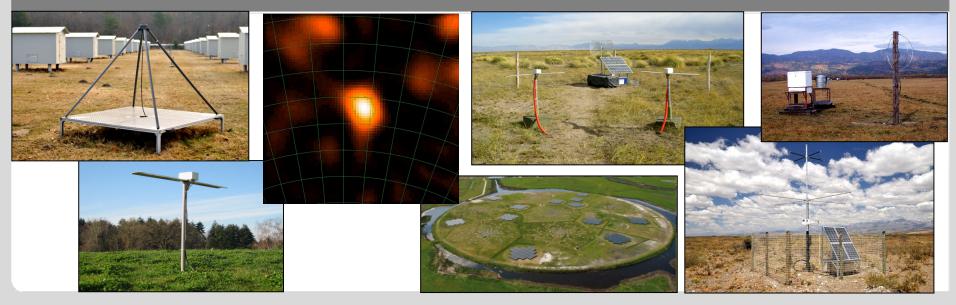


see also T. Huege, Physics Reports 620 (2016) 1, doi:10.1016/j.physrep.2016.02.001

Radio detection of cosmic rays, and CoREAS

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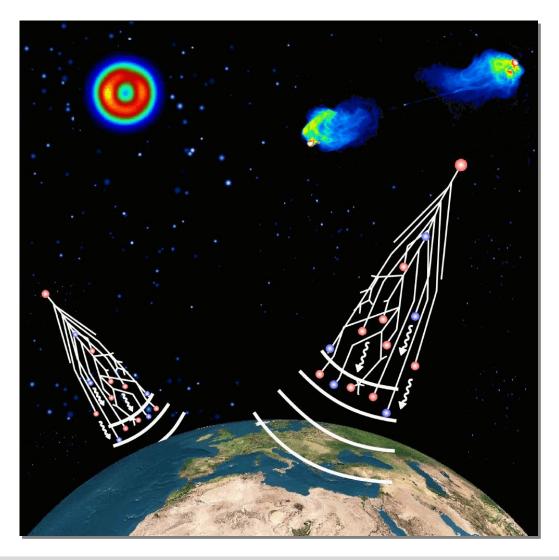
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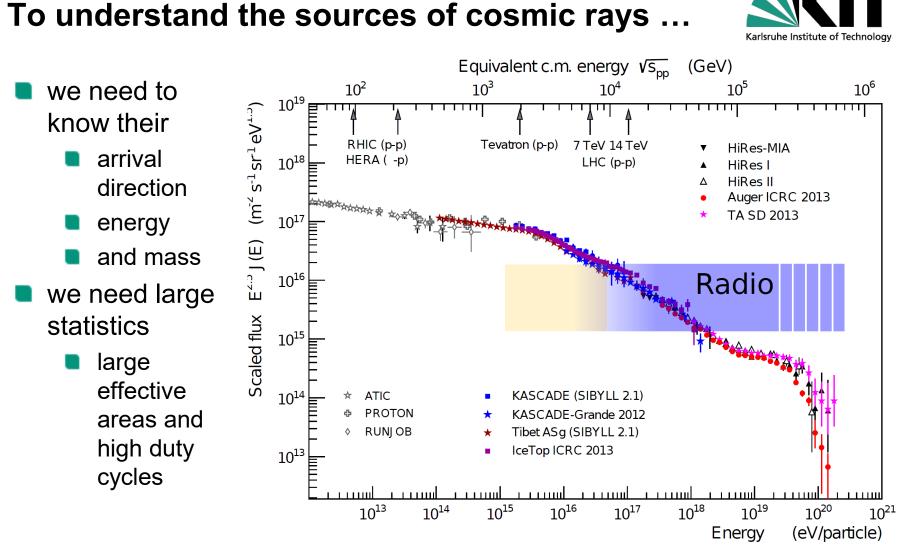
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why radio detection?

- from prototypes to maturity in 15 years
- simulating radio emission – CoREAS





adapted from R. Engel

Particle detector arrays (e.g. KASCADE)



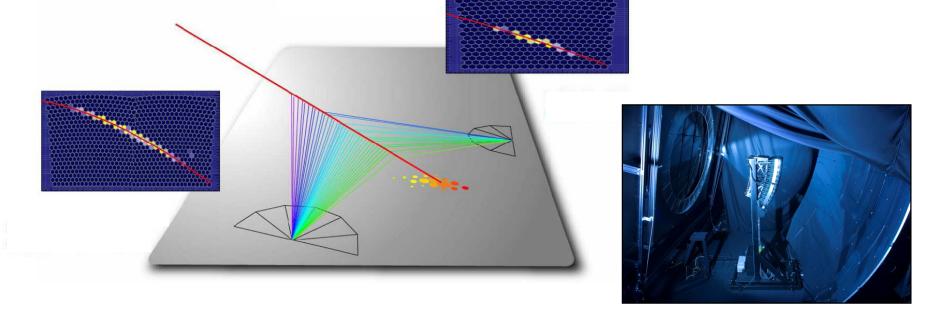
measure the secondary particles arriving at the ground (snapshot)
 suffer from uncertainties in hadronic interaction physics



Fluorescence detectors (e.g. in Auger)

- air shower particles excite atmospheric nitrogen
- nitrogen molecules fluoeresce in ultraviolet light
- yield very direct information on air shower evolution
- yield calorimetric energy of electromagnetic cascade
- only work during dark, clear, moonless nights (~10% of time)

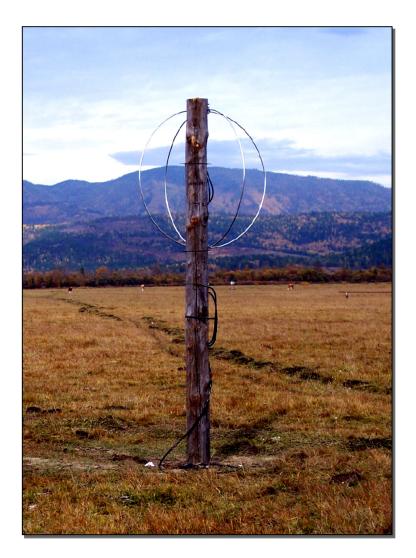




The promises of radio detection



- information complementary to surface particle detectors
 - pure electromagnetic component
- calorimetric energy measurement
- near 100% duty cycle (cf. 10% of optical fluorescence detectors)
- particle mass sensitivity
- high angular resolution (< 0.5°)</p>
- simple (potentially cheap) detectors
- how well does it all work in practice and on large scales?

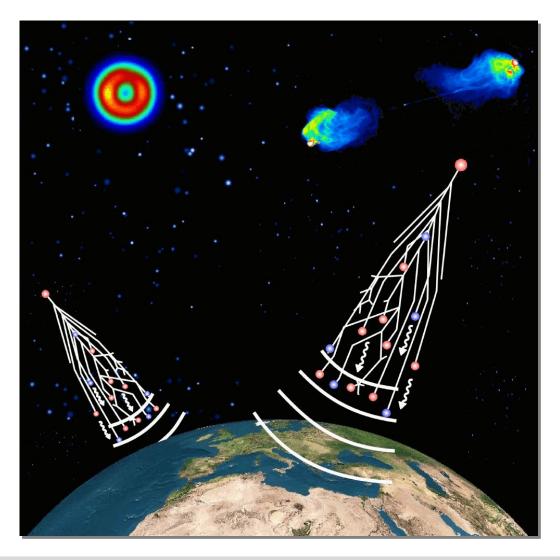


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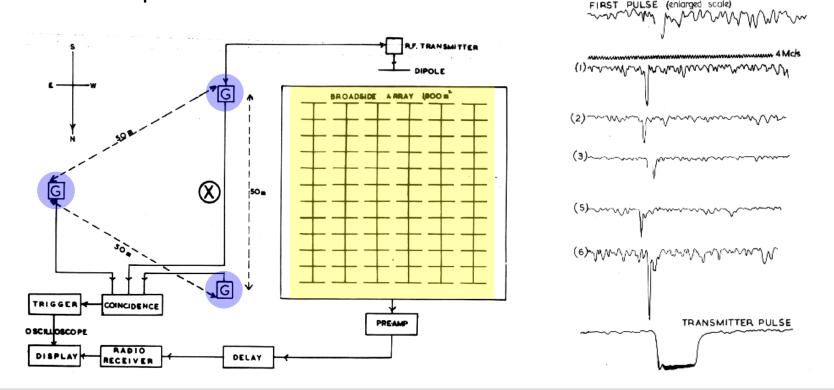
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The Jodrell Bank experiment (Jelley et al.)

- array of dipoles with 10° FWHM beam width
- operation at 44 MHz with 2.75 MHz bandwidth
 - BBC TV channel, turned off from midnight to 9 a.m.
- Geiger counter coincidence triggers photograph of oscilloscope traces

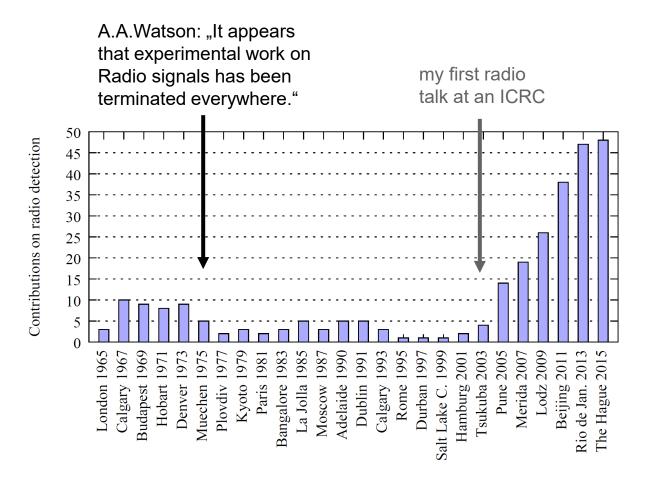




Decline and revival of radio detection

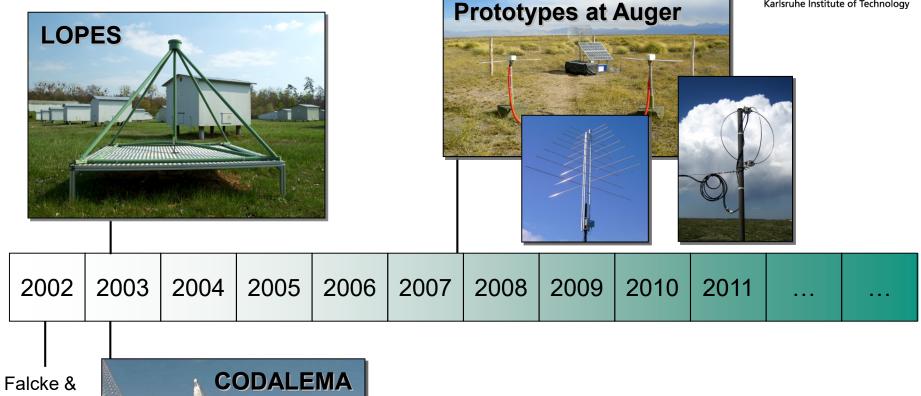


number of ICRC contributions related to radio detection of neutrinos or cosmic rays

