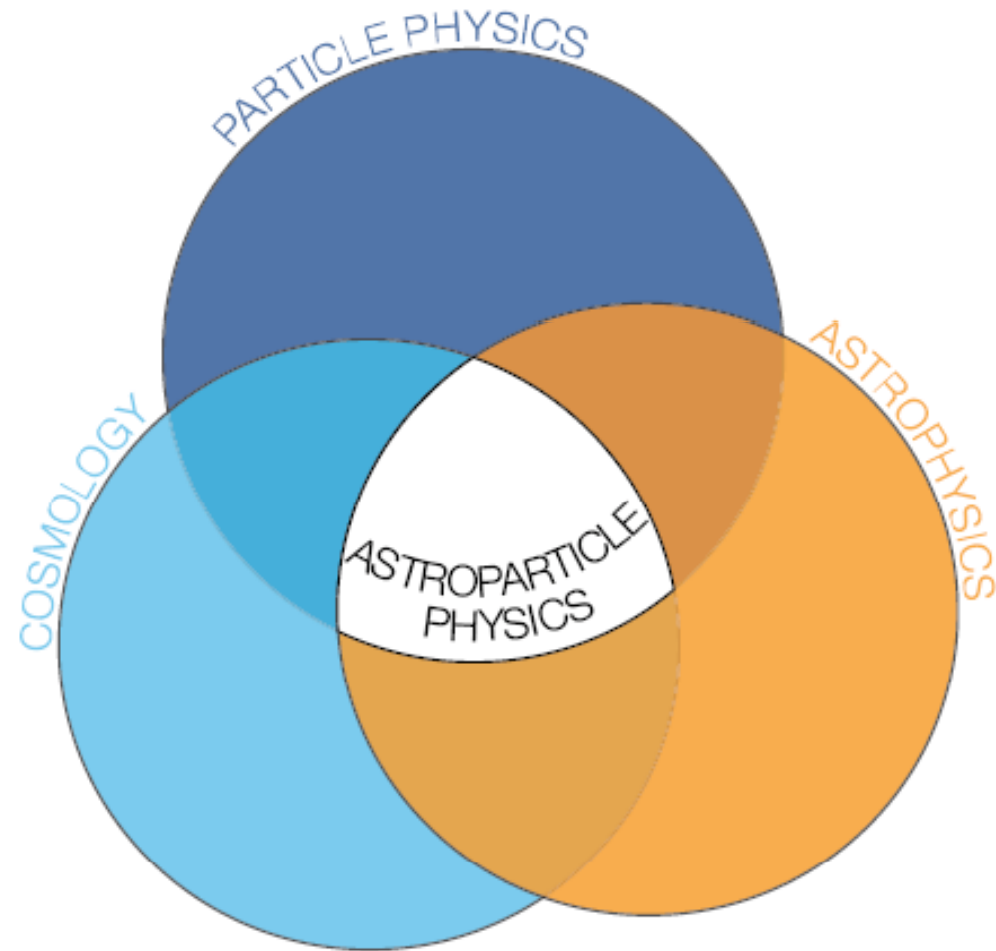




**Introduction to
Astroparticle Physics**

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ASPERA Roadmap: <http://www.aspera-eu.org>



Outline

- History
- Previous experiments
 - AGASA vs. HiRes contradiction
- Physics background
 - GZK cutoff
 - Magnetic fields
- Pierre Auger Observatory
- New results
 - Spectrum
 - Composition
 - Photon limit, neutrino limit
 - Hadronic models
 - ***Anisotropy***



What else is part of the astroparticle physics?

- similar technique (as for CR) – different energy range:
imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes
(most energetic gamma-rays)
- detectors in ice, water, salt, etc.:
high energy neutrinos
- dark matter detection
- detectors of gravitational waves



“Astrophysics in the 21st century will mainly concentrate on two fundamental problems.

The first problem is something we would like to see, but we don’t see.

This something is dark matter.

And the second problem is something we don’t want to see,

but we unfortunately observe.

*In this second case I mean
ultra-high energy cosmic rays.”*

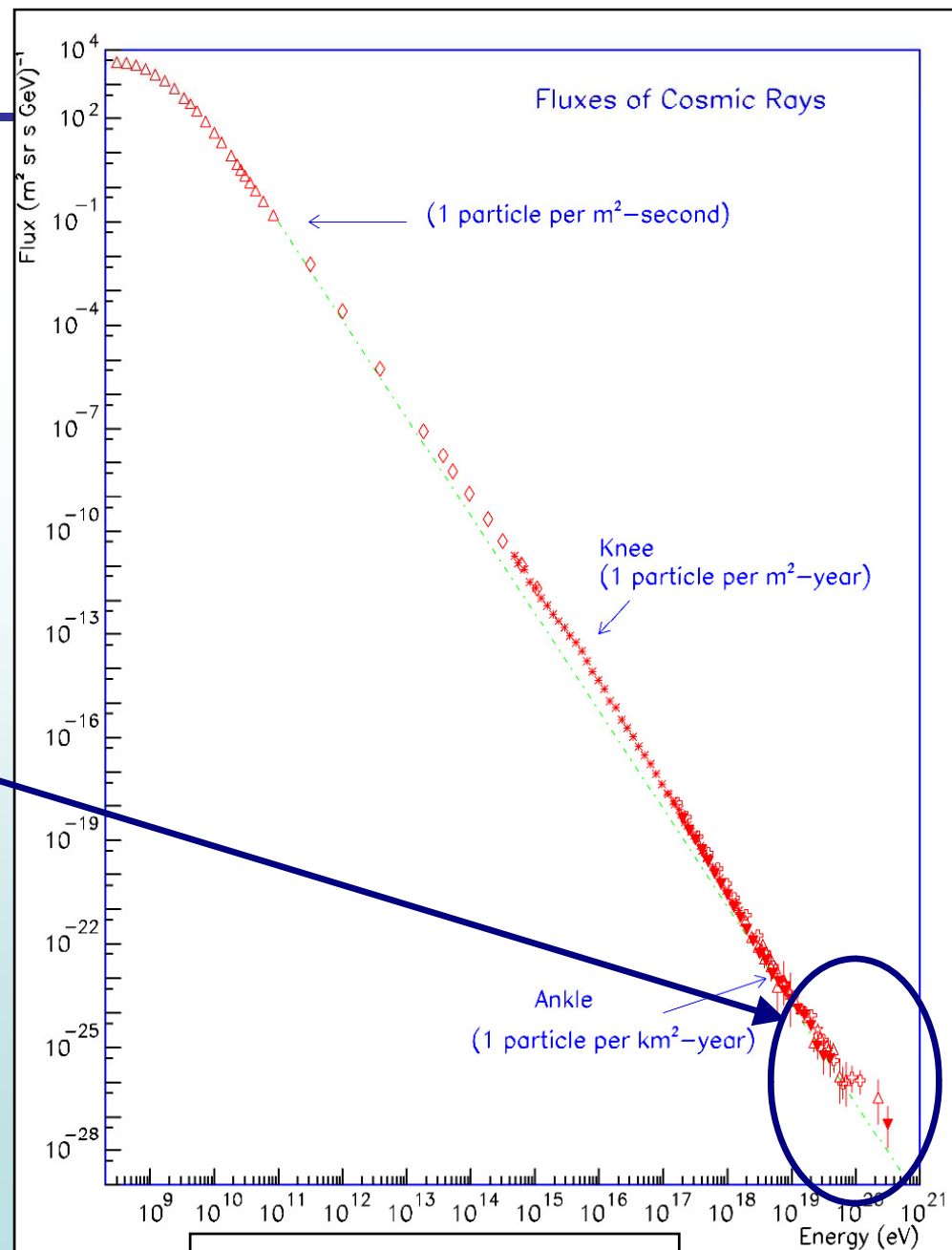
David N. Schramm



What are ultra-high energy cosmic rays (UHECRs)?

UHECRs are particles with energy above “ankle”, say, above 3×10^{18} eV.

The most energetic event:
Detector Fly’s Eye, Utah, USA,
October 15th 1991
 3×10^{20} eV \approx 50 J

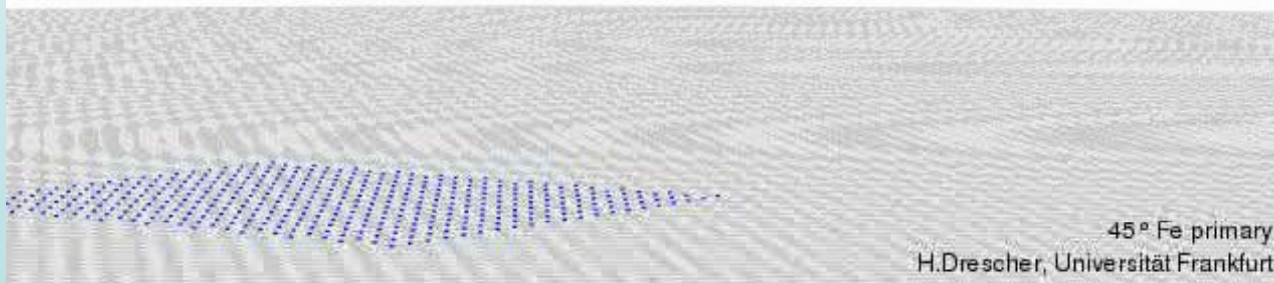


Simon Swordy, 1996



Extensive air showers

time=-286 μ s



- Primary particle interacts with atmosphere
- Number of secondary particles is created
- Secondaries interact again, and again, ...
- Typical shower 10^{20} eV:
 10^{10} particles at ground
- Animation color code:
blue: electrons/positrons
cyan: photons
orange: protons
red: neutrons
gray: mesons
green: muons

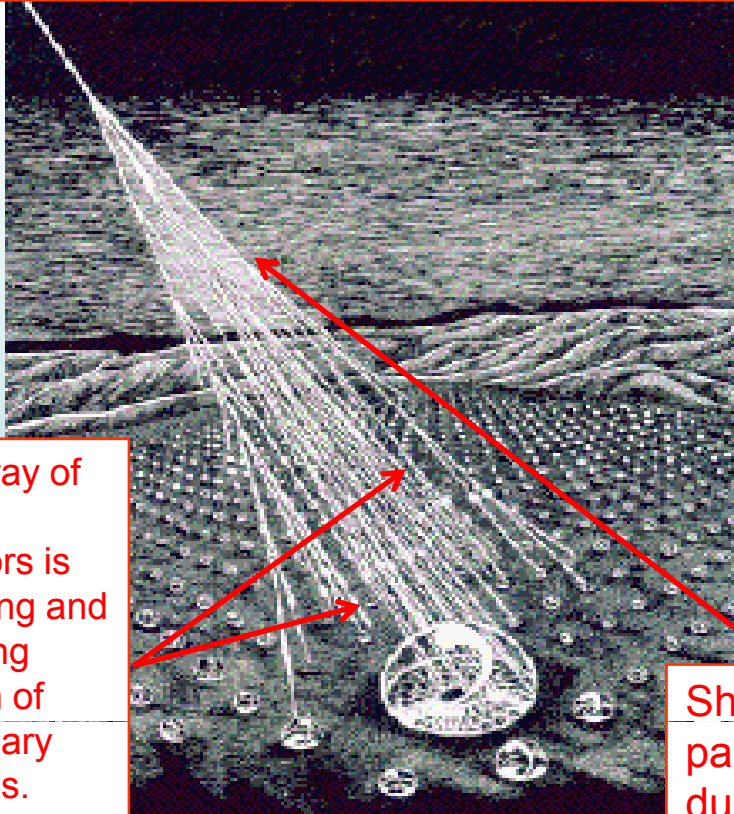
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H.-J. Drescher, Frankfurt University



How to detect UHECRs?

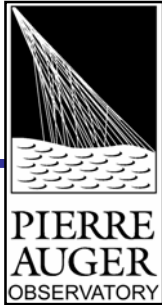
Primary particle coming from space (proton or light nucleus) hits the atmosphere of the Earth



The array of ground detectors is recording and sampling fraction of secondary particles.

Shower of secondary particles originates during collisions with molecules in the atmosphere.

- The number of secondary particles is proportional to **energy** of primary particle
- Relative time of detection of individual secondary particles carries information **about incident direction** of primary particle
- Types of detectors: **ground arrays** and **fluorescence telescopes**



Detectors of cosmic rays with ultra-high energies

7 different detectors were in operation during 40 years of measurements and achieved detection of approximately ~ 200 particles with energies over $4 \cdot 10^{19}$ eV and only ~ 20 particles with energies over 10^{20} eV.



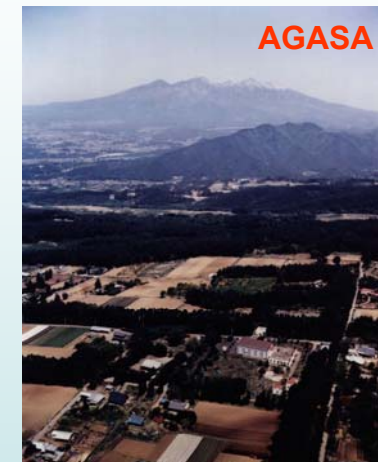
Volcano Ranch



Haverah Park

Surface detectors:

- Volcano Ranch, USA (1959 – 1963)
- SUGAR, Australia (1968 – 1979)
- Haverah Park, UK (1968 – 1987)
- Yakutsk, Russia (1970 – today)
- AGASA, Japan (1990 – 2004)



AGASA

Fluorescence detectors:

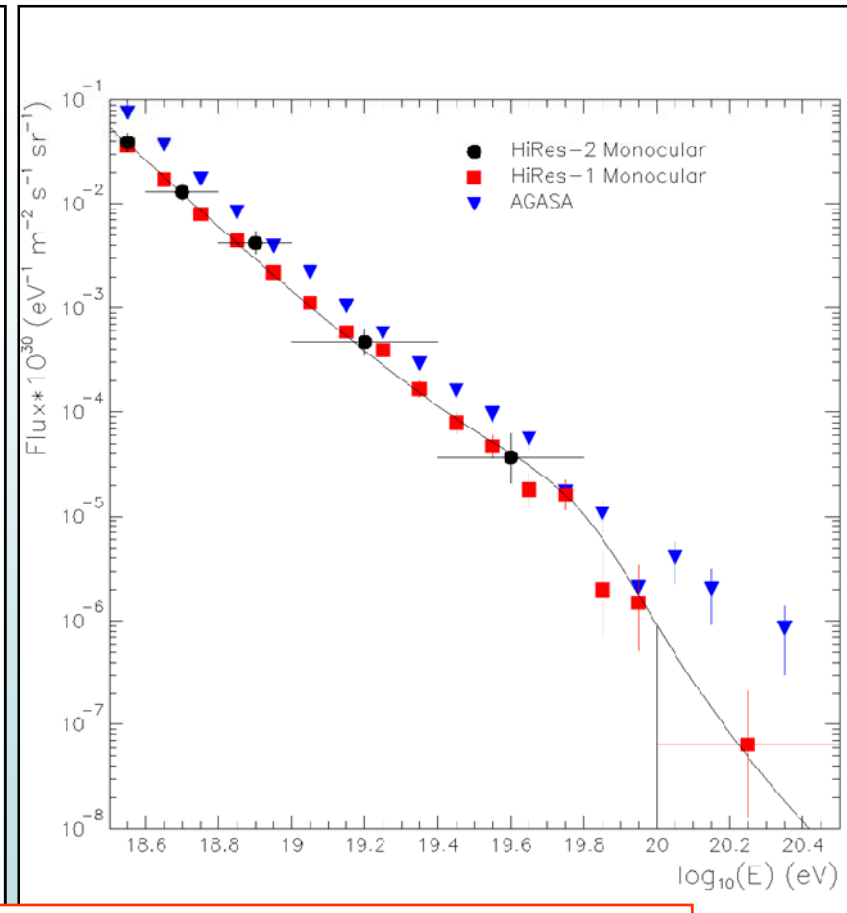
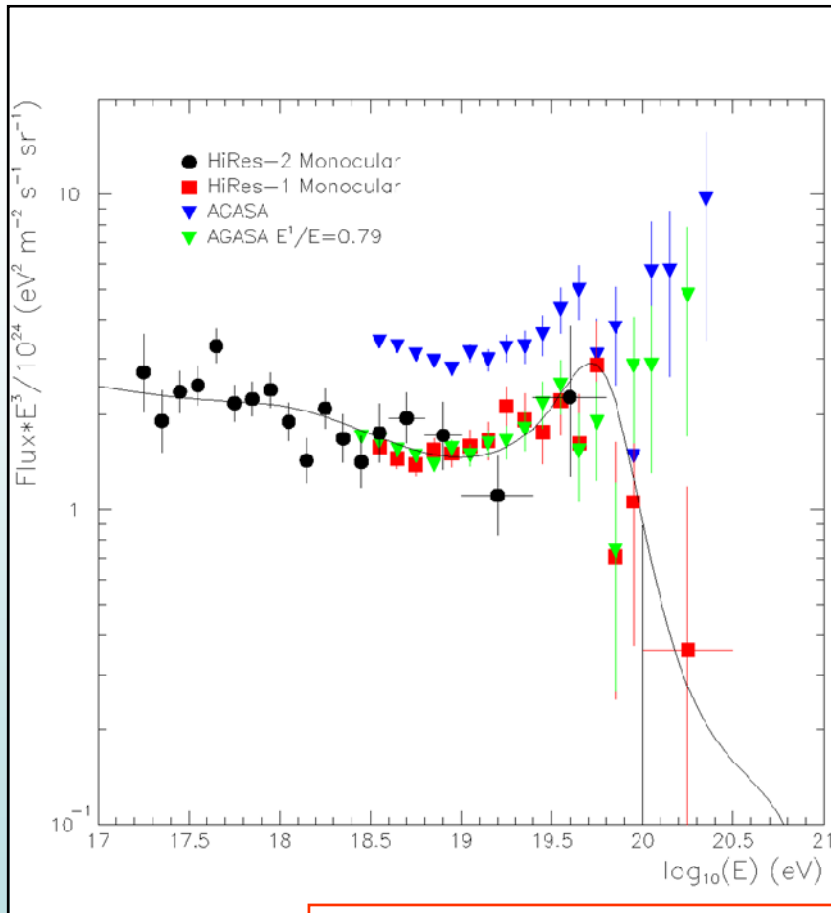
- Fly's Eye, USA (1981 – 1992)
- HiRes, USA (1998 – 2006)



Fly's Eye



GZK or not to GZK: HiRes vs. AGASA

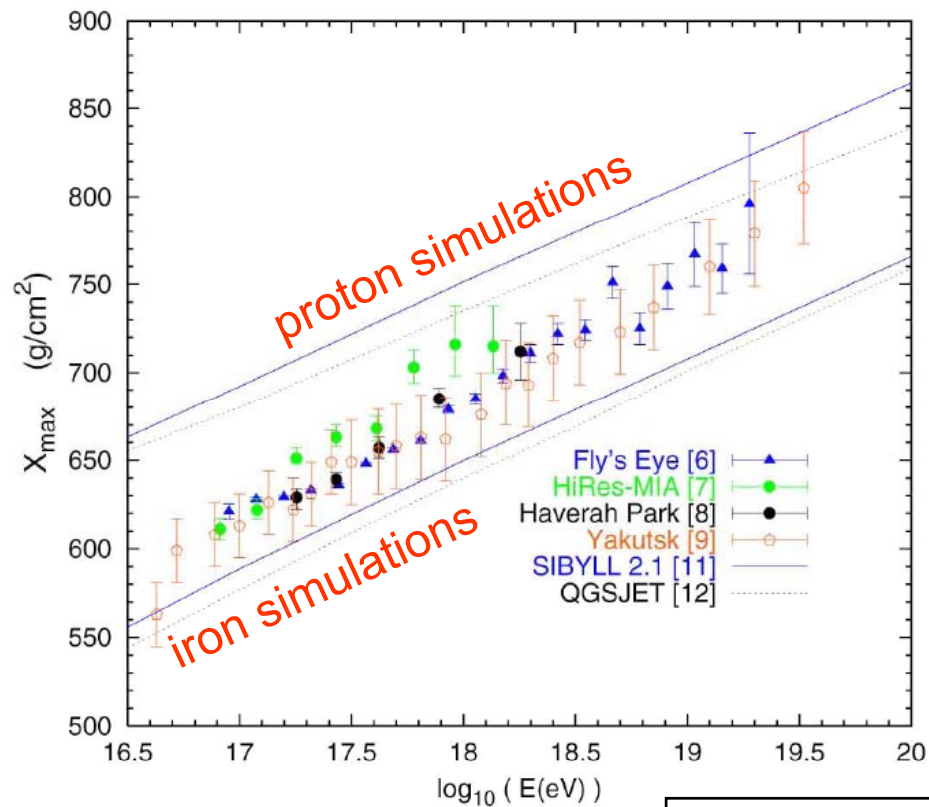


Is there really GZK-cutoff? Where are the sources?



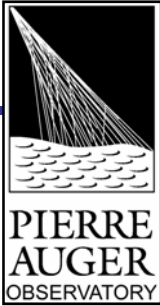
Chemical composition of UHECR

Protons, iron nuclei or mix?
We (once again) don't know.

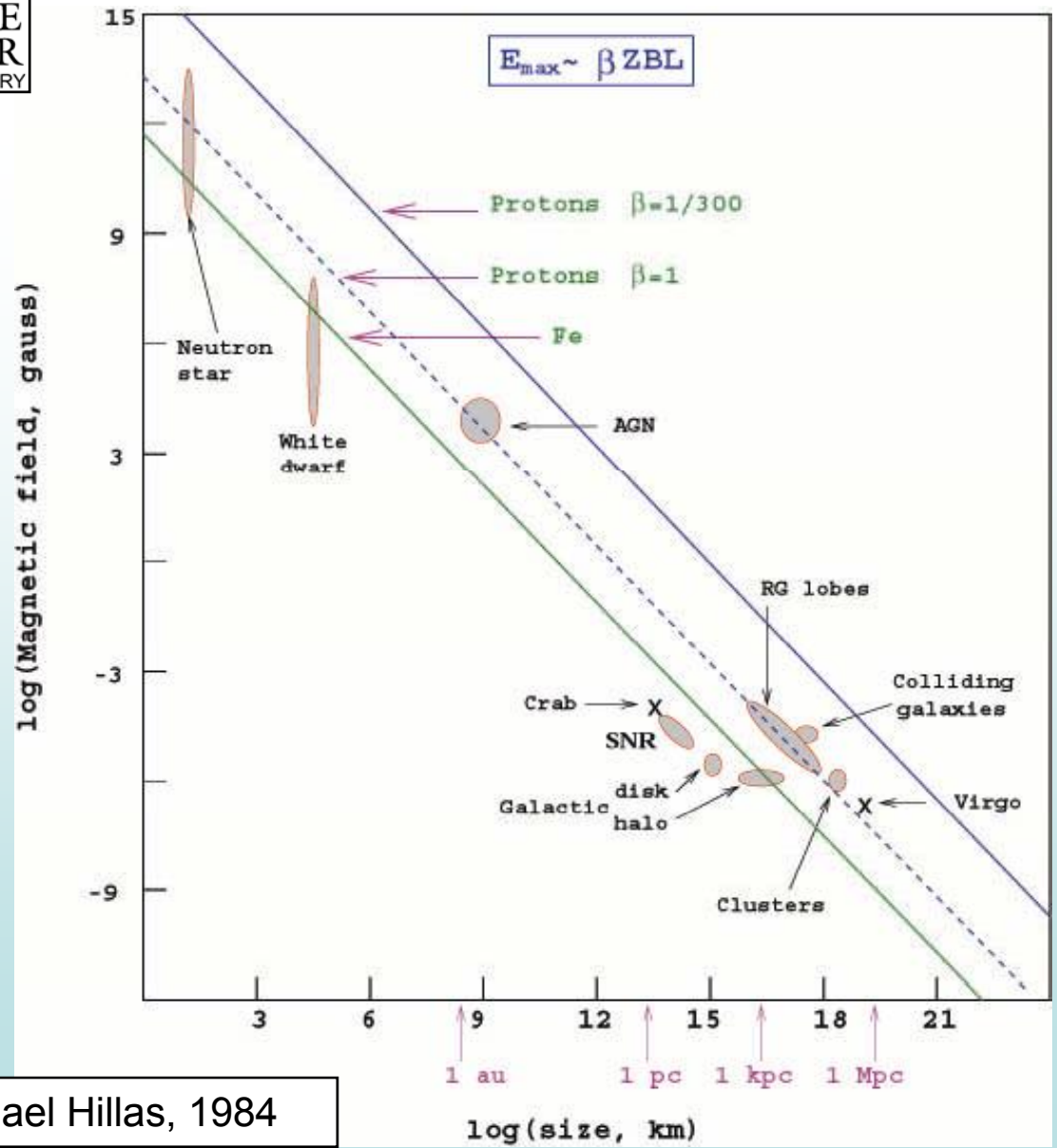


- Elongation rate (mean shower maximum in the atmosphere vs. energy) indicates the dominant chemical component, but we have to compare to simulations to interpret the data (strong model dependence !)

Tom Gaisser, 2000



Sites of origin of UHECRs

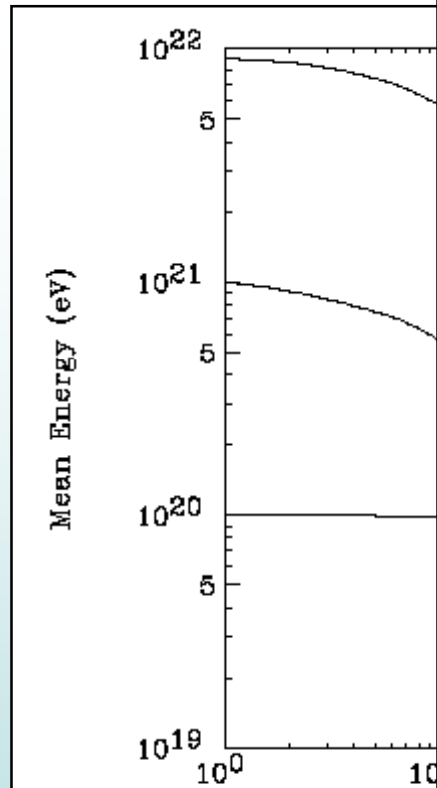


- Fermi acceleration in magnetic fields.
- We need magnetic fields **extremely strong** OR filling **extremely large regions** to accelerate particles above 10^{20} eV.
- And still, all parameters have to be finely tuned.

