

# Gamma-Light



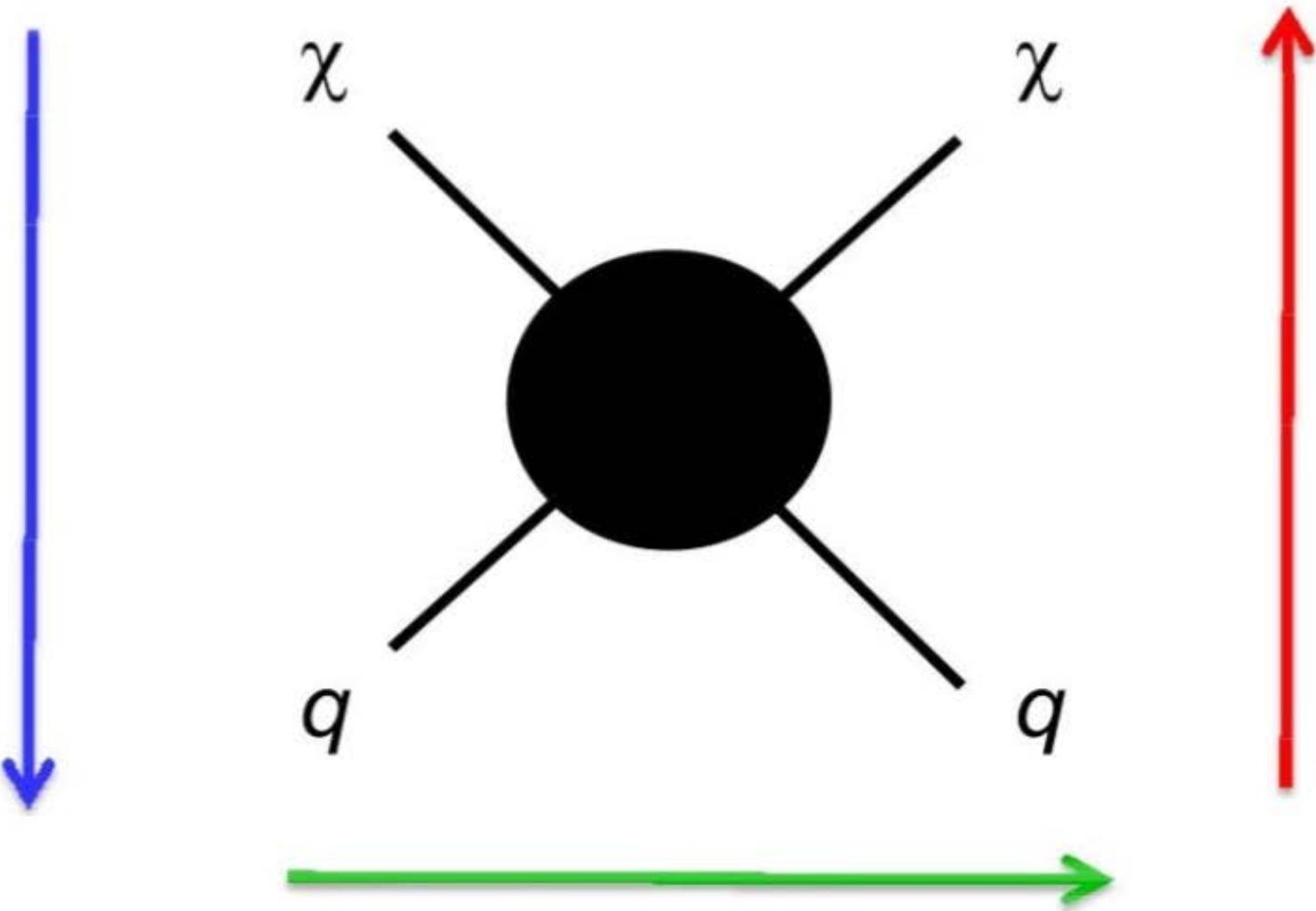
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annihilation  
(Indirect detection)



scattering  
(Direct detection)

# *Neutralino WIMPs*

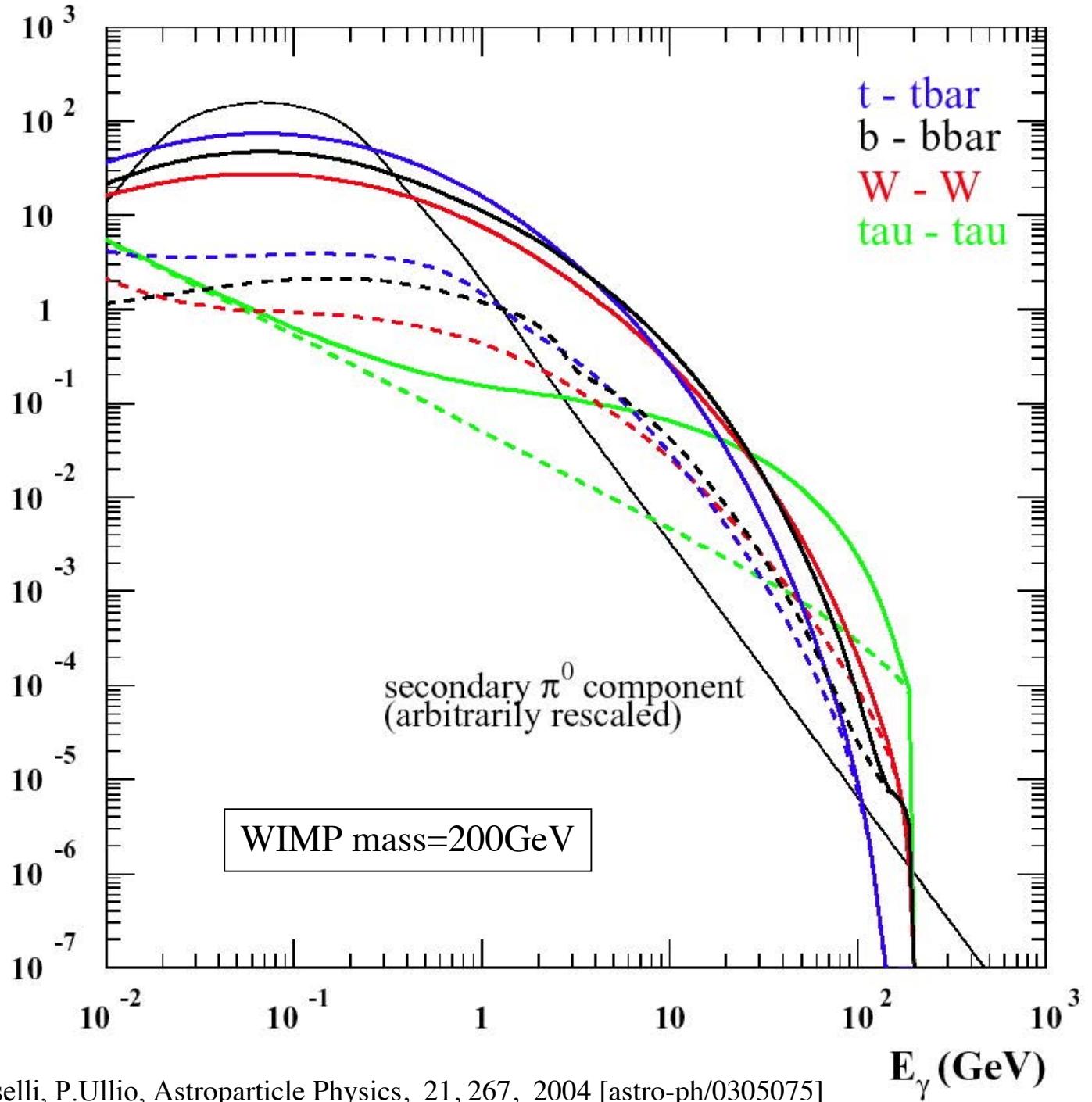


Assume  $\chi$  present in the galactic halo

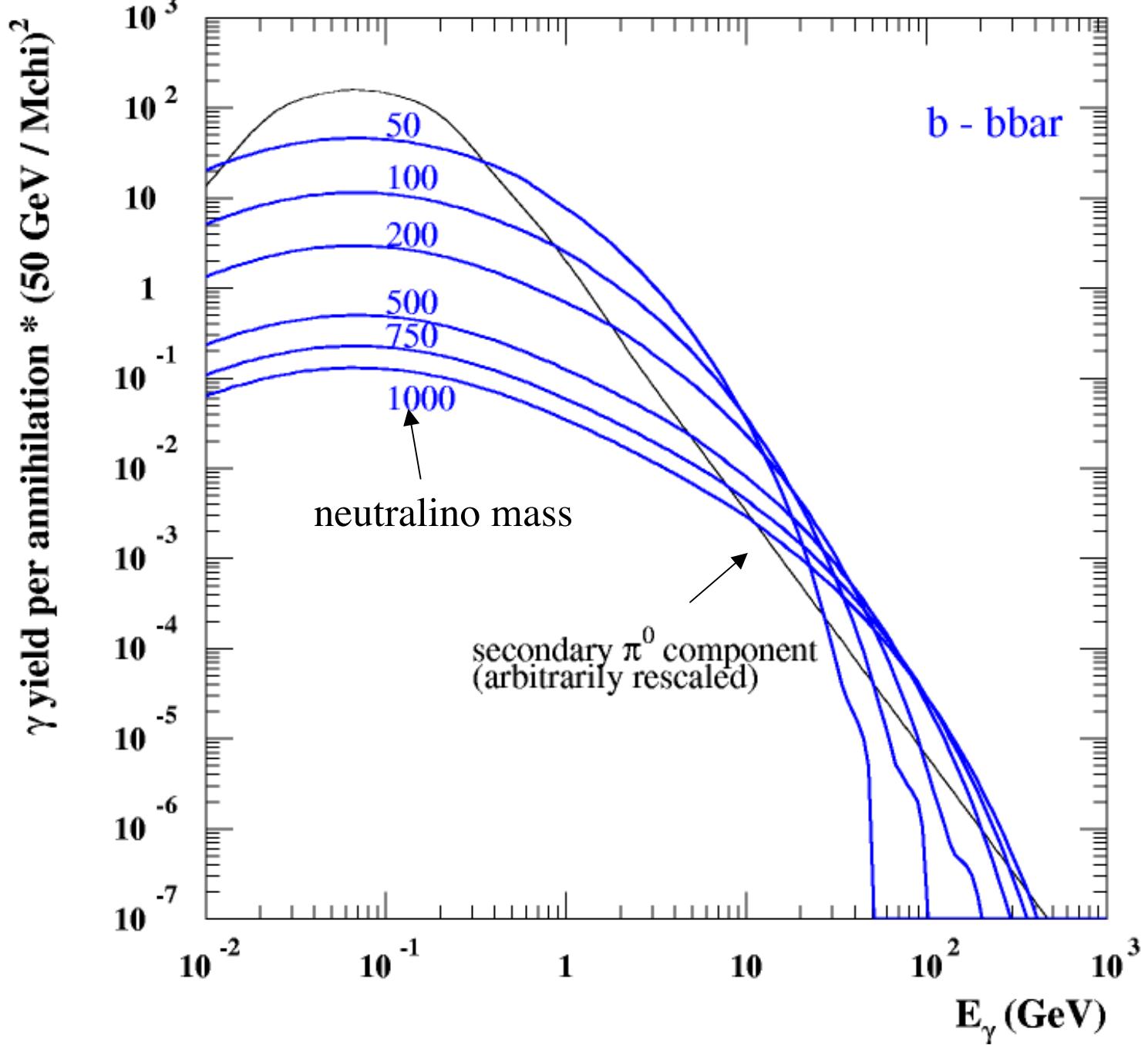
- $\chi$  is its own antiparticle  $\Rightarrow$  can annihilate in galactic halo producing gamma-rays, antiprotons, positrons....
- Antimatter not produced in large quantities through standard processes (secondary production through  $p + p \rightarrow \text{anti } p + X$ )
- So, any extra contribution from exotic sources ( $\chi \chi$  annihilation) is an interesting signature
- ie:  $\chi \chi \rightarrow \text{anti } p + X$
- Produced from (e. g.)  $\chi \chi \rightarrow q / g / \text{gauge boson} / \text{Higgs boson}$  and subsequent decay and/ or hadronisation.

