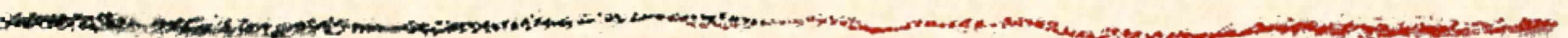


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## A Window to the *Extreme Universe*

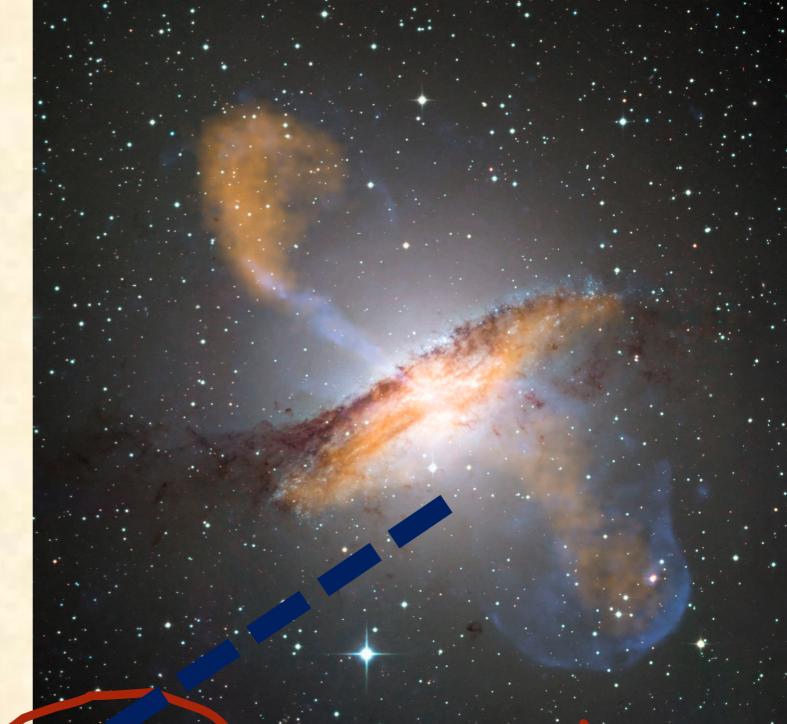


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# Why gammas?

*Cosmic rays*

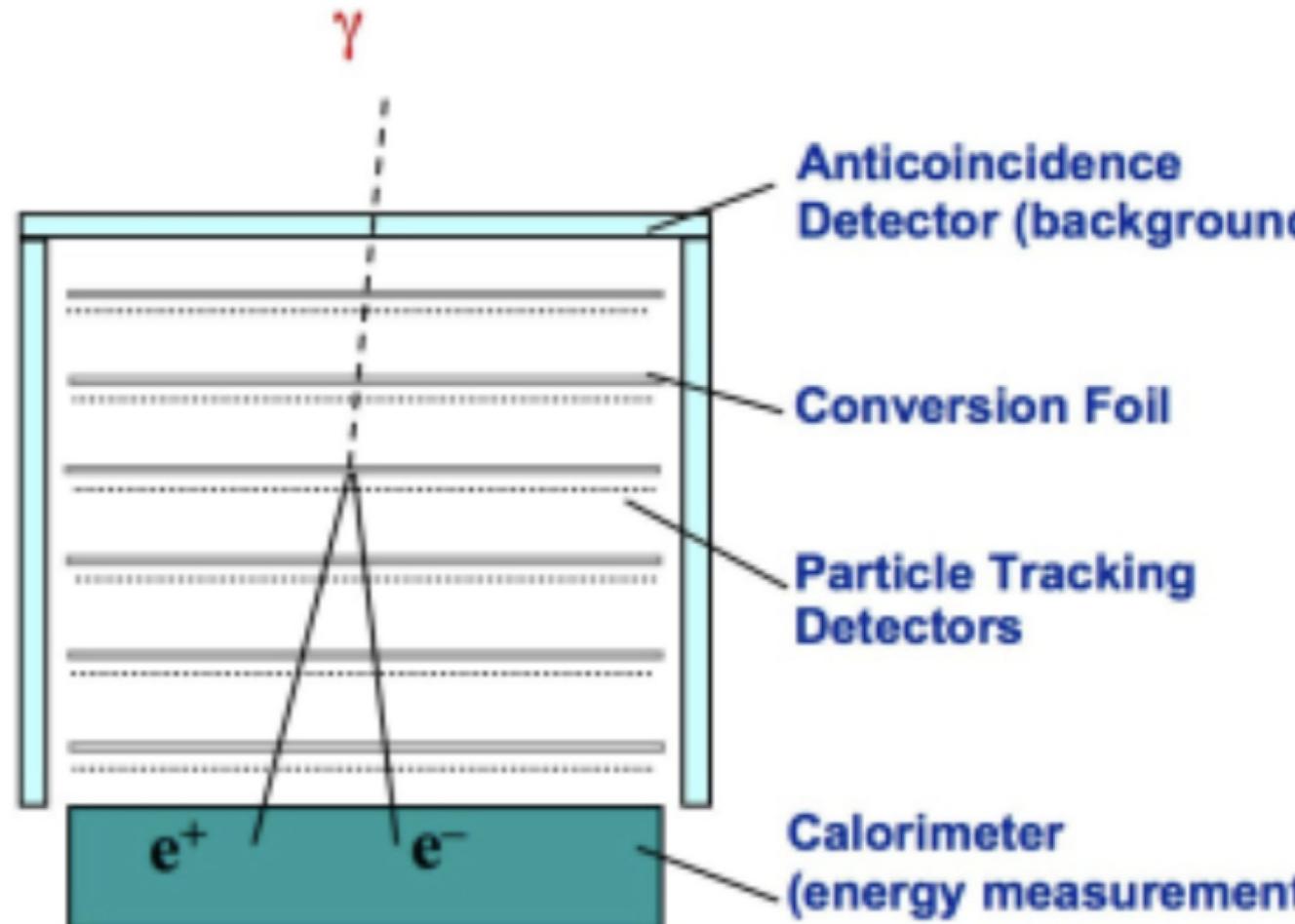
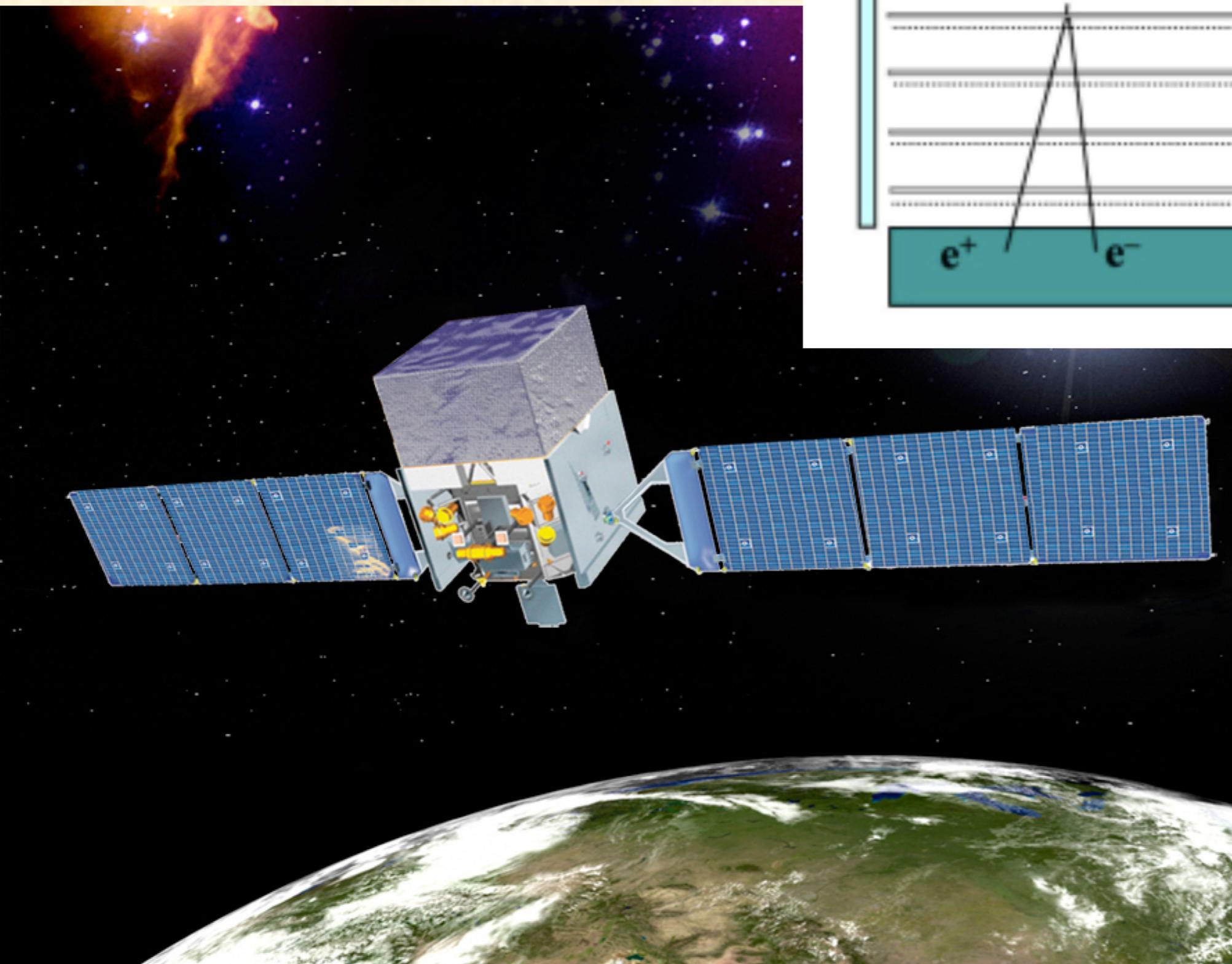
*Gamma rays*



# *How can you detect gamma rays?*

- *Go to space and setup a particle detector, so you can detect pair conversion – Fermi-LAT*
- *Look at the sky with a large mirror and detect the Cherenkov light generated by the air shower (IACT) – HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS*
- *Detect the air shower directly with a particle detector – , MILAGRO, ARGO-YBJ, HAWC*

# FERMI-LAT



# Gamma rays – IACT Ground observatories (high energies)

**MAGIC**

*La Palma,  
Canary Islands*



**HESS**

HESS-1: 4×12m tels  
HESS-2: +28m tel.  
*Completed mid-2012*  
*Namíbia*



**Veritas**

*Arizona*





HAWC

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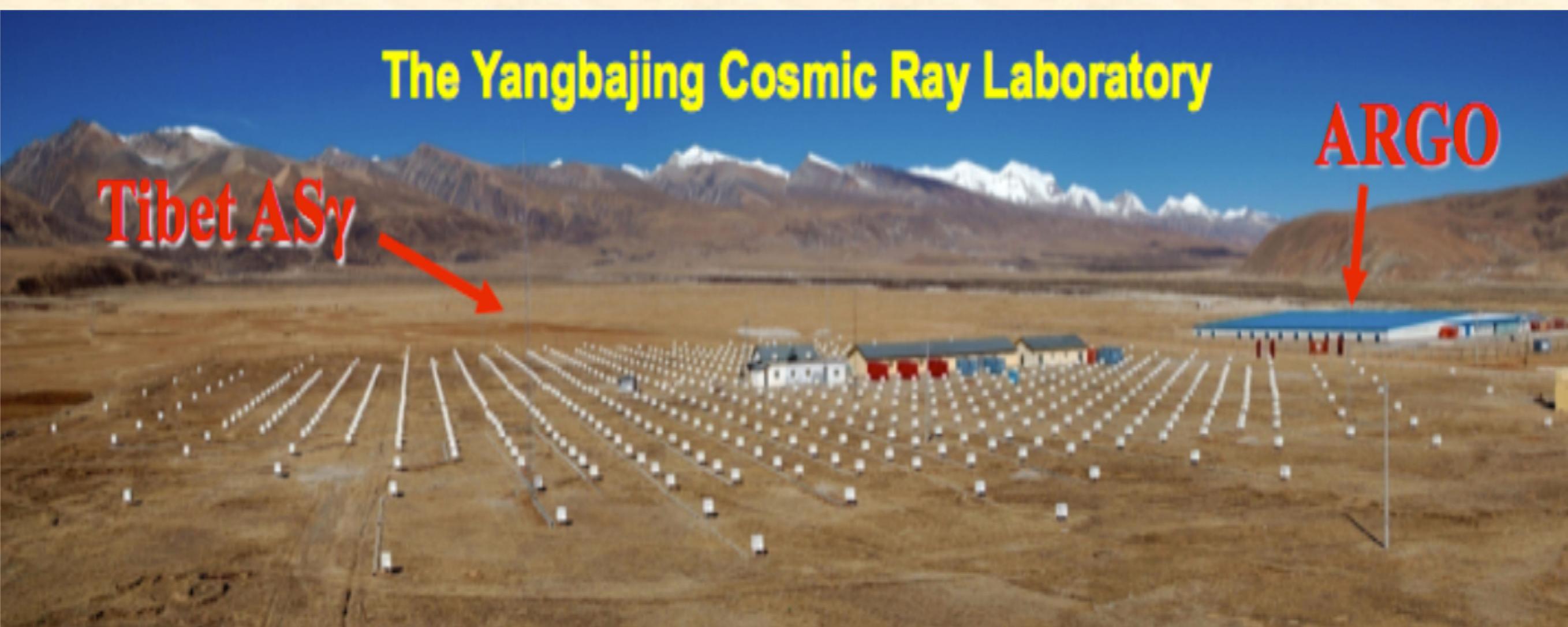
# ARGO-YBJ experiment



