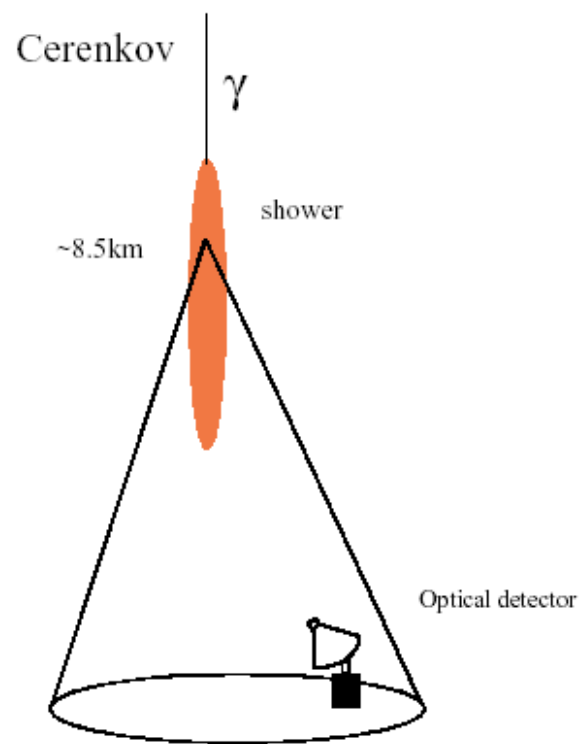


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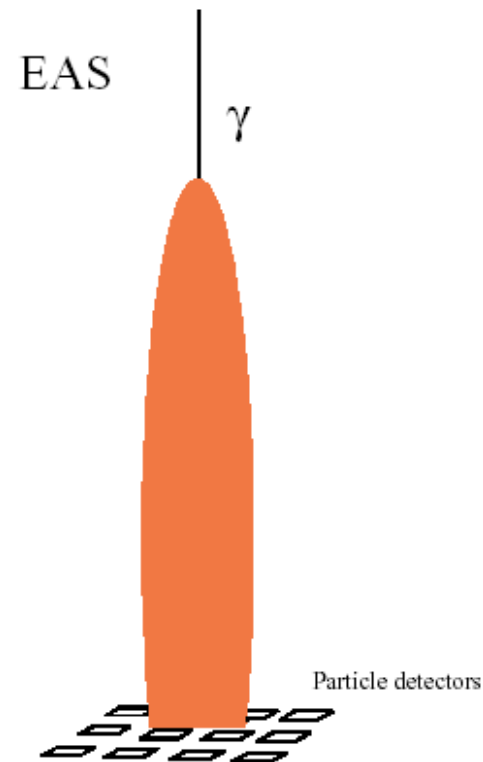
## TeV Astrophysics – III

# TeV detectors

Cerenkov and Extensive air shower (EAS) gamma ray telescope concepts



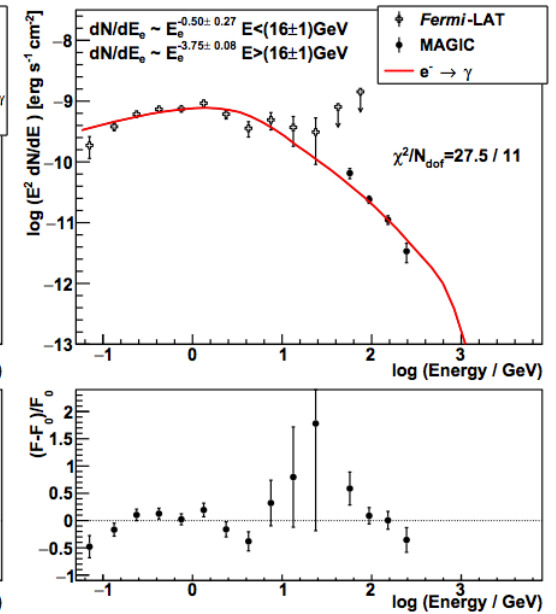
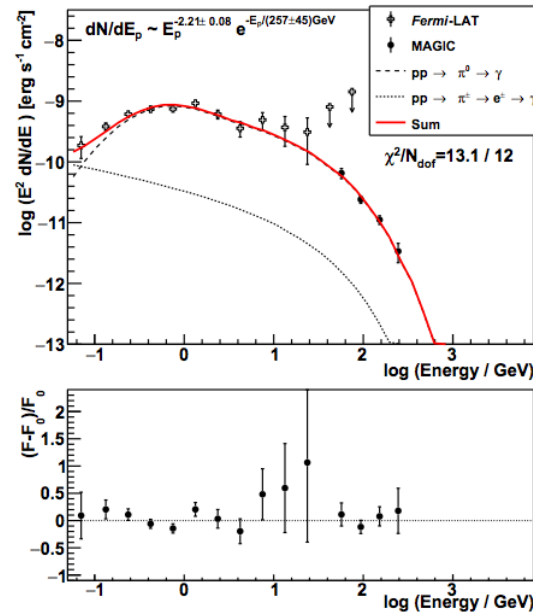
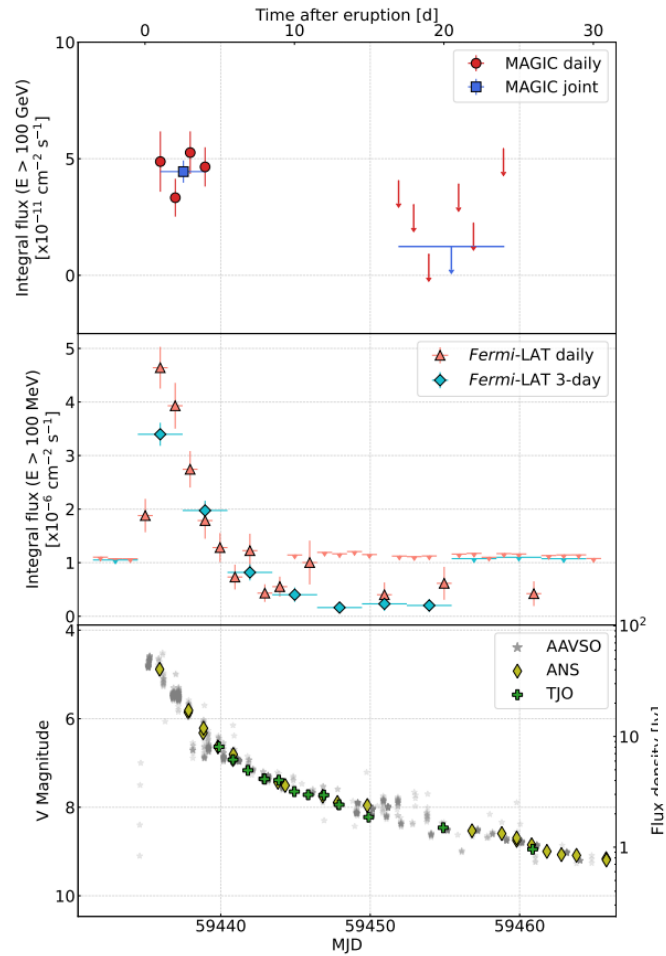
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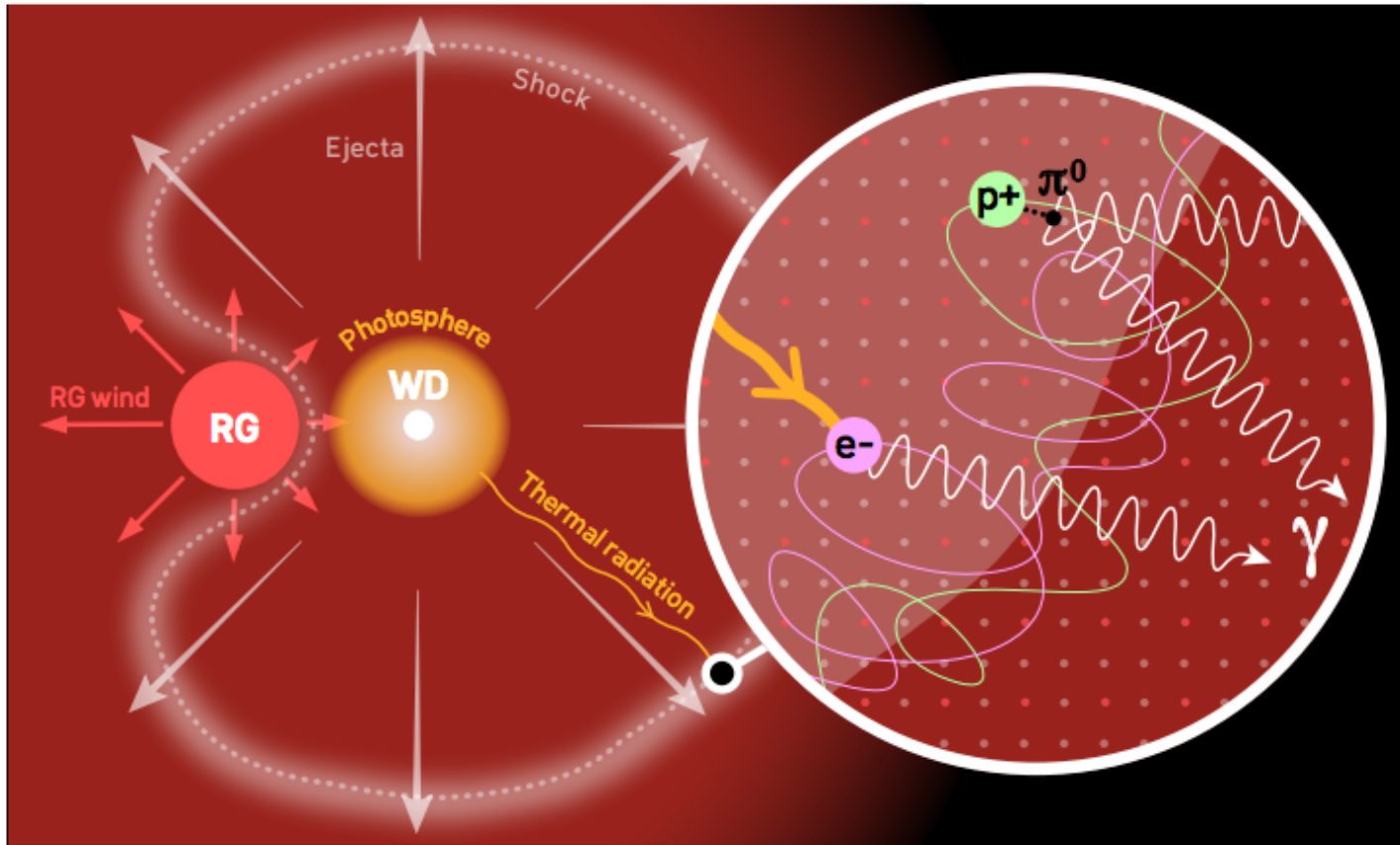
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## VHE Galactic Sources

# Nova in VHE gamma-rays



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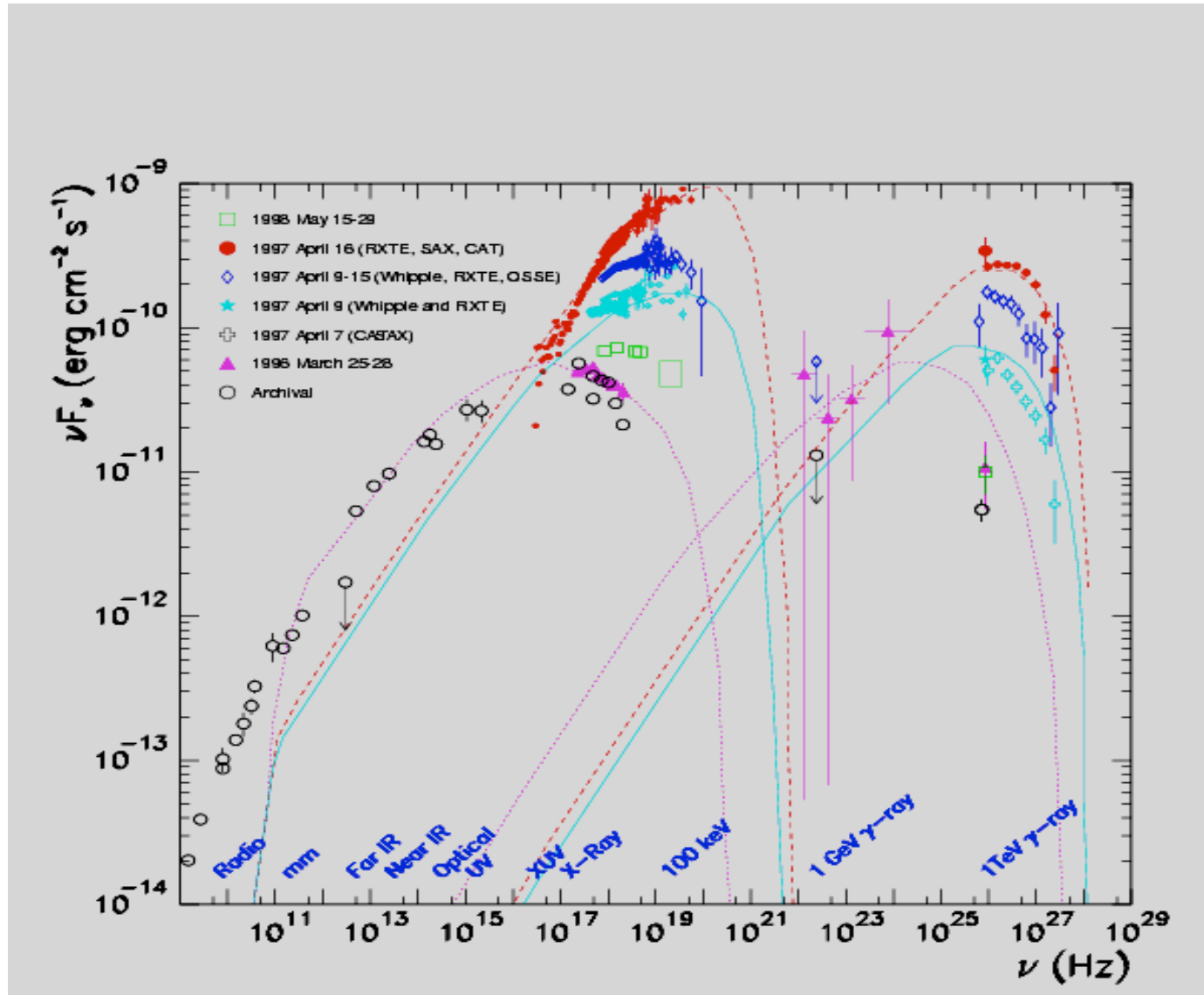


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# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## VHE Extra Galactic Sources

# Active Galactic Nuclei

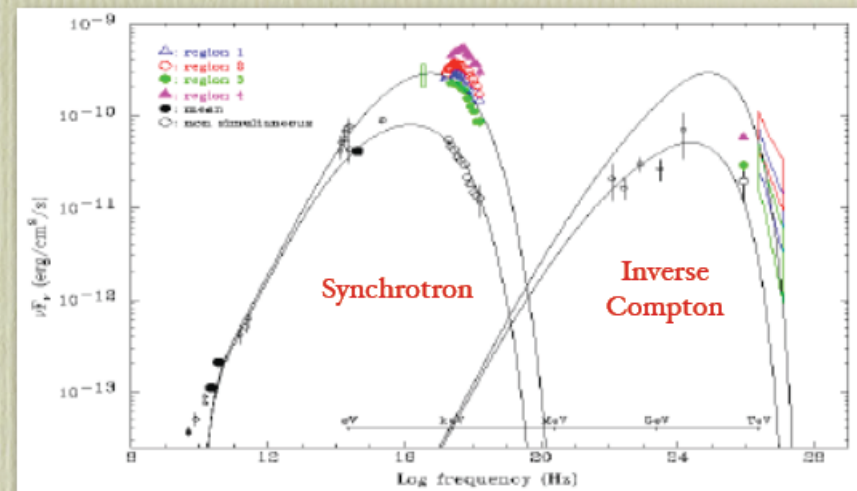


# $\gamma$ -ray Astronomy and Cosmic Rays

- Search for the sources of Cosmic Rays
- Investigate acceleration mechanisms
- $\gamma$ -rays can be traced back to the origin

## Spectral Energy Distribution (SED)

- characteristic **two-peak** structure
- competing **leptonic** and **hadronic** acceleration models.



## Hadron acceleration

proton-proton interaction  
 $p^+ (\text{TeV}) + \text{matter} \rightarrow \pi^0 \dots \rightarrow \gamma \gamma (\text{GeV})$

photo-hadron interaction  
 $p^+ (\text{TeV}) + \gamma (\text{eV}) \rightarrow \pi^0 \dots \rightarrow \gamma \gamma (\text{GeV})$

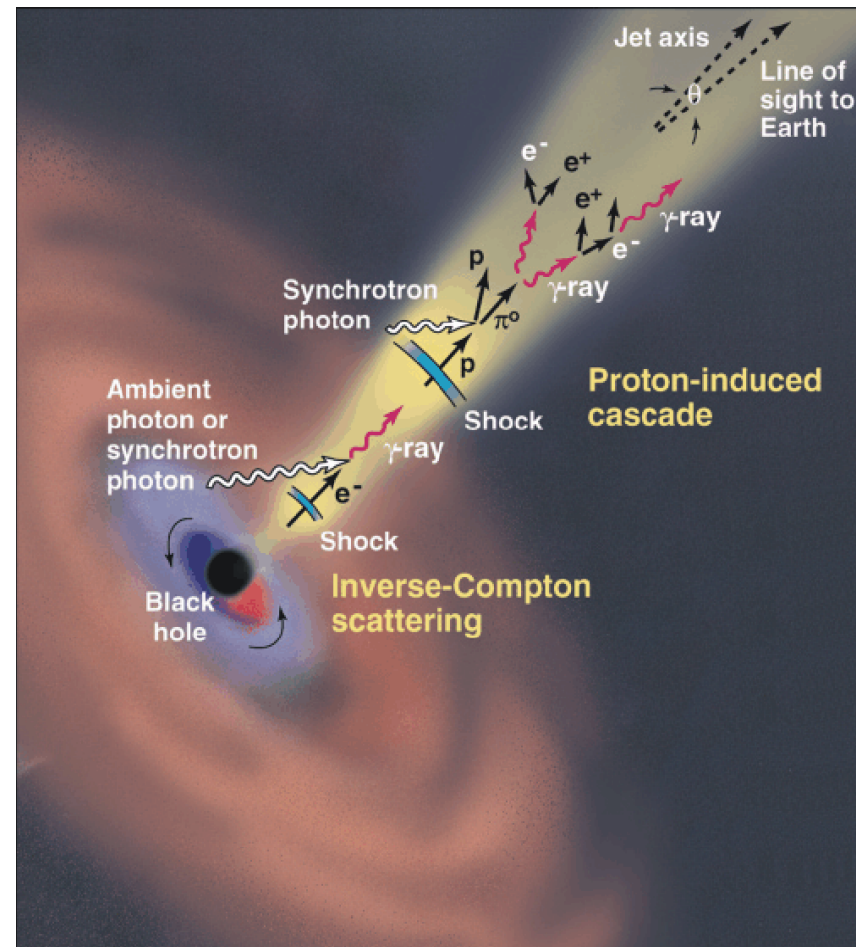
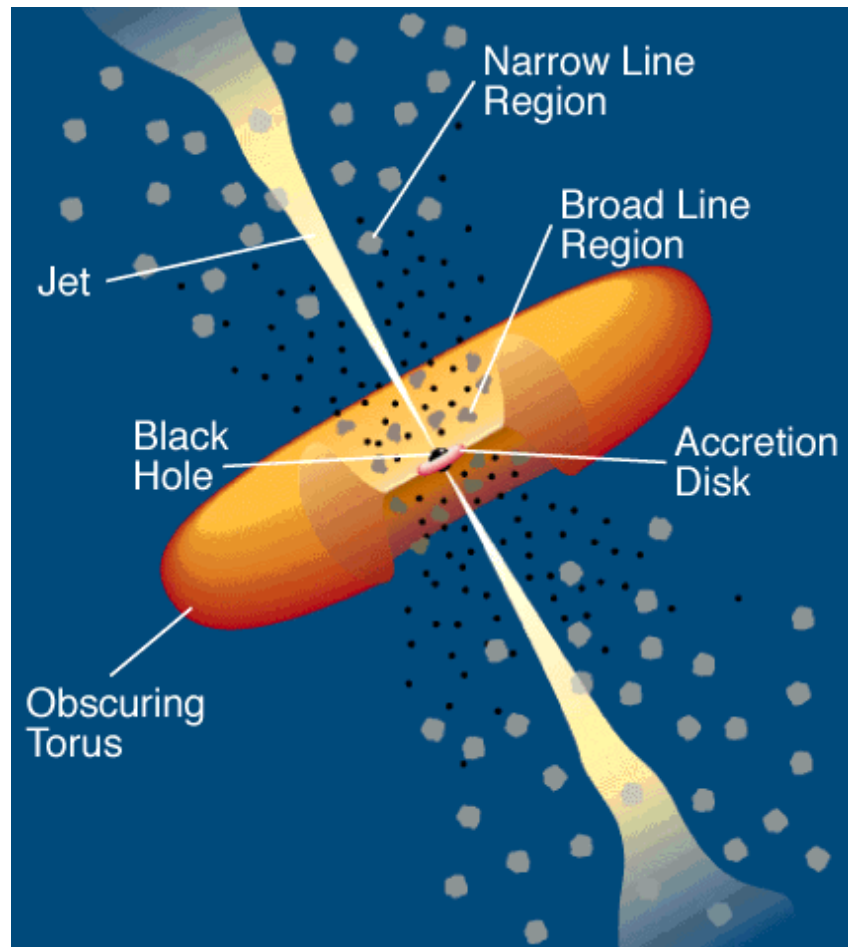
## Electron acceleration

Synchrotron Radiation  
 $e^- + B \rightarrow e^- + \gamma (\text{eV-keV})$

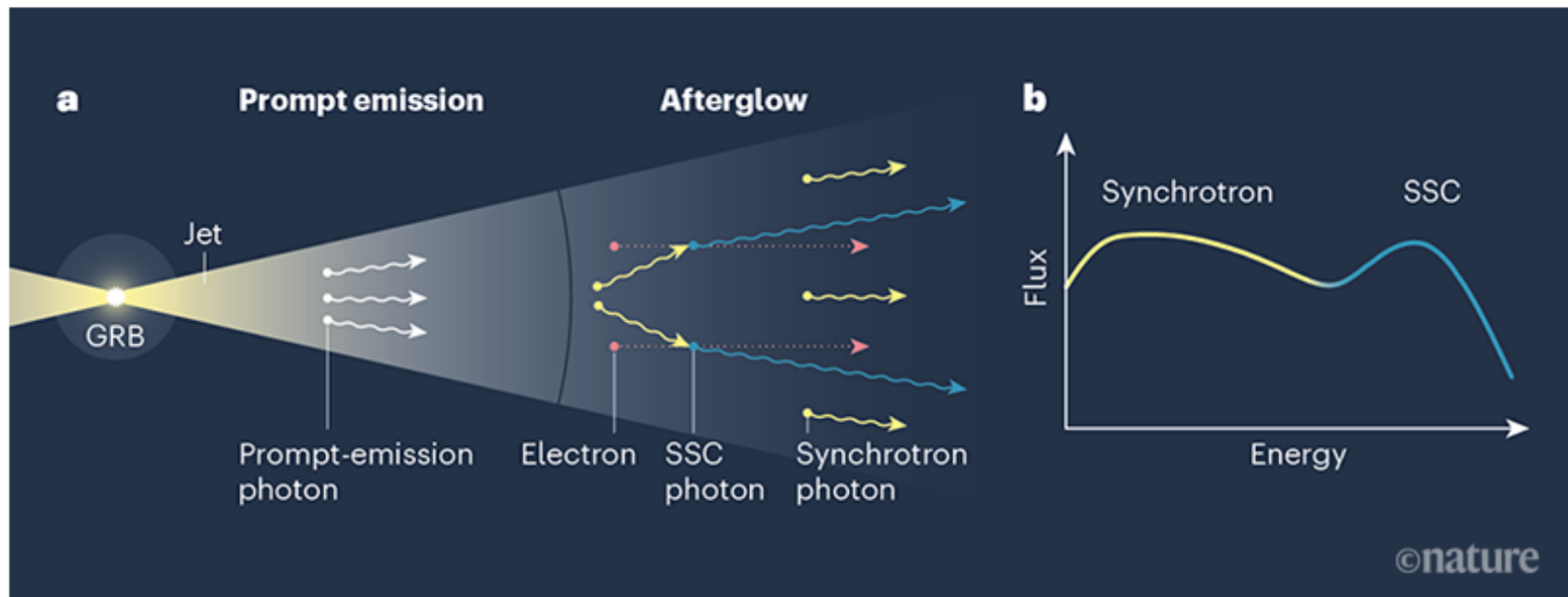
Inverse Compton Scattering  
 $e^- (\text{GeV}) + \gamma (\text{eV}) \rightarrow e^- + \gamma (\text{GeV})$



# AGN model



# MAGIC & HESS detection of GRBs



Zhang B., Nature News & Views (20/11/2019)

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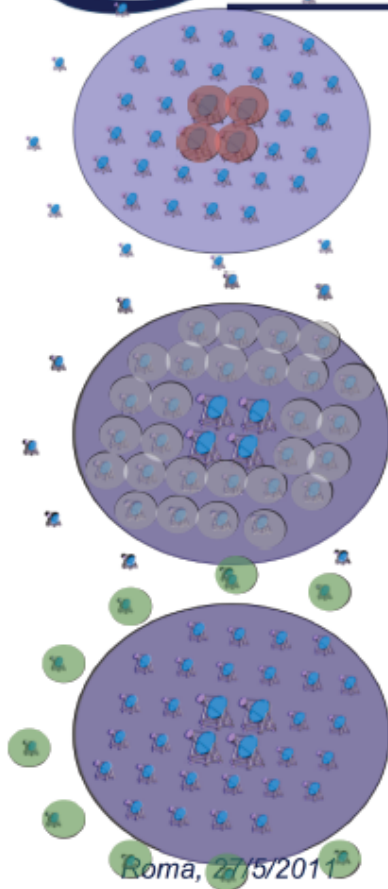
## Future detectors



# CTA

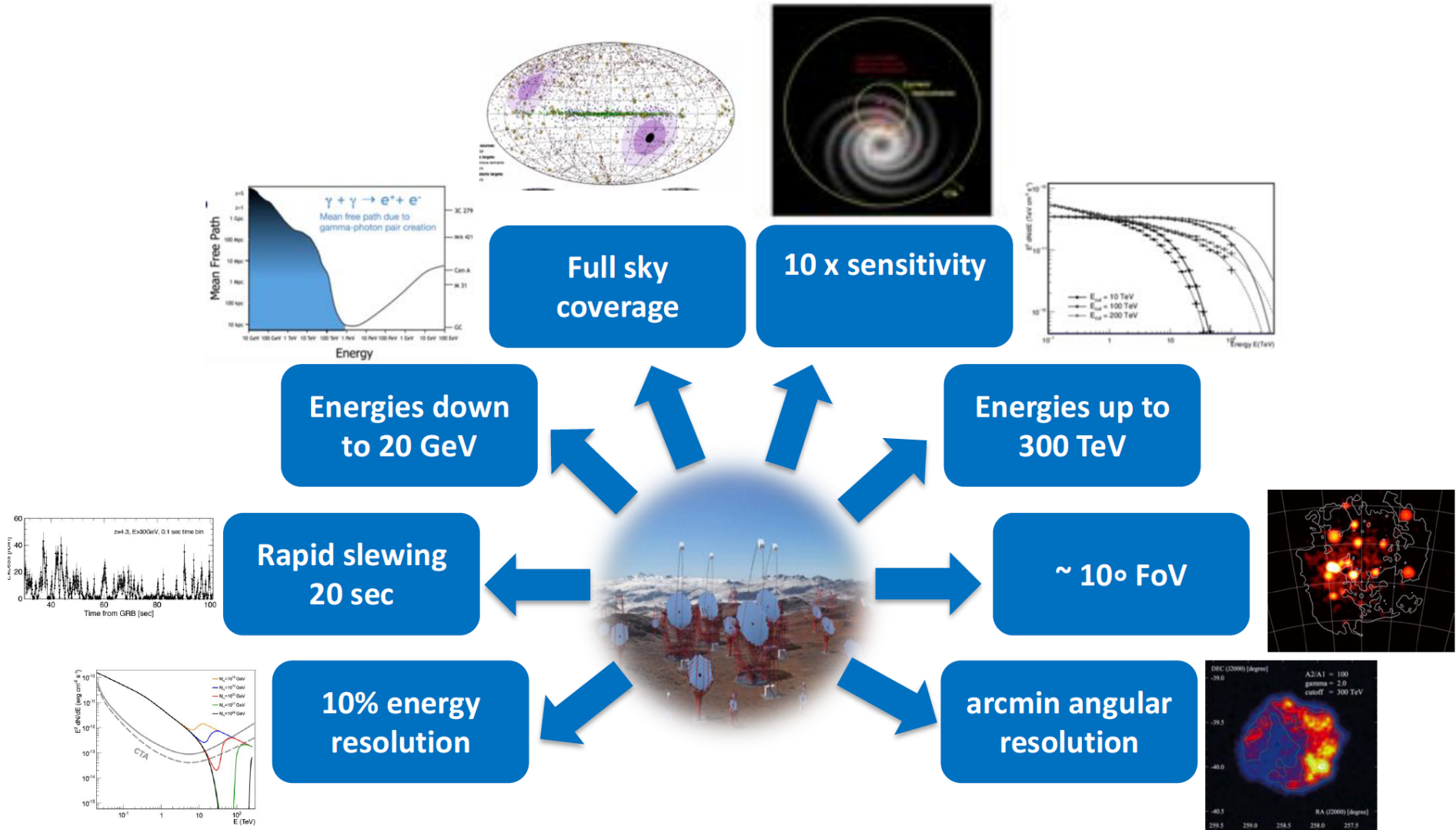


## CTA concept

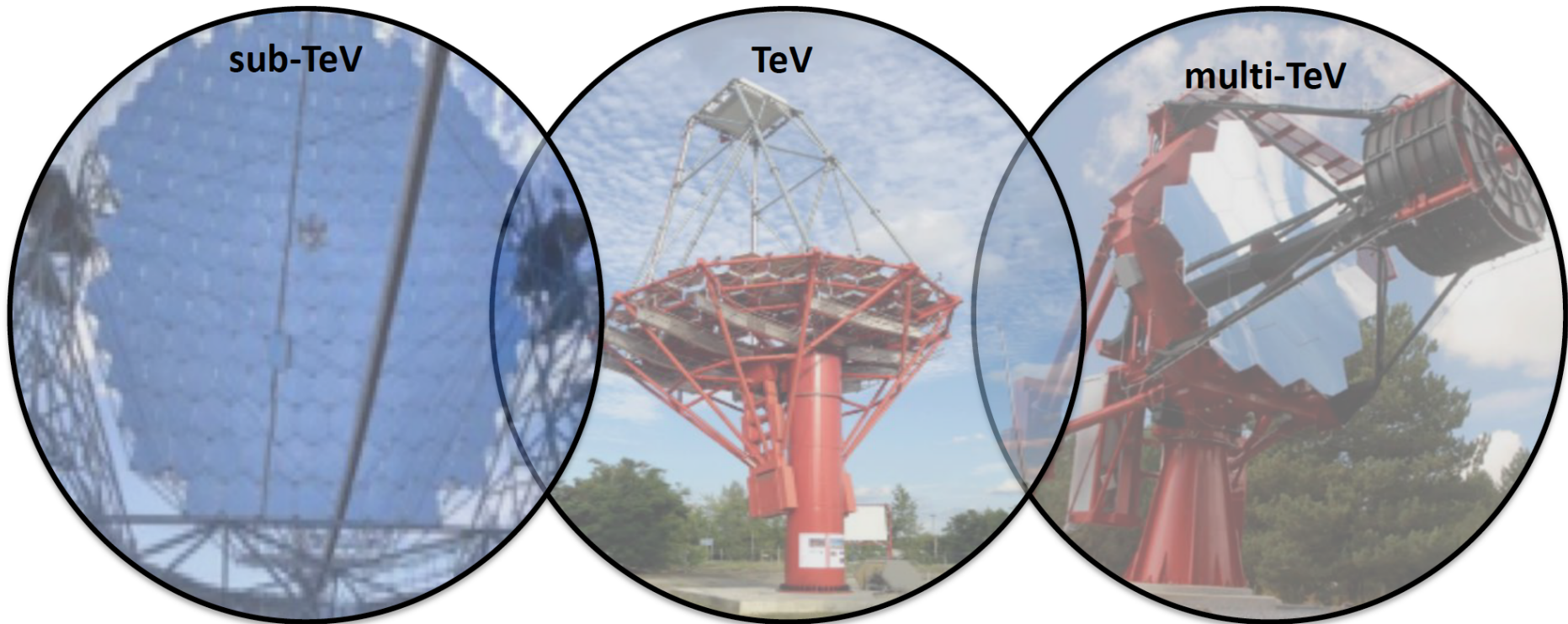


- Few **Large Size Telescopes** should catch the sub-100 GeV photons
  - Large reflective area
  - Parabolic profiles to maintain time-stamp
  - Contained FOV
- Several **Medium Size Telescopes** perform 100 GeV-50 TeV observation
  - well-proven techniques (HESS, MAGIC)
  - goal is to reduce costs and maintenance
  - core of the array
  - act as VETO for LSTs
- Several **Small Size Telescopes** perform ultra-50 TeV observation
  - challenging design
  - Large field-of-view ( $8^\circ$ )
  - New camera technology