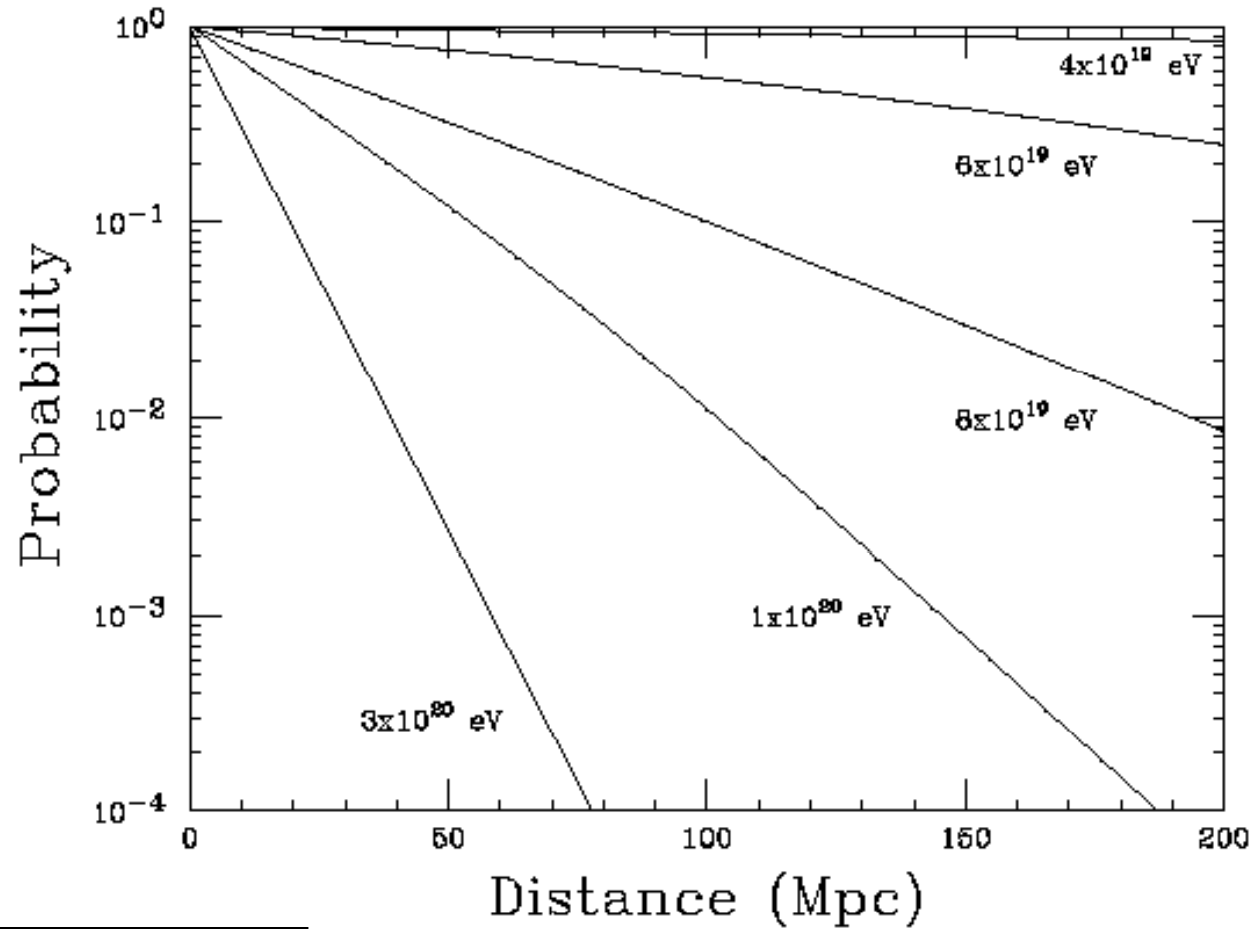
Michael Hillas, 1984



GZK suppression



James W. Cronin, 2000



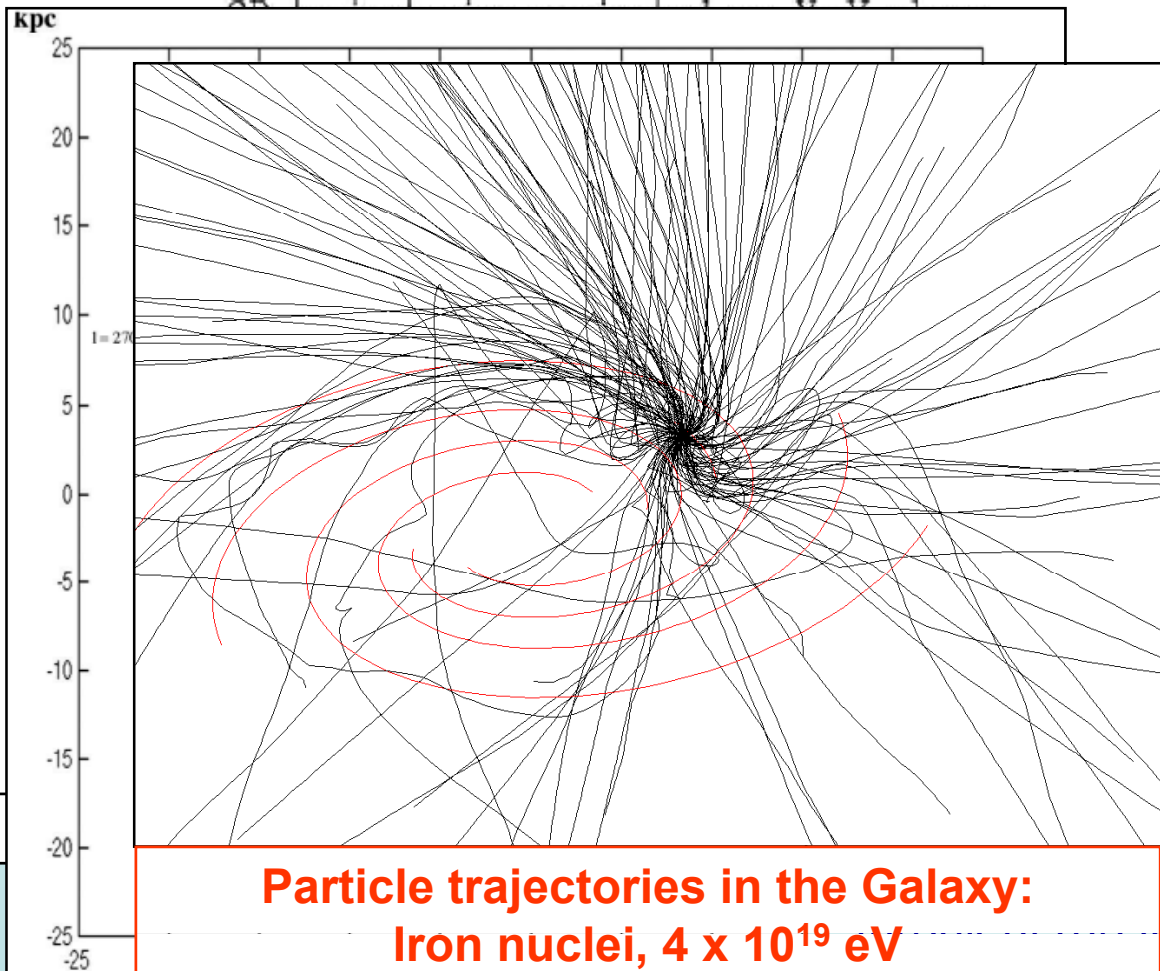
Paul Sommers, 2003

Sources of particles with $E > 10^{20}$ eV have to be within "GZK-sphere" (100 Mpc)



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Influence of magnetic fields



Particle trajectories in the Galaxy:
Iron nuclei, 4×10^{19} eV

- Above 10^{19} eV - not curved trajectories? - “Cosmic ray astronomy”?

- Not so sure...

- Extragalactic magnetic fields could be very important, especially if UHECRs are mainly iron nuclei.

- And what about Galactic magnetic field?

on, ..., Faraday rotation
→ field strength $\sim \mu\text{G}$

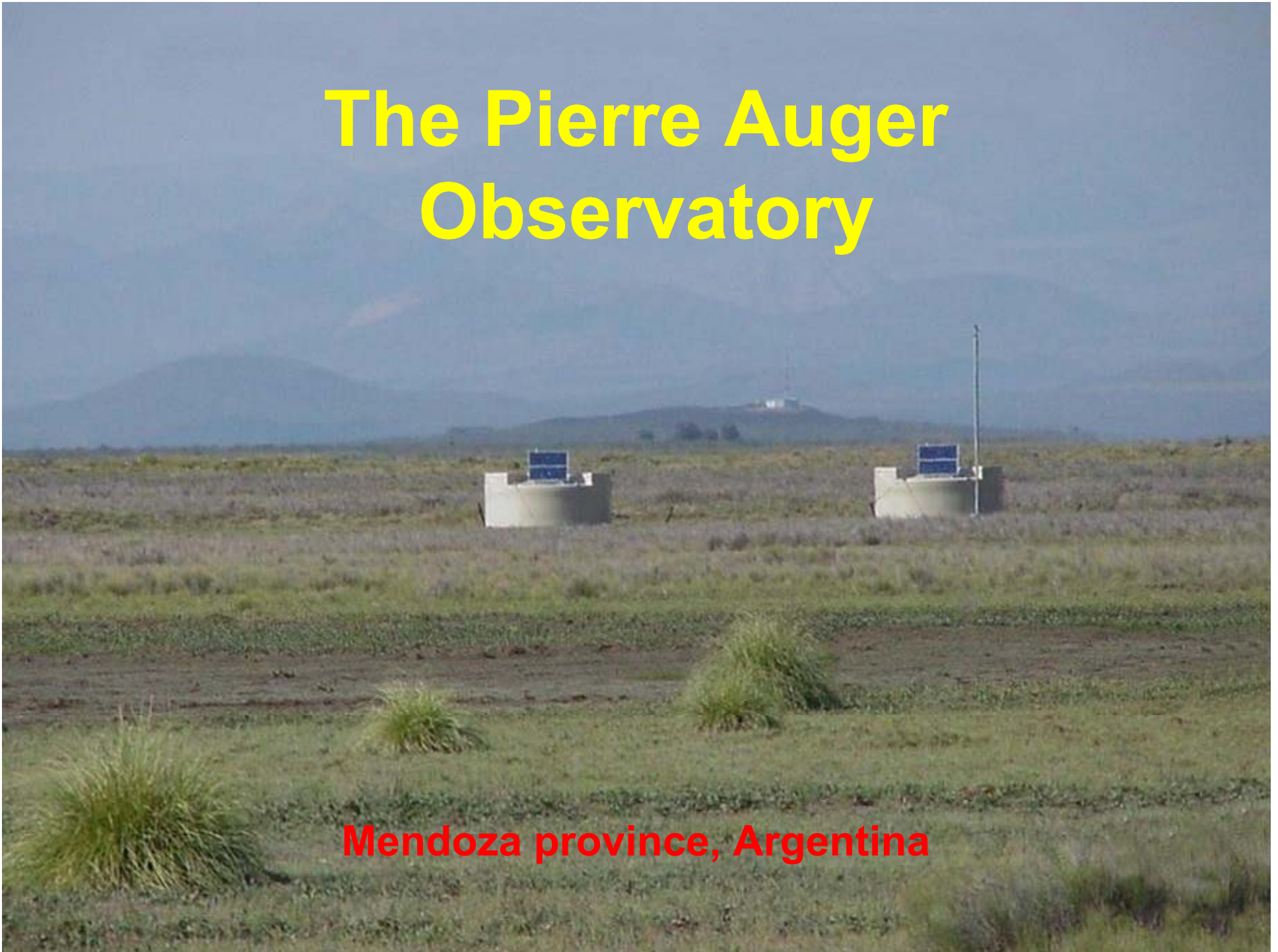
surely spiral

3x higher intensity than

regular), **poloidal** and toroidal components exist

The Pierre Auger Observatory

Mendoza province, Argentina





The Pierre Auger Observatory

More than **250 PhD scientists** from more than **60 institutions** from **15 (+2) countries**.

Participating countries:

Argentina, Australia, Bolivia*, Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam*

* - associated countries



Participating countries are in cyan.

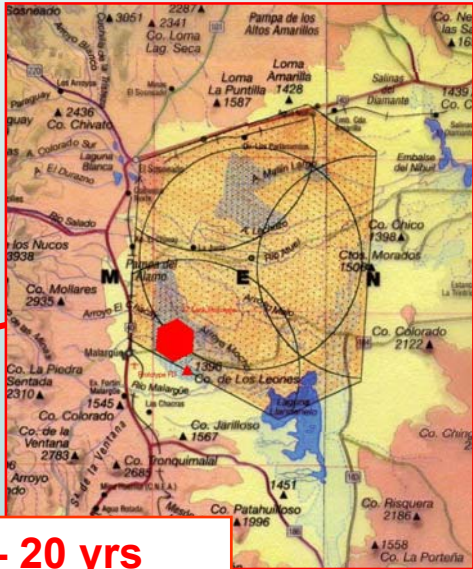
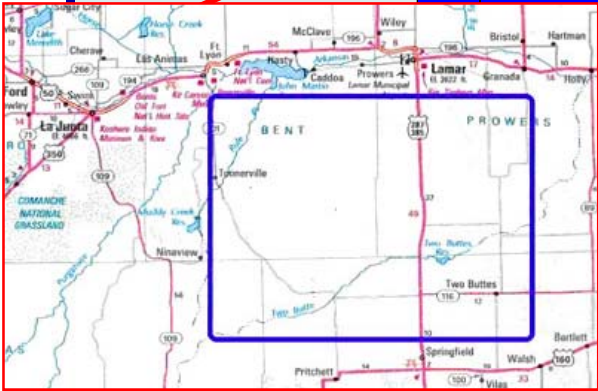
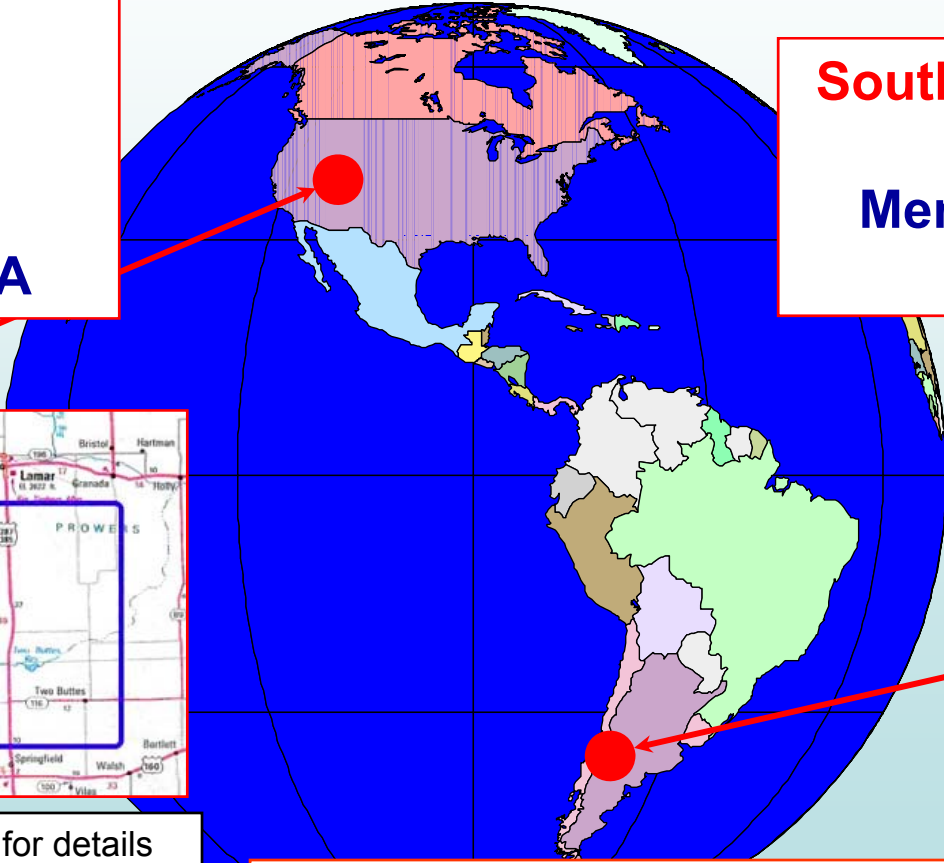


Pierre Auger Observatory

The construction of the southern site in Argentina is (almost) completed.

Northern hemisphere (planned):
Lamar, Colorado, USA

Southern hemisphere:
Malargüe, Mendoza province, Argentina



See www.augernorth.org for details

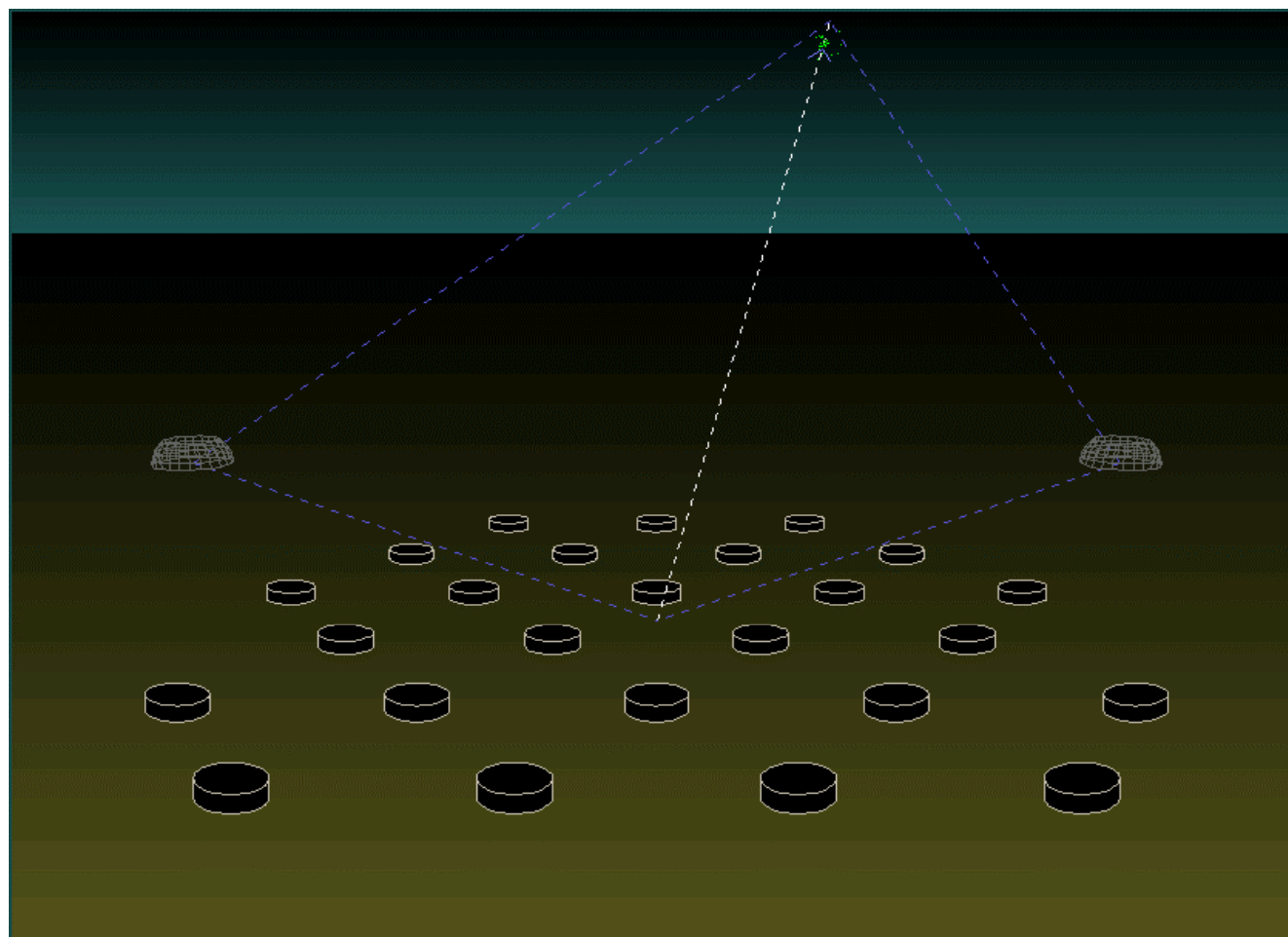
Lifetime of the observatory: 15 - 20 yrs



The Pierre Auger Observatory = hybrid detector of cosmic rays

- The array of surface Cherenkov detectors will be accompanied with system of fluorescence telescopes, which will observe faint UV/visible light during clear nights. This fluorescence light originates as by-product during the interactions of shower particles with the atmosphere.

Scheme of hybrid detector function





Ground detectors of the Pierre Auger Observatory

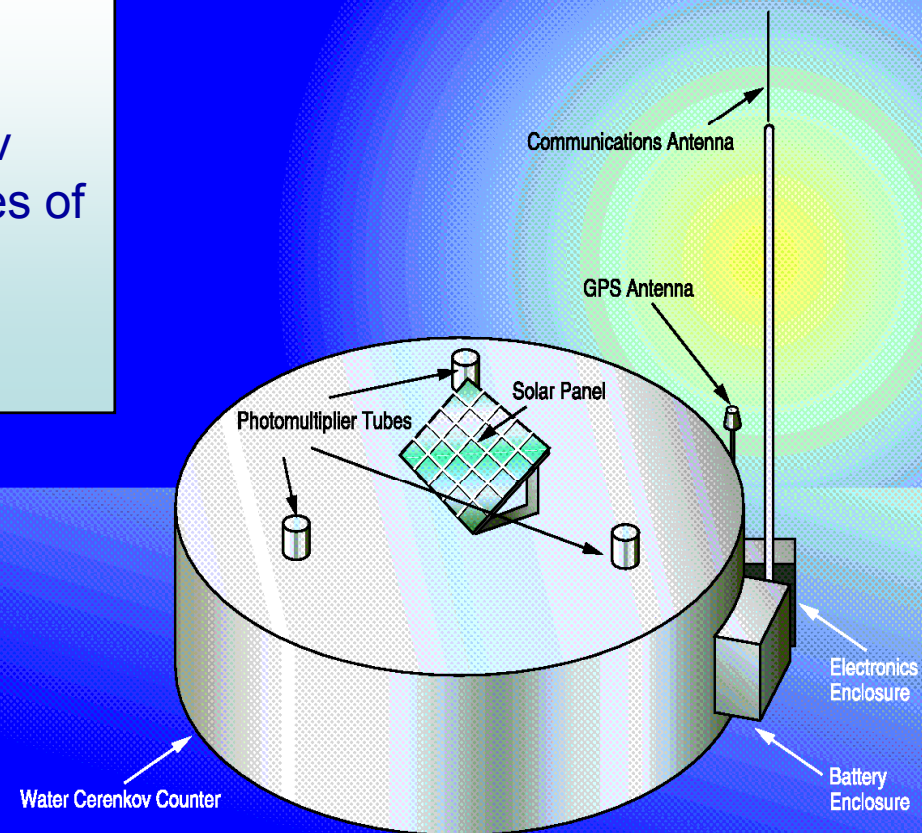
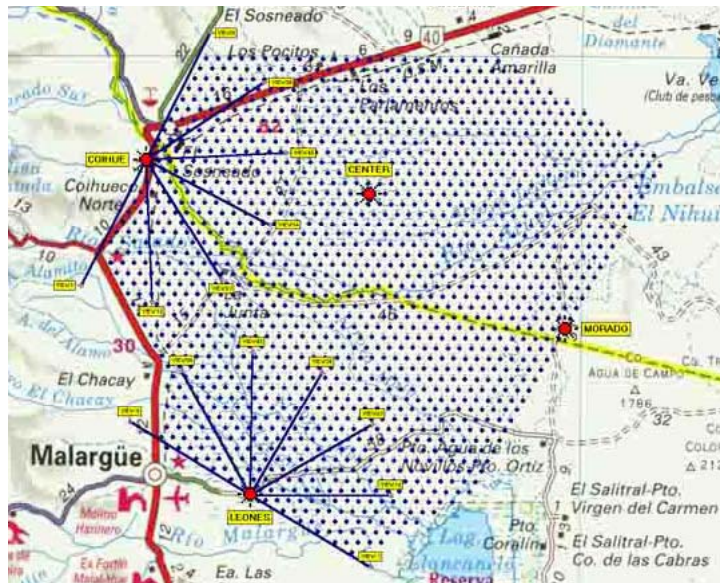
Ground detectors:

Covered surface: 3000 km²

Number of detectors: 1600

Type of detector: Detector of Cherenkov radiation, each consisting of 12 000 litres of ultrapure water and equipped with 3 photomultipliers.

