

# Experimental Astroparticle Physics (a short introduction)

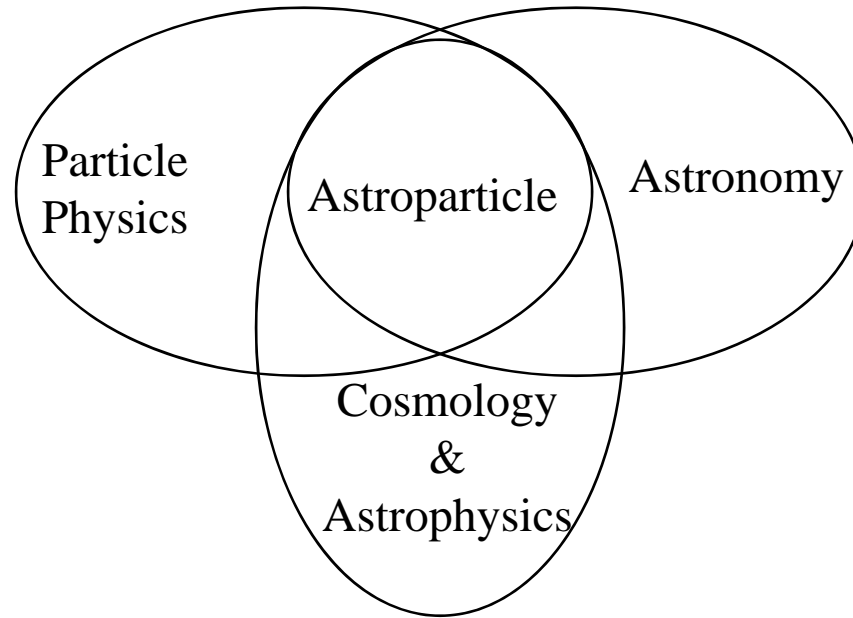


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Lectures 1, 2 & 3

# What is Astroparticle Physics (Particle Astrophysics?)



- 1) Use techniques from Particle Physics to advance Astronomy
- 2) Use input from Particle Physics to explain our Universe, and particles from outer space to advance Particle Physics

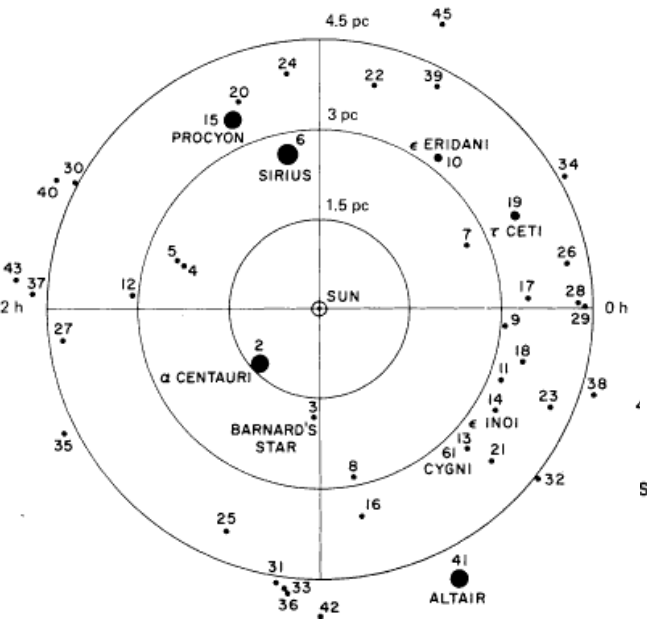
In this lecture I'll concentrate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> topic

**I**

**A quick look to our Universe**

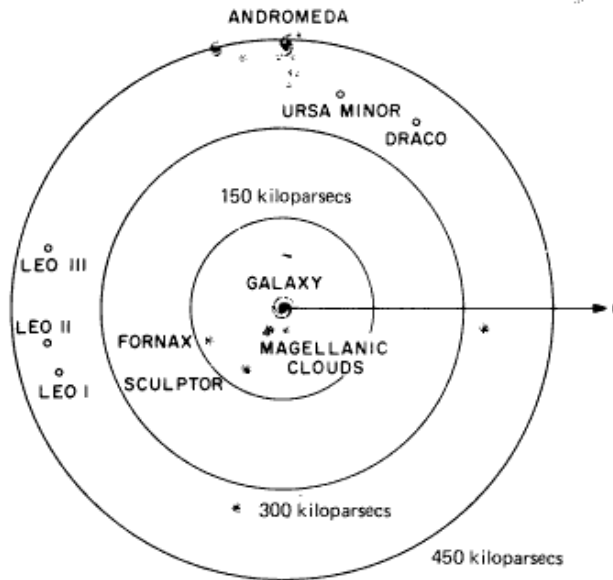
# Astronomy Scales

## Nearest Stars



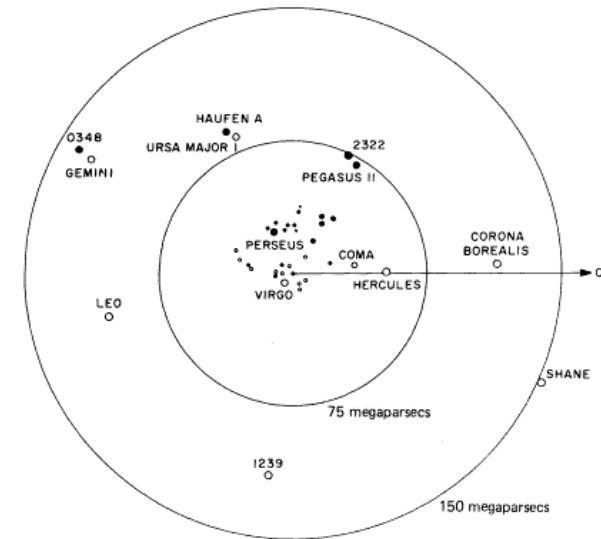
4.5 pc

## Nearest Galaxies



450 kpc

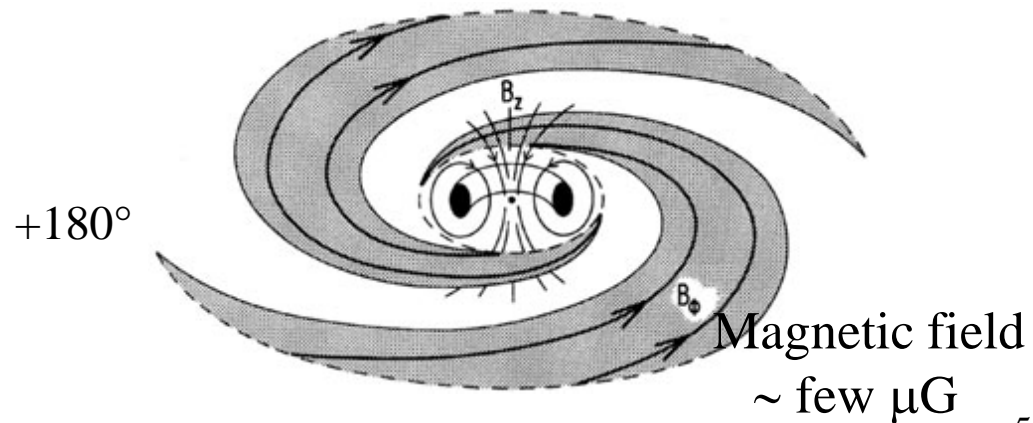
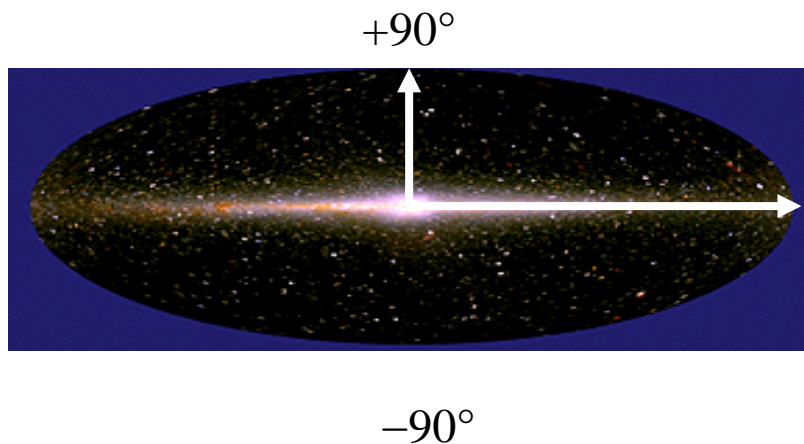
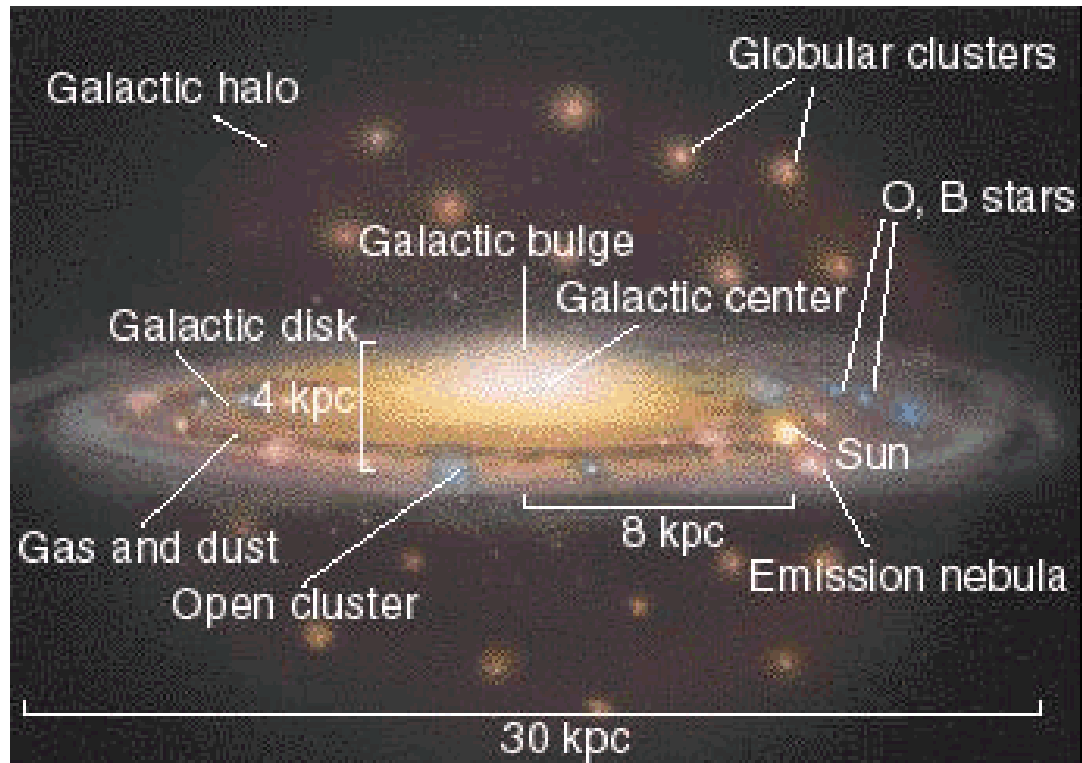
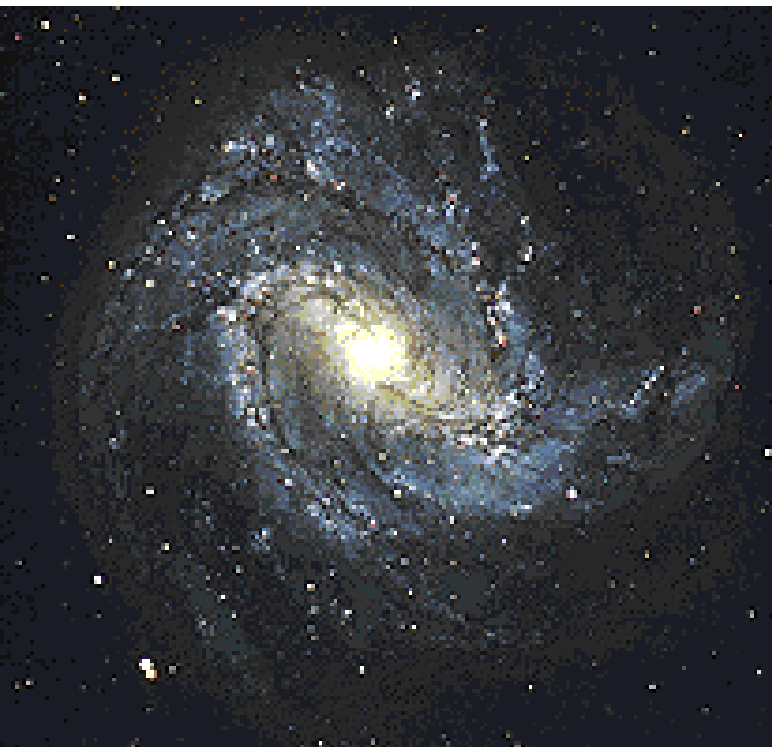
## Nearest Galaxy Clusters



150 Mpc

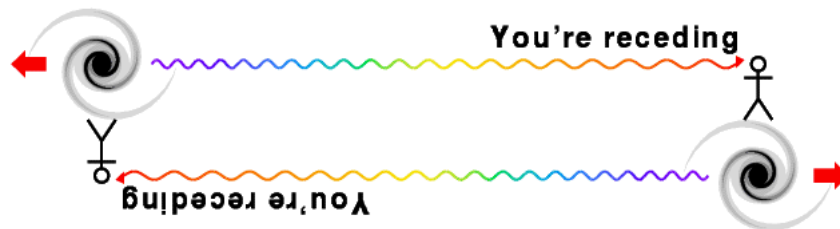
1 pc ~ 3.3 ly

# Our Galaxy: The Milky Way



# What do we know about our Universe ?

- Many things, including the facts that...
  - Particles are coming on Earth at energies  $10^8$  times larger than we are able to produce...
  - The Universe expands (Hubble ~1920): galaxies are getting far with a simple relationship between distance & recession speed



Hubble's constant  
(km/s/Mpc)

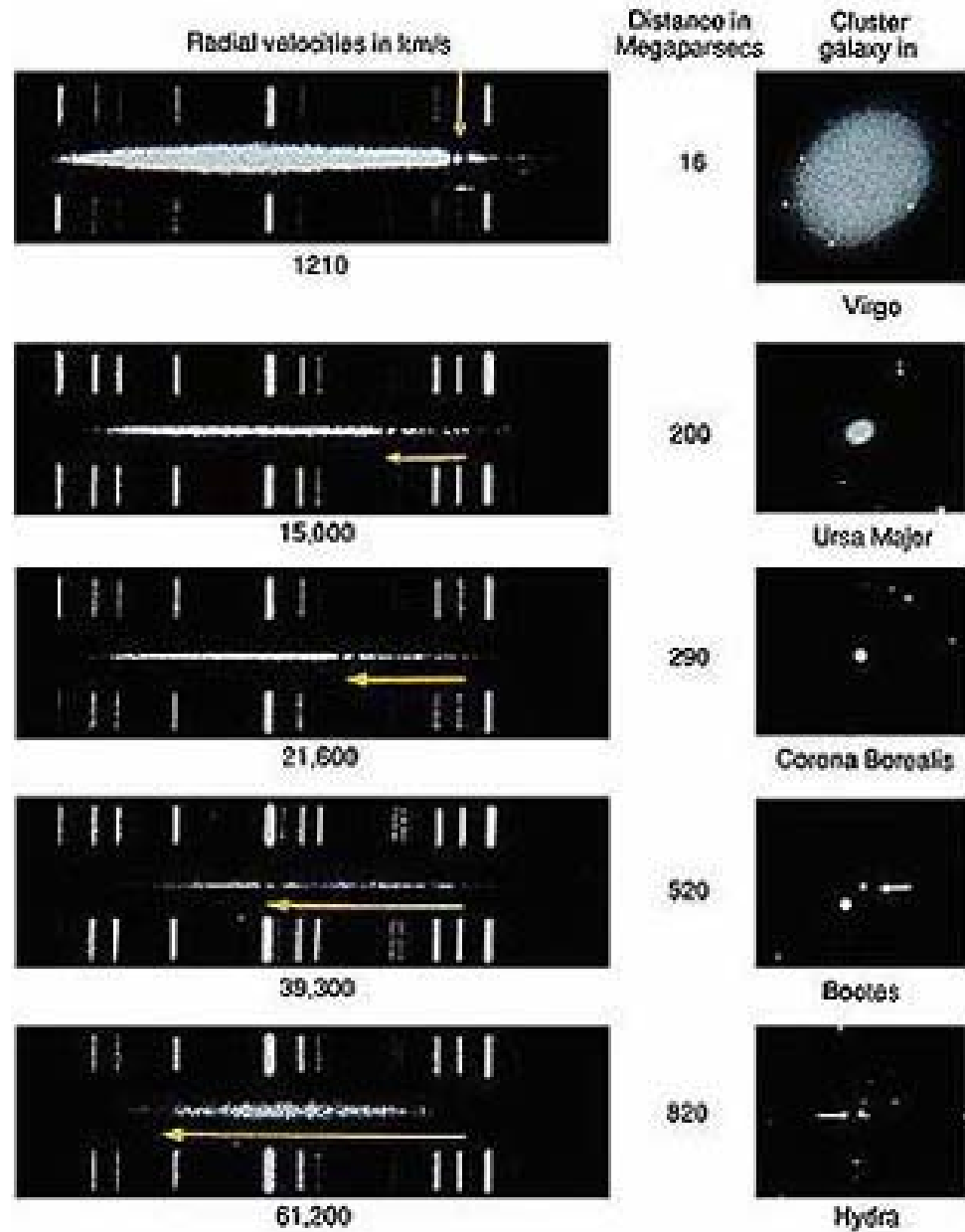
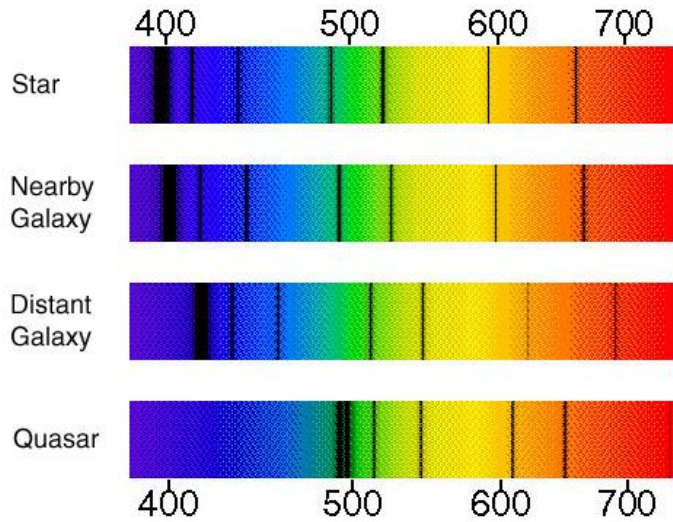
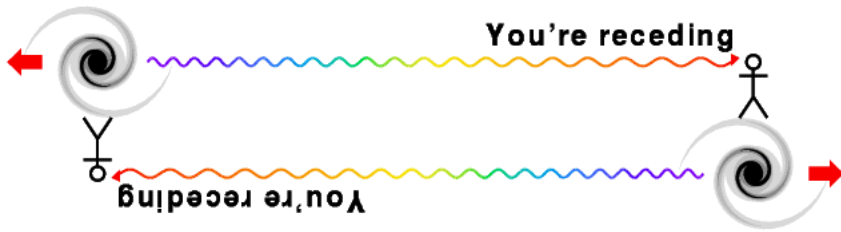


$$V = H_0 r$$

↑  
recession speed (km/s)

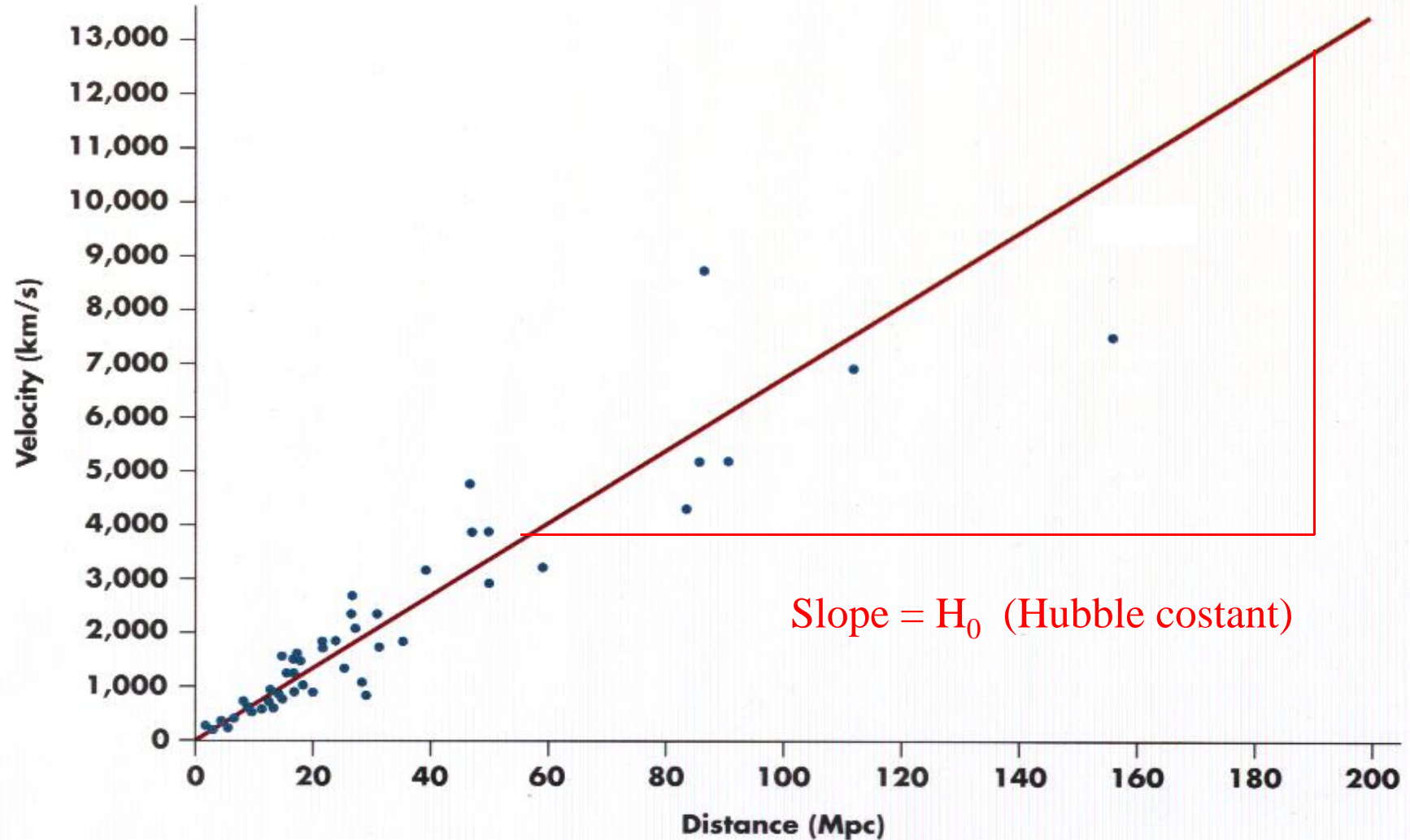
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distance (Mpc)

# Redshift



# Hubble's law

Today:  $H_0 = 72 \pm 3$  (km/s) / Mpc



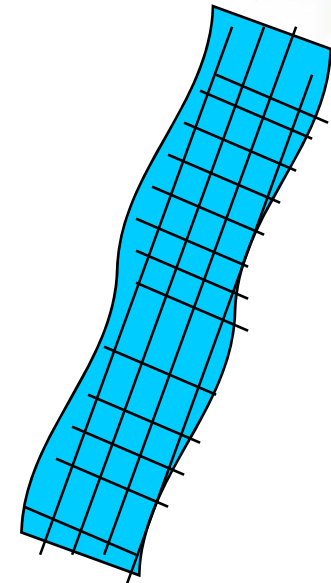


# Once upon a time... our Universe was smaller

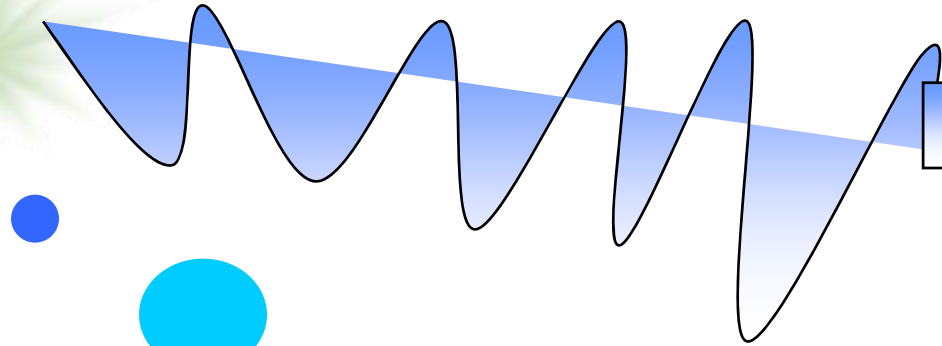
*Primordial singularity !!!*

*=> BIG BANG*

Dawn of time



Origin of space



# How far in time ?

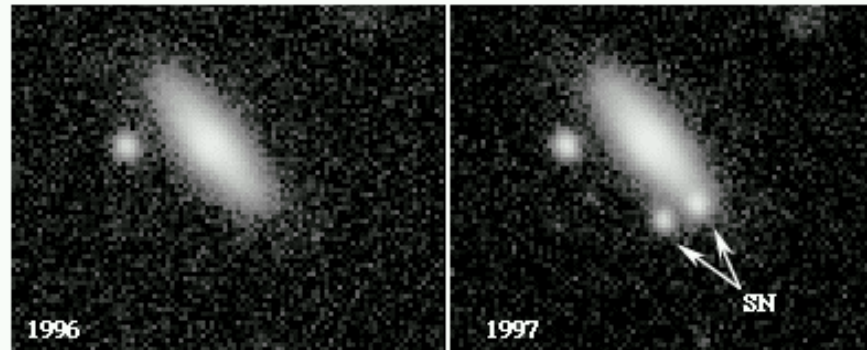
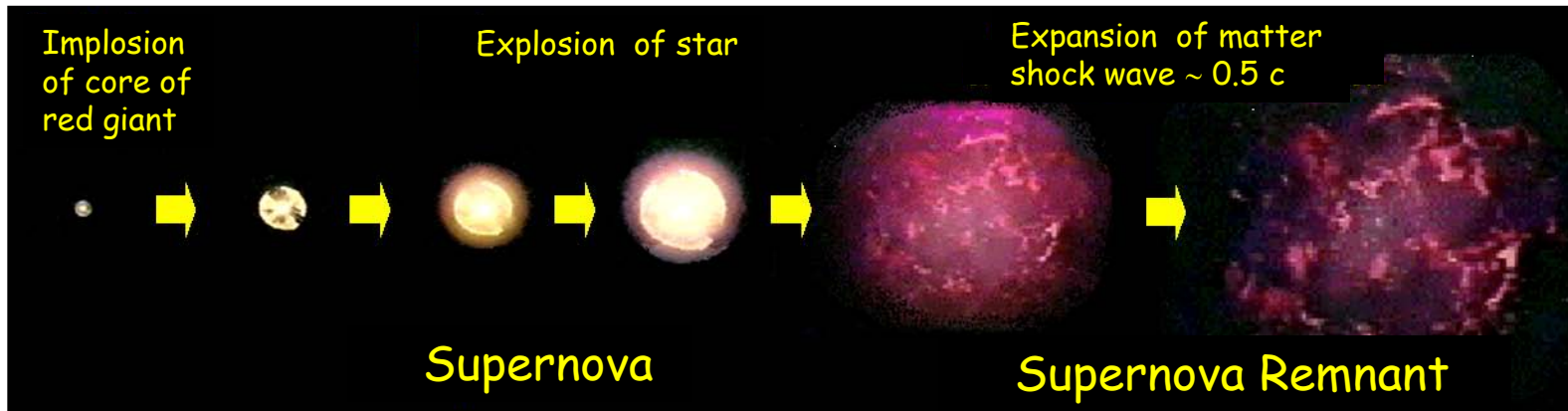
- Extrapolating backwards the present expansion speed towards the big bang

$$T \sim 1/H_0 \sim 14 \text{ billion years}$$

(note that the present best estimate, with a lot of complicated physics inside, is  $T = 13.7 \pm 0.2 \text{ Gyr}$ )

- Consistent with the age of the oldest stars

# Hubble law in 2007: supernovae



**SN Ia occurs at Chandrasekhar mass,  $1.4 M_{sun} \Rightarrow$  'Standard**

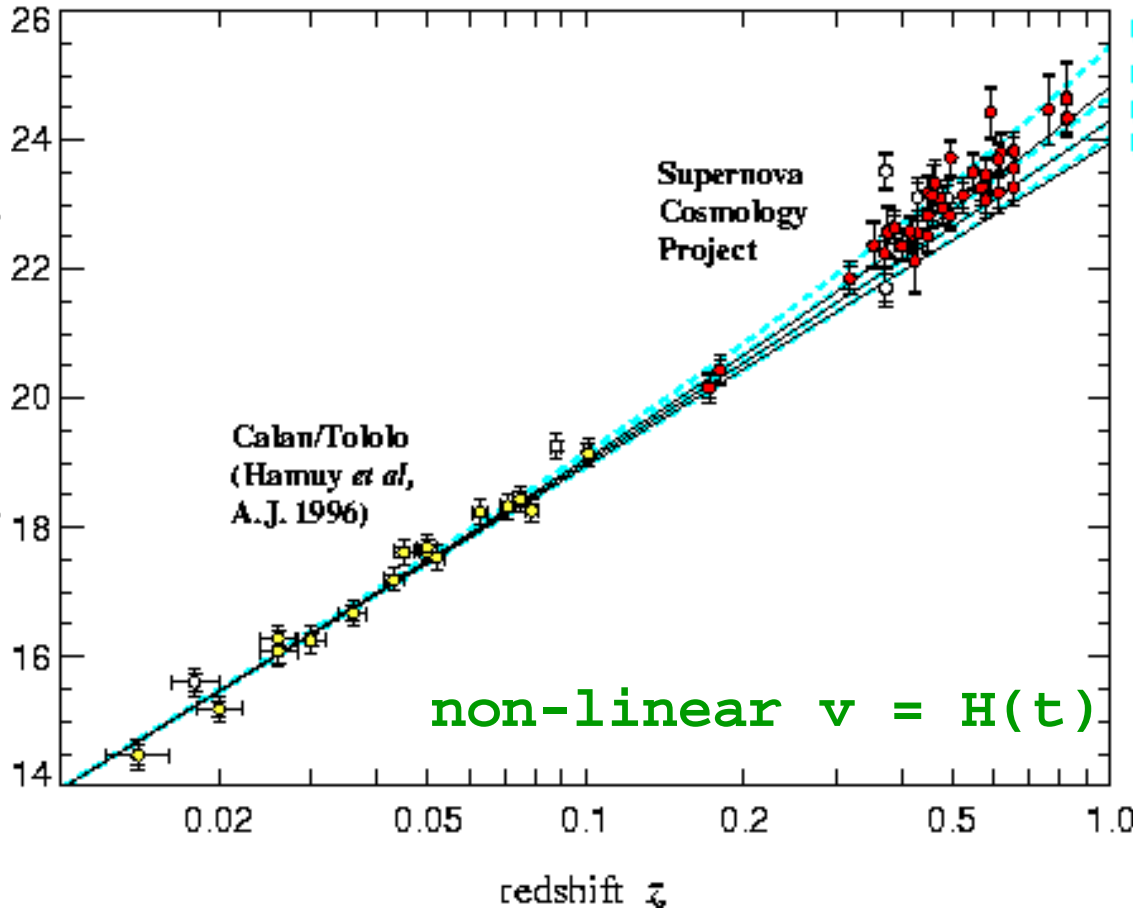
**measure brightness**

**measure host galaxy redshift  $\rightarrow$  get**

**test Hubble's Law:  $v = H d$**

# Expansion with Supernovae Ia

effective magnitude  $\rightarrow$  brightness  $\rightarrow$  distance



redshift  $\rightarrow$  recession velocity

$(\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda) =$   
 (0, 1)  
 (0.5, 0.5) (0, 0)  
 (1, 0) (1, 0)  
 (1.5, -0.5) (2, 0)

Flat

$\Lambda = 0$

Acceleration of universe expansion

Deviation from Hubble's law  
 The expansion accelerates  
 $\Omega_\Lambda \sim 0.7$

# Time & temperature (=energy)

- Once upon a time, our Universe was hotter
  - Expansion requires work (and this is the most adiabatic expansion one can imagine, so the work comes from internal energy)



$$T \sim \frac{15}{\sqrt{t}} 10^9 K$$

# Decoupling

$\gamma \leftrightarrow$  particles+antiparticles

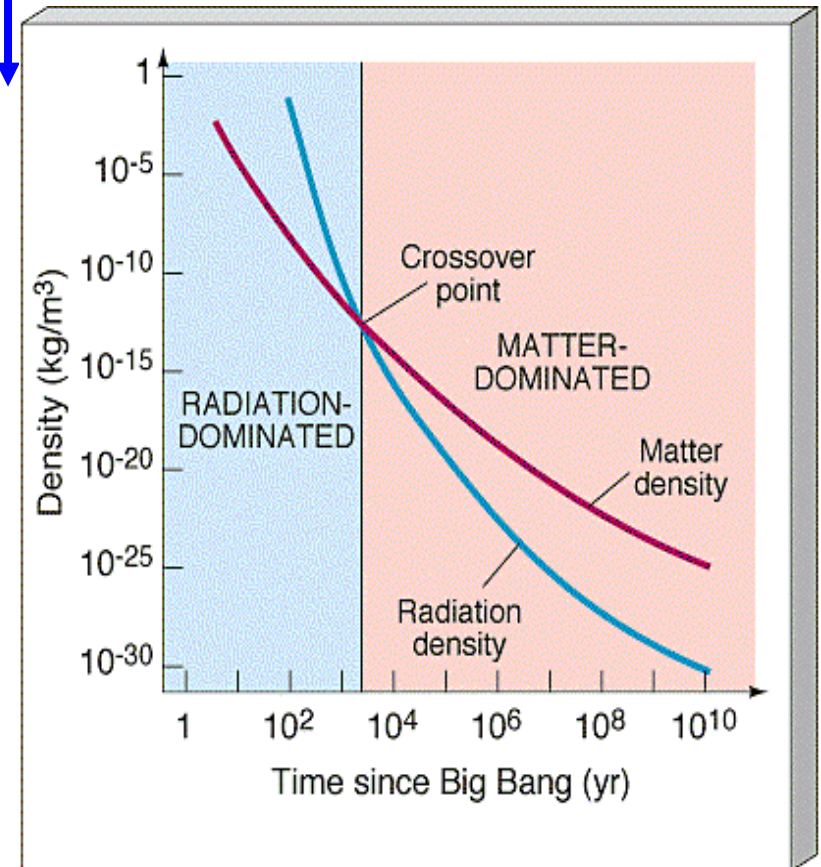
$\gamma \leftrightarrow$  proton-antiproton

$\gamma \leftrightarrow$  electron-positron

(...)

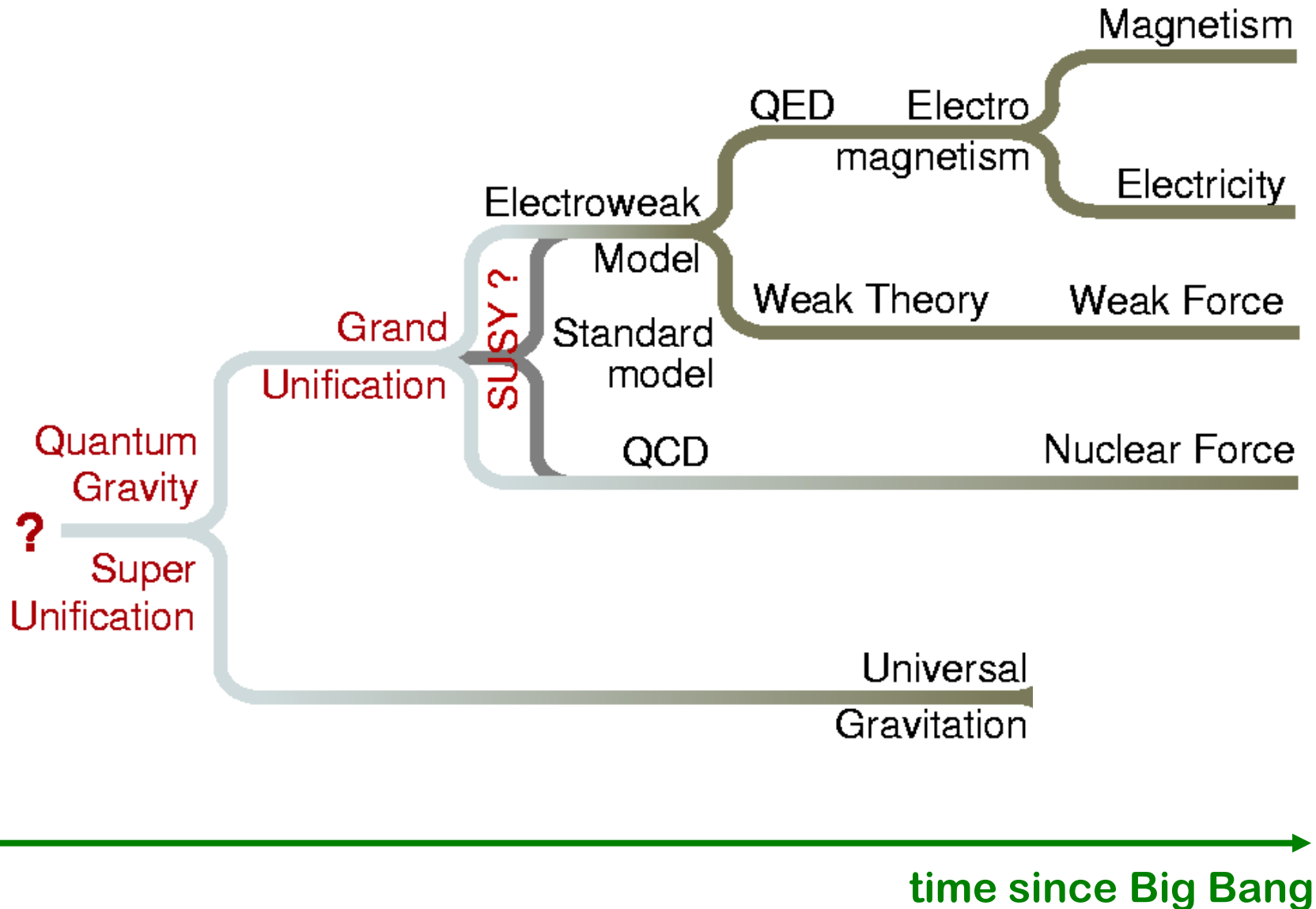
then matter became stable

Time



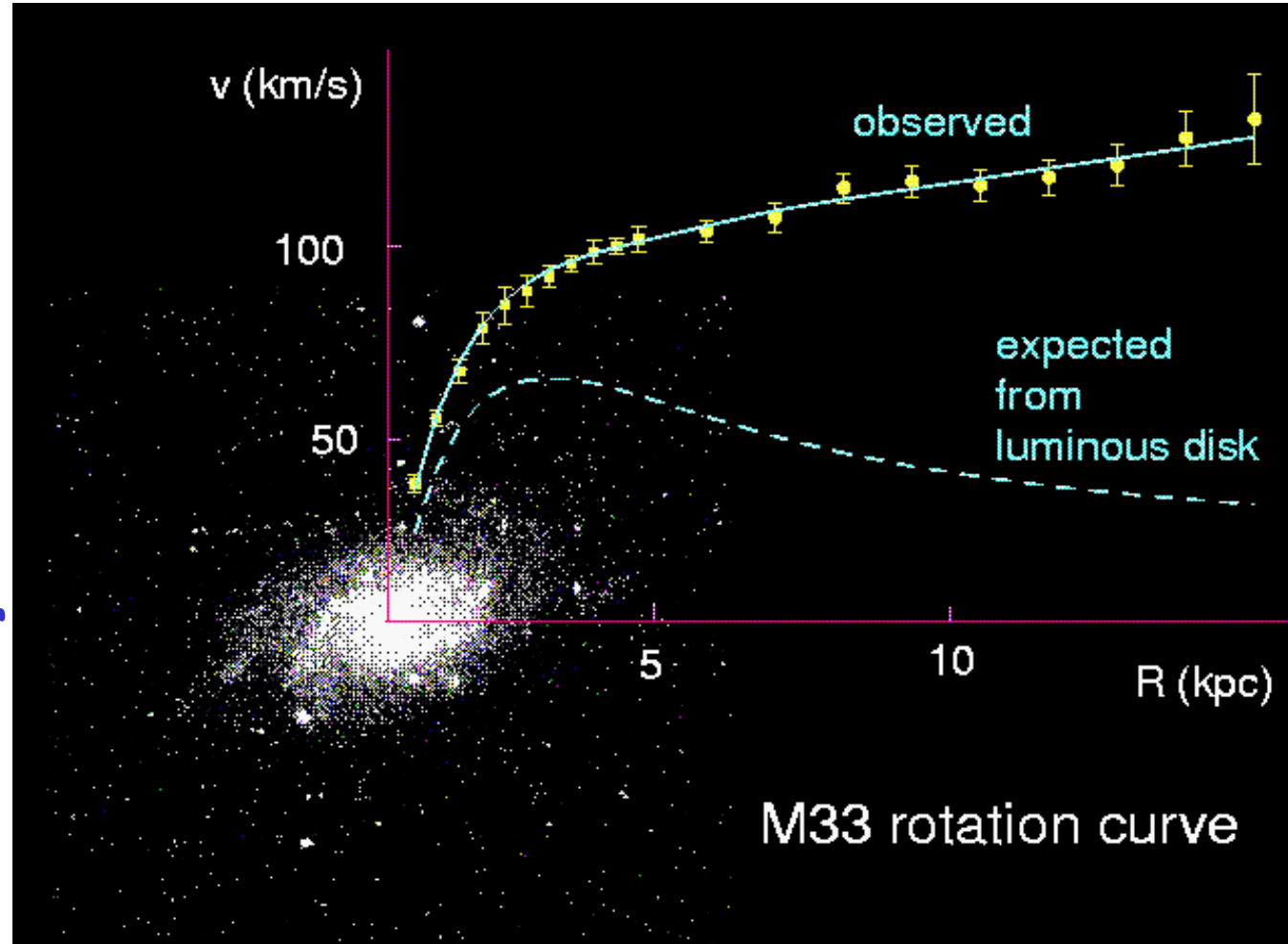
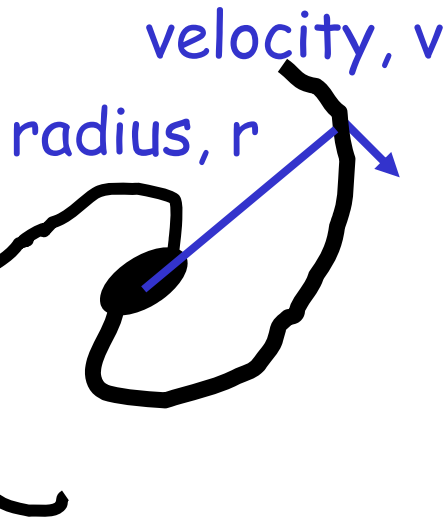
Two epochs

