



GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY

Part 2.

A story of instruments

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Program

Small recap

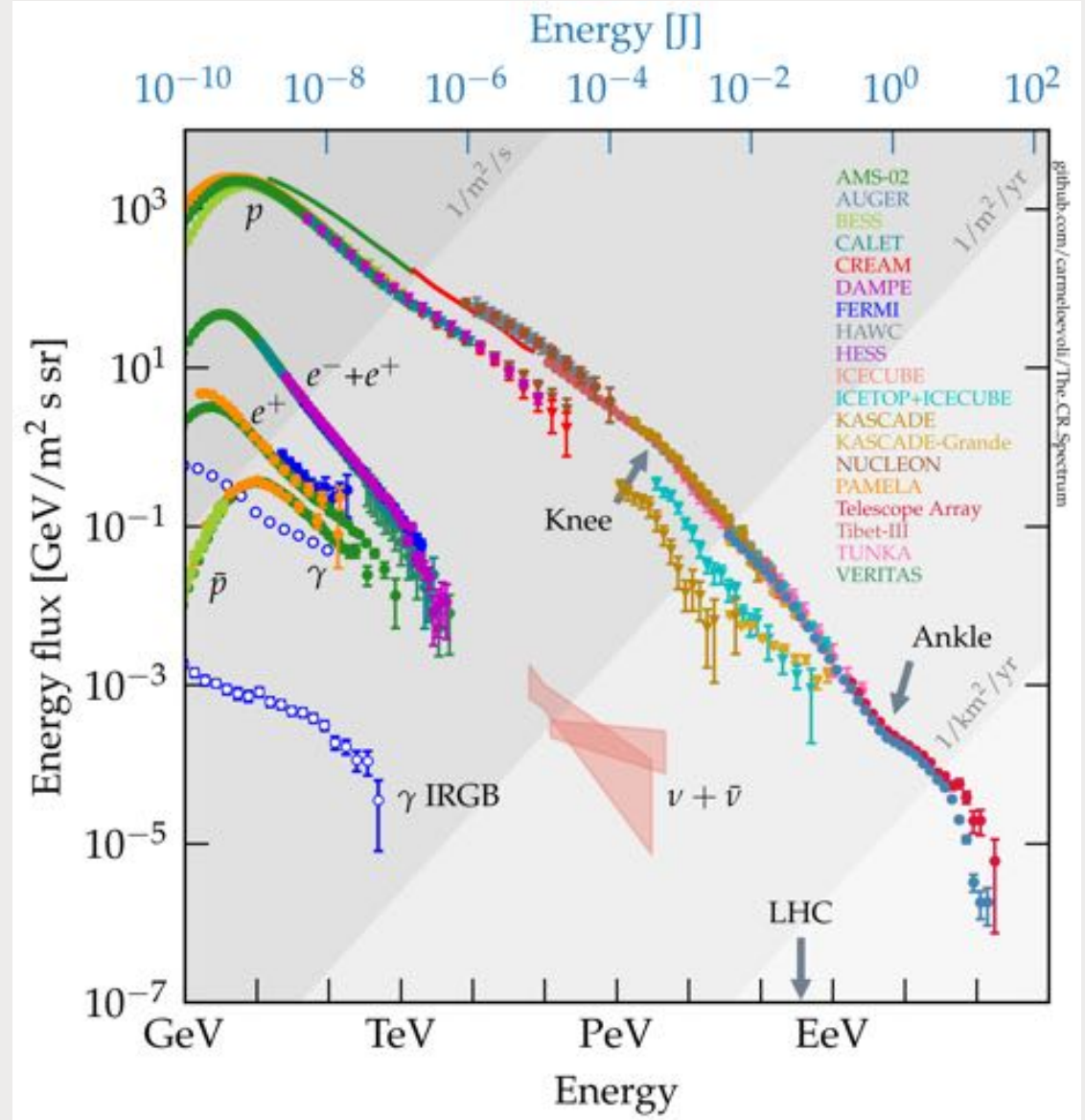
The family of experiments

Satellites instruments

Ground-based Instruments

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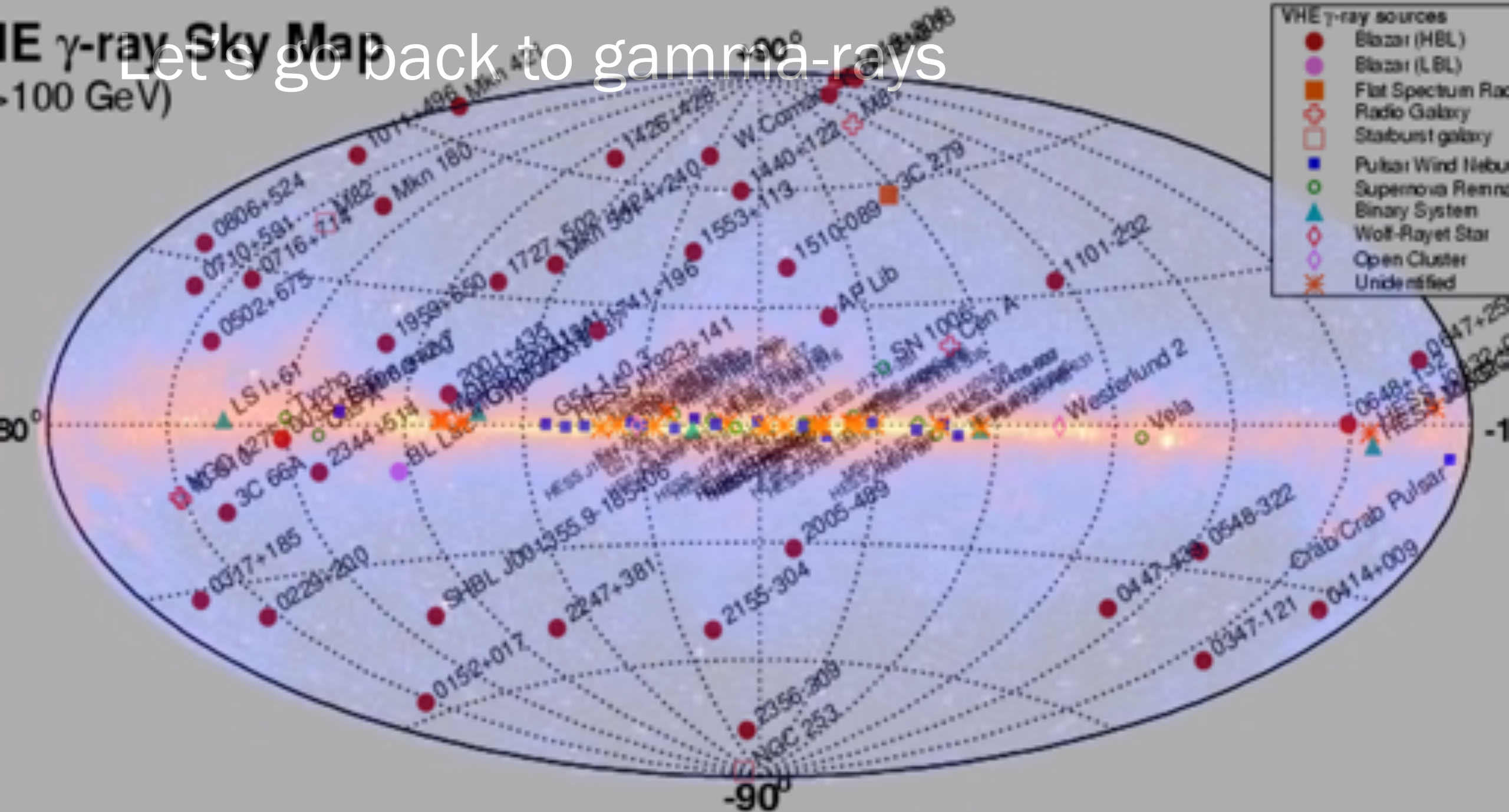
The amazing cosmic ray spectrum



HE γ -ray Sky Map

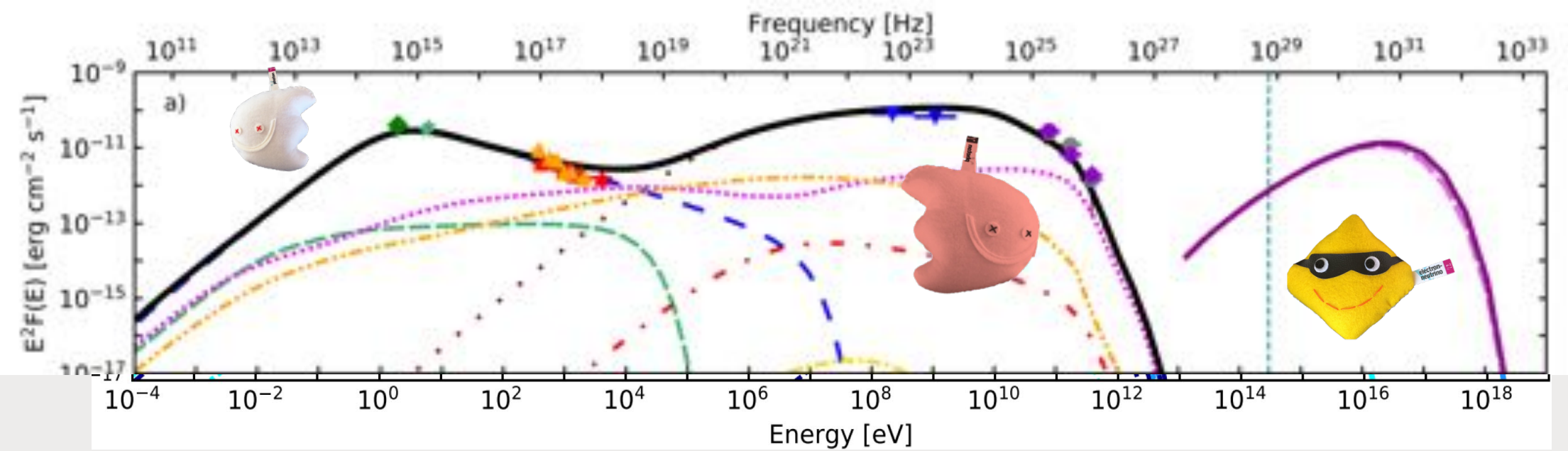
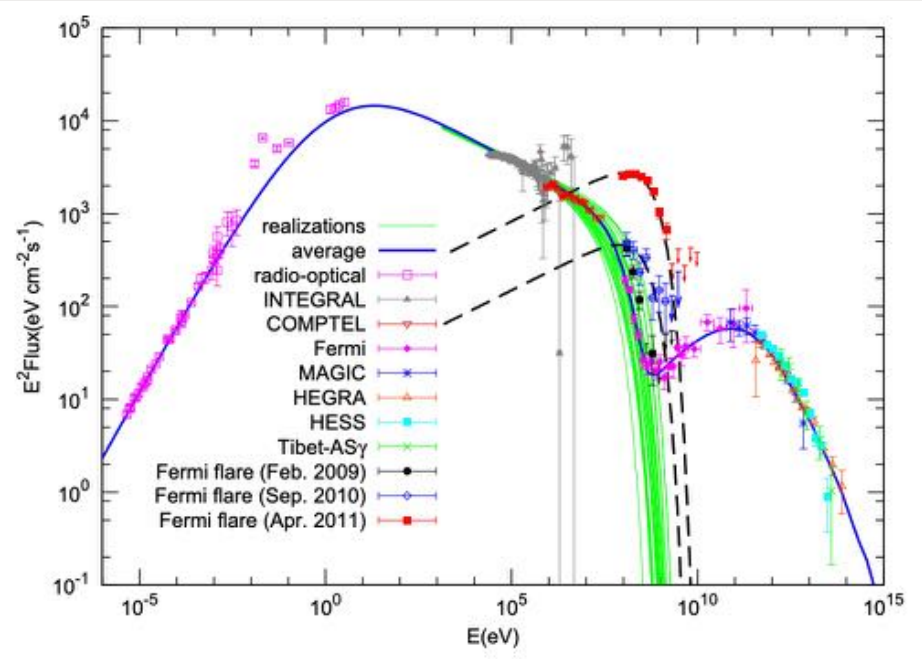
(>100 GeV)

Let's go back to gamma-rays

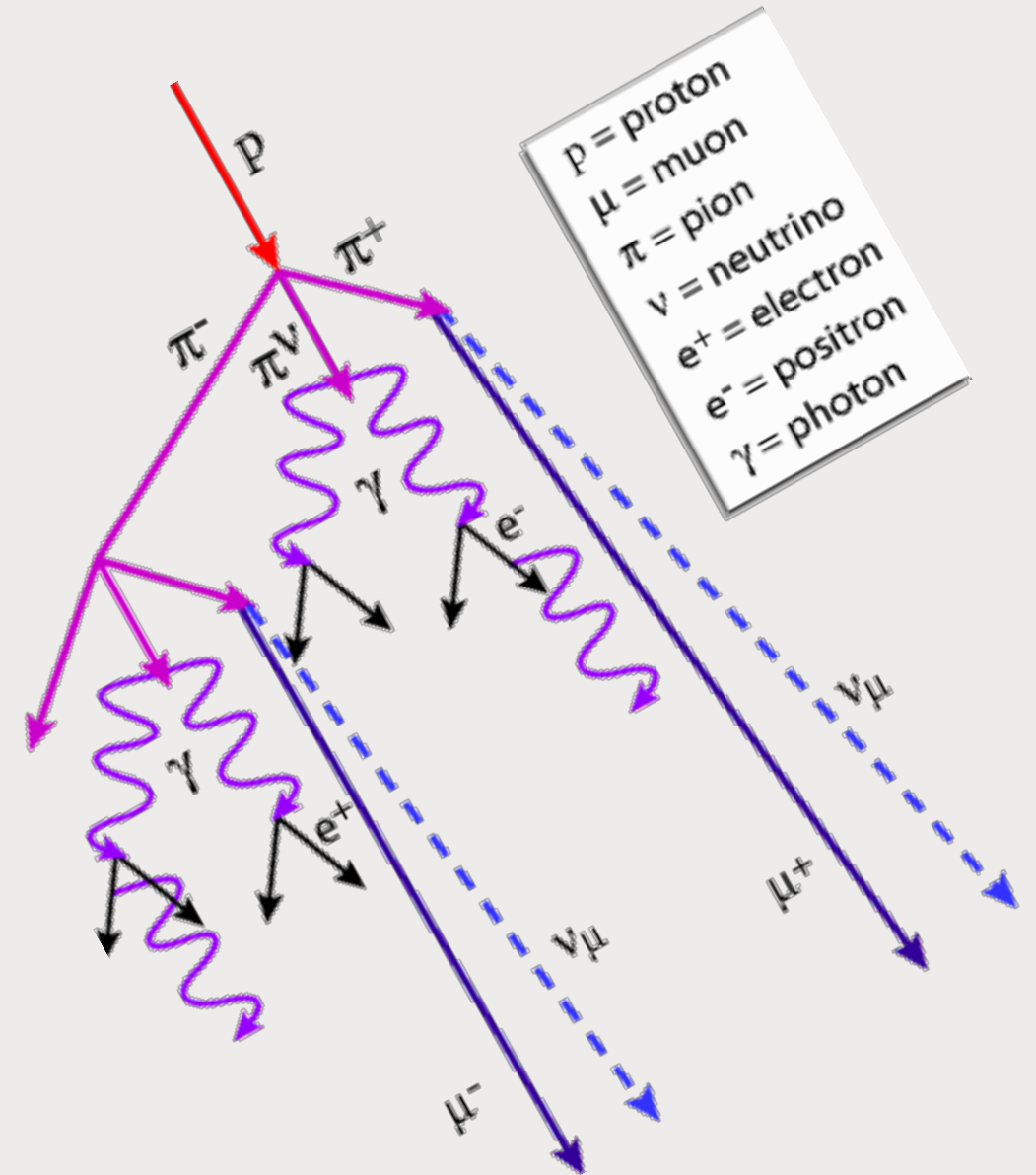
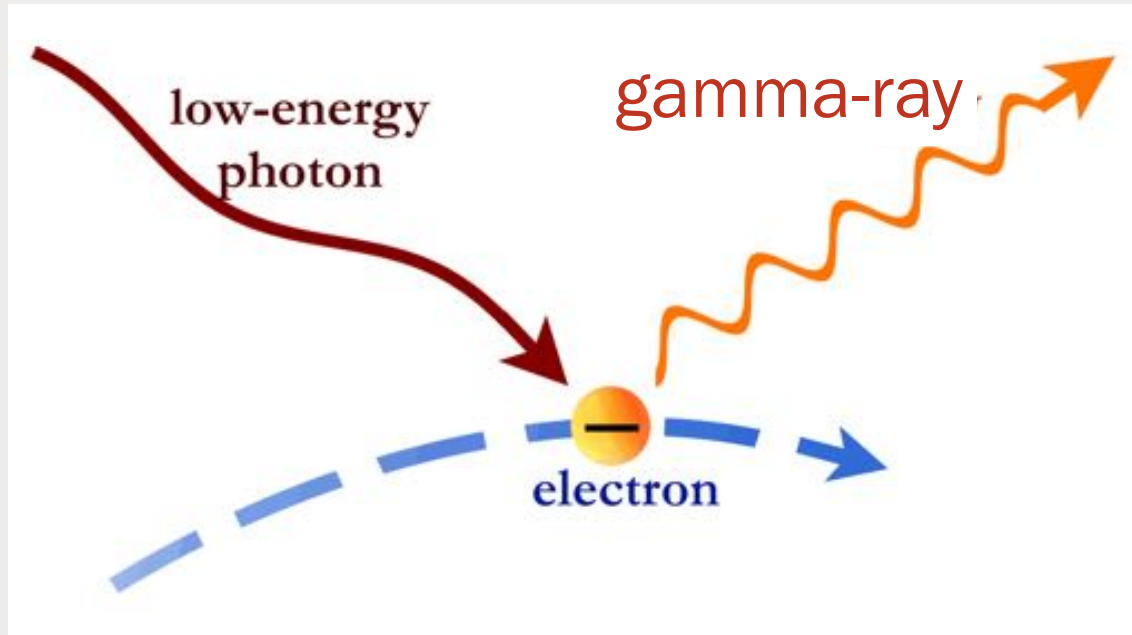


Multi-w multi-m

- From radio to gamma
- From gamma to neutrinos



Generate gamma-rays



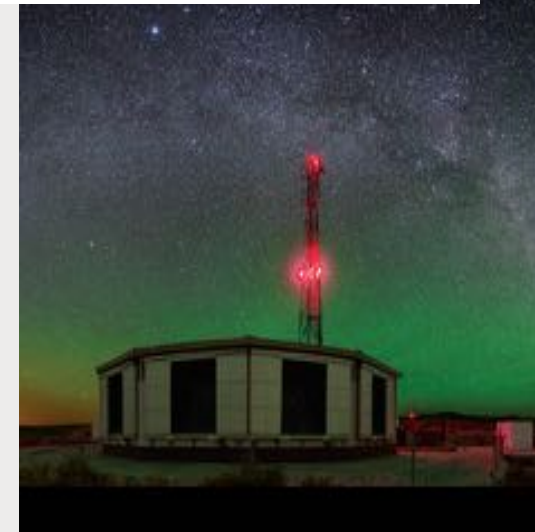
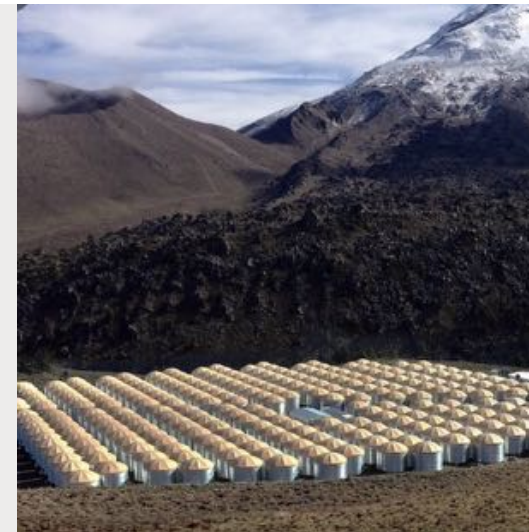
Instruments/ How to detect gamma-rays



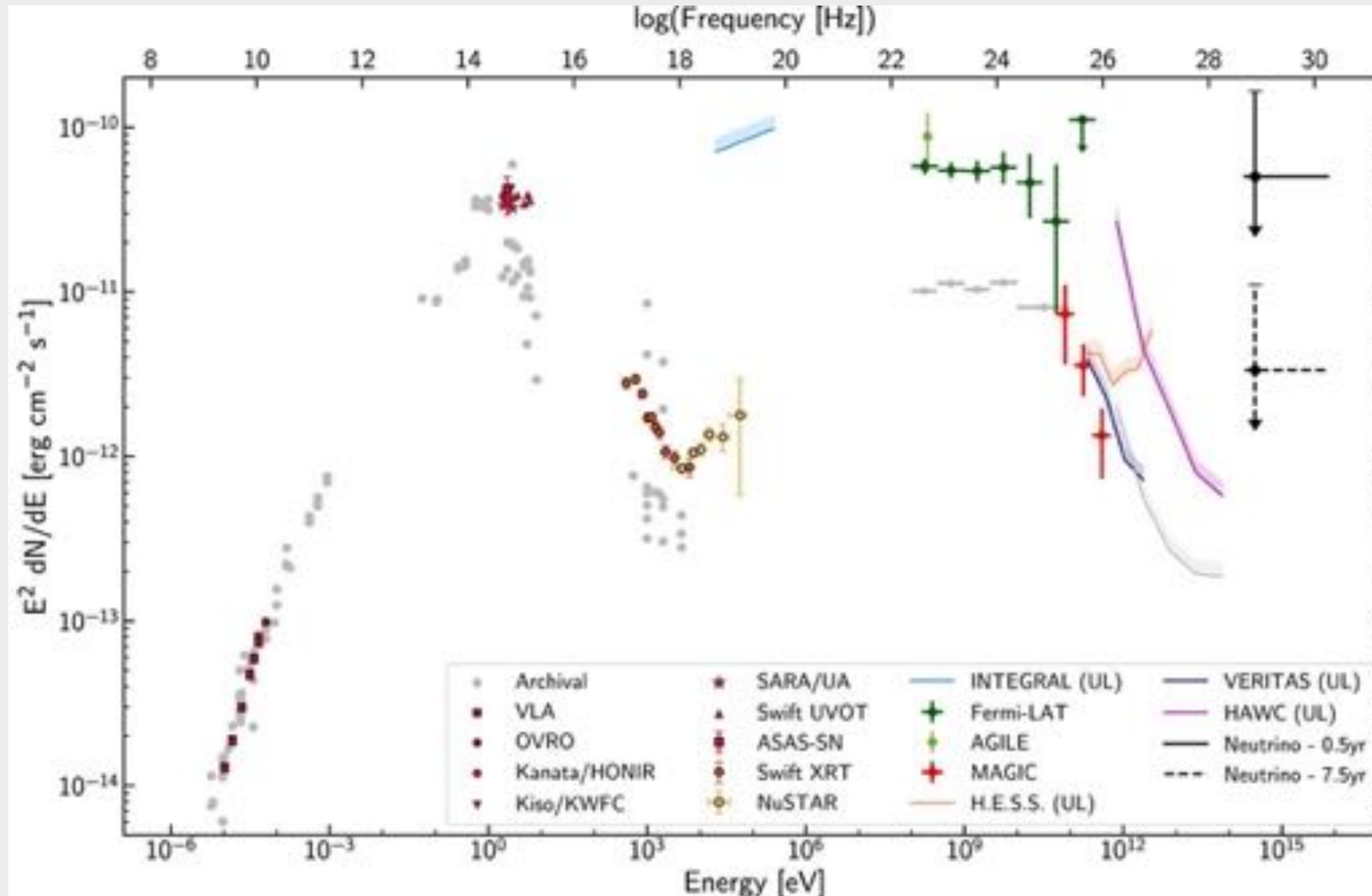
Gamma Ray (Cosmic-ray) Nomenclature

	Range	Type	Detection mec.	Experiments
LE	< 30 MeV	Balloon	Compton Effect	
HE	30 MeV–30 GeV	Satellite	Calorimeter	EGRET, Fermi Agile, DAMPE+
VHE	100 GeV–30 TeV	Ground	Atm.–Cherenkov	Whipple, HEGRA (past) MAGIC, HESS, Veritas CTA+
UHE	30 TeV–30 PeV	Ground	Water–Cherenkov	Milagro HAWC, +
EHE	> 30 PeV	Ground	Atm. Fluorescence	Hires, Auger TA

Table 1.1: Classification of γ -ray astronomy. The energy range, the main type of detector and the principal physical detection mechanism are reported, together with the principal experiments.



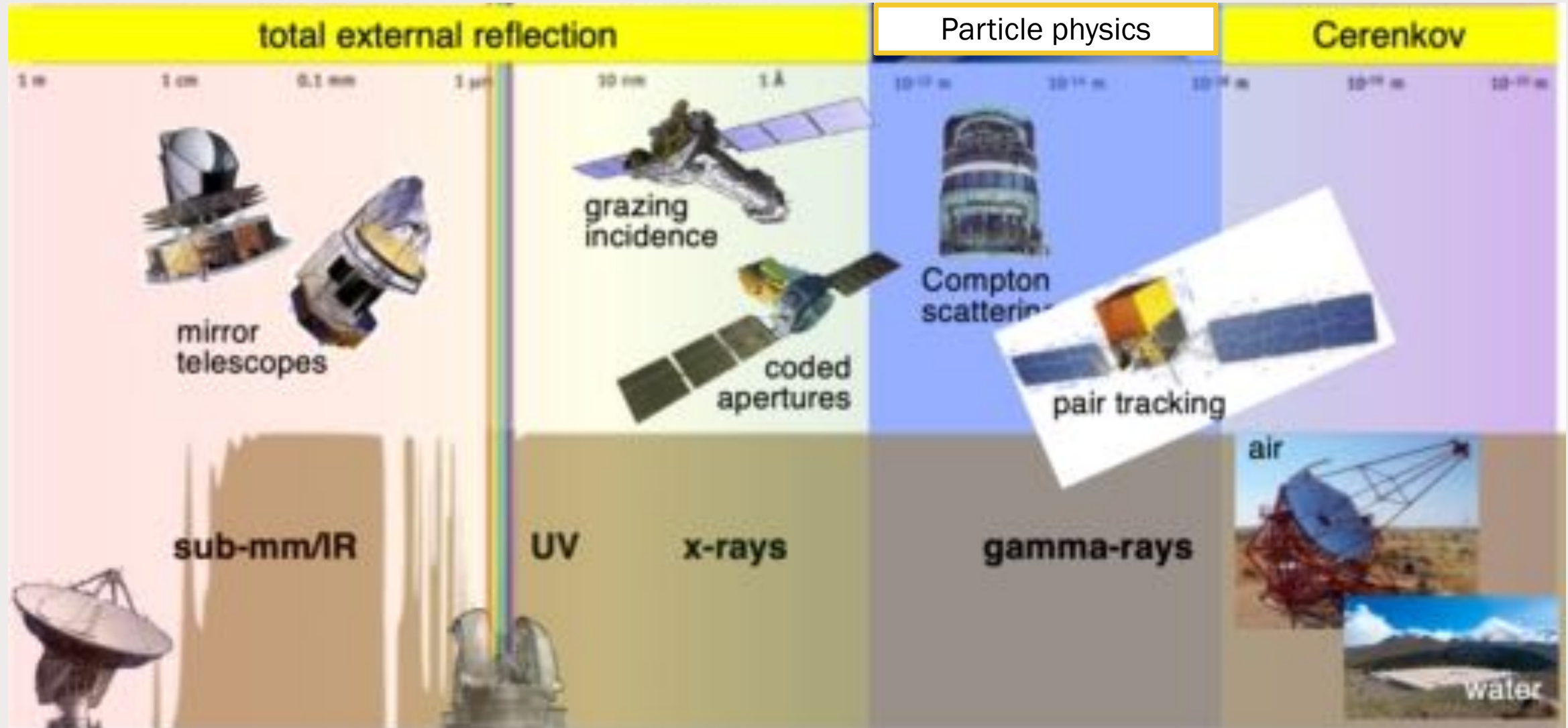
Single instrument?



Gamma ray spectra with photon index -2 to -5



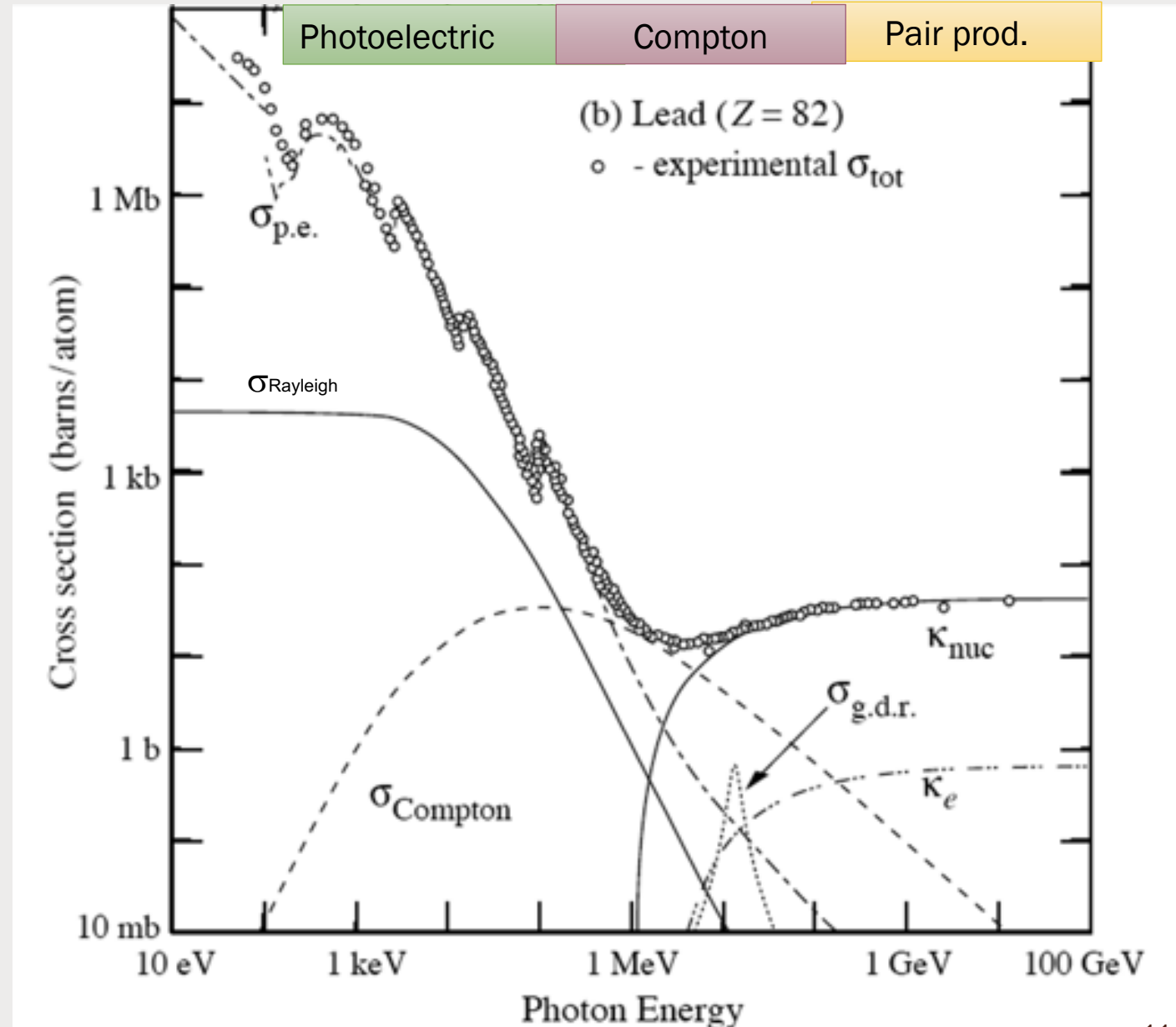
There is no gamma-ray “reflection”



Detection

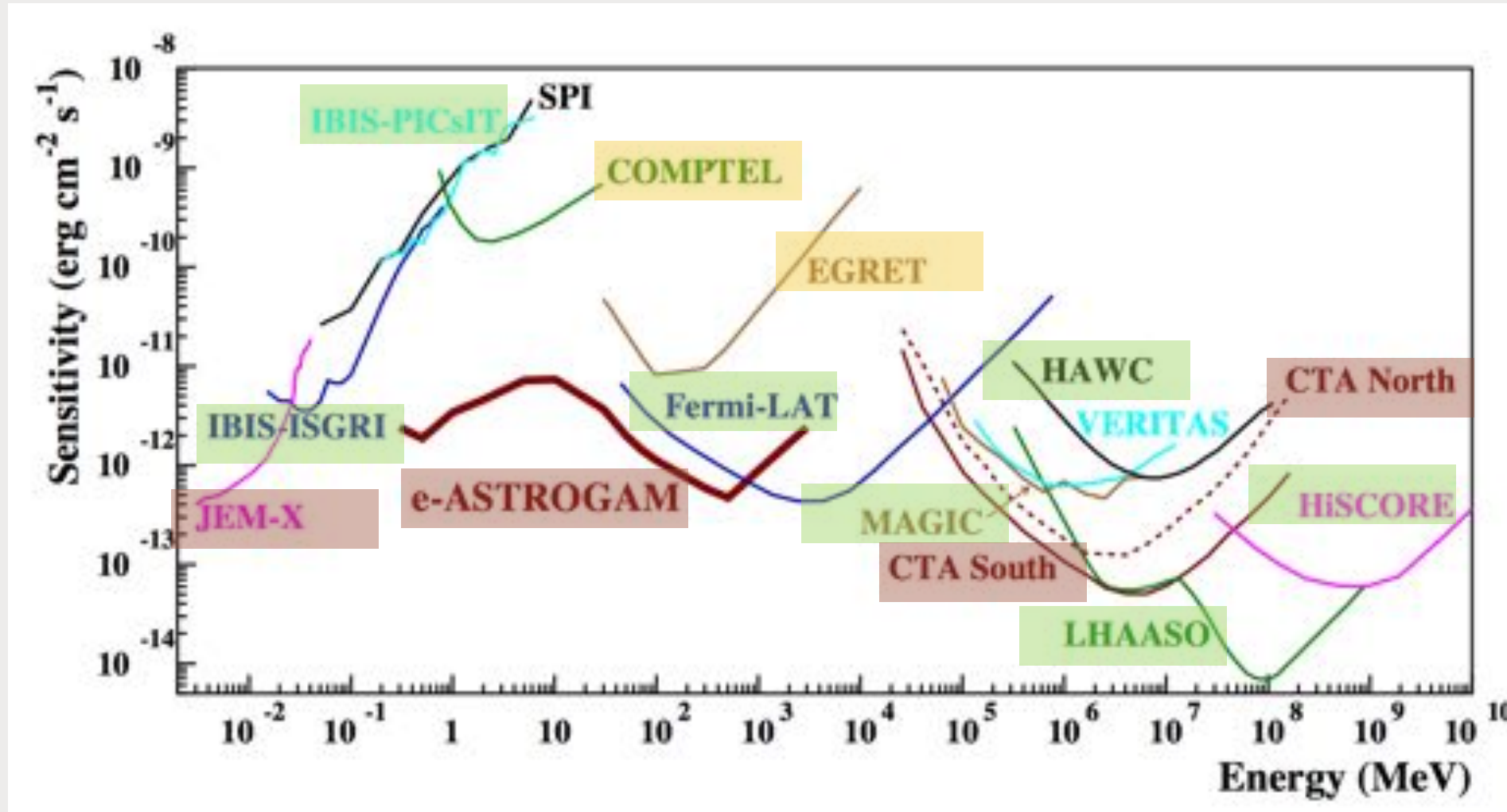
- Gamma rays cannot be reflected, and thus not concentrated (they interact with nuclei)
- The dominant interaction depends on the energy of the gamma ray

Photon interactions in Pb



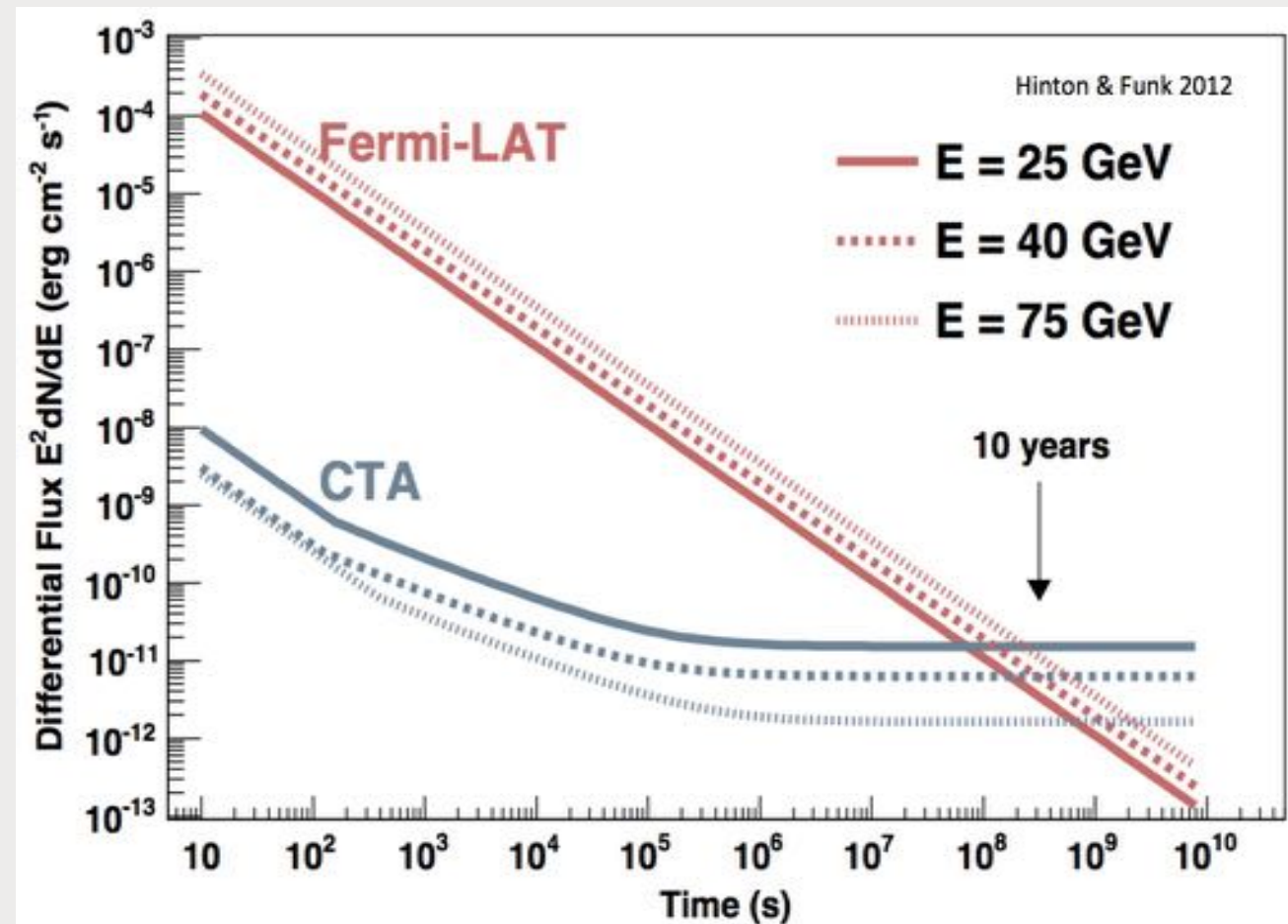
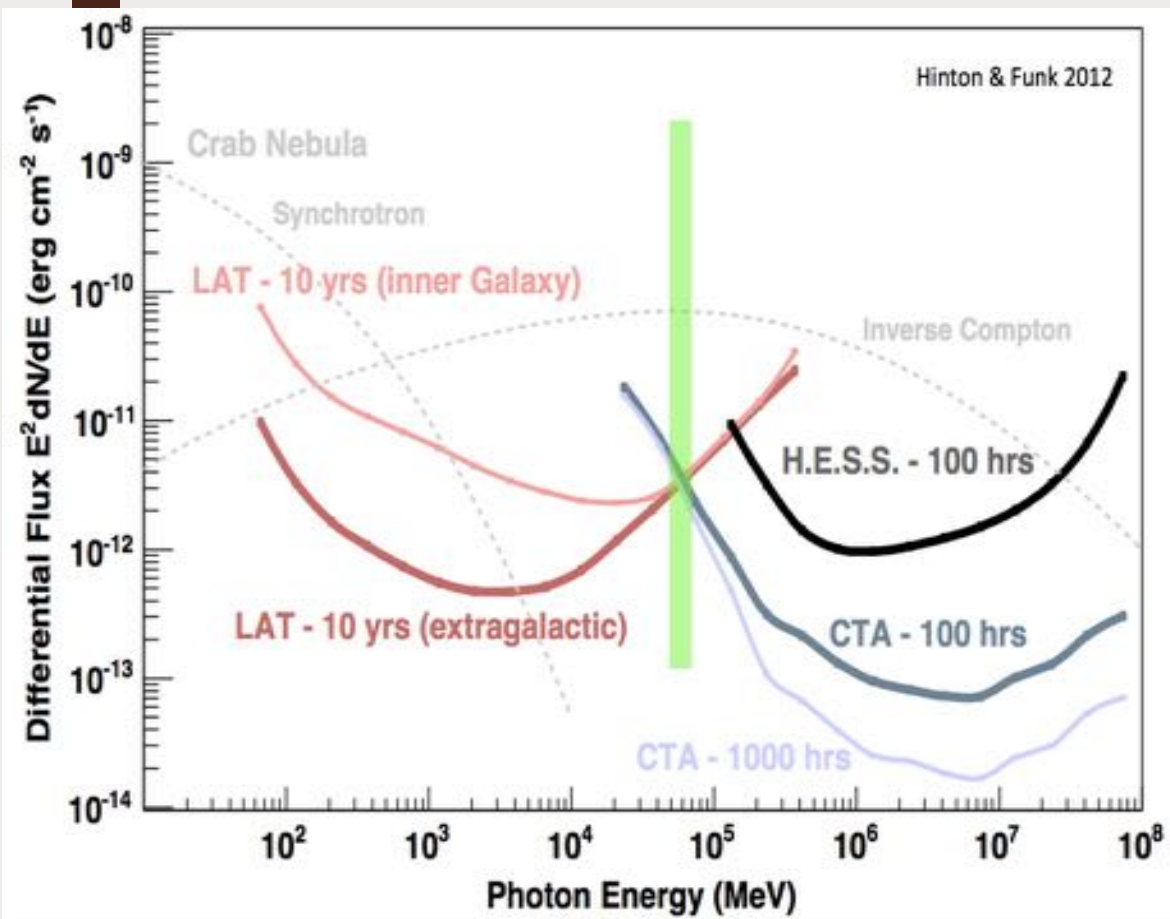
Comparing experiments

Plot from <https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.02232>



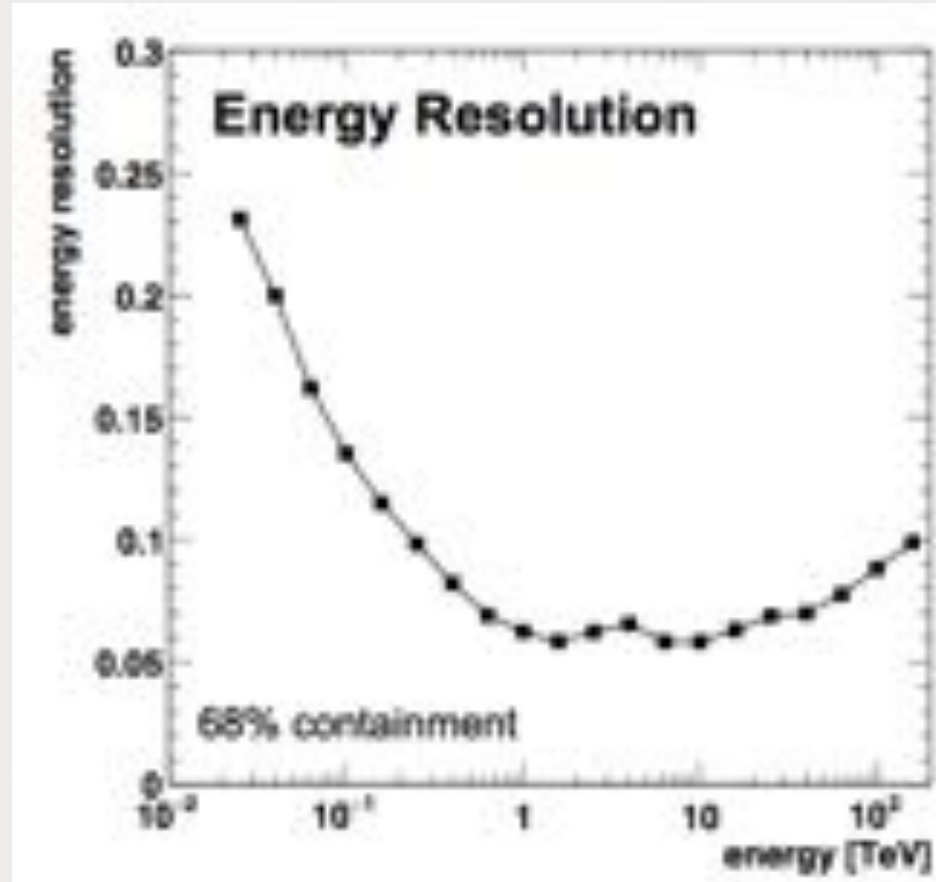
Sensitivity is not the only thing that matters

Steady and transient sensitivity

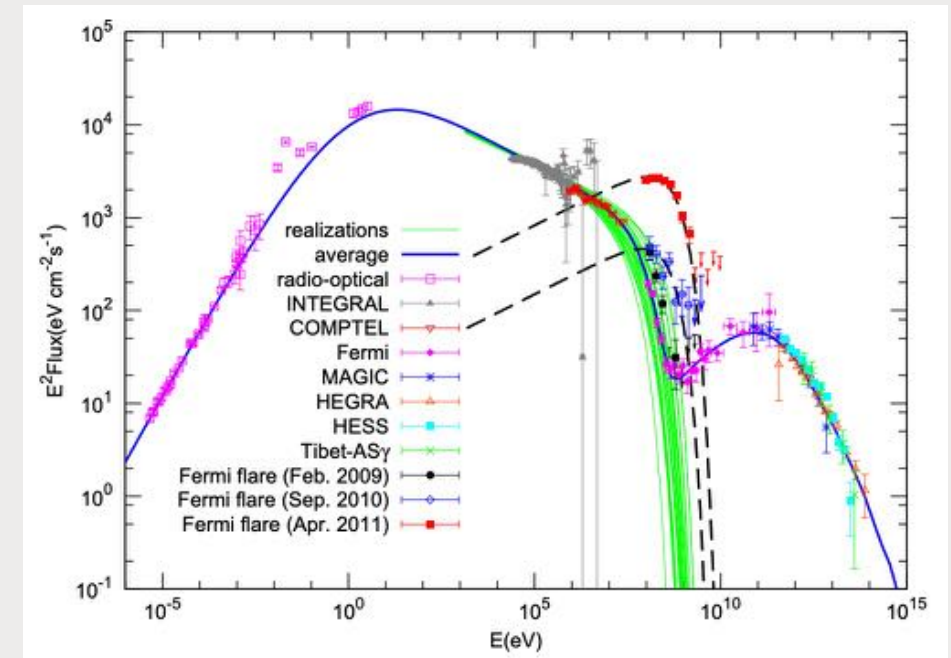


- Sensitivity is defined for INTEGRATION TIME

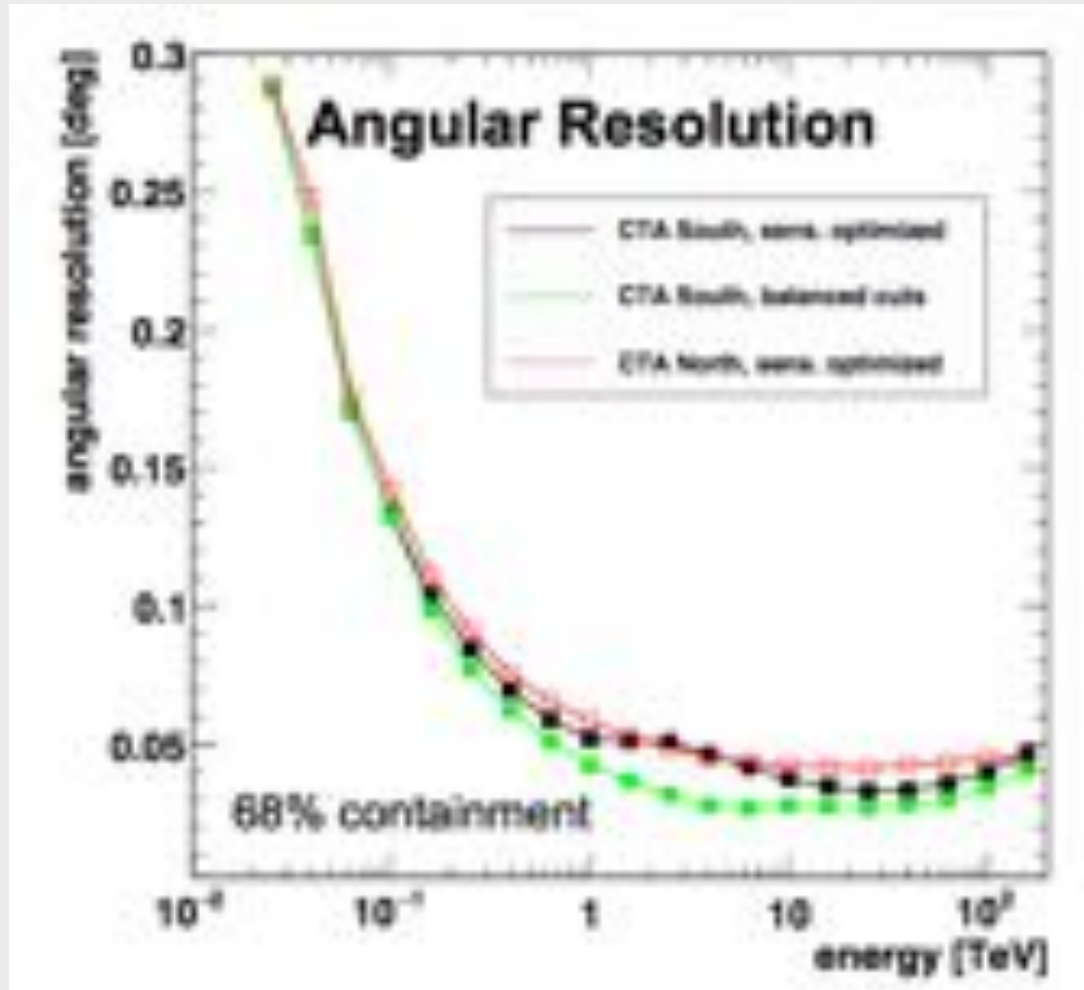
Energy resolution



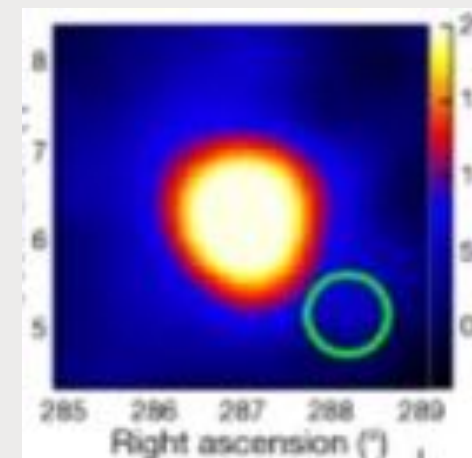
- The ability to discriminate between photons of similar energies
- Very important for spectral shape



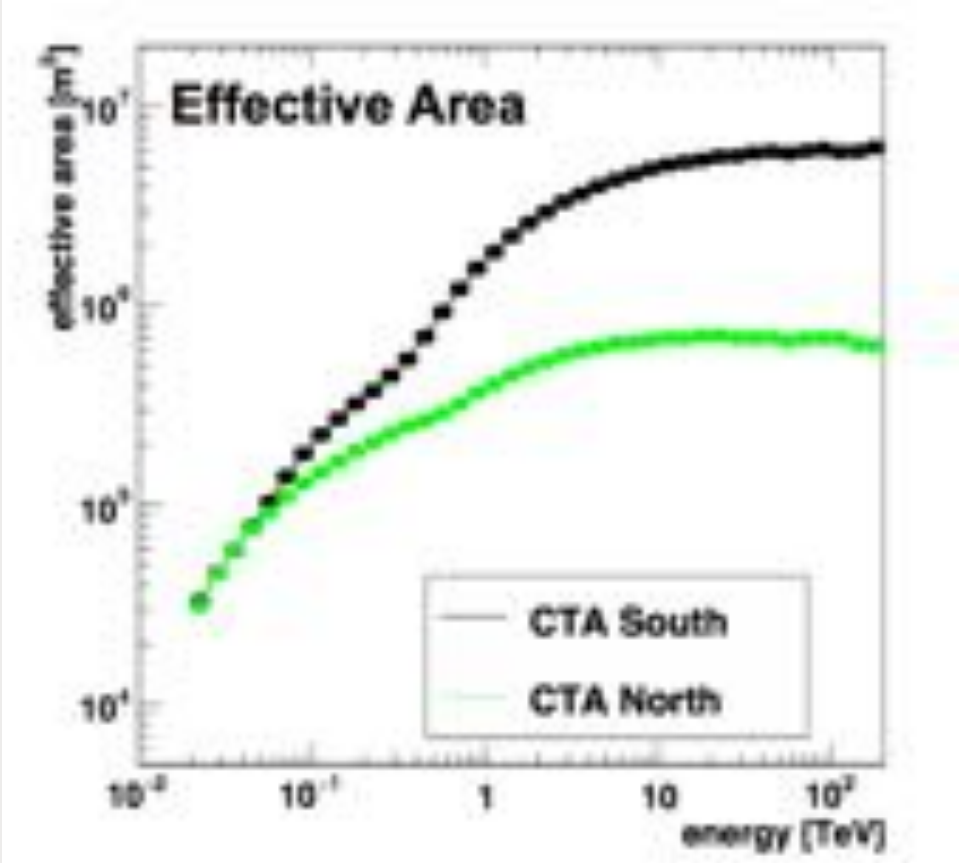
Angular resolution



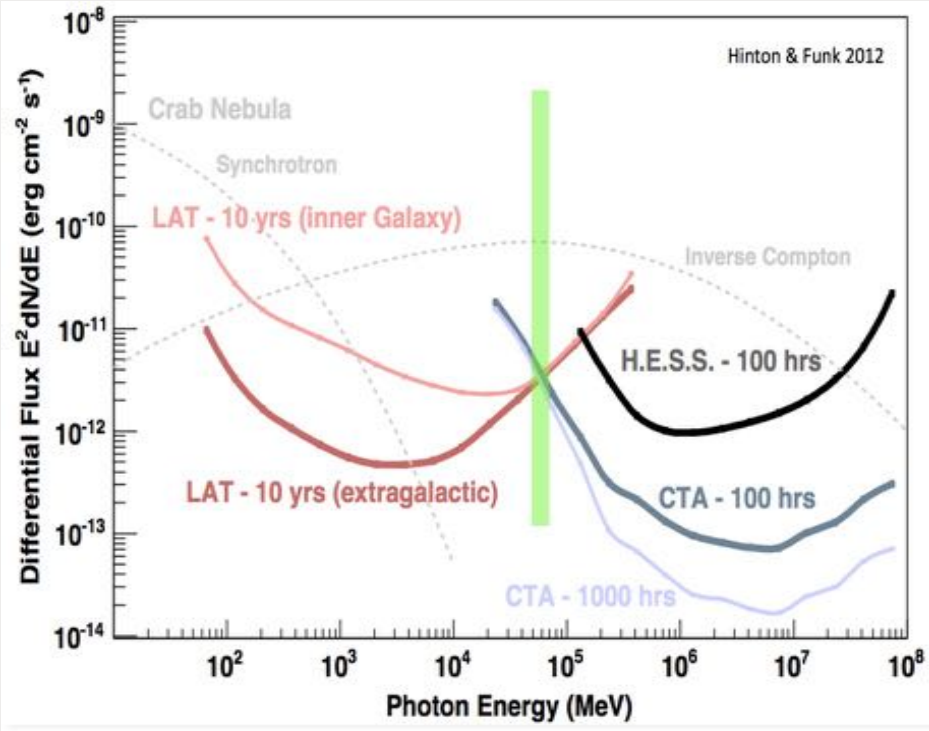
- The ability to discriminate photons from close angular distance
- Very important for morphology
- Objects smaller than minimum angular resolution are not resolved as extended...



