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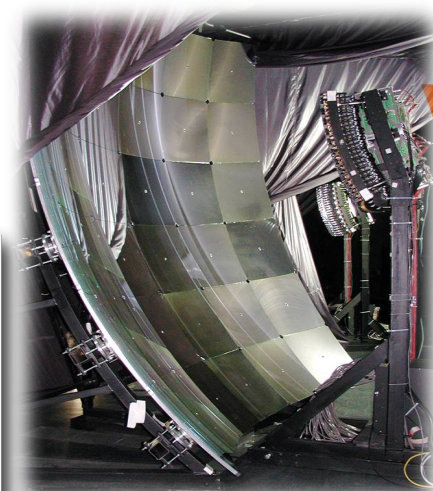
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characterize cosmic rays:
-direction
-energy
-mass
@100% duty cycle



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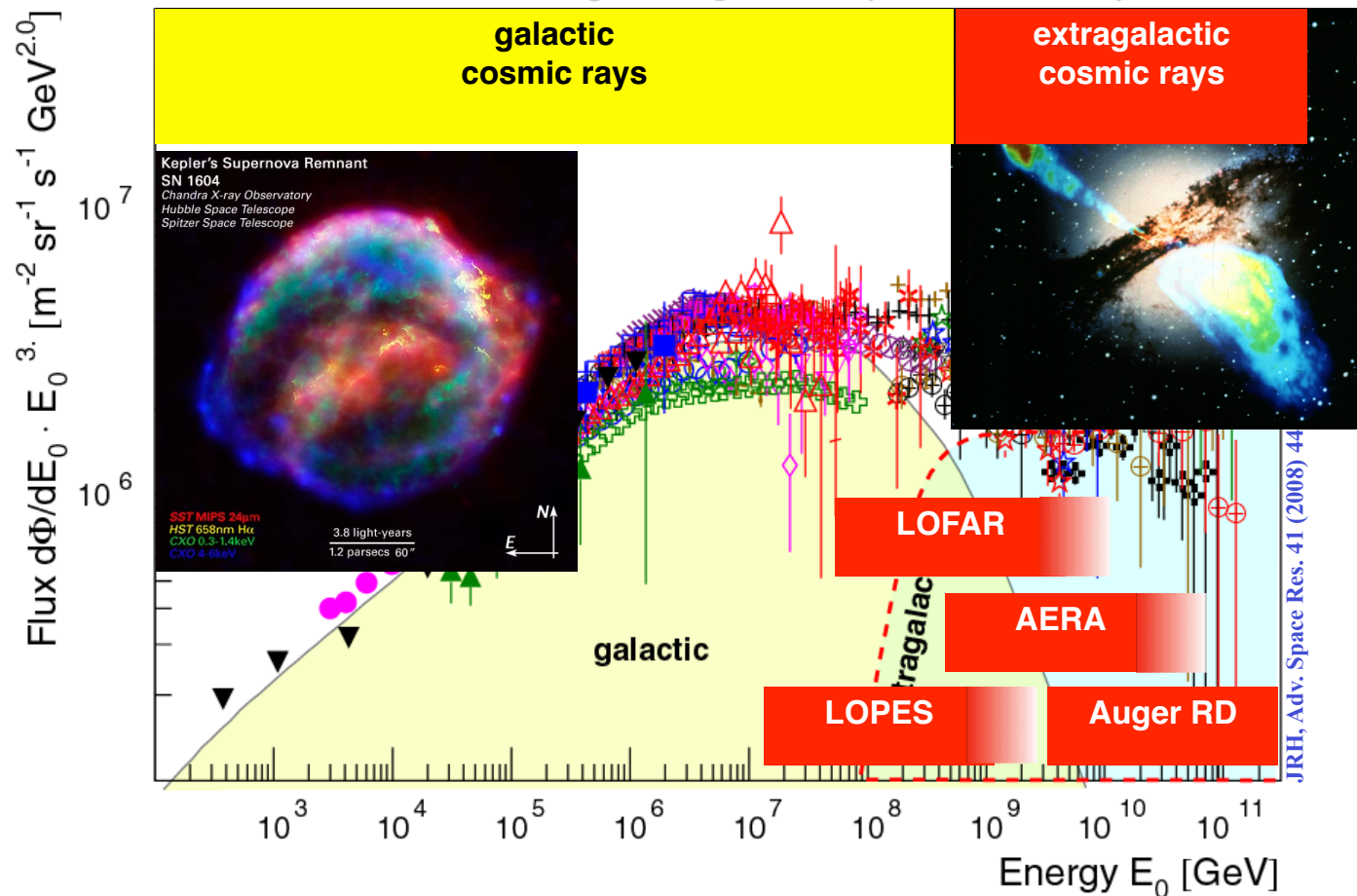
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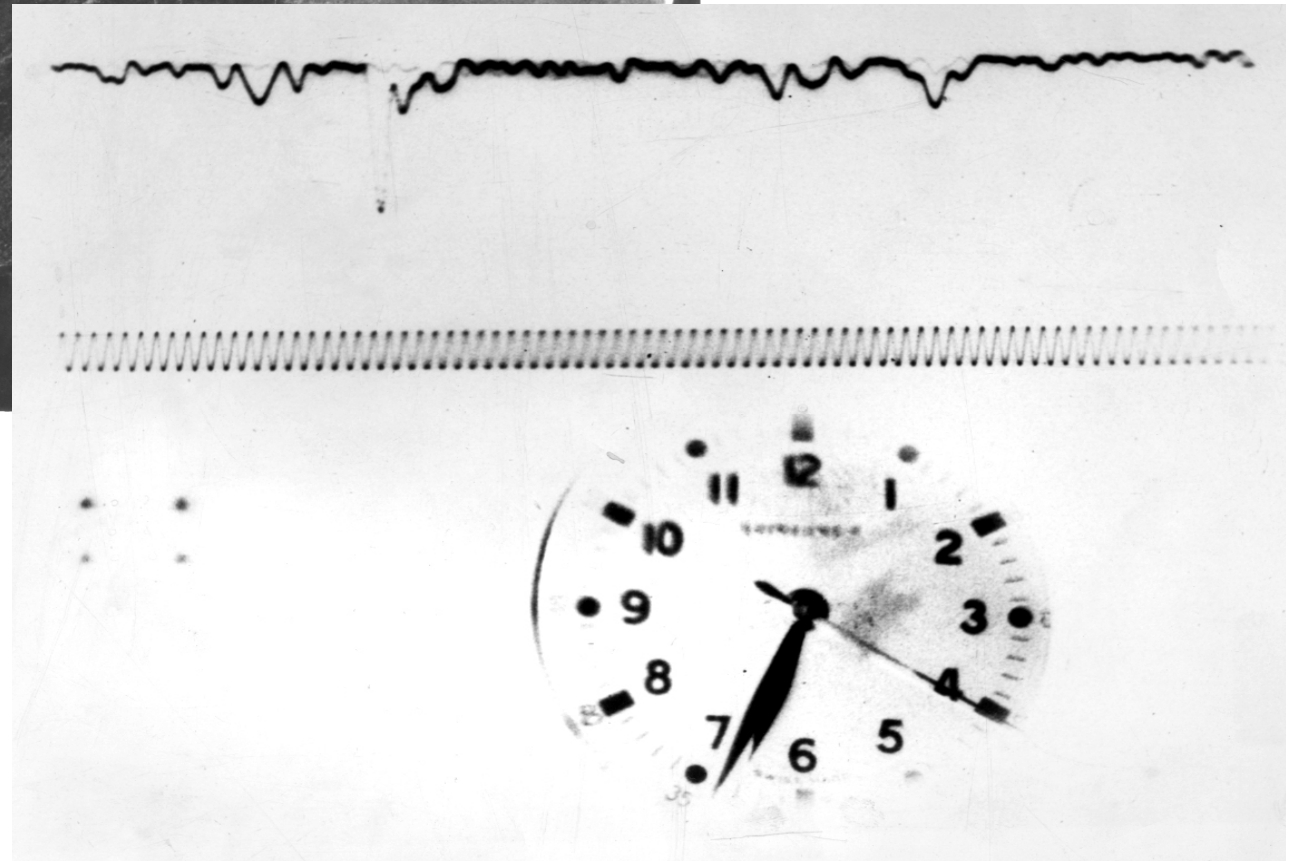
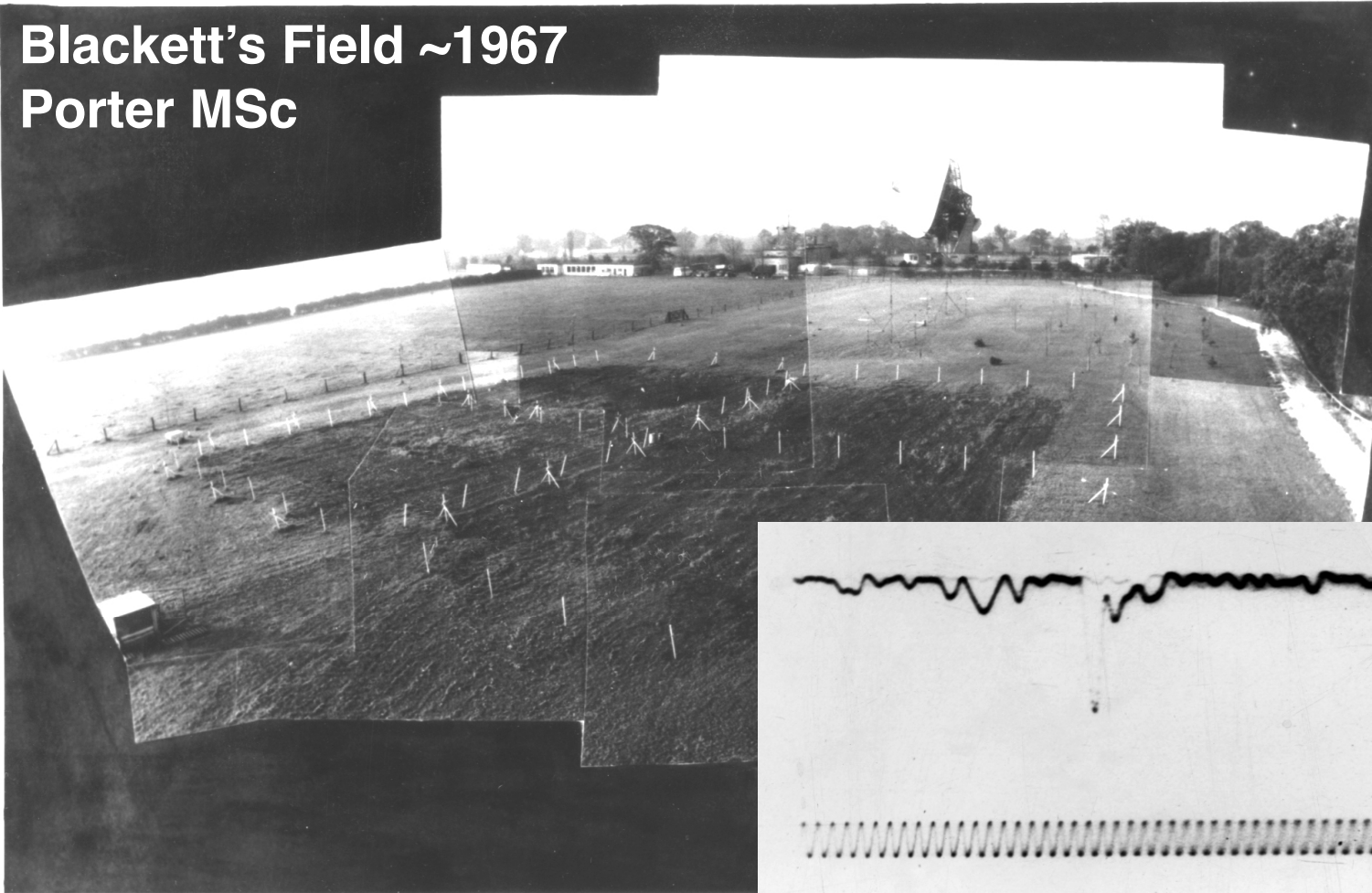
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First radio detection of air showers 1965

Blackett's Field ~1967
Porter MSc



Jelley et al Nature 1965
R. A. Porter MSc Thesis 1967

The renaissance of radio detection of cosmic rays

TIM HUEGE¹

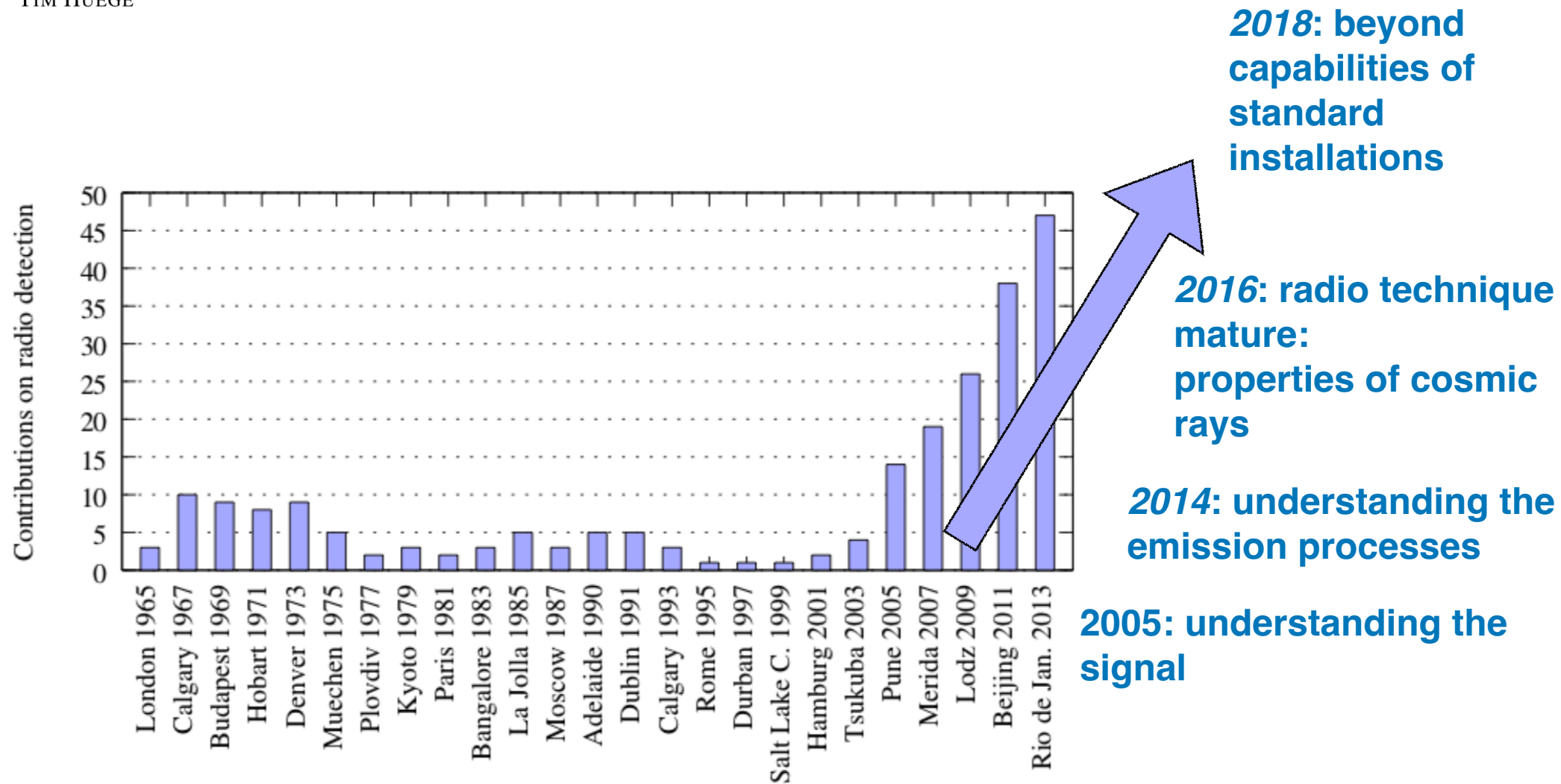
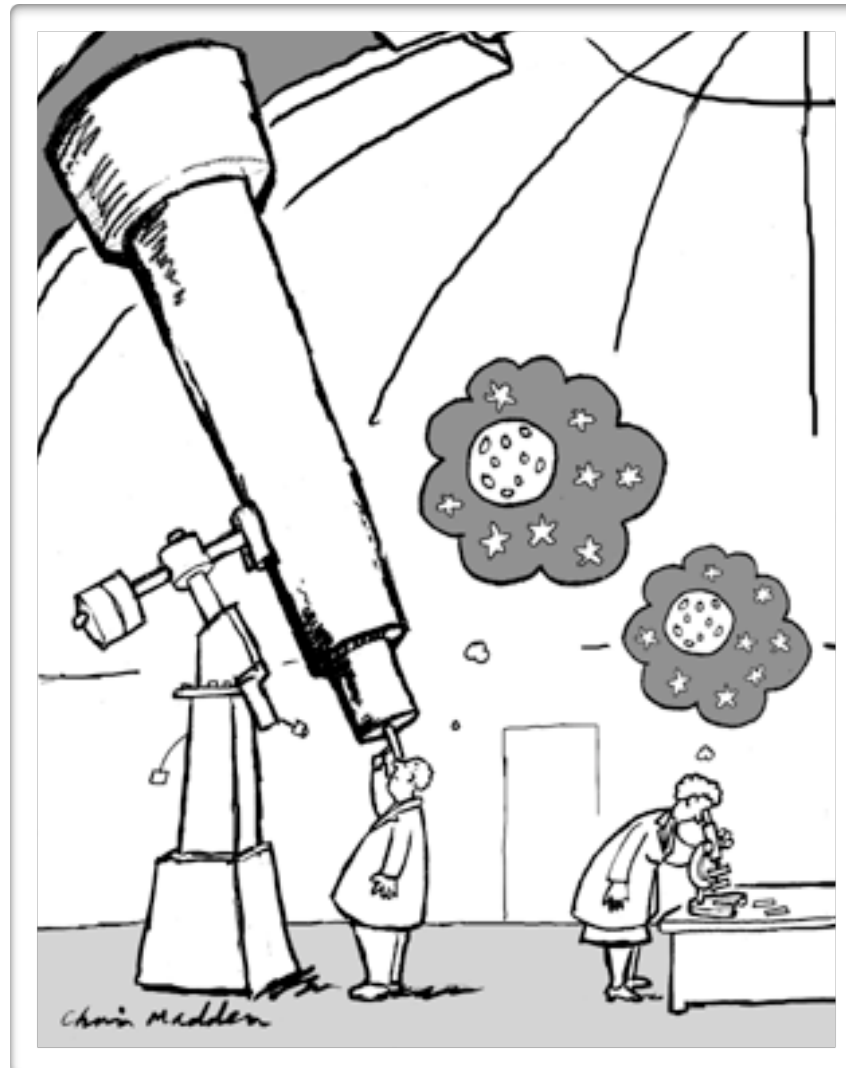


Figure 1: Number of contributions related to radio detection of cosmic rays or neutrinos to the ICRCs since 1965. The field has grown very impressively since the modern activities started around 2003. Data up to 2007 were taken from [11].

Radio Detectors



Radio detection of extensive air showers around the world

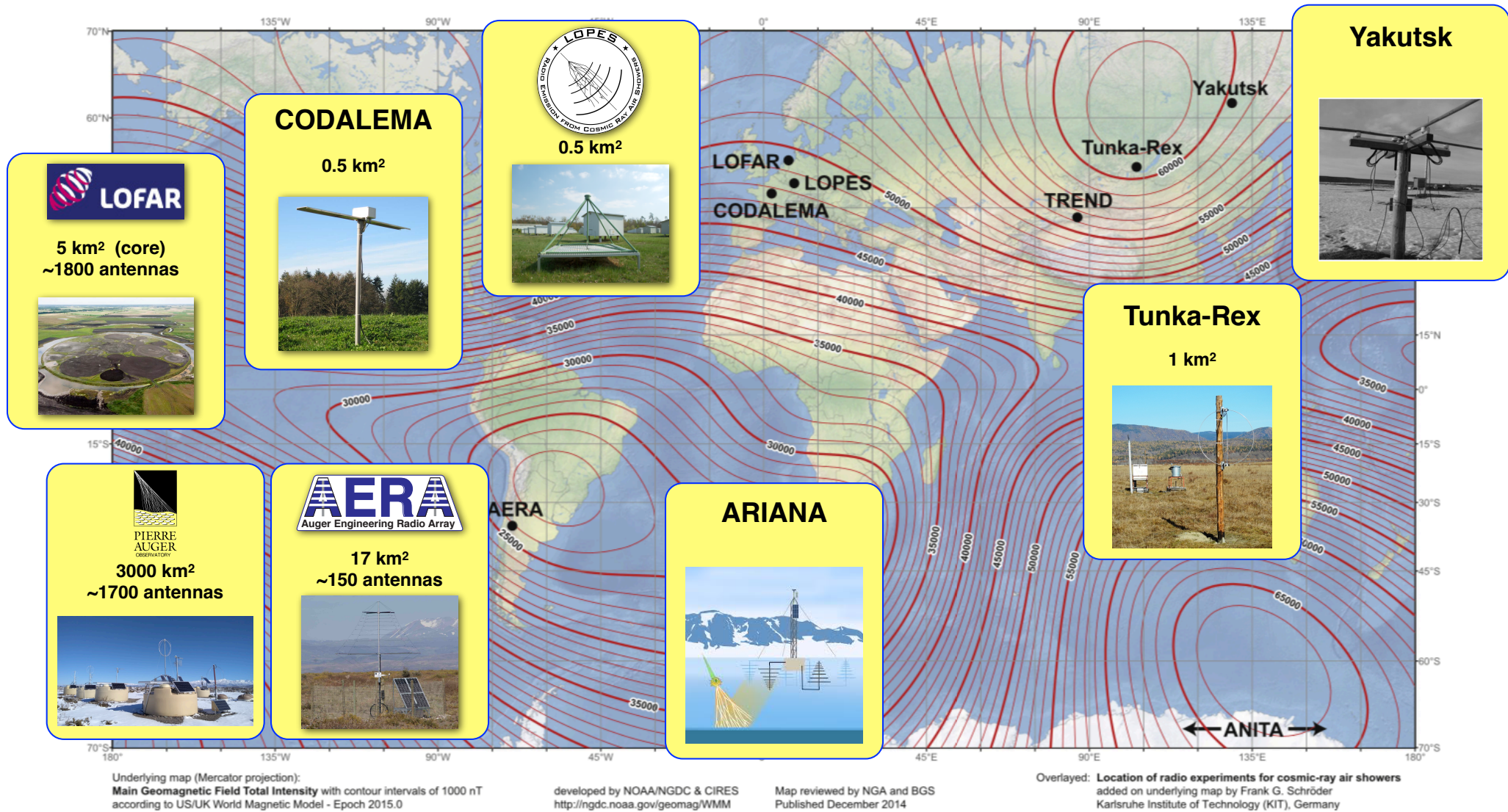
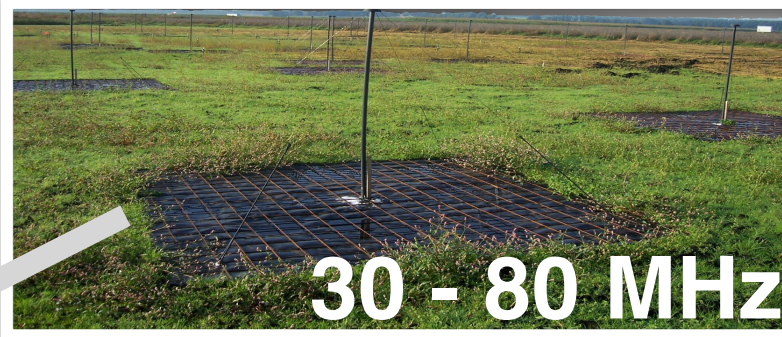


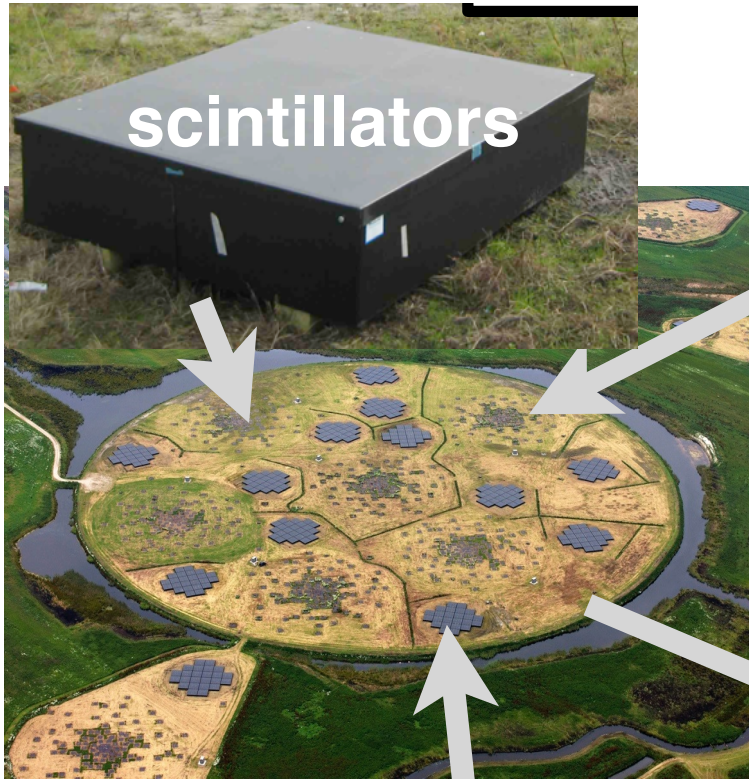
Fig. 21. Map of the total geomagnetic field strengths (world magnetic model [207]) and the location of various radio experiments detecting cosmic-ray air showers.



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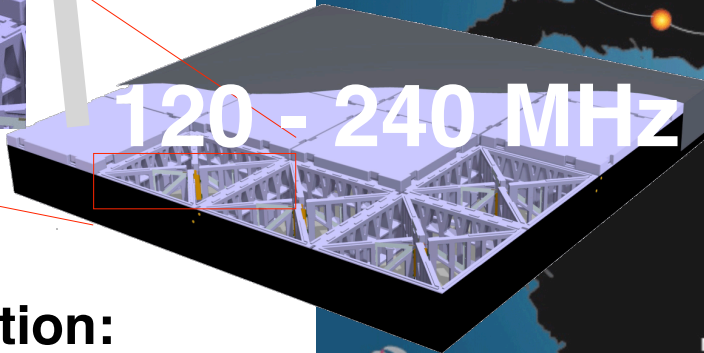
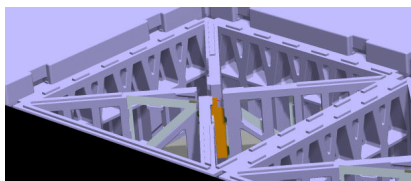
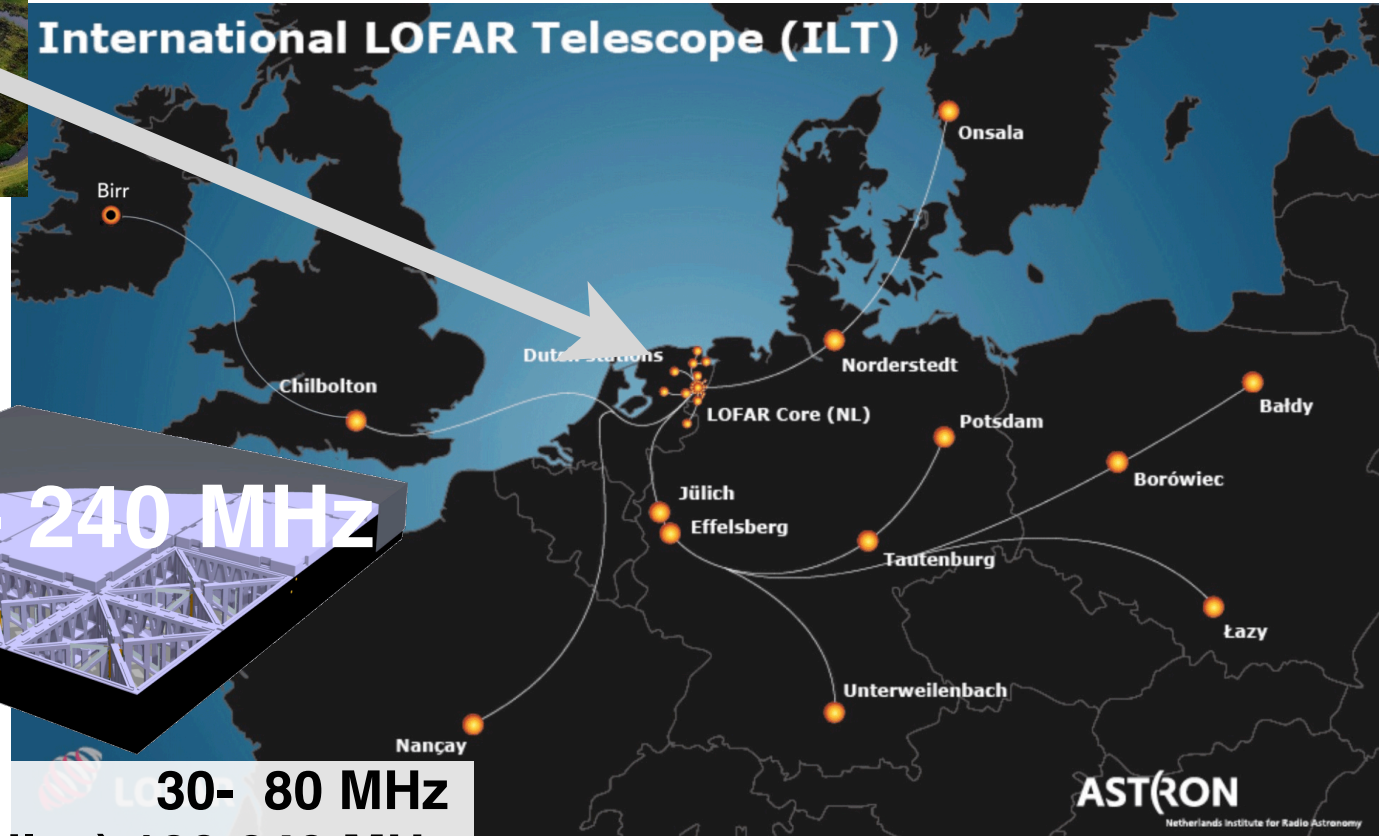
30 - 80 MHz



scintillators

core
23 stations ~5 km²

International LOFAR Telescope (ILT)



120 - 240 MHz

each (dutch) station:
96 low-band antennas
high-band antennas (2x24 tiles) 120-240 MHz

30- 80 MHz

M. van Haarlem et al., A&A 556 (2013) A2

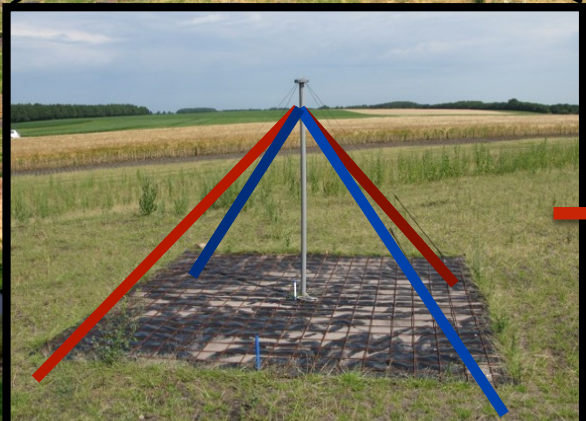
LORA
LOFAR Radboud Array
scintillator detectors



Superterp:
* diameter ~ 300 m
* 20 LORA detectors
* 6 LBA stations
(= 6 x 48 antennas)
* more LBA stations
around superterp

