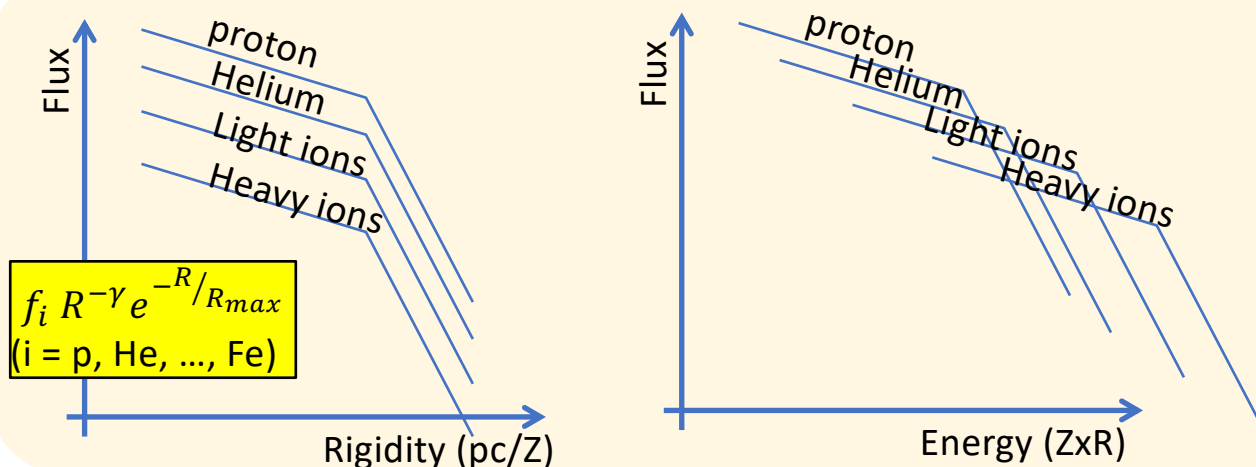


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# Forward-folding analysis : Source model

**METHOD: Assume source and propagation physics and fit to the air shower observations**

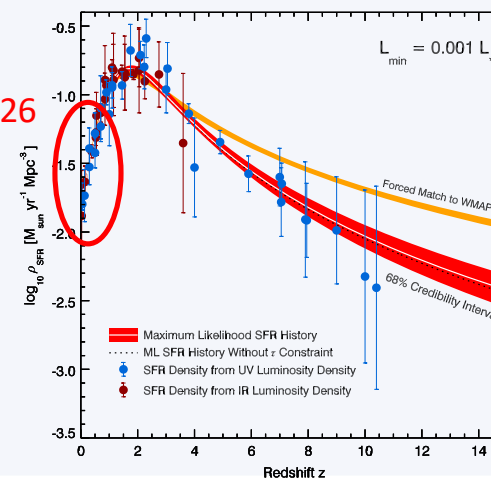


- Parameters at source
  - Power index :  $\gamma$
  - Rigidity limit :  $R_{max}$
  - Abundance :  $f_p, f_{\text{He}}, \dots, f_{\text{Fe}}$

- Source distribution
  - $\rho \propto (1+z)^m$

Ex) Star formation rate (SFR)  
B. E. Robertson, et al. ApJ.  
Lett., 802:L19 (5pp), 2015

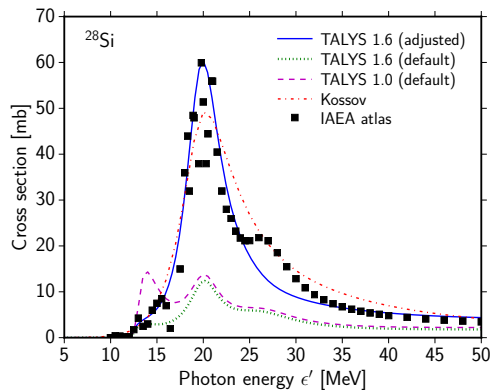
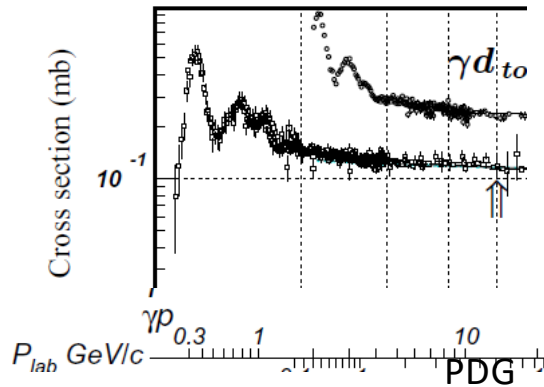
$(1+z)^{3.26}$



# Forward-folding analysis : Propagation

## Cross sections as input

- TALYS
- PSB
- Kossov



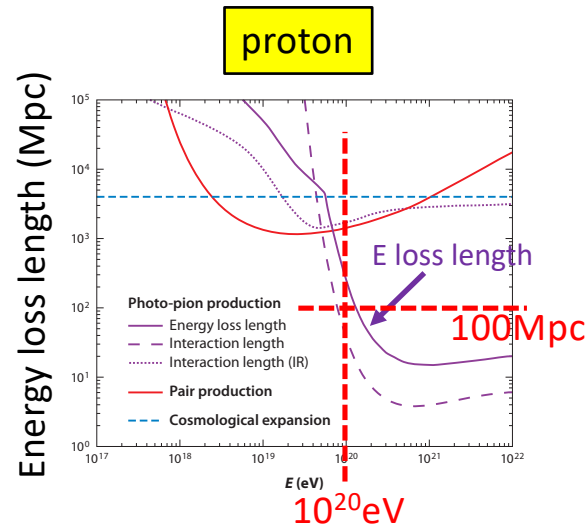
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## Photon density

