



Measuring cosmic ray energy spectrum with IceCube

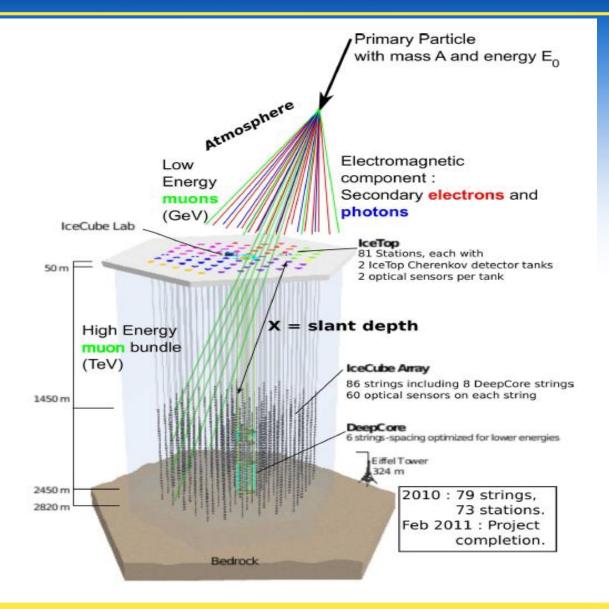


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Air showers in IceCube



IceCube-79 / IceTop-73 Analysis

June 2010 - May 2011

Surface Only: IT73

- 327 days of live time.
- 12M events after quality cuts, log₁₀(E/GeV)>6.2
- Measures energy using linear relationship between log₁₀(S₁₂₅) and log₁₀(E_{true}).
- Assumes composition to derive energy (Default model: H4a from *T.K. Gaisser,* Astropart. Phys. 35 (2012) 801-806).
- Tests composition by looking at energy spectrum in different zenith ranges.

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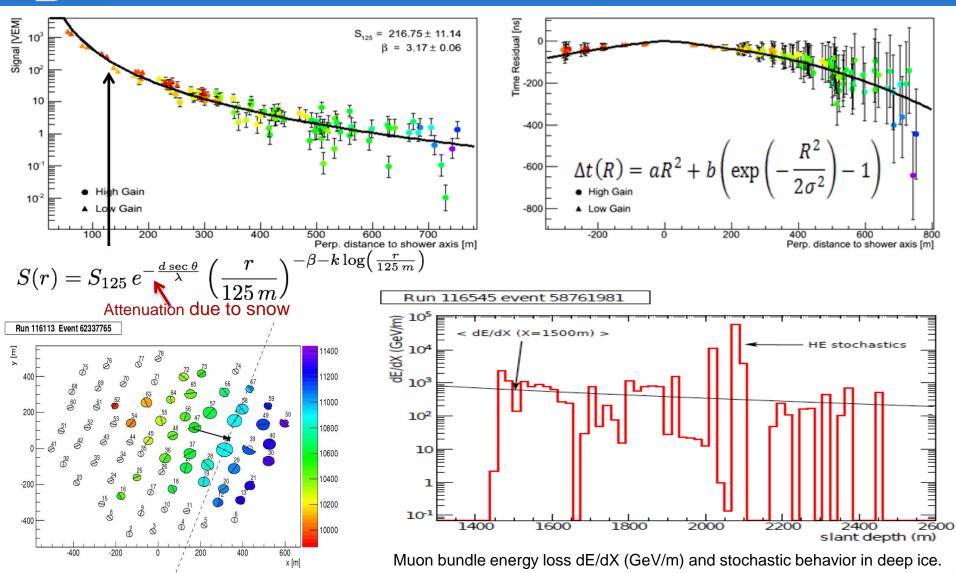
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Surface and In Ice: IC79/IT73

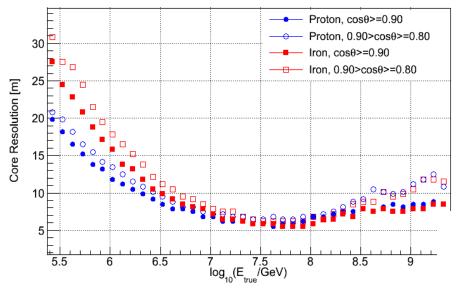
- 310 days of live time.
- 1.56M events after quality cuts, log₁₀(E/GeV)>6.4
- · Multivariate Neural Network Analysis.
- · Measures Composition.
- Measures composition independent energy spectrum.