Differential  
yield for each  
annihilation  
channel

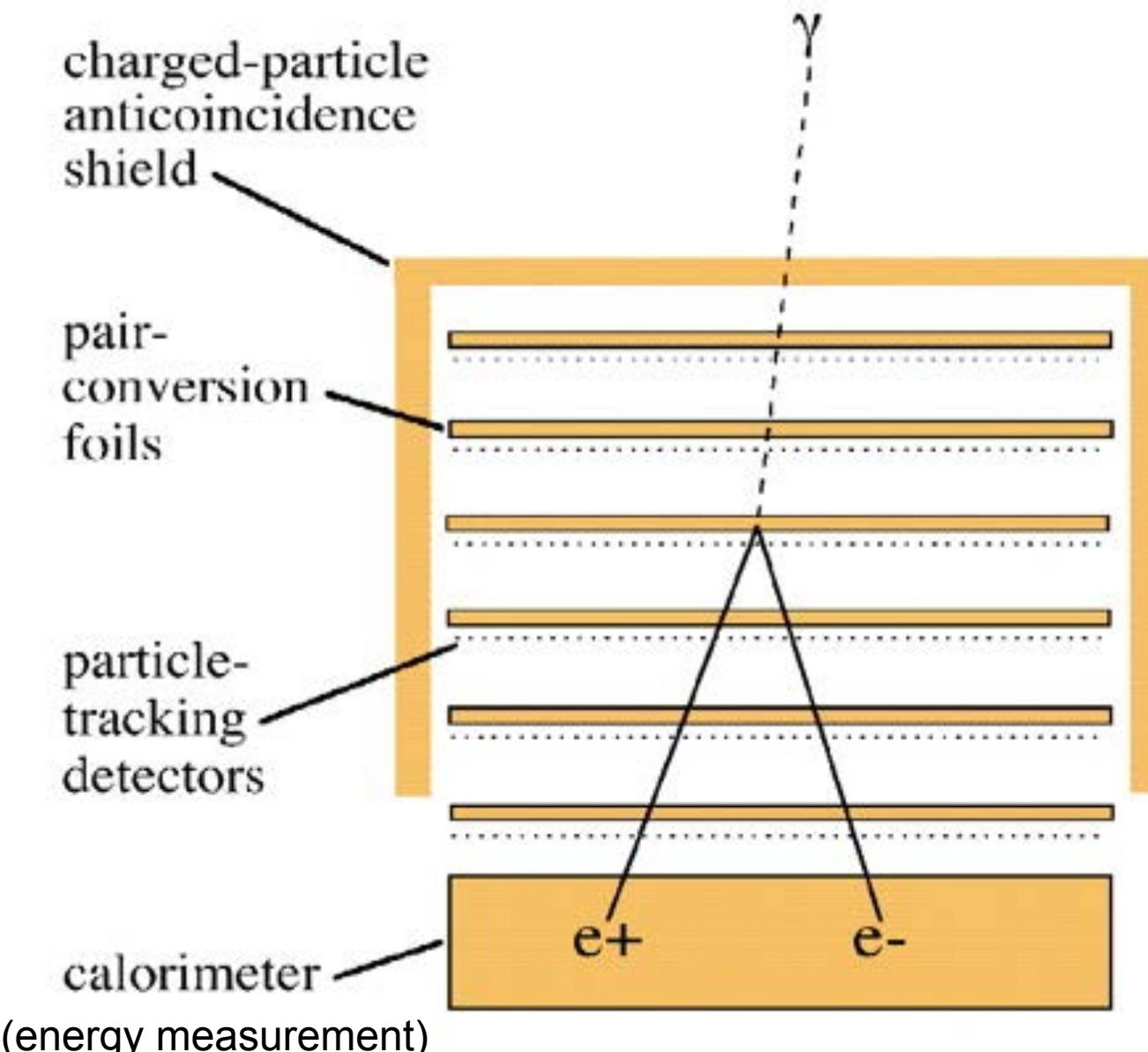
$\gamma$  yield per annihilation



## Differential yield for b bar

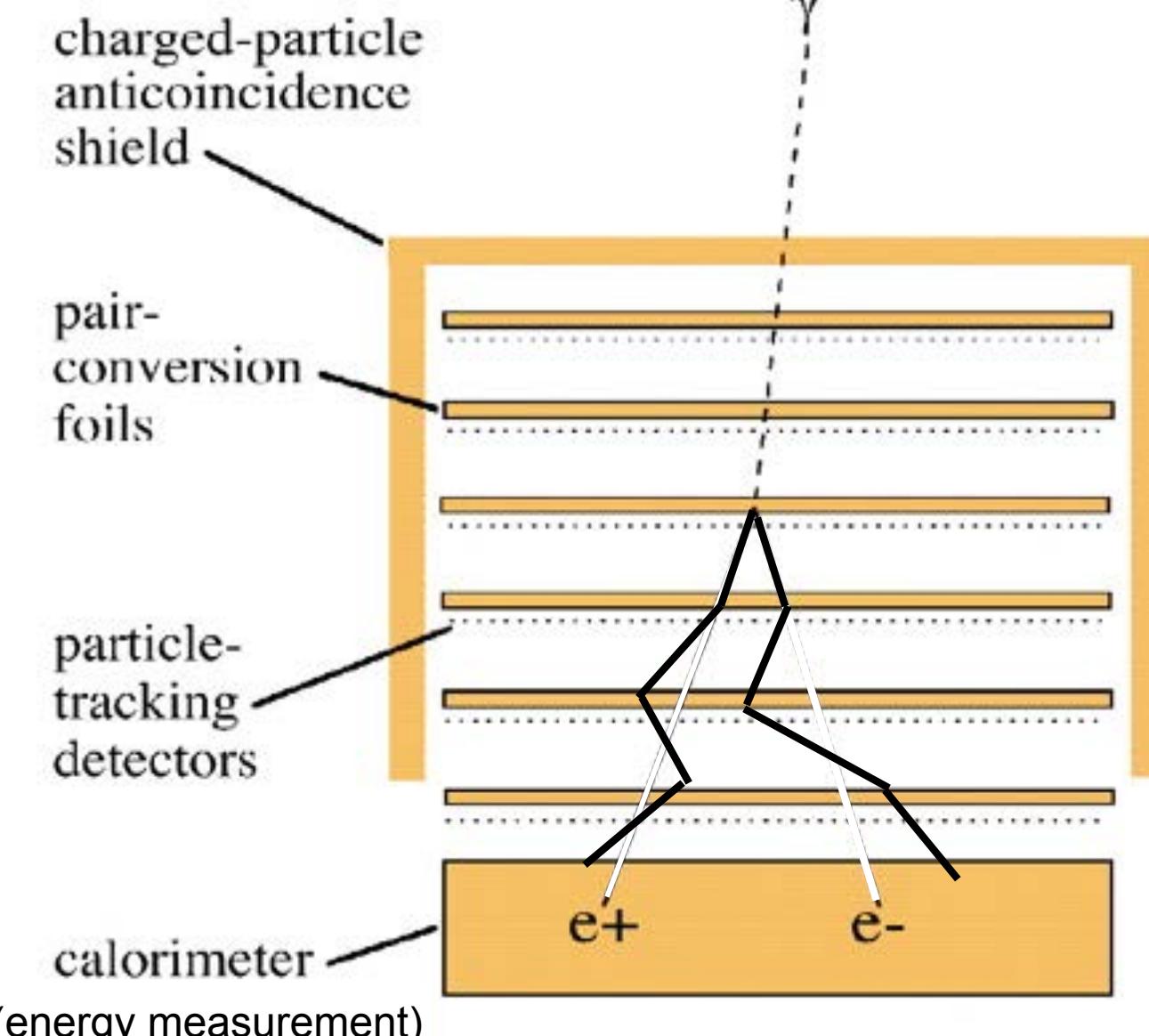


# Elements of a pair-conversion telescope



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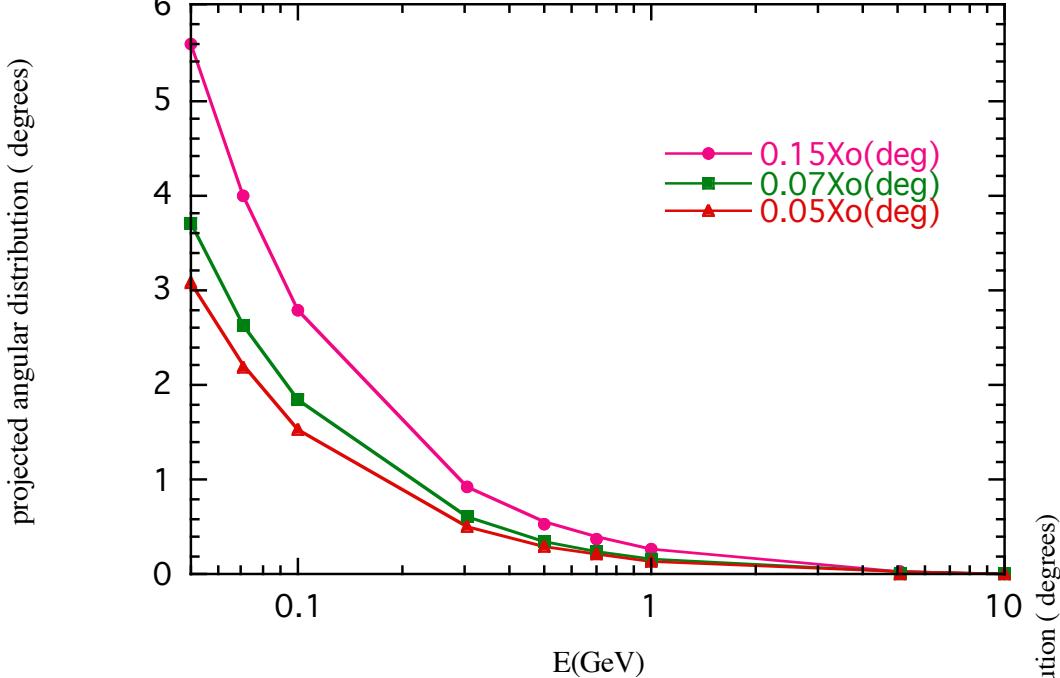
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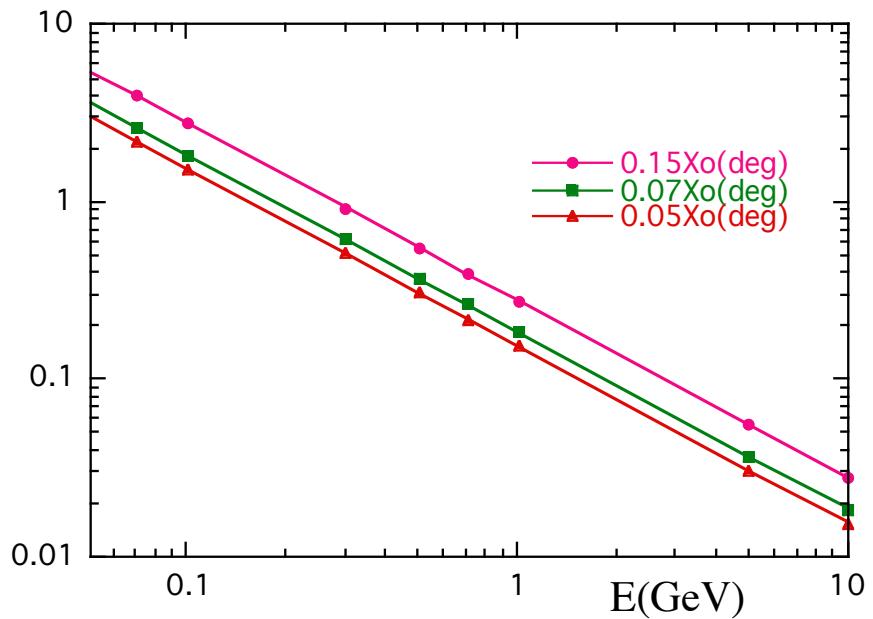
(more realistic scheme)

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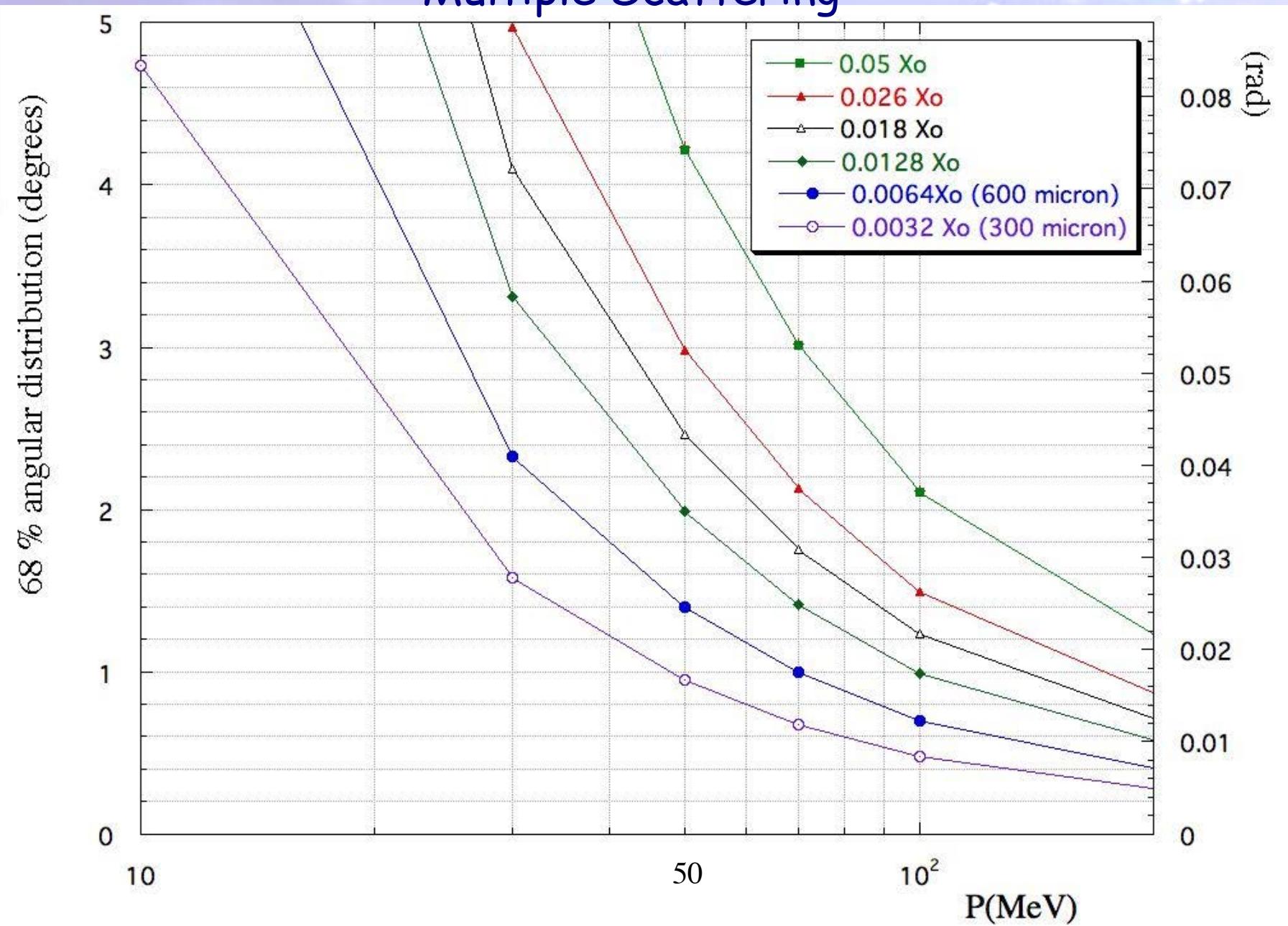


$$\theta_0 = \theta_{plane}^{rms} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \theta_{space}^{rms}$$