# Particle Physics after Big Bang



THE QUEST FOR HIGHER ENERGIES IS ALSO A TIME TRAVEL

# The Universe today: what we see is not everything



Gravity:  
 $G M(r) / r^2 = v^2 / r$   
enclosed mass:  
 $M(r) = v^2 r / G$

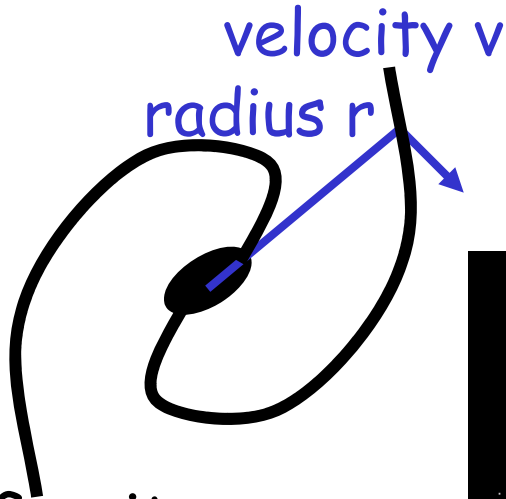
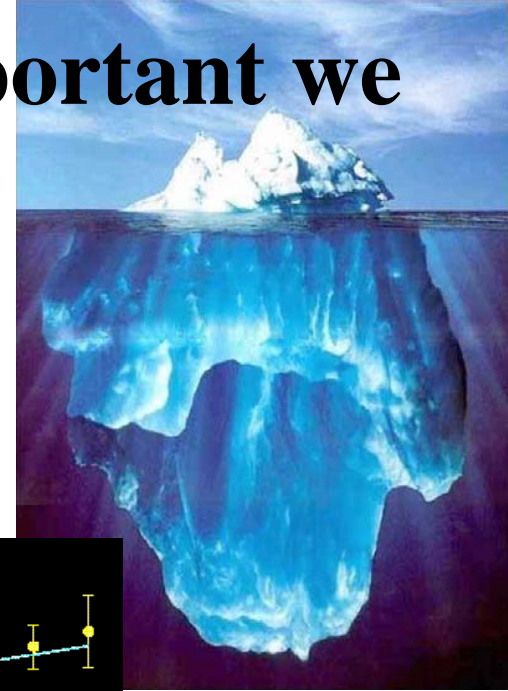
Luminous stars only small fraction of mass of galaxy



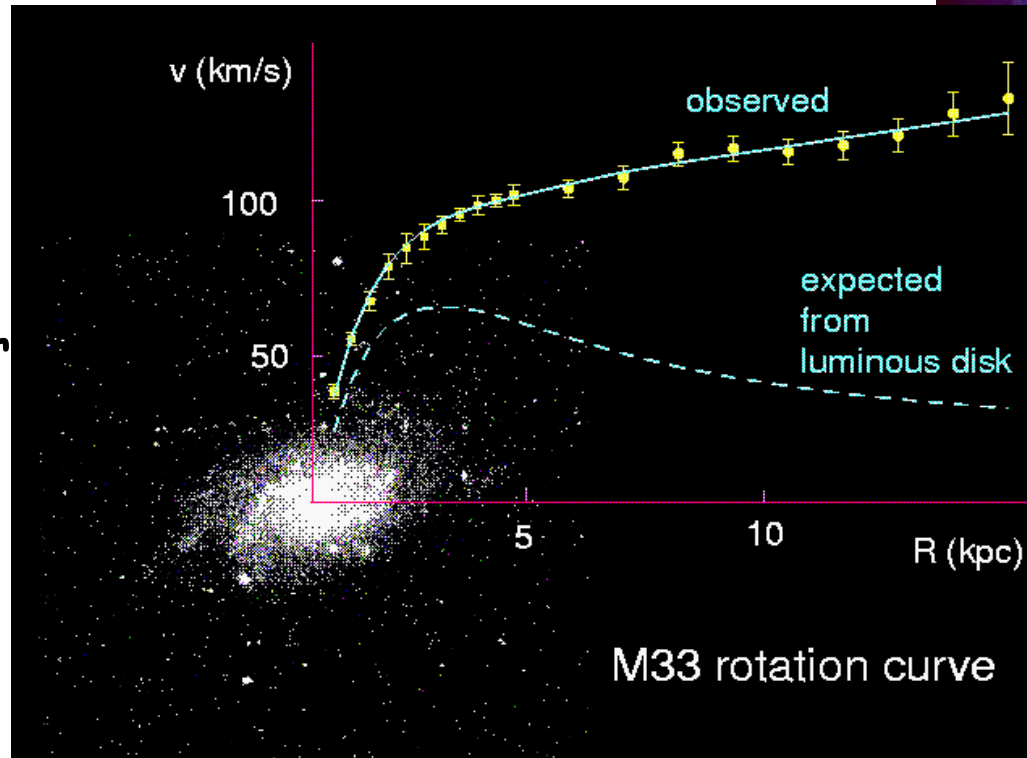
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## Dark matter searches

# We think there's something important we don't see



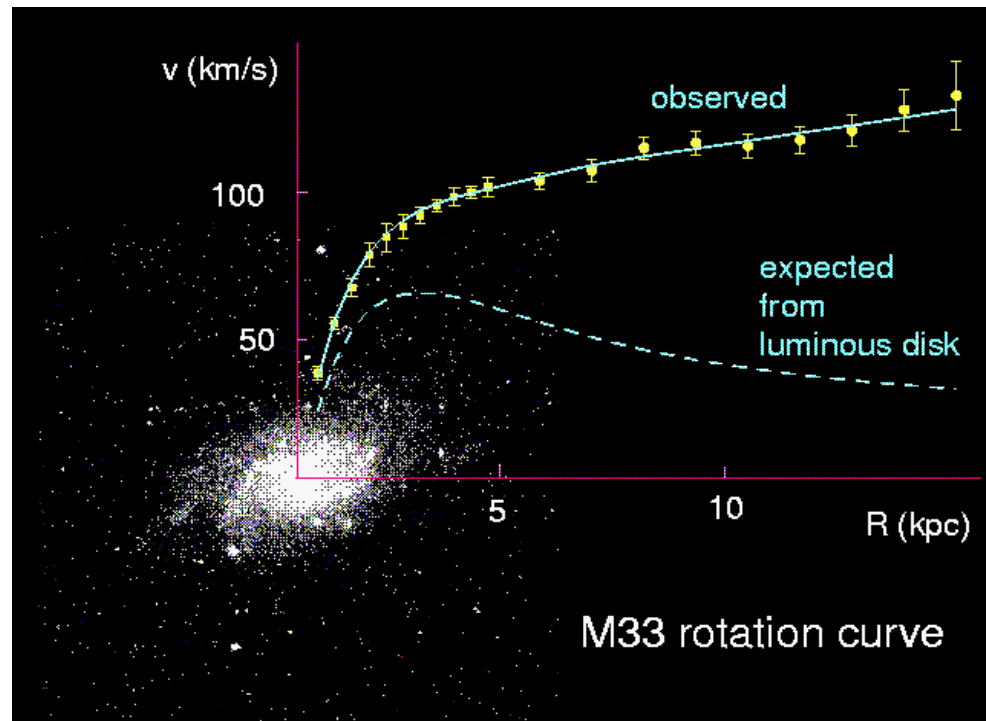
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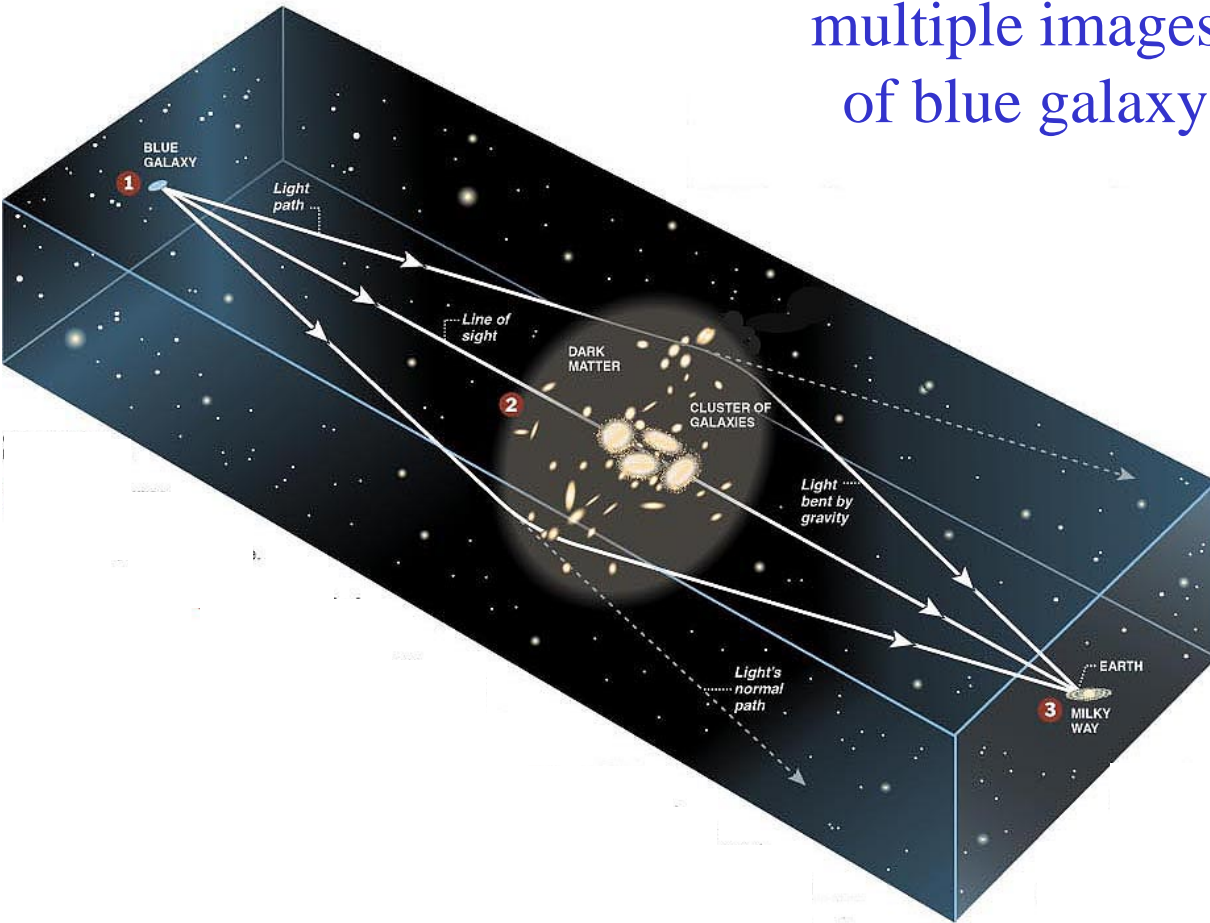
# Dark matter searches

- Astronomy Dark Matter Candidates
  - Invisible macroscopic objects
    - Non-luminous objects
    - Black Holes
- Particle Dark Matter Candidates
  - Neutrinos
  - WIMPs

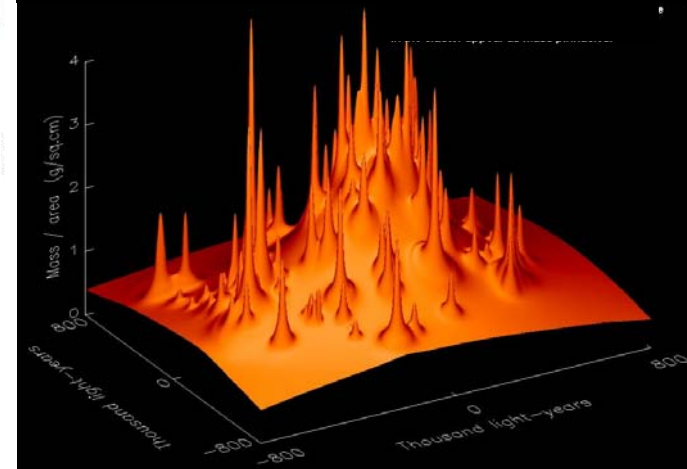


# Gravitational Lensing by Dark Matter

Hubble Space Telescope  
multiple images  
of blue galaxy

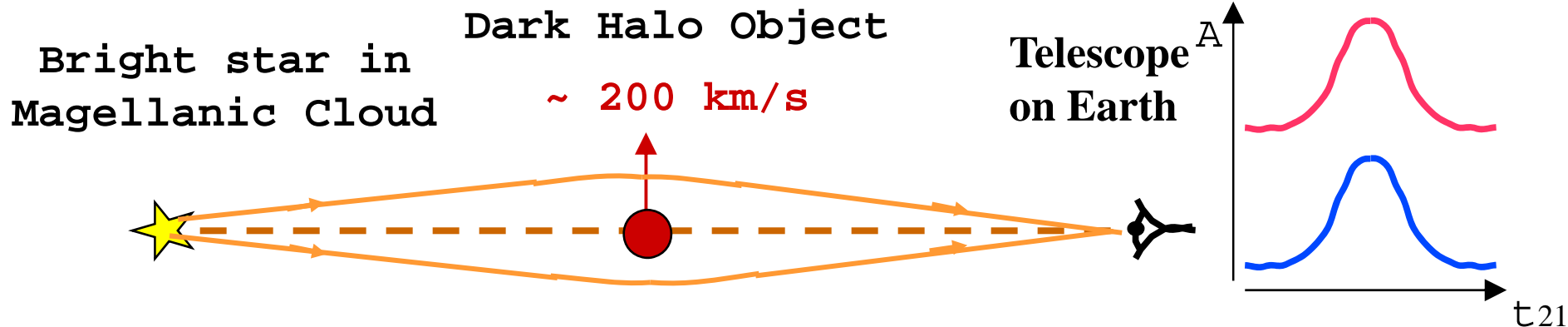


Reconstructed matter distribution



Black holes, etc.

# Gravitational Lensing Searches for MACHOs

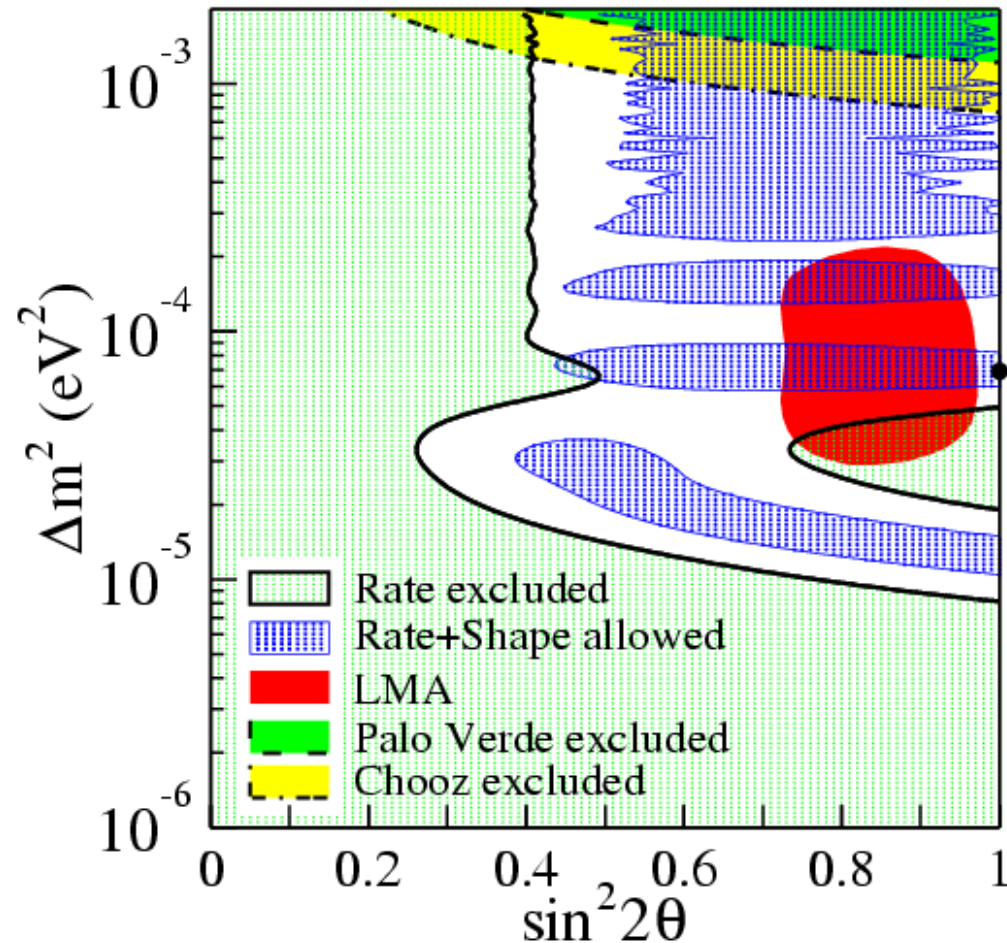


# Neutrino Mass is not enough

$P_{\text{dis}} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L/E)$ ,  
 $\Delta m$  mass difference,  $\theta$  mixing  
angle,  $E$  energy of  $\nu$ ,  $L$   
oscillation length

Recent evidence of  $m > 0$  from

- SuperKamioKande
- SNO
- K2K
- KamLAND



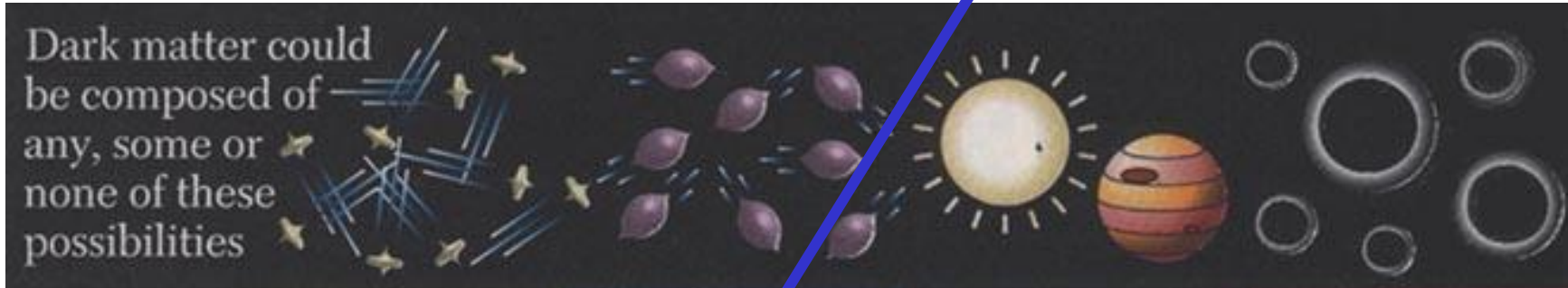
$\Delta M \sim 0.01 \text{ eV}$

Mixing  $\sim$  maximal

# Candidates: only WIMPS are left

$M > \sim 40 \text{ GeV}$   
if SUSY (LEP)

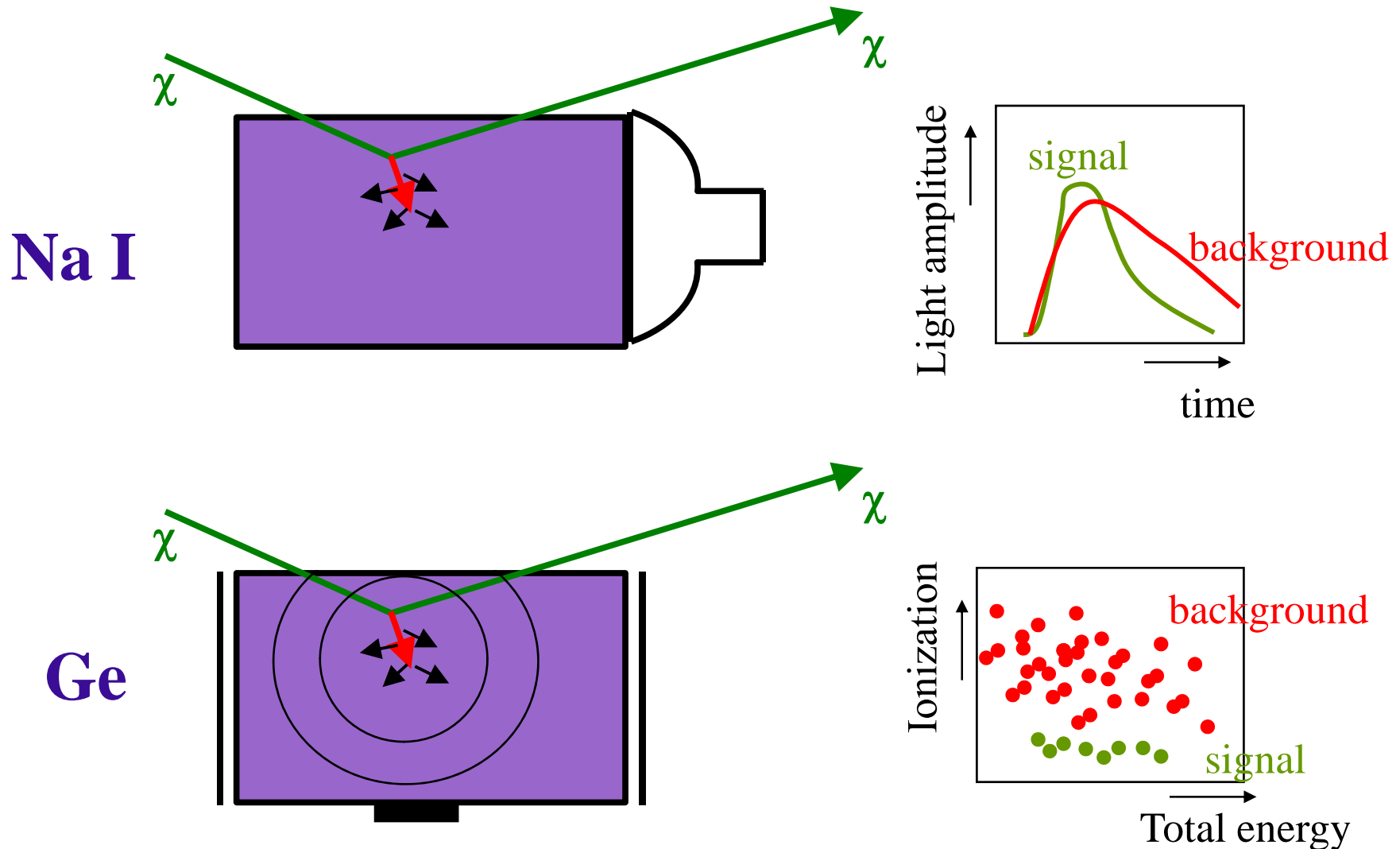
Dark matter could be composed of any, some or none of these possibilities



Name	Neutrinos	WIMPs	MACHOs	Black holes
What they are	Subatomic relatives of the electron that have no electrical charge and interact only weakly with ordinary matter	(Weakly interacting massive particles) Also known as cold dark matter	(Massive compact halo objects) Dim Jupiter-size planets or white dwarf stars made of ordinary matter	Objects with gravitational fields so intense that light cannot escape from them
Pros	Known to exist in great numbers	Existence is predicted by theories	The simplest theory	Strongly predicted by general relativity
Cons	cannot account for existing cosmic structure	Are hypothetical	So many would be required that it seems unlikely that all the dark matter could be made of them	Their presence in such abundance should have been detected already

# Direct WIMP Detection

Rejection of background is the critical issue

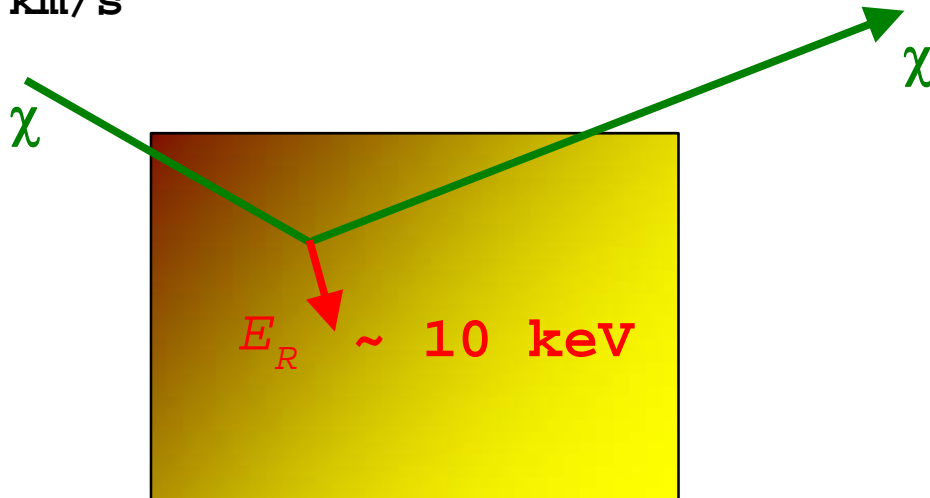
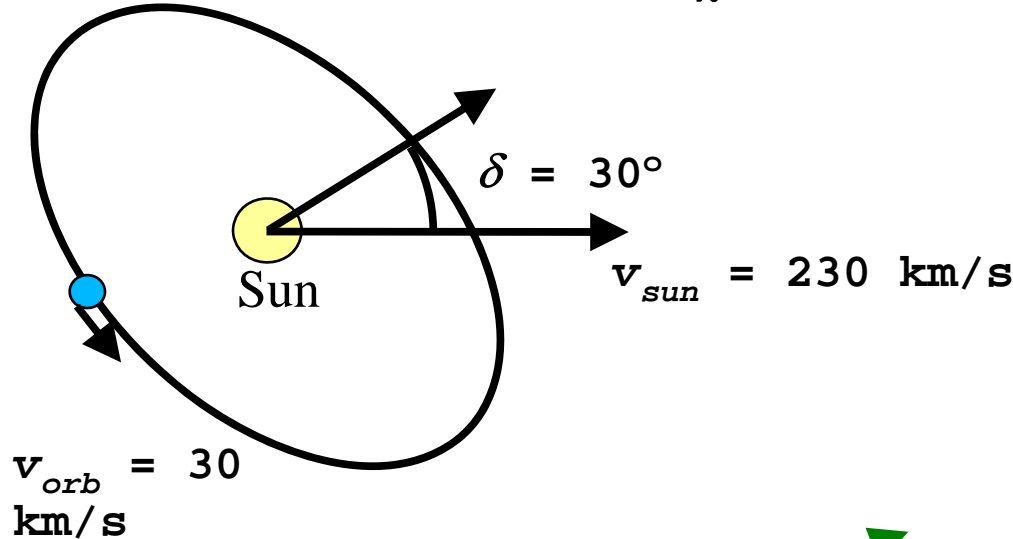




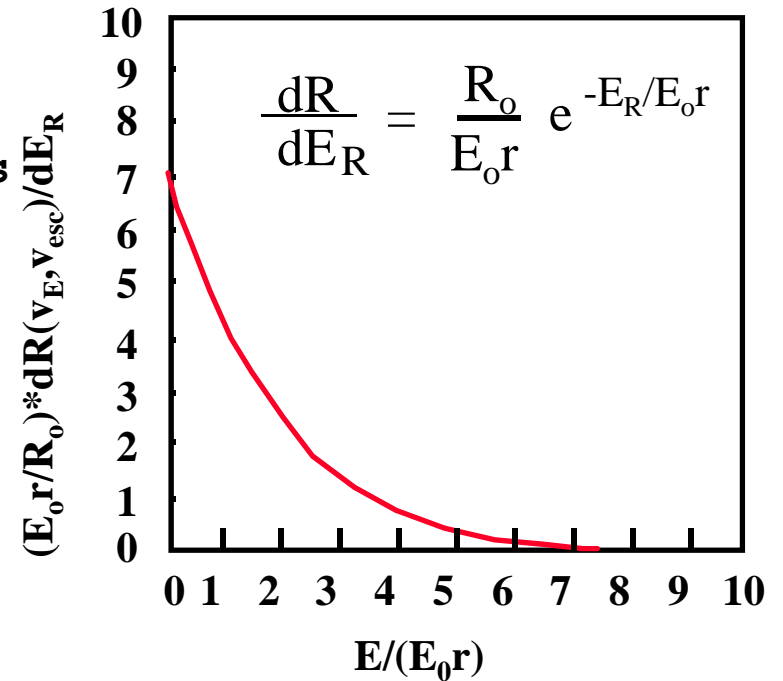
# WIMP Direct Detection: modulation

Elastic interaction on nucleus, typical  $\chi$  velocity  $\sim 250$  km/s

Motion of Earth in the  $\chi$  wind



Recoil Spectrum

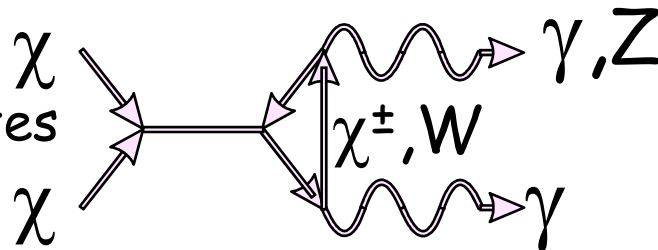


Featureless recoil energy spectrum  
 ---> looks like electron background

But... Annual modulation

# WIMPS & gamma emission

- Some DM candidates (e.g. SUSY particles)



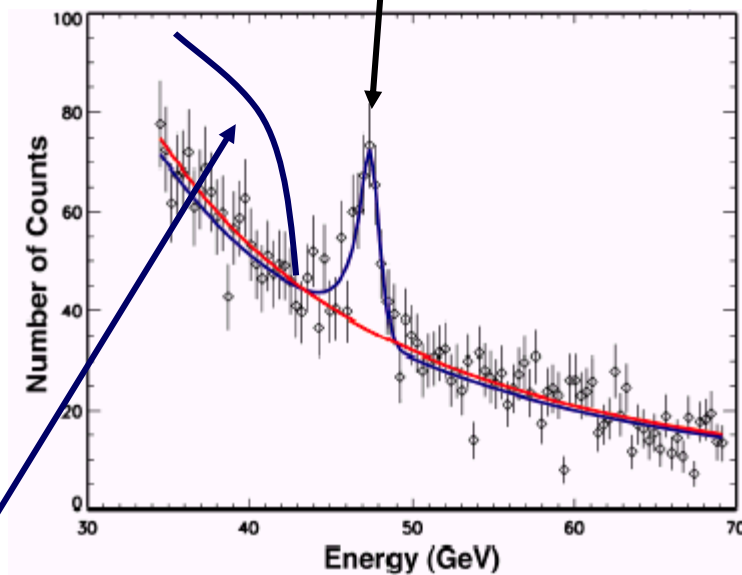
would lead to mono-energetic  $\gamma$  lines through annihilation into  $\gamma\gamma$  or  $\gamma Z$ :

$$E_\gamma = m_\chi \left( 1 - \frac{m_Z^2}{4m_\chi^2} \right)$$

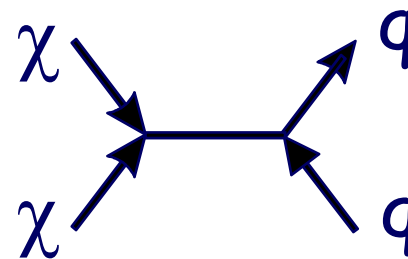
$\Rightarrow$  clear signature at high energies

but: loop suppressed

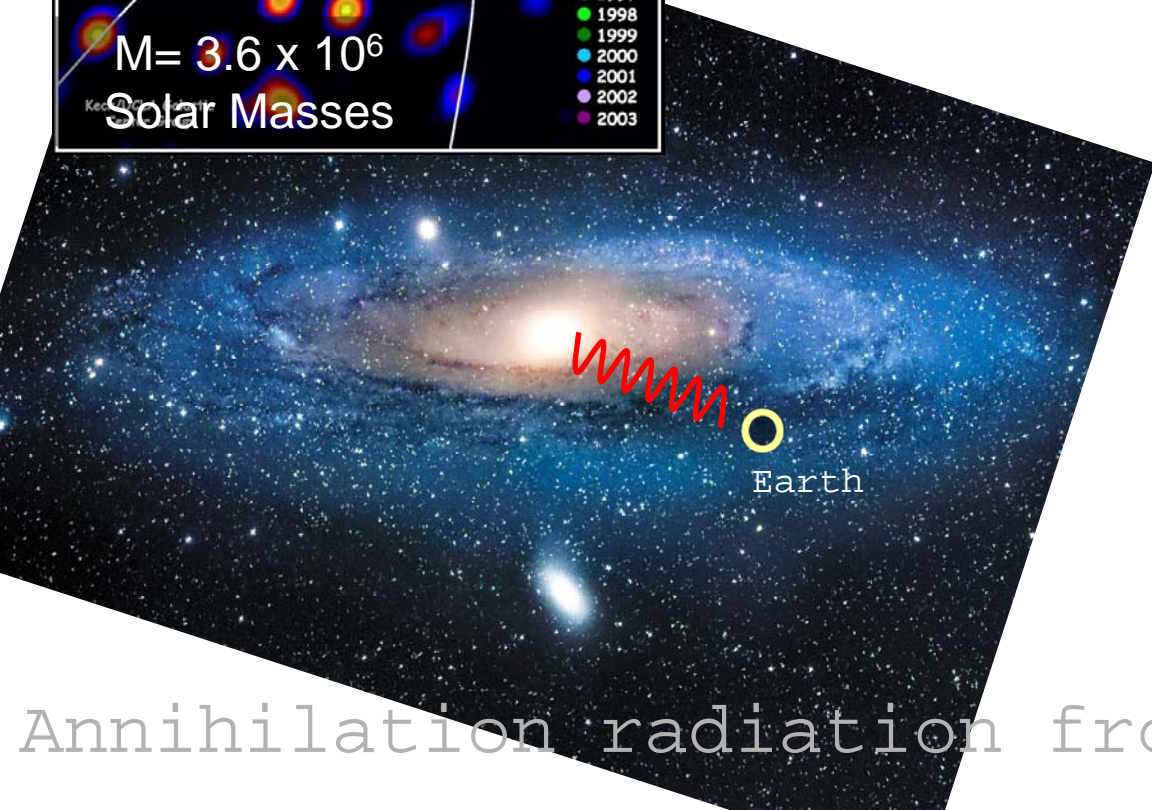
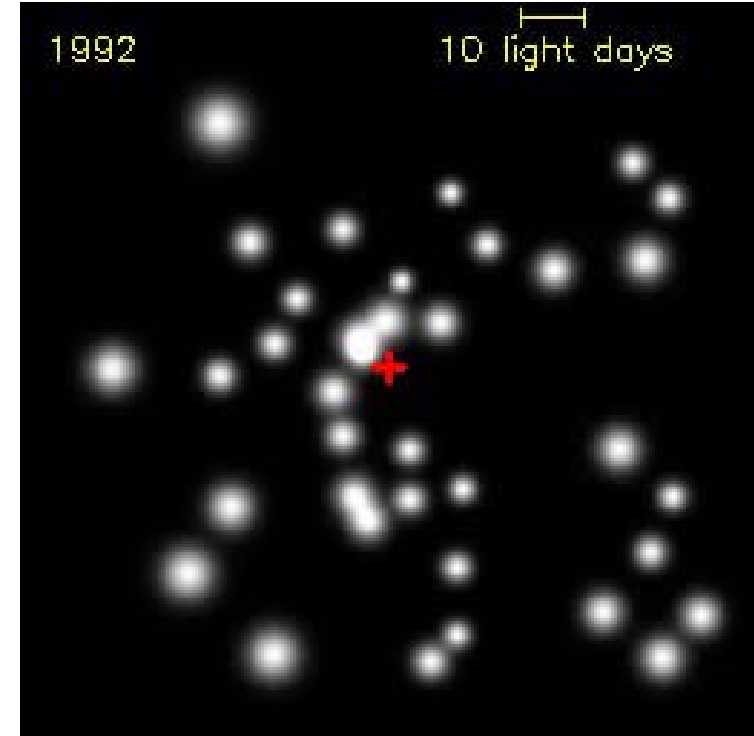
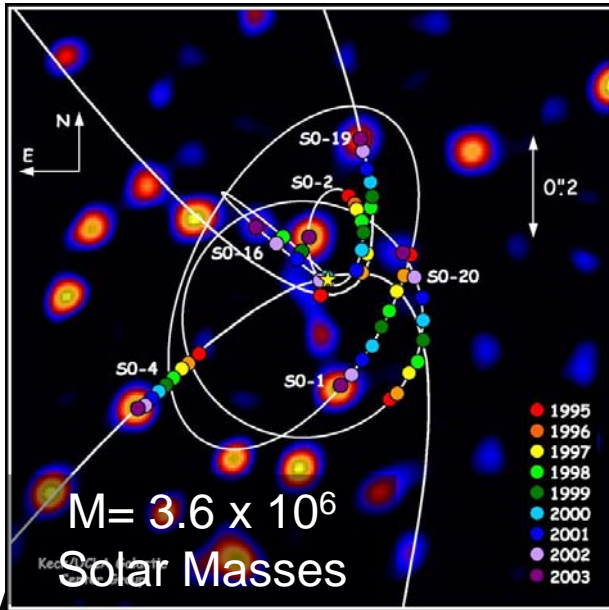
Good energy resolution in the few % range is needed



- annihilation into  $qq \rightarrow$  jets  $\rightarrow n \gamma$ 's  $\Rightarrow$  continuum of low energy gammas difficult signature but large flux



# Results: common sense suggests a look @the GC...

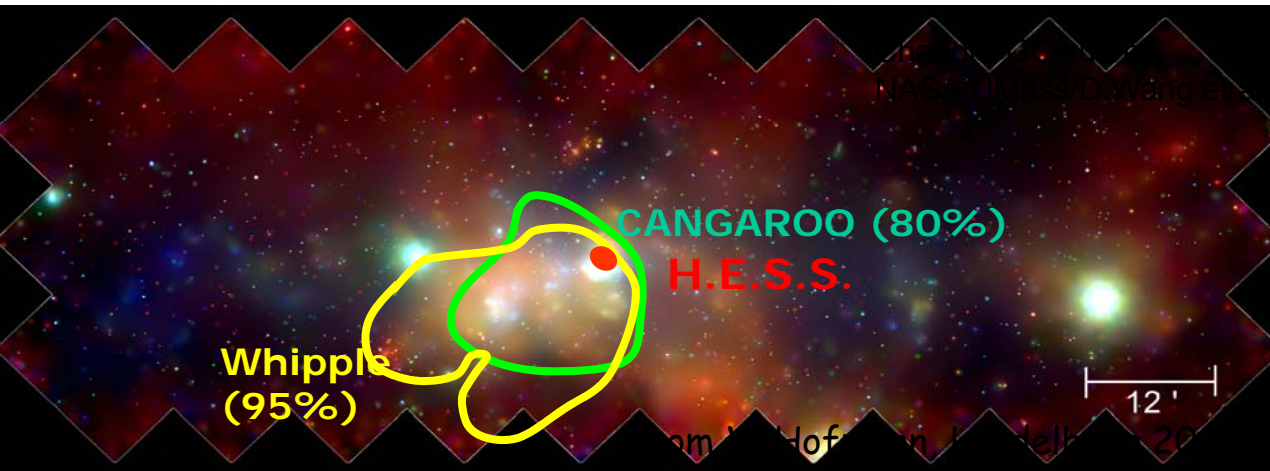
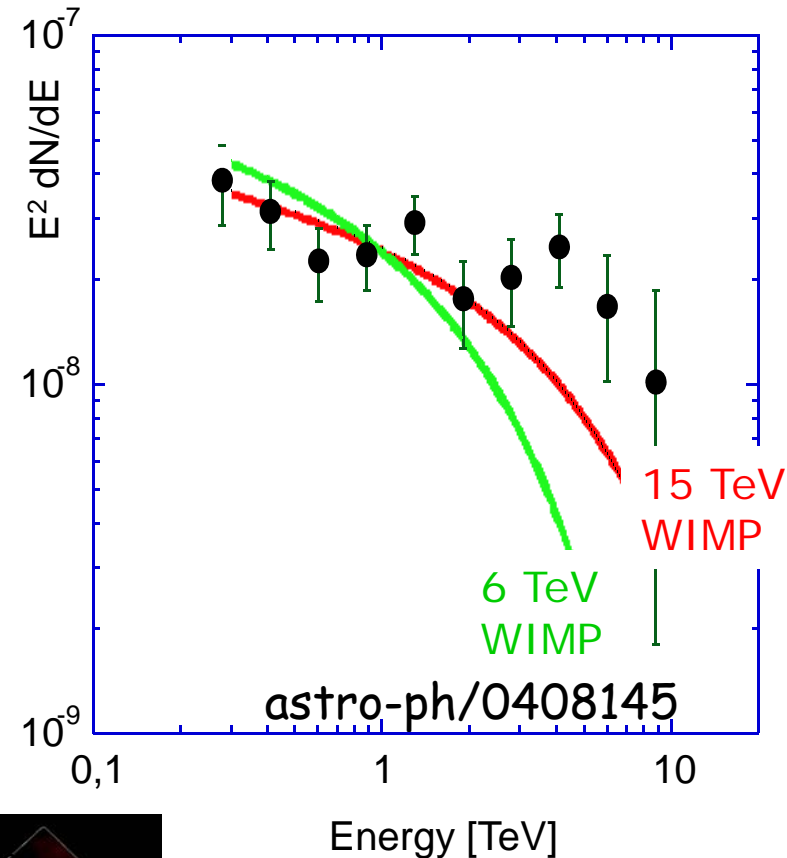


X emission (variable)  
 $\gamma$  emission

Annihilation radiation from the GC

# $\gamma$ -ray detection from the Galactic Center

- detection of  $\gamma$ -rays from GC by Cangaroo, Whipple, HESS, MAGIC
- $\sigma_{\text{source}} < 3'$  ( $< 7$  pc at GC)
  - hard  $E^{-2.21 \pm 0.09}$  spectrum  
fit to  $\chi$ -annihilation continuum  
spectrum leads to:  $M_\chi > 12$  TeV
  - other interpretations possible (probable)
    - Galactic Center:** very crowded sky region, strong exp. evidence against cuspy profile => not optimal target



## Milky Way satellites Sagittarius and Draco

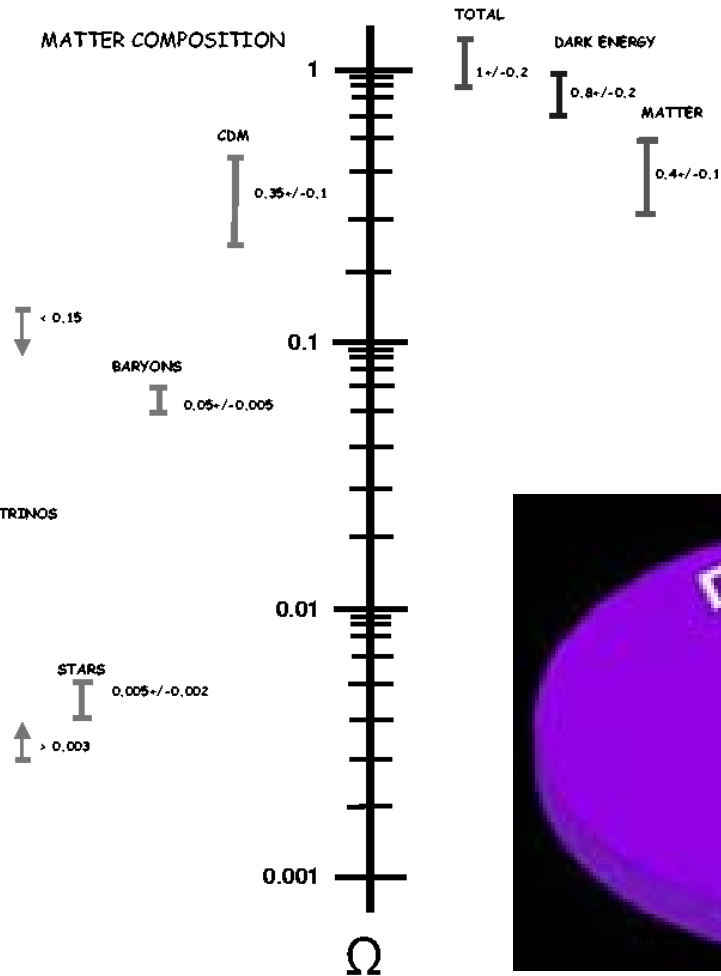
- proximity ( $< 100$  kpc)
- low baryonic content, no central BH (which may change the DM cusp)
- large M/L ratio

# Matter/Energy in the Universe: Conclusion

## Must be something new

$$\Omega_{\text{total}} = \underbrace{\Omega_{\text{M}}}_{\text{matter}} + \underbrace{\Omega_{\Lambda}}_{\text{dark energy}} \sim 1$$

### MATTER / ENERGY in the UNIVERSE



### Matter:

$$\Omega_{\text{M}} = \underbrace{\Omega_{\text{b}}}_{0.03 \text{ baryons}} + \underbrace{\Omega_{\text{v}}}_{\text{neutrinos}} + \underbrace{\Omega_{\text{CDM}}}_{\text{cold dark matter}} \sim 0.3$$

### Baryonic matter :

$$\Omega_{\text{b}} \sim 0.04$$

stars, gas, brown dwarfs, white dwarfs



### Neutrinos:

$$\Omega_{\text{v}} \sim 0.003$$

### Dark Matter :

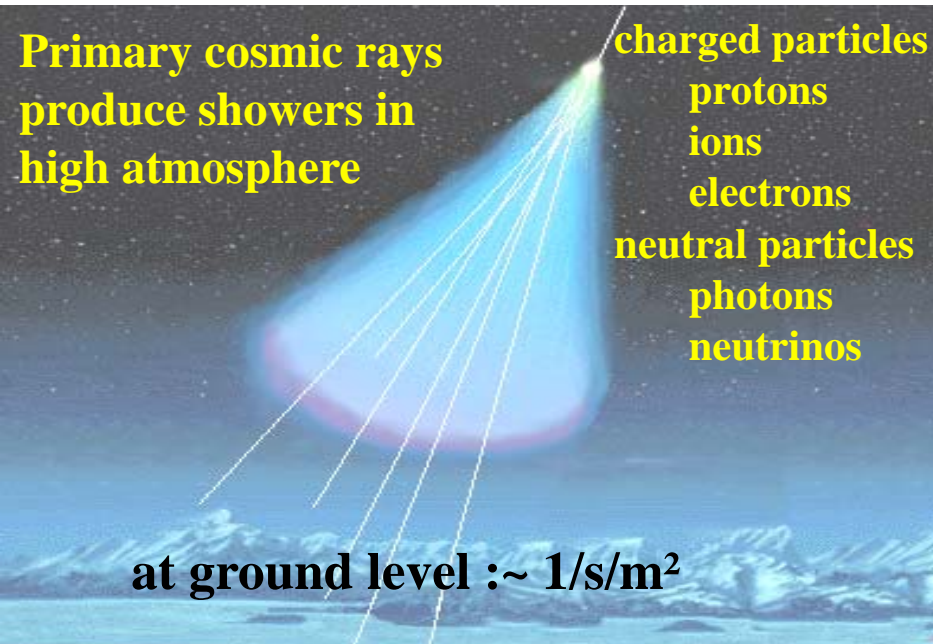
$$\Omega_{\text{CDM}} \sim 0.23$$

WIMPS/neutralinos, a

# III

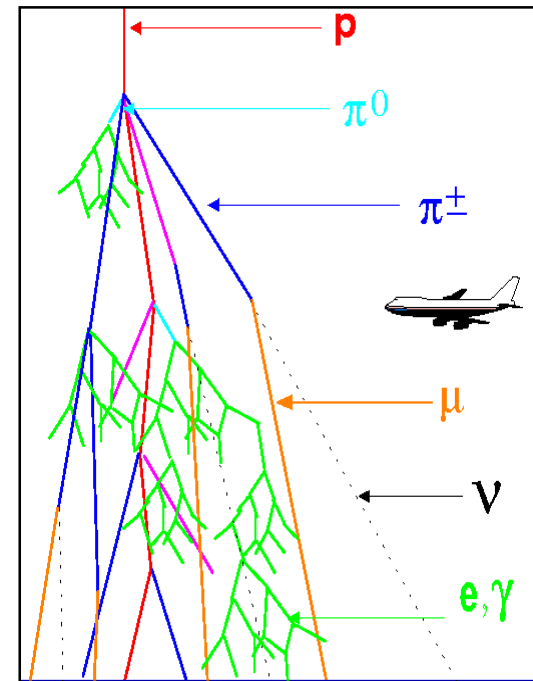
## High Energy Particles from space

# Cosmic Rays



Primary:

p 80 %,  $\alpha$  9 %, n 8 %  
e 2 %, heavy nuclei 1 %  
 $\gamma$  0.1 %,  $\nu$  0.1 % ?