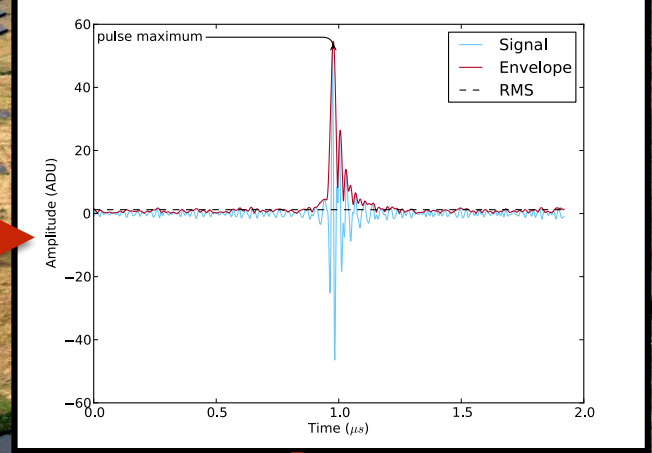
trigger: 13 of 20
detectors

offline analysis
P. Schellart et al., A&A 560, 98 (2013)



Low Band Antennas (LBA)
30 - 80 MHz

buffer
2 ms read-out

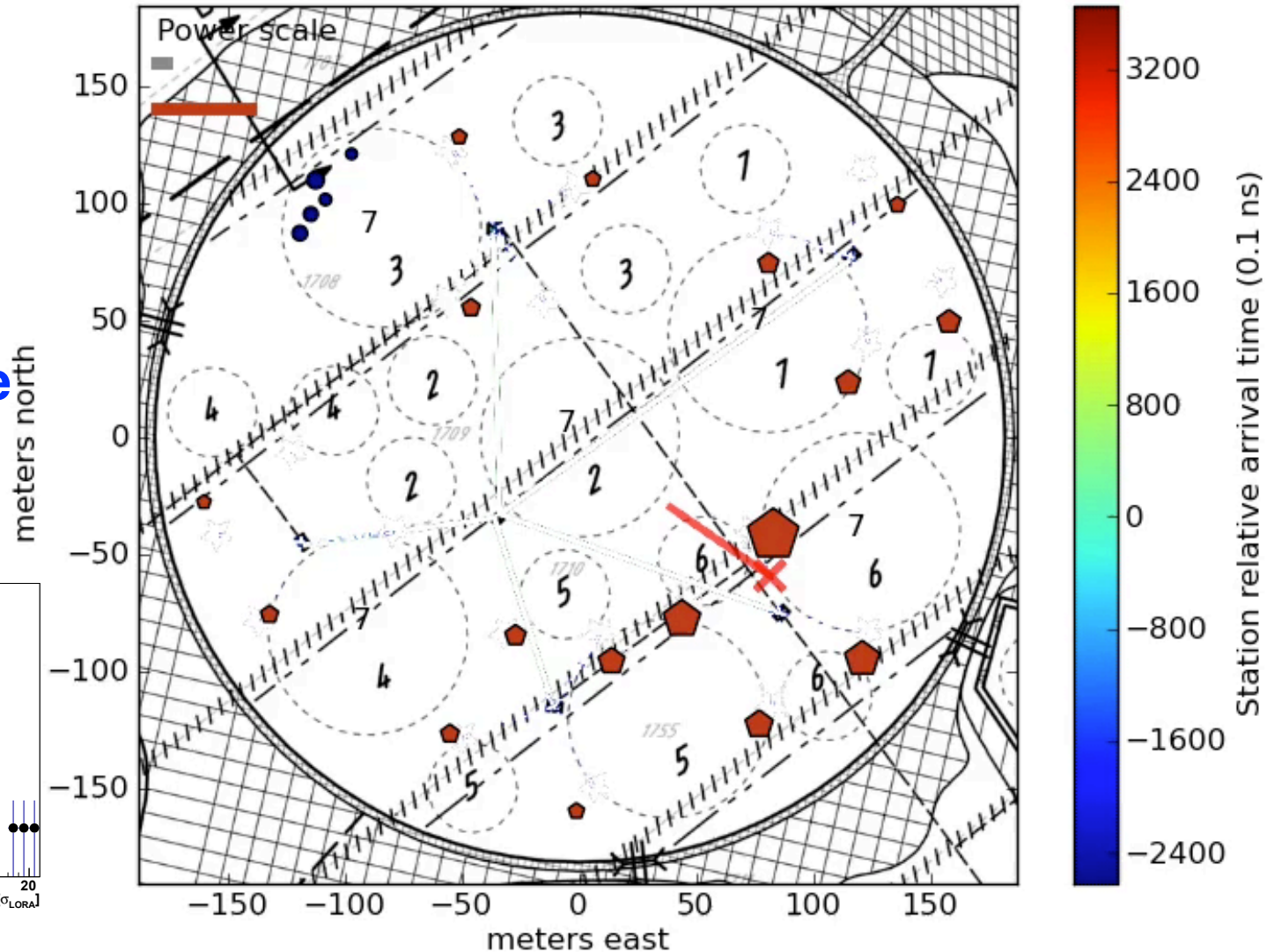
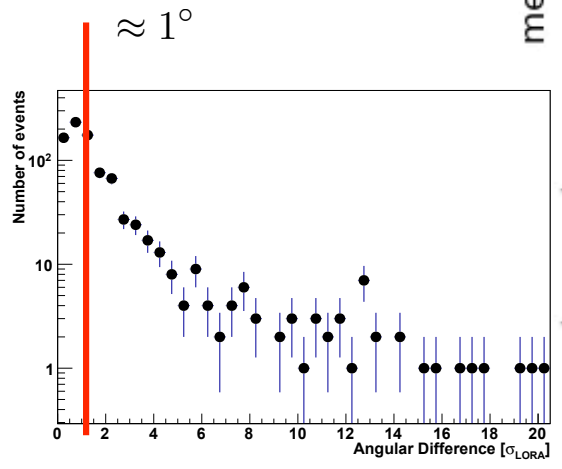


Selection this analysis:
4+ LBA stations

A measured air shower

CR event 1307923194.21 -252.2 ns

angular difference
particles - radio



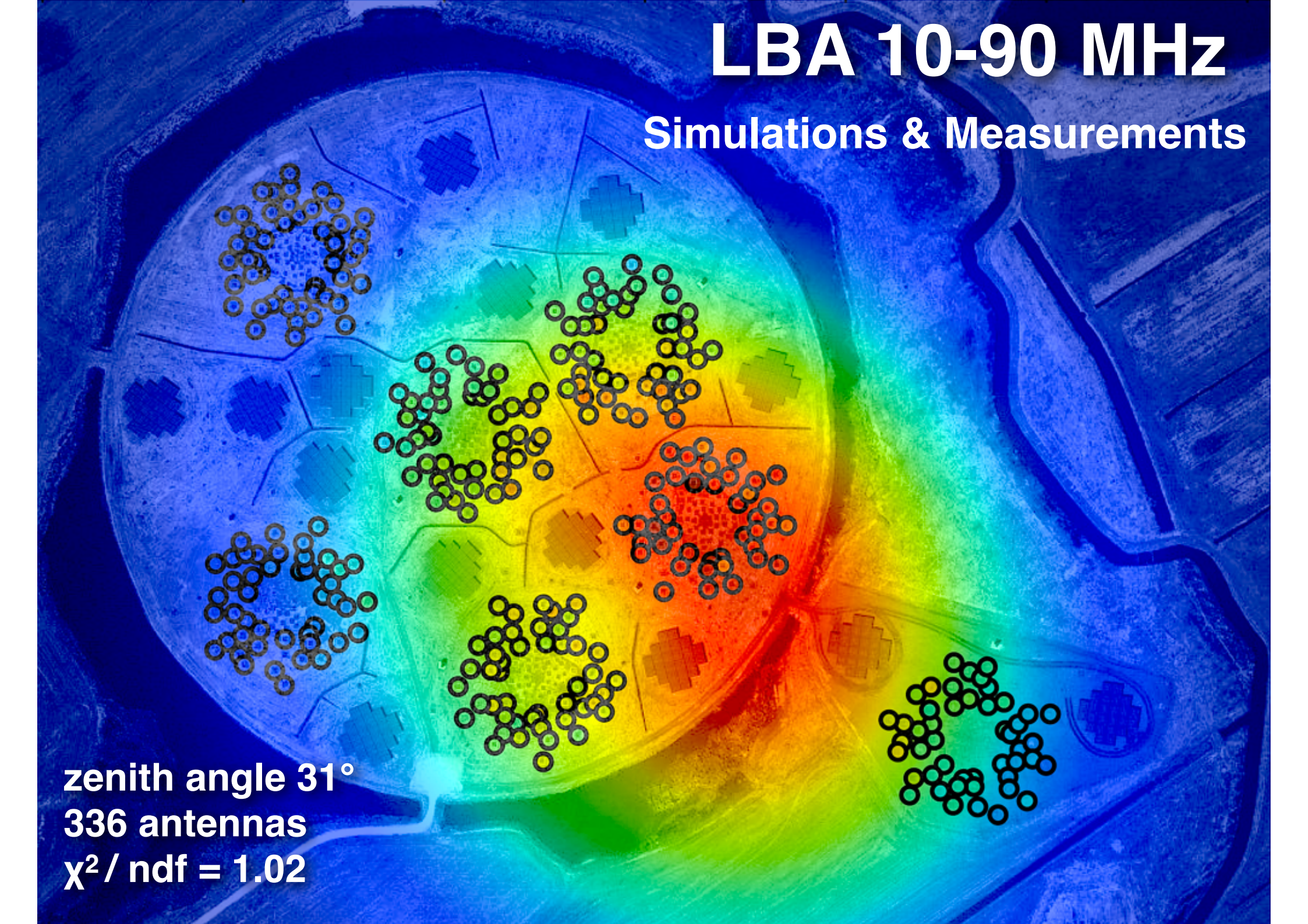
Circles: LOFAR antennas, Pentagons: LORA particle detectors, size denotes signal strength

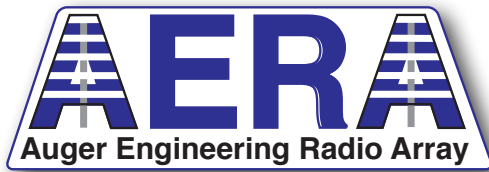


LBA 10-90 MHz

Simulations & Measurements

zenith angle 31°
336 antennas
 $\chi^2 / \text{ndf} = 1.02$

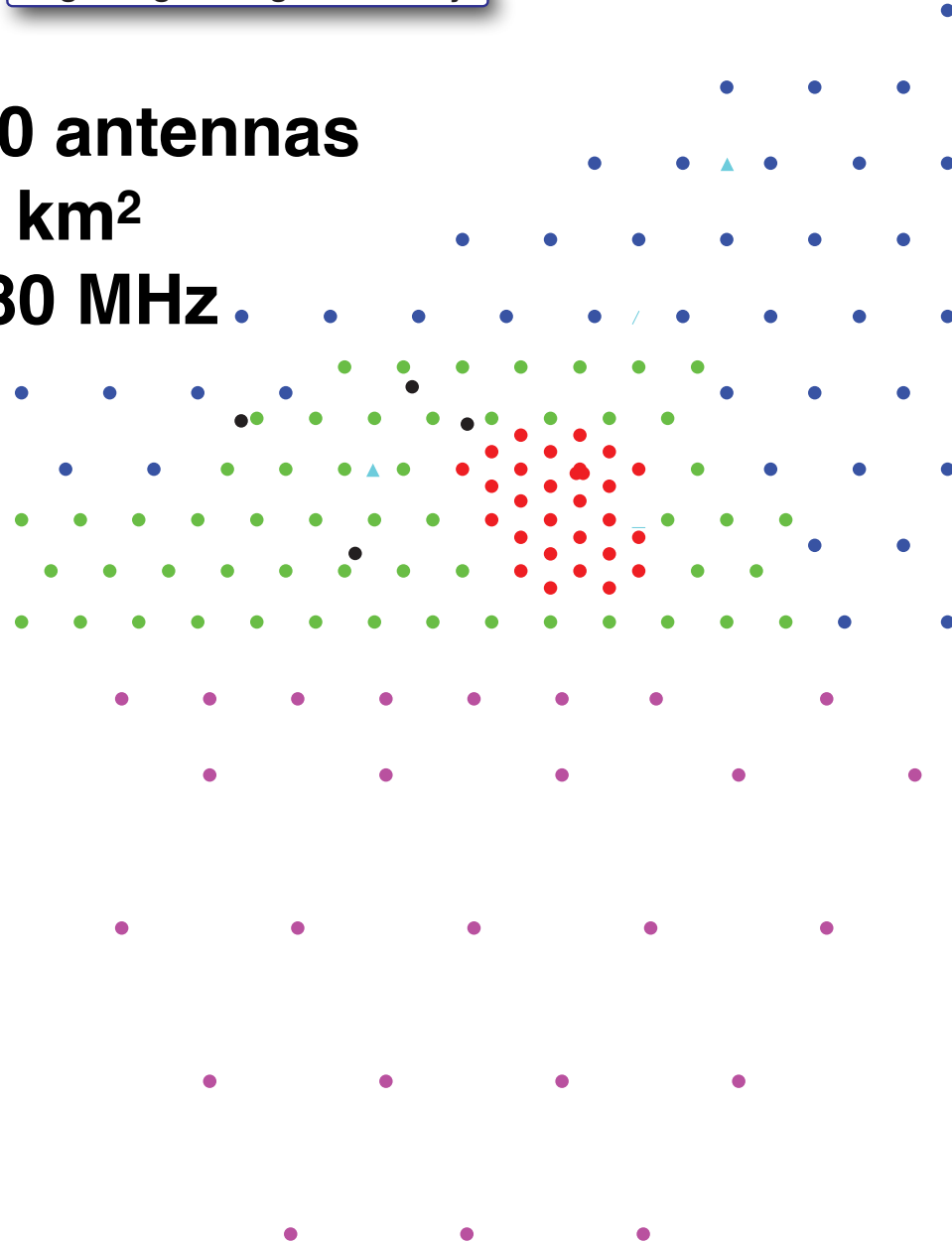




~150 antennas

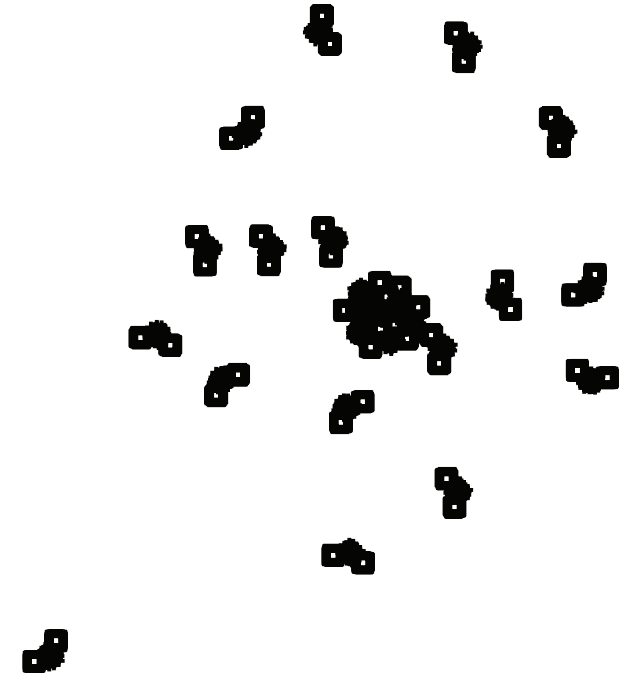
~17 km²

30-80 MHz



LOFAR core

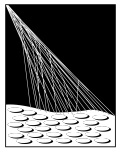
23 stations ~5 km²



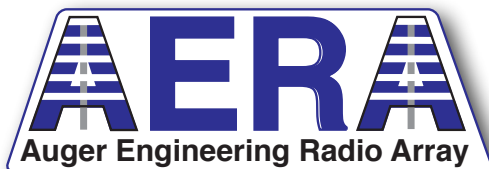
>2000 antennas

1 km





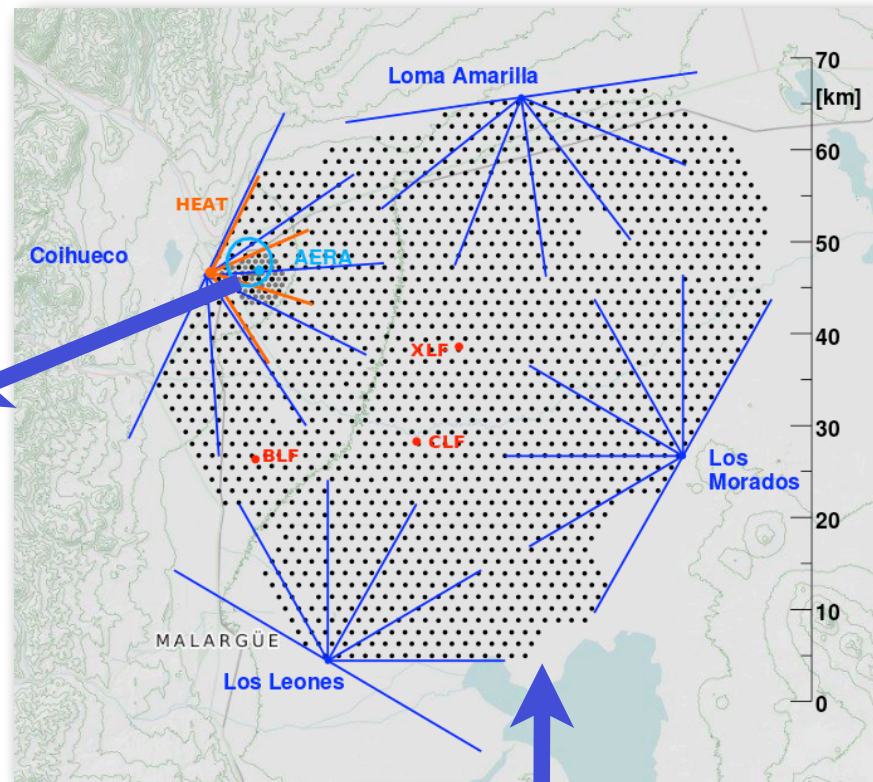
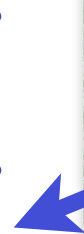
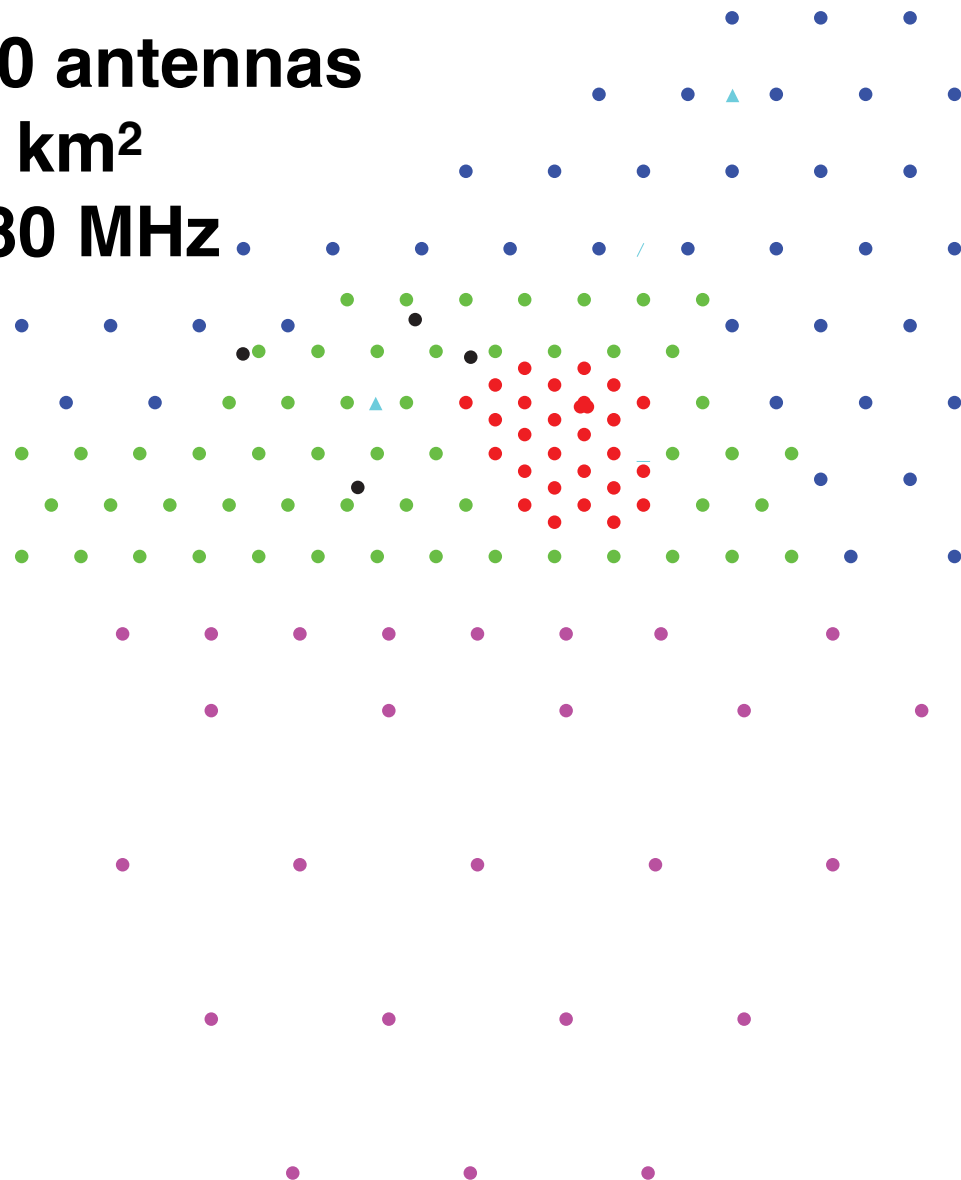
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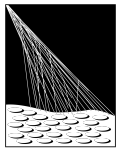


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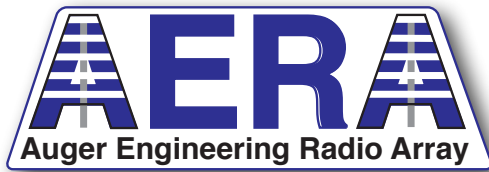
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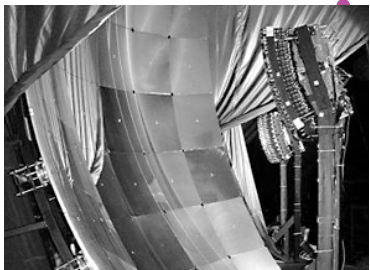
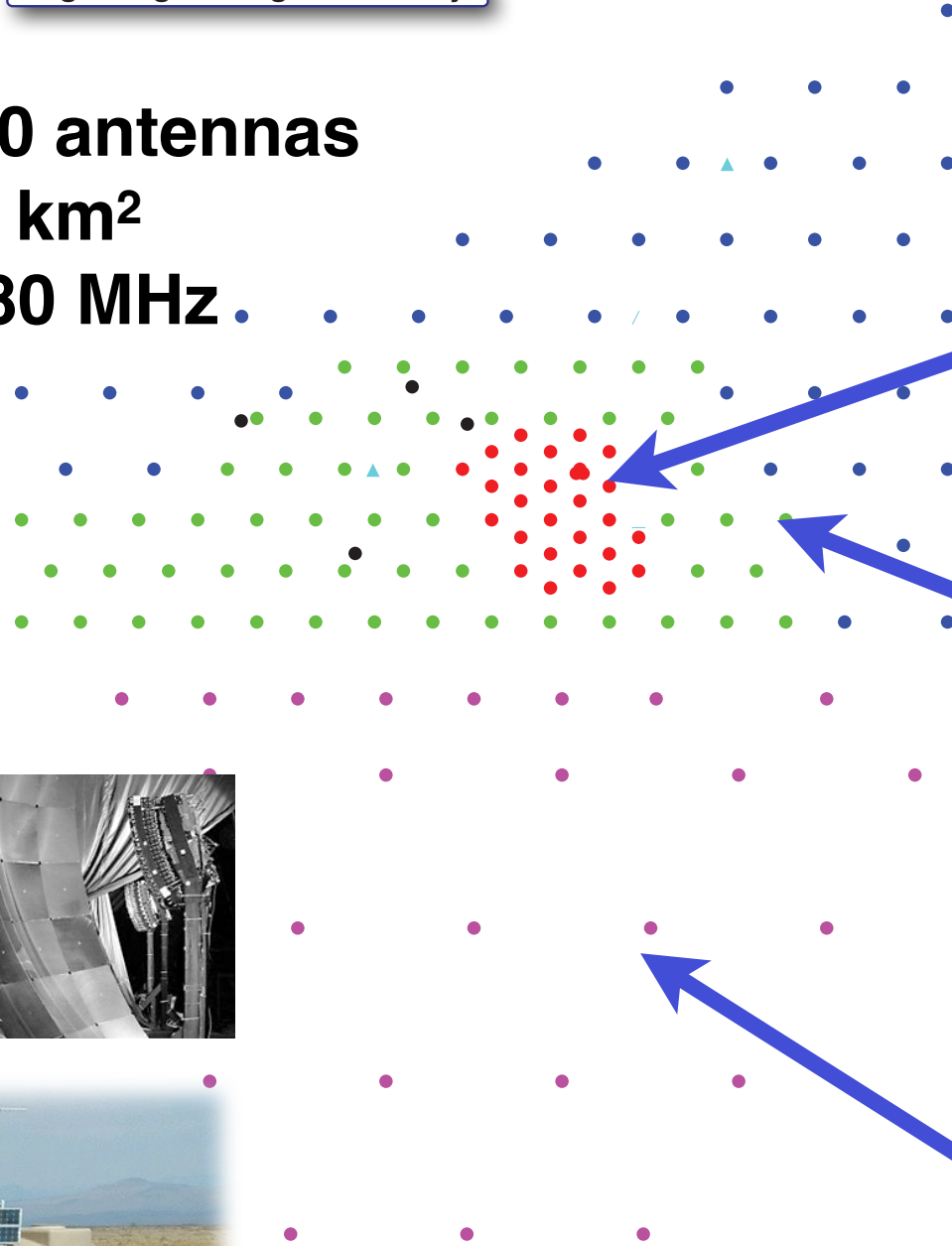
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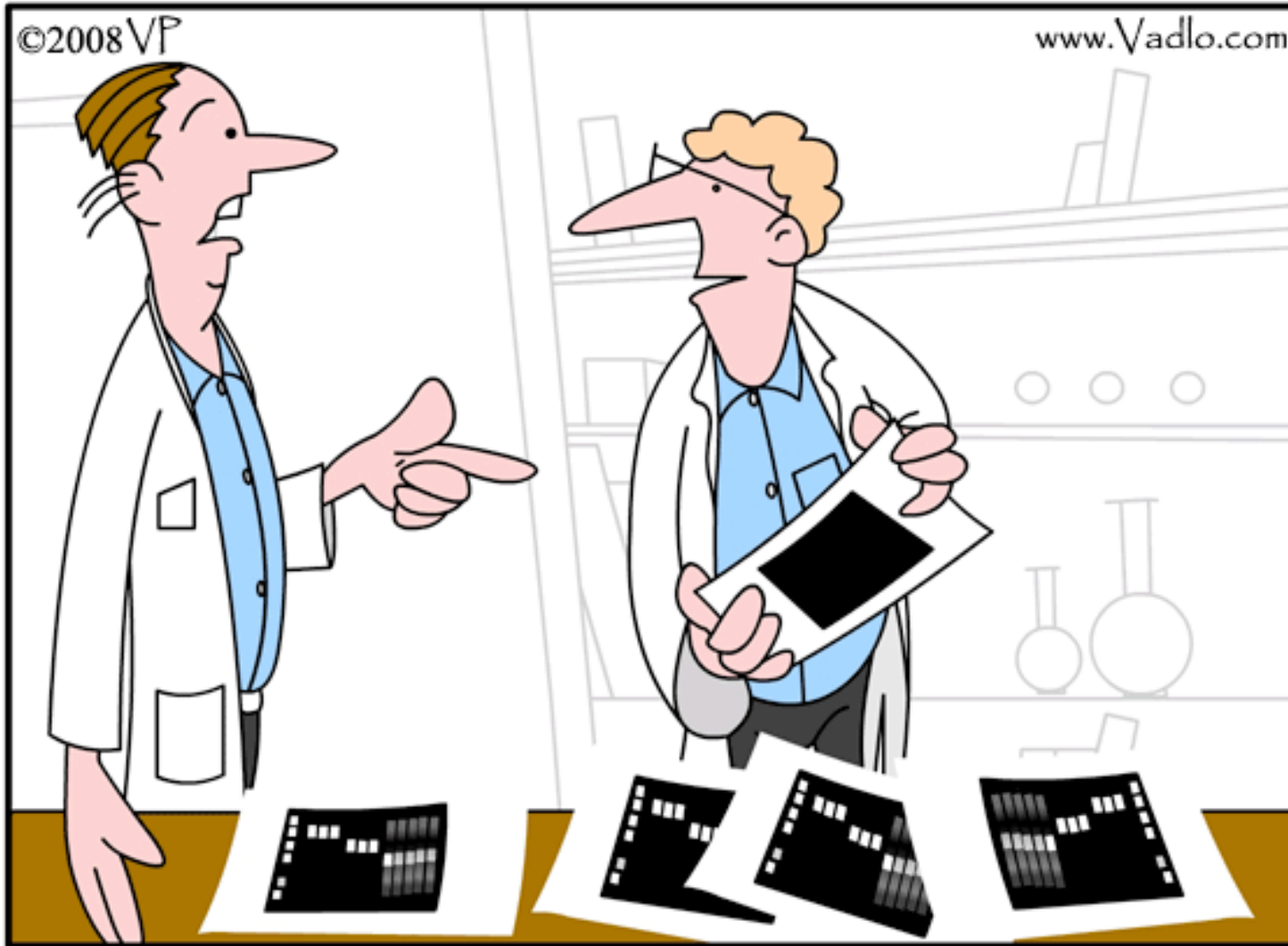
**25 stations
since August 2010**



**100 stations
since March 2013**

**+25 stations
since March 2015**

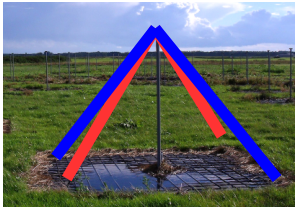
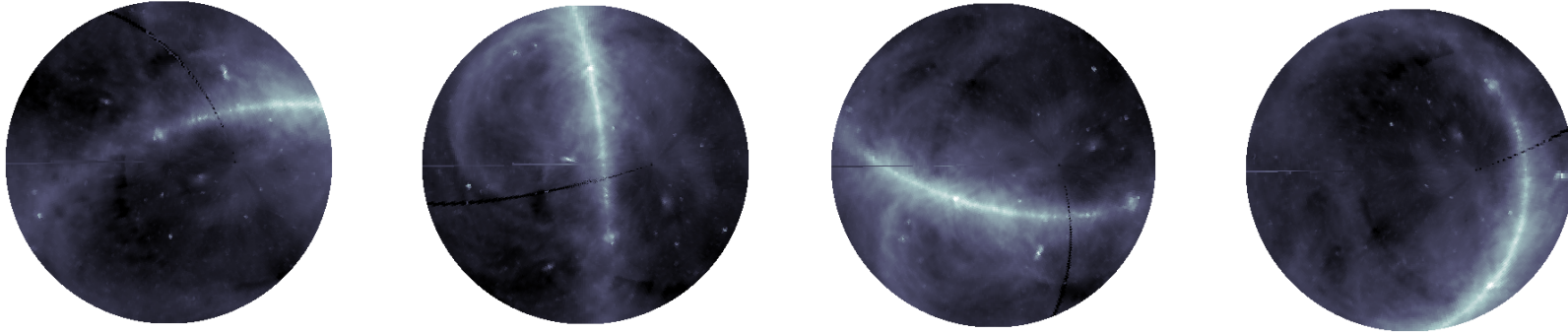
Calibration



*Data don't make any sense, we will have to resort to **statistics**.*

Simulating Galaxy Noise

Visible galaxy at 00.00,6:00,12:00,18:00 Local Sidereal Time



$$P(\nu) = \frac{2k_B}{c^2} \nu^2 \int T_{\text{sky}}(\nu, \theta, \phi) \frac{|\vec{H}(\nu, \theta, \phi)|^2 Z_0}{2Z_a} d\Omega \quad \text{WHz}^{-1}$$