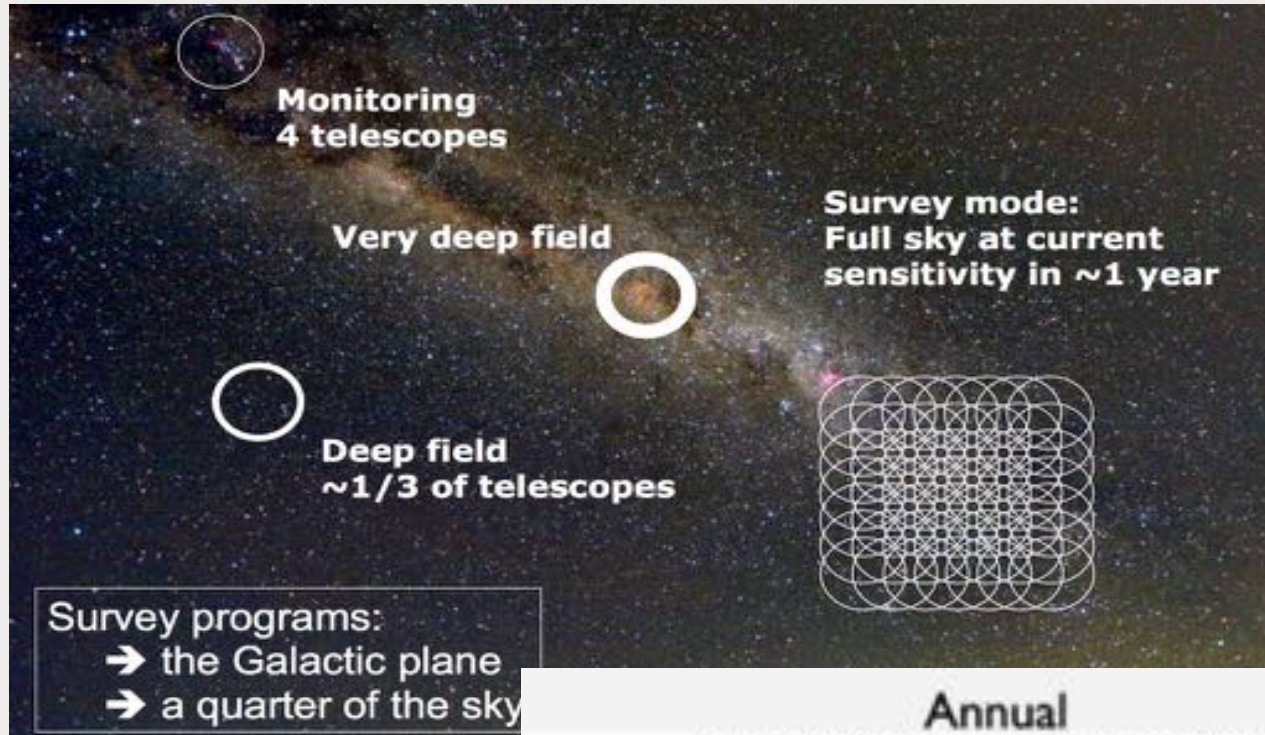
Ingredients to discovery



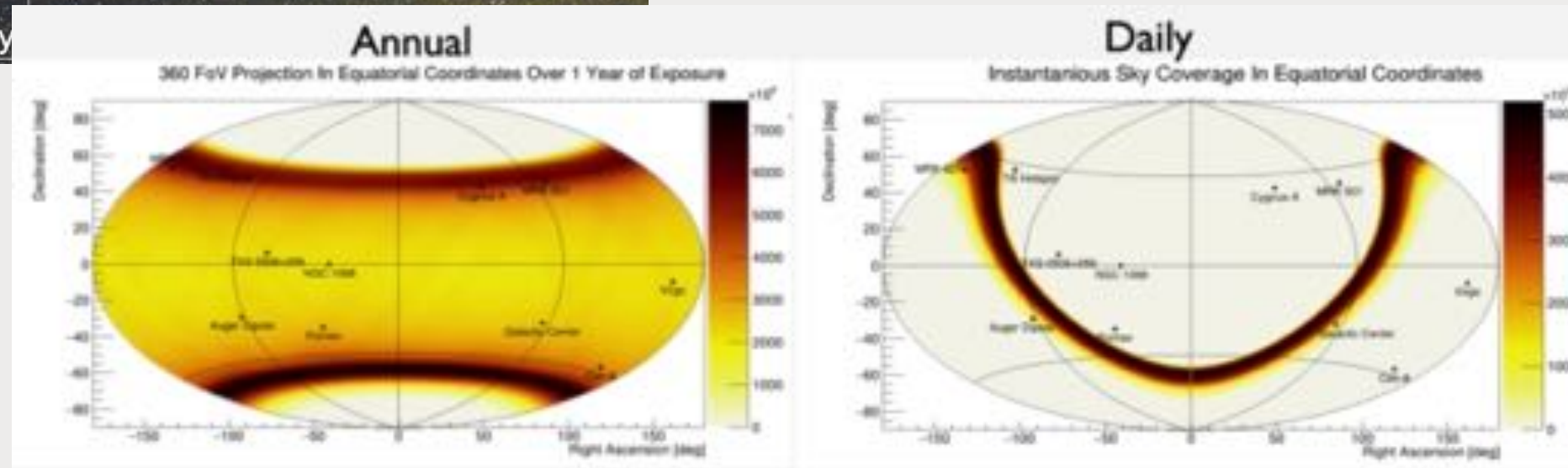
- The acceptance to photons of different energies is not the same



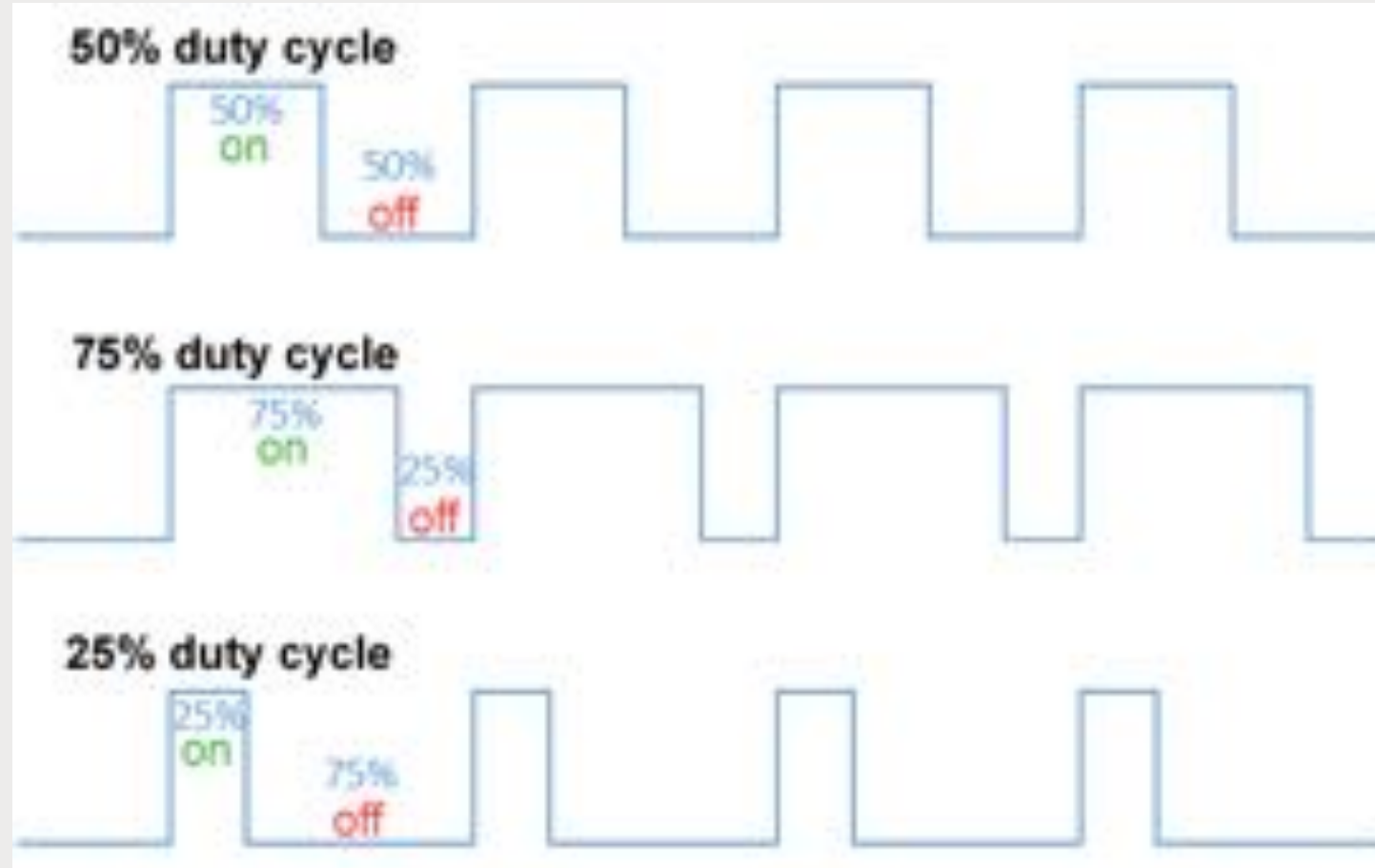
Field of view



- How large a sky fraction can be observed
 - *In a shot*
 - *In a night*
 - *In a year*



Duty cycle



- Some instruments work during
 - *Moonless Night*
 - *Night*
 - *All-day*
- Duty cycle from 1000h/year to 9000h/year

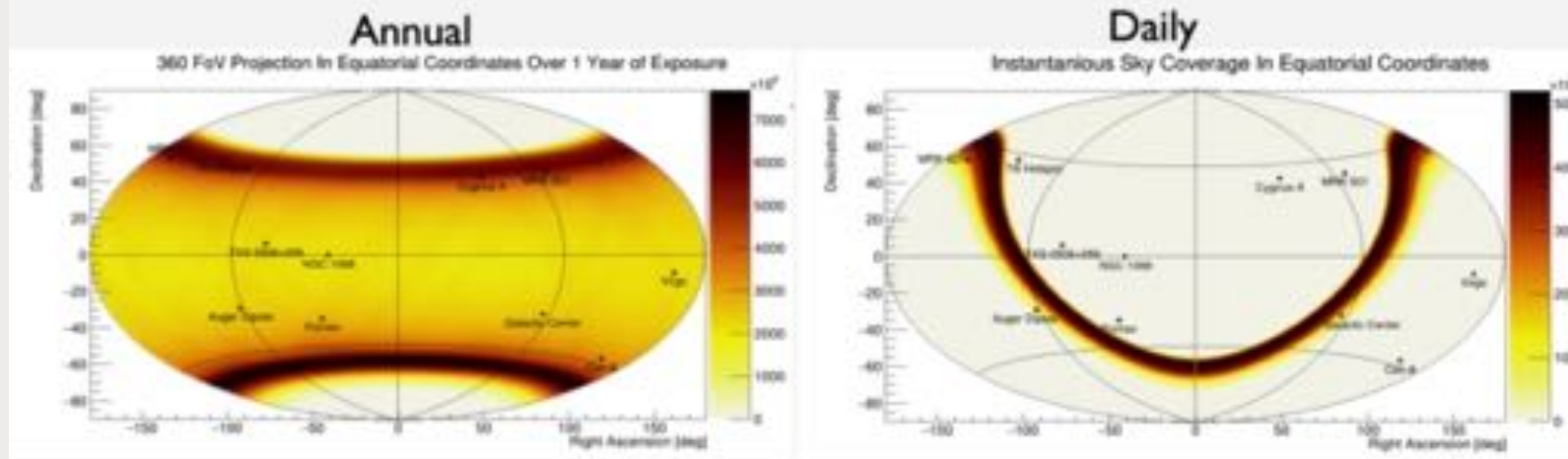
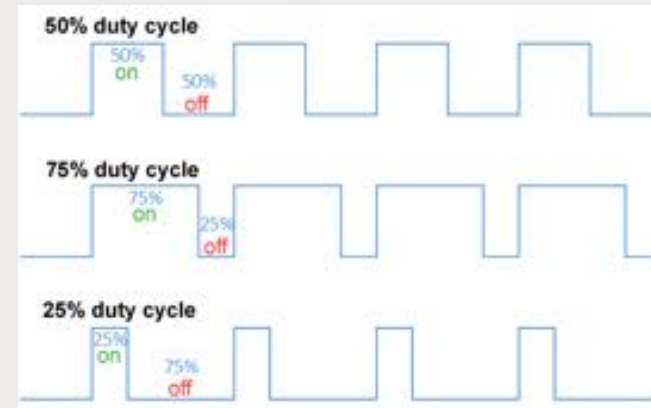
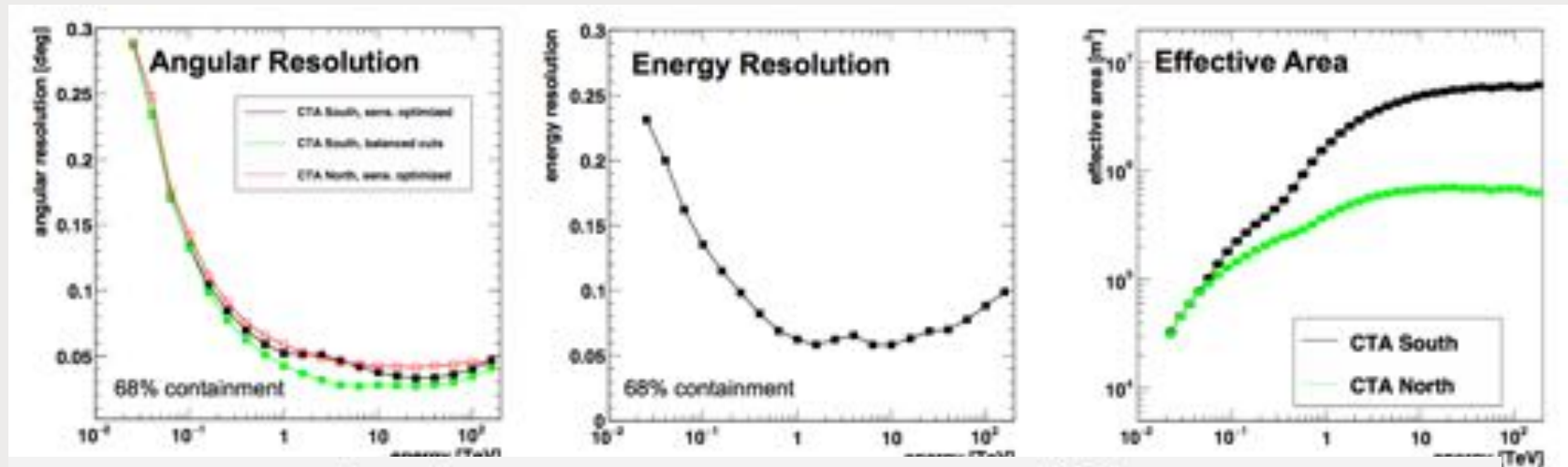
Other very interesting things to check



- Data
 - *Are the data public/available?*
 - *Are data available with what delay?*
- Software
 - *Is there any instrument related software?*
 - *Is there a general astro-software?*
- Science
 - *Is there a guest observer program?*

Do I have all the experimental knowledge to make a data reconstruction?

Ingredients to discovery



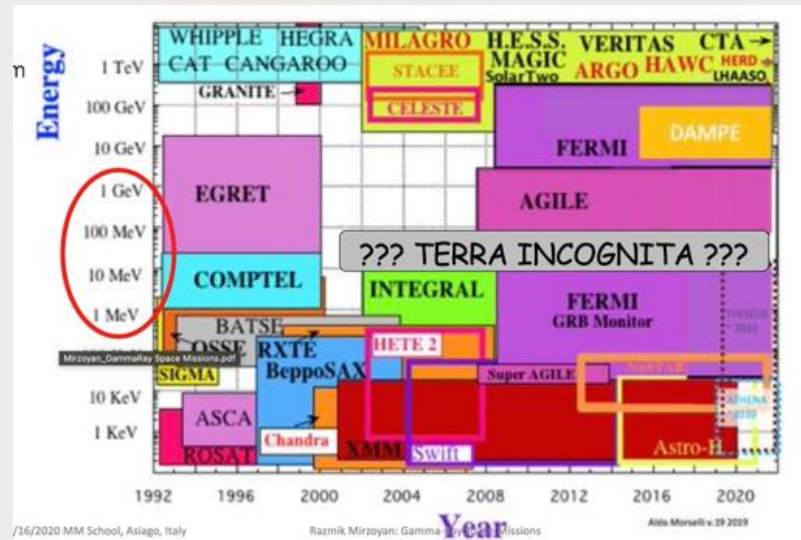
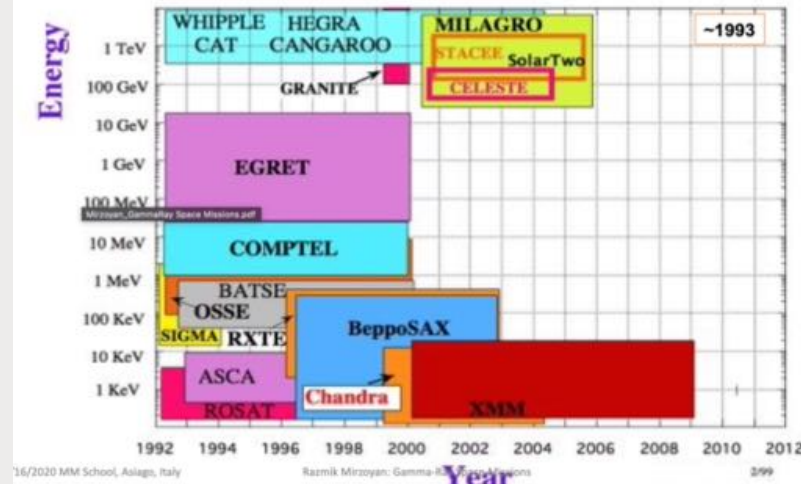
Not yet available

Many, so many, too many?



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High Energy Gamma Experiments



Still useful




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Voyager 1 e^\pm Further Constrain Primordial Black Holes as Dark Matter

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Primordial black holes (PBHs) with a mass $M \lesssim 10^{17}$ g are expected to inject sub-GeV electrons and positrons in the Galaxy via Hawking radiation. These cosmic rays are shielded by the solar magnetic field for Earth-bound detectors, but not for *Voyager 1*, which is now beyond the heliopause. We use its data to constrain the fraction of PBHs to the dark matter in the Galaxy, finding that PBHs with $M < 10^{16}$ g cannot contribute more than 0.1% (or less for a log-normal mass distribution). Our limits are based on local Galactic measurements and are thus complementary to those derived from cosmological observations.

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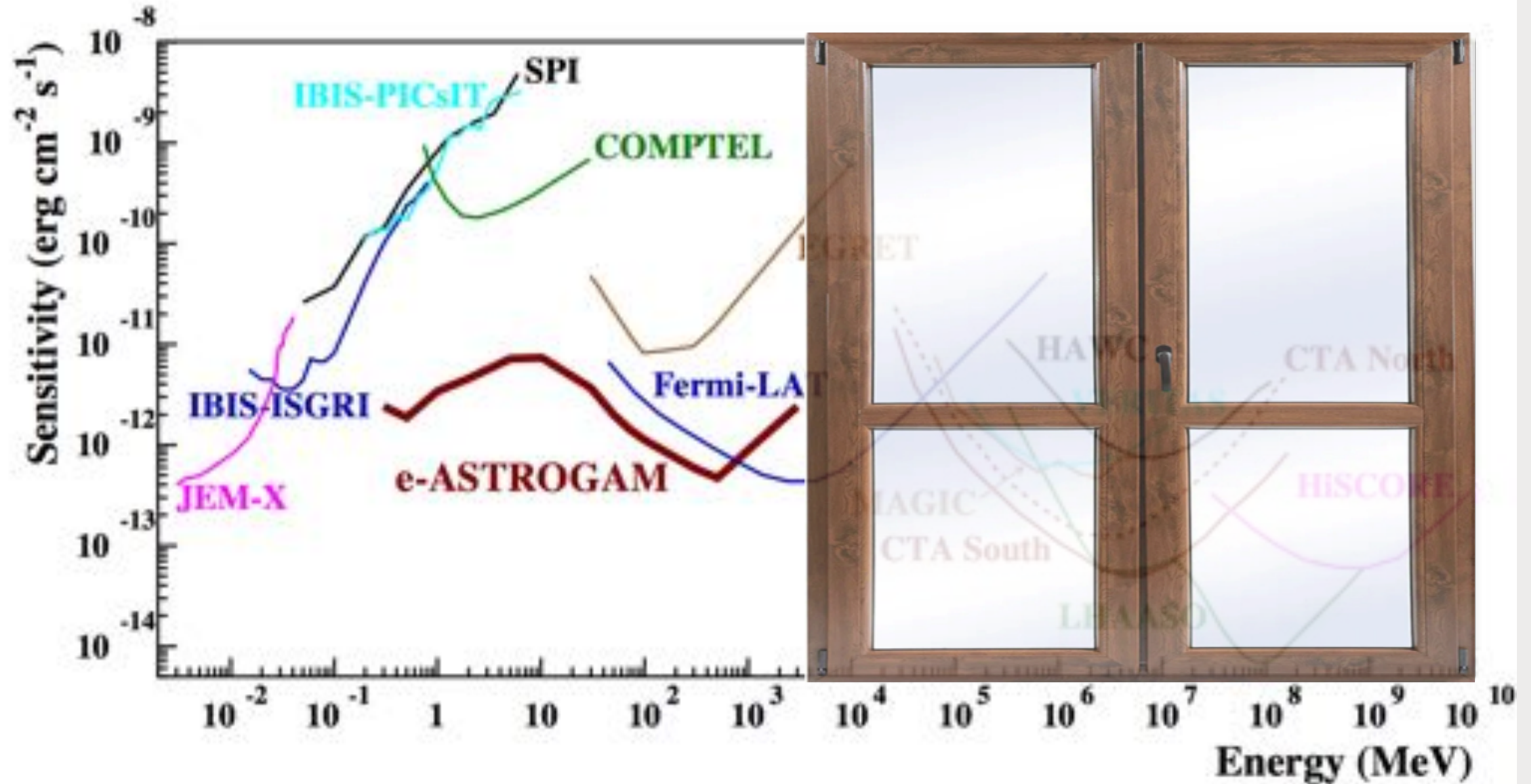


SATELLITES-KEV-MEV

CODED MASKS AND
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Where are we



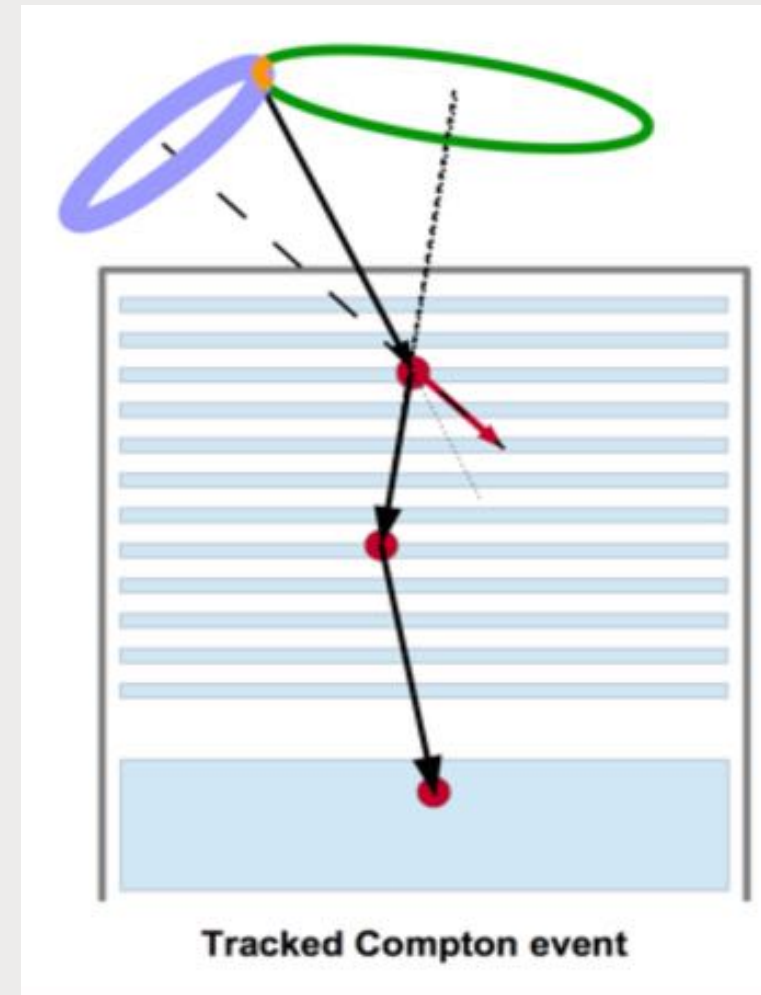
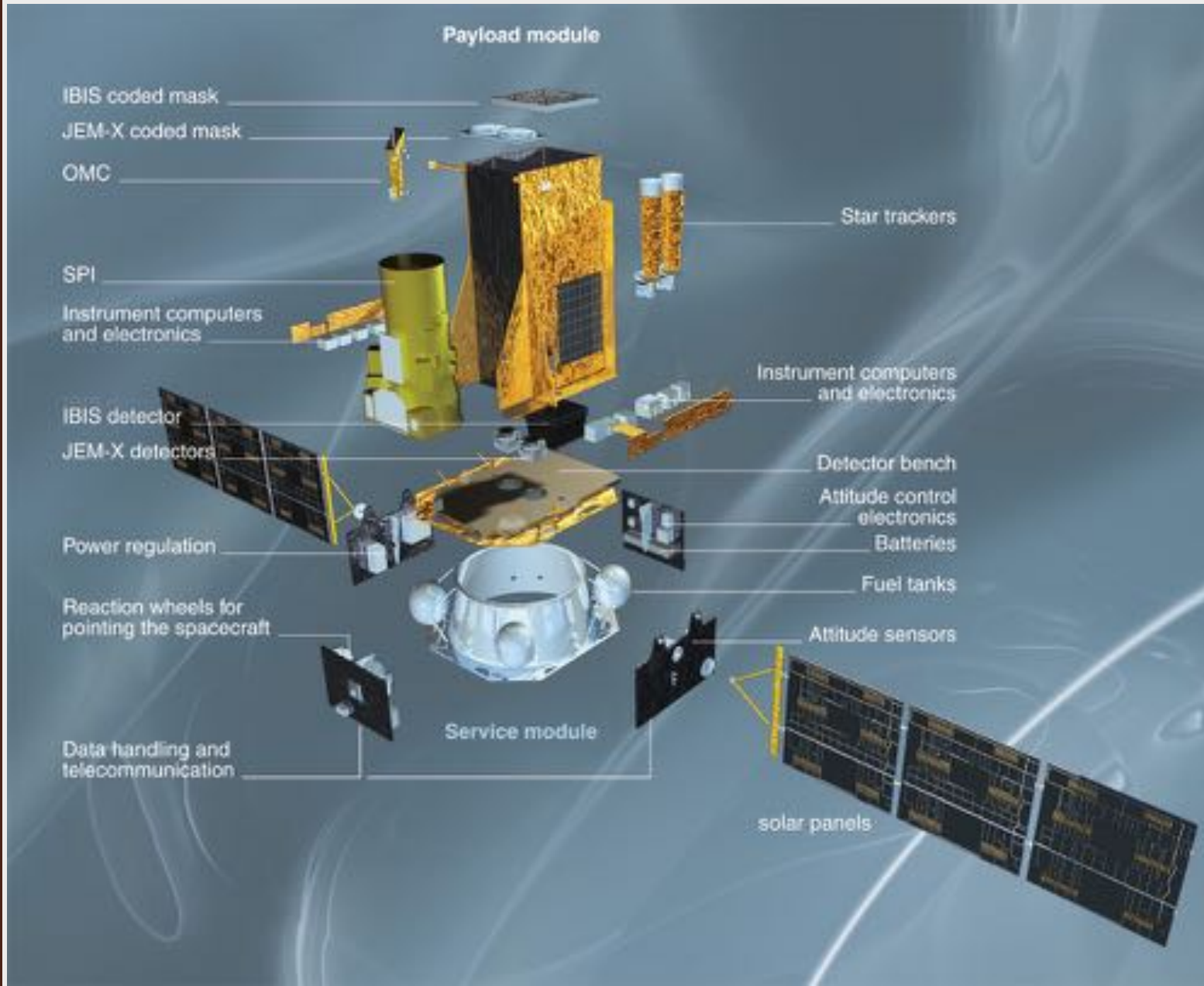
INTEGRAL



- INTEGRAL is dedicated to the fine spectroscopy ($E/\Delta E = 500$) and fine imaging (angular resolution: 12 arcmin FWHM) of celestial gamma-ray sources in the energy range 15 keV to 10 MeV
- The INTEGRAL payload consists of the two main gamma-ray instruments
 - *the spectrometer SPI,*
 - *the imager IBIS*
- INTEGRAL was launched on October 17, 2002

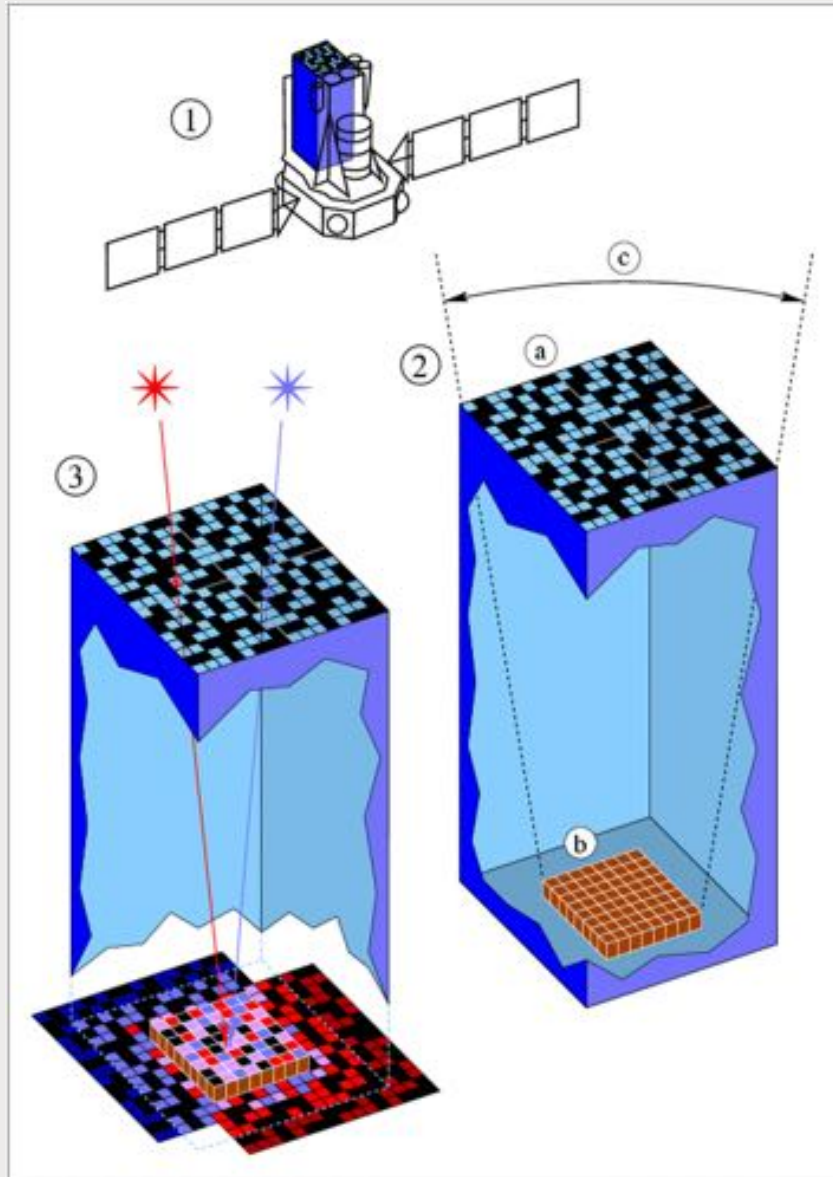
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Integral



Coded mask

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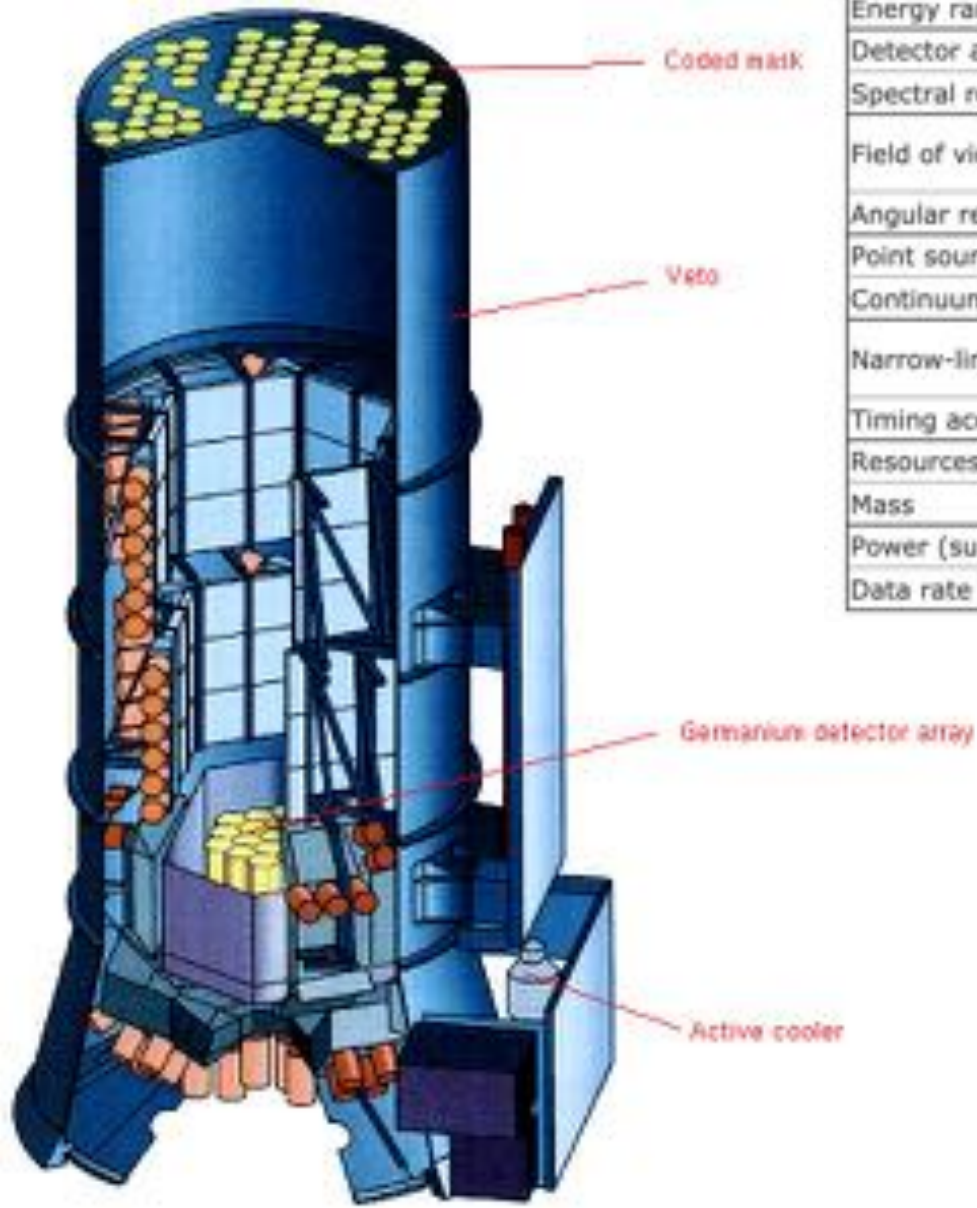


- Allows imaging and separating and locating sources.
- provides near-perfect background subtraction, the detector pixels can be considered to be split into two intermingled subsets,
 - *those capable of viewing the source and*
 - *those for which the flux is blocked by opaque mask elements.*
- *The shift of each projection encodes the position of the corresponding point source in the sky;*
- *the 'strength' of each projection encodes the intensity of the point source*

https://personal.sron.nl/~jeanz/cai/coded_intr.html

SPI

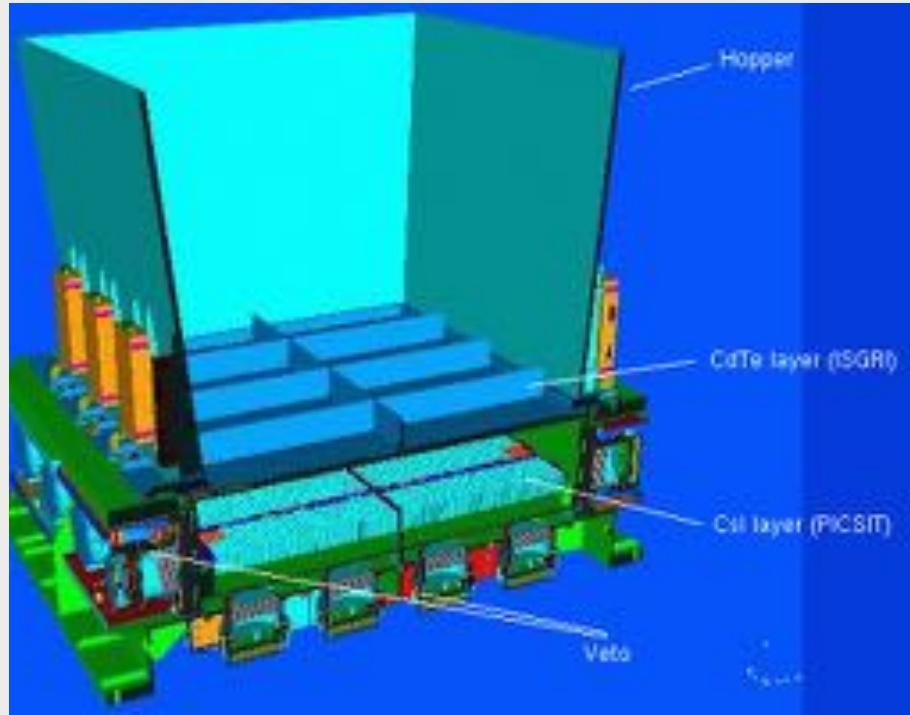
OVERVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES OF SPI



Energy range	18 keV - 8 MeV
Detector area	500 cm ² (Ge - Germanium)
Spectral resolution	2.2 keV FWHM @ 1.33 MeV; $E/\Delta E \sim 450$, for each detector
Field of view	fully coded: 14° flat to flat, 16° corner to corner zero coding (zero sensitivity): 32° flat to flat, 35° corner to corner
Angular resolution (point sources)	2.5° deg (FWHM)
Point source positioning	<1.3° for point sources (depending on point source intensity)
Continuum sensitivity*	8.8e-4 ph/(s cm ² MeV) [3σ in 10e6 s, @ 1 MeV, $\Delta E = E/2$]
Narrow-line sensitivity*	2.4e-5 ph/(s cm ² [3σ in 10e6 s, @ 1 MeV] 4.6e-5 ph/(s cm ² [3σ in 10e6 s, @ 511 keV]
Timing accuracy (3σ)	0.129 ms
Resources (following EID-A allocation):	
Mass	1309 kg
Power (sun/eclipse)	385/110 W
Data rate	45 kbps

- SPI (SPectrometer on INTEGRAL)
 - 18 keV - 8 MeV energy range with an energy resolution of 2.2 keV (FWHM)
 - array of 19 hexagonal high purity Germanium
 - A hexagonal coded aperture mask is located 1.7 m above the detection plane in order to image large regions of the sky (fully coded field of view = 16°) with an angular resolution of 2.5

IBIS

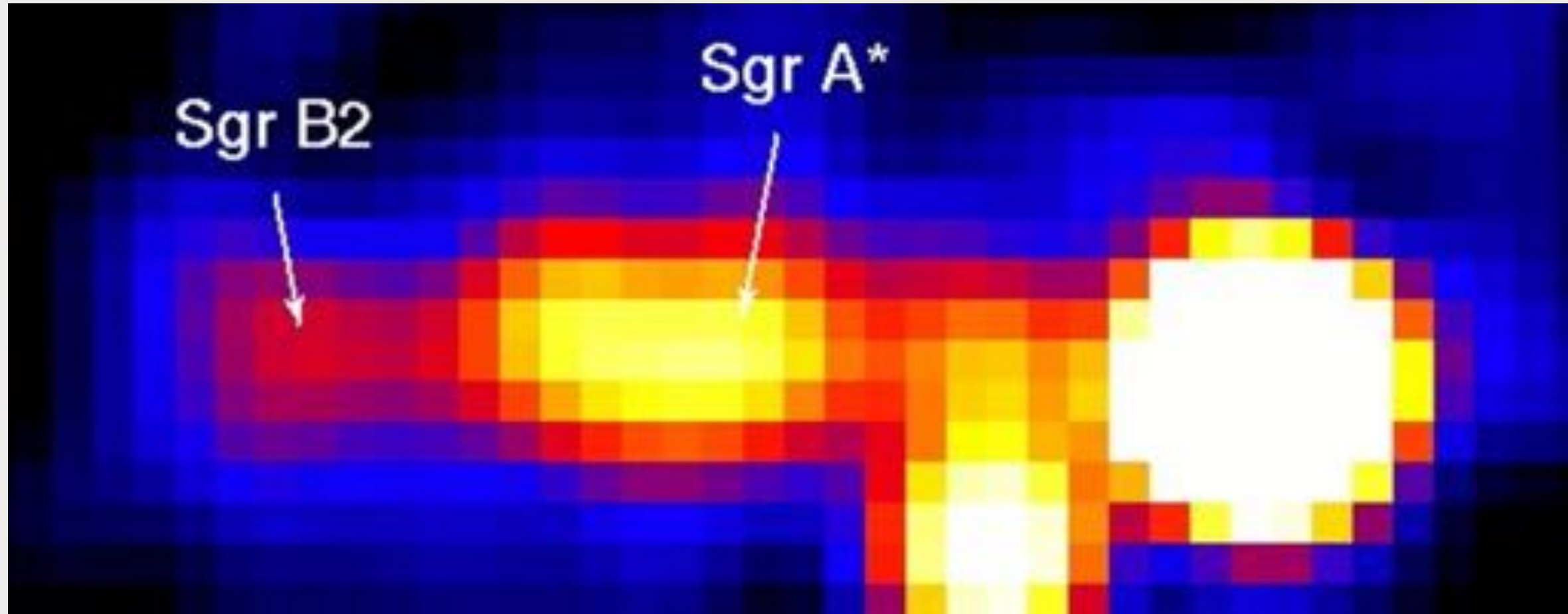


- IBIS, the Imager on Board the INTEGRAL Satellite
- 15 keV and 10 MeV.
- The total field of view (down to zero response) is $29.1^\circ \times 29.4^\circ$,

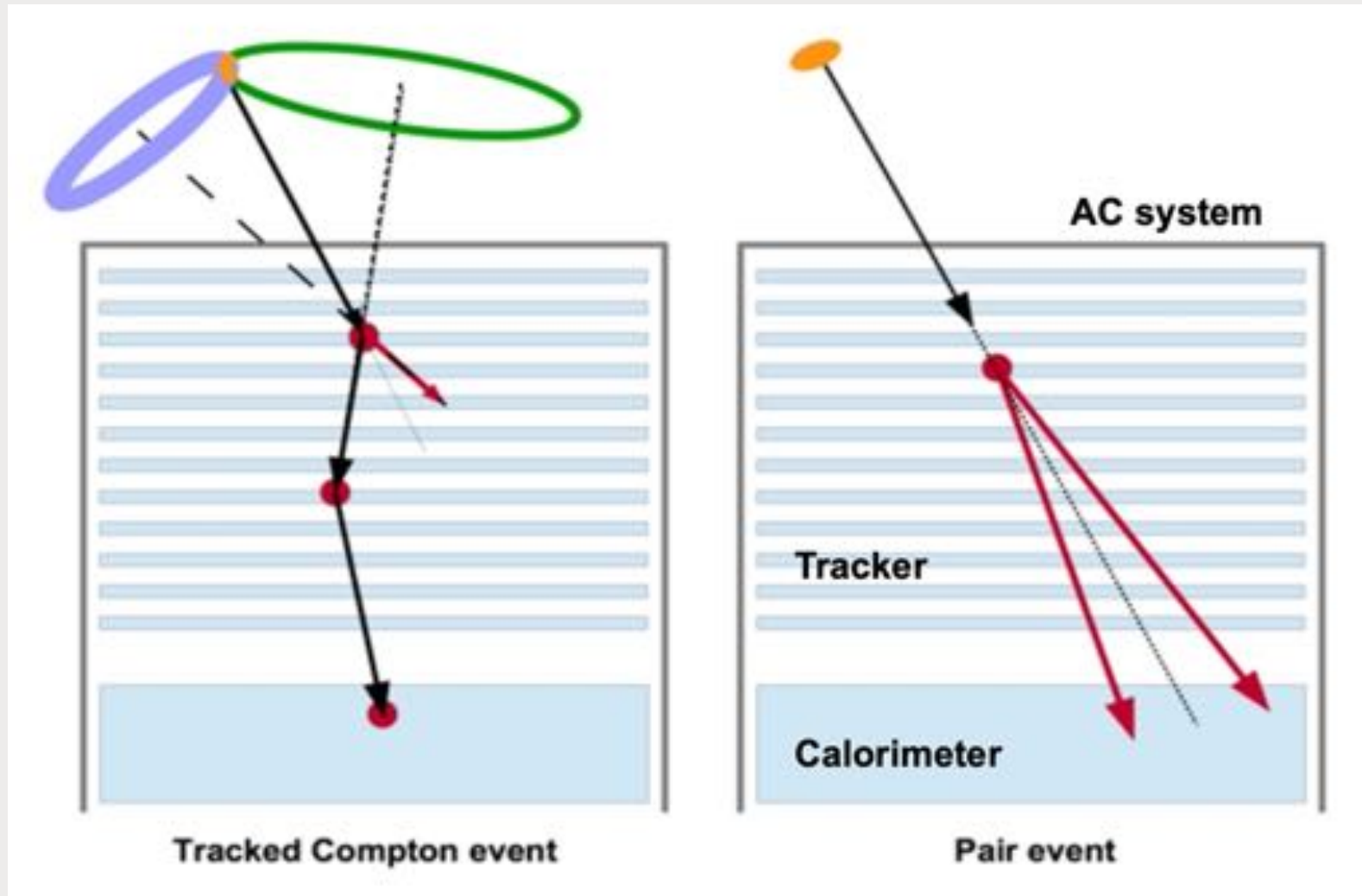
OVERVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES OF IBIS

Energy range	15 keV - 10 MeV
Detector area	2600 cm ² (CdTe - Cadmium Telluride) 3000 cm ² (CsI - Caesium Iodide)
Spectral energy resolution (FWHM)	8% @ 100 keV 10% @ 1 MeV
Field of view	8.3° x 8.0° (fully coded) 29.1° x 29.4° (down to zero response)
Angular resolution	12' FWHM
Point source location accuracy (90% error radius)	30" @ 100 keV (50σ source) 3' @ 100 keV (5σ source) 5-10' @ 1 MeV (5σ source)
Continuum sensitivity*	2.85e-6 ph/(s cm ² keV) [3σ in 10e5 s, @ 100 keV, ΔE = E/2] 1.6e-6 ph/(s cm ² keV) [3σ in 10e5 s, @ 1 MeV, ΔE = E/2]
Line sensitivity*	1.9e-5 ph/(s cm ² [3σ in 10e6 s, @ 100 keV] 3.8e10-4 ph/(s cm ² [3σ in 10e6 s, @ 1 MeV]
Timing accuracy	61 μs - 1 hr
Typical source location	30" @ 100 keV (50 sigma source) 3' @ 100 keV (5 sigma source)
Resources (following EID-A allocation):	
Mass	677 kg (+ 96 kg for tube inside PLM)
Power (sun/eclipse)	240/0 W
Data rate (solar maximum)	59.8 kbps
Date rate (solar minimum)	56.8 kbp

Galactic Center as seen by Integral-IBIS



Compton+Pair = e-Astrogam/Amego



- By adding more layers +calorimeter one can see the full development of a pair produced by higher energy gamma-rays
- Two proposed sister instruments
 - *E-Astrogam*
 - *Amego*

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A space mission for MeV-GeV gamma-ray astrophysics



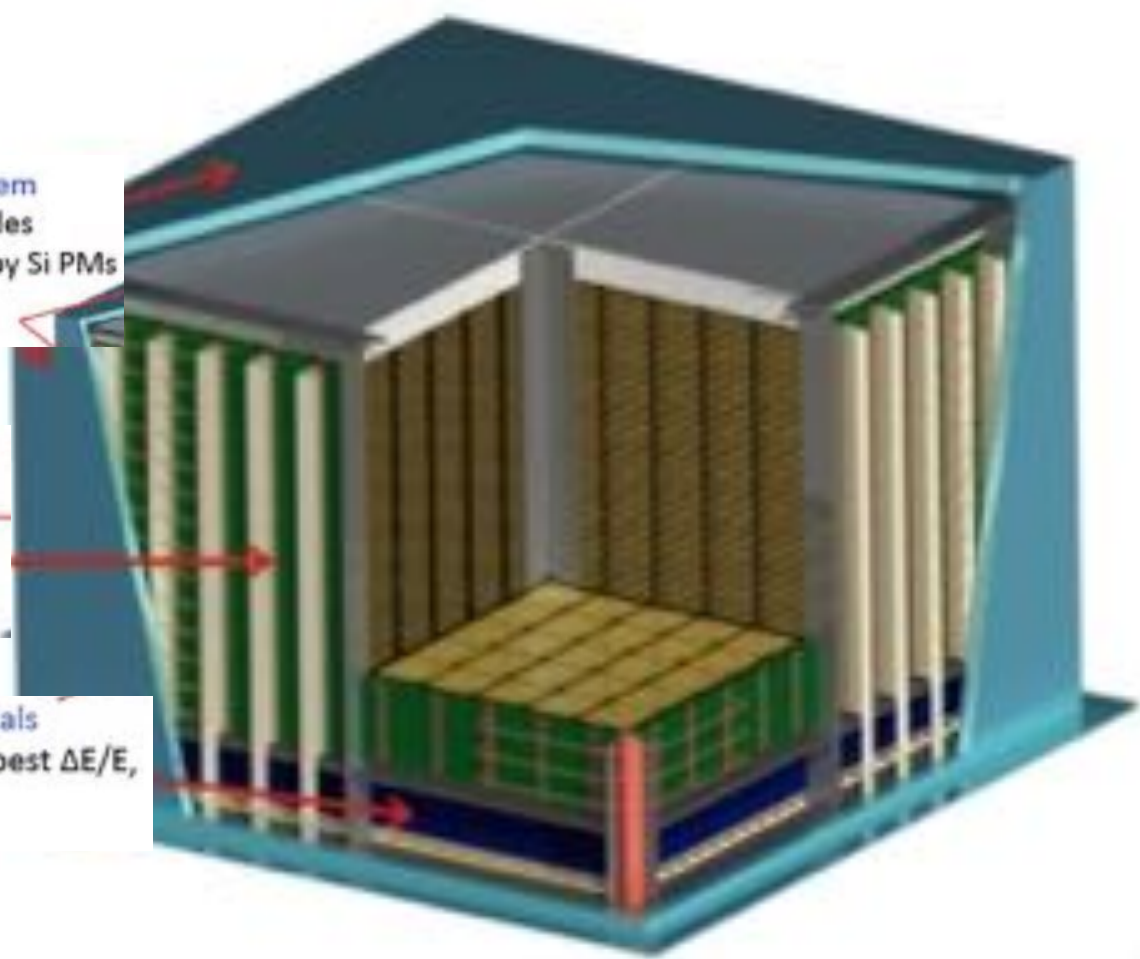
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Anti-Coincidence System
 to veto charged particles
 plastic scintillators readout by Si PMs
 + Time of Flight

Tracker – DS Si strip detectors
 for spectral resolution
 & 3-D resolution
 1m^2 , $500\ \mu\text{m}$ thick, $0.3\ X_0$ tot

Calorimeter – CsI(Tl) crystals
 readout by Si drift detectors for best $\Delta E/E$,
 $8\ \text{cm}$ ($4.3\ X_0$)



ASTROGAM is made of 56 Silicon planes, about $1\ \text{m}^2$ each, v

Adapted from Ackermann et al. (2015)

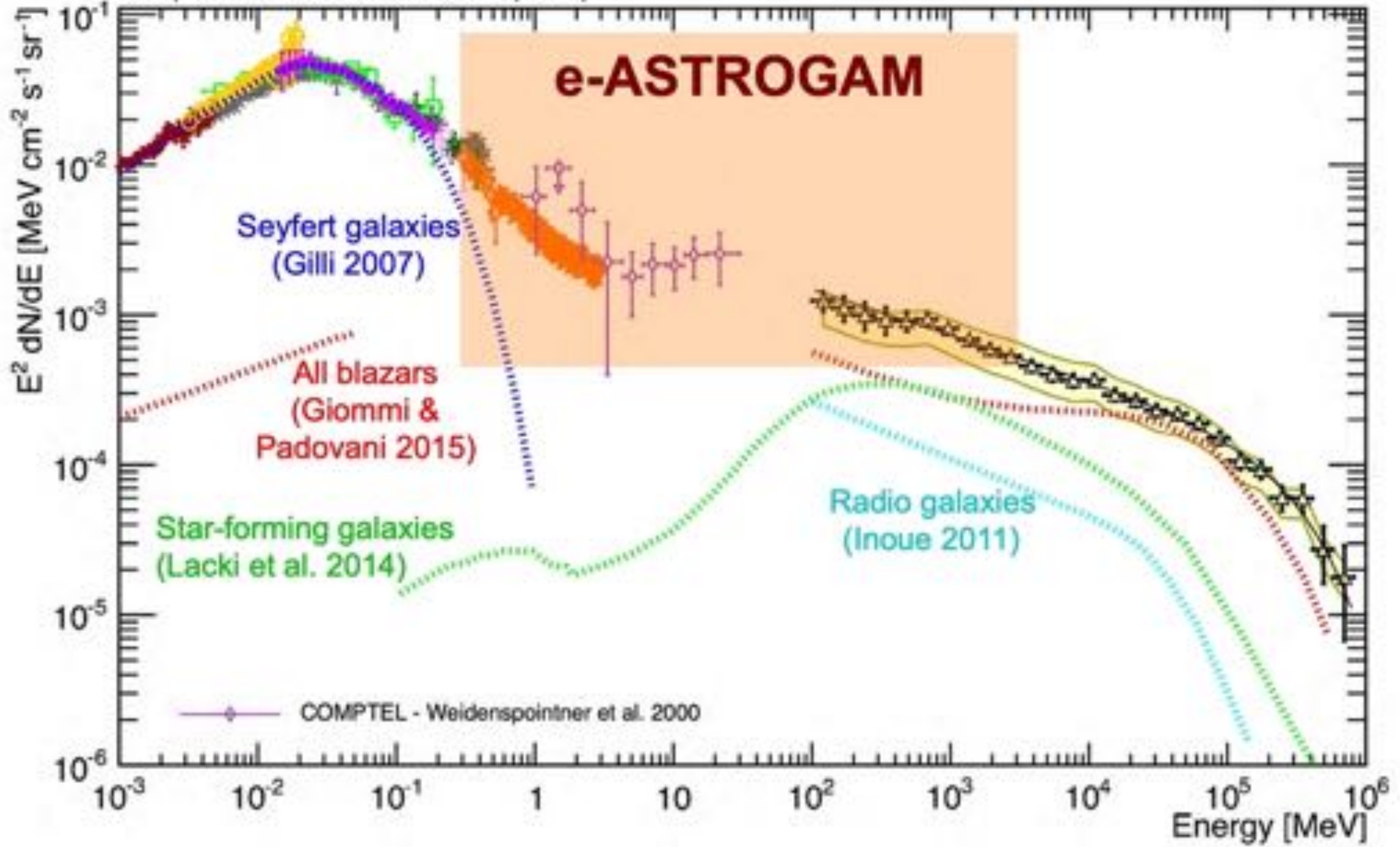
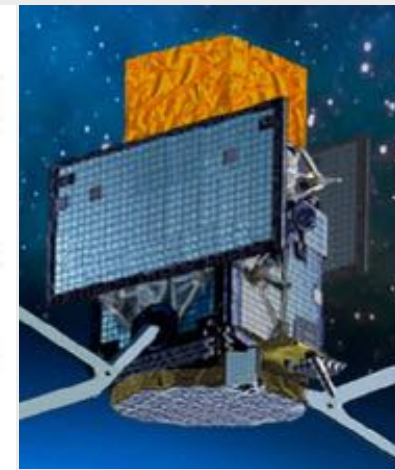
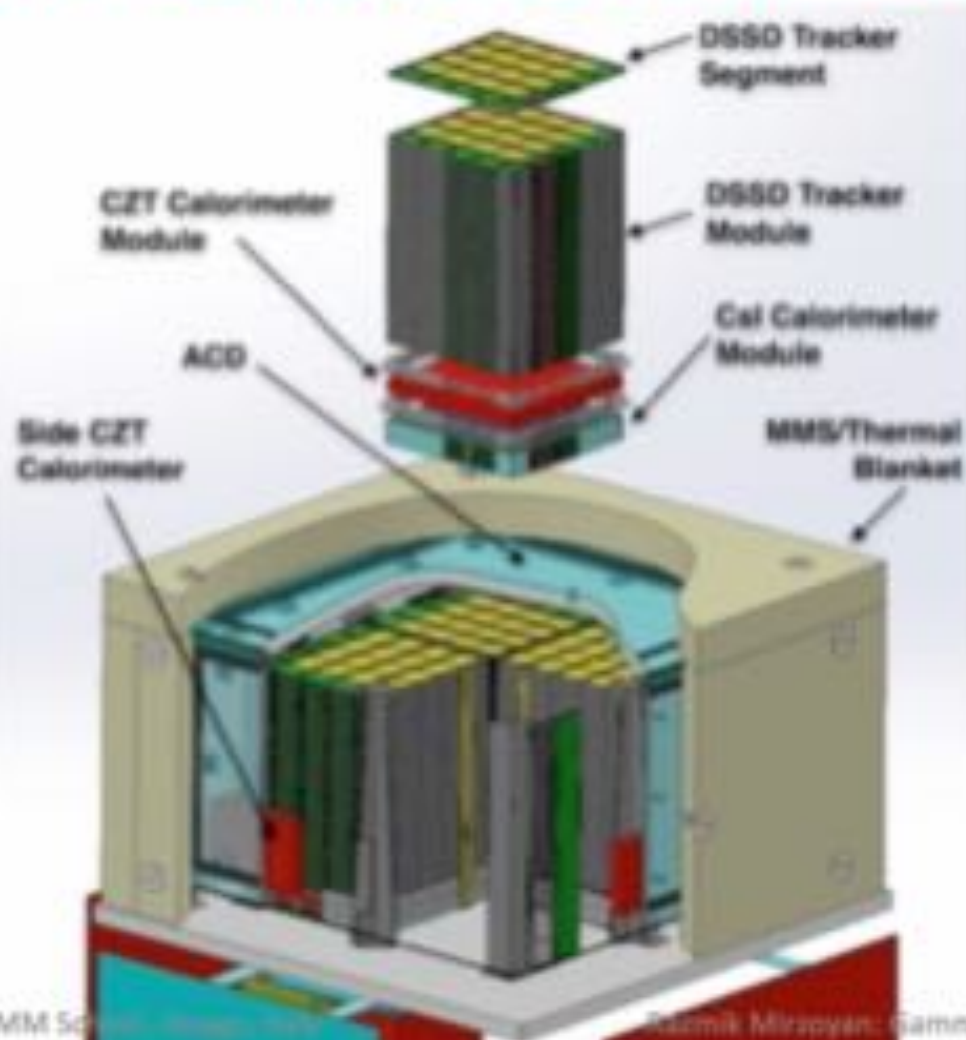
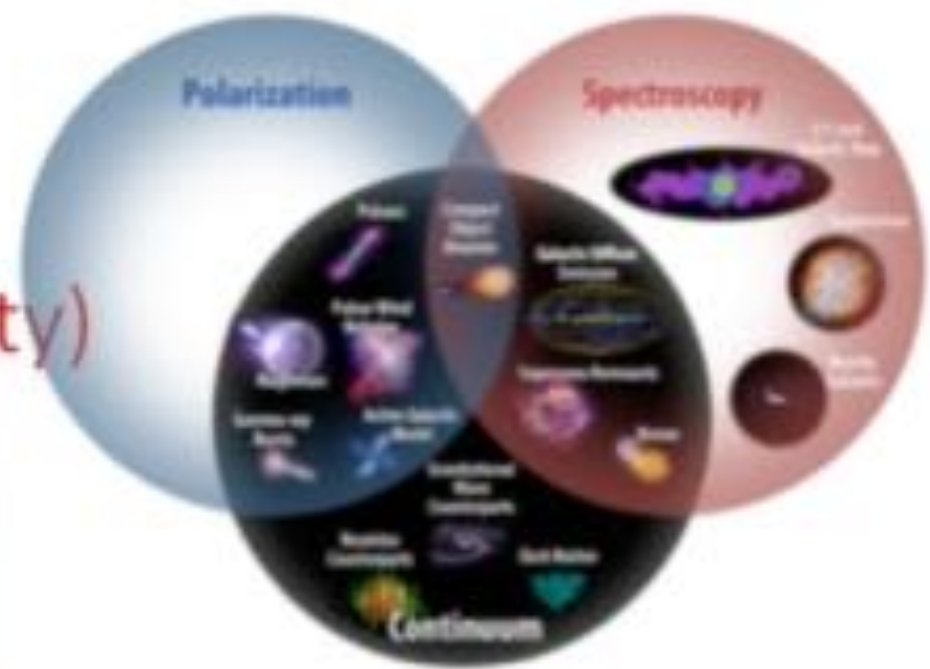


Table 1.1.1: e-ASTROGAM scientific requirements.

