

Alternative Method of ICETOP data processing

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EAS simulation strategy for ICETOP

ICETOP CORSIKA steering cards for primary p , He , O , Fe nuclei:

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ESLOPE -1.5
ERANGE 0.5E6 1.0E8
THETAP 0.000 30.0
PHIP 0.000 360.0
SEED 102501 12 0
SEED 298373 98 0
ATMOD 12
OBSLEV 2835.E2
HADFLG 0 1 0 1 0 2
ECUTS 0.1 0.1 0.005 0.005
ELMFLG F T
MAGNET 16.59 -52.79
  
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Response of IceTop tanks to low-energy particles

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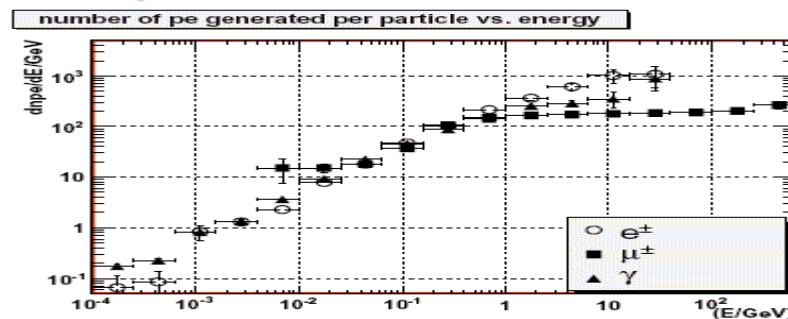
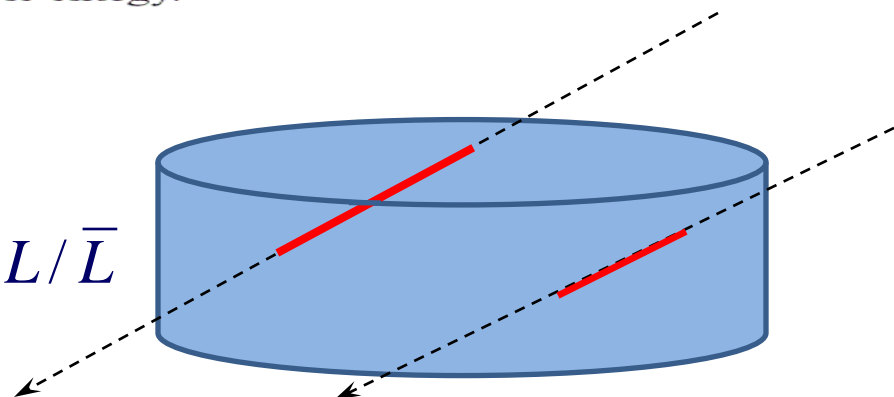


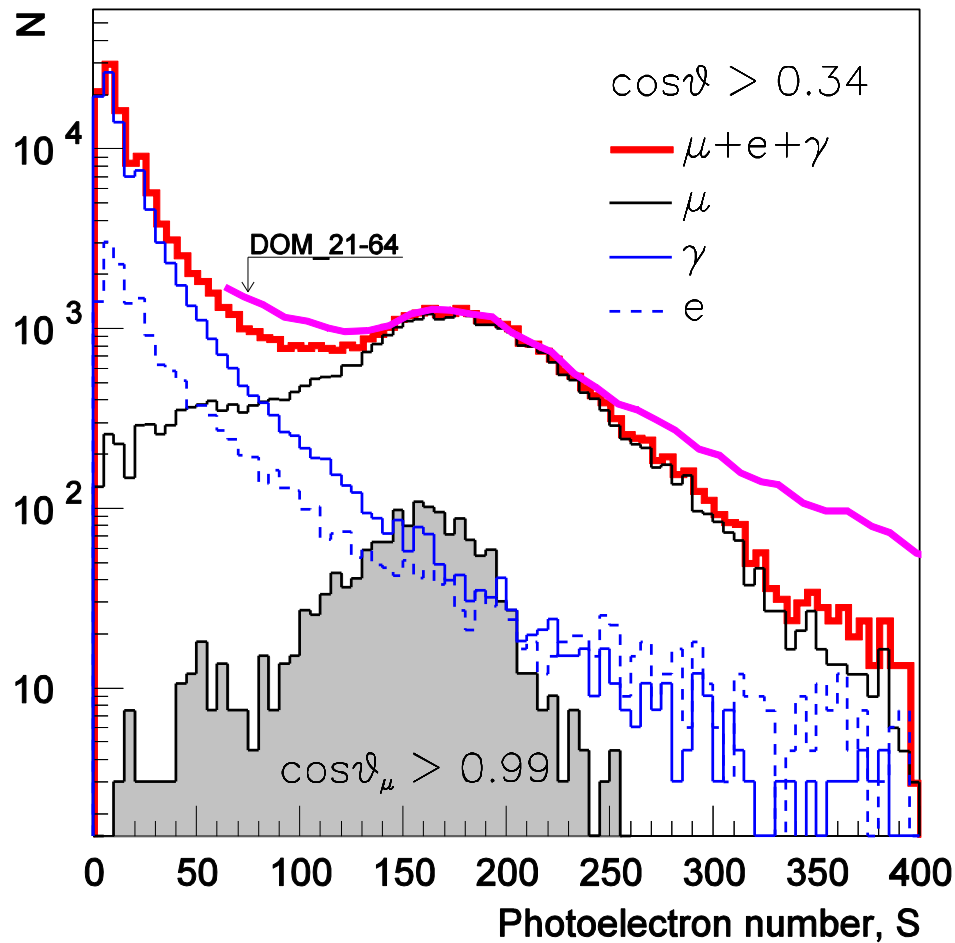
Figure 2: Number of photons per particle vs. particle energy.

