

# Astroparticle physics

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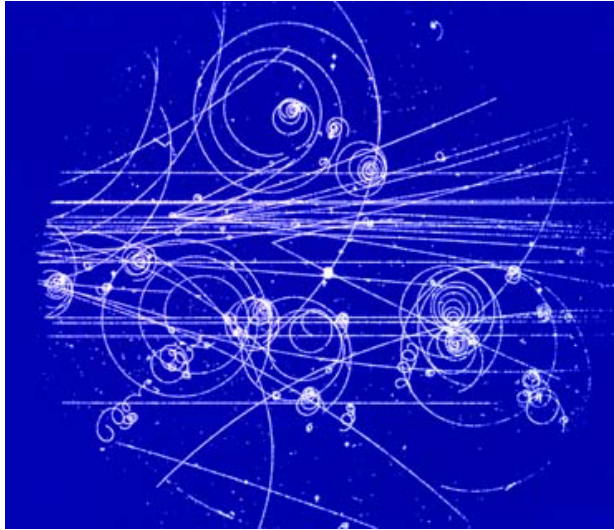


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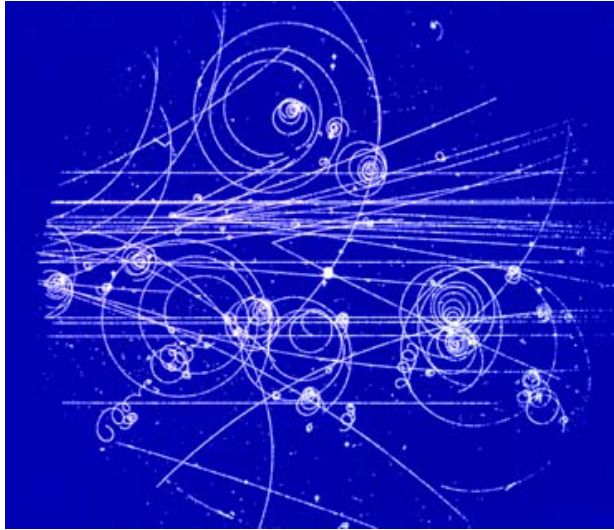


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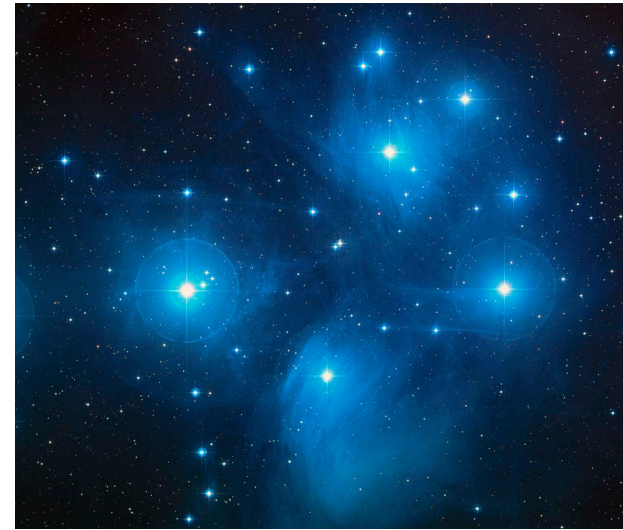


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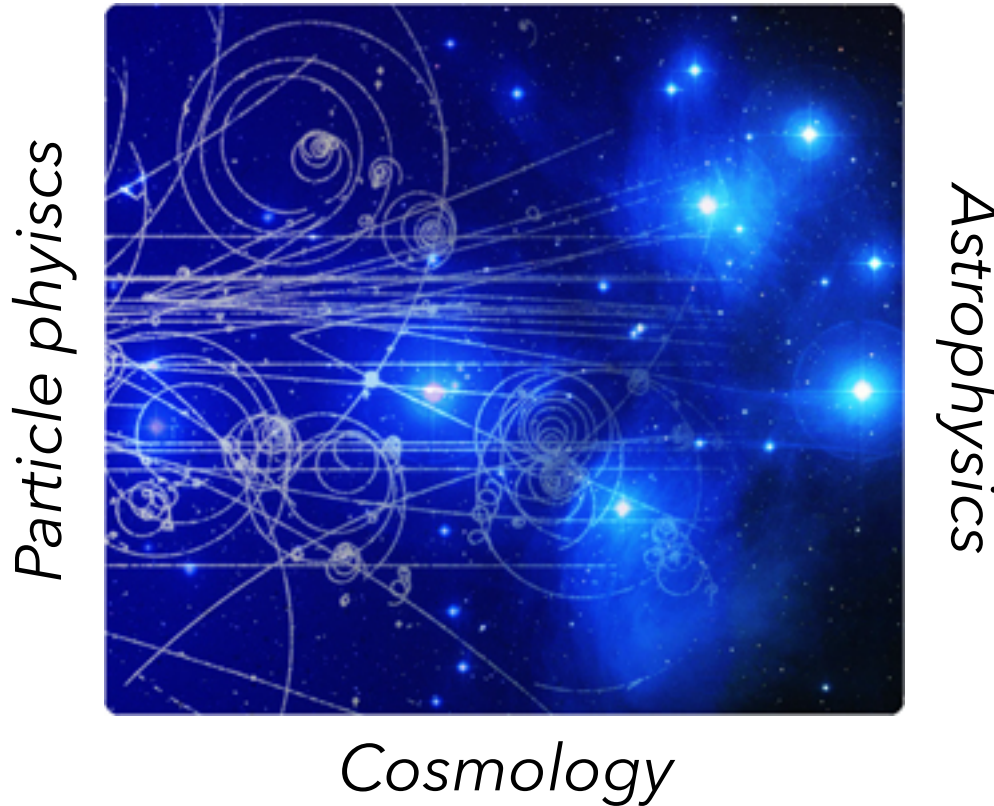
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- ✧ Astrophysics / Cosmology
  - ✧ Study Universe's evolution and surrounding astrophysical objects



# Astroparticle physics



*Understand the dynamics of our Universe through the radiation/particles collected at Earth*

# Messengers from the Universe

Photons

(visible light)



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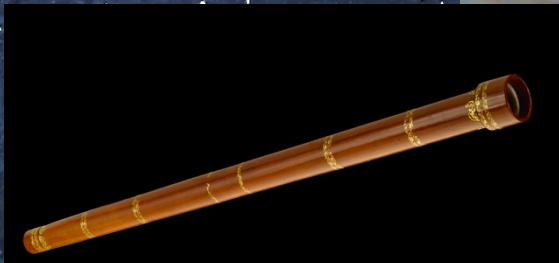
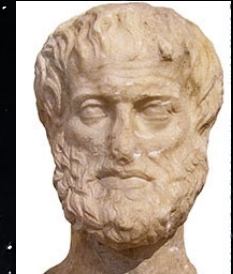
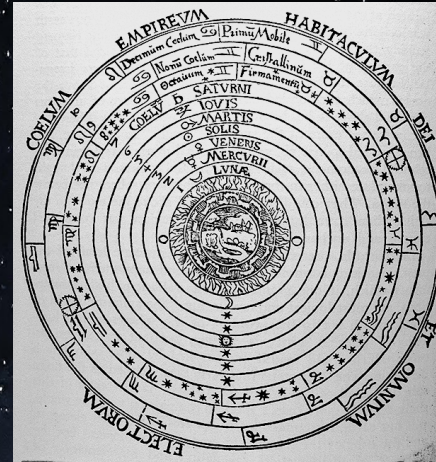
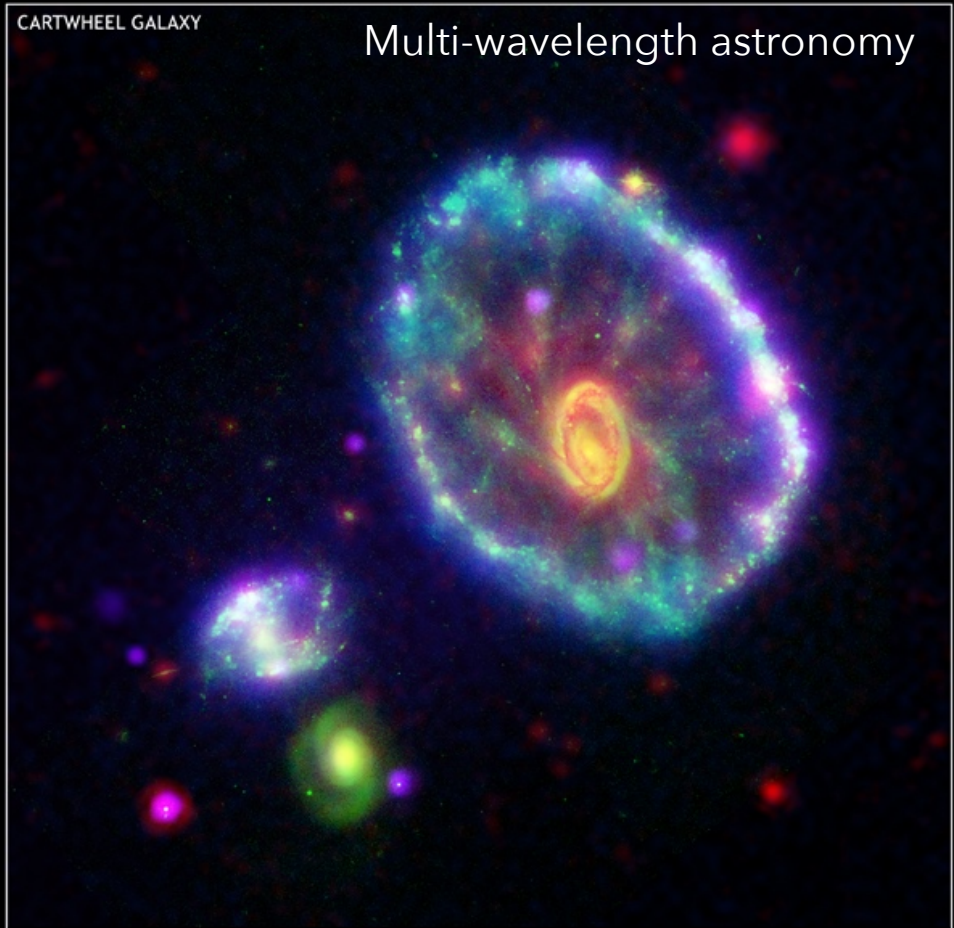
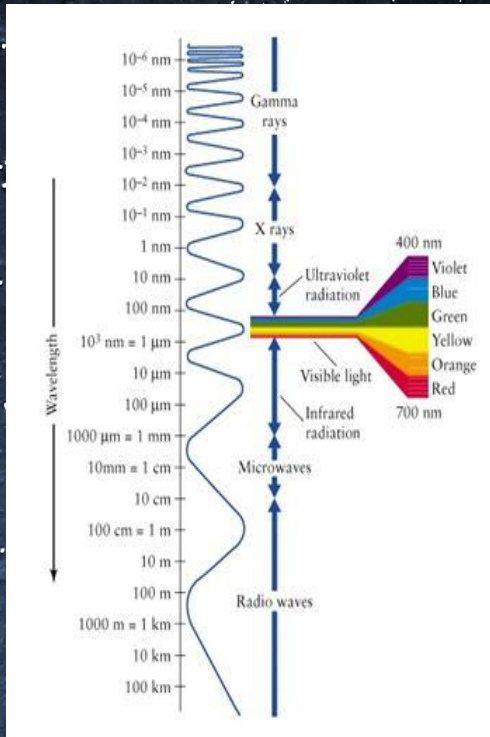


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# Messengers from the Universe

## Photons (other wavelengths)





# Photons







Photons

Charged  
cosmic rays





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Neutrinos

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# Multi-messenger approach

Test the dynamics of our cosmos

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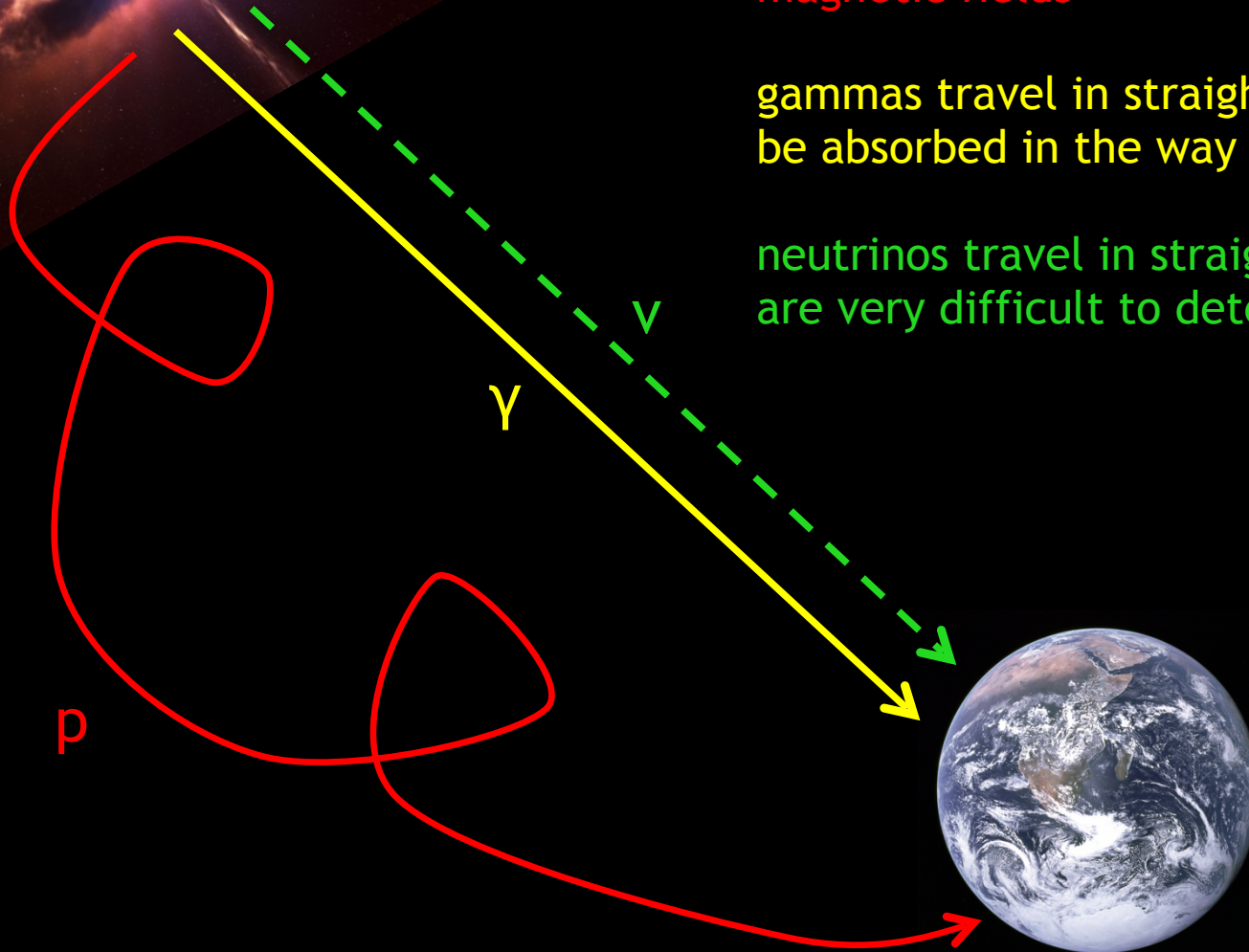


# Complementarity

protons are deflected by the galactic magnetic fields

gammas travel in straight lines but can be absorbed in the way

neutrinos travel in straight lines but are very difficult to detect



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# Examples of astroparticle experiments

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cosmic rays

Gravitational  
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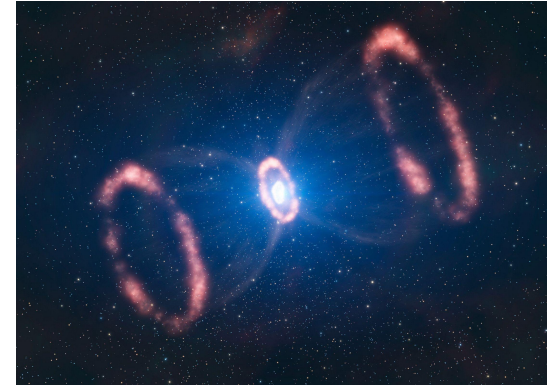
# In this lecture...