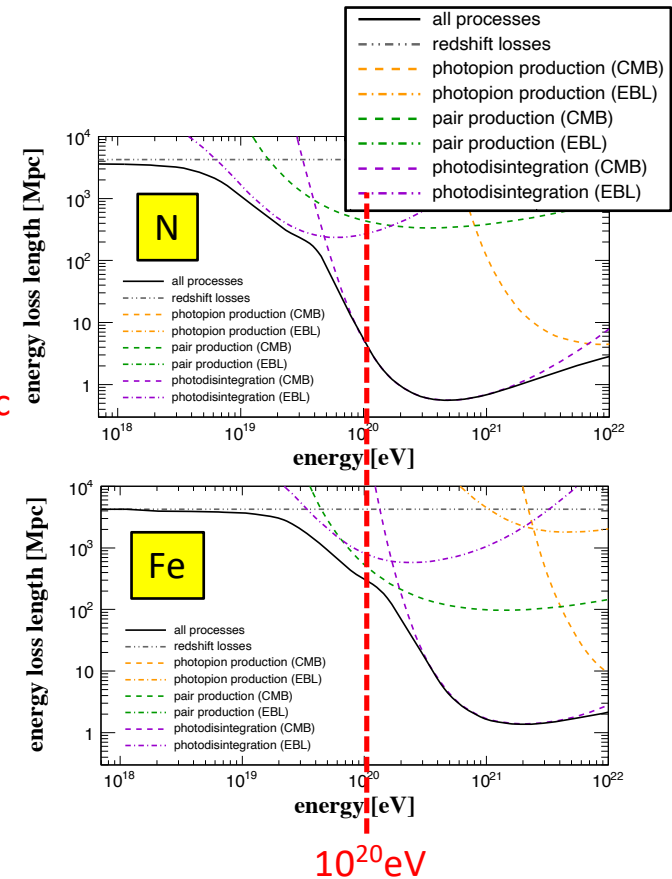
- CMB
- EBL

## Propagation tool

- CRPropa
- SimProp
- PRINCE



K. Kotera and A. V. Olinto, Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 2011. 49:119–53



R.A. Vatasta et al., JCAP10(2015)063

- Strong energy loss above  $10^{20}$  eV
- Heavy nuclei (smaller Lorentz factor) exhibit less attenuation <sup>16</sup>



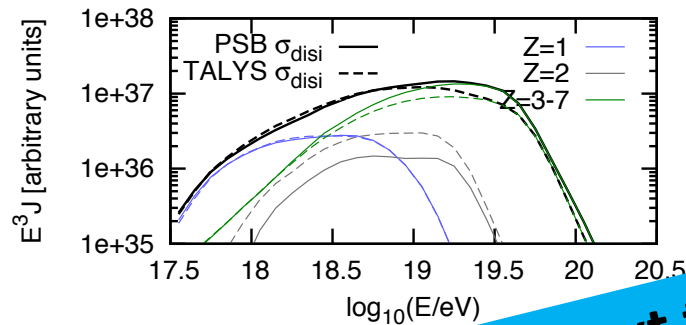
# Forward-folding analysis : Propagation, model dependence

Calculated spectrum at the earth

R.A. Vatista et al., JCAP10(2015)063

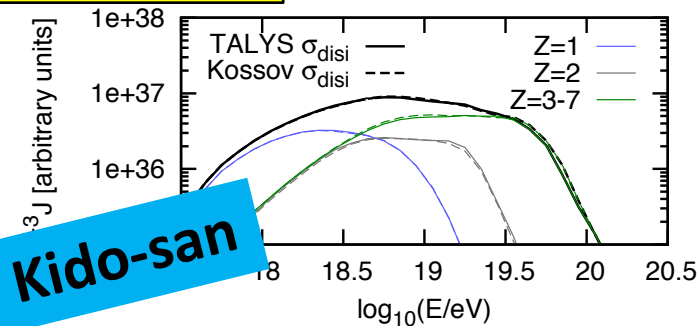
PSB vs. TALYS

hard nitrogen injection

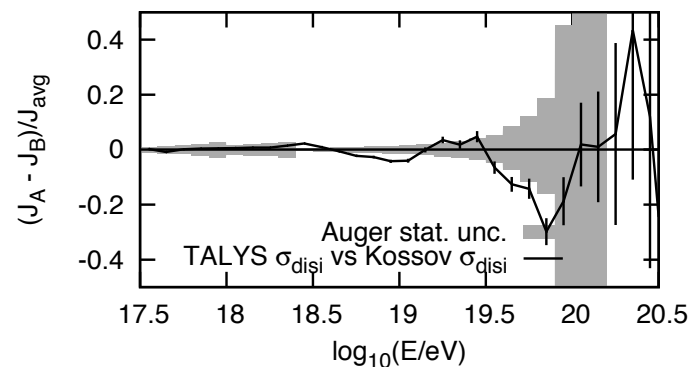
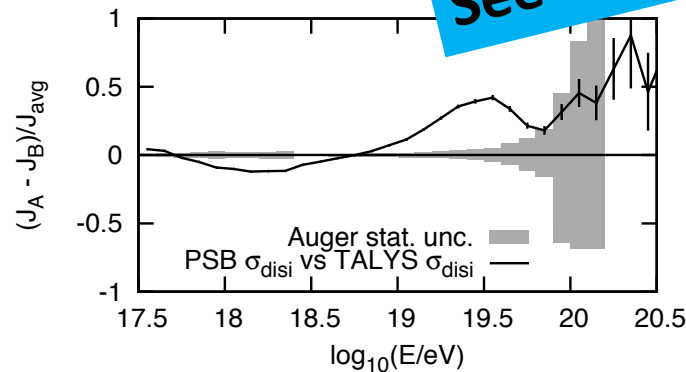


