

HiSCORE first results

Gamma-rays and Cosmic rays

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HiSCORE \subset TAIGA

Deployment of first 3
HiSCORE stations



TAIGA collaboration

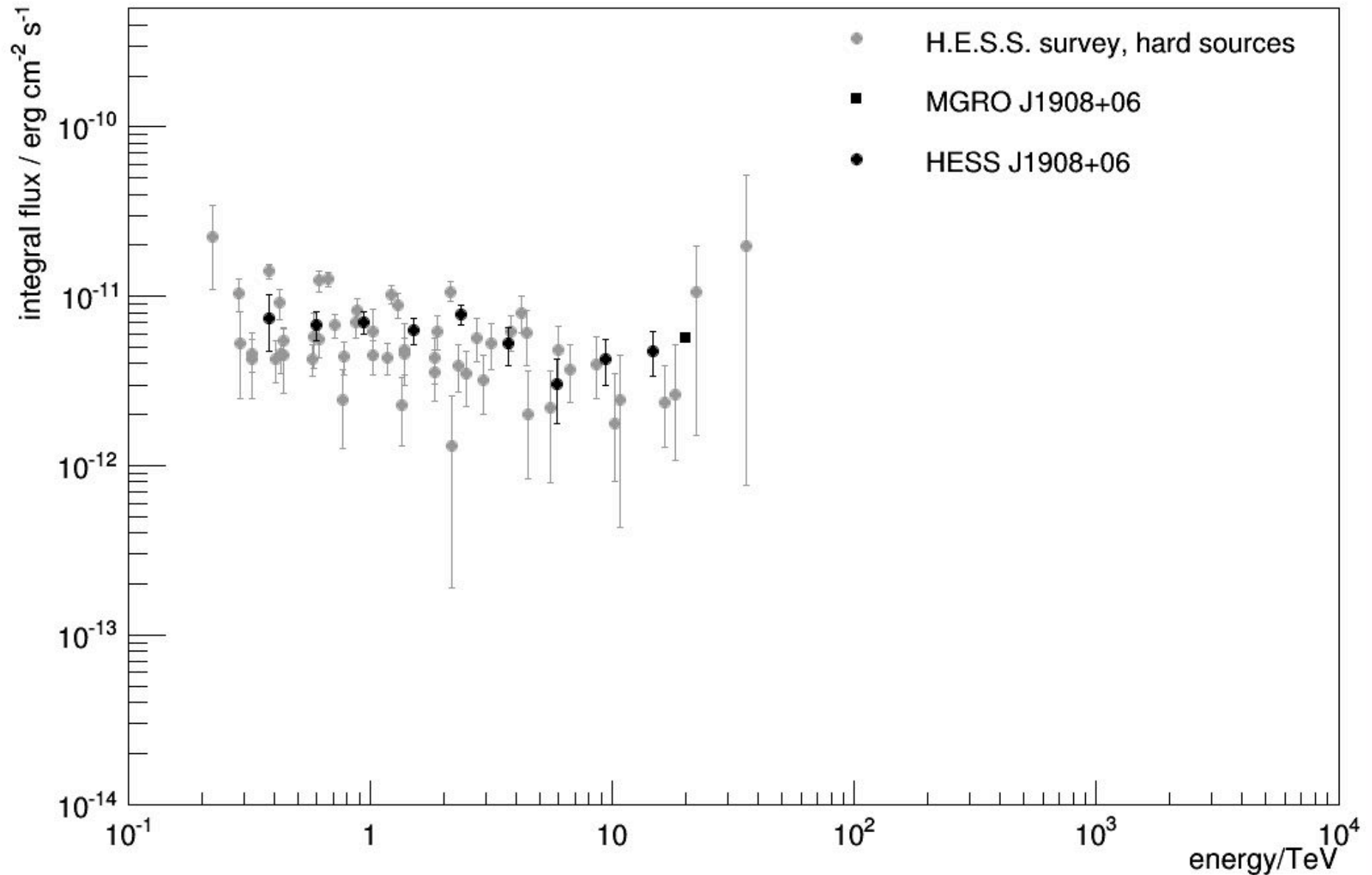
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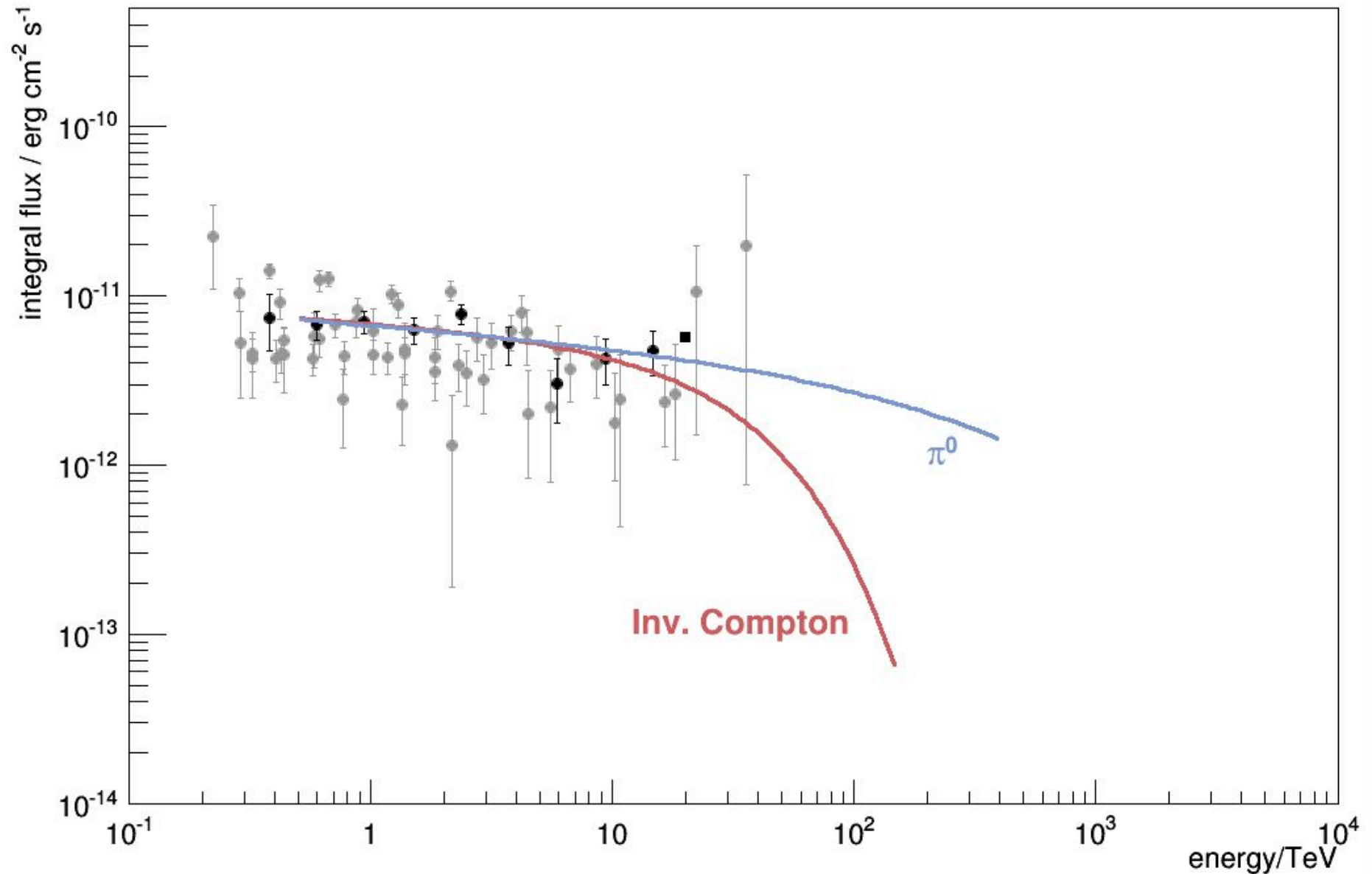
Tunka-133
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Physics motivation

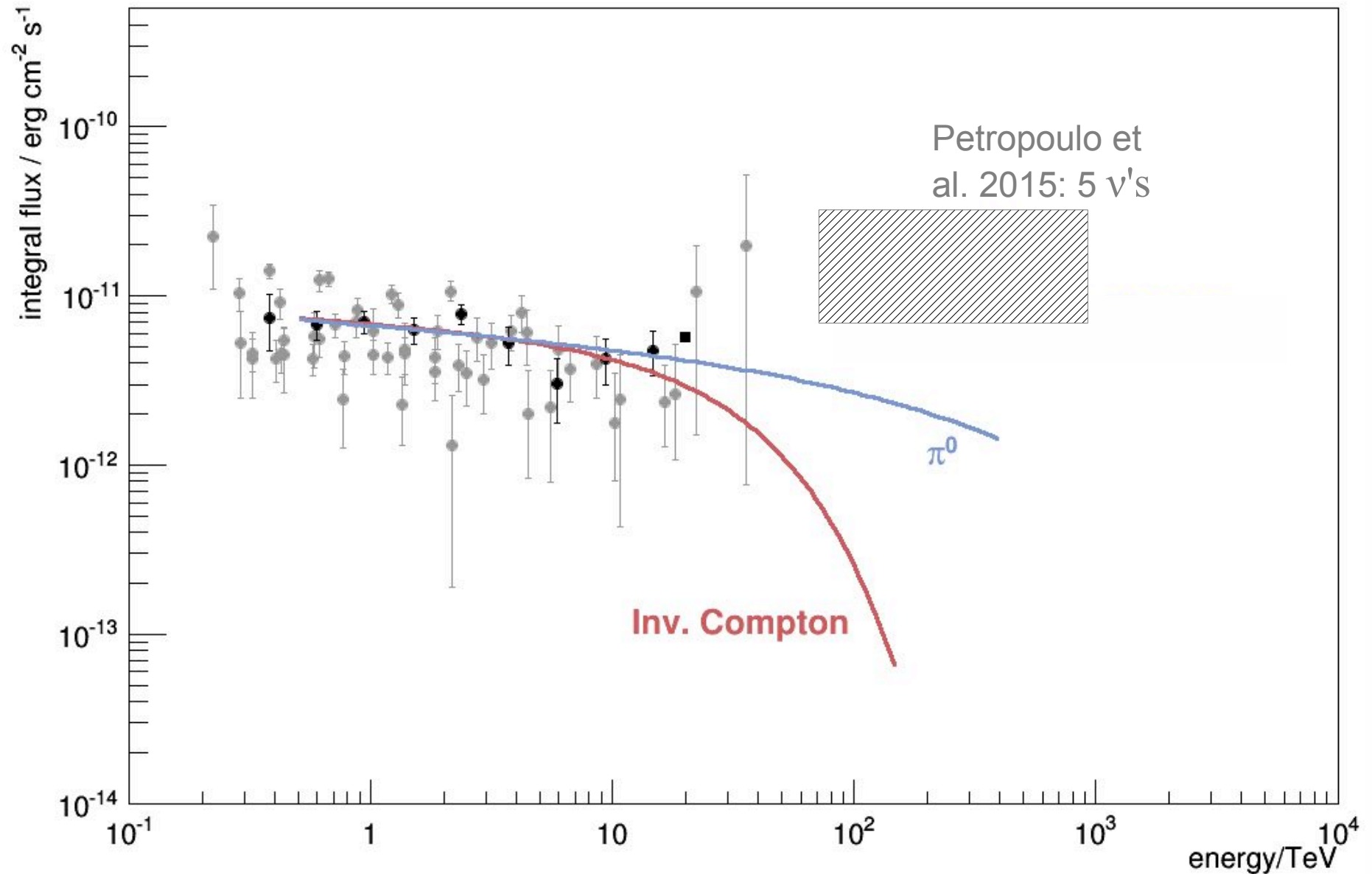
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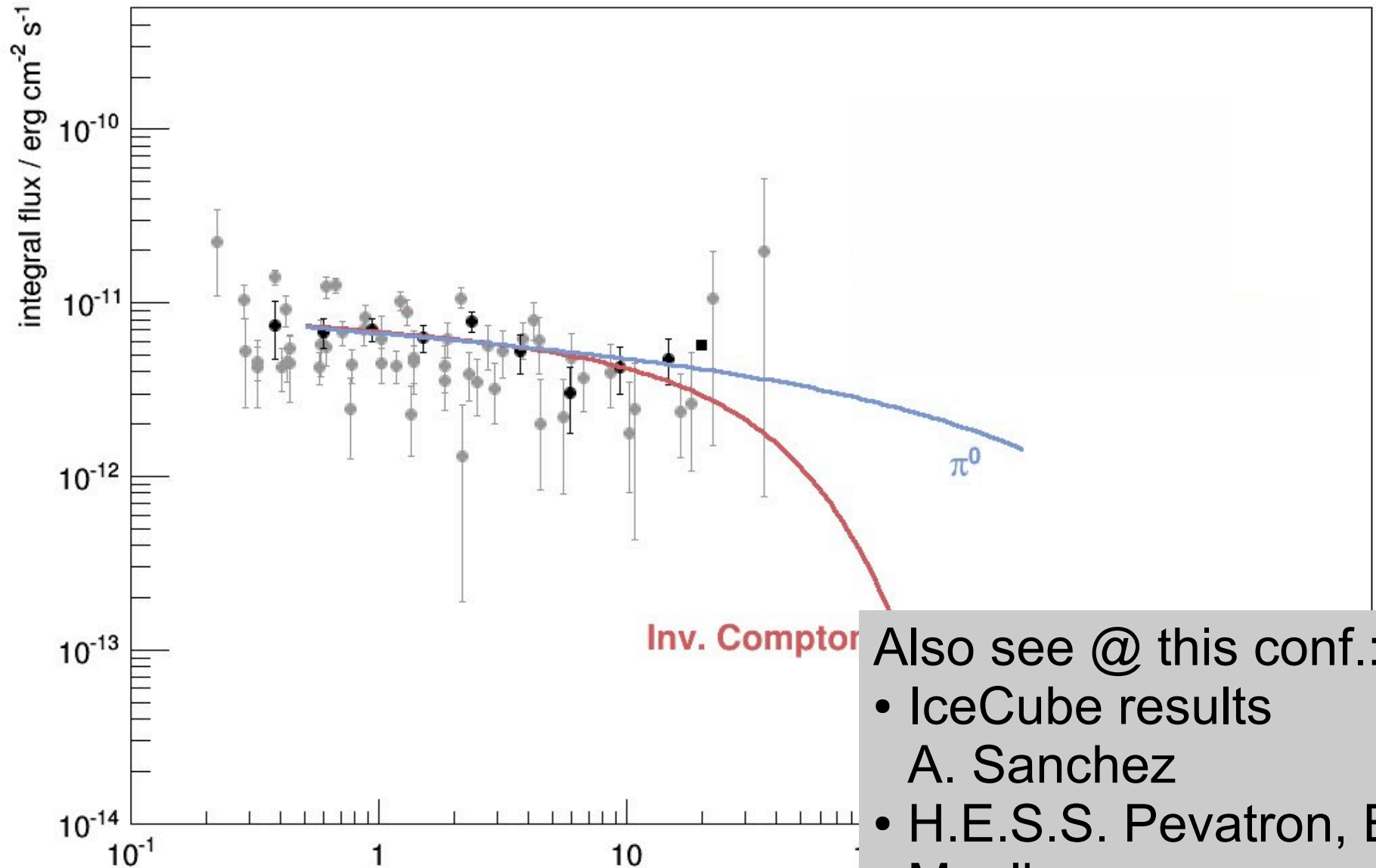
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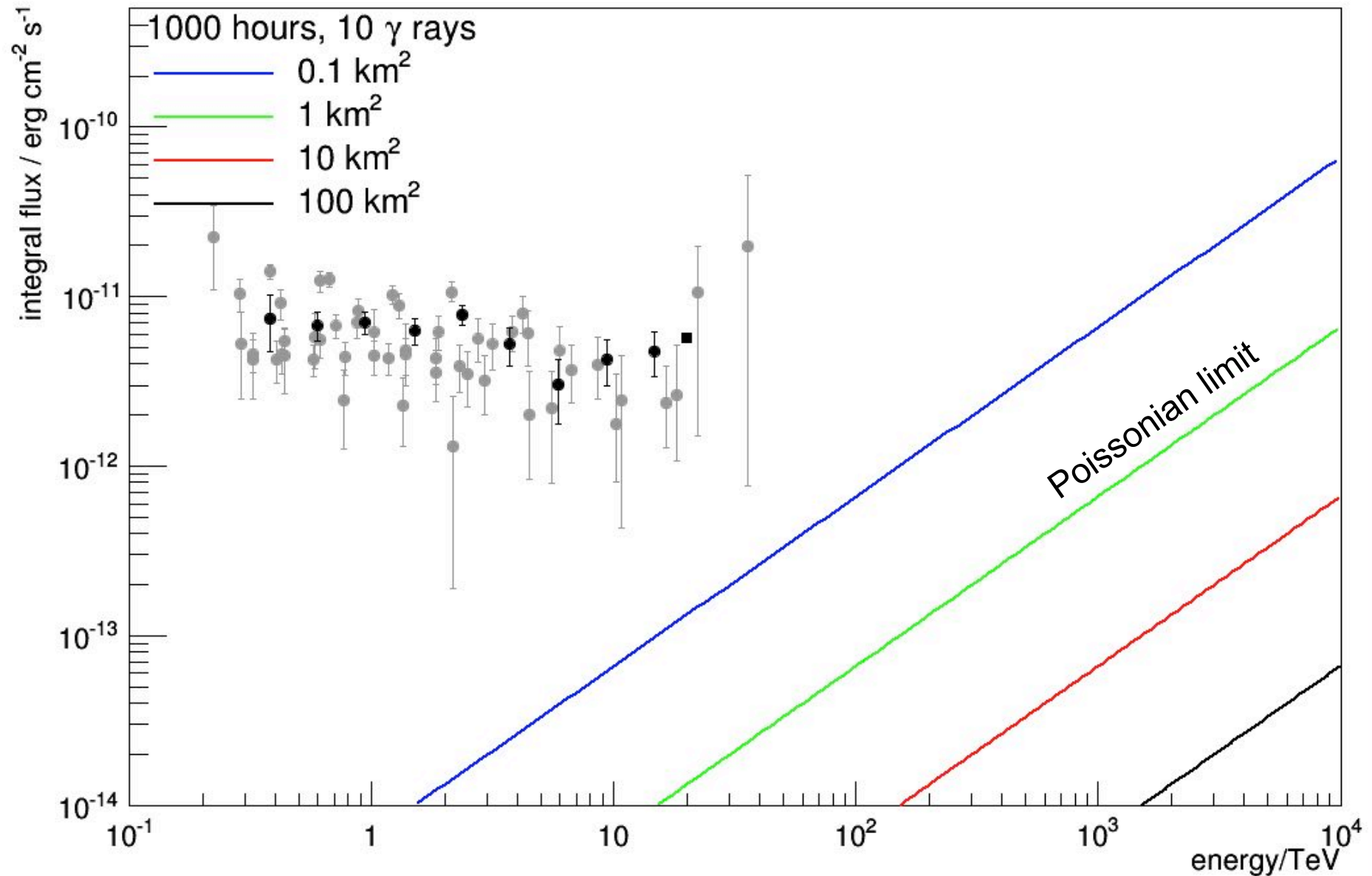
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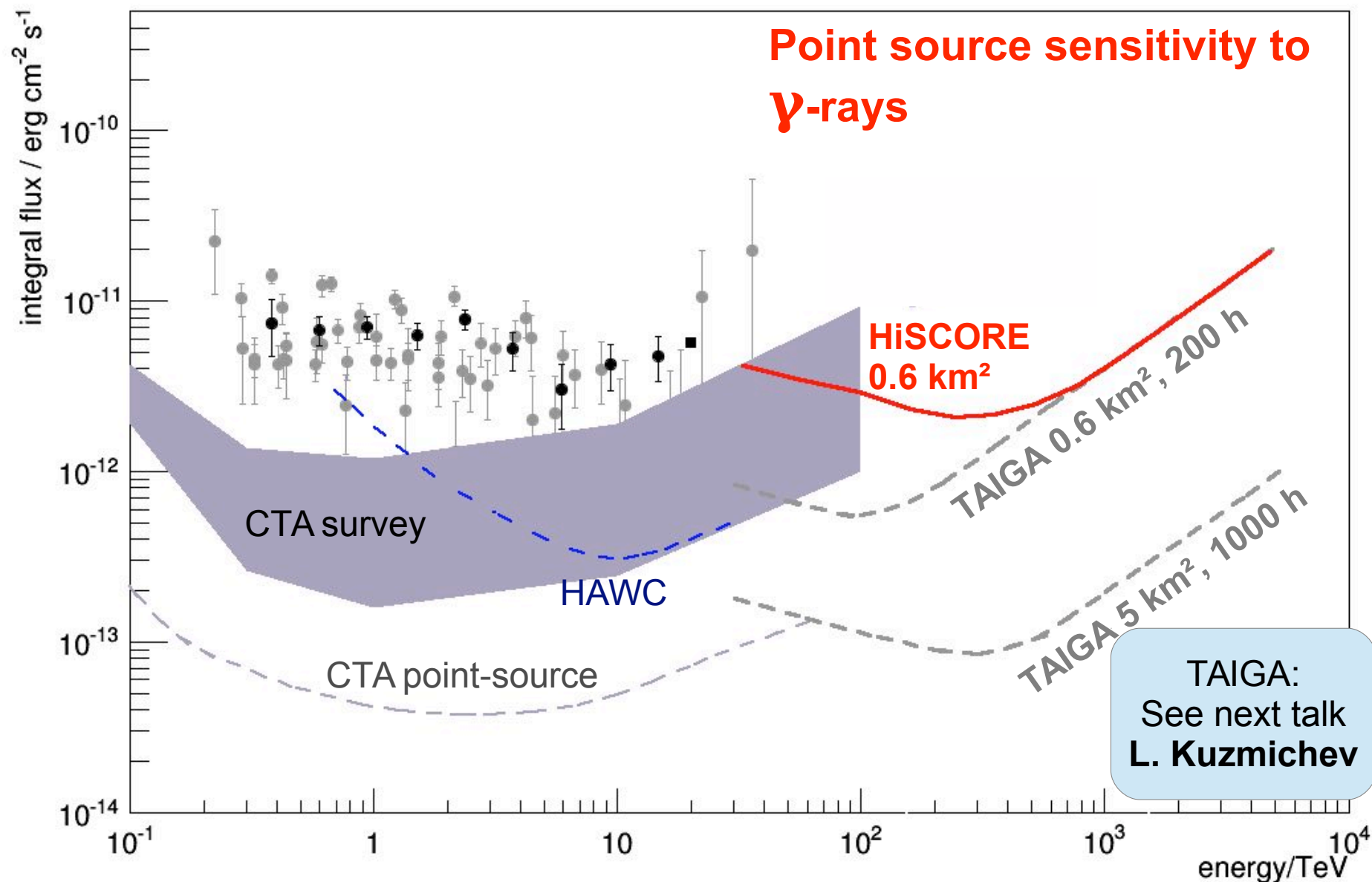
Also see @ this conf.:

- IceCube results
A. Sanchez
- H.E.S.S. Pevatron, E. Moulin

Key to Multi-TeV-PeV: Area



VHE-UHE Gamma-ray Astronomy



HiSCORE timing array

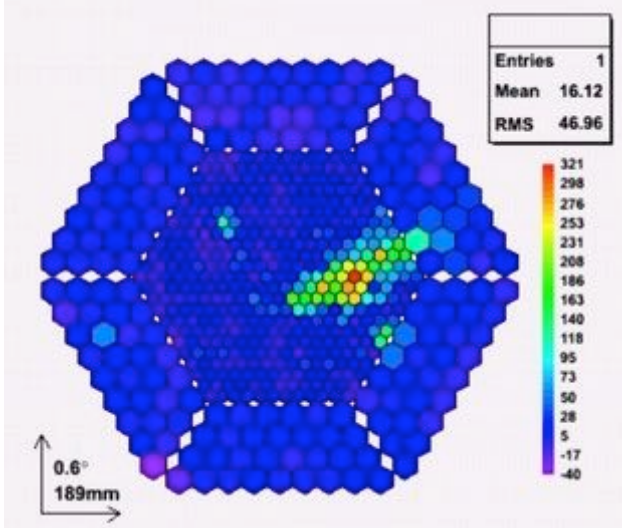
High Sensitivity Cosmic ORigin Explorer

(TAIGA: HiSCORE timing array + IACTs)

Detection method

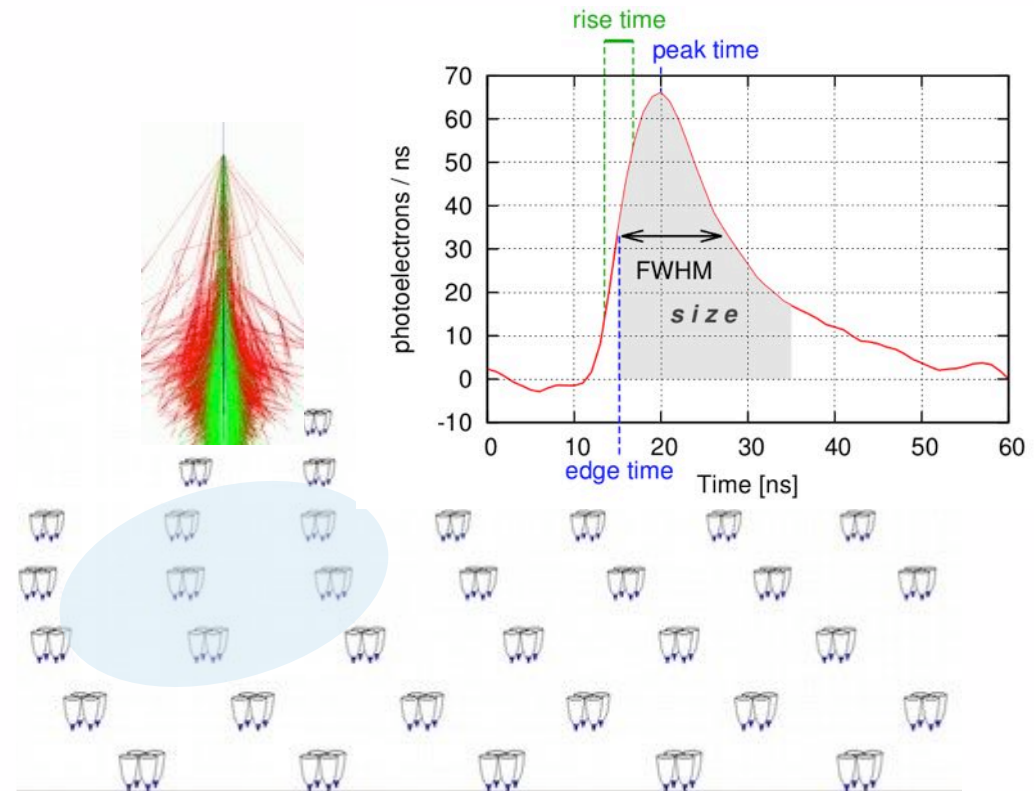
Air Cherenkov imaging and timing

Imaging arrays



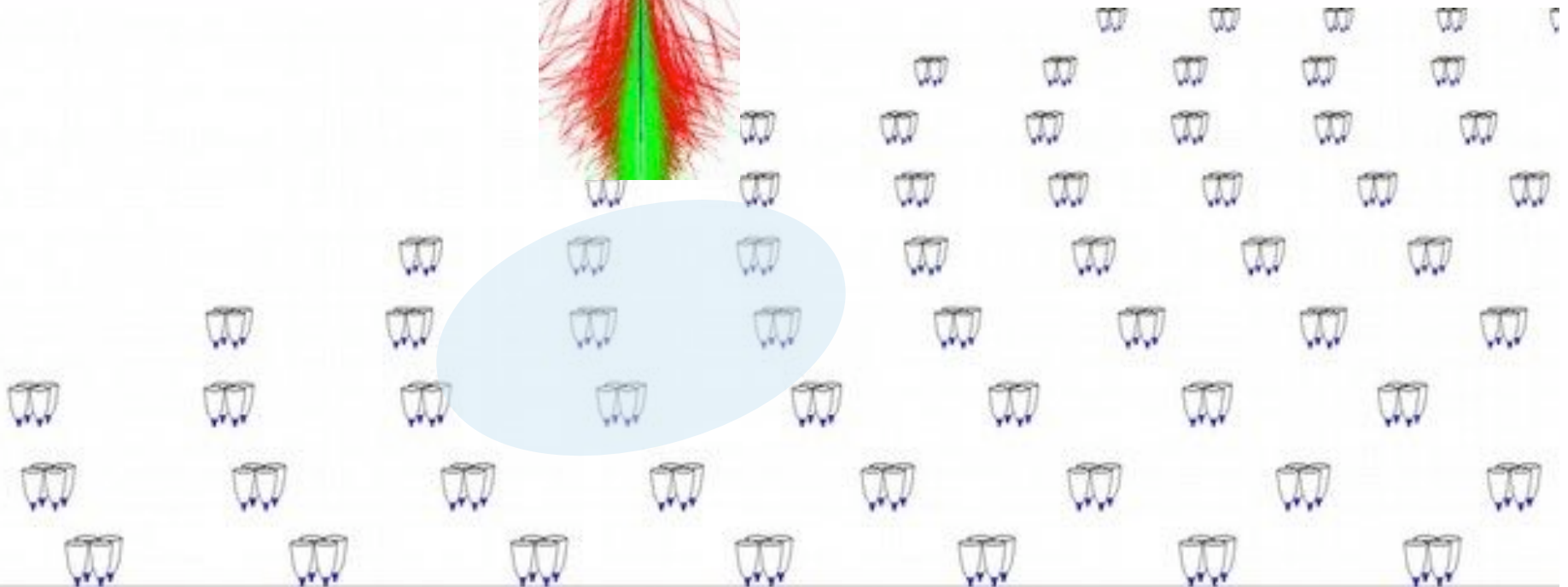
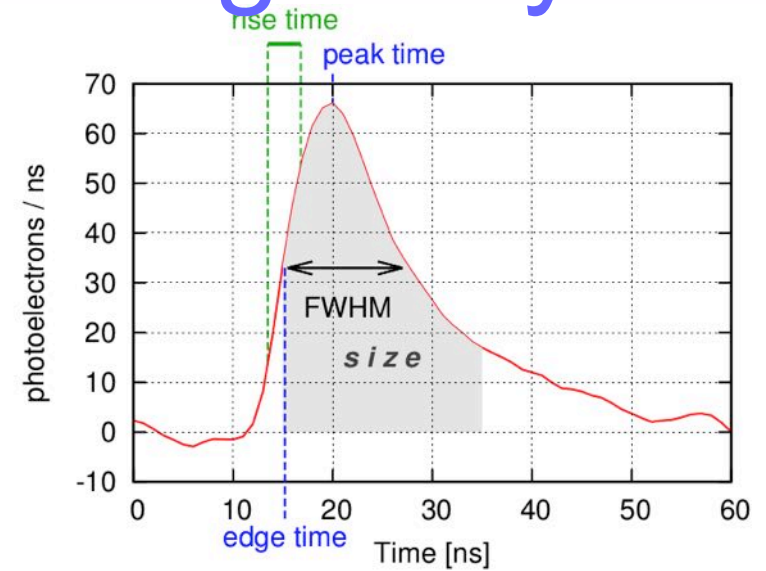
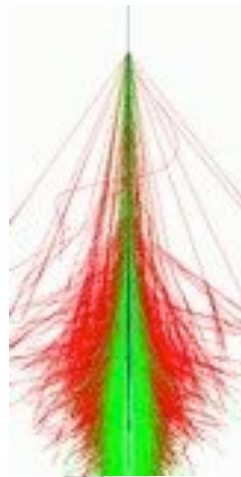
MAGIC camera image