Parameter	Value
Energy bands:	0.3 MeV – 3 GeV (Gamma-ray imager: Tracker + Calorimeter) 30 keV – 200 MeV (Calorimeter burst search)
Gamma-ray imager FOV (at 100 MeV)	≥ 2.5 sr
Gamma-ray imager Continuum flux sensitivity at 3σ confidence level	$< 2 \times 10^{-5}$ MeV cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ at 1 MeV ($T_{obs} = 10^6$ s effective observation time) $< 5 \times 10^{-5}$ MeV cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ at 10 MeV ($T_{obs} = 10^6$ s, high-latitude source) $< 3 \times 10^{-6}$ MeV cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ at 500 MeV ($T_{obs} = 10^6$ s, high-latitude source)
Gamma-ray imager Line flux sensitivity at 3σ confidence level	$< 5 \times 10^{-6}$ ph cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ for the 511 keV line ($T_{obs} = 10^6$ s effective obs. time) $< 5 \times 10^{-6}$ ph cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ for the 847 keV SN Ia line ($T_{obs} = 10^6$ s) $< 3 \times 10^{-6}$ ph cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ for the 4.44 MeV line from LECRs ($T_{obs} = 10^6$ s)
Gamma-ray imager angular resolution	$\leq 1.5^\circ$ at 1 MeV (FWHM of the angular resolution measure) $\leq 1.5^\circ$ at 100 MeV (68% containment radius) $\leq 0.2^\circ$ at 1 GeV (68% containment radius)
AC particle background rejection efficiency	> 99.99 %
Polarization sensitivity	MDP $< 20\%$ (99% c.l.) for a 10 mCrab source (0.3-2 MeV, $T_{obs} = 1$ yr) Detection of a polarization fract. $\geq 20\%$ in more than 20 GRBs per year
$\Delta E/E$ (Gamma-ray imager)	3.0% at 1 MeV 30% at 100 MeV
$\Delta E/E$ (Calorimeter burst)	$< 25\%$ FWHM at 0.3 MeV $< 10\%$ FWHM at 1 MeV $< 5\%$ FWHM at 10 MeV



A sister experiment: AMEGO (NASA) (two brands, one community)



- ~20% smaller tracker
- CZT calorimeter layer

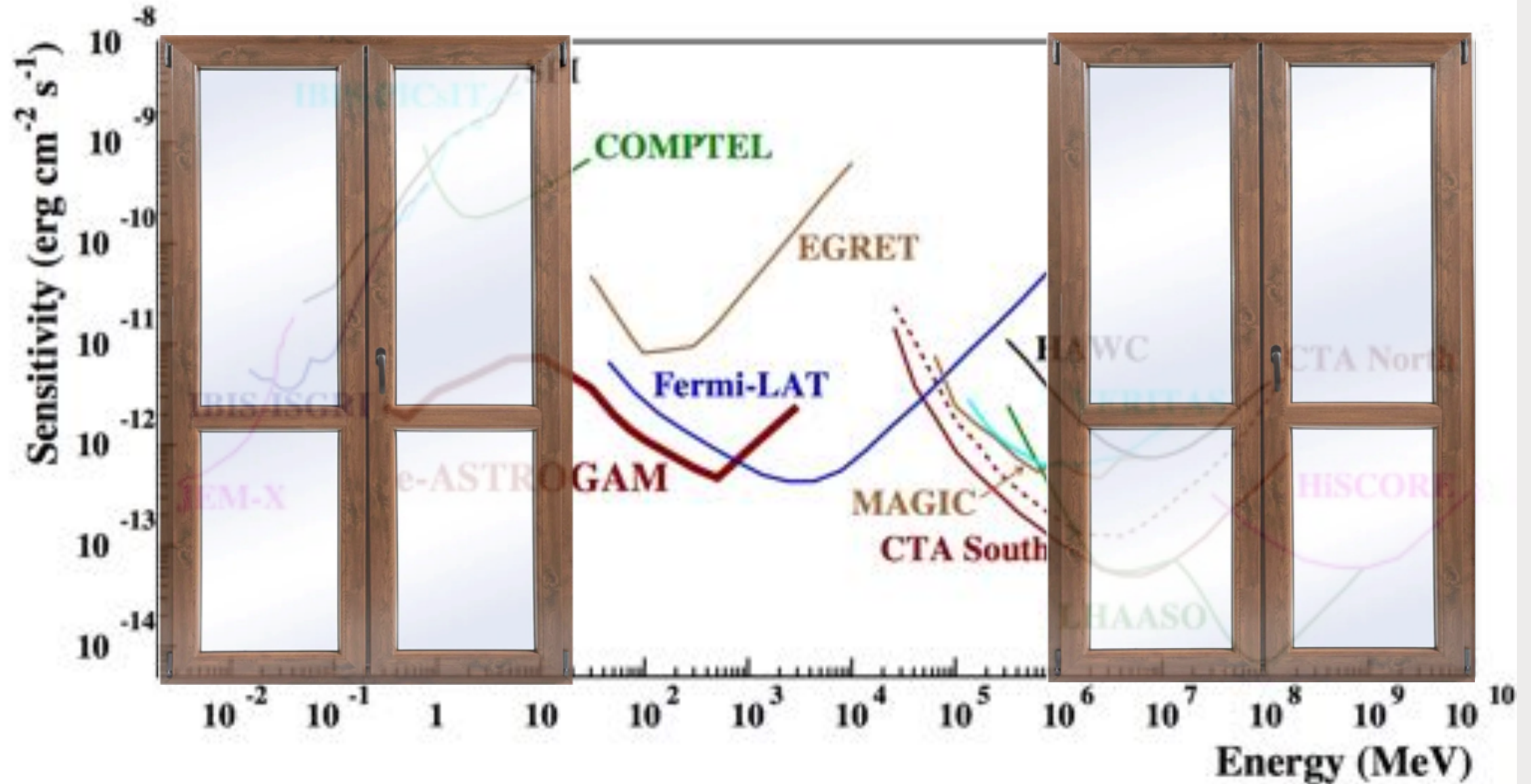


SATELLITE – GEV

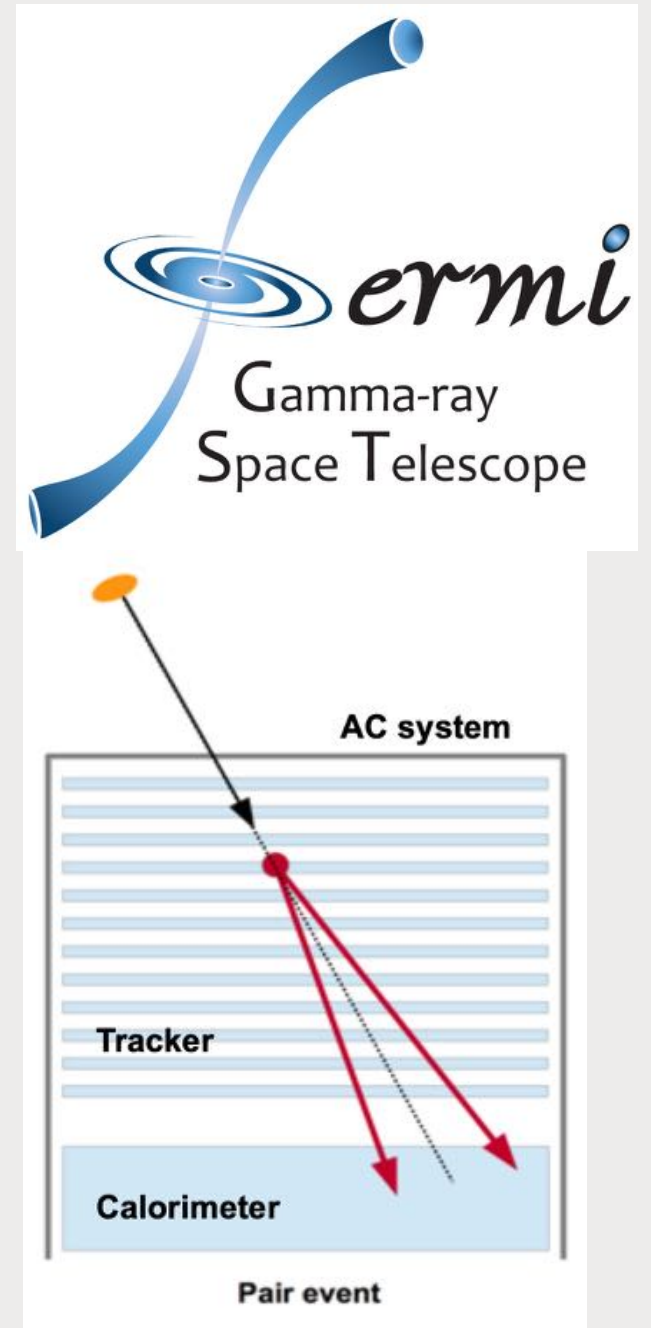
PAIR PRODUCTION



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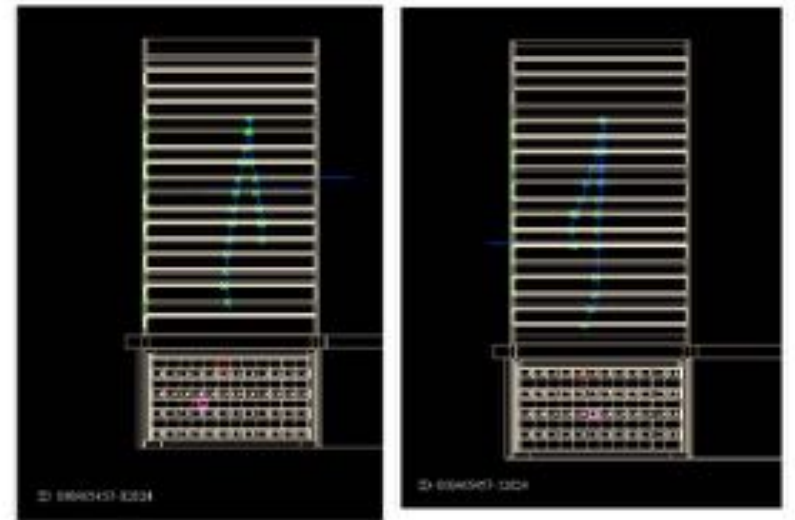


Fermi!

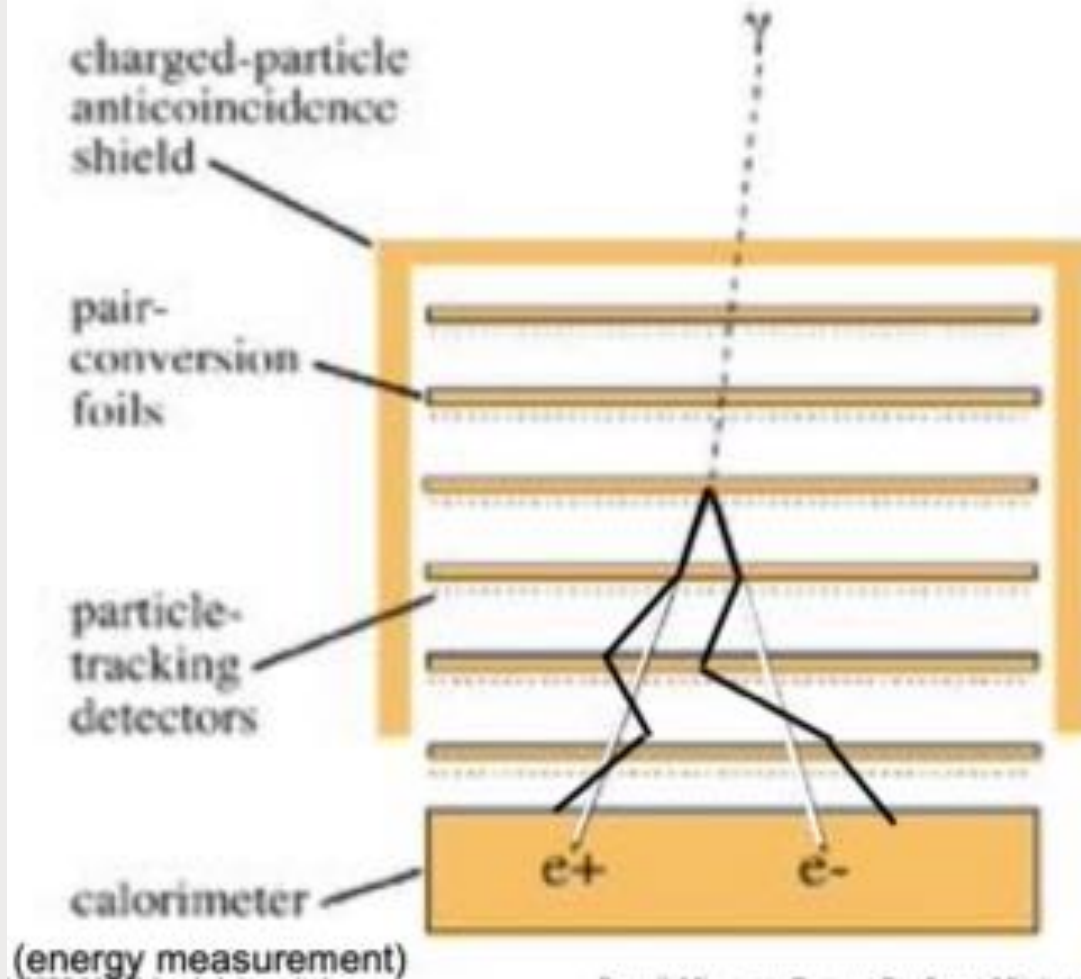


A PP event

Elements of a pair-conversion telescope



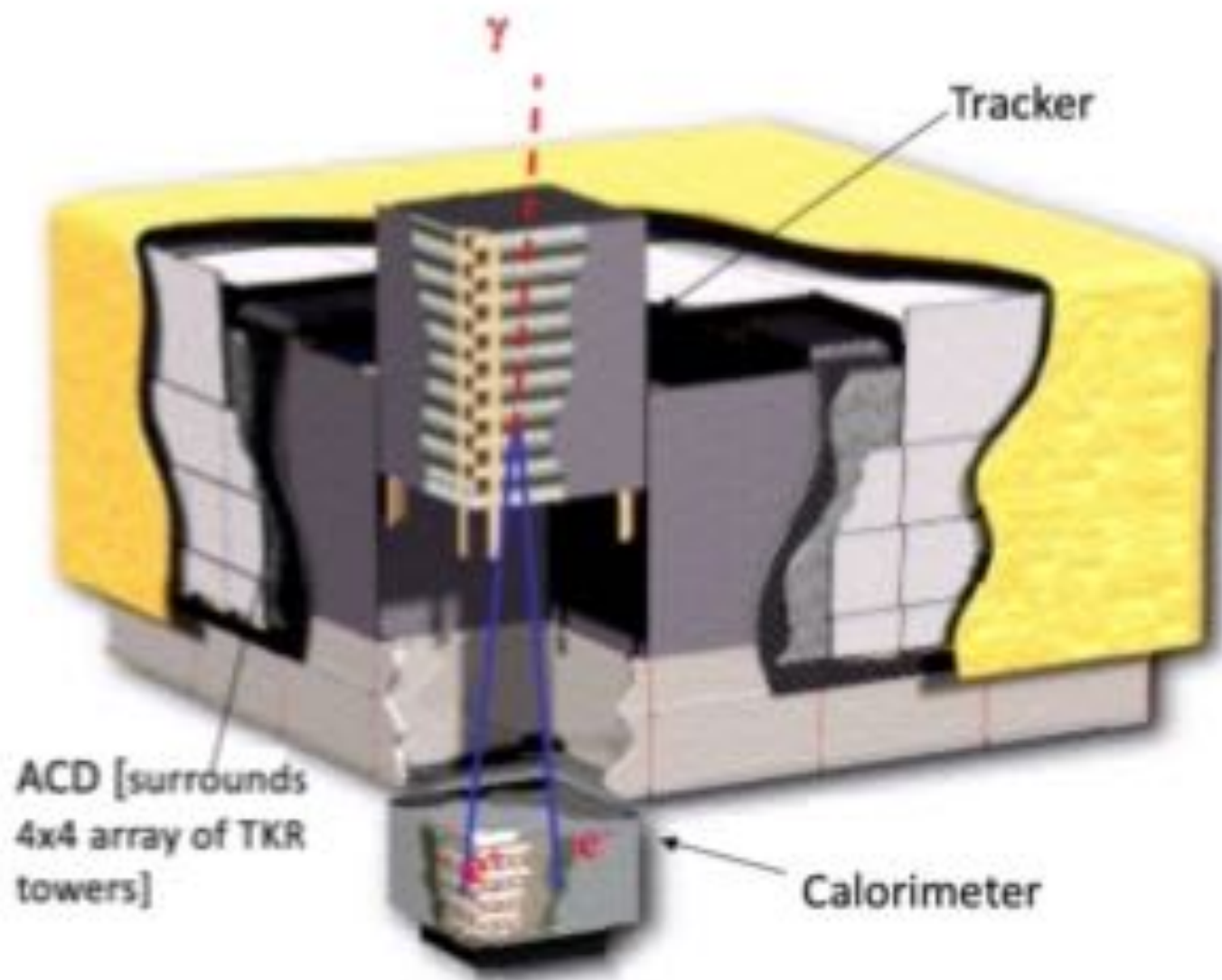
(more realistic)



- photons materialize into matter-antimatter pairs:
$$E_\gamma \rightarrow m_e c^2 + m_e c^2$$
- electron and positron carry information about the direction, energy and polarization of the γ -ray

Fermi LAT: A Telescope Without Lenses

- Precision Si-strip Tracker (TKR)
70 m² of silicon detectors arranged in 36 planes. 880,000 channels.
- Hodoscopic CsI Calorimeter (CAL)
1536 CsI(Tl) crystals in 8 layers, total mass 1.5 tons.
- Segmented Anticoincidence Detector (ACD) 89 plastic scintillator tiles.
- Electronics System Includes flexible hardware trigger and onboard computing.

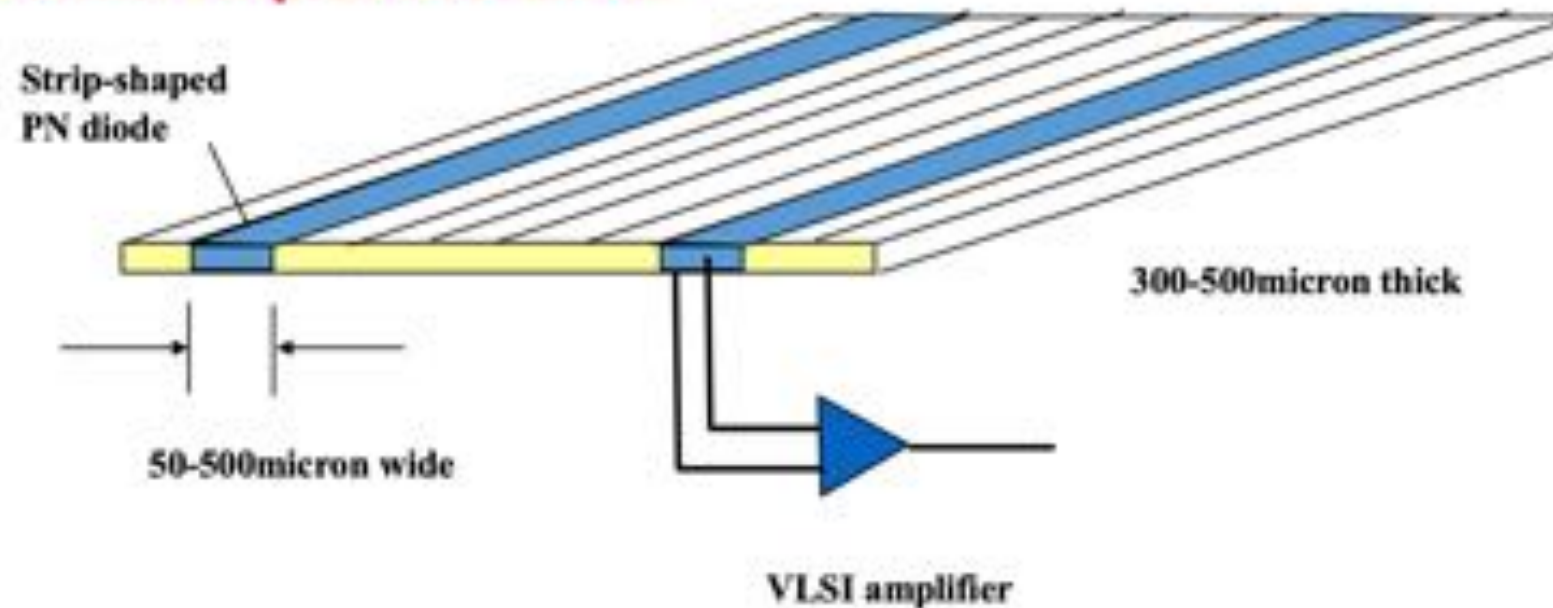


Amazing satellites



Particle physics detectors

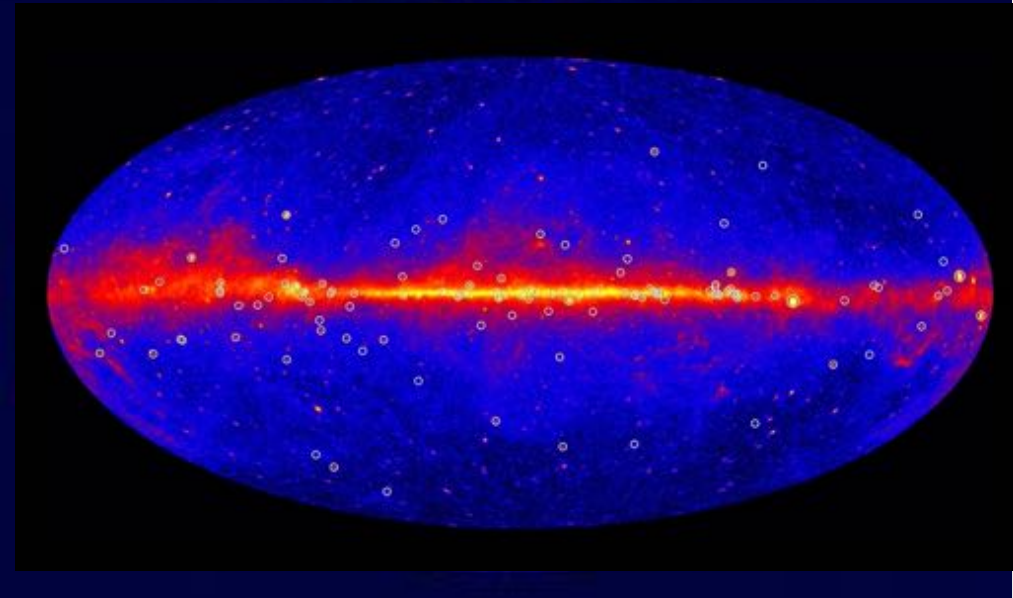
• Silicon strip detector



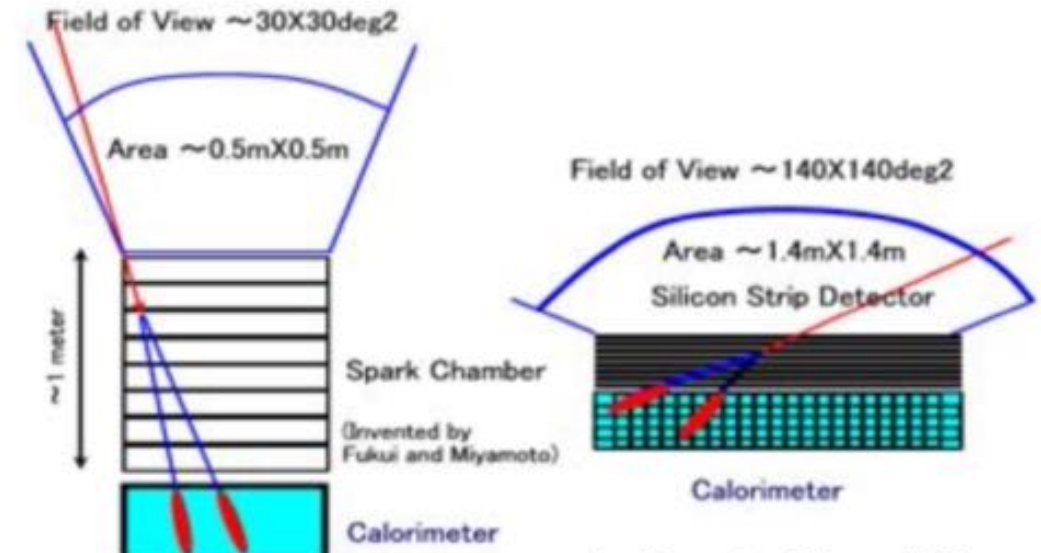
Stable particle tracker that allows micron-level tracking of gamma-rays

Well known technology in Particle Physics experiments.
Used by our collaboration in balloon experiments (MASS, TS93, CAPRICE),
on MIR Space Station (SilEye) and on satellite (NINA)

EGRET All-Sky Map Above 100 MeV



EGRET(Spark Chamber) VS. Fermi LAT (Silicon Strip Detector)

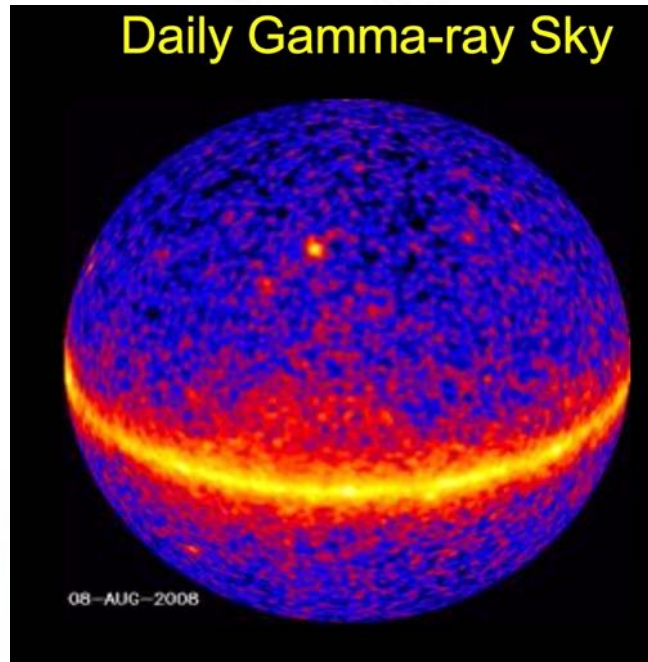


LAT Specifications & Performance

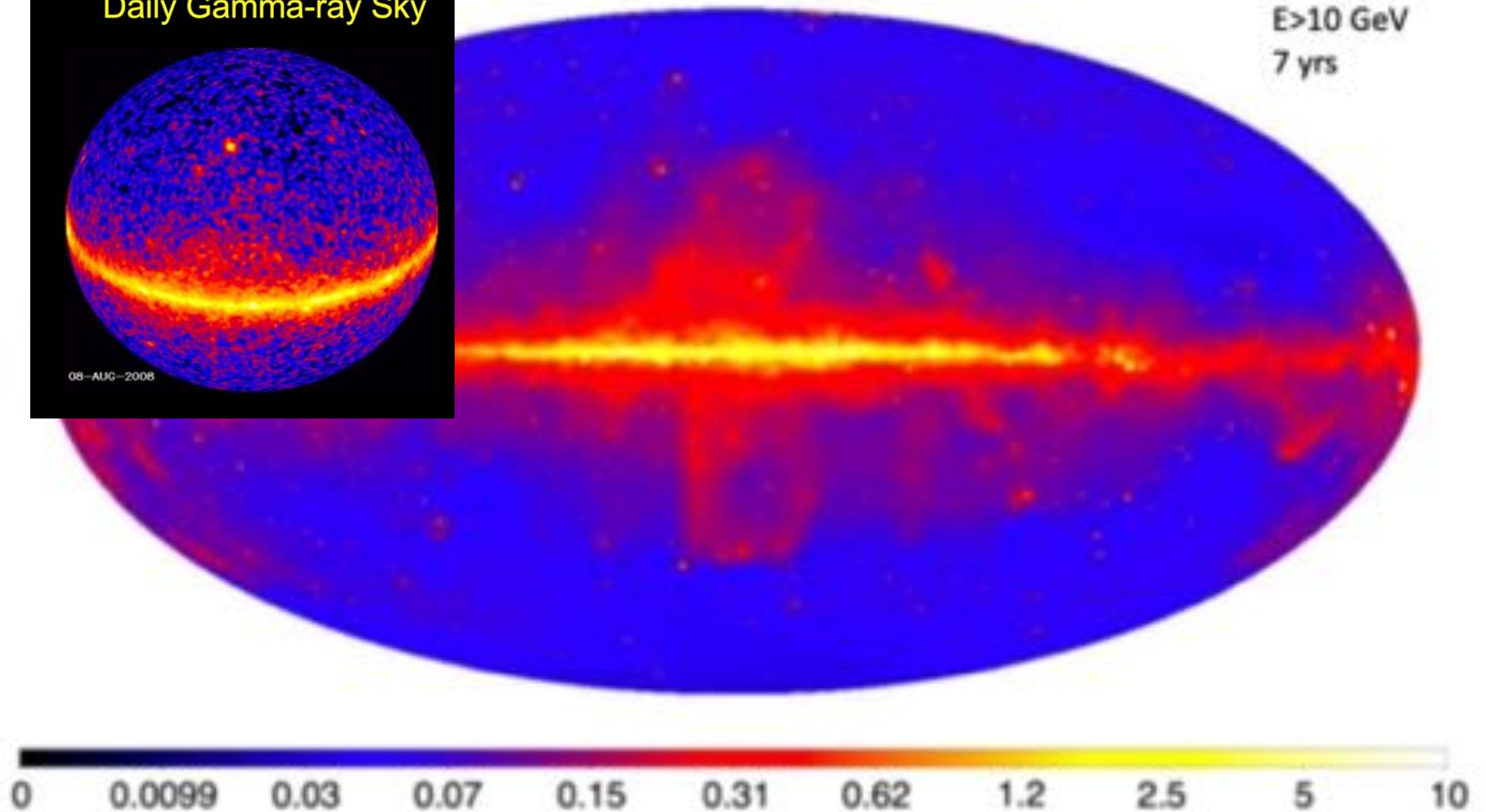
Quantity	LAT (Minimum Spec.)	EGRET
Energy Range	20 MeV - 300 GeV	20 MeV - 30 GeV
Peak Effective Area ¹	> 8000 cm ²	1500 cm ²
Field of View	> 2 sr	0.5 sr
Angular Resolution ²	< 3.5° (100 MeV) < 0.15° (>10 GeV)	5.8° (100 MeV)
Energy Resolution ³	< 10%	10%
Deadtime per Event	< 100 μs	100 ms
Source Location Determination ⁴	< 0.5'	15'
Point Source Sensitivity ⁵	< 6 x 10 ⁻⁹ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	~ 10 ⁻⁷ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹

GeV
revolution
Mother and
daughter

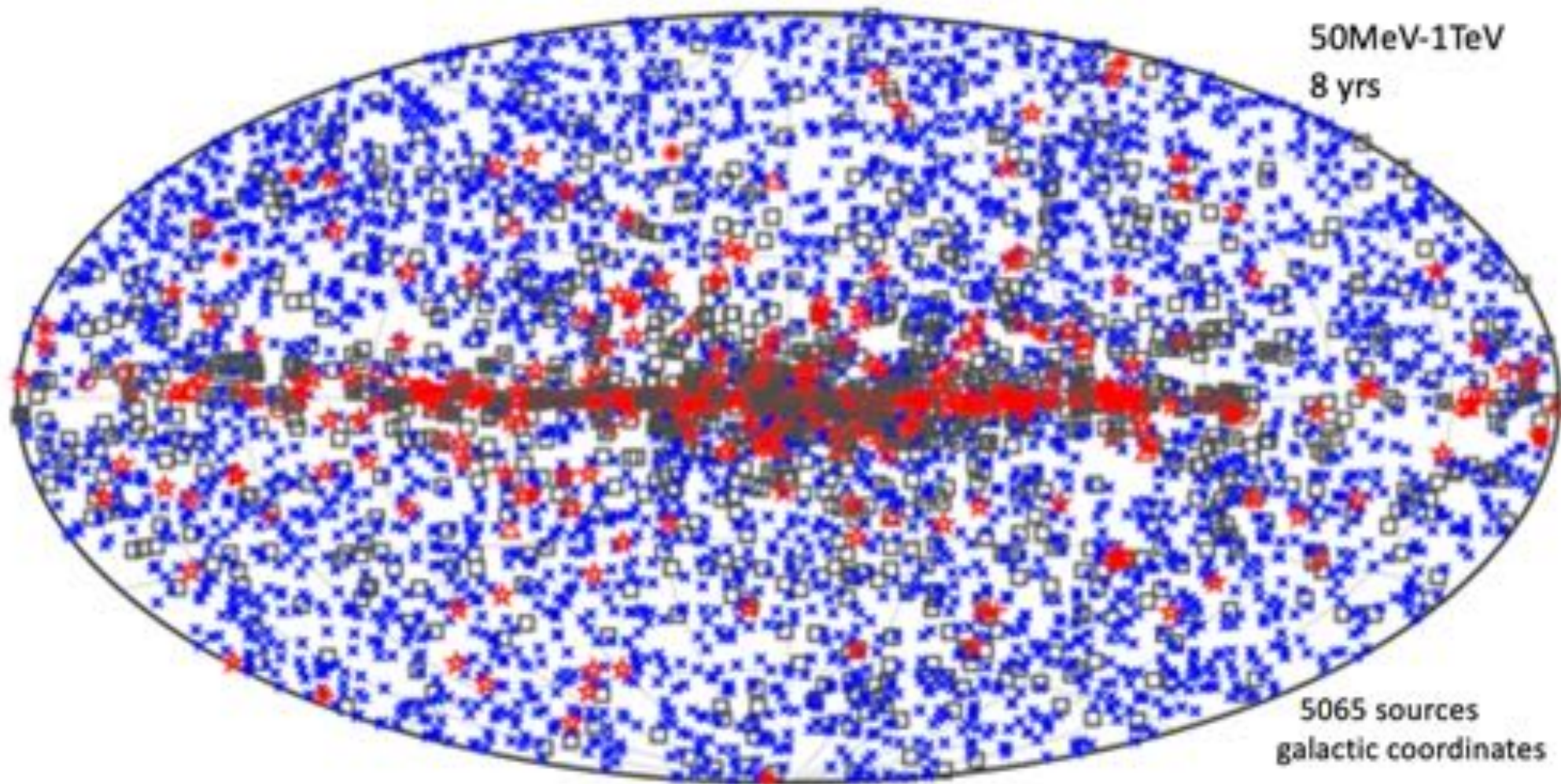
The sky in gamma-rays



$E > 10$ GeV
7 yrs

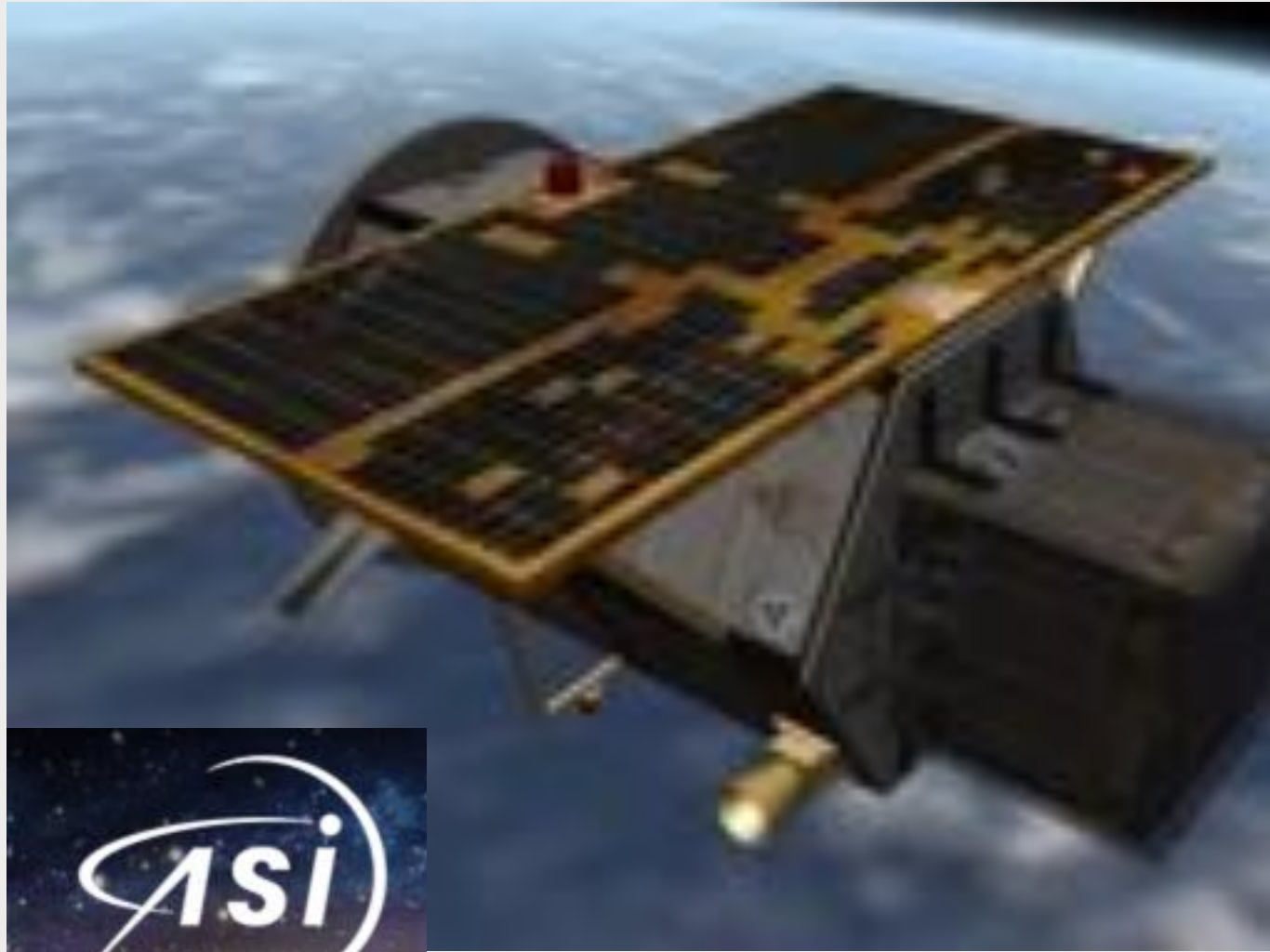


The sky in gamma-rays 4th source catalog



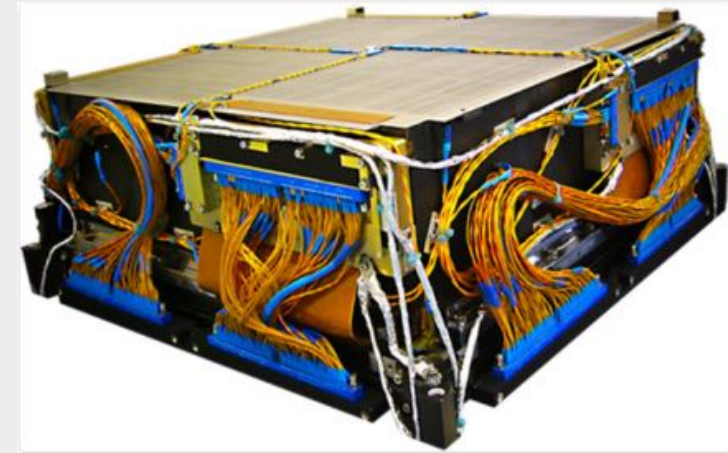
□ No association	■ Possible association with SNR or PWN	• AGN
★ Pulsar	△ Globular cluster	• Starburst Galaxy
• Binary	+ Galaxy	• SNR
• Star-forming region	■ Unclassified source	• PWN
		• Nova

AGILE

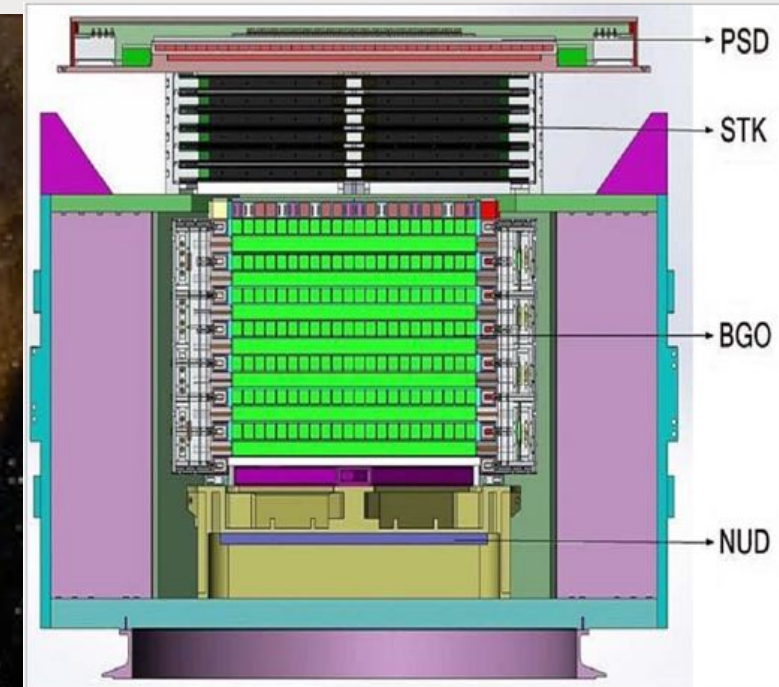


<http://www.agilescienceapp.it/>

- Launched in 2007
- Should have been a precursor of LAT



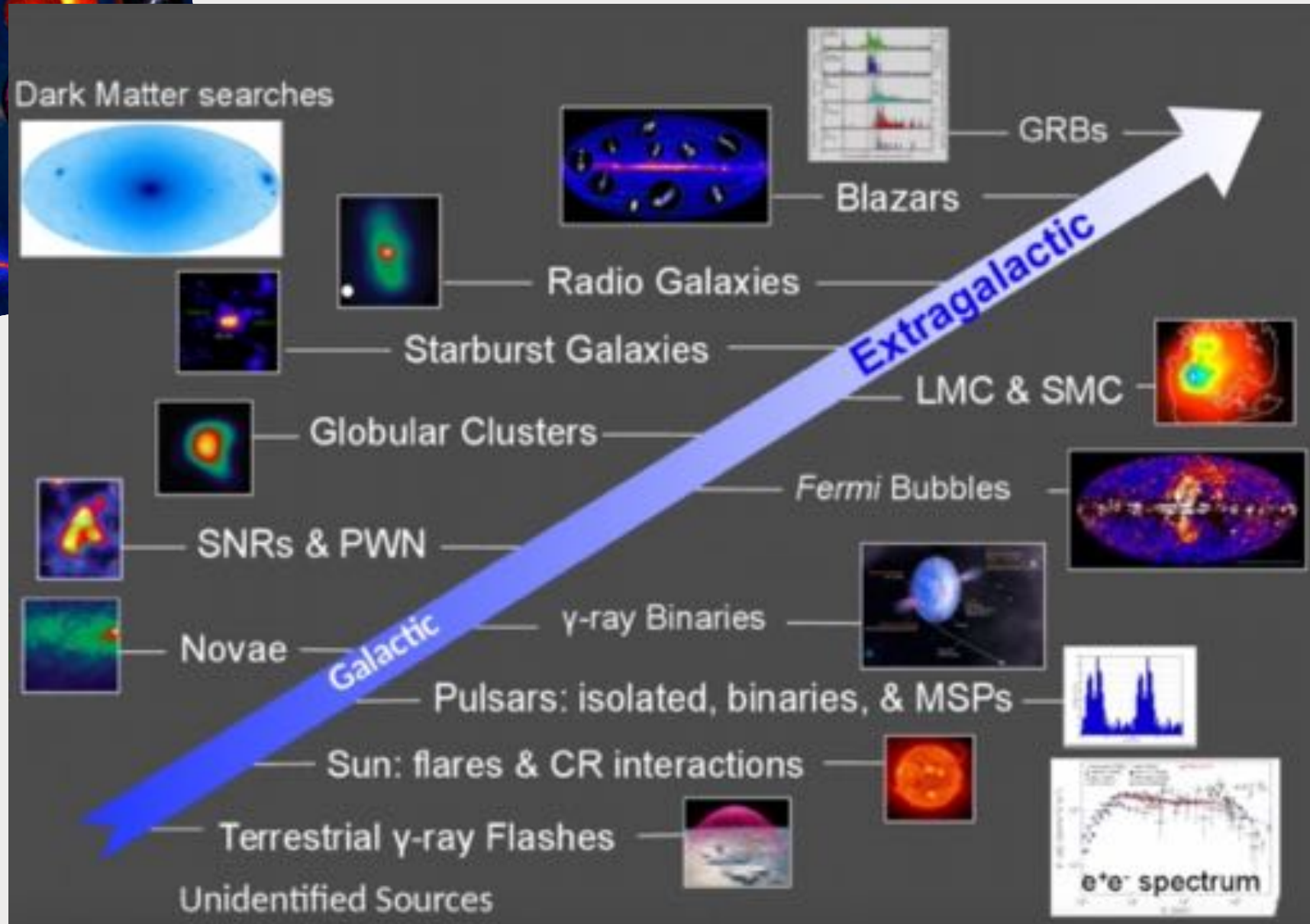
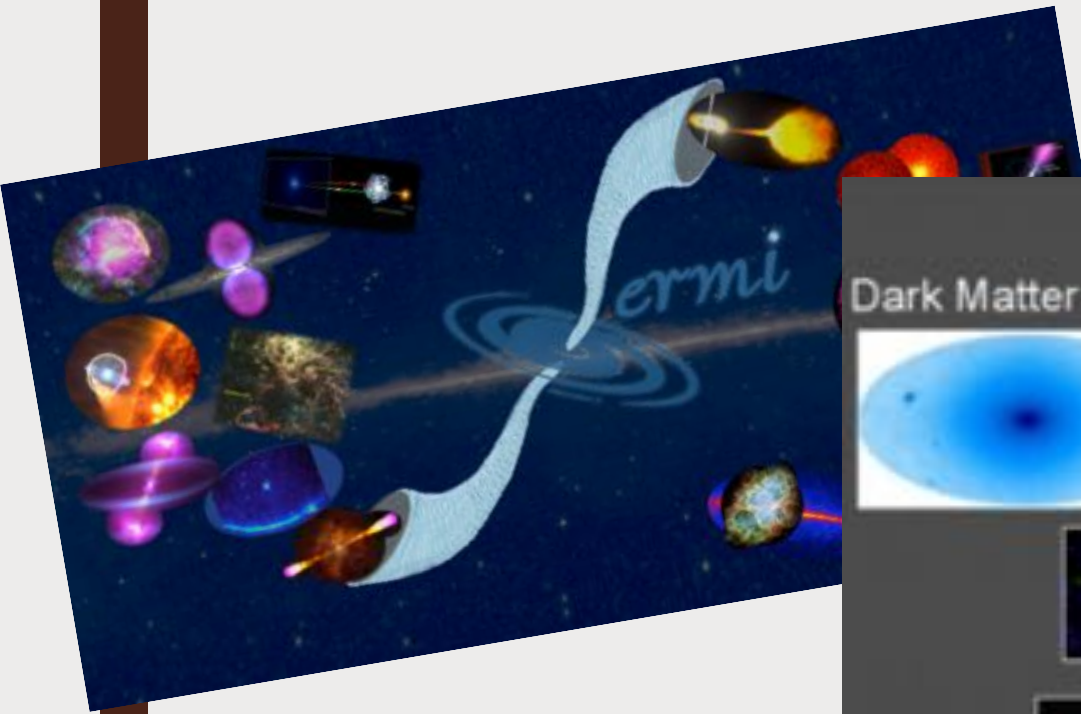
DAMPE (Dark Matter Particle Explorer)



Mostly Chinese mission

<https://directory.eoportal.org/web/eoportal/satellite-missions/d/dampe>

Science with Fermi



Fermi

Gamma-ray Space Telescope

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Data

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Installing the Fermitools

The FSSC now uses the [Conda](#) package manager to install the [Fermitools](#), and the source code is now hosted on [GitHub](#).

Please see the [Fermitools Wiki](#) for the [Quickstart Guide](#), detailed [Installation Instructions](#), and other documentation about the Tools.

If you encounter problems, please see the [Troubleshooting](#) and [Error Reporting](#) guides.

For more information about why the change to Conda was made, please read [The Fermitools and Conda](#).

The release of new versions of the Fermitools will be announced on the [fermi-soft](#) mailing list. Please see the [Fermi newsletter](#) page if you would like to be added to the list.

The FSSC has also created a [Docker](#) container pre-loaded with many of the necessary tools required to do Fermi Analysis. It includes the [Science Tools](#), the HEASARC [FTOOLS](#), Python 2.7 and associated libraries along with a host of other programs. This container will run on Windows, MacOS, and Linux. You can find it (with instructions) on [github](#) or [Docker Hub](#).

The previous version of the Science Tools, [v11r5p3](#), released Feb 15, 2018 is still available for download.

GIANT GAMMA-RAY BUBBLES FROM *FERMI*-LAT: ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEUS ACTIVITY OR BIPOLAR GALACTIC WIND?

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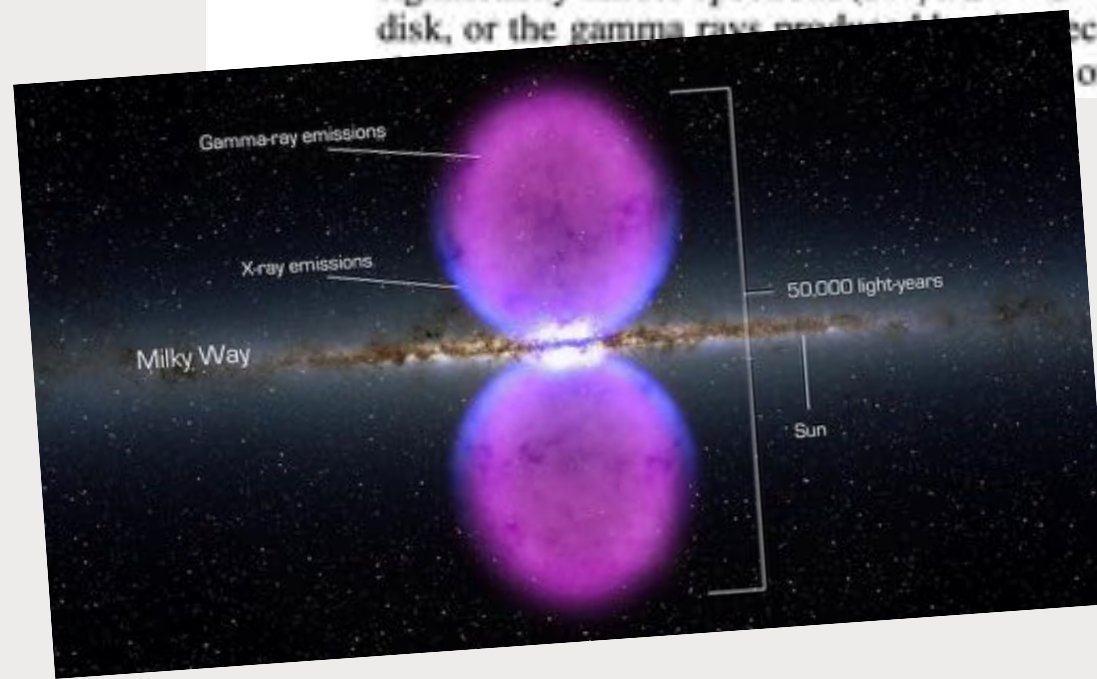
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ABSTRACT

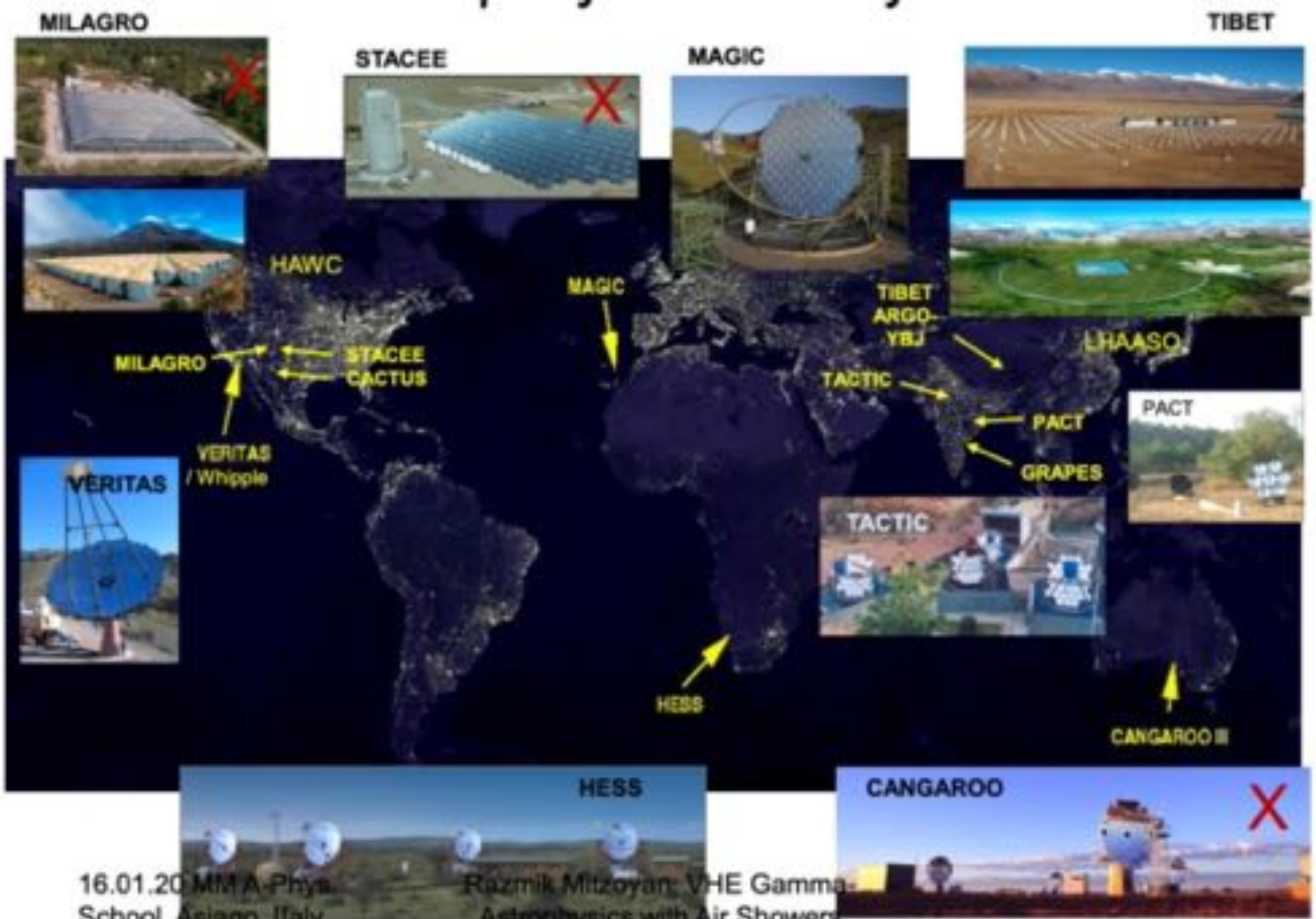
Data from the *Fermi*-LAT reveal two large gamma-ray bubbles, extending 50° above and below the Galactic center (GC), with a width of about 40° in longitude. The gamma-ray emission associated with these bubbles has a significantly harder spectrum ($dN/dE \sim E^{-2}$) than the inverse Compton emission from electrons in the Galactic disk, or the gamma rays produced by the decay of pions from proton-interstellar medium collisions. There is no significant variation in the energy spectrum or gamma-ray intensity within the bubbles, or between the north and



Citations (706)

GROUND
-BASED!



