

# **Anisotropies in the flux of ultrahigh energy cosmic rays**

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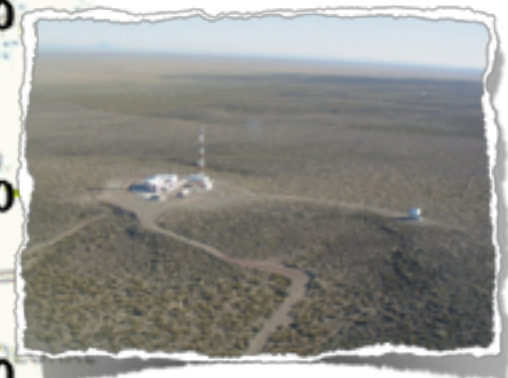
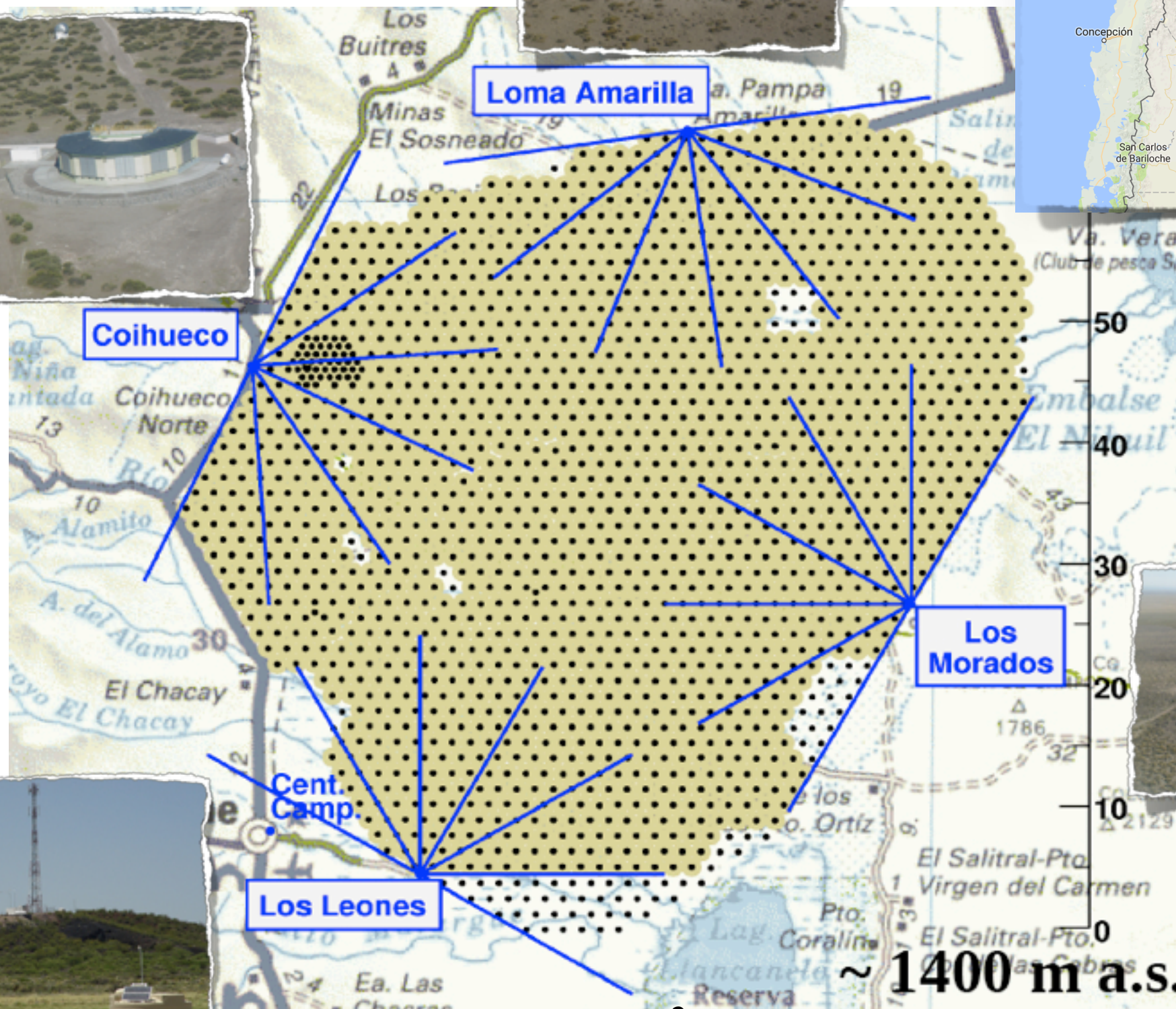


# The Pierre Auger Observatory

3000 km<sup>2</sup> surface array (1660 detectors)

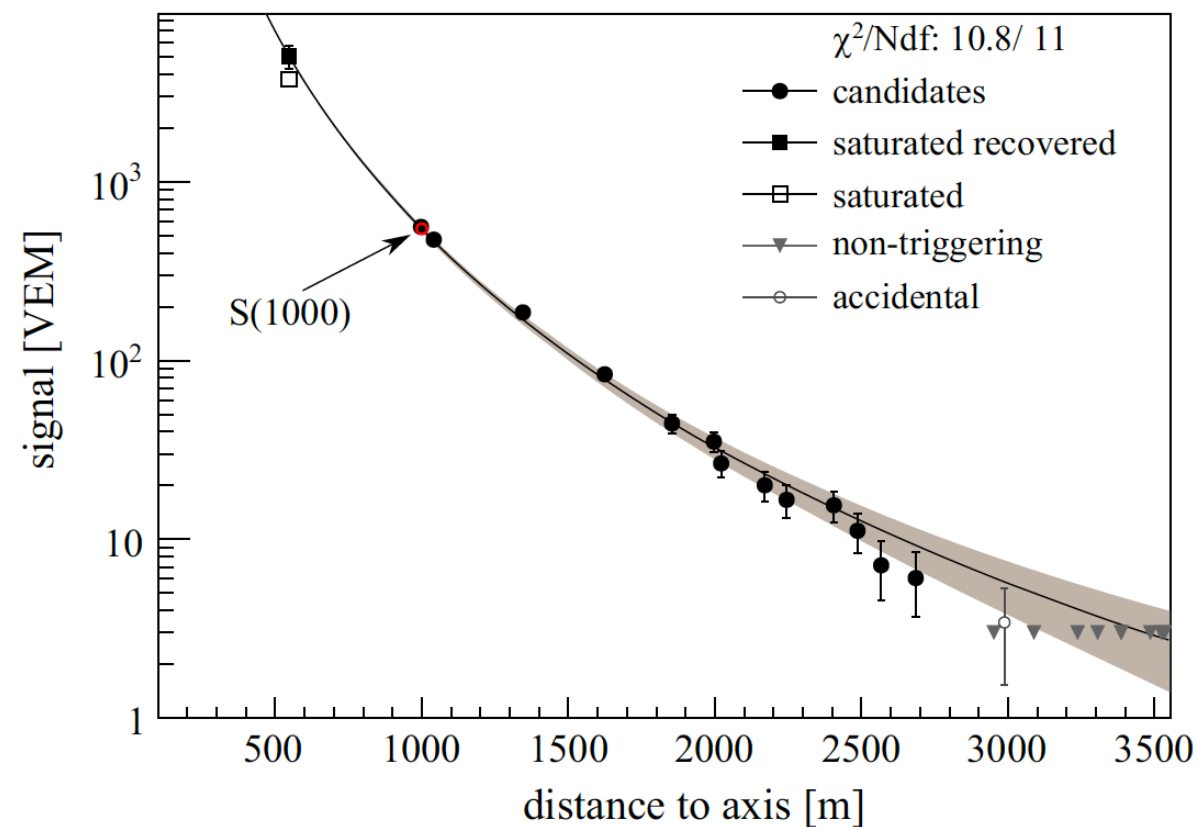
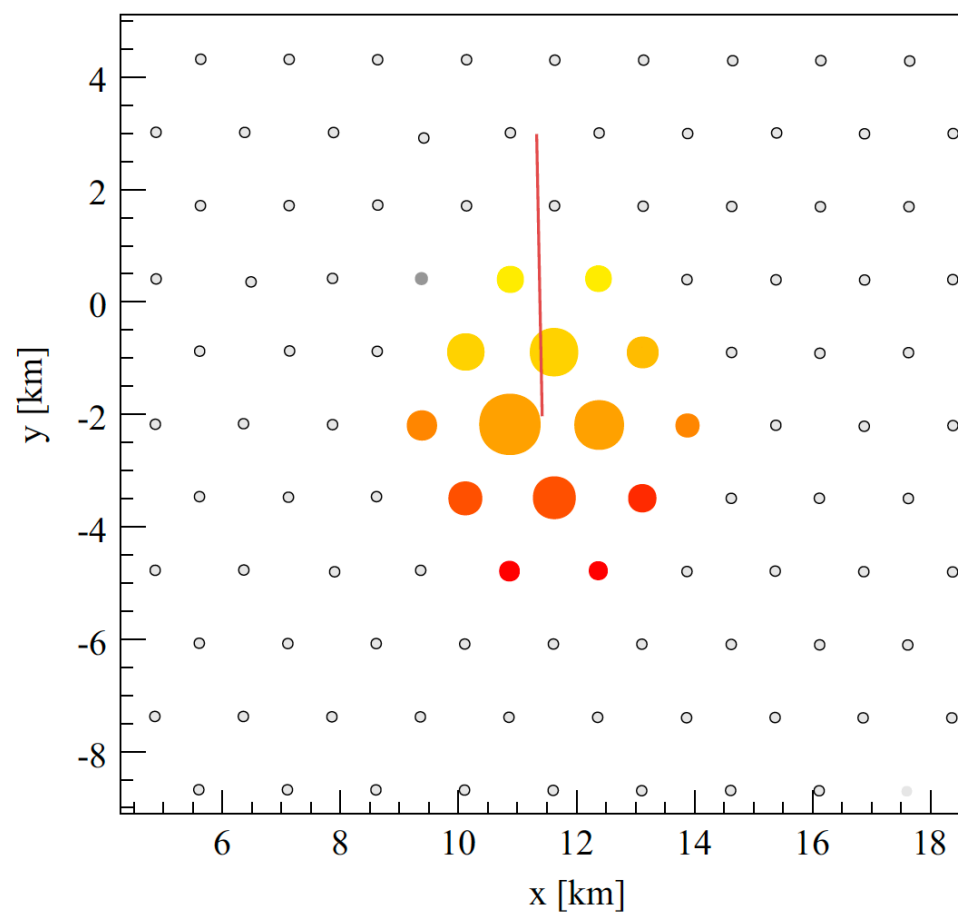
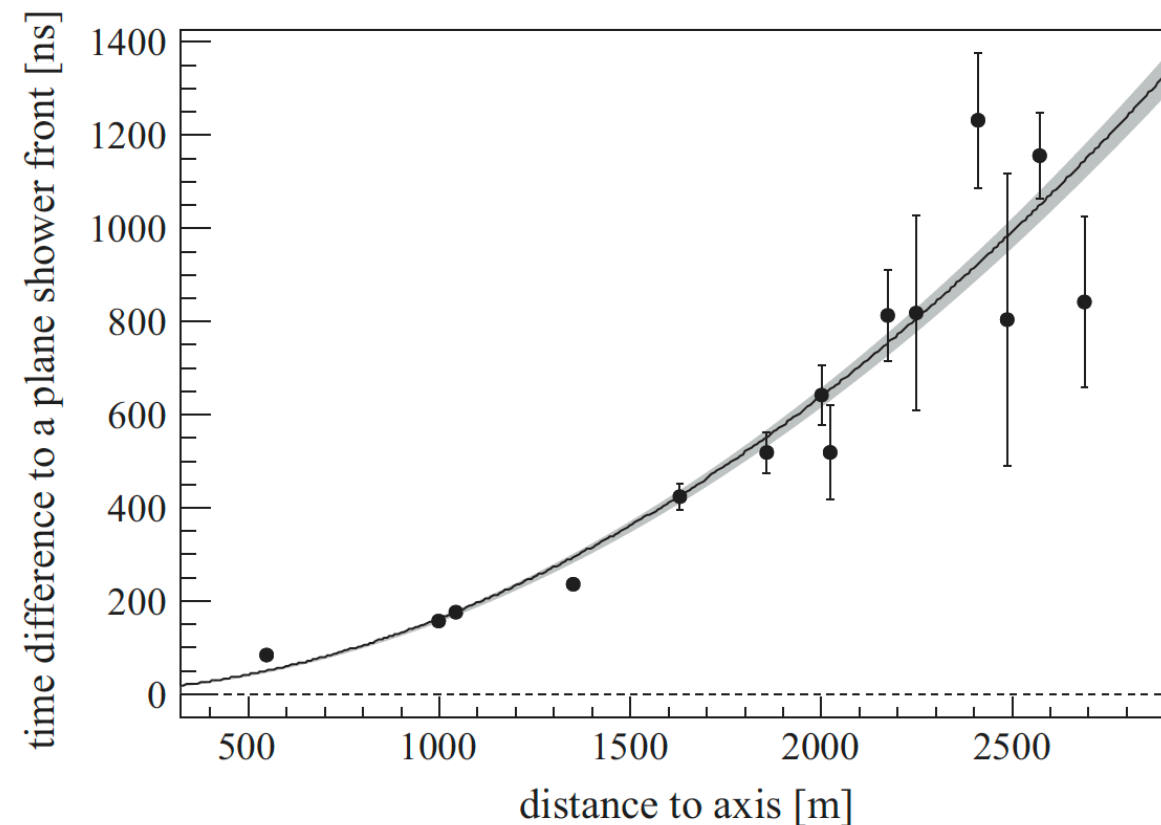
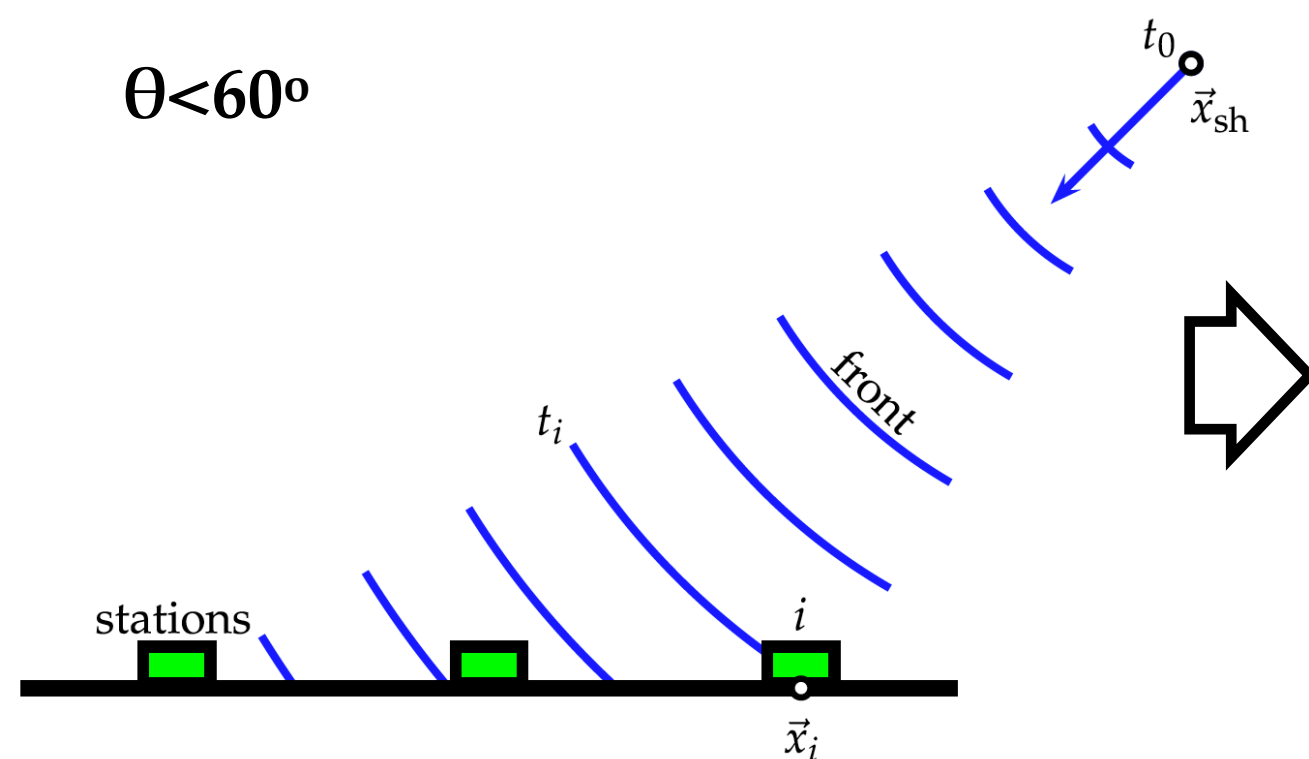
1.5 km triangular grid