$$\bar{S}_C \propto L / \bar{L}$$



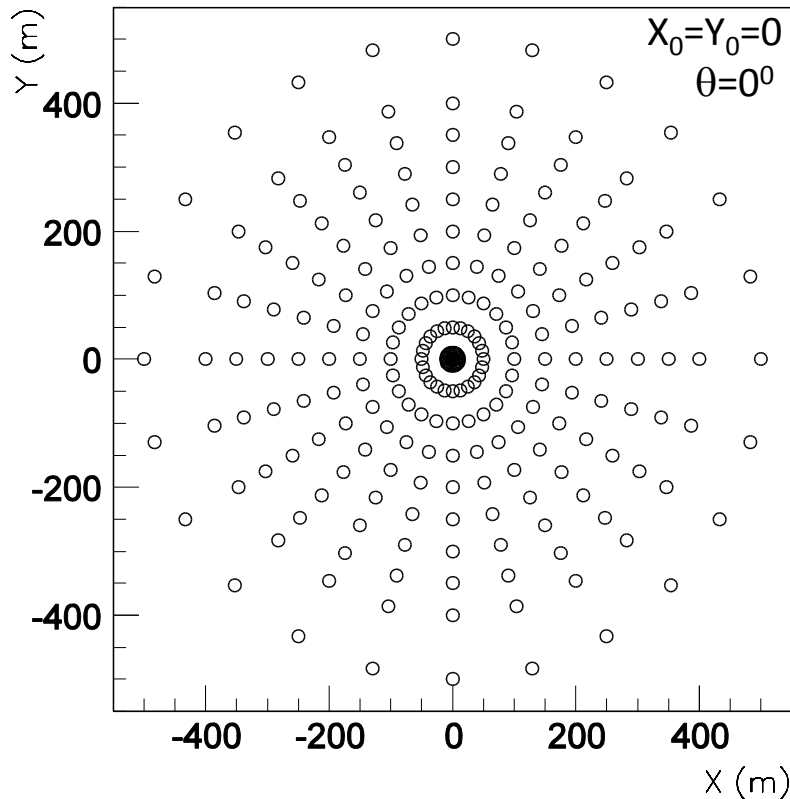
$$P(n) = N(LnS_C, \sigma_{e,\gamma,\mu} / LnS) \otimes \text{Poisson}(S/n)$$

DOM signal calibration



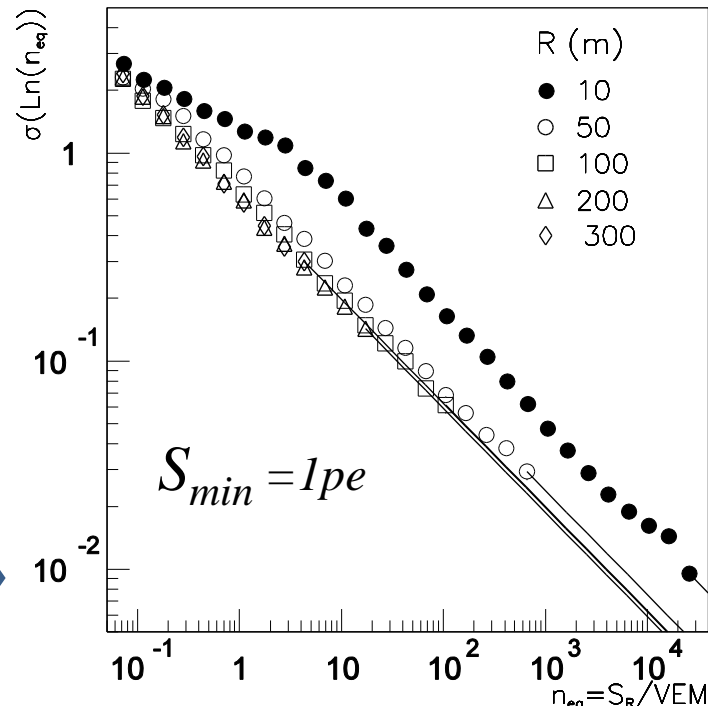
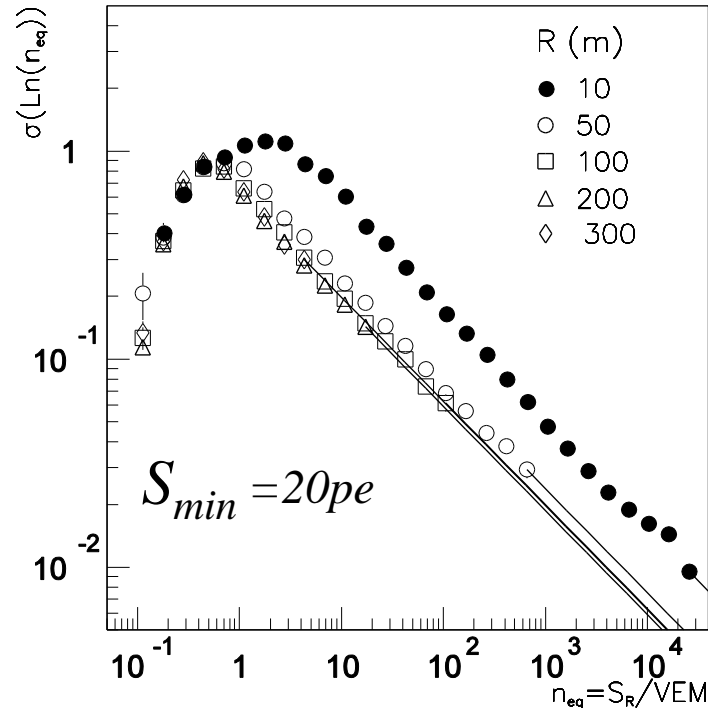
$\sigma_{e,\gamma}=0.2-0.3$; $\sigma_\mu \cong 0.15$ are fluctuations of Cherenkov lights evaluated by the comparison of simulated data with ICETOP DOM_21-64 data