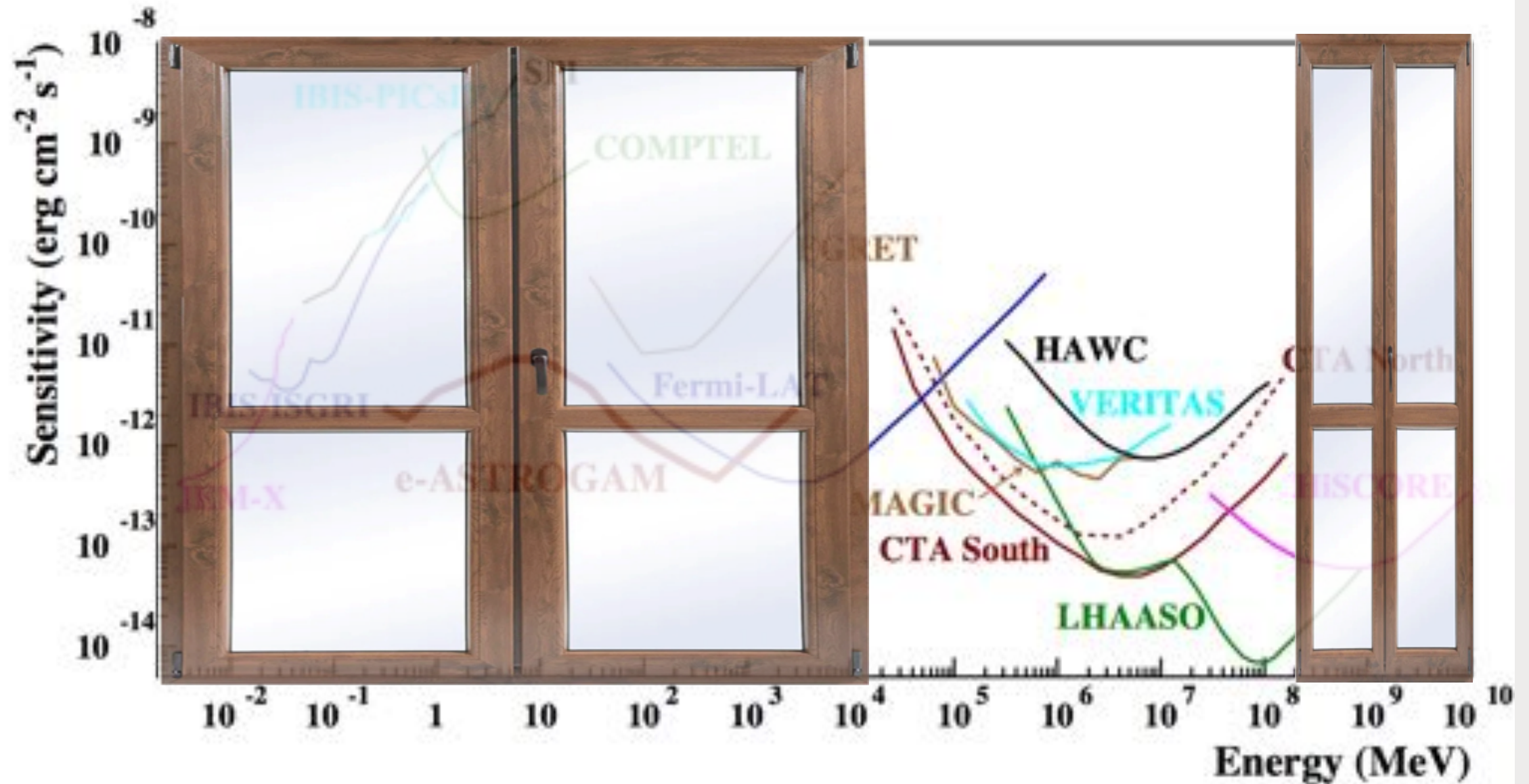


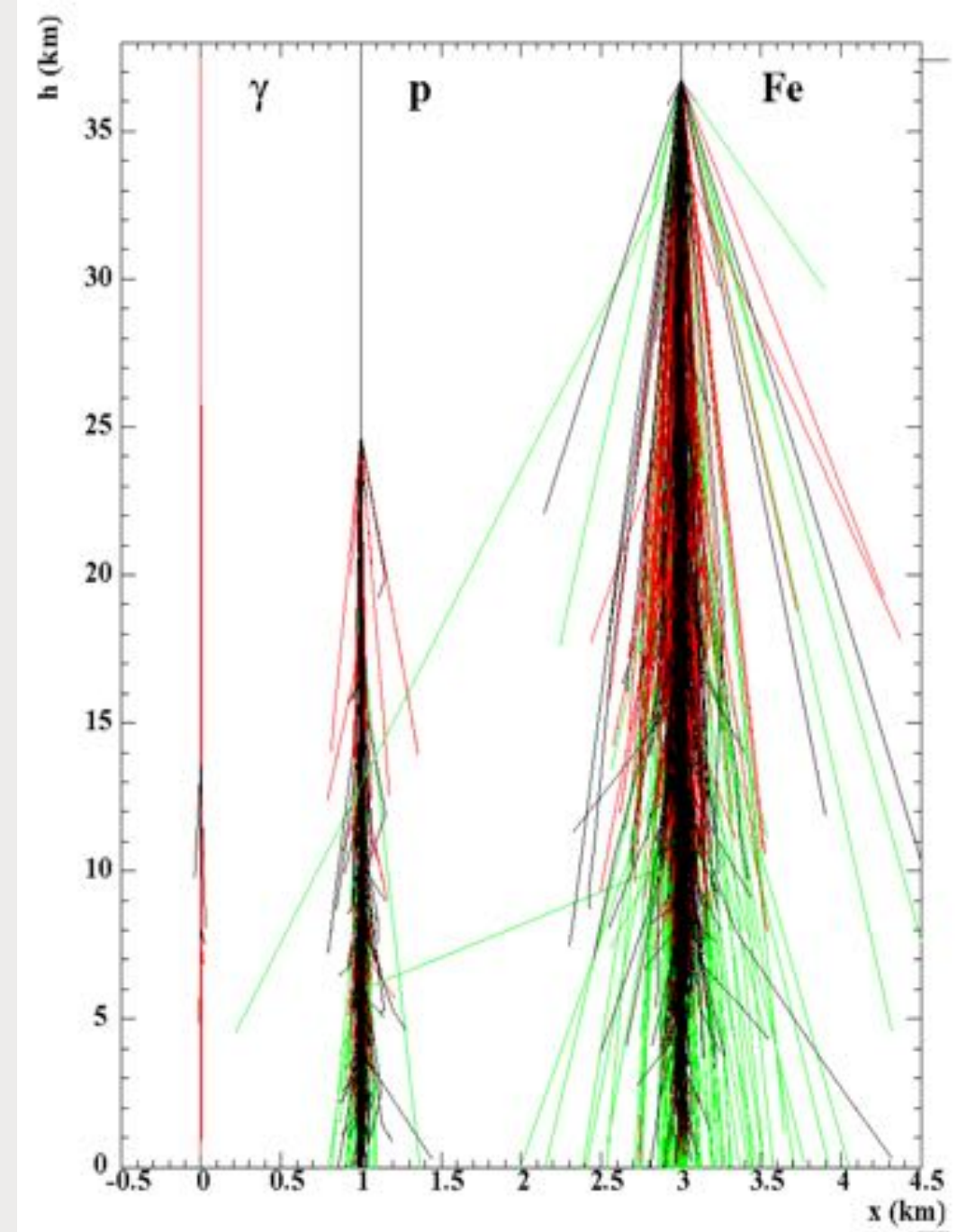
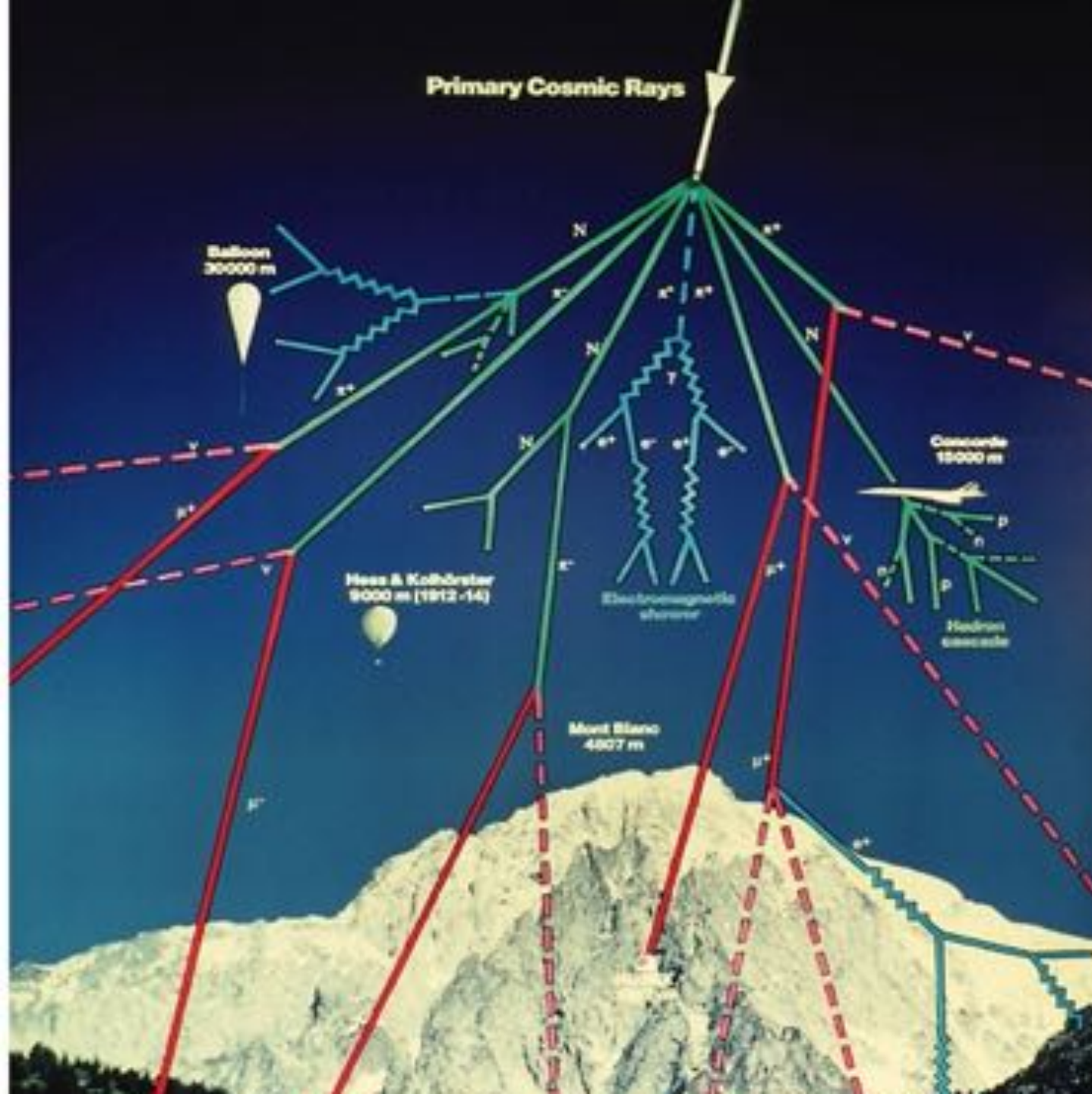
A decorative L-shaped frame in a dark blue color, consisting of a vertical bar on the left and a horizontal bar at the top, with a corresponding horizontal bar at the bottom and a vertical bar on the right.

GROUND-TEV-
SMALL FOV

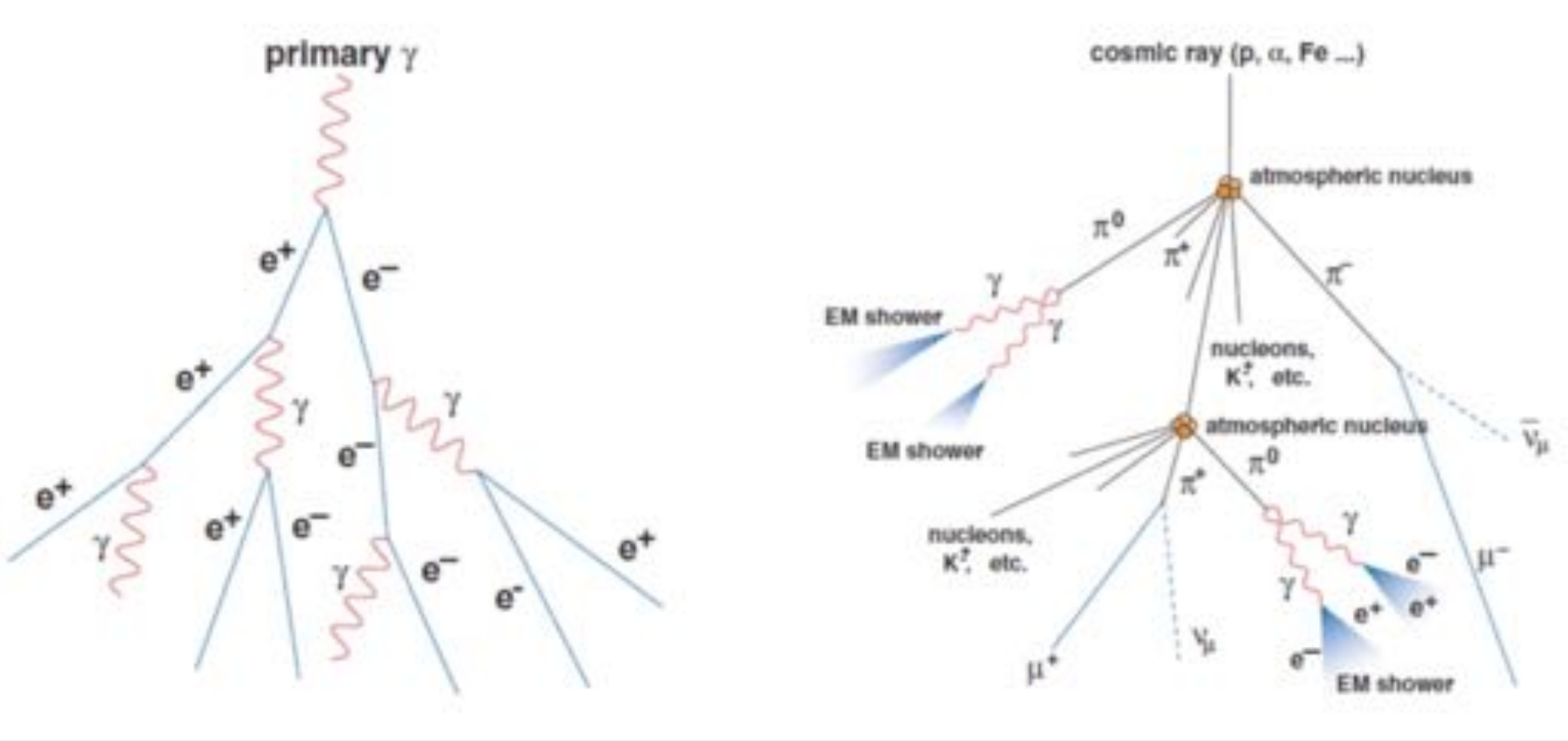
IMAGING CHERENKOV

Where are we

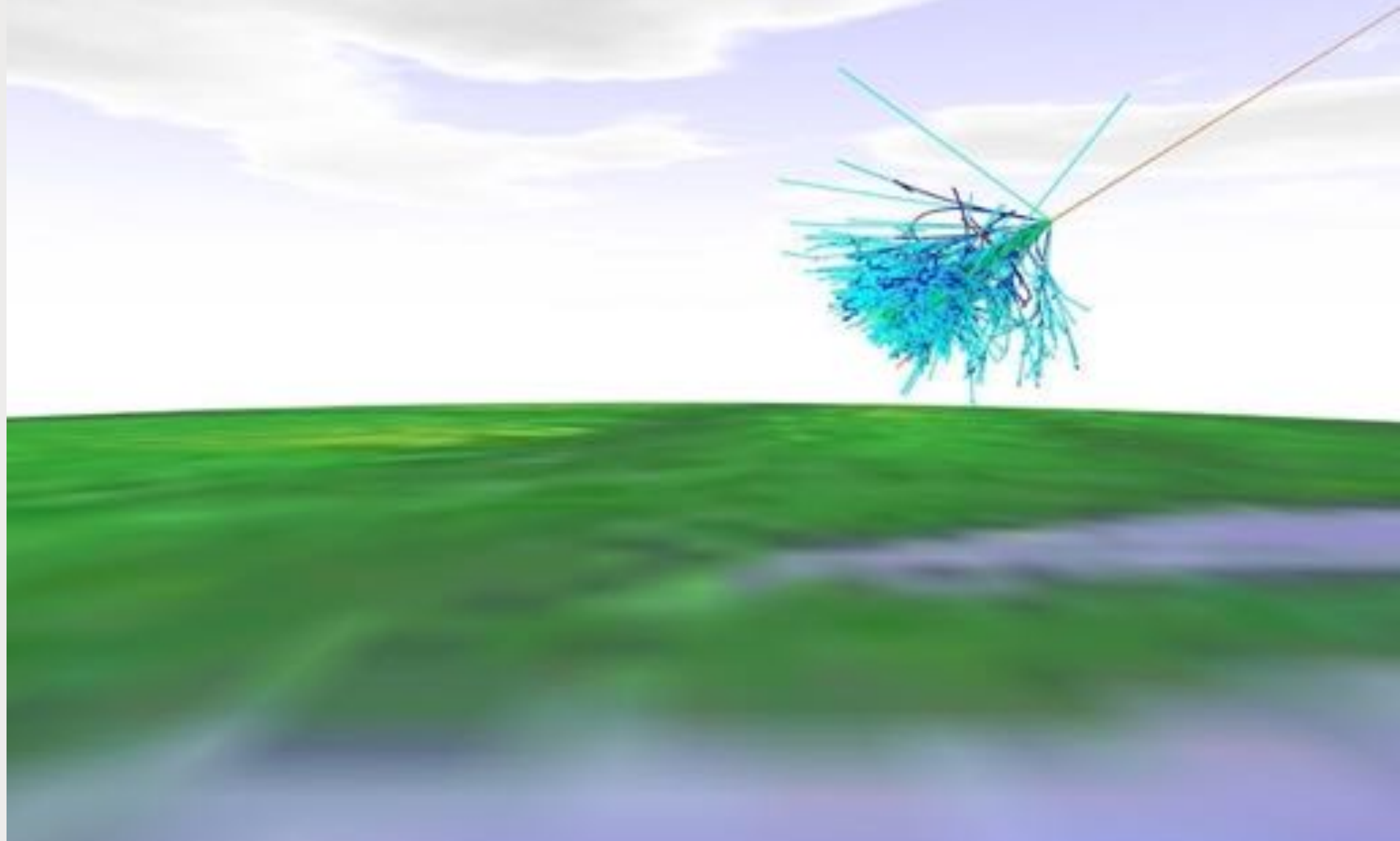




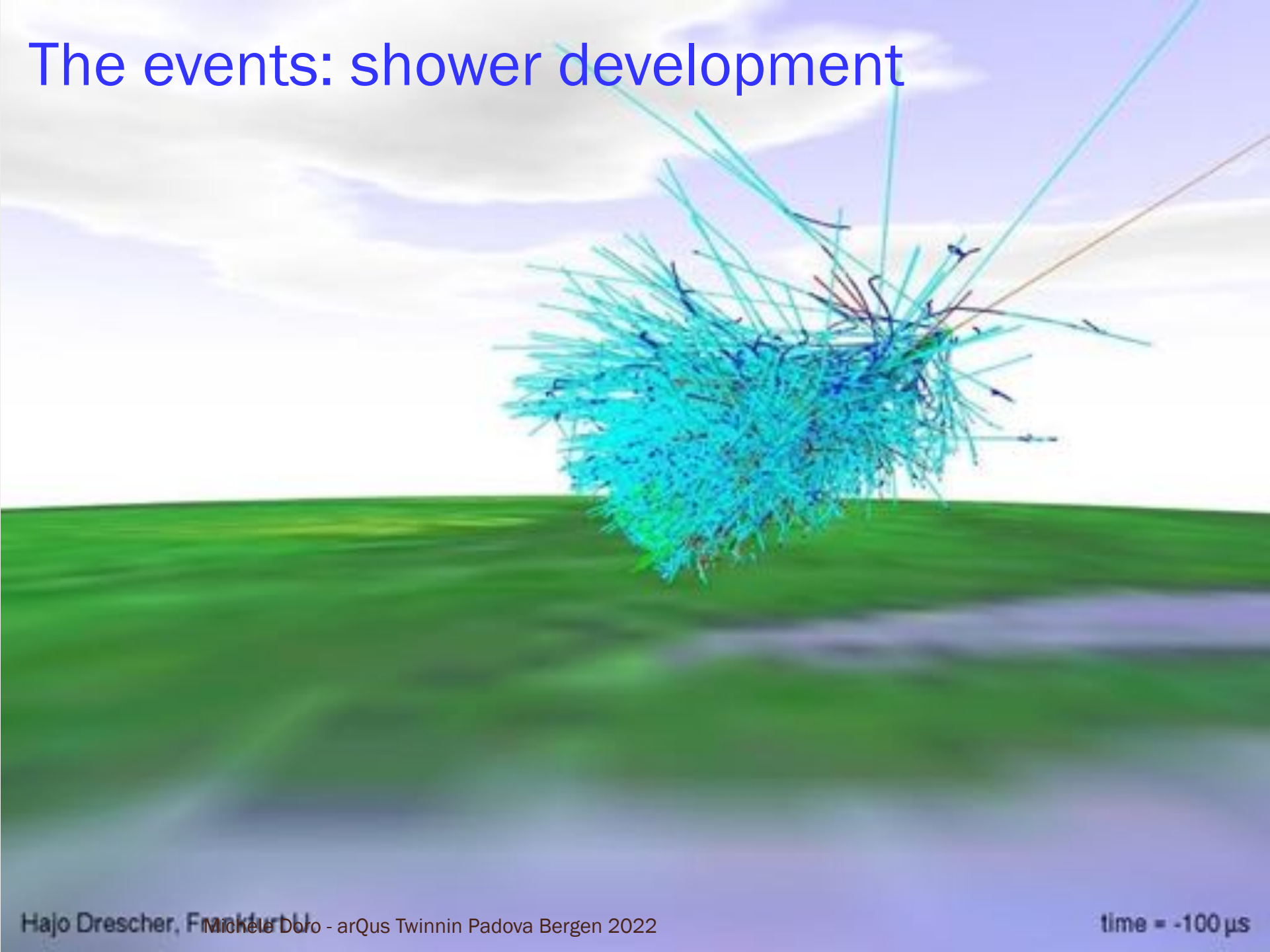
Extended Atmospheric Shower (EAS)



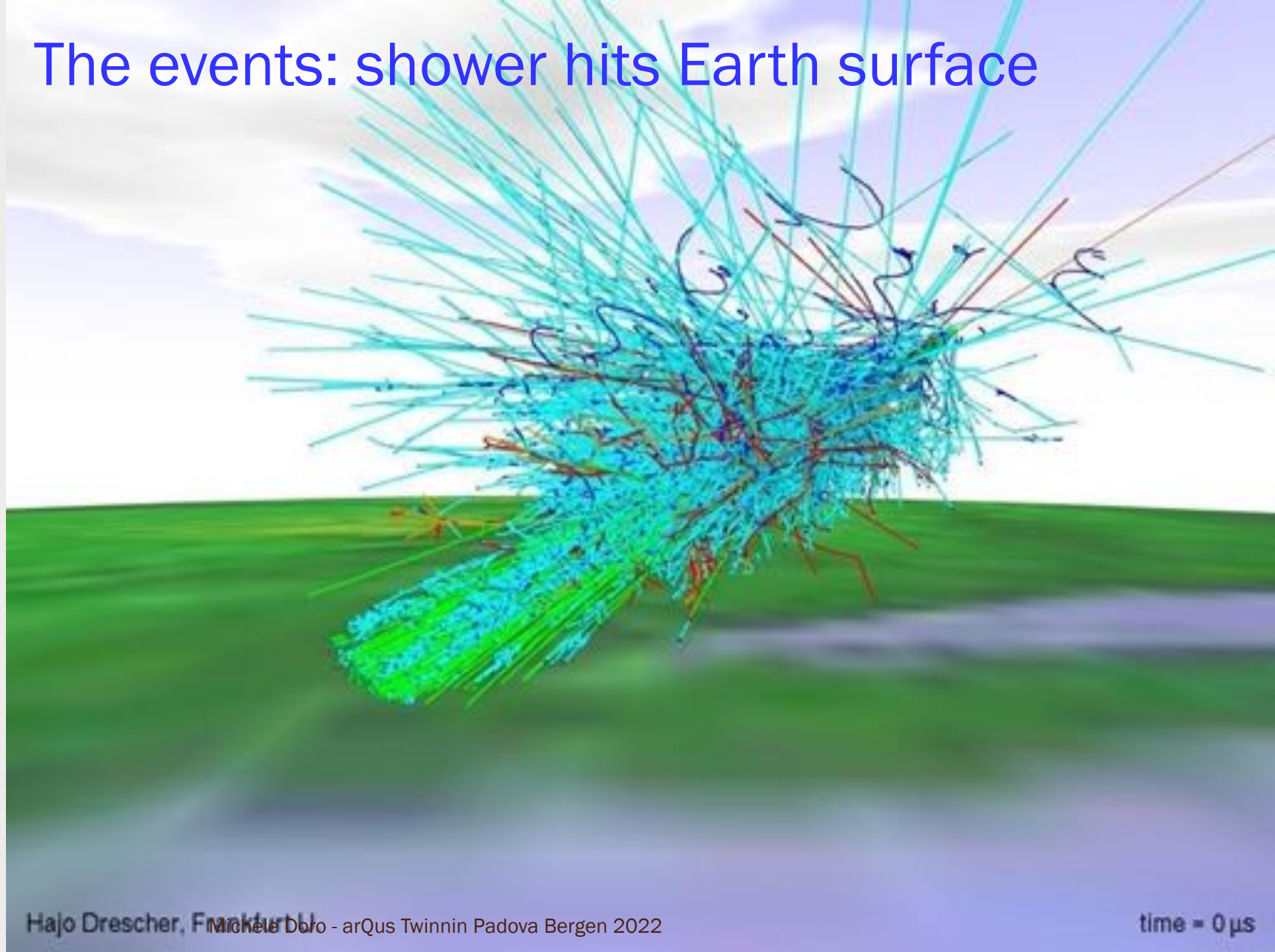
The events: shower development



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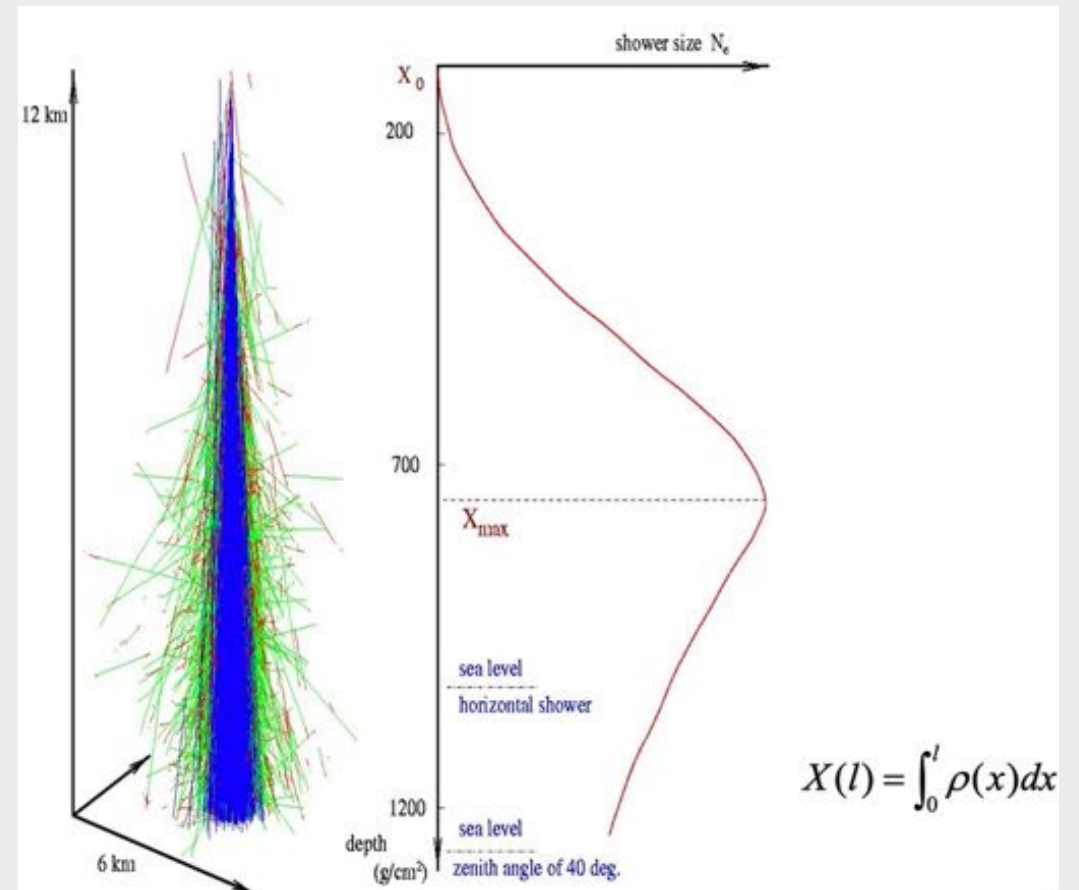
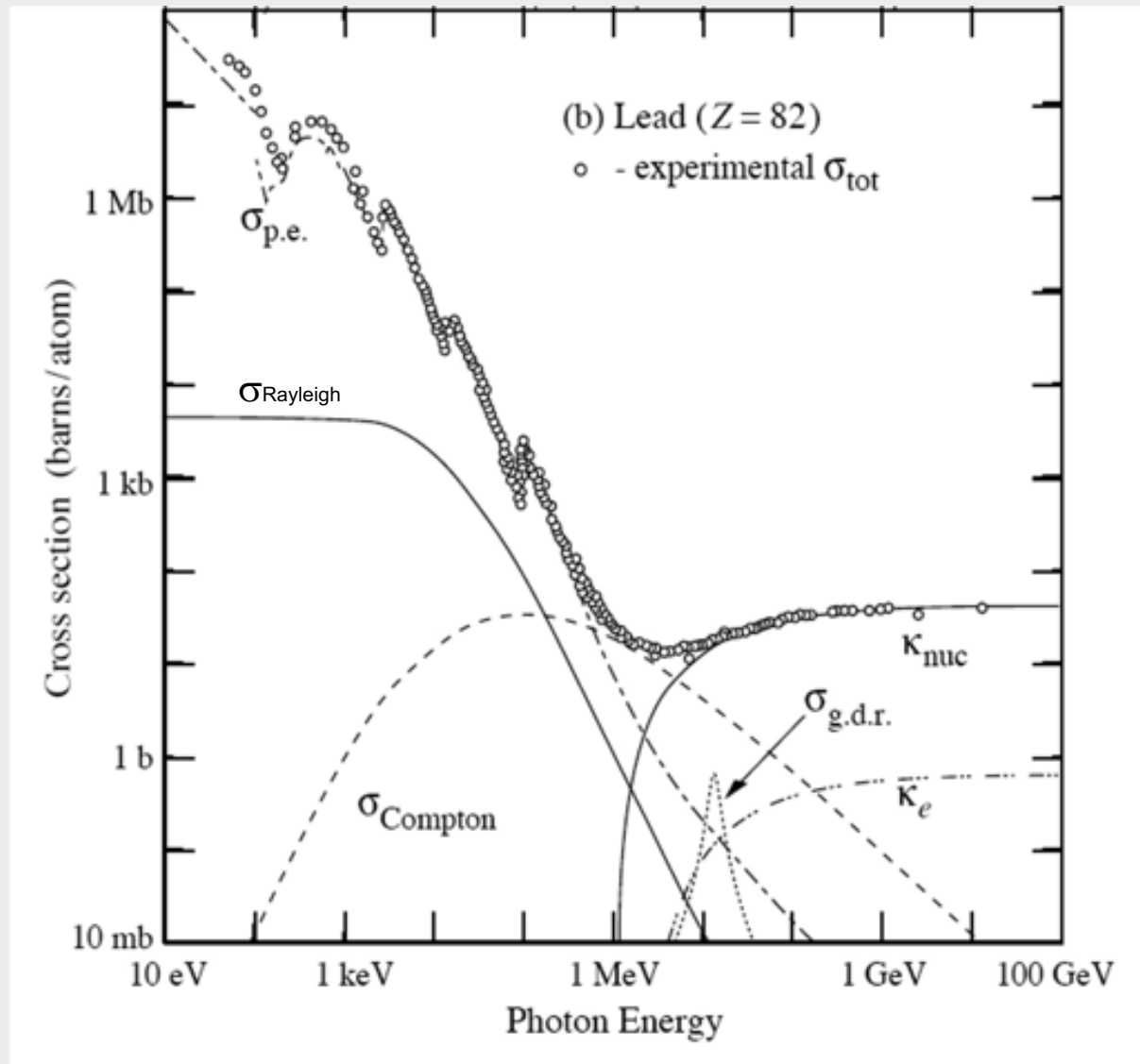


The events: shower hits Earth surface



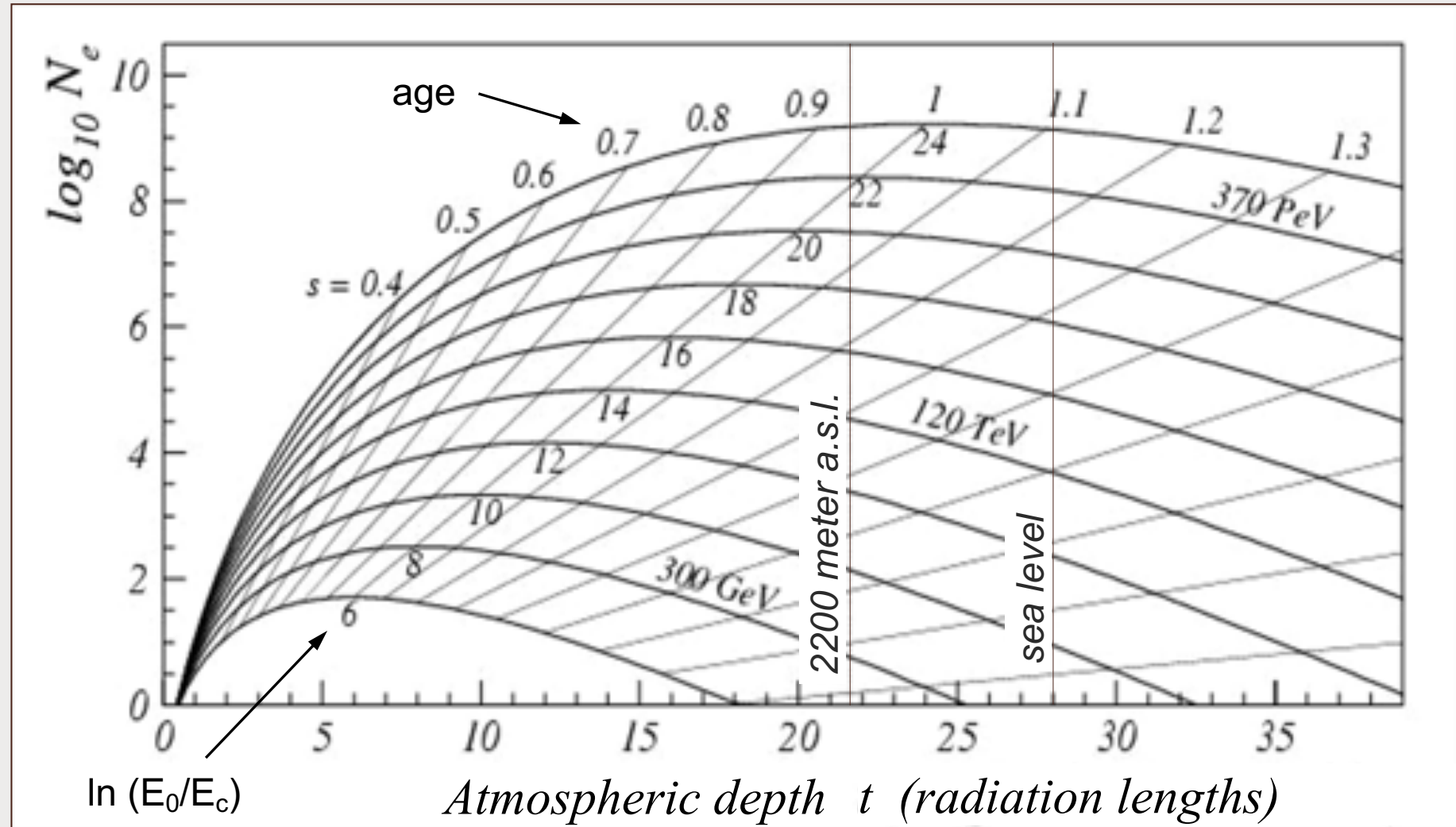
HOW TO DETECT THE SHOWER?

The shower dies of photo-eletric effect



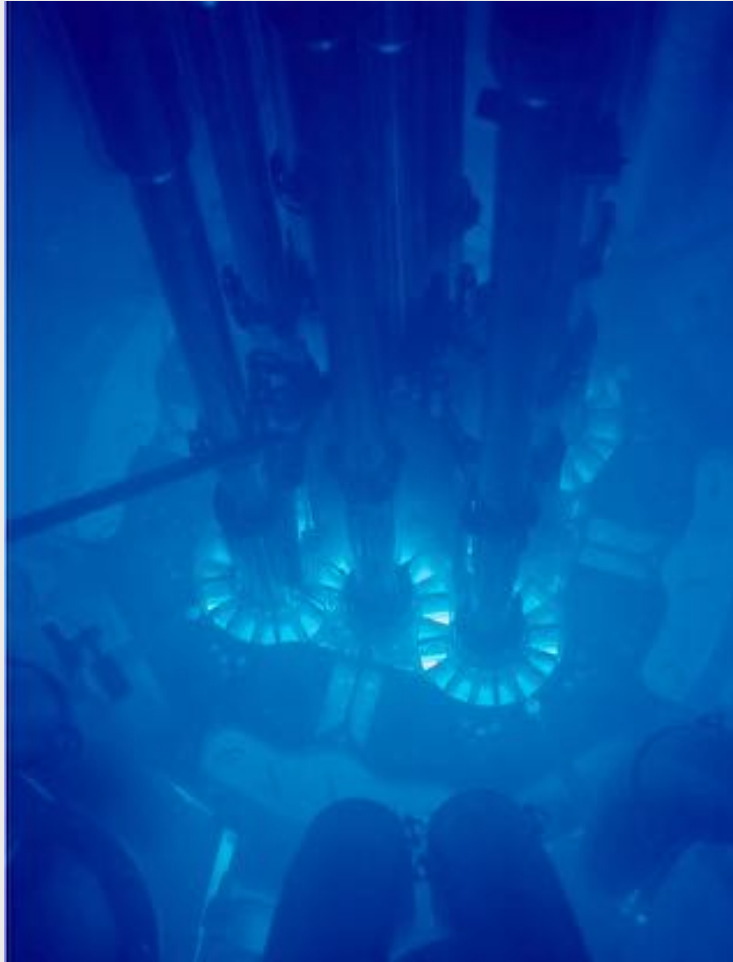
Longitudinal EM shower development

Rossi & Greisen approximation B



Bruno Rossi

Pavel Cherenkov



- Had to find the fluorescence nature of solvents of uranium salts, emitting bluish light
- Big was his surprise that also pure solvents and even water were emitting the annoying background light
- Initially complaining about his boss: he had to spend >1-1,5 hours in a dark, cold cellar, for accomodating his eyes
- He noticed that the emission is not chaotic, but is related to the track of moving particle.

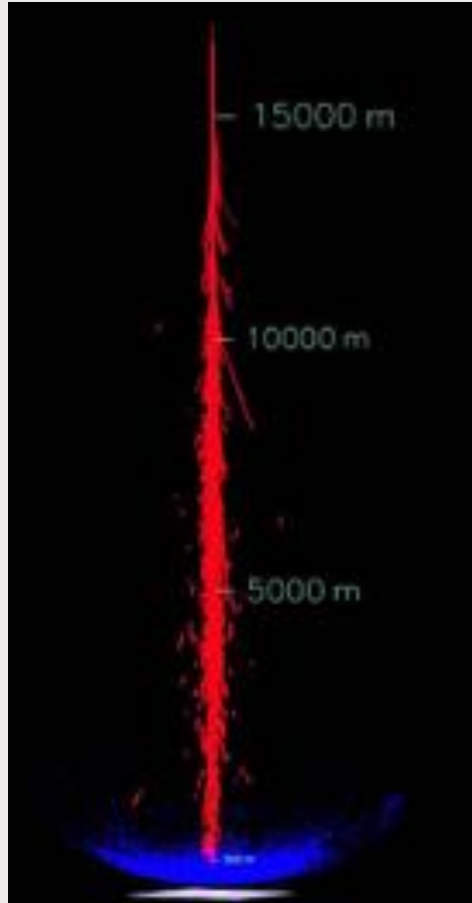
Cherenkov radiation in the atmosphere



In 1948, [P.M.S. Blackett](#) suggested that secondary CR's should produce Cherenkov radiation which would account for a fraction 10^{-4} of the total night sky light

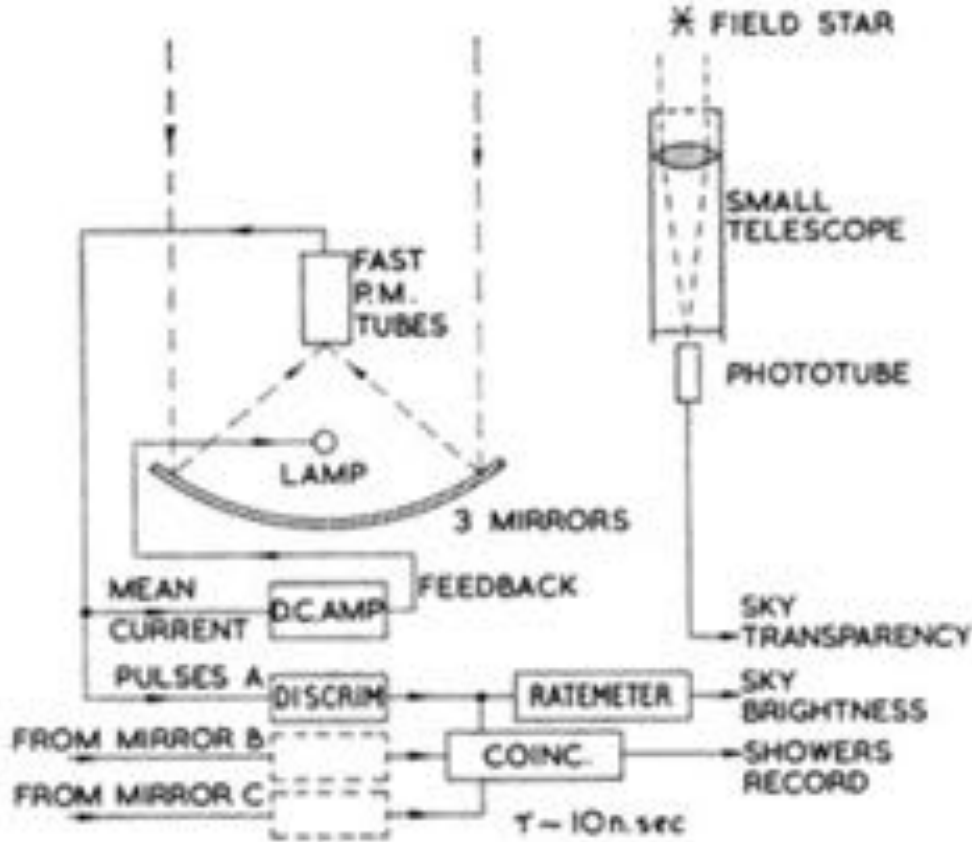
Pulses of Cherenkov light from air showers were first recorded by [Galbraith](#) and [Jelley](#) in 1953

Cherenkov flashes



Be creative

- The classical PMTs have radically improved the situation



Galbraith & Jelley, 1st telescope, 1953

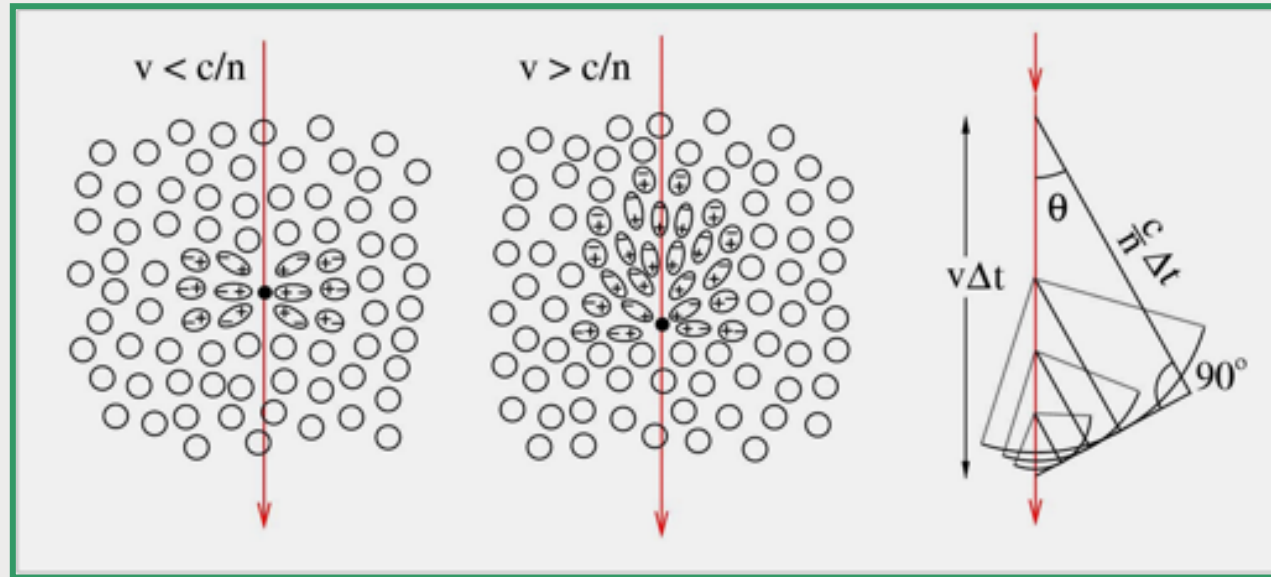




The 1st large-scale instrument for γ astronomy Crimea, Chudakov et al., 1960-64



Cherenkov Radiation – light ‘boom’

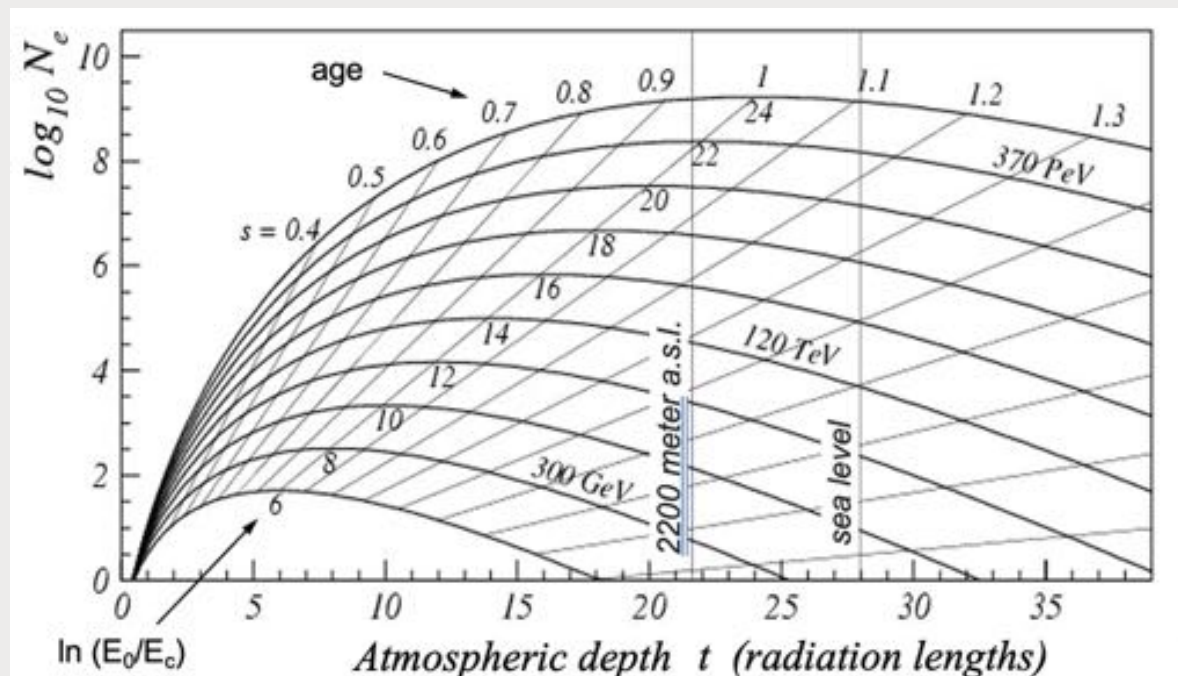


- Emitted whenever a charged particle traverses a medium at a speed larger than that of light in the medium
- The radiation results from the **reorientation of electric dipoles** induced by the charge in the medium.
- When $v > c/n$ the contributions from different points of the trajectory arrive in phase at the observer as a **narrow light pulse**

A model for Cherenkov emission

Ingredients

- Model of the energy of primary electrons and positrons in the shower
- Model of the medium $v > c/n$



Air density

$$\rho(h) = \rho_0 \cdot e^{-\frac{h}{h_0}} \quad h_0 = 7.1 \text{ km}$$

Refraction index

$$n = 1 + \eta_h = 1 + \eta_0 \cdot e^{-\frac{h}{h_0}}$$

$$\eta_0 = 2.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

at sea level

- Minimum energy for a charged particle to emit Cherenkov light

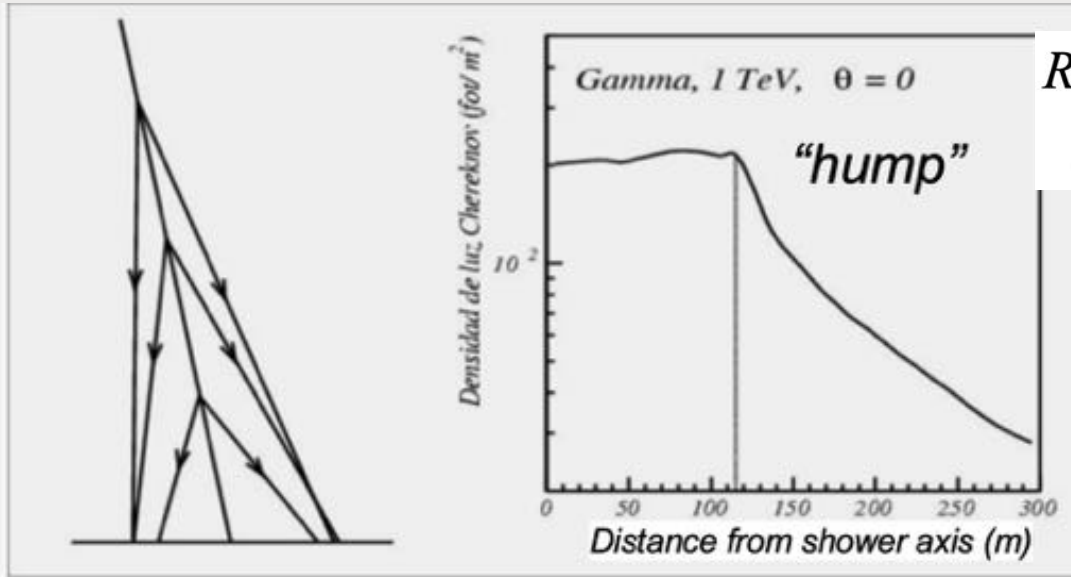
$$E_{min} = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} > \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - n^{-2}}} \sim \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{2\eta_h}}$$

particle type	e±	μ±	p
E _{thr.} @ sea level, GeV	0.021	4.4	38.9
@ 2 km a.s.l.	0.024	5.1	44.8
@ 10 km a.s.l.	0.043	8.9	78.6
@ 15 km a.s.l.	0.061	12.6	111.5

- Assuming $\beta \sim 1$ the Cherenkov angle

$$\cos(\vartheta_{max}) = \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{1 + \eta_h} \sim 1 - \eta_h$$

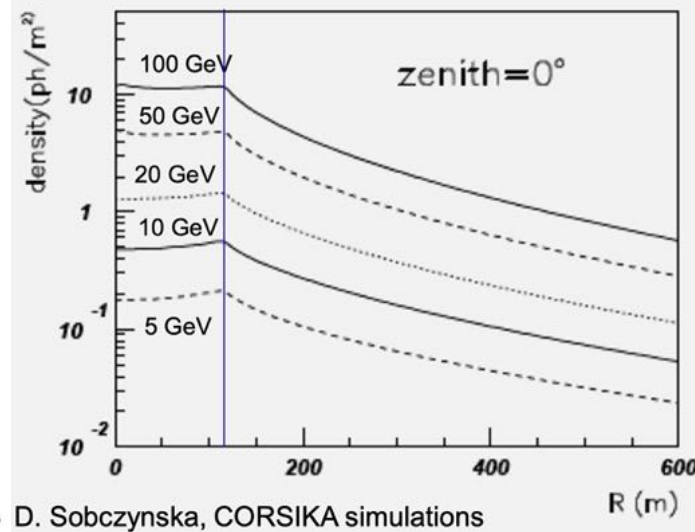
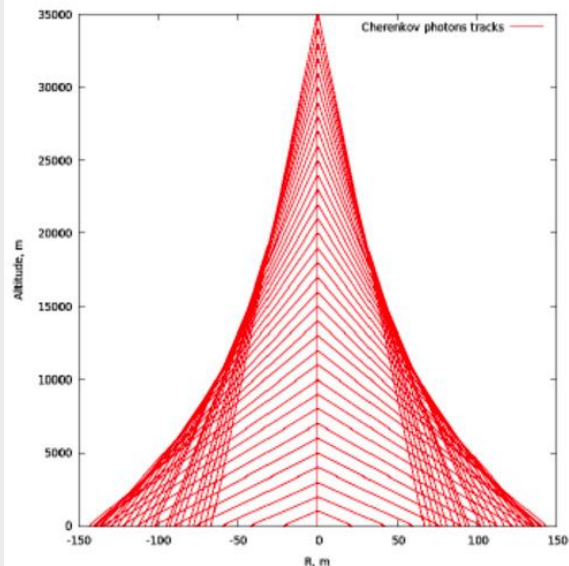
Lateral distribution