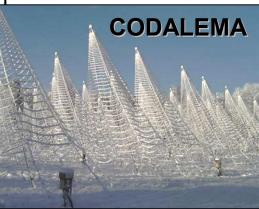


First-Generation modern MHz experiments

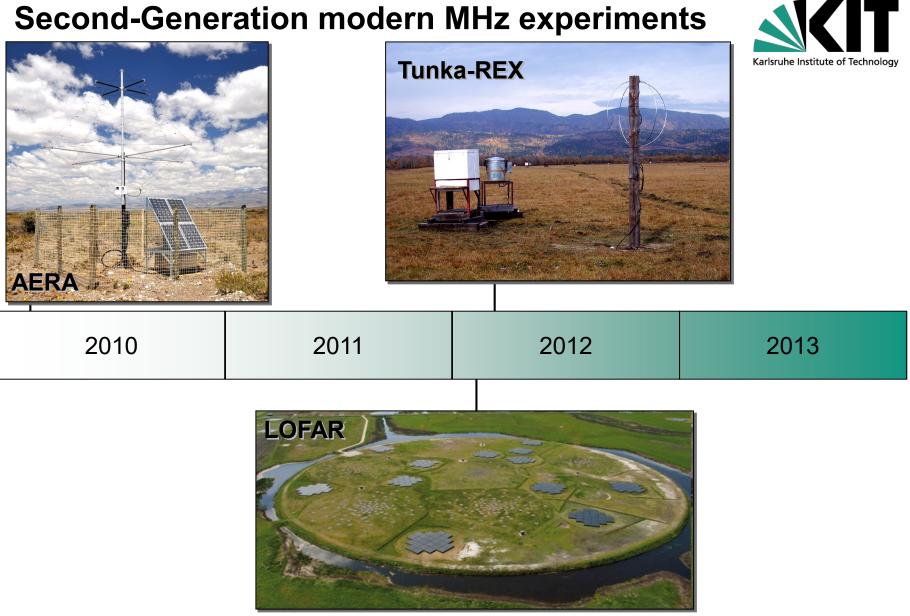


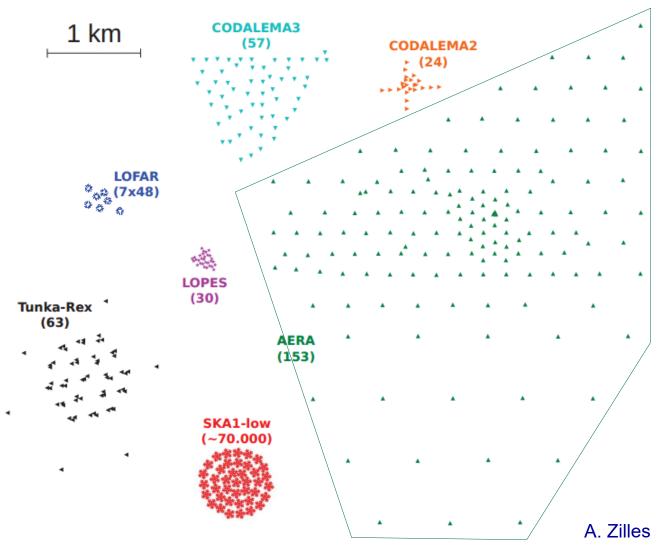


Falcke & Gorham propose "geosynchrotron approach"



Second-Generation modern MHz experiments





Comparison of ground experiments to scale

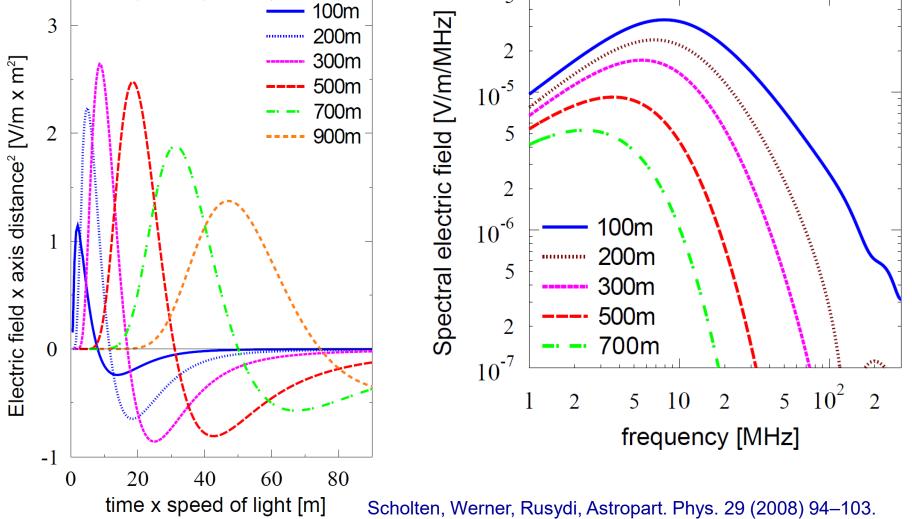


- from
 prototypes to
 large-scale
 experiments
- typical range 30-80 MHz, some higher
- sparse vs. dense arrays



Radio emission physics

Broad-band pulses – mostly in MHz regime



A decade of radio-emission modelling



more "microscopic"	MGMR	time-domain, analytic, parametrized shower, fast, free parameters, summing up "mechanisms"	
	EVA & MGMR-3D	time-domain, parameterisation of distributions derived from cascade equations or MC	
	SELFAS2	time-domain, shower from universality, summing up vector potentials for tracks	
	REAS3.1	time-domain, histogrammed CORSIKA showers, endpoint formalism	
	ZHAireS	time- and frequency-domain, Aires showers, ZHS formalism	principle ulations
		time-domain, CORSIKA showers, endpoint formalism	first prir calcula

"radial"

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"**v** x **B**"

Kahn & Lerche (1967)

field induces

secondary effect:

time-varying net

(Askaryan effect)

charge excess

time-varying transverse currents

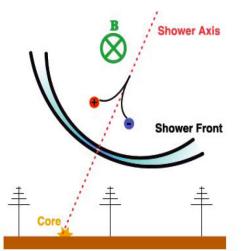
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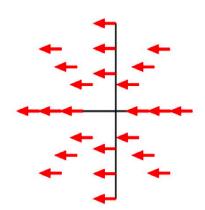
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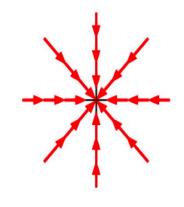


nower Axis

Shower Front







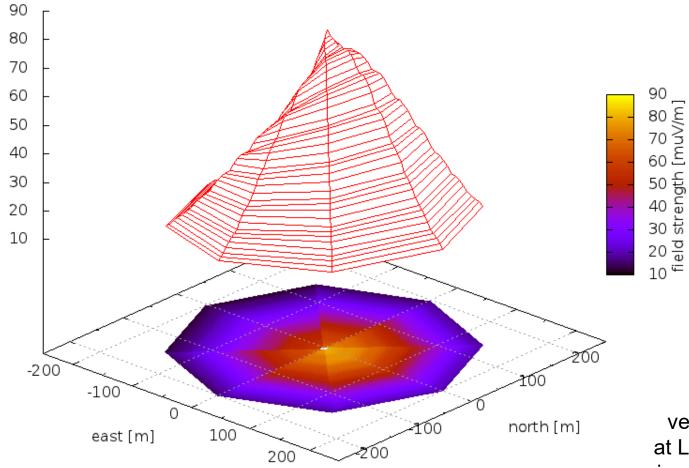
Diagrams by H. Schoorlemmer & K.D. de Vries

Askaryan (1962, 1965)



Complexity of radio LDF



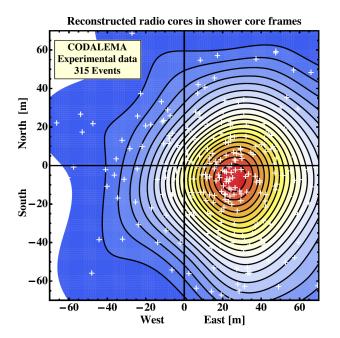


vertical iron shower at LOPES frequencies simulated with CoREAS

TH et al., ARENA2012

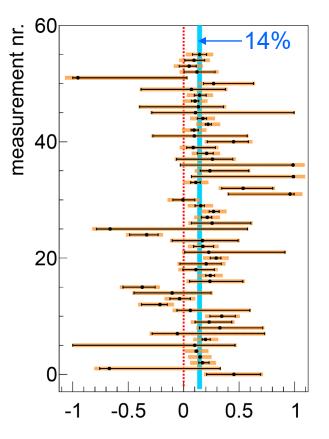
Geomagnetic seen by all – but charge excess?





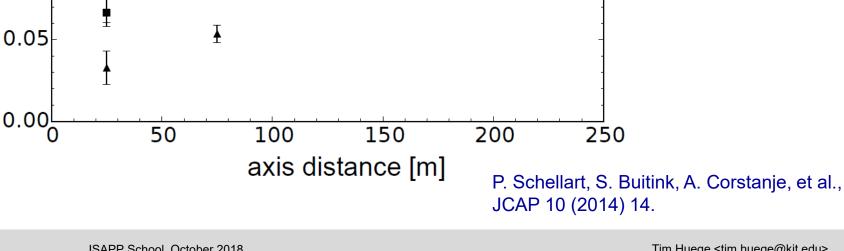
■ CODALEMA reports core-shift ↔ eastwest asymmetry ↔ charge-excess at ICRC 2011

> CODALEMA Coll., Astropart. Phys. 69 (2015) 50–60.



AERA quantifies radial component to 14 ± 2%

Pierre Auger Coll., Phys. Rev. D 89 (2014) 052002.



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 $\boldsymbol{\Theta} = [0^{\circ} \cdot 20^{\circ})$

 $\theta = [20° 40°]$

 $\Theta = [40° c60°$

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depends on shower azimuth angle and observer lateral distance

charge-excess fraction

0.25

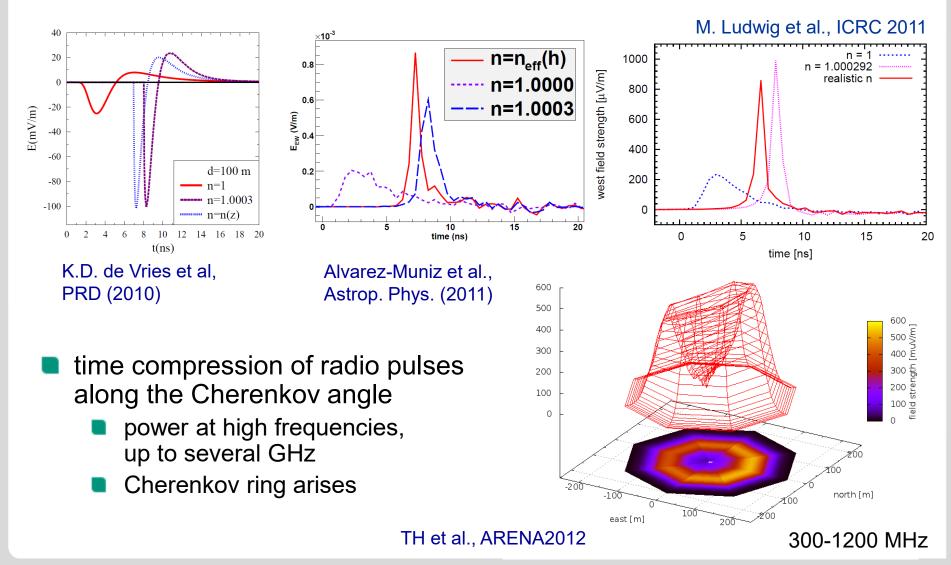
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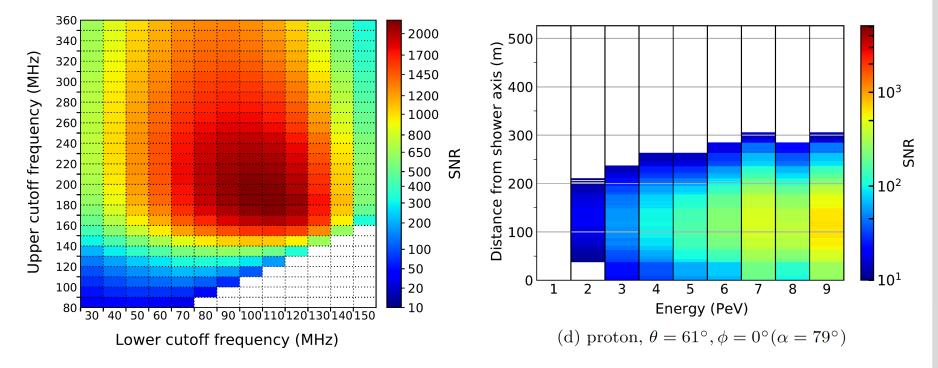
Refractive index effects