# Design drivers



# Science cases and design

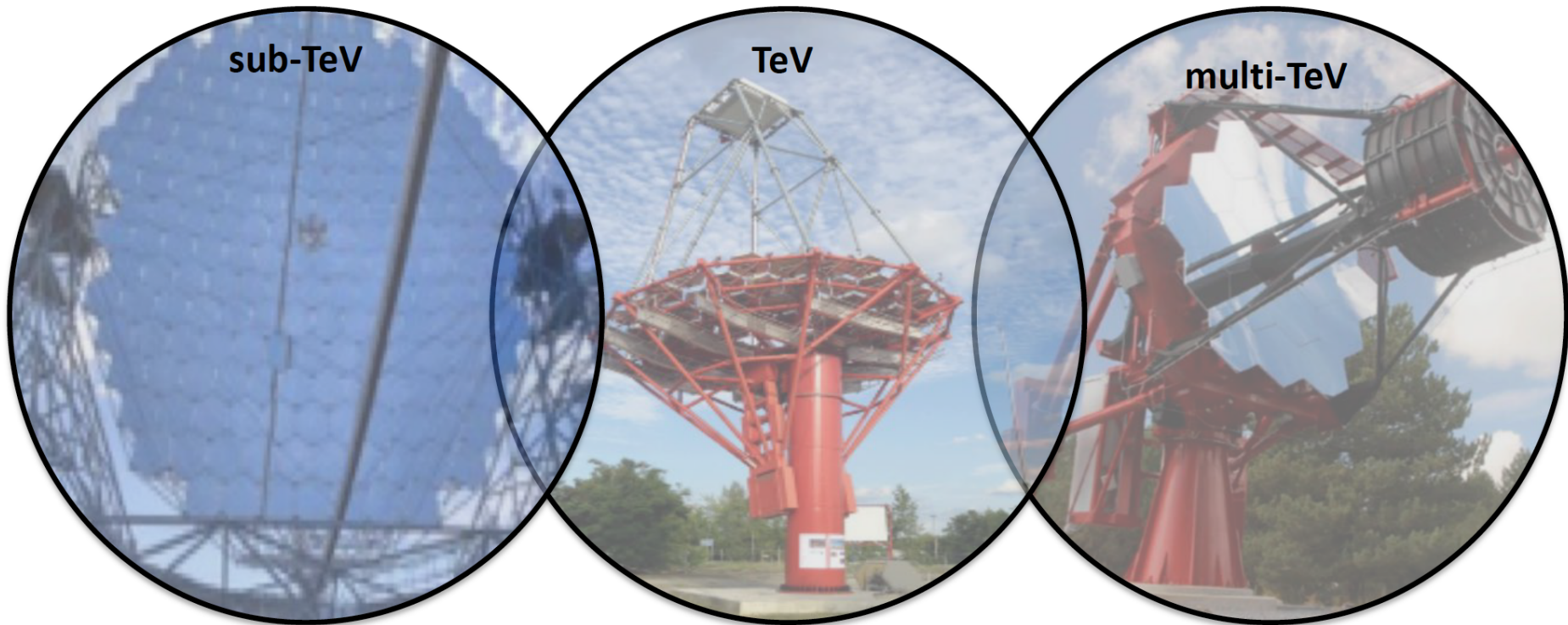


- Parabolic optical design
- 23 m mirror diameter
- PMT camera

- Davies-Cotton optical design
- 12 m mirror diameter
- PMT camera

- Schwarzschild-Couder optical design
- 4 m dual mirror
- SiPM T camera

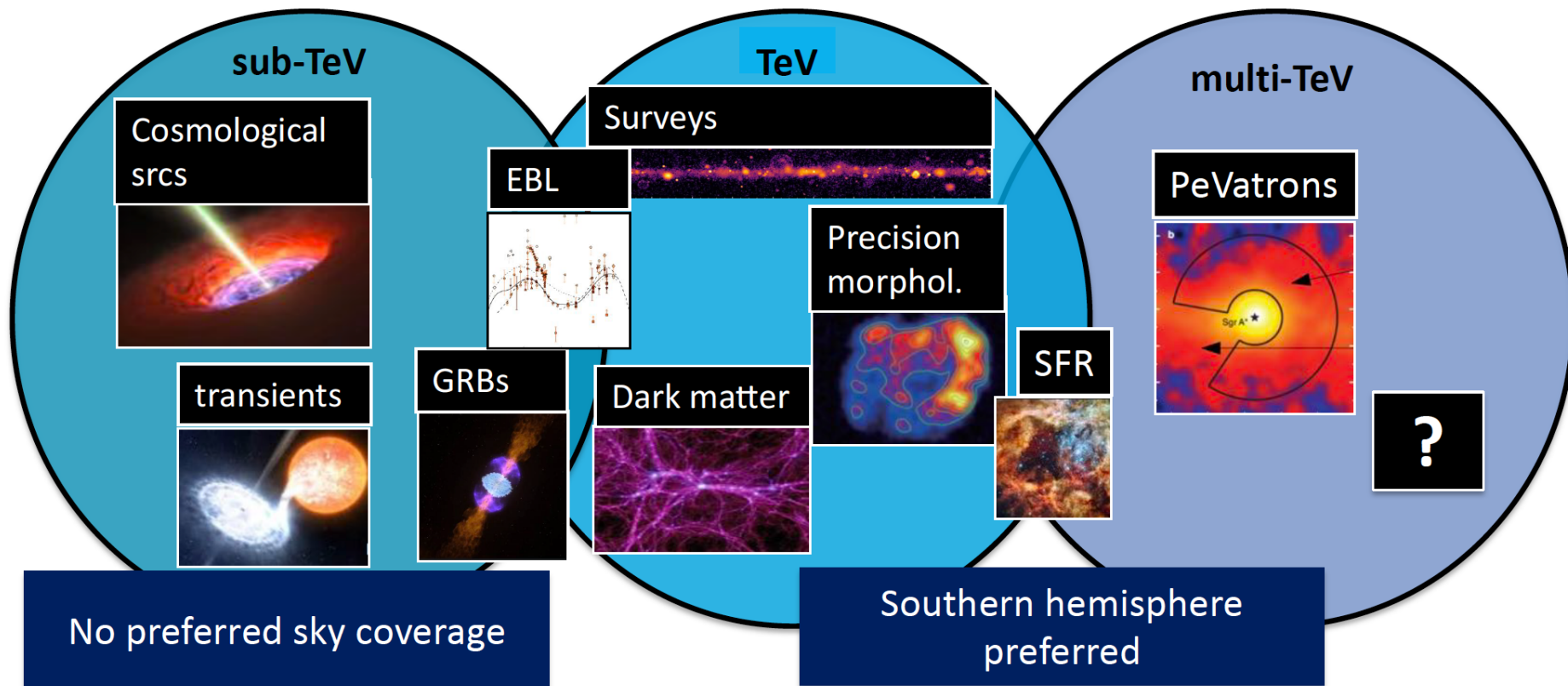
# Science cases and design



- Lowest energies (tens of GeV) → **cosmological sources**
  - Deepest sensitivity for short timescale phenomena → **Time domain unexplored**
  - **Surveys & precision studies**
  - **100 TeV range unexplored precision studies**
- deepest sensitivity ever
  - arcmin angular resolution
  - large FoV
  - Precision measurements in a still little explored energy range



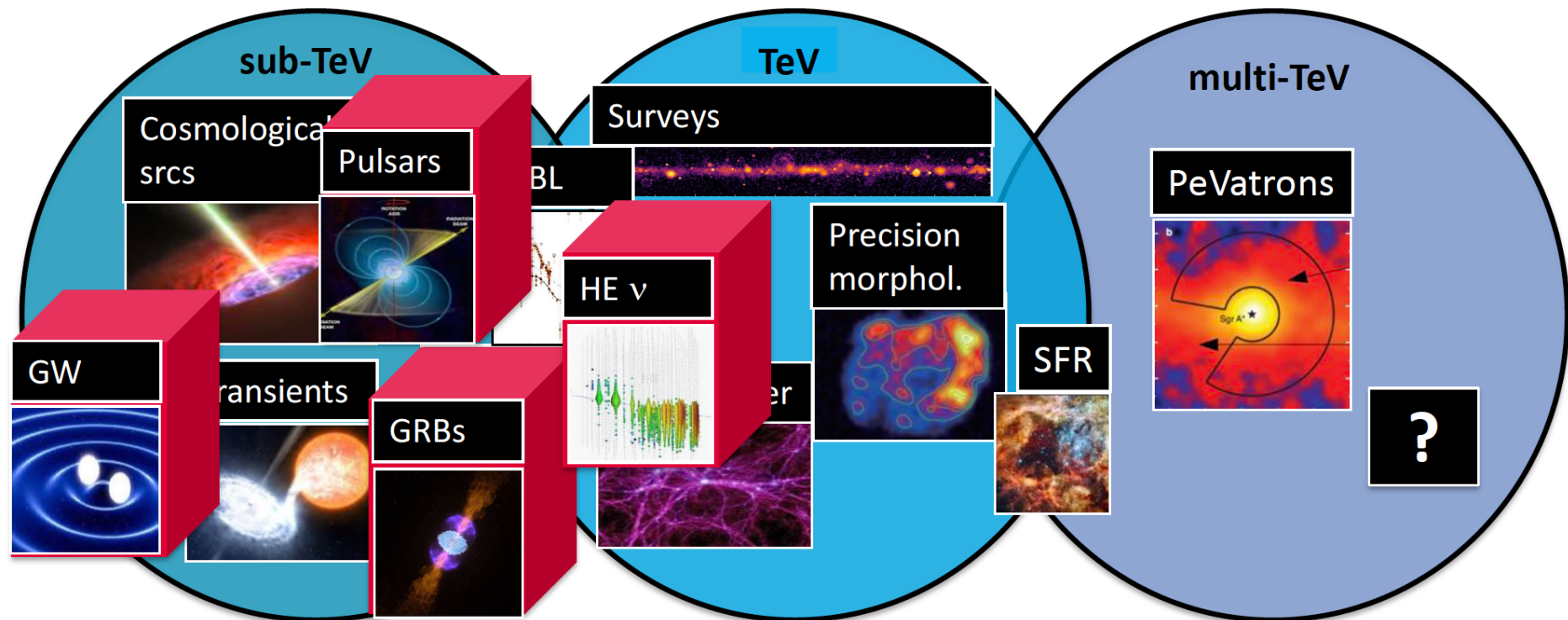
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# The CTA Sites



## A Global Observatory...

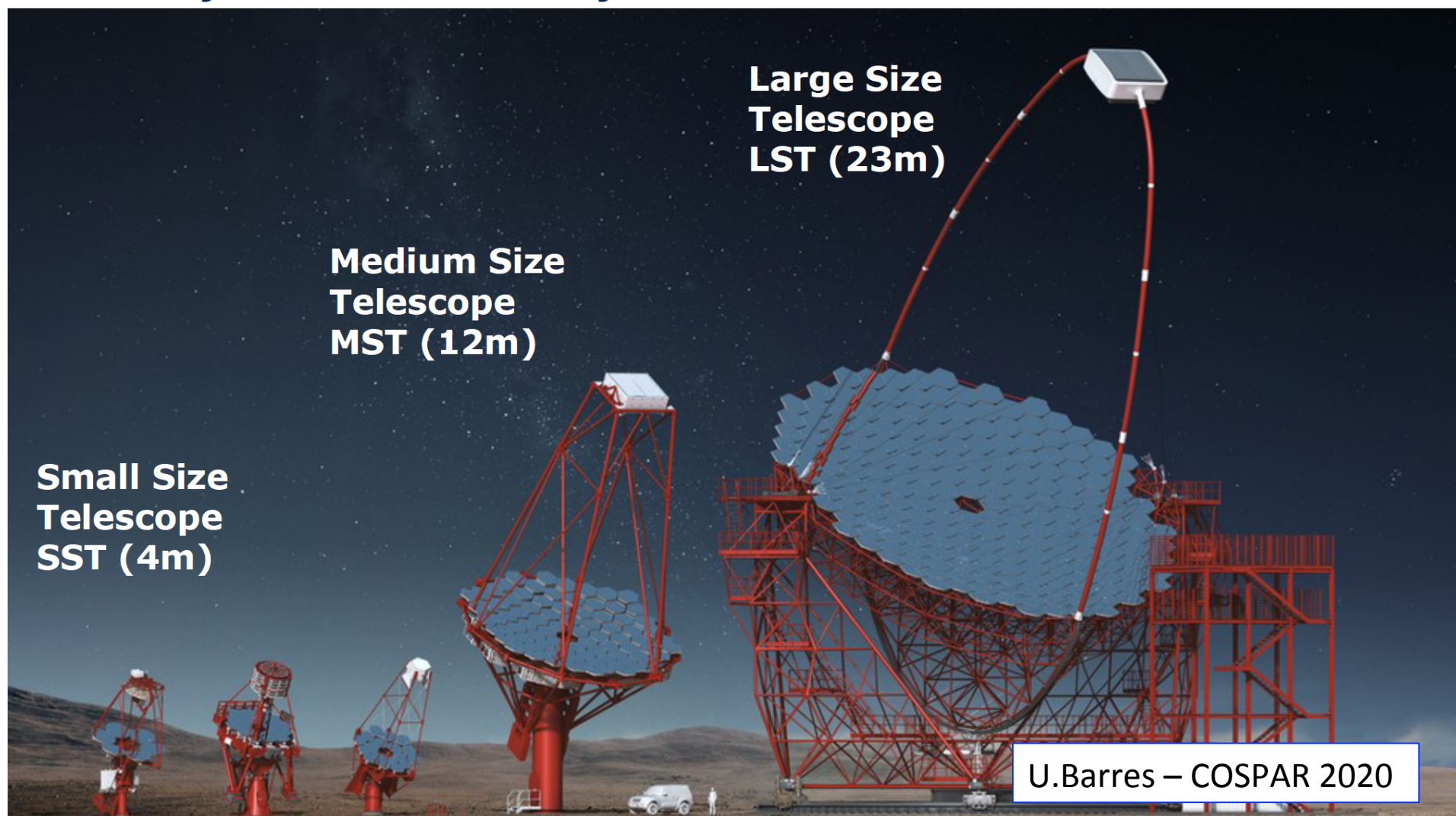


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# The CTA Telescopes



## A Hybrid Observatory...



**Small Size  
Telescope  
SST (4m)**

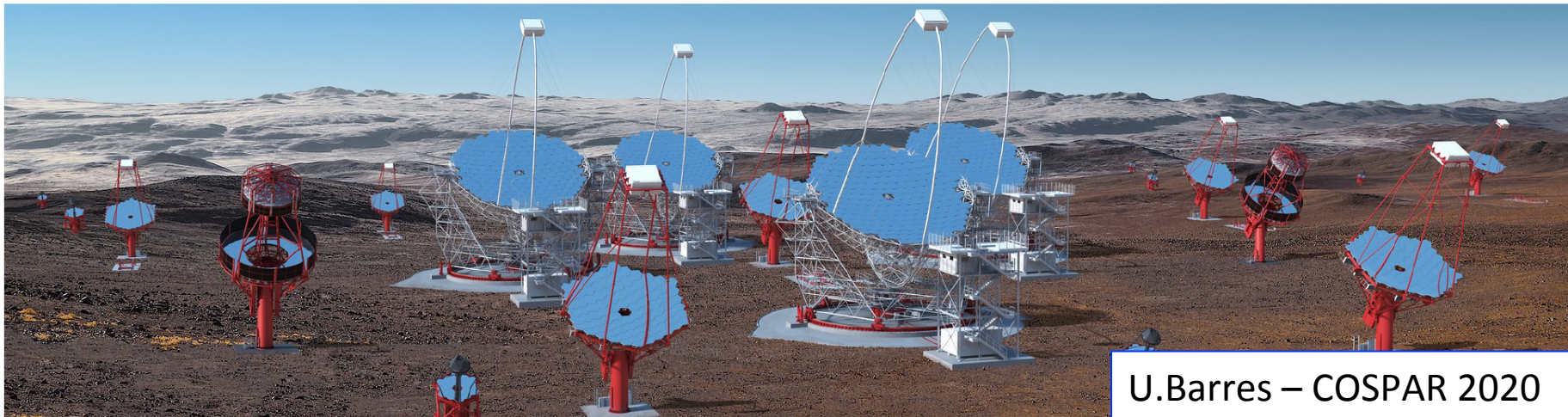
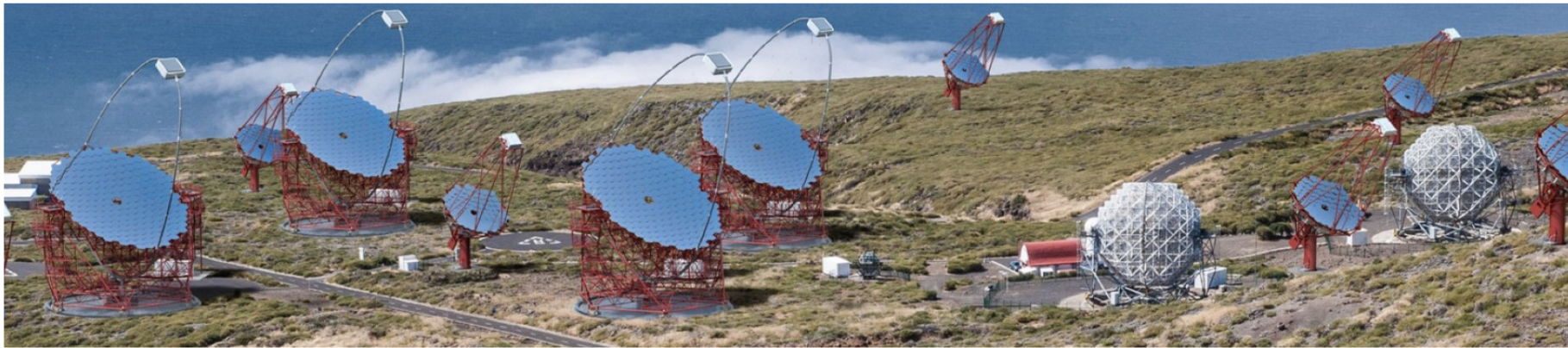
**Medium Size  
Telescope  
MST (12m)**

**Large Size  
Telescope  
LST (23m)**

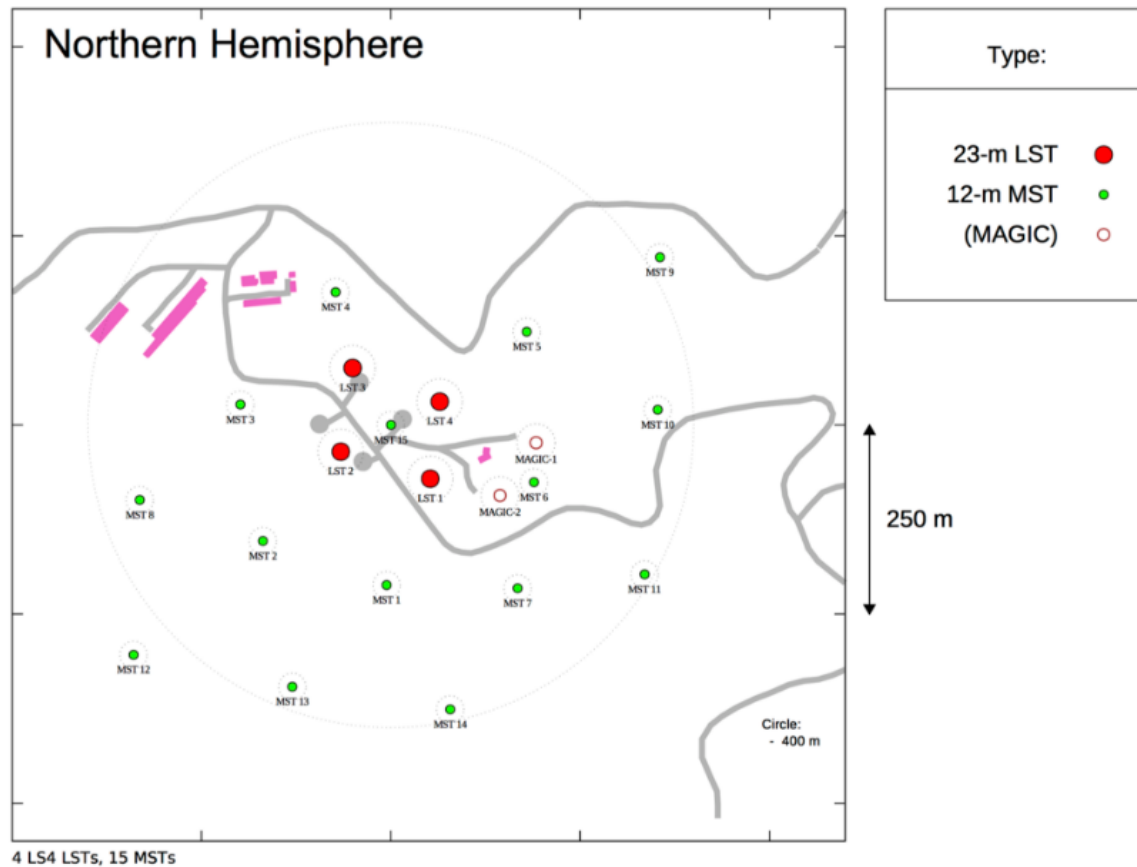
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# CTA North & CTA South

Phase 1		CTA Construction
Northern Array	Number of LSTs	4
	Number of MSTs	5
Southern Array	Number of LSTs	0
	Number of MSTs	15
	Number of SSTs	50
Total		74



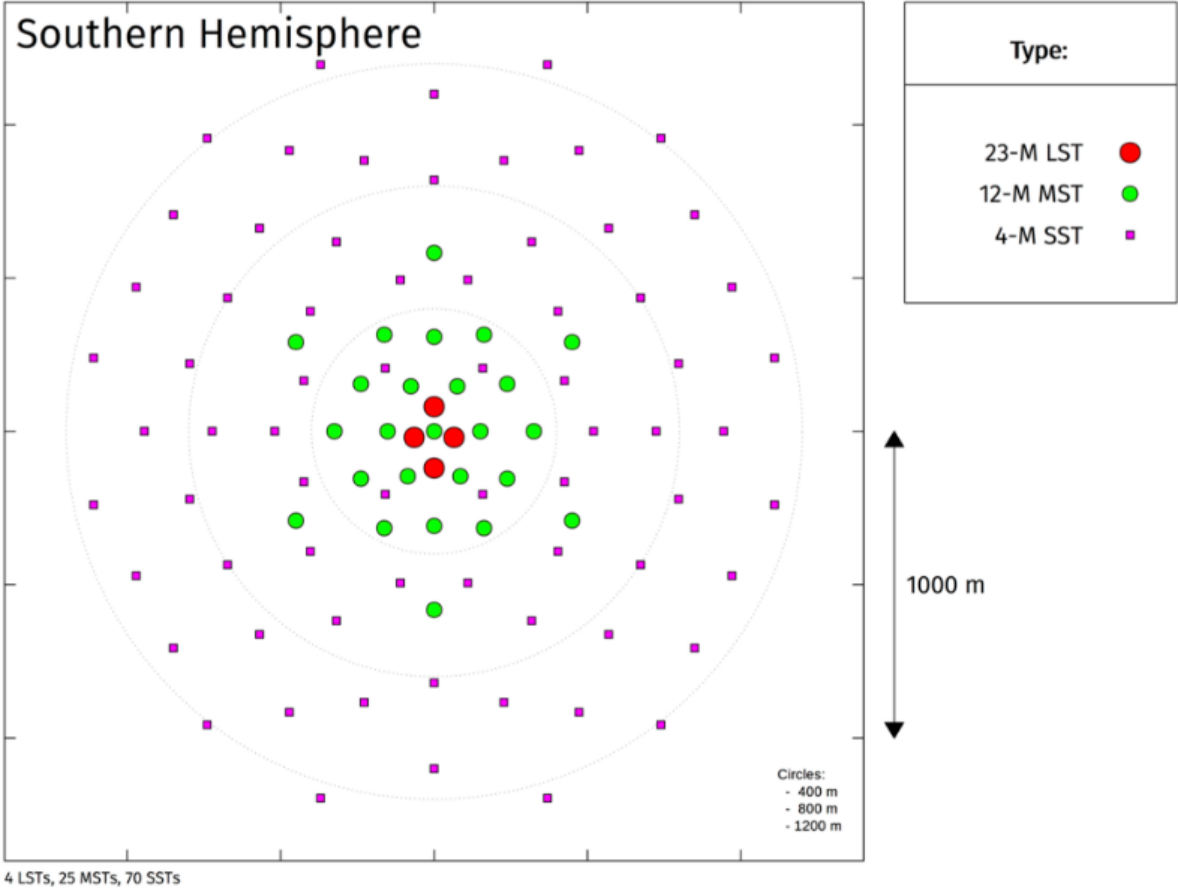
# CTA - North



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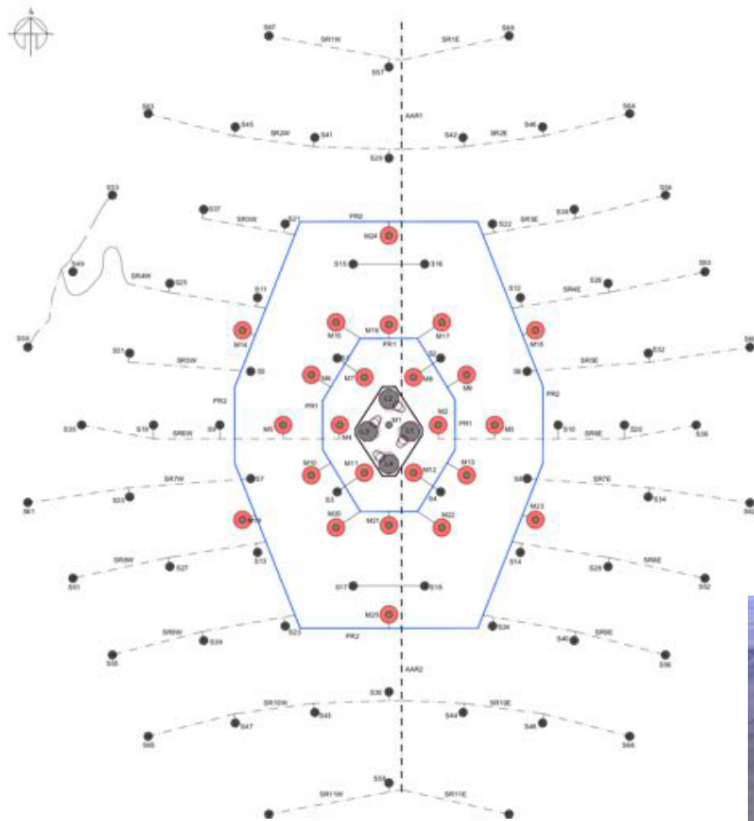
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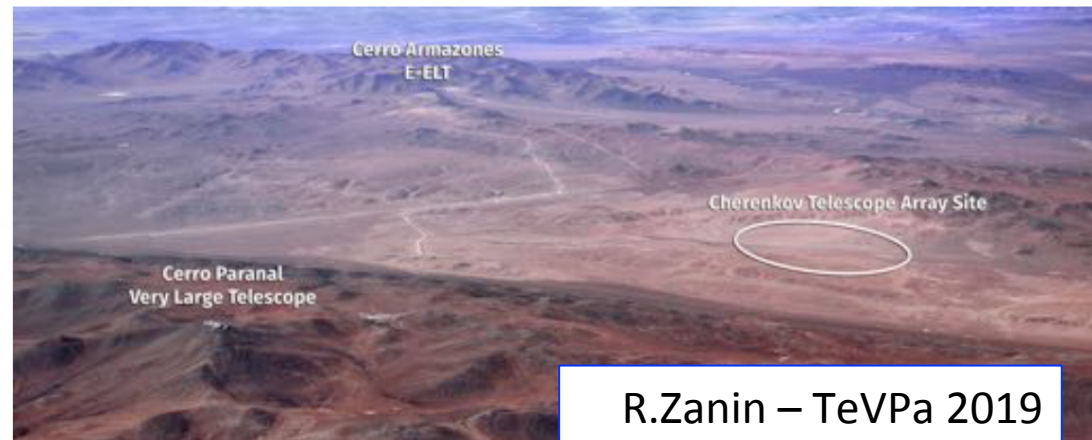
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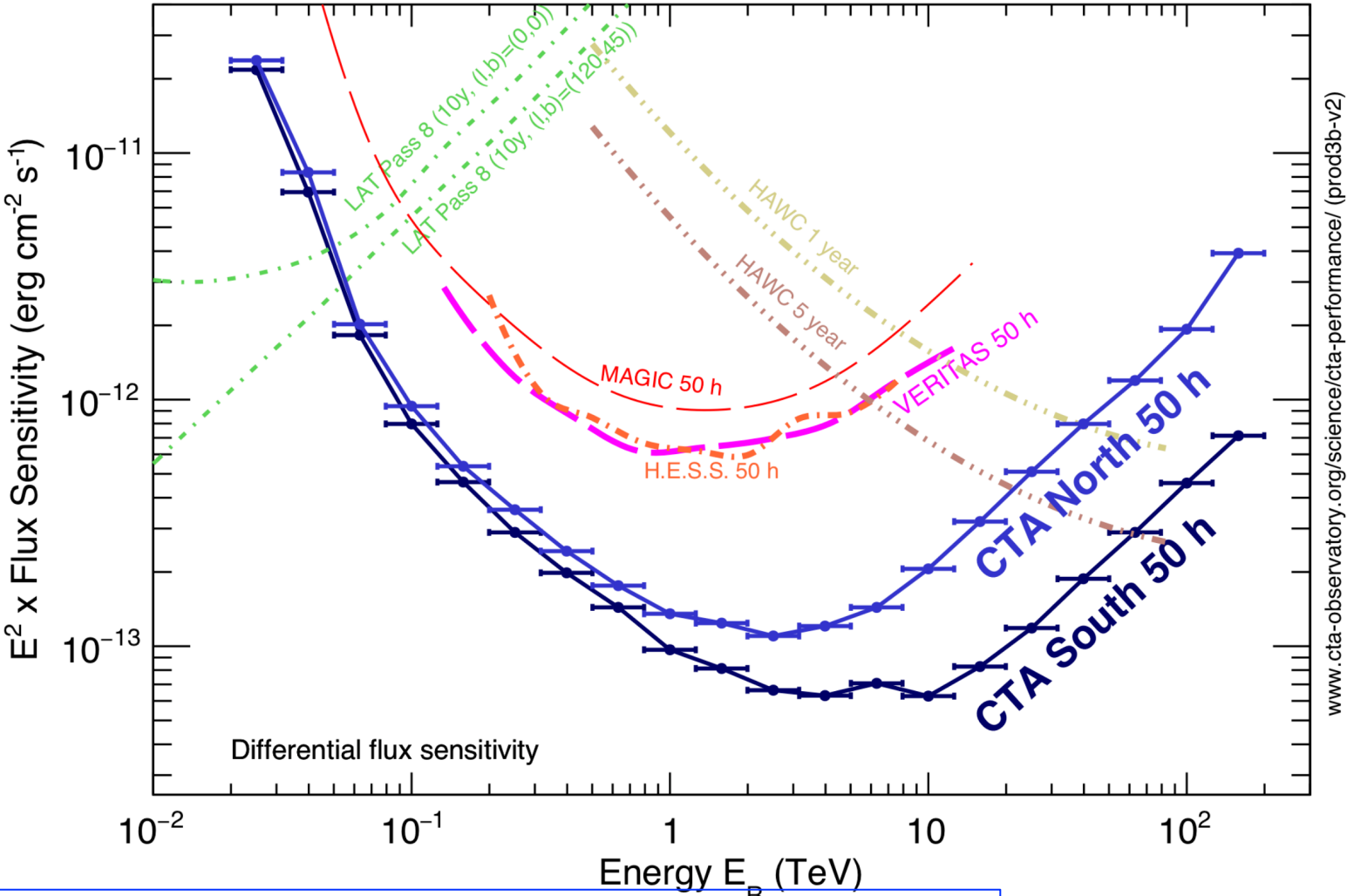
- 4 LSTs + 25 MSTs + 70 SSTs (baseline-configuration)