DOM signal fluctuation



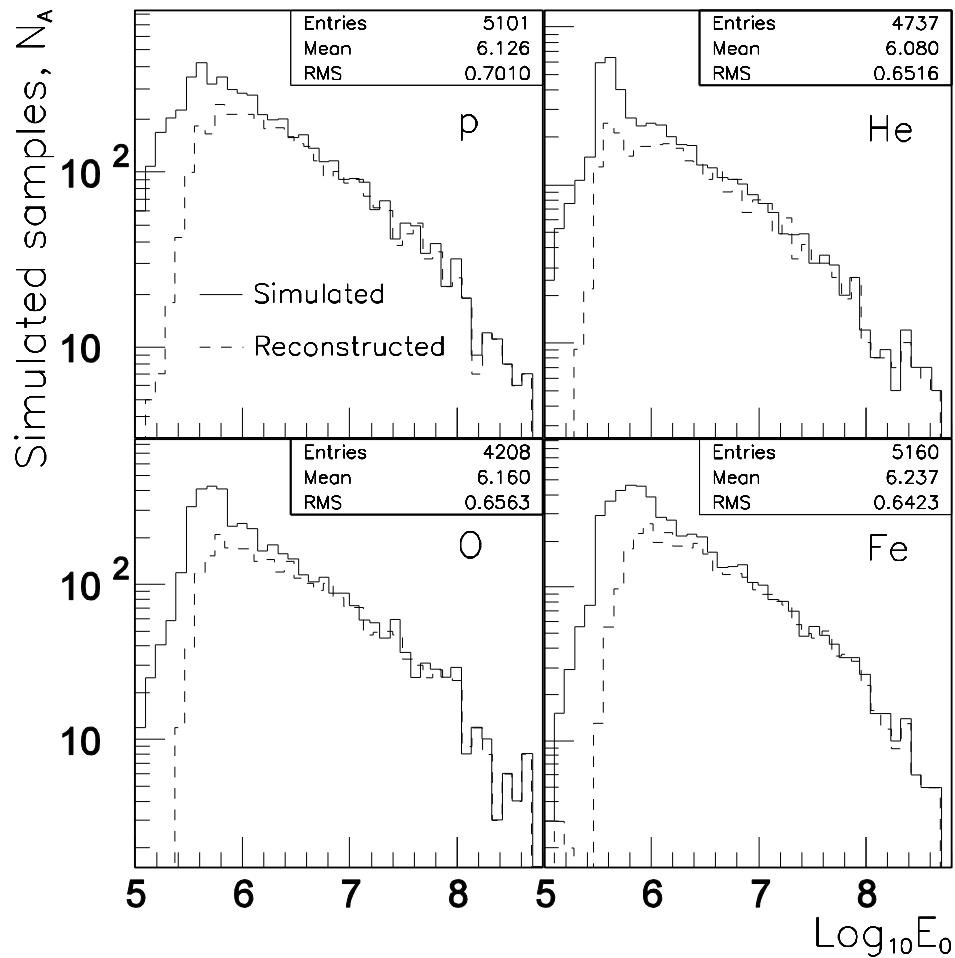
Hypothetical “Ideal Shower Array” with concentrically positioned 24 tanks for each of 10 radii: 10, 50, 100, 150, ..., 400, 500m.

$\sigma(S,R)$ were tabulated for $R_i, i=1,\dots,10$, and $\text{Ln}(S_j/\text{VEM}), j=1,\dots,30$, 2-dimensional bins.



Simulated EAS database for 80 tanks ICETOP

$0.1 < E_0 < 500$ PeV; $\theta < 40^\circ$; p, He, O, Fe ; $R_{\text{nearest},1} < 120\text{m}$



RECONSTRUCTION OF SHOWER PARAMETERS (Goodness-of-fit test)

$$S(r) = S_{125} f(r/125m, \beta)$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i \geq 6} \frac{(q_i - \bar{q}_i)^2}{\sigma^2(q_i, r_i)}$$

where $q_i = \text{Ln}(S_i / \text{VEM})$

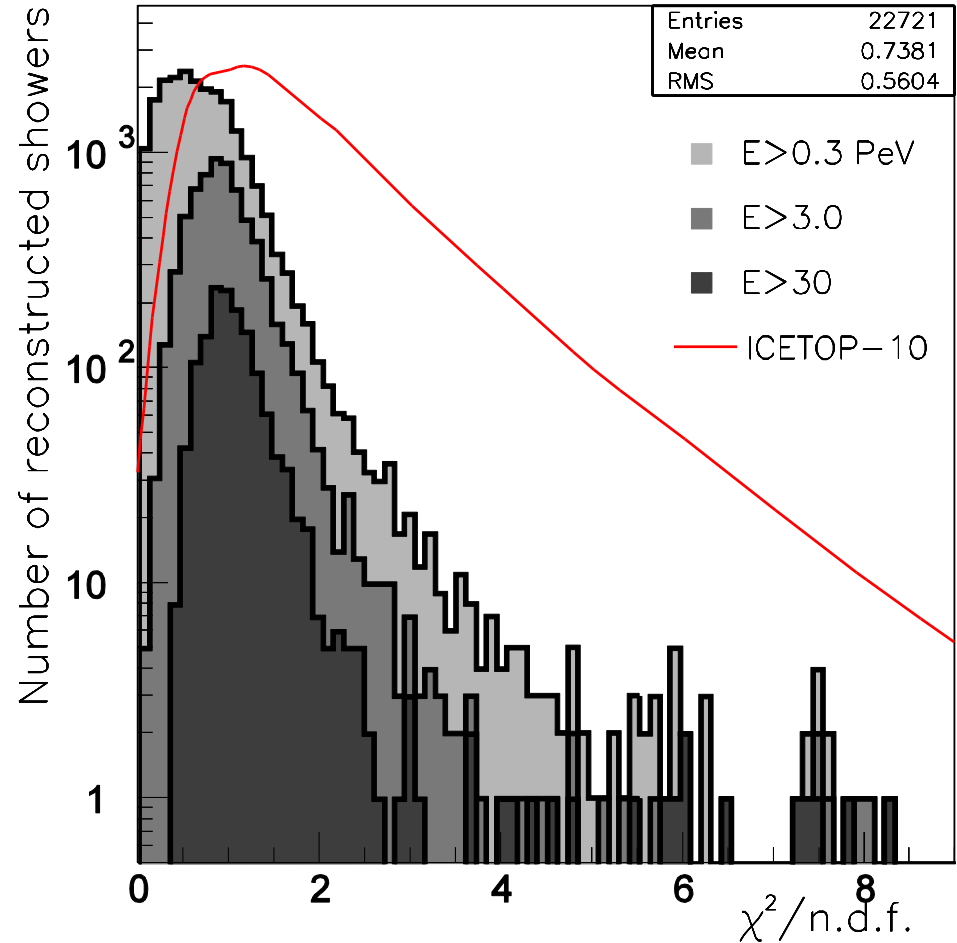
FUMILI Fortran Code (CERNLIB)