Secondary at ground level:

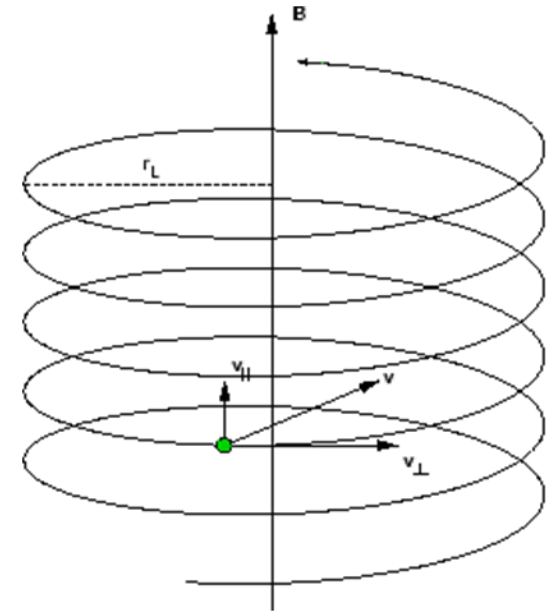
$\nu$  68 %  
 $\mu$  30 %  
p, n, ... 2 %



100 years after discovery by Hess origin still uncertain

# Raggio di curvatura di una particella in moto in un campo magnetico

- Determiniamo il raggio di curvatura (denominato *raggio di Larmor*) di una particella con carica  $q$  ed energia  $E$  in moto in un campo magnetico  $\mathbf{B}$ .



$$m \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{p v}{r} \stackrel{\text{Lorentz}}{=} Z e \cdot \frac{v}{c} \cdot B$$

$$r = \frac{p c}{Z e B} \cong \frac{E}{Z e B}$$

$$r_{\text{Larmor}} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-12} (\text{erg} / \text{ev}) \cdot E (\text{eV})}{Z \cdot (4.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ u.e.s.}) B (\text{Gauss})} = \frac{1}{300} \frac{E}{Z B} (\text{eV} / \text{Gauss})$$



# Confinamento:

$$r_{Larmor} = \frac{1}{300} \frac{E}{ZB} \text{ (eV / Gauss)}$$

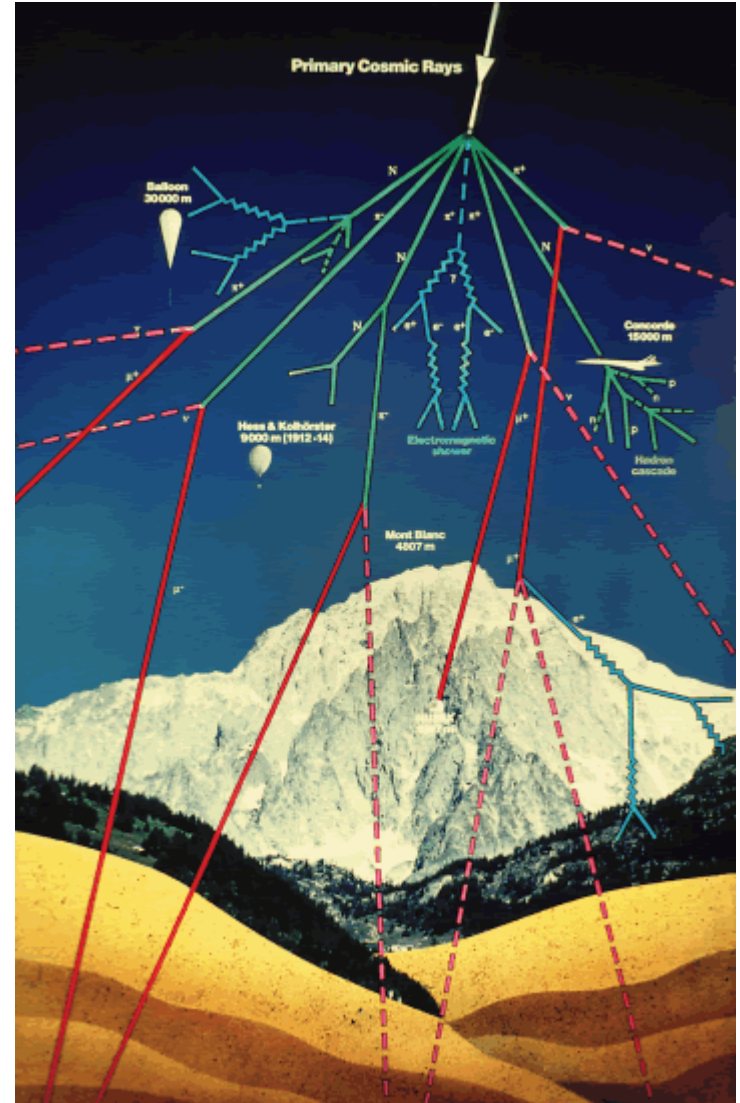
- Utilizziamo i valori tipici del campo B ( $3 \times 10^{-6}$  G) galattico per protoni:

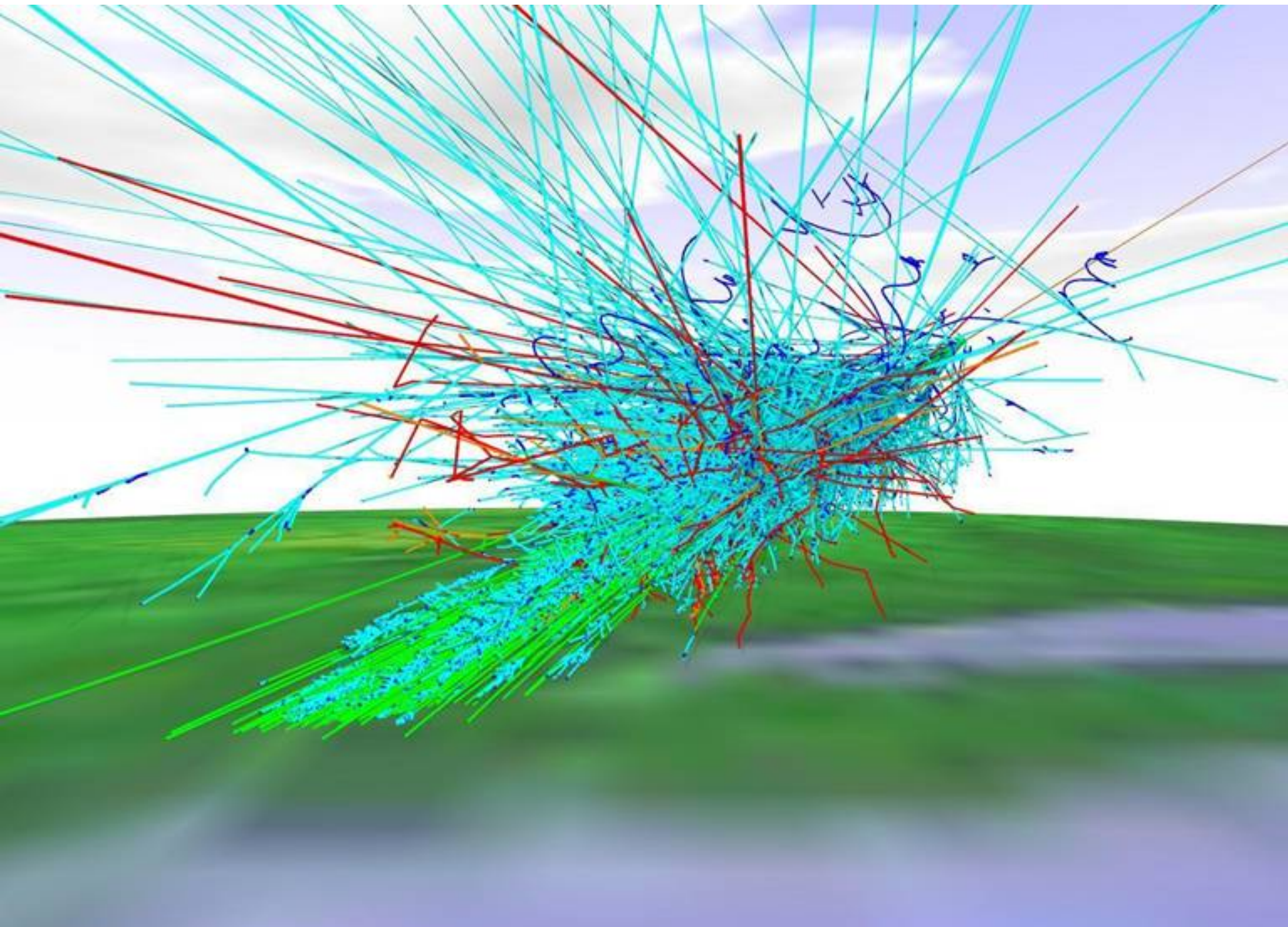
$$r_L = \begin{cases} (E = 10^{12} \text{ eV}) & = 10^{15} \text{ cm} = 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ pc} \\ (E = 10^{15} \text{ eV}) & = 10^{18} \text{ cm} = 0.3 \text{ pc} \\ (E = 10^{18} \text{ eV}) & = 10^{21} \text{ cm} = 300 \text{ pc} \end{cases}$$

- I p hanno un raggio di Larmor sempre minore dello spessore del disco galattico (300 pc) se  $E < 10^{18}$  eV. Per questo motivo tutti i RC (meno quelli di energia estrema) sono *confinati* nel piano Galattico dal campo magnetico.

# I RC secondari

- Interazione dei RC coi nuclei dell'atmosfera → sciami di particelle secondarie → **RC secondari** .
- L'atmosfera funge da *convertitore*
- La radiazione primaria può essere direttamente studiata solo fuori dall'atmosfera terrestre (sonde)
- La radiazione al suolo può essere studiata con rivelatore di sciami
- Esperimenti *underground* per la componente penetrante (muoni e neutrini)





*Hajo Drescher, Frankfurt U.*

# I Raggi Cosmici sulla Terra

- I RC bombardano continuamente la Terra: circa 100000 particelle originate dai Raggi Cosmici ci attraversano ogni ora.
- Questo contribuisce alla dose di radioattività ambientale a cui siamo continuamente soggetti.



# RC secondari

- Lo spessore di atmosfera equivale a 10 m di acqua



$$H_o = \int_{h=0}^{h=\infty} \rho(h) \cdot dh = 10000 (kg \cdot m^{-2})$$

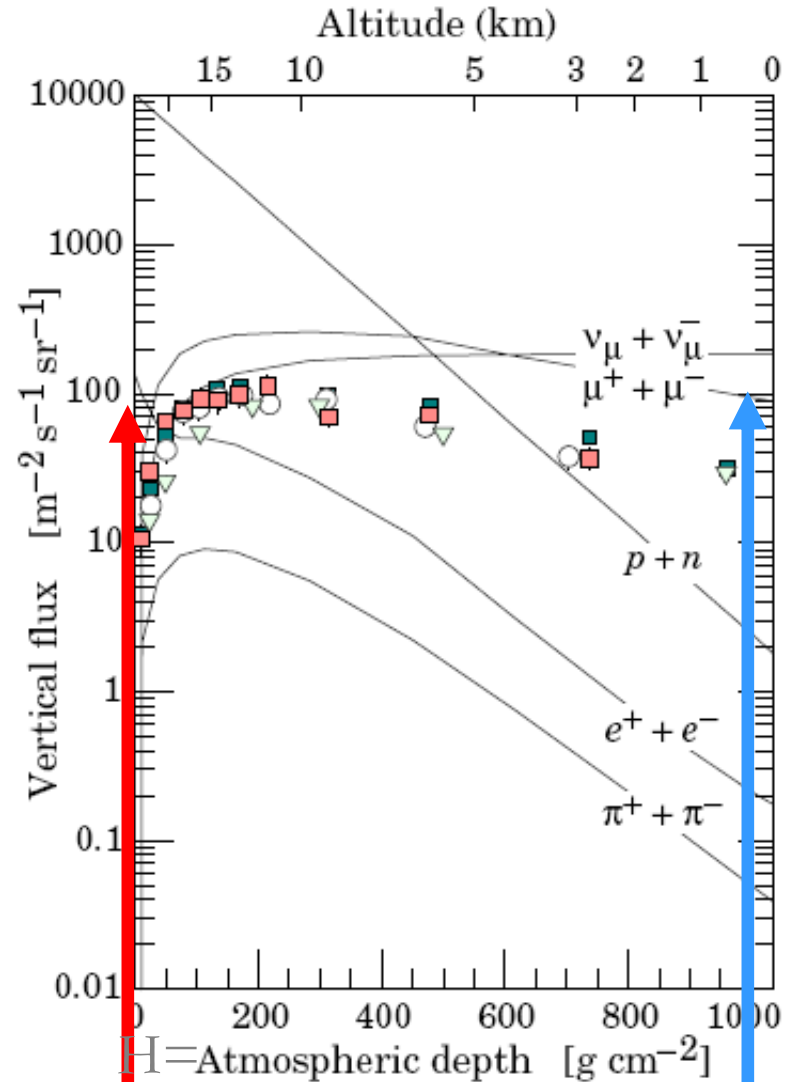
$$= 1000 (gcm^{-2})$$

1. Flusso sulla sommità (H=0 gcm<sup>-2</sup>):

- 10000 m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>
- p (90%), He (9%), A (1%)

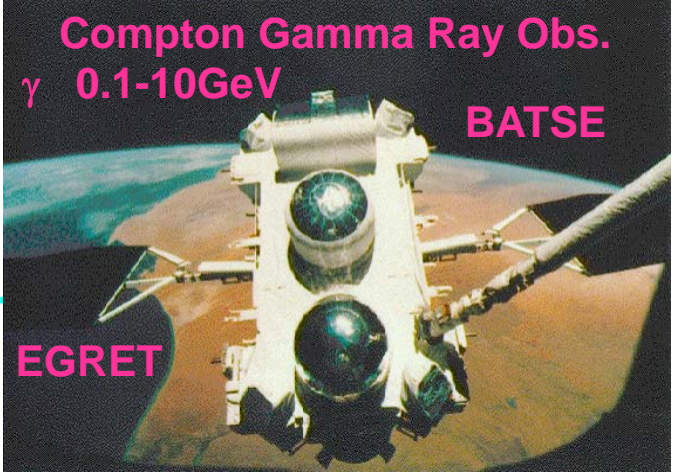
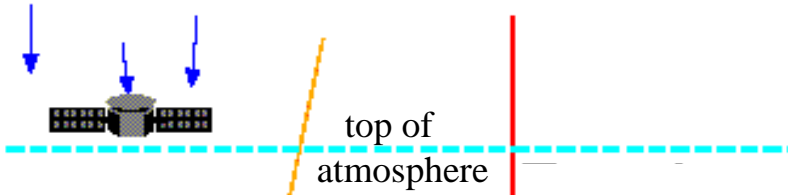
2. Flusso a livello del mare (H=1000 gcm<sup>-2</sup>):

- 200 m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>
- Muoni, neutrini, e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>, γ

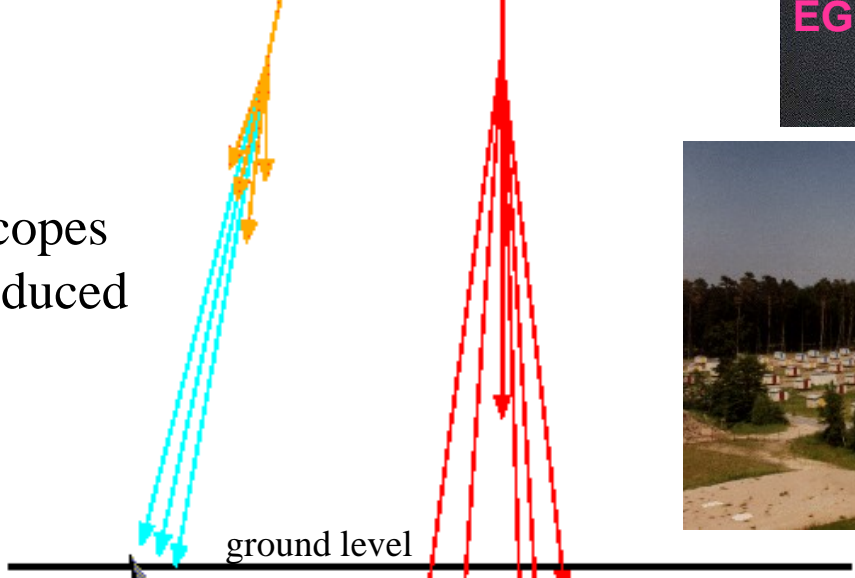


# Types of Cosmic Ray Detectors

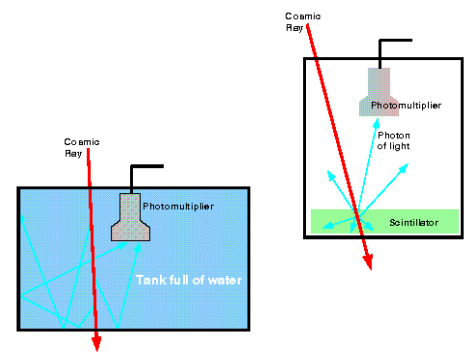
Satellites



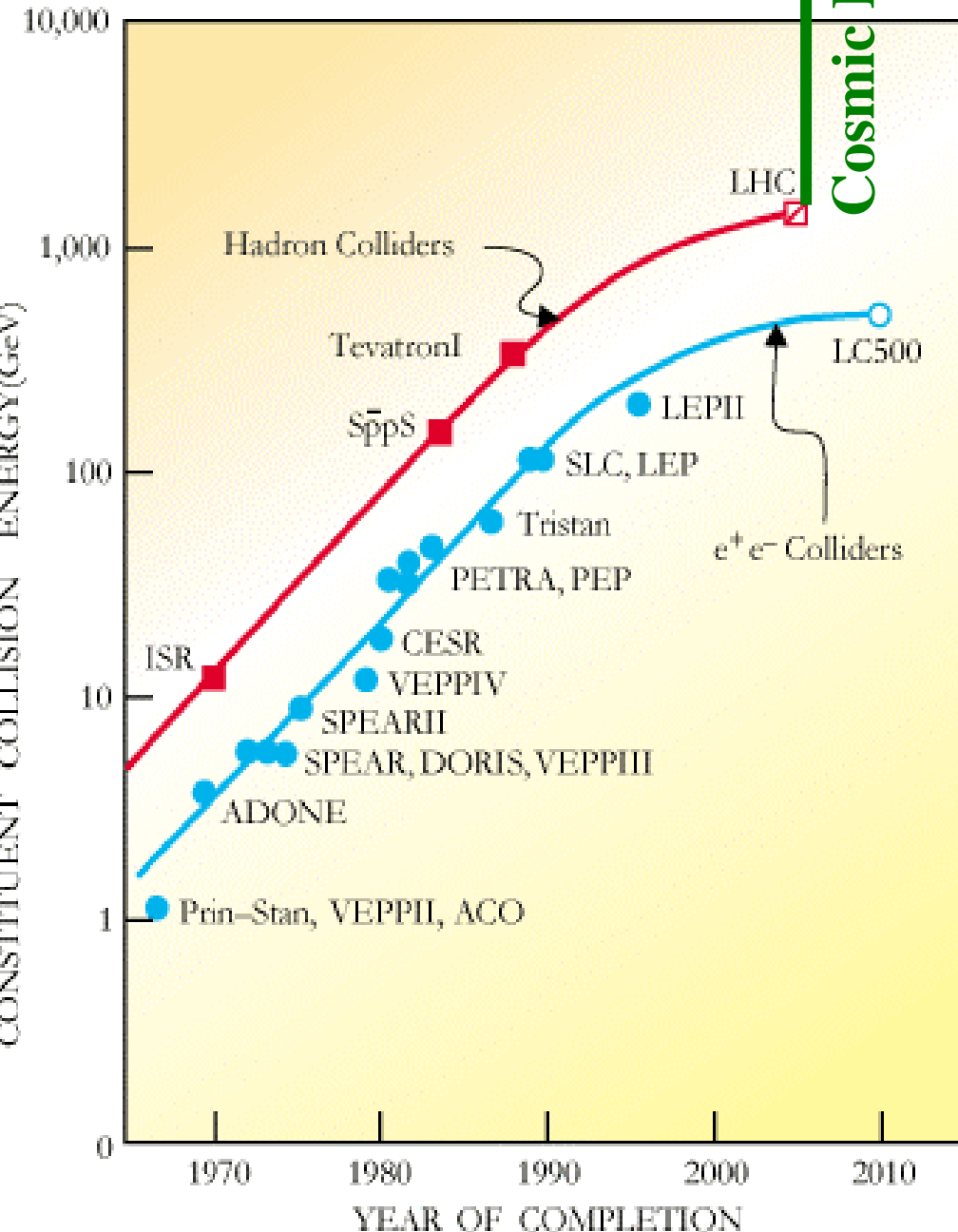
Ground based telescopes looking at light produced in atmosphere



Arrays of particle detectors



# The future of HEP?

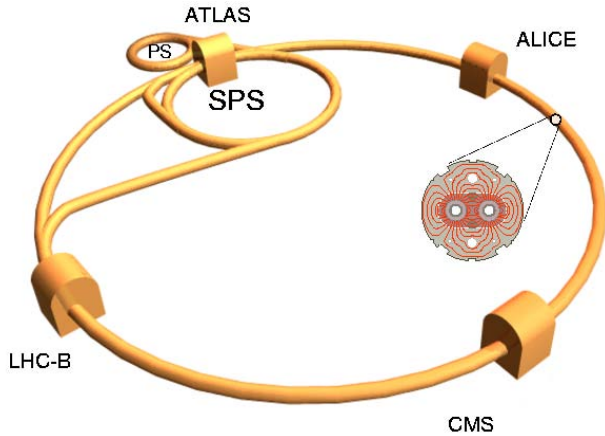


- Higher energies are not the full story...  
Also small x (lost in the beam pipes for collider detectors)

# Particle Acceleration

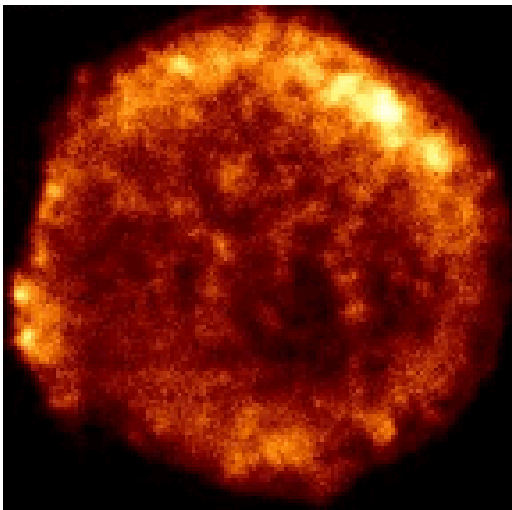
$$E \propto BR$$

## Large Hadron Collider



$$R \sim 10 \text{ km}, B \sim 10 \text{ T} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$$

## Tycho SuperNova Remnant



$$R \sim 10^{15} \text{ km}, B \sim 10^{-10} \text{ T} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E \sim 1000 \text{ TeV}$$

( NB.  $E \propto Z \rightarrow$  Pb/Fe higher energy)



# Particle Physics $\Rightarrow$ Particle Astrophysics

## Terrestrial Accelerators

## Cosmic Accelerators

Diameter of collider

LHC CERN, Geneva, 2007



Cyclotron Berkeley 1937

Active Galactic Nuclei

Binary Systems

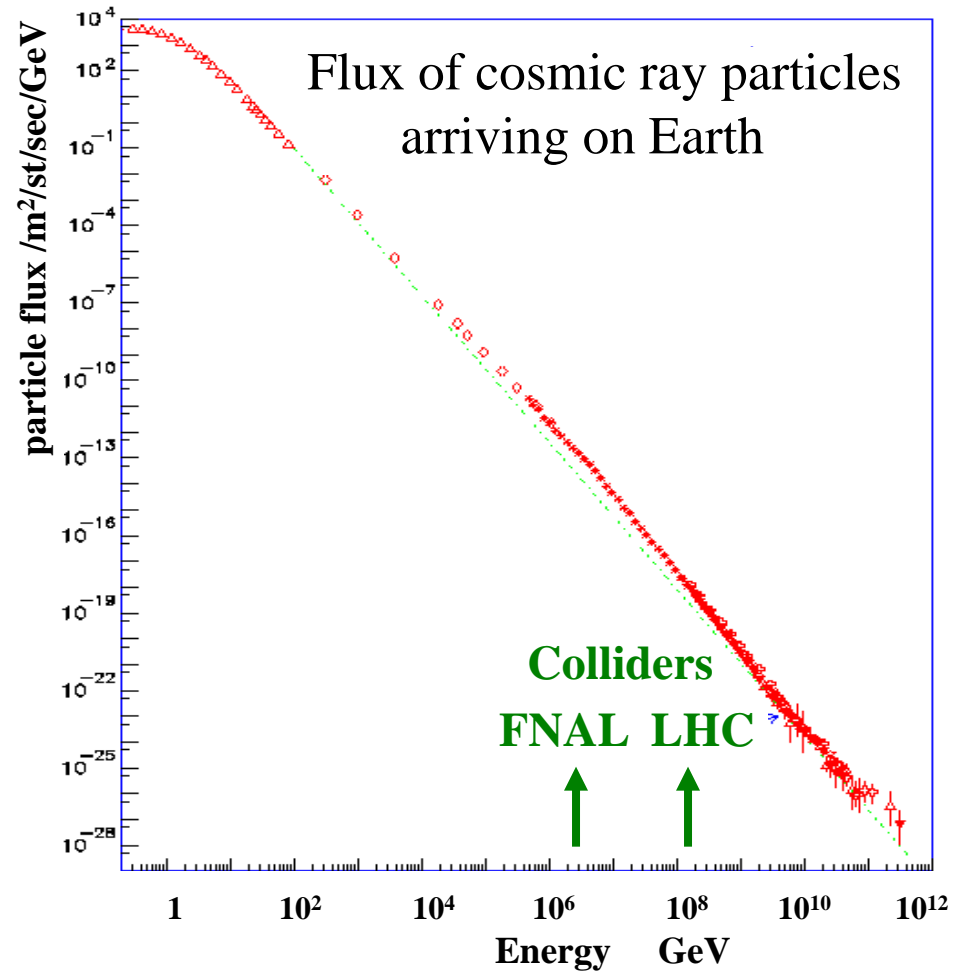
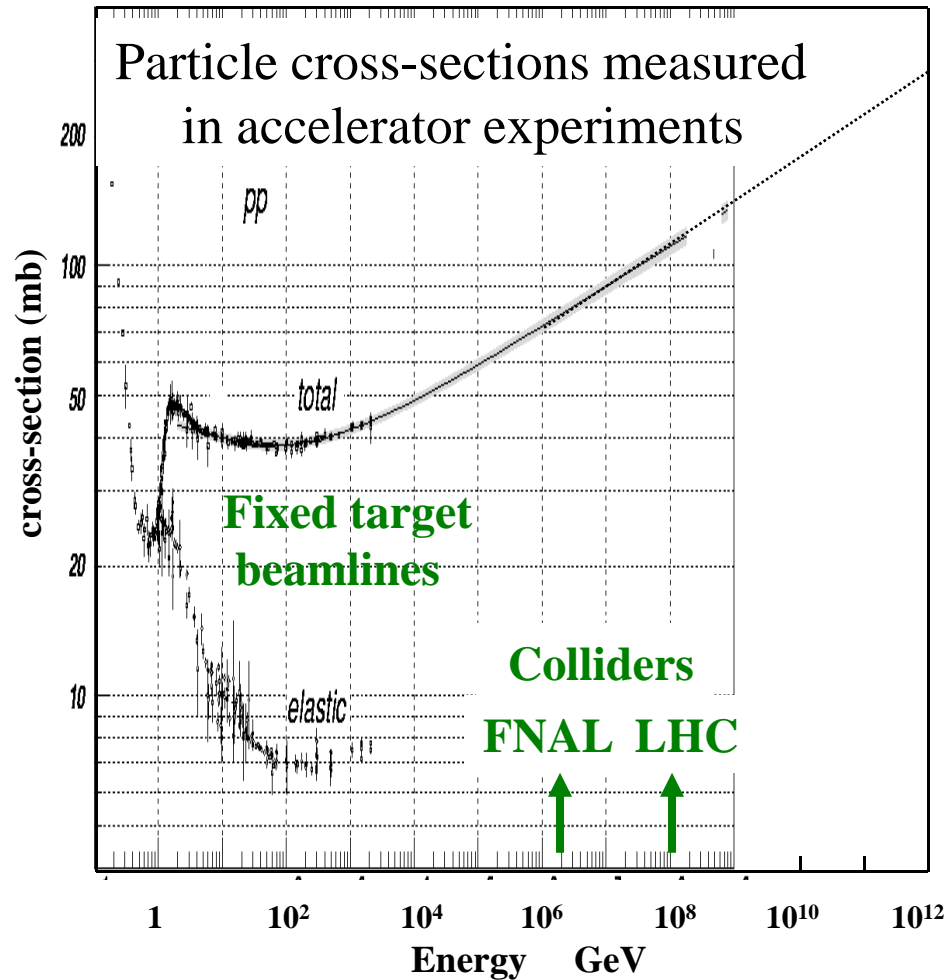
SuperNova  
Remnant

Energy of accelerated particles

# Ultra High Energy from Cosmic Rays

From laboratory accelerators

From cosmic accelerators



Ultra High Energy Particles arrive from space for free: make use of them

# Experimental Astroparticle Physics (a short introduction)

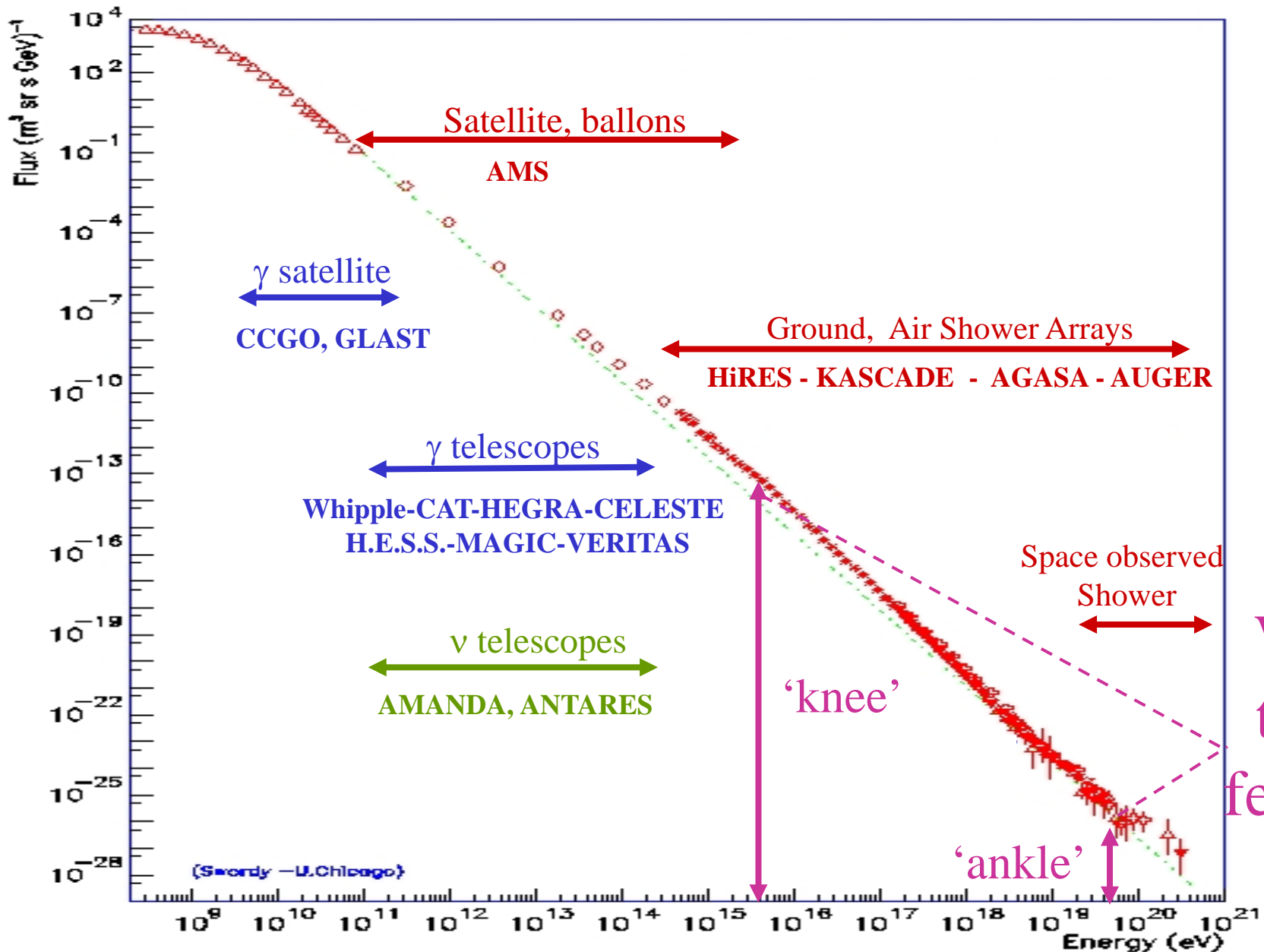


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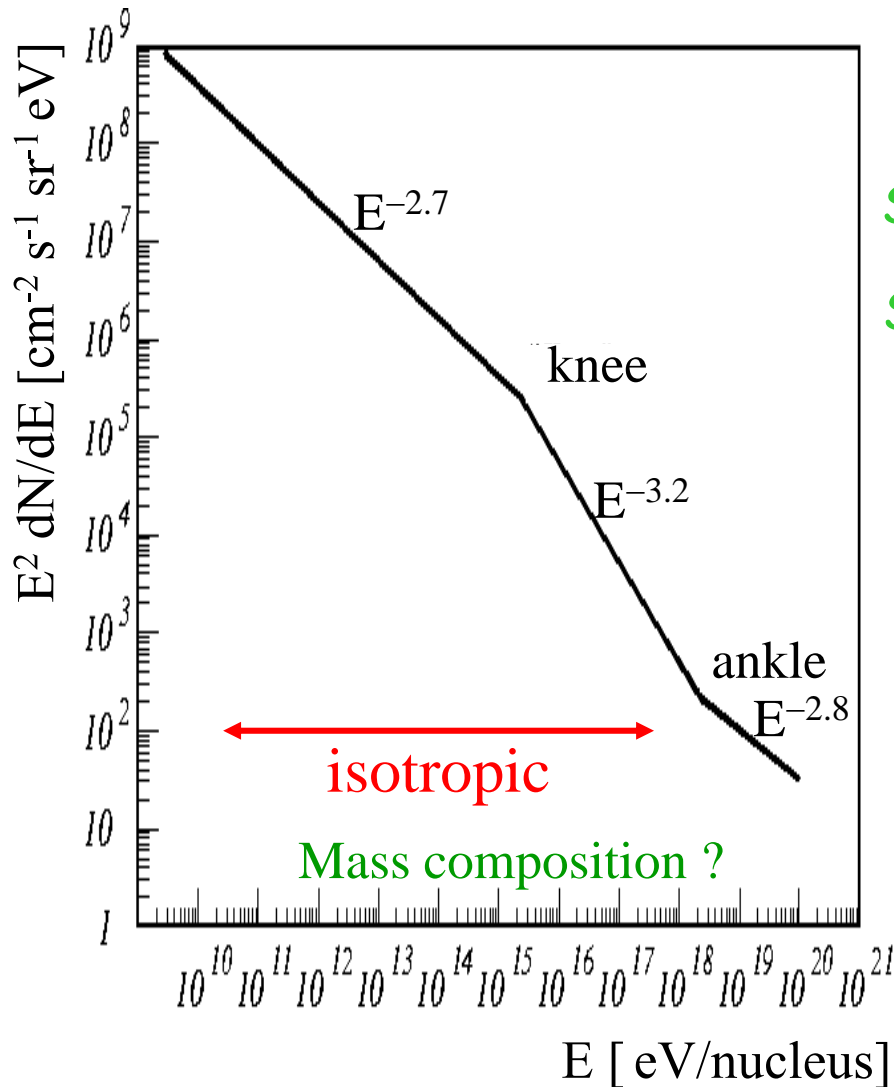
Lectures 3-4

# Charged Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum



Why these features ?

# Features of Cosmic Ray Spectrum



Ingredients of models:

$$dN/dE \sim E^{\alpha + \delta}$$

source

propagation

Source acceleration:  $\alpha = -2.0$  to  $-2.2, \dots$

Source cut-off  $E < 10^{18} Z \left[ \frac{R}{\text{kpc}} \right] \left[ \frac{B}{\mu\text{G}} \right] \text{eV}$

Diffusion models  $\delta = -0.3$  to  $-0.6$

GZK cut-off on CMB  $\gamma E \approx 7 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$

‘Conventional Wisdom’:

Galactic SNR  $E < 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ eV}$

Galactic losses  $E > 4 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ eV}$

Extragalactic  $E > 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ eV}$

exotic  $E > 7 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$

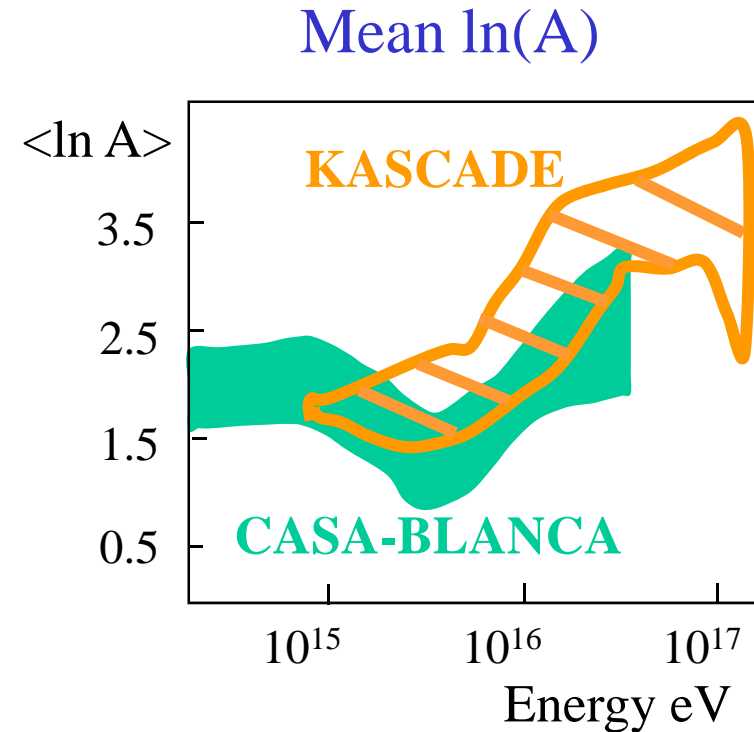
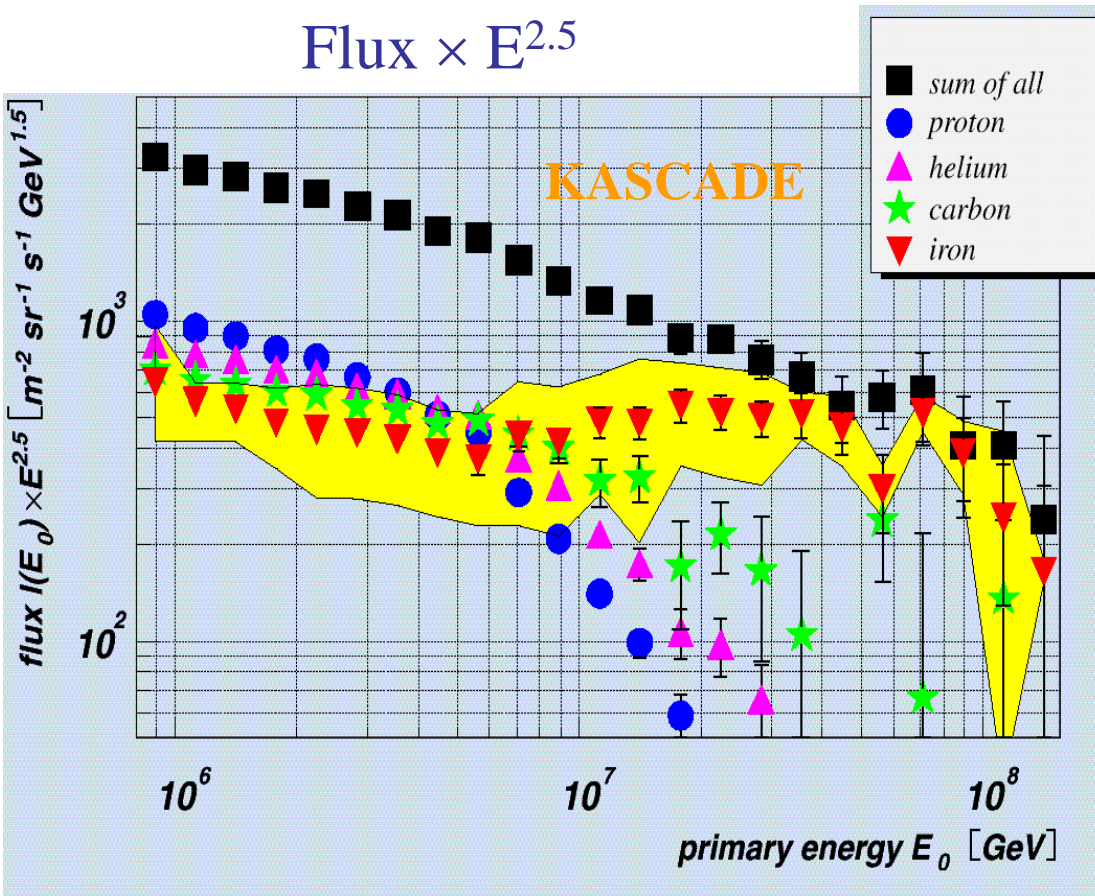
# How are they produced?

