



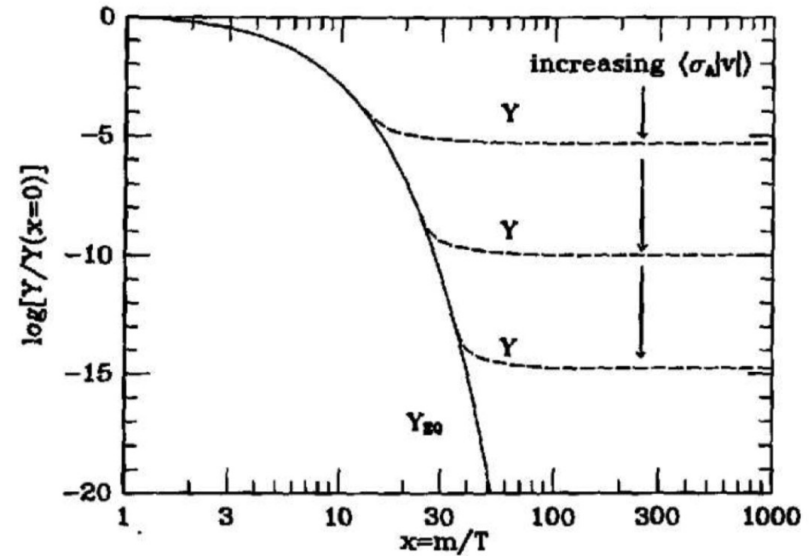
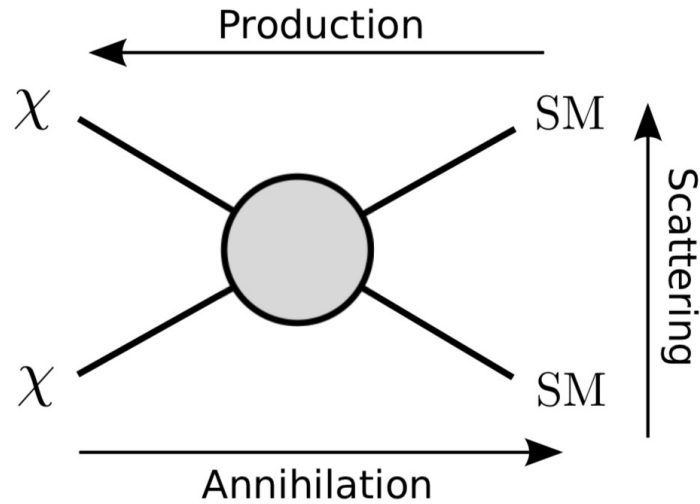
The Southern Wide-field  
Gamma-ray Observatory

# WIMP Dark Matter Prospects

Jim Hinton (MPIK, Heidelberg)



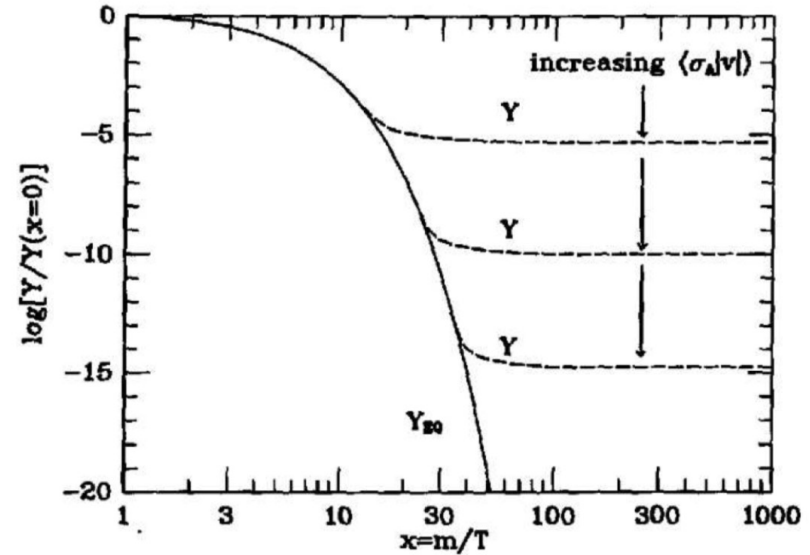
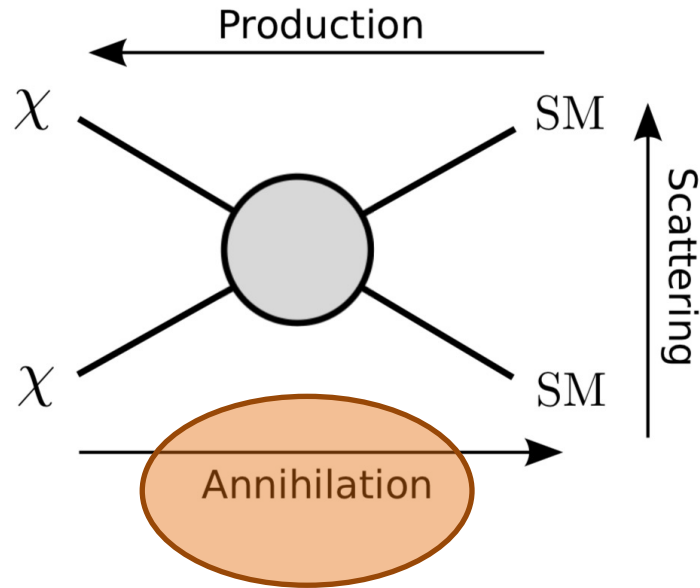
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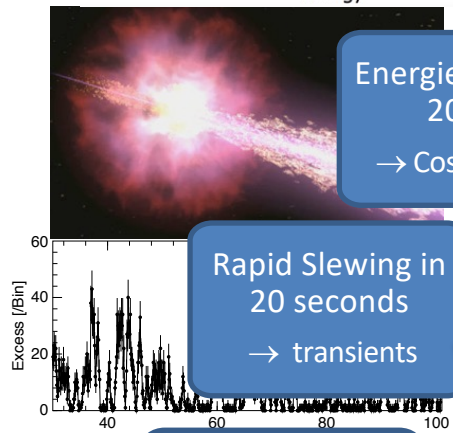
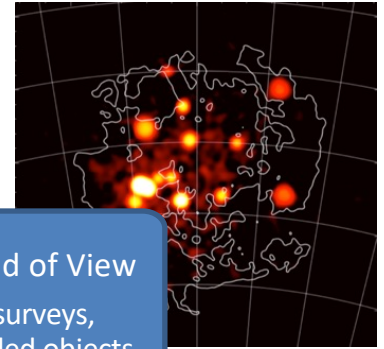
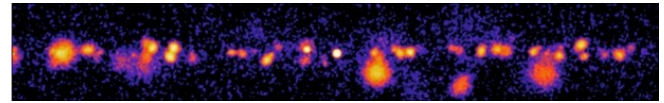
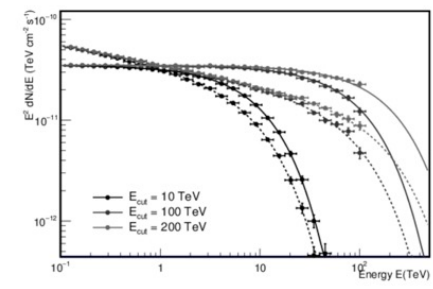
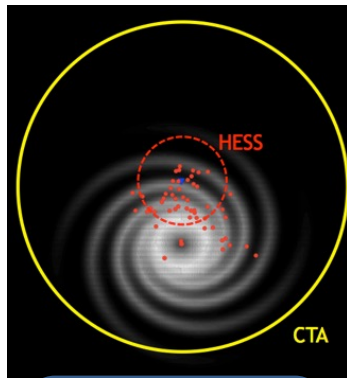
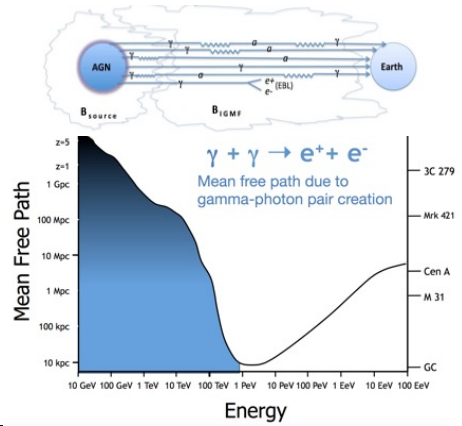
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Energies down to 20 GeV  
→ Cosmology++

10 x Sensitivity, Large Collection Area  
→ all topics

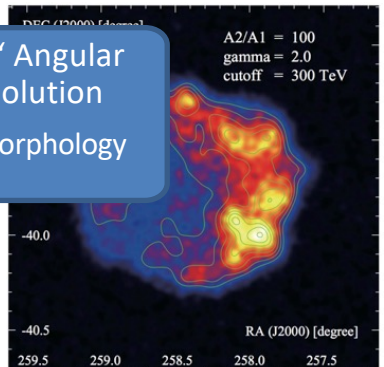
Energies up to 300 TeV  
→ Pevatrons

Rapid Slewing in 20 seconds  
→ transients

8° Field of View  
→ surveys, extended objects

10% Energy Resolution  
→ lines, features

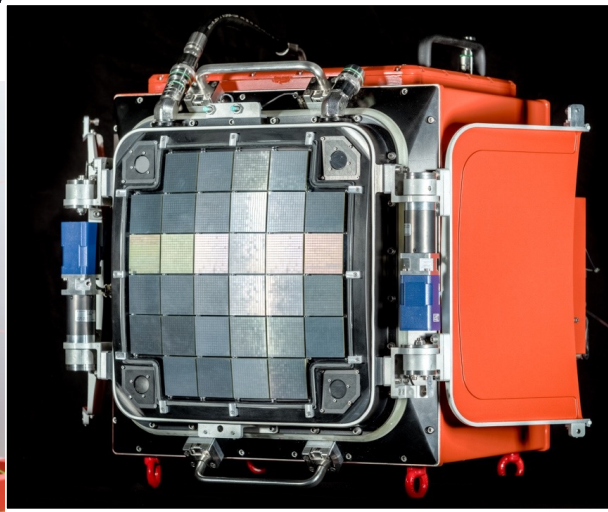
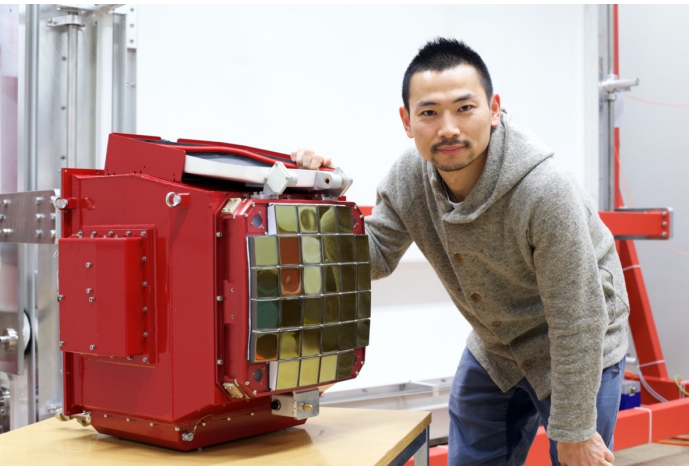
Few ' Angular Resolution  
→ morphology



See 'Science with CTA'  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.07997> &  
<https://www.cta-symposium.com/>