Air shower reconstruction

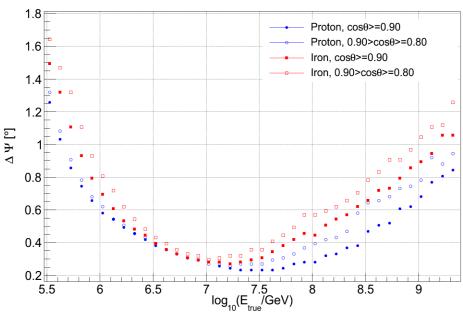


Angular and core resolutions



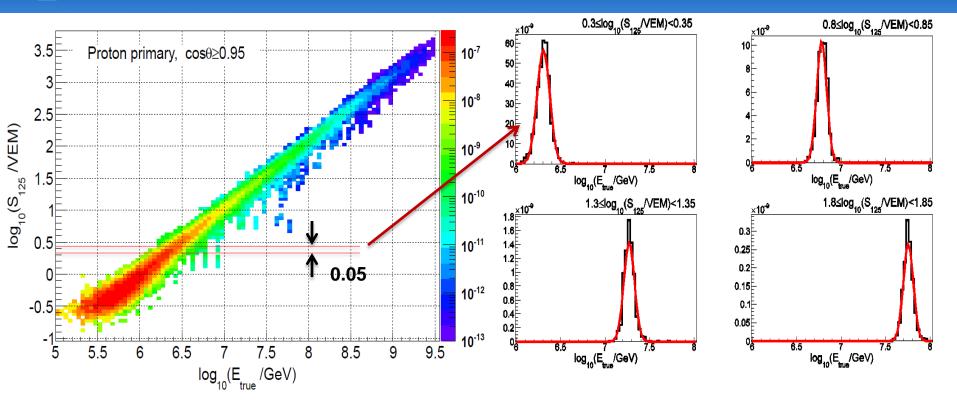
Core resolution: 6-13 m

Angular resolution: $0.2^{\circ} - 0.8^{\circ}$





Energy estimation with IceTop only analysis



Simulation:

- CORSIKA v6990
- Sibyll 2.1 FLUKA
- Primaries: H, He, O, Fe
- South Pole July atmosphere.
- E⁻¹ spectrum: 100 TeV 3 EeV.

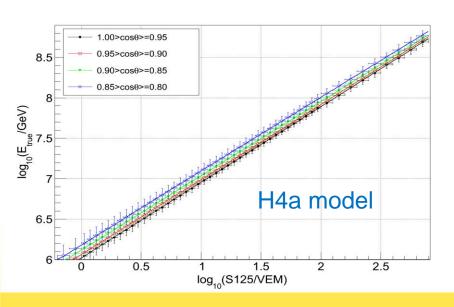
- Zenith: 0-40°.
- 42000 showers per primary.
- Detailed detector response.

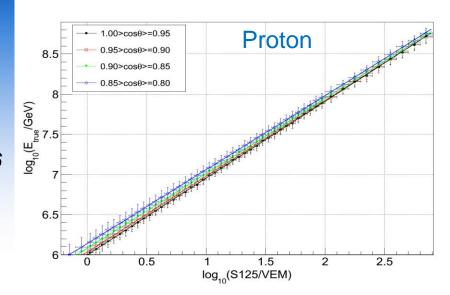
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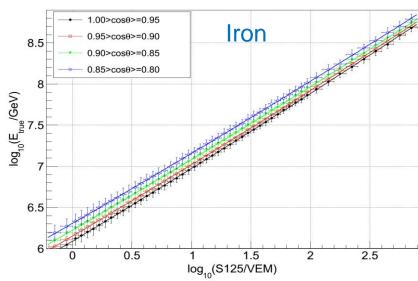
Relation ship between S125 and Primary Energy is mass and zenith dependent.

