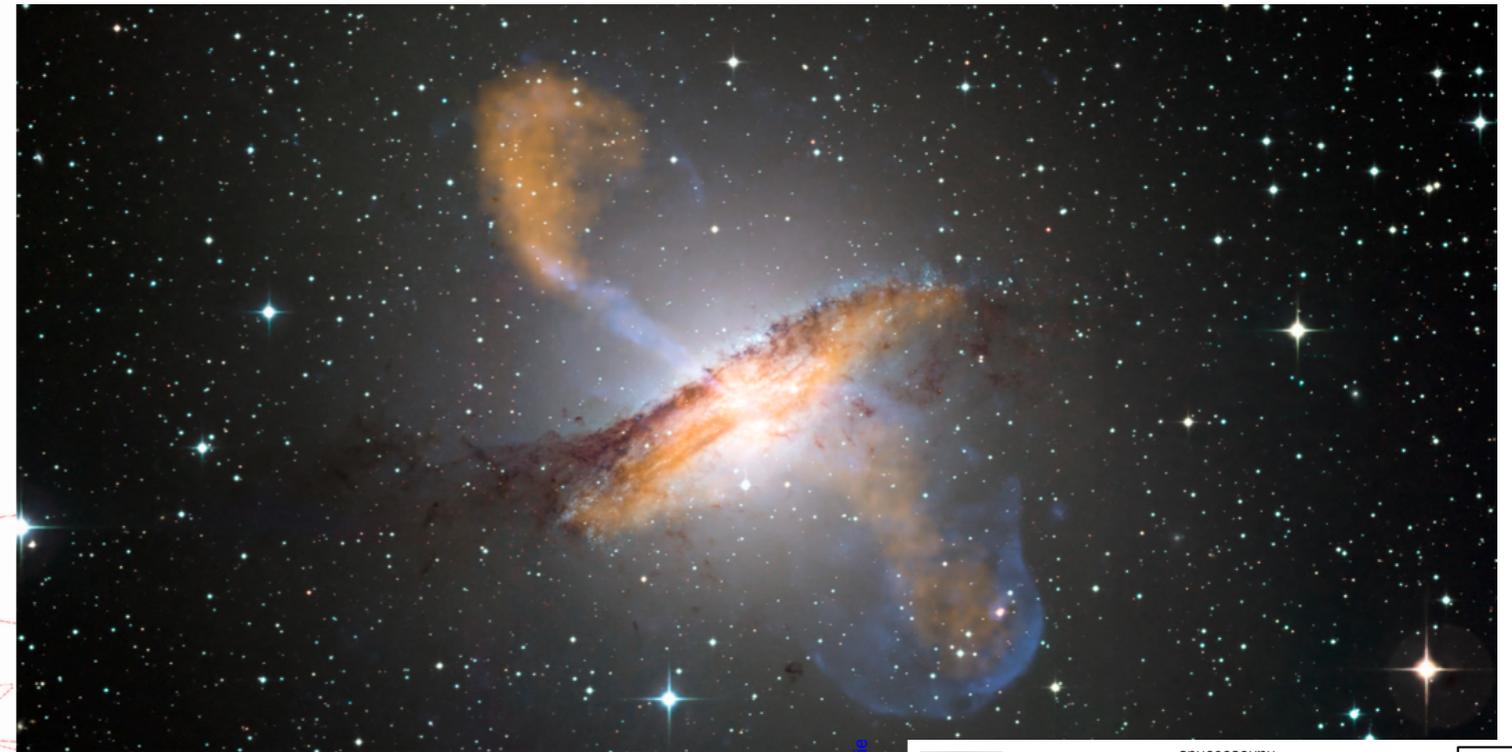
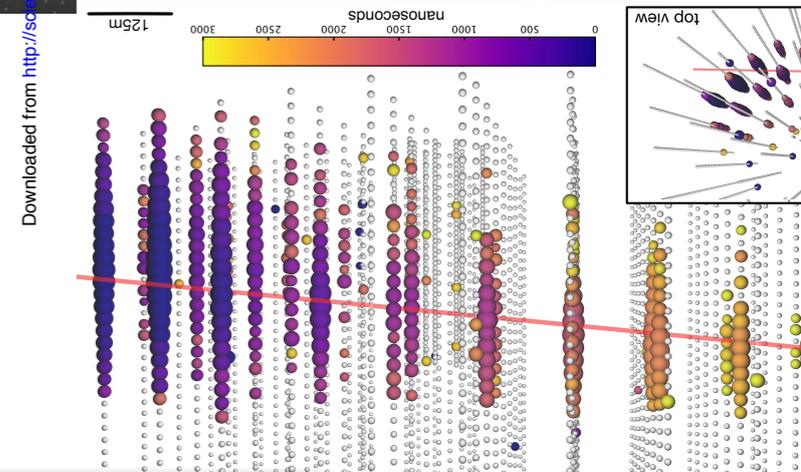


Astroparticle Physics

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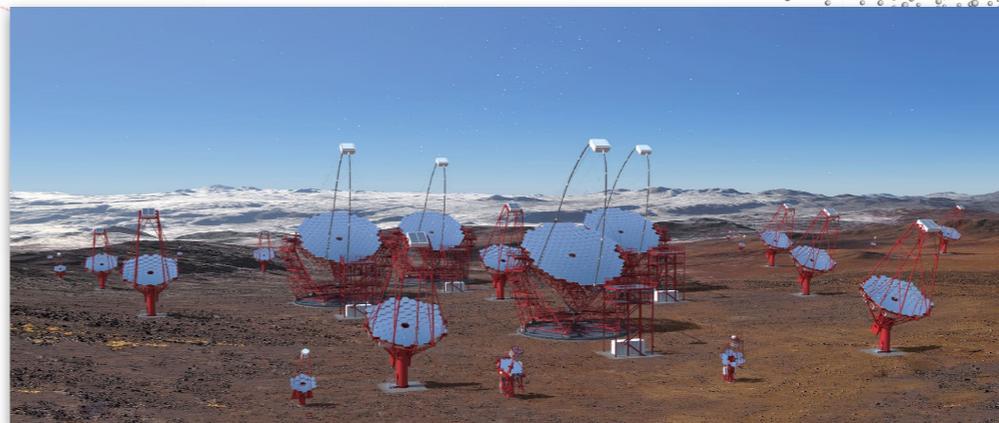


- Introduction
- Instrumental Techniques
- Acceleration and Sources
- Fundamental Physics



Gernot Maier

HELMHOLTZ RESEARCH FOR GRAND CHALLENGES





Credit: John Quinn/CfA

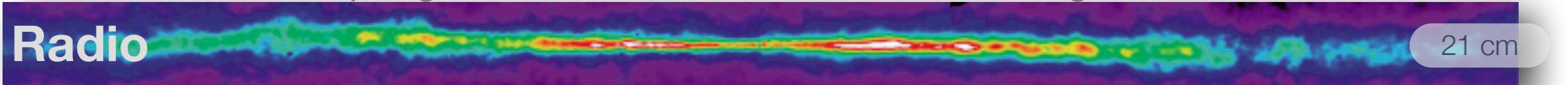
Multi-wavelength astronomy

+ high-energetic particles,
neutrinos, gravitational
waves

synchrotron emission from HE electrons moving through interstellar magnetic fields



Hydrogen 21 cm line, cold interstellar medium (gas)



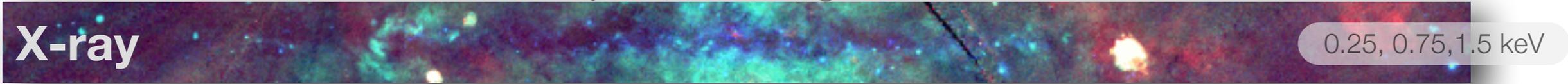
thermal emission from interstellar dust



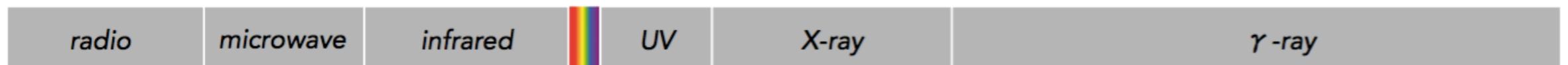
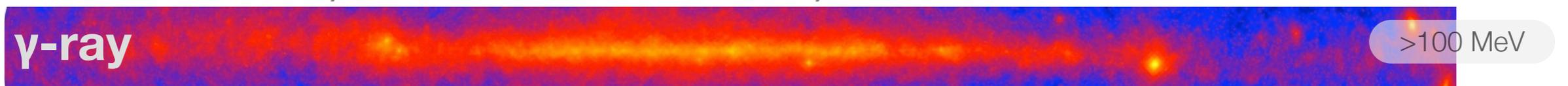
star light



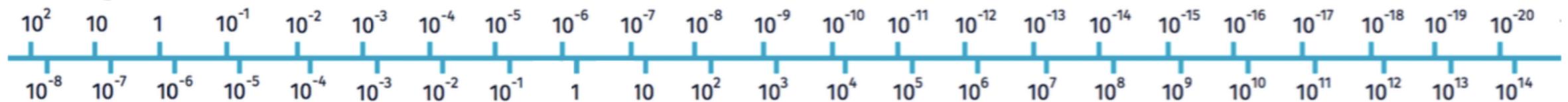
very hot, shocked gas



π^0 decay from interaction of Cosmic Rays with interstellar medium



Wavelength (m)



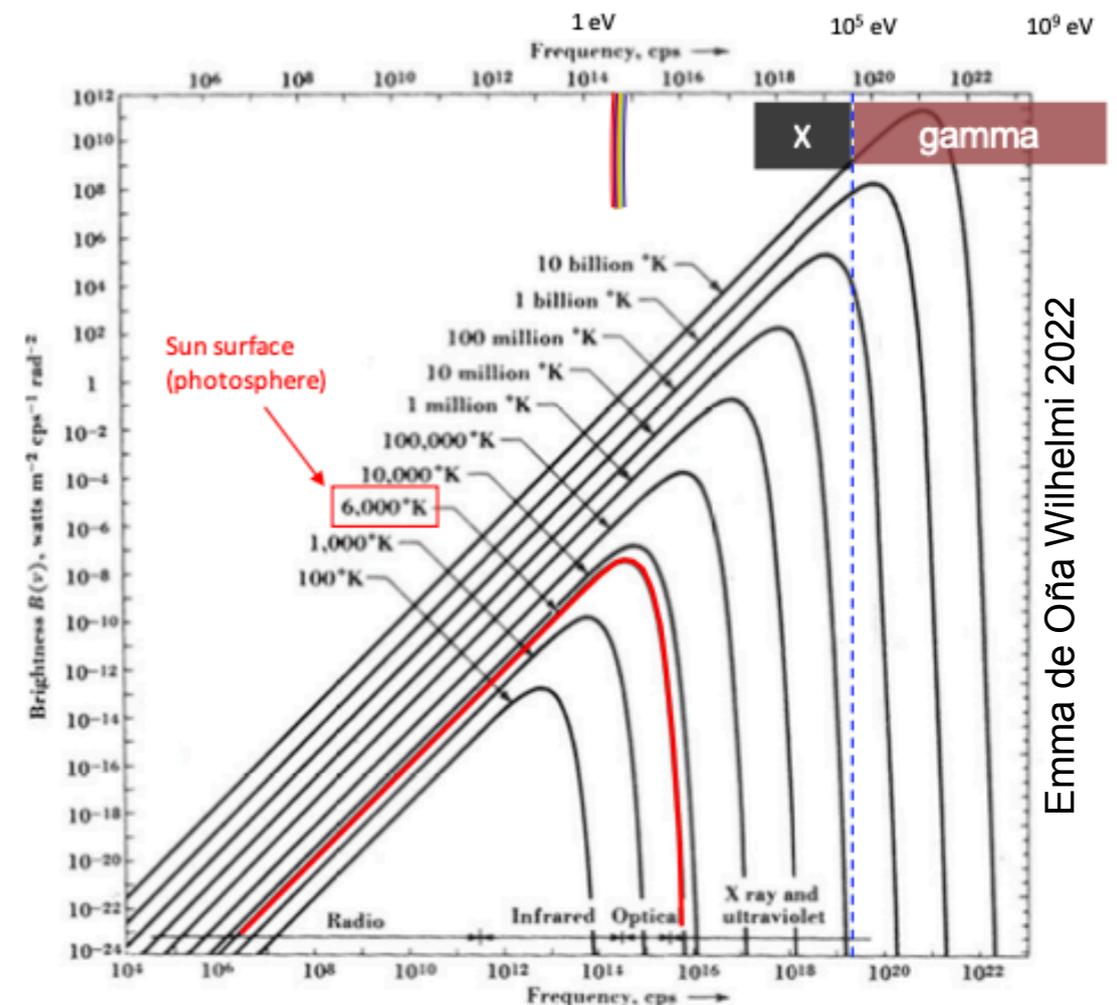
Photon Energy (eV)



High-energy / non-thermal astronomy

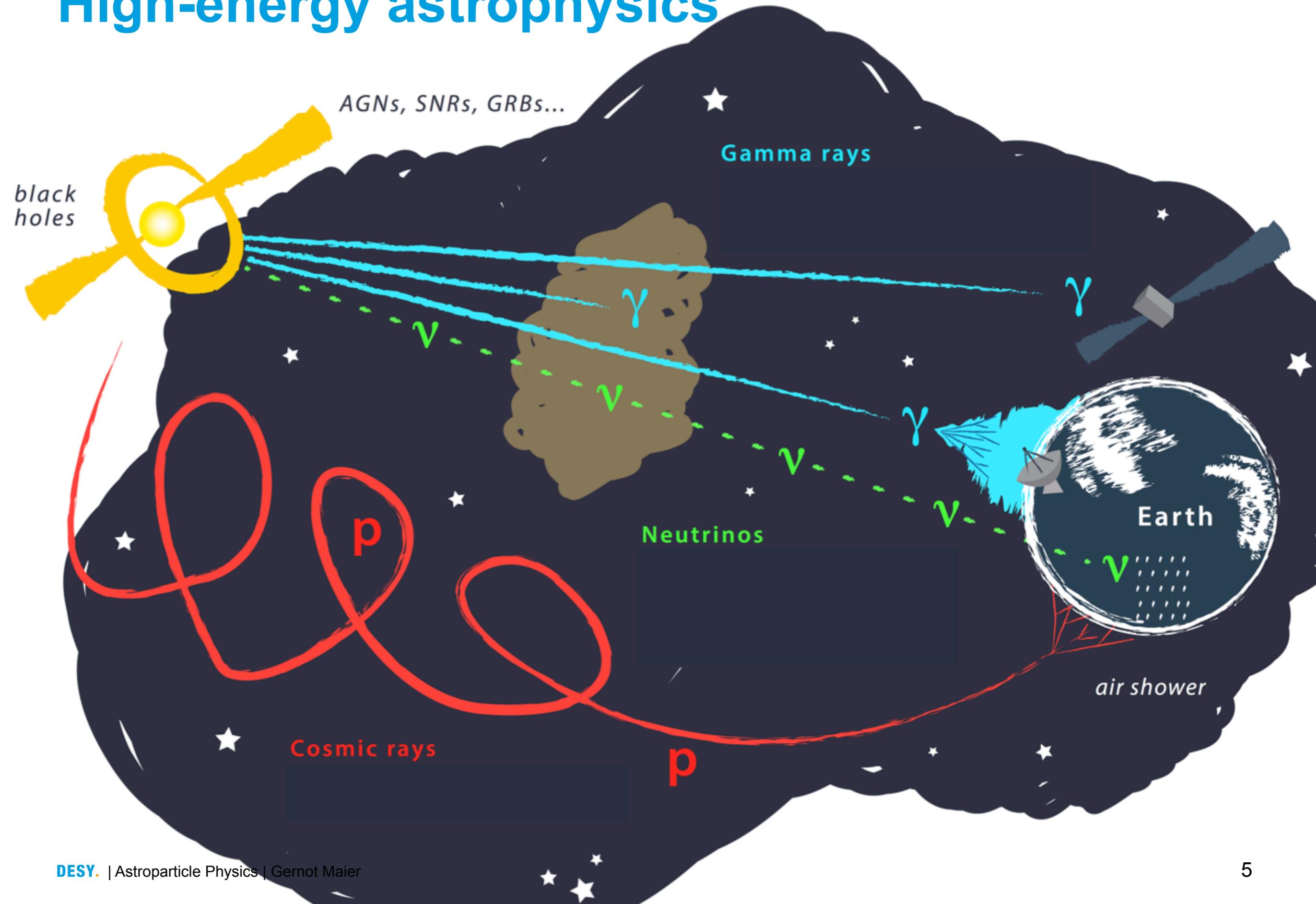
- Photons / particles with energies much higher than their rest mass
 - electron: $\sim 5 \times 10^5 \text{ eV} \sim 0.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ K}$
 - protons: $\sim 10^9 \text{ eV} \sim 10^{13} \text{ K}$
- hard-to-achieve temperatures
non-thermal processes
dominate above MeV energies

$$\langle E \rangle \approx \frac{3}{2} k_B T$$



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High-energy astrophysics



High-energy astrophys...

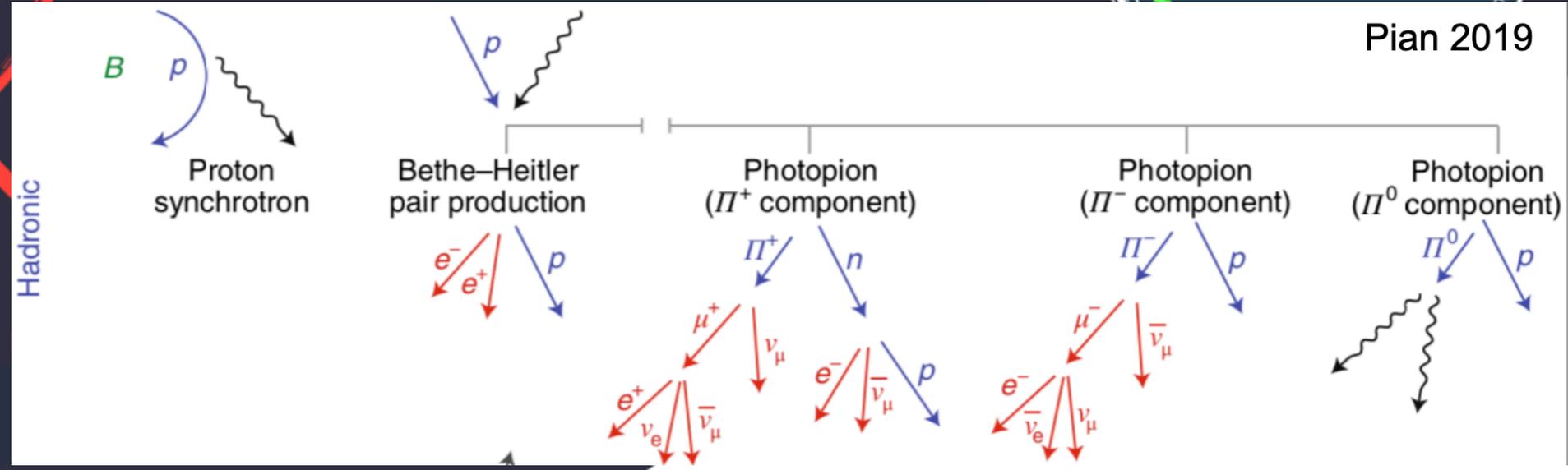
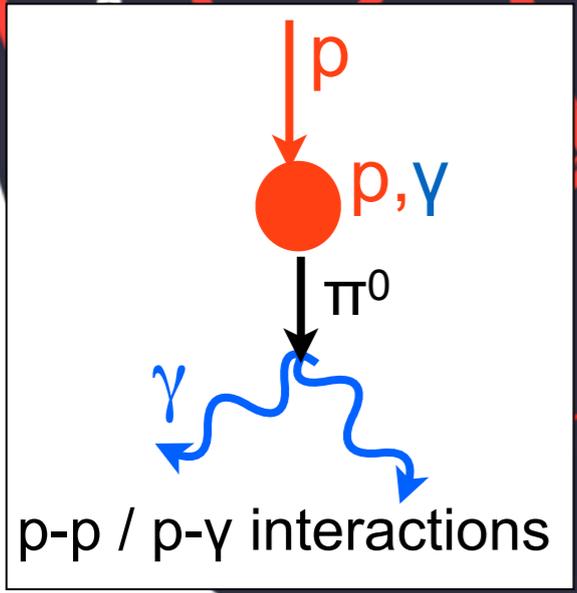
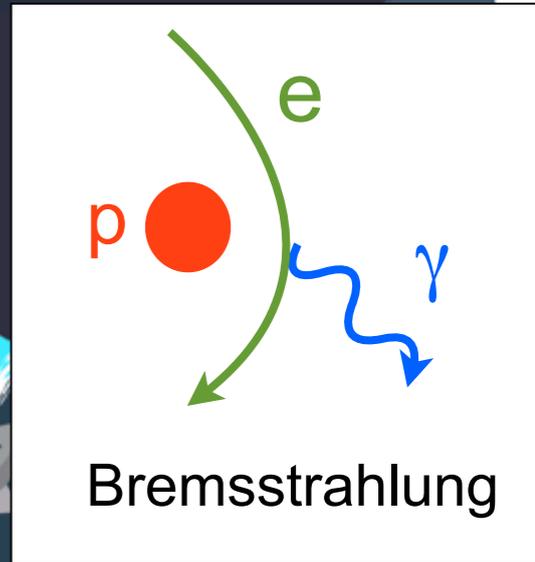
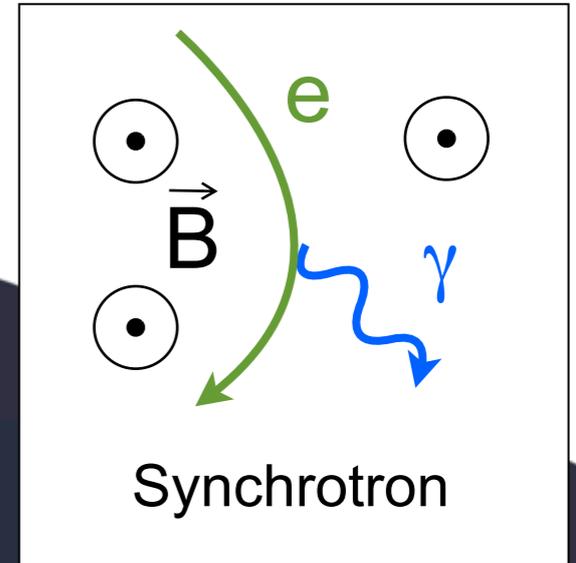
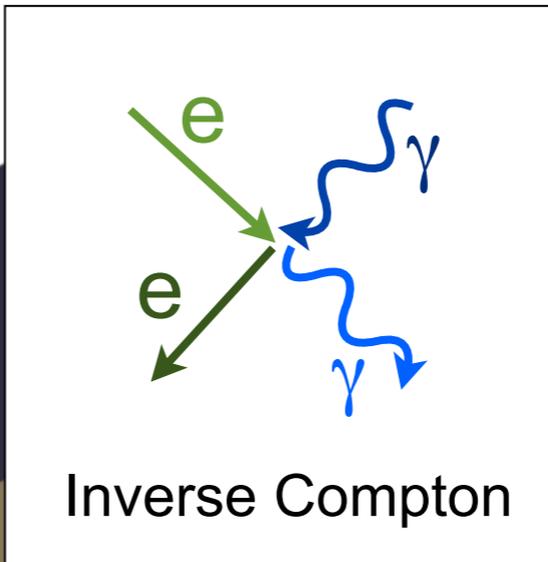
AGNs, SNRs, GRBs...

Photon fields (CMB, stellar photons, extragalactic background light)

Magnetic fields; turbulences

Secondary cascades;

Heavy ion interaction



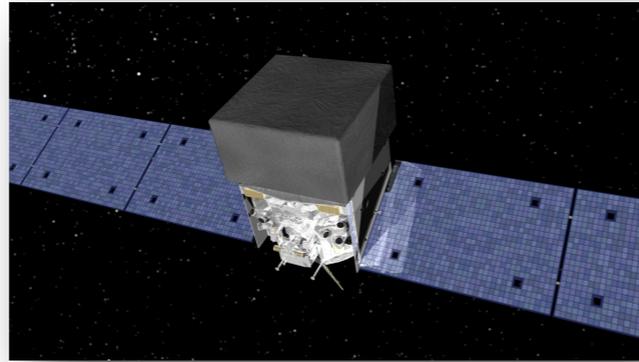
Pian 2019

Observatories

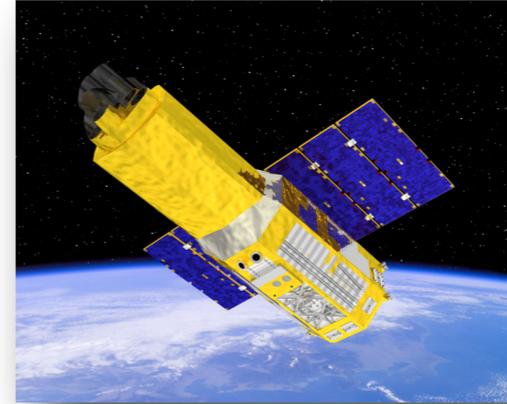
SKA



Fermi (Gamma-rays)



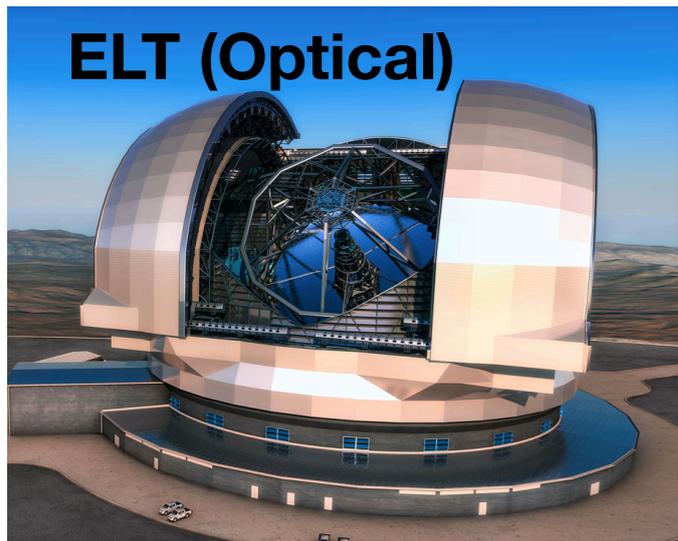
Suzaku (X-rays)



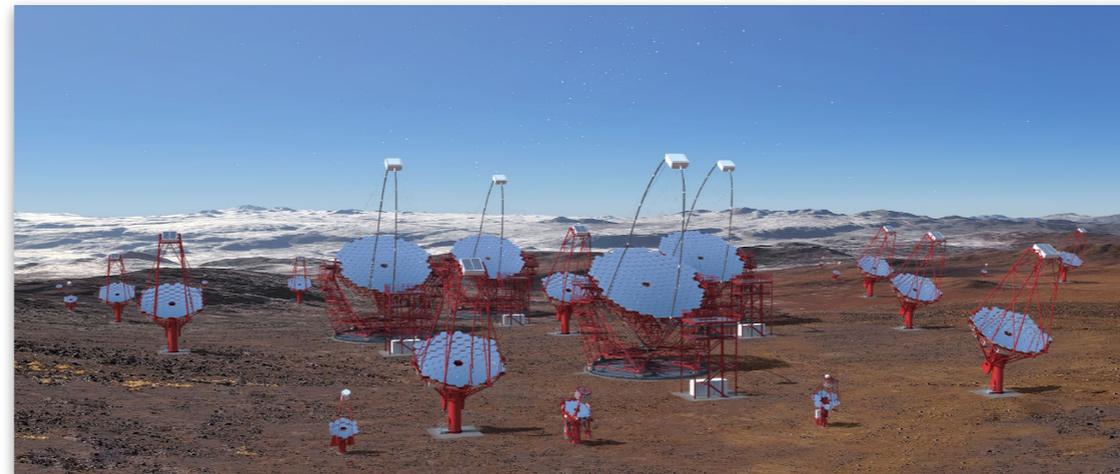
J Webb
(optical, IR)



ELT (Optical)



CTA (Gamma-rays)



AMS (Cosmic Rays)



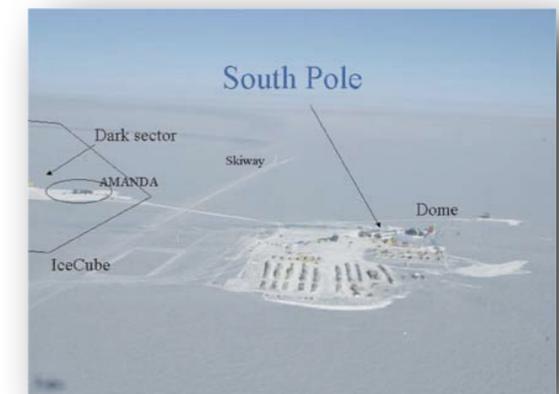
Auger (Cosmic Rays)



LIGO (Gravitational waves)



IceCube
(Neutrinos)

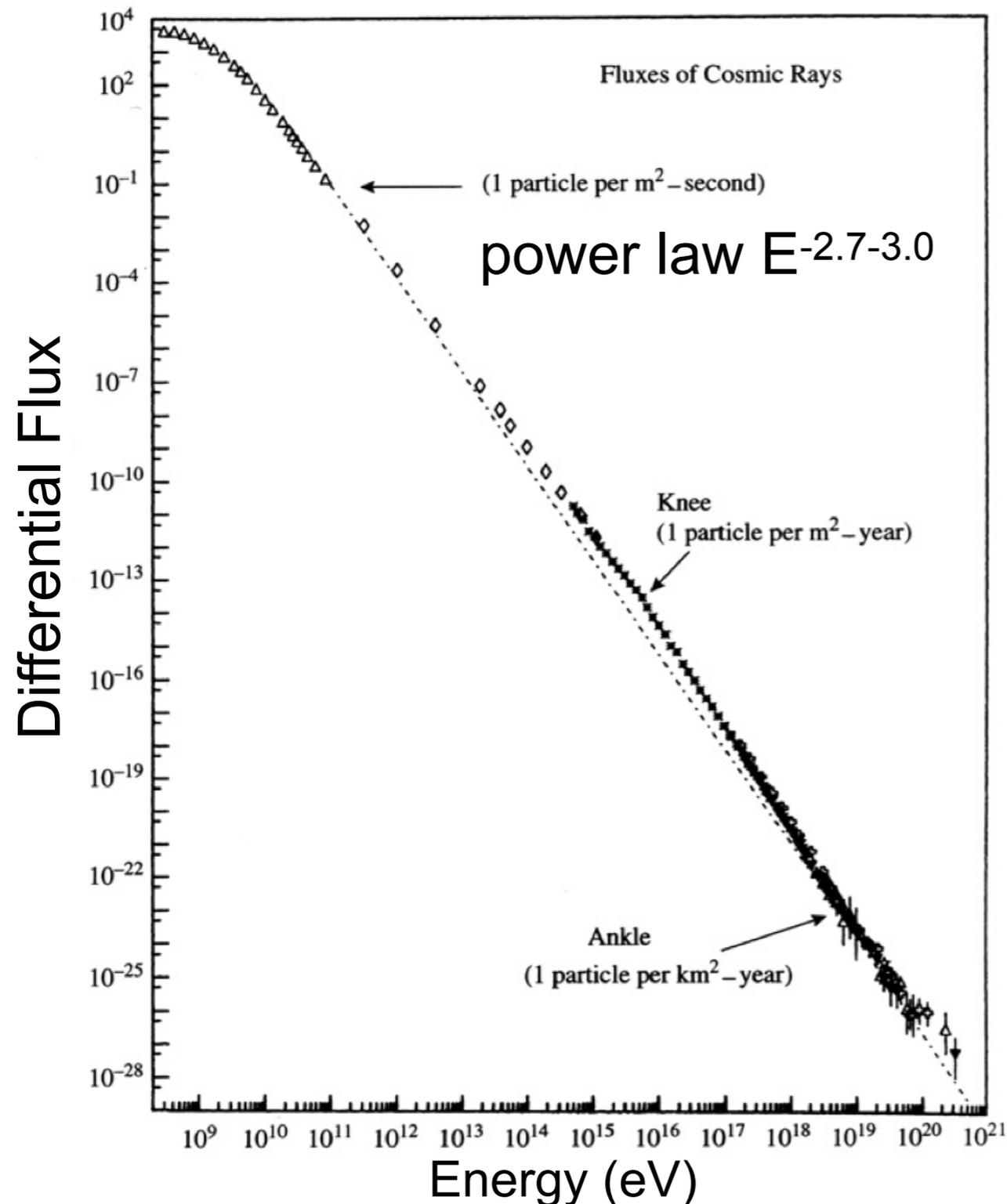


Cosmic Rays

“Cosmic rays are high-energy protons and atomic nuclei which move through space at nearly the speed of light. They originate from the sun, from outside of the solar system, and from distant galaxies.”