## (Possible acceleration sites)

- Wherever you have gravitational collapses, you can convert gravitational potential energy into kinetic energy of particles
  - Galactic sources (supernova remnants, binaries...) certainly able to produce particles up to  $\sim 100$  TeV
    - Below the knee?
    - Galactic magnetic field  $\sim 1-3$   $\mu\text{G}$  can trap protons up to the knee
  - Beyond this energy? Active Galactic Nuclei (supermassive black holes,  $\sim 10^9$  solar masses, accreting at the expense of local matter – with big flares)

# Mass composition at knee

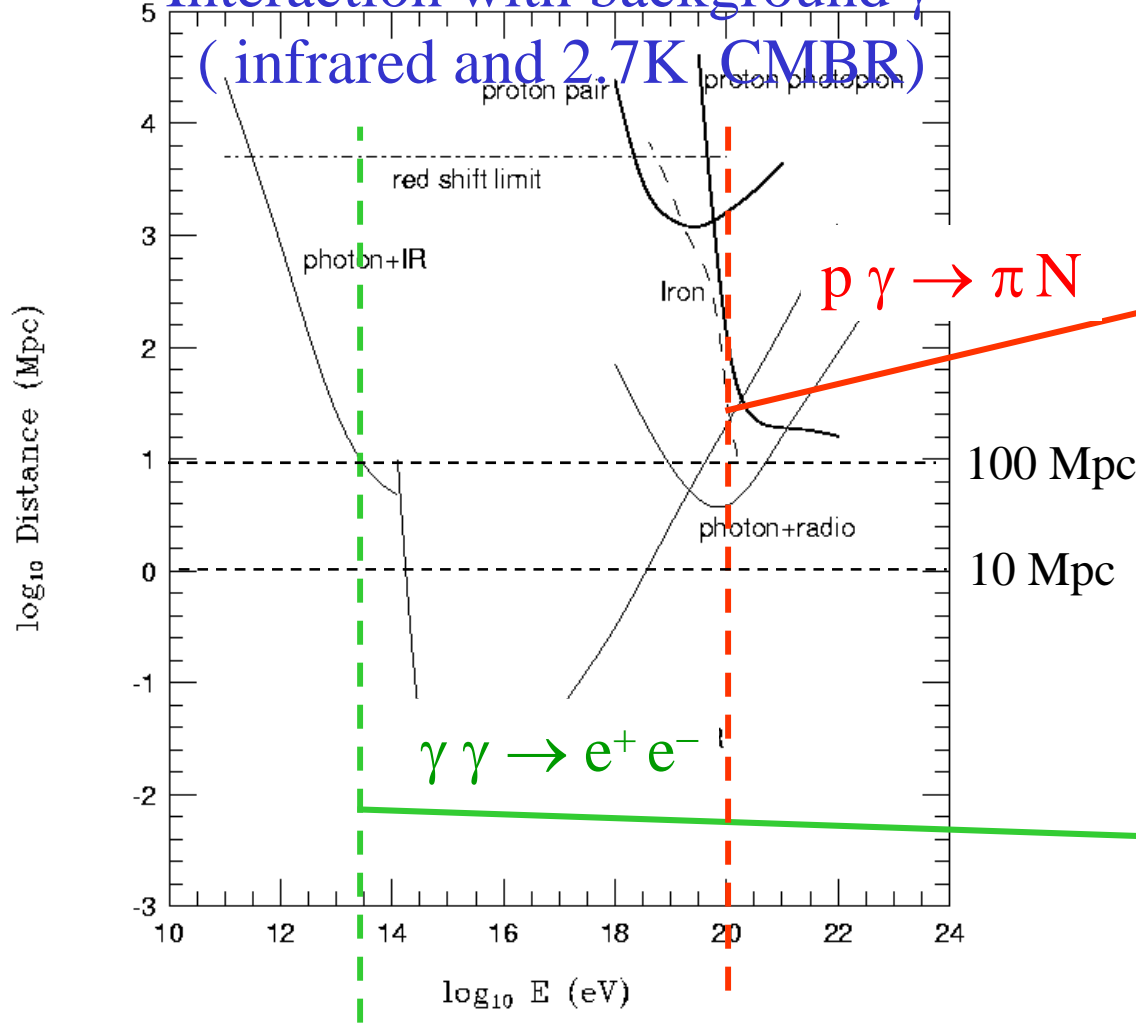
Average shower depth and ratio  $N_\mu / N_e$  sensitive to primary mass  
(NB. Mass composition extracted is very sensitive to Monte Carlo simulation)



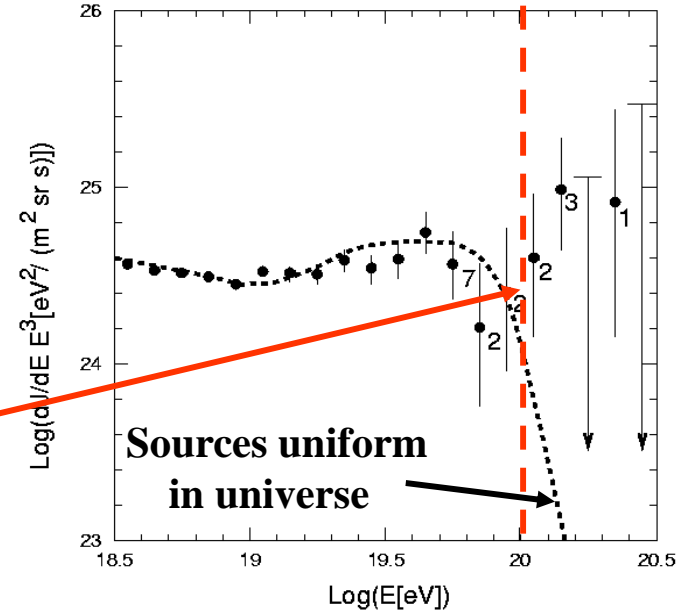
KASCADE  $\Rightarrow$  series of knees at different energies: p, He, ..., C, ..., Fe.  
 $E(\text{Knee}) \propto Z \Rightarrow$  knee due to source confinement cut-off ?

# 'GZK cutoff'

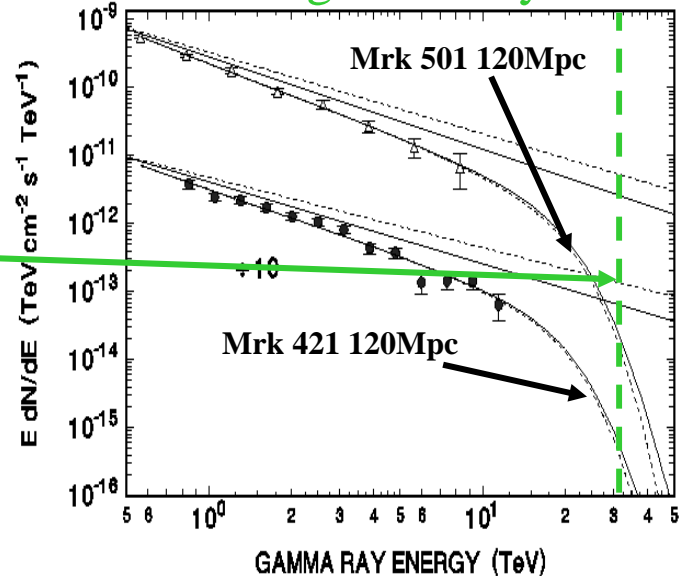
Interaction with background  $\gamma$   
(infrared and 2.7K CMBR)



HE cosmic rays



HE gamma rays



Are we observing new fundamental physics?



# Explanations of Ankle/ $E > 10^{20}$ eV events

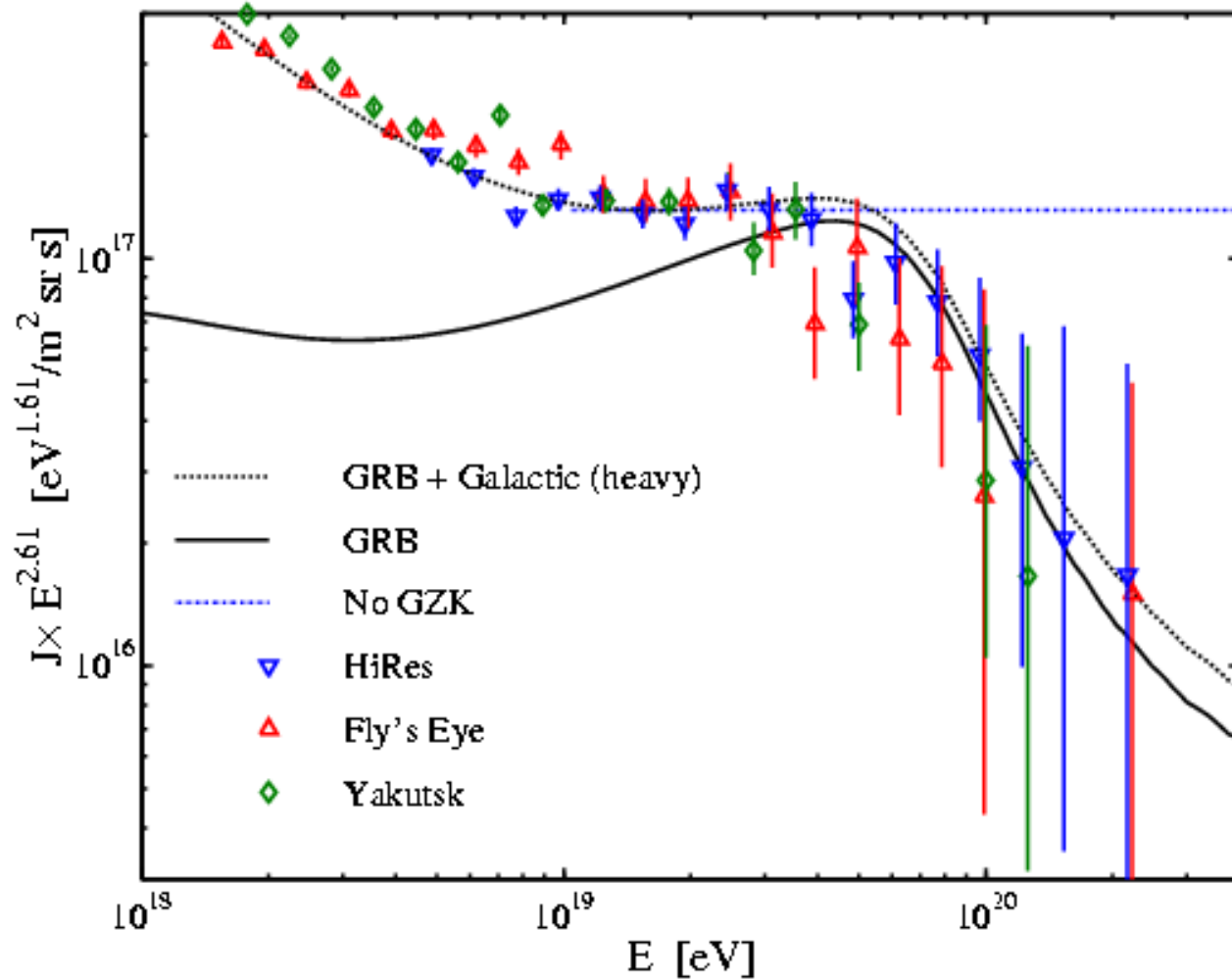
## Astronomy type explanations

- ‘Bottom-Up’ : acceleration
  - pulsars in galaxy,
  - radio lobes of AGN (proximity a problem due to GZK, also should see source)

## Particle Physics type explanations

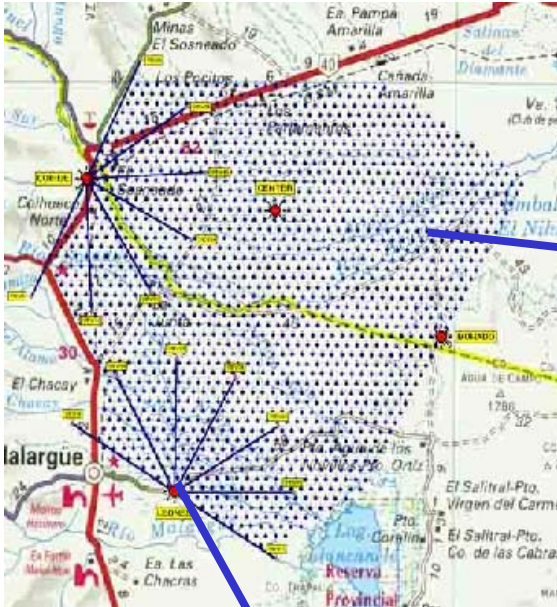
- ‘Top-Down’ : decay of massive particles
  - GUT X particles with mass  $> 10^{20}$  eV and long lifetimes
  - Topological defects
- **New Physics (Lorentz violation)**
- **They don’t exist...**  
(favorite explanation after Auger results)

# HiRES (Fly's Eye)



# AUGER

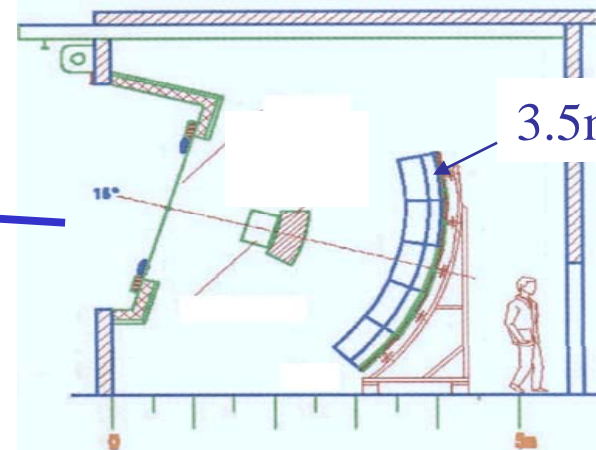
2 sites each 3000km<sup>2</sup>,  $E > 5.10^{18}eV$



Southern site,  
Mendoza Province,  
Argentina

Water Cherenkov  
Tanks  
(1600 each 10m<sup>2</sup>)

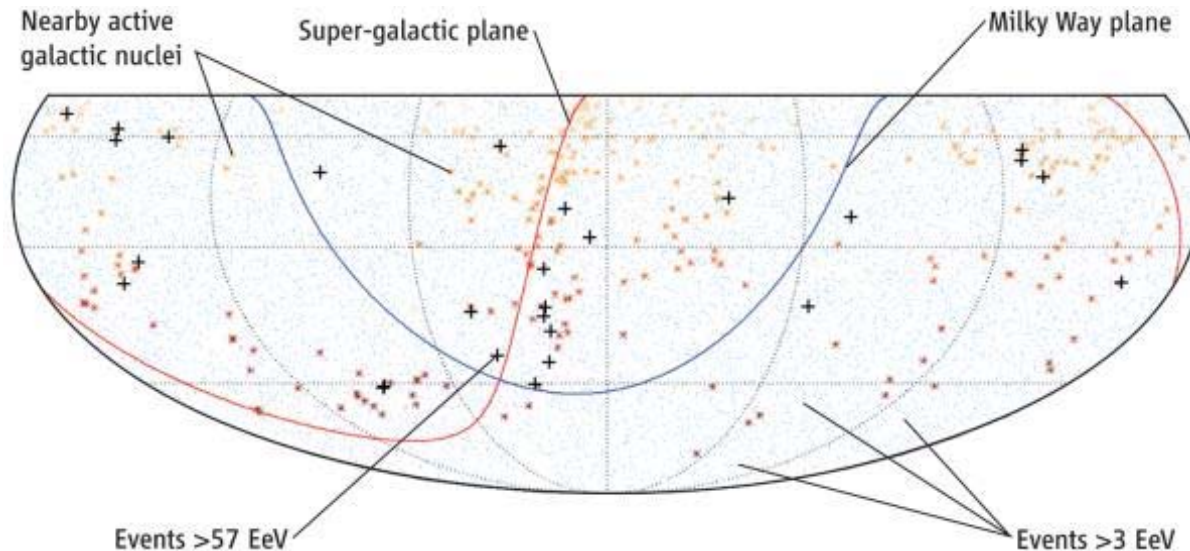
Fluorescence Telescopes (6 telescopes each 30° × 30° at 4 sites)



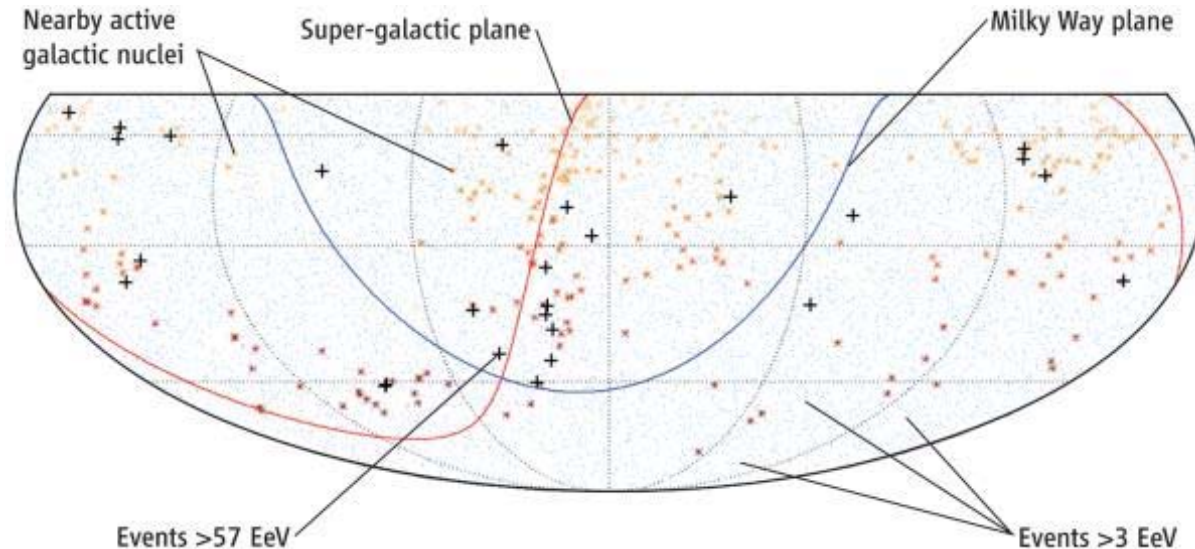
3.5m mirrors

# The origin of cosmic rays at VHE

- On Nov 9, 2007, the Pierre Auger Collaboration (J. Cronin, A. Watson et al.) published in Science an article saying that
  - Out of 15 events with energies  $>$  than about 60 EeV, 12 were located within  $3.1^\circ$  of AGN closer than 75 Mpc from Earth



# Conclusion from the Auger result



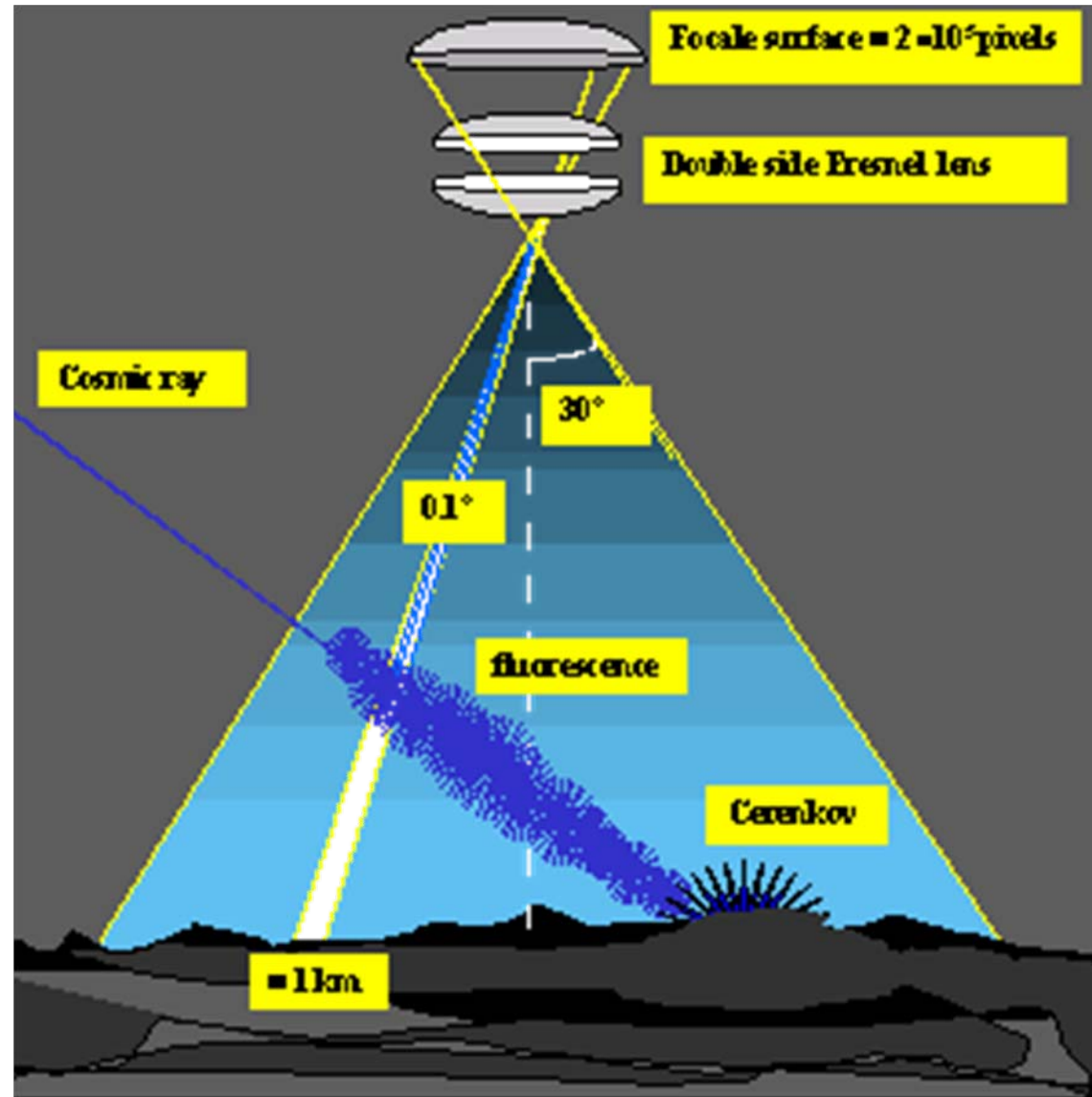
- Active Galactic Nuclei are the main source of VHE cosmic rays
- First measurement of the extragalactic magnetic field:

$$B \sim 0.1 - 1 \text{ nG}$$

(AdA, Roncadelli and Persic 2007, arXiv:0711.3346)

# A new concept: EUSO (and ...)

- The **Earth atmosphere** is the ideal detector for the Extreme Energy Cosmic Rays and the companion Cosmic Neutrinos. The new idea of EUSO (2010?-) is to watch the fluorescence produced by them from the top

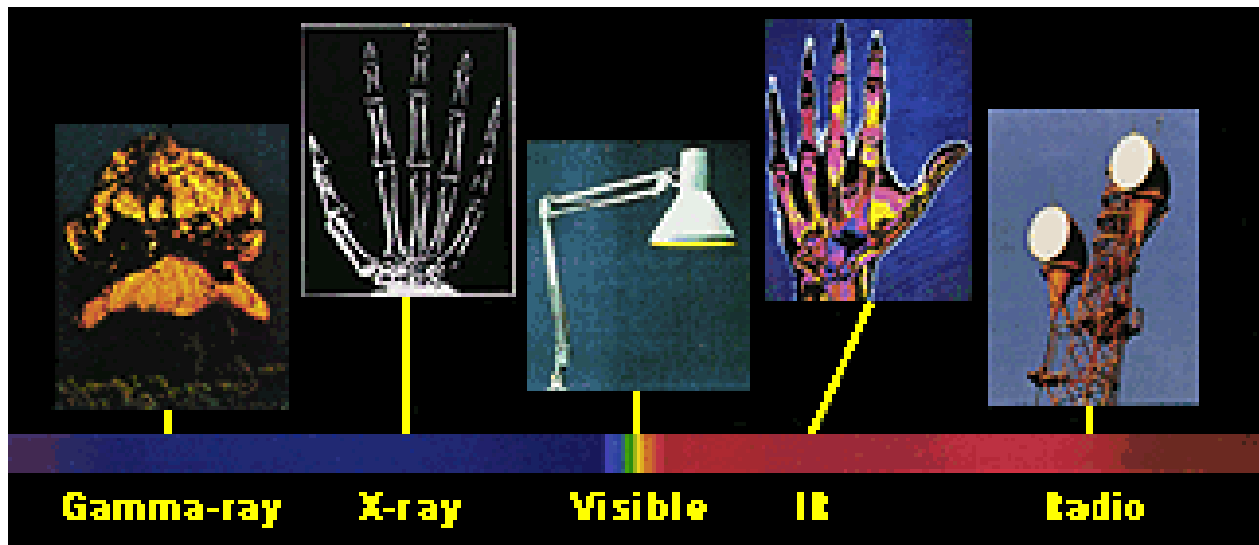


# IV

## **Detectors for multimessenger astrophysics**

# We see only partly what surrounds us

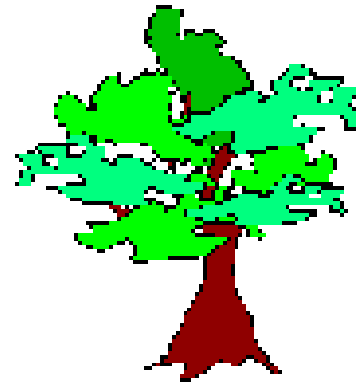
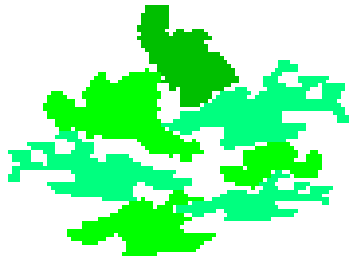
- We see only a narrow band of colors, from red to purple in the rainbow
- Also the colors we don't see have names familiar to us: we listen to the radio, we heat food in the microwave, we take pictures of our bones through X-rays...





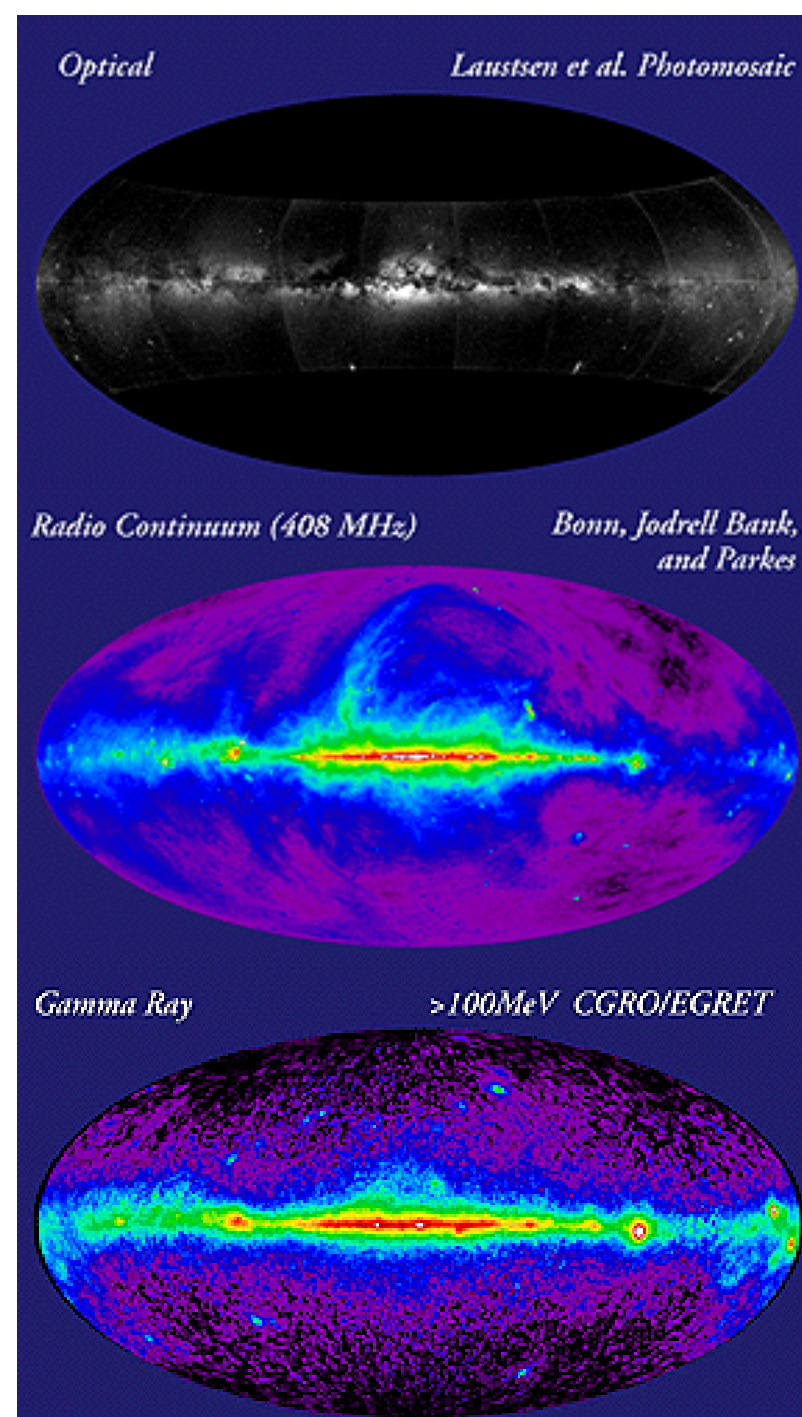
# What about the rest ?

- What could happen if we would see only, say, green color?

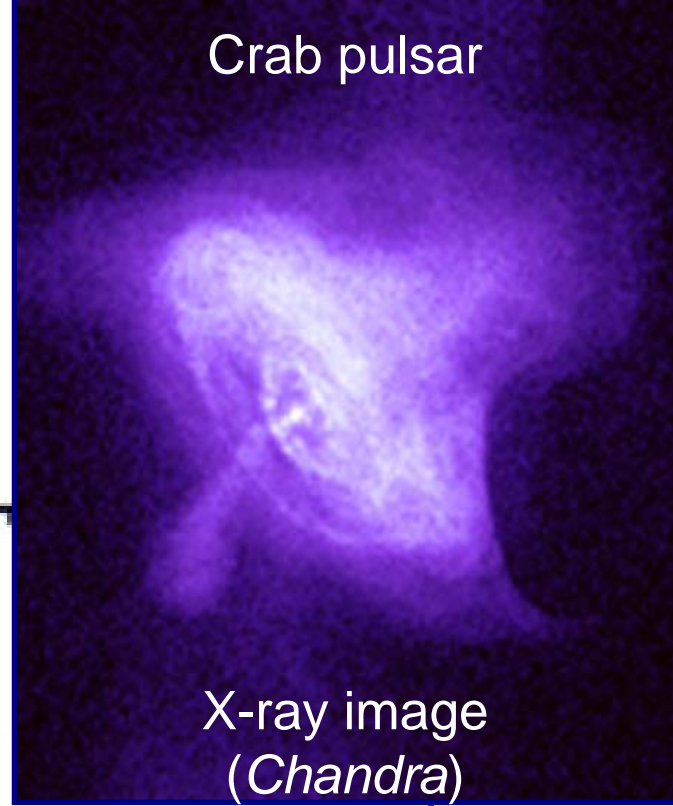
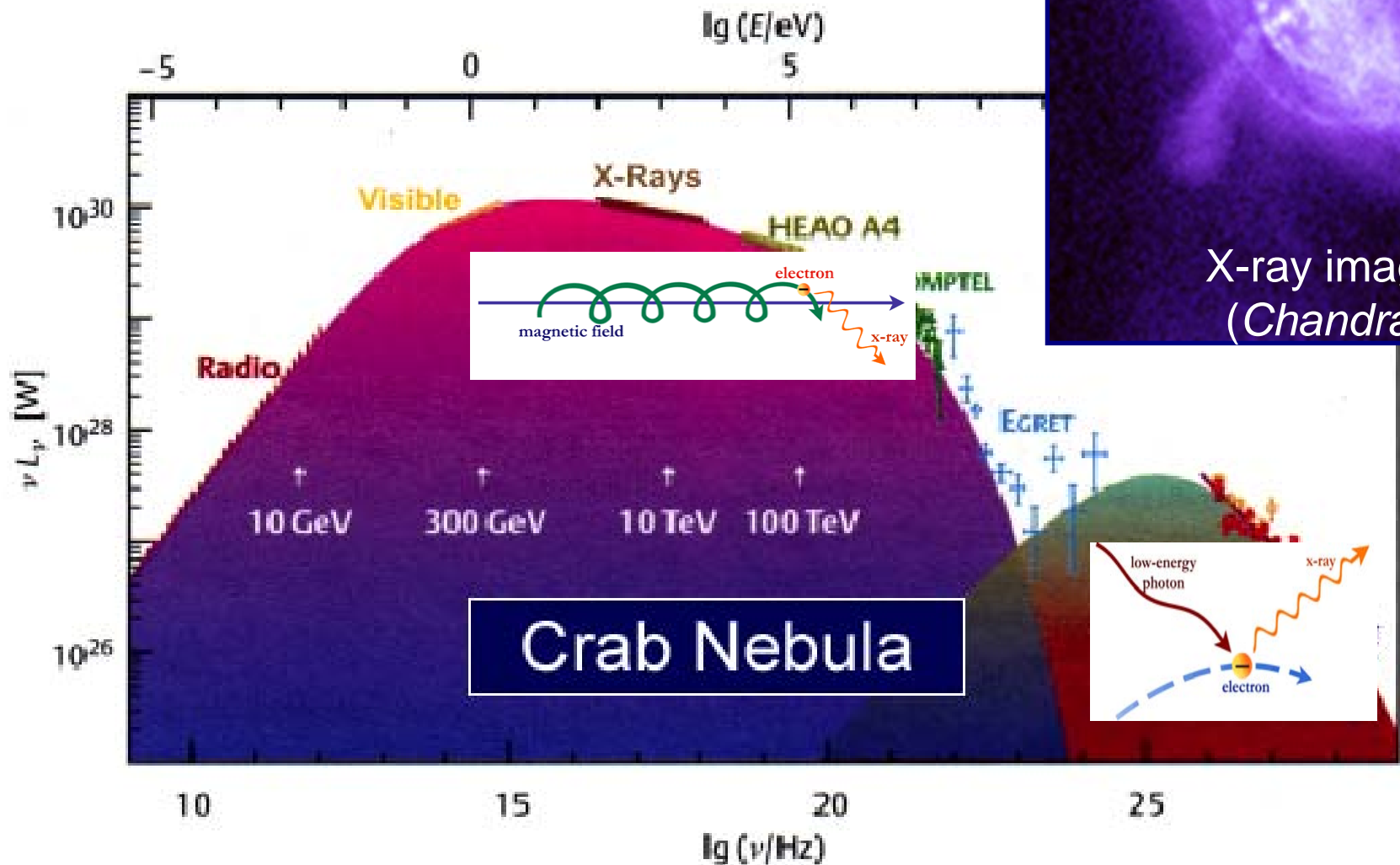


# The universe we don't see

- When we take a picture we capture light  
(a telescope image comes as well from visible light)
- In the same way we can map into false colors the image from a “X-ray telescope”
- Elaborating the information is crucial

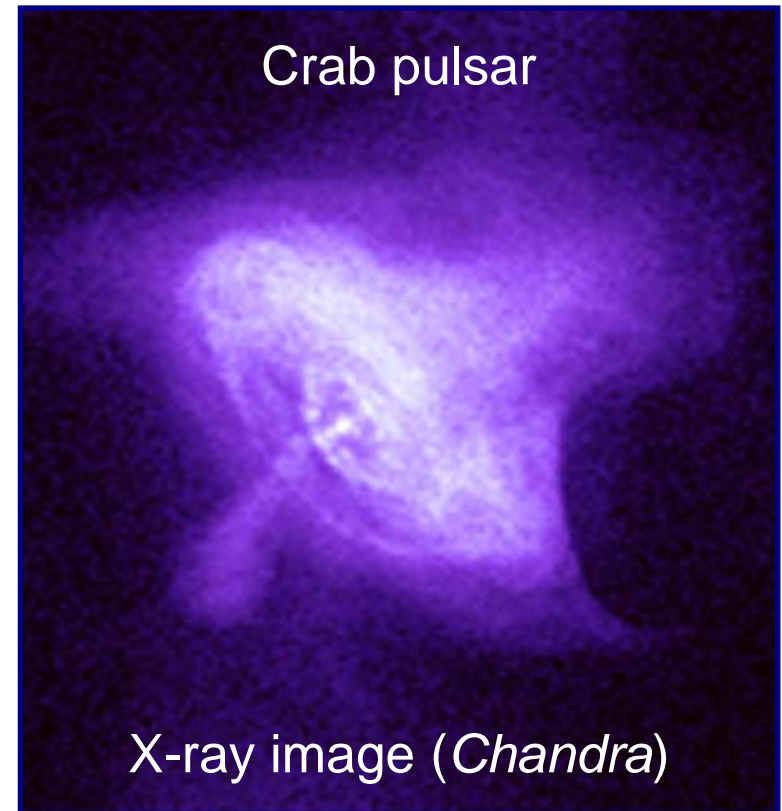
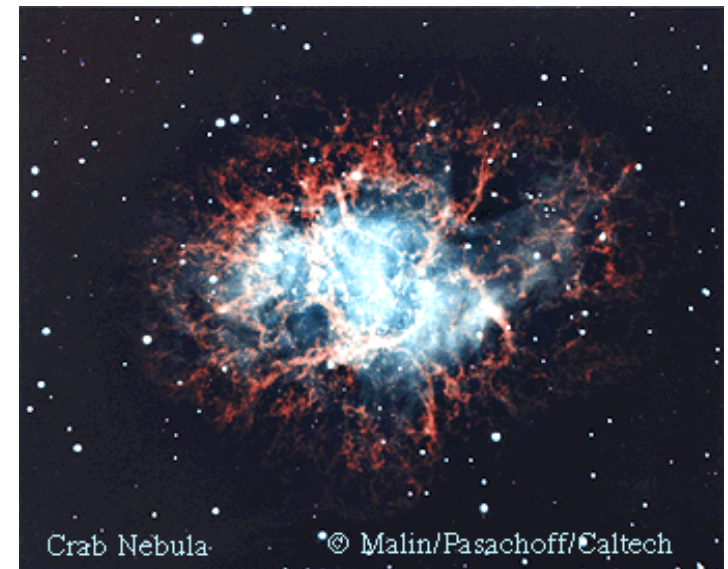


# Many sources radiate over a wide range of wavelengths



# Pulsars

- Rapidly rotating neutron stars with
  - T between  $\sim 1\text{ms}$  and  $\sim 1\text{s}$
  - Strong magnetic fields ( $\sim 100\text{ MT}$ )
  - Mass  $\sim 3$  solar masses
  - R  $\sim 10\text{ Km}$  (densest stable object known)
- For the pulsars emitting TeV gammas, such an emission is unpulsed



# Multi Messenger Astronomy



Radio Telescope  
( Bonn)



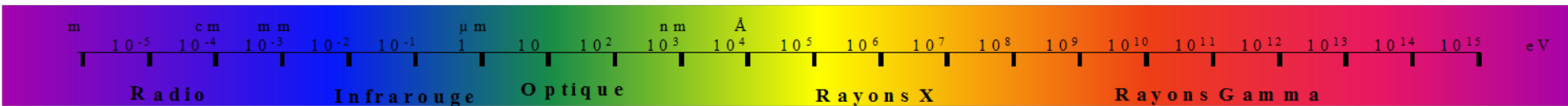
Optical Telescope



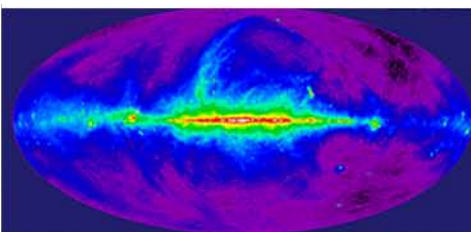
X - ray Satellite  
(INTEGRAL/ESA)



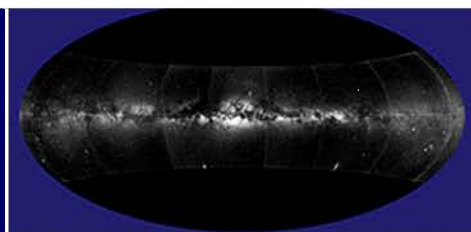
$\gamma$  - ray Telescope



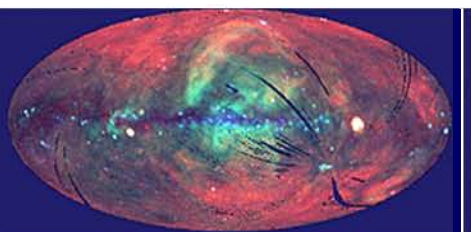
View of sky in Galactic Coordinates in four different photon wavelengths



