

# Measurements at accelerators particularly useful for High-Energy Astroparticle Physics

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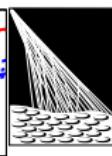
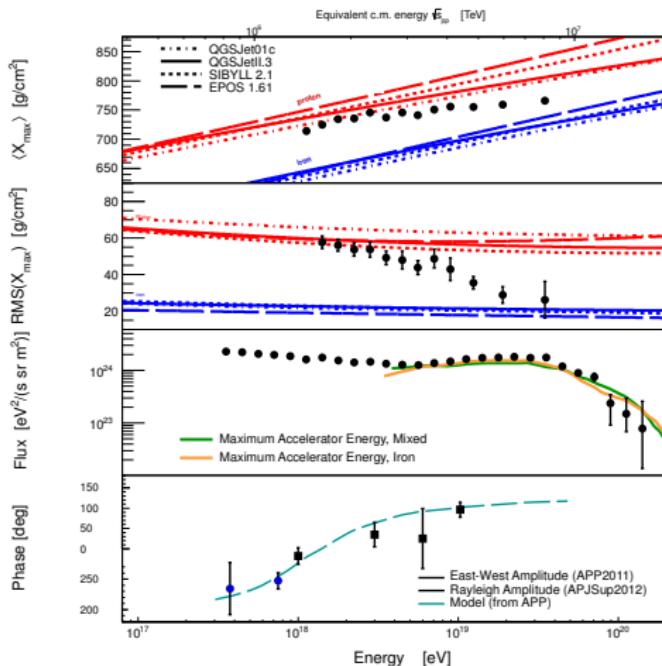
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- Ultra-high energy cosmic rays
- Extensive air showers
- Hadronic interactions in air showers
- LHC data and models

# Ultra-high energy cosmic rays

What is the nature and the sources of the highest energy particles in the universe?

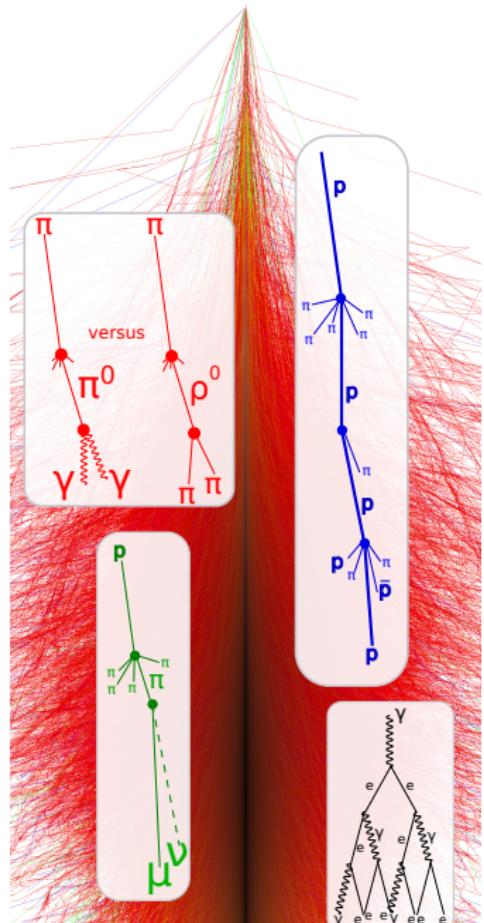


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- GZK cutoff? Maximum energy of accelerators? GDR/dissociation?
- Can we find individual (point) sources?
- Can we identify a transition (anisotropy) from galactic to extragalactic?

→ Mass composition is a key measurement to resolve questions!

# Ultra-high energy cosmic ray extensive air showers



- Huge coupled cascading process
- Conversion of primary energy into
  - Electrons/ photons
  - Muons
  - Low energy hadrons
- Most relevant mass-sensitive observables are:
  - Depth of shower maximum
  - Muon content
- Precise modelling is mandatory for a cosmic ray mass measurement

# Air shower cascade

# Model features and parameters

## Hard and soft particle production, string/remnant fragmentation:

General characteristics of hadronic multiparticle production.

⇒ all detectors, especially detailed central measurements

## Projectile remnants, forward fragmentation, leading hadrons, inelasticity:

Most critical for energy transport in air showers!

⇒ LHCf, Zero Degree Calorimeters

## Diffraction:

Above LHC energy, > 40 % of interactions are diffractive.

⇒ Totem, CASTOR, ...

## Cross sections (diffractive, elastic, inelastic and total):

Extremely important for the development and fluctuation of air shower cascades!

⇒ Totem

## Gluon saturation, non-linear QCD:

$x$  values down to  $10^{-8}$  in UHECR, saturation effects studied at LHC via  $p_T$ , correlations, forward particle production, etc.

⇒ ATLAS, ALICE, CMS, ...

## Nuclear Effects:

⇒ LHC pA and pO

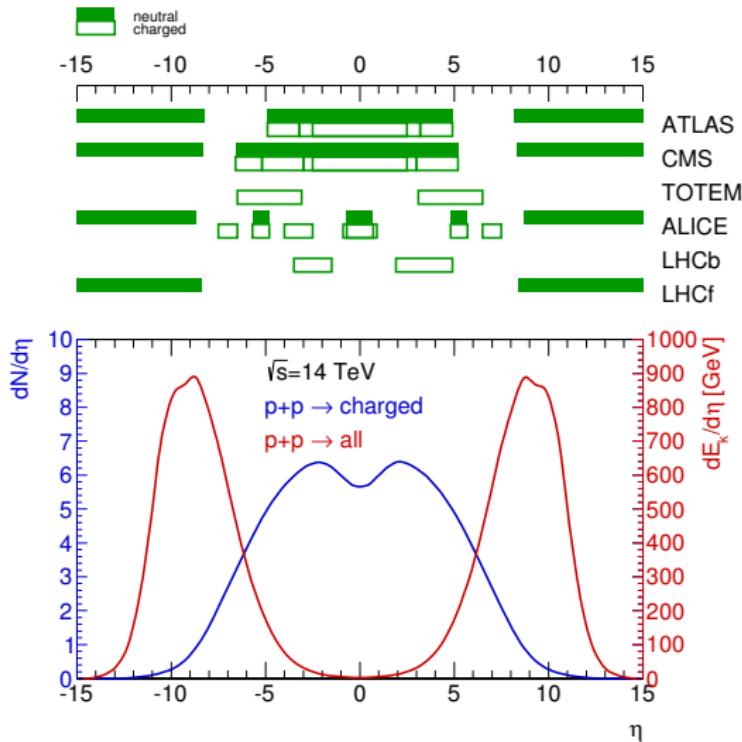
## PeV neutrinos and muon puzzle:

⇒ LHC fixed target

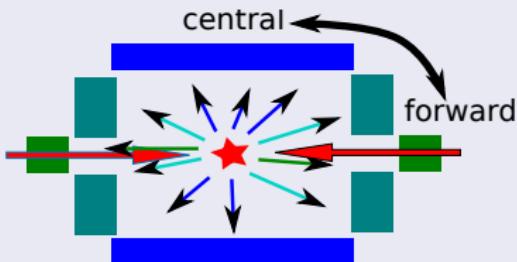
# Angular acceptance of LHC experiments

Definition of *pseudorapidity*:  $\eta = -\log \tan(\theta/2)$

where  $\theta$  is the angle wrt. to the beam



# Phase-space coverage at LHC

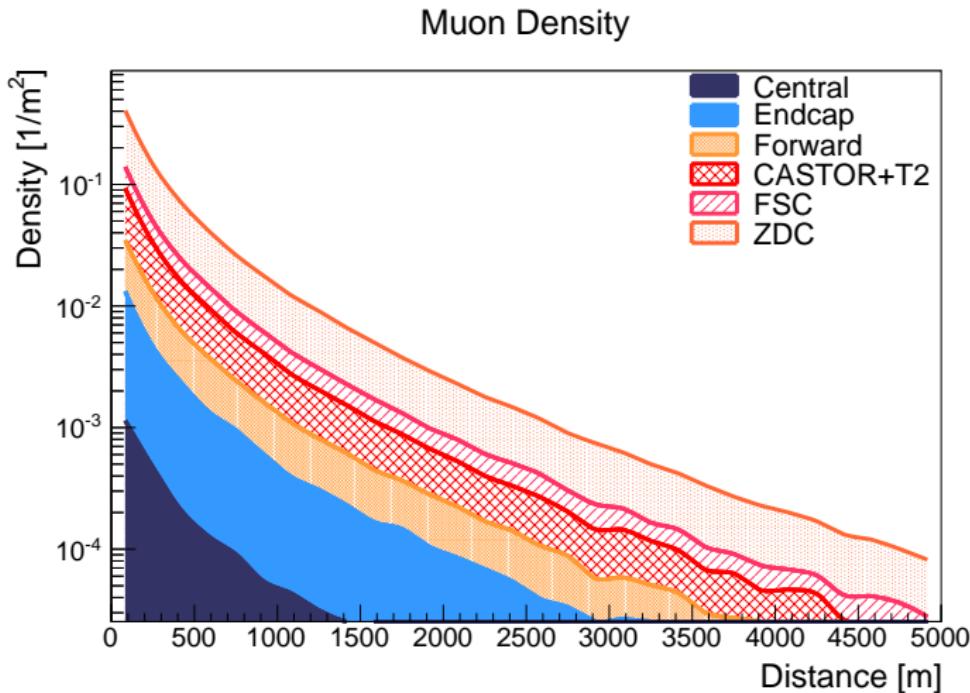


- Central ( $|\eta| < 1$ )
- Endcap ( $1 < |\eta| < 3.5$ )
- Forward ( $3 < |\eta| < 5$ ), HF
- CASTOR+T2 ( $5 < |\eta| < 6.6$ )
- FSC ( $6.6 < |\eta| < 8$ )
- ZDC ( $|\eta| > 8$ ), LHCf

- How relevant are specific detectors at LHC for air showers?
- Simulate parts of shower individually.

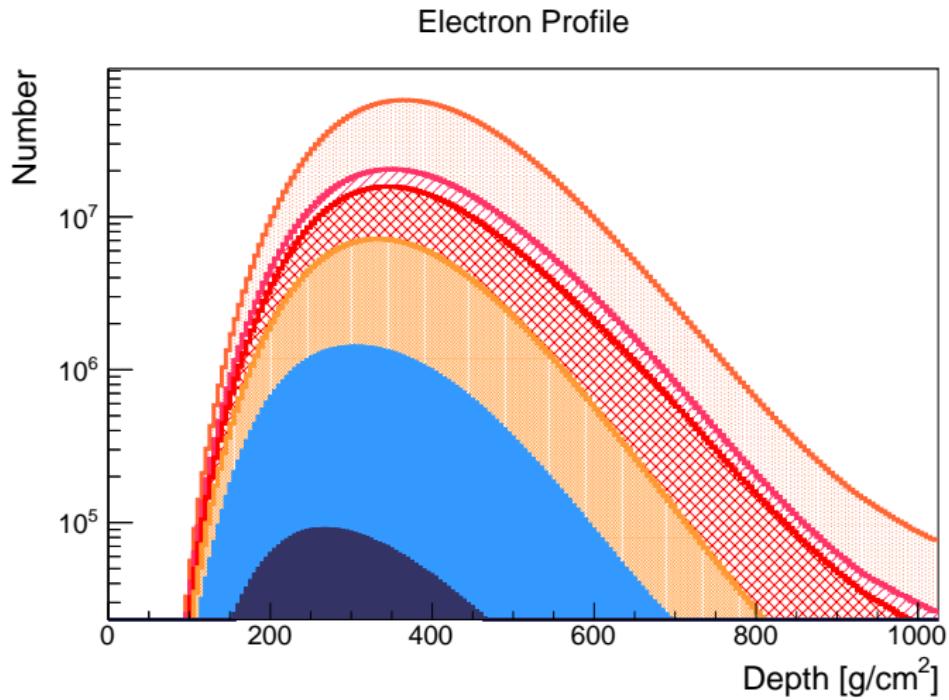


# Lateral particle density on ground level



- Air shower models so far only tuned to about 10 % !
- Forward detectors are crucial.

# Longitudinal shower development



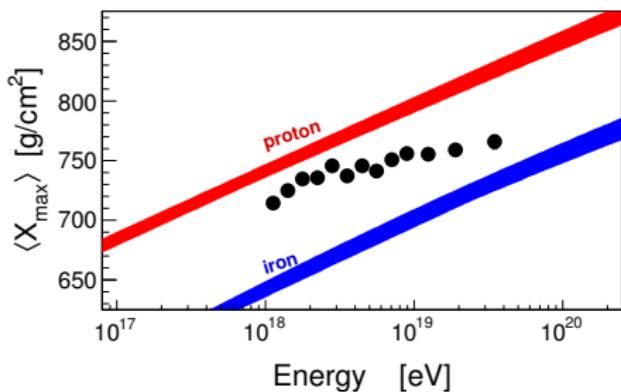
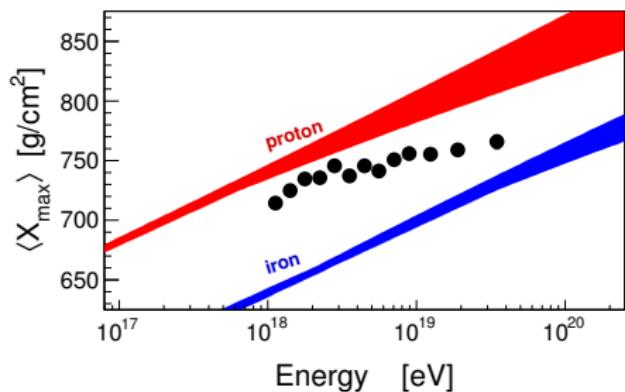
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# Model tuning to LHC data and $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$ predictions

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QGSJetII.3



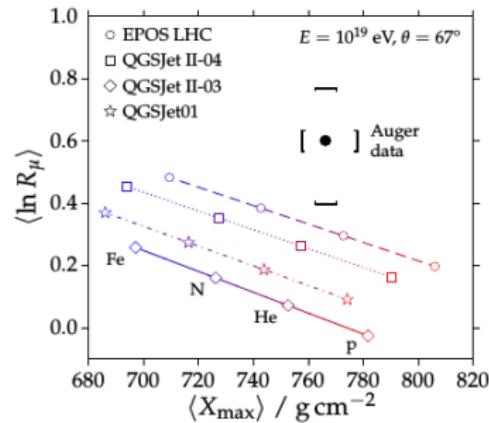
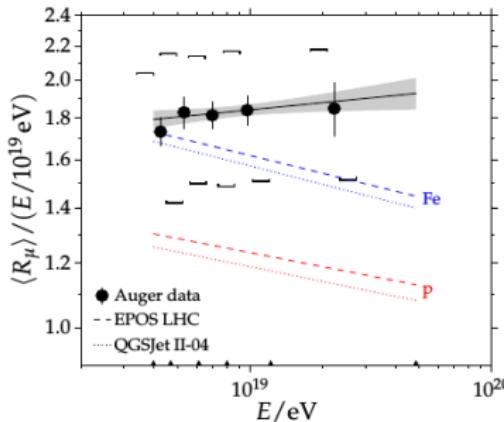
EPOS LHC  
QGSJetII.4



## Tuning impact:

- Obvious apparent improved model predictions
- But is this really a quantitative indication of a better understanding?