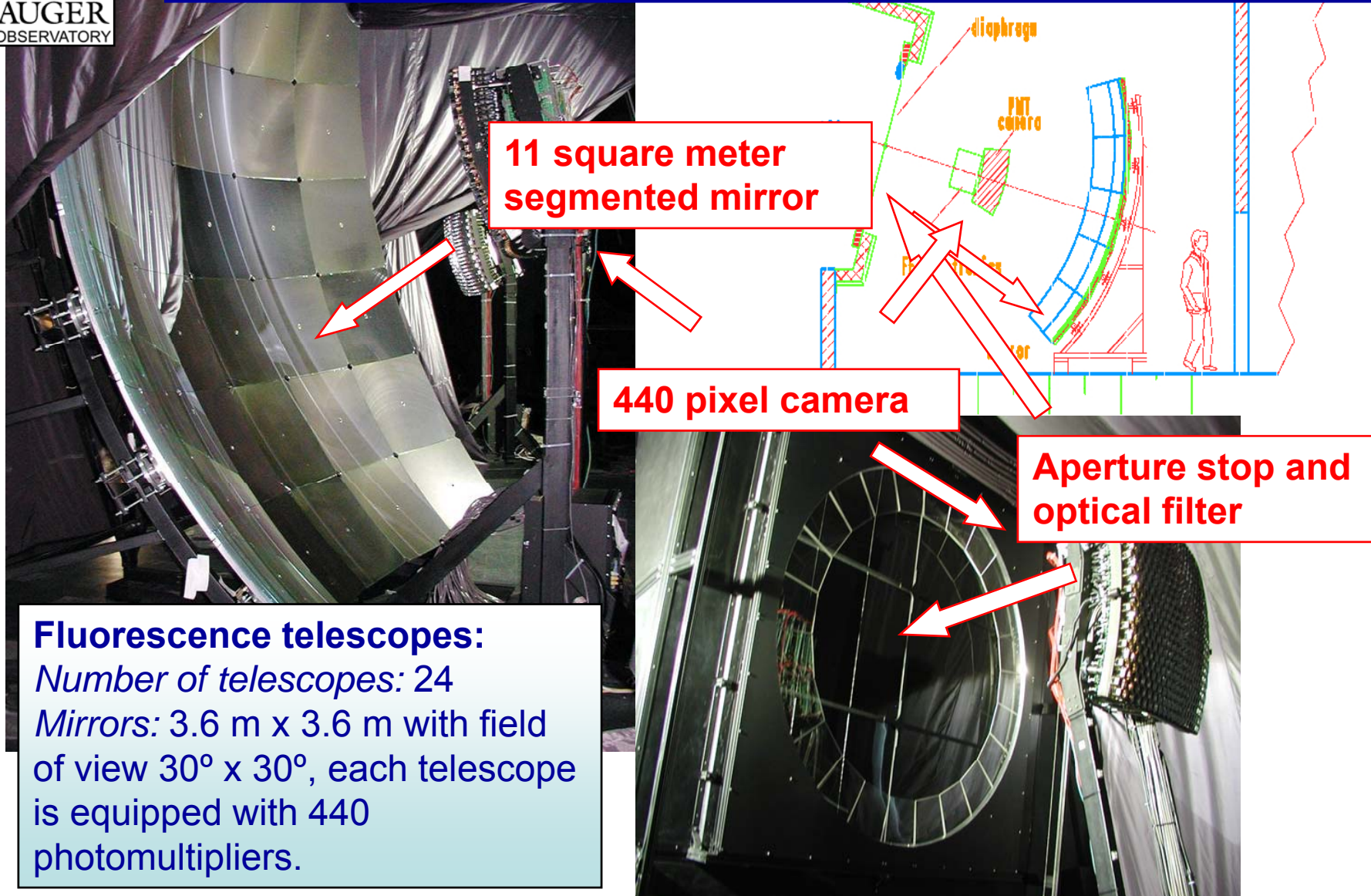
Spacing between detectors: 1.5 km.



**Pierre Auger Project
Surface Detector Station**



Fluorescence detectors of the Pierre Auger Observatory



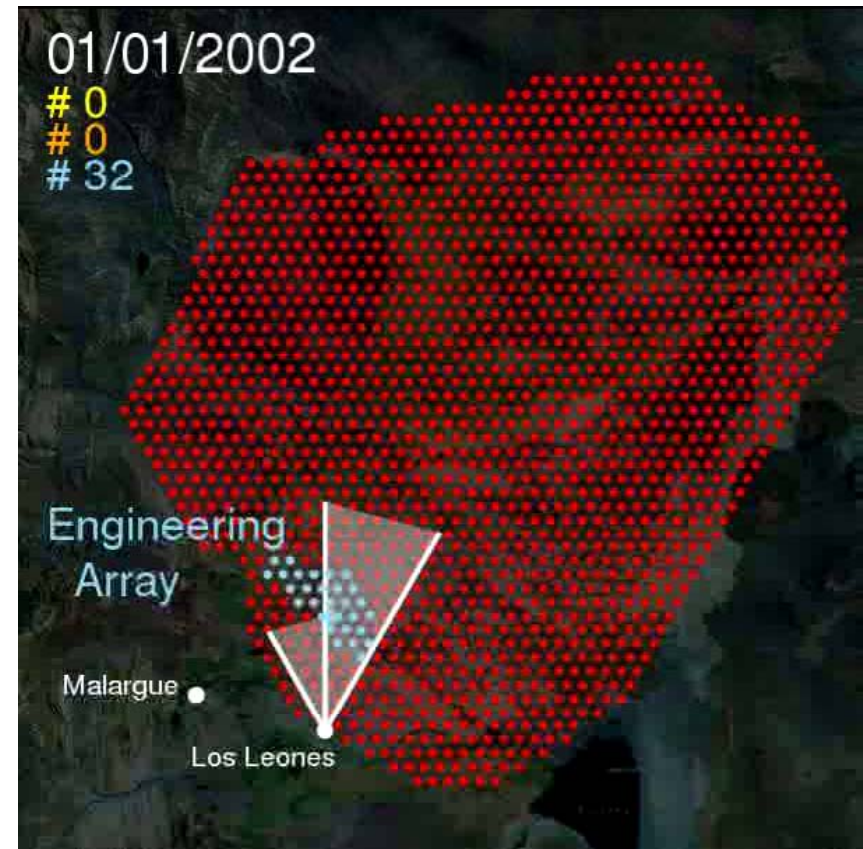
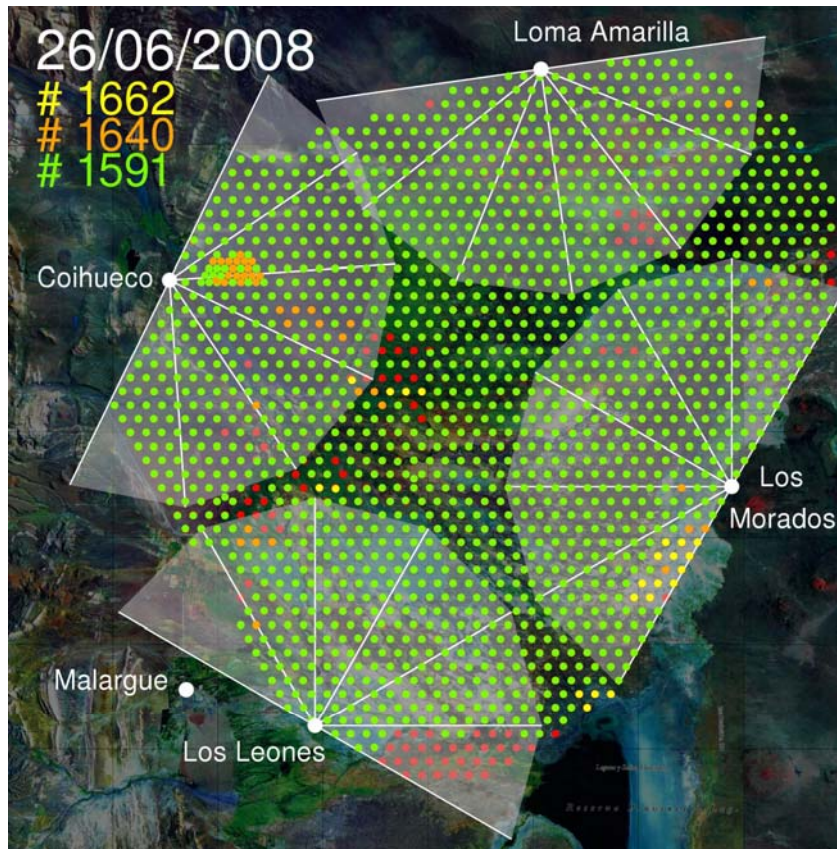
Fluorescence telescopes:

Number of telescopes: 24

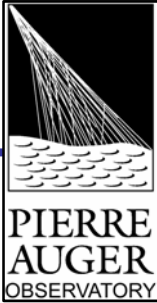
Mirrors: 3.6 m x 3.6 m with field of view 30° x 30°, each telescope is equipped with 440 photomultipliers.



Evolution of the *hybrid detector*

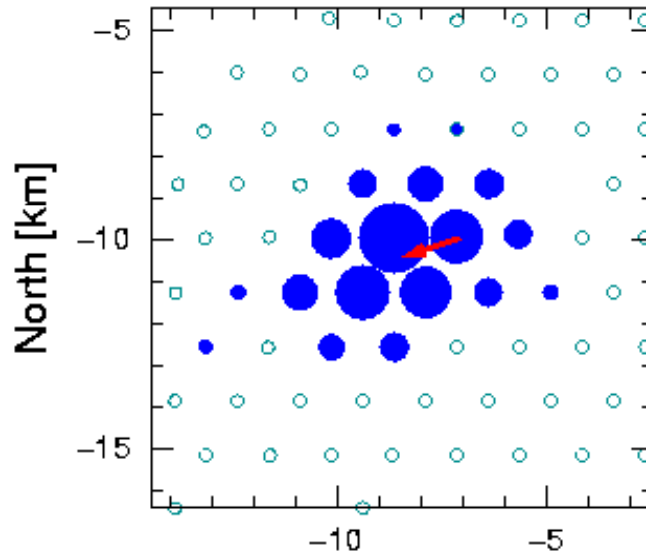


Production of scientific data since late 2003.

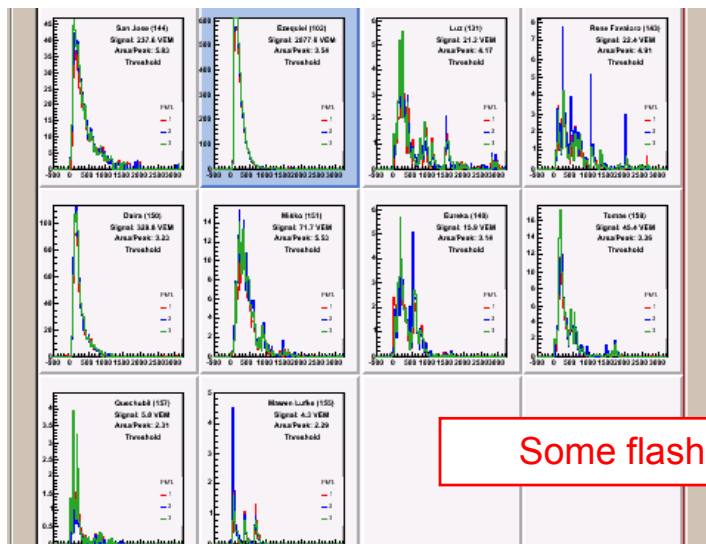
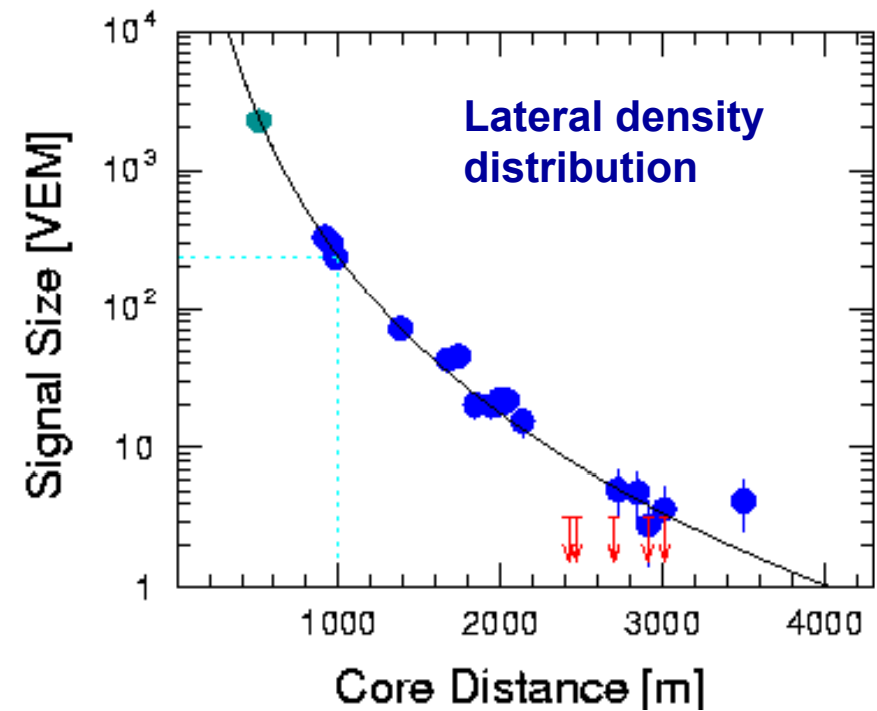


Example Surface Array Event ($\Theta \sim 48^\circ$, ~ 70 EeV)

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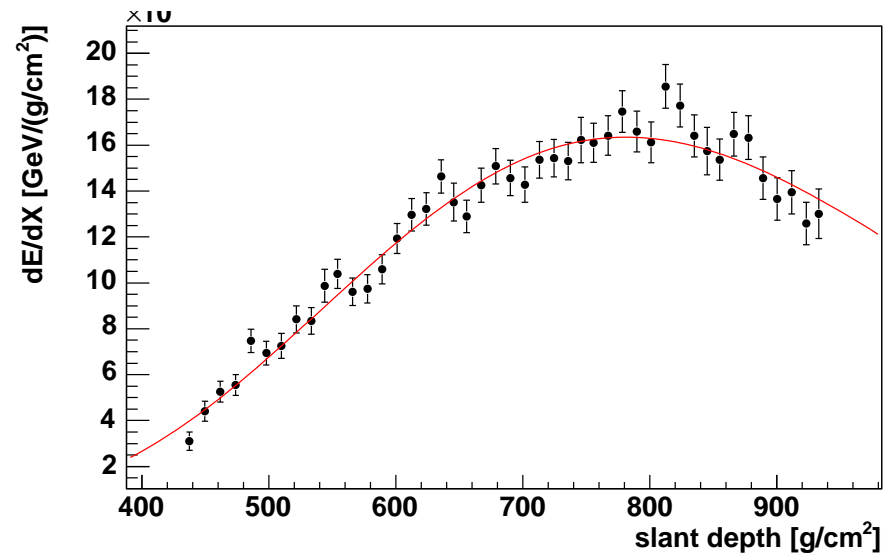
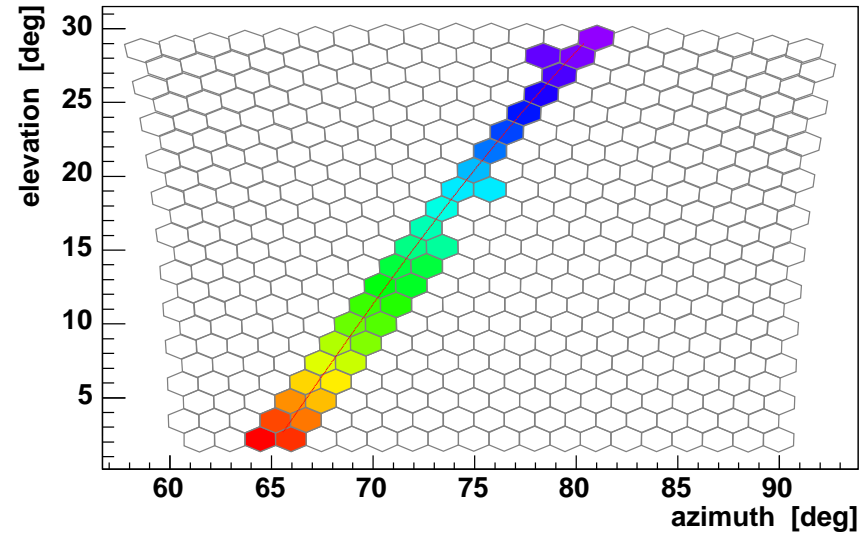
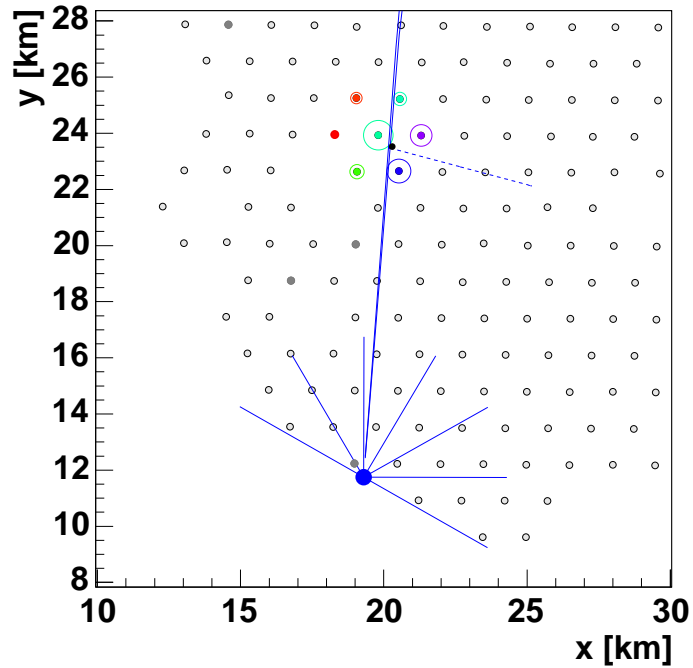
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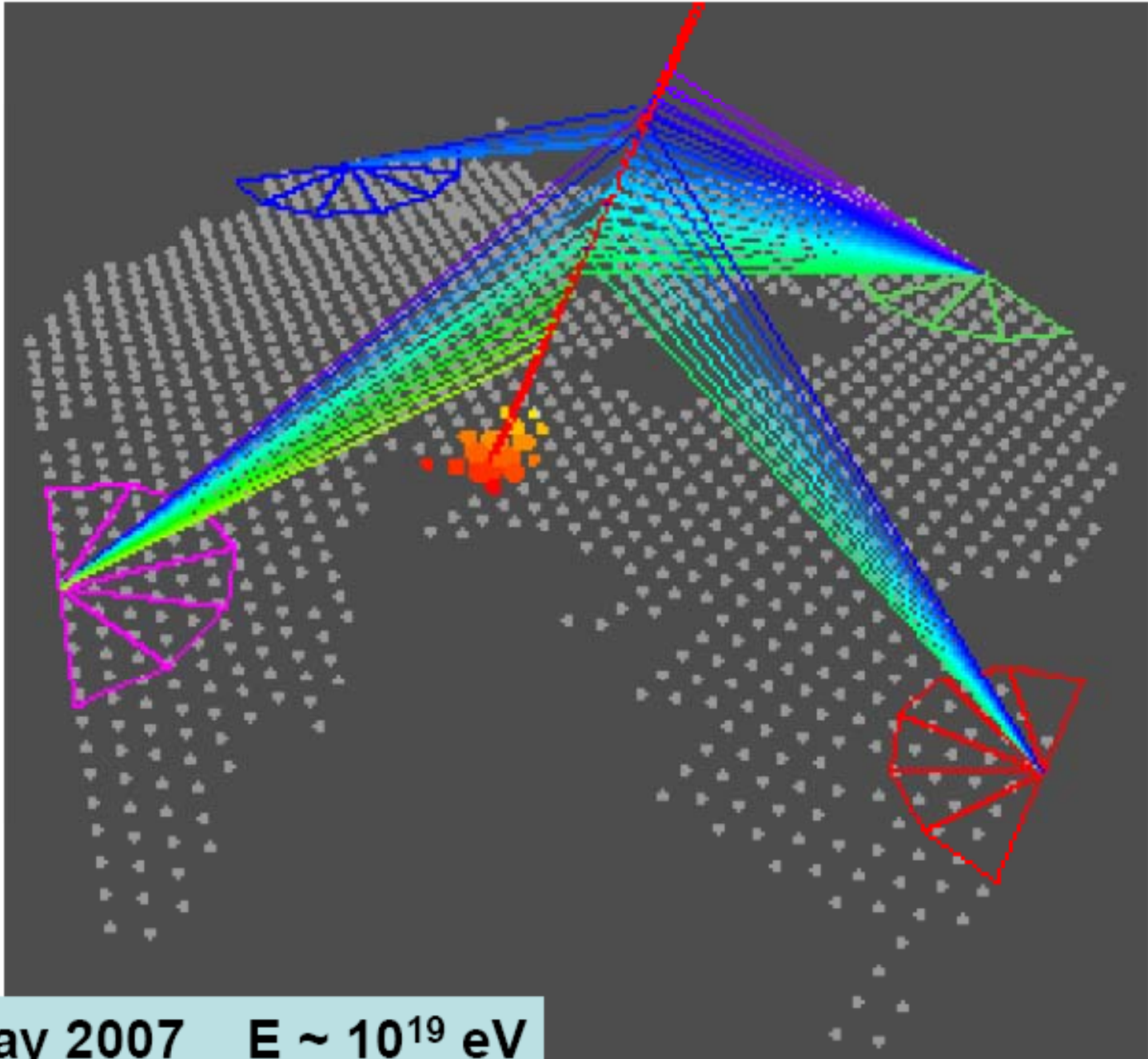


Some flash ADC traces



Example Hybrid Event ($\Theta \sim 30^\circ$, $\sim 8 \text{ EeV}$)

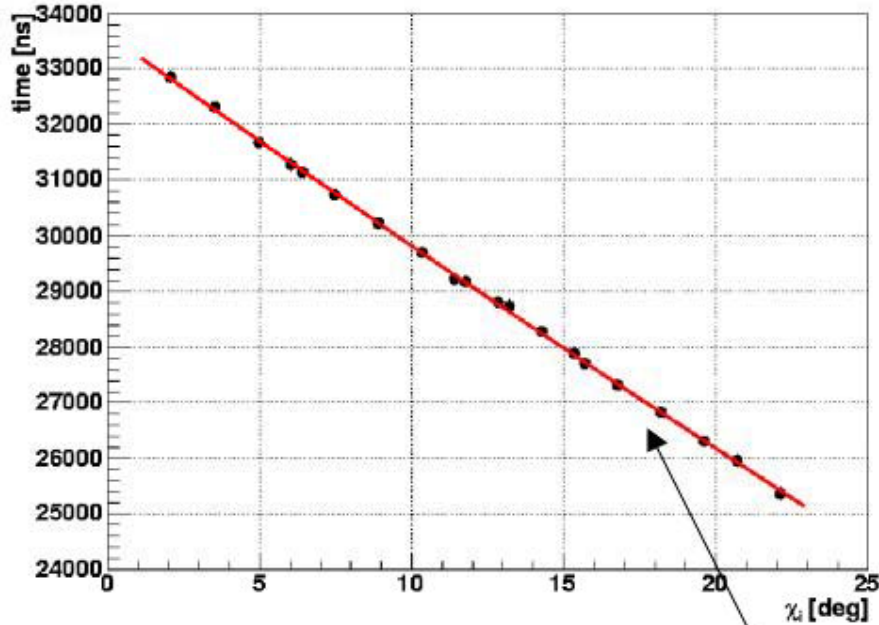




20 May 2007 $E \sim 10^{19}$ eV

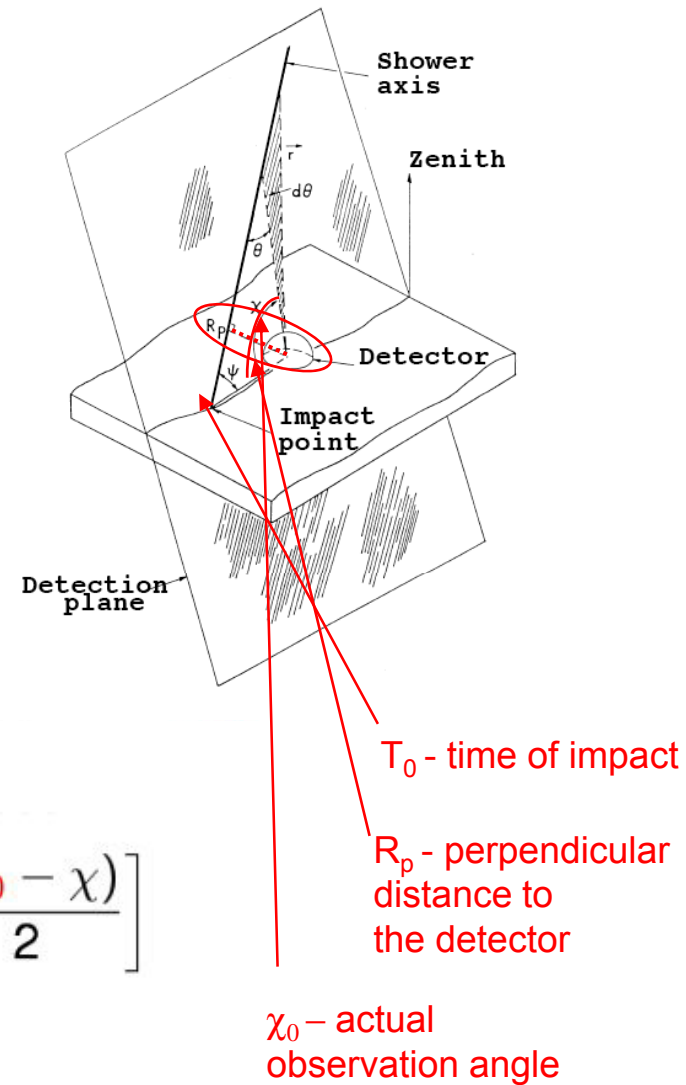


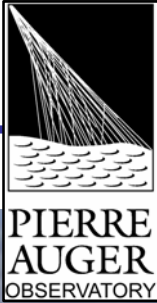
(Geometrical) Hybrid advantage...



