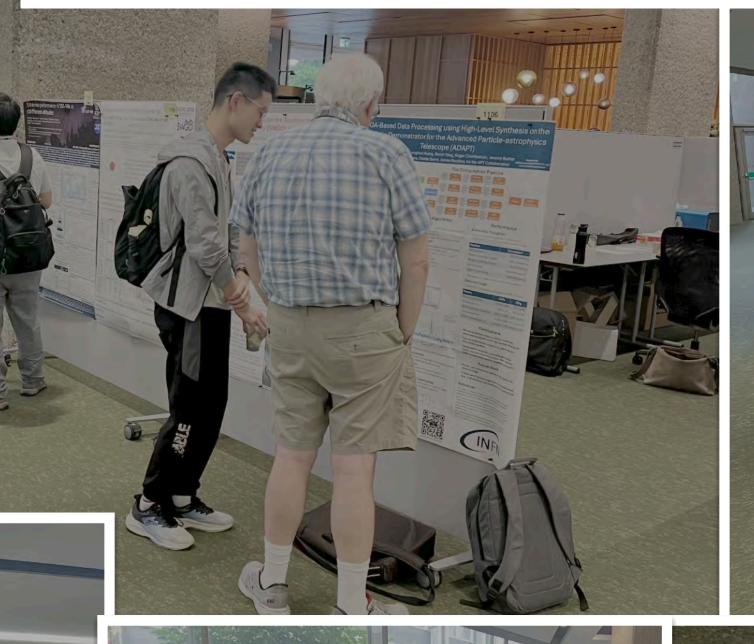
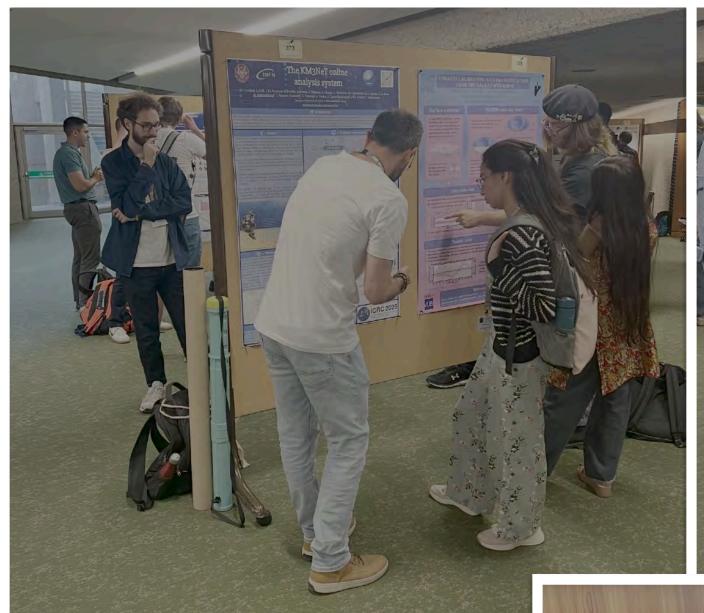