(Wikipedia)

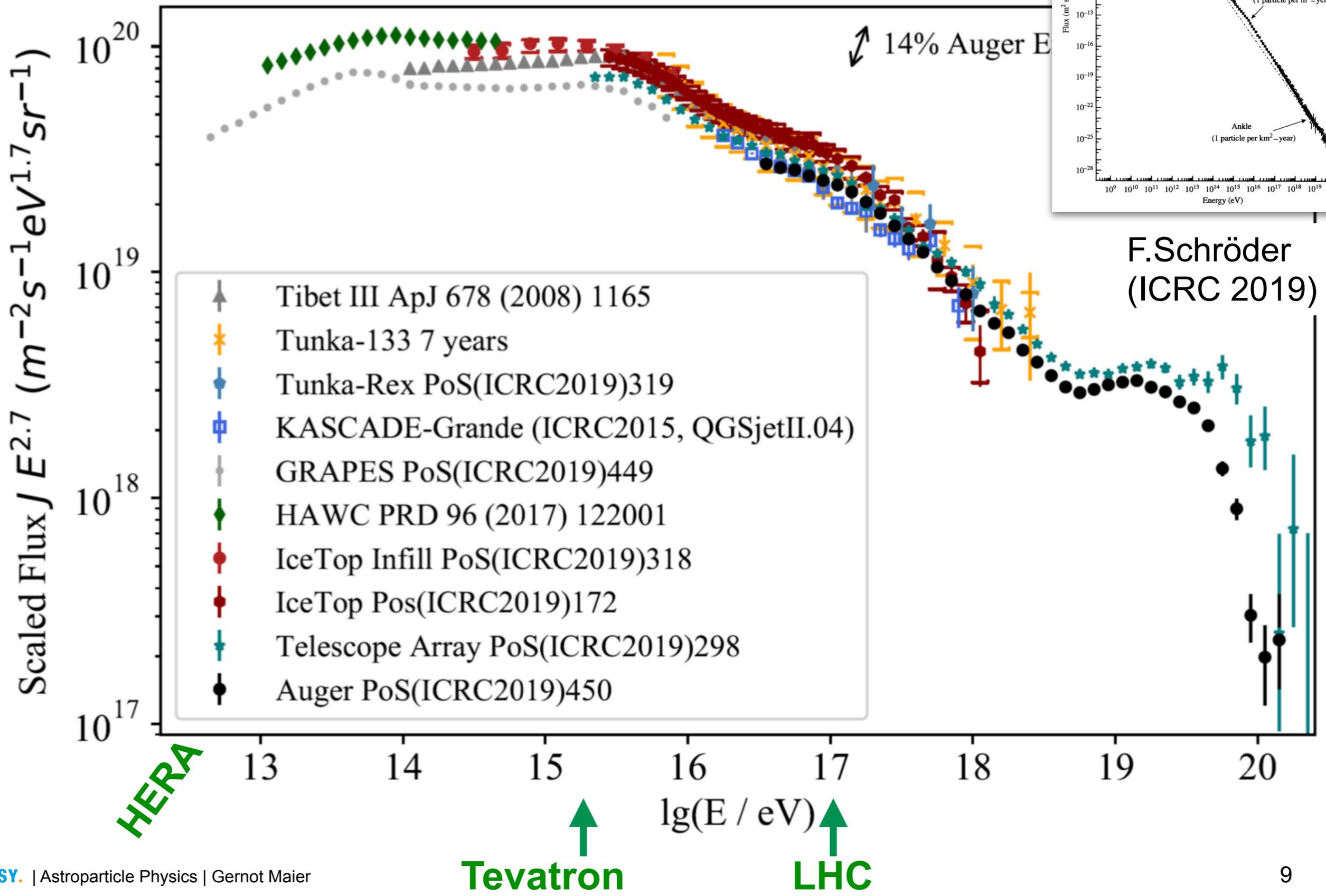
Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum



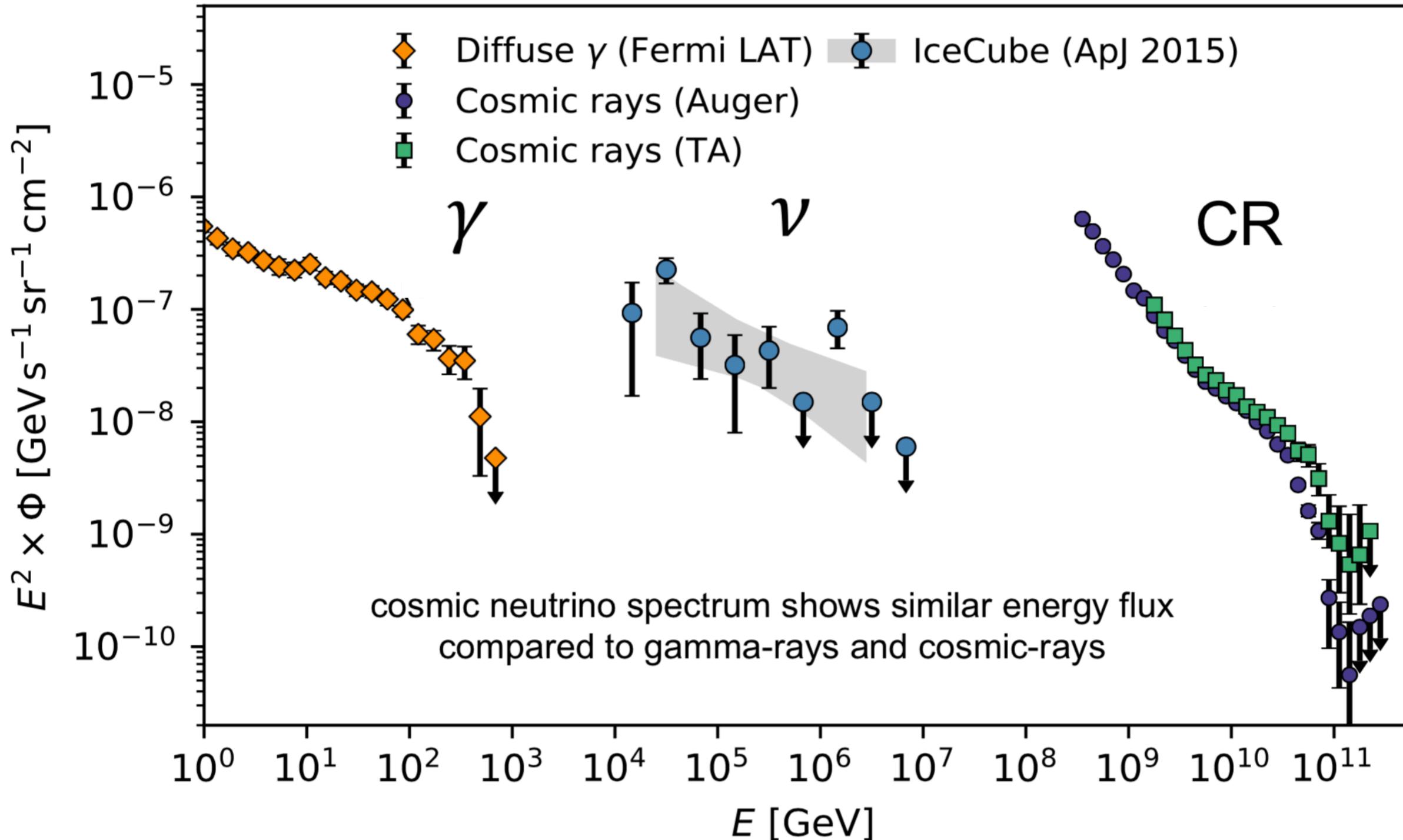
98% nuclei, mostly p, He,
but also heavier nuclei
2% electrons
(at a few GeV;
strongly energy dependent)

cosmic rays energies
up to 10^{20} eV
energy density similar
to star light or magnetic fields

The Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum



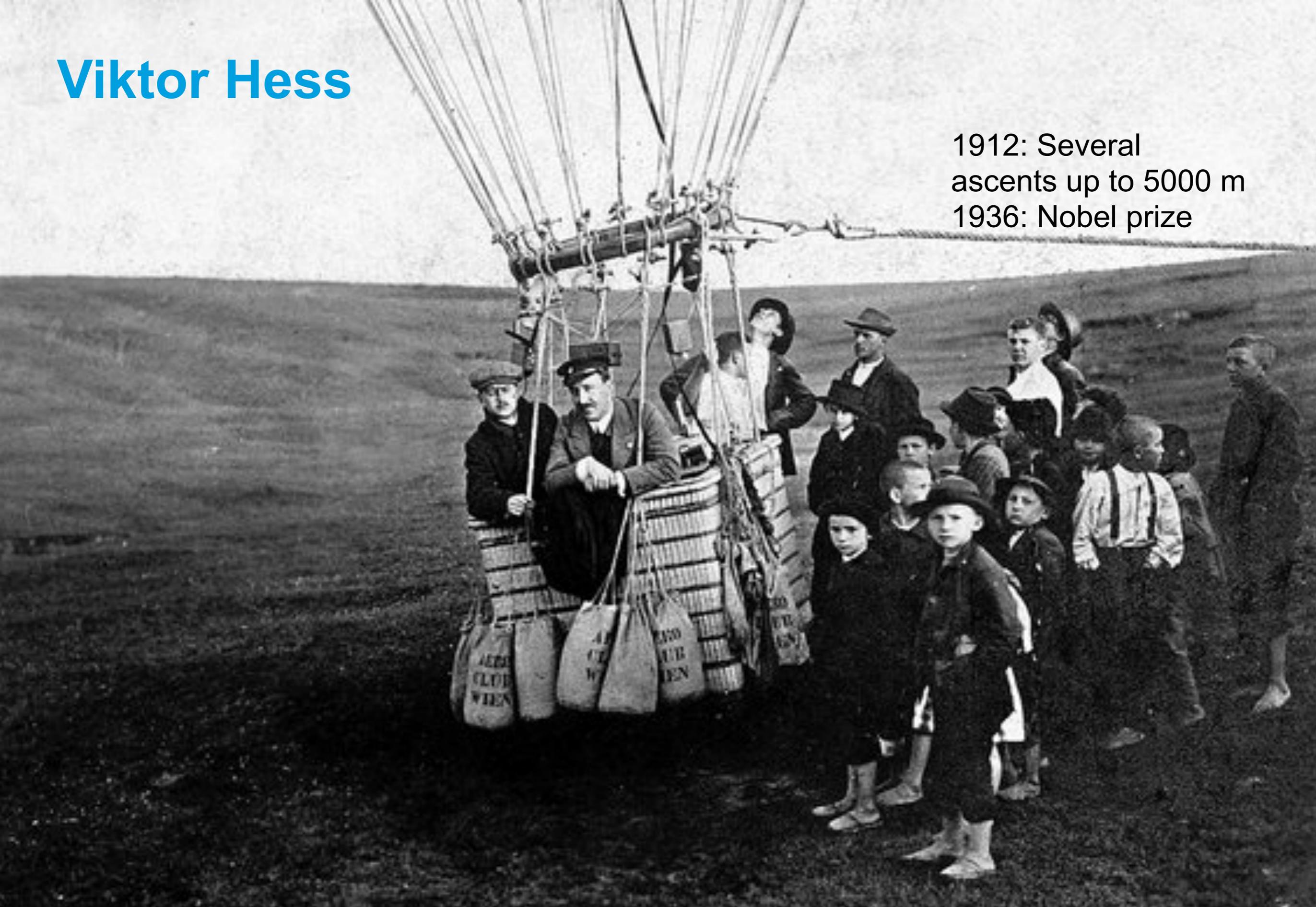
Cosmic Rays, Neutrinos, Gamma rays



e.g. Ackermann et al, ApJ 799 (2015)

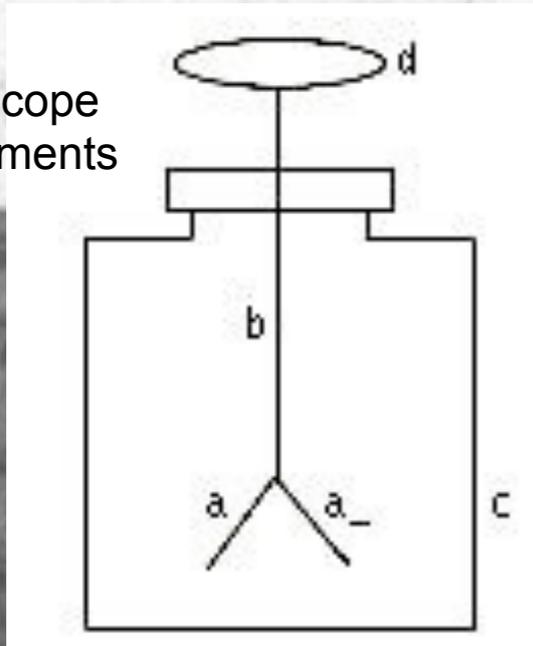
Viktor Hess

1912: Several
ascents up to 5000 m
1936: Nobel prize



Viktor Hess

Electroscope measurements



1912: Several ascents up to 5000 m
1936: Nobel prize

Altitude (km)	Change in Ionization (10^6 m^{-3})
0	0
1	1,2
3	8,8
4	28,7
5	61,3



High energy astrophysics in one equation

$N_i(E, x, t)dE$ is density of particles of type i at position x with energy between E and dE

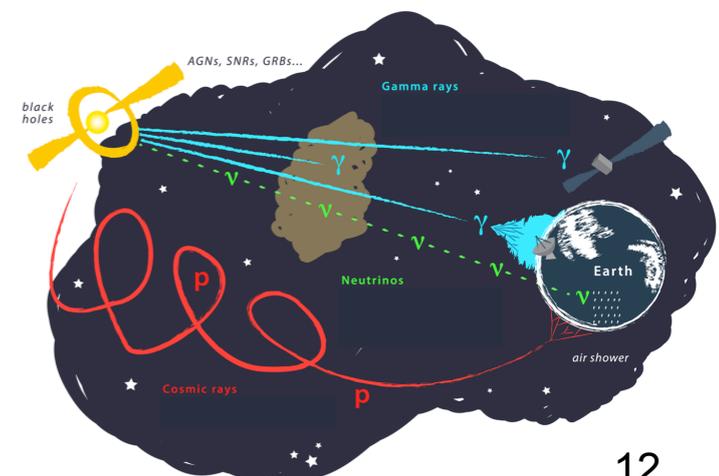
$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (D_i \nabla N_i)}_{\text{diffusion with diffusion coefficient } D_i} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial E} (dE/dt N_i(E))}_{\text{energy losses and gains (synchrotron radiation, ionization loss, reacceleration, ...)}} - \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \vec{u} N_i(E)}_{\text{convection with velocity } \vec{u}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{Q_i(E, t)}_{\text{source term}} - \underbrace{p_i N_i}_{\text{loss term}} + \underbrace{\frac{v\rho}{m} \sum_{k \geq i} \frac{d\sigma_{i,k}(E, E')}{dE} N_k(E') dE'}_{\text{cascade term: feed-down from higher energies and nuclear fragmentation processes}}$$

$$\text{loss term } p_i = \frac{v\rho}{\lambda_i} + \frac{1}{\gamma\tau_i}$$

Secondary particles:
charged particles, neutrinos, photons

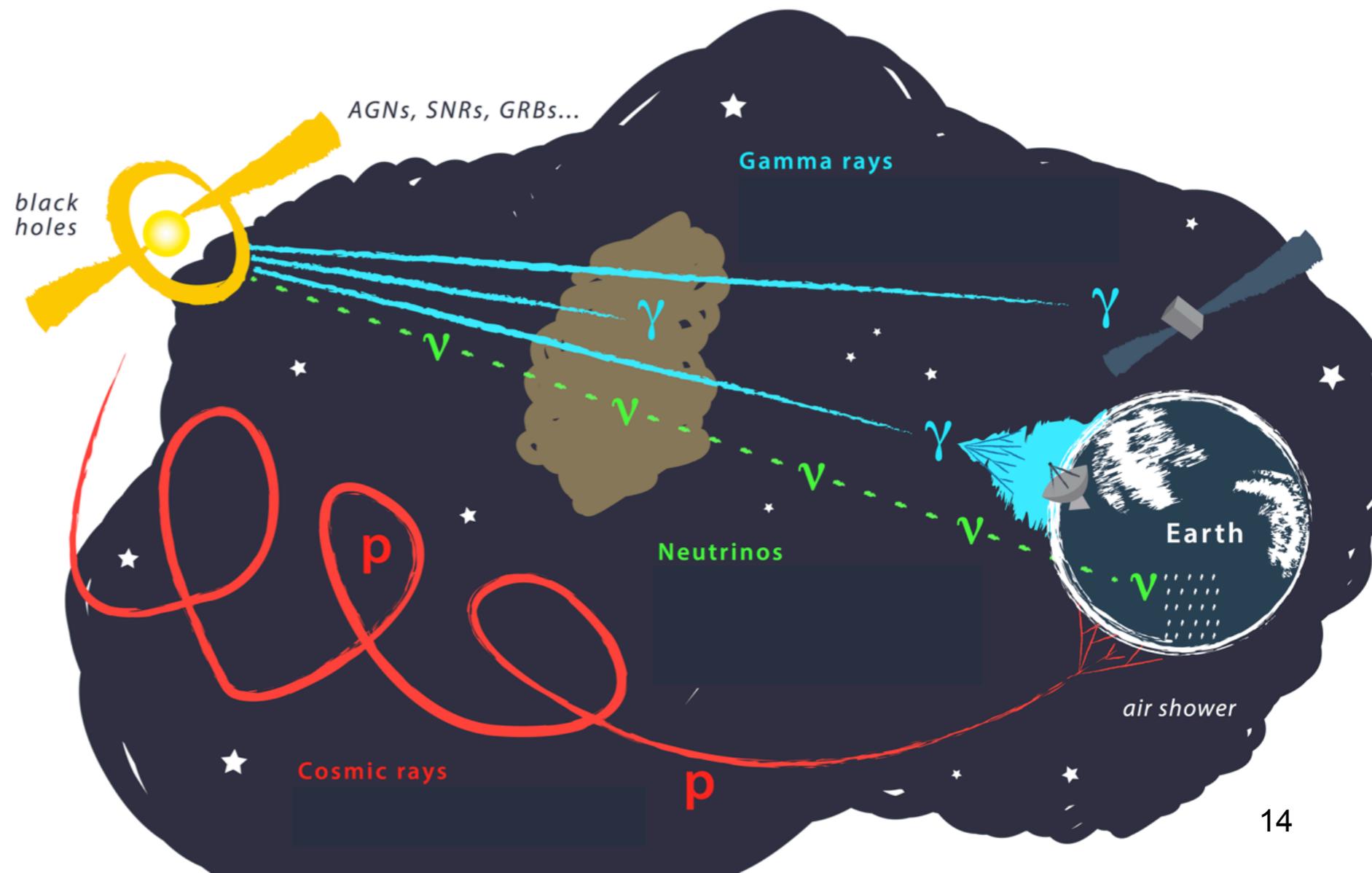
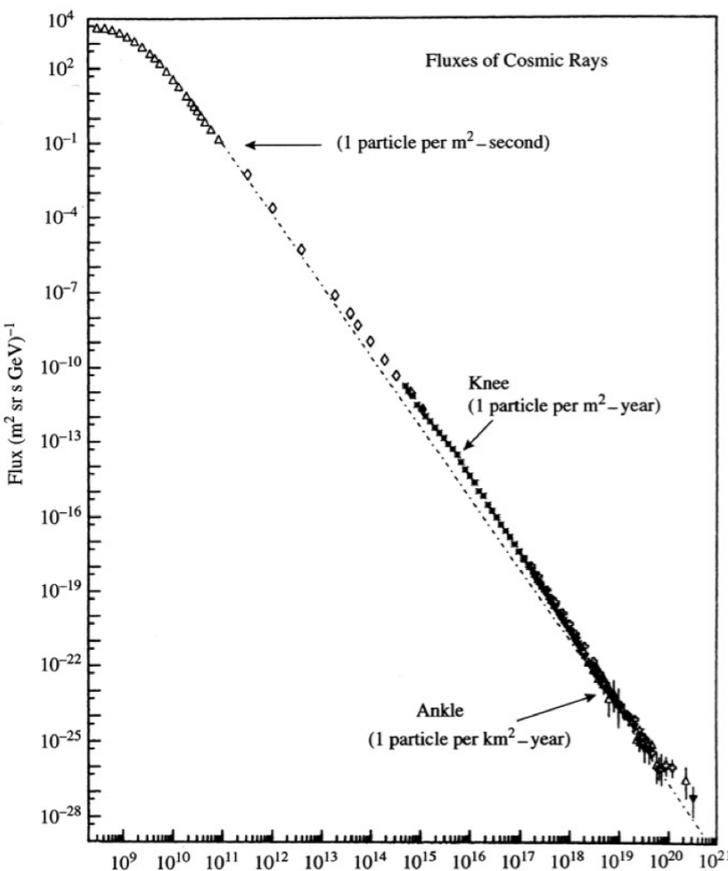
turbulences & magnetic fields



Some of the main questions in Astroparticle Physics

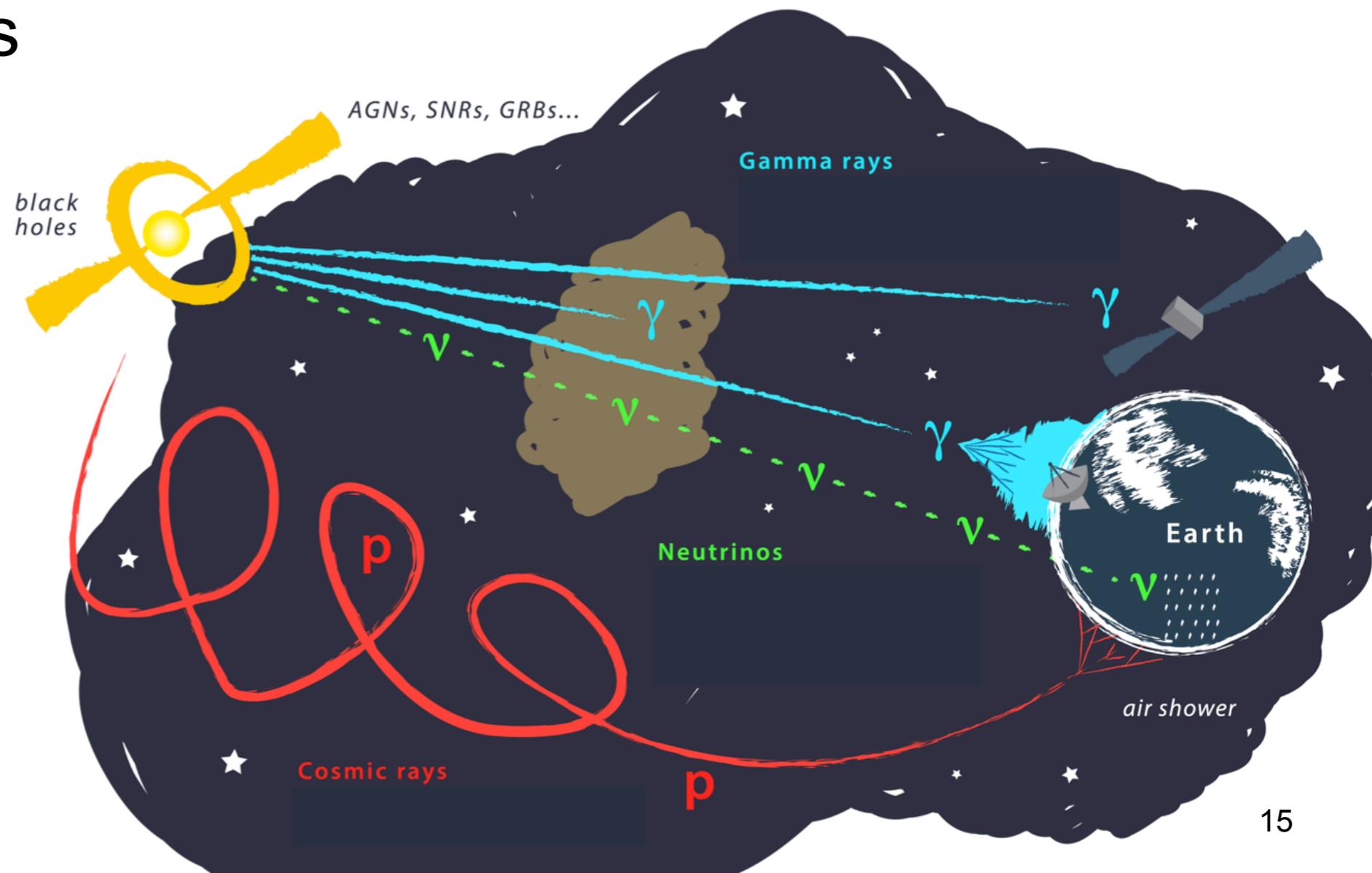
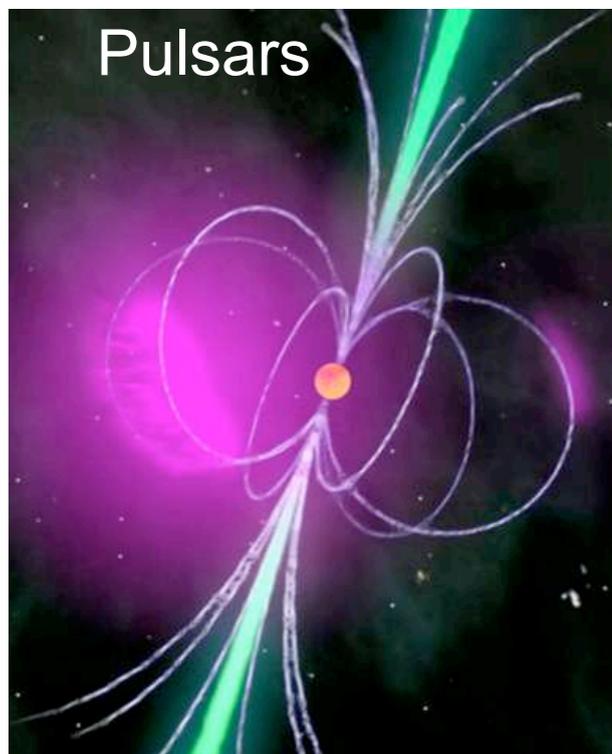
1. Cosmic Particle Acceleration

- How and where are particles accelerated?
- How do they propagate?
- What is their impact on the environment?



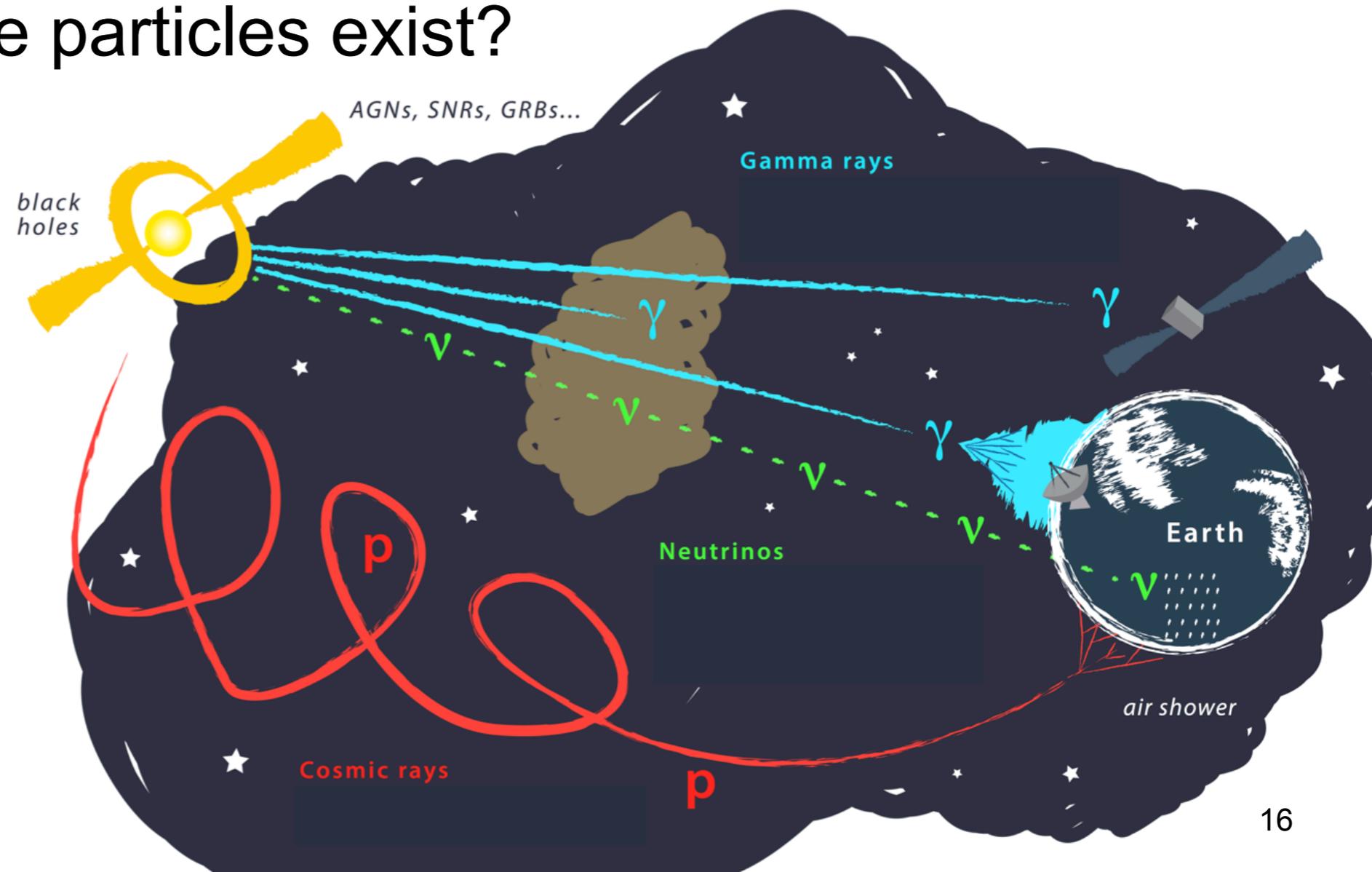
2. Probing Extreme Environments

- Processes close to neutron stars and black holes
- Processes in relativistic jets, winds, accretion, explosions, pulsars
- Cosmic voids

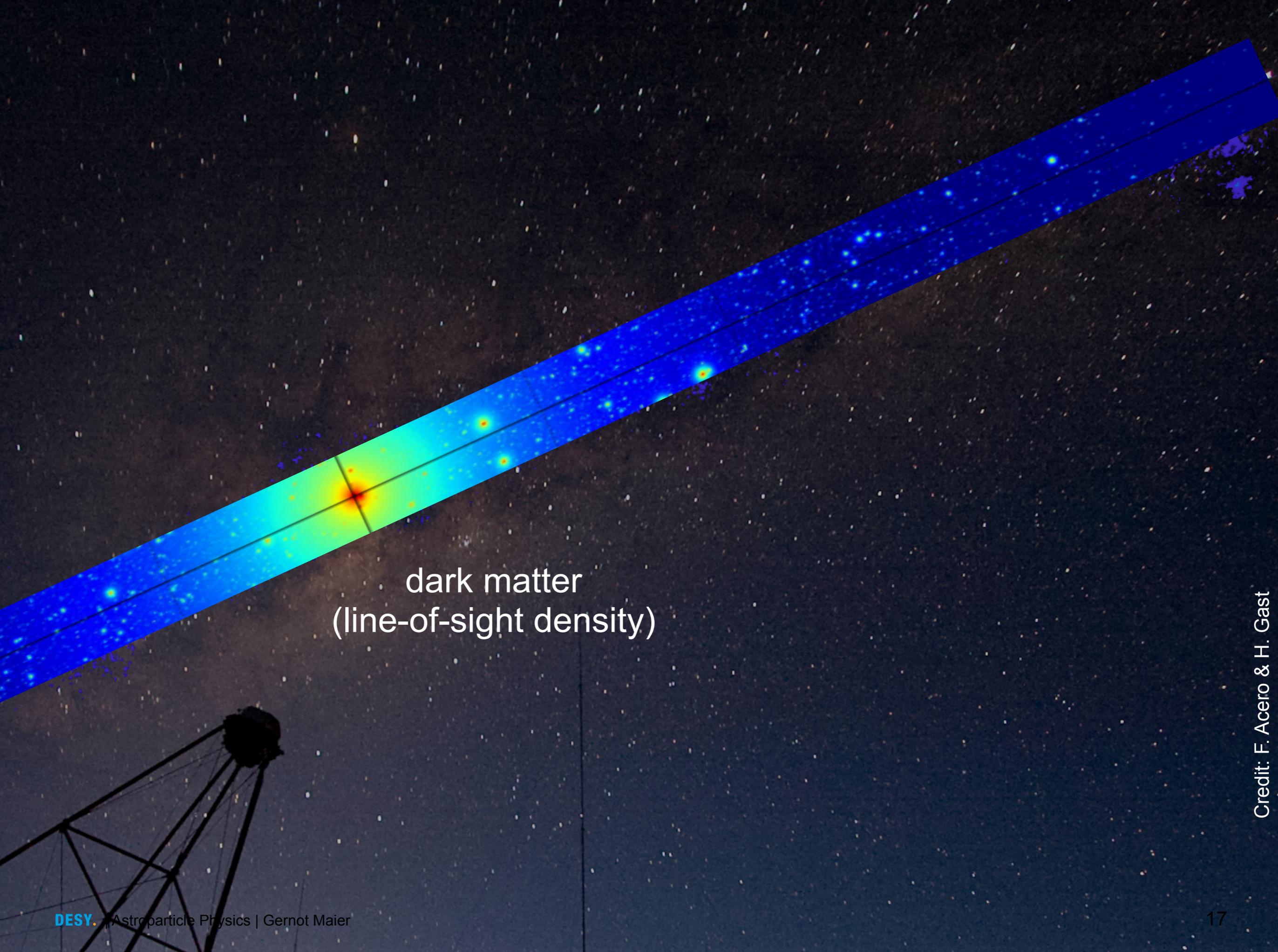


3. Exploring Frontiers of Physics

- What is the nature of dark matter?
Does it exist at all? How is it distributed?
- Is the speed of light constant?
- Do axion-like particles exist?