Energy threshold for radio detection



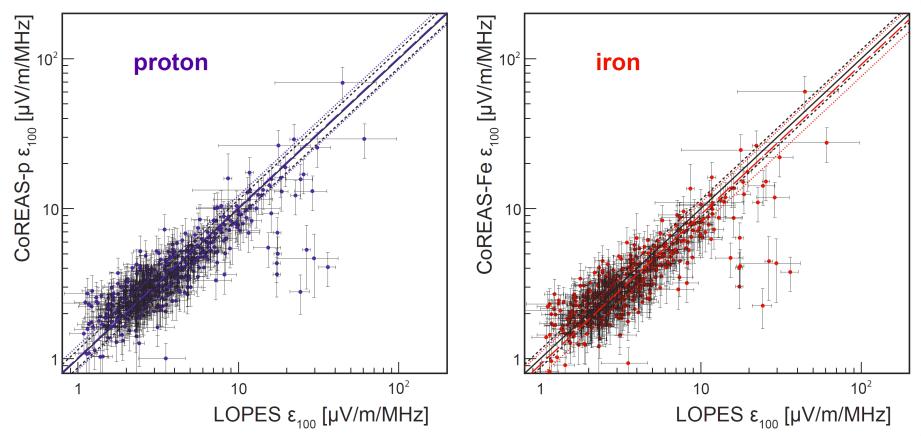
- previously, in 30-80 MHz band ~10¹⁷ eV (LOFAR few times 10¹⁶ eV)
- simulation studies show that at higher frequencies, detection possible down to few times 10¹⁵ eV (Galactic noise drops off)



Balagopal et al., EPJ C 78 (2018) 111

Comparison of simulations with LOPES data

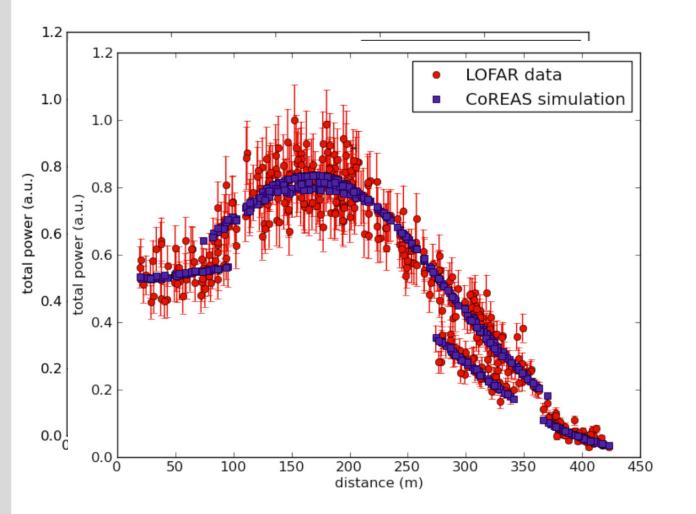




- very good agreement, well within systematic uncertainties
- the absolute scale is predicted correctly!
- see also results from AERA & Tunka-Rex

LOPES Coll., Astropart. Phys. 75 (2016) 72-74.

Comparison of simulations with LOFAR data



measurement of individual shower with extreme level of detail

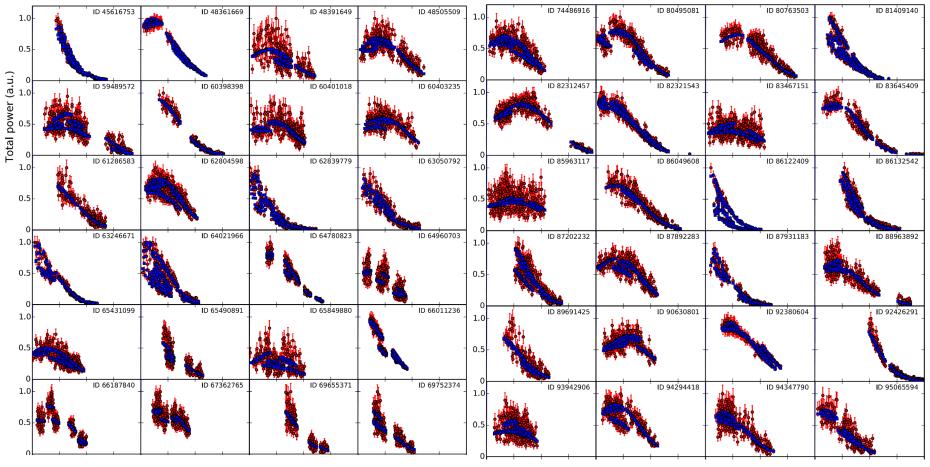
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- data can be reproduced by simulations
- see geomagn., charge excess and Cherenkov effects
- but: here absolute scale arbitrary

S. Buitink, A. Corstanje, J. E. Enriquez, et al., Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 082003.

Many LOFAR events

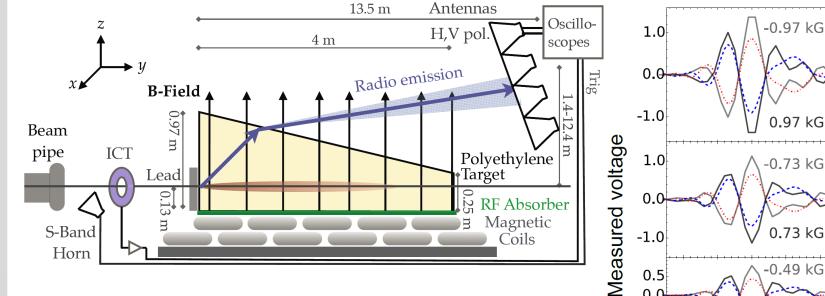




all LOFAR events are described very well

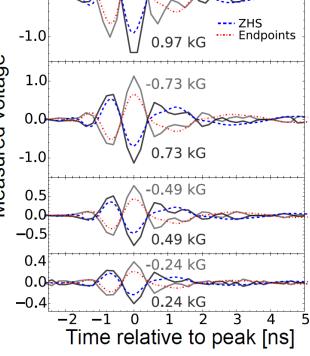
Lab-Experiment: SLAC T-510





- electromagnetic particle shower in strong magnetic field, controlled conditions
- cross-check first-principle calculations
 - agree within systematic uncertainties

Belov et al. (T-510 Collaboration), PRL116 (2016) 141103

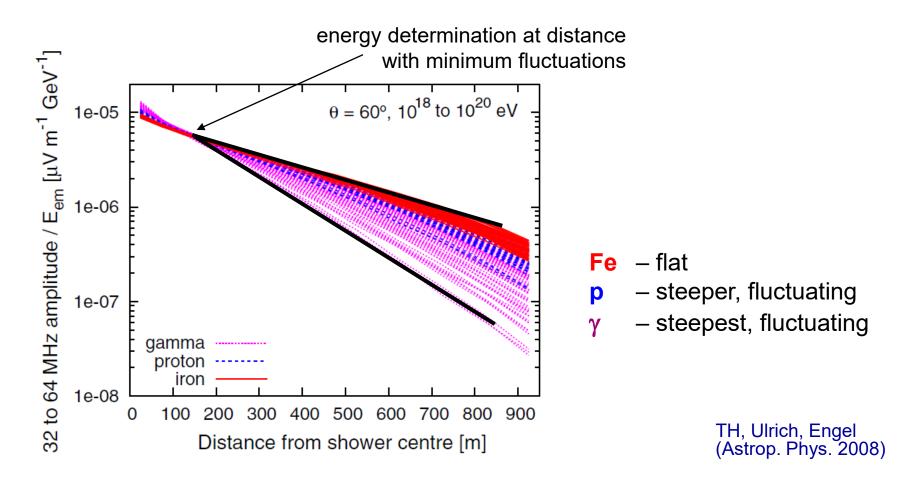




Energy reconstruction

Expected energy sensitivity of radio detection

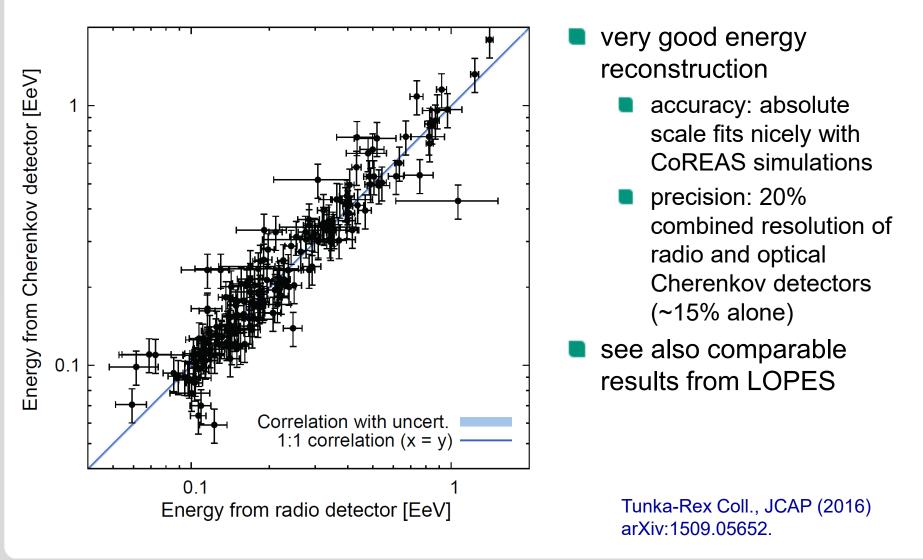




l linear scaling & characteristic distance for best energy estimate

Tunka-Rex energy reconstruction

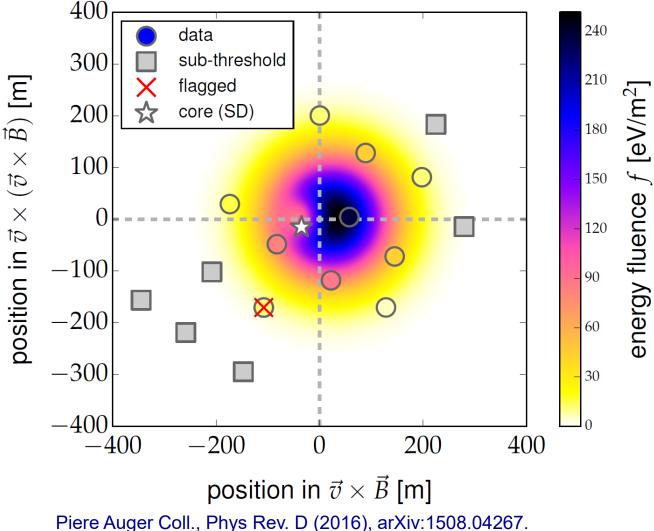




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at each antenna calculate energy fluence from timeintegration of Poynting flux

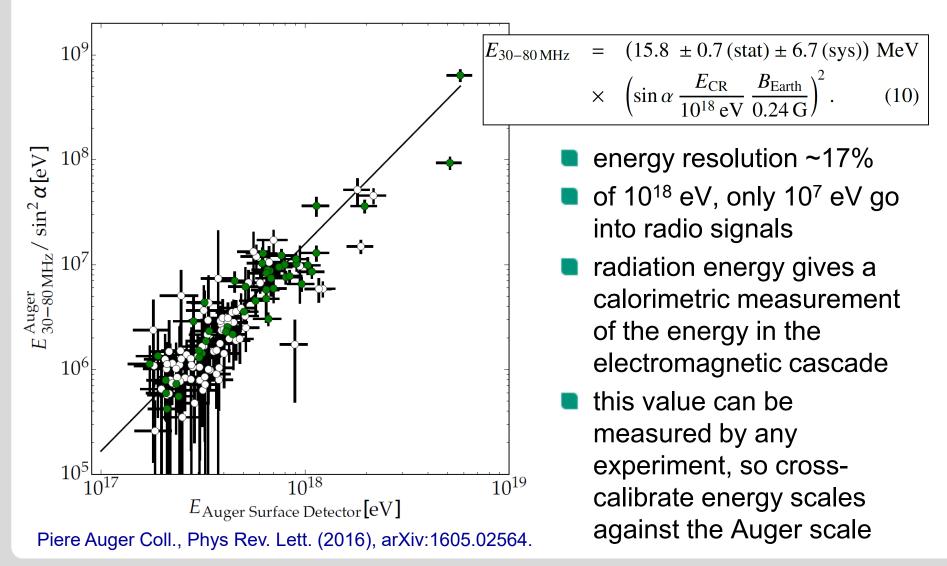
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then integrate energy fluence over area using 2D signal distribution model