Timing arrays (non-imaging)

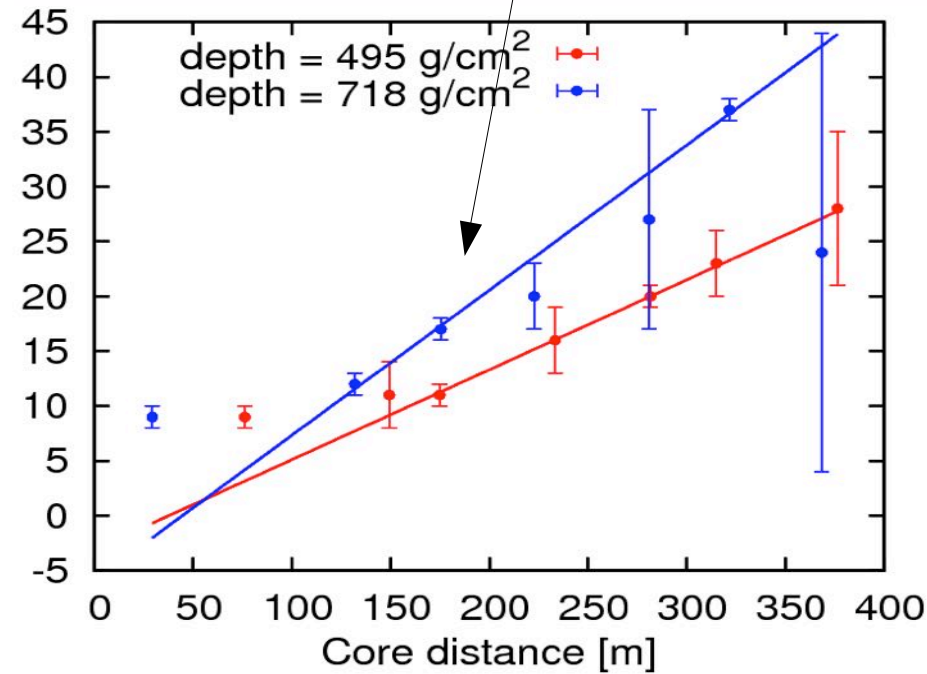
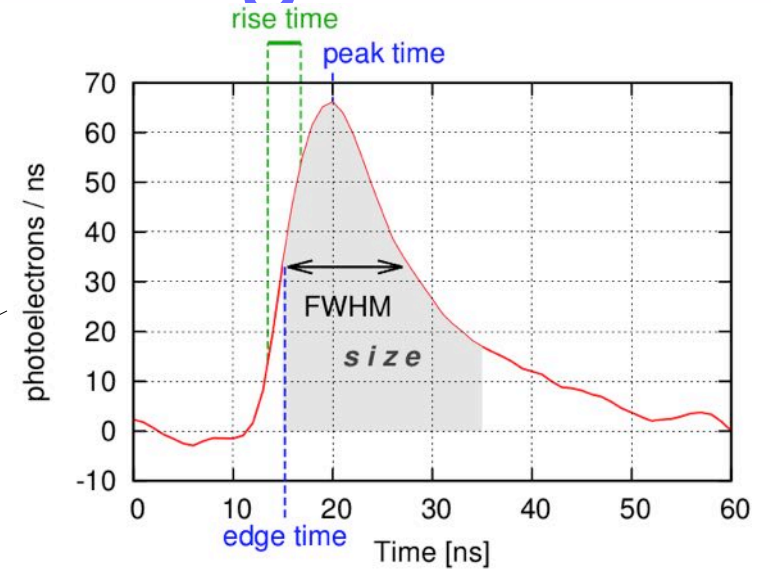
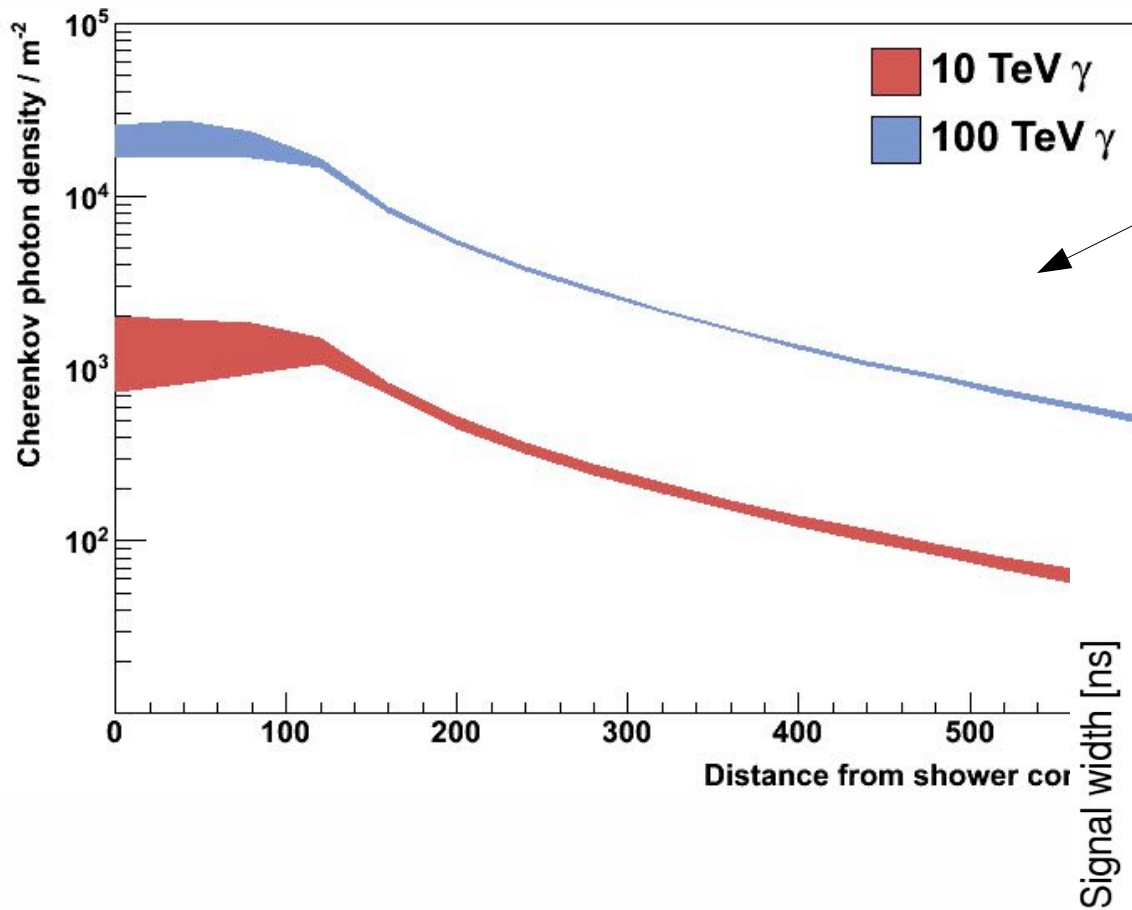


HiSCORE = TAIGA timing array

- Cherenkov light Shower front sampling



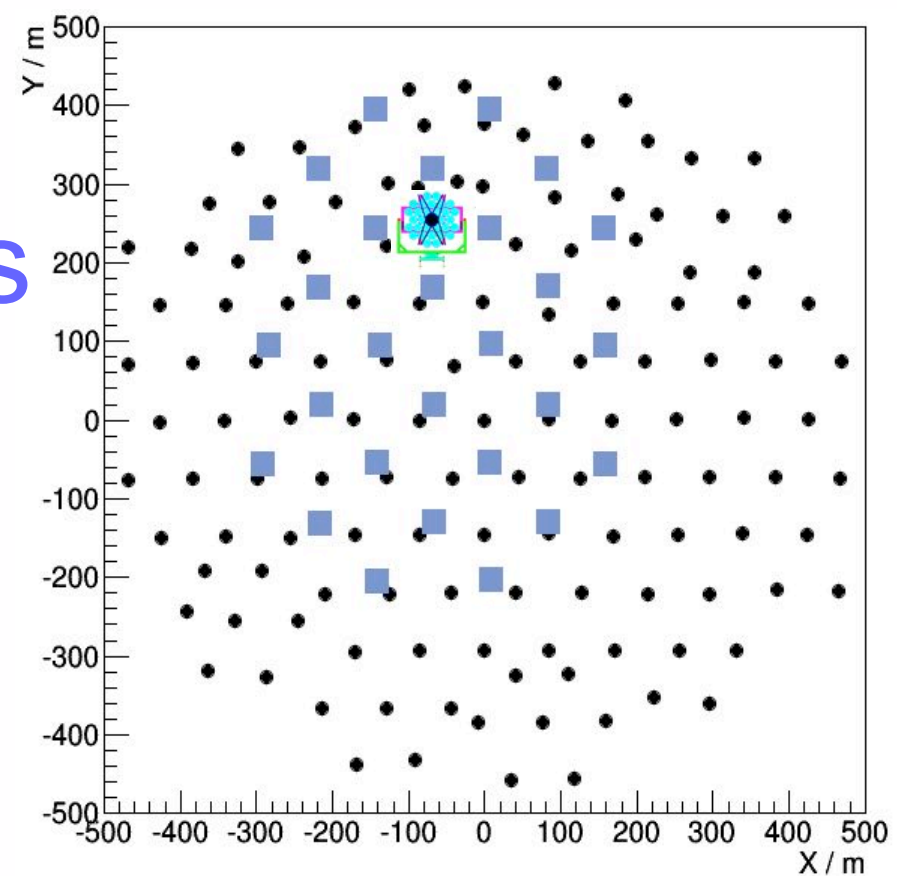
Air Cherenkov timing



HiSCORE = TAIGA timing stations

Since 2014

- Total: 28 stations
- spacing 100-150m
- 0.25 km²
- Tilting mode – 25° southwards



HiSCORE timing stations
Tunka 133 stations



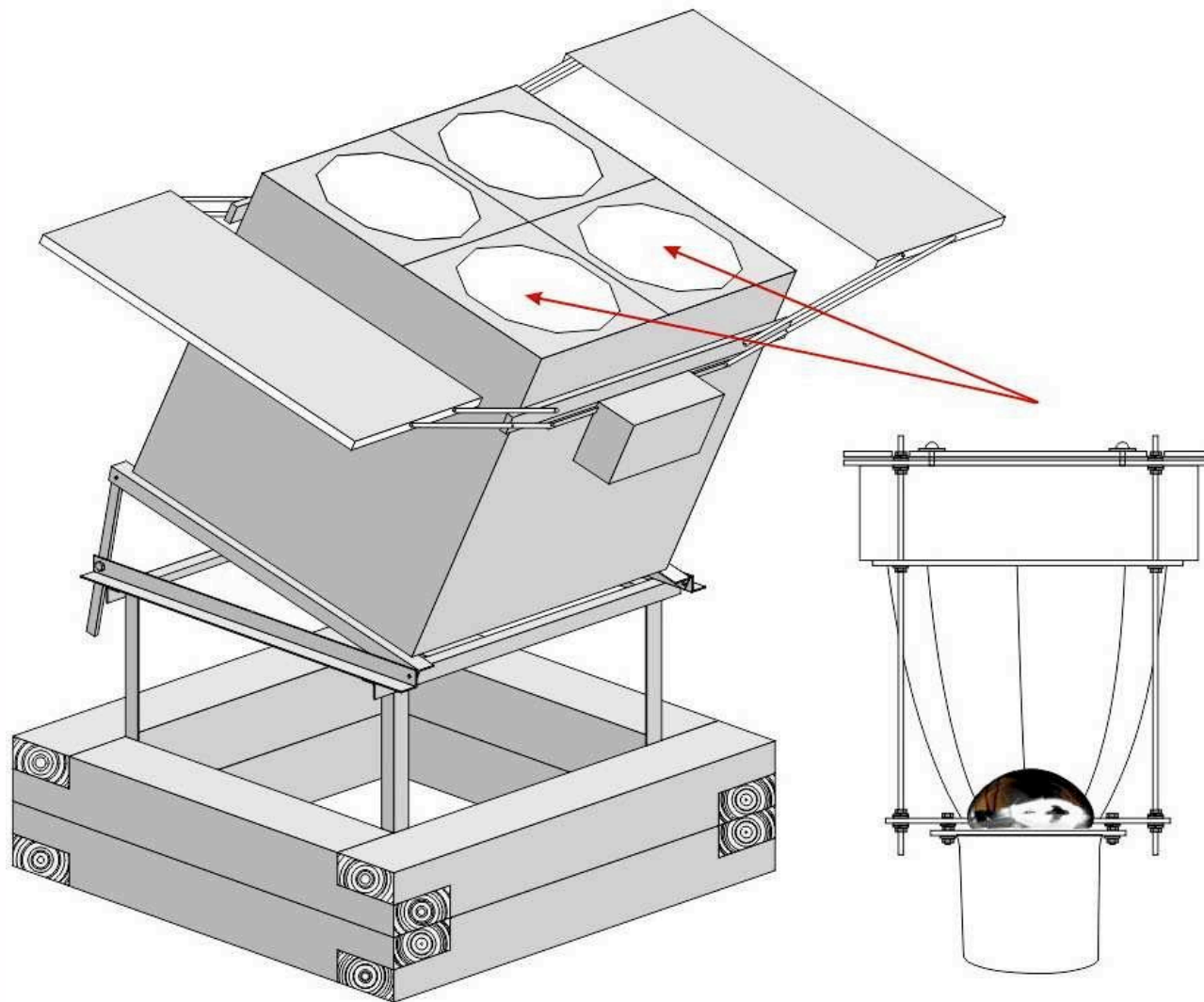
2016:

- First telescope
- Hybrid timing+imaging

Next talk:

TAIGA, L. Kuzmichev

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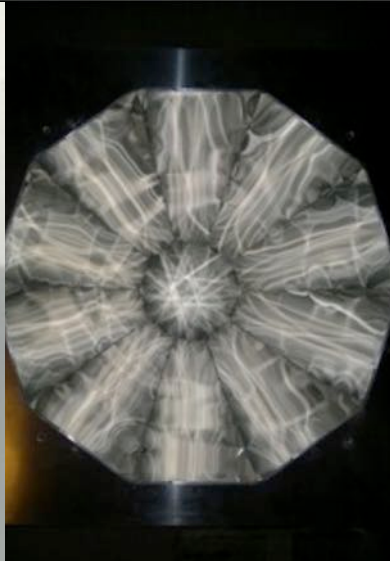


- Four 8" PMTs
- Winston cones, light collection 0.5 m²
- FoV ~0.6 sr
- “Tilting” for extension of sky coverage
- GHz readout
- **Sub-ns** array-wide time synchronization

TAIGA timing stations



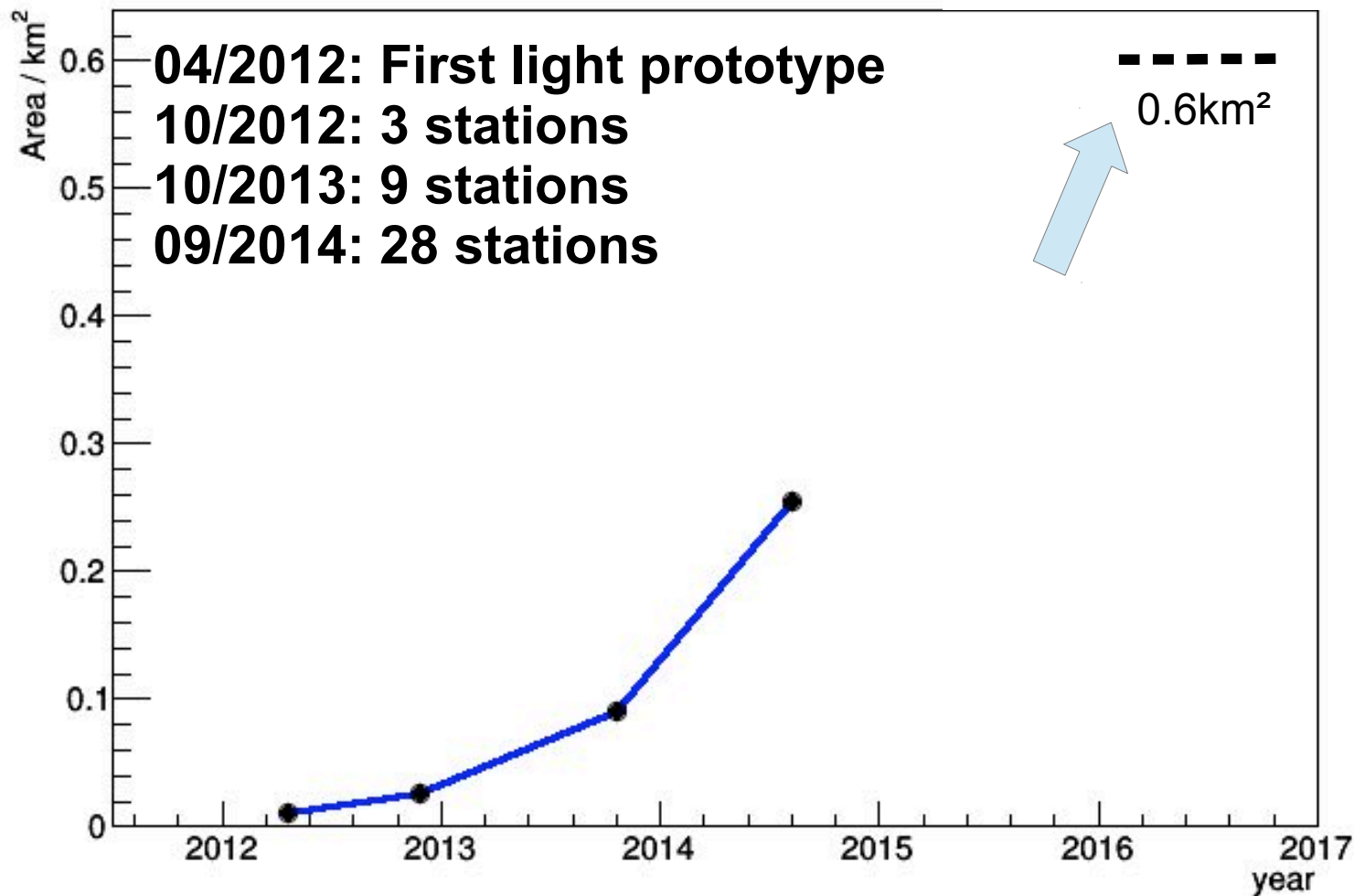
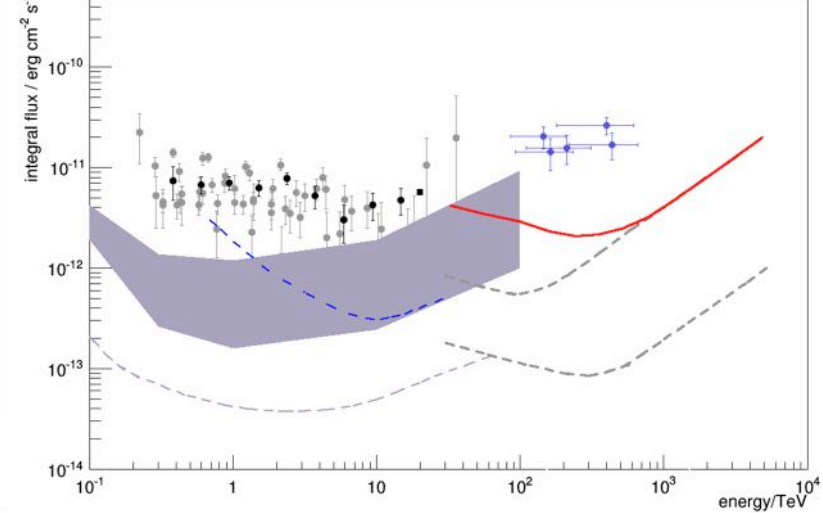
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Evolution of effective area



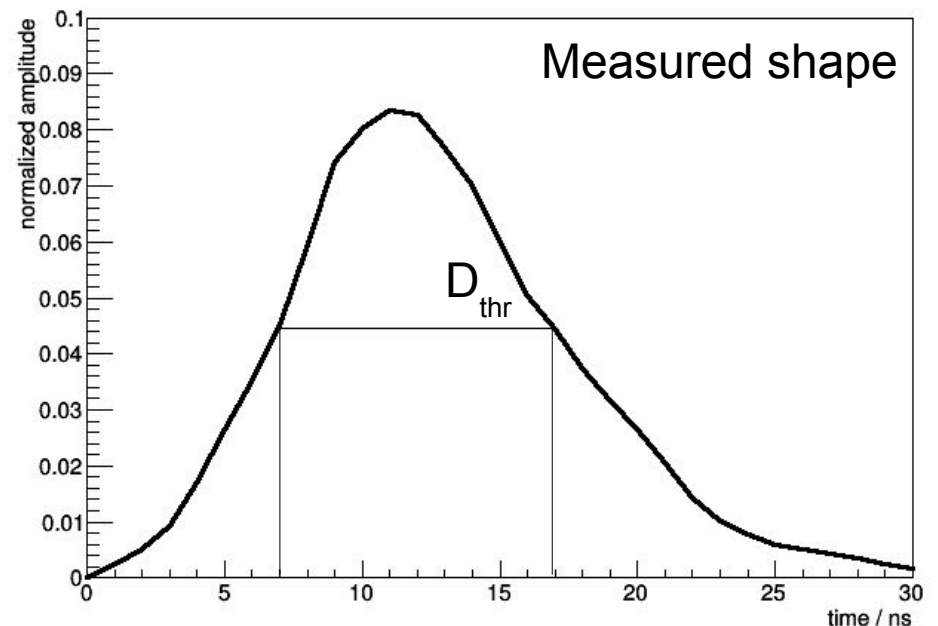
HiSCORE

Comparison of Monte Carlo simulation to Real Data

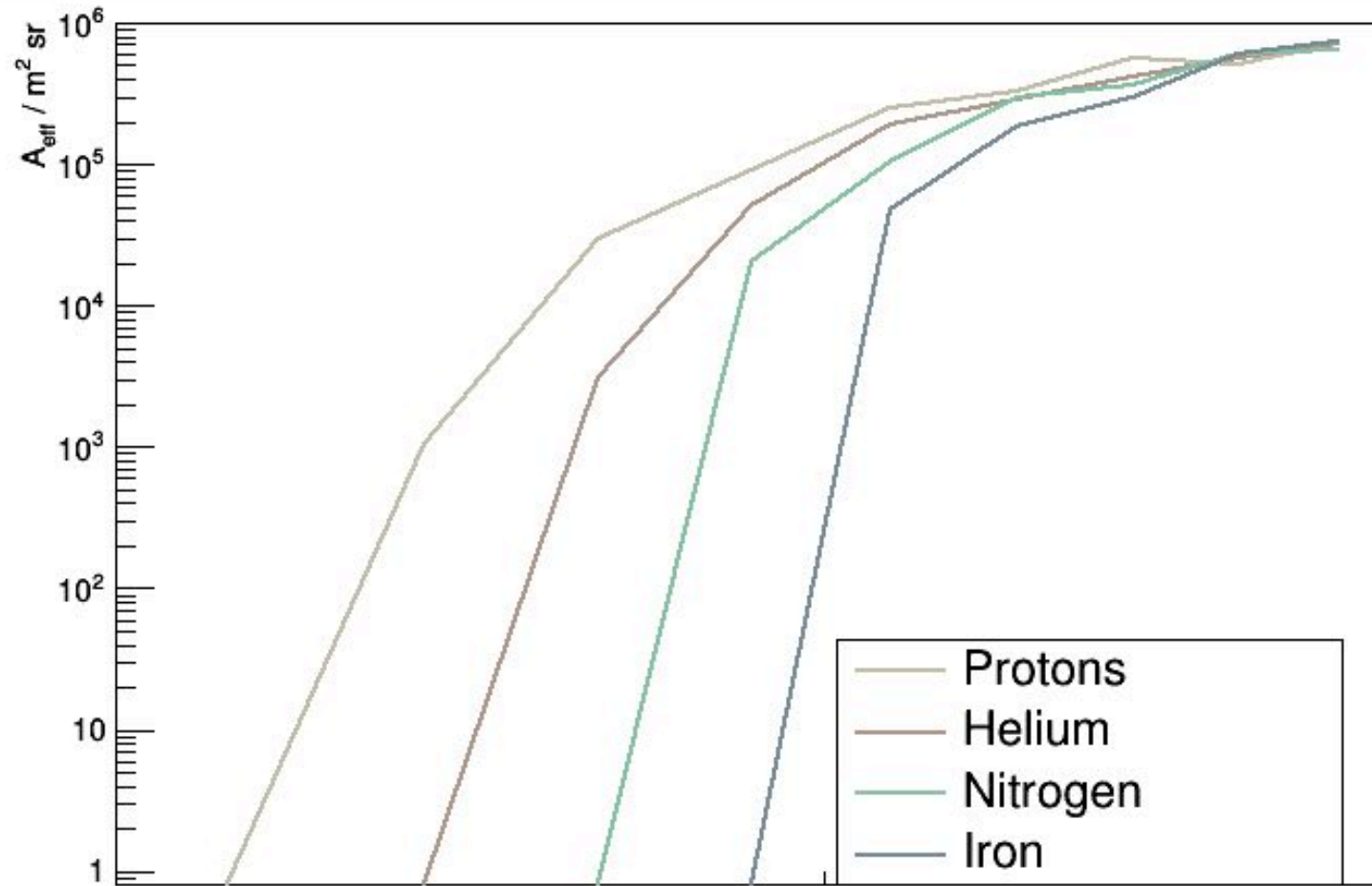
MC Simulation

- **Air showers** CORSIKA v6990, protons, He, N, Fe
- **Detector-simulation** sim_score:
full simulation based on iact-package
 - Winston cone ray tracing
 - Atmospheric transmission (MODTRAN)
 - PMT quantum efficiency
 - Analog sum trigger, requiring $\text{sum} > D_{\text{thr}}$ during τ ns
 - Night sky background simulation
 - Single p.e. pulse shaping

Astroparticle Physics, 2014arXiv1403.5688T



Effective trigger area

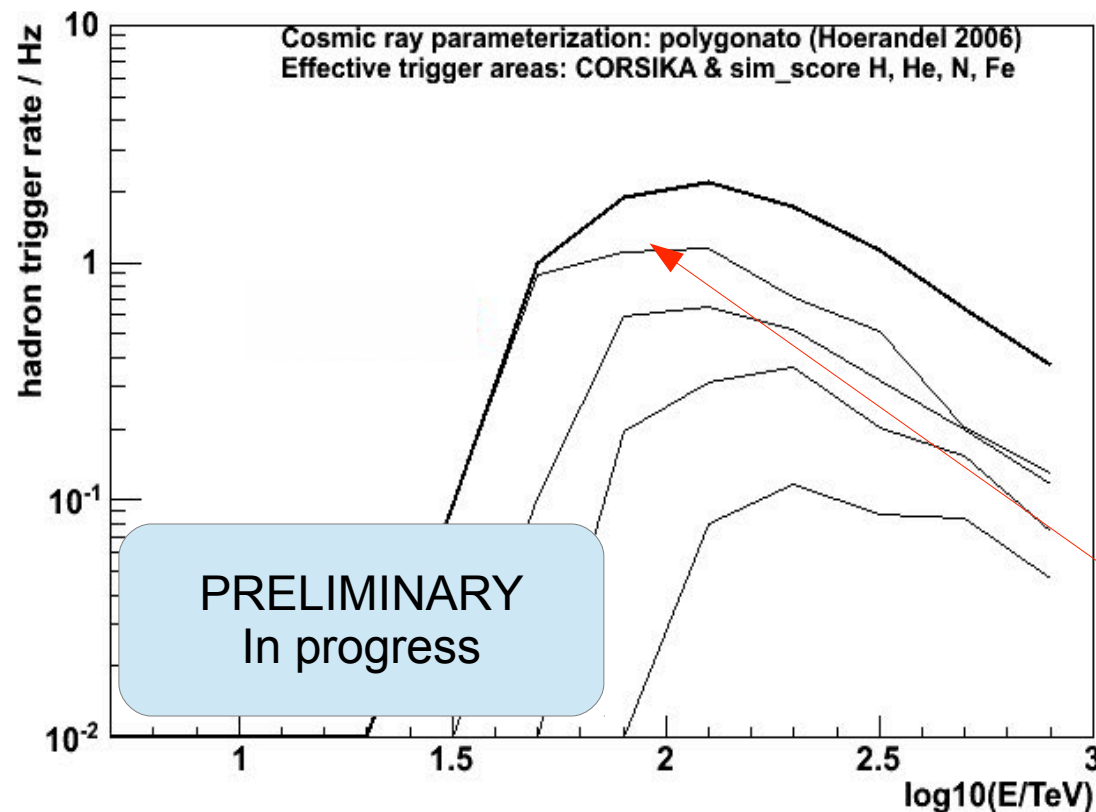


$$\text{rate } R = \int dE \Phi(E) A_{\text{eff}}(E) \quad \text{log(true energy / TeV)}$$

$\Phi(E)$: polygonato model (Hörandel 2003)
& ATIC p/He parametrization

Data – MC comparison

- Array trigger rate: minimum 4 stations triggered
 - 10-18 Hz
 - Reproduced for $A_{thr} = 250\text{--}350$ p.e.