dark matter
(line-of-sight density)

Instruments

*How to detect cosmic rays,
gamma rays, neutrinos, ...*

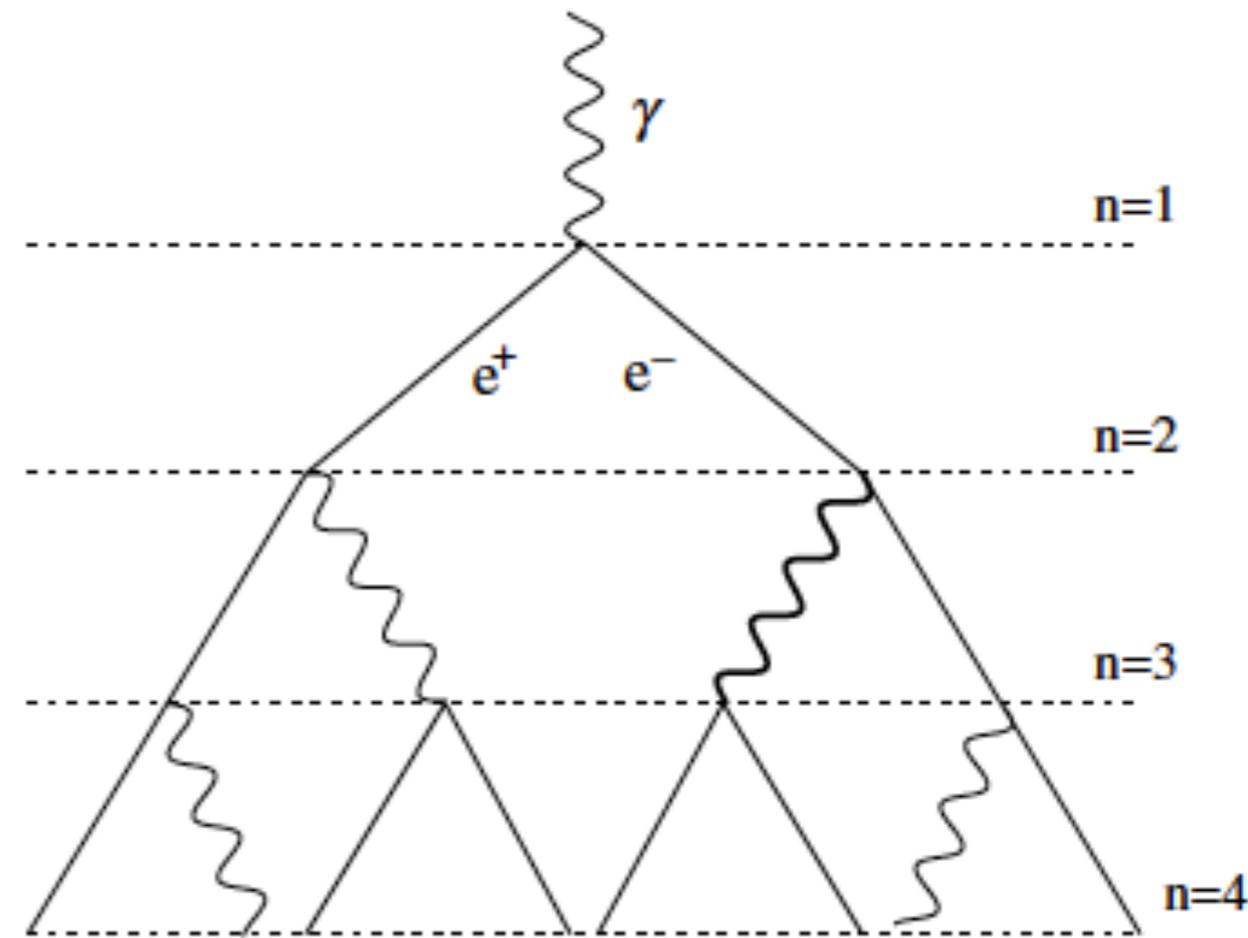
Extensive Air Shower: toy model for particle cascades

$$N(X) = 2^{X/\lambda}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{E_0}{N(X)}$$

$$N_{max} = N(X_{max}) = \frac{E_0}{E_C} \propto E_0$$

$$X_{max} = \lambda \frac{\log(E_0/E_C)}{\log 2} \propto \log(E_0)$$

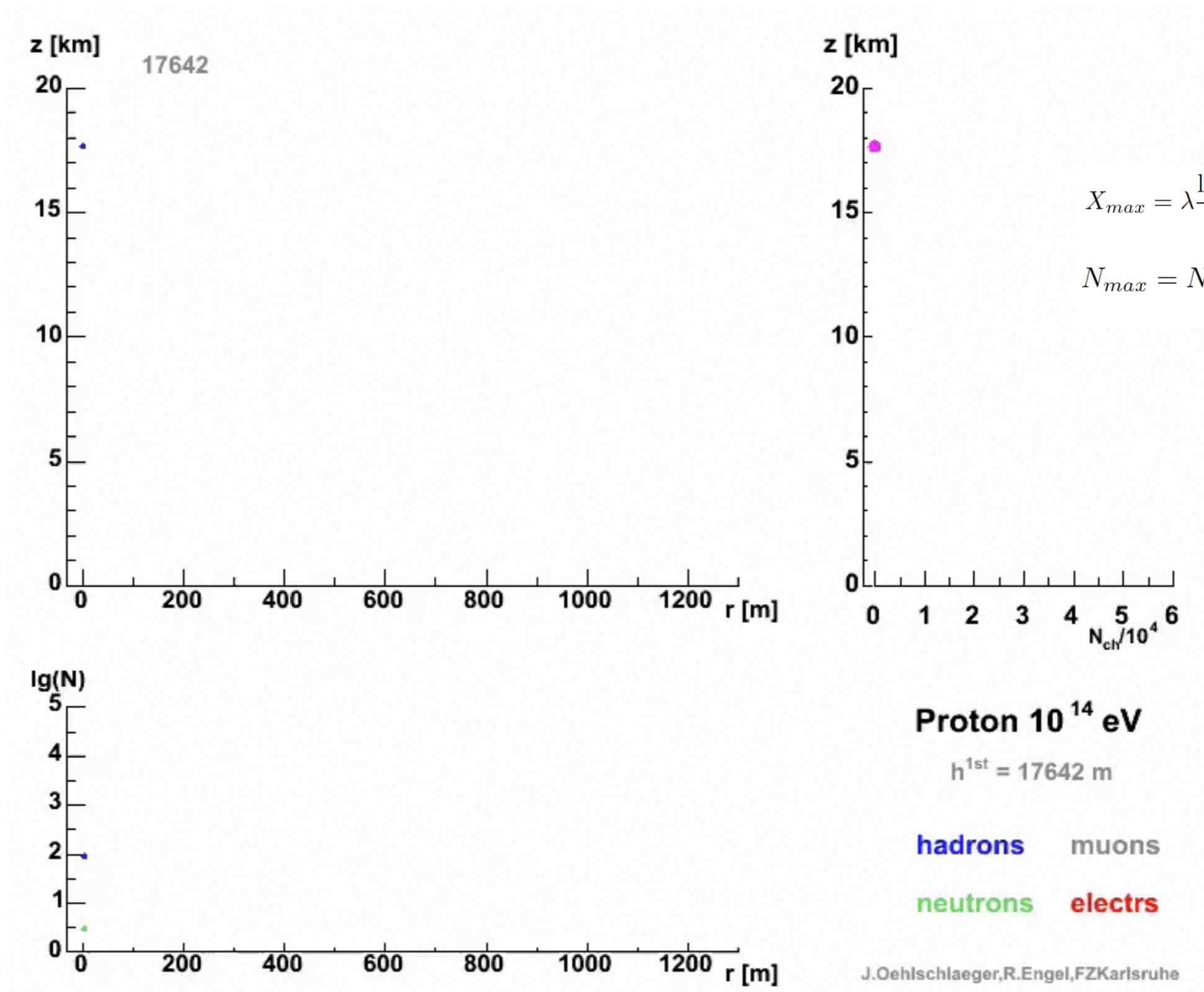


Heitler Model

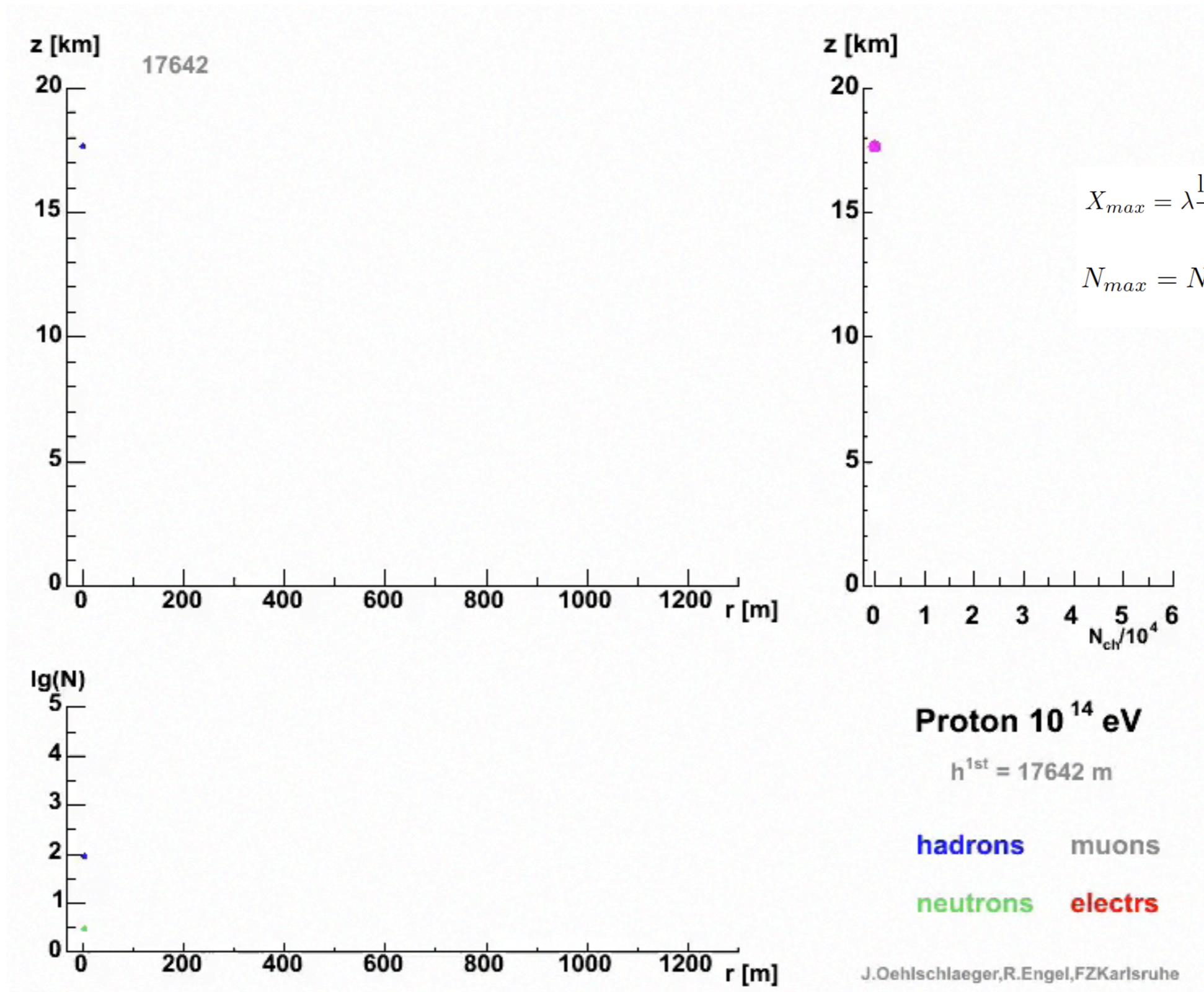
here: primary particle is a photon
(similar: hadronic showers)

- Measure
 - particles reaching ground
 - Superluminal particles create Cherenkov light
 - High-energy electrons excite nitrogen which then fluorescence

Extensive Air Shower



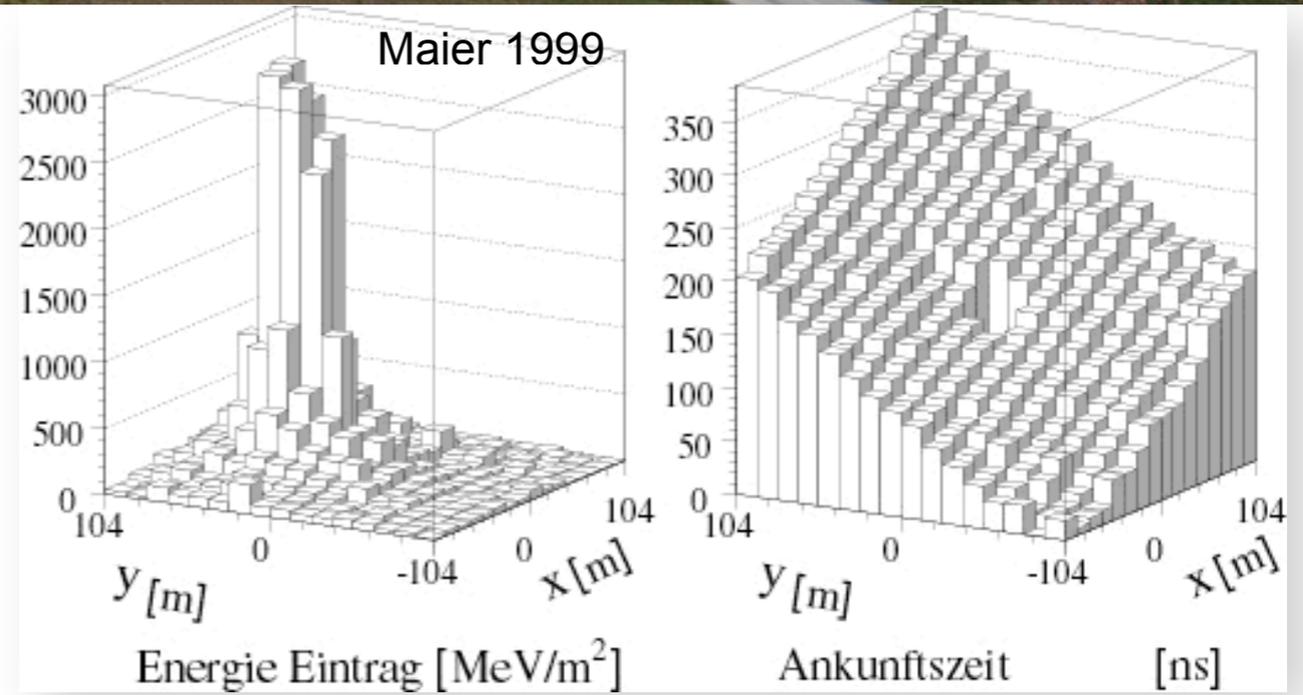
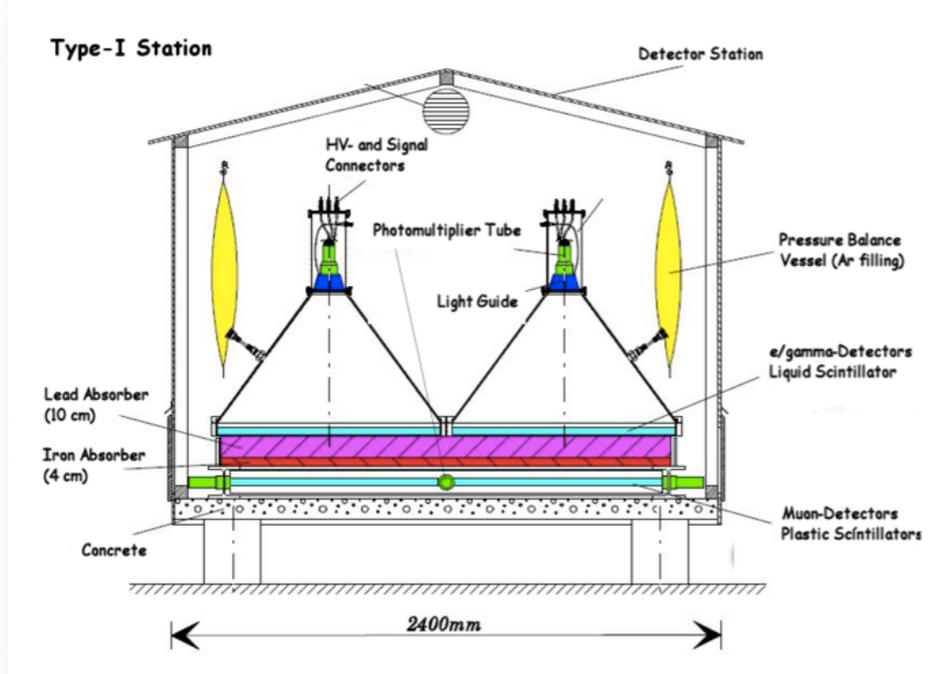
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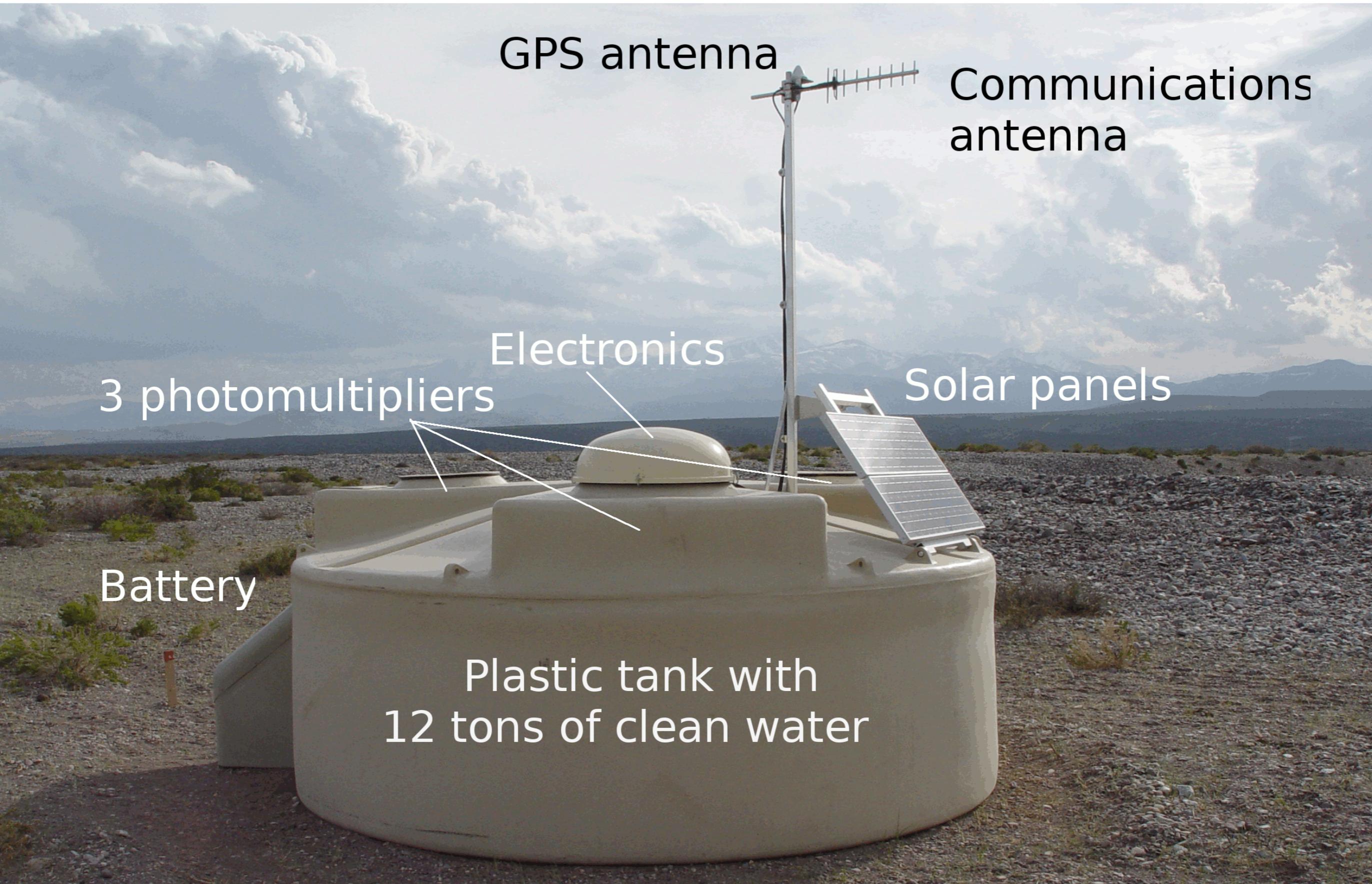
KASCADE

Karlsruhe Shower Core and Array Detector

Area 40,000 m²



The Pierre Auger Observatory



GPS antenna

Communications antenna

Electronics

Solar panels

3 photomultipliers

Battery

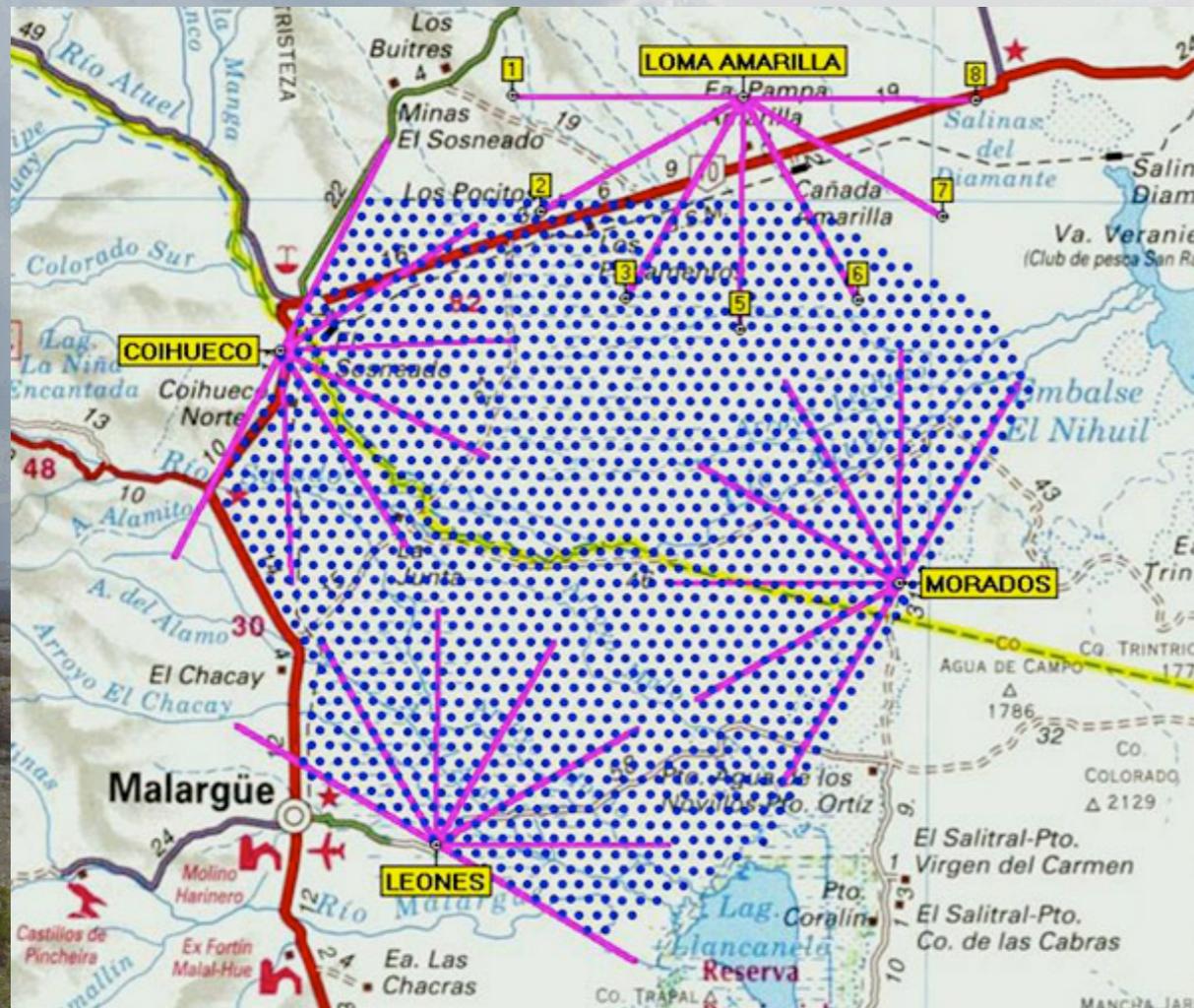
Plastic tank with
12 tons of clean water

The Pierre Auger Observatory

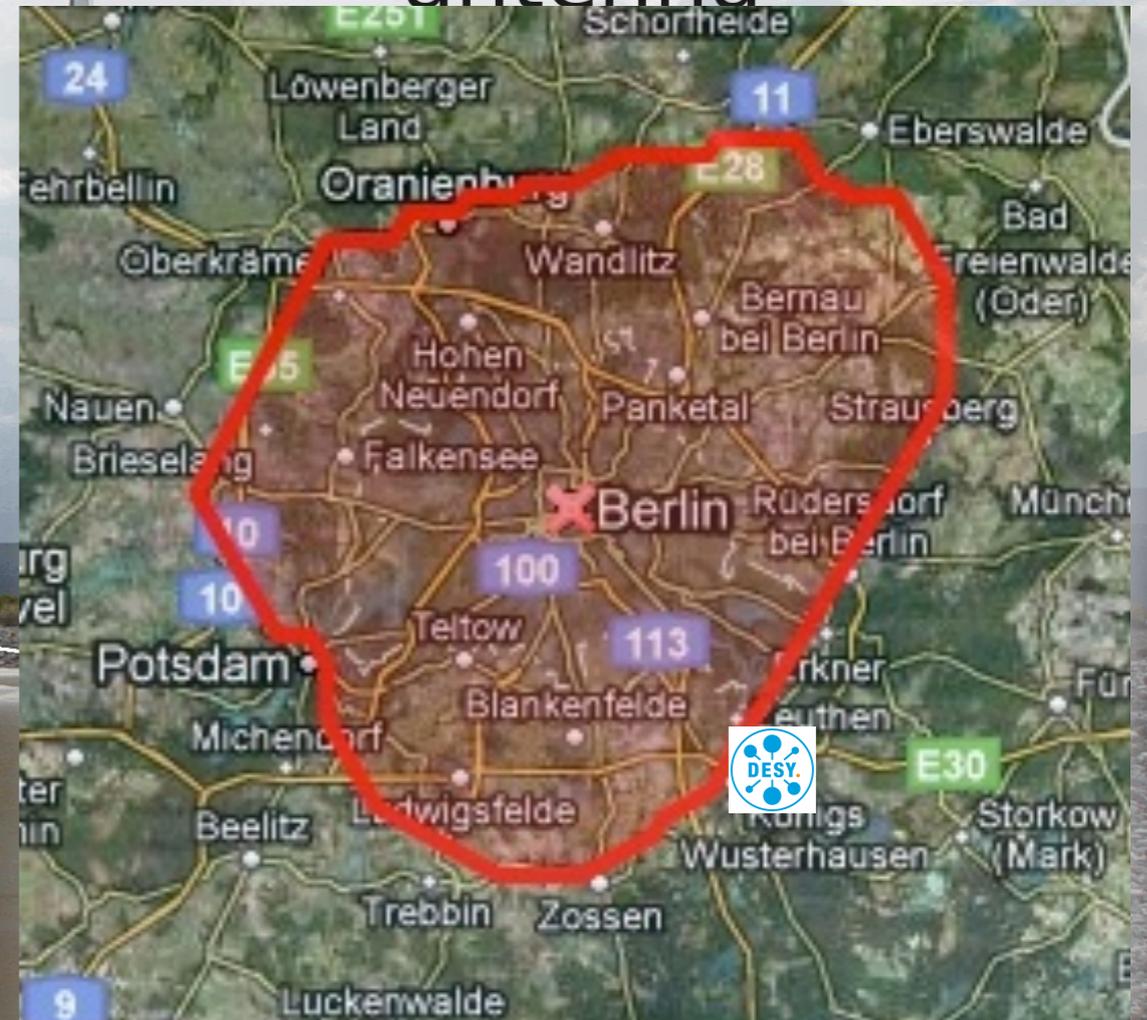
GPS antenna



Communications antenna

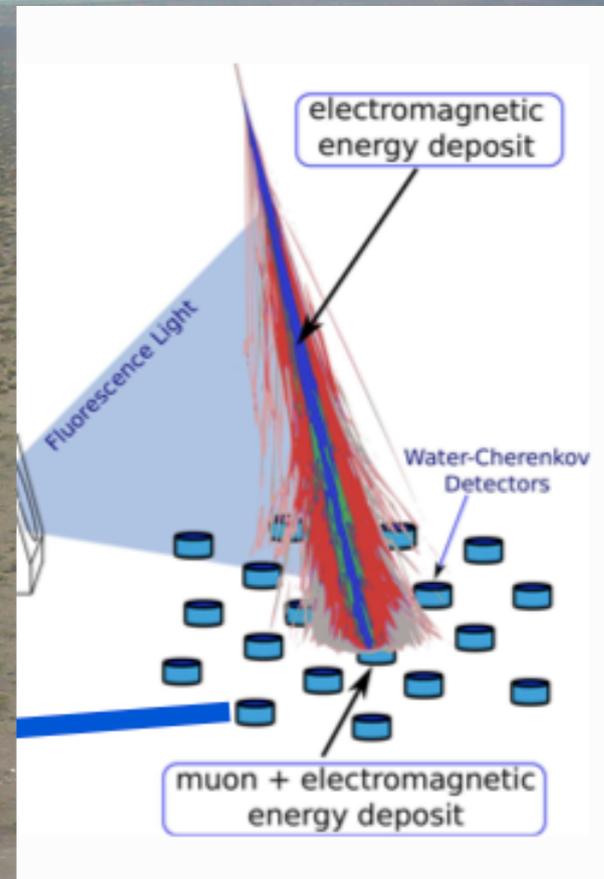


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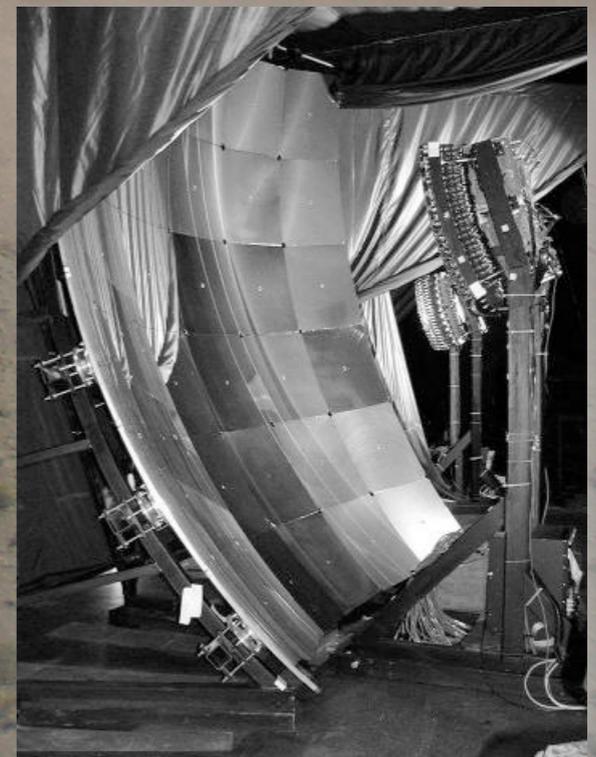