- Site agreement signed in Dec 2018
- Aim to start with site infrastructure construction soon



# CTA performance

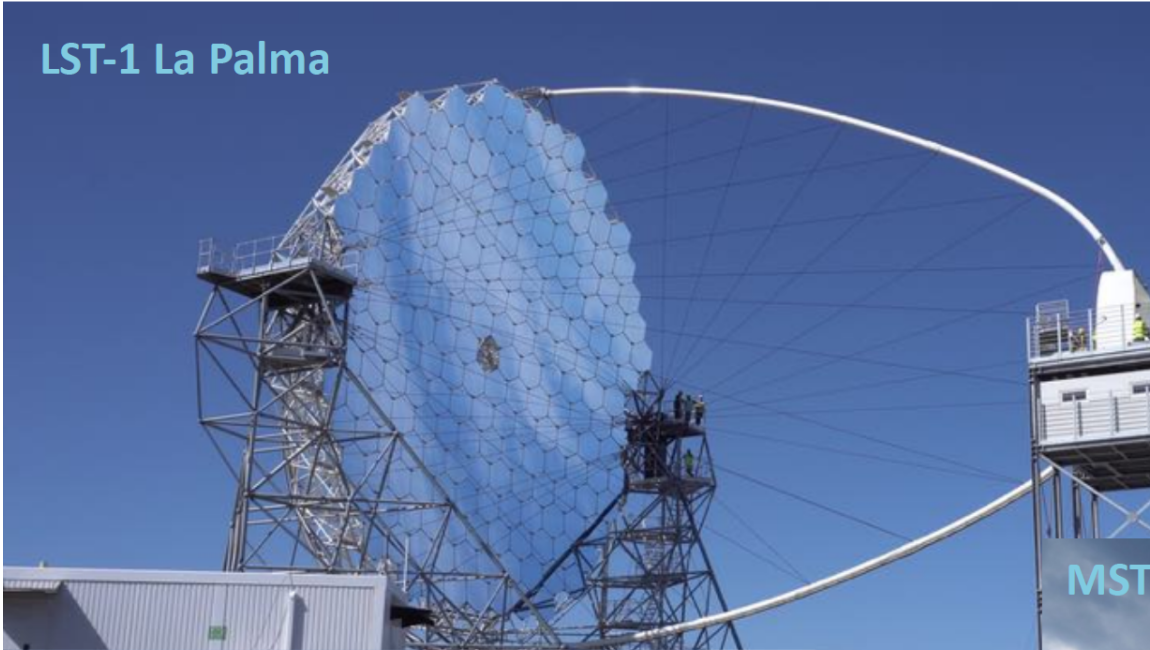


www.cta-observatory.org/science/cta-performance/ (prod3b-v2)

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# The CTA Telescopes

LST-1 La Palma



MST-SCT



MST

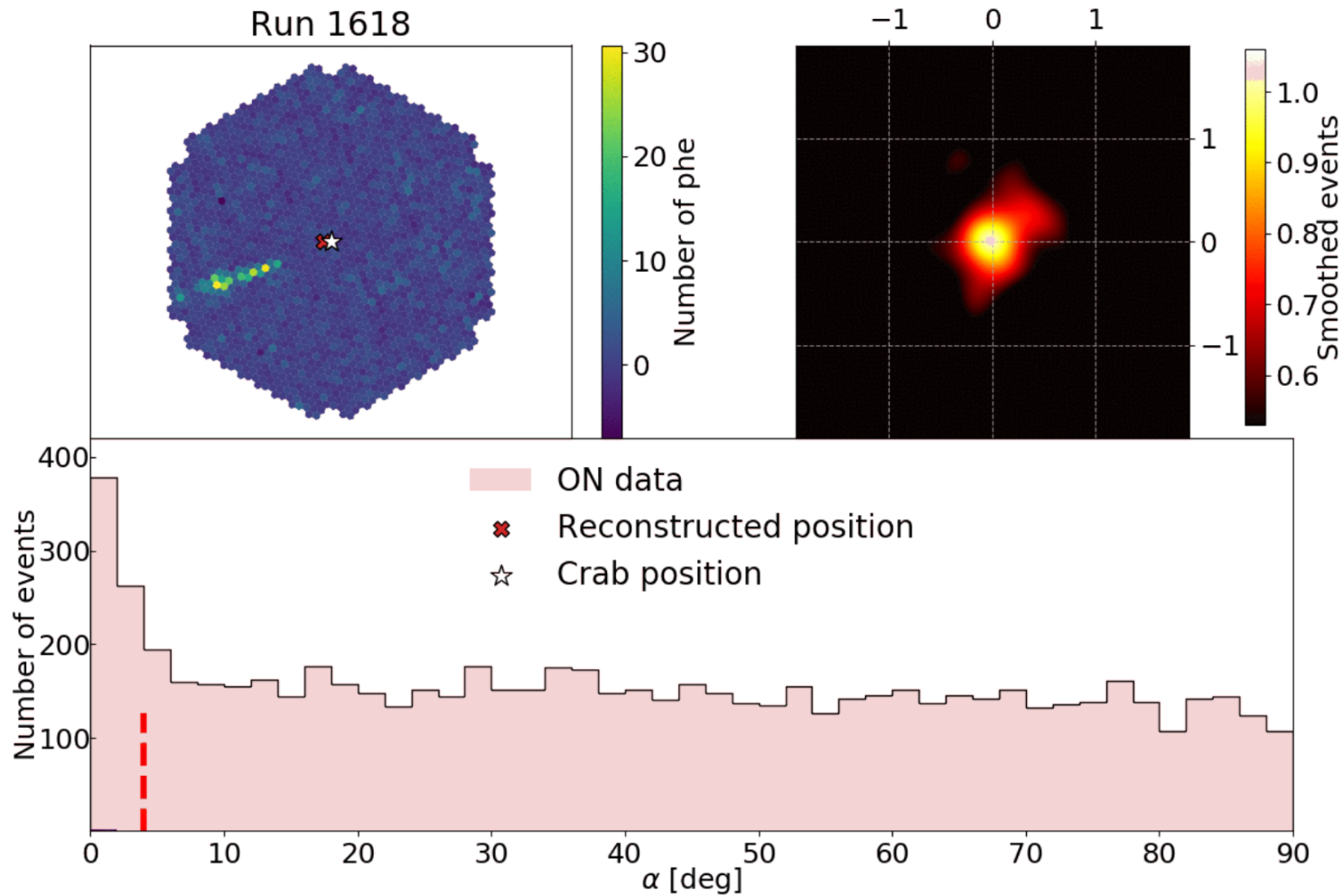


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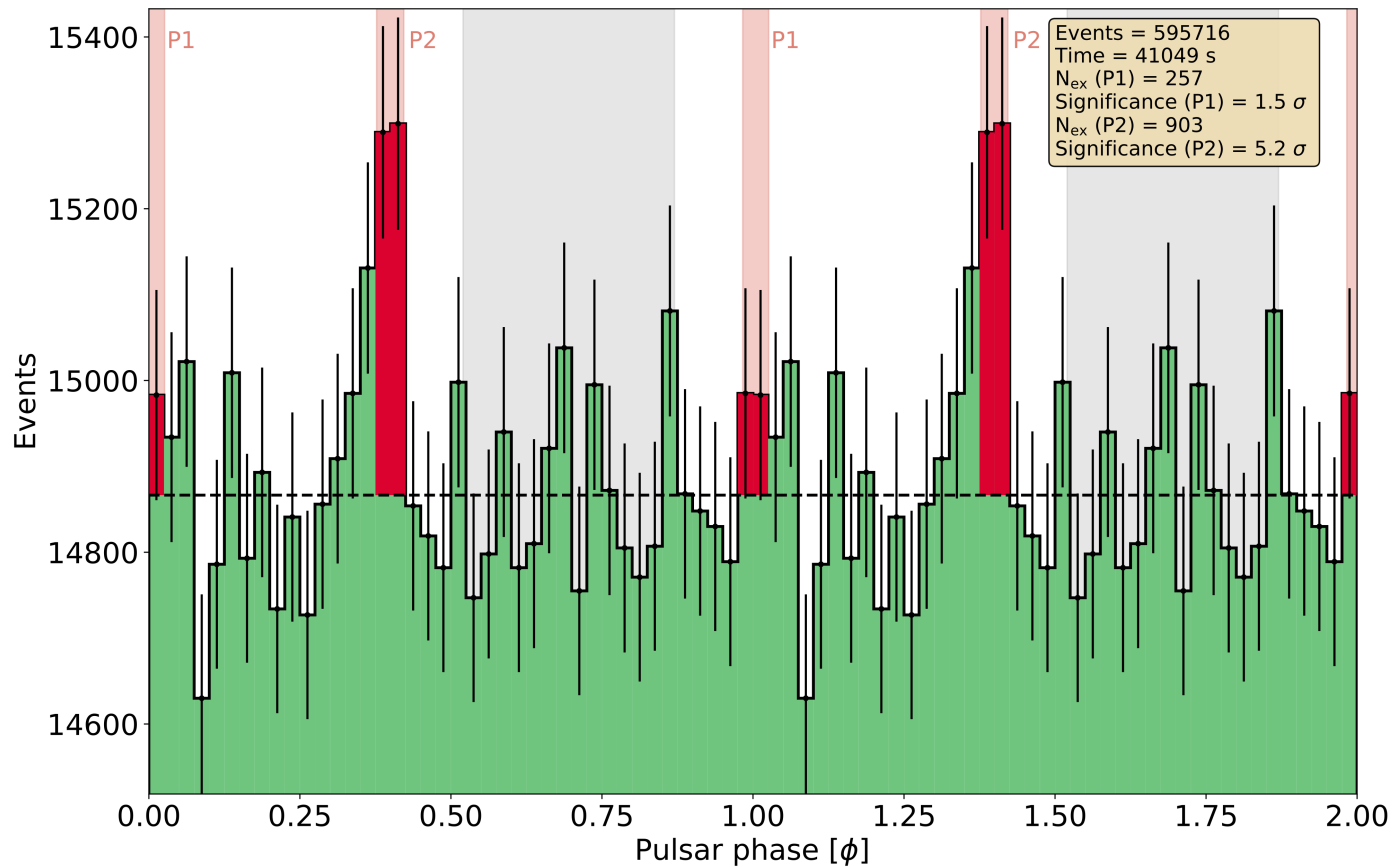
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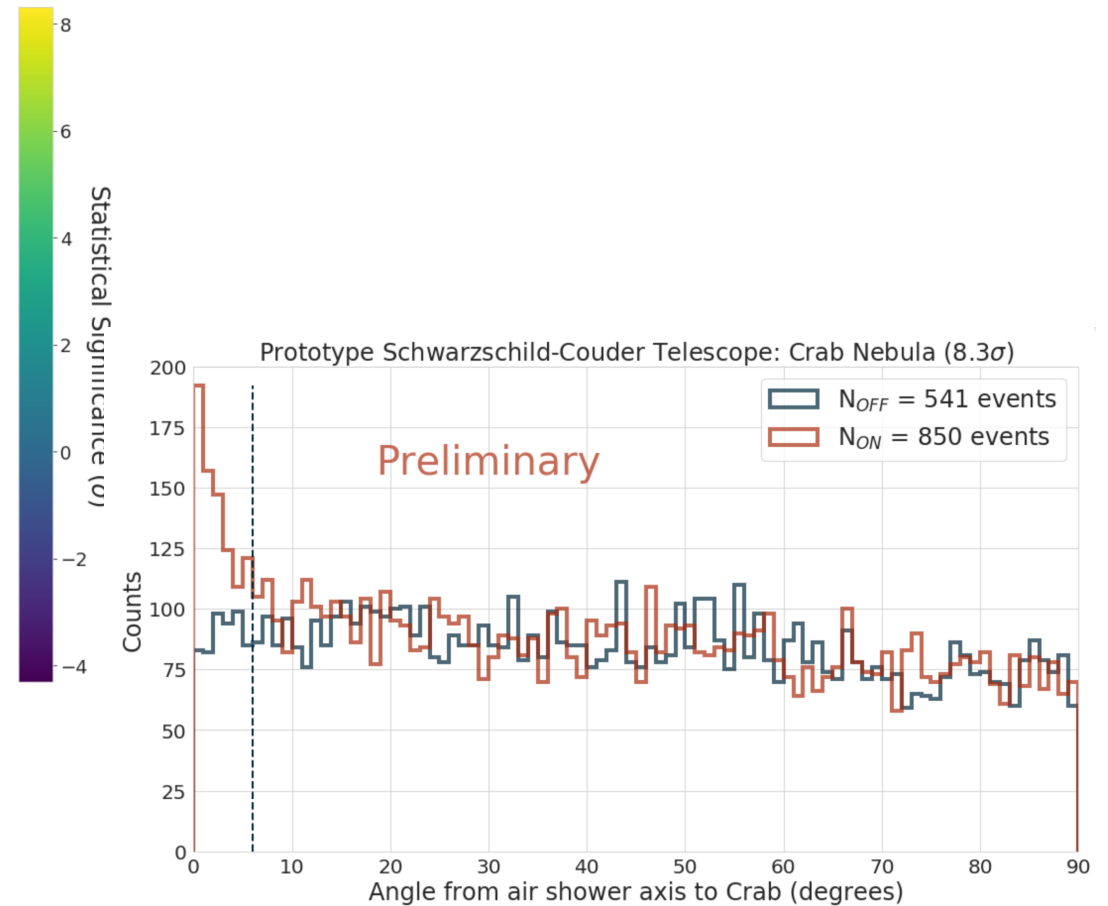
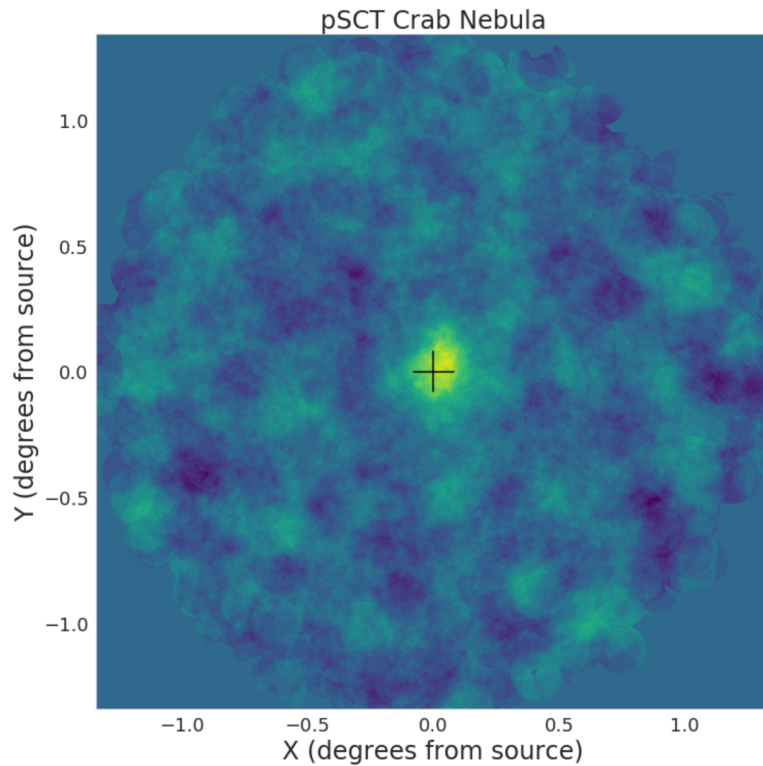
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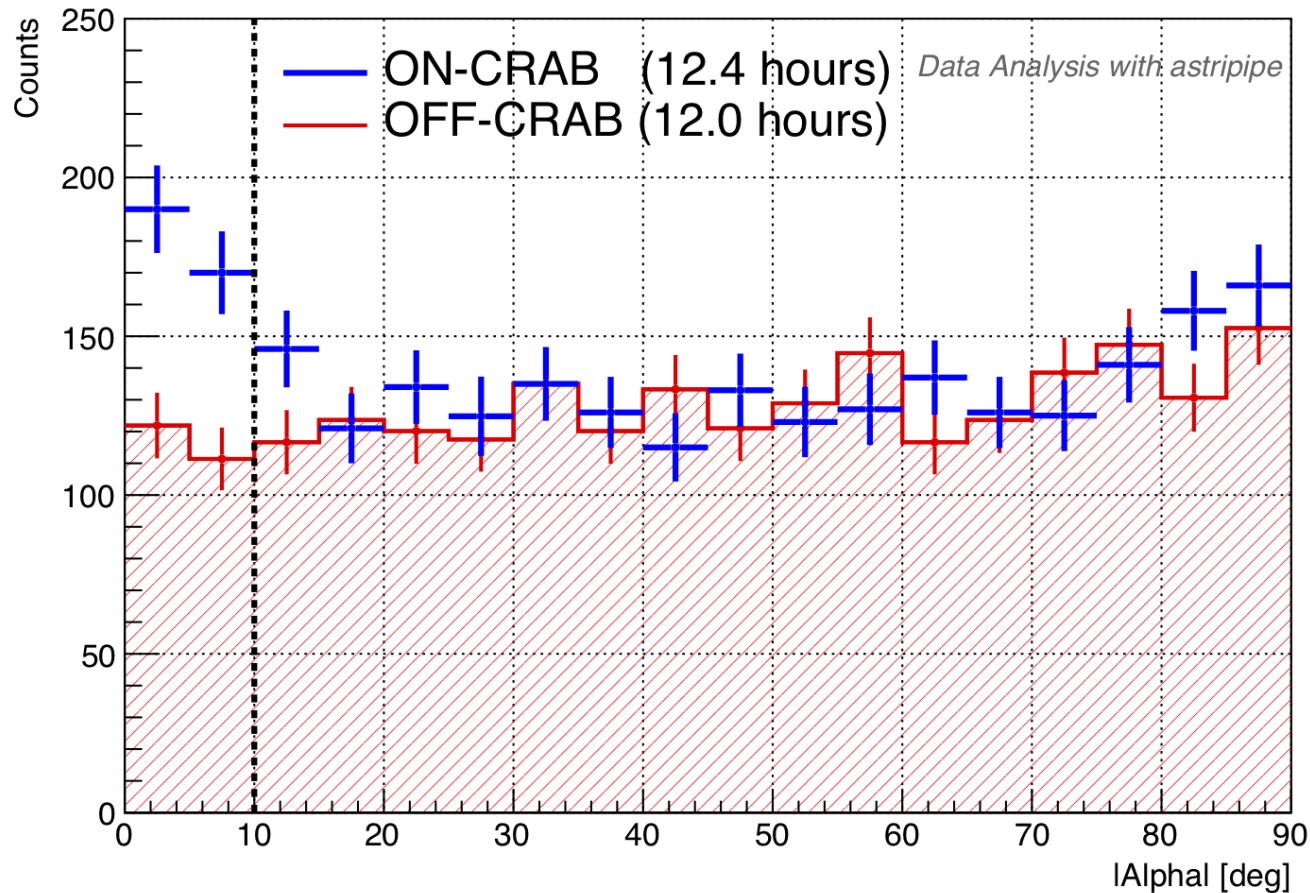
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ASTRI SST-2M prototype, December 2018



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# CTA telescopes – first LST ATEL

<https://astronomerstelegam.org/?read=14783>

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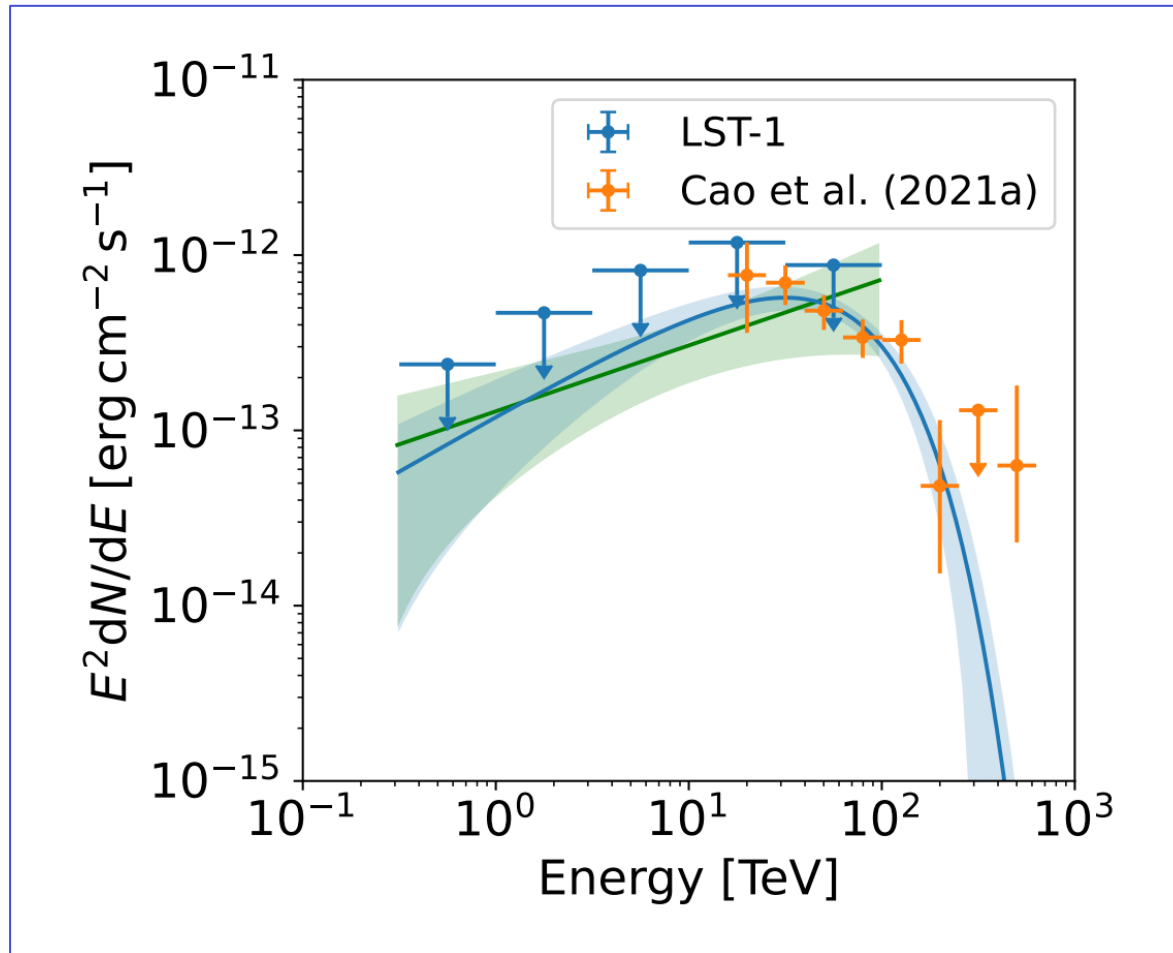
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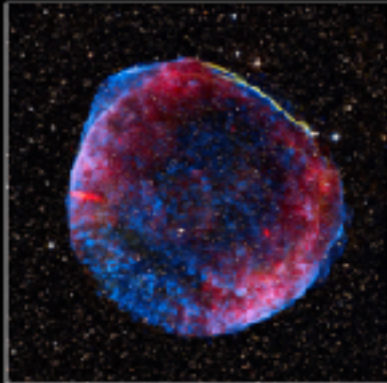
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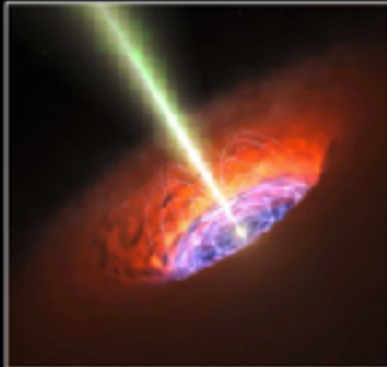
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# Astrophysics with IACTs



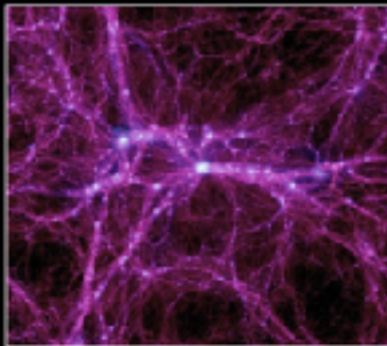
- **COSMIC PARTICLE ACCELERATION**

What are the sites and mechanisms of particle acceleration in the cosmos?



- **EXTREME ASTROPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS**

The physics of neutron stars, black holes and their energetic environments, such as relativistic jets, winds and stellar explosions.



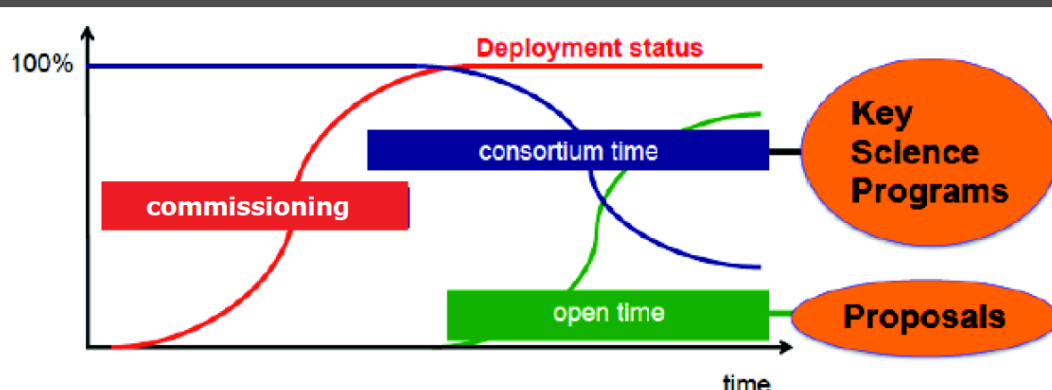
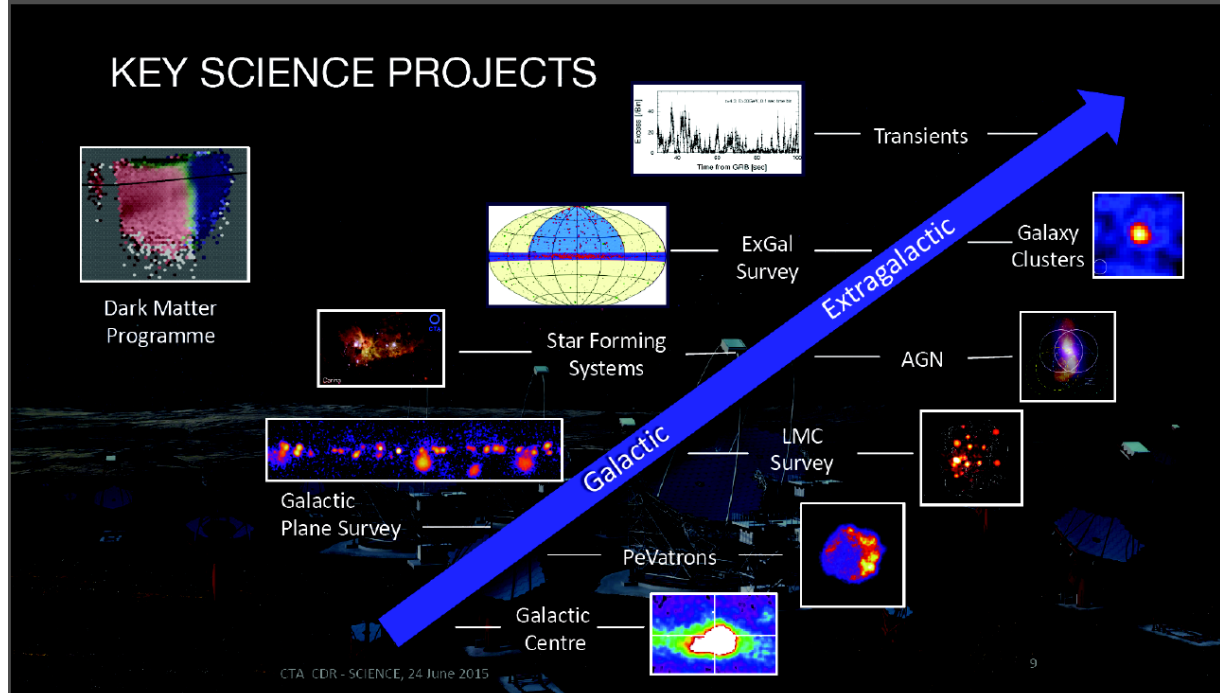
- **FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS FRONTIERS**

Probing the nature of Dark Matter, the existence of axion-like particles, and Lorentz invariance violation

# CTA's Science

Key Science Projects: ~40% of observing time in first 10 yrs devoted to major projects.