Longitude:  $90^{\circ} 31' 50''$  East  
Latitude:  $30^{\circ} 06' 38''$  North

4300 m above sea level  $\sim 600 \text{ g/cm}^2$

90 km North from Lhasa (Tibet)

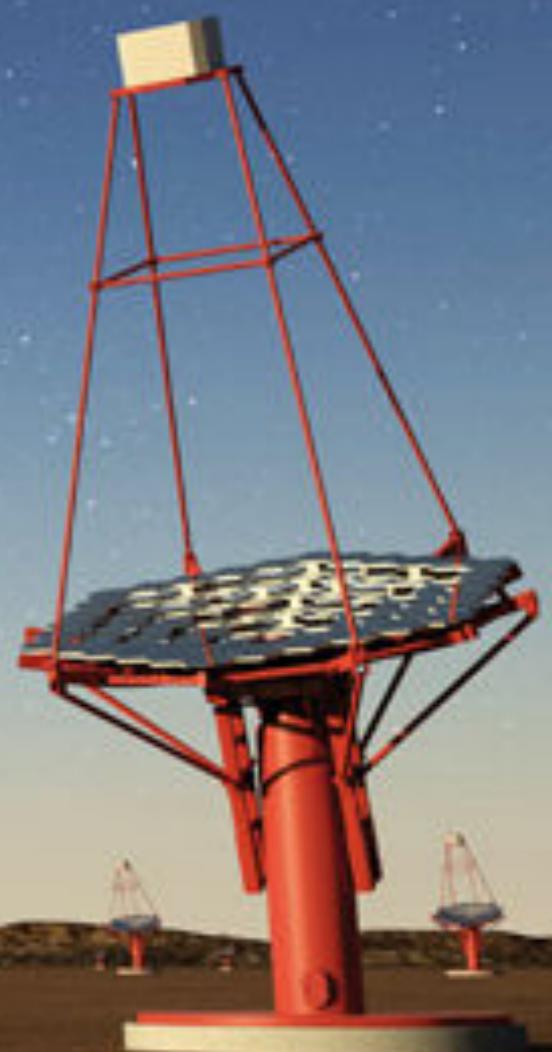


# *Future experiments Very High Energy Gamma Rays*

**cta**

cherenkov telescope array

*Cherenkov Telescope Array*

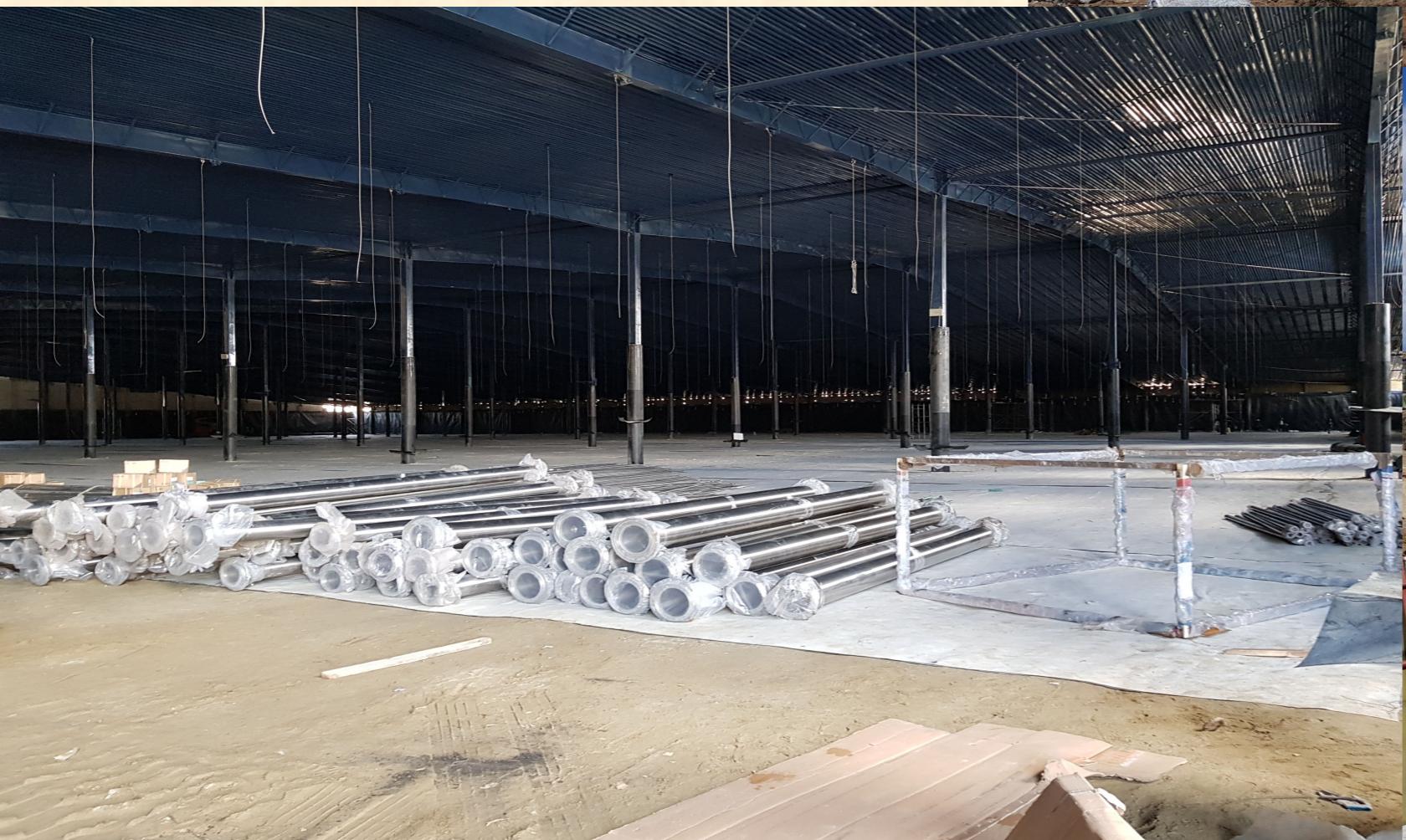


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# LHAASO Project

*4400 masl*

*Begin to take data  
By end of year*



# *Very High Energy gamma rays*

Quantity	<i>Fermi-LAT</i>	IACTs	EAS
Energy range	20 MeV–200 GeV	100 GeV–50 TeV	400 GeV–100 TeV
Energy res.	5-10%	15-20%	~ 50%
Duty Cycle	80%	15%	> 90%
FoV	$4\pi/5$	5 deg × 5 deg	$4\pi/6$
PSF	0.1 deg	0.07 deg	0.5 deg
Sensitivity	1% Crab (1 GeV)	1% Crab (0.5 TeV)	0.5 Crab (5 TeV)

*Sensitivity: one year for Fermi- LAT and EAS  
50 hours for IACT*

# *Very High Energy Gamma Instruments*



# Large Array Telescope for Tracking Energetic Sources

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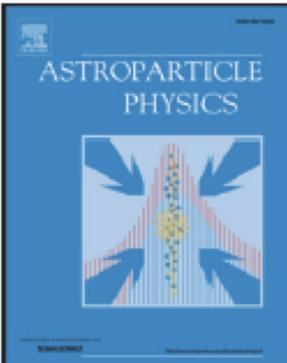
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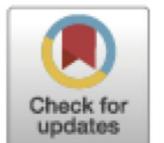
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Design and expected performance of a novel hybrid detector for  
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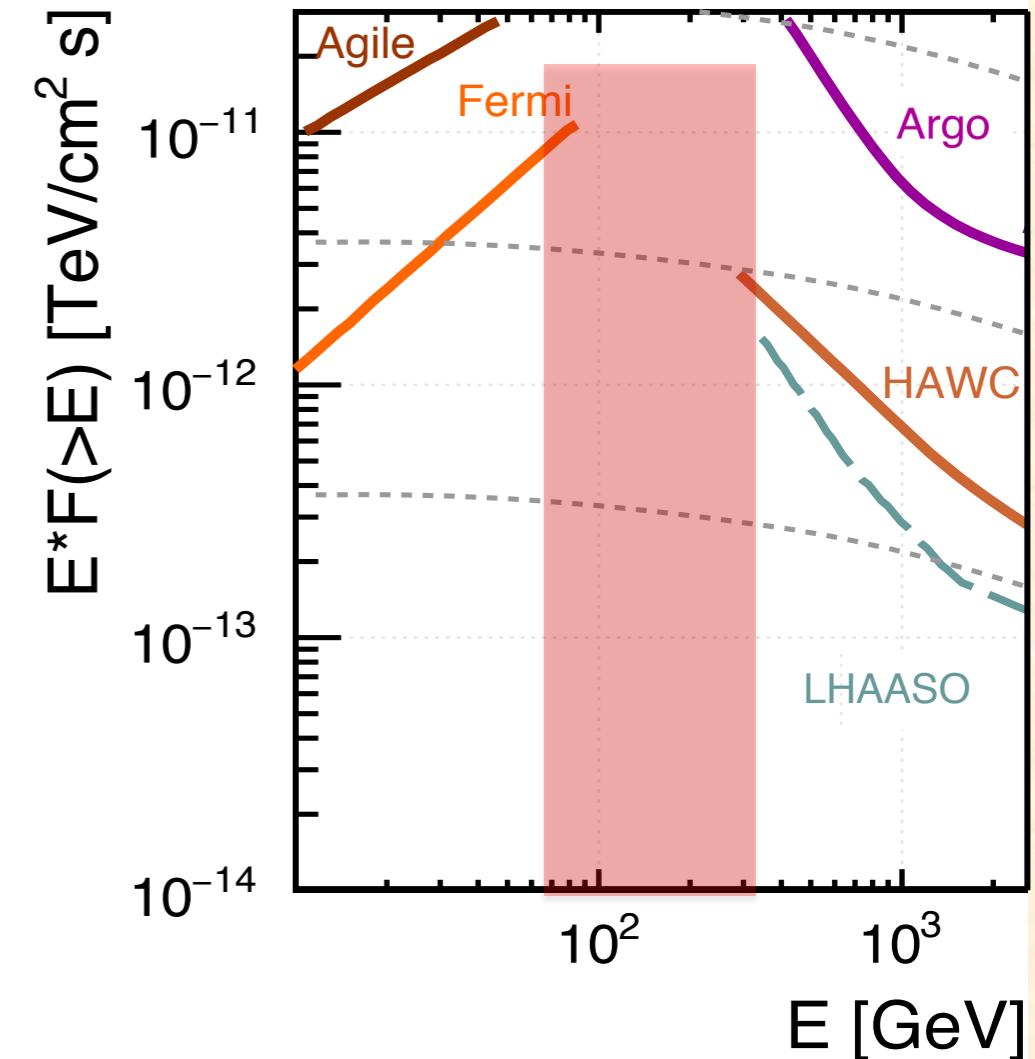
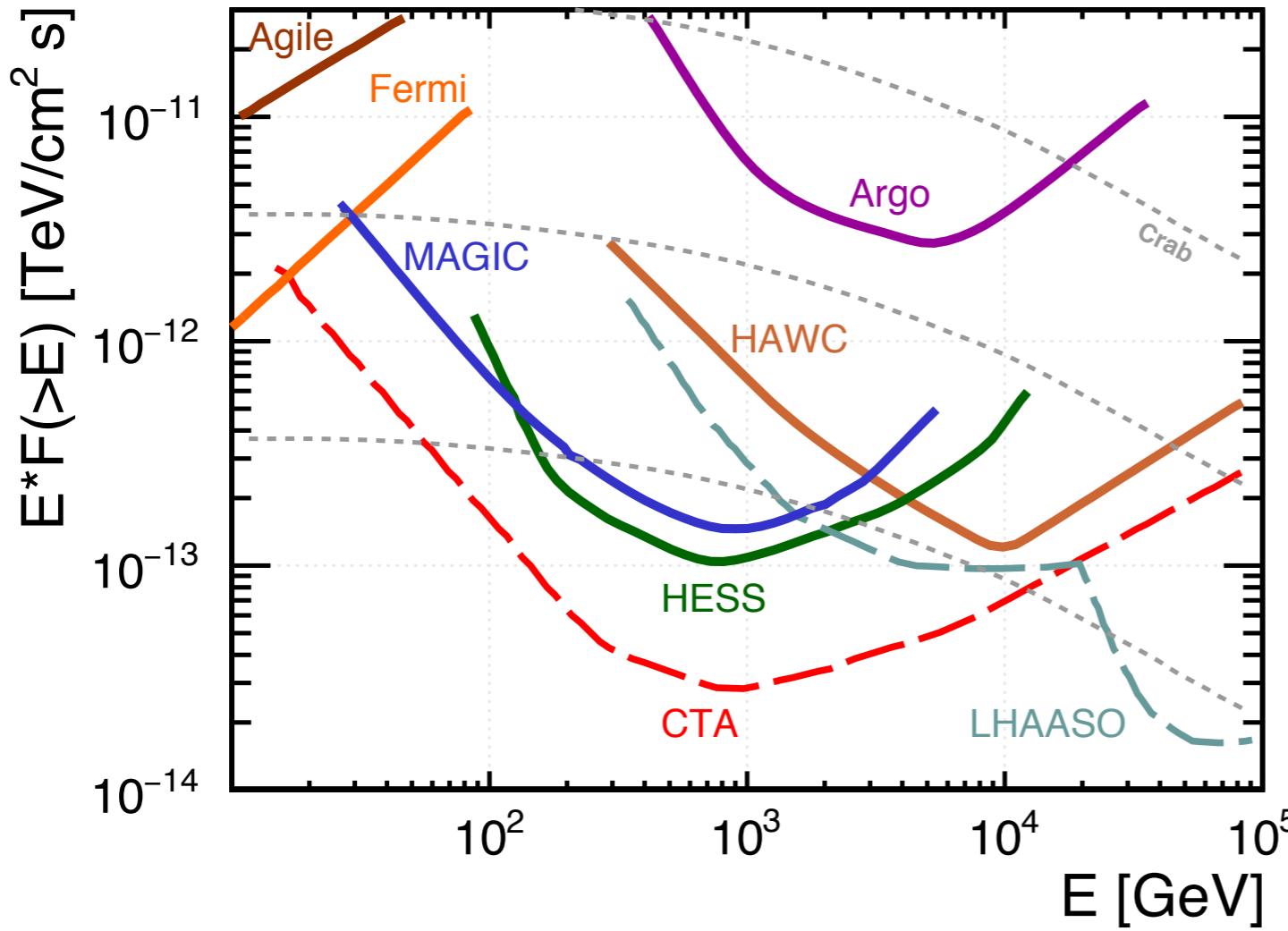
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# Why LATTES?