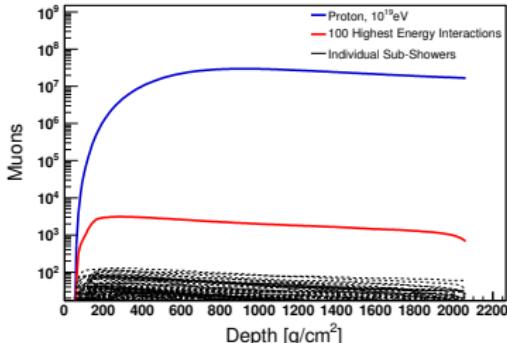
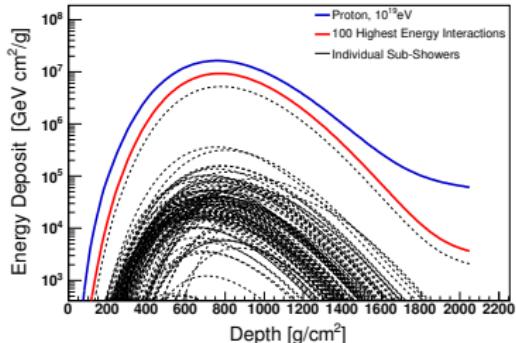
# Muon content of air showers at ground level



Auger, PRD 91 (2015) 032003

- More muons in air shower data than expected
- No consistency between different observables can be achieved
- Interaction physics in air shower models still not accurate

# Sensitivity to interaction physics



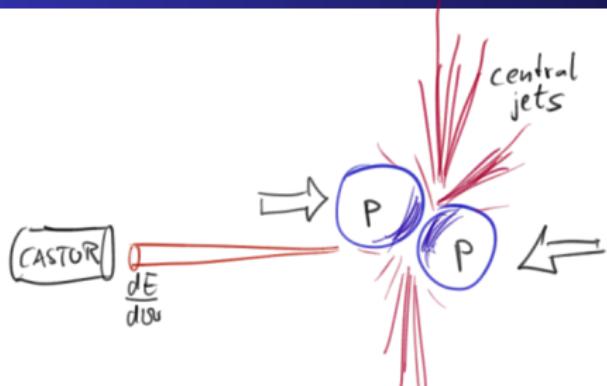
- Wide range of energies, reaching beyond accelerators
- Extrapolation into forward phase space

→ **Very different impact on different EAS observables:**

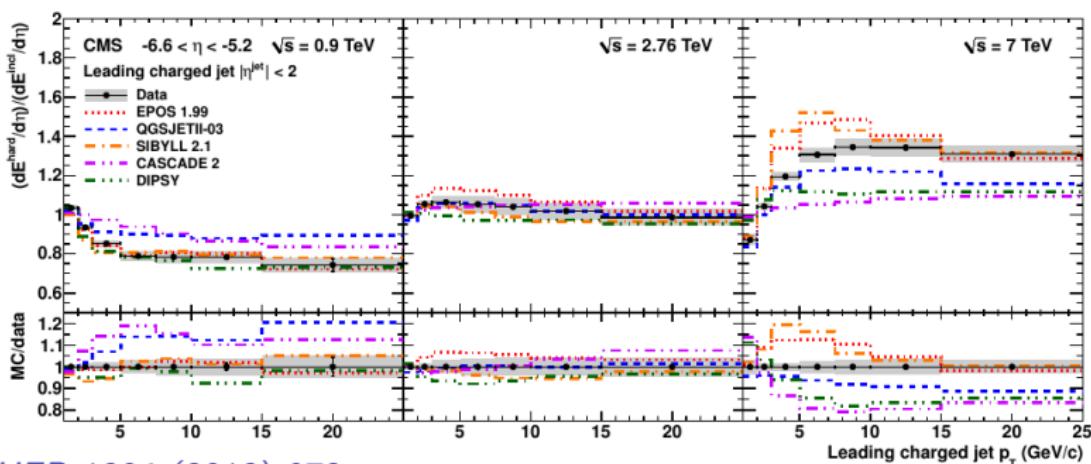
$X_{\max}$  Very high energy interactions

Muons Low energy interactions

# Forward energy as a function of central activity (pp)



- **Forward energy**  $\sim$  Remnant fragmentation
- **Central jets**  $\sim$  String fragmentation
- “Underlying-Event” study in very forward direction

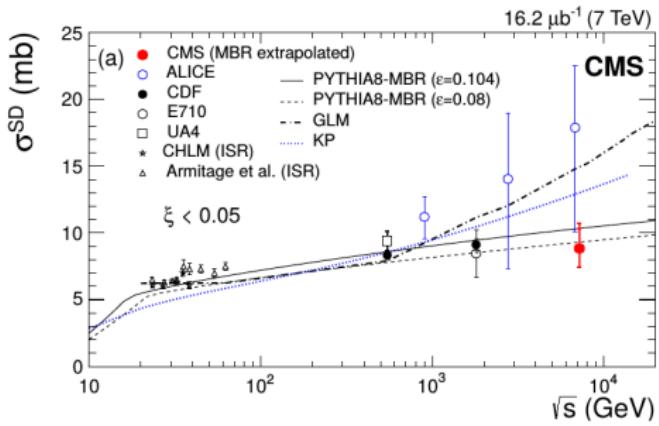
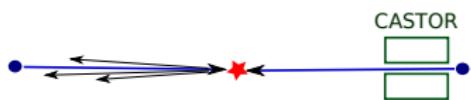


# CMS/CASTOR low-mass single diffraction (pp, 7 TeV)

Double Diffraction

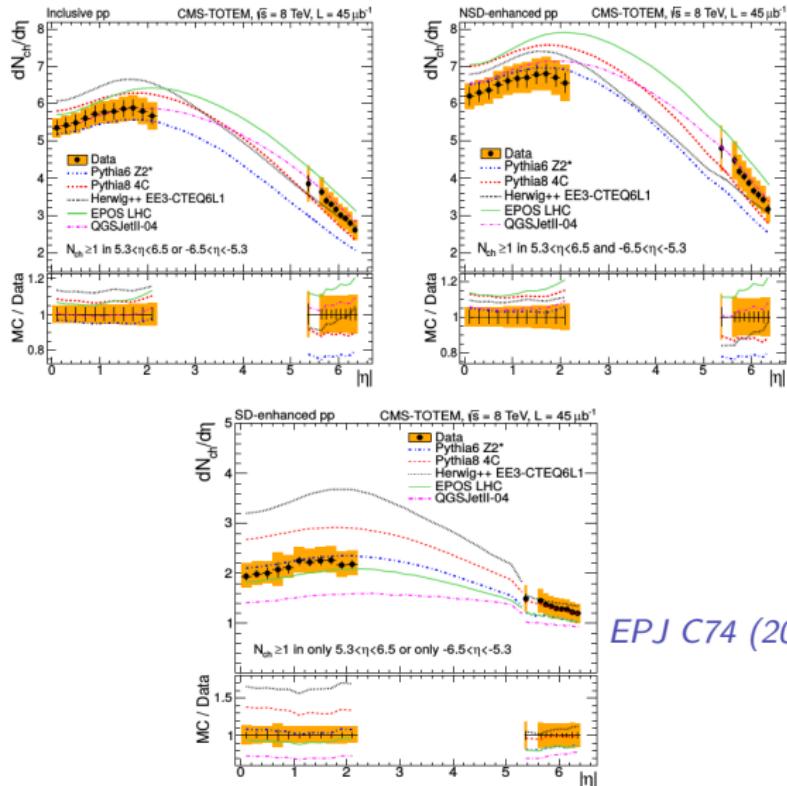


Single Diffraction



Separation of single- and double-diffraction possible  
with CASTOR detector

# CMS + TOTEM combined multiplicity data (pp, 8 TeV)



EPJ C74 (2014) 3053

1) Very wide acceptance! 2) Correlations and final state selection!