- ✧ (Very) high-energy gamma-rays

- ✧ Probe some of the **most violent astrophysical phenomena**

- ✧ SuperNovae (SN) & SuperNovae Remnants (SNR)
    - ✧ Gamma-ray bursts (GRB)

*SN1987a*

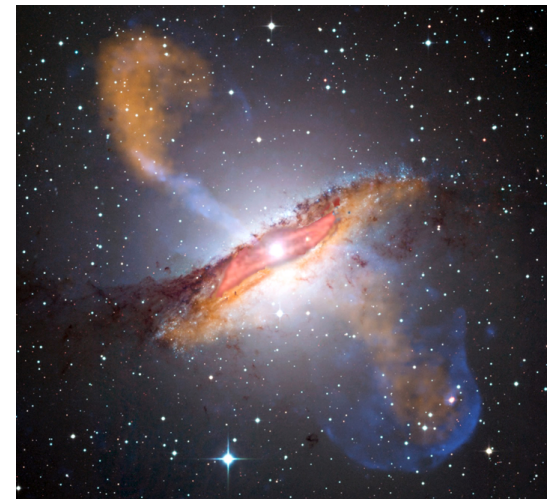


- ✧ Ultra high-energy cosmic rays

- ✧ Universe **greatest accelerators**

- ✧ Nature and origin still a mystery
    - ✧ Opportunity to do particle physics above the human-made accelerator energies

*Centaurus A*



# Very High-Energy Gamma-rays

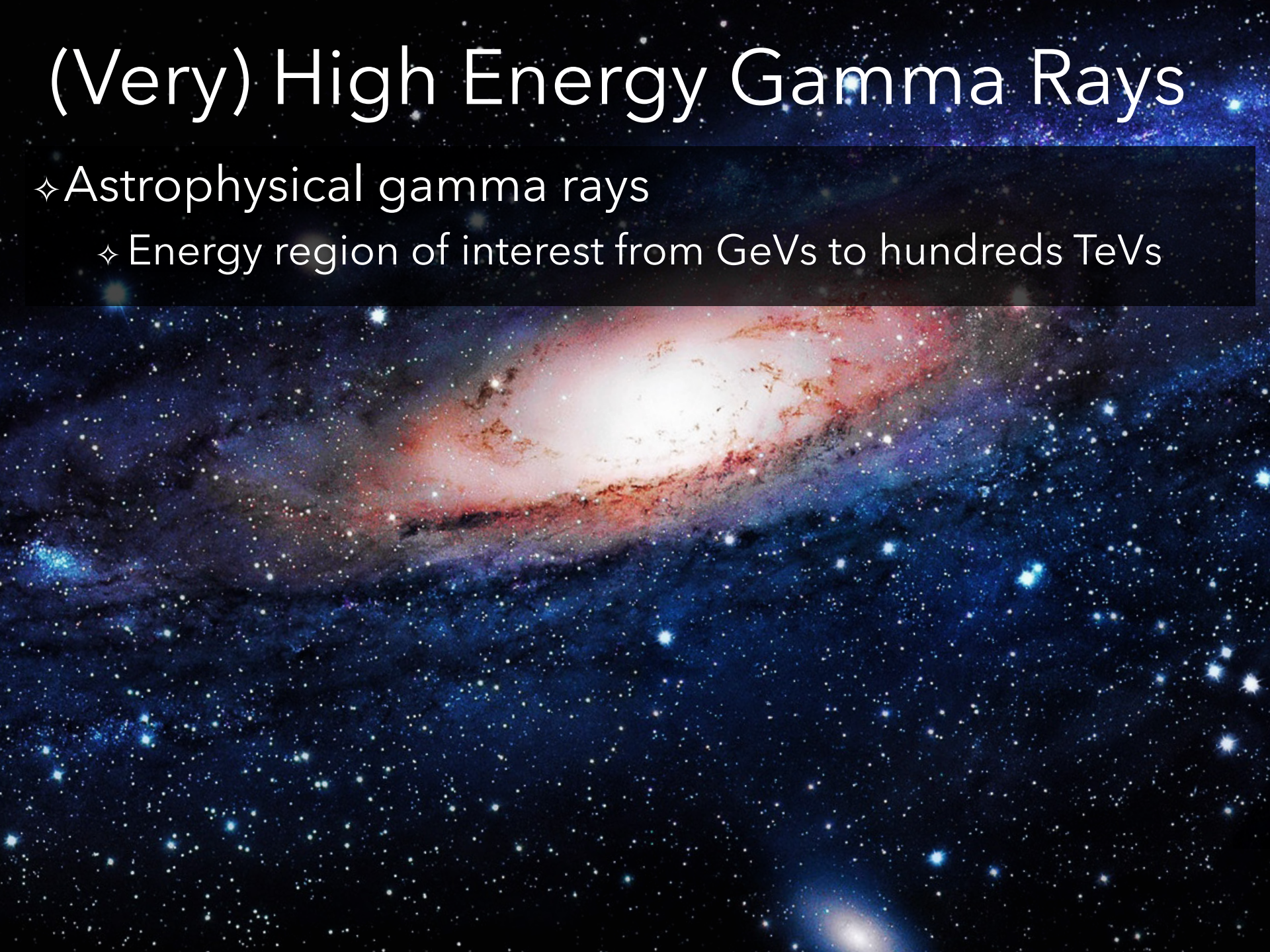




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- ✧ Scientific interest:

  - ✧ Key to understand the **acceleration mechanism** of cosmic rays in our galaxy

  - ✧ Violent astrophysical phenomena: pulsars and black holes

  - ✧ Galactic magnetic fields

  - ✧ Photon radiation fields in the Universe

  - ✧ Indirect search of **dark matter** (WIMP interactions)

  - ✧ Test fundamental properties of quantum gravity

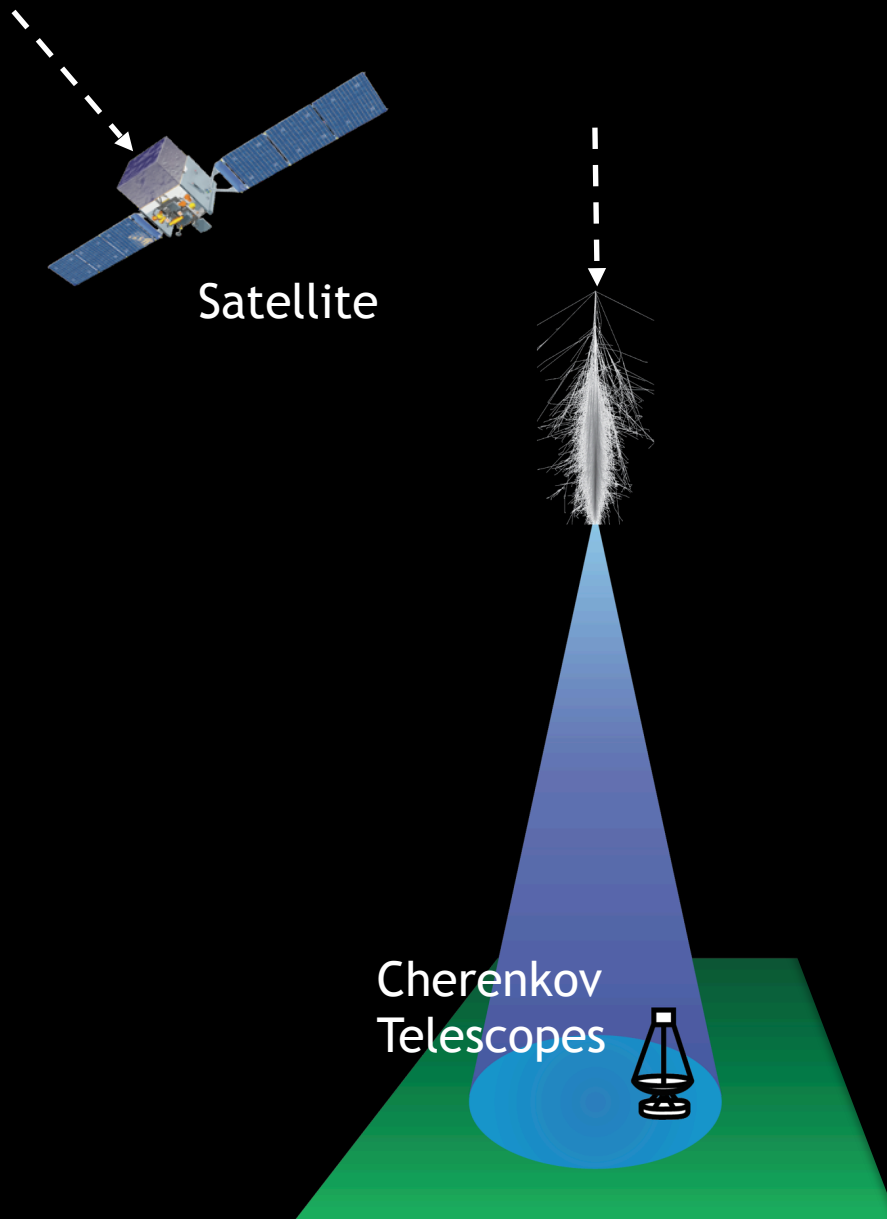
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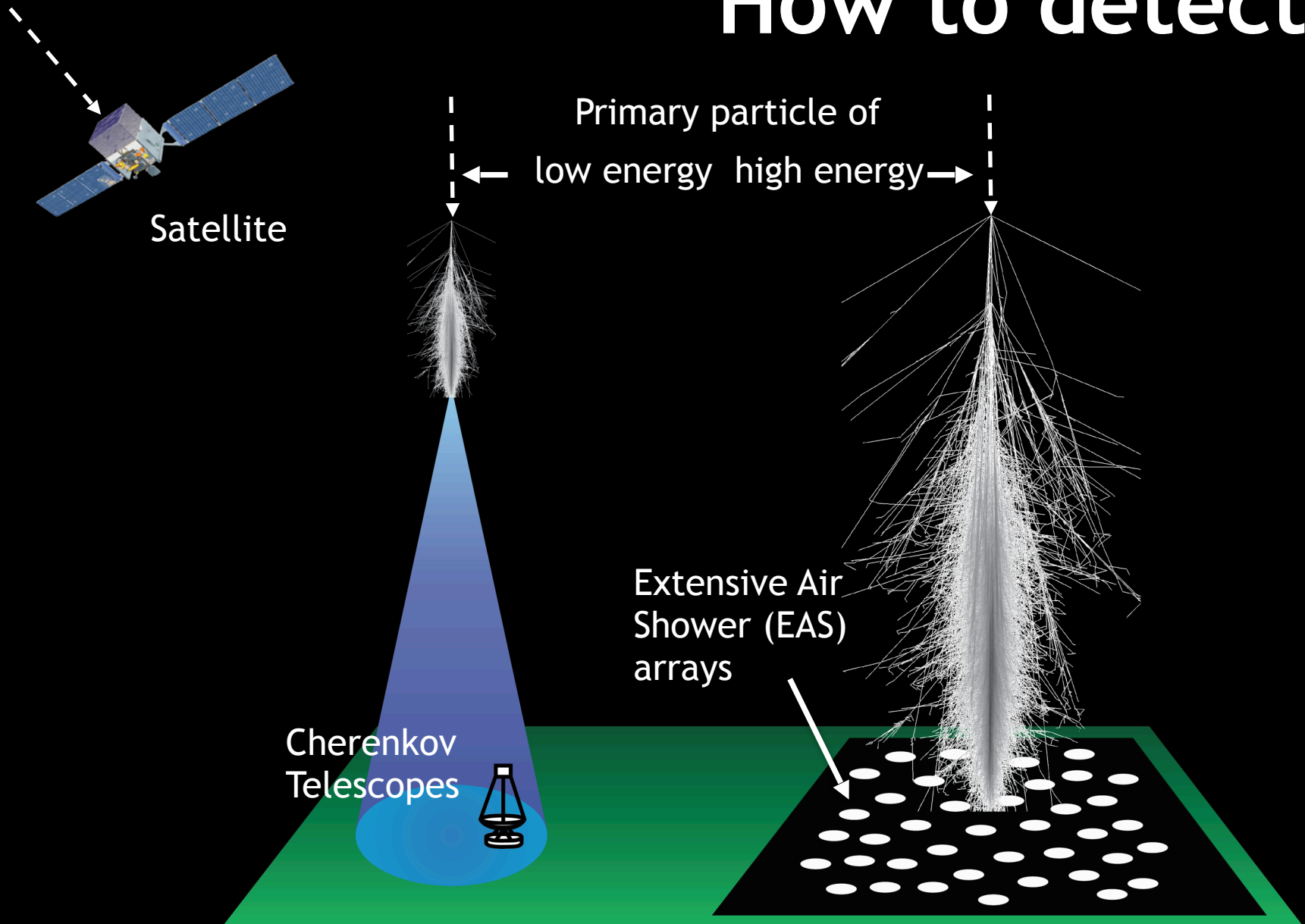