Selection criteria

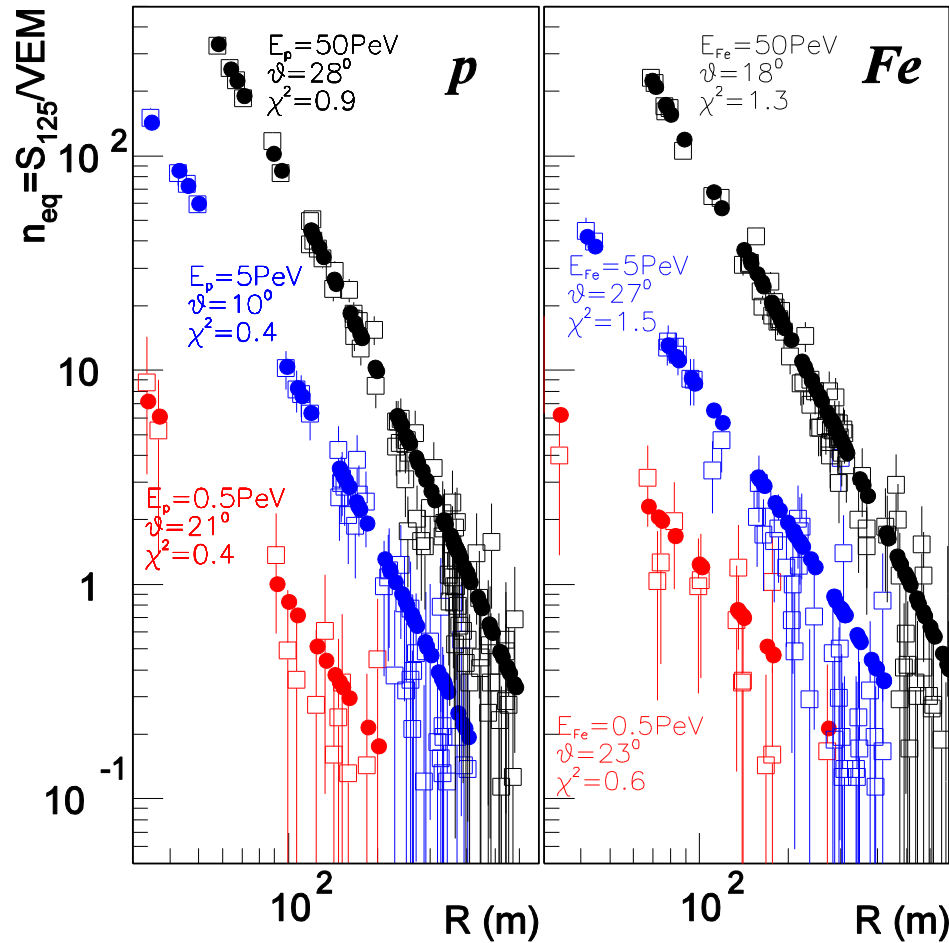
$$\chi^2 / n_{df} < 5$$

$$R_{\text{nearest}3} < 150m$$

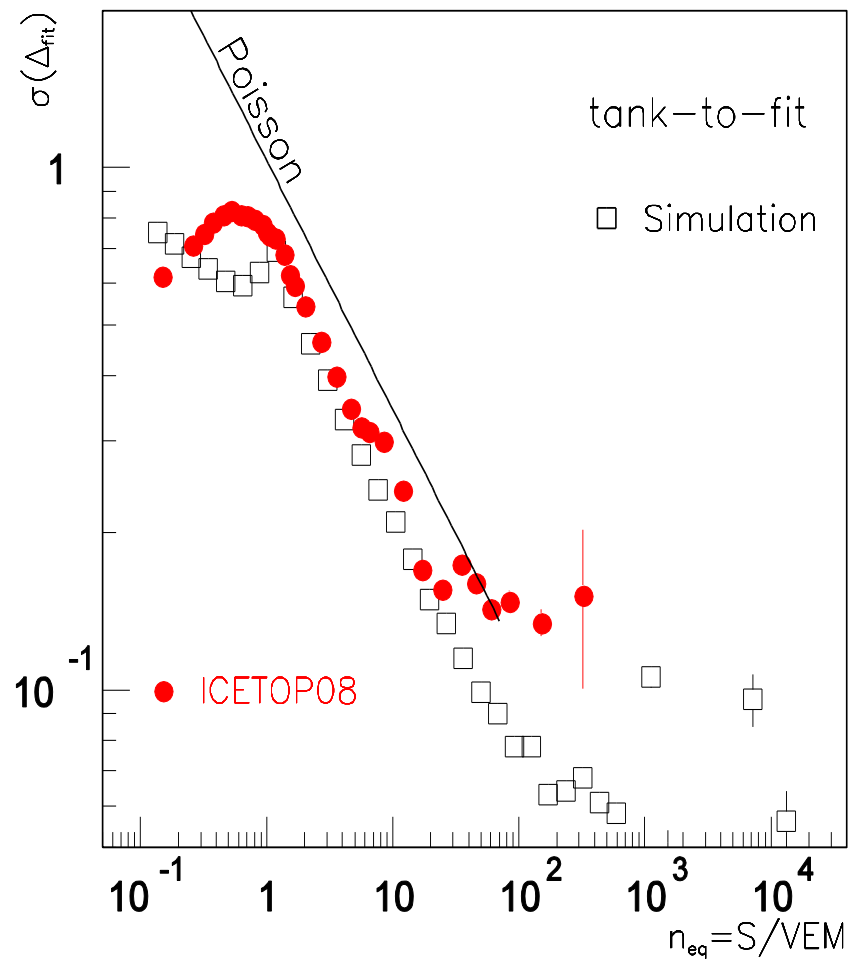
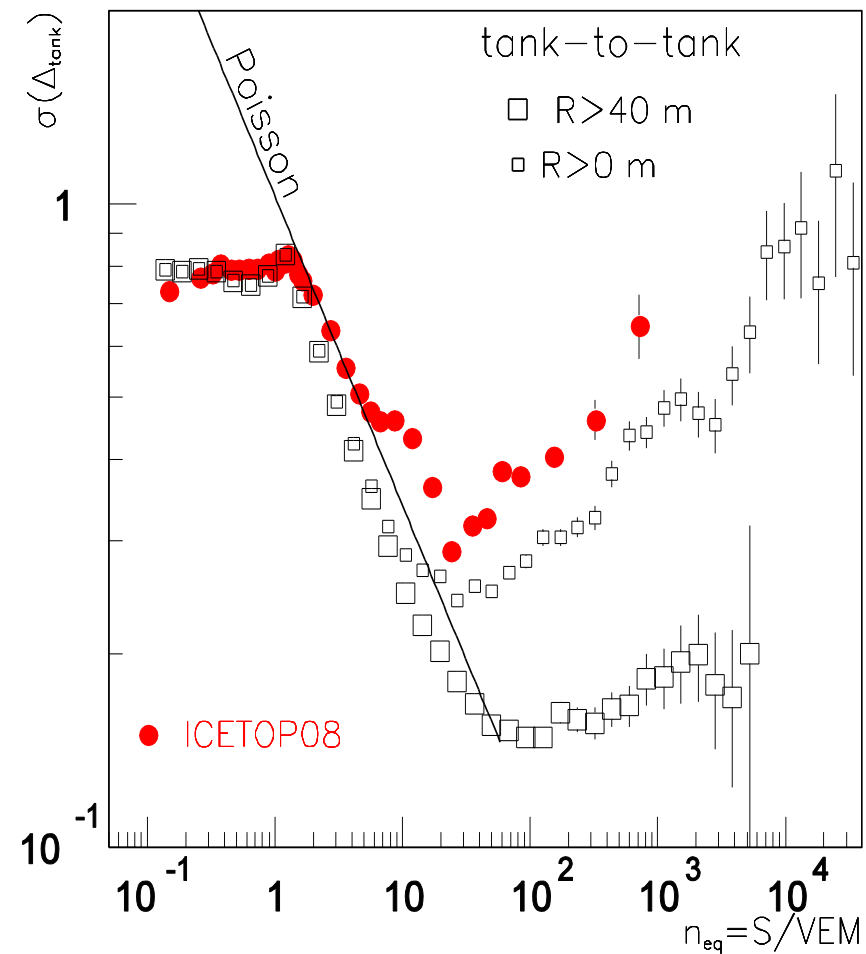
$$Q(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_\beta, \sigma_S)$$



