

# Introduction to Astroparticle Physics

Acceleration and Radiation of high energy particles

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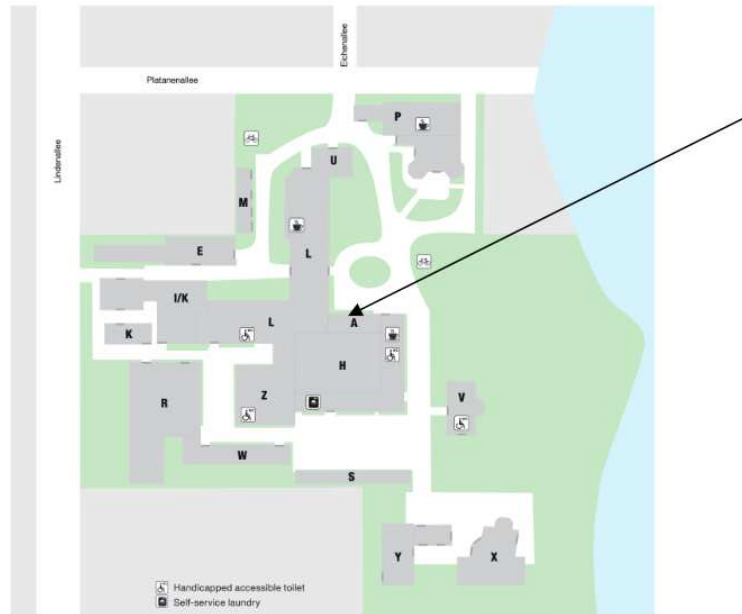
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# Introduction

## What are we going to learn

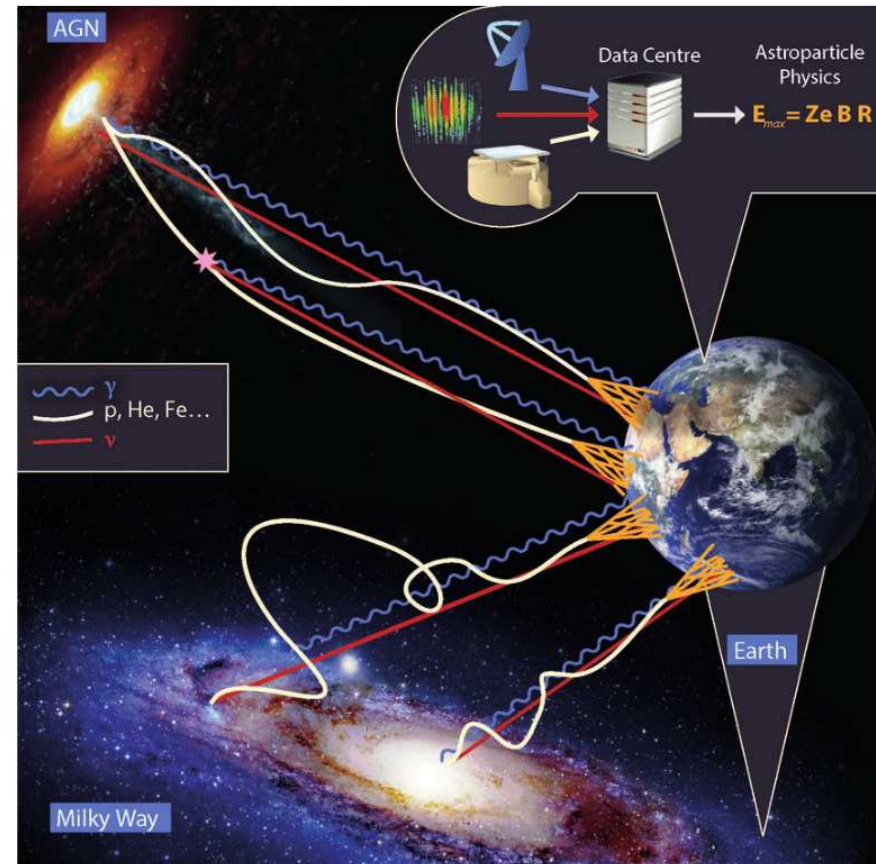
### What is Astro-particle physics

- High-energy non-thermal radiation
- Multi-messenger domain
- Where, how, who, what

### Cosmic-rays

- History of Cosmic rays
- Radiation processes
- Detection techniques

### The Universe at high energies

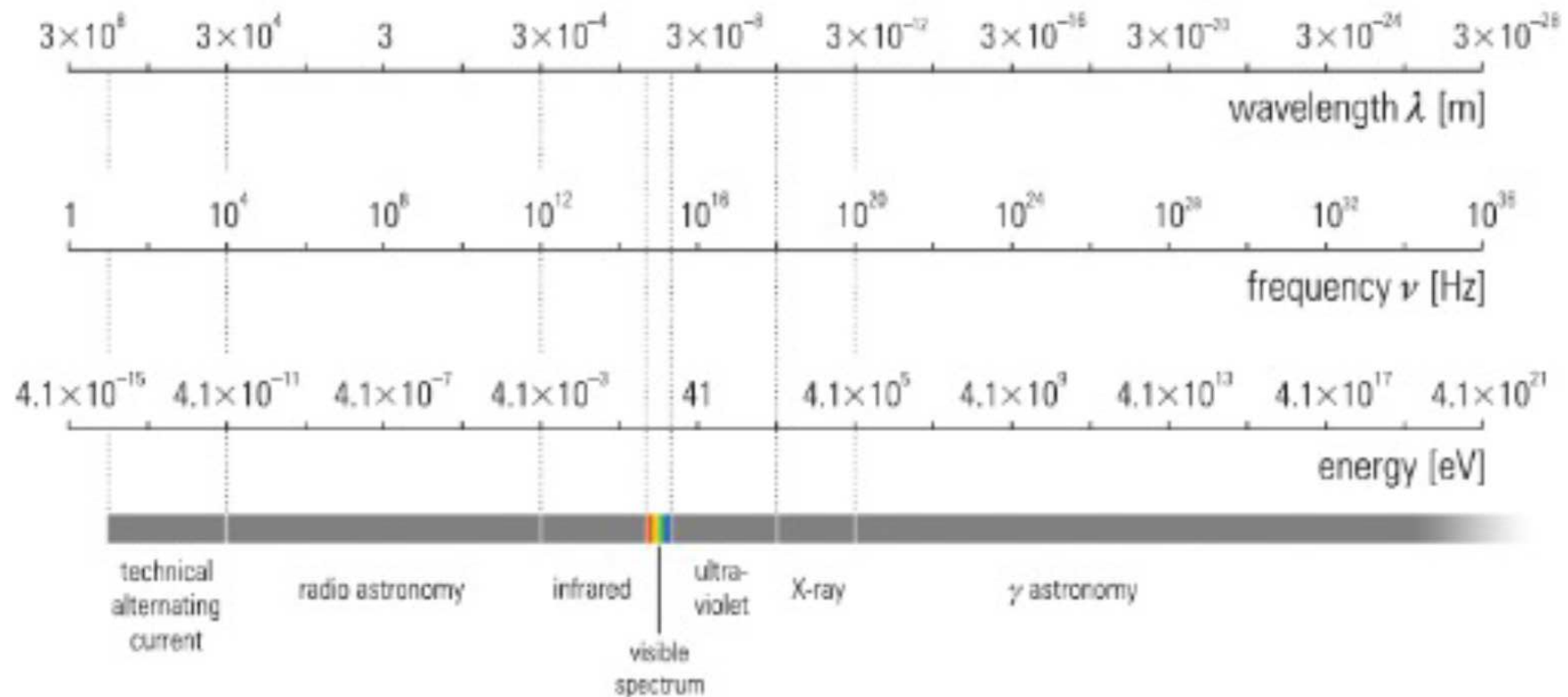




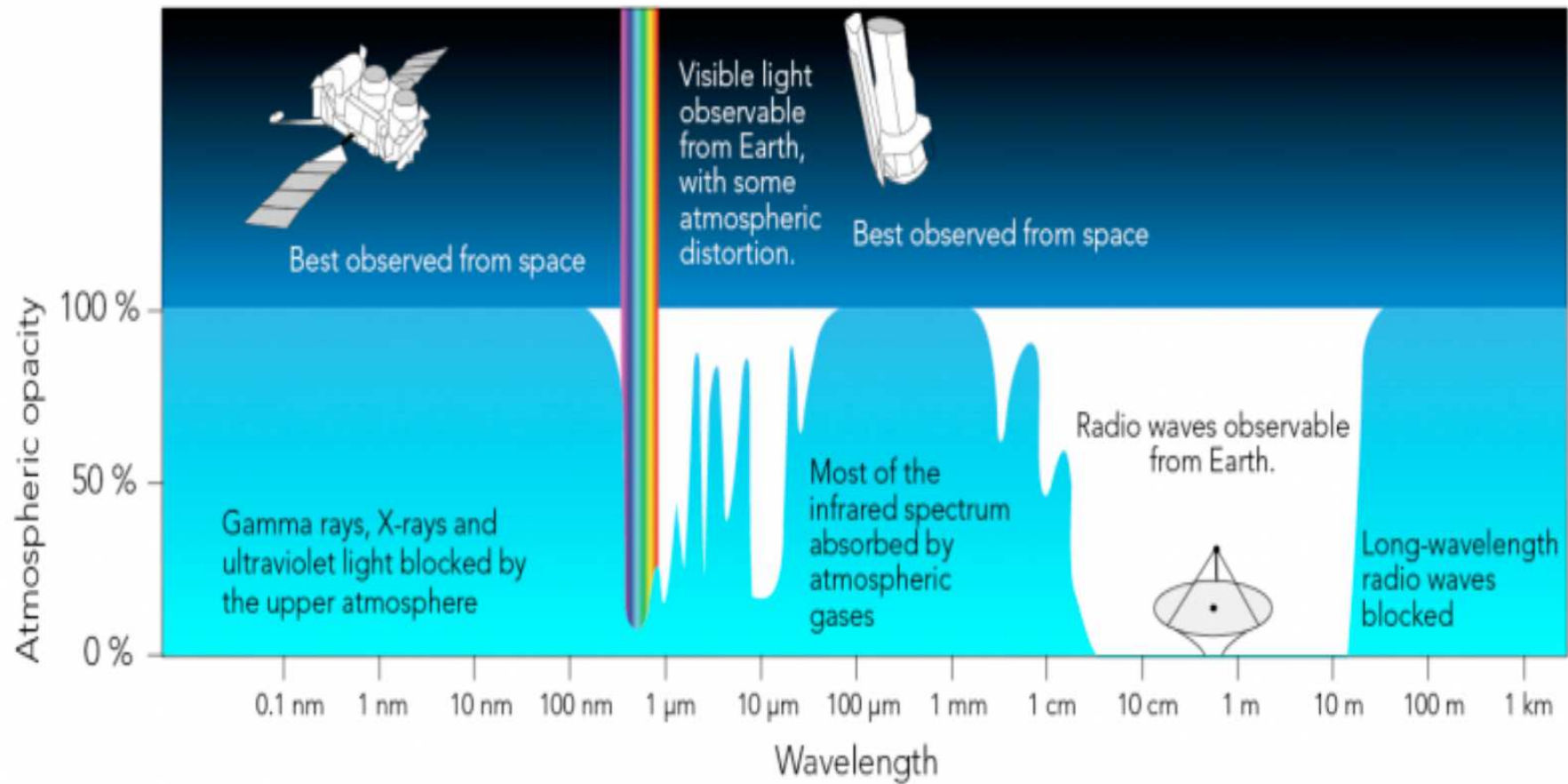
# The electromagnetic spectrum

High Energy Astrophysics

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# The electromagnetic spectrum



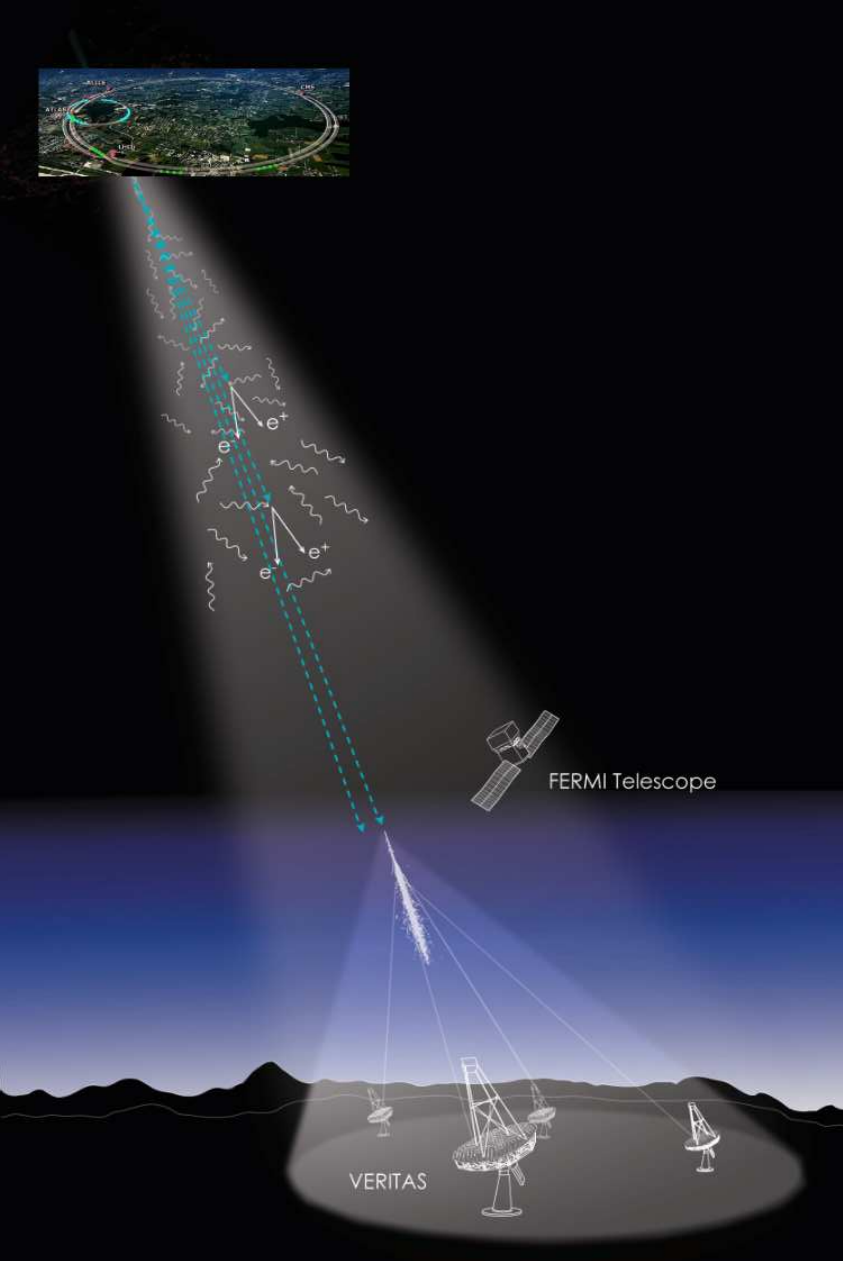
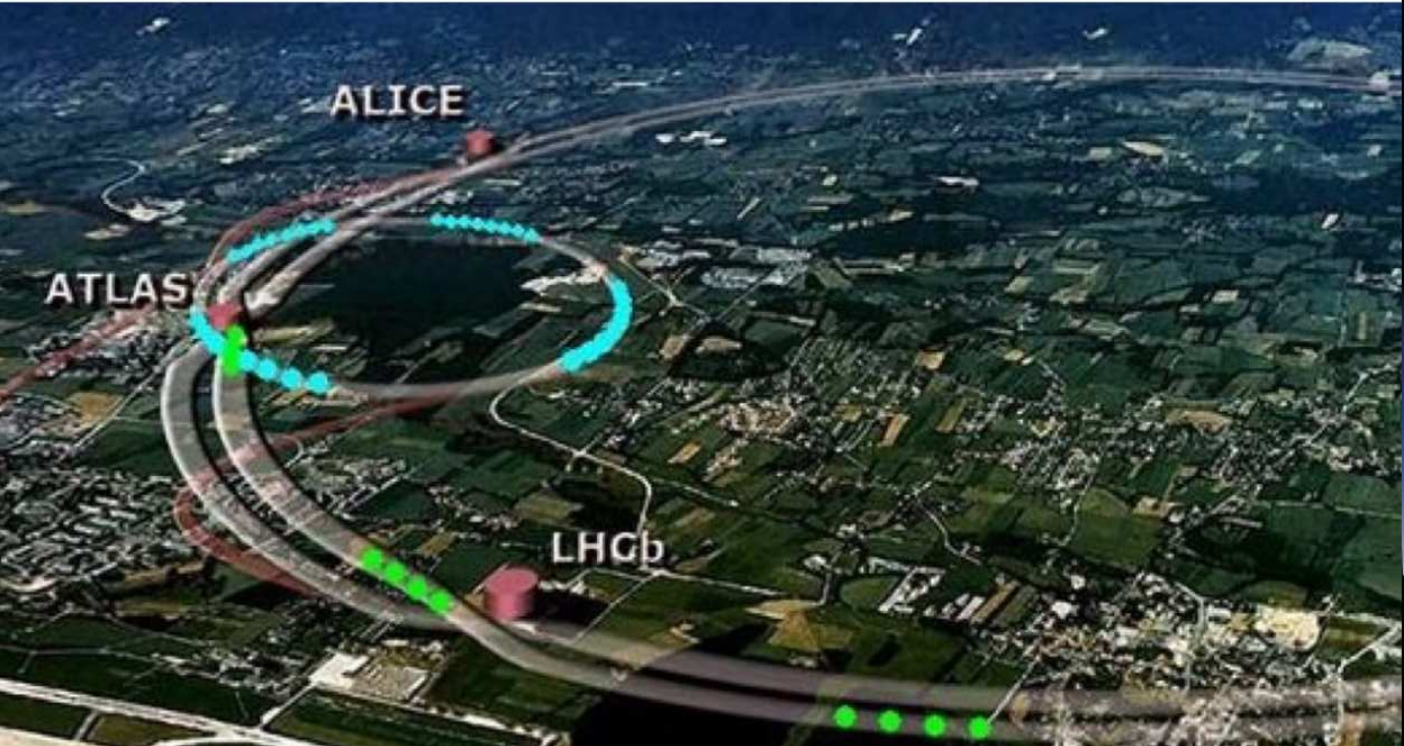
Large Hadron Collider

General properties

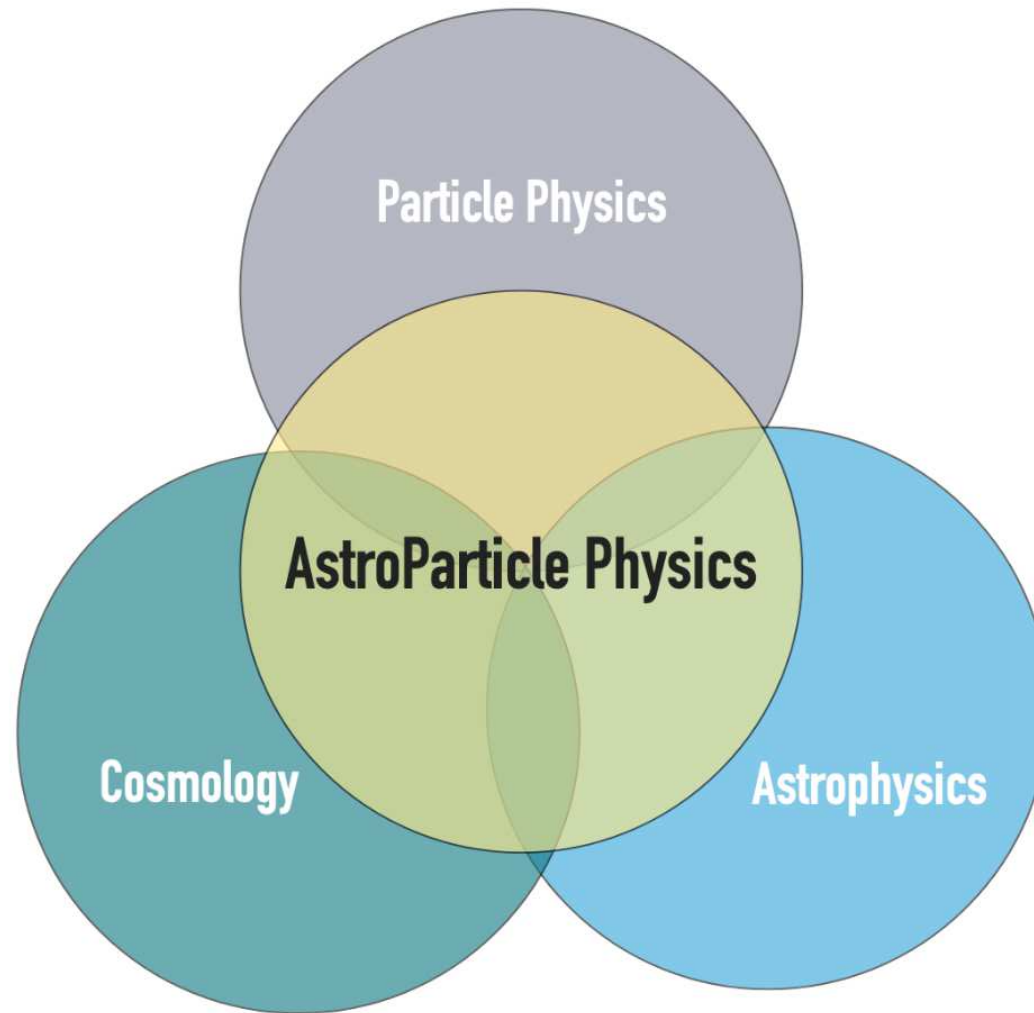
Maximum energy	6.8 TeV per beam (13.6 TeV collision energy)
Maximum luminosity	$1 \times 10^{34} / (\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s})$

Physical properties

Circumference	26,659 metres (16.565 miles)
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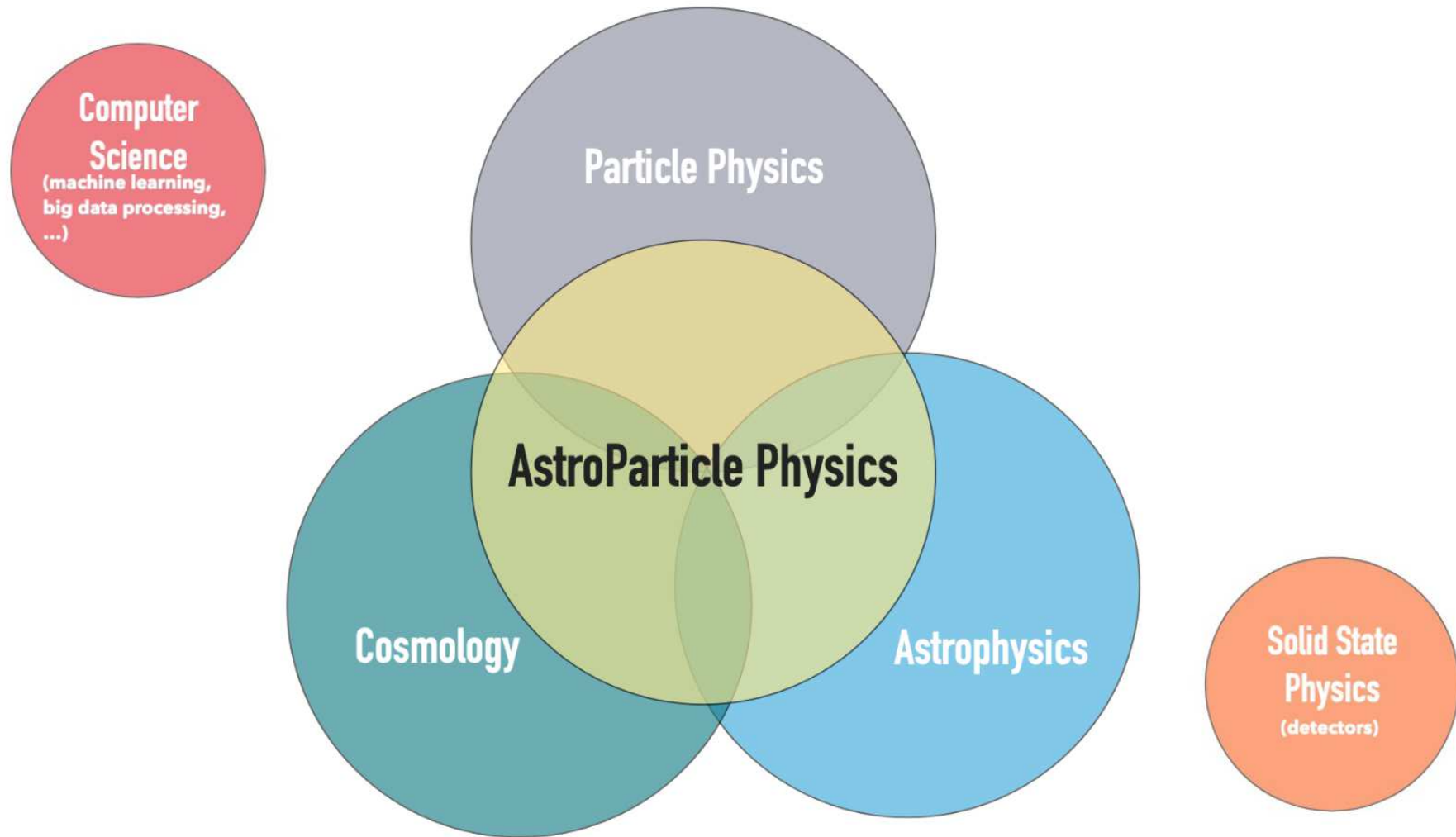


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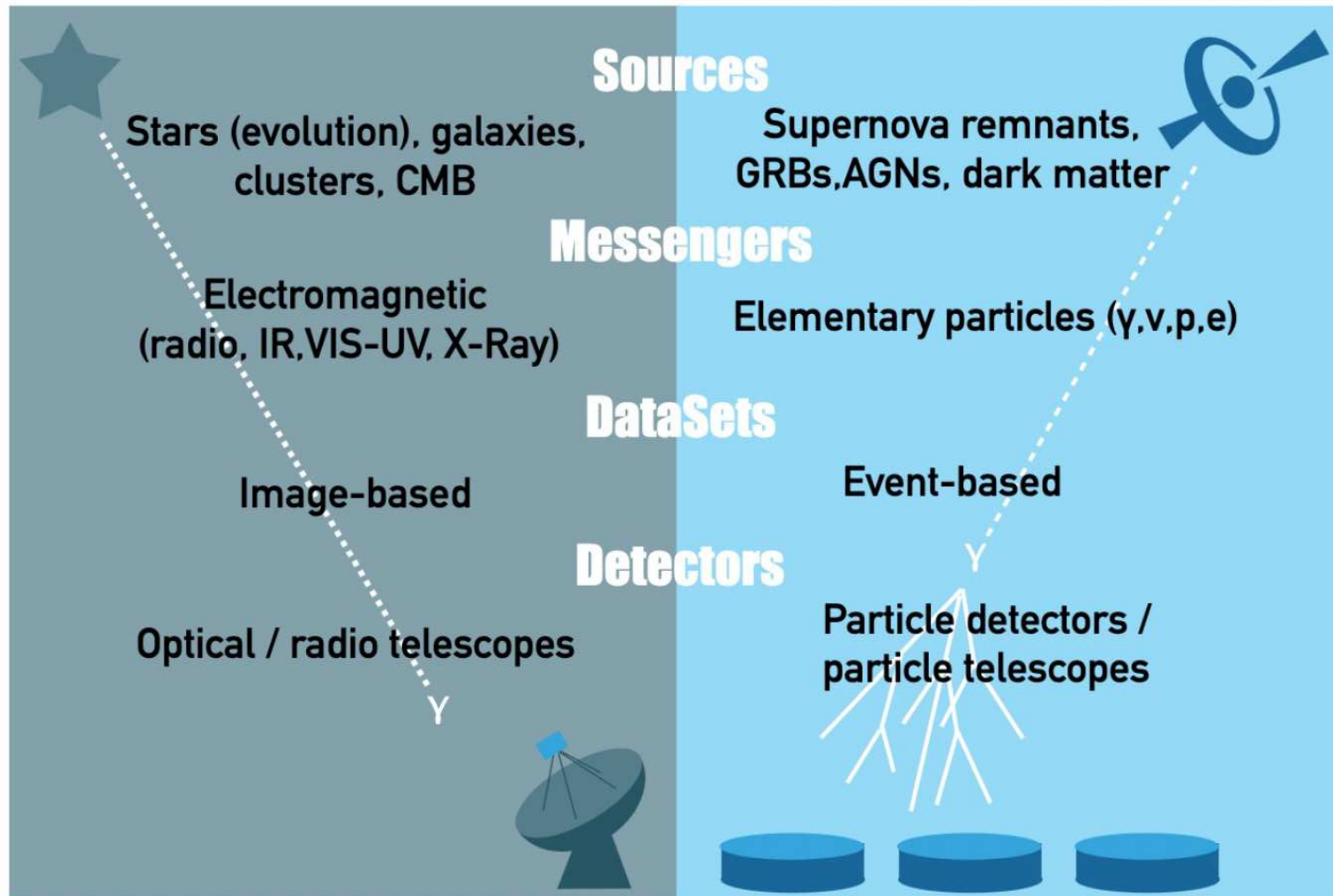
## Characteristics

- Advanced instrumental techniques (optical telescopes, particle detectors) and analysis techniques: the high energy domain is characterized by photon-starved instruments that require powerful statistical tools.
- Multi-messenger approach (neutrino, gamma-ray, gravitational waves) to observe the most energetic phenomena in the Universe
- Particle physics: huge gravitational, magnetic, and electric fields; very dense background radiation; relativistic bulk motions (black hole jets and pulsar winds) shock waves (SNRs), highly excited (turbulent) media, etc. . .



# Astrophysics vs Astroparticle

Juan A. Aguilar



# Non-thermal radiation

- We are dealing with relativist particles, that is, particles with energy  $E$  larger than the rest energy

- **For electrons:**

$$E = mec^2 \simeq 5 \times 10^5 \text{ eV} = 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

- **For protons:**

$$E = mpc^2 \simeq 10^9 \text{ eV} = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

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$10^3 \text{ eV}$	1 keV (kilo)
$10^6 \text{ eV}$	1 MeV (mega)
$10^9 \text{ eV}$	1 GeV (giga)
$10^{12} \text{ eV}$	1 TeV (tera)
$10^{15} \text{ eV}$	1 PeV (peta)
$10^{18} \text{ eV}$	1 EeV (exa)
$10^{21} \text{ eV}$	1 ZeV (zetta)

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# Non-thermal radiation

- These particles will loose energy via non-thermal mechanisms:

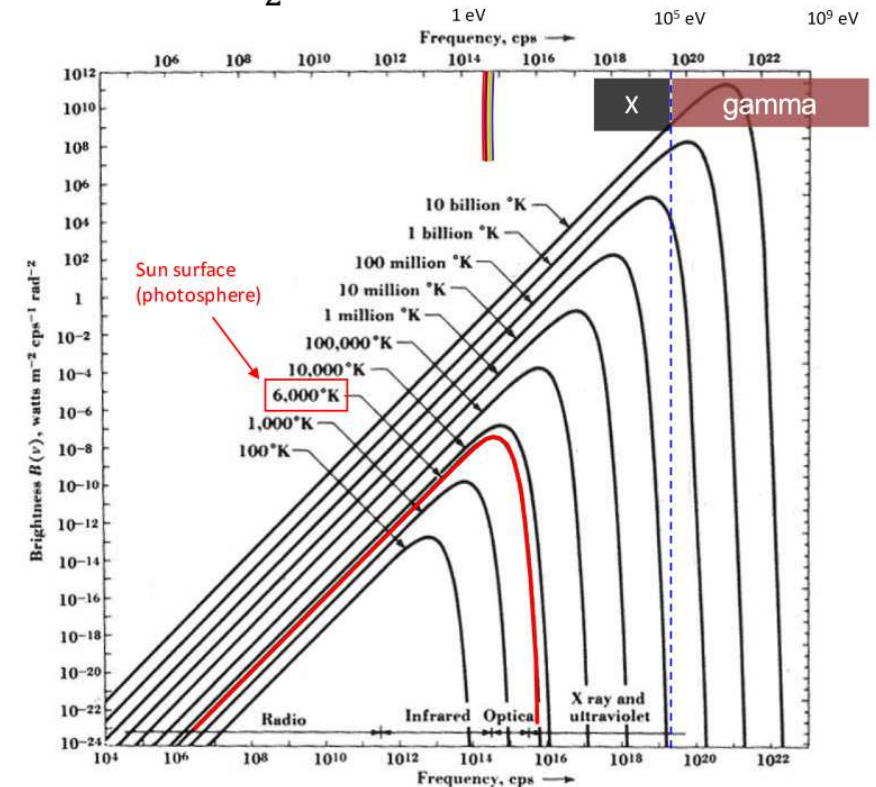
Let's calculate the temperature to obtain these energies  $\langle E \rangle = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$

$$T \sim \frac{m_e c^2}{k_B} \sim 0.6 \times 10^{10} K \quad T \sim \frac{m_p c^2}{k_B} \sim 10^{13} K$$

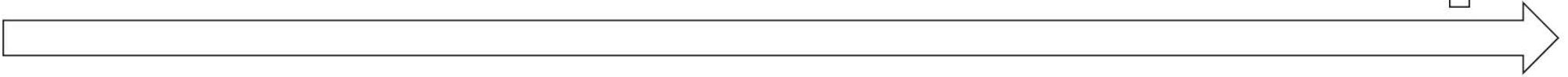
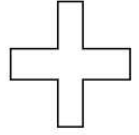
We need  $10^9$  K to produce MeV gamma-rays  
( $10^{12}$  K for GeV gamma-rays)

=> Such objects do exist (inside stars or in SNR explosions), but often screened or red-shifted

=> **Non-thermal processes dominate MeV - TeV gamma-ray**

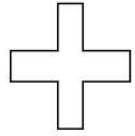


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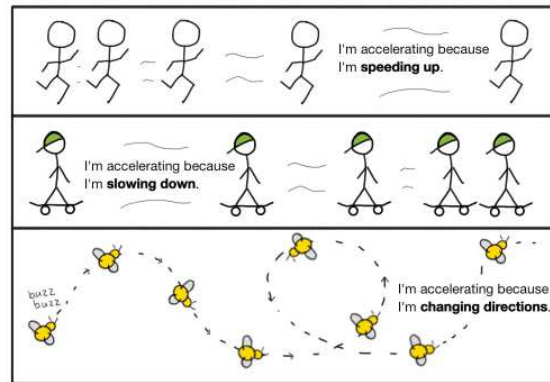


Energy Source

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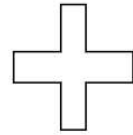


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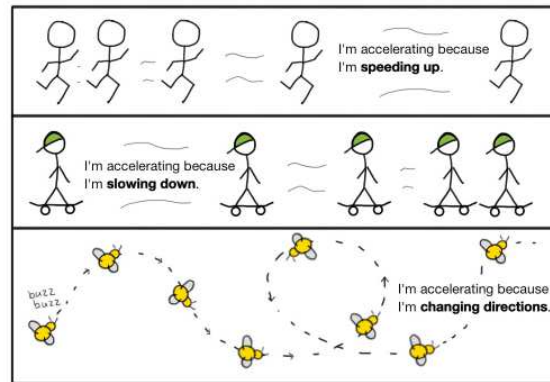


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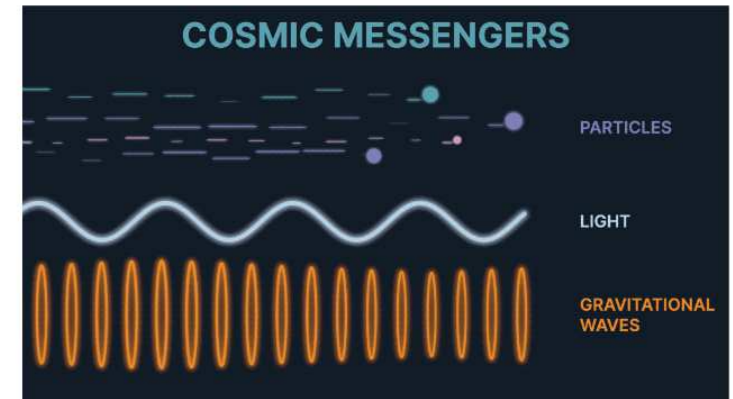
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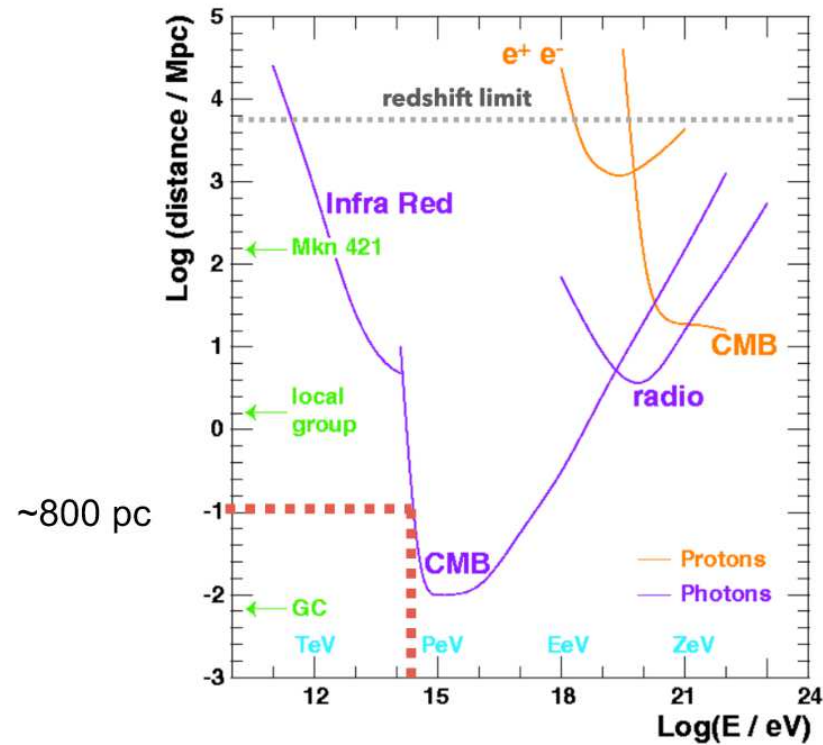


Radiation Processes



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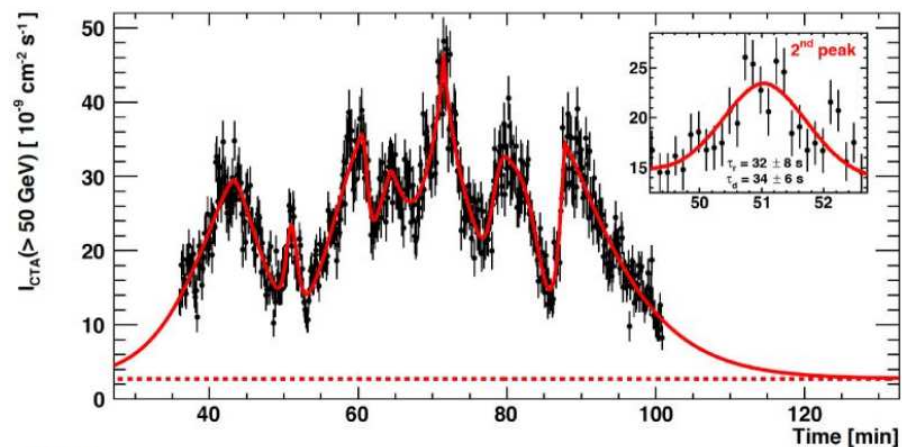
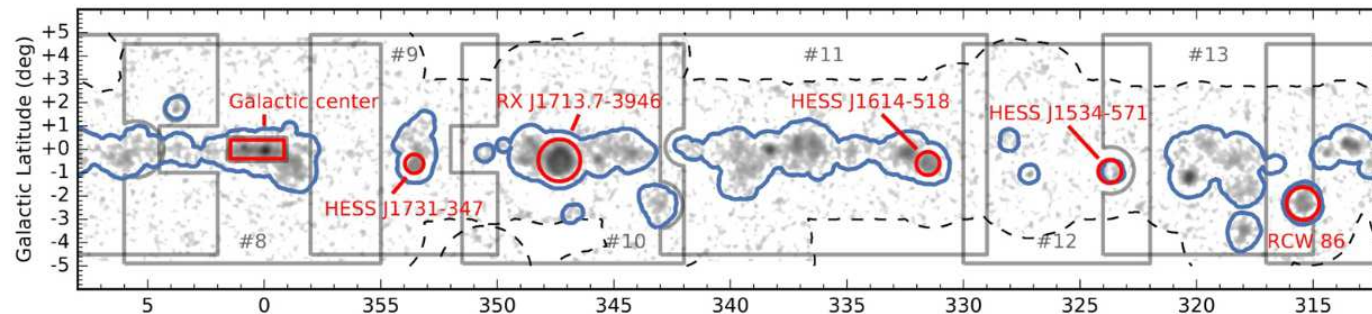
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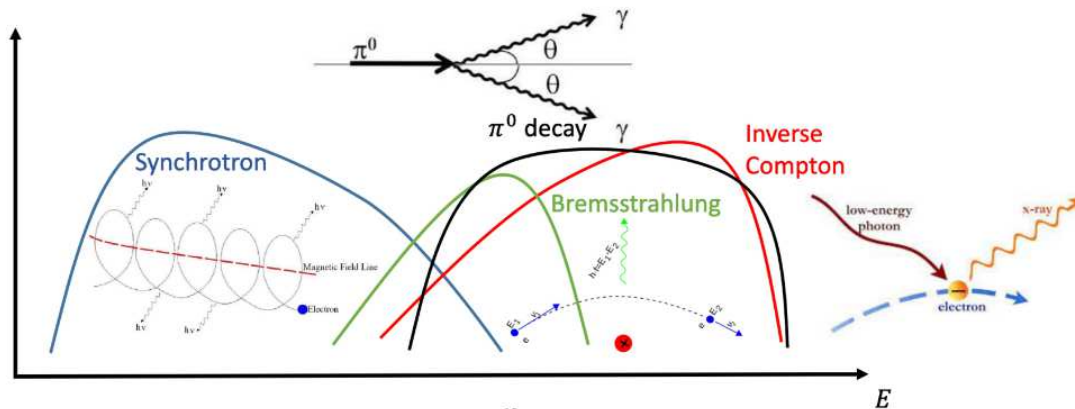
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Measured Flux

- Spectral Energy Distribution
- Light curves
- Morphology / Imaging



$E^2 F(E)$



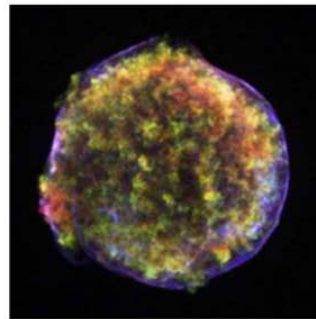
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# High energy Astrophysics

## Energy Sources



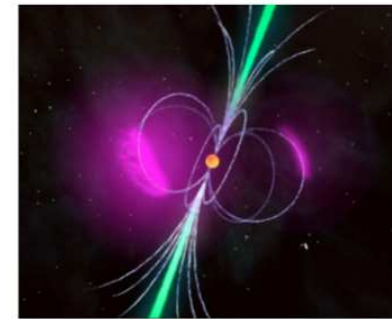
- Explosions, or shocks with high speed
- Accretion, or accumulation of diffuse gas or matter onto some object under the influence of gravity
- Rotating fields, or twisted magnetic lines
- Exotic particle, or DM particles annihilation



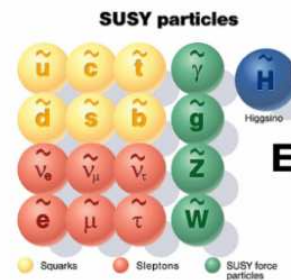
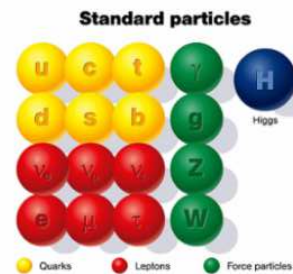
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**Accretion**



**Rotating Fields**



**Exotic particle  
rest mass**

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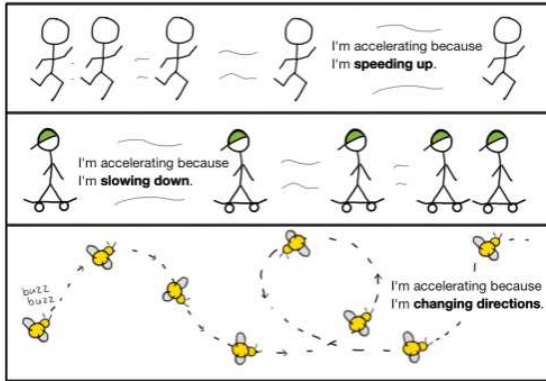
## Energy Sources



The energy is obtained by processes related to explosions, accretion, rotating magnetic fields, or processes related to annihilation of exotic particles

# High energy Astrophysics

## Acceleration Mechanisms



- Steady magnetic fields cannot accelerate particles
- Static electric fields are quickly neutralized.