27 fluorescence telescopes



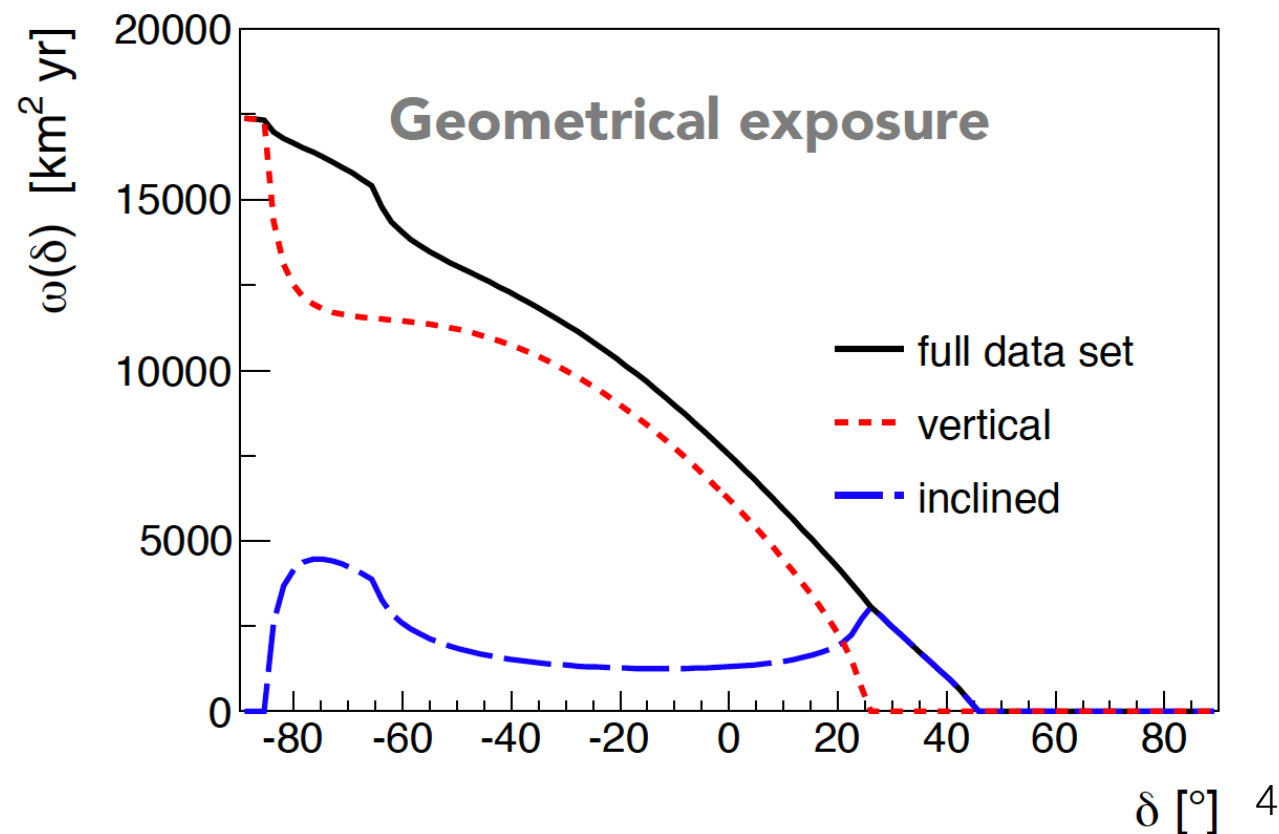
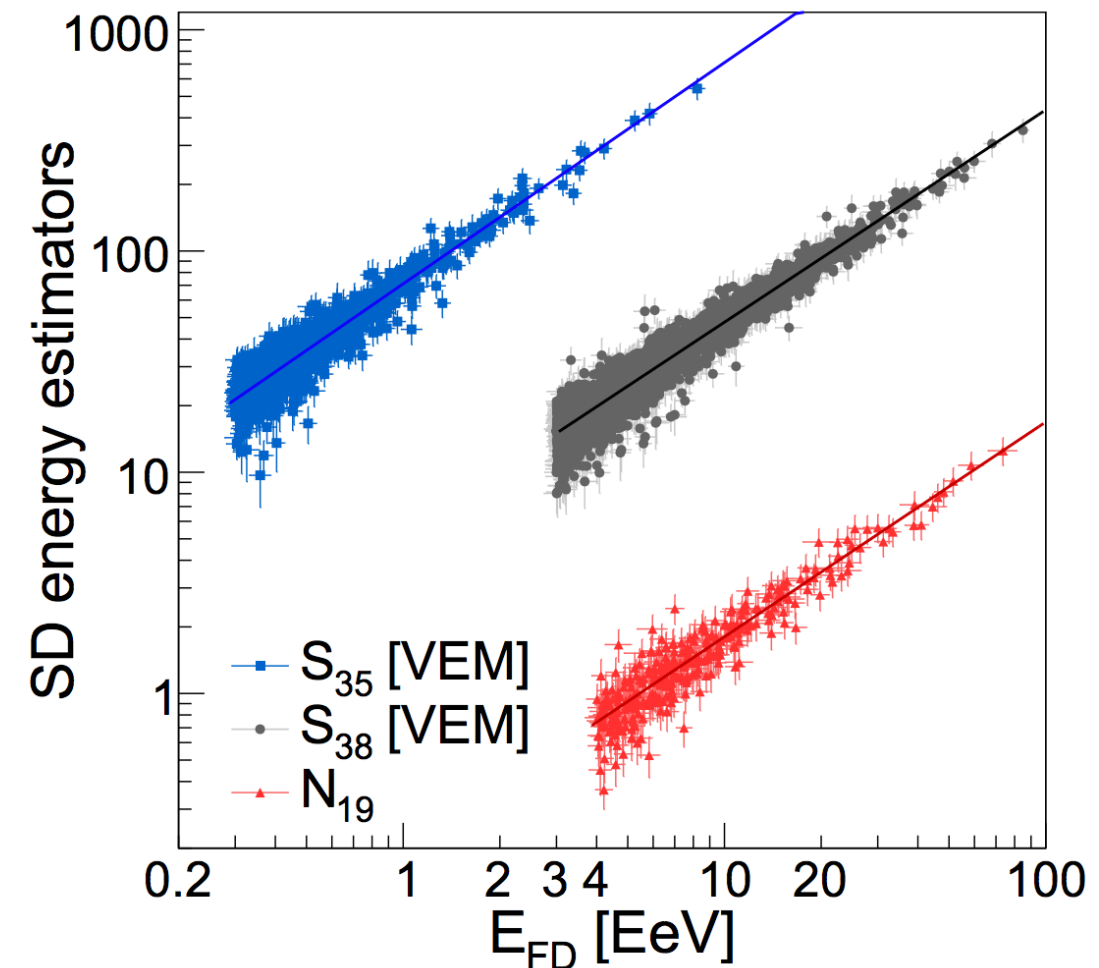