<https://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/10986>



Significant multi-wavelength support needed.

e.g optical/radio coverage > 500 hr/yr

# The Science of CTA

**CTA will target major science questions in high-energy astrophysics, through a large observational programme.**

## Sky Surveys

- Galactic and X-Gal Scan
- Dark Matter Programme
- Magellanic Clouds

## Deep Targeted Observations

- PeVatrons
- Star-forming Systems
- Radio Galaxies & Clusters

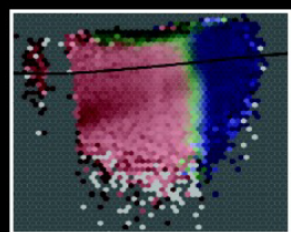
**Follow-ups of Transient and  
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**Monitoring of Variability  
notably of AGN**

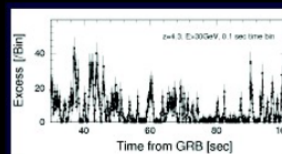
# A Census of particle accelerators across all cosmic scales



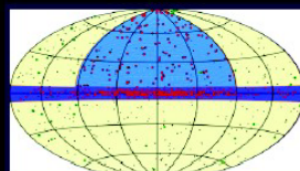
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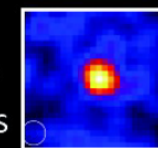
Dark Matter Programme



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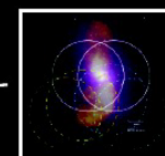
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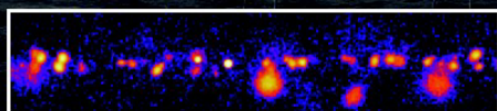
Galaxy Clusters



Star Forming Systems



AGN



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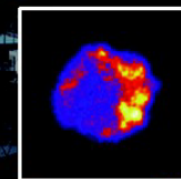


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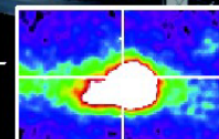
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PeVatrons



Galactic Centre



# Science with CTA



CTA will have important synergies with many of the new generation of major astronomical and astroparticle observatories. Multi-wavelength and multi-messenger approaches combining CTA data with those from other instruments will lead to a deeper understanding of the broad-band non-thermal properties of target sources, elucidating the nature, environment, and distance of gamma-ray emitters. Details of synergies in each waveband are presented.

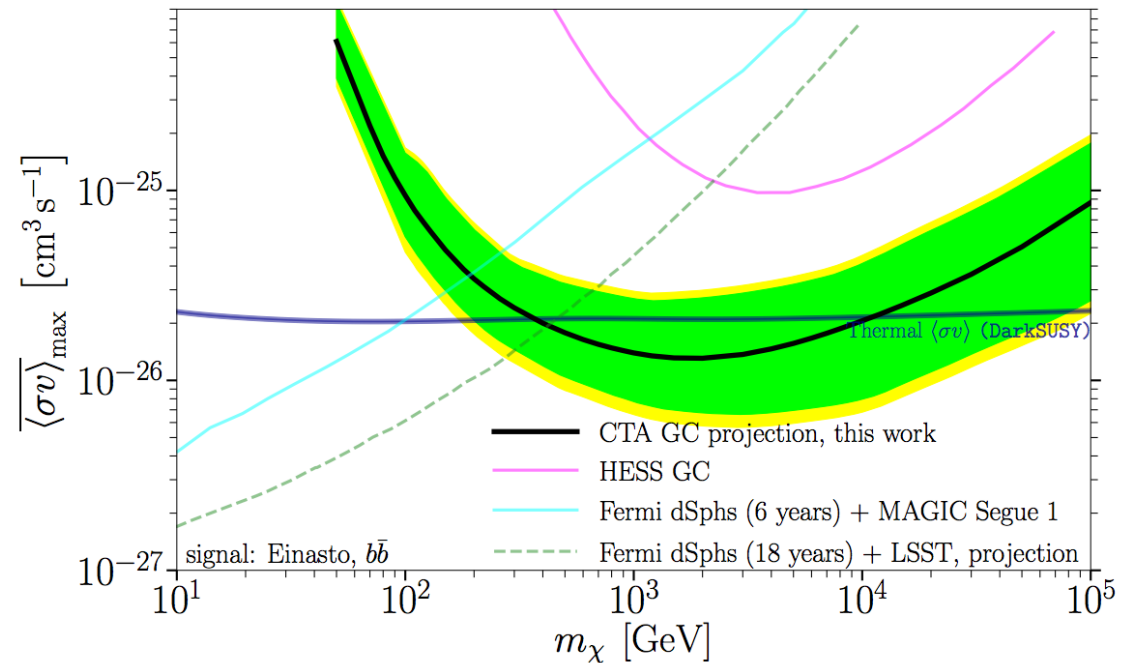
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# The Dark Matter Programme



## Comparison with other experiments

- The GC and Halo provide the most promising sites for CTA Dark Matter searches
- Over 500 h planned observation time at the GC
- CTA will complement data from direct DM detection and other indirect experiments in the energy range of 10s of TeV



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# Dark Matter with CTA

## Sensitivity of the Cherenkov Telescope Array to a dark matter signal from the Galactic centre

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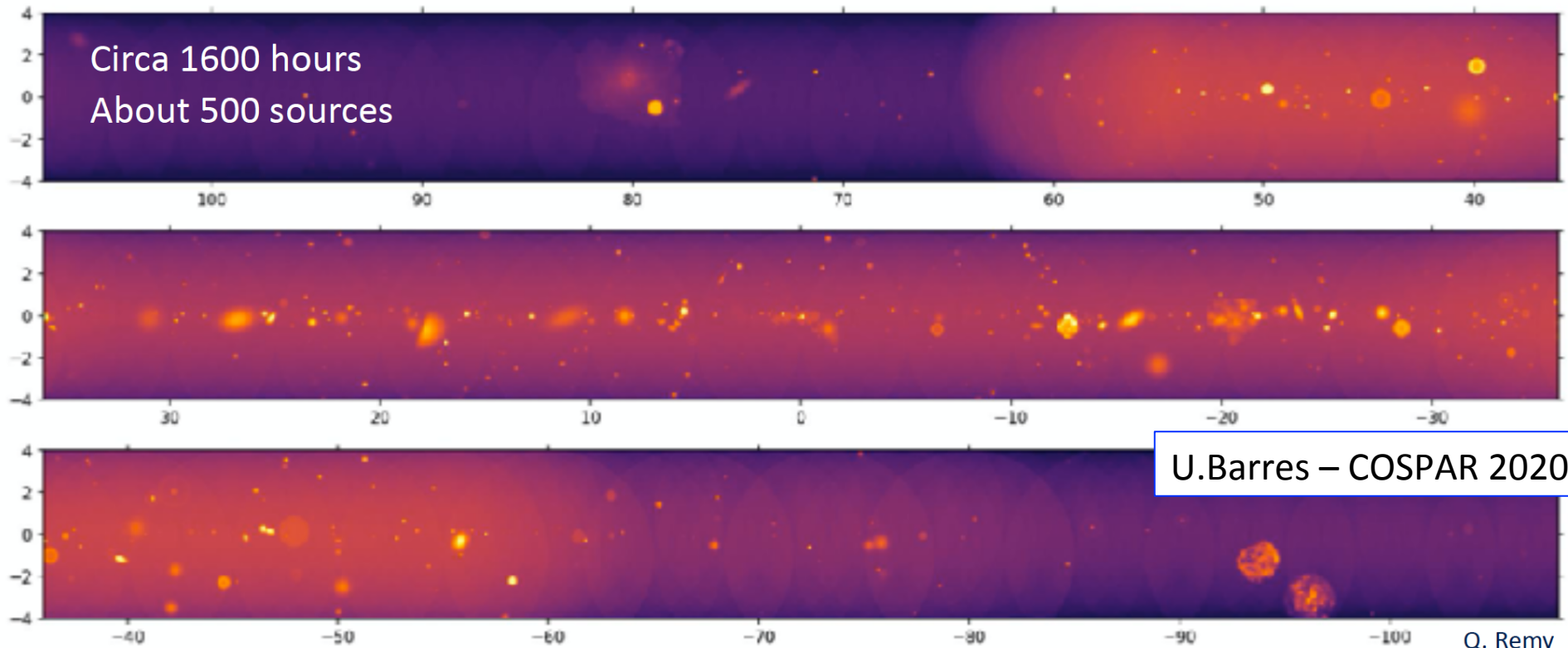




cherenkov  
telescope  
array

# CTA Galactic Science

- Survey speed about 300x greater than H.E.S.S.
- Much deeper reach, to scan the entire galaxy for PWNe and SNRs, as opposed to the few-kpc reach of current instruments.

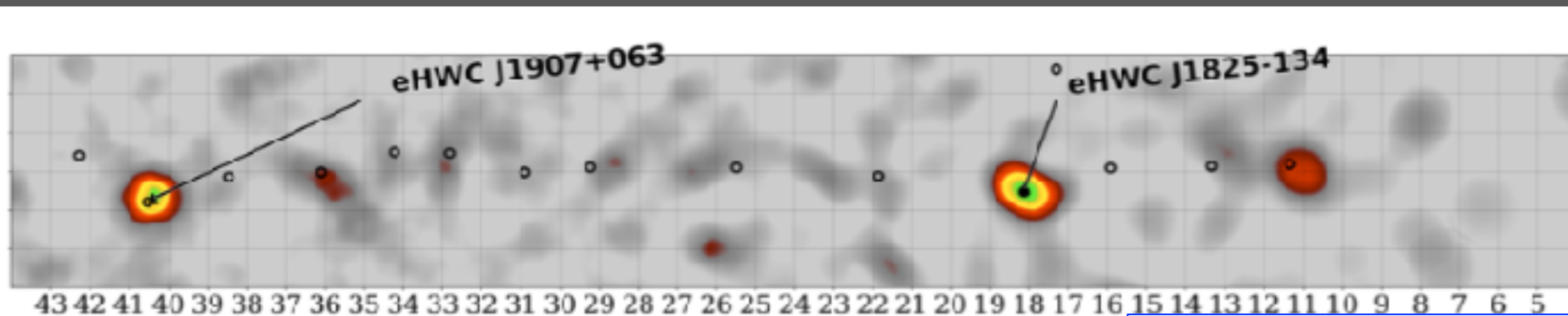
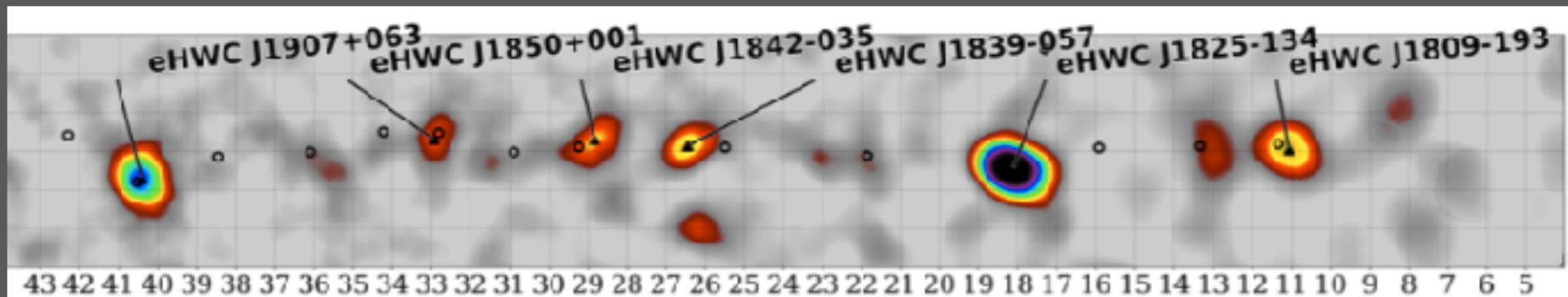


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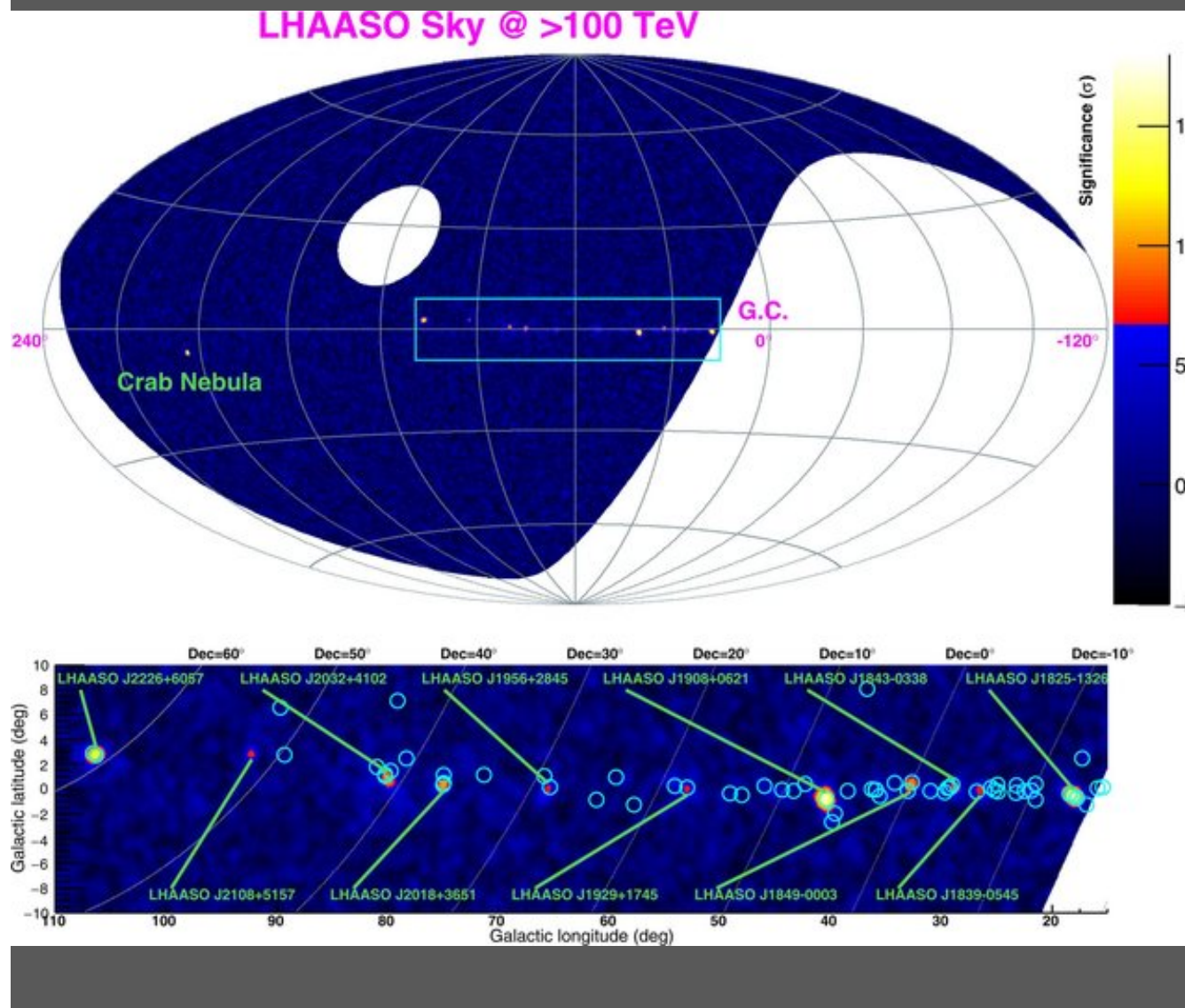
# PeVatrons: the extreme energy frontier



HAWC (arXiv:1909.08609) has opened a window into the PeVatron frontier that can be extensively probed and expanded by CTA



# PeVatrons: the extreme energy frontier



Ultrahigh-energy photons up to 1.4 petaelectronvolts from 12  $\gamma$ -ray Galactic sources

LHAASO  
(Nature 2021)

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<https://astronomerstelegam.org/?read=147>

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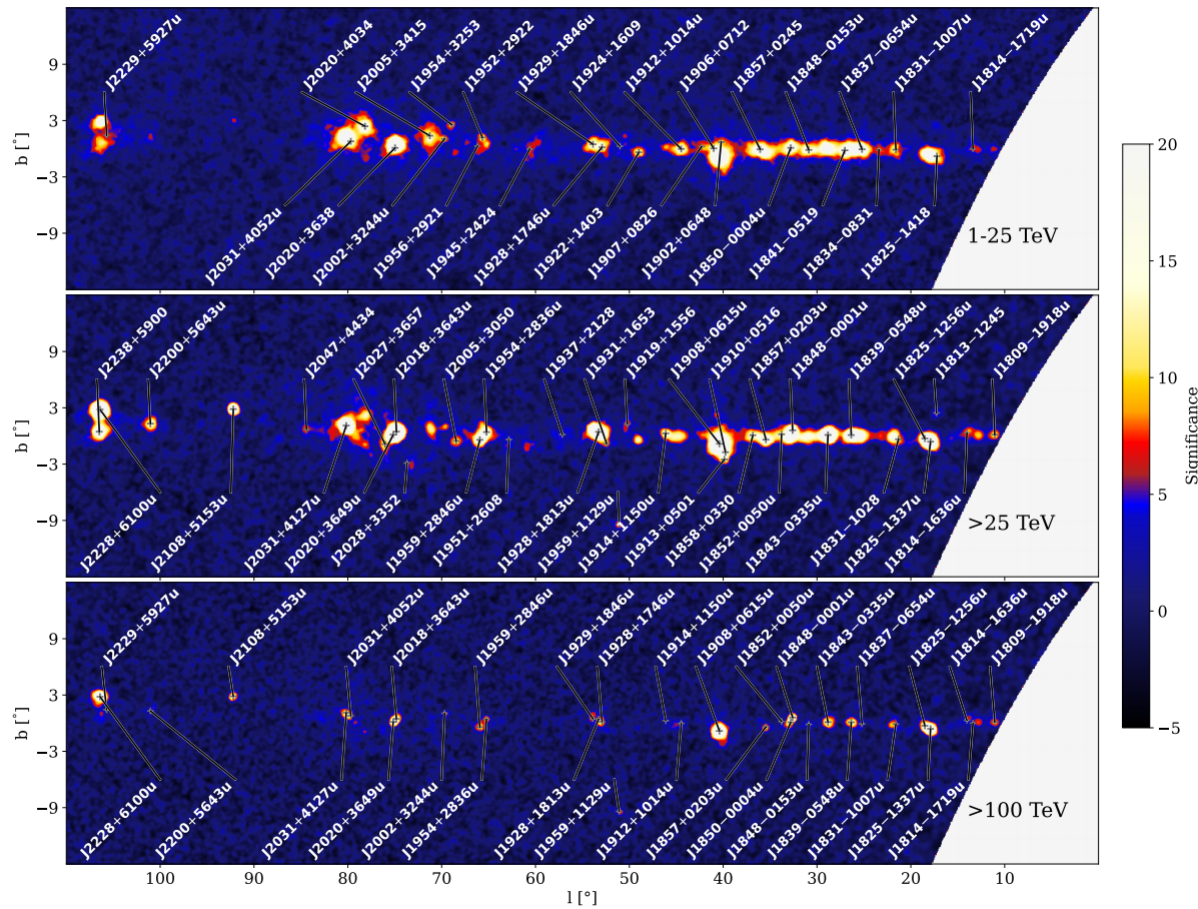
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# The 1<sup>st</sup> LHAASO catalog



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# CTA Pevatrons KSP

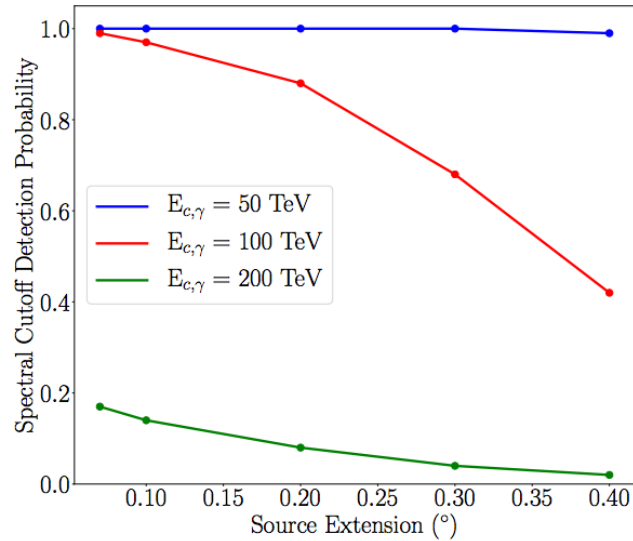
## Sensitivity of the Cherenkov Telescope Array to spectral signatures of hadronic PeVatrons with application to Galactic Supernova Remnants

### Abstract

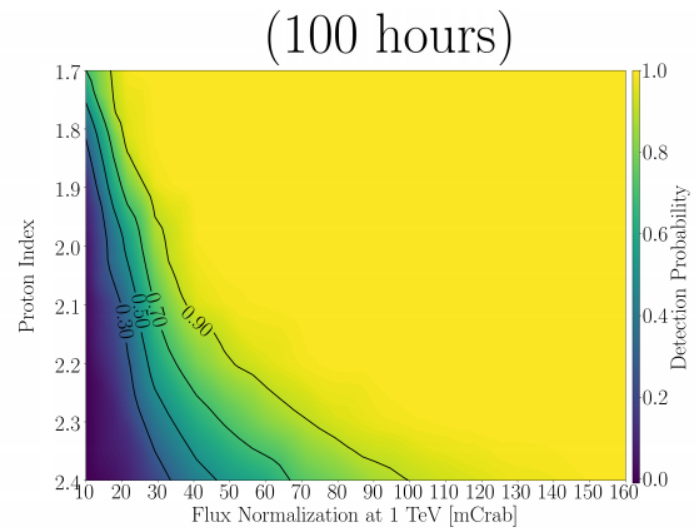
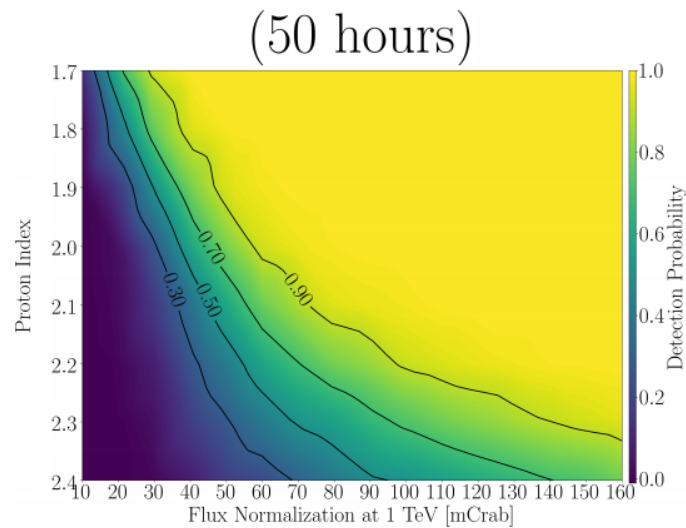
The local Cosmic Ray (CR) energy spectrum exhibits a spectral softening at energies around 3 PeV. Sources which are capable of accelerating hadrons to such energies are called hadronic PeVatrons. However, hadronic PeVatrons have not yet been firmly identified within the Galaxy. Several source classes, including Galactic Supernova Remnants (SNRs), have been proposed as PeVatron candidates. The potential to search for hadronic PeVatrons with the Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) is assessed. The focus is on the usage of very high energy  $\gamma$ -ray spectral signatures for the identification of PeVatrons. Assuming that SNRs can accelerate CRs up to knee energies, the number of Galactic SNRs which can be identified as PeVatrons with CTA is estimated within a model for the evolution of SNRs. Additionally, the potential of a follow-up observation strategy under moonlight conditions for PeVatron searches is investigated. Statistical methods for the identification of PeVatrons are introduced, and realistic Monte-Carlo simulations of the response of the CTA observatory to the emission spectra from hadronic PeVatrons are performed. Based on simulations of a simplified model for the evolution for SNRs, the detection of a  $\gamma$ -ray signal from in average 9 Galactic PeVatron SNRs is expected to result from the scan of the Galactic plane with CTA after 10 hours of exposure. CTA is also shown to have excellent potential to confirm these sources as PeVatrons in deep observations with  $O(100)$  hours of exposure per source.

*Keywords:* Gamma rays: general, Cosmic rays, Galactic PeVatrons, (Stars:) supernovae: general, Methods: data analysis, Methods: statistical

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# CTA's Prospects for AGN

CTA will detect many 100s of AGN to  $z \sim 2$

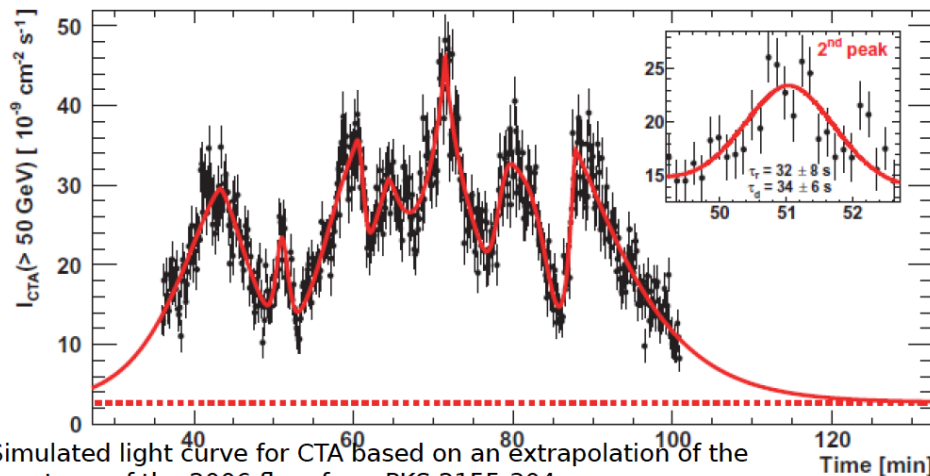
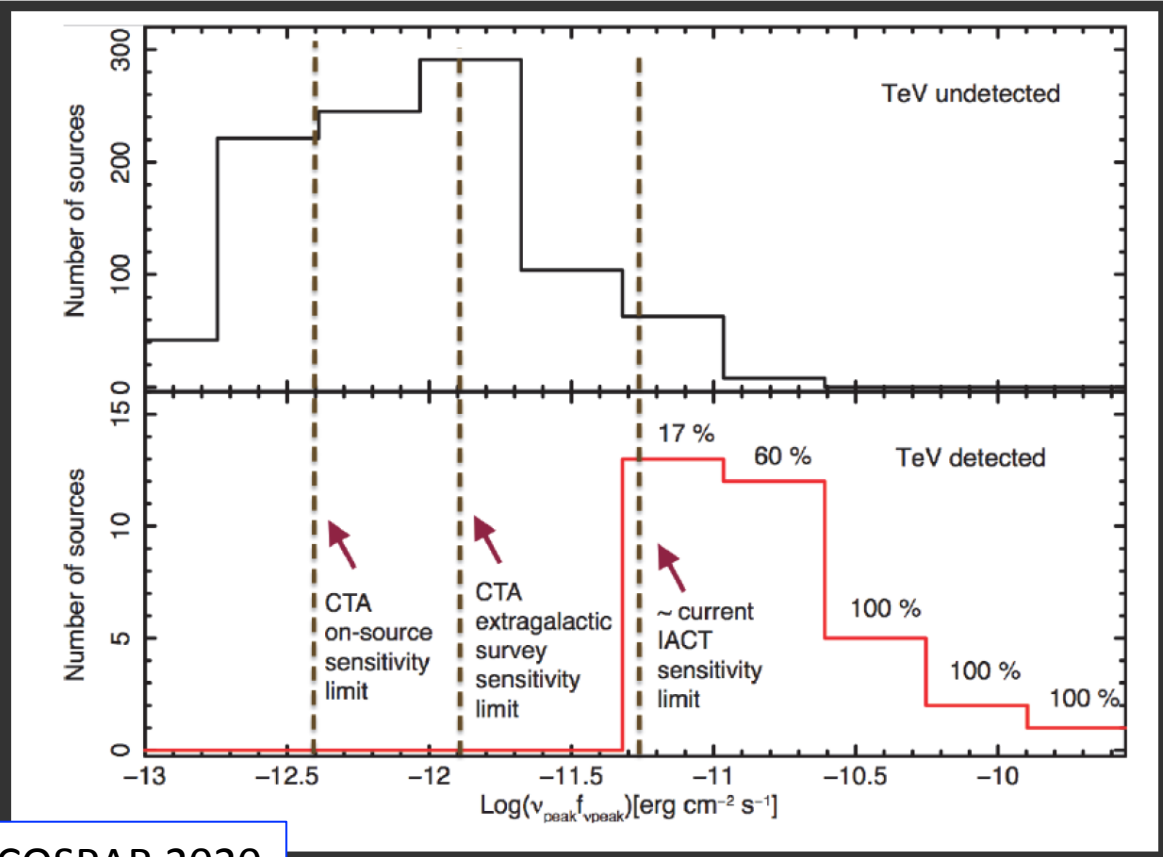
FoV up to 10 degrees  $\rightarrow$  several AGN in FoV at same time.

Light curve details down to sub-minutes.