Plastic tank with
12 tons of clean water

Area 3,000 km²



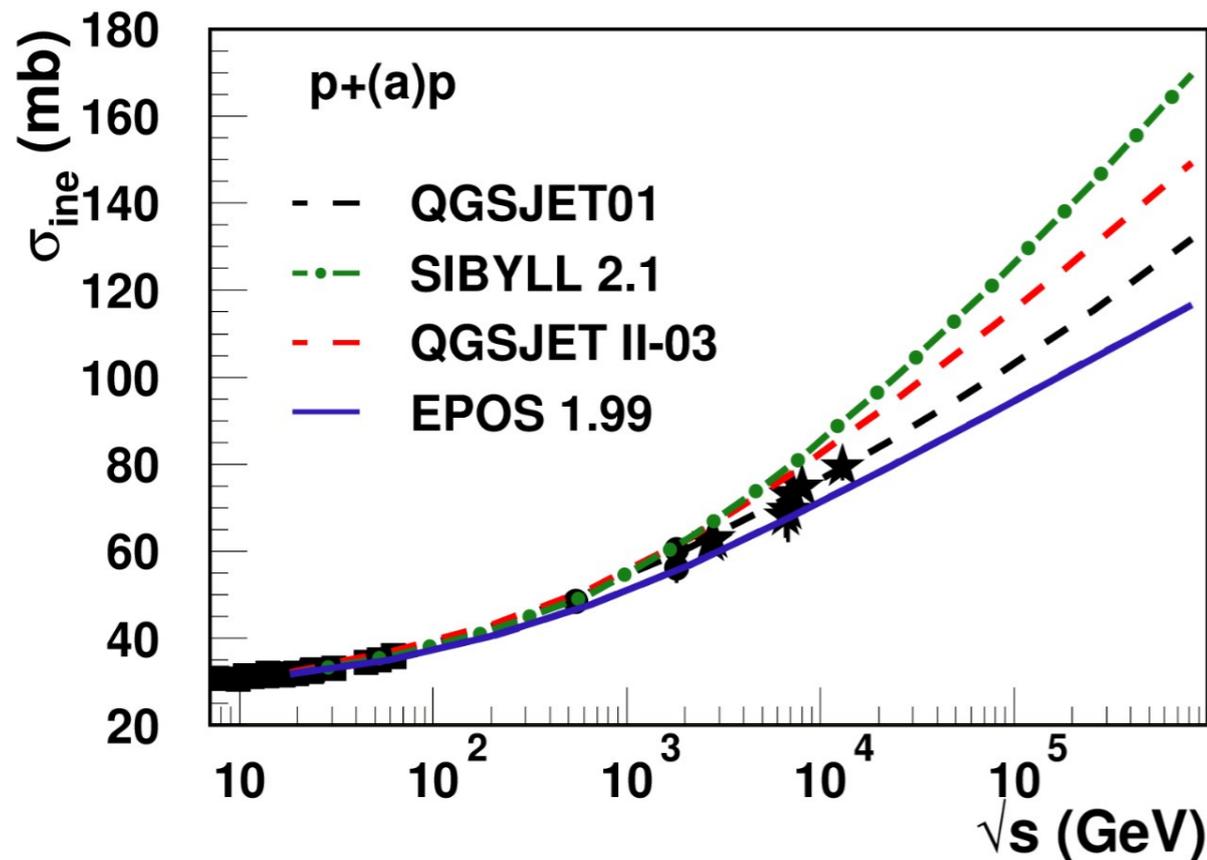
electrons excite N_2
decay to ground state by
isotropically emitting UV photons



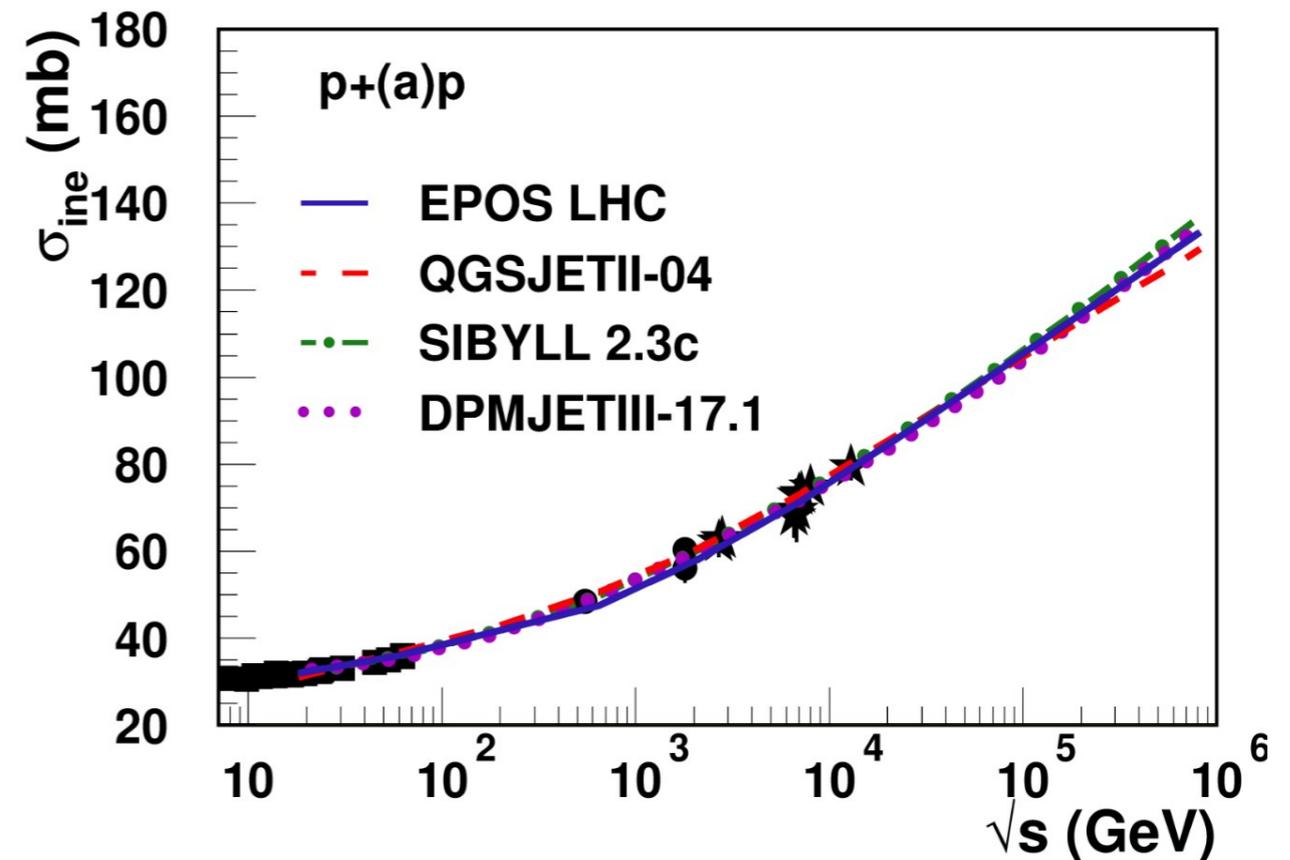
Extensive air shower: hadronic interactions

understanding of extensive air showers relies on extrapolations of several orders of magnitude using models of the hadronic interaction

Pre - LHC

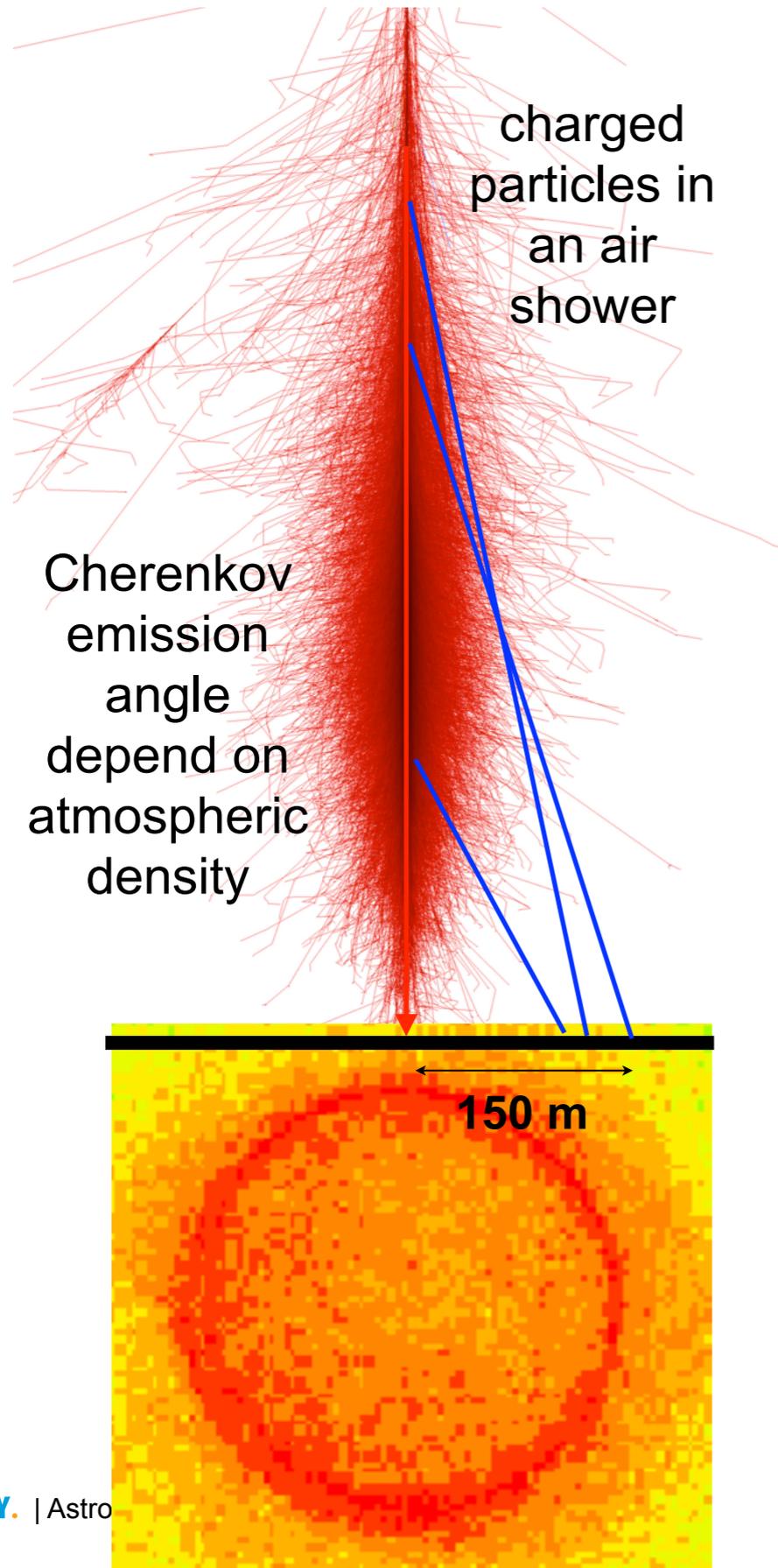


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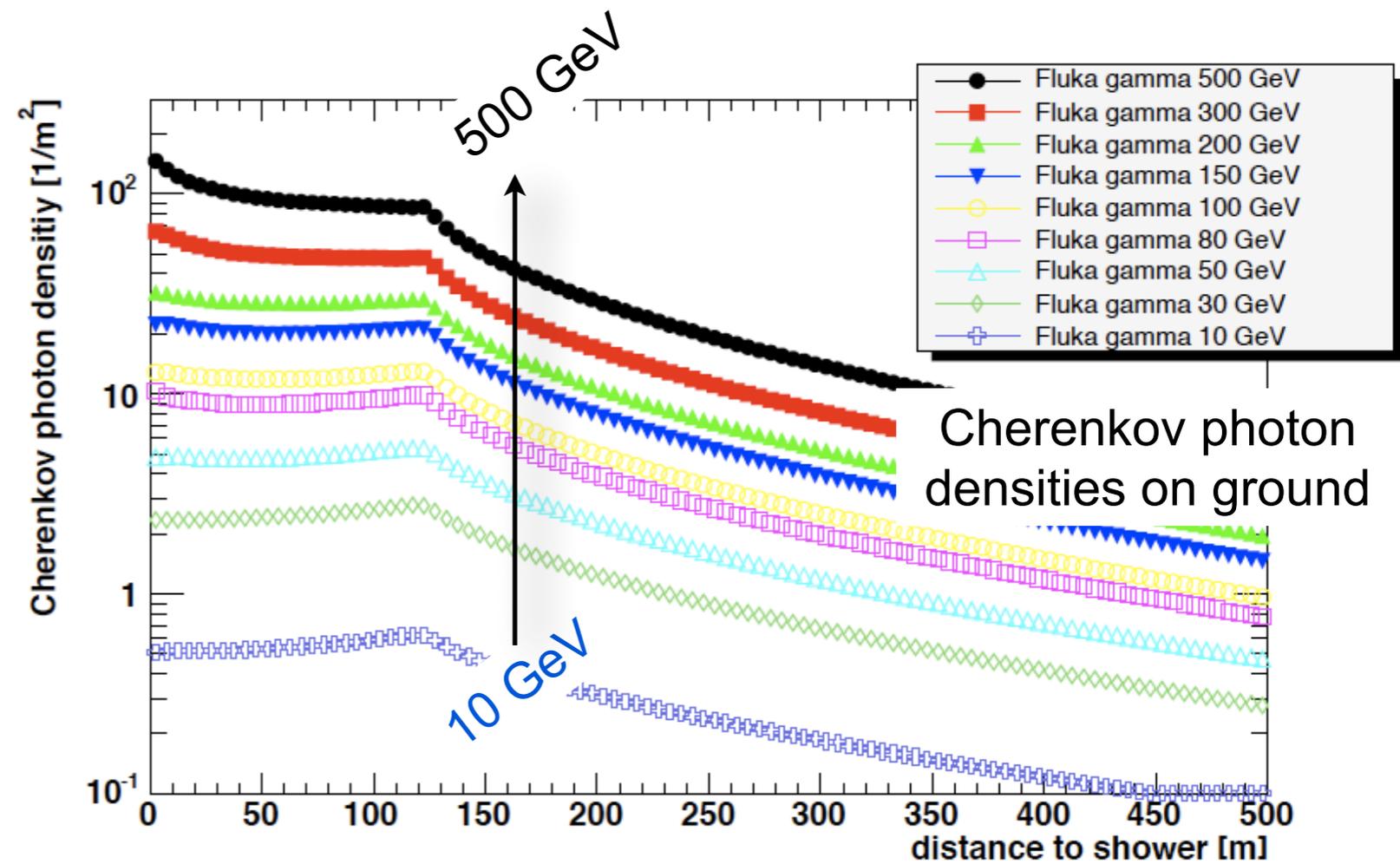
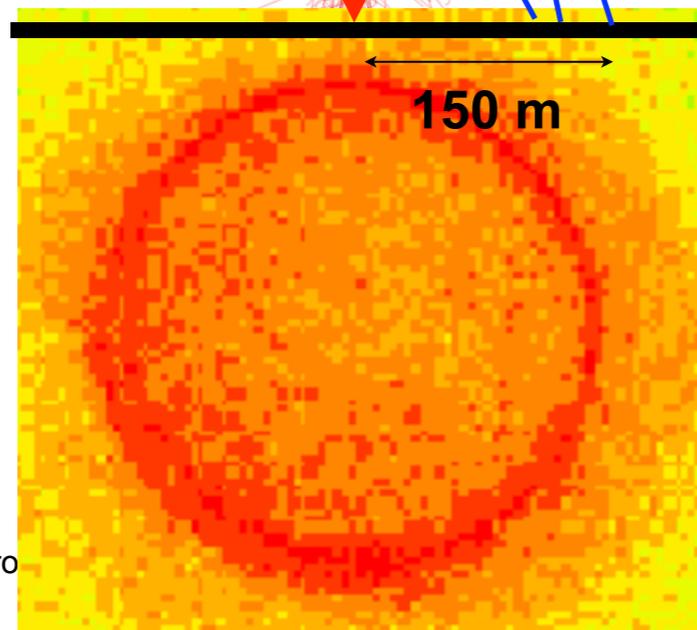
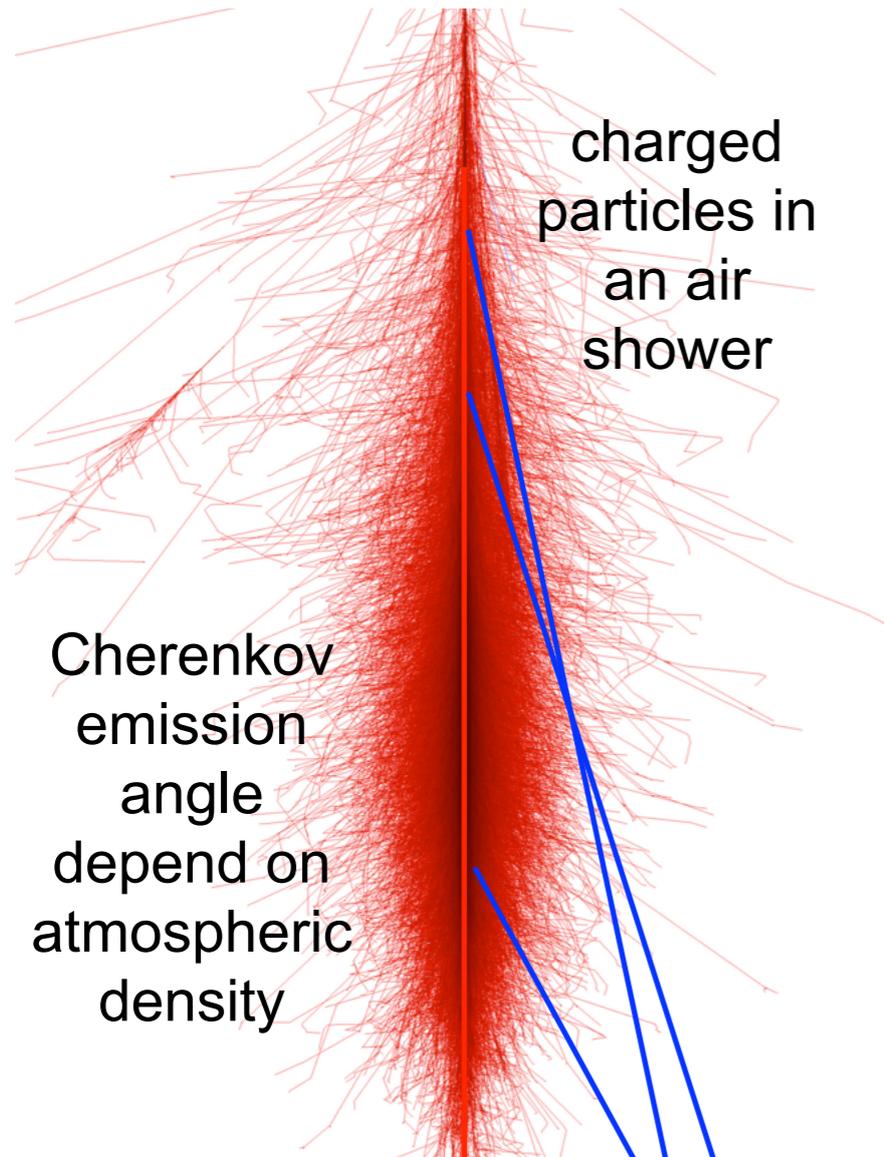


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Extensive Air Showers and Cherenkov Emission

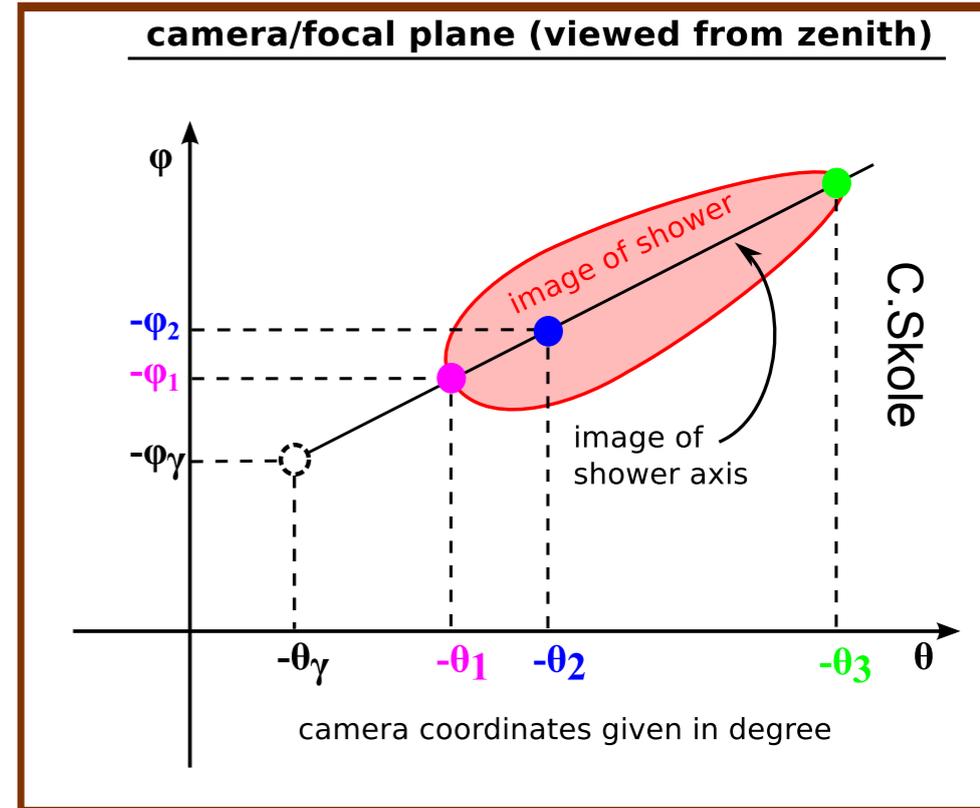
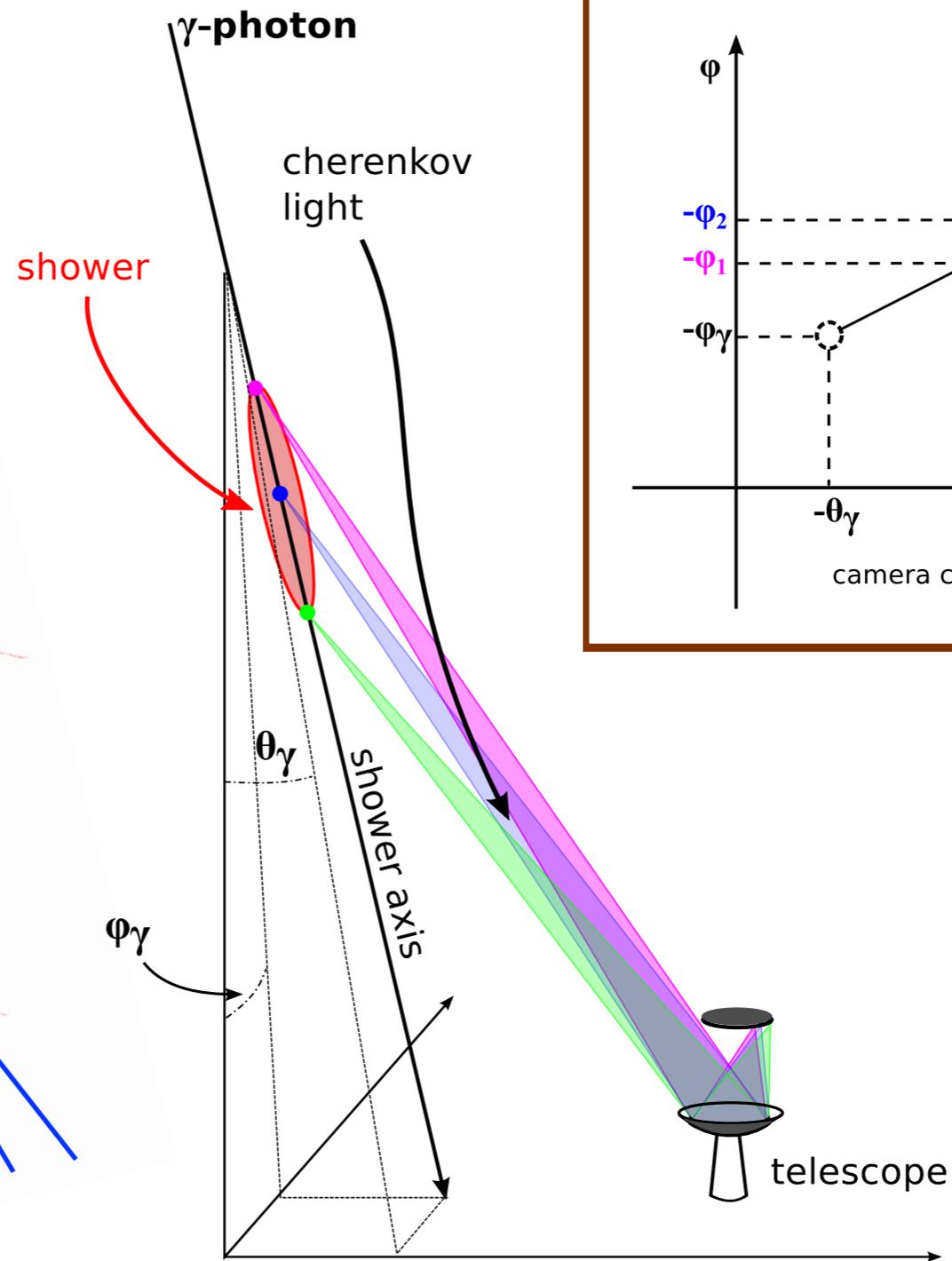
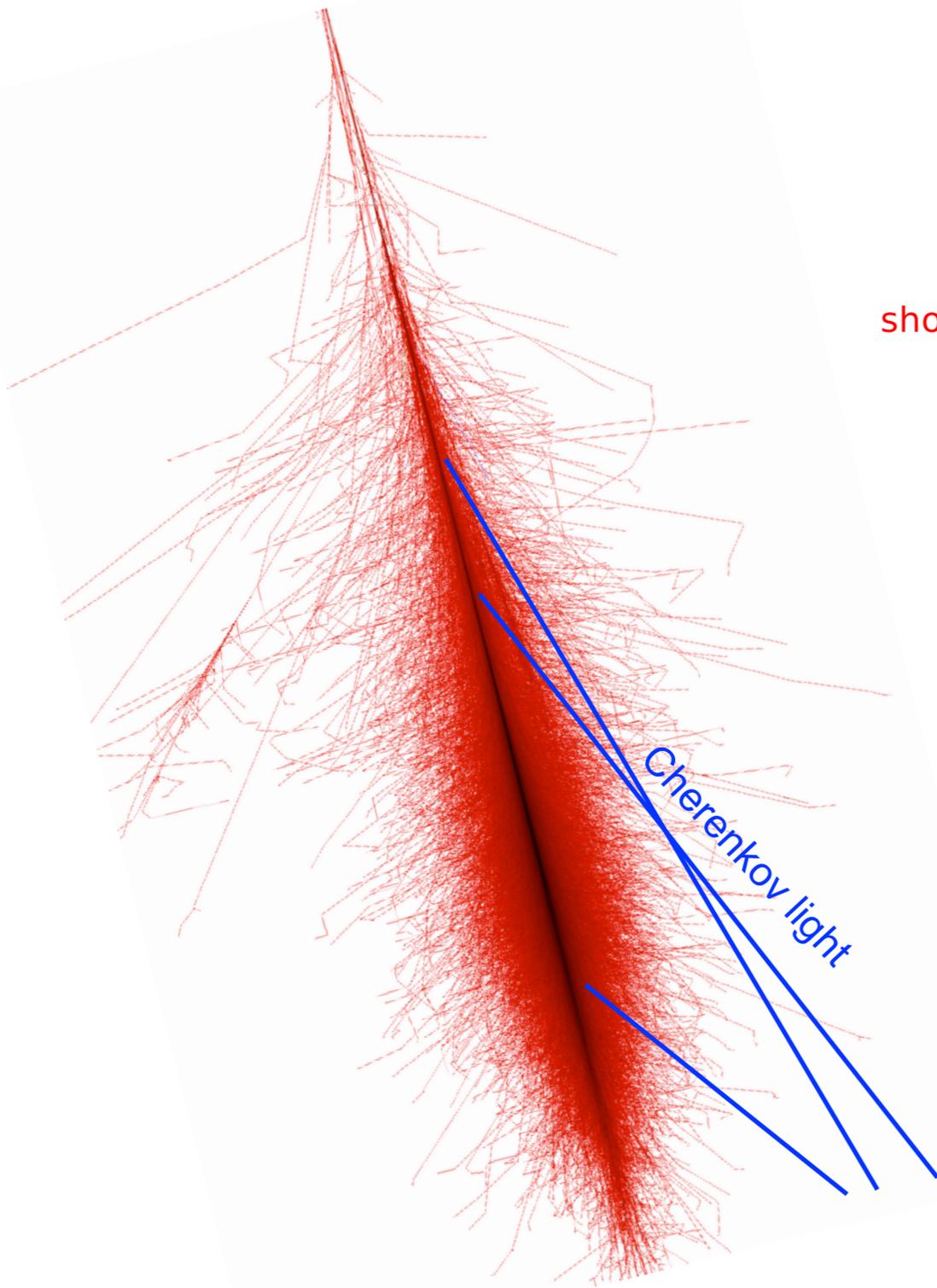


Extensive Air Showers and Cherenkov Emission



Cherenkov light from air showers:
weak (~ 10 ph/ m^2), short (\sim ns),
blue (300-550nm) flash of light