# Surface detector vertical event reconstruction



# General note on Auger SD data samples - I

- Data-driven energy calib. using hybrid events
- Different SD estimators are correlated to the quasi-calorimetric energy measured by the FD
- Here, we should use two samples, depending on the zenith angle of the events:
  - **Vertical:**  $0^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ$  ( $S_{38} \times E_{FD}$ )
  - **Inclined:**  $60^\circ < \theta < 80^\circ$  ( $N_{19} \times E_{FD}$ )

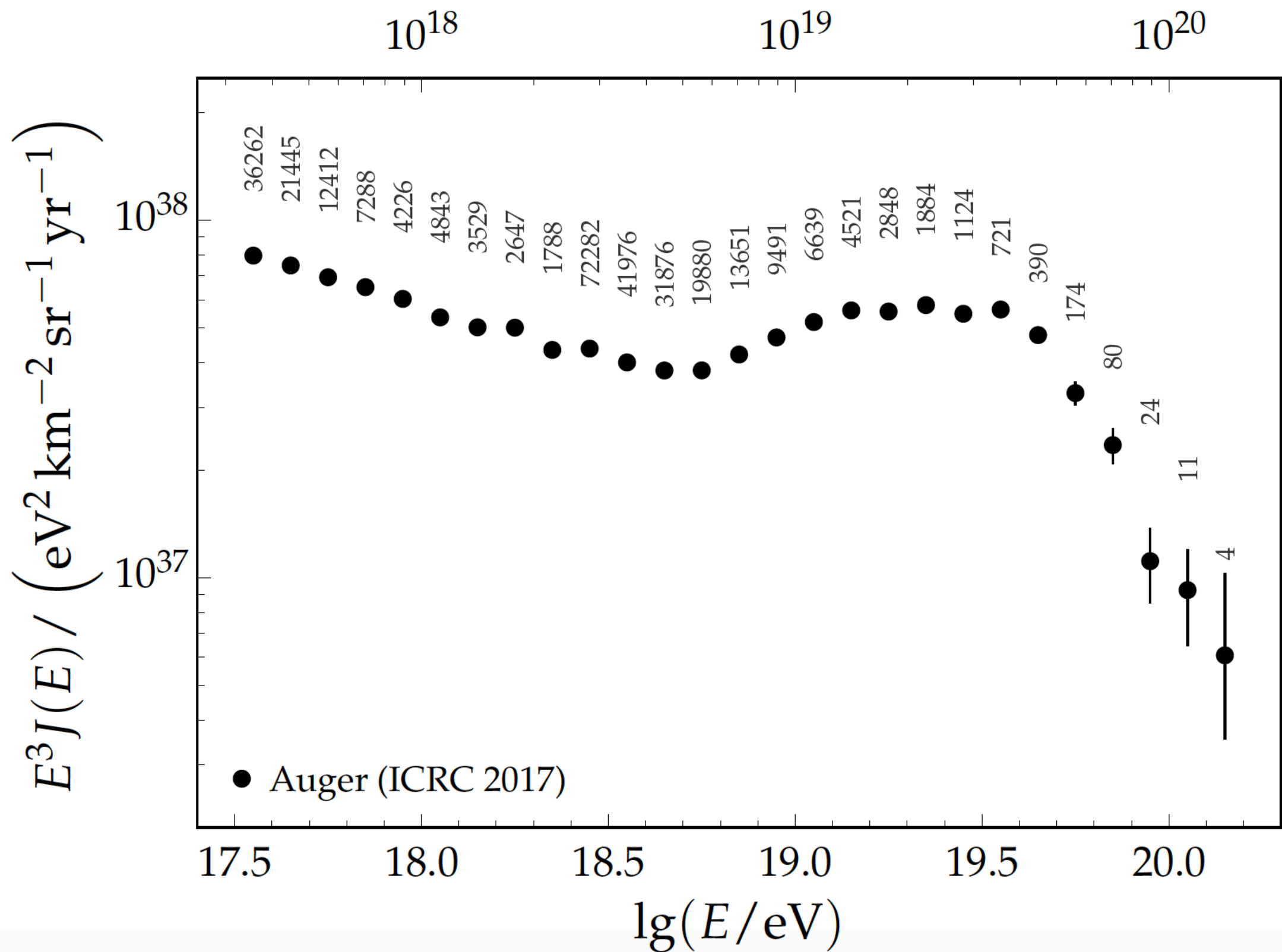


- Inclined sample provides about  $\sim 30\%$  of extra sky coverage
- This extra coverage is very important to many of the analyses to be discussed here



# Energy spectrum

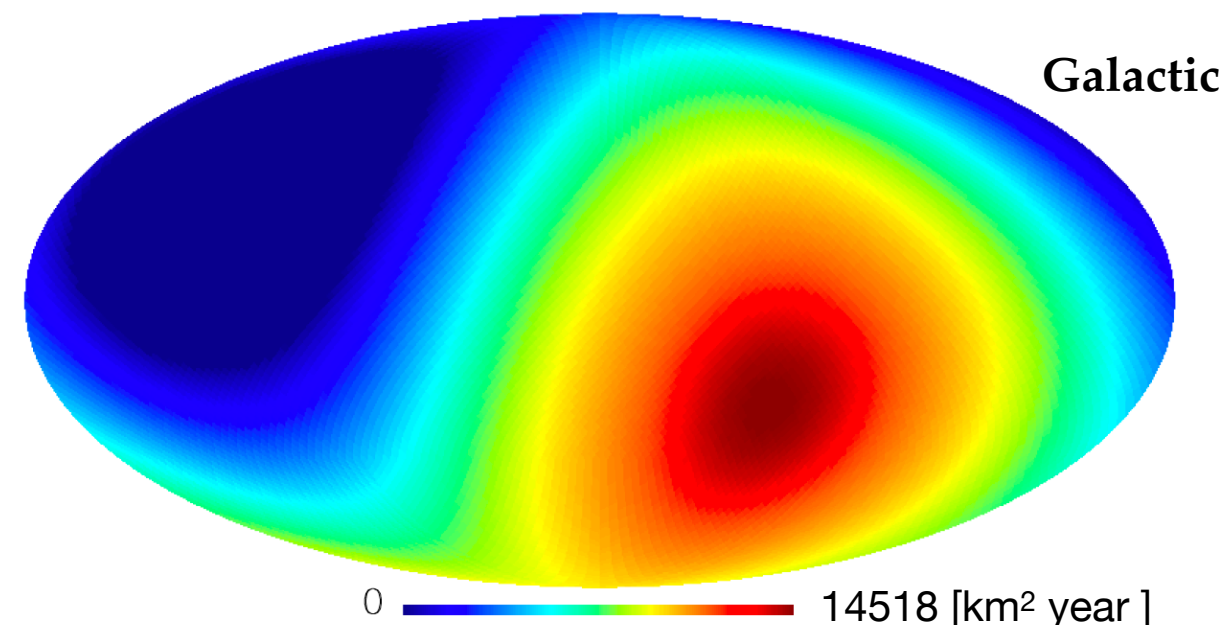
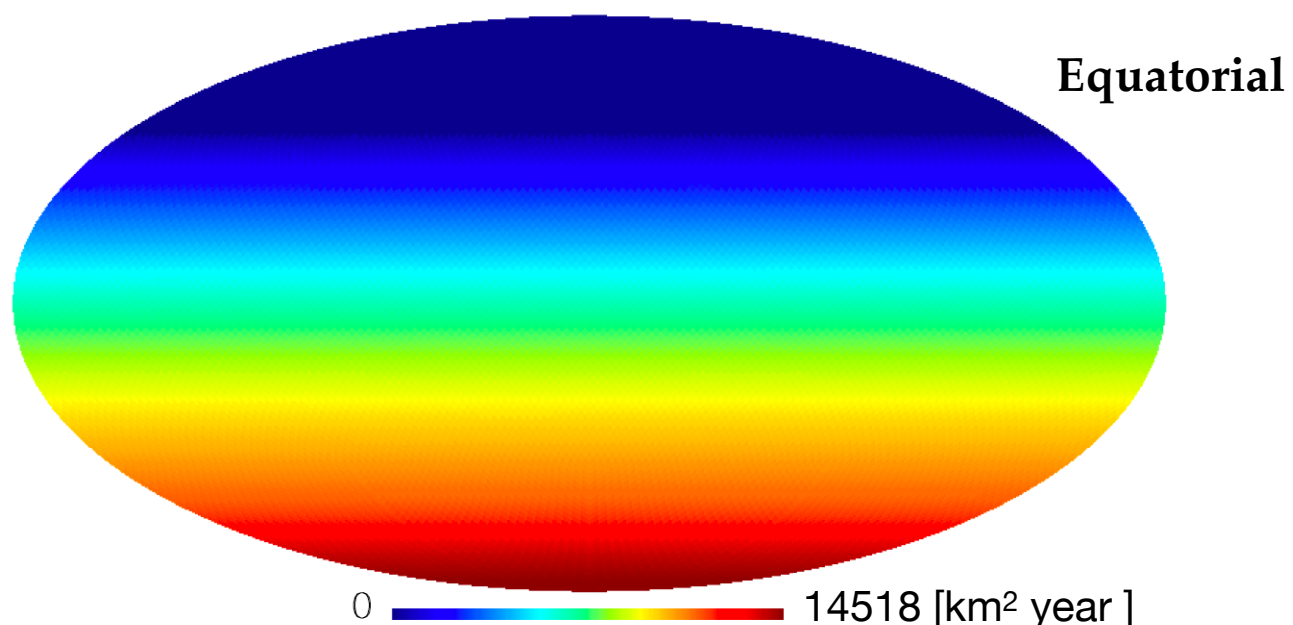
$E / \text{eV}$