R_c : Distance from shower trajectory at which the C-photons hit the ground

$$R_c \equiv (h - h_{obs}) \cdot \tan \theta_{max} \quad \text{for } \beta = 1$$

- Hump position depends only on observation altitude but not on energy



D. Sobczynska, CORSIKA simulations

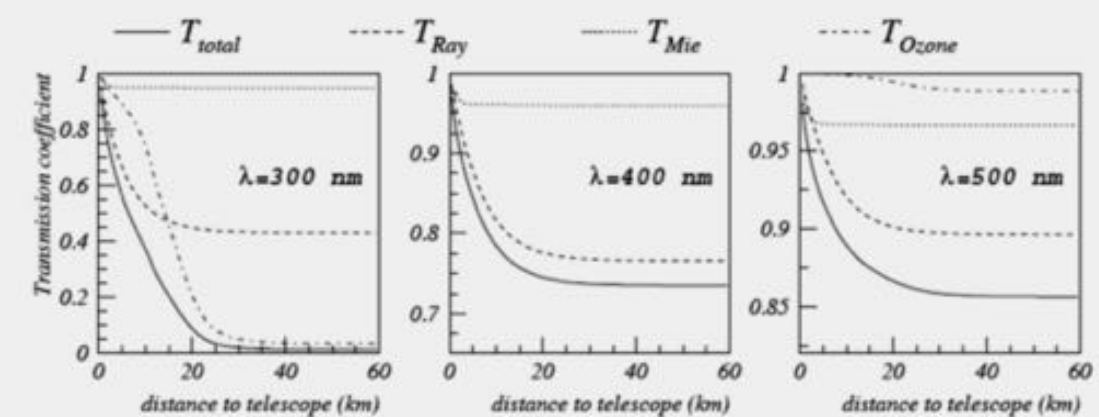
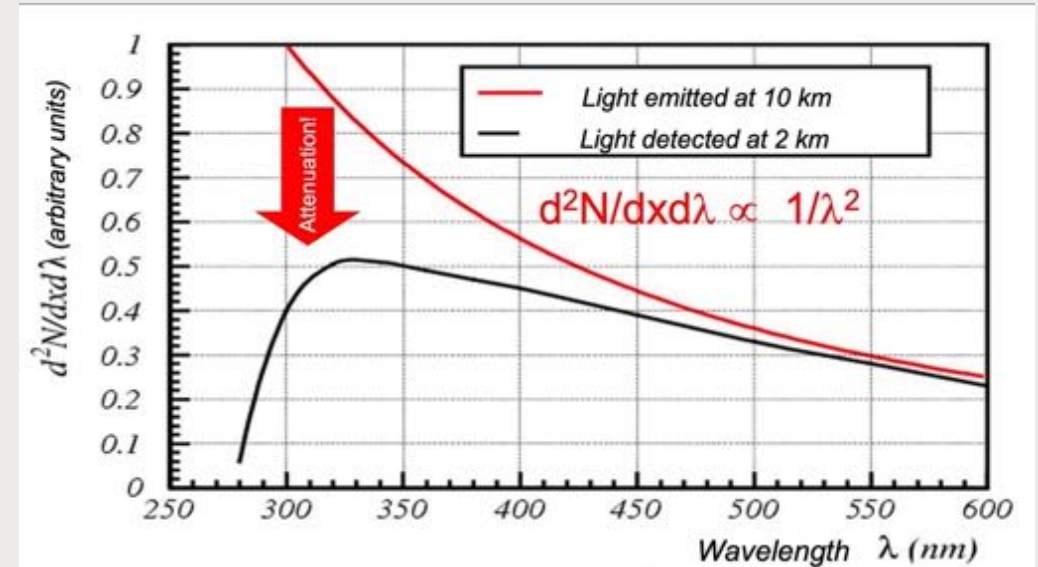
Photon yield and absorption

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2\pi\alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} - \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right)$$

Slant depth, g/cm ²	100	300	800	1036
Height a.s.l., km	16	10	2.2	0
Number of emitted C-photons/m	4.5	13	35	45

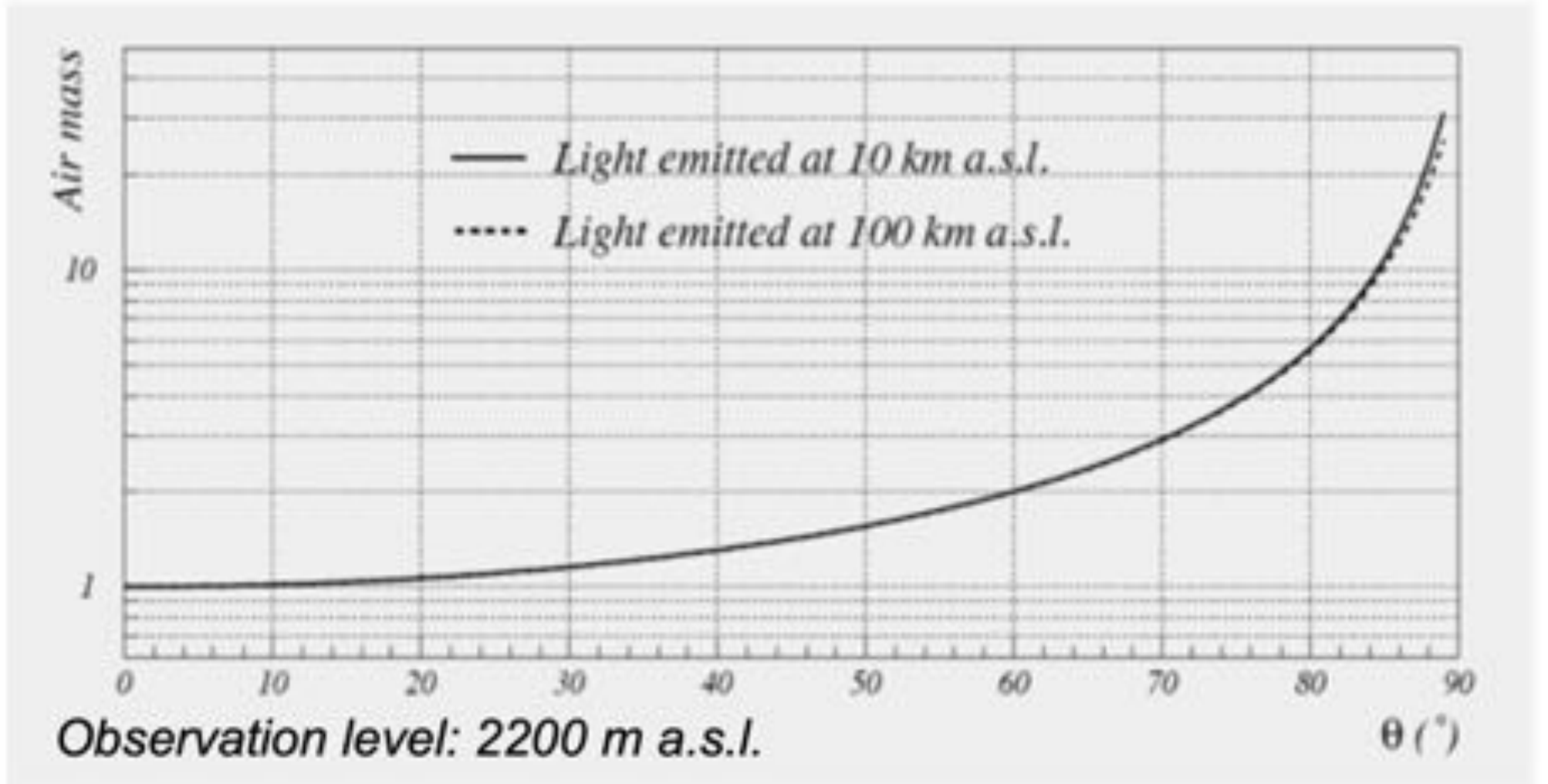
Image from low-energy showers (less particles) have lower density at ground

Peak in the UV-Blue (300nm)

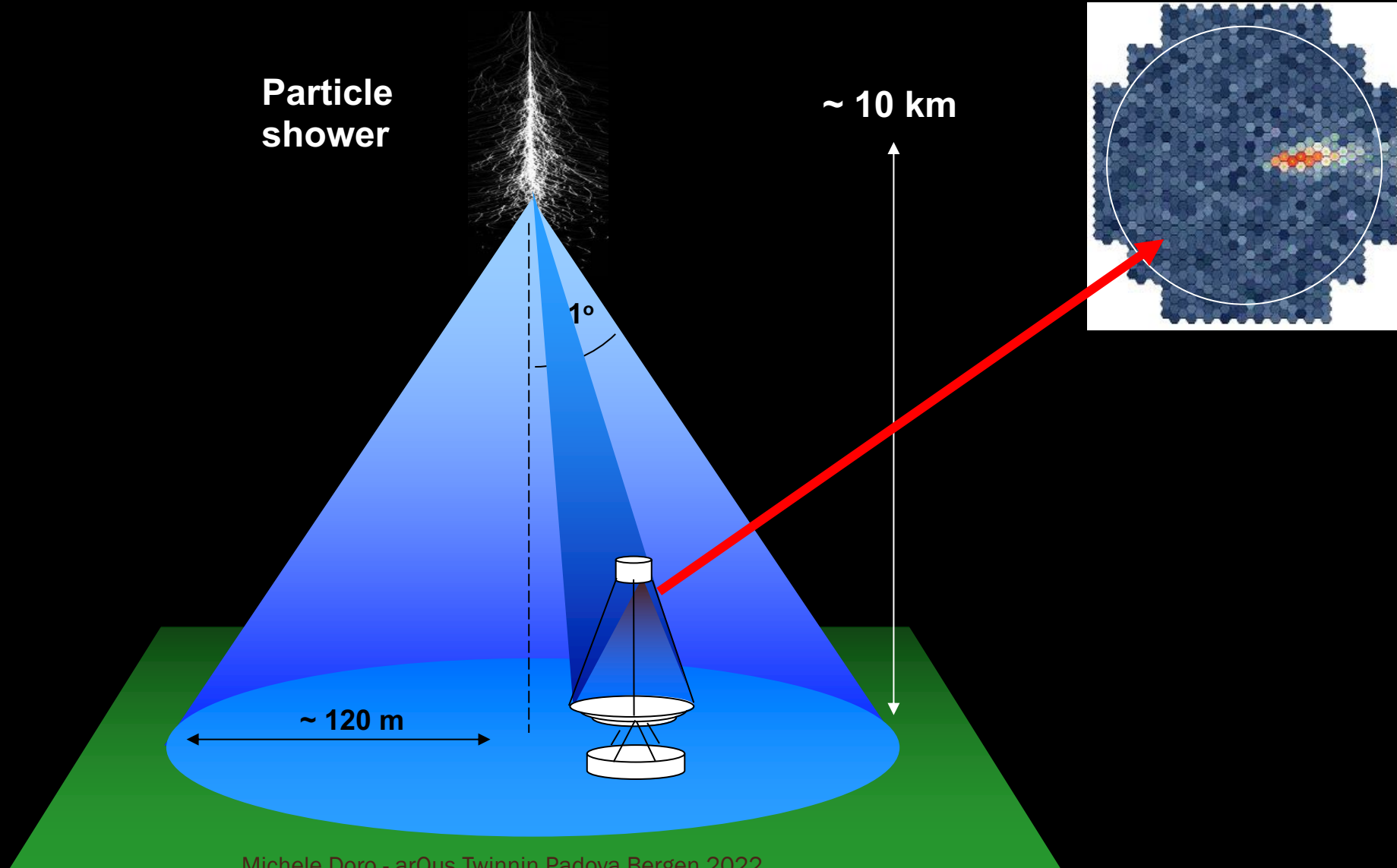


Attenuation in function of elevation

Air mass: ratio between the traversed atmospheric mass (g/cm^2) at z.a. θ and that at vertical incidence

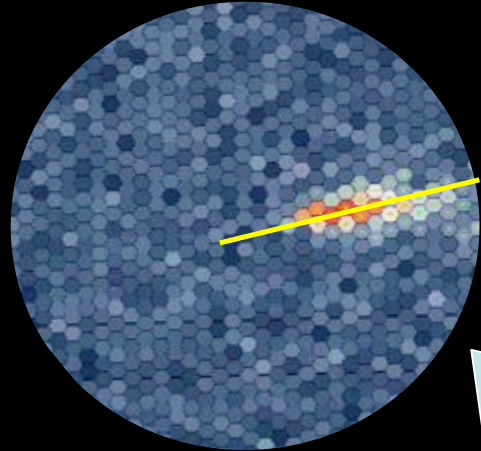


Detection of TeV gamma rays using Cherenkov telescopes



Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes

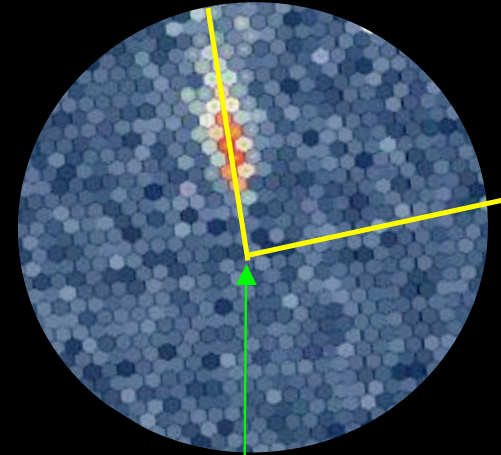
camera 1



Very High Energy (VHE) gamma-ray $E \sim O(0.1 - 100 \text{ TeV})$

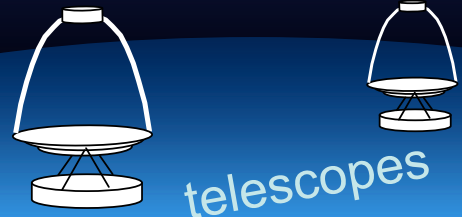
particle shower

camera 2



Cherenkov light

gamma-ray direction



telescopes

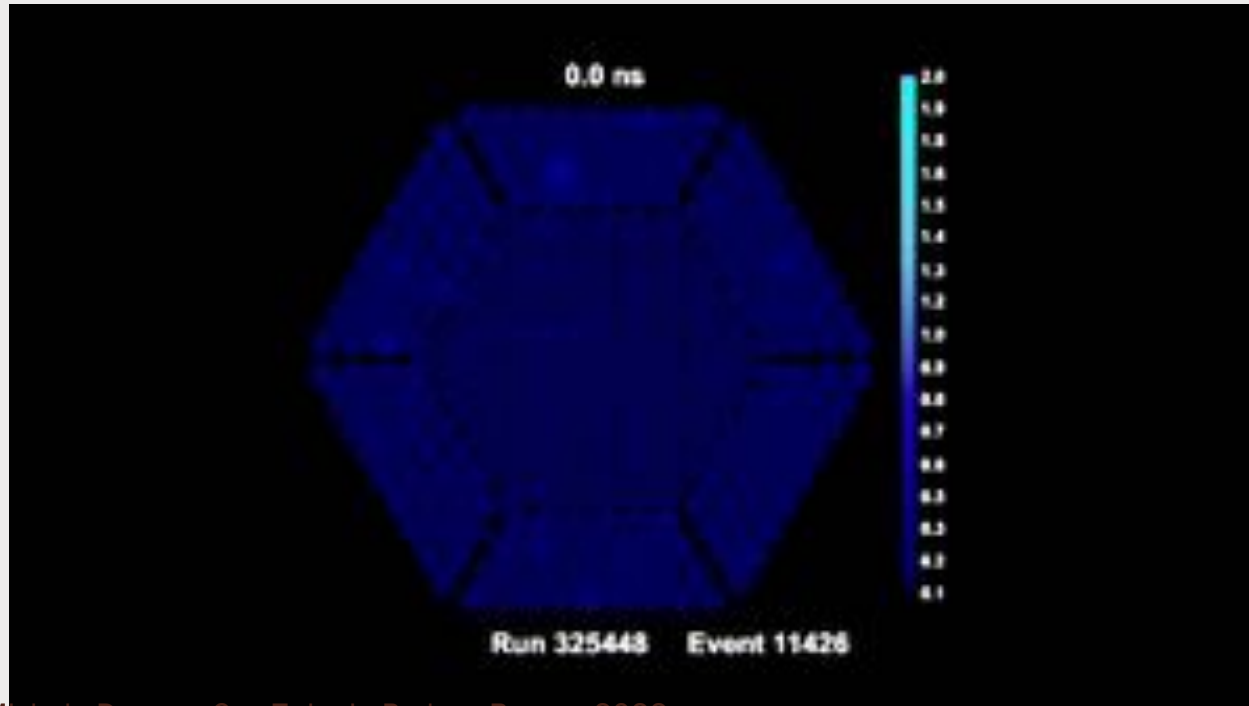
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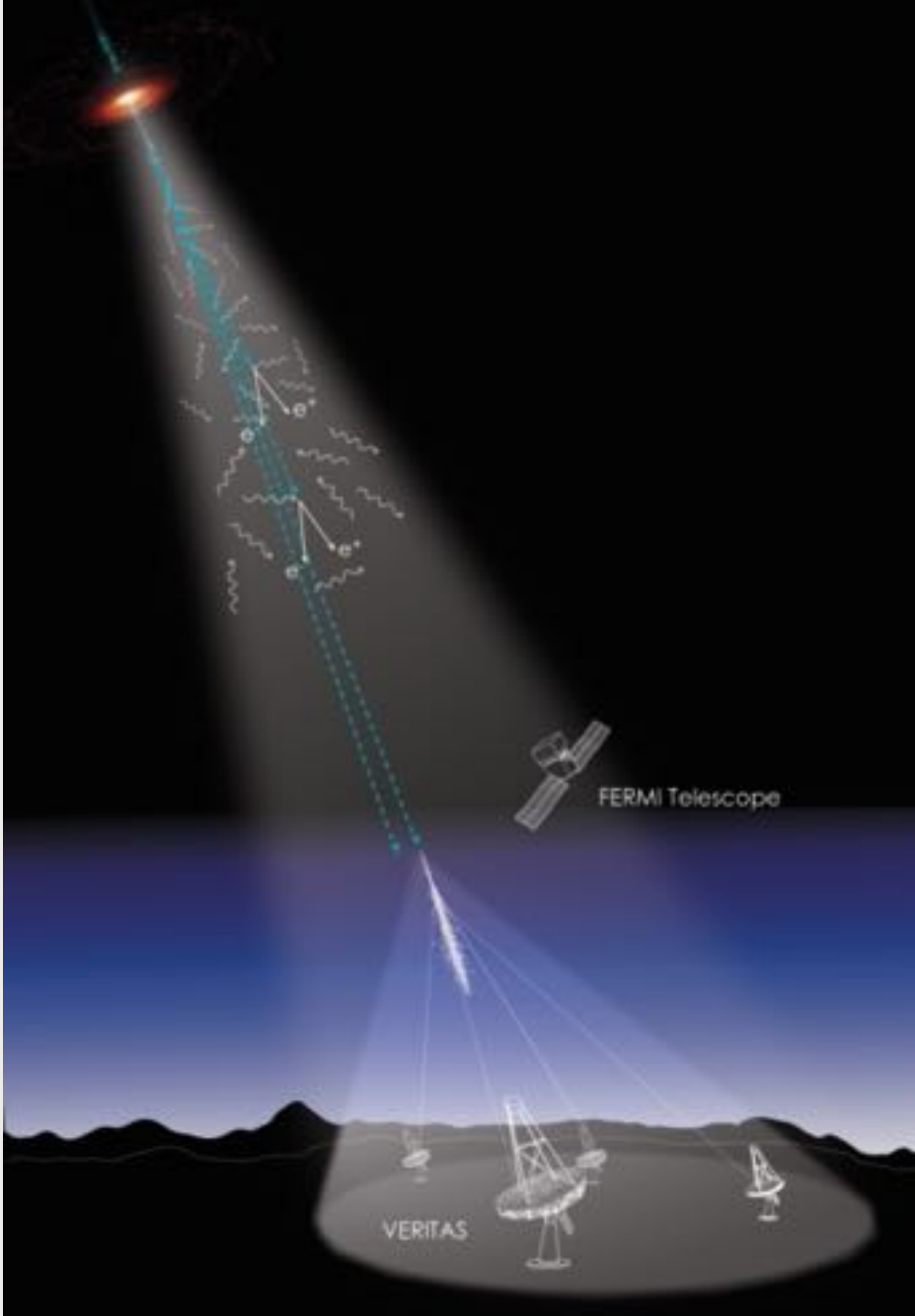


~1 picture/sec

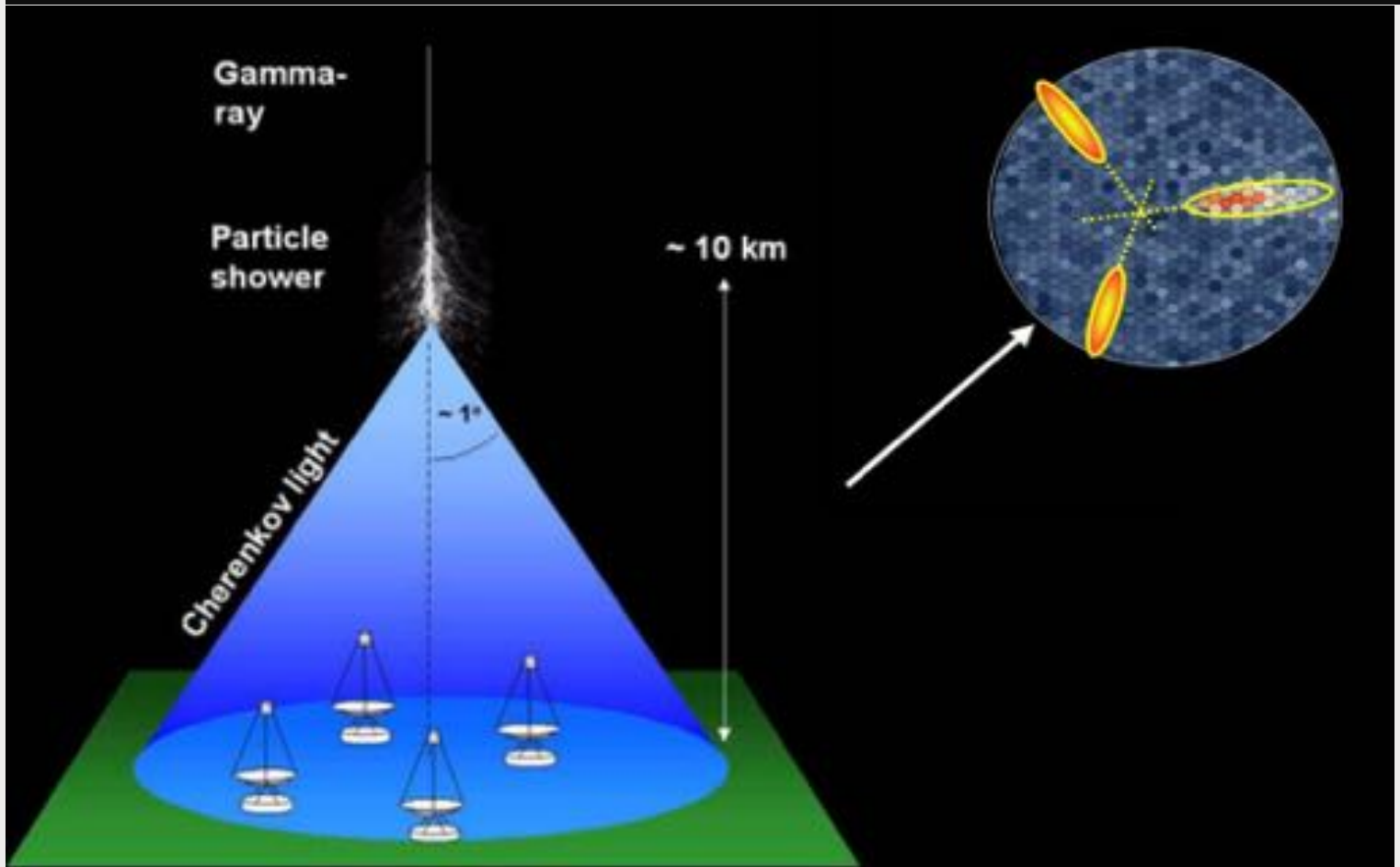


2×10^9 pictures/sec!





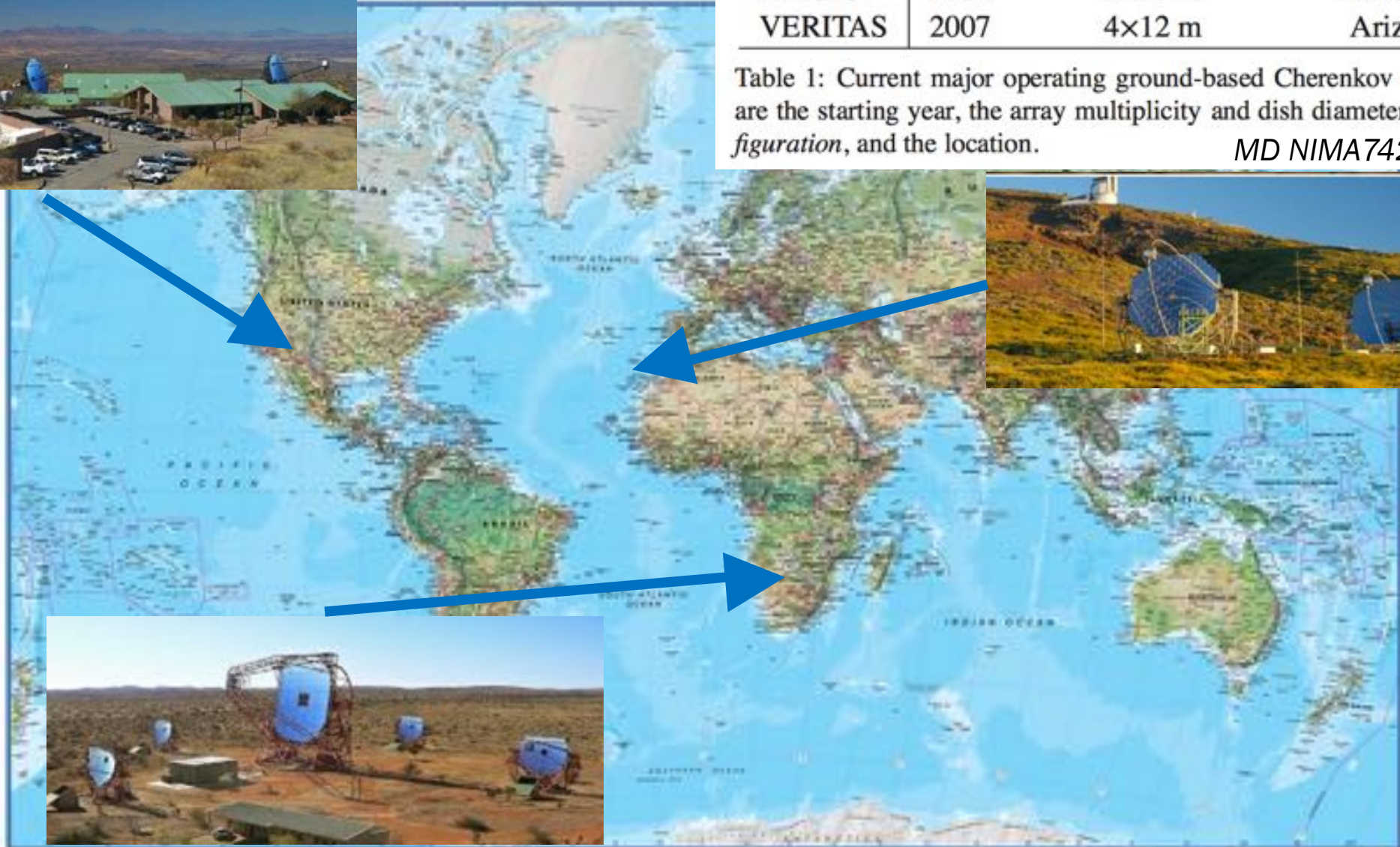
- Figure of merits of current •
- $\sim 10\text{-}50$ h source for generation:
 - FOV 5×5 deg
 - 50 GeV- 100 TeV
 - Eff.Area $\sim 10^5\text{-}10^6$ m²
 - Dark time: ~ 1000 h/year
 - $\sim 10\text{-}50$ h source for detection
 - ~ 0.1 angular resolution
 - $\sim 10\text{-}20\%$ energy resolution



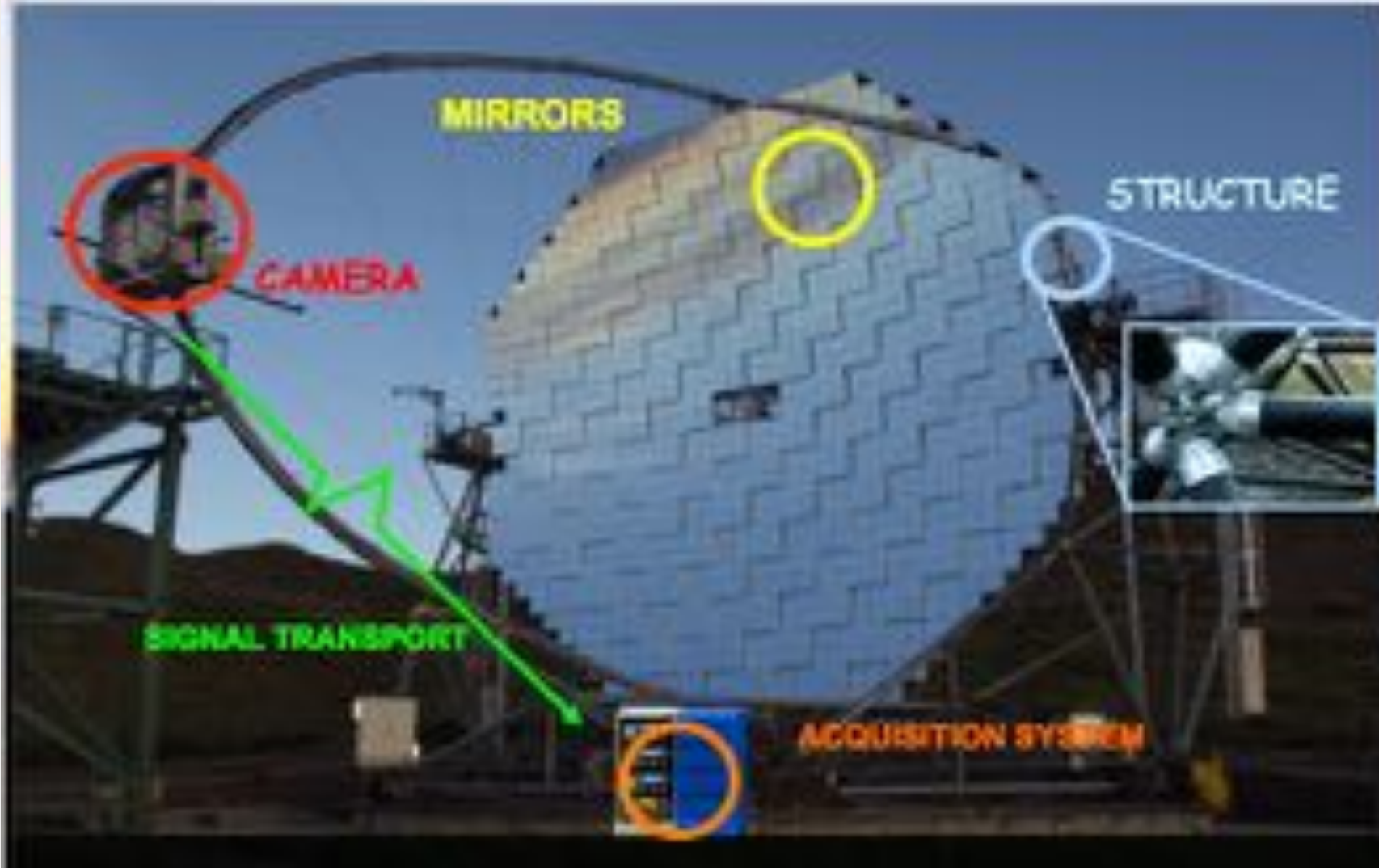
Current IACTs

IACT	Year	Nr. tels & diameter	Location
Whipple	1968	1×12 m	Arizona, USA
H.E.S.S.	2003	4×12 m+1×28 m	Gambserg, Namibia
MAGIC	2004	2×17 m	La Palma, Spain
VERITAS	2007	4×12 m	Arizona, USA

Table 1: Current major operating ground-based Cherenkov telescopes. Given are the starting year, the array multiplicity and dish diameter *in the latest configuration*, and the location. MD NIMA742 (2014) 99-106



Key technological elements for **MAGIC**



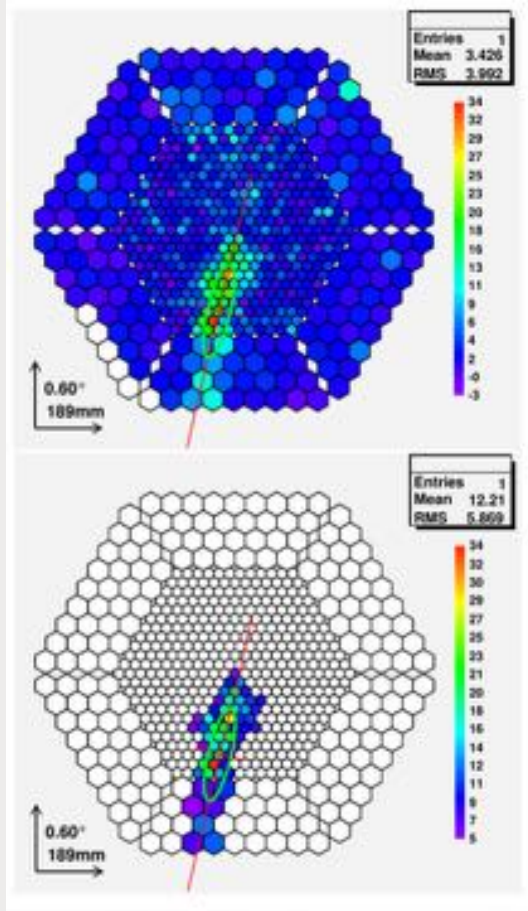
Events rate and selection

- During data-taking, e.g., MAGIC acquires @ **200 Hz**. *These are mostly hadronic showers. Gamma-rays are less than 1/1000 of this rate.*
- During data reconstruction, **only 1/1000 hadronic events survive** (very energy dependent)

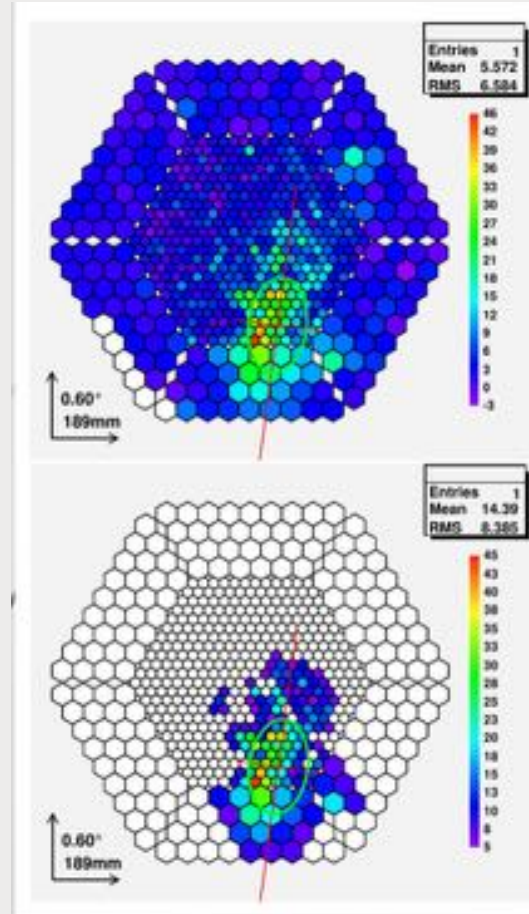


Events classes

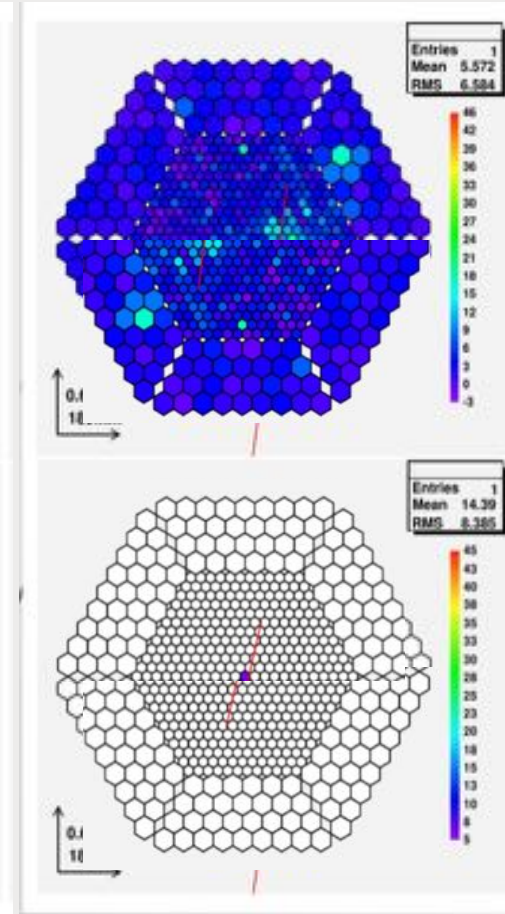
Gamma (the good)



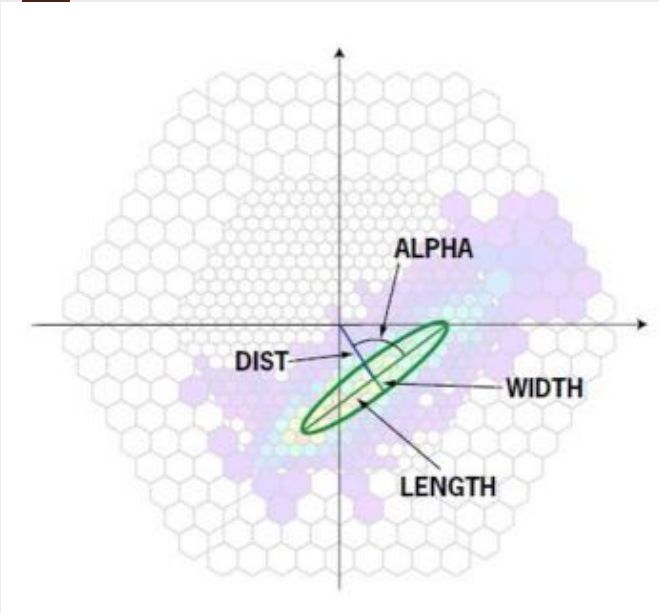
Hadron (the bad)



NSB (the ugly)

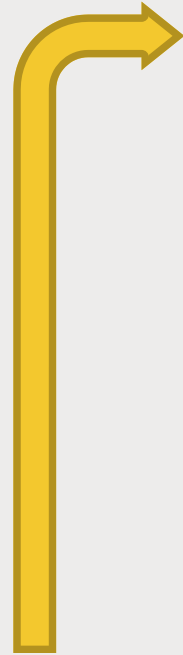


Event tagging



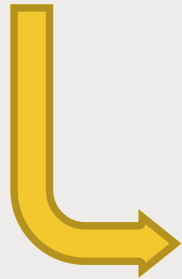
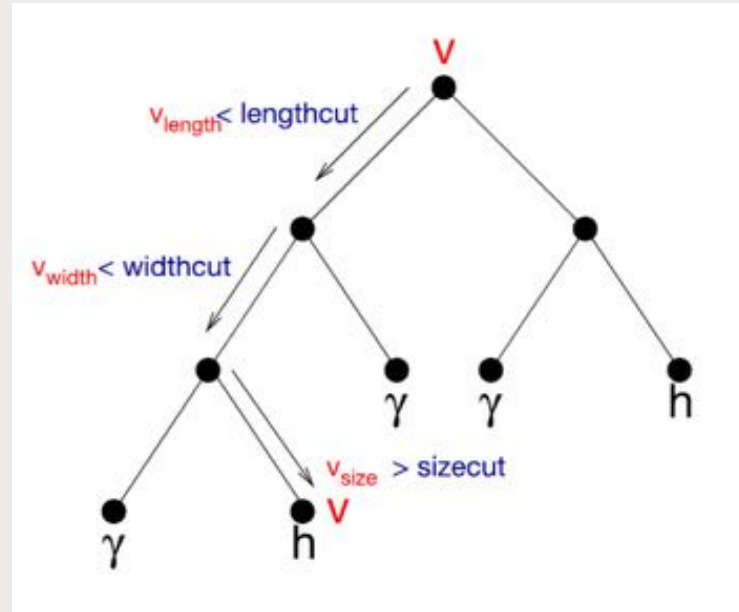
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You “clean” the image and extract shape parameters



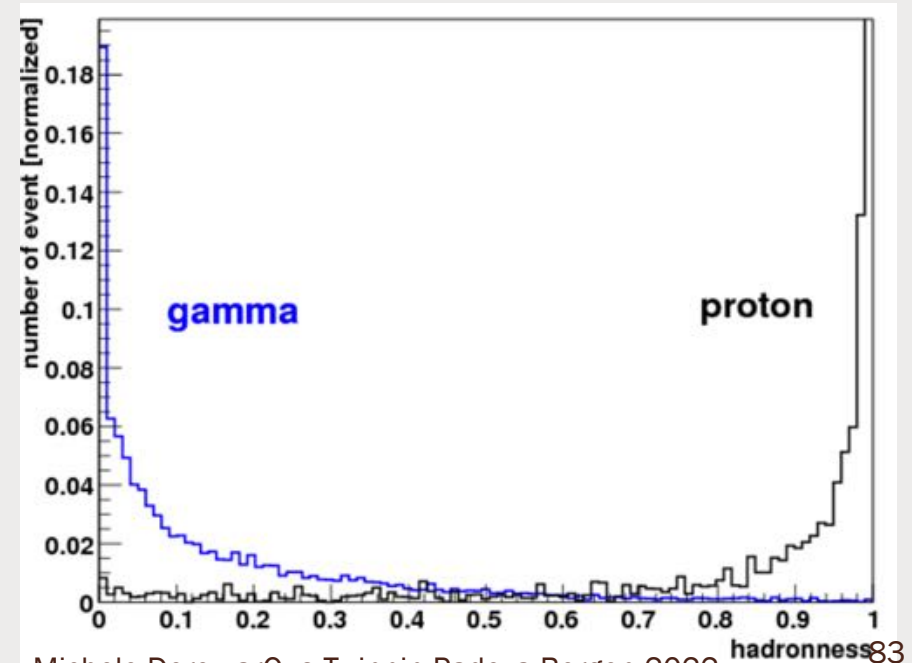
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You make a Random Forest is a collection of decision trees, by comparing with Monte Carlo



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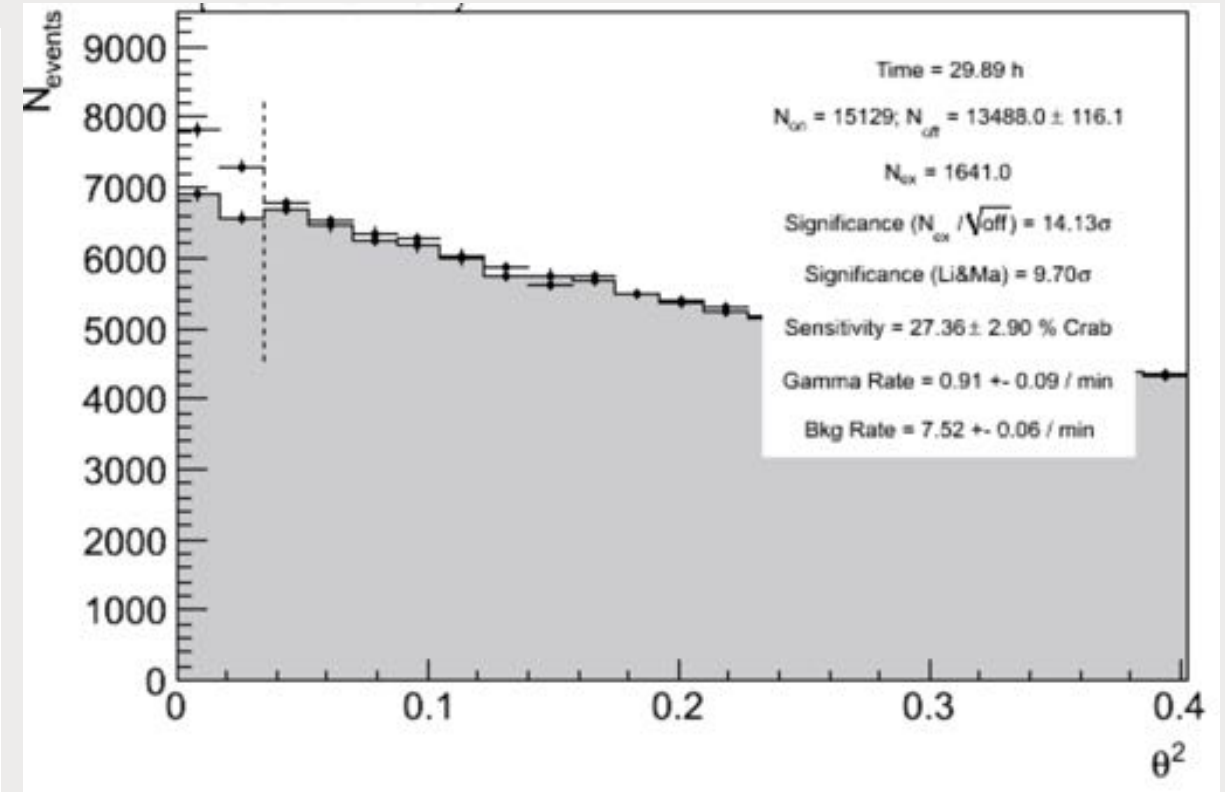
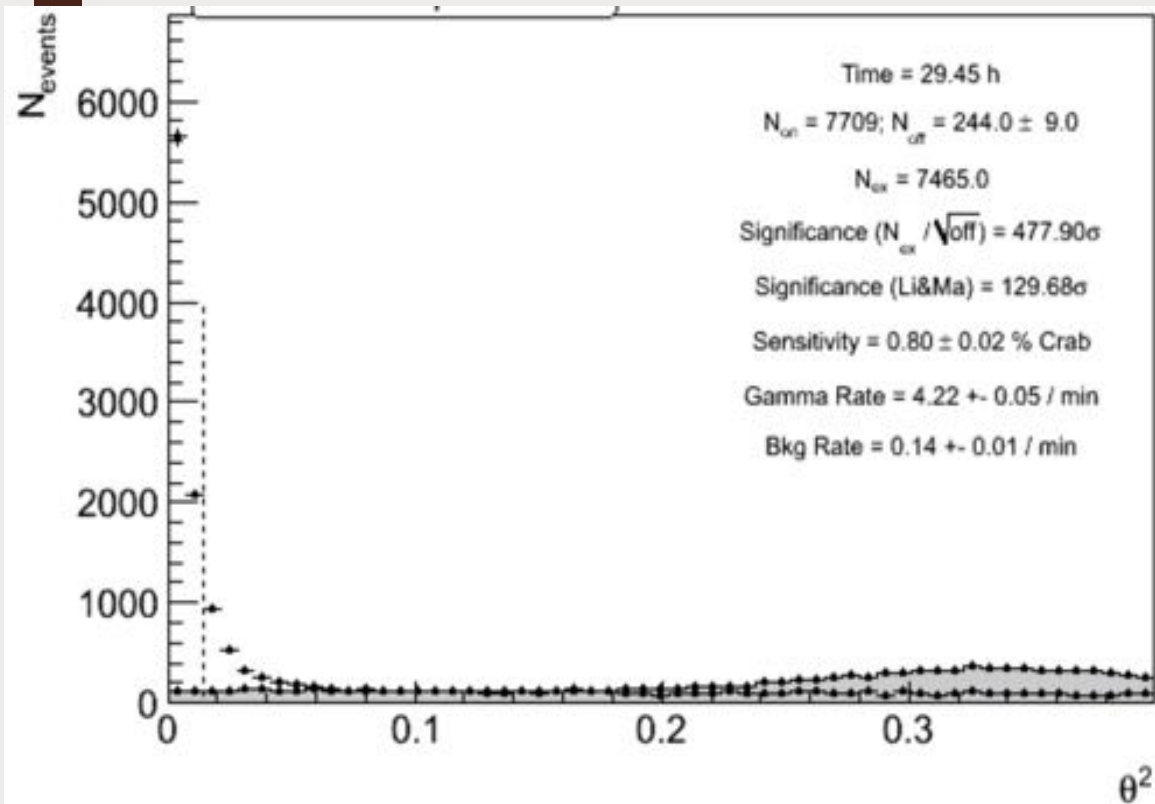
You have classified events according to “hadronness” and start to make cuts



Some background survives

● Strong!

▶ Weak



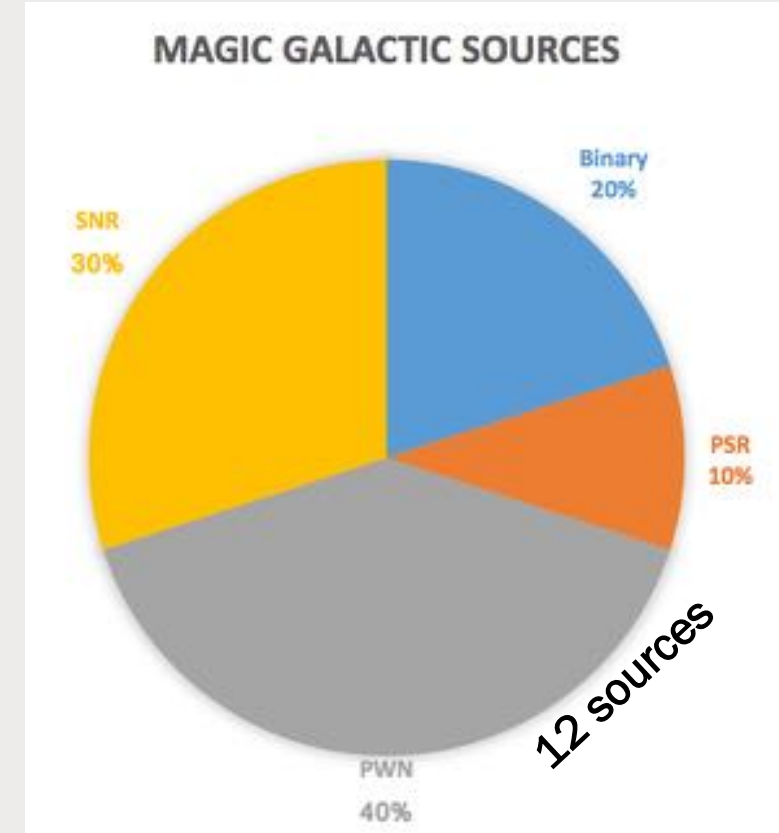
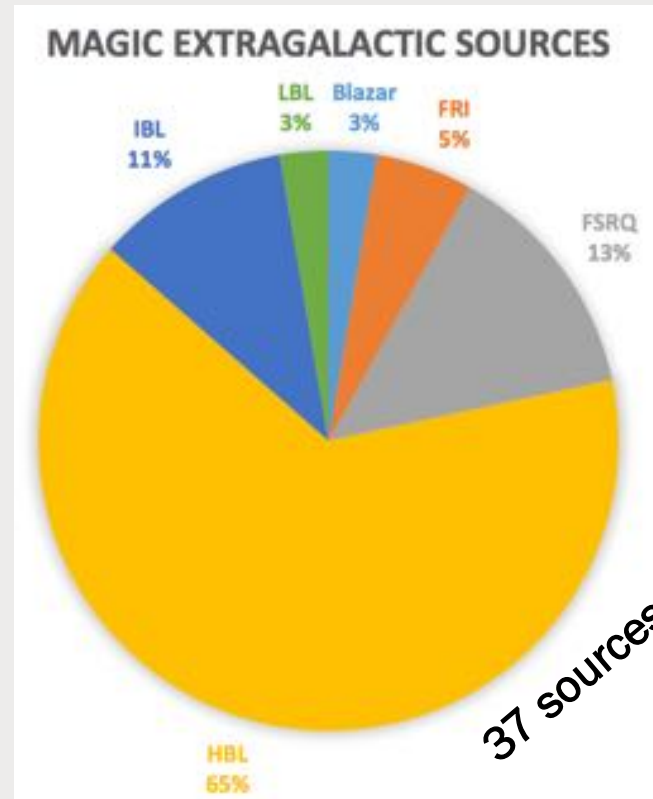
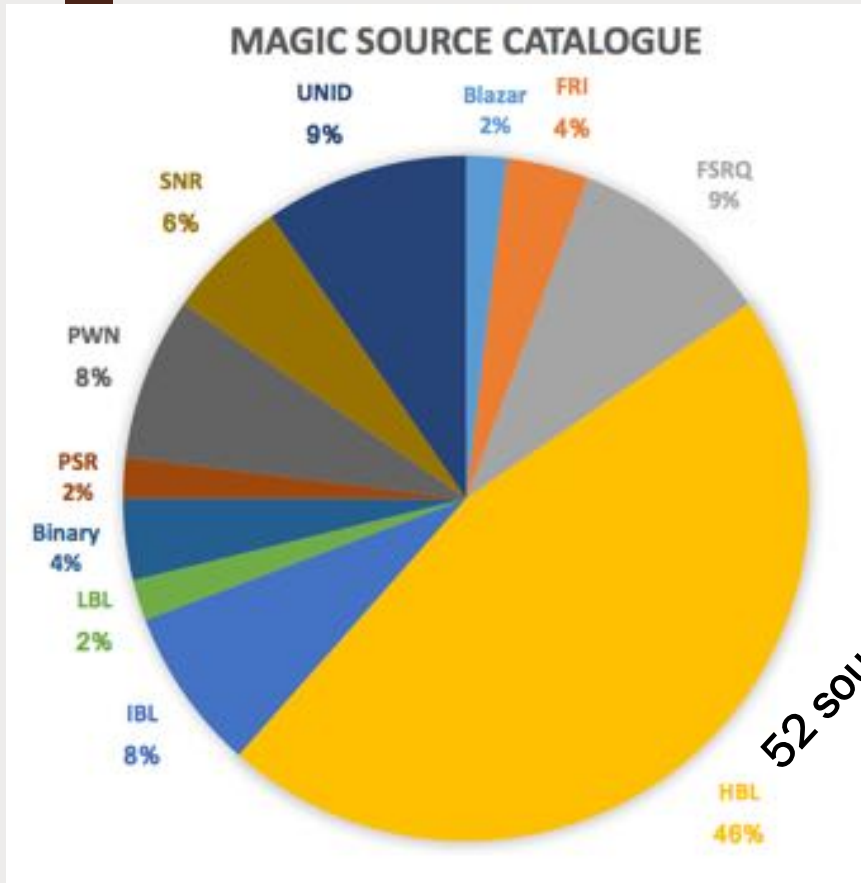


PART 1

A GAMMA-RAY DETECTOR

The MAGIC “catalogues”