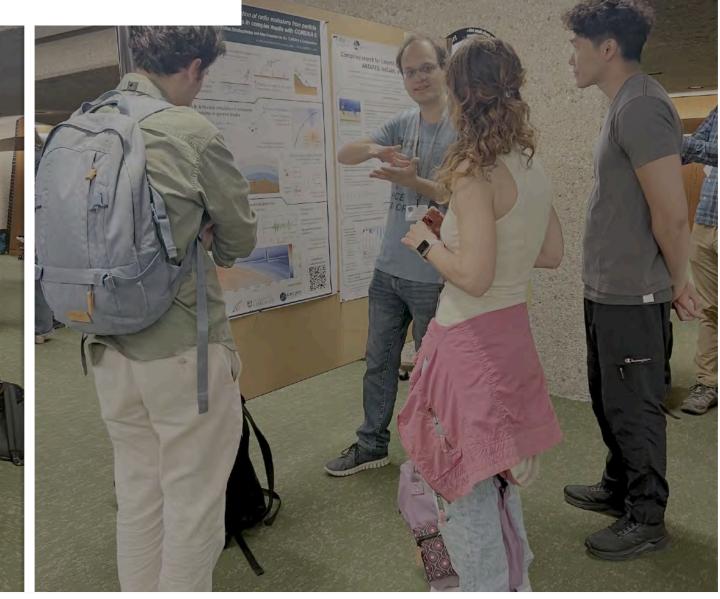
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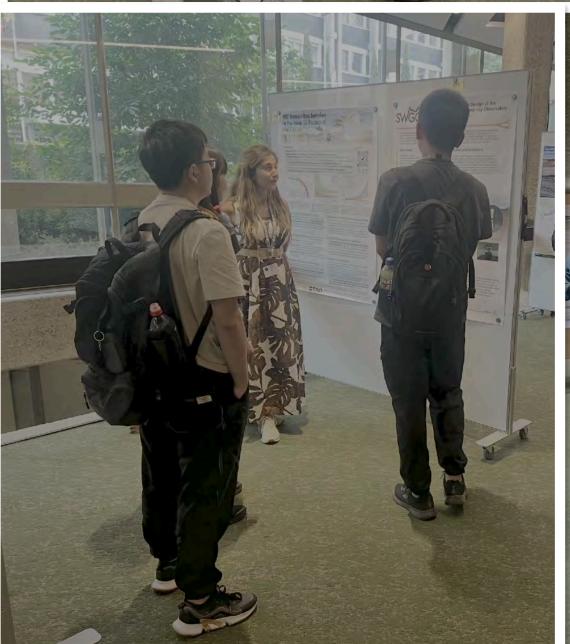
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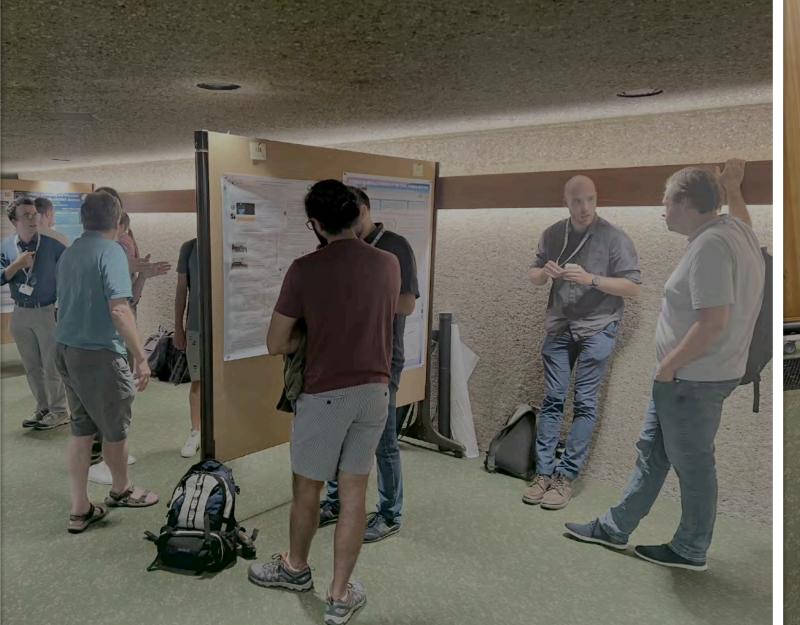