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# Why LATTES: Present situation



*There are no large field of view experiment to:*

- *Monitor the Center of the Galaxy*
- *Exploit the 100 GeV range*

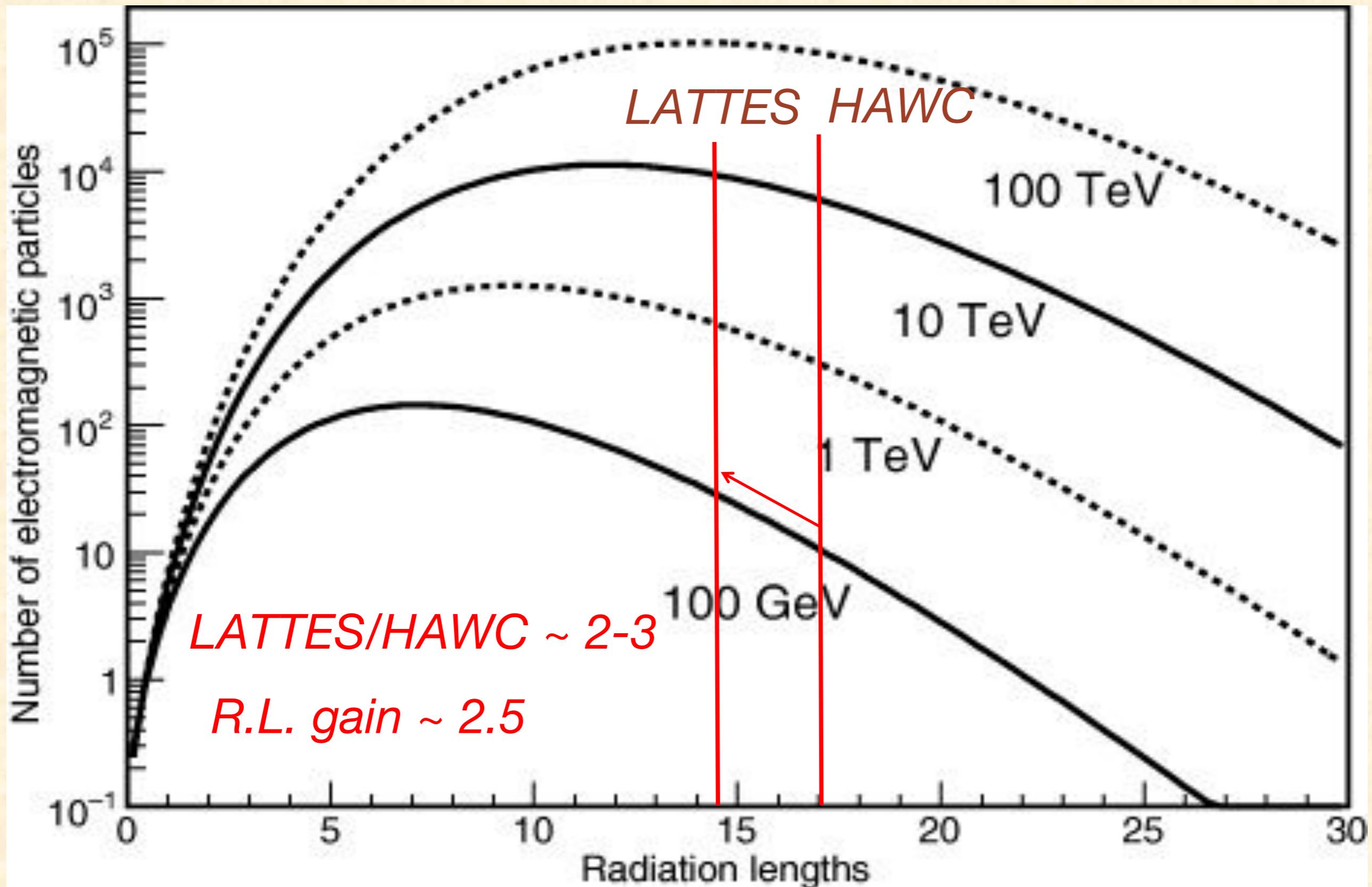
# LATTES Objectives

- *Build a gamma ray detector operating 24/7, field of view of  $2\pi/3 \text{ rad}^2$*
- *Low energy sensitivity ~ 100 GeV*
- *Altitude above 5.000m*
- *Capability to detect transients*
- *South America (interesting objets)*
  - *Non thermal process in the Universo*
  - *Transients*
  - *Extreme objets: SNR, AGN, GRB*

## *LATTES Base Design*

- *Exposition area of the order of 20.000 m<sup>2</sup>*  
(mix of scientific arguments e realism about funding!)
- *Dense coverage of the area*
- *Detectors simple e robust. Low maintenance costs*
- *Good temporal resolution*
- Good hadronic background rejection
- *Good angular resolution*
- Scalable

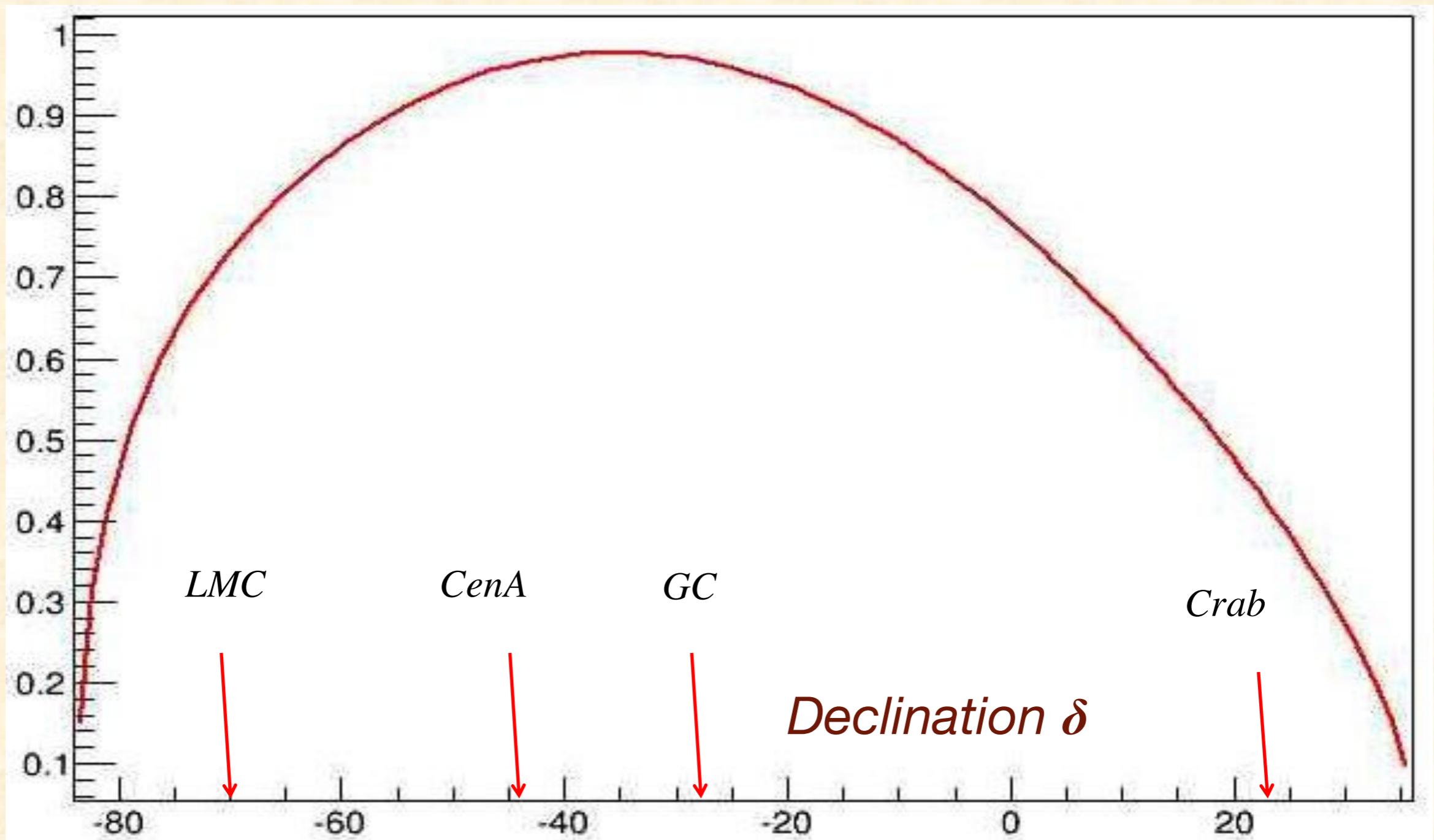
# LATTES (Altitude?)



# Exposition

- Declinação (ângulo zenital)  $< 60^\circ$
- Crab Nebula is a standard candle in the astrophysics of high energy gammas

Alma (-23.7°)



# *Base design – Conceptual Design*

## **CESAR**

**Calorimeter Electromagnetic for Studying AiR gammas**

Water Cherenkov detector

Measure the shower energy with good resolution

## **MARTA**

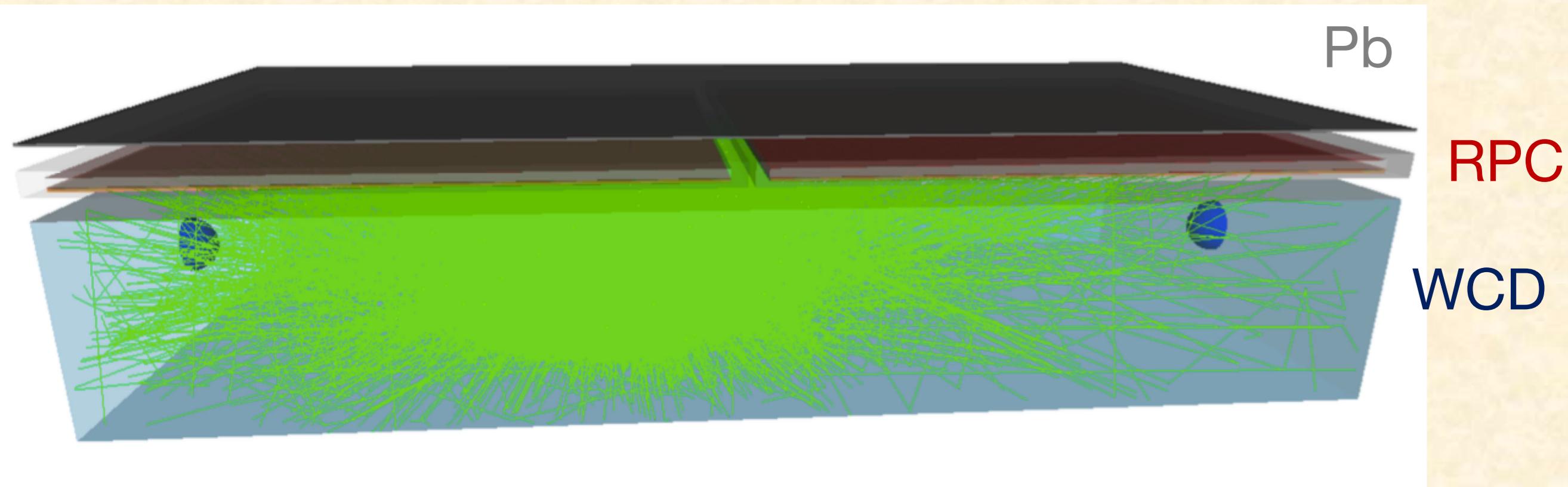
**Muon Array Rpcs for Tagging Airshowers**