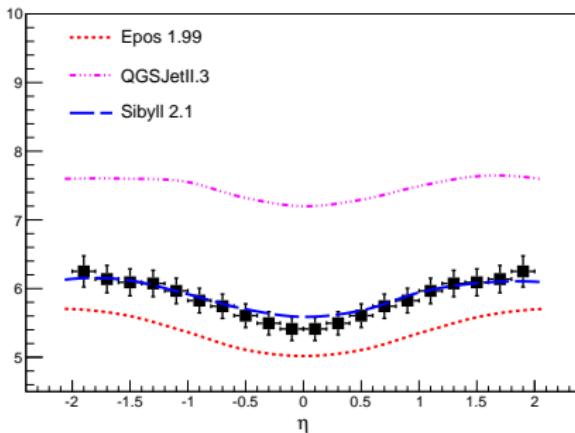
# Multiplicity measurements at 13 TeV

pre-LHC models

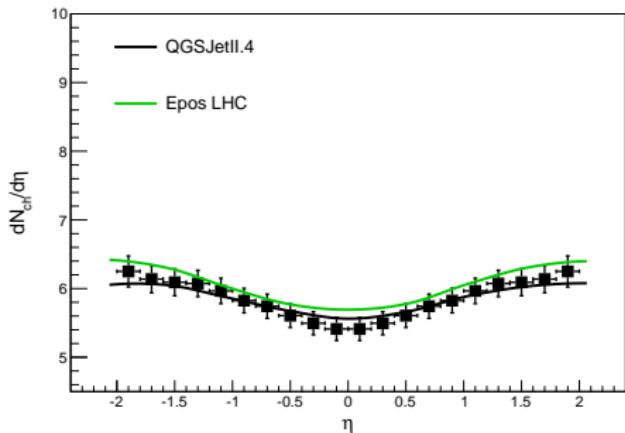


Models tuned at 7 TeV

CMS 13TeV, Inelastic Events



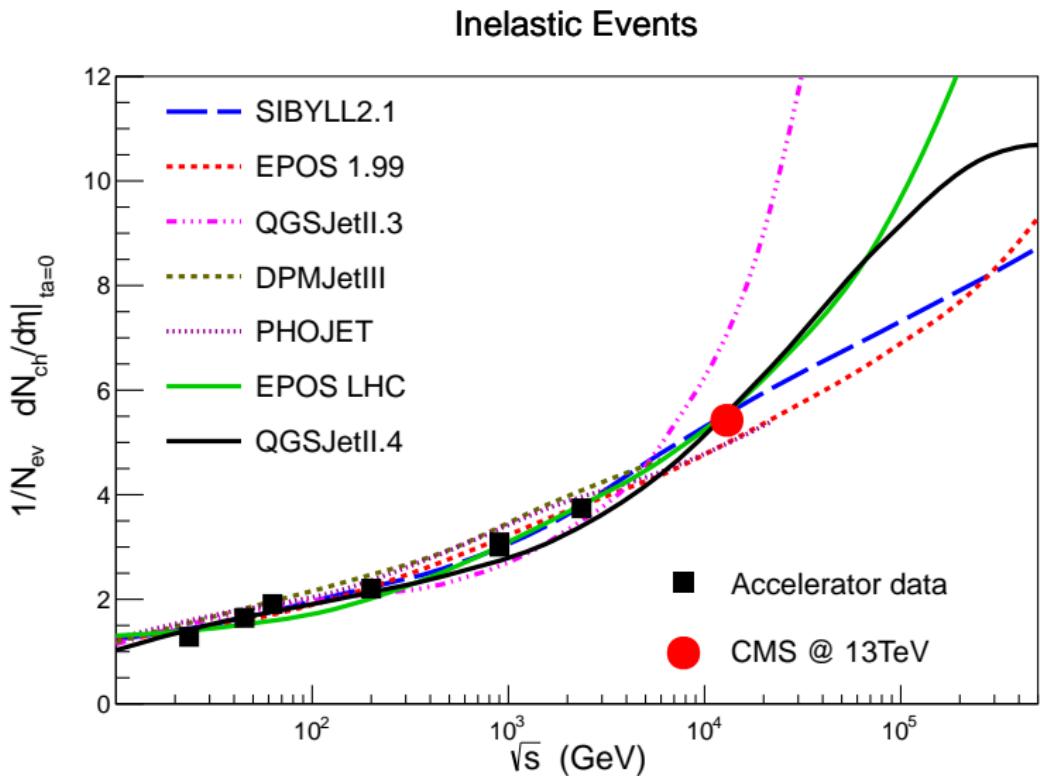
CMS 13TeV, Inelastic Events



CMS: PLB 751 (2015) 143

- Good extrapolation over factor  $\approx 2$  in  $\sqrt{s}$
- Poorly constraint beyond factor  $> 10$  in  $\sqrt{s}$

# Extrapolation to ultra-high energies

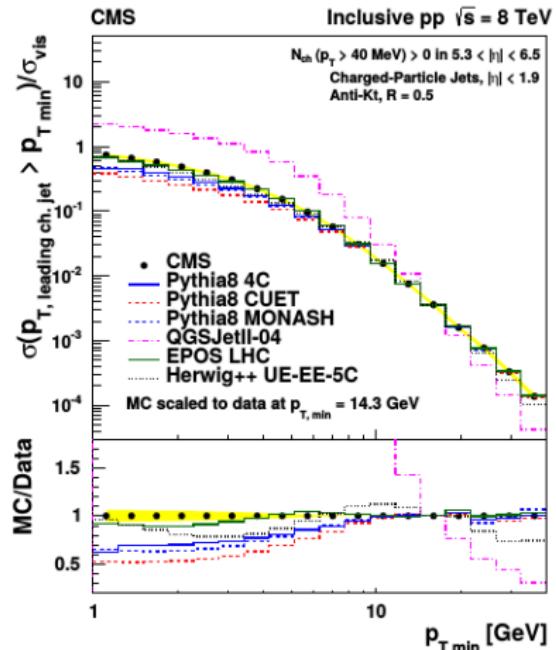


# CMS minijet measurements (pp, 8 TeV)

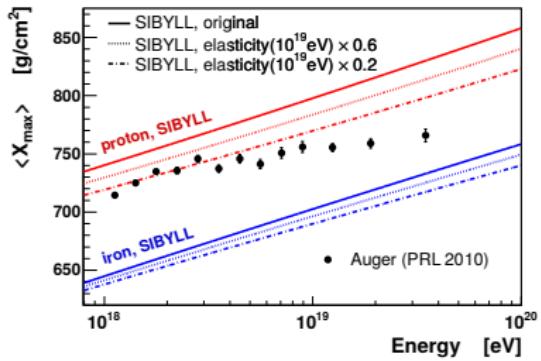
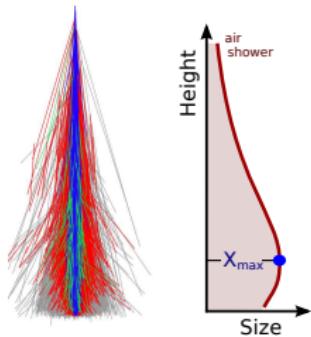
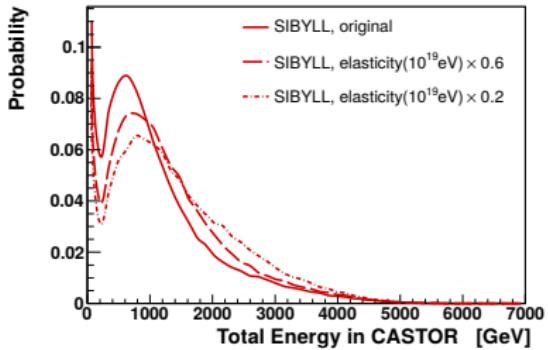
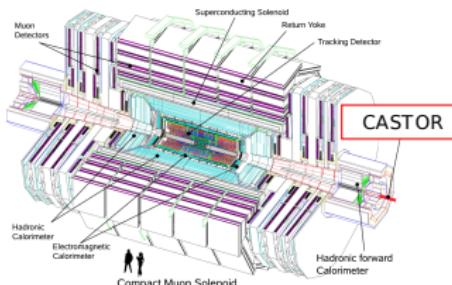
$$\zeta_{\text{QCD}}(s, p_{T,\text{min}}) = \int dP_T \int dx_1 \int dx_2 \sum_{ijkl} f_{iA}(x_1, p_T^2) f_{jB}(x_2, p_T^2) \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{ij}^{kl}(p)}{\partial P_T}$$