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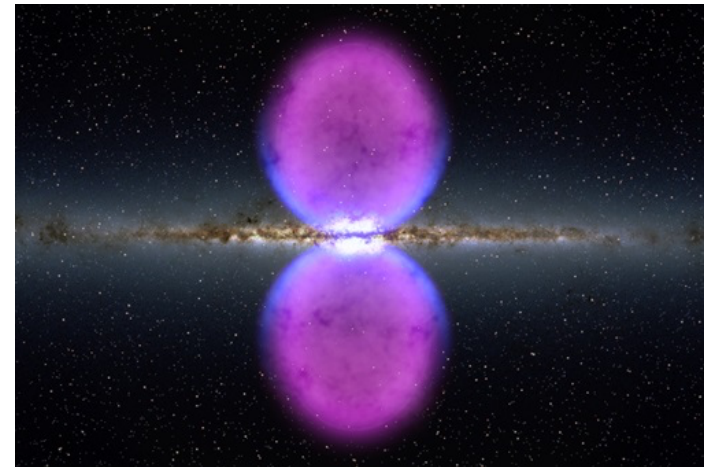
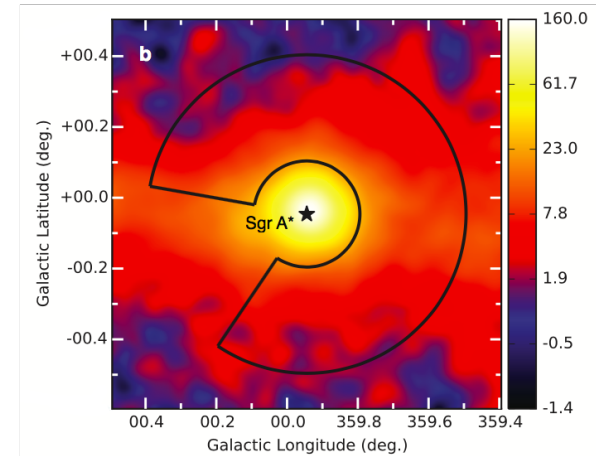
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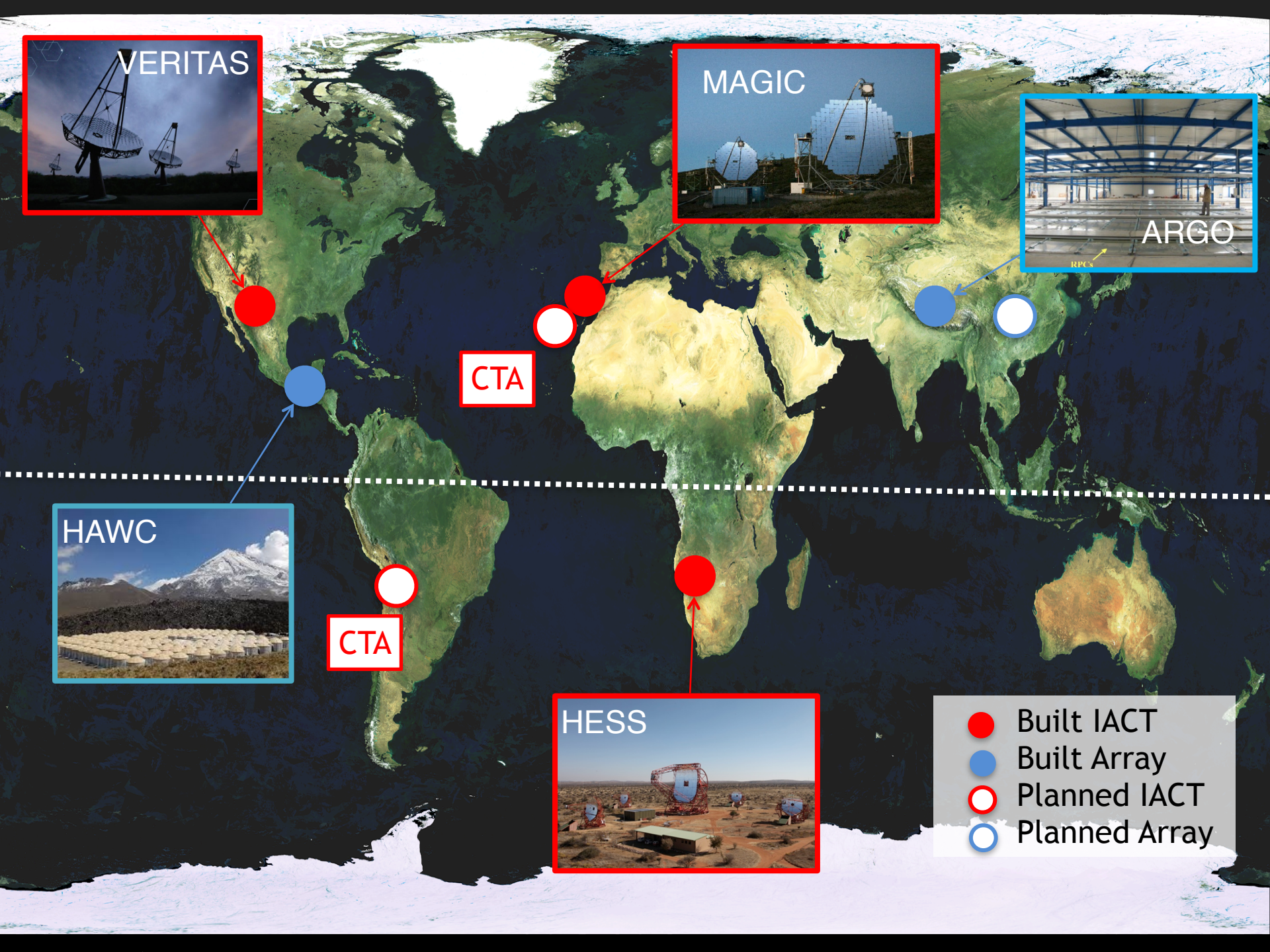
Arrays at high-altitude = large field of view + large duty cycle + low energy

# What we know so far...

- ✧ Protons are known to be accelerated in the galaxy up to PeV energies ( $E = 10^{15}$  eV)
- ✧ All current **acceleration models** encounter non-trivial **difficulties** at these energies
- ✧ HESS data suggests that there might be a **PeVatron source in the galactic center**
- ✧ **Fermi bubbles** - gamma ray emission in outbursts from our galaxy