Particle counter based on RPC technology

(RPC -- Resistive Plate Chamber)

*Temporal resolution ~ 1 ns*

# LATTES Station



- *Thin slab of lead (Pb)*
  - 5.6 mm (one radiation length)
- *Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC)*
  - 2 RPC per station
  - Each RPC with 4X4 reading pads
- *Water Cherenkov Detector (WCD)*
  - 2 PMT (diameter 15 cm)
  - Dimension: 1.5 m X 3 m X 0.5 m

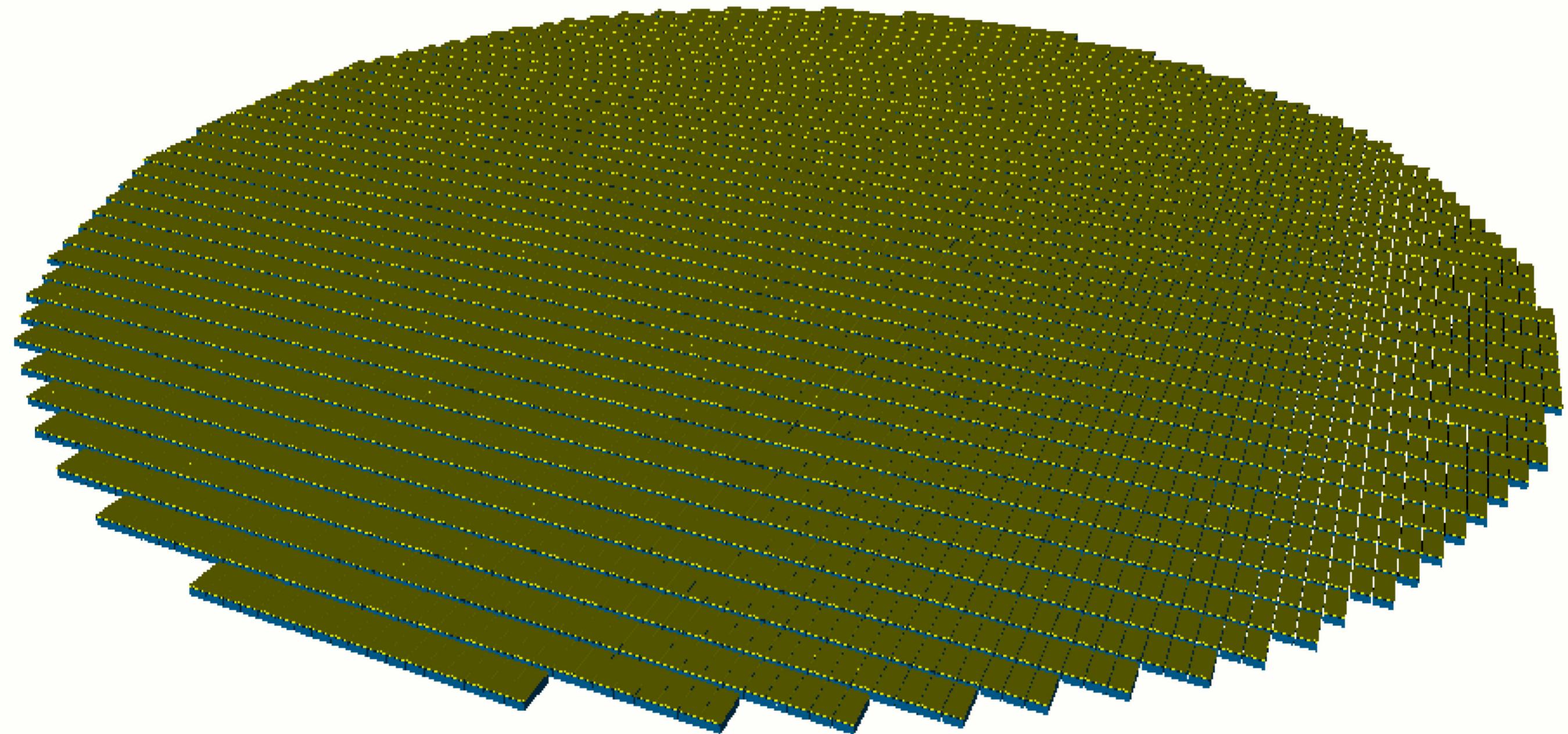
# LATTES Layout

~2000 stations

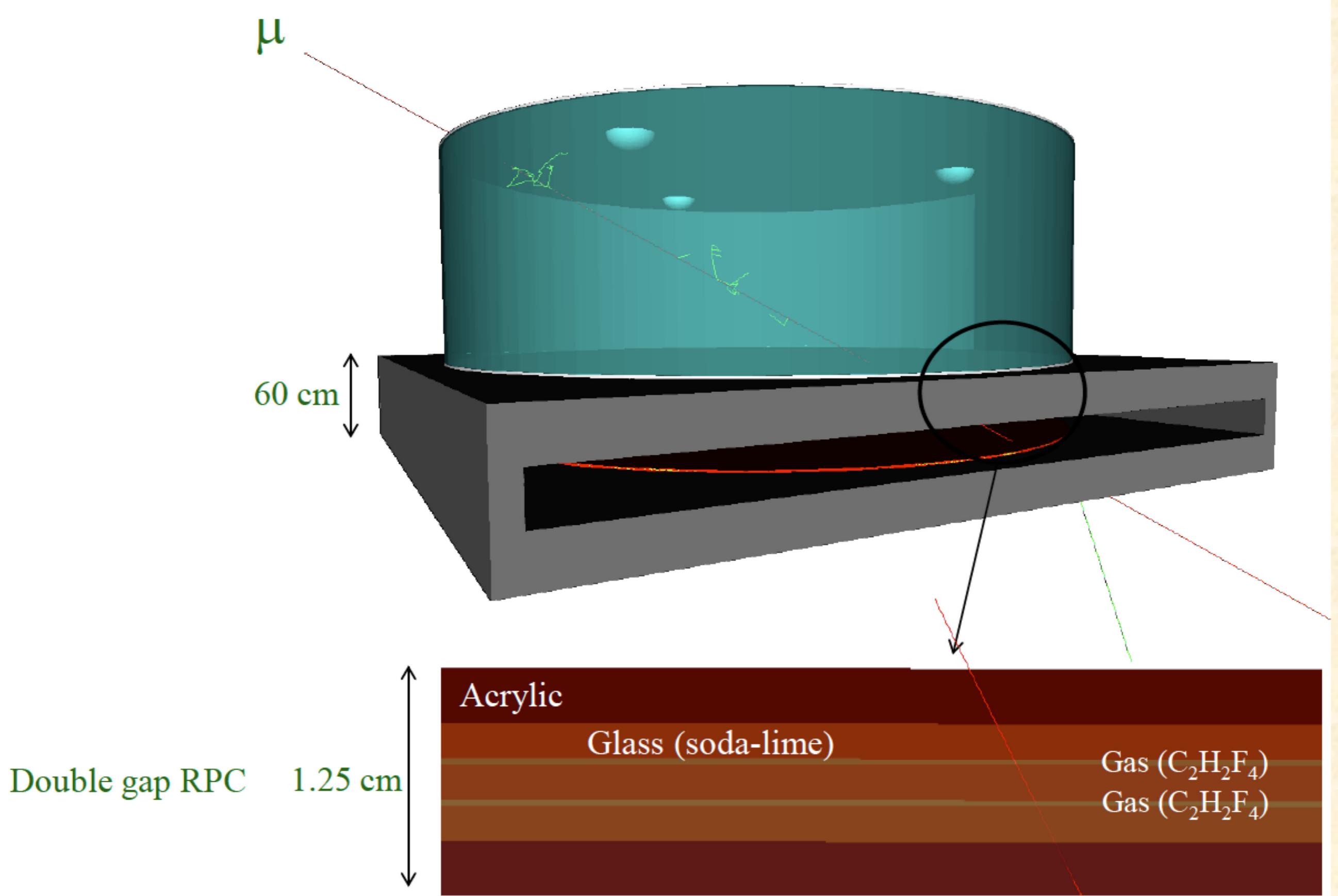