Average antenna response at 55 MHz

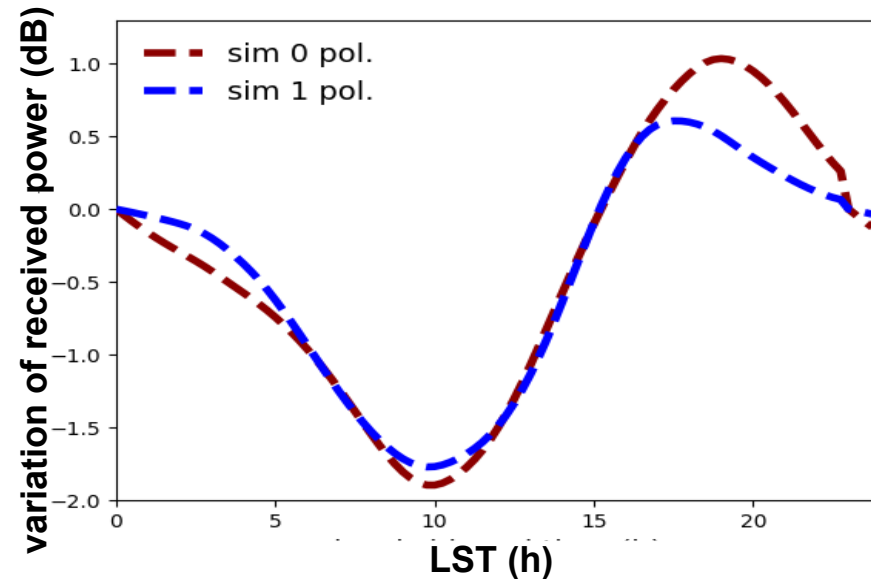
$$\langle |\vec{H}(\nu, \theta, \phi)|^2 \rangle$$



pol 0



pol 1



Uncertainties of the 30–408 MHz Galactic emission as a calibration source for radio detectors in astroparticle physics

M. Büsken^{1,2}, T. Fodran³, and T. Huege^{4,5}

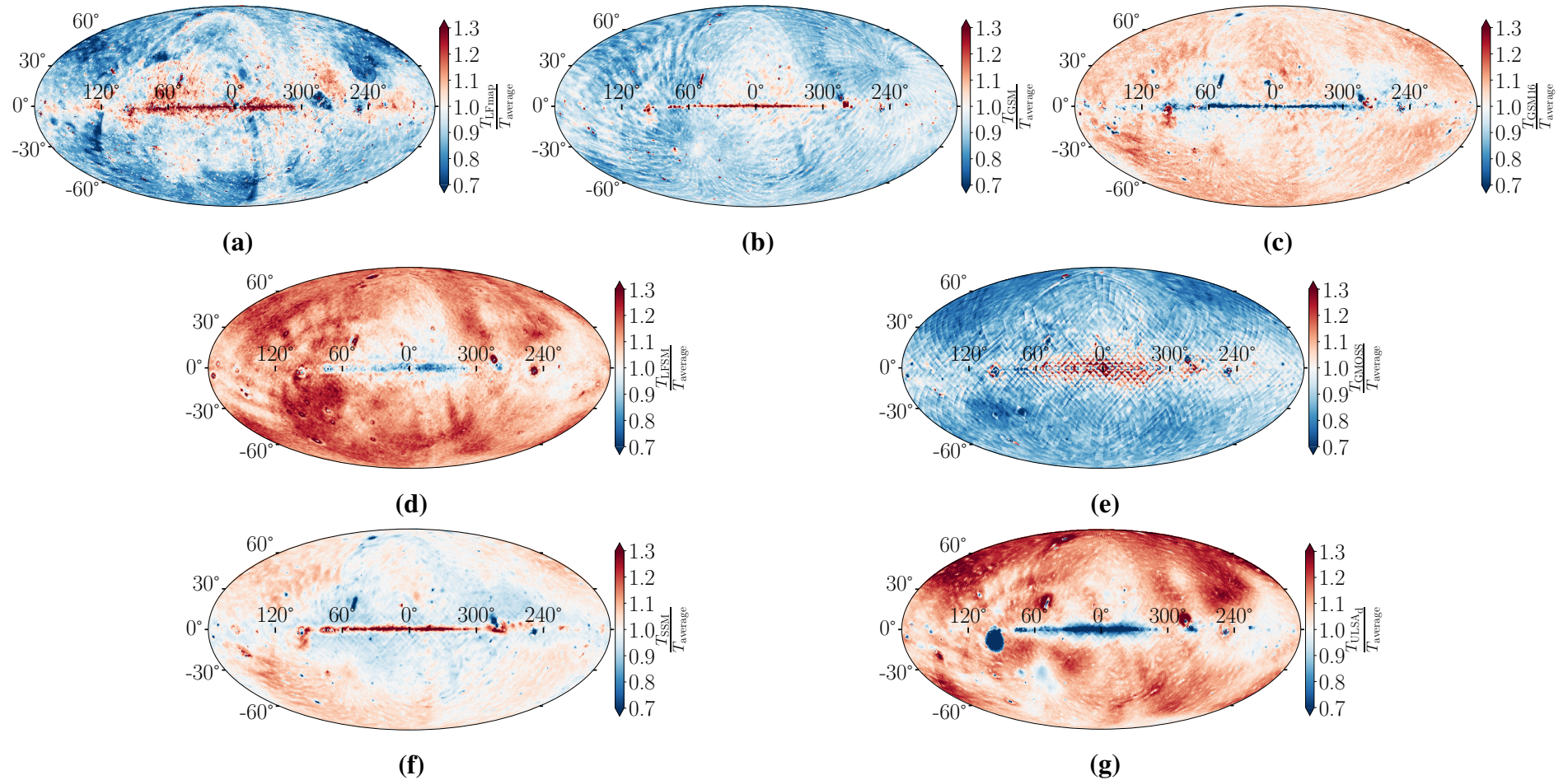
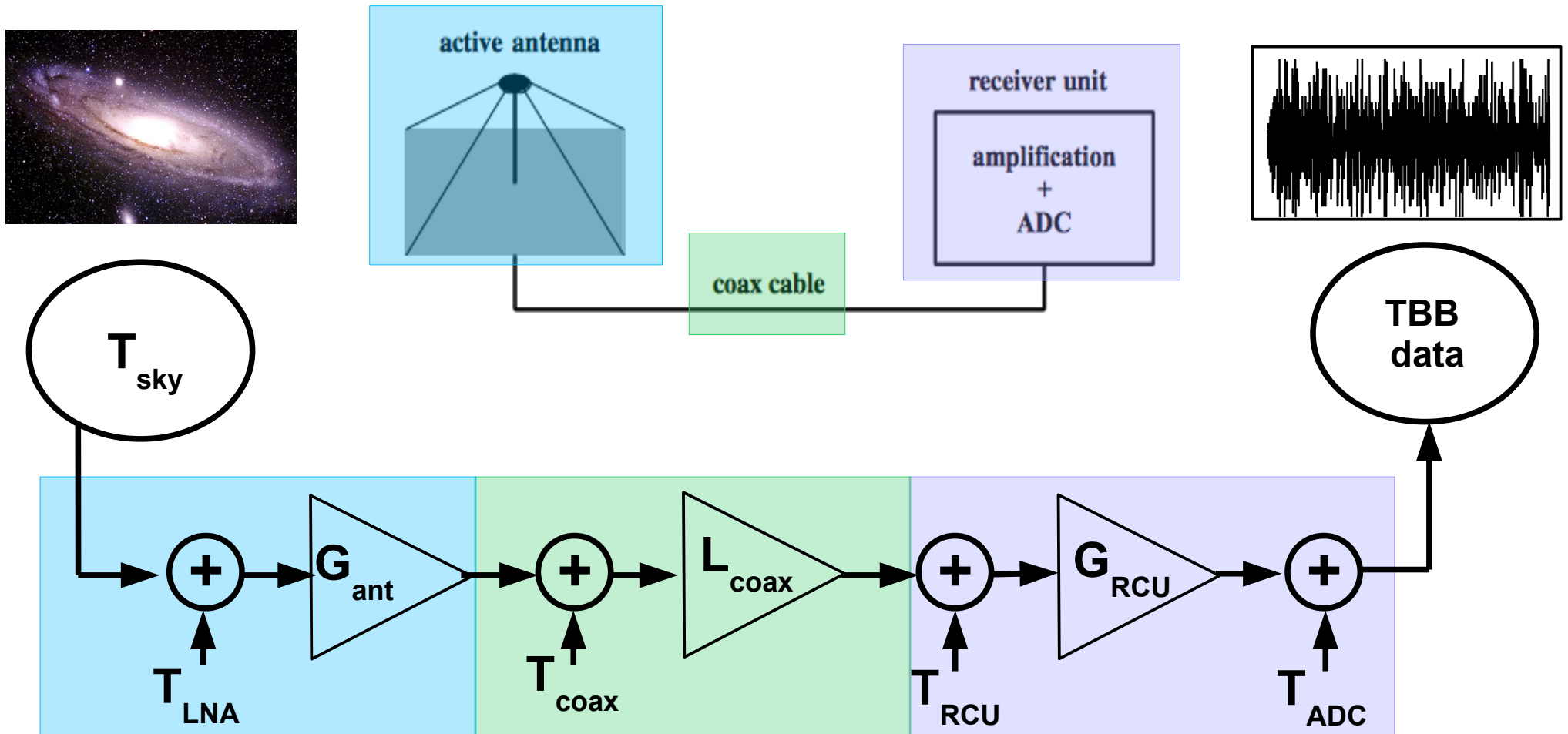


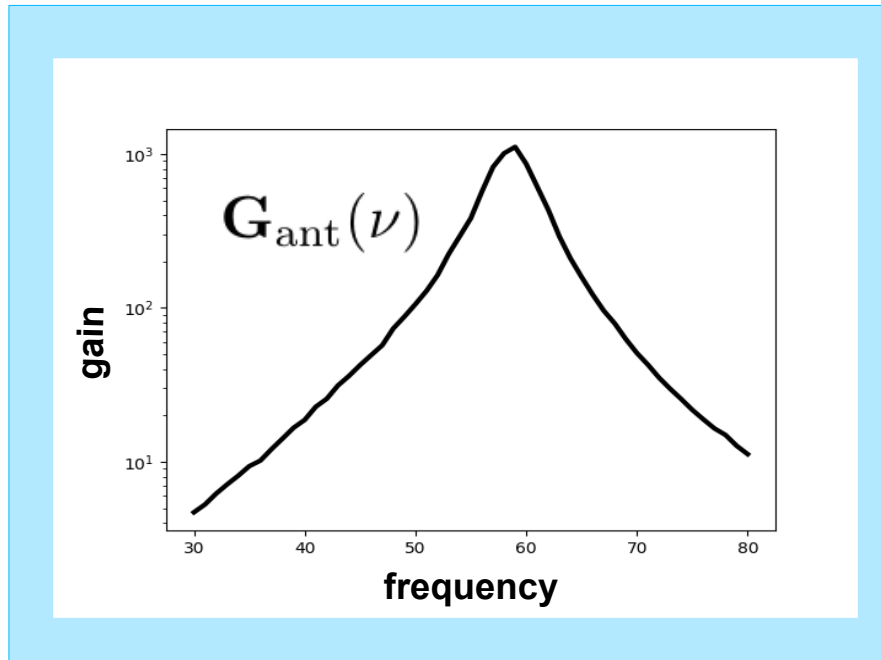
Fig. 2. Sky maps showing the temperature ratio of each model to the average from all seven models at 50 MHz in Galactic coordinates. The models are denoted as (a) LFmap, (b) GSM, (c) GSM16, (d) LFSM, (e) GMOSS, (f) SSM, (g) ULSA.

LOFAR Signal Chain



$G_{\text{ant}}, L_{\text{coax}}, G_{\text{RCU}}$ \longrightarrow Freq. Dependent losses and gains
 $T_{\text{LNA}}, T_{\text{coax}}, T_{\text{RCU}}, T_{\text{ADC}}$ \longrightarrow Constant noise values

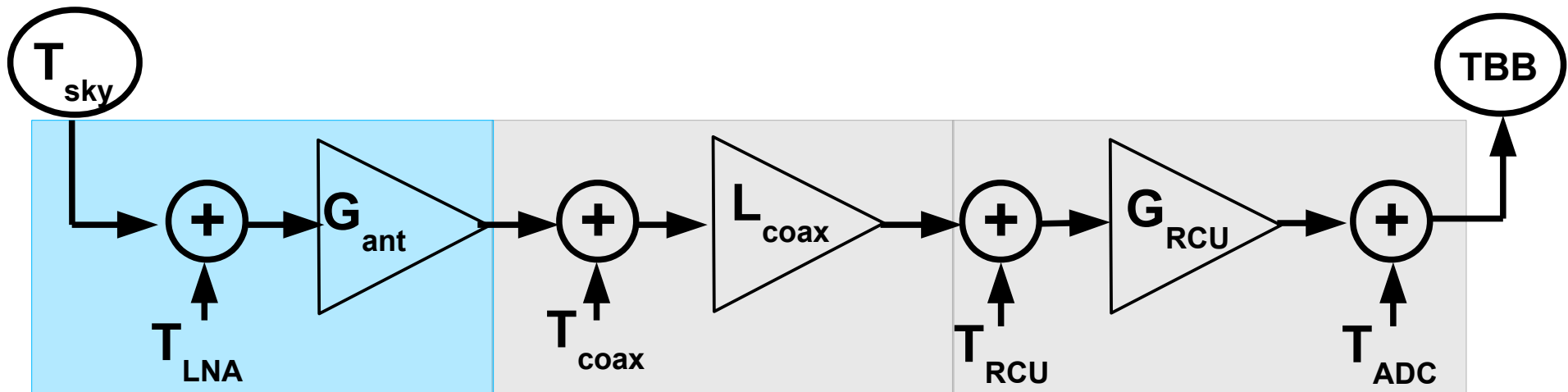
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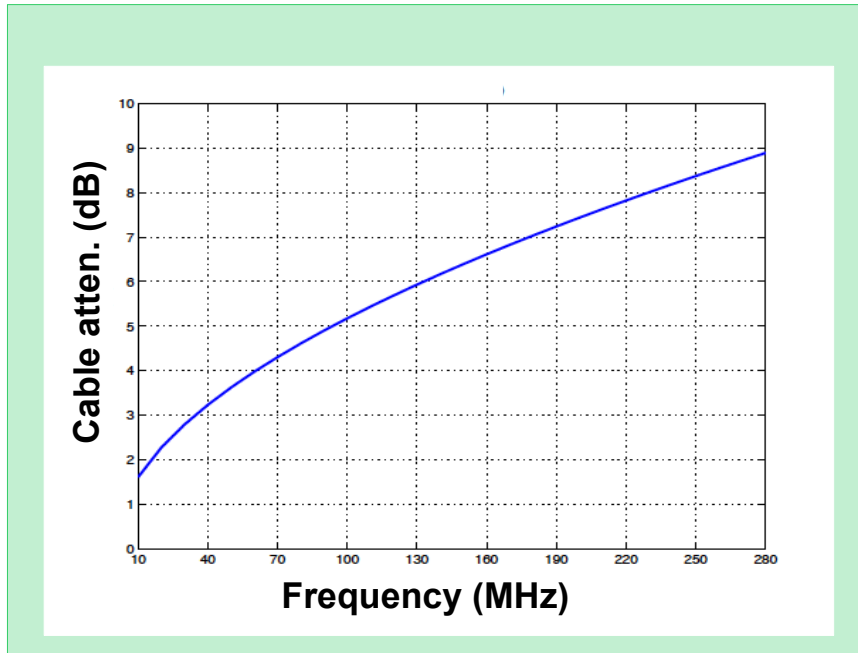
$$\left(P_{\text{sky}}(\nu, \mathbf{t}) + T_{\text{LNA}} \right) G_{\text{ant}}(\nu) A(\nu)$$

$G_{\text{ant}}(\nu)$ Antenna gain, simulated with WIPL-D software, with known misaligned resonance frequency

$A(\nu)$ correction to antenna model



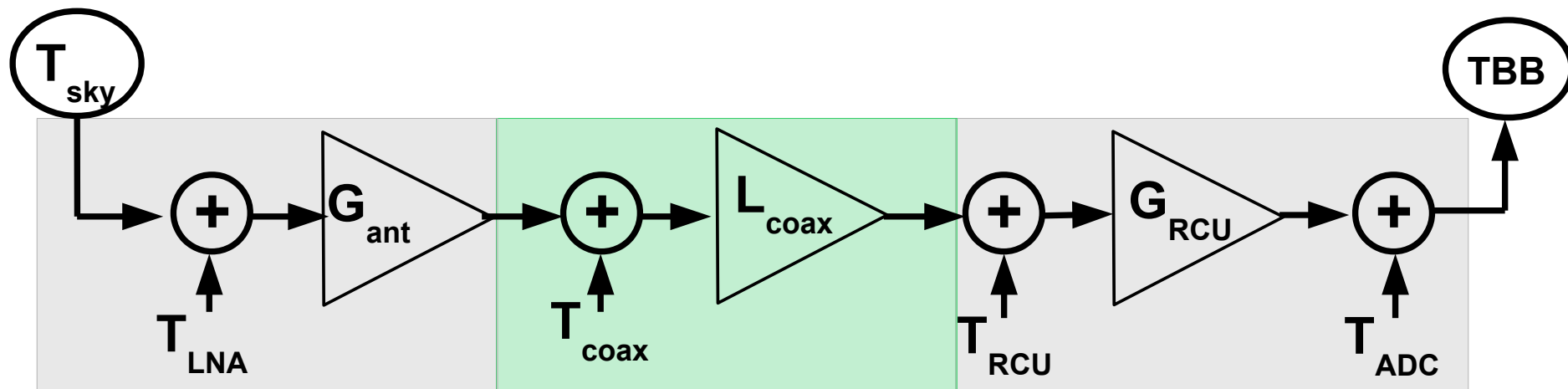
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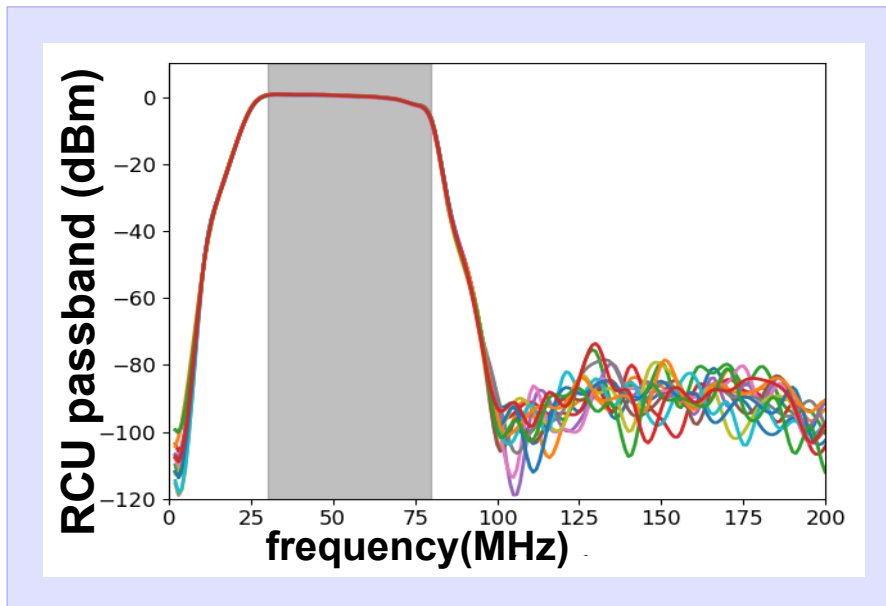
$$\left(P_{\text{sky}}(\nu, t) + T_{\text{LNA}} \right) G_{\text{ant}}(\nu) A(\nu) L_{\text{coax}}(\nu)$$

$L_{\text{coax}}(\nu)$ Cable attenuation
(50m, 80m, 115m)

$T_{\text{coax}} \ll T_{\text{LNA}}, T_{\text{RCU}}, T_{\text{ADC}}$
(not included in model)

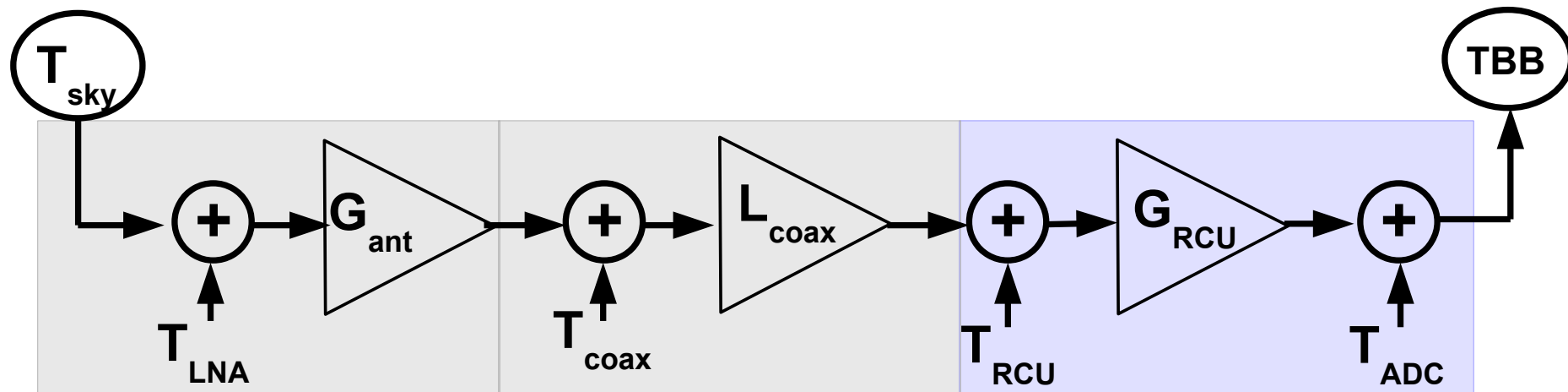


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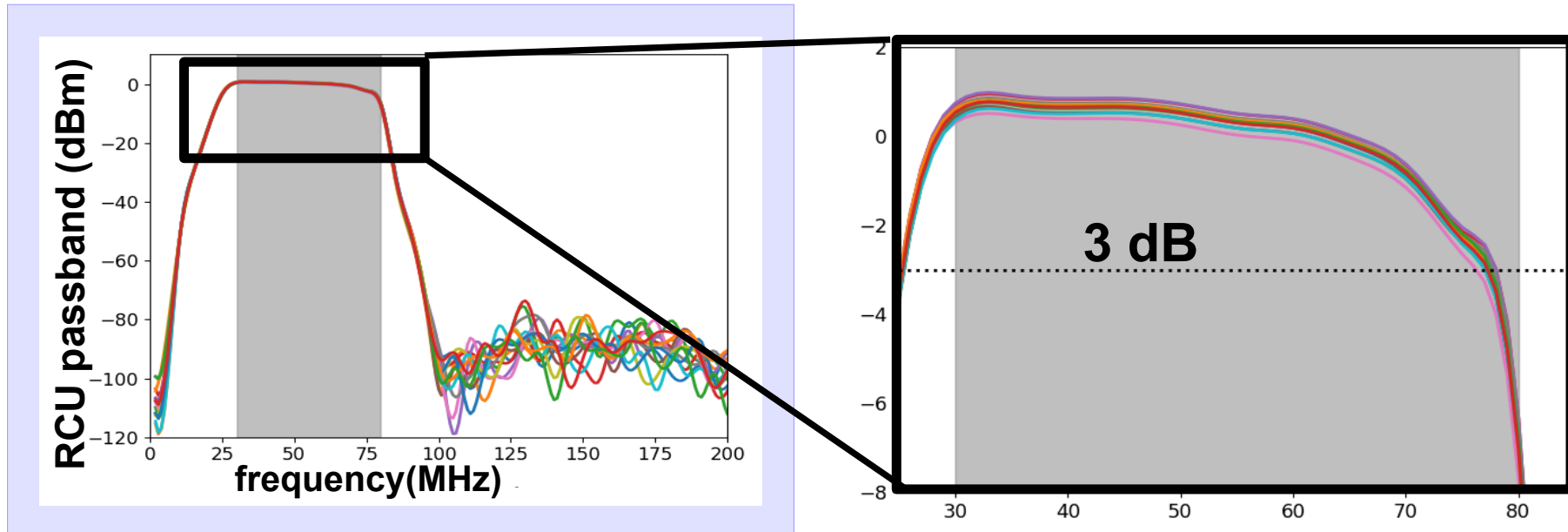


- T_{RCU} Noise from amplification in RCU
- $G_{RCU}(\nu)$ RCU passband filter
- S scale factor between voltage and ADC units
- T_{ADC} time jitter noise from digitization

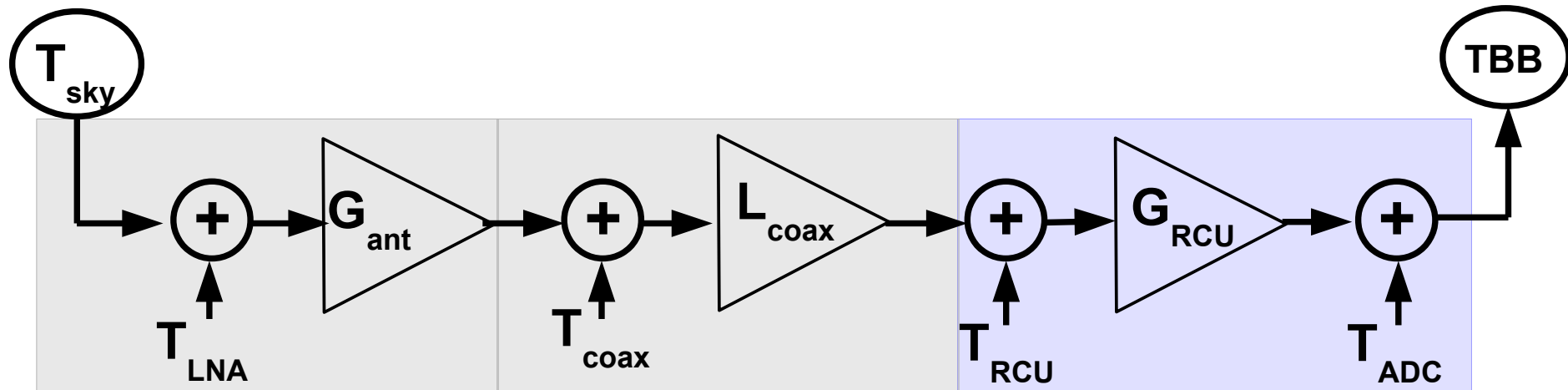
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LOFAR Signal Chain



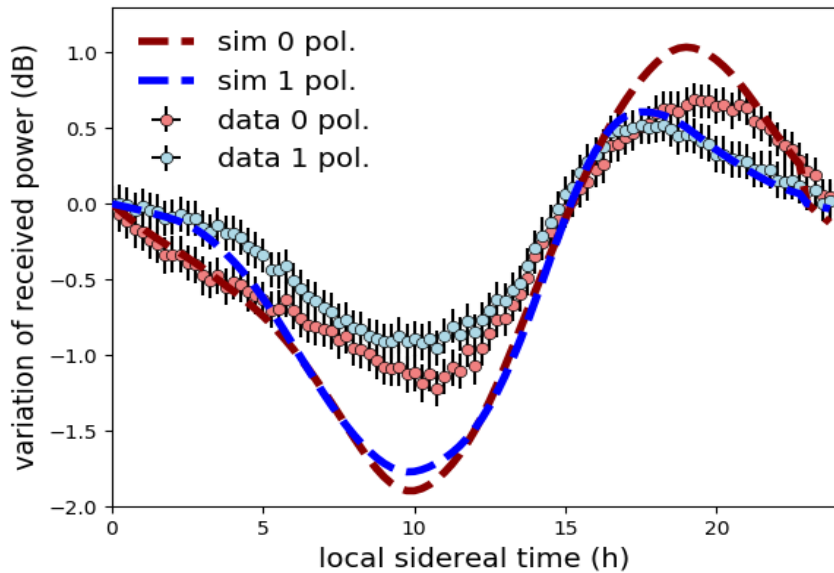
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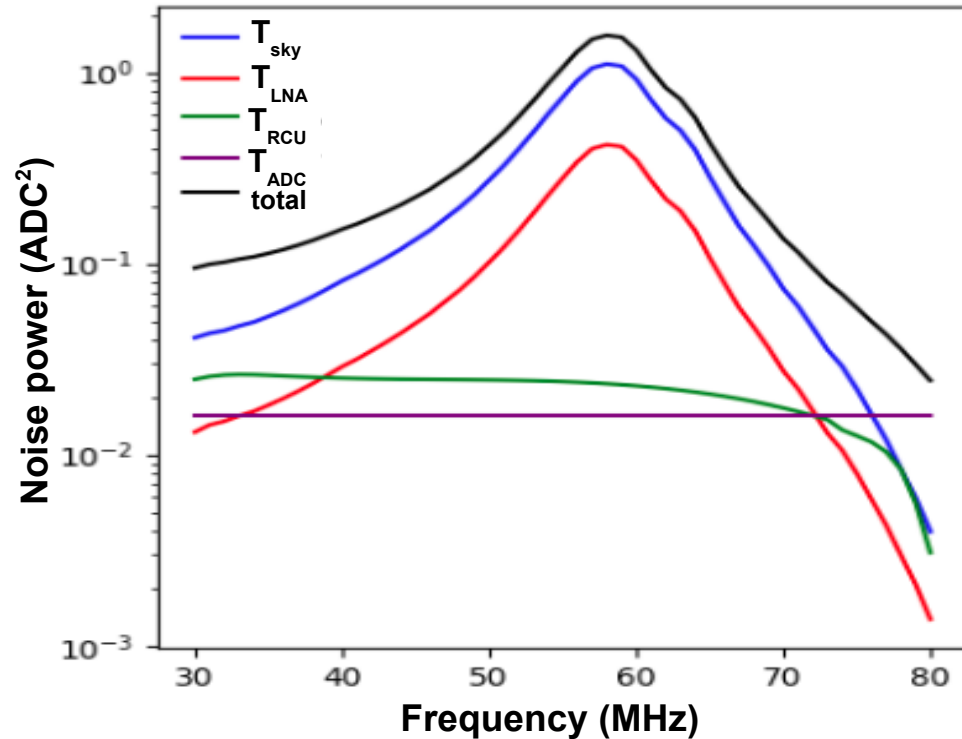
Fitting for Electronic Noise LOFAR

$$\left(\left(P_{\text{sky}}(\nu, t) + T_{\text{LNA}} \right) \underline{G_{\text{ant}}(\nu)} \underline{A(\nu)} \underline{L_{\text{coax}}(\nu)} + T_{\text{RCU}} \right) \underline{G_{\text{RCU}}(\nu)} S + T_{\text{ADC}} = P_{\text{sim}}(\nu, t)$$



 known, frequency dependent quantity
 unknown, constant quantity

Fitted noise values at ADC

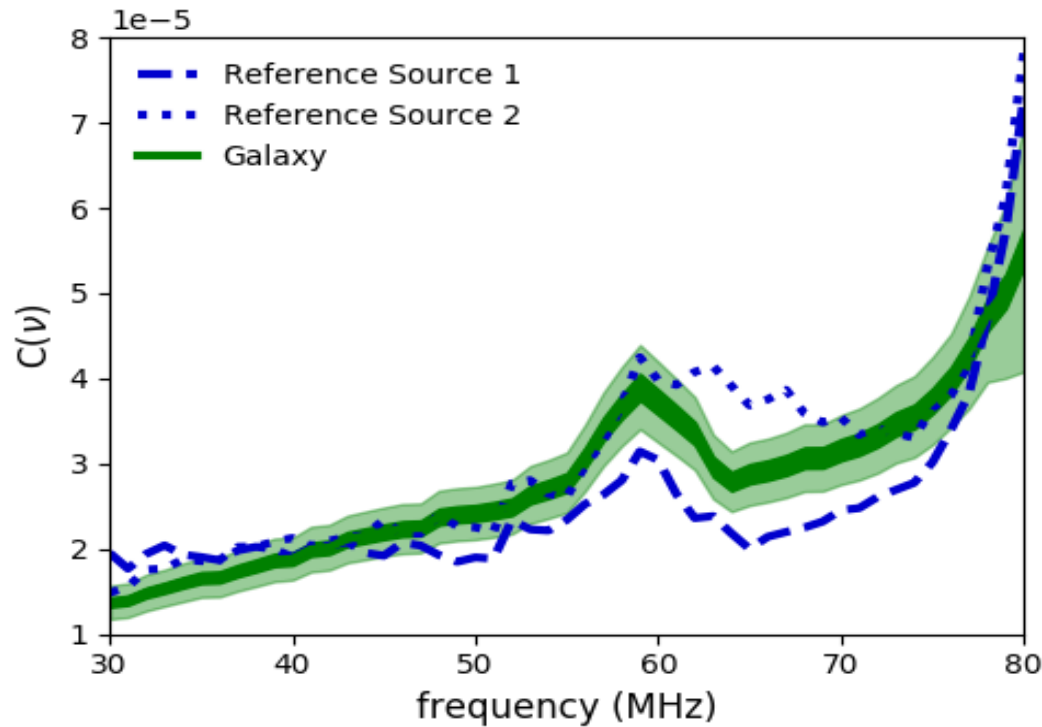


$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(P(\nu, t)_{\text{data}} - P(\nu, t)_{\text{sim}})^2}{\sigma(\nu, t)_{\text{data}}}$$