≈ line but
3 free parameters

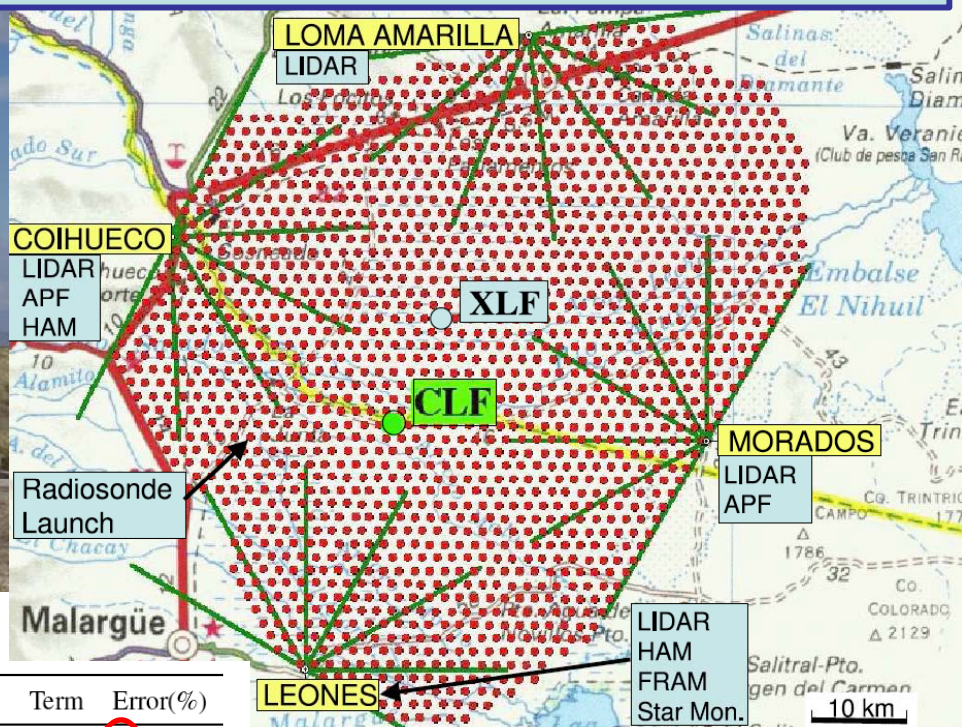
$$t(\chi) = T_0 + \frac{R_p}{c} \tan \left[\frac{(\chi_0 - \chi)}{2} \right]$$





Energy estimation, atmospheric monitoring

Central Laser Facility



Term	Error(%)	Term	Error(%)
Light collection	5	Atmosphere (aerosols)	10
Detector photometric calibration	12	Atmosphere (clouds)	5
Geometric reconstruction	2	Atmosphere (density profile)	2
Correction for Missing Energy	3	Fluorescence yield	15

Quadrature Sum = 23

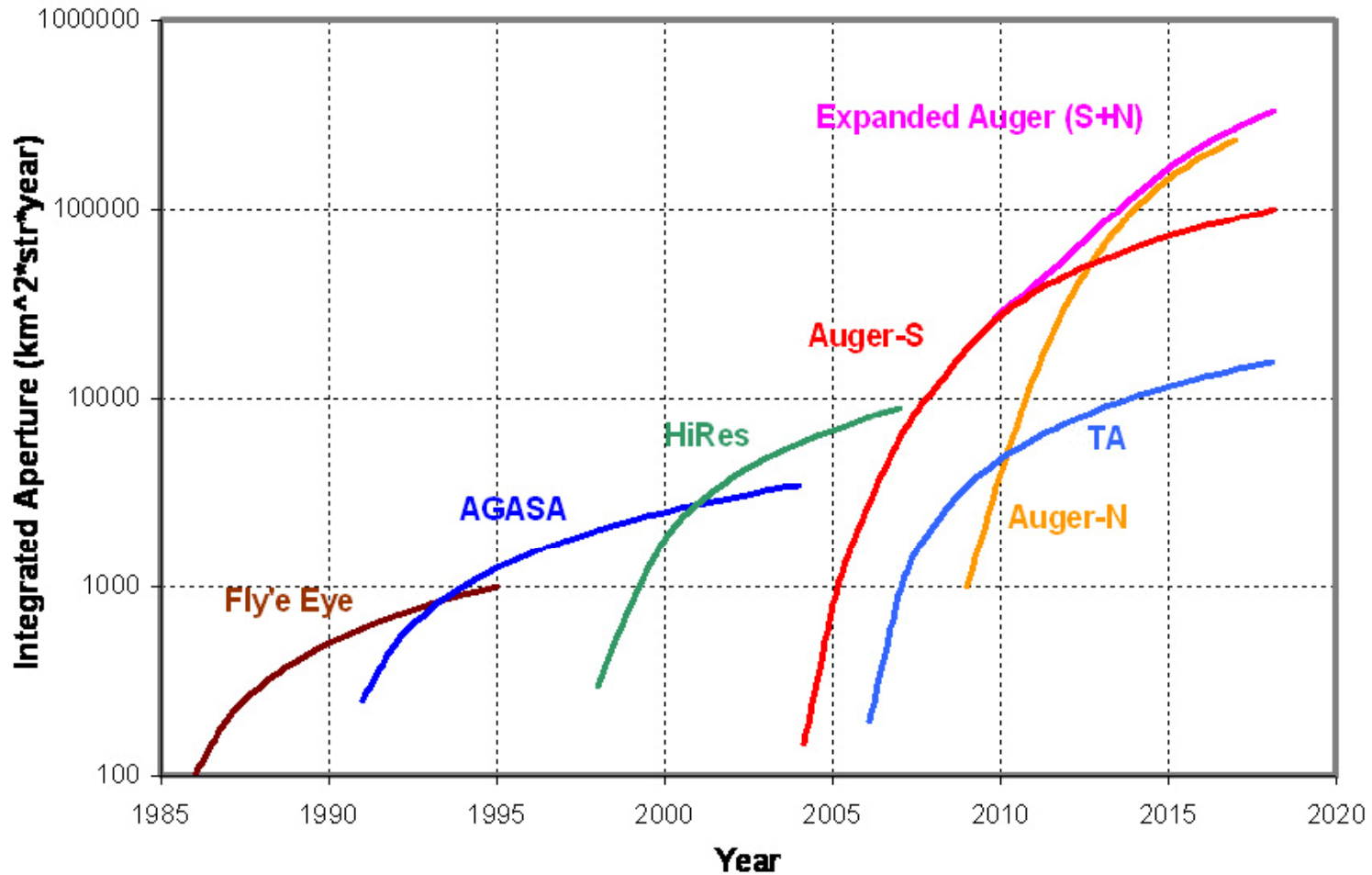
**Current estimates of systematic errors of the
FD energy measurement**



LIDAR



Comparison of integrated aperture



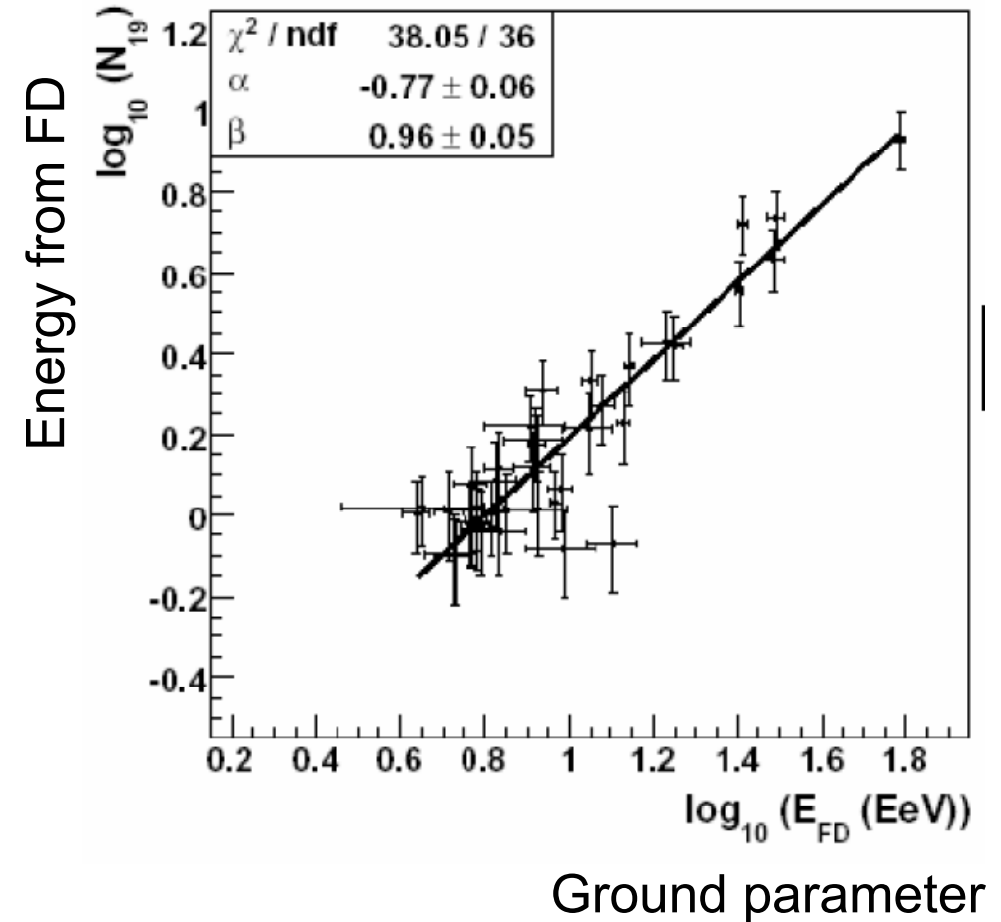
Currently (Mar 2009) ~ 10 x AGASA

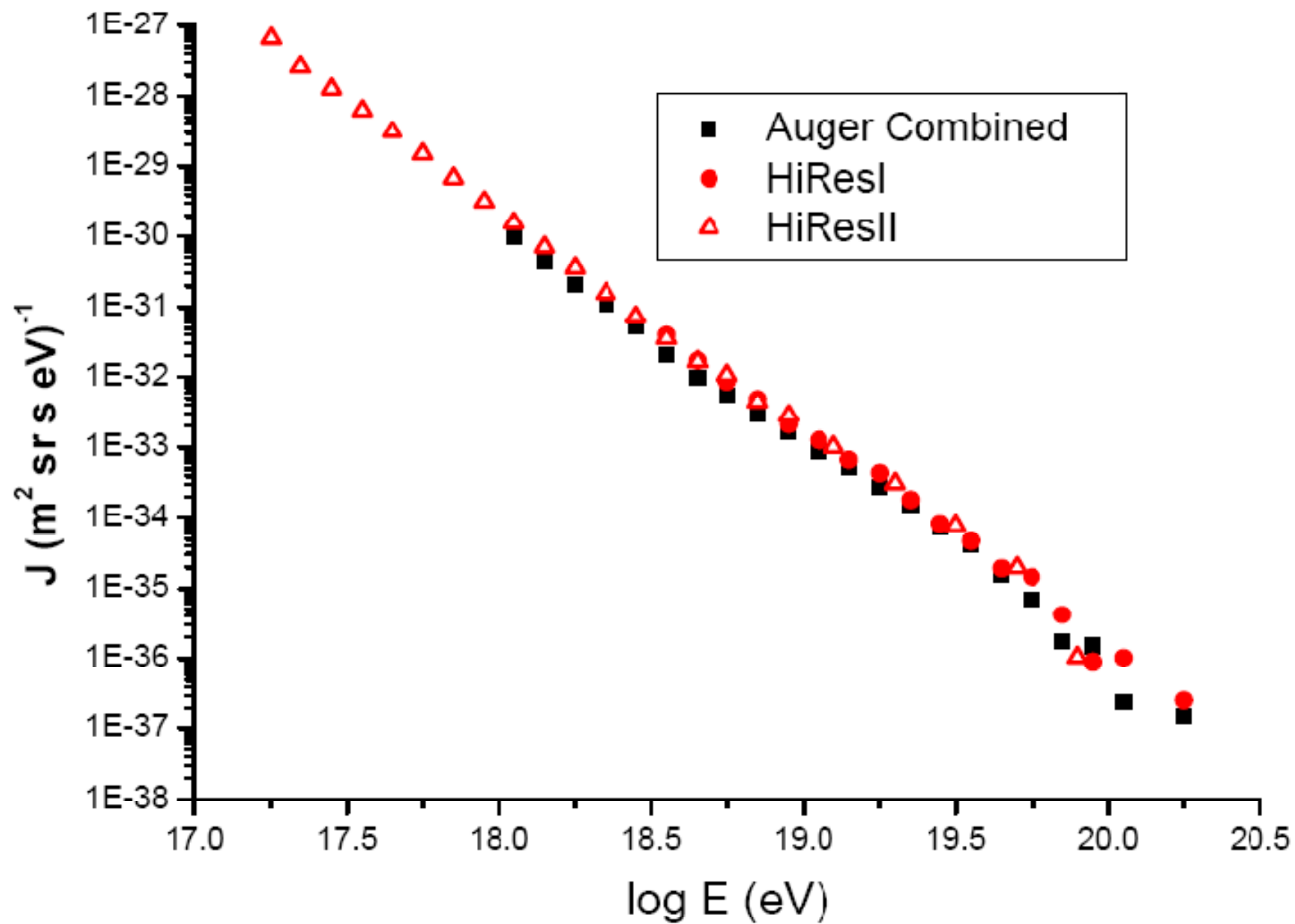
Auger Observatory results

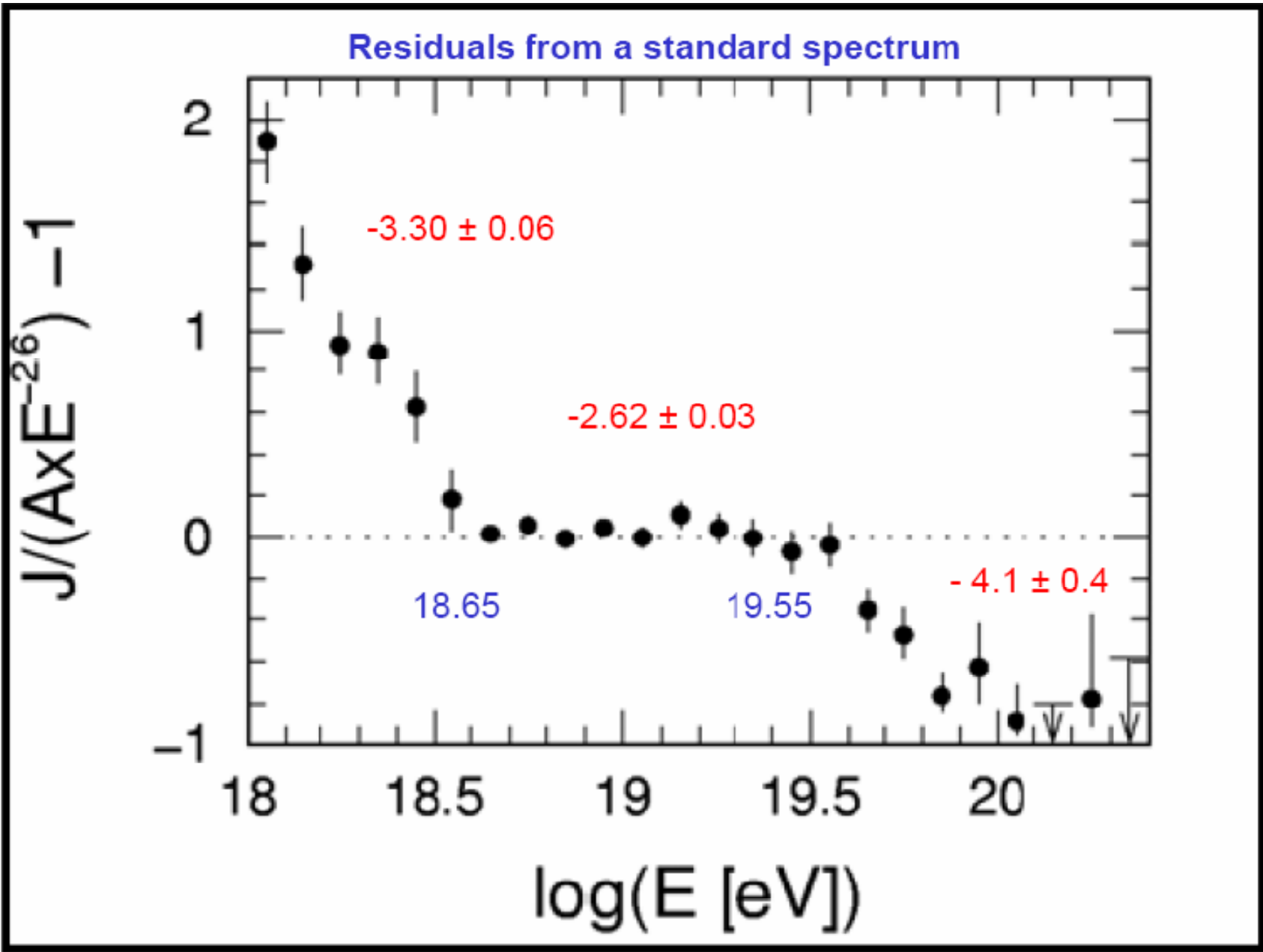


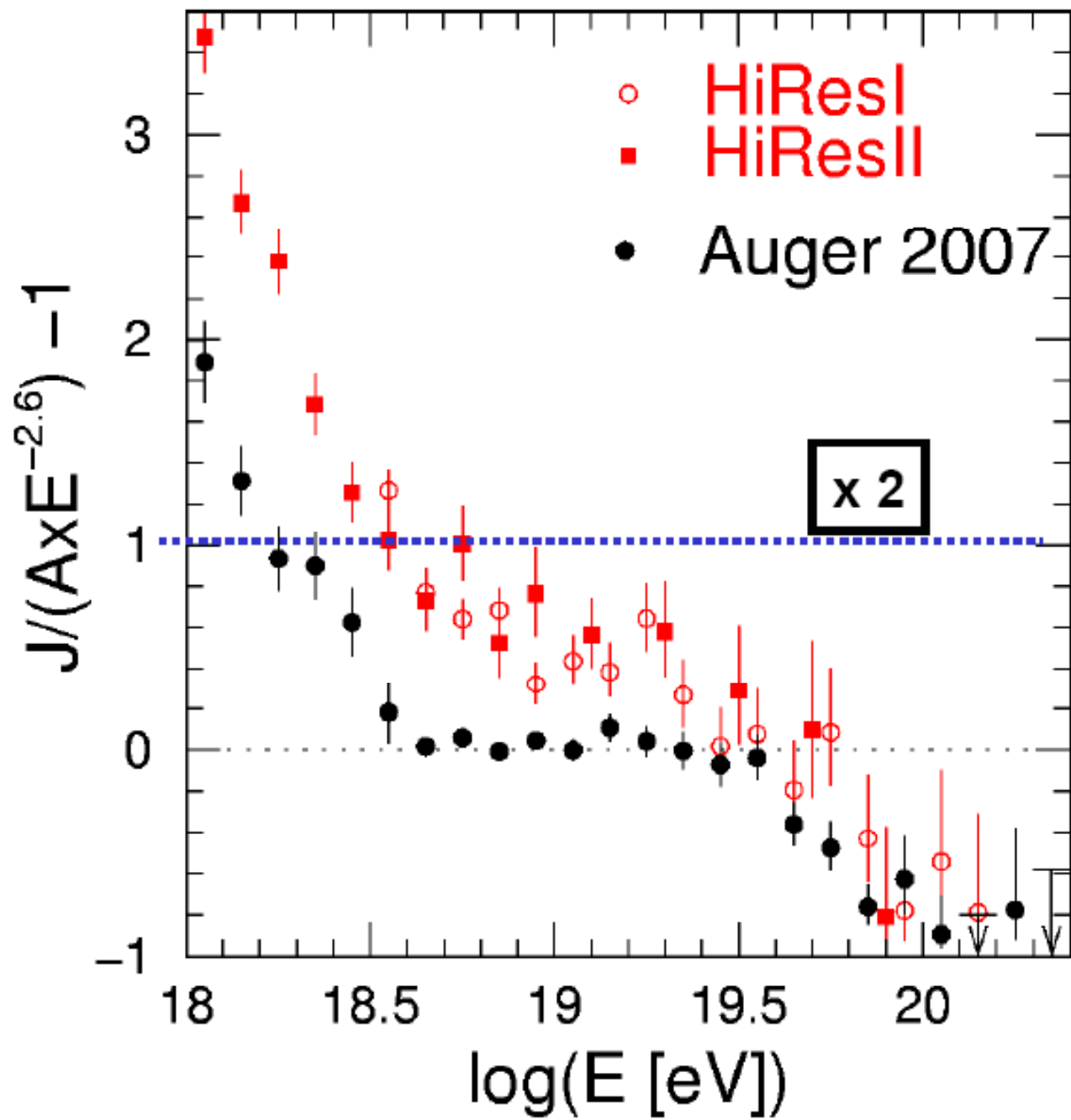
Auger Energy Spectrum

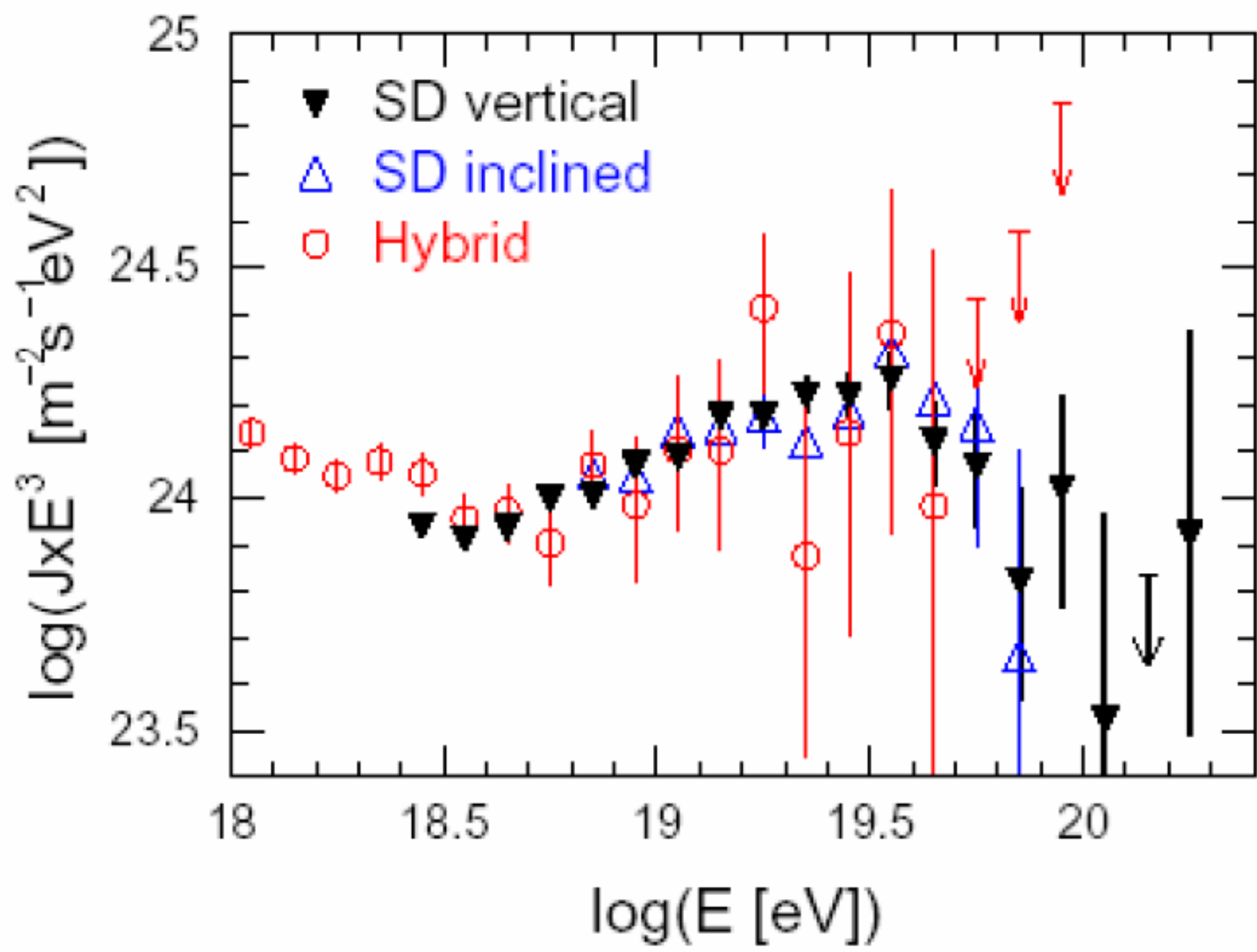
- No spectrum from SD only!
- Relation between particle density parameter $S(1000)$ and FD energy using selected hybrid events
- Aperture from SD
- Combining advantages of FD technique (calorimetric measurement of energy) and of SD technique (well defined aperture; 100 % duty cycle)