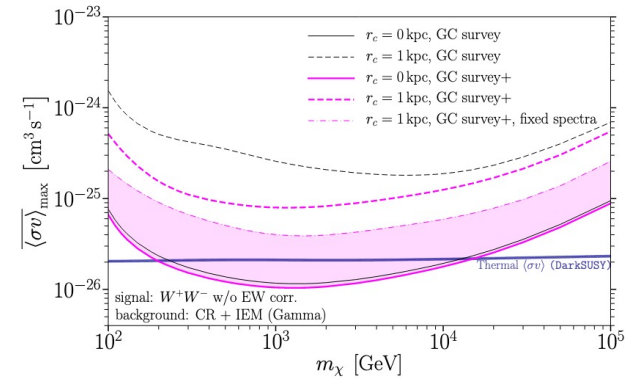


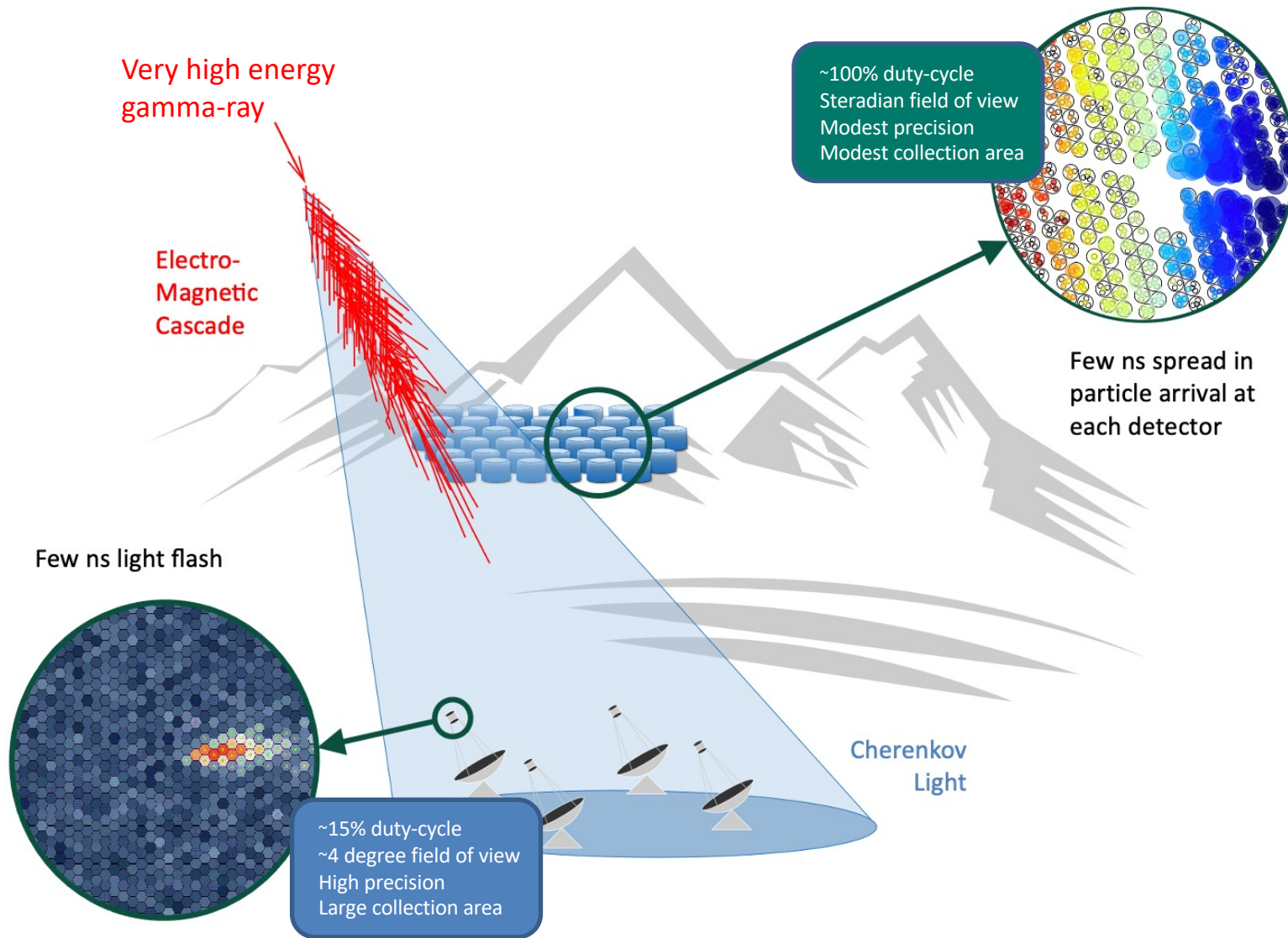
**Excellent collaboration with Nagoya on SST Camera!**



# So why not \*just\* CTA?

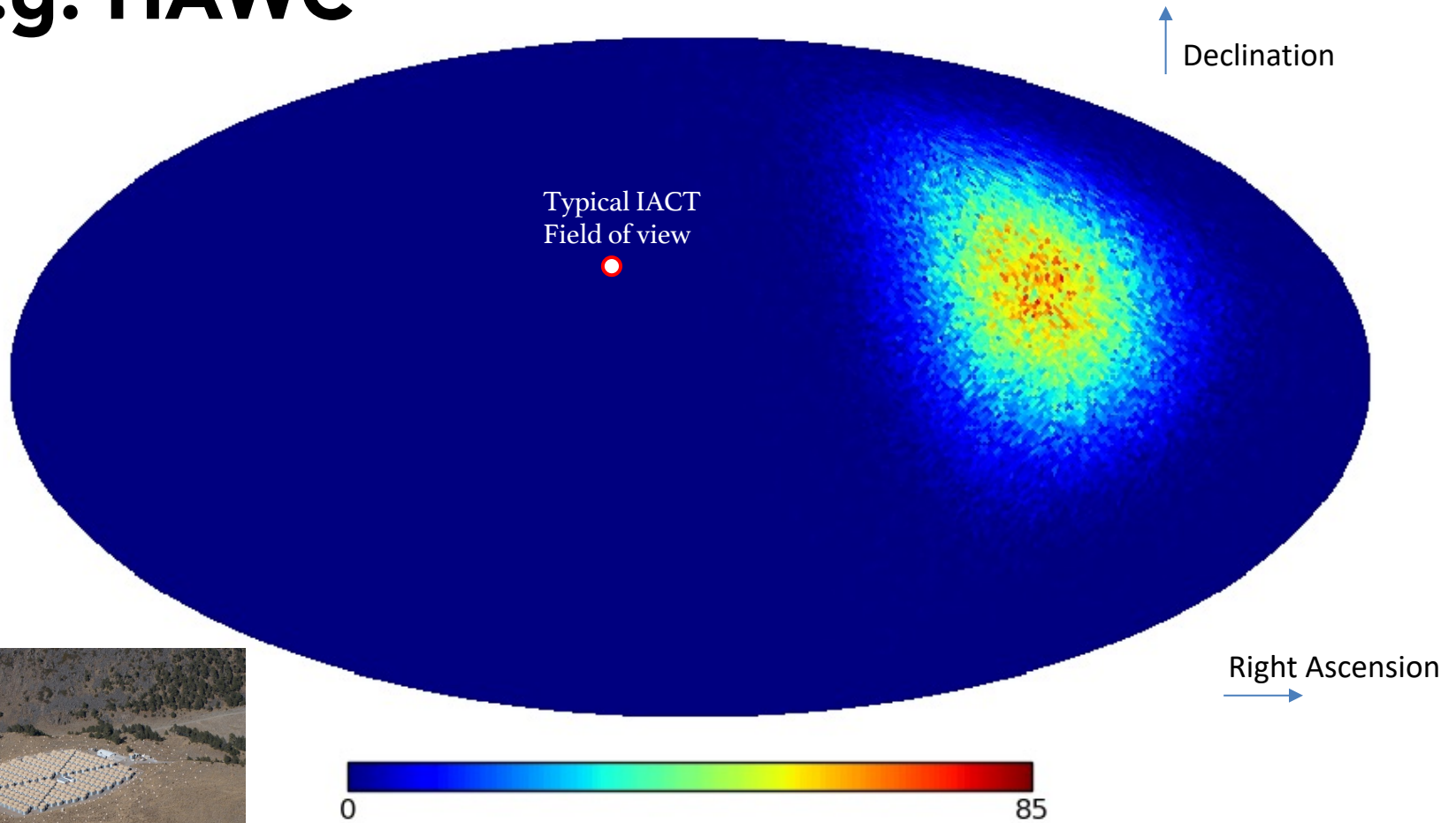
- ⊙ Compelling candidates with rather **high masses** – where sensitivity of CTA is fading somewhat
  - + See many talks at this meeting !! Hisano, Vollmann, Fujiwara ++
- ⊙ Galactic Centre is by far the strongest source (J factor)
  - + Hard for a pointed instrument to collect a long list of dwarf galaxies to stack like Fermi
  - + BUT: if central density peak is not very strong/cuspy/small scale – **field of view** of CTA may become an issue (can survey but loss of depth and increased systematics)
- ⊙ Confirmation by independent instrument helps a lot with acceptance (!)
- ⊙ Continuation of spectrum – wider energy coverage – makes detection more convincing – and more **physics from spectral shape**