We need strong turbulent magnetic fields, inducing variable electric fields to accelerate particles

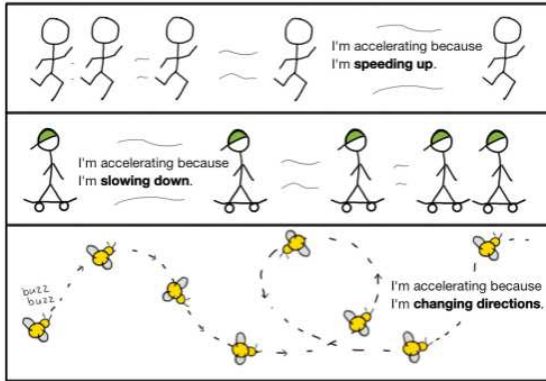
**and**

Particles should be confined for many acceleration cycles.



# High energy Astrophysics

## Acceleration Mechanisms



- The energy is distributed (mainly) among magnetic energy and kinetic energy  
**equipartition: assumption that 50% goes to fields, and 50% to particles**
- The basic processes can be well described according to the Lorentz factor or speed of the particle flow ( $\beta\Gamma$ ) and the magnetization parameter

$$\sigma = B^2 / 4\pi \rho c^2 = B^2 / 4\pi \rho \Gamma^2 c^2$$

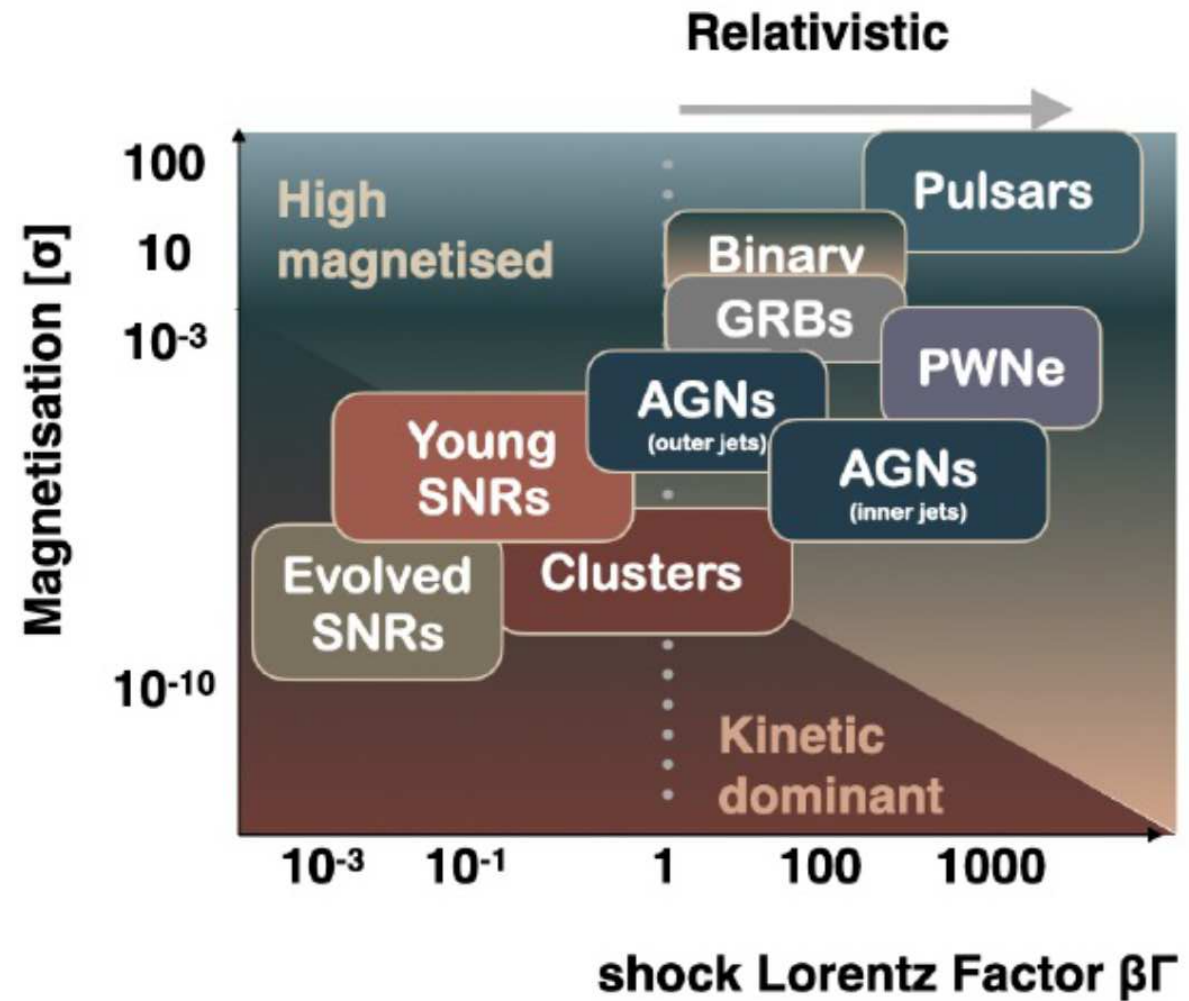
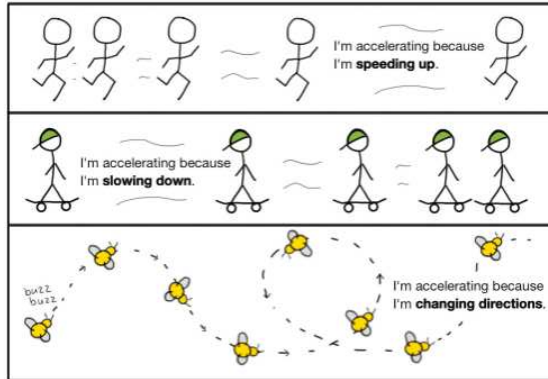
$$\Gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$$

- To supersede thermal heating ( $\sigma \gg 1$ ), either high magnetization in relativistic flows are needed or efficient Fermi acceleration in supersonic shocks.



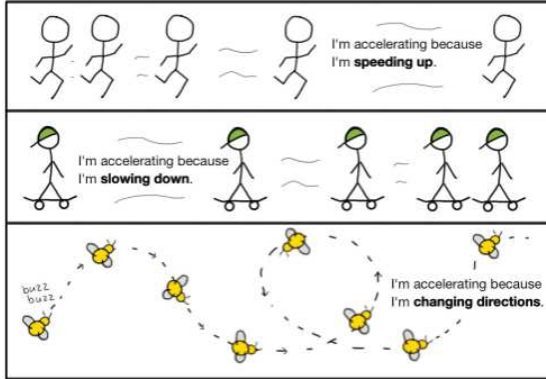
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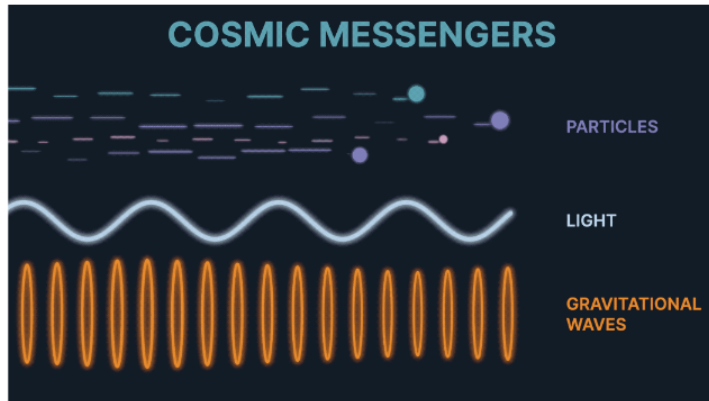
## Acceleration Mechanisms



The high energy regime is dominated by non-thermal processes, and they require either high magnetization in relativistic flows or efficient Fermi shock acceleration.

# High energy Astrophysics

## Radiation Processes



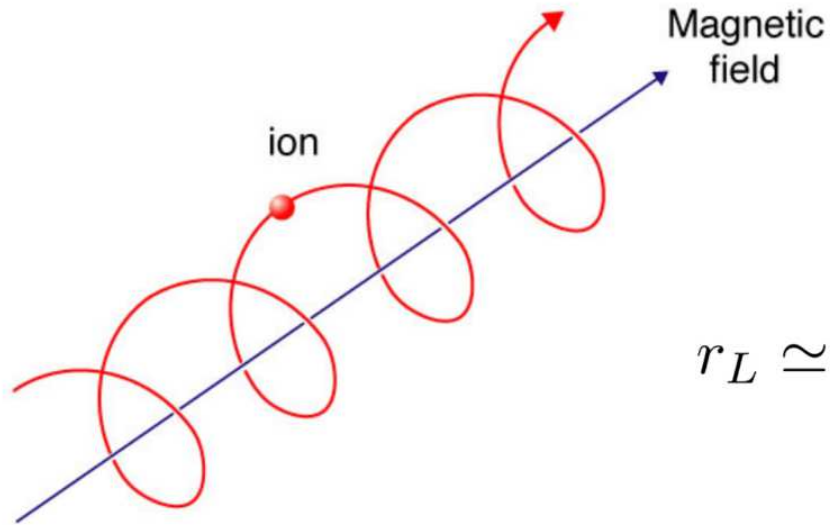
- Elementary particles are injected once they are accelerated and should arrive to us:
  - Electrons, protons, and heavier nuclei are charged  
=> Deflected by magnetic fields
  - Neutral messengers bring direct information

The **Larmor radius**, or gyroradius:

- ✓ radius of the orbit of a charged particle ( $q=Ze$ ) moving in a uniform, perpendicular magnetic field ( $B$ )
- ✓ obtained by equating the Lorentz force with the centripetal force:

# High energy Astrophysics

## Radiation Processes



Source: [euro-fusion.org](http://euro-fusion.org)

Lorentz force versus centripetal force

### Lamor Radius:

$$qvB = \frac{mv^2}{r_L} \rightarrow r_L = \frac{p}{ZeB}$$

$$r_L \simeq 1 \text{ kpc} \left( \frac{E}{10^{18} \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{Z} \right) \left( \frac{\mu\text{G}}{B} \right)$$

### Rigidity:

$$R \equiv r_L Bc = \frac{pc}{Ze}$$

# High energy Astrophysics

## Larmor radius

Looking at the Larmor radius of a particle we can derive simple but solid conclusions:

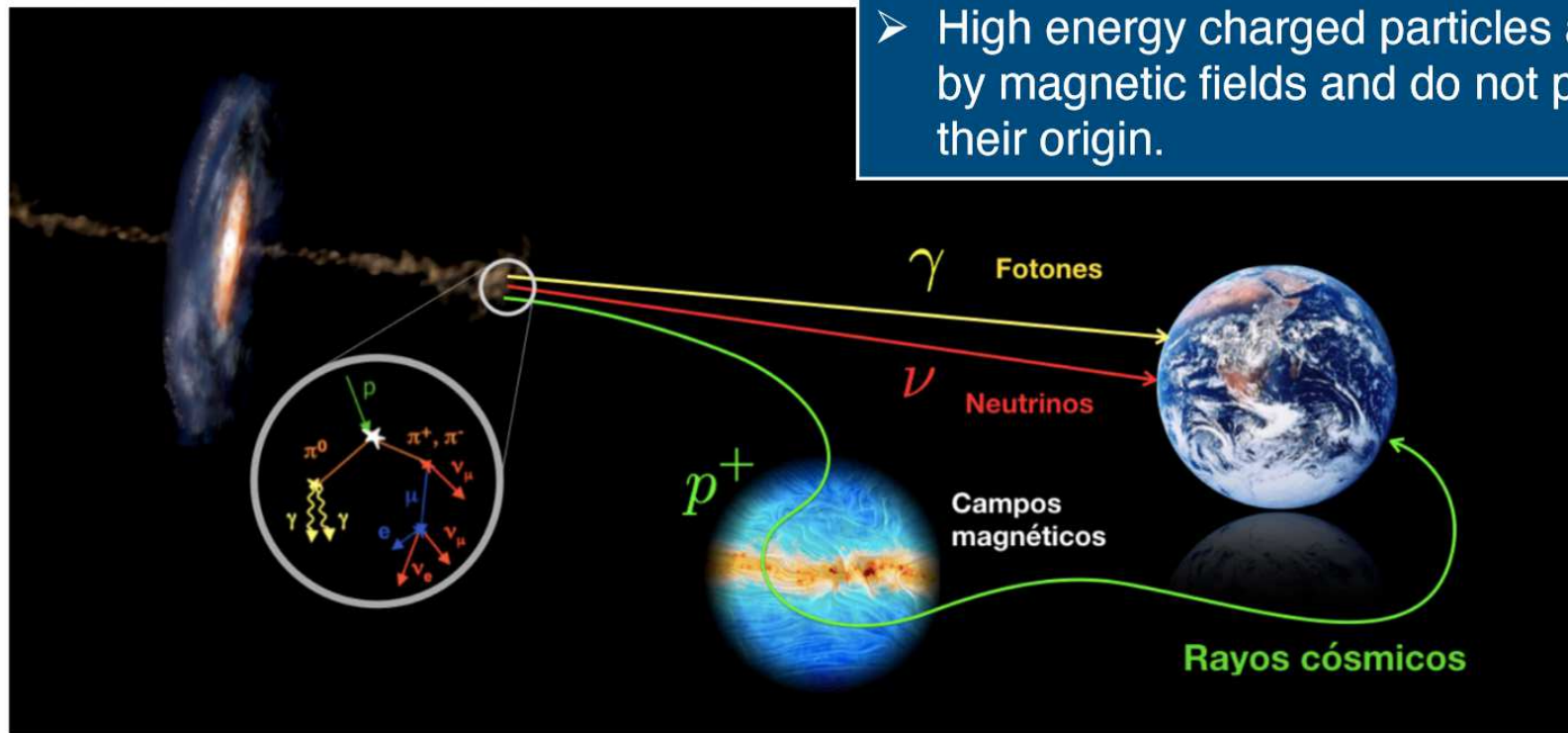
- 1/ How is the trajectory of a charge particle, depending on its energy and the medium in which it propagates
- 2/ What is the maximum energy / how long can it be confined

# Messengers

## Particle trajectories

$$r_L \simeq 1 \text{ kpc} \left( \frac{E}{10^{18} \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{Z} \right) \left( \frac{\mu\text{G}}{B} \right)$$

The deflection angle of a 1000 PeV ( $10^{18}$  eV) particle, moving in a direction perpendicular to a uniform magnetic field ( $\sim \mu\text{B}$ ) after traveling a distance  $d_{\text{kpc}}$





# Messengers

## Particle trajectories

- Astronomical messengers should be neutral & stable
- photons and neutrinos fully satisfy these conditions
- partially also ultra-high energy neutrons and protons

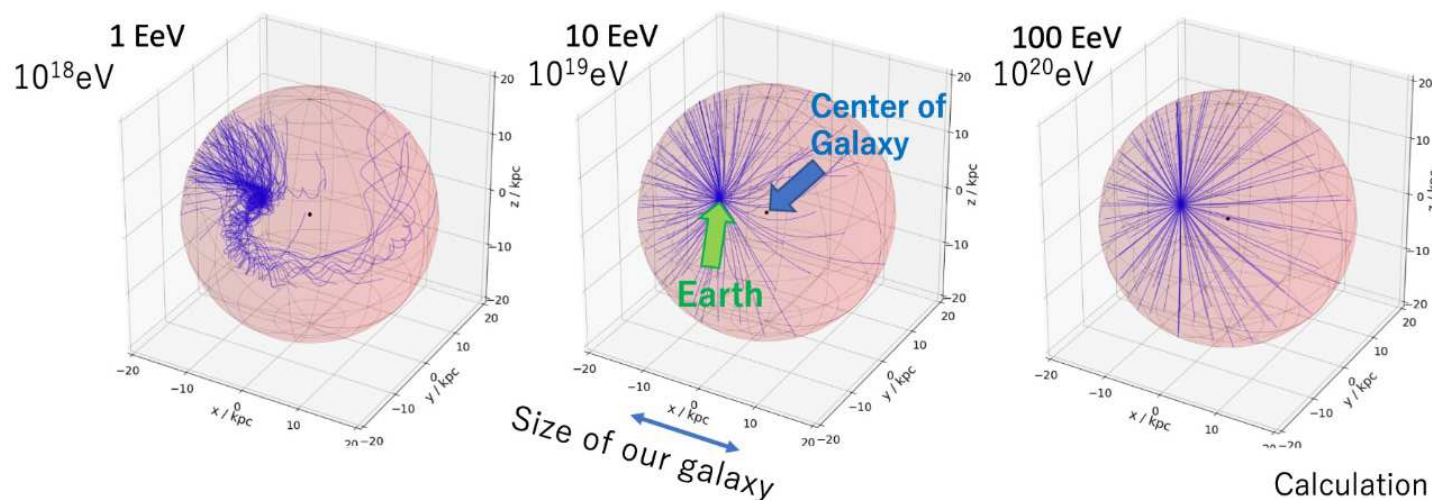
### neutrons:

$d < (E_n/mc^2) c \tau \Rightarrow E_n > 10^{17} (d/1 \text{ kpc}) \text{ eV}$  Galactic astronomy with  $E > 10^{17} \text{ eV}$  neutrons

### protons:

$\Phi \sim 1^\circ$  if  $E > 10^{20} \text{ eV}$  for IGMF  $B < 10^{-9} \text{ G}$  Extragalactic astronomy with  $E > 10^{20} \text{ eV}$  protons

$$r_L \simeq 1 \text{ kpc} \left( \frac{E}{10^{18} \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{Z} \right) \left( \frac{\mu\text{G}}{B} \right)$$



Calculation by R.Higuchi

# Messengers

## Maximum energy / confinement

How much can we accelerate a particle on an electric field – how long can we confine it

- Acceleration is always (except for non-ideal cases) carried out by an electric field
- For a particle with charge  $Z(q)$ , moving a distance  $L$

$$E = q |\vec{E}| L$$

- We can define the acceleration efficiency as:

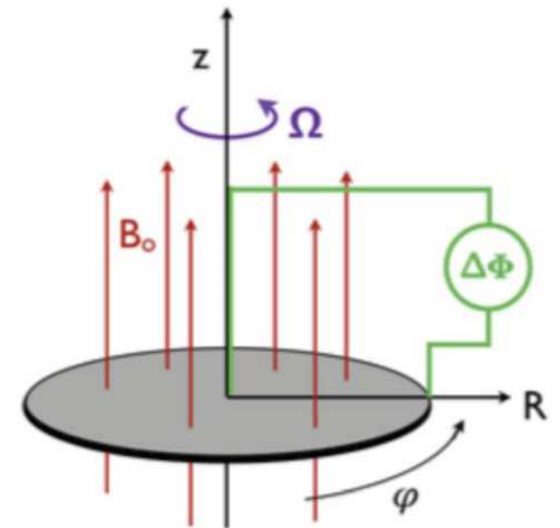
$$\eta = \vec{B} / \vec{E}$$

then:

$$E = q\eta BL$$

\*\*For a particle with charge  $q$  at speed of light  $c$  ( $c=1$ )

$L$  = Size of the source  
 $B$  = Magnetic field in the so



# Messengers

## Maximum energy / confinement

$$r_L \simeq 1 \text{ kpc} \left( \frac{E}{10^{18} \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{Z} \right) \left( \frac{\mu\text{G}}{B} \right)$$

We can derive the same condition considering the Larmour radius, considering the maximum total effective electric field that the particle can experience during its passage across the acceleration zone

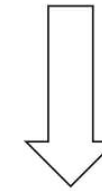
**Energy gain timescale :**  $t_{\text{acc}} = \eta R_L / c$

$$E_{\text{max}} = qBL / \eta\beta.$$

**Escape time:**

$$t_{\text{esc}} = L / \beta c,$$

advective flow speed



$$\eta \approx 1/\beta^2,$$

$$E_{\text{max}} = \beta qBL.$$

$$E_{\text{max}} \approx 1 \left( \frac{u}{10^3 \text{ km/s}} \right) \left( \frac{R}{\text{pc}} \right) \left( \frac{B}{\mu\text{G}} \right) \text{ TeV}$$

## Messengers

Maximum energy / confinement

SNRs?

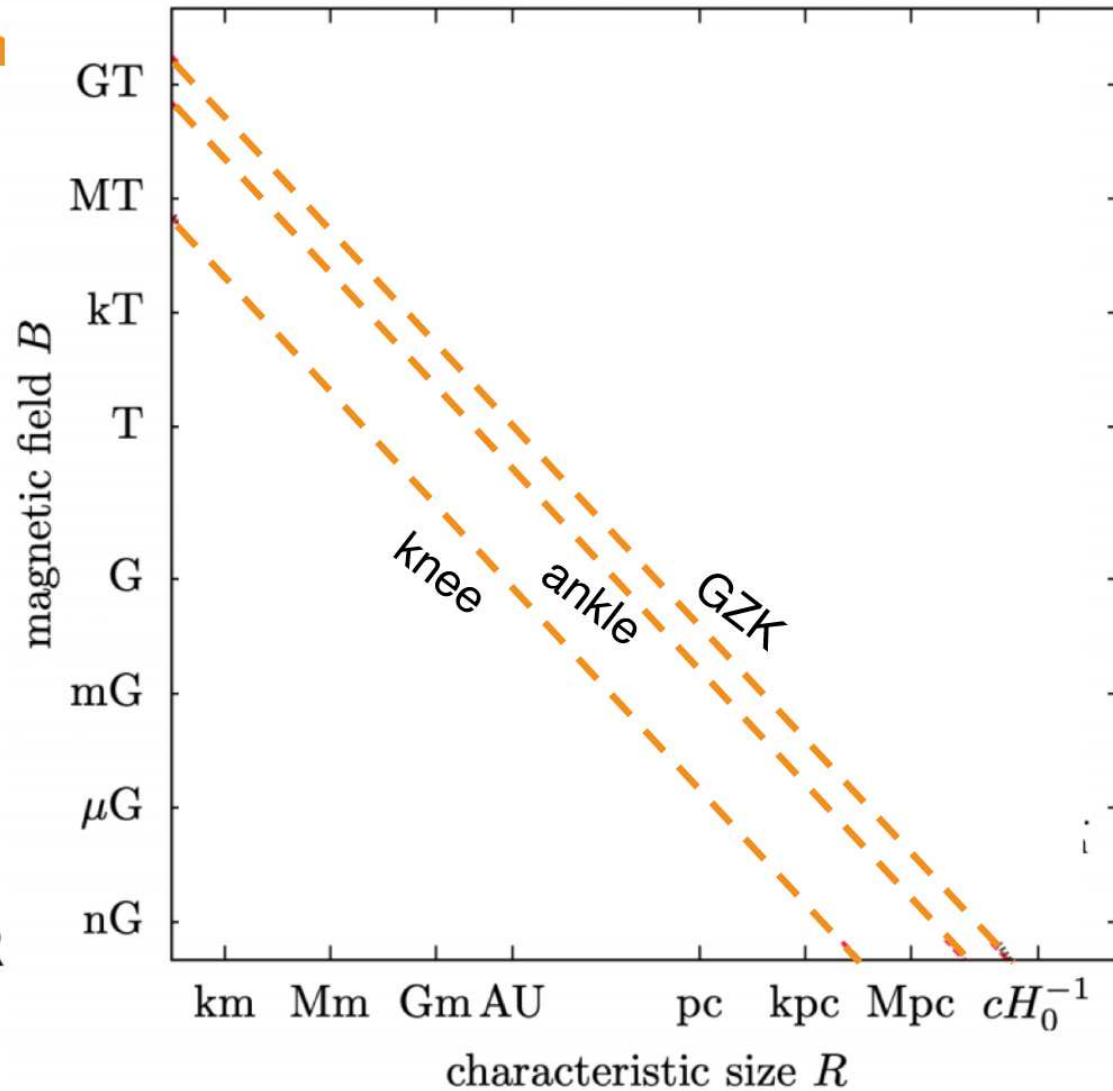
GRBs?

Galactic BH?

Pulsars?

$$R_L (=E/qB) < R \Rightarrow E_{\max} = \Gamma q B R$$

Aartsen et al (IceCUBE) 2017

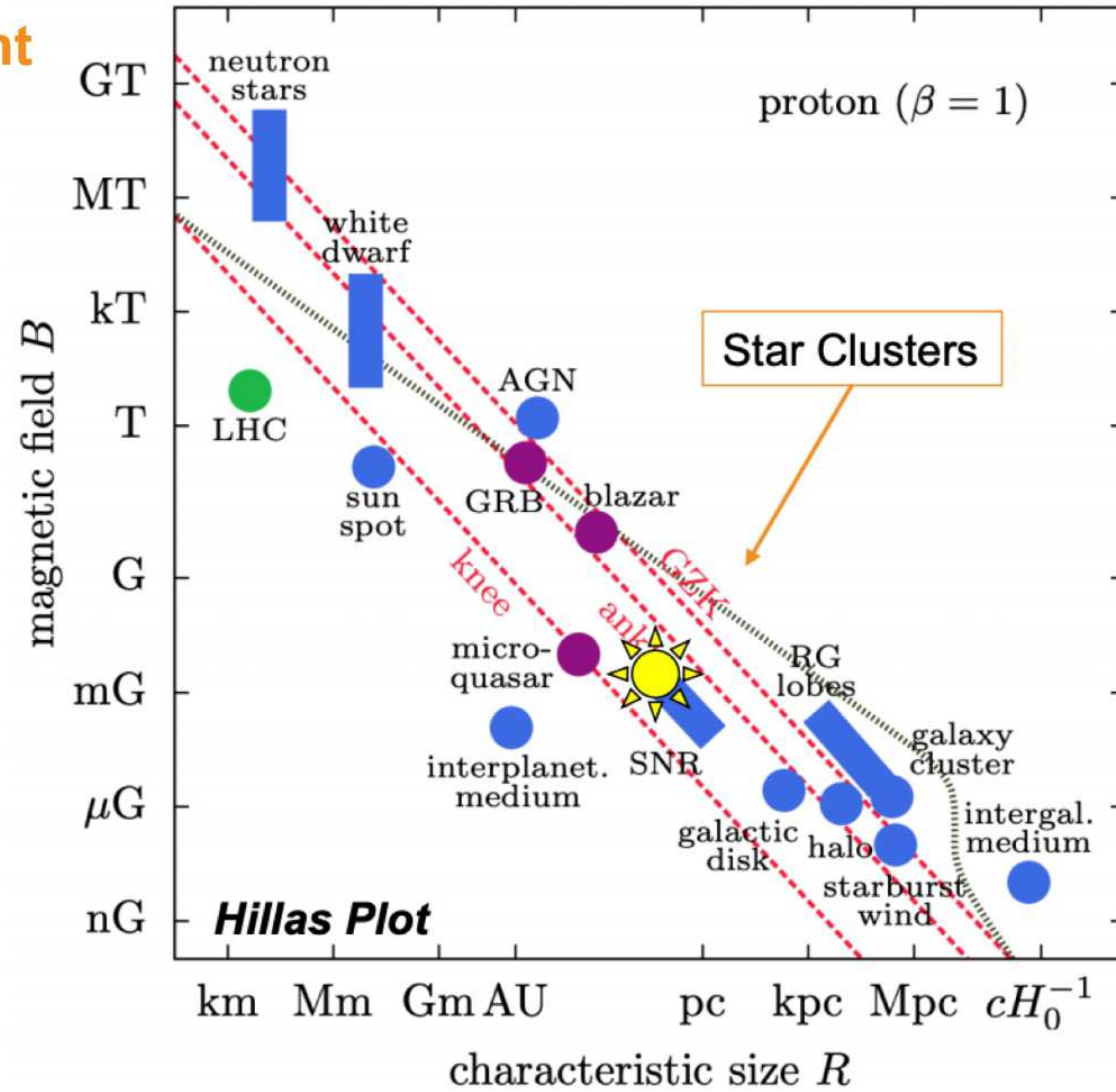




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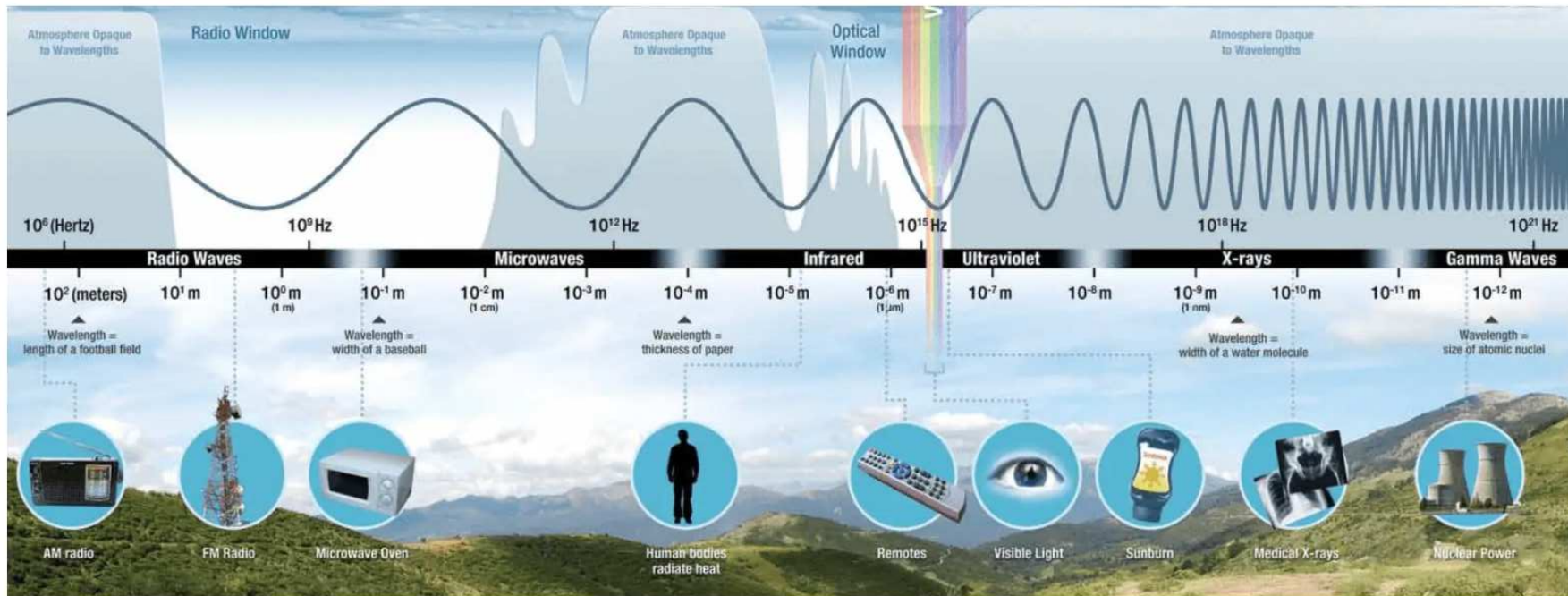




# Messengers

## Radiation Processes

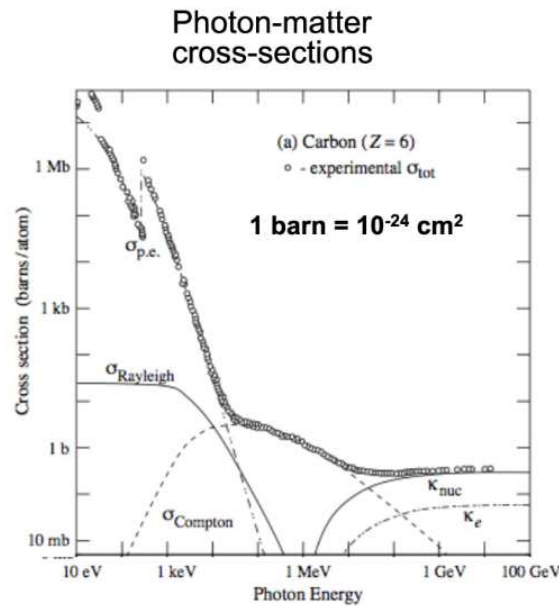
- **Gamma rays** are the highest energy form of light
- Produced in leptonic and hadronic radiation processes
- Blocked by the atmosphere



# Messengers

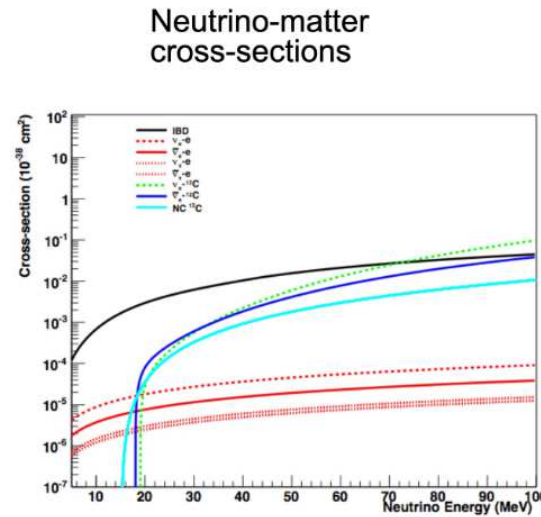
## Radiation Processes

- **Neutrinos** have very large energies and tiny cross-sections => very difficult to detect!
- Produced in hadronic radiation processes



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**$\sim 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$**

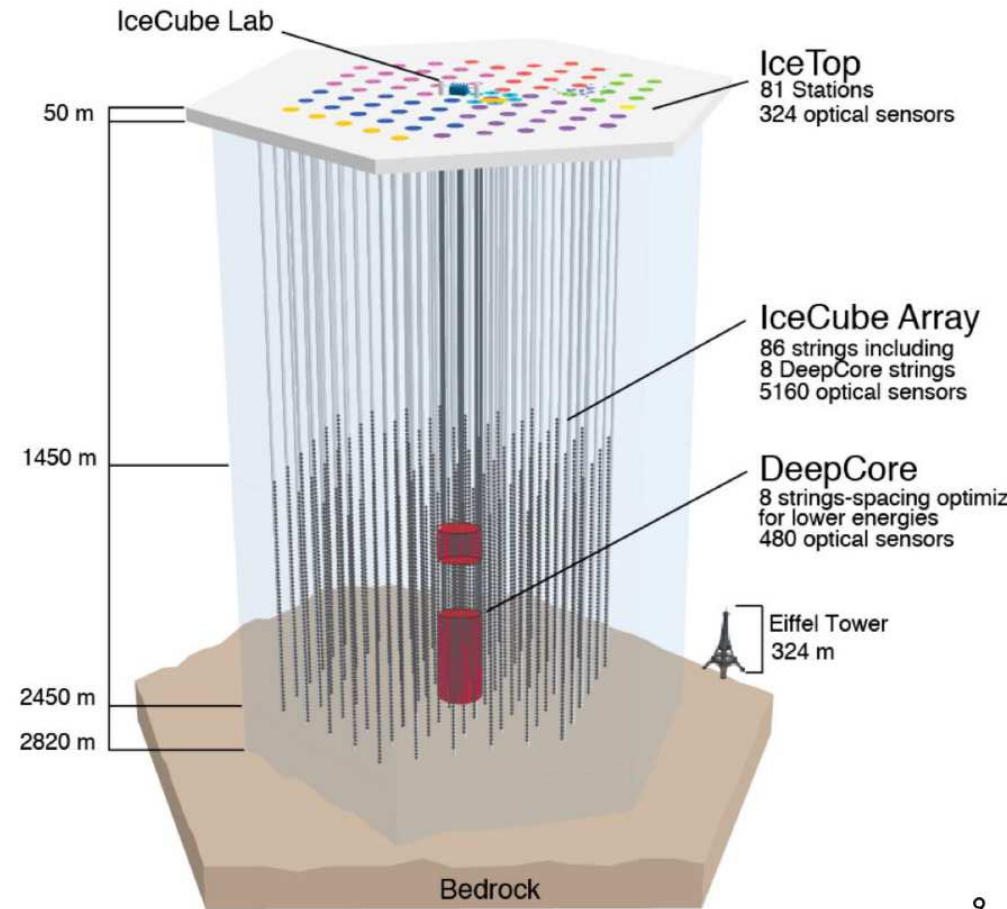
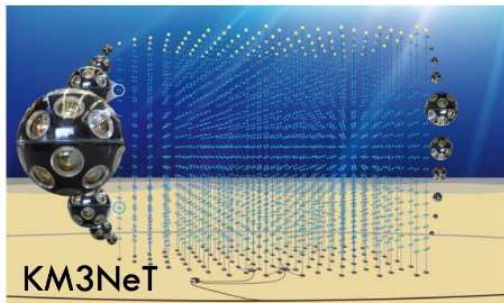
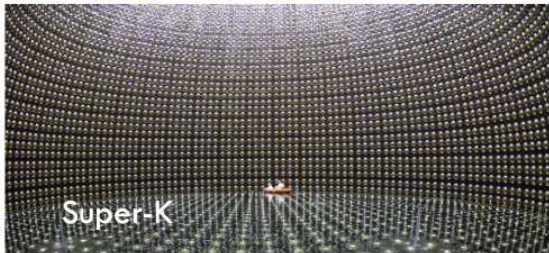


