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I just want to be

sure

that all my favourite colors

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being displayed correctly on this

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Inferring cosmic particles

LSD seminar

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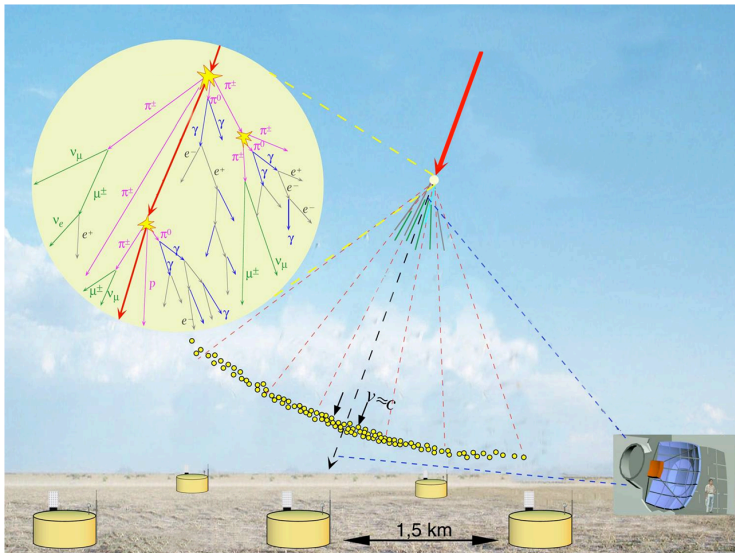
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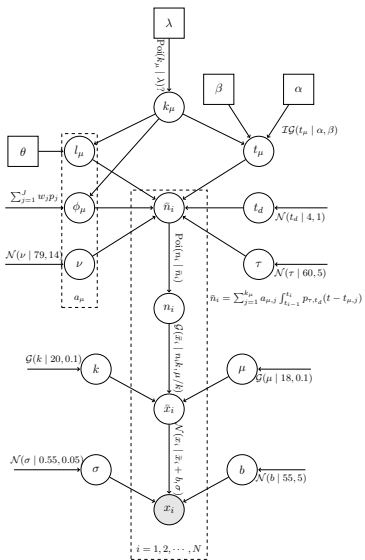
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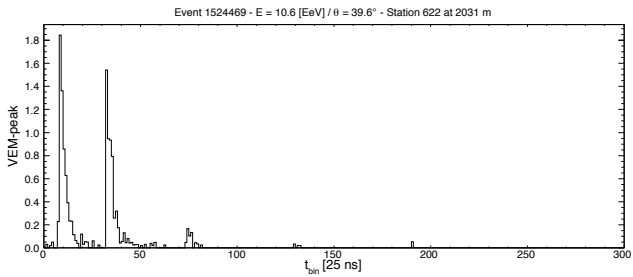
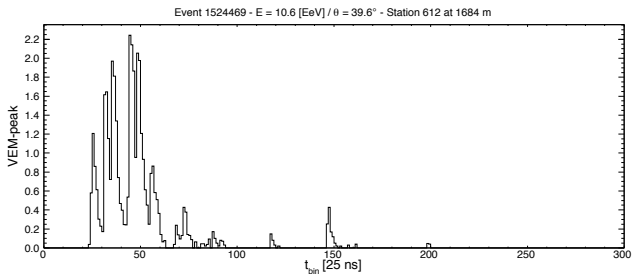
The generative process of an air shower