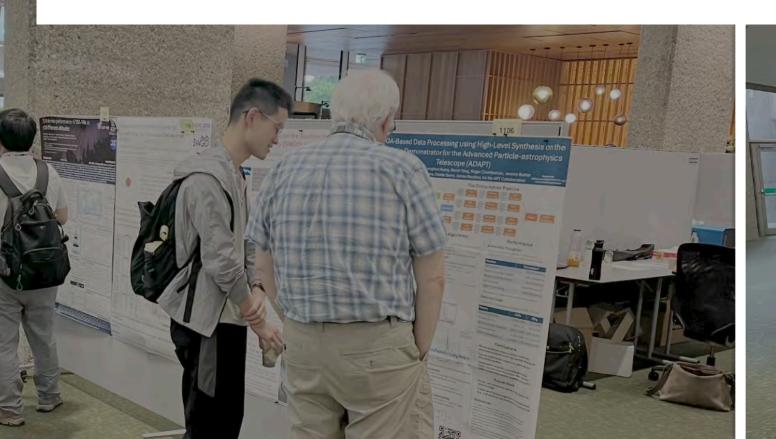


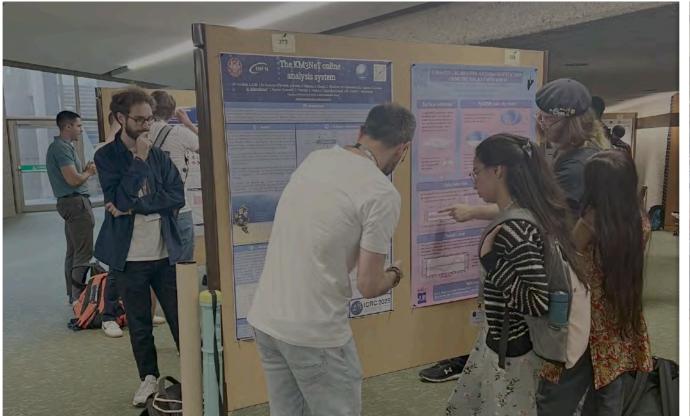












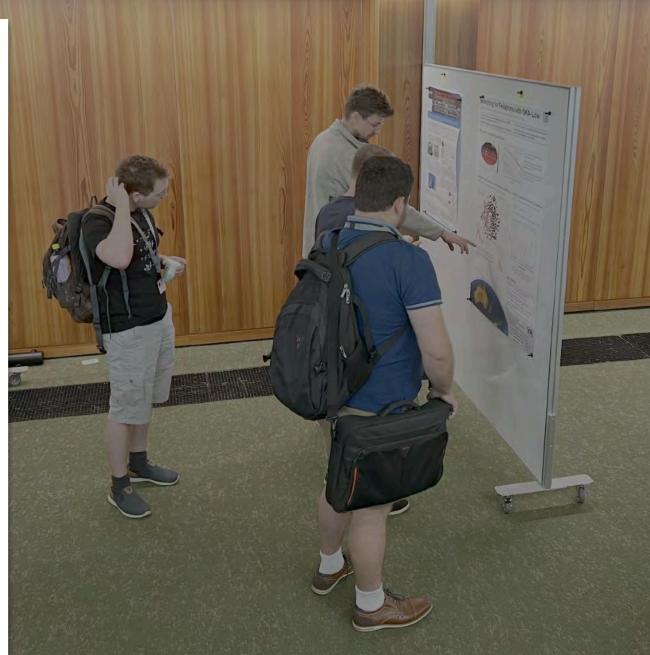


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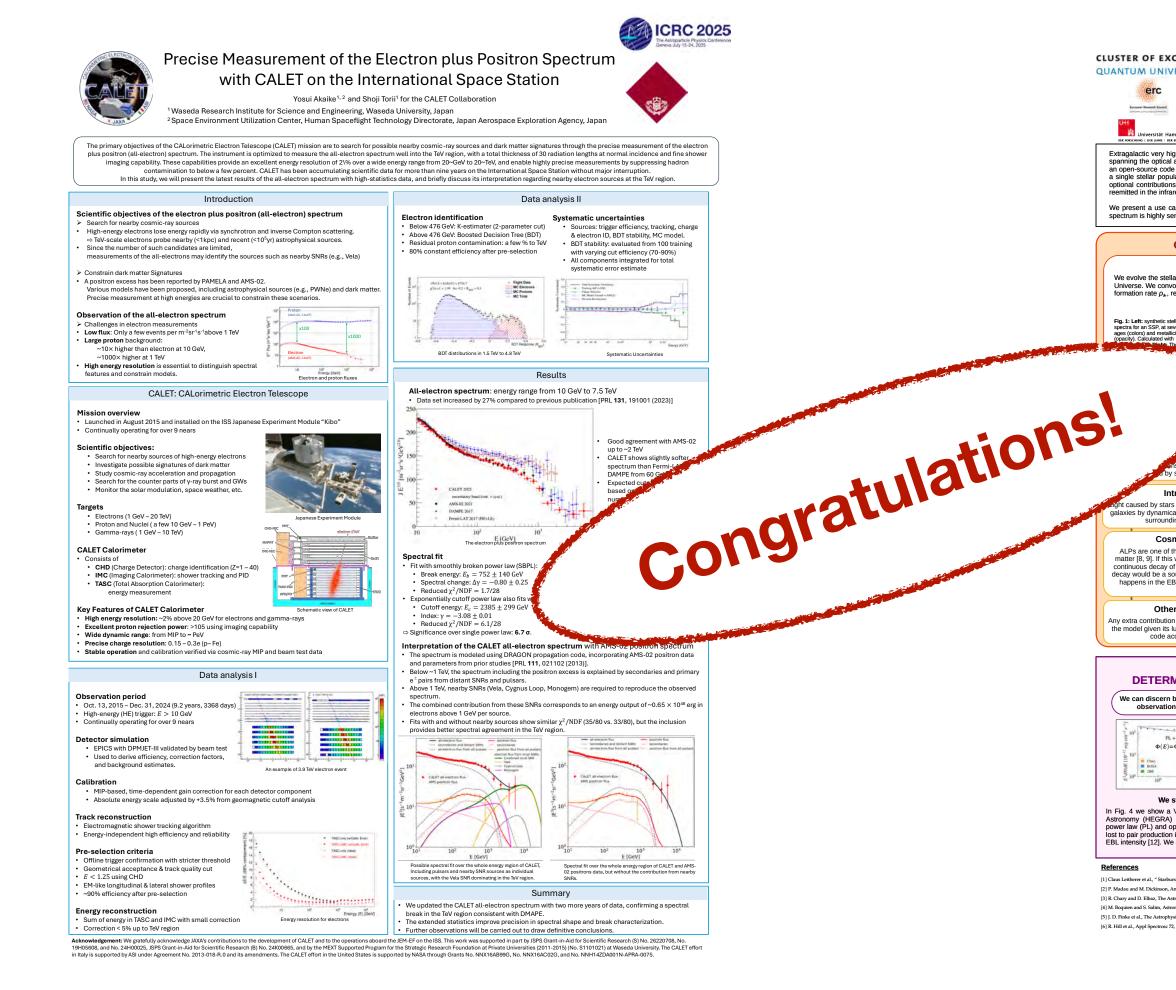








