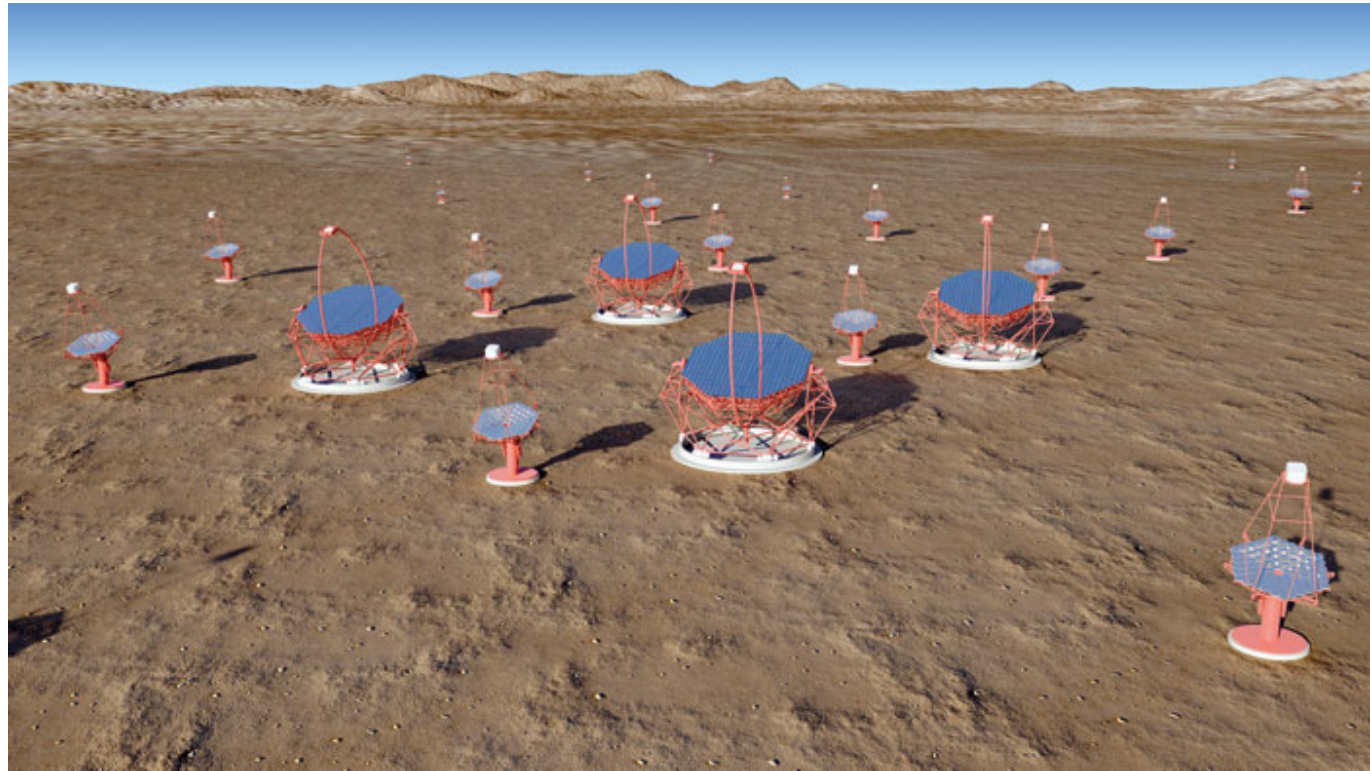


# Raggi gamma da terra: il futuro

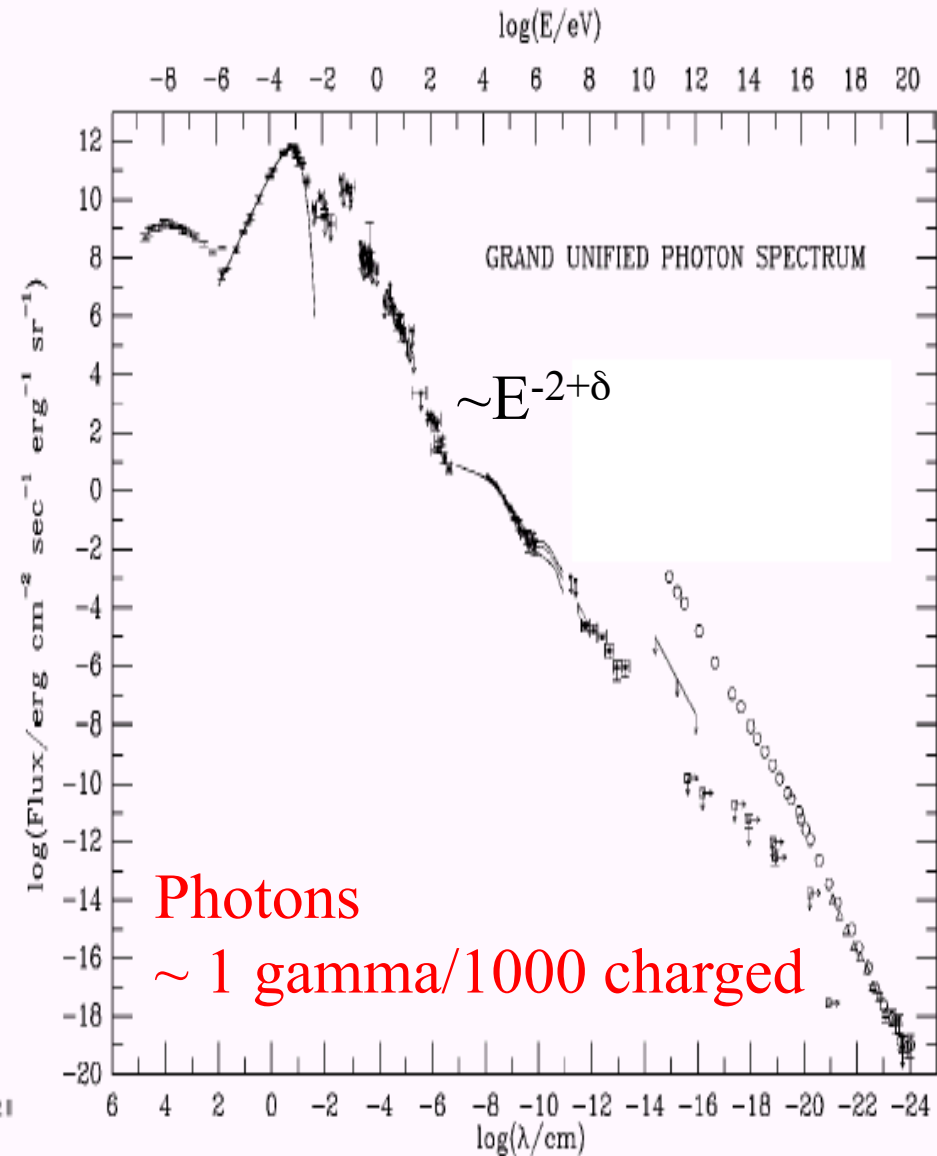
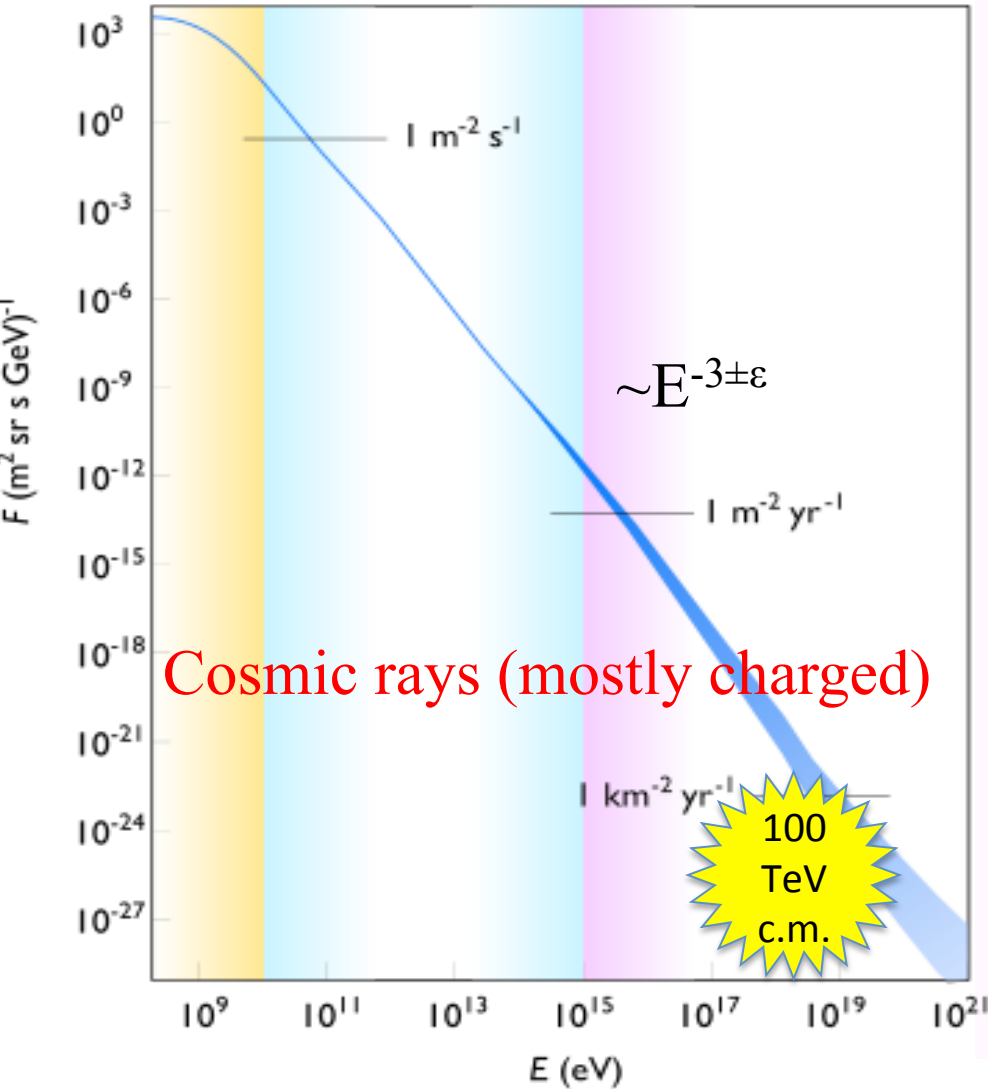
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- VHE gamma rays: introduction; physics goals; detection techniques
- Physics: answers and questions from present detectors
- Future large projects: Cherenkov vs. EAS
- What more can be done in the next 20 years?



# Very-High Energy gamma rays

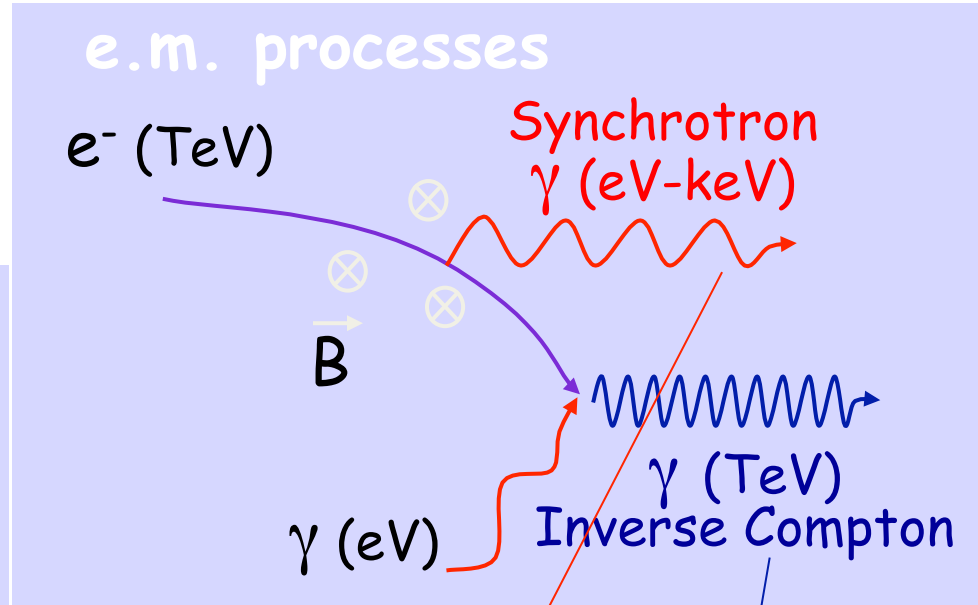




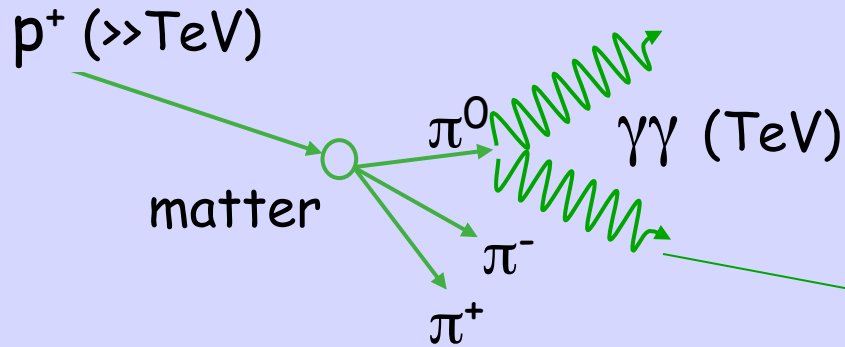
# How are VHE (above 30 GeV) gamma rays produced?

- Radiation from accelerated charged particles
  - Interaction with photon fields & clouds
  - Hadronic and leptonic mechanisms at work
    - Hadronic: photons are signatures of hadrons at energies  $\sim 10x$
- But also (unobserved up to now)
  - Top-down mechanisms
  - New particles? Dark matter?

# Cosmic $\gamma$ rays: different production mechanisms expected to be at work

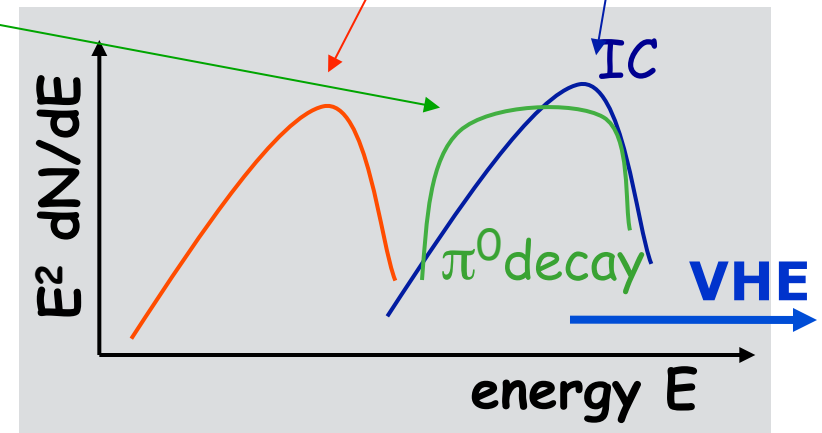


## hadronic cascades



In the VHE region,  
 $dN/dE \sim E^{-\Gamma}$  ( $\Gamma$ : spectral index)

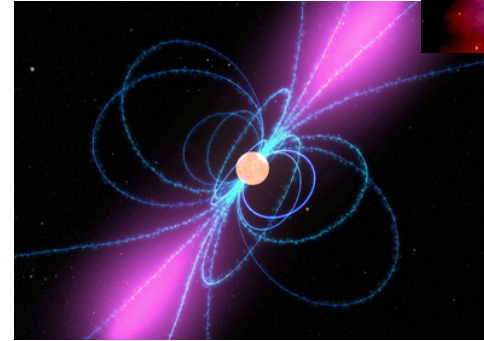
To distinguish between had/leptonic origin  
 study Spectral Energy Distribution (SED):  
 (differential flux)  $\cdot E^2$



# Where are these extreme environments?

**In our galaxy**

Mostly stellar endproducts:  
SNRs, Pulsars



**In other galaxies**

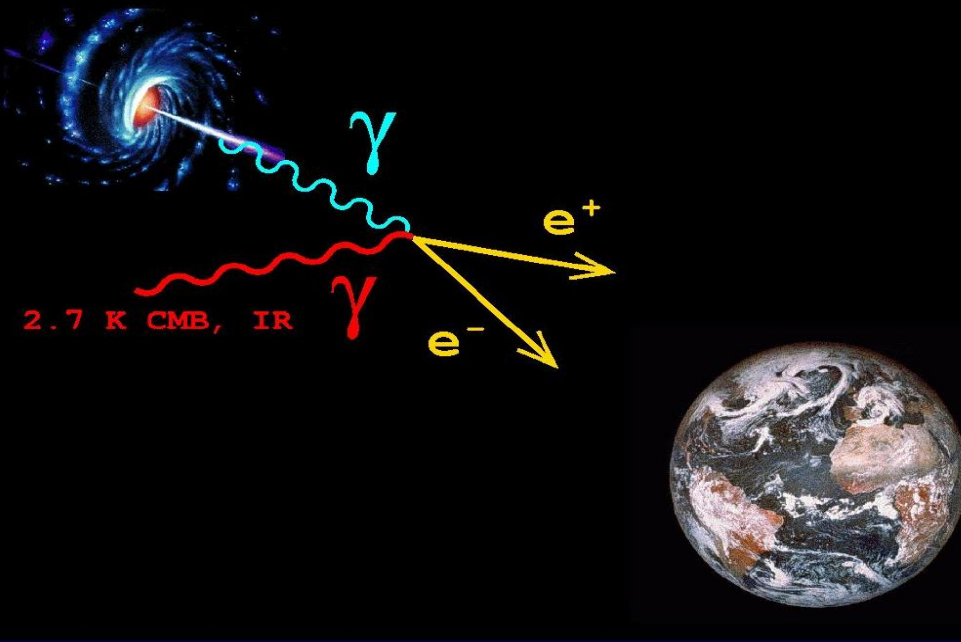
Active Galactic Nuclei



Gamma-Ray Bursts



# How do gamma rays reach us?



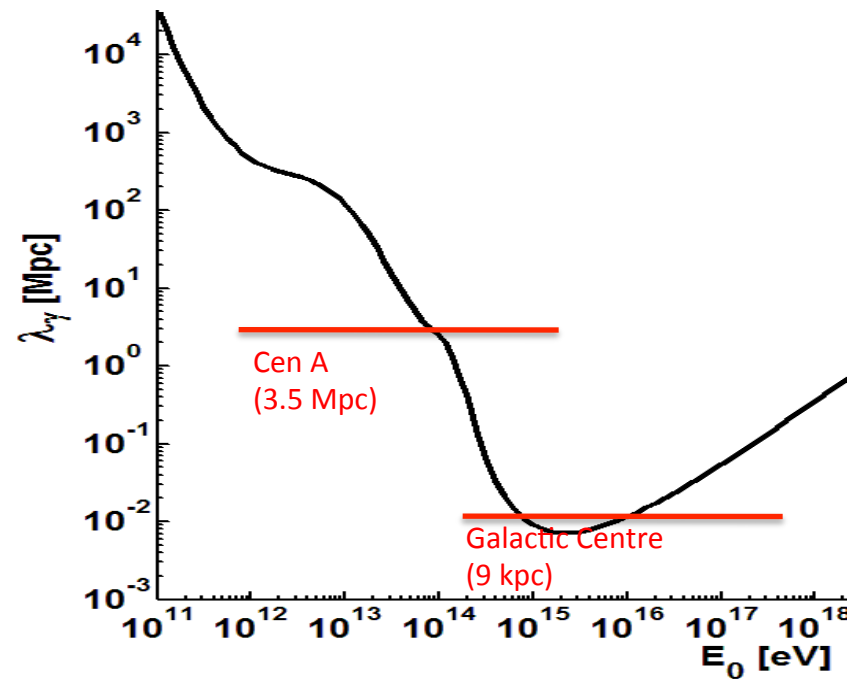
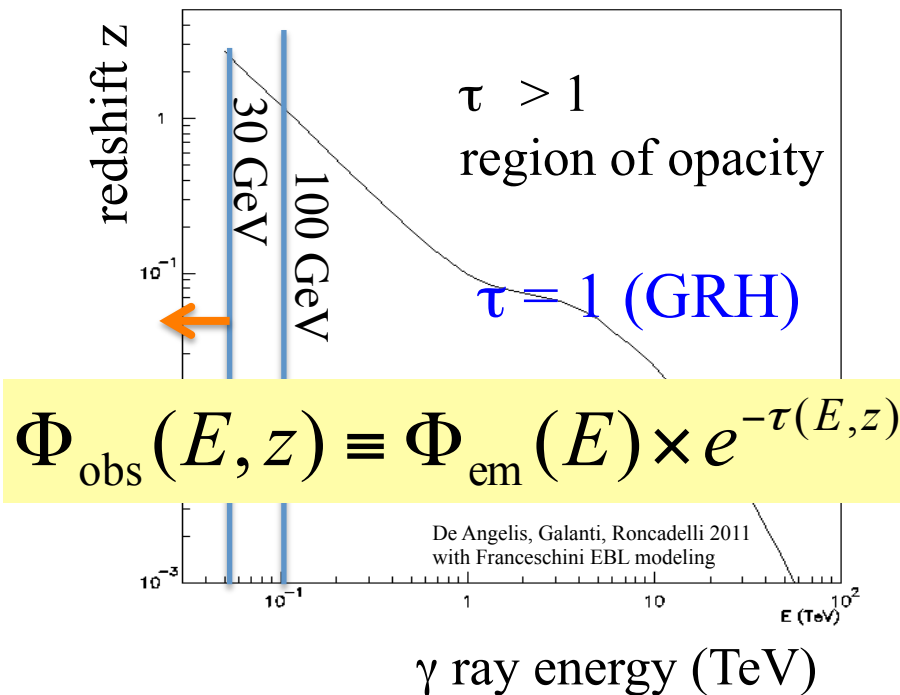
$$\gamma_{\text{VHE}} \gamma_{\text{bck}} \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

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

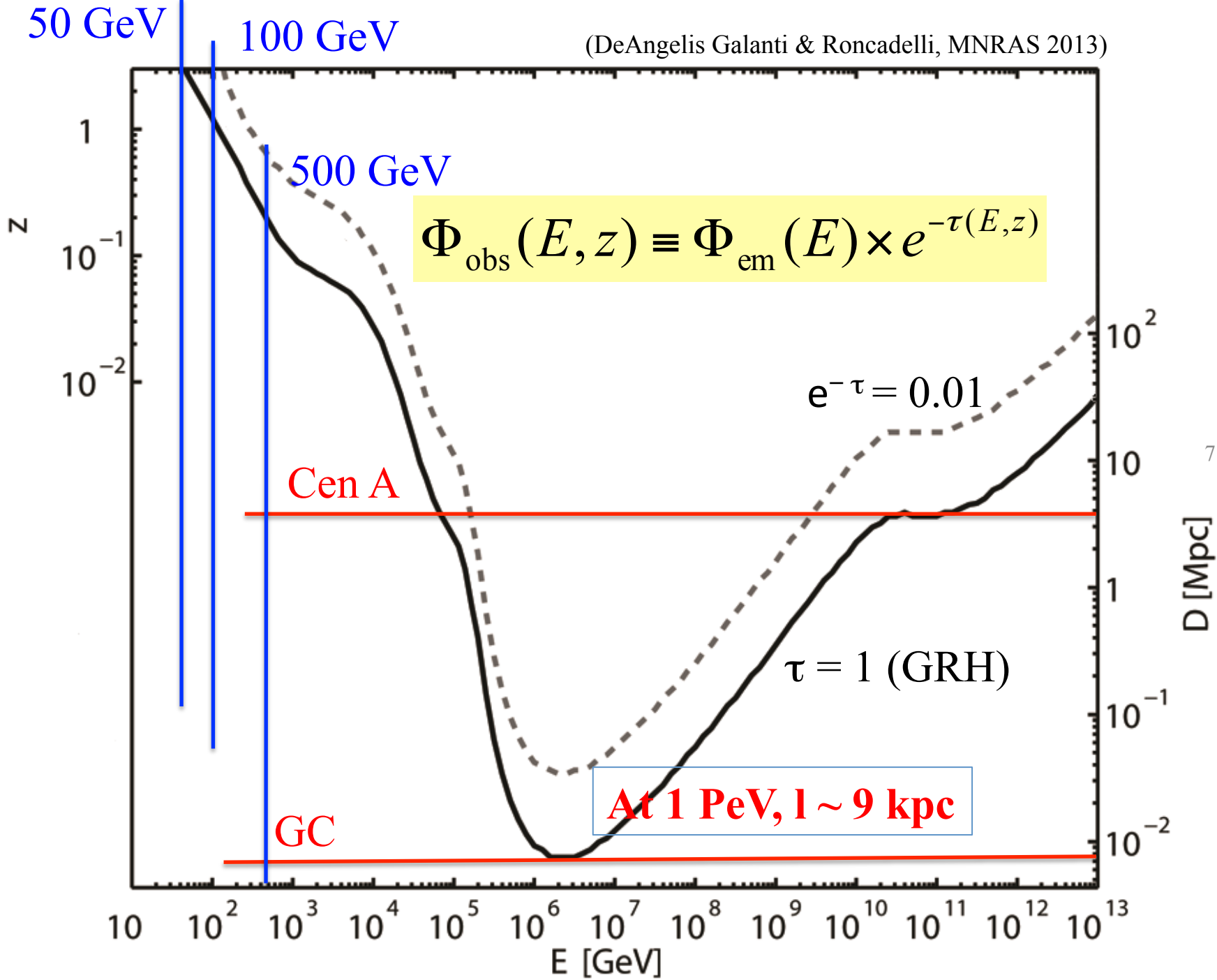
Max for:

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

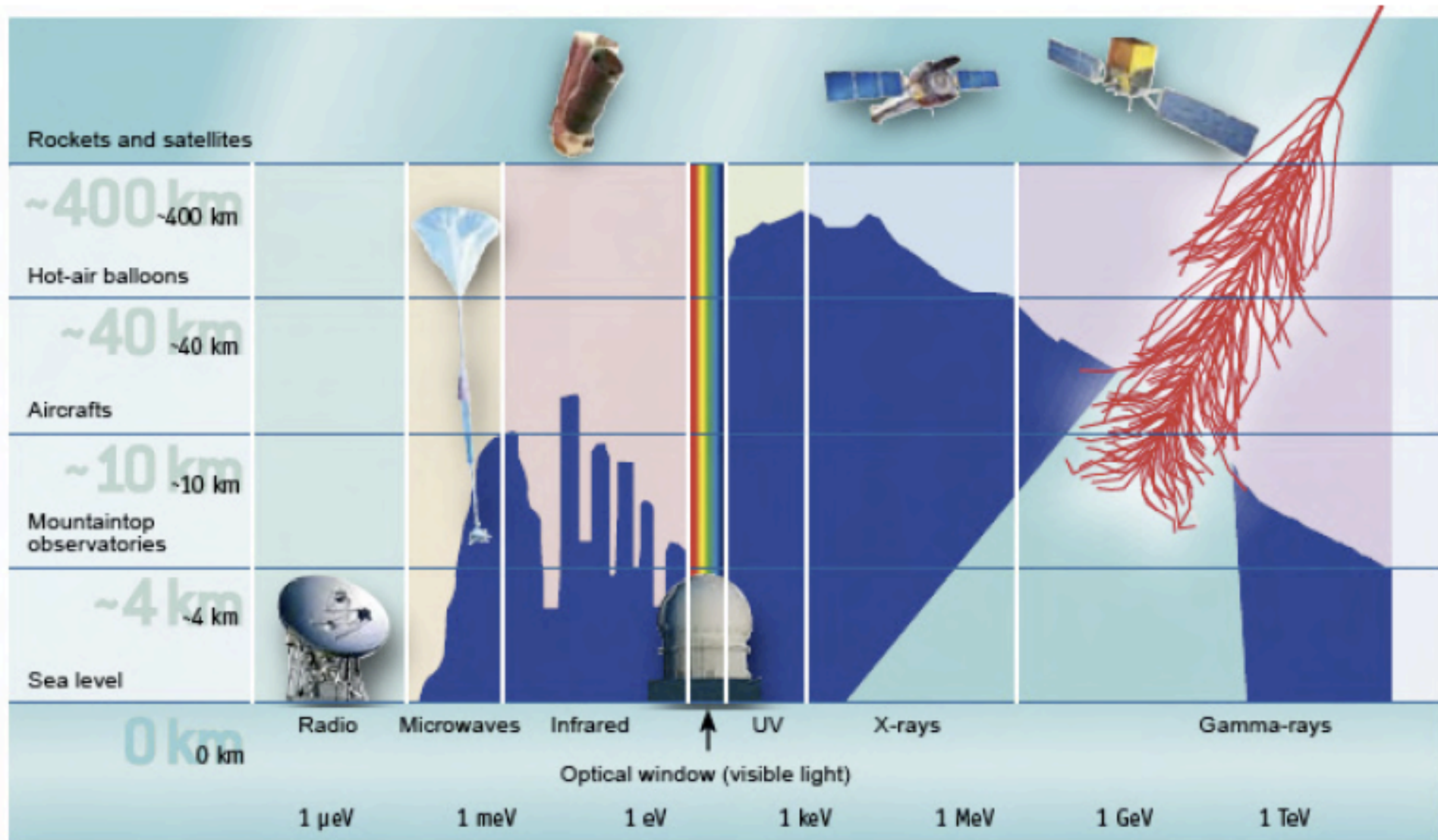
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# Gamma rays interact with the atmosphere

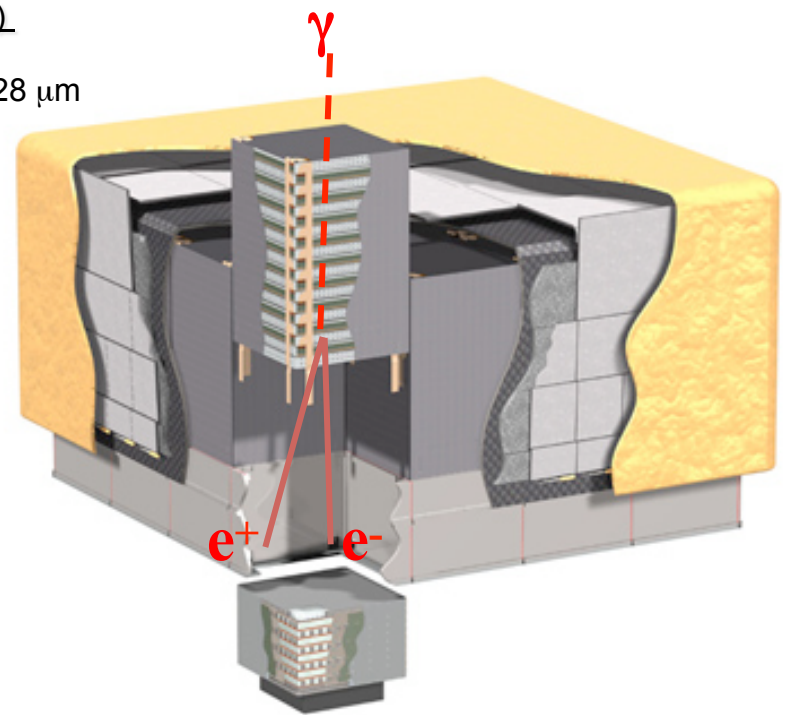


=> GeV (HE) detection requires satellites; TeV (VHE) can be done at ground

# Detectors

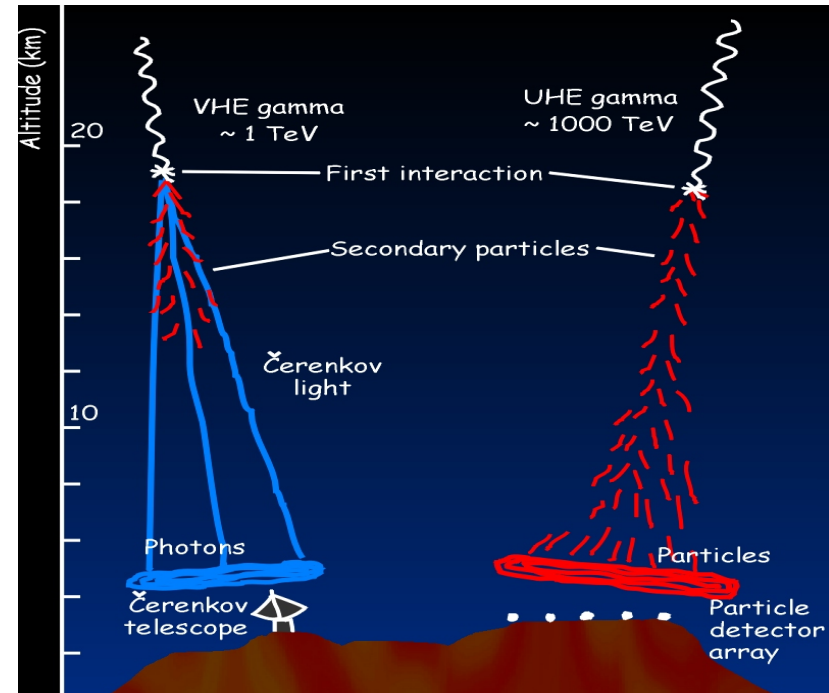
## Precision Si-strip Tracker (TKR)

18 XY tracking planes  
Single-sided silicon strip detectors 228  $\mu\text{m}$   
pitch,  $8.8 \cdot 10^5$  channels  
Measure the photon direction

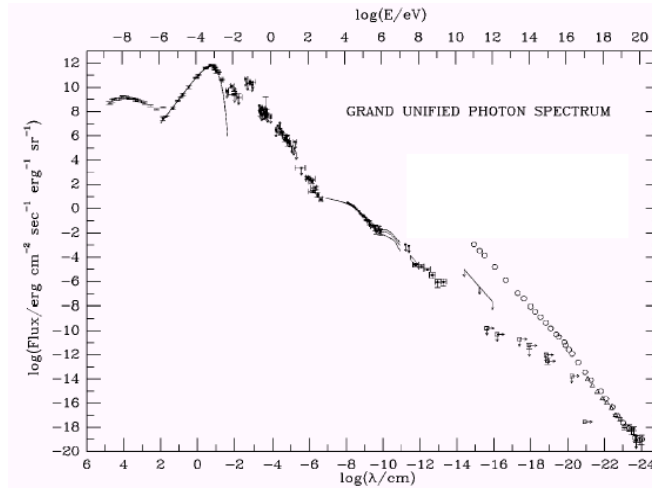


- Satellites (AGILE, Fermi)
  - Silicon tracker (+calorimeter)
- Cherenkov telescopes (HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS)
- Extensive Air Shower det. (ARGO): RPC, scintillators

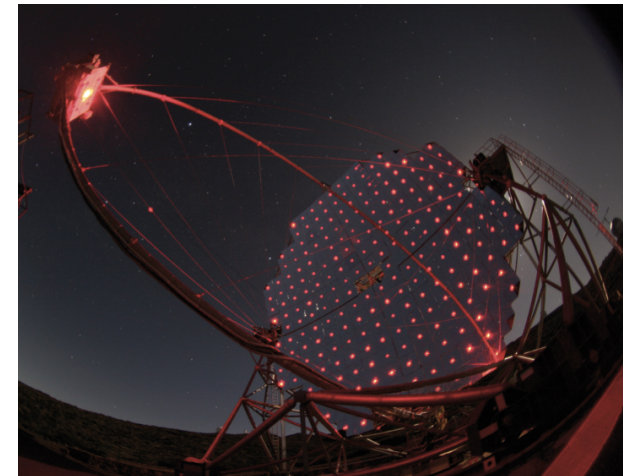
HEP detectors!