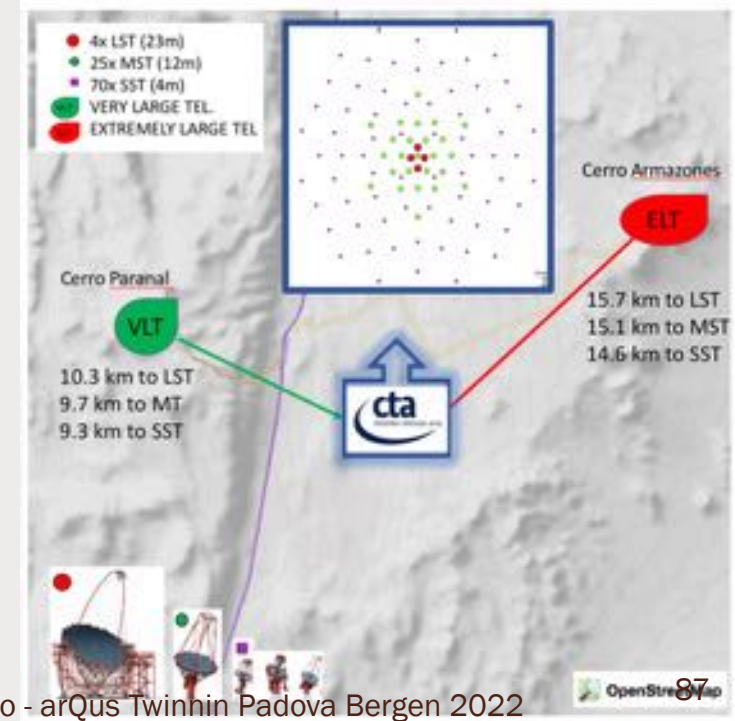
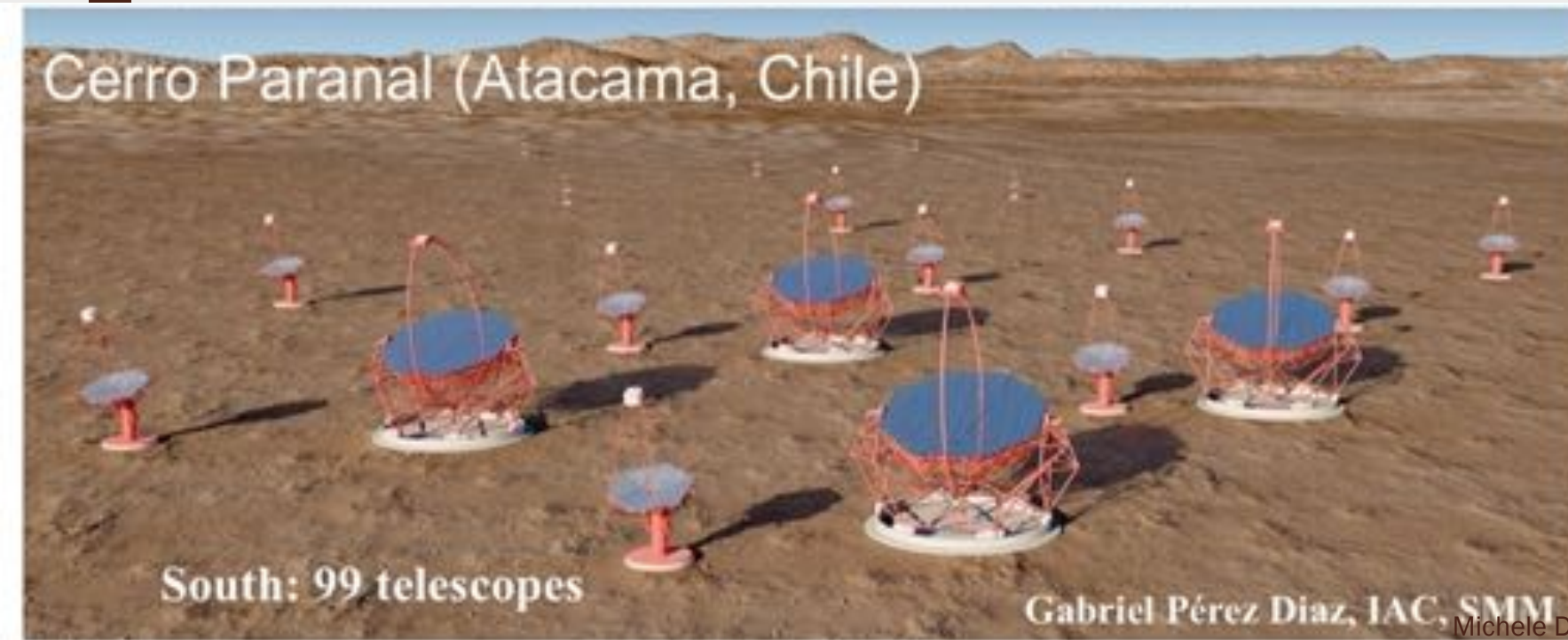
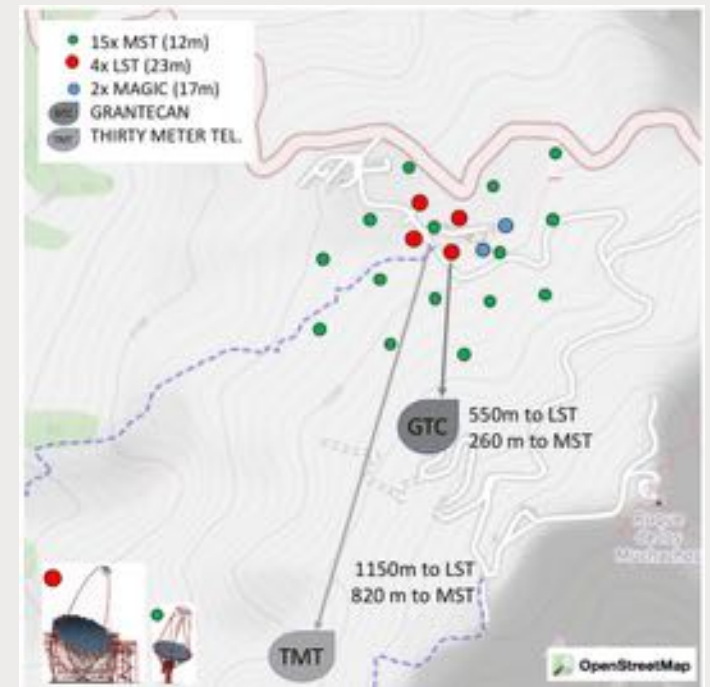
From TeVCat 2.0 <http://tevcat2.uchicago.edu>



- Wide extragalactic and galactic catalogues
- MAGIC hunts the farthest objects due to lowest energy threshold

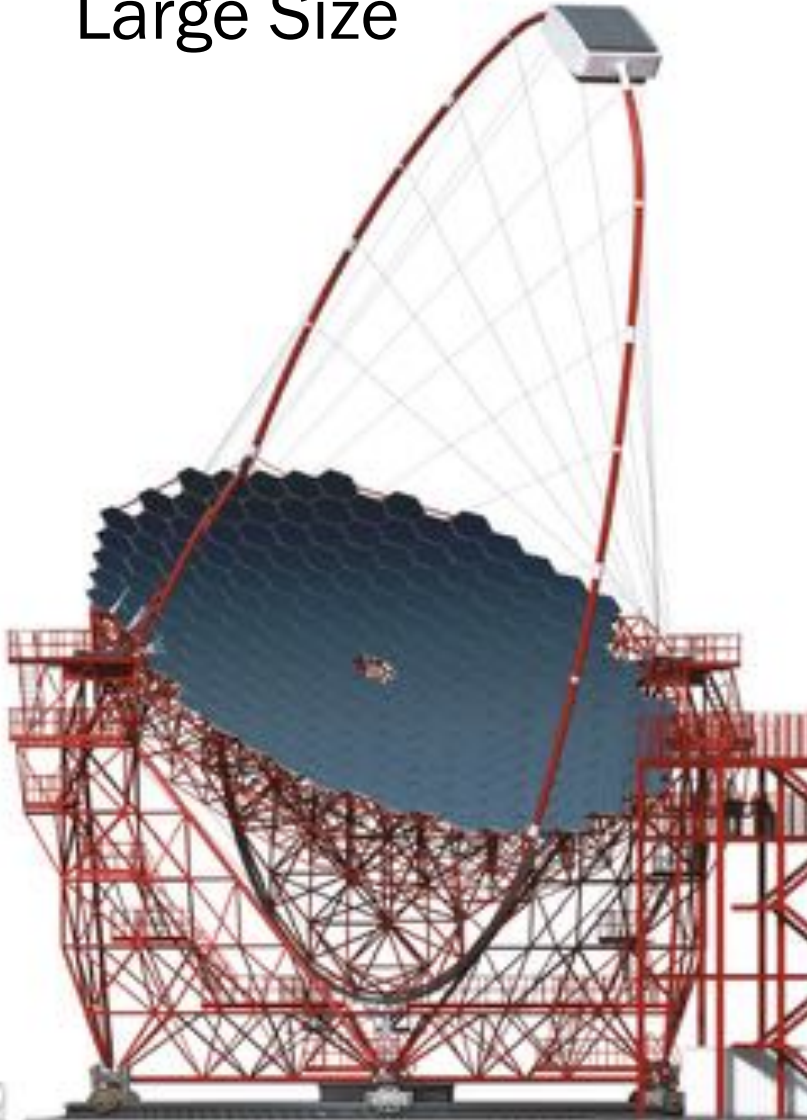
Two CTA arrays

M.Gaug, MD, MNRAS accepted 10.1093/mnras/sty2188→



Three telescope sizes

Large Size



Medium Size



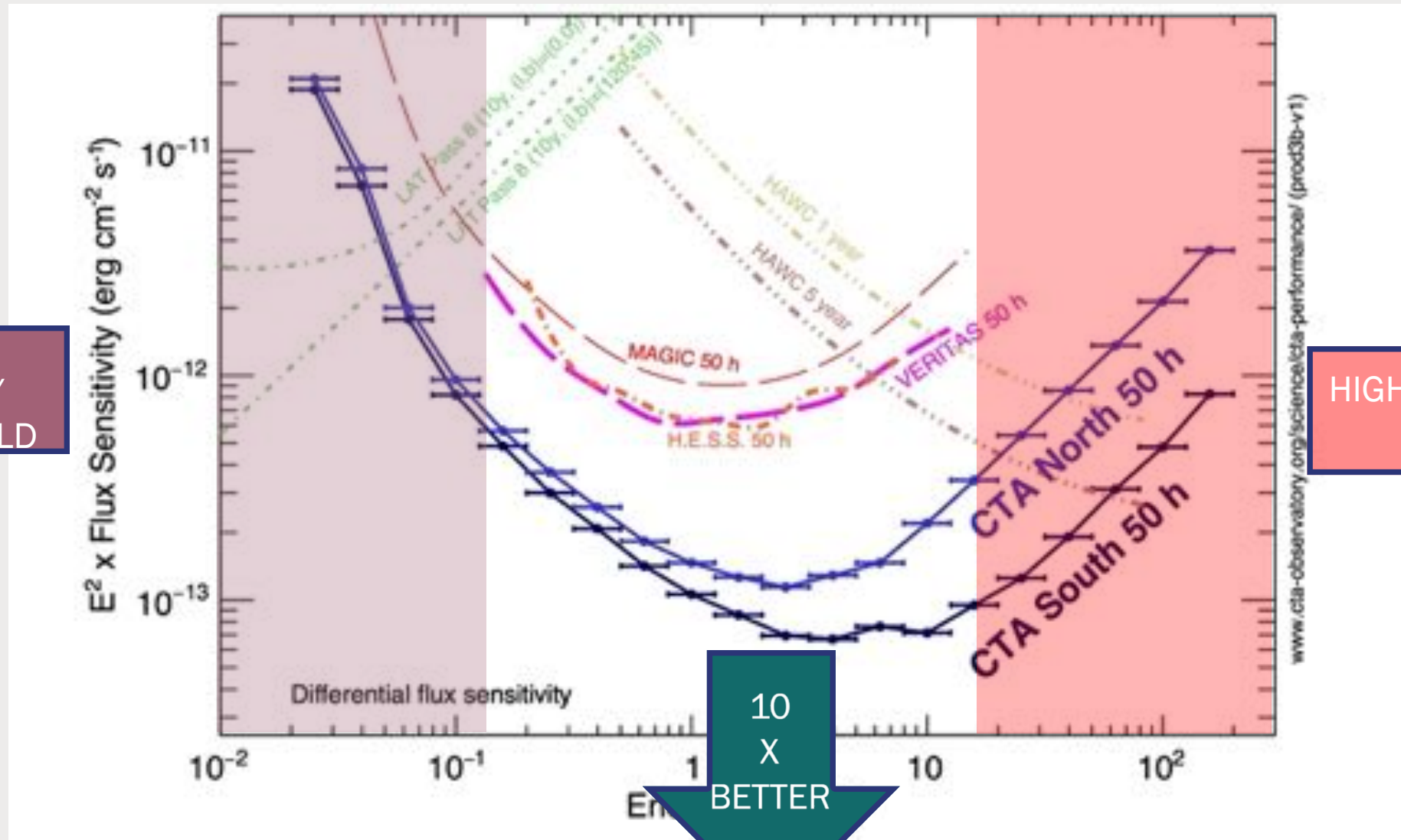
2017 Begin Pre-Construction
2022 Begin Operation
2022-25 Commissioning and
Early Science

2024/5 Construction
completion

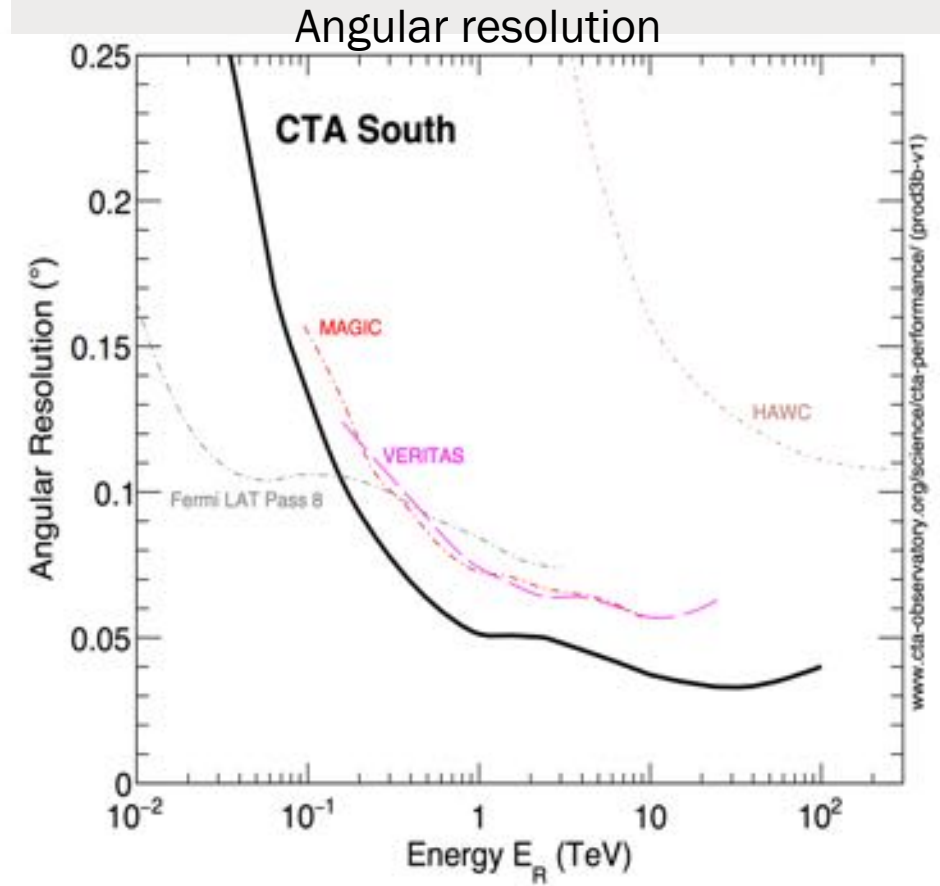
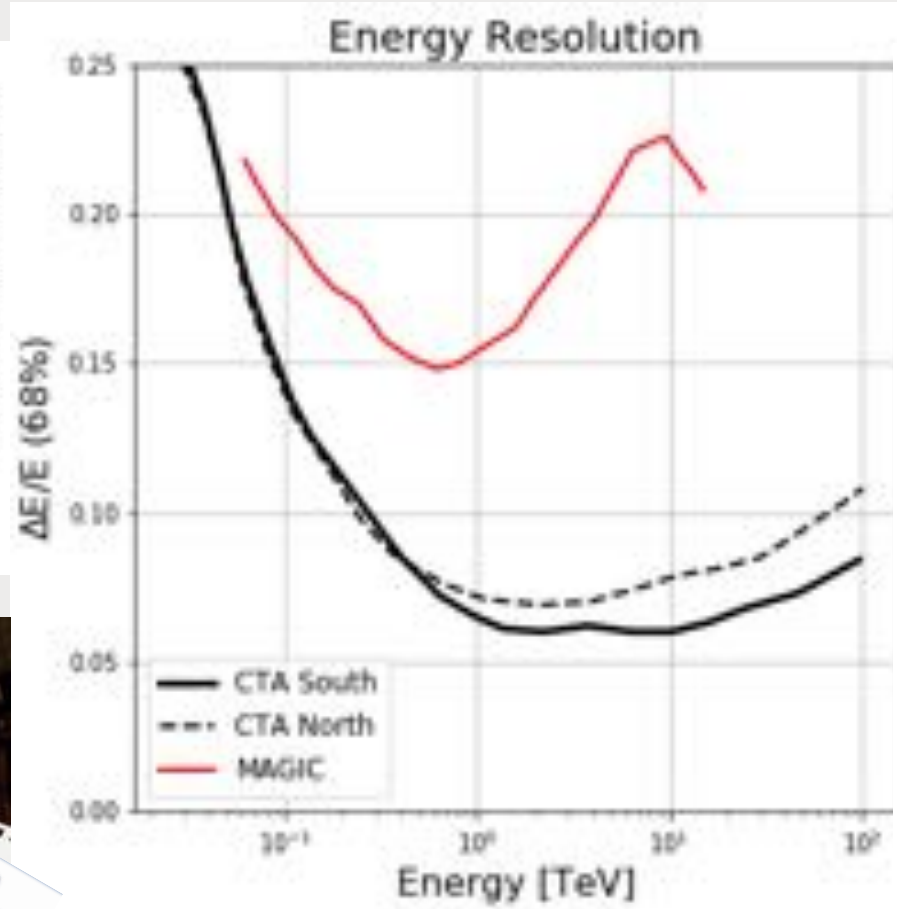
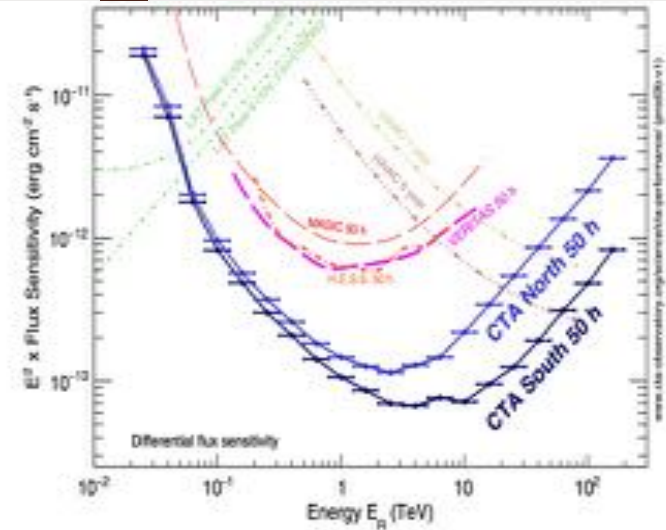
Small Size



A sensitivity leap



CTA energy and angular resolution



→ spectral features

→ Morphology discrimination



**Monitoring
4 telescopes**

- It would be even better if somebody told us where dark subhalos could be...
- Fermi-LAT follow ups?

Very deep field



**Survey mode:
Full sky at current
sensitivity in ~1 year**



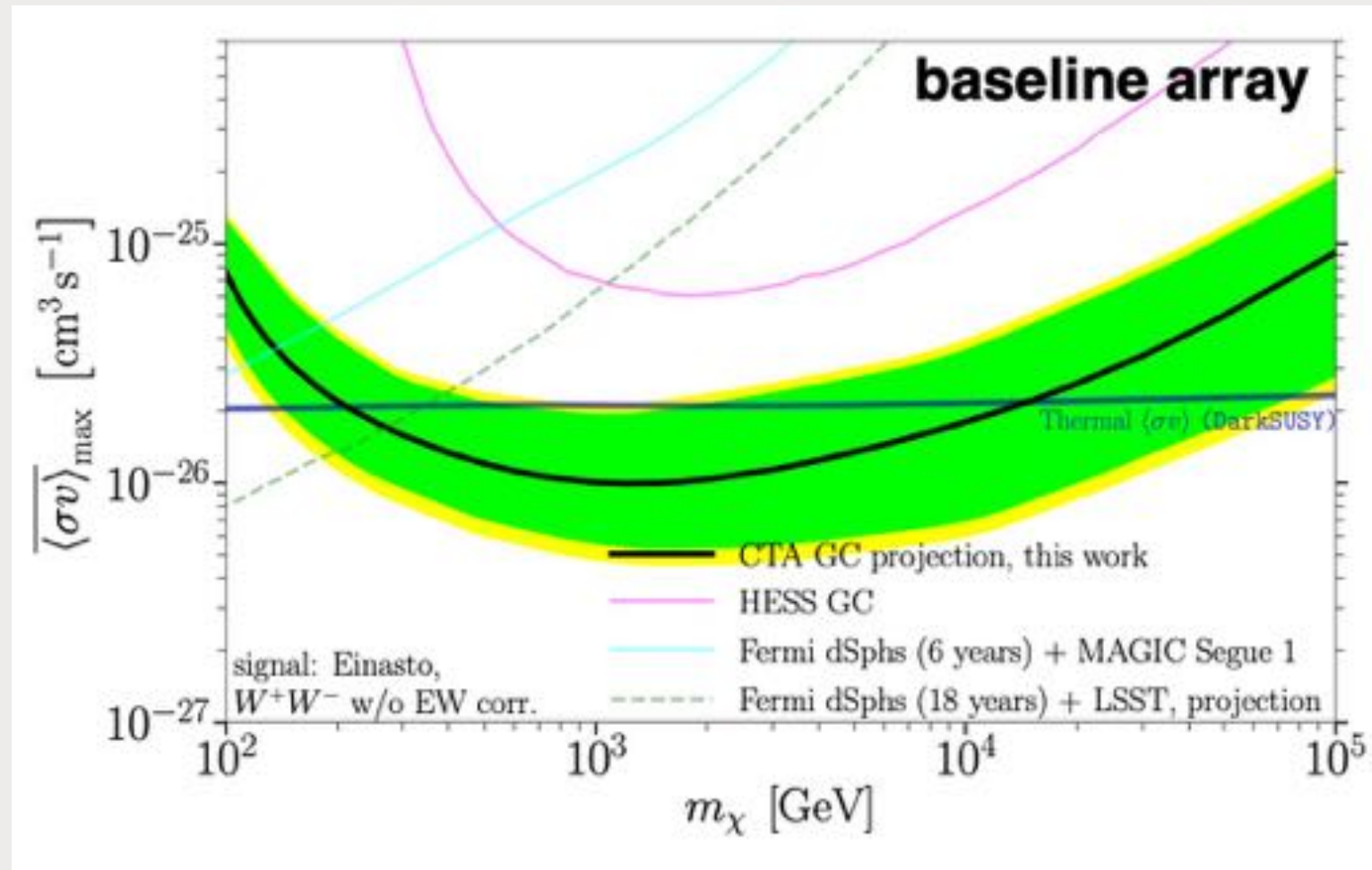
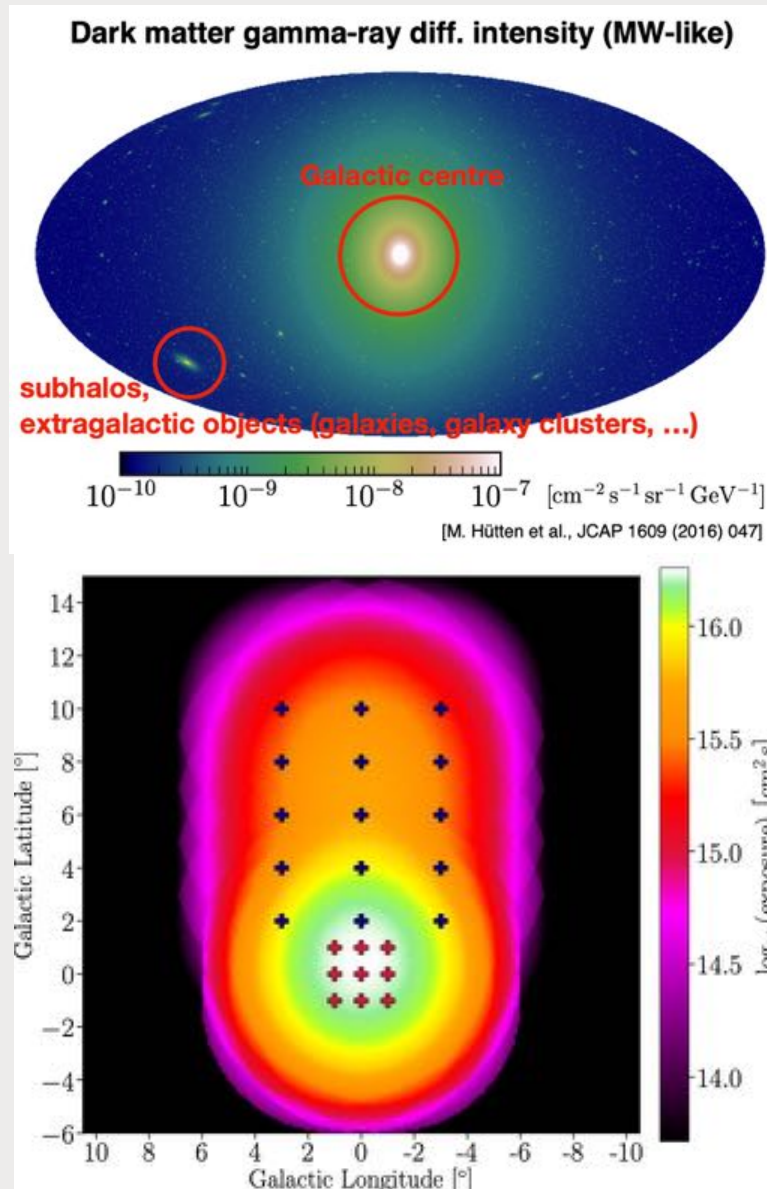
**Deep field
~1/3 of telescopes**



Survey programs:

- the Galactic plane
- a quarter of the sky

CTA and dark matter



CTA

Introduction

The **Cherenkov Telescope Array** (CTA) is the next generation ground-based observatory for gamma-ray astronomy at very-high energies. Gammapy is a prototype for the CTA science tools (see [2017arXiv170901751D](#)).

This page provides a little bit of information and links to useful resources concerning simulation and analysis of CTA data with Gammapy. Most of the pages we link to here require a CTA user account to access the information.

Getting started

To learn how to use Gammapy for CTA analysis, use the **Gammapy tutorials**. We suggest you do the "Getting started with Gammapy" one first, and then continue with "CTA first data challenge (1DC) with Gammapy" and "CTA data analysis with Gammapy" and finally the "CTA 2D source fitting with Sherpa".

If you have questions, please post on the Gammapy CTA mailing list or contact the Gammapy coordination committee (see [Gammapy contacts page](#))

Please note that Gammapy is a very young project and is under heavy development. At the moment we are participating in the CTA first data challenge, fixing issues and adding new functionality for CTA.

Data formats for gamma-ray astronomy

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# During a Python
while is_open():
    # More action!
    promote(KTD)
    # More action!
    print('KIND')
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Hire Developers the Easy Way!

Sponsored - Ads served ethically

Docs » Data formats for gamma-ray astronomy

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Caution

This is a Work-In-Progress draft for the next iteration of the standard. To view the latest released version of the standard, visit <https://gamma-astro-data-formats.readthedocs.io/en/v0.2/>

Data formats for gamma-ray astronomy



A place to propose and share data format descriptions for gamma-ray astronomy.

- Repository: <https://github.com/open-gamma-ray-astro/gamma-astro-data-formats>
- Docs: <https://gamma-astro-data-formats.readthedocs.io/>
- Mailing list: <https://lists.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/open-gamma-ray-astro>

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Last week - ESCAPE

<https://escape2020.github.io/school2021/>

The screenshot shows the ESCAPE School 2021 website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with buttons for 'Coding', 'Day 1', 'Day 2', 'Day 3', 'Day 4', 'Day 5', 'Day 6', 'Day 7', 'Day 8', 'Day 9', 'Info', 'Support', 'ML', 'Python', 'ESCAPE', and 'Search'. Below the menu is a grid of course cards. The cards include: 'Welcome' (20/05/2021) by Thomas Müller; 'Keynote Reproducible Science' (18/05/2021) by Rachel Answorth; 'Seminar - AI in Cosmological Experiments' (06/05/2021) by Prof. Oliver Laibin; 'Environment Setup' (09/05/2021) by Enrique Garcia; 'Python and Notebooks' (09/05/2021) by Enrique Garcia; 'git' (18/05/2021); 'NumPy' (18/05/2021); and 'Matplotlib' (08/05/2021) by Thomas Cal. A 'Next page' button is visible at the bottom right of the grid.



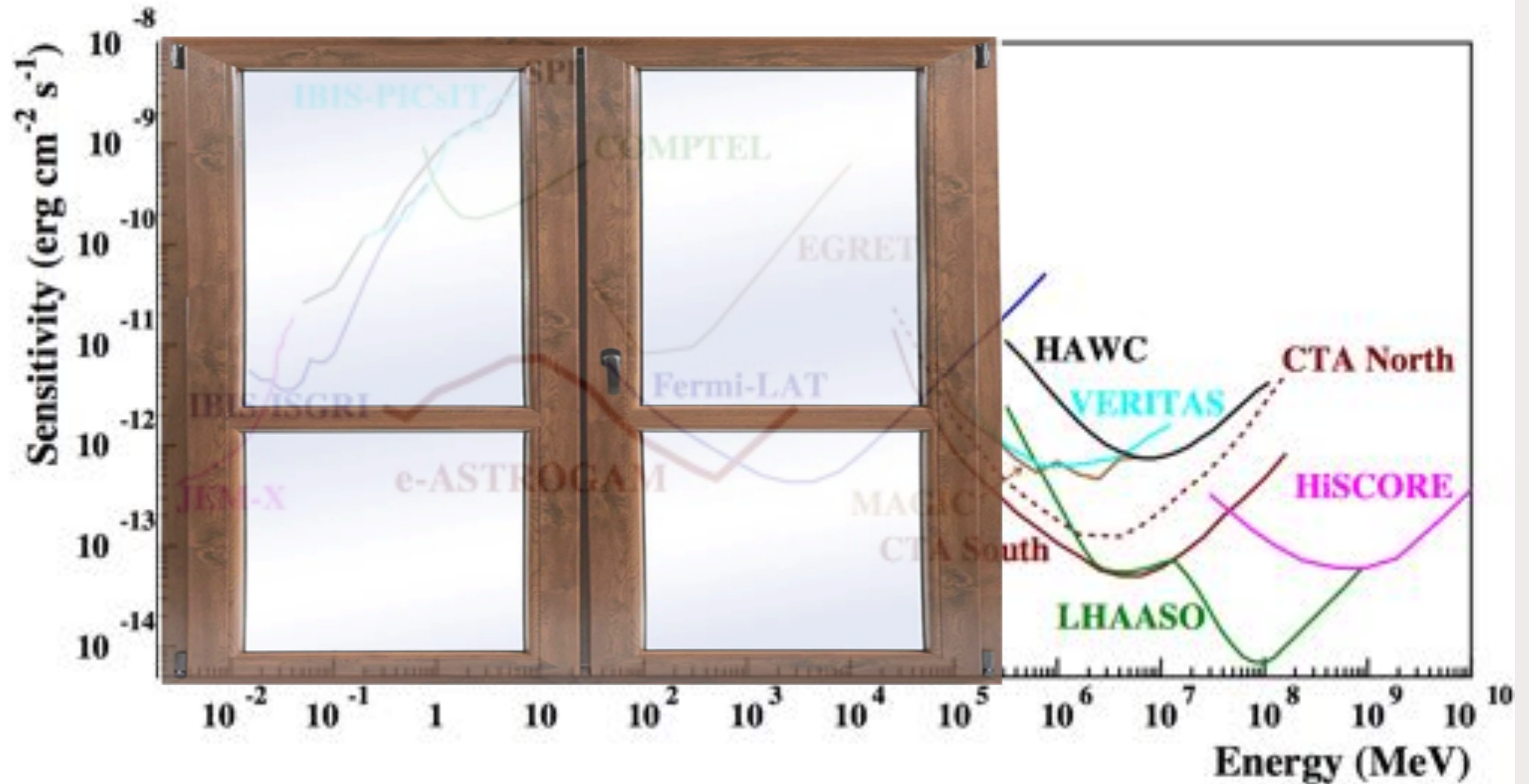


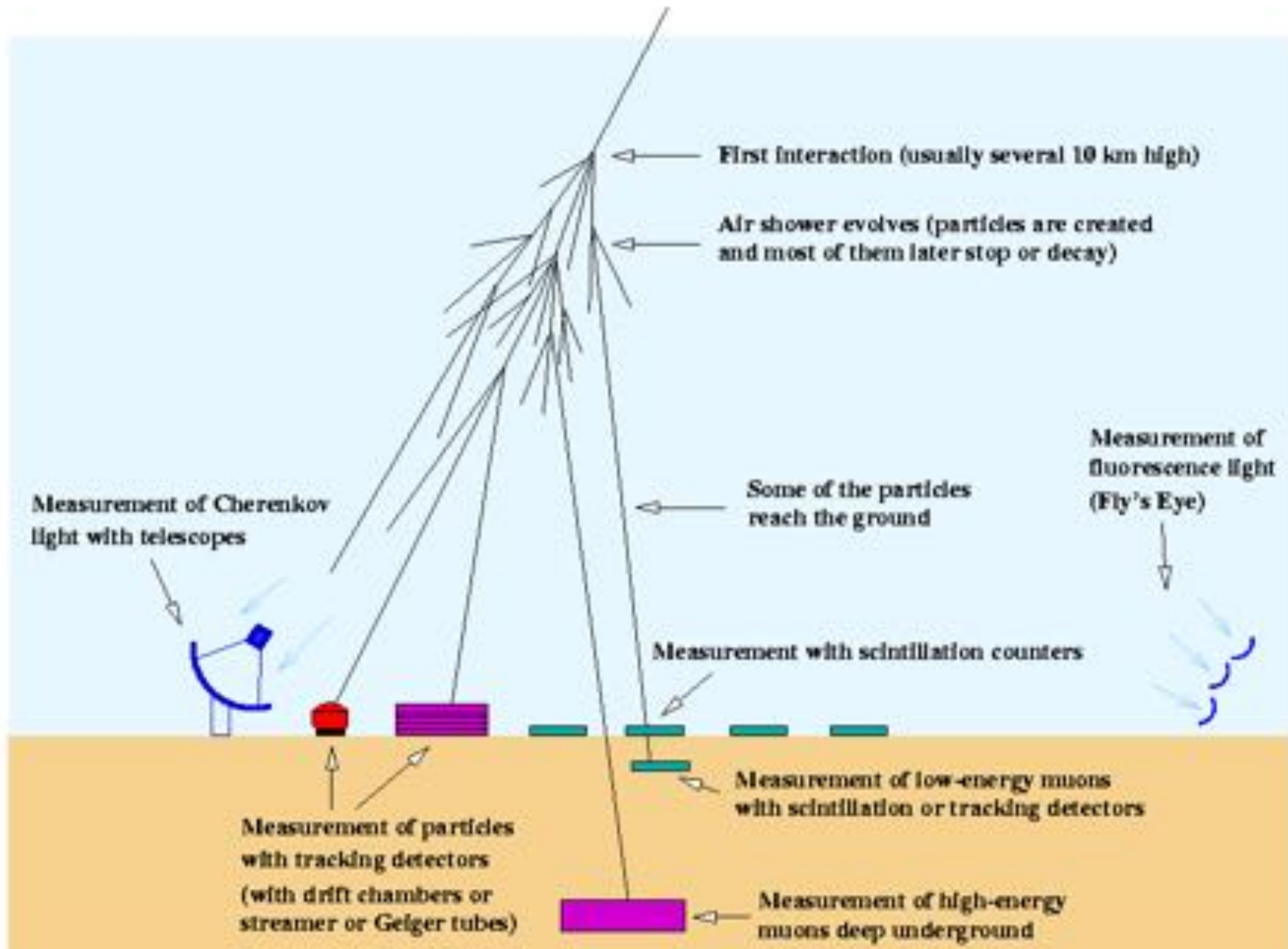
GROUND-TEV-WIDE FOV

SHOWER FRONT



Where are we





First interaction (usually several 10 km high)

Air shower evolves (particles are created and most of them later stop or decay)

Measurement of Cherenkov light with telescopes

Some of the particles reach the ground

Measurement of fluorescence light (Fly's Eye)

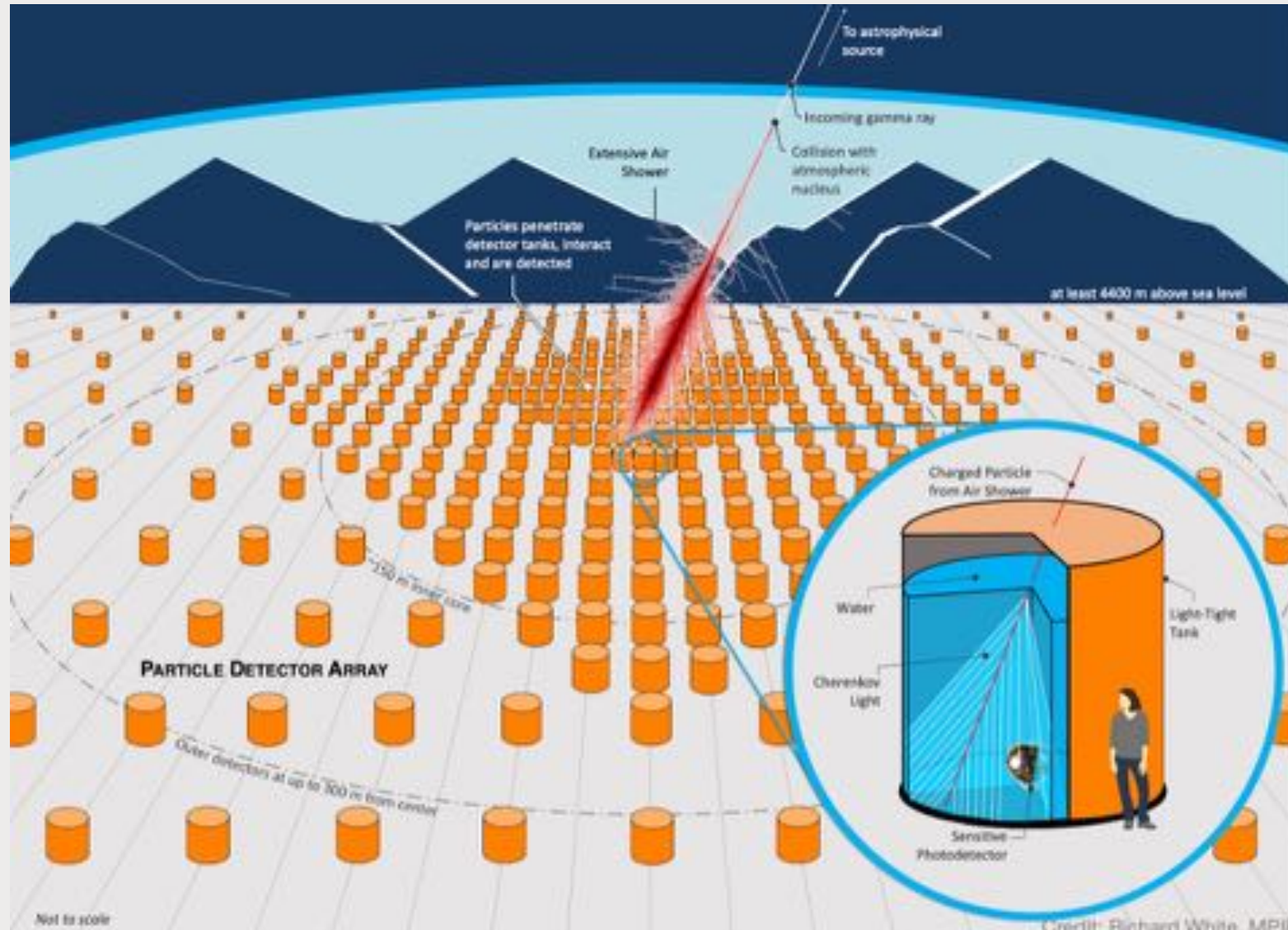
Measurement with scintillation counters

Measurement of particles with tracking detectors (with drift chambers or streamer or Gelger tubes)

Measurement of low-energy muons with scintillation or tracking detectors

Measurement of high-energy muons deep underground

Particle detectors



- Detection of charged shower constituents through several instruments
 $e^+, e^-, \mu, (\gamma)$
- Large arrays
- Higher altitudes
- All-day duty cycle
- Wide FOV
- TeV+ threshold

What detectors?



Water
Cherenkov

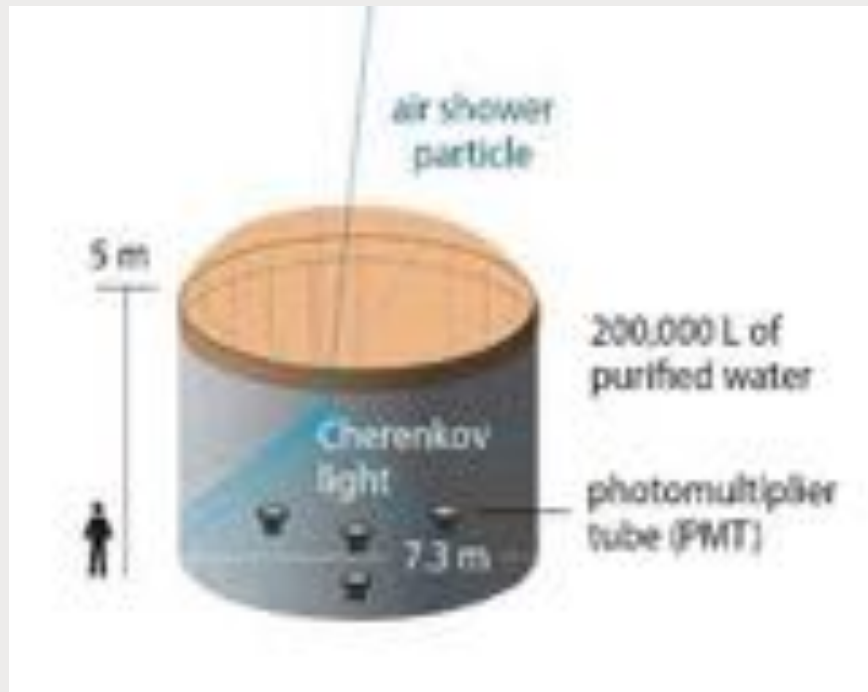
Scintillators

Resistive
Plate
Counters

- Charged particle detectors
 - *Water Cherenkov (in tank, manmade or natural water pond)*
 - *Scintillator units*
 - *Resistive Plate Counters*
- To separate electrons from muons one can consider specific 'muon-only' detectors
 - *Shielding with thick material allows γ, e^{\pm} absorption*

Water Cherenkov (tank, pond)

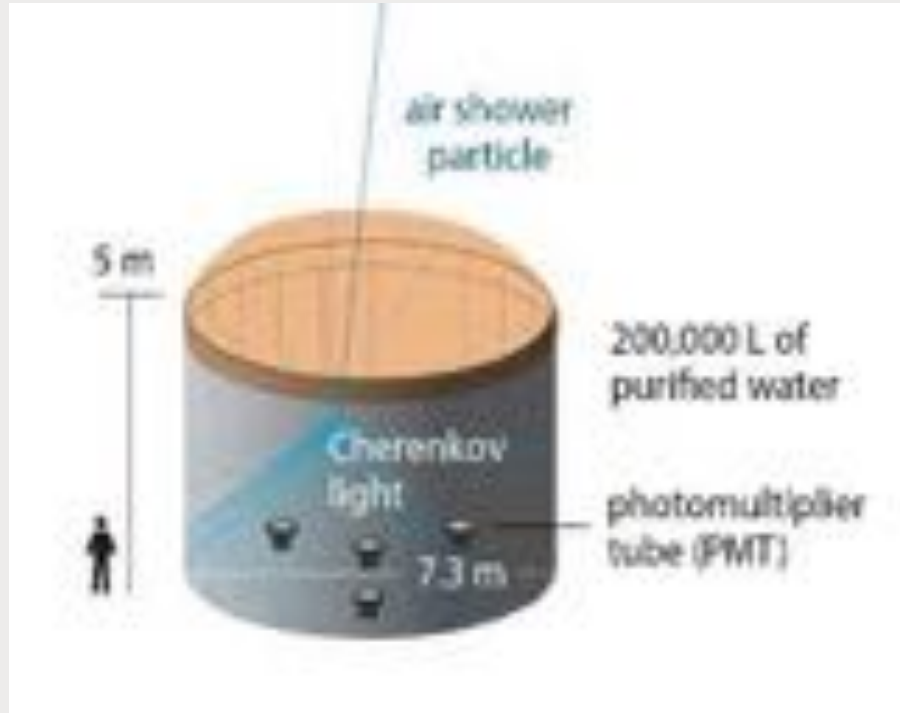
- Water: $n = 1.33$;
 $\theta_{\max} = 41.2^\circ$
for e^\pm $E_{\text{thr}} = 775 \text{ KeV}$
for μ^\pm $E_{\text{thr}} = 160 \text{ MeV}$
 $N_{\text{photons/mm}} = 36$ for λ in $(300 - 600) \text{ nm}$



- In water charged particles emit Cherenkov light
 - *Wider angle than in atmosphere*
- Needs
 - *Purified water, few m depth*
 - *Insulated tank*
 - *Few light sensors*
- Can be done in solid materials
- Exp: Milagro, HAWC, LHAASO (also Auger)

- Plexiglas: $n = 1.50$;
 $\theta_{\max} = 48.2^\circ$
for e^\pm $E_{\text{thr}} = 686 \text{ KeV}$
for μ^\pm $E_{\text{thr}} = 142 \text{ MeV}$
 $N_{\text{photons/mm}} = 46$ for λ in $(300 - 600) \text{ nm}$

Single tanks or segmented ponds

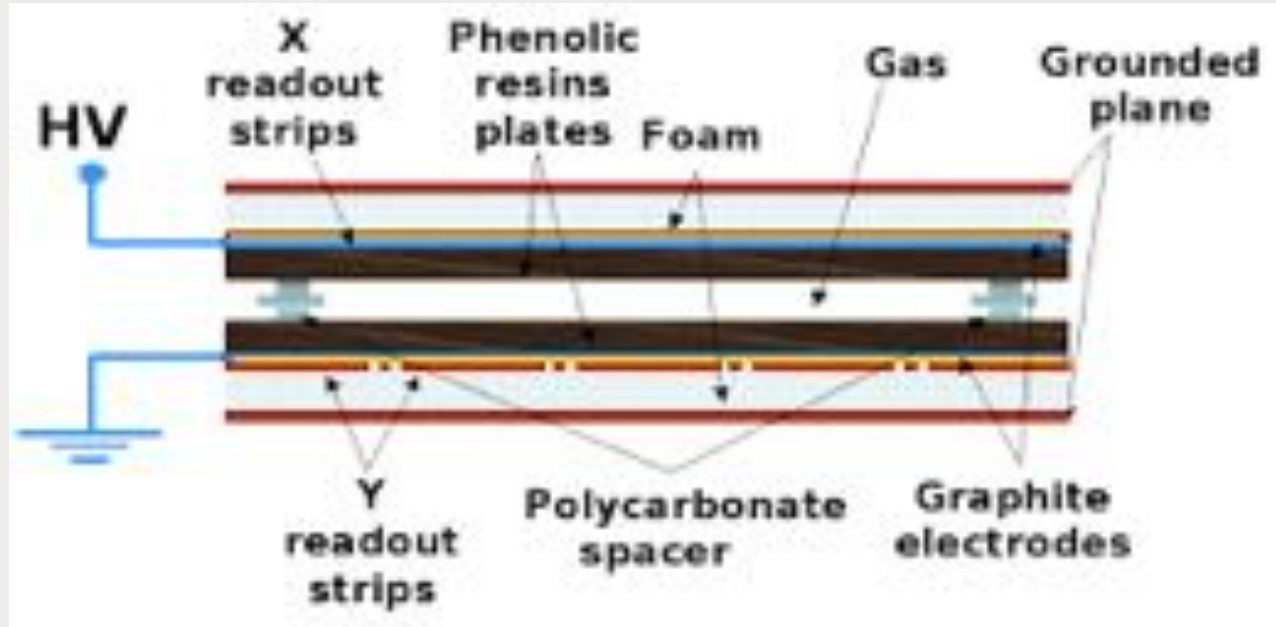


● HAWC, SWGO



● Milagro, LHAASO

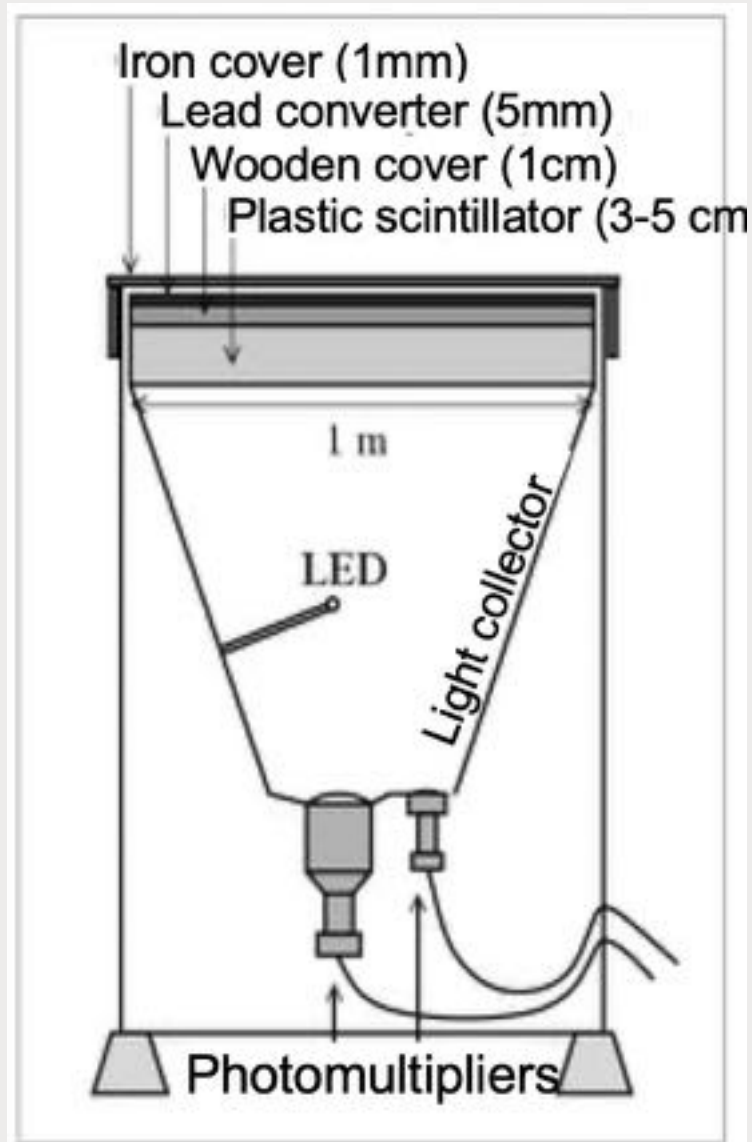
Resistive Plate Counter



● ARGO-YBJ

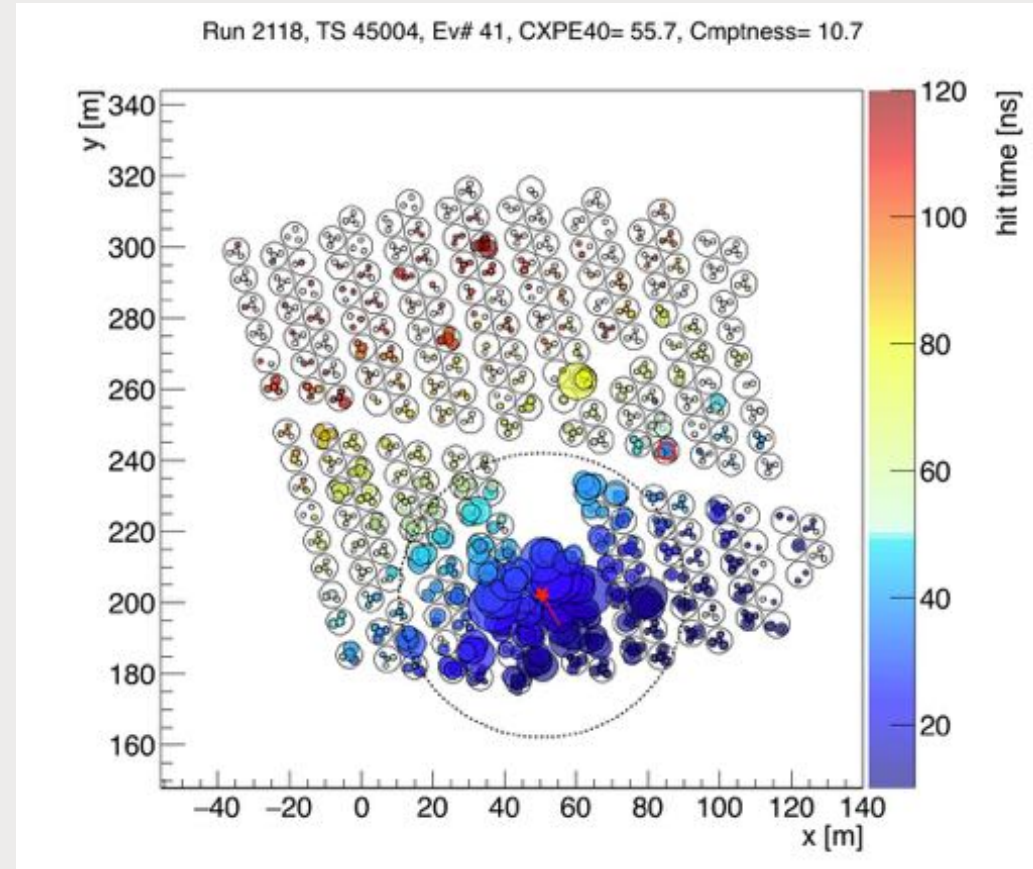
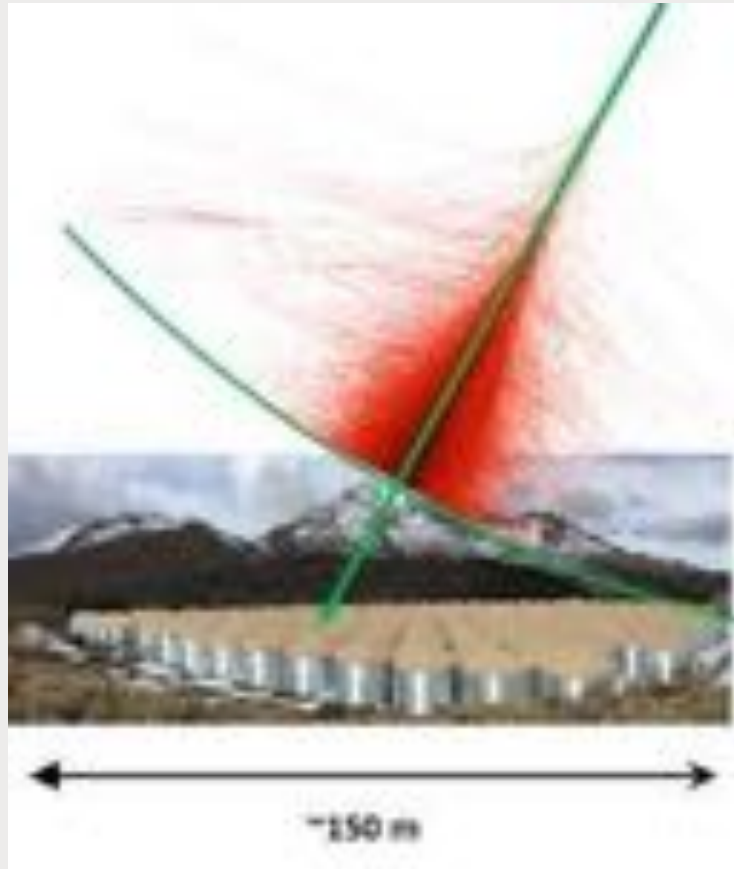
- Needs:
 - Chamber filled with Argon gas
 - HV
 - Charged particle ionize
 - Readout strips allows for very accurate
 - Spatial resolution
 - Temporal resolution
- Experiments: Argo-YBJ
- Not a calorimetric measurement

Scintillators



- Needs
 - *Wide area scintillator*
 - *Light collector+photosensors*
- Experiments: HEGRA, LHAASO

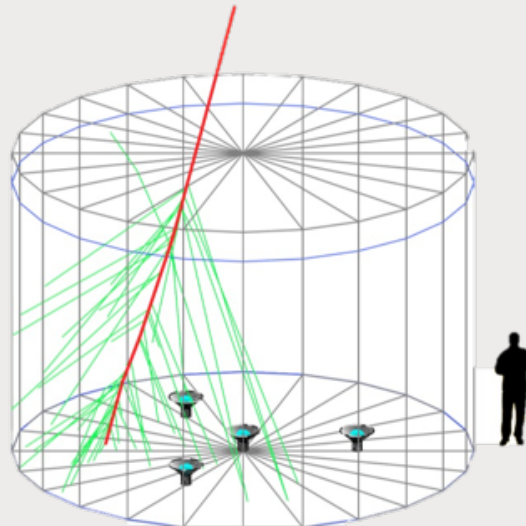
Shower core-temporal reconstruction



- Need a model for temporal evolution (ns)
- Shower core location and evolution

HAWC

- Location: Puebla, Mexico, 4100 m asl
- Collaboration: US+Mexico (mostly), 120 scientists
- Operating: 2016+
- Technique:
 - *Inner 300 water Cherenkov tanks 7m d, 4.5m h*
 - 4 PMTs / tank
 - *Outer sparse 350 tanks 1.65m h*
 - 1 PMT / tank



LHAASO

- Location: Sichuan, China, 4410 m a.s.l.
- Collaboration: China
- Operating: 2020+