# Dipole above 8 EeV ( $8 \times 10^{18}$ eV) - dataset

- Period: 01-01-2004 to 08-31-2016
- Additional sky coverage ( $\sim 30\%$ ) provided by inclined events ( $60^\circ < \theta < 80^\circ$ )
- Enhanced statistics ( $\sim 19\%$ ) with the use of relaxed (but high quality) triggers
- Total integrated exposure of 76,800 km<sup>2</sup> sr year

## Directional exposure





# Dipole detection

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## Analysis of first harmonic modulation in RA and azimuth

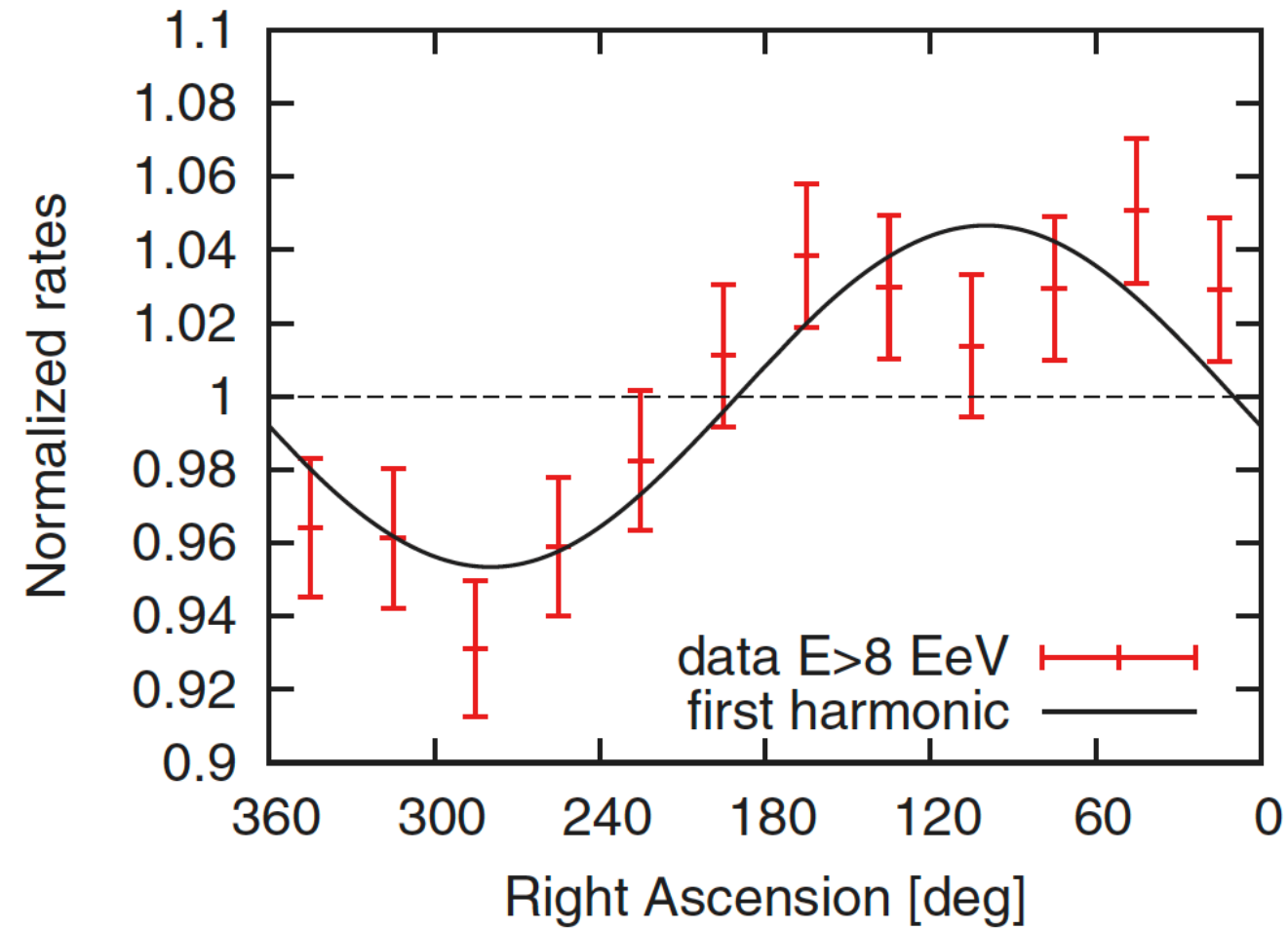
$$a_\alpha = \frac{2}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cos \alpha_i$$

Account for non-uniformities of the exposure in RA and a slight tilt of the array

$$b_\alpha = \frac{2}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin \alpha_i$$

## Amplitude and phase of modulation

$$r_\alpha = \sqrt{a_\alpha^2 + b_\alpha^2} \quad \tan \varphi_\alpha = \frac{b_\alpha}{a_\alpha}$$



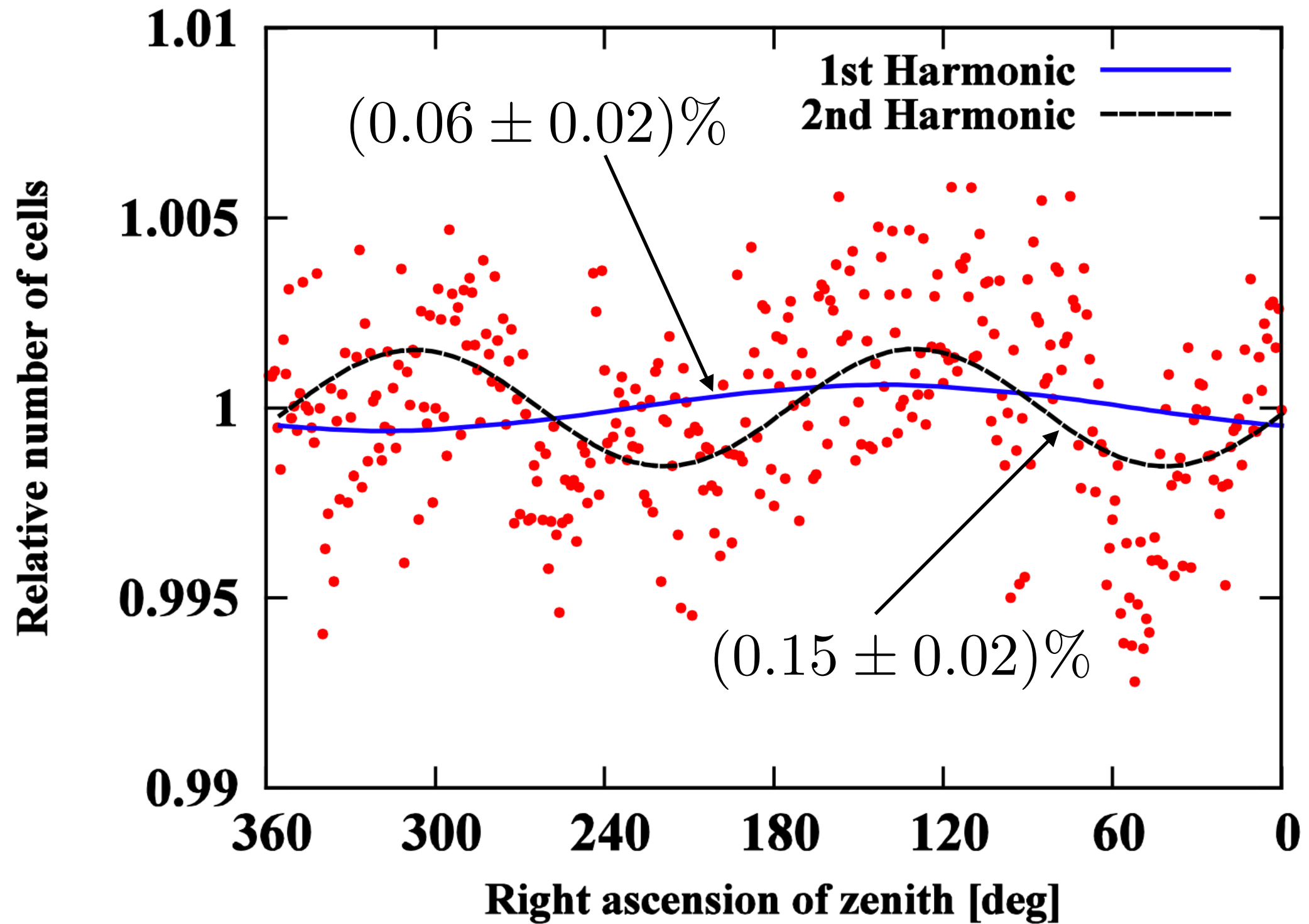
Energy (EeV)	Number of events	Fourier coefficient $a_\alpha$	Fourier coefficient $b_\alpha$	Amplitude $r_\alpha$	Phase $\varphi_\alpha$ (°)	Probability $P(\geq r_\alpha)$
4 to 8	81,701	$0.001 \pm 0.005$	$0.005 \pm 0.005$	$0.005^{+0.006}_{-0.002}$	$80 \pm 60$	0.60
$\geq 8$	32,187	$-0.008 \pm 0.008$	$0.046 \pm 0.008$	$0.047^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	$100 \pm 10$	$2.6 \times 10^{-8}$