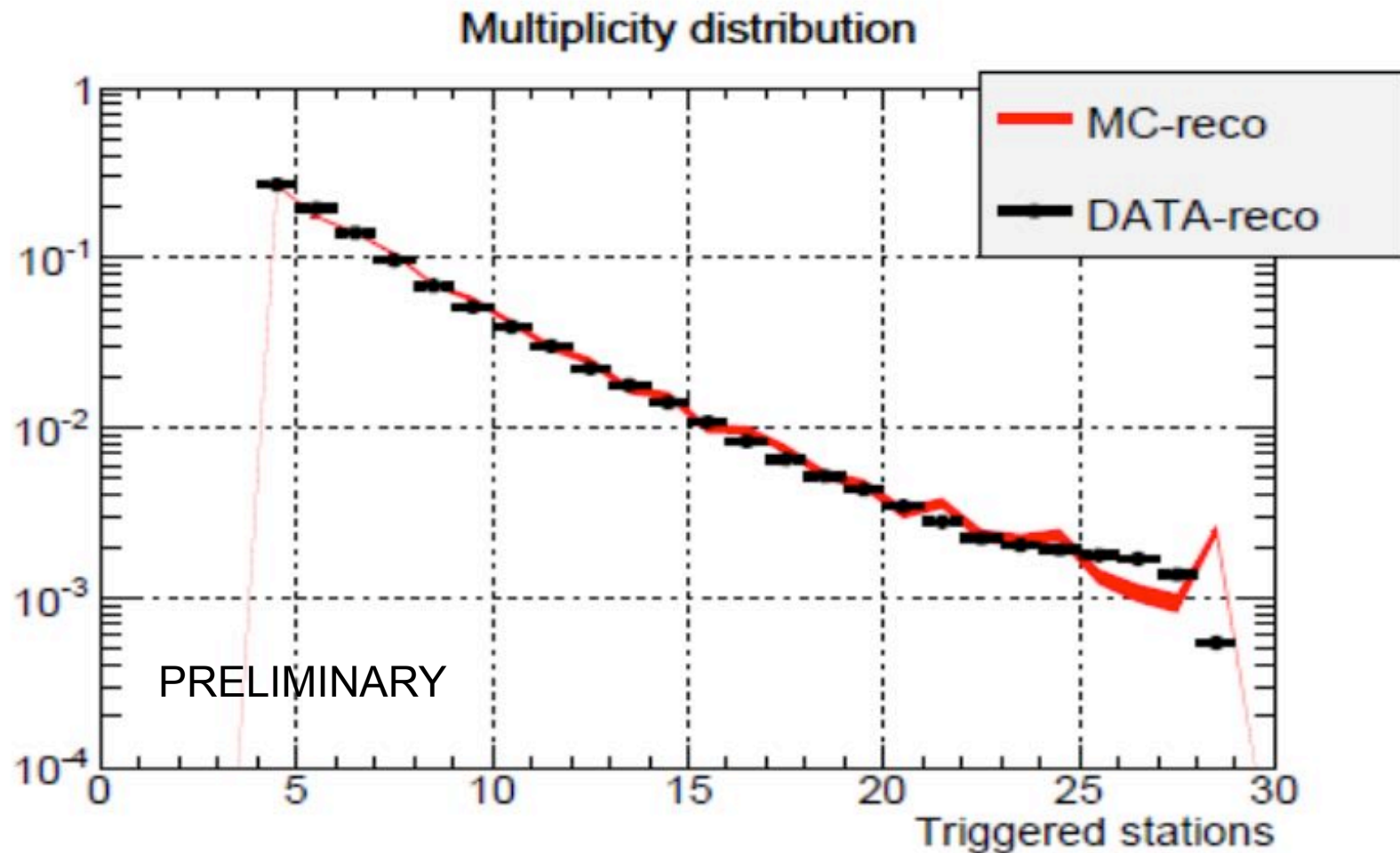


Single station rates:

8-12 Hz from data
10 Hz from simulations

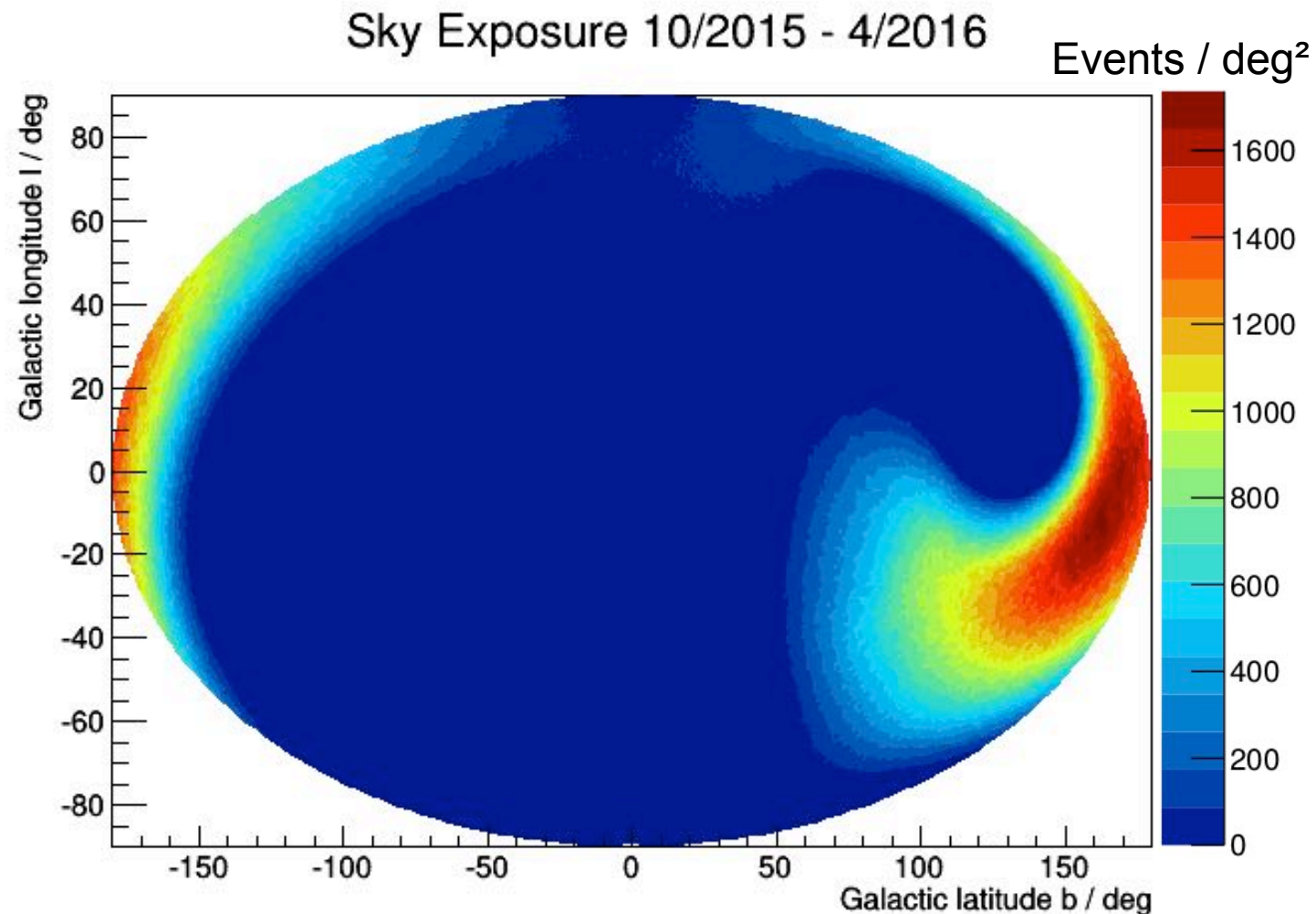
Data-MC comparison

- Multiplicity 28 station array



Data and Exposure

- Observations during commissioning phase of 28-station array October 2015 – April 2016
- Total 250 h observation time
- $\sim 10^7$ events



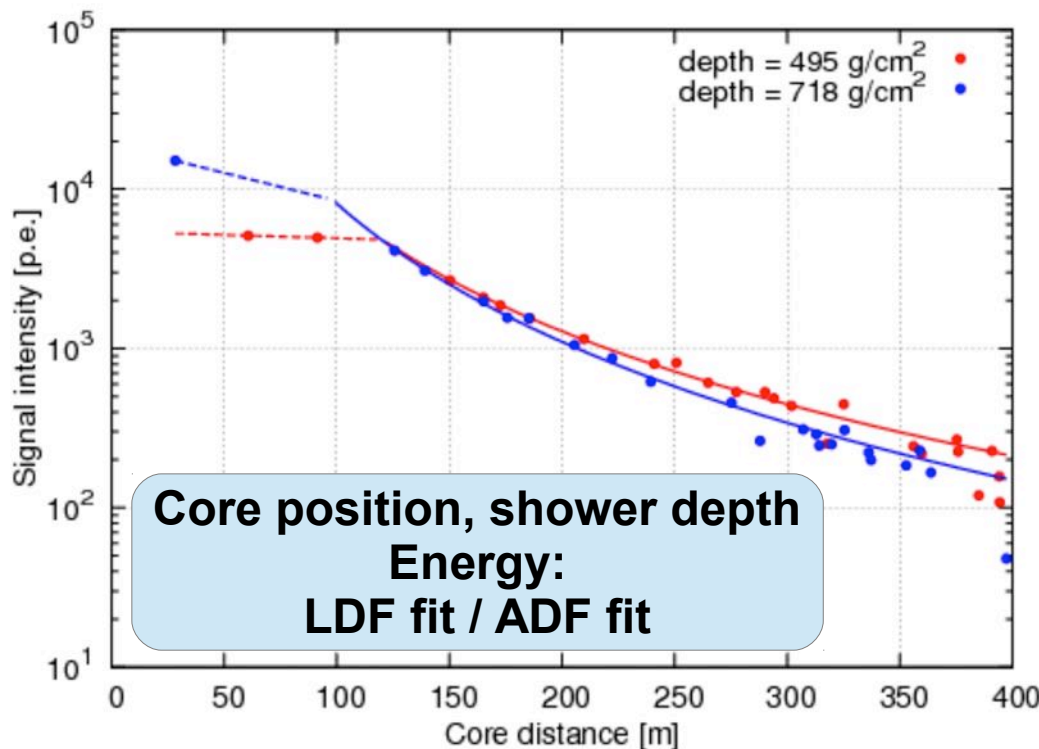
Event Reconstruction

Tunka-133 [Berezhnev et al. 2012NIMPA.692...98B]

HiSCORE [Hampf et al. 2013NIMPA.712..137H]

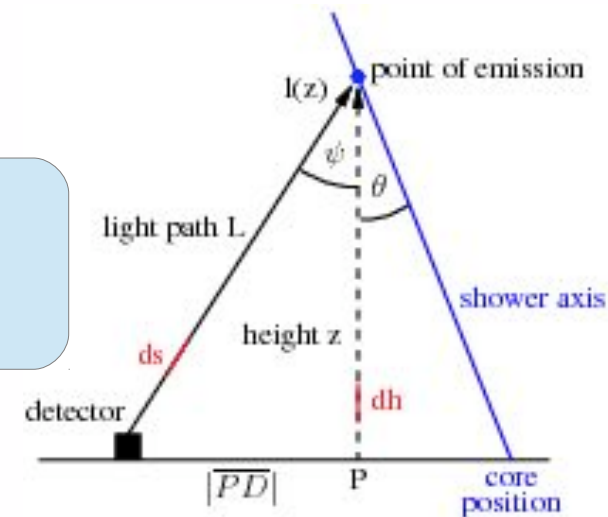
**0-order core position:
Center-of-gravity**

**0-order direction:
Time plane fit**

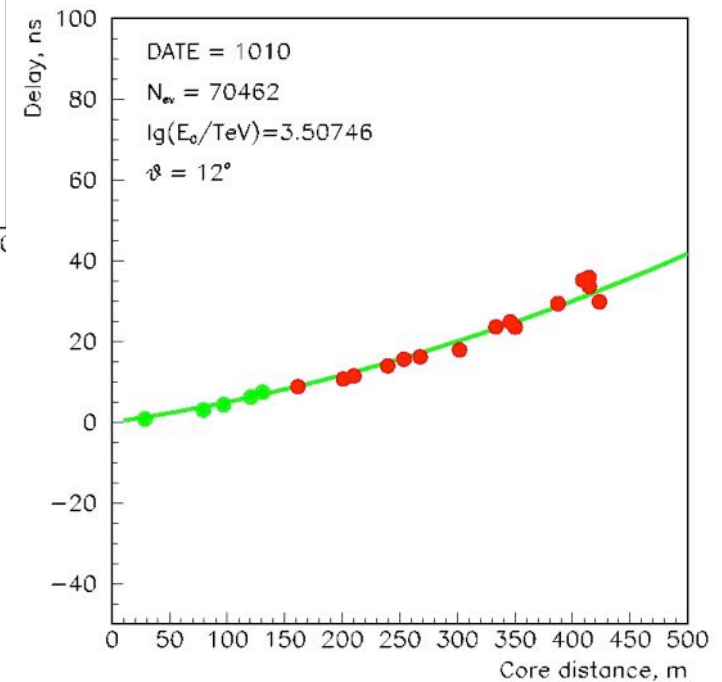
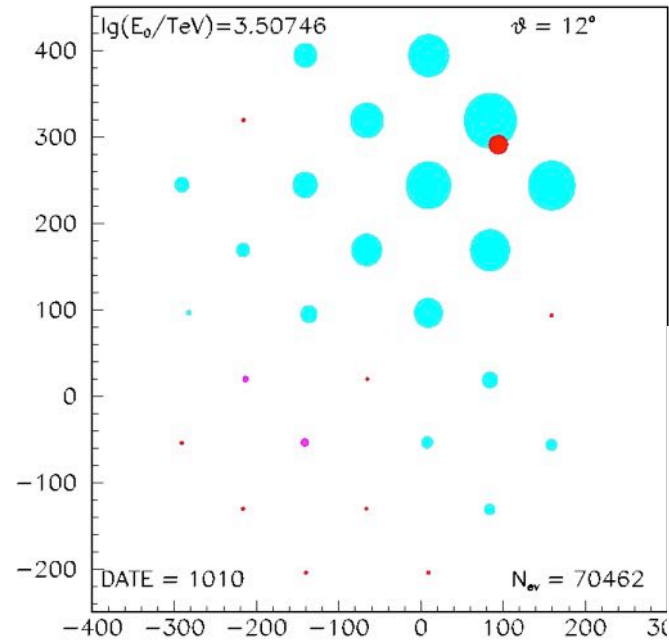
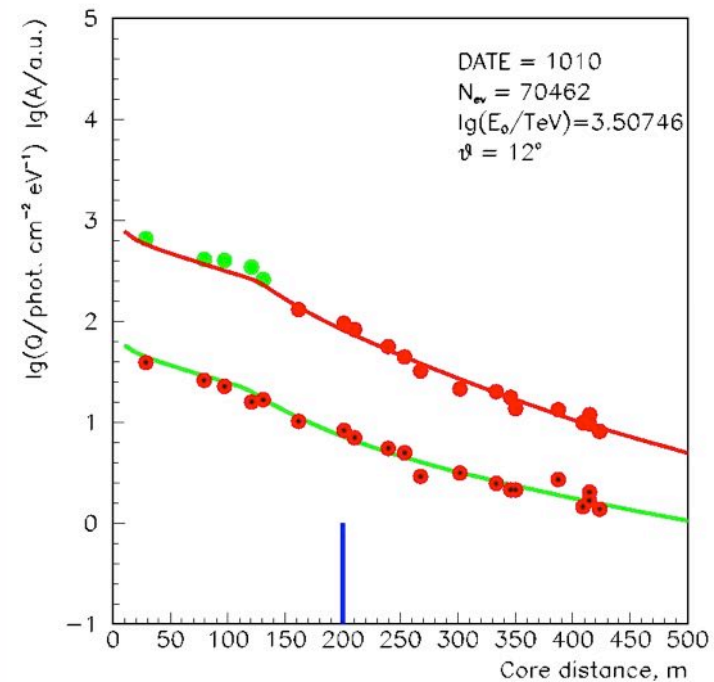


**Core position, shower depth
Energy:
LDF fit / ADF fit**

**Direction:
Cone fit
Timing model**

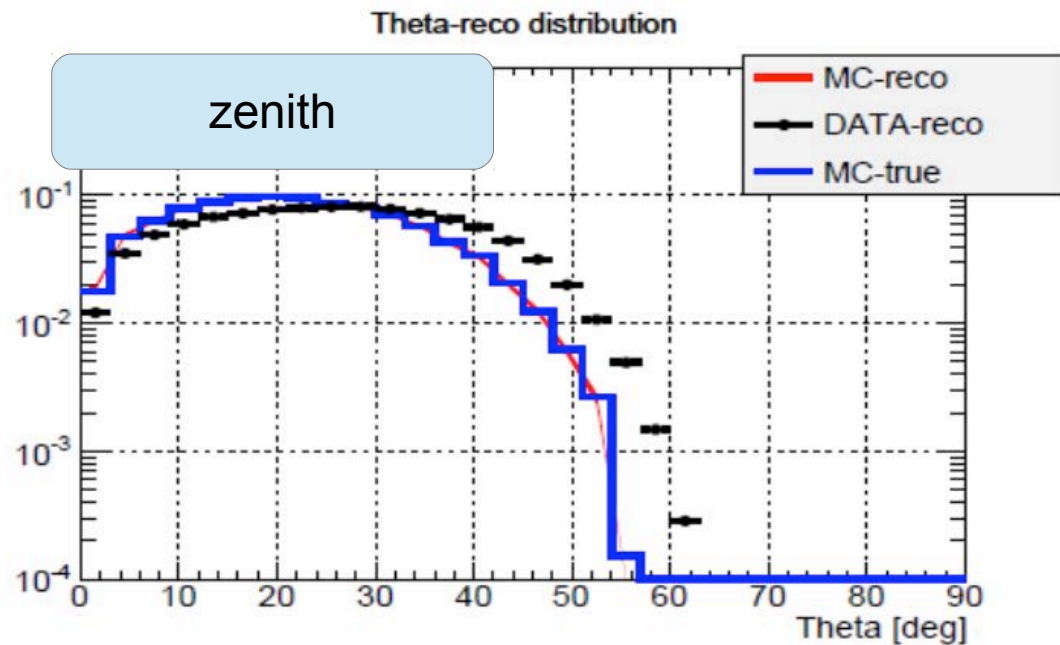
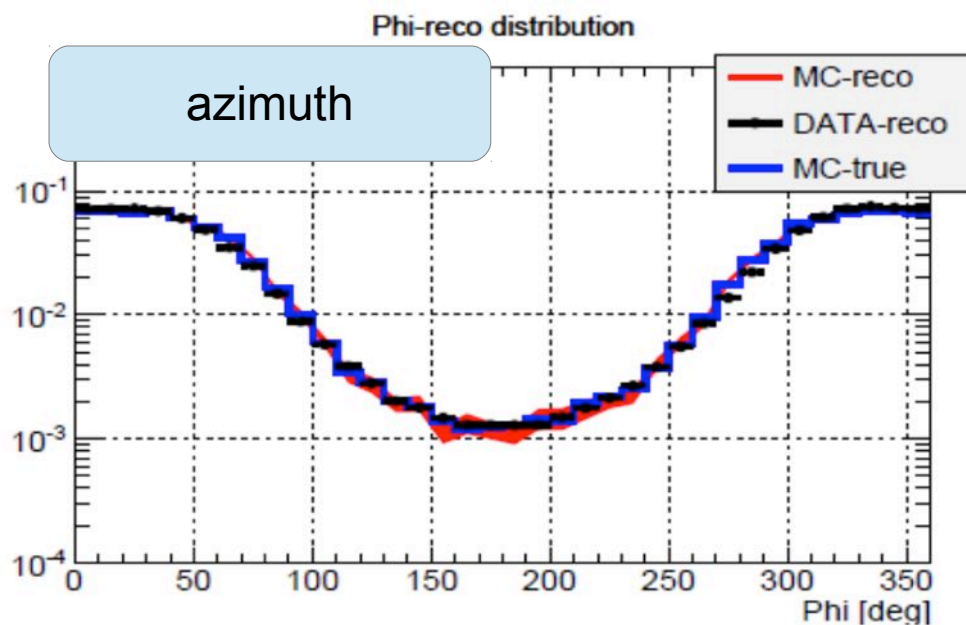
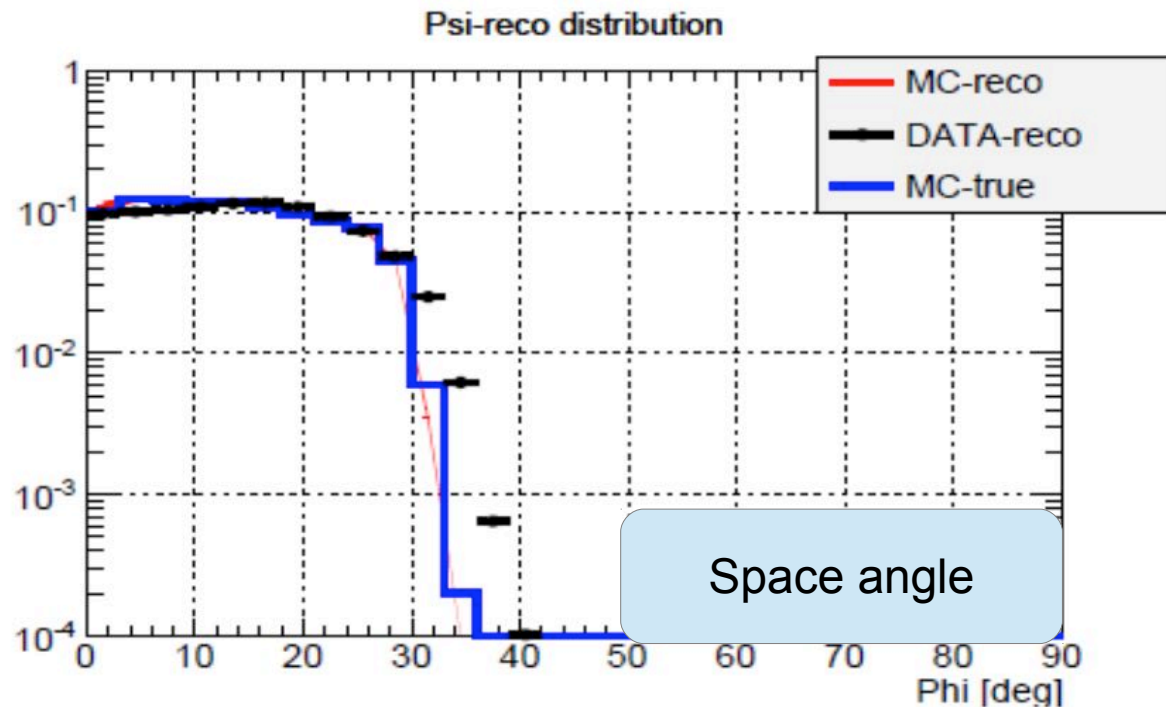