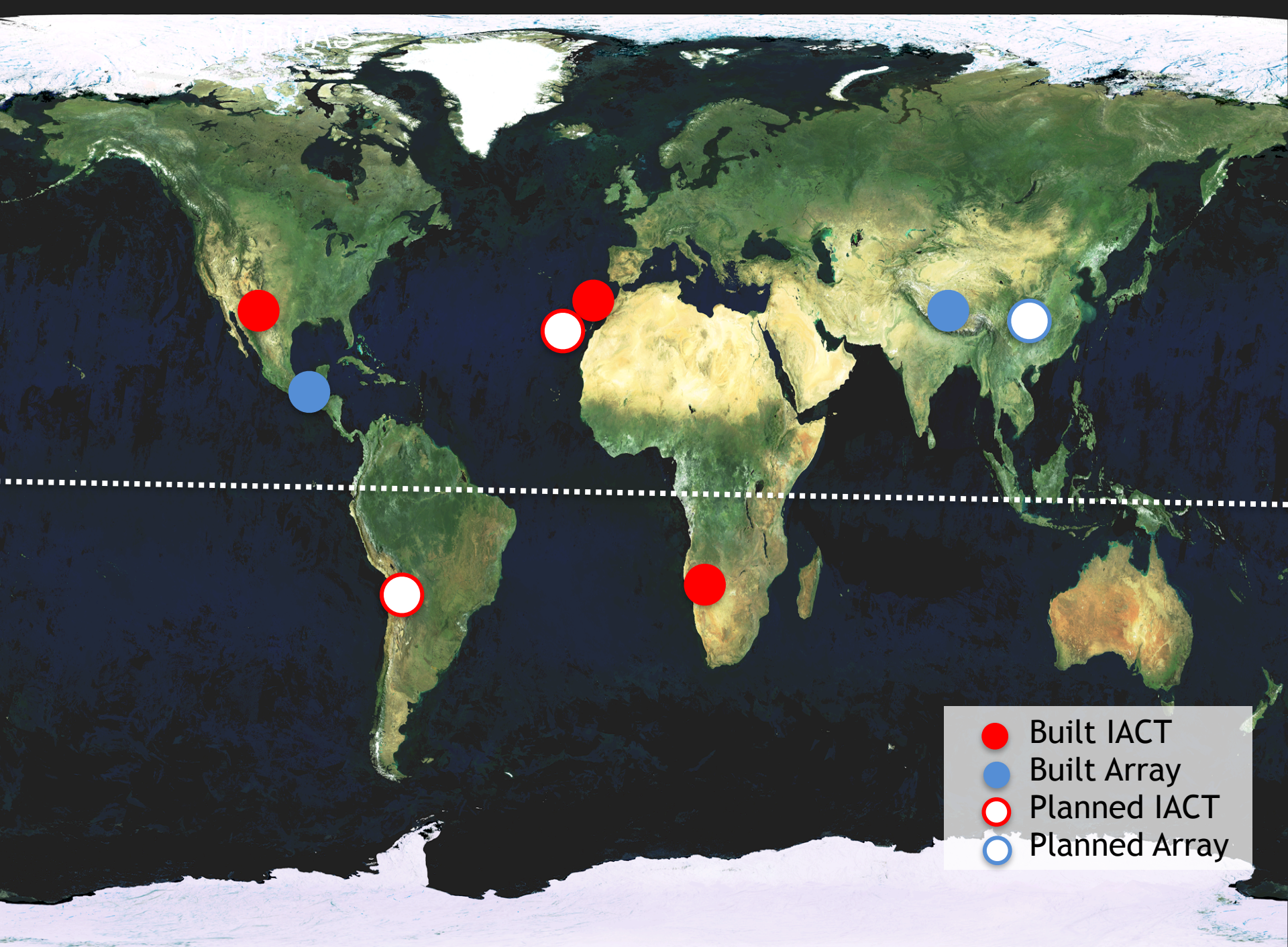




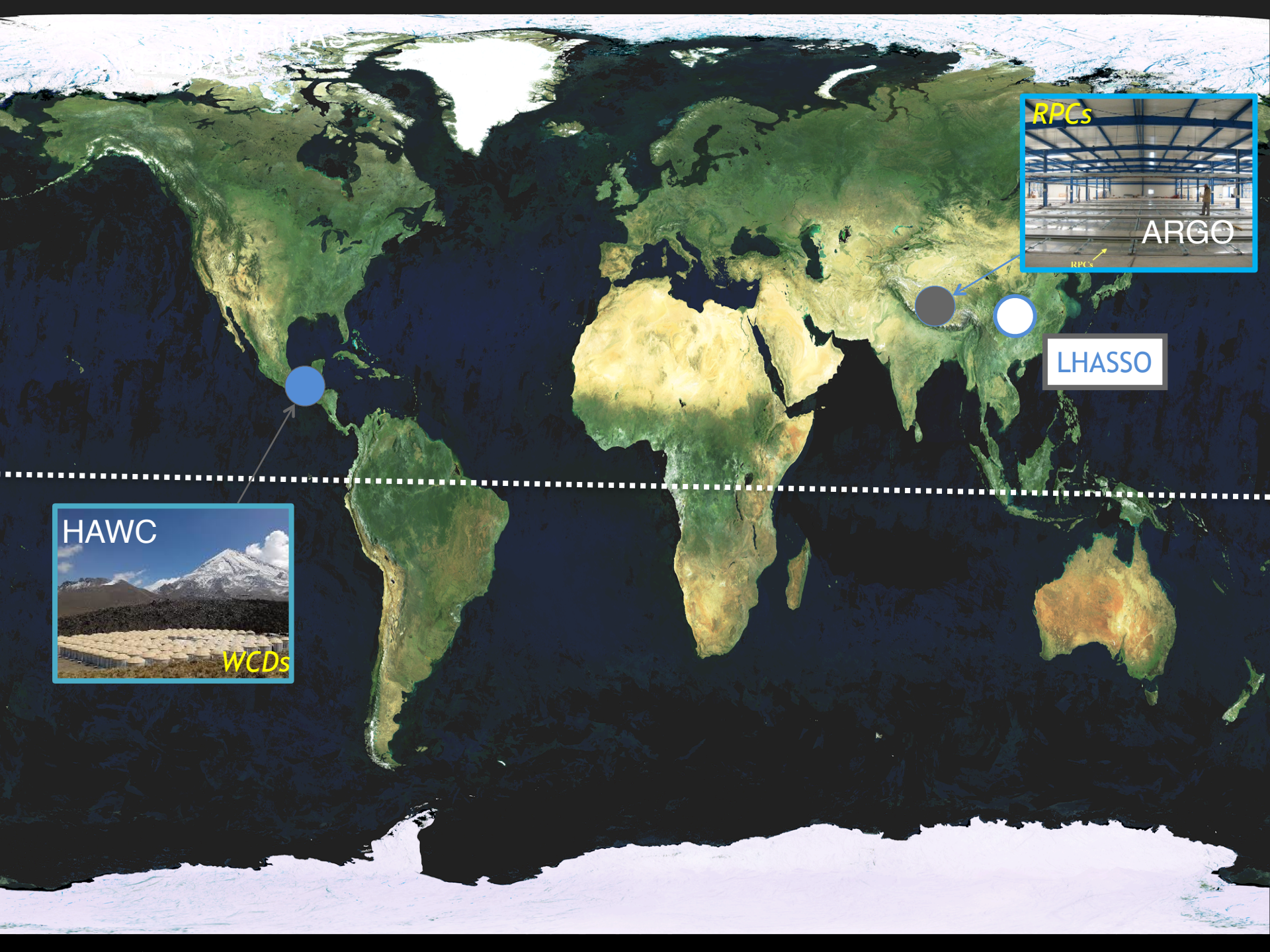


- Built IACT
- Built Array
- Planned IACT
- Planned Array









HAWC



WCDs

RPCs



ARGO

LHASO





HAWC



WCDs

SWGO



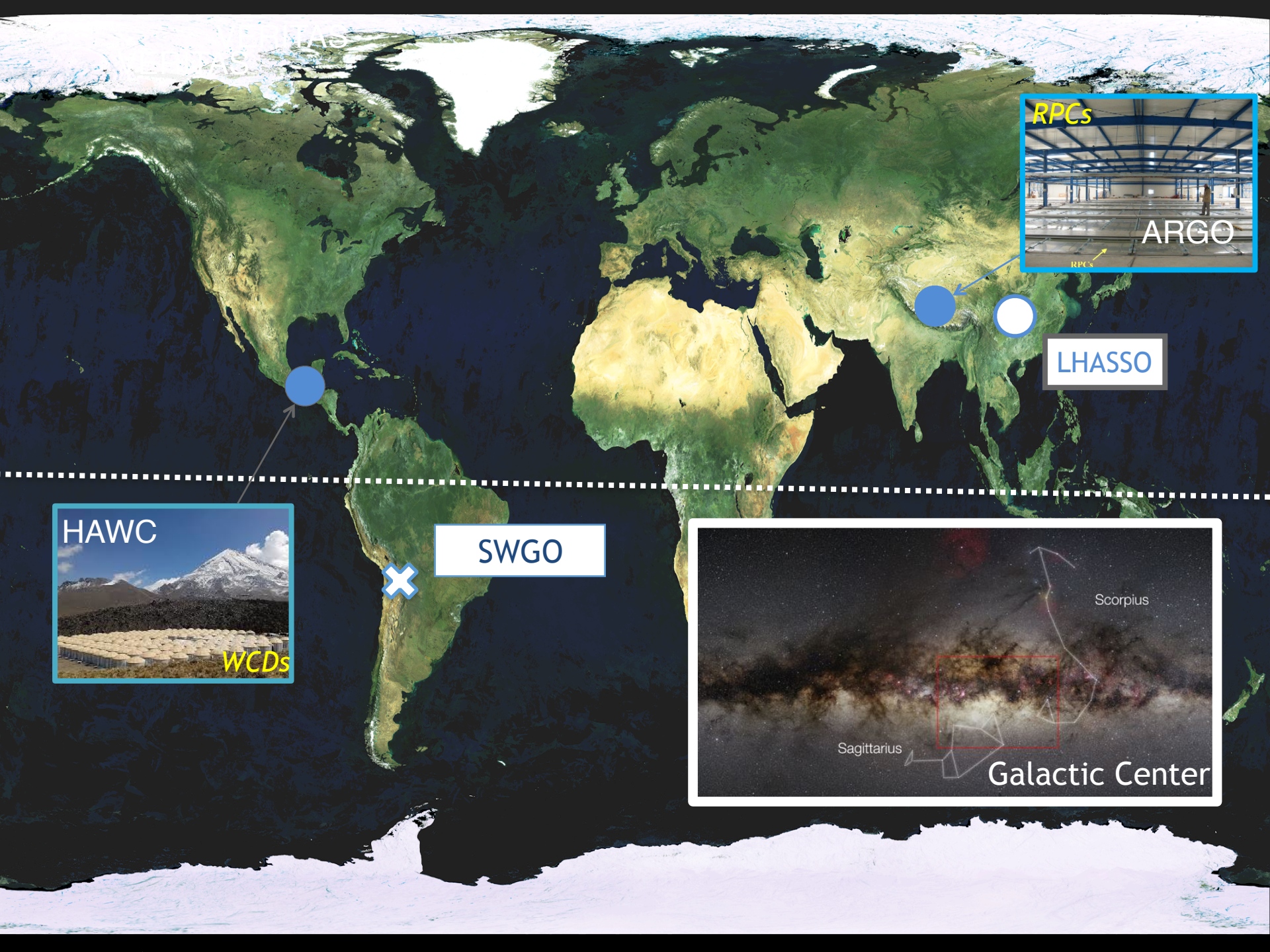
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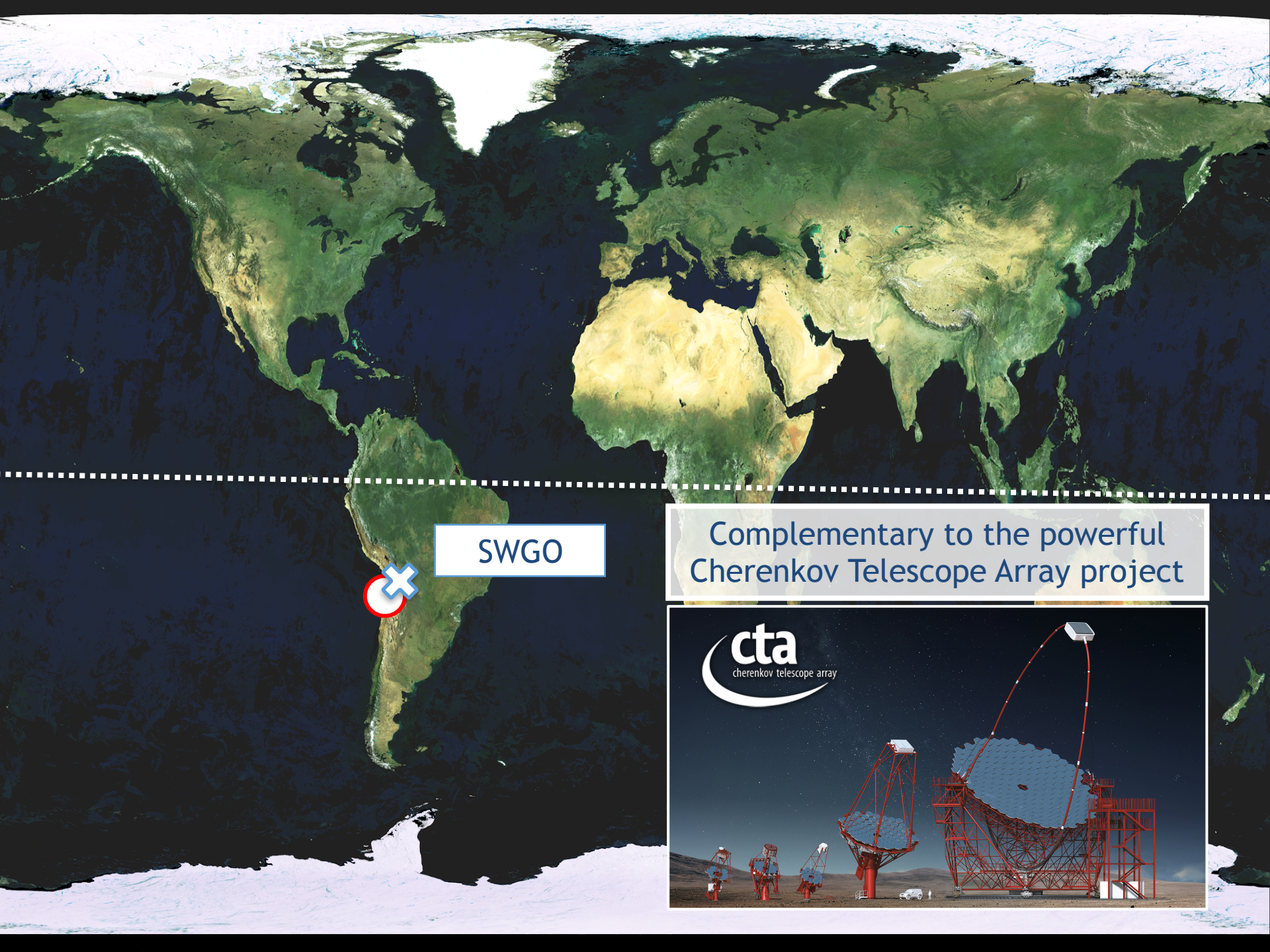
WCDs

Scorpius

Sagittarius

Galactic Center





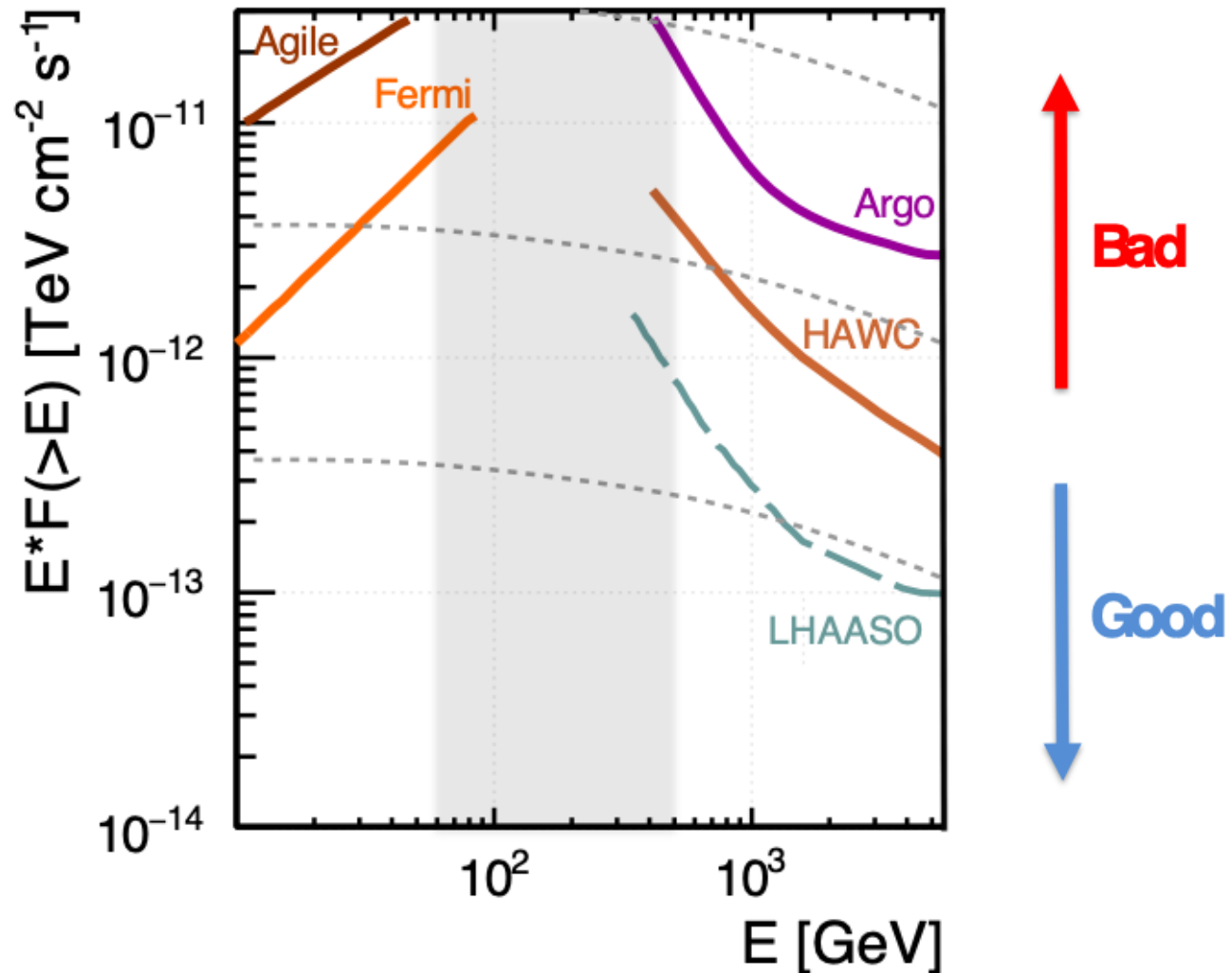
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Complementary to the powerful  
Cherenkov Telescope Array project



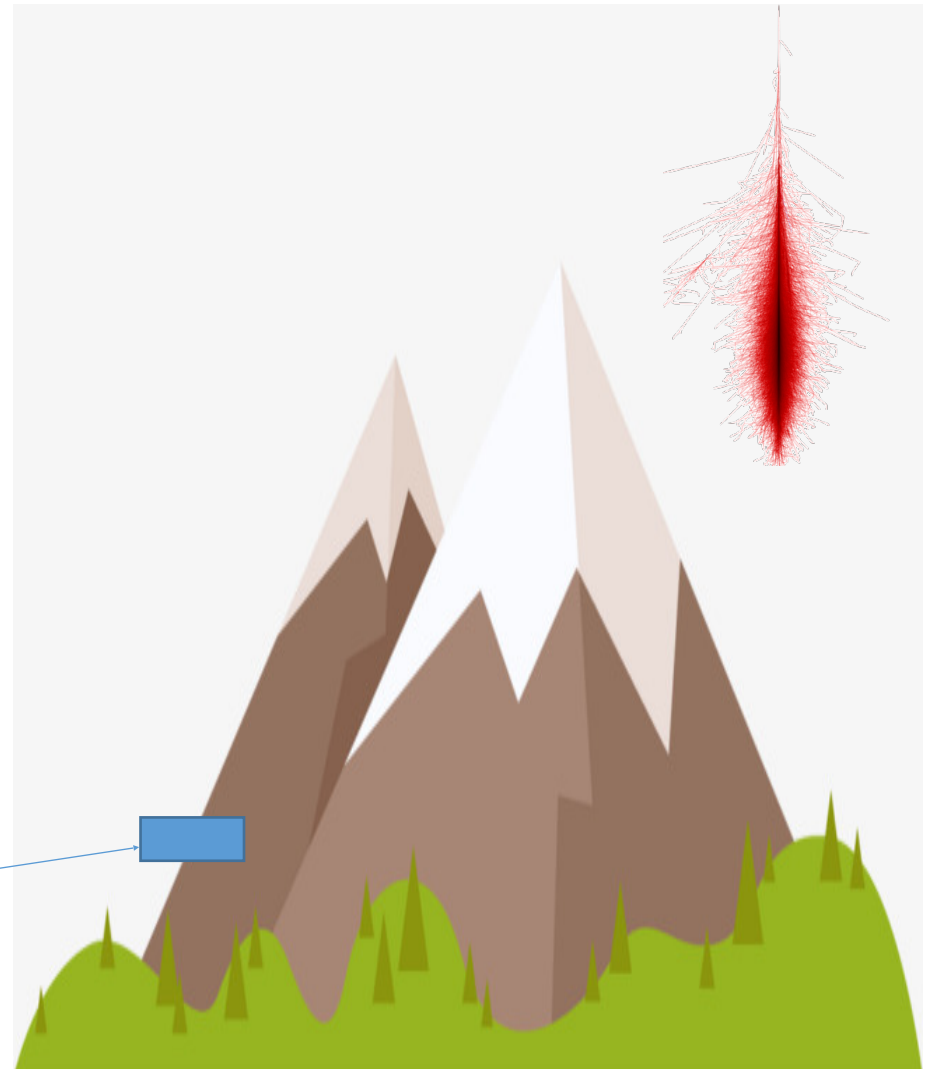


# Current Wide Field-of-View Gamma-Ray Observatories



# How to lower the energy threshold?

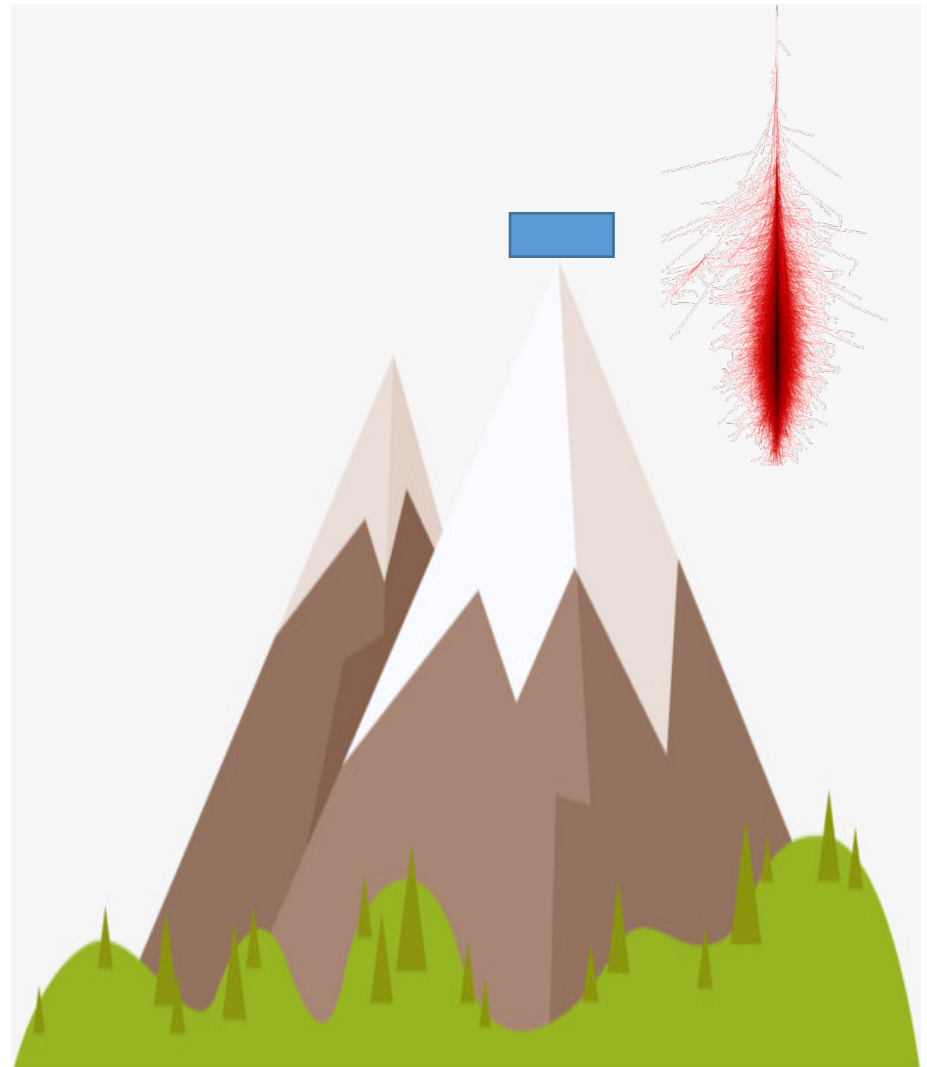
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- ✧ It is possible to find sites with  $\approx 5000$  m of altitude
  - ✧ Atacama desert, Northern Chile
- ✧ *Can the detector concept be improved?*