- 5.6  $\sigma$  pre-trial signal
- 5.2  $\sigma$  post-trial (penalized for scan in 2 energy bins)

pre-trial probability:

$$P(\geq r_\alpha) = \exp\left(-\frac{Nr_\alpha^2}{4}\right)$$

# Sidereal time modulation of the exposure





# Reconstruction of the 3D dipole

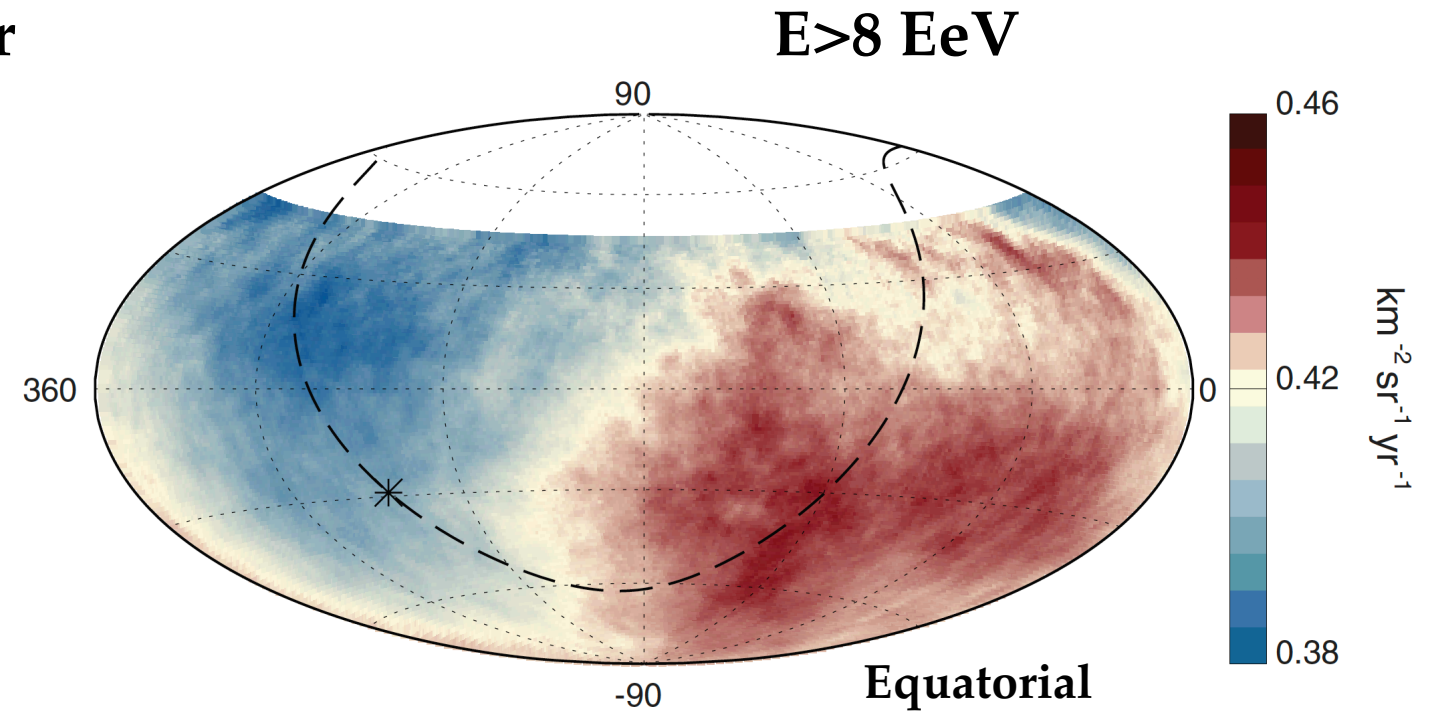
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Components parallel and perpendicular to the Earth rotation axis:

$$d_z \approx \frac{b_\varphi}{\cos \ell_{\text{obs}} \langle \sin \theta \rangle} \quad d_\perp \approx \frac{r_\alpha}{\langle \cos \delta \rangle}$$

Right ascension and declination:

$$\alpha_d = \varphi_\alpha \quad \tan \delta_d = \frac{d_z}{d_\perp}$$



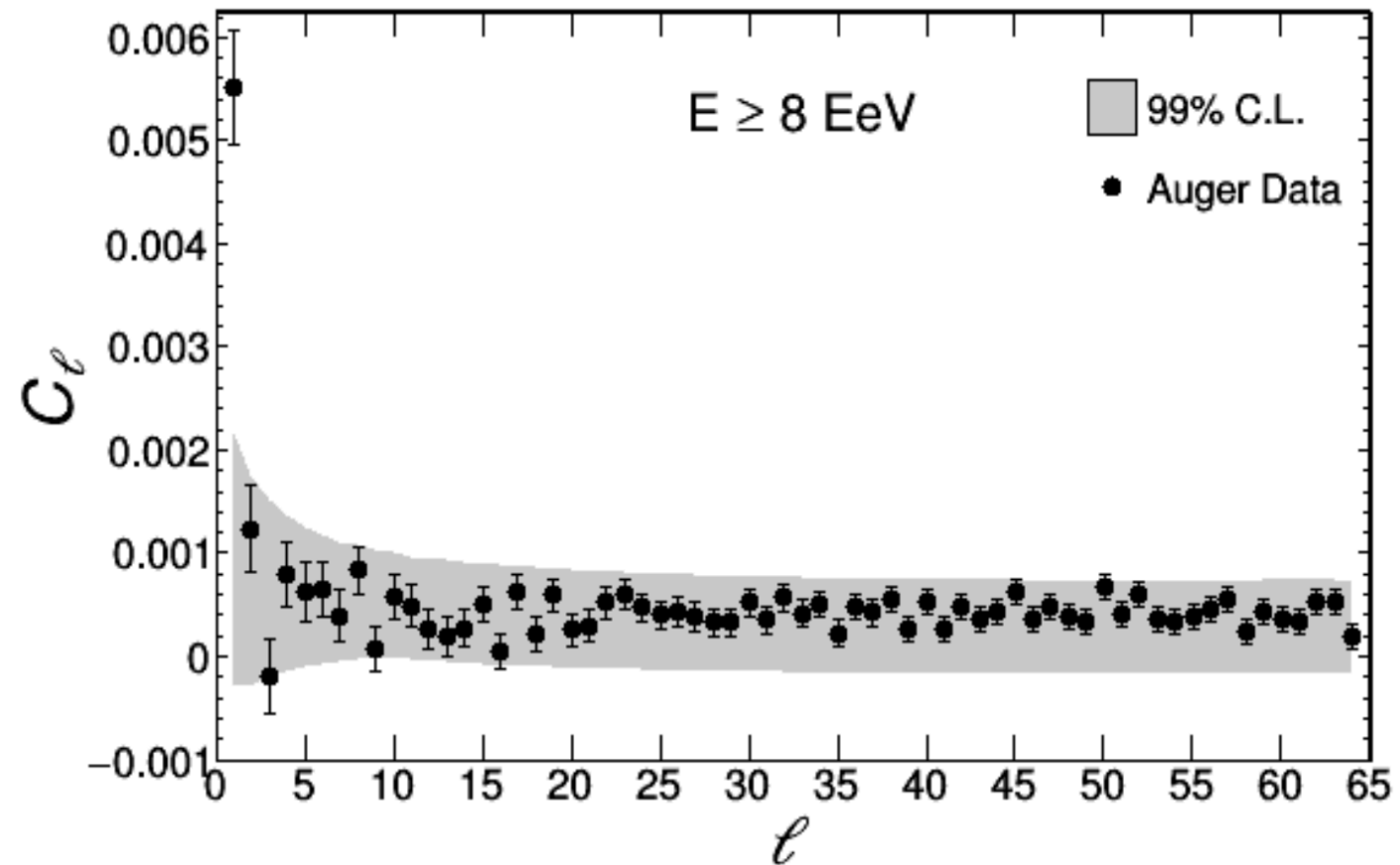
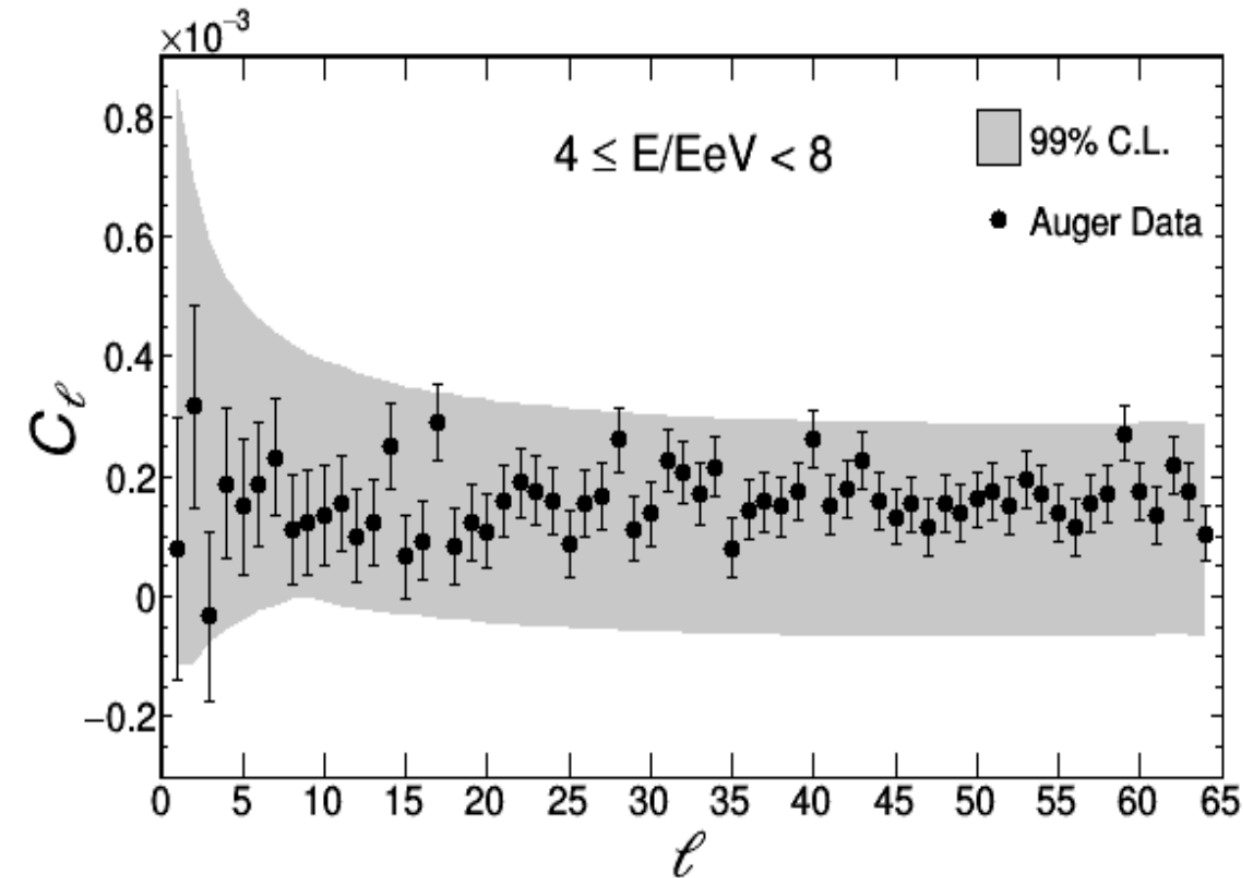
Energy (EeV)	Dipole component $d_z$	Dipole component $d_\perp$	Dipole amplitude $d$	Dipole declination $\delta_d$ (°)	Dipole right ascension $\alpha_d$ (°)
4 to 8	$-0.024 \pm 0.009$	$0.006^{+0.007}_{-0.003}$	$0.025^{+0.010}_{-0.007}$	$-75^{+17}_{-8}$	$80 \pm 60$
$\geq 8$	$-0.026 \pm 0.015$	$0.060^{+0.011}_{-0.010}$	$0.065^{+0.013}_{-0.009}$	$-24^{+12}_{-13}$	$100 \pm 10$

- Reconstruction assumes the dipole is the dominant component of the anisotropy
- Analysis of the power spectrum gives support to this hypothesis

# Power spectrum

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- Further evidence of the dominance of the dipole coming from the power spectrum