Event reconstruction

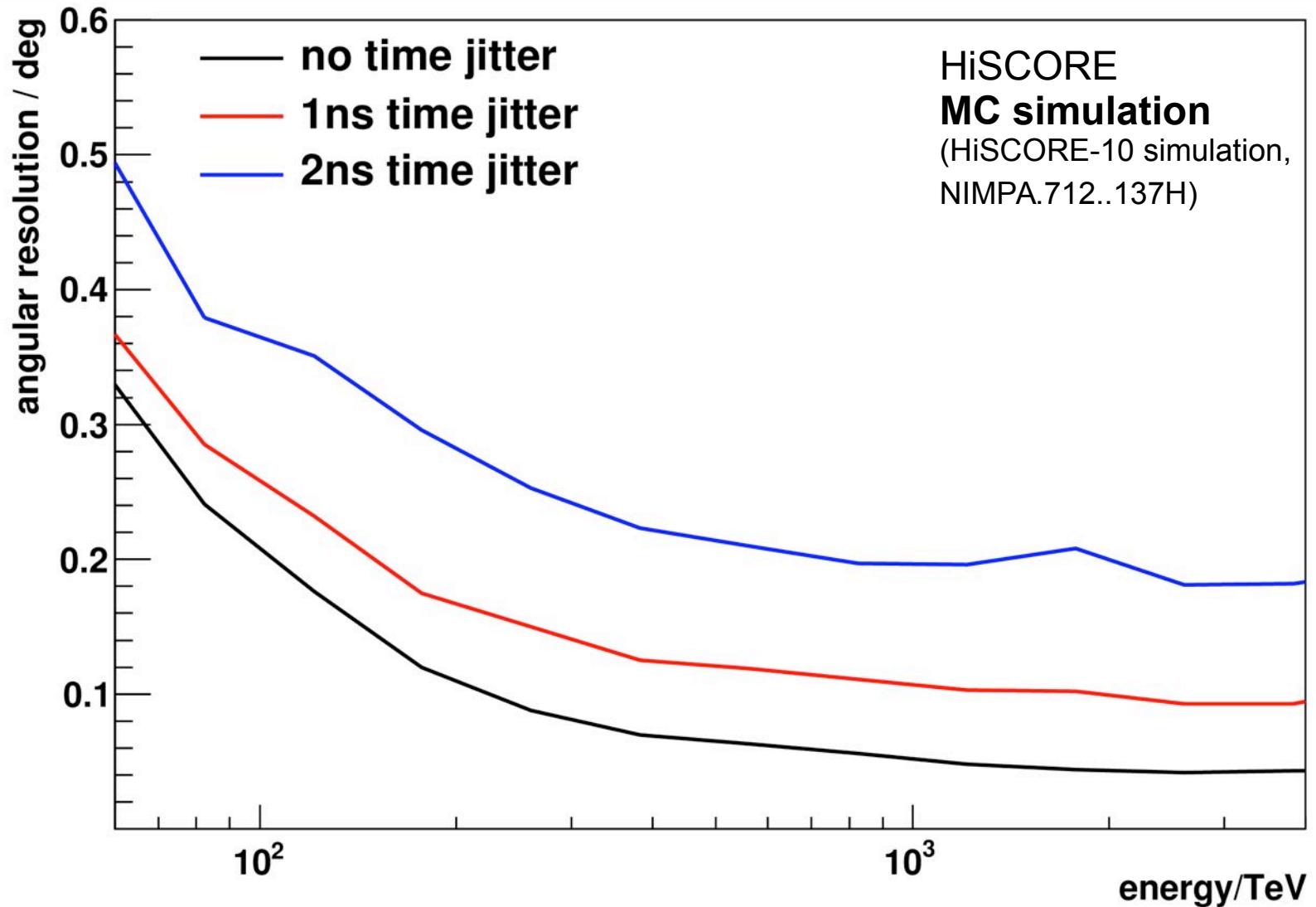


Reconstruction

Reconstructed direction
Data & MC



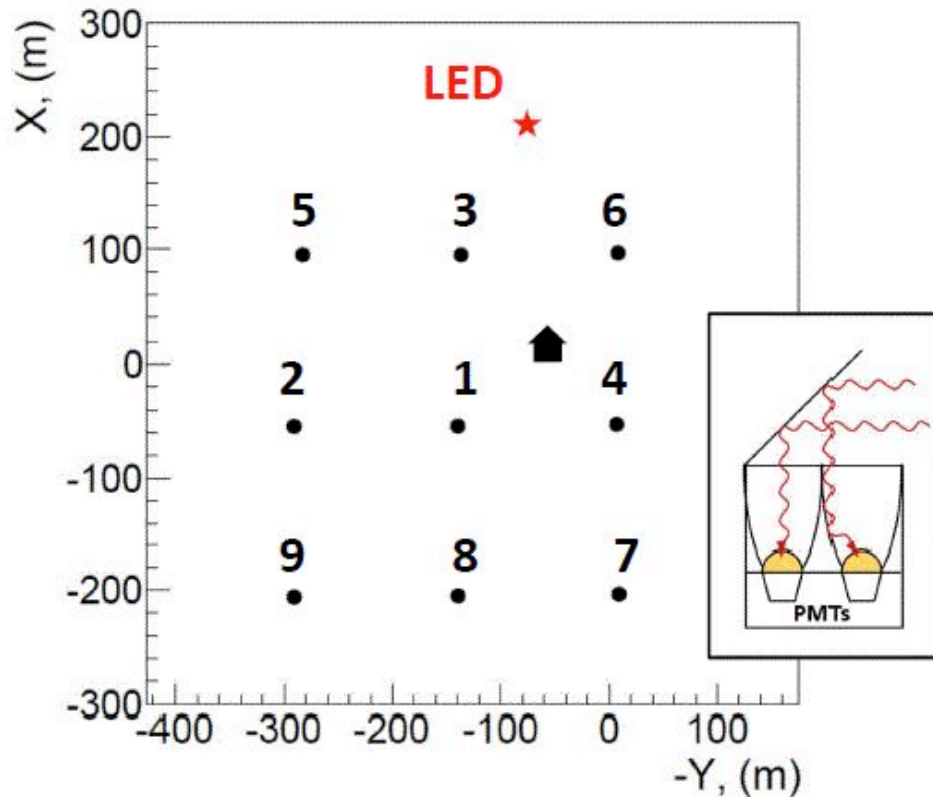
Angular resolution



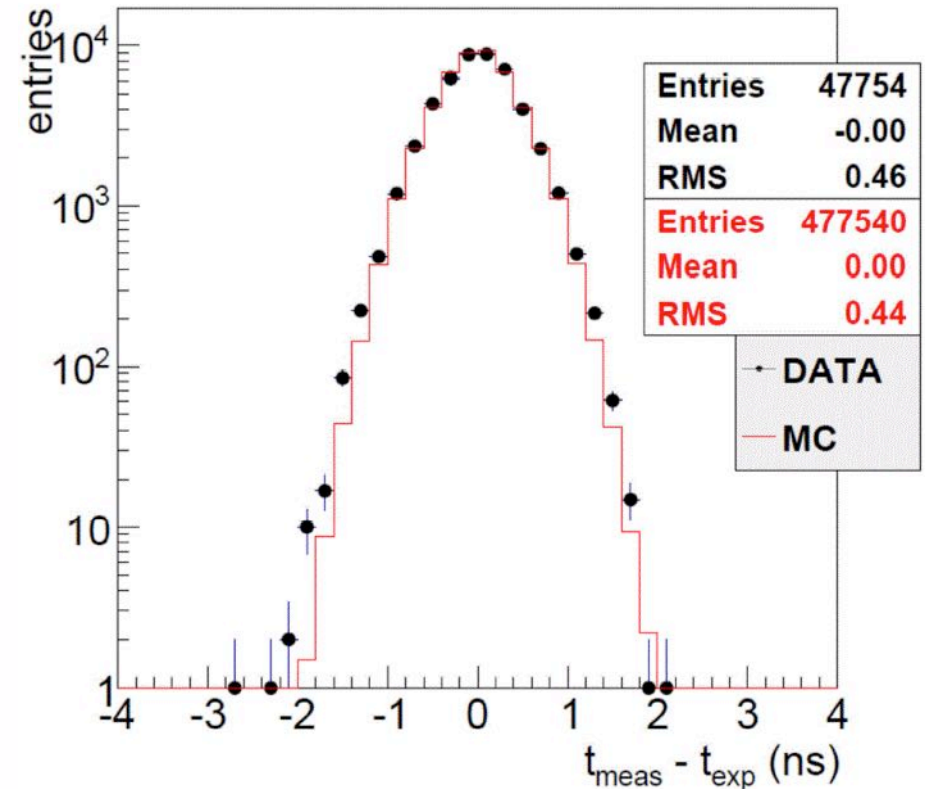
Crucial: relative time-synchronization <1ns

Time calibration

HiSCORE-9: LED calibration



Fit Residuals: All stations

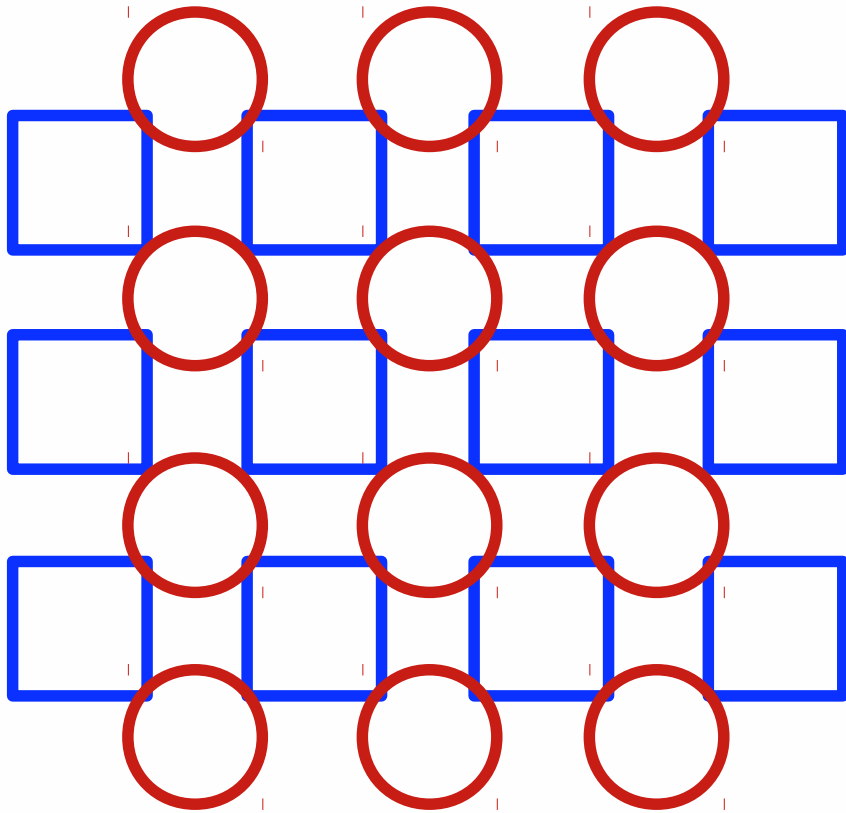


2013 HiSCORE-9

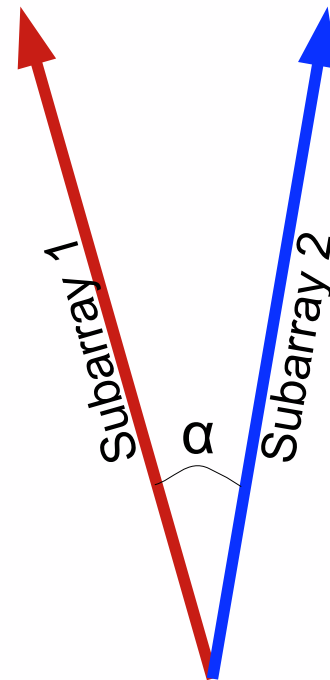
2 independent t-cal systems yield comparable accuracies (<0.5 ns)

See, e.g. R. Wischnewski, this Conference (Poster session)

Resolution chessboard method



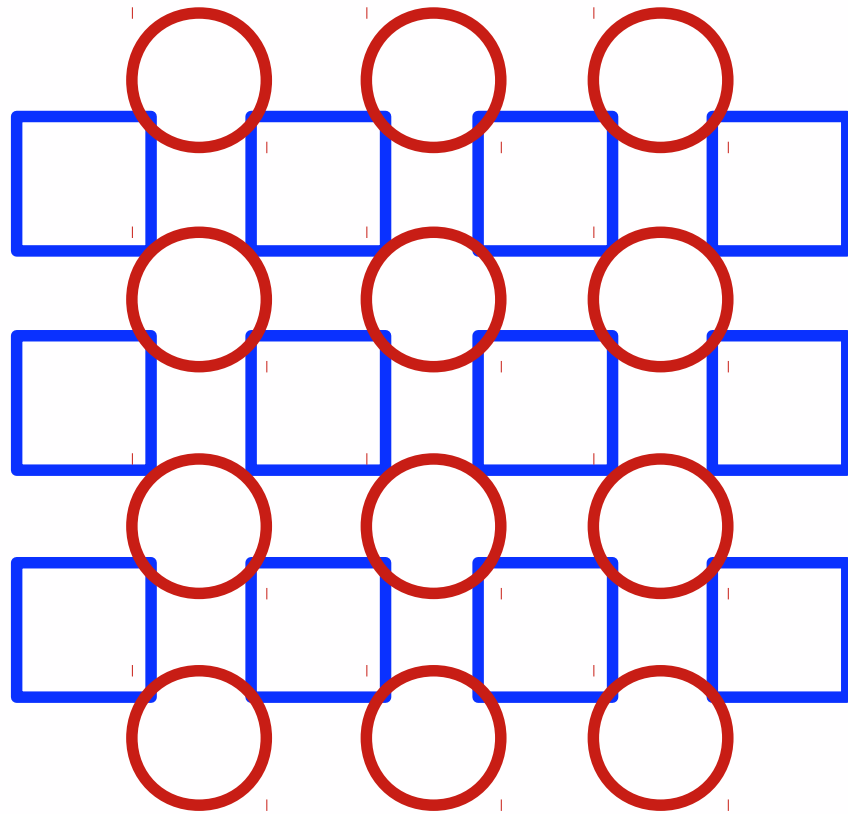
Reconstruction using two different subarrays



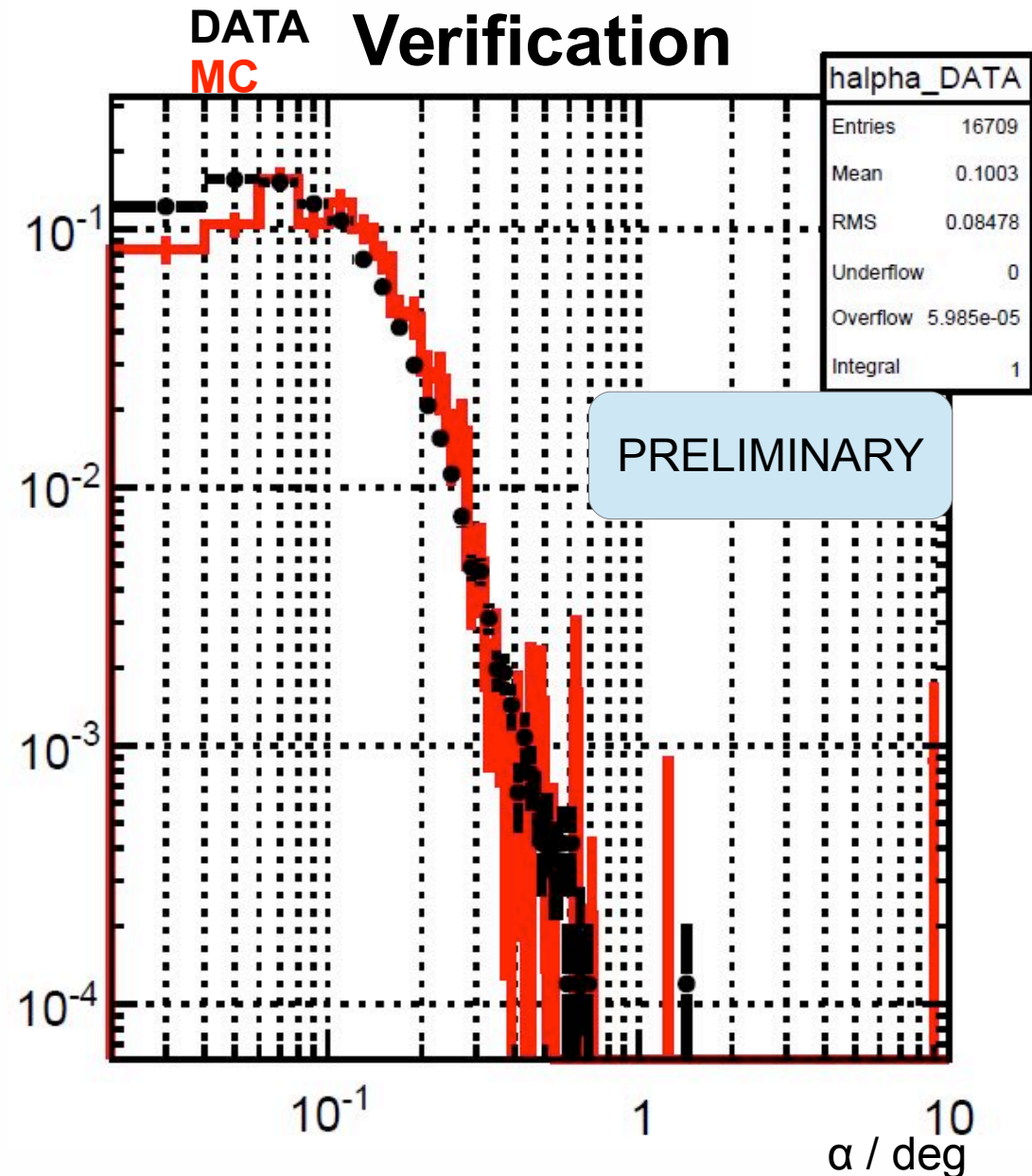
Chessboard direction:
Resulting angle α

Tested for 9-station and
28-station array

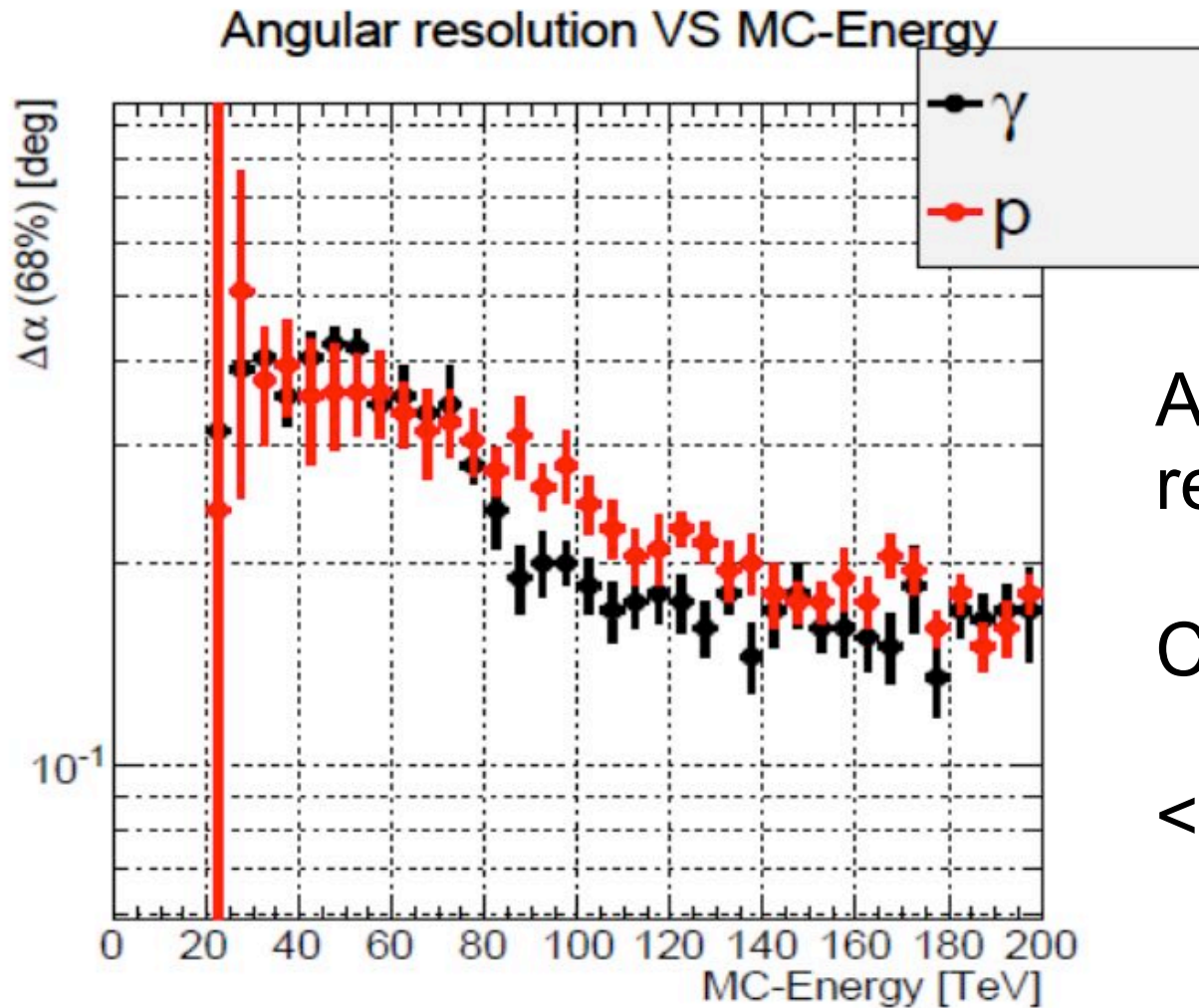
Resolution chessboard method



Reasonable agreement
between MC and data



Angular resolution 28 station array



After verification of MC resolution in data:

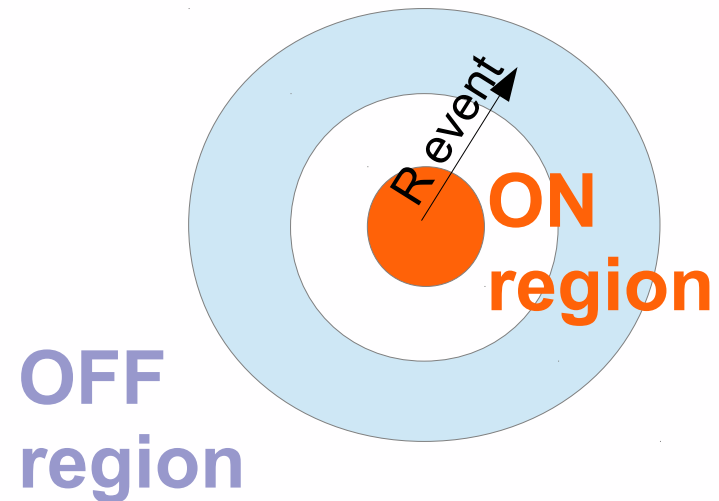
Can trust MC resolution

$<0.2^\circ$ $E > 100\text{TeV}$

Background for pointsource search

- **Ring background model**

- **On source:** $< 0.4^\circ$
- **Off source:**
from ring around source
position $1.6^\circ < R < 2.4^\circ$



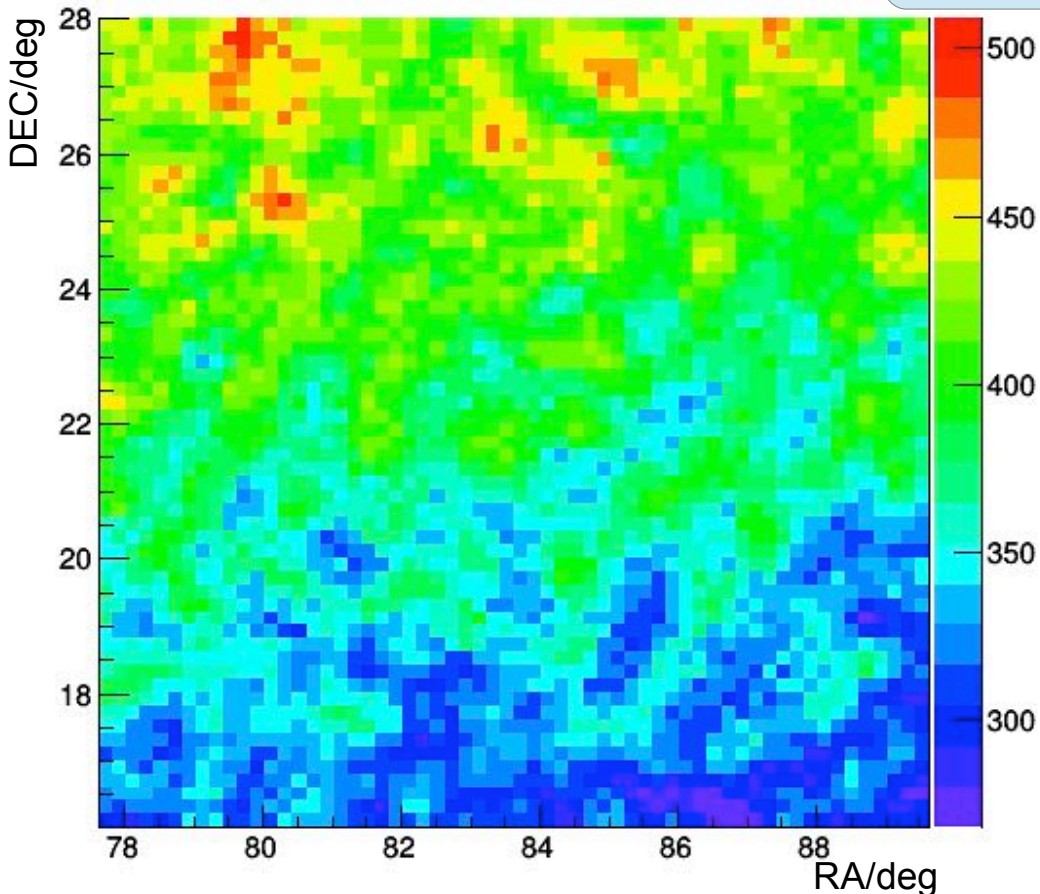
- **Testing the background model**

- **Data blinding:**
local ra/dec randomization by Gaussian width $\sigma = 1^\circ$
- Apply P.S. search to blinded data
- Expectation: normal Gaussian distribution of significances in field of View

Background for pointsource search

BLINDED DATA

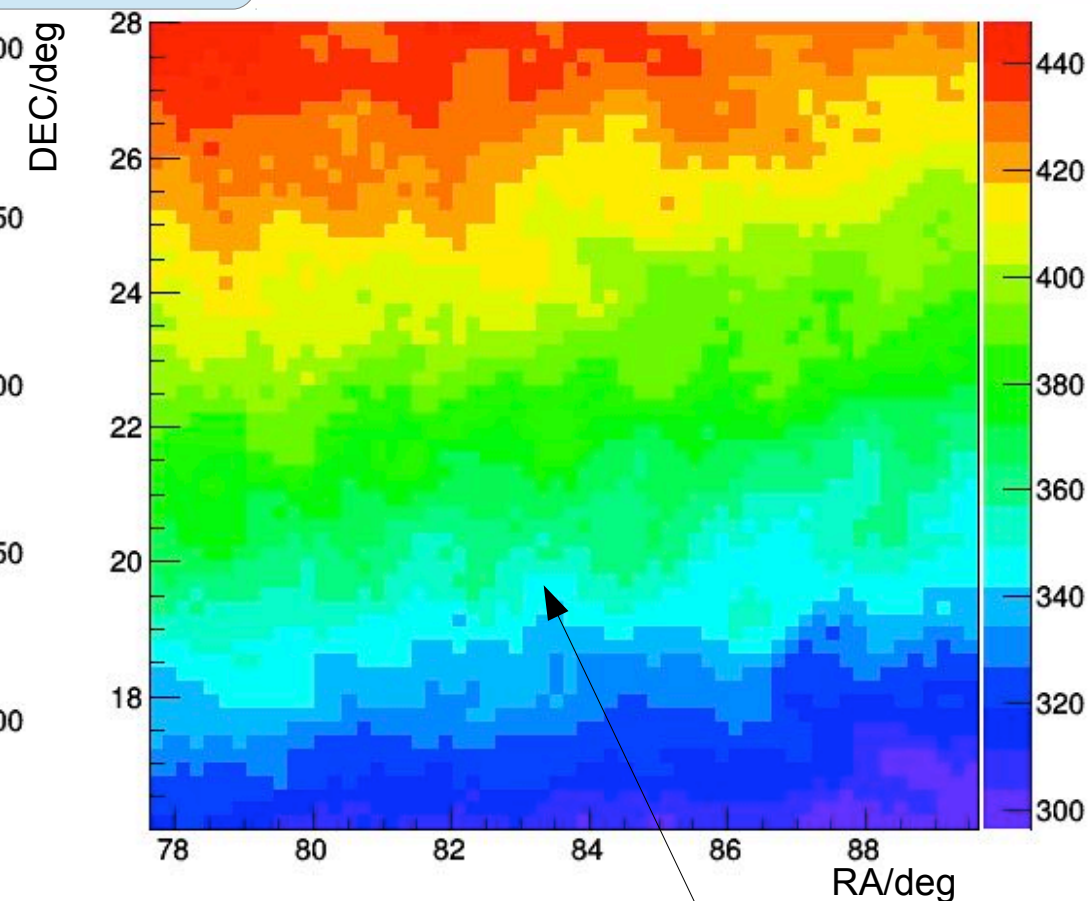
PRELIMINARY



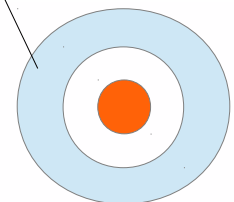
Non count map

Oversampled skymaps $6^\circ \times 6^\circ$

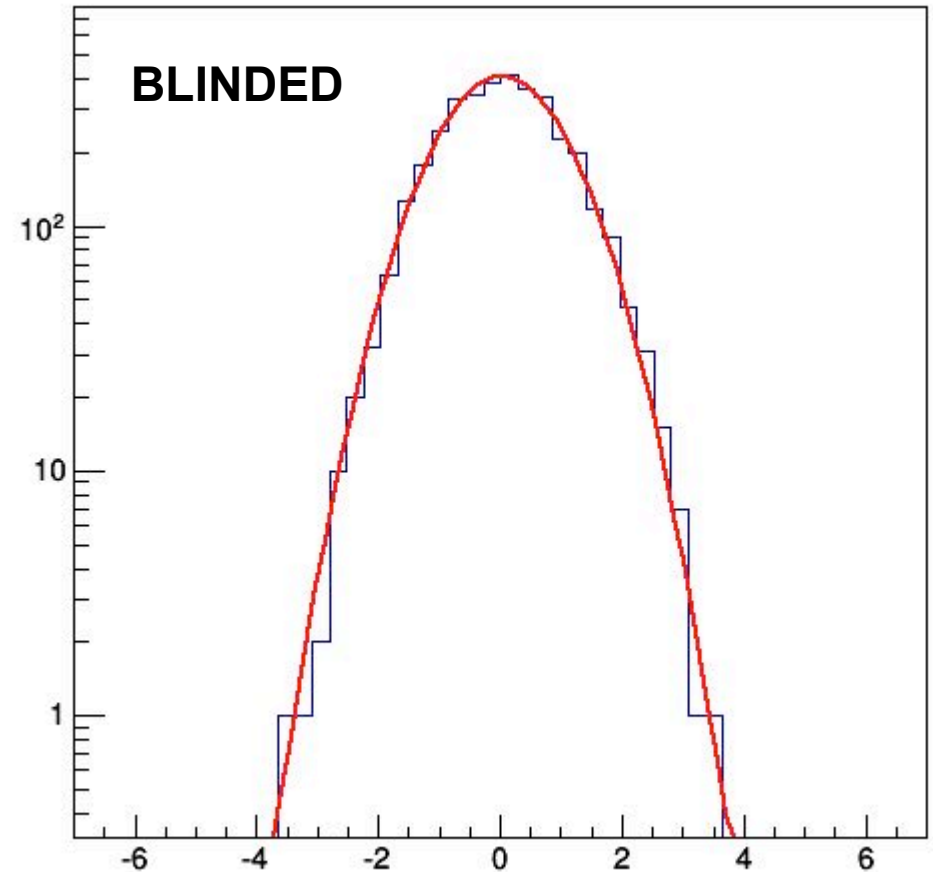
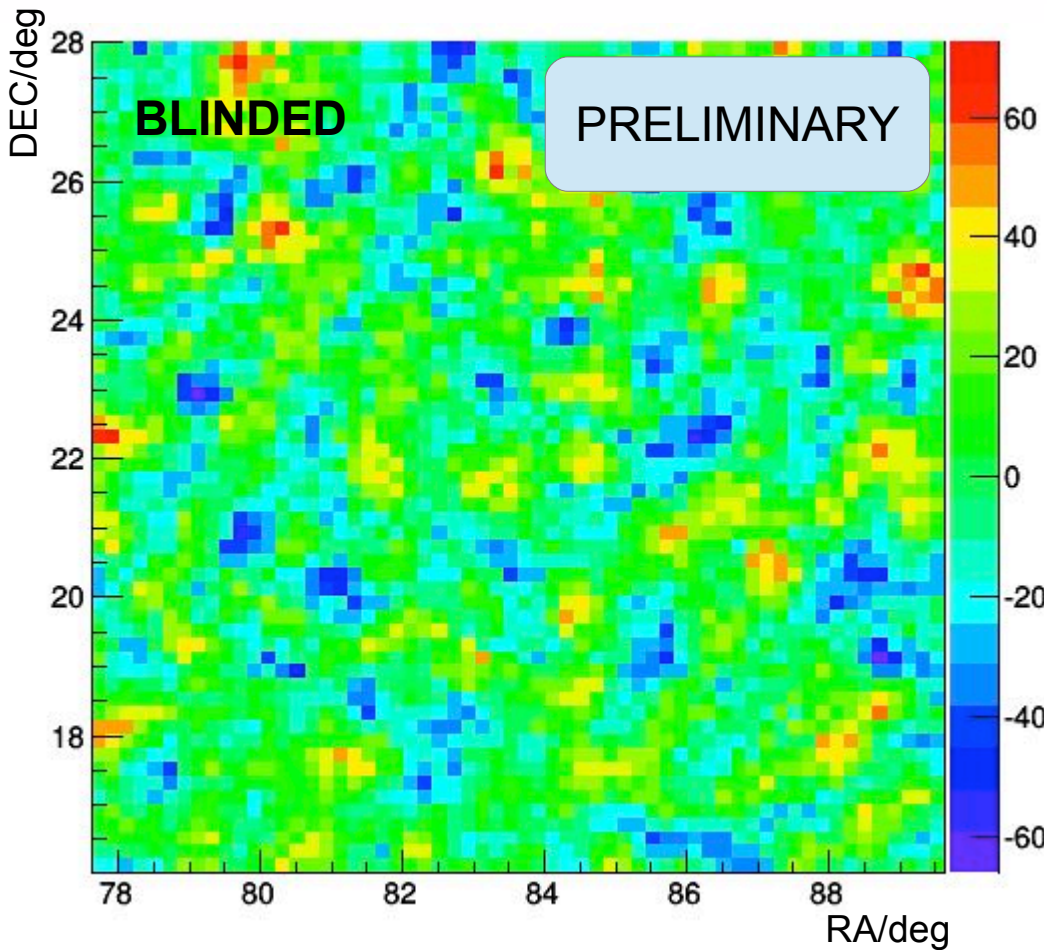
Preselection $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$ (reducing computing requirement)