Imaging Technique - Air Showers

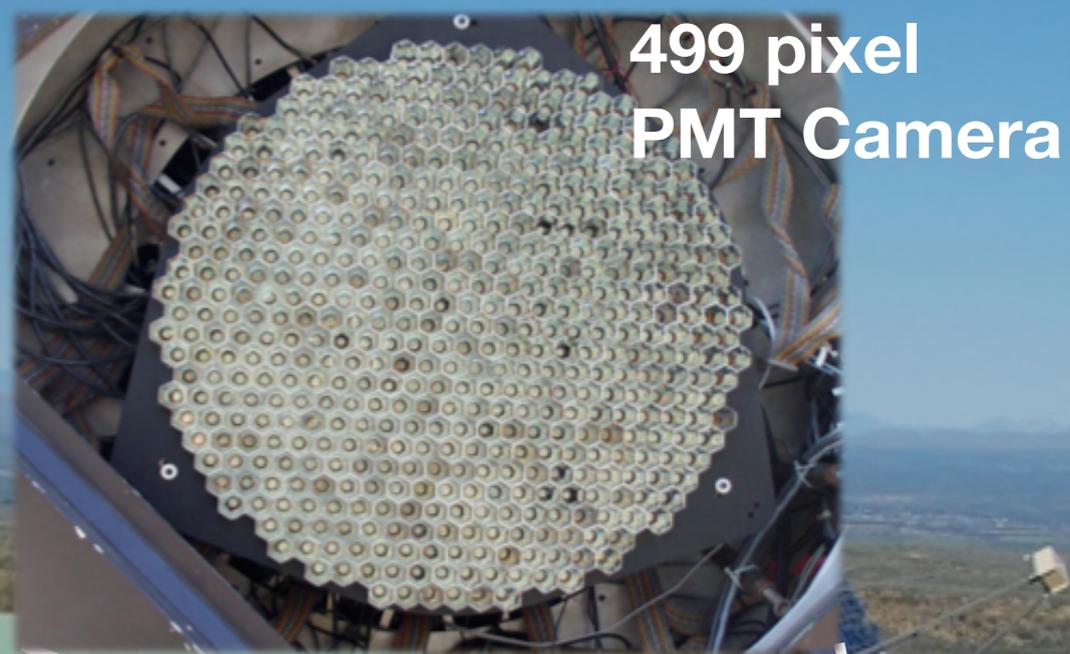


Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes



**12 m diameter reflector
(106 m² mirror area)**

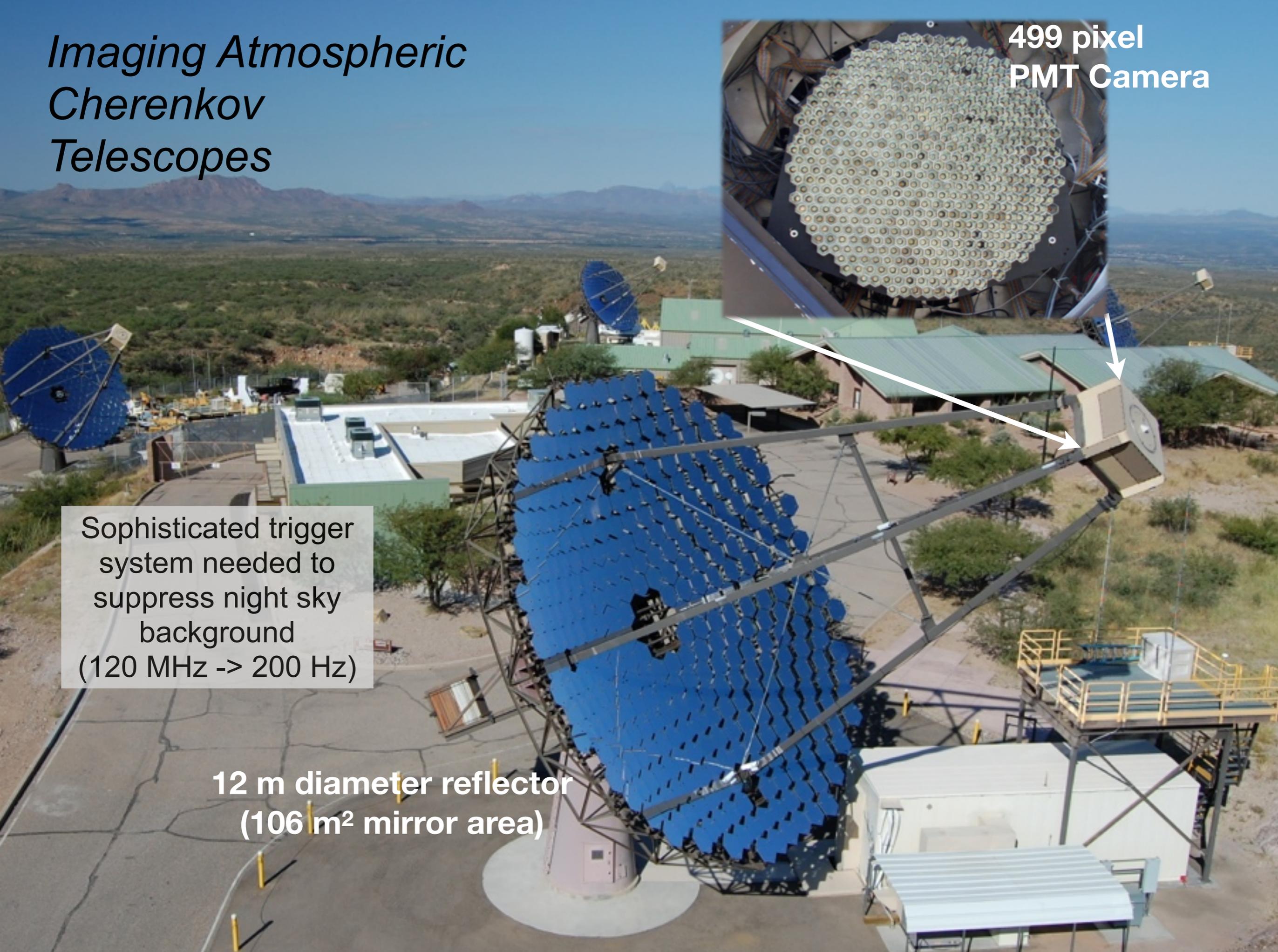
Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes



499 pixel
PMT Camera

Sophisticated trigger system needed to suppress night sky background
(120 MHz \rightarrow 200 Hz)

12 m diameter reflector
(106 m² mirror area)



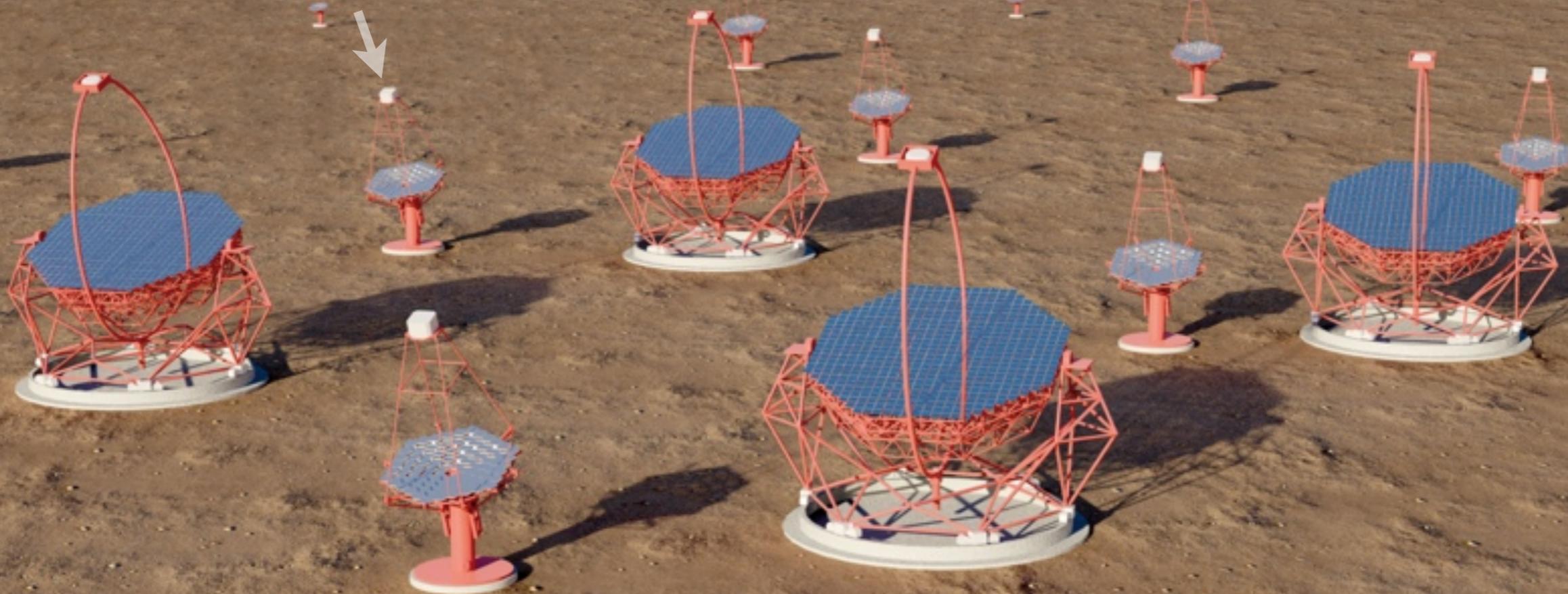
The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)

Midsize telescopes

limitation: gamma/hadron separation
telescopes with 12 m \varnothing
energy range: 100 GeV - 10 TeV

High-energy section

limitation: effective area
telescopes with ~4-7 m \varnothing
energy range: > 5 TeV



Array of >50 telescopes
factor 10 improvement in sensitivity
20 GeV to >300 TeV energy range
significantly improved angular resolution
two observatories: North and South

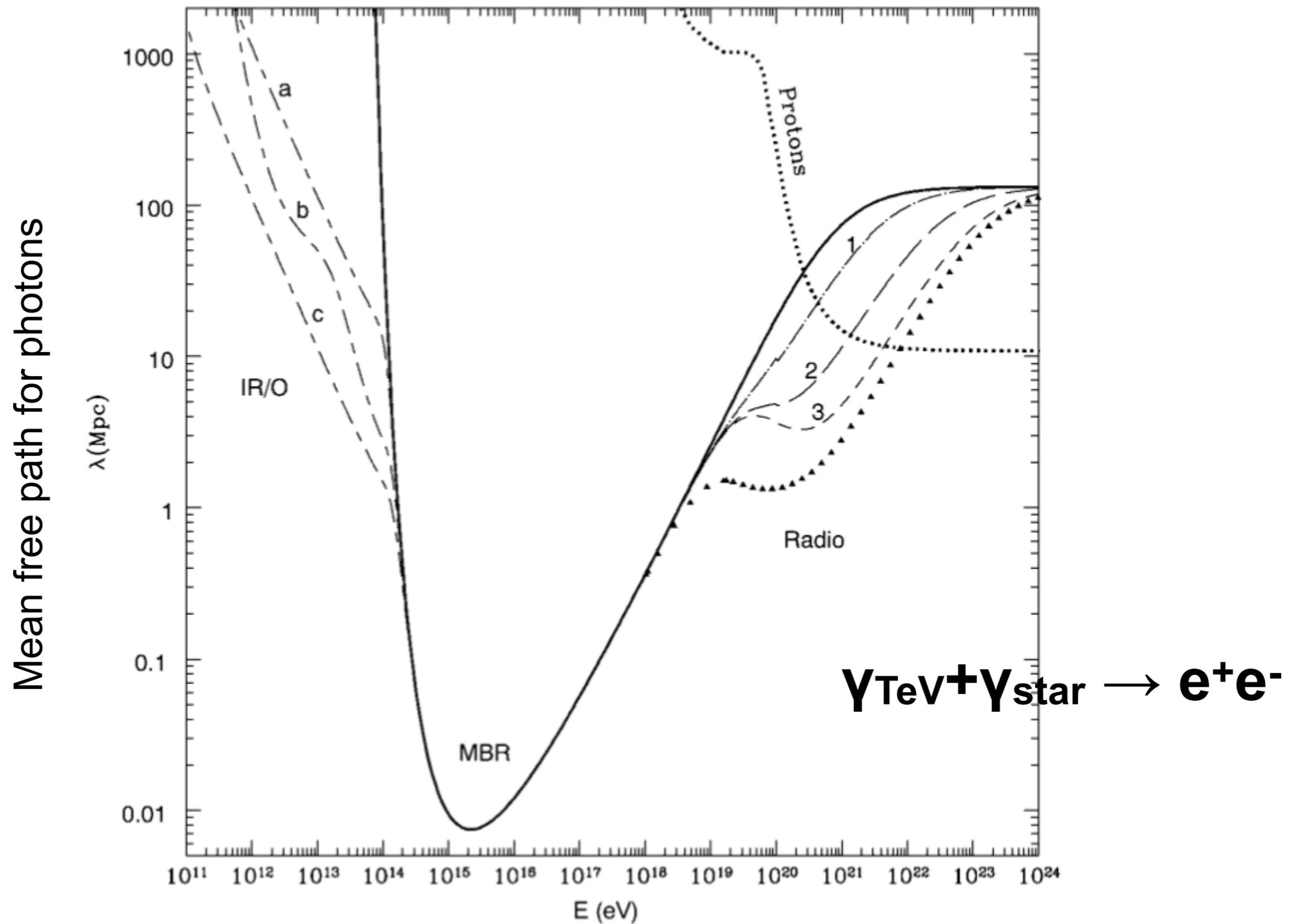
Low energies

limitation: photon collection and
gamma/hadron separation
large telescopes with 23 m \varnothing
energy threshold: some 10 GeV

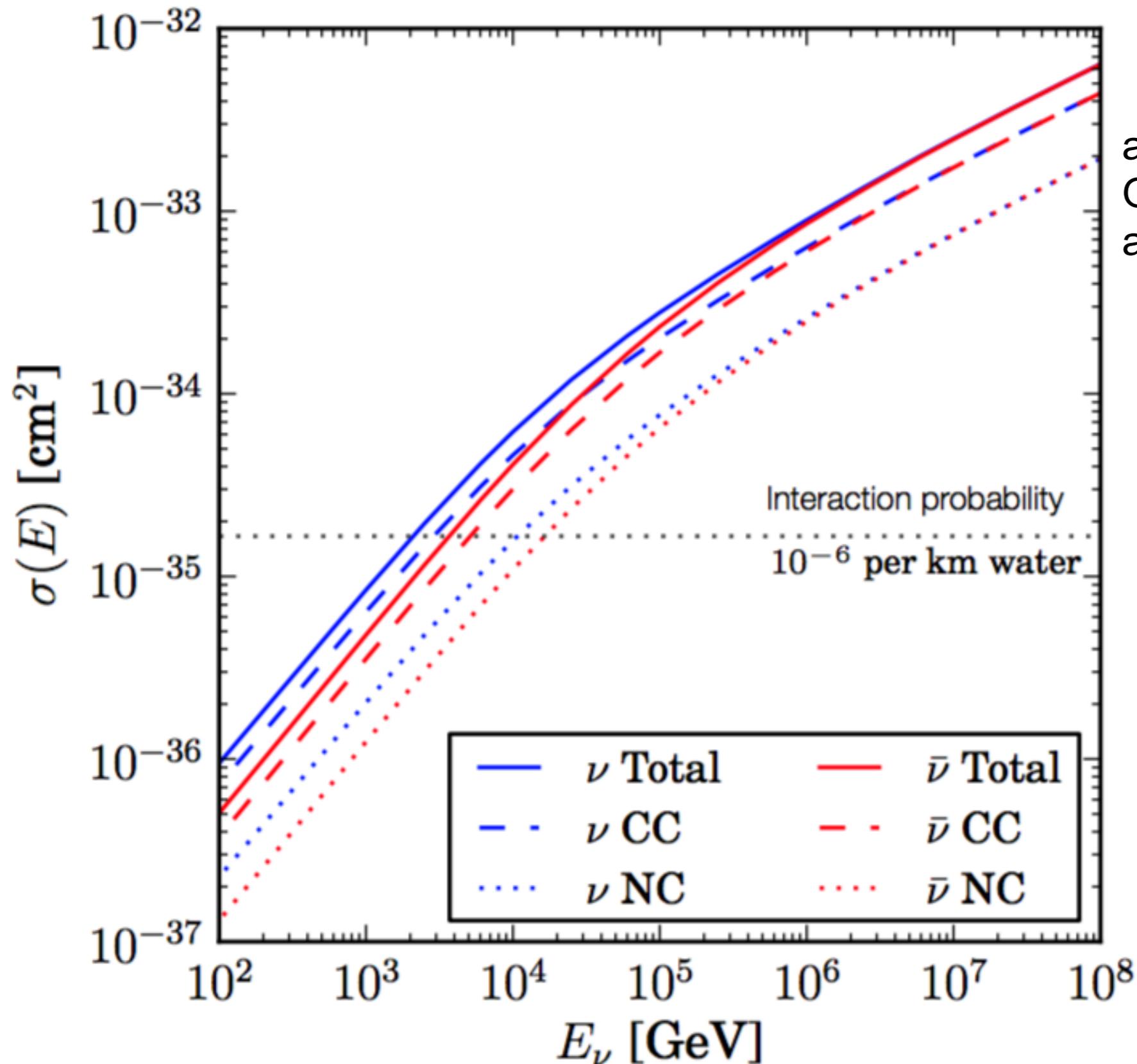
The Cherenkov Telescope Array - Large Size Telescope



Opacity of the Universe to high-energy photons

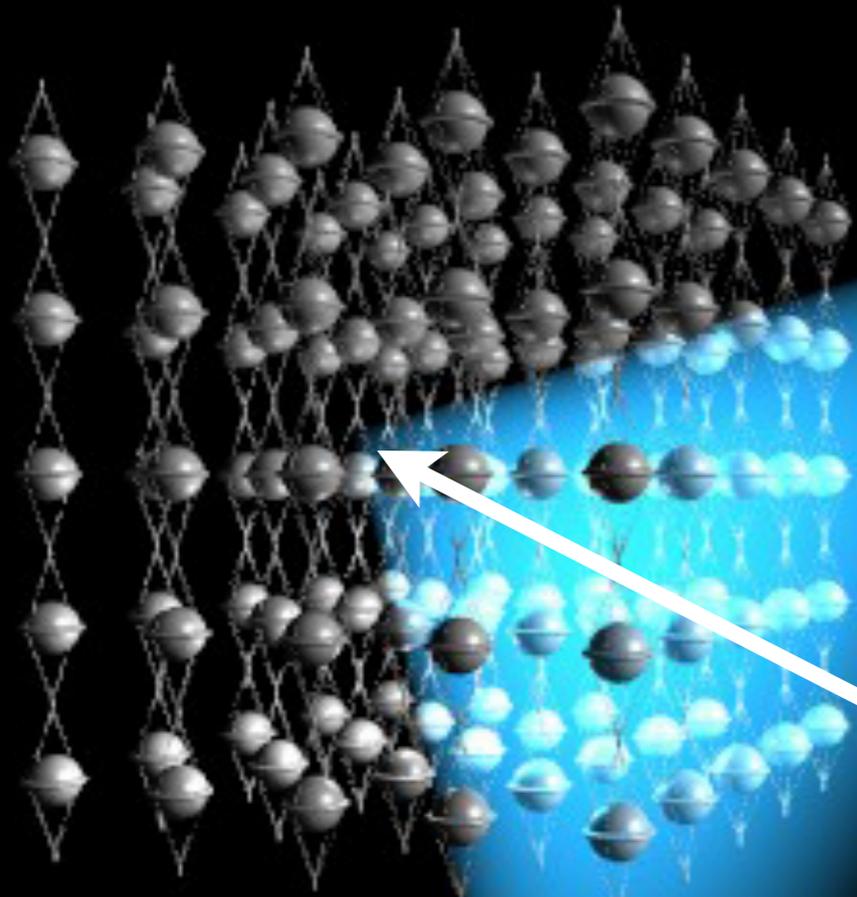


Neutrino detection



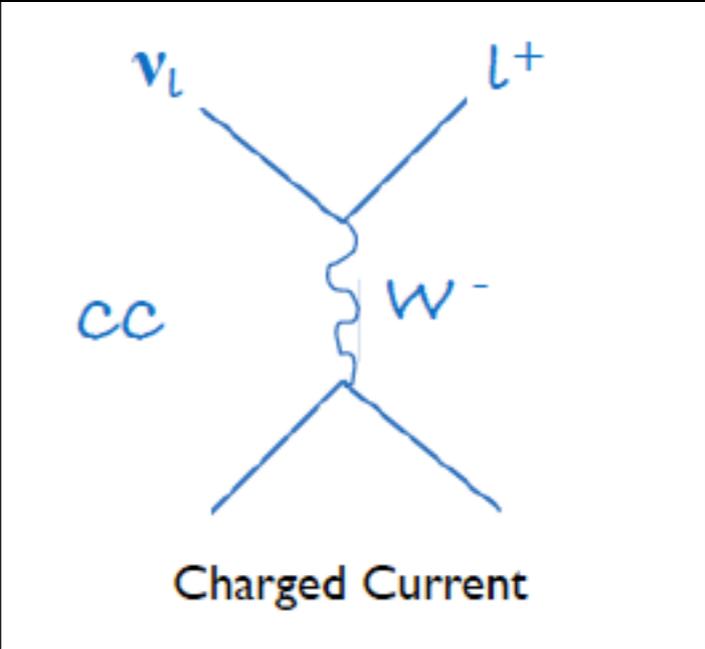
astrophysical flux:
 $O(10^5)$ per km^2 per year
above 100 TeV

High-energy neutrino detection

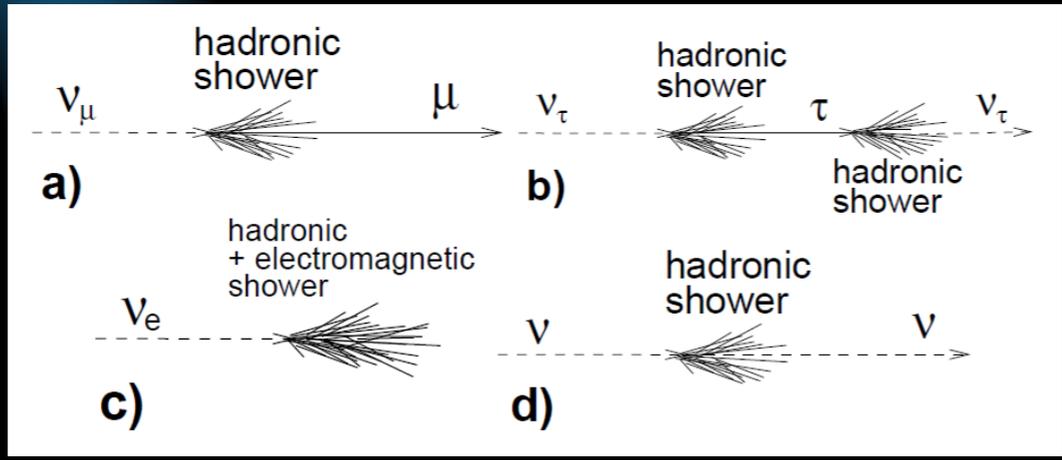


Muon

**water or ice as detector
string of photomultipliers**

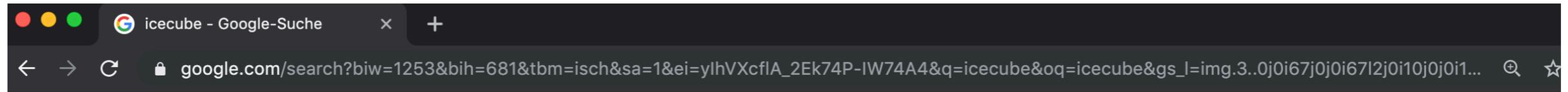


Neutrino



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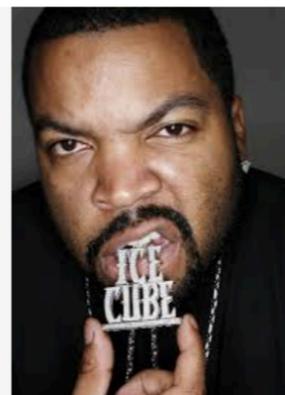
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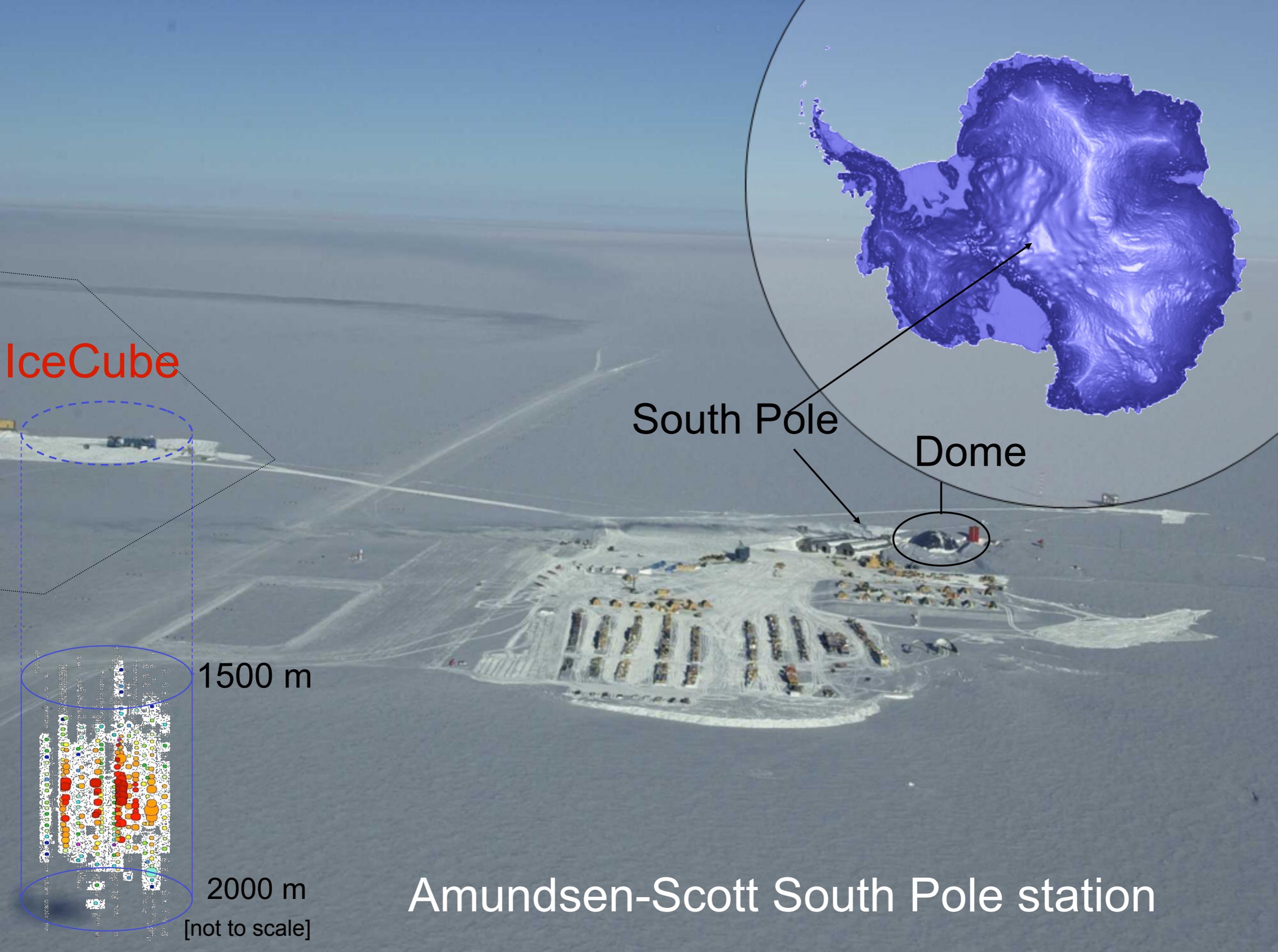
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IceCube

South Pole

Dome

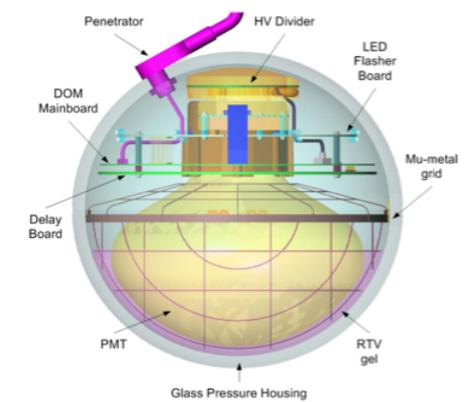
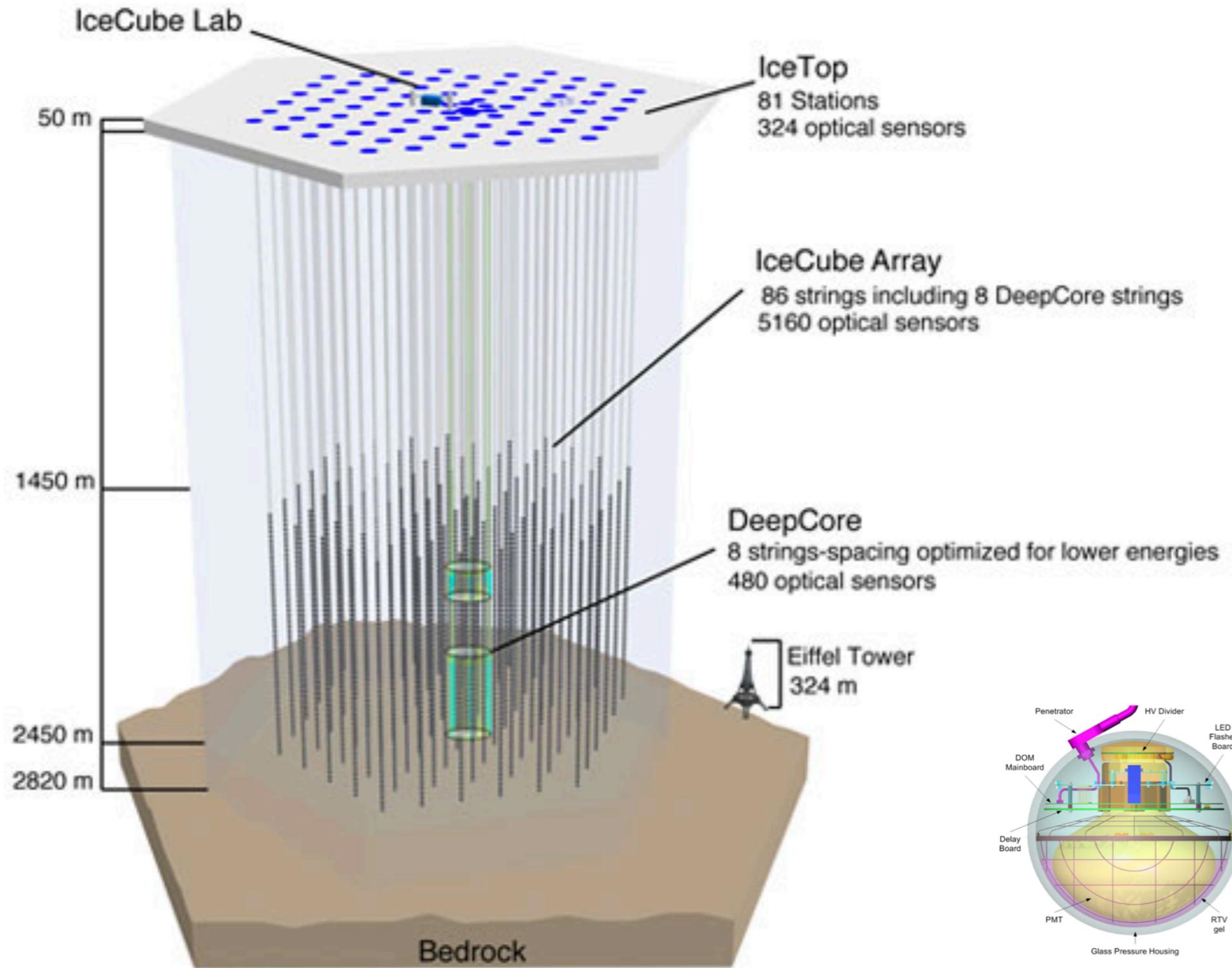
1500 m

2000 m

[not to scale]

Amundsen-Scott South Pole station

IceCube

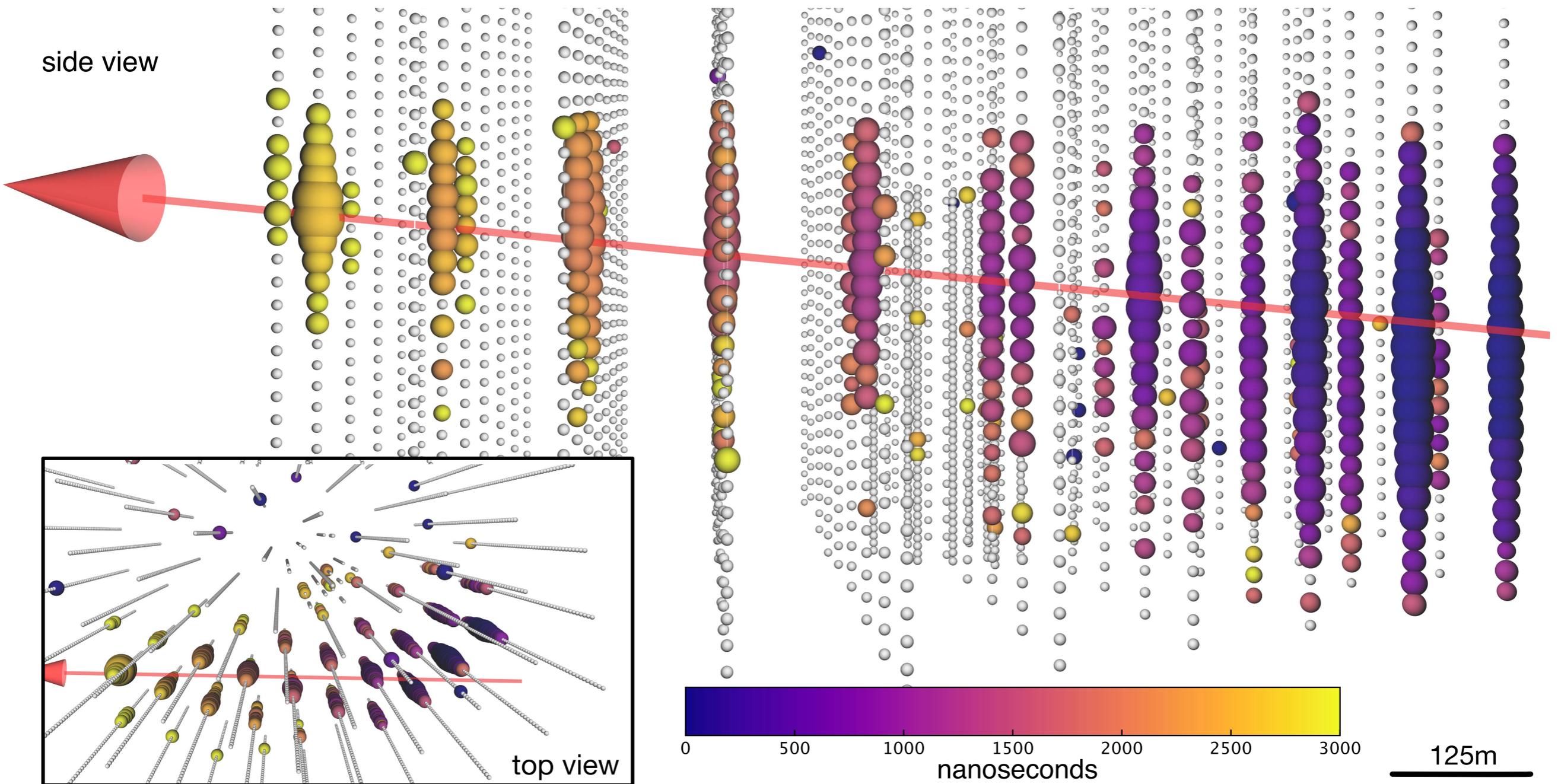


light collection by DOMs

energy, allowing
easily identi-
-neutrino as-

IceCube can robustly identify astrophysical neu-
trinos at PeV energies, for individual neutrinos
at several hundred TeV, an atmospheric origin

of neutrinos was found from the direction of TXS
0506+056 near the time of the alert, there are
indications at the 3σ level of high-energy neutrino



electrons. Inset is an overhead perspective view of the event. The best-fitting track direction is shown as an arrow,
0.50
0.30 degrees below the horizon.