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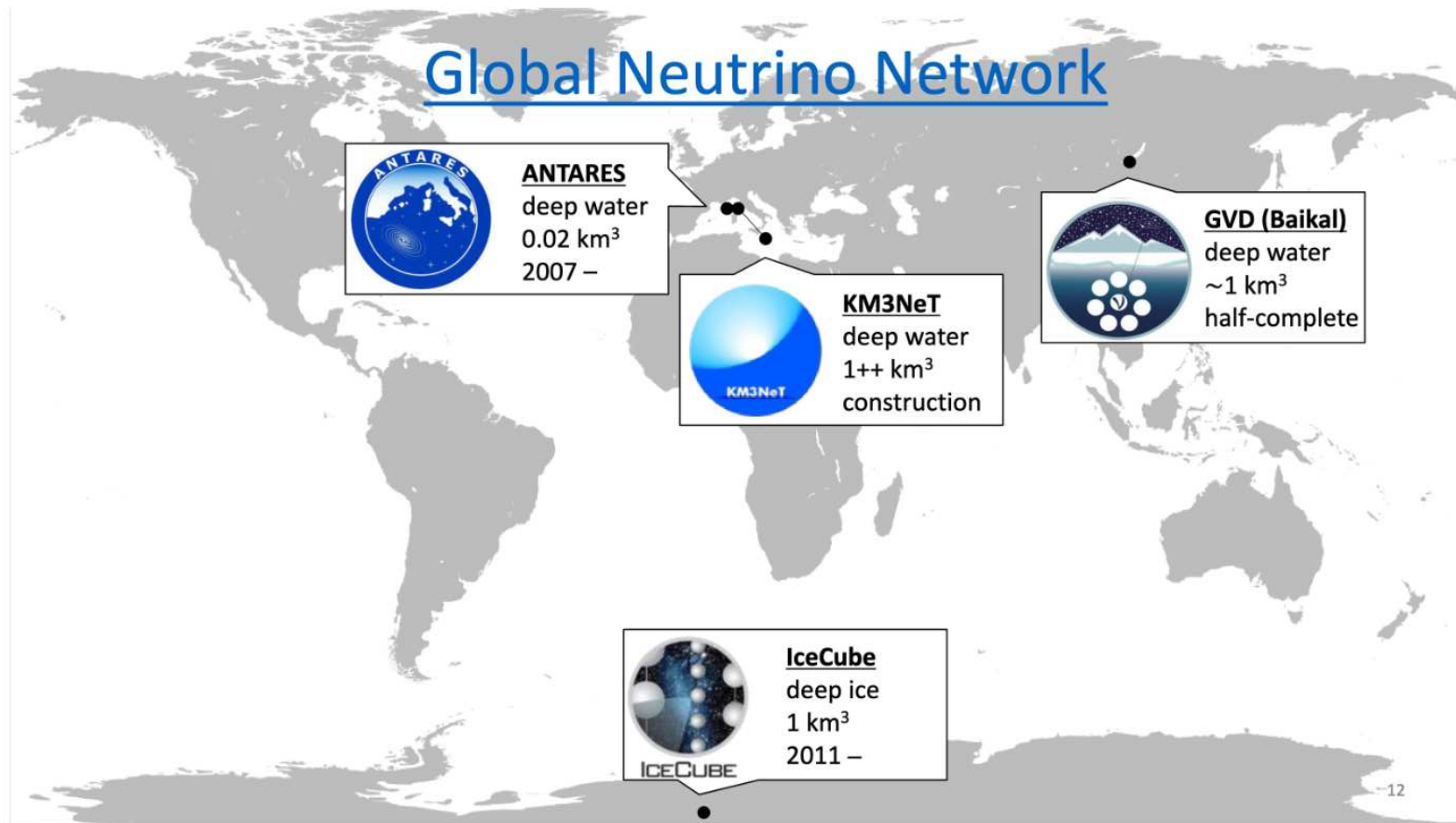
**$\sim 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2$**

**$\sim 16\text{-}17$  orders of magnitude smaller**

Neutrino experiments need  
to be large, and hence, made of relatively  
inexpensive material



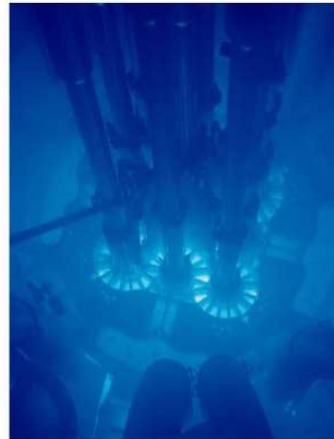
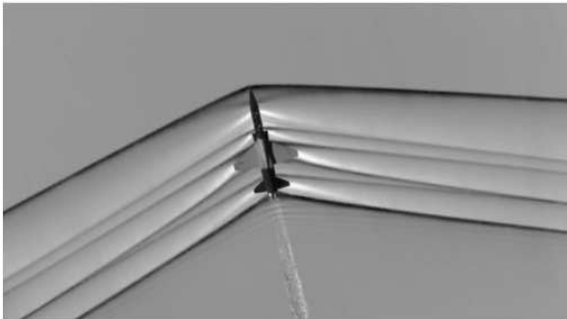
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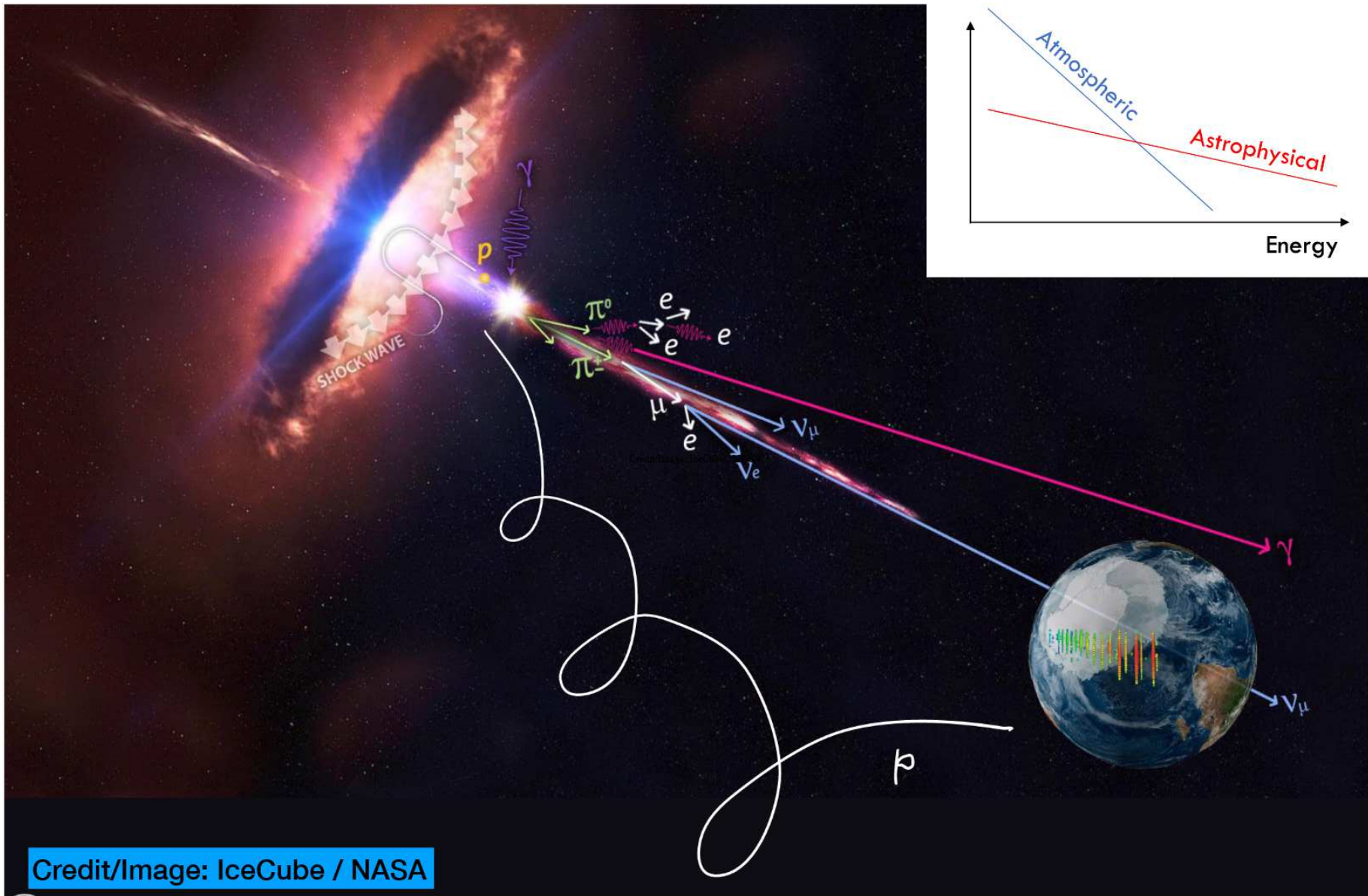


# DETECTION PRINCIPLE

- A neutrino interaction will usually create a number of charged particles
- When these travel through the ice faster than light, they emit *Cherenkov* radiation
- This UV/blue light is the same as can be seen in nuclear reactors
- Optically transparent ice allows this light to reach some of the 5160 photosensitive sensors in the ice



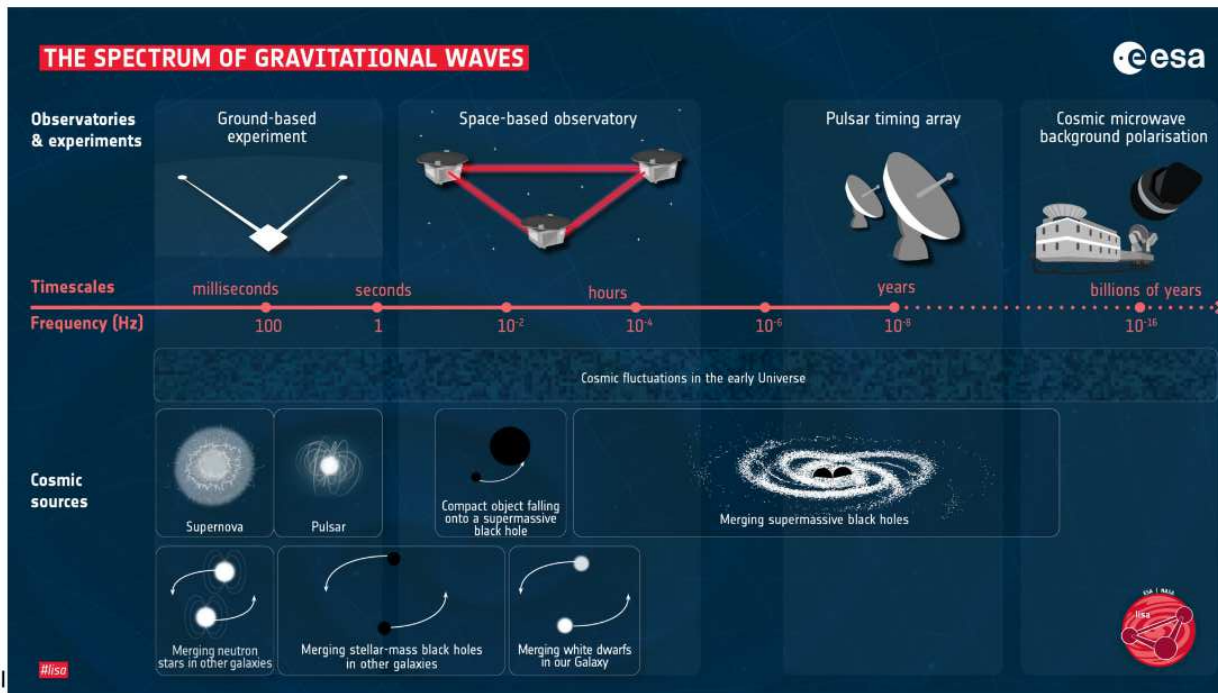




# Messengers

## Radiation Processes

- **Gravitational waves** are ripples in space-time produced by accelerated masses.
- They can be detected by interferometers, the pulsar timing array, or their imprint in the CMB polarization.



# Recap

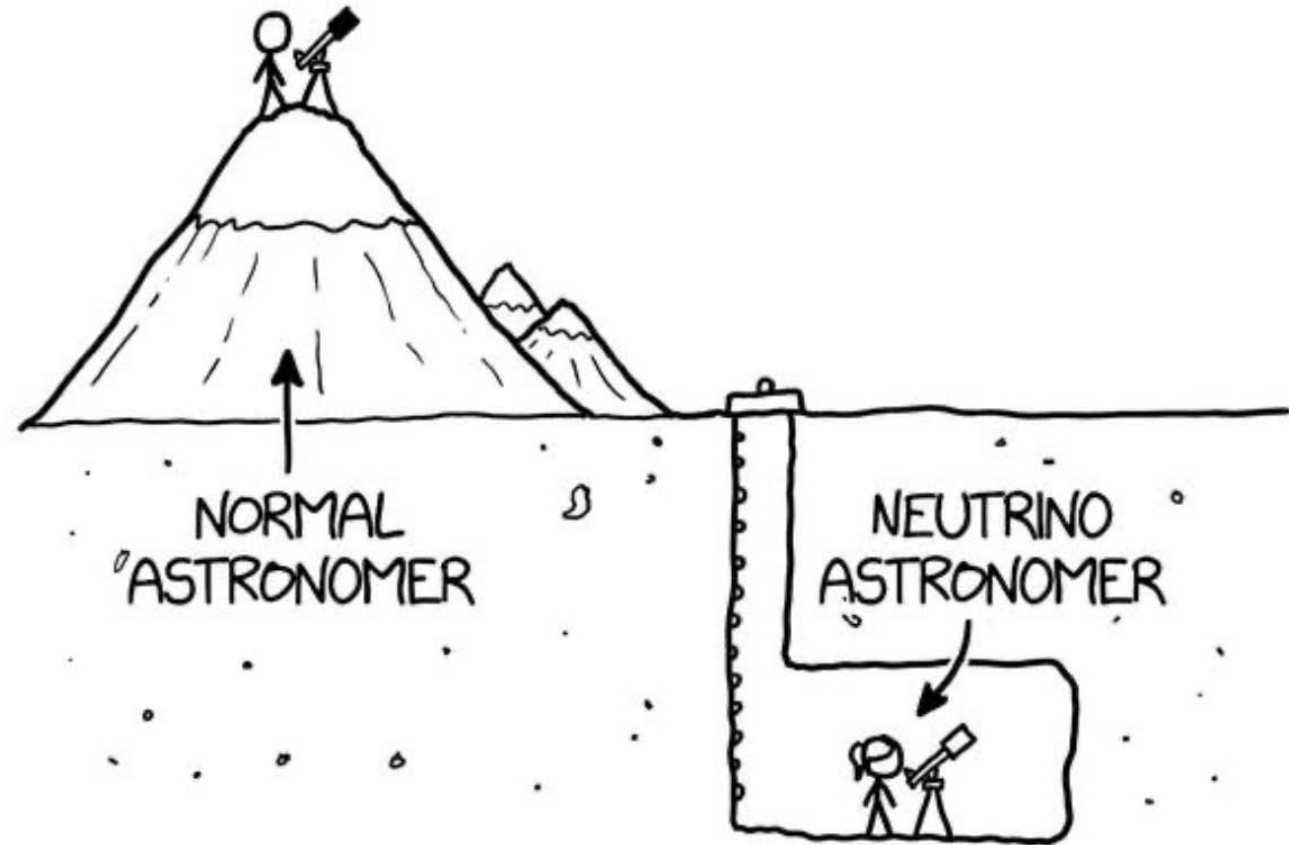
- Astroparticle physics study non-thermal radiation from relativistic particles in extreme environments

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- The energy is obtained by processes related to explosions, accretion, rotating magnetic fields, or processes related to annihilation of exotic particles
- The high energy regime is dominated by non-thermal processes, and they require either high magnetization in relativistic flows or efficient Fermi shock acceleration.
- High energy charged particles are deflected by magnetic fields and do not point back to their origin. Neutrinos and gamma rays produced in cosmic-ray interactions can be used to trace back the cosmic-ray sources. Neutrinos are the smoking gun signature for hadronic interactions, while gamma rays can also be produced in leptonic processes.

# But what are these high energy particles or *cosmic rays*?

The Cosmic ray see





# History of Cosmic Rays

## The discovery of Victor Hess

More than 100,000 cosmic rays will hit each of you during this lecture

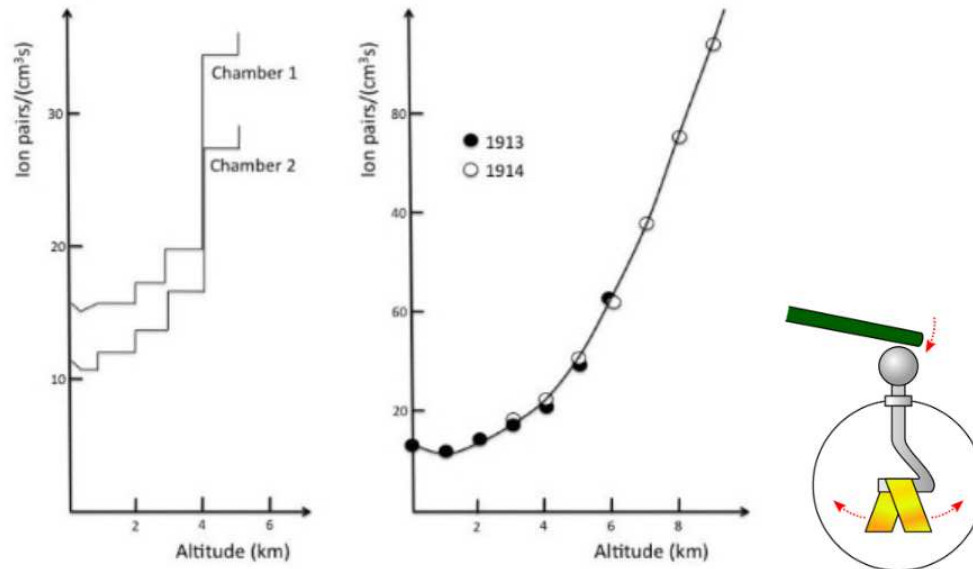


Figure 9: Increase in radiation with altitude as measured by V. Hess in 1912 and then confirmed by Kohlhörster in 1913/14 (Image credit: Wikimedia Commons, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:%3AHessKol.jpg>).

In 1912, after 9 balloon ascents to record ionization levels with charged electroscope, Victor Hess concluded that

“A radiation of very high penetrating power enters our atmosphere from above”.

The newly discovered radiation was dubbed “cosmic” by Robert A. Millikan in 1925.

In 1936, Victor Hess was awarded with the Nobel Prize for his discovery.



# History of Cosmic Rays

## The discovery of Victor Hess

- No day-night variation was detected => No solar origin
- **East/West effect:** In 1927 variations of the cosmic-ray intensity with latitude were detected => cosmic-rays are mainly positively charged
- In 1934 / 1937 air showers of secondary cosmic rays were discovered (Bruno Rossi/Pierre Auger)
- In the 1920-1950 studies of cosmic rays led to a revolution in particle physics: discovery of positron, muon, pion, strange particles..

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86%	protons
11%	$\alpha$ -particles
1%	heavier elements (up to Uranium)
2%	electrons
	small portion of positrons and antiprotons (secondary origin)

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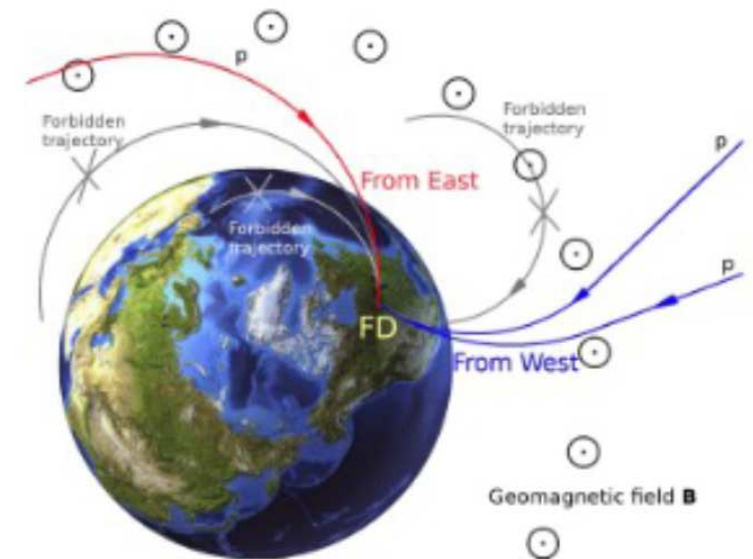
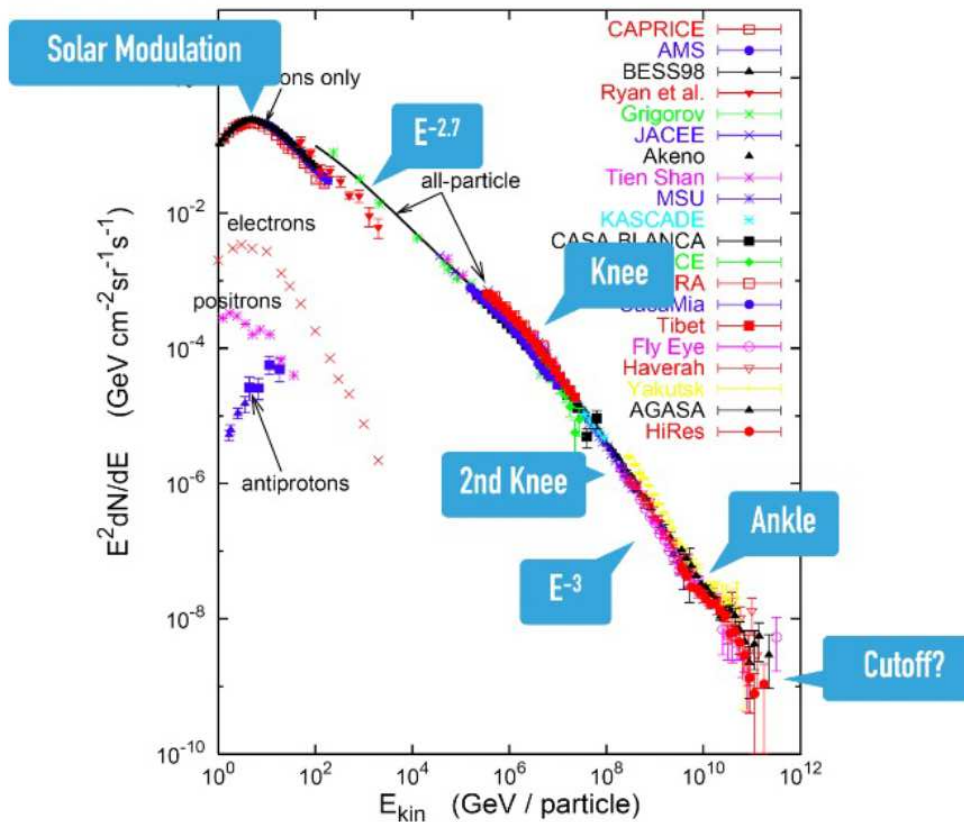


Figure 10: East-West effect.

# Cosmic rays

## Spectrum

Relativistic particles of cosmic origin hitting the top of the atmosphere at a rate of  $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



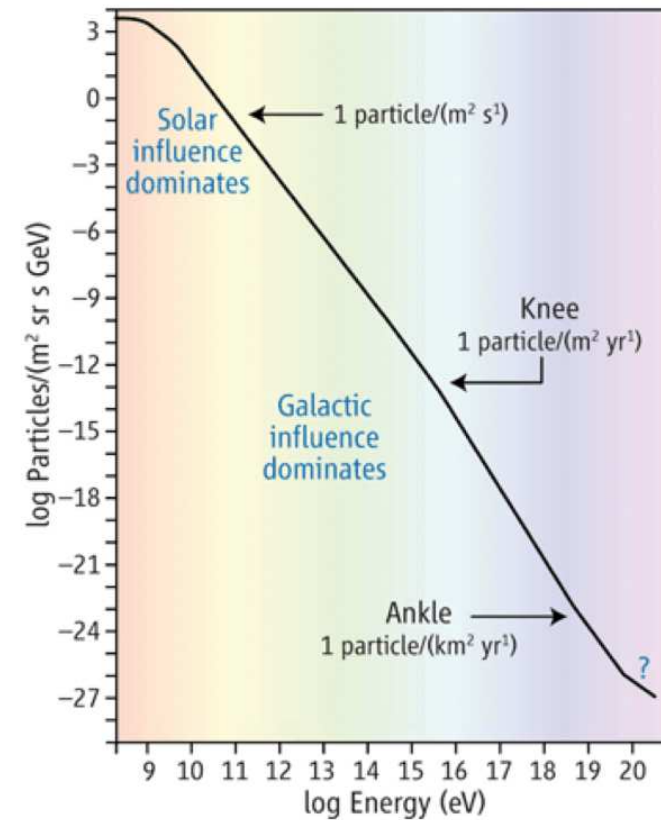
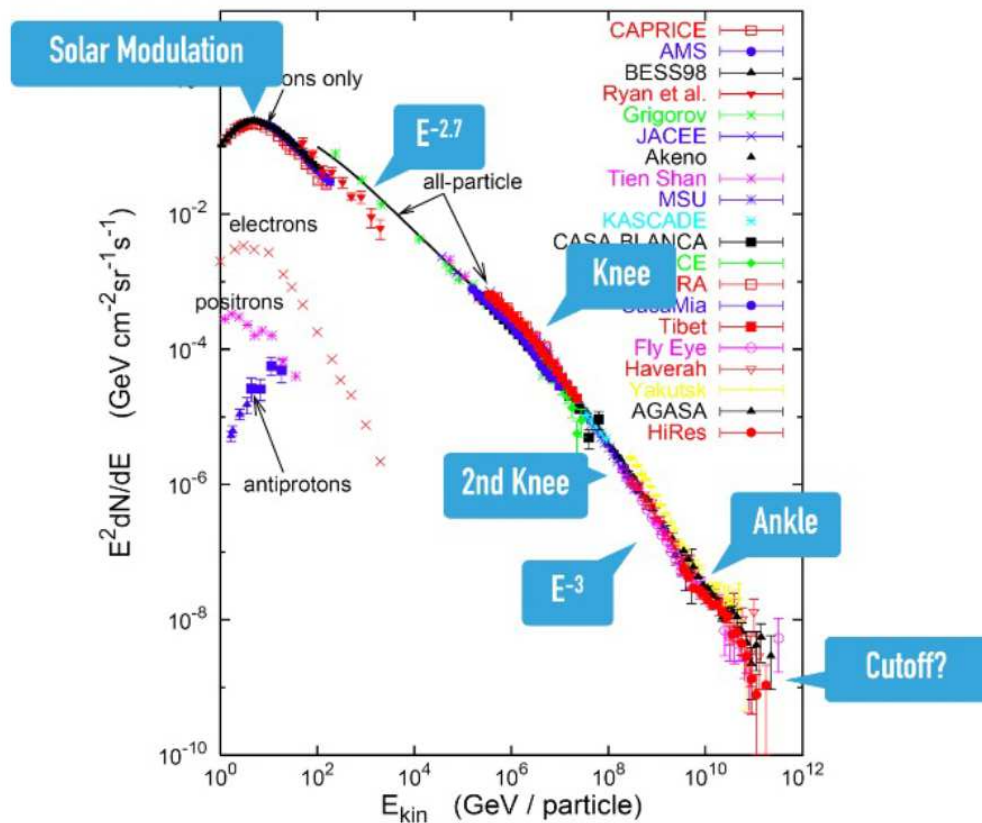
- CRs are charged particles => deflected by magnetic fields
- Statistics! the observed flux is low
- Mainly protons (+electrons and heavier nuclei) coming from beyond the Solar system and extending >10 decades in energy

$10^3 \text{ eV}$	1 keV (kilo)
$10^6 \text{ eV}$	1 MeV (mega)
$10^9 \text{ eV}$	1 GeV (giga)
$10^{12} \text{ eV}$	1 TeV (tera)
$10^{15} \text{ eV}$	1 PeV (peta)
$10^{18} \text{ eV}$	1 EeV (exa)
$10^{21} \text{ eV}$	1 ZeV (zetta)

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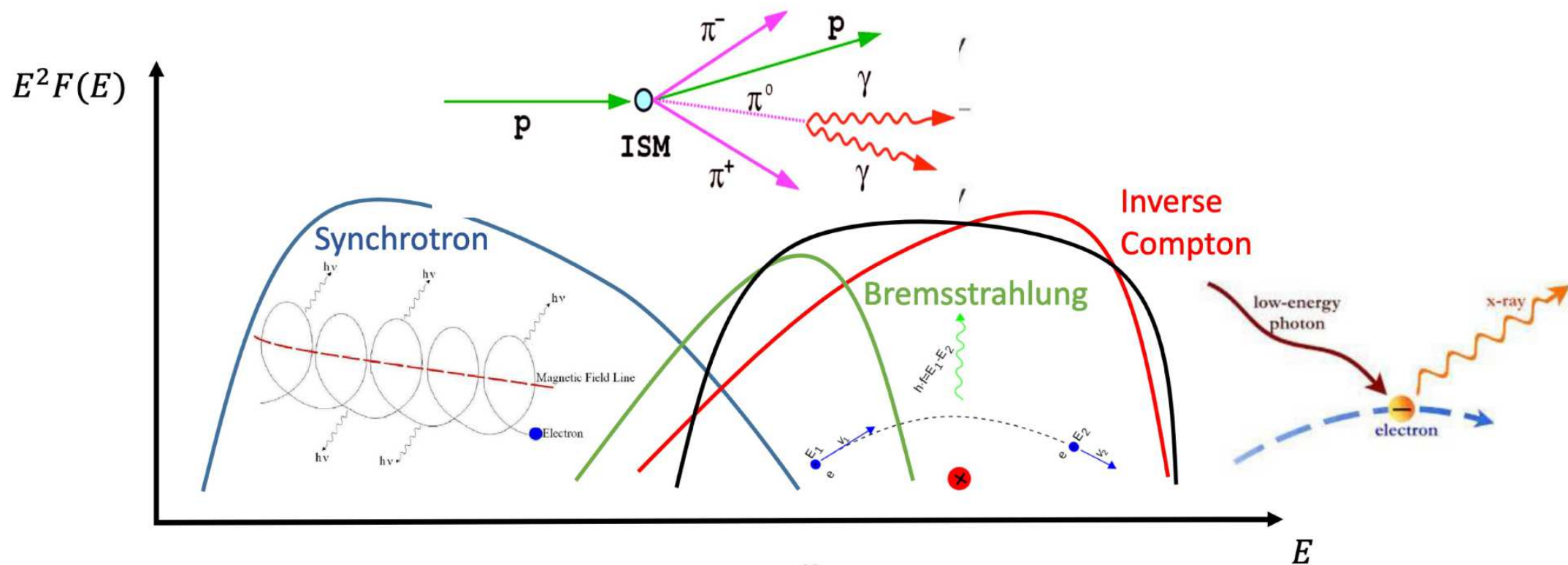


How do we detect them?



# Messengers: neutral particles

- Hadrons inelastic collisions with matter





# Radiation Processes

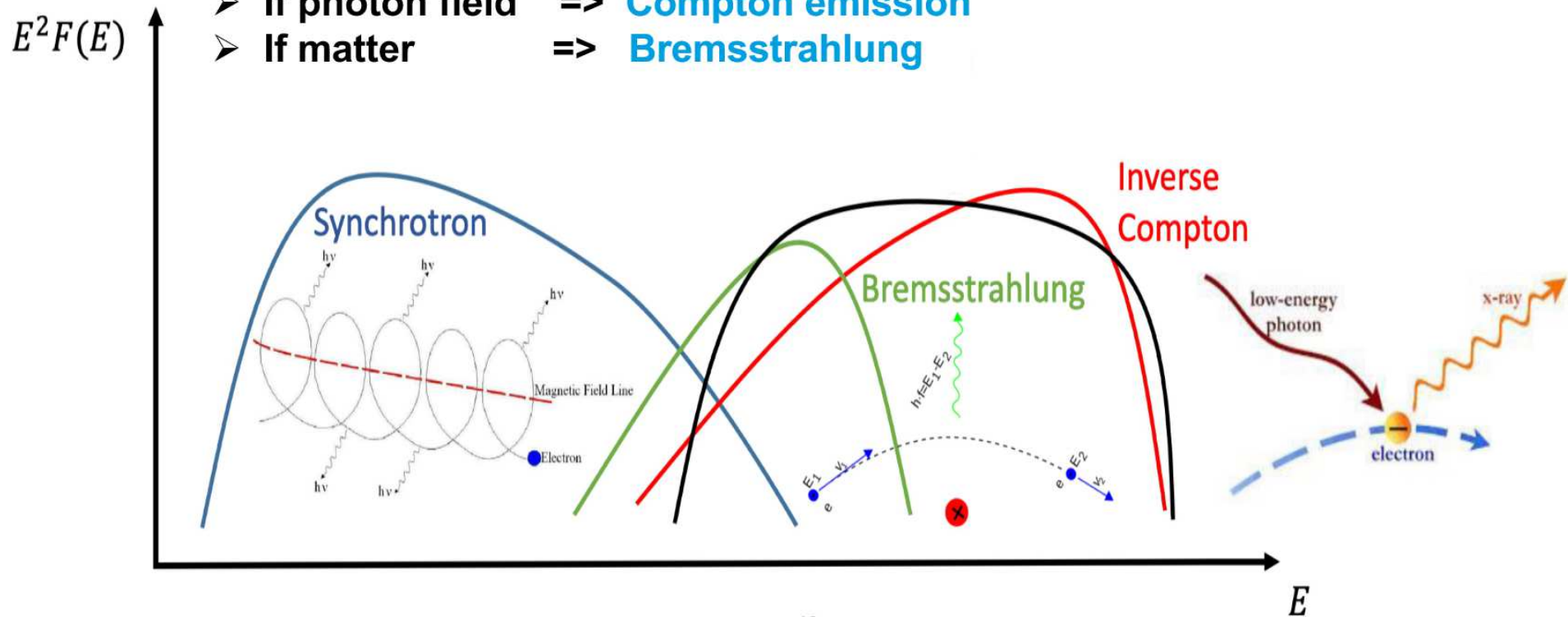
## Leptonic Radiation

➤ Electrons accelerated in the presence of **fields**:

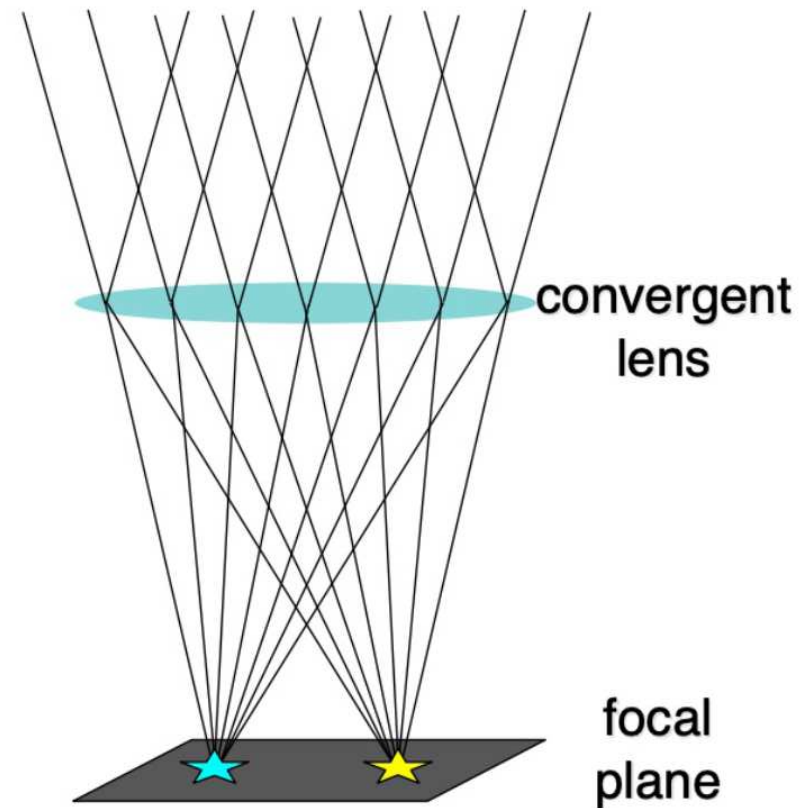
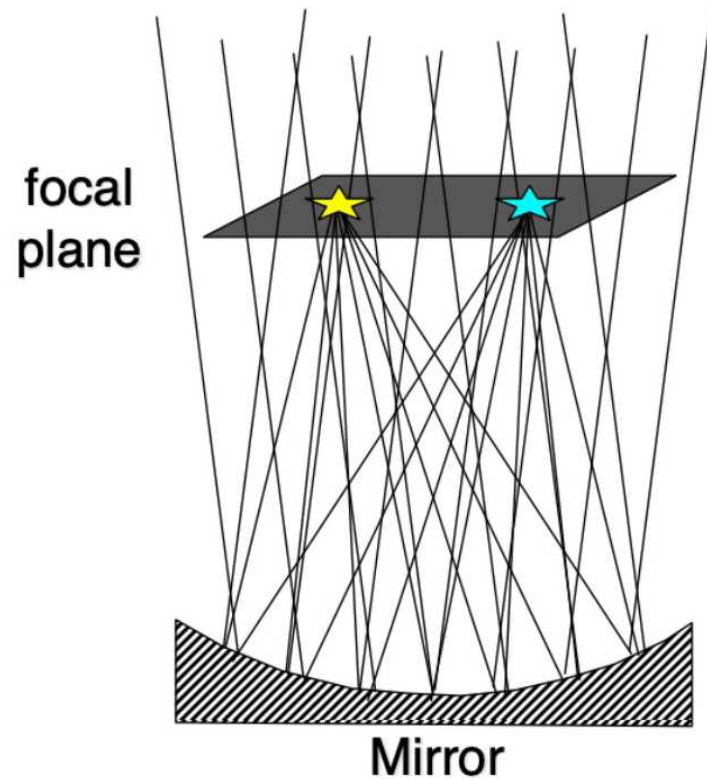
➤ If magnetic field => **Synchrotron emission**

➤ If photon field => **Compton emission**

➤ If matter => **Bremsstrahlung**



- *Imaging*: transform *directions* into *points* in a focal plane
- The photon detector in the focal plane can be a photographic film, the retina or an electronic device

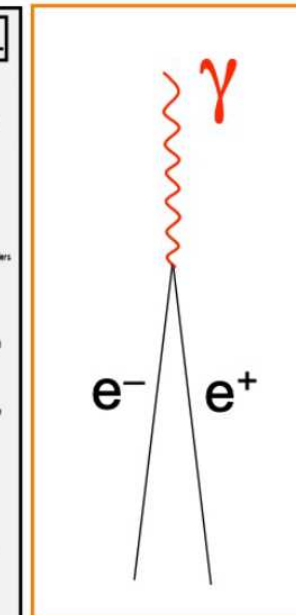
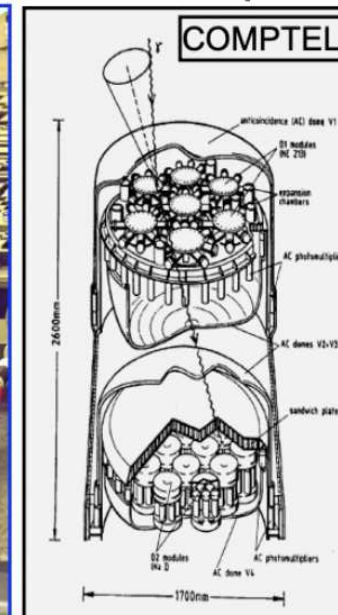
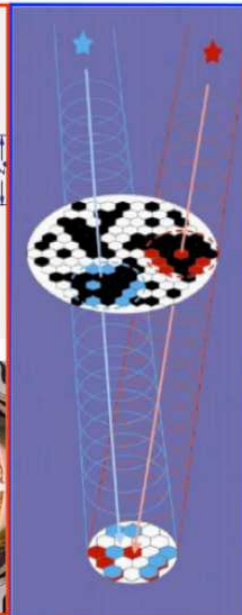
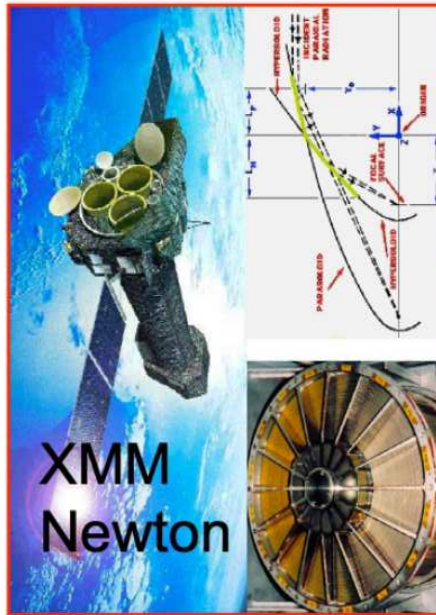
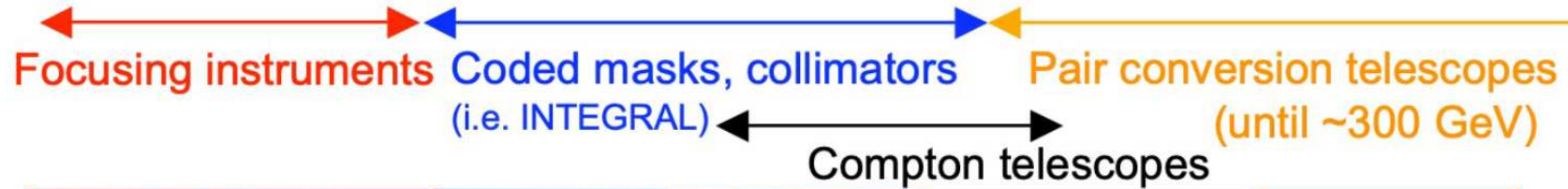


# X-ray and $\gamma$ -ray astronomy

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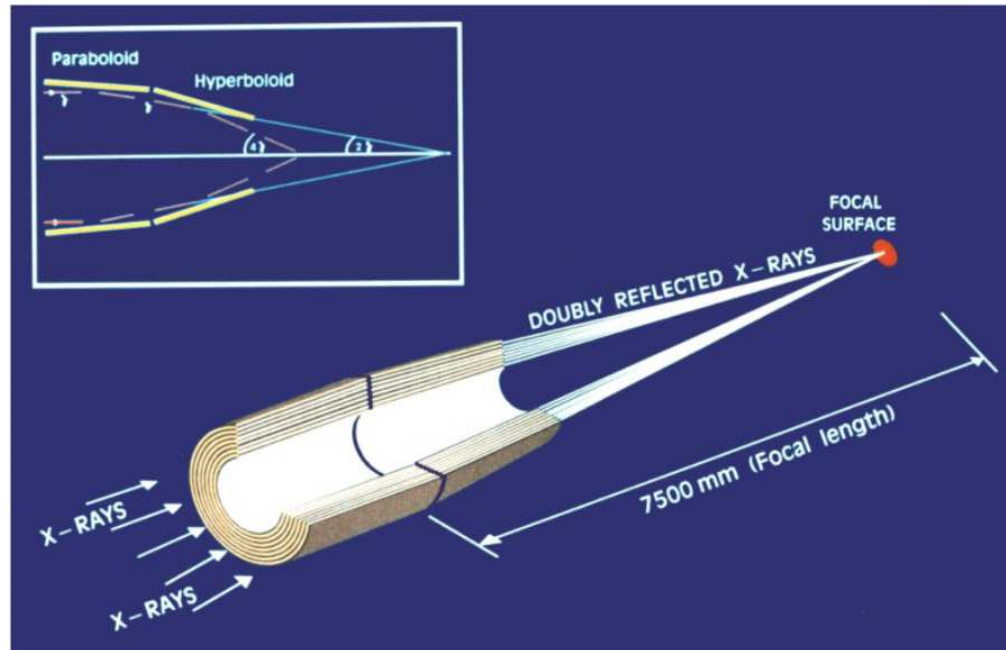
MeV

GeV





- High energy photons are very *penetrating*... is it possible to build mirrors for them?