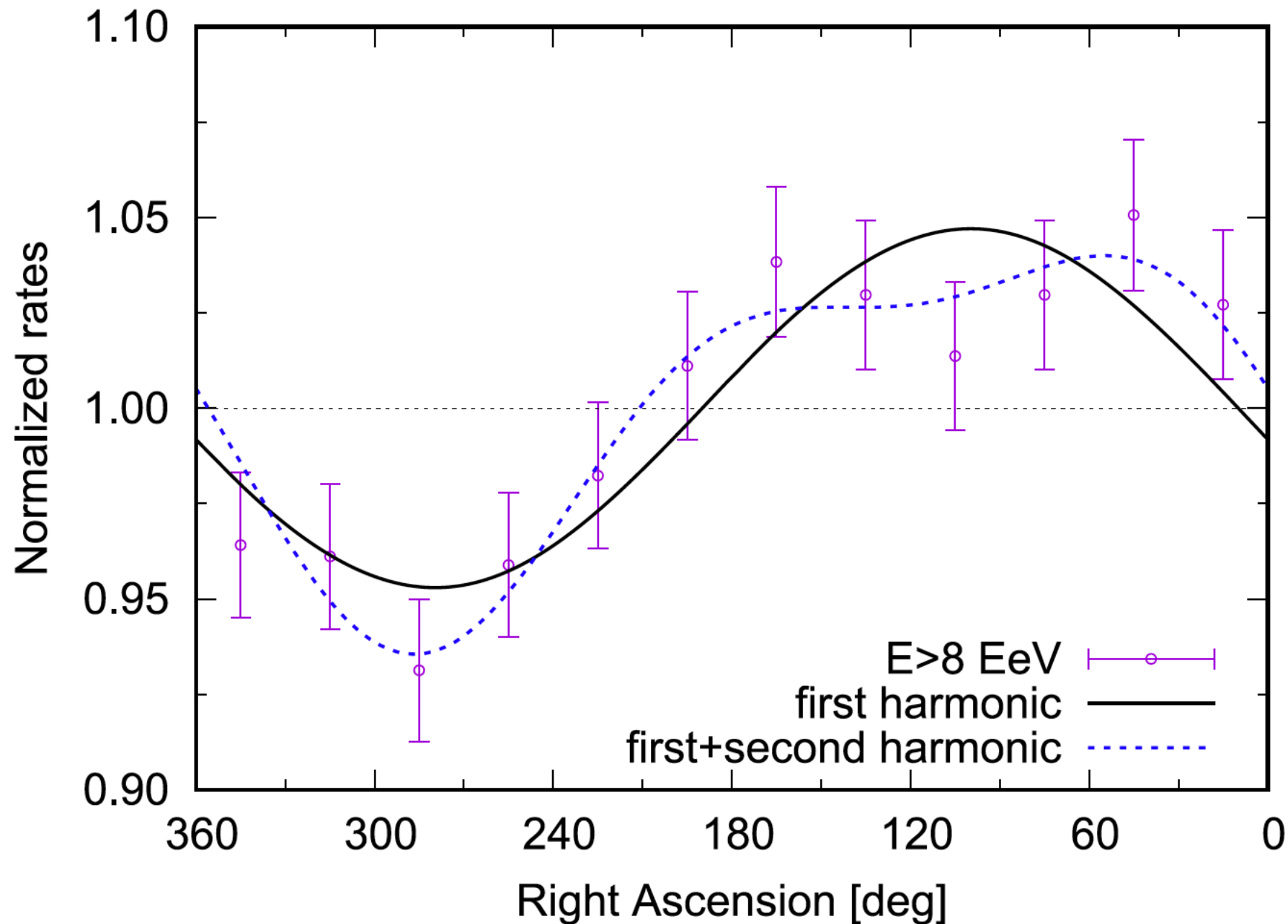


- Slightly different data sample:
  - 01-01-2004 to 12-31-2013
  - Tight fiducial quality trigger

$$C_\ell = \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell m}|^2$$

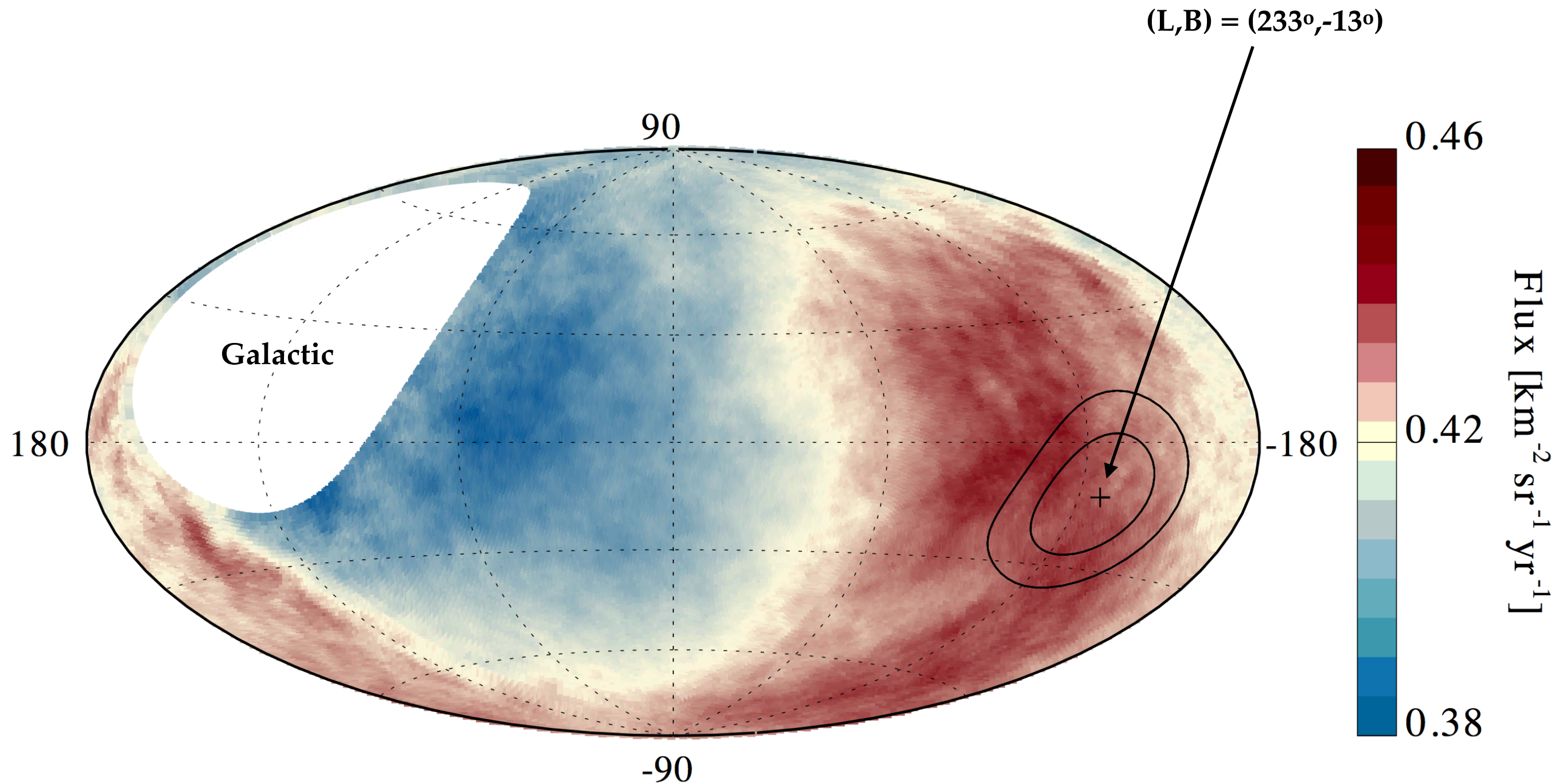


# Sub-dominance of quadrupolar anisotropy



Energy (EeV)	Events	$k$	$a_k^\alpha$	$b_k^\alpha$	$r_k^\alpha$	$\varphi_k^\alpha(^{\circ})$	$P(\geq r_k^\alpha)$
4–8	81,701	1	$0.001 \pm 0.005$	$0.005 \pm 0.005$	0.005	$80 \pm 60$	0.60
		2	$-0.001 \pm 0.005$	$0.001 \pm 0.005$	0.002	$70 \pm 80$	0.94
$\geq 8$	32,187	1	$-0.008 \pm 0.008$	$0.046 \pm 0.008$	0.047	$100 \pm 10$	$2.6 \times 10^{-8}$
		2	$0.013 \pm 0.008$	$0.012 \pm 0.008$	0.018	$21 \pm 12$	0.065

# Final sky map: galactic coordinates

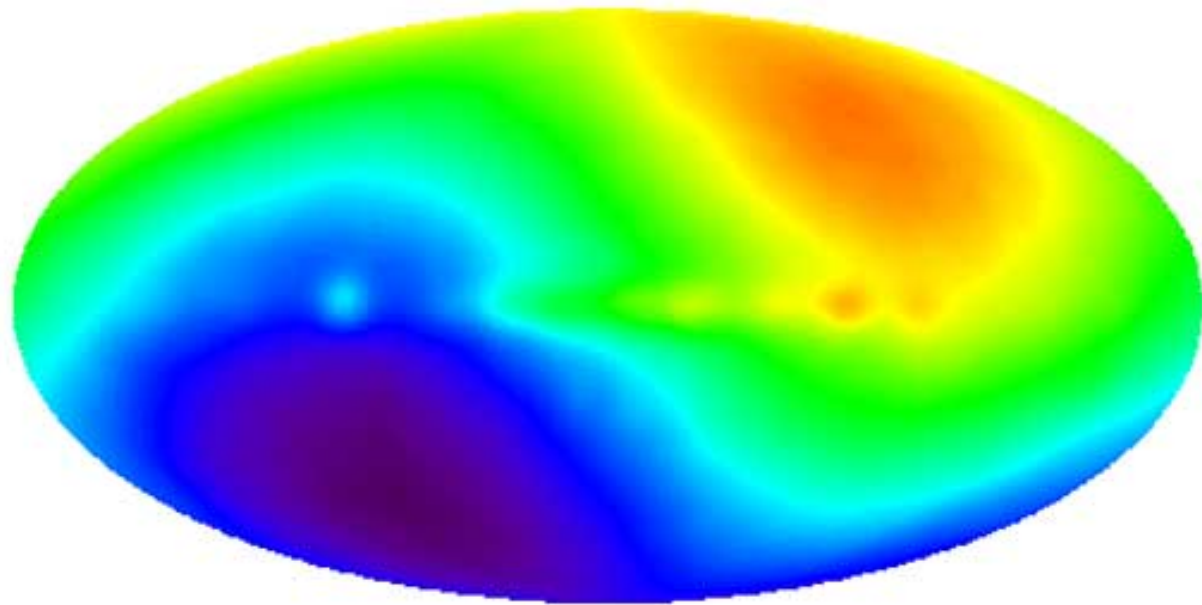


- Broad  $45^\circ$  top-hat beam applied
- Dipole maximum is about  $125^\circ$  away from the galactic center



# Cosmological Compton-Getting effect

COBE CMB dipole:  $(\ell, b) = (264^\circ, 48^\circ)$



$$v_{\odot} = 369.0 \pm 2.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

order  $10^{-3}$  effect

- Assumption: sources of UHECRs are distributed at cosmological distances
- Movement of the solar system barycenter in the CMB rest frame should also induce a dipolar anisotropy in the flux of UHECR aligned with the CMB dipole

$$J'(E') \simeq J(E) \left[ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{p} \left( 2 - \frac{d \ln J}{d \ln E'} \right) \right]$$