# Why detection at ground?



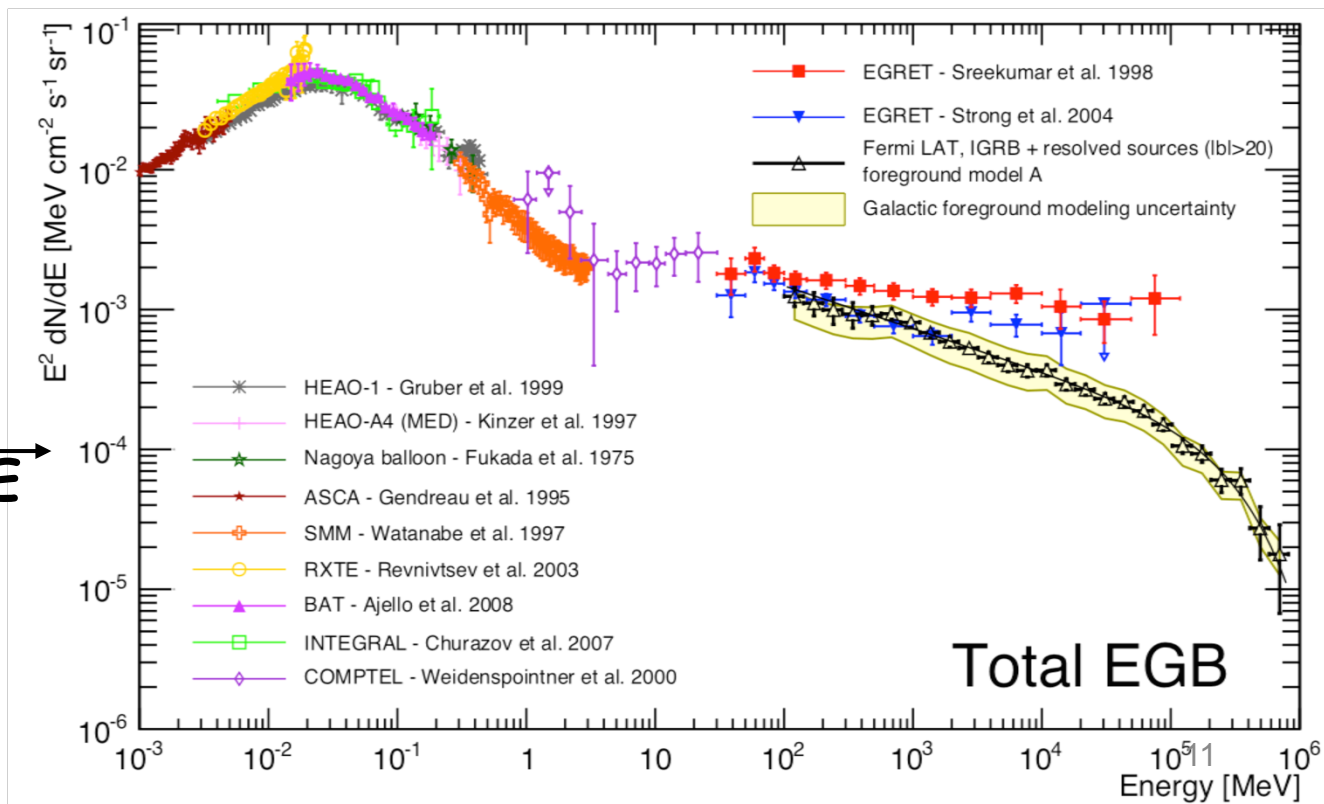
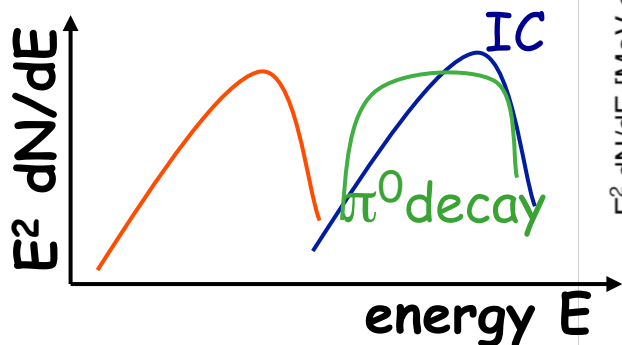
- High energies
  - Only way to build sensitive  $>\text{TeV}$  instruments
  - Maximum flux  $< 1$  photon/h/m<sup>2</sup> above 200 GeV
- High statistics /short timescales
  - Large collection areas  $O(\text{km}^2)$
- Precision (Cherenkov telescopes)
  - Superior angular resolution
- Limitations?
  - IACTs
    - Smaller duty cycle
    - Smaller field of view
  - EAS ground particle detectors
    - Modest resolution and background rejection power
  - Complementary approaches



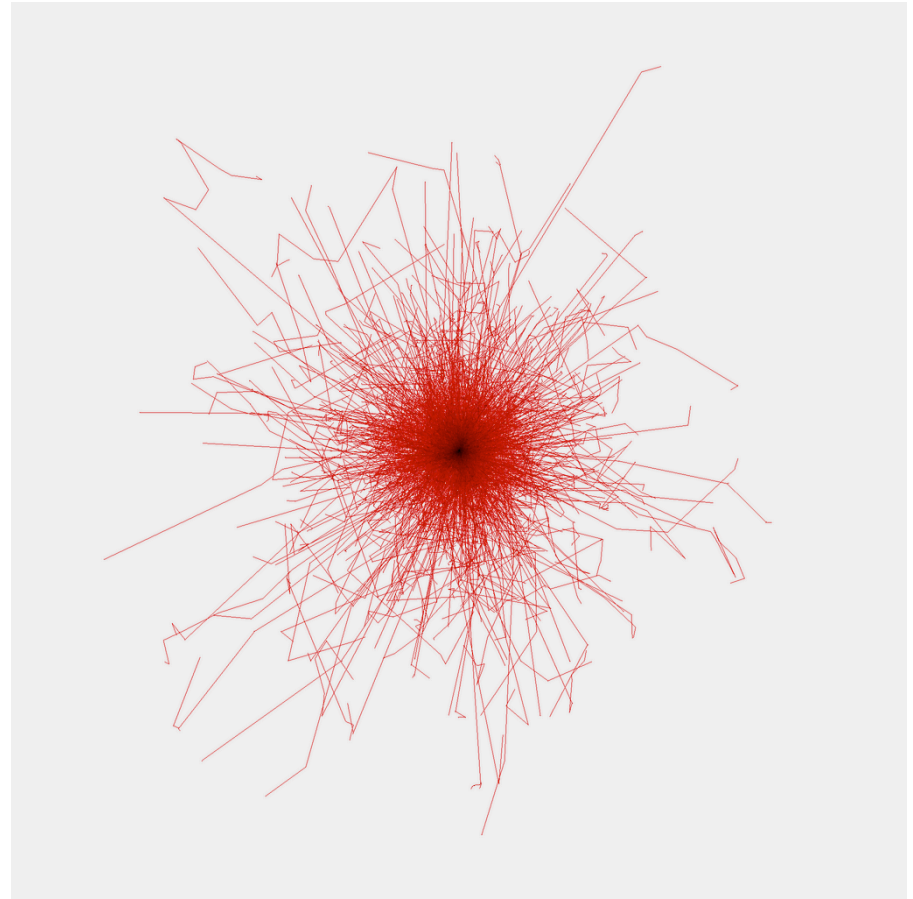
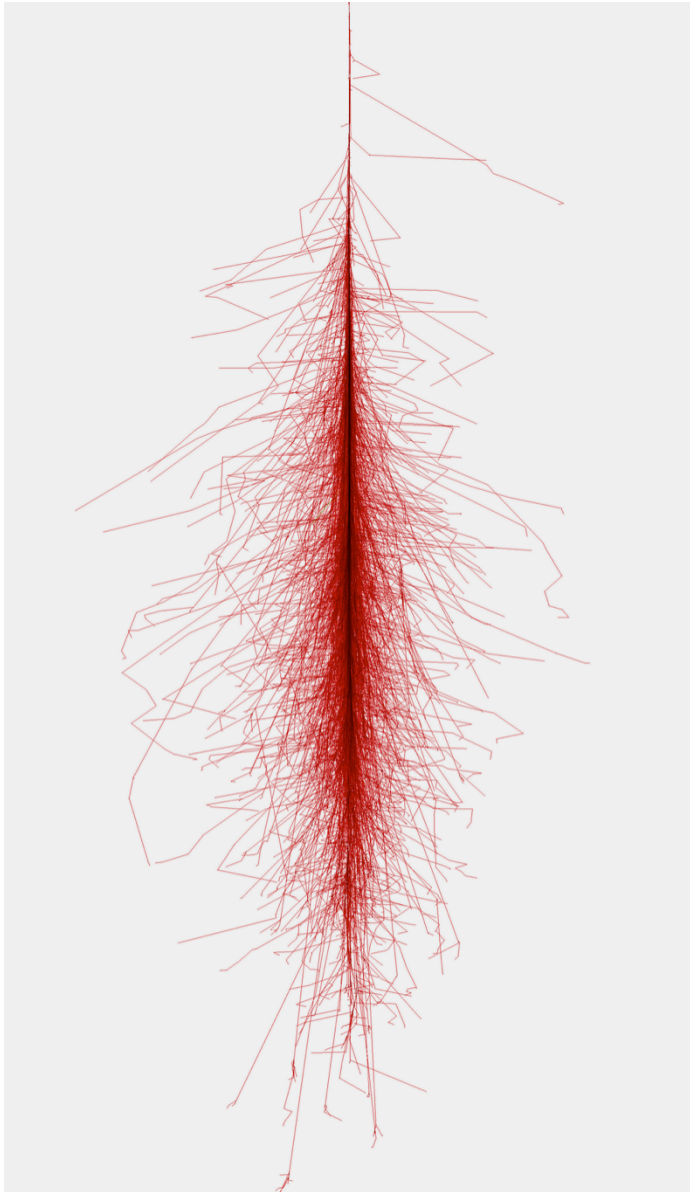


# Back to the diffuse spectrum...

- If the dominant mechanism is SSC or hadronic, and if the bulk of the diffuse gamma spectrum is from unresolved sources, we expect a cutoff in the TeV-PeV region

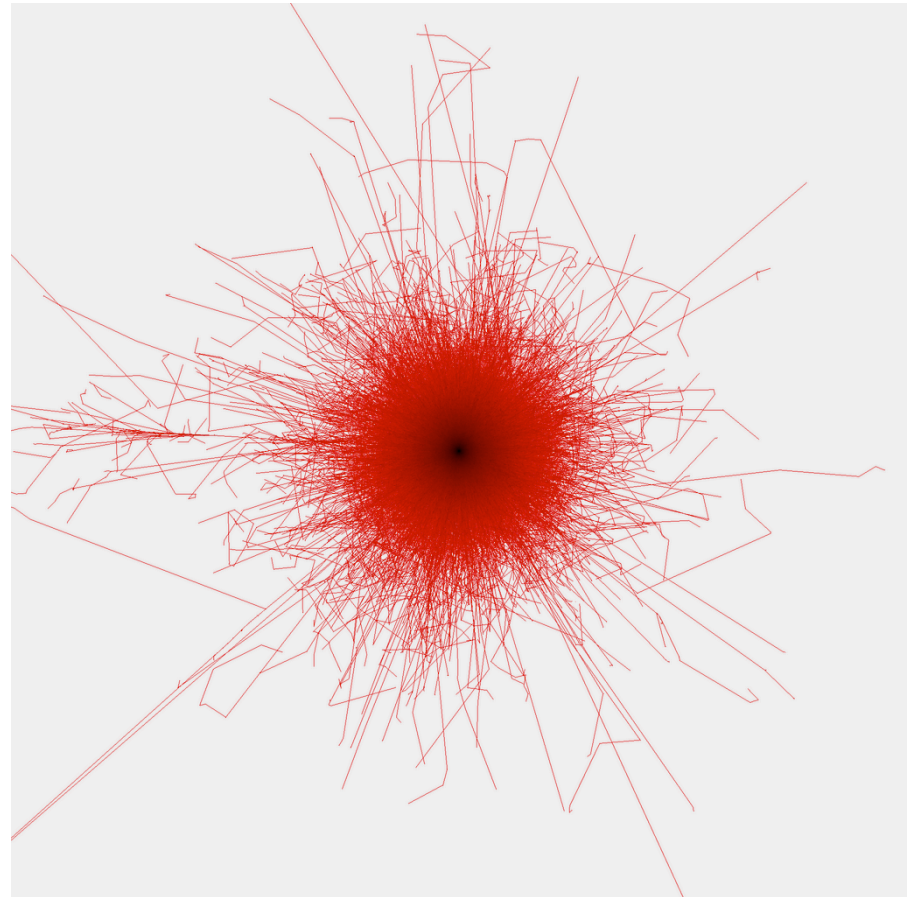
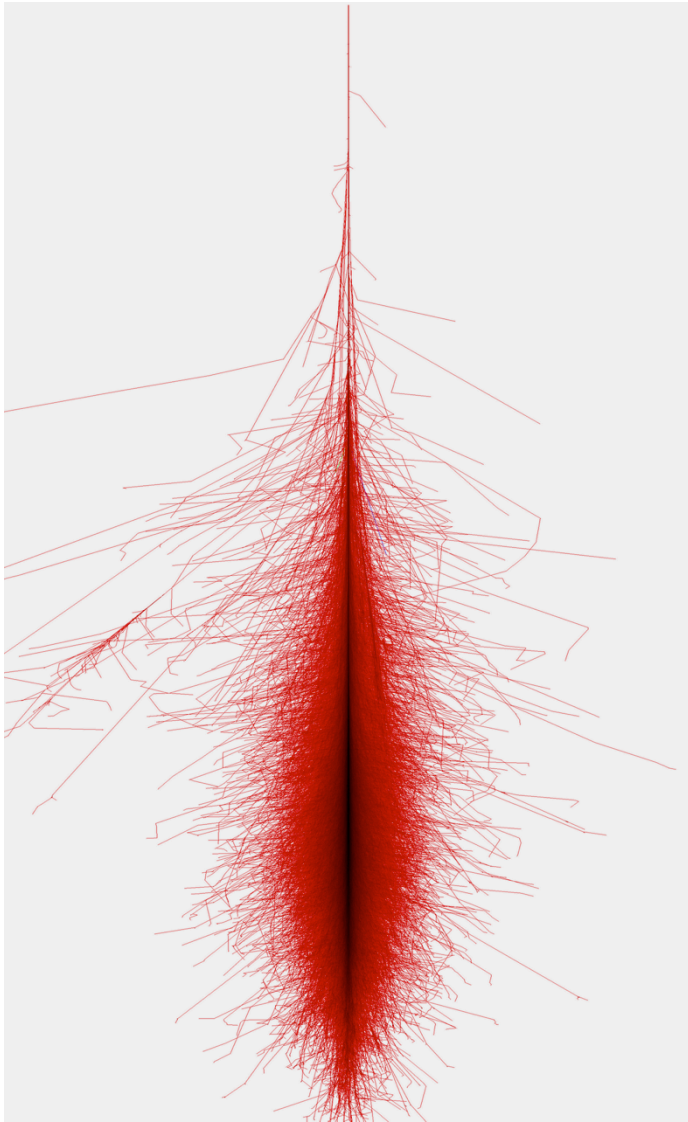


# The main experimental problem: $\gamma$ /hadron separation

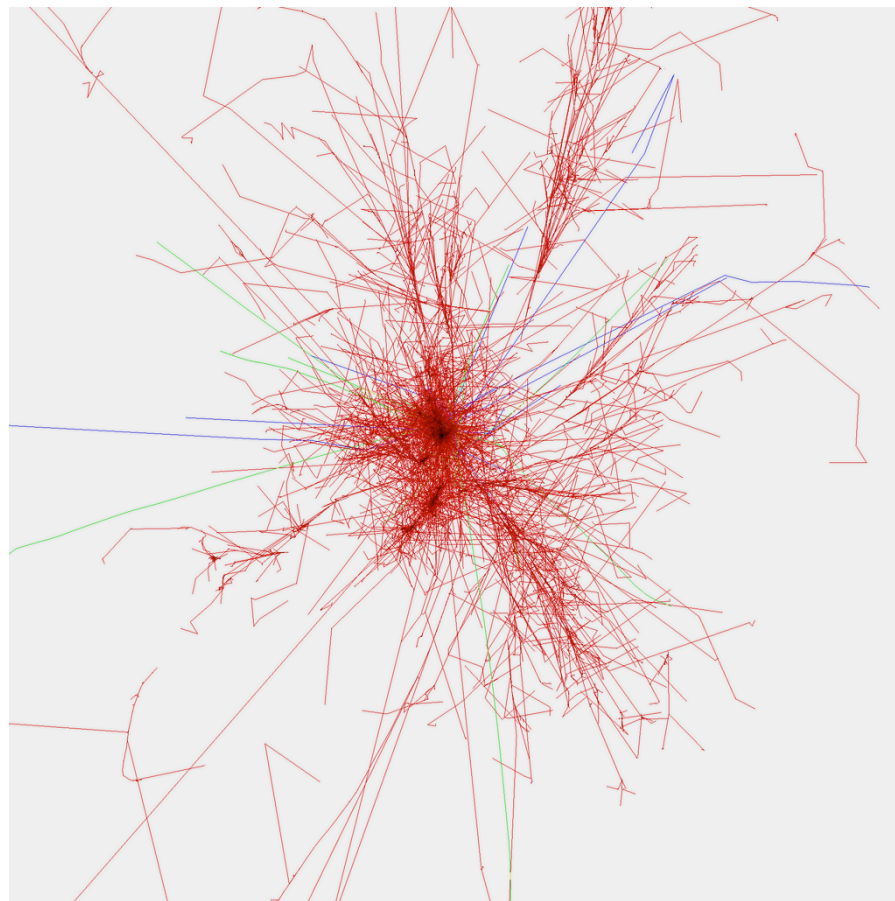
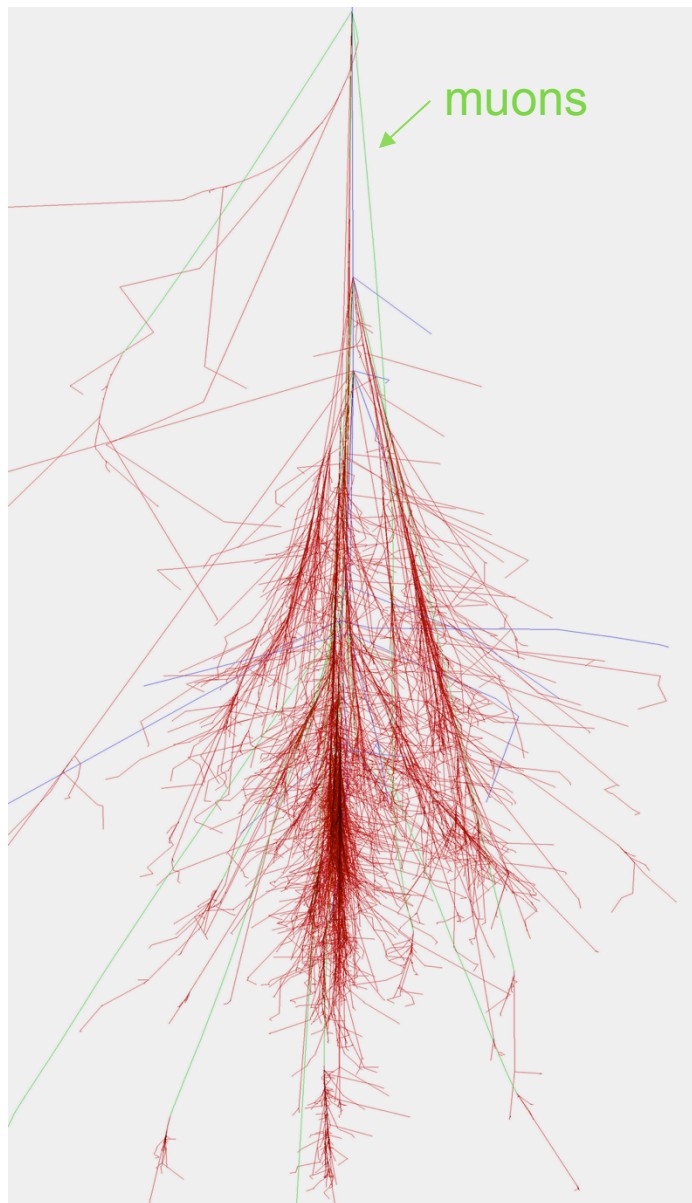


Simulated gamma  
in the atmosphere:  
50 GeV

# Simulated gamma 1 TeV



# Simulated proton 100 GeV (the ennemy)







VERITAS



MAGIC



HAWC



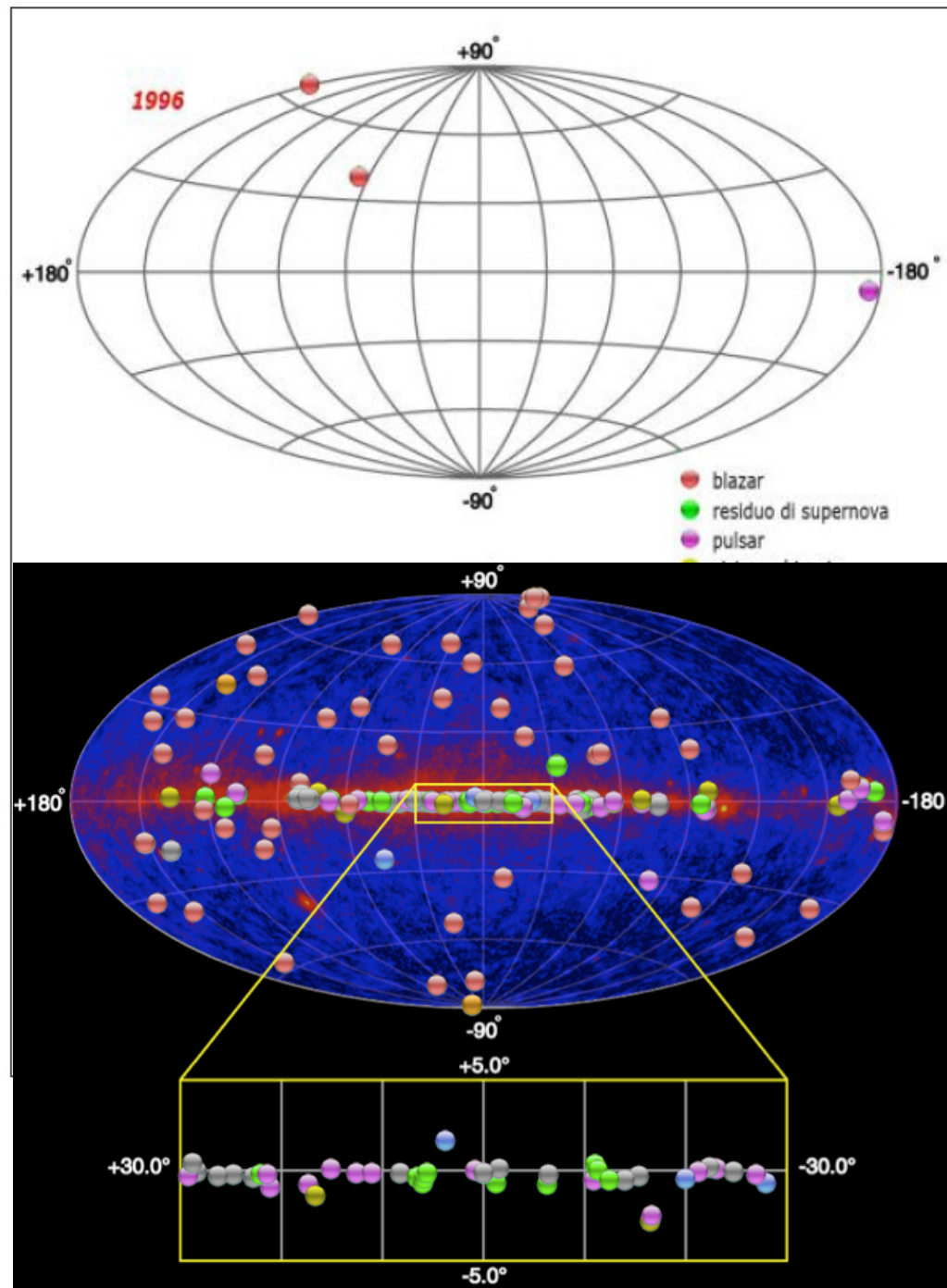
HESS





# Highlight in $\gamma$ -ray astrophysics (mostly HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS)

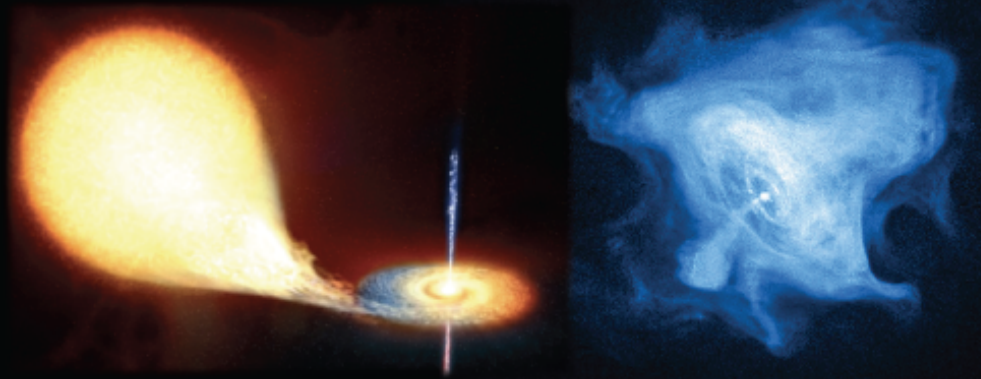
- Thanks mostly to Cherenkov telescopes, imaging of VHE ( $> 30$  GeV) galactic sources and discovery of many new galactic and extragalactic sources:  $\sim 200$  (and  $>200$  papers) in the last 9 years
  - And also a better knowledge of the diffuse gammas and electrons
- A comparable success in HE (the Fermi realm); a 10x increase in the number of sources
- A new tool for cosmic-ray physics and fundamental physics



# TeV Impact

Highlights from **HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS & MILAGRO**

- *Microquasars*: **Science** 309, 746 (2005), **Science** 312, 1771 (2006)
- *Pulsars*: **Science** 322, 1221 (2008), **Science** 334, 69 (2011)
- *Supernova Remnants*: **Nature** 432, 75 (2004)
- *The Galactic Centre*: **Nature** 439, 695 (2006)
- *Surveys*: **Science** 307, 1839 (2005), **PRL** 95, 251103 (2005)
- *Starbursts*: **Nature** 462, 770 (2009), **Science** 326, 1080 (2009)
- *AGN*: **Science** 314, 1424 (2006), **Science** 325, 444 (2009)
- *EBL*: **Nature** 440, 1018 (2006), **Science** 320, 752 (2008)
- *Dark Matter*: **PRL** 96, 221102 (2006), **PRL** 106, 161301 (2011)
- *Lorentz Invariance*: **PRL** 101, 170402 (2008)
- *Cosmic Ray Electrons*: **PRL** 101, 261104 (2009)





# EAS



- Pro: wide field of view, continuous operation
- Minus: not yet the sensitivity (can be cured)
- Transients: plus is serendipity, can be the trigger; minus is sensitivity



# The Cherenkov technique

Incoming  
 $\gamma$ -ray

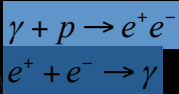
$\theta_c \sim 1^\circ$   
e Threshold @  
sl: 21 MeV