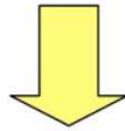
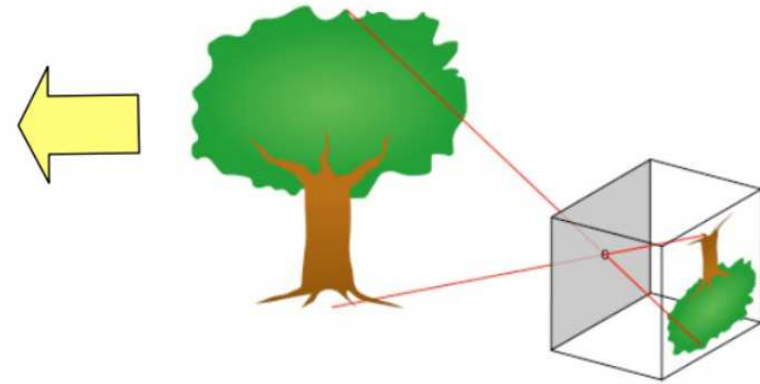


XMM-Newton (ESA) Dicembre 1999

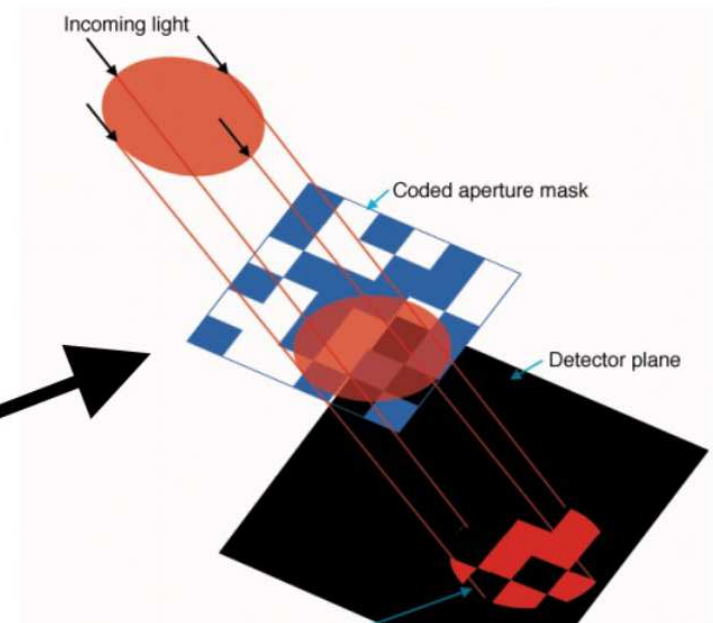
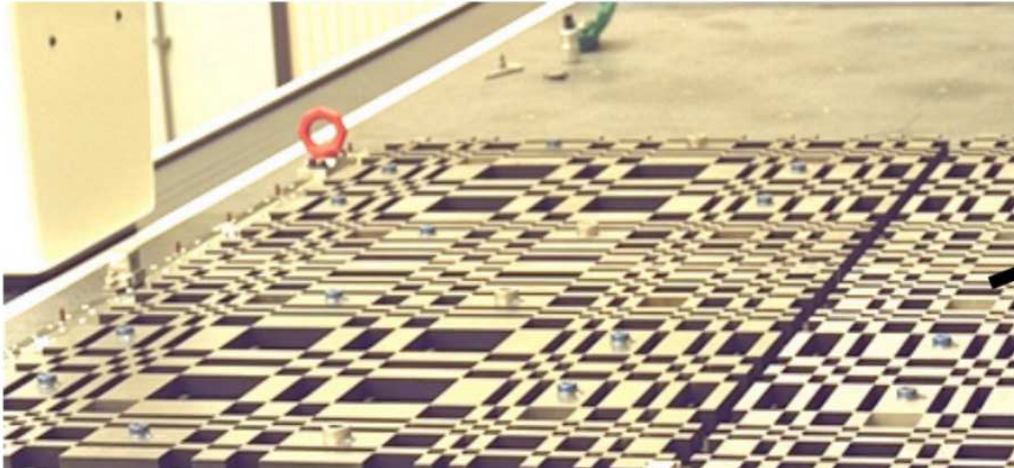
- Grazing incidence mirrors made of heavy metals (Au, Ir) effective up to  $E \sim 10$  keV. What can be done at higher  $E$ ?

$$E = 10 \text{ keV} - 10 \text{ MeV}$$

Generalization of the principle of the pinhole camera (the simplest imaging device)

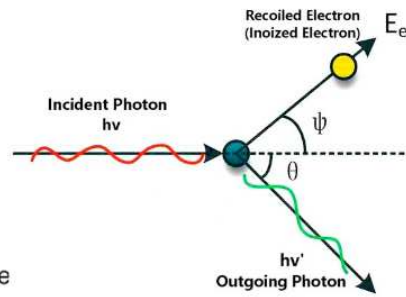
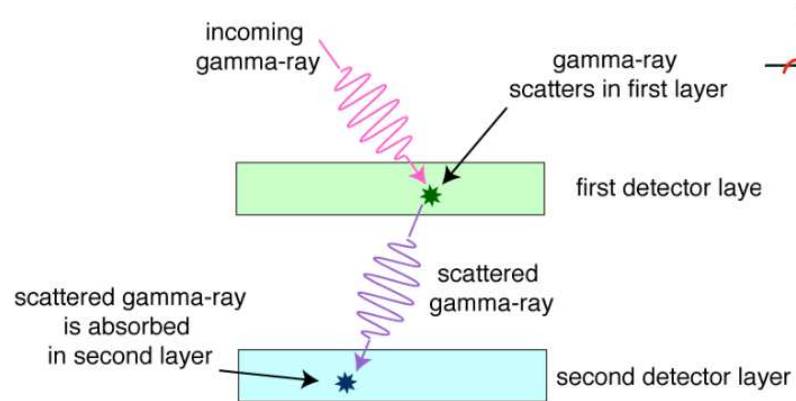


Coded aperture masks:

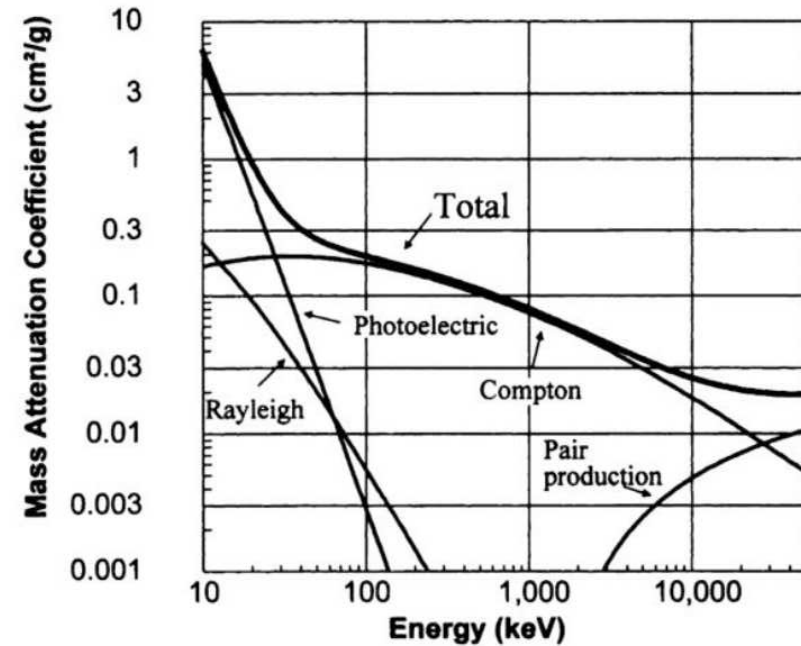




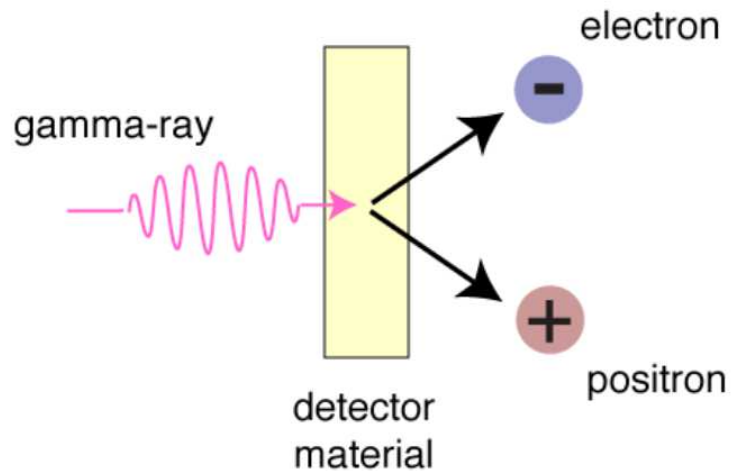
## Compton scattering detector.



## Pair conversion



## pair-production telescope



**Main idea: To convert photons into electrons that we can measure their current**

Once the gamma-ray has transferred all or part of its energy to **secondary electrons**, these have in turn to be detected:

- Gas-filled detectors (i.e. Spark chambers)
- Scintillator + photomultiplier tube
- Semiconductors

# Gamma-ray detection

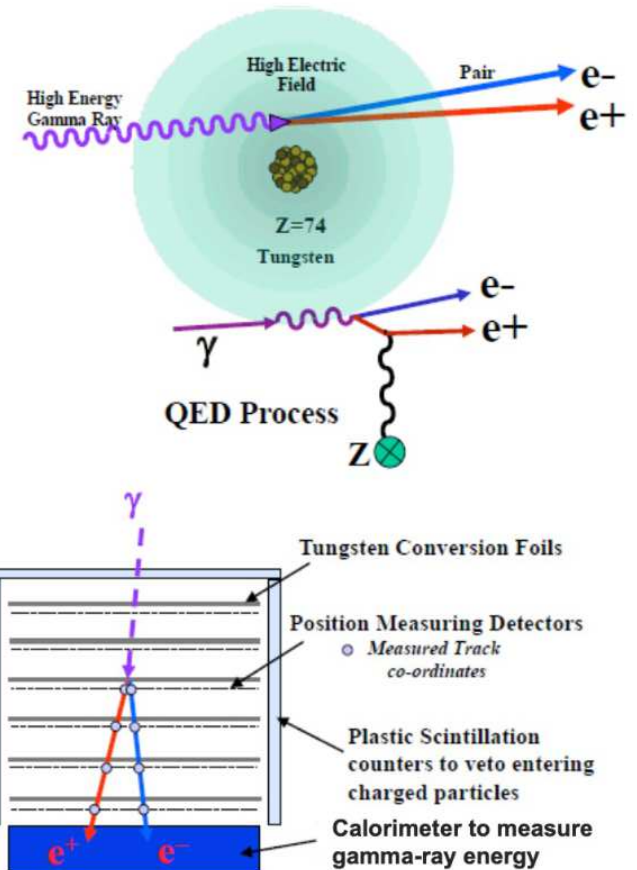
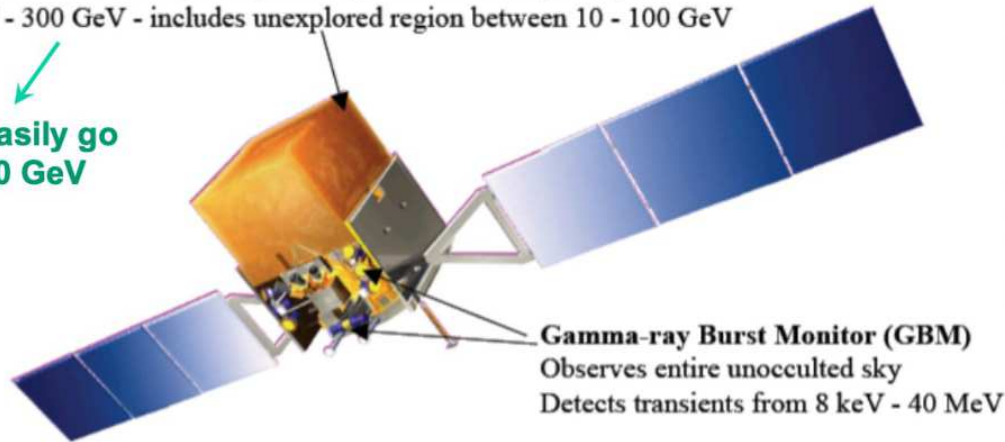
## Satellites ( $E > 100$ MeV)

Based on Pair-Conversion mechanism

### Large Area Telescope (LAT)

Observes 20% of the sky at any instant, views entire sky every 3 hrs  
20 MeV - 300 GeV - includes unexplored region between 10 - 100 GeV

Can easily go  
>300 GeV

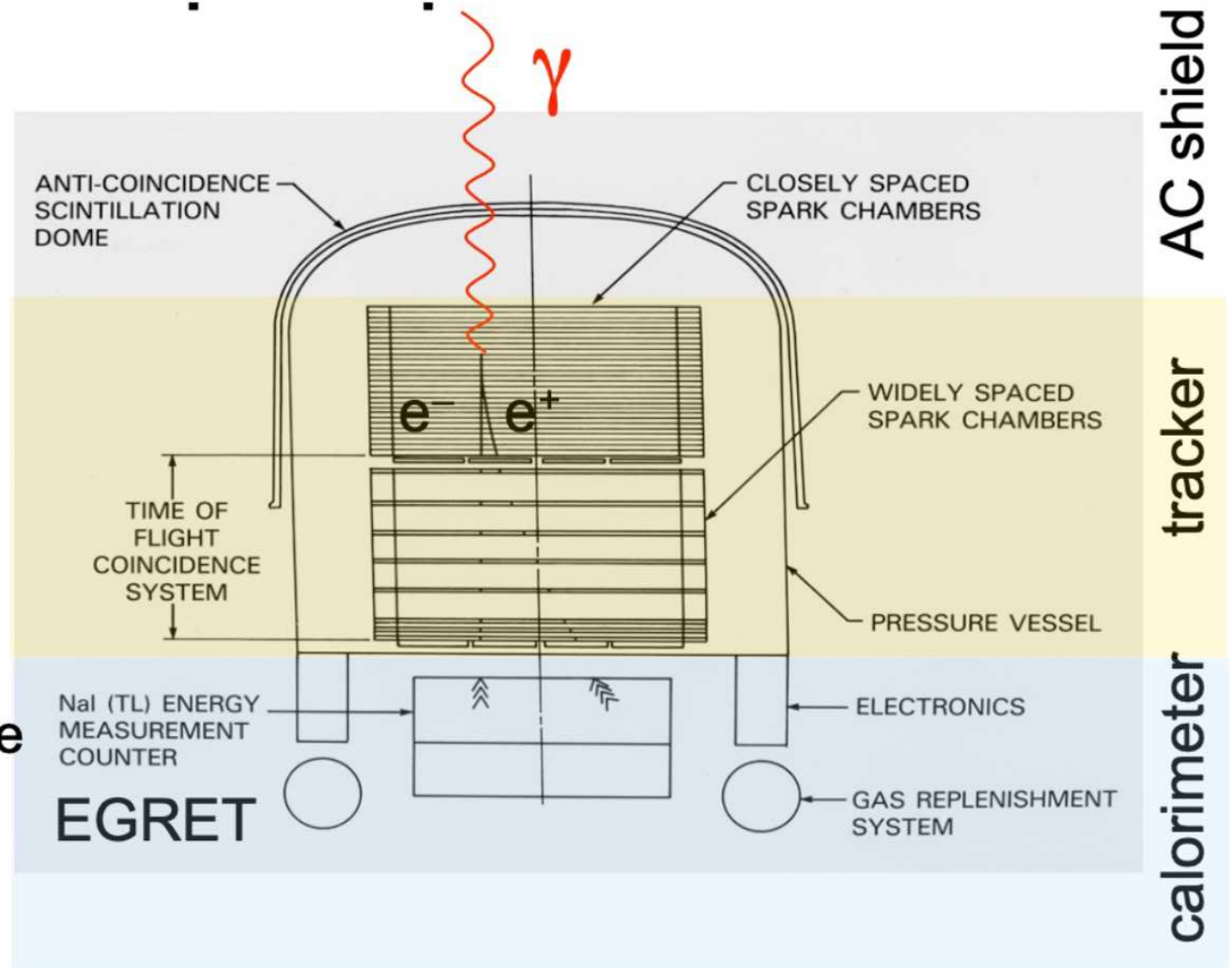


Three main parts:

A **tracker** to determine the trajectory of the  $e^\pm$

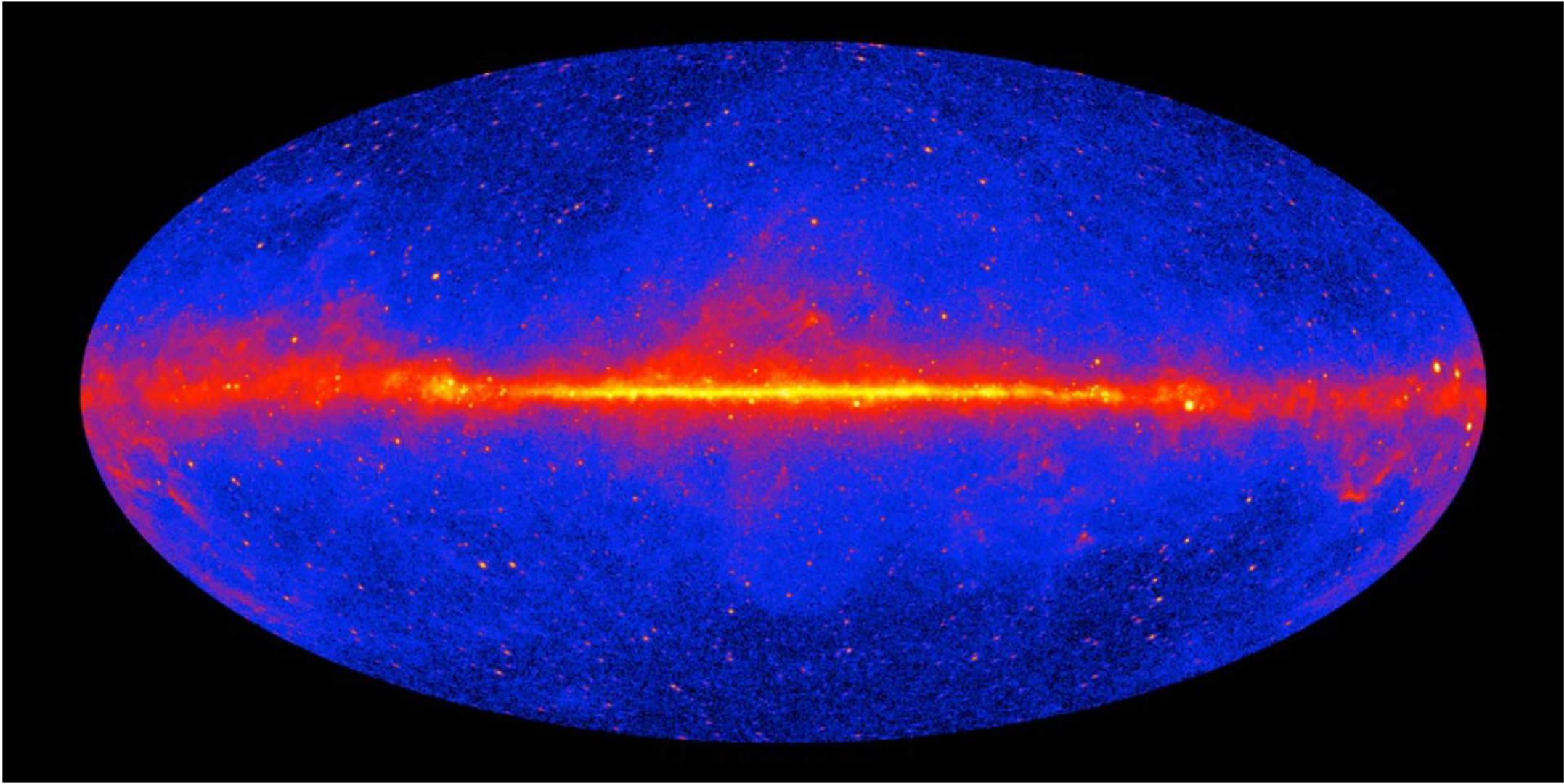
A **calorimeter** for measuring the energy

An “**active shield**” against charged cosmic rays (particle detector set in anti-coincidence)









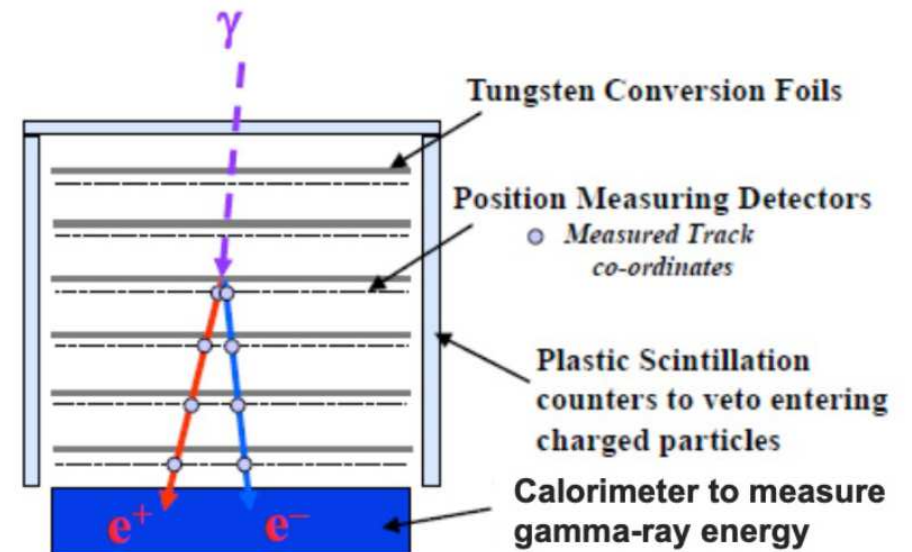
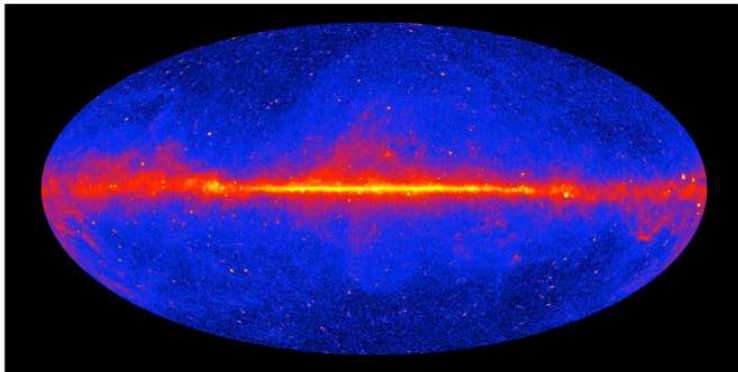
# Gamma-ray detection

## Satellites ( $E > 100$ MeV)

Based on Pair-Conversion mechanism

Signal: Photons from source

Background: Photons from diffuse CR



# Gamma-ray detection

## Satellites ( $E > 100 \text{ MeV}$ )

- Main background  $\Rightarrow$  Gamma-ray diffuse emission from the CR sea
- Works very well for low energies ( $< 1 \text{ GeV}$ ) with limited PSF

- At  $E$  few tens of GeV **small effective area** results in extremely low detection rates, even for strong sources :

$F_{\text{Crab Nebula}, E > 100 \text{ GeV}}$  @ 100 photons/m<sup>2</sup>/year

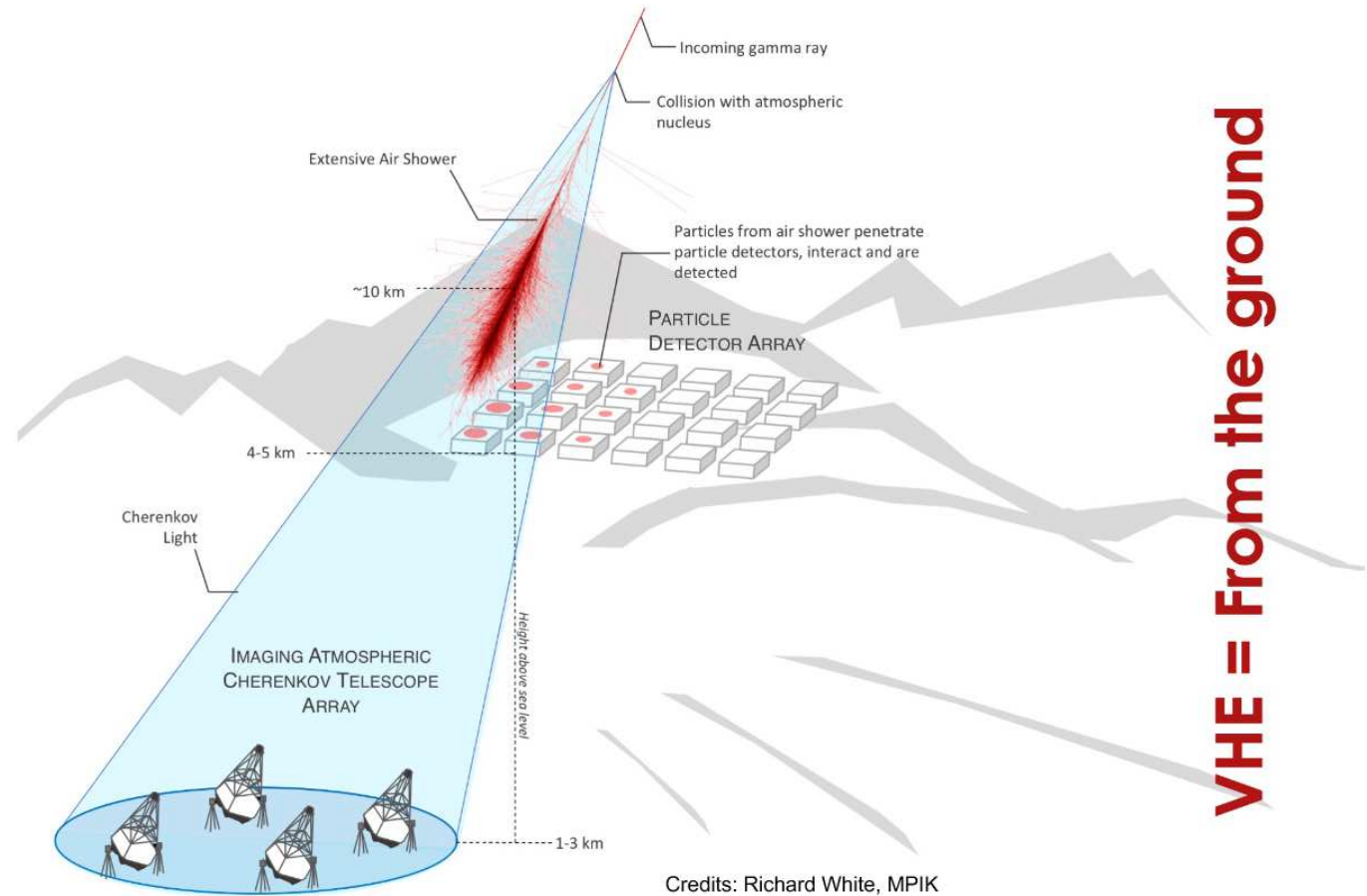
That means: **1 gamma-ray / 3 hours above 30 GeV**

- Calorimeter depth  $\leq 10$  radiation lengths, which corresponds to  $\sim 1 \text{ ton per m}^2$  (which is hard to put into orbit)  $\Rightarrow$  **VHE showers leak out** of the calorimeter

$\Rightarrow$  Solution: a “pair conversion telescope” in which the **atmosphere is part of the detector**

# Gamma-ray detection

## Ground-based detectors ( $E > 50$ GeV)



**VHE = From the ground**



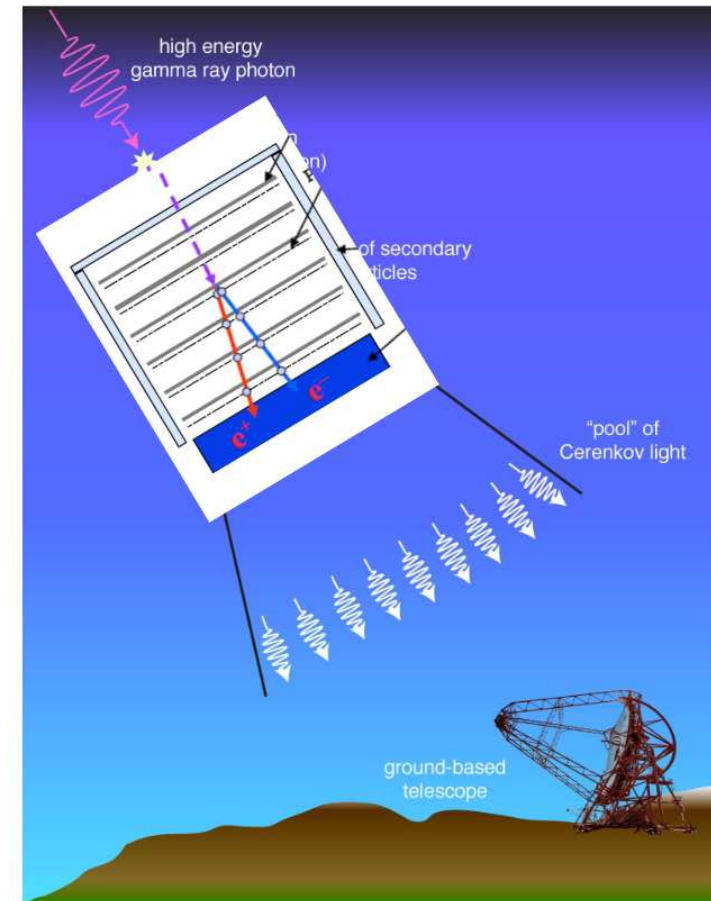
# Gamma-ray detection

## Extensive Air Showers (EAS)

- Discovered in 1938 by Pierre Auger

Most frequent processes in showers:

- Electromagnetic showers:
  - $\gamma \longrightarrow e^+ e^-$  (pair production)
  - $e^\pm \longrightarrow \gamma$  (*bremsstrahlung*)
- Hadronic showers:
  - $CR + \text{atm. nucleus} \longrightarrow \pi^0, \pi^\pm + N^*$
  - $\pi^\pm \longrightarrow \mu^\pm + \nu$
  - $\pi^0 \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma \longrightarrow \text{e.m. showers}$

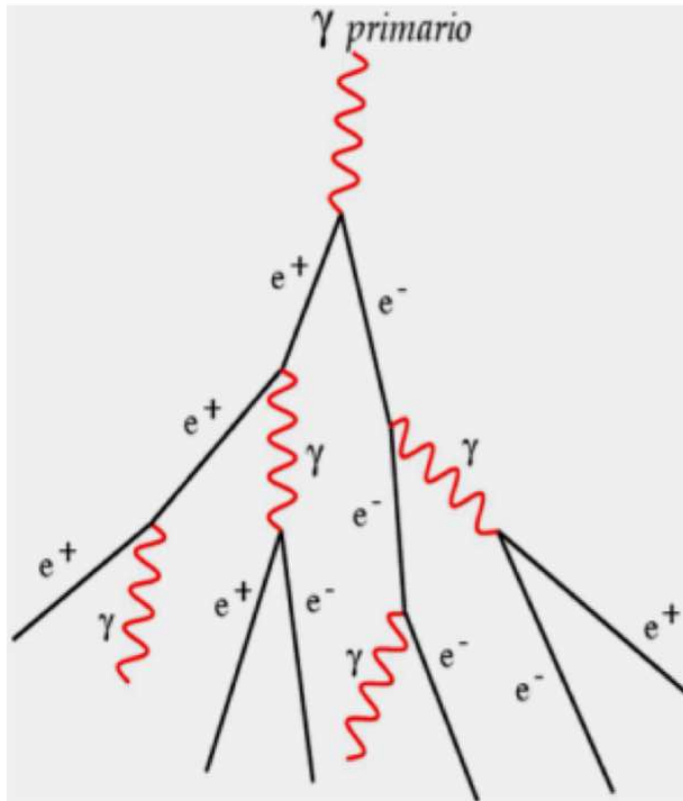




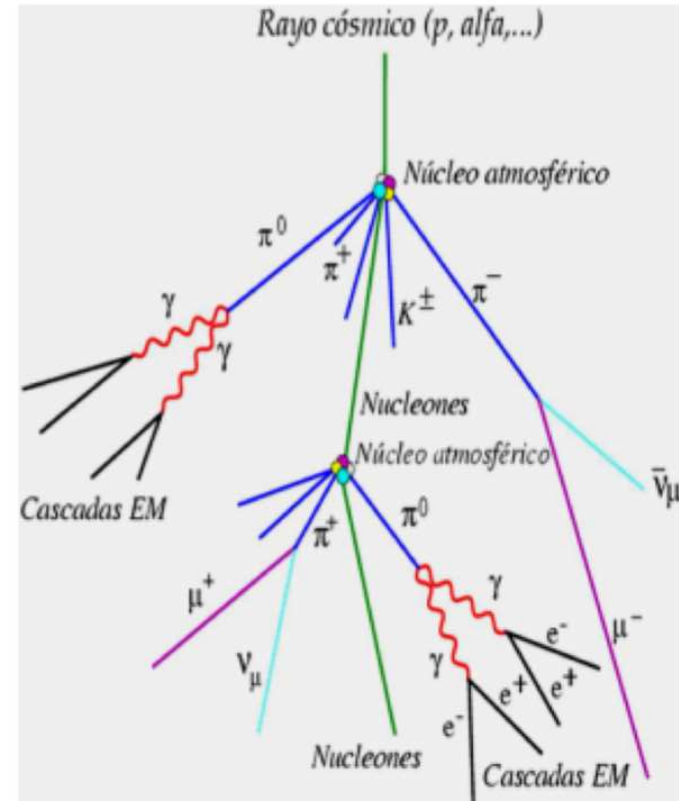
# Gamma-ray detection

## Extensive Air Showers (EAS)

Electromagnetic

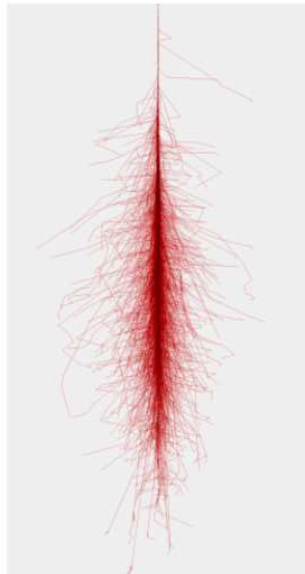


Hadronic

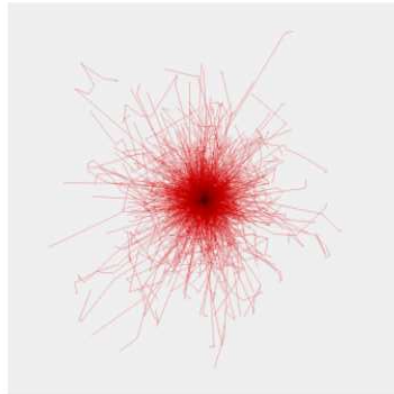


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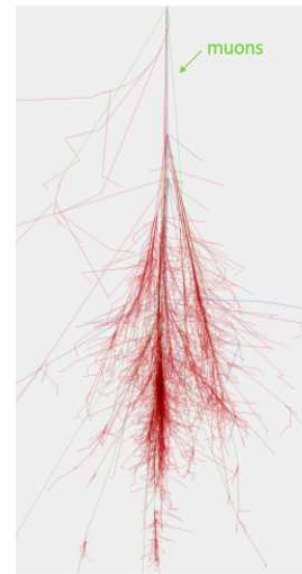
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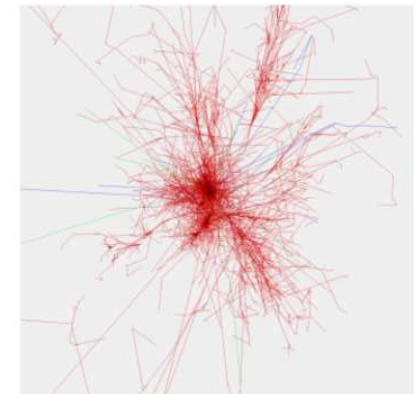
Simulated gamma  
50 GeV



Fabian Schmidt, Leeds university  
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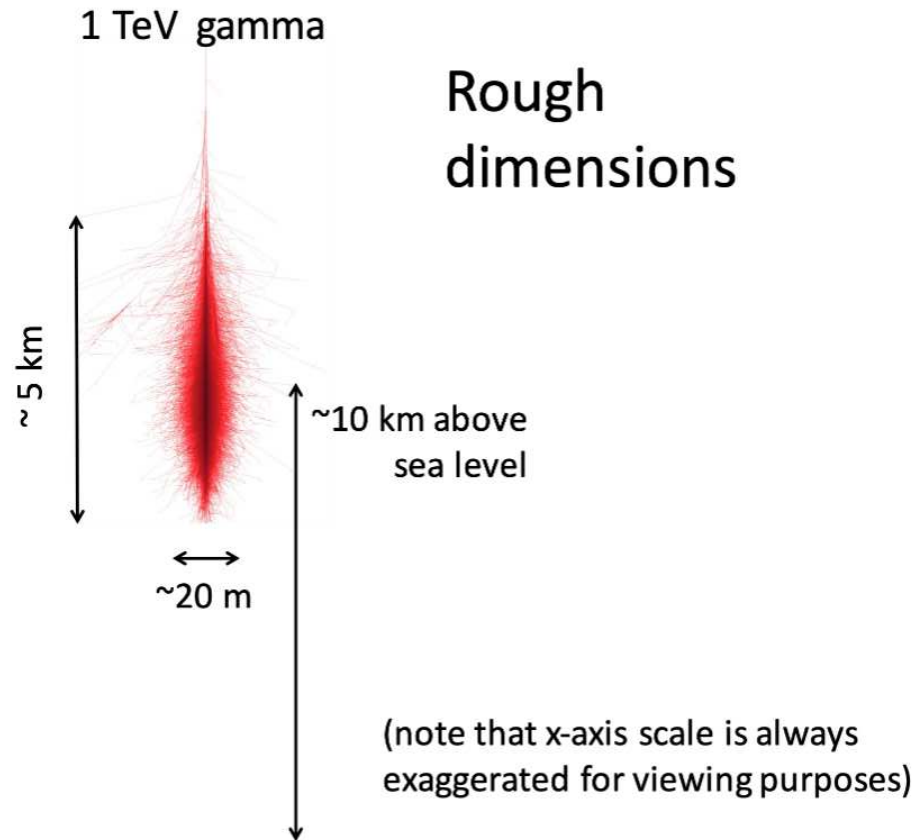
Simulated proton  
100 GeV



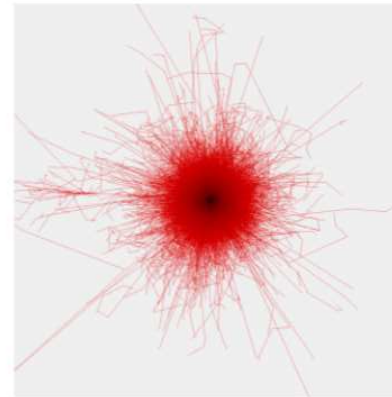
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# Gamma-ray detection