Next wide FoV gamma-ray experiment  
Probable Site ~ 5000 m altitude - North Chile





# Newly formed international collaboration to make this experiment possible!

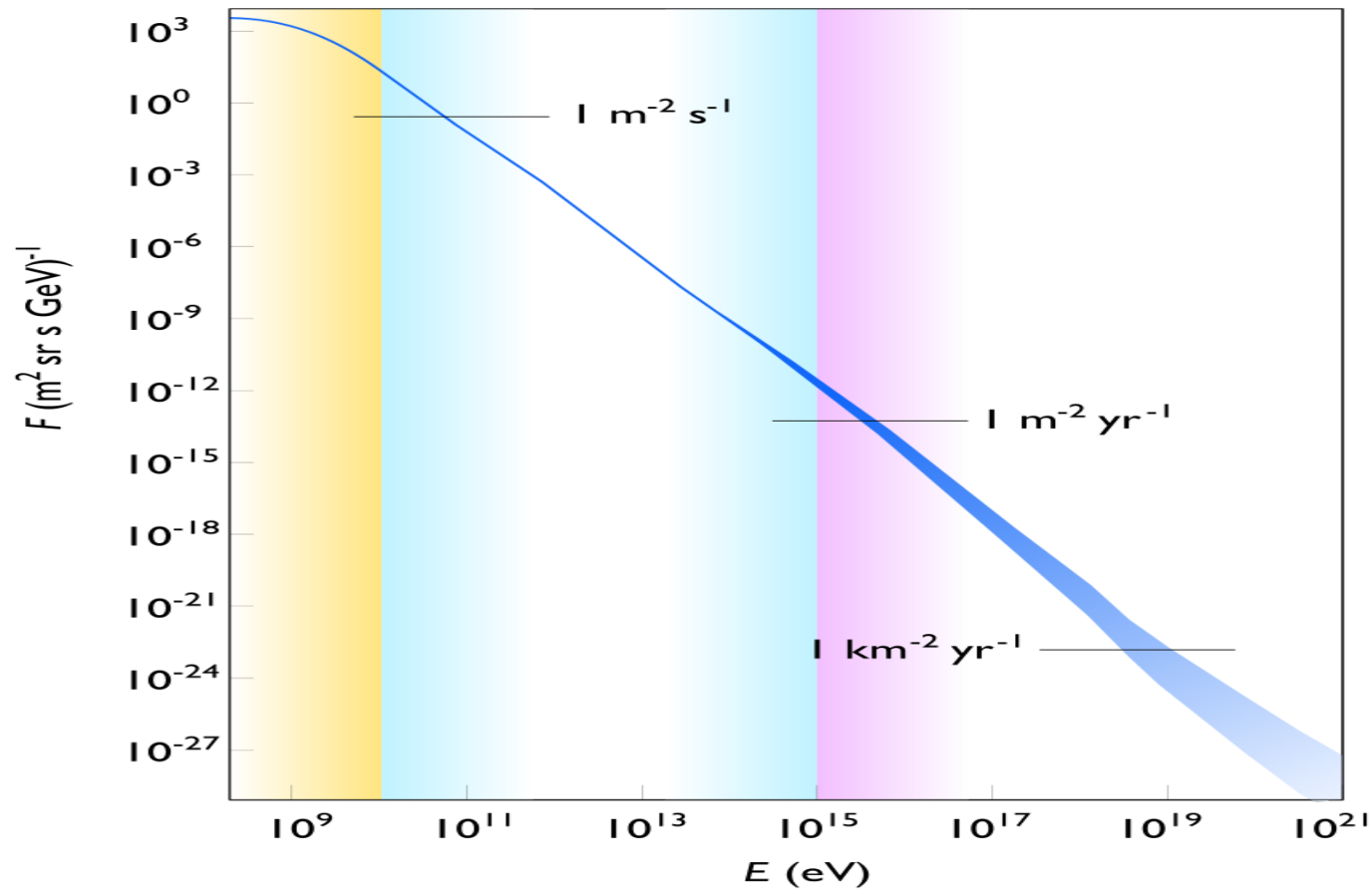


# Ultra High-Energy Cosmic Rays



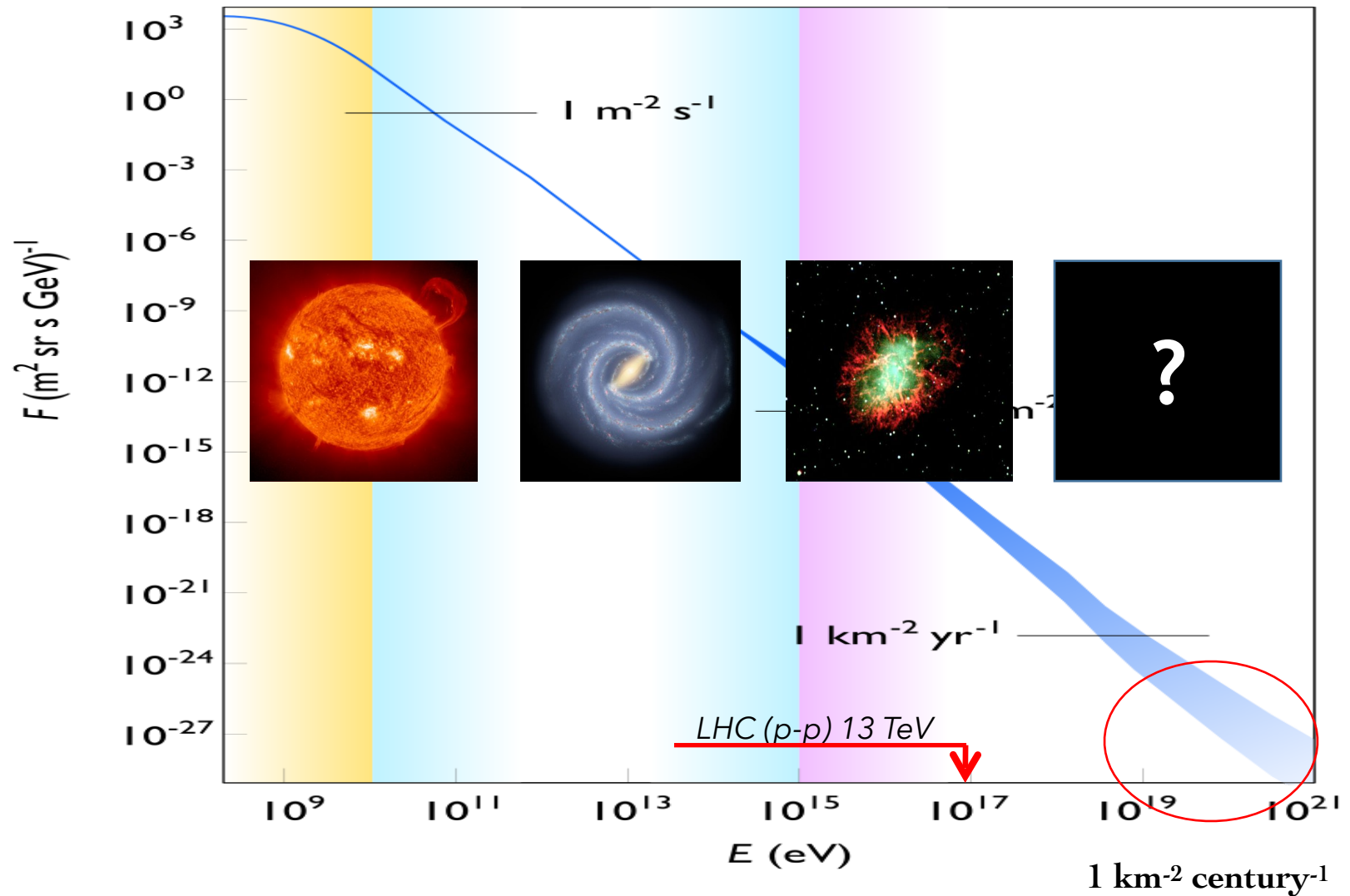


# Cosmic ray energy spectrum



*(Charged particles continuously bombarding Earth)*

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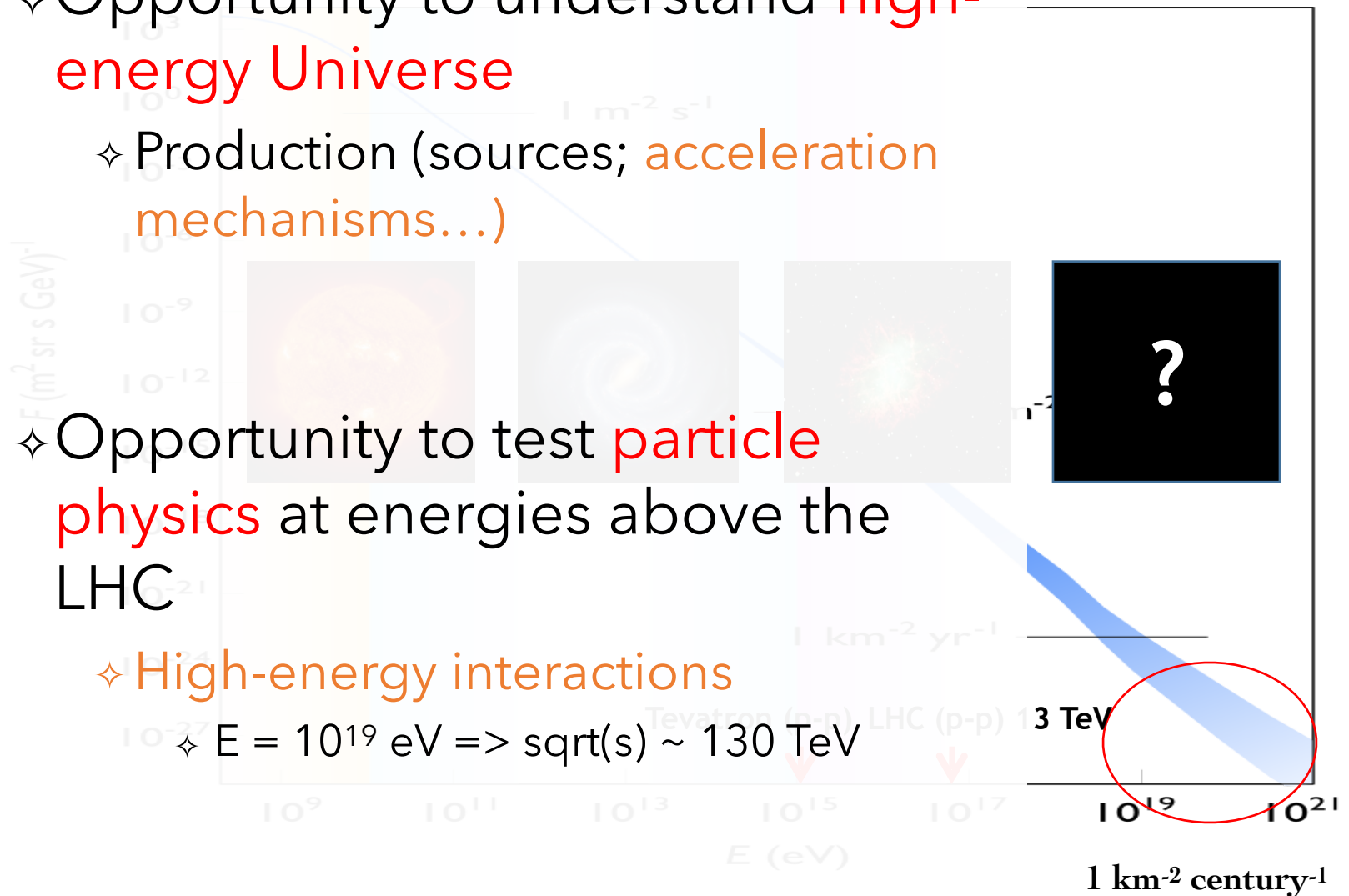
- ✧ Opportunity to understand **high-energy Universe**

- ✧ Production (sources; **acceleration mechanisms...**)

- ✧ Opportunity to test **particle physics** at energies above the LHC

- ✧ **High-energy interactions**

- ✧  $E = 10^{19} \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \sqrt{s} \sim 130 \text{ TeV}$