★ All noise contributions are required to fit simulation to data at all frequencies

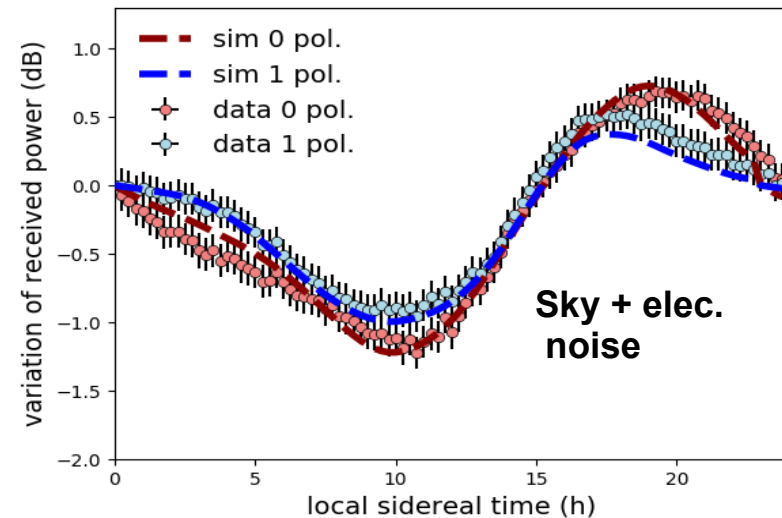
Calibration Results

$$C^2(\nu) = A(\nu)L_{\text{coax}}(\nu)G_{\text{RCU}}(\nu)S$$



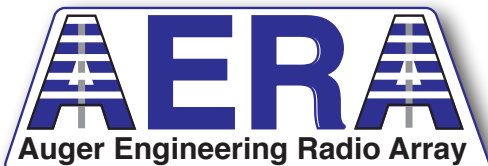
- Galaxy model now limits systematic uncertainties
- Uncertainties from electronic noise are found by comparing resulting calibration constants for different antennas

Uncertainty	Percentage
event-to-event fluctuation	4
galaxy model	12
electronic noise < 77 MHz	5-6
electronic noise > 77 MHz	10-20
total < 77 MHz	14



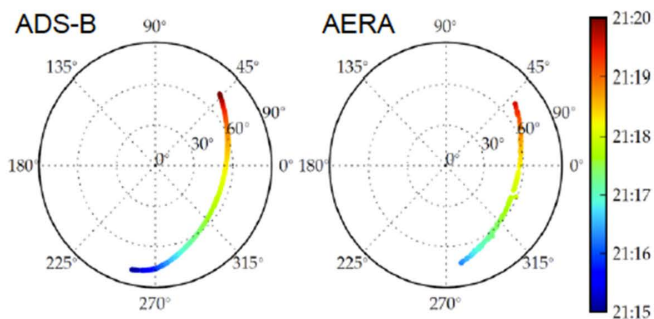
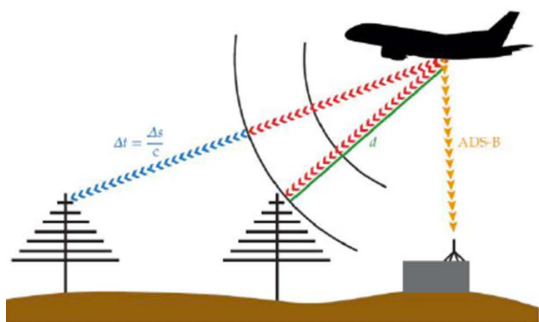
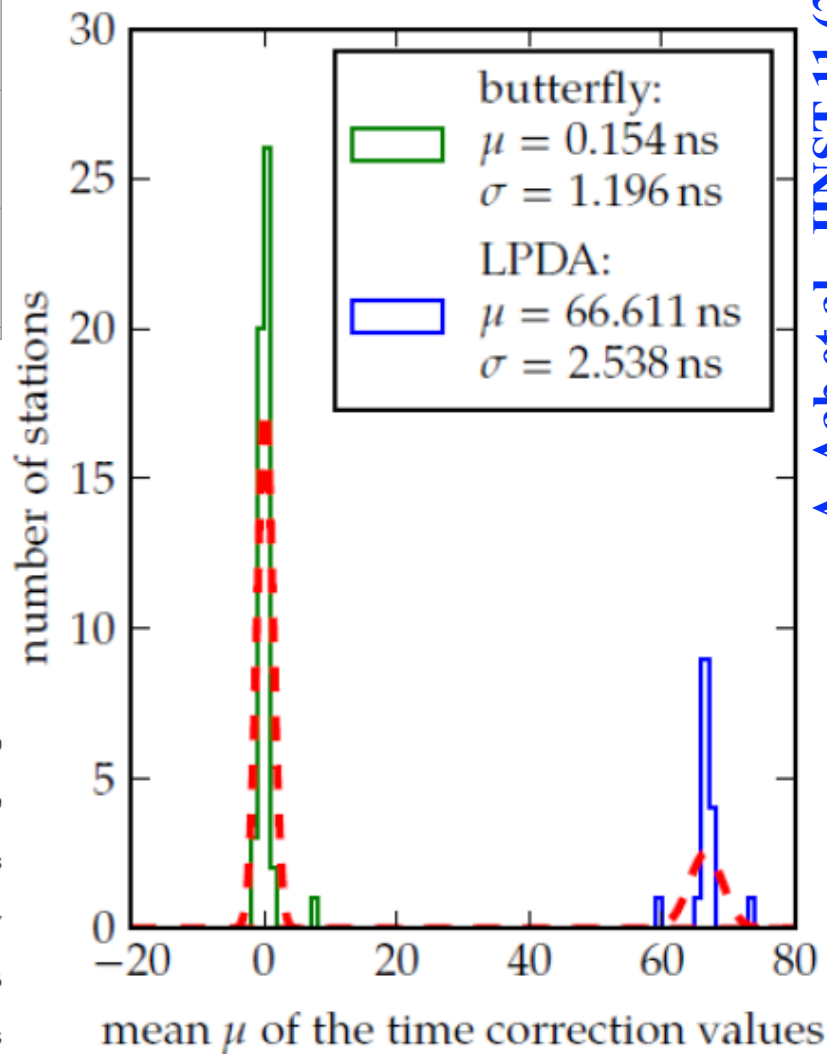
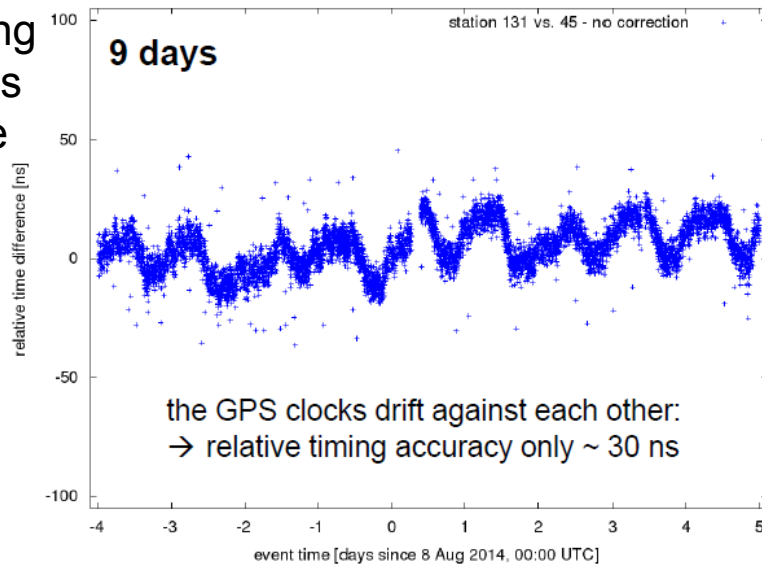


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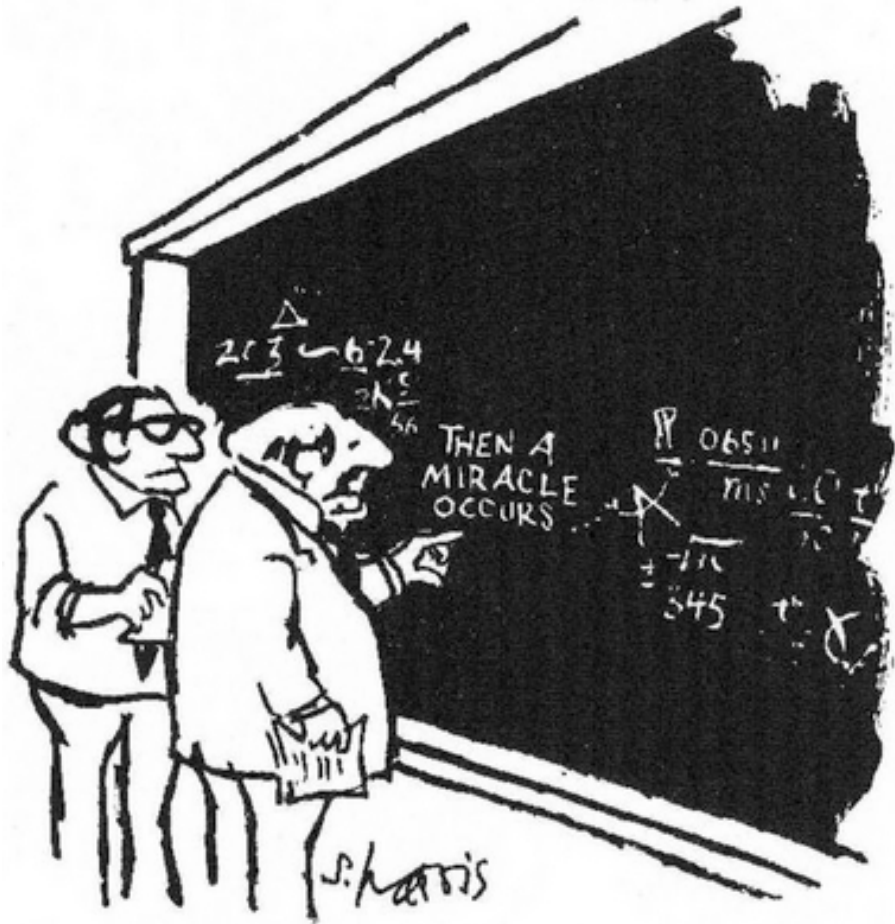
Timing calibration

Use beacon broadcasting at 4 different frequencies to measure relative time shifts

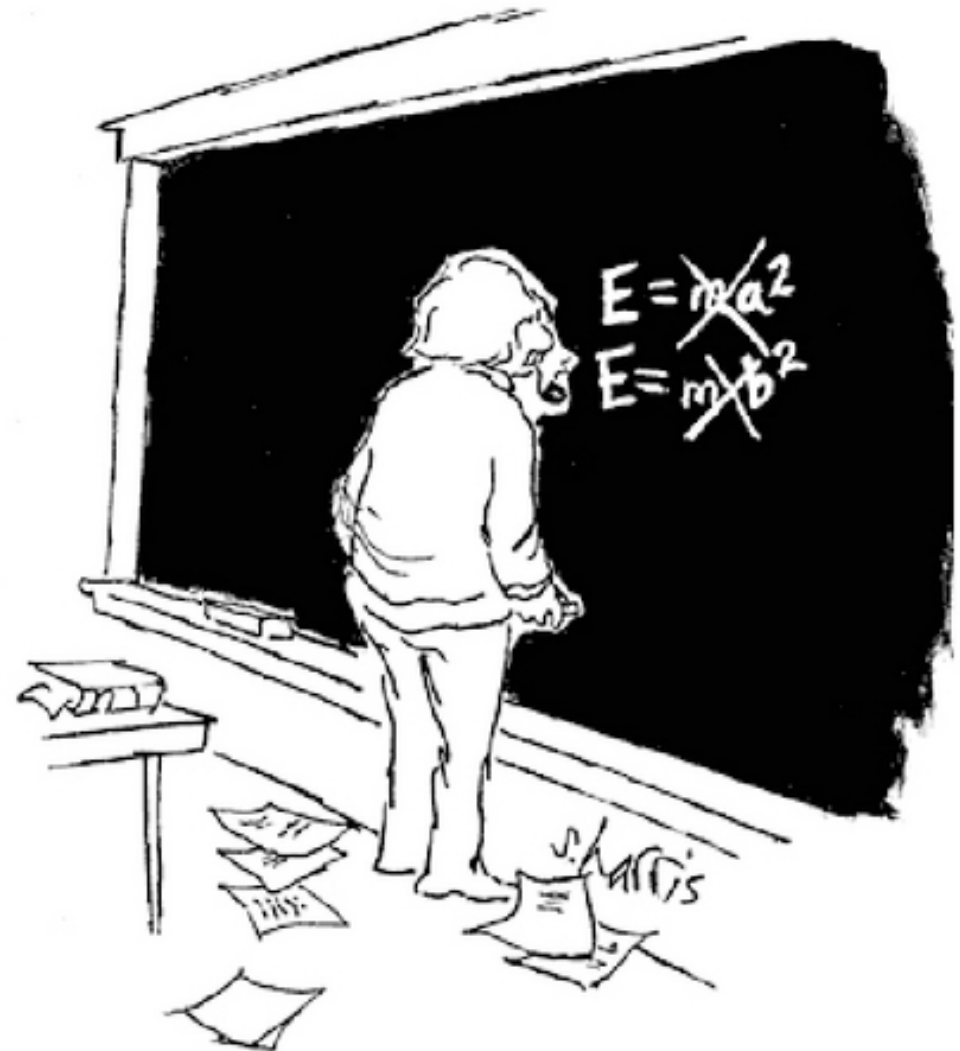


A. Aab et al., JINST 11 (2016) no.01, P01018

Radiation Processes



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

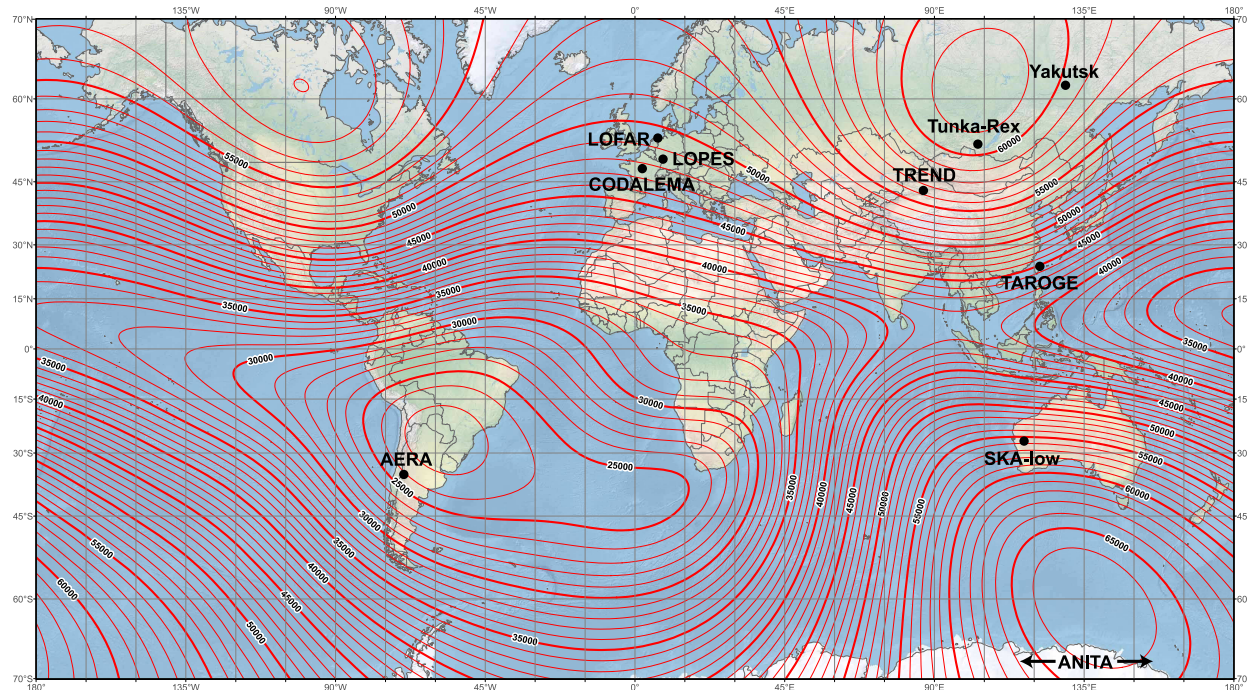


Radio Emission in Air Showers



Mainly: Charge separation in geomagnetic field

$$\vec{E} \propto \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$



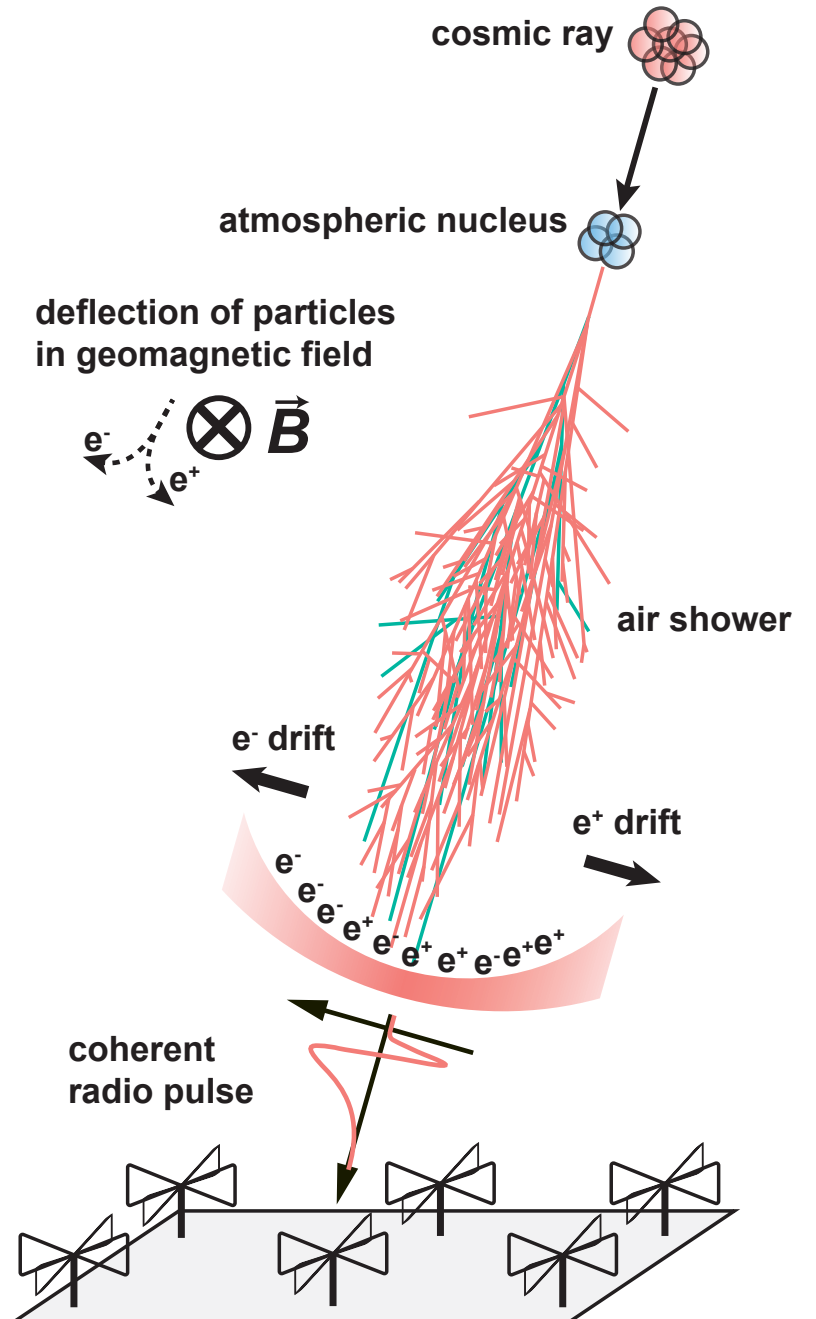
Underlying map (Mercator projection):
Main Geomagnetic Field Total Intensity with contour intervals of 1000 nT
according to US/UK World Magnetic Model - Epoch 2015.0

developed by NOAA/NGDC & CIREP
http://ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/WMM

Map reviewed by NGA and BGS
Published December 2014

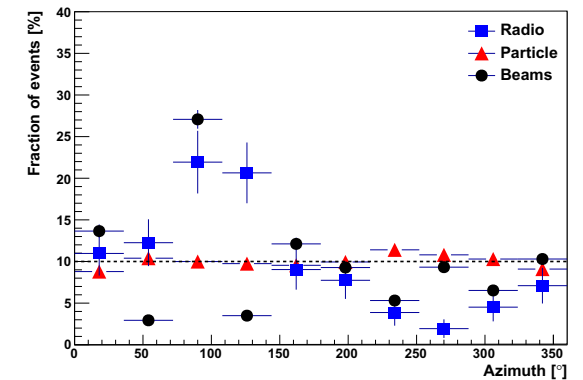
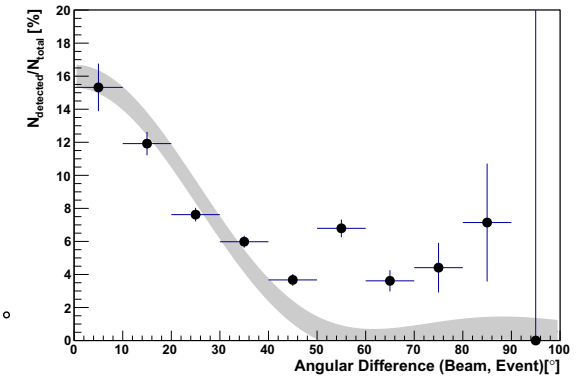
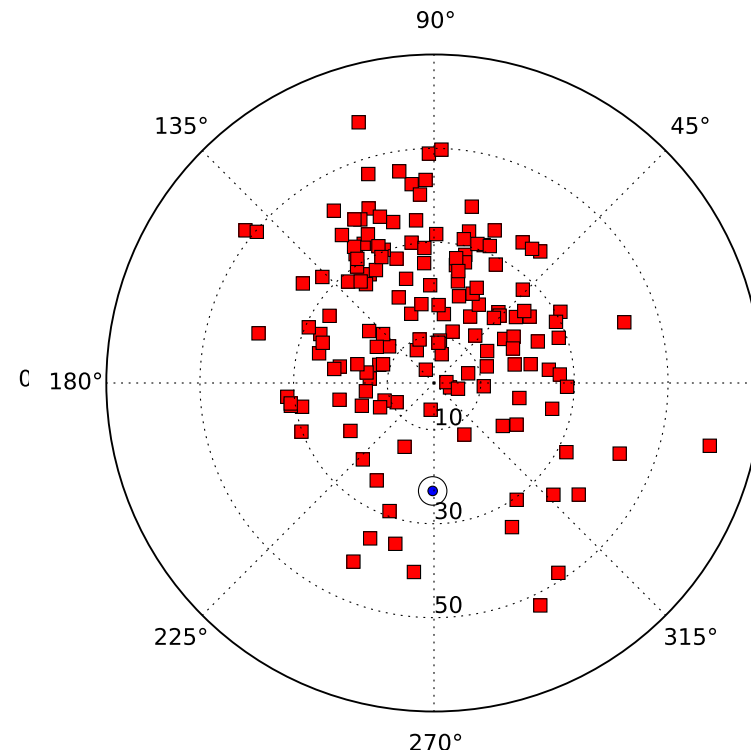
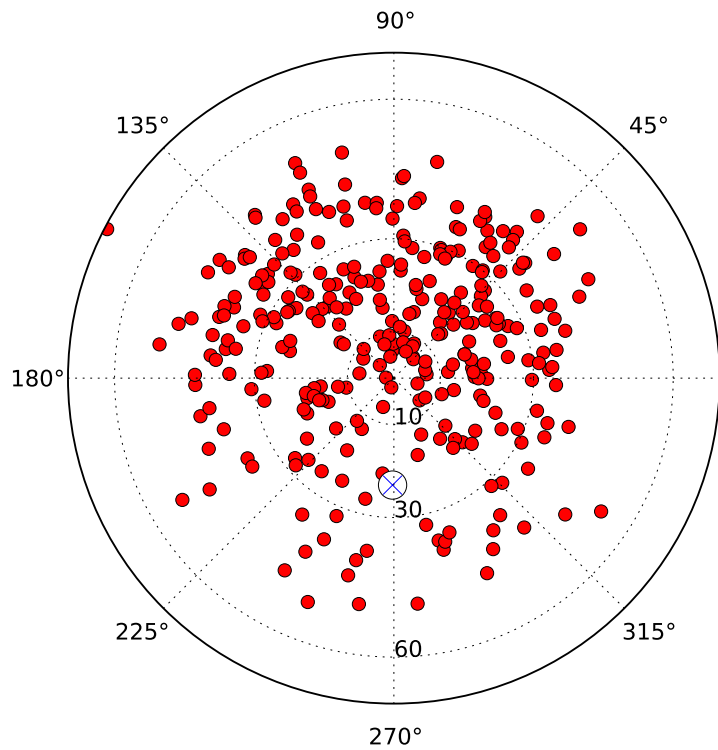
Overlaid: Location of radio experiments for cosmic-ray air showers
added on underlying map by Frank G. Schröder
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany

F. Schröder, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 93 (2017) 1



Arrival direction of showers with strong radio signals

north-south asymmetry
 $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$ effect



30 - 80 MHz

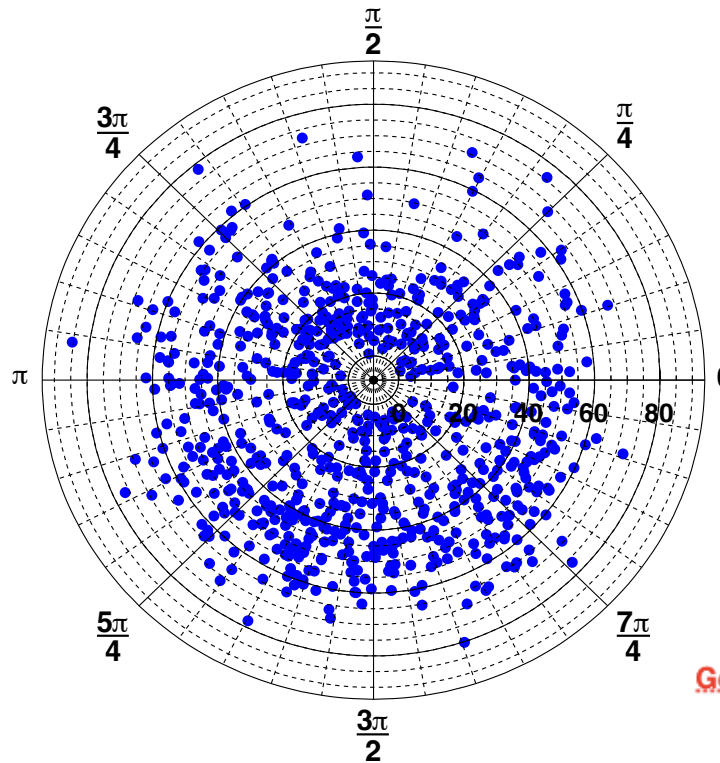
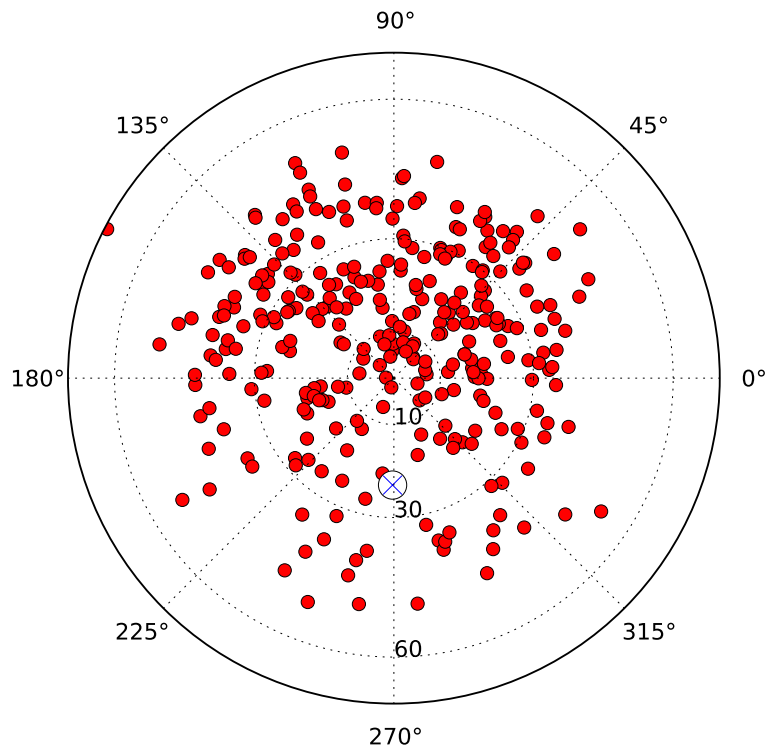
110 - 190 MHz

A. Nelles et al., *Astroparticle Physics* 65 (2015) 11

P. Schellart et al., *A&A* 560 (2013) A98

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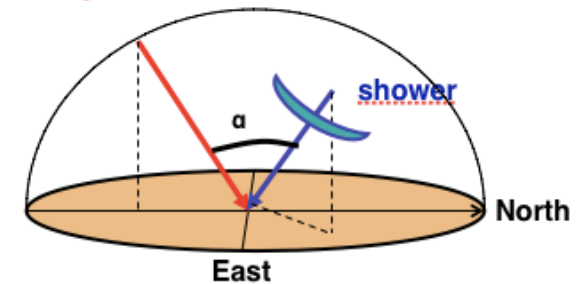