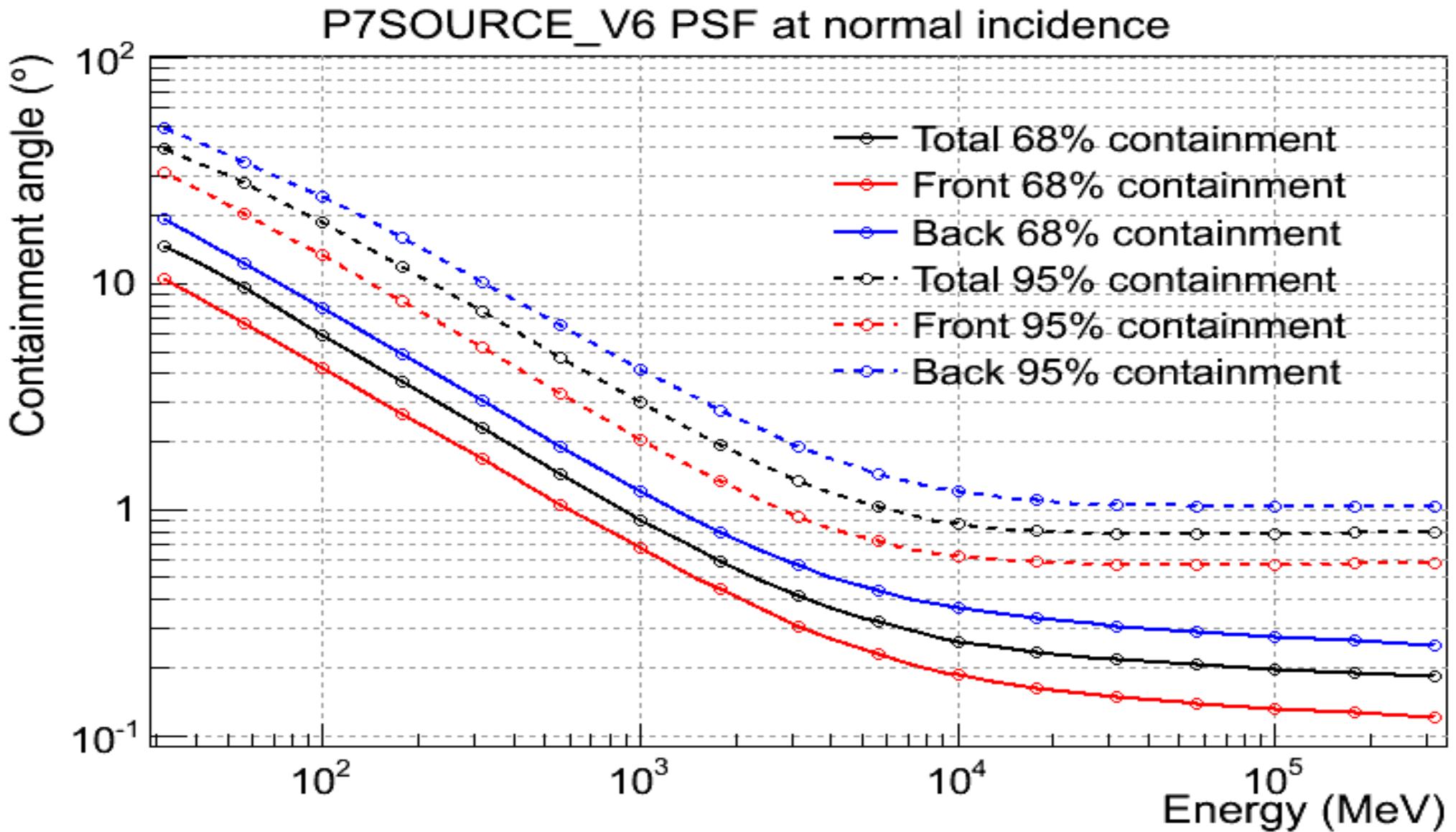


$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 MeV}{\beta cp} z \sqrt{x/X_0} [1 + 0.038 \ln(x/X_0)]$$

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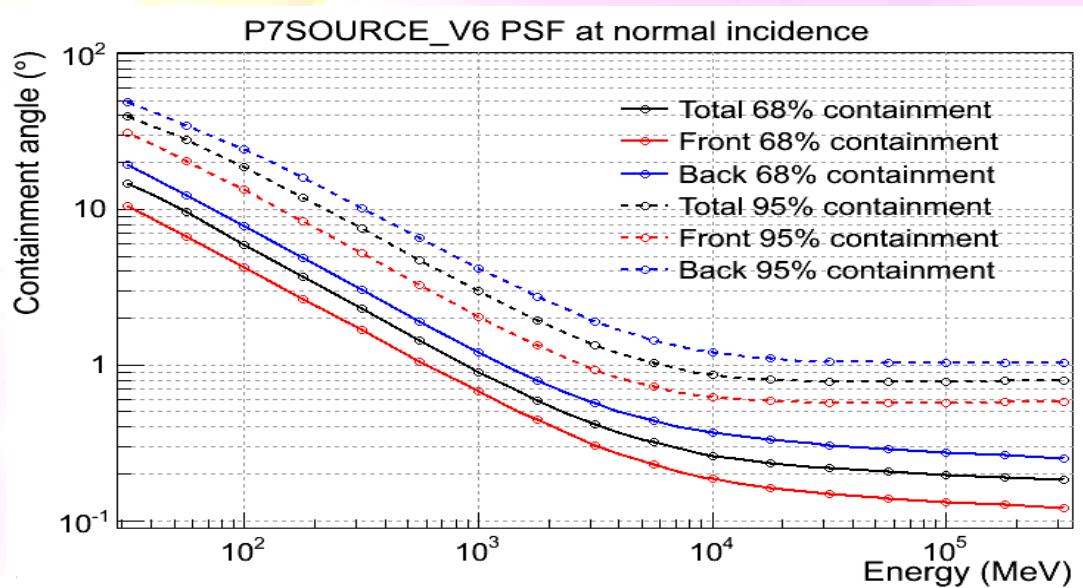
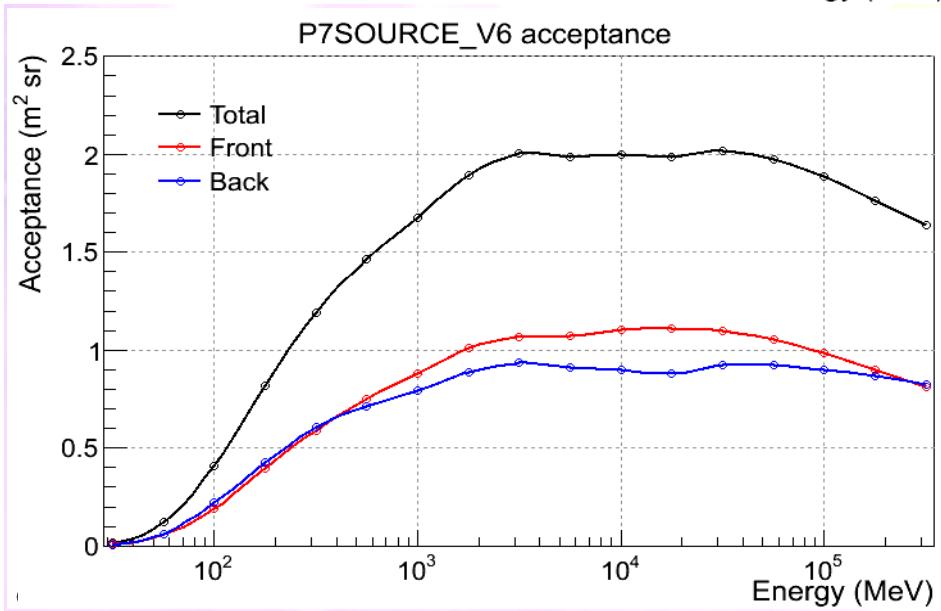
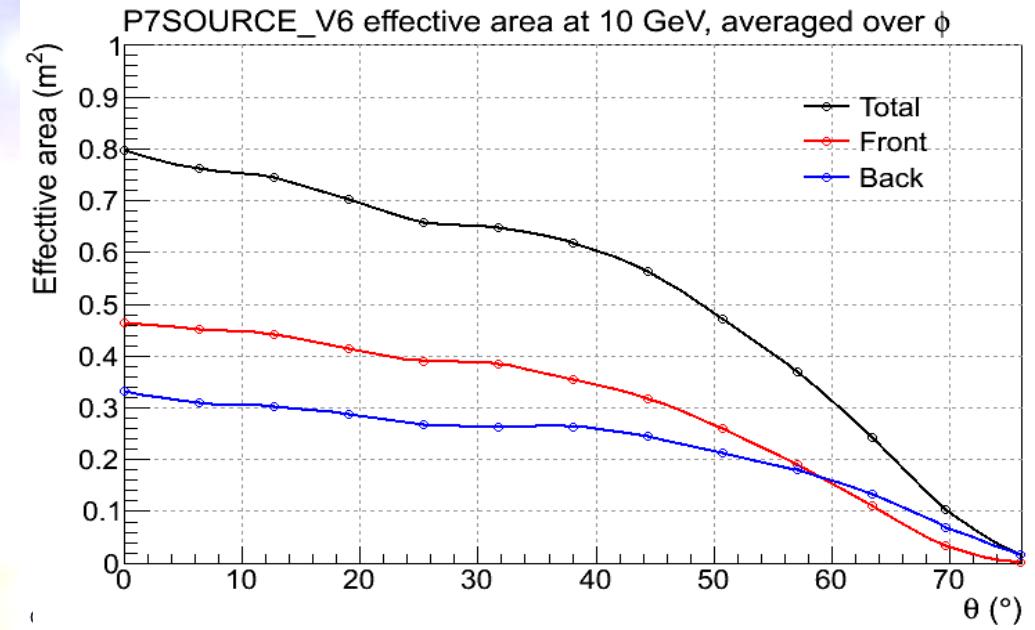
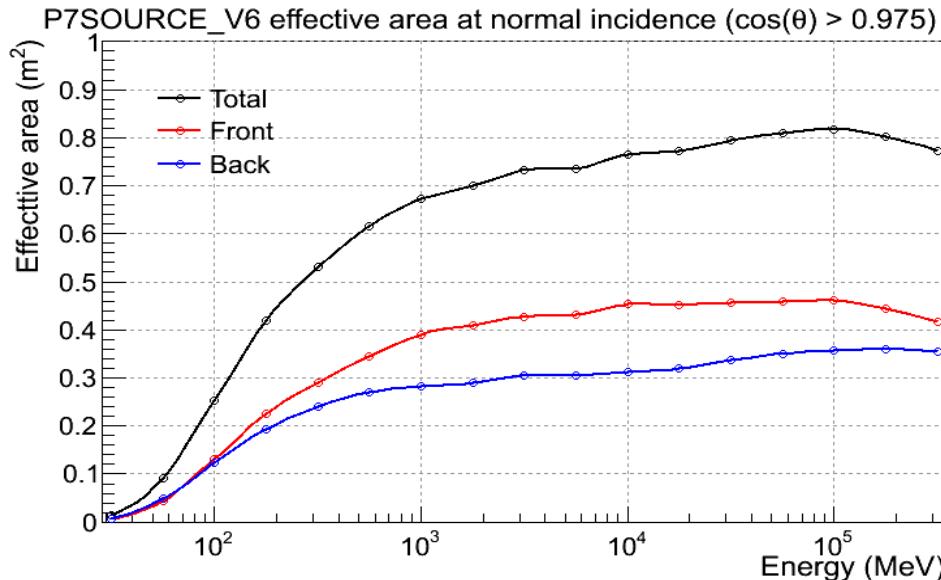