Maximum of a 1 TeV  
shower

$\sim 8$  Km asl

$\sim 200$  photons/m<sup>2</sup> in  
the visible

Angular spread  $\sim 0.5^\circ$



Cherenkov light

$1^\circ$

$\sim 120$  m

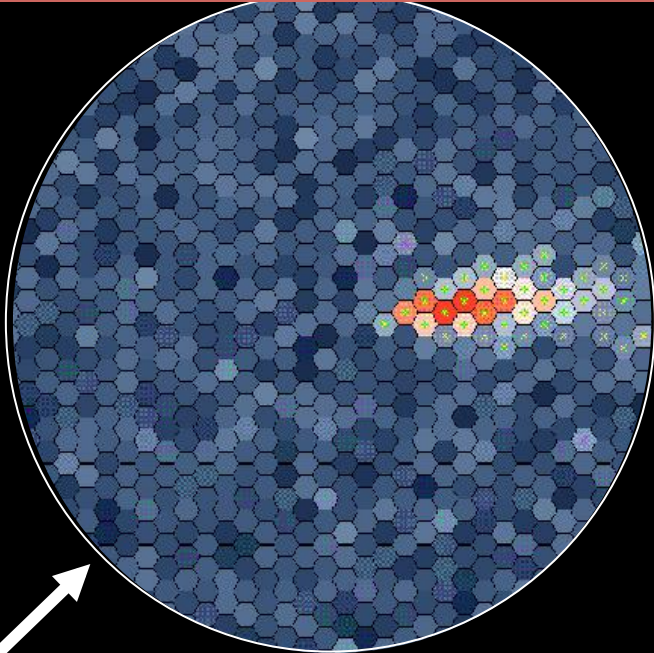


Image intensity

➔ Shower energy

Image orientation

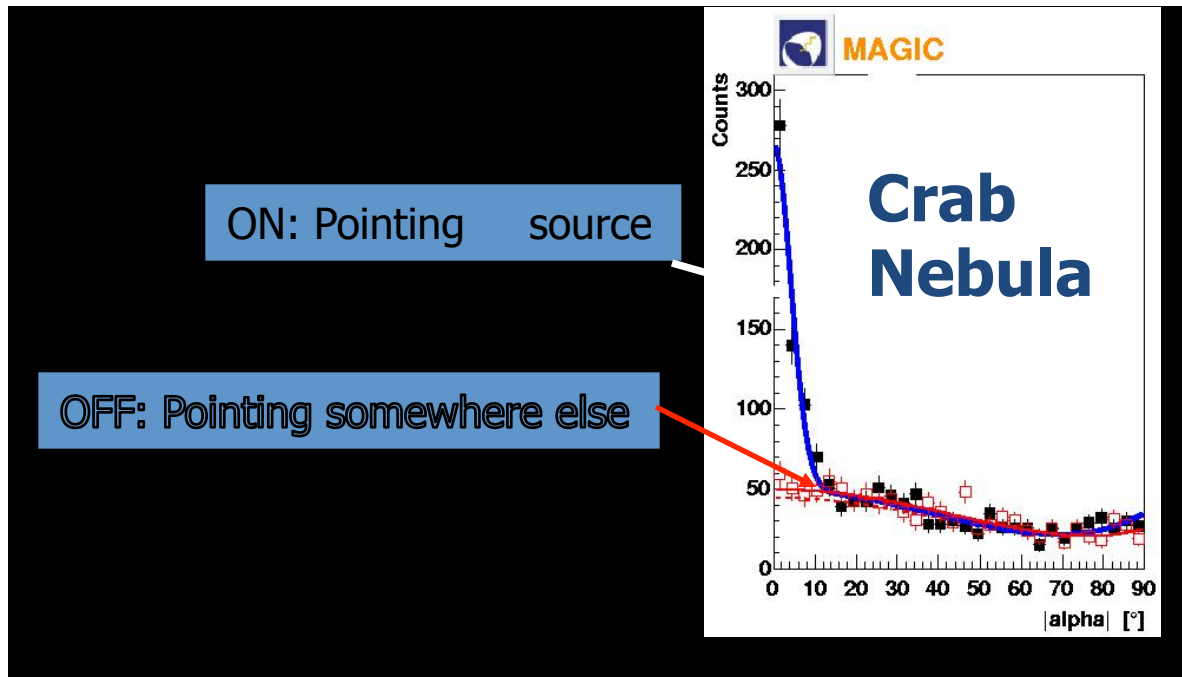
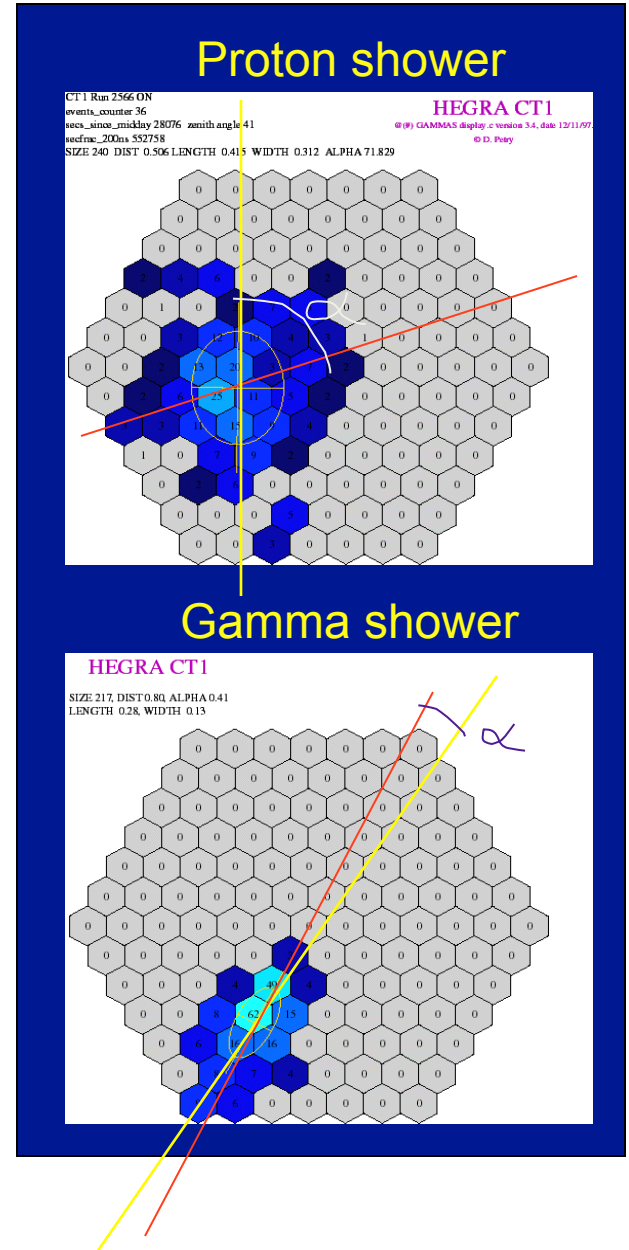
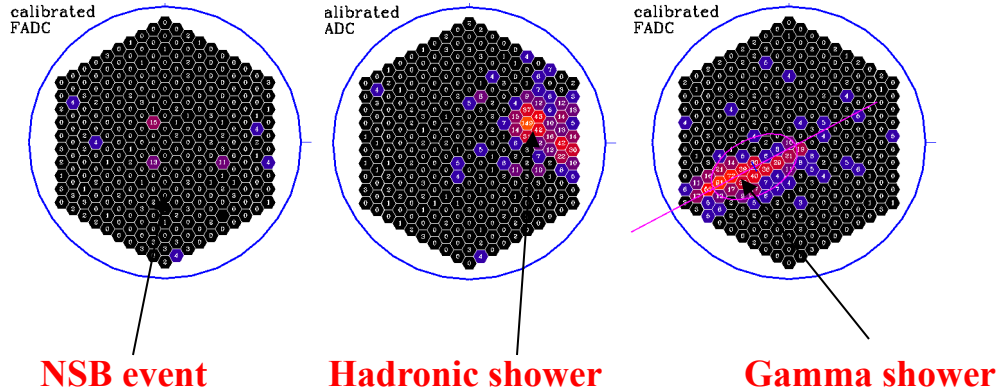
➔ Shower direction

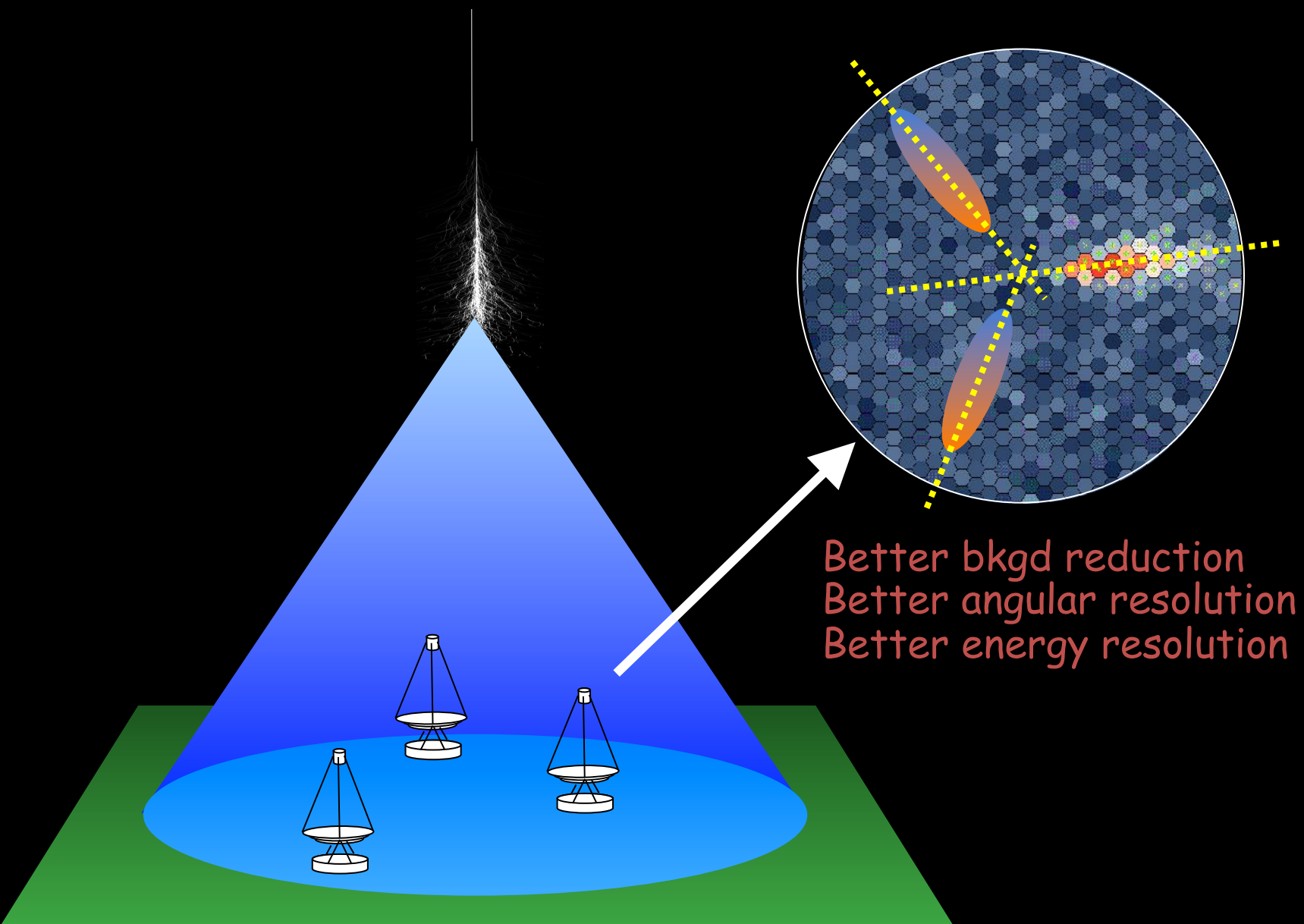
Image shape

➔ Primary particle

Signal duration:  $\sim 3\text{ns}$

# $\gamma/h$ Separation





Better bkgd reduction  
Better angular resolution  
Better energy resolution



Instr.	Tels. #	Tel. A (m <sup>2</sup> )	FoV (°)	Tot A (m <sup>2</sup> )	Thresh. (TeV)	PSF (°)	Sens. (%Crab)
H.E.S.S.	4	107	5	428	0.1	0.06	0.7
MAGIC	2	236	3.5	472	0.05(0.03)	0.06	0.8
VERITAS	4	106	4	424	0.1	0.07	0.7





# HESS

HESS-1: 4×12m tels

HESS-2: +28m tel.

*Completed mid-2012*

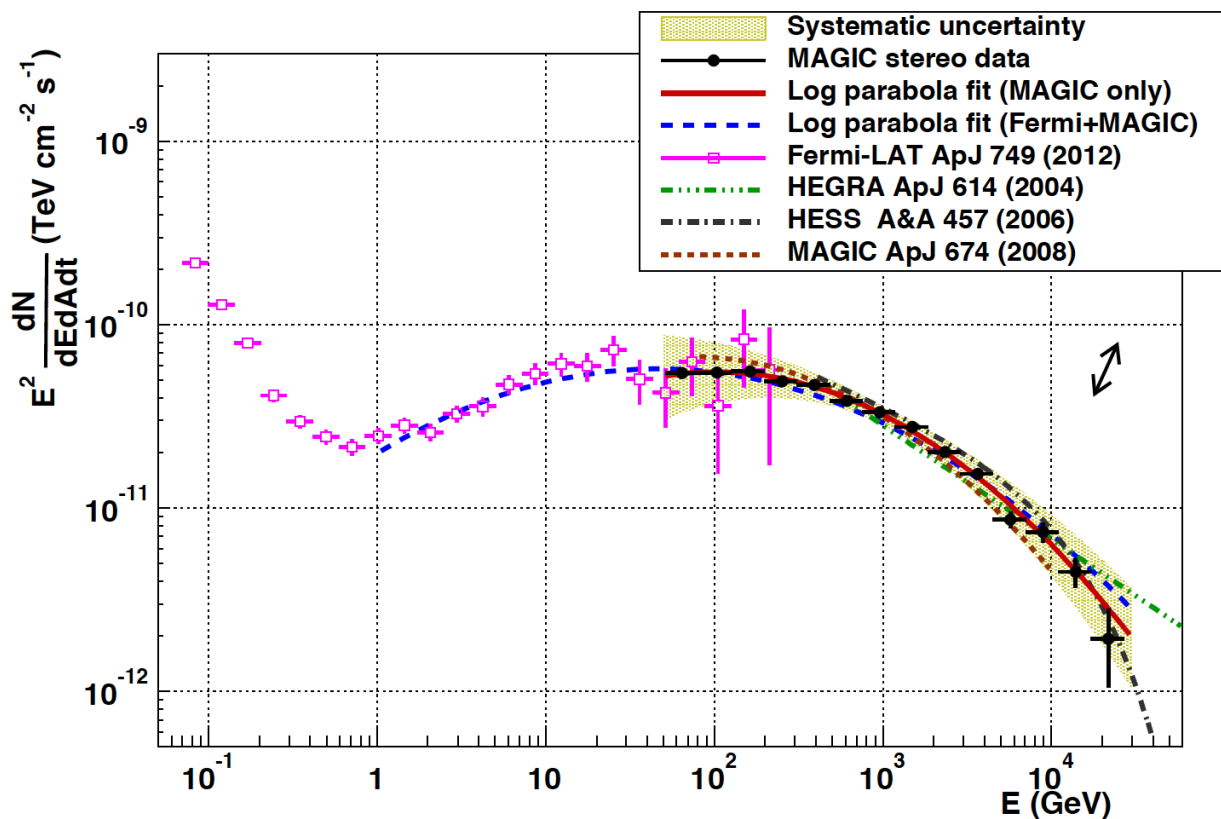
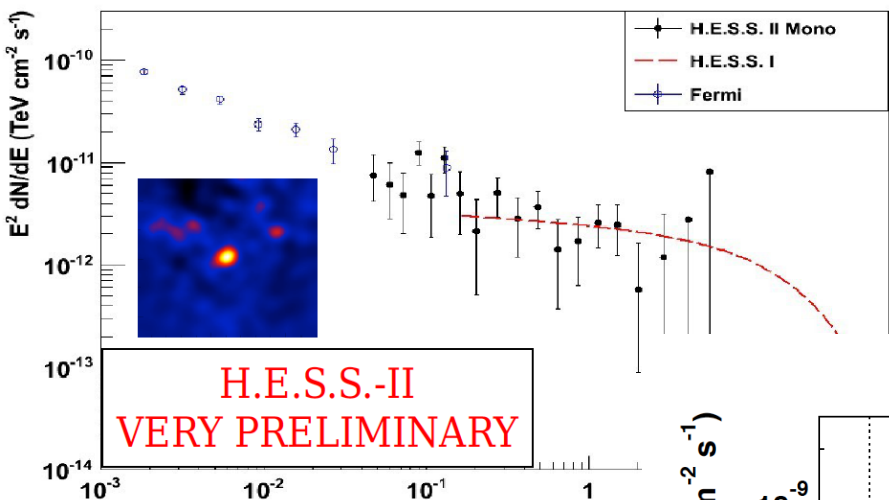




# MAGIC



# Crab Nebula from HESS2 and MAGIC



# Why bigger and bigger?

## Figures of merit of a Cherenkov telescope

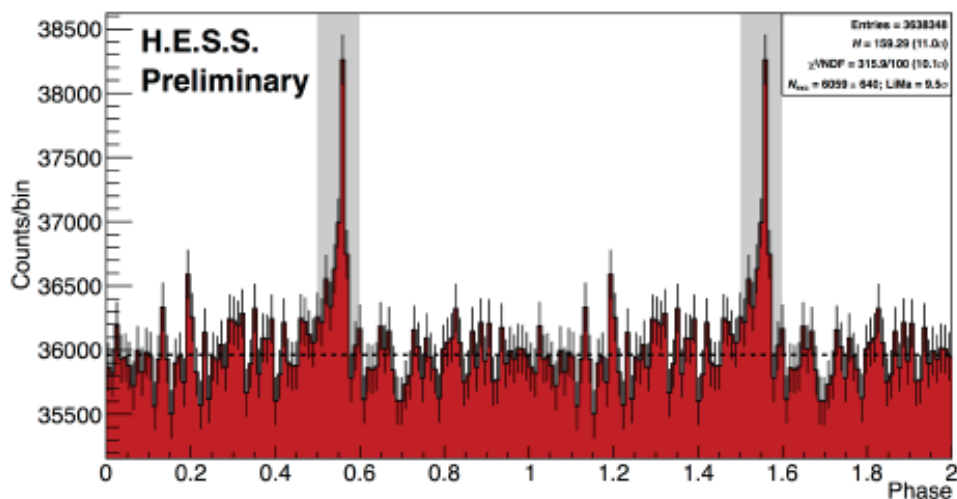
- Sensitivity: effective area ( $\sim$  number of telescopes, effective area covered)
- Angular resolution: number of telescopes
- Serendipity: FoV, Duty Cycle

# Figures of merit - II

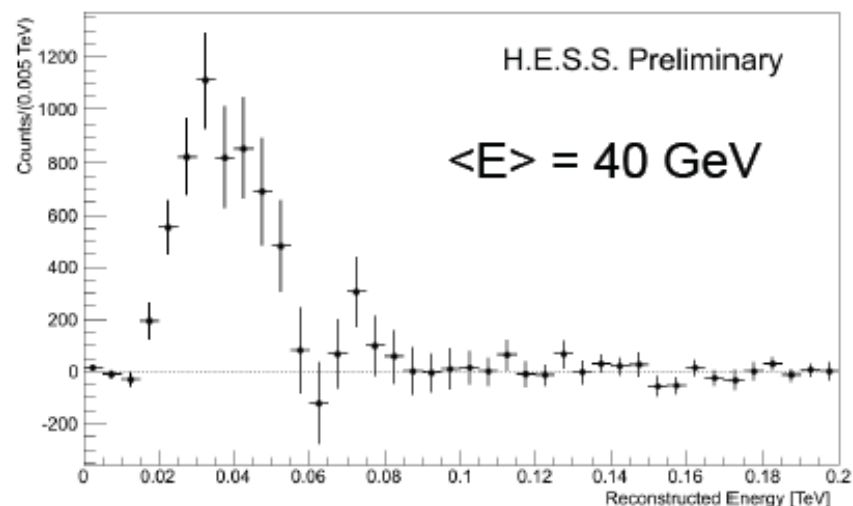
- The threshold is

$$E_{threshold} \propto \sqrt{\frac{\phi \Omega \tau}{\epsilon A}}$$

## The Vela pulsar seen with CT5

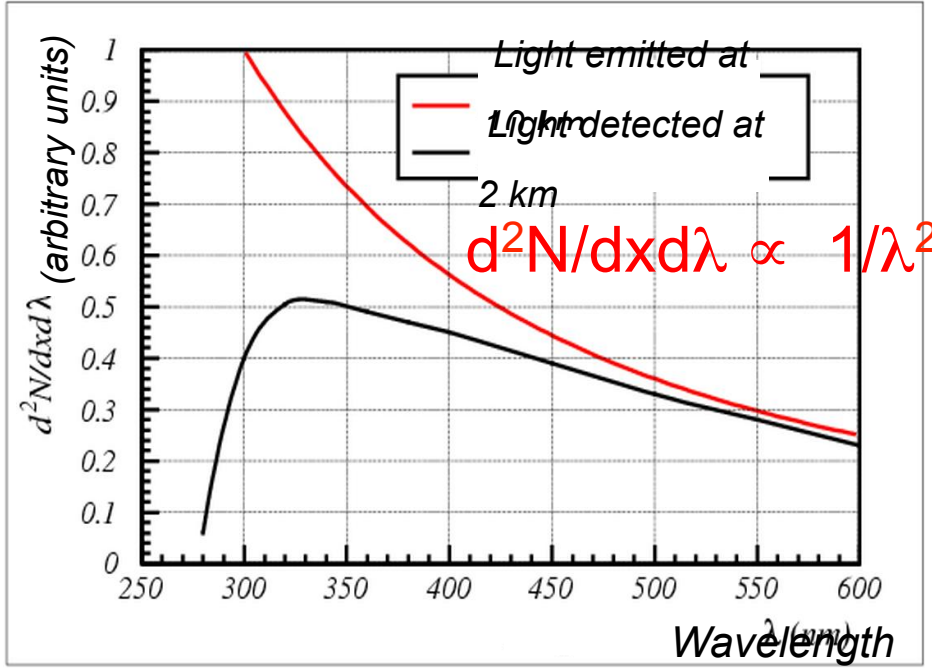
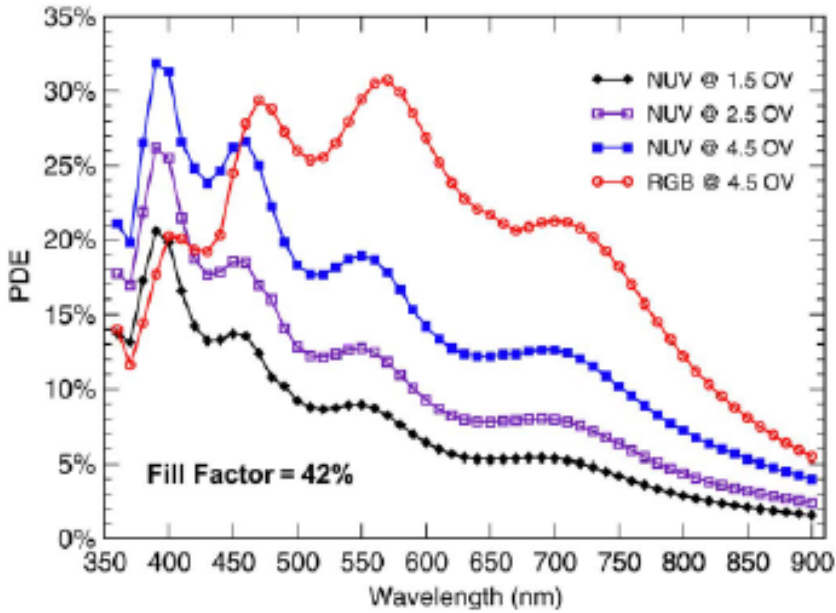


## Energy distribution



- Future is SiPM
- Technology already competitive
  - Wait some ~ 5 years to let prices to become comparable with PMT

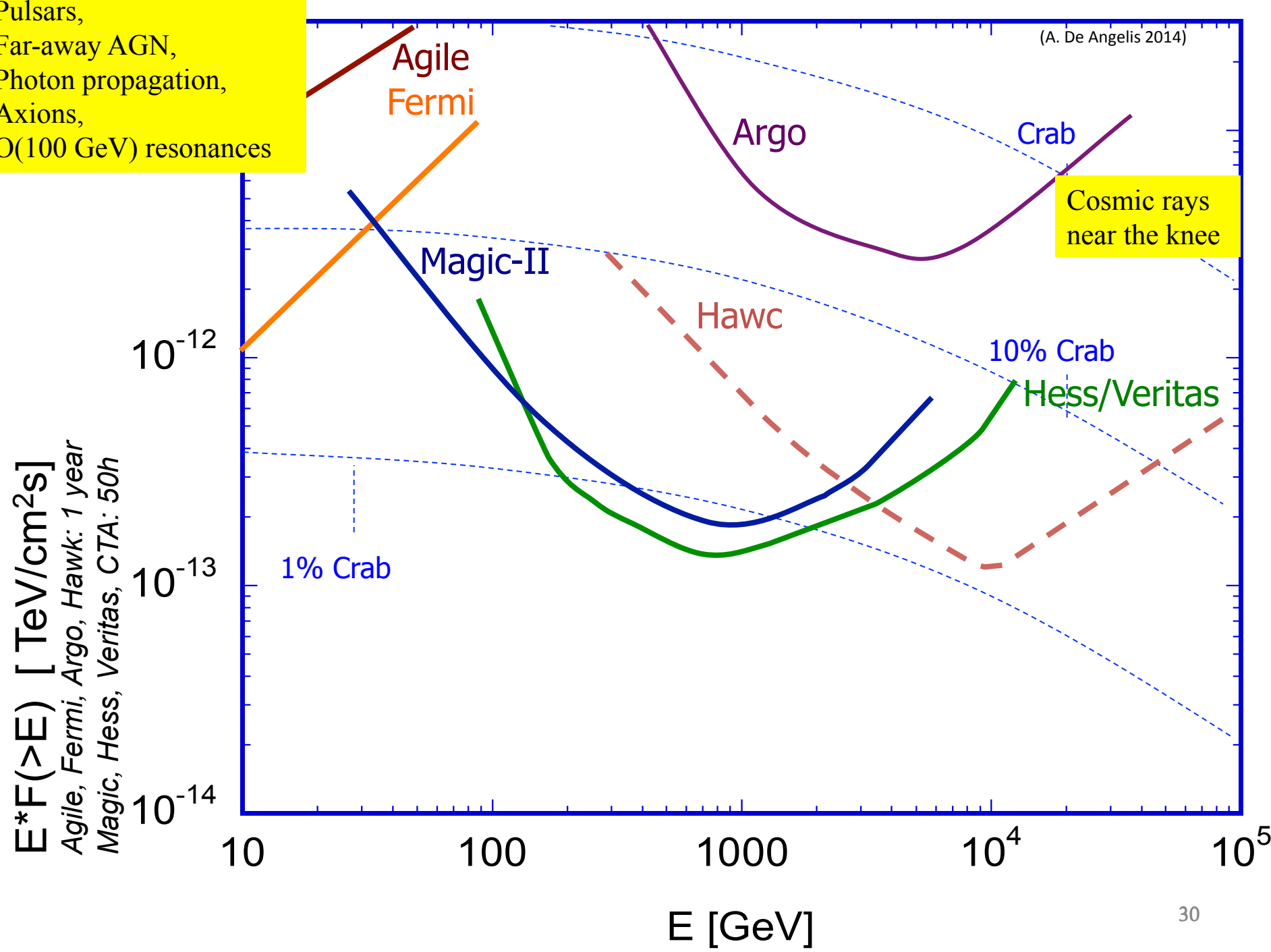
(C. Piemonte et al., FBK) 



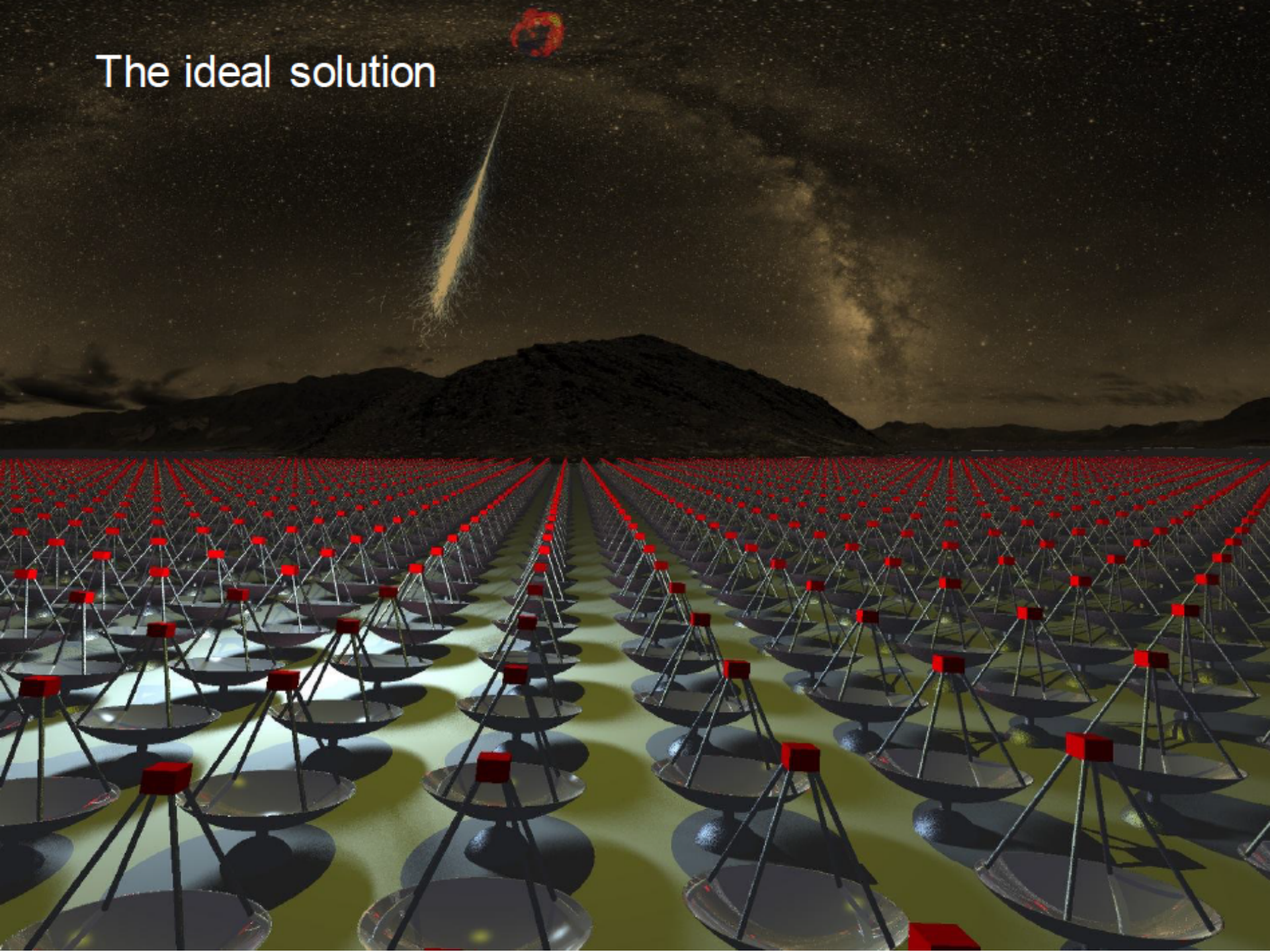


Pulsars,  
Far-away AGN,  
Photon propagation,  
Axions,  
O(100 GeV) resonances

(A. De Angelis 2014)