Final result assumes composition model from: *T.K. Gaisser, Astropart.Phys. 35 (2012) 801-806* (referred to as H4a)

$$\log_{10}(E) = p_1 \log_{10}(S125) + p_0$$

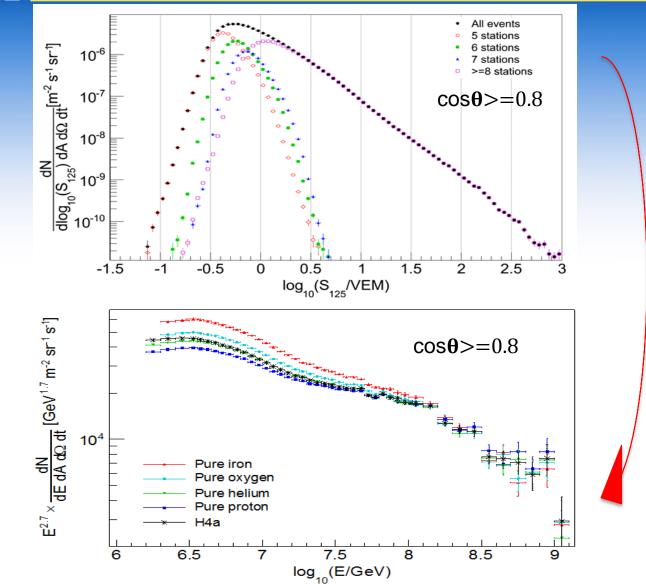








Composition with IceTop only



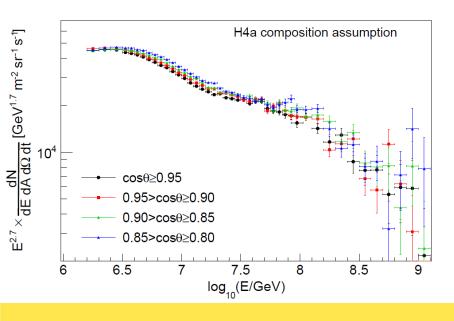


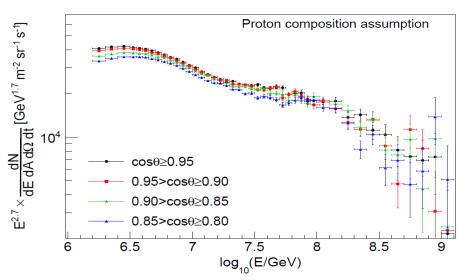
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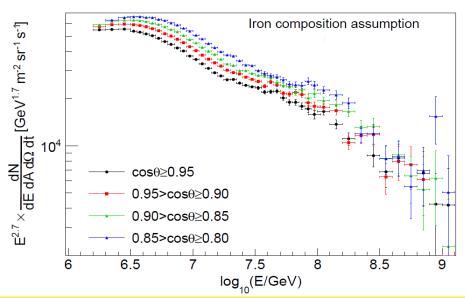
- Assuming Cosmic ray flux is isotropic
- Same composition in all directions



Correct composition should give same spectrum in 4 zenith bins.

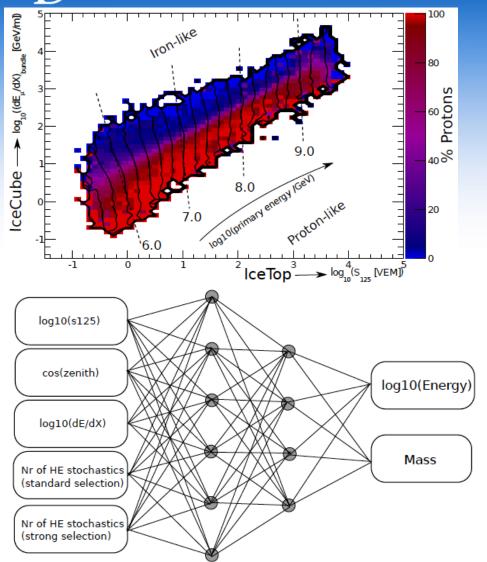




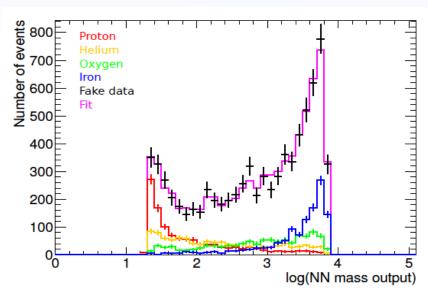




IceCube-79 / IceTop-73 Coincidence Analysis



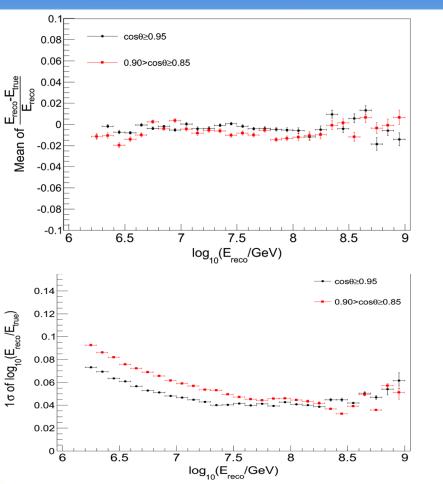
- 5-6-4-2 Neural Network to map 5 observables to Primary Energy and Mass
- Energy spectrum directly from NN output
- Composition from fitting data in E_{reco} bins to template histograms (H,He,0,Fe) from NN mass output