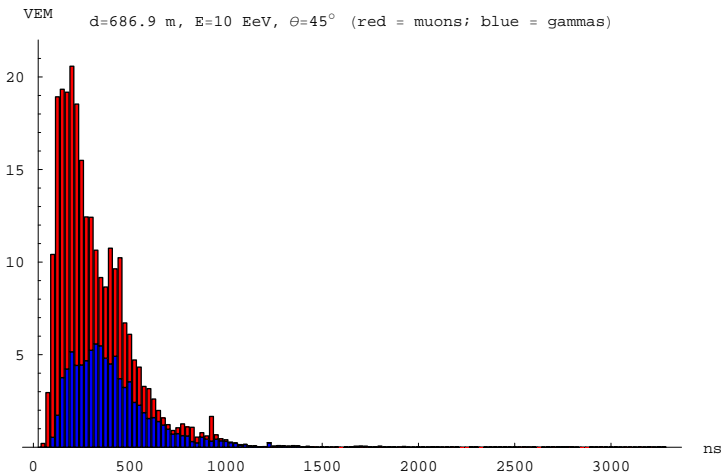
First task: write down the model



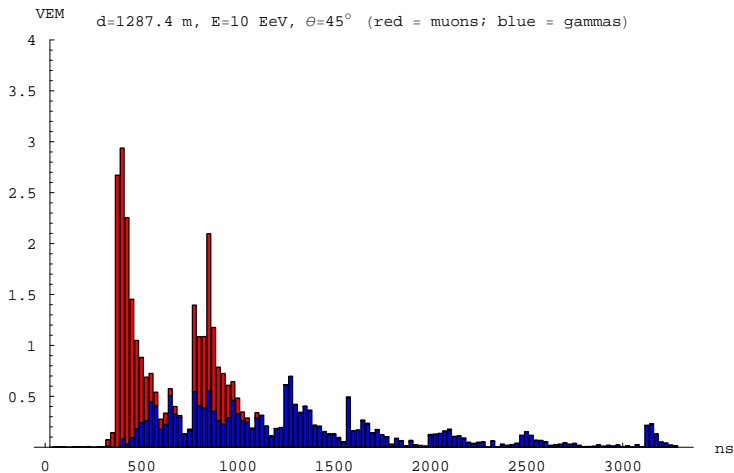
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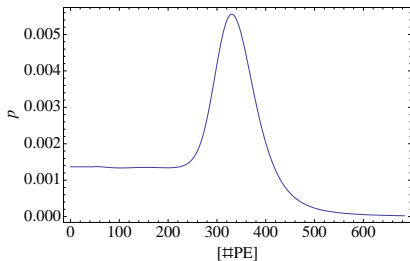


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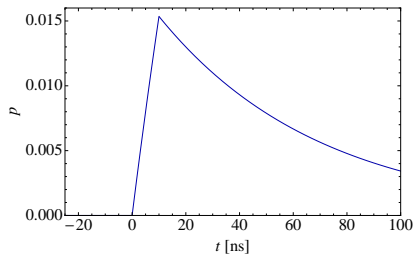


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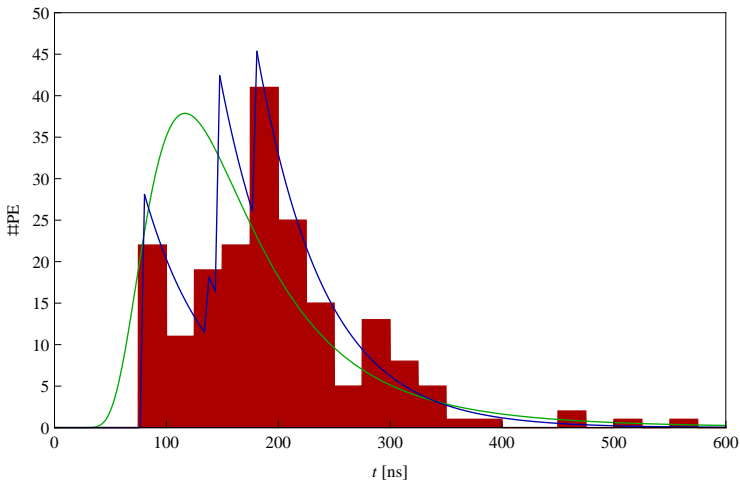


(a) Muonic signal amplitude distribution

(b) Muonic time response model p_{τ, t_d}

Mean number of Photo-electrons per bin & per muon

$$\bar{n}_i(A_\mu, t_\mu) = A_\mu \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} p_{\tau, t_d}(t - t_\mu) dt.$$