α Noff count map



Background for pointsource search



Excess skymap

Excess = Non - α Noff ($\alpha = 0.05$)

Blinded data

Significance following Li&Ma, Eq. 9

Significance distribution in foV

Crab Nebula data commissioning season

- ~60 h good weather exposure on Crab Nebula
- 10^4 events within 3 deg of Crab Nebula
- Preliminary analysis O(20) events (bg ~380, not significant)
- As expected with 0.25 km² prototype sensitivity
- No analysis cuts / not optimized analysis
- Potential for improvement in future:
 - larger area → 0.6 km²
 - optimized analysis
 - TAIGA: +IACT

**Preliminary
analysis !**

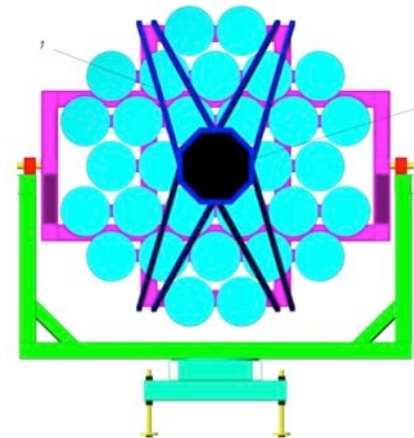
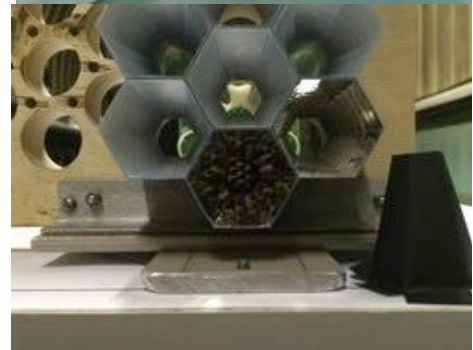
Summary



- UHE gamma-ray Astronomy with new hybrid imaging+timing approach

Goal: 10^{-13} erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ @ 100 TeV

- HiSCORE timing array 0.25 km 2 operational as part of **TAIGA**
- First results within expectations: on-track
- Doubling of area in 2016/2017
→ 0.6 km 2 / 58 stations
- Upcoming TAIGA-IACTs (next talk)

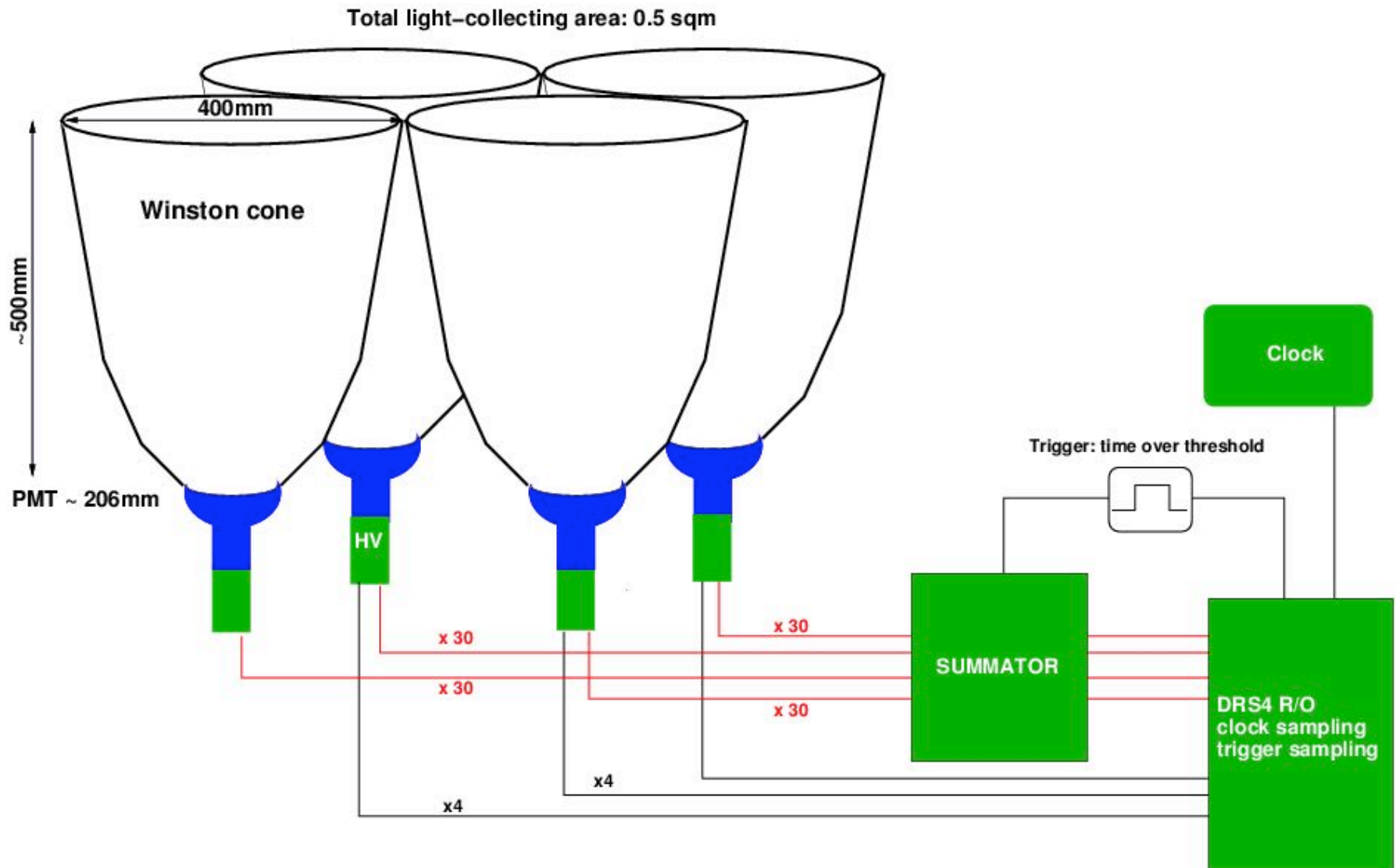


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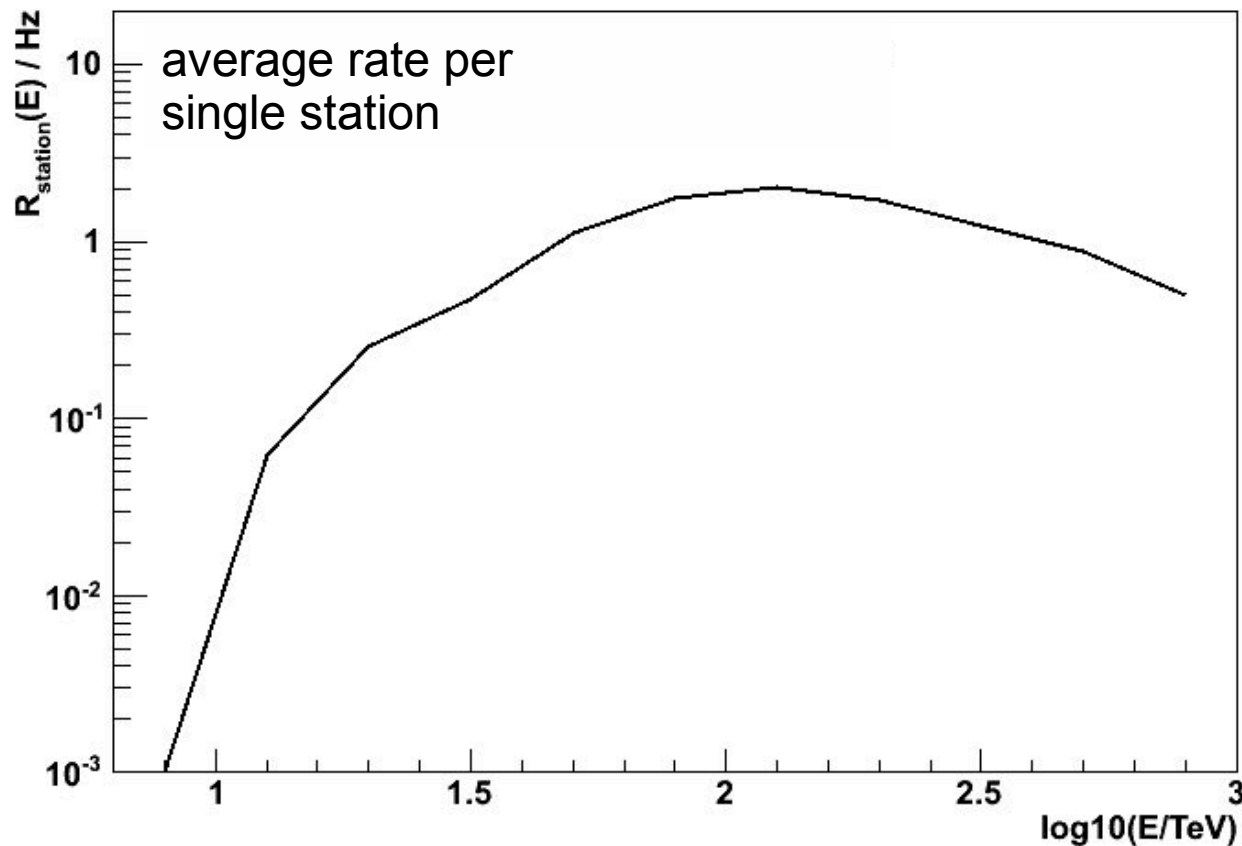
BACKUP

Triggering and Readout

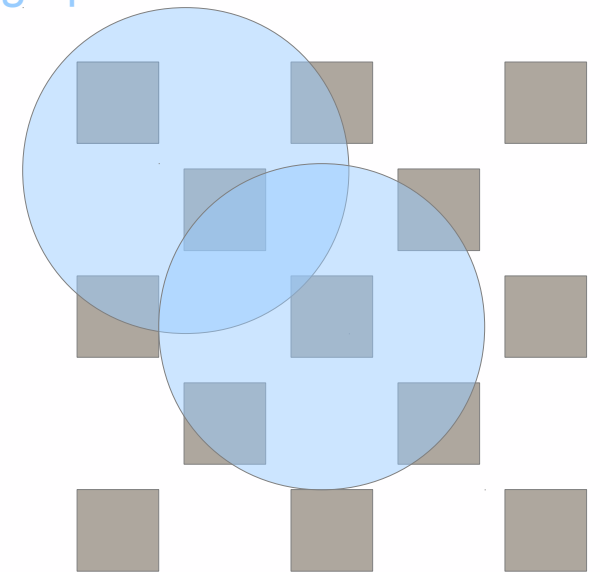


Data – MC comparison

- Trigger rate: hadron-induced single station rate



Cherenkov
lightpool

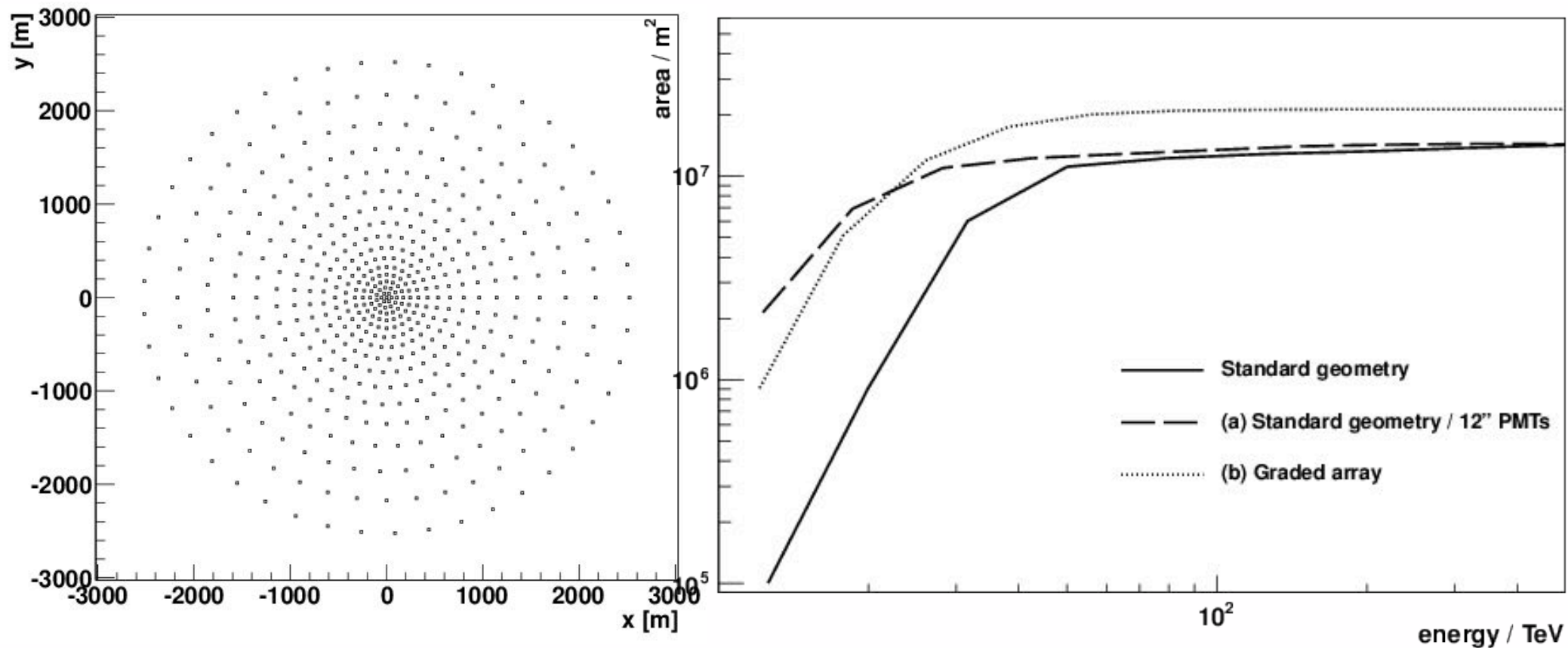


MC: 10 Hz
Data: 8 – 12 Hz

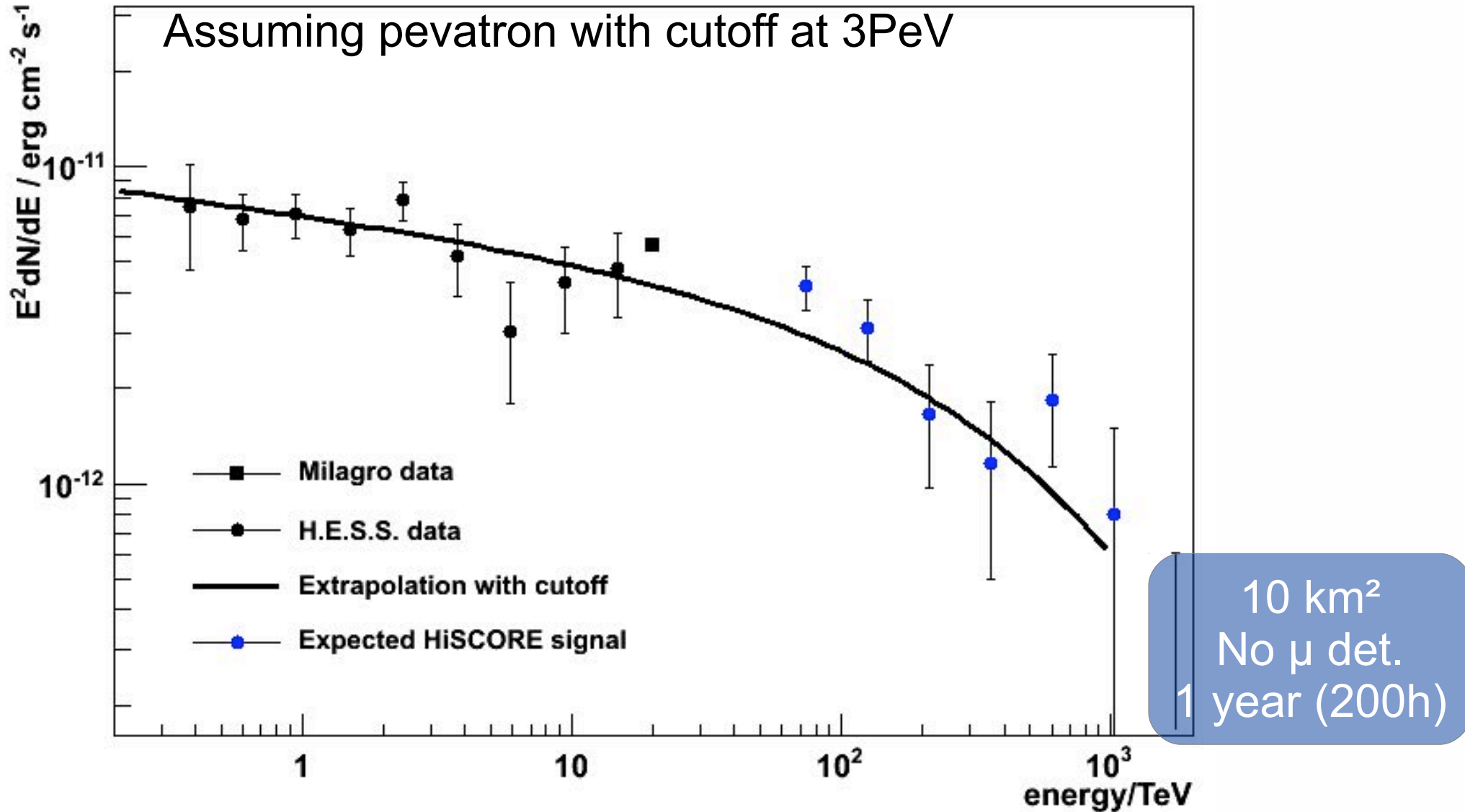
Array optimization

Simulation studies:

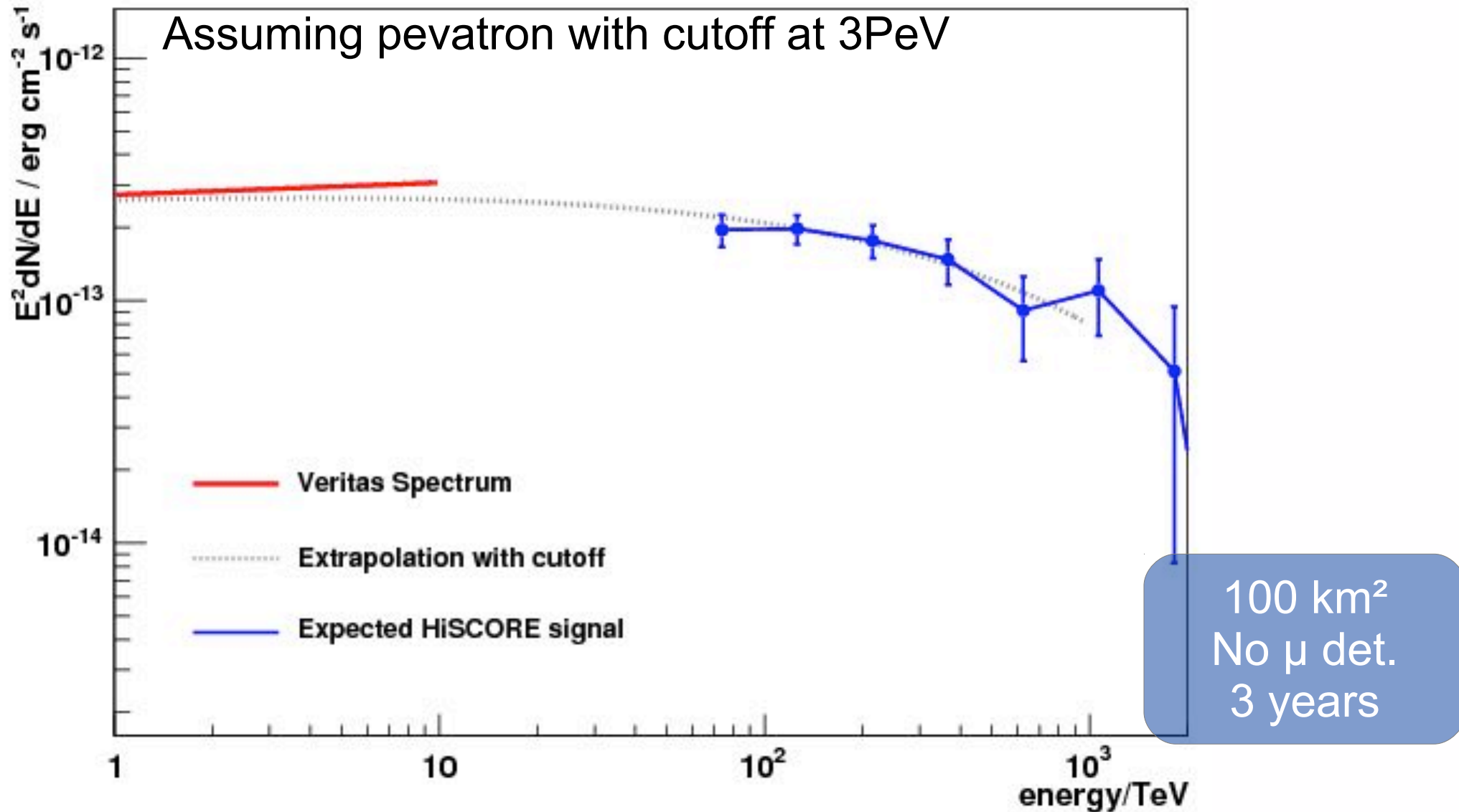
- Large PMTs (12")
- Graded array layout



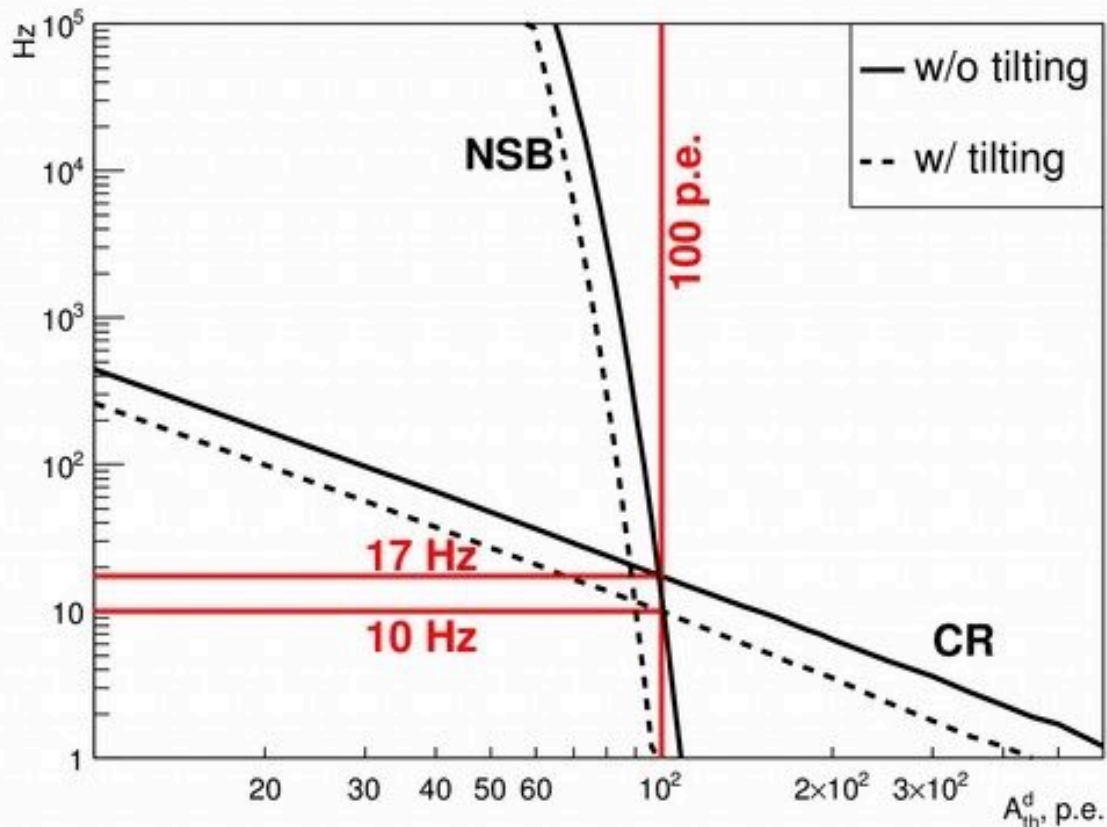
MGRO J1908+06



Tycho Supernova remnant



Single station rate and Energy threshold



9-station array:

Comparison of MC simulation with data yields a threshold of 100 p.e. at discriminator level