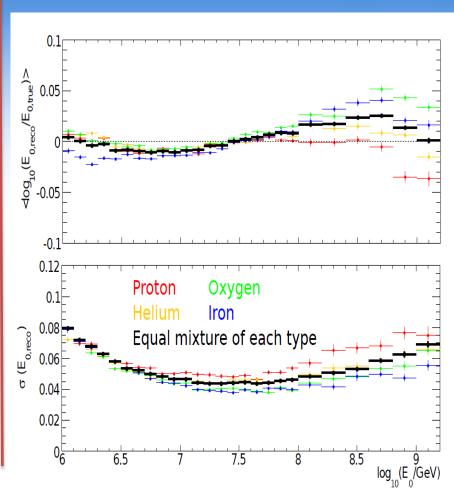
e.g. Template histograms for 4 mass groups in one energy bin for a fake dataset scrambled from MC

Energy resolution and biases

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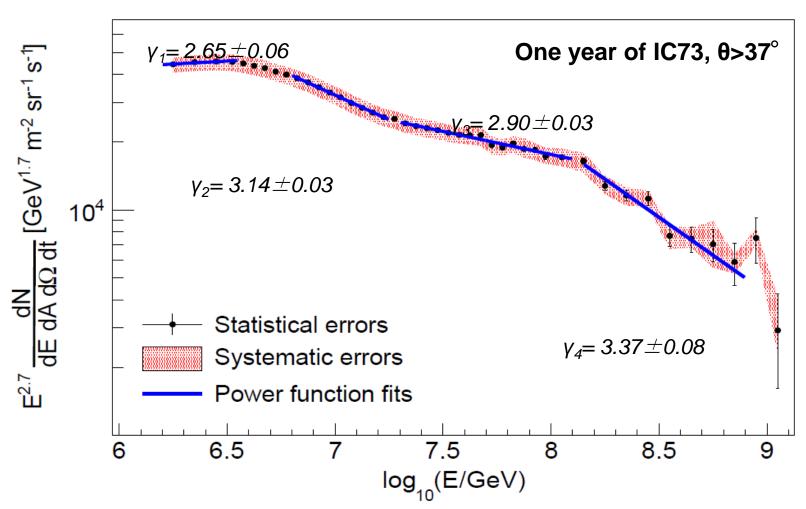


Surface and In Ice: IC79/IT73



Use variable bin sizes: $\Delta log_{10}(E) = 0.05$ for $6.5 < log_{10}(E/GeV) < 8$ $\Delta log_{10}(E) = 0.1$ for $6.2 < log_{10}(E/GeV) < 6.5$ and $8 < log_{10}(E/GeV) < 9$

IceTop only results



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Systematics for IceTop only results

	3 PeV	30 PeV
Energy scale (VEM calibration)	±4%	±5%
Snow Correction	±5%	$\pm 6\%$
Interaction models [†]	-2%	-4%
Composition*	±7%	\pm 7%
Ground pressure §	±2%	±0.5%

[†] From the difference between QGSJet-II-03 and SYBILL 2.1.

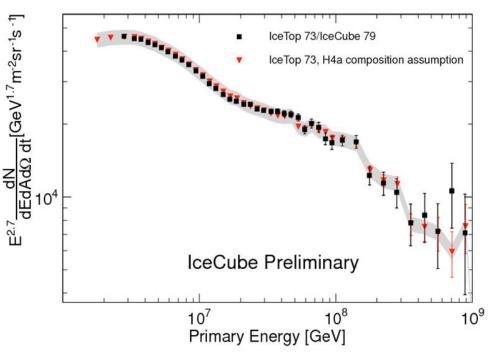
^{*} Fixed for all energies, description follows.

[§] From difference between high/low pressure sub-samples (690 hPa/670 hPa).