Examples of shower reconstructions

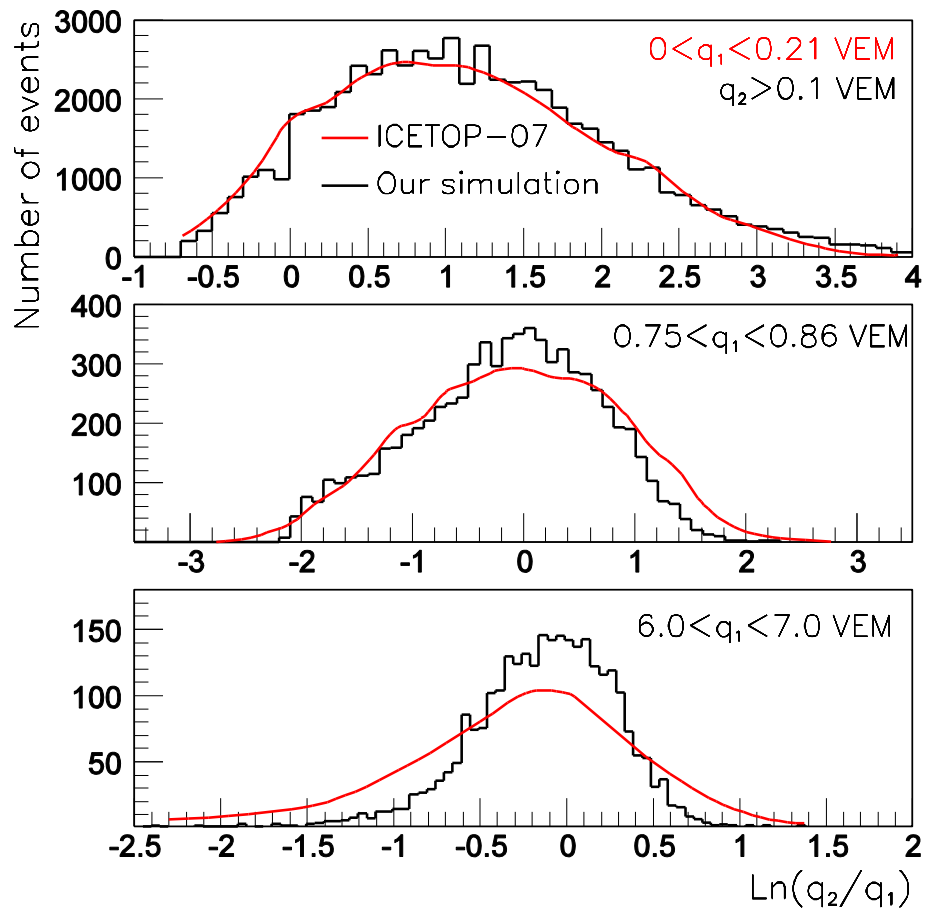


Fluctuations in comparison with available ICETOP data

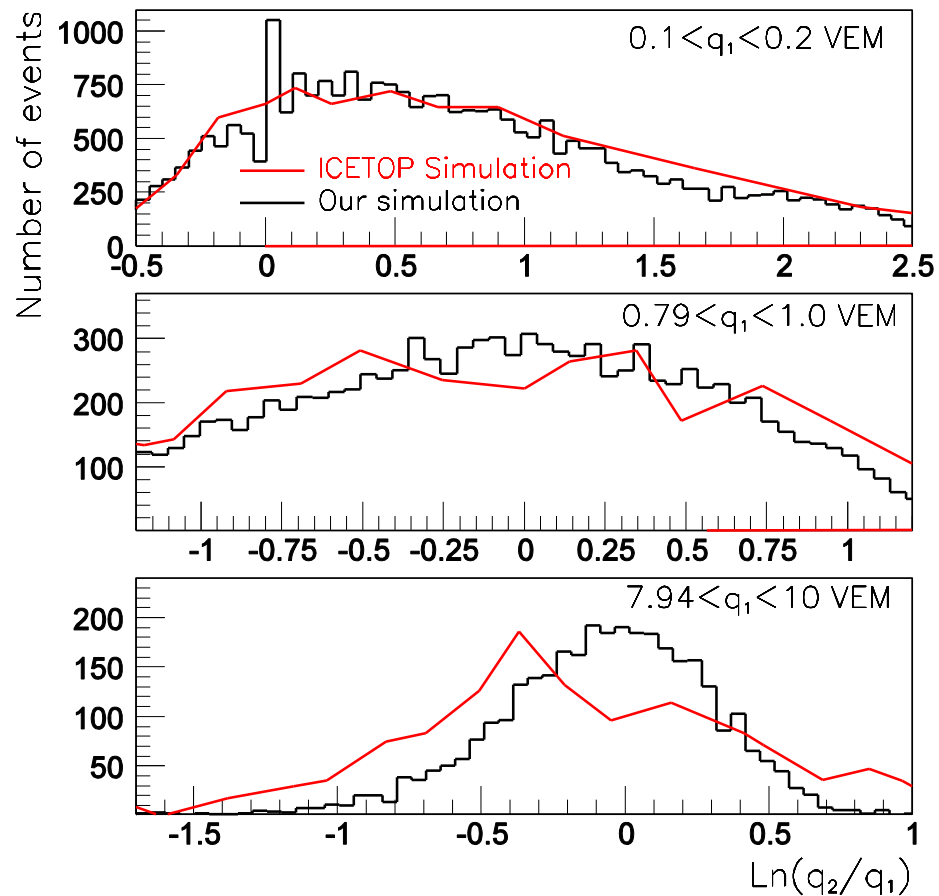


Tank-to-tank signal distributions in comparison with available ICETOP data

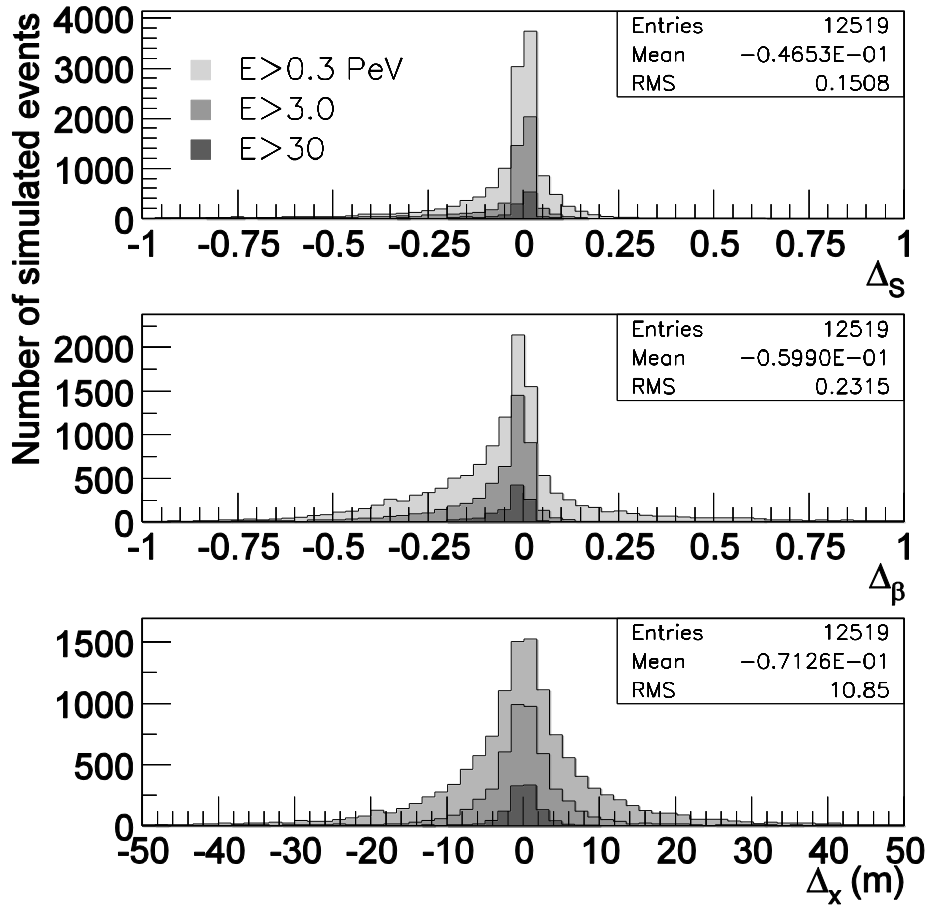
Experiment



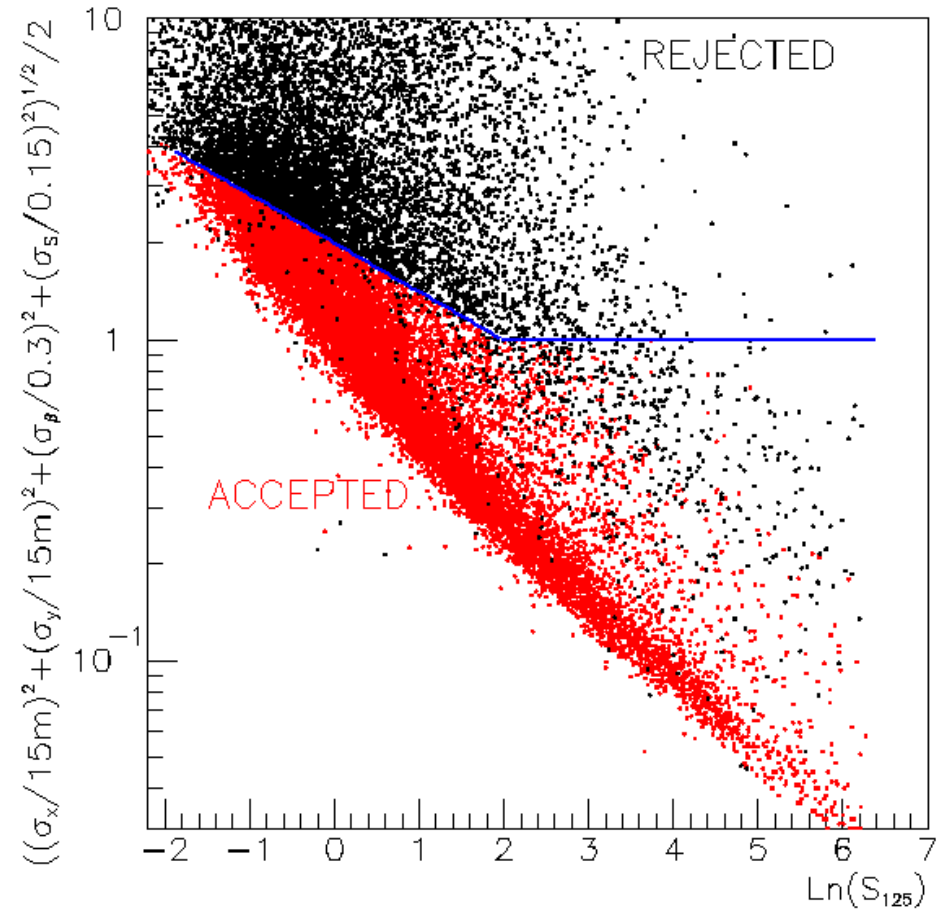