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An open-source code for modeling the extragalactic background light <u>Sara Porras Bedmar</u><sup>1</sup>, Manuel Meyer<sup>2</sup>, Dieter Horns<sup>1</sup>

1. Institute of Experimental Physics, University of Hamburg | 2. CP3-Origins, University of Southern Denmark Contact email: sara.porras.bedmar@uni-hamburg.de Extragalactic very high-energy (VHE; E > 100 GeV) gamma rays suffer absorption in interactions with photons of the Extragalactic Background Light (EBL). The EBL is an isotropic diffuse field spanning the optical and infrared regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. Observational data allow for uncertainties in the current EBL models, which in turn affect VHE analyses. We present an open-source code to compute the EBL using a forward-folding model. The dominant continuou to the topical background is stellar emission, which we compute by evolving the spectrum of a single stellar population, using the mean metallicity evolution and the star formation rate through redshift. Additional EBL sources can be provided by the user. The code already includes ntributions from sources such as stripped stars, intra-halo light, and axion-like particle (ALP) dark matter decay. The optical emissivity is then absorbed by interstellar dust an **DUST ABSORPTION AND REEMISSION OPTICAL SOURCES OF THE EBL** IN THE INFRARED We evolve the stellar population through cosmic time, following the mean metallicity of the Universe. We convolve the luminosity  $L_{\rm hof}$  a simple stellar population (SSP) with the stellar formation rate  $\rho_{\rm A}$ , respectively shown in the left and right sides of Fig. 1. • Sum of black bodies representing emission from dust at different temperatures. We she the model 2BB in Fig.3, two dust populations with  $T_1 = 450$ K and  $T_2 = 63$ K. Homogeneous and isotropic diffuse used by stars that have been ejected from thei due to local foregrounds [6, 7]. by dynamical events. They create a faint halo Other contributions any extra contribution to the EBL can be calculated with the model given its luminosities or emissivities, as the code accepts custom inputs. **Monte Carlo simulations** We simulate an observation of the VHE flare from Fig. 4 with LHAASO, and compare the results obtained wifferent EBL models. We perform 1000 Poisson-distributed pseudo-experiments and study their log-likelihood value. **DETERMINING DUST PROPERTIES** We can discern between EBL models by applying them to VHE observations and studying their respective best fits. In Fig. 5 we show the results assuming Chary as the true EBL model, and comparing it to the others. We 220 2.1 We start by fitting VHE observations [2] P. Madau and M. Dickinson, Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 52, 415 (2014). [8] Peccei R. D. and Quinn H. R., 1977, Phys. Rev. Lett., 38, 1440. [10] F. A. Aharonian et al., Astron. Astrophys. 349, 11–28 (1999). [5] J. D. Finke et al., The Astrophysical Journal 941, 33 (2022). [11] F. A. Aharonian et al., Astronomy and Astrophysics 366, 62 (2001).

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