AERA energy reconstruction – radiation energy

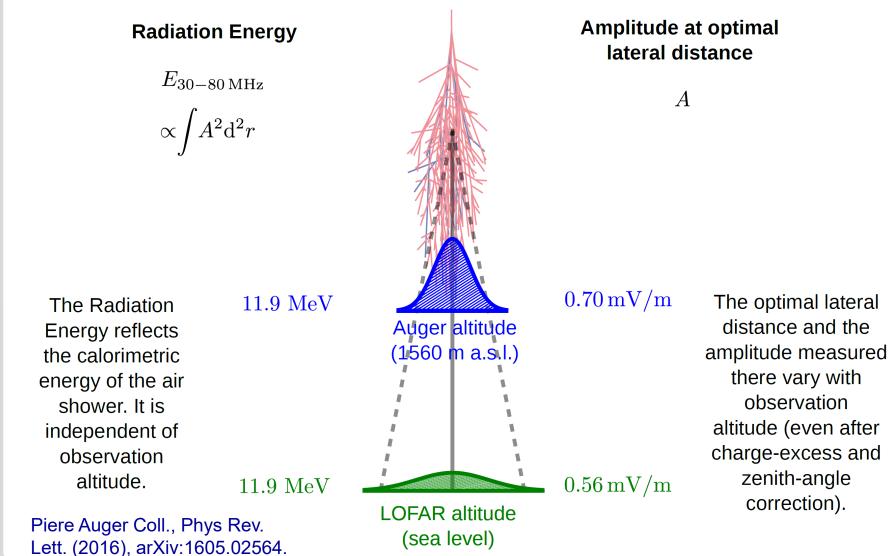
"Radiation energy" as energy estimator





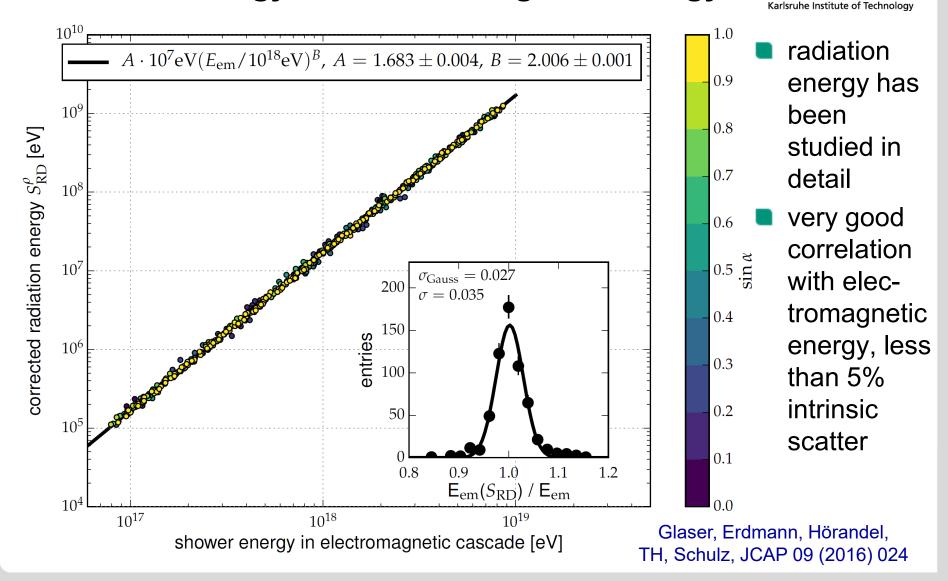
Radiation energy and energy-scale calibration





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Radiation energy and electromagnetic energy



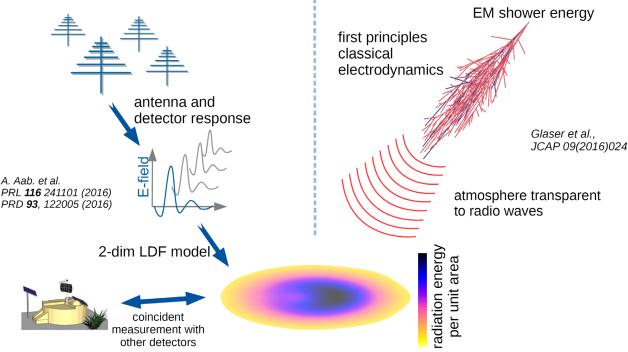
Energy scale from first principles



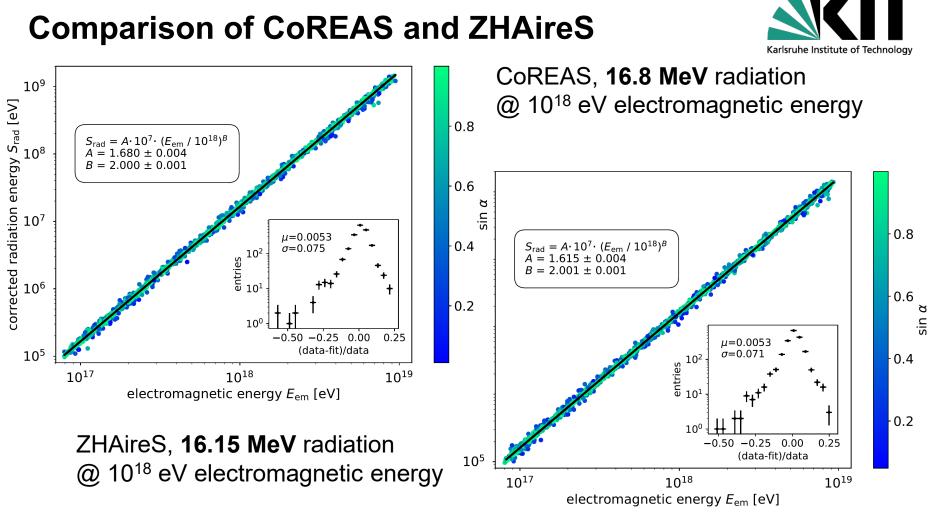
Theoretical calculation

- the radio signal can be predicted from pure electrodynamics and the well-known physics of the electromagnetic cascade in air showers
- there is no absorption or scattering in the atmosphere
- antenna arrays can be calibrated precisely

 using radio signals, the energy scales of particle detector arrays (which usually rely on hadronic interaction simulations) can be calibrated from first principles!



Measurement

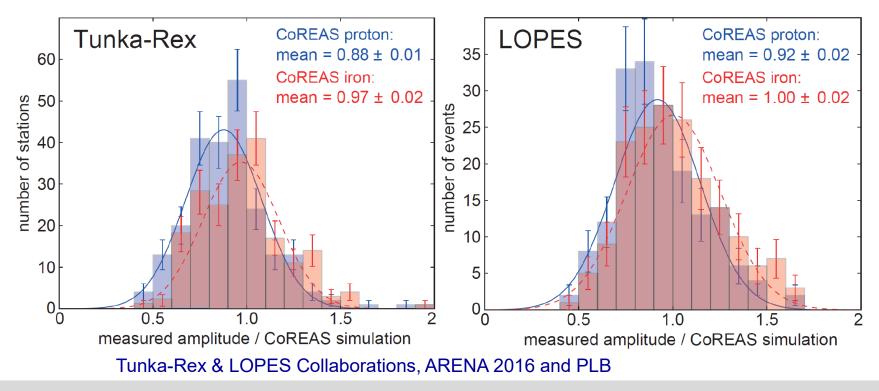


absolute prediction of radiation energy agrees within 5.2% between two independent full Monte Carlo simulations, use for absolute calibration! Gottowik, Glaser, Huege, Rautenberg, Astroparticle Physics 103(2018)87

(Cross-)calibration of the energy scale



- many uncertainties in data interpretation are related to uncertainties of the absolute energy scale
- measuring radio emission allows calibrating the energy scale
 - among different experiments (e.g., Auger's radiation energy@10¹⁸ eV)
 - against first-principle calculations (within 10% seems feasible)

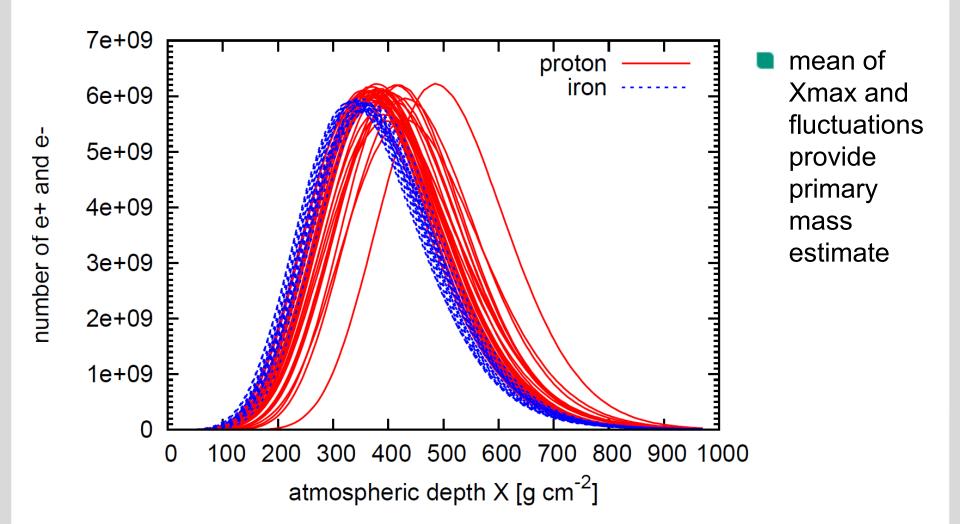




Mass sensitivity

The atmospheric depth - Xmax

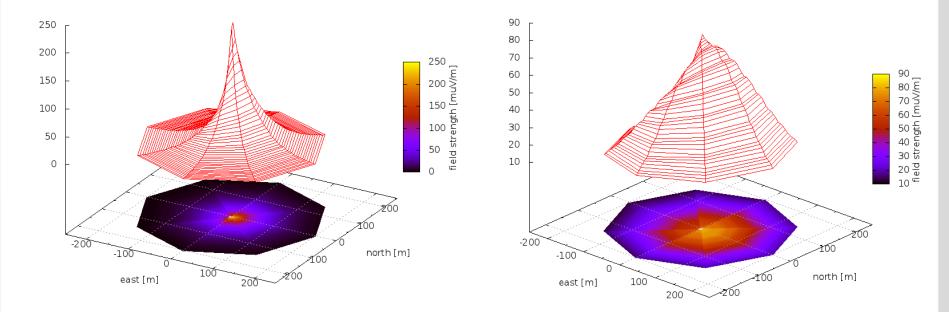




Lateral distribution as probe for composition



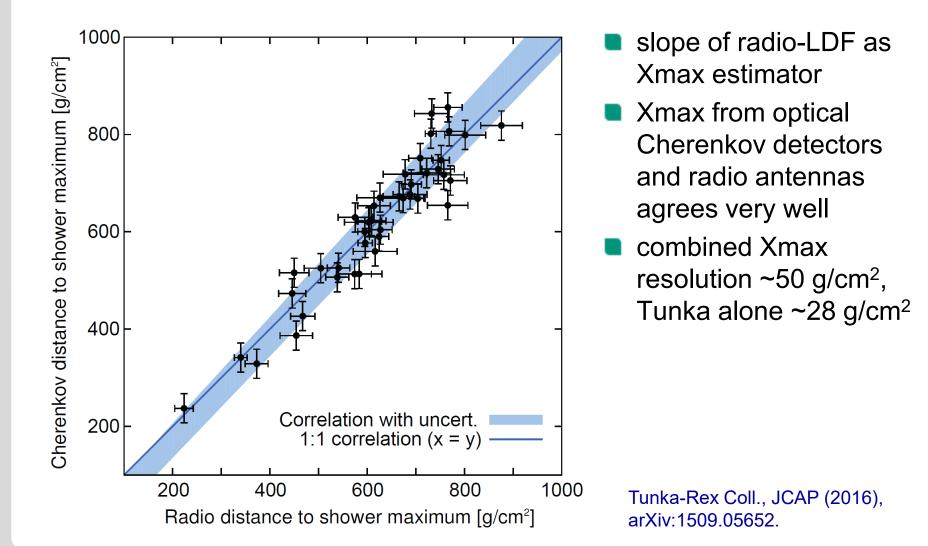
relativistic forward beaming of emission: geometrical distance from source to observer influences emission pattern TH et al., ARENA2012