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30 - 80 MHz



Geomagnetic field



Geomagnetic effect

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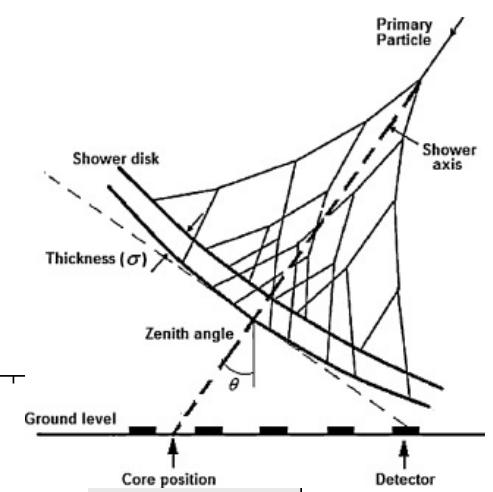
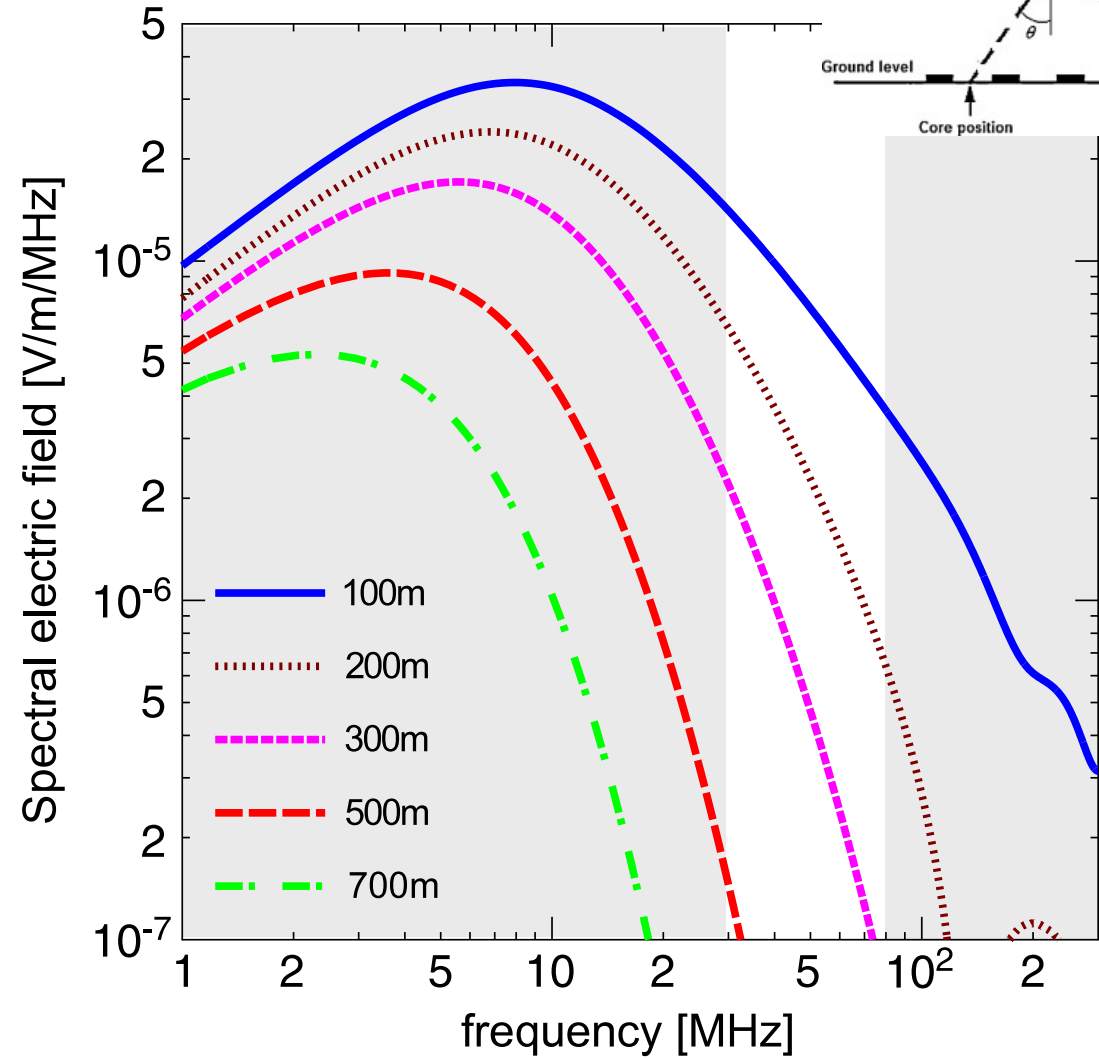
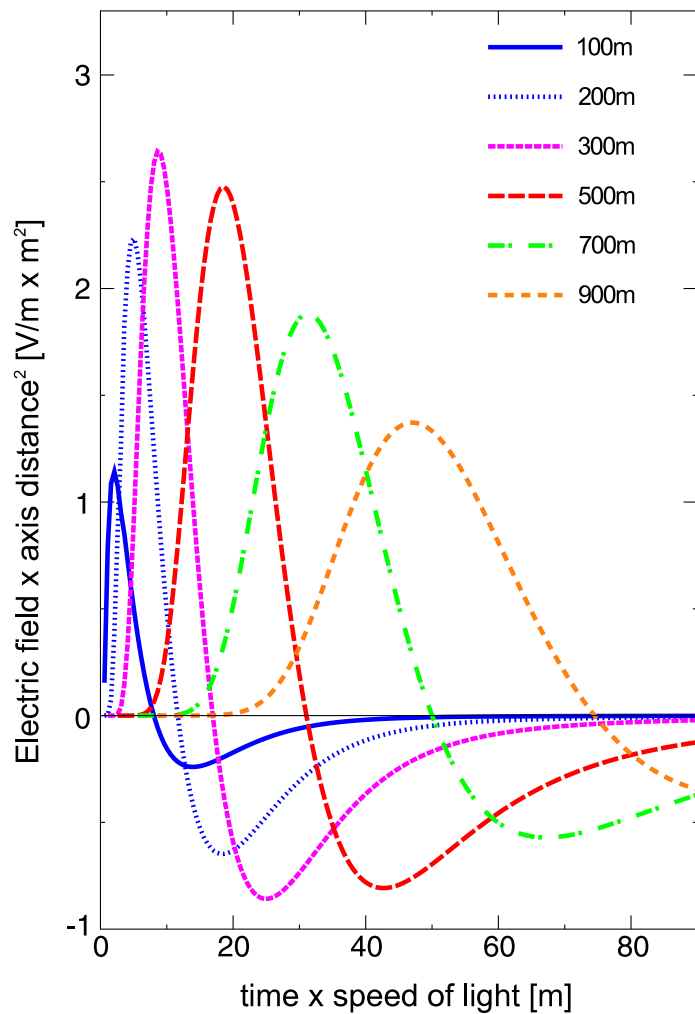


Fig. 4. Radio pulses (top) arising from the time-variation of the geomagnetically induced transverse currents in a 10^{17} eV air shower as observed at various observer distances from the shower axis and their corresponding frequency spectra (bottom). Refractive index effects are not included.

Source: Adapted from [18].

Radio Emission in Air Showers



Mainly: Charge separation in geomagnetic field

$$\vec{E} \propto \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

Theory predicts additional mechanisms:



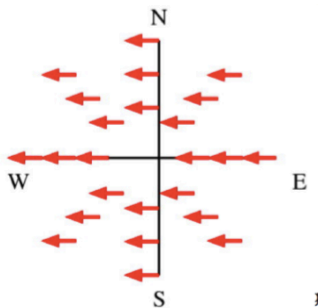
excess of electrons in shower: charge excess



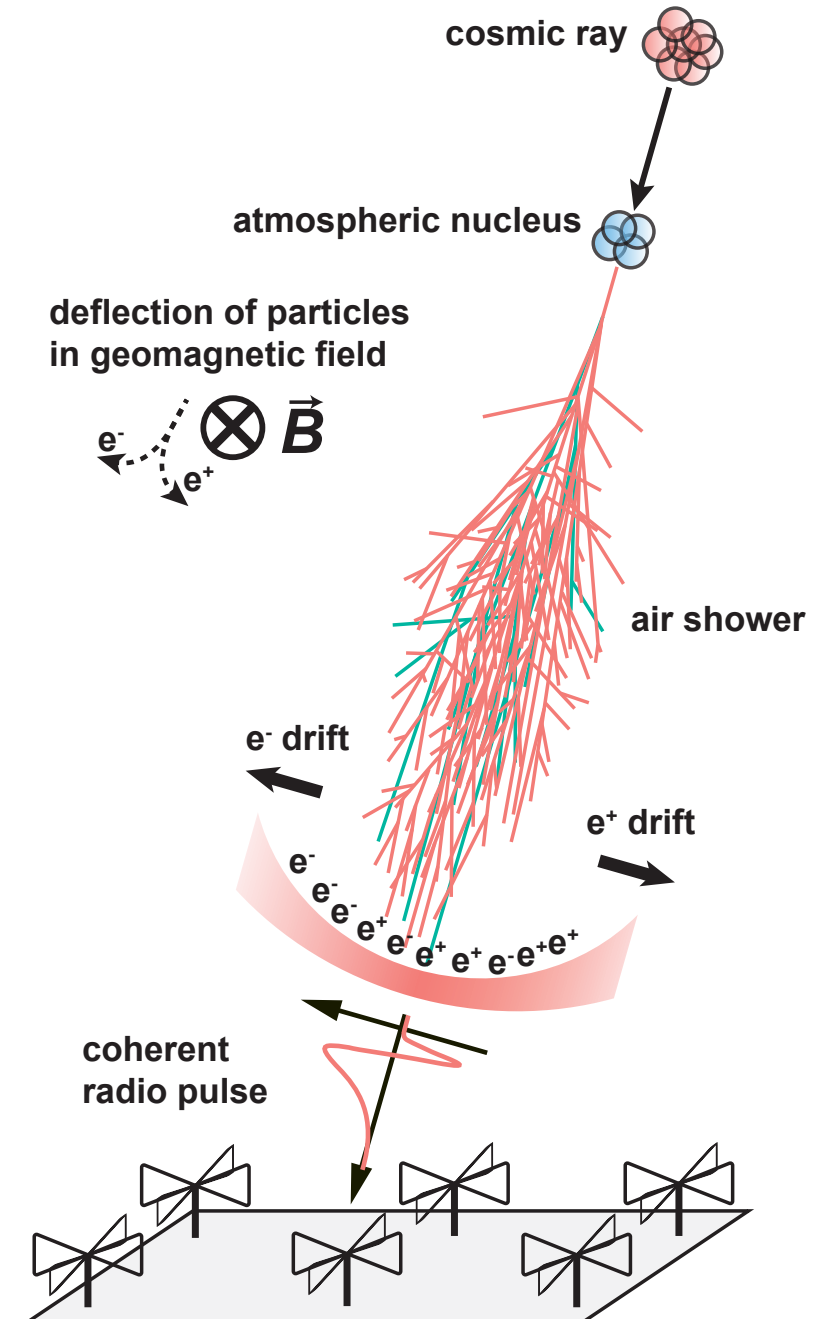
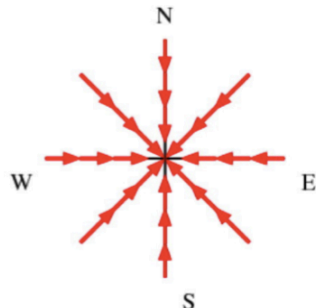
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polarization of radio signal

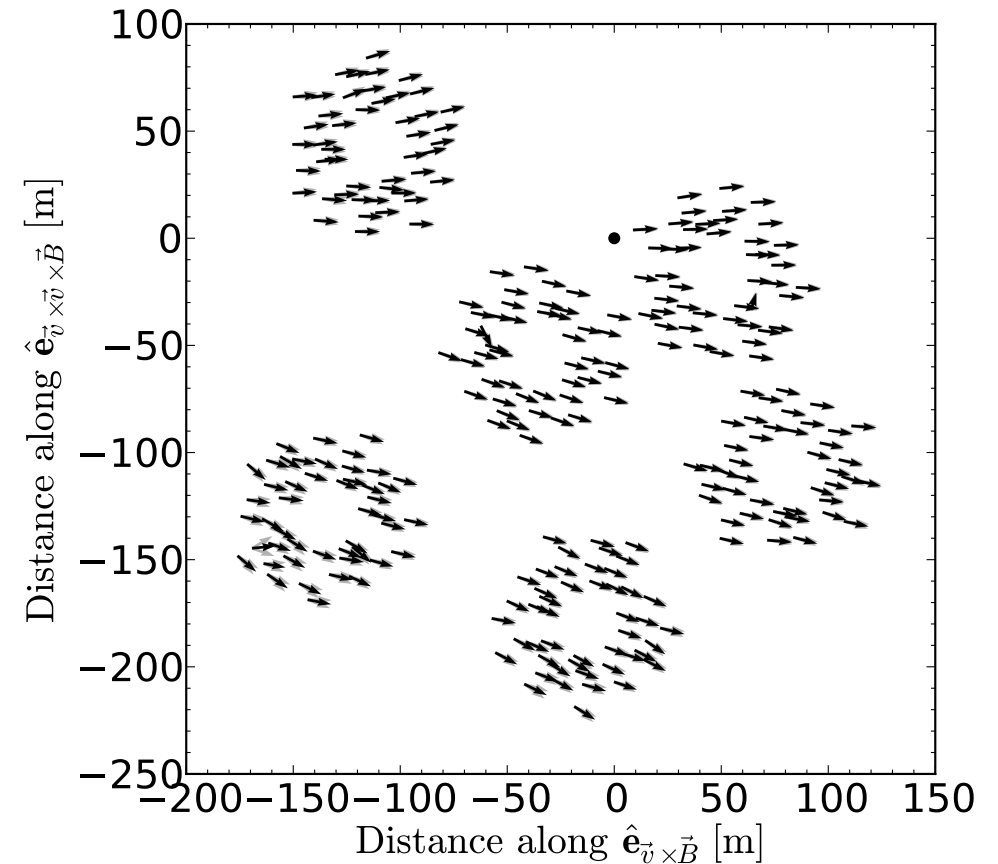
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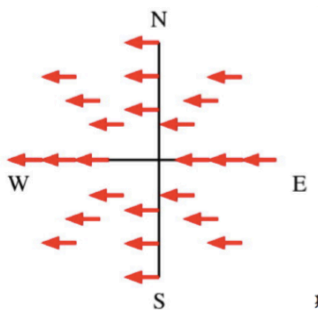
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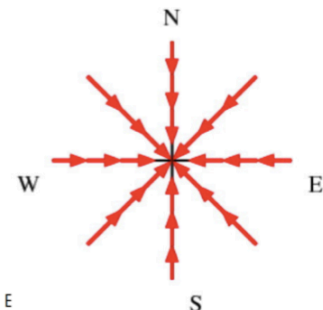
Polarization footprint of an individual air shower



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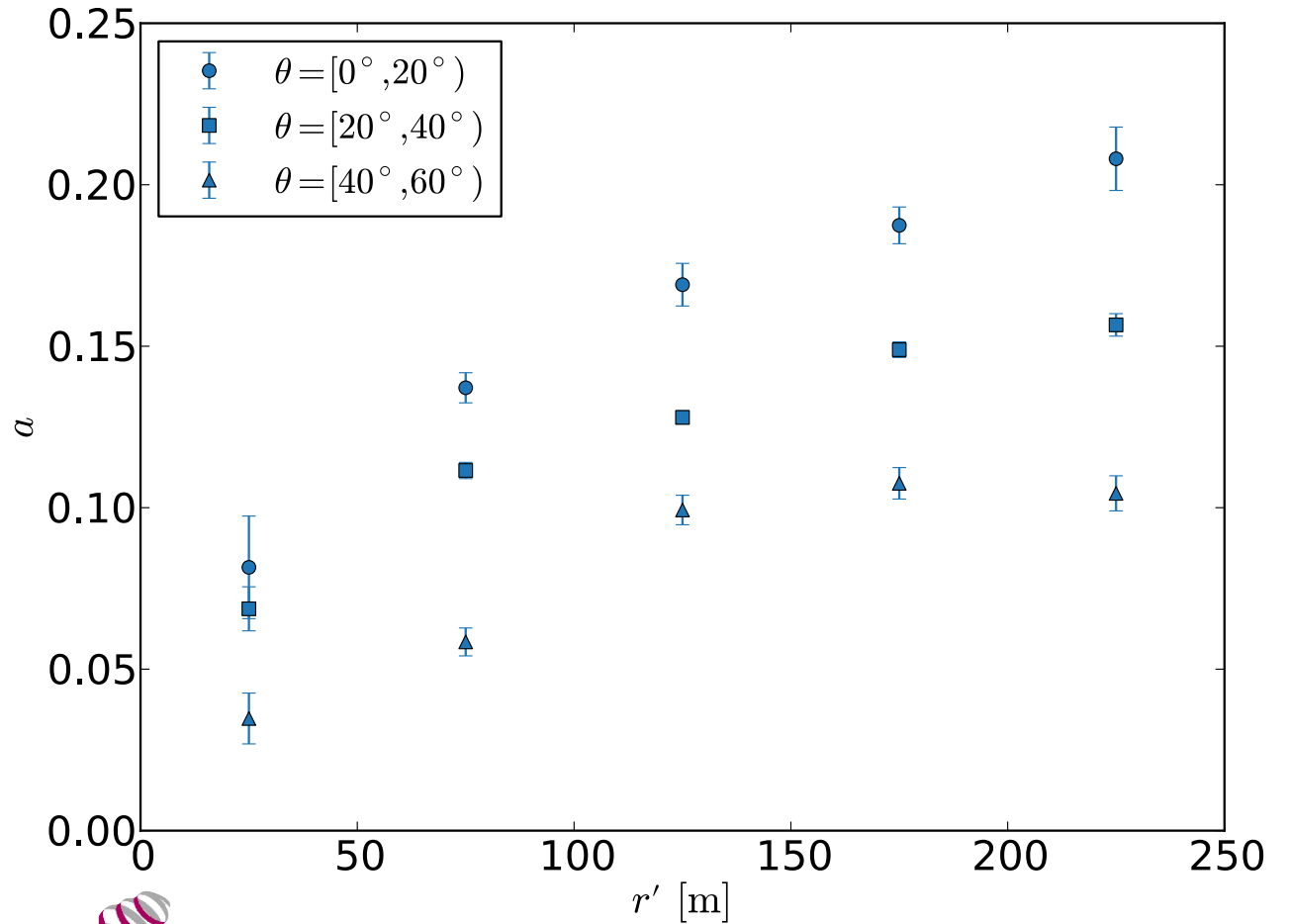
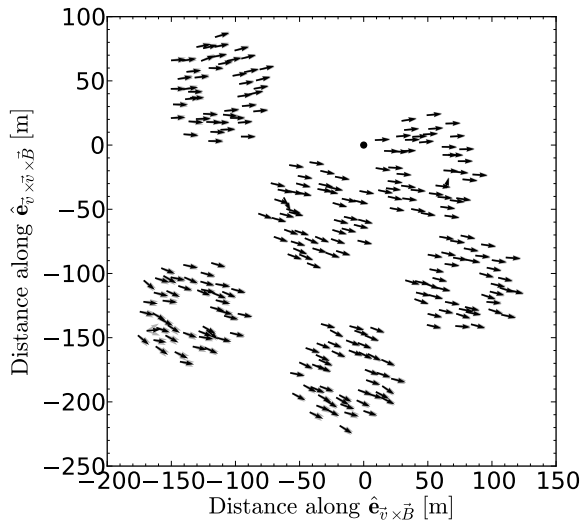
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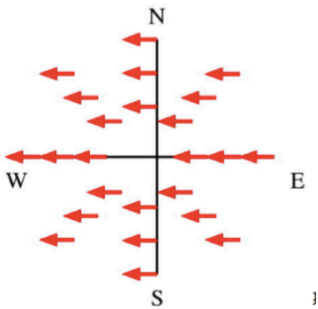
P. Schellart et al., JCAP 10 (2014) 014

Charge excess fraction

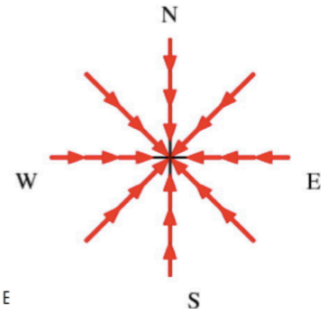
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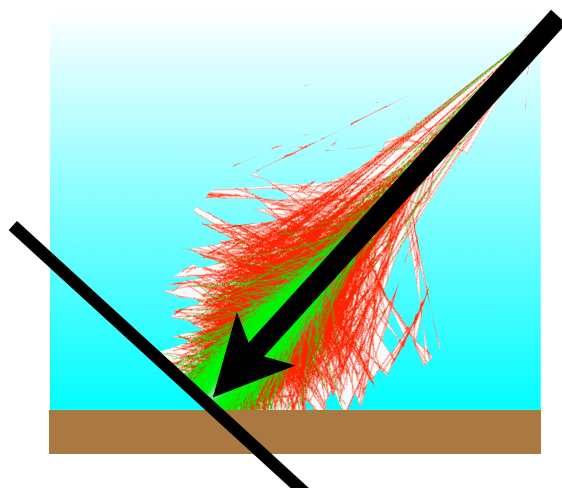
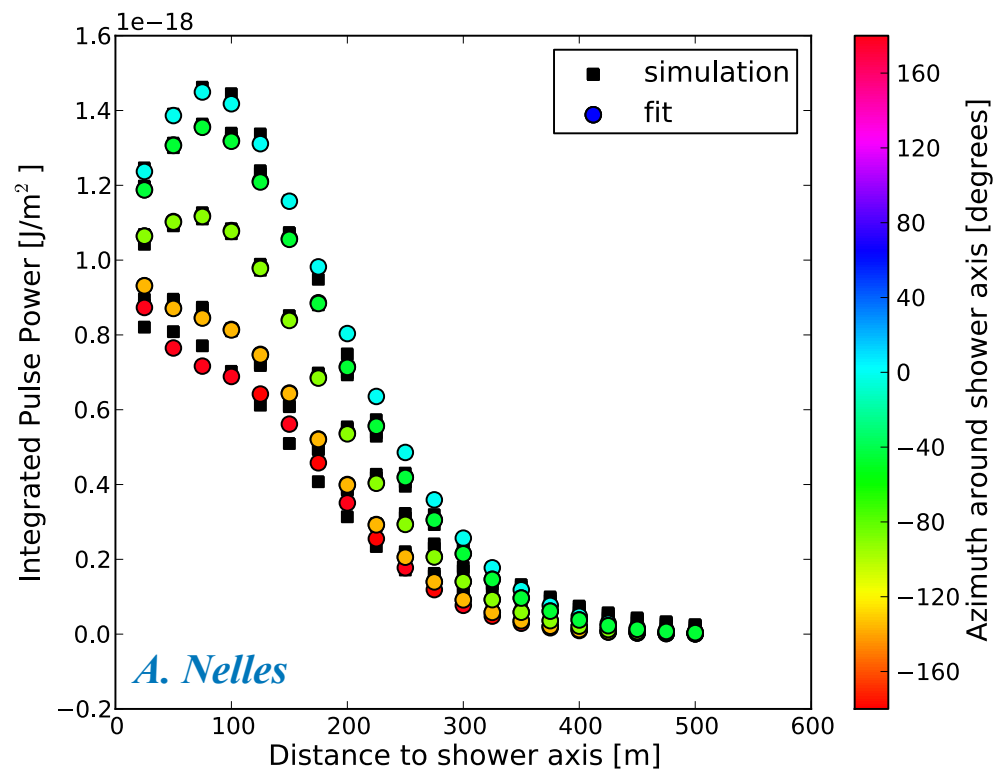
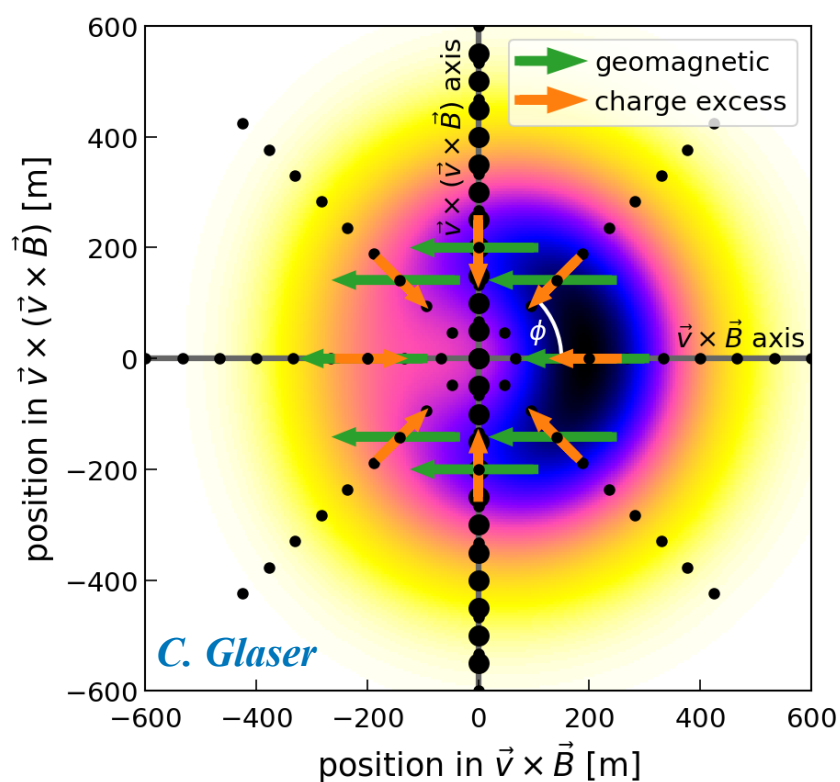
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Footprint of radio emission on the ground



Properties of incoming cosmic ray

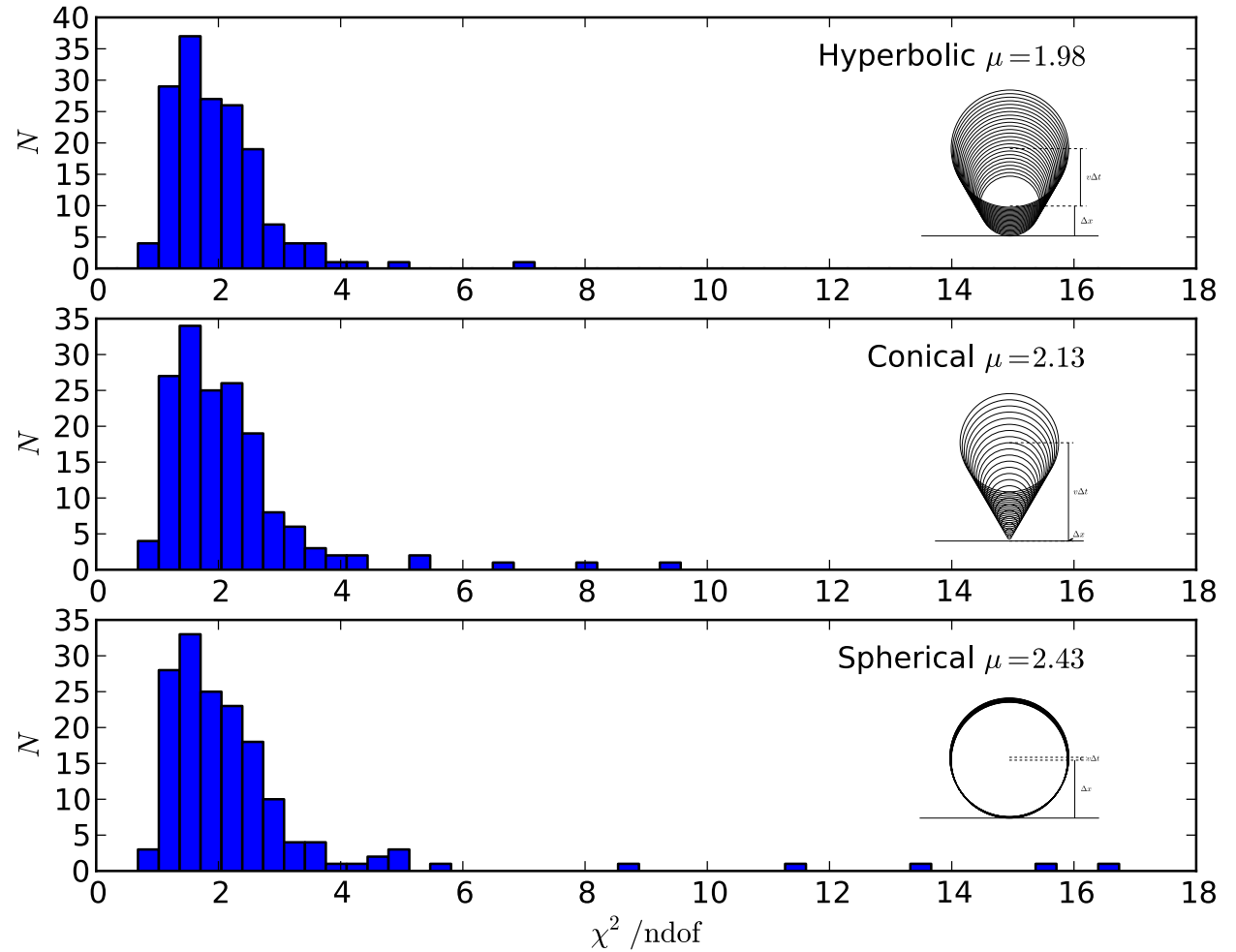
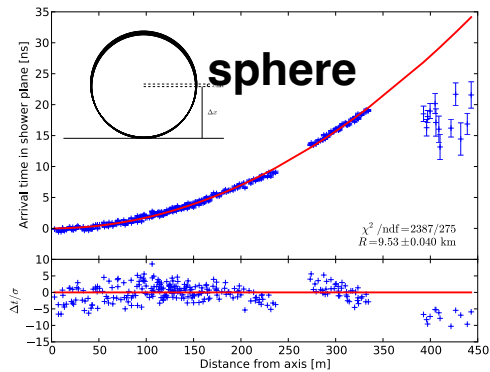
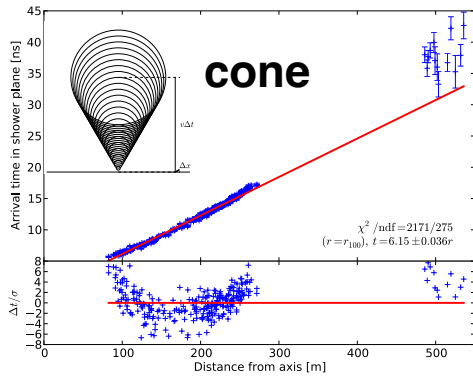
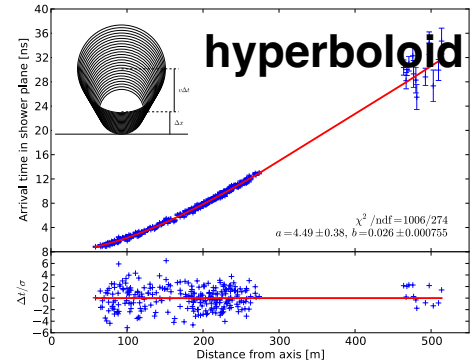
- **direction**
- **energy**
- **type**