The ideal solution



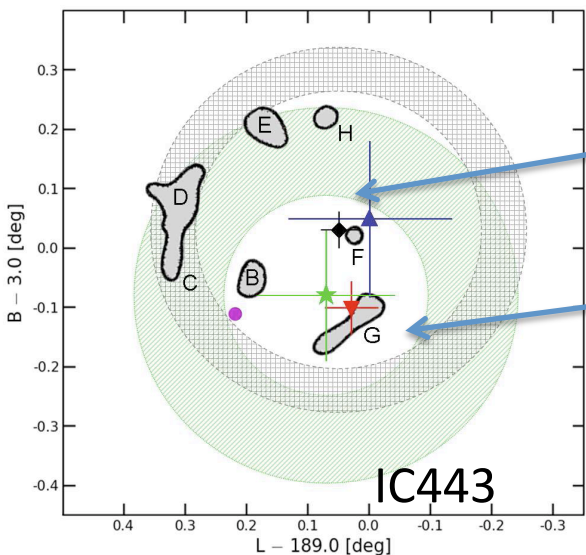
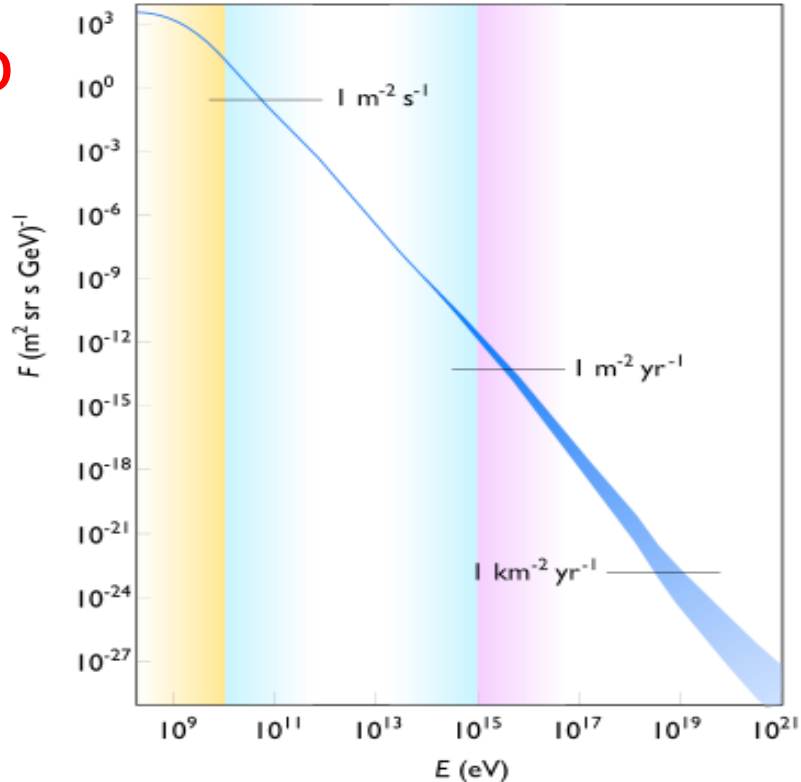
# Main physics results and perspectives

- Cosmic Rays
  - SNR established as sources of CR up to (almost) the knee
  - Go to the PeV?
  - Morphology near high density matter (including SMBH)
- Photon propagation
  - Transparency of the Universe; density of photons; star count
  - Energy of the vacuum; ALPs
  - Tests of Lorentz Invariance;
  - Cosmology
- Search for “WIMP” Dark Matter



# Proof of the origin of CR up to almost the knee

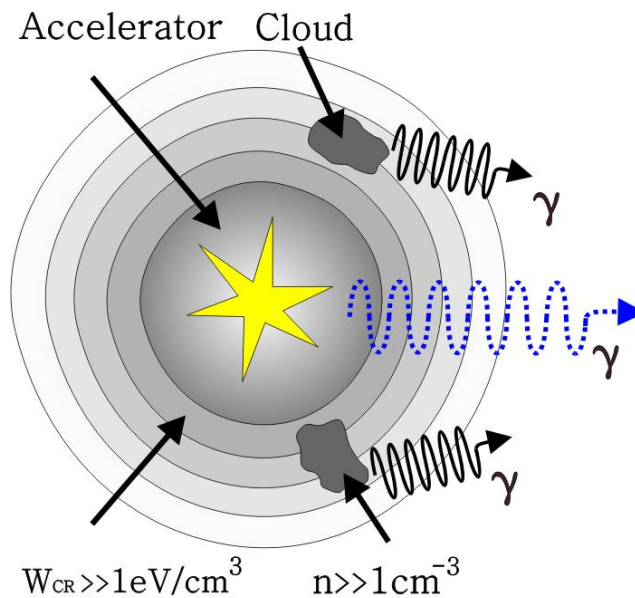
- Evidence that SNR are sources of CR up to  $\sim 1000$  TeV (almost the knee) came from morphology studies of RX J1713-3946 (H.E.S.S. 2004) with photons
- Striking evidence from the morphology of SNR IC443 (MAGIC + Fermi/Agile 2010)



Fermi,  
Egret

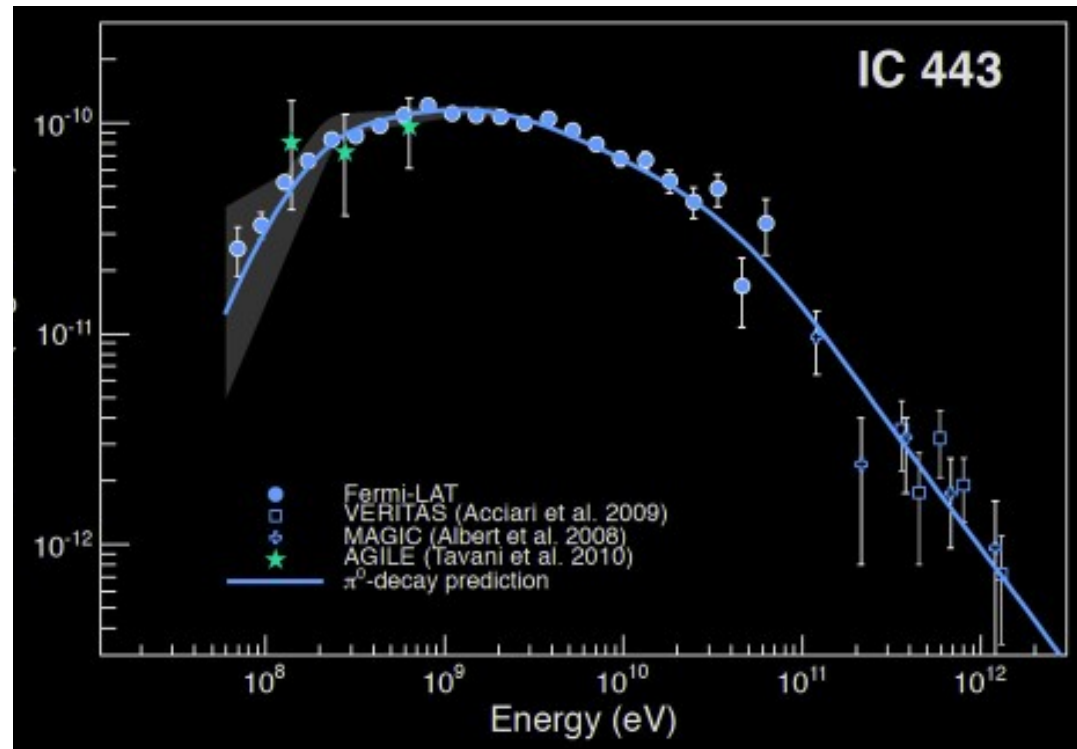
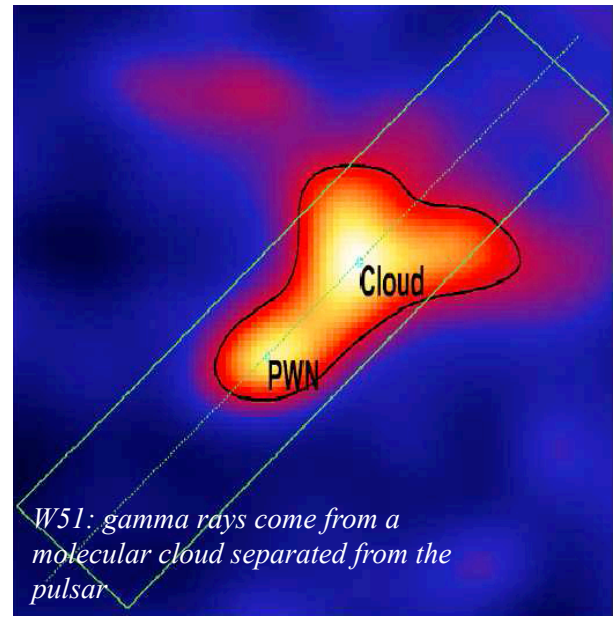
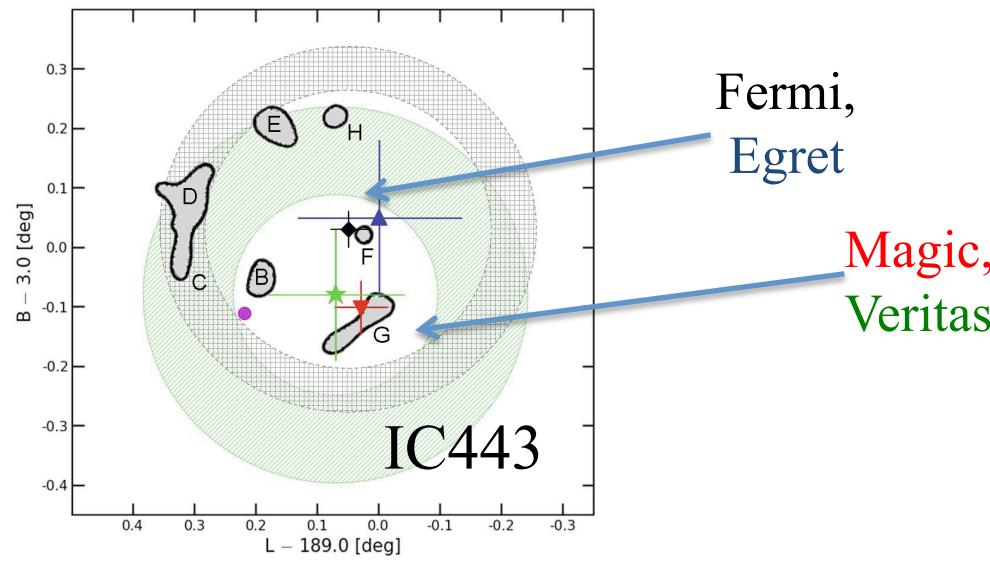
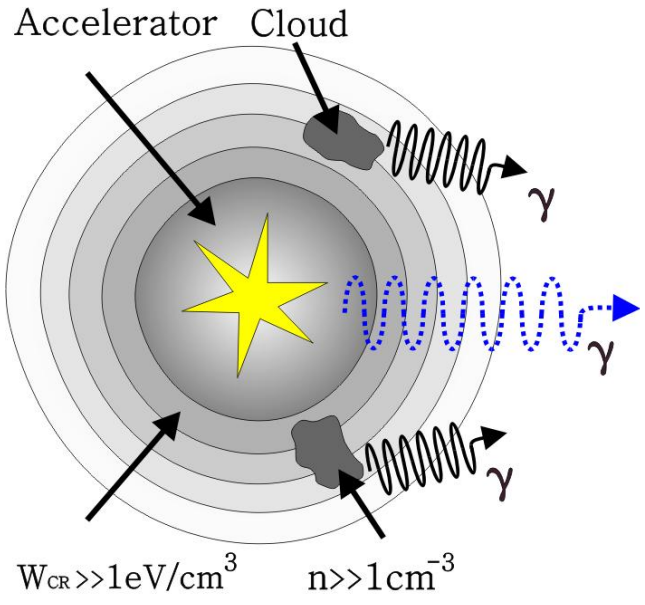
MAGIC,  
Veritas

IC443



$W_{CR} \gg 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$

$n \gg 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

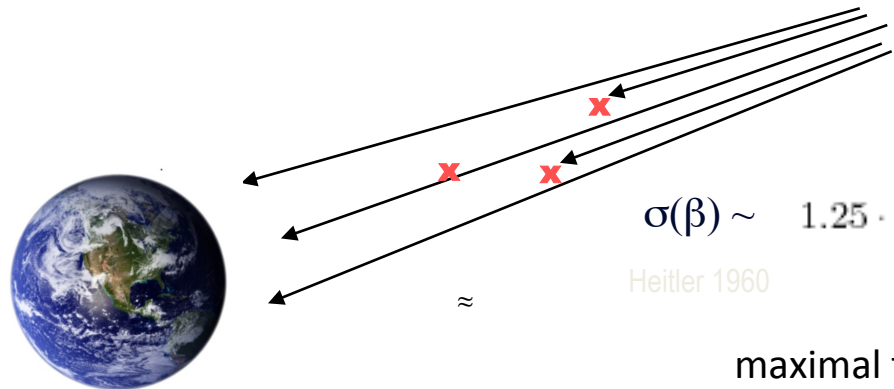




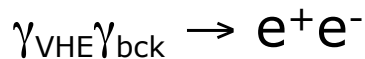
# Not yet the PeVatron...

- Present detectors reach a maximum energy of 20 TeV  $\times f \sim 200$  TeV
- We cannot say we probe the knee
- We can study only galactic Pevatrons
- Few PeVatrons at North

# Propagation of $\gamma$ -rays



dominant process for absorption:

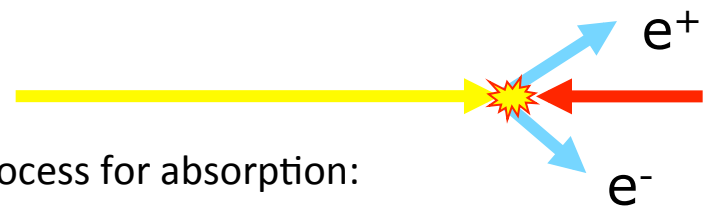


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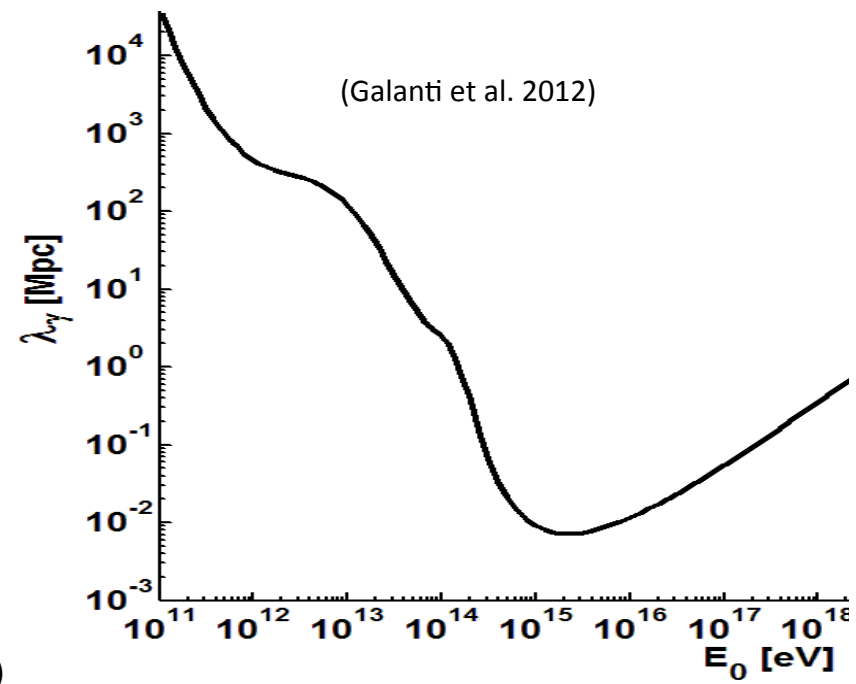
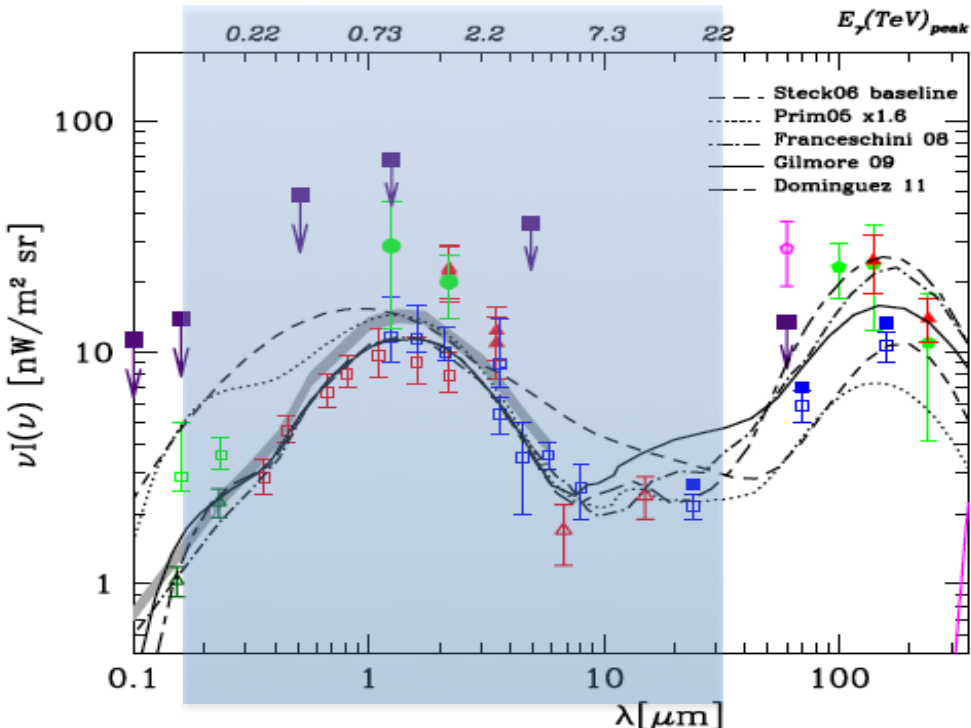
Heitler 1960

maximal for:

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



- For gamma rays, relevant background component is optical/infrared (EBL)
- different models for EBL: minimum density given by cosmology/star formation



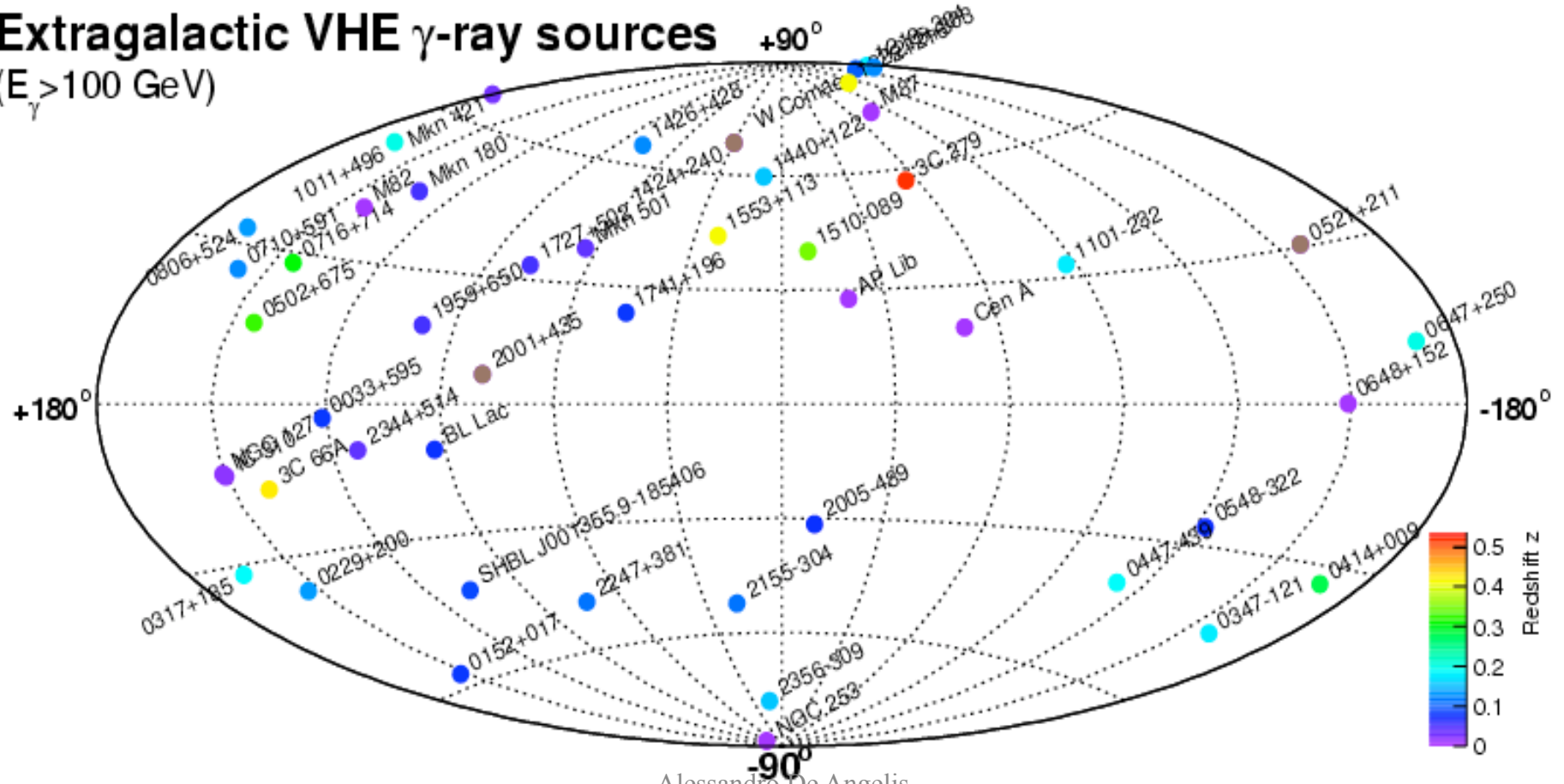
# Extragalactic Sources

~50 Sources

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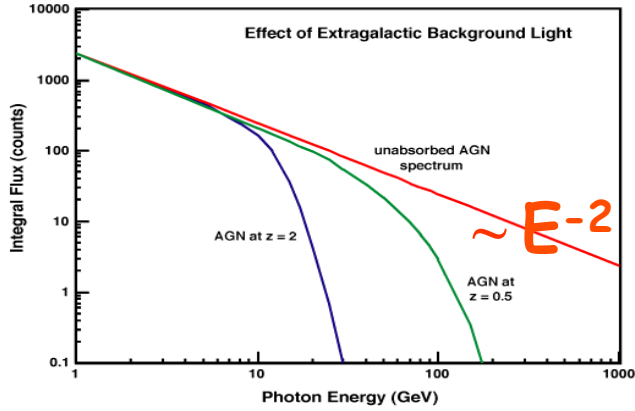
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| <b>1ES 1011+496</b> | <b>z=0.21</b>      | <b>MAGIC 2007</b>   |
| 1ES 0414+009        | z=0.29             | HESS/Fermi 2009     |
| <b>S5 0716+71</b>   | <b>z=0.31±0.08</b> | <b>MAGIC 2009</b>   |
| 1ES 0502+675        | z=0.34             | VERITAS 2009        |
| PKS 1510-089        | z=0.36             | HESS 2010           |
| <b>4C +21.43</b>    | <b>z=0.43</b>      | <b>MAGIC 2010</b>   |
| <b>3C 66A</b>       | <b>z=0.44</b>      | <b>VERITAS 2009</b> |
| <b>3C 279</b>       | <b>z=0.54</b>      | <b>MAGIC 2008</b>   |

## Extragalactic VHE $\gamma$ -ray sources ( $E_\gamma > 100$ GeV)

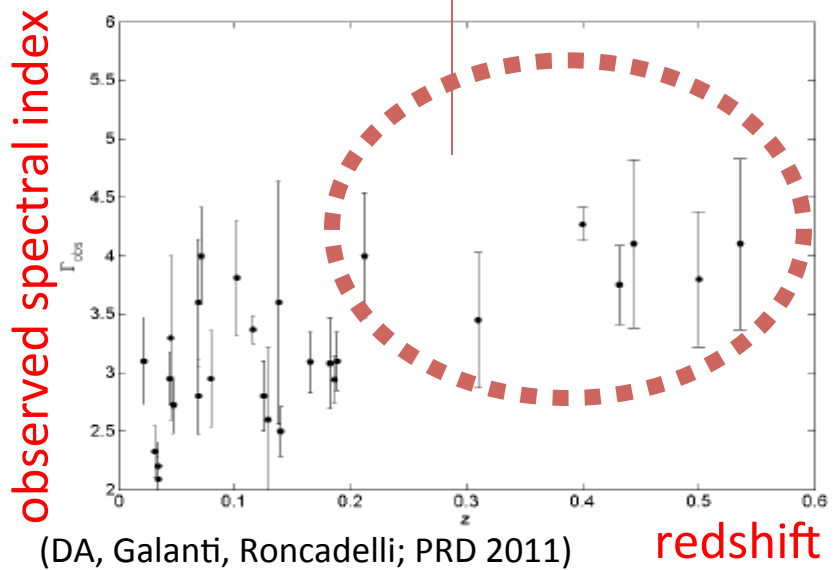


# Are our AGN observations consistent with theory?

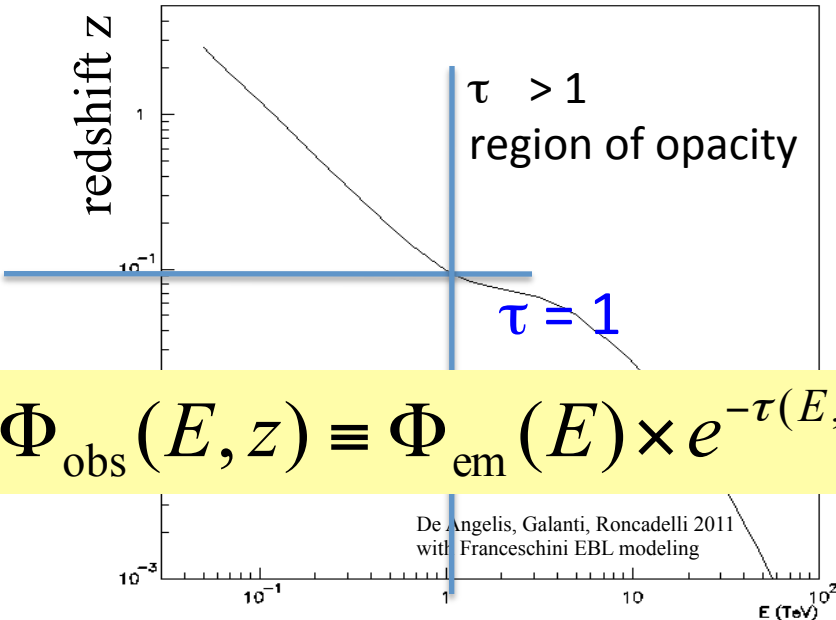
Measured spectra affected by attenuation in the EBL:



Selection bias?  
New physics ?