A green circle highlights the  $p_T$  cut-off. Labels include:  
 -  $p_T$  - Cut off  
 - Parton distribution function, PDFs  
 - Minijet Cross section

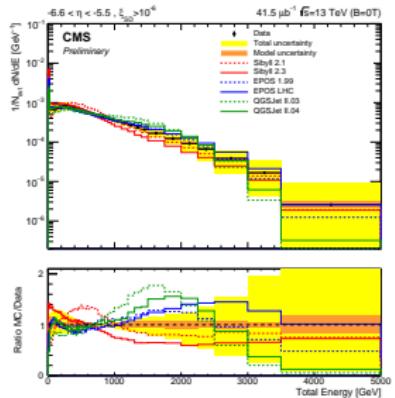
- Hadronization in string fragmentation, minijet production
- $p_T$  threshold



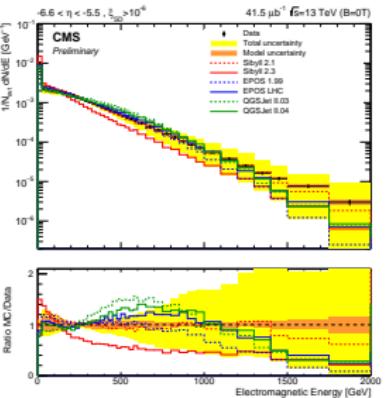
# CASTOR and cosmic ray interpretation



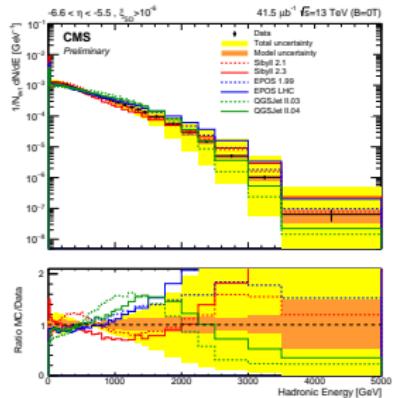
## Total energy



## Electromagnetic energy



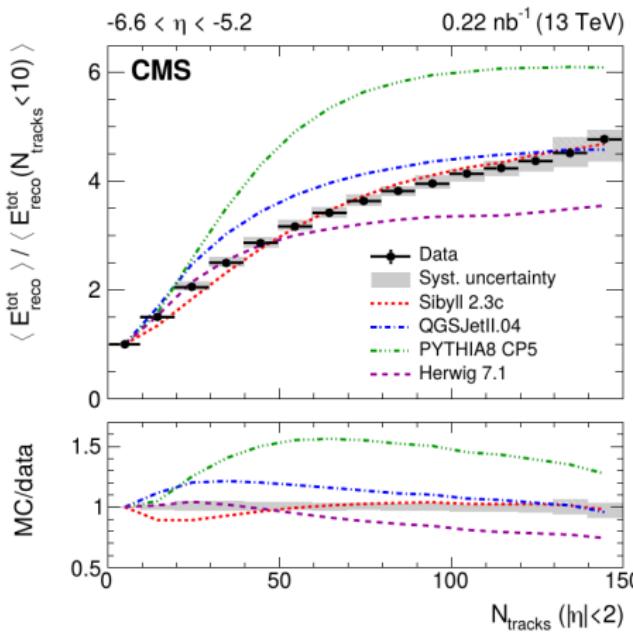
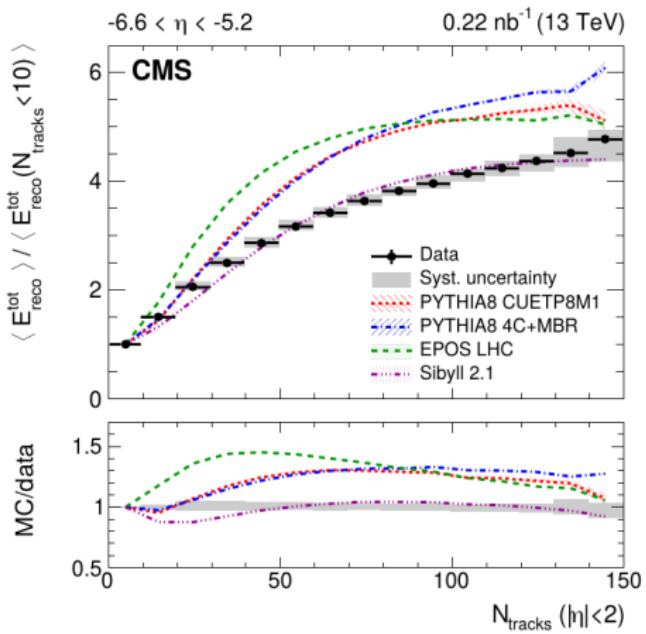
## Hadronic energy



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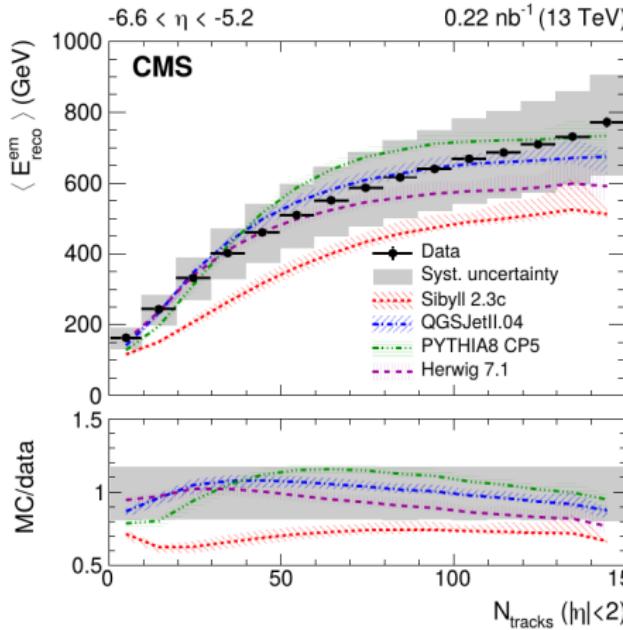
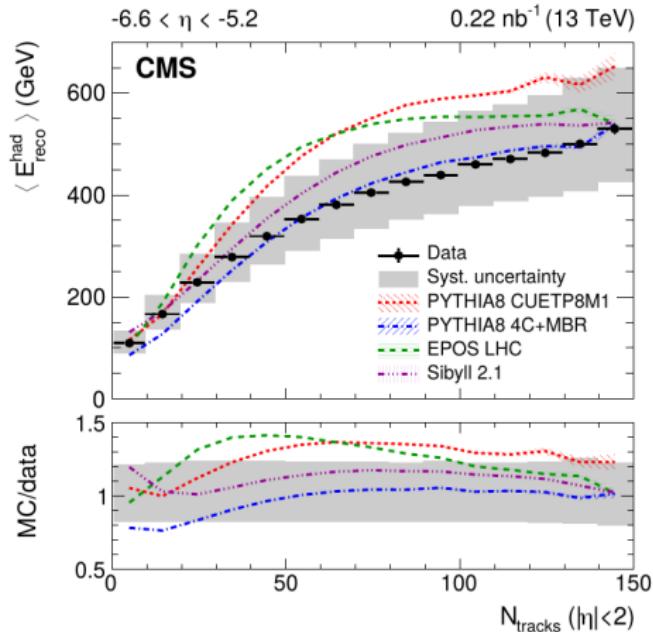
- Model performance tested in crucial phase-space domain
- Very sensitive to MPI, diffraction, low-x structure
- Represents a significant part of the overall energy-flow