Direction



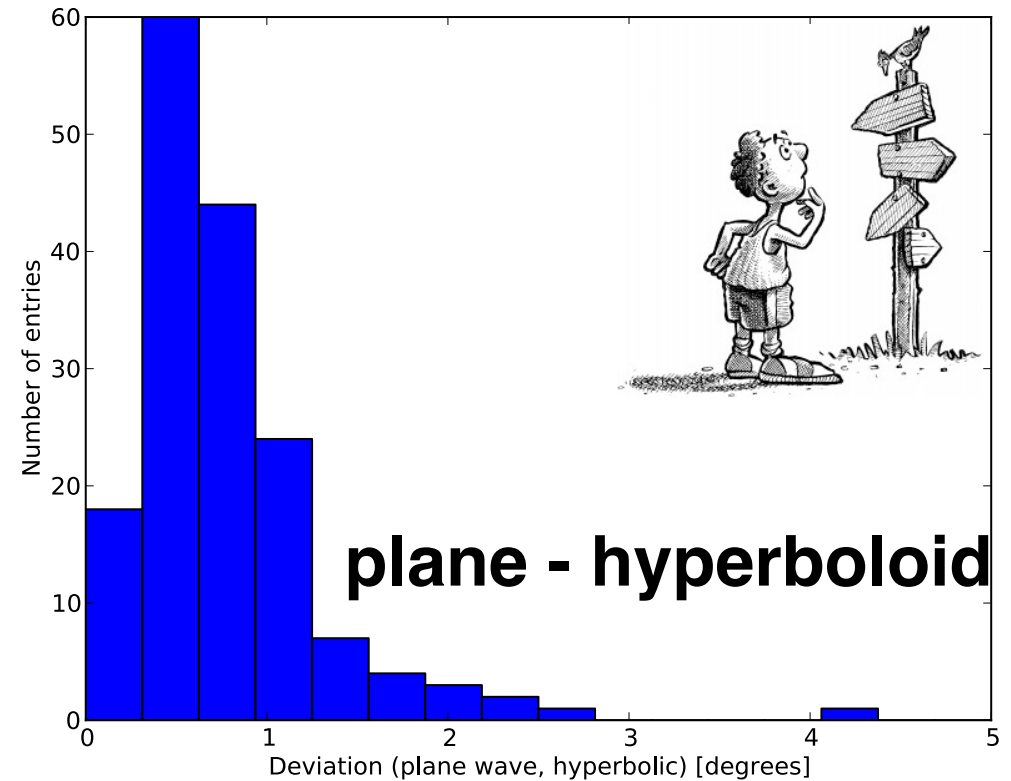
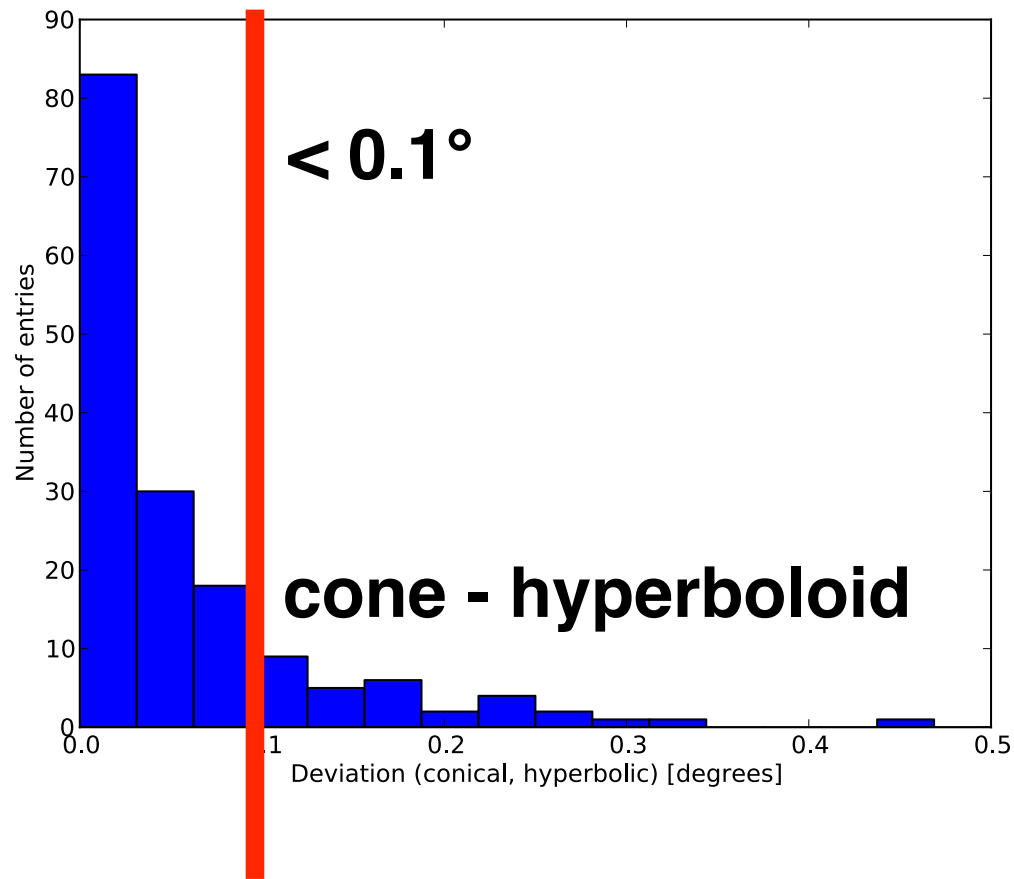
Shape of Shower Front

fit quality



Accuracy of Shower Direction

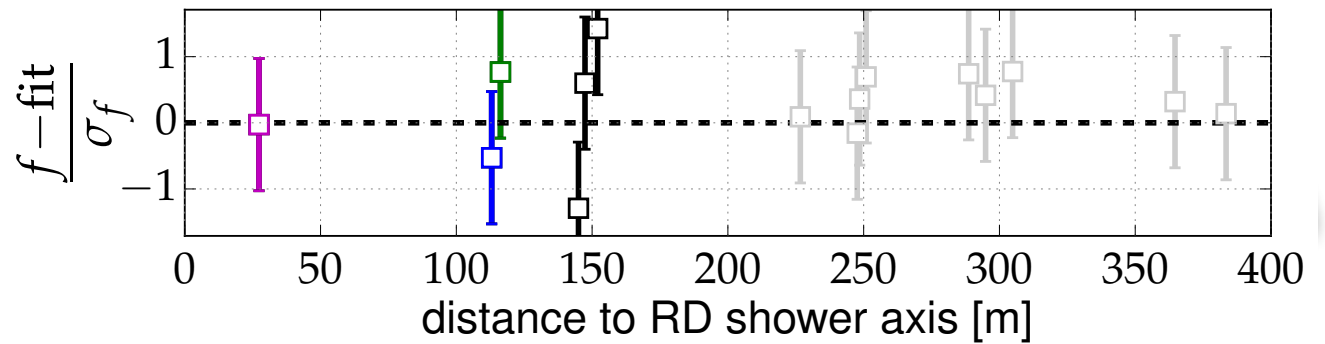
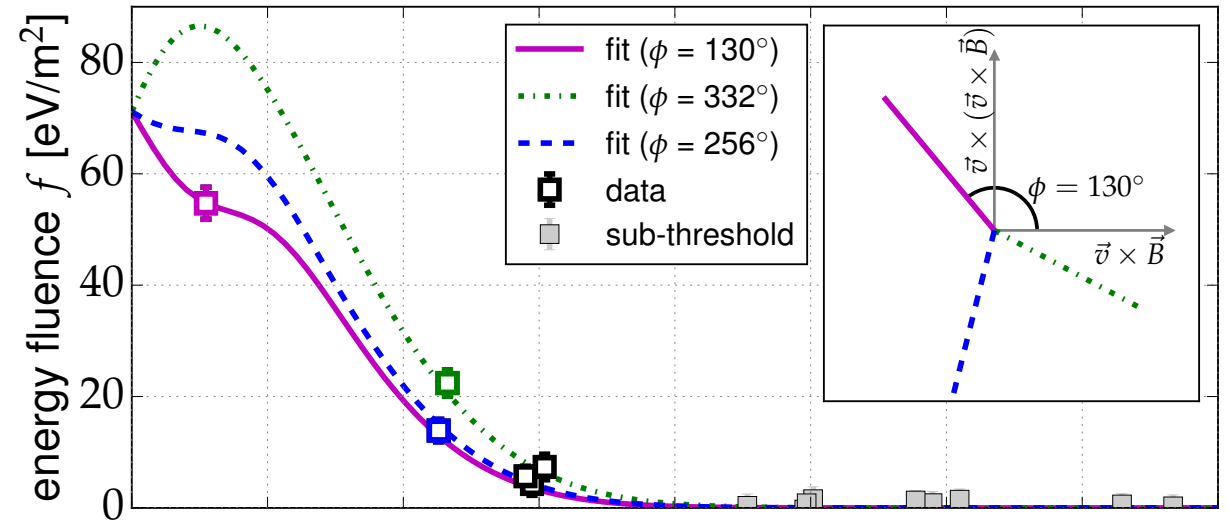
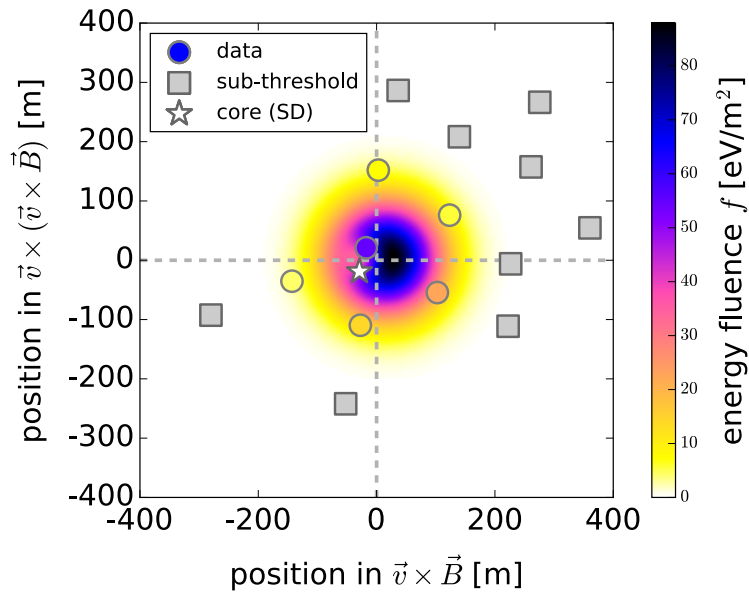
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Energy

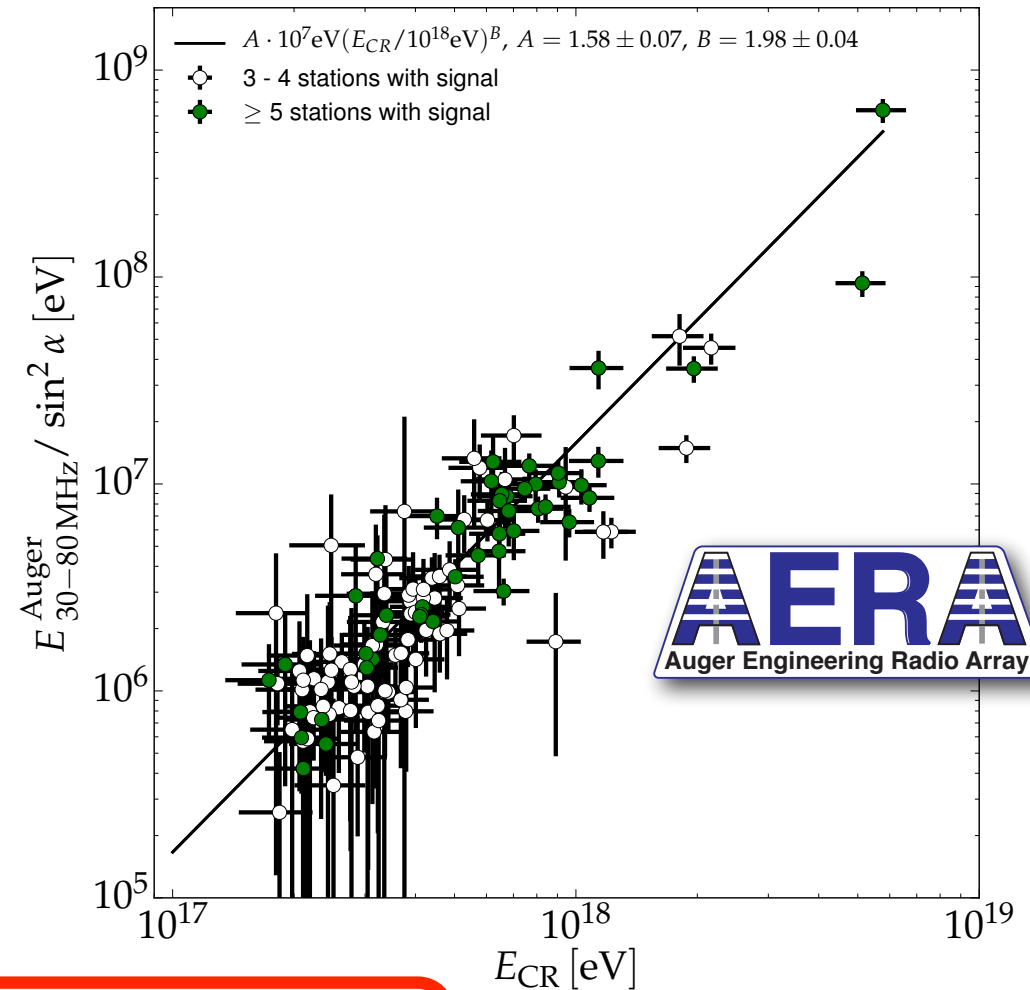
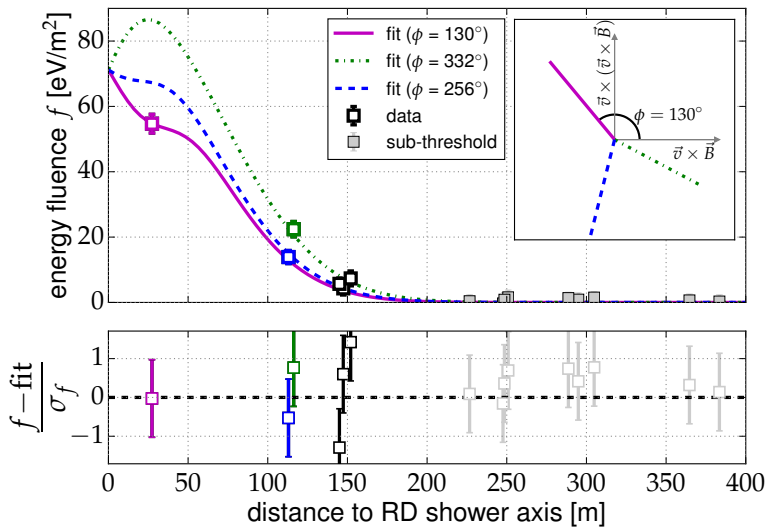
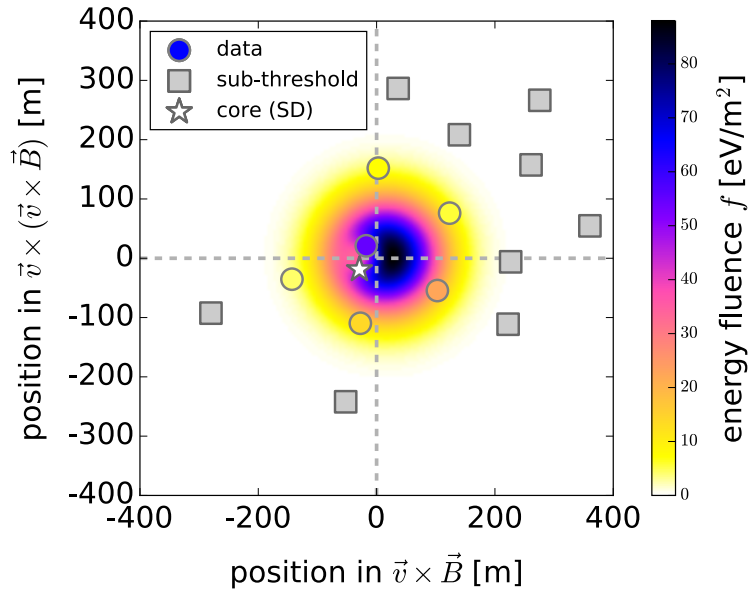


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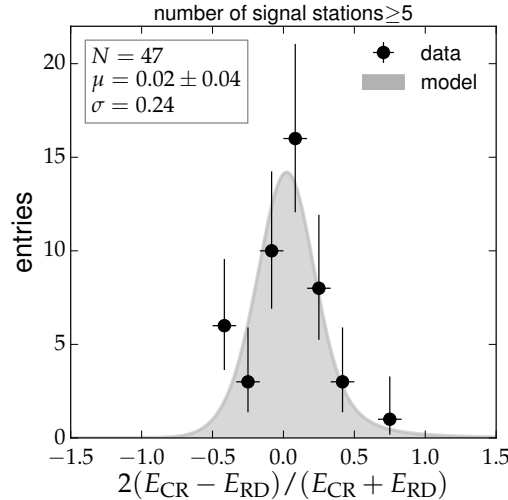
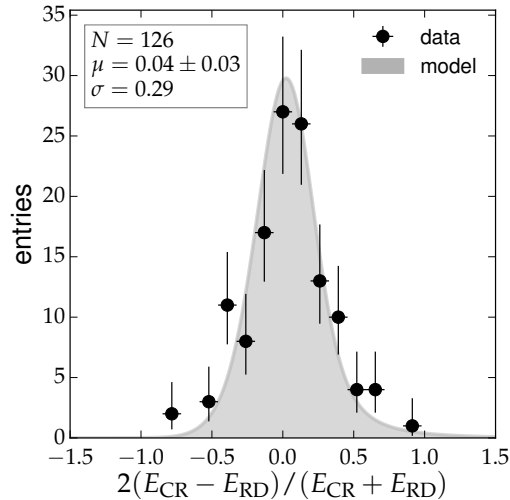
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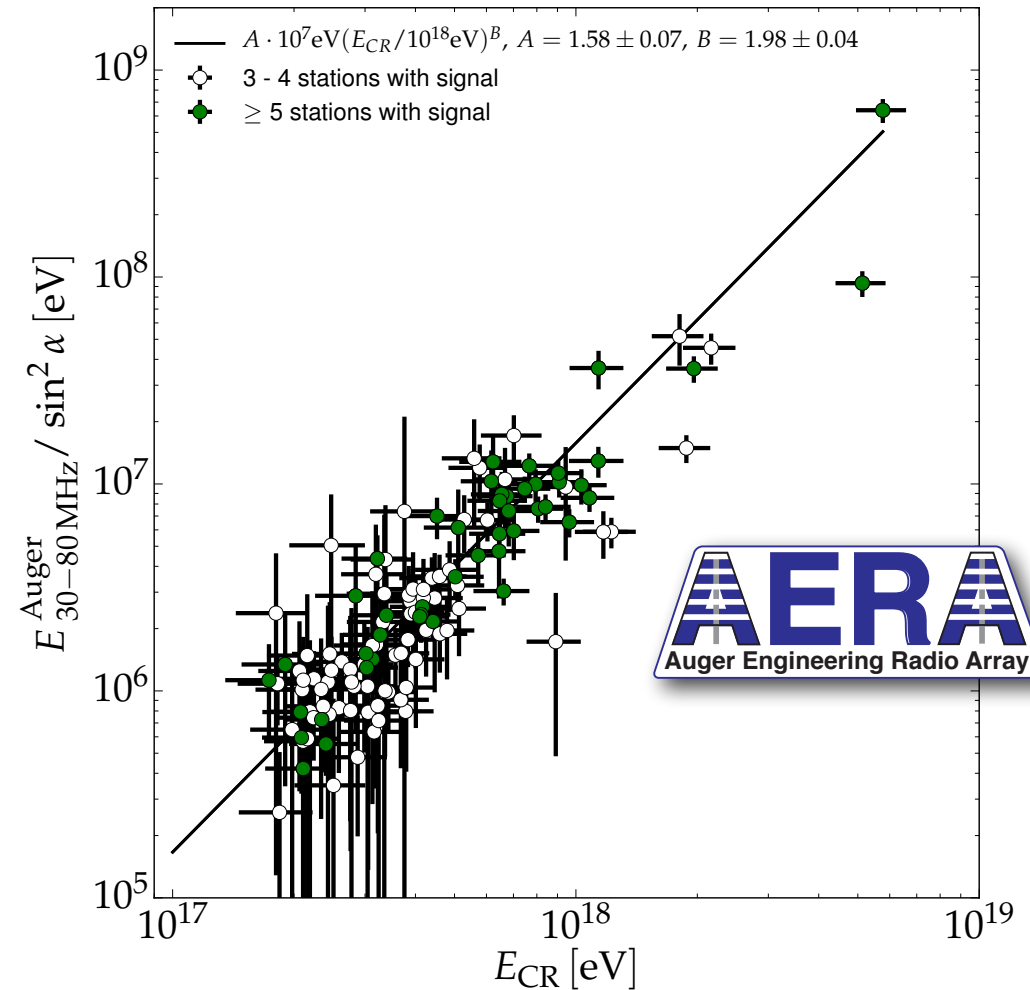
$$E_{30-80 \text{ MHz}} = (15.8 \pm 0.7(\text{stat}) \pm 6.7(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}) \times \left(\sin \alpha \frac{E_{CR}}{10^{18} \text{ eV}} \frac{B_{Earth}}{0.24 \text{ G}} \right)^2$$

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E_{30-80} MHz = 15.8 MeV @ 10^{18} eV



$\sigma \approx 24\%$



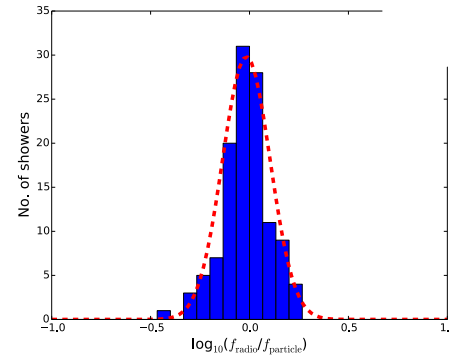
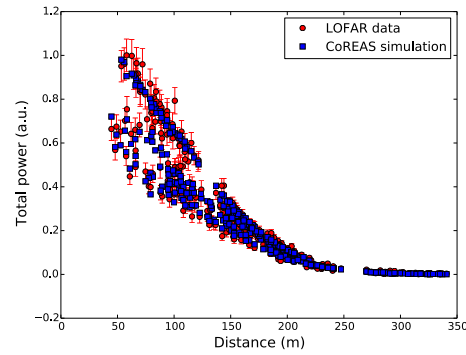
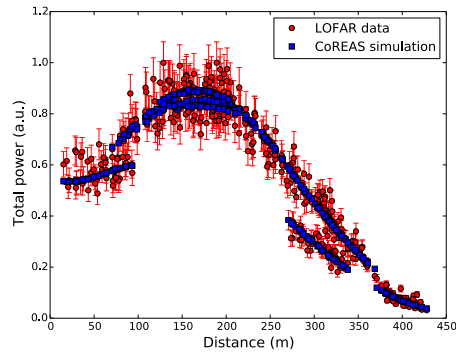
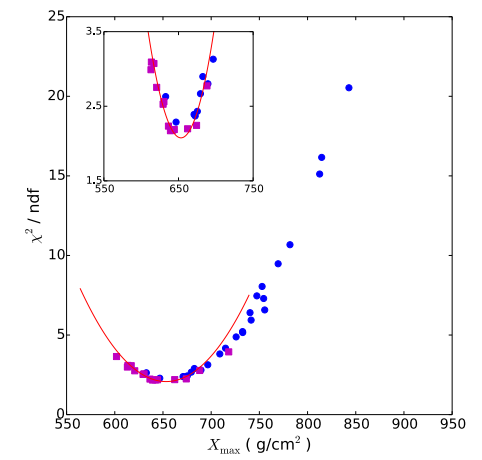
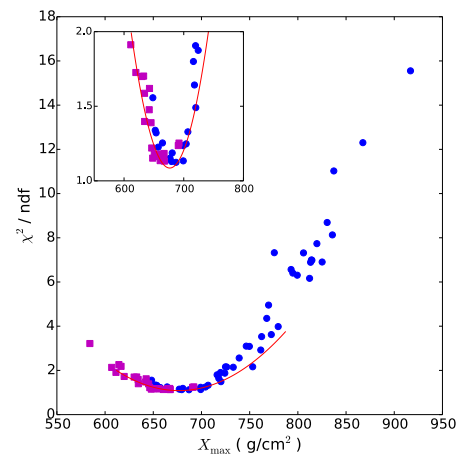
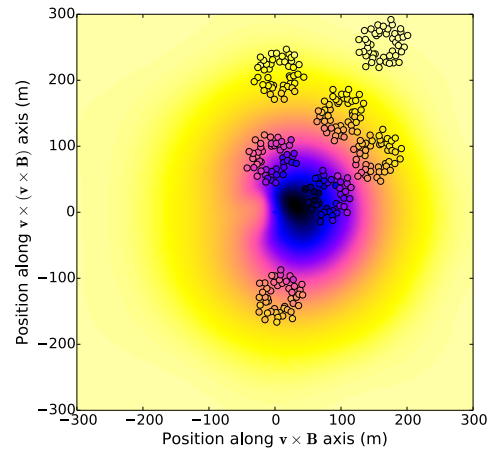
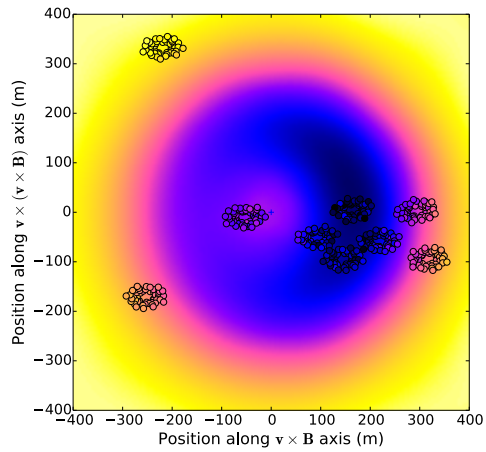
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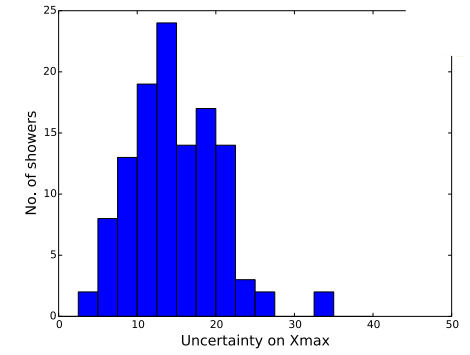
Mass



Measurement of particle mass



$$\sigma_E \approx 32\%$$



$$\sigma_{X_{max}} \approx 17 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

Depth of the shower maximum

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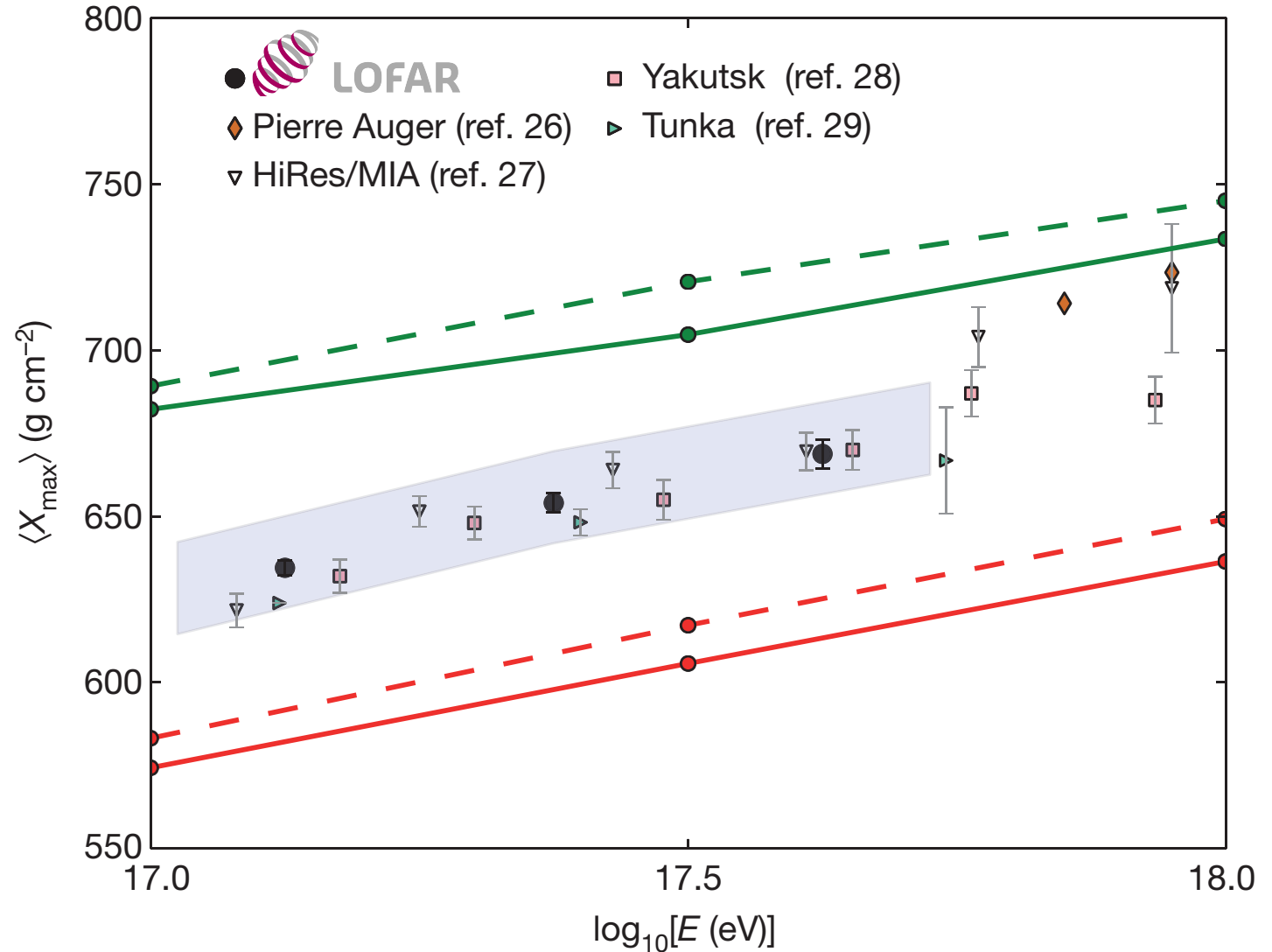
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A large light-mass component of cosmic rays at 10^{17} – $10^{17.5}$ electronvolts from radio observations

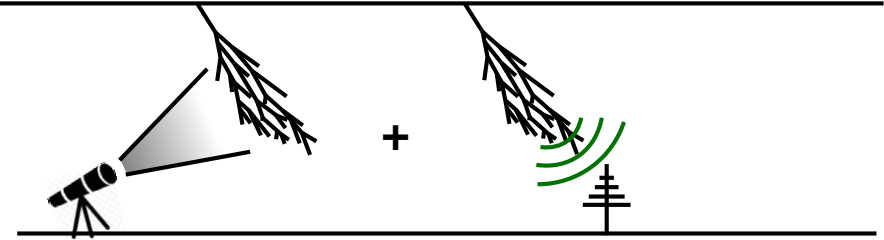
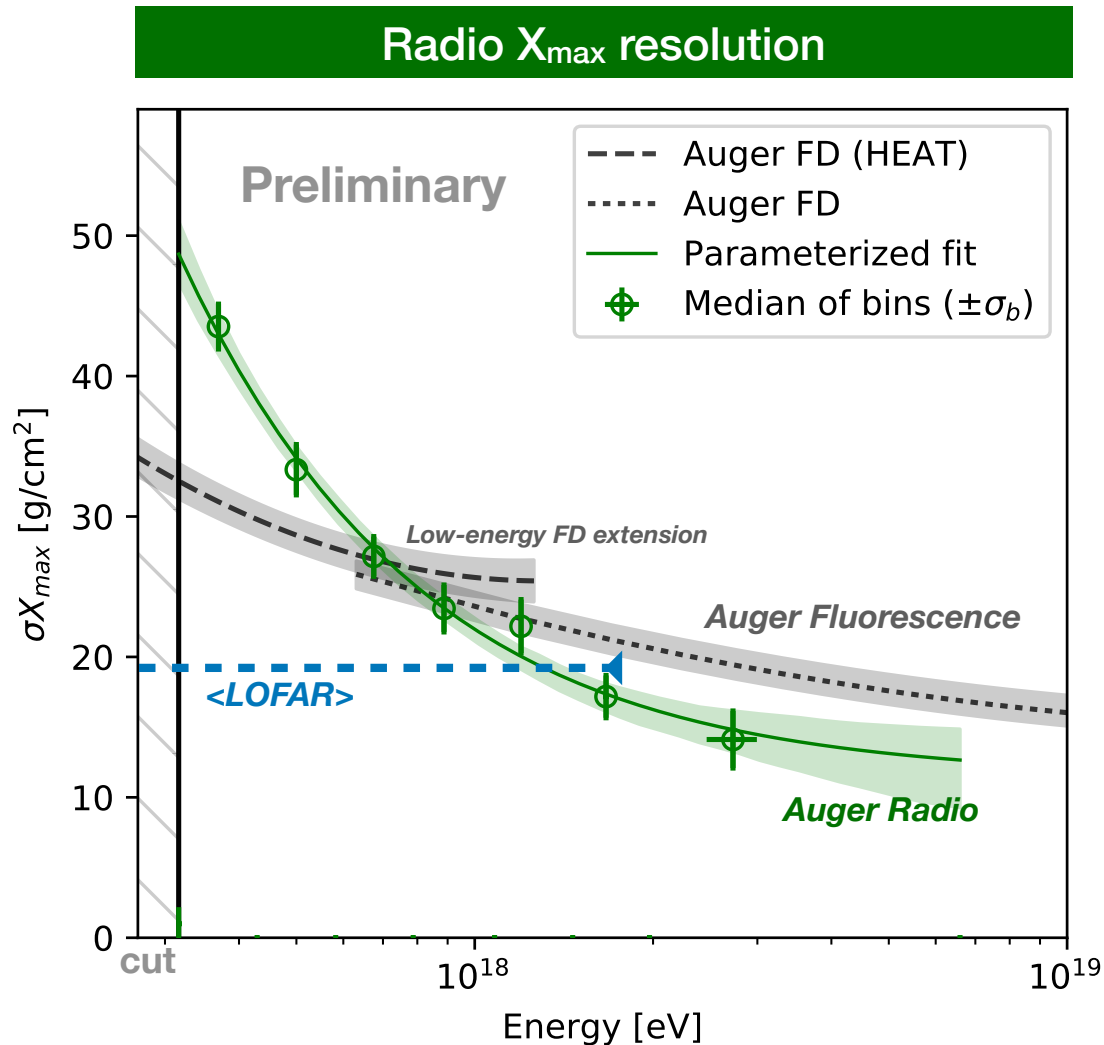
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Cosmic rays are the highest-energy particles found in nature. Measurements of the mass composition of cosmic rays with energies of 10^{17} – 10^{18} electronvolts are essential to understanding whether they have galactic or extragalactic sources. It has also been proposed that the astrophysical neutrino signal¹ comes from accelerators capable of producing cosmic rays of these energies². Cosmic rays initiate air showers—cascades of secondary particles in the atmosphere—and their masses can be inferred from measurements of the atmospheric depth of the shower maximum (X_{\max} , the depth of the air shower when it contains the most particles) or of the composition of shower particles reaching the ground³. Current measurements⁴ have either high uncertainty, or a low duty cycle and a high energy threshold. Radio detection of cosmic rays^{5–8} is a rapidly developing technique⁹ for determining X_{\max} (refs 10, 11) with a duty cycle of, in principle, nearly 100 per cent. The radiation is generated by the separation of relativistic electrons and positrons in the geomagnetic field and a negative charge excess in the shower front¹². Here we report radio measurements of X_{\max} with a mean uncertainty of 16 grams per square centimetre for air showers

initiated by cosmic rays with energies of 10^{17} – $10^{17.5}$ electronvolts. This high resolution in X_{\max} enables us to determine the mass spectrum of the cosmic rays: we find a mixed composition, with a light-mass fraction (protons and helium nuclei) of about 80 per cent. Unless, contrary to current expectations, the extragalactic component of cosmic rays contributes substantially to the total flux below $10^{17.5}$ electronvolts, our measurements indicate the existence of an additional galactic component, to account for the light composition that we measured in the 10^{17} – $10^{17.5}$ electronvolt range. Observations were made with the Low Frequency Array (LOFAR²³), a radio telescope consisting of thousands of crossed dipoles with built-in air-shower-detection capability¹⁴. LOFAR continuously records the radio signals from air showers, while simultaneously running astronomical observations. It comprises a scintillator array (LORA) that triggers the read-out of buffers, storing the full waveforms received by all antennas. We selected air showers from the period June 2011 to January 2015 with radio pulses detected in at least 192 antennas. The total uptime was about 150 days, limited by construction and commissioning of the



Results: Resolution of AERA X_{\max} method

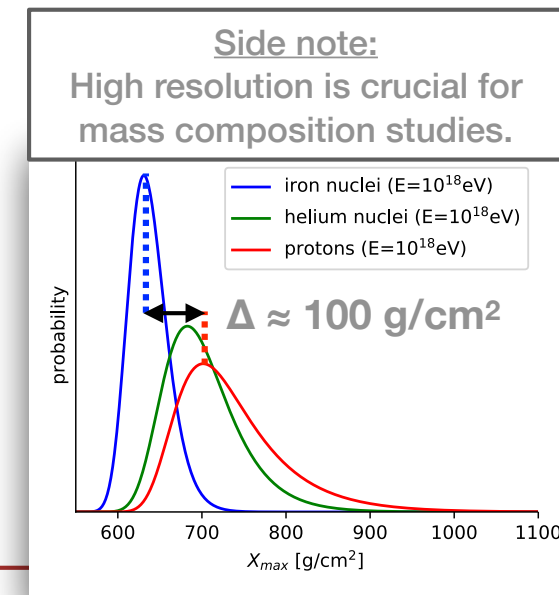


Resolution improves with energy.