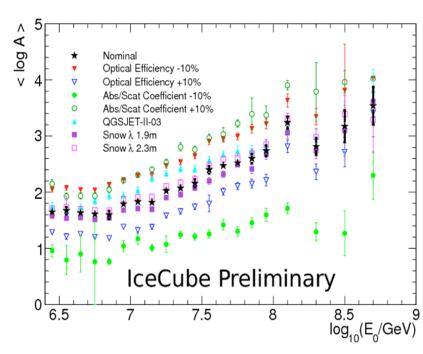
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Systematics are under study and will finalize soon



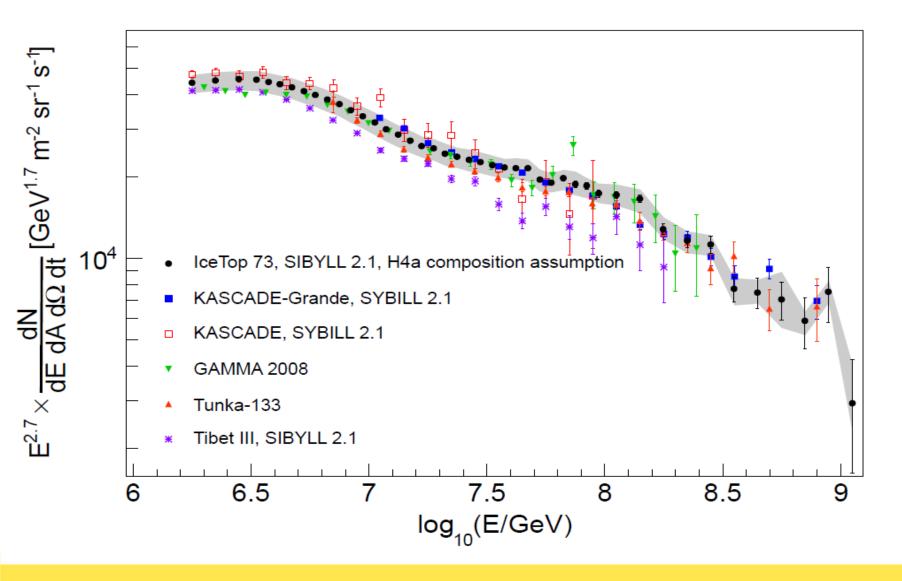
gray band is ± 7 composition systematics of IceTop-73 analysis