Conversor: 5.6 mm Pb

Pattern and timing: RPCs

Calorimeter and  $\mu$  identification: WCD

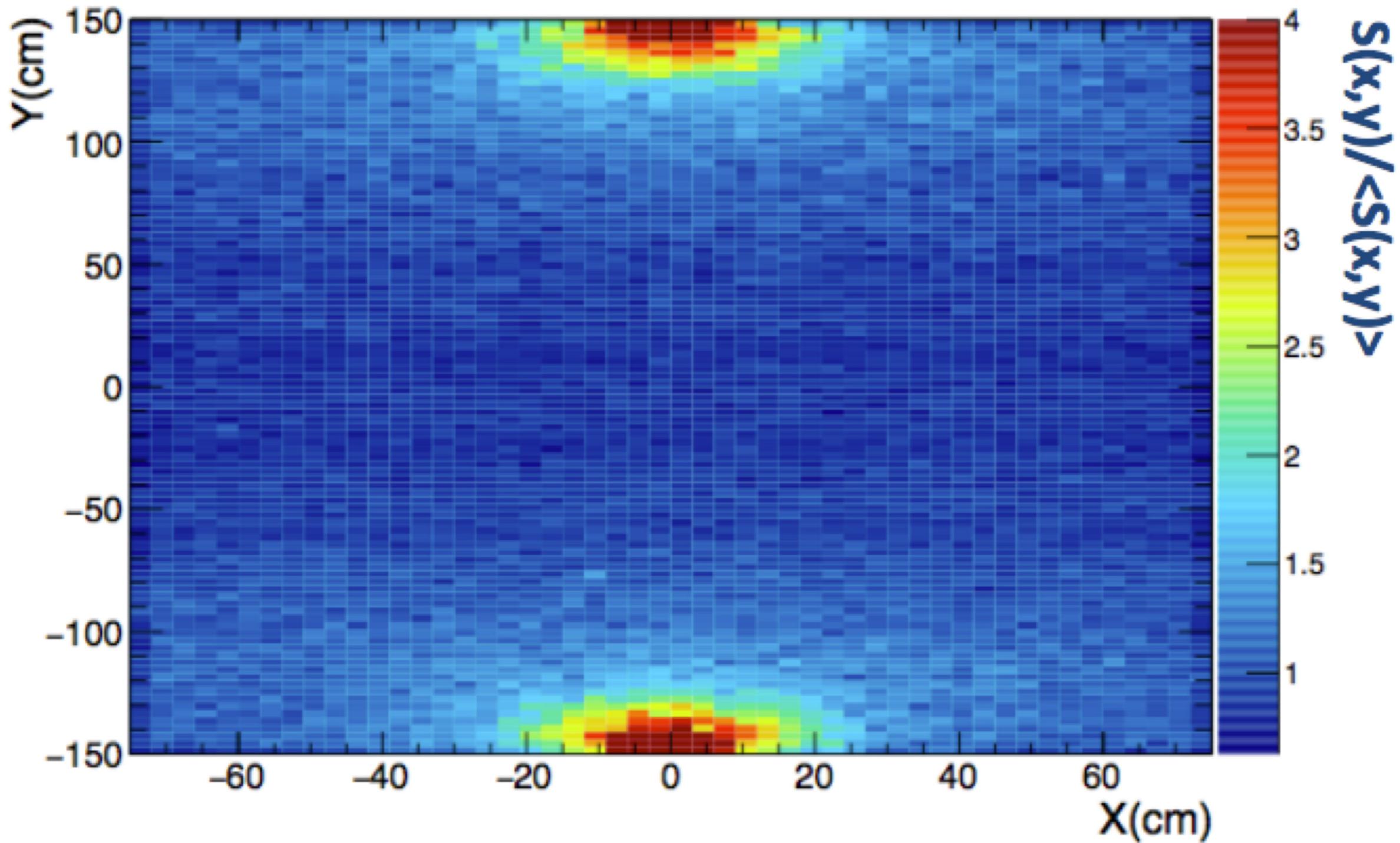


# Muon Auger RPC for Tagging Airshowers - MARTA



# *Simulation: Corsika for showers GEANT for detectors*

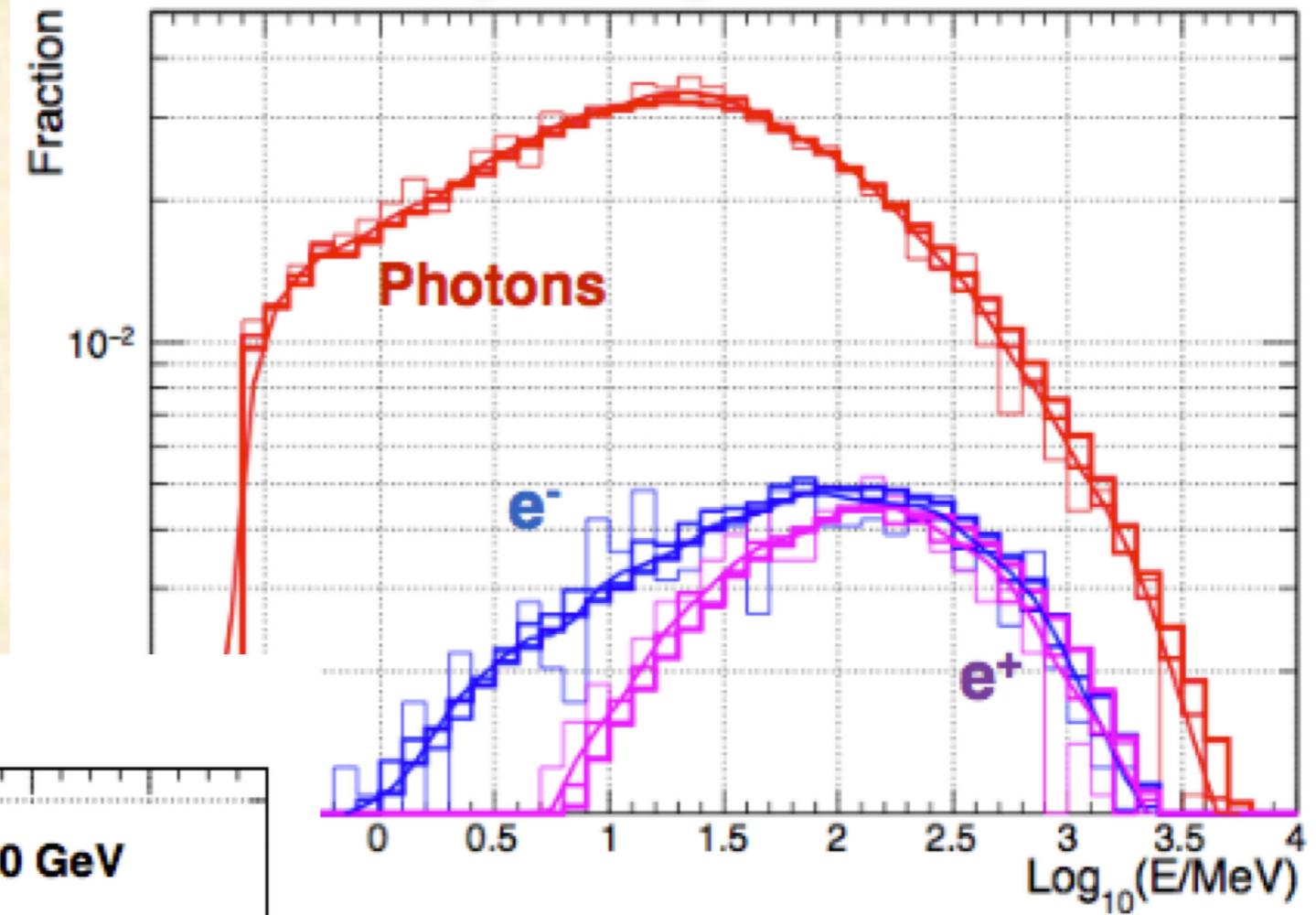
*WCD signal uniformity*



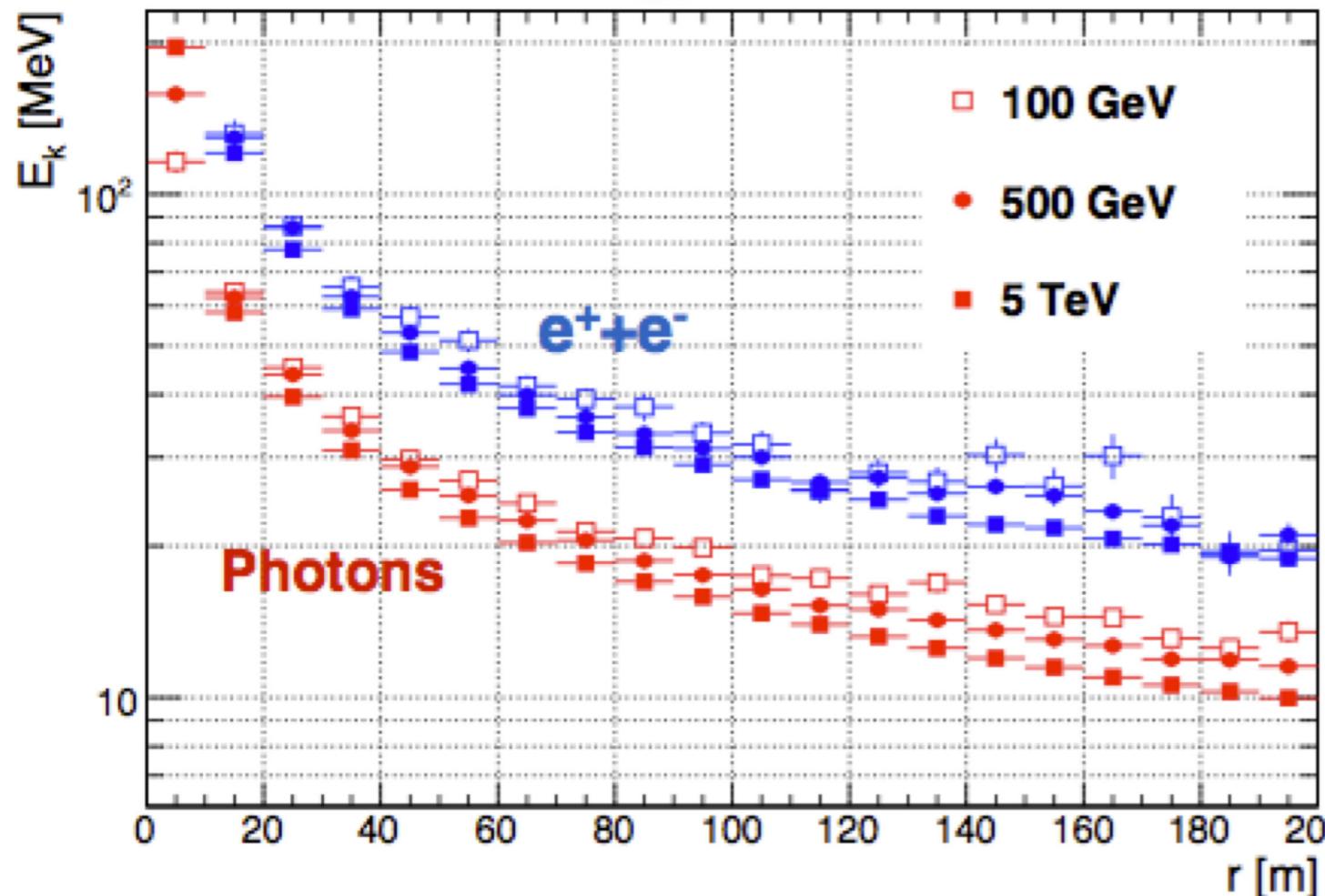
# Why lead converter?

Convert gammas

Shower particle spectra at 5200 m asl

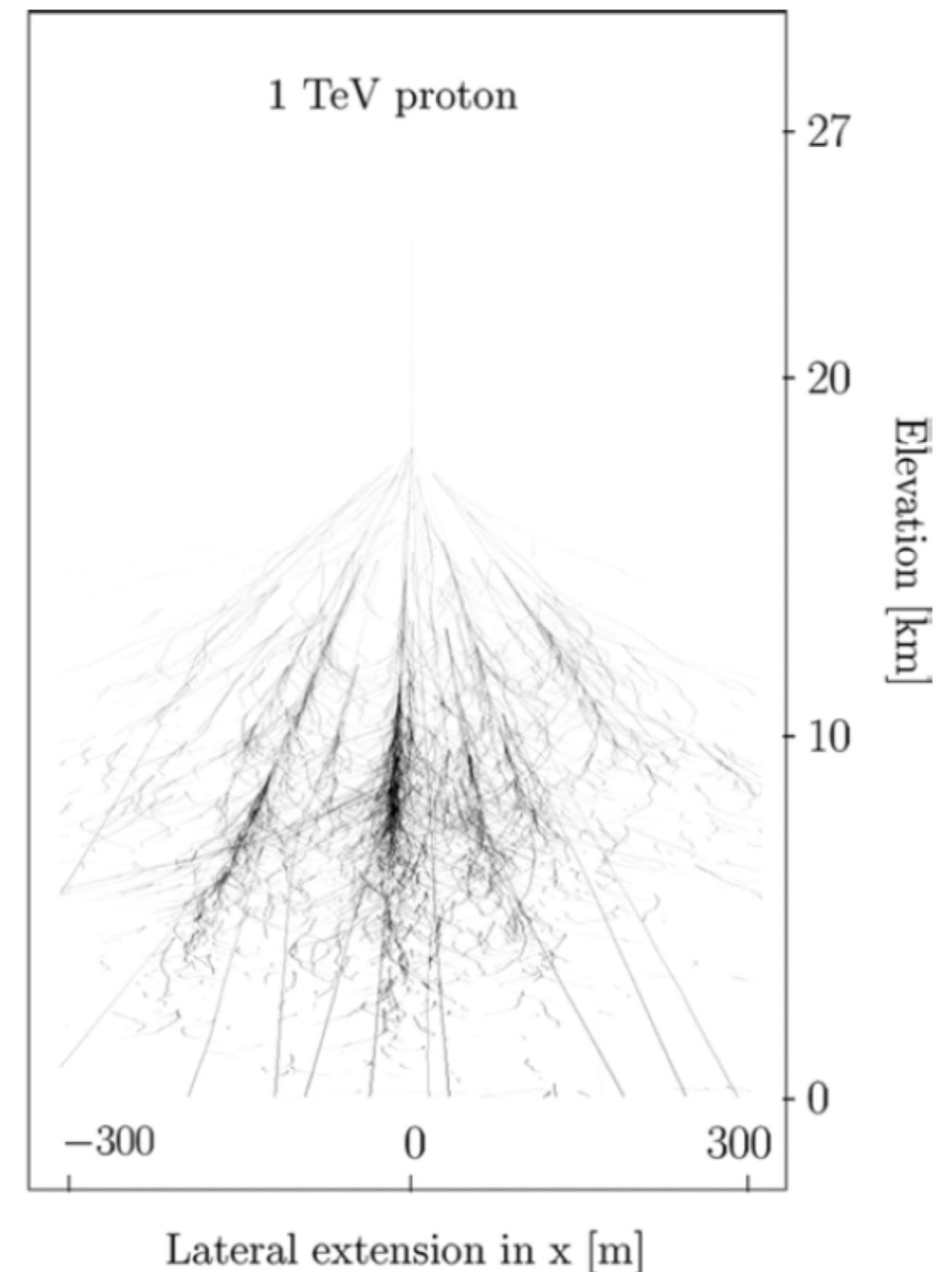
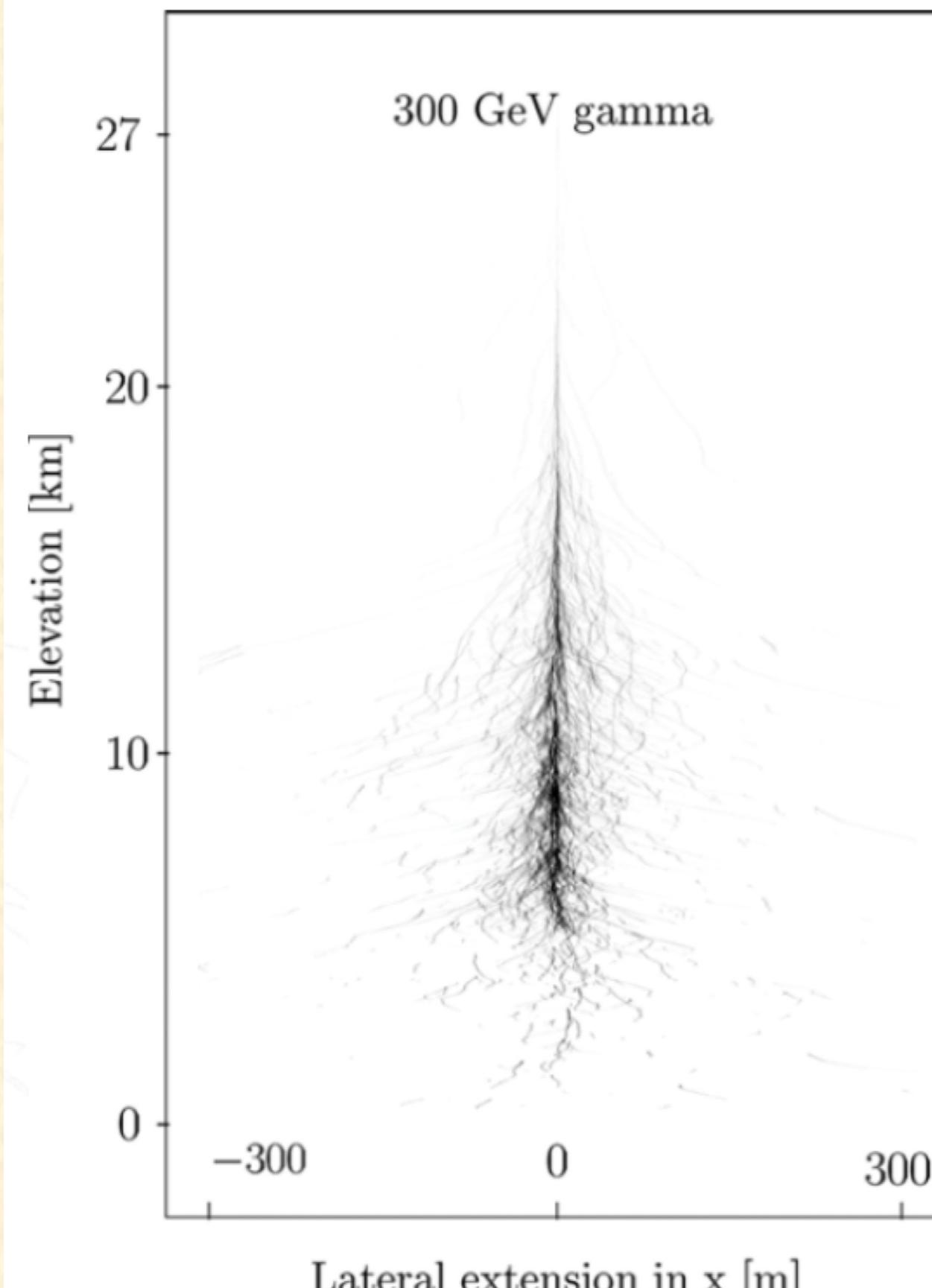