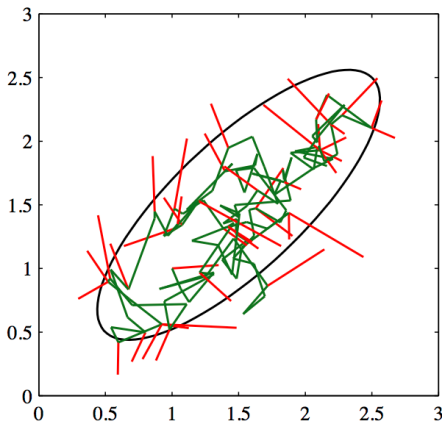
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MCMC 101: Metropolis

- ▶ Bayesian inference: obtain

$$\pi(\mathbf{A}_\mu, \mathbf{t}_\mu) = p(\mathbf{A}_\mu, \mathbf{t}_\mu | \text{signal}) \propto p(\text{signal} | \mathbf{A}_\mu, \mathbf{t}_\mu) p(\mathbf{A}_\mu, \mathbf{t}_\mu).$$

- ▶ MCMC methods sample from π .



The Metropolis algorithm (blue steps)

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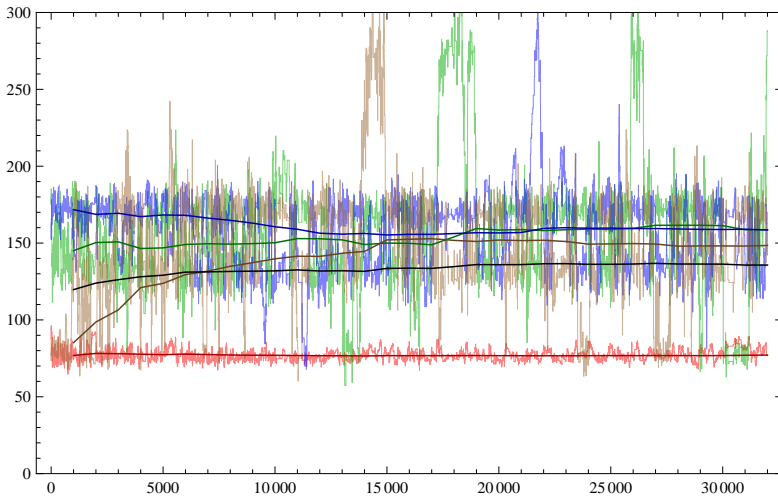
- ▶ Nonparametric prior: needs simple model with **conjugacy** properties for easy sampling, Neal 00.
- ▶ RJMCMC Green 05: MCMC kernel on

$$\bigcup_{N_\mu=1}^{N_\mu^{\max}} \{N_\mu\} \times \{ \text{Parameter space for } N_\mu \text{ muons} \}.$$

- ▶ RJMCMC needs careful **design of transdimensional moves**.