# Multiplicity dependence of CASTOR data



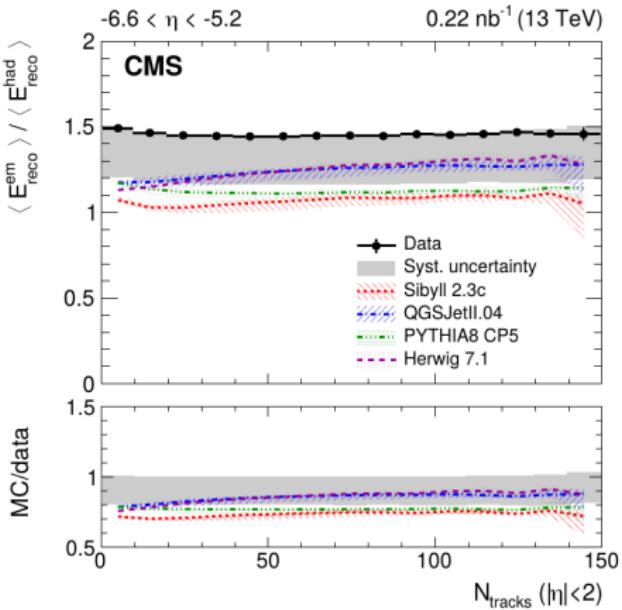
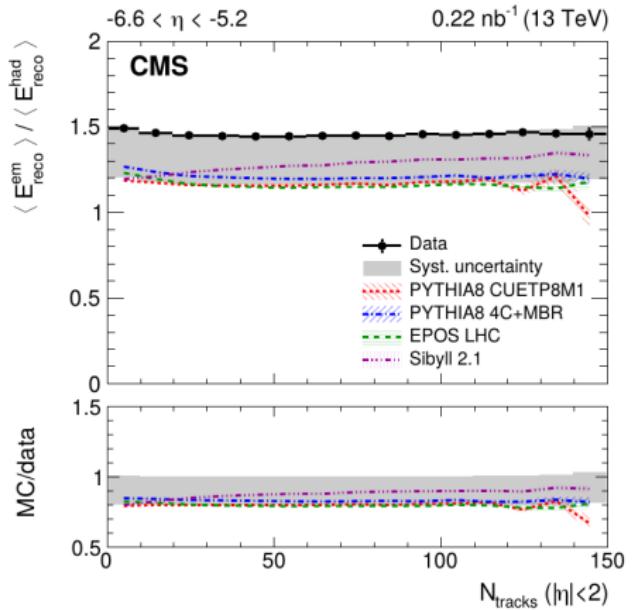
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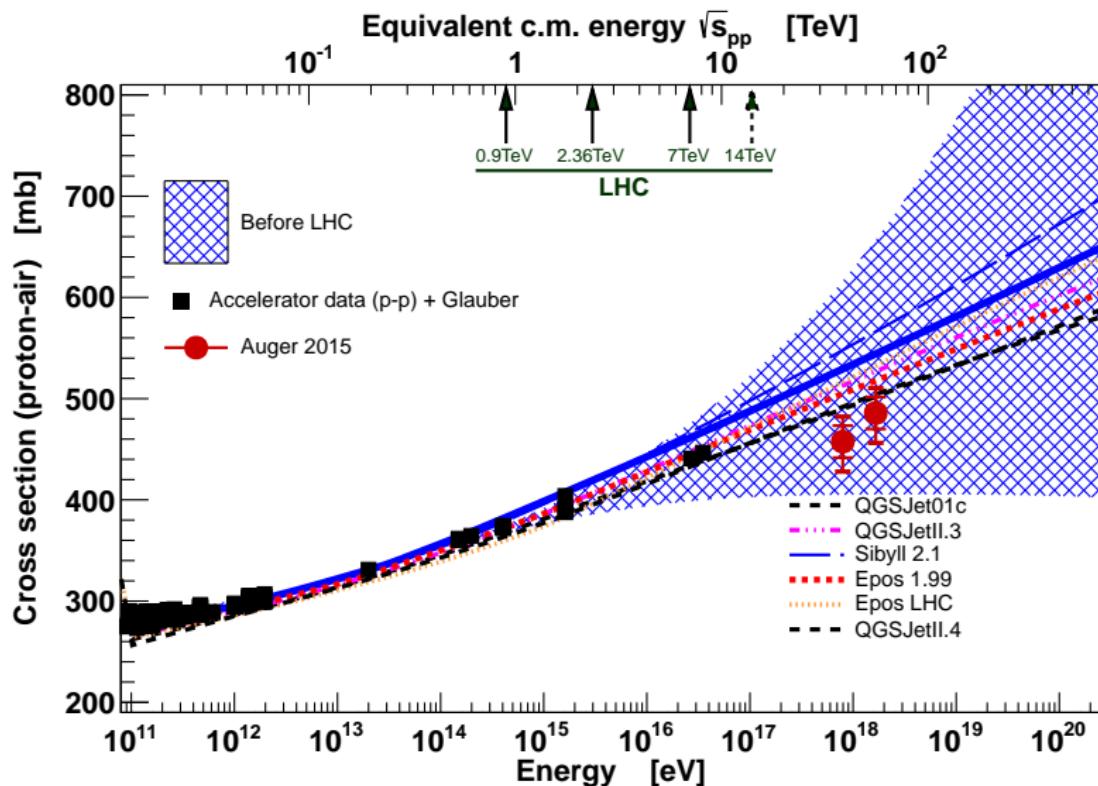
# Ratio of em to had energies