TALYS vs. Kossov

hard nitrogen injection



See next talk by Kido-san



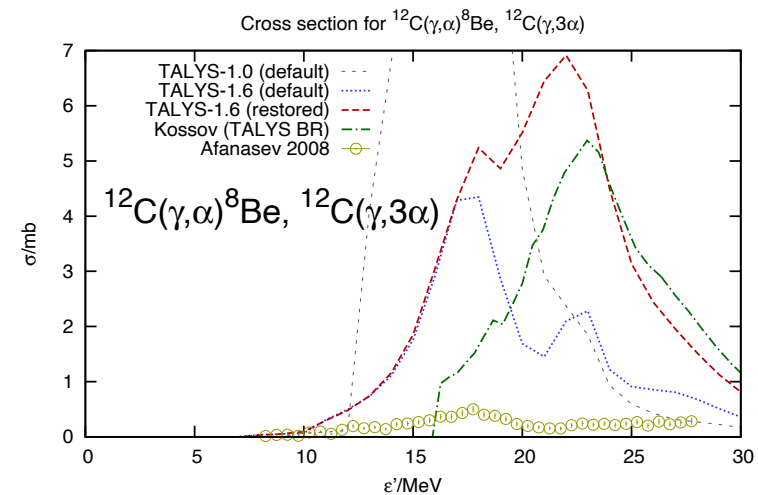
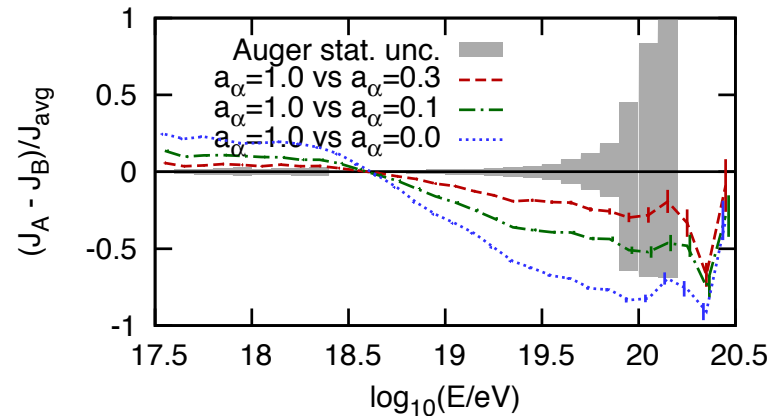
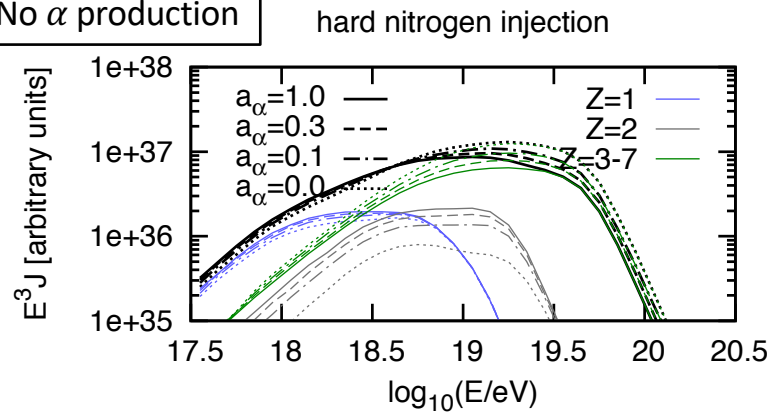
- TALYS models  $\alpha$  production while PSB does not
- 50% difference at the highest energy

- TALYS and Kossov: different in inclusive cross section, but common in partial cross section
- +/-20% difference at the highest energy