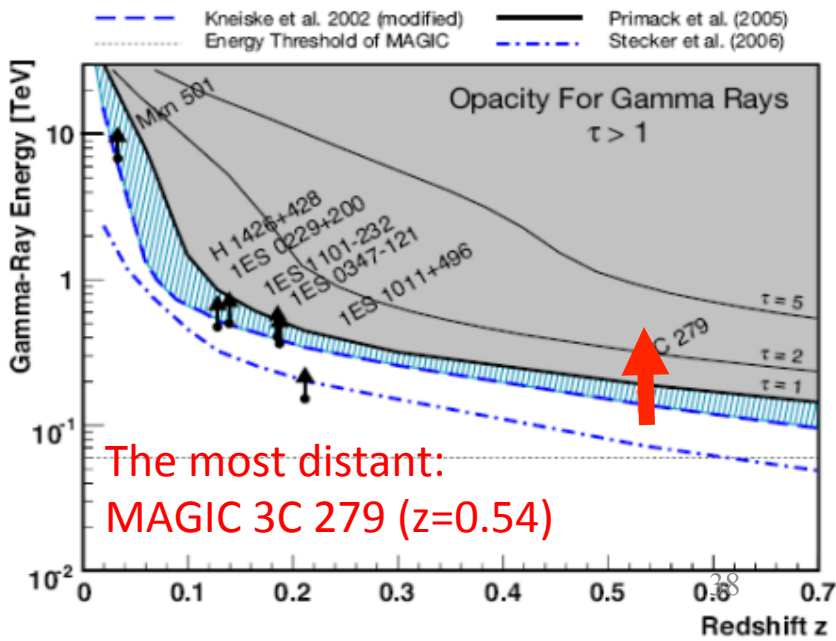


(DA, Galanti, Roncadelli; PRD 2011) redshift



$$\Phi_{\text{obs}}(E, z) \equiv \Phi_{\text{em}}(E) \times e^{-\tau(E, z)}$$

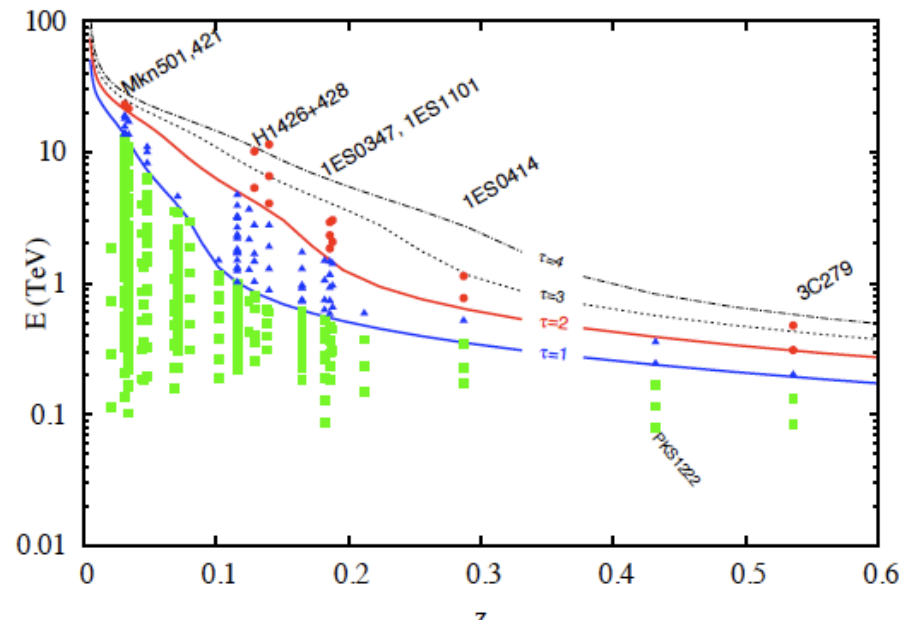
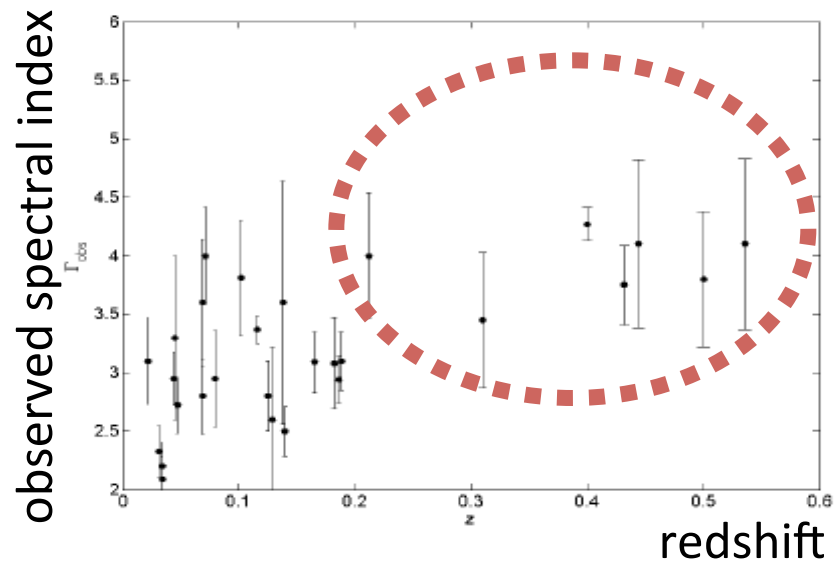
De Angelis, Galanti, Roncadelli 2011 with Franceschini EBL modeling



The most distant:  
MAGIC 3C 279 (z=0.54)



# If there is a problem



Explanations from the standard ones

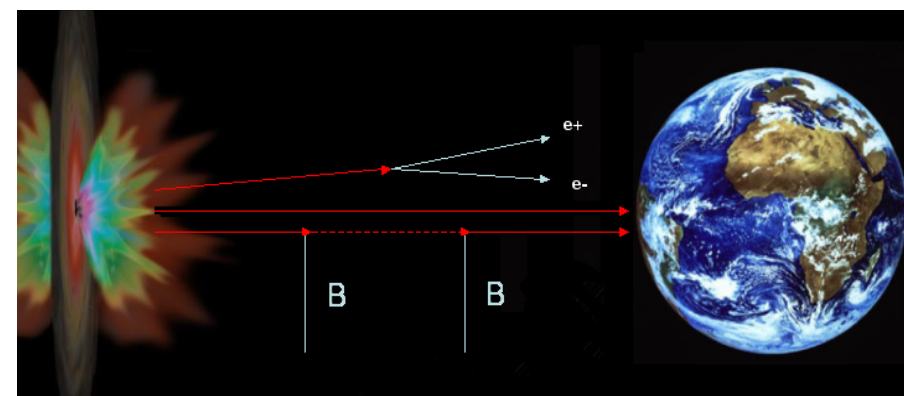
- very hard emission mechanisms with intrinsic slope < 1.5 (Stecker 2008)
- Very low EBL, plus observational bias, plus a couple of “wrong” outliers

to almost standard

- $\gamma$ -ray fluxes enhanced by relatively nearby production by interactions of primary cosmic rays or  $\nu$  from the same source

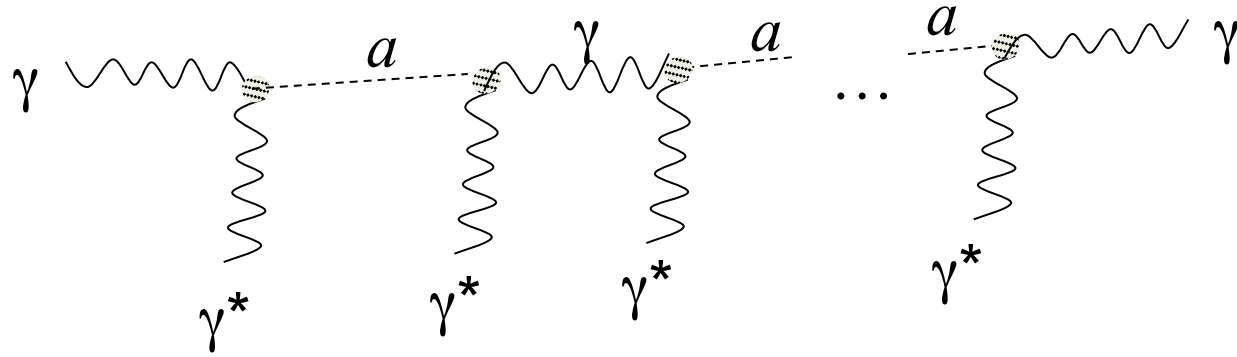
to possible evidence for new physics

- Oscillation to a light “axion”? (DA, Roncadelli & Mansutti [DARMA], PRD2007, PLB2008)
- Axion emission (Simet+, PRD2008)
- A combination of the above (Sanchez Conde et al. PRD 2009)



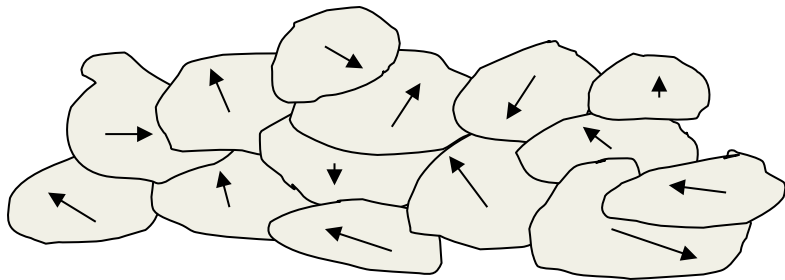
# The photon-axion mixing mechanism

$$L_{a\gamma\gamma} = g_{a\gamma} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}) a$$



Propagation: Raffelt-Stodolsky 1987; Csaki-Kaloper-Terning 2002; DA Roncadelli MAnsutti 2007; Simet Hooper Serpico 2008

- Magnetic field  $1 \text{ nG} < B < 1\text{aG}$  (AGN halos). Cells of  $\sim 1 \text{ Mpc}$



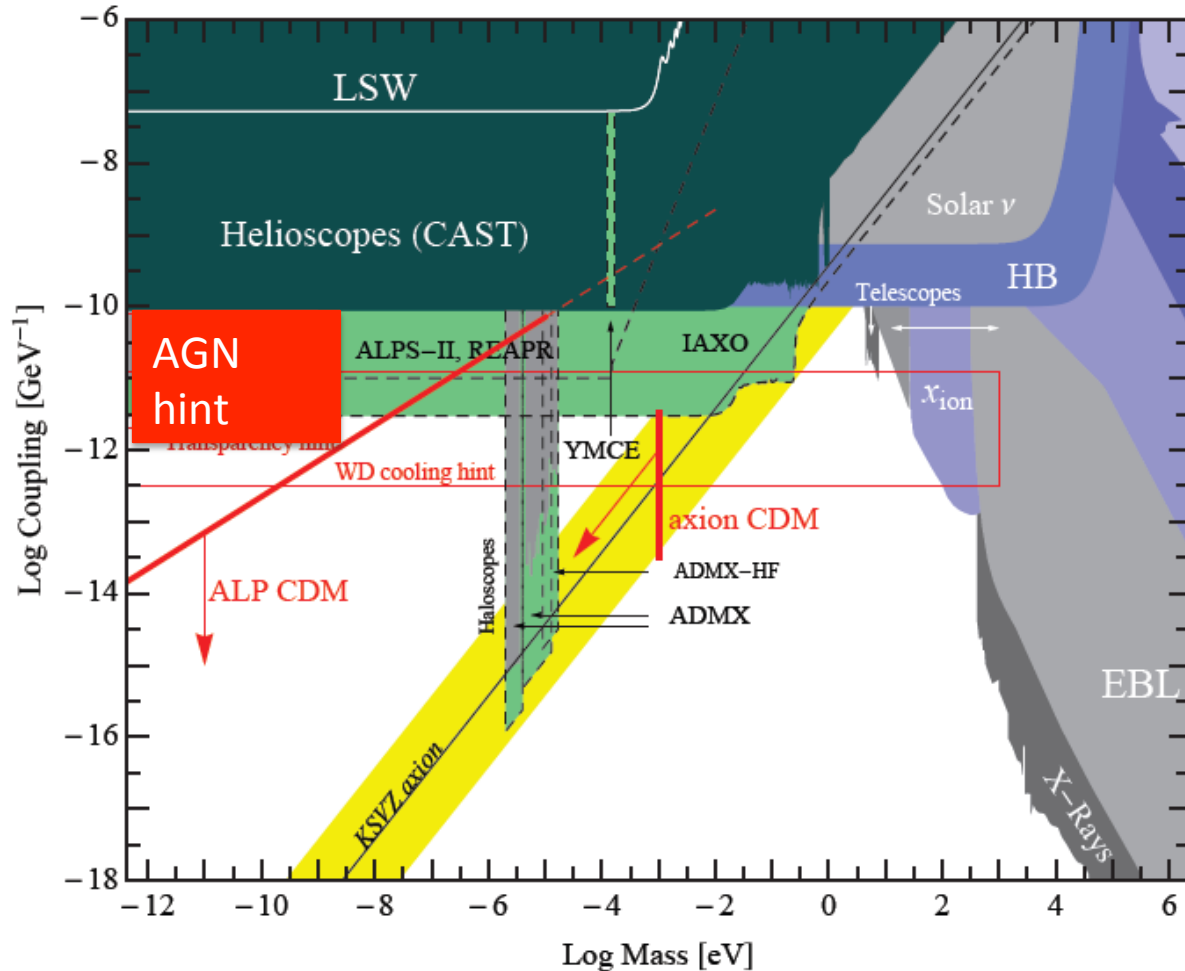
$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow a} \approx NP_1$$

$$P_1 \approx \frac{g_{a\gamma}^2 B_T^2 s^2}{4} \approx 2 \times 10^{-3} \left( \frac{B_T}{1\text{nG}} \frac{s}{1\text{Mpc}} \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-10} \text{GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2$$

- $m_a < 0.02 \text{ eV}$  (direct searches)
- $g < 10^{-10} \text{GeV}^{-1}$  from the non observation of  $\gamma$ -rays from the SN1987A, and direct searches

# Axions

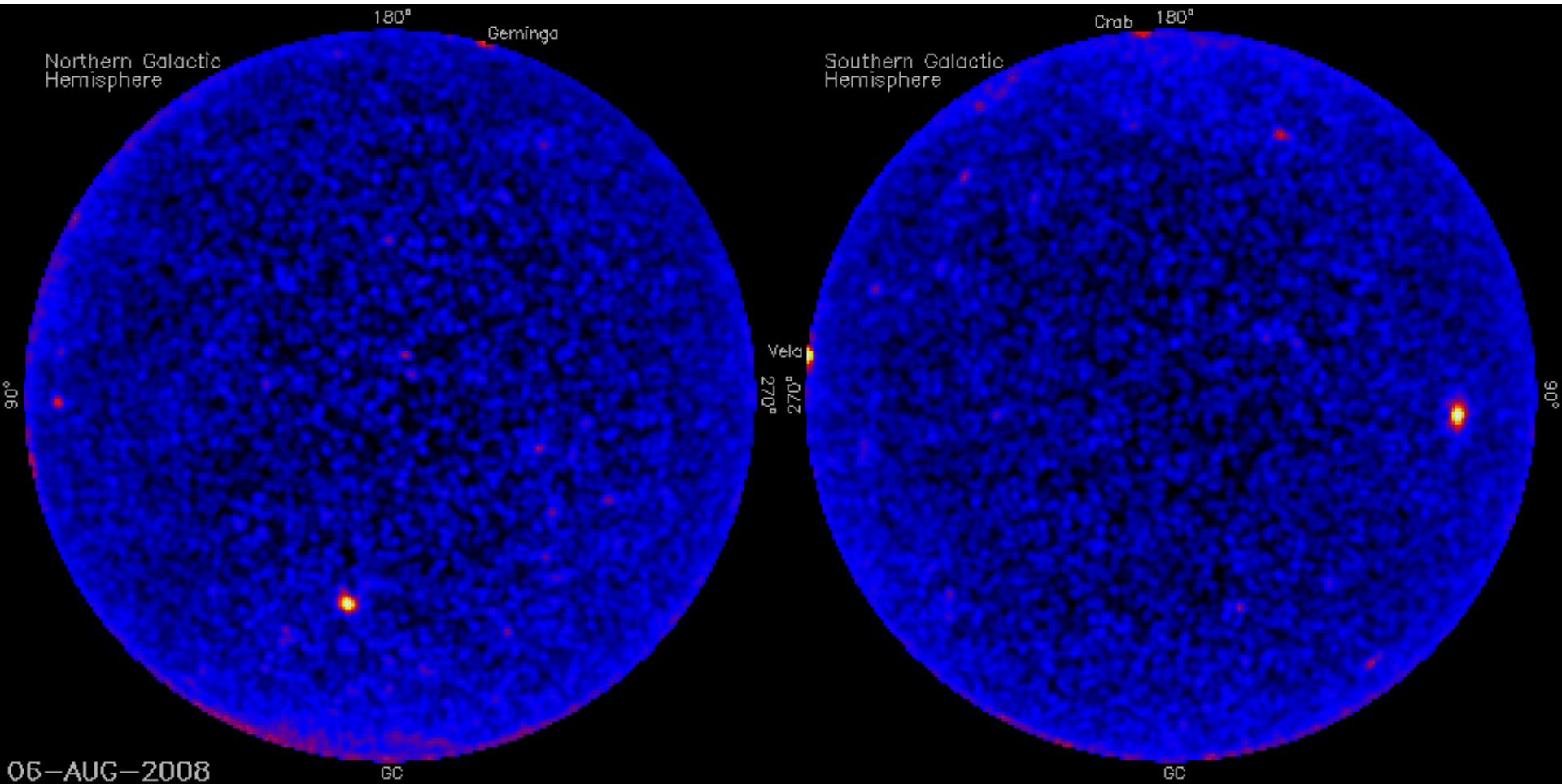
Parameter space for axions or axion-like particles



- Experimentally excluded
- Astronomy constraints
- Cosmology constraints
- Sensitivity of planned experiments

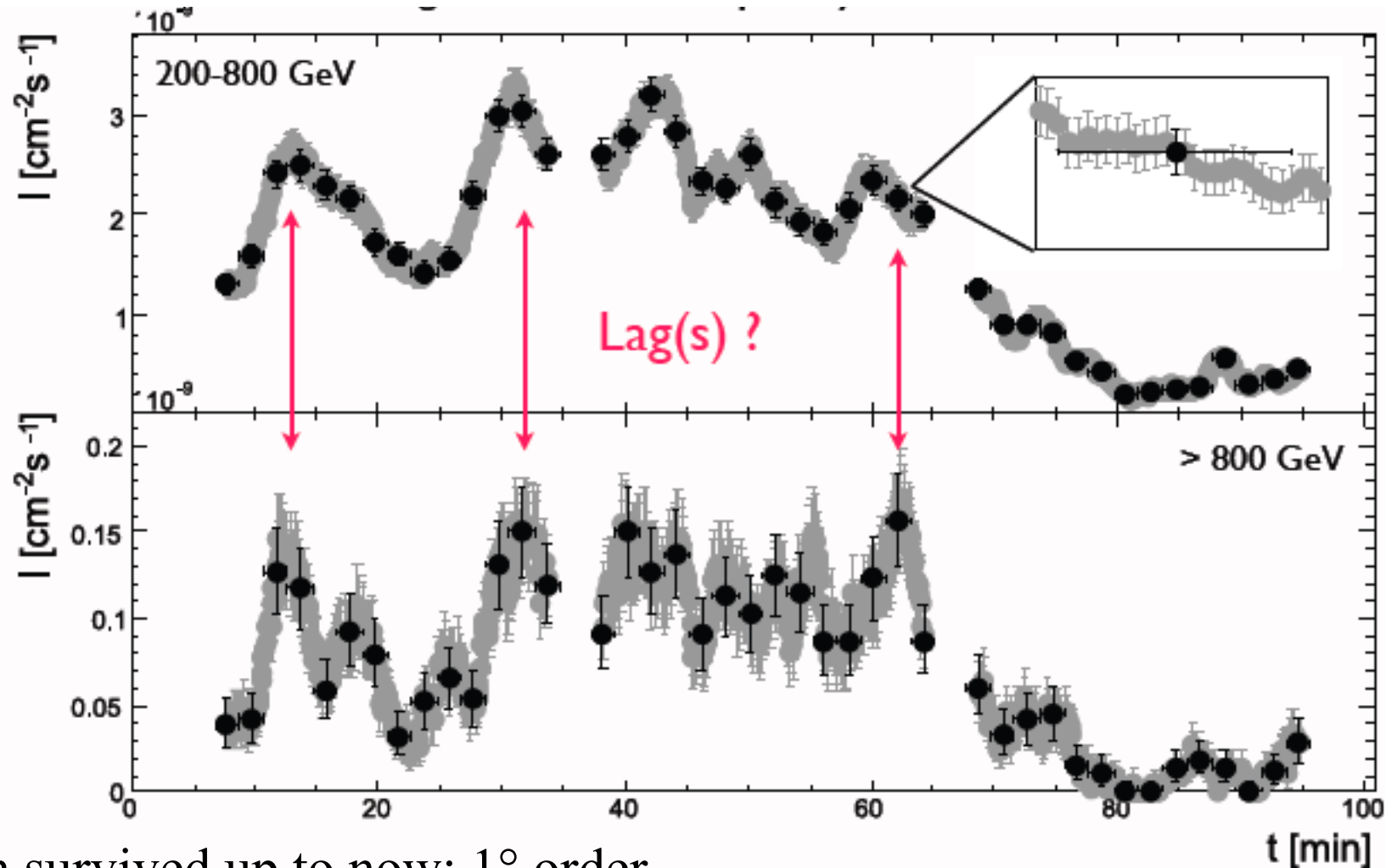


# Variability (down to the $\sim 10$ s scale)





# Tests of Lorentz violation: the name of the game



No claim survived up to now; 1<sup>o</sup> order effects unlikely

# 2<sup>nd</sup> order? Cherenkov rules!

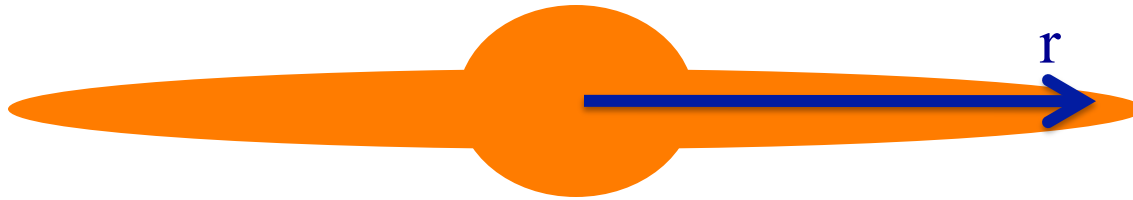
$$(\Delta t)_{obs} \cong \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta E}{E_{s2}} \right)^2 H_0^{-1} \int_0^z dz' \frac{(1+z')^2}{\sqrt{\Omega_M (1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}}$$

$$E_{s2} > 6 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV } (\sim 10^{-9} M_p) \text{ (HESS, MAGIC)}$$

**A no-loss situation:  
if propagation is standard, cosmology with AGN**

# The Dark Matter Problem (see Morselli)

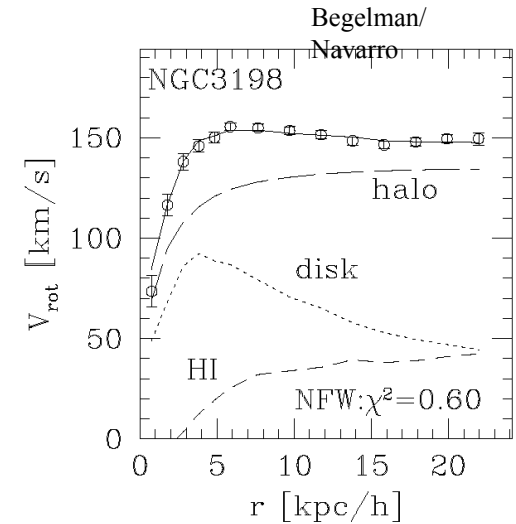
Measure rotation curves for galaxies:



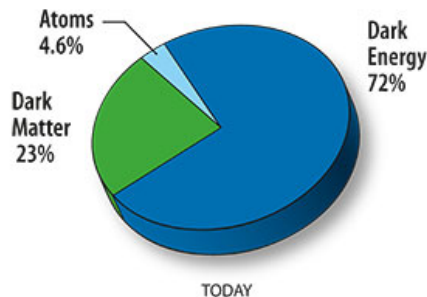
For large r, we expect:

$$G \frac{M}{r^2} = \frac{v^2(r)}{r} \Rightarrow v(r) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

**we see:** flat or rising rotation curves



Hypothesized solution: the visible galaxy is embedded in a much larger halo of Dark Matter (neutral; weakly interacting; mix of particles and antiparticles - in SUSY Majorana)



# Which signatures for gamma detectors?

- Self-annihilating WIMPs, if Majorana (as the neutralino in SUSY), can produce:

- Photon lines ( $\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z$ )
- Photon excess at  $E < m$

from hadronization

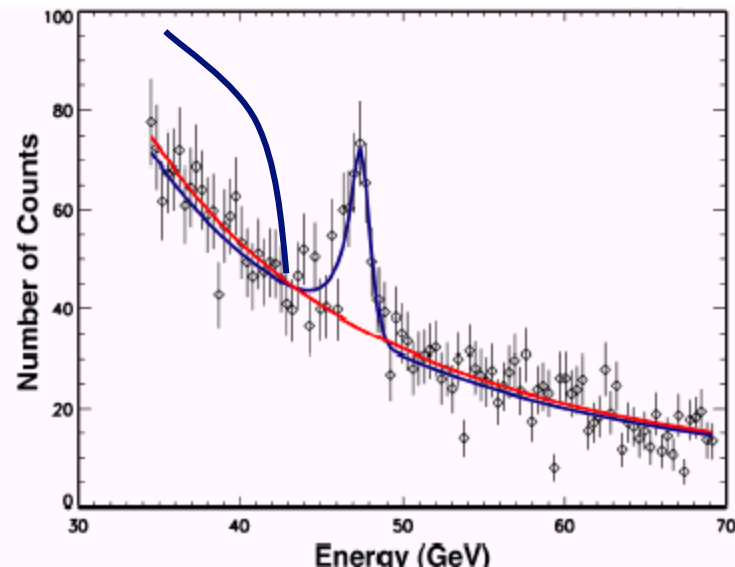
$$\Phi \propto \sigma \frac{\langle v \rangle}{m^2}$$

from particle physics

$$\int_{los} \rho^2 dl$$

Look to the closest point with  $M \ll L$

- Excess of antimatter (annihilation/decay)
- Excess of electrons, if unstable



from astrophysics



# Many Places to Seek DM!

## Satellites

Low background and good source id,  
but low statistics, astrophysical background

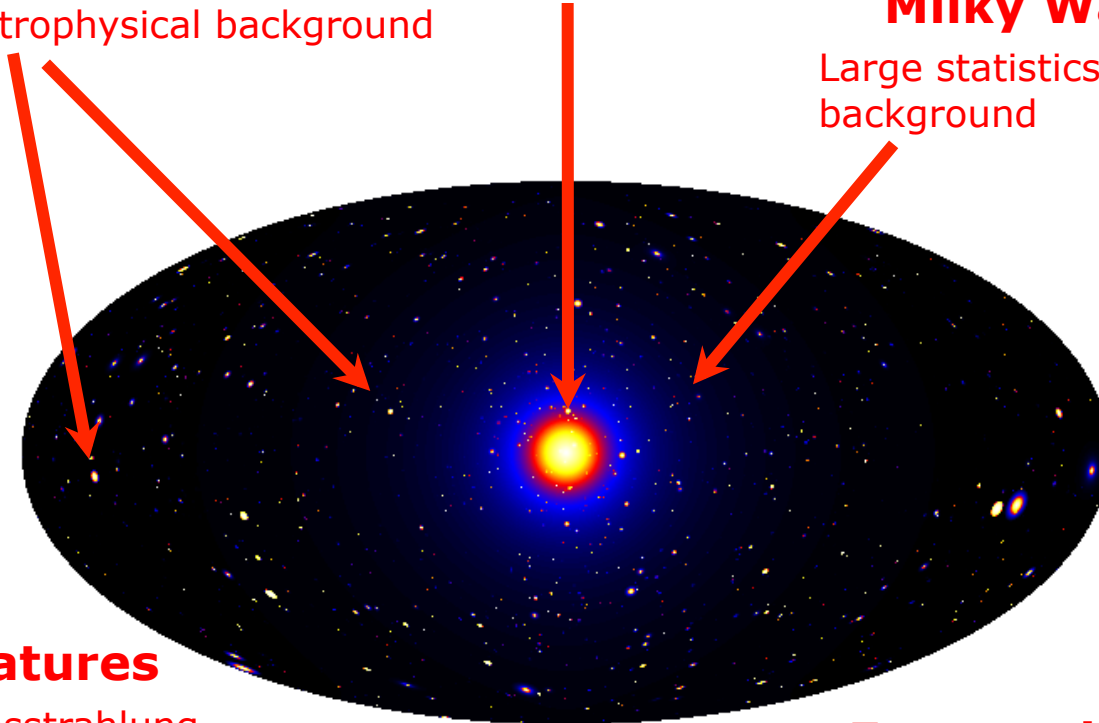
## Galactic Center

Good statistics but source  
confusion/diffuse background

## Milky Way Halo

Large statistics but diffuse  
background

All-sky map of  
simulated gamma ray  
signal from DM  
annihilation  
(Pieri et al 2006)



## Spectral Features

Lines, endpoint Bremsstrahlung,...  
No astrophysical uncertainties, good  
source Id, but low sensitivity  
because of expected small BR

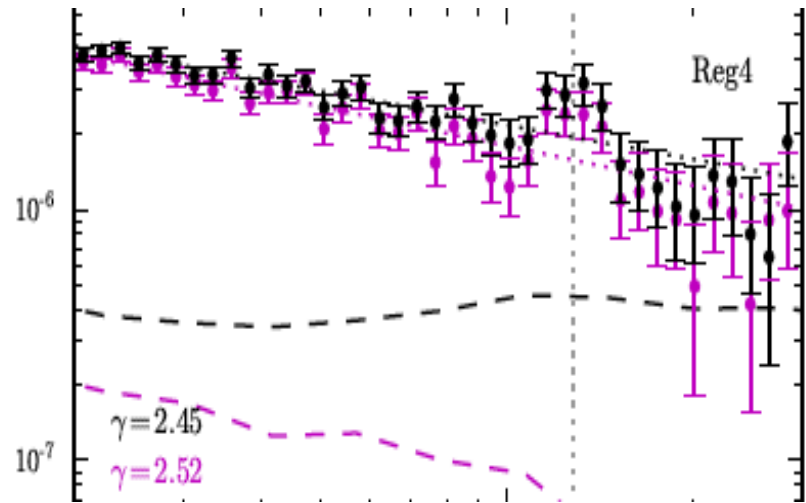
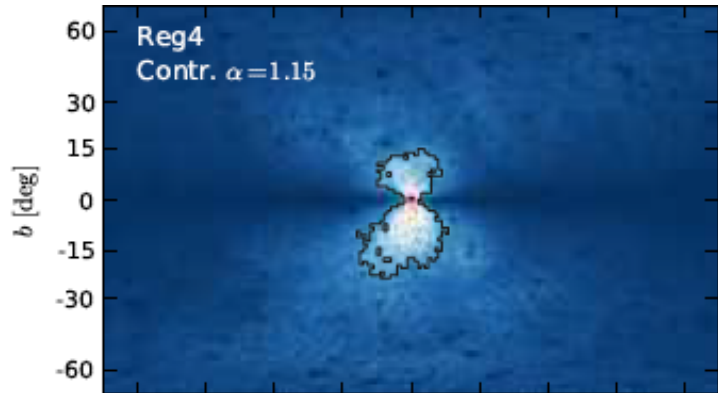
## Extra-galactic

Large statistics, but astrophysics, galactic  
diffuse backgrounds

No signal from possibly expected sources 47

# Data-driven line searches

- Very recently, one paper claims a positive signal (a  $\sim 4\sigma$  photon excess at  $\sim 130$  GeV from Fermi data)
  - C. Weniger, arXiv:1204.2797

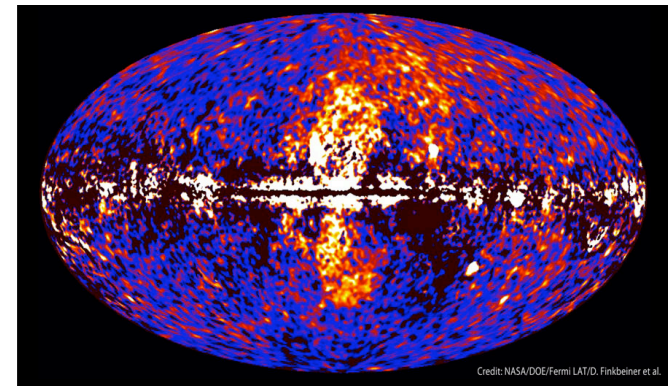


Selection of the region  
based on data

Large overlapping with  
The Fermi “bubbles”

Prospects for present IACT: bad.

LHC? Future Cherenkov?