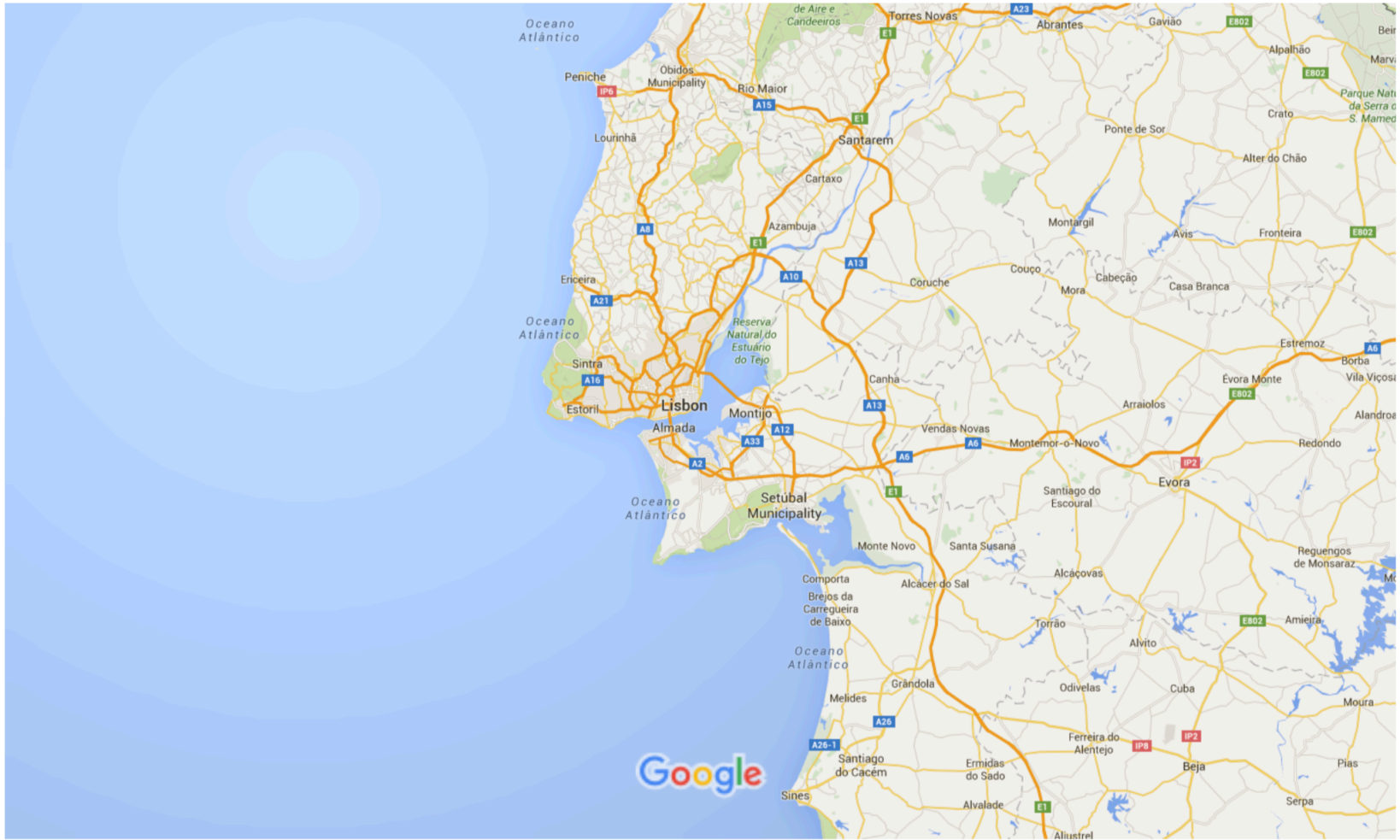


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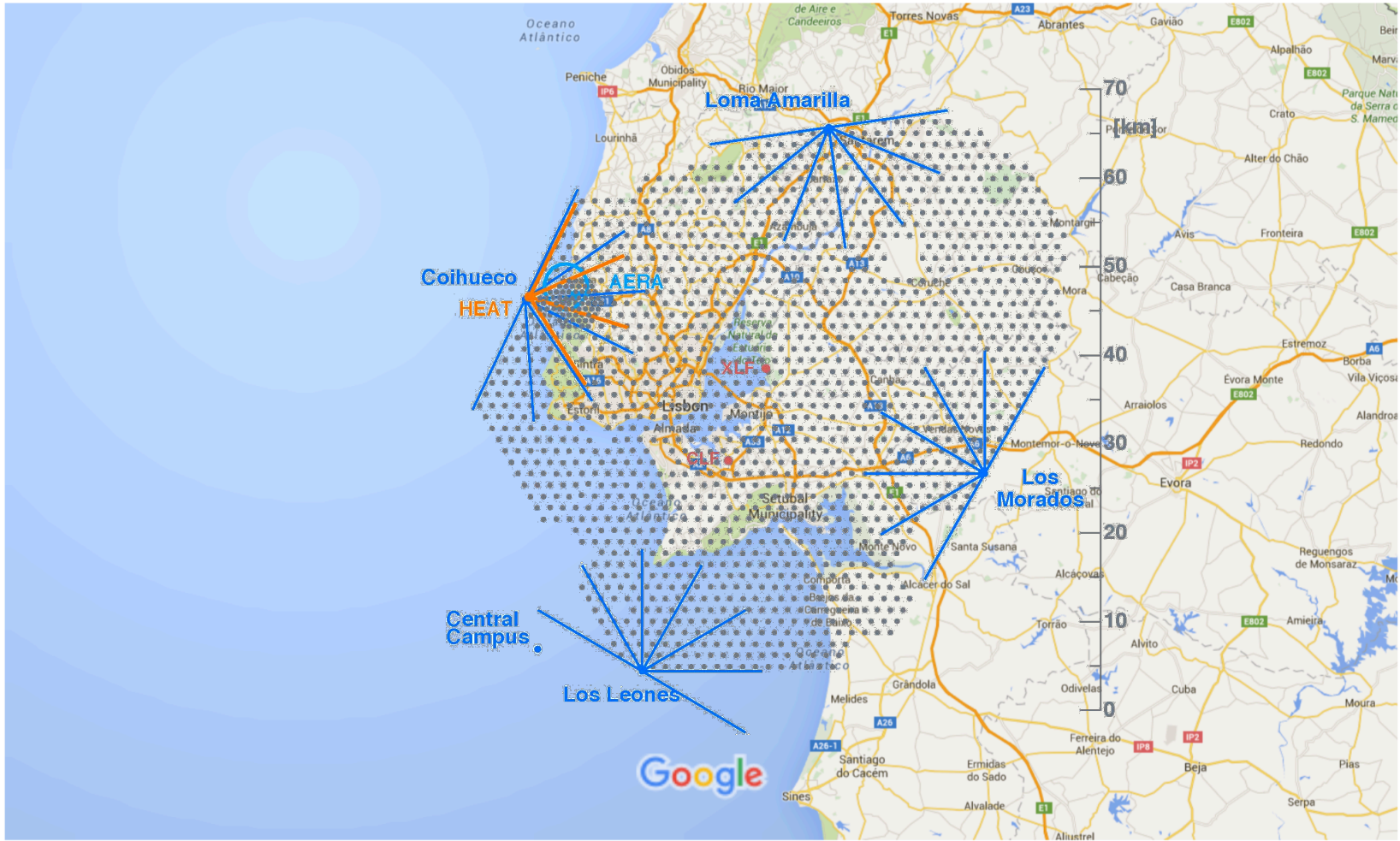


# How big is it?



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# Really big!!



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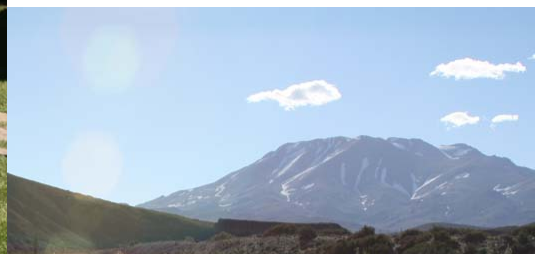
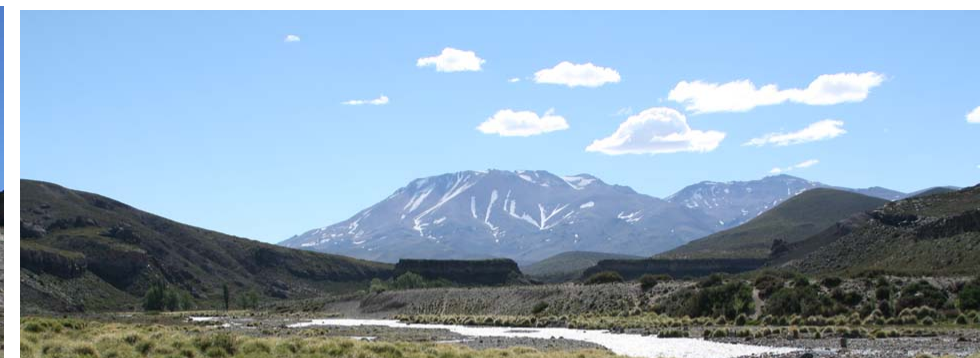
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# Pierre Auger Observatory

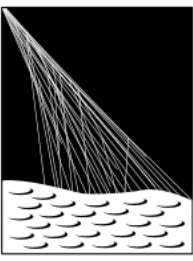








# Pierre Auger Collaboration

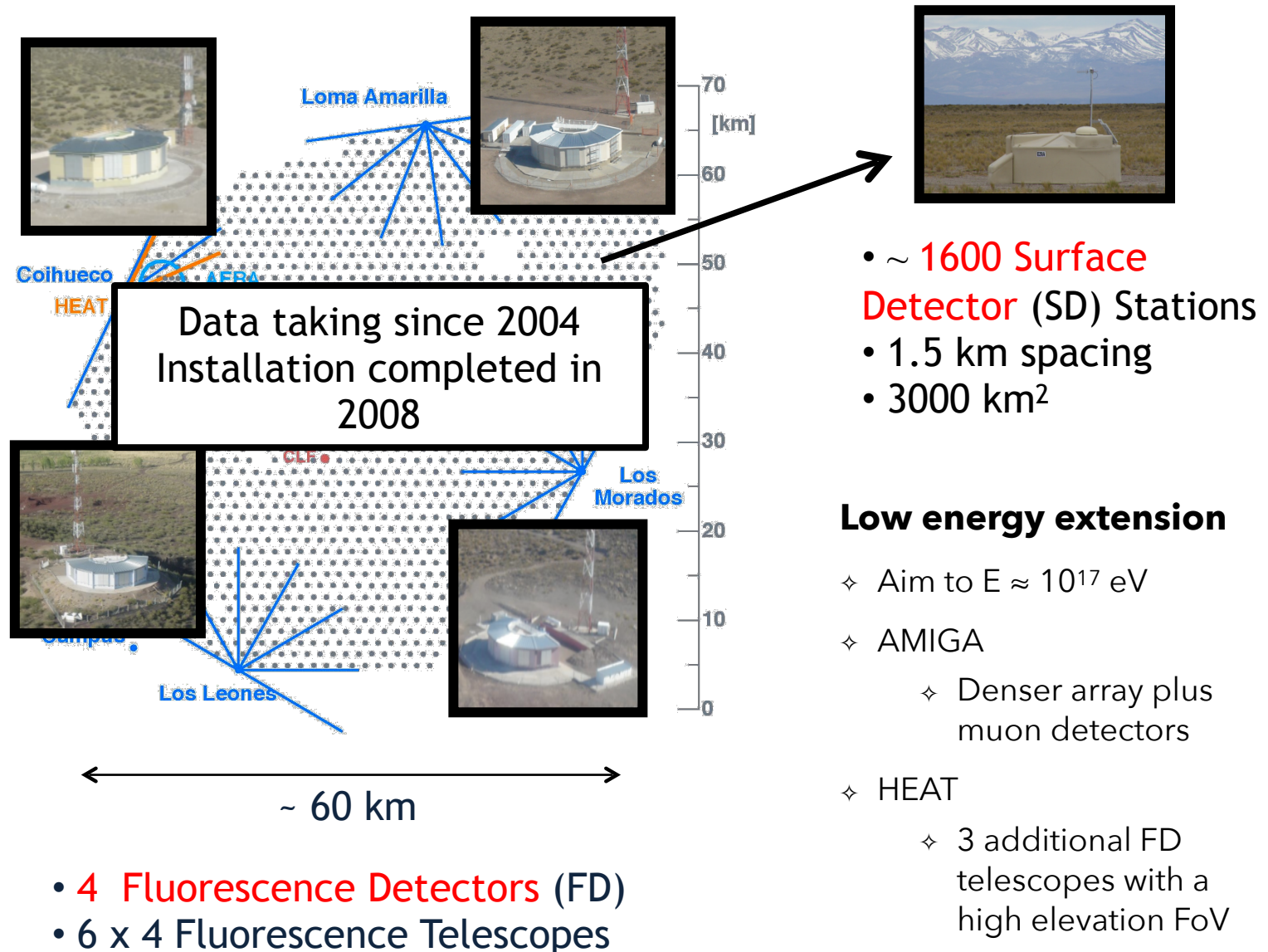


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AUGER  
OBSERVATORY



Auger Portuguese group at LIP

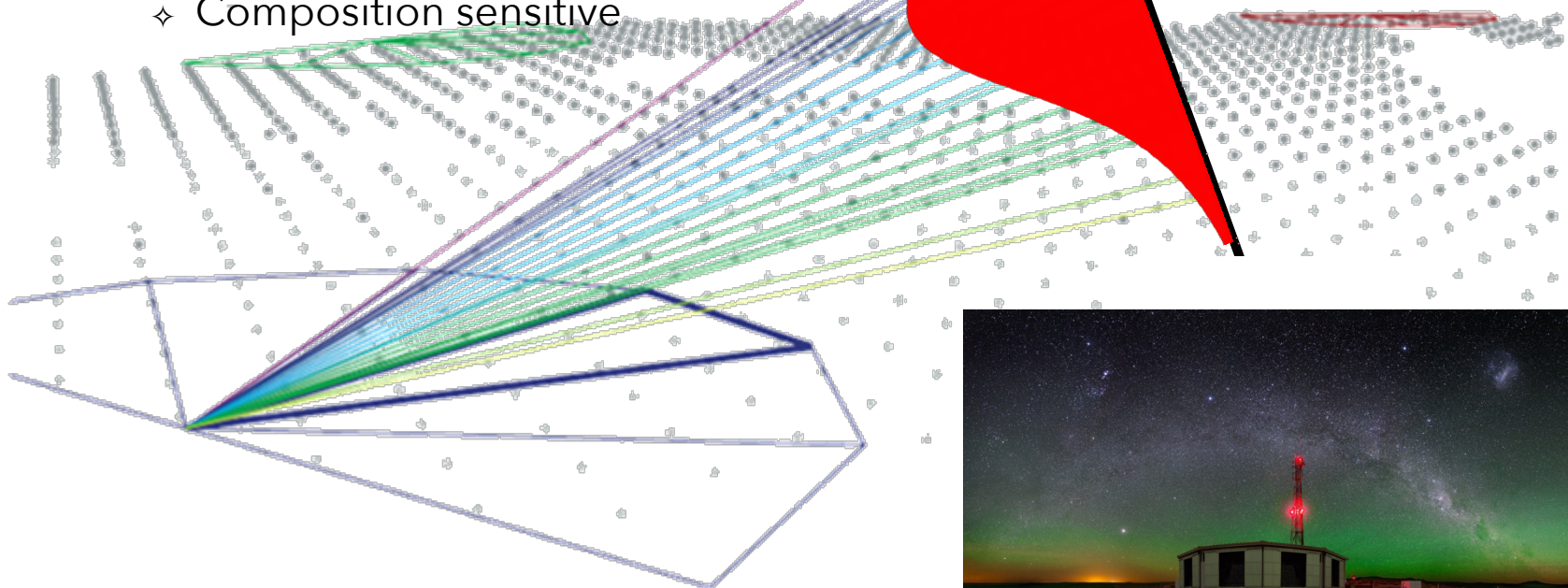
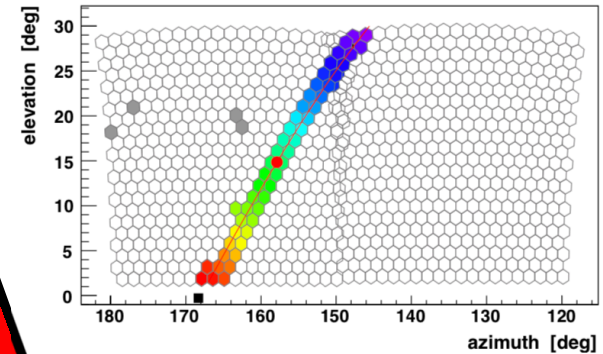
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# What is measured?