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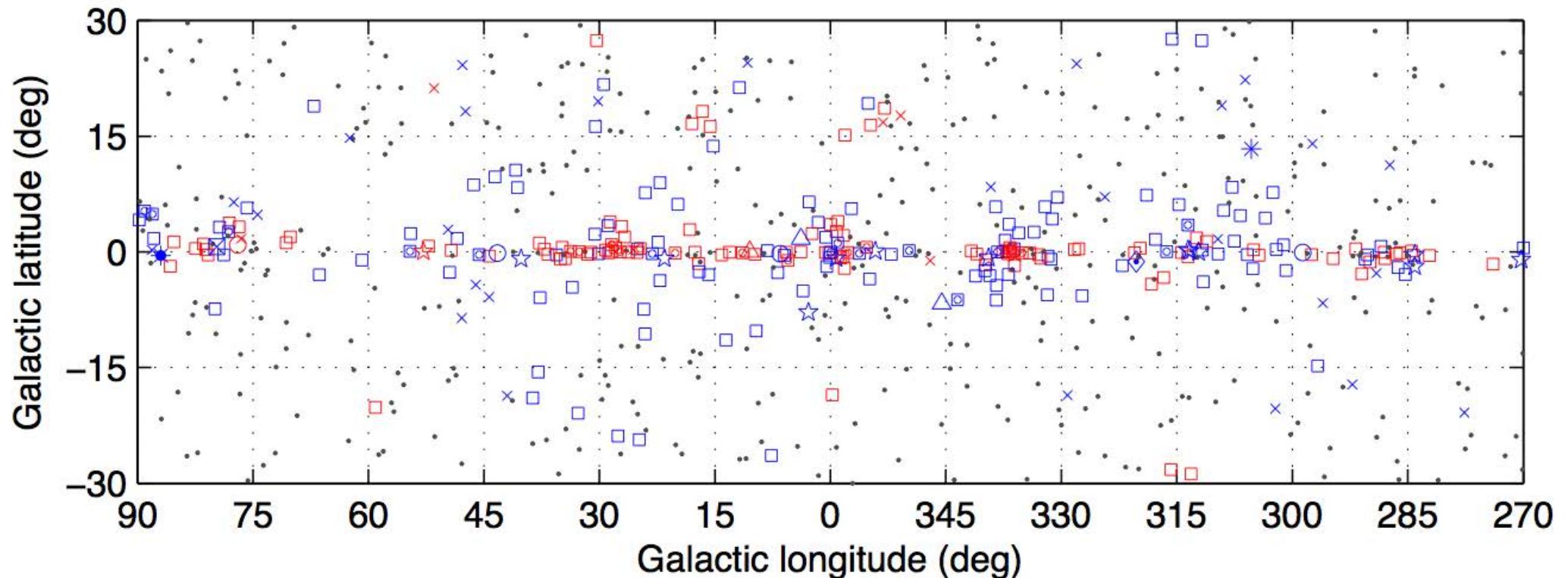


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# The Fermi LAT 2FGL Inner Galactic Region

August 4, 2008, to July 31, 2010

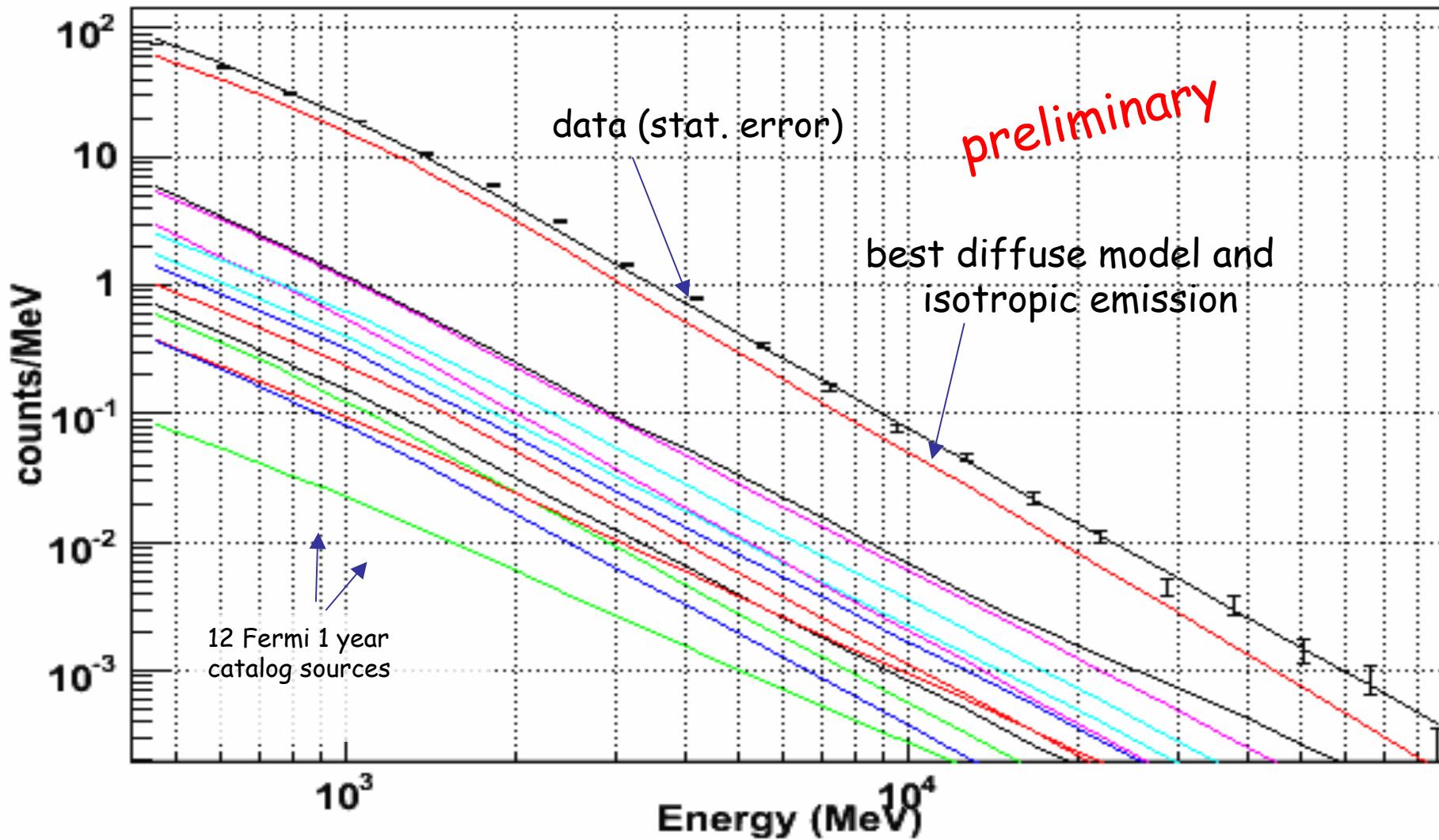
100 MeV to 100 GeV energy range



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□ No association	□ Possible association with SNR or PWN
×	☆ Pulsar
*	△ Globular cluster
+	◻ HMB
	○ Nova
■ Galaxy	○ SNR

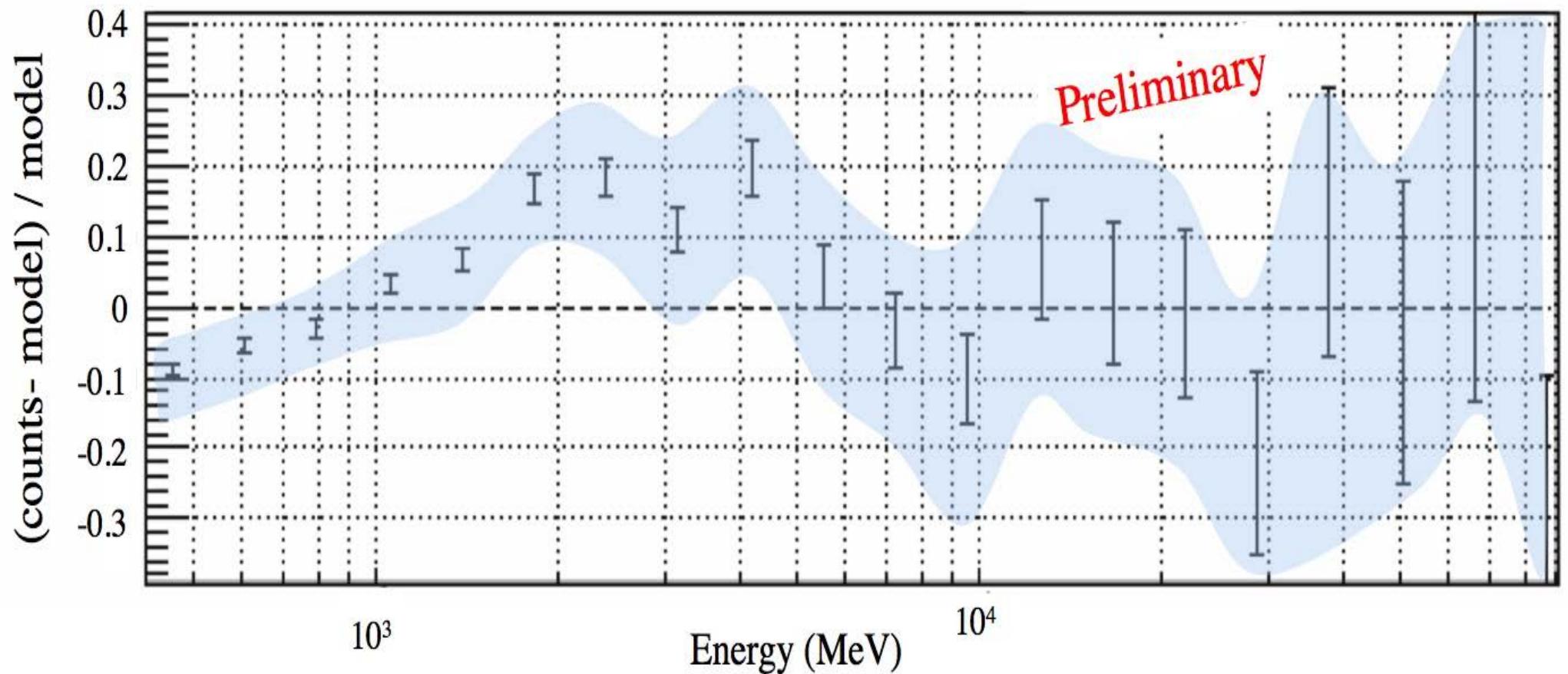
# Spectrum (E > 400 MeV, $7^\circ \times 7^\circ$ region centered on the Galactic Center analyzed with binned likelihood analysis )



# GC Residuals

$7^\circ \times 7^\circ$  region centered on the Galactic Center  
11 months of data,  $E > 400$  MeV, front-converting events  
analyzed with binned likelihood analysis )

- The systematic uncertainty of the effective area (blue area) of the LAT is  $\sim 10\%$  at 100 MeV, decreasing to 5% at 560 MeV and increasing to 20% at 10 GeV



# Gamma-light scheme

40+1 x-y planes  
100  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch  
each  
 $\sim 0.025 X_0$

Tot  $\sim 1 X_0$

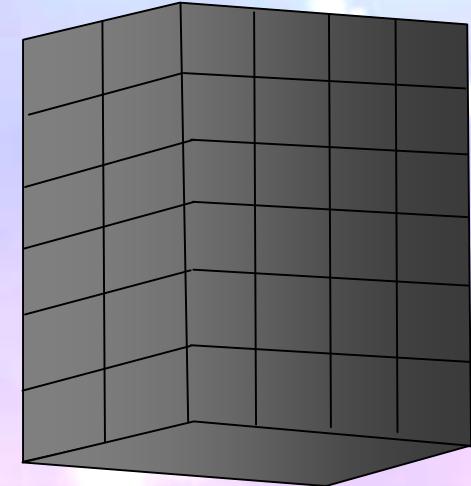
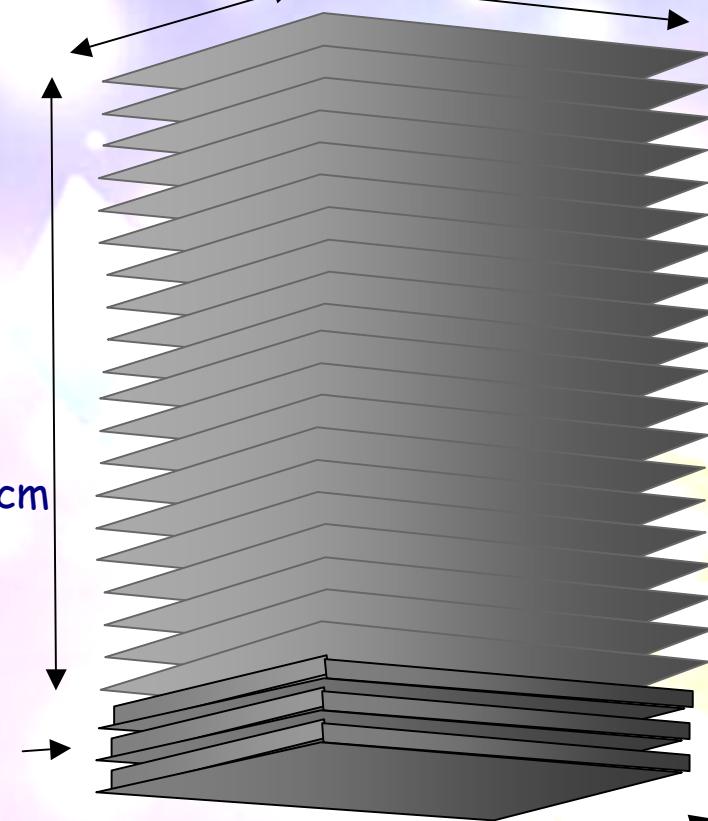
54.7 cm