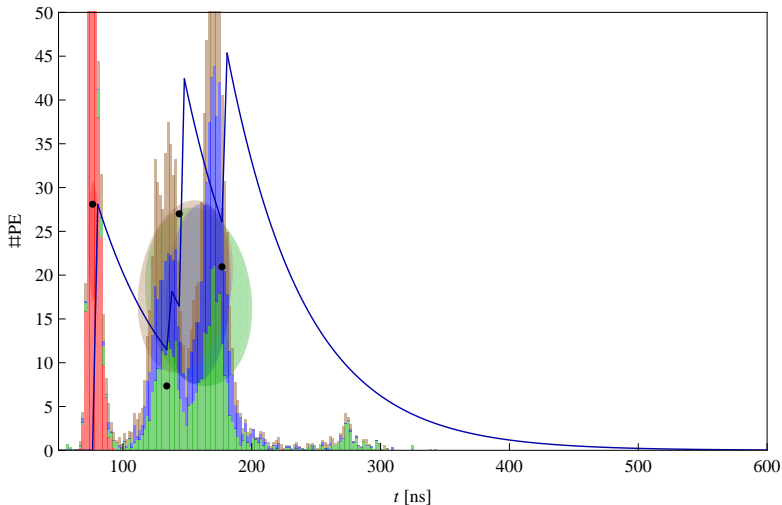
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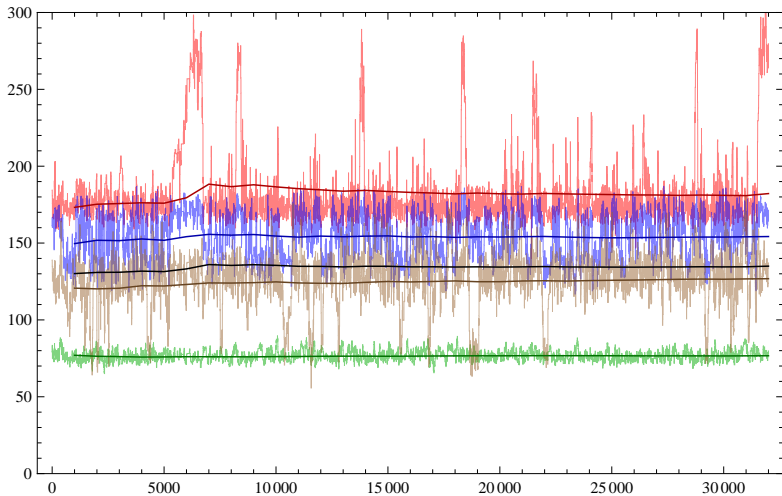
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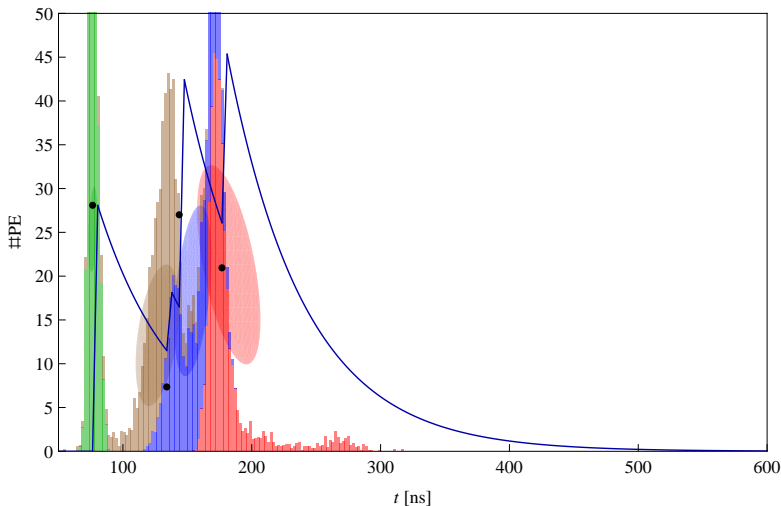
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Conclusion and ads

- ▶ Particle Physics is cool,
- ▶ MCMC is neat,
- ▶ Mixing the two is great.
- ▶ To learn more on cosmic rays and Auger: [Karim Louedec's thesis \(link\)](#).
- ▶ On the model & AMOR: our last [AISTATS paper \(link\)](#) and a submitted Physics paper I can probably send you.
- ▶ On adaptive MCMC: see [Fort et al 2011 \(link\)](#)

If you want to know more about MCMC (and Stats in general)

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Scientific programme

Fundamental concepts

Probability & Statistics	I. Laktineh (IPNL)
Bayesian analysis tutorial	D. Sivia (Oxford)
Bayesian numerical methods	R. Bardenet (LRI)
Method of χ^2 and MLM	J. Baudot (IPHC)

Multivariate Discriminant

Introduction & theory	B. Kegl (LAL)
Boosted Decision Tree	Y. Coadou (CPPM)
Neural Network	TBA

Applied topics & tools

Unfolding: frequentist approach	TBA
Unfolding: bayesian approach	F. Spano (?)
Fitting Higgs limits at colliders	TBA