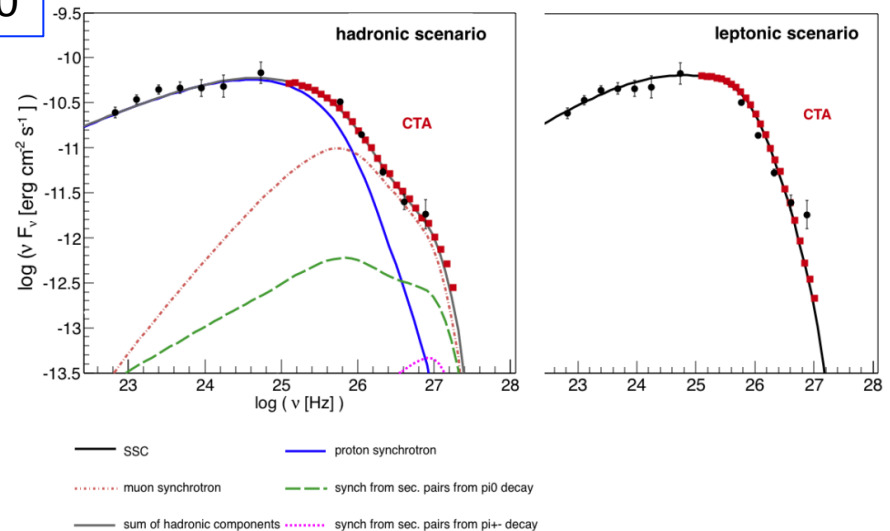
Spectral resolution to reveal sub-components:

- Hadronic (synchrotron from protons, muons, + secondaries)
- Leptonic (SSC)

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Simulated light curve for CTA based on an extrapolation of the spectrum of the 2006 flare from PKS 2155-304





# Cosmology and Fundamental Physics

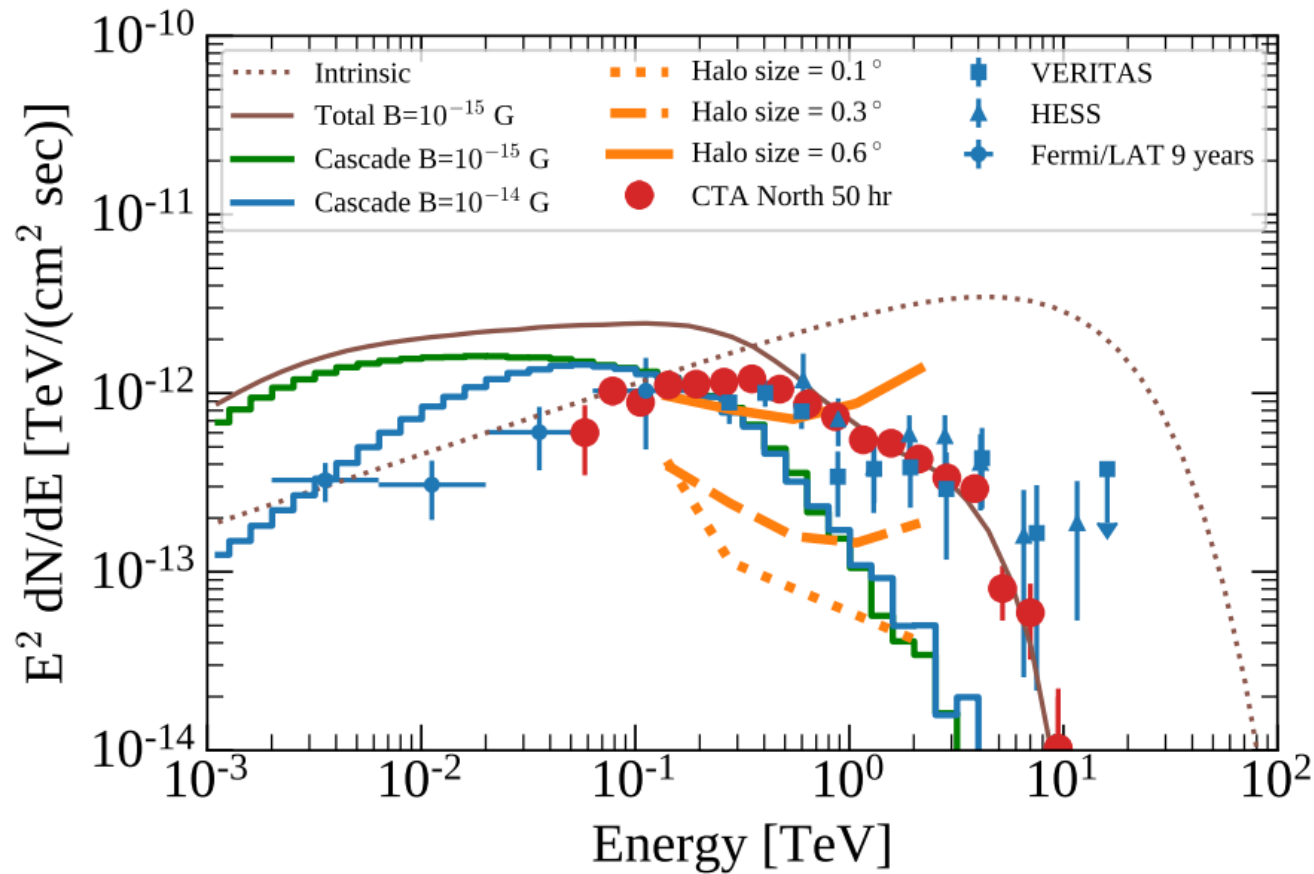
## Sensitivity of the Cherenkov Telescope Array for probing cosmology and fundamental physics with gamma-ray propagation

**Abstract.** The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA), the new-generation ground-based observatory for  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy, provides unique capabilities to address significant open questions in astrophysics, cosmology, and fundamental physics. We study some of the salient areas of  $\gamma$ -ray cosmology that can be explored as part of the Key Science Projects of CTA, through simulated observations of active galactic nuclei (AGN) and of their relativistic jets. Observations of AGN with CTA will enable a measurement of  $\gamma$ -ray absorption on the extragalactic background light with a statistical uncertainty below 15% up to a redshift  $z = 2$  and to constrain or detect  $\gamma$ -ray halos up to intergalactic-magnetic-field strengths of at least 0.3 pG. Extragalactic observations with CTA also show promising potential to probe physics beyond the Standard Model. The best limits on Lorentz invariance violation from  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy will be improved by a factor of at least two to three. CTA will also probe the parameter space in which axion-like particles could constitute a significant fraction, if not all, of dark matter. We conclude on the synergies between CTA and other upcoming facilities that will foster the growth of  $\gamma$ -ray cosmology.

arXiv:2010.01349v2 [astro-ph.HE] 26 Feb 2021

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.01349>

# Cosmology and Fundamental Physics



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# The new window of VHE Gamma-ray Bursts

## First time detection of a GRB at sub-TeV energies; MAGIC detects the GRB 190114C

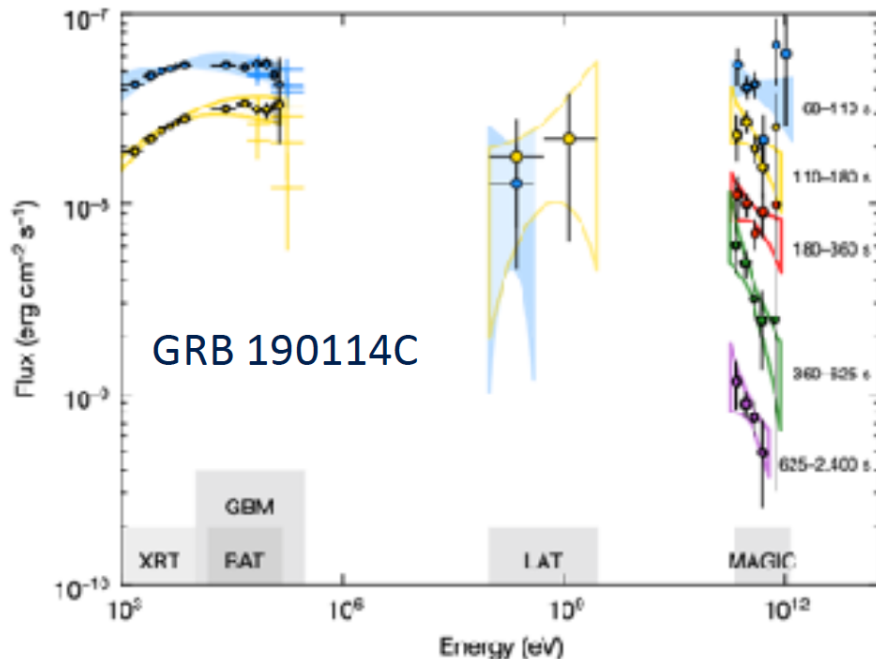
ATel #12390; *Razmik Mirzoyan on behalf of the MAGIC Collaboration on 15 Jan 2019; 01:03 UT*  
 Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)

Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, Request for Observations, Gamma-Ray Burst

Referred to by ATel #: 12395, 12475

Tweet

The MAGIC telescopes performed a rapid follow-up observation of GRB 190114C (Gropp et al., GCN 23688; Tyurina et al., GCN 23690, de Ugarte Postigo et al., GCN 23692, Lipunov et al. GCN 23693, Selsing et al. GCN 23695). This observation was triggered by the Swift-BAT alert; we started



Three long GRBs detections announced in the past two years:

GRB 180720B ( $z=0.65$ )

GRB 190114C ( $z=0.42$ )

Afterglow detected  $> 300$  GeV  
 Huge statistics (1000s gammas)  
 Sub-minute timescale spectra

GRB 190829A ( $z=0.08$ )

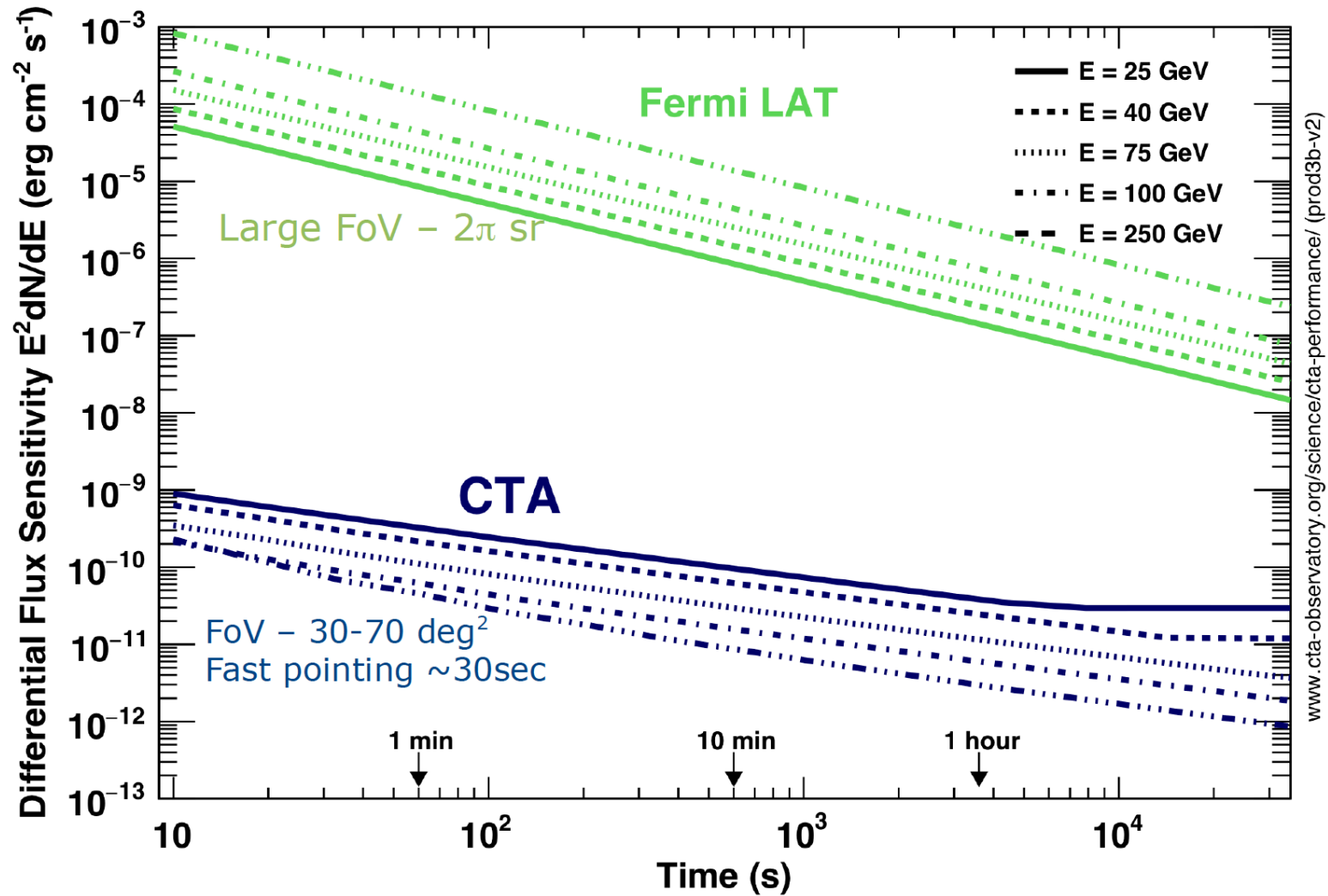
+ GRB 201216C ( $z = 1.1$ )

Strong MWL and MM synergies for spectral and variability studies

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# Transients & Variable Sources: CTA Sensitivity vs. Time

(CTA Collab 2019)



CTA >10,000 times more sensitive than Fermi-LAT in multi-GeV range

→ GRBs, AGN, giant pulses, FRBs, GW, SGR bursts...

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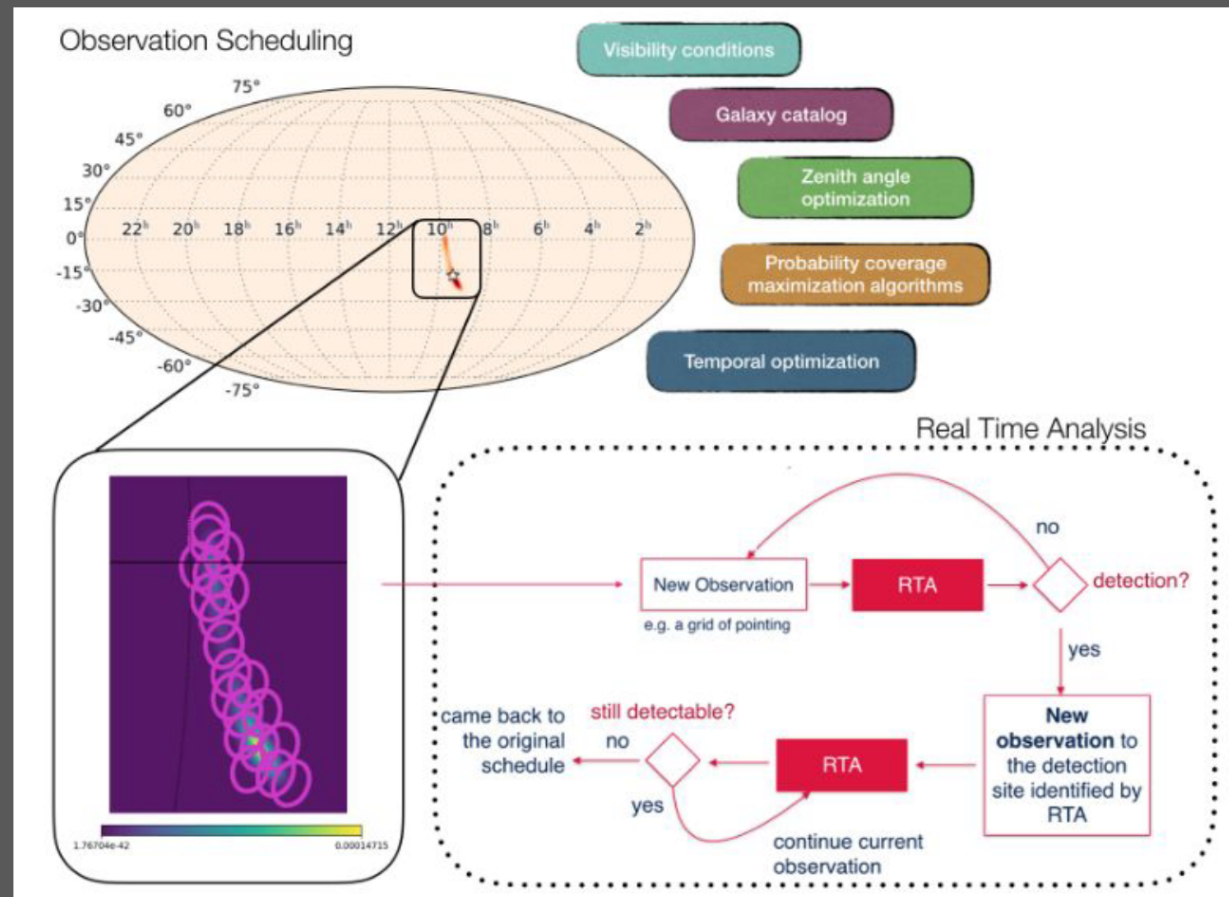
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# Gravitational wave follow-ups



CTA will represent an important improvement on the follow-up of gravitational wave events

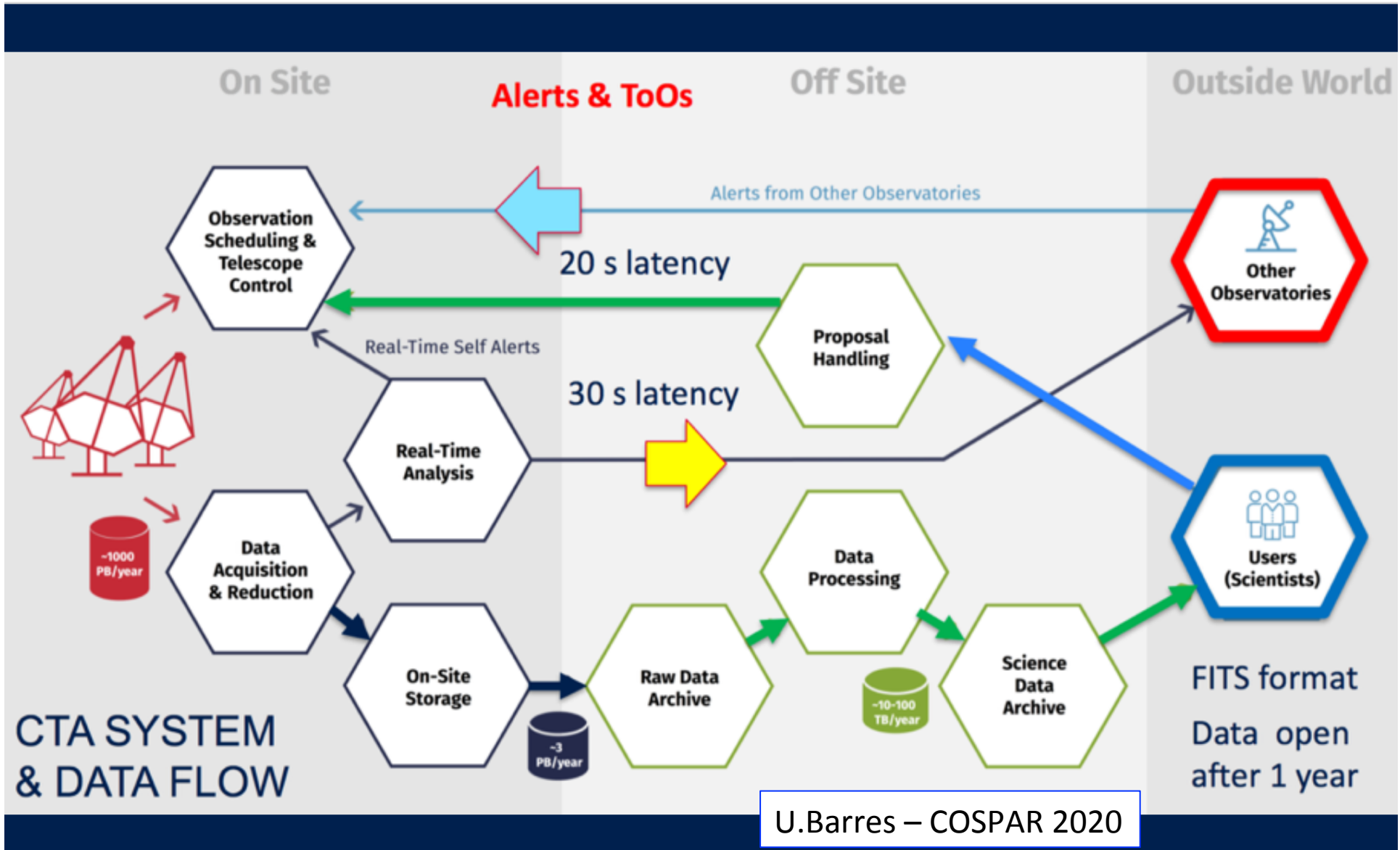
- Larger field of view of  $5^\circ$  -  $7^\circ$  means quicker scan of GW error regions
- An optimised pointing strategy will be used to efficiently cover the sky area of the GW signal





cherenkov  
telescope  
array

# CTA Transients Science



# External Needs Matrix



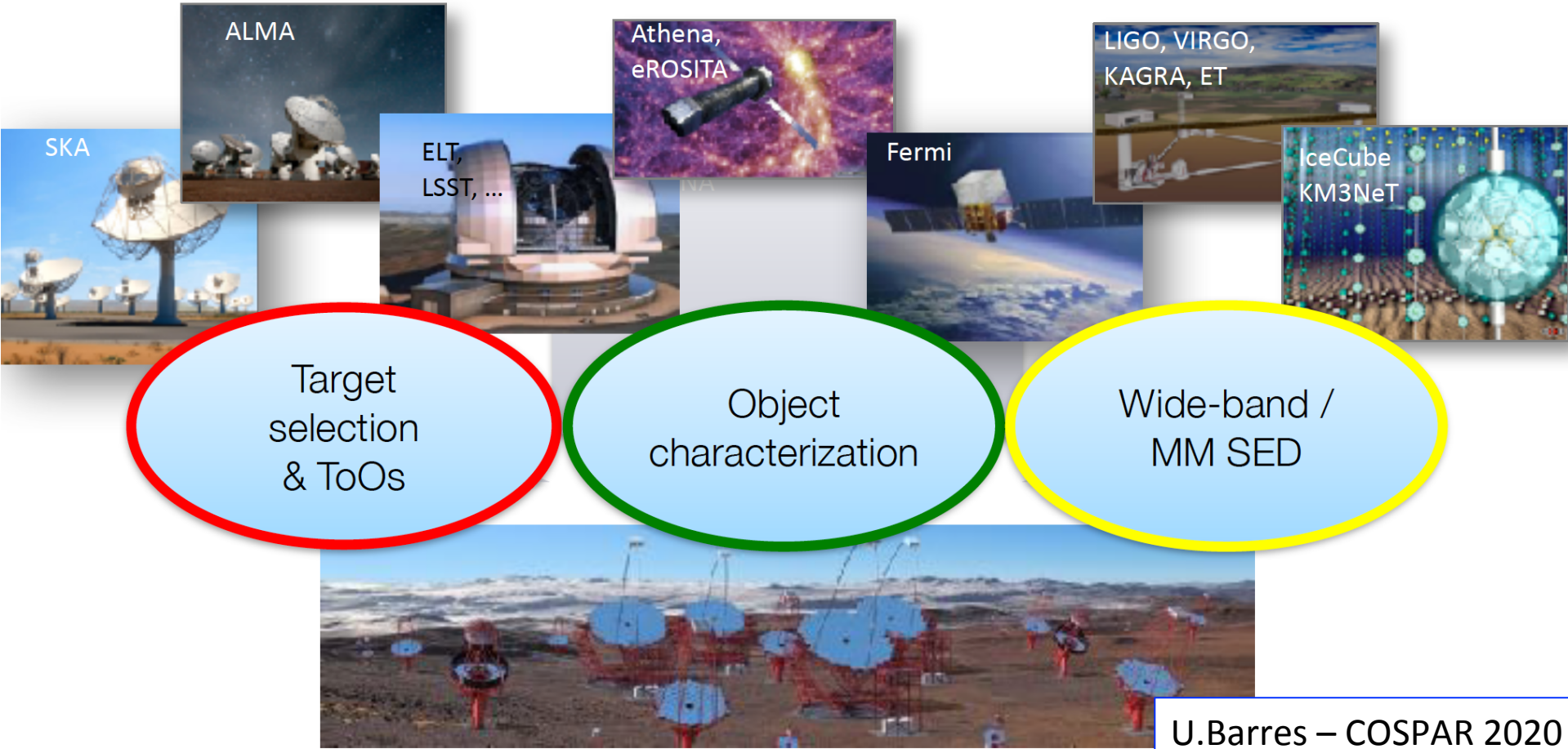
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Band or Messenger	Astrophysical Probes	Galactic Plane Survey	LMC & SFRs	CRs & Diffuse Emission	Galactic Transients	Starburst & Galaxy Clusters	GRBs	AGNs	Radio Galaxies	Redshifts	GWs & Neutrinos
Radio	Particle and magnetic-field density probe. Transients. Pulsar timing.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
(Sub)Millimetre	Interstellar gas mapping. Matter ionisation levels. High-res interferometry.	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
IR/Optical	Thermal emission. Variable non-thermal emission. Polarisation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Transient Factories	Wide-field monitoring & transients detection. Multi-messenger follow-ups.						✓	✓			✓
X-rays	Accretion and outflows. Particle acceleration. Plasma properties.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
MeV-GeV Gamma-rays	High-energy transients. Pion-decay signature. Inverse-Compton process	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Other VHE	Particle detectors for 100% duty cycle monitoring of TeV sky.	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
Neutrinos	Probe of cosmic-ray acceleration sites. Probe of PeV energy processes.			✓			✓	✓			✓
Gravitational Waves	Mergers of compact objects (Neutron Stars). Gamma-ray Bursts.						✓				✓

# MWL and Multi-Messenger Perspectives



## Synergies with astrophysical facilities...

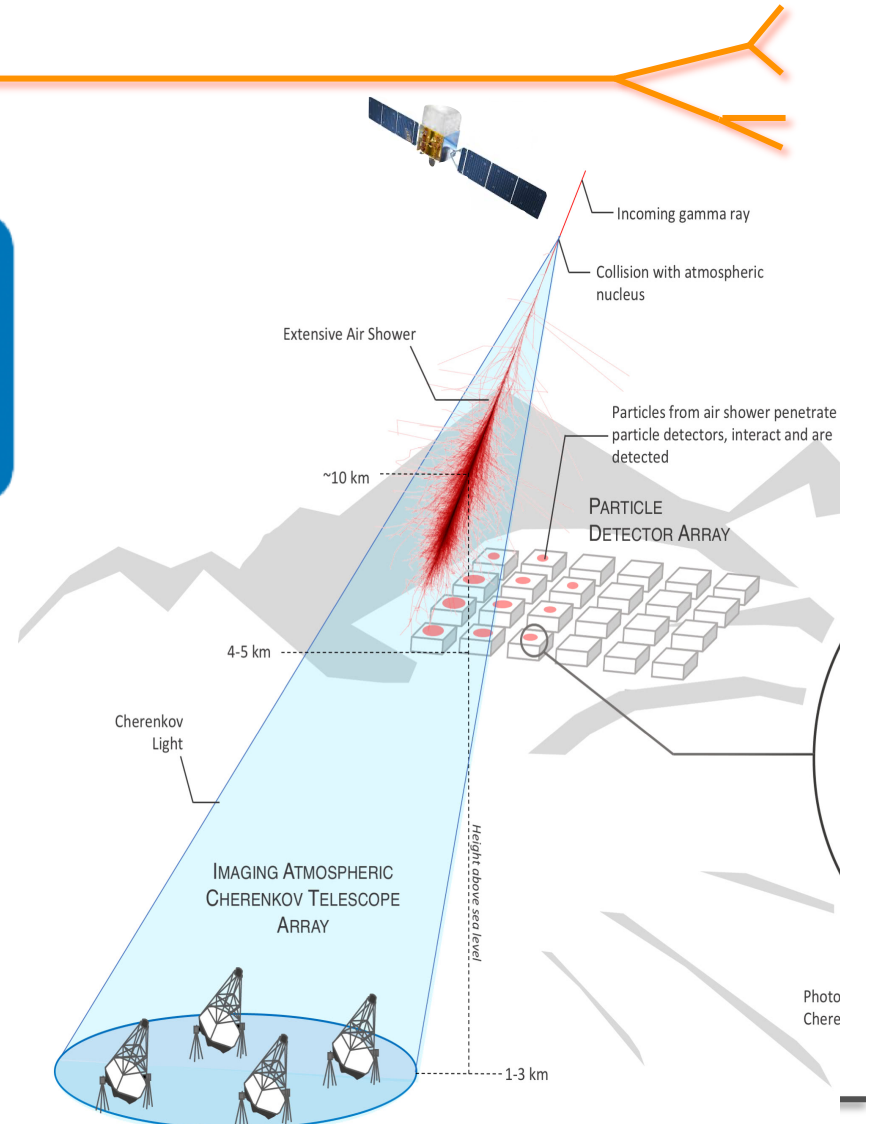
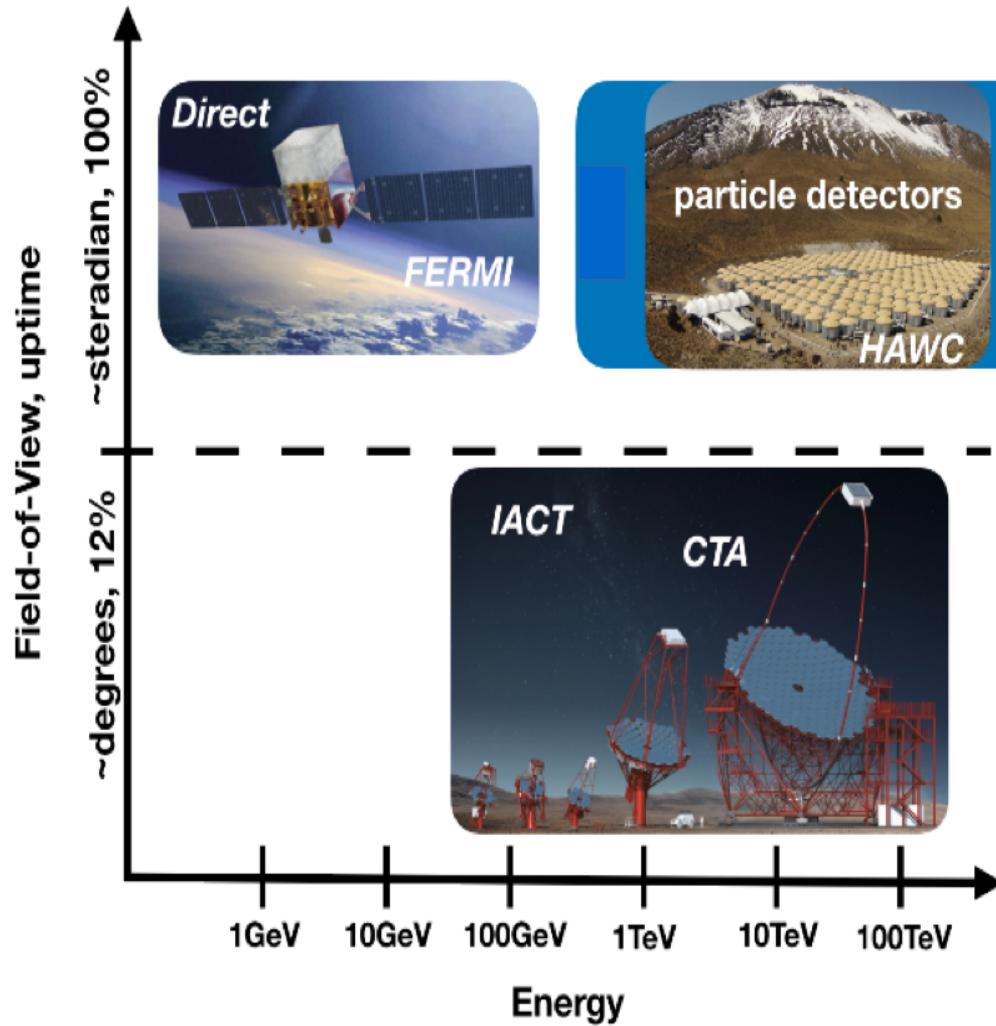