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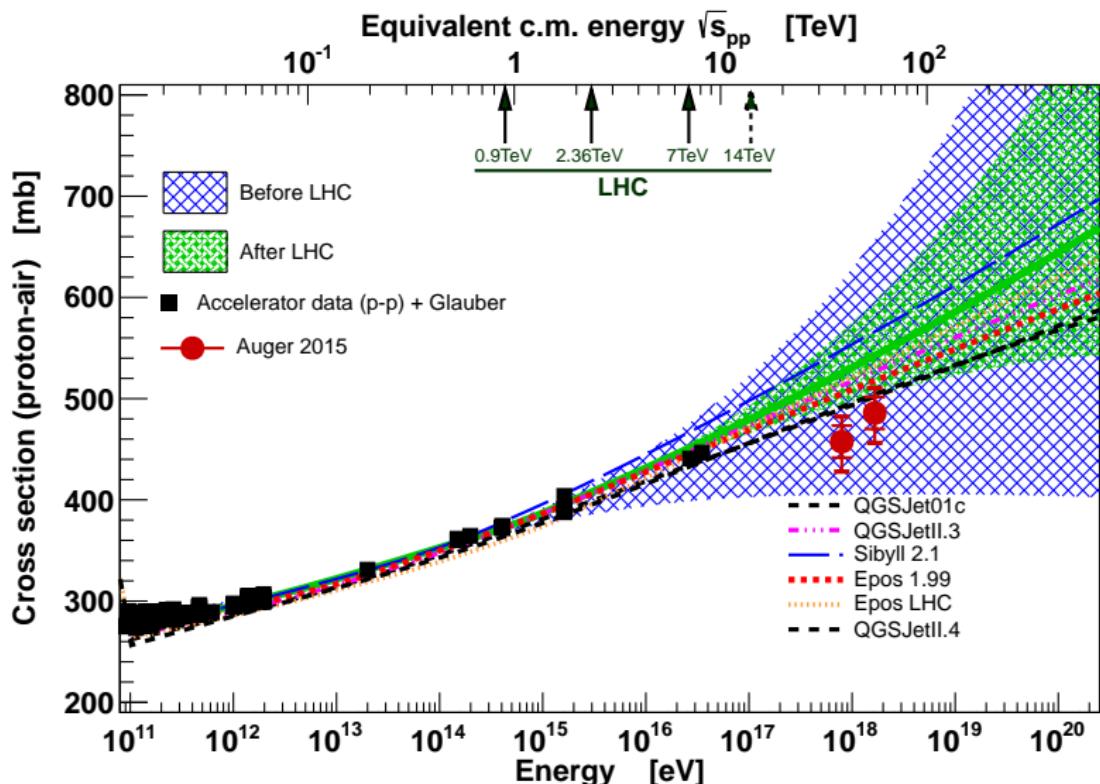
→ Hadronic energy already tend to be *maximized* by all models. Data seems to favour smaller value.

# Proton-Air cross section, with Tevatron data



compare to Nucl.Phys.Proc.Supp. 196 (2009) 335

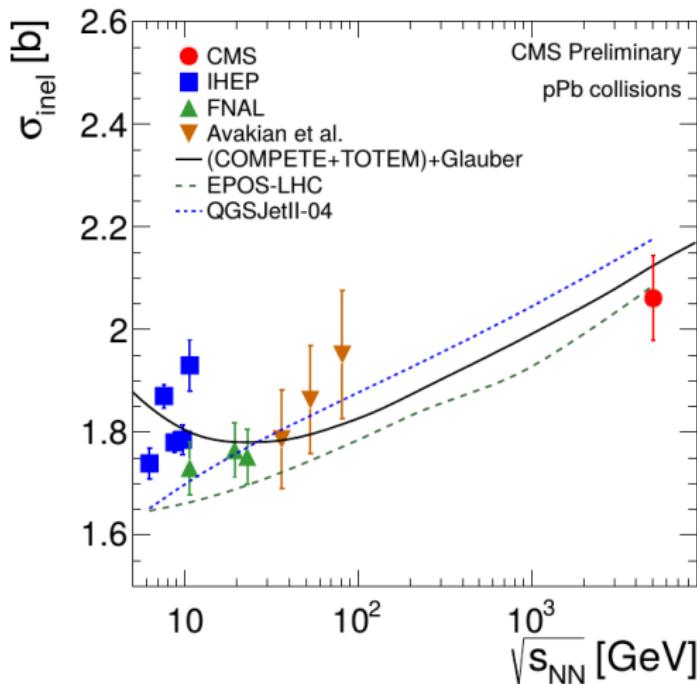
# Proton-Air cross section, with LHC data



⇒ Sign of a clear relevant improvement

Large uncertainties due to nuclear effects from pp to p-air

# Inelastic proton-lead cross section at 5.02 TeV

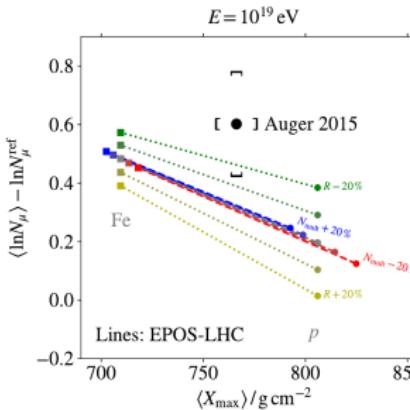
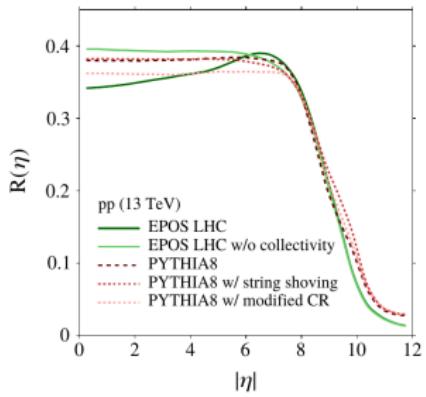
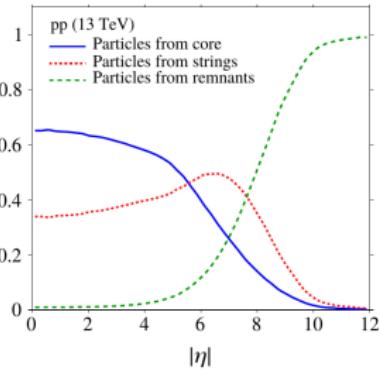


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- Direct test of Glauber model (and related physics) at LHC

# Hadronization, collective effects

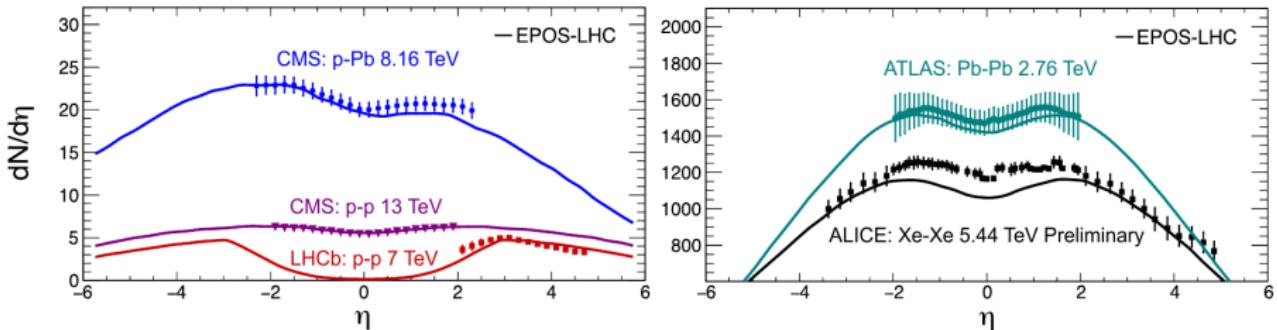
contribution to  $\langle dE/d\eta \rangle$



arXiv: 1902.09265 [hep-ph], submitted

→ Different modes of hadronization may play a crucial role to understand muons in EAS

# Nuclear effects



arXiv: 1812.06772 [hep-ph], CERN YR QCD in Run3

- “Interpolation” between pp and heavy-ion is NOT trivial
- For robust results we need **oxygen** collisions in LHC