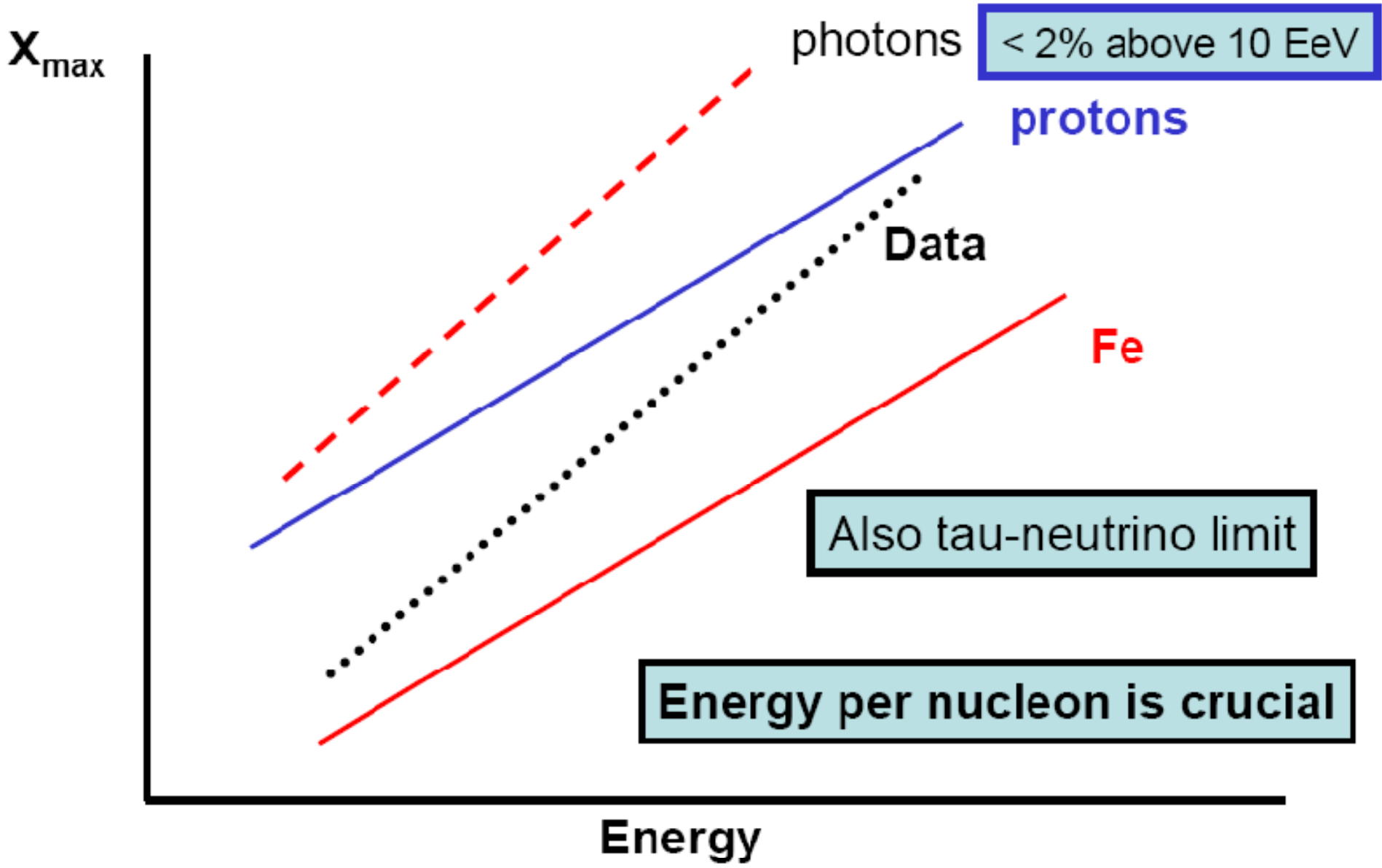


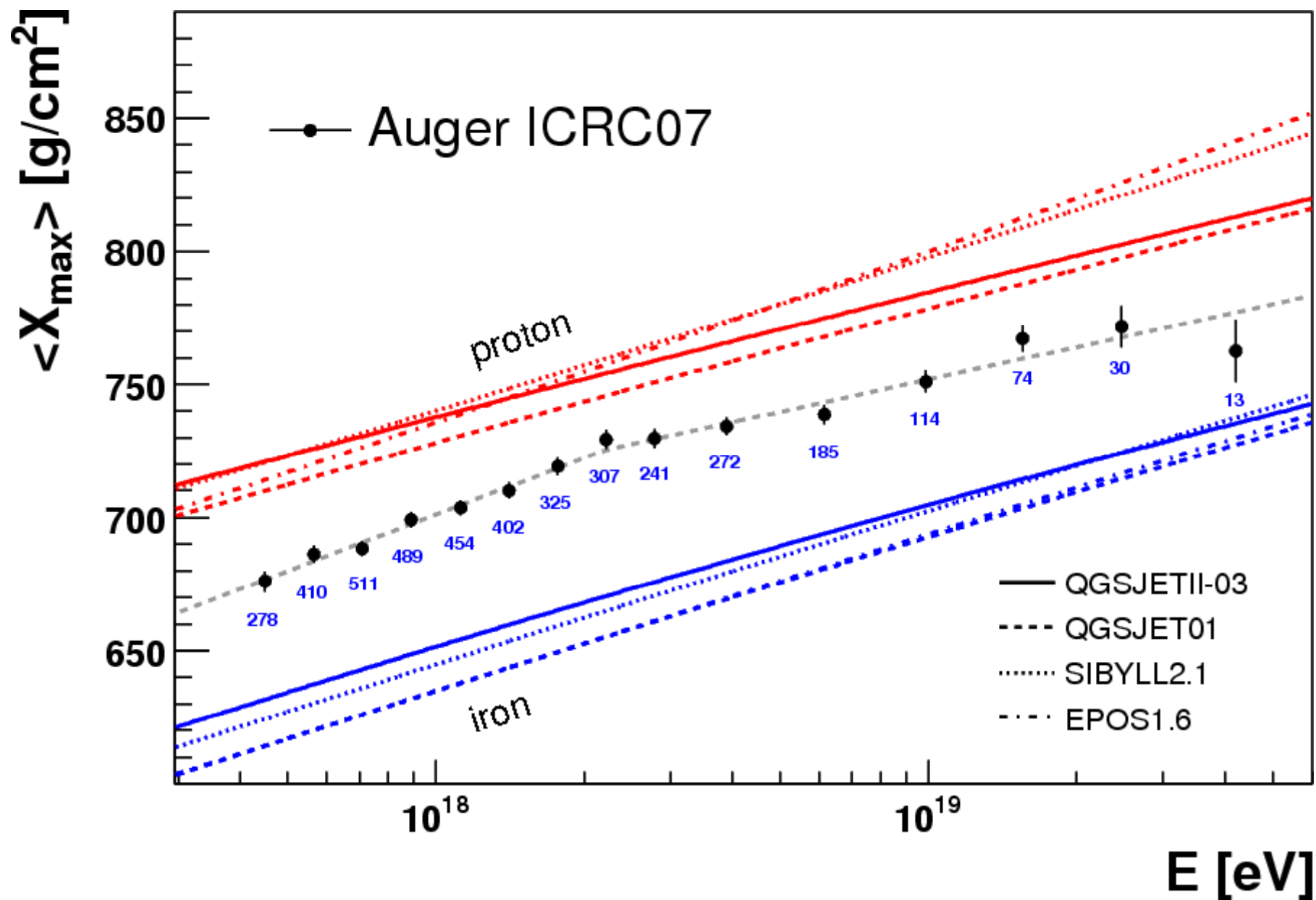


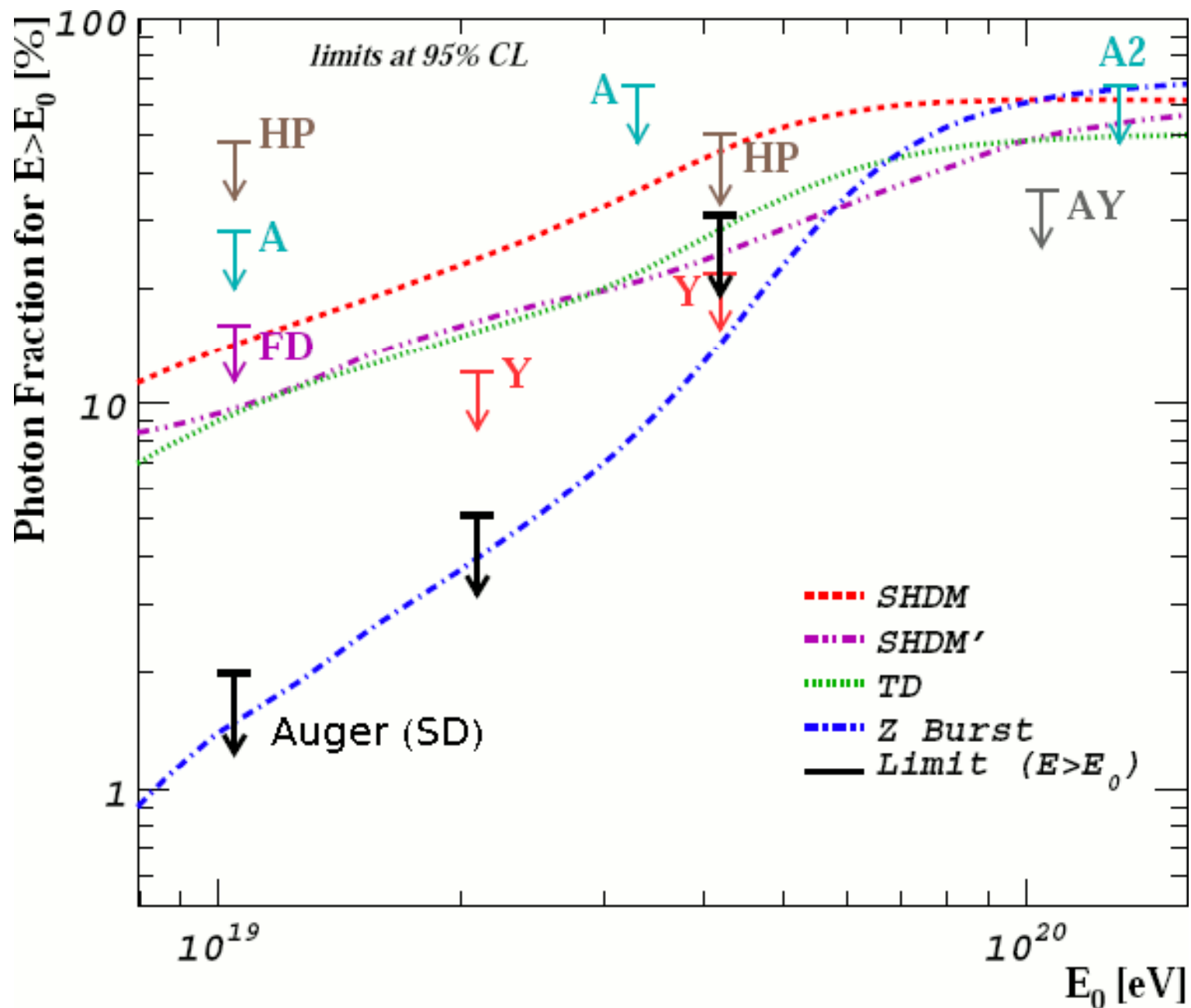


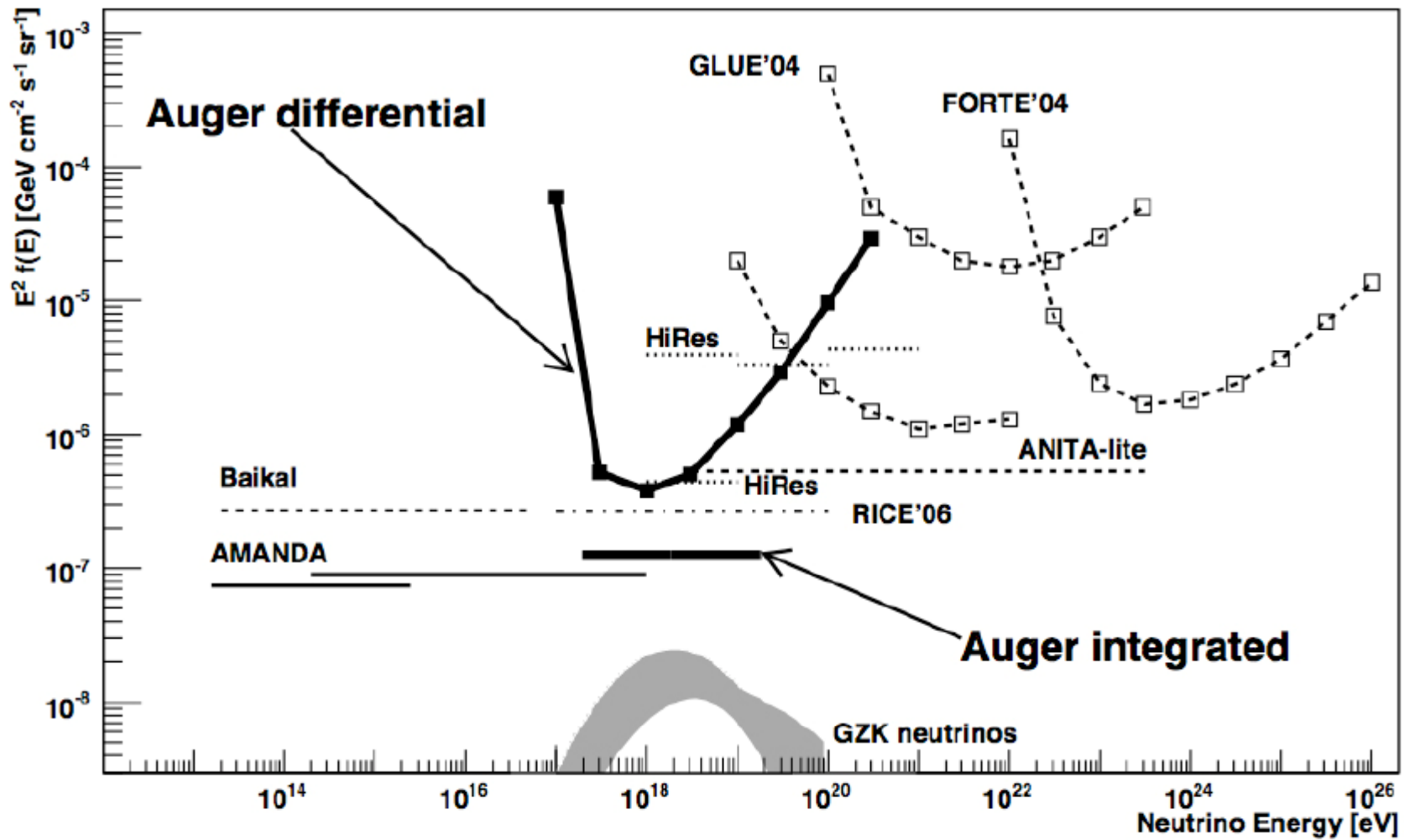


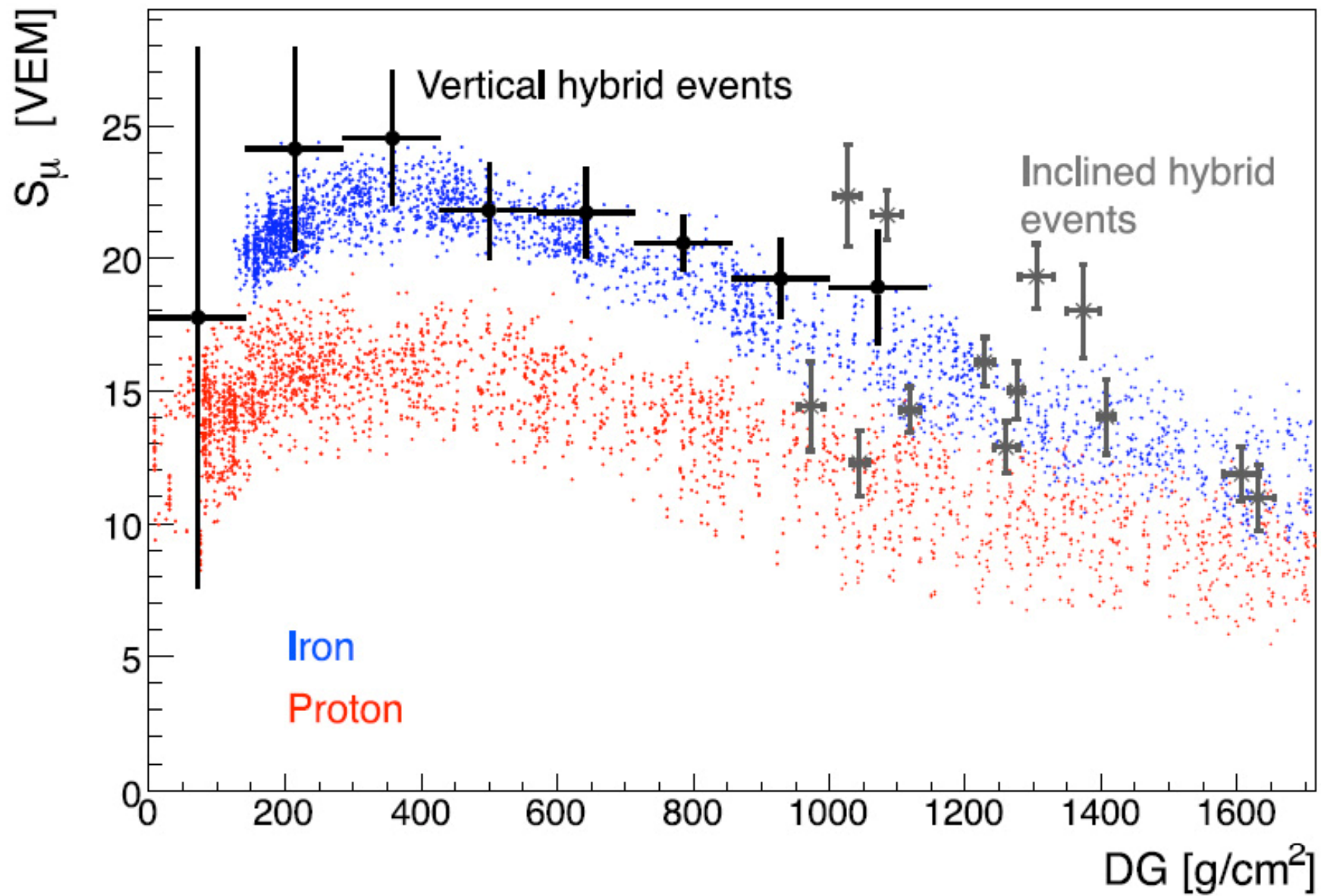




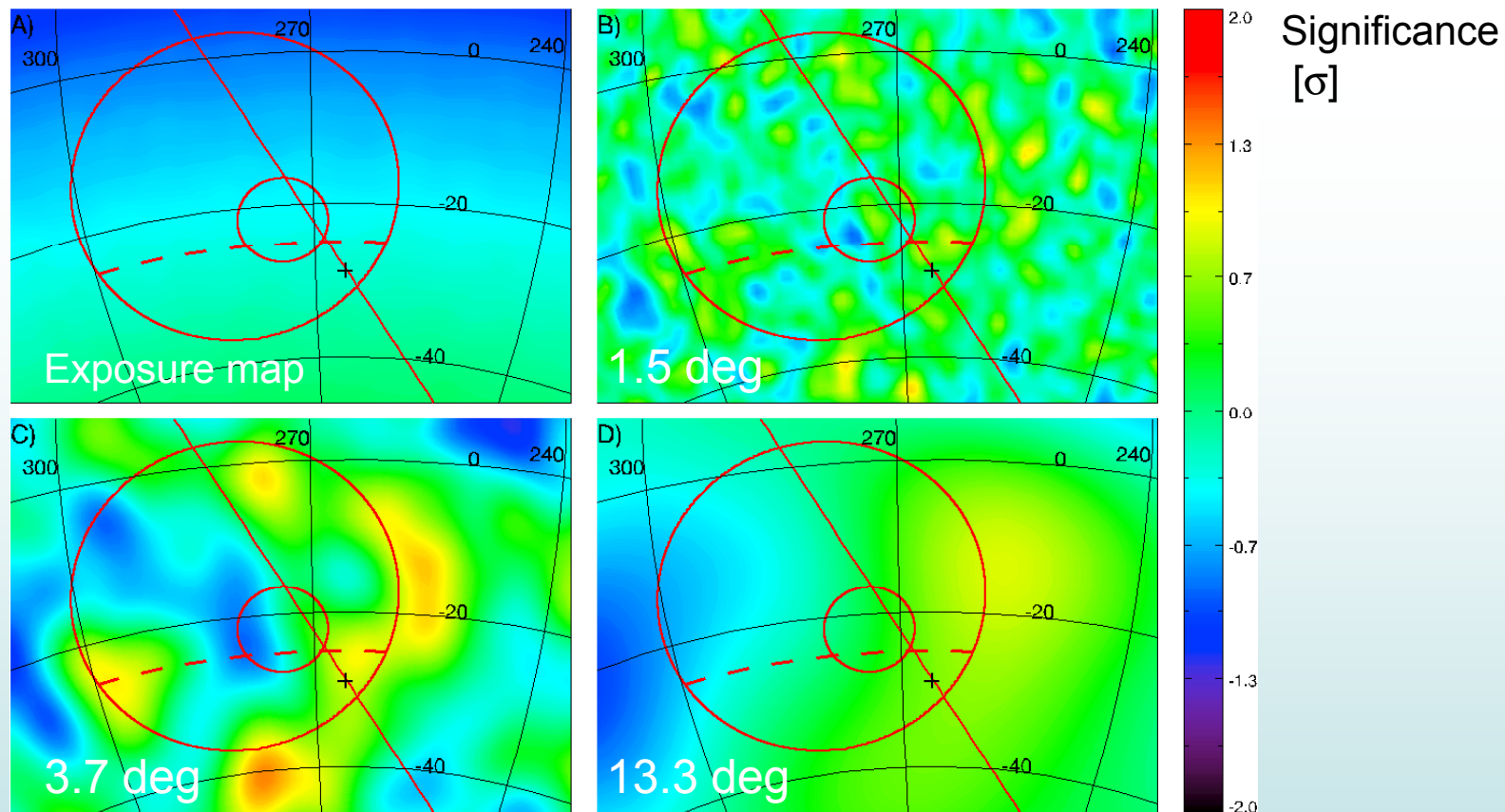








Galactic center



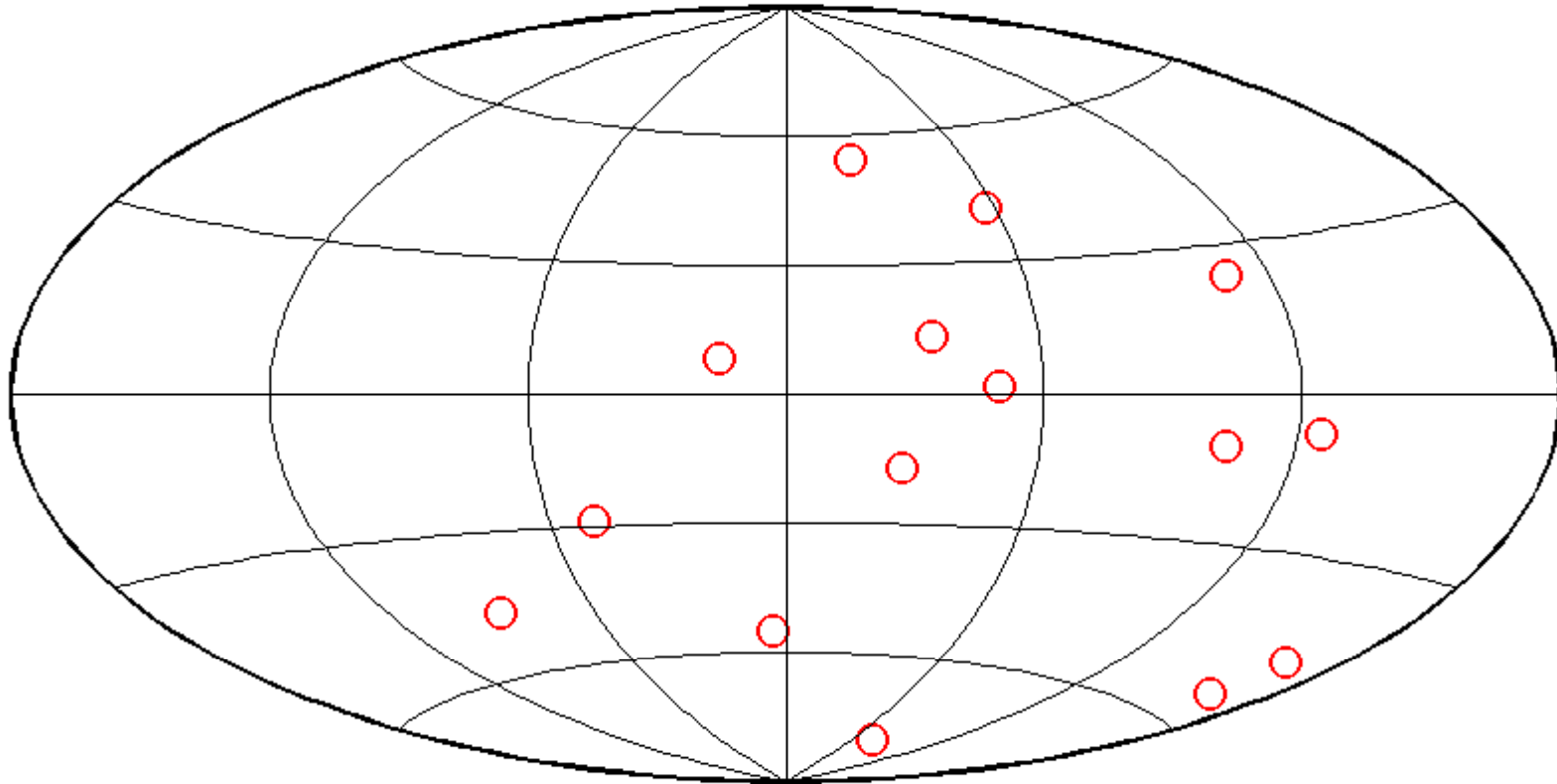
Anisotropy searches (around Galactic center)

AGASA excess is not confirmed

Searches considering a systematic energy shift between AGASA and Auger show **no excess**

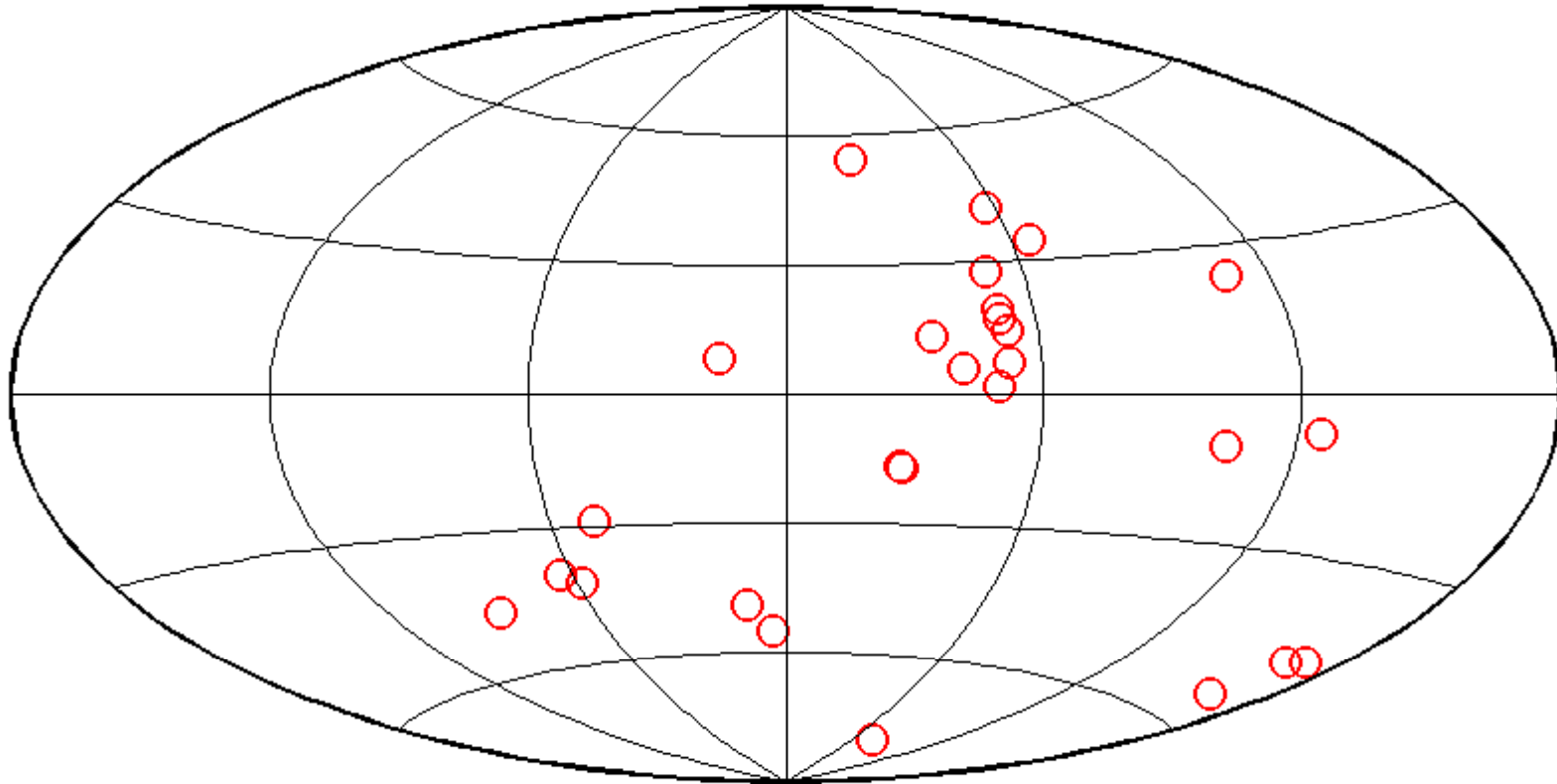
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“Discovery of the year?”