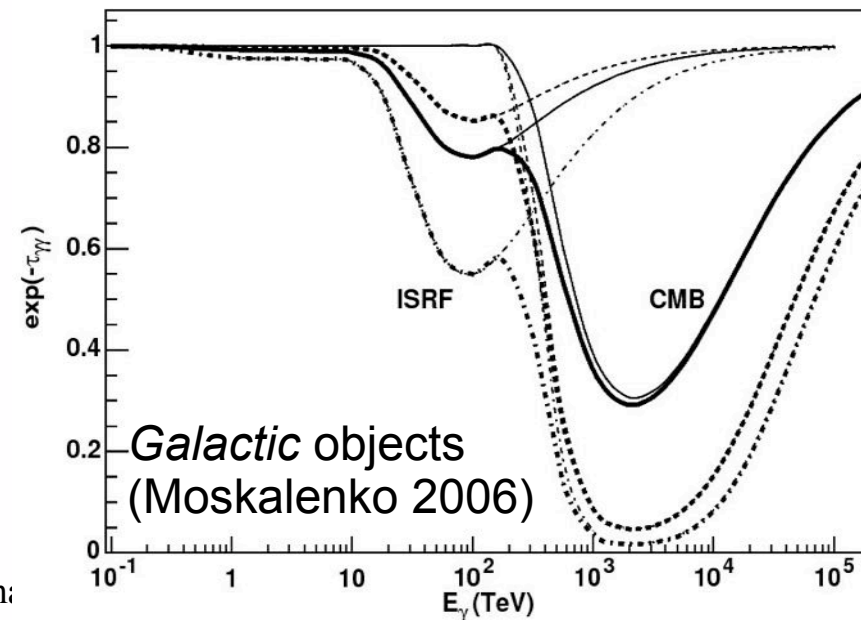
→ 180 p.e. threshold

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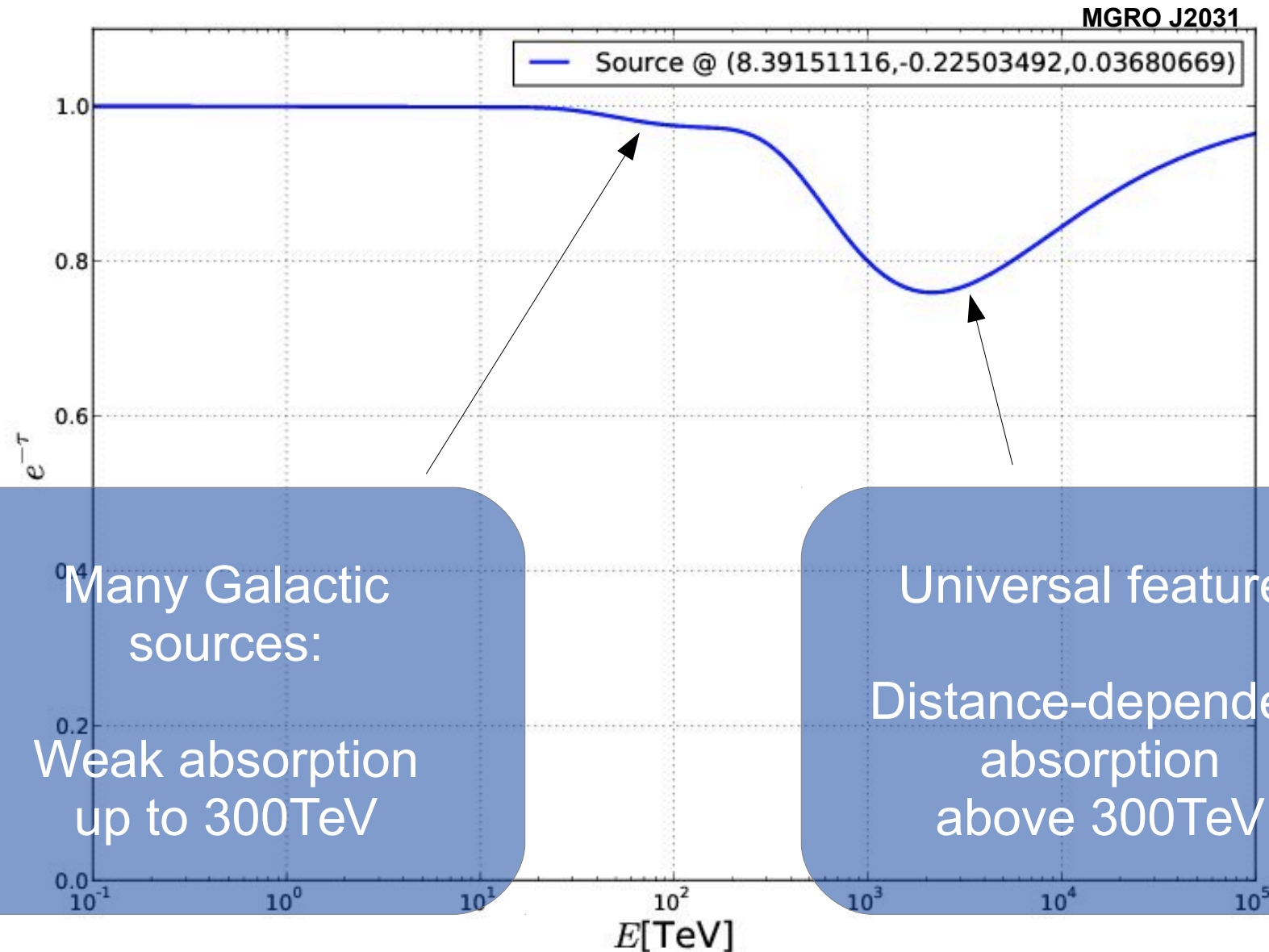
	Imaging ACTs	Timing arrays
Direction	Image orientation	Shower front arrival times
Particle type	Image shape	Lateral density function Arrival times Time width (FWHM)
Energy	Ch. photon count	Ch. photon count

Multi-TeV to PeV Gamma rays

- Spectroscopy of cutoff regime of Galactic sources
 - Extension of known hard source spectra
 - Search for cosmic ray PeVatrons
- No hadronic/leptonic ambiguity:
 - IC: Klein-Nishina regime \rightarrow steep spectra
 - Pi^0 decay: hard spectra possible
- Absorption e^+e^- :
 - 20+TeV: Mid- to far-infrared EBL (*Extragal.*)
 - 100 TeV: ISRF (*Galactic*)
 - 3 PeV: CMB (*Galactic*)



Absorption (e^+e^-), Galactic

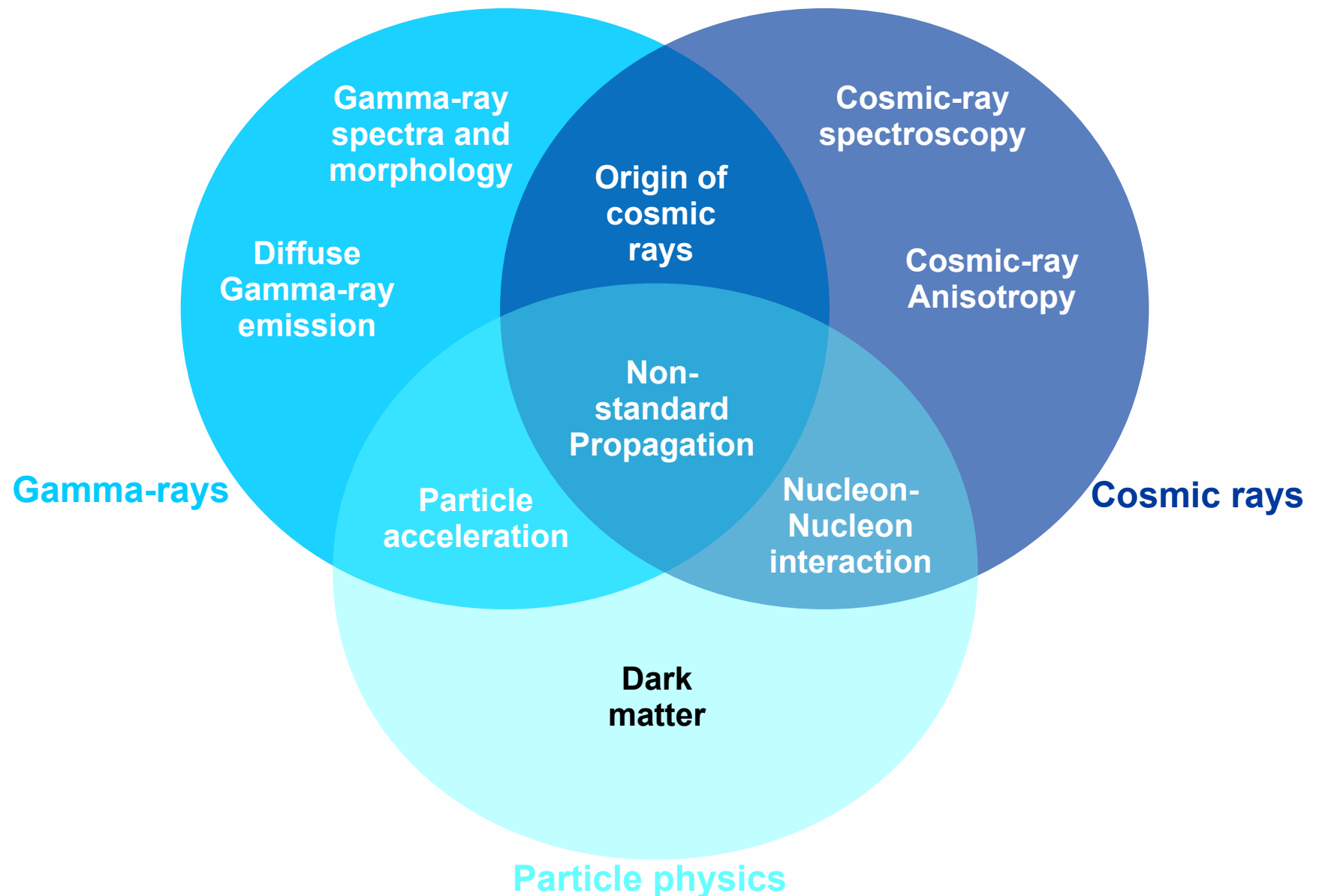


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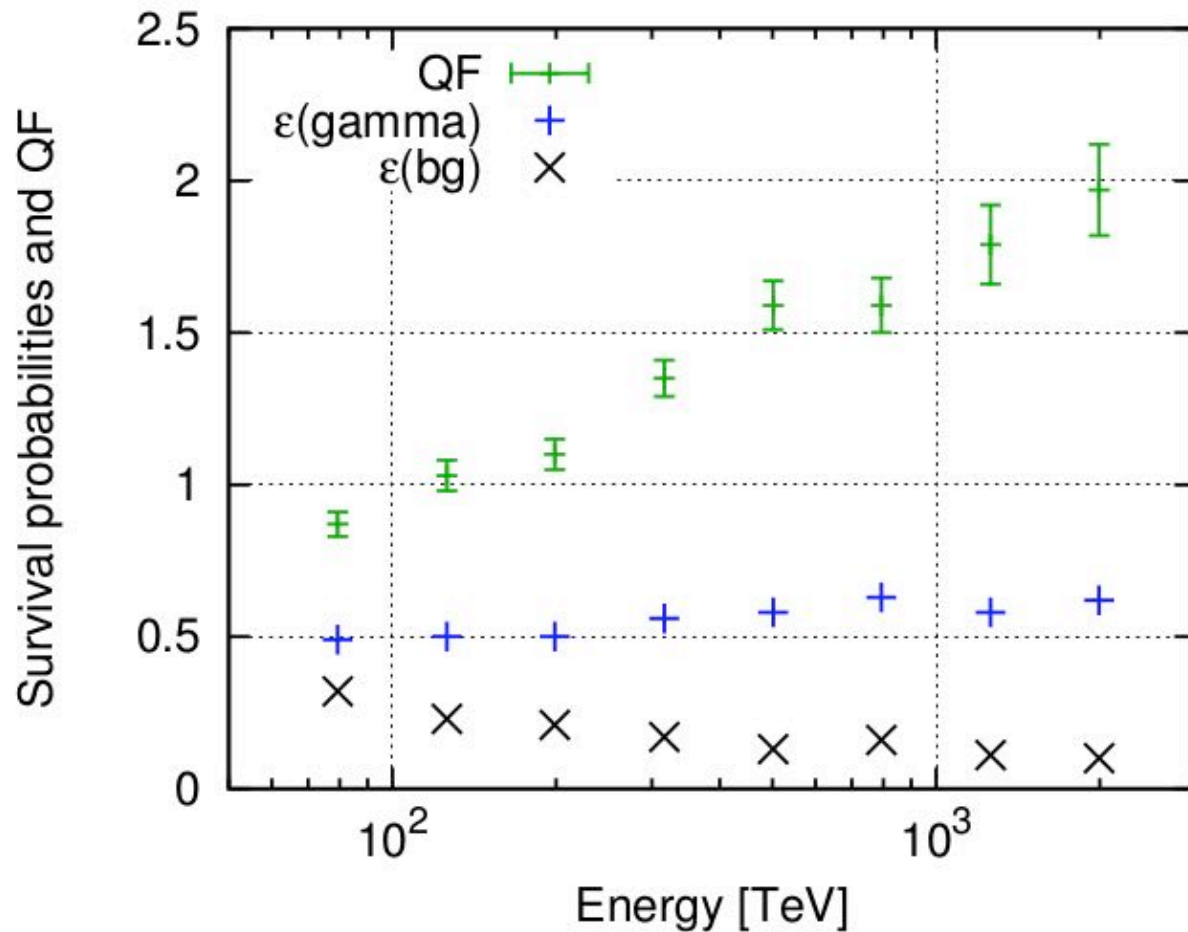
Many Galactic sources:
Weak absorption
up to 300TeV

Universal feature:
Distance-dependent
absorption
above 300TeV

Astroparticle physics topics



Particle separation Q-factor (only timing array)



- Xmax vs. E
- Shower front rise time
- Systematic differences between Xmax reconstruction methods

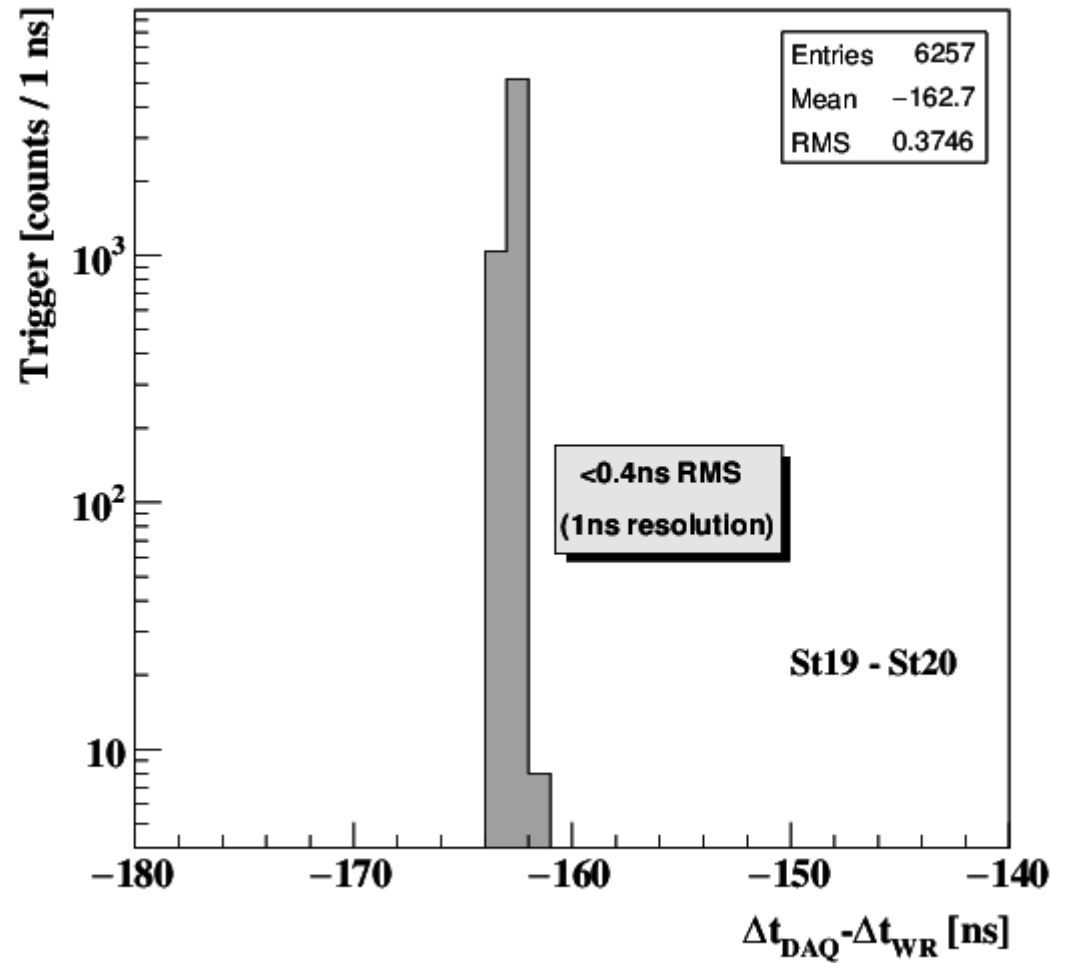
Time calibration

T-cal systems yield comparable accuracies:

Cross check of timing stability between DAQBoard and WhiteRabbit:

RMS < 0.4 ns

Timing stability: DAQBoard vs. WhiteRabbit

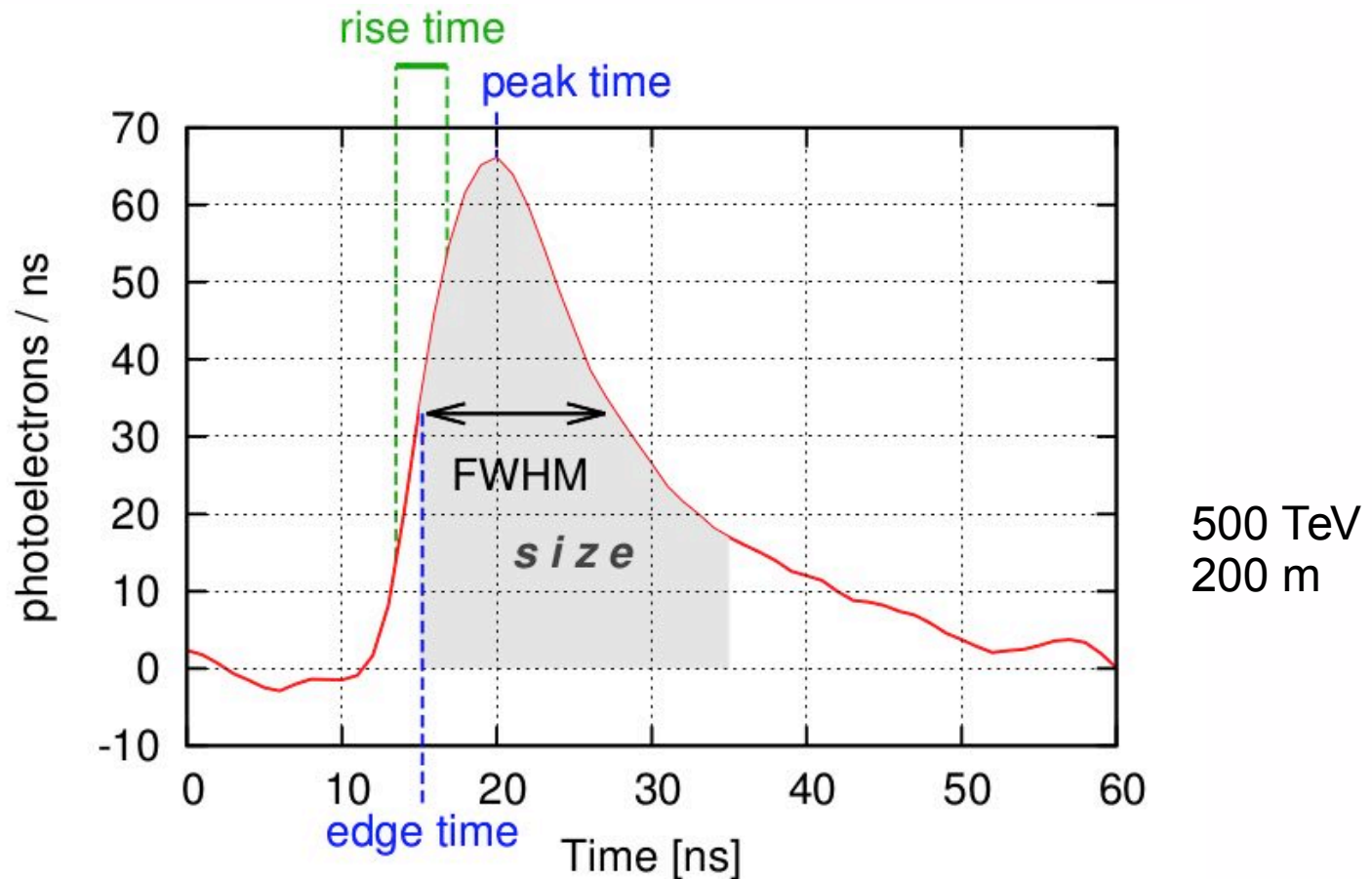


Detection methods for gamma astronomy

Method	E_{thr}	Angular resolution	$\Delta E/E$	γ/h	Duty cycle
Particles	~ 3 TeV	$\sim 1^\circ$	20-50%	~ 1	100%
	Water: 100 GeV	$< 0.5^\circ$	30-50%	~ 6	
Air Cherenkov photons	IACTs: 5 GeV	0.1-0.2°	10-15%	~ 6	10%
	NonI: 10 TeV			$\sim 1.5-2$	
Fluoresc.	10^{17} eV	$> 1^\circ$	10-15%	?	10%
Radio	10^{17} eV	$< 1^\circ$	10-15%	?	100%

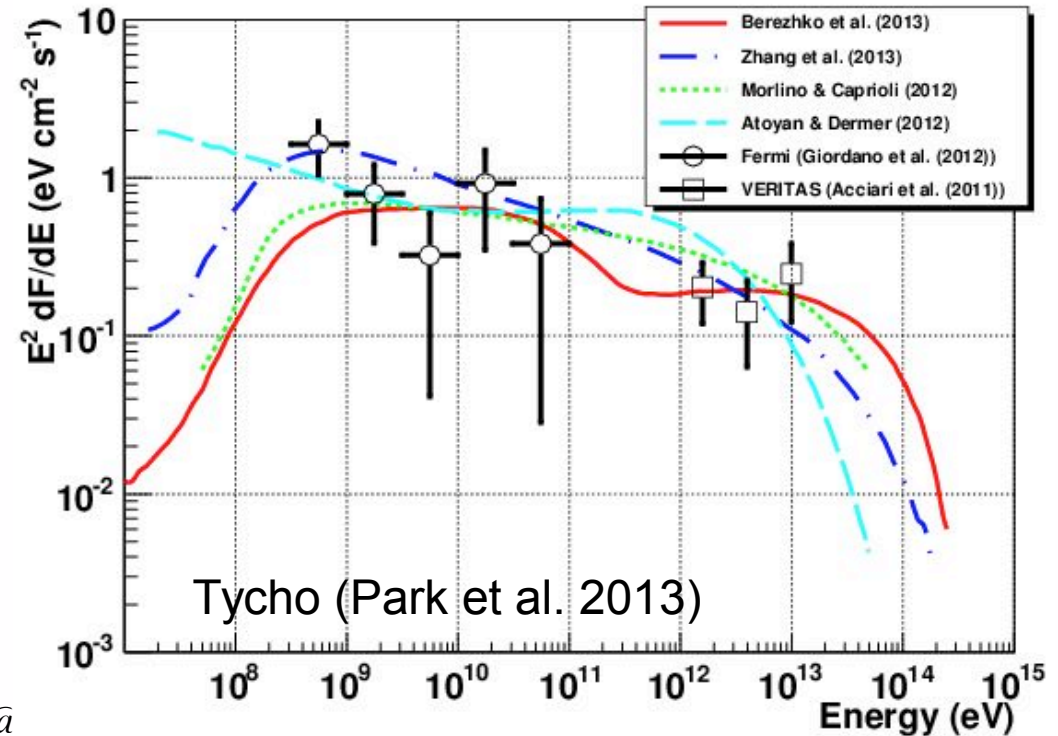
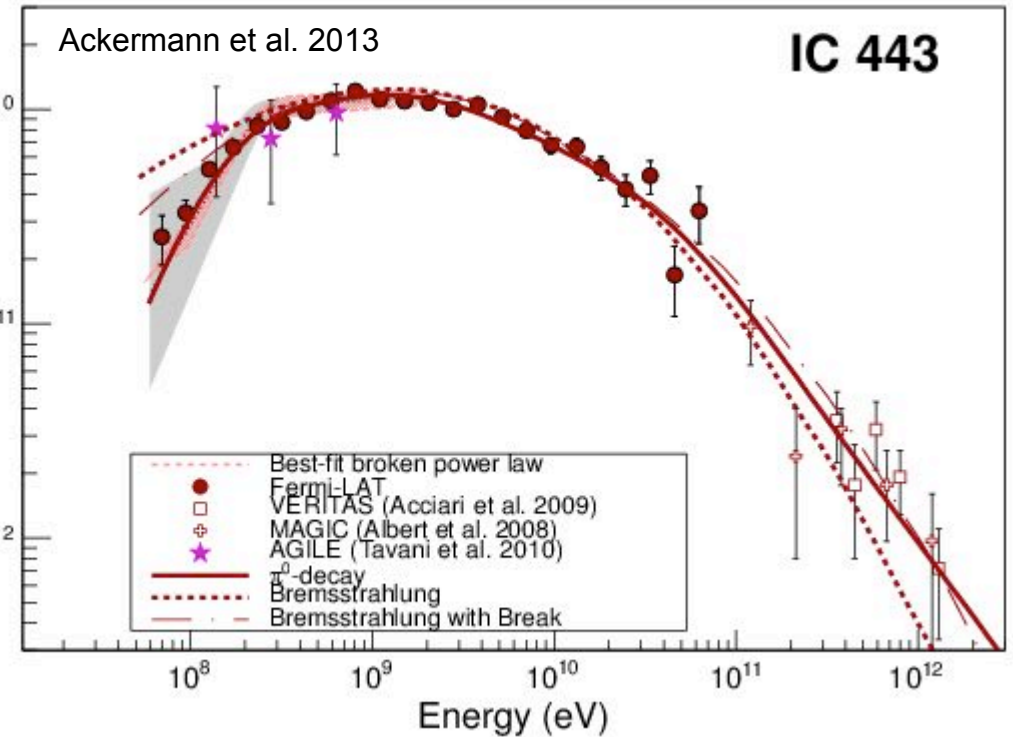
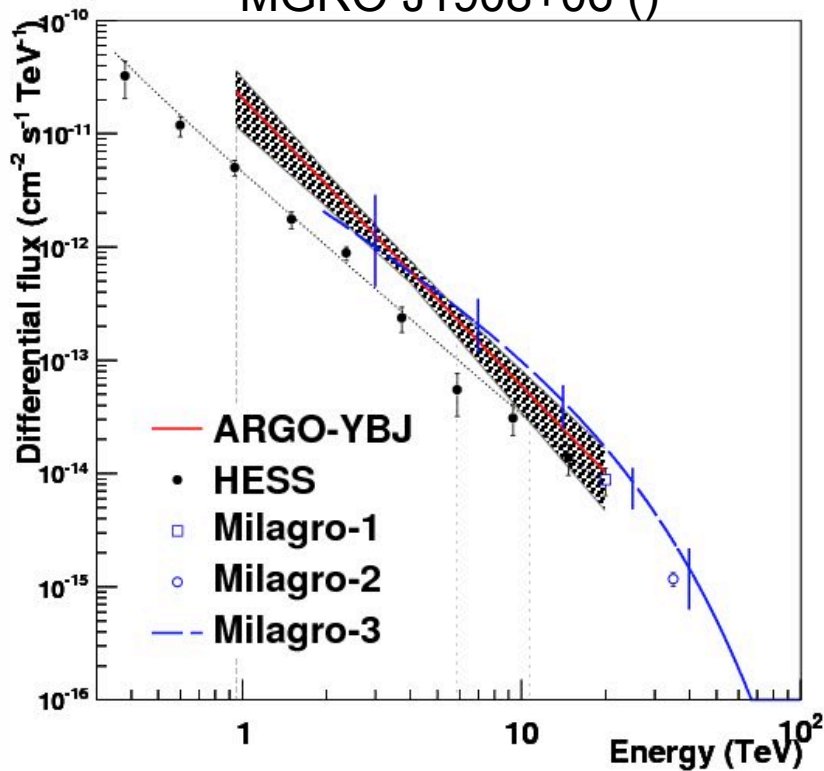
Timing of air showers

- Particle front disk width: $\sim 30\text{ns}$ @ 100 m
- Cherenkov light front: disk width: $< 10\text{ ns}$ @ 100 m



Galactic Gammas beyond 10 TeV

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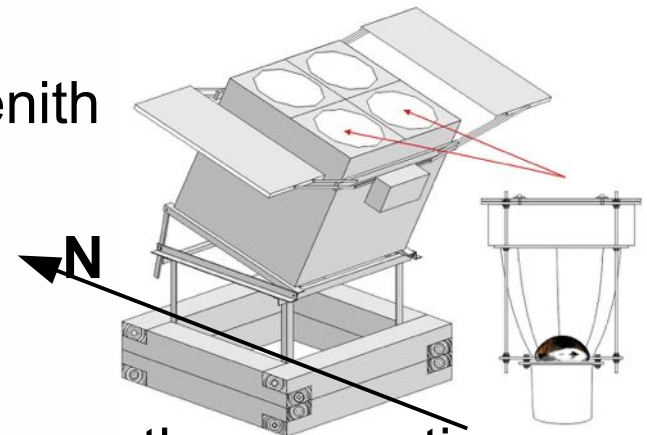


Sky coverage

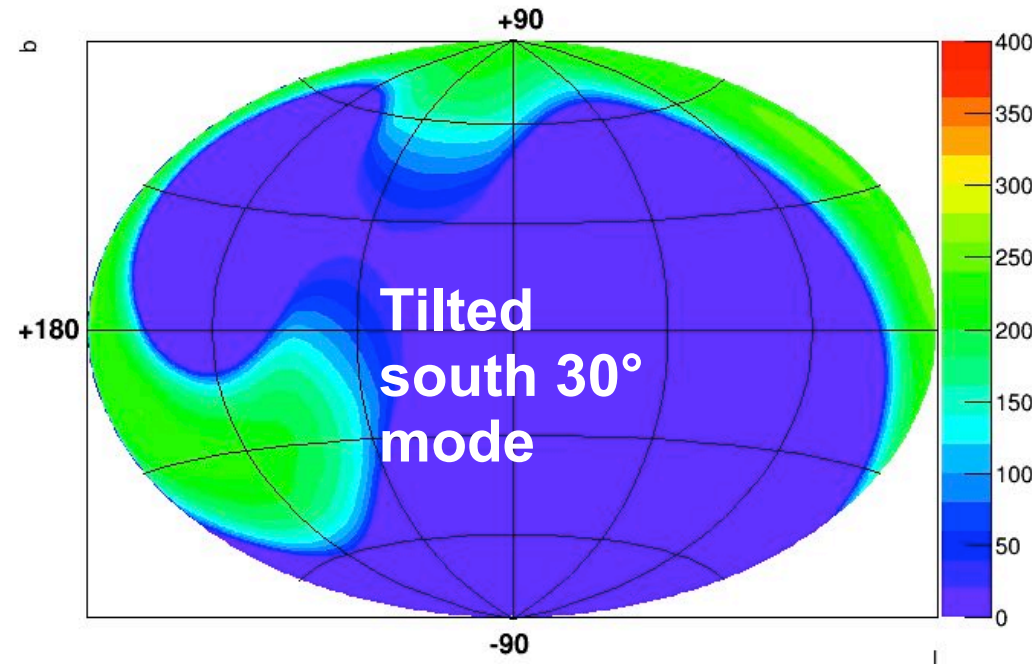
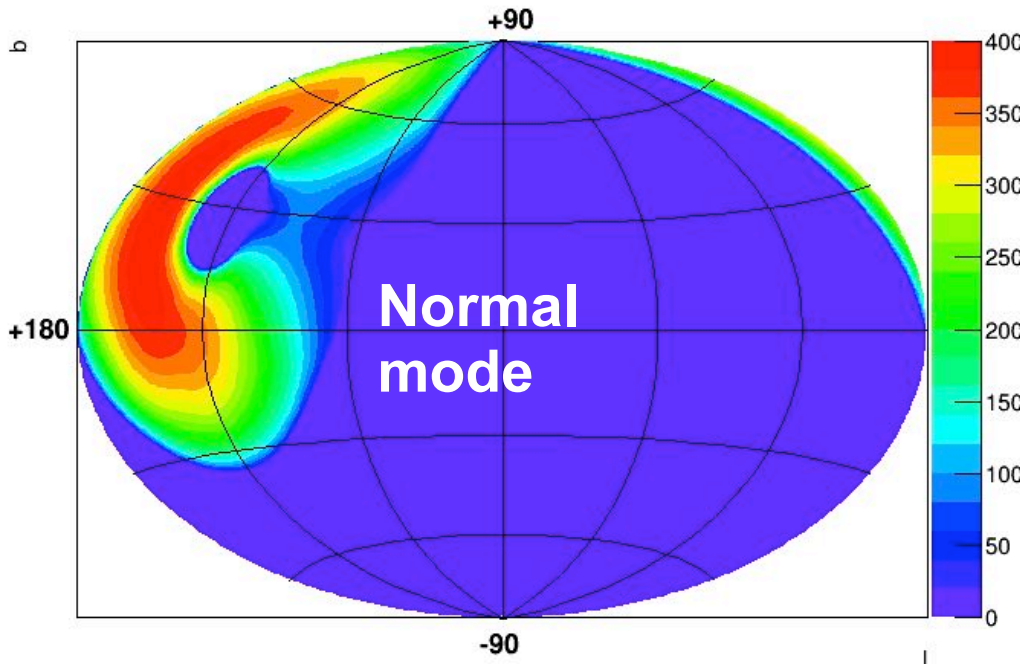
Standard observation mode: station points to zenith

Tilted mode: inclined along the north-south axis.