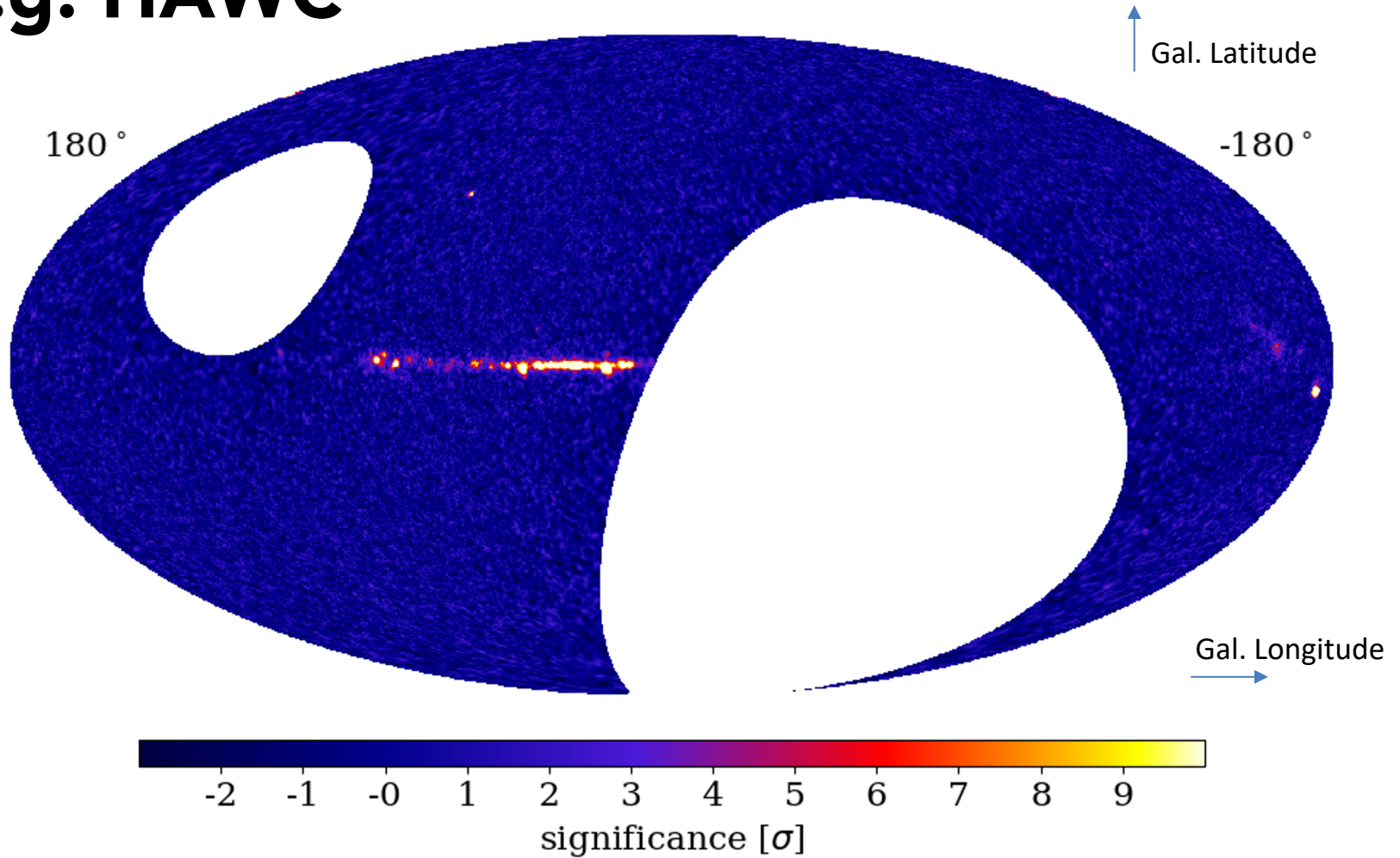




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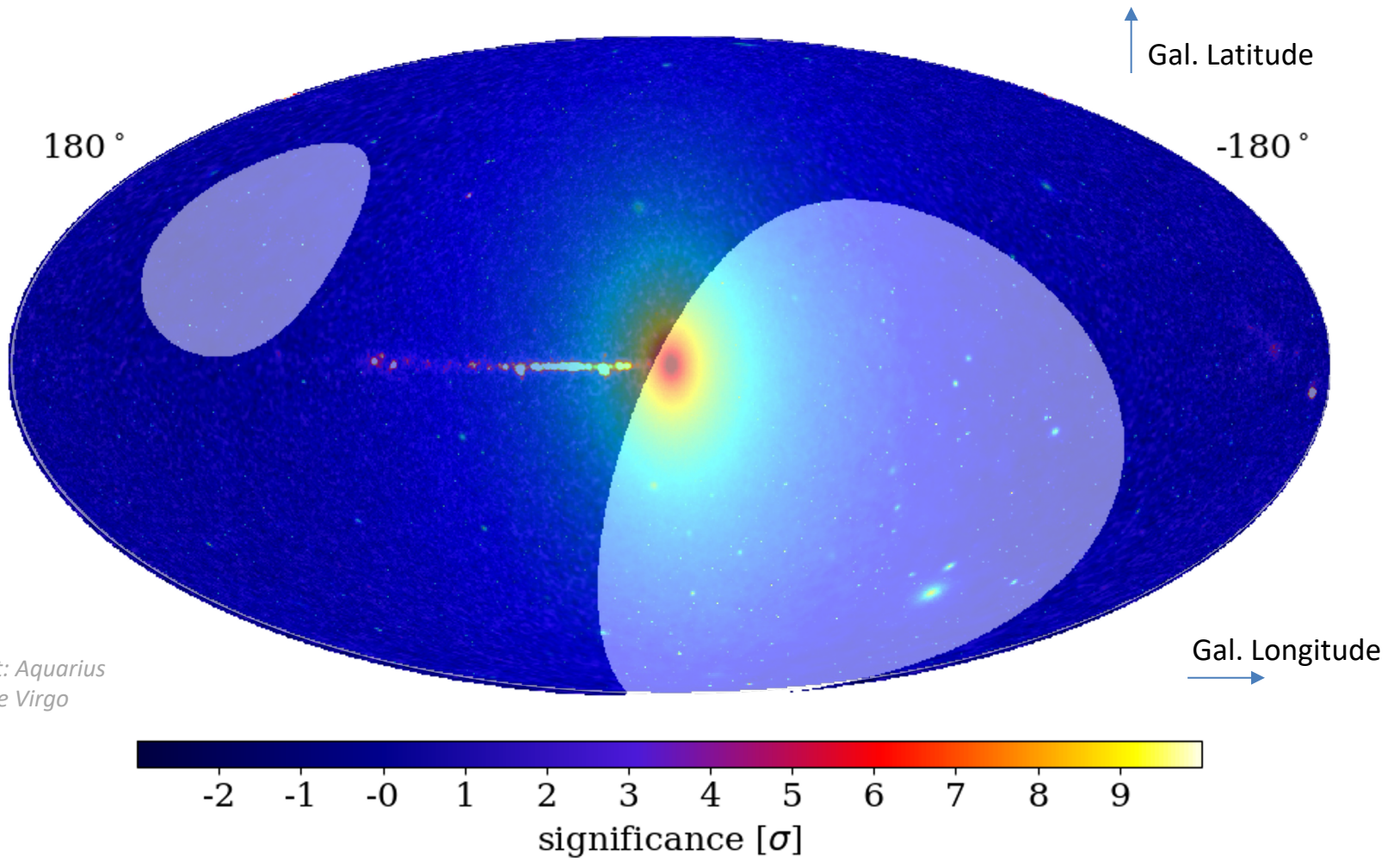


Image Credit: Aquarius  
Project of the Virgo  
Consortium



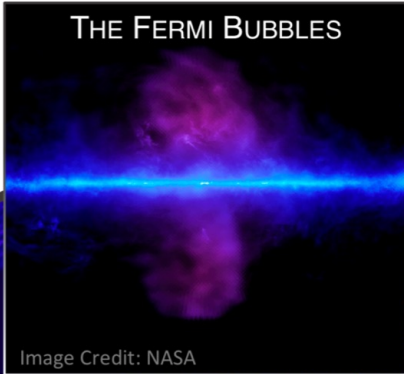
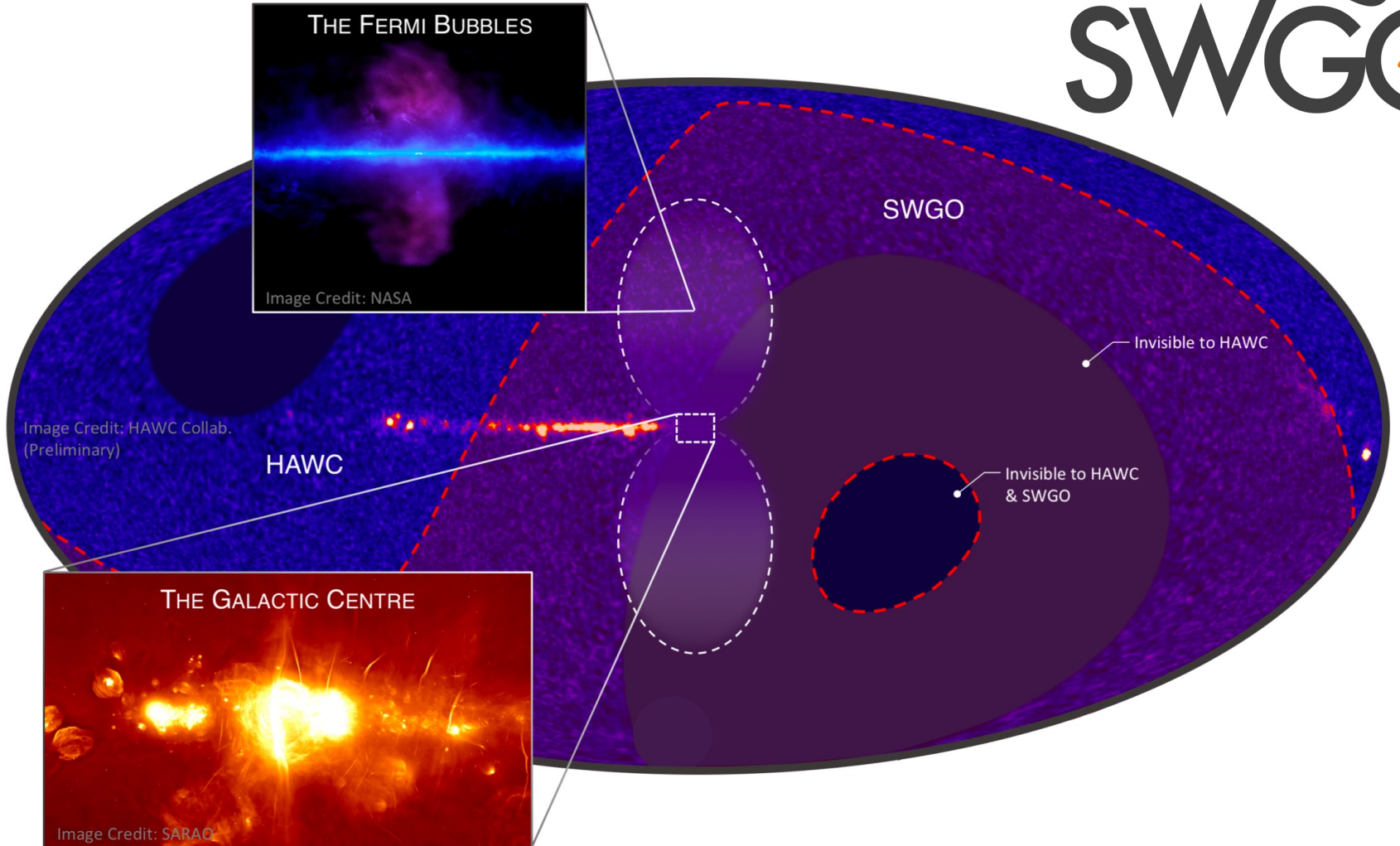
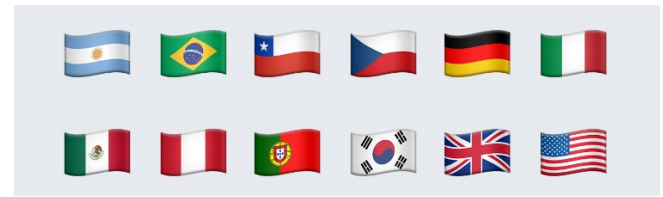


Image Credit: HAWC Collab. (Preliminary)



# Status & Plan



SWG0 R&D Phase Milestones	
✓	<b>M1</b> R&D Phase Plan Established
✓	<b>M2</b> Science Benchmarks Defined
✓	<b>M3</b> Reference Configuration & Options Defined
	<b>M4</b> Site Shortlist Complete
✓	<b>M5</b> Candidate Configurations Defined
	<b>M6</b> Performance of Candidate Configurations Evaluated
	<b>M7</b> Preferred Site Identified
	<b>M8</b> Design Finalised
	<b>M9</b> Construction & Operation Proposal Complete

## ◎ SWGO partners

- + 48 institutes in 13 countries
- + + supporting scientists

## ◎ R&D Phase

- + Kick off meeting Nov 2019
- + Expected completion early 2024
  - + Site and main design choices made 2023
- + Then:

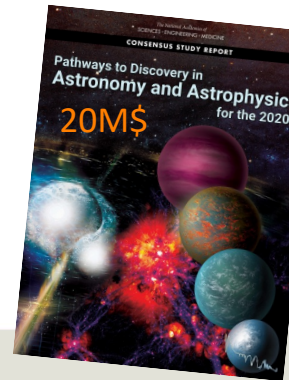
## ◎ Preparatory Phase

- + Detailed construction planning
- + **Engineering Array 2024+**
  - + At final site – already scientifically interesting, modest financial requirements