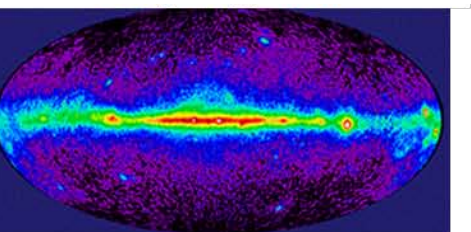
Radio



Visible light



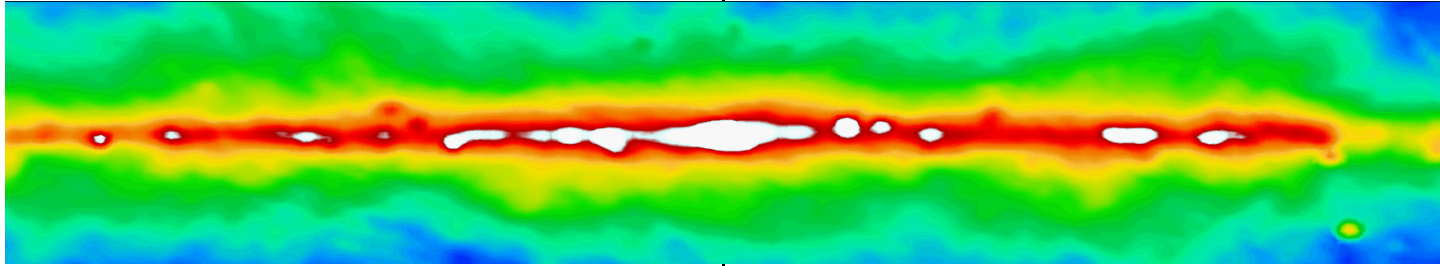
X - rays



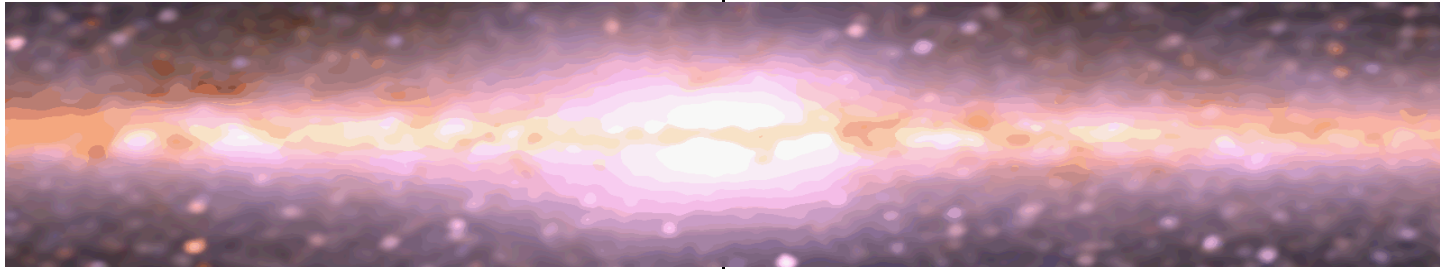
$\gamma$  rays

# Centre of Galaxy in Different Photon Wavelengths

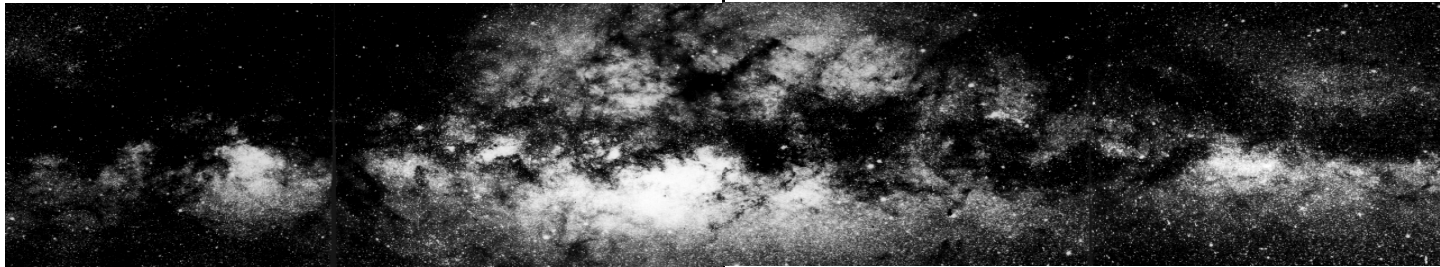
Radio 408 Mhz



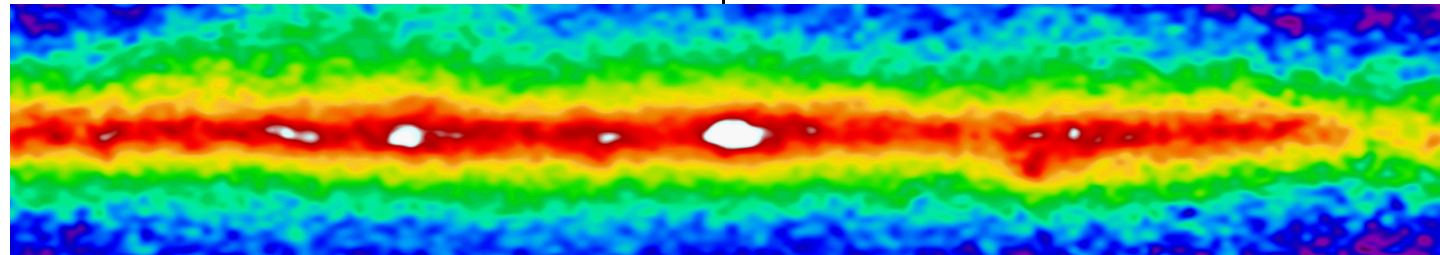
Infrared 1-3  $\mu\text{m}$



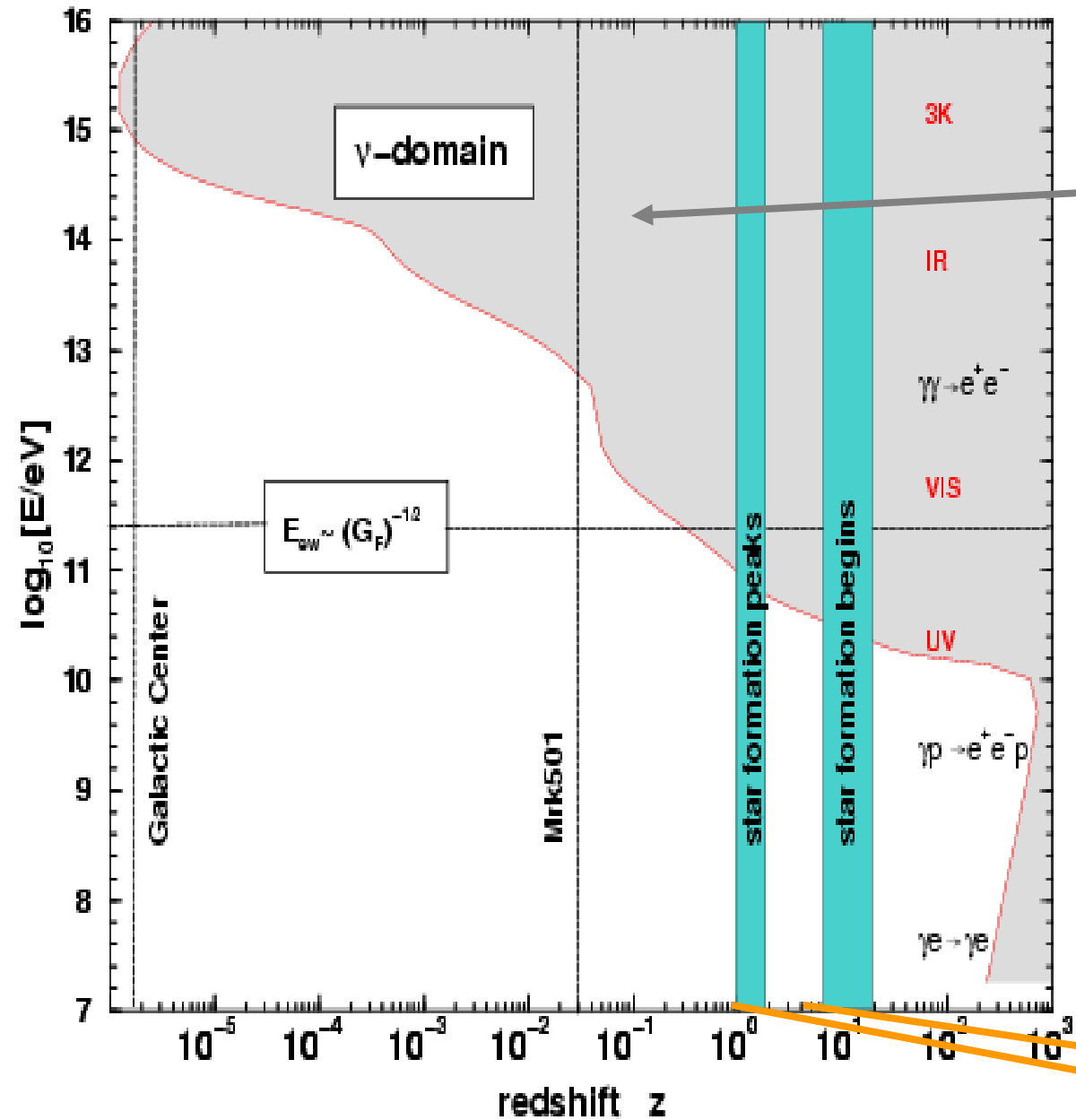
Visible Light



Gamma Rays

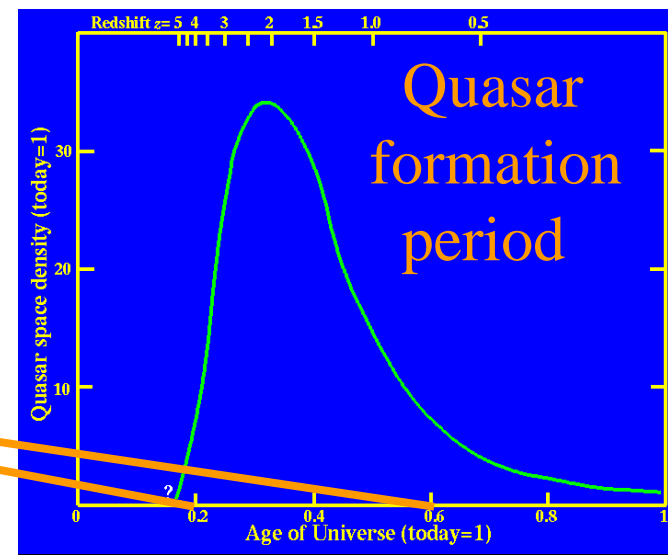


# Multi-Messengers to see Whole Universe

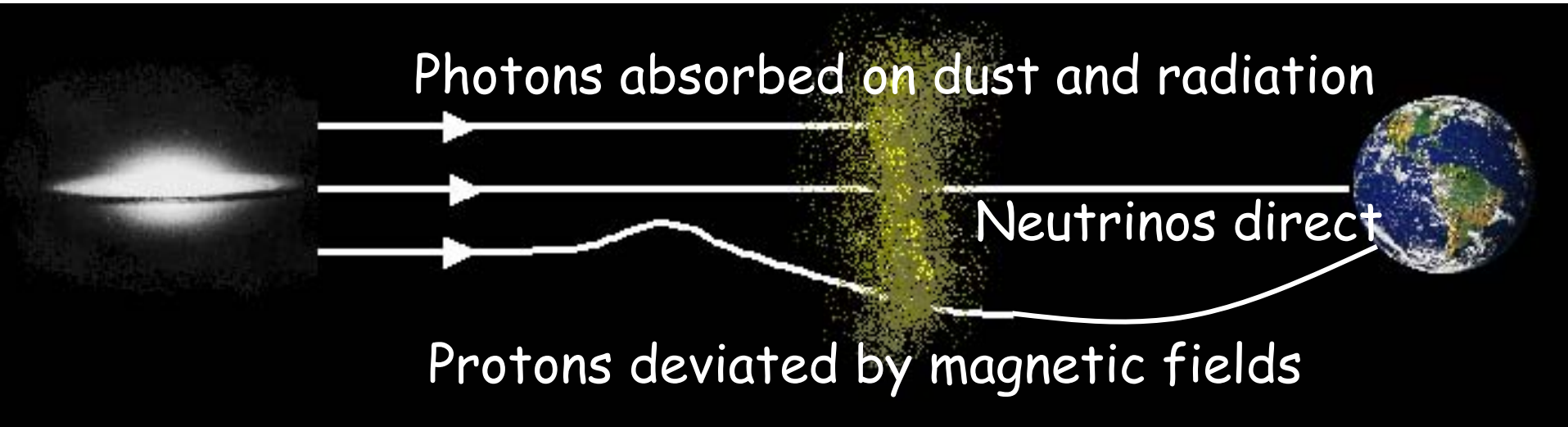


Distant universe invisible in high energy photons

need neutrinos



# But also...



- Neutrino astrophysics
- *Graviton (?) astrophysics*



# Surprises in history of astrophysics

New instruments often give unexpected results:

Telescope	User	date	Intended Use	Actual use
Optical	Galileo	1608	Navigation	Moons of Jupiter
Optical	Hubble	1929	Nebulae	Expanding Universe
Radio	Jansky	1932	Noise	Radio galaxies
Micro-wave	Penzias, Wilson	1965	Radio-galaxies, noise	3K cosmic background
X-ray	Giacconi ...	1965	Sun, moon	neutron stars accreting binaires
Radio	Hewish, Bell	1967	Ionosphere	Pulsars
$\gamma$ -rays	military	1960?	Thermonuclear explosions	Gamma ray bursts

With future new detector can again hope for completely new discoveries

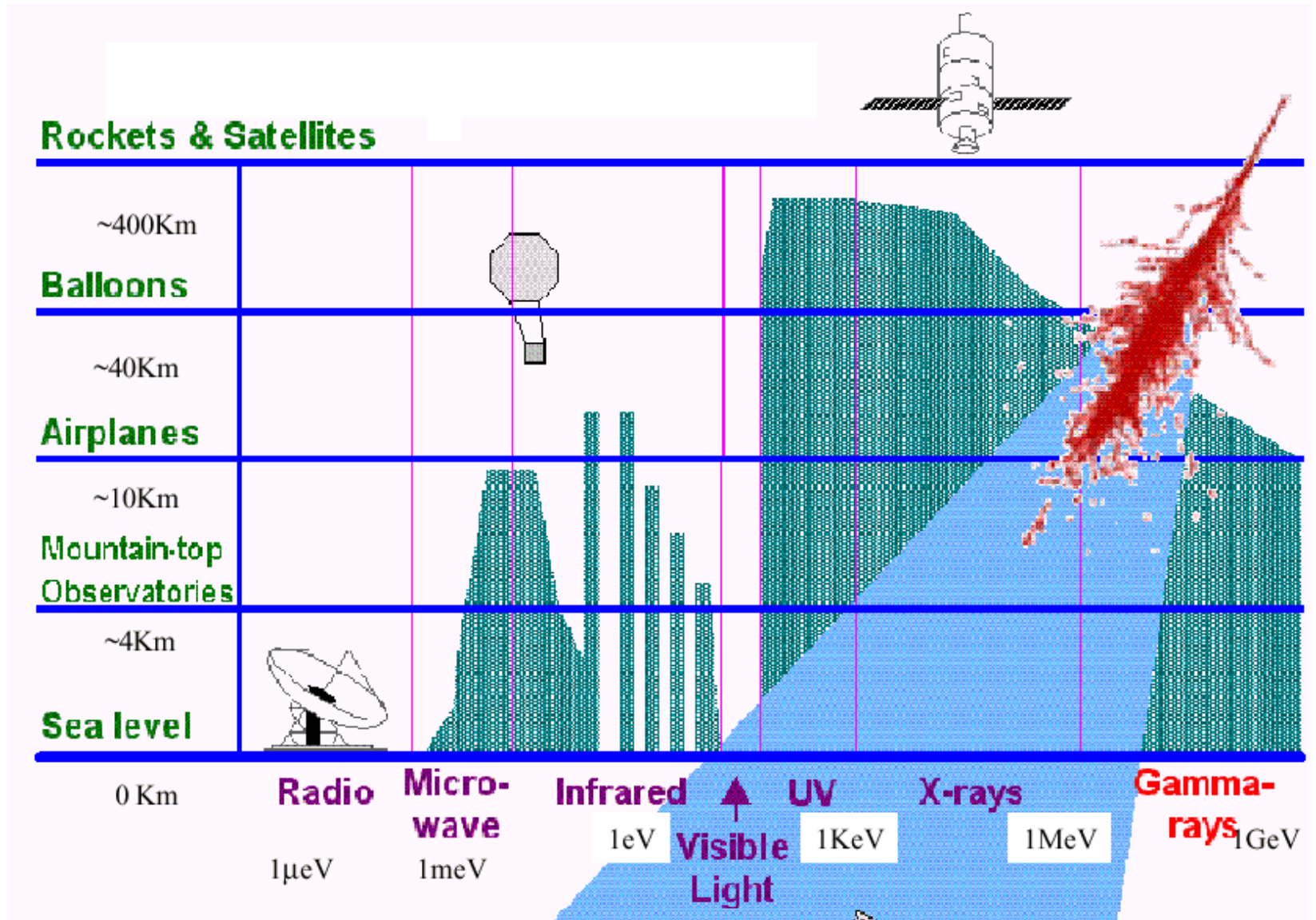
# The high-energy $\gamma$ spectrum

$$E_\gamma > 30 \text{ keV} \quad (\lambda \sim 0.4 \text{ \AA}, \nu \sim 7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ GHz})$$

Although arbitrary, this limit reflects astrophysical and experimental facts:

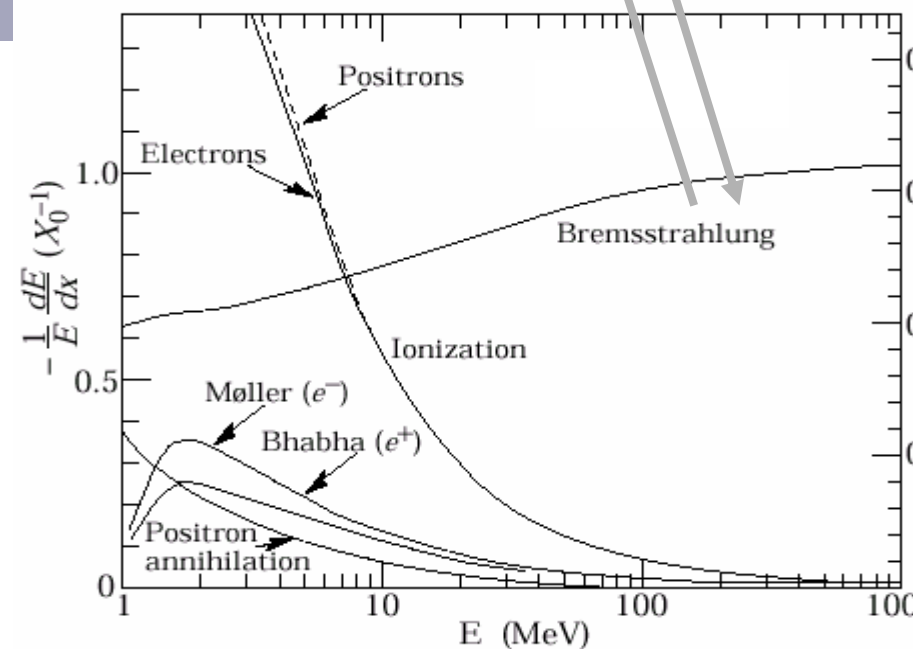
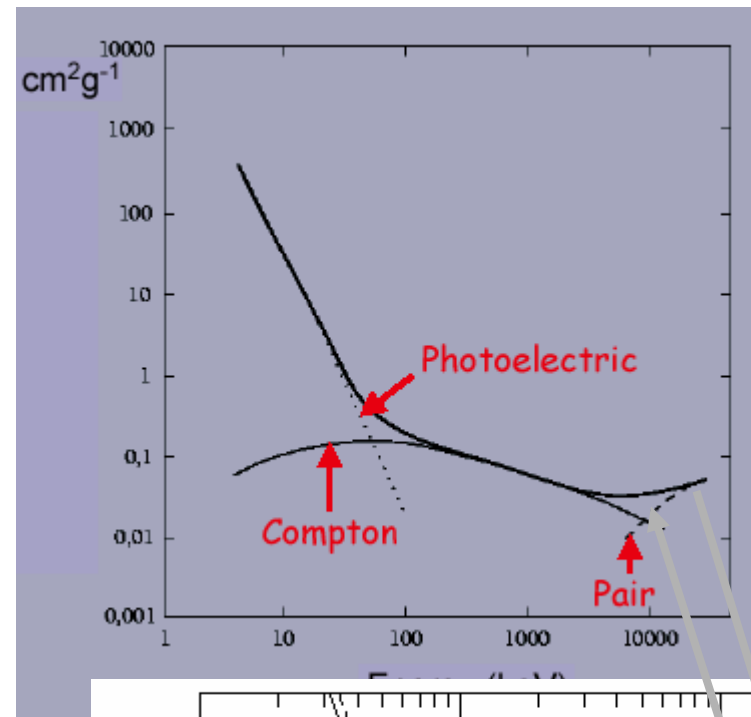
- Thermal emission  $\rightarrow$  nonthermal emission
- Problems to concentrate photons ( $\rightarrow$  telescopes radically different from larger wavelengths)
- Large background from cosmic particles

# Transparency of the atmosphere



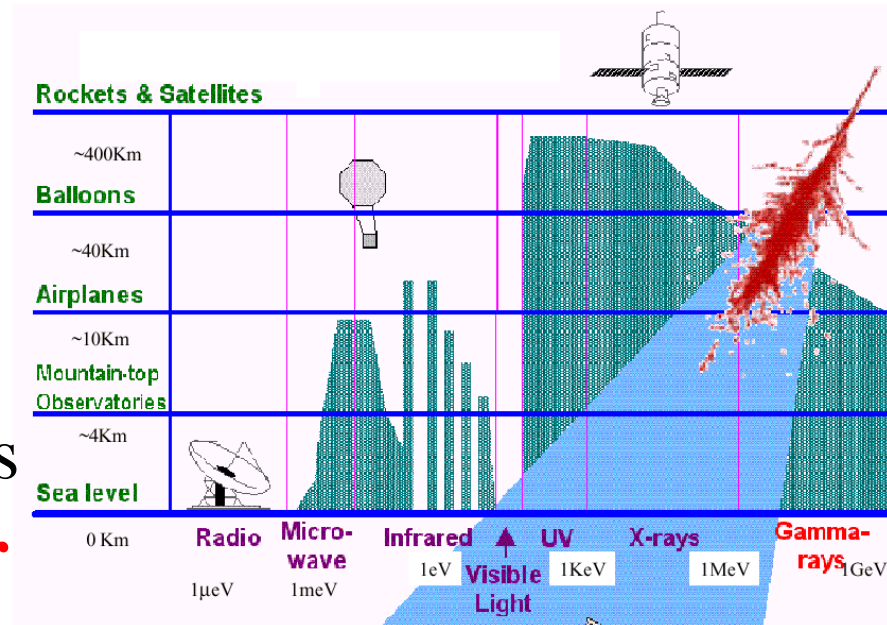
# Detection of a high E photon

- Above the UV and below “50 GeV”, shielding from the atmosphere
  - Below the  $e^+e^-$  threshold + some phase space (“10 MeV”), Compton/scintillation
  - Above “10 MeV”, pair production
- Above “50 GeV”, atmospheric showers
  - Pair  $\leftrightarrow$  Brem



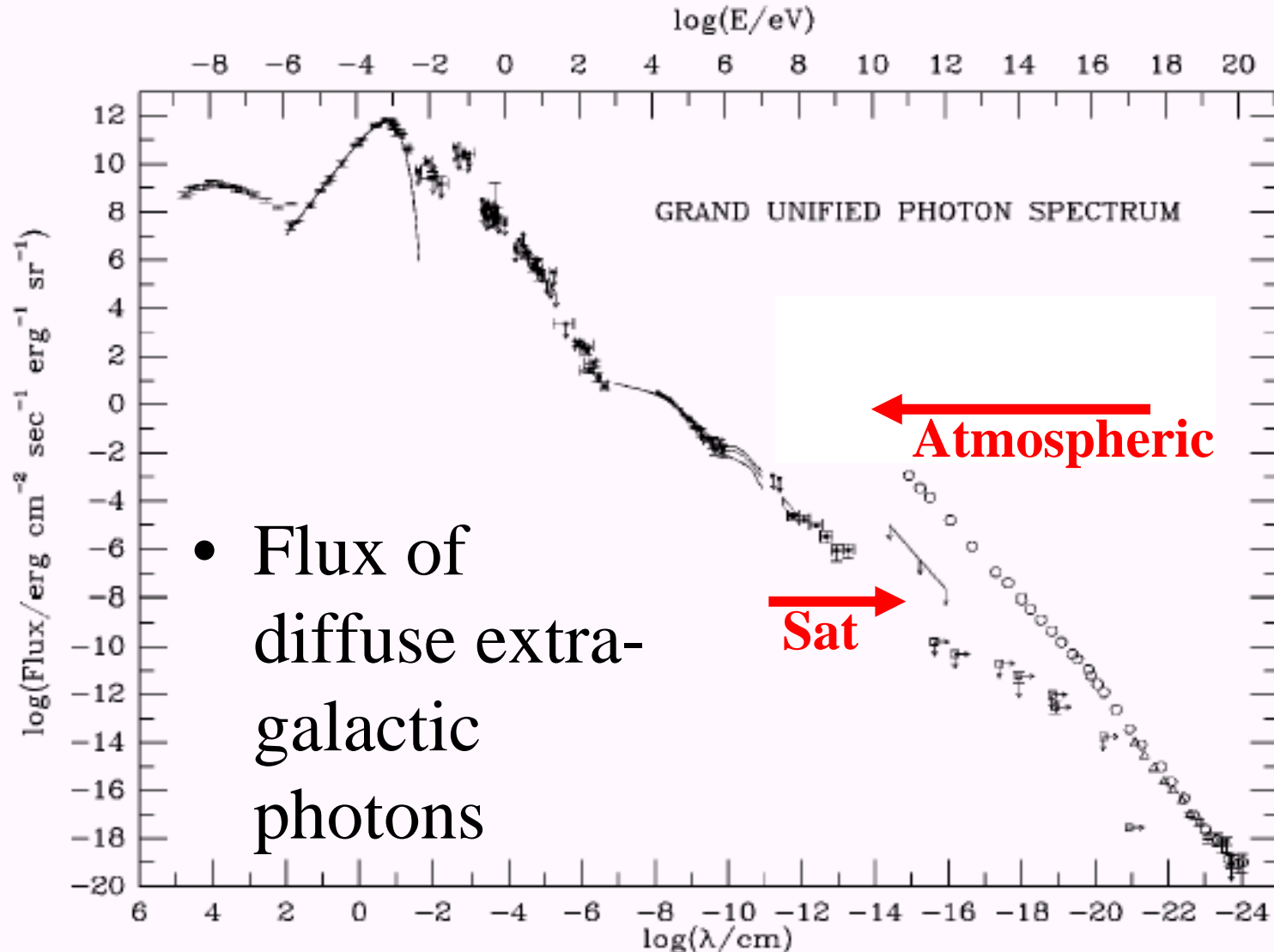
# Consequences on the techniques

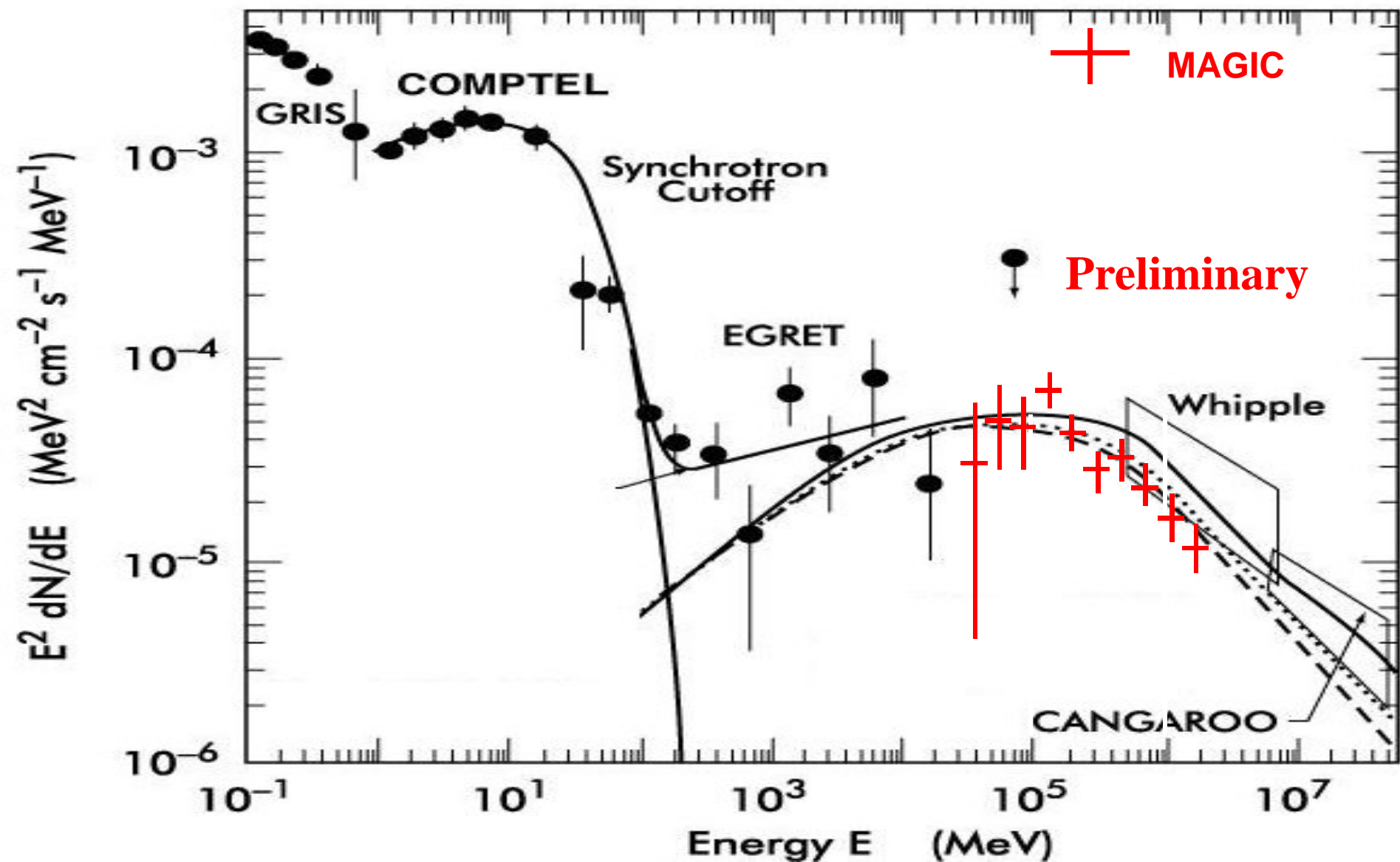
- The earth atmosphere ( $28 X_0$  at sea level) is opaque to  $X/\gamma$  Thus **only a satellite-based detector can detect primary  $X/\gamma$**



- The fluxes of h.e.  $\gamma$  are low and decrease rapidly with energy
  - Vela, the strongest  $\gamma$  source in the sky, has a flux above 100 MeV of  $1.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$  photons/( $\text{cm}^2\text{s}$ ), falling with  $E^{-1.89} \Rightarrow$  a  $1\text{m}^2$  detector would detect only 1 photon/2h above 10 GeV $\Rightarrow$  **with the present space technology, VHE and UHE gammas can be detected only from atmospheric showers**
  - Earth-based detectors, atmospheric shower satellites
- The flux from high energy cosmic rays is much larger

# Satellite-based and atmospheric: complementary, w/ moving boundaries





# Satellite-based detectors: figures of merit

- Effective area, or equivalent area for the detection of  $\gamma$

$$A_{\text{eff}}(E) = A \times \text{eff.}$$

- Angular resolution is important for identifying the  $\gamma$  sources and for reducing the diffuse background
- Energy resolution
- Time resolution

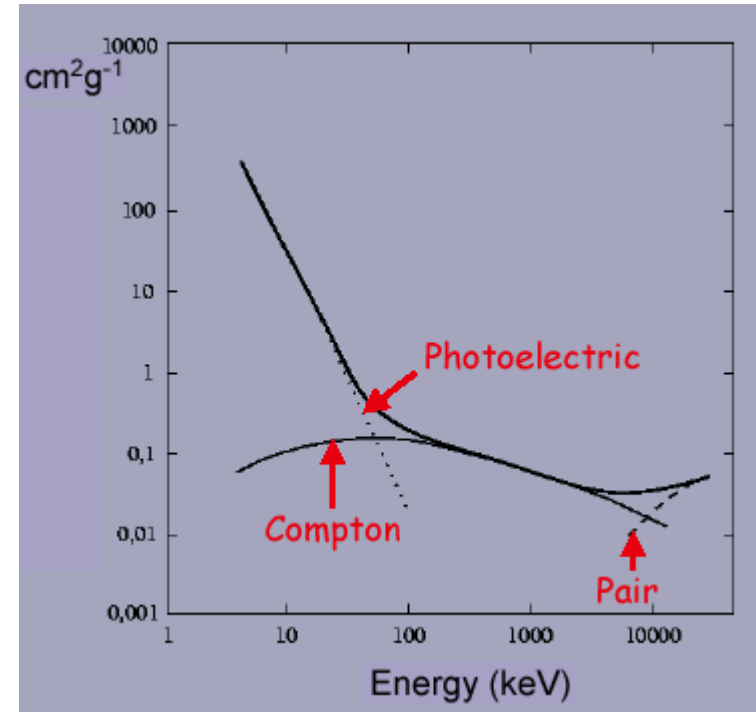


# X detectors

- The electrons ejected or created by the incident gamma rays lose energy mainly in ionizing the surrounding atoms; secondary electrons may in turn ionize the material, producing an amplification effect
- Most space X- ray telescopes consist of detection materials which take advantage of ionization process but the way to measure the total ionization loss differ with the nature of the material

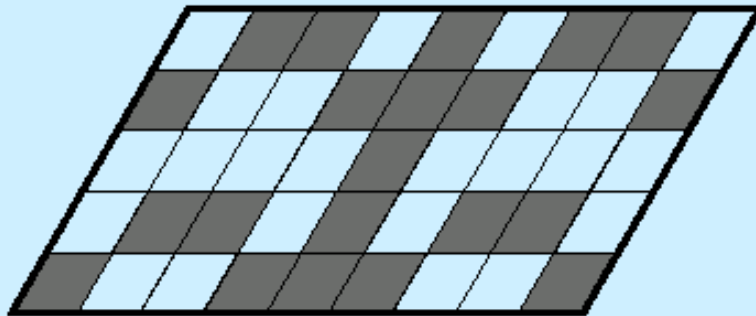
Commonly used detection devices are...

- gas detectors
- scintillation counters
- semiconductor detectors

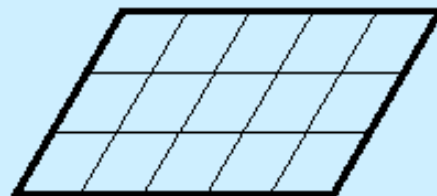


# X detection (direction-sensitive)

A **coded mask** (array of opaque blocks) is disposed so that a point source at infinity projects on a position sensitive detector a **pattern characteristic of the source direction**

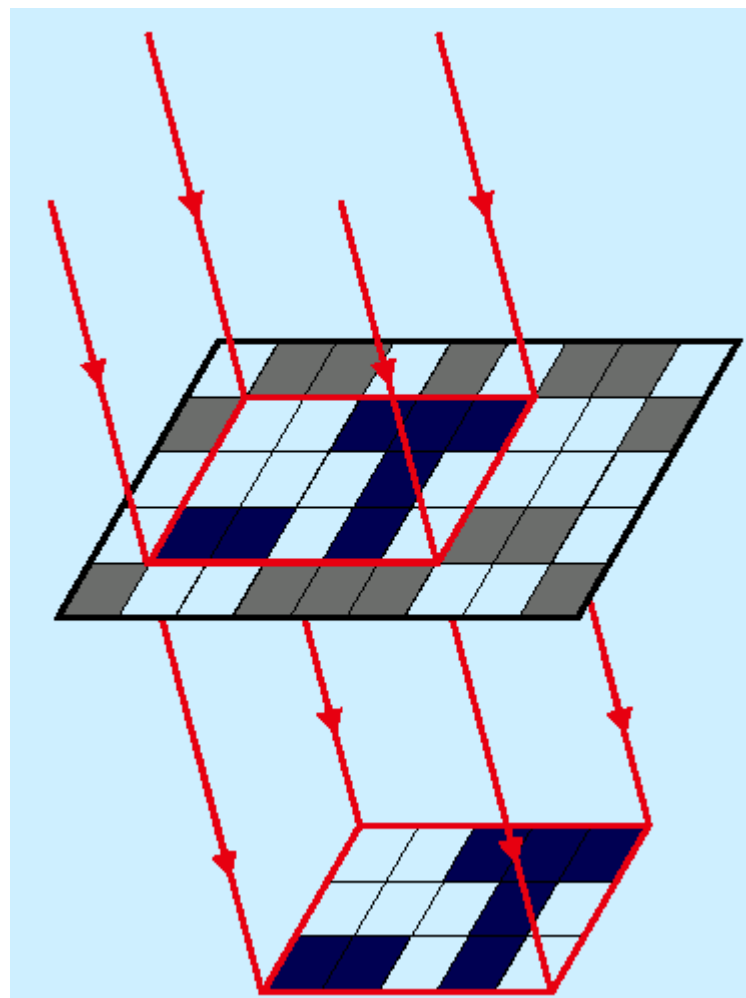
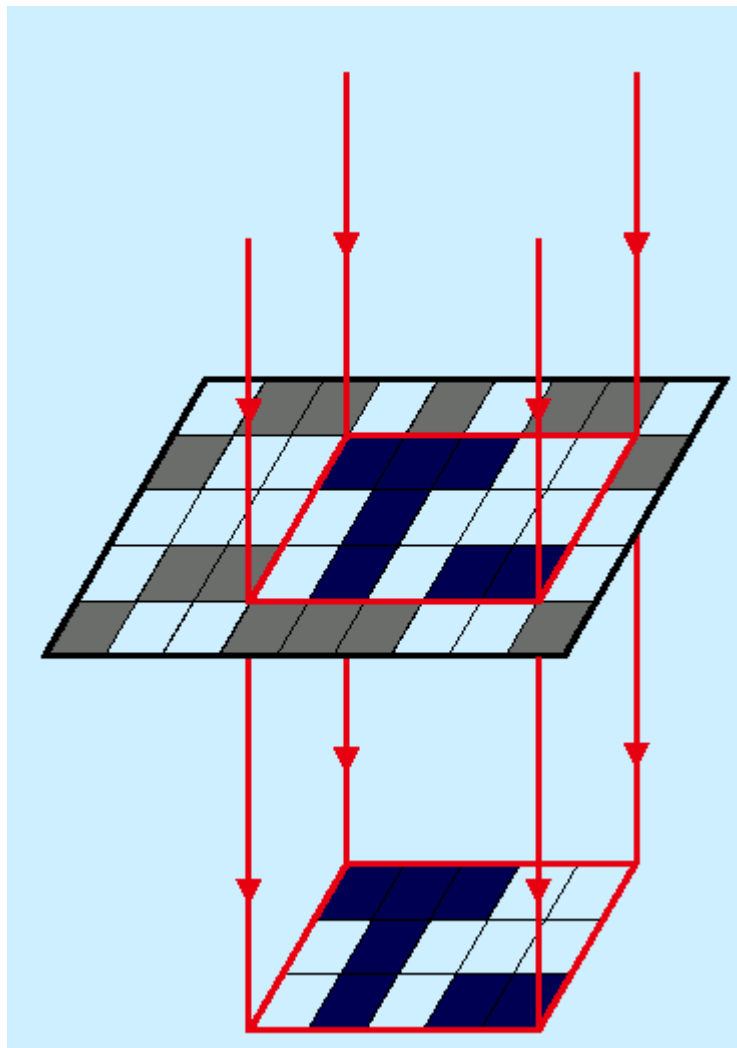


Coded mask



Position sensitive detector

# X detection (direction-sensitive)



Unfolding is a nice mathematical problem !<sub>75</sub>

# INTEGRAL/CHANDRA



- INTEGRAL, the International Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory is an ESA medium-size (M2) science mission
- Energy range 15 keV to 10 MeV plus simultaneous X-ray (3-35 keV) and optical (550 nm) monitoring
- Fine spectroscopy ( $\Delta E/E \sim 1\%$ ) and fine imaging (angular resolution of 5')
- Two main -ray instruments: SPI (spectroscopy) and IBIS (imager)
- Chandra, from NASA, has a similar performance

# $\gamma$ satellite-based detectors: engineering

- Techniques taken from particle physics

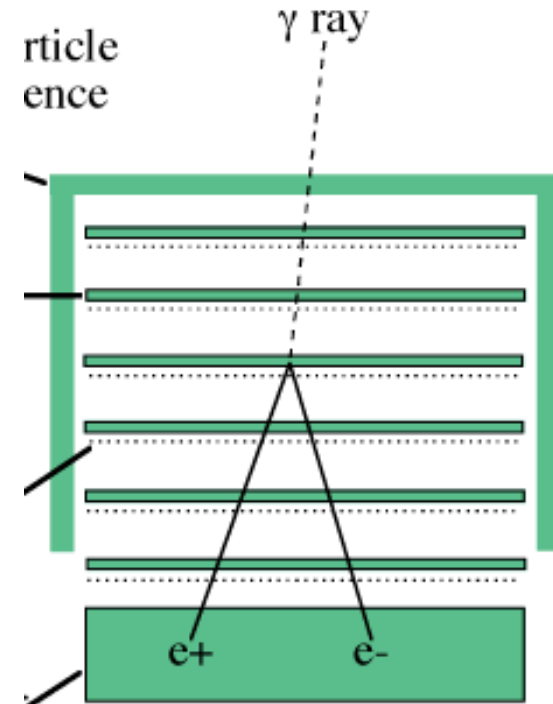
- $\gamma$  direction is mostly determined by  $e^+e^-$  conversion

- Veto against charged particles by an ACD
- Angular resolution given by
  - Opening angle of the pair  $m/E \ln(E/m)$
  - Multiple scattering  $(20/p\beta) (L/X_0)^{1/2}$  (dominant)

=> large number of thin converters, but the # of channel increases  
(power consumption  $\ll$  1 kW)

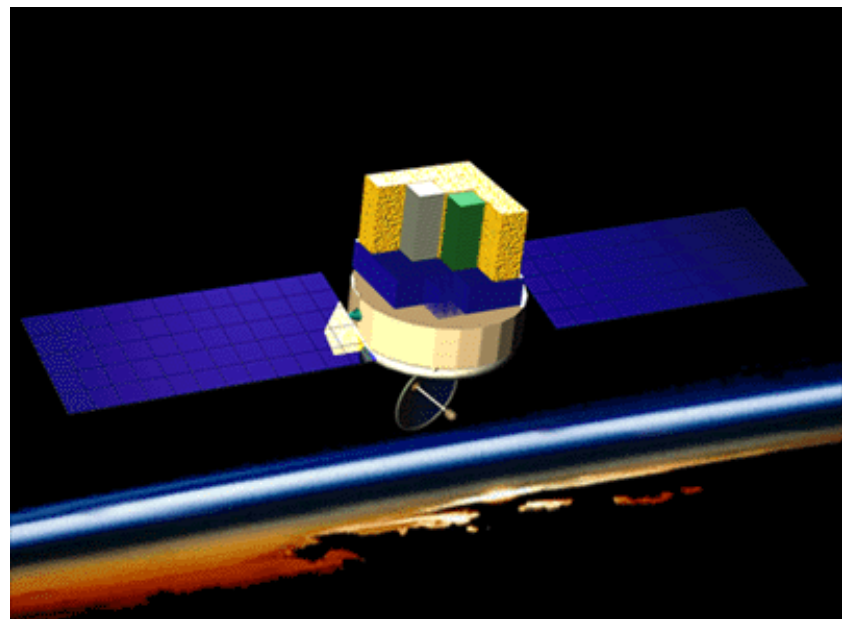
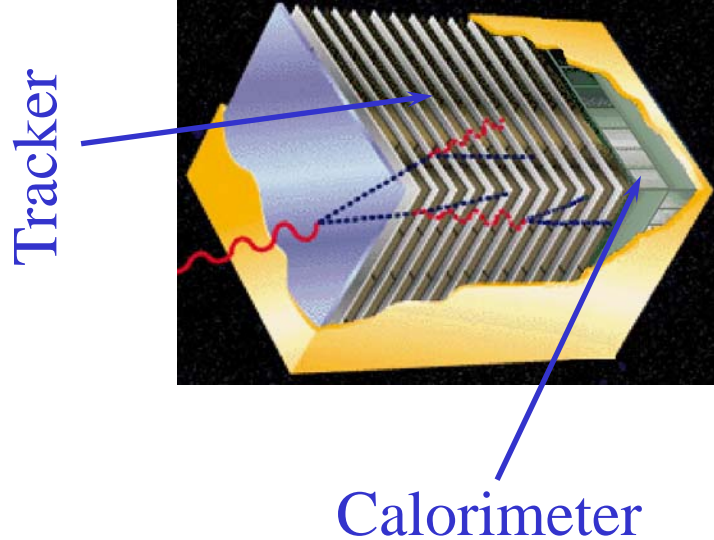
- If possible, a calorimeter in the bottom to get E resolution, but watch the weight (leakage => deteriorated resolution)