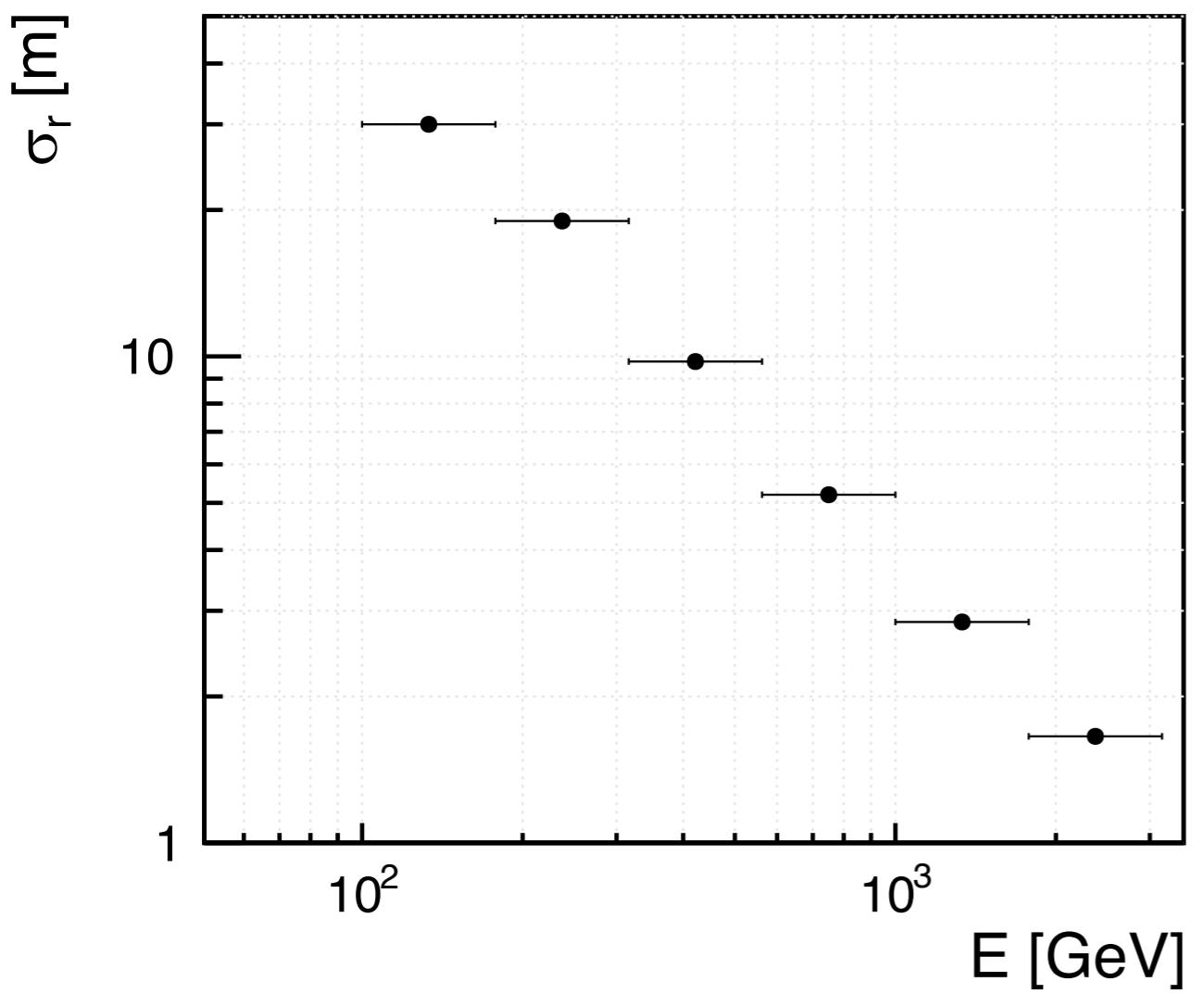
Mean energy vs dist. to core



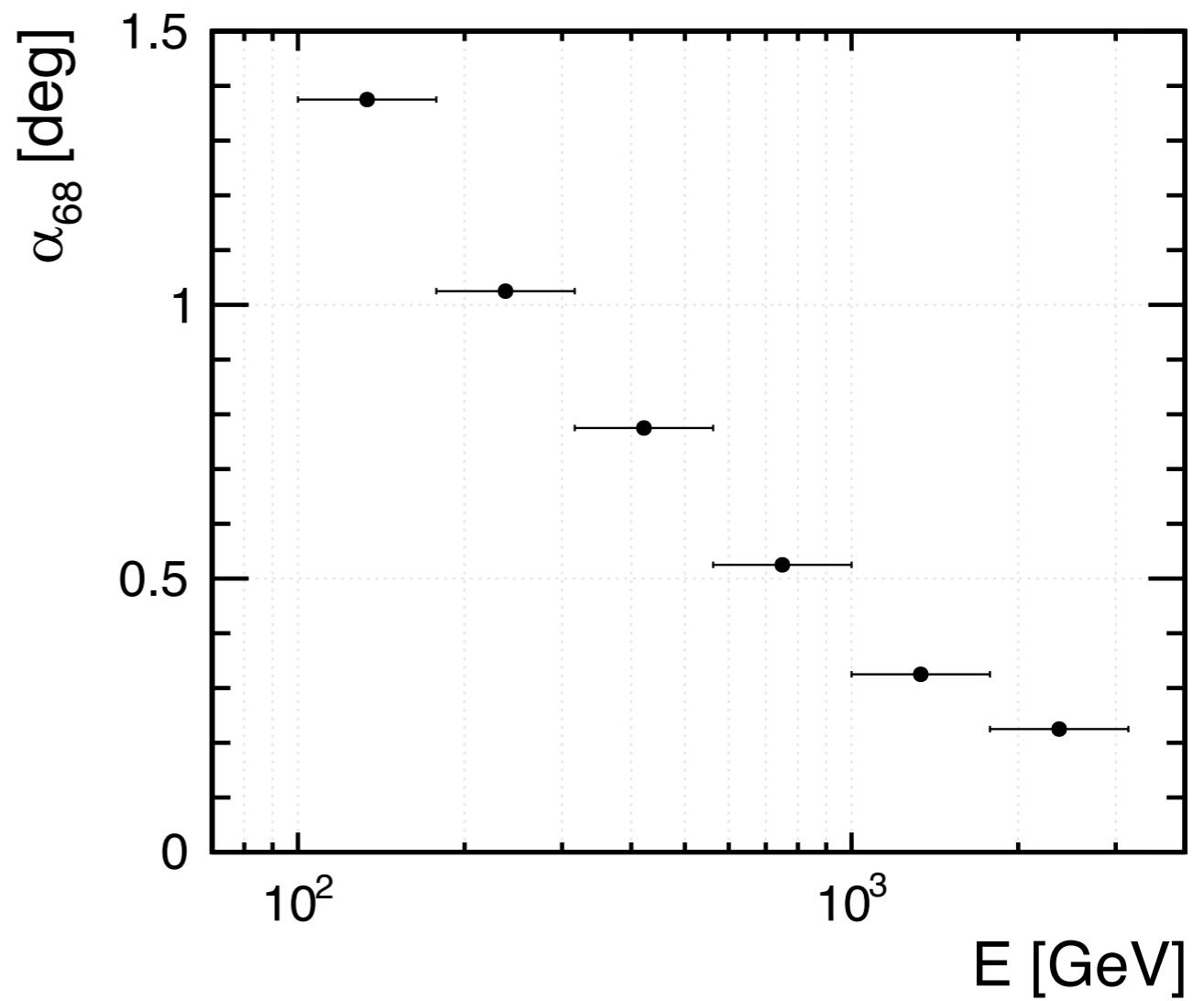
Measure energy of  
shower particles

## *Topology of gammas and protons*

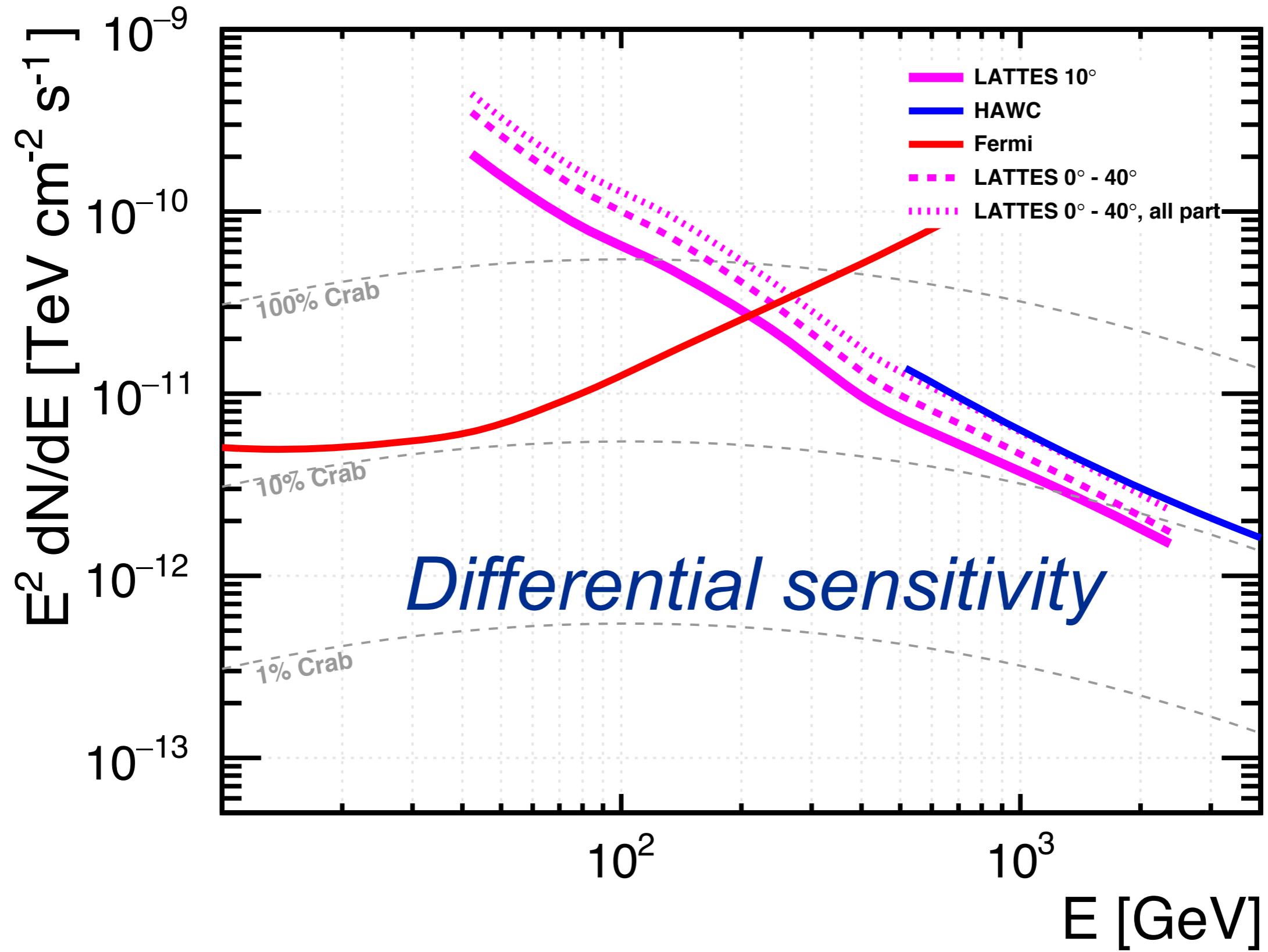


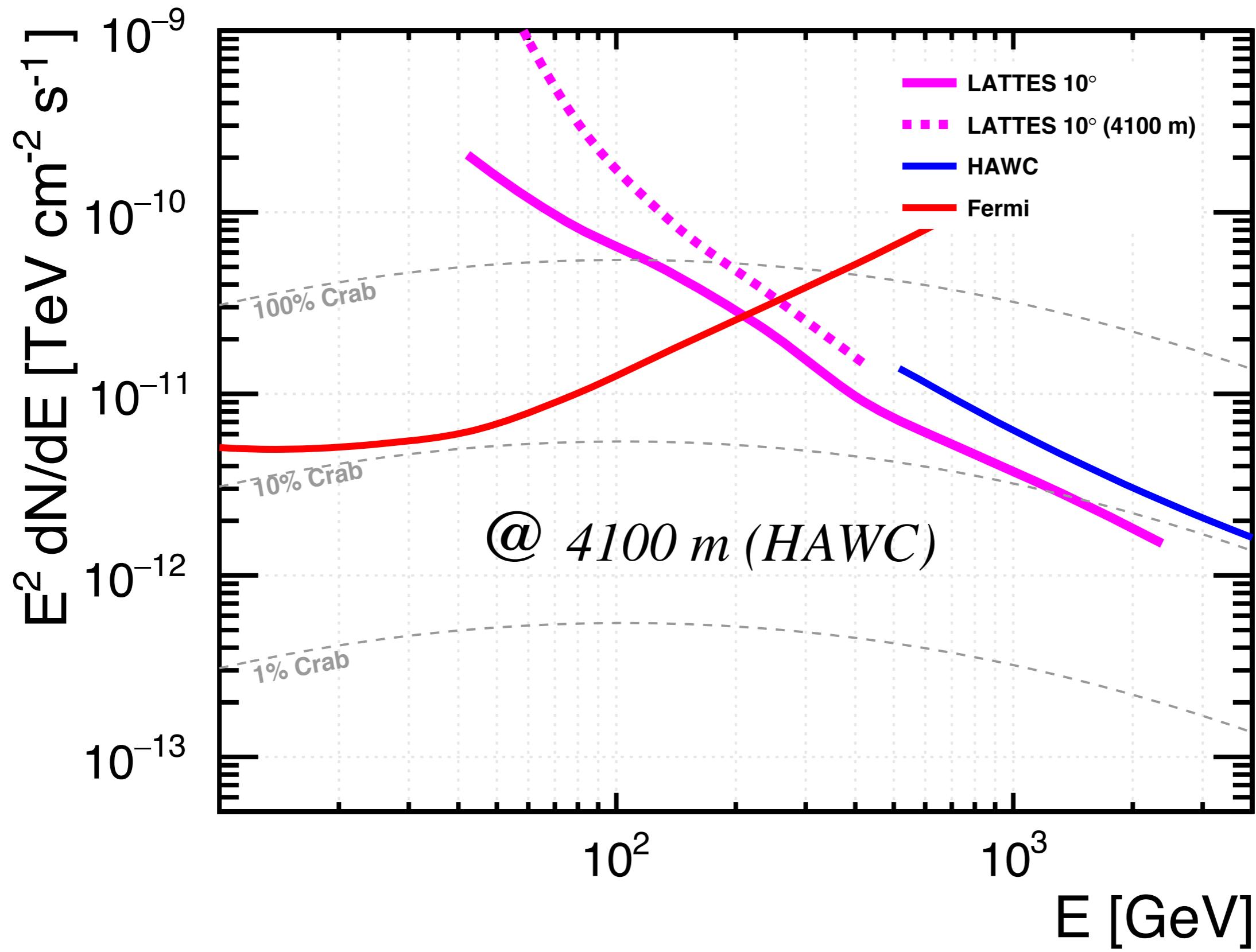


*Shower core position*



*Angular resolution  $\theta = 10^\circ$*





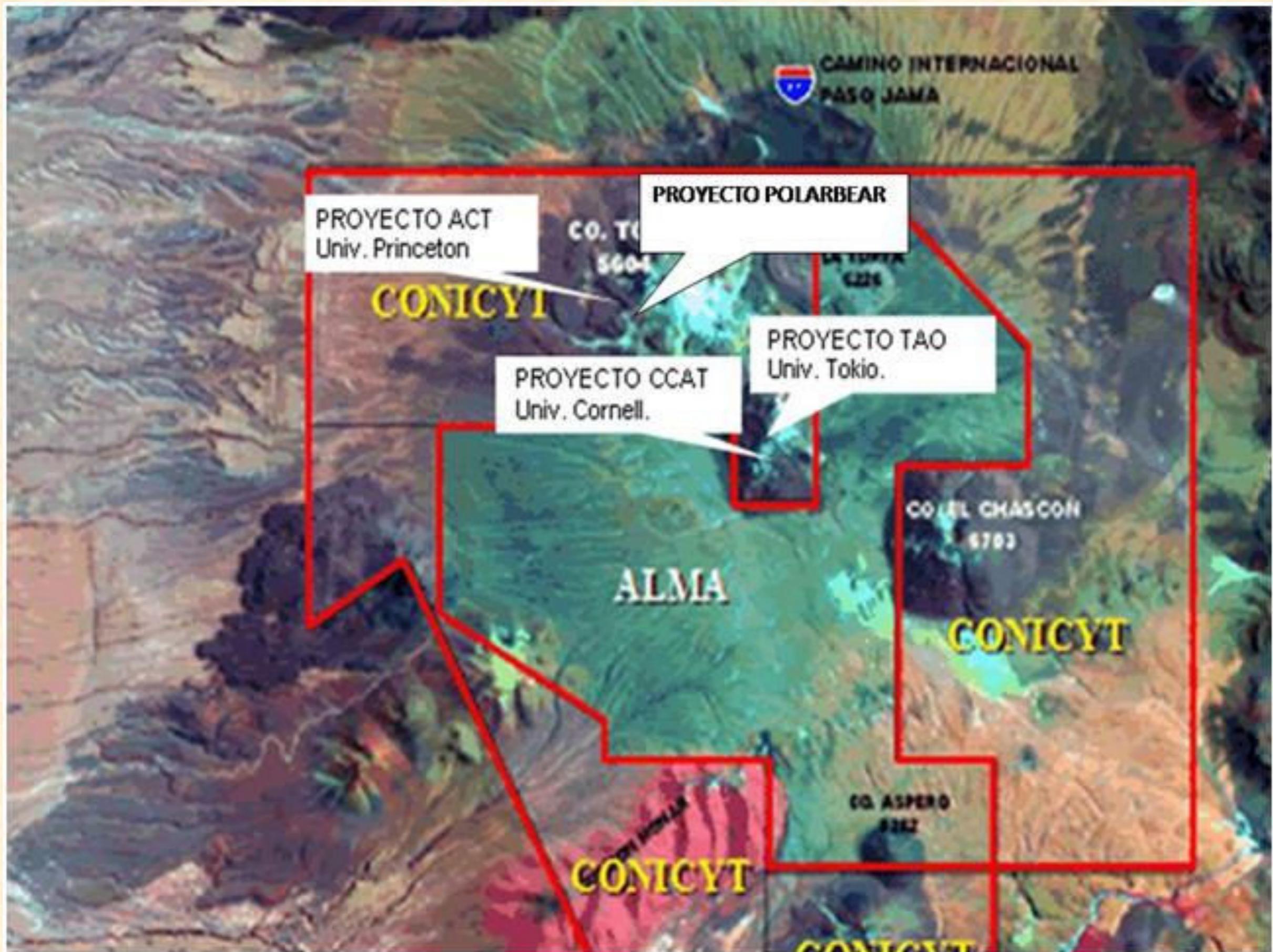
# Site for LATTES



# Site for LATTES







# Site for LATTEs



# *Site for LATTES (Atacama Cosmology Telescope)*



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Google Earth

# *Site for LATTES*



# Conclusion

**LATTES** is a gamma ray experiment with a large field of view (FOV) in South America

- Complementary to CTA to monitor Galactic Center
- Next generation of hybrid gamma ray experiments