**AGASA-like situation before the start of operation
of the Pierre Auger Observatory**

“Discovery of the year !”

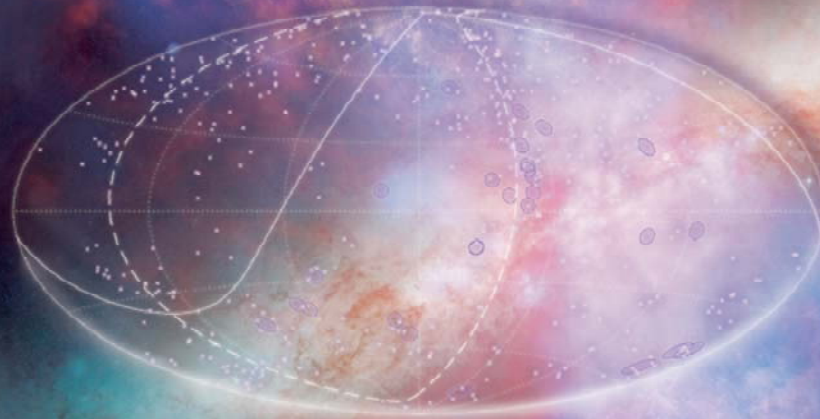


Particles with highest energies do not arrive isotropically.

Is observed distribution in agreement with distribution of any type of known astrophysical objects?

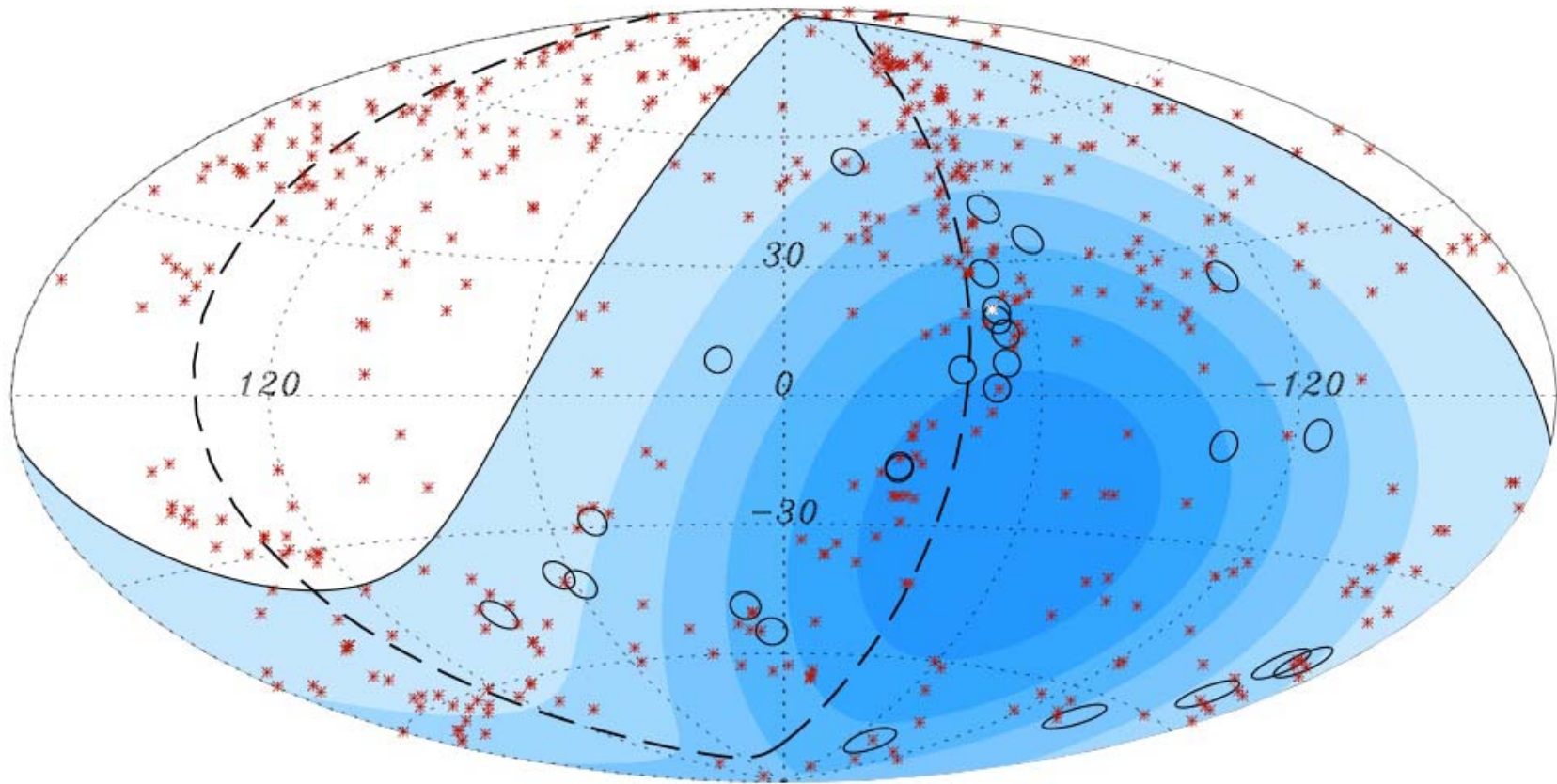
Science

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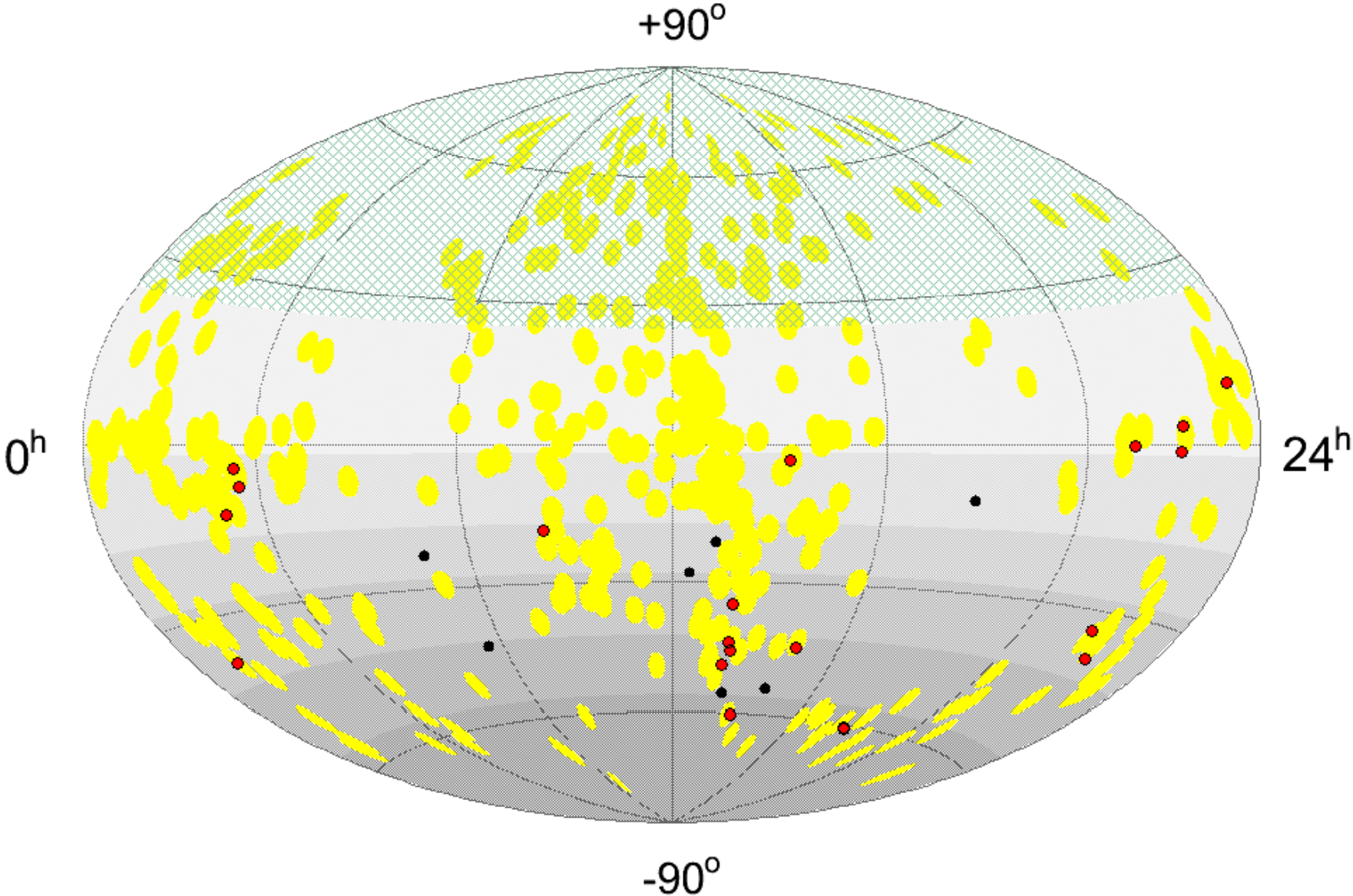
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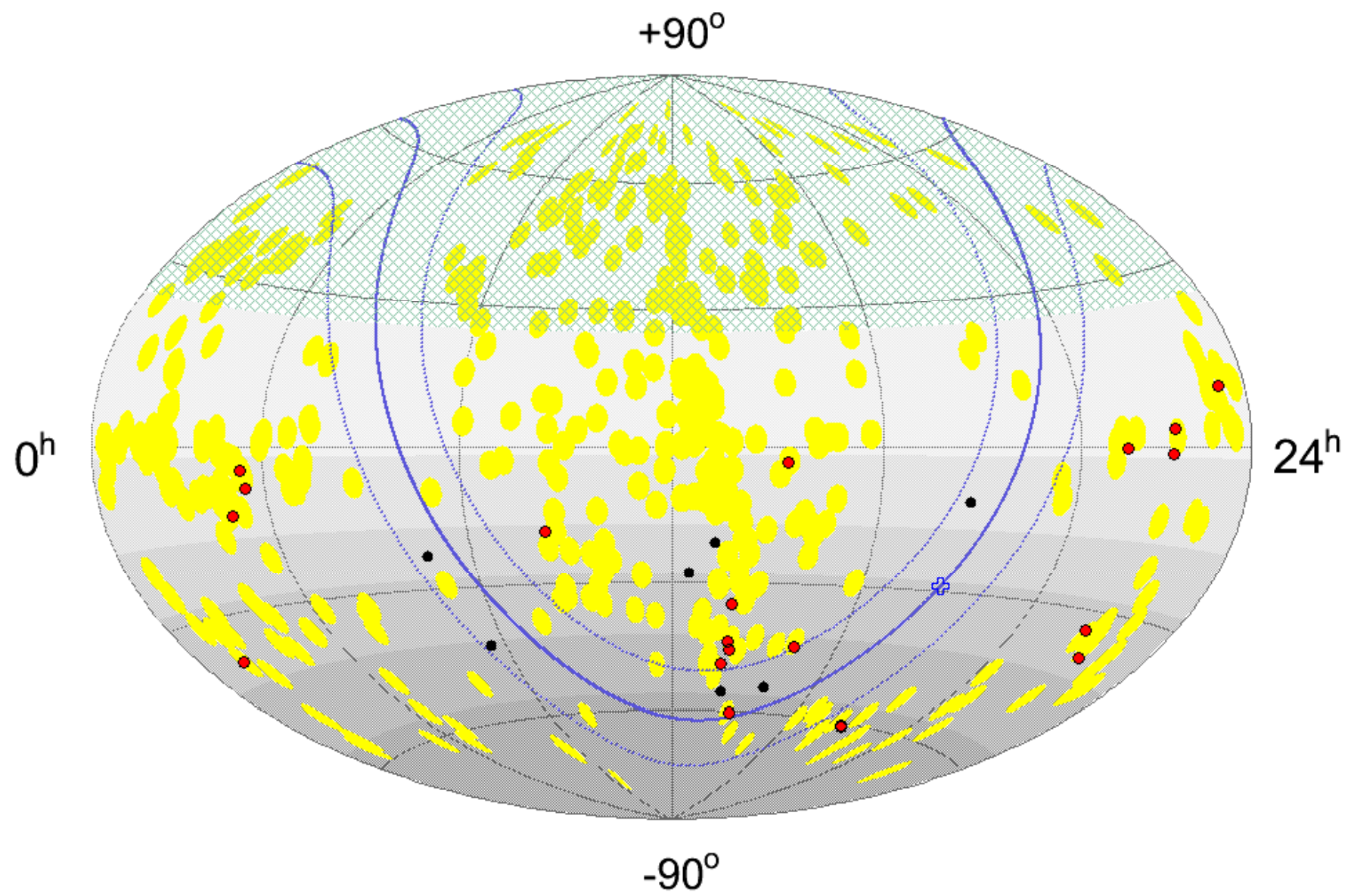
Yes! The best agreement is with the distribution of nearby active galaxies.

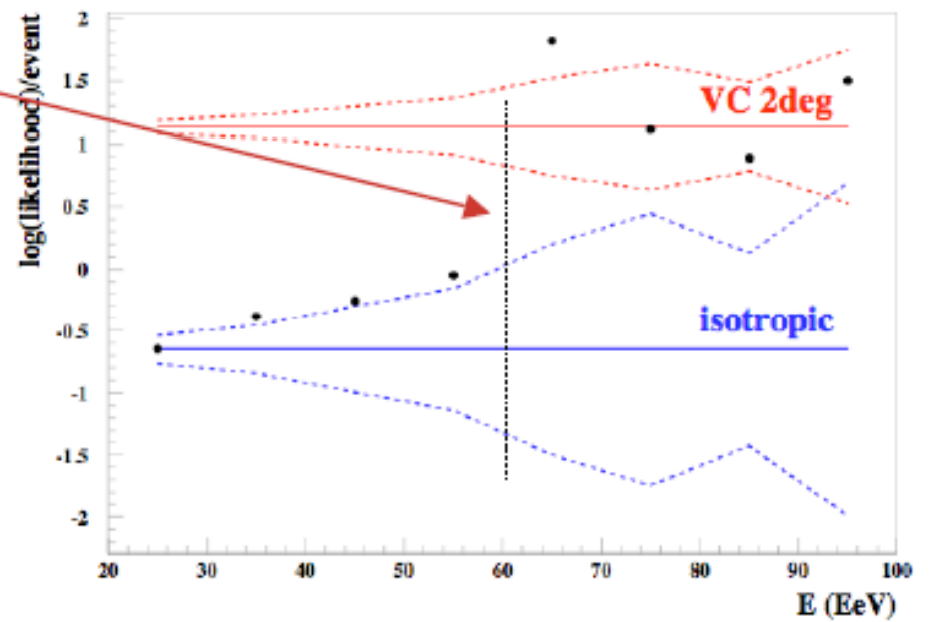
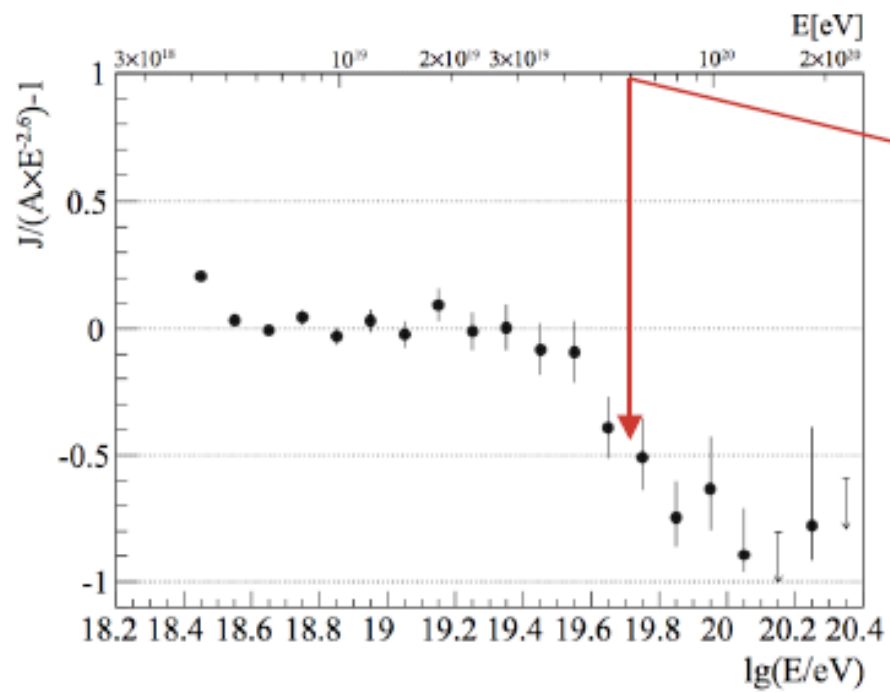


Blue – visible part of the sky
Red stars – active galactic nuclei (AGNs) with distance < 75 Mpc
– in agreement with our expectations (GZK cutoff)

Less than 1% probability to observe such correlation by chance.



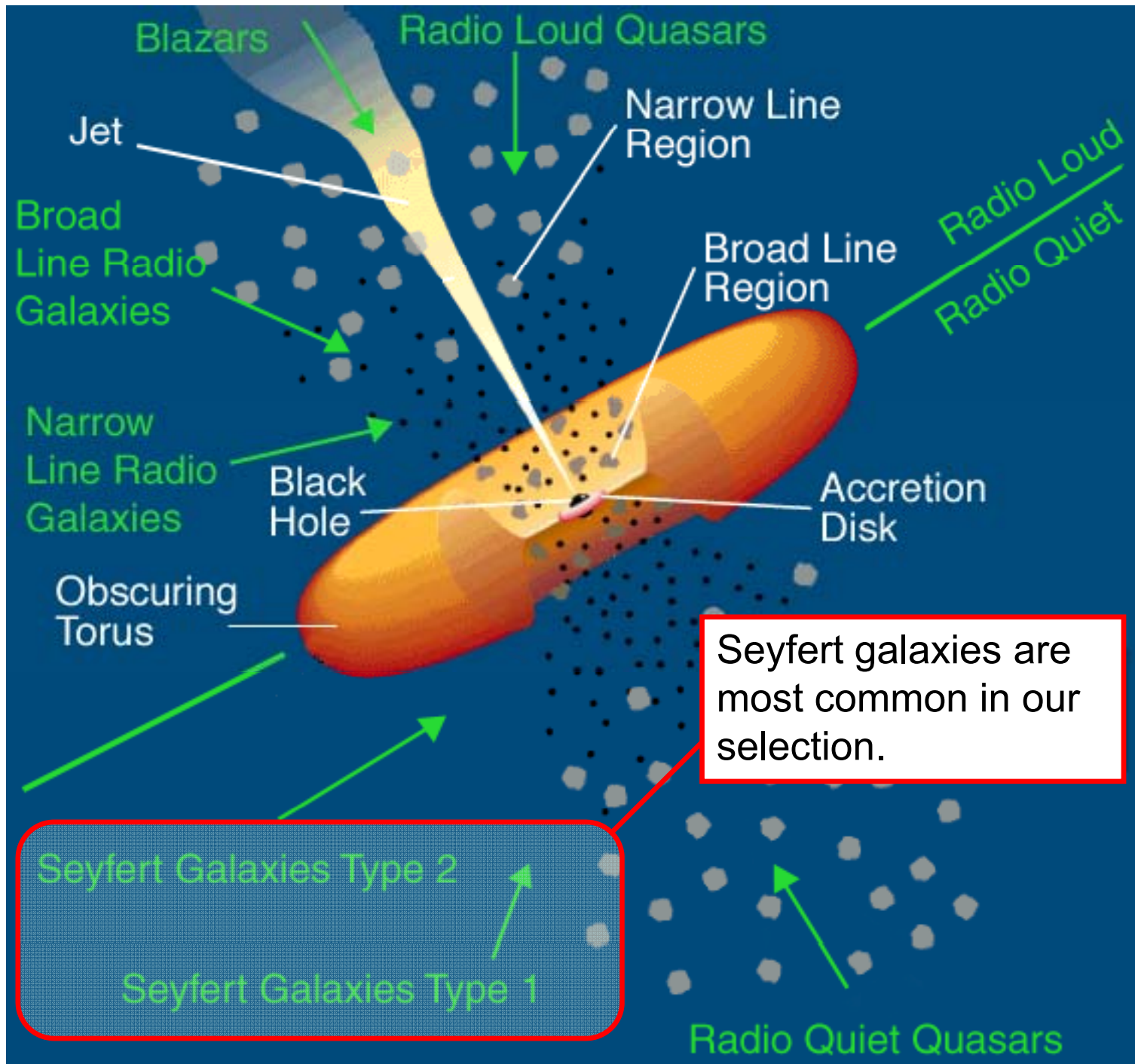




So, what are active galactic nuclei?



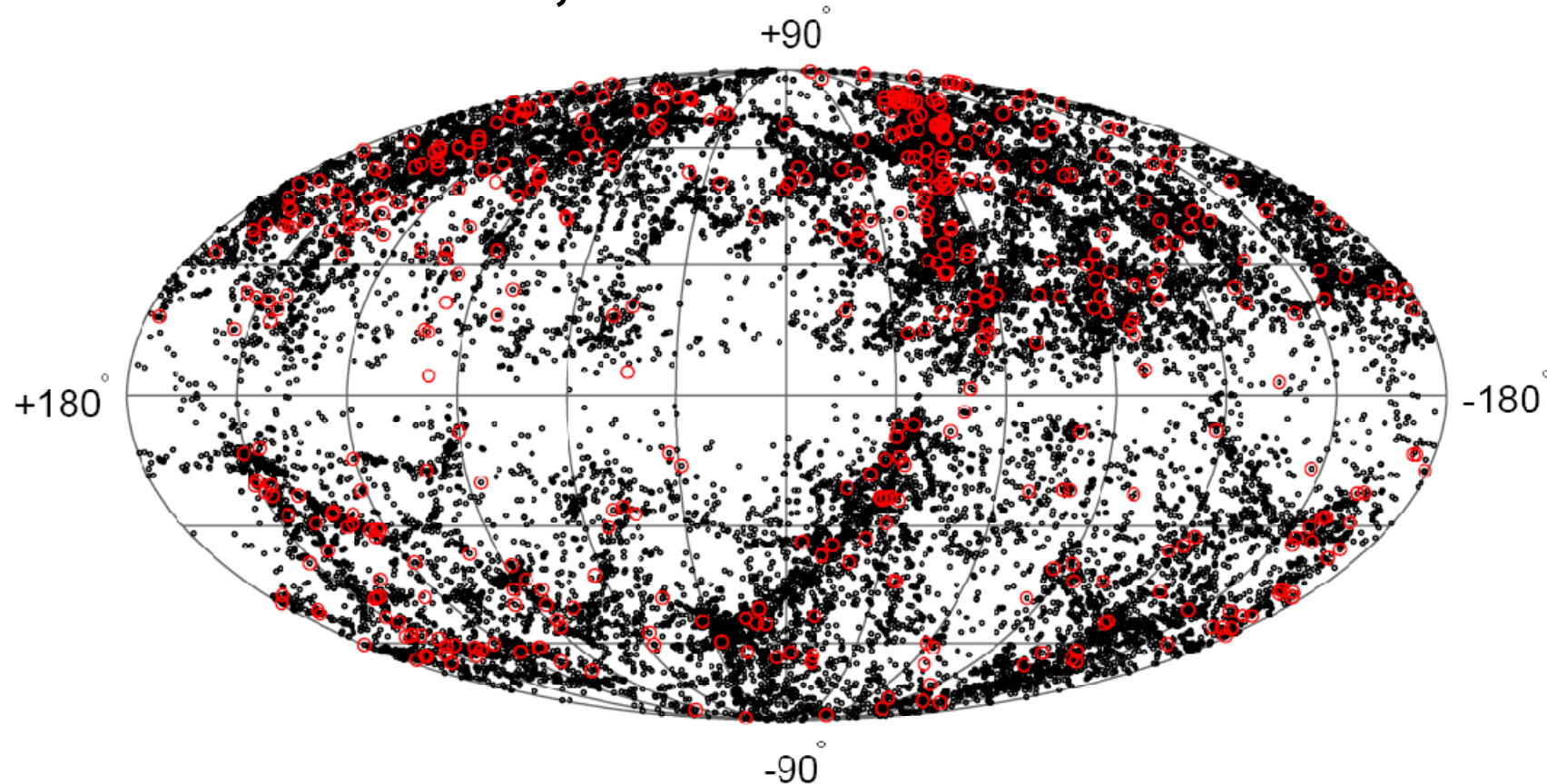
- galaxies with supermassive black holes in their centers; black hole mass in order of 10^7 - 10^8 solar masses; enough matter nearby to be swallowed



Seyfert galaxies are most common in our selection.

Seyfert Galaxies Type 2
Seyfert Galaxies Type 1

However, we have to be careful...