## Extensive Air Showers (EAS)



Simulated gamma  
1 TeV

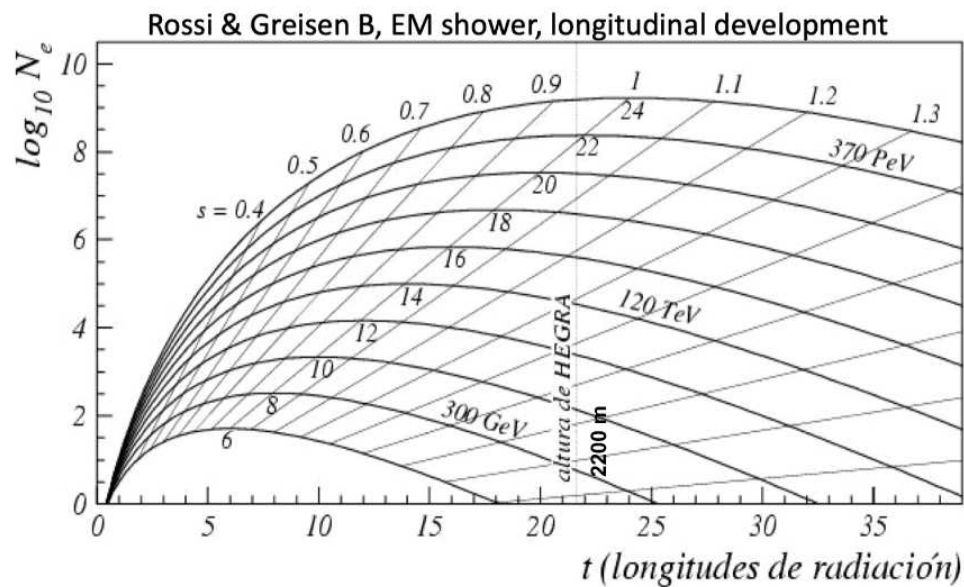


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# Gamma-ray detection

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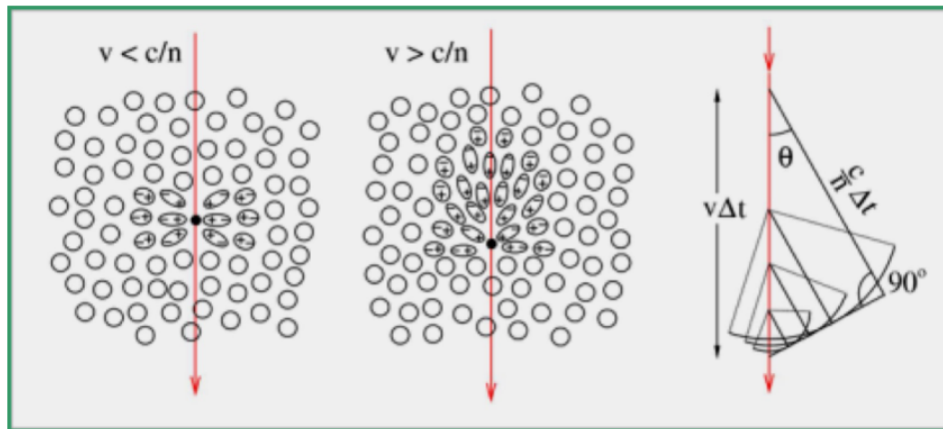
- Particle detectors can be scintillators or water tanks (or both)
- The altitude of the detector helps on detecting showers at different energies
- How to detect particles that does not reach the ground? **Cherenkov radiation**



# Gamma-ray detection

## Cherenkov radiation

- Emitted whenever a charged particle traverses a medium at a speed larger than that of light in the medium
- The radiation results from the reorientation of electric dipoles induced by the charge in the medium. When  $v > c/n$  the contributions from different points of the trajectory arrive in phase at the observer as a narrow light pulse



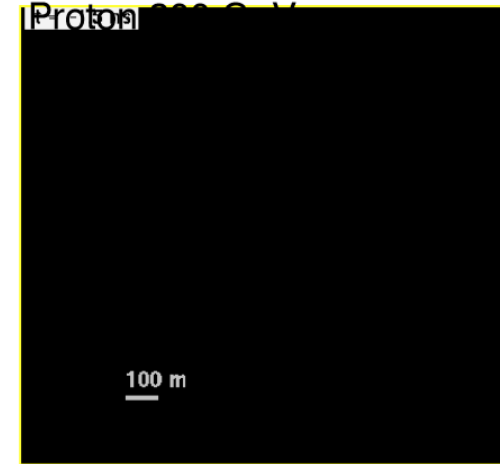
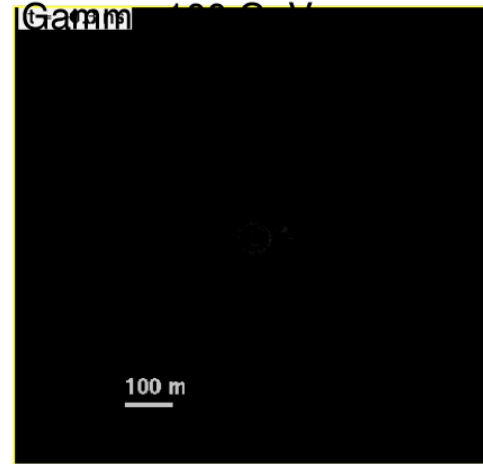


# Gamma-ray detection

## Cherenkov radiation

Arrival of Cherenkov light on the ground

- Good news: the effects of the interaction of a VHE g-ray in the atmosphere are spread over a large area on the ground  
=> very large effective areas are achievable  
=> VHE g-ray astronomy is feasible despite the low fluxes



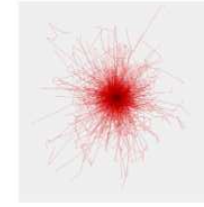
CORSIKA simulation, A. Moralejo

- Problem: CR showers are more numerous and represent an isotropic background

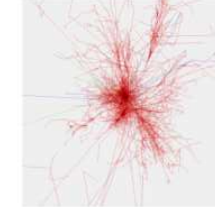
# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

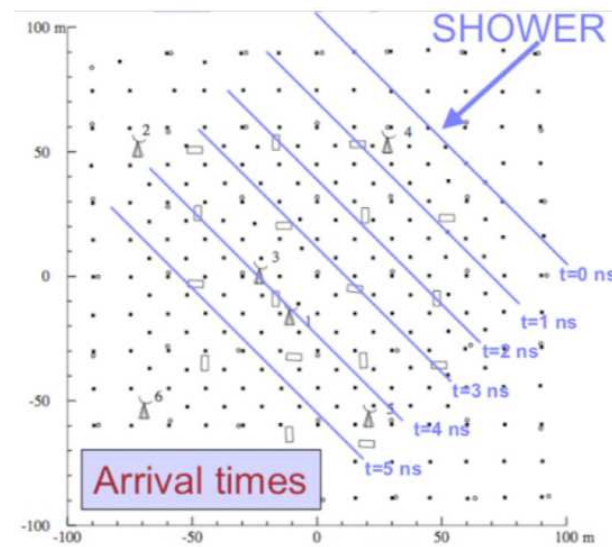
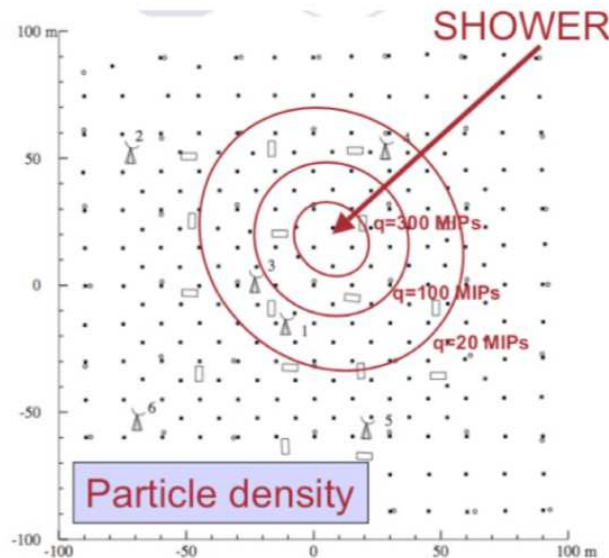
Gamma 50GeV



Proton 100GeV



- Detectors sample the tail of atmospheric shower that reaches the ground.
- Available information: particle density and arrival time at each detector position.



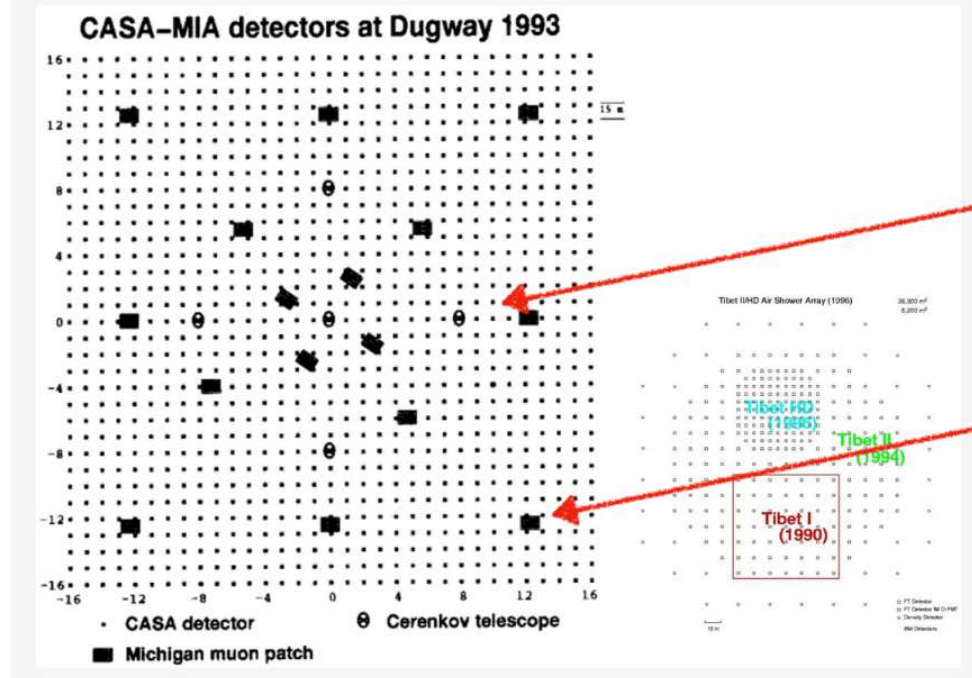
- Angular and energy resolutions are limited: we are only sampling the tail.
- g-hadron separation possible through density inhomogeneities in CR showers, specially “muon tagging.”
- Duty cycle 100%: operate day and night.
- Large FOV: several srad.

# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be **scintillators** or water tanks (or both)

Figure 1. Schematic of layouts of the CASA-MIA array and AS<sub>γ</sub> in phases before 2002.



- Threshold (CASA-MIA/1600 m)  $\sim 0.1$  PeV
- Threshold (ASg / 4300 m)  $\sim 10$  TeV

Cherenkov telescopes

Muon detectors



# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be scintillators or **water tanks** (or both): MILAGRO



Altitude: 2650m  
Size: 60x80 m<sup>2</sup>



# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be scintillators or [water tanks](#) (or both): MILAGRO
- Milagro & HAWC  
continuous survey observations
- Increase altitude from 2650m to 4100m
- Increase area from 3600m<sup>2</sup> (pond) to 20000m<sup>2</sup>
- Separate tanks instead of a single pond
- Achieve 10-15 x Sensitivity of Milagro (detected Crab in 6h, 5sigma, instead of 3 months)

# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be scintillators or [water tanks](#) (or both): HAWC

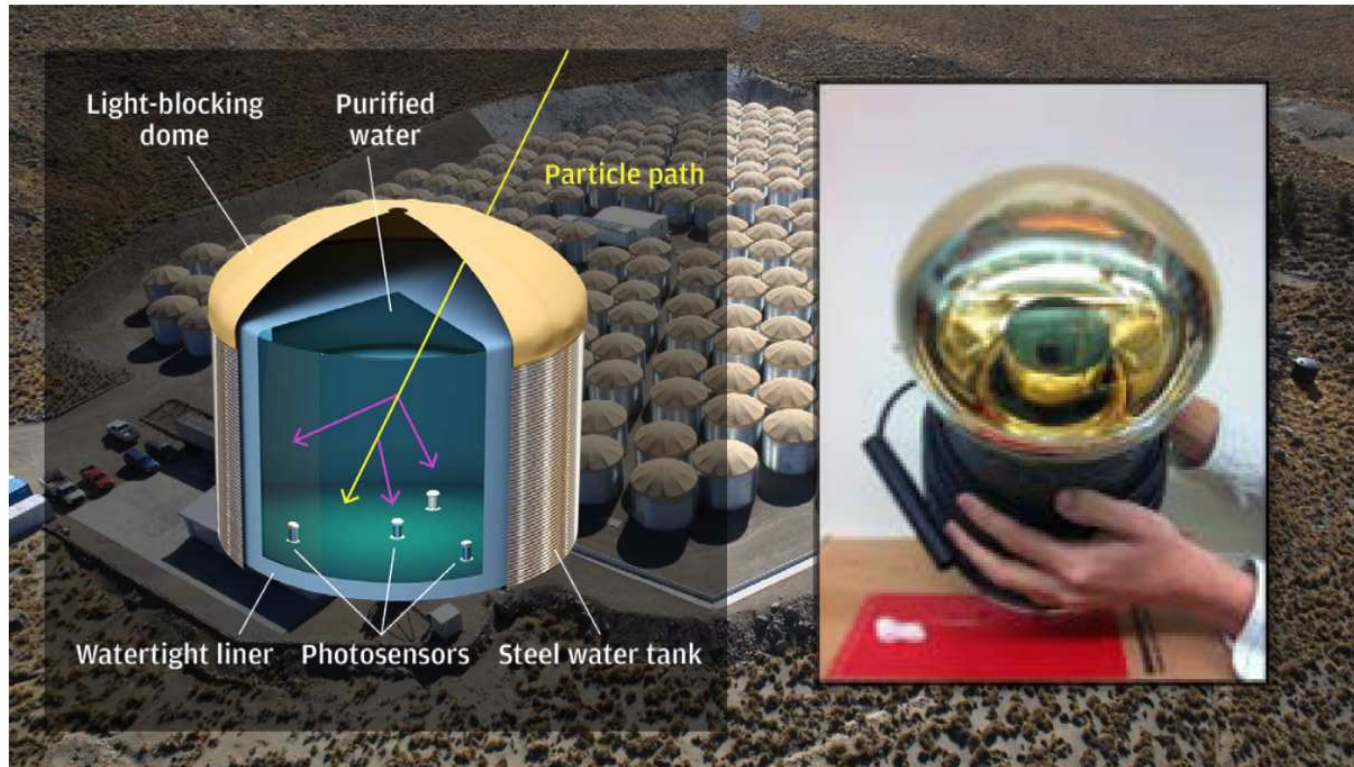


- 300 close-packed optically isolated water Cherenkov detectors
- Construction began early 2012
- Full detector inaugurated March 2015

# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

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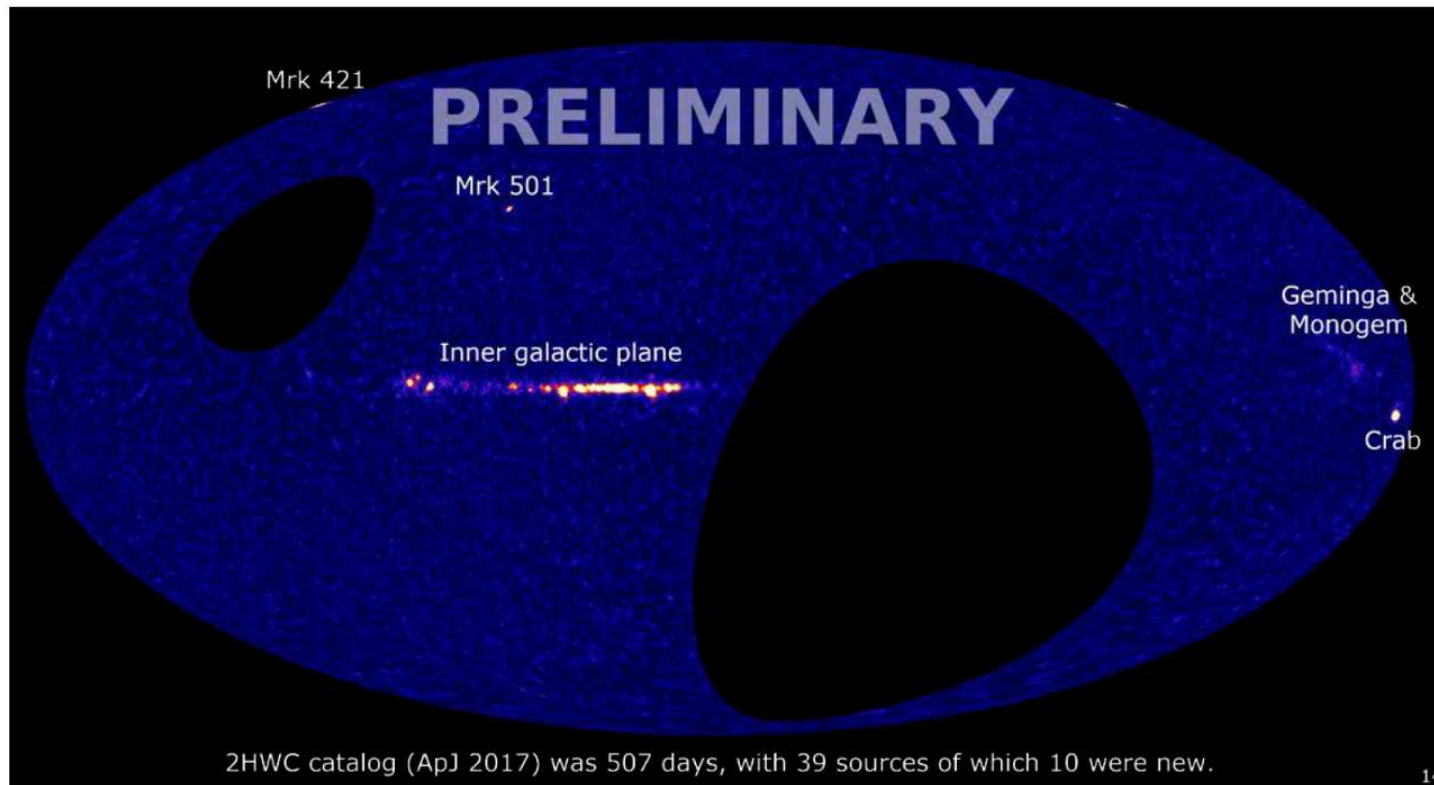




# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be scintillators or **water tanks** (or both): HAWC



$E=[10 - >1000]$  TeV  
PSF  $\sim 0.2-0.7^\circ$   
Aperture  $> 2$  sr  
Duty Cycle  $\sim 90\%$



# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be scintillators or water tanks (or both) : **LHAASO**



Threshold (LHAASO/4410 m)  $\sim 30$  TeV

$\sim 1200$  muon detectors

0 scintillator counters

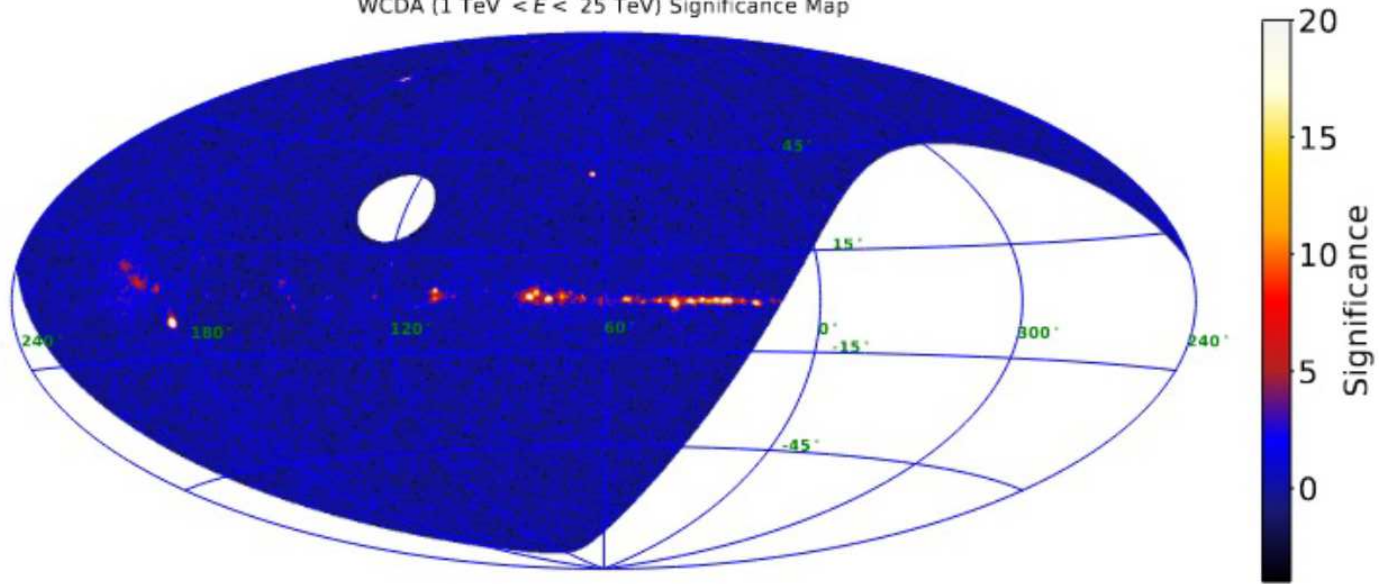
- + 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> water Cherenkov
- + Cher/fluorescence telescopes

# The LHAASO experiment

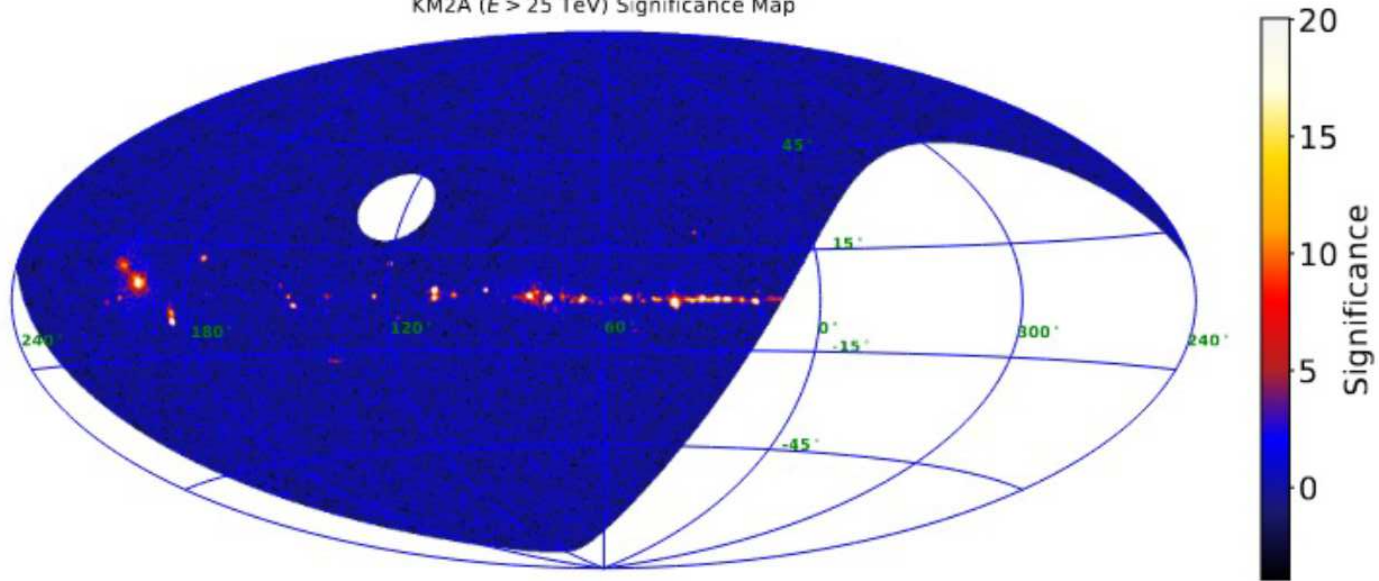
## Array of particle detectors

- Detectors sample the tail of atmospheric shower that reaches the ground:
  - 1 km<sup>2</sup> array (LHAASO-KM2A), including 5635 **scintillator detectors**, with 15 m spacing, for electromagnetic particle detection.
  - An overlapping 1 km<sup>2</sup> array of 1221, 36 m<sup>2</sup> **underground water Cherenkov tanks**, with 30 m spacing, **for muon detection** (total sensitive area 40,000 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - A close-packed, **surface water Cherenkov detector** facility with a total area of 90,000 m<sup>2</sup> (LHAASO-WCDA), four times that of HAWC
  - 24 **wide field-of-view air Cherenkov** (and fluorescence) telescopes (LHAASO-WFCTA).
  - 452 **close-packed burst detectors**, located near the centre of the array, for detection of high energy secondary particles in the shower core region (LHAASO-SCDA).

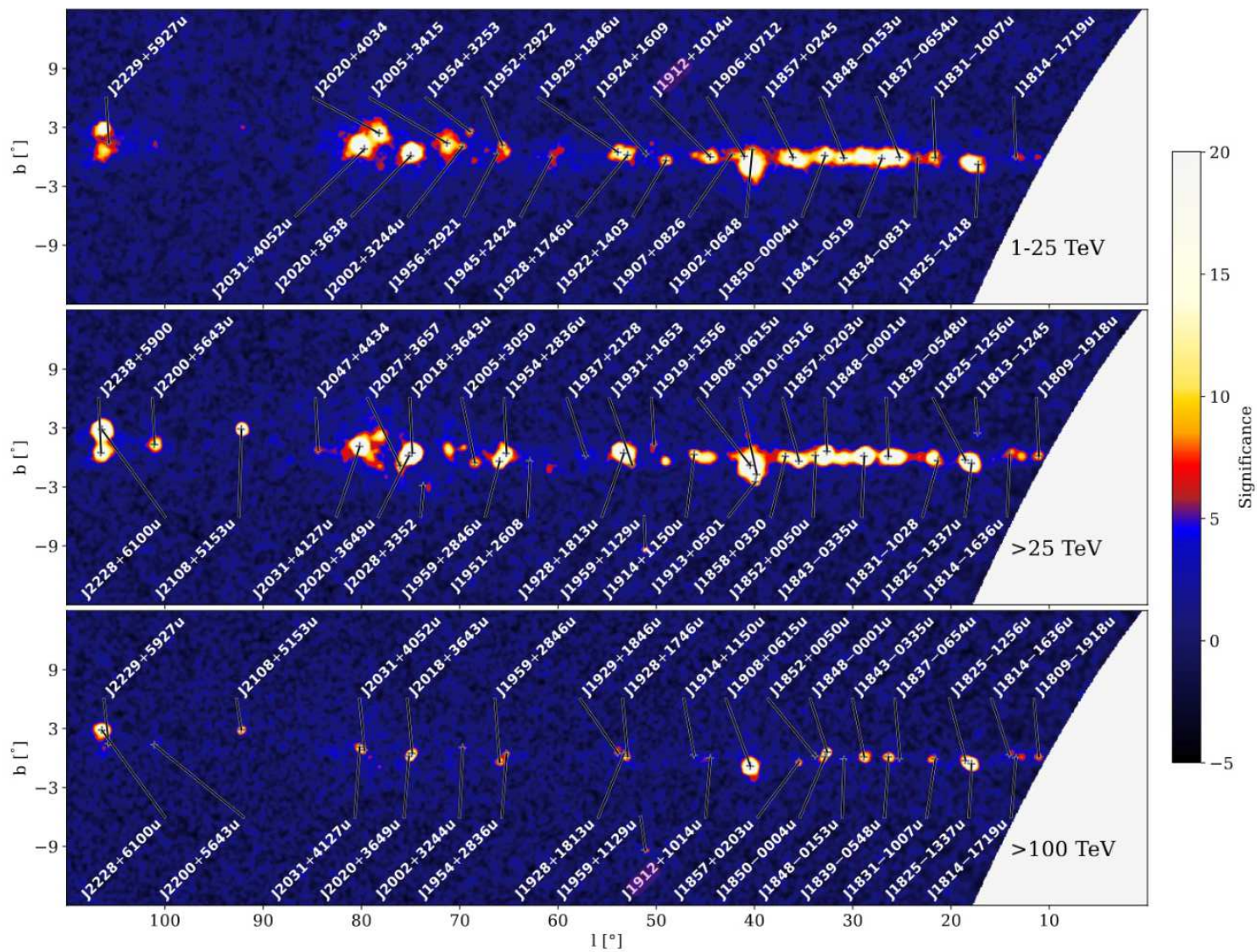
WCDA ( $1 \text{ TeV} < E < 25 \text{ TeV}$ ) Significance Map



KM2A ( $E > 25 \text{ TeV}$ ) Significance Map





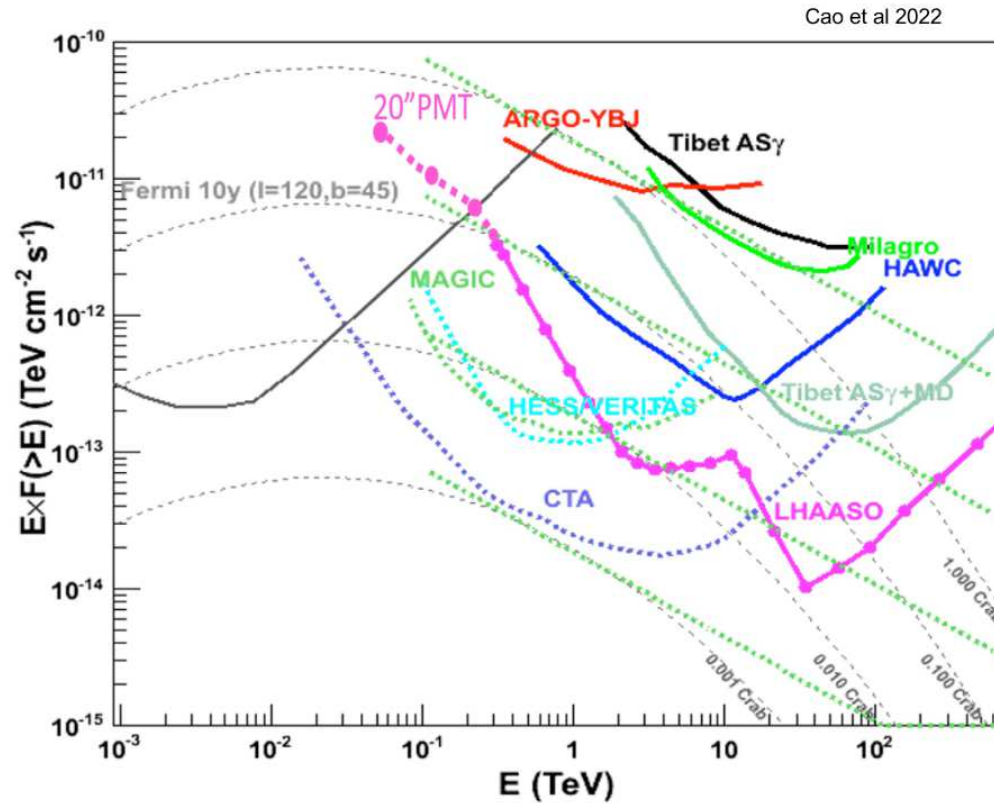




# Gamma-ray detection

## Arrays of particle detectors

- Particle detectors can be scintillators or water tanks (or **both**) : **LHAASO**

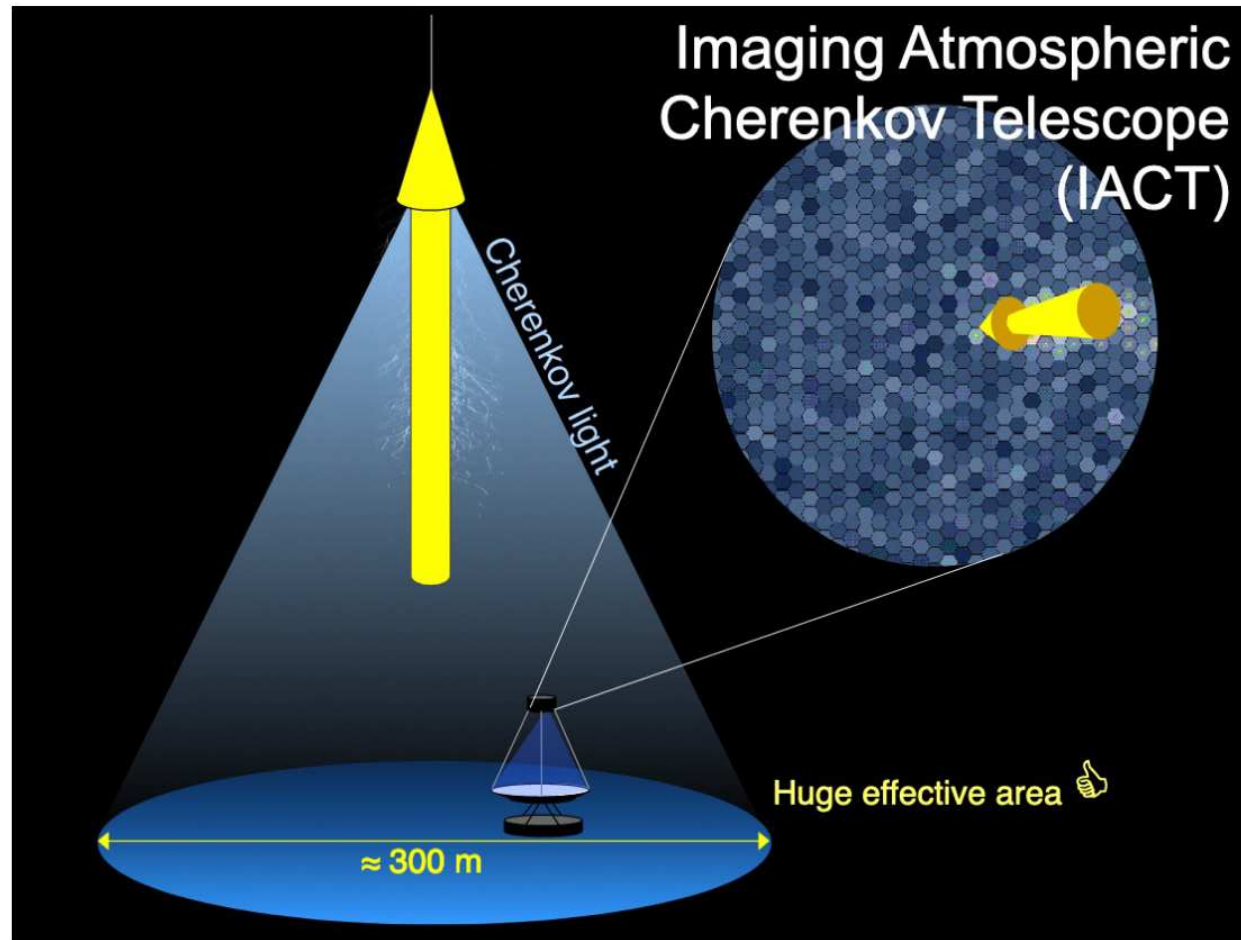


- Extremely sensitivity above 100 TeV
- Opening a new window in gamma-ray observations

- Even on top of the highest mountains, the number of particles reaching the ground for showers initiated by  $\gamma$ 's of  $E < \text{a few hundred GeV}$  is very small  $\Rightarrow$  a different technique is needed for  $\gamma$  astronomy, **other than the direct detection** of shower particles
- The atmospheric **Cherenkov light** from EAS can be used for this purpose
- Large photon collection areas are desirable (fainter showers  $\Rightarrow$  lower energy threshold)
- Caveat: low duty cycle  **$\approx 10\%$  (clear, dark nights)**

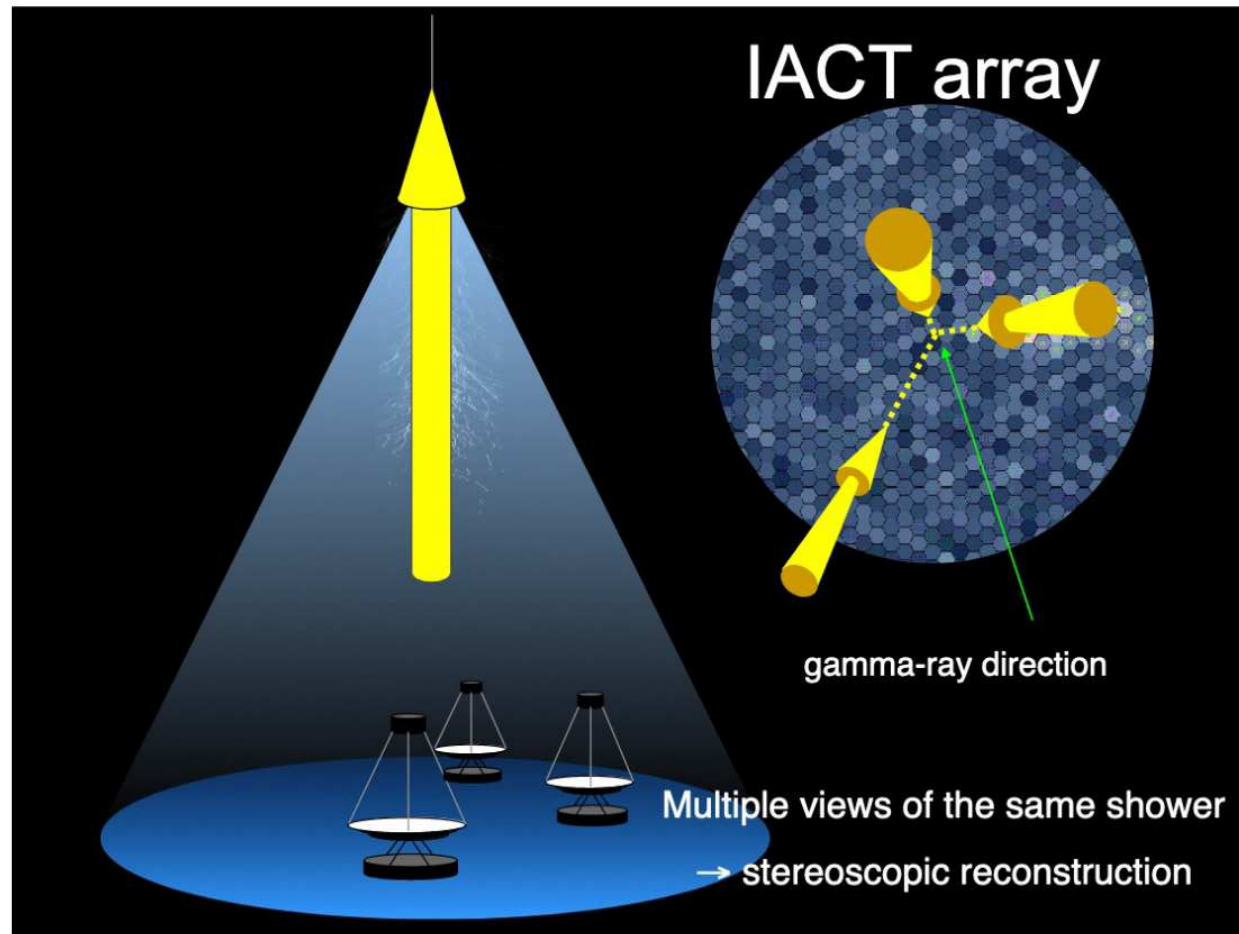
# Gamma-ray detection

## The Cherenkov Technique



# Gamma-ray detection

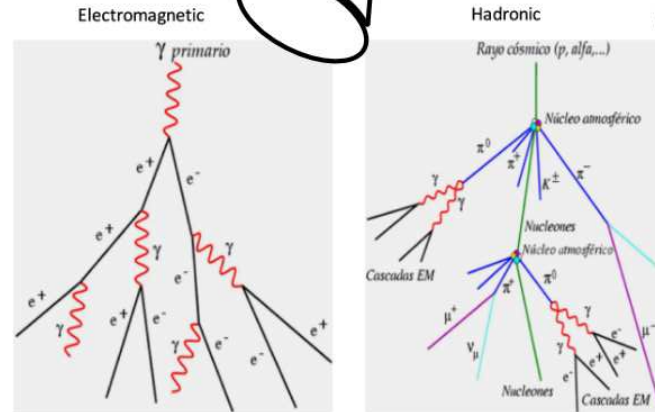
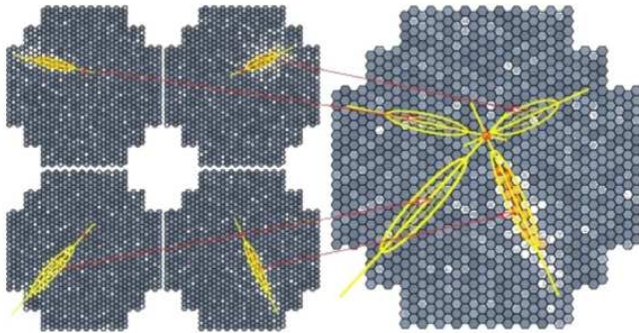
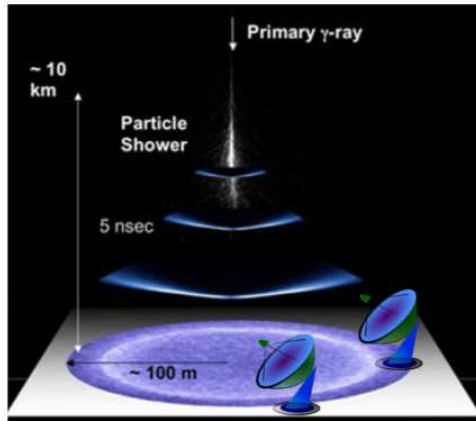
## The Cherenkov Technique