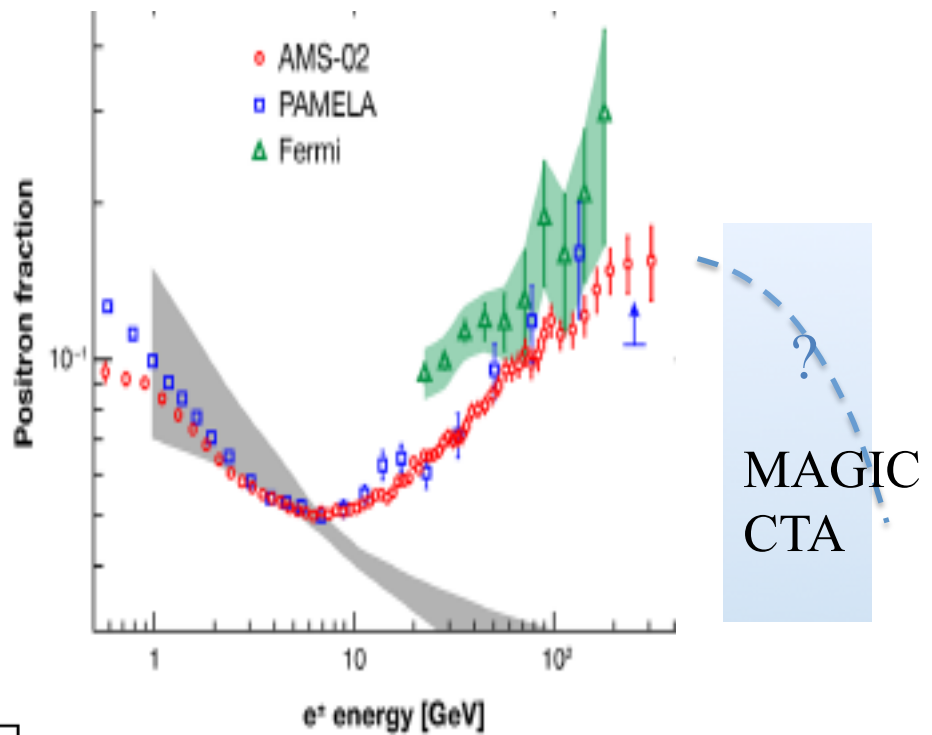
# DM: interplay with accelerators

- LHC may find candidates but cannot prove that they are the observed Dark Matter, nor localize it
- *Direct searches (nuclear recoil) may recognize local halo WIMPs but cannot prove the nature and composition of Dark Matter in the sky*
- LHC reach limited to some 200-600 GeV; IACT sensitivity starts at some  $\sim 200$  GeV (should improve)

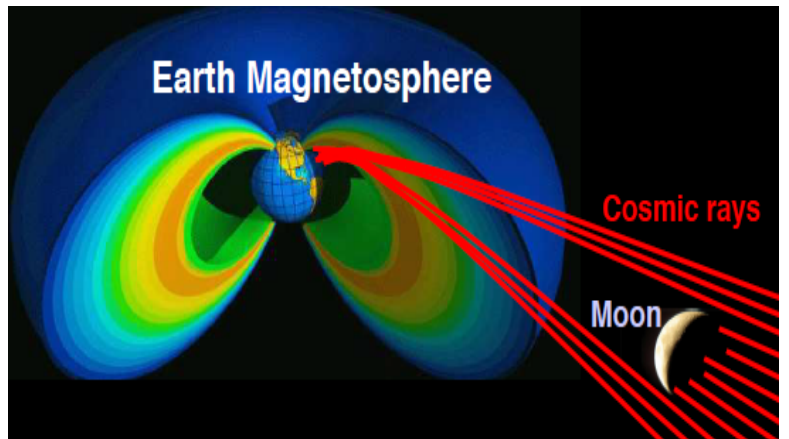
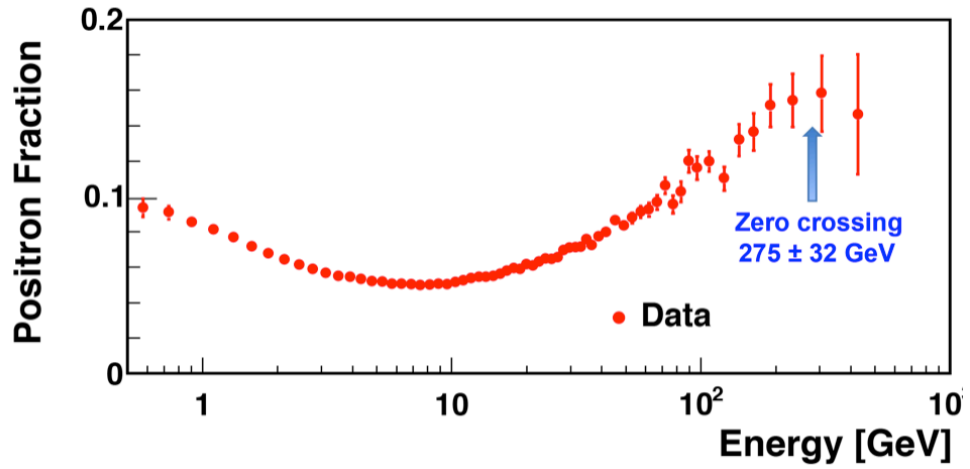
# Antimatter: the PAMELA anomaly

**Moon shadow** observation mode developed for the MAGIC telescopes [MAGIC ICRC 2011]  
sensitivity (50h): 300-700GeV: ~4.4% Crab measurement possible in few years

**BUT: partly scooped by AMS**

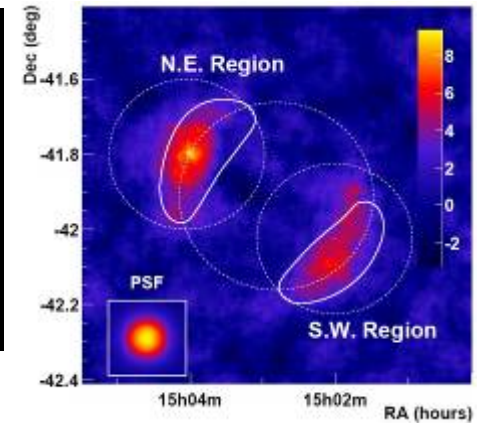
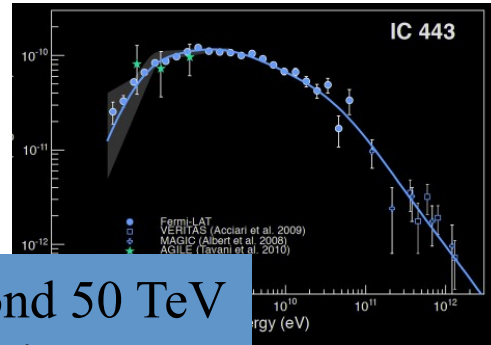


probe  $e^+/e^-$  ratio at 300-700 GeV





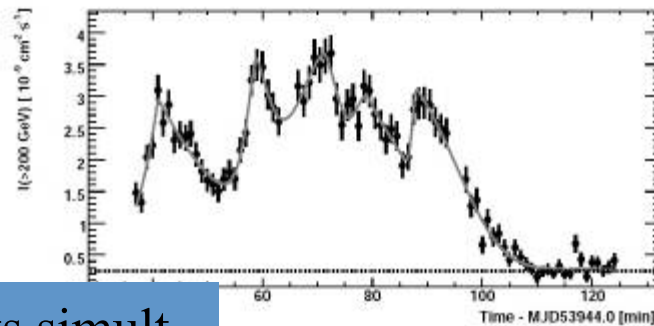
# A wish list for the future



- Galactic sources & CR

- extend E range beyond 50 TeV
- better angular resolution
- larger FOV

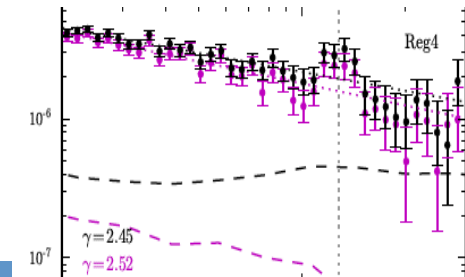
- AGN & gamma prop.



- monitor many objects simult.
- extend E range under 50 GeV
- 10x sources

- New particles, new phenomena

- dark matter and astroparticle physics

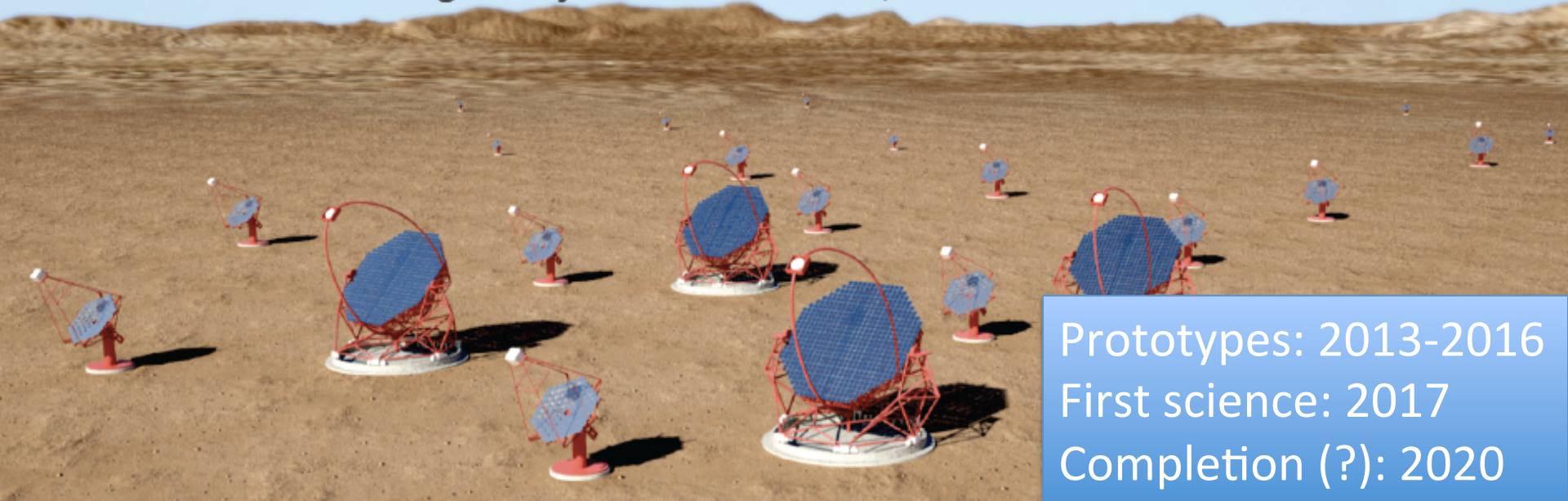


- better flux sensitivity
- lower threshold

# Solution I: Imaging Cherenkov

# The Cherenkov Telescope Array

- A huge improvement in all aspects of performance
  - ▶ A factor  $\sim 10$  in sensitivity, much wider energy coverage, much better resolution, field-of-view, full sky, ...
- A user facility / proposal-driven observatory
  - ▶ With two sites with a total of  $>100$  telescopes
- A 27 nation  $\sim\text{€}200\text{M}$  project
  - ▶ Including everyone from HESS, MAGIC and VERITAS



Prototypes: 2013-2016  
First science: 2017  
Completion (?): 2020

# The Cherenkov Telescope Array concept

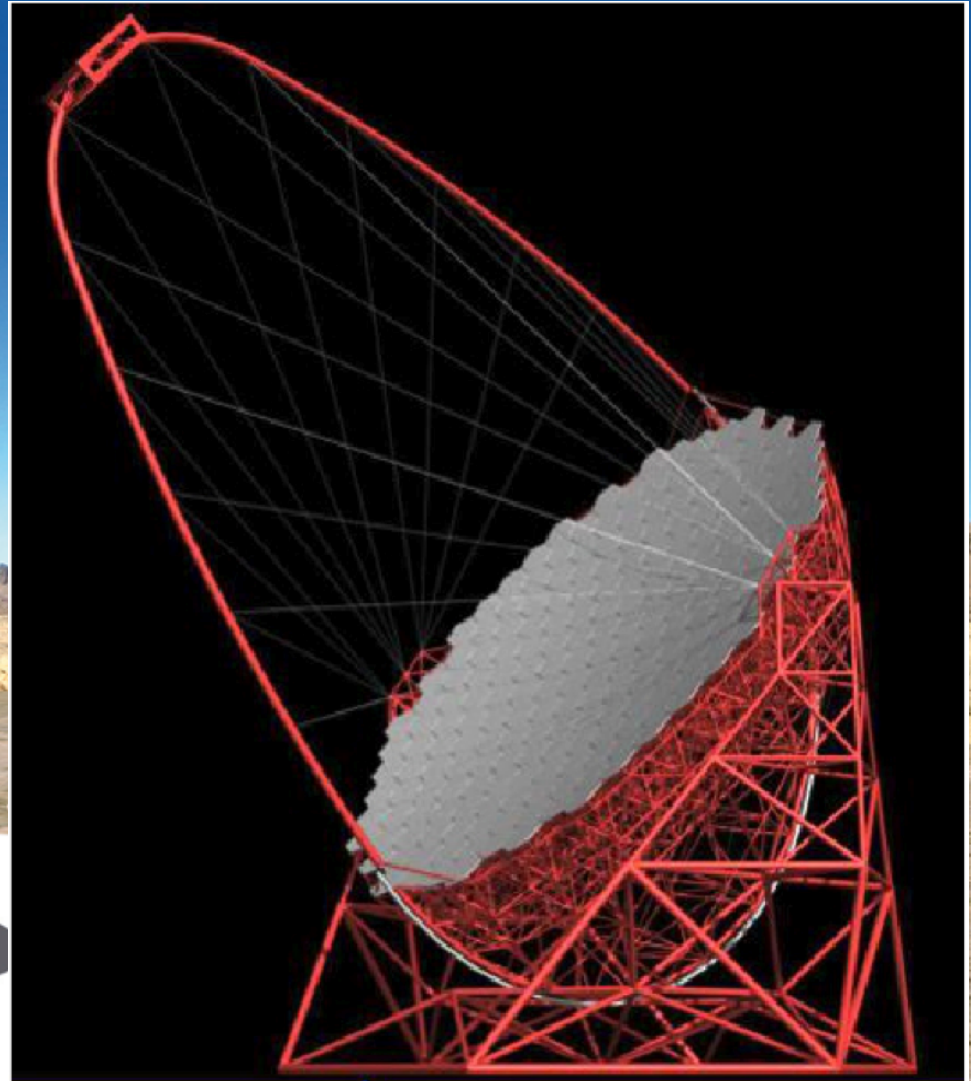
Low energy

Few 23 m telescopes

4.5° FoV

~2000 pixels

~ 0.1°





# The Cherenkov Telescope Array concept

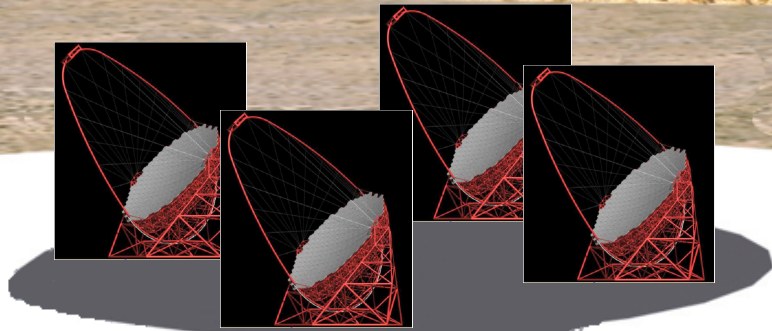
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# The Cherenkov Telescope Array concept

Medium energy

About twenty 12 m telescopes

$\sim 8^\circ$  FoV

$\sim 2000$  pixels

$\sim 0.2^\circ$





# The Cherenkov Telescope Array concept

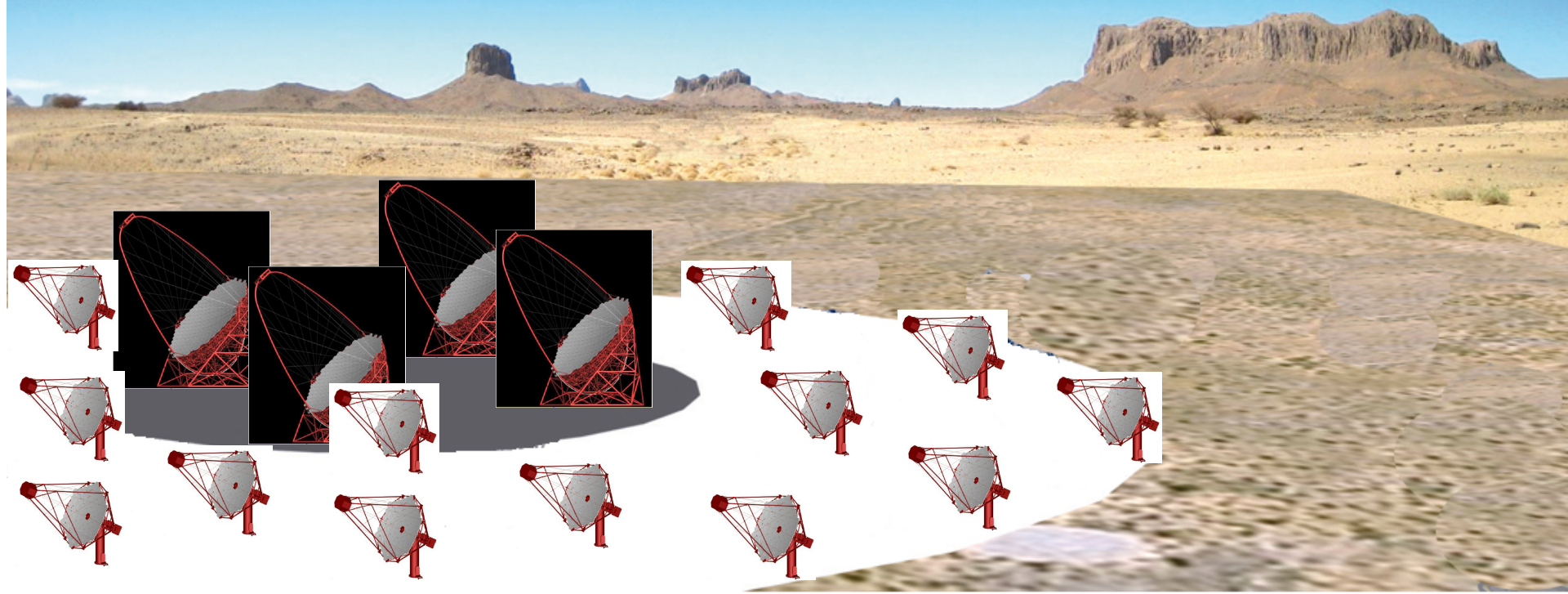
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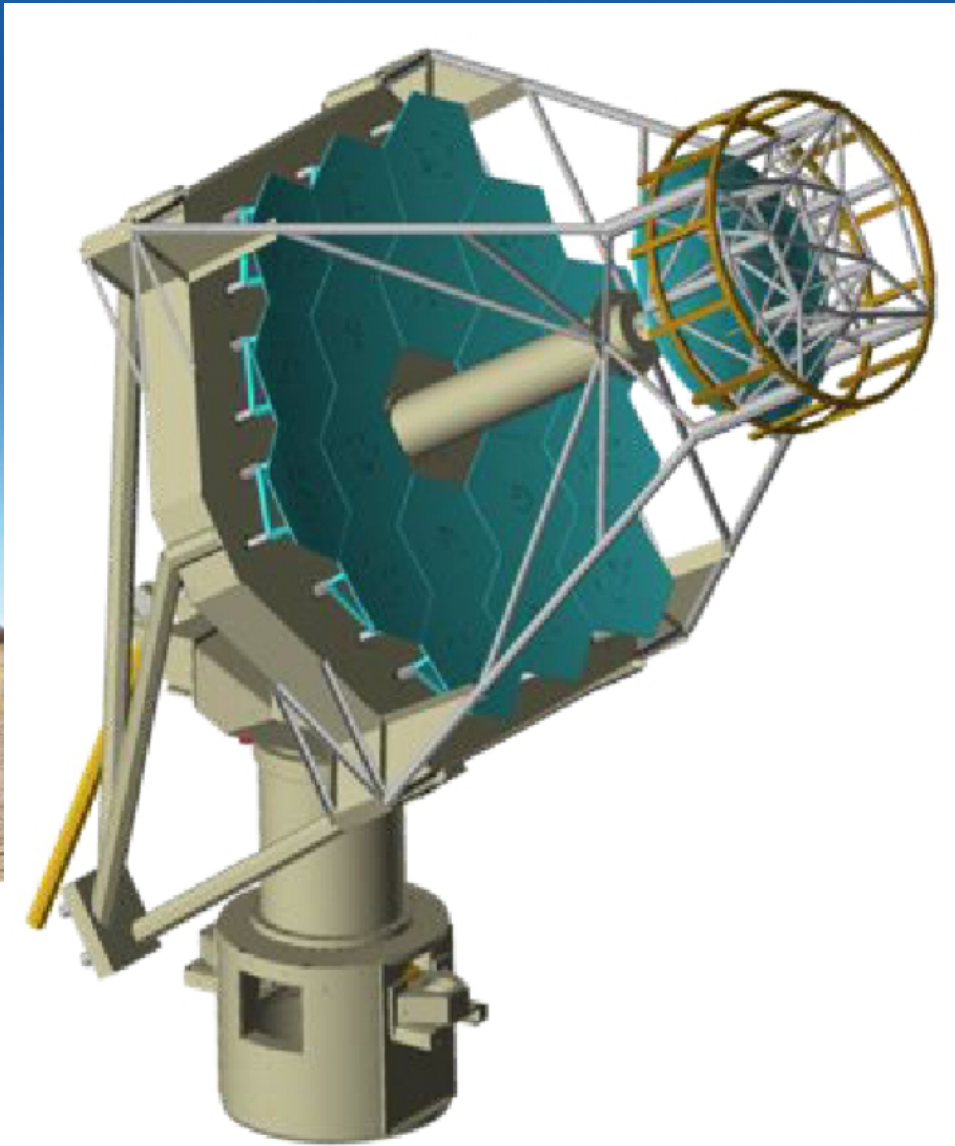
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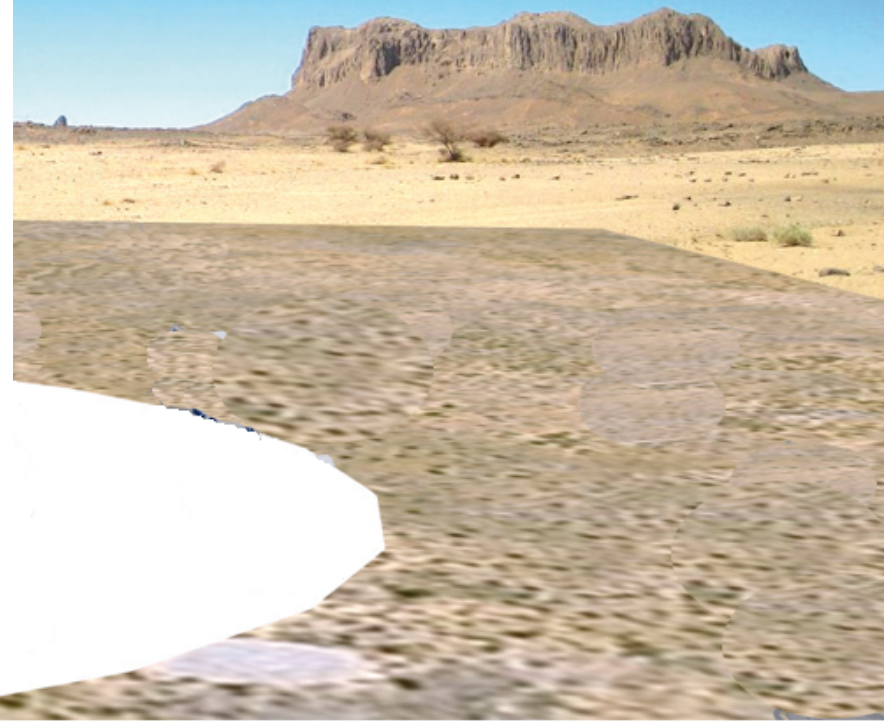
High energy

Fifty + 4.3 m telescopes

$9.6^\circ$  FoV

Compact Silicon Camera

$\sim 0.25$





# The Cherenkov Telescope Array concept

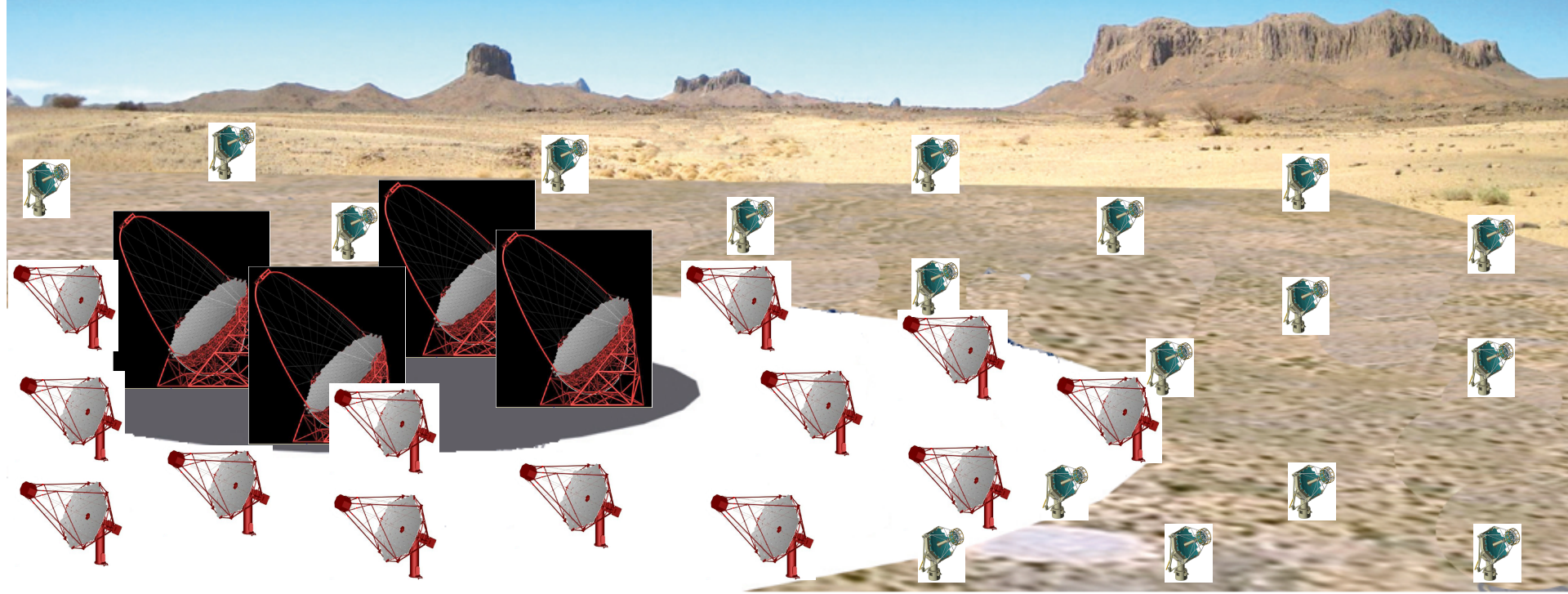
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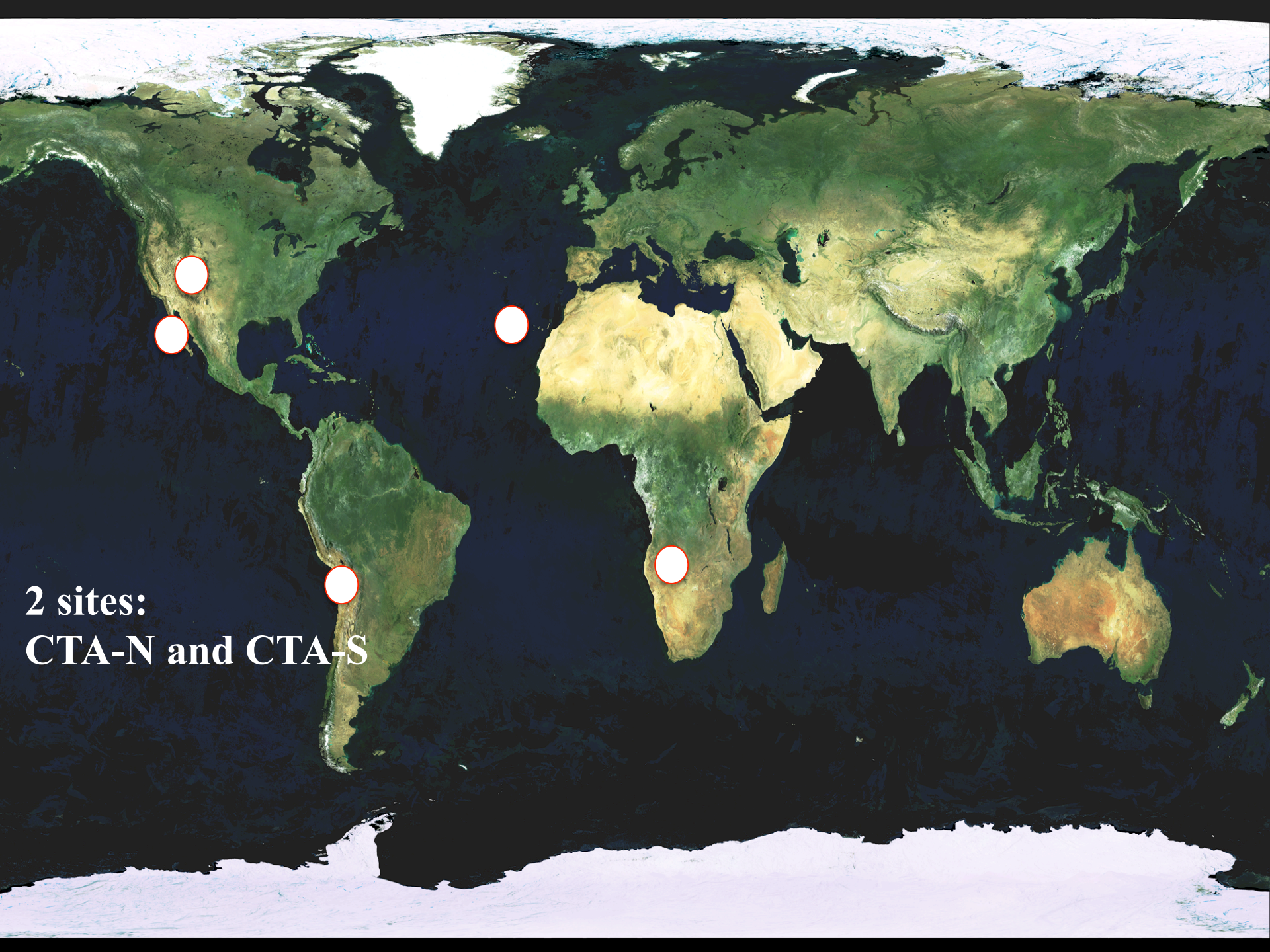
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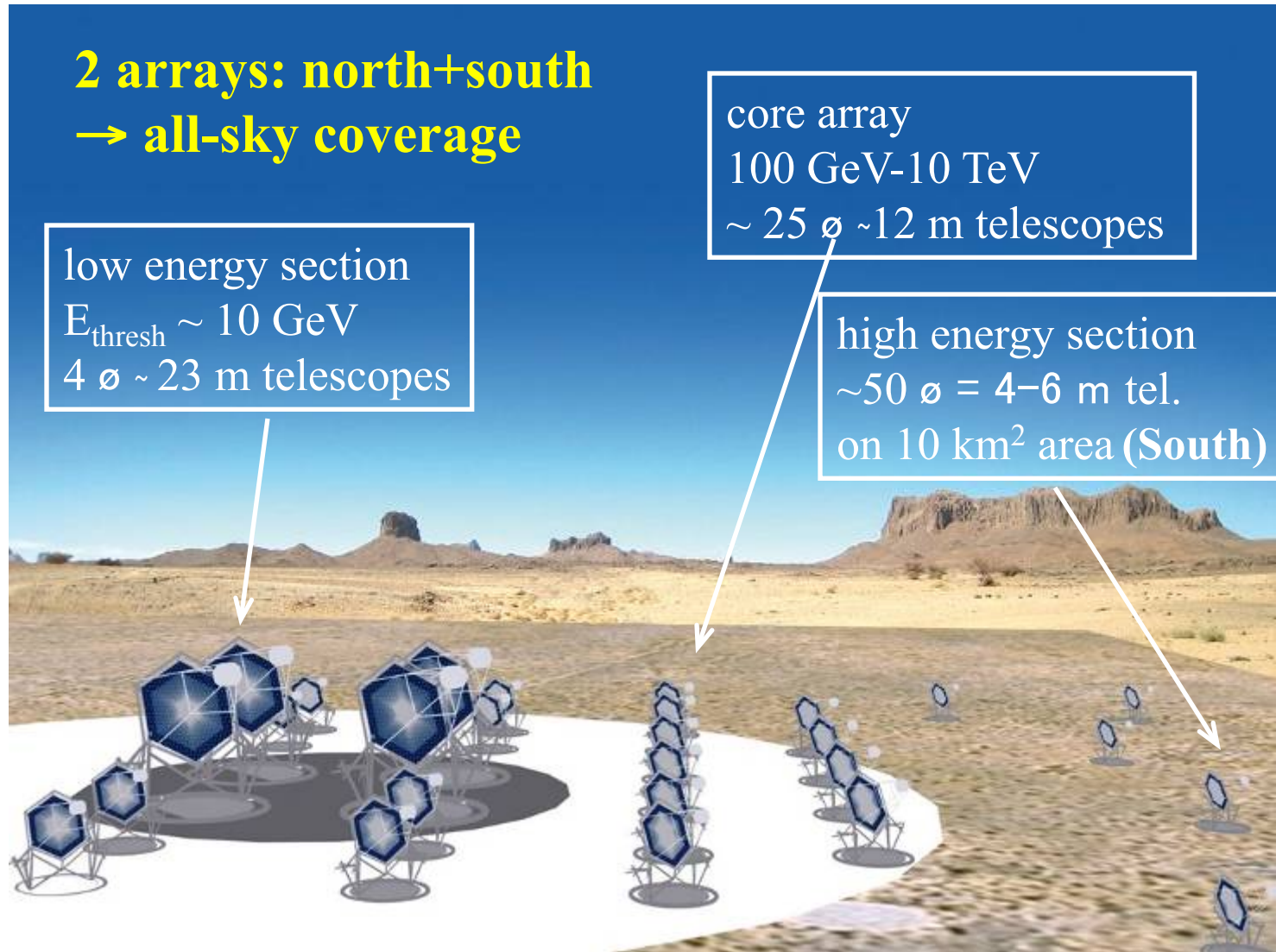