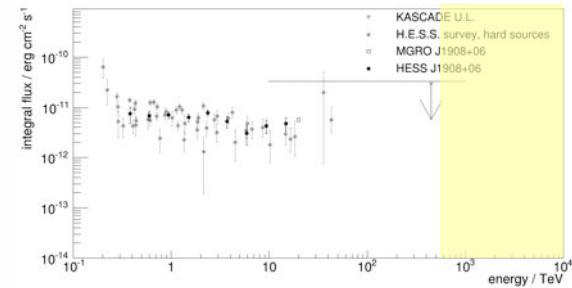
Tilting: coverage of different parts of the sky.



Tilted south mode: 110 h on the Crab Nebula, after weather corrections.



Extragalactic UHE gamma-rays



- **The IceCube signal (Aartsen et al. 2013, 2014)**

- 1st 3 years of full IceCube data: 37 UHE neutrinos (30 TeV – 2 PeV)
- Presence of astrophysical component favoured (5 σ).
- Identification of 8 BL Lac objects as likely neutrino event counterparts (Padovani&Resconi 2014)

- **Lepto-hadronic emission model (Petropoulo et al. 2015)**

- blob + B-field with Doppler factor δ , isotropic proton and electron injection
- interaction with B-field and secondaries \rightarrow particle populations:

- protons

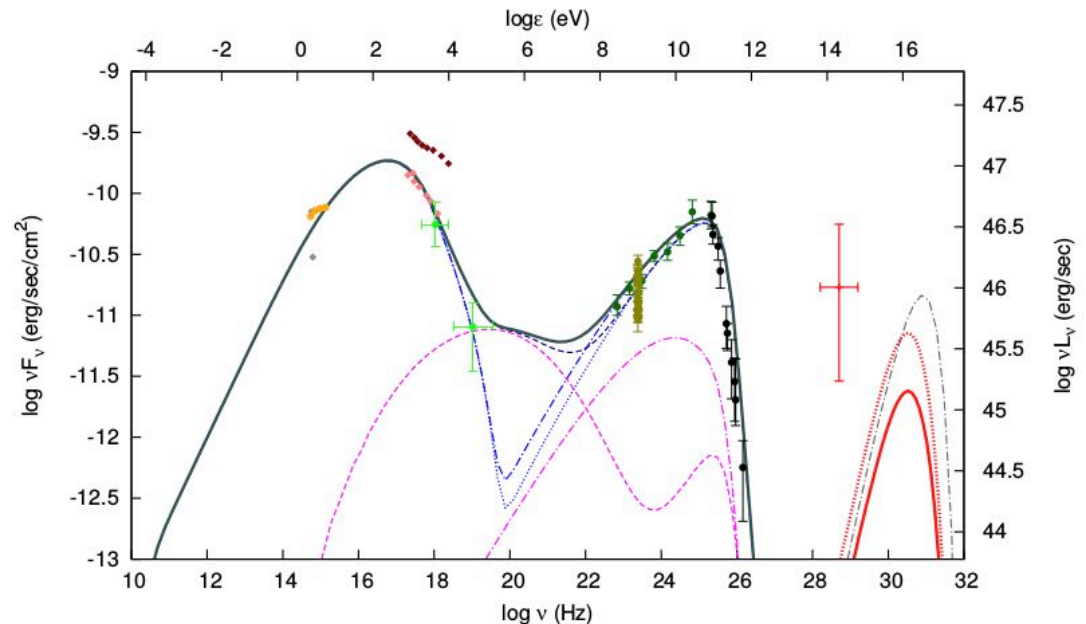
- synchrotron radiation
- Bethe-Heitler (pe) pair production
- photopion ($p\pi$) interactions

- electrons and positrons

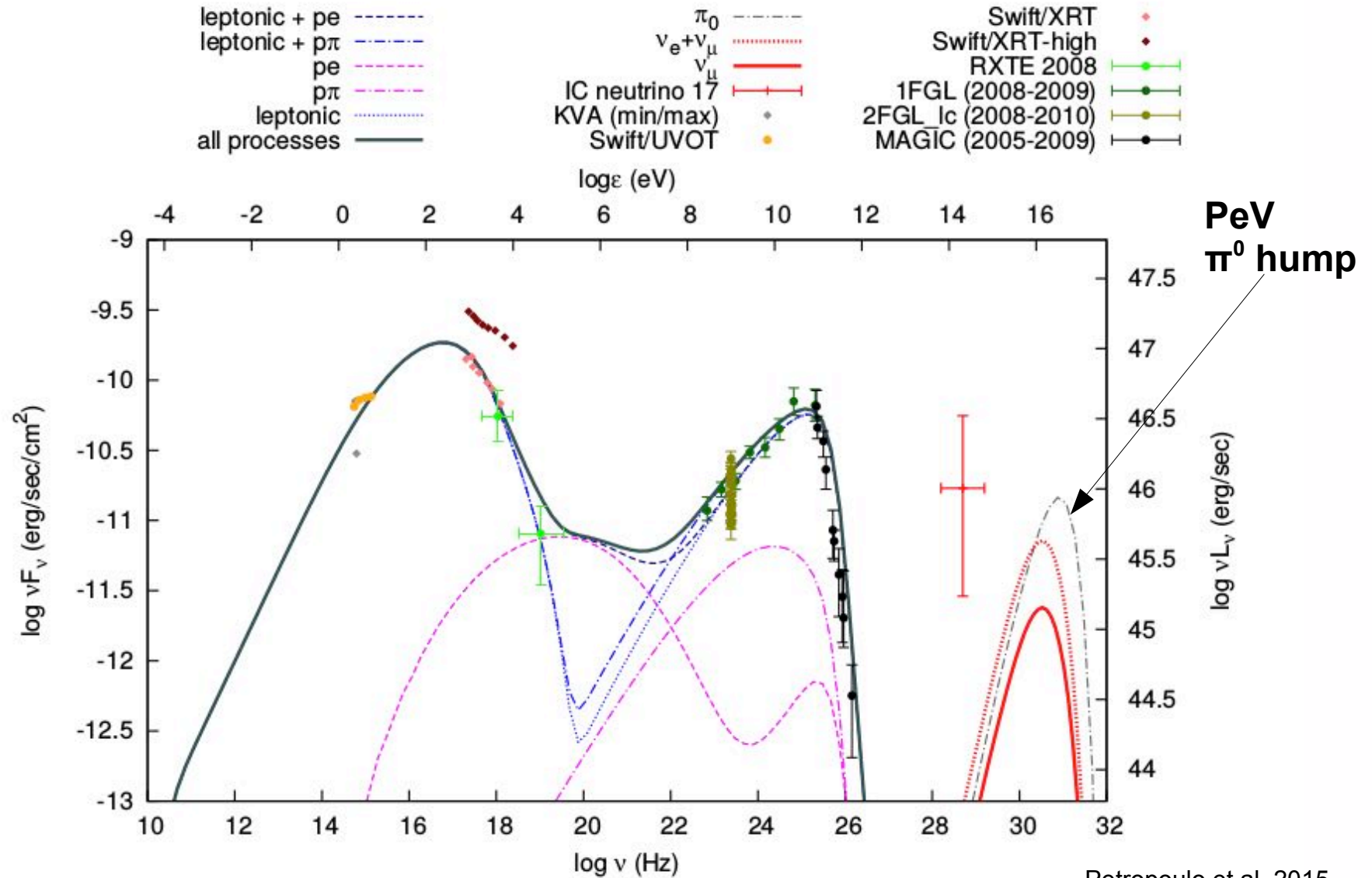
- synchrotron radiation
- inverse Compton scattering

- photons

- (+ neutrons, neutrinos)

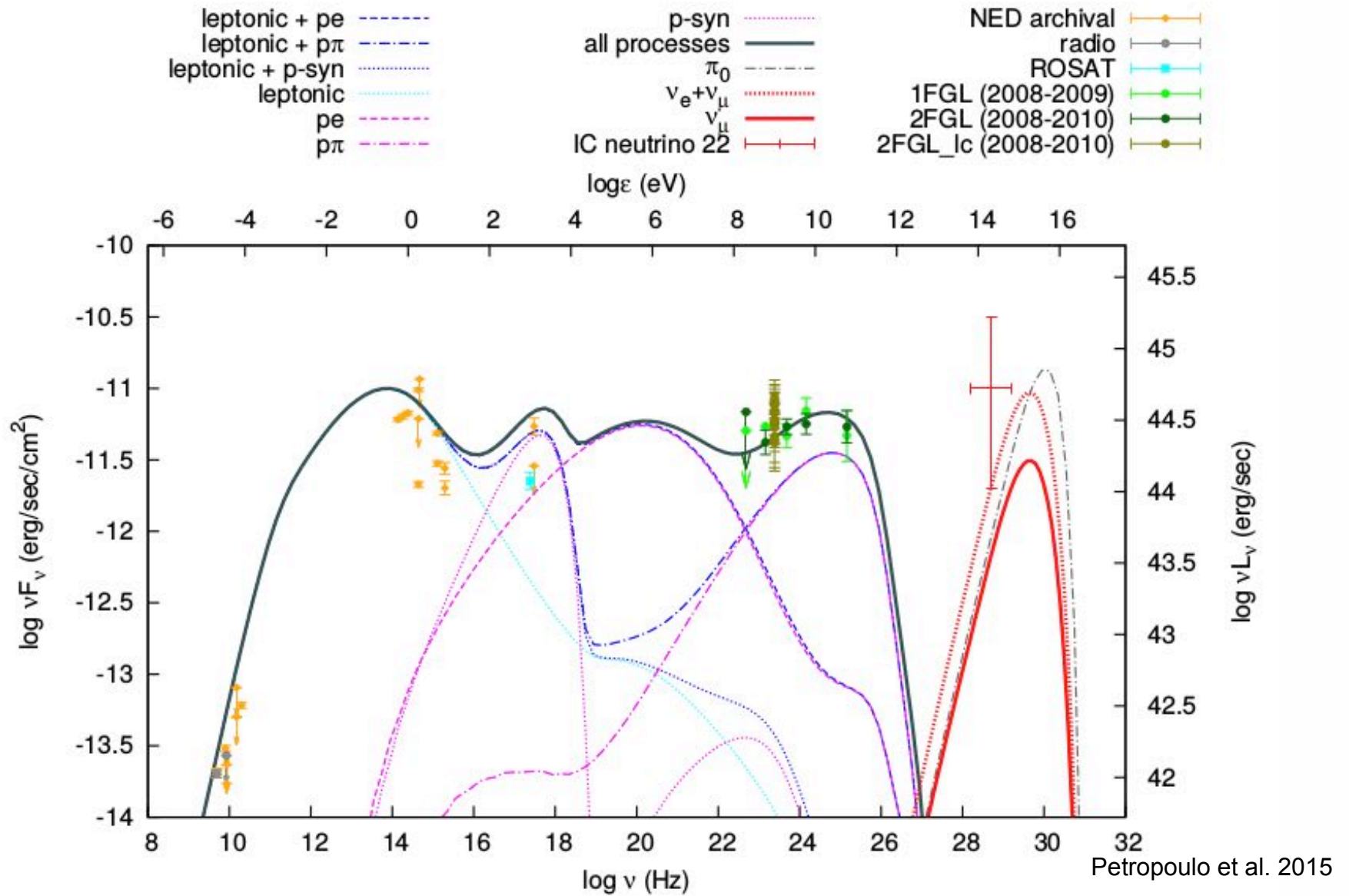


PG 1553+113 ($z = 0.4$)

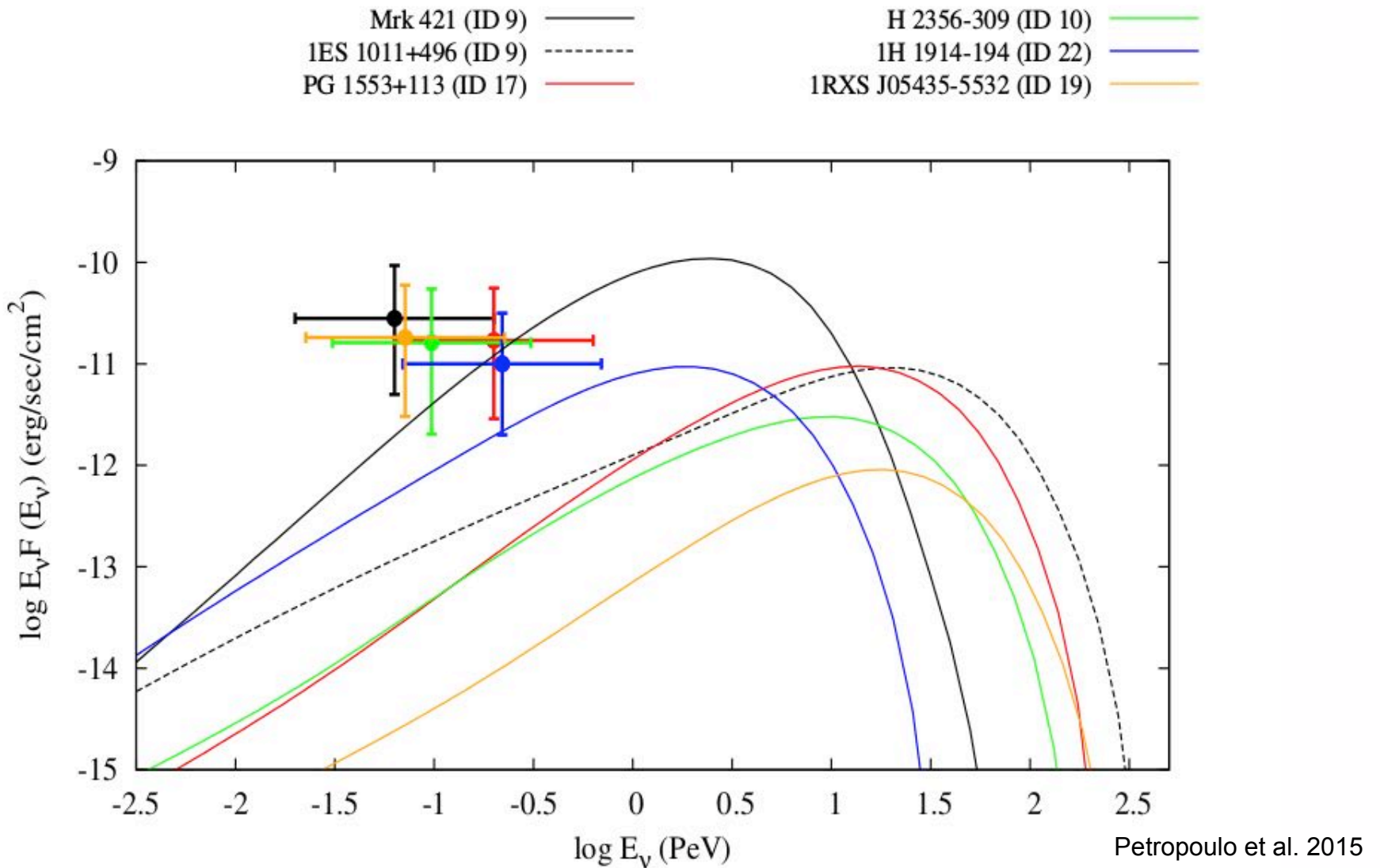


Petropoulo et al. 2015

H 1914-194 (z=0.137)



π^0 hump and neutrino event fluxes

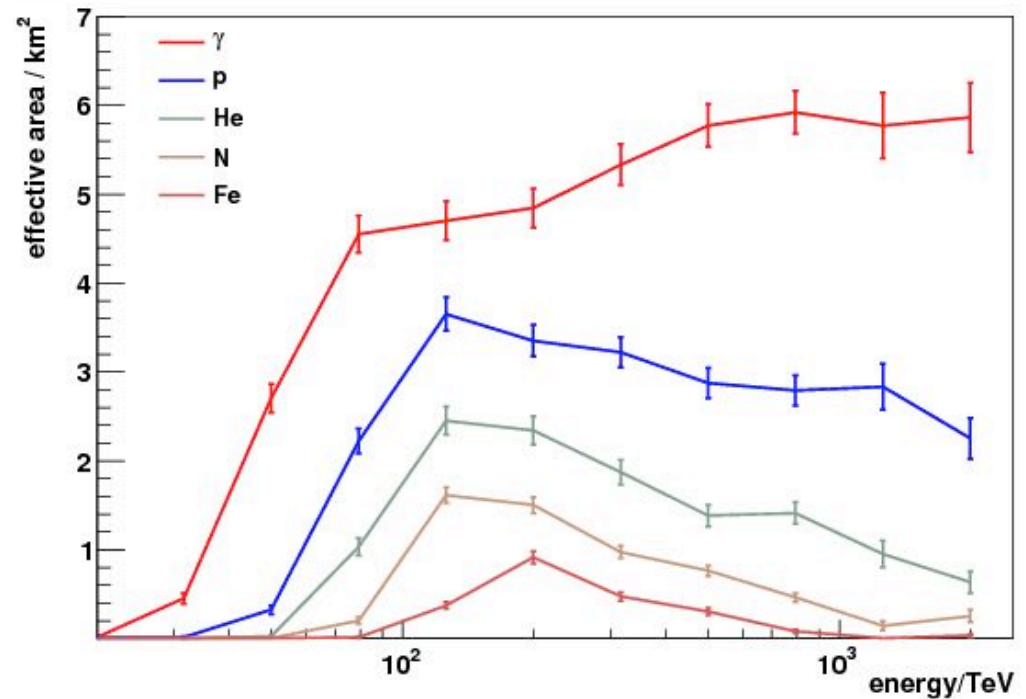
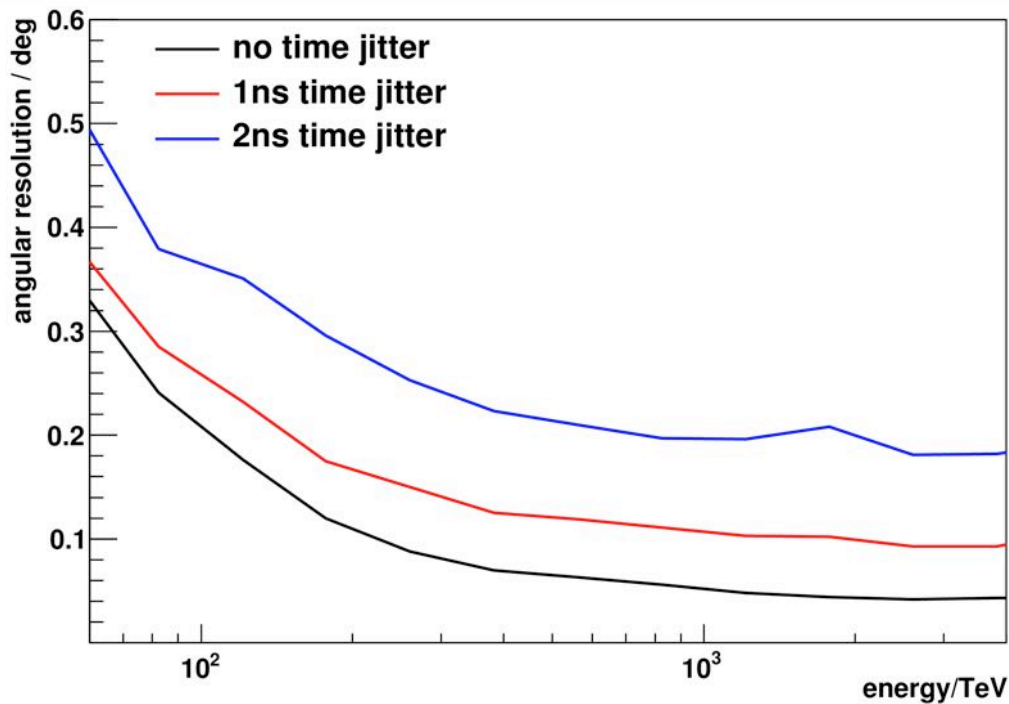


Reconstruction

Direction: photon arrival time model

Energy: Value of LDF @ 220 m

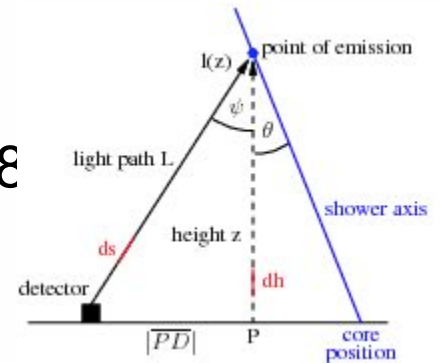
Particle type: Shower depth and Signal rise-time



Direction reconstruction

>3 stations: model fit adapted from Stamatescu et al. 2008

Parametrization of time-delay dt at detector position



$$dt(k, z) = \frac{1}{c} \left(\sqrt{k} - \frac{z}{\cos(\theta)} + \frac{8.0}{z} \sqrt{k} \eta_0 \left(1 - \exp \left(\frac{-z}{8.0} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$k(r, z) = r^2 + z^2 \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)^2} + 2 r z \tan(\theta) \cos(\delta)$$

$$\delta = \phi + \text{atan2} \left((x_{Det} - x_{core}), (y_{Det} - y_{core}) \right)$$

Direction reconstruction

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Parametrization of time-delay dt at detector position

r: Distance from shower core to detector

Shower height in km

Slope of atmospheric refractive index

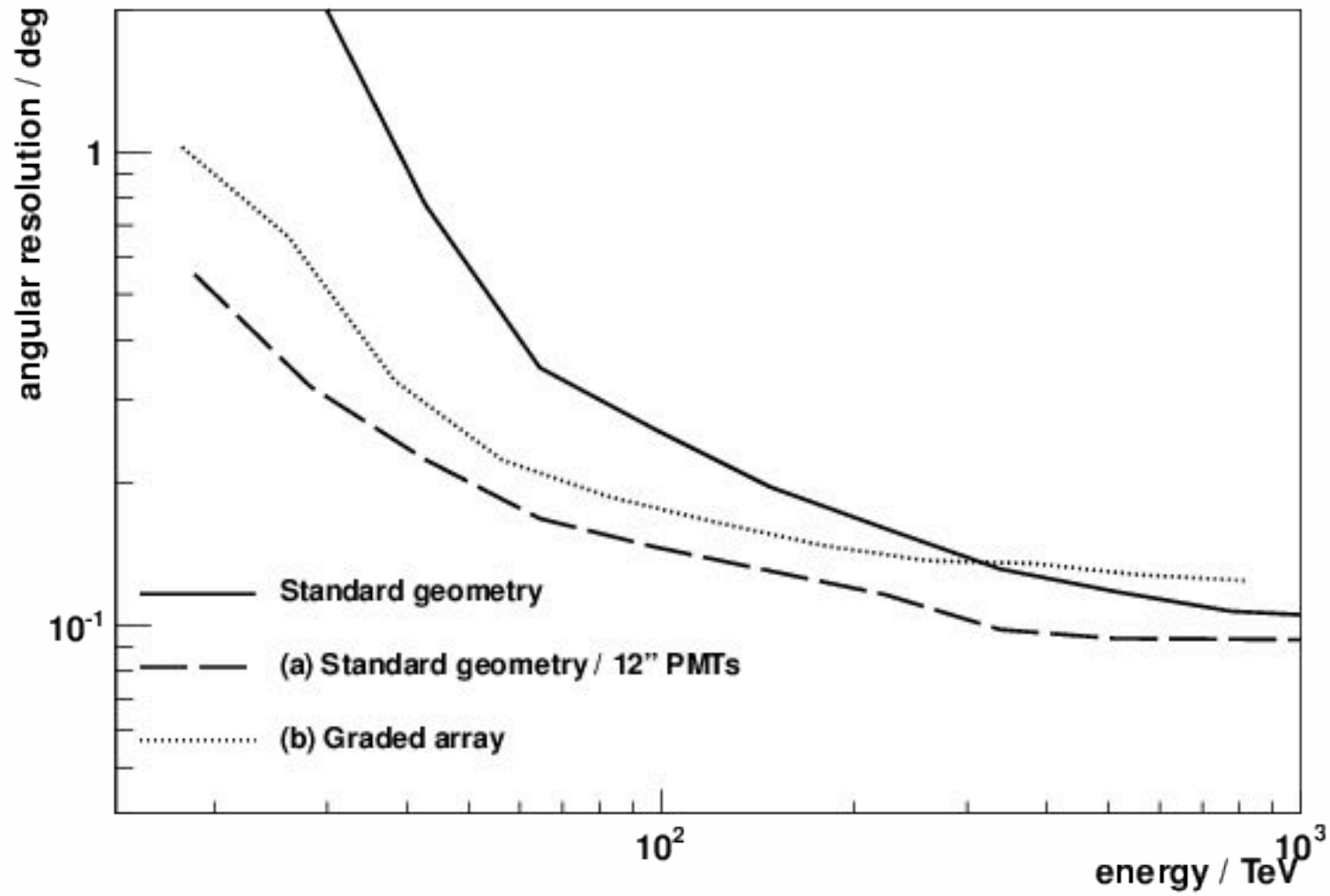
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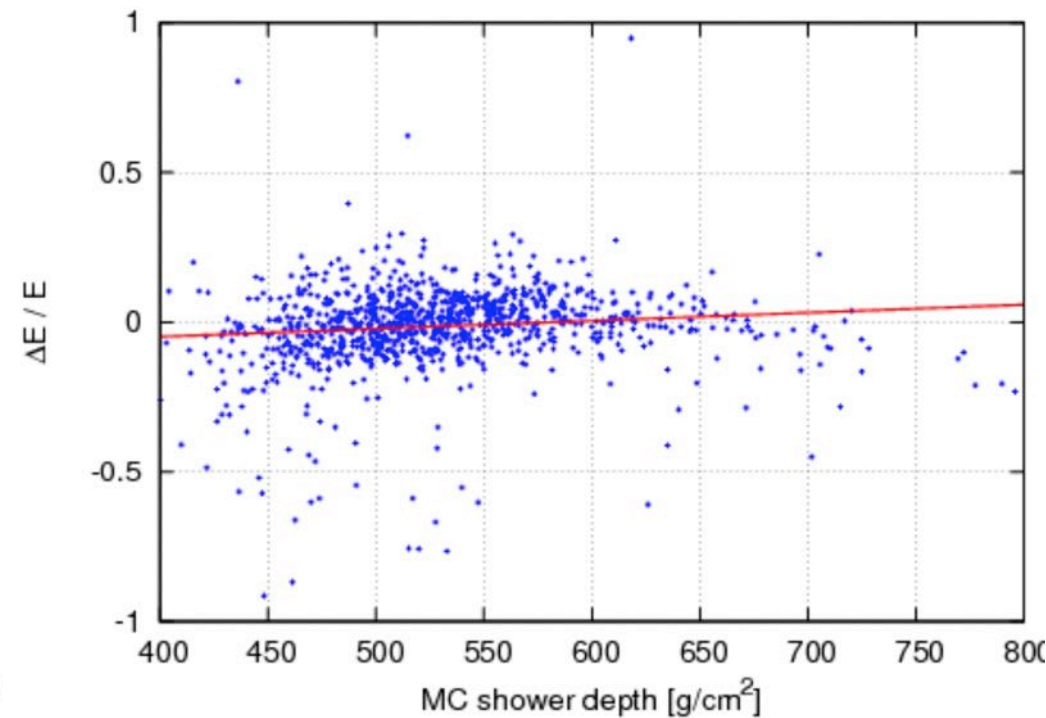
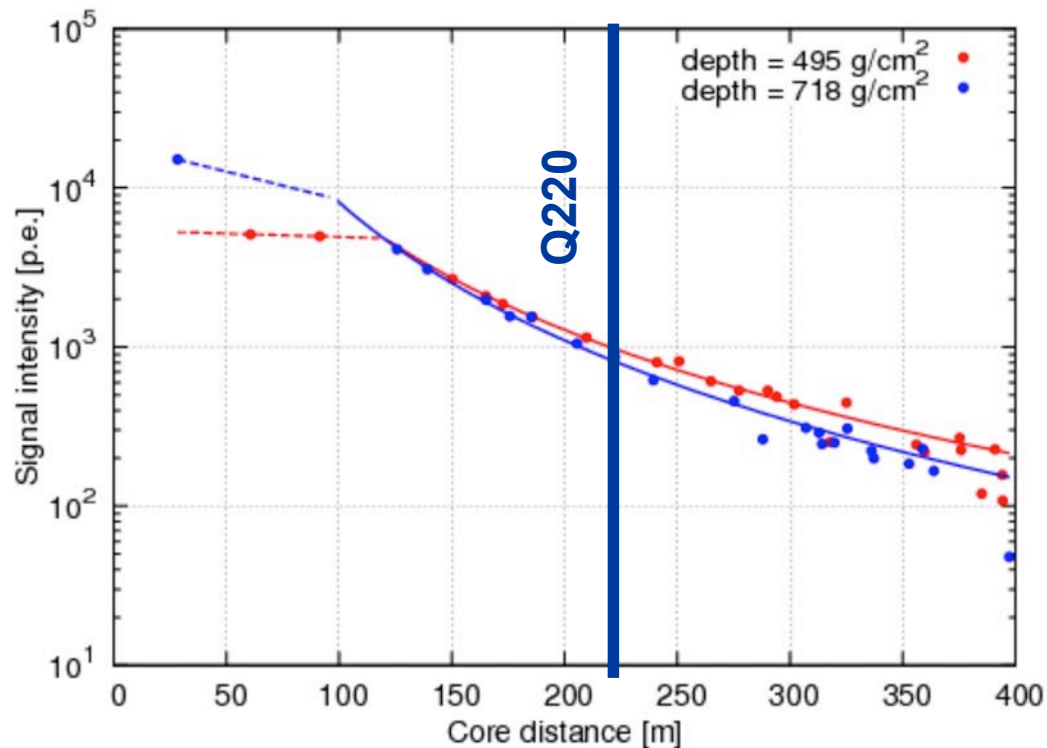
Zenith angle