Sources of Cosmic Rays

What are they?

Is it a single source? A single source class?

Where are they? Galactic / extragalactic?

How?

acceleration mechanism, feedback on environment, ...

Maximum energy of an accelerator

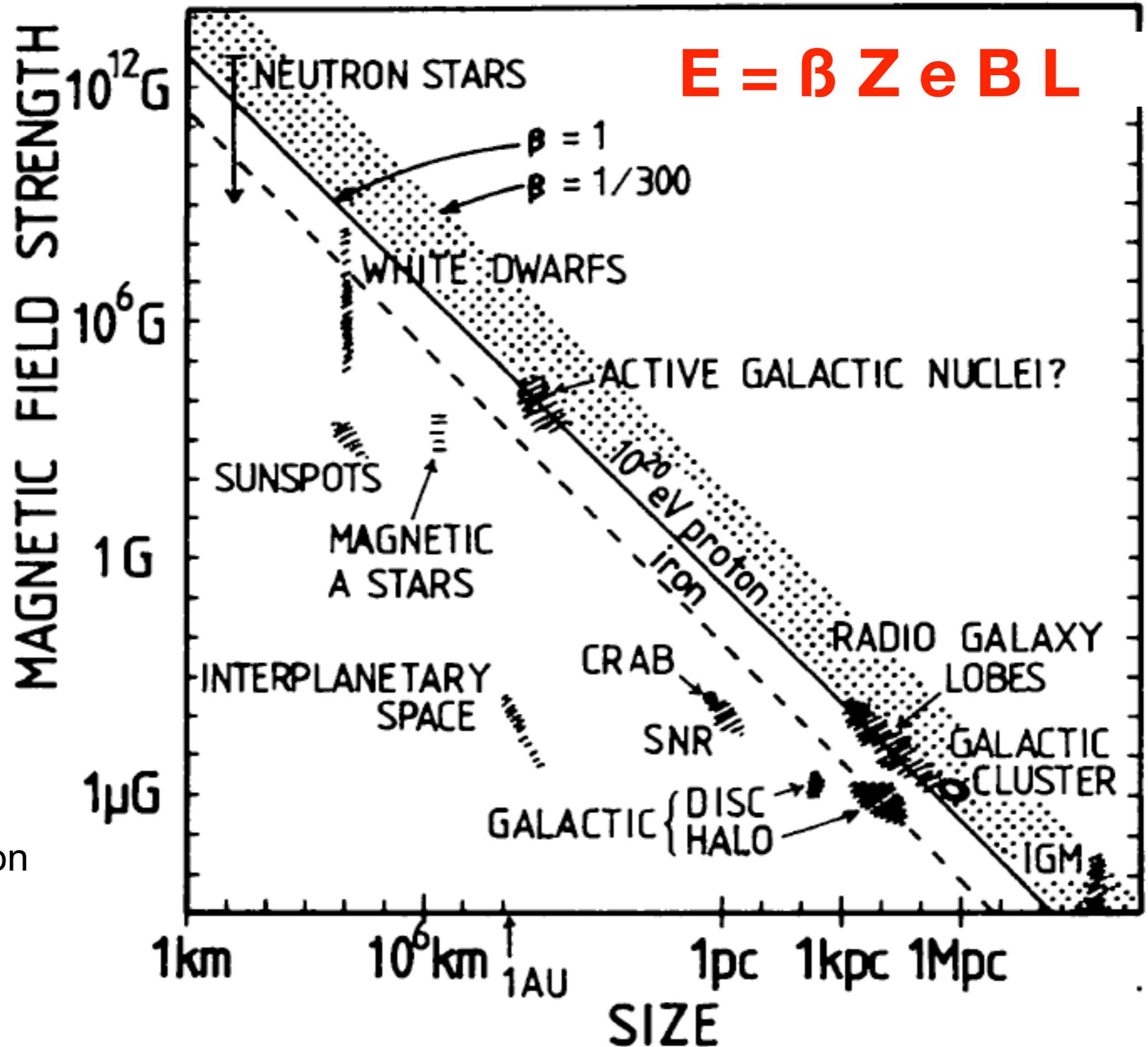


Maximum energy of an accelerator



Hillas Diagram

M.Hillas (1984)



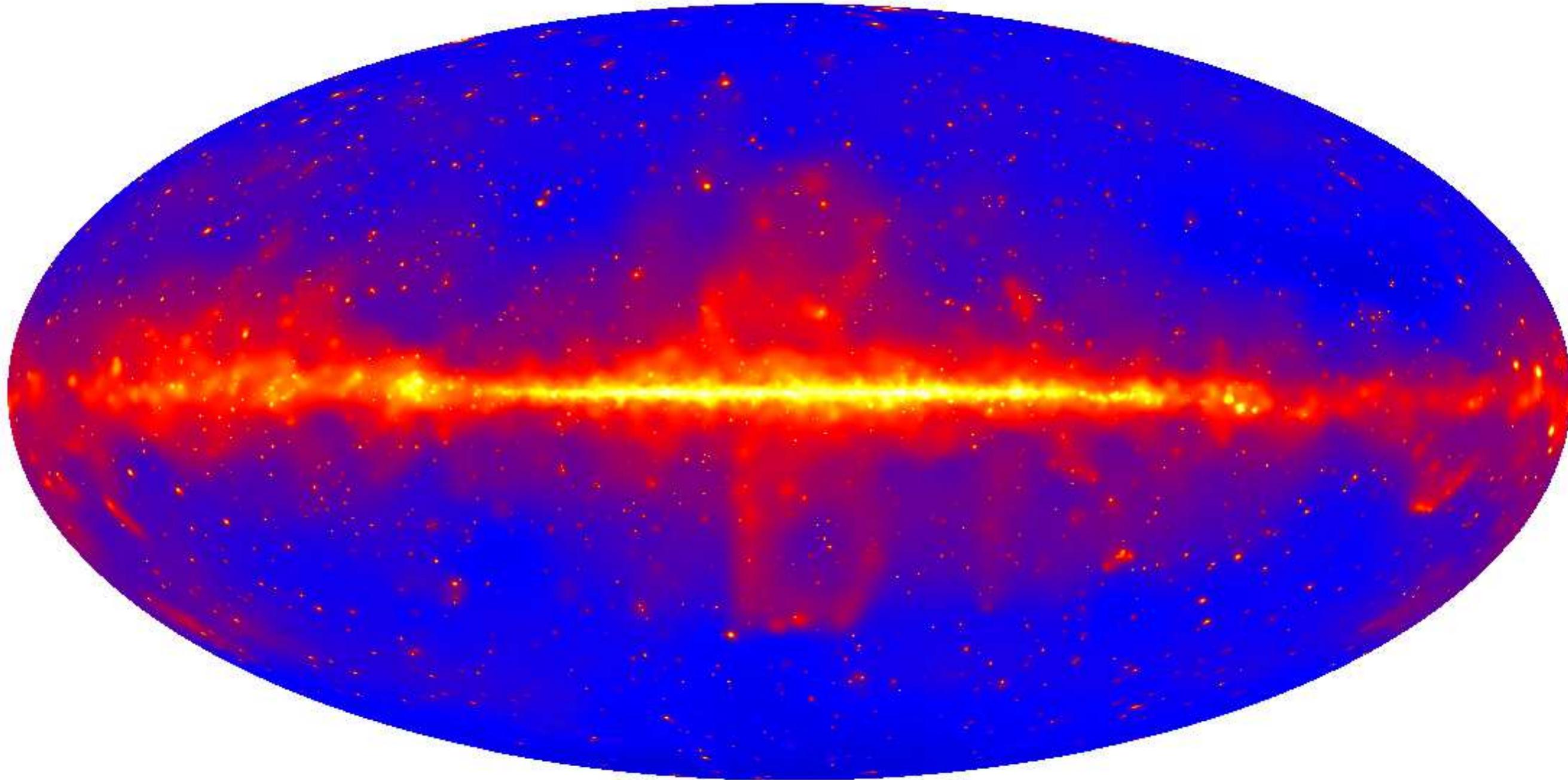
Energy limited by:

- B-field
- time for acceleration
- energy losses

Cosmic Particle Accelerators

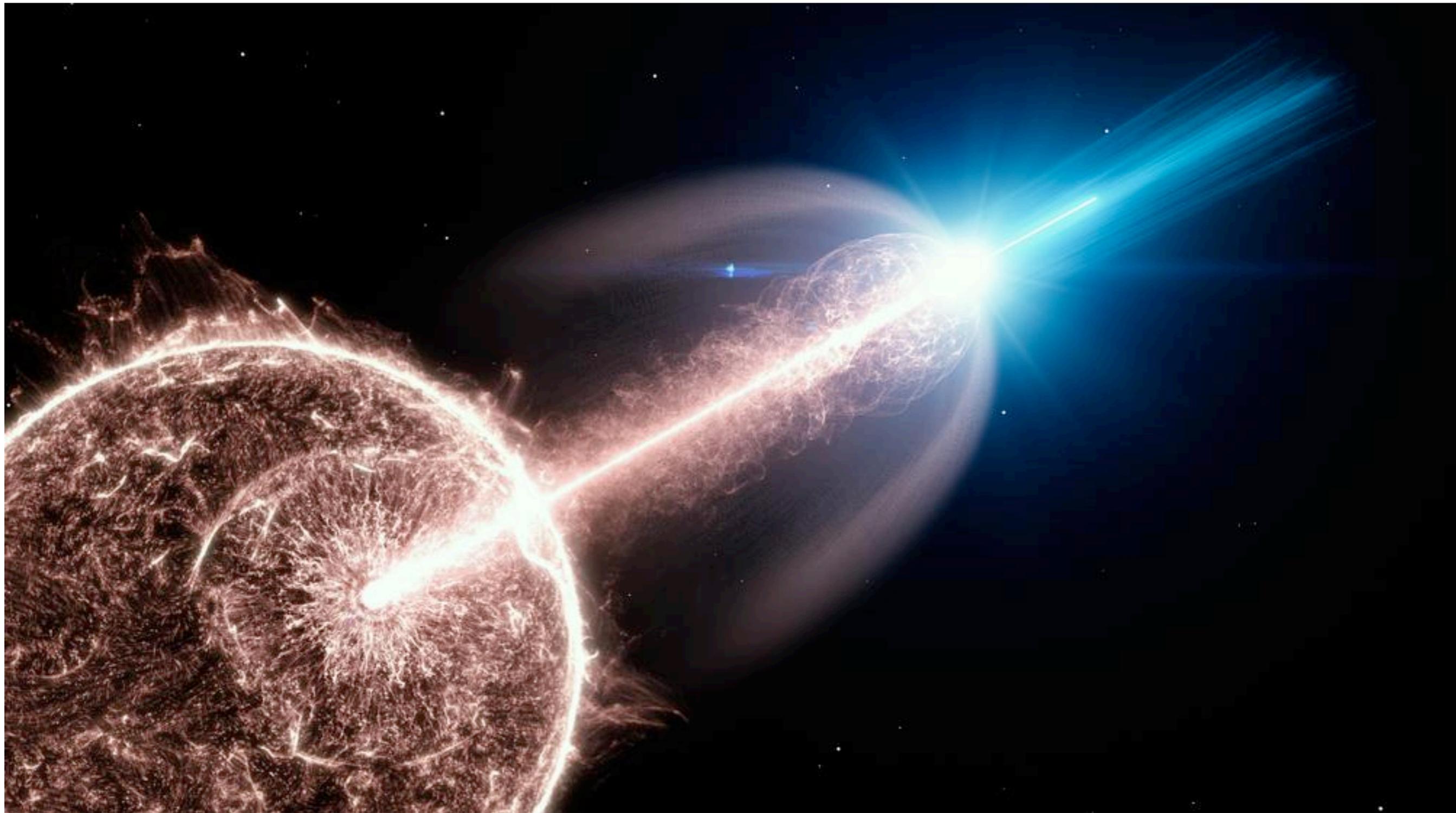
>1500 sources > 10 GeV
>150 sources > 100 GeV
diffuse emission

Fermi LAT 7-years sky map (10 GeV - 2 TeV)



Supernova Remnants, Binaries, Star forming regions, pulsar wind nebula, active galactic nuclei, gamma-ray bursts, nova, diffuse emission, dark matter,

Gamma-ray bursts



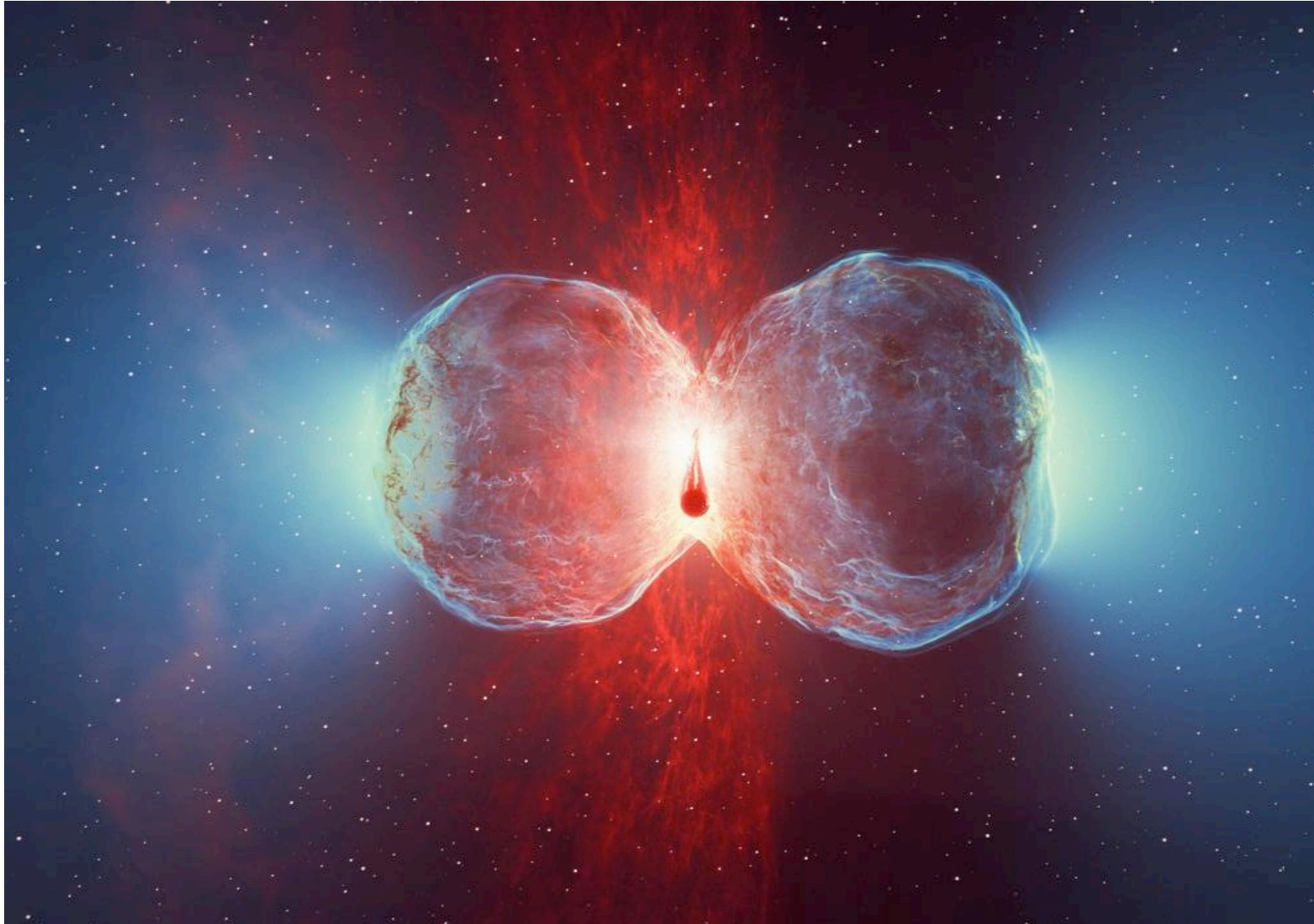
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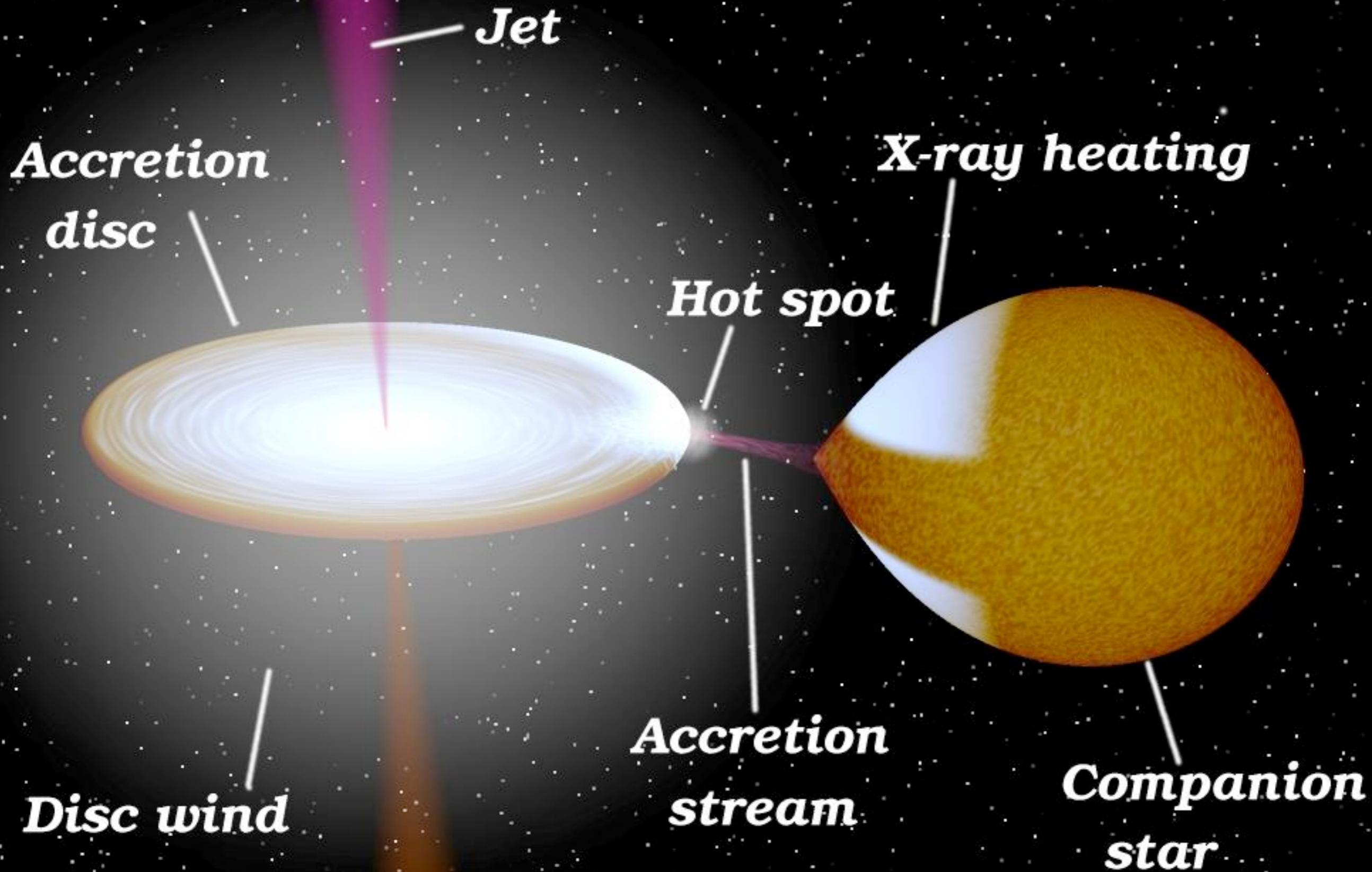


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Nova



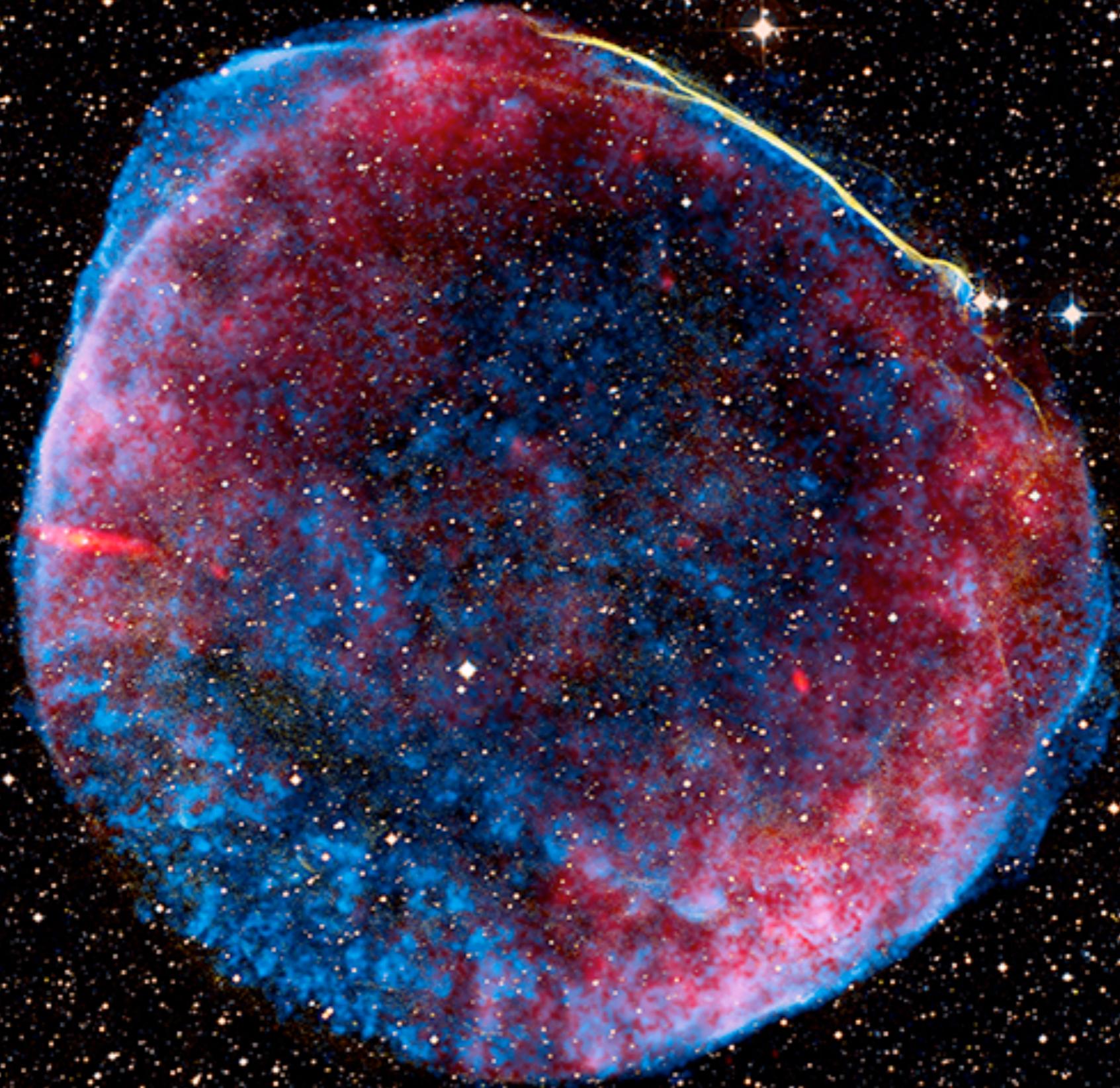
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Supernova remnants

Supernova remnant SN1006

radio
X-ray
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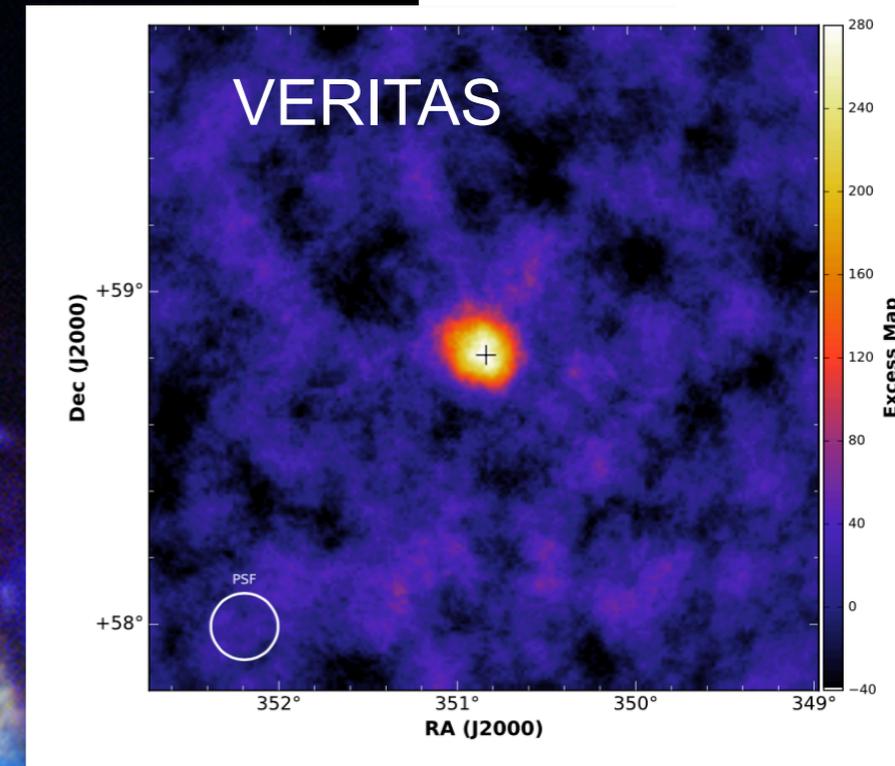
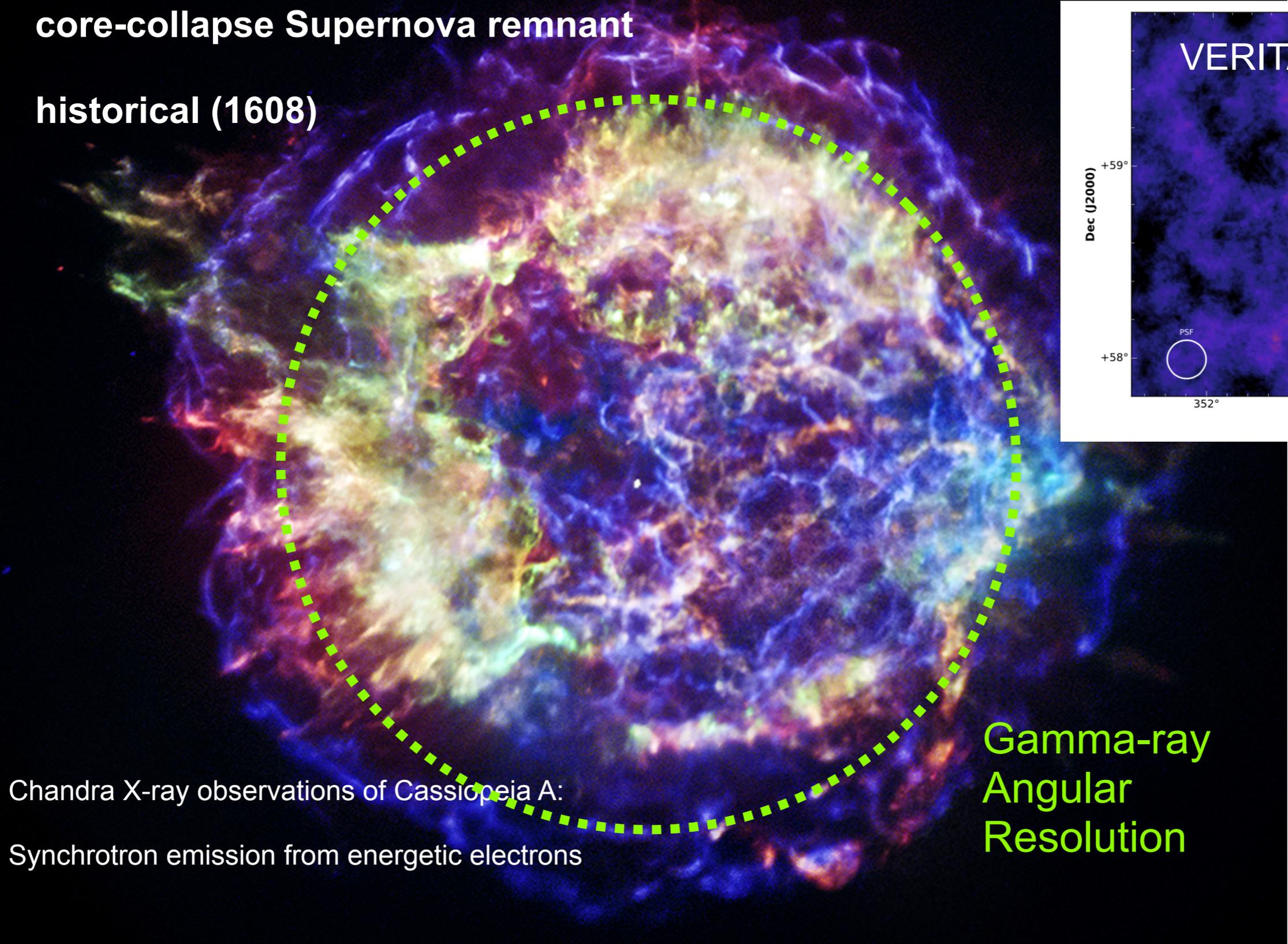


2400-3000 km/s

Cassiopeia A Supernova Remnant

core-collapse Supernova remnant

historical (1608)



Chandra X-ray observations of Cassiopeia A:

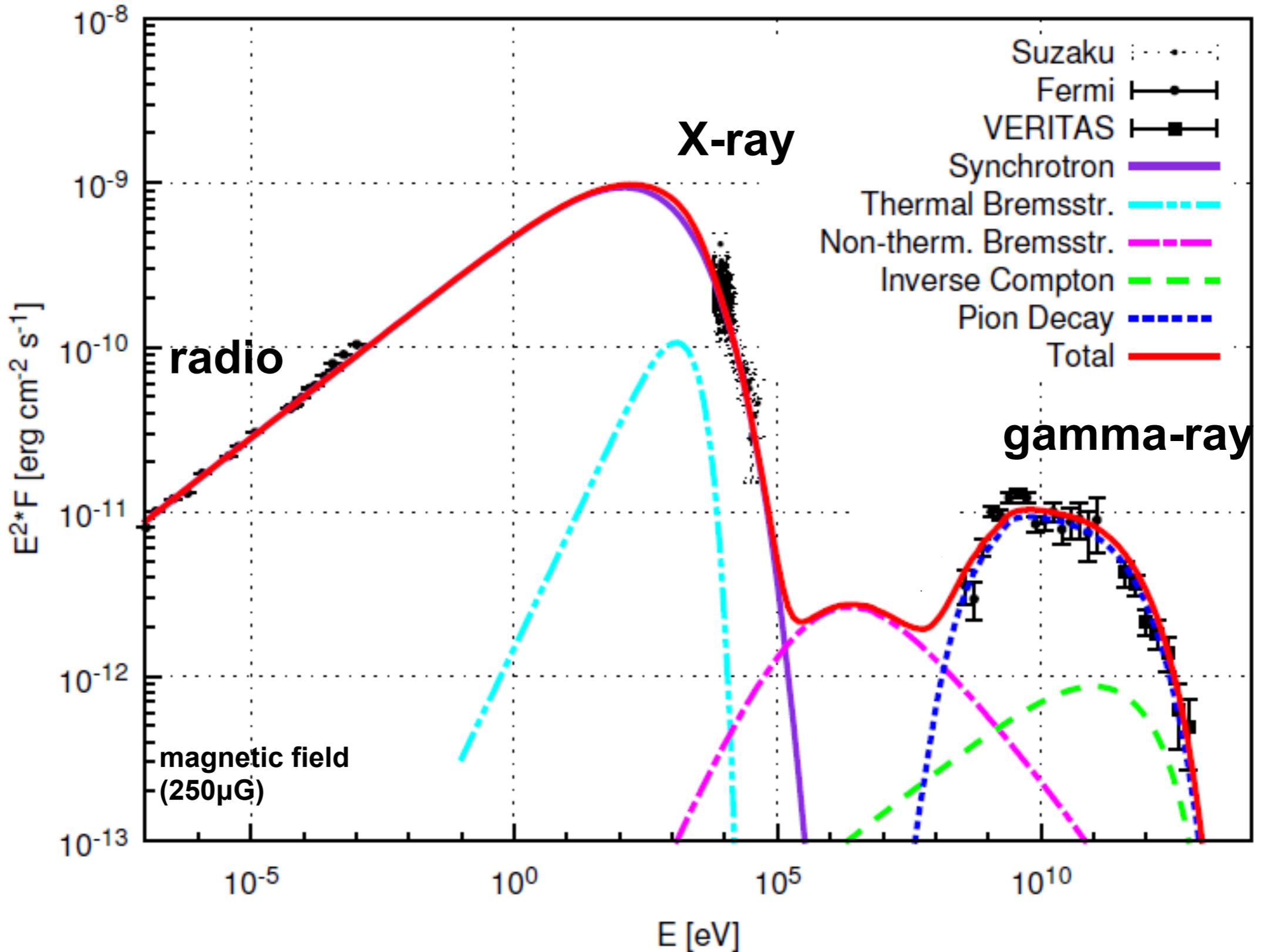
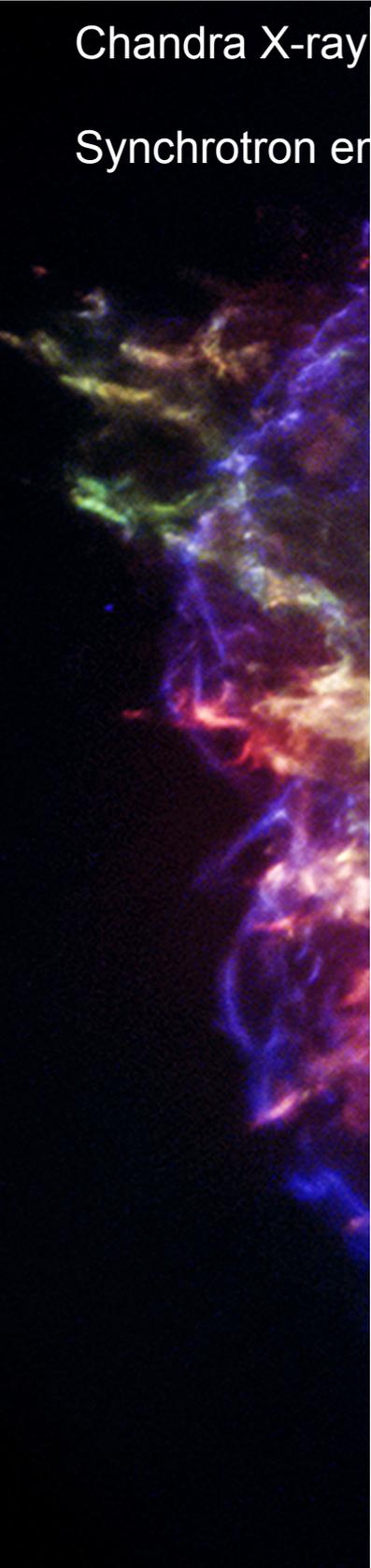
Synchrotron emission from energetic electrons

Gamma-ray
Angular
Resolution

Cassiopeia A - Spectral Energy Distribution

Chandra X-ray

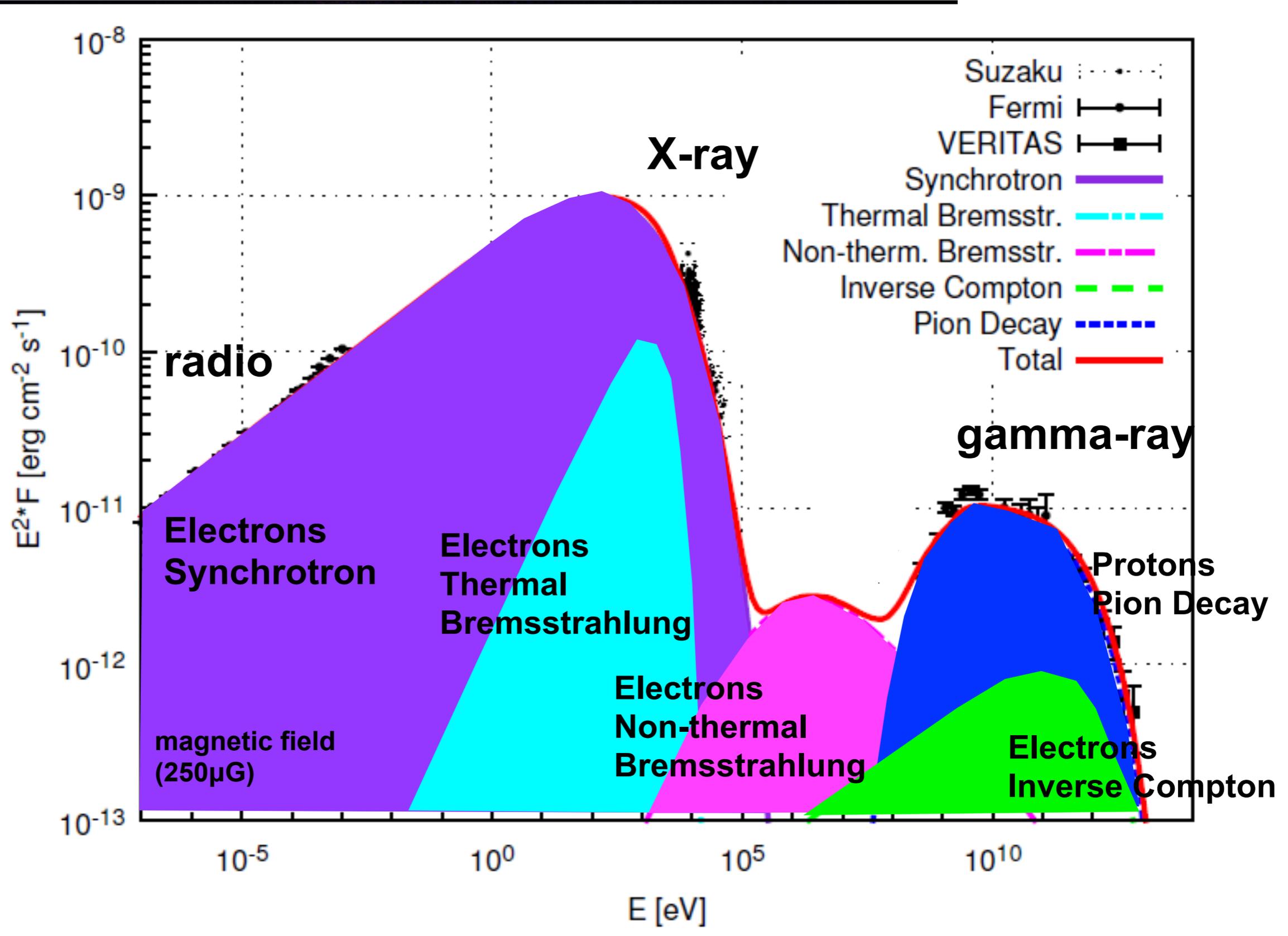
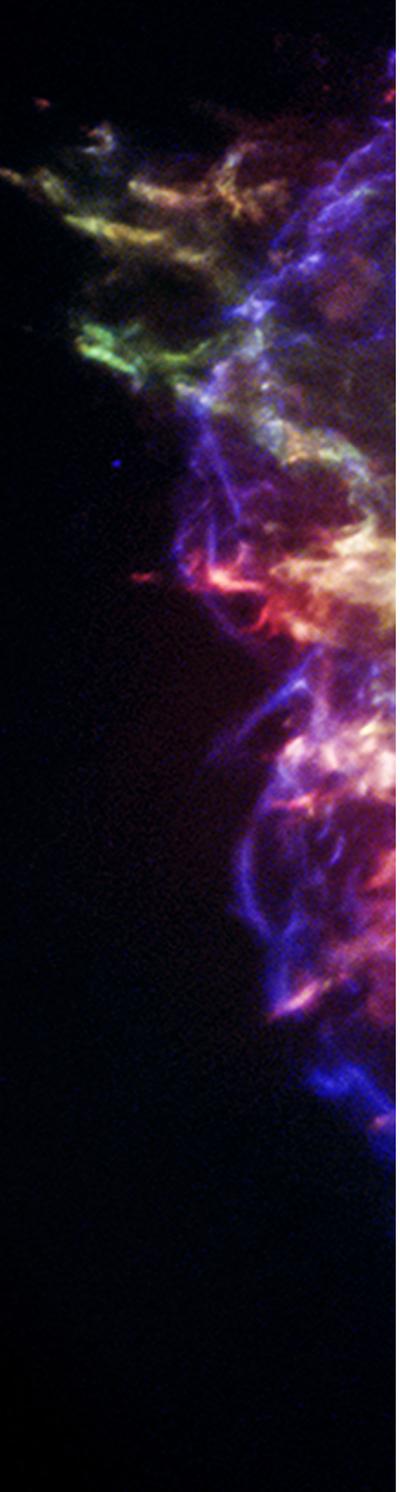
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Supernovae Explosions & Energy Budget

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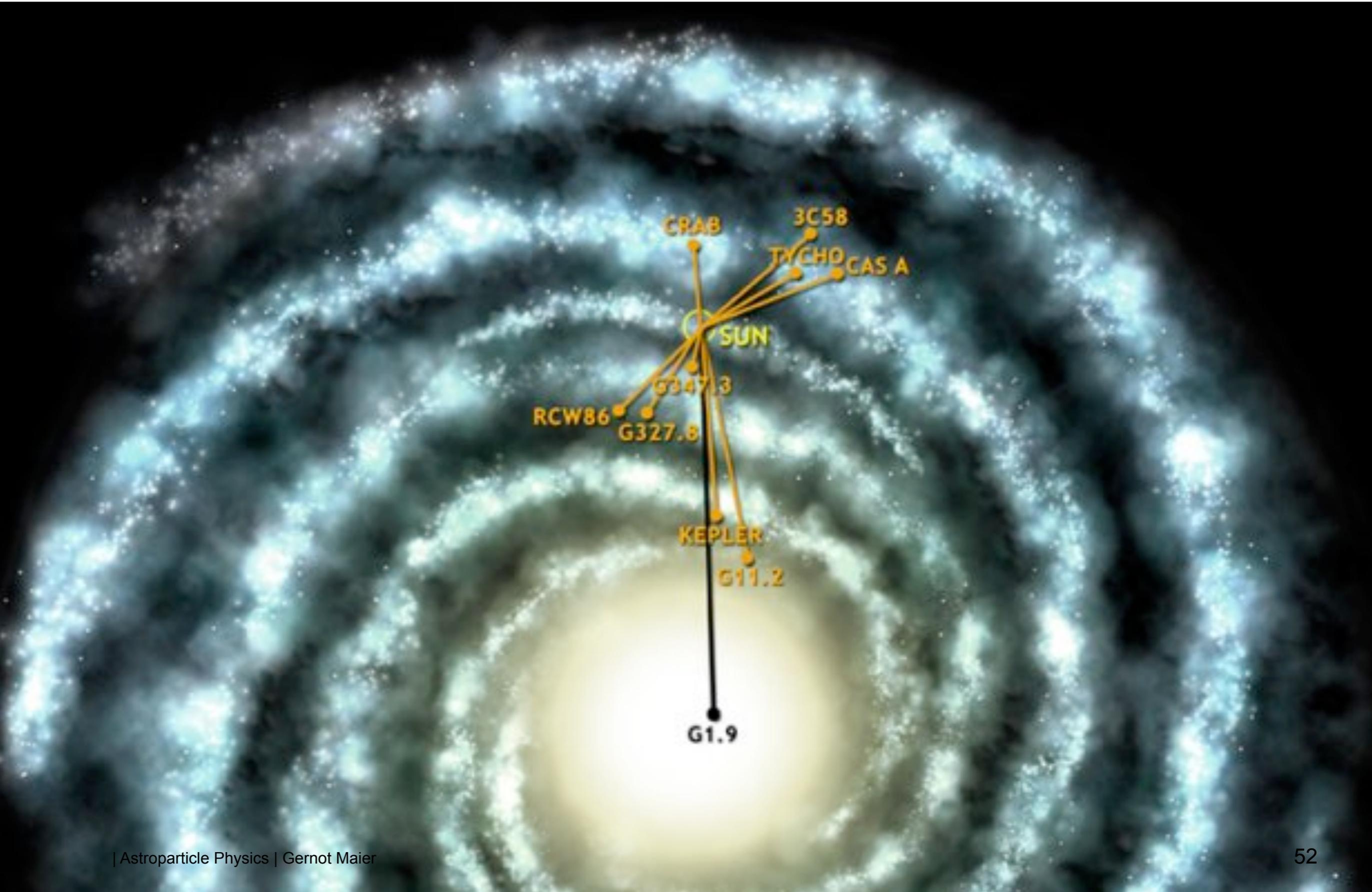
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typical 2-3 Supernovae per 100 y in our Galaxy are enough to sustain this luminosity assuming a 10% conversion rate from mechanical to cosmic-ray energy

date	length of visibility	remnant	Historical Records				
			Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Arabic	European
AD1604	12 months	G4.5+6.8	few	–	many	–	many
AD1572	18 months	G120.1+2.1	few	–	two	–	many
AD1181	6 months	3C58	few	few	–	–	–
AD1054	21 months	Crab Nebula	many	few	–	one	–
AD1006	3 years	SNR327.6+14.6	many	many	–	few	two
AD393	8 months	–	one	–	–	–	–
AD386?	3 months	–	one	–	–	–	–
AD369?	5 months	–	one	–	–	–	–
AD185	8 or 20 months	–	one	–	–	–	–

傳舍占客星亦妖星天之使者見於天而無常所
 舍以示休咎星大者事大而禍深色白其分有兵
 客星出紫微外座傳舍星宜備姦使邊夷侵境又
 奎宿為兵姦臣偽惑天子於是金虜遣使來爭執
 儀甲戌客星守傳舍第五星 九年正月癸酉客
 不見自去年六月己巳至是凡一百八十五日乃
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Observational Bias...



Active Galactic Nuclei

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M87
HST optical



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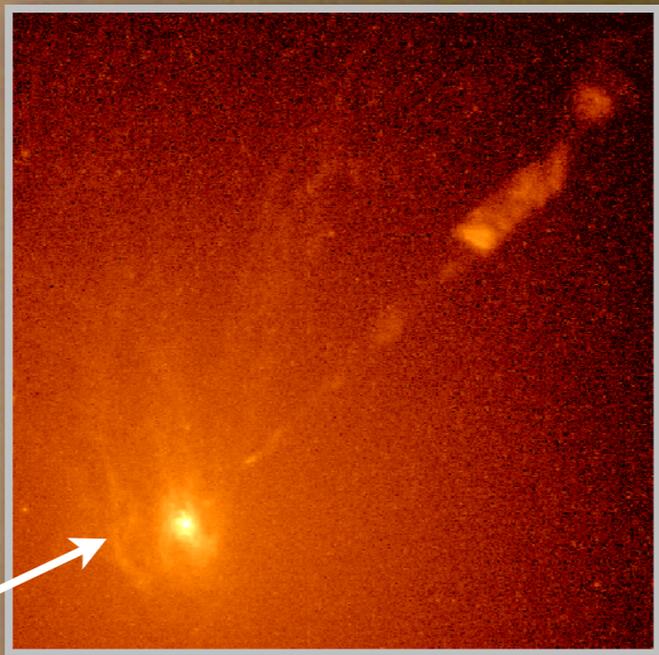
blue light:
synchrotron radiation
from HE electrons

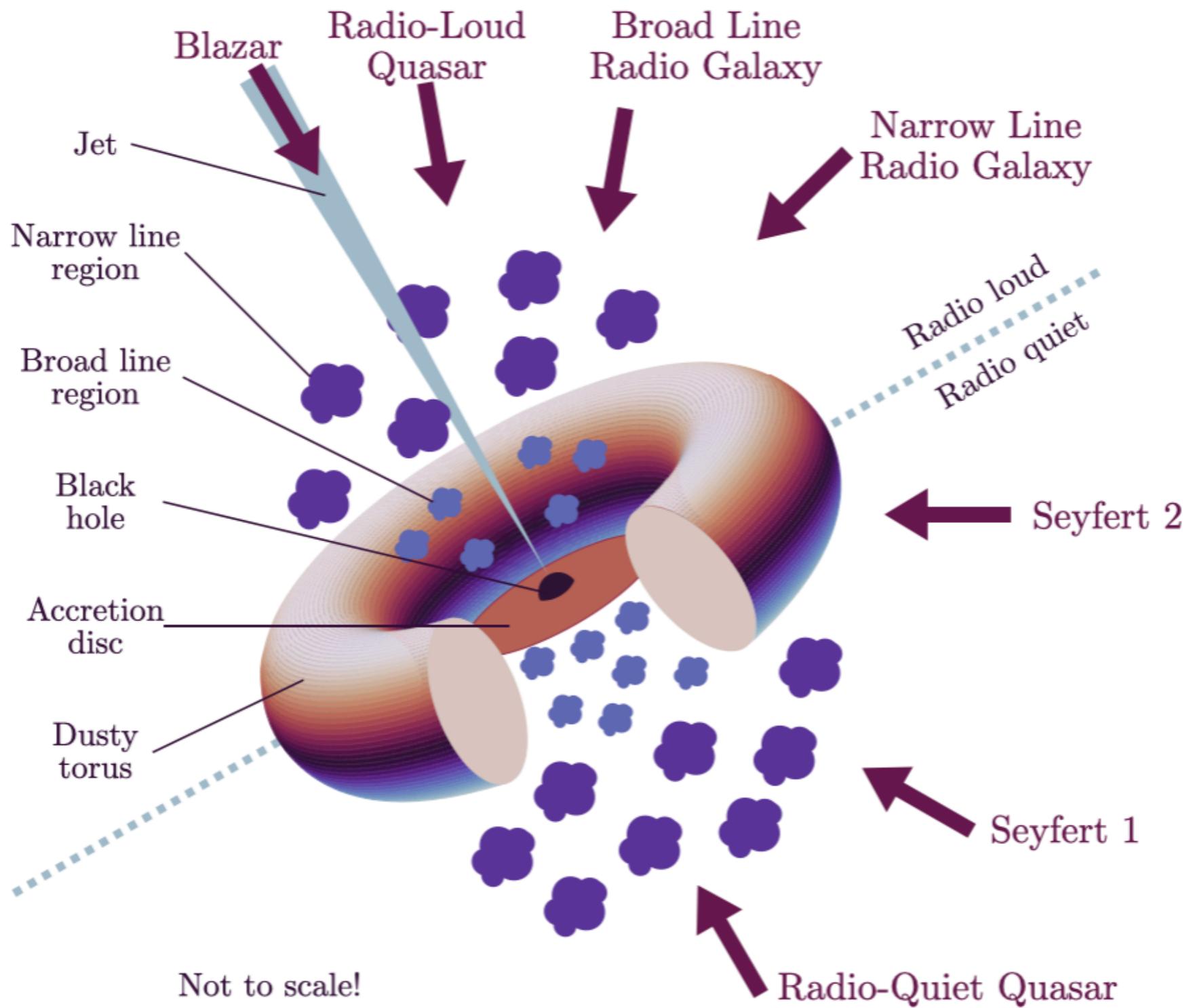
jet: relativistic hot,
magnetized plasma

5000 light years

hot spots:
shocked jet
plasma

core and
accretion disk





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Doppler boosting in jets

$$D = \frac{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}{1-\beta \cos \Theta}$$

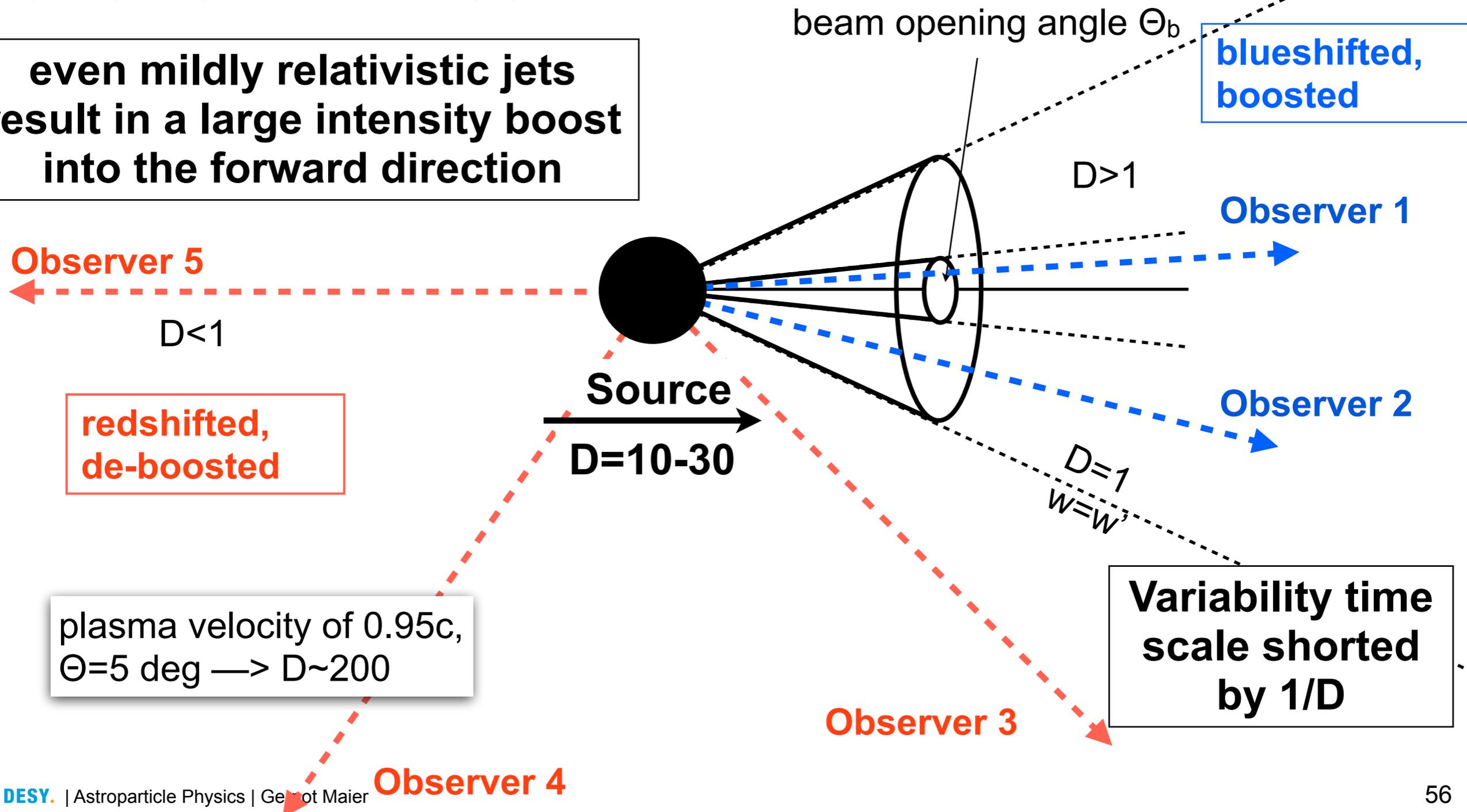
$$I_{\nu}^{obs}(D\nu) = D^3 I_{\nu}^{em}(\nu)$$

Doppler boosting of a power-law source:

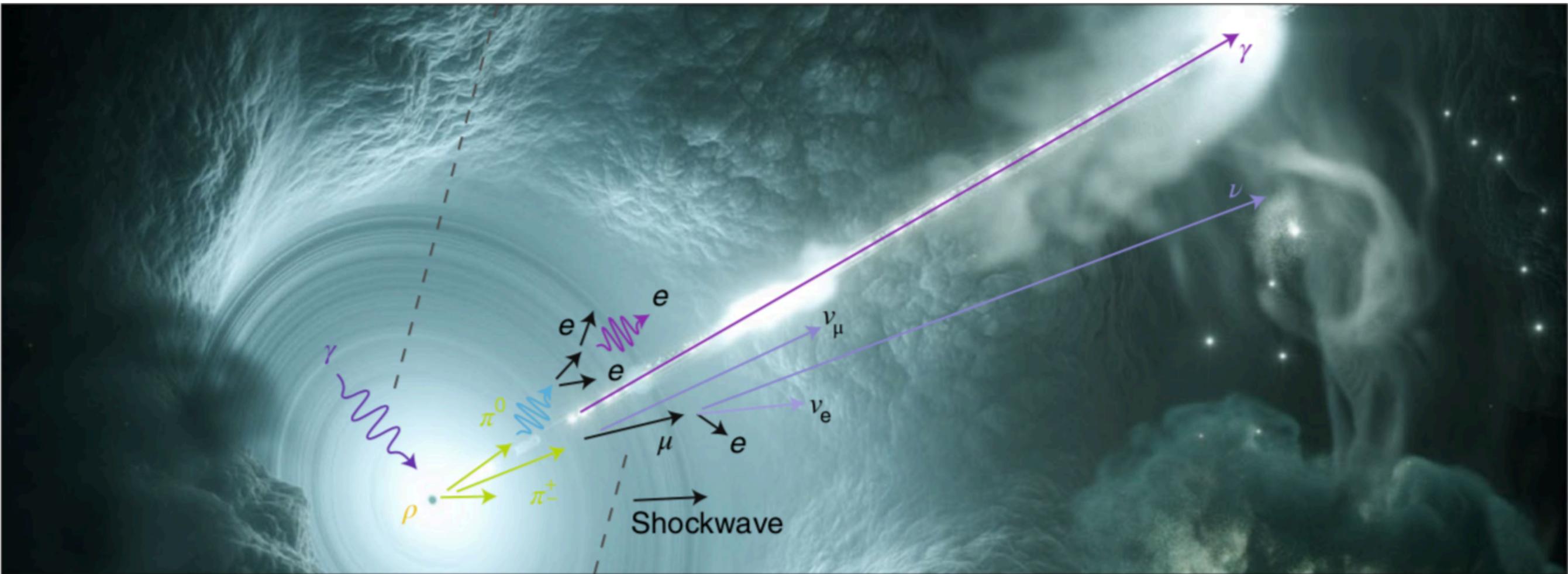
$$I_{\nu}^{em}(\nu) \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$$

$$I_{\nu}^{obs} = D^{3+\alpha} I_{\nu}^{em}(\nu)$$

even mildly relativistic jets result in a large intensity boost into the forward direction

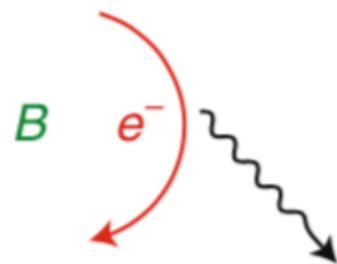


Active Galactic Nuclei - leptonic emission

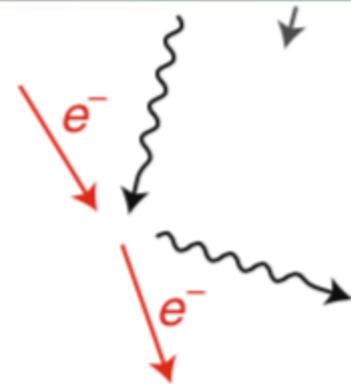


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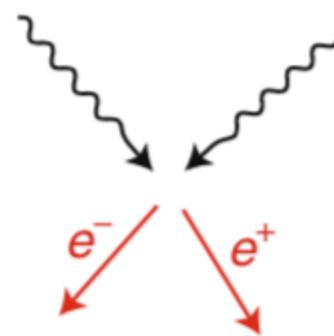
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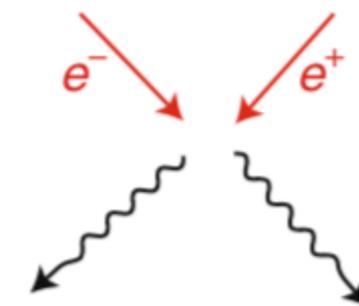
Electron synchrotron



Inverse Compton scattering



Photon-photon pair production

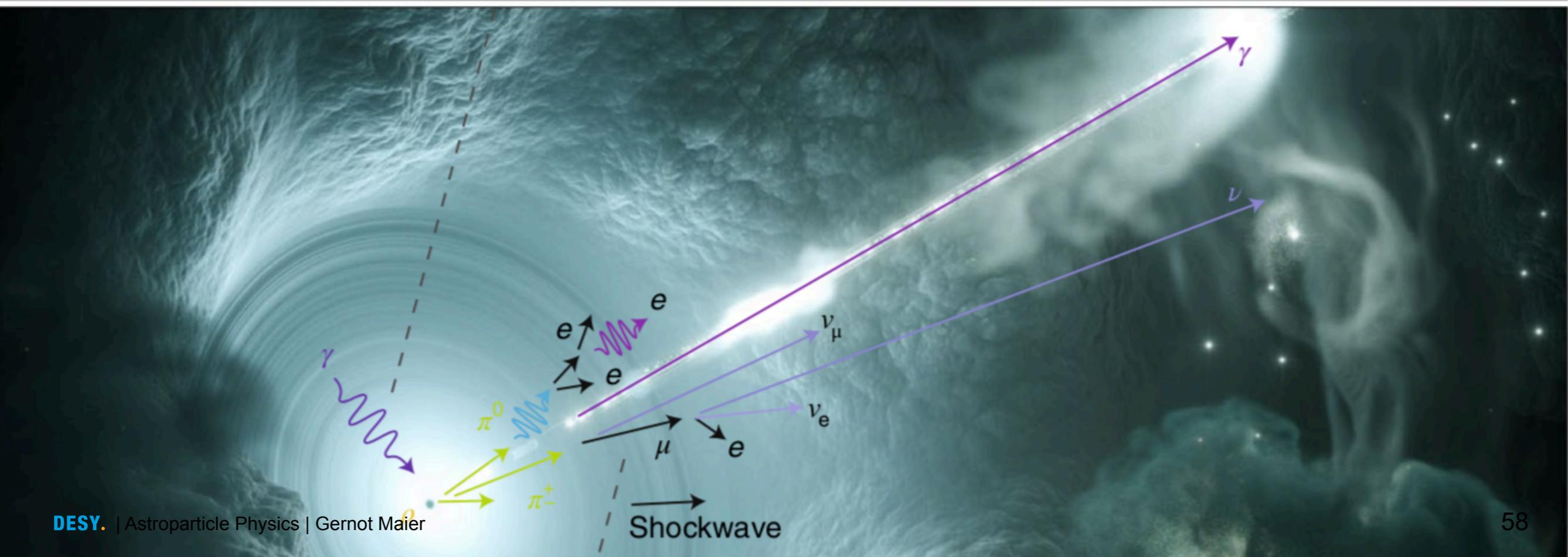
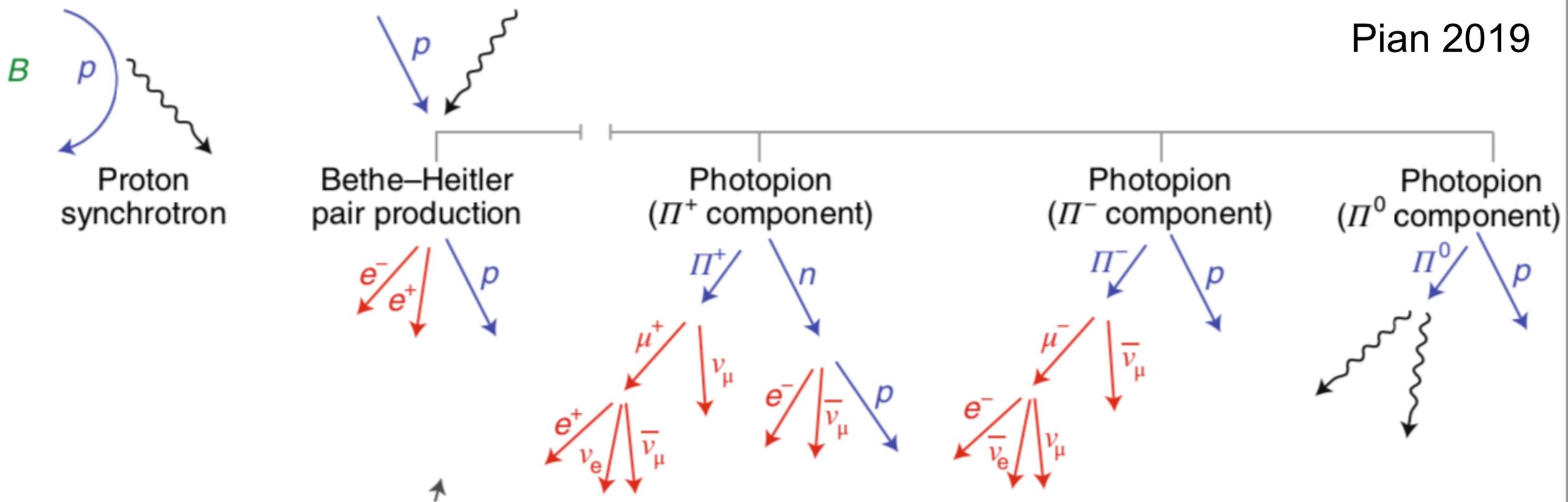