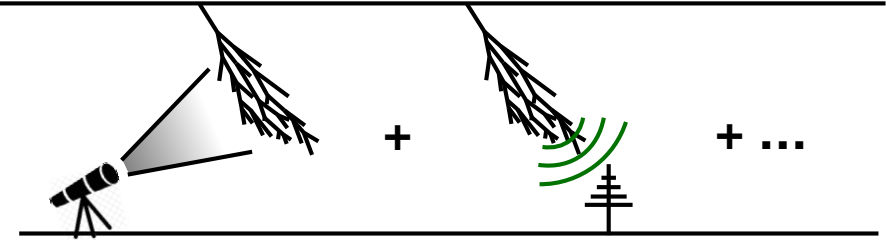
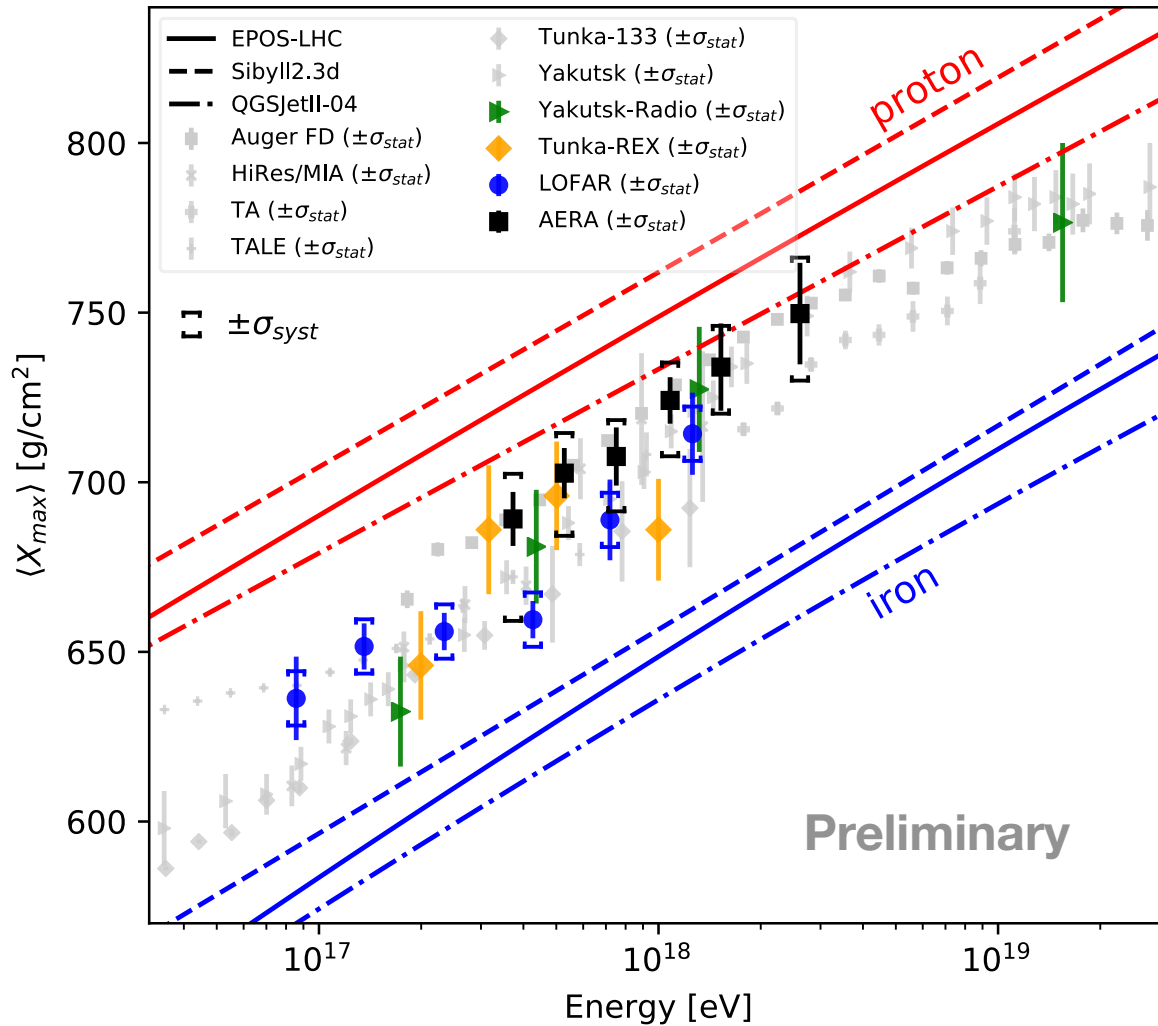
- Up to 'better than 15 g/cm²'
- Trend driven by low SNR at low energy.

Resolution competitive with e.g.:

- Auger fluorescence
[arXiv:1409.4809]
- LOFAR radio (E=10^{16.8...18.3}eV)
[arXiv:2103.12549v2]



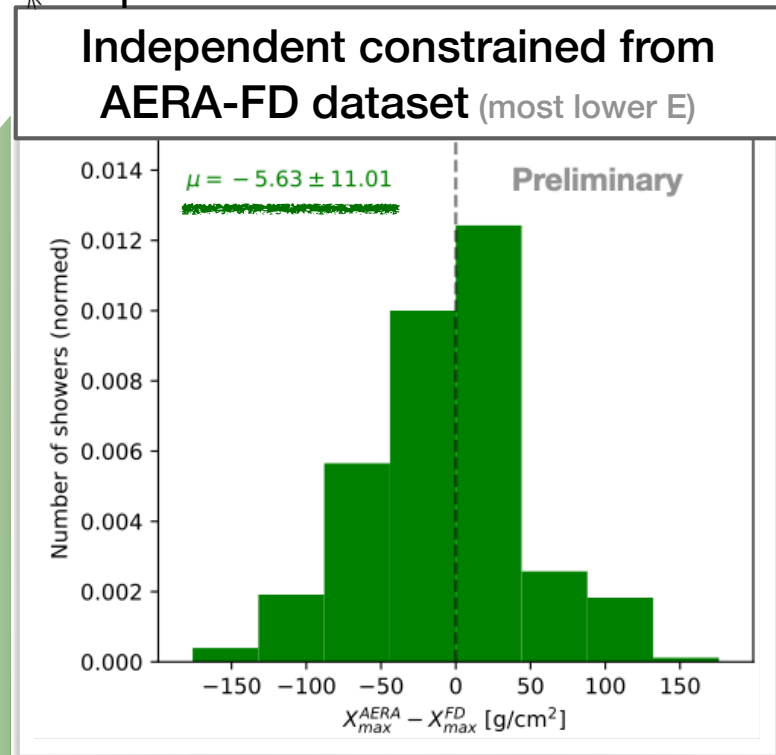
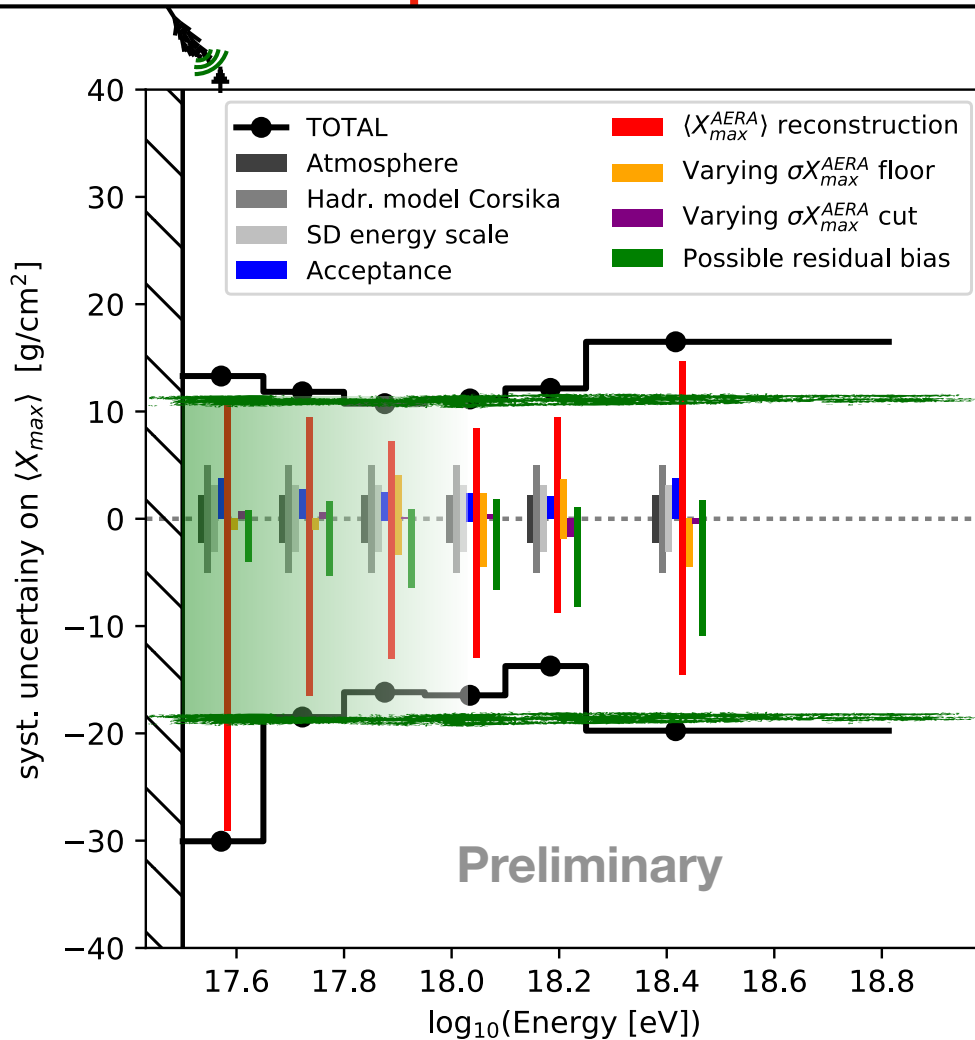
Results: AERA vs other (radio) experiments



- No general radio-bias w.r.t other techniques (within uncertainties).
- Highlights that systematic uncertainties are key to interpret and compare.
- LOFAR-AERA differences are being investigated in a working group

—> come talk to us during coffee and lunch!

Two independent estimates of systematic uncertainties



+

FD syst. unc. ~ 10 g/cm²

- **Cross check:** two independent estimates for total systematic uncertainties are **in agreement**.
 —> suggests systematic uncertainties are **well-understood** and **no significant contribution is missing**.

Determine the properties of the incoming particle with the radio technique


- **direction** $\sim 0.1^\circ - 0.5^\circ$
- **energy** $\sim 15\% - 30\%$
- **type (X_{\max})** $\sim 20 - 30 \text{ g/cm}^2$

(depending on energy, detector spacing, ...)

—> **radio technique is routinely used to measure properties of cosmic rays**

A green highway sign with white text and an arrow. The sign is mounted on a metal structure and is set against a clear blue sky. The text on the sign reads "The Future" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "NEXT EXIT" followed by a white arrow pointing up and to the right. The sign is supported by several metal brackets along its bottom edge.

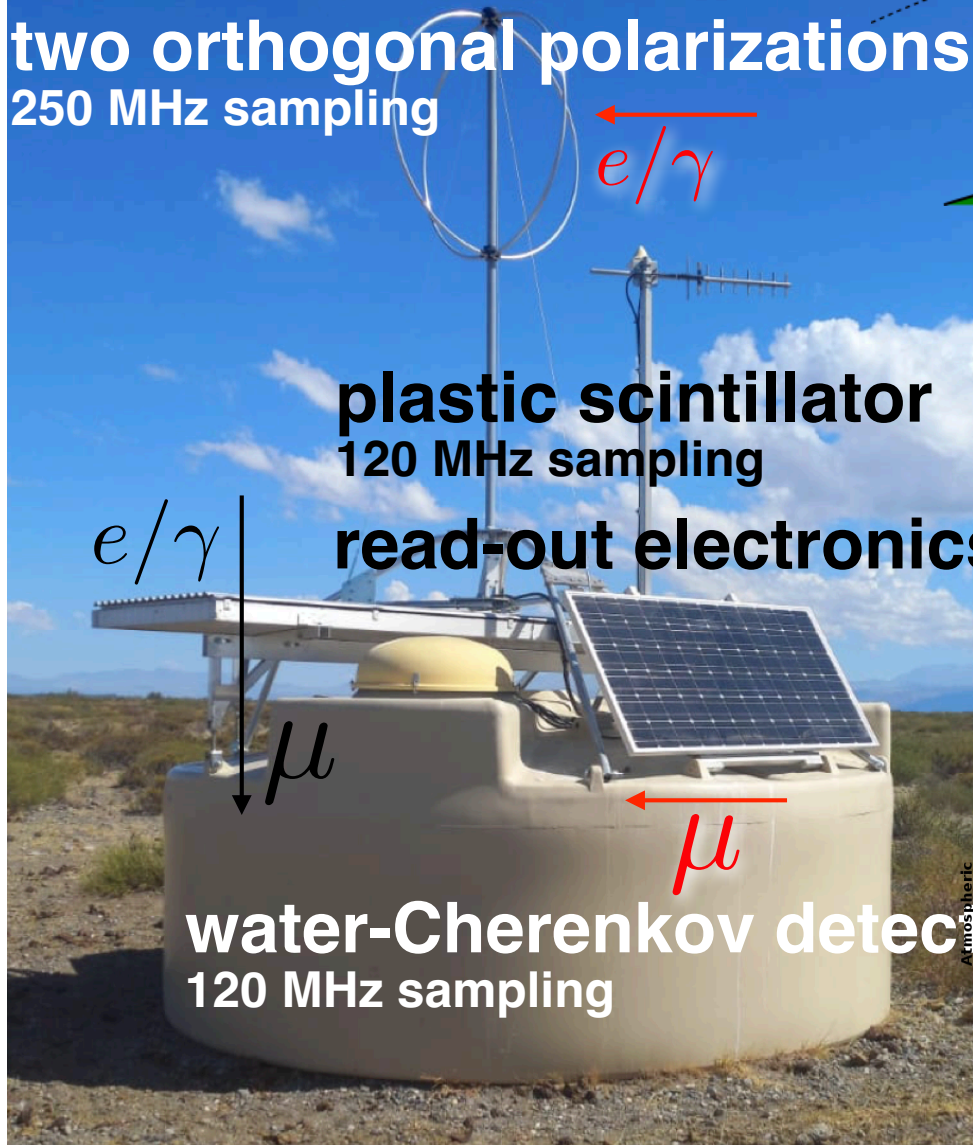
The Future

NEXT EXIT 

The Radio Detector of the Pierre Auger Observatory

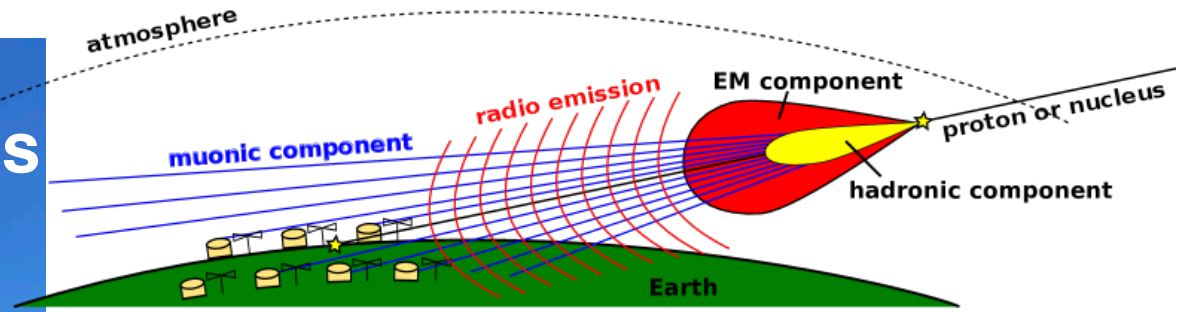


radio antenna 30-80 MHz
two orthogonal polarizations
250 MHz sampling

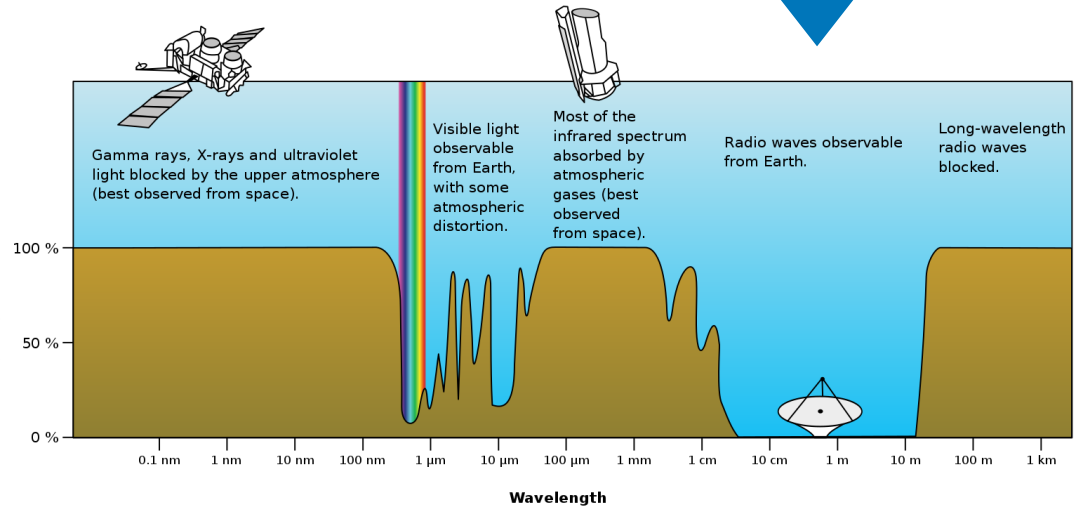


plastic scintillator
120 MHz sampling
read-out electronics

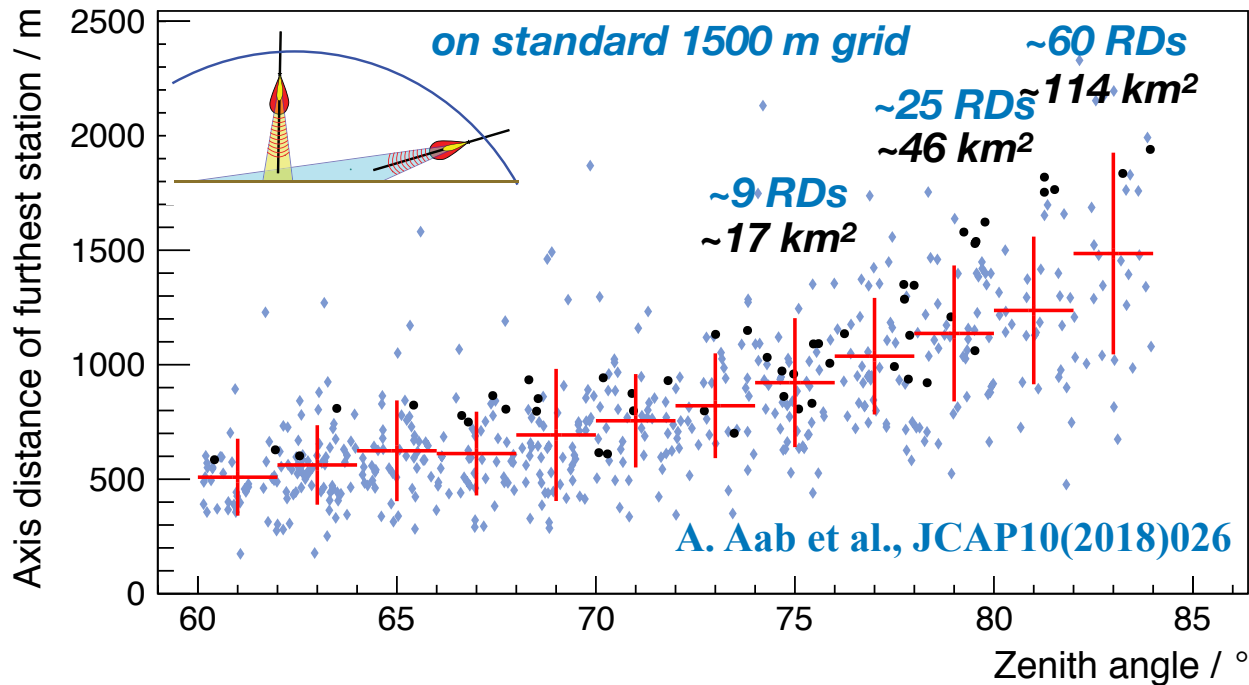
water-Cherenkov detector
120 MHz sampling



atmosphere of Earth is transparent in 30-80 MHz band

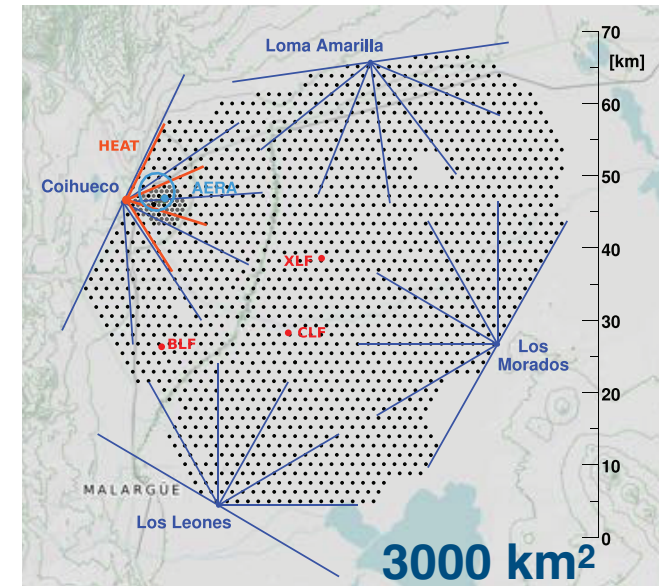


Horizontal air showers have large footprints in radio emission



this is MEASURED with the *small* 17km² AERA

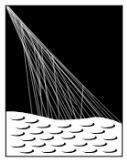
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Surface Detector array:
Water Cherenkov Detector,
Surface Scintillator Detector,
Radio Detector

1600 stations on 1500 m grid
61 stations on 750 m grid

extend mass sensitivity to inclined showers $\theta > 60^\circ$

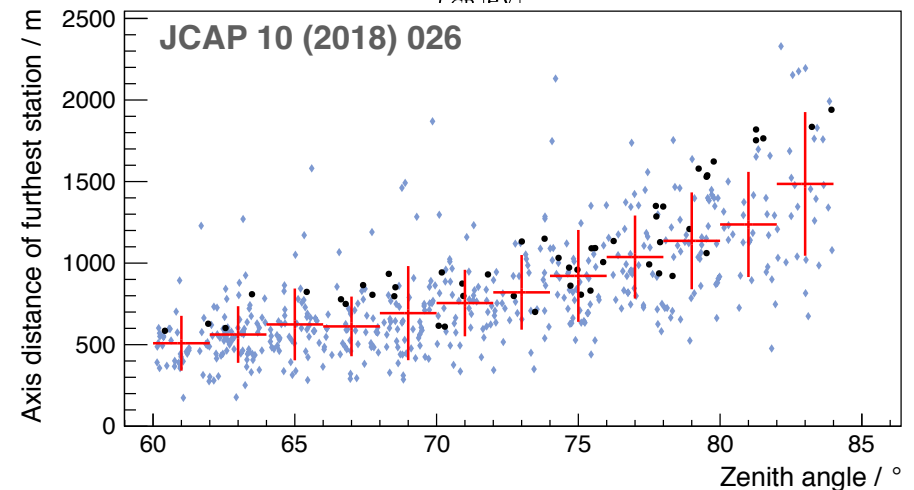
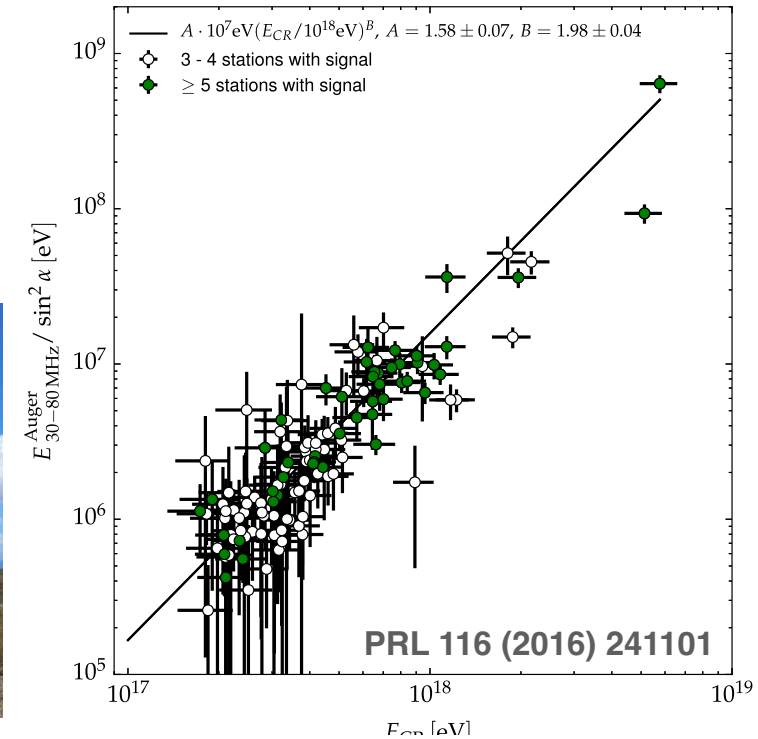


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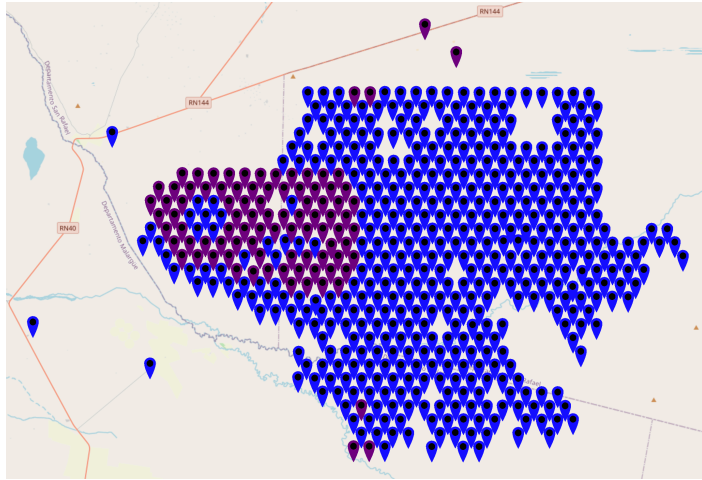


- increasing measurements of e/m and μ components for inclined showers by an order of magnitude
- close to ideal p-Fe separation
- increase sky coverage and overlap with TA
- RD/WCD has different systematic effects as compared to SSD/WCD
- clean measurement of e/m shower component
—> independent energy scale
- based on 15 years of experience with AERA

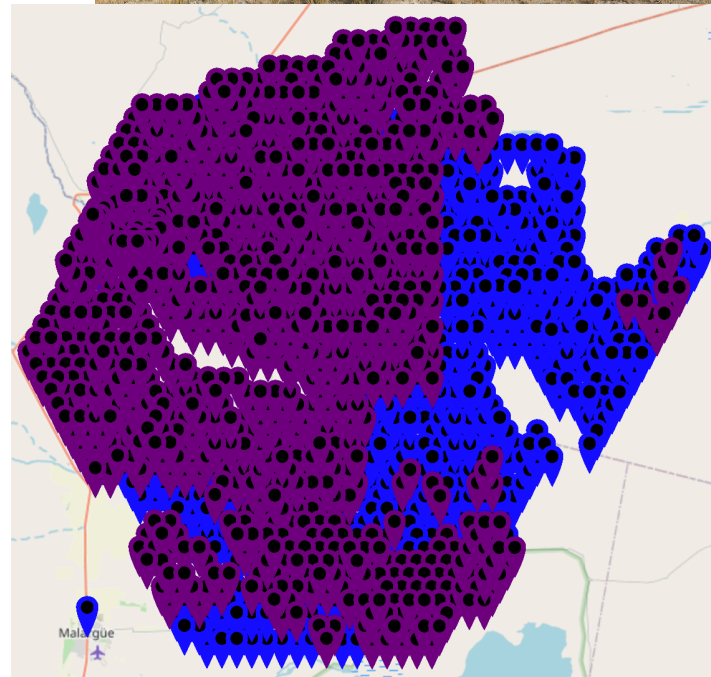
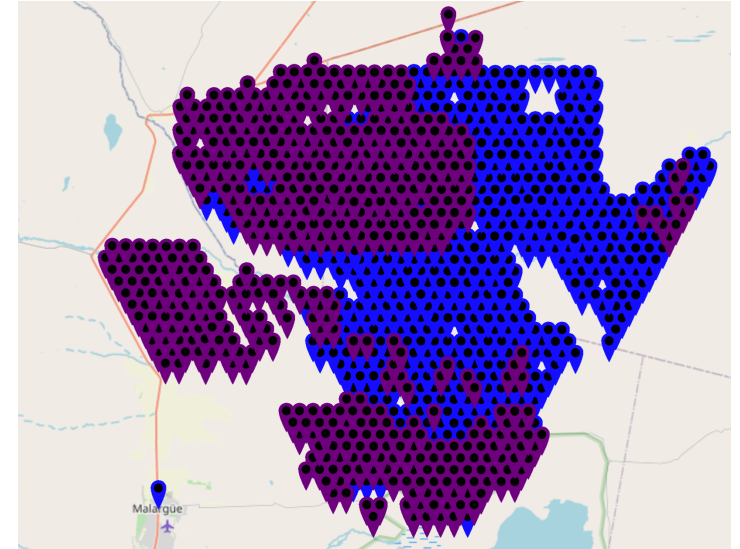