2 sites:  
CTA-N and CTA-S

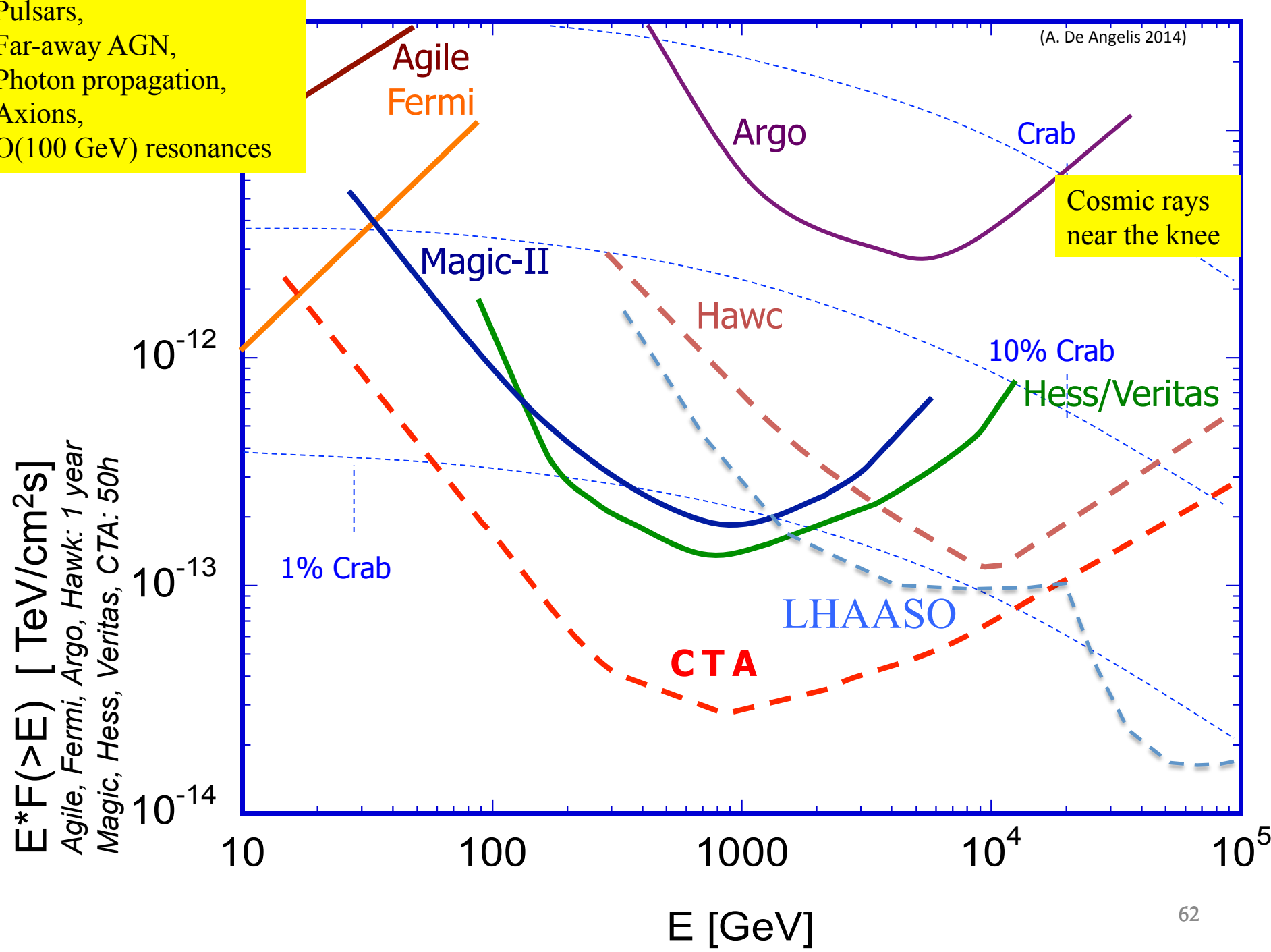


# The CTA concept (a possible design)



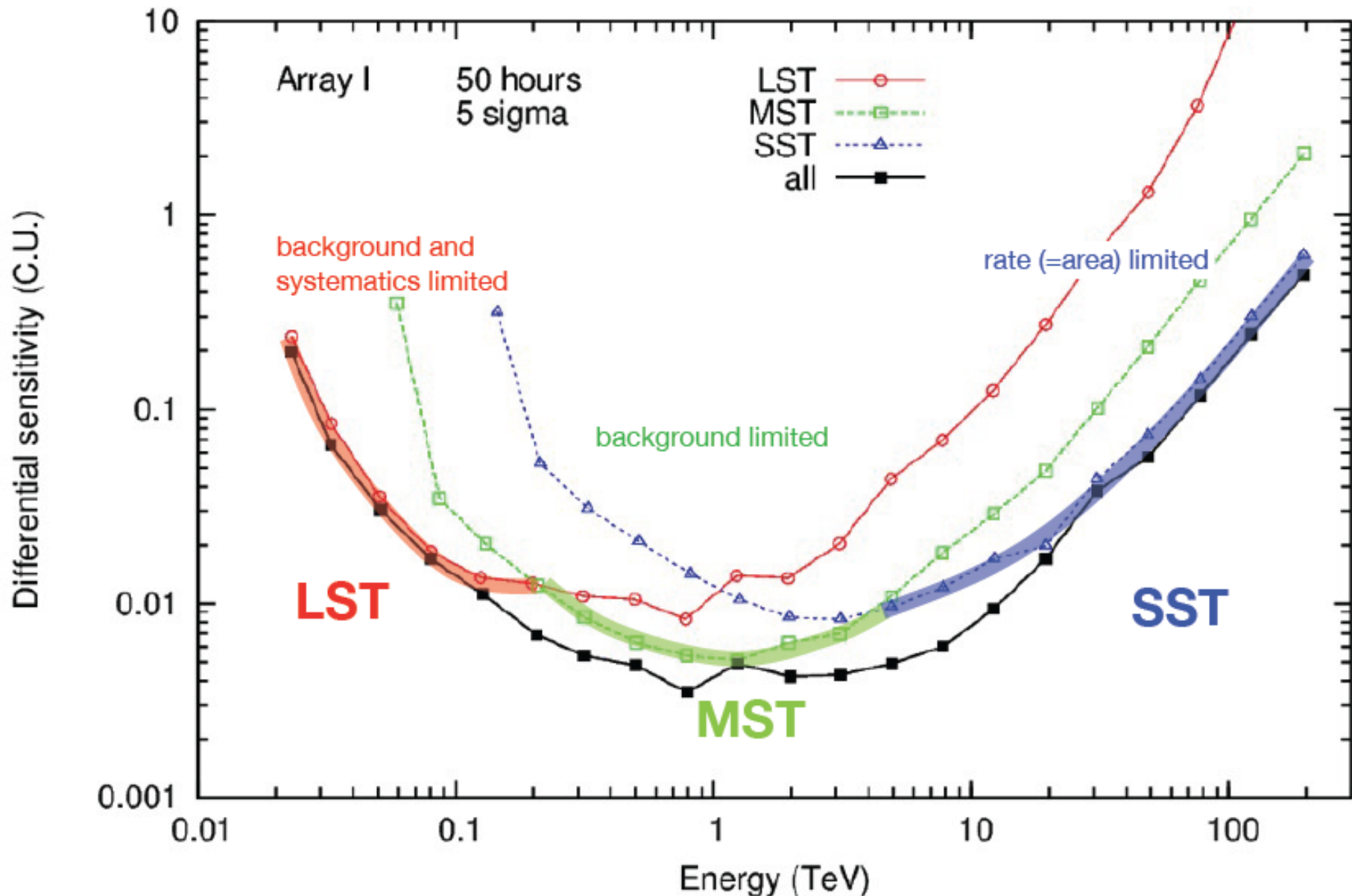
Pulsars,  
Far-away AGN,  
Photon propagation,  
Axions,  
O(100 GeV) resonances

(A. De Angelis 2014)





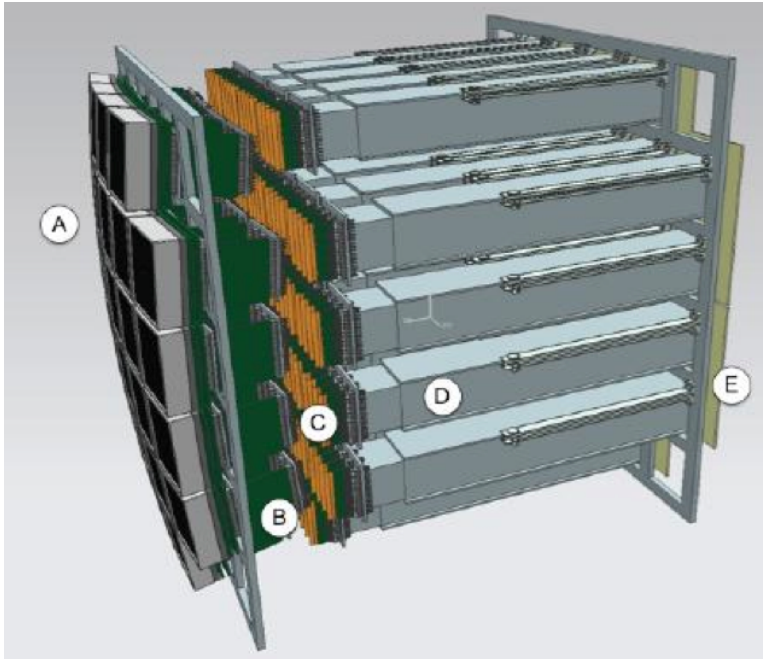
# Large/Medium/Small Size Telescopes in CTA



# SST Telescopes

cover the range above few TeV across 10 km<sup>2</sup>

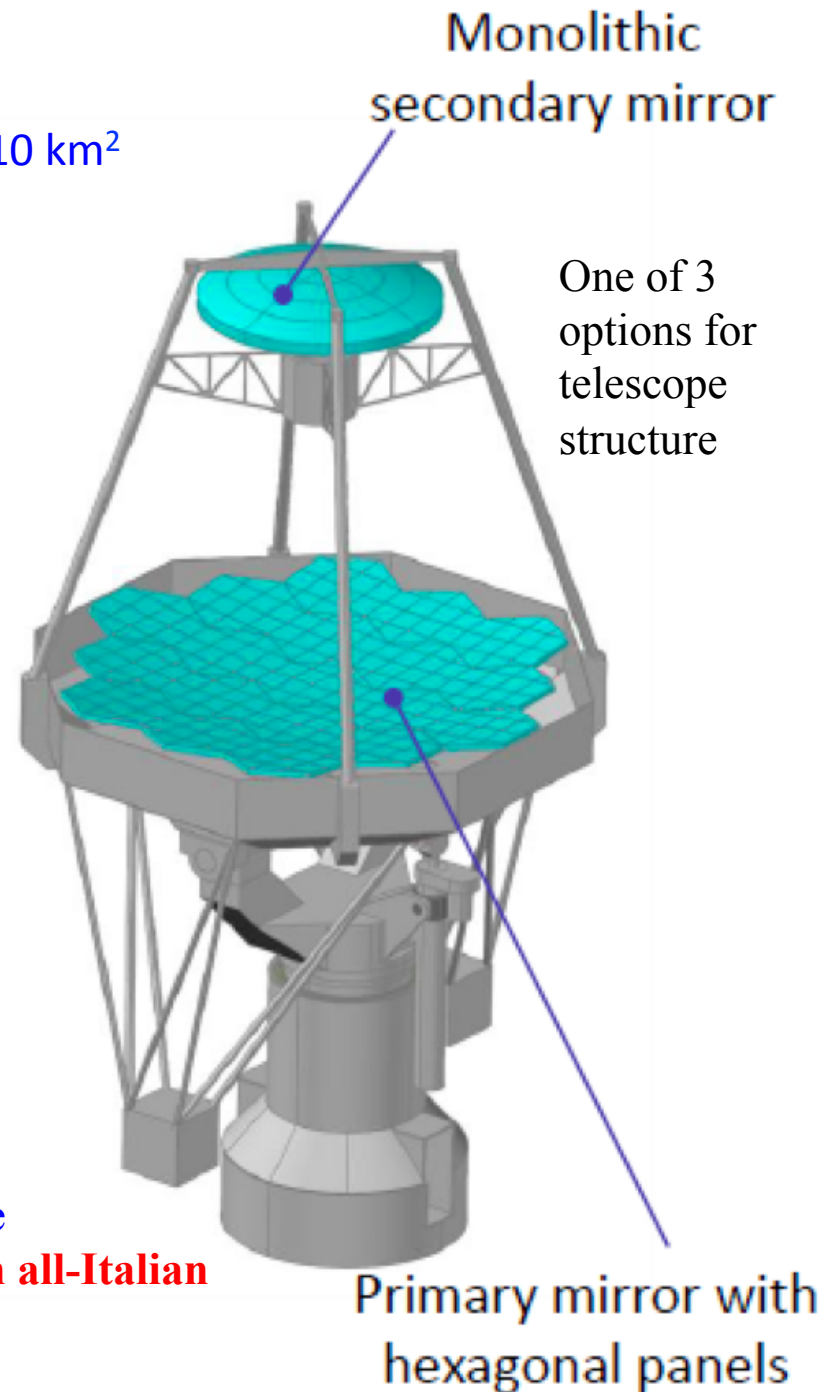
PMT camera option



Under study:  
dual-mirror optics with compact photo sensor arrays  
Si-based sensors

→ Not yet conclusive which solution is most cost-effective

**INAF prototype (ASTRI) ready soon, INFN working on all-Italian camera & electronics (TECHE)**



# Mechanical (for now) demonstrators: ASTRI telescope (INAF)

Polish-Swiss  
single mirror  
telescope



- Camera diam.  $D_c = 36$  cm, FoV =  $9.6^\circ$
- Mechanics ready in September; prototype on Mount Etna
- Full prototype in 2015 (May?)

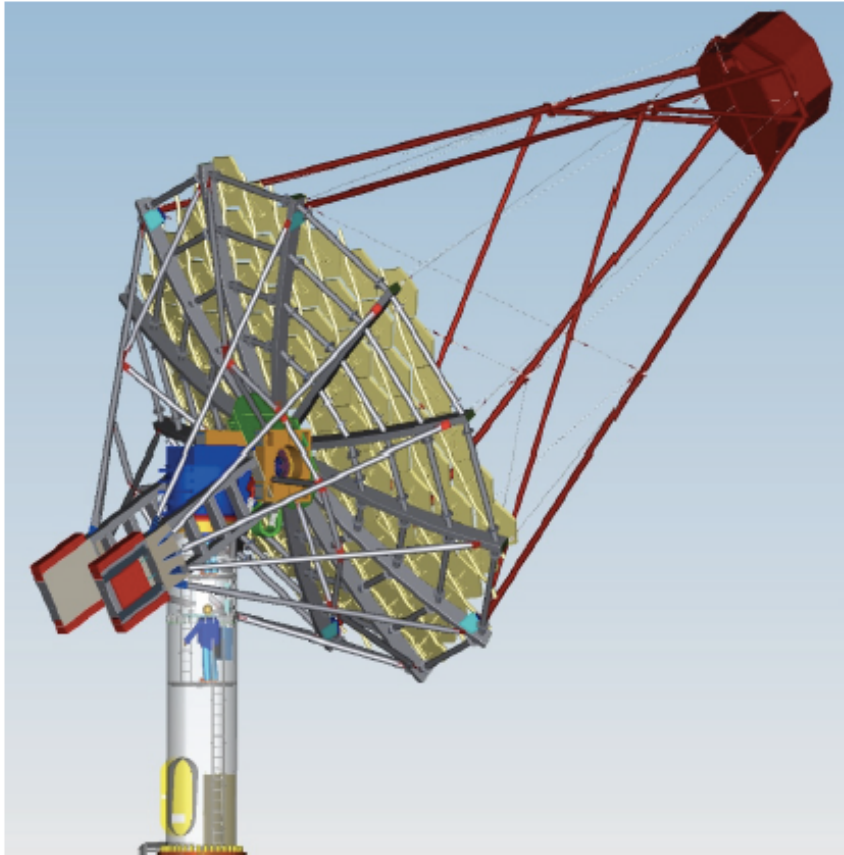




# The Medium size telescope

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## Hot numbers & parameters



- Diameter 12 m
- Focal length  $\sim 16.2$  m.
- (Modified) Davies-Cotton optics.
- Camera support and dish in steel.
- Camera  $\sim 2$  t.
- Central tower cheaper wrt rails
- Designed by ANL-DESY-CEA
- Prototype installed in Berlin by DESY  
(camera is missing)



# CTA MST Prototype



dummy camera

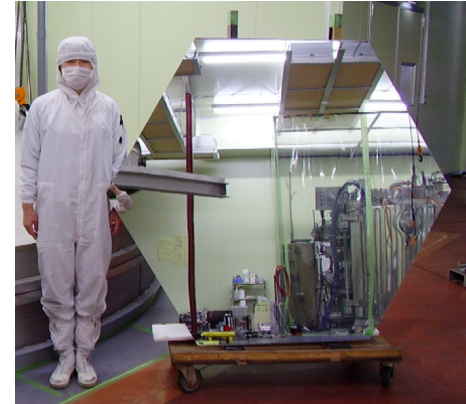


# CTA: 23 m LST (precursor in 2016)

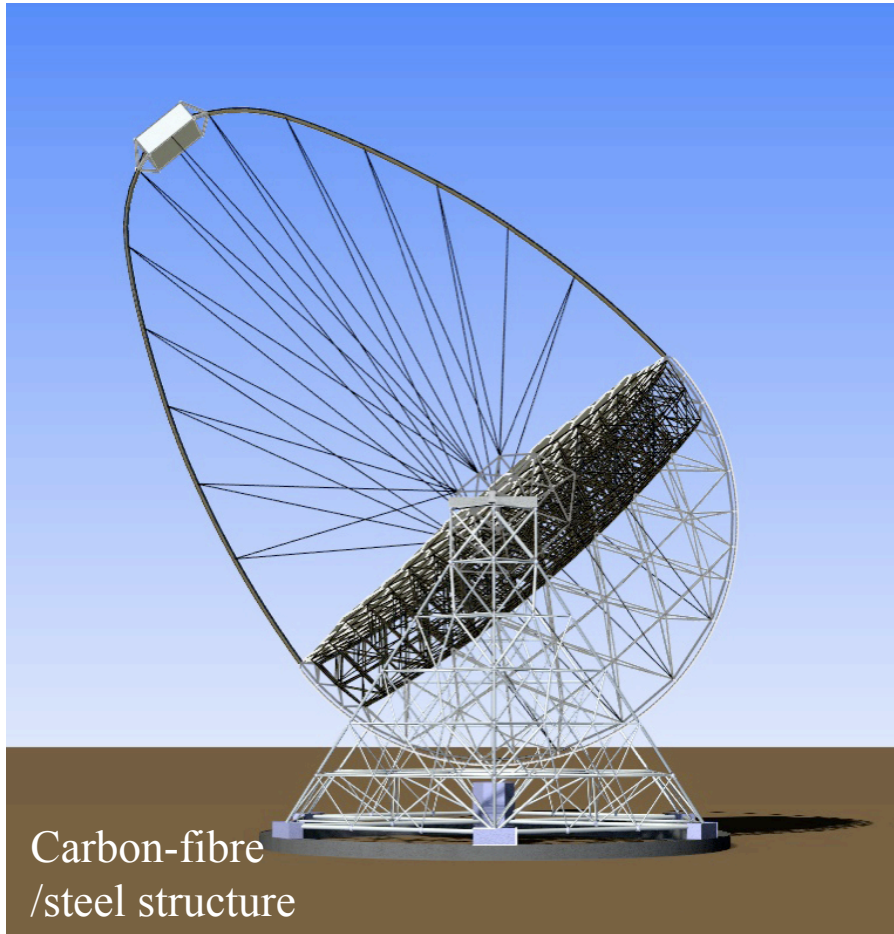
Japan/Germany/Spain/CNRS/INFN

27.8 m focal length  
4.5° field of view  
0.1° pixels

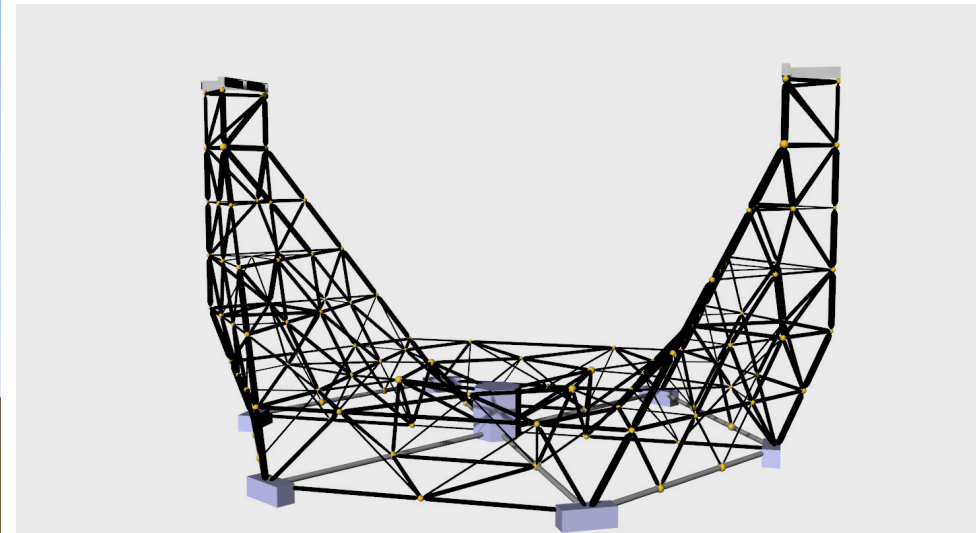
400 m<sup>2</sup> dish area  
1.5 m sandwich  
mirror facets



On (GRB) target  
in < 20 s



Carbon-fibre  
/steel structure



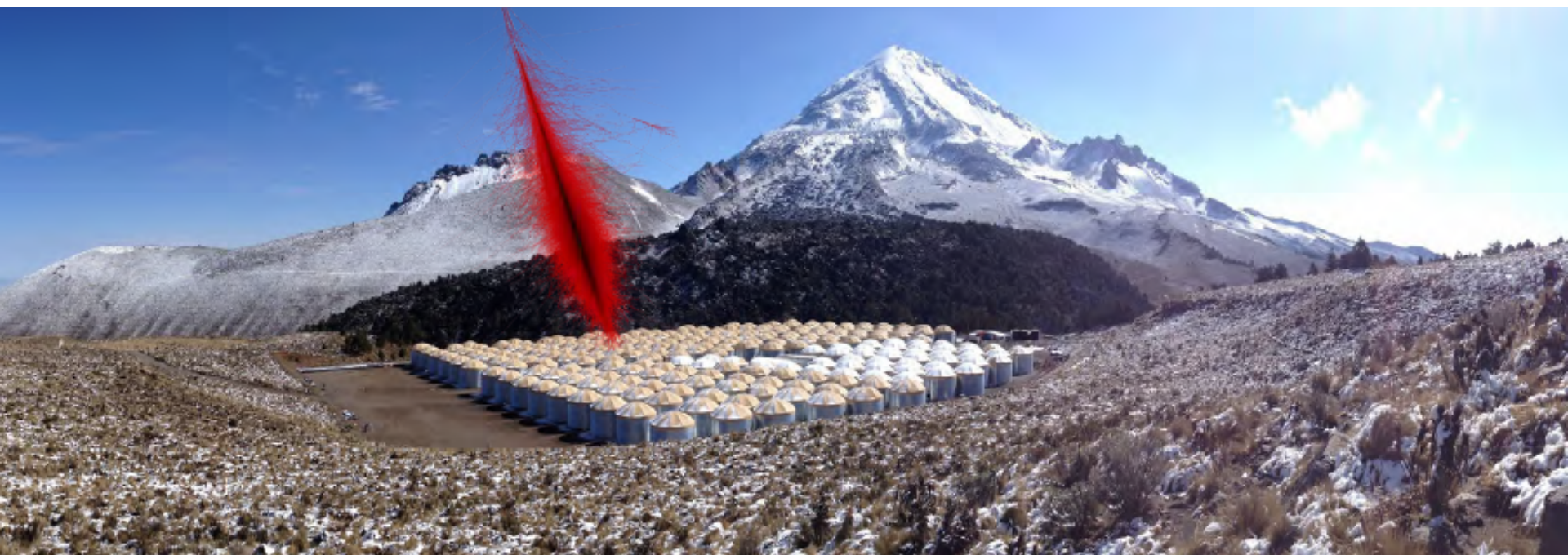
**INFN working on electronics, mechanics and a cluster for a possible SiPM camera & electronics**



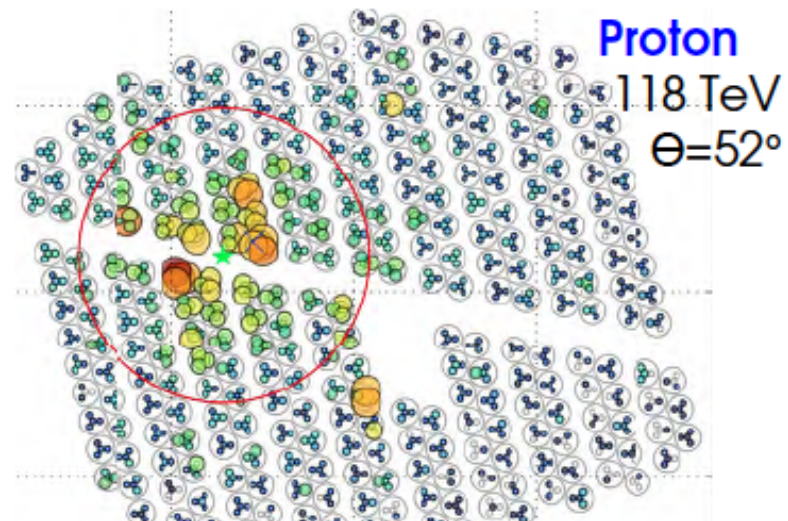
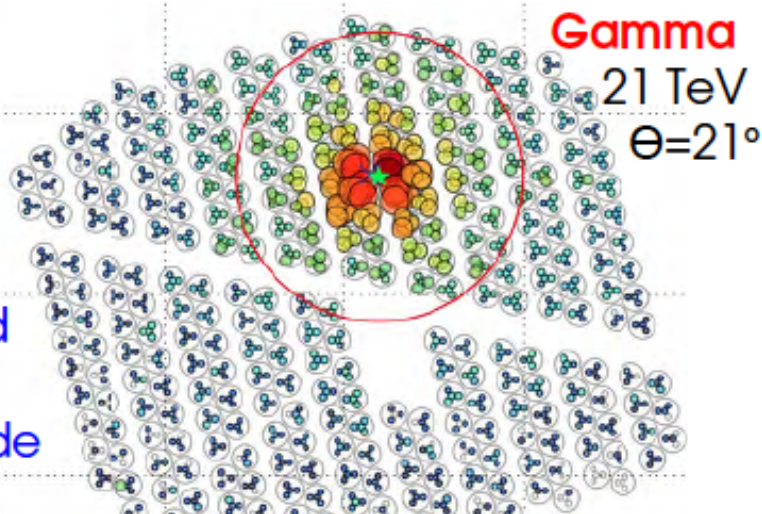




# Solution II: EAS



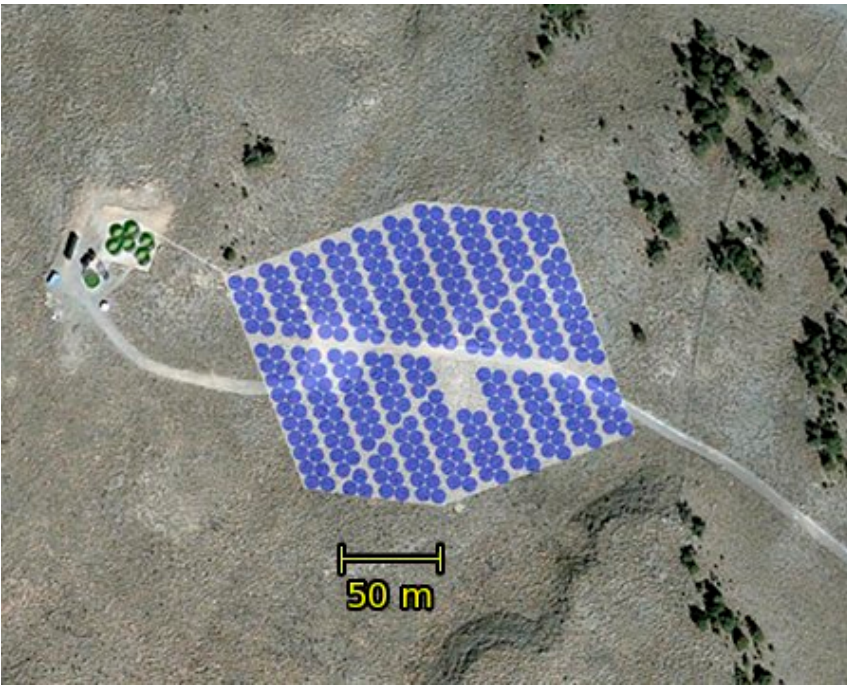
Reconstruct  
air showers  
based on  
PMT hit times  
and charges  
Reject charged  
primaries via  
bright hits outside  
the core





# HAWC

- EAS detectors have advantages on Cherenkov: duty cycle, serendipitous searches
- But the EAS up to now (Argo, Milagro, Tibet-AS) were not sensitive enough
- The High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory, or HAWC, is a facility designed to observe TeV gamma rays and cosmic rays with large FOV, with sensitivity better than 10% Crab in 1 year between 200 GeV and 100 TeV
- HAWC is under construction at 4100 m asl in Mexico



Height is one of the keys...