Excellent agreement between two independent analyses

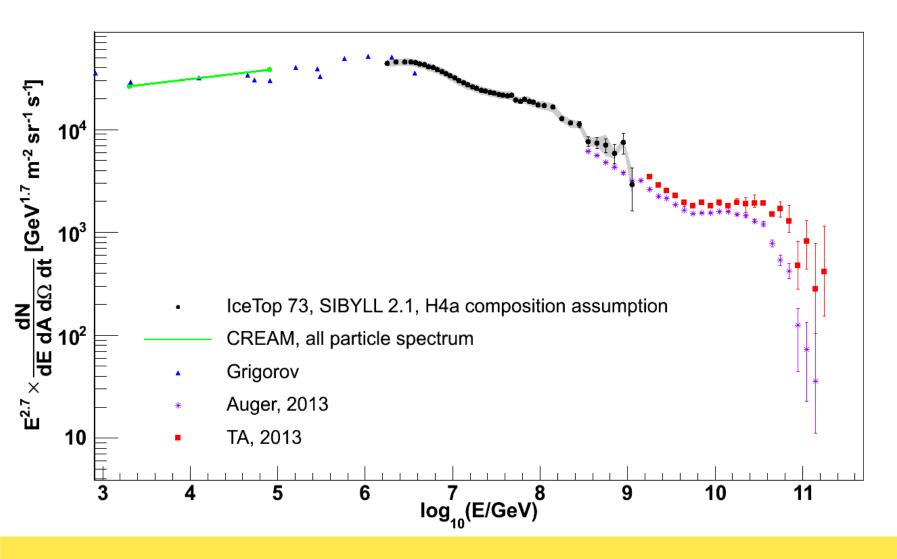


Clear trend towards heavier composition with in measured energy range

Comparison to other experiments



Wide energy view of the spectrum



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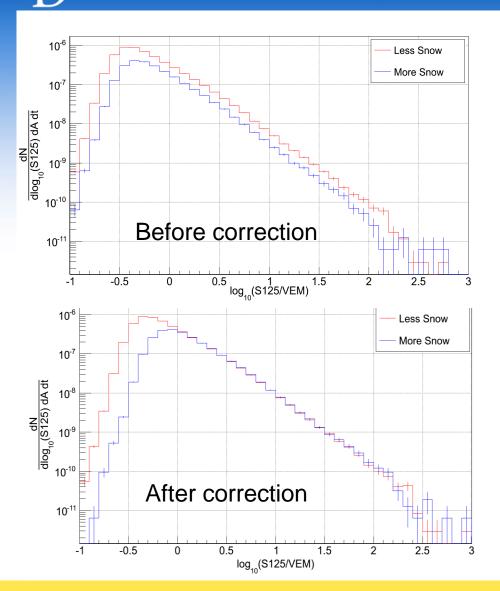
Summary

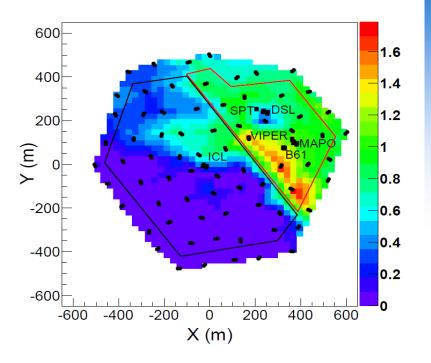
- High resolution measurement of cosmic ray all particle spectrum in
 1.58 PeV 1.26 EeV region with one year of data from 2010-2011.
- The spectrum does not follow a simple power law above the knee up to 1 EeV.
- We observe a spectral hardening at 18±2 PeV (124800 events expected, 139880 observed).
- The spectrum steepens at 130 ± 30 PeV (4213 events expected, 3673 observed).
- Good agreement between recent measurements of other experiments.
- Overlap with UHE measurements around EeV.
- Spectrum shows large structures hinting to a different mechanism above the knee.
- Composition gets heavier up to at least 100 PeV