# The IACT Technique

## Detecting high energy photons

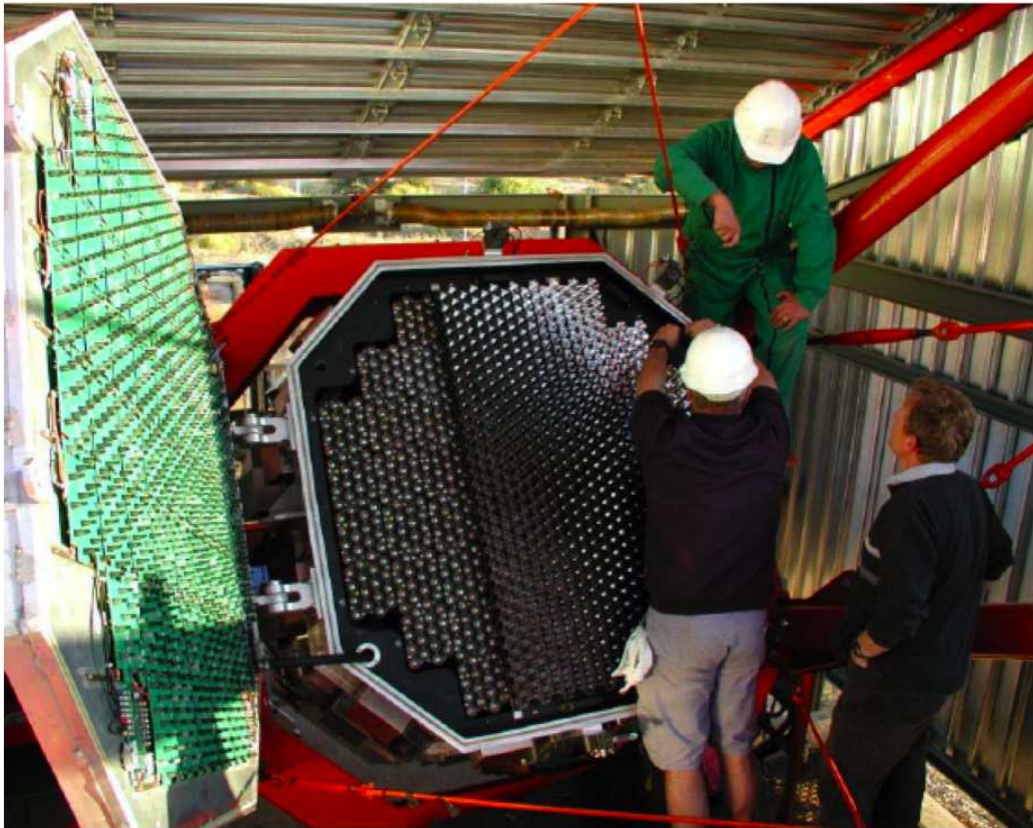


- From the shape  $\Rightarrow$  gamma/hadron separation
- From the axis  $\Rightarrow$  arrival direction / angular resolution
- From the 'size'  $\Rightarrow$  light / energy resolution

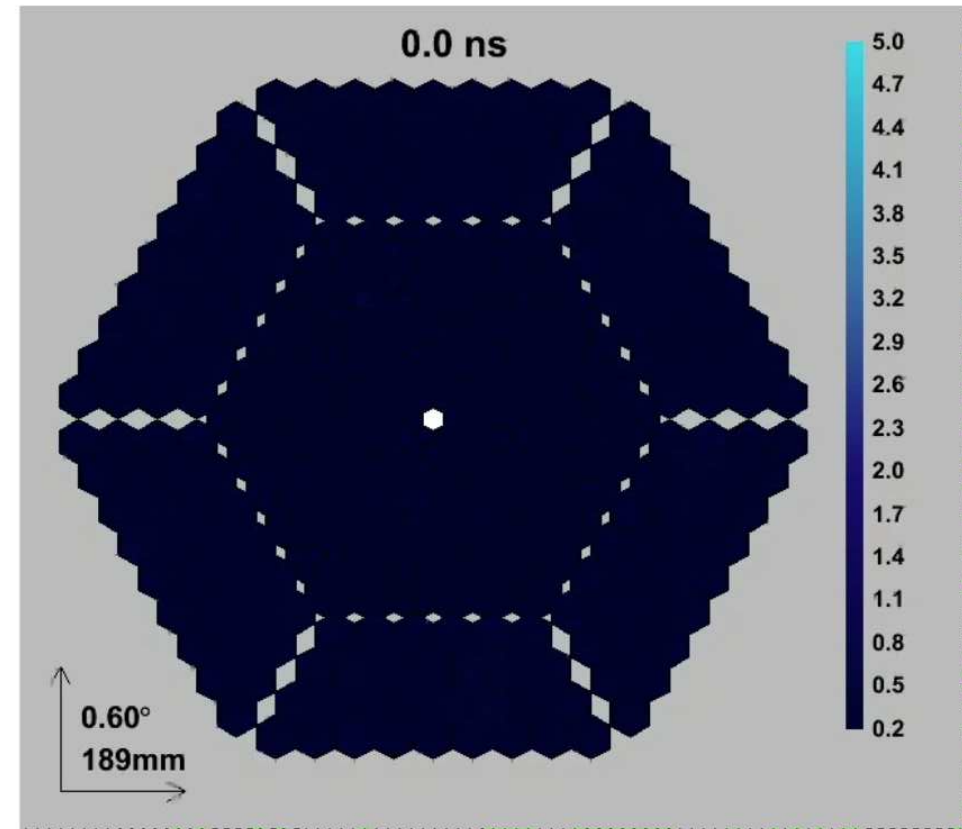
# Gamma-ray detection

## The Cherenkov Technique

HESS Camera



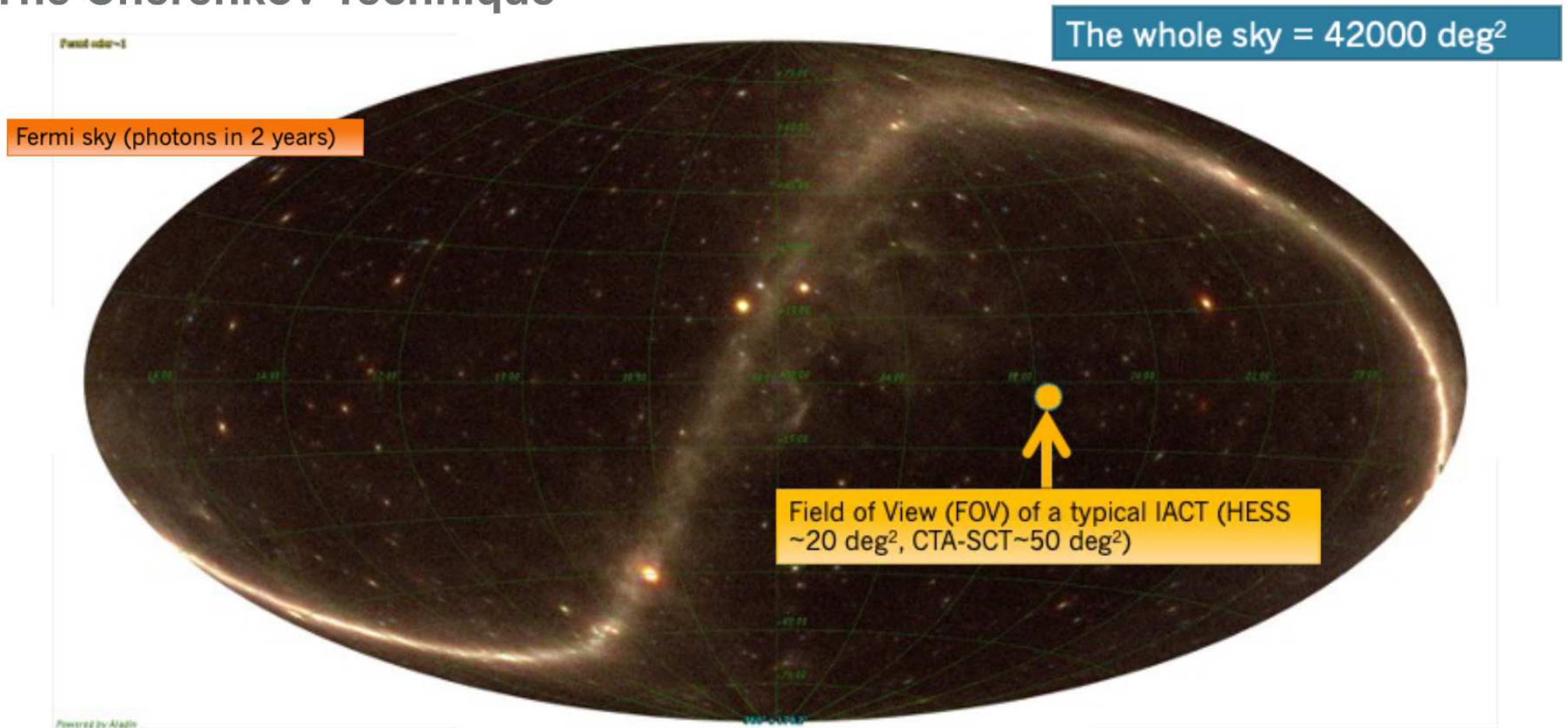
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# Gamma-ray detection

## The Cherenkov Technique



# H.E.S.S. (Namibia)

4 x 108 m<sup>2</sup> (since 2003)

1 x 614 m<sup>2</sup> (since 2012)



# VERITAS (Arizona)

4 x 110 m<sup>2</sup> (since 2007)



# MAGIC (La Palma)

2 x 236 m<sup>2</sup> (since 2003 / 2009)



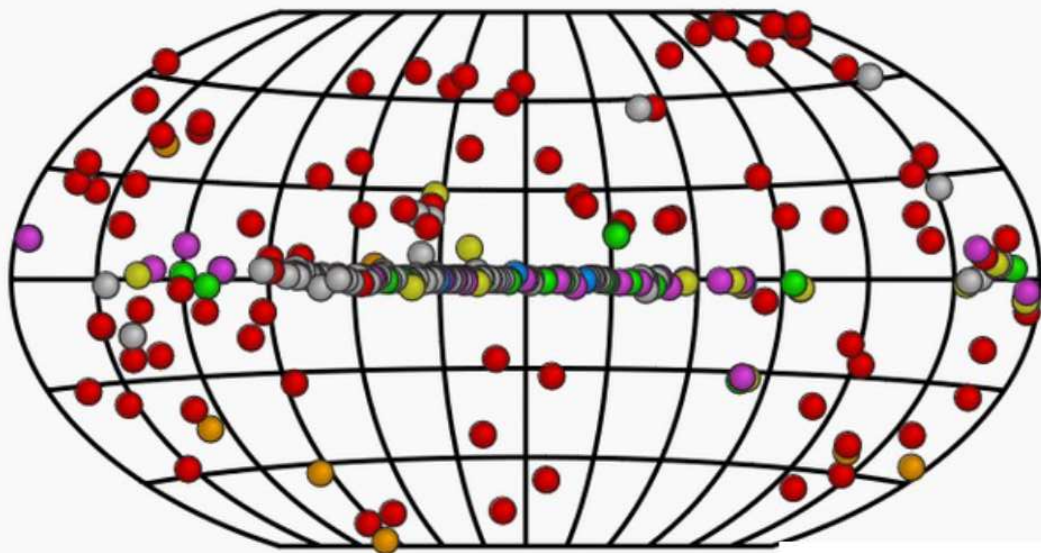
## Characteristics of current generation of IACT arrays:

- Energy threshold  $E_\gamma = 25$  to 100 GeV
- Point-source integral flux sensitivity:  $\sim 0.6\%$  of the Crab Nebula flux in 50 h (above 200 GeV, 100 times more sensitive than Fermi-LAT in 1 year)
- FoV: 3.5 - 5° diameter  $\Rightarrow$  *pointing* devices! (unlike e.g. Fermi or HAWC)
- Angular resolution  $< 0.1^\circ$
- Energy resolution  $\approx 10 - 15\%$

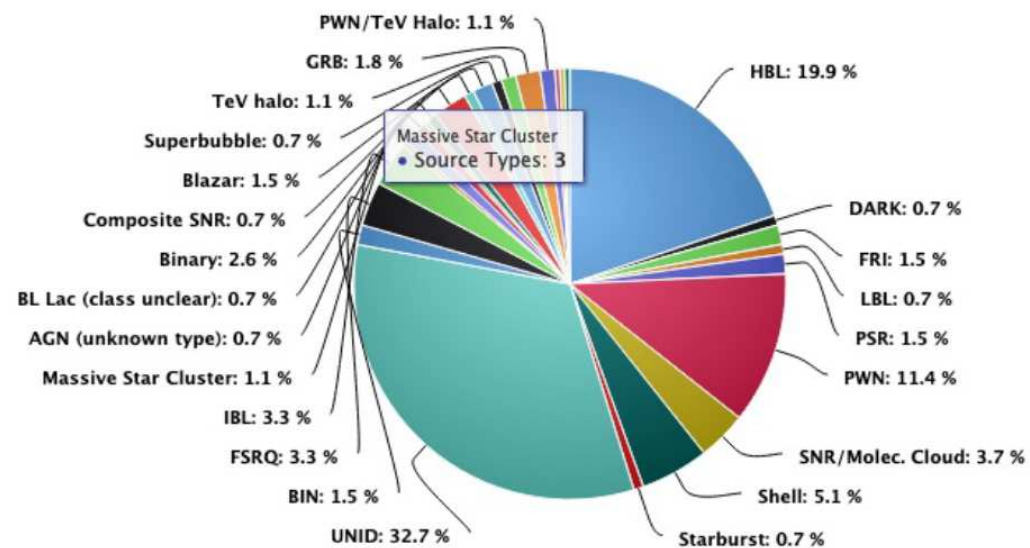
Near future: CTA, with 5 – 10 × better sensitivity





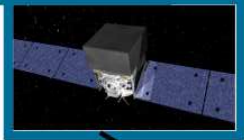
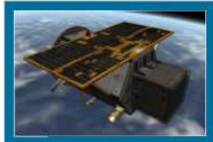


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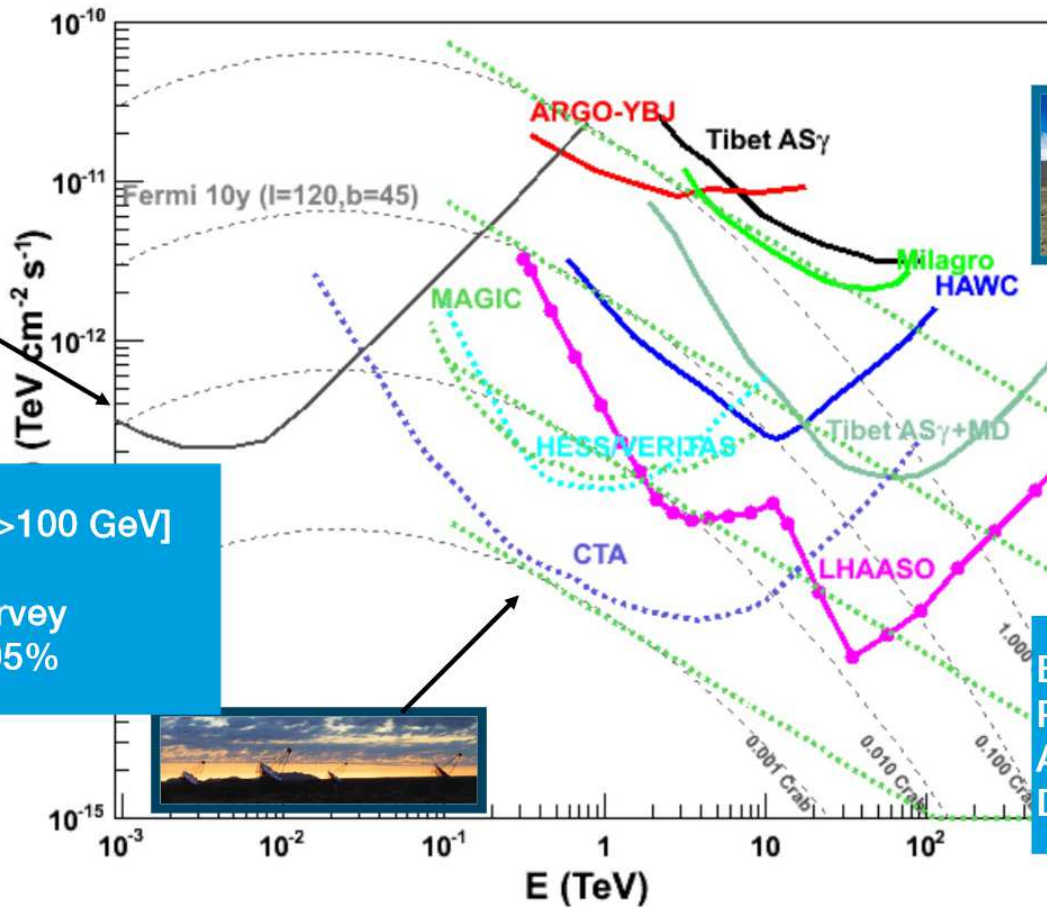
# Gamma-ray detection

## Pros and Cons



Satellites

$E=[100\text{MeV} - >100\text{ GeV}]$   
 PSF  $\sim 0.1\text{-}3^\circ$   
 Aperture  $> \text{survey}$   
 Duty Cycle  $\sim 95\%$



$E=[10 - >1000]\text{ TeV}$   
 PSF  $\sim 0.2\text{-}0.7^\circ$   
 Aperture  $> 2\text{ sr}$   
 Duty Cycle  $\sim 90\%$

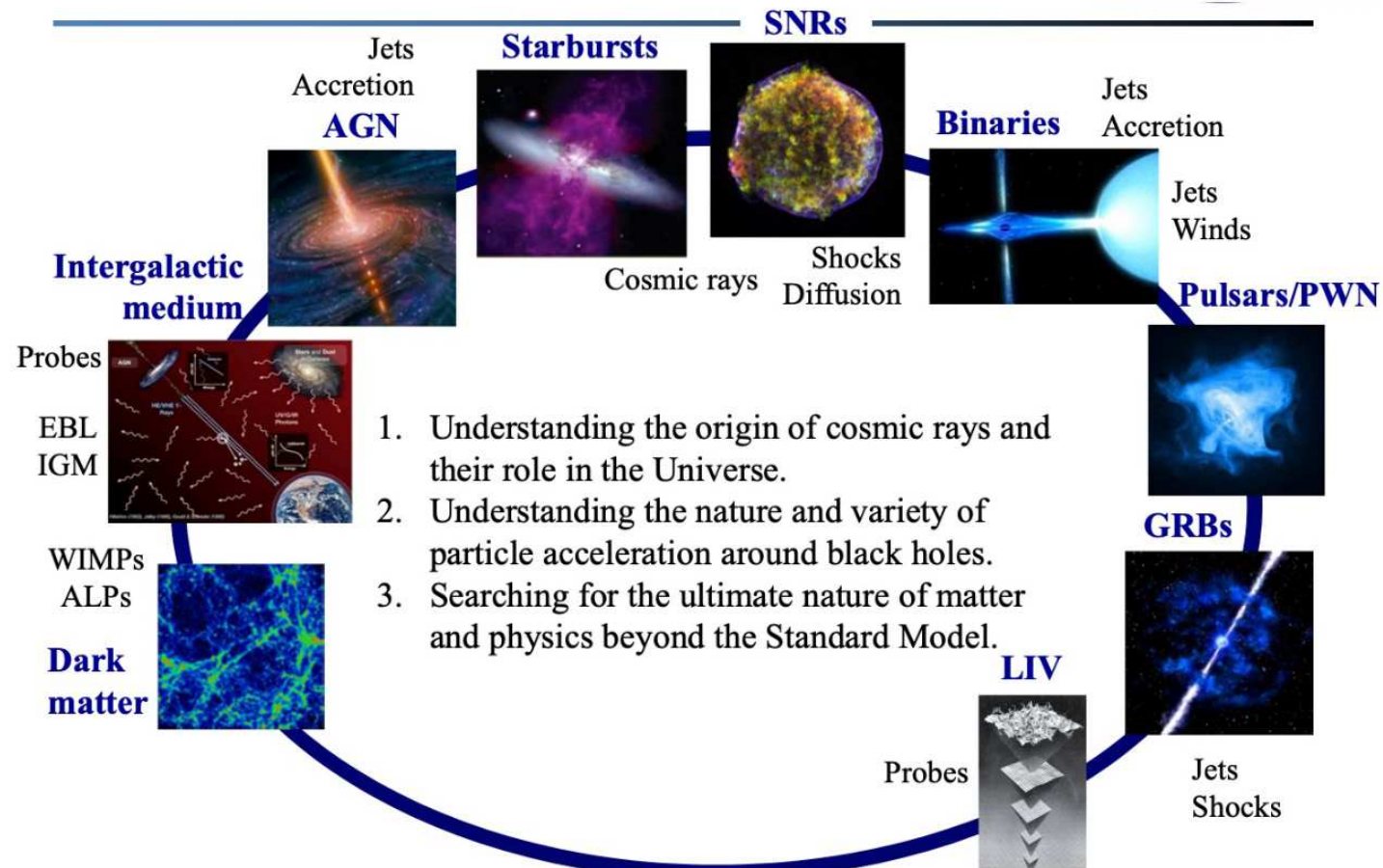


Particle Detectors

IACTs

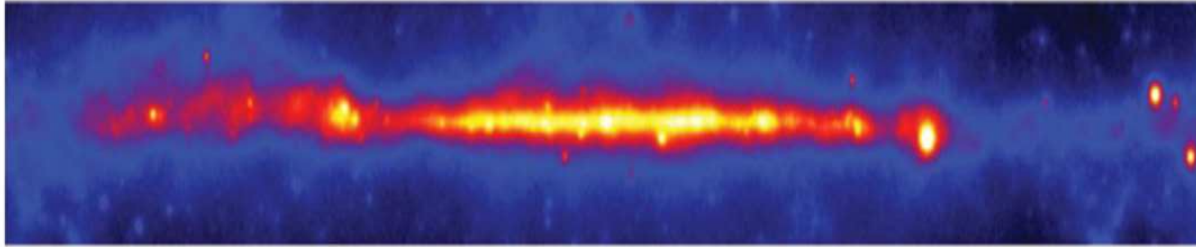
$E=[0.02 - 100]\text{ TeV}$   
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 Aperture  $\sim 0.003\text{ sr}$   
 Duty Cycle  $\sim 10\%$

# The Universe at high energies

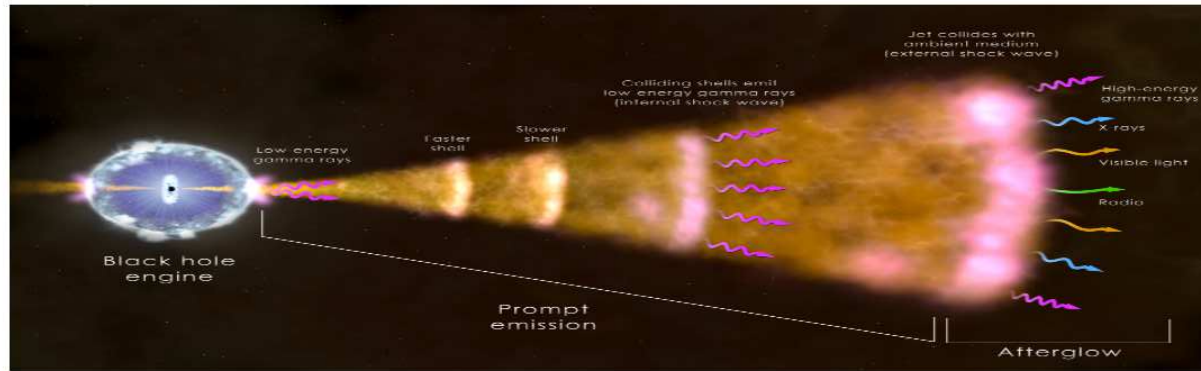


# The Universe at high energies

## 1. Surveys and the Particle acceleration in our Galaxy



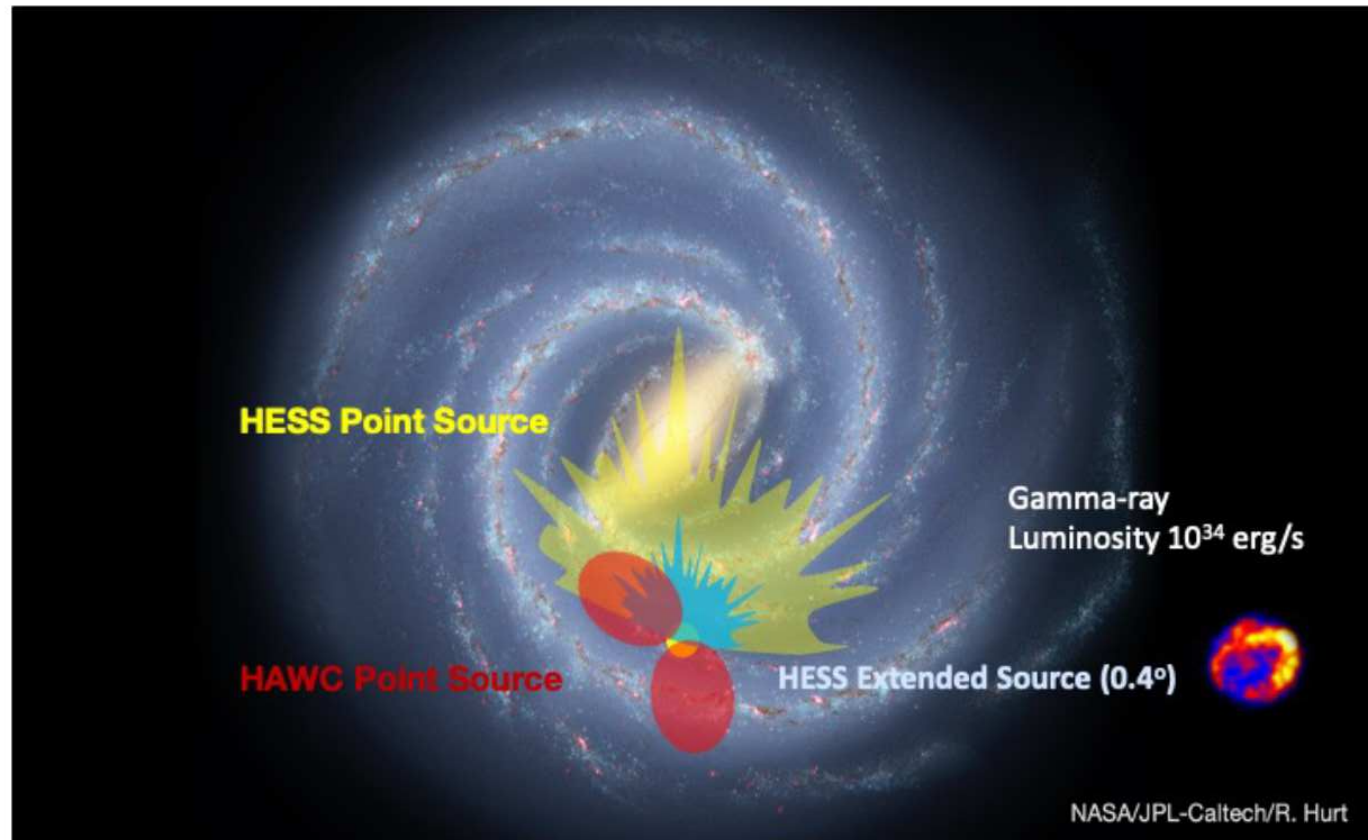
## 2. The transient extragalactic sky

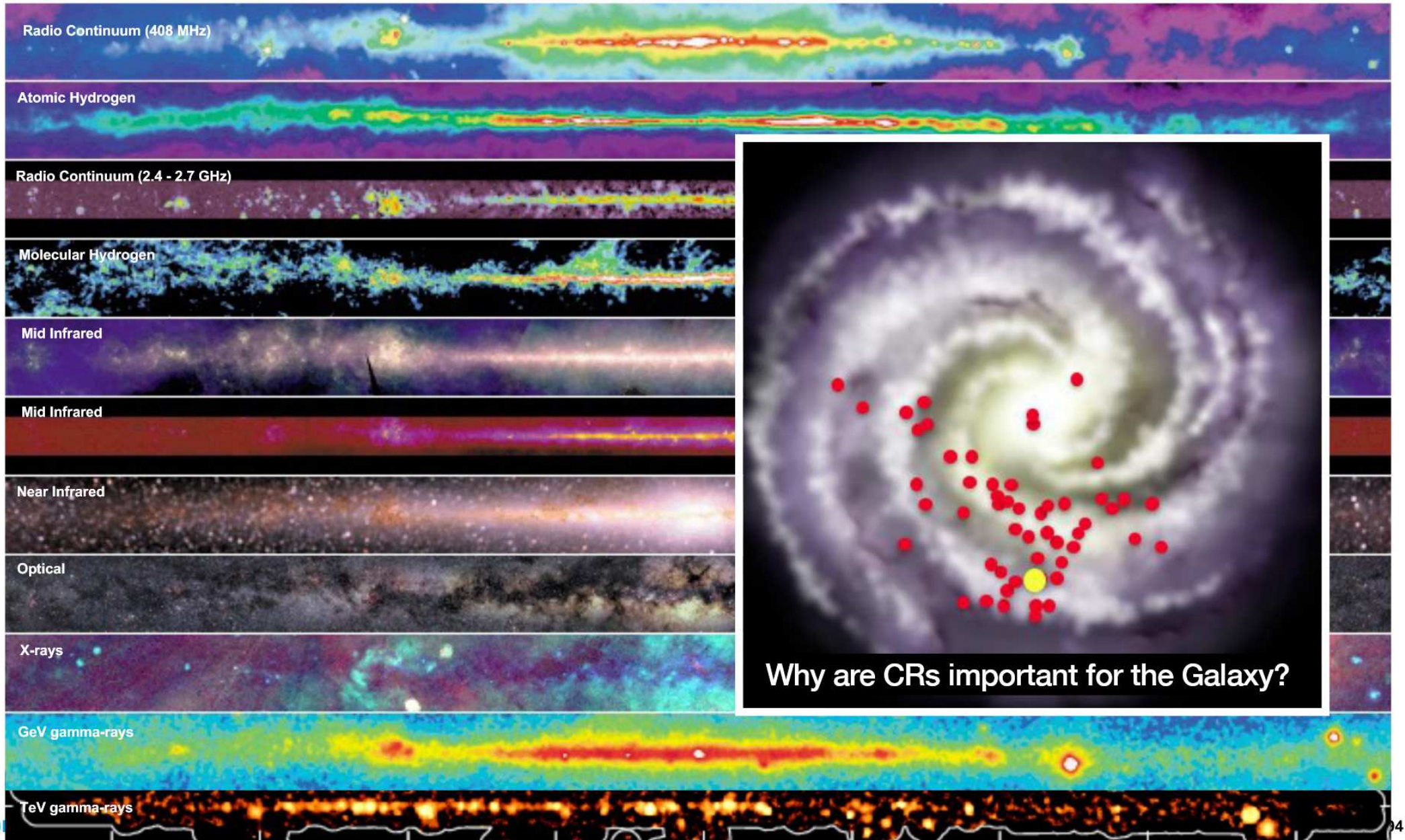




# Galactic Surveys

## Understanding particle acceleration in our Galaxy







# Galactic Surveys

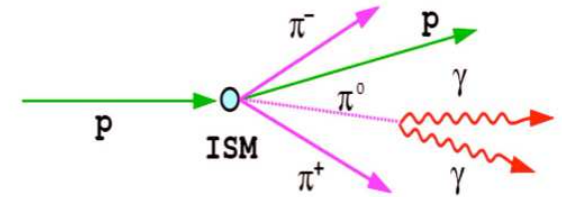
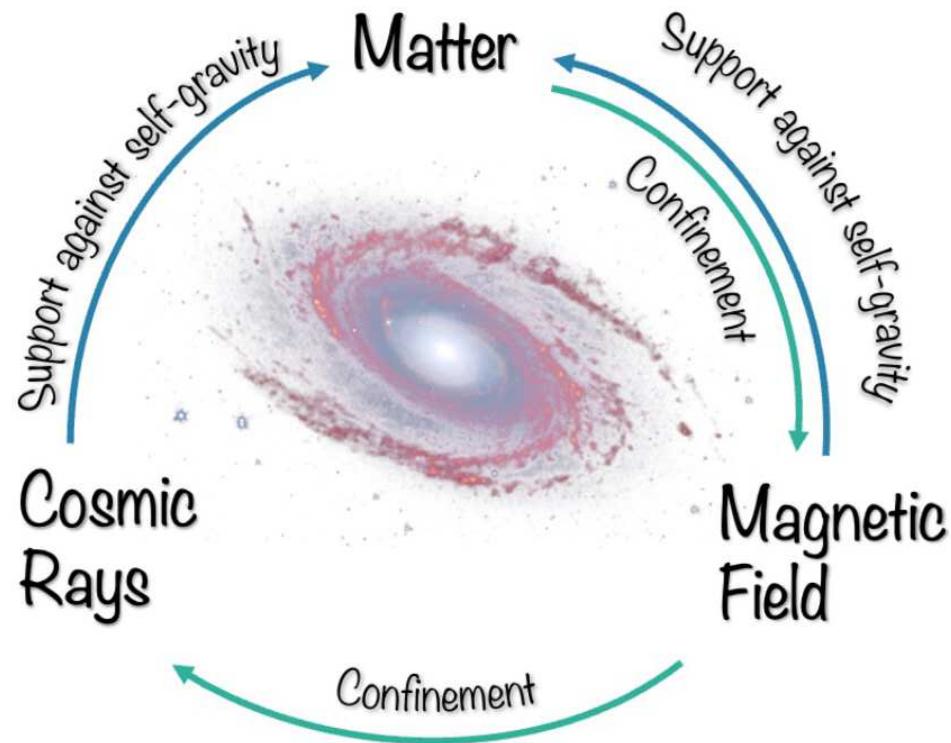
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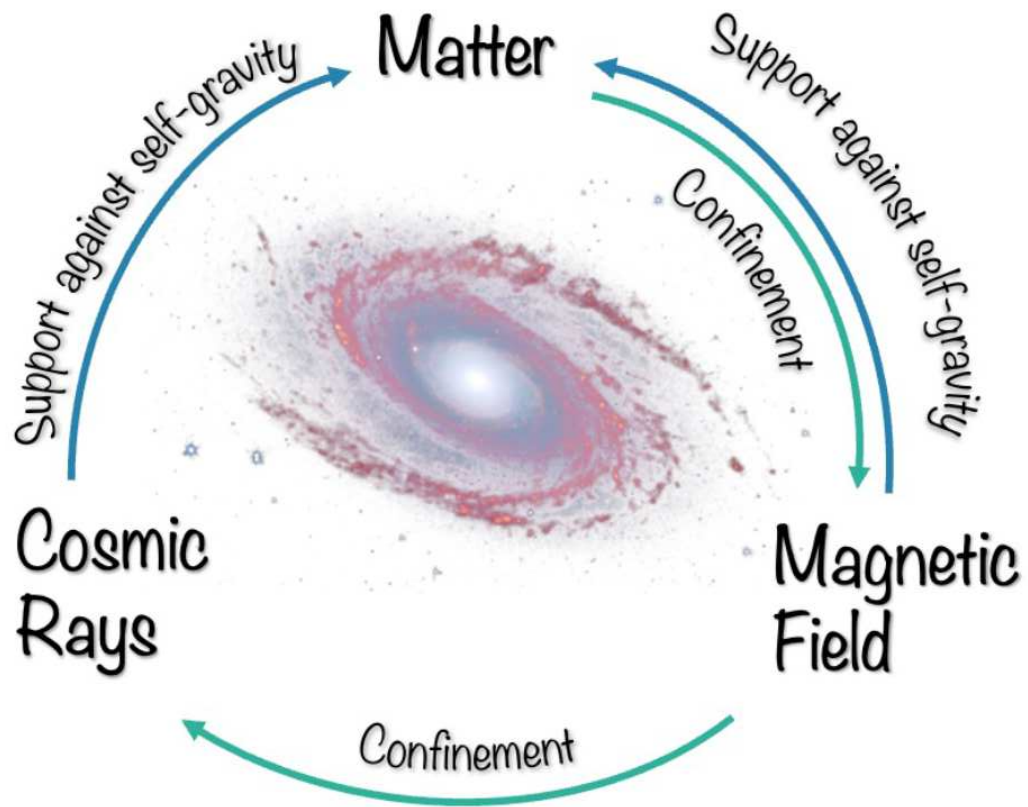
Dynamic balance processes triggers instabilities in the Galaxy structure

$$\omega_{\text{CR}} \sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$$

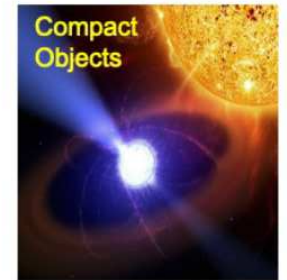
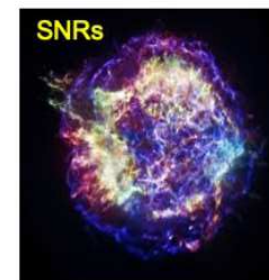
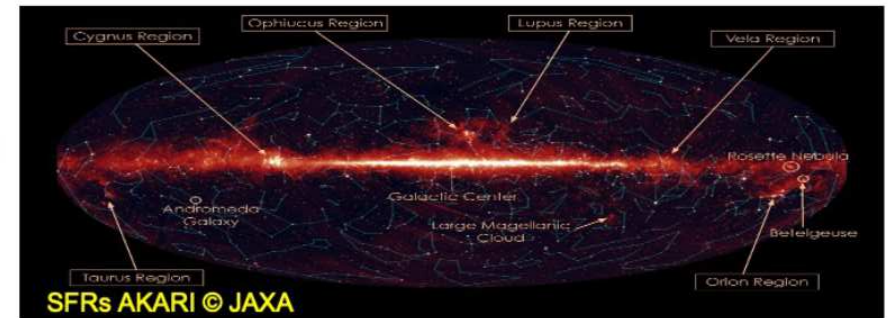
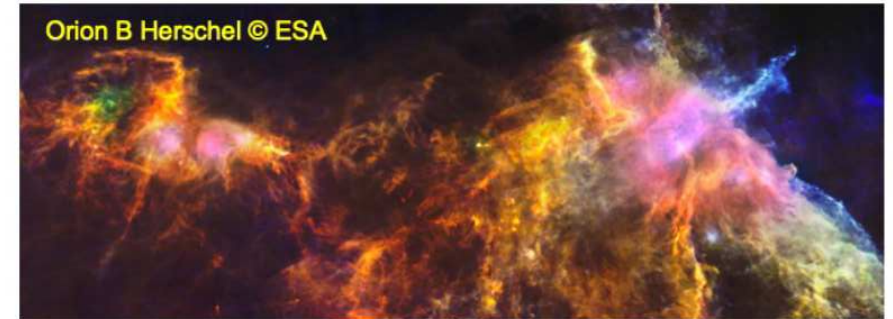
$$\omega_B = B^2/8\pi \sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$$

$$\omega_{\text{turb gas}} = \rho_{\text{gas}} v_{\text{turb}}^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$$





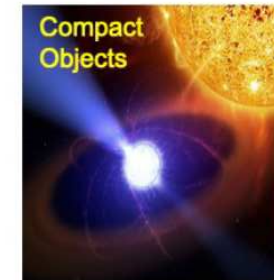
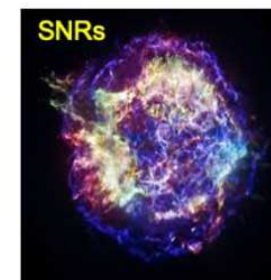
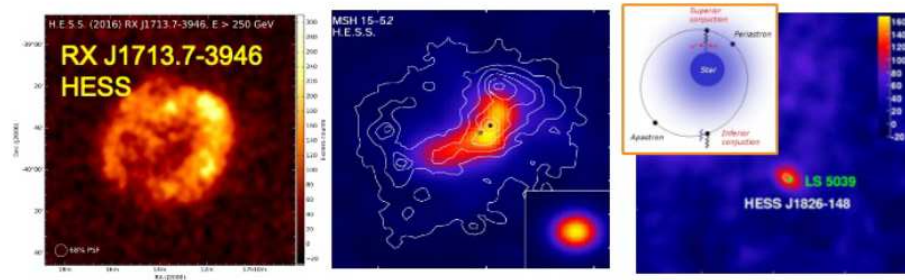
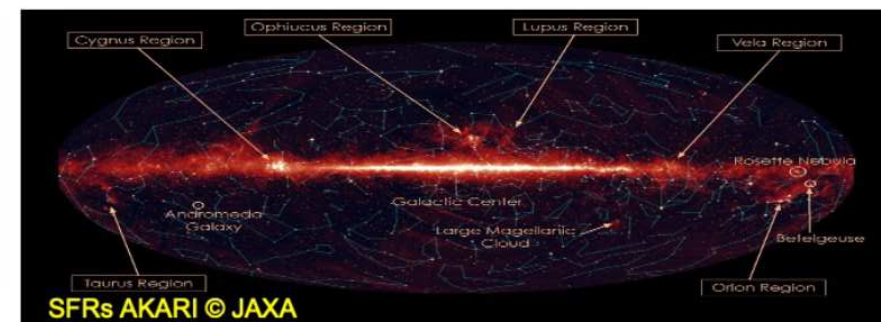
Dynamic  
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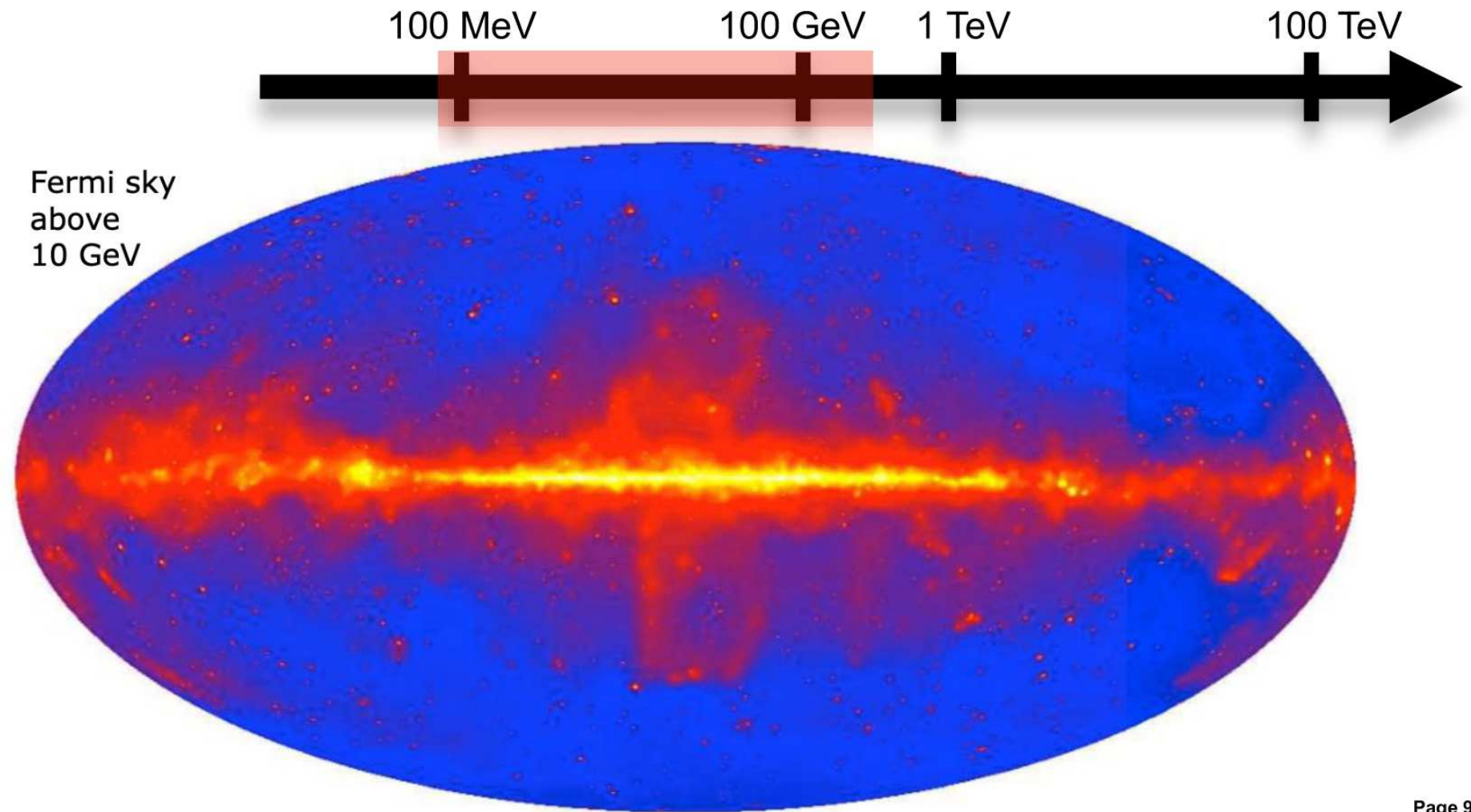