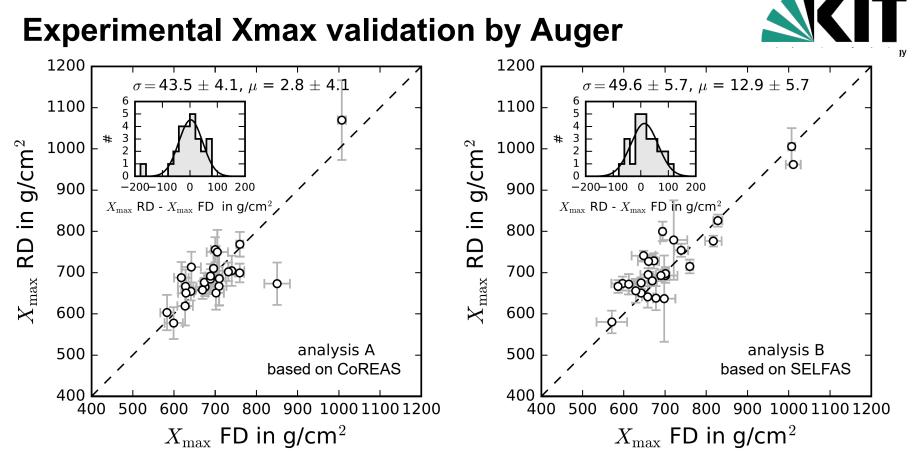


vertical proton shower at LOPES frequencies simulated with CoREAS vertical iron shower at LOPES frequencies simulated with CoREAS

Experimental Xmax validation by Tunka-Rex





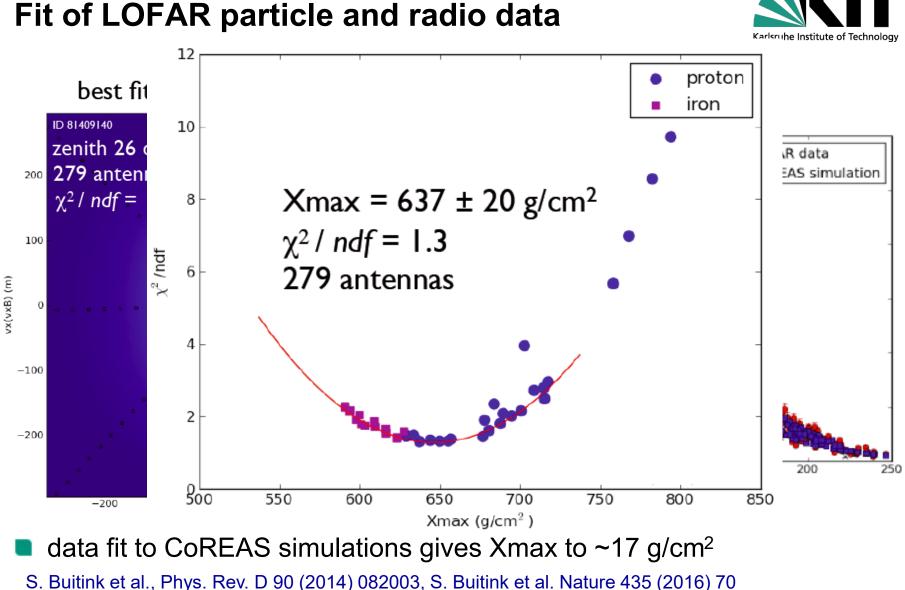


various reconstruction approaches being tested in AERA

current combined FD-RD resolution ~45 g/cm², so RD alone <~40 g/cm²

still room for improvement (only uses amplitude information)

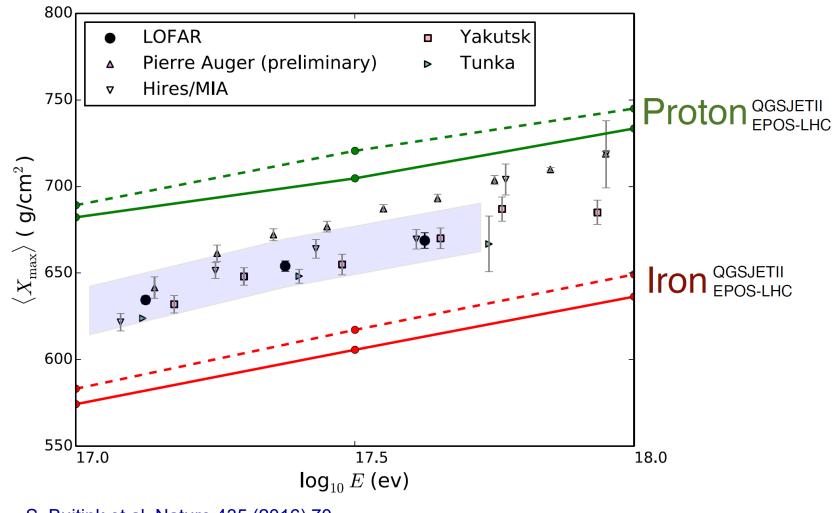
E. Holt for the Pierre Auger Collaboration, PoS(ICRC2017)492





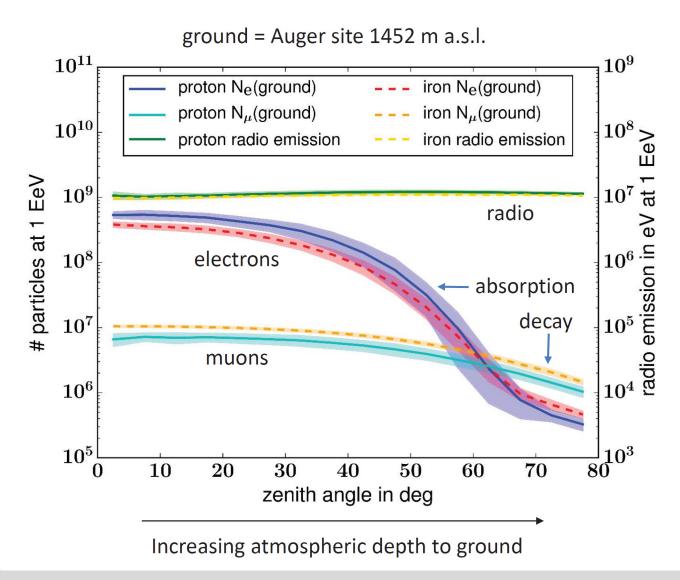
Lofar <Xmax> results





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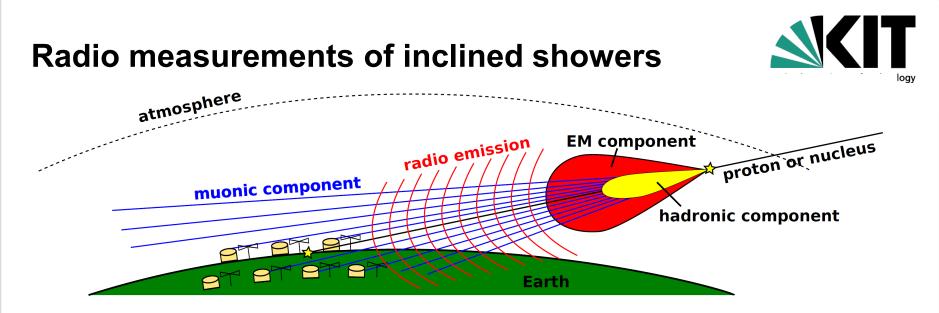
Complementarity of radio and muons





combination of muon and radio measurements promises to be very powerful, even for very inclined showers where EM cascade not measurable on ground

E. Holt et al.



- combined measurements of inclined showers with particle detectors and radio antennas are an attractive option
 - particle detectors measure muons, radio detectors measure em component
 - range >~ 10¹⁸ eV will be above Galactic noise
 - common detector grid spacing can share infrastructure lower cost
 - useful also as veto for neutrino-induced air showers (small footprint)
- radio detection generally seems to be the most favorable technique to measure the electromagnetic component of inclined air showers



Inclined air showers

4000 100 large source vertical distance leads 3000 electric field strength [μV/m/MHz to very large 30° radio emission 2000 footprints in 10 1000 inclined air north [m] 75° showers 0 50° should be detectable -1000 with sparse -2000arrays -30000.1 -4000-4000-3000-2000-1000 1000 2000 3000 4000 0 east [m] TH, A. Haungs, UHECR2014, arXiv:1507.07769.

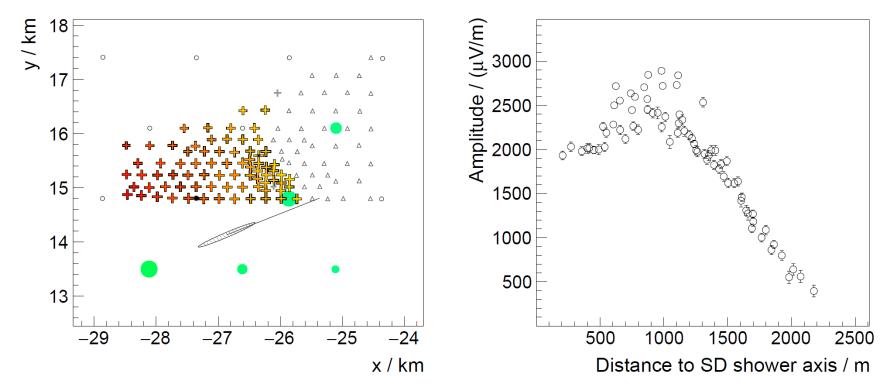
Large-scale detection of inclined showers

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AERA has measured >500 inclined showers



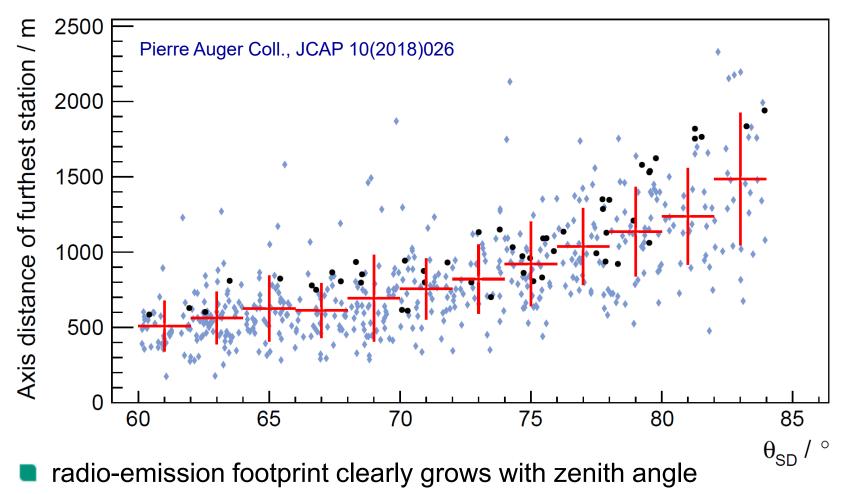


- air showers up to 88° zenith angle measured
- footprints with radii of more than 2 km in shower plane
- detection with 1.5 km antenna grid would be sufficient