- Good sensitivity to low energy (100 GeV)

*Fill the gap between satellite data and ground measurements*

- Tool to alert on variable sources and transients

# Conclusion

**LATTES** is complementary to:

- *HAWC / LHAASO complete coverage of the sky  
(HAWC/LHAASO -- North and LATTES -- South)*
- *HESS/CTA continuous operation and large field of view*
- *LATTES has the correct geographic properties in terms of latitude e altitude*

*On the map of the Astroparticle Physics with gamma rays*

**LATTES is the missing piece !**

# *LATTES MEETING*

*Prague, May 29-30, 2018*

*All invited!*

*Thank You!*

# *Site for **Lunar** Array Telescope for Tracking Energetic Sources*



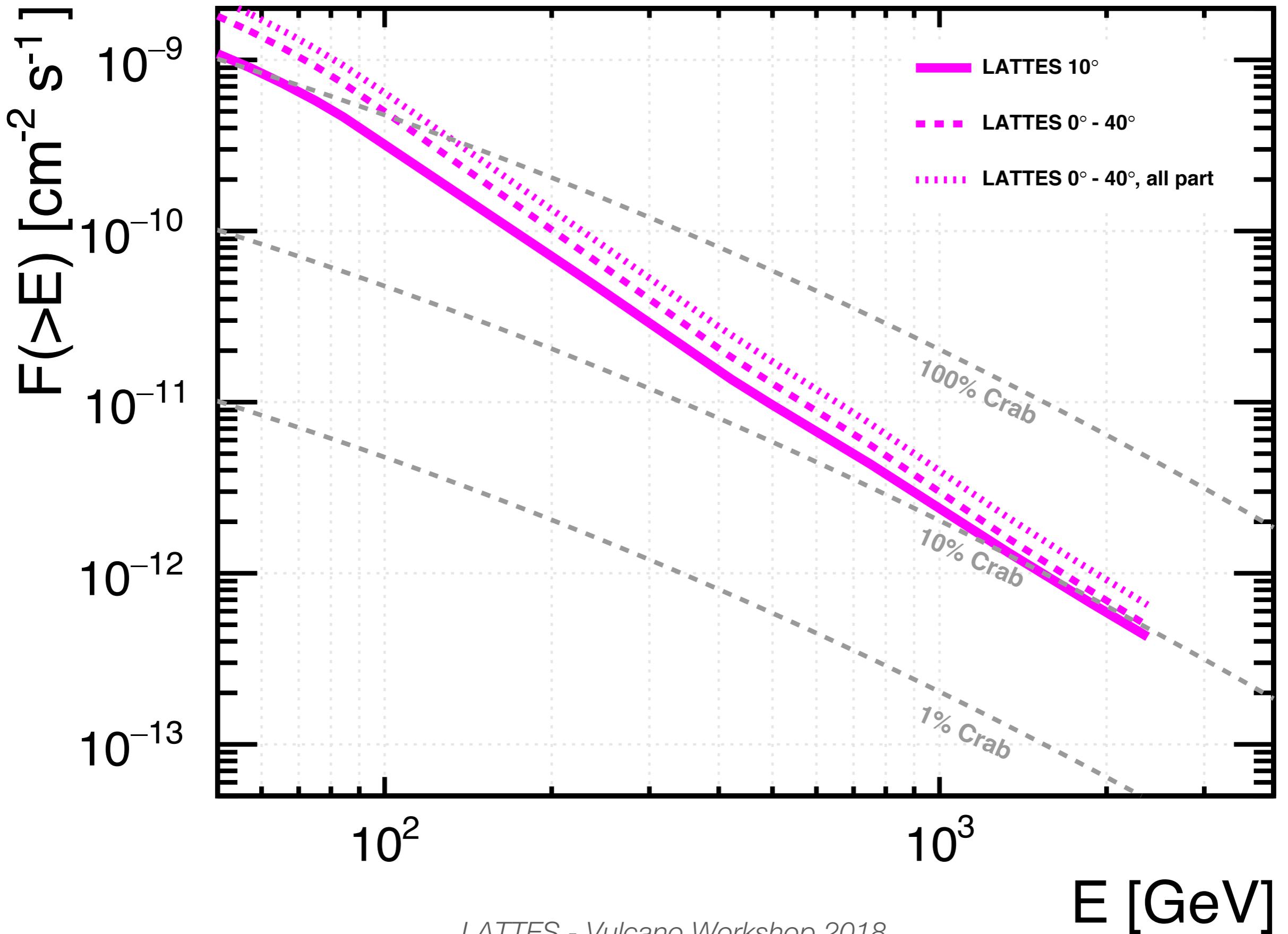
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Grafite da Ciência  
um conceito inovador de arte e ciência