Gamma-ray



# Surveys and Galaxy structures

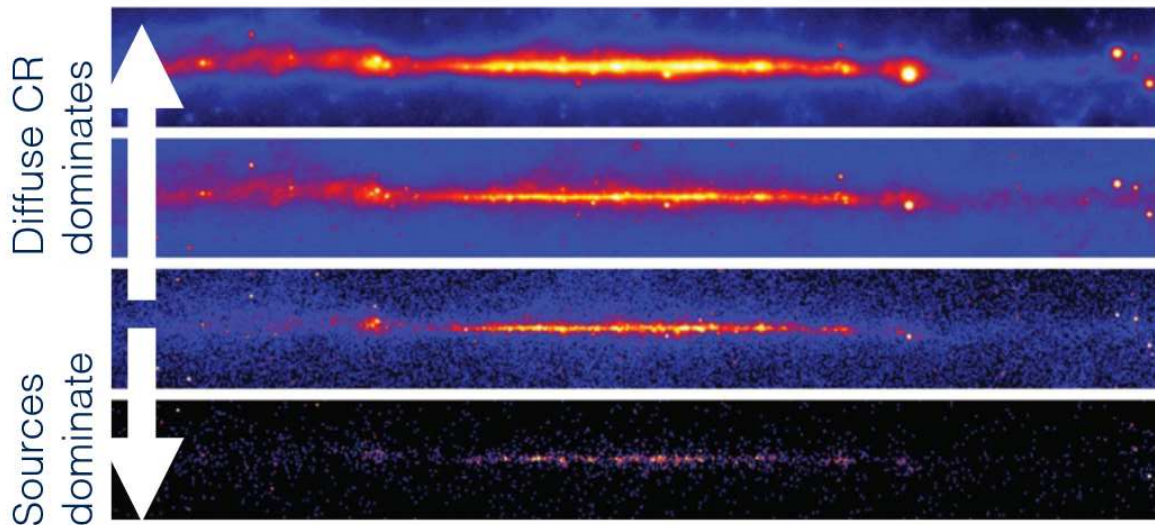




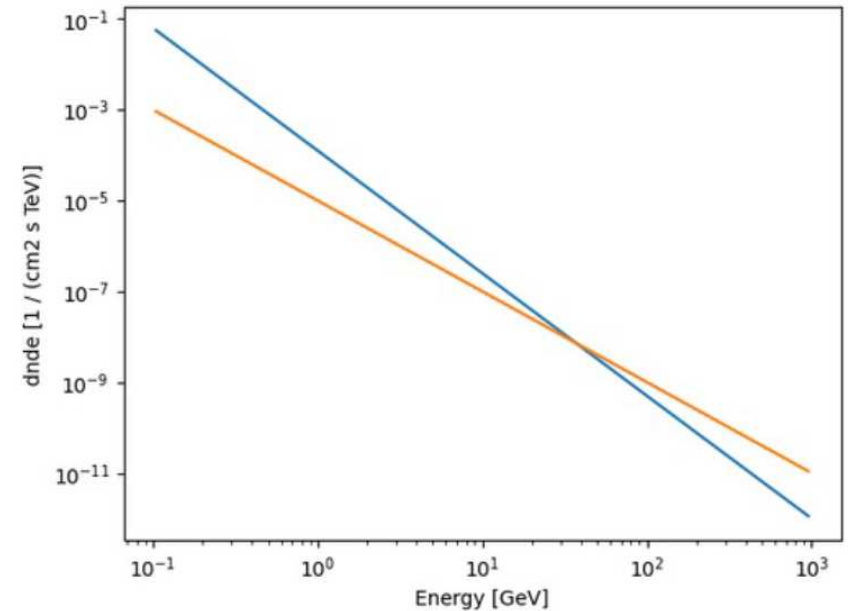
# Surveys and Galaxy structures

Mostly due to  $\pi^0$  production (and subsequent decay) in collisions of CRs with the interstellar medium

If gas density is known (HI: from 21 cm radio line; H<sub>2</sub> traced by CO: 2.6 mm rotational radio line),  
gamma-rays trace CR density



DESY

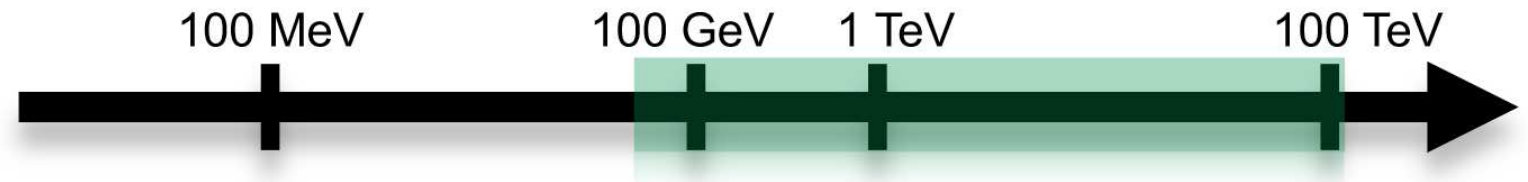




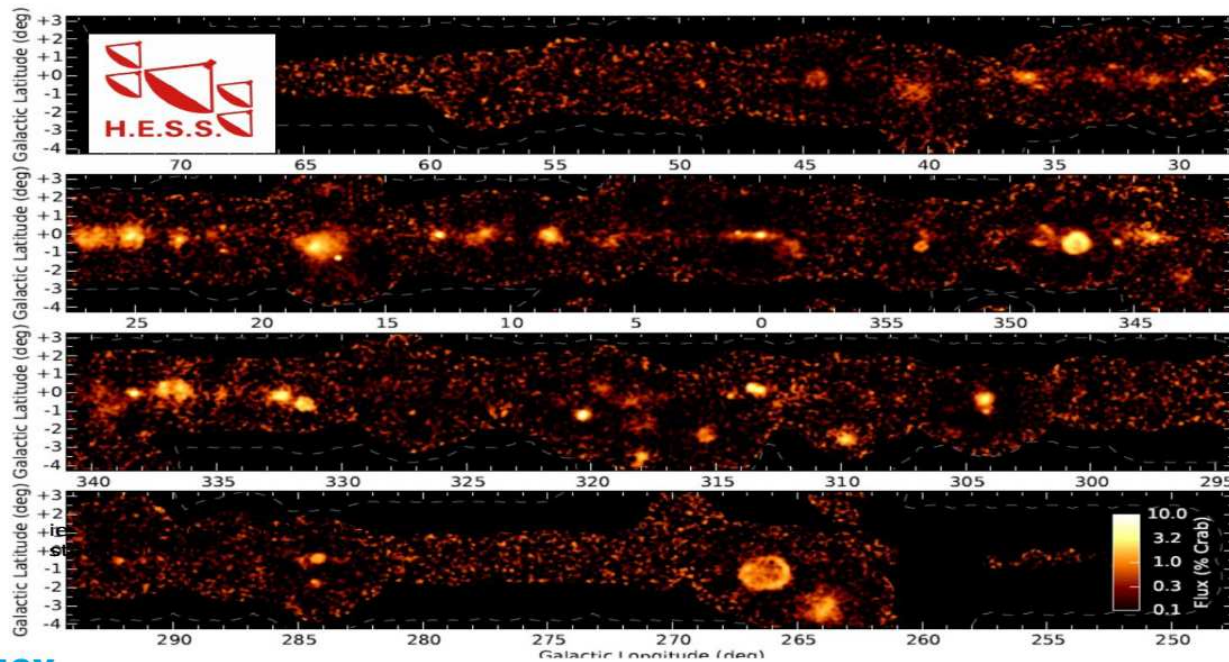


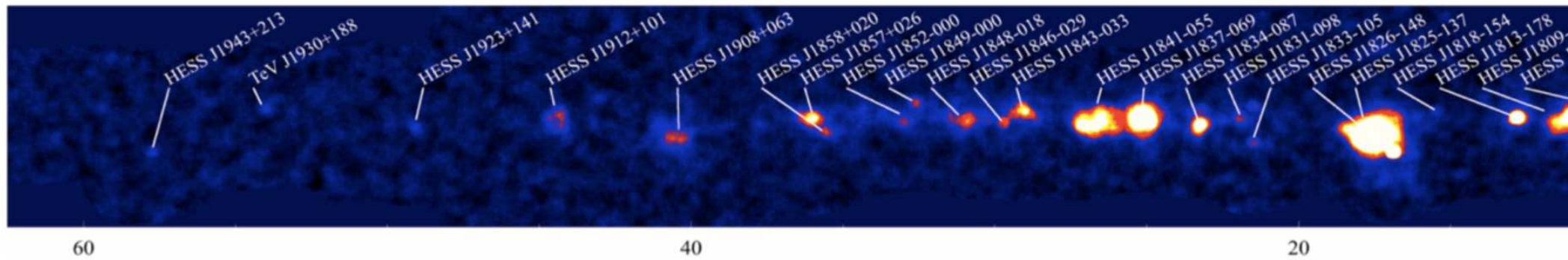
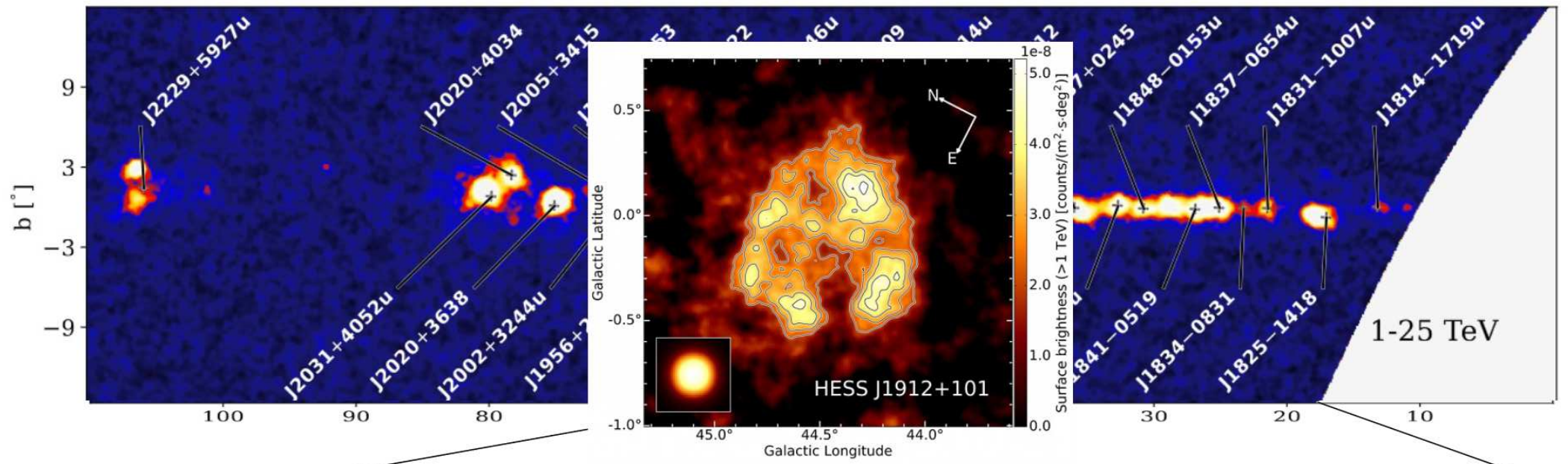
# The Galactic Plane in Gamma-rays

## H.E.S.S. Galactic Plane Survey (HGPS)

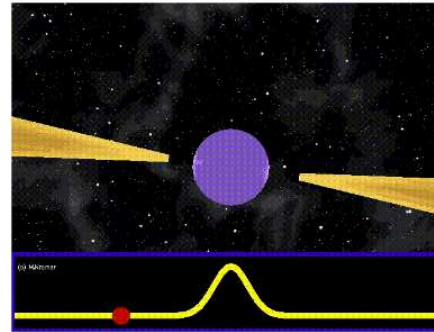


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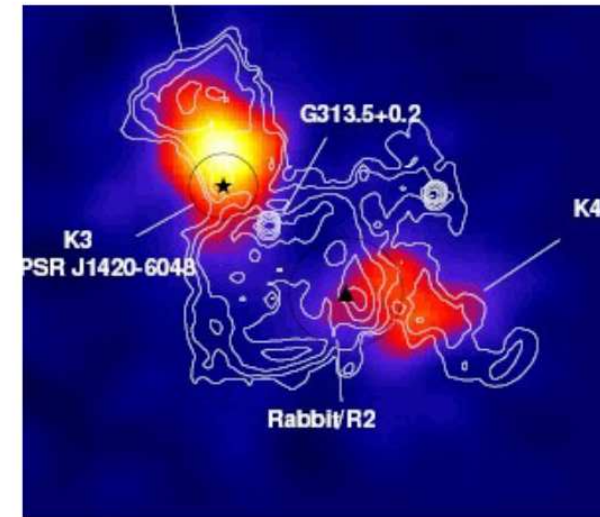




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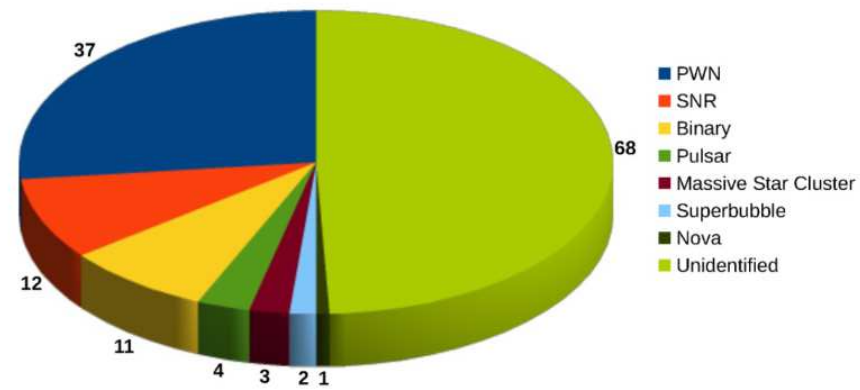


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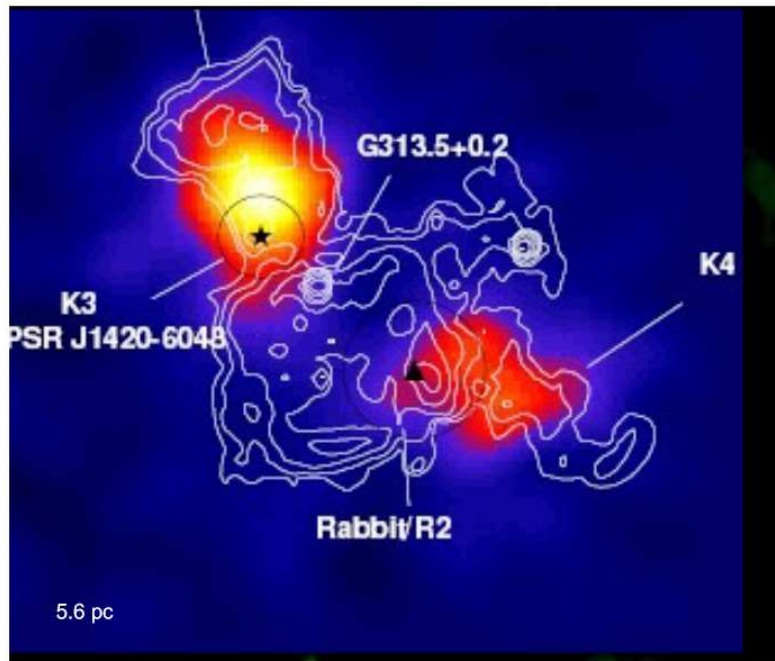
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Galactic Sources

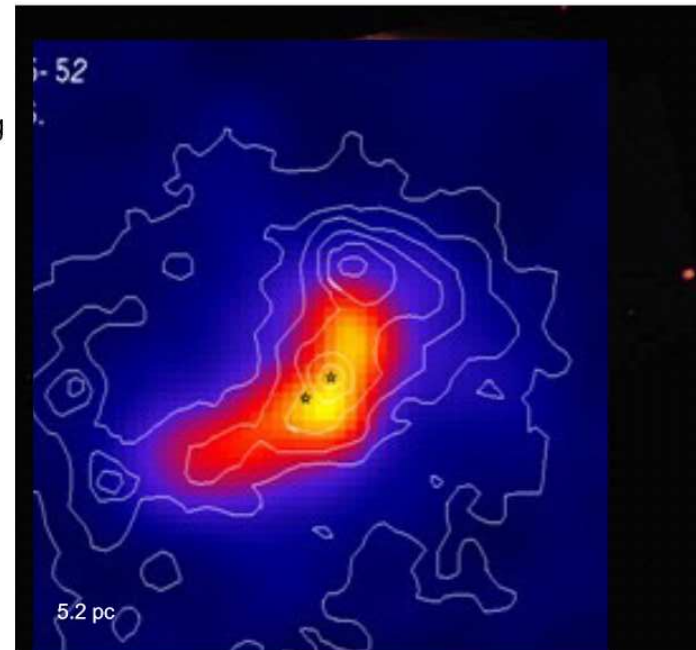




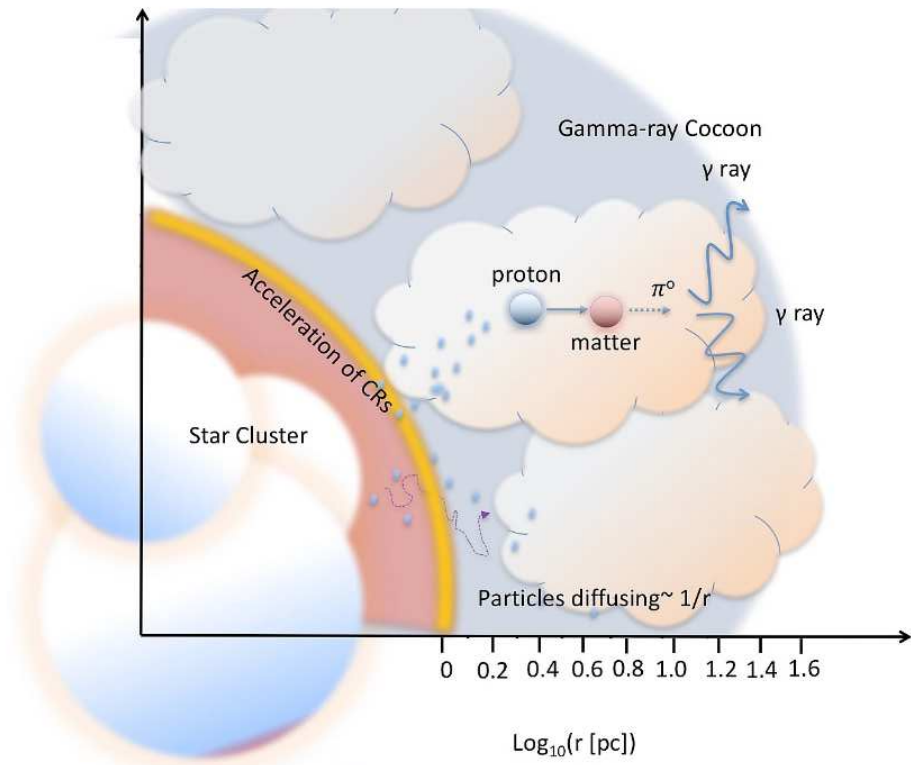
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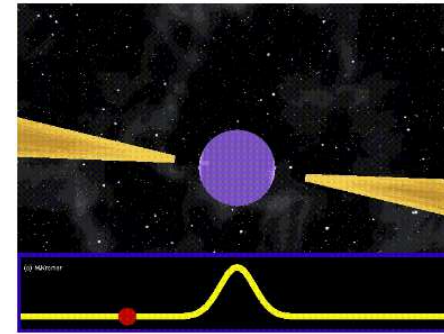
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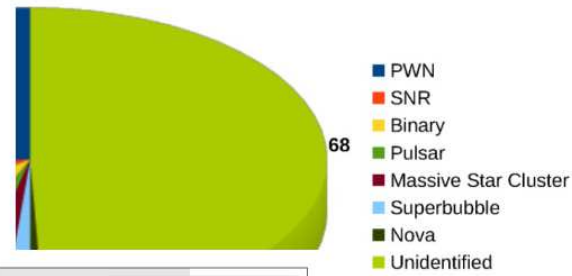




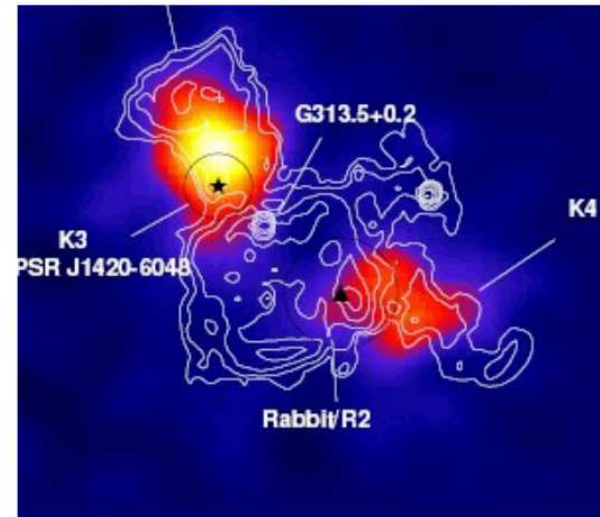
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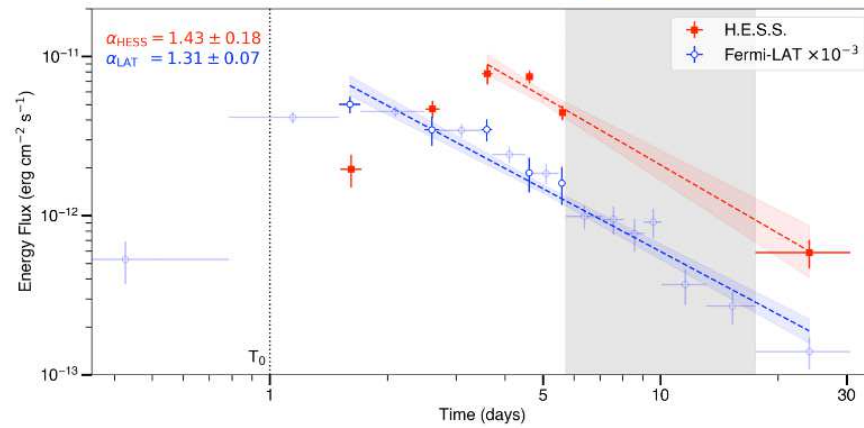
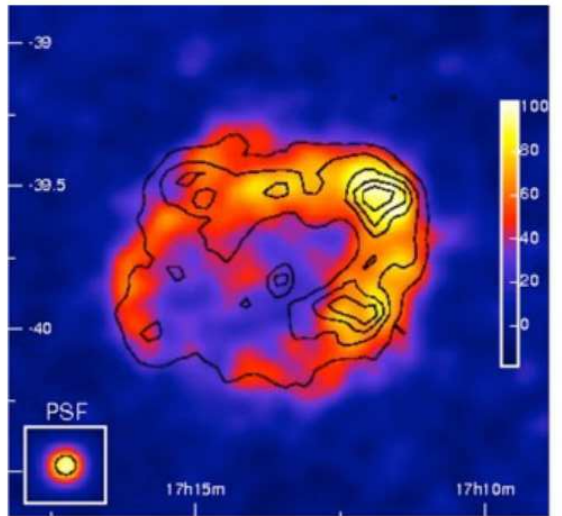
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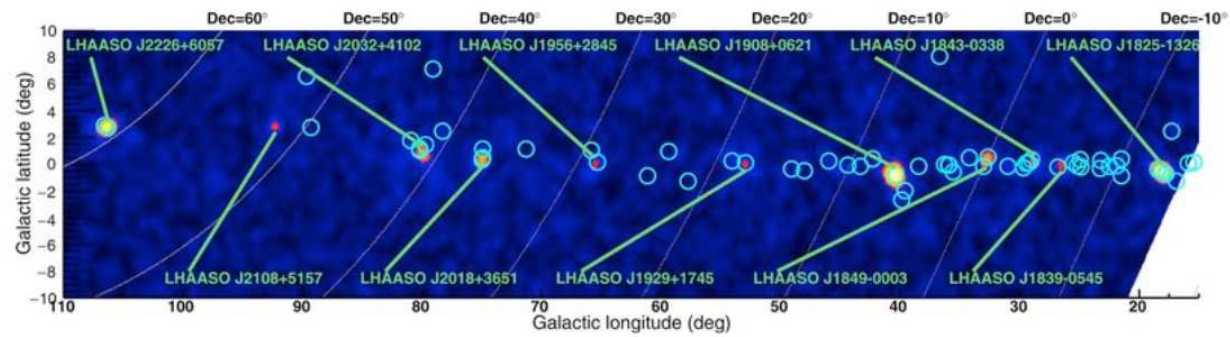
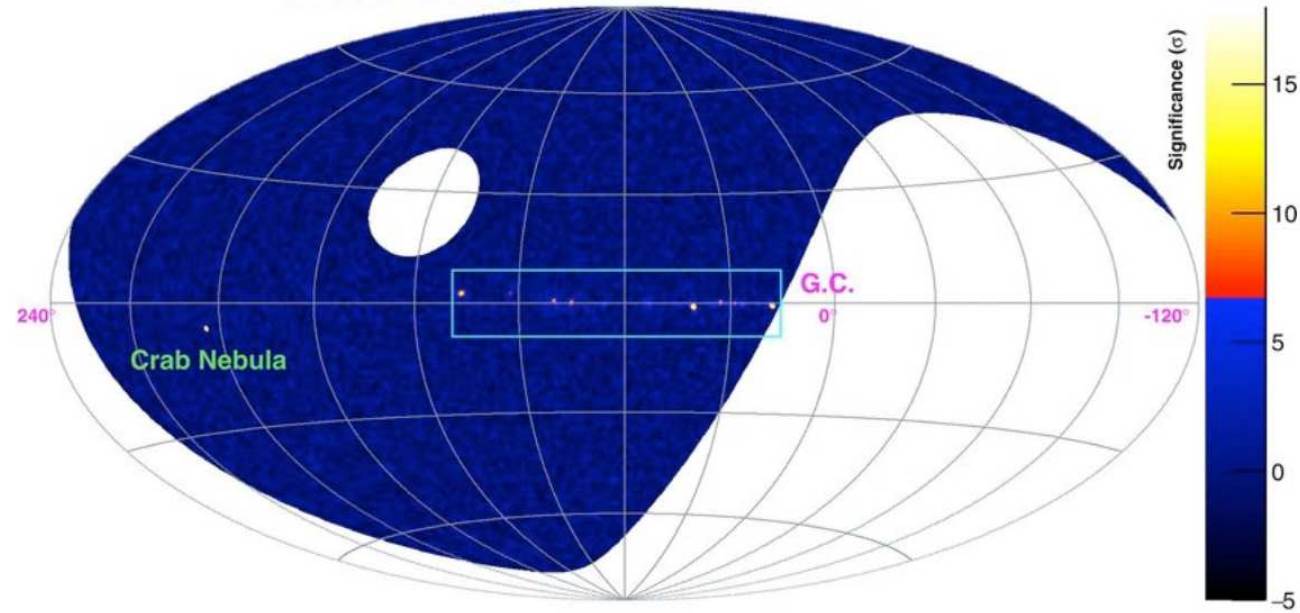


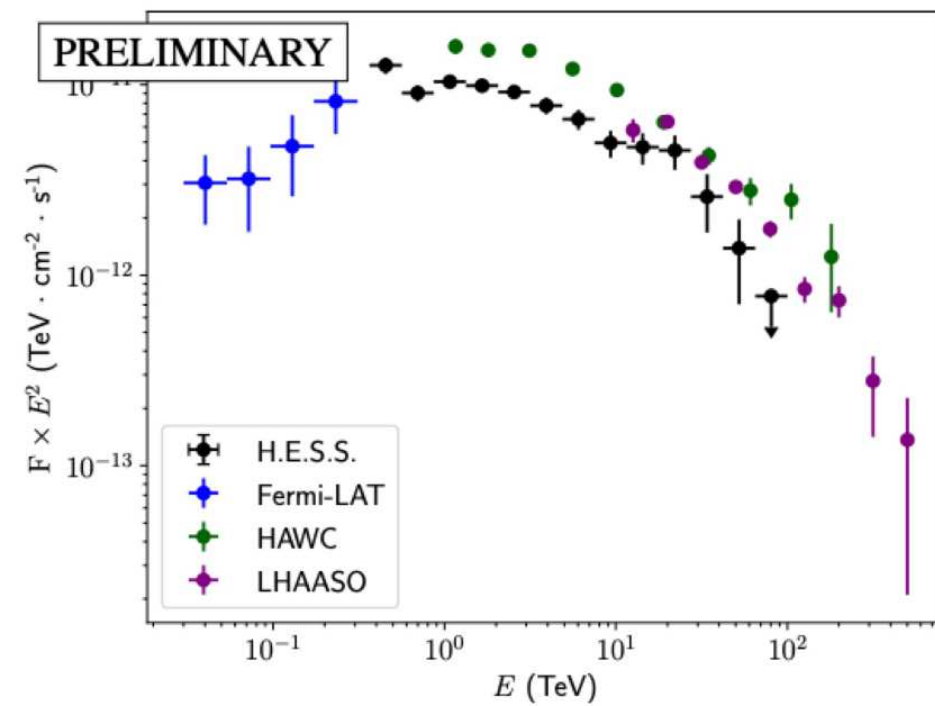
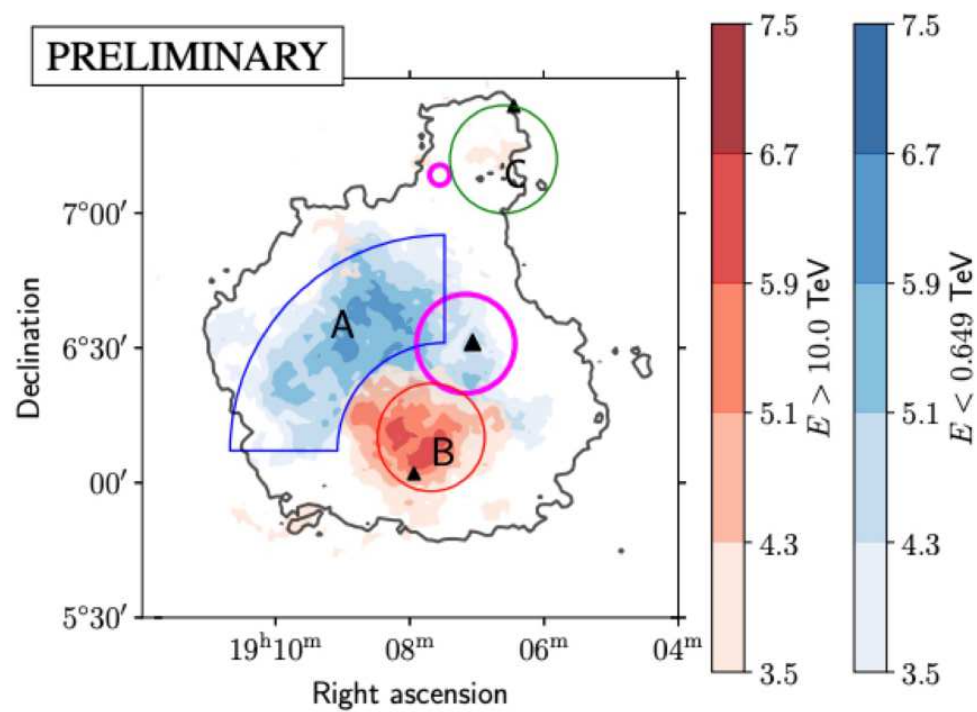
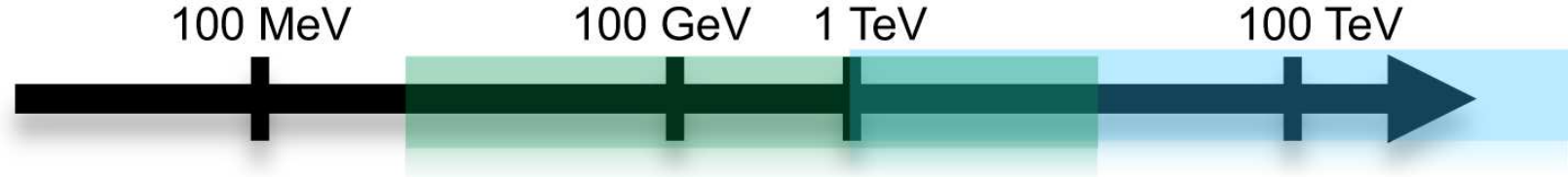
Supernova Remnants





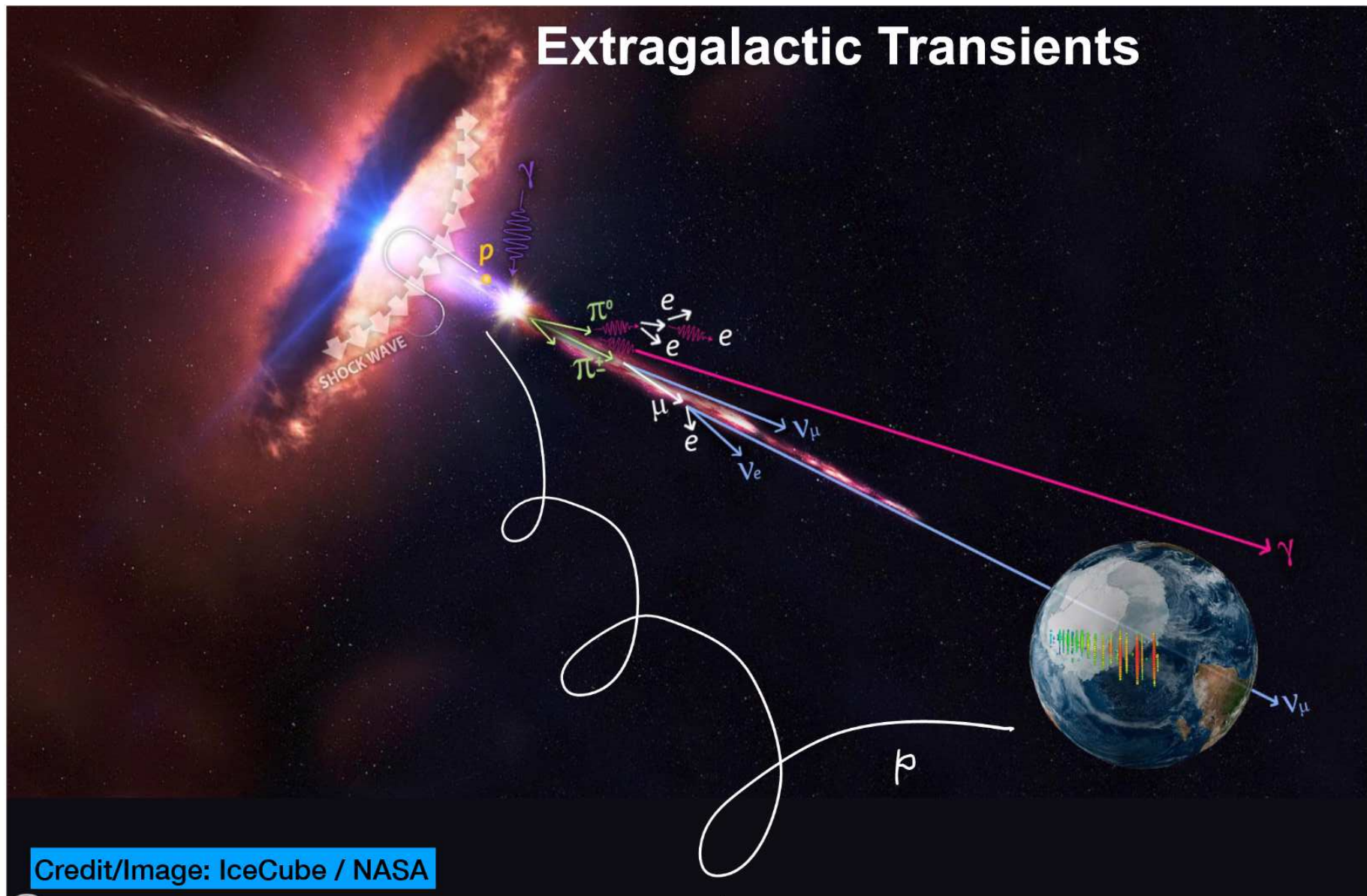
### LHAASO Sky @ >100 TeV







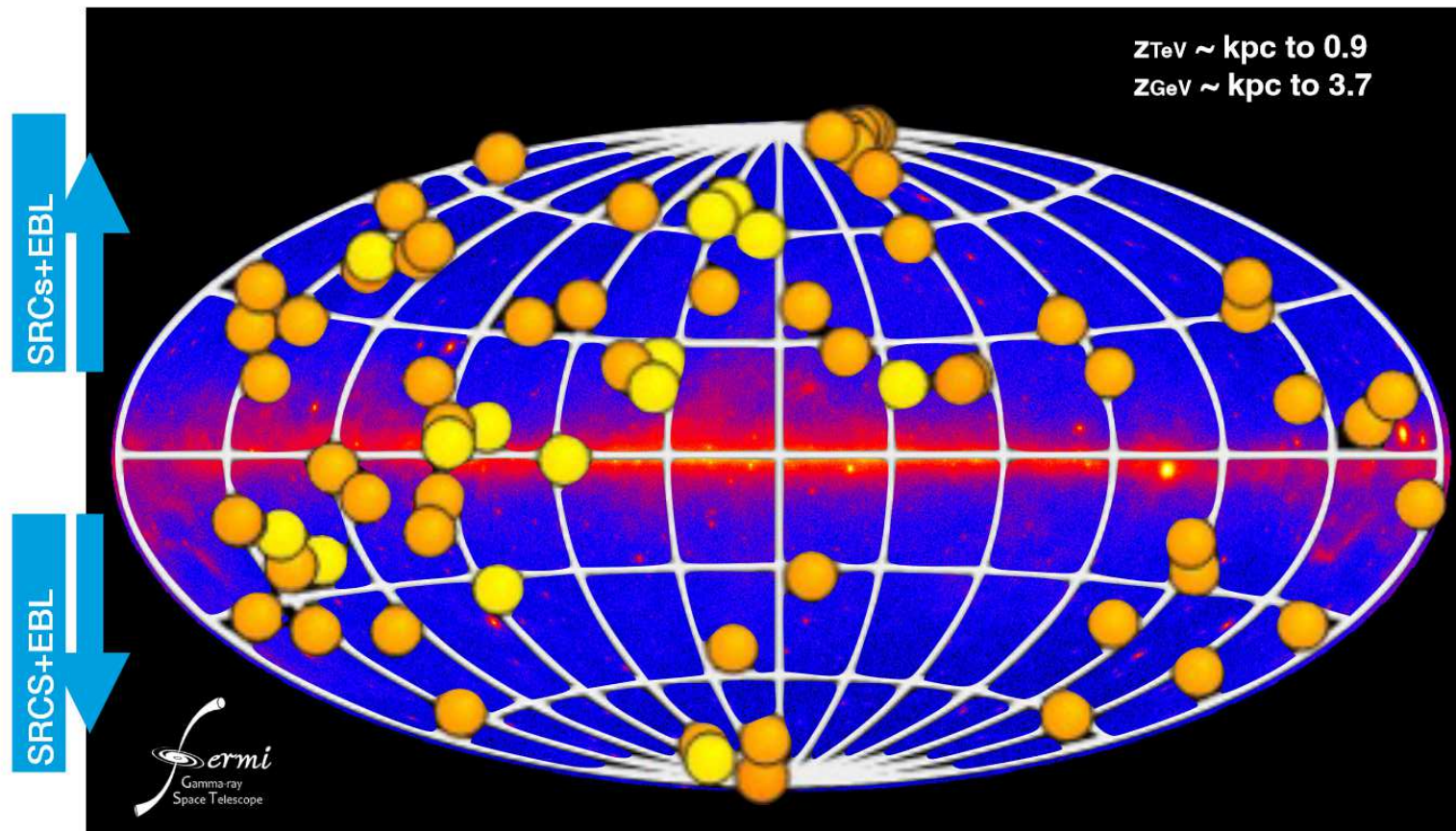
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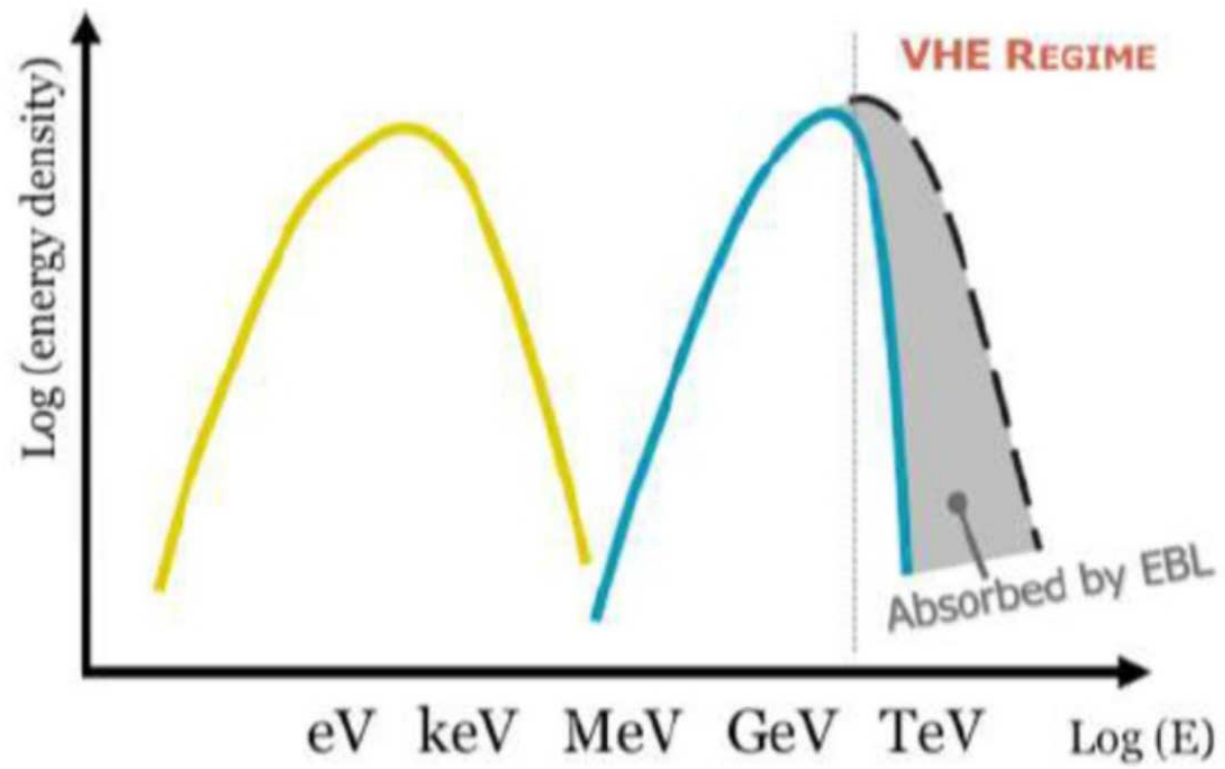