# Forward-folding analysis : Propagation, model dependence

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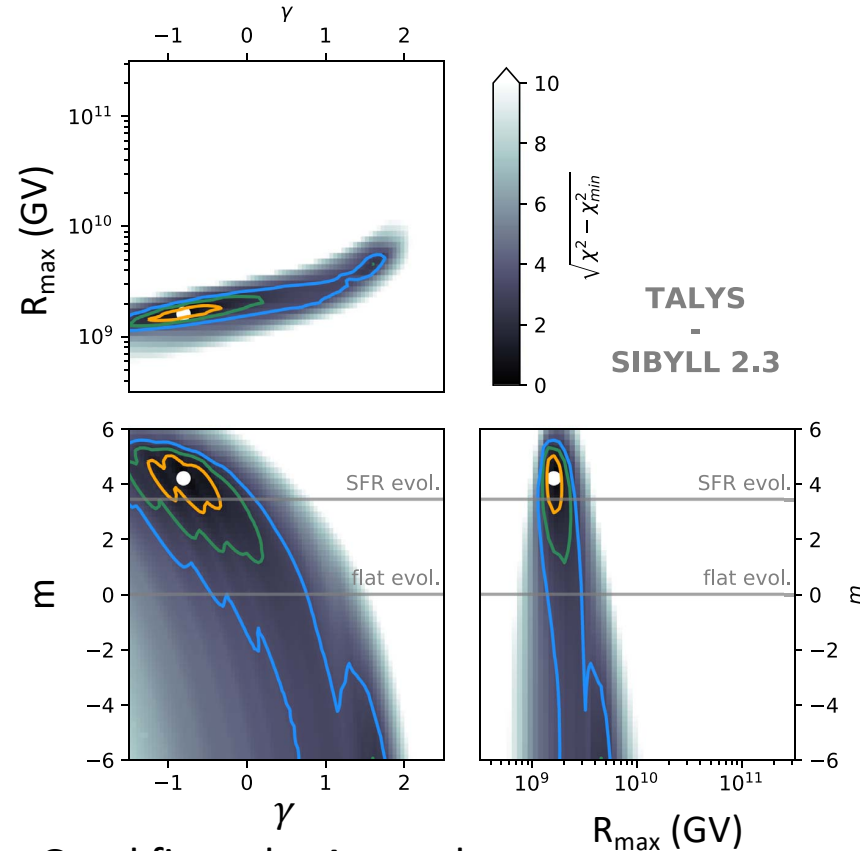
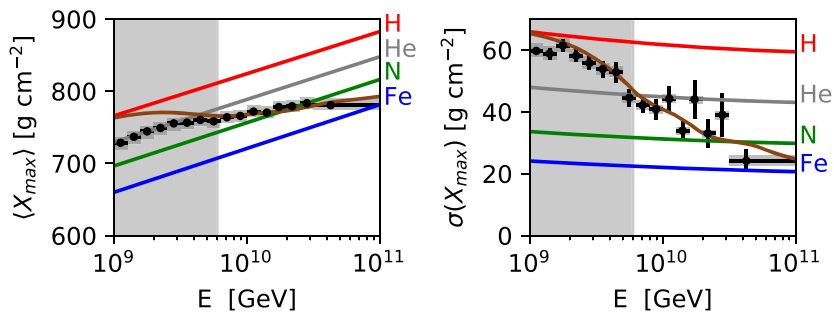
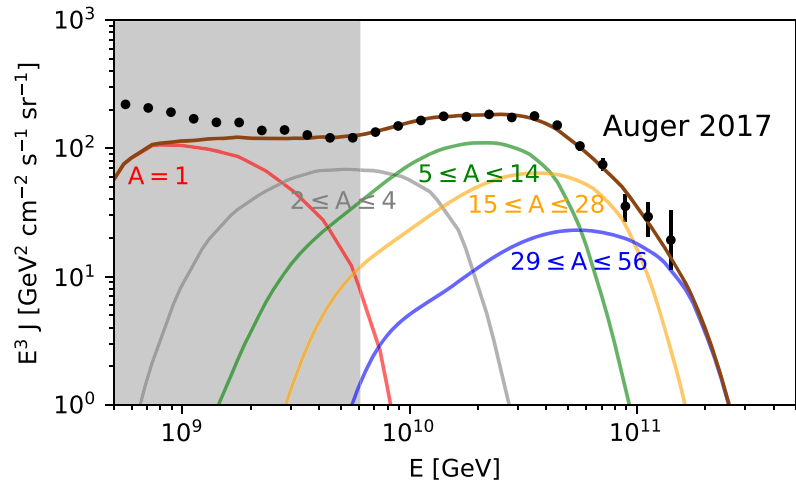
$a_\alpha = 1.0$  : TALYS original  
 $a_\alpha = 0.0$  : No  $\alpha$  production



- >50% effect of  **$\alpha$  production rate**, which is poorly constrained by the laboratory experiments, or poorly modeled for existing data (plot above)

# Forward-folding analysis : fitting to the Auger results

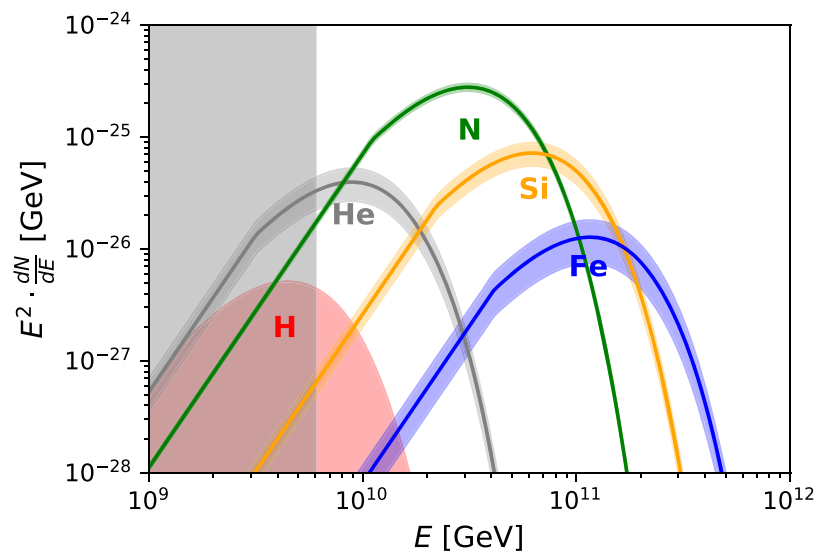
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- Good fit to the Auger data
- $R_{\max} = 1.6 \times 10^{18} \text{ V}$
- $m \sim 4$  supports star formation evolution
- $\gamma = -1$  means very hard spectrum