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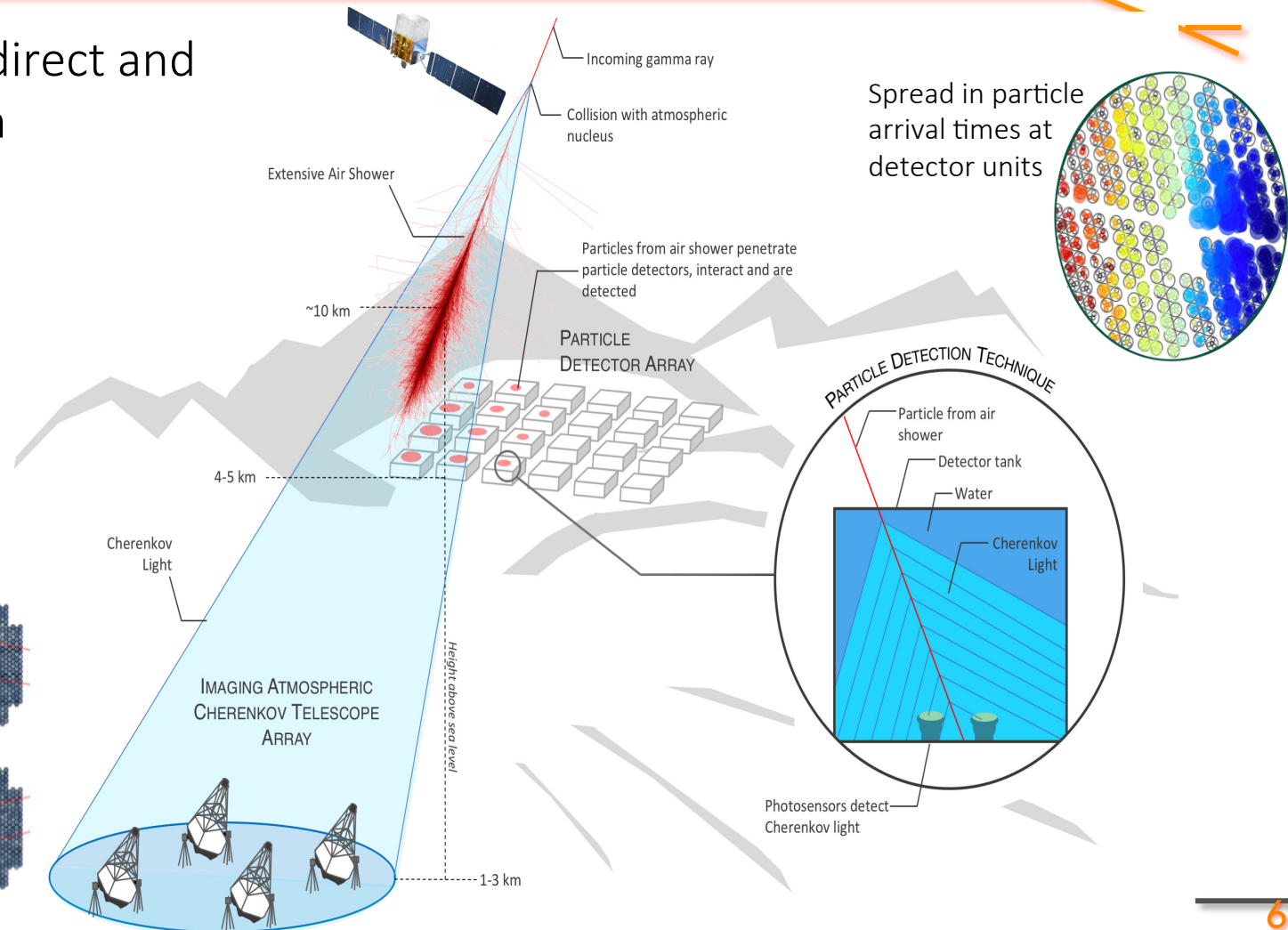
# Gamma-ray Astronomy



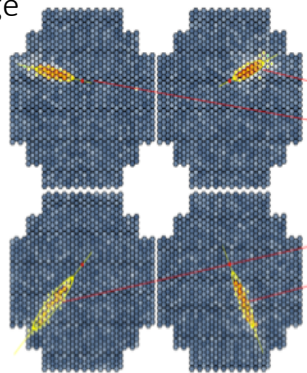
Shower image, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ -ray adapted from: F. Schmidt, J. Knapp, "CORSIKA Shower Images", 2005, <https://www-zeuthen.desy.de/~jknapp/fs/showerimages.html>

# Gamma-ray Astronomy

Complementary direct and indirect detection techniques



Atmospheric Cherenkov light image



Shower image, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ -ray adapted from: F. Schmidt, J. Knapp, "CORSIKA Shower Images", 2005, <https://www-zeuthen.desy.de/~jknapp/js/showerimages.html>

Not to scale

## ◎ Astonishing variety of TeV\* emitters

### ✦ Within the Milky Way

- ✦ Supernova remnants
- ✦ Bombarded molecular clouds
- ✦ Stellar binaries - colliding wind & X-ray
- ✦ Massive stellar clusters
- ✦ Pulsars and pulsar wind nebulae
- ✦ Supermassive black hole Sgr A\*

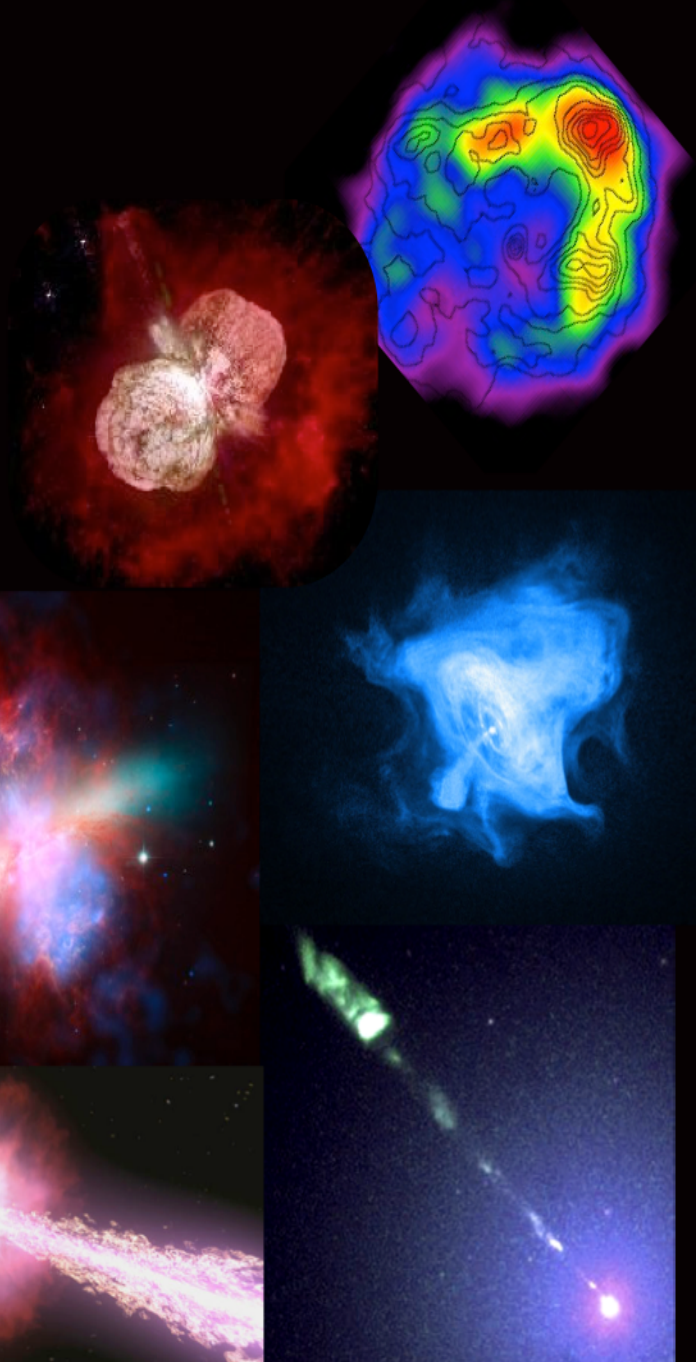
### ✦ Extragalactic

- ✦ Starburst galaxies
- ✦ MW satellites
- ✦ Radio galaxies
- ✦ Flat-spectrum radio quasars
- ✦ 'BL Lac' objects
- ✦ Gamma-ray bursts

## ◎ Acceleration to TeV energies is common, gamma-rays are an effective probe

- ✦ Strongly complementary to sync. measurements

\*0.05-50 TeV



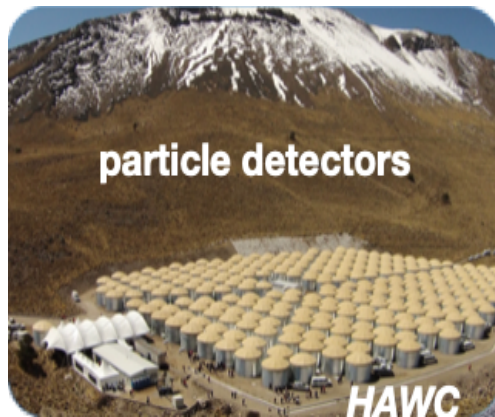
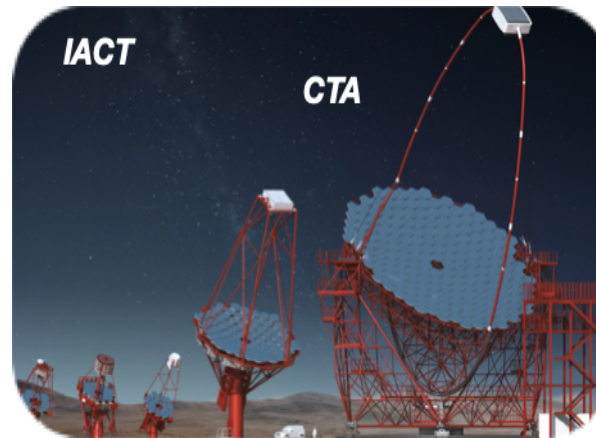


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# Observational Panorama

## Cherenkov Atmospheric Telescopes

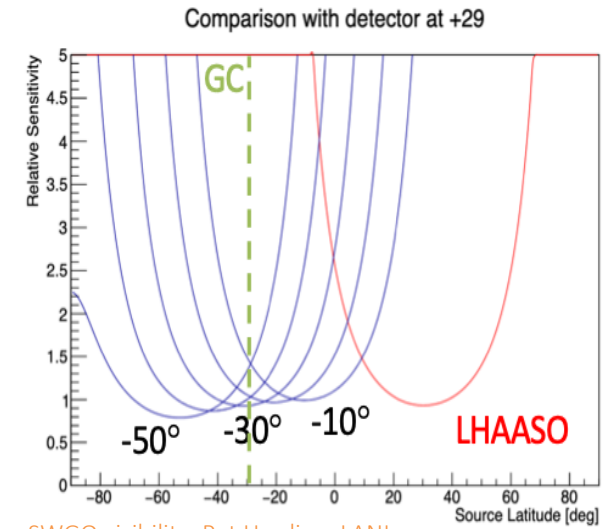
- 20% duty-cycle
- Pointing (few degrees FoV)
- Energy threshold down to 10s GeV
- Good energy and angular resolution



## Particle Detector Arrays

- 100% duty-cycle
- Wide-field of View (~ steradian)
- Energy range 100s GeV up to 100s TeV
- Continual view and accurate background determination

# Geographic distribut

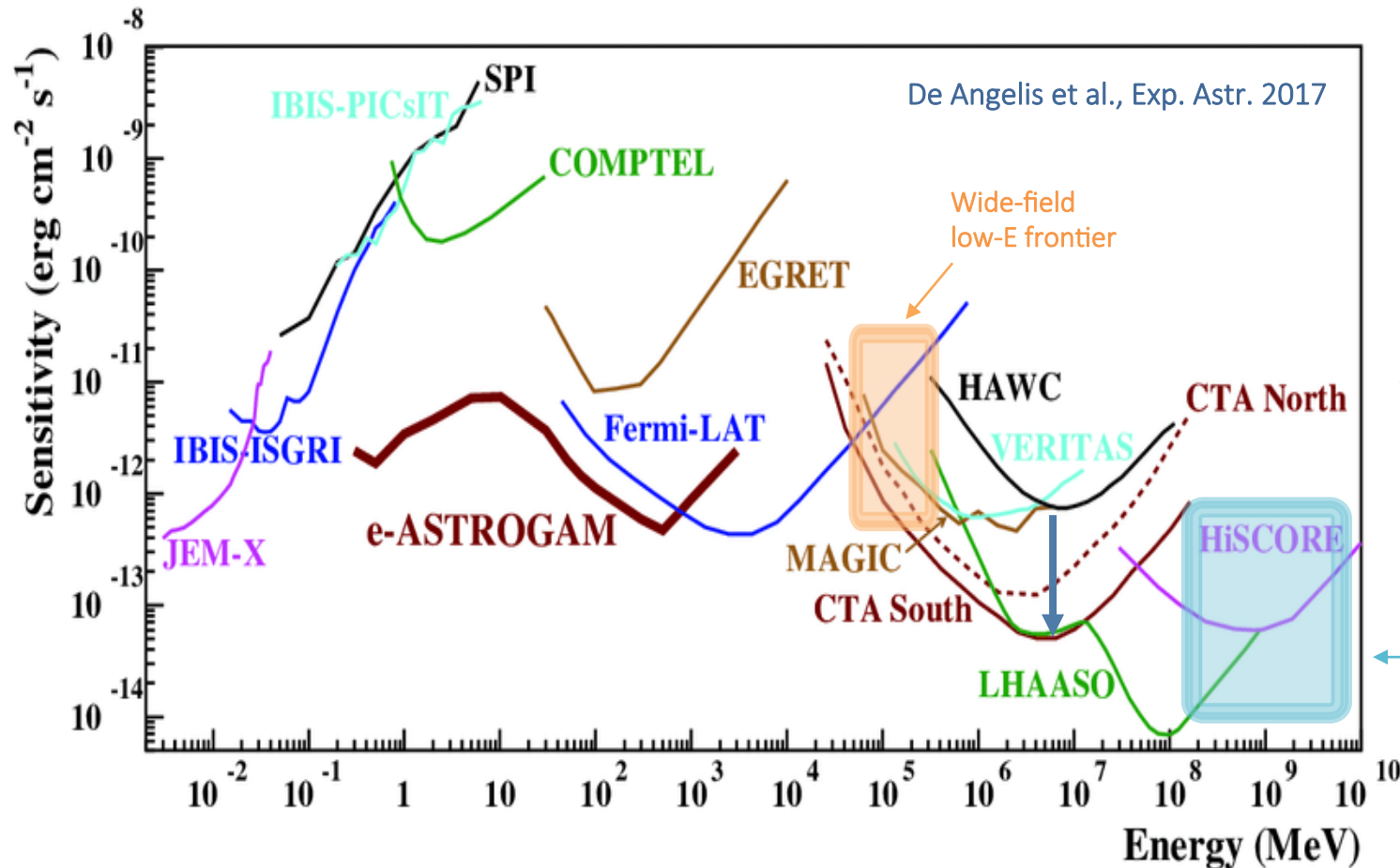


SWGGO visibility, Pat Harding, LANL



# Broadband panorama of high-energy Astrophysics

- Point source sensitivity for X- and gamma-ray instruments



CTA and LHAASO will drive an order of magnitude increase in the TeV - PeV region in the next decade.

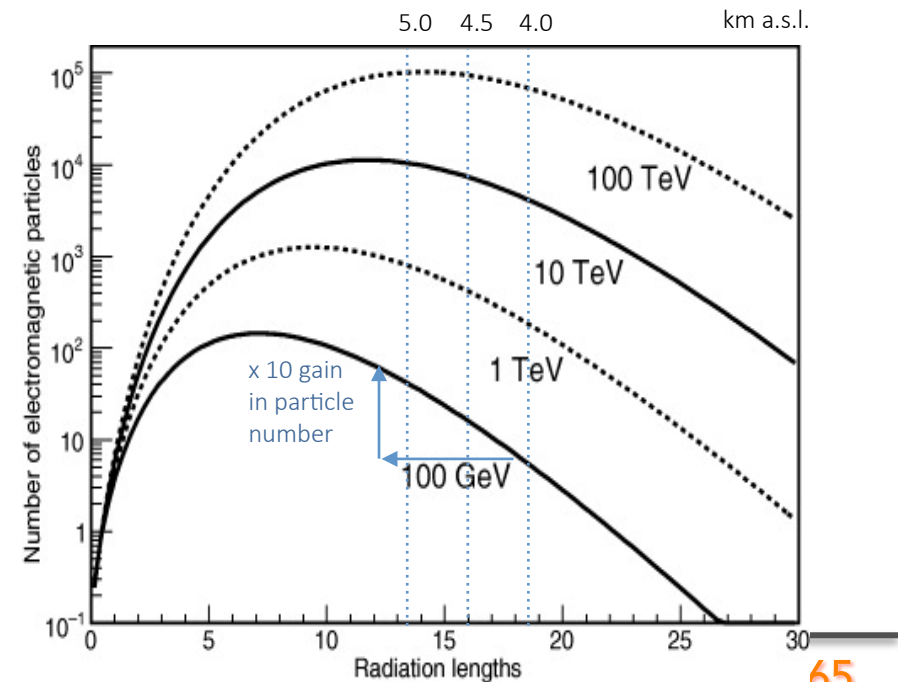
The 100 GeV frontier remains to be explored by wide-field gamma observatories.

← High-sensitivity TeV-PeV frontier

# The high-altitude frontier



The Andes provides a number of high-altitude plateaus and high-altitude lakes that constitute suitable sites for a particle array aiming to extend the low-energy frontier for Wide-Field Observatories.



Adapted from G. Sinnis, NJPh, 2009



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# Candidate Sites

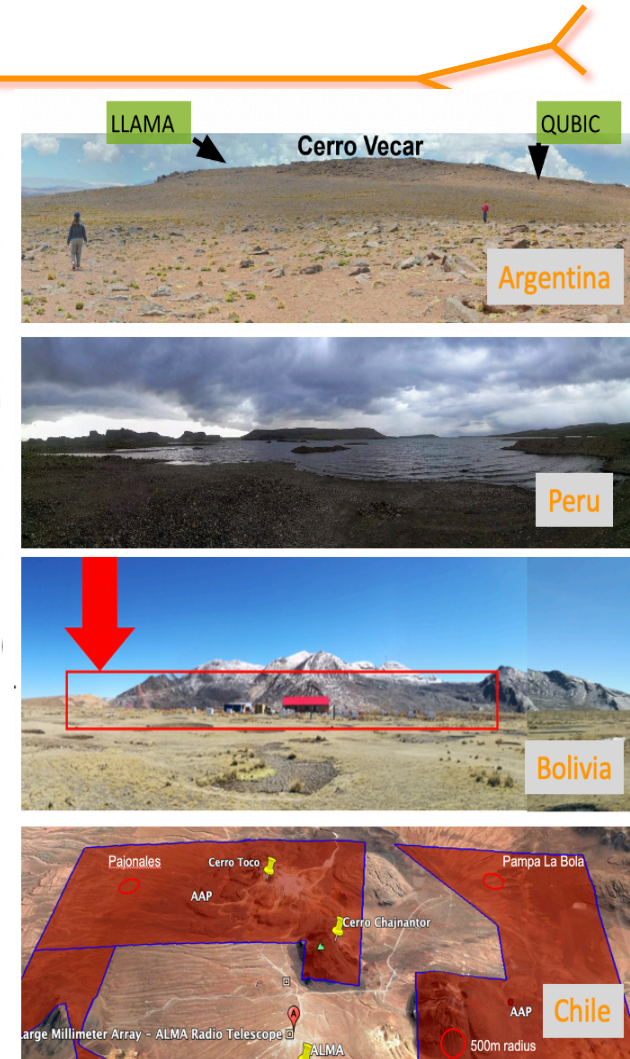
lat. 15 S



lat. 23 S

- 📍 Alto Tocomar (Argentina)
- 📍 Cerro Vecar (Argentina)
- 📍 Chacaltaya (Bolivia)
- 📍 AAP Pajonal (Chile)
- 📍 AAP Pampa La Bola (Chile)
- 📍 Lake Sibinacocha (Peru)
- 📍 Imata (Peru)
- 📍 Sumbay (Peru)
- 📍 Peru National Observatory
- 📍 Yanque (Peru)

The complete list of potential sites is still under investigation, aiming at an evaluation for site choice by 2021.

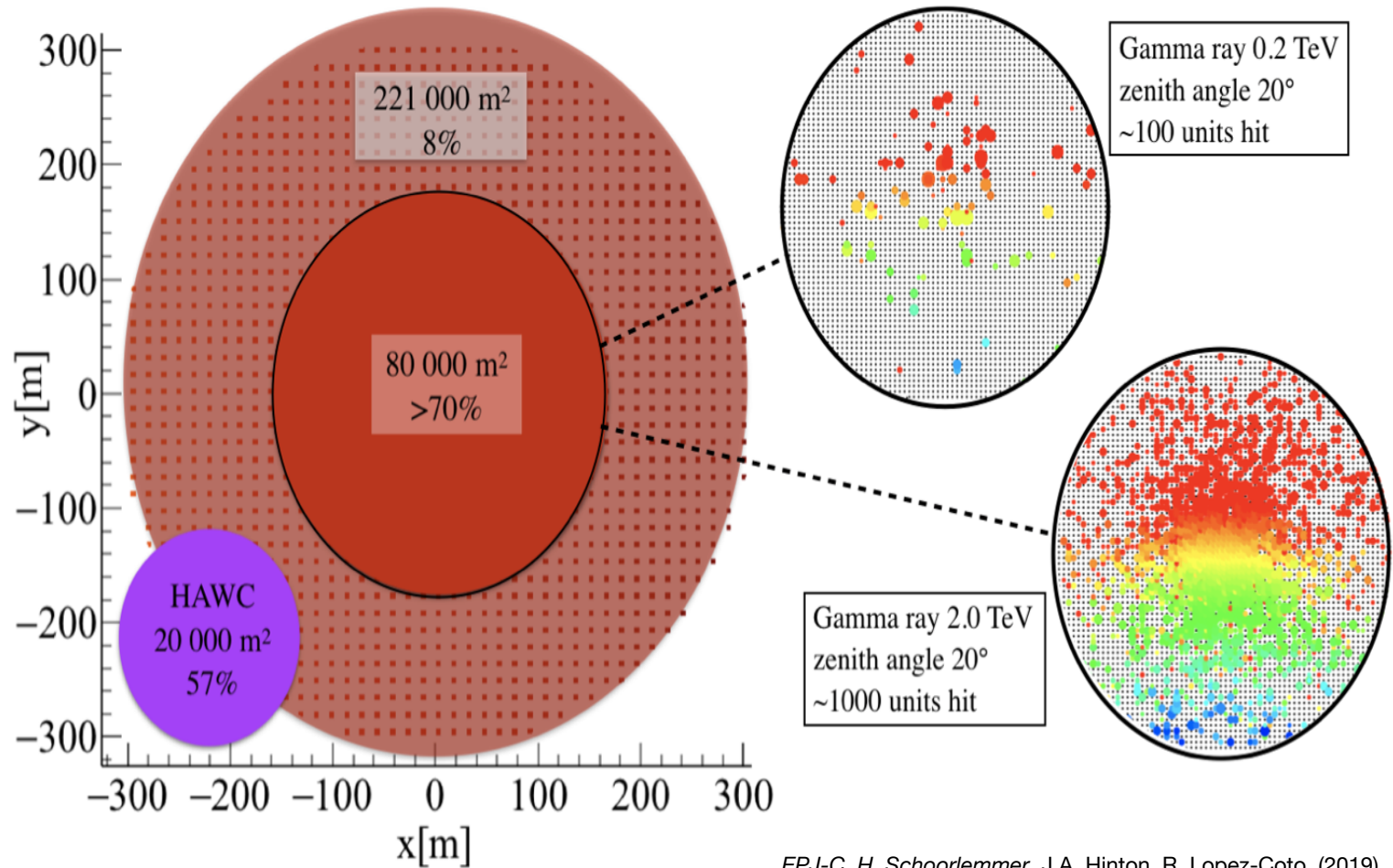




# The SWGO Concept

## Detector array

Large array for low-energy events  
Compact core with large instrumented area



EPJ-C, H. Schoorlemmer, J.A. Hinton, R. Lopez-Coto, (2019)

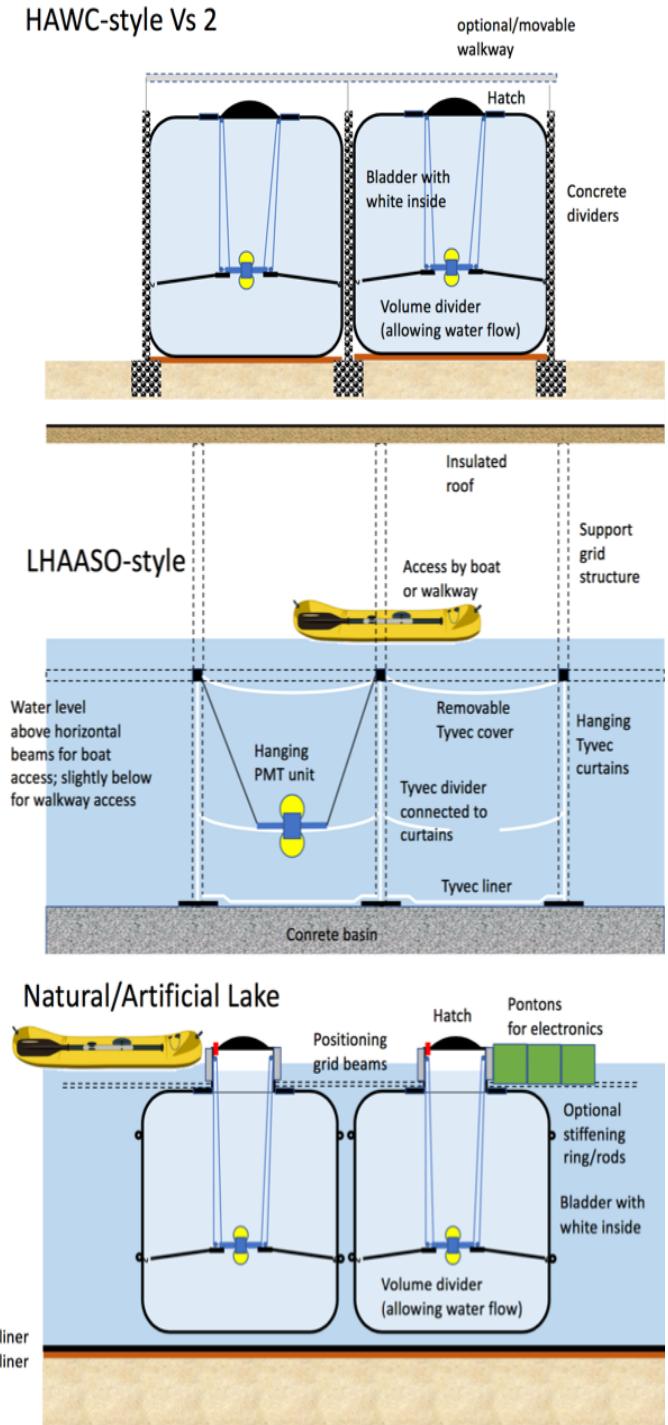
⊙ 'Strawman' - reference detector layout

# The SWGO Concept

Multiple detector options to be investigated

- ⦿ Core unit is a water-Cherenkov Detector
  - ⦿ Options being investigated based on tanks (HAWC-like), ponds (Milagro-like) and lake-base (test pool under construction at MPIK-Heidelberg)
- ⦿ Simulations currently ongoing to constrain all aspects of the detectors
- ⦿ Design strongly dependent on site choice
  - ⦿ Water access, construction costs, infrastructure feasibility, compatibility with scientific driven main design goals...