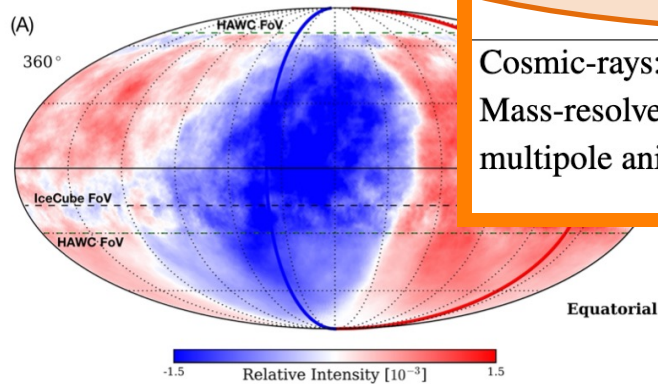
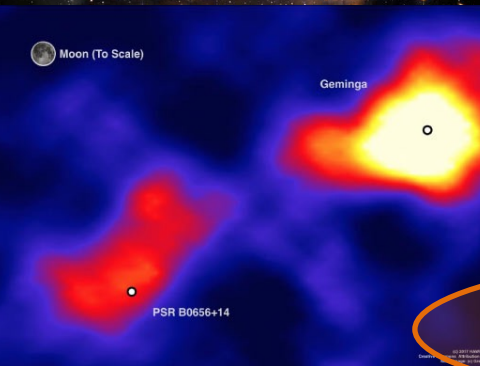
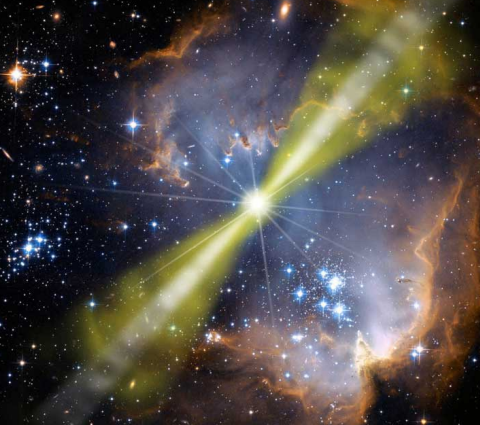
## ◎ (Full) Construction Phase

- + 2026+

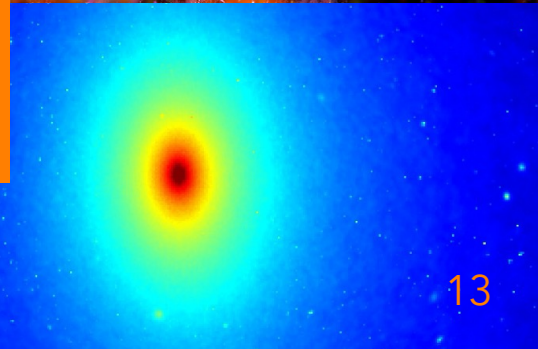
Very open to new partners / interested scientists!



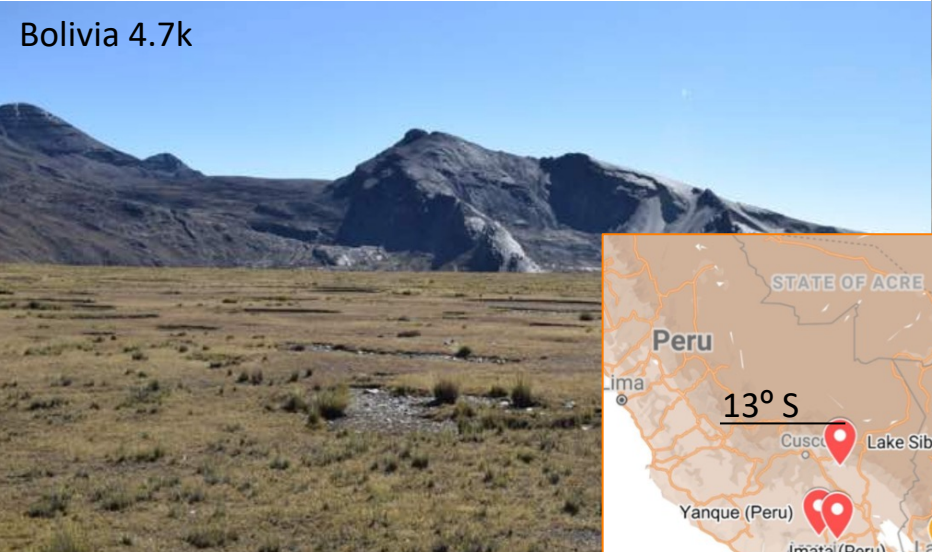




Science Case	Design Drivers
Transient Sources: Gamma-ray Bursts	Low-energy sensitivity & Site altitude <sup>a</sup>
Galactic Accelerators: PeVatron Sources	High-energy sensitivity & Energy resolution <sup>b</sup>
Galactic Accelerators: PWNe and TeV Halos	Extended source sensitivity & Angular resolution <sup>c</sup>
Diffuse Emission: Fermi Bubbles	Background rejection
Fundamental Physics: Dark Matter from GC Halo	Mid-range energy sensitivity Site latitude <sup>d</sup>
Cosmic-rays: Mass-resolved dipole / multipole anisotropy	Muon counting capability <sup>e</sup>



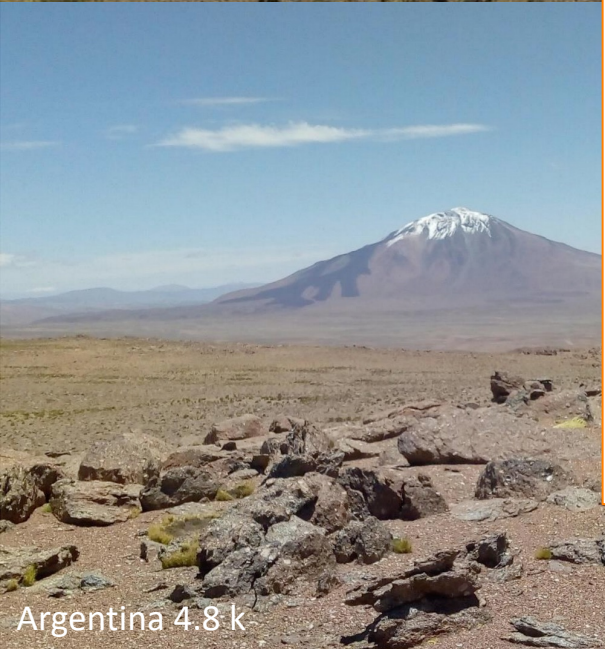




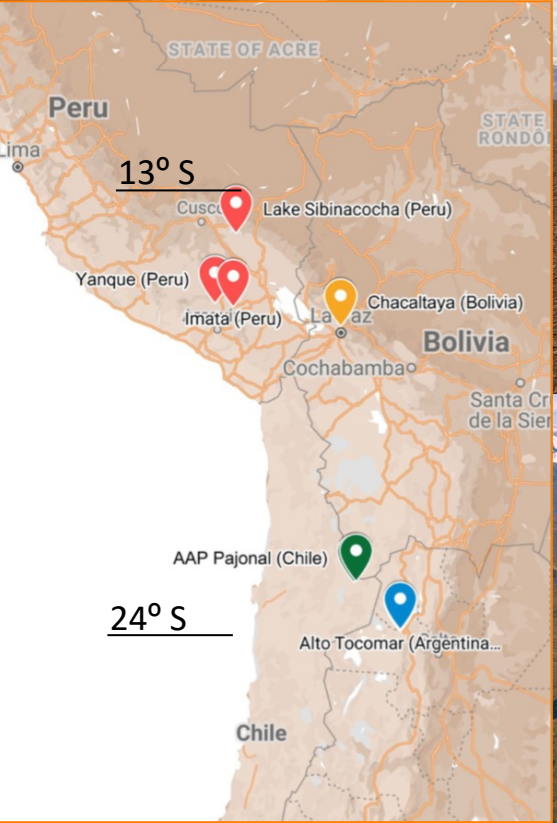
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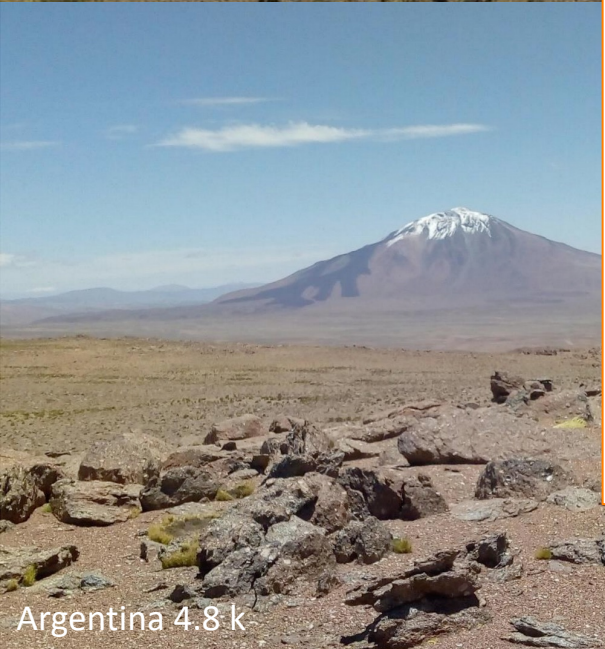


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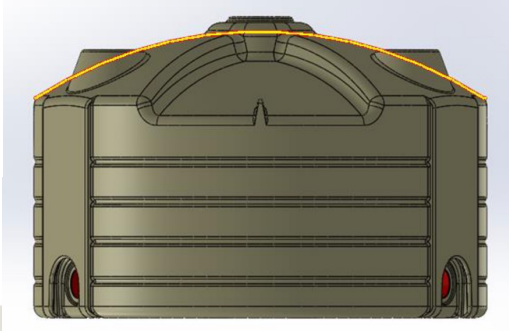
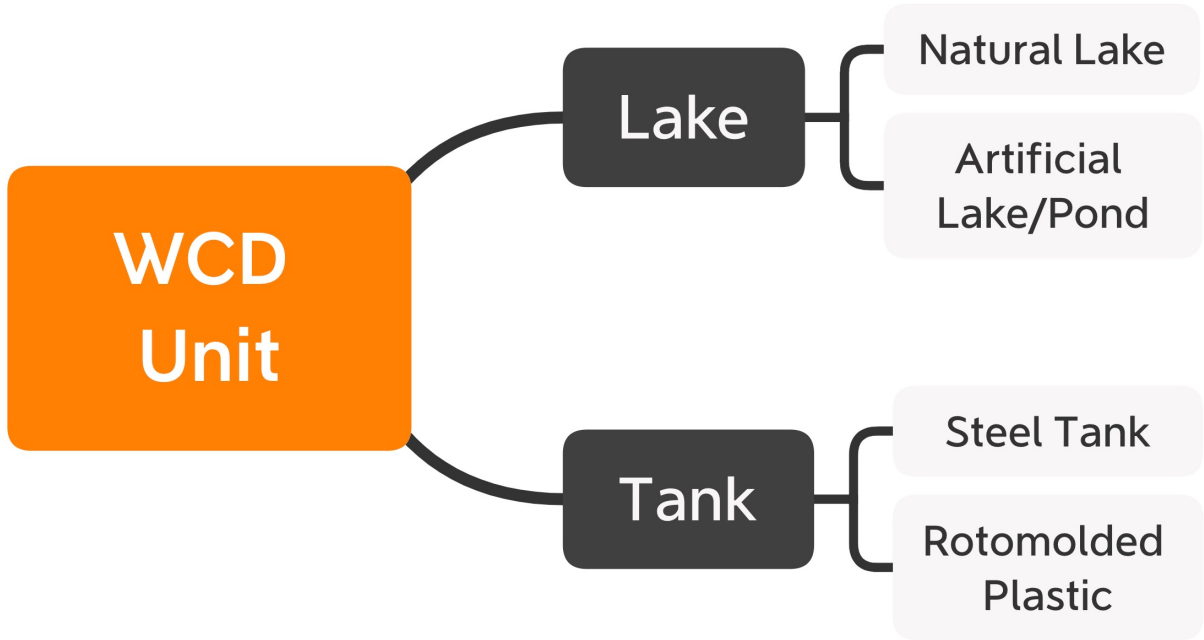


Site shortlisting: September 2022  
 Site team visits: October 2022  
 Preferred Site identified: Autumn 2023  
 On-site prototyping activities: from 2022