# Forward-folding analysis : fitting to the Auger, source parameters

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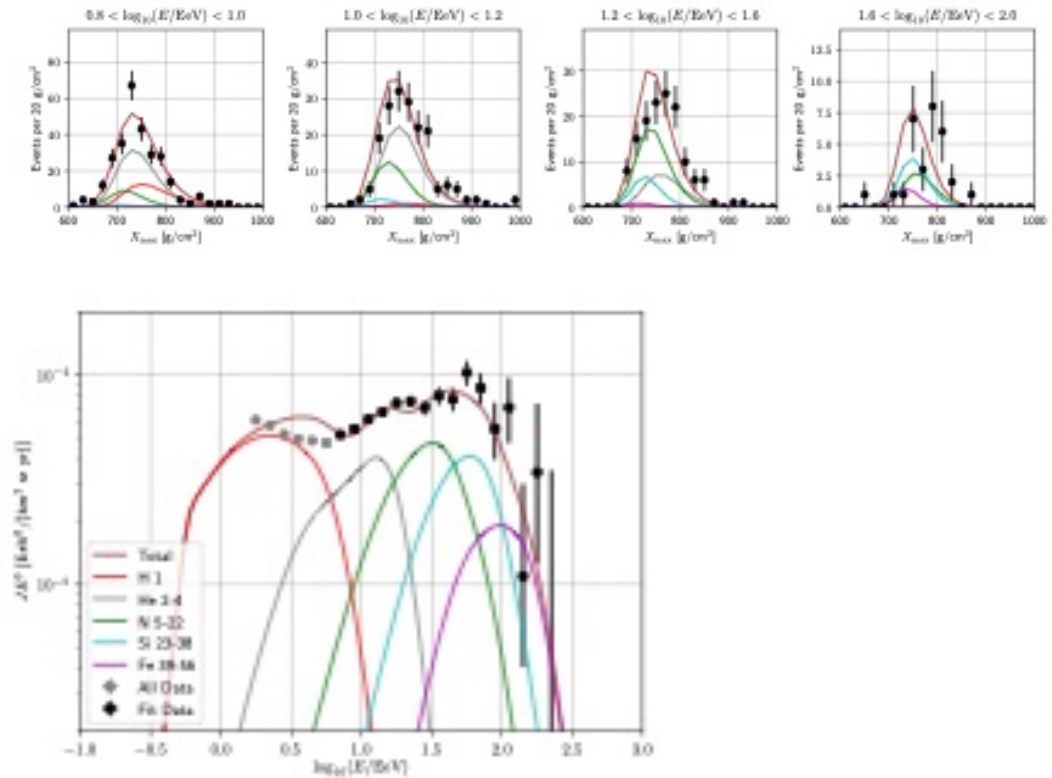
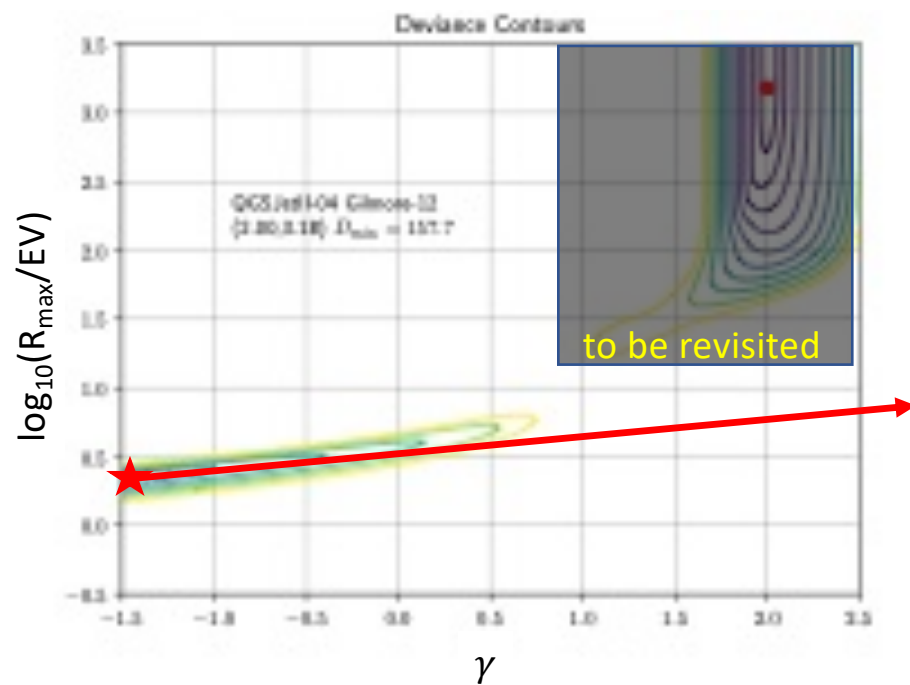


| TALYS-SIBYLL 2.3    |                            |                               |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| $\gamma$            | $-0.80^{+0.27}_{-0.23}$    |                               |                      |
| $R_{\max}$ (GV)     | $(1.6 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^9$ |                               |                      |
| $m$                 | $4.2^{+0.4}_{-0.6}$        |                               |                      |
| $\delta_E$          | $0.14^{+0.00}_{-0.03}$     |                               |                      |
| $f_A$ (%)           | H                          | He                            | N                    |
|                     | $0.0^{+42.6}_{-0.0}$       | $82.0^{+3.8}_{-6.4}$          | $17.3^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$ |
|                     | Si                         | Fe                            |                      |
|                     | $0.6 \pm 0.1$              | $(2.0 \pm 0.8) \cdot 10^{-2}$ |                      |
| $I_A^9$ (%)         | H                          | He                            | N                    |
|                     | $0.0^{+1.2}_{-0.0}$        | $9.8^{+2.8}_{-2.9}$           | $69.2^{+1.5}_{-1.6}$ |
|                     | Si                         | Fe                            |                      |
|                     | $17.9^{+3.2}_{-3.5}$       | $3.2^{+1.2}_{-1.3}$           |                      |
| $\chi^2/\text{dof}$ | 27.0/21                    |                               |                      |

- Very hard spectrum suggests effect of confinement and escape
- $m = 4.3$  supports star formation evolution
- No proton! But with a large uncertainty