Spectra in the CMB (unprimed) and observer (primed) frames

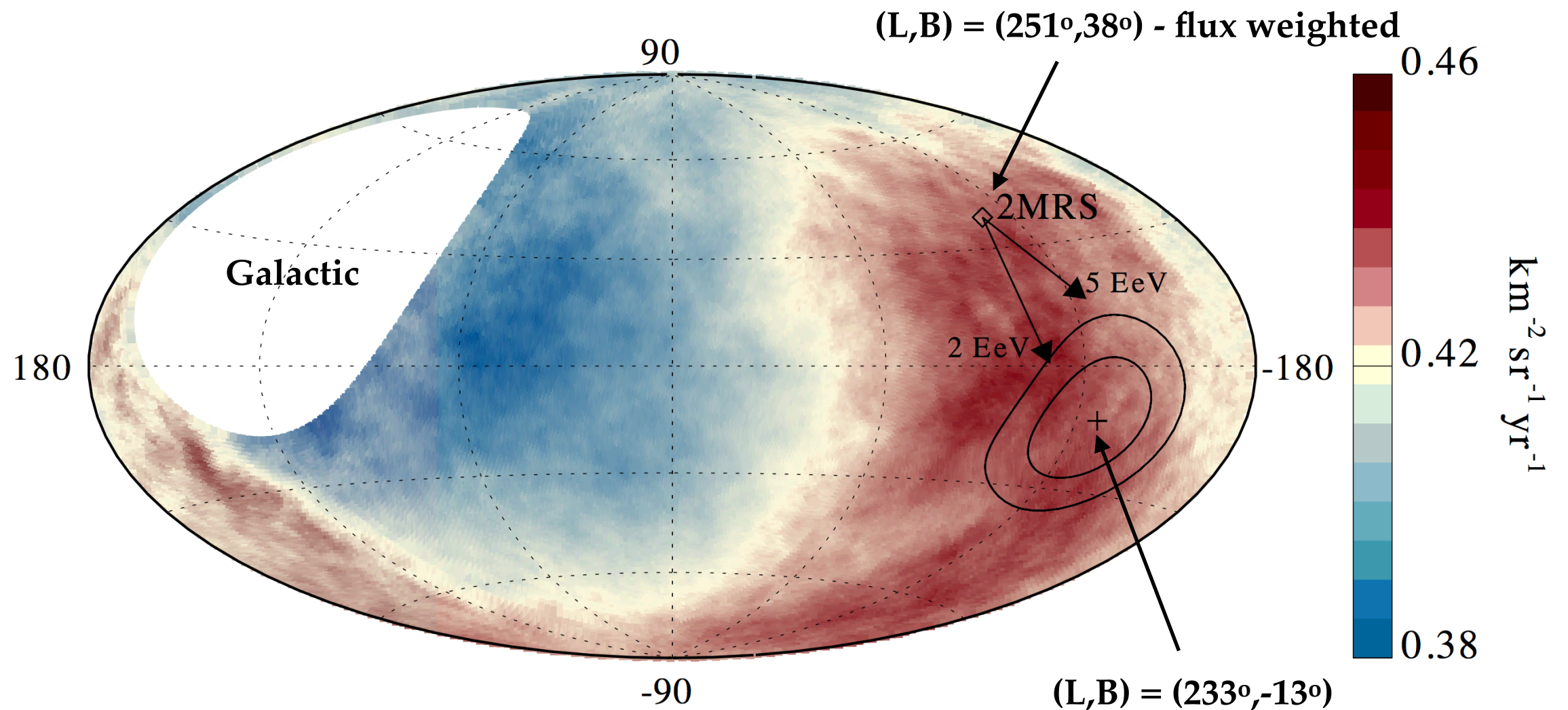
- Amplitude is below 1% for a spectrum  $E^{-2.7}$  above the ankle:

$$A_{CCG} = \frac{J_{max} - J_{min}}{J_{max} + J_{min}} = \left( 2 - \frac{d \ln J}{d \ln E'} \right) \simeq 0.6\%$$

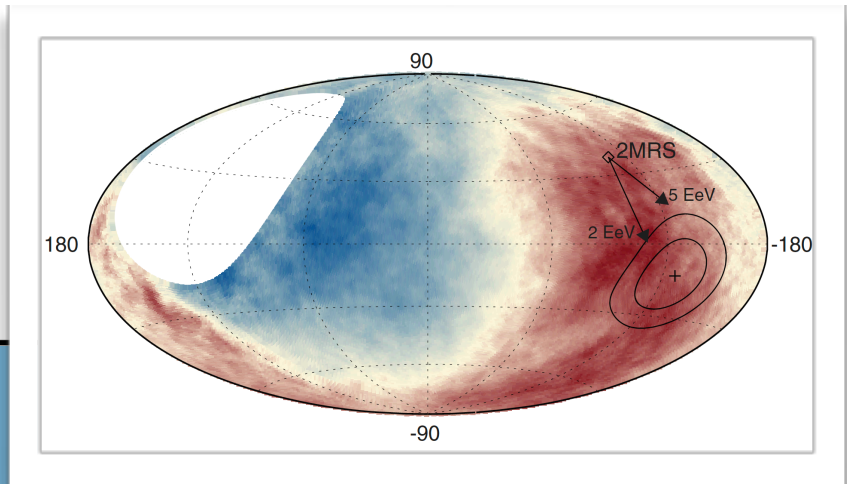
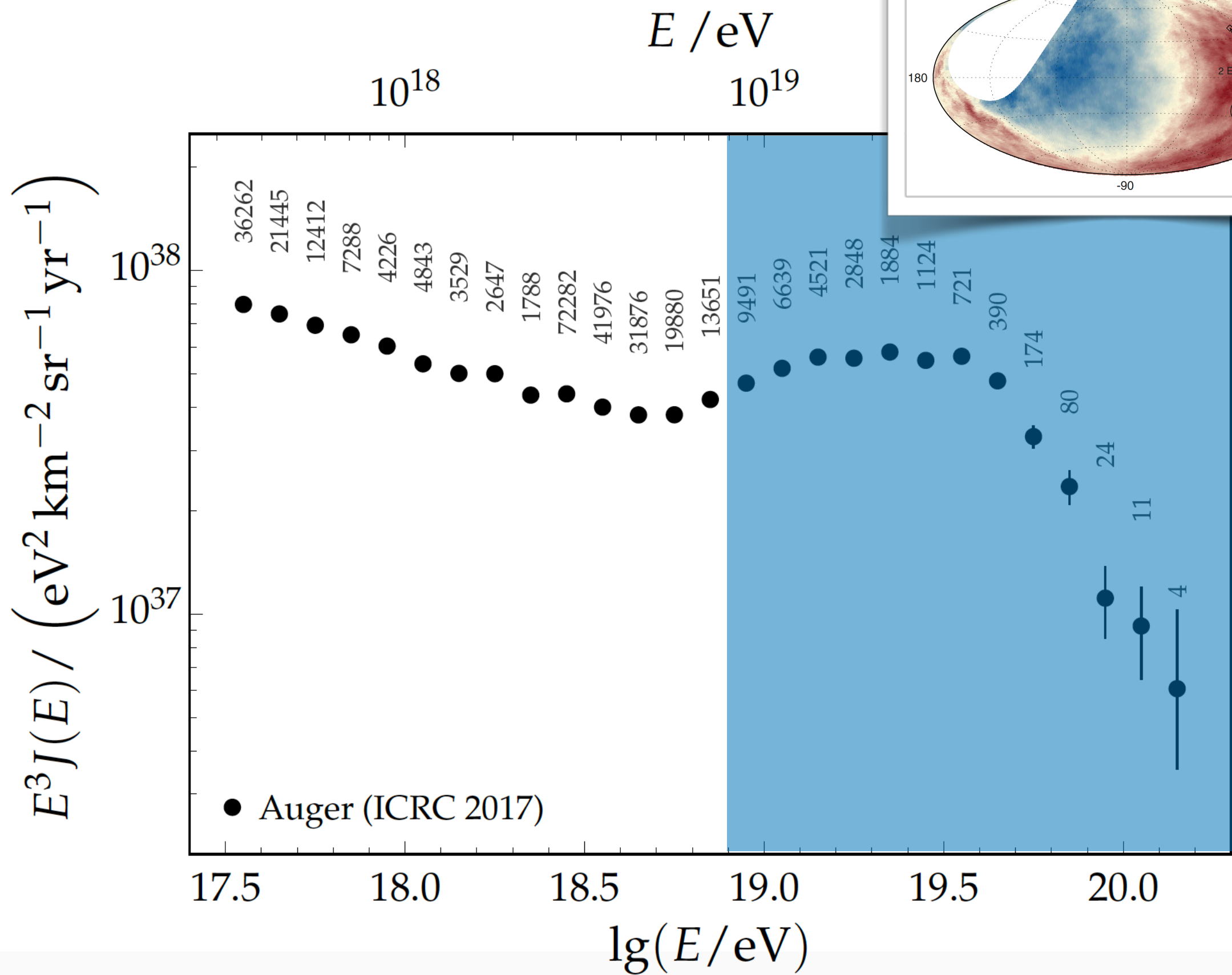
- 3-sigma detection would need  $\sim 10^6$  events

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# Is it consistent with local matter distribution and mag. fields?



