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Performance of the surface detector simulation for the Pierre Auger Observatory

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Abstract content

The simulation of the surface detector of the Pierre Auger Observatory, consisting of water Cherenkov detectors, is based on GEANT4. Particles are explicitly tracked through a detector having realistic geometry. The simulation is accelerated by a dedicated re-implementation of the tracking of the numerous Cherenkov photons inside the tank. The simulated-tank response to cosmic muons at various zenith angles and to electrons from muon decays is compared to experimental data from a special tank equipped with a muon hodoscope. Good agreement is found.

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Reference

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