# Forward-folding analysis : fitting to the TA data

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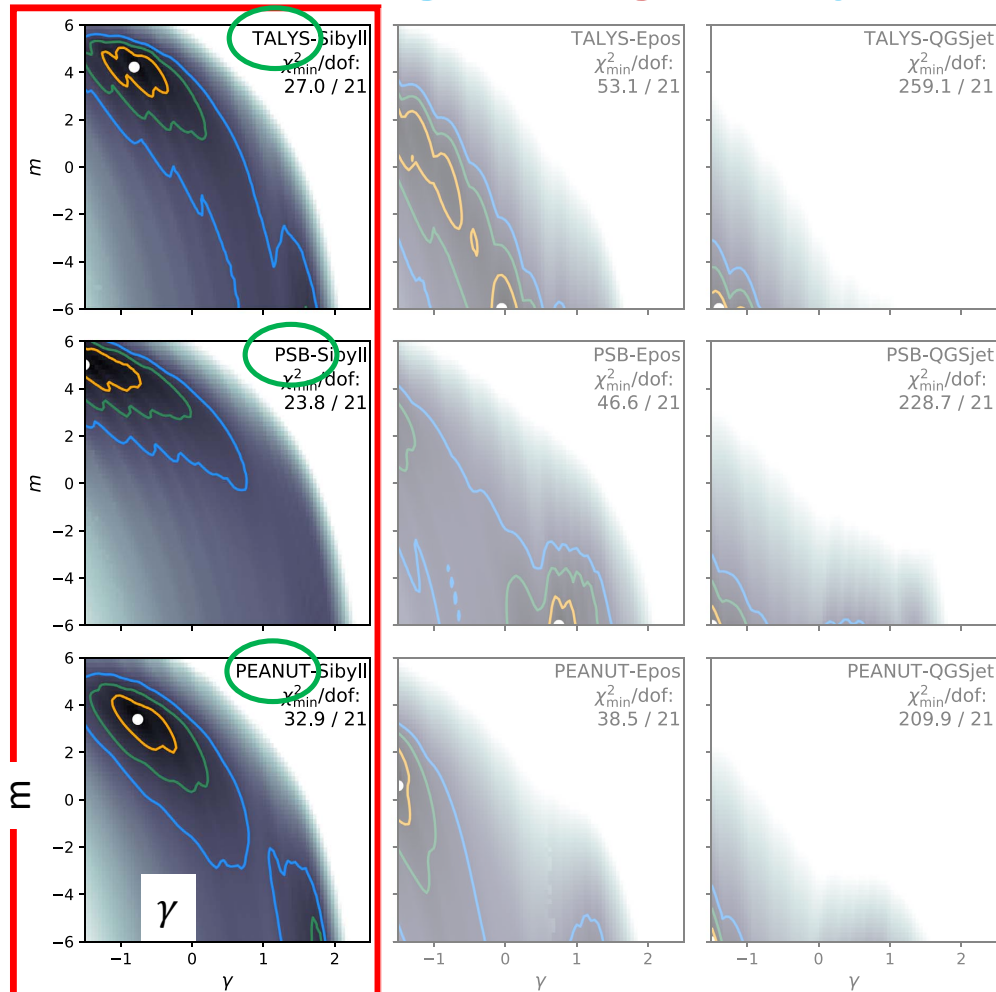
- $\gamma = -1.5$ ,  $R_{\max} = 2.2$  EV,  $f_p:f_{\text{He}}:f_N:f_{\text{Si}}:f_{\text{Fe}} = 61.0\%:37.4\%, 1.5\%, 0.1\%, 0.003\%$
- Similar to the Auger fitting, but with a large proton fraction
- Not very good fit for high energy Xmax...

# Forward-folding analysis :

## Fitting to Auger, impact of photo-dis. uncertainty

J. Heinze et al., ApJ, 873:88, 2019

- Impact of photodisintegration model on the source parameters estimation
- $\Delta\gamma \sim 1$
- $\Delta m \sim 2$

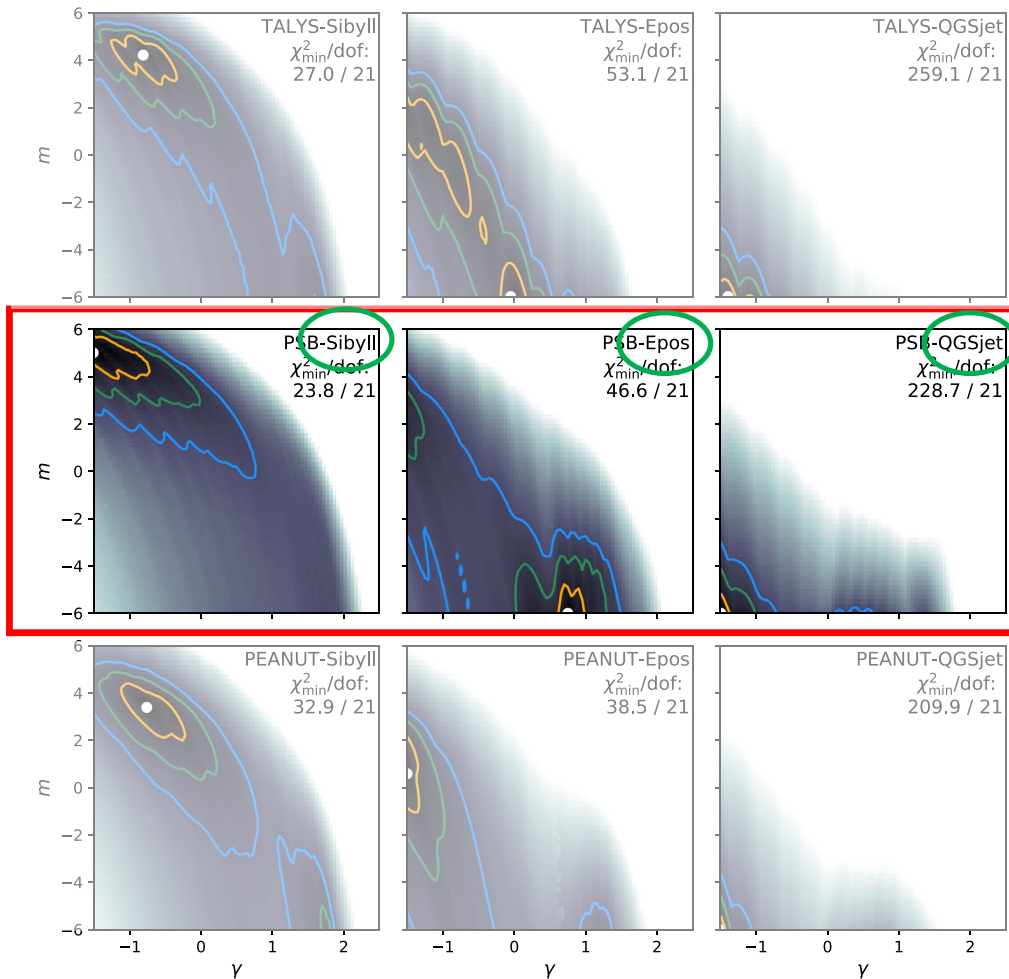




# Forward-folding analysis :

## Fitting to Auger, hadron int. uncertainty

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- Impact of photodisintegration model on the source parameters estimation
- $\Delta\gamma \sim 1$
- $\Delta m \sim 2$
- Impact of **hadronic interaction model** on the source parameters estimation
- Too large...