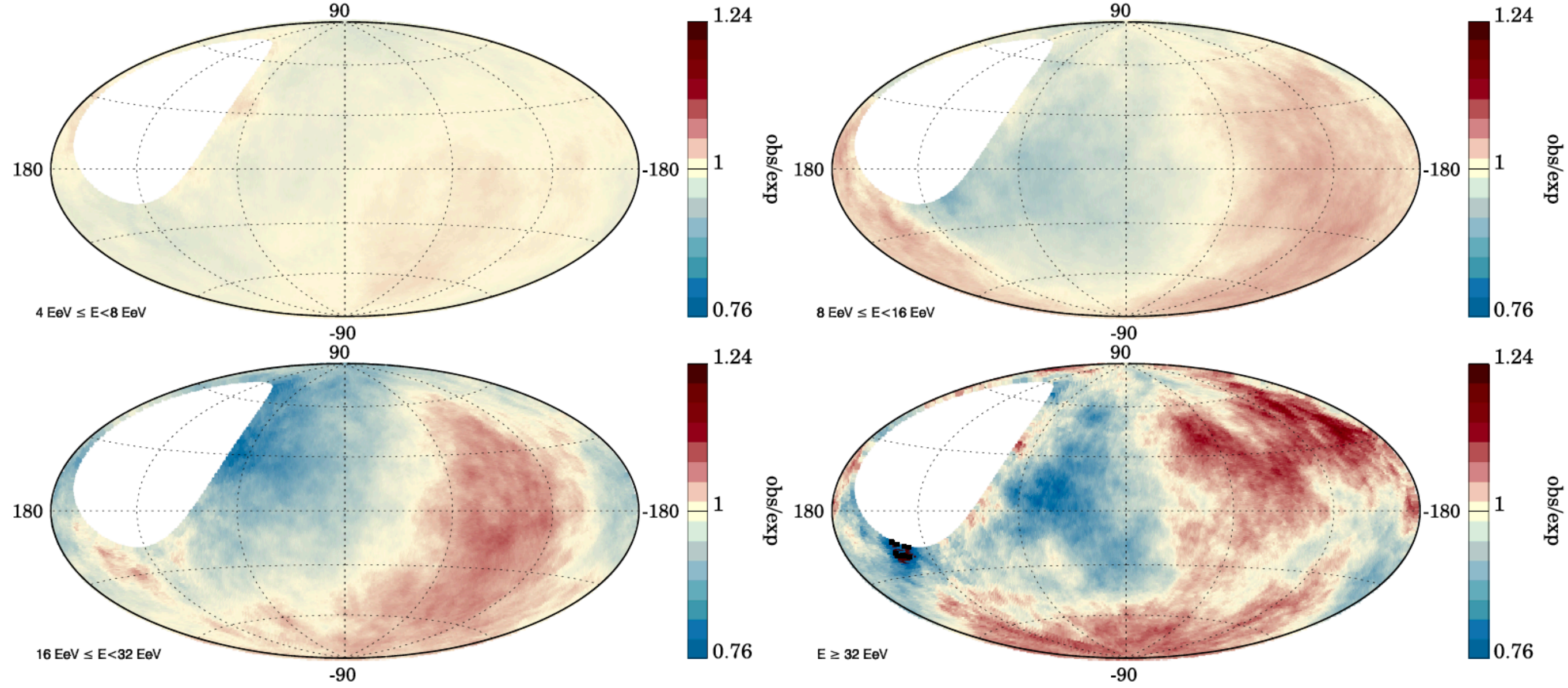
- Two rigidities shown:  $E/Z = 2, 5 \text{ EeV}$  representing the typical  $Z$  values (1.7-5) inferred from  $X_{\text{max}}$  at 10 EeV
- Typically, up to 5-20% (around 10 EeV) dipole amplitudes can be obtained from local inhomogeneities and deflection in magnetic fields depending on CR composition





# Energy evolution

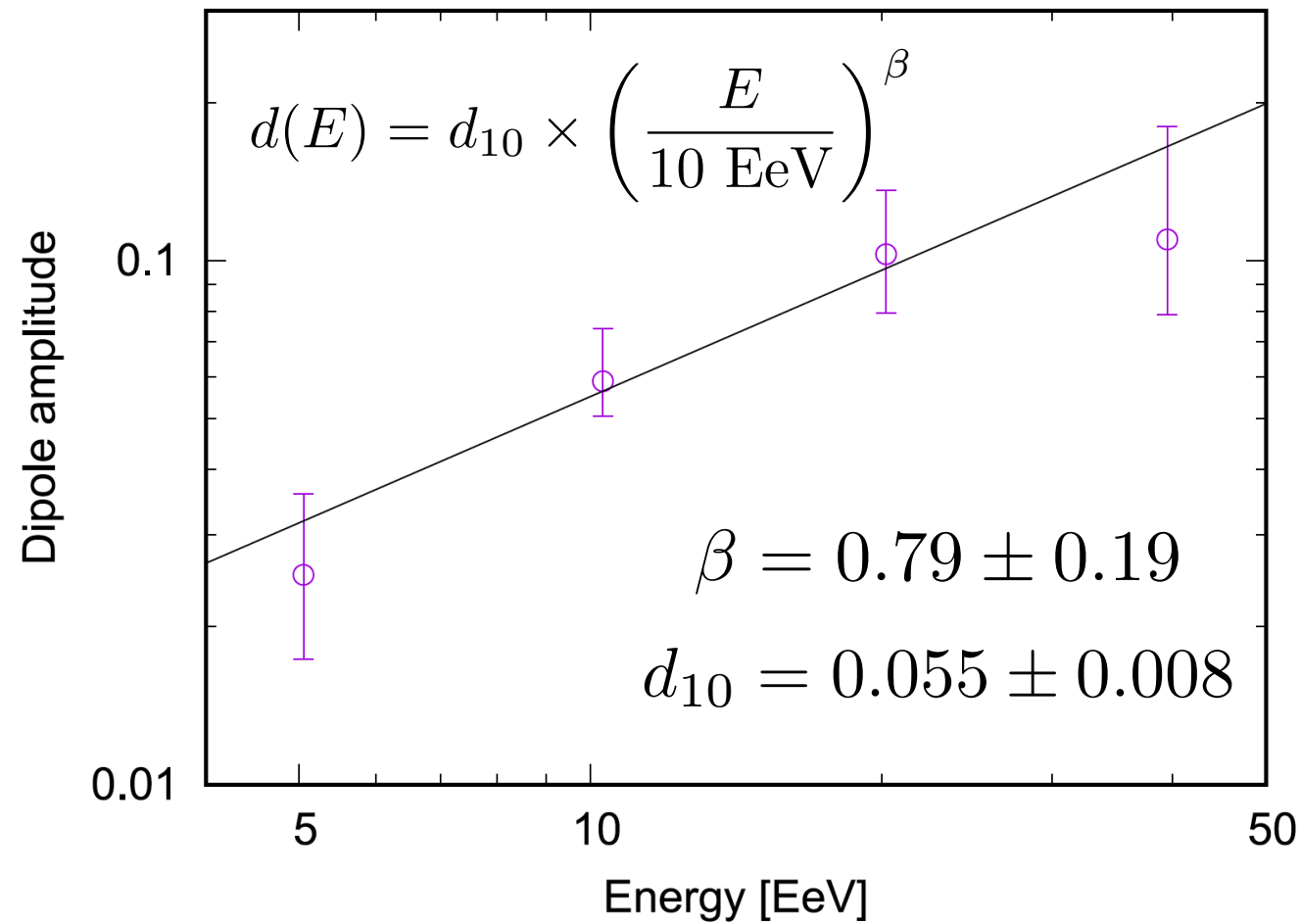
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Energy (EeV)	Events	$a_1^\alpha$	$b_1^\alpha$	$r_1^\alpha$	$\varphi_1^\alpha$ (deg)	$P(\geq r_1^\alpha)$
8–16	24,070	$-0.011 \pm 0.009$	$0.044 \pm 0.009$	0.046	$104 \pm 11$	$3.7 \times 10^{-6}$
16–32	6604	$0.007 \pm 0.017$	$0.050 \pm 0.017$	0.051	$82 \pm 20$	0.014
$\geq 32$	1513	$-0.03 \pm 0.04$	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	0.06	$115 \pm 35$	0.26

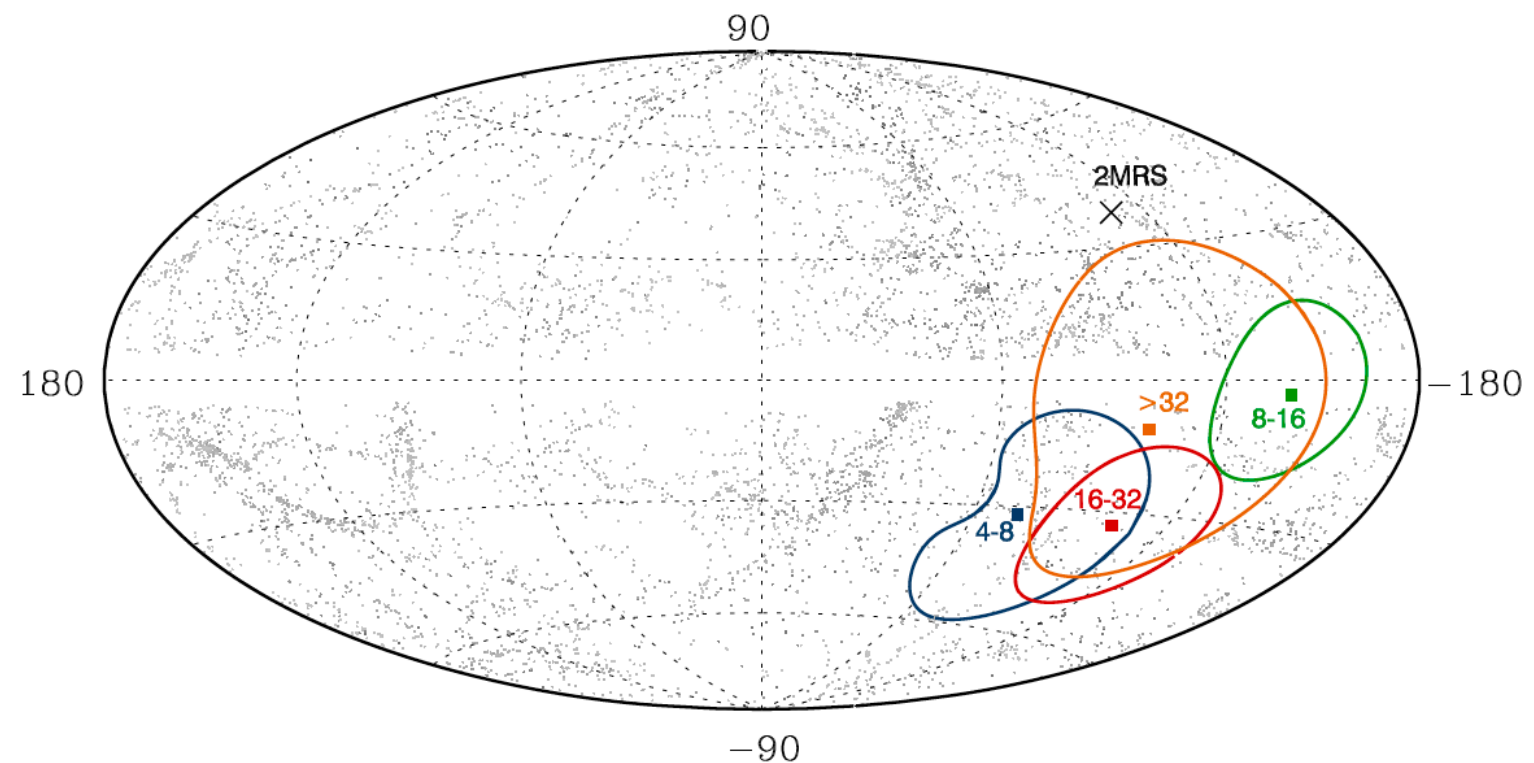
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**Energy independent amplitude  
disfavored at  $3.7\sigma$  level**

**No trend with energy seem for the  
dipole direction with current  
uncertainties**



# Summary

- Anisotropy searches performed at all angular scales: small, intermediate and large
- Observation of a dipolar large scale pattern at more than  $5\sigma$  level above 8 EeV
- Direction of the dipole ( $\sim 125^\circ$  away from GC) is better explained if the bulk of these UHECRs are extragalactic in origin
- No statistically significant sign of anisotropy seen so far at lower energies (around and below the ankle)
- Above 8 EeV, amplitude increases with energy, while direction seems to be fairly stable.
- Quadrupole is sub-dominant and not statistically significant with current statistics