Smart techniques to measure E w/o calorimeters (AGILE)



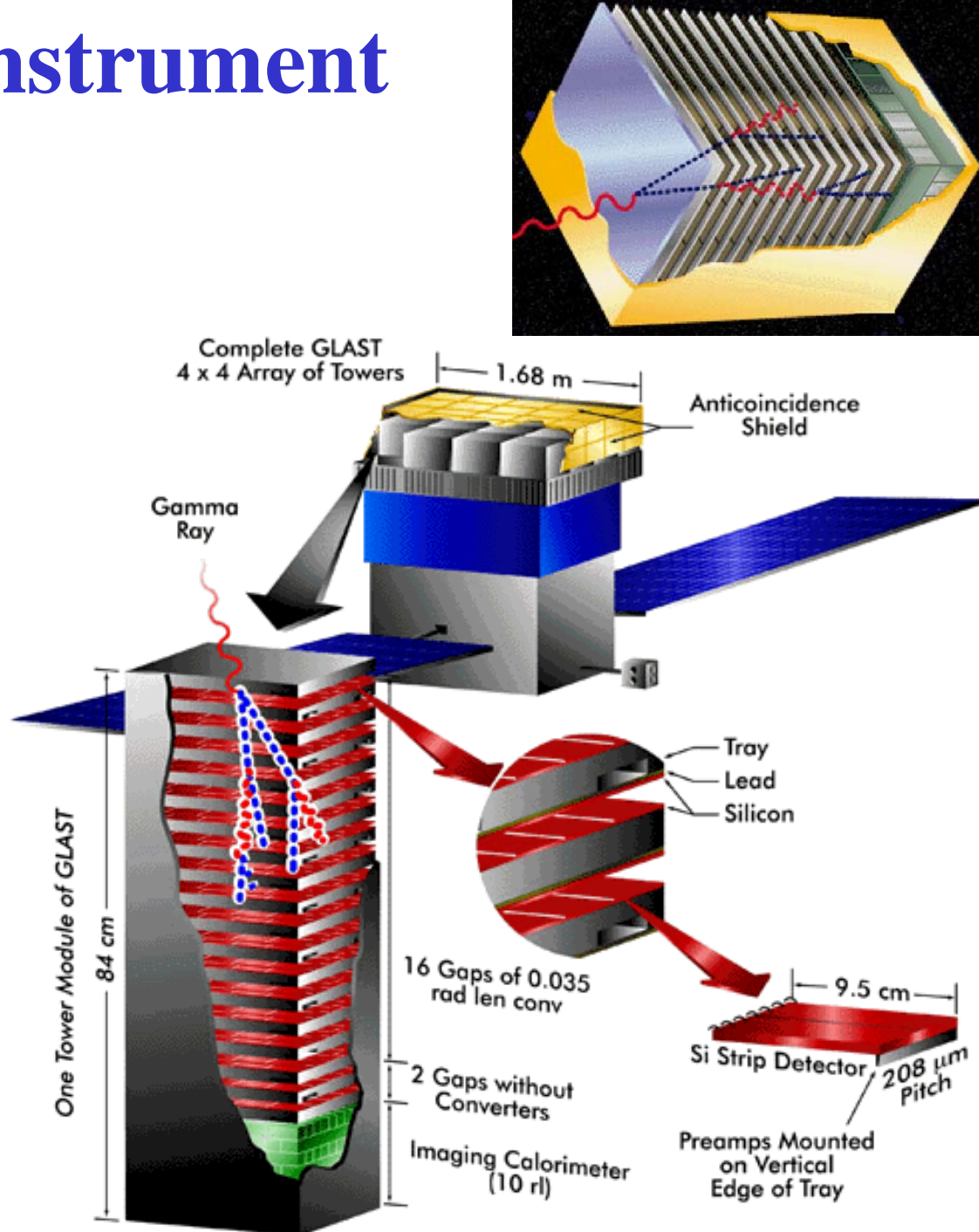
# GLAST

- $\gamma$  telescope on satellite for the range 20 MeV-300 GeV
  - hybrid tracker + calorimeter
- International collaboration US-France-Italy-Japan-Sweden
  - Broad experience in high-energy astrophysics and particle physics (science + instrumentation)
- Timescale: 2008-2012 (->2017)
- Wide range of physics objectives:
  - Gamma astrophysics
  - Fundamental physics

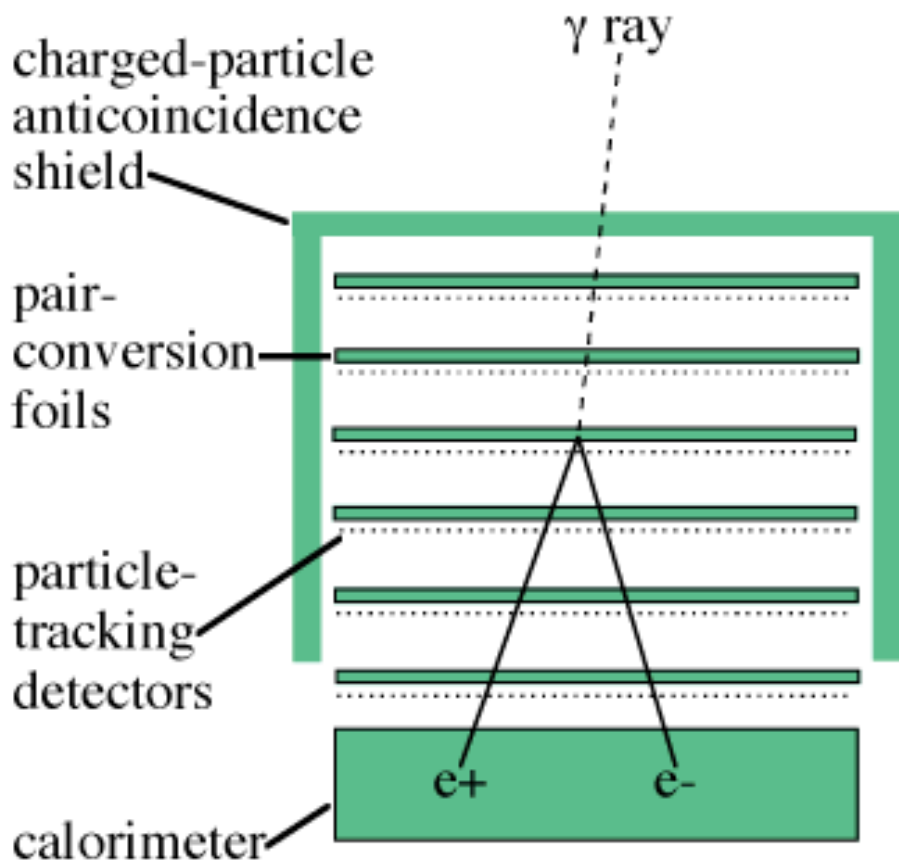


# GLAST: the instrument

- Tracker  
Si strips + converter
  - Calorimeter  
CsI with diode readout
- (a classic for HEP)
- $1.7 \times 1.7 \text{ m}^2 \times 0.8 \text{ m}$   
height/width = 0.4  $\Rightarrow$   
large field of view
  - 16 towers  $\Rightarrow$  modularity



# GLAST: the tracker



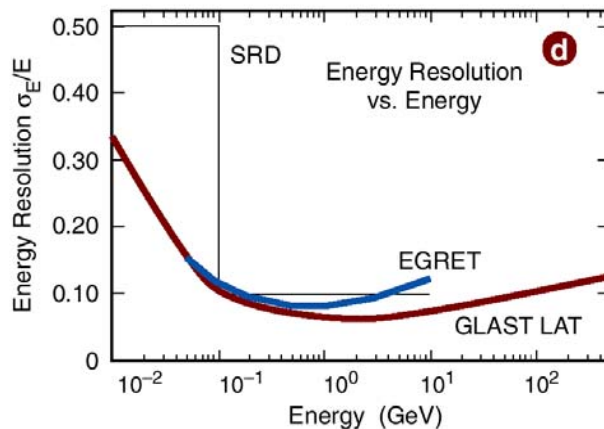
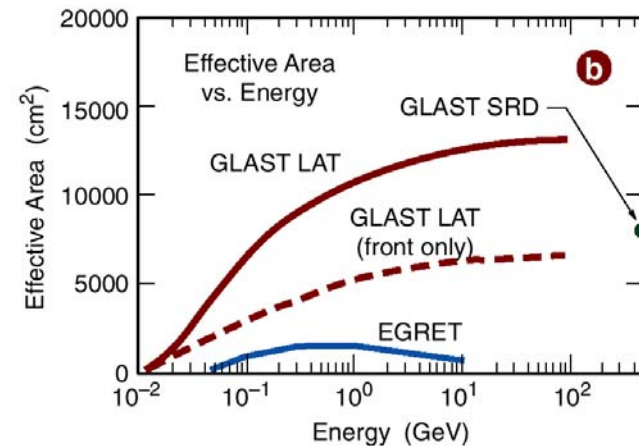
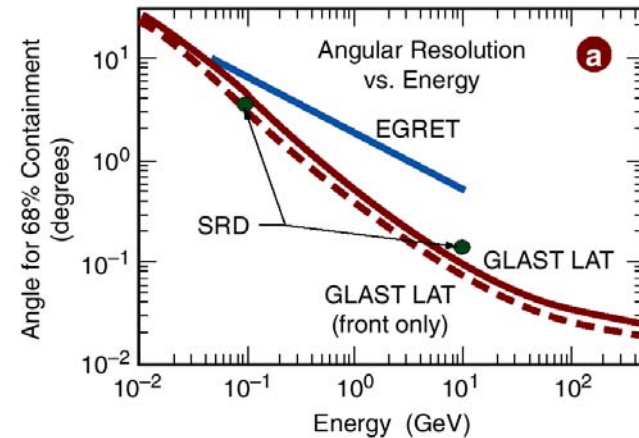
## Si strips + converter

- High signal/noise
- Rad-hard
- Low power
- 4x4 towers, of 37 cm  $\times$  37 cm of Si
- 18  $x,y$  planes per tower
  - 19 “tray” structures
    - 12 with 2.5% Pb on bottom
    - 4 with 25% Pb on bottom
    - 2 with no converter
- Electronics on the sides of trays
  - Minimize gap between towers
- Carbon-fiber walls to provide stiffness



# GLAST performance (compared to EGRET)

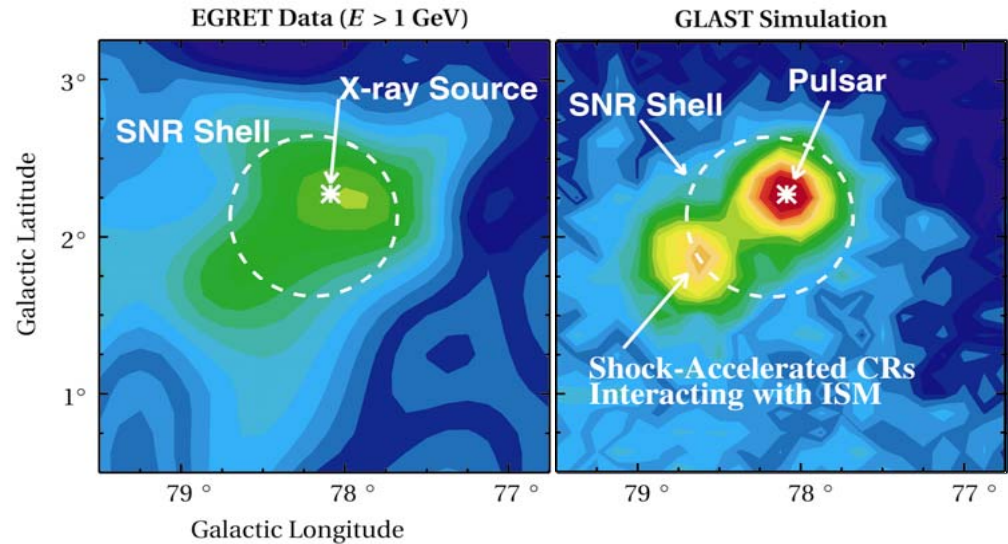
Quantity	GLAST	EGRET
Energy range	20 MeV- > 300 GeV	20 MeV- 30 GeV
Energy resolution	10 % (E>100 MeV)	10%
Peak Effective Area	> 8000 cm <sup>2</sup> (E>1 GeV)	1500 cm <sup>2</sup>
Single photon angular resolution (68%, on-axis)	<3.5 deg (100 MeV) <0.15 deg (E>10 GeV)	5.8 deg (100 MeV)
*Field of view (FOV)	> 2 sr	0.5 sr
Time resolution	10 microseconds	0.1 milliseconds
Dead time	< 20 microsec/event	100 ms/event



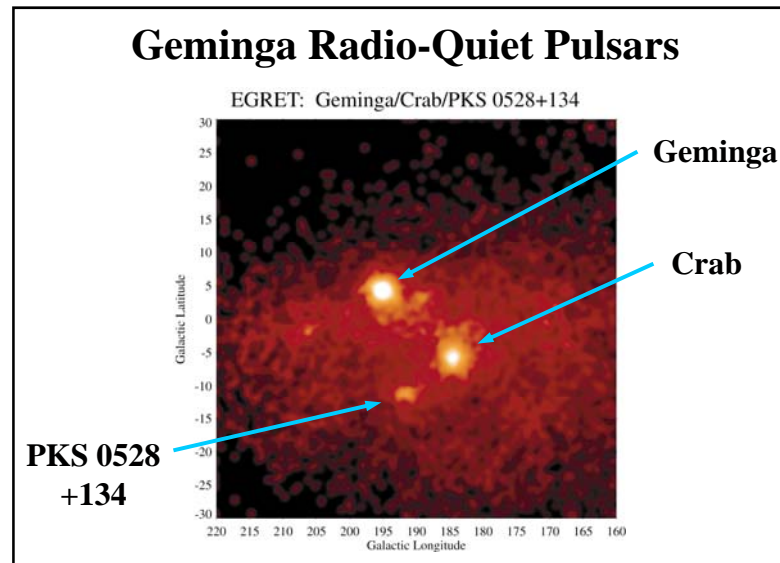
# GLAST performance

## two examples of application

- Cosmic ray production



- Facilitate searches for pulsations from millisecond pulsars





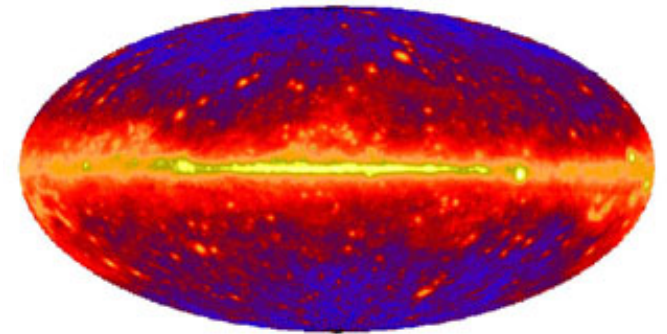
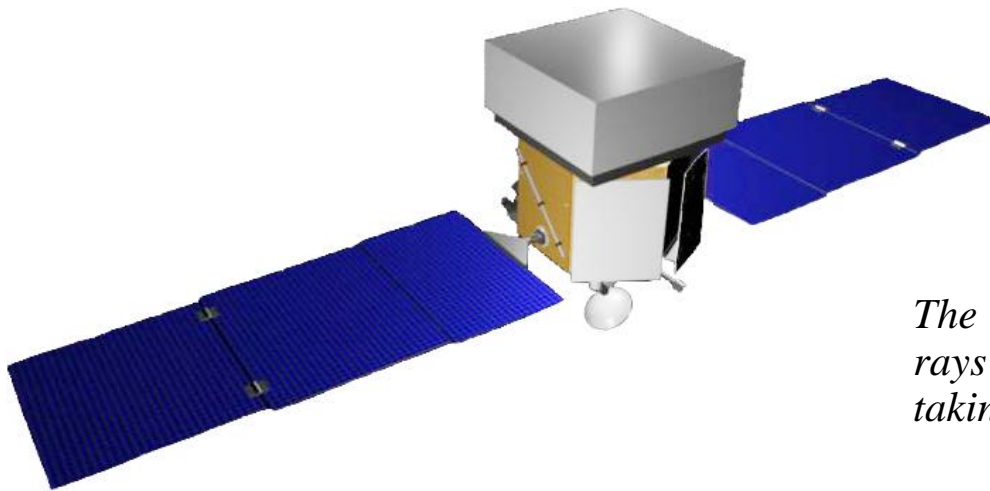
# The Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope



GLAST will be sent in space in May 2008

A collaboration USA-Japan-France-Italy-Sweden

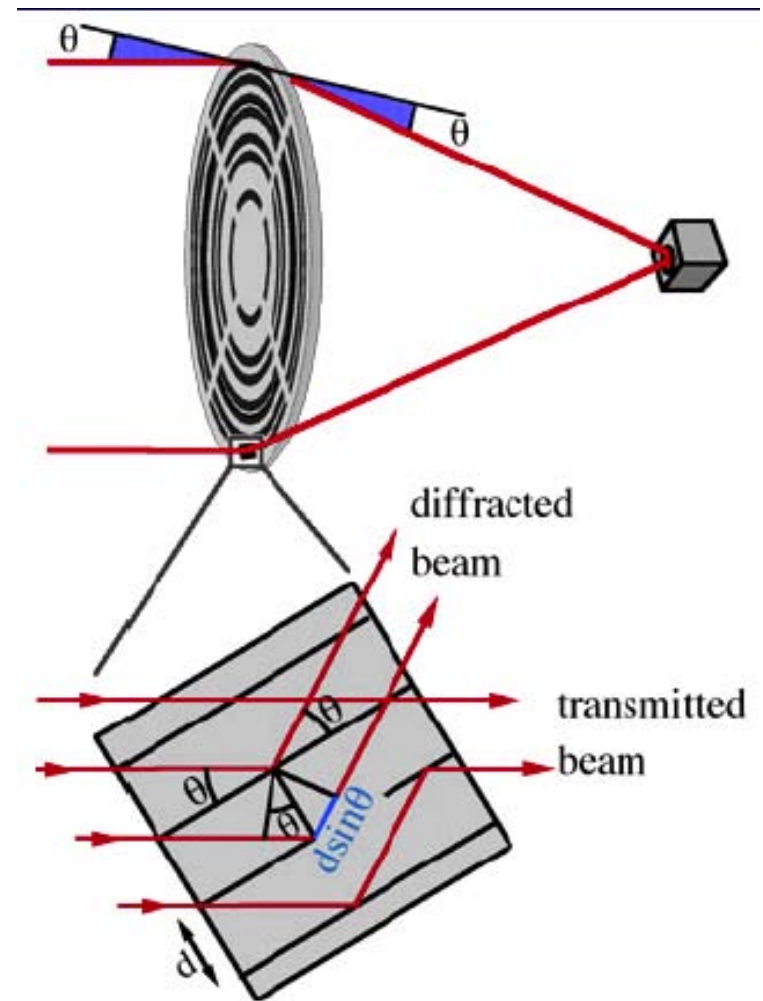
Large part of the software is written in Udine... So come and help !



*The Universe in the gamma rays after one year of data taking. Center: our galaxy*

# But despite the progress in satellites...

- The problem of the flux ( $\sim 1$  photon/day/km<sup>2</sup> @  $\sim 30$  PeV) cannot be overcome
  - Photon concentrators work only at low energy
  - The key for VHE gamma astrophysics and above is in ground-based detectors
  - Also for dark matter detection...



# Earth-based detectors

## Properties of Extensive Air Showers

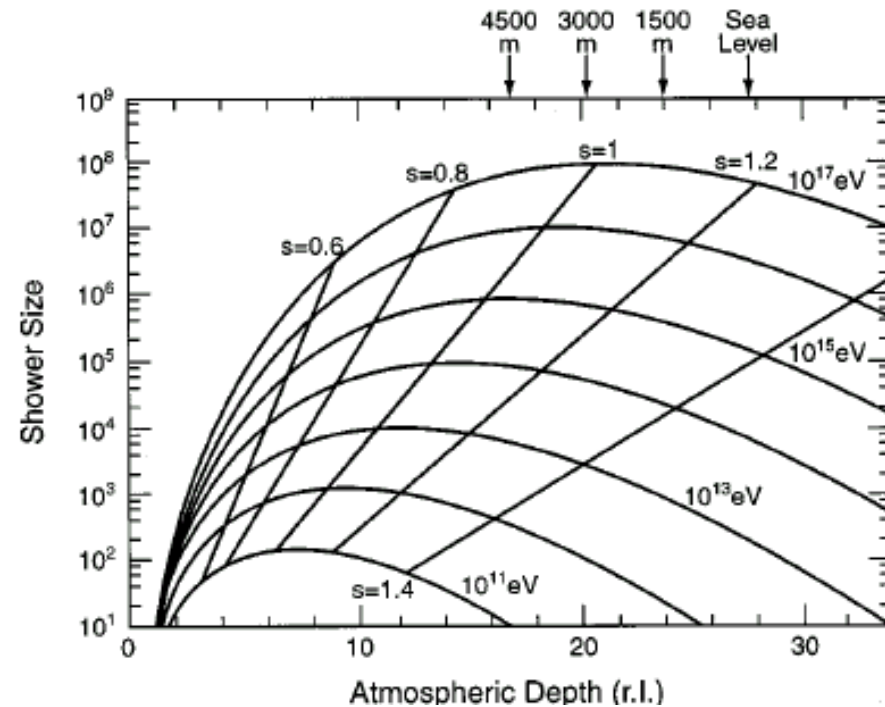
- We **believe** we know well the  $\gamma$  physics up to EHE...

Predominant interactions e.m.

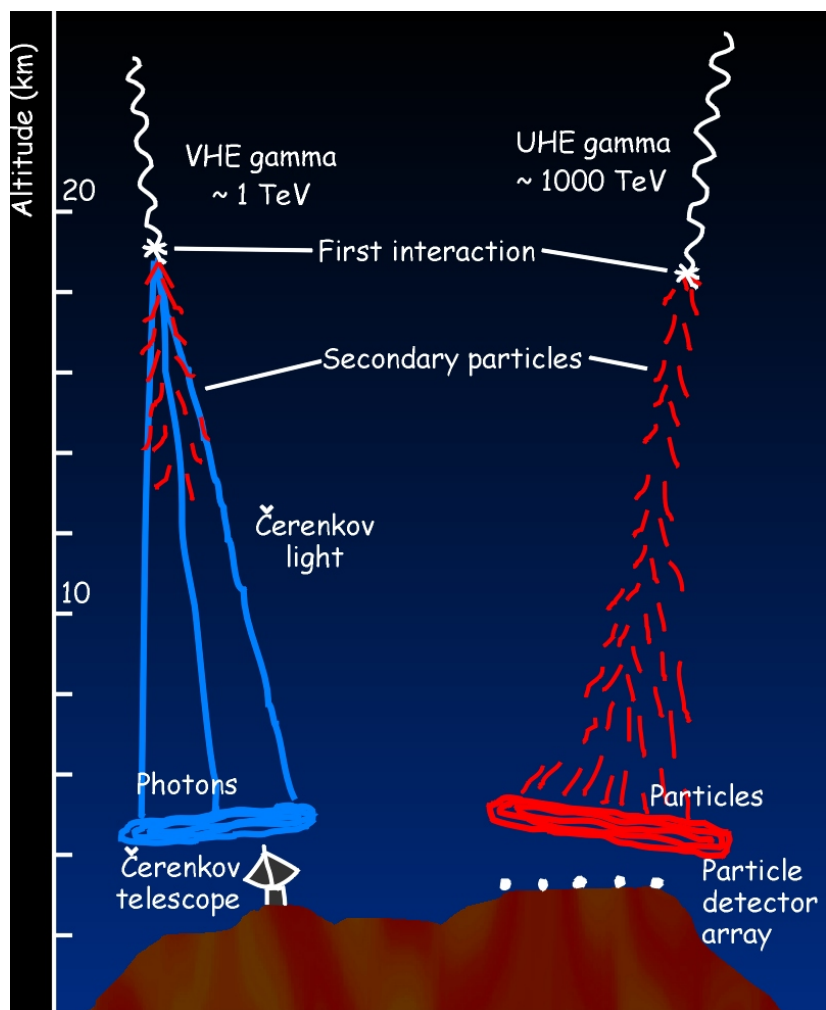
- e+e- pair production dominates
- electrons loose energy via brem
- Rossi approximation B is valid
  - Maximum at  $z/X_0 \approx \ln(E/\epsilon_0)$ ;  $\epsilon_0$  is the critical energy  $\sim 80$  MeV in air;  $X_0 \sim 300$  m at stp
  - Cascades  $\sim$  a few km thick
  - Lateral width dominated by Compton scattering  $\sim$  Moliere radius ( $\sim 80$ m for air at STP)

- Note:  $\lambda_{\text{had}} \sim 400$  m for air

hadronic showers have 20x more muons and are less regular than em



# Ground detectors: EAS vs. IACT

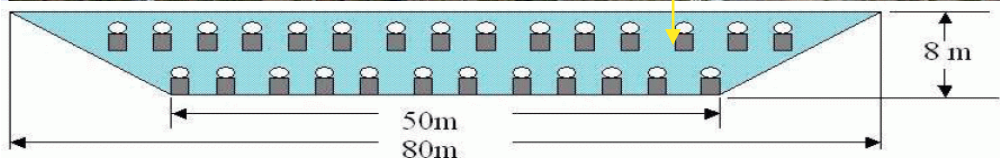


- EAS (Extensive Air Shower): detection of the charged particles in the shower
- Čerenkov detectors: (IACT): detection of the Čerenkov light from charged particles in the atmospheric showers

# EAS

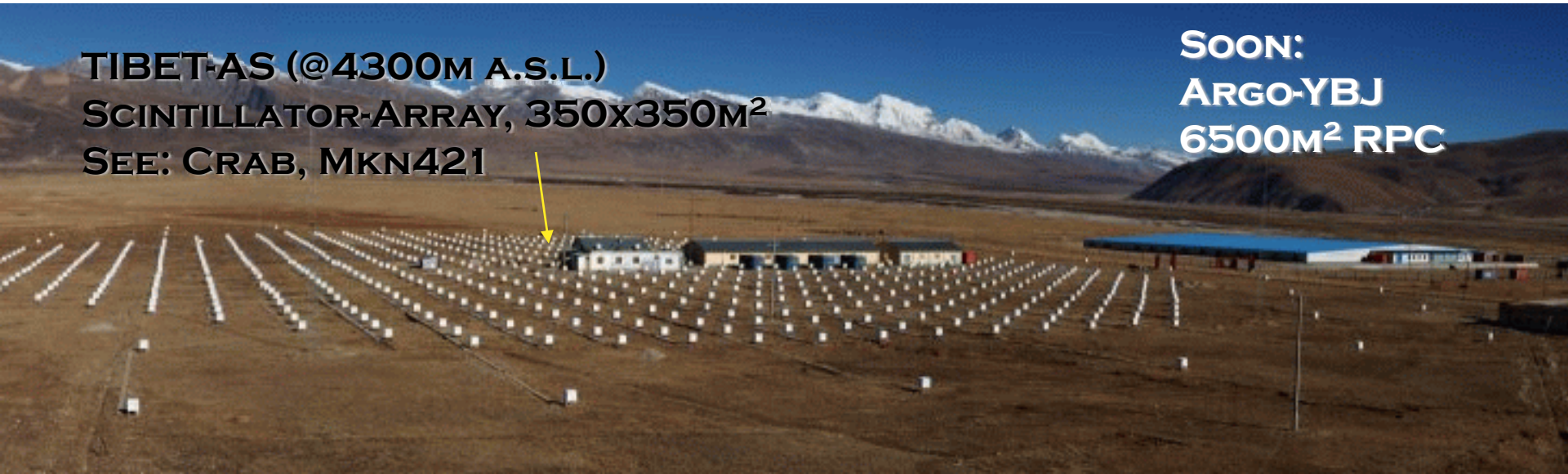
MILAGRO (New Mexico @ 2600m)  
water Cherenkov,  
 $60 \times 80 \text{m}^2$  + outriggers,  
 $\gamma/h$ : Muon-identification  
in second layer)

Proposed: HAWC  
10x bigger @ 4500m a.s.l.



**TIBET-AS (@4300M A.S.L.)**  
**SCINTILLATOR-ARRAY,  $350 \times 350 \text{M}^2$**   
**SEE: CRAB, MKN421**

**SOON:**  
**ARGO-YBJ**  
 **$6500 \text{M}^2$  RPC**



# Cherenkov (Č) detectors

## Cherenkov light from $\gamma$ showers

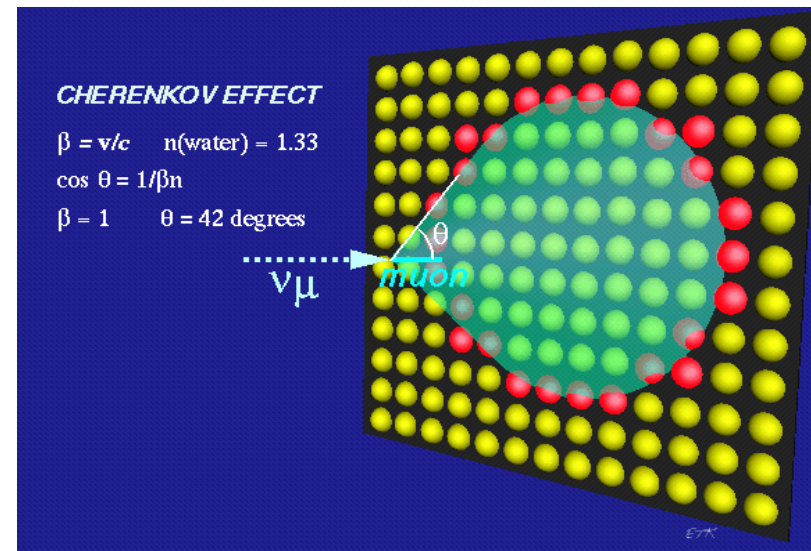
- Č light is produced by particles faster than light in air
- Limiting angle  $\cos \theta_c \sim 1/n$ 
  - $\theta_c \sim 1^\circ$  at sea level,  $1.3^\circ$  at 8 km asl
  - Threshold @ sea level : 21 MeV for e, 44 GeV for  $\mu$

Maximum of a 1 TeV  $\gamma$  shower  $\sim 8$  Km asl

200 photons/m<sup>2</sup> in the visible

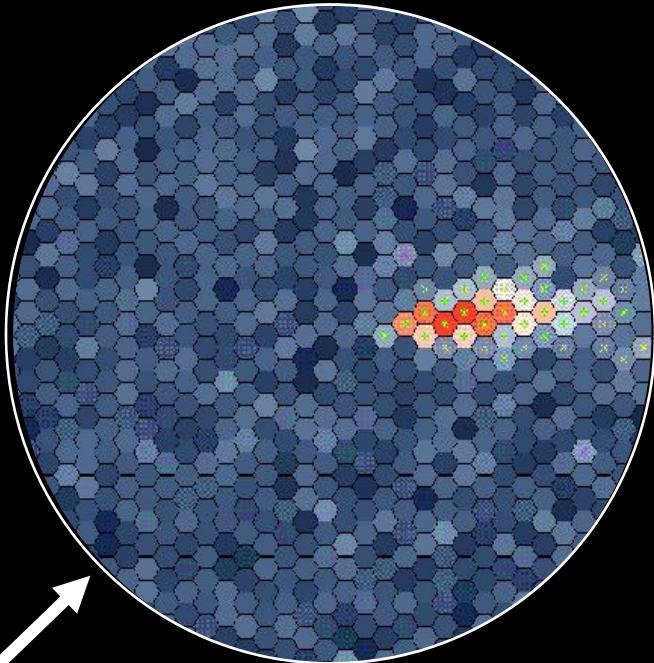
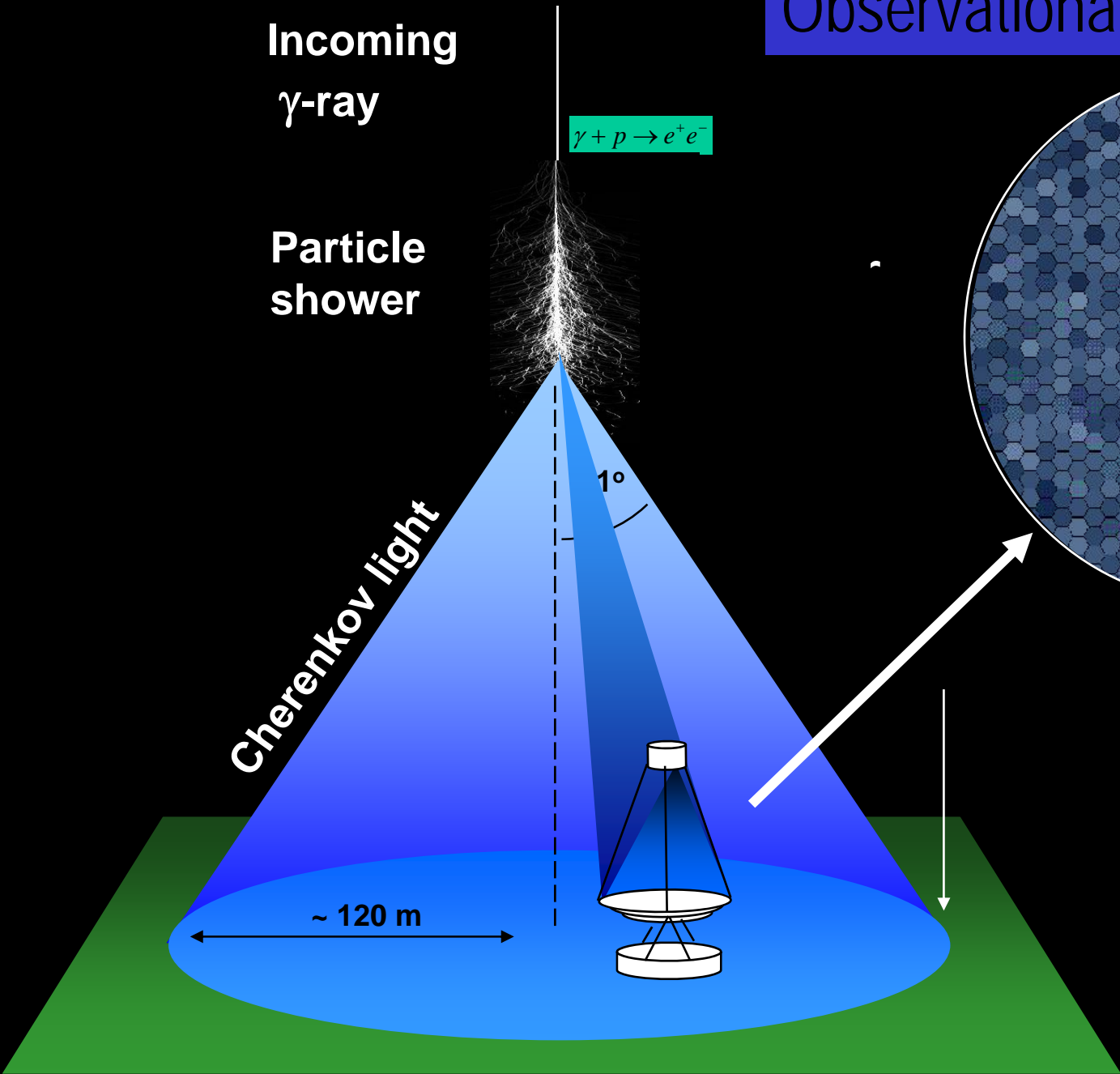
Duration  $\sim 2$  ns

Angular spread  $\sim 0.5^\circ$



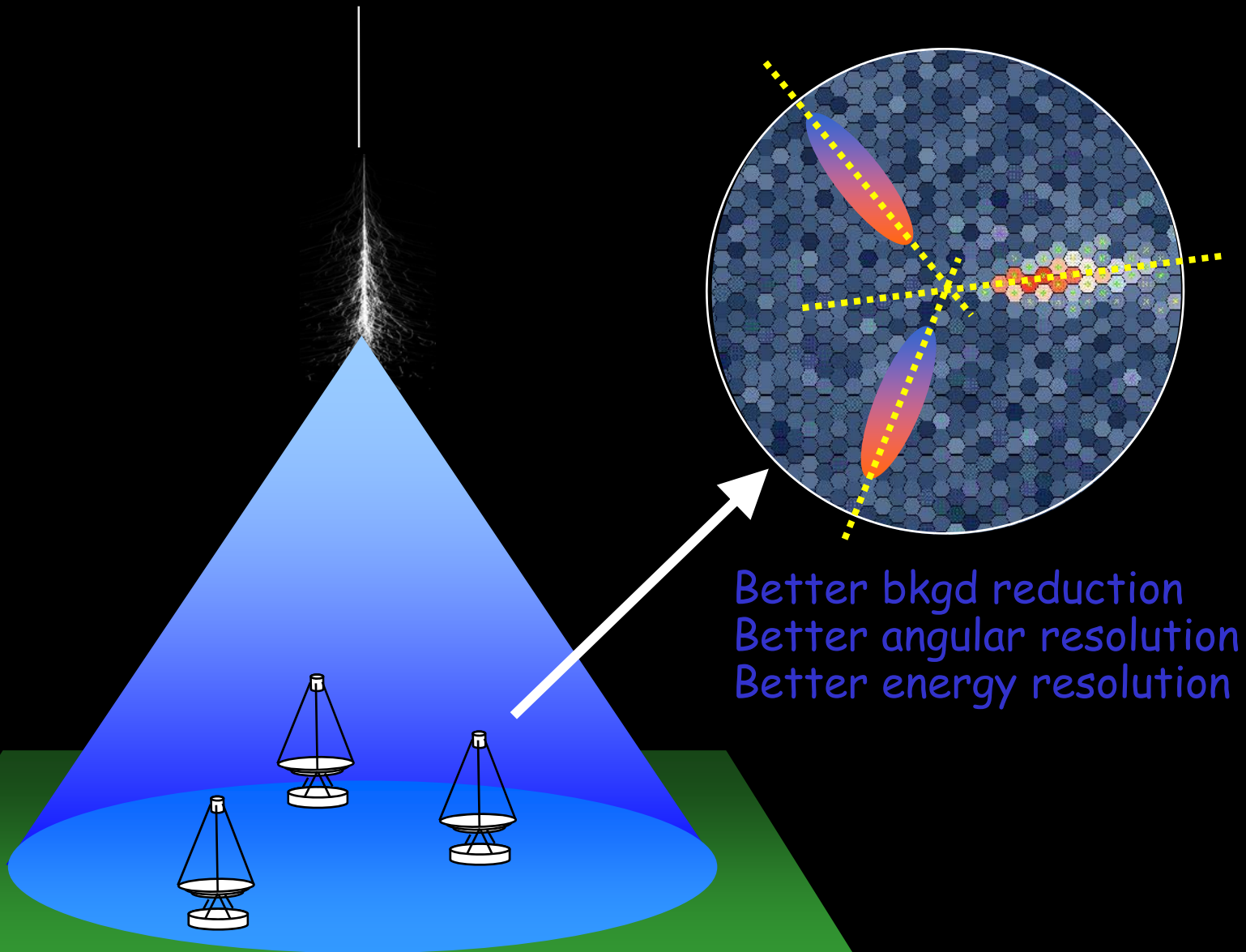


# Observational Technique



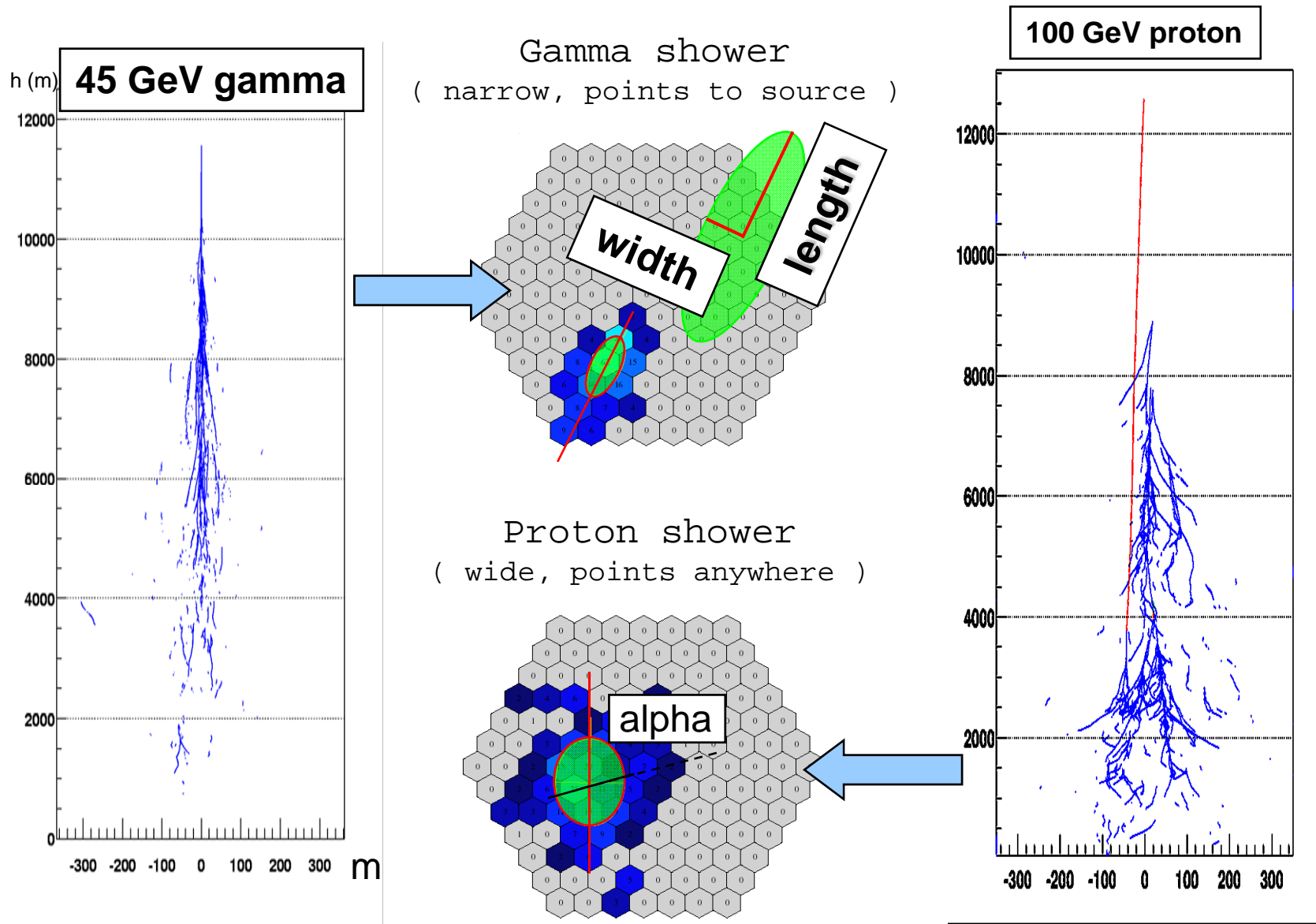
- Image intensity  $\rightarrow$  Shower energy
- Image orientation  $\rightarrow$  Shower direction
- Image shape  $\rightarrow$  Primary particle