5195 Scintillators

- 1 m² each
- 15 m spacing

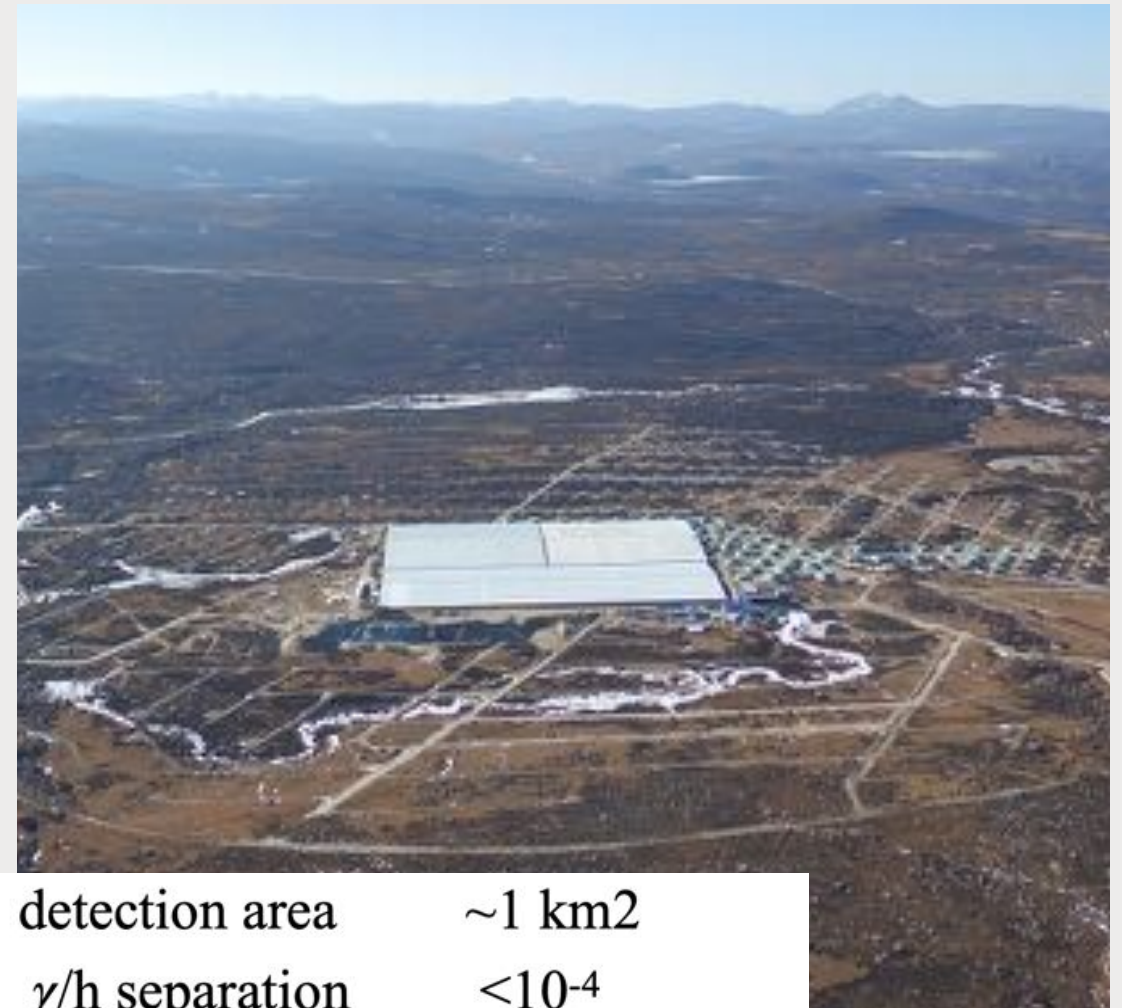
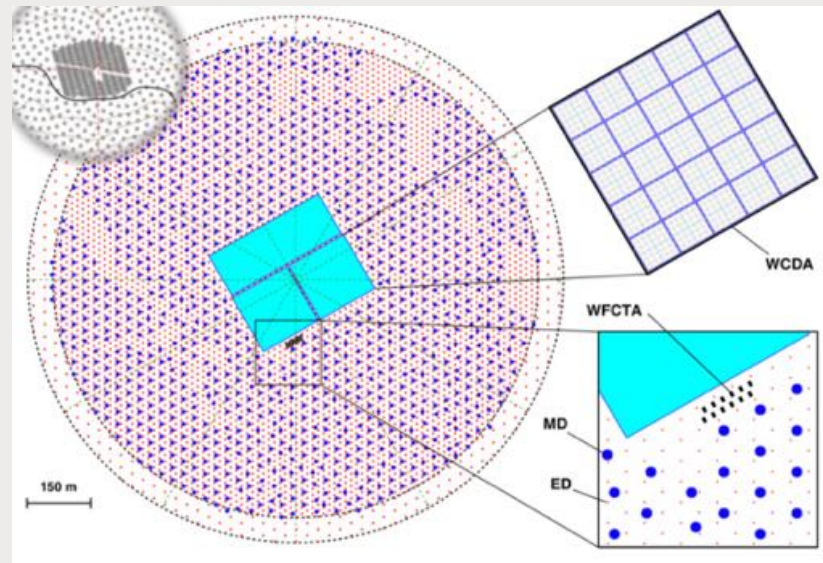
1171 Muon Detectors

- 36 m² each
- 30 m spacing

3000 Water Cherenkov Cells

- 25 m² each

12 Wide Field Cherenkov Telescopes



detection area	~1 km ²
γ/h separation	<10 ⁻⁴
large FoV	~1 ster
exposure time	~2000 h/yr
good PSF	~15 arcmin
energy resolution.	~15%

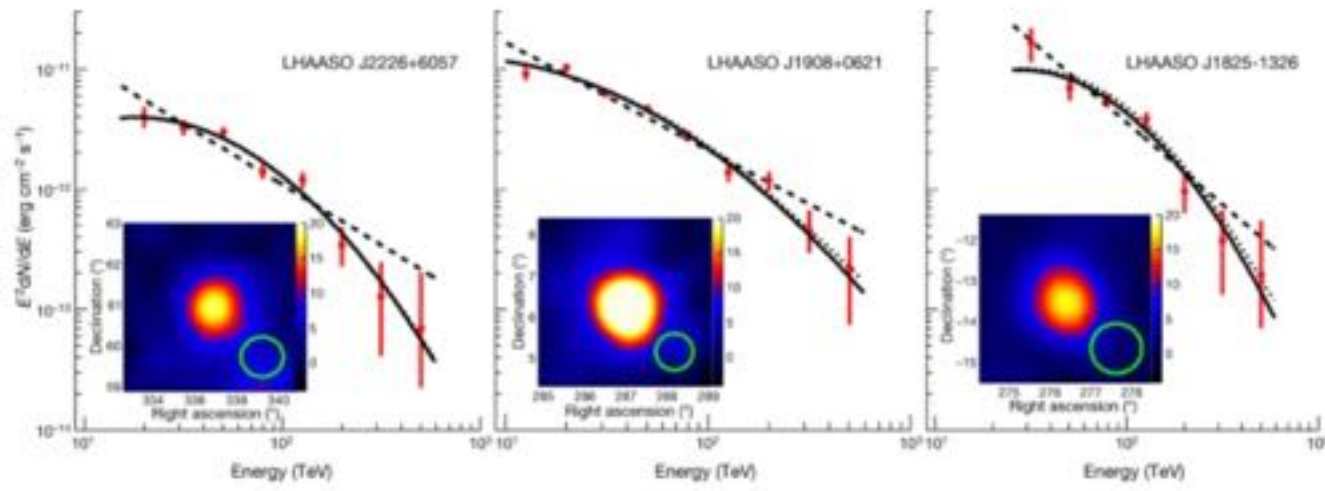
Ultrahigh-energy photons up to 1.4 petaelectronvolts from 12 γ -ray Galactic source

Zhen Cao , F. A. Aharonian , [...]X. Zuo

Nature **594**, 33–36 (2021) | [Cite this article](#)

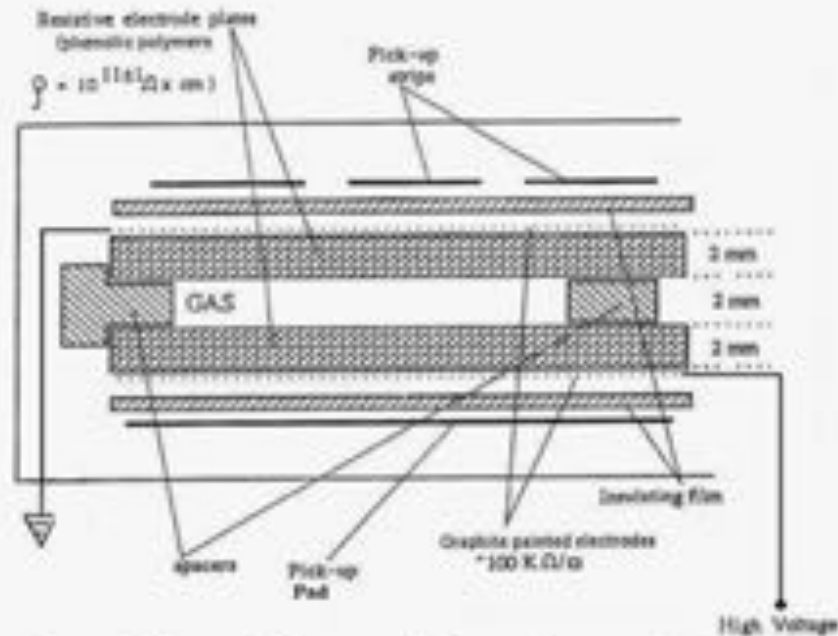
Source name	RA (°)	dec. (°)	Significance above 100 TeV ($\times\sigma$)	E_{\max} (PeV)	Flux at 100 TeV (CU)
LHAASO J0534+2202	83.55	22.05	17.8	0.88 ± 0.11	1.00(0.14)
LHAASO J1825-1326	276.45	-13.45	16.4	0.42 ± 0.16	3.57(0.52)
LHAASO J1839-0545	279.95	-5.75	7.7	0.21 ± 0.05	0.70(0.18)
LHAASO J1843-0338	280.75	-3.65	8.5	$0.26-0.10^{+0.16}$	0.73(0.17)
LHAASO J1849-0003	282.35	-0.05	10.4	0.35 ± 0.07	0.74(0.15)
LHAASO J1908+0621	287.05	6.35	17.2	0.44 ± 0.05	1.36(0.18)
LHAASO J1929+1745	292.25	17.75	7.4	$0.71-0.07^{+0.16}$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J1956+2845	299.05	28.75	7.4	0.42 ± 0.03	0.41(0.09)
LHAASO J2018+3651	304.75	36.85	10.4	0.27 ± 0.02	0.50(0.10)
LHAASO J2032+4102	308.05	41.05	10.5	1.42 ± 0.13	0.54(0.10)
LHAASO J2108+5157	317.15	51.95	8.3	0.43 ± 0.05	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J2226+6057	336.75	60.95	13.6	0.57 ± 0.19	1.05(0.16)

Fig. 1: Spectral energy distributions and significance maps.



ARGO-YBJ

Going further down in E: **better coverage** of the detection area



Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs) are gaseous ionisation detectors with parallel resistive electrodes. Good time and spatial resolution.

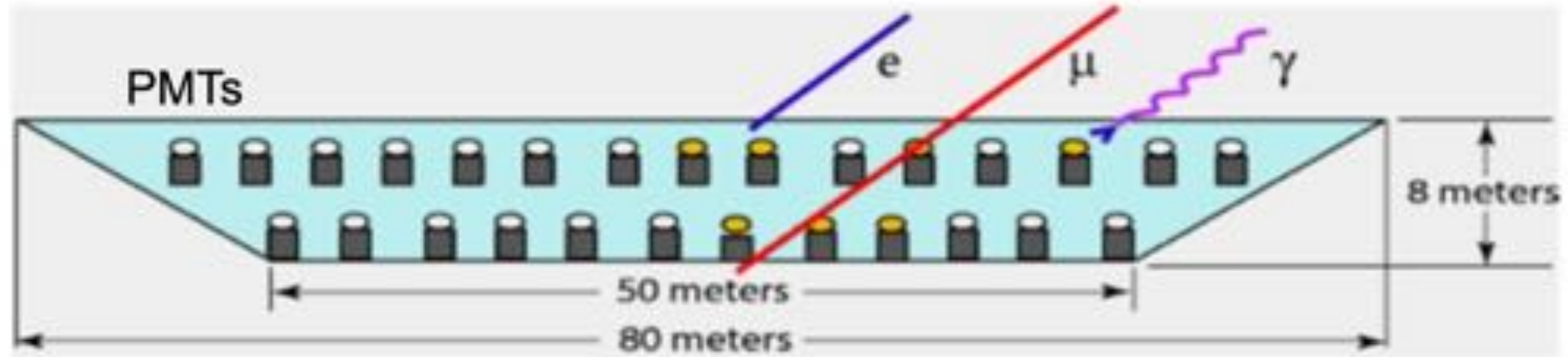


4300 m a.s.l., Yangbajing



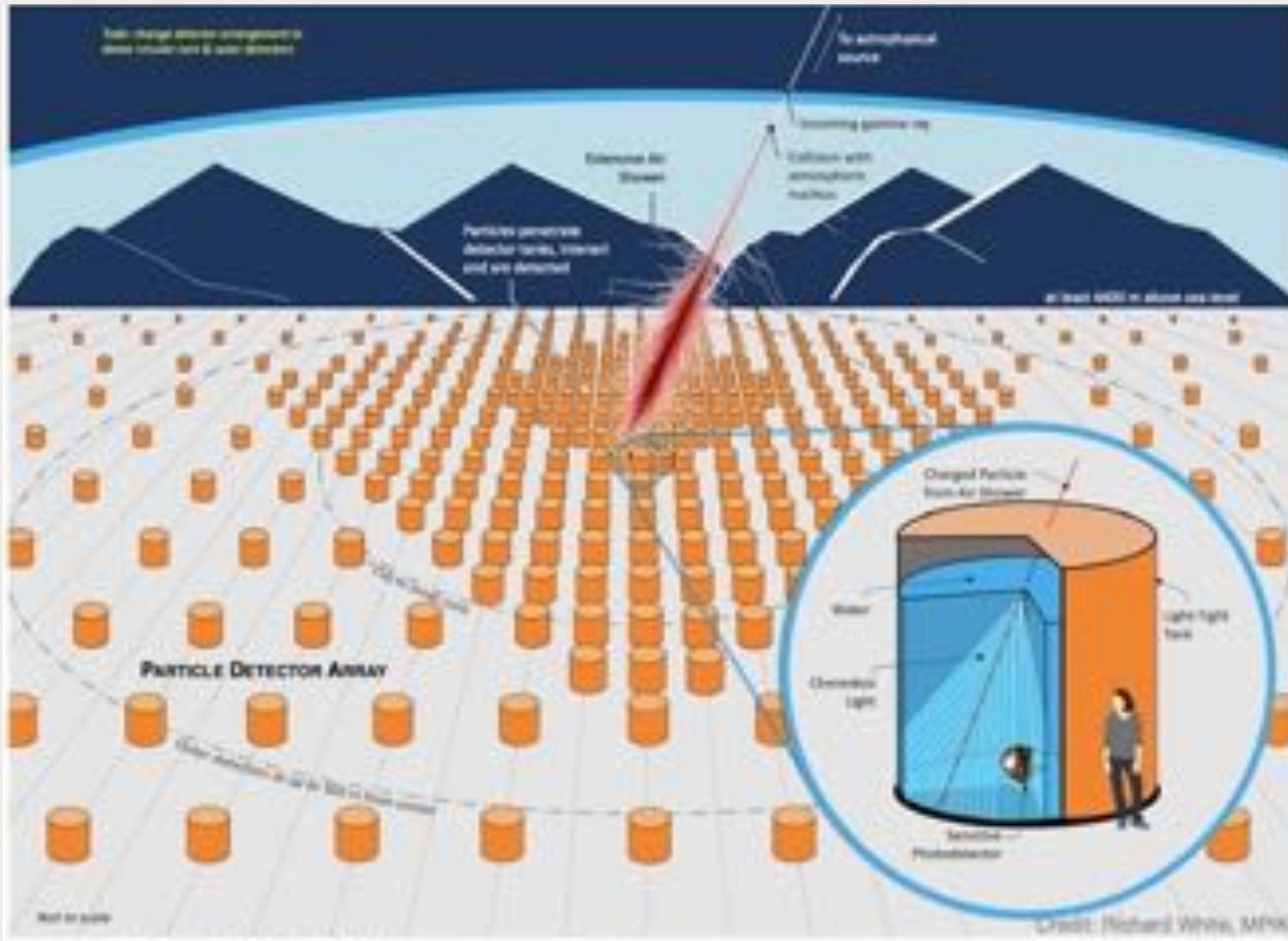
MILAGRO (moved to → HAWC)

Achieves full coverage in a different way: Cherenkov light emission in water



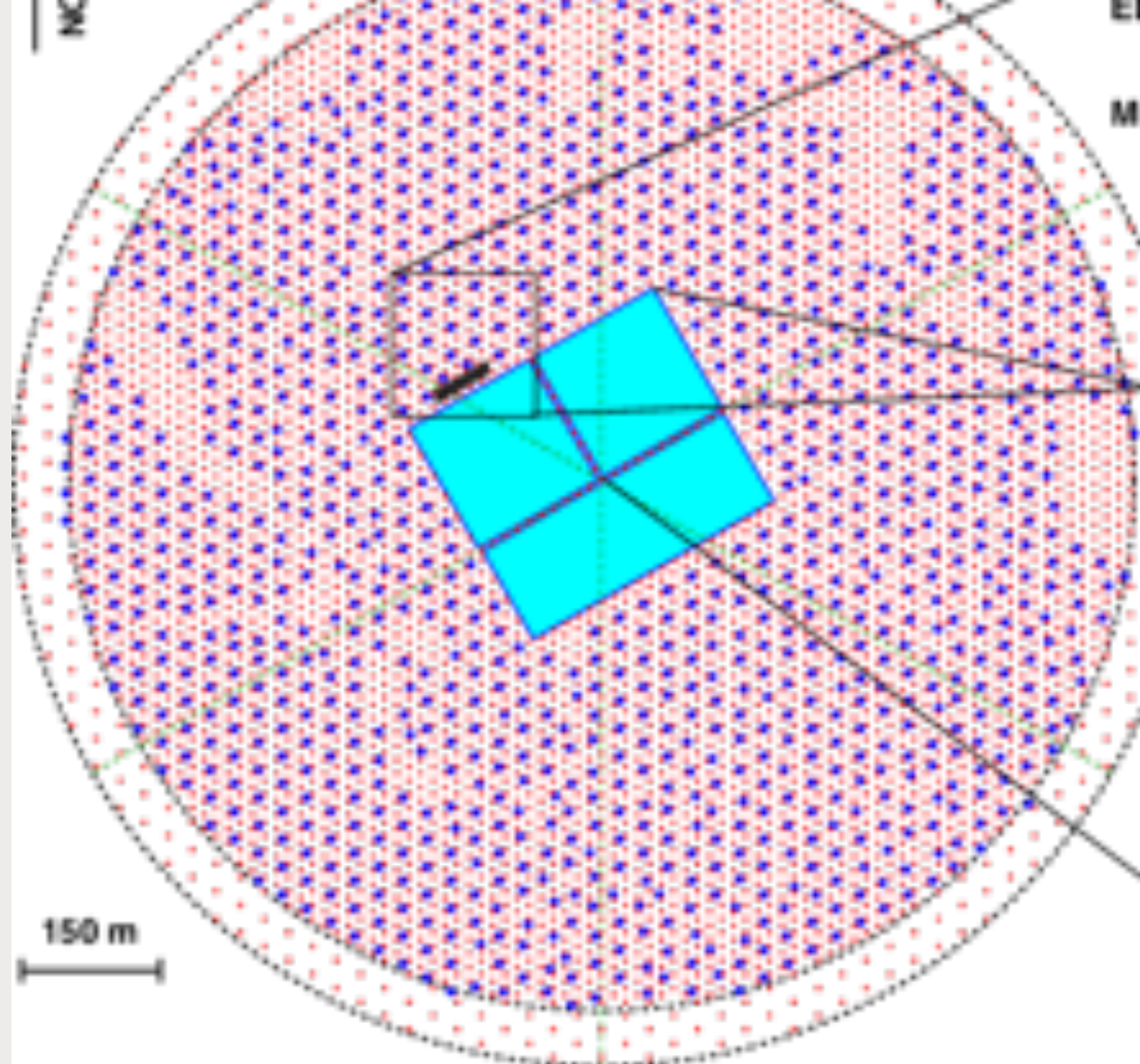
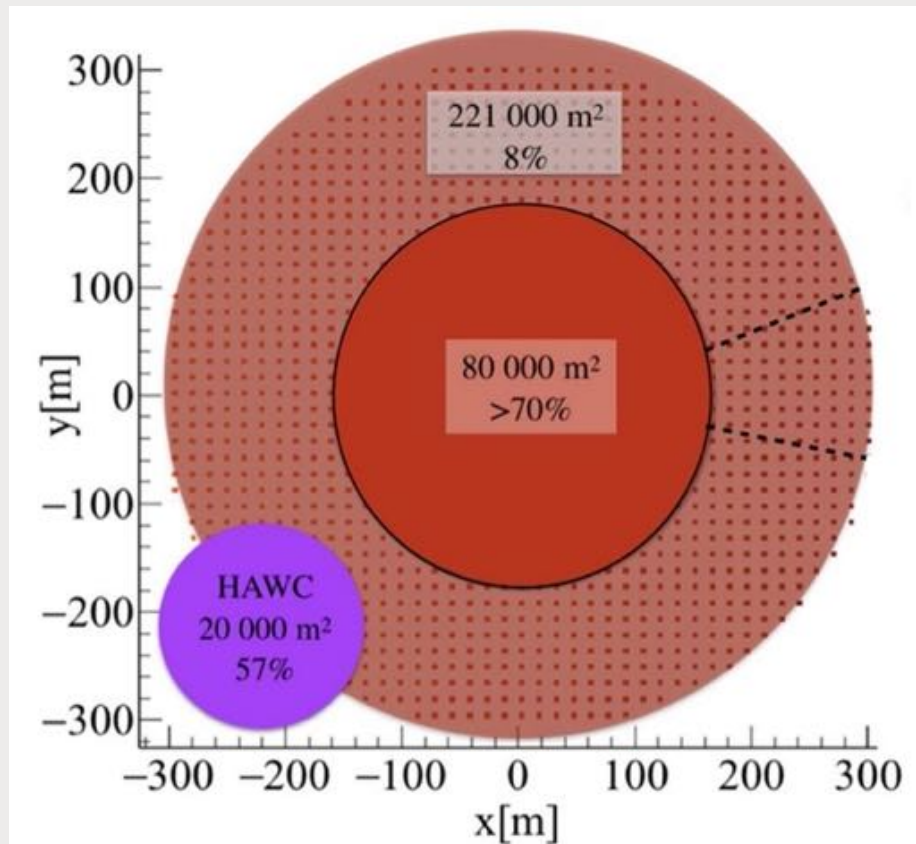
Los Alamos, 2,630m a.s.l.

Southern Wide-Field gamma-ray observatory



- A shower-front detector of TeV gamma rays to be located in South America
- 100^+ GeV – 100^+ TeV
- Built on experience of HAWC, Milagro, Auger + MAGIC, CTA,

SWG0

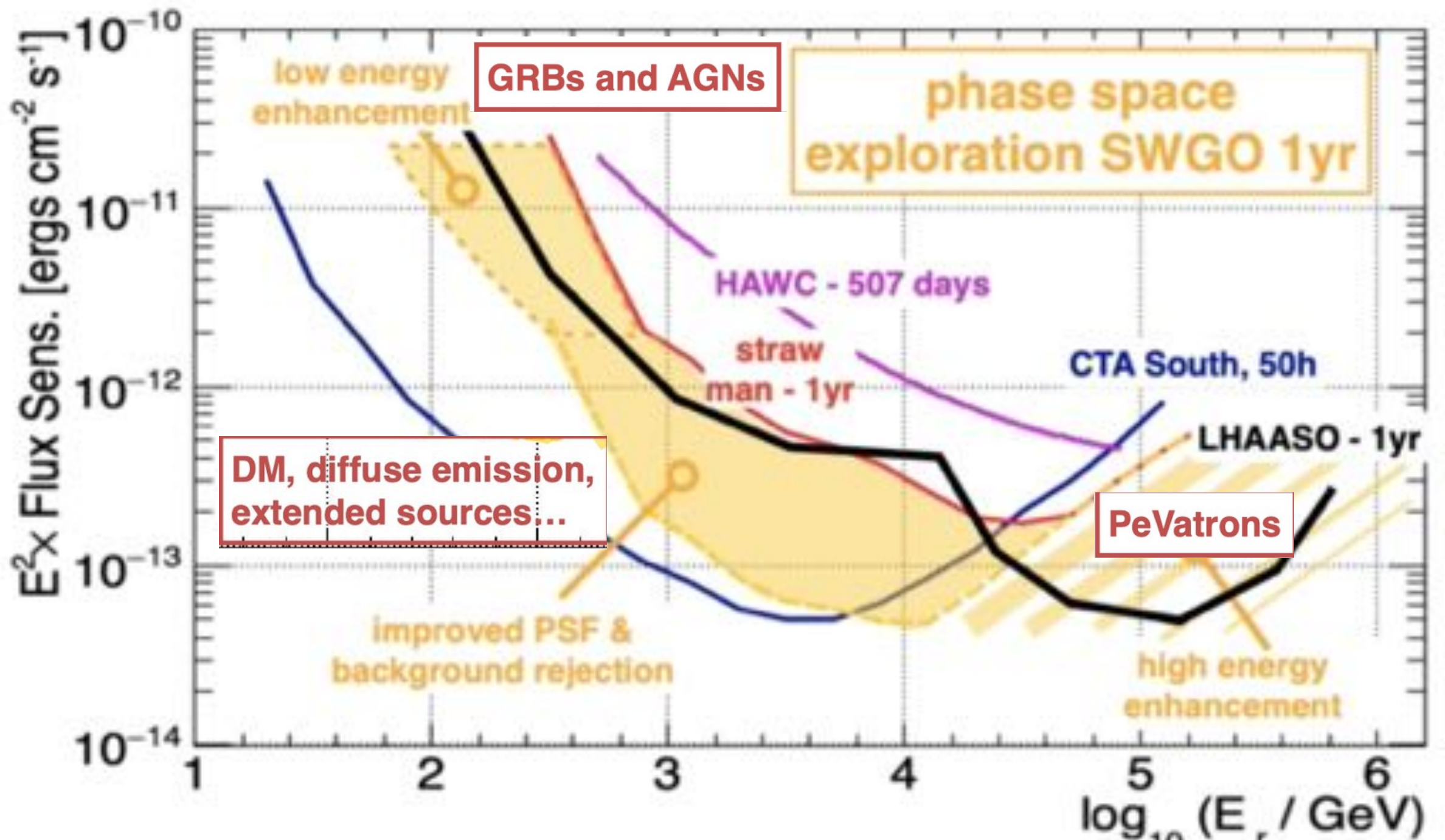


...brought up in South America in 201x



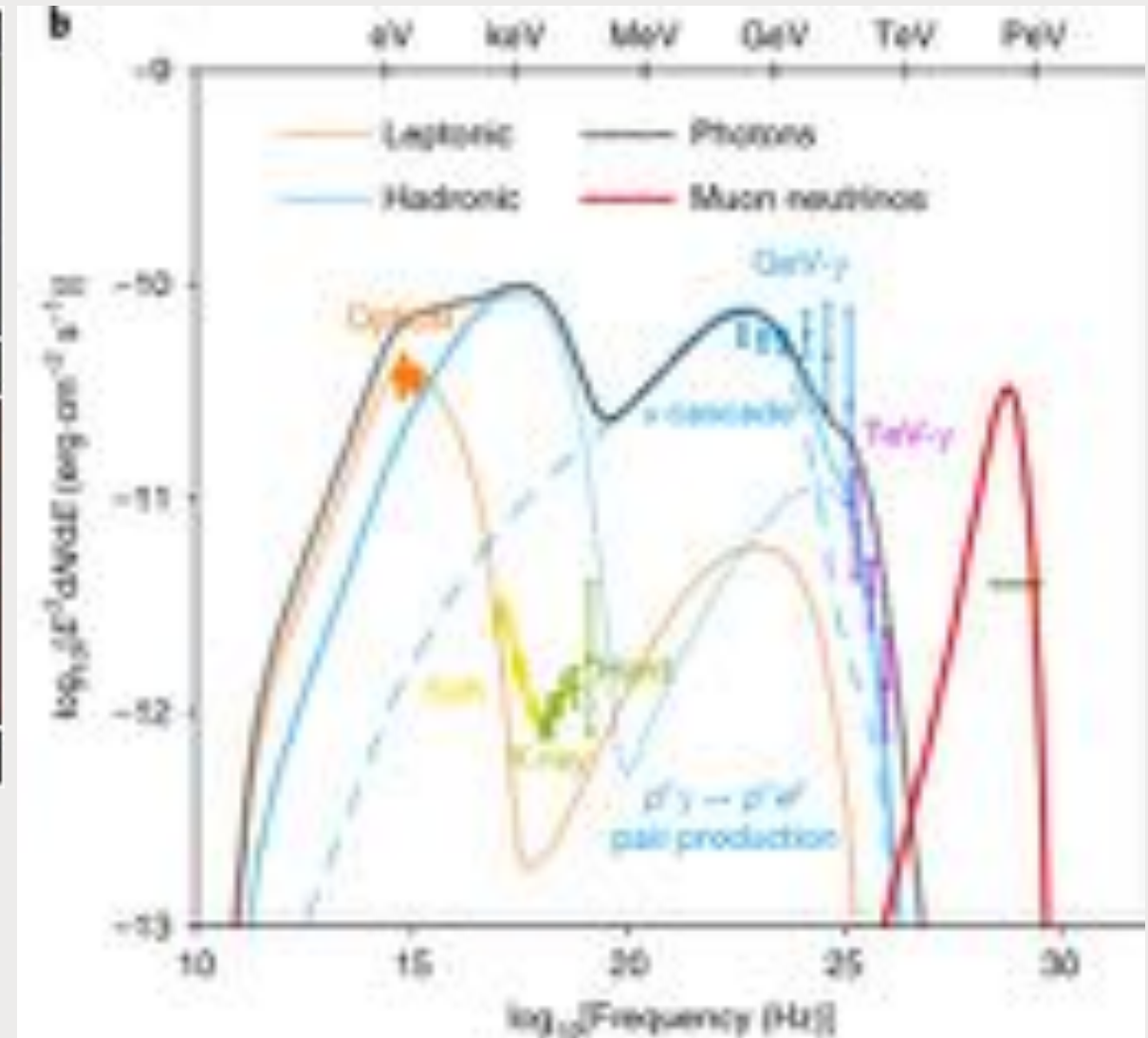
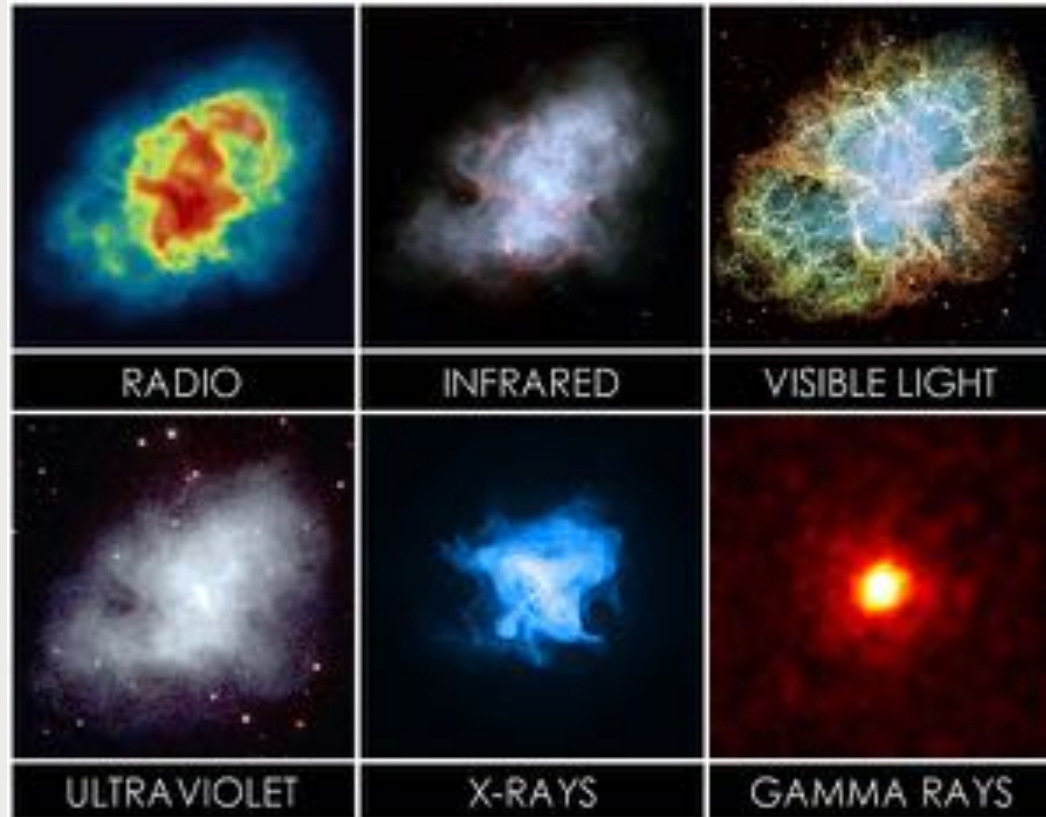
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	Cerro Vecar	S 24.185; W 66.475	4,800
Bolivia	Chacaltaya	16.23 S	4,740
Chile	Pajonales	22.57 S	4,600
	Pampa La Bola	22.56 S	4,770
Peru	Imata	15.50 S	4,450
	Yanque	15.44 S	4,800
	Sibiracocha	13.51 S	4,900

- MD site working group coordinator 2019-21

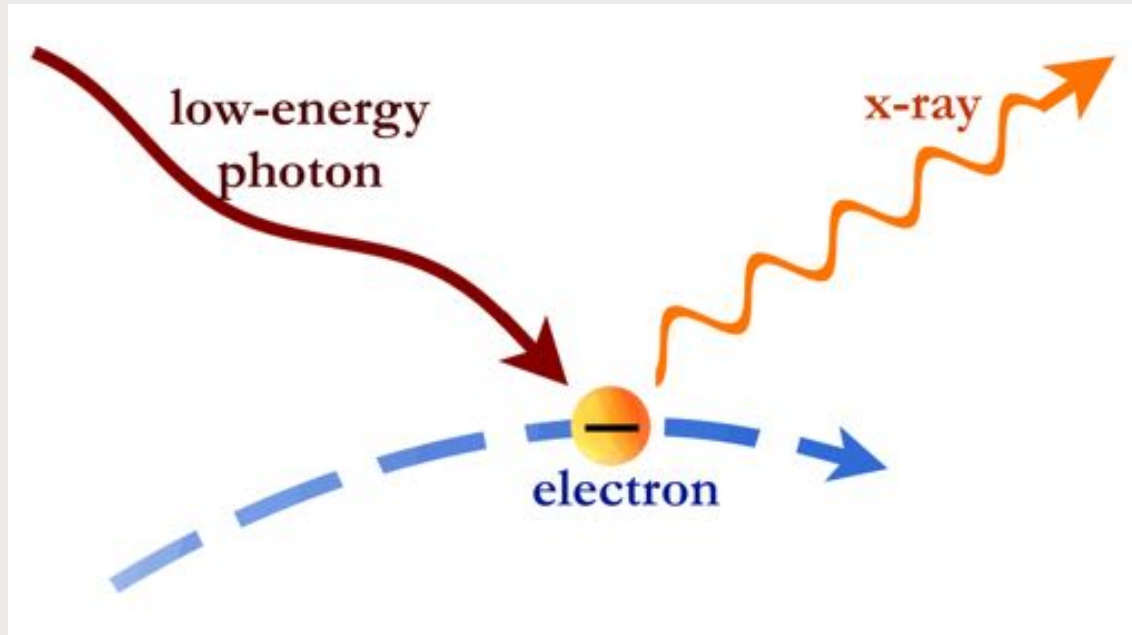


CONCLUSIONS

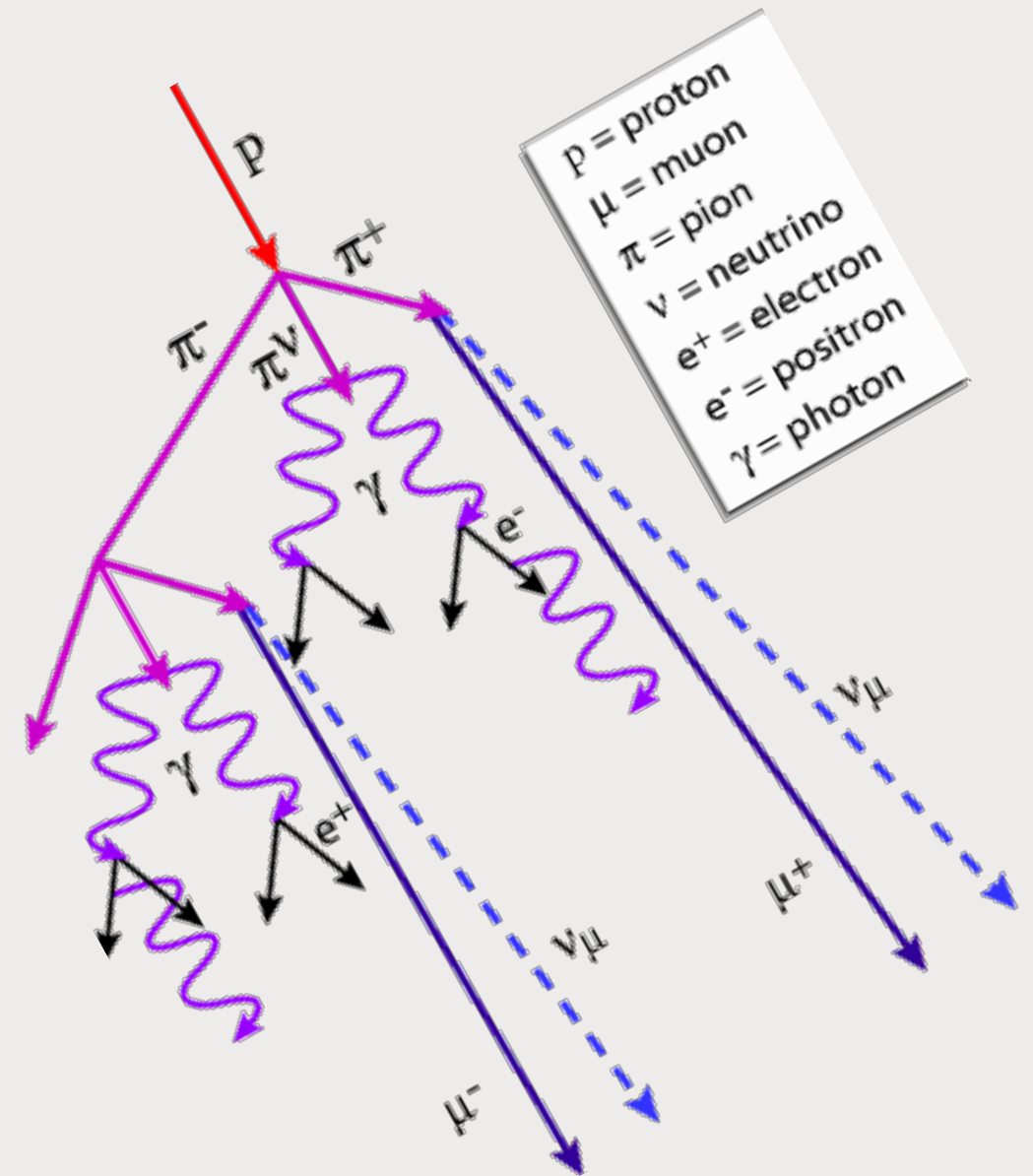
Multi-messenger



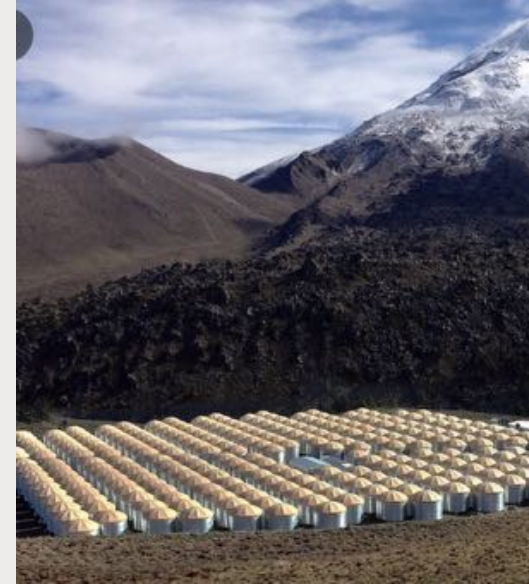
Gamma-rays



- Probes of astrophysics
- Probes of cosmic-ray physics
- Probes of fundamental physics



Experiments



- Pick yours and
 - *Know the instrument details in details!*
 - *Know the software (contact members if needed)*
 - *Consider building an experiment, so much fun!*

Good bye and thanks!





BACKUP

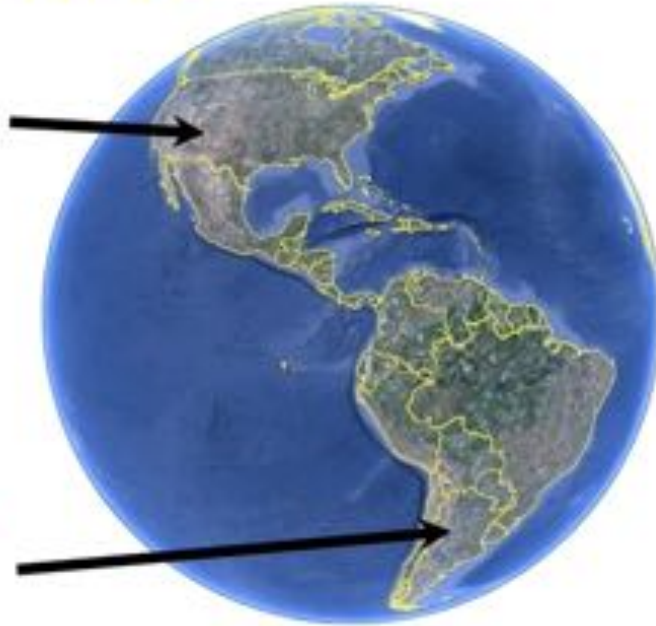


COSMIC RAY DETECTORS

Earth Observatories

Telescope Array (TA)

Delta, UT, USA
507 detector stations, 680 km²
36 fluorescence telescopes

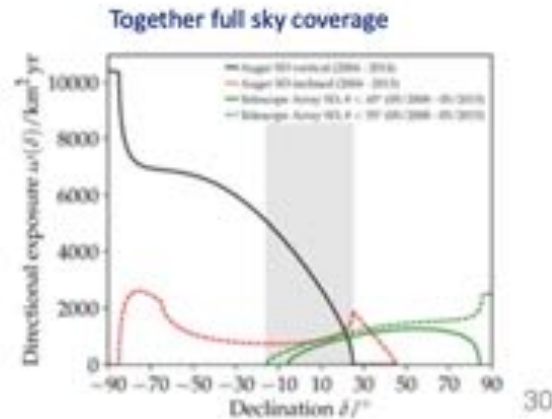


Pierre Auger Observatory

Province Mendoza, Argentina
1660 detector stations, 3000 km²
27 fluorescence telescopes

Auger:
 $6.7 \times 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$ (spectrum)
 $9 \times 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$ (anisotropy)

TA:
 $8.1 \times 10^3 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$ (spectrum)
 $8.6 \times 10^3 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$ (anisotropy)





PIERRE
AUGER
OBSERVATORY

The Pierre Auger Observatory

South Hemisphere

Area ~ 3000 km²

24 fluorescence telescopes

1600 water Cerenkov detectors



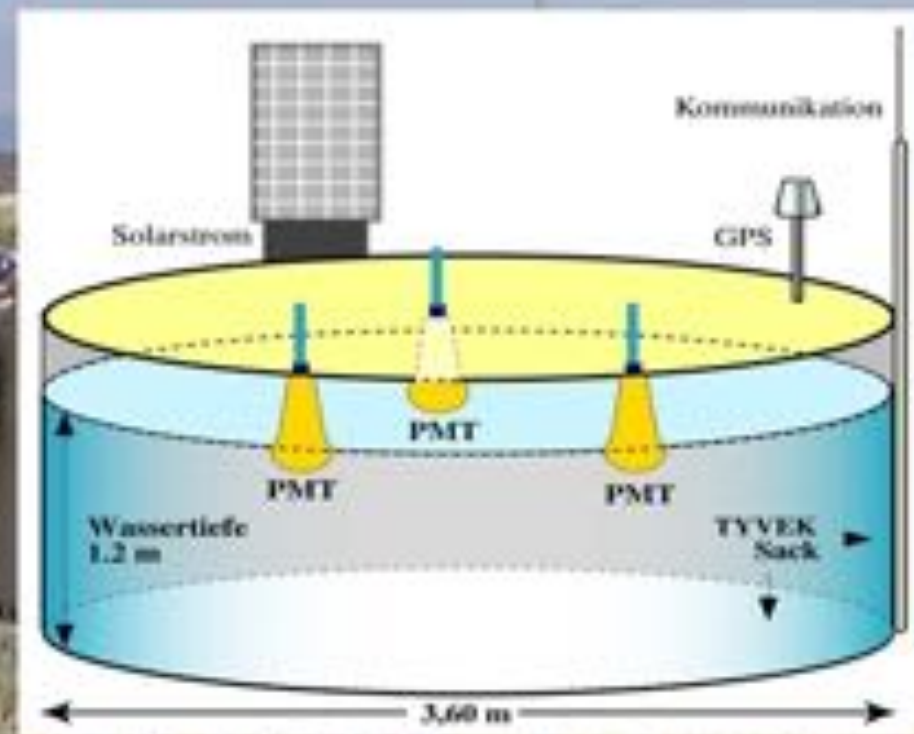
Malargüe, Argentina

Nov 2009

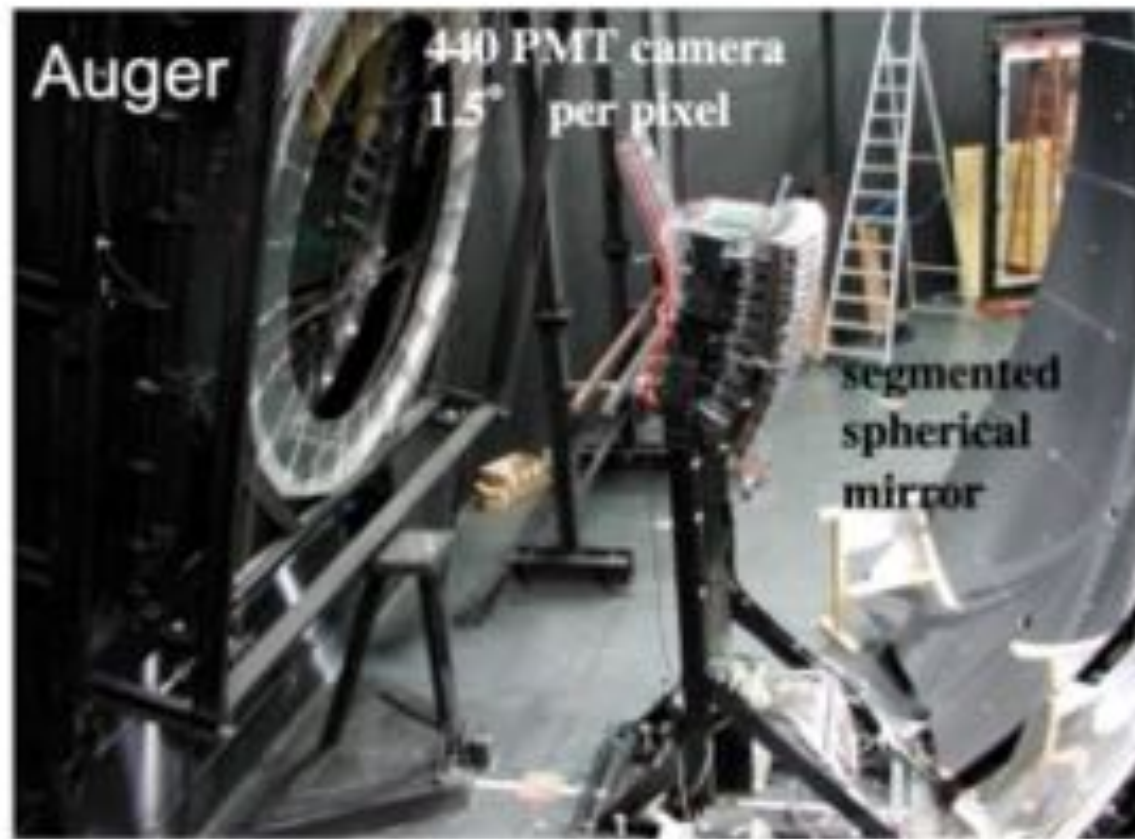
telescope building
"Los Leones"

LIDAR station

communication tower



Fluorescence detectors



Due to the low intensity of fluorescence light, these instruments are only sensitive to showers of $E > 10^{18}$ eV

Too high a threshold for γ -ray astronomy! (but good for CR studies)

Telescope Array (TA)

Area ~ 680 km²

- 3 fluorescence telescopes
- 507 double-Layer scintillators

Talk by Abu-Zinayed

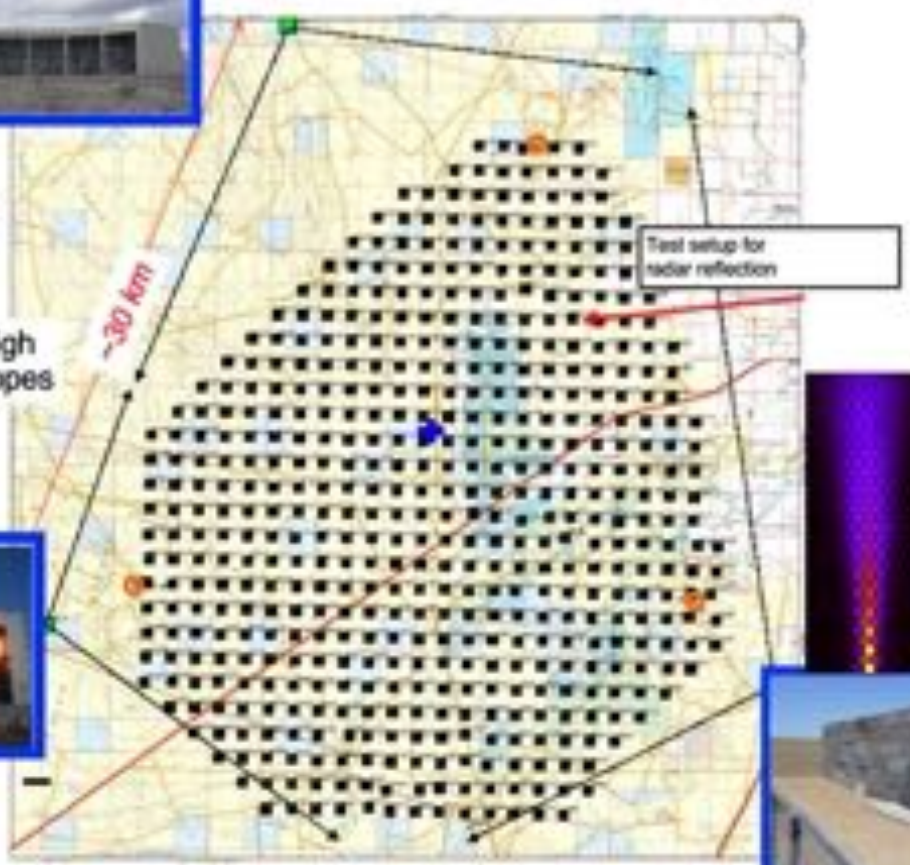
Middle Drum: based on HiRes II



TALE (TA low energy extension)

LIDAR Laser facility

Infill array and high elevation telescopes



Electron light source (ELS):
~40 MeV

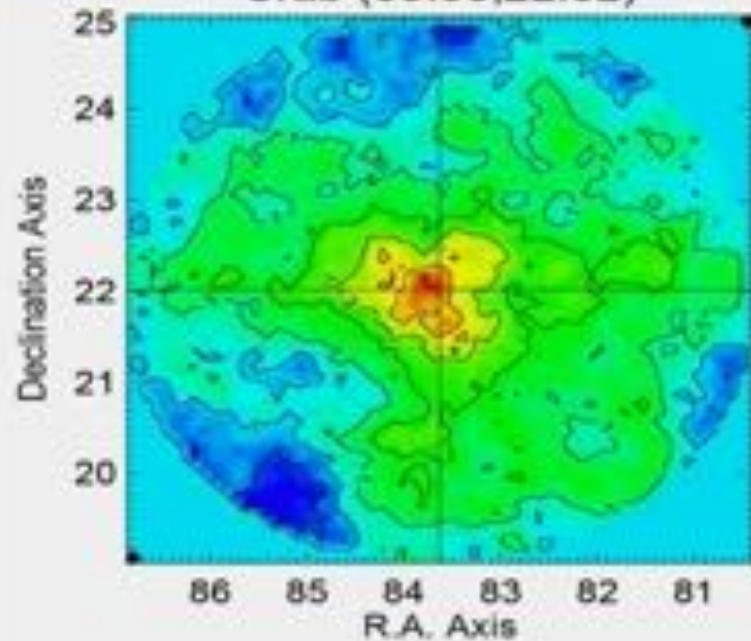


Tibet Air Shower array

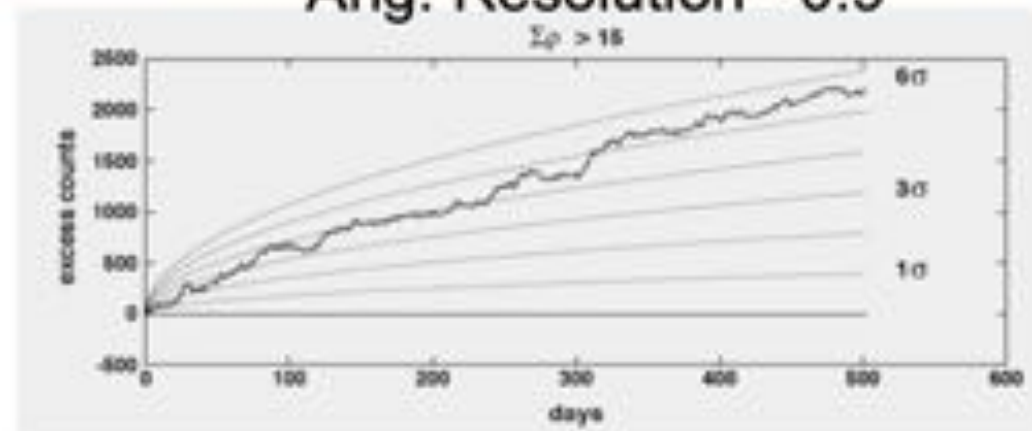
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Crab (83.63, 22.02)



Ang. Resolution $\sim 0.9^\circ$



1999: Crab detection above
3 TeV (5.5σ) in 500 days



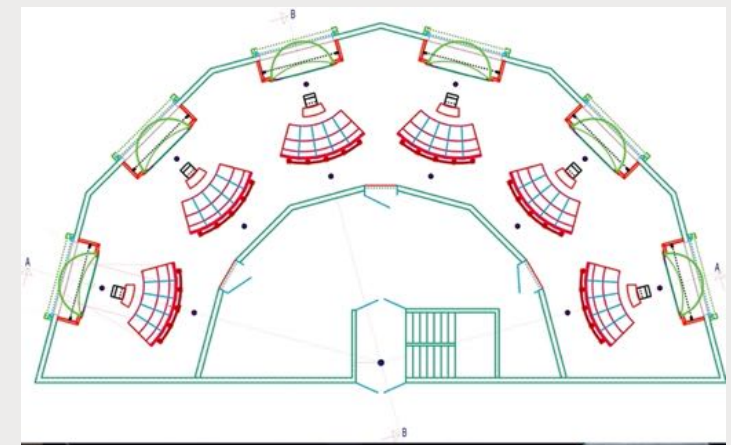
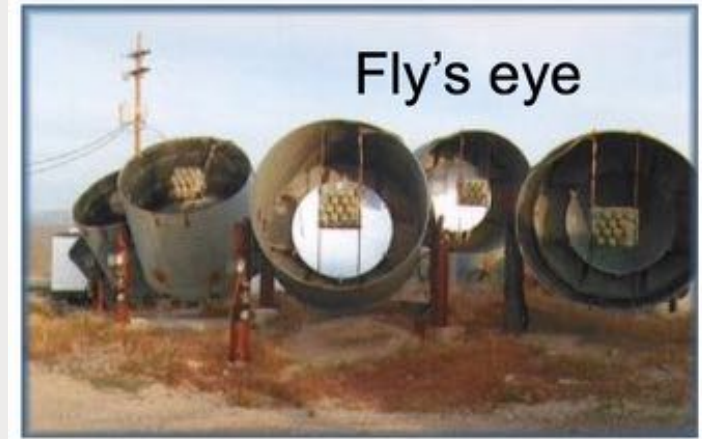
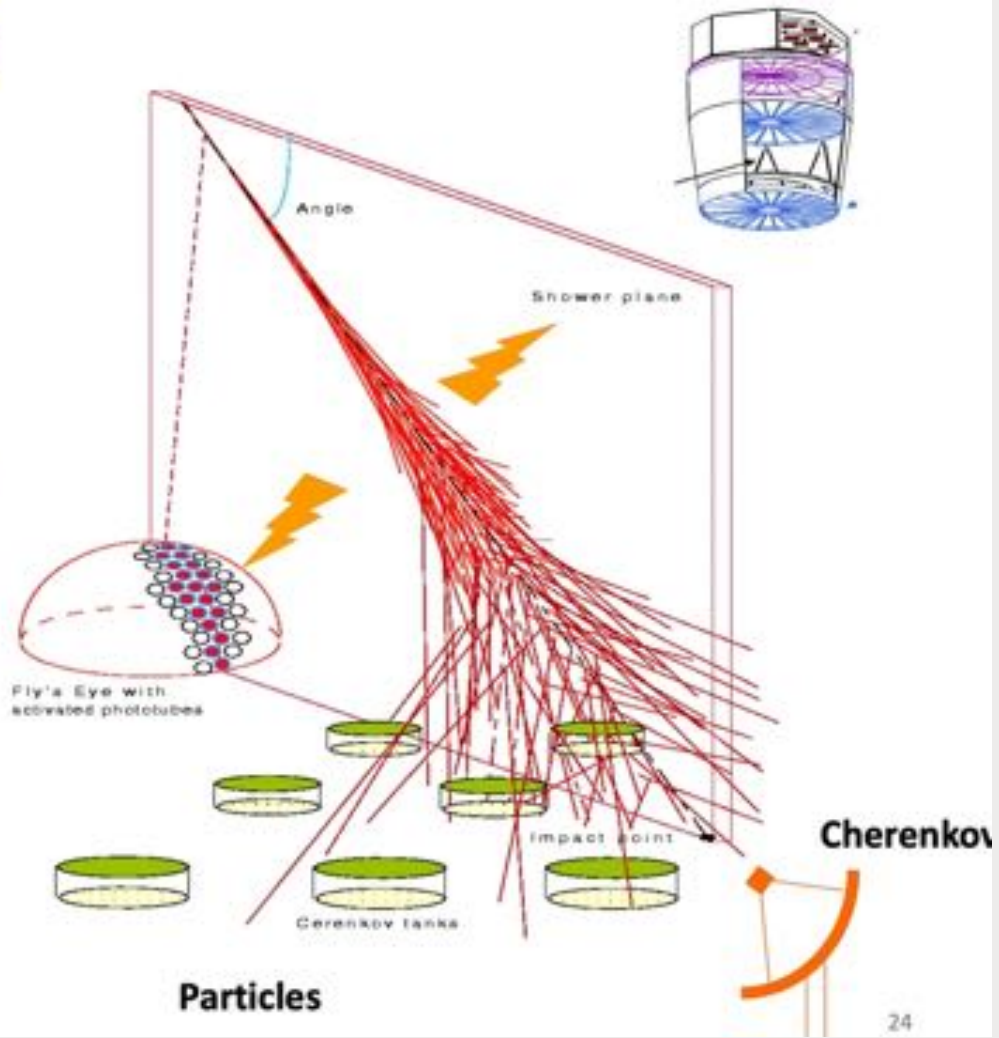
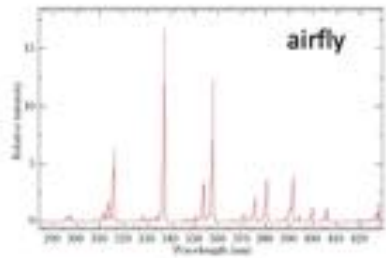
FLUORESCENCE- (FROM CR)