Simulation



Shower reconstruction accuracies

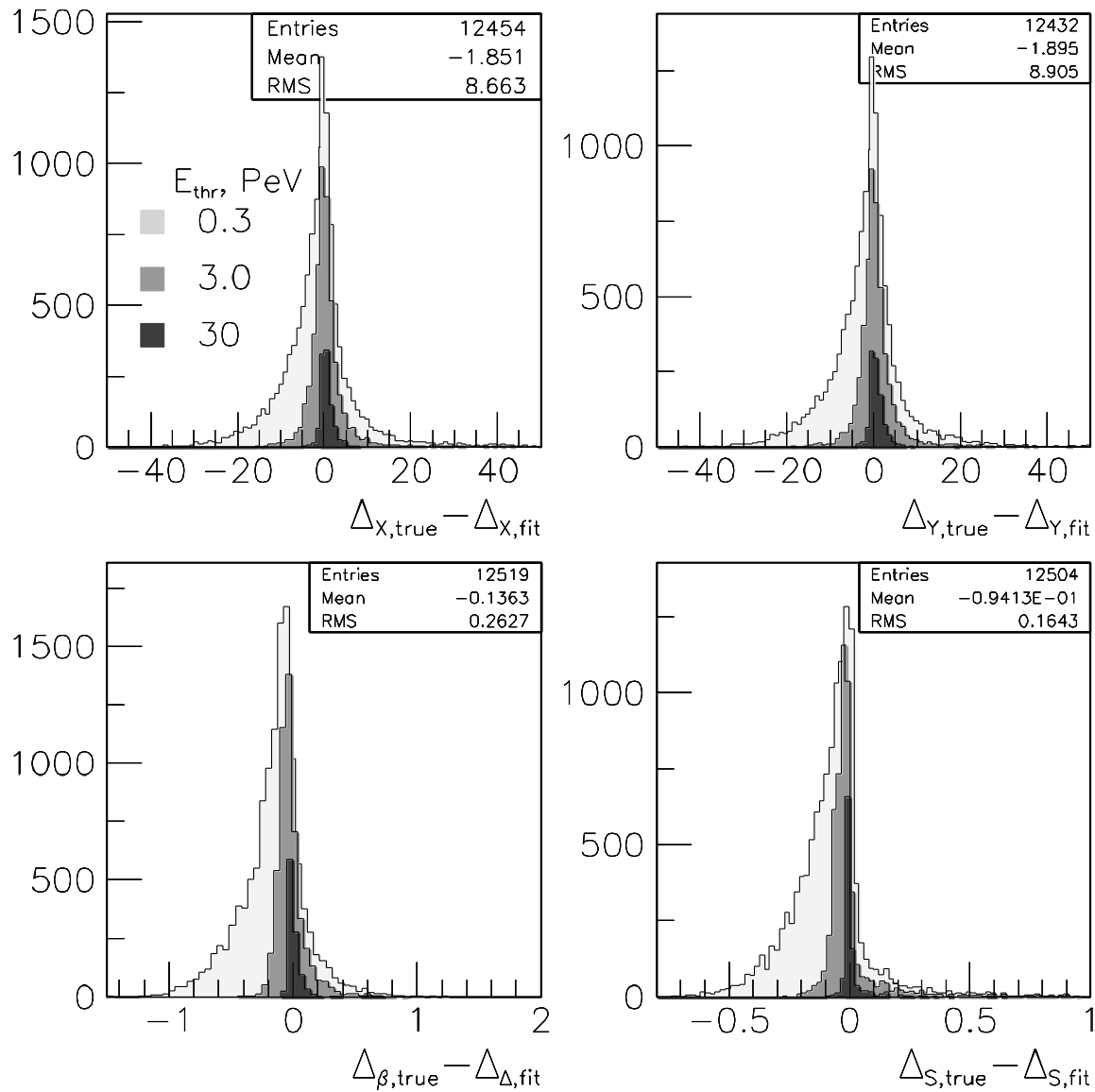


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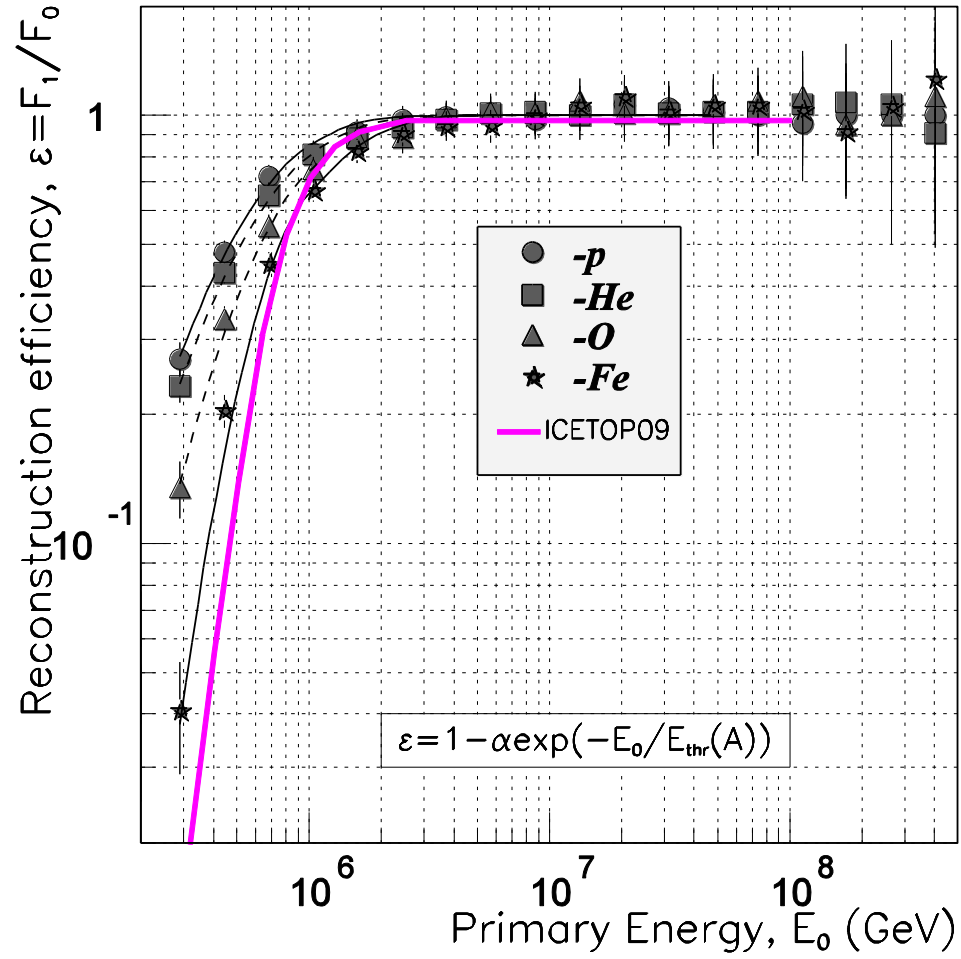


$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_x}{15m} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_y}{15m} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_\beta}{0.3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{\ln S}}{0.15} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

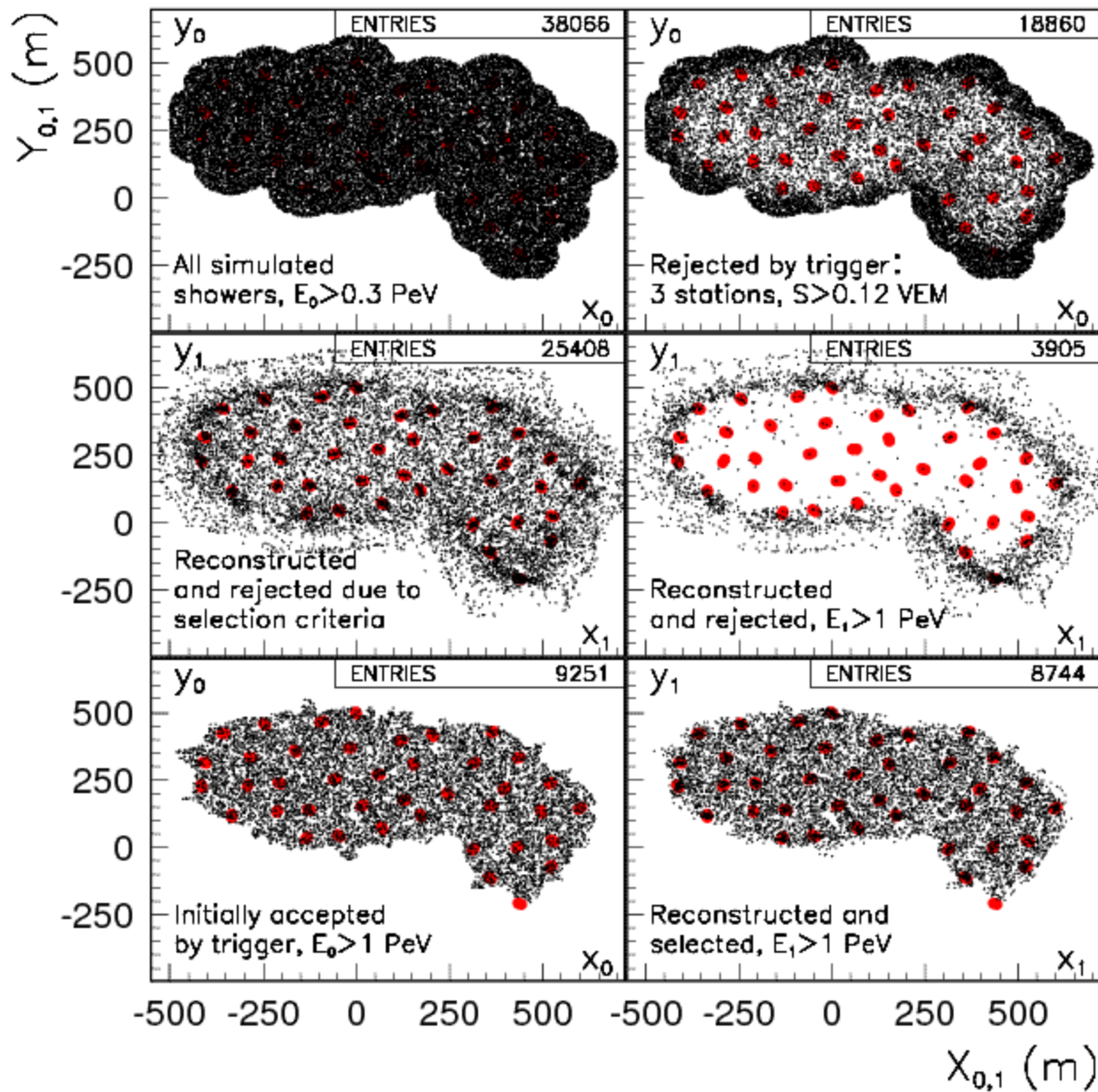
Real and expected errors



Efficiency



Shower core coordinate distributions



CONCLUSION

- Simulated shower fluctuations and tank-signal fluctuations agree with ICETOP experimental and simulated data.
 - Shower fluctuations are Poisson at the low tank-signal ($S/VEM < 10$)
 - Shower reconstruction goodness-of-fit tests agree with $\chi^2/n_{d.f.} \cong 1$ distribution.
- We applied an “Ideal Shower Array” method to determine the total tank signal fluctuations for ICETOP.