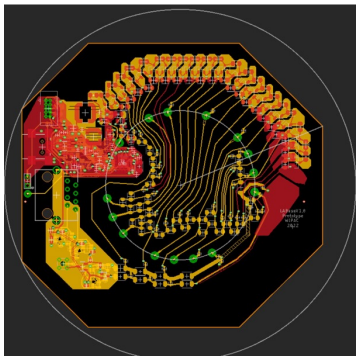


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# WCD Unit

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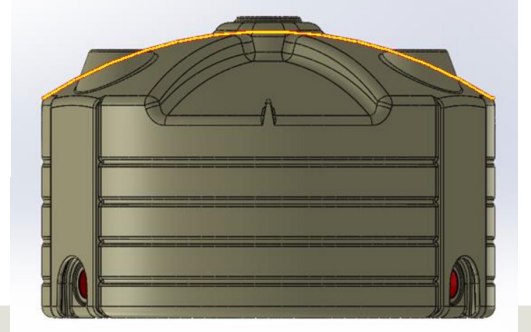
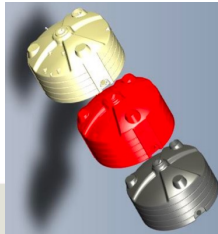
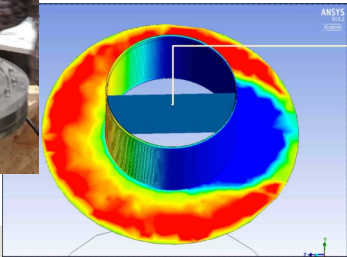
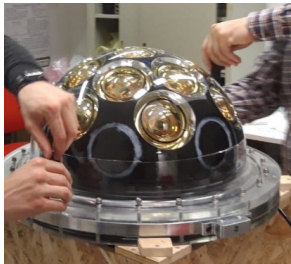
Natural Lake

Artificial Lake/Pond

Tank

Steel Tank

Rotomolded Plastic

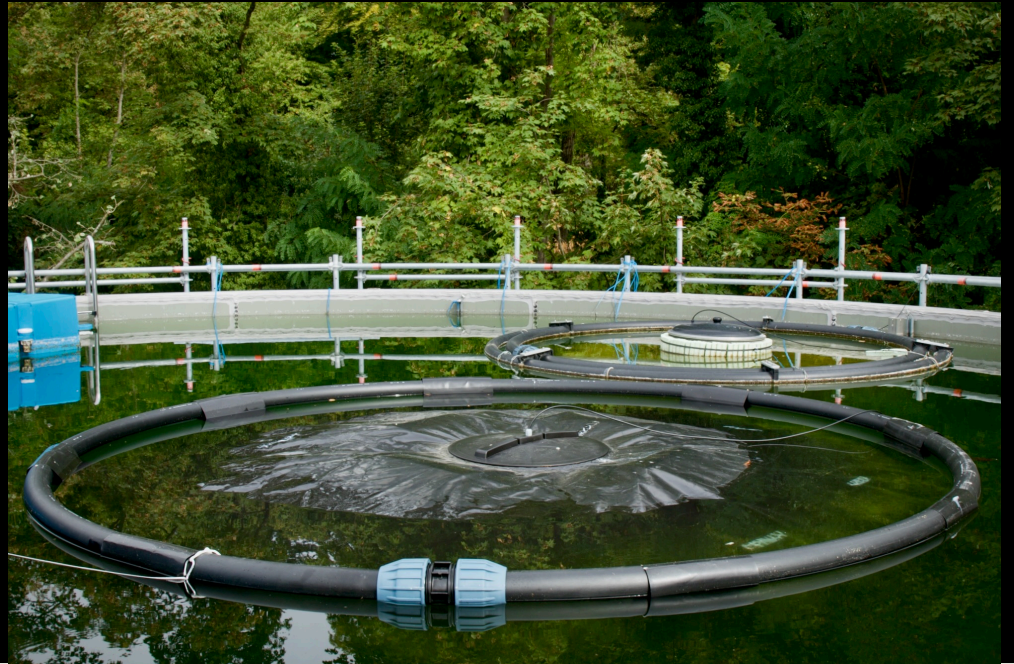


\*cooperation with KMA in prep.



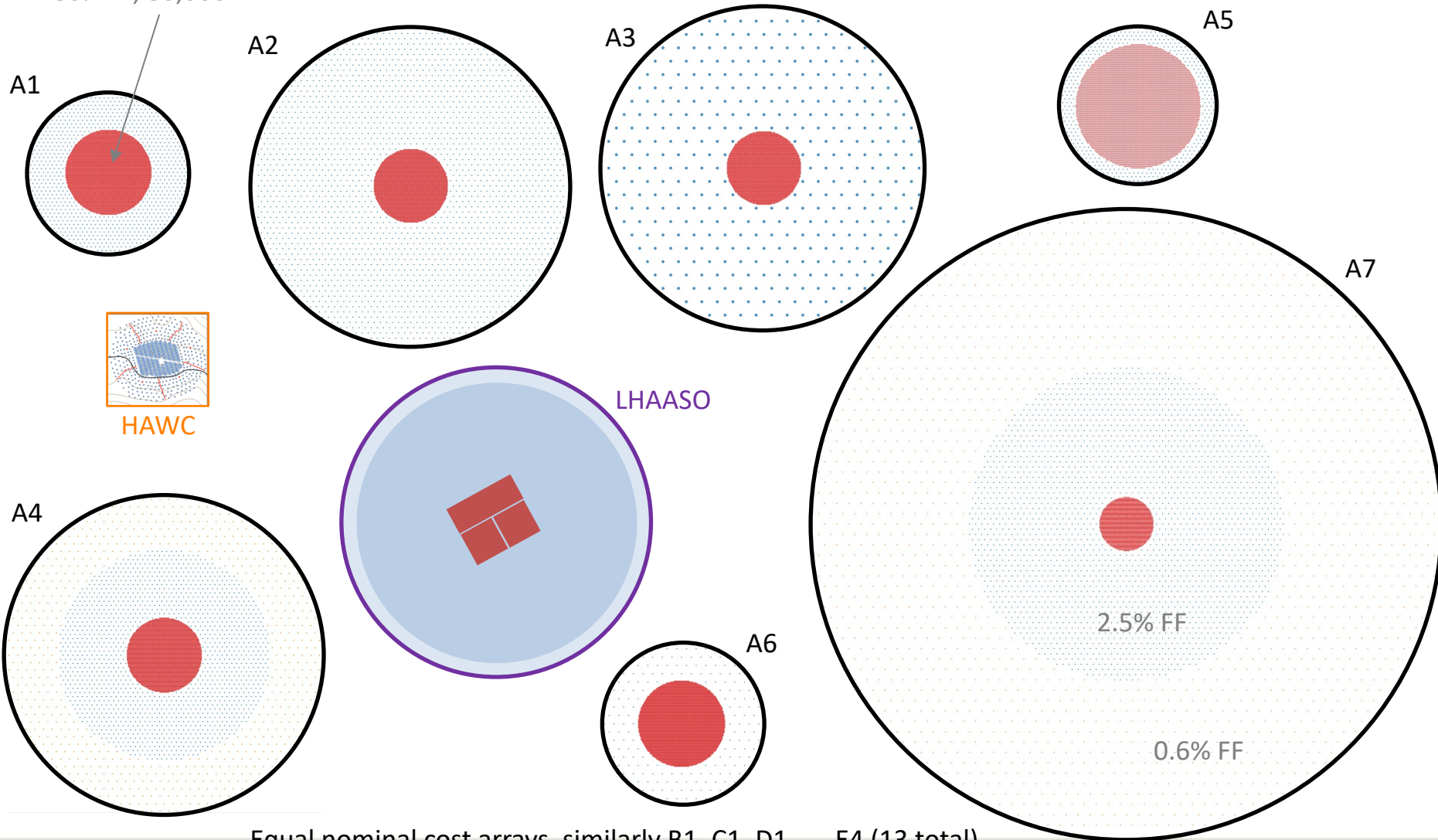


## Gewässersimulationstank!





80% FF, 80,000 m<sup>2</sup>



Equal nominal cost arrays, similarly B1, C1, D1, ..., E4 (13 total)