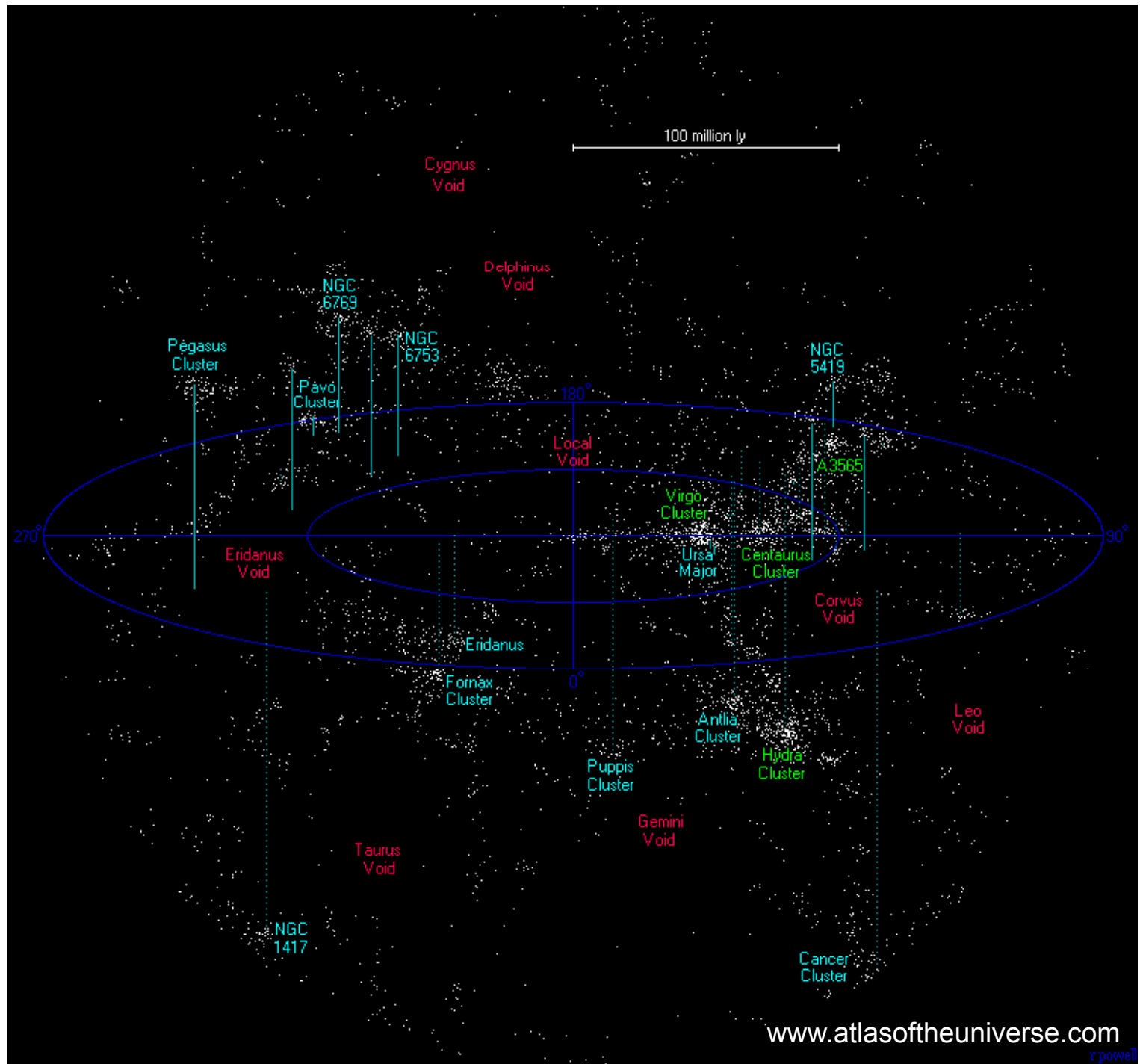


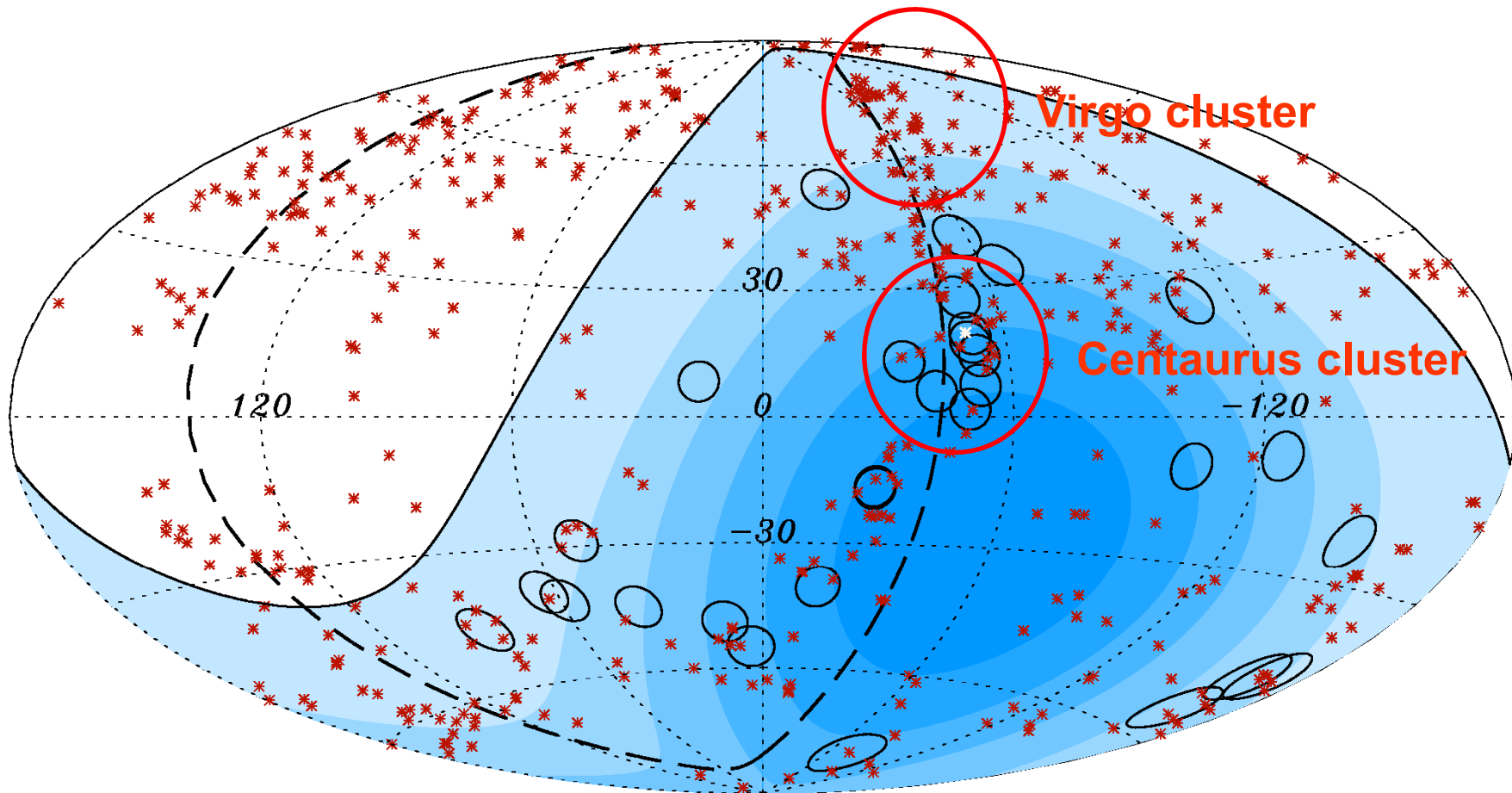
Red circles – (again) AGNs closer than 75 Mpc

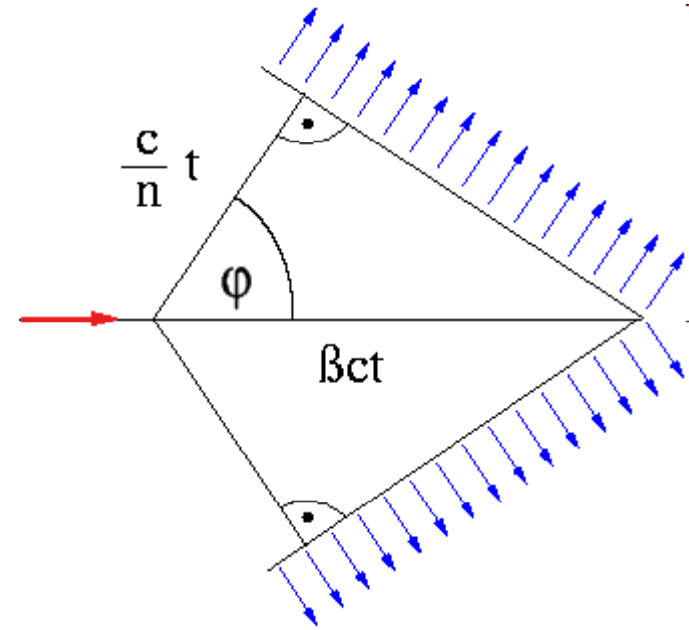
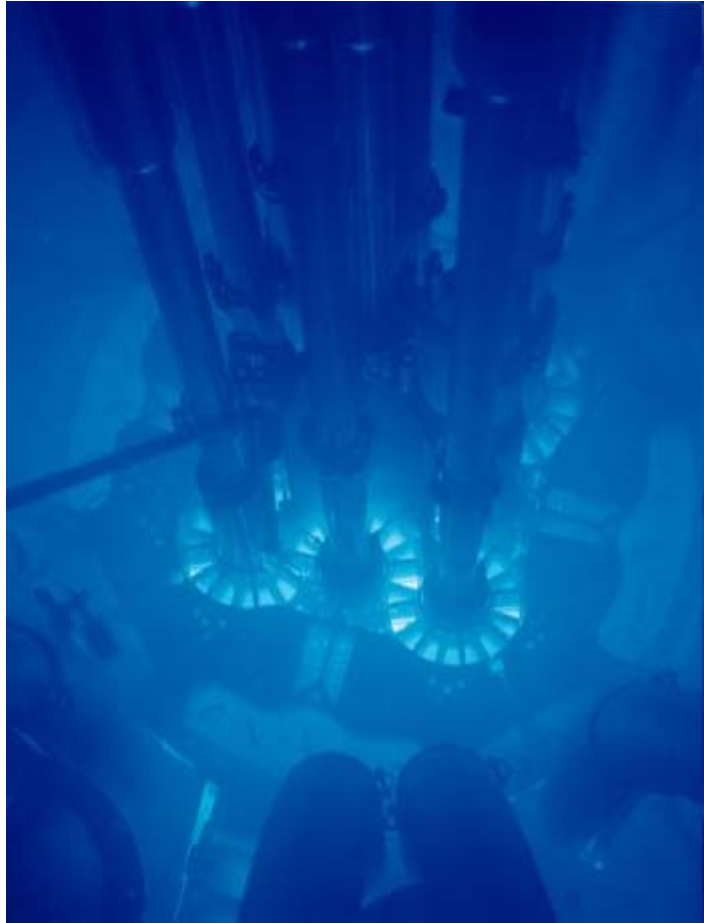
Black dots – all galaxies closer than 75 Mpc (HyperLEDA catalogue)

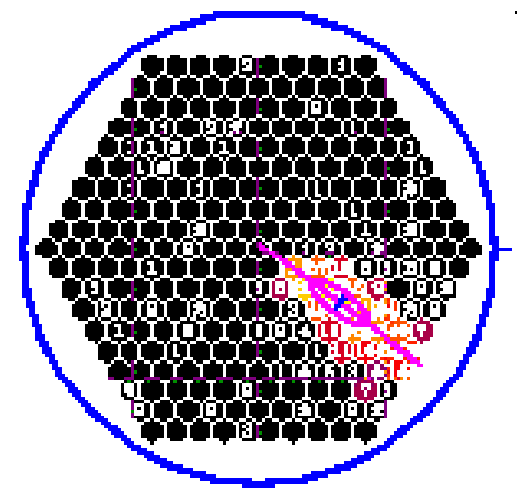
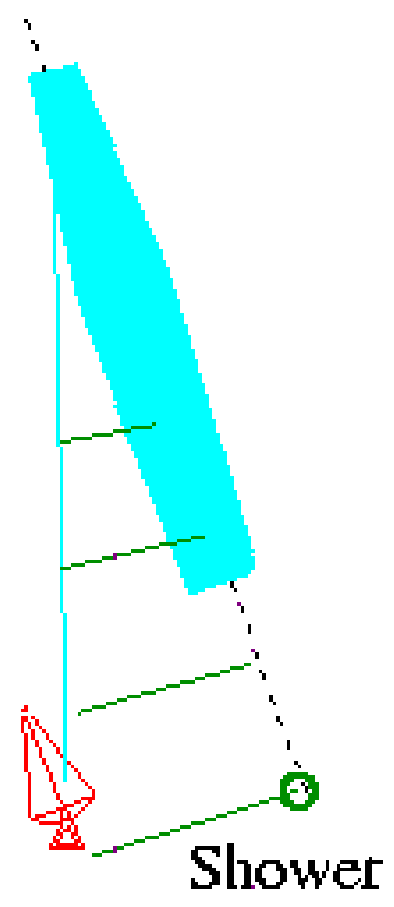
Distribution of ordinary galaxies (and matter in general) and of AGNs is very similar!

So, our first guess that the particles with the highest energies come from AGNs is not correct → we need more data from both South and North ...



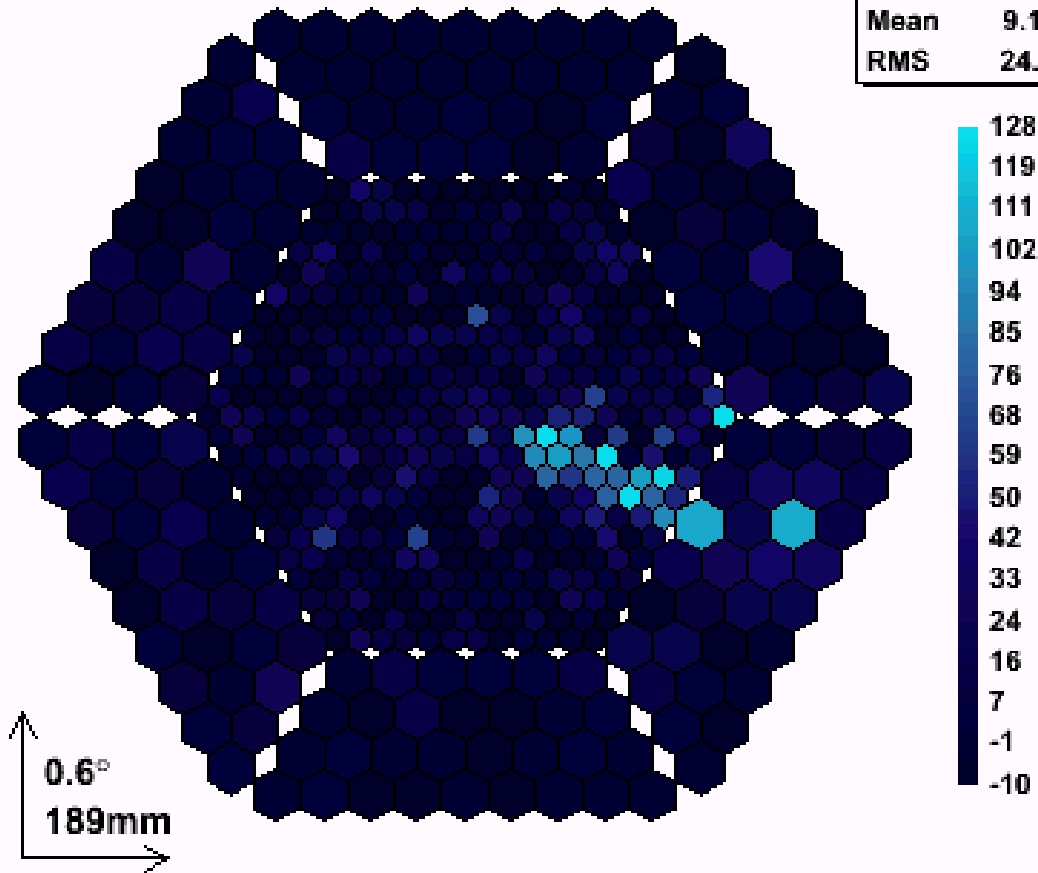


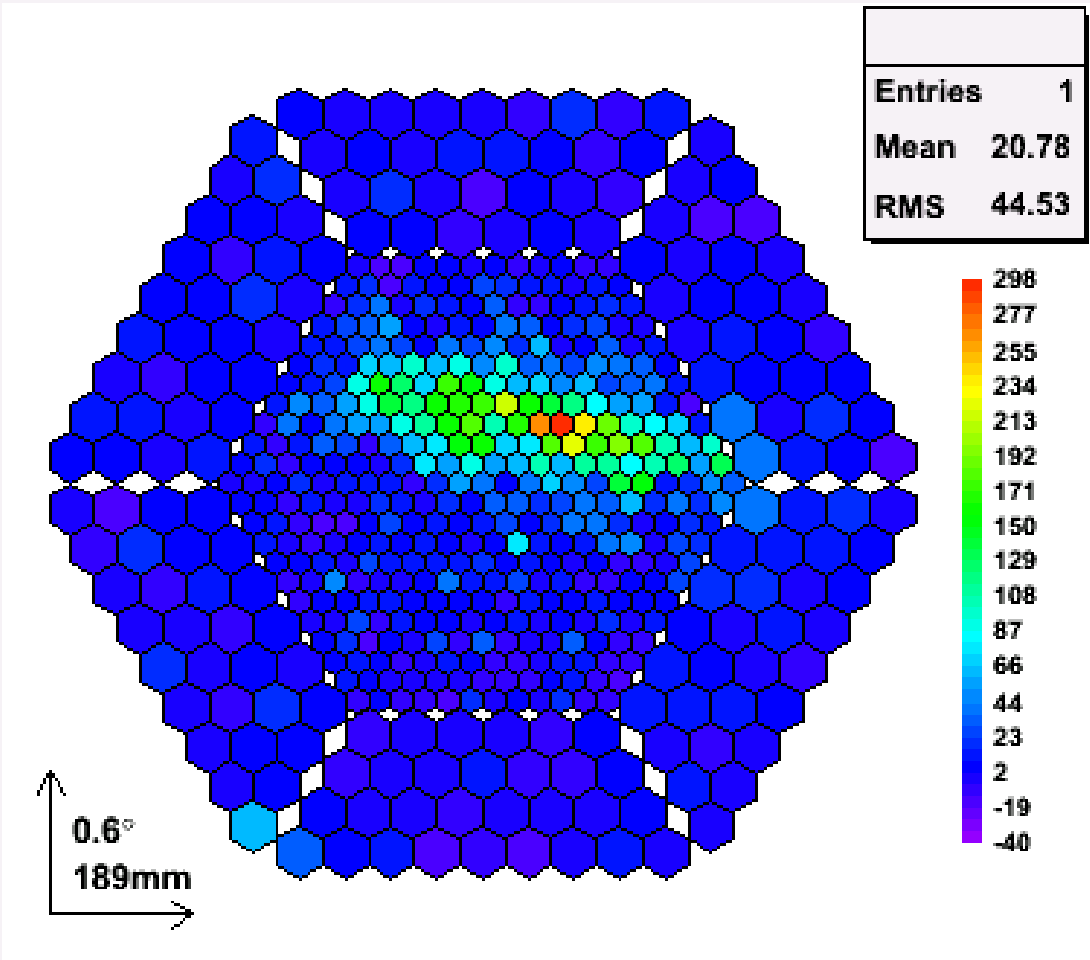




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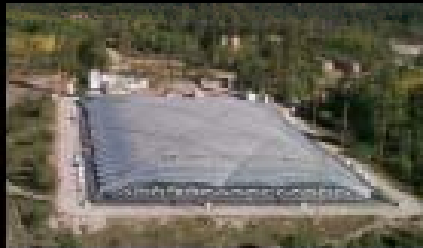
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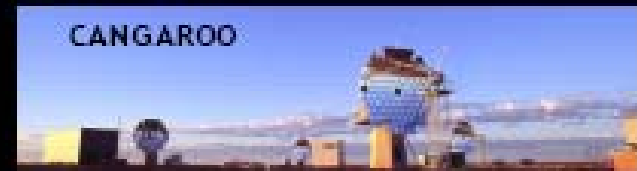
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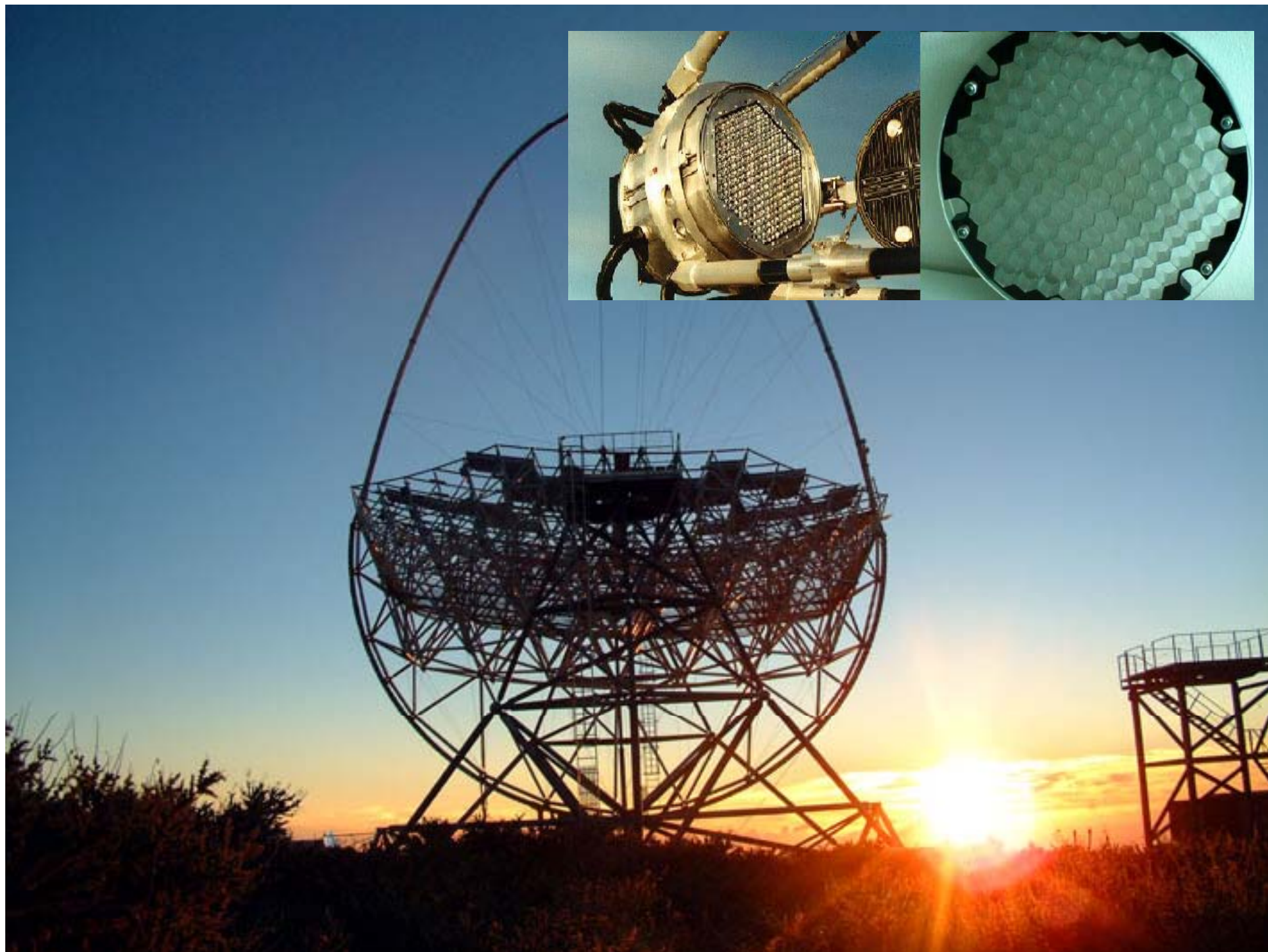
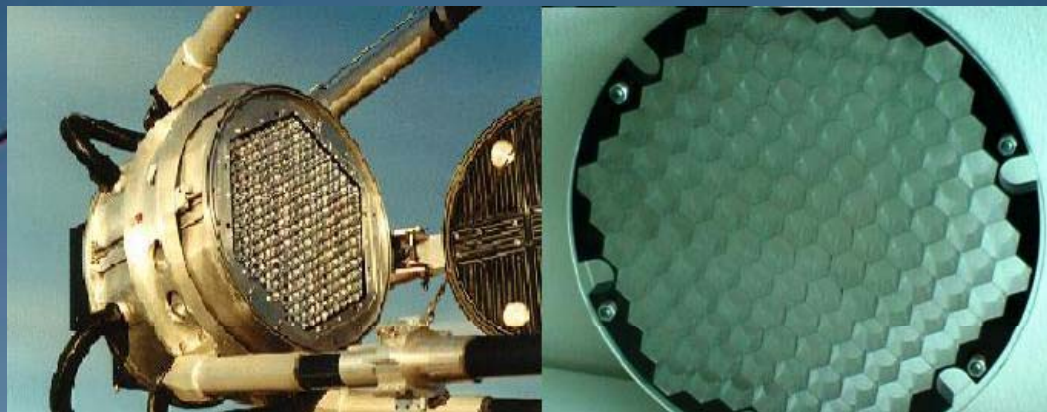
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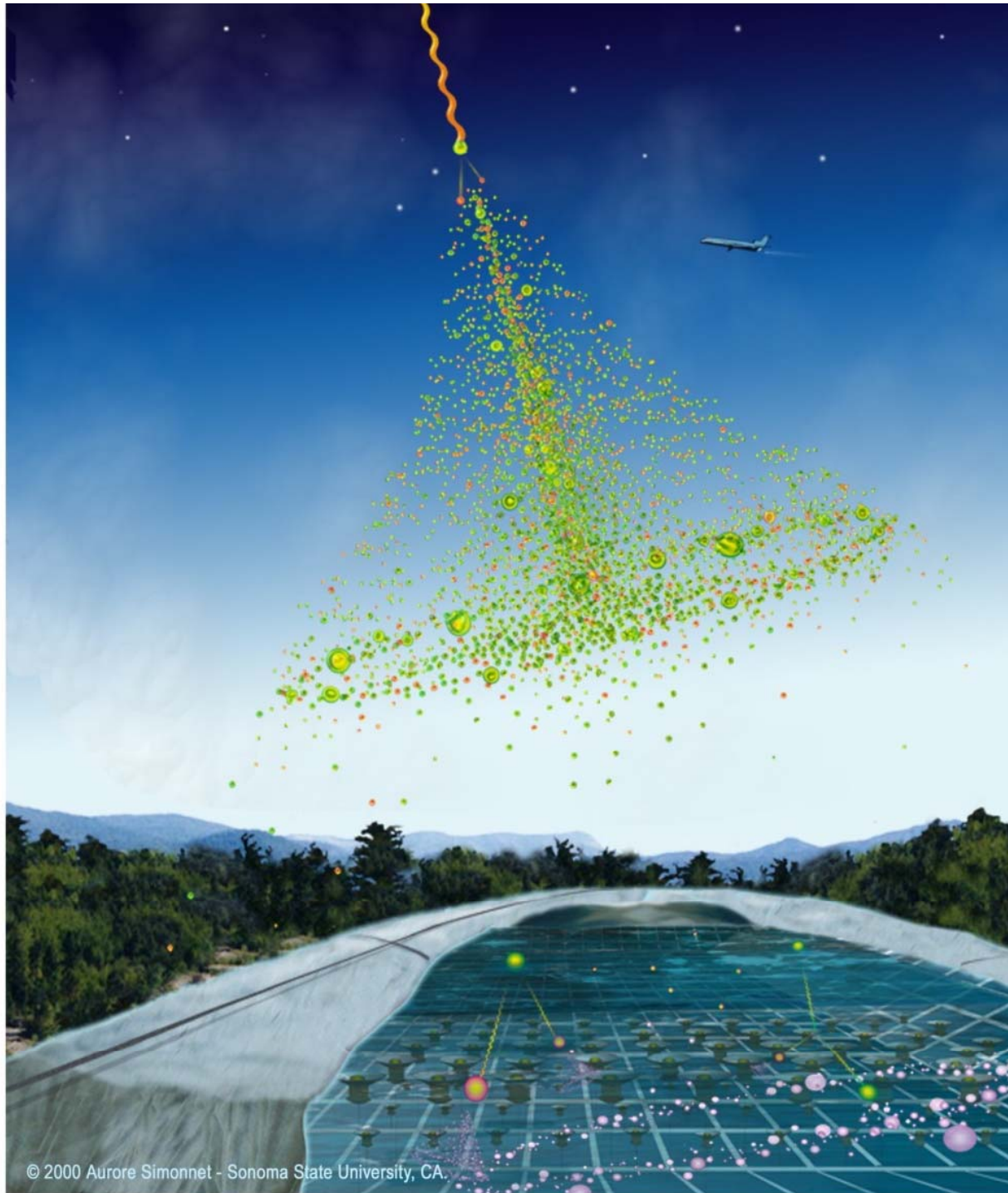