Electron-positron annihilation

Active Galactic Nuclei - Hadronic emission

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Hadronic



IceCube-170922A TXS 0506+056

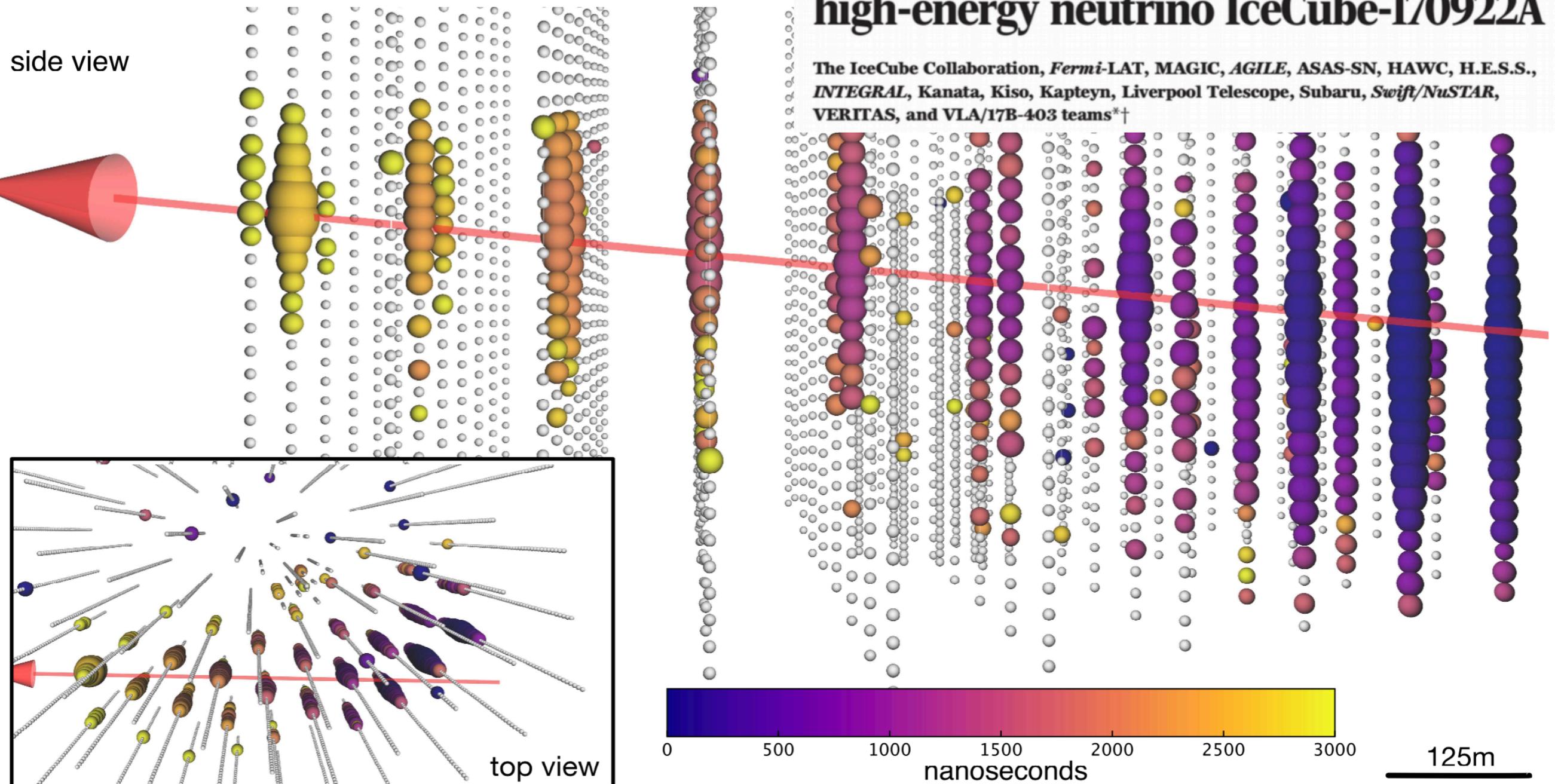
RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

NEUTRINO ASTROPHYSICS

Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with high-energy neutrino IceCube-170922A

The IceCube Collaboration, *Fermi*-LAT, MAGIC, *AGILE*, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., *INTEGRAL*, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverpool Telescope, Subaru, *Swift*/*NuSTAR*, VERITAS, and VLA/17B-403 teams*†

side view



most probable neutrino energy of 290 TeV
signalness to be 56.5%

New Physics

Random example!

Lorentz Invariance Violations

- **Standard Model and General Relativity:**
best theories describing the four fundamental forces
 - no conflict between them - but fundamentally different
- —> **Quantum Theory of Gravity?**
 - zoo of theories of Quantum Gravity
 - predict in general new physics at the Planck Energy Scale

$$E_{\text{Pl}} \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

—> **Lorentz Invariance Violation (LIV)**

LIV: arrival time measurements

- new dispersion relation

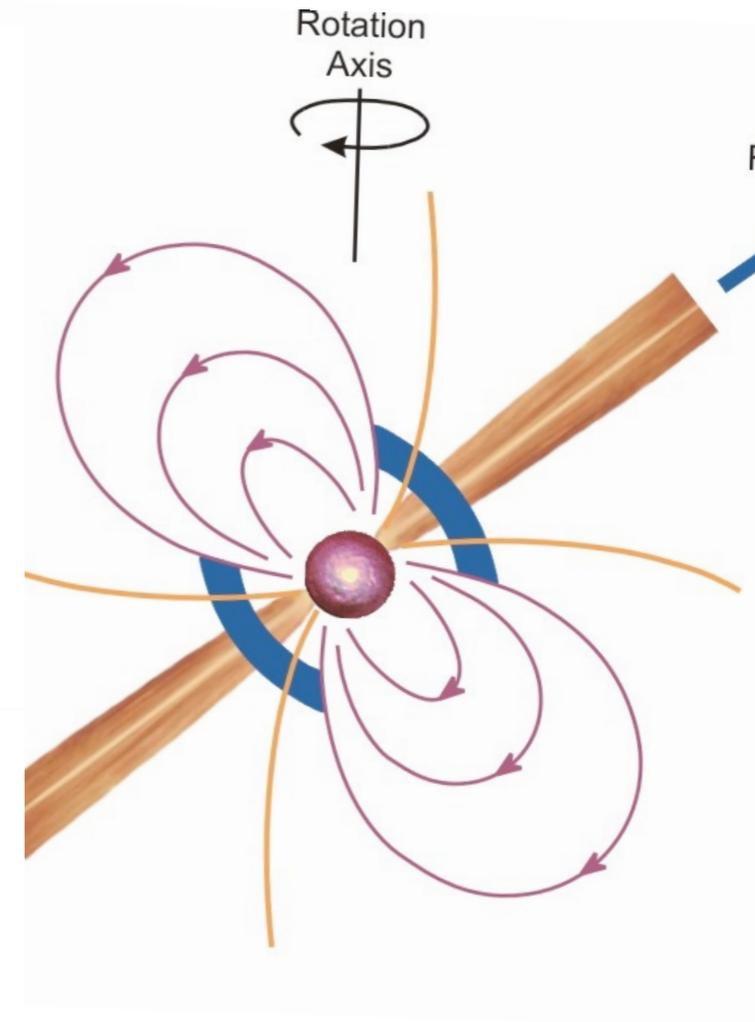
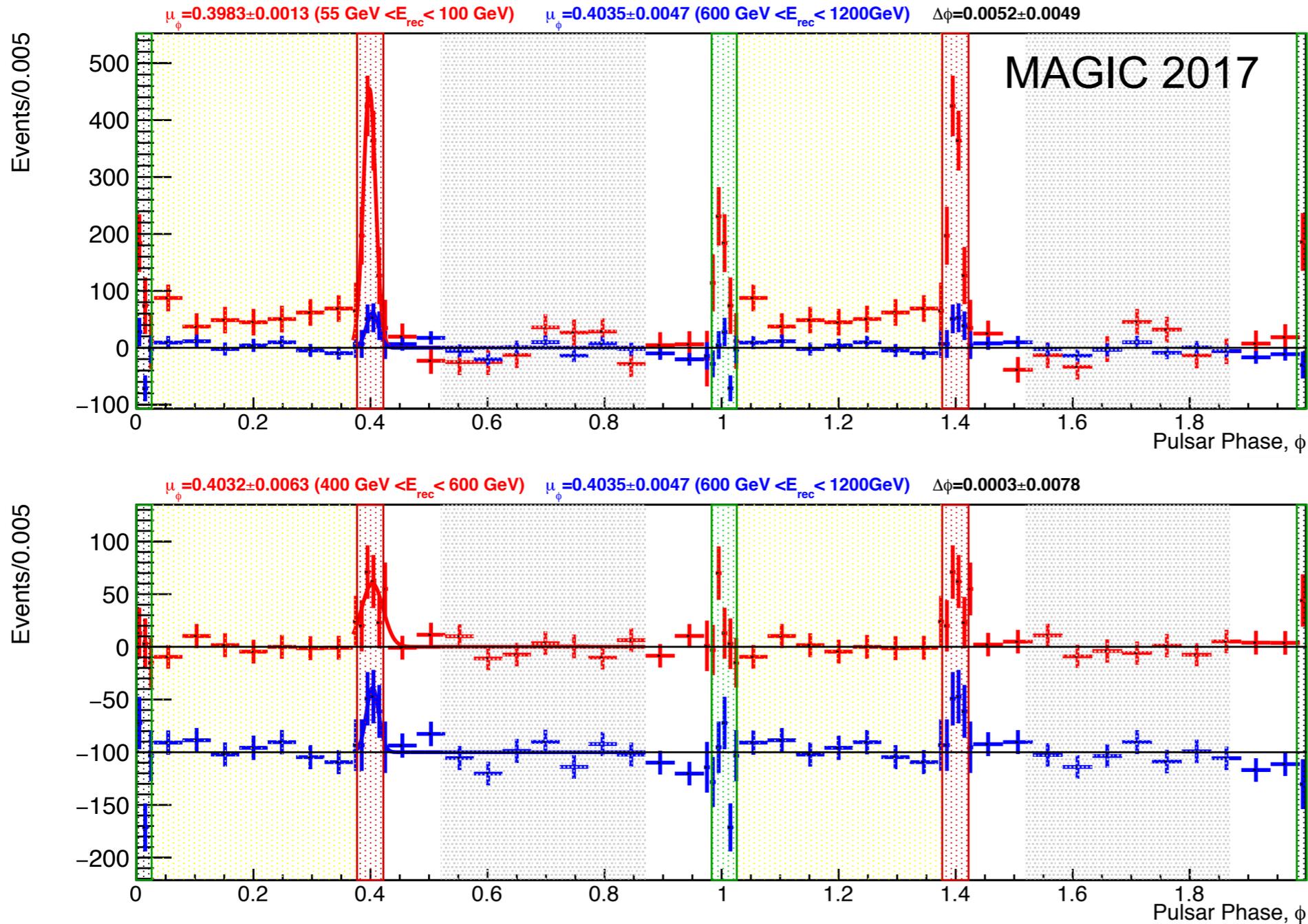
$$c^2 p^2 = E_\gamma^2 [1 \pm \xi_1 E_\gamma / E_{QG} \pm \xi_2 (E_\gamma^2 / E_{QG}^2) \pm \dots]$$

depending on sign: subluminal or superluminal case

- time delays in arrival times of photons

$$\delta t \simeq \left(\frac{\Delta E}{\xi_\alpha E_{Pl}} \right)^\alpha \frac{L}{c}$$

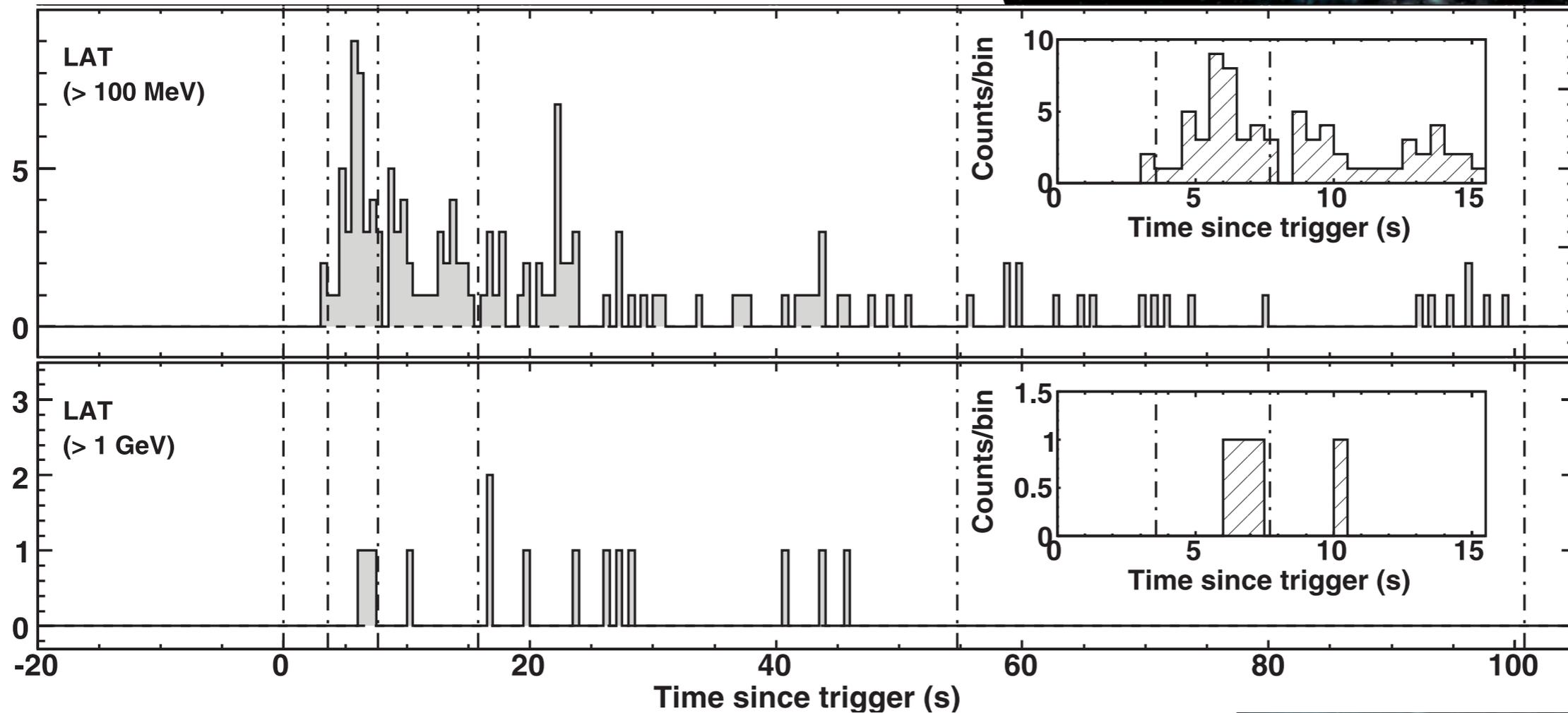
LIV: arrival time measurements - pulsars



Upper limits:
 $\sim 10^{17} - 10^{18} \text{ eV}$

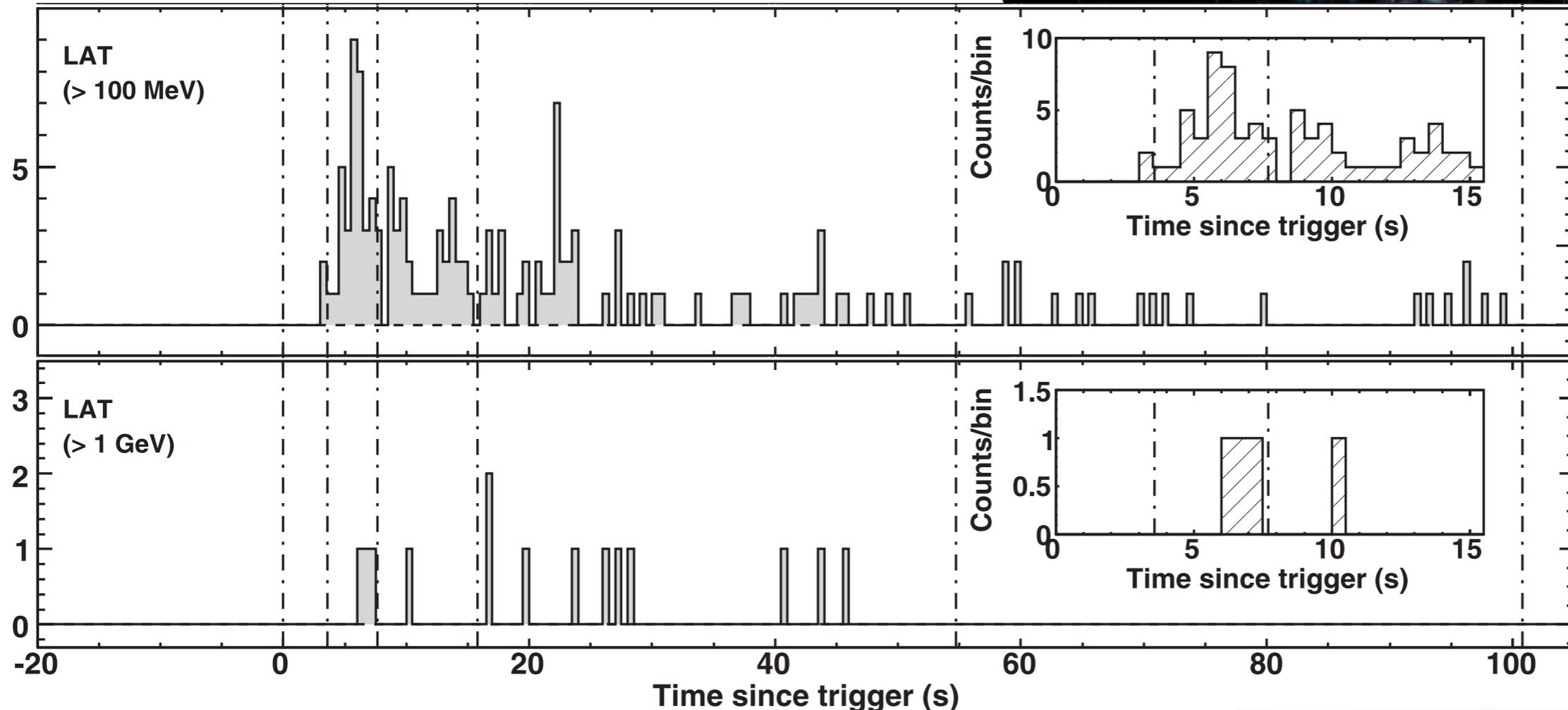
Relatively nearby - but repeating gamma-ray source

LIV: arrival time measurements - GRBs



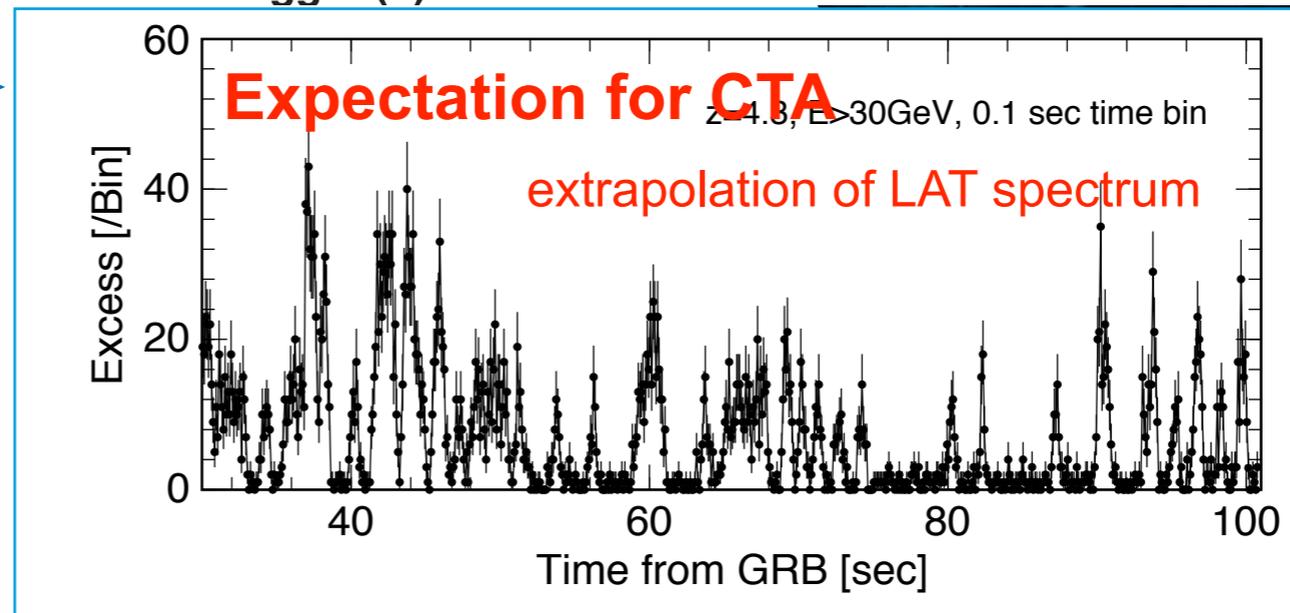
GRB 080916C
at $z=4.3$

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20 - 50 s for slew

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LIV measurements: pair production threshold

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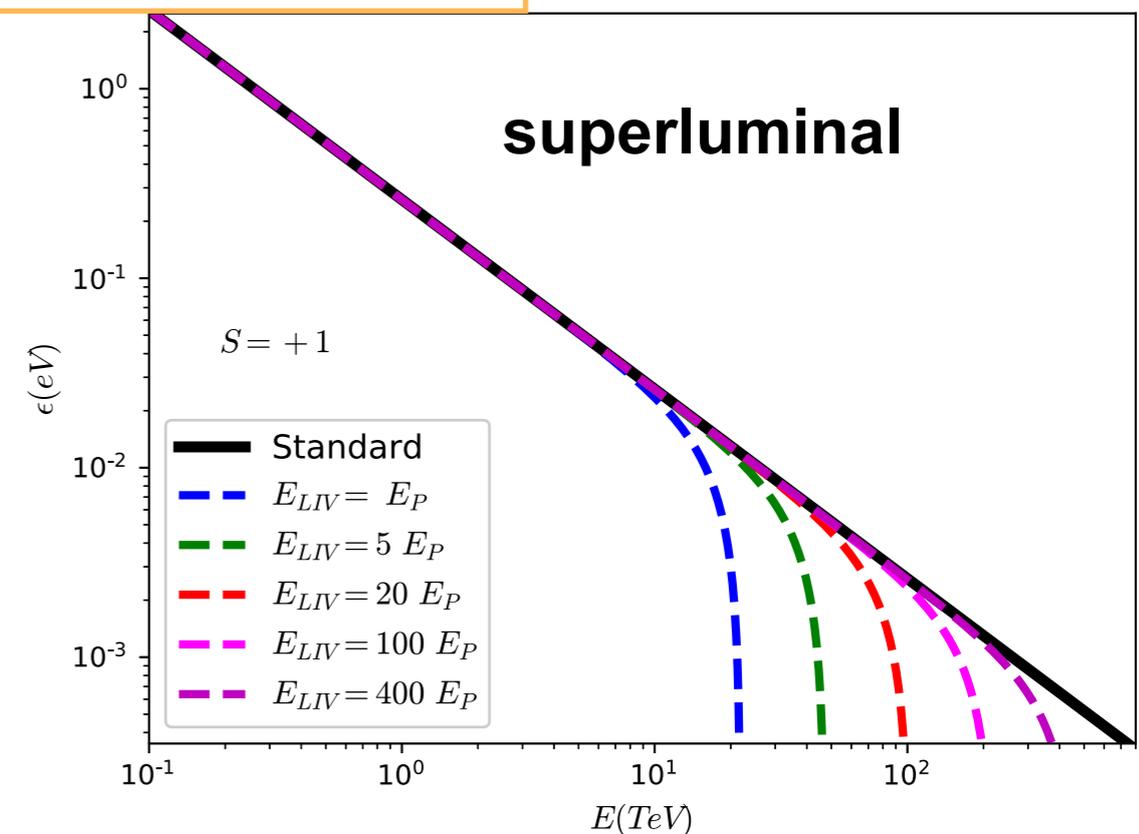
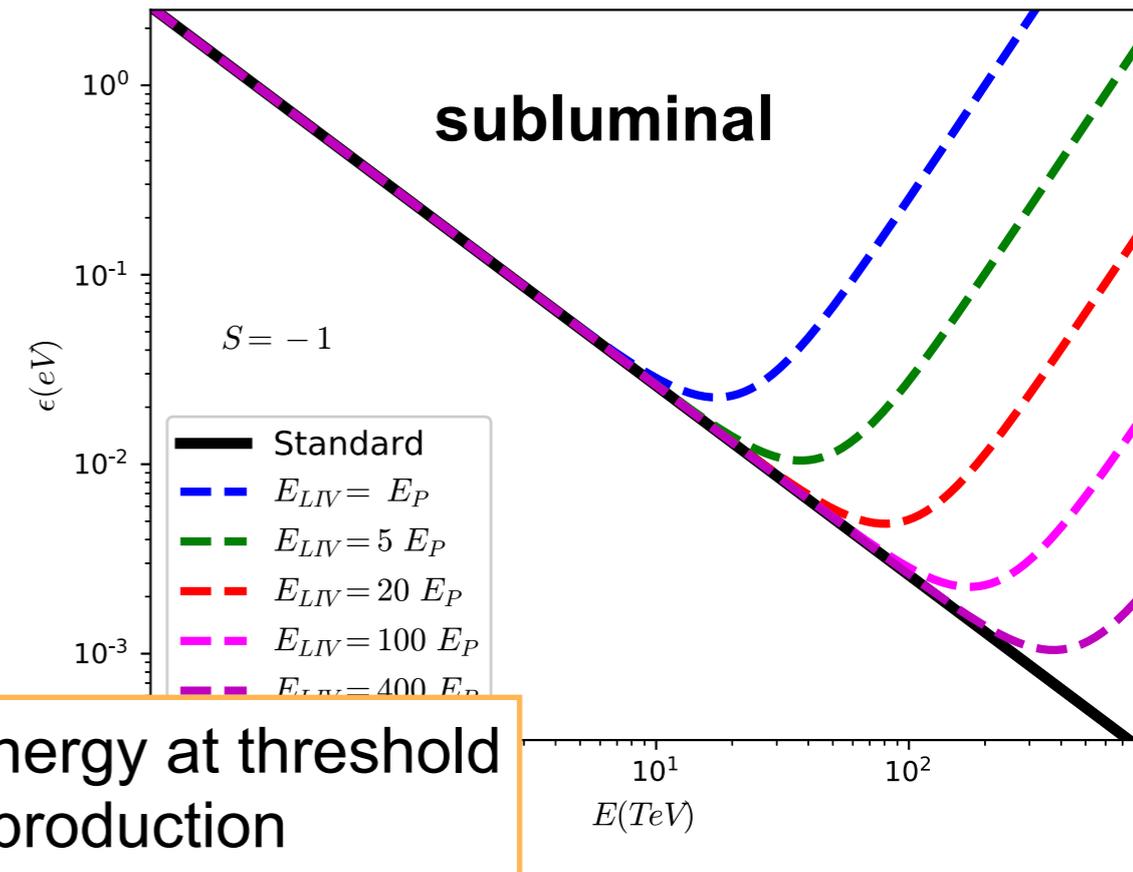
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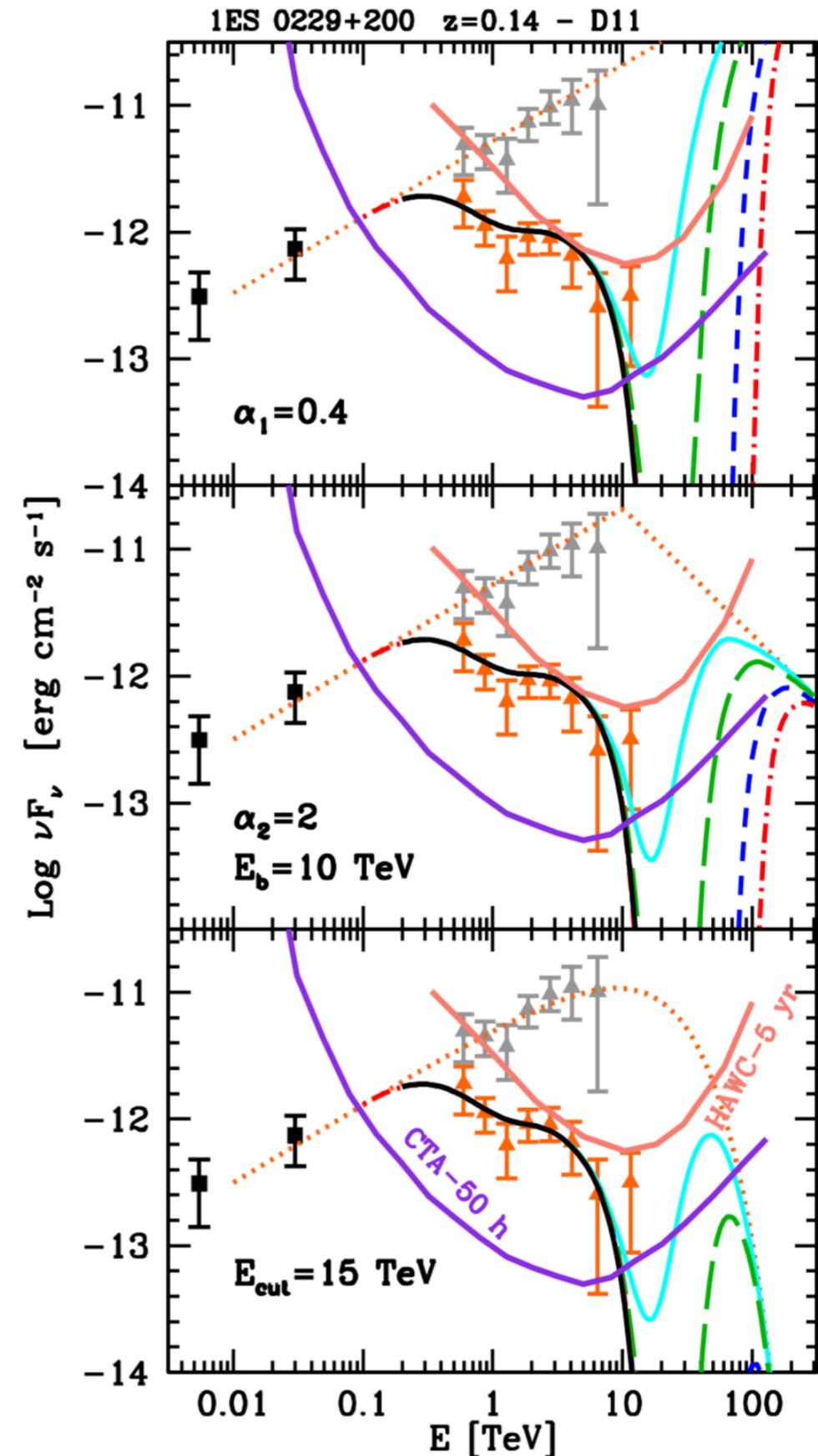


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Summary - astroparticle physics

- **cosmic rays - cosmic environment - fundamental physics**
- **exciting new results from neutrino and gravitational wave observatories**
- **large number of new instruments coming online in the next years:**
 - Cherenkov Telescope Array
 - IceCube 2
 - Auger upgrades
 - Gravitational wave observatories