height of a plane 1.3 cm

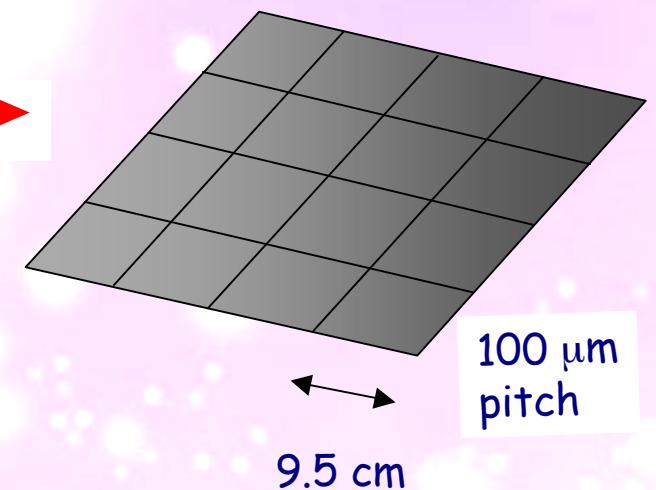
2  $X_0$  Calorimeter

50 cm

50 cm



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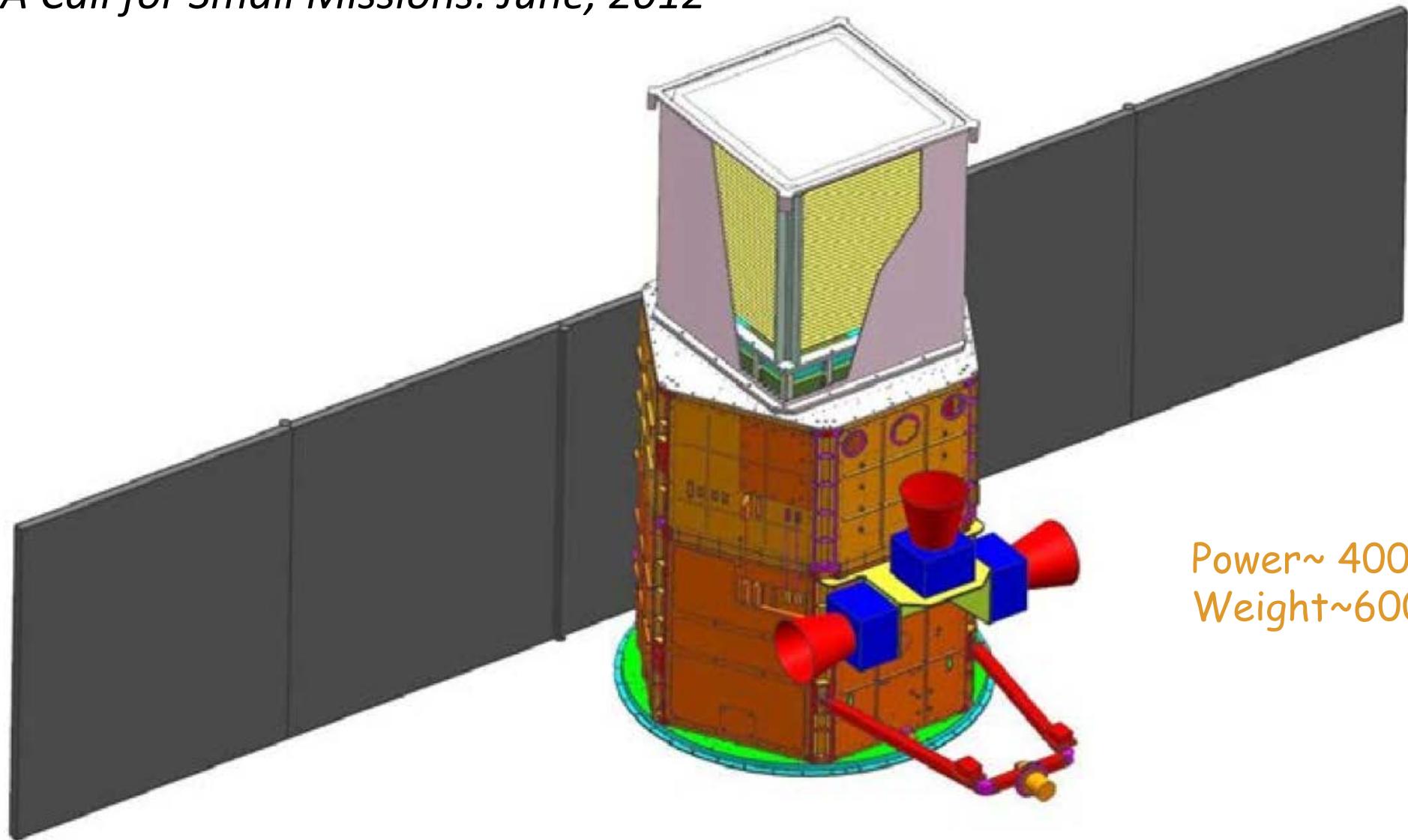


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pitch

*Compton scattering and pair production telescope*

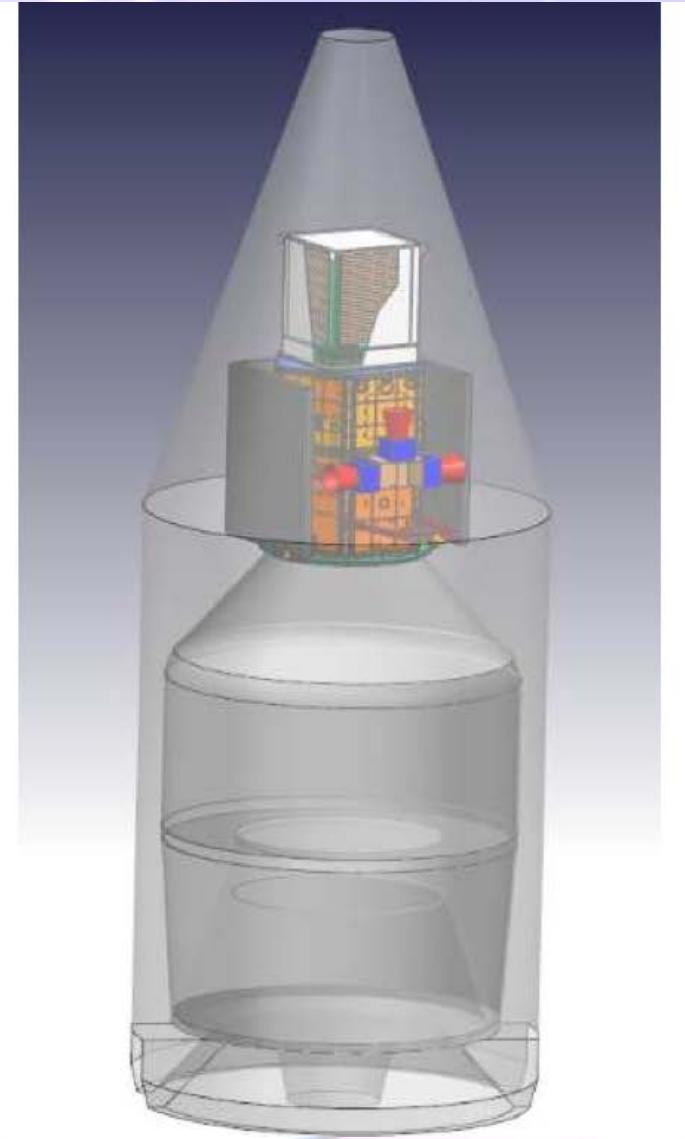
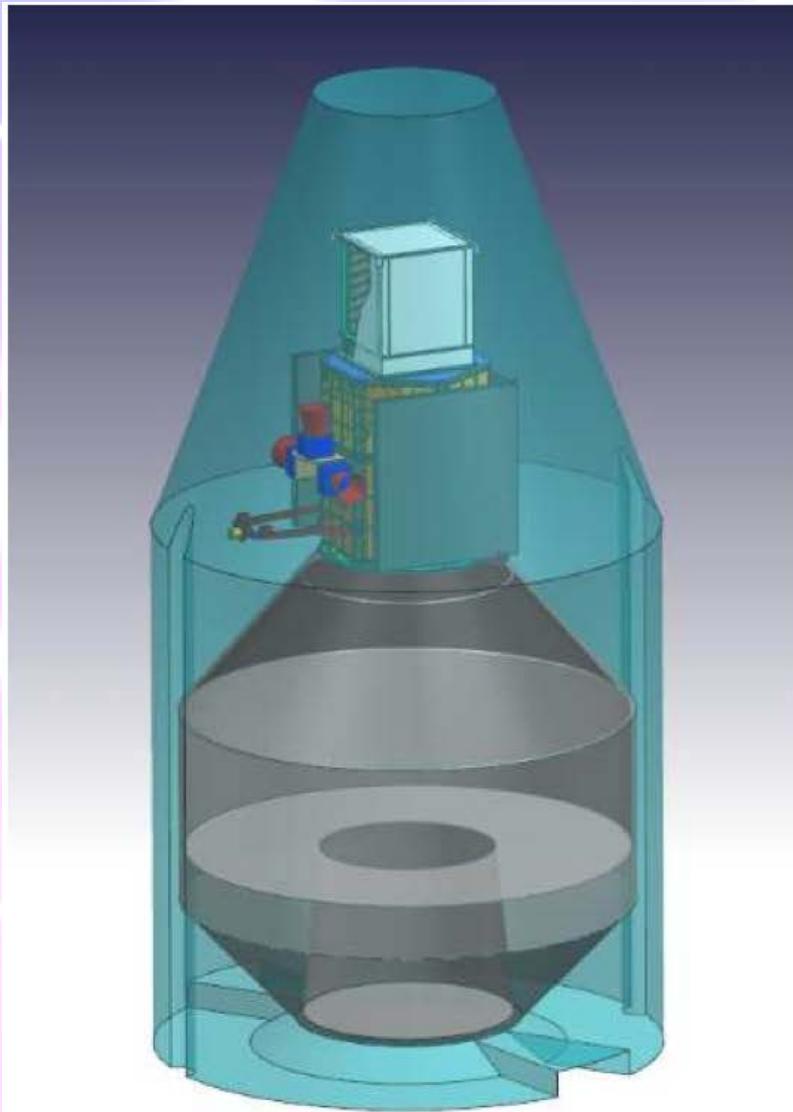
# Gamma-light payload

*ESA Call for Small Missions: June, 2012*



Power~ 400 W  
Weight~600 Kg

# *GAMMA-LIGHT satellite launch configurations for the PSLV and VEGA*



- a companion satellite similar to *G-LIGHT* can be accommodated.

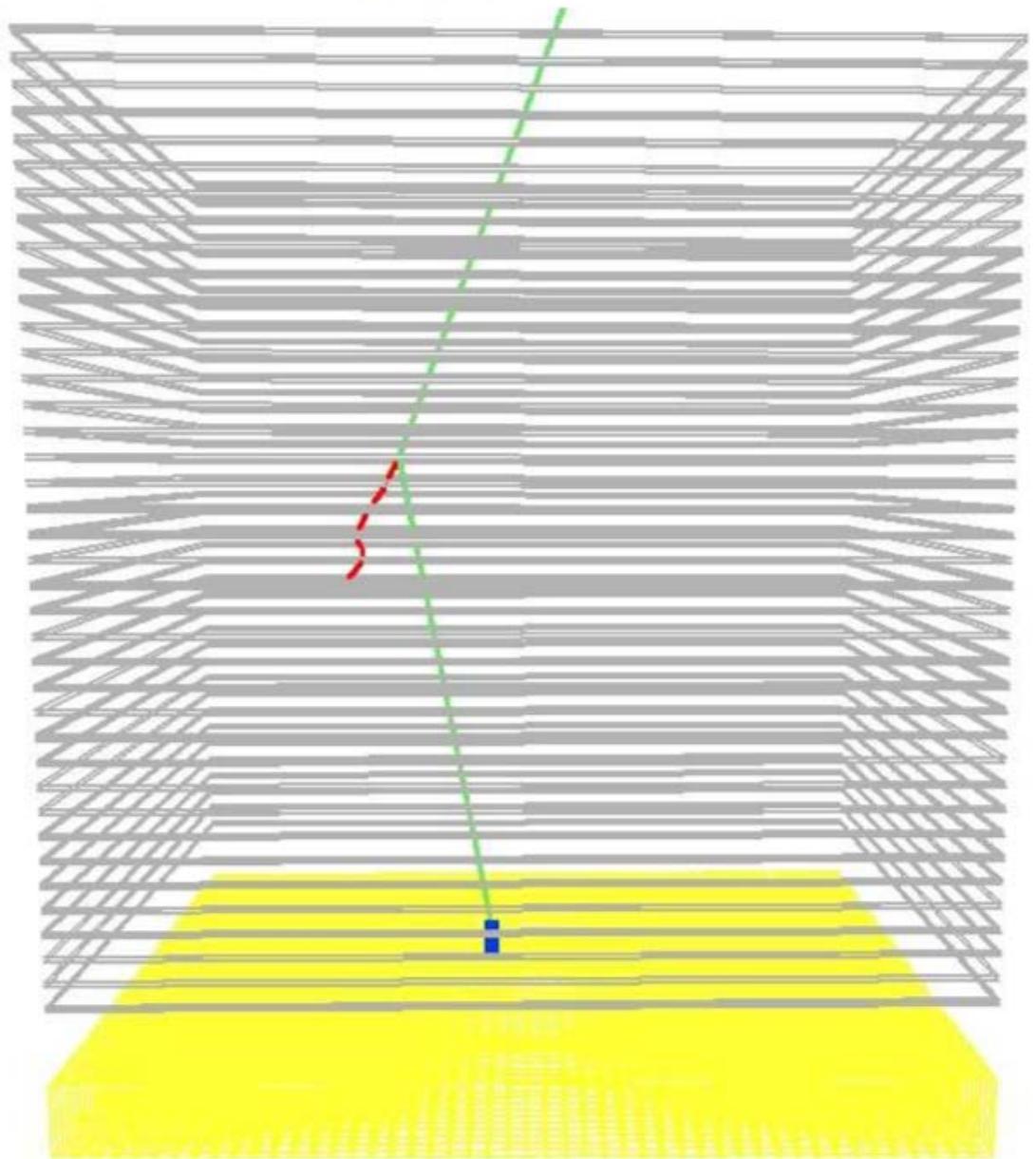
# Gamma-light Participants

- INAF Italian Institute of Astrophysics (INAF) Italy
- INFN Italian Institute of Nuclear Physics Italy
- ASDC ASI Science Data Center Italy
- SRC PAS Space Research Center of Polish Academy of Sciences Poland
- NCAC Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, Warsaw Poland
- University of Barcelona Spain
- DTU Space Denmark
- UIB University of Bergen Norway
- TOV University of Rome Tor Vergata Italy
- TUR University of Turin Italy
- YAL Yale University USA
- SAP University of Rome "La Sapienza" Italy
- MAD University of Madrid Spain
- University of Salamanca Spain
- TRI University of Trieste Italy
- ENEA Italy