Pierre Auger Coll., JCAP 10(2018)026

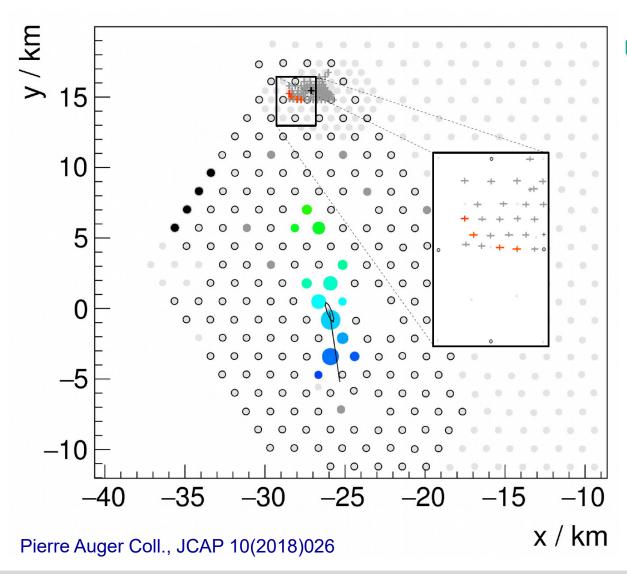
Size of radio-emission footprint





as expected for beamed emission without atmospheric absorption

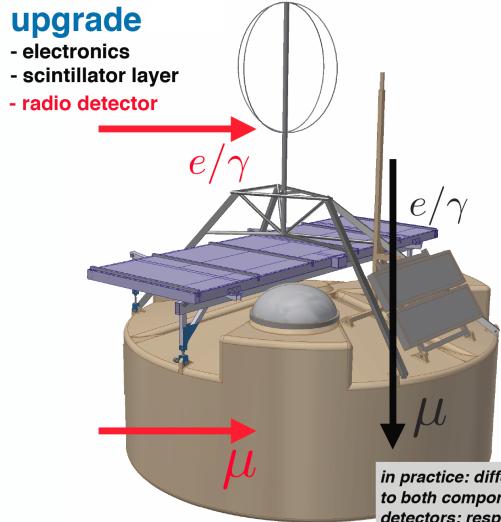
Radio-emission larger than particle footprint





the radio-emission footprint can even be much larger than the particle footprint

Auger Radio Upgrade





- complement each Auger surface detector tank with a radio antenna
 - radio array on 3000 km² with a 1.5 km spacing
- fully funded, setup 2020/21
- complementary to scintillator upgrade
- extend upgraded measurement to larger zenith angles
 - increase sky coverage
 - cross-check systematics

in practice: different response to both components in both detectors: response matrix



Performance summary

Strengths and limitations of radio detection



- radio signal can be predicted from first principles
- measures pure electromagnetic shower component
- no absorption in the atmosphere, calorimetric energy measurement
- near 100% duty cycle
- high angular resolution
- particle mass sensitivity
- simple (cheap) detectors
- required detector spacing
- direction-dependent threshold
- radio-backgrounds

emission well-understood, can be used to set energy scale

direct comparison to FD, little influence of hadronic interactions

 $\sigma_{\rm E}$ < 15%, possibly below 10%, cross-calibration between detectors >95% $\sigma < 0.5^{\circ}$ σ_{Xmax} < 20 g/cm² dense (< 40 sparse) \$1000/detector (+infrastructure) <300 m (θ<60°) >1 km (θ>65°) cut heavily or rely on simulations $E > 10^{17} eV$, exploit external triggers

Summary

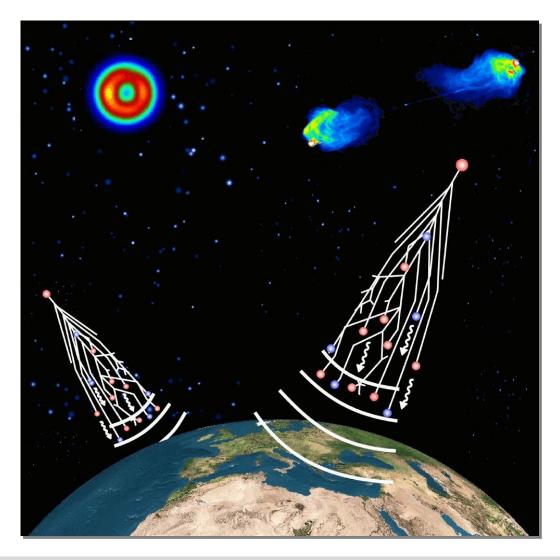


- radio detection has matured from pioneering prototypes to large-scale measurements in the recent decade
- we have reached competitive resolution in radio event reconstruction
 - arrival direction
 - particle energy
 - depth of shower maximum
- Monte Carlo simulations have played a key role in this success

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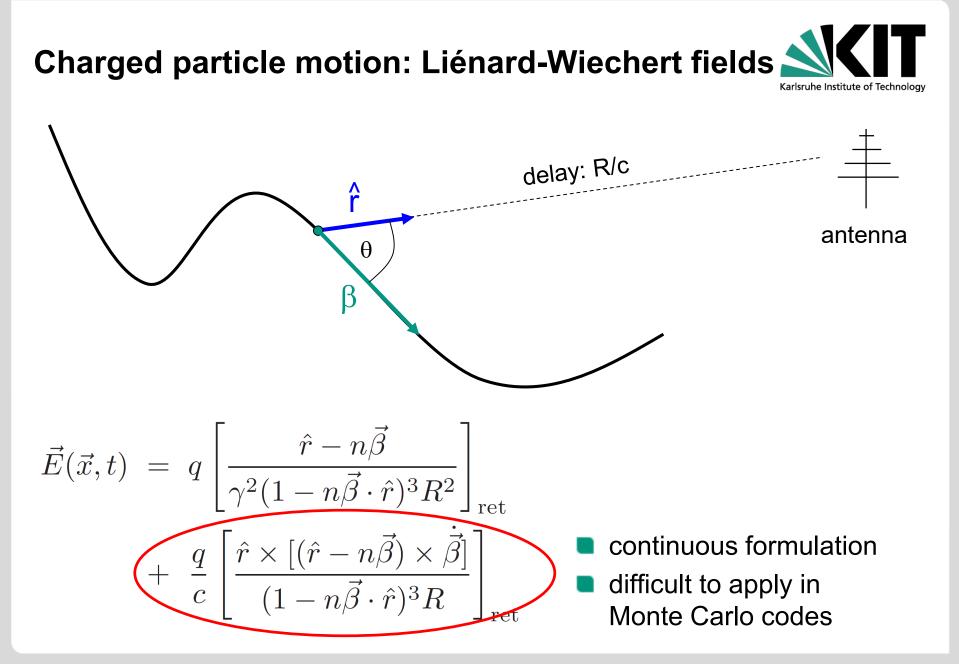
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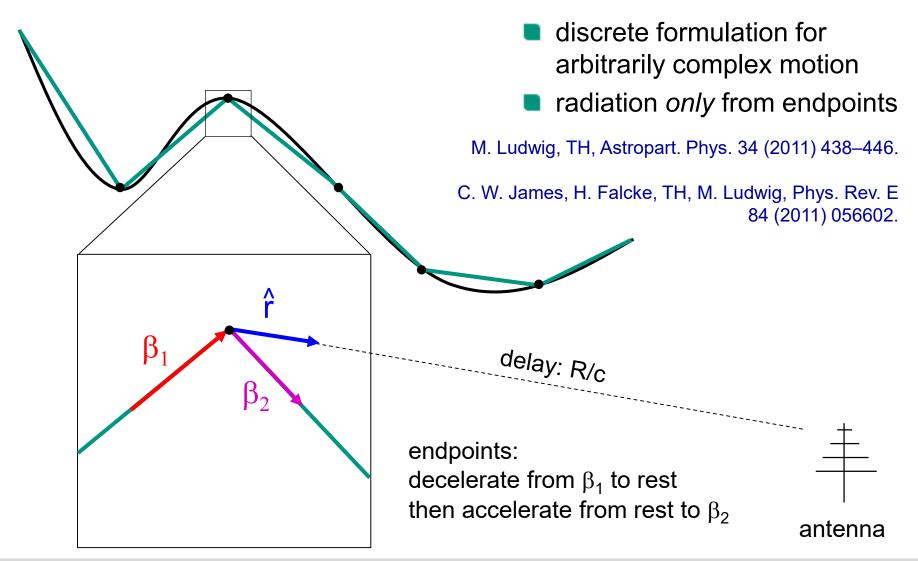


- a C++ plugin to CORSIKA using the COAST interface
 - fully integrated in the build system
- calculation of radio emission from EAS using the "endpoint formalism"



Discretization of particle motion: endpoints





Radiation from a single endpoint



time domain formulation

$$\vec{E}_{\pm}(\vec{x},t) = \pm \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{q}{c} \left(\frac{\hat{r} \times [\hat{r} \times \vec{\beta}^*]}{(1-n\vec{\beta}^* \cdot \hat{r})R} \right)$$

frequency domain formulation

$$\vec{E}_{\pm}(\vec{x},\nu) = \pm \frac{q}{c} \frac{e^{ikR(t'_0)}}{R(t'_0)} \frac{e^{2\pi i\nu t'_0}}{1 - n\vec{\beta}^* \cdot \hat{r}} \hat{r} \times [\hat{r} \times \vec{\beta}^*]$$

- for deceleration from β^* to rest (stopping point)
- + for acceleration from rest to β^* (starting point)

What is CoREAS?



- a C++ plugin to CORSIKA using the COAST interface
 - fully integrated in the build system
- calculation of radio emission from EAS using the "endpoint formalism"
 - downgoing showers in curved and flat geometries fully supported
 - upgoing and skimming geometries untested
- ASCII output of electric field traces per antenna
 - soon: HDF5 converter for processed data and better simulation handling
- full MPI parallelization up to thousands of cores
- gdastool: simulate with realistic atmosphere at given time and location, including effects of atmospheric humidity

Technical information: CoREAS manual



CoREAS 1.3 User's Manual

Tim Huege*

December 19, 2017

1 What's new in CoREAS V1.3?

This version allows the choice of a more realistic refractive index profile in the radio simulations. The enclosed GDAS-tool, described in more detail in the CORSIKA manual, queries the GDAS atmospheric database for a given location and time and downloads a corresponding density and humidity profile. The density profile is fitted to generate the 5-layer atmosphere fed to CORSIKA. At the same time, a consistent, tabulated refractivity profile is fed to COREAS. This allows in particular the inclusion of humidity effects in the refractive index profile. Also, performance should once more have been (slightly) improved as now refractivity and integrated refractivity at tabulated directly and do not need to be calculated from the density.

This functionality was actually already included in CORSIKA v7.63, however since then some slight improvements to the CoREAS implementation and bug fixes to the GDAS-tool were made.

I would like to thank Tobias Winchen and Pragati Mitra for contributing this very valuable functionality to CoREAS.

2 What's new in CoREAS V1.2?

The physics of CoREAS is unchanged between version 1.1 and version 1.2. However, a bug was fixed that was present in all previous CoREAS releases. It affected simulations with zenith angles beyond 75 degrees zenith angle, for which a step-wise numerical integration of the refractive index along the line of sight should have been carried out – but was not. Up to 80 degrees zenith angle, the deviations caused by this bug were minor. Simulations with zenith angles beyond 80 degrees zenith angle were significantly affected, though, and should be redone with CoREAS V1.2 or later. Please note that the needed computation time increases significantly for inclined showers due to the stepwise integration. This might be improved in a future version. If job-times get too long to be handled, please have a look at the quick-start guide for the MPI-parallelized version of CoREAS.