# LHC shopping list

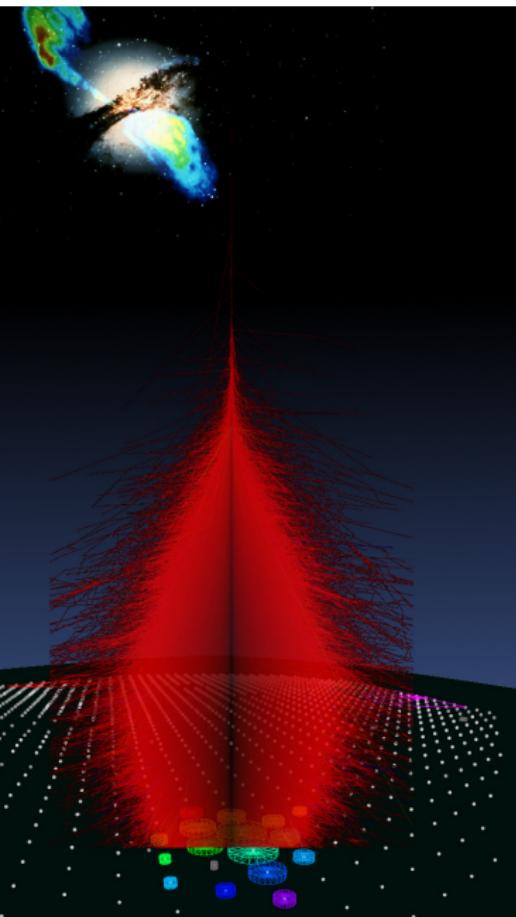
## At 13 TeV

- Total and elastic cross section, elastic slope, imaginary to real part of amplitude (rho)
- Soft diffraction, rapidity gaps, characteristics of “pomeron” exchange
- Mini-jets, PID spectra, correlations
- PDF constraints ( $W^\pm$ , Z, ...)
- LHCf zero-degree  $\pi^0$  and neutrons
- Underlying event with CASTOR, CMS+TOTEM  $dN/d\eta$

## Finally

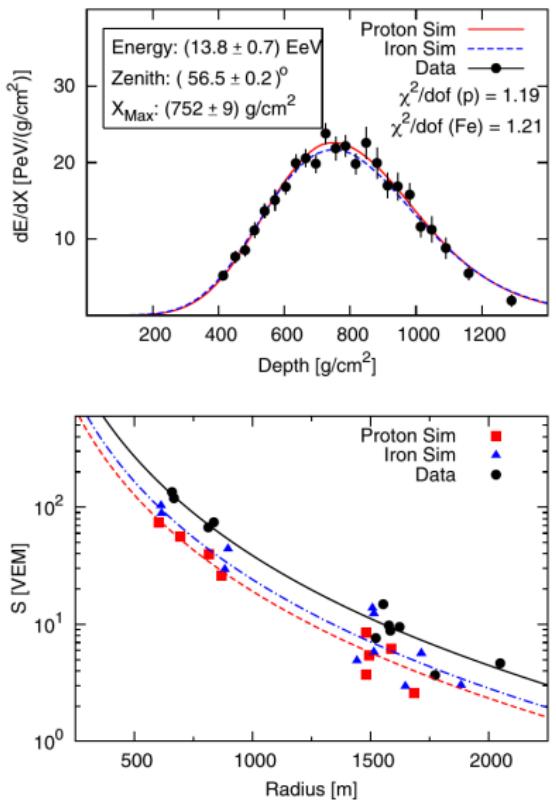
- LHC energy scan: 0.9 GeV → large  $x_F$ -range
- Nuclear scan: proton-lead, proton-oxygen
- Maximum acceptance, dedicated detector components
- Pion as beam particle

# Summary

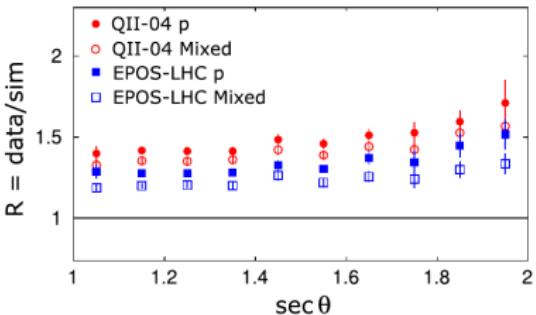


- Models already constraint and improved
- Predictions tend to converge (overall) but with important deviations
- Models so far tuned at LHC roughly to a level of **about 10 %**
- **Forward detectors** ultimately of paramount importance
- Important for air showers: energy AND **phase space !**
- **Need to continue to push for maximum output of LHC for cosmic ray physics**

# Hadronic interactions, Auger

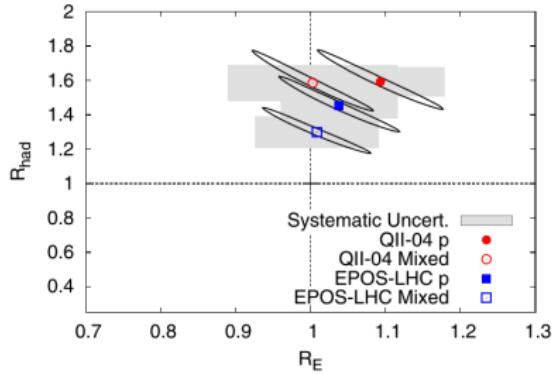
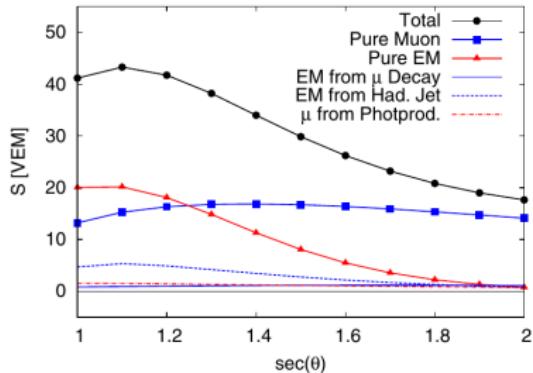


Attempt of consistent description of longitudinal and lateral shower data.



PRL 117, 192001 (2016)

# Hadron/Muon component in data is too large



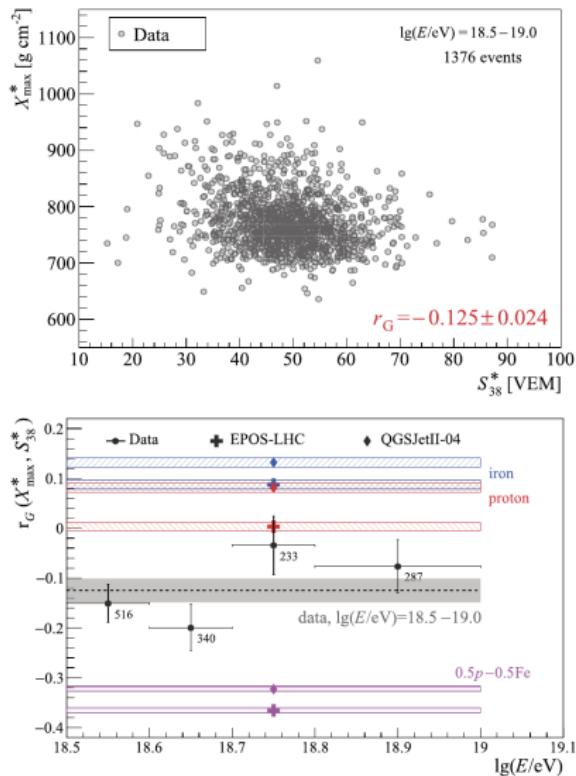
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- Scale E.M. and had. part of MC showers with  $R_E$  and  $R_{had}$  to fit data:

$$S_{\text{resc}}(R_E, R_{had}) = R_E S_{\text{EM}} + R_{had} R_E^\alpha S_{\text{had}}$$

- While  $R_E = 1$  is possible and mostly consistent with data
- $R_{had}$  is significantly above 1
- None of the models/assumptions reproduces data

# Evidence for mixed mass composition



- Correlate event-by-event  $S_{1000}$  and  $X_{\max}$
- correct for “trivial” effects:  
 $S_{38}^* = S_{1000}(38^\circ)$  and  
 $X_{\max}^* = X_{\max}(10 \text{ EeV})$
- Measure correlation with Gideon/Holister ranking  $r_G$
- A pure composition is ruled out by the data.
- A small admixture of heavier particles is needed.
- Helium is not sufficient,  $A > 4$  is also needed.