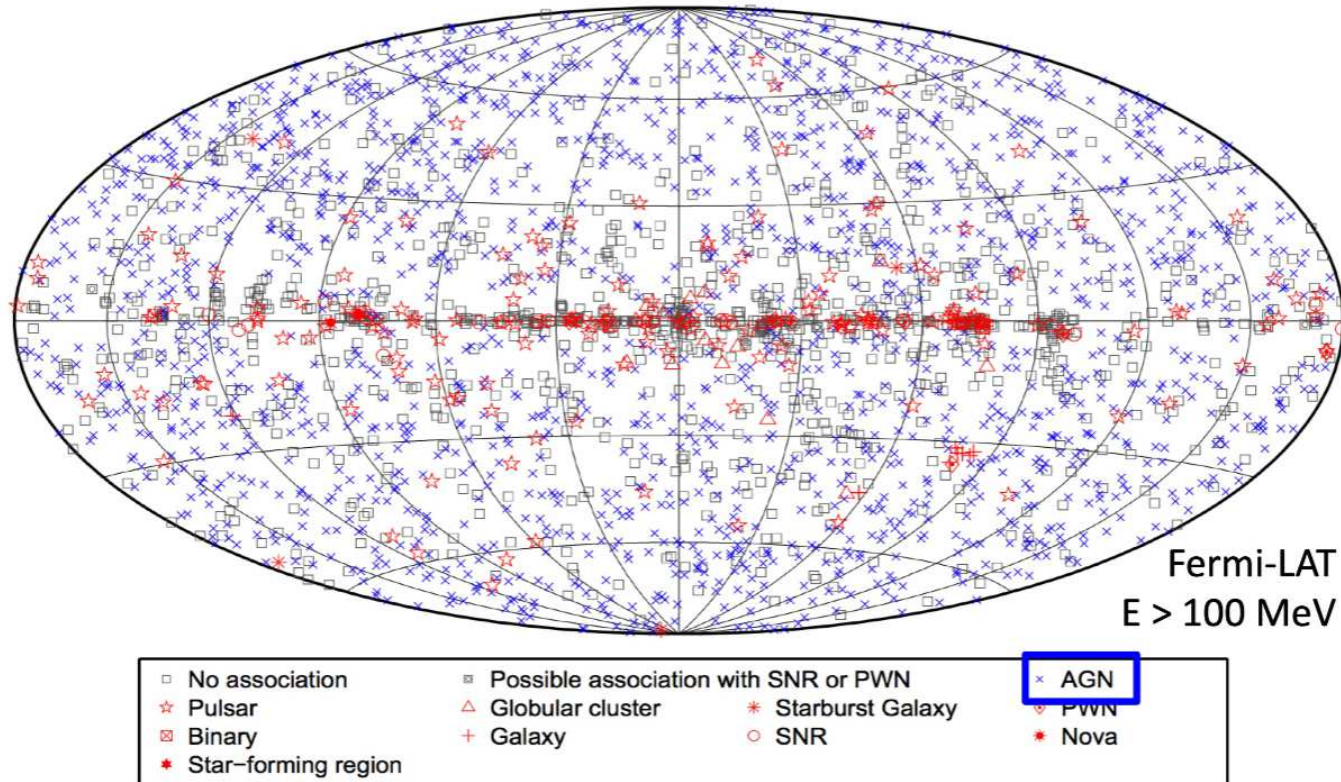
# Extragalactic Transients

- Extreme Large Fluxes - Large cosmological distances - Fast Variability





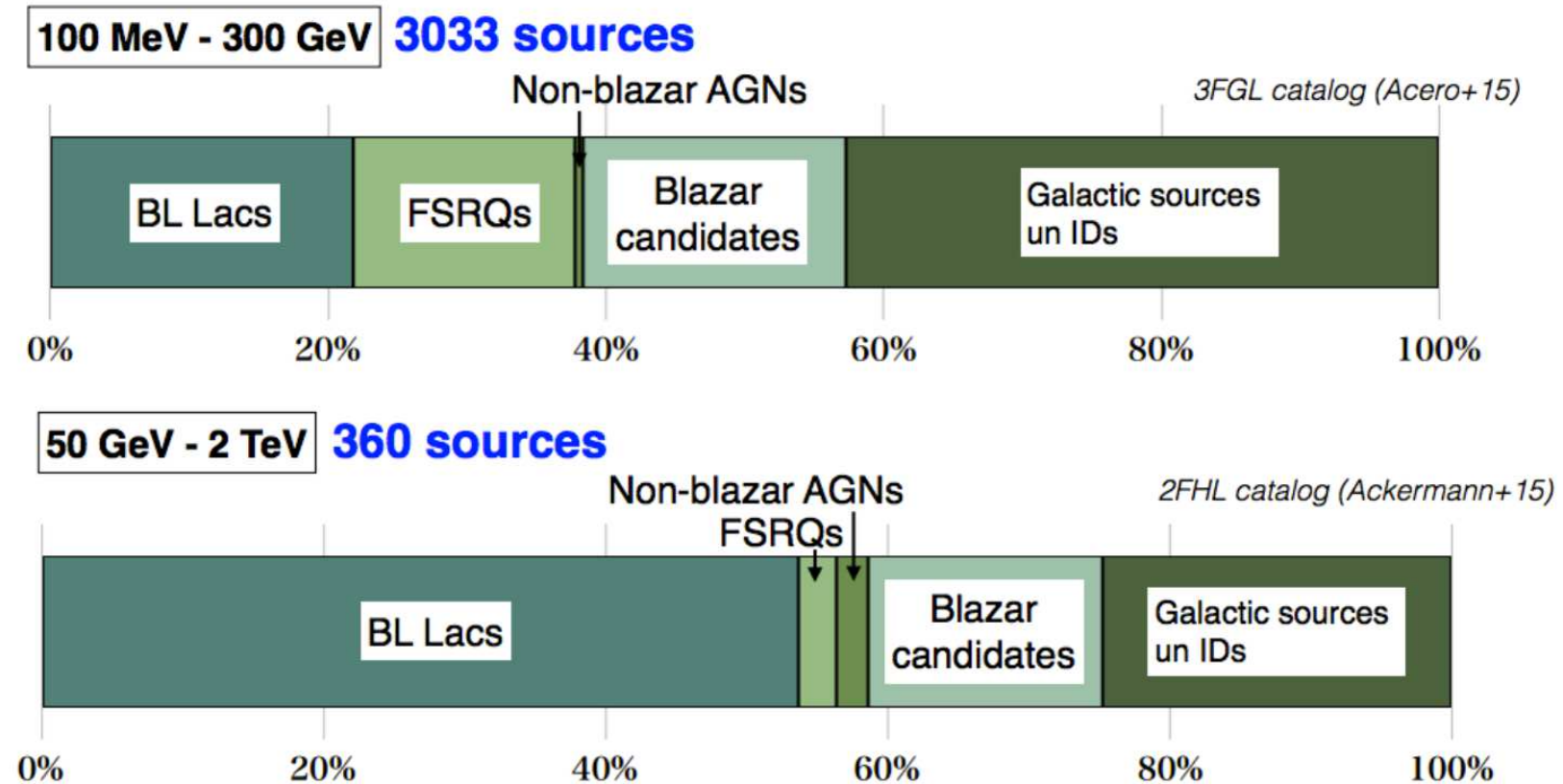
# Active Galactic Nuclei



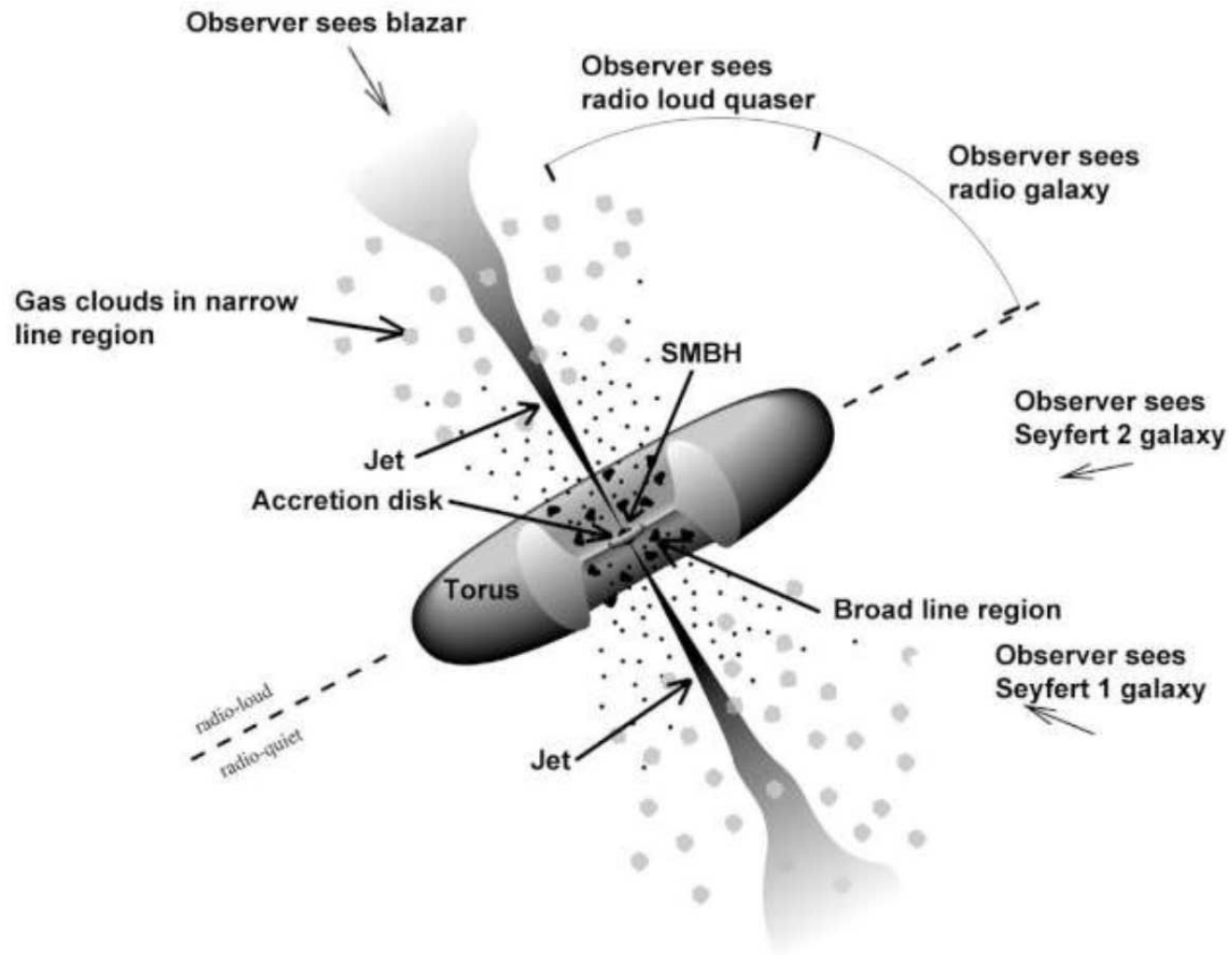
- Nearly all identified **persistent\*\*** extragalactic  $\gamma$ -ray sources are **Active Galactic Nuclei** (AGN) of the **blazar** class, both in the HE (>100 MeV) and VHE (>100 GeV) bands
- \*\*** does **not** mean *steady*: about half of Fermi AGNs show **significant flux variability**



# The GeV and TeV extragalactic population

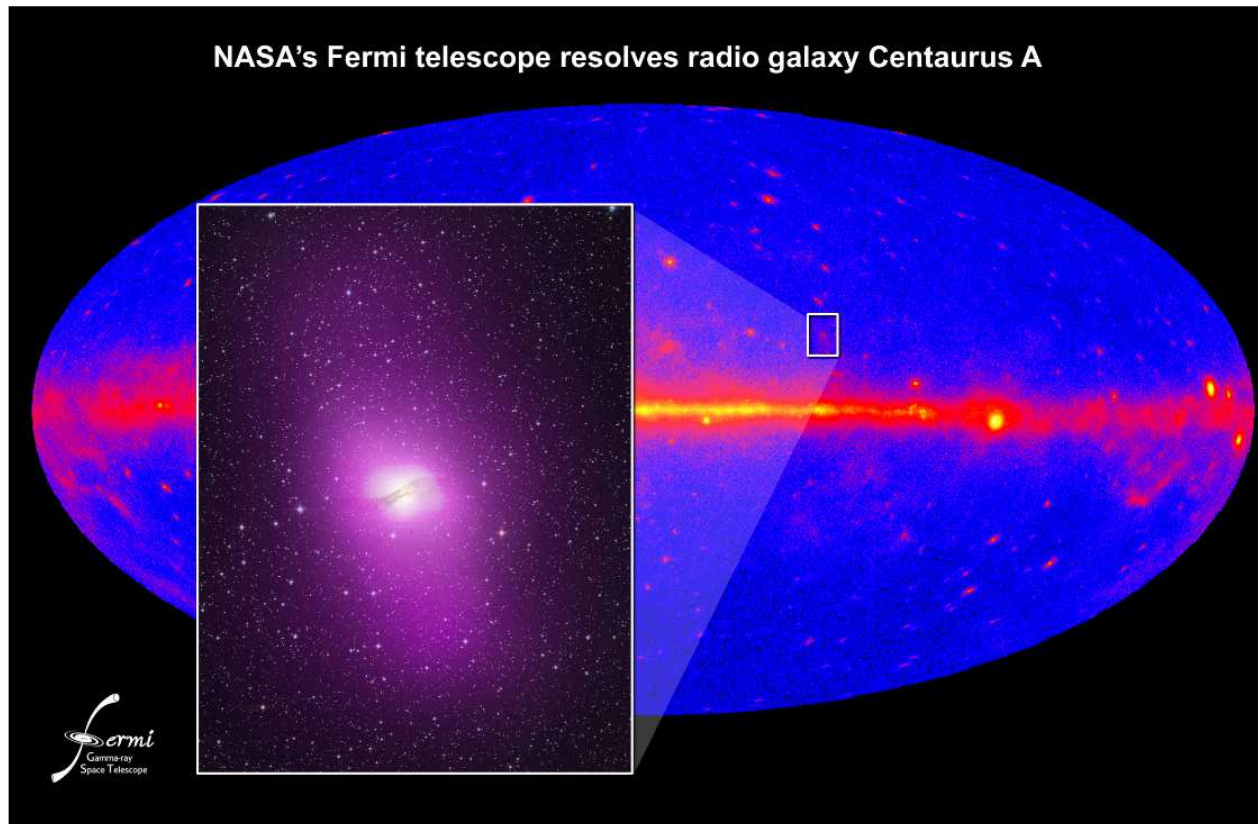






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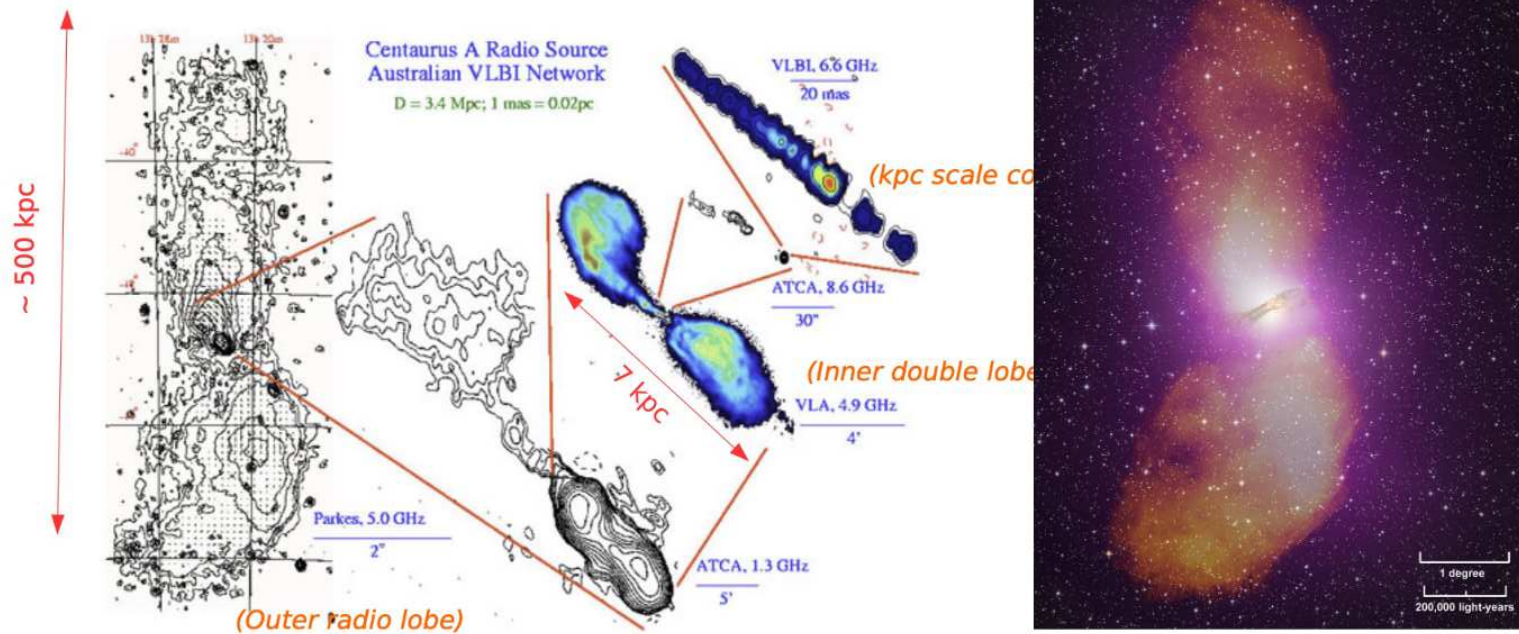


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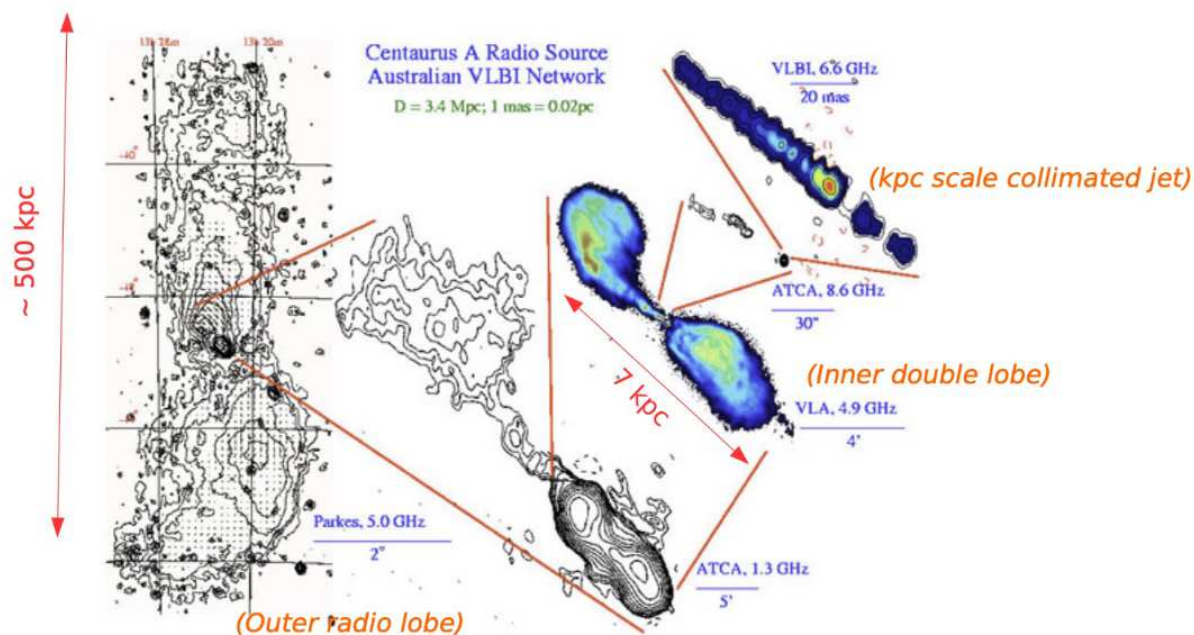
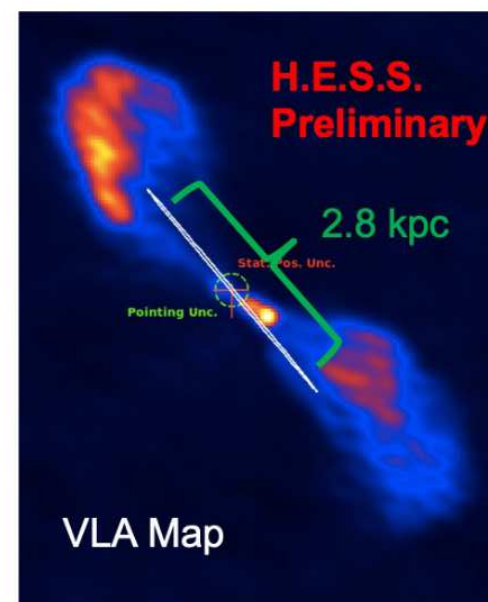


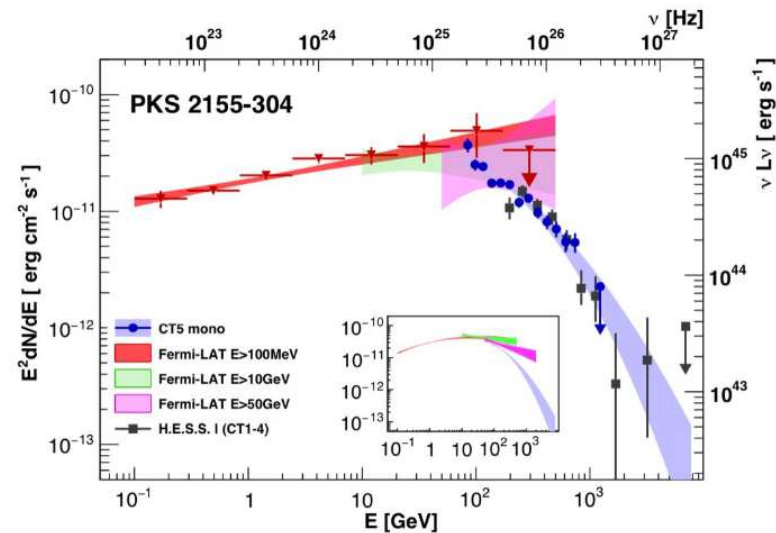
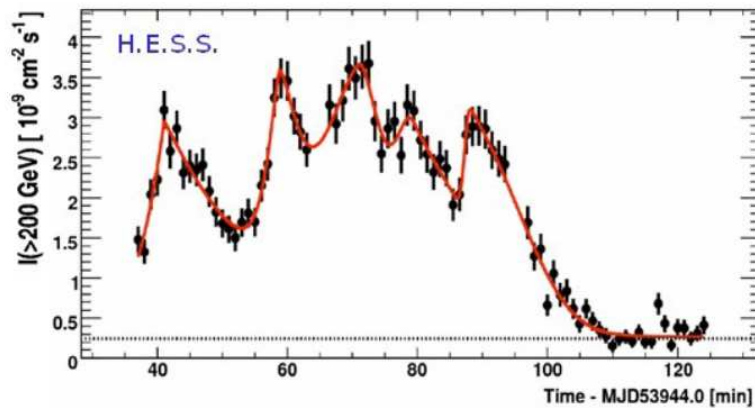
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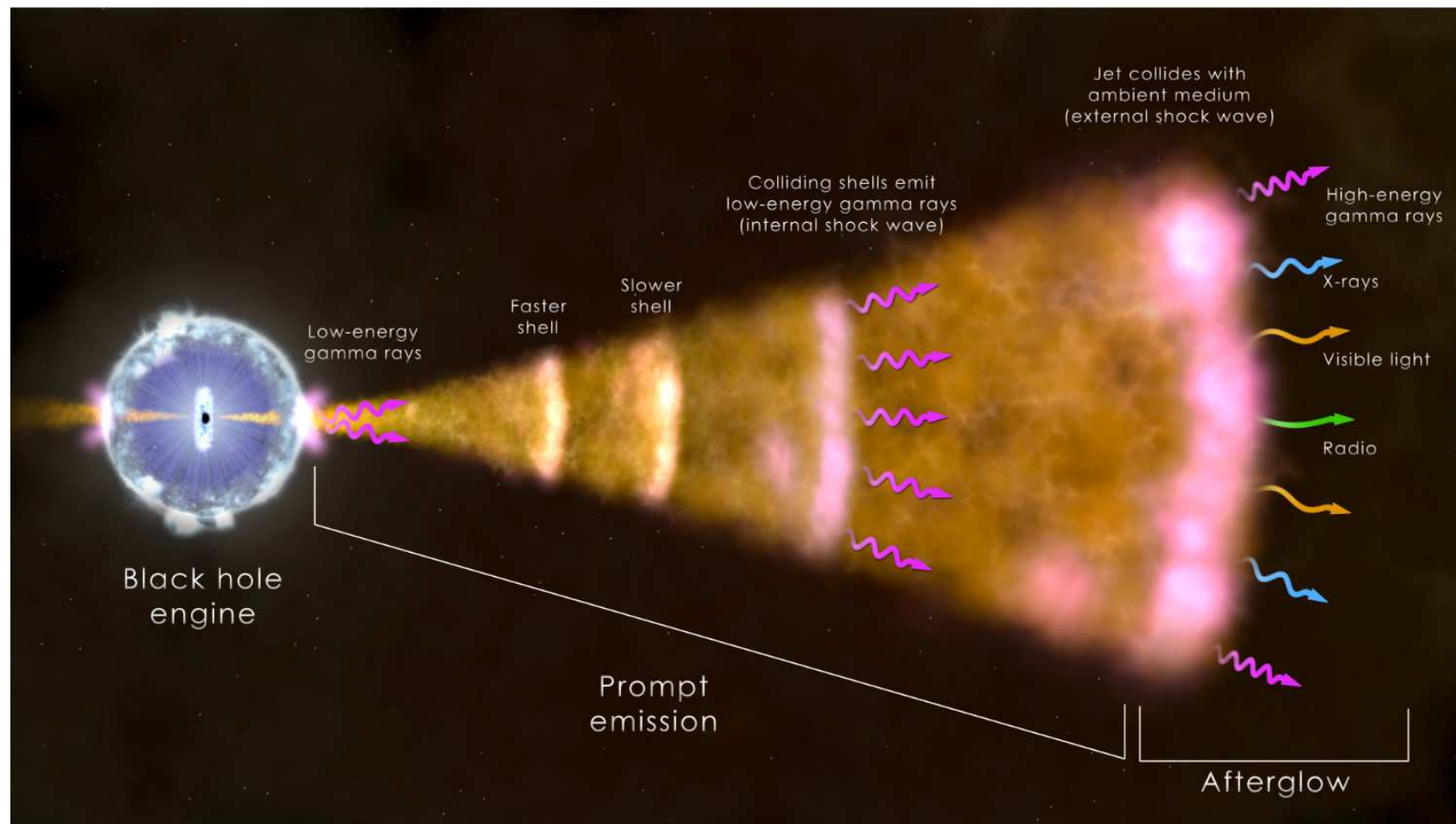
# Extragalactic sources

- Sometimes you can resolve them if they are close enough or are very large
- But most of the time, how do we understand what's happening?
  - Variability



Temporal variability down to minutes:  $\text{ct} \ll r_{\text{Schwarzschild}}$

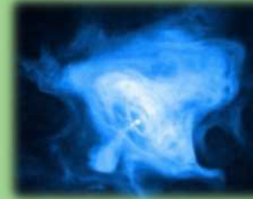
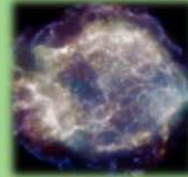
# Gamma-ray Burst



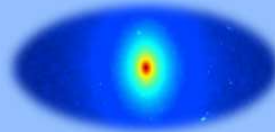
# GAMMA RAY BURST

# What do we expect in the next years?

**In-depth understanding  
of known objects and  
their mechanisms**



**Expected discoveries  
of new object classes**

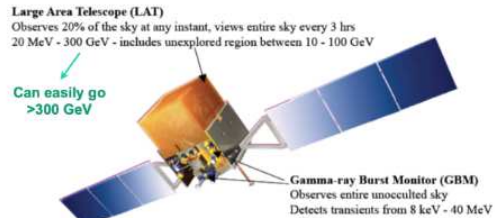


**The fun part:  
Things we haven't thought of**

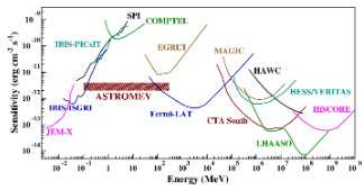




# The Multi-wavelength approach to astrophysics



eASTROGAM  
DAMPE  
AdePT  
HERD



SWGO  
LHAASO++



MeV - GeV

GeV - > 100 TeV

PeV

# IceCube-Gen2

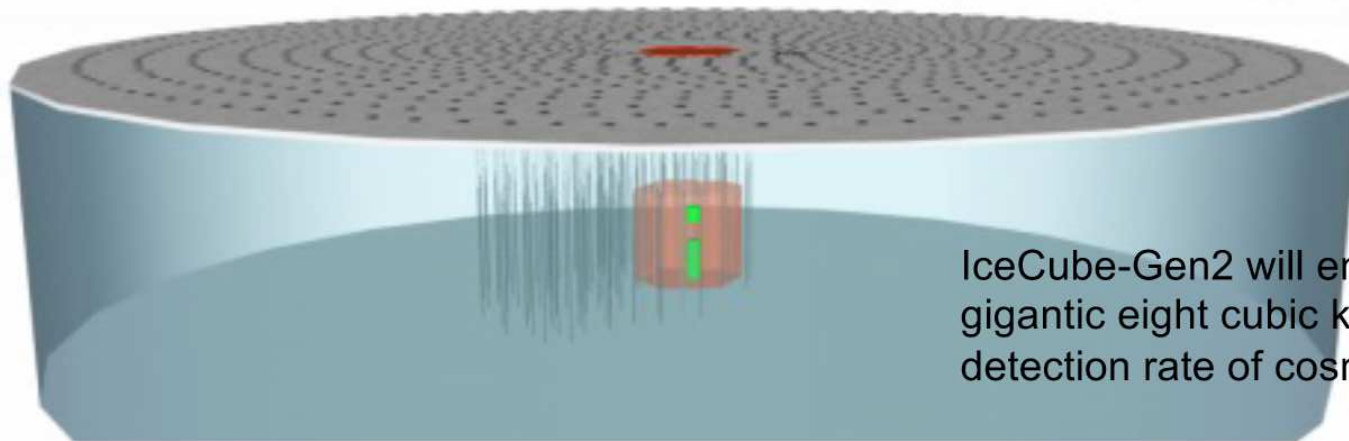
A vision for the future of neutrino astroparticle physics at the South Pole

## High energy

- Find (more) neutrino point sources
- Characterise spectrum, flux, and flavour composition of astrophysical neutrinos with higher precision
- GZK neutrinos
- Continue search for BSM physics

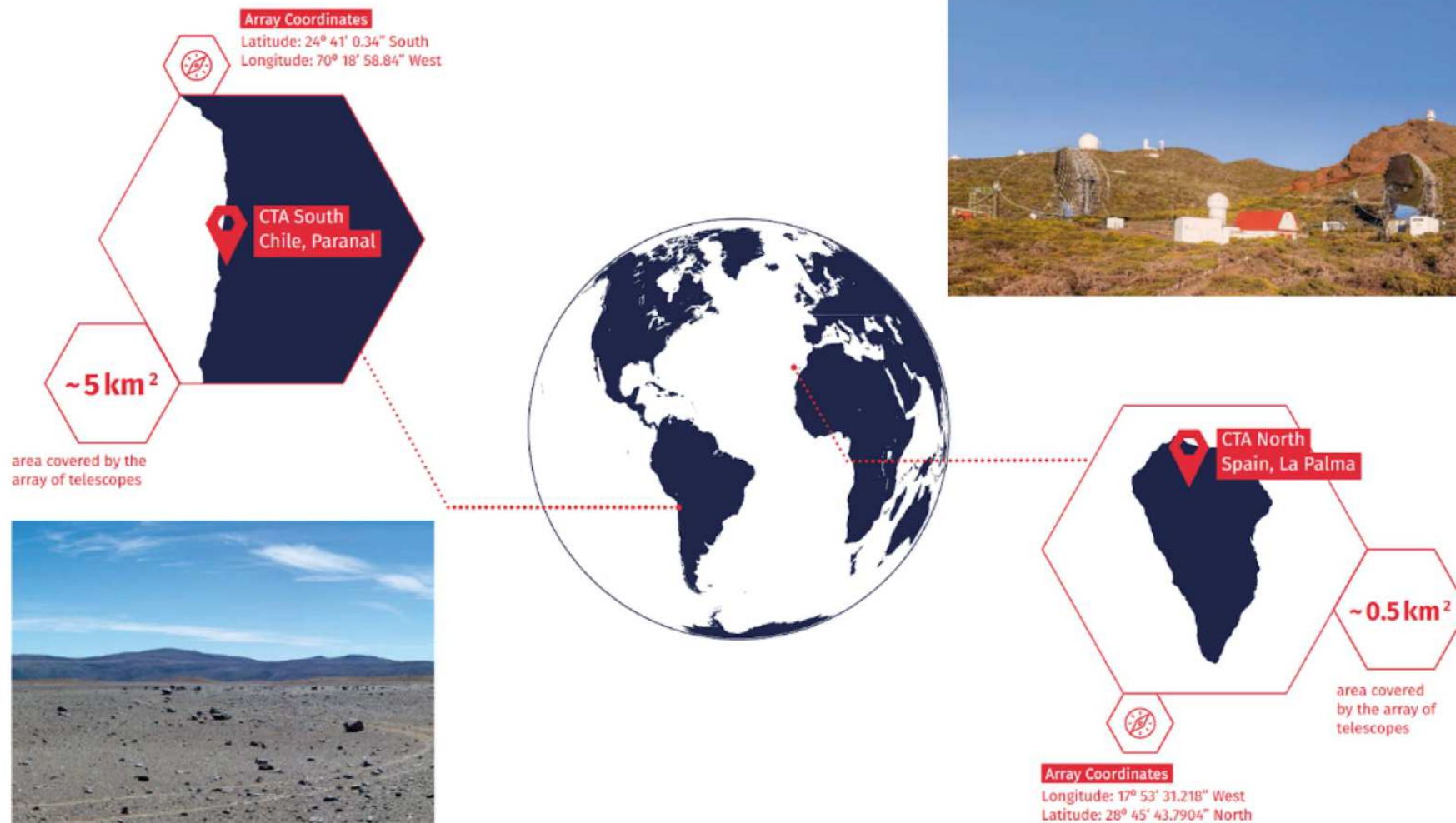
## Low energy

- Precision measurements of atmospheric neutrino oscillations:  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$   
Neutrino mass ordering
- Characterise atmospheric flux (hadronic interactions)
- Also continue search for BSM physics



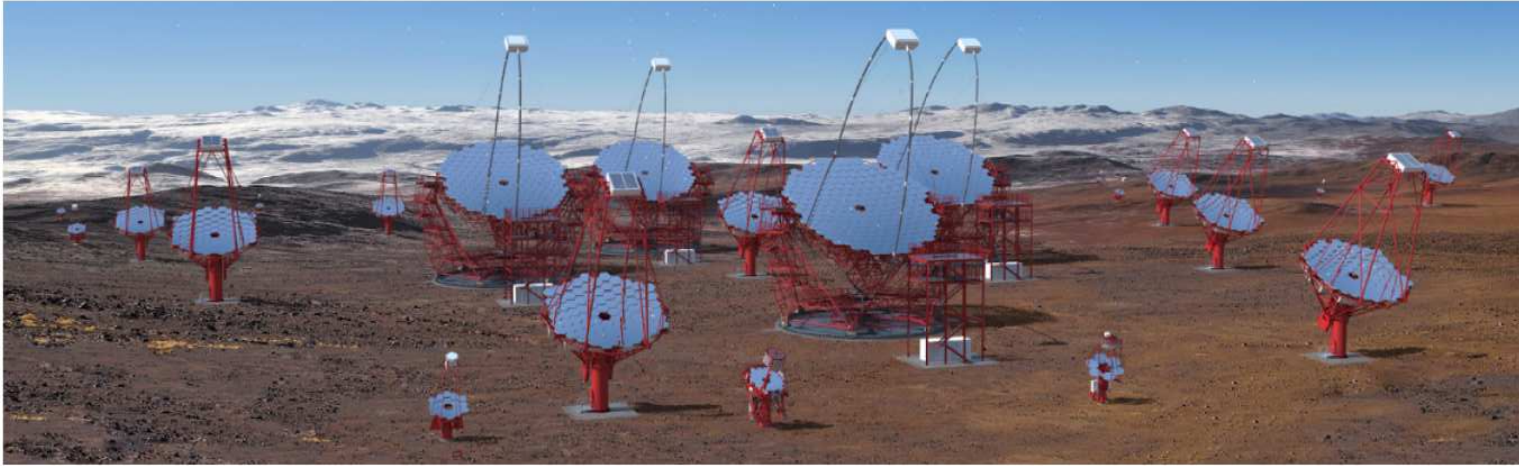
IceCube-Gen2 will enlarge the detector's volume to a gigantic eight cubic kilometers. This will increase the detection rate of cosmic neutrinos by a factor of ten.

# The Cherenkov Telescope Array





South: 99 telescopes spread out over  $\sim 5$  km<sup>2</sup> (70 SSTs, 25 MSTs, 4 LSTs)



North: 19 telescopes spread out over  $\sim 1$  km<sup>2</sup> (15 MSTs, 4 LSTs)





# Summary

**Astroparticle physics focus on the study of highly relativist particles accelerated to very high energies via:**

- huge gravitational, magnetic and electric fields
- very dense background radiation
- relativistic bulk motions (black hole jets and pulsar winds) shock waves (SNRs), highly excited (turbulent) media, etc...

**Involves rich interdisciplinary teams**

**Generates new statistical problems (very large and very small number of events)**

**Is one of the most attractive topics to reach the general public**

**Includes: X-ray astronomy, g-ray astronomy (MeV-TeV), neutrino astronomy, gravitational wave astronomy, cosmic ray astrophysics, and cosmology => Join us!**