EAS detection

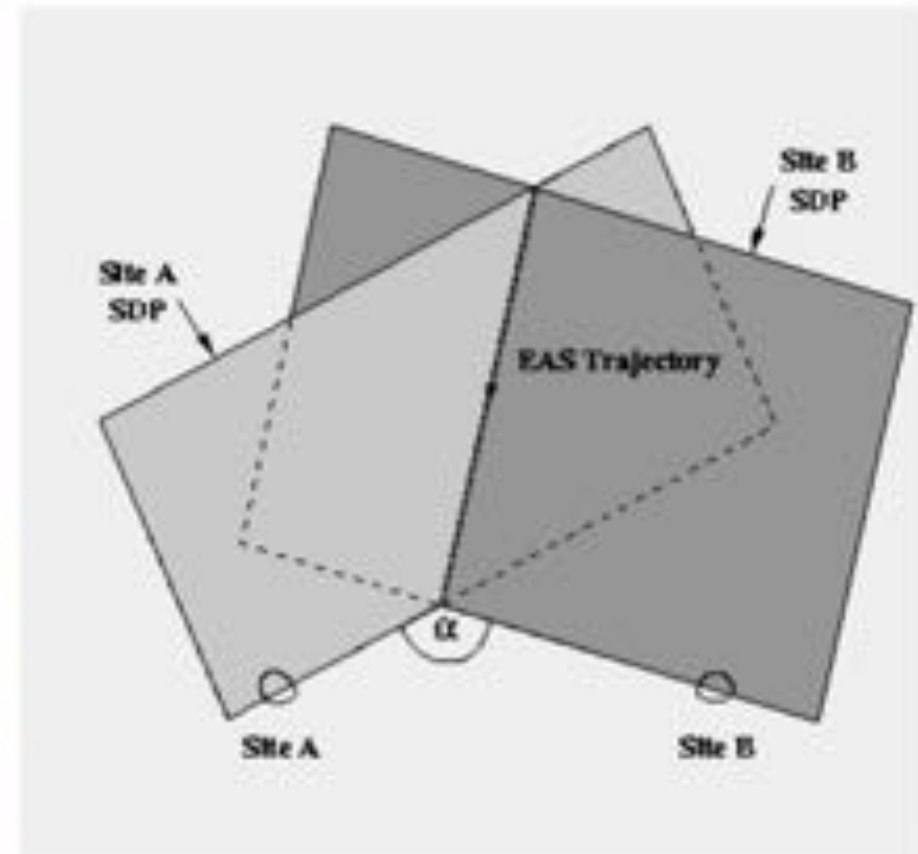
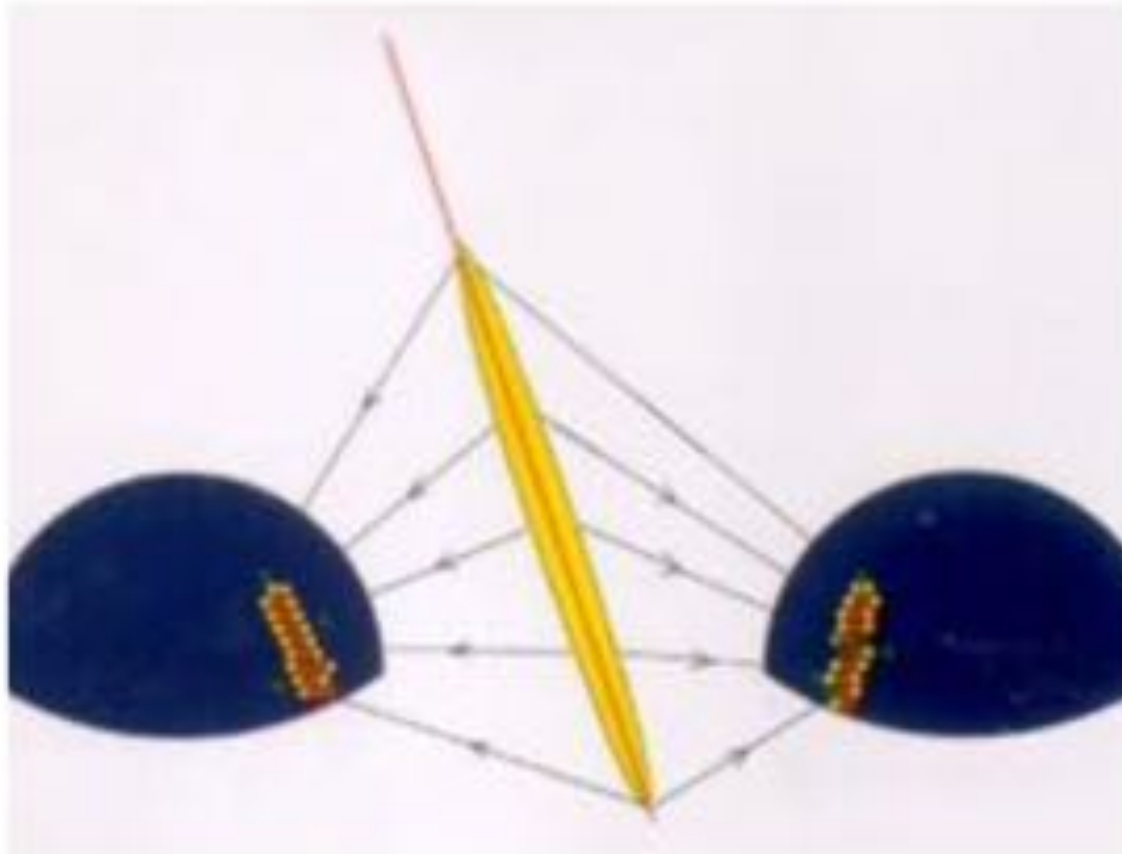
Fluorescence

electrons excite N_2 molecules



Fluorescence detectors

Stereo observations: better determination of shower direction and impact point

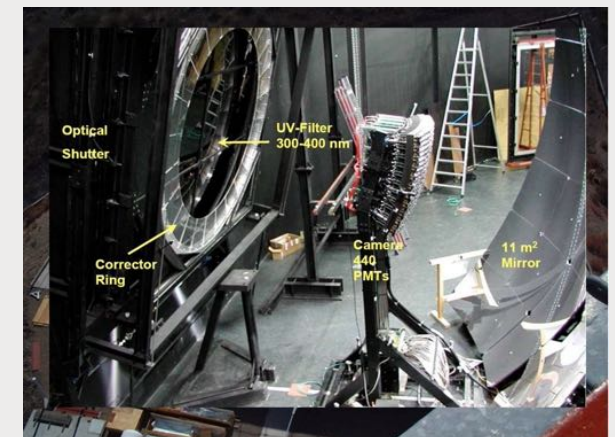
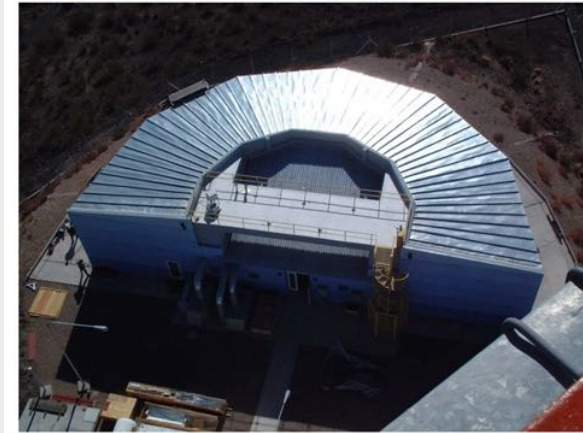


At the highest energies (EeV)

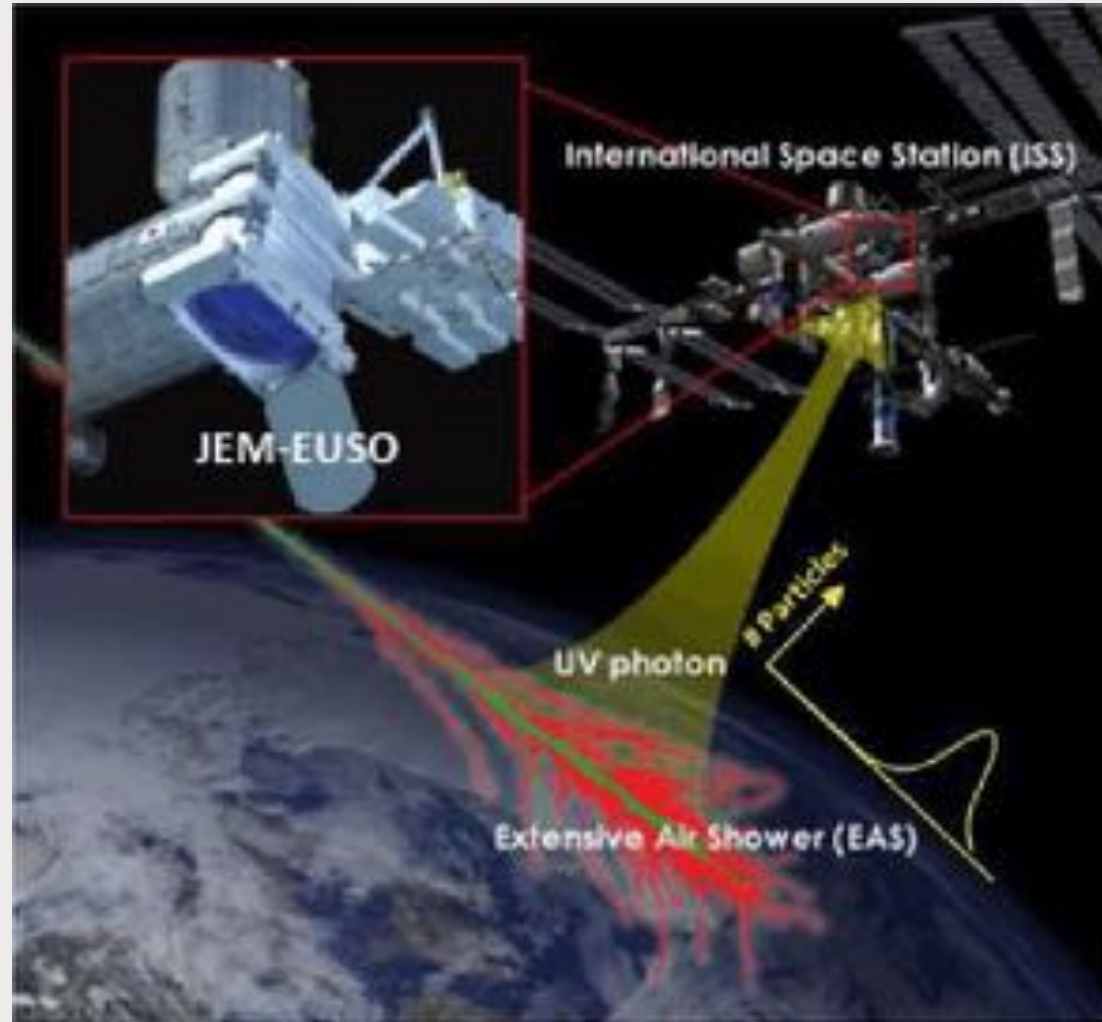


● Auger, Telescope Array

The fluorescence detectors (FD)



Fluorescence from space



- JEM-EUSO planned mission



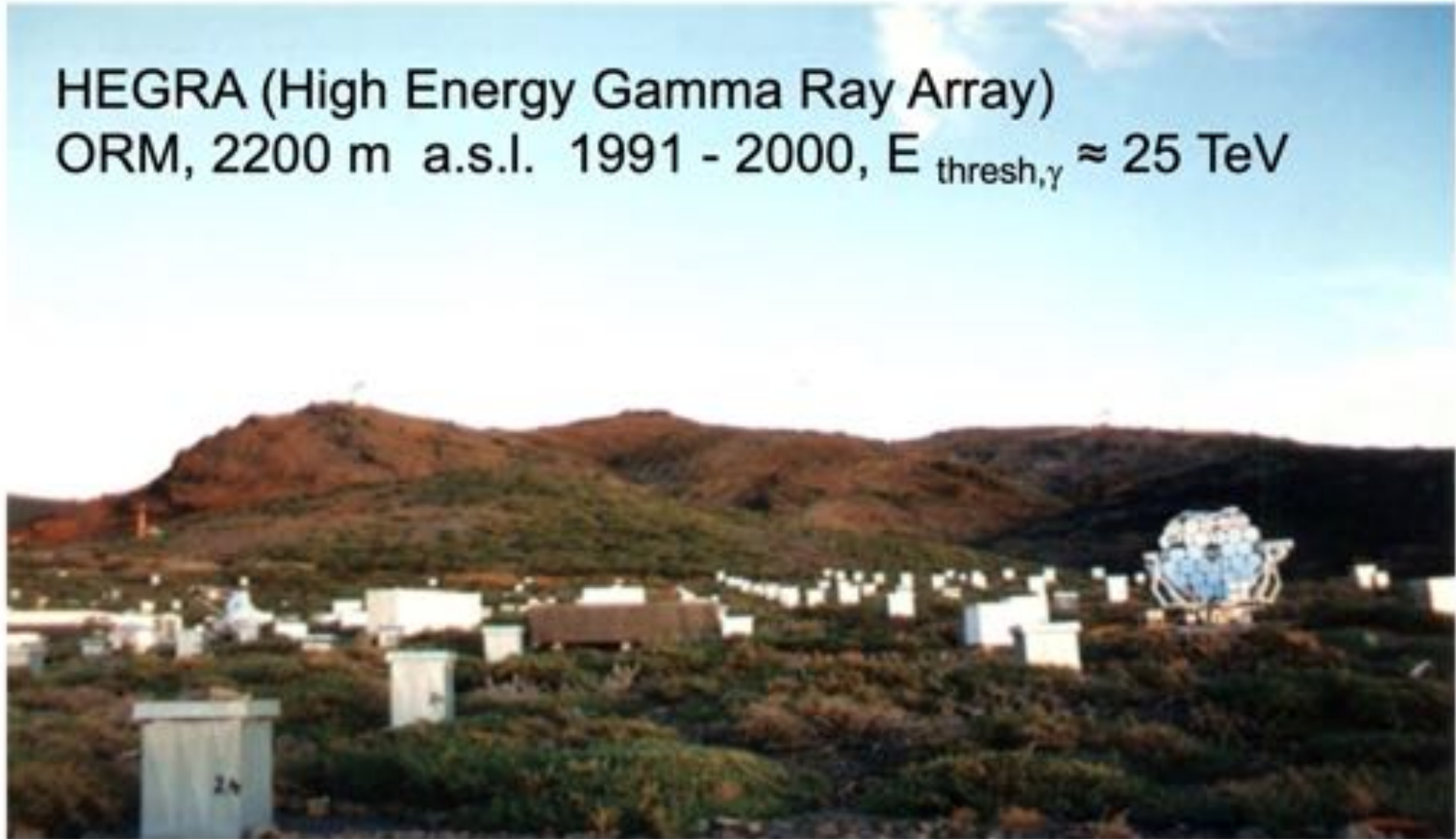
HISTORY

Ground-based γ -ray astronomy in the World

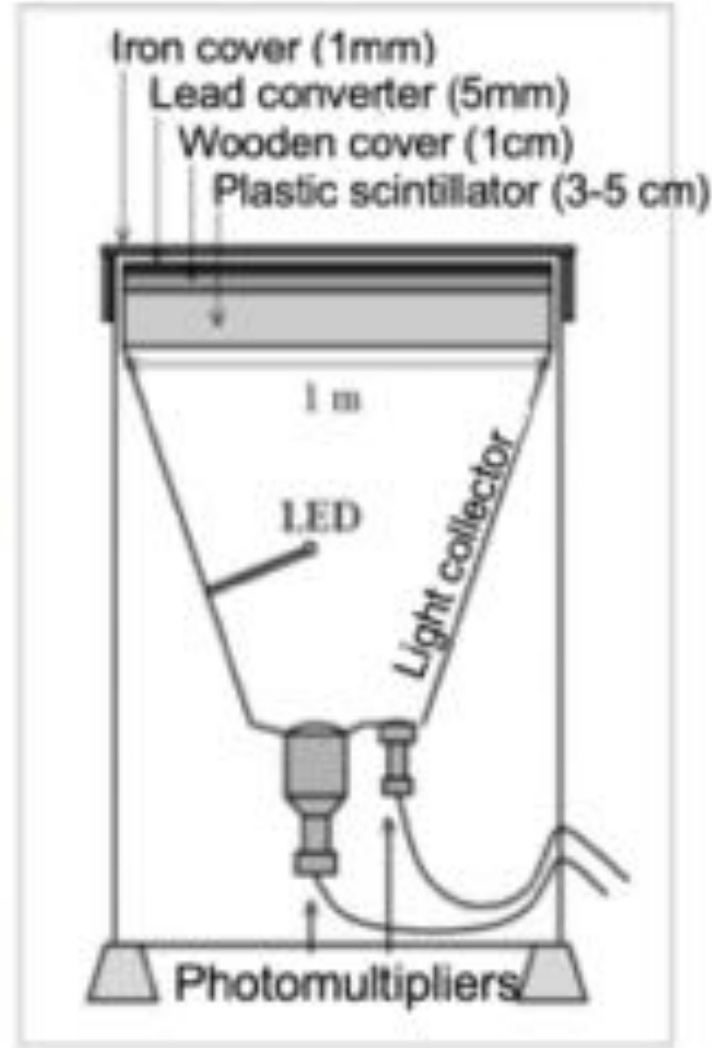
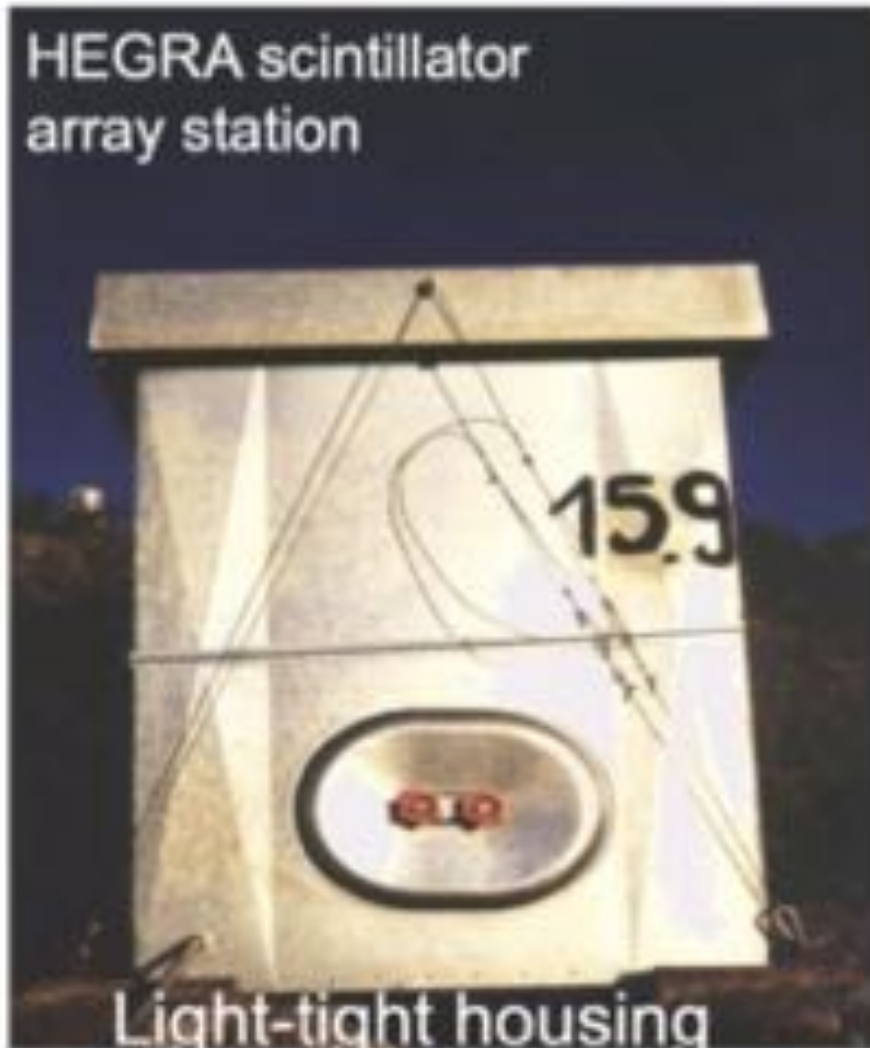
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CANGAROO-III	AC-Imaging	Woomera, Australia	165 m	4 x 78 m²
HESS	AC-Imaging	Gamsberg, Namibia	1800 m	4 x 110 m ²
MAGIC	AC-Imaging	La Palma, Spain	2250 m	1 x 226 m ²
PACT	AC-Sampling	Pachmarhi, India	1075 m	25 x 4.5 m ²
SHALON	AC-Imaging	Tien Shan, Kazakhstan	3338 m	1 x 11 m²
STACEE	AC-Sampling	Albuquerque, USA	1700 m	64 x 37 m²
TACTIC	AC-Imaging	Mt. Abu, India	1400 m	1 x 9.5 m ²
VERITAS	AC-Imaging	Mt. Hopkins, USA	1275 m	2 x 110 m ²
Whipple	AC-Imaging	Mt. Hopkins, USA	2250 m	1 x 78 m²
ARGO-YBJ	Air Shower	Yangbajing, Tibet	4300 m	4000 m ²
GRAPES-III	Air Shower	Ooty, India	2200 m	288 x 1 m ²
Milagro	Air Shower	Los Alamos, USA	2630 m	4800 m²
Tibet	Air Shower	Yangbajing, Tibet	4300 m	761 x 0.5 m ²
<i>Rene Ong, 2005</i>		LHAASO	4400	~1 km ²

The HEGRA scintillator array

HEGRA (High Energy Gamma Ray Array)
ORM, 2200 m a.s.l. 1991 - 2000, $E_{\text{thresh},\gamma} \approx 25 \text{ TeV}$



Typical AS array detector station: Scintillator + PMT(s)

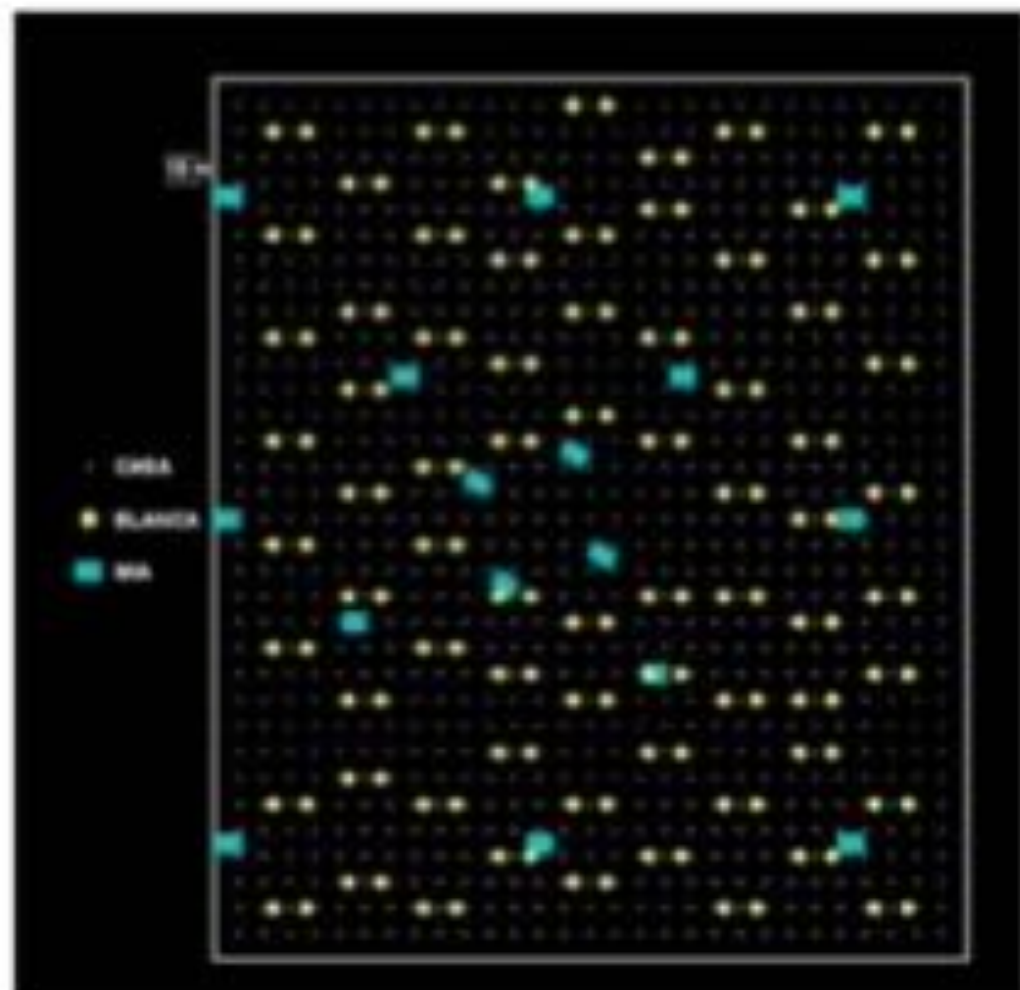


Measured
light \propto
number of
charged
particles.

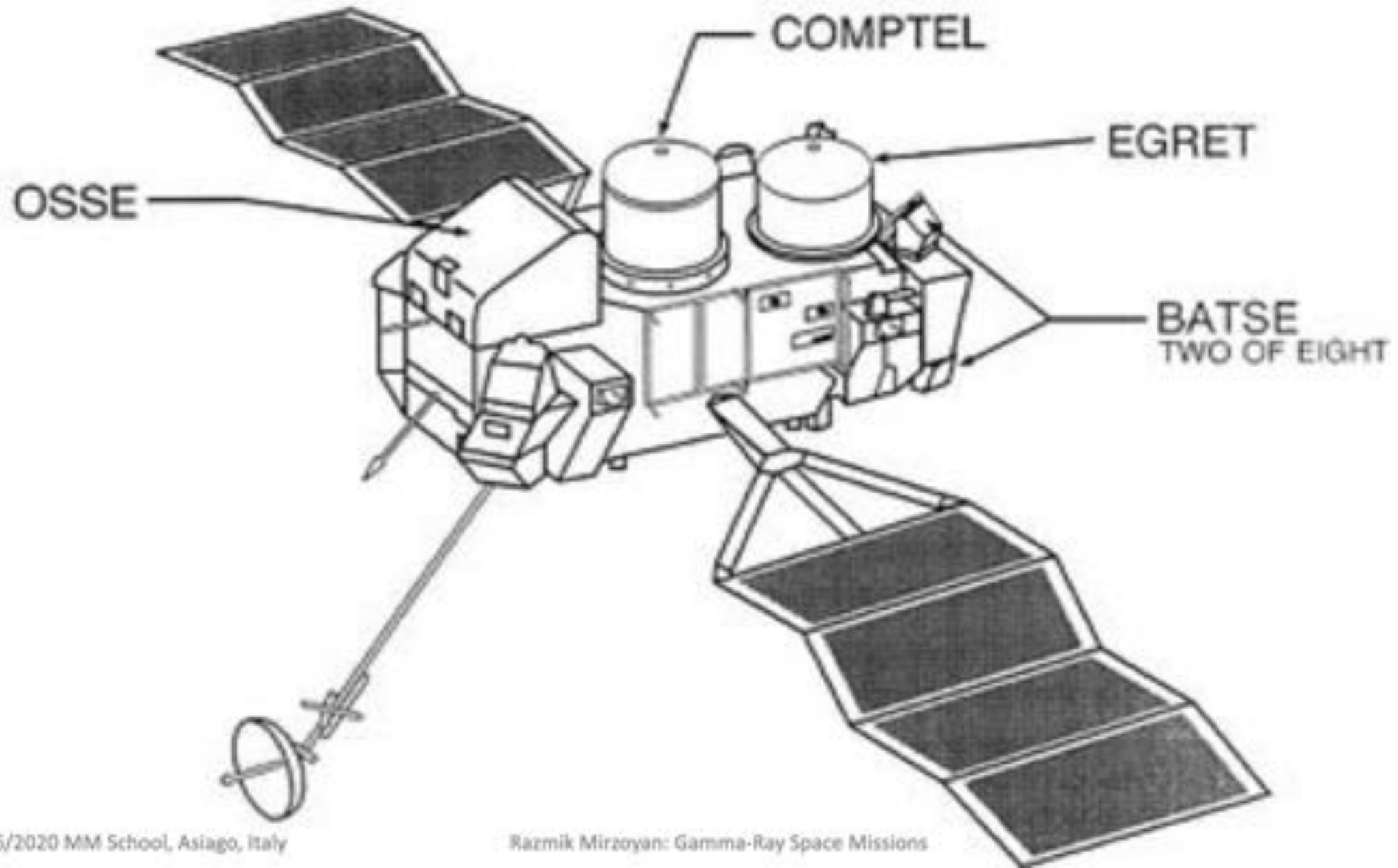
Led converter
(~ 1 R.L.) to
turn γ 's into
detectable e^{\pm}
pairs

CASA-MIA

Ground array - Chicago Air Shower Array (Dugway, Utah)



COMPTON OBSERVATORY INSTRUMENTS

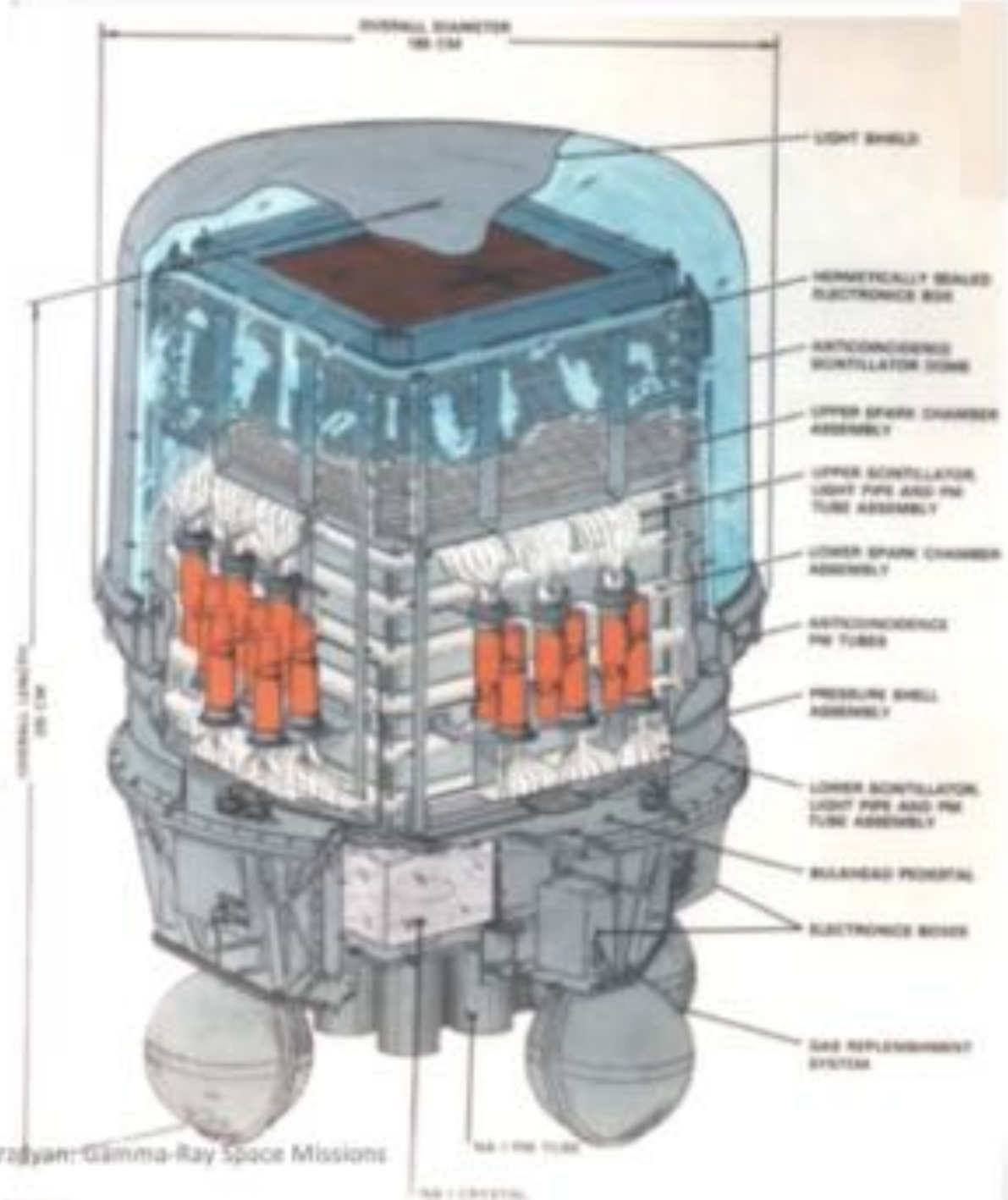


EGRET:the detector

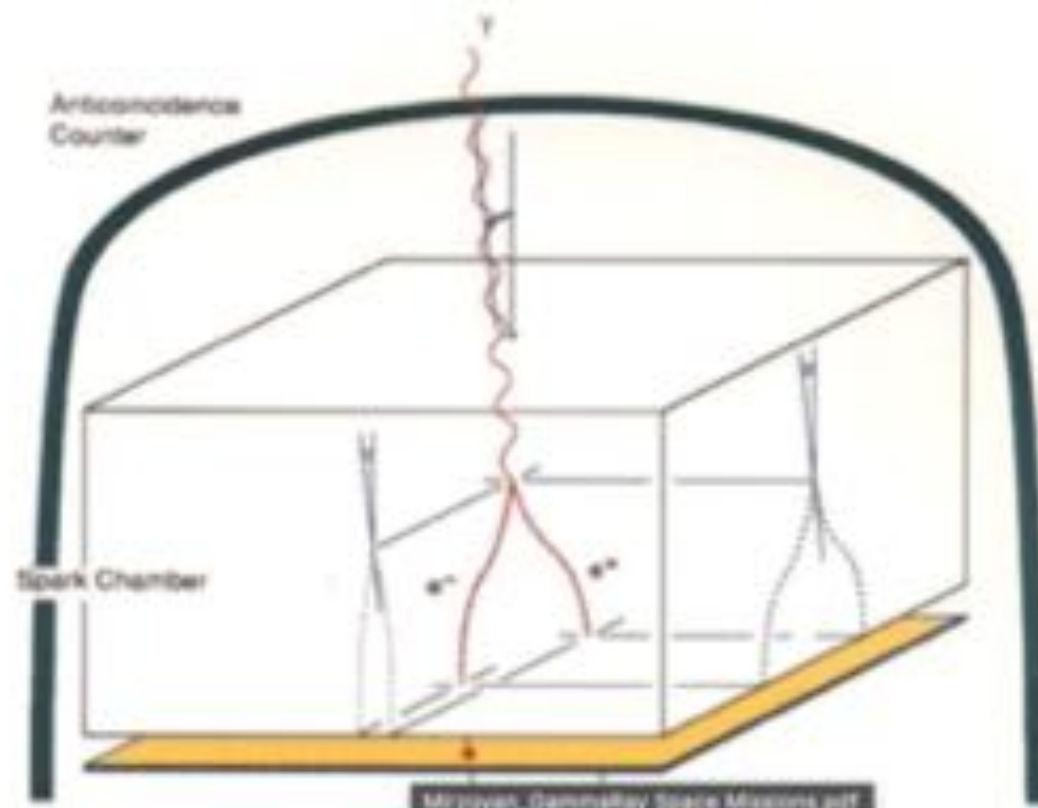
Energy range: 20 MeV - 30 GeV
 Weight: 1820 Kg
 Power: 160 W
 Field of view: 0.5 sr
 Dead Time: 100 ms
 Effective Area (@1GeV) 1200 cm²
 Angular resolution (@100MeV) 5.8°

Sensitivity for point sources (ph cm⁻² s⁻¹)*

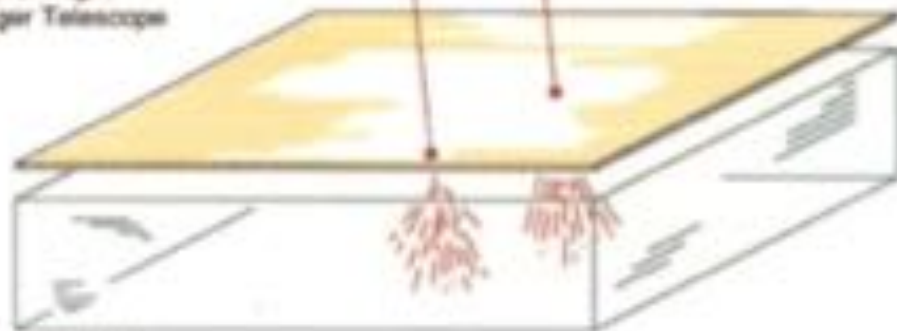
0.1 GeV	5x10 ⁻⁸
1 GeV	1x10 ⁻⁸
10 GeV	2x10 ⁻⁸



EGRET - Principle of gamma ray detection



Time of Flight Trigger Telescope

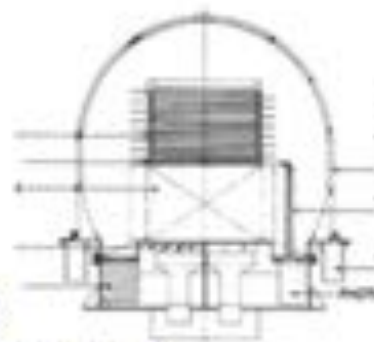


Total Absorption Shower Counter

A γ ray which enters the top of the EGRET instrument will pass undetected through the large anticoincidence scintillator surrounding the spark chamber and has a probability 33% of converting into an electron positron pair in one of the thin tantalum (Ta) sheets interleaved between the 28 closely spaced spark chambers in the upper portion of the instrument.

Below the conversion stack are two 4×4 arrays of plastic scintillation detector tiles spaced 60 cm apart which register the passage of charged particles. If the timeofflight delay indicates a downward moving particle which passed through a valid combination of upper and lower scintillator tiles, and the anticoincidence system has not been triggered by a charged particle, the track information is recorded digitally. In this manner, a three dimensional picture of the path of the electronpositron pair is measured. The energy deposition in the NaI(Tl) Total absorption Shower Counter (TASC) located directly below the lower array of plastic scintillators is used to estimate the photon energy.

SAS-2
11/1972-7/1973



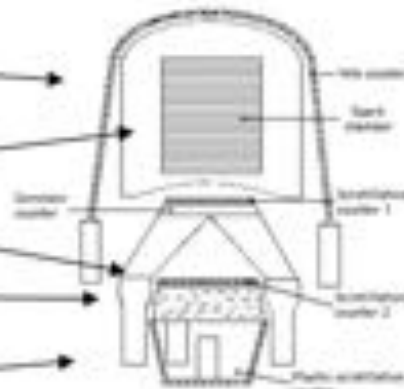
Anti-Coincidence Dome

Spark Chamber

Trigger Telescope

Cerenkov Counter

Energy Calorimeter

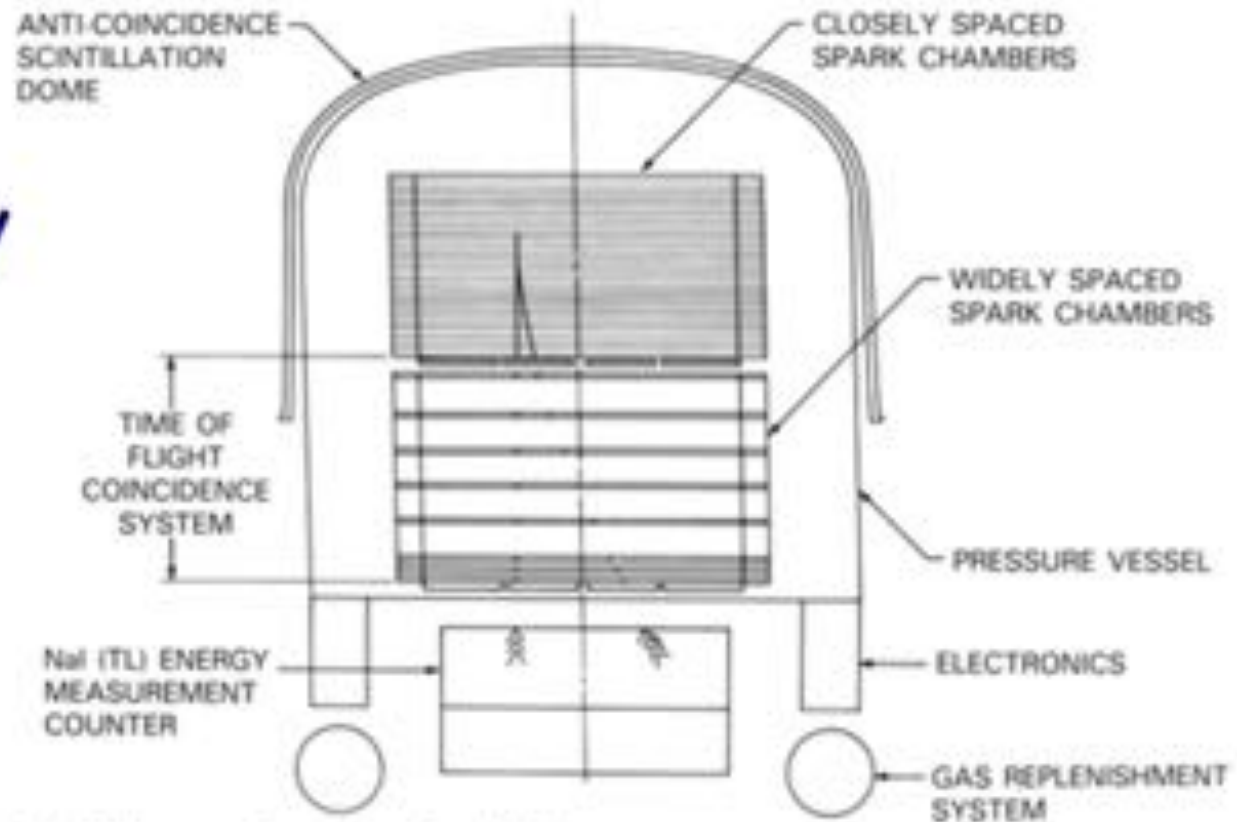


Cos-B
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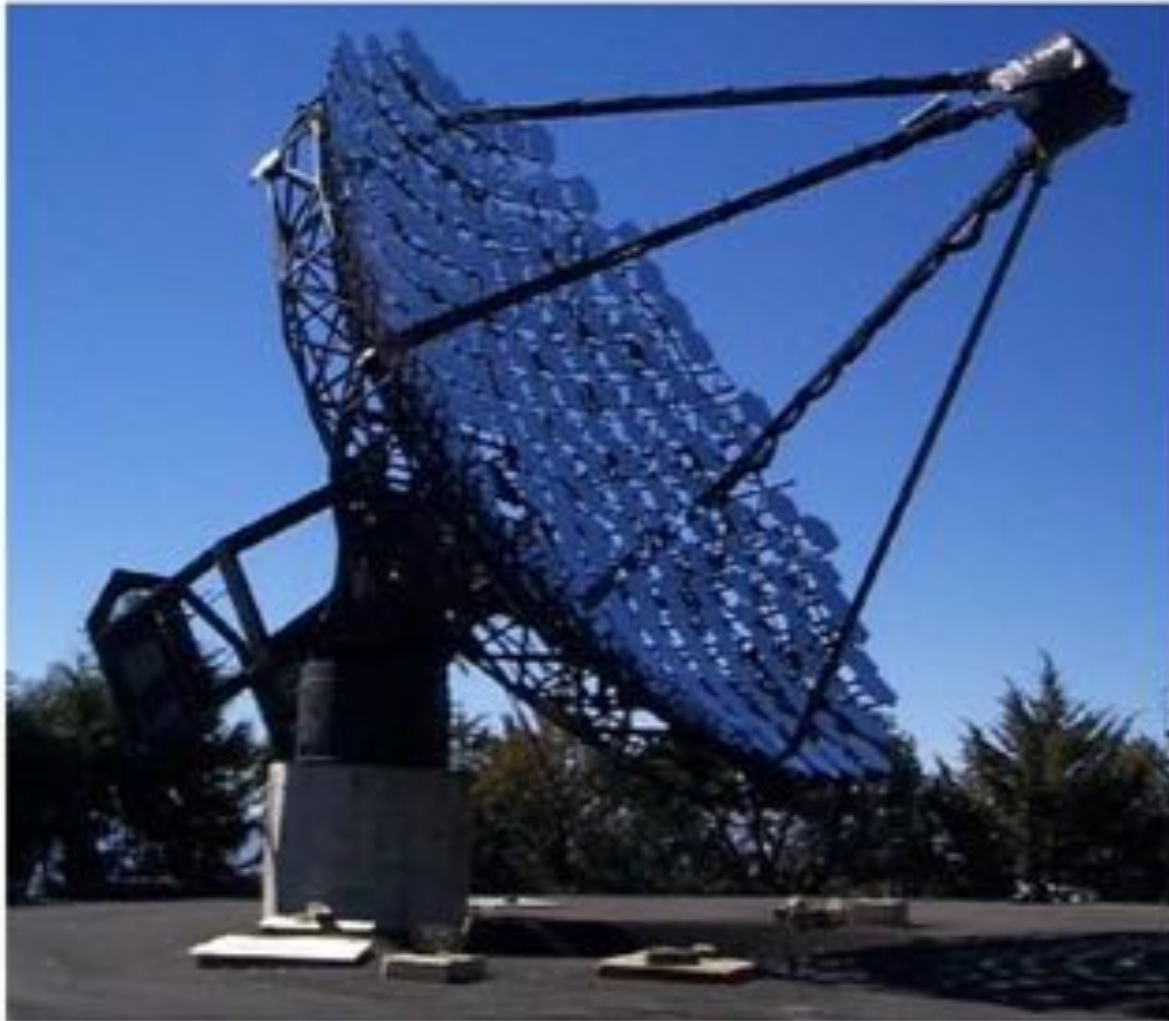
The gamma-ray missions

Mirzoyan_GammaRay Space Missions.pdf

EGRET
4/1991-1999



The Pioneer Trevor Weekes and his 10m Ø Whipple telescope gave birth to γ -ray astrophysics: 9σ from Crab Nebula in 1988 !



„If a telescope can within a few s evaporate a solid piece of steel, it can also measure gamma rays“
;-)

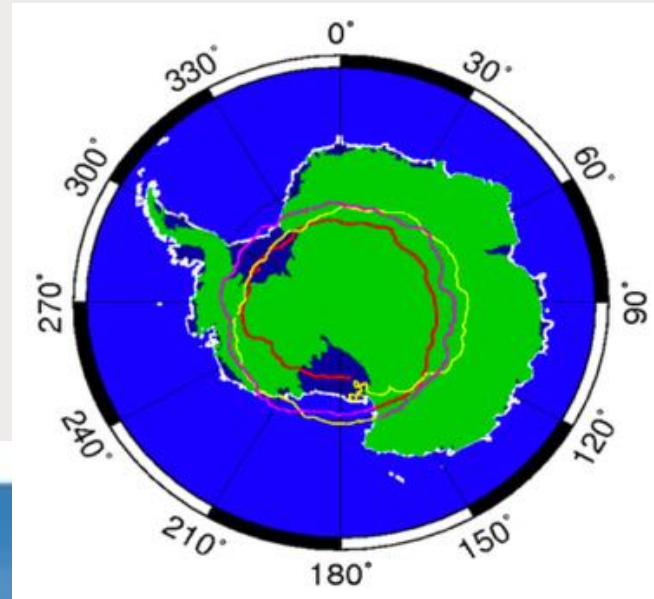
The 1st telescope (of 5 planned) we've built: 1989



Not Amberd cosmic ray
Station, mount Aragats,
2000 in a.s.l., Armenia

Razmik Mitzoyan: VHE Gamma-
Astrophysics with Air Showers

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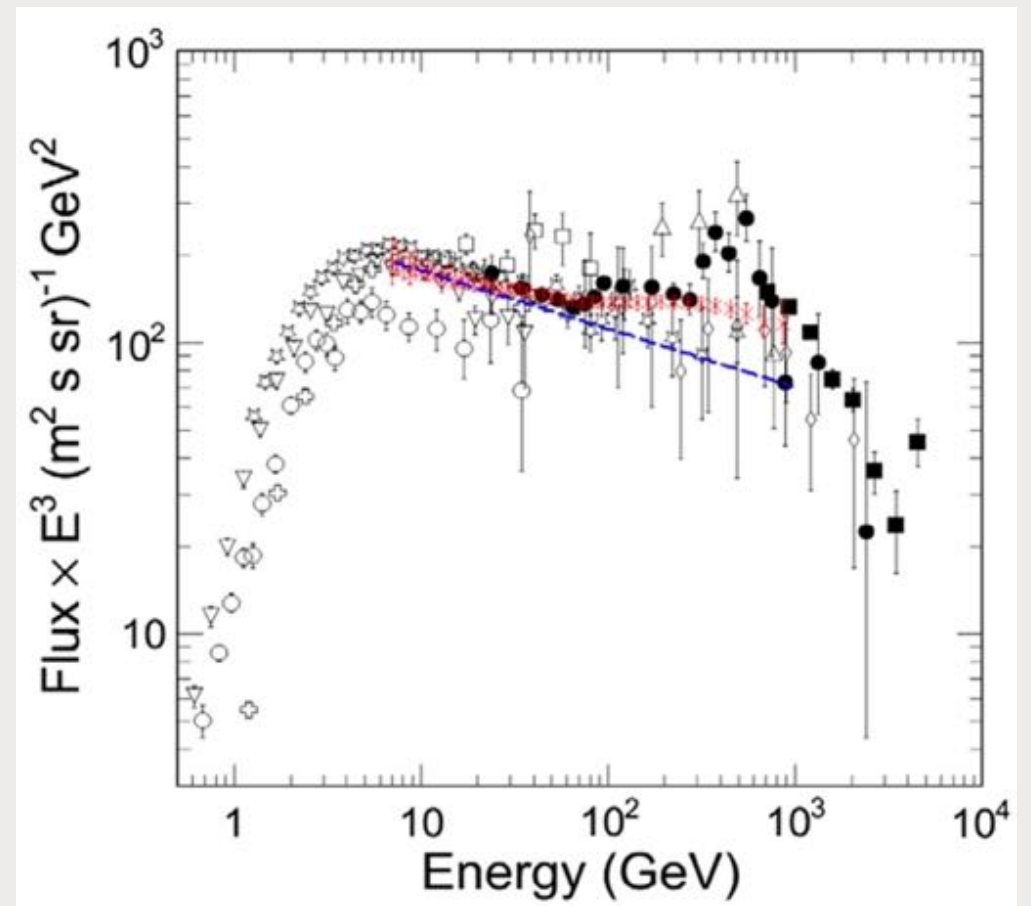
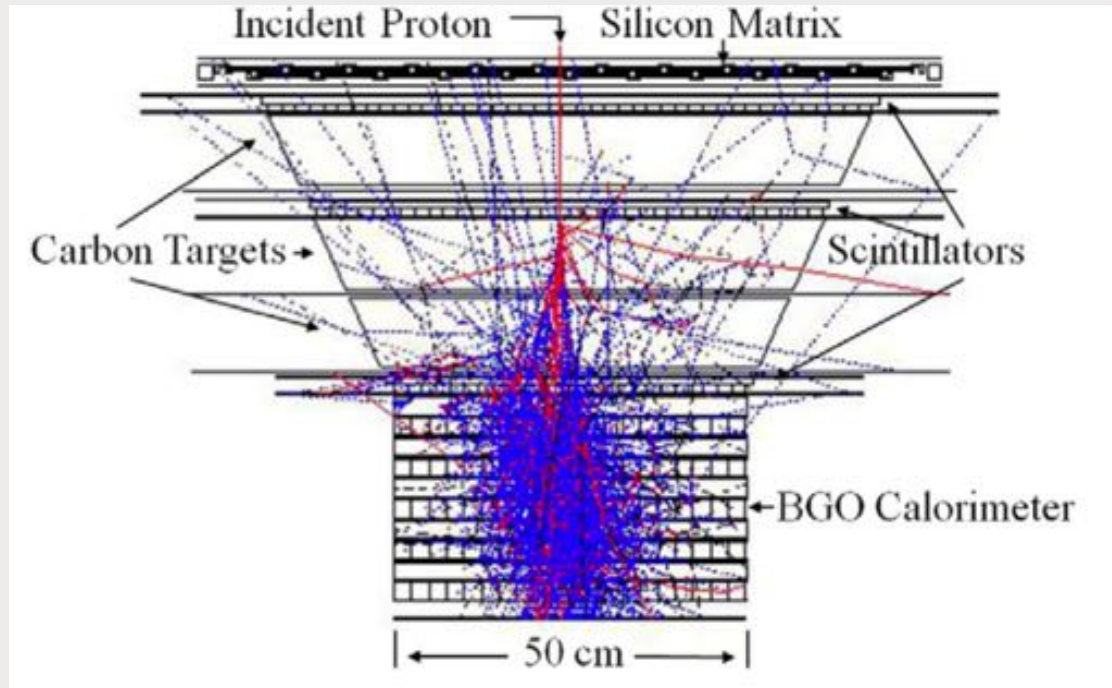


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e.g. ATIC



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Table 1
Comparison of balloon borne experiments for high-energy cosmic ray measurements.

Instrument	Energy measurement technique	Charge range and resolution	Flight duration	Atmospheric depth ^a (g/cm ²)	Effective exposure (m ² -sr-days)	Observed number of protons >6 TeV
ATIC	Calorimeter (0.75 λ_0 , 18 X_0)	1 < Z < 28 $\Delta Z = 0.3$	~48 days	4.3 (7.9)	5	~720
TRACER ^a	TRD	8 < Z < 28 $\Delta Z = 0.3$ (O) 0.5 (Fe) 3 < Z < 28 $\Delta Z = 0.3$ (O) 0.5 (Fe)	~10 days ~4 days	3.9 (9.2)	50 20	None
CREAM	Calorimeter (0.5 λ_0 , 20 X_0)	1 < Z < 28 $\Delta Z = 0.2$	~160 days	3.9 (6.8)	48	>5000
JACEE	TRD	3 < Z < 28 $\Delta Z = 0.2$	~42 days	3.9(7.9)	55	None
JACEE	Emulsion (~0.05 λ_0 , ~4 X_0)	1 < Z < 28 Charge group	~60 days (1436 m ² hr)	5.3 (28)	~10 (644 m ² hr)	656
RUNJOB	Emulsion (~0.2 λ_0 , ~4 X_0)	1 < Z < 28 Charge group	~60 days (575 m ² hr)	10 (48)	6 (p); 24 (>C)	Close to JACEE

^a The average vertical depth is shown with the maximum depth considering the angle acceptance in parentheses.

● BESS, CAPRICE, HEAT, GAPS, TRACER, HEAO, JACEE