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Status of air shower simulations

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Present status of extensive air shower (EAS) simulation procedures is reviewed. The advantages of combining numerical and Monte Carlo (MC) methods for the description of air shower development are demonstrated. The relation to experimental techniques for the studies of high energy cosmic rays is also addressed. The uncertainties in the predicted EAS characteristics are analysed and potential improvements in the accuracy of the predictions are discussed.

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