Back up slides

Snow correction

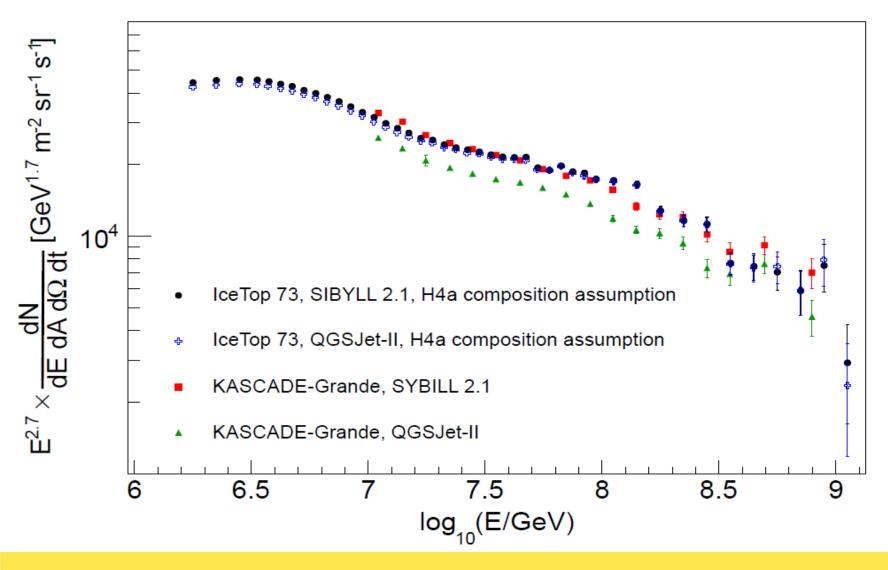




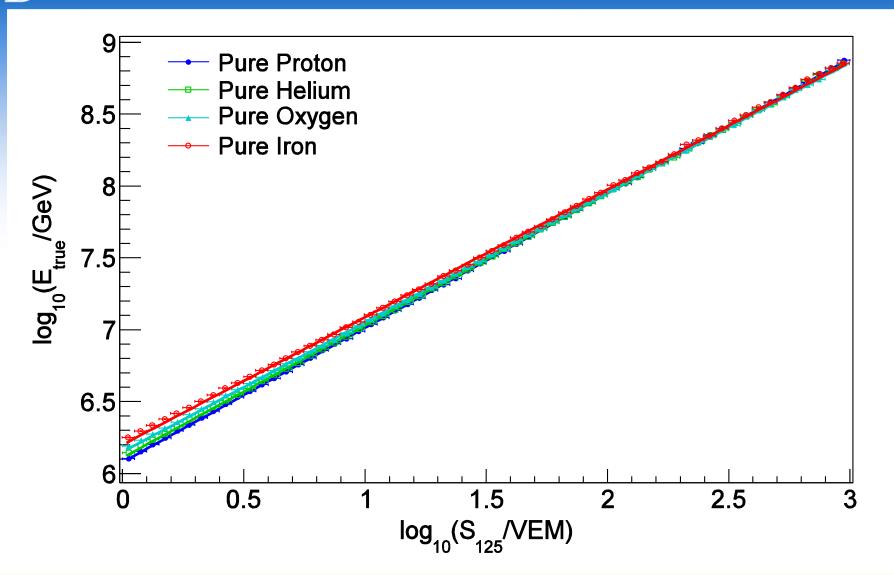
To correct for snow, expected signal for each tank is reduced according to the formula below.

$$S_{corrected} = S_{expected} * exp\left(-\frac{d sec\theta}{\lambda}\right)$$

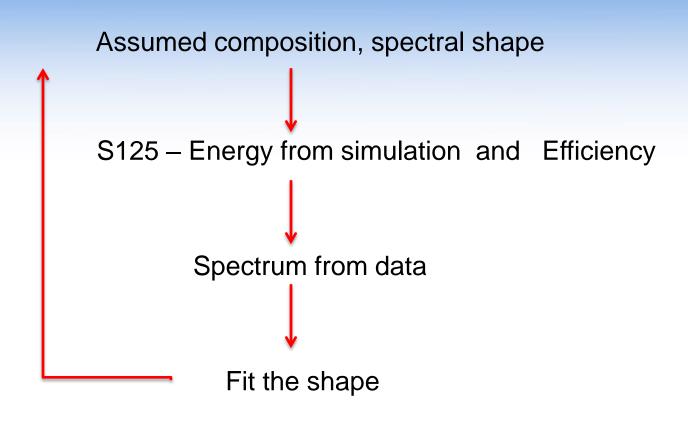
Difference between QGSJET-II and SYBILL 2.1