~500 stations Nov 2023



~1000 stations Mar 2024

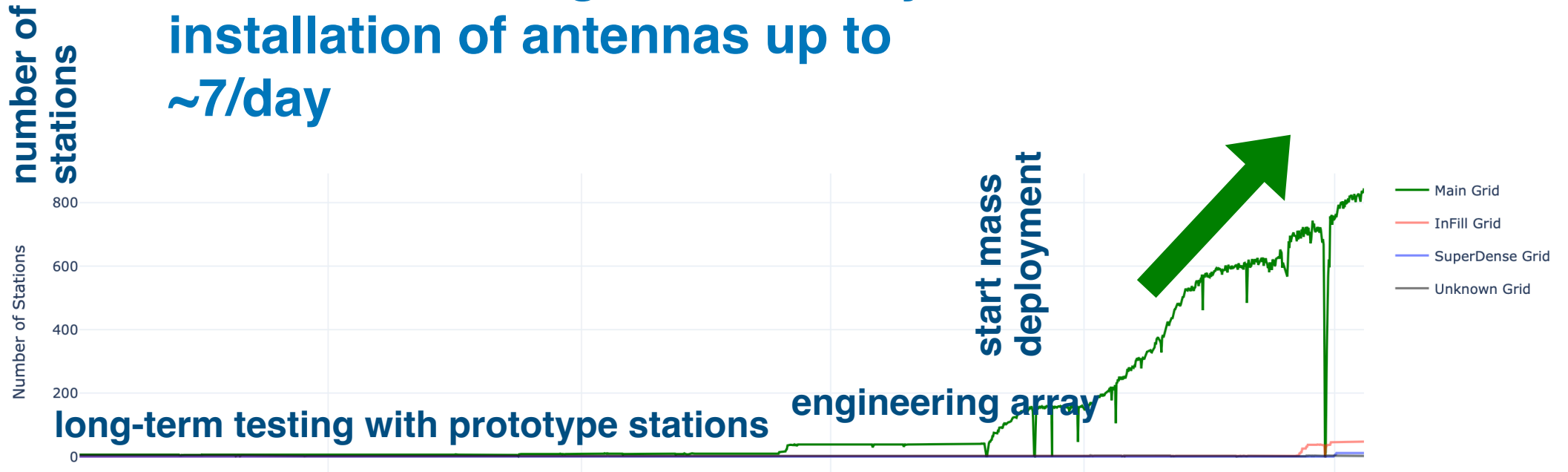


~1360 stations July 2024



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installation of digitizers ~7/day
 installation of antennas up to ~7/day



positions in DAQ

Current Status (22/07/2024 at 07h23)



Total Operated:

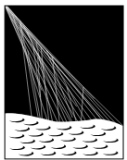
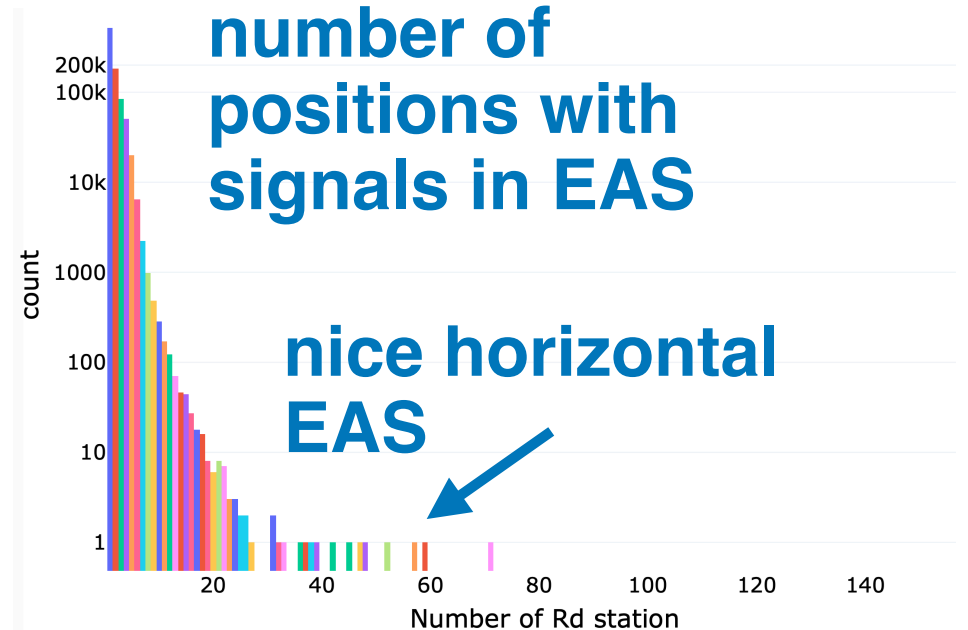
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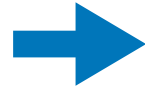
Test Grid : 2/82



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Calibration procedure

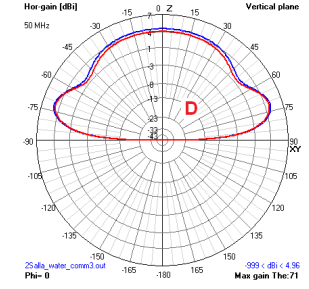
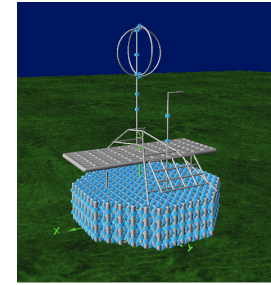
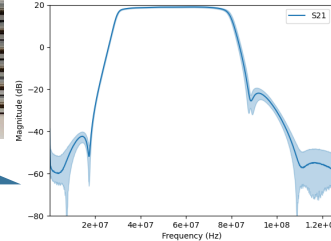
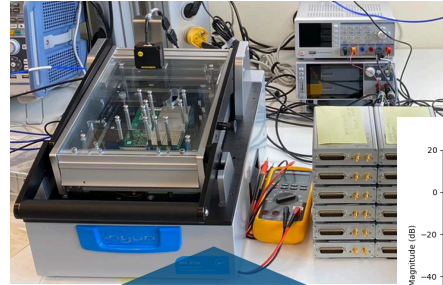
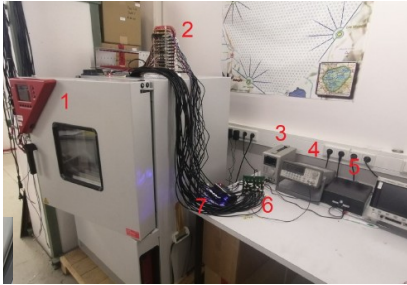
thermal cycling
(aging)
LNA & digitizer



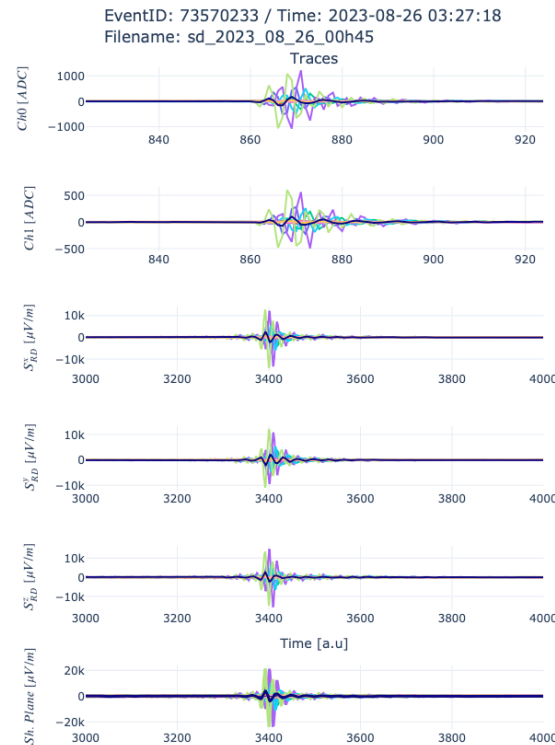
end-to-end calibration
in lab
LNA & digitizer



simulation of antenna
pattern
NEC

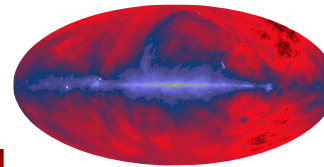


absolutely calibrated
signals

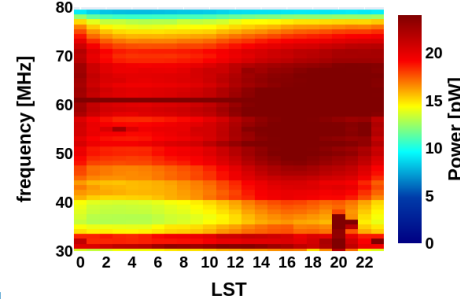


agreement
on ~5% level

Galactic emission

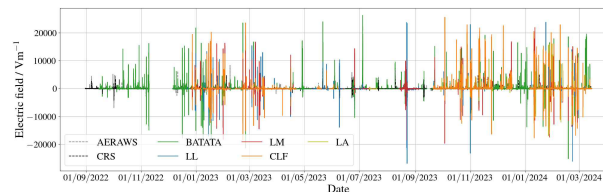


Measured power dataset:

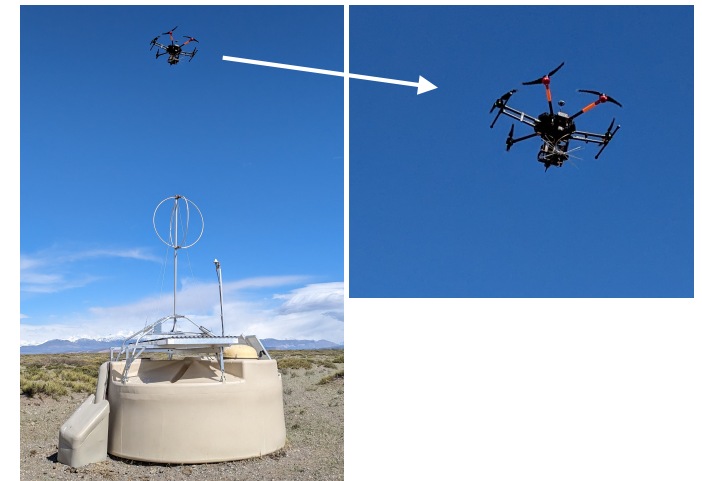


the
„muon
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for radio

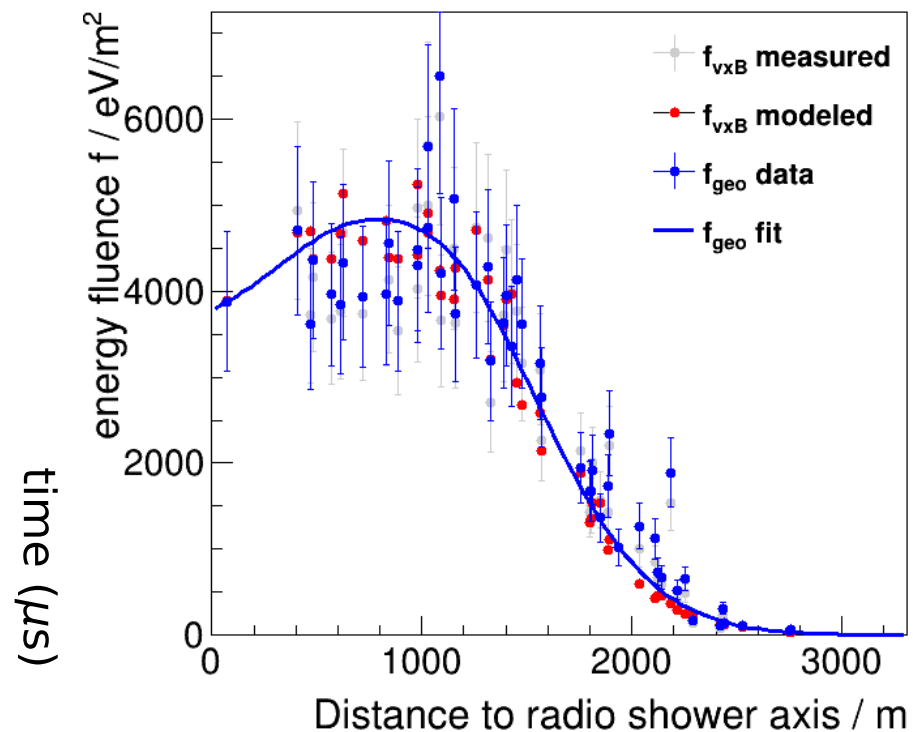
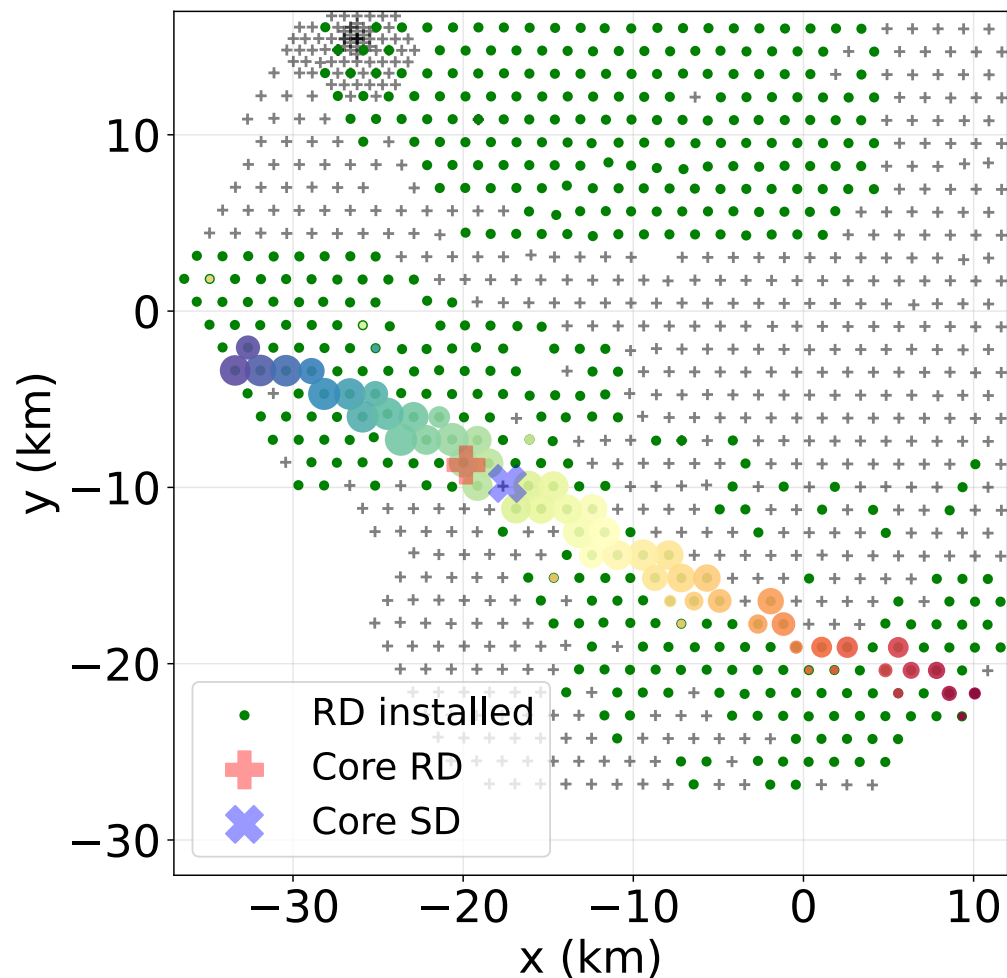
atmospheric electric field



in-situ calibration with
reference antenna



A measured cosmic ray



	RD	SD
Azimuth (deg)	156.99±0.01	157±0.1
Zenith (deg)	84.7±0.01	84.7±0.1
Energy (EeV)	36.23 ± 3.34	38.55 ± 2.92
Core X (km)	-19.8	-17.40±0.88
Core Y (km)	-8.73	-9.78±0.45

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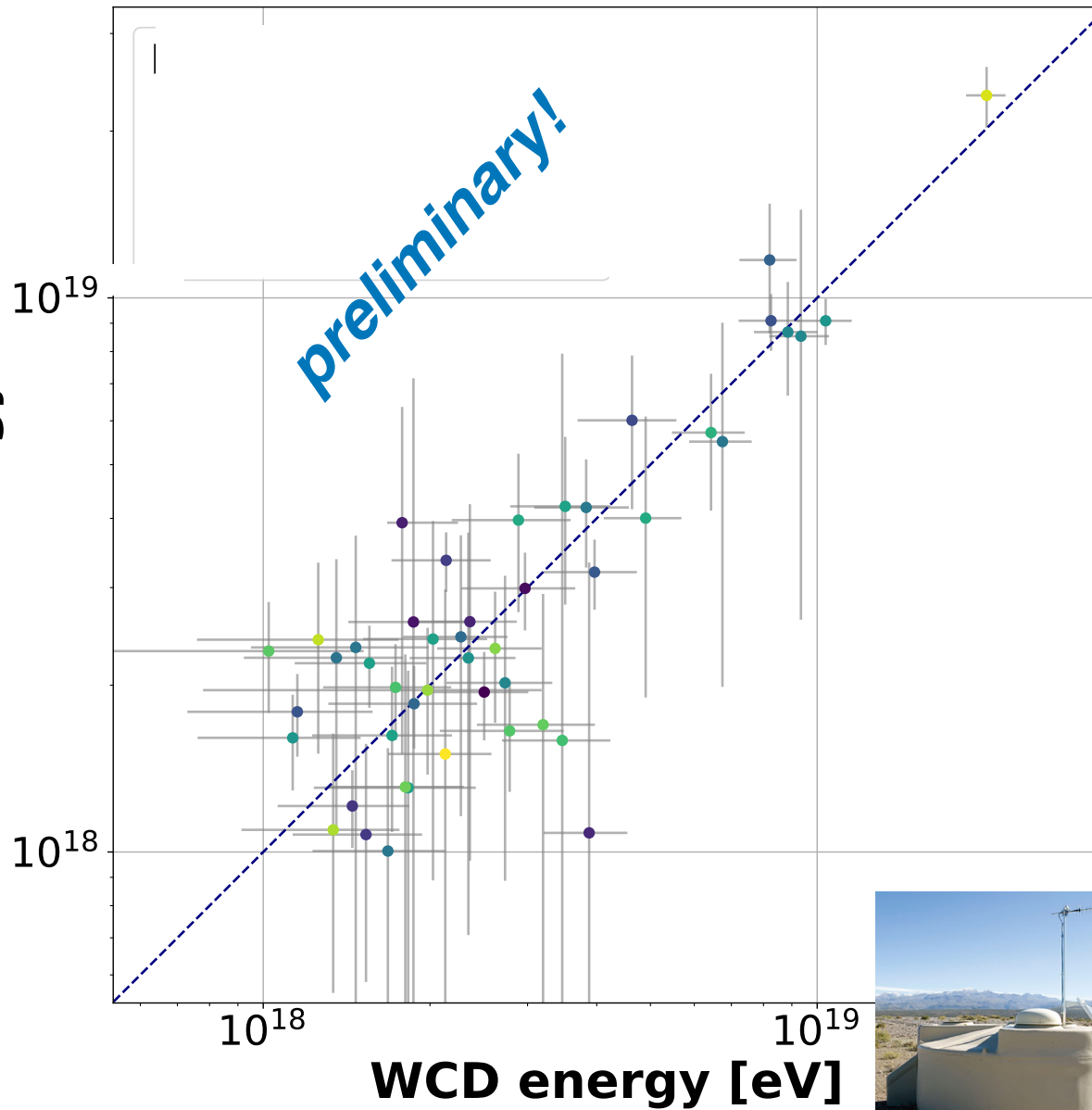
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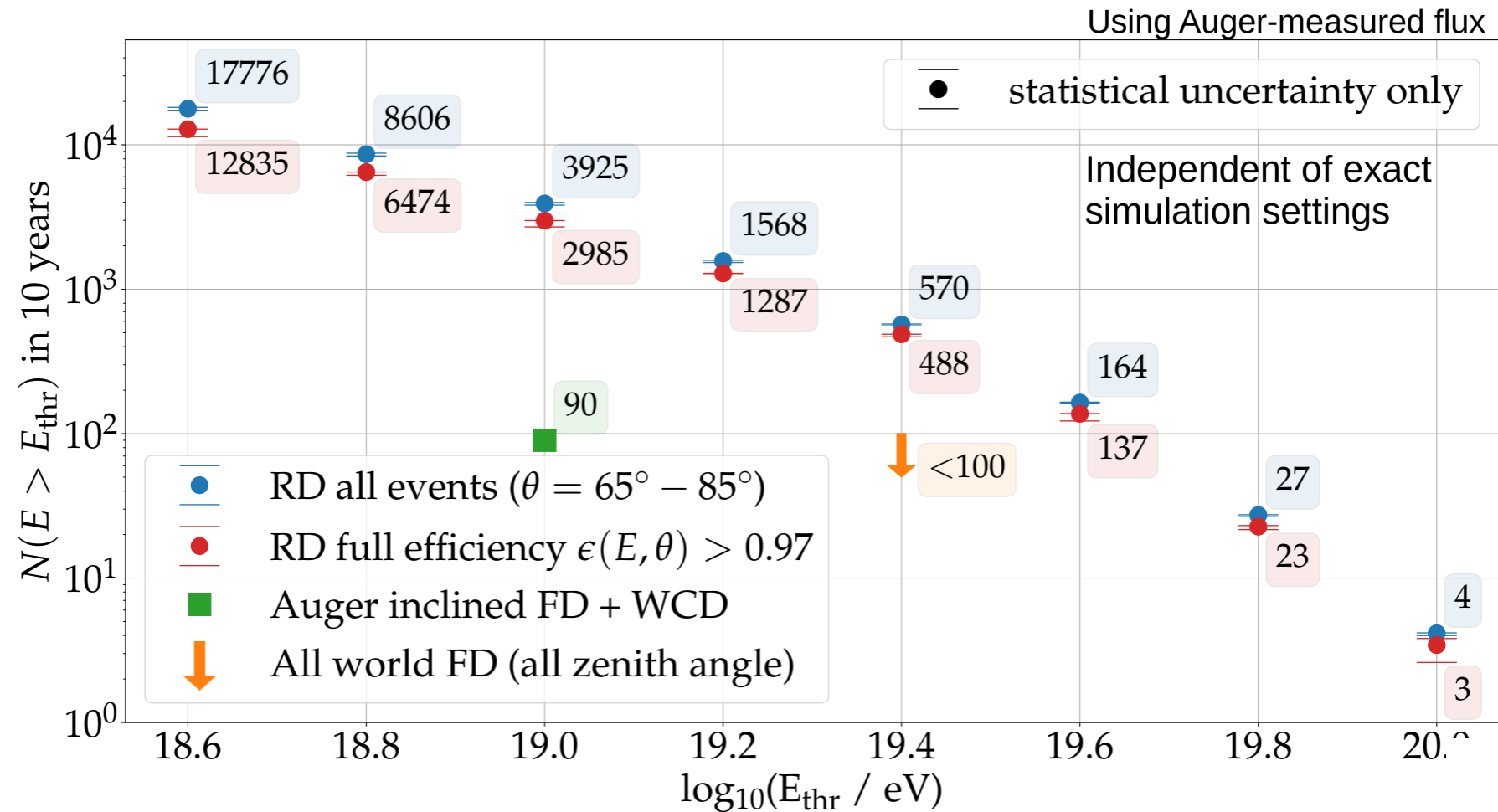
RD EM energy [eV]



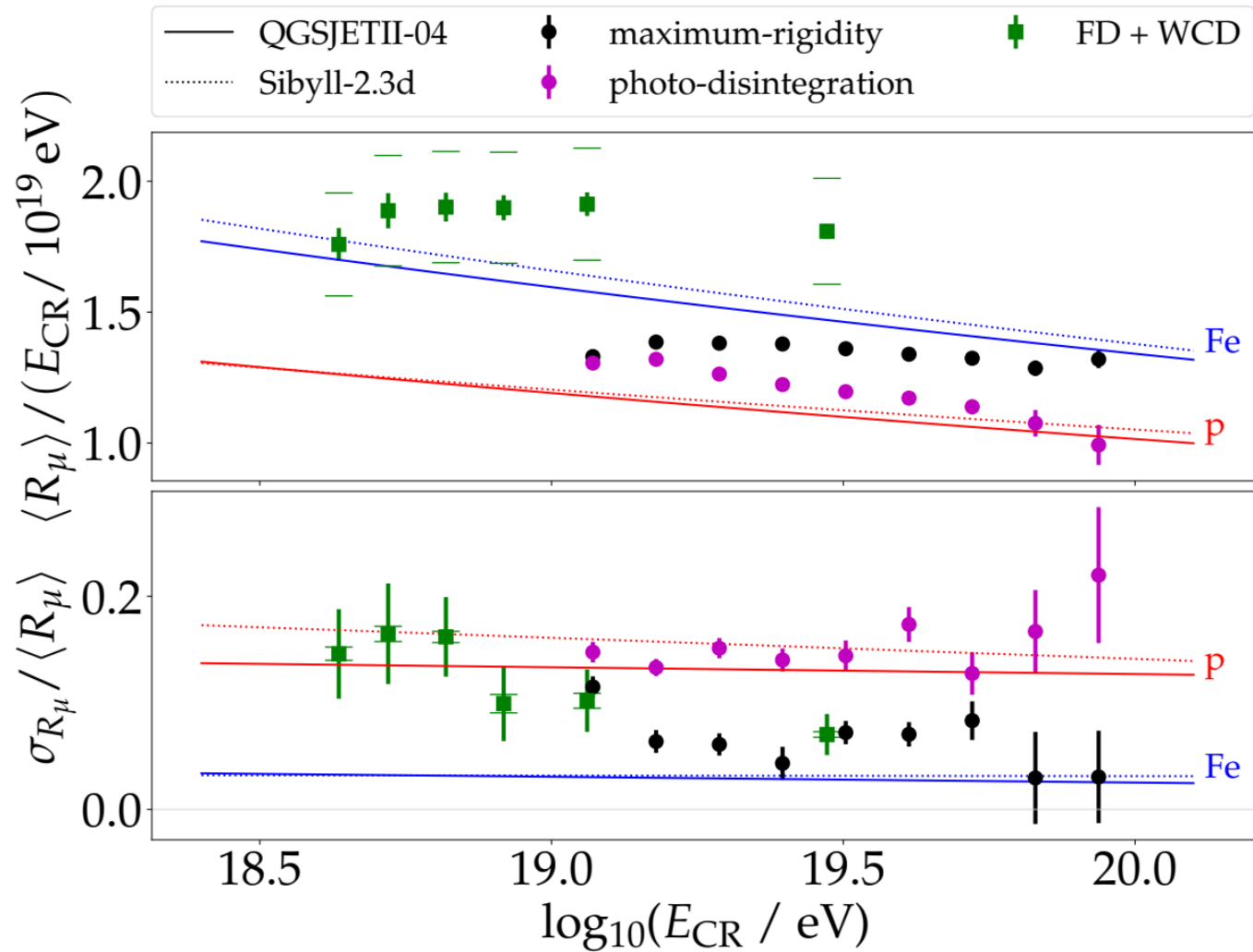
measurement of e/m energy by RD

—> full end-to-end verification of complete chain

Expected number of cosmic rays after 10 years

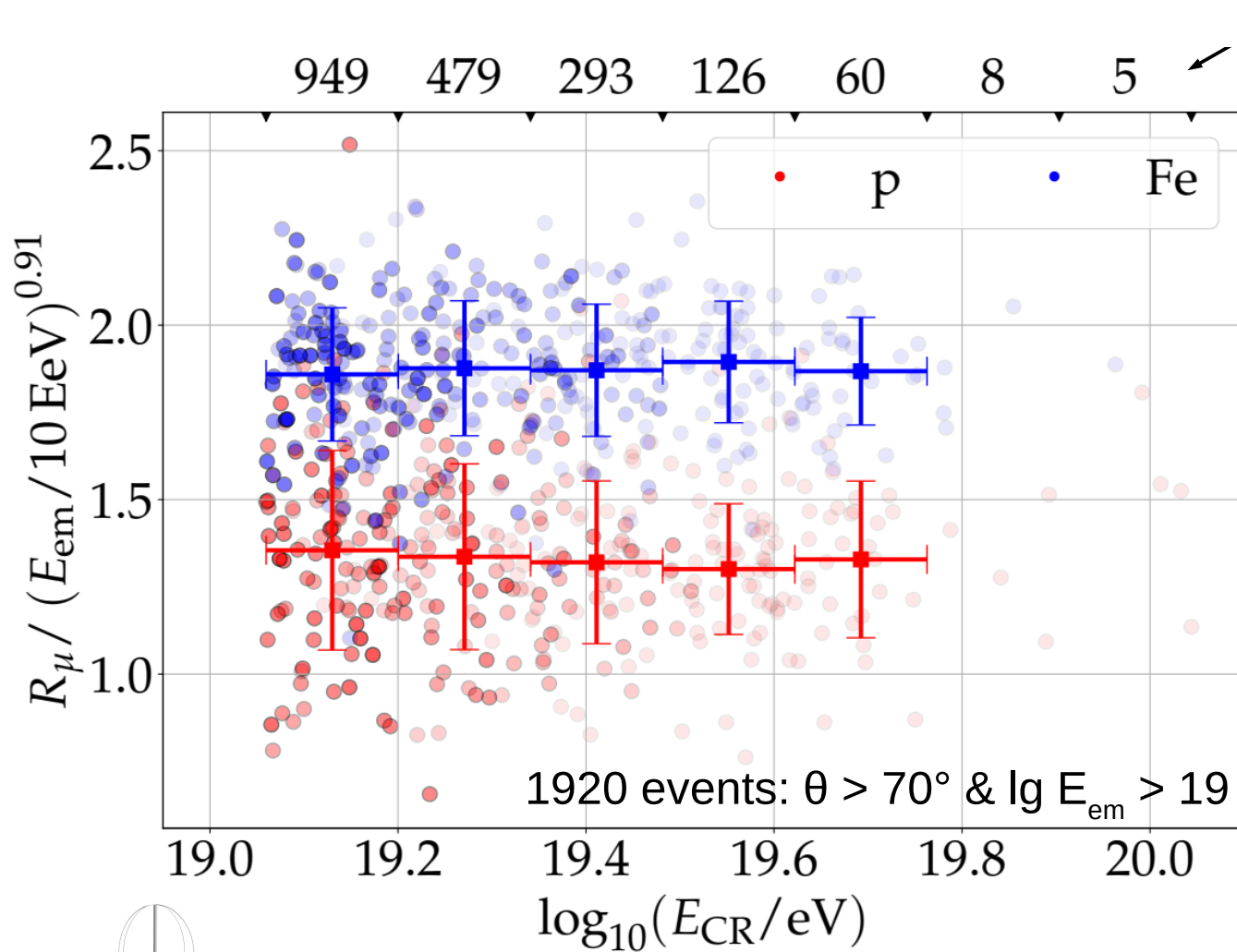


Particle physics in air showers



**Muons in
inclined air
showers**
—> investigation
of muon deficit

Particle type for each cosmic ray



50/50 p-Fe composition
with 10 yr RD measurements

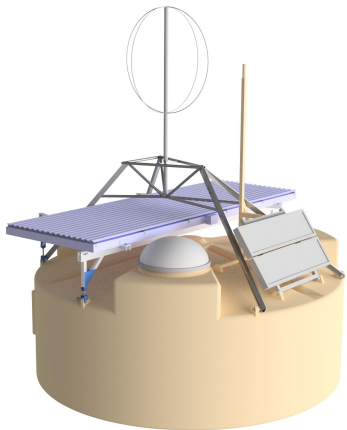
figure of Merit:

$$\text{FOM} = \frac{|\langle r_p \rangle - \langle r_{Fe} \rangle|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{r_p}^2 + \sigma_{r_{Fe}}^2}}$$

FOM = 1.61 ± 0.04

equal to X_{\max} with perfect
resolution

goal for the upgrade: 1.5





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