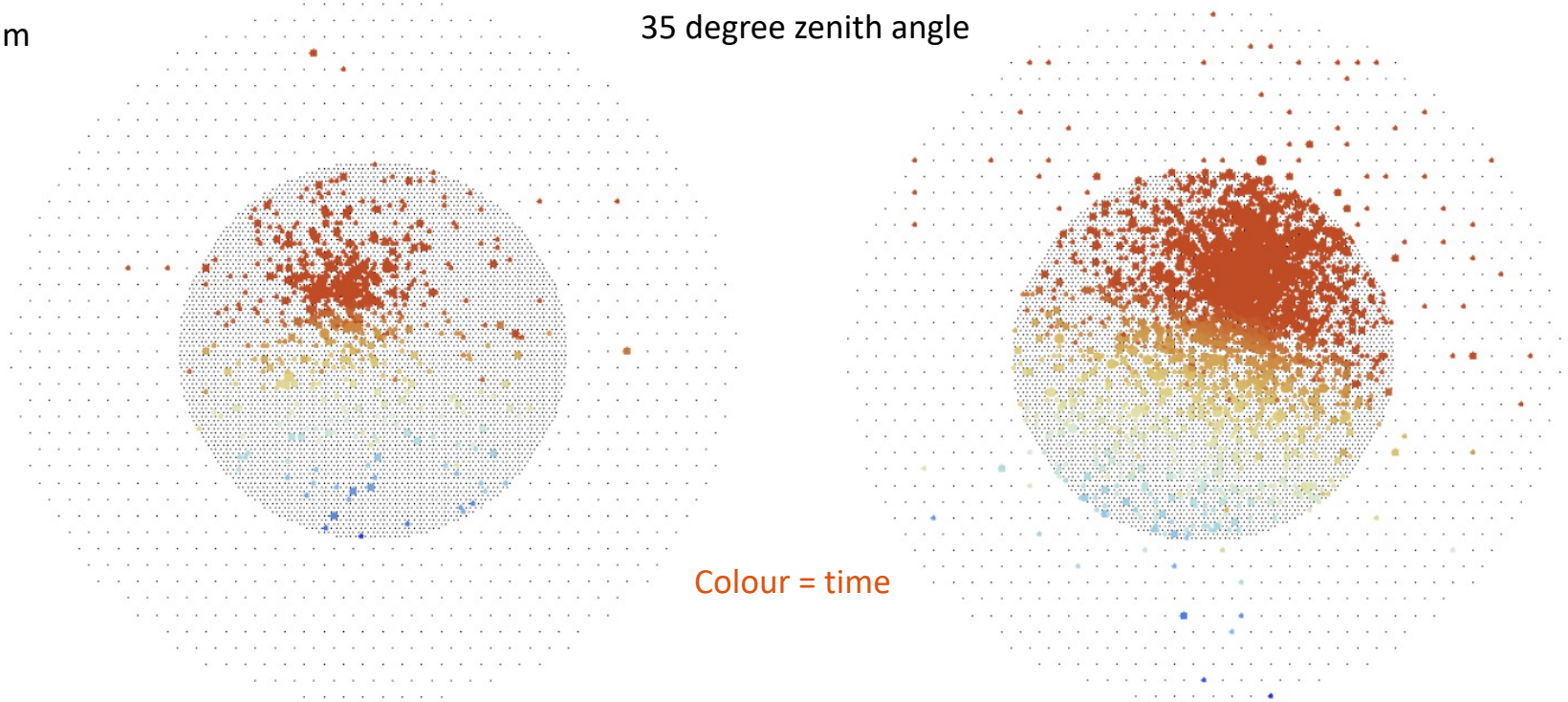
# A1

600 GeV

14 TeV

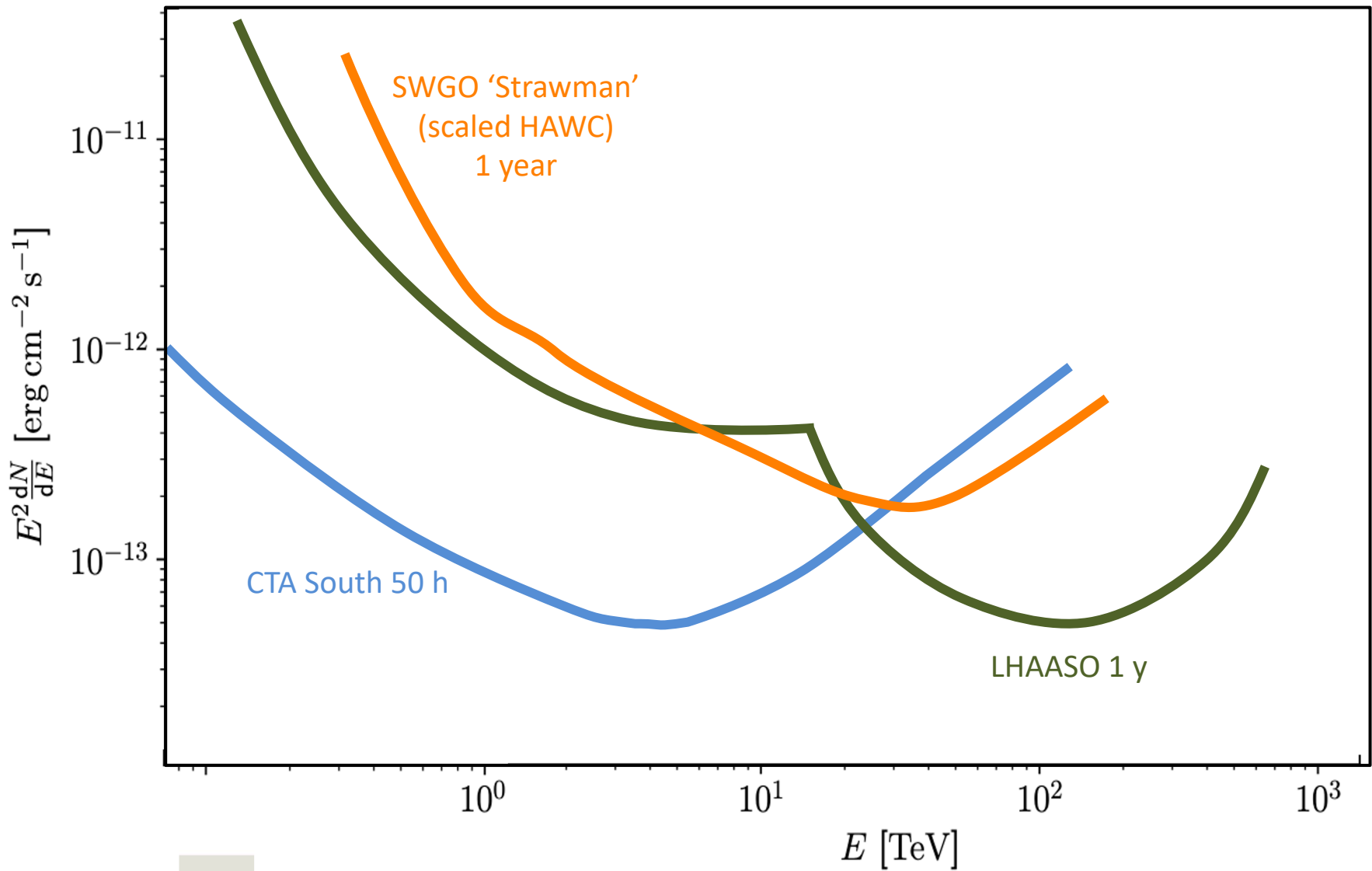
500 m

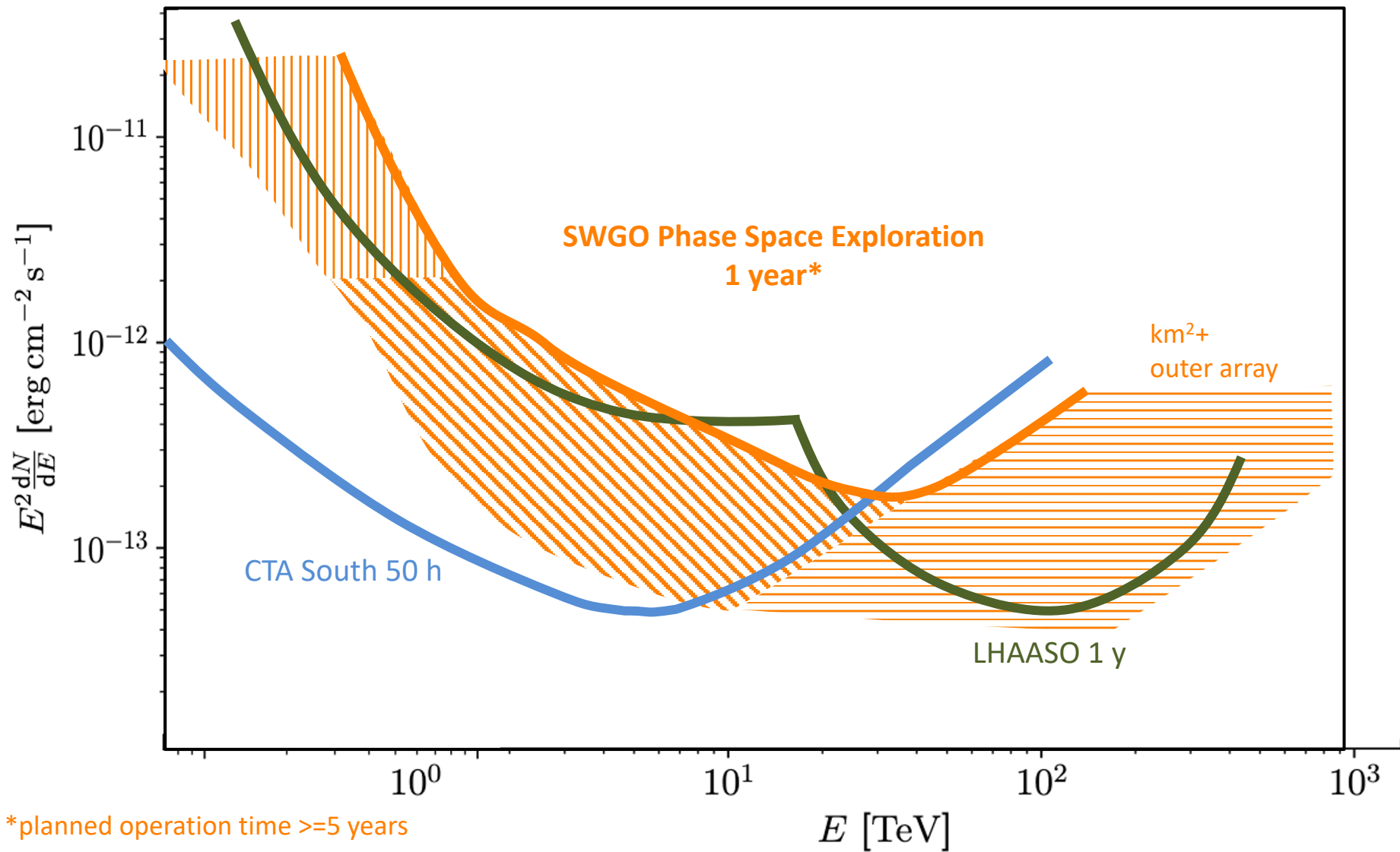
35 degree zenith angle



Colour = time

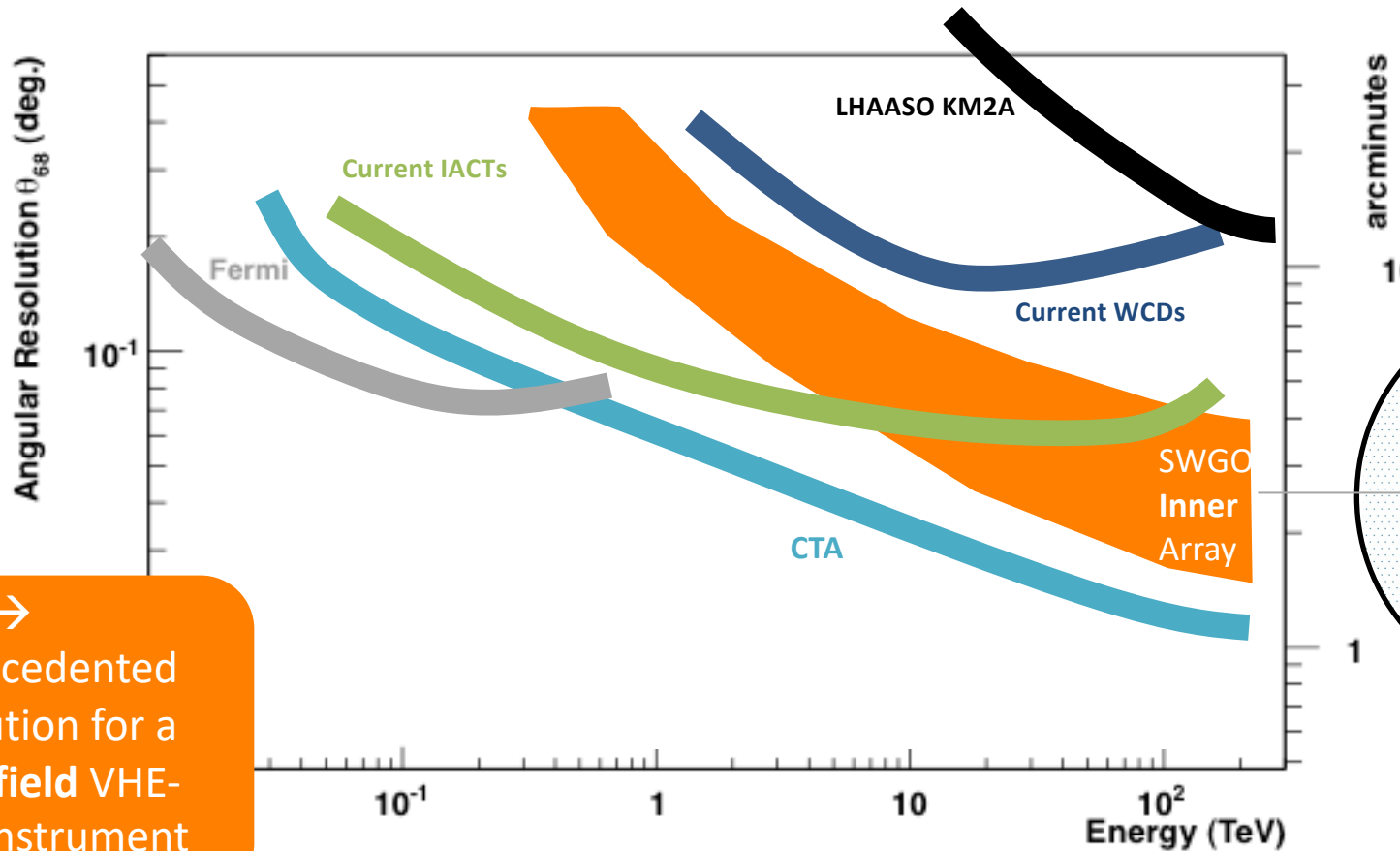
- ⊙ Larger detector array and increased altitude w.r.t. HAWC
  - Very precise measurements possible even below 1 TeV
- ⊙ Layout decision made based on performance on science benchmarks