# *G-LIGHT Simulation*

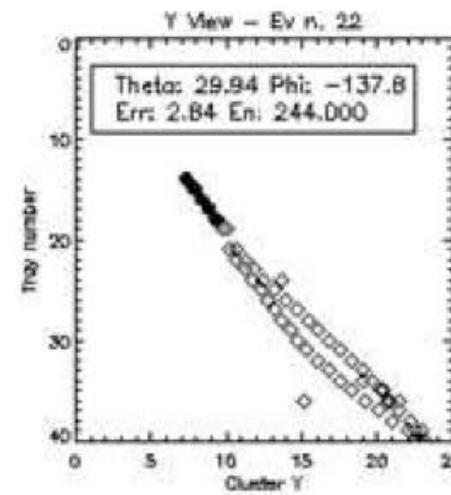
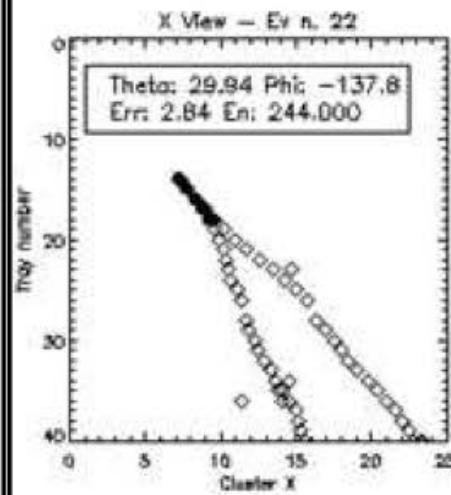
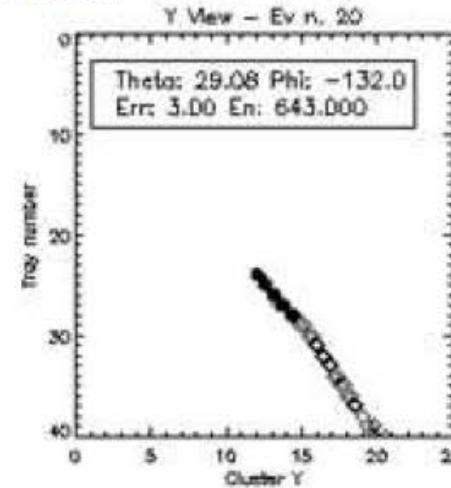
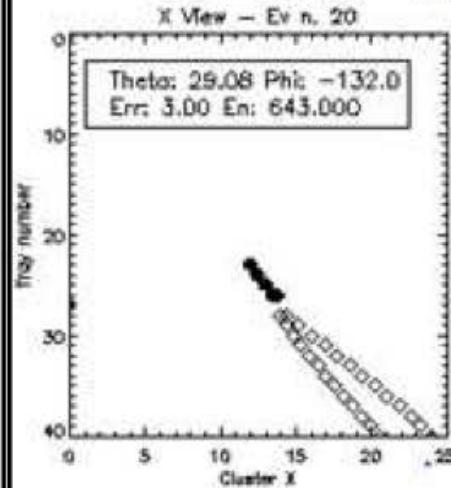
*Compton interaction of a 10 MeV photon producing a low-energy single-track electron, and depositing energy in the Calorimeter for a 30° incidence*

10 MeV

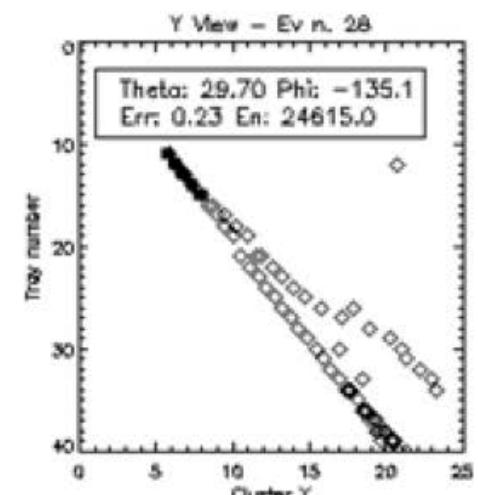
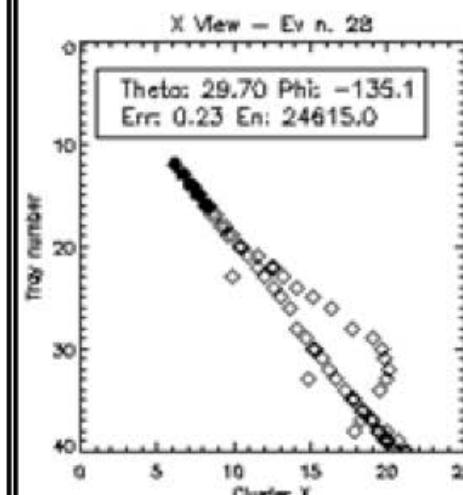
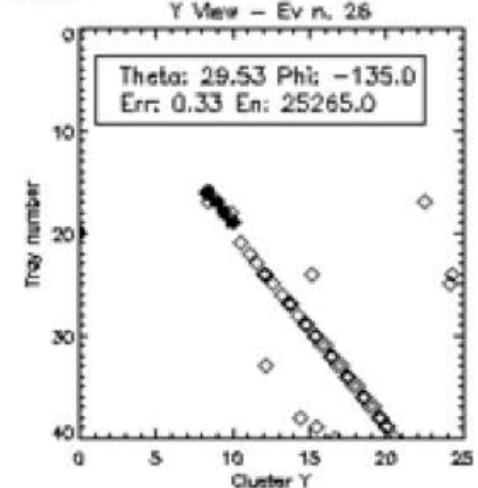
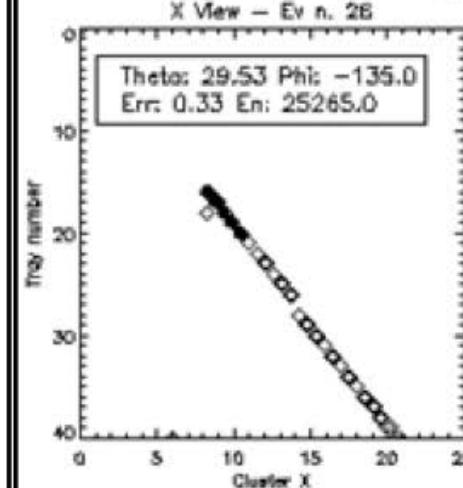


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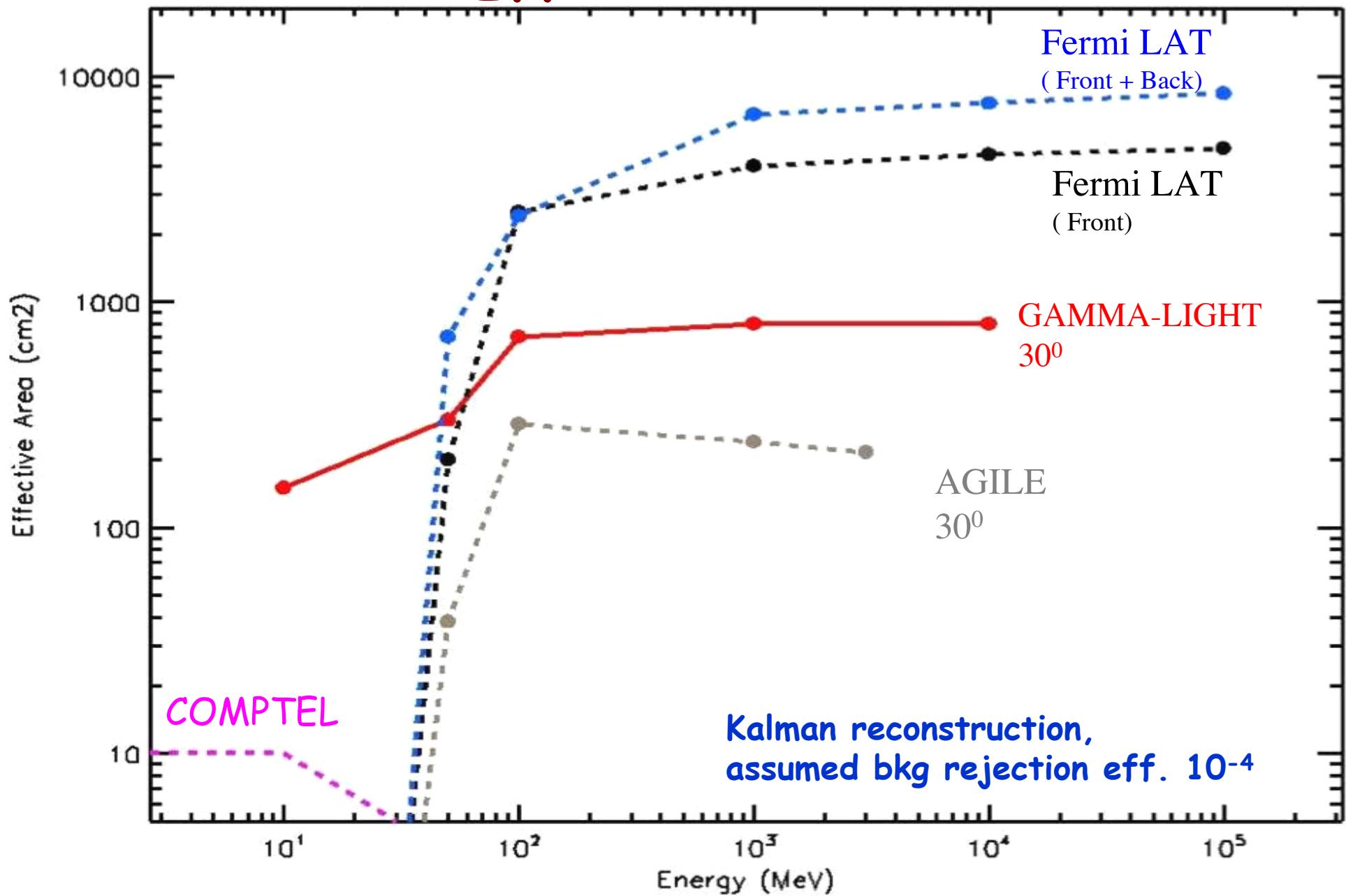
100 MeV