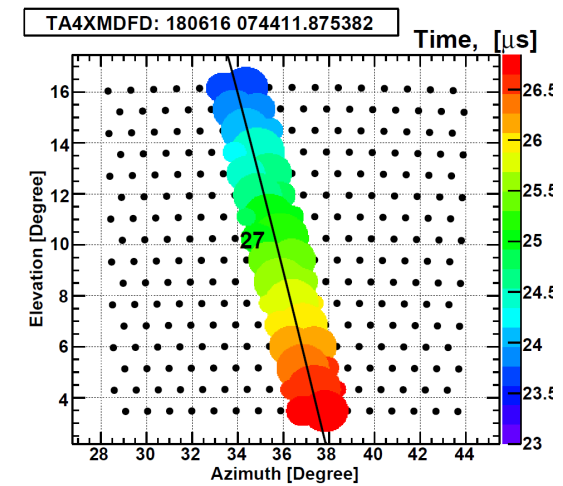
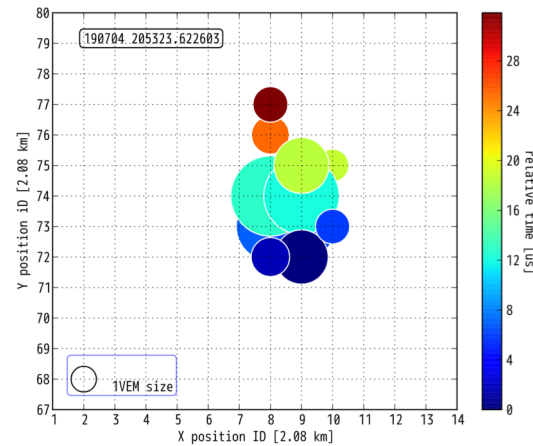
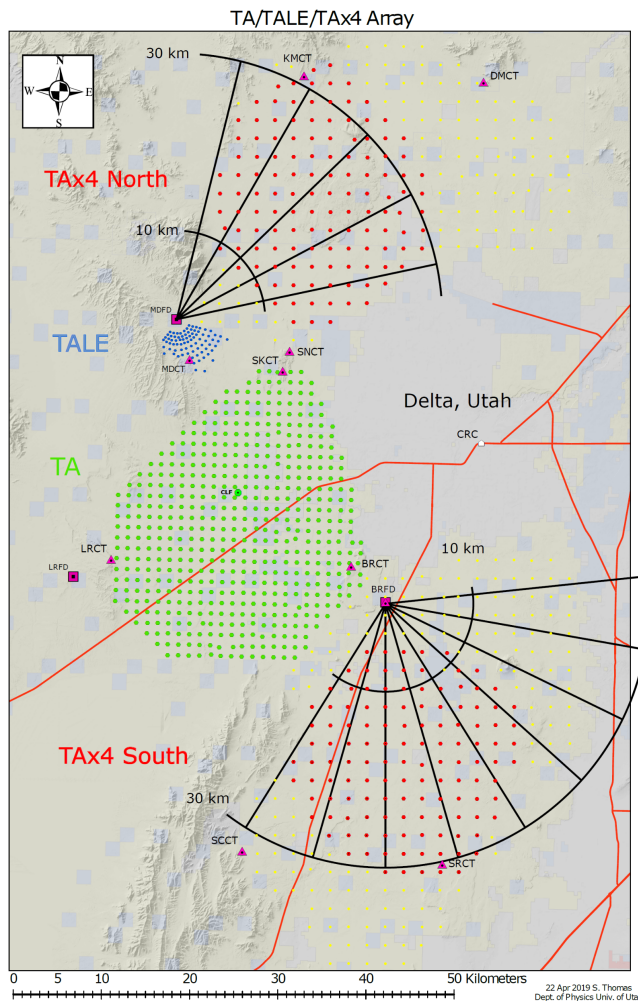
# Summary

- A (mass) and Z (charge) dependence everywhere in CR physics
  - Source :  $E_{max} = Z \times R_{max}$
  - Interaction with photon :  $\Gamma = E_{CR} / (A \times m_p c^2)$
  - Magnetic deflection :  $\theta \propto B L / R = Z B L / E_{CR}$
  - Air shower : 'A' superposition of  $E_{CR} / A$  proton showers
- Currently mass estimation from air shower analyses suffers from uncertainty of *hadronic interaction* => hot topic with LHC
- Uncertainty of *photodisintegration* modeling also shows sizable effects in the mass composition at the earth
  - $\alpha$  production is not well constrained and has impact on the CR propagation

Few more slides...