# Systems of Cherenkov telescopes



Better bkgd reduction  
Better angular resolution  
Better energy resolution

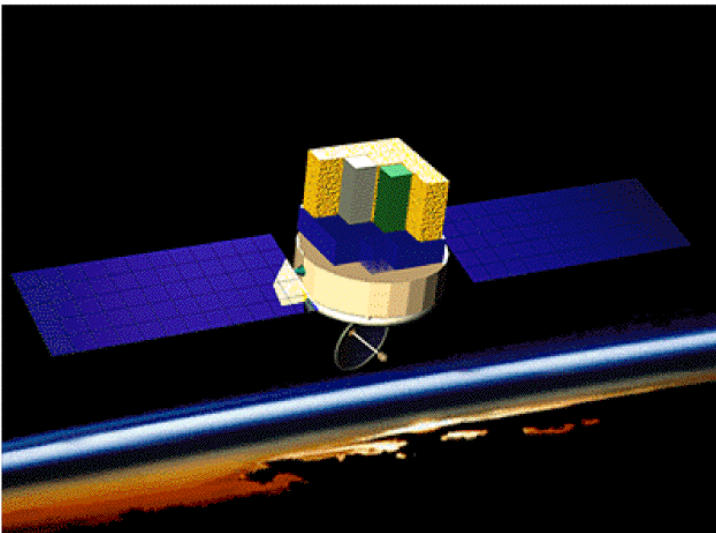
# Gamma / hadron separation



# IACT vs Satellite

- Satellite :

- primary detection
- small effective area  $\sim 1\text{m}^2$ 
  - lower sensitivity
- large angular opening
  - search
- large duty-cycle
- large cost
- lower energy
- low bkg



- IACT/ground based

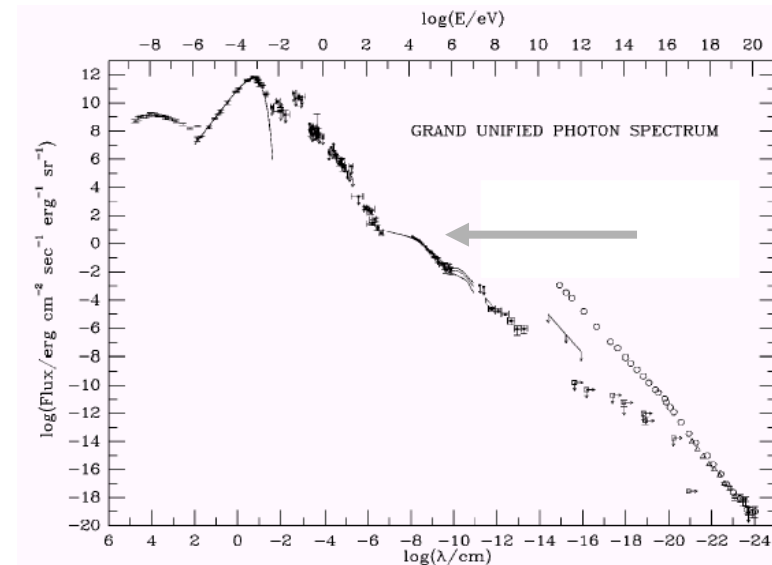
- secondary detection
- huge effective area  $\sim 10^4\text{m}^2$ 
  - Higher sensitivity
- small angular opening
  - Serendipity search
- small duty-cycle
- low cost
- high energy
- high bkg



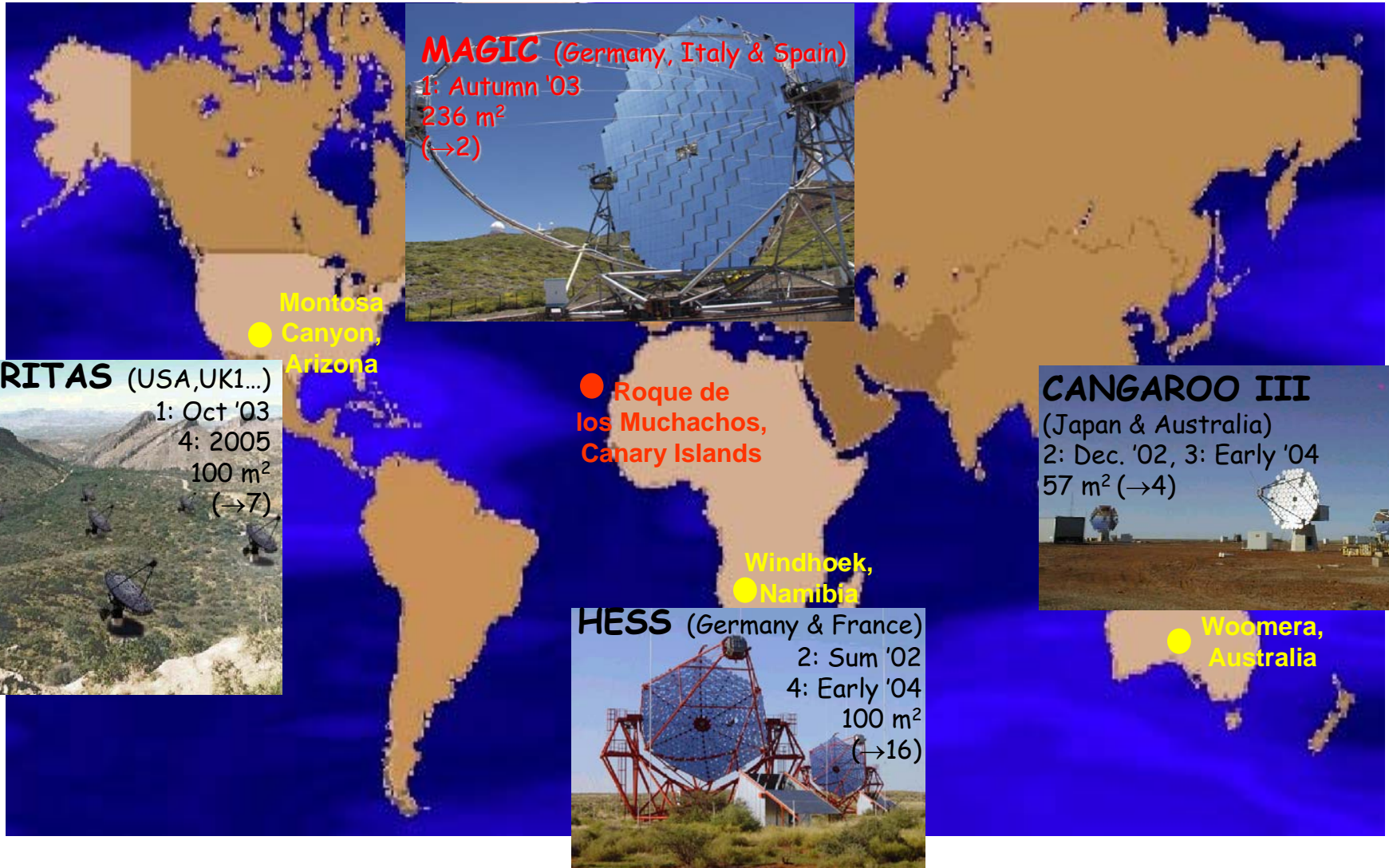
# Ground-based detectors

## Improvements in atmospheric Č


- Improving flux sensitivity
  - Detect weaker sources, study larger sky regions  $S/B^{1/2} \propto (A/\tau\Omega)^{1/2}$ 
    - Smaller integration time
    - Improve photon collection, improve quantum efficiency of PMs
    - Use several telescopes
- Lowering the energy threshold
  - Close the gap  $\sim 100$  GeV between satellite-based & ground-based instruments



# The “Big Four”



# DETECTOR PARAMETERS

In 2007:	#	~mirror area m <sup>2</sup>	Camera pixels	FOV deg	Altit. m asl	arrangement
<b>CANGAROO</b>	4x	57	427	4	160	 ~100m
<b>H.E.S.S.</b>	4x	107	960	5	1800	 ~120m
<b>MAGIC</b>	2x	240	577	3.5	2200	 ~80m
<b>VERITAS</b>	4x	110	499	3.5	700	 ~40m

# The MAGIC site

La Palma, IAC  
28° North, 18° West

MAGIC

Telescopio Nazionale Galileo

Grantecan

MAGIC and its Control

MAGIC



# MAGIC

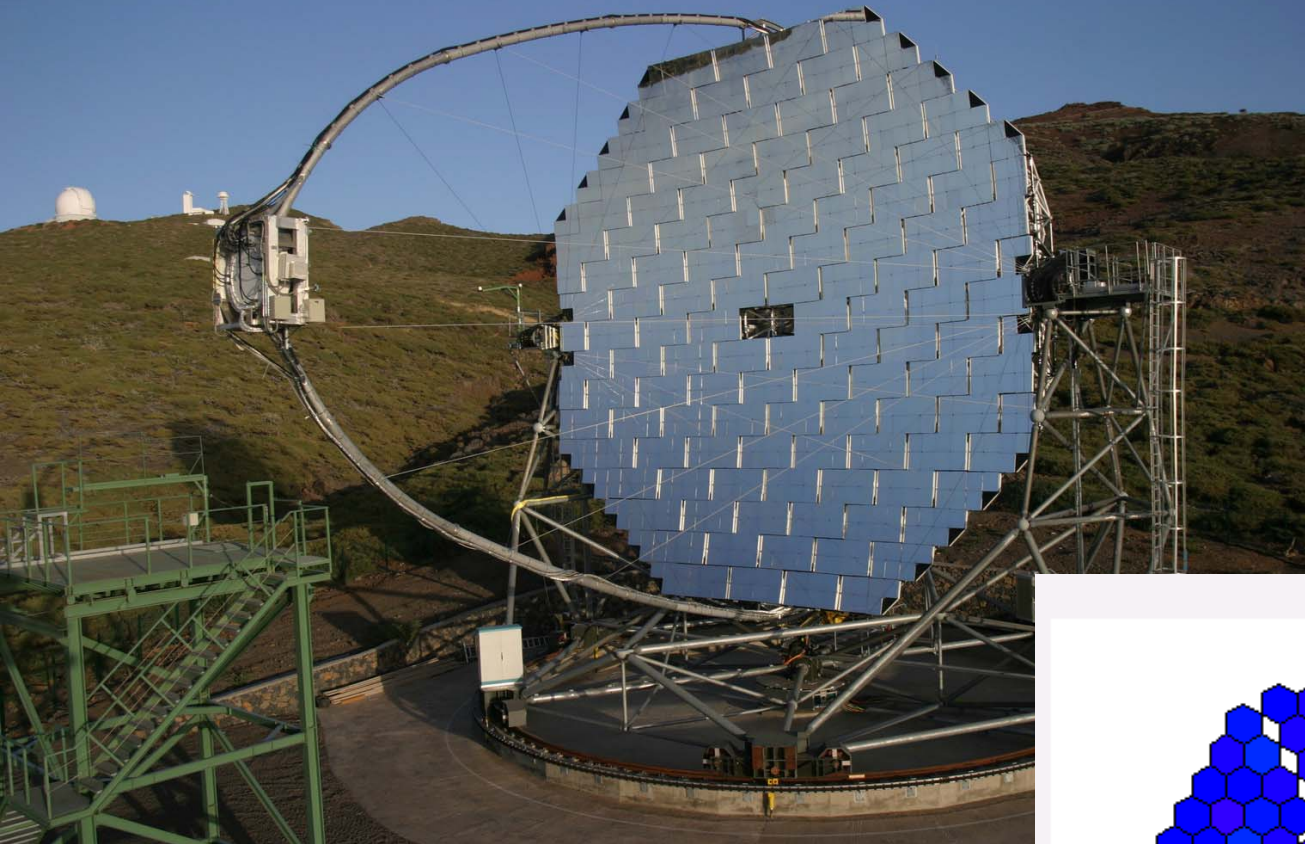
- Mirror: 17 m diameter
- 240 m<sup>2</sup> Al panels + heating
- 85%-90% reflectivity
- Frame deformation
- Active Mirror Control



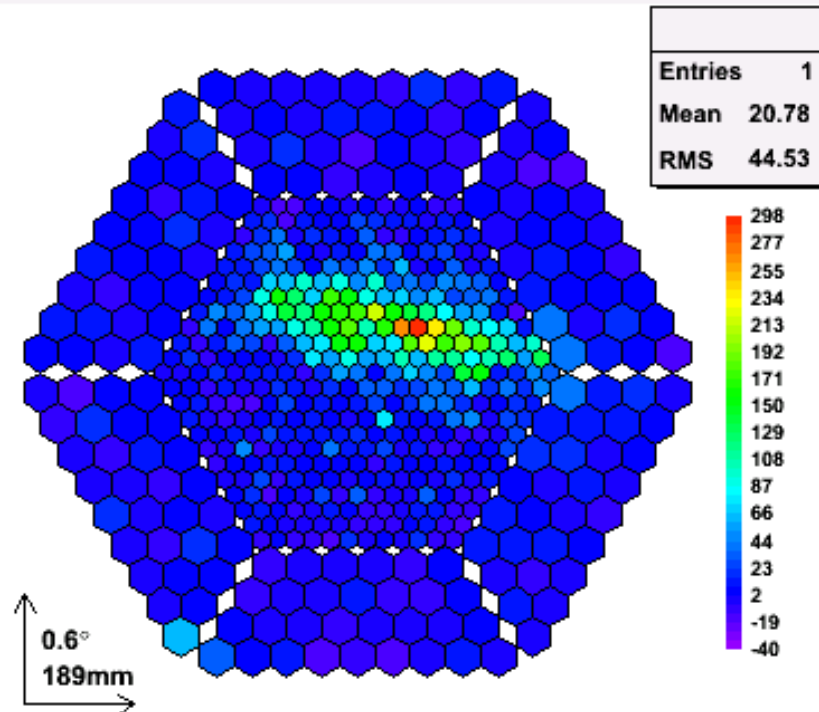
- Camera: 3.5° FOV
- 577 pixels
- Optical fibre readout
- 2 level trigger & 300 Mhz FADC system

- Light carbon fiber tubes
- Telescope: 65 tons
- Positioning: 22s

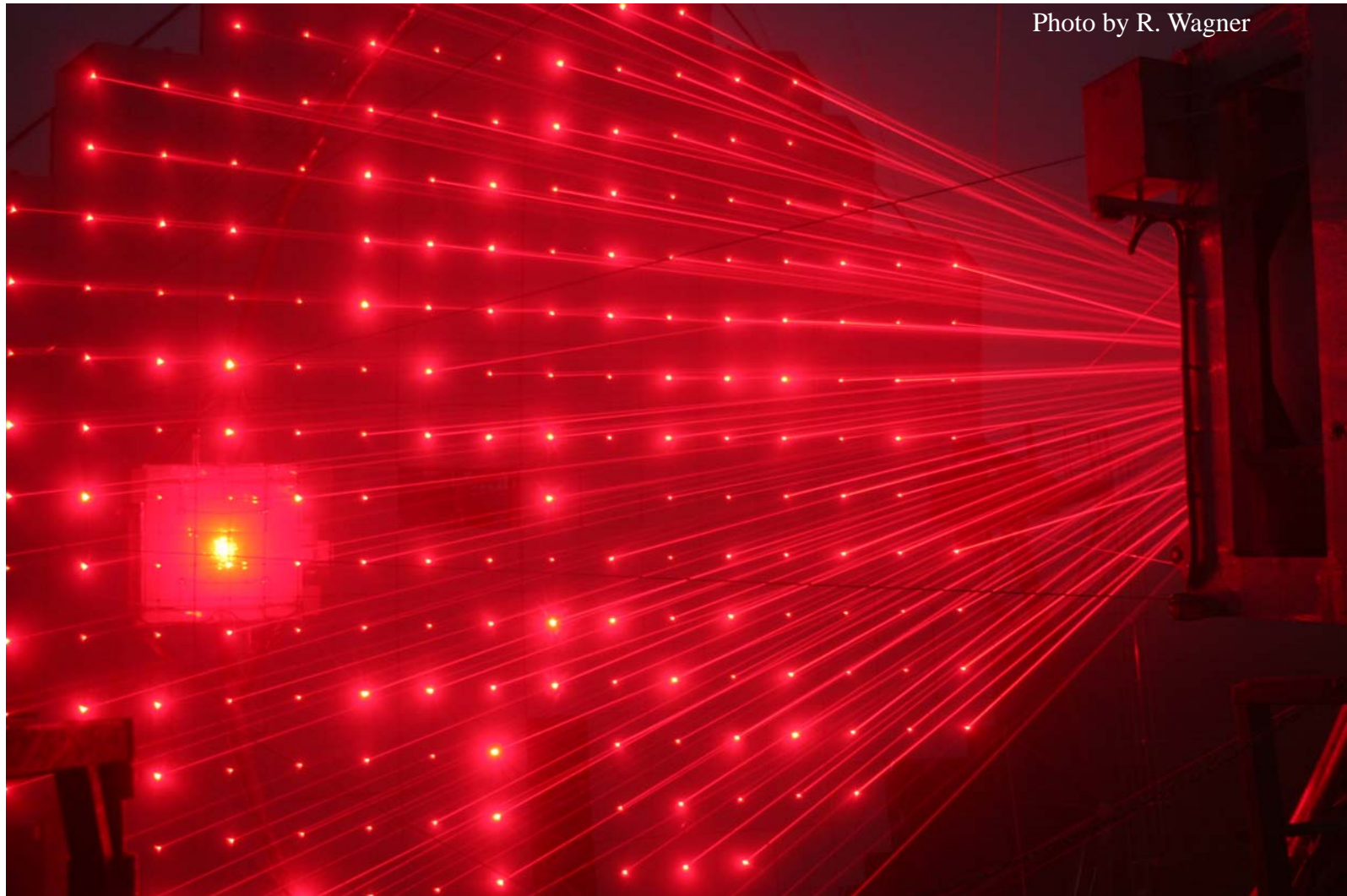
After upgrade of the optics in July 2004 the telescope is in its final shape



~300Hz shower rates  
 $E_{th} \sim 40\text{GeV}$



## the Active Mirror Control laser beams



# IACT Scientific Highlights

## Galactic observations:

- I.** Discovery of many new Galactic sources by **HESS**:
  - *HESS GP Survey & targeted observations.*
- II.** Detailed studies of Galactic sources by **HESS**:
  - *Precision measurements (spectra, morphology, etc.).*
  - *Theoretical models and understanding.*
- III.** Discovery of new classes of VHE gamma-ray emitters by **HESS**:
  - *First variable galactic source*
- IV.** Study of the Galactic Center by **CANGAROO, HESS and MAGIC**:
  - *Evidence for a TeV signal; search for DM annihilation*
- V.** New class of periodical galactic sources by **MAGIC and HESS**

# Scientific Highlights

## Extragalactic observations:

### **VII.** Discovery of ~20 new AGN by **HESS and MAGIC:**

- *Measurements of AGN properties and multi- $\lambda$  studies.*
- *Constraints on cosmological EBL density from absorption spectrum.*

### **VI.** Observation of AGN with orphan flares by **MAGIC:**

- *Connexion to neutrino and UHECR astronomy?*

### **VIII.** High time-resolution study of AGN flares by **MAGIC:**

- *New constraints on emission mechanisms and light speed dispersion relations.*

### **IX.** Prompt follow-up of 11 GRB (implosion of hypernovae) by **MAGIC:**

- *GRB follow-up in coincidence with observation in the X-ray domain.*

# Violation of the Lorentz-Invariance?

Light dispersion due to quantum gravity effects expected in some QG models

$$V = c [1 \pm \xi (E/E_{QG}) - \xi_2 (E/E_{QG})^2 \pm \dots]$$

**1<sup>st</sup> order**  $\Delta t \sim \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \frac{z}{H_0} = \xi \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \frac{L}{c}$

MAGIC Mkn 501, arXiv:0708.2889

$$E_{QG} \sim 0.03 M_p$$

$$E_{QG} > 0.02 M_p$$

HESS PKS 2155, ICRC 2007 prel.

$$E_{QG} > 0.04 M_p$$

Whipple 1999, PRL 83(1999)2108

$$E_{QG} > 0.005 M_p$$

GRB X-ray limits:

$$E_{QG} > 0.001 \dots 0.01 M_p$$

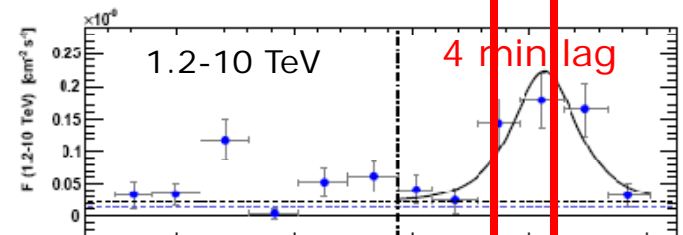
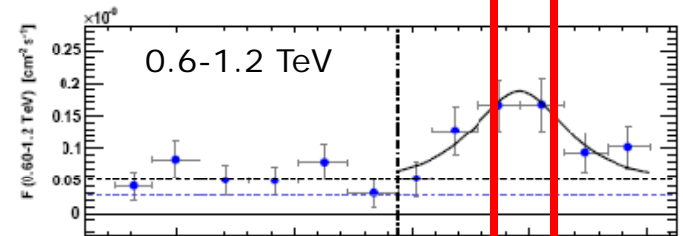
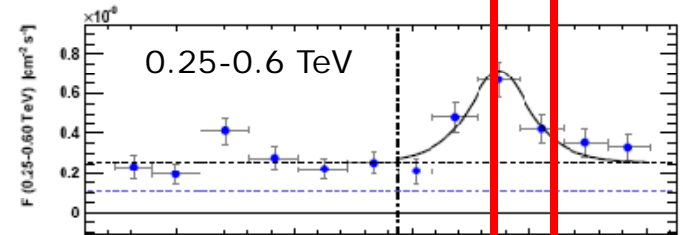
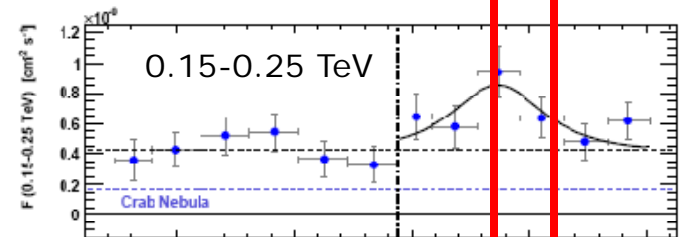
... but in most scenarios

$$\Delta t \sim (E/E_{QG})^\alpha, \alpha > 1$$

▶ VHE gamma rays even better

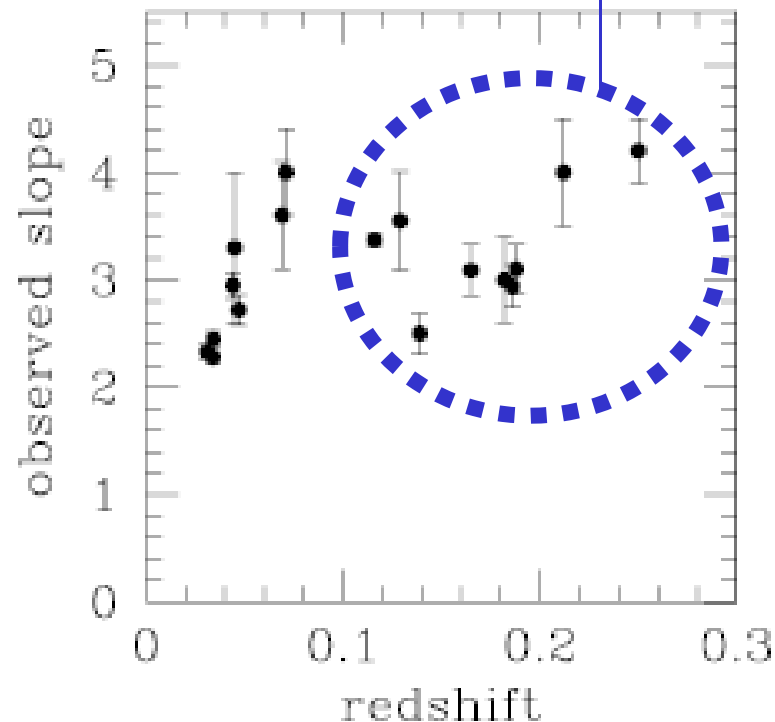
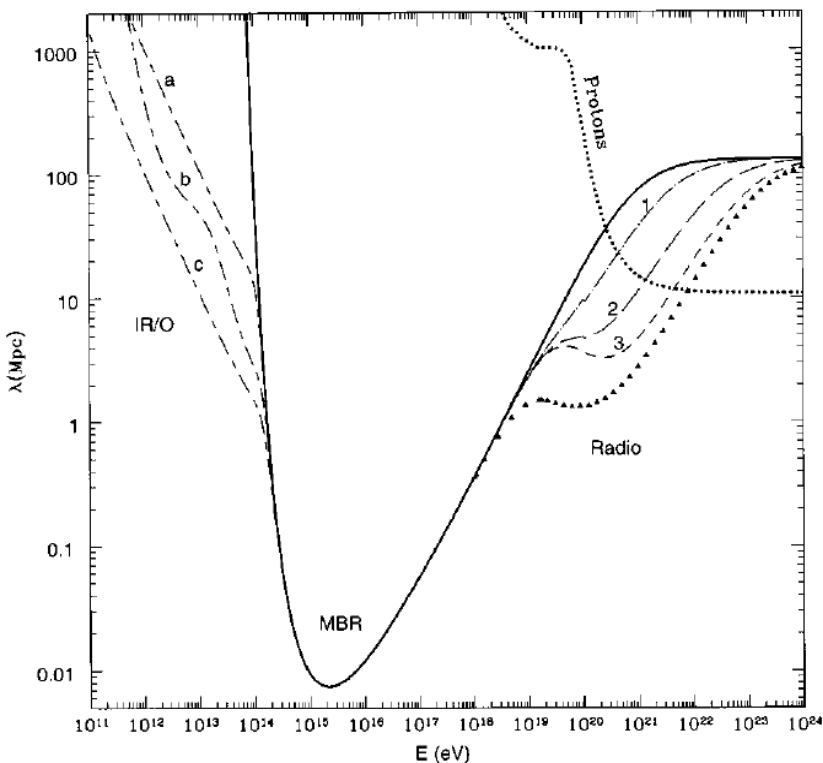
▶ Mrk 501:  $E_{QG} > 3 \cdot 10^{-9} M_p$ ,  $\alpha=2$

Mrk 501,  
MAGIC, astro-ph/0702008



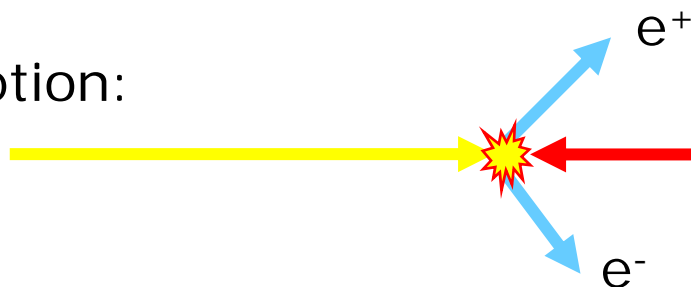
# Propagation physics

Selection bias?  
New physics ?



(Persic & AdA, arXiv:0711.2317)

Absorption:



visible/infrared light  
accumulated by all  
stars in history of Universe

# Too large transparency of the Universe to gamma rays

- More than 20 AGN at VHE discovered by  $\gamma$  telescopes
  - Including 3C279 at  $z=0.54$
- Unexpectedly large, due to attenuation expected for  $\gamma$ 
  - Dominant process for the absorption of  $\gamma$  is



$$\sigma(E, \epsilon) = 1.25 \cdot 10^{-25} (1 - \beta^2) \left[ 2\beta(\beta^2 - 2) + (3 - \beta^4) \ln \left( \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta} \right) \right] \text{cm}^2$$

- Only QED, relativity and cosmology in the formula above
  - For  $\gamma$  rays, relevant background component is optical/infrared (EBL)
  - EBL density given by cosmology/star formation

maximal for

$$\epsilon \simeq \frac{2m_e^2 c^4}{E} \simeq \left( \frac{500 \text{ GeV}}{E} \right) \text{eV}$$

- How to explain observations?



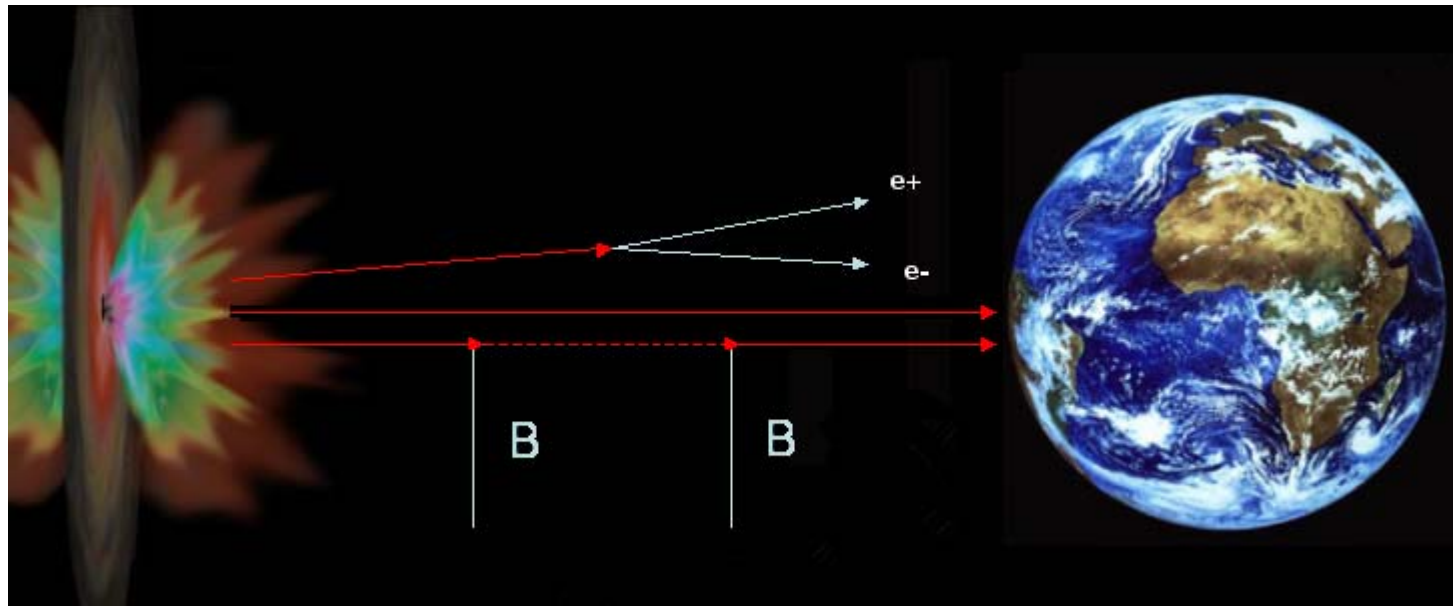
# Interaction with a new light neutral boson?

(AdA, Roncadelli & Mansutti [DARMA],  
arXiv:0707.4312)

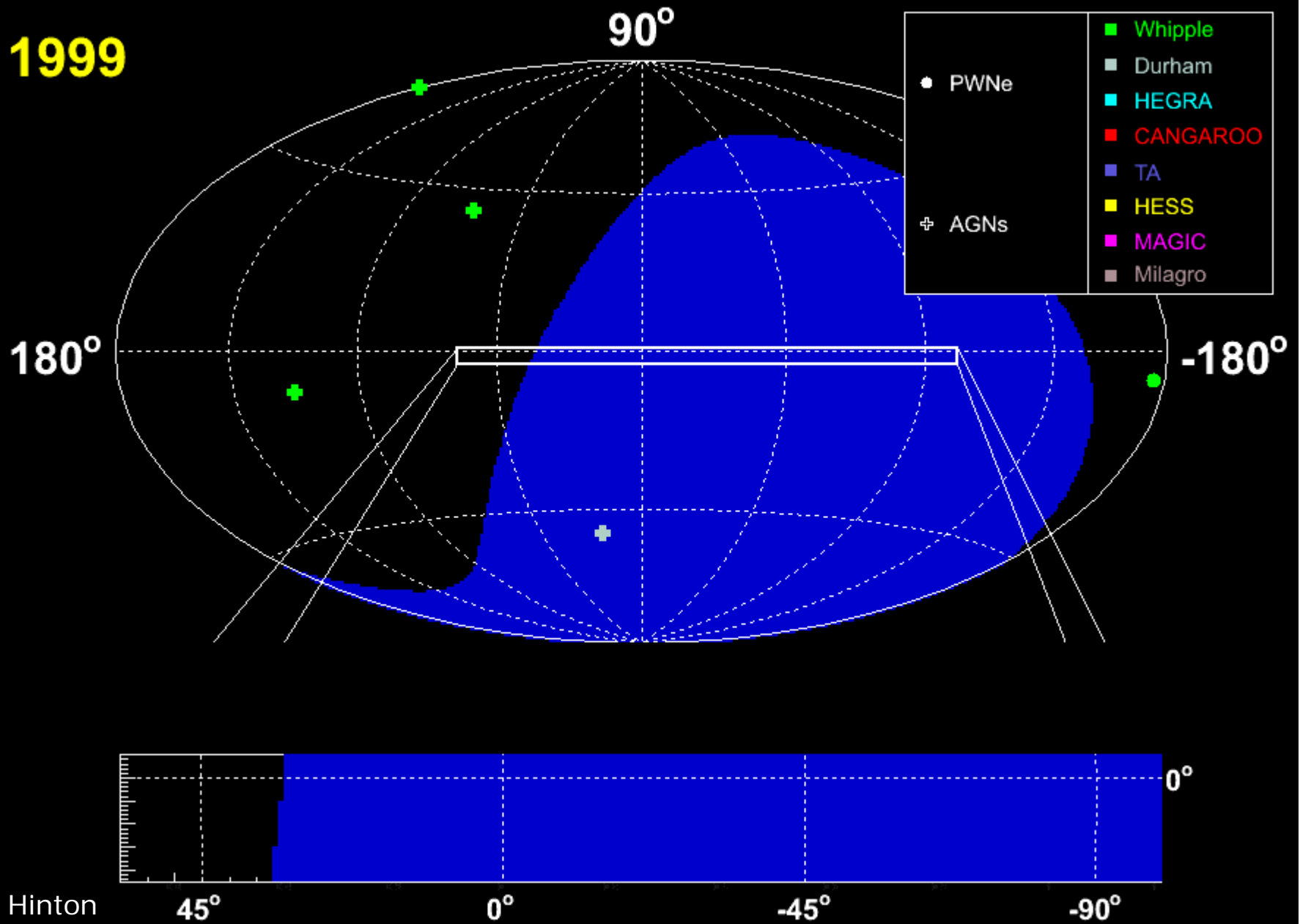
- Photons might oscillate into a neutral (pseudo)scalar particle  $\phi$  of mass  $m$ , which travels unimpeded
- $\phi$  interacting with  $\gamma$  through the Lagrangian

$$L = -\frac{1}{4M} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} \phi = \frac{1}{M} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}) \phi$$

- **If  $m(\phi) \ll 10^{-10}$  eV (1  $\mu$ K) and  $M > 3 \cdot 10^{11}$  GeV the experimental observations are explained!**



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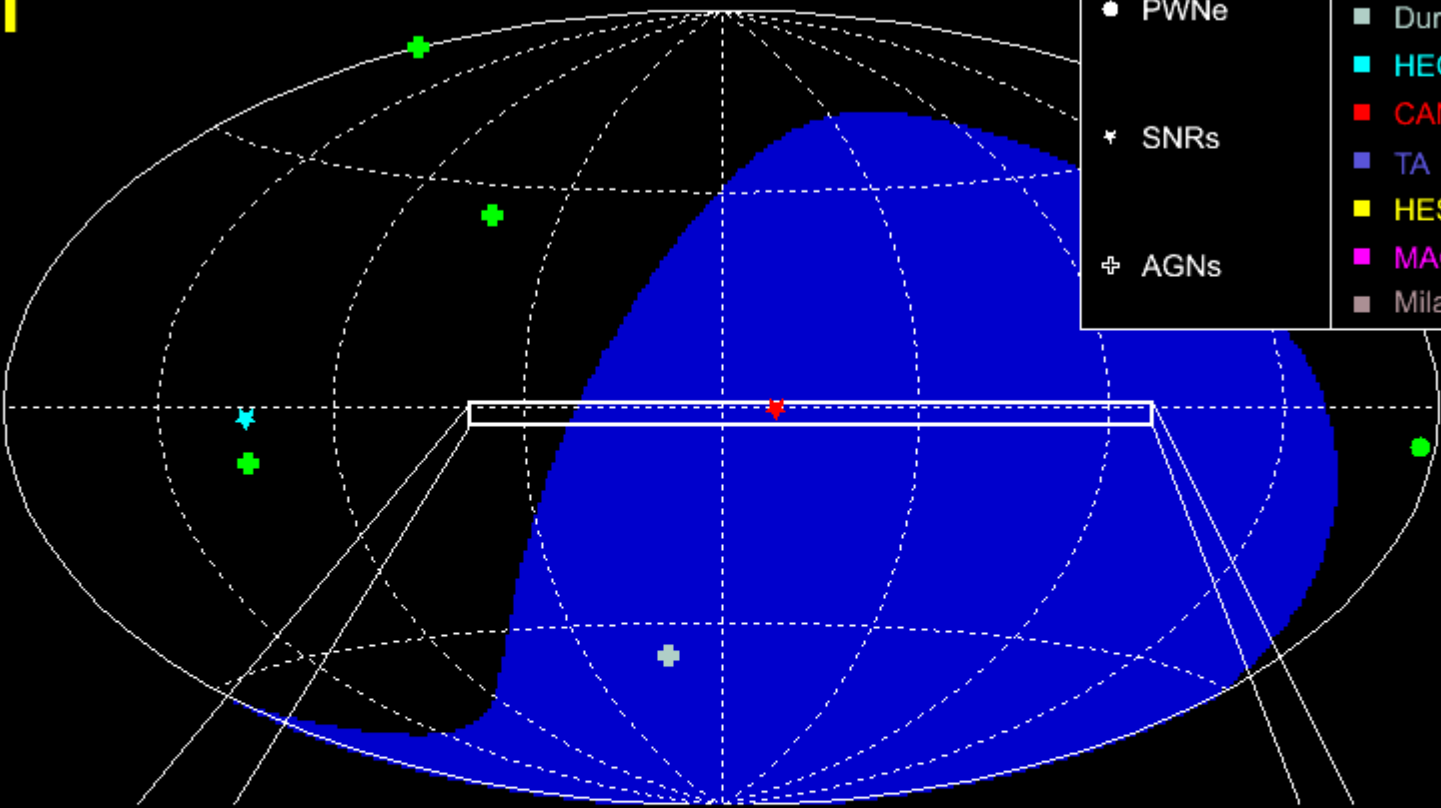


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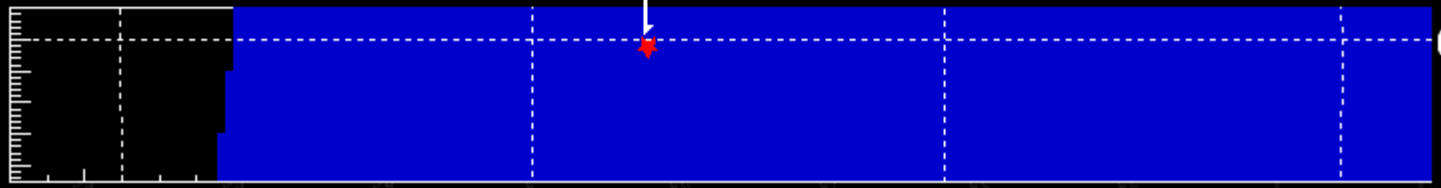
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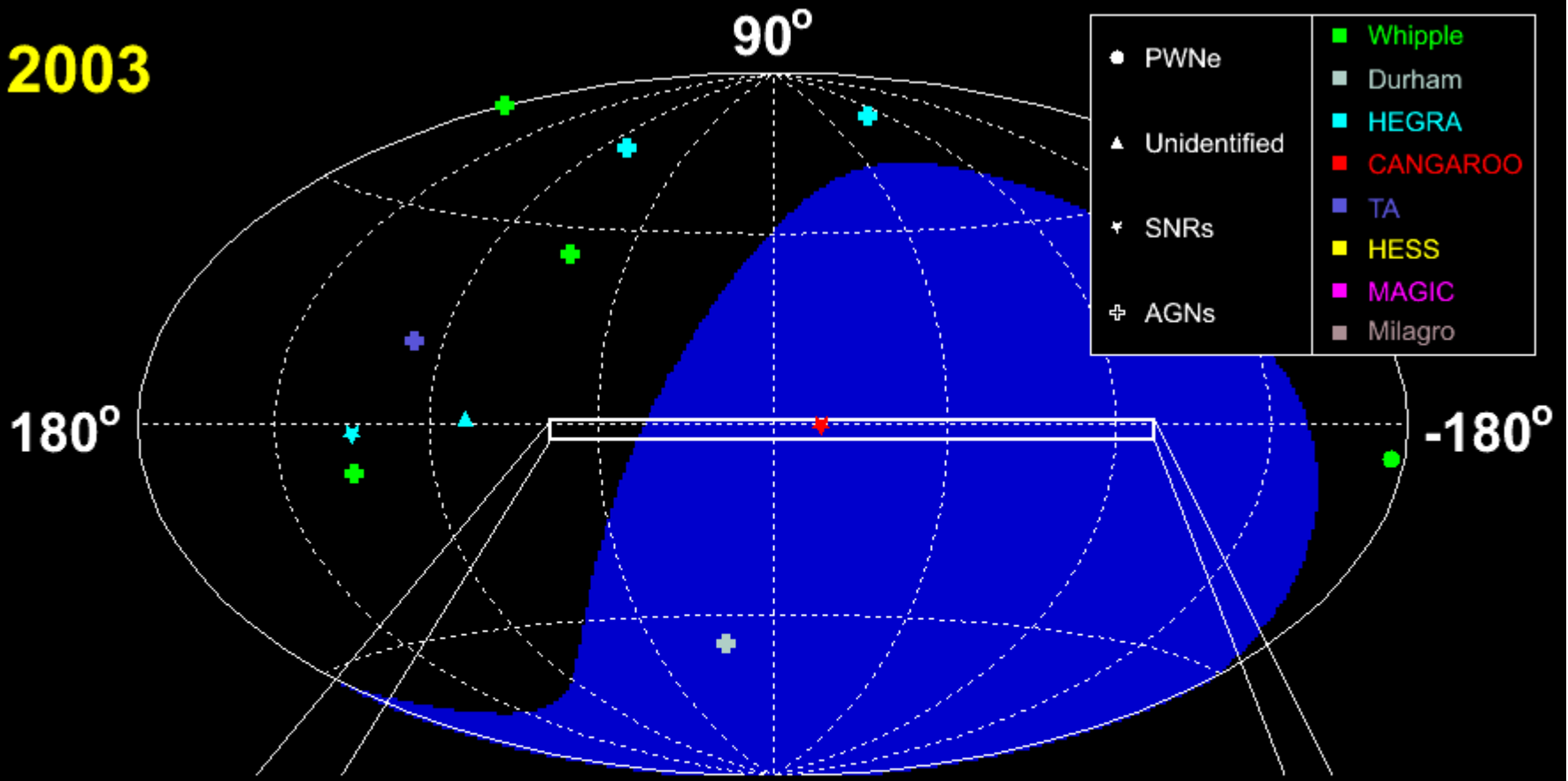
-180°