- ✧ FD: Collects the **fluorescence light** produced by the **e.m. shower component** in moonless nights
  - ✧ ~15% duty cycle
  - ✧ Energy from integral
    - ✧ Quasi-calorimetric measurement
  - ✧ Depth of shower maximum ( $X_{\max}$ )
    - ✧ Composition sensitive



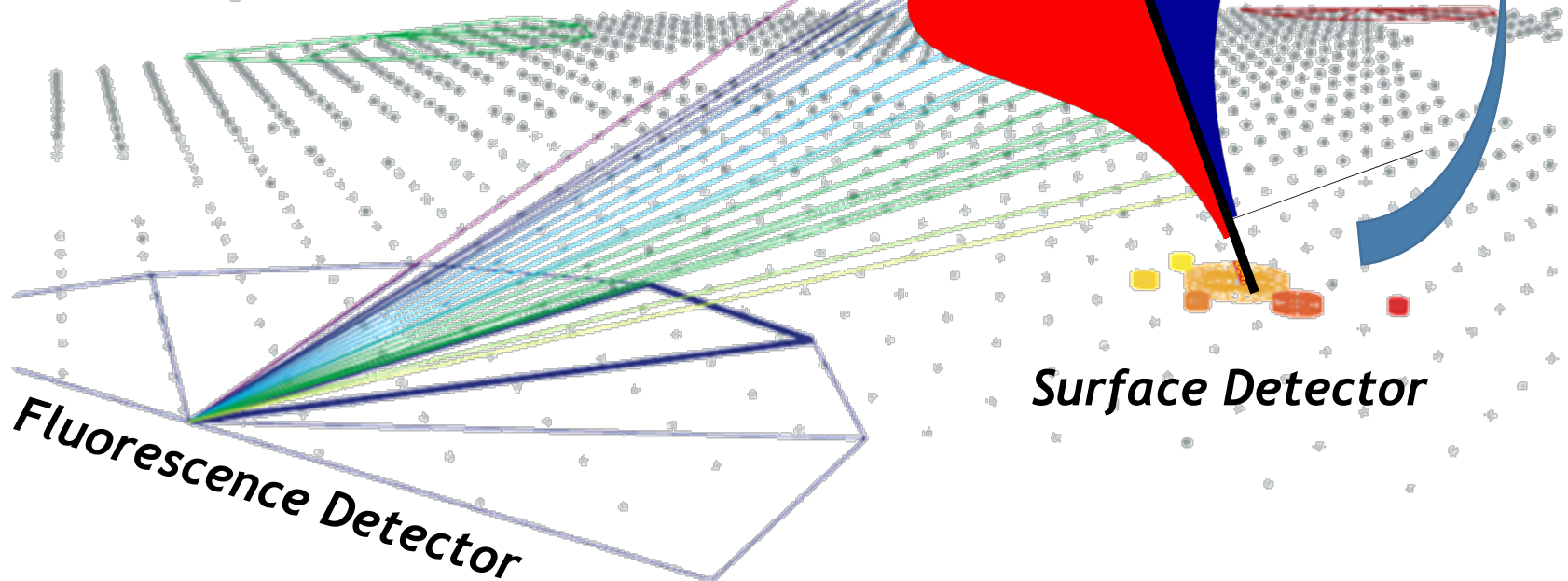
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- ❖ **Inclined** events

- ❖ Measure directly **muons** at ground

- ❖ Muon Production Depth (MPD)

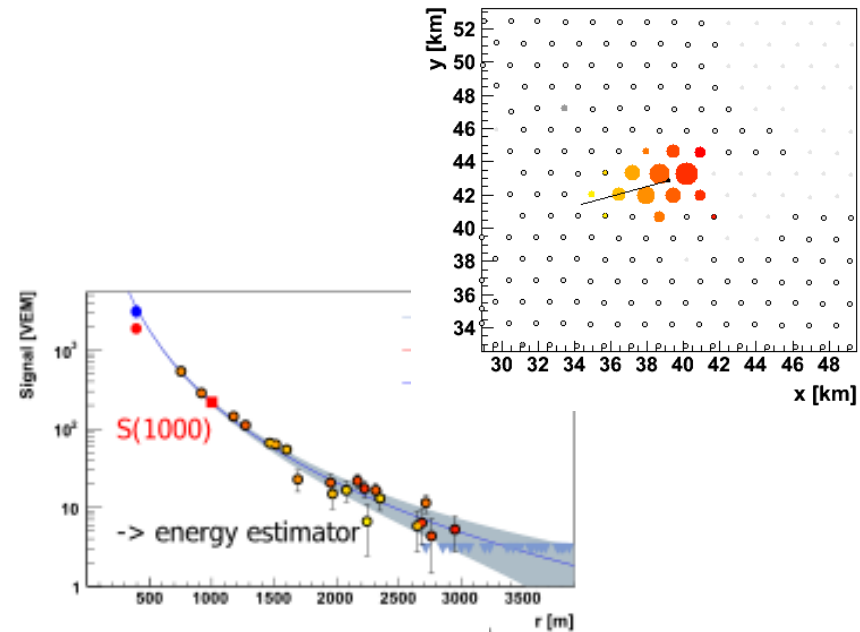
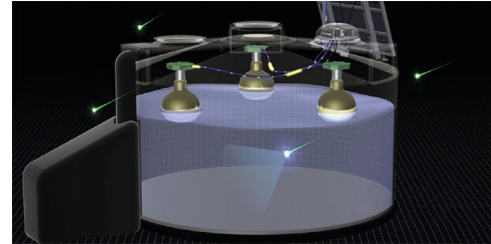
- ❖ Use **arrival time at ground** plus **shower geometry** to reconstruct the muon production profile



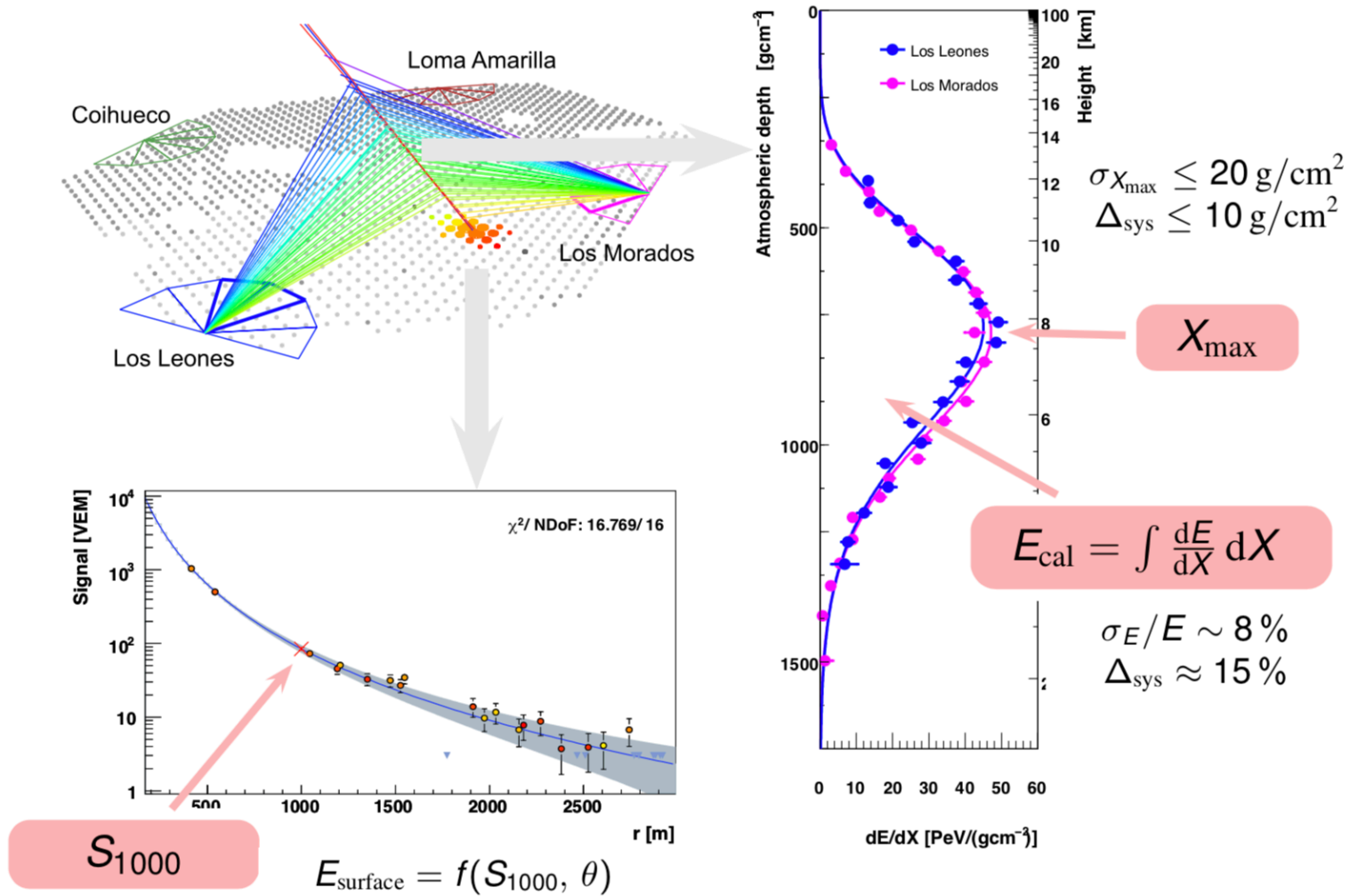


# What is measured?

- ✧ SD: **Sample** the charged **secondary particles** that arrive at ground
  - ✧ 100% duty cycle
  - ✧ Shower direction: from arrival time
  - ✧ Energy estimator: **signal at 1000 m** from the core



# Hybrid Technique





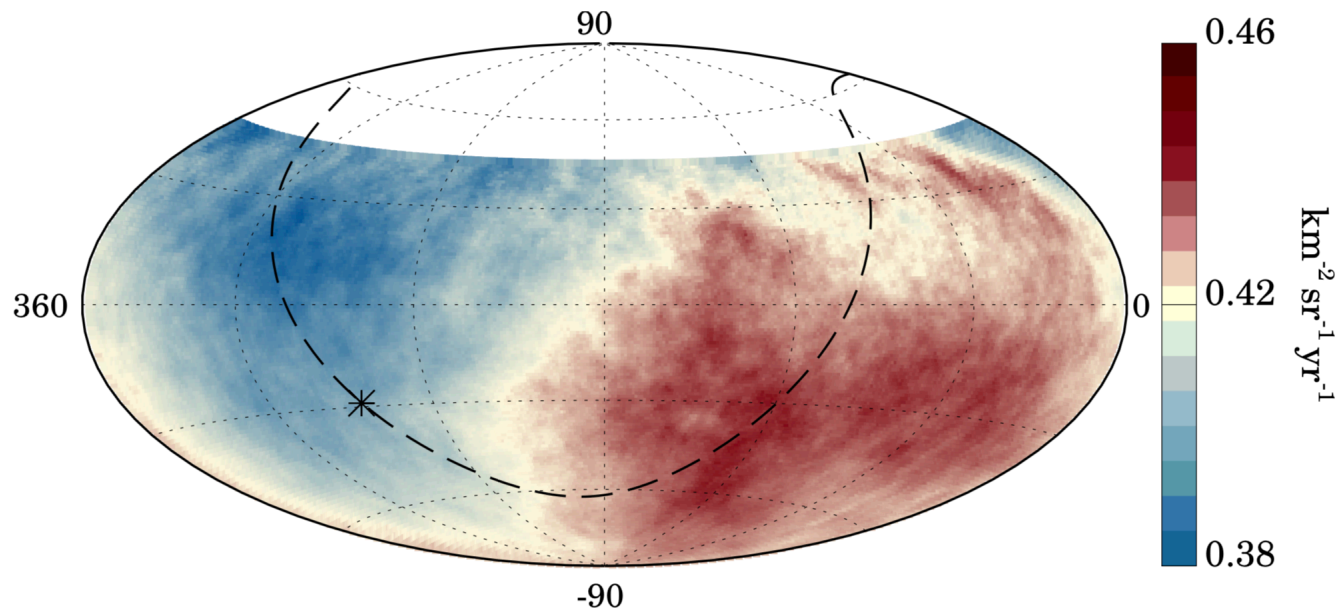
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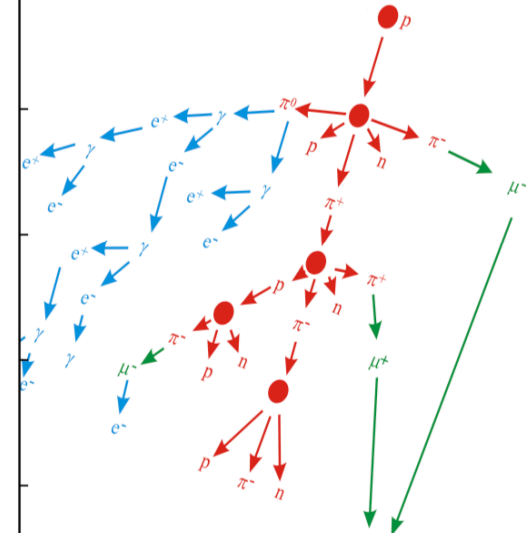
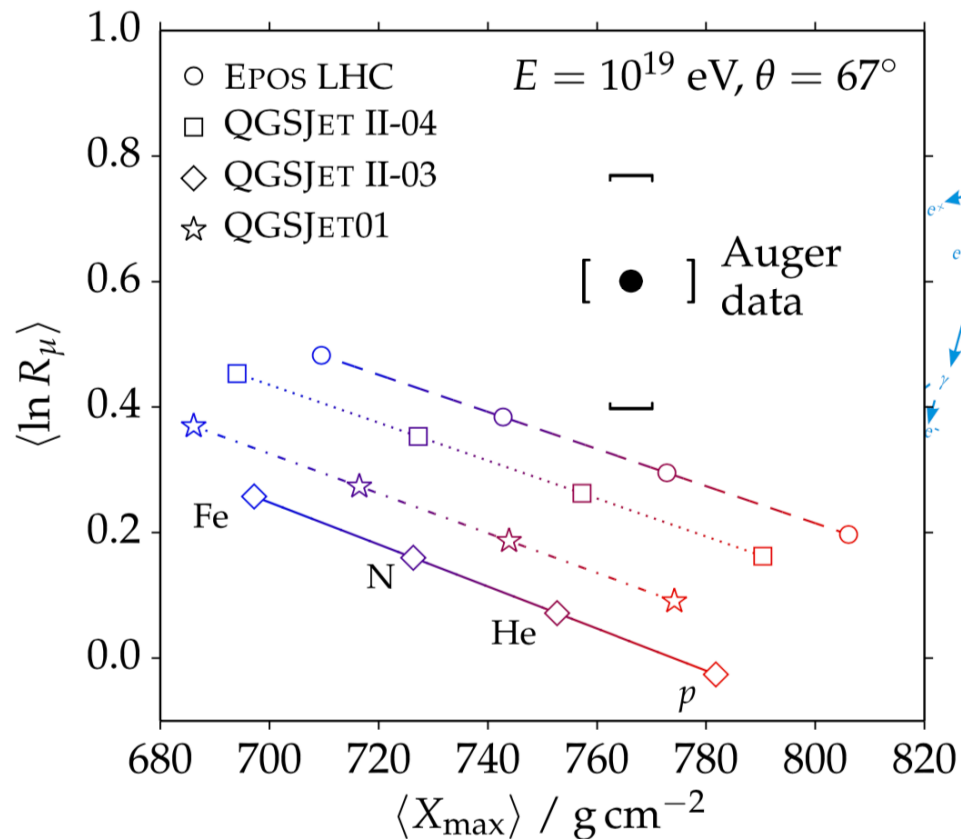
- ✧ somewhere in our Universe
  - ✧ from the photon and neutrino limits
- ✧ Outside the galaxy