# Angular Resolution



Goal →  
unprecedented  
resolution for a  
wide field VHE-  
UHE instrument

# Why the GC?

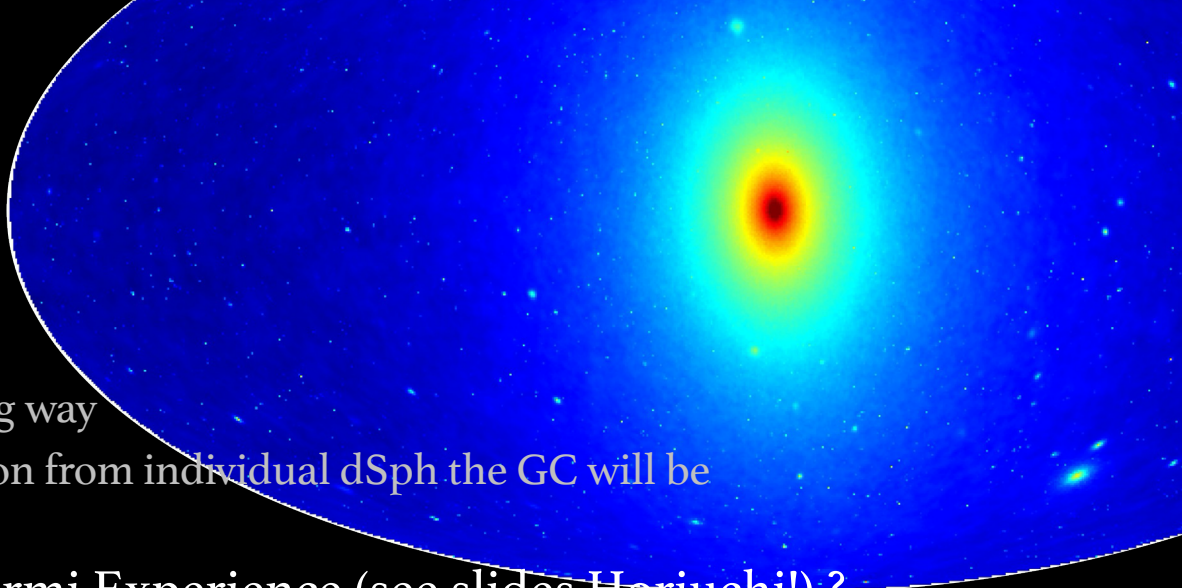
## ◉ Strongest emission !

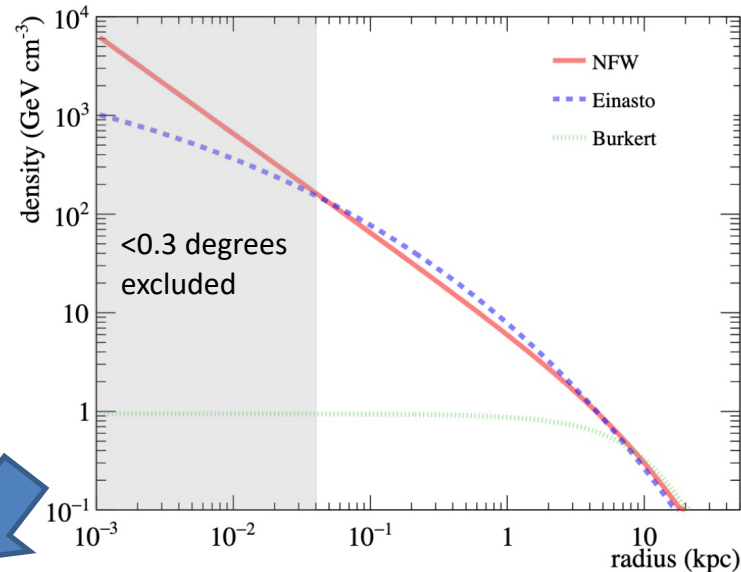
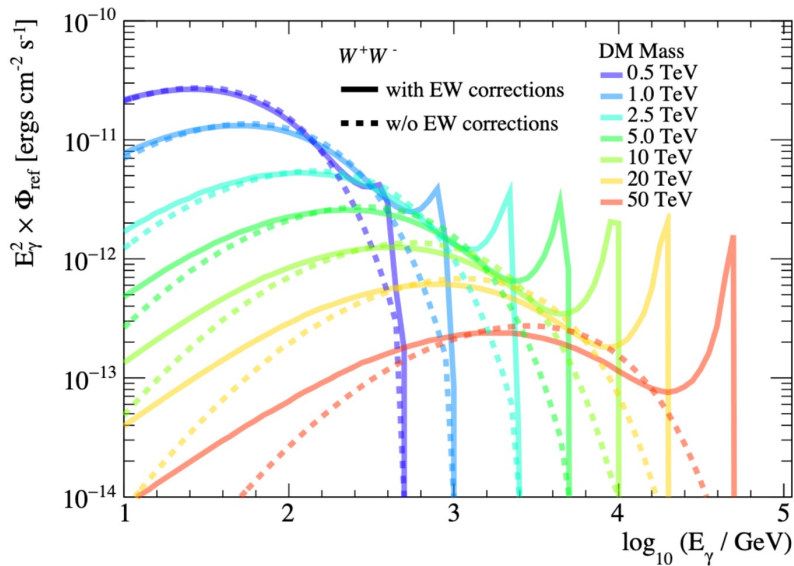
- + Largest J factors by a very long way
- + By the time we see annihilation from individual dSph the GC will be shouting in our faces ☺

## ◉ But what about the bad Fermi Experience (see slides Horiuchi!) ?

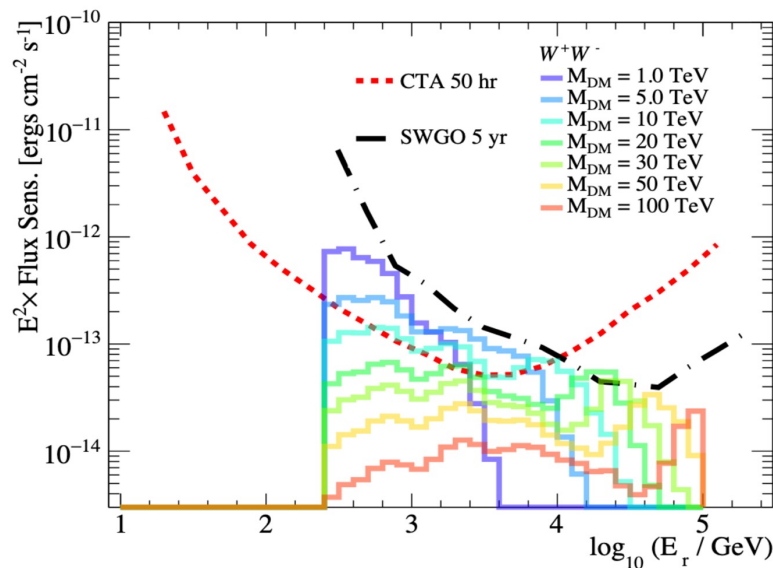
- + Fermi problem - population of sources with roughly symmetric large scale distribution around GC + DM-like (strongly peaked SED) spectrum
  - + There might be TeV sources associated to old stellar populations of the bulge... (but again as Fermi – bulge morphology)
  - + BUT would be very unlikely to repeat story of spectral similarity to DM
    - + Pulsar magnetospheric physics leads to sharp suppression  $\sim 10$  GeV
    - + No sign of universality of spectral cut-offs in known TeV populations

all Dwarf Galaxies of southern hemisphere anyway 'for free' with SWGO

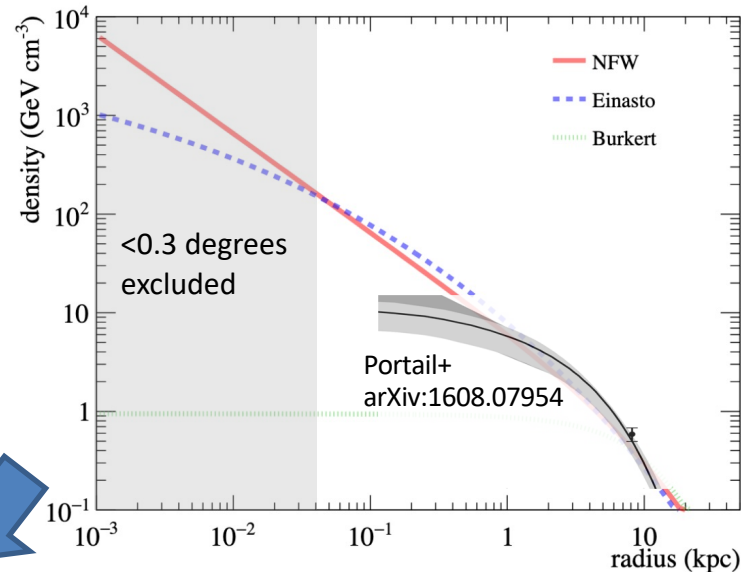
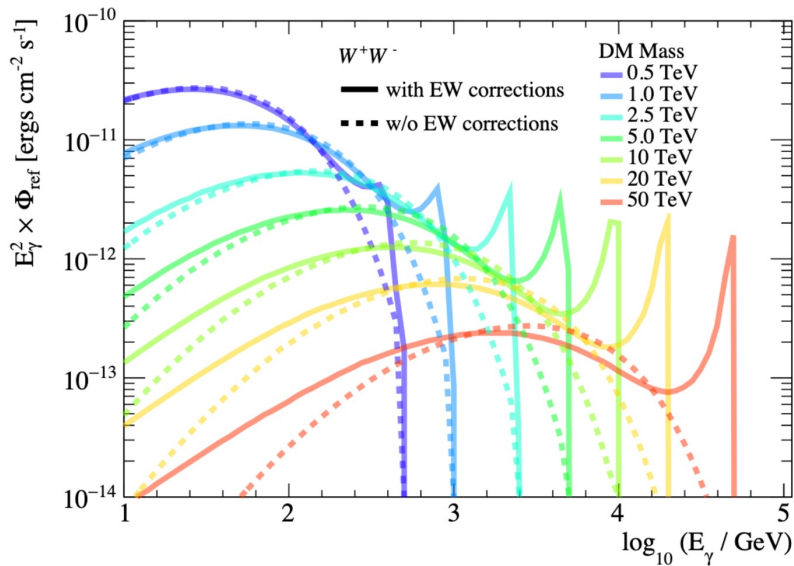