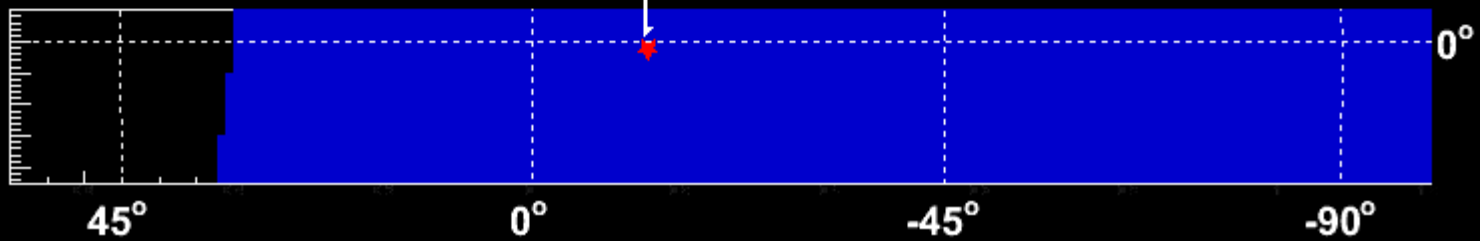
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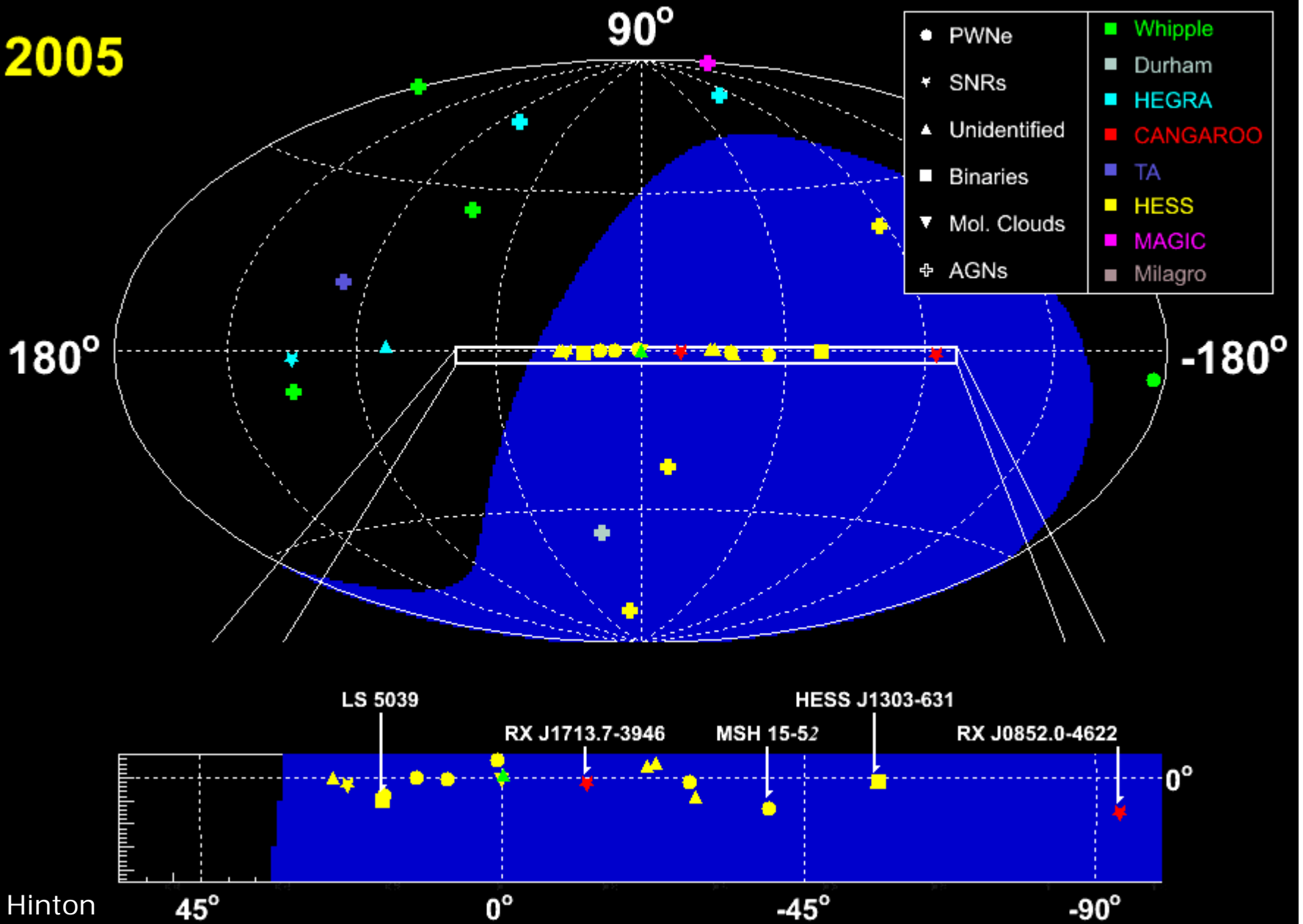
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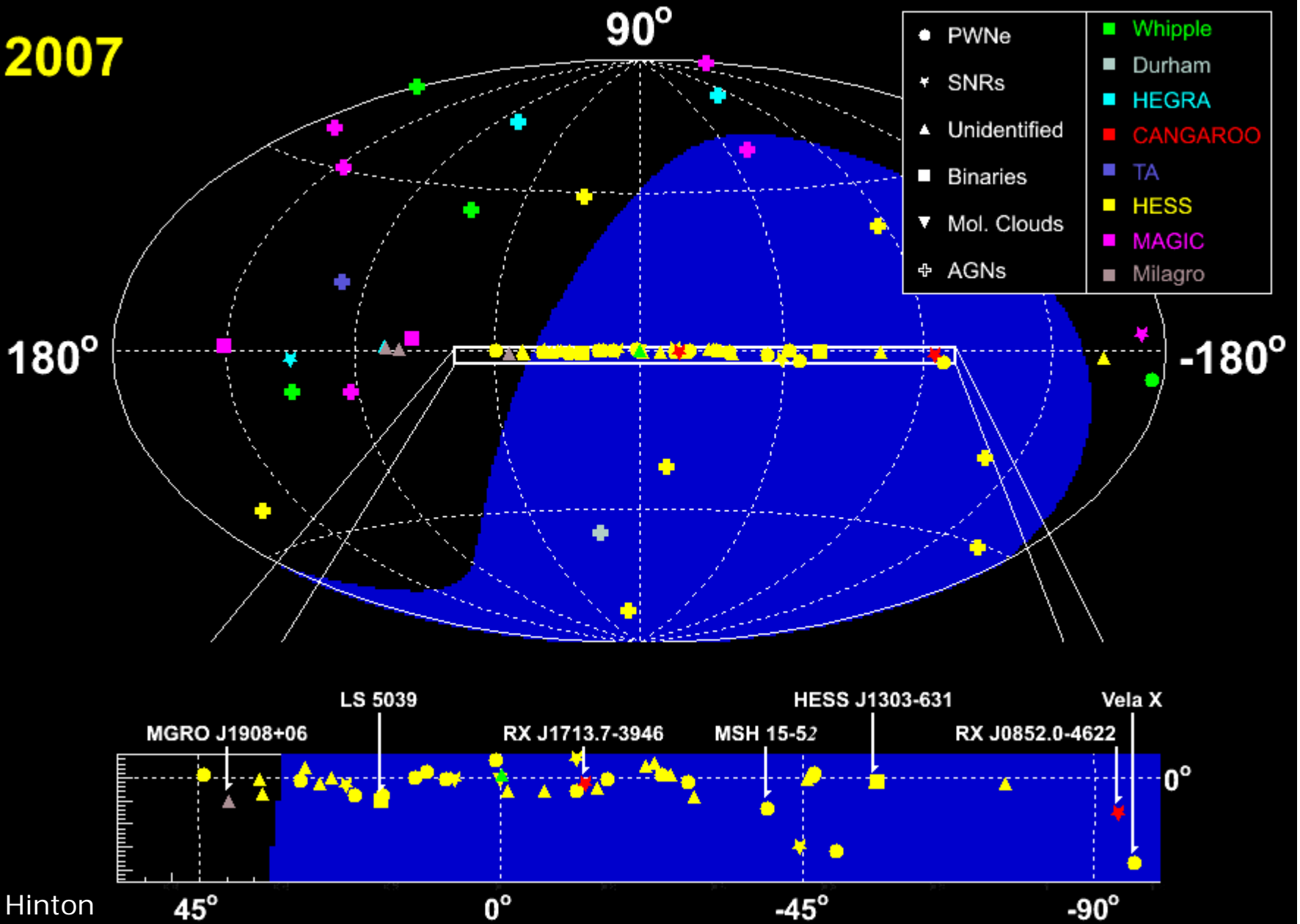
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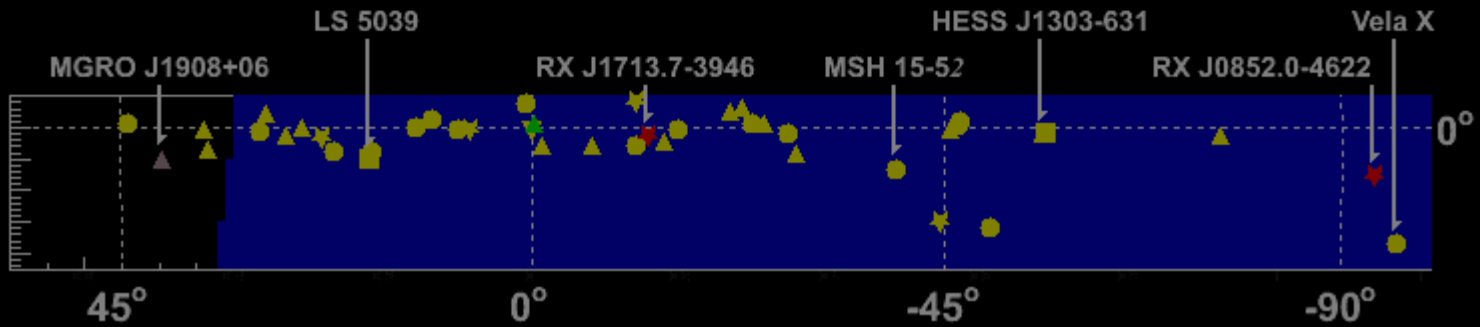
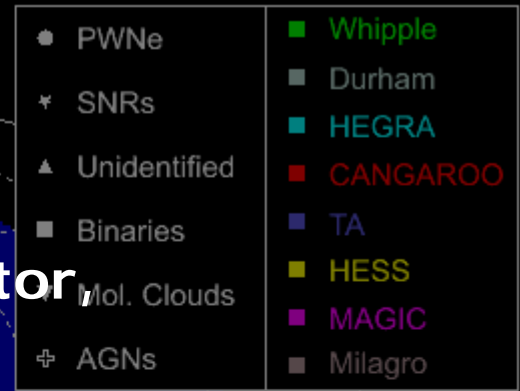


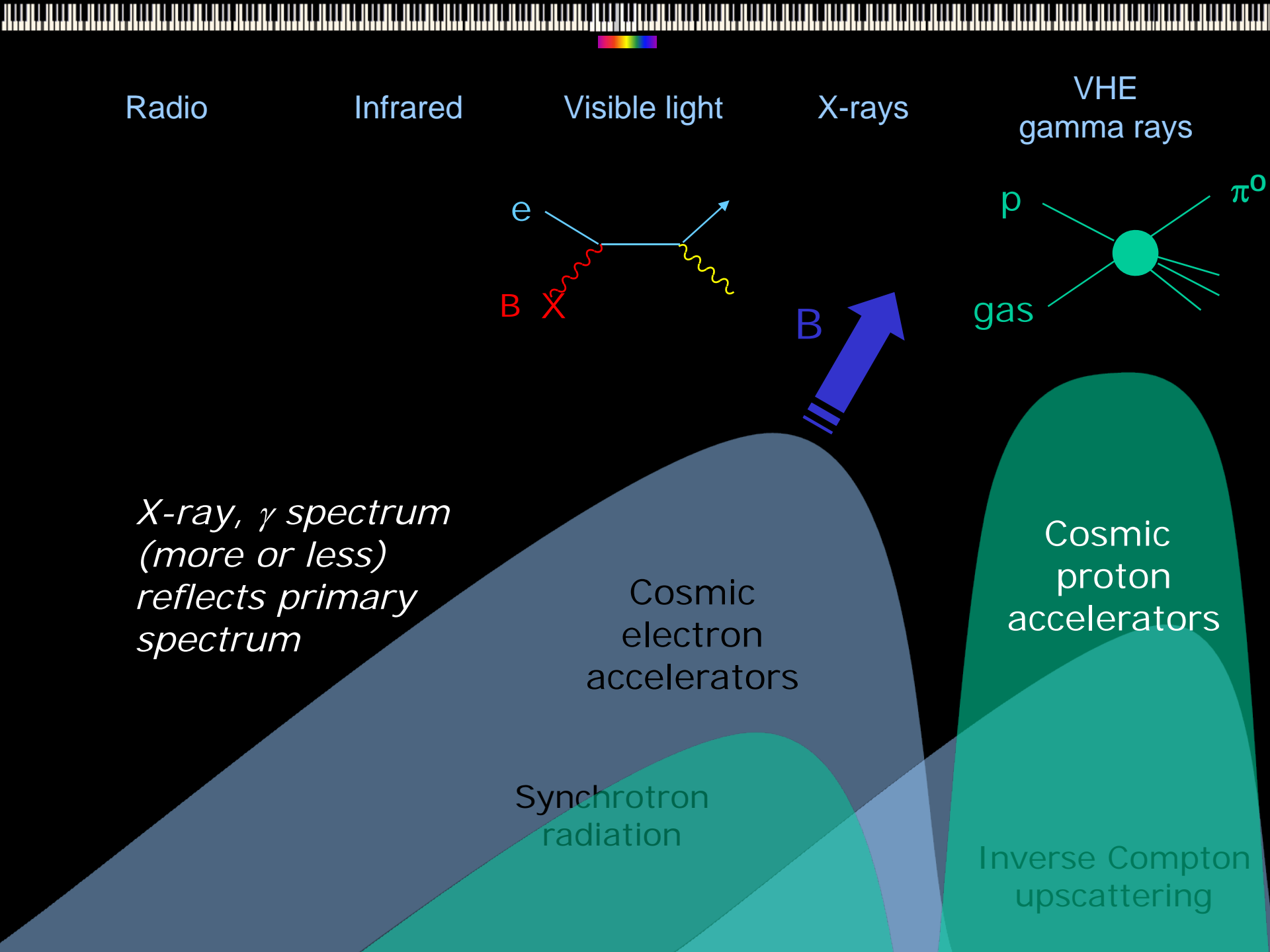
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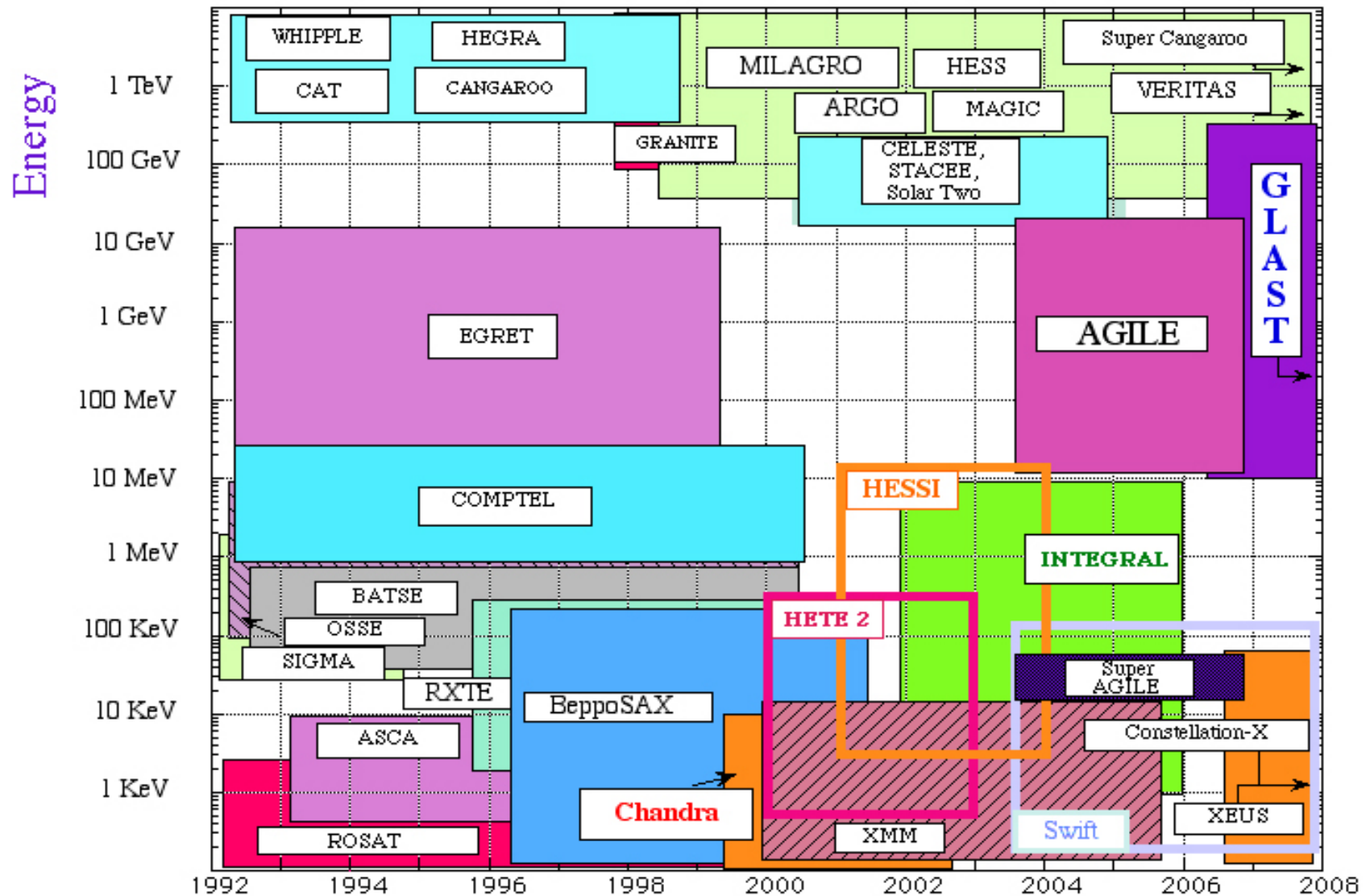
71 VHE sources -  
each a cosmic particle accelerator,  
where gamma rays trace  
primary electrons or nuclei



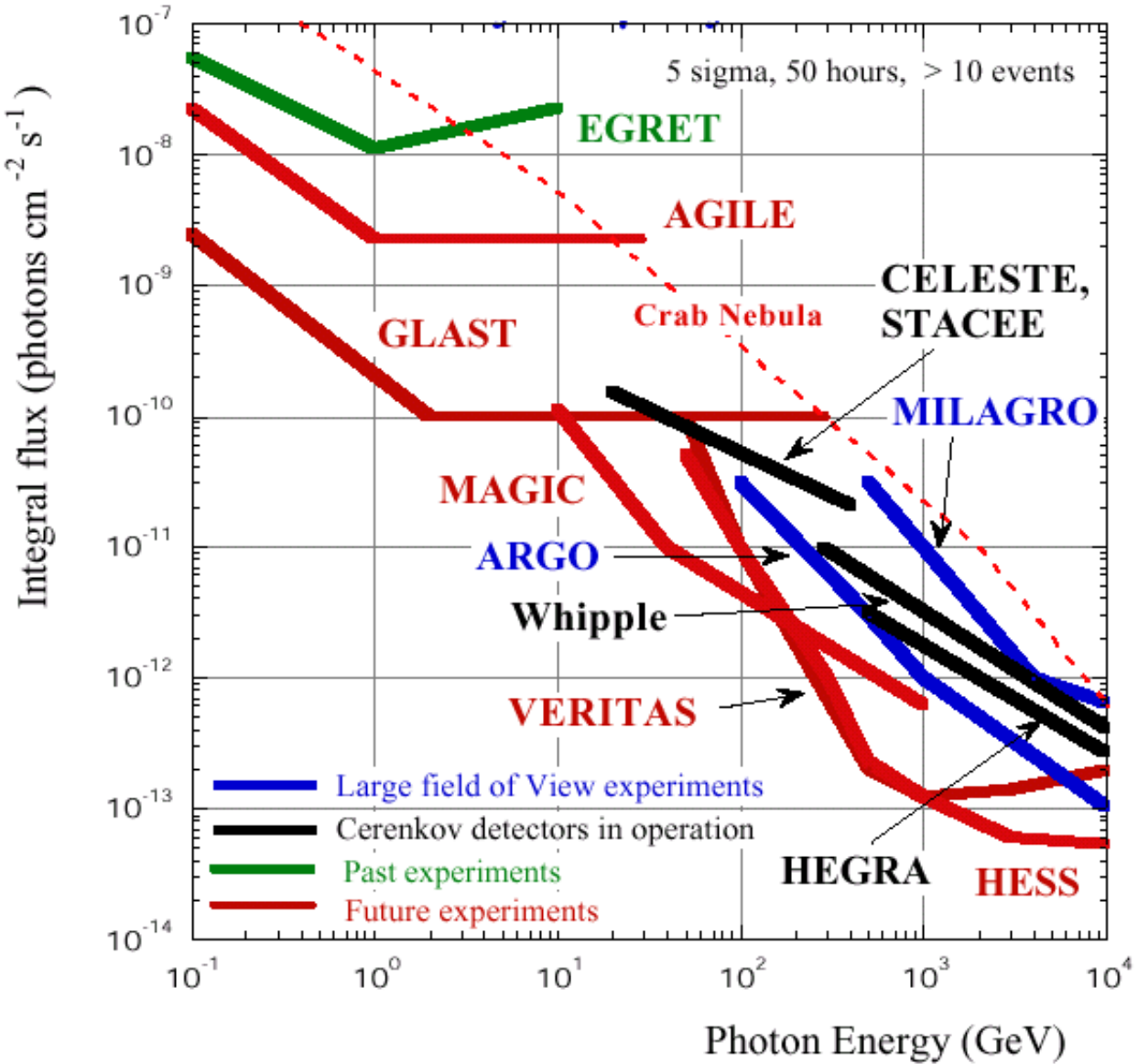




# An armada of detectors at different energy ranges



# Sensitivity



All sensitivities are at  $5\sigma$ .  
 Cerenkov telescopes sensitivities (Veritas, MAGIC, Whipple, HESS, Celeste, Stacee, HEGRA) are for 50 hours of observations.  
 Large field of view detectors sensitivities (AGILE, GLAST, Milagro, ARGO) are for 1 year of observation.

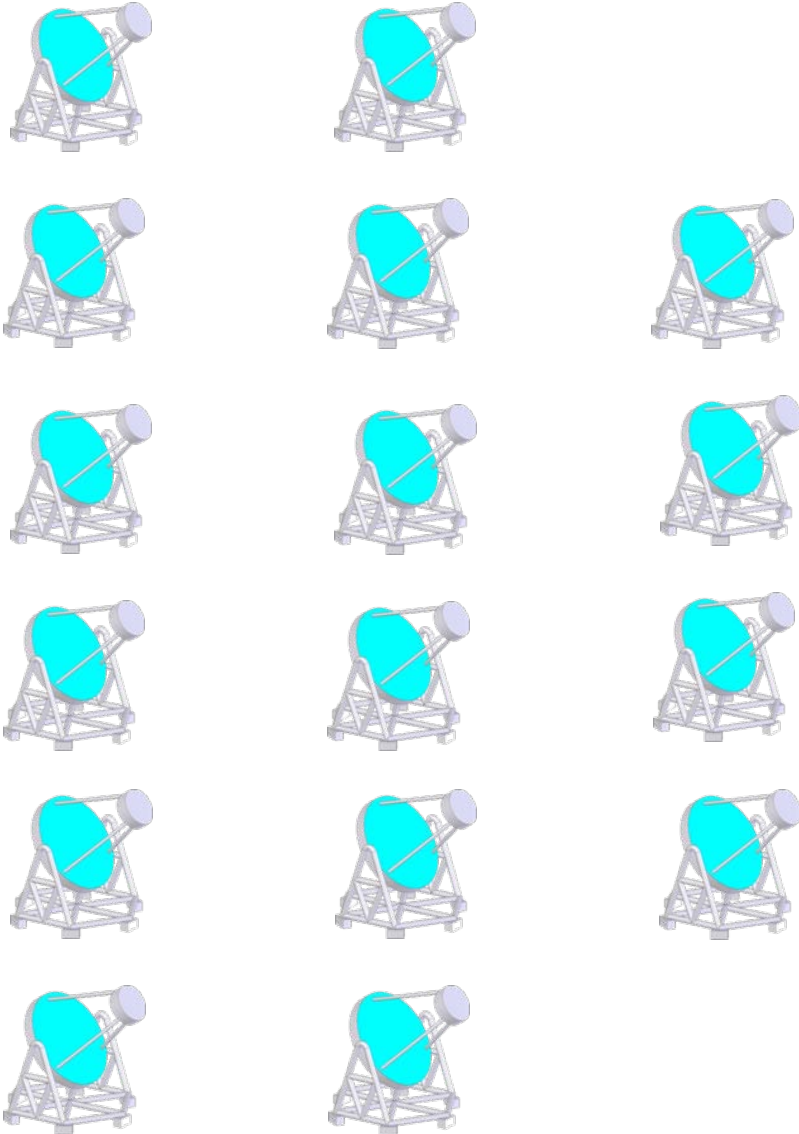
MAGIC sensitivity based on the availability of high efficiency PMT's

# The second MAGIC telescope

News: Electronics, mirrors

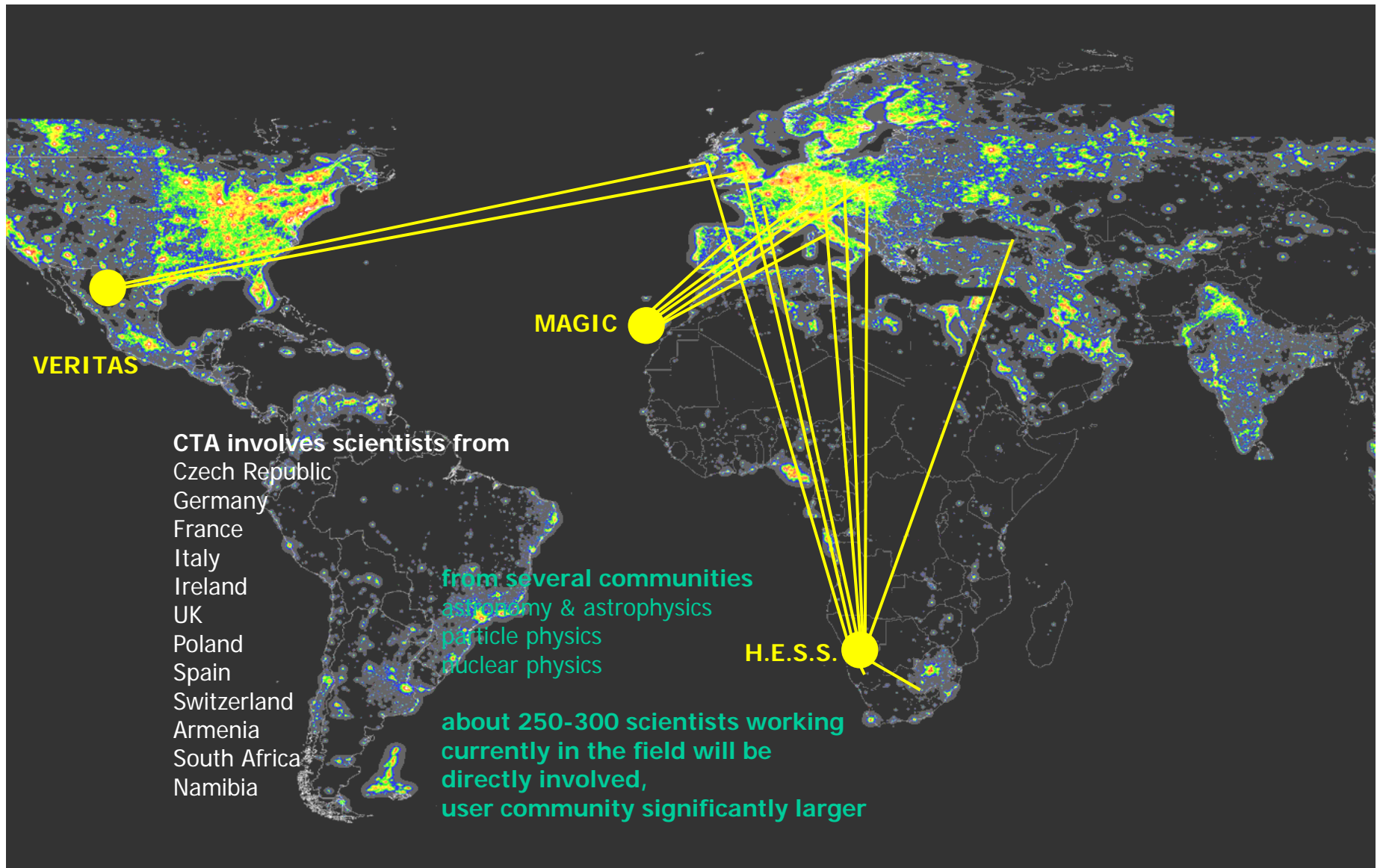


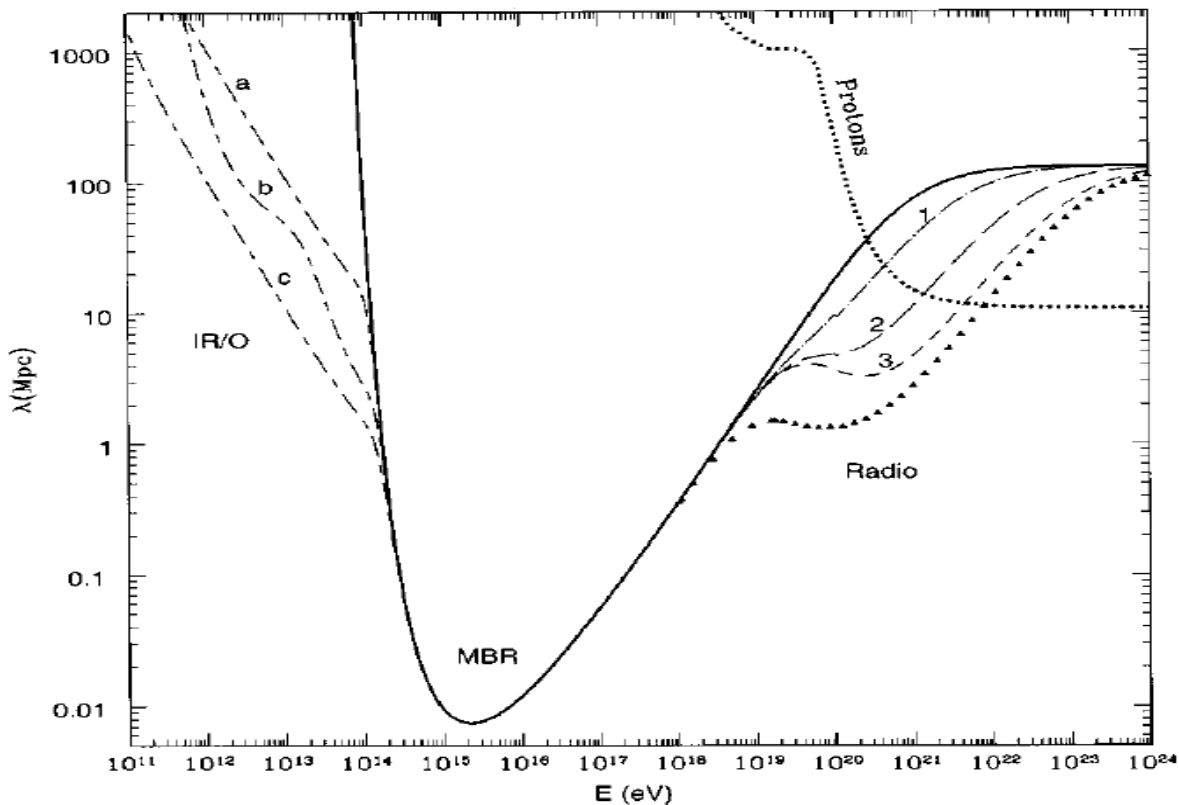
# The Cherenkov Telescope Array facility



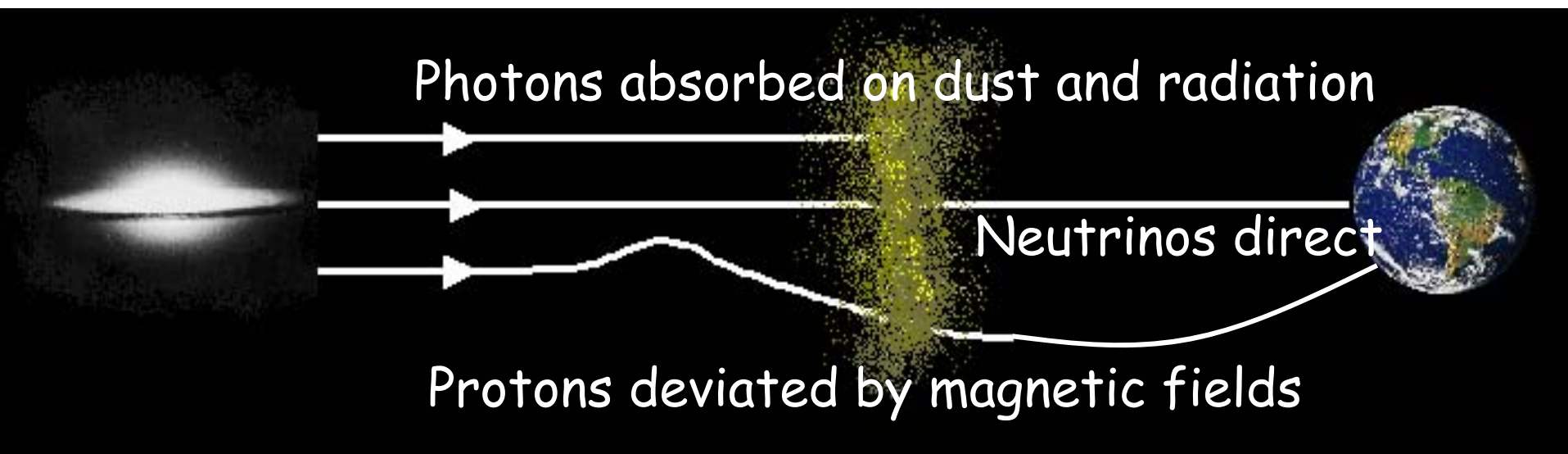
- aims to explore the sky in the 10 GeV to 100 TeV energy range
- builds on demonstrated technologies (?)
- combines guaranteed science with significant discovery potential
- is a cornerstone towards a multi-messenger exploration of the nonthermal universe

# European lead...





In the 100 TeV -  
100 PeV region...



# Neutrino Telescope Projects

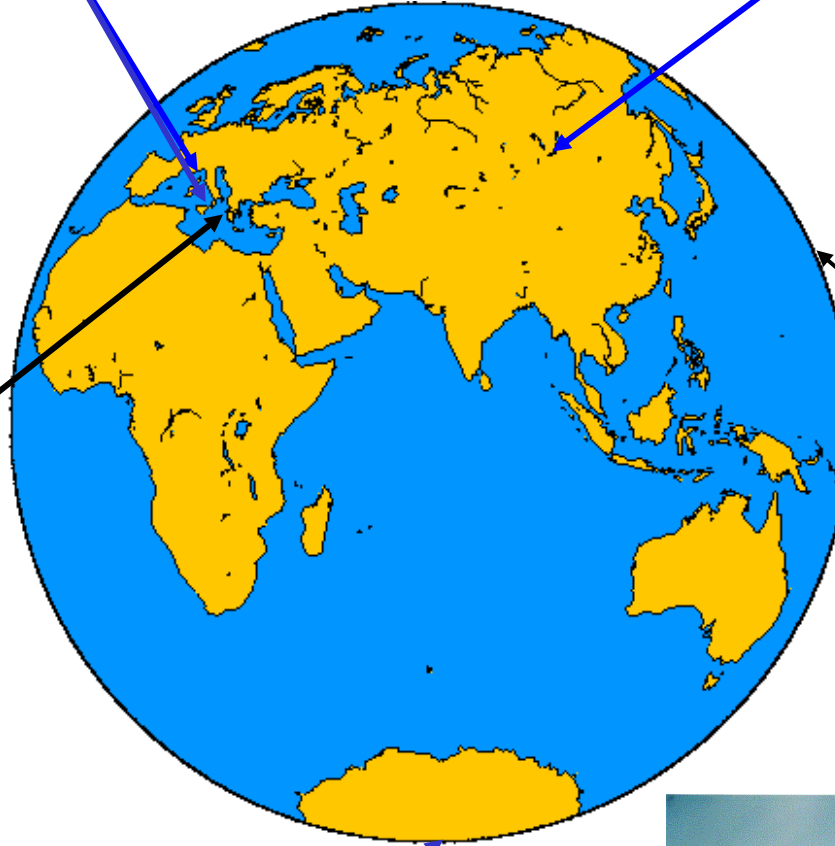
ANTARES La-Seyne-sur-Mer, France  
( NEMO Catania, Italy )



BAIKAL: Lake Baikal, Siberia



NESTOR : Pylos, Greece



DUMAND, Hawaii  
(cancelled 1995)

AMANDA, South Pole, Antarctica



# AMANDA-ICECUBE

## South Pole: glacial ice

1993 First strings AMANDA A

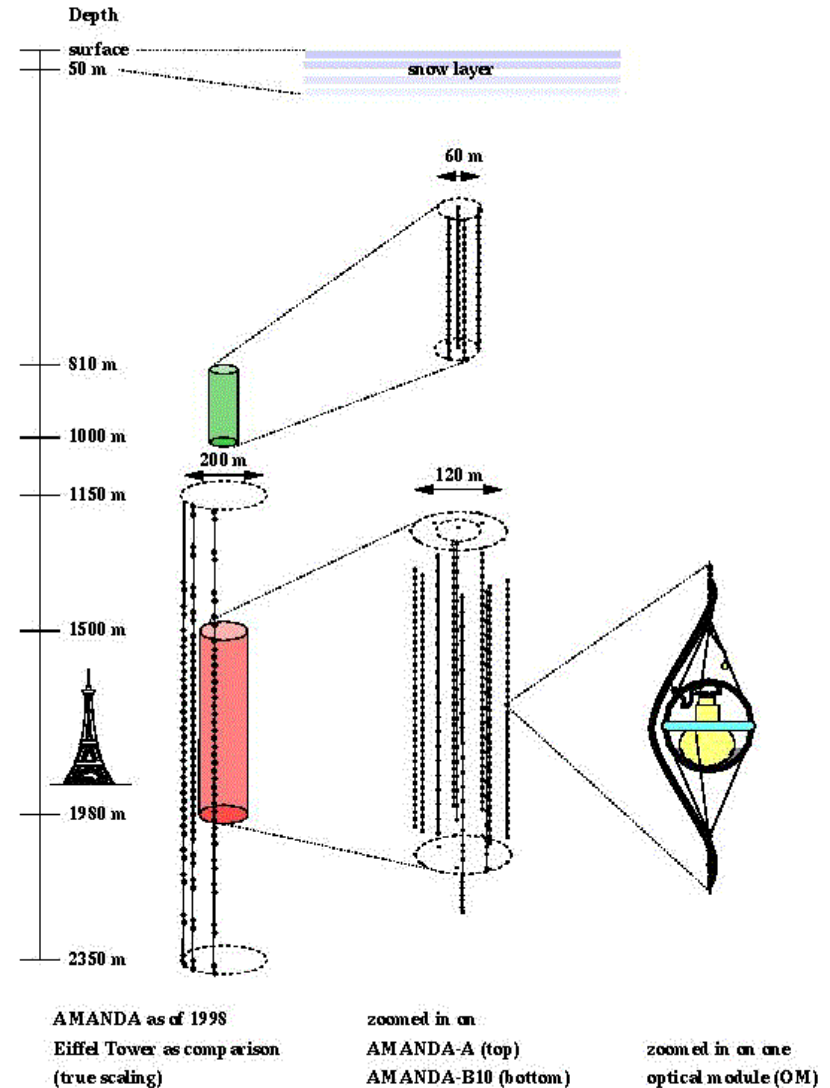
1998 AMANDA B10 ~ 300 Optical Modules

2000 ~ 700 Optical Modules

→ ICECUBE 8000 Optical Modules



AMANDA  
 $\nu > 50\text{GeV}$



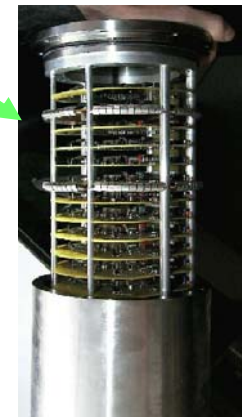
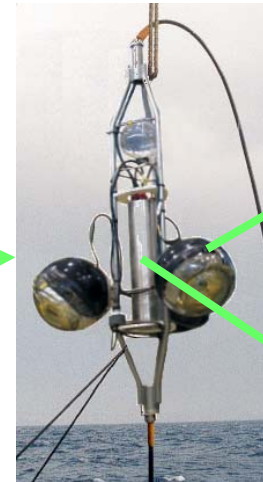
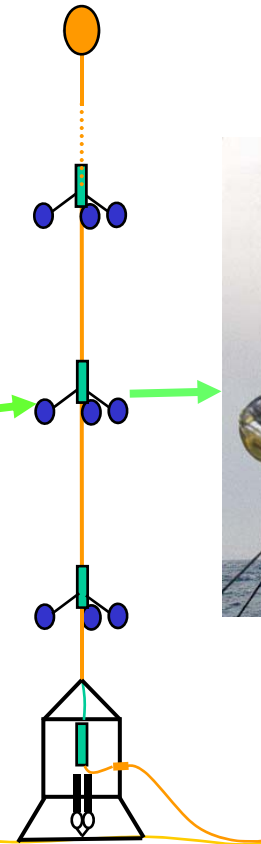
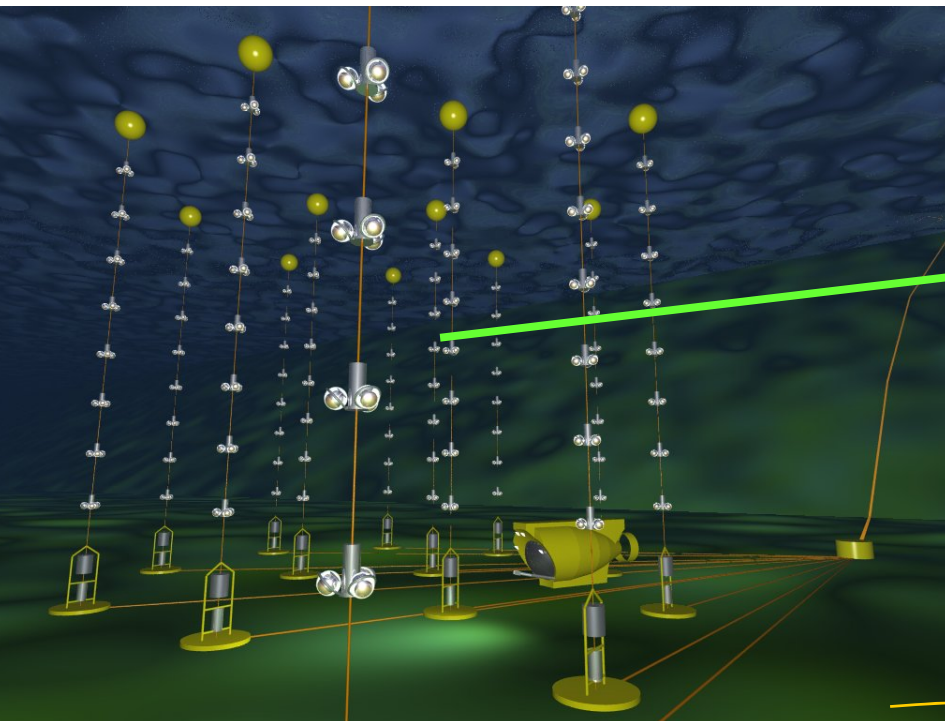


# Future in $\nu$ telescopes: ANTARES



1996	Started
1996 - 2000	Site exploration and demonstrator line
2001 - 2004	Construction of 10 line detector, area $\sim 0.1\text{km}^2$ on Toulon site
future	1 $\text{km}^3$ in Mediterranean

Angular resolution  $< 0.4^\circ$  for  $E > 10 \text{ TeV}$



# To know more...

- Not to ingenerate confusion, just a book
  - It's swedish, and it connects well to Martin & Shaw:  
Bengström & Goobar, Cosmology and Particle Astrophysics, Wiley
- But careful: the field is in fast evolution...  
So if you are interested, talk to a teach' (to me if you pass by) and have a chat about a school