Angular resolution of alternative layouts



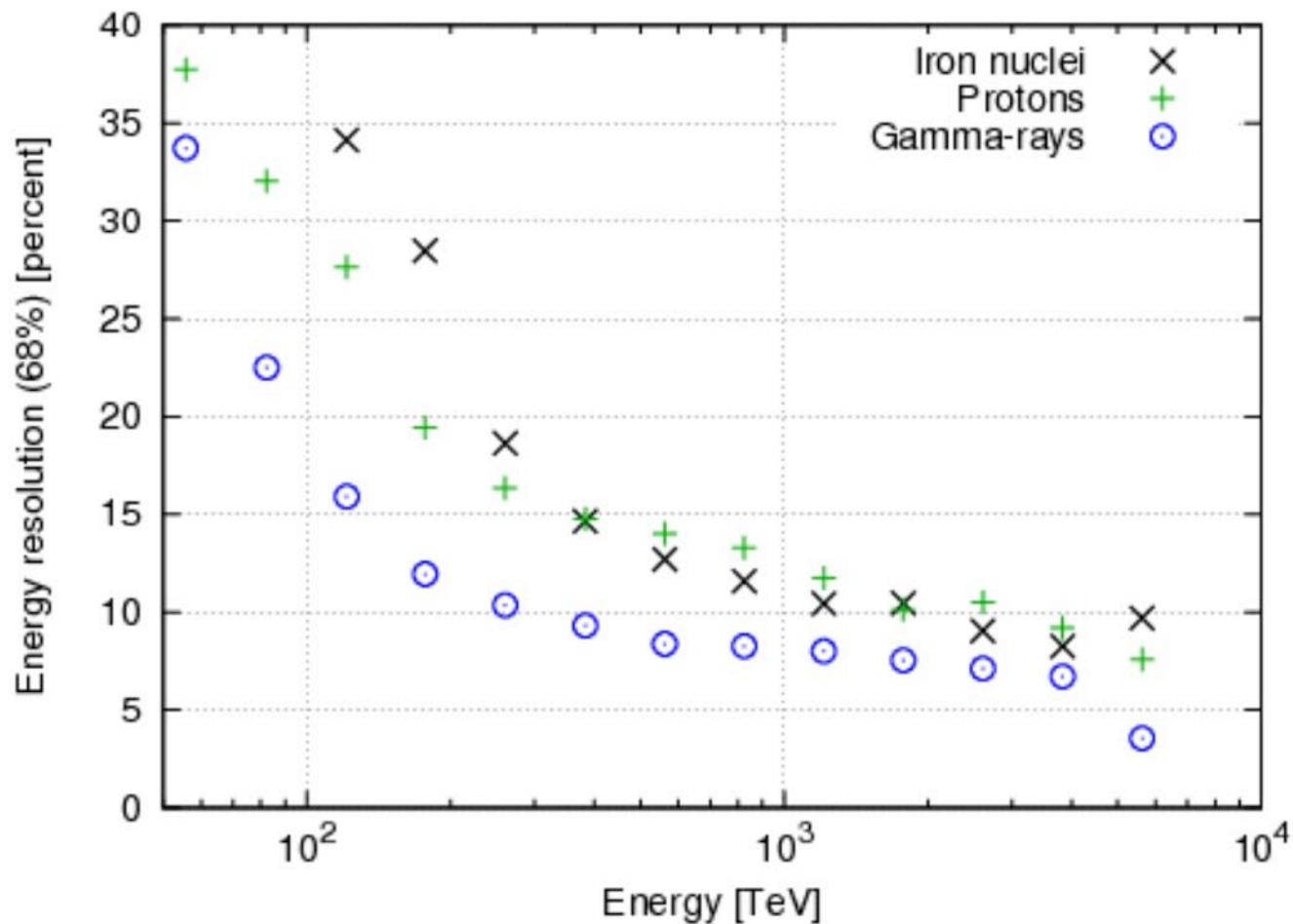
Energy reconstruction

Particle energy: **Q220 = Value of LDF at 220m**



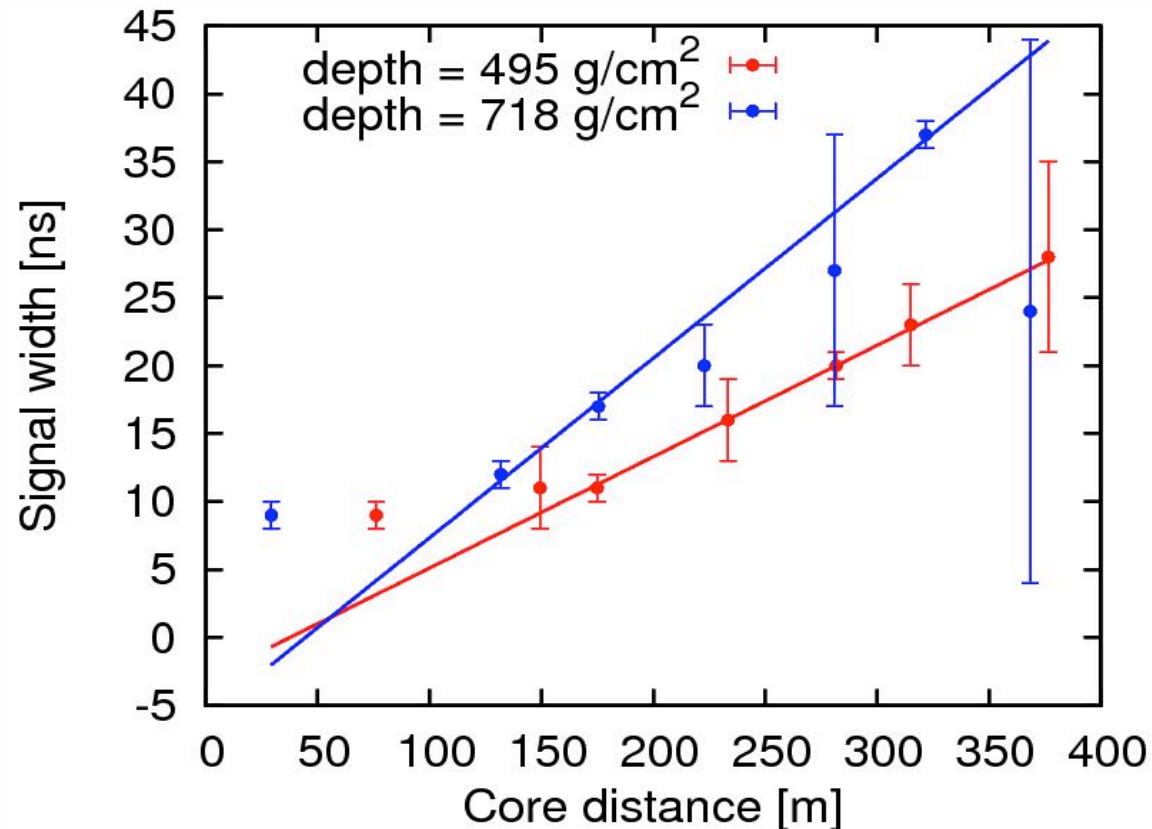
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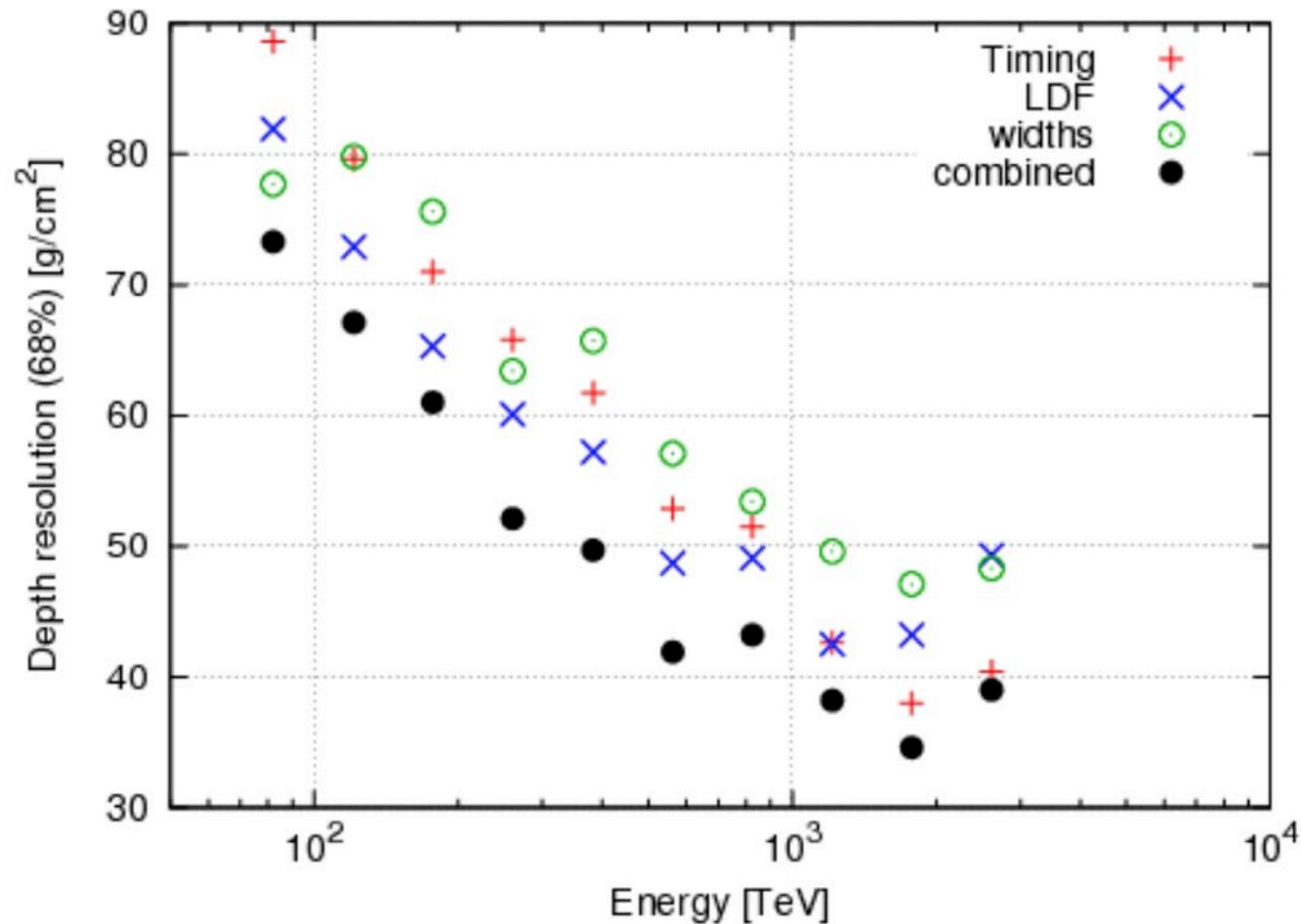
Shower depth reconstruction

- **Time model method:** one free parameter in arrival time model
- **LDF method:** Depth from LDF slope, Q50/Q220
- **Width method:** Depth from signal width

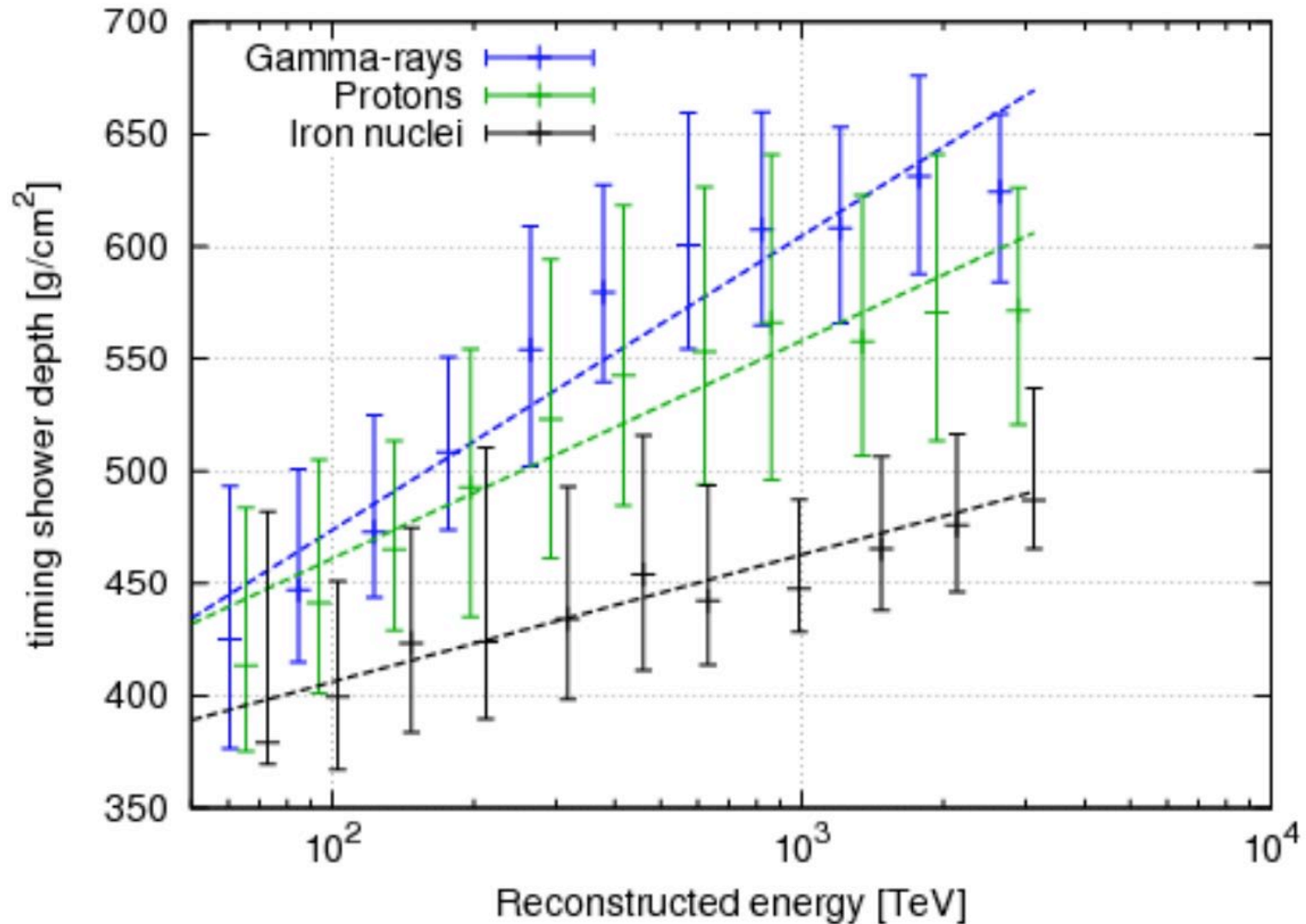


Shower depth

Depth of shower maximum

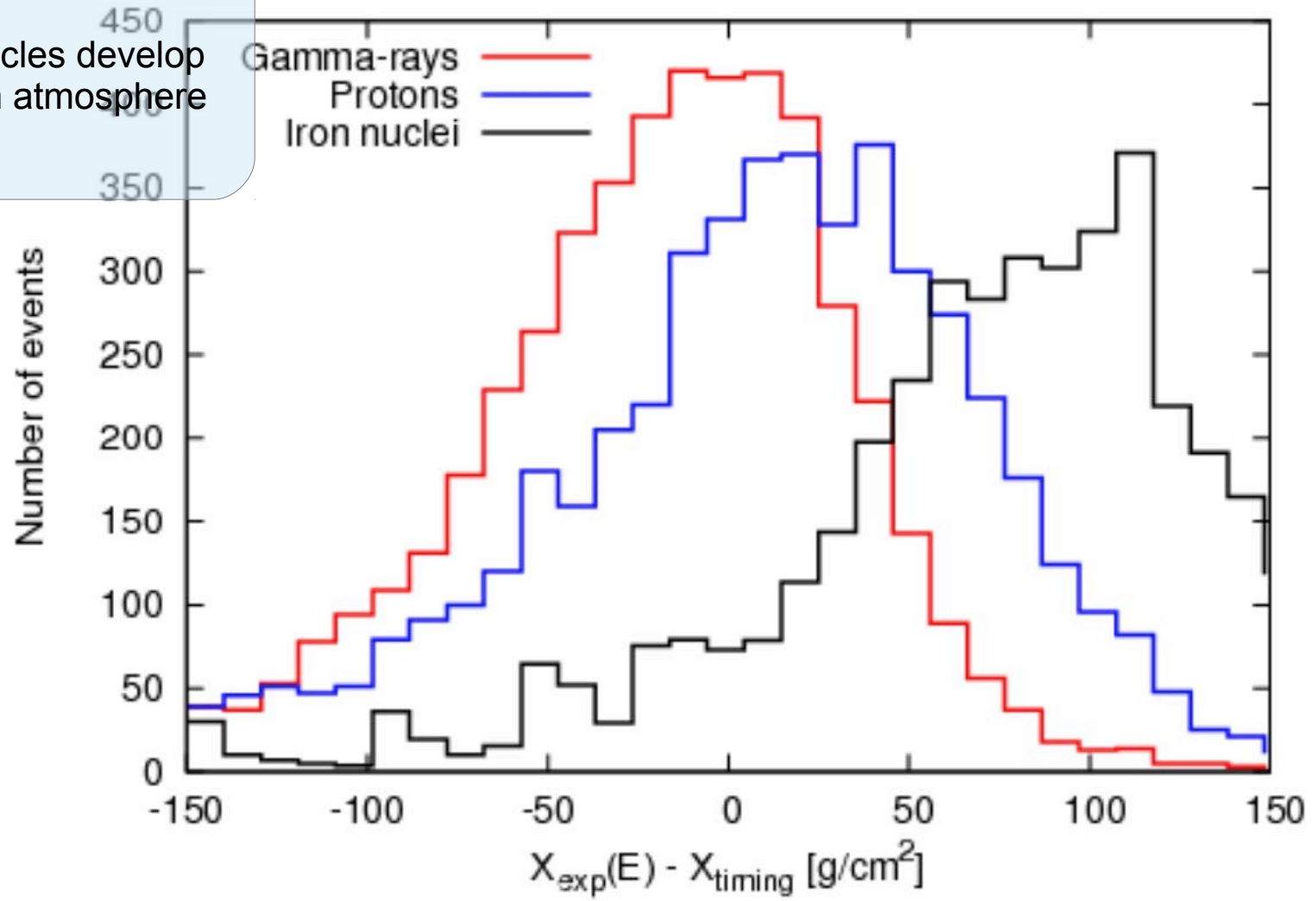


Particle separation



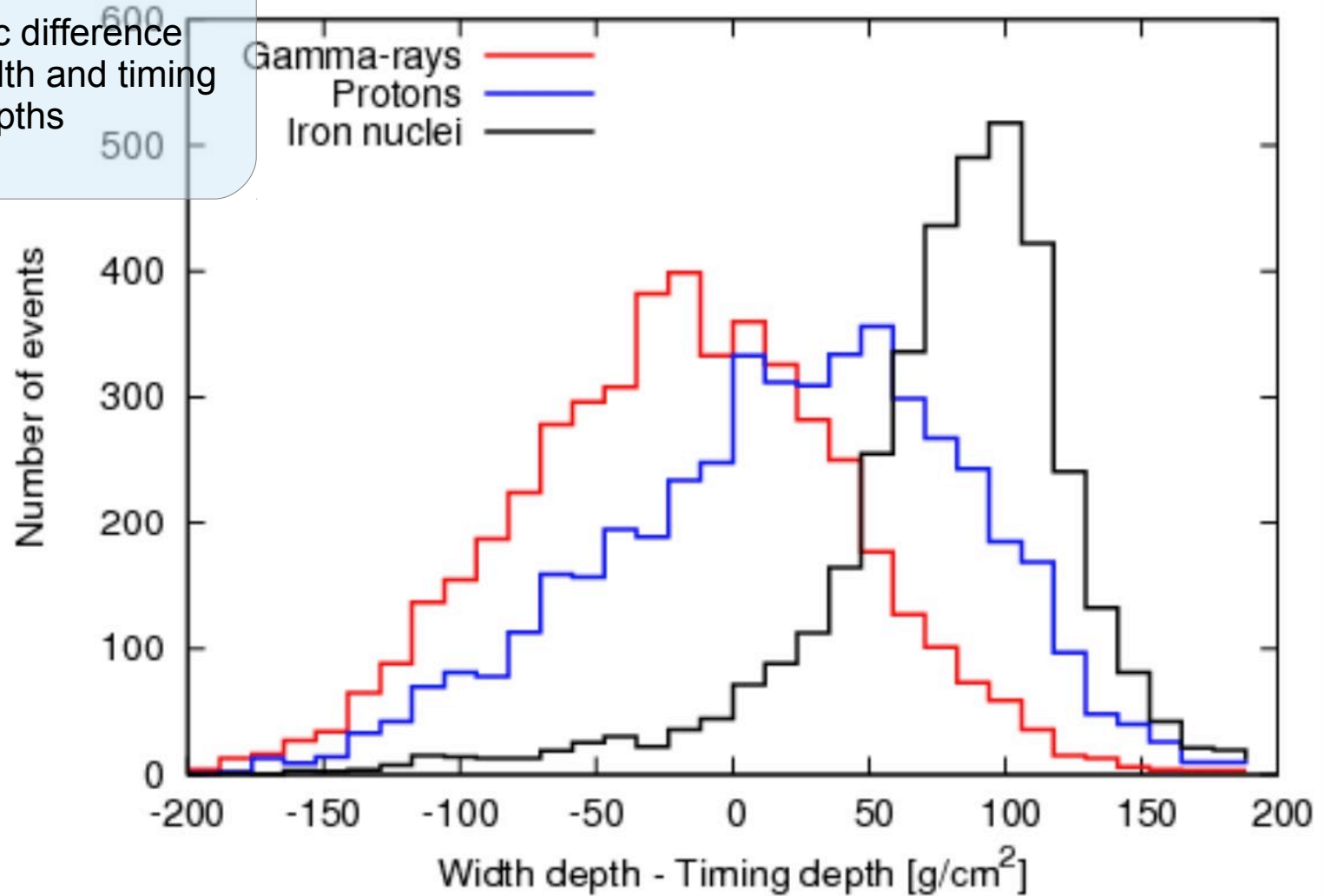
Particle separation (1)

Lighter particles develop
Higher up in atmosphere

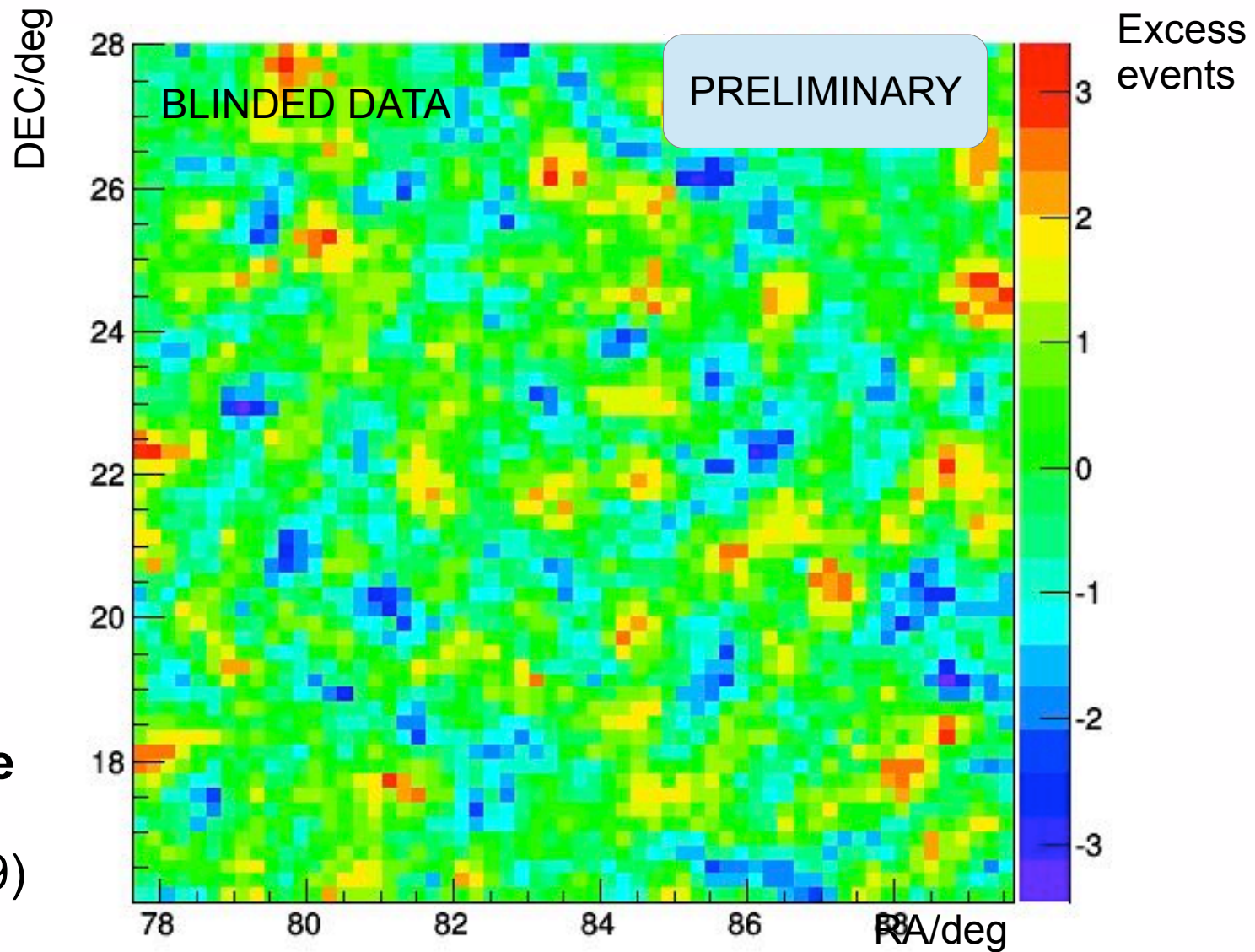


Particle separation (2)

Systematic difference
Between width and timing
Depths



Background for pointsource search



**Significance
map**
(Li&Ma Eq. 9)