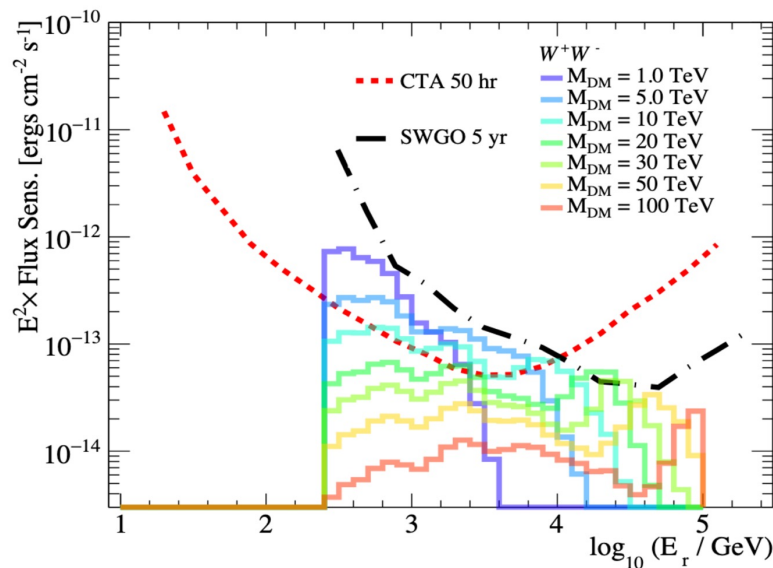
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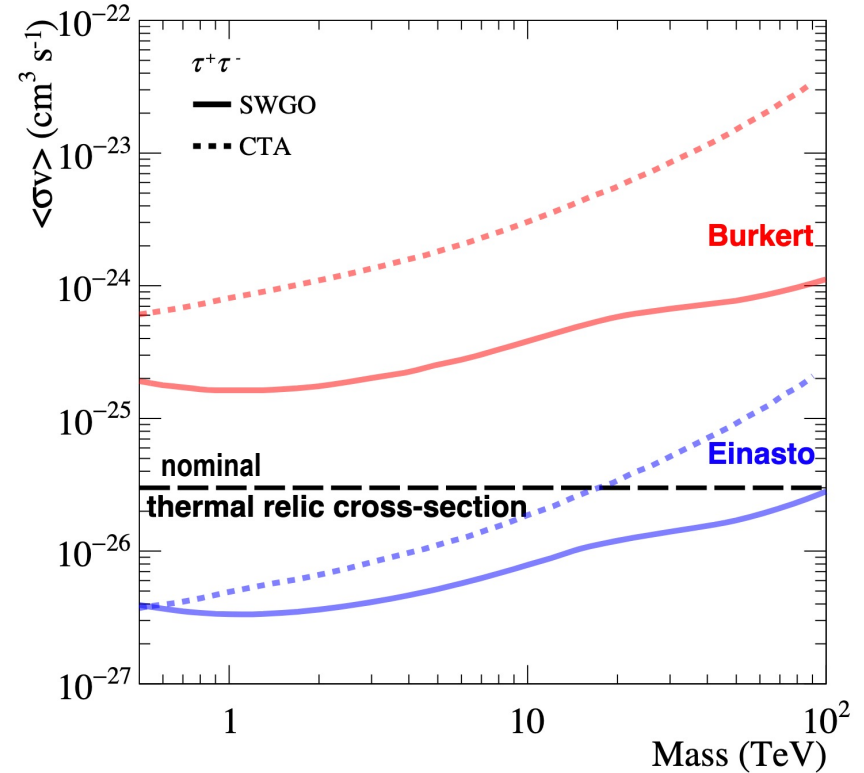
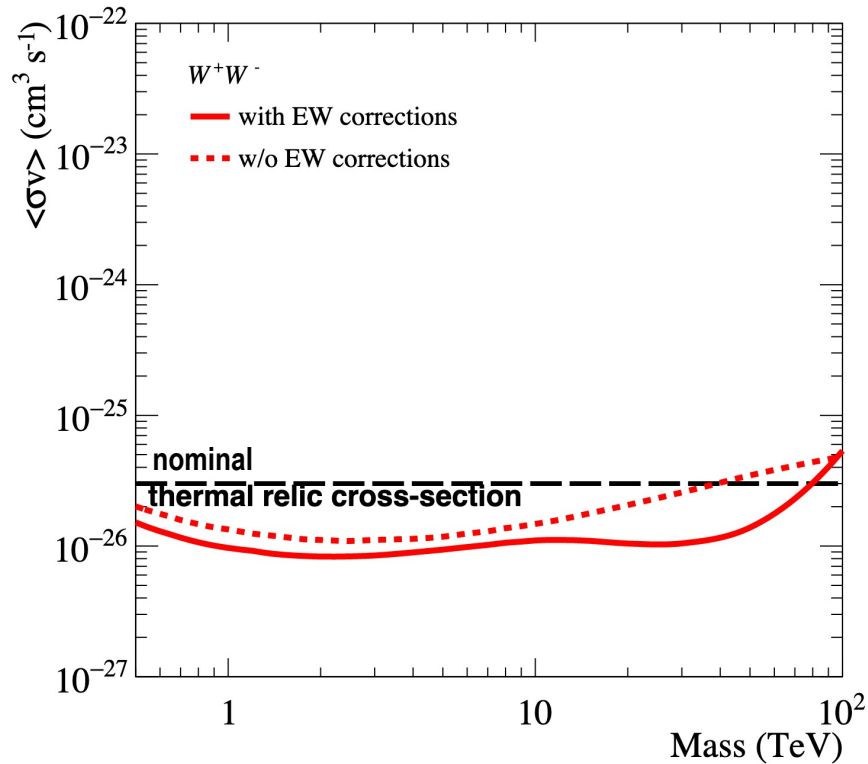


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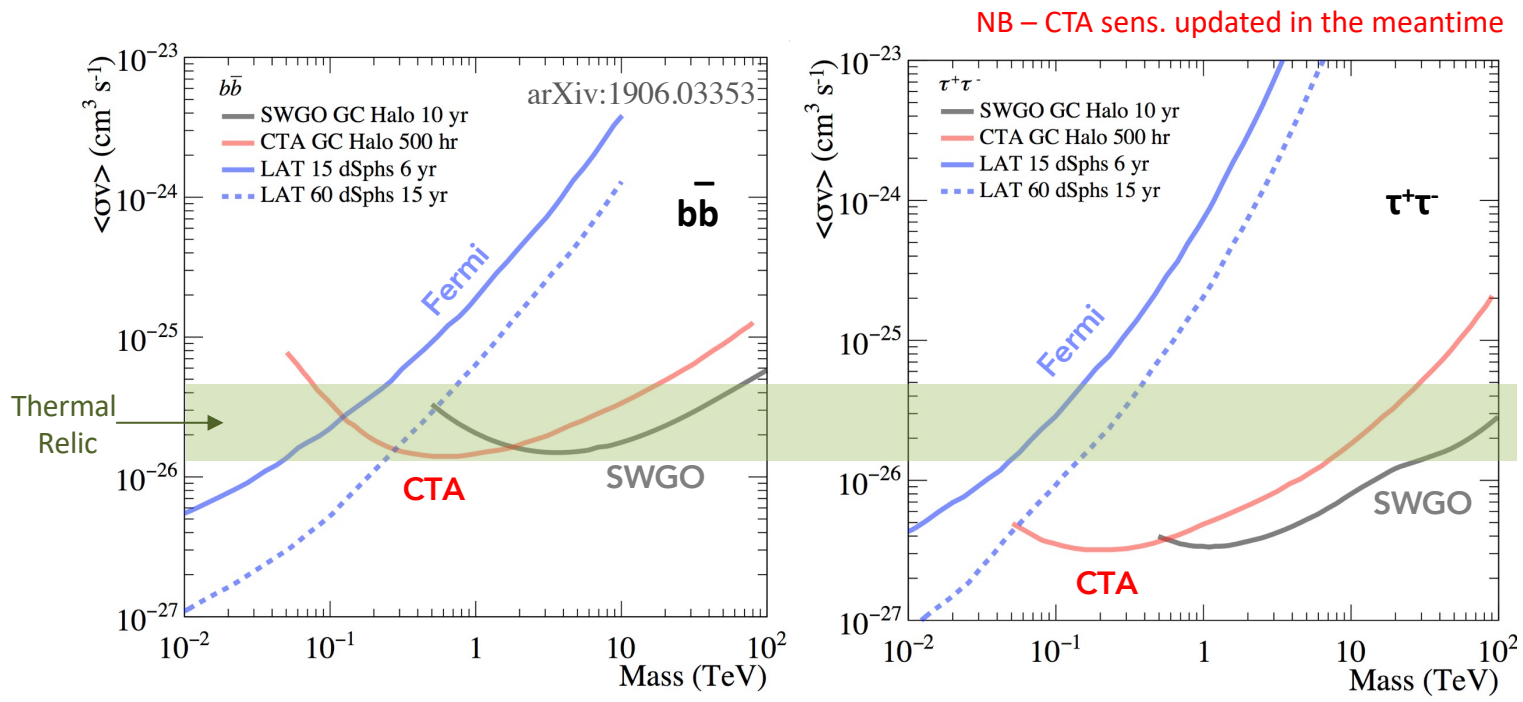
# Sensitivity: cross-sections and profiles



Viana et al, JCAP 2019, arXiv:1906.03353

# ⊙ Fermi+CTA+SWGGO will reach the critical sensitivity

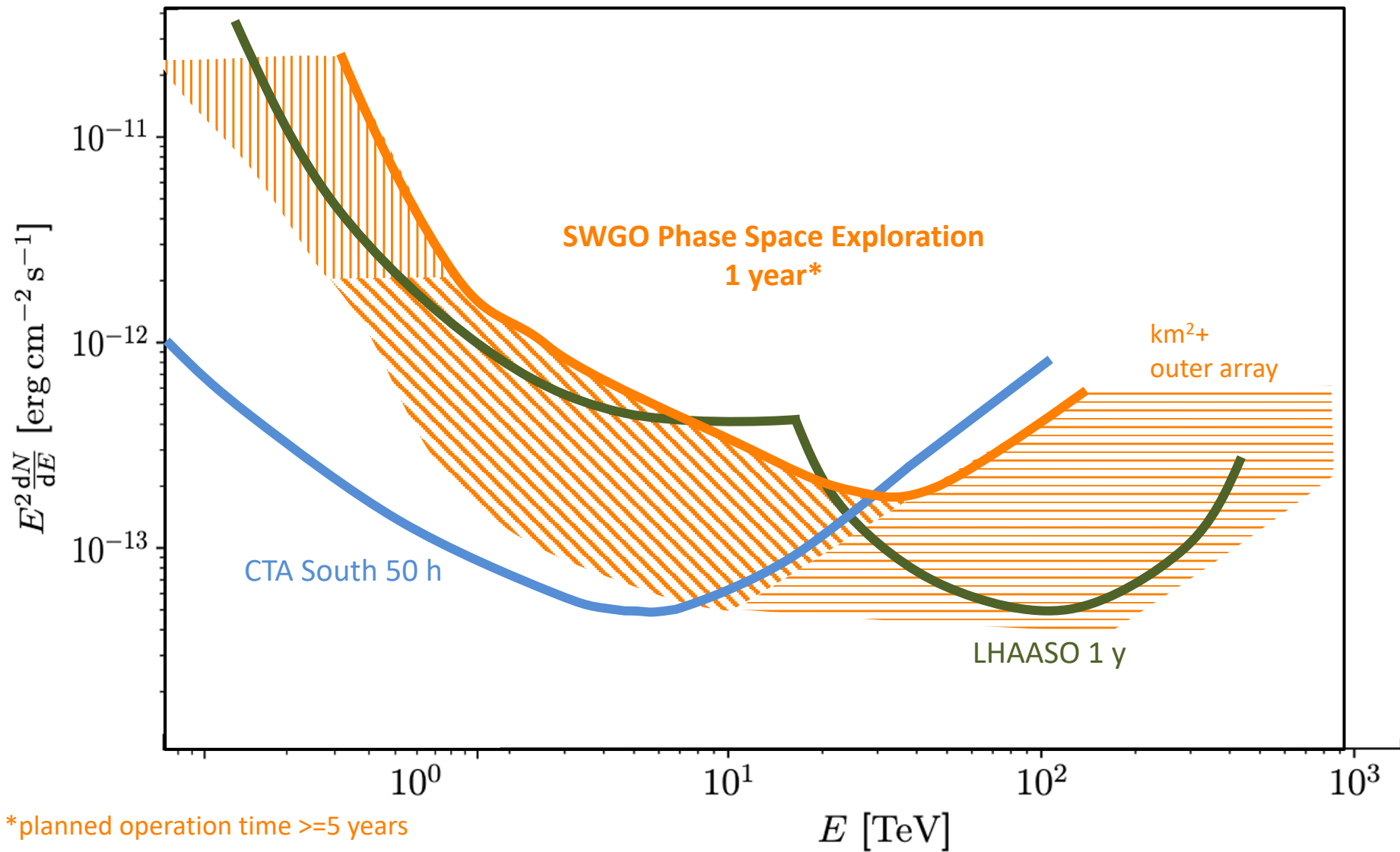
⊙ Thermal relic WIMP accessible over a very wide mass range (Galactic Centre/Halo observations @ VHE)\*



\*As long as the universe is not too unkind w.r.t. halo shape + Sommerfeld etc etc







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