The performance of CoREAS V1.2 has been significantly optimized with respect to earlier versions. This has been achieved by tabulating the atmosphere rather than calling CORSIKA-internal functions that rely on calculations of

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manual available with

- installation instructions
- definition of coordinate systems, unit conventions, ...
- definition of input and output data formats
- example input files, example gnuplot script

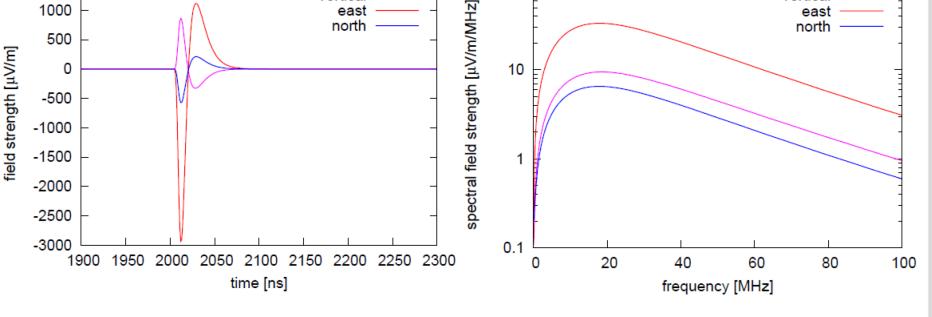
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HDF5 converter includes functionality for this

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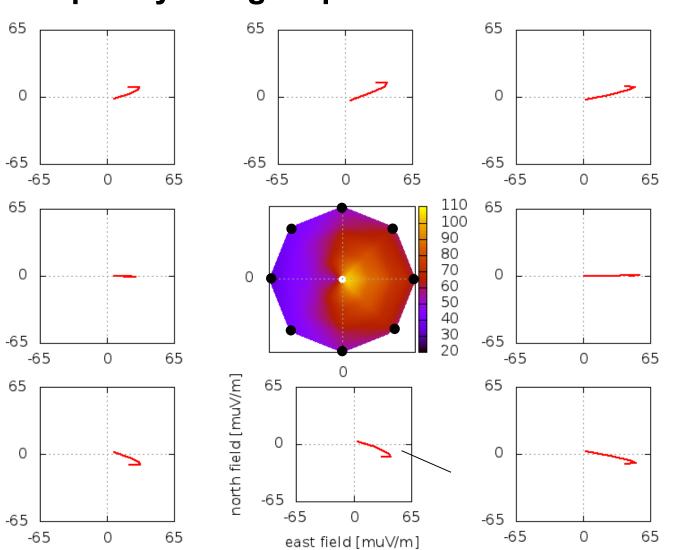
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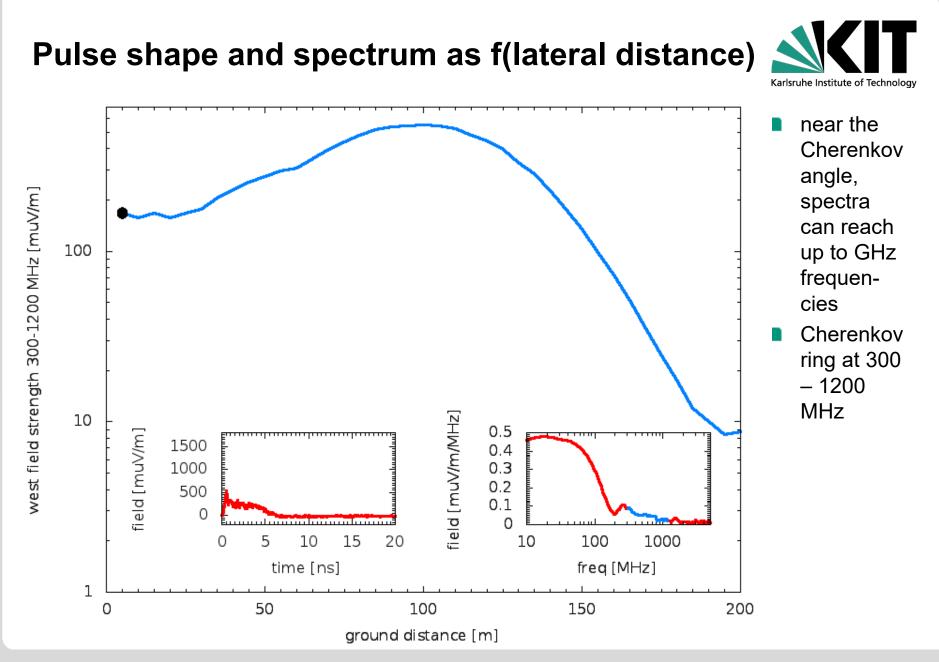
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Complexity of signal polarization



- complex time evolution of electric field vector
- superposition
 of geomag netic and
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Plans for radio in next-generation CORSIKA



- fully integrate radio from the start
- shake off limitations imposed by current CORSIKA
 - support dense media (e.g. ice)
 - support transition from air to dense media
 - support complex propagation effects (refraction, ...)
- exploit modern computing infrastructure
 - full CPU parallelization
 - investigate GPU parallelization
- possibly combine cascade equations and radio-emission calculations
- and more ... your ideas!?

Short practical demonstration ...



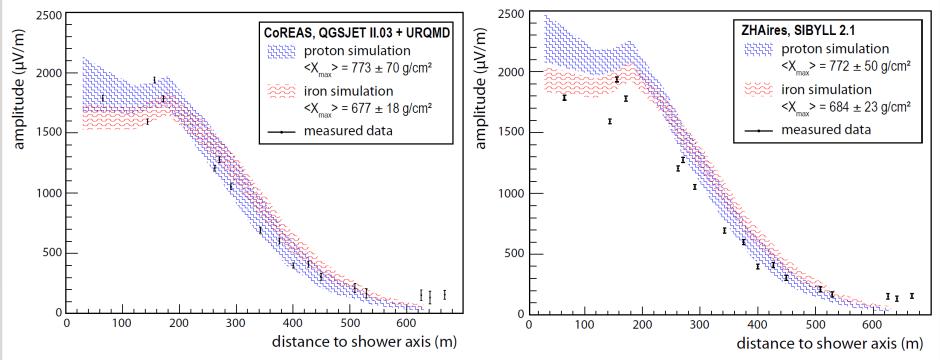
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Backup slides

Comparison of simulations with AERA data

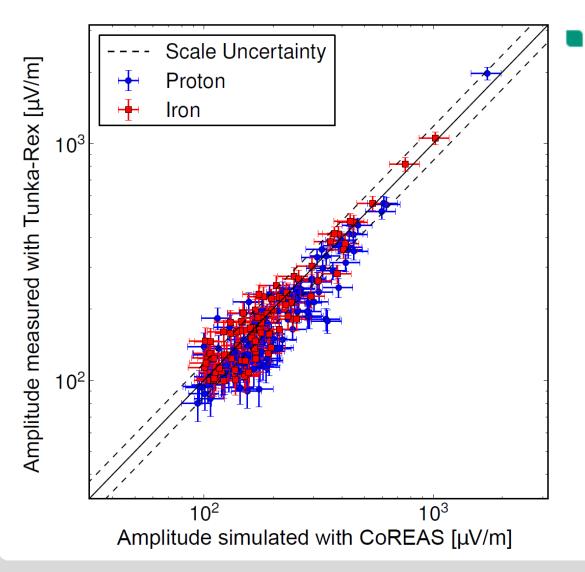




- AERA provides detailed, well-calibrated event data
- simulations can reproduce measurements
 - absolute amplitude
 - complex LDF

Pierre Auger Collaboration, ICRC2013, id #899

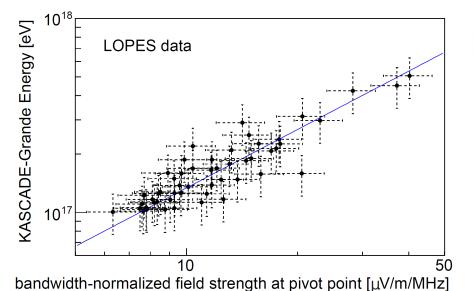
Comparison of simulations with Tunka-Rex data

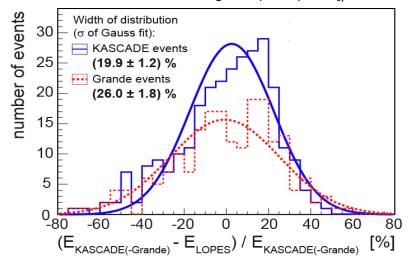


very good agreement between CoREAS simulations and Tunka-Rex data

> Tunka-Rex Coll., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 802 (2015) 89–96.

LOPES energy reconstruction







- Inear correlation with 20-25% combined LOPES-KASCADE-Grande energy resolution
 - radio probably better, limited by KASCADE-Grande energy uncertainty of ~20%
 - simulations: ~8% intrinsic

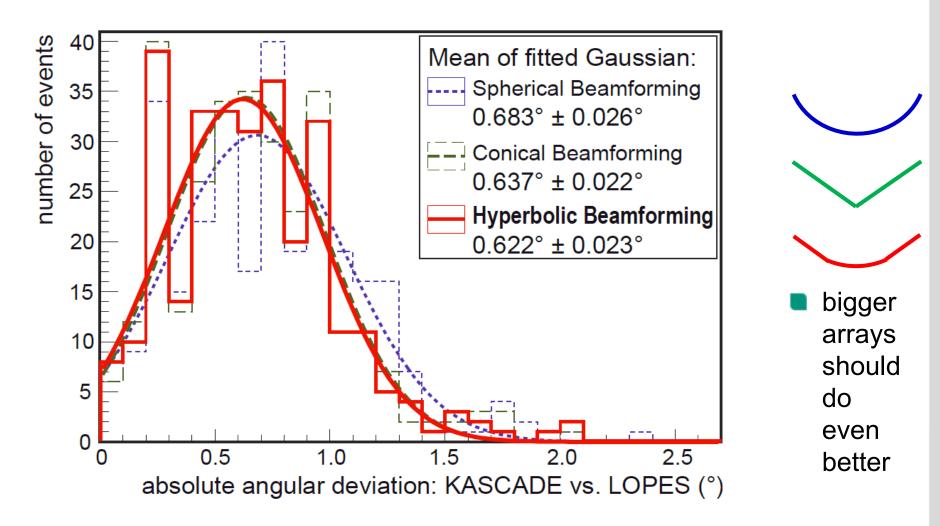
LOPES Coll., Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 062001.

also works with interferometric analysis, yielding again ~20% uncertainty

F.G. Schröder et al. (LOPES Coll.), ARENA2012

Accuracy of direction reconstruction

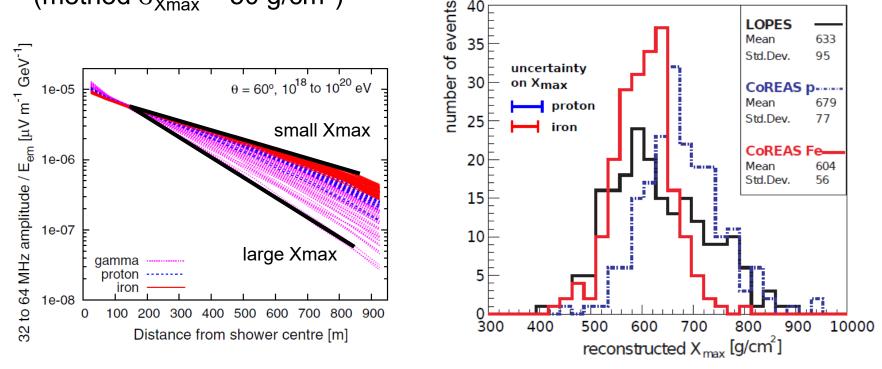




Xmax reconstruction with LOPES



- with simulations, radio LDF slope can be related to Xmax
- using parameterisations derived with CoREAS simulations, Xmax is estimated for each individual LOPES event (method σ_{Xmax} ~ 50 g/cm²)

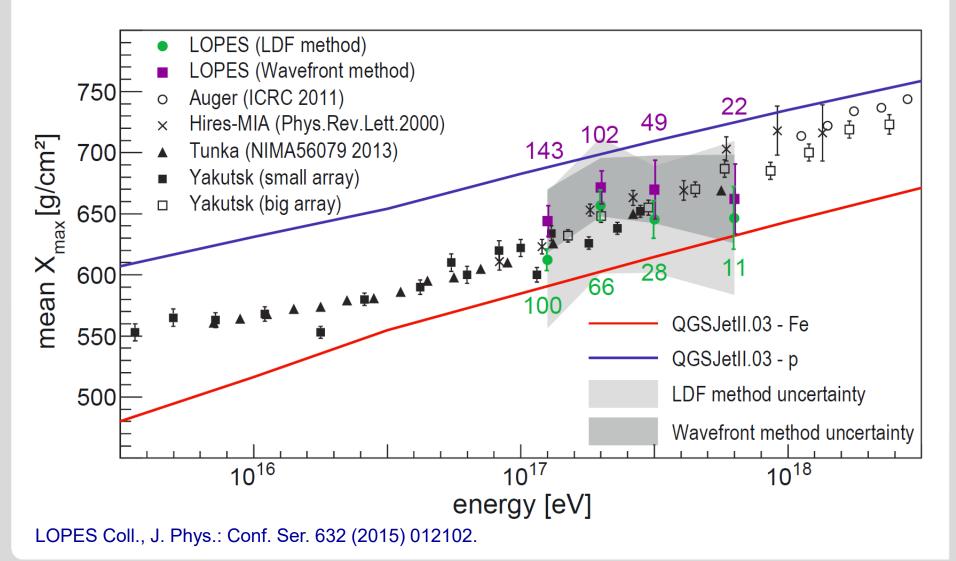


TH, Ulrich, Engel (Astrop. Phys. 2008)