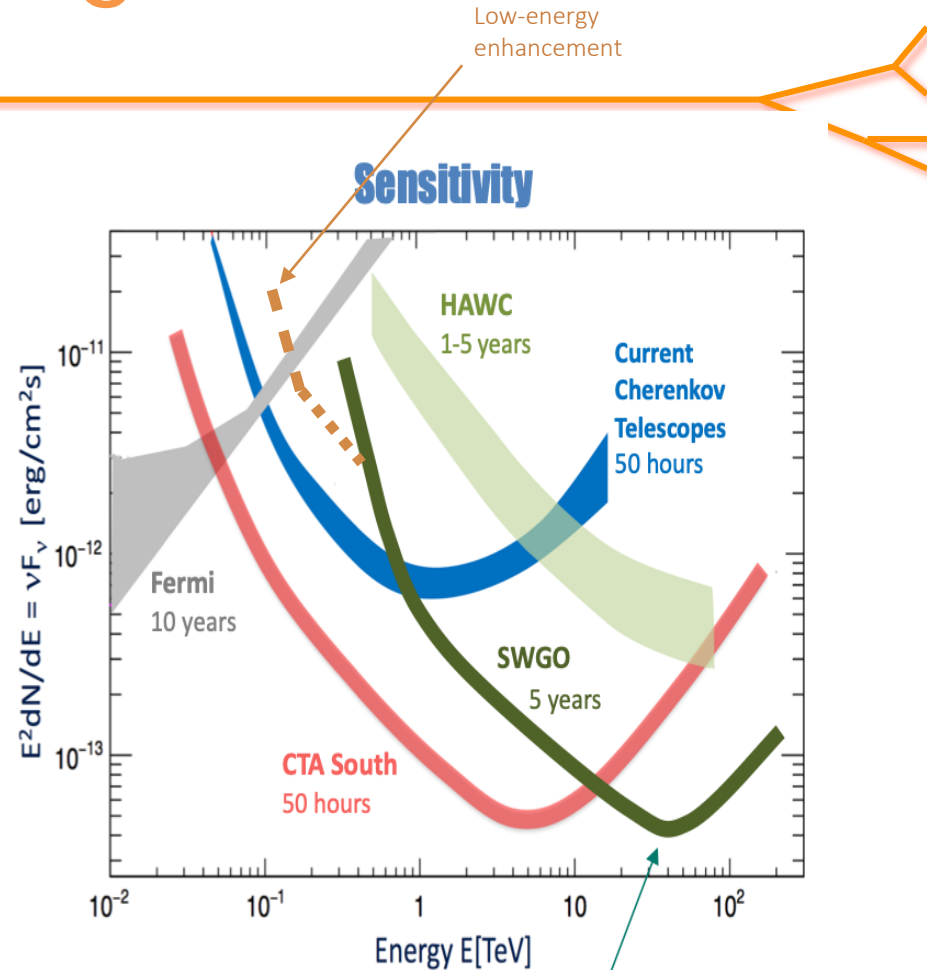
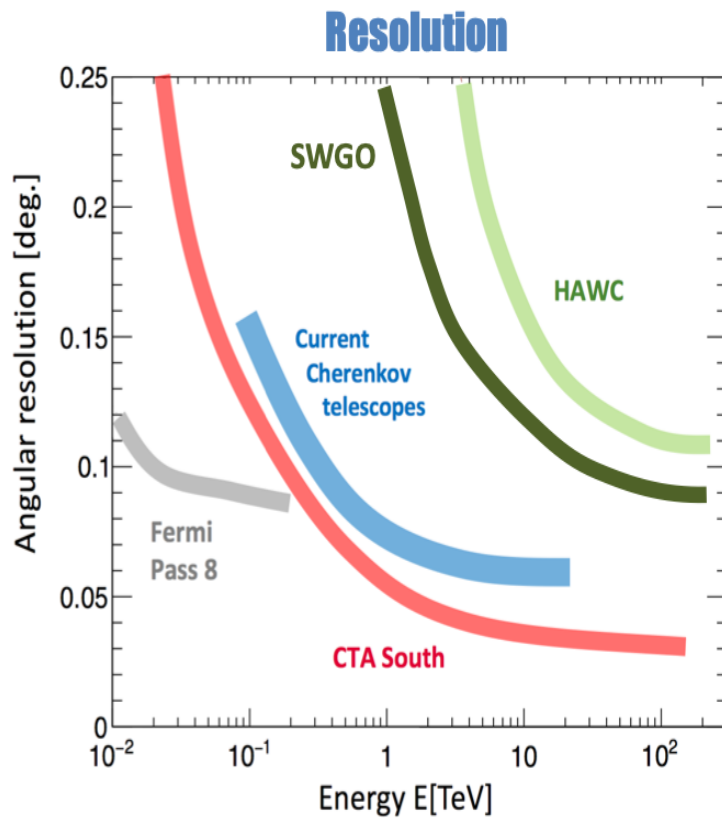
Detector units





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# Performance goals



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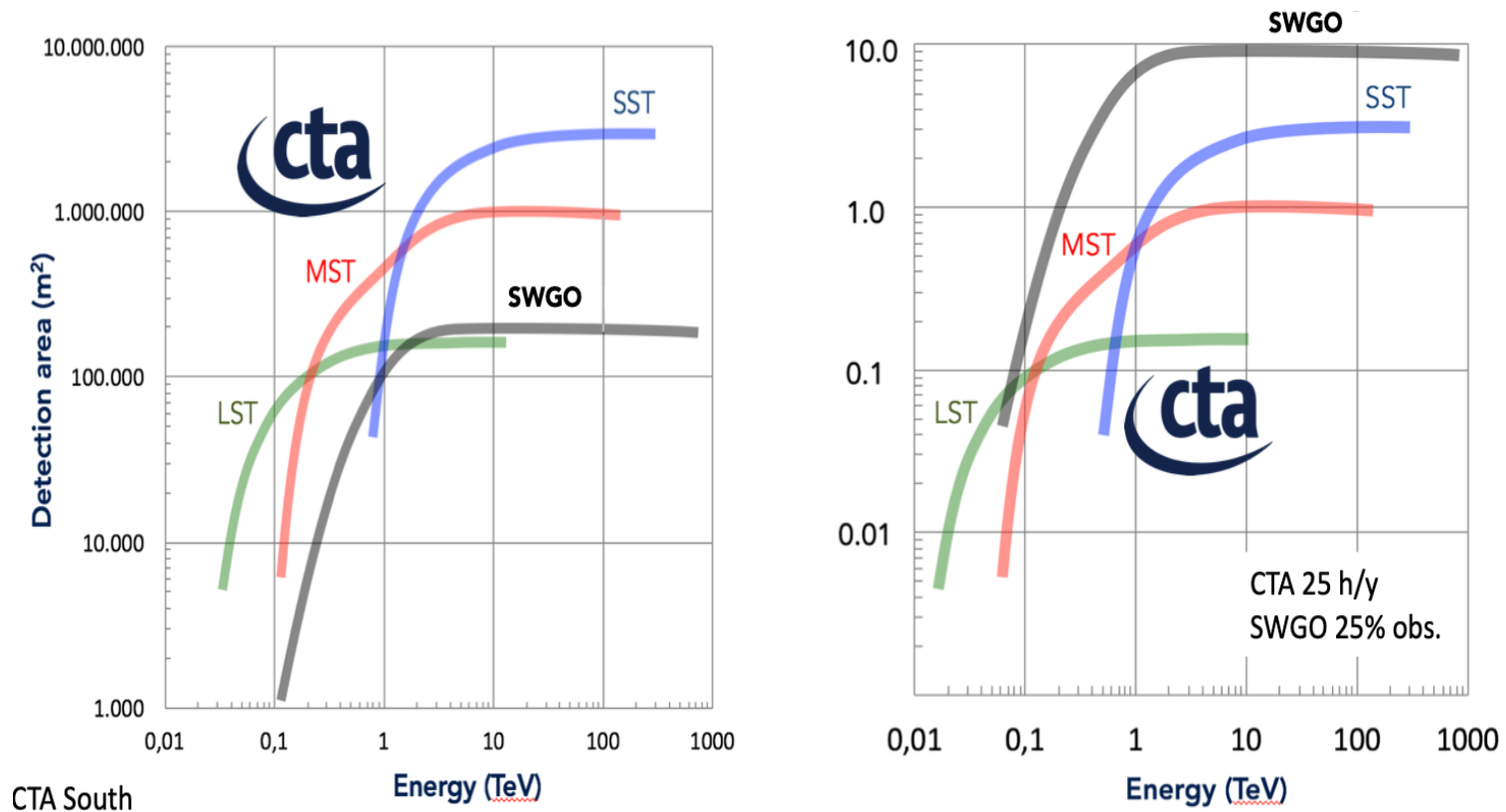
[www.swgo.org](http://www.swgo.org)

Background free above about  
30 TeV for point-like sources,  
even after 5 years



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# Performance goals



**Detection Area**

**Annual Exposure**

Potentially more sensitive than CTA over several years integration time provided good background suppression is achieved.



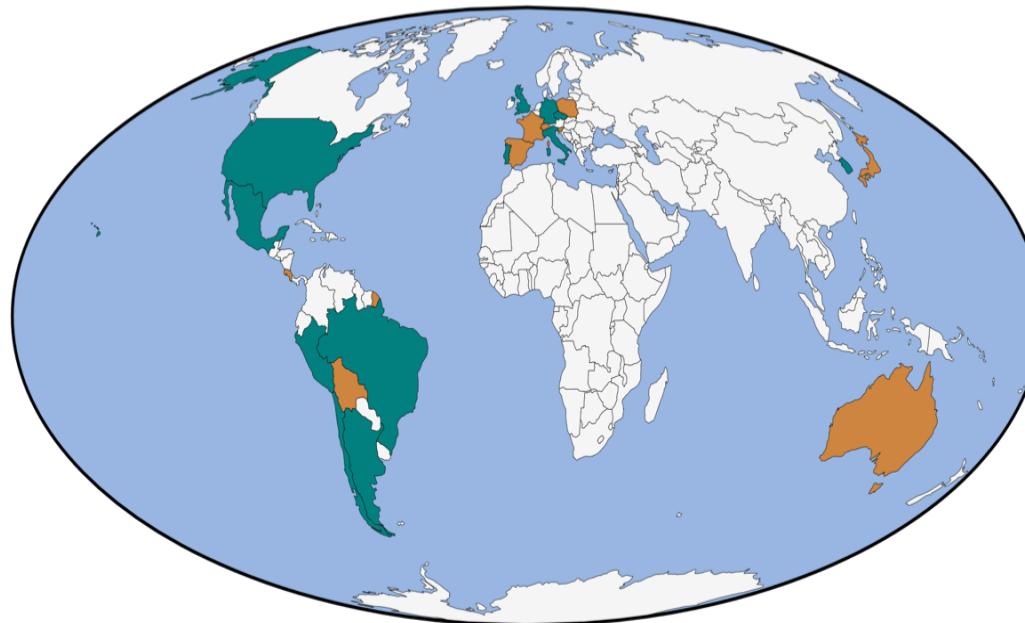
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# The Collaboration

- ◎ Southern Wide-Field Gamma-ray Observatory
  - + higher altitude (4400+ m asl) and larger area
  - + more efficient detector units + muon tagging capability
    - improved sensitivity and lower E threshold

Established in July 2019  
3 year R&D Programme

[www.swgo.org](http://www.swgo.org)



## Institutes

Argentina\*, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Germany\*, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, South Korea, United Kingdom, United States\*

Member institutes signed the Sol.

## Supporting scientists

Australia, Bolivia, Costa Rica, France, Japan, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland

*\*also supporting scientists*

Any interested individual can become supporting scientist.

# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## UHECR

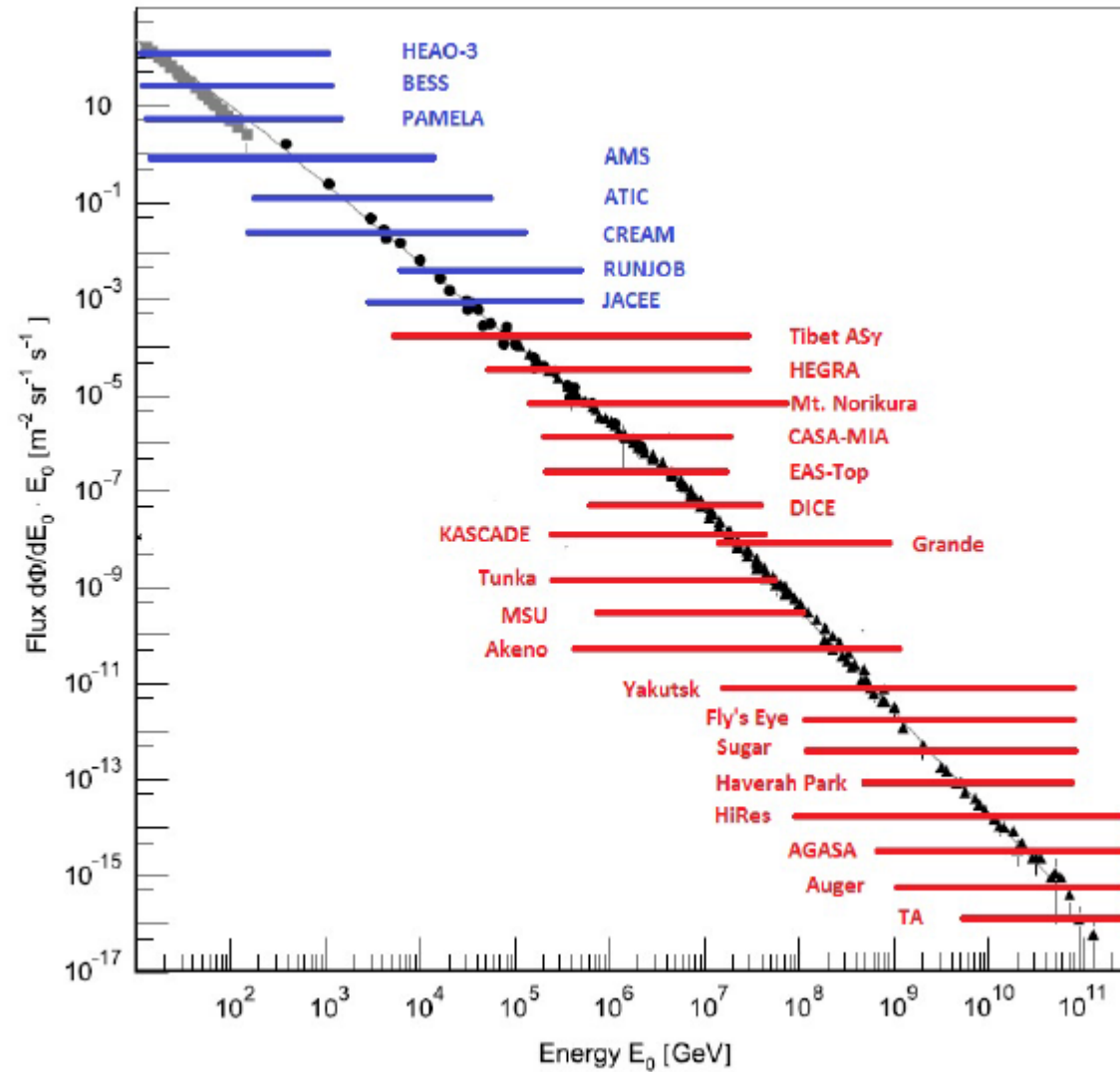
# Metodi di misura dei raggi cosmici

Misure dirette

$E < 10^{14}$  eV

Misure indirette,

$E > 10^{14}$  eV



# CORSIKA Simulation

QGSJET/EGS4

proton

$E=10^{14}$  eV

iron nucleus

50 km

40 km

30 km

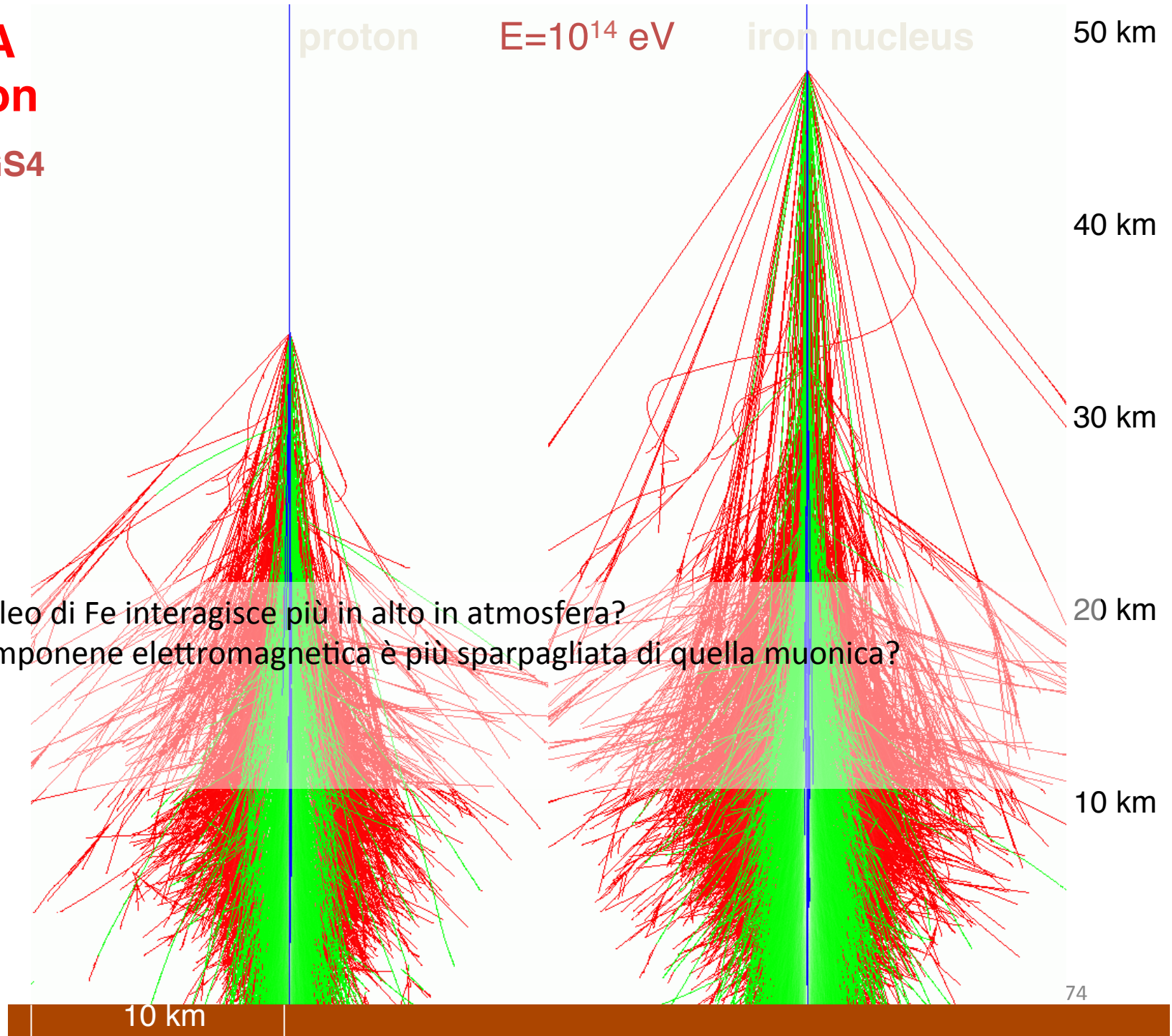
20 km

10 km

Perchè il nucleo di Fe interagisce più in alto in atmosfera?  
Perchè la componente elettromagnetica è più sparpagliata di quella muonica?

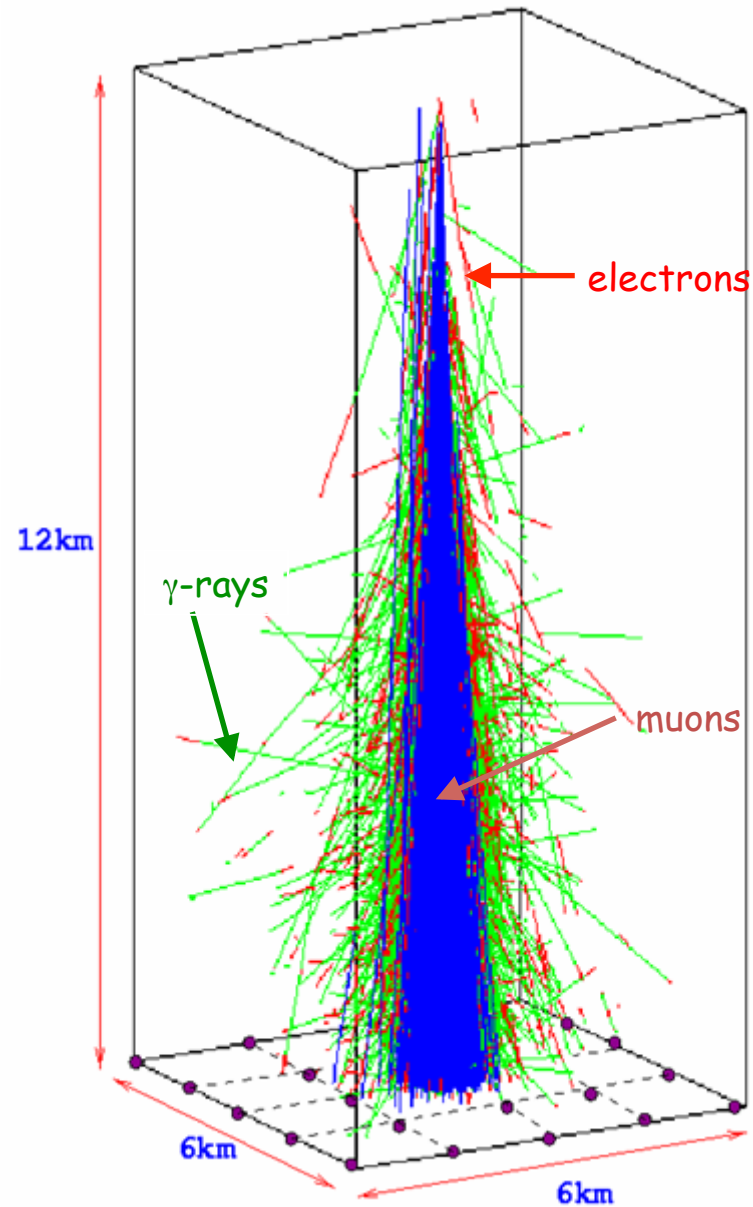
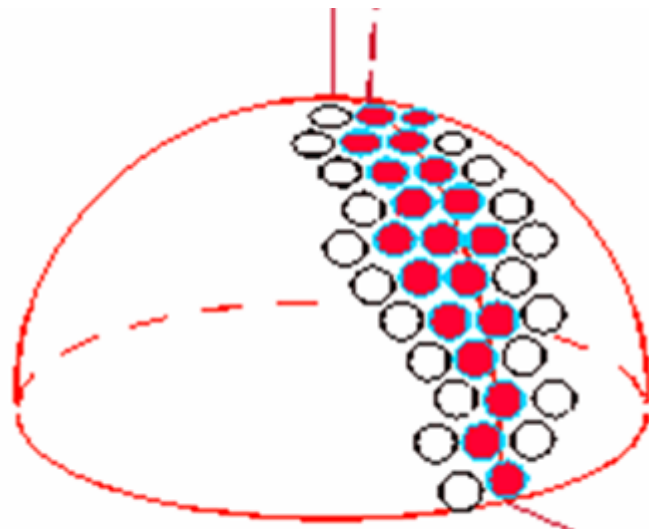
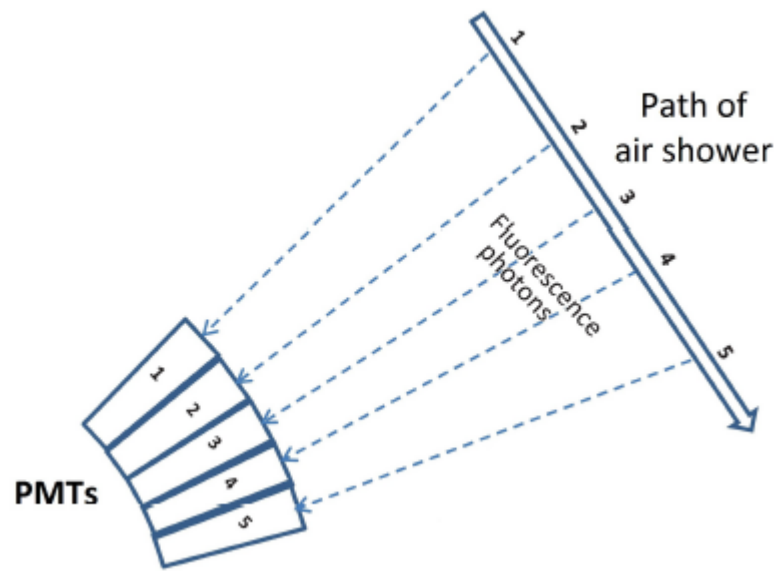
$e/\gamma$   
 $\mu$   
 $h$

10 km





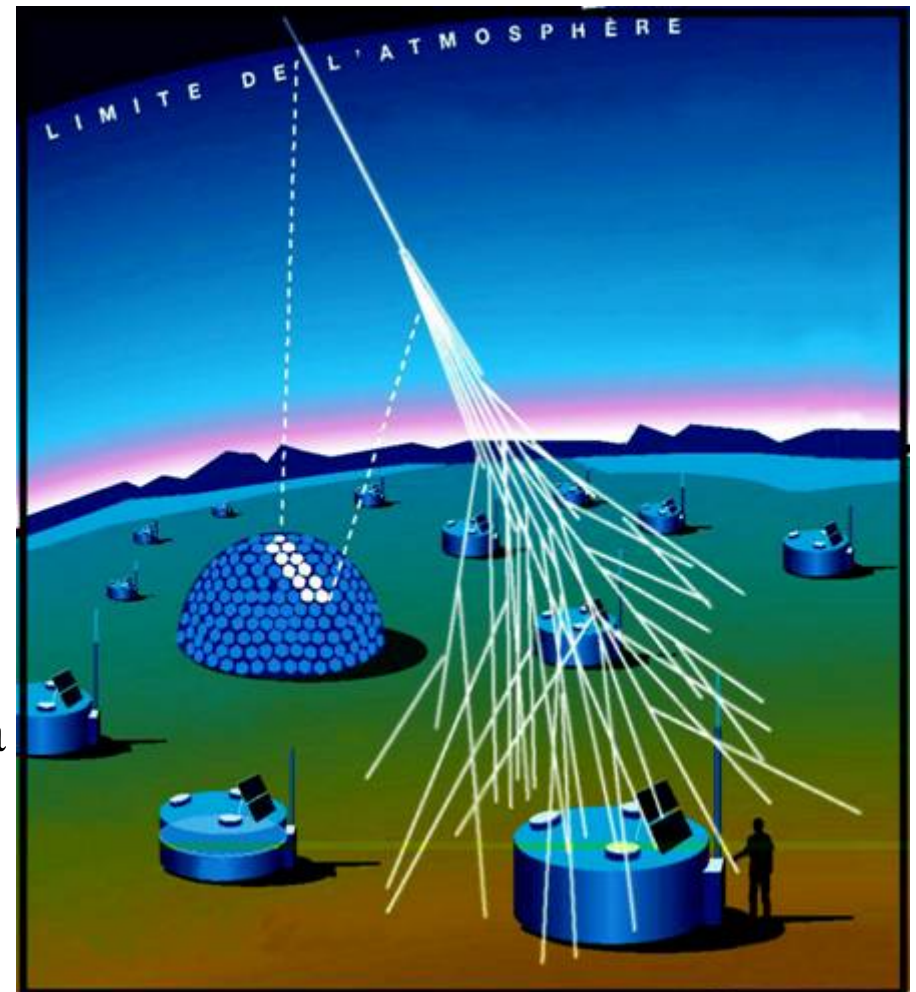
# Rivelatori di sciame di alta energia



# AUGER: Un rivelatore ibrido

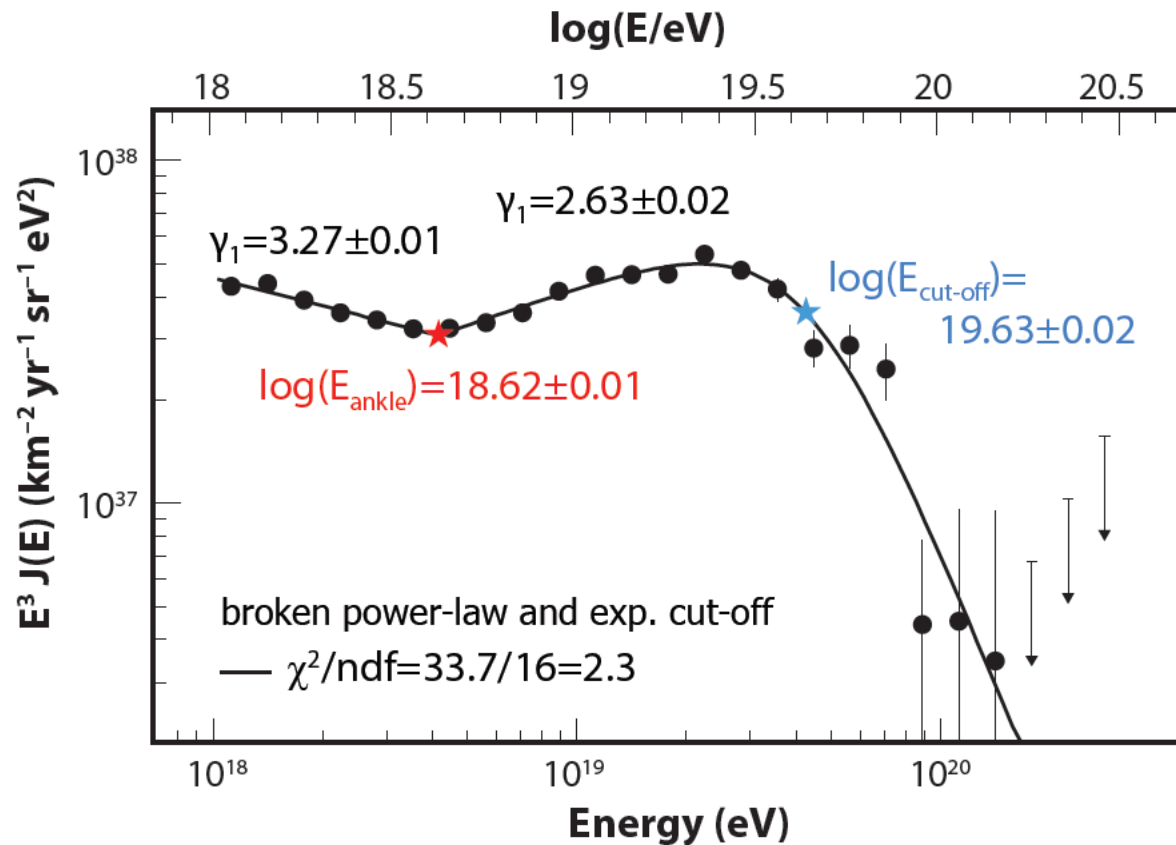
**Rivelatore di sciame:** 1600 taniche cilindriche (ciascuna di 10 m<sup>2</sup> ed alte 1.5 m) riempite di acqua, per rivelare gli sciame al suolo tramite la luce Cerenkov emessa dagli elettroni nell'acqua

- Il rivelatore di sciame misura la distribuzione laterale e temporale dello sciame
- Distanza tra taniche: 1.5 km
- Area di forma esagonale, di 60×60 km<sup>2</sup>
- Rivelatori di fluorescenza: 6 telescopi con ciascuno 4 “occhi” per determinare il profilo longitudinale dello sciame e l'altezza del suo massimo.