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# Composition vs Hadronic interactions



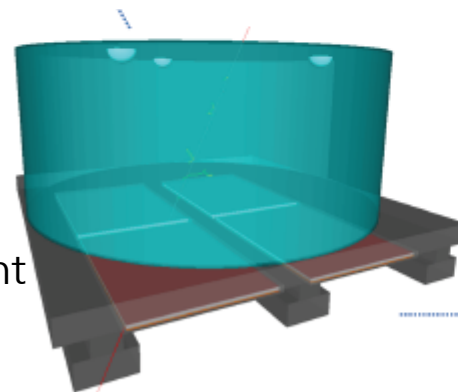
Fluorescence Detector

Combination of the **number of muons**  $R_\mu$  with  **$X_{\max}$**  reveals tension between data and all hadronic interaction models

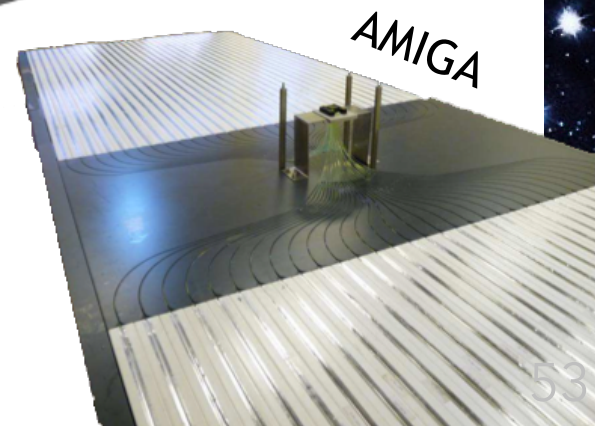
# The future of UHECRs...

- ✧ Gain better understanding over the **shower physical mechanisms**
  - ✧ Use LHC data to better tune the hadronic interaction models at low energy
- ✧ **Auger upgrade**
  - ✧ Auger PRIME (operates until 2025)
  - ✧ Put a scintillator on top of the SD
  - ✧ Complementary information to separate the muon from the e.m. shower component
- ✧ **Several R&D projects**
  - ✧ EAS radio detection
  - ✧ MARTA engineering array
    - ✧ RPCs below the tank
  - ✧ AMIGA
    - ✧ Scintillators below the ground

Auger PRIME SSD

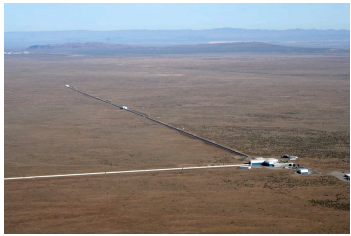


MARTA



AMIGA





# Multi-messengers

*The opening of a new era...*

# Multi-messengers



MULTIMESSENGER ASTRONOMY



## 1. Active galaxies

Some four billion years ago, an active galaxy in the constellation of Orion sent a ghostly subatomic particle, called a neutrino, speeding towards Earth. Active galaxies are large, elliptical galaxies with an extremely bright core at its centre, powered by a supermassive black hole.

They are an interesting target for multimessenger astronomy as they are expected to produce various cosmic messengers: light of all wavelength, charged and uncharged particles and even gravitational waves.



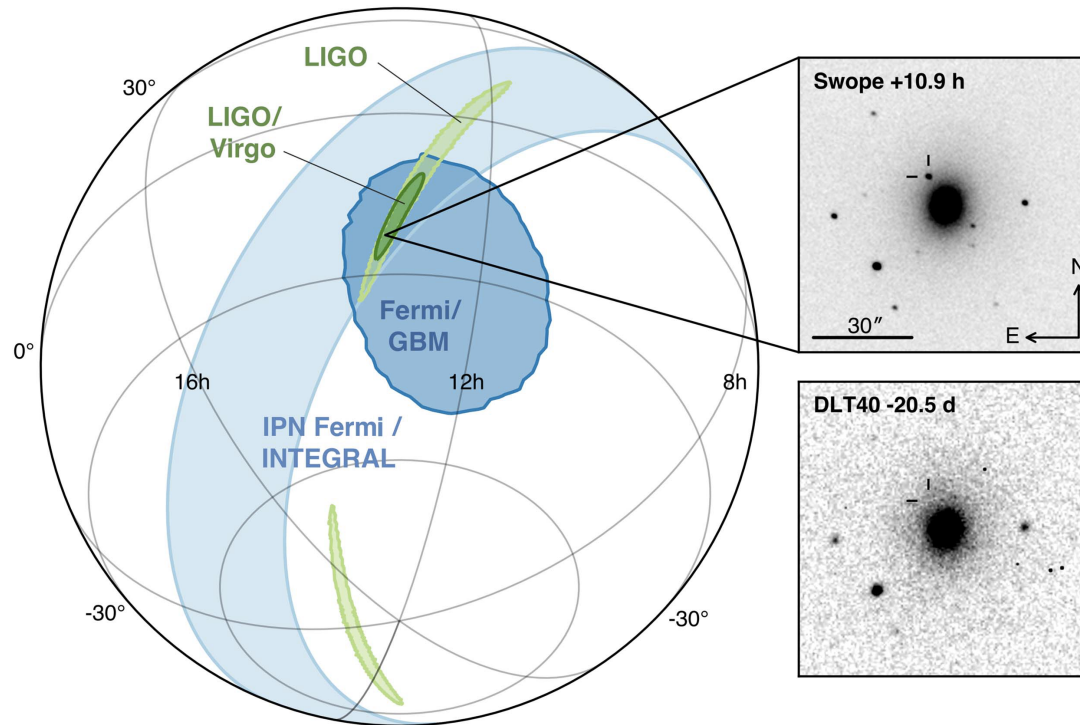
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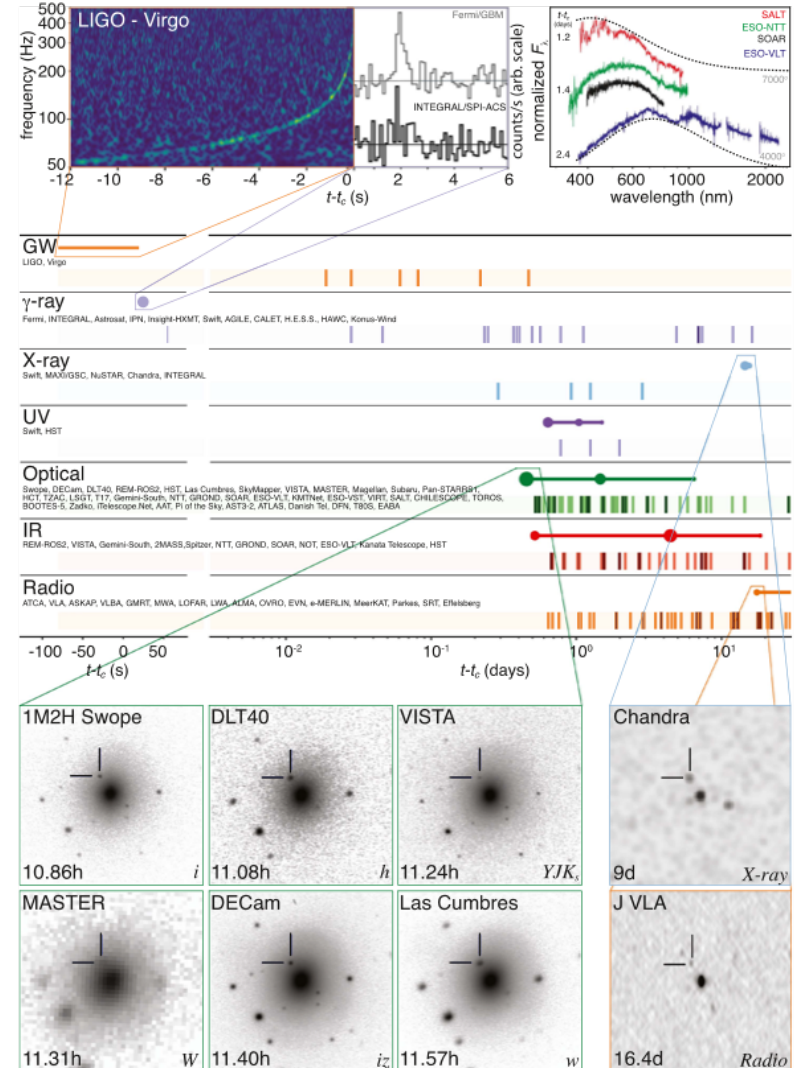
*Joint publication of LIGO, VIRGO, INTEGRAL, Fermi, IceCube, Pierre Auger ...*



- ❖ Simultaneous observation of a **Gravitational Wave + electromagnetic** counterpart
- ❖ Allows to test the dynamics of our surrounding Universe
- ❖ Study of **transient phenomena in all energy** regions is one of the main ingredients

# Multi-messenger observation of a Binary Neutron Star Merger

- ✧ Observe the same phenomenon with **different instruments**
- ✧ Follow the **evolution in time**
- ✧ Different wavelengths  $\Rightarrow$  different kind of interactions  $\Rightarrow$  different phenomena





# Summary

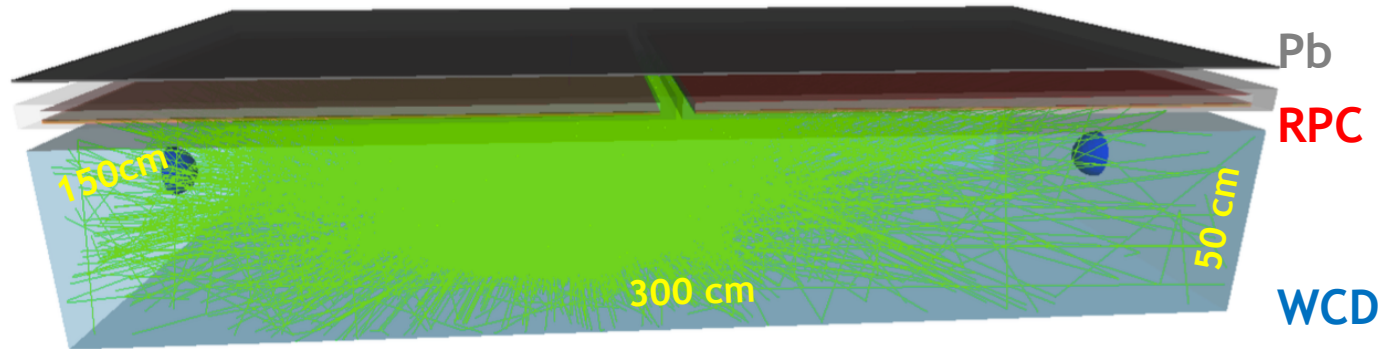
- ✧ Astroparticle physics (Multi-Messengers)
  - ✧ Use astrophysical messengers and known particle physics to gain a deeper understanding of the dynamics of our Universe
  - ✧ Rapidly evolving field
  - ✧ Lots of ambitious projects
  - ✧ Will soon provide important tests to our knowledge over fundamental physics

Backup slides



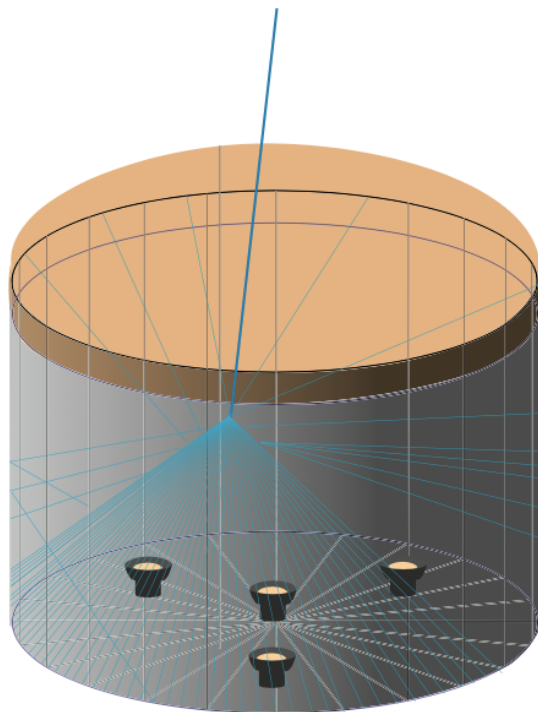


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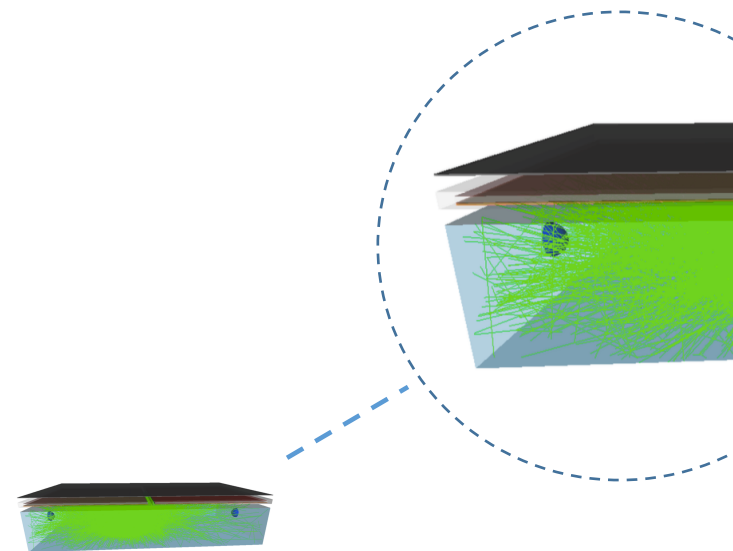


- ✧ Thin lead converter plate (**Pb**)
  - ✧ Improve shower geometry reconstruction
- ✧ Resistive Plate Chamber (**RPC**)
  - ✧ Measure charged particles with high spatial and time resolution
- ✧ Water Cherenkov Detector (**WCD**)
  - ✧ Collect shower secondary photons/electrons to improve trigger at low energy

# The station



**HAWC**  
*(present detector)*



...  
*(next generation)*

*\*caveat: R&D phase, which means that the detector concept continues to evolve...*