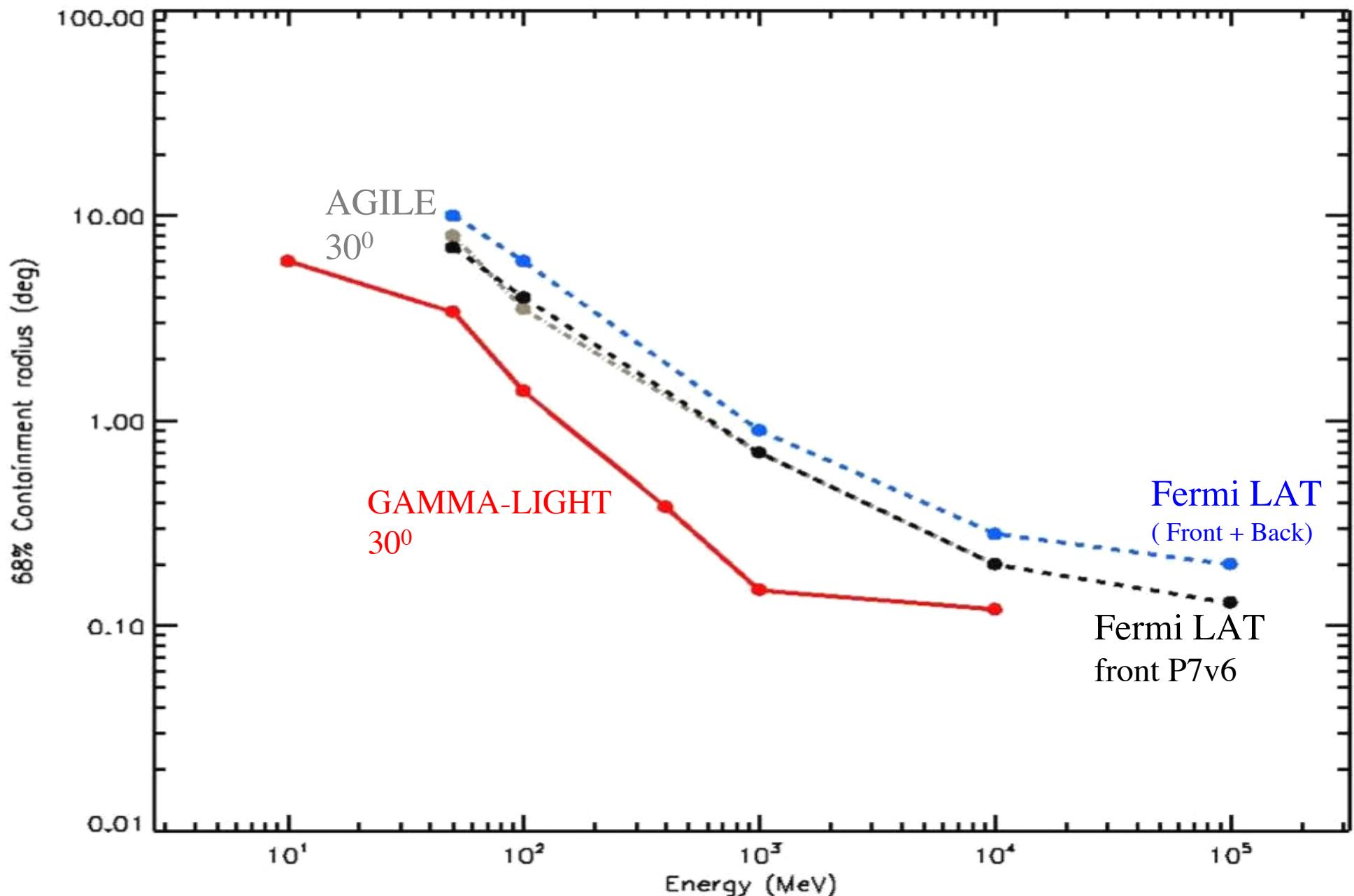
1 GeV



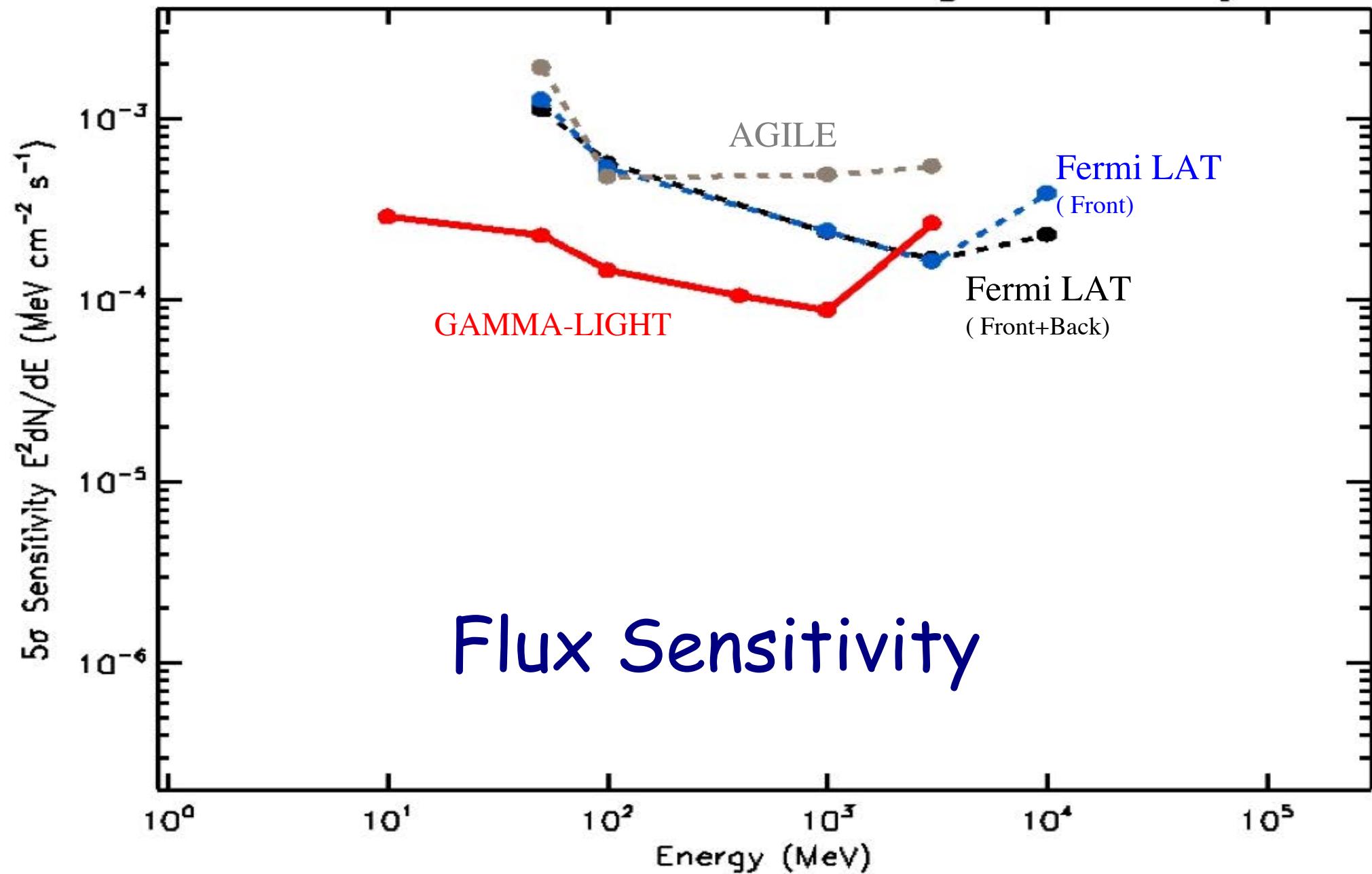
# Effective area



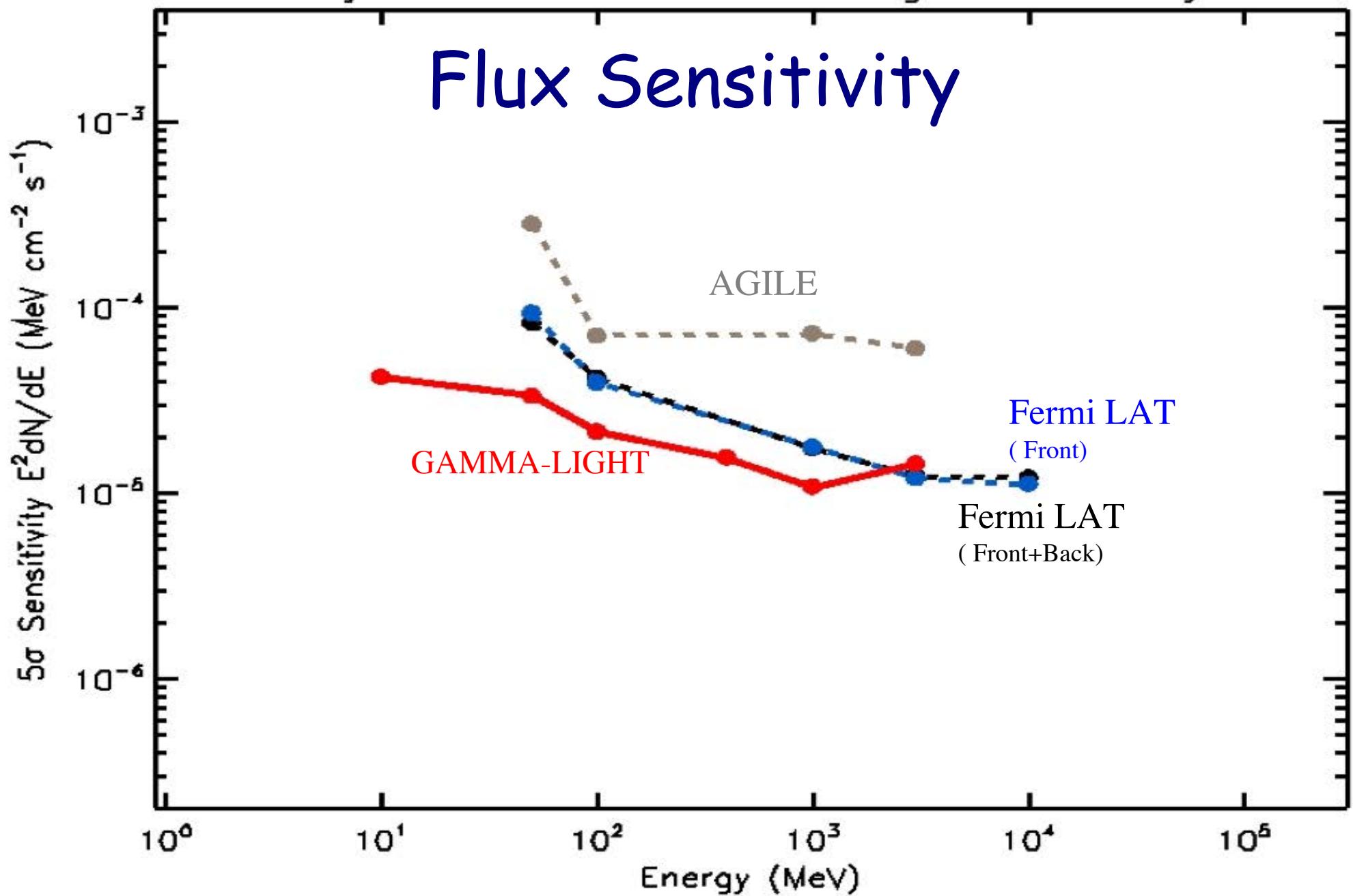
## PSF (68% containment radius)



## 48 hours – Galactic Centre Region Sensitivity



1 year – Galactic Centre Region sensitivity



# Astrophysics Objectives of GAMMA-LIGHT

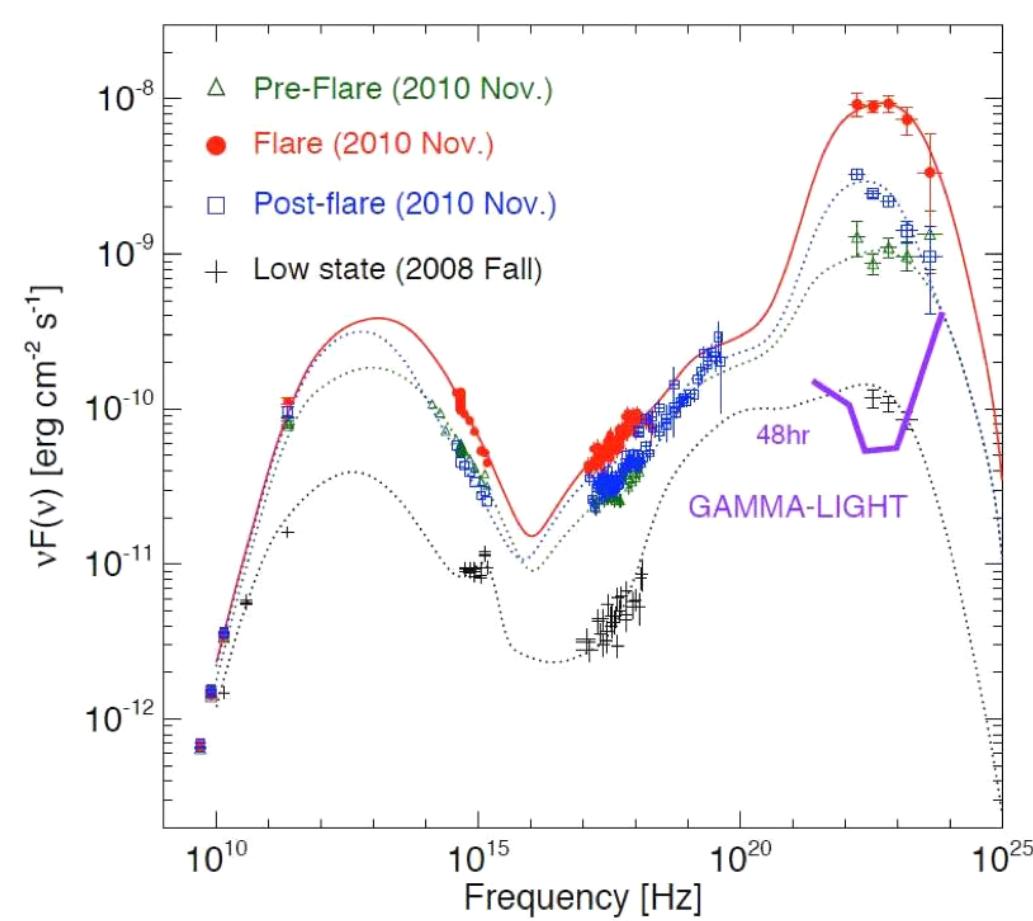
- 1. Search of Dark Matter gamma-ray signatures in the Galaxy and in particular in the Galactic Center region;
- 2. Resolving the Galactic Center region in gamma-rays: the central BH region, GeV and TeV sources, nebulae, compact sources, SNRs;
- 3. Resolving the diffuse emission in the Galactic plane, relation with cosmic-ray propagation, star forming regions in the Galactic plane; extending the cosmic-ray propagation and emission properties of the "Fermi bubbles" to the lowest energies below 100 MeV;
- 4. Resolving spatially and spectrally SNRs and addressing the origin and propagation of cosmic- rays;
- 5. Polarization studies of gamma-ray sources;

# Astrophysics Objectives of GAMMA-LIGHT (cont.)

- 6. Detection of soft gamma-ray pulsars in the range 10-100 MeV, and pulsar wind nebulae studies;
- 7. Detection of compact objects, microquasars, relativistic jets in the range 10 MeV - 1 GeV resolving the issue of hadronic vs. leptonic jets for a variety of sources (e.g., Cyg X-3);
- 8. Detection and localization of transients and exotic sources with much improved sensitivity; detection of Crab Nebula gamma-ray flares with excellent sensitivity down to 10 MeV;
- 9. Blazar studies down to 10 MeV, excellent positioning resolving source confusion;
- 10. GRB excellent capability in the range 10 MeV - 5 GeV; sub-millisecond timing capability in the range 0.3-100 MeV.