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Xmax reconstructed from LOPES data





LOFAR unbinned analysis



compare

measured

distribution of

with simulated

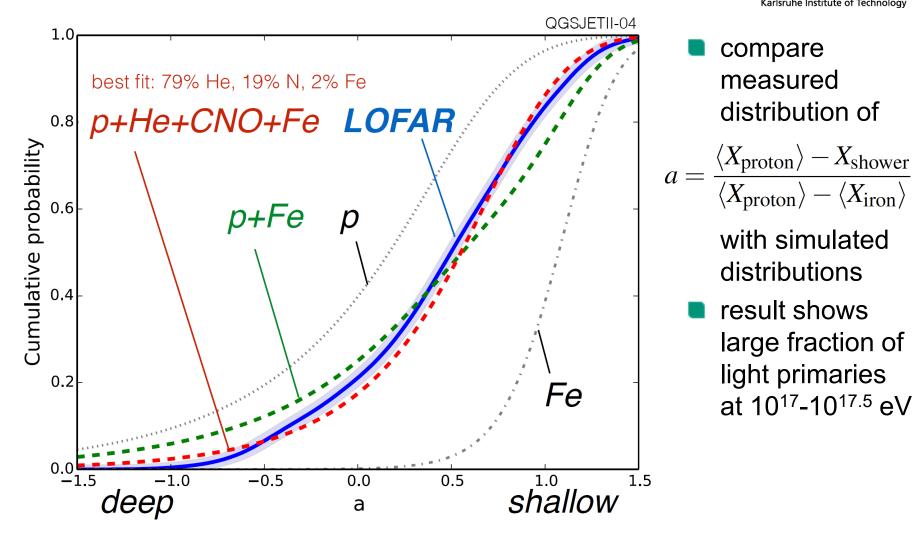
distributions

result shows

large fraction of

at 1017-1017.5 eV

light primaries

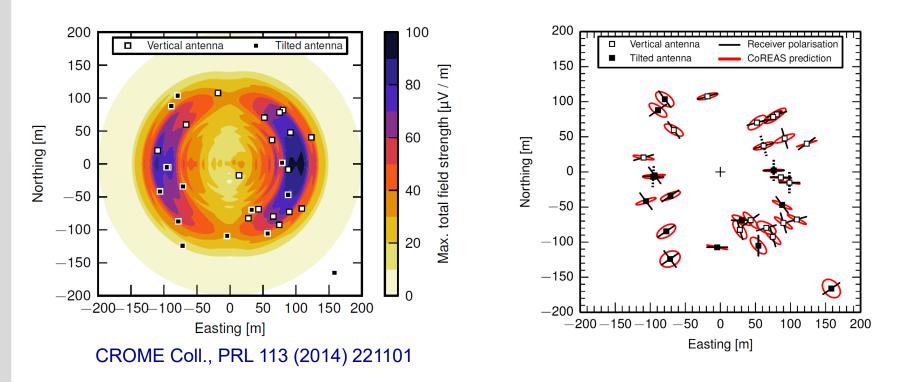


S. Buitink et al. Nature 435 (2016) 70

CoREAS sims & CROME results

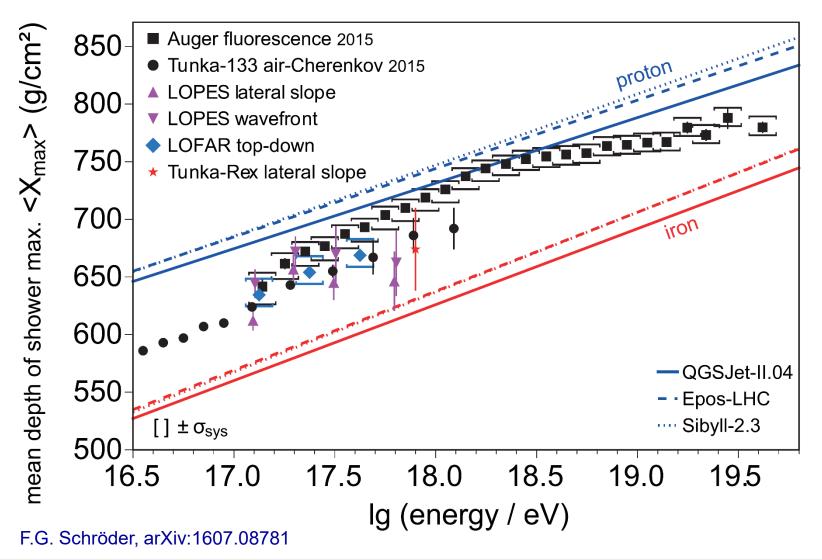


GHz emission in agreement with predictions by CoREAS



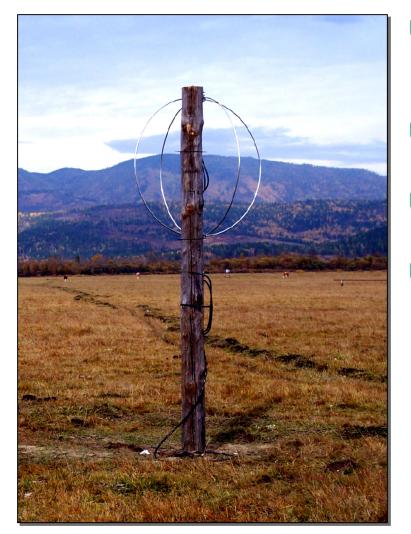
Xmax measurements with radio detectors





How expensive are individual detectors?

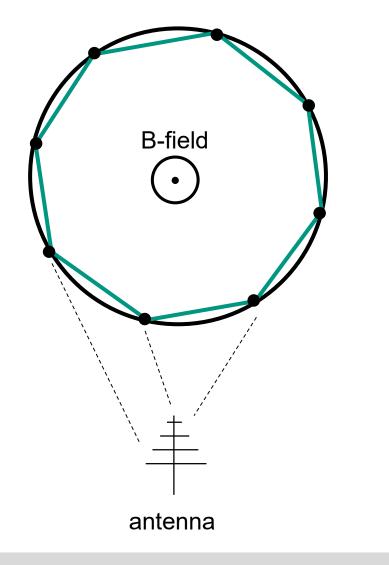




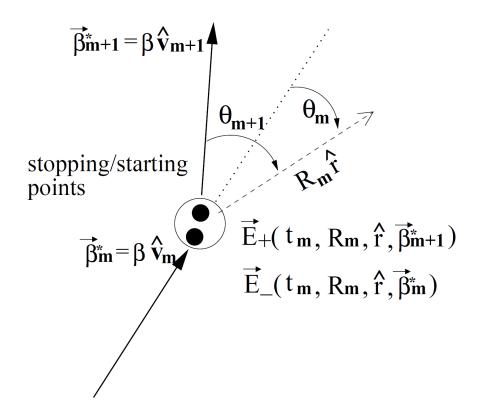
- antenna can be cheap, SALLA antenna plus low-noise amplifier costs <500 US\$</p>
- digital electronics more expensive, but profit from Moore's law
- most expensive part is "infrastructure" (power supply, communications, …)
- sub-1000\$ for antenna plus digital electronics certainly seem feasible

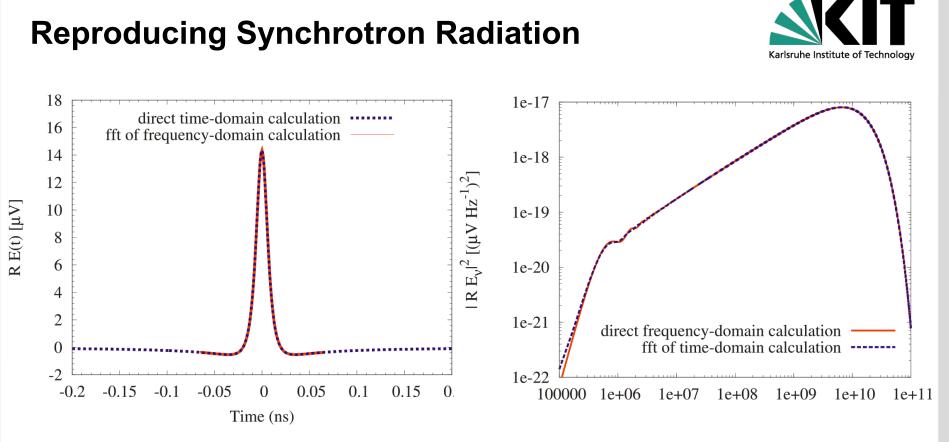
Reproducing Synchrotron Radiation





- discretize circular motion
 - fineness dictated by Δt , v_{max}
- pairs of stopping and starting points



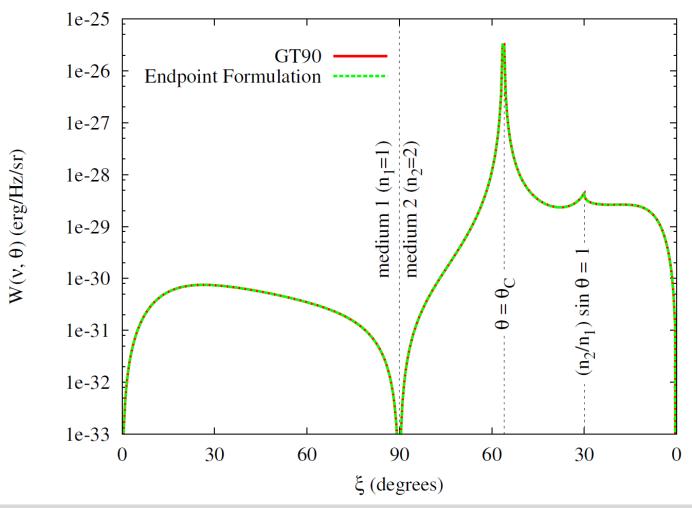


- direct calculations in time-domain and frequency-domain
- agreement with FFT of the other domain
- Iocalized signal: time-domain is better for this problem

Reproducing Transition Radiation

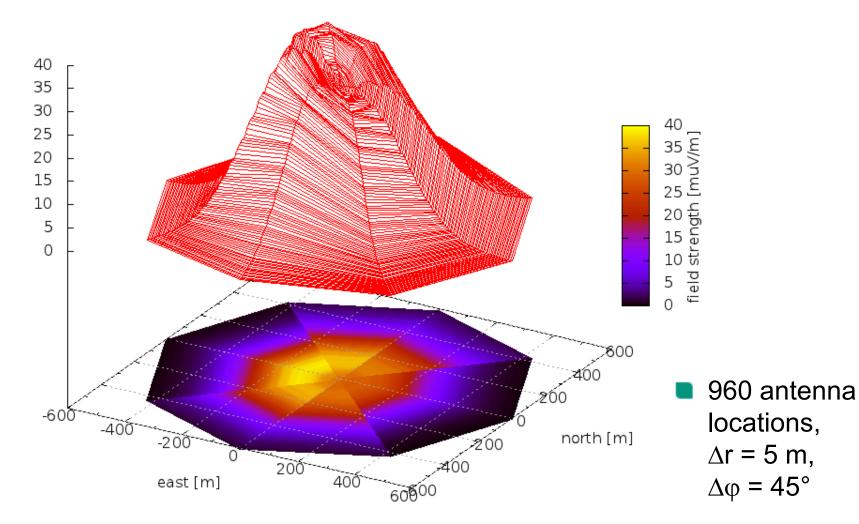






45 degree proton shower at LOPES





Composition sensitivity with radio