# *Back up slides*

# Integral sensitivity

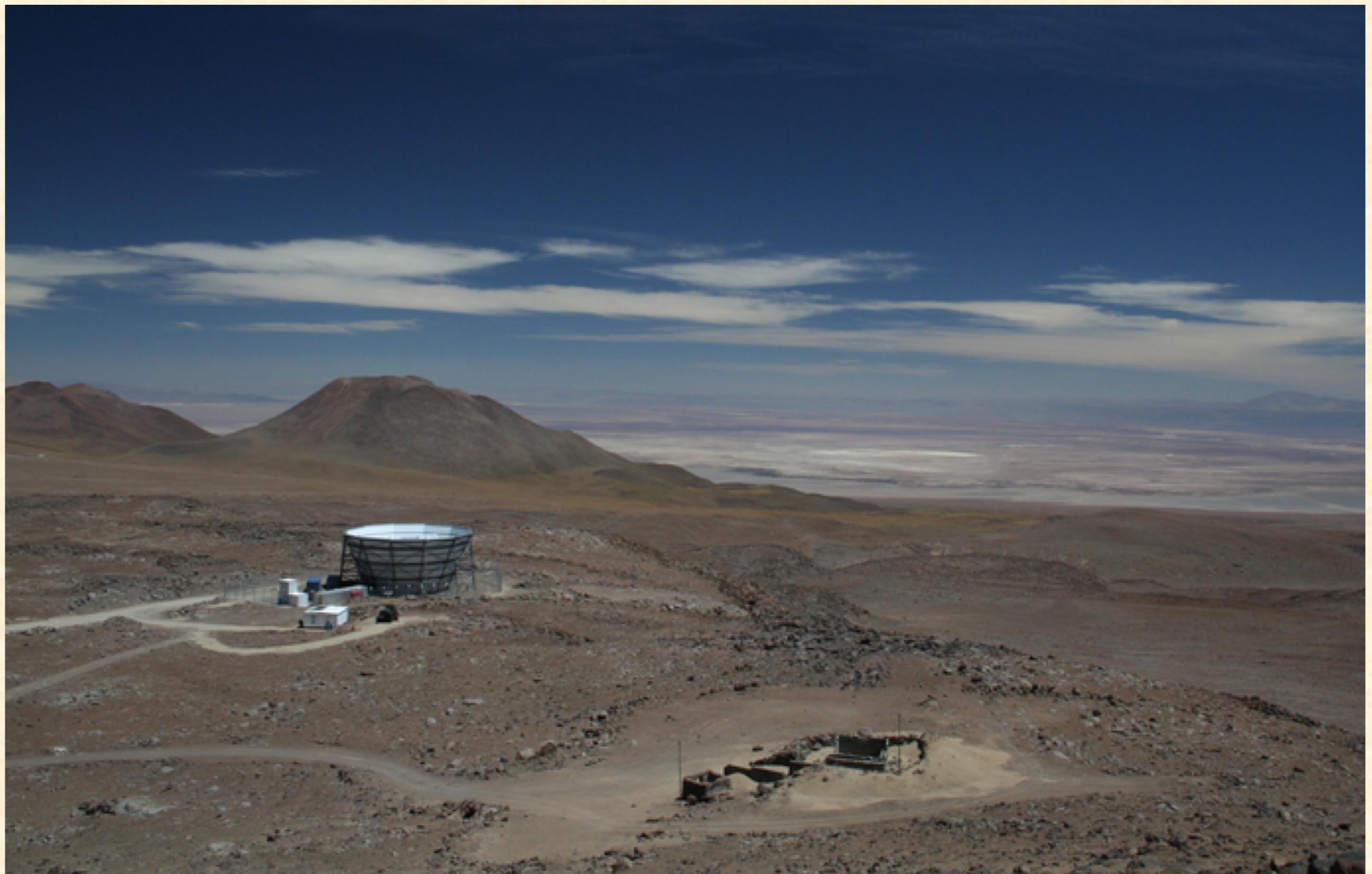


# *HAWC (Northern Hemisphere)*

- *Altitude 4.100 m.a.s.l.*
- *20.000 m<sup>2</sup> covered with 300 W.C. Tanks*
- *200 ton water + 4 Photomultipliers*

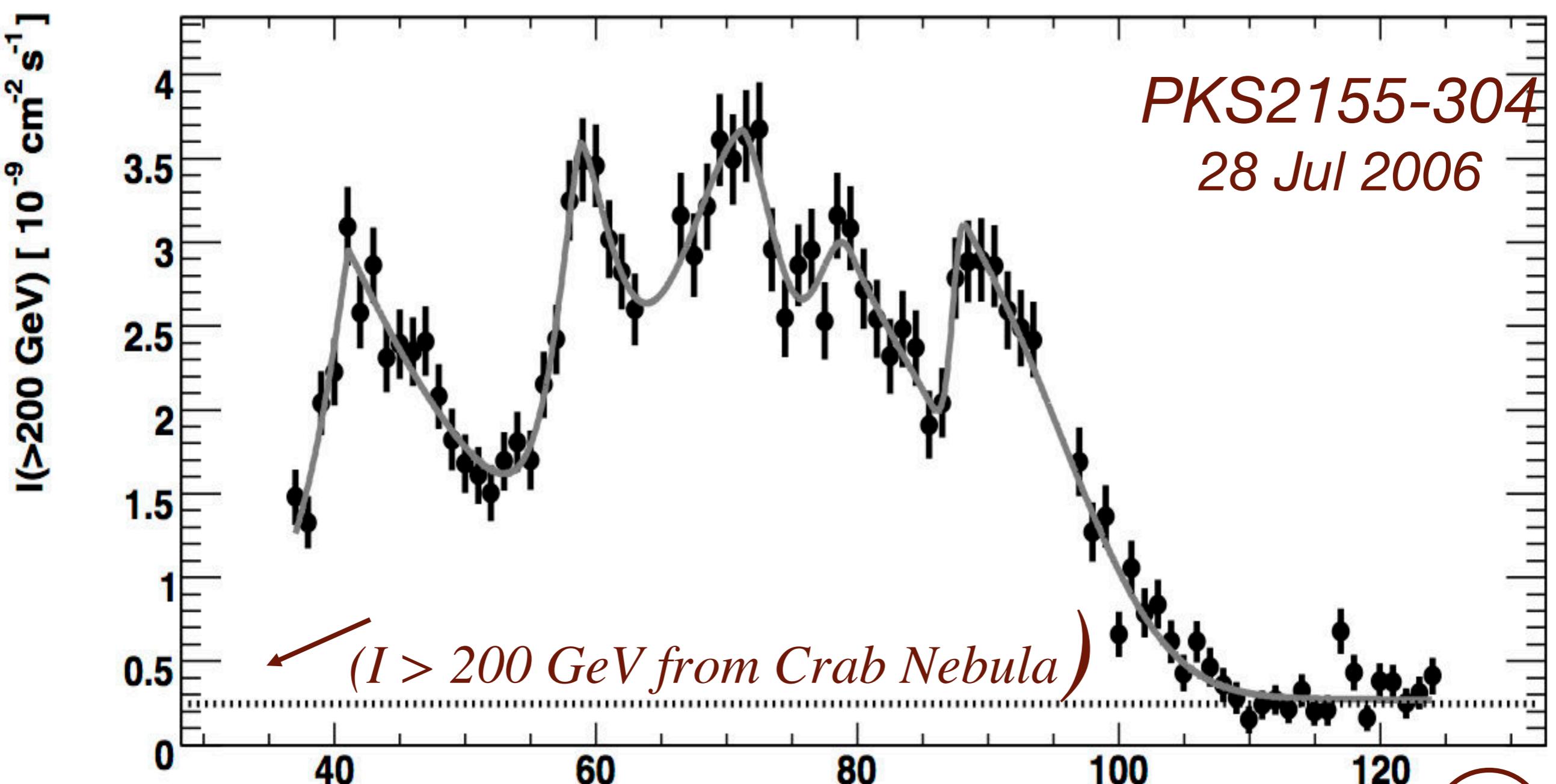


# *Site for LATTEs*



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# Flares

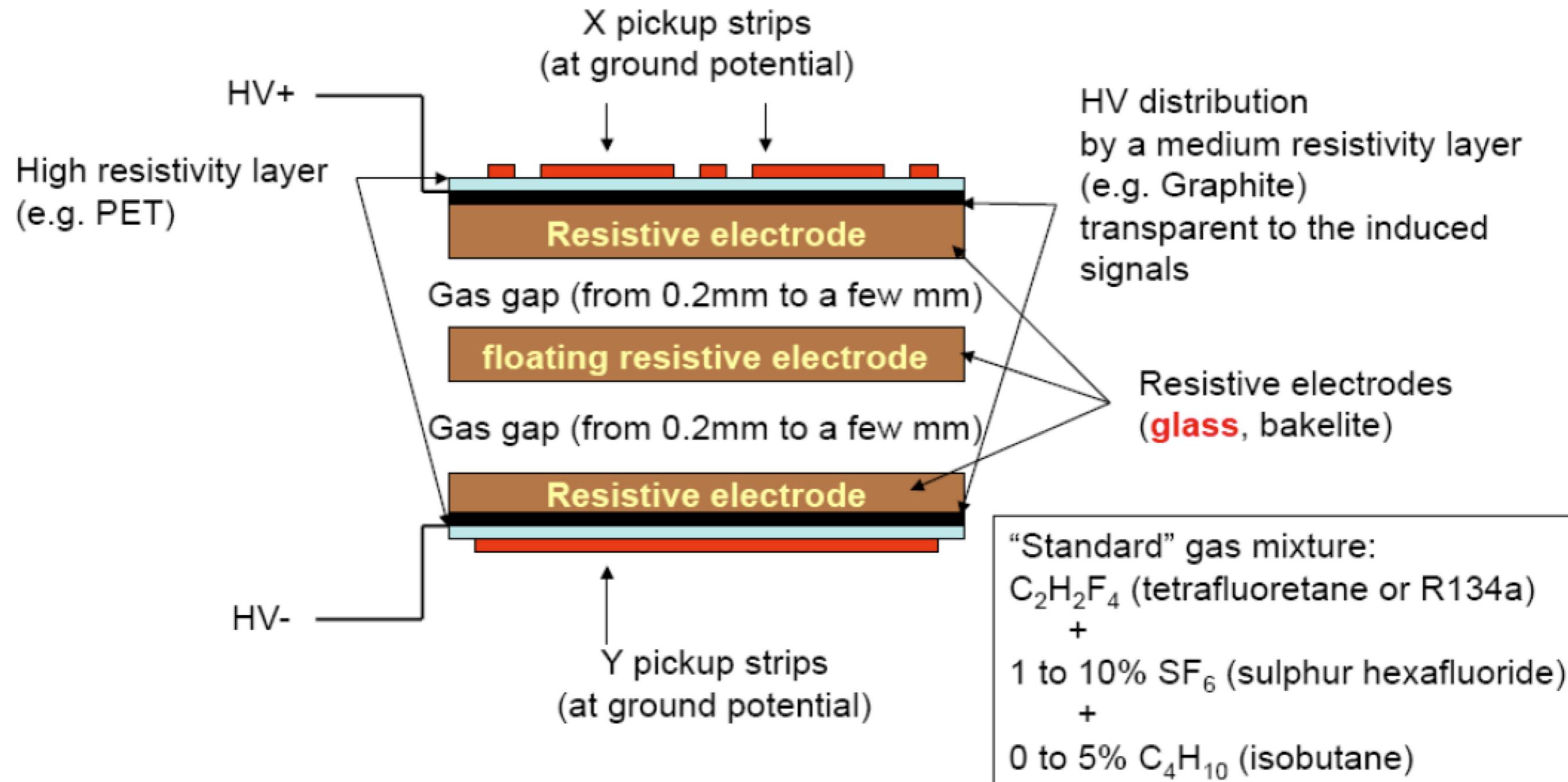


Aharonian et al., *Astrophys. Journal*, 664 (2007) L71

BL Lacs @ RA: 21h 58' 52.18" DEC: -30h 13' 18" ~450 Mpc

# RPCs – basic structure

Many variations allowed



**The current is limited by the resistive electrodes: no sparks by construction**

- ▷ very safe detector, although limited to low particle rates ( $\sim 2\text{kHz}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- ▷ excellent efficiency (99%), time ( $\sim 50 \text{ ps}$ ) and position resolution ( $\sim 100\mu\text{m}$ )