# AUGER Energy spectrum

## SD+Hybrid Combined Spectrum



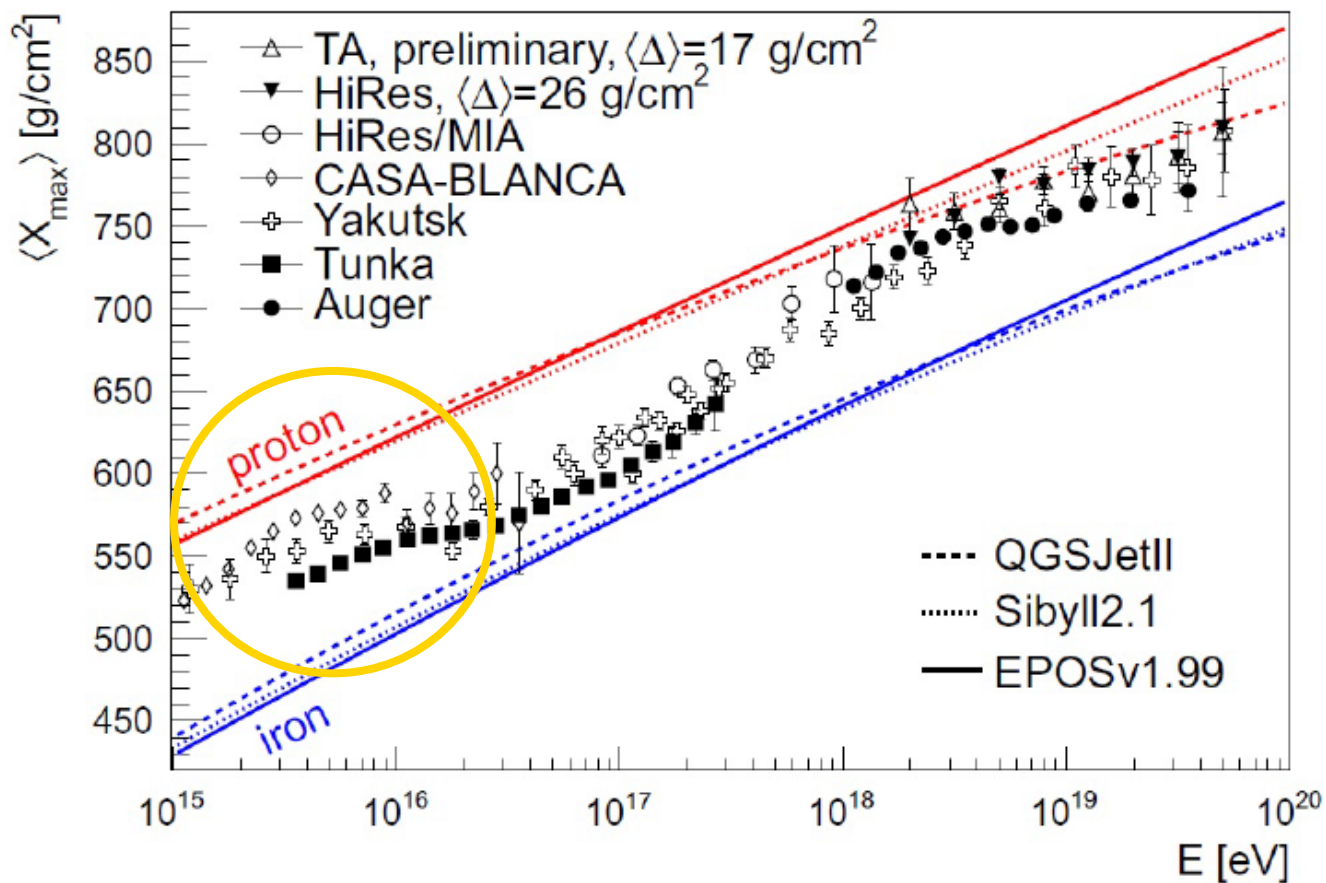
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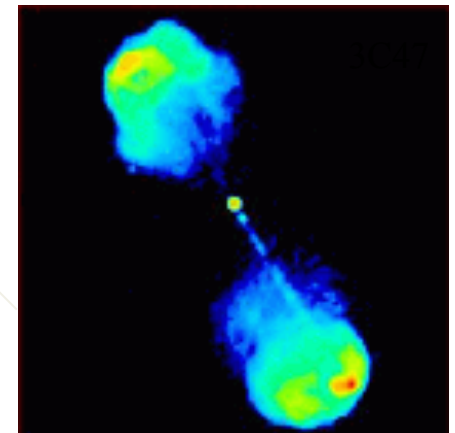
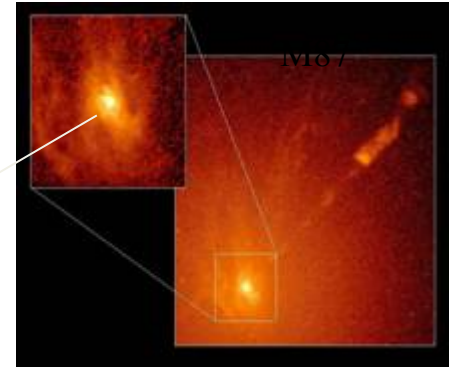
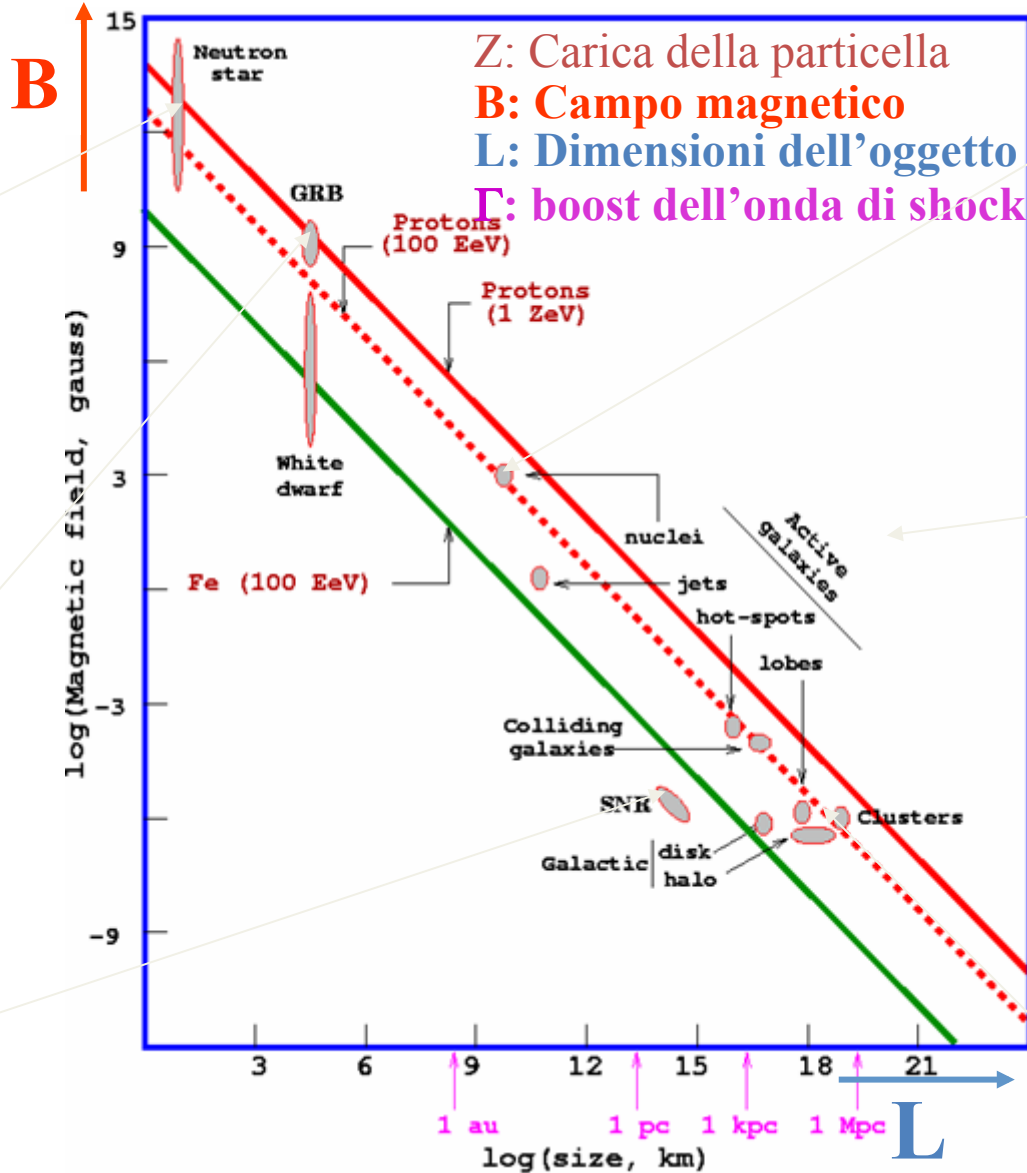
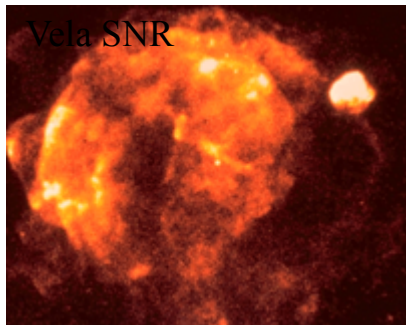
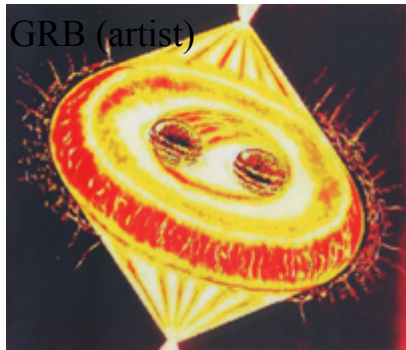
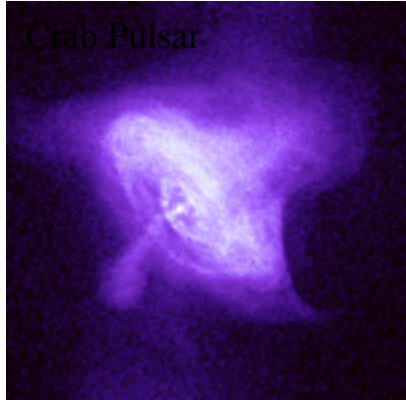
**Exposure = 20905 km<sup>2</sup> sr yr** (60% increase over PLB 685 (2010) 239)  
**Inclined showers add another 5300 km<sup>2</sup> sr yr (→ #724)**

# Composizione chimica dei RC nella regione degli EAS

- Il modello del *leaky box* prevede un arricchimento di elementi pesanti nei RC sino al ginocchio.
- Gli EAS possono misurare  $\langle A \rangle$  con difficoltà.
- Le misure possono essere poi confrontate con *modelli estremi* (solo p o Fe) via MC



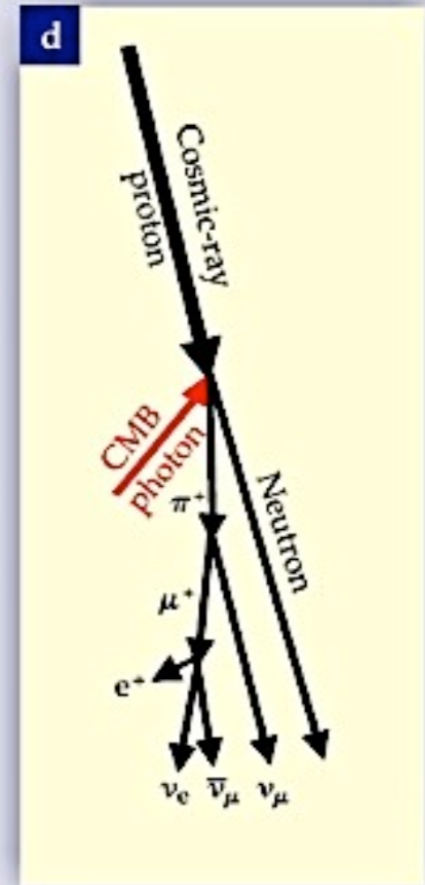
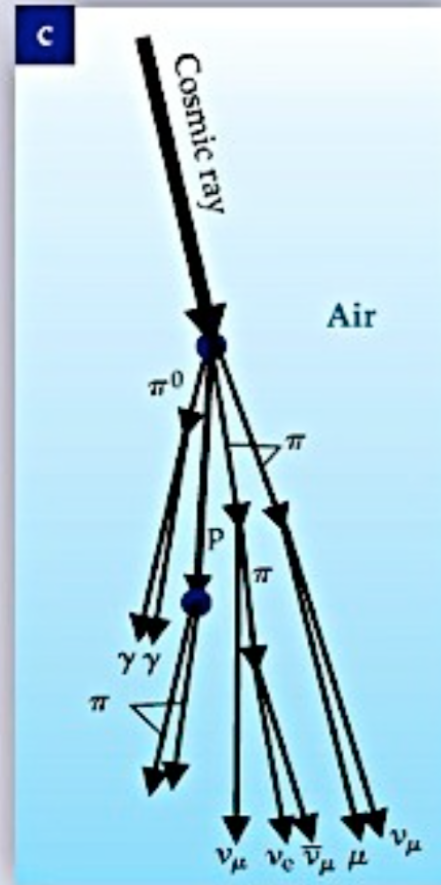
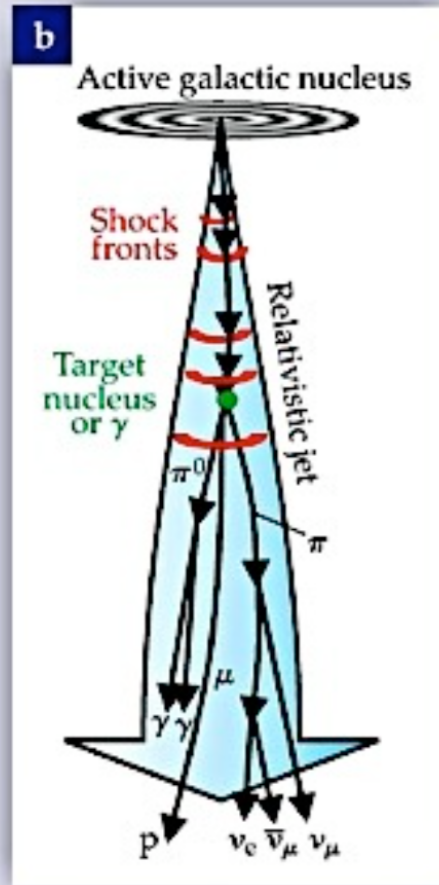
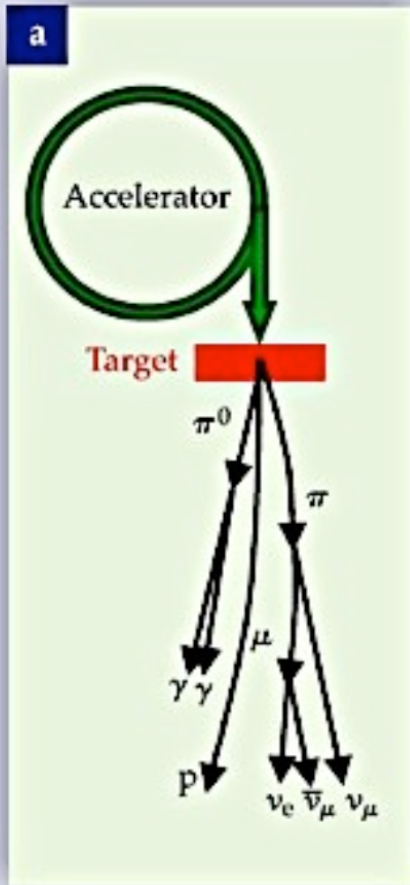
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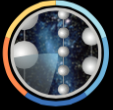


# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## Astrophysical Neutrinos

# Summary of neutrino production modes





# THE ICECUBE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

*Deployed in the deep glacial ice at the South Pole*

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**5160** PMTs

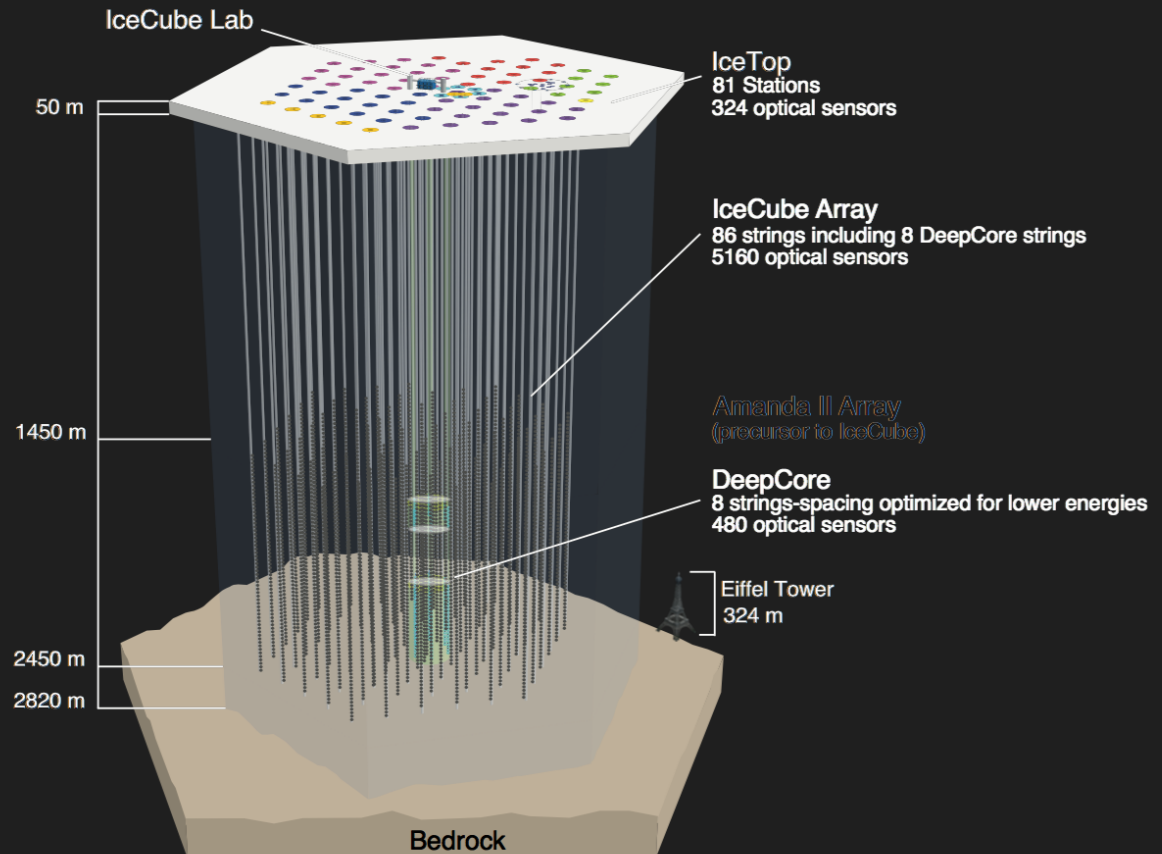
**1 km<sup>3</sup>** volume

**86** strings

**17 m** vertical spacing

**125 m** string spacing

Completed **2010**





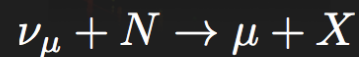
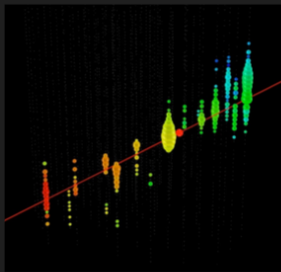


# NEUTRINO EVENT SIGNATURES

*Signatures of signal events*

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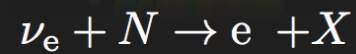
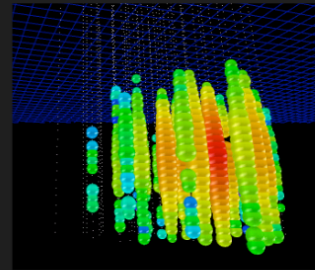
## CC Muon Neutrino



track (data)

factor of  $\approx 2$  energy resolution  
<  $1^{\circ}$  angular resolution at high energies

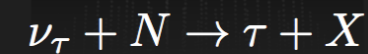
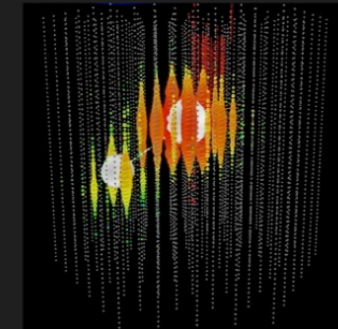
## Neutral Current / Electron Neutrino



cascade (data)

$\approx \pm 15\%$  deposited energy resolution  
 $\approx 10^{\circ}$  angular resolution (in IceCube)  
(at energies  $\approx 100$  TeV)

## CC Tau Neutrino

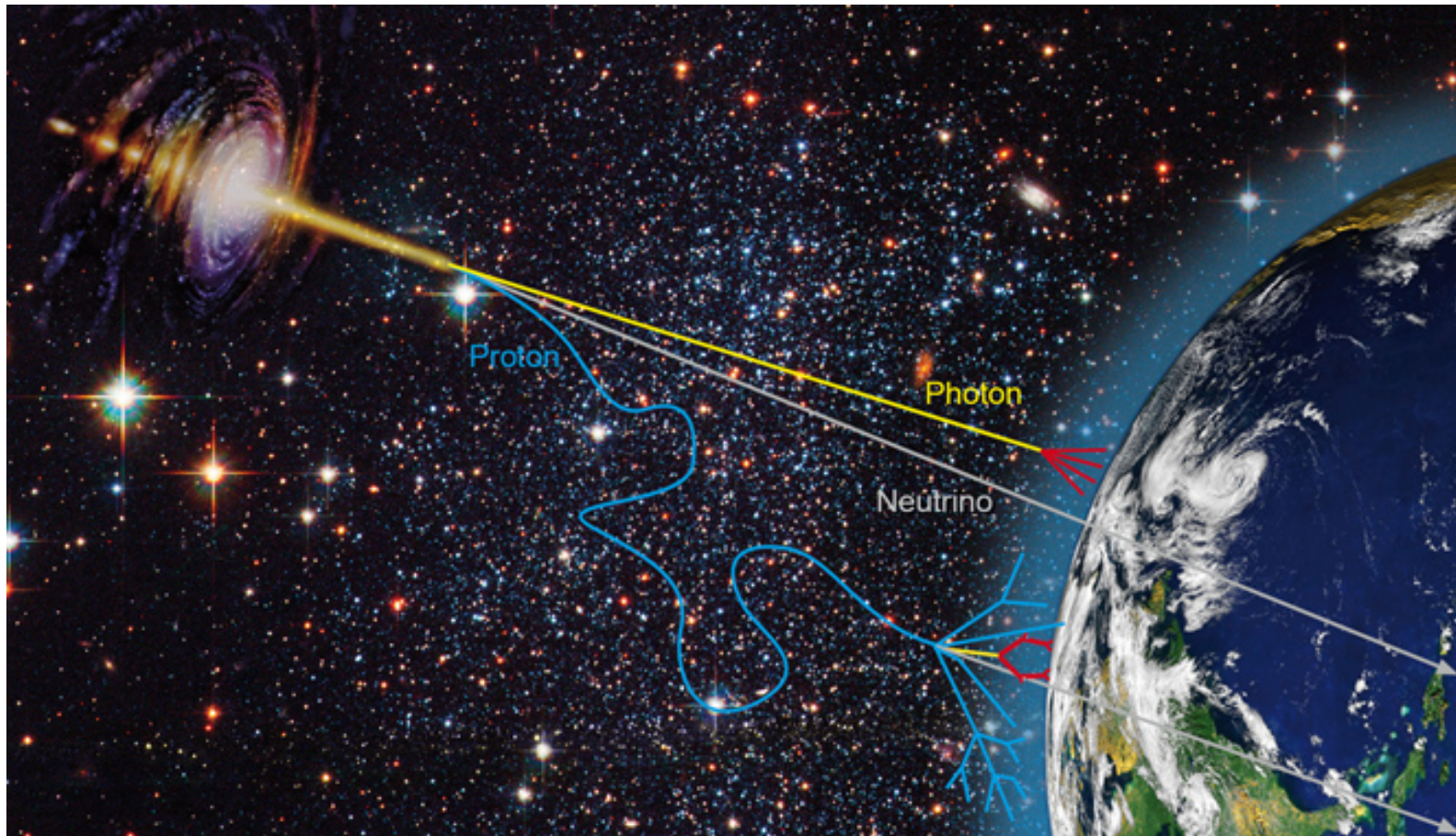


“double-bang” ( $\approx 10$  PeV) and other signatures (simulation)

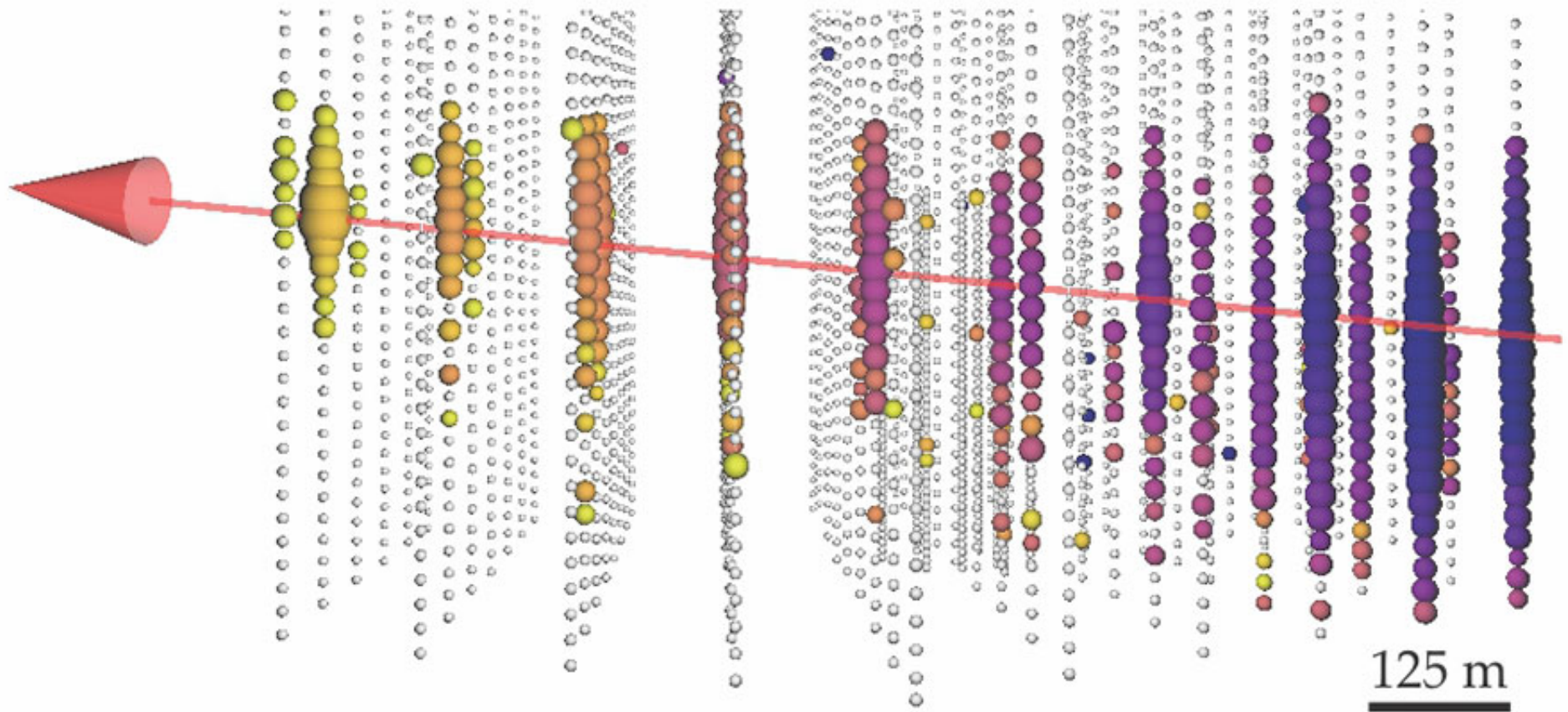
(not observed yet:  $\tau$  decay length is 50 m/PeV)



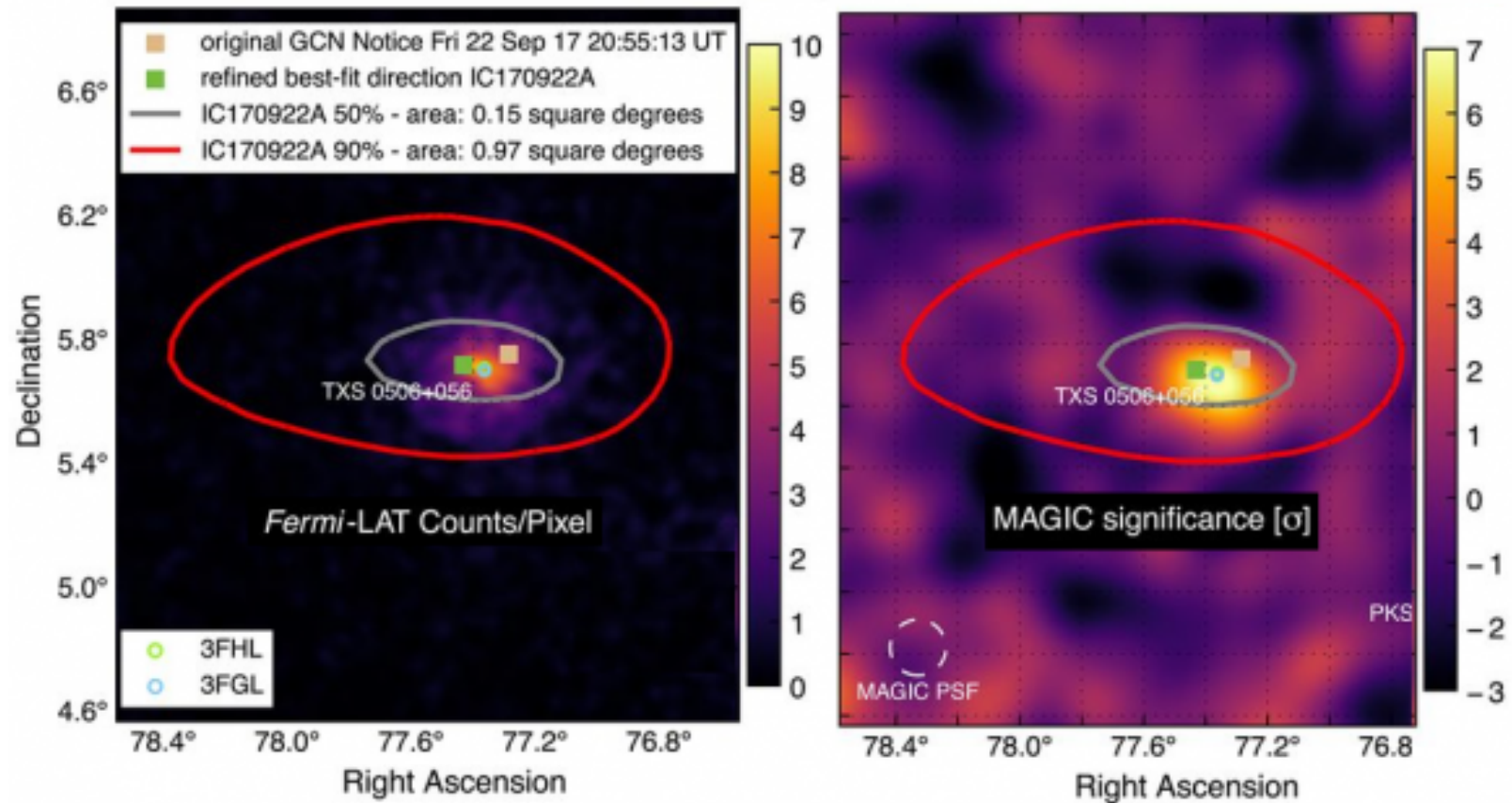
# Astrophysical Neutrinos



# “The” neutrino ...



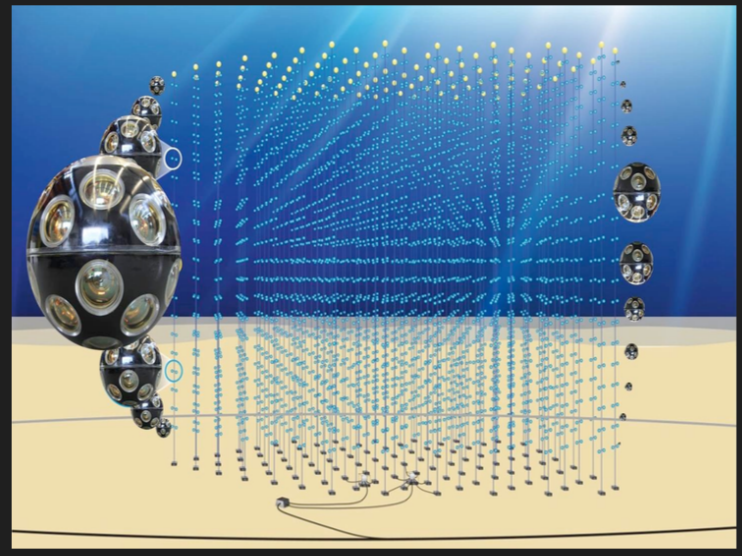
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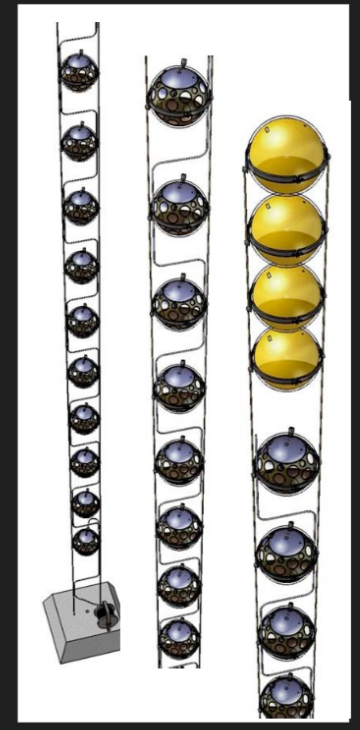


# THE KM3NET NEUTRINO TELESCOPE

*Multi-site installation in the Mediterranean Sea (France, Italy), instrumented in “building blocks”, started construction*



KM3NeT “building block”



string with OMs



Multi-PMT digital optical module (“DOM”)