# Future

- More events with a larger area  
=> TAx4 (partially) started

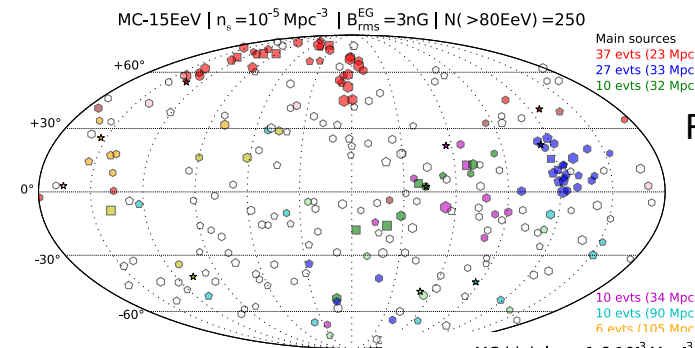
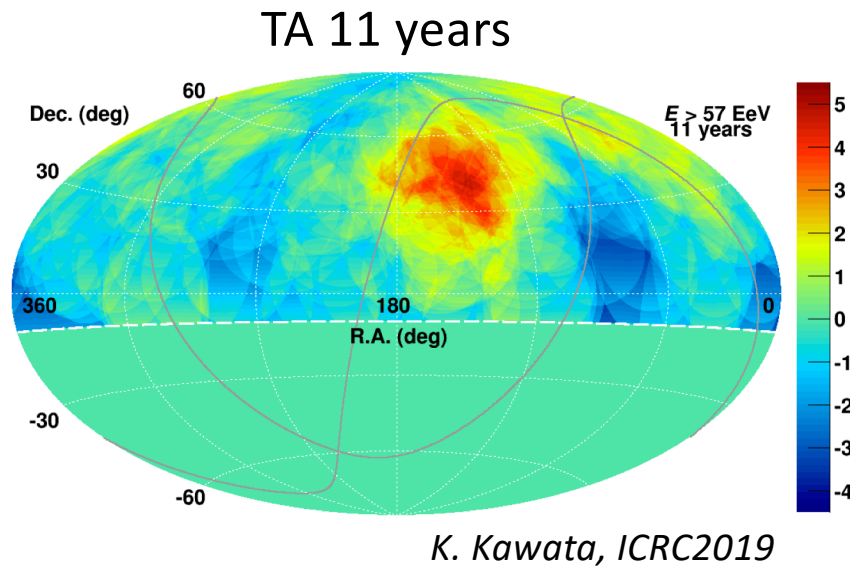


- More improvements on hadronic interaction  
=> Measurements at LHC, Oxygen collisions in Run3?

# Future

- More and more events
  - SD with better mass sensitivity
  - FD with a huge coverage area (to compensate duty time)
- Analysis for **individual source**, or sky area
  - **Magnetic deflection** becomes important

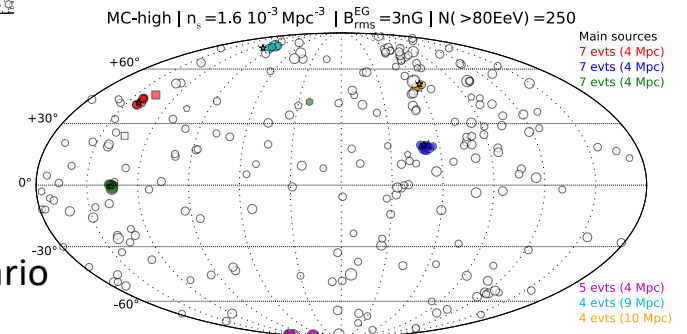
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A&A 567, A81 (2014)



$R_{\text{max}} = 15 \text{ EV mix scenario}$

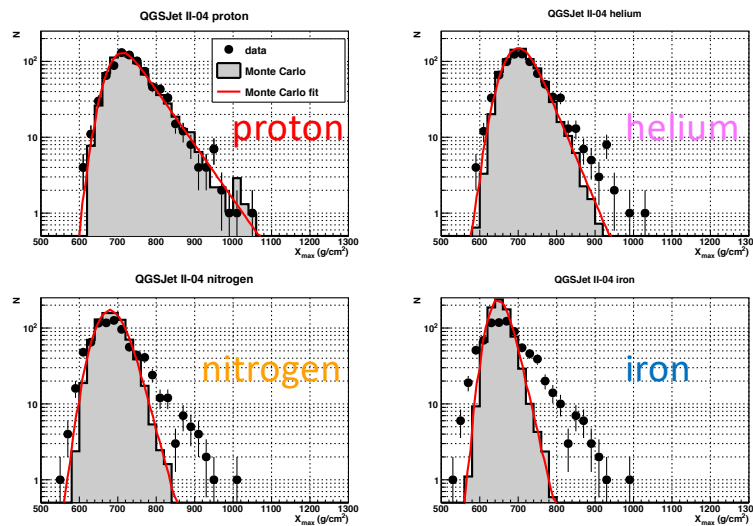
$300,000 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$   
 $= (300,000/\pi/700) = 136 \text{ TA yrs}$

Proton dominant scenario  
w/ high source density

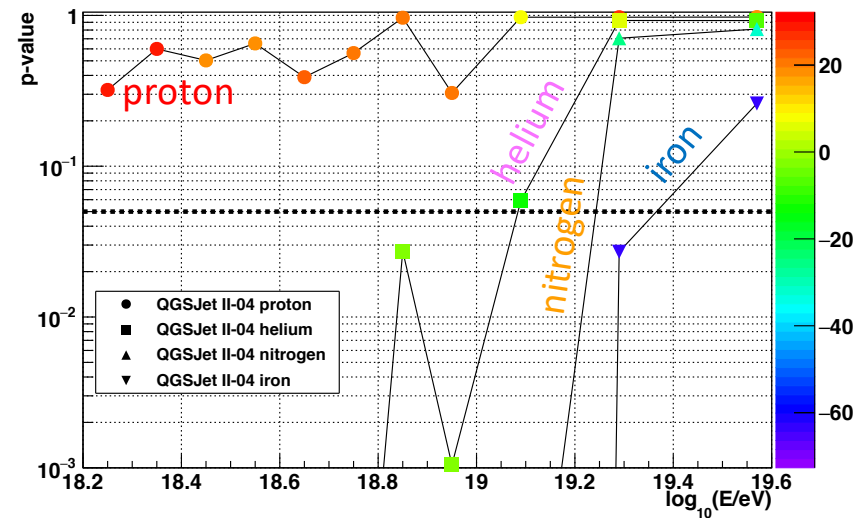




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- ✓  $X_{\max}$ の分布を実験とモデルで比較
- ✓  $X_{\max}$ +定数、を許して比較