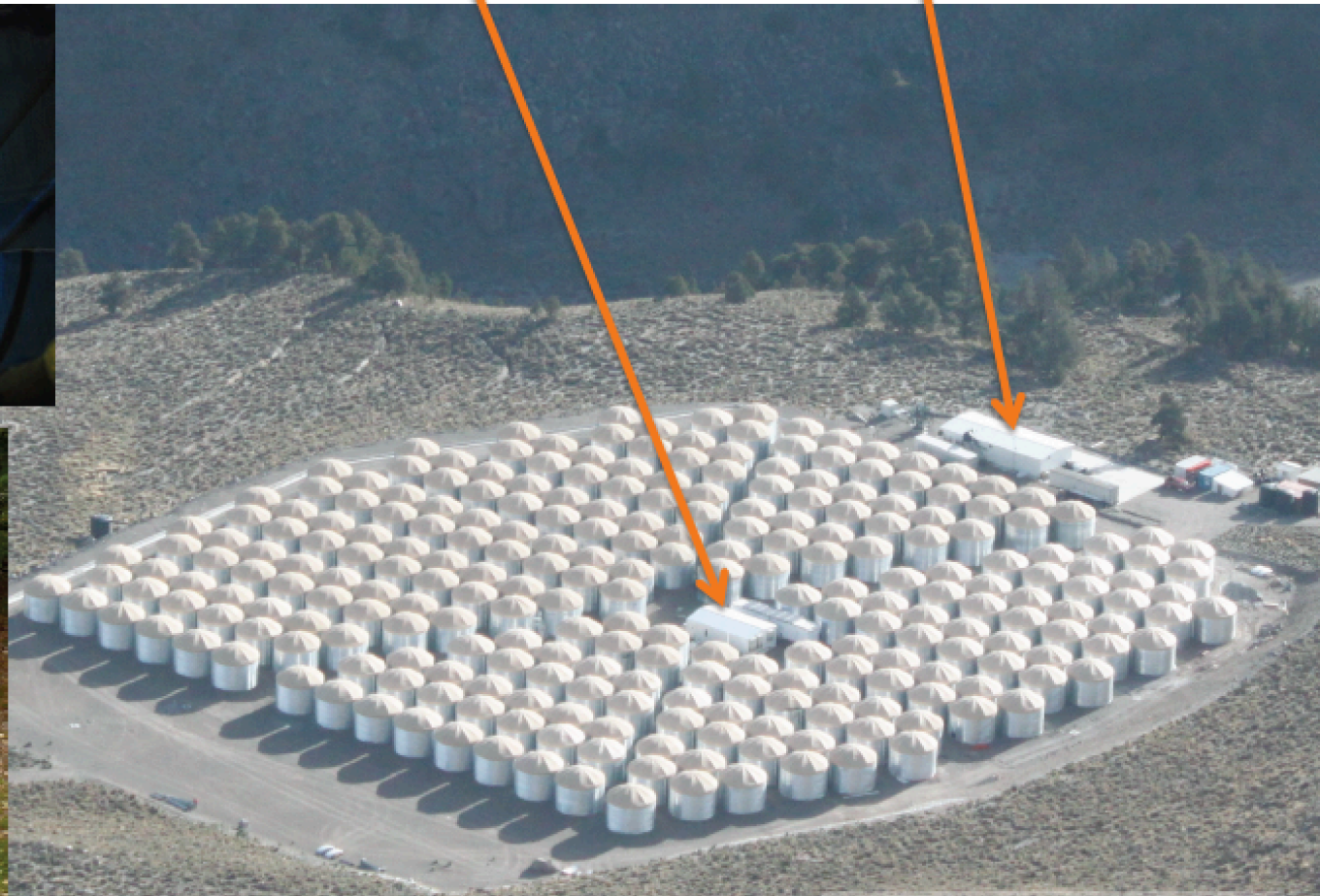
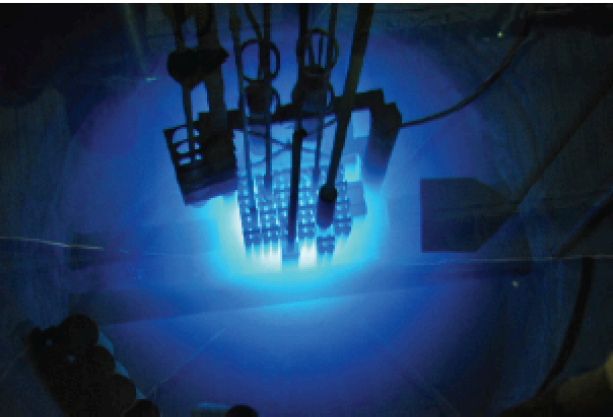
# HAWC is almost complete...

## HAWC

300 Water Tanks. 7.3 m (diam), 4.5 m deep. 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Electronics Bldg.

Utility Bldg.



Picture: May 16, 2014

250 tanks



# HAWC is almost complete...

(August 2014)



  
**HAWC**  
High Altitude Water Cherenkov  
Gamma-Ray Observatory

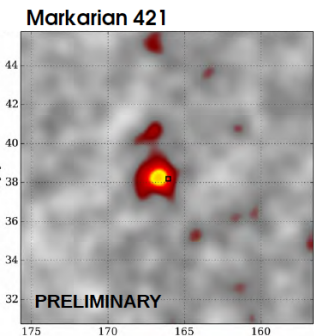


# HAWC: first results

## Gamma-Ray Sky Map

(Courtesy B. Dingus)

HAWC-95+111 154 days



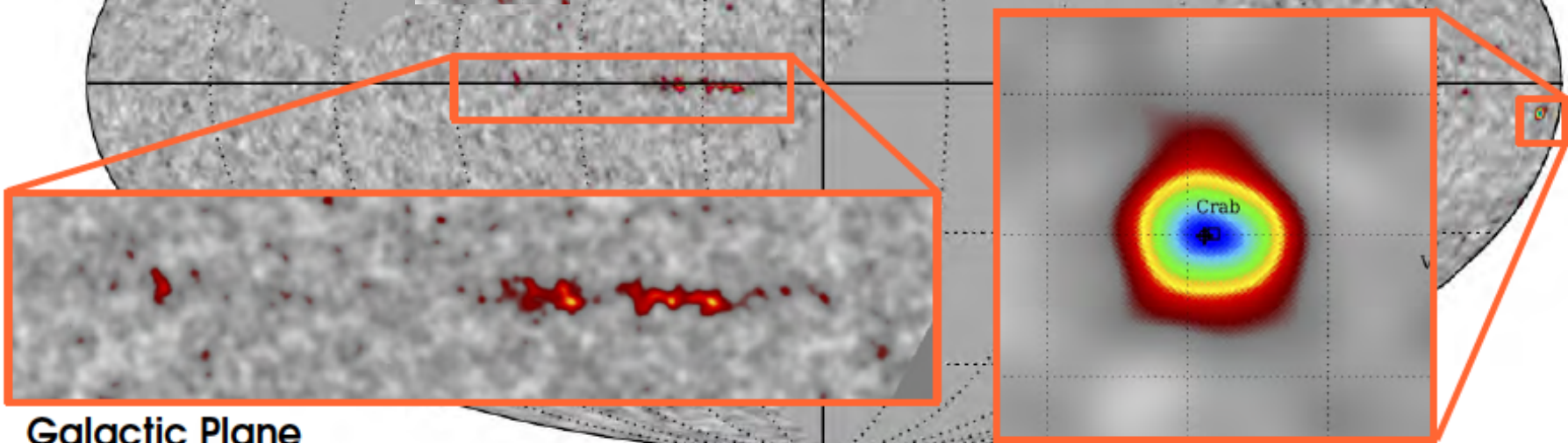
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180°

Markarian 501

-180°

**PRELIMINARY**

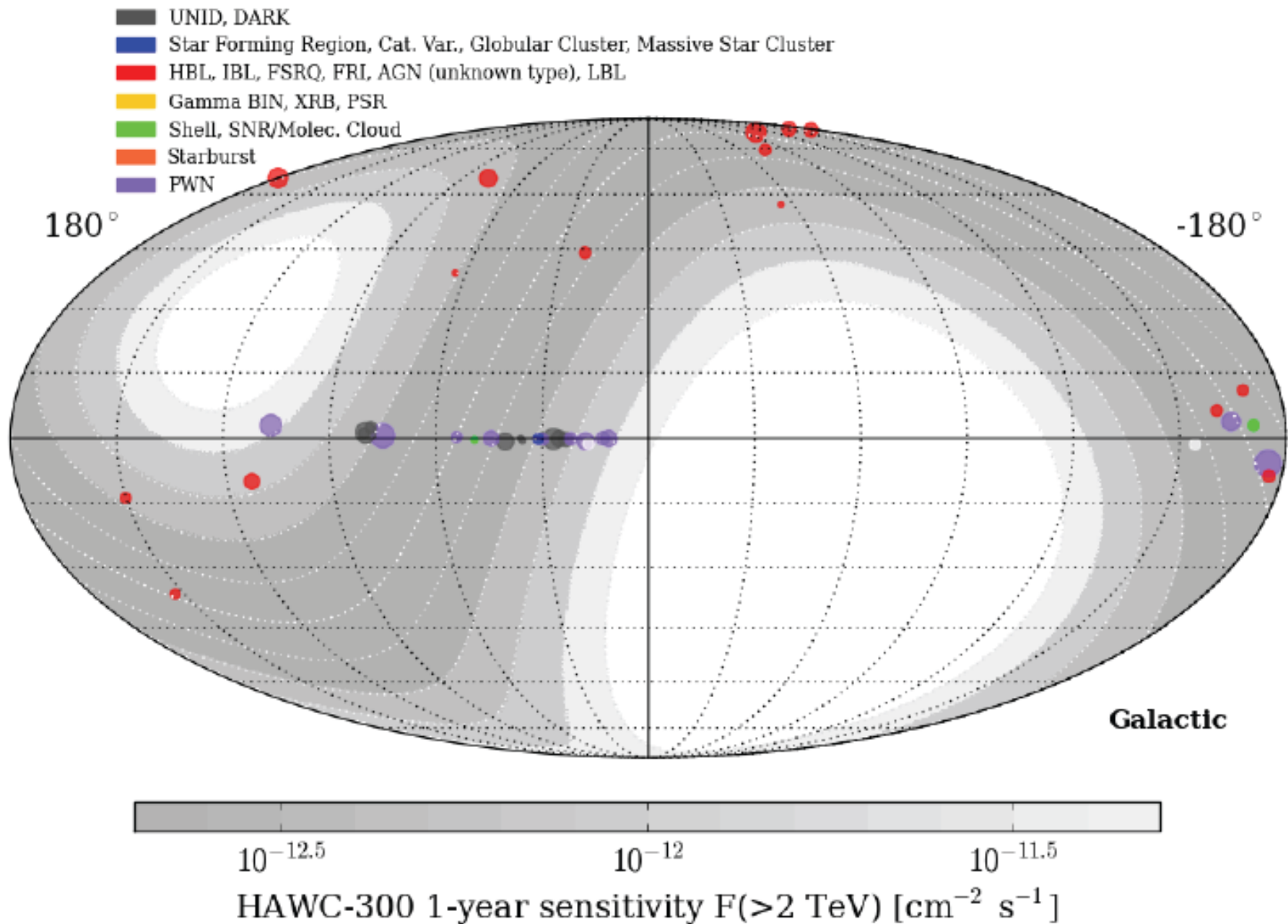


Galactic Plane

Crab Pulsar and Nebula



# > 40 steady sources in 5 years





# LHAASO (see dedicated talks, Chiavassa/Vernetto)

n Array:

0 scintillator detectors every 15 m

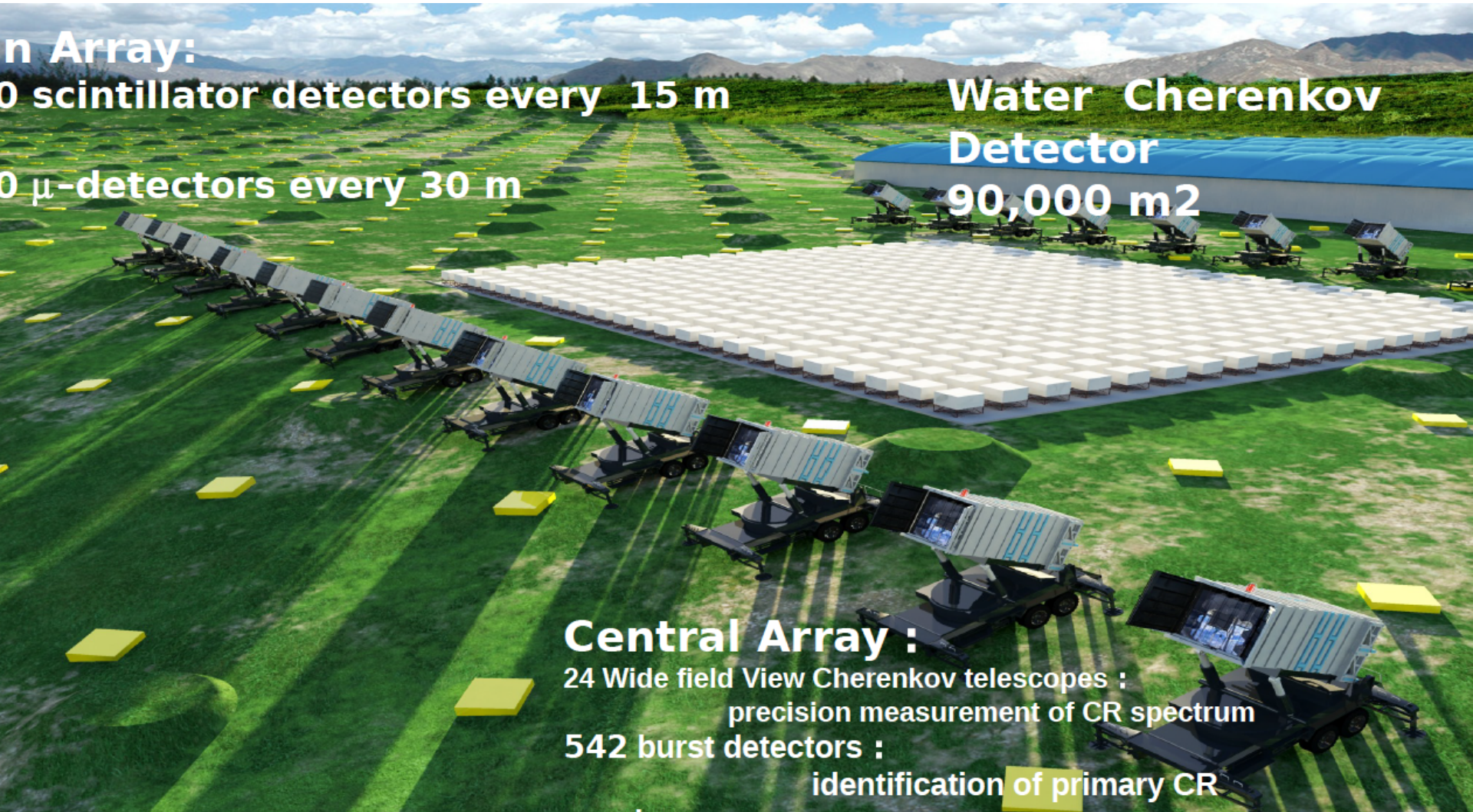
0  $\mu$ -detectors every 30 m

Water Cherenkov  
Detector  
90,000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Central Array :**

24 Wide field View Cherenkov telescopes :  
precision measurement of CR spectrum

542 burst detectors :  
identification of primary CR

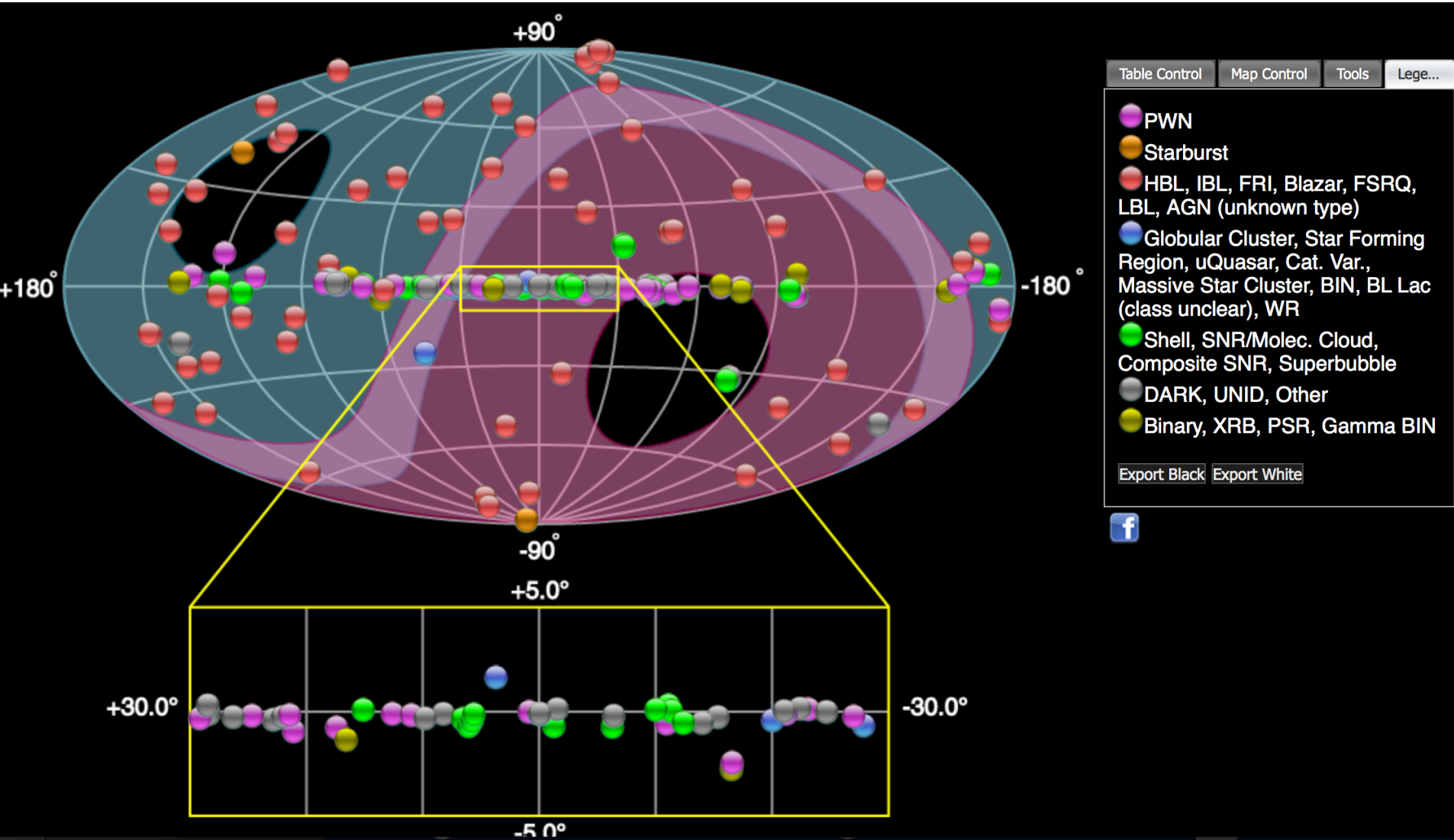




# New detectors for the next 20 years?

- CTA is the best compromise detector
- It “should” have a Northern and a Southern site
- Is it the best detector for particle physics?
  - Energy threshold could be reduced by going to 4000-5000 m asl
  - High energy performance is better for steady sources in a 4000-5000 m EAS
- **North versus South?**

# North vs. South

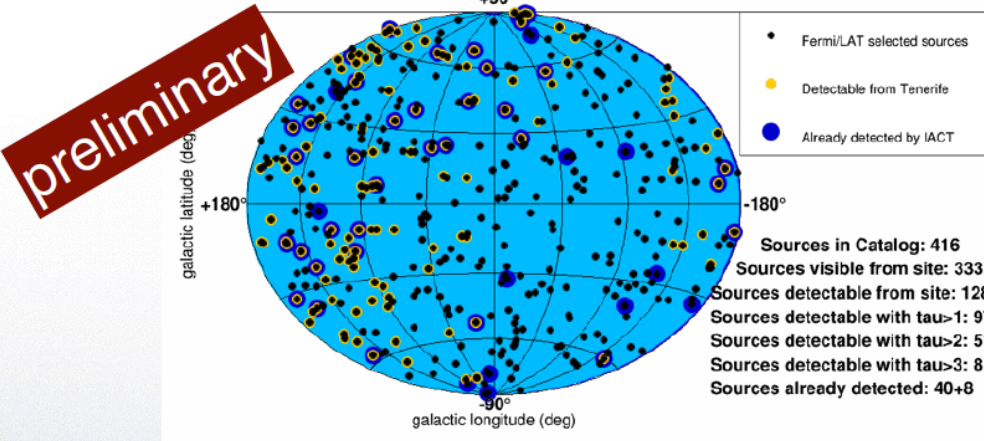


# A false dogma: $S > N$ for GAL; $S = N$ for extraGAL

DM & D. Semikoz, A. Zech 2014, in preparation

NORTH

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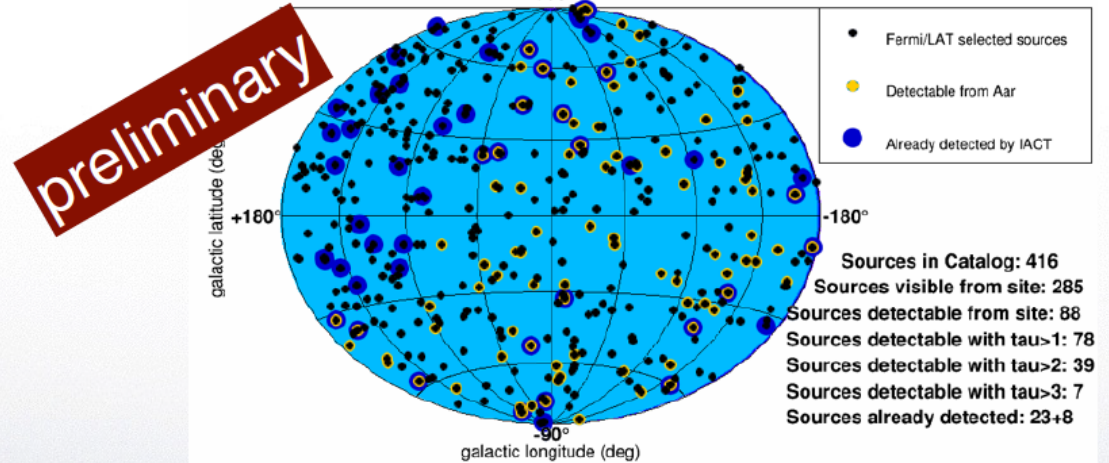


ExtraGAL:

North  $\sim 1.5 \times$  South

1) from 416 hard spectra sources, CTA-NORTH can detect 128 (31%)

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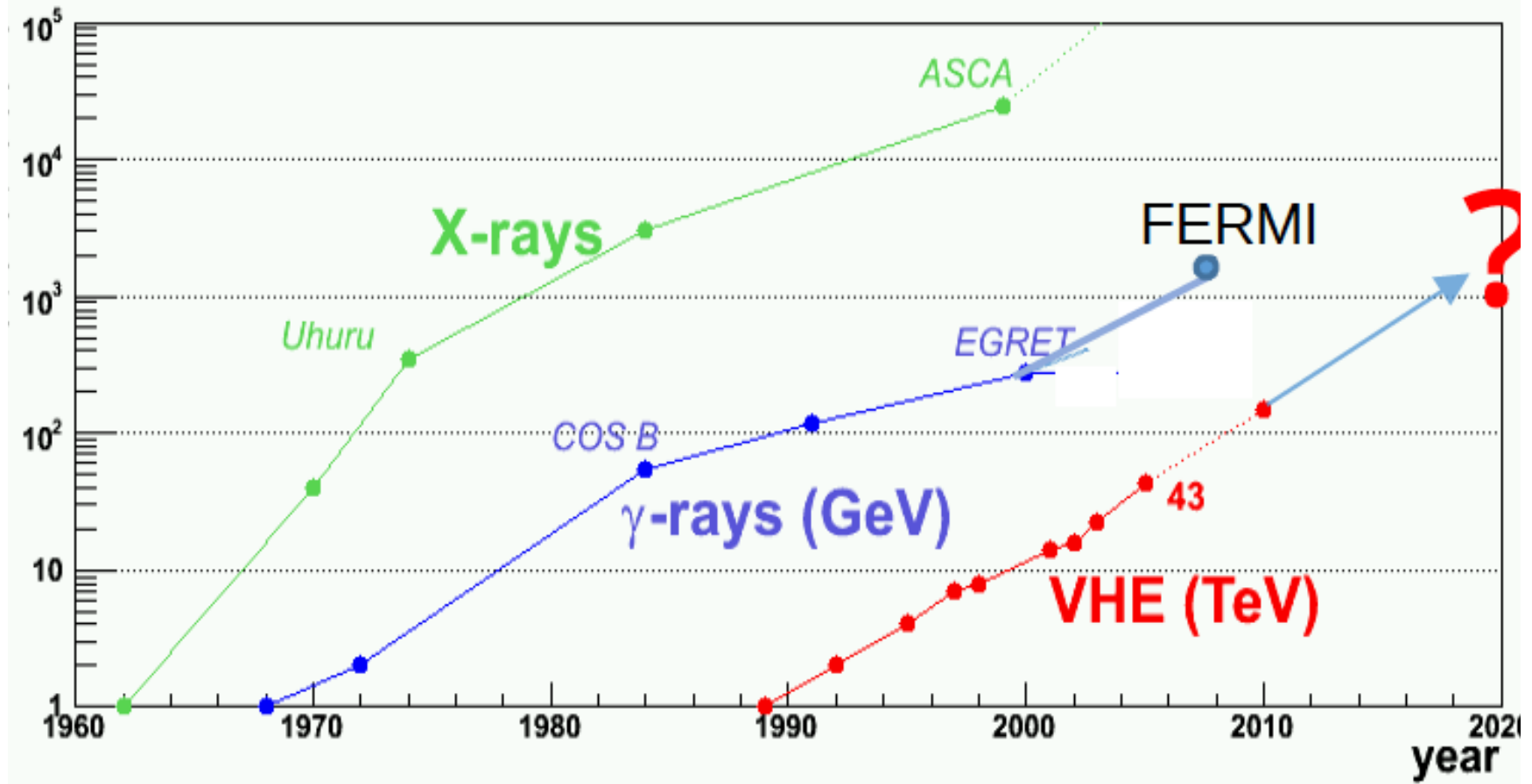
1) from 416 hard spectra sources, CTA-SOUTH can detect 88 (21%)



# Likely hits in the next 10-20 years (beside astrophysics, which in any case...)

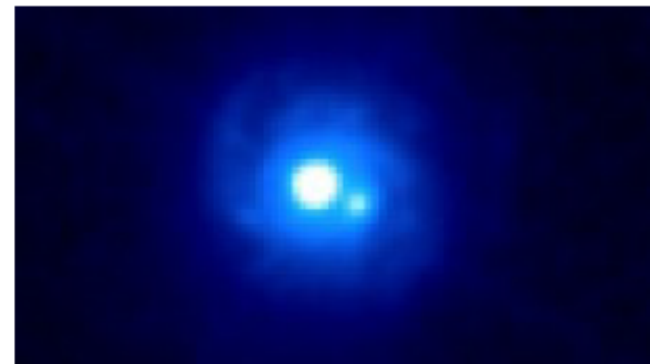
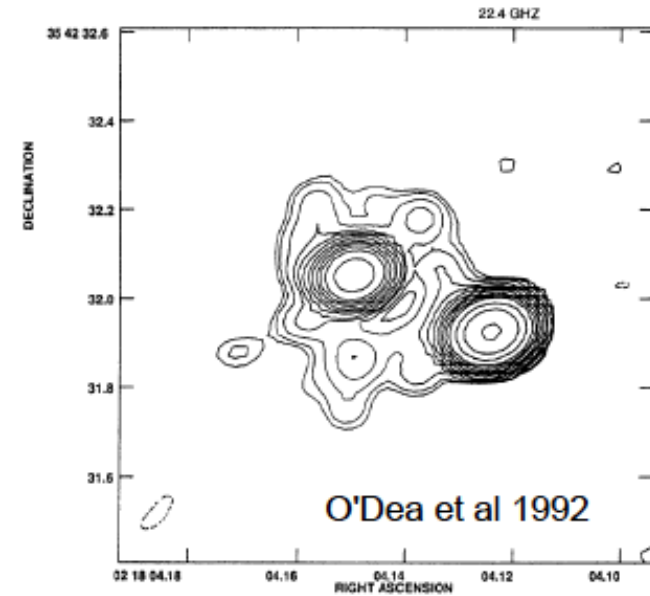
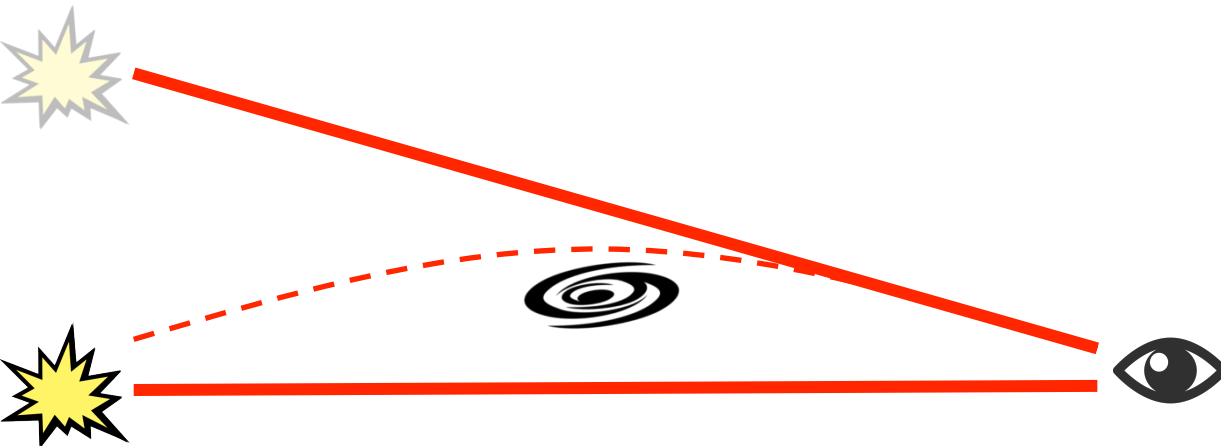
- EBL, interaction of photons with the vacuum
  - Anything anomalous?
  - If not, independent measurement of cosmological parameters (test of cosmology?)
  - The Universe at  $z=0.6-1$  (near the stellar formation)
- Something better on DM
  - But we don't know too much what: in the worst case,
    - constraints on DM density/annihilation X section or decay rate
    - Backgrounds
- Test of fundamental symmetries in an unknown regime
  - Nobody knows what can come out

# New sources, new source types...



# Morphology of the sources: physics near a neutron star, a BH, a SMBH, not only astronomy

- More physics from lensing
  - Microlensing/chromaticity of light propagation: insight on the behavior of matter near a SMBH
  - A multiwavelength study





# Should we rethink to an extreme project for low energies?

- 5@5 (Aharonian et al. 2000): 5 large ( $\sim 20$  m) detectors at 5000 m
- Why 5000 m?
  - (i) Observed Cherenkov light from  $O(10$  GeV) shower increases by factor 3!  
=> a 20 m diameter mirror is enough to collect  $\sim 50$  photo-electrons from a shower with core  $< 100$  m away (future SiPM would of course further lower this requirement)
  - (ii) Less important, but still significant: At GeV gamma-ray energies, the proton shower that produces as much light as the gamma-ray develops at lower altitudes ...  
=> some background suppression for free.

Threshold as low as 5-10 GeV could be expected, with pointing times  $< 1$  min

# Summary

- Impressive success of Cherenkov Imaging technique in the recent years; **will continue with CTA (balistic)**
- But we know what was wrong with EAS; **HAWC** demonstrated we can cure it (**balistic**)
- **Purely scientific** priorities, my point of view (then we can discuss about the political constraint):
  1. **An EAS (HAWC-like?) at 4000-5000 m in the South** (Bolivia? Chile?)
    - LATTES?
  2. **A 5@5 Cherenkov Imaging** at 4000-5000 m in the South (Bolivia? Chile?)
    - LATTES?
  3. **A serendipitous PeVatron detector at North (LHAASO?)**

(1) and (2) have nonnegligible costs (30-40 MEUR each) – might interfere w/ CTA
- **New detection techniques?**

# And an important thing missing

- A world infrastructure for discussing multimessenger astroparticle physics
  - What is CERN for accelerator physics
  - Could it be a CERN division?
  - Could it be in Italy? (What next has been a seed)