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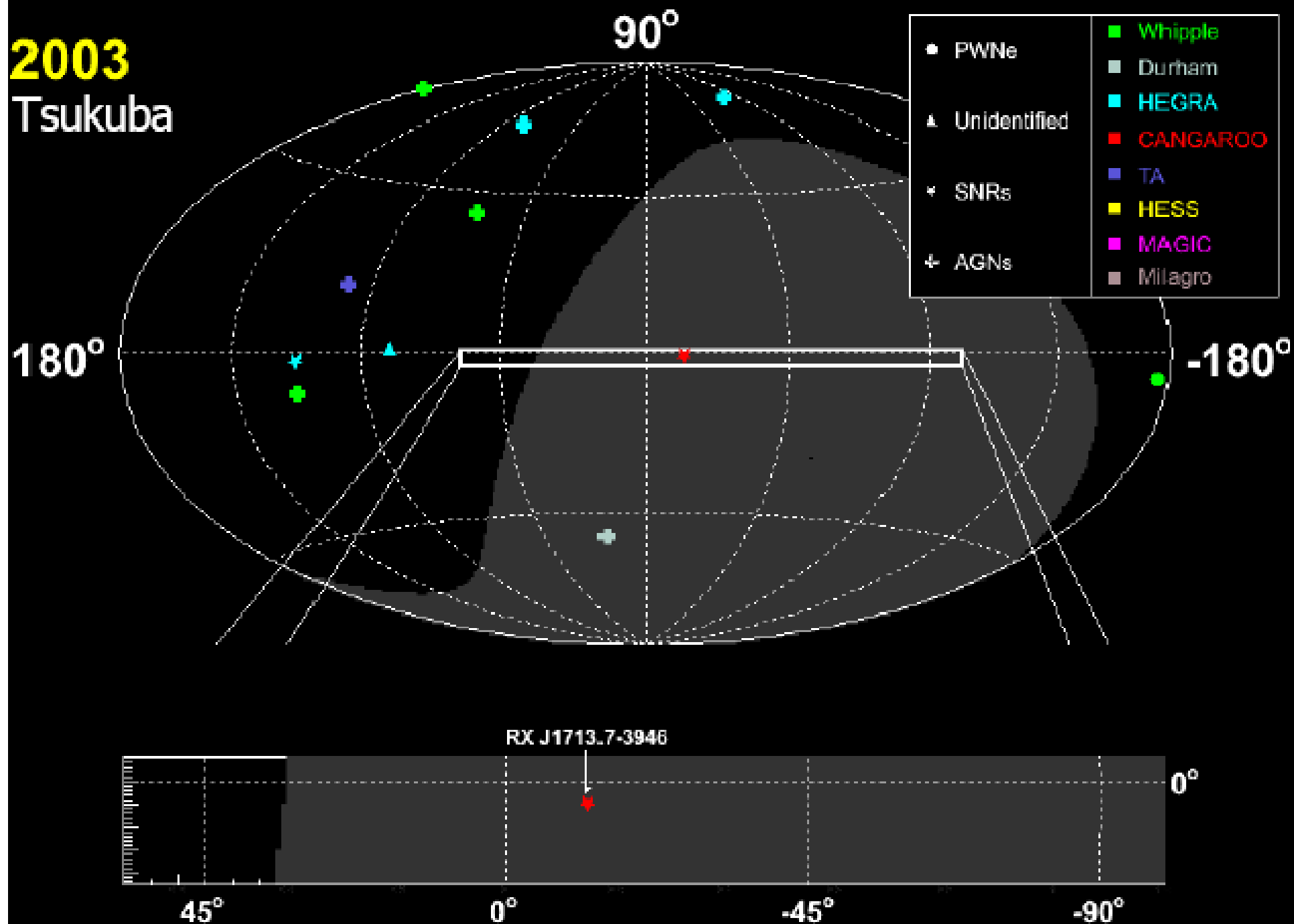
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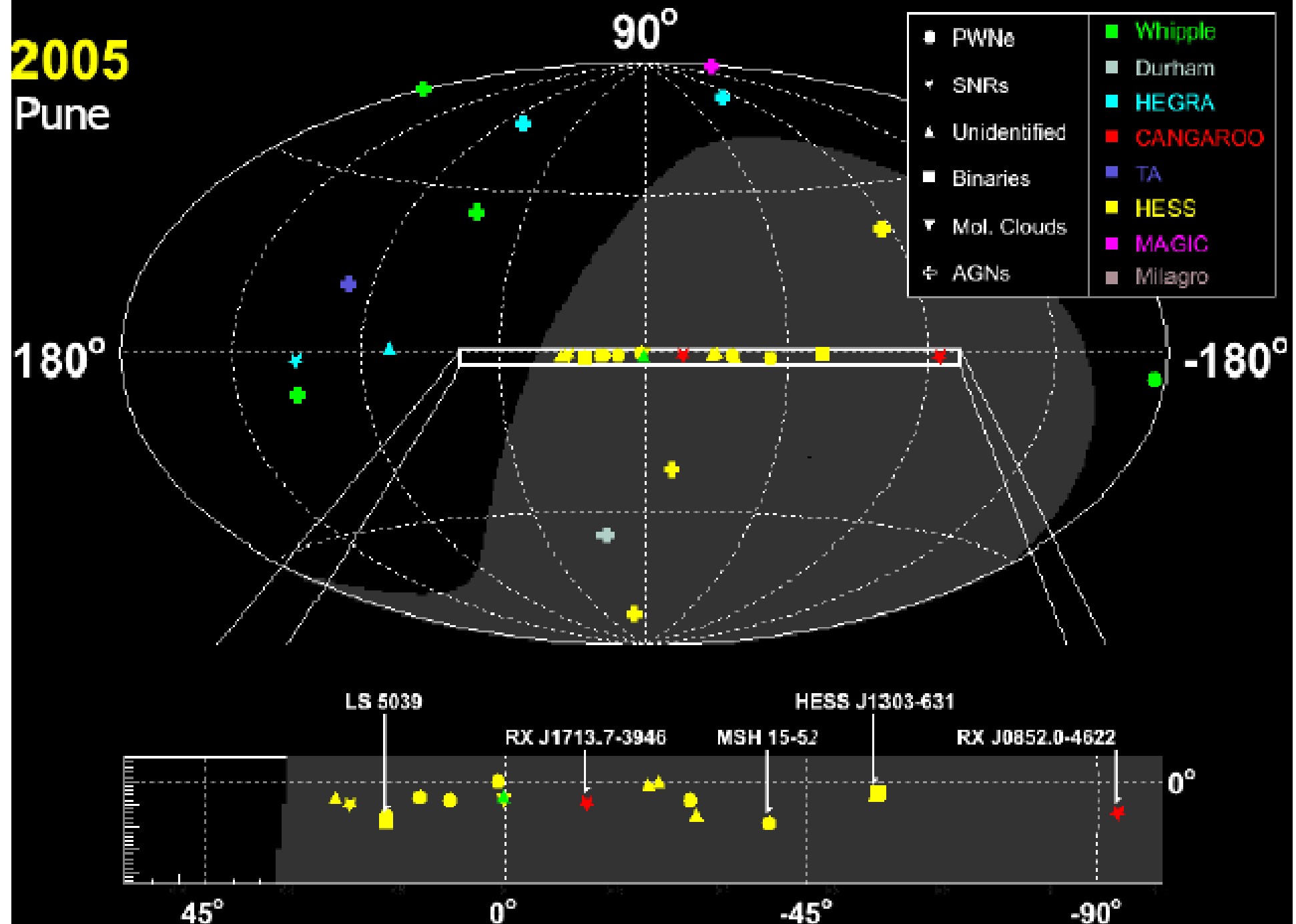


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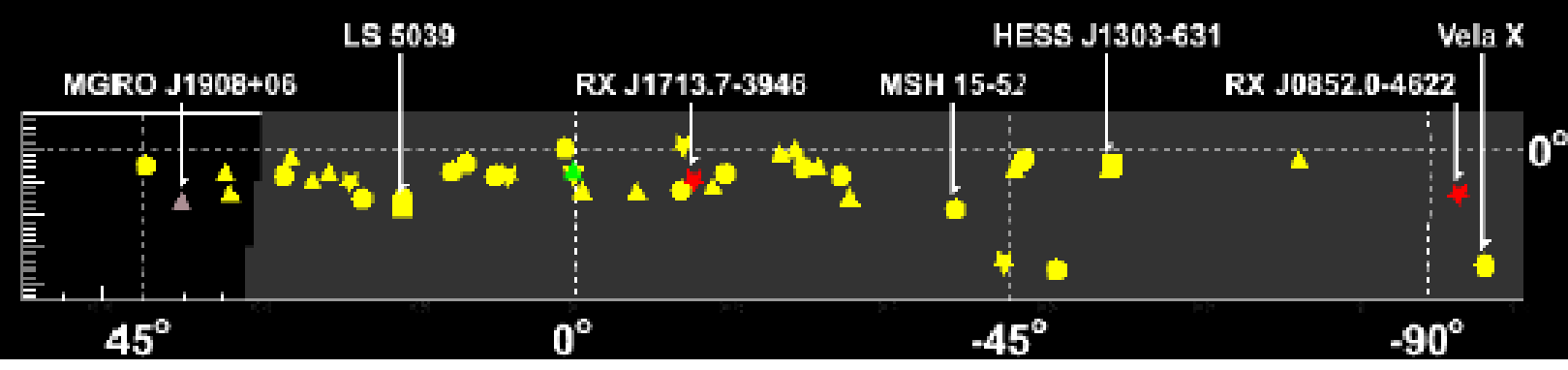
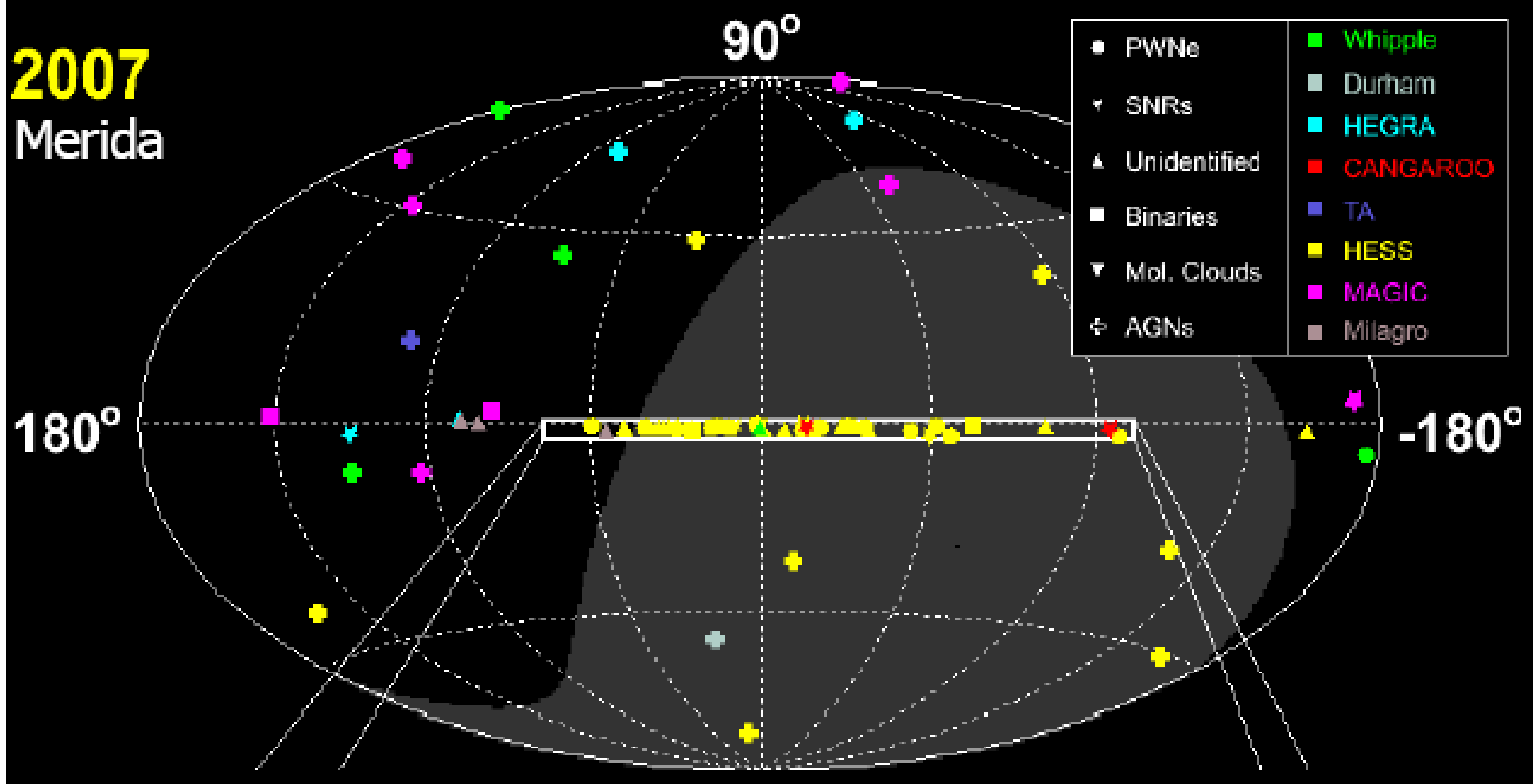
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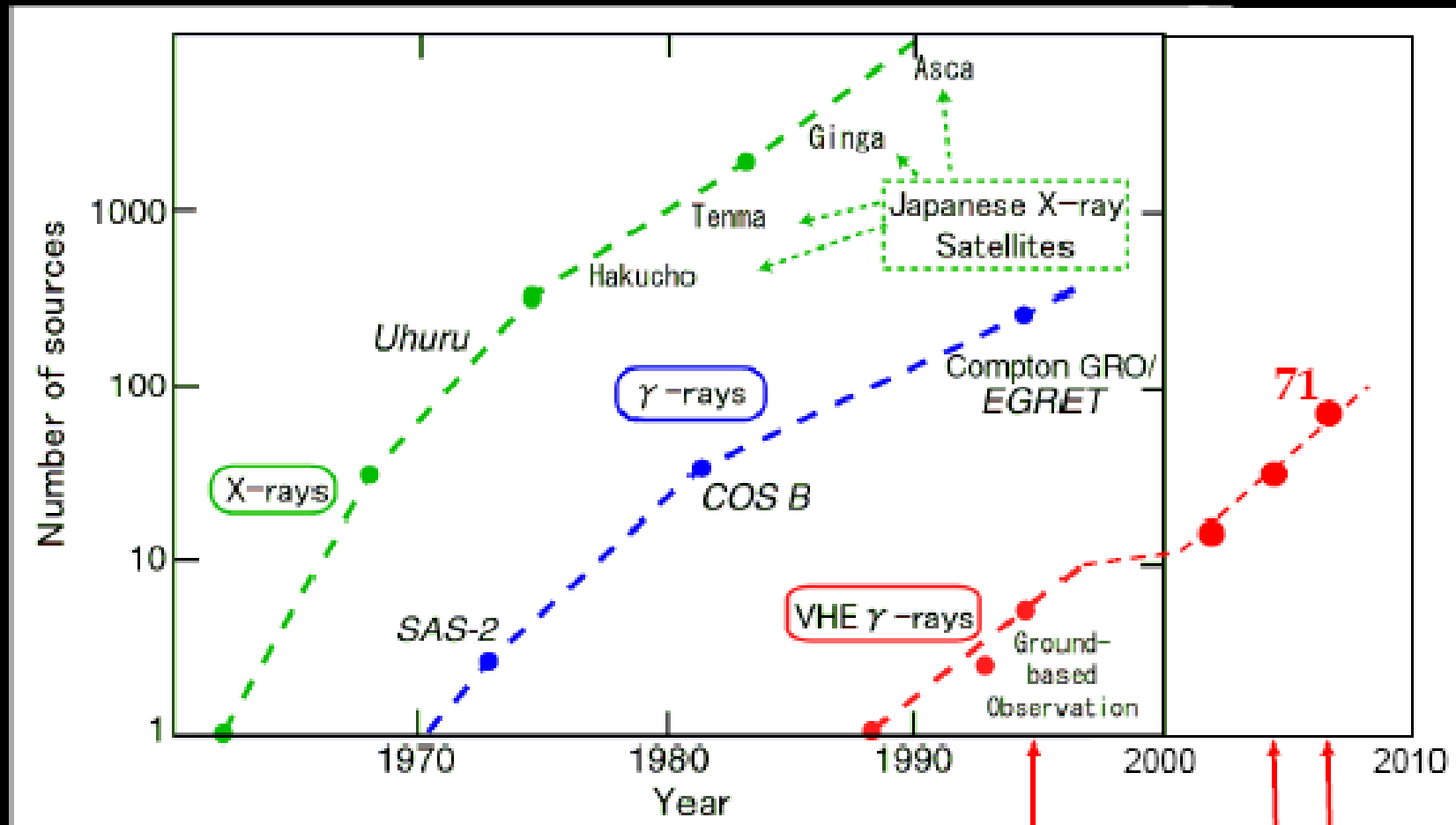
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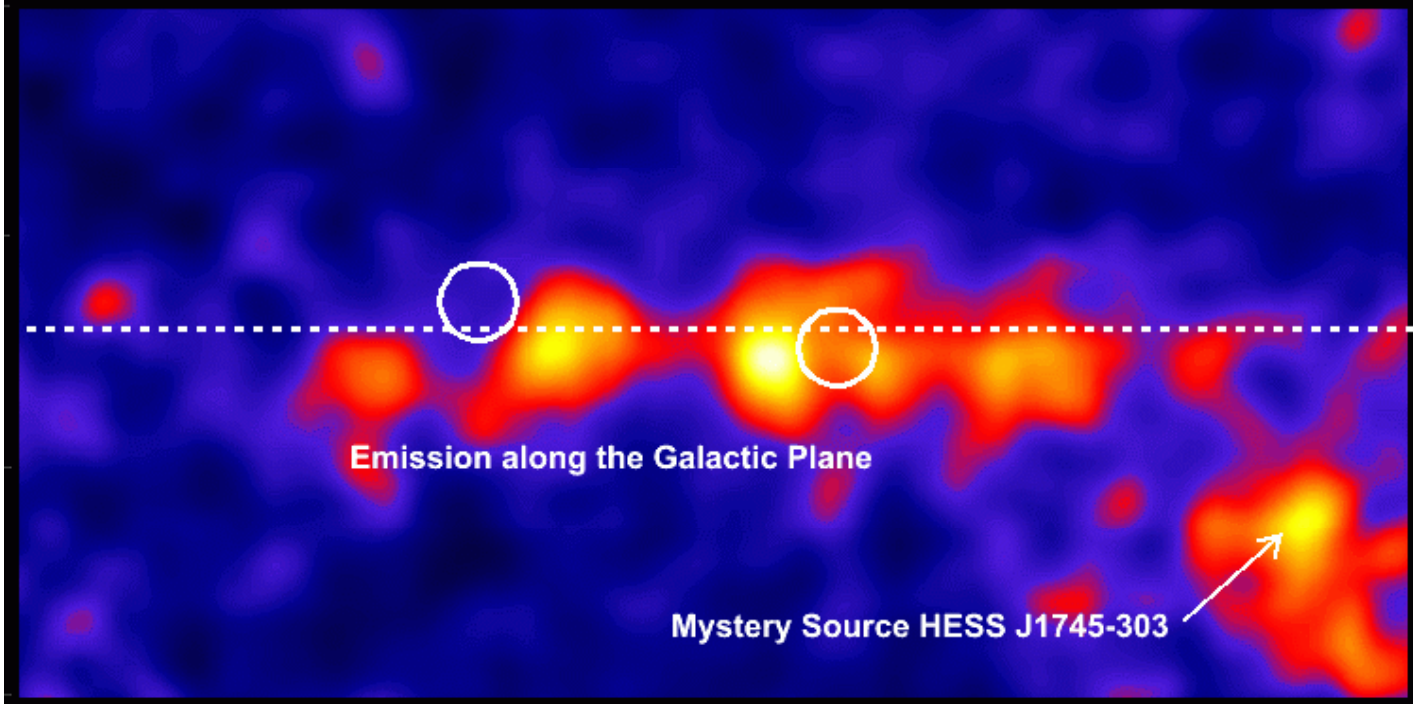
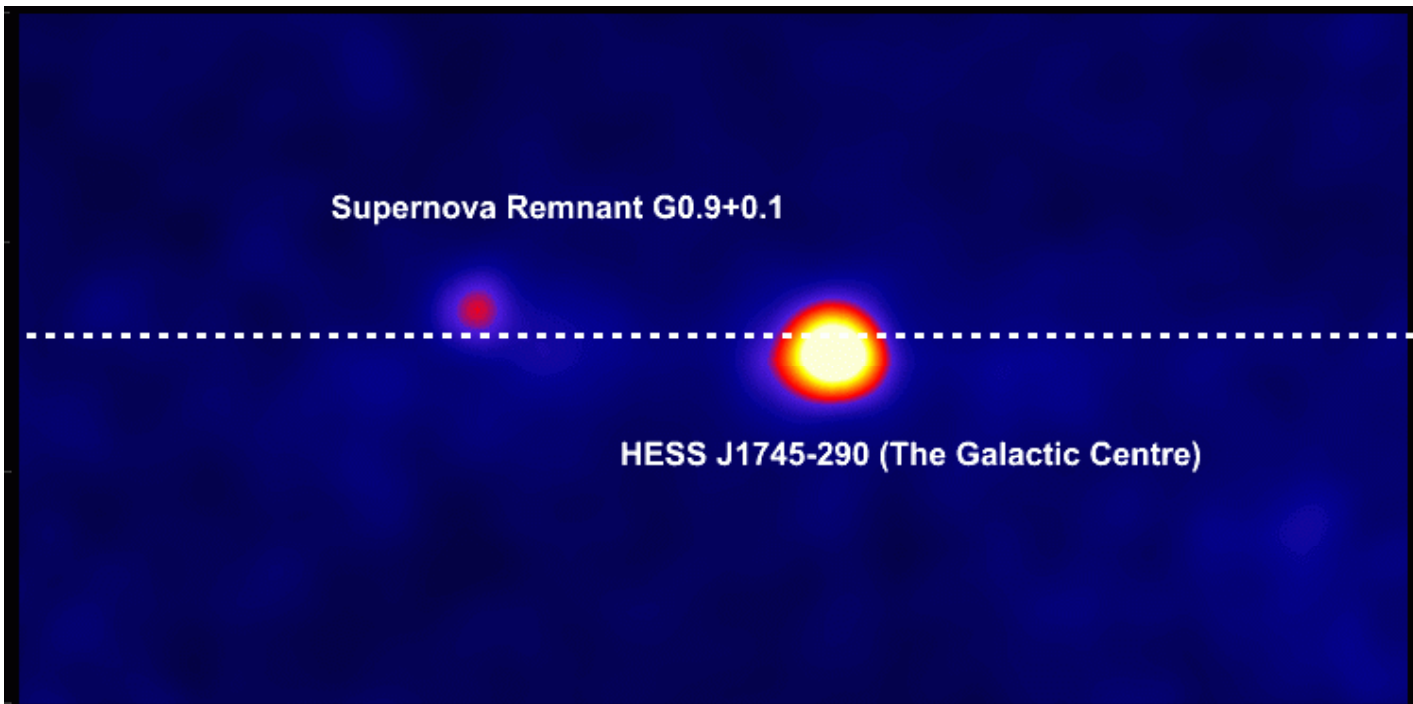