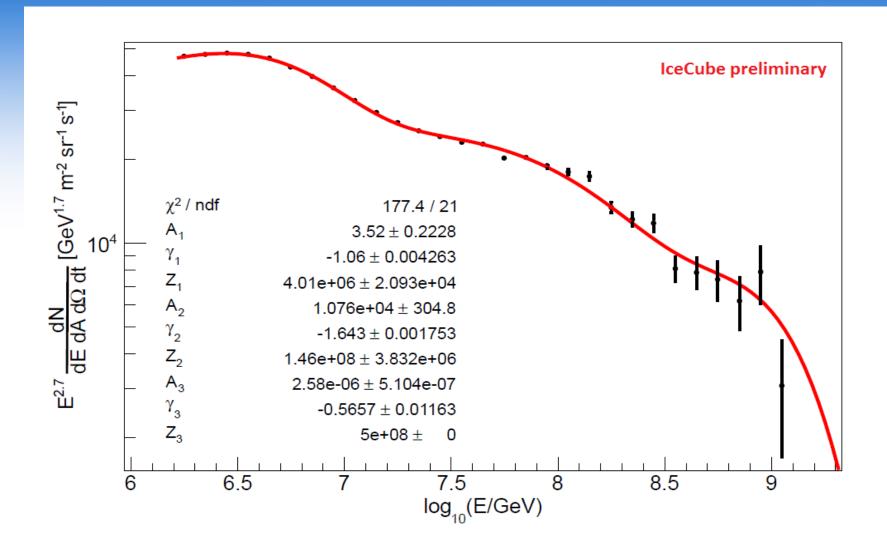


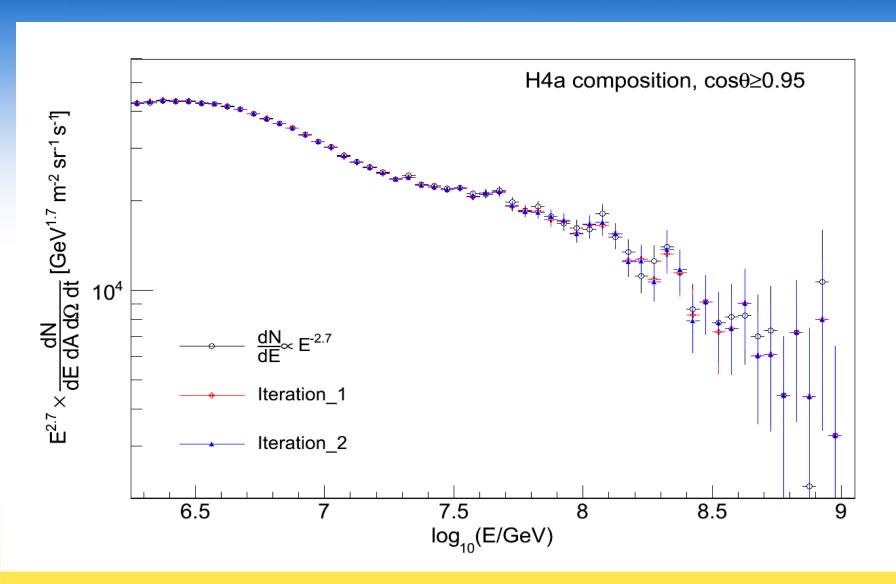


Iterated unfolding



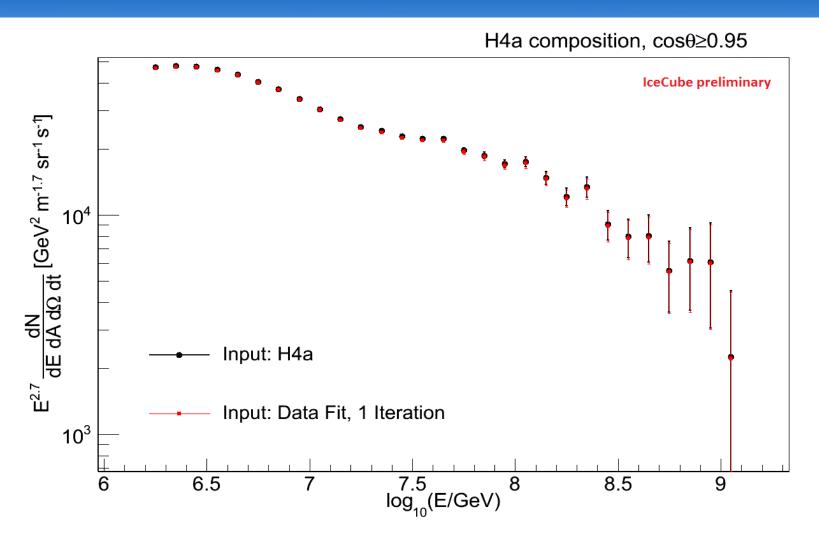
Fit to the data with H4a as original assumption







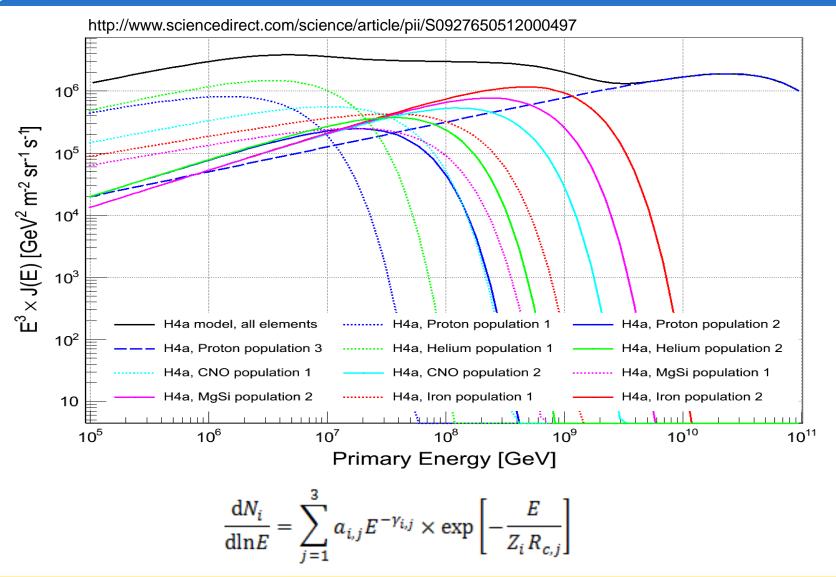
Starting from H4a as original assumption



result the result converge after one iteration



H4a spectrum model



Fractional composition of H4a spectrum model