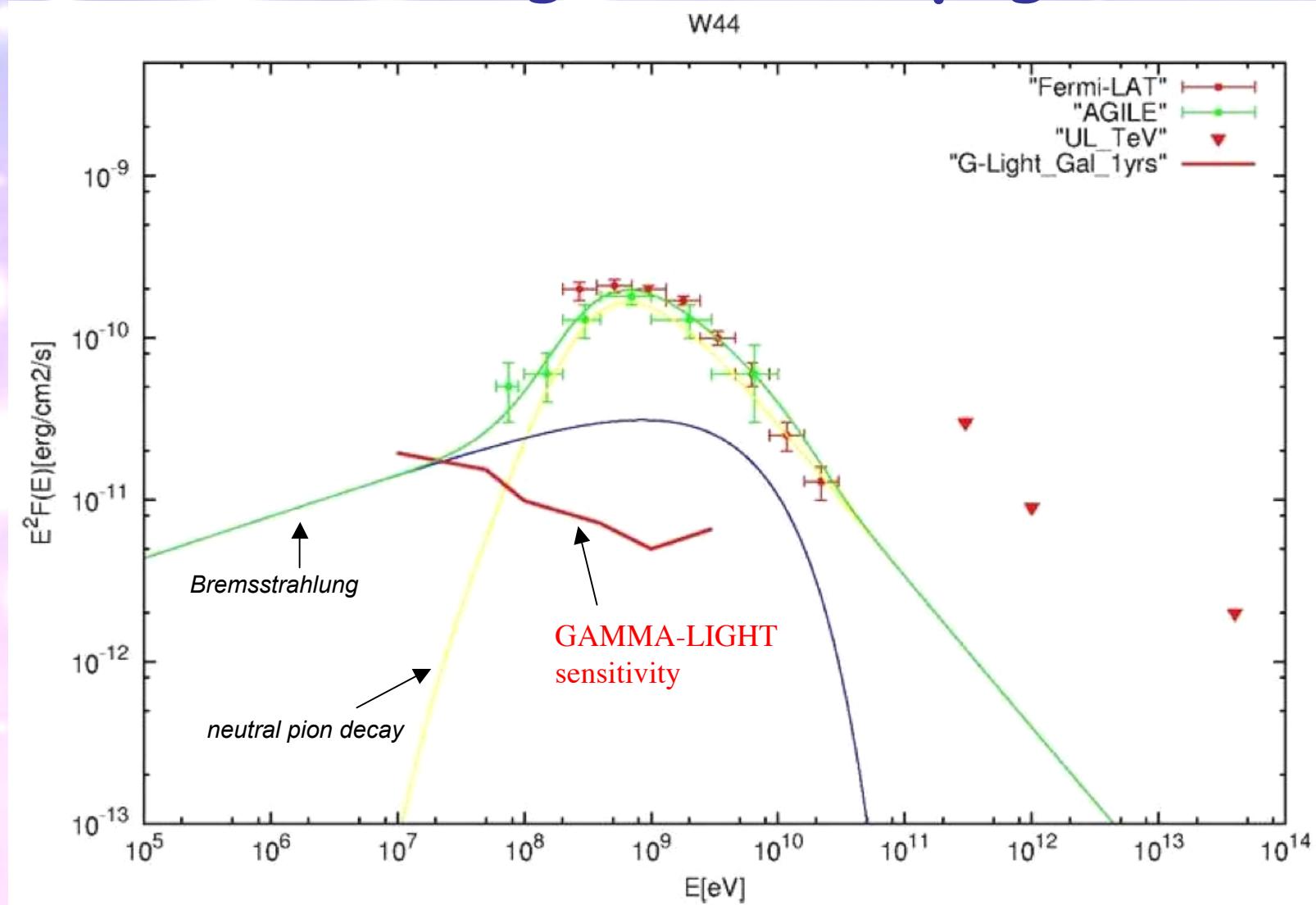
# Extragalactic Sources, Blazars, MeV Blazars

## Multi-epoch SEDs of the FSRQ 3C454.3



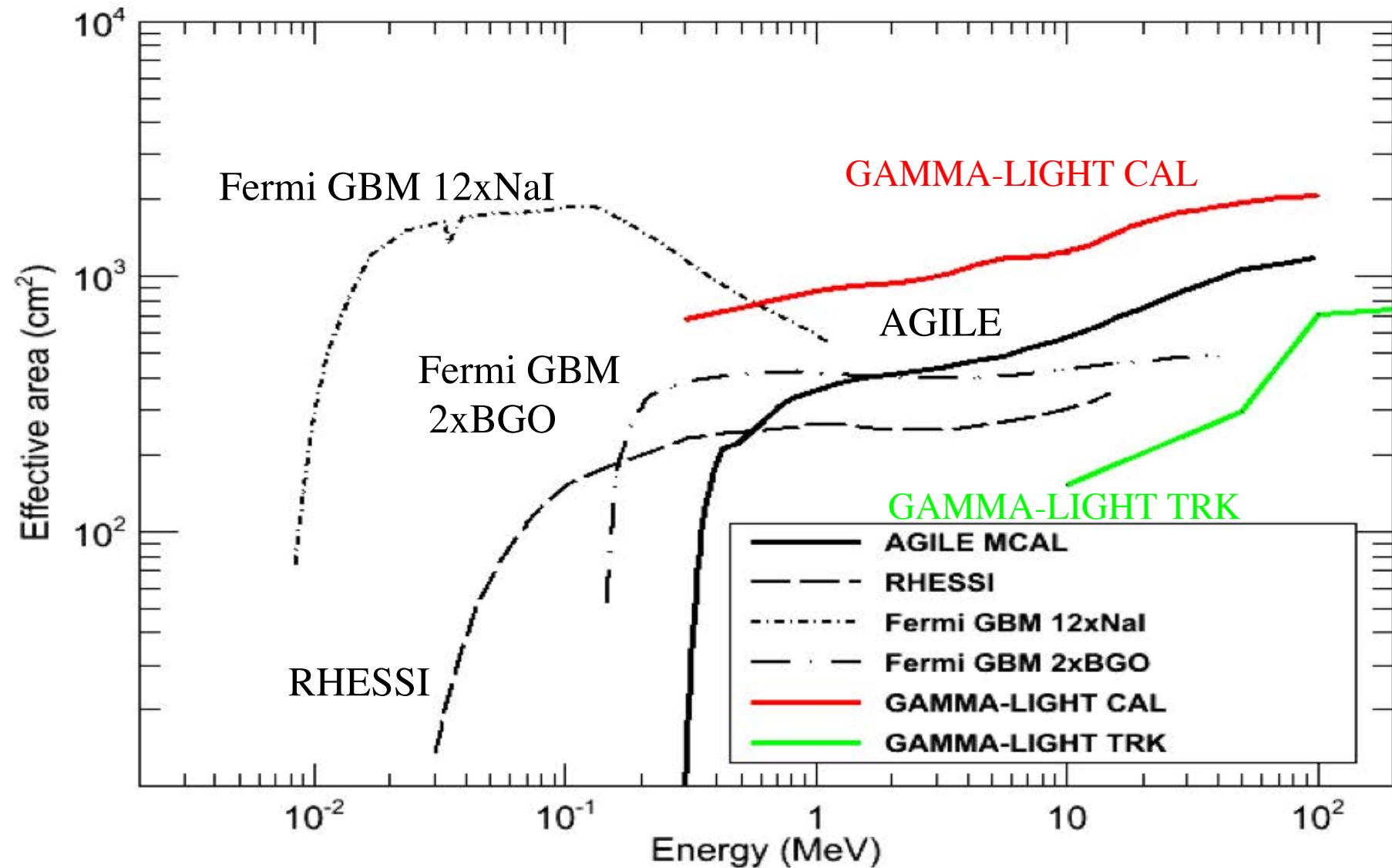
G-LIGHT will allow us to investigate daily (or sub-daily) SEDs during gamma-ray super-flares. The 5-sigma G-LIGHT differential sensitivity (purple line) is computed for an integration time of 48 hours

# SNRs and the Origin and Propagation of CRs



- gamma-ray spectrum of SNRs W44. The red curve shows the expected GAMMA-LIGHT sensitivity for a 1-year effective time integration.

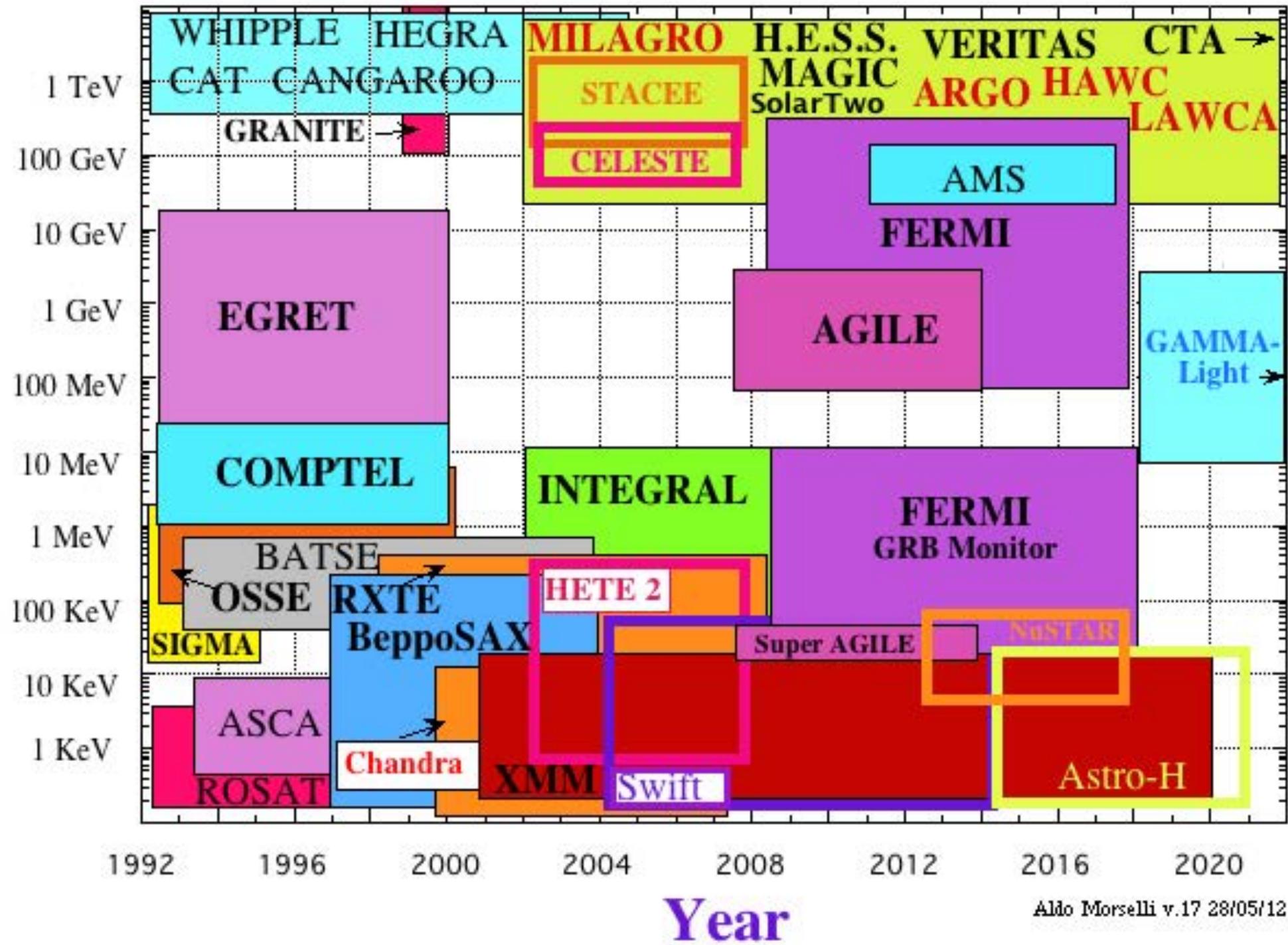
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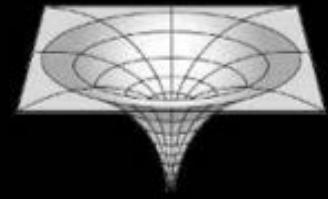
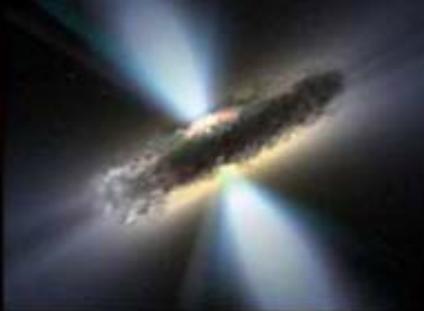
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- G-LIGHT will fill this observational gap and contribute to TGF science with the following points:
- 1) detection of Terrestrial Gamma-Ray Flashes (TGFs) with **extended energy range** and imaging capability obtained by a new strategy for Earth albedo background rejection;
- 2) correlating high-energy TGFs with local and global meteorological data, addressing local climate and Climate Change issues;
- 3) studying the impact of TGFs and "**high-energy**"-TGFs for the atmospheric chemistry and particle transport including gamma-ray and neutron generation and atmospheric propagation to the ground;
- 4) maintaining an updated **TGF archive**, available to ESA and meteorological institutions.

**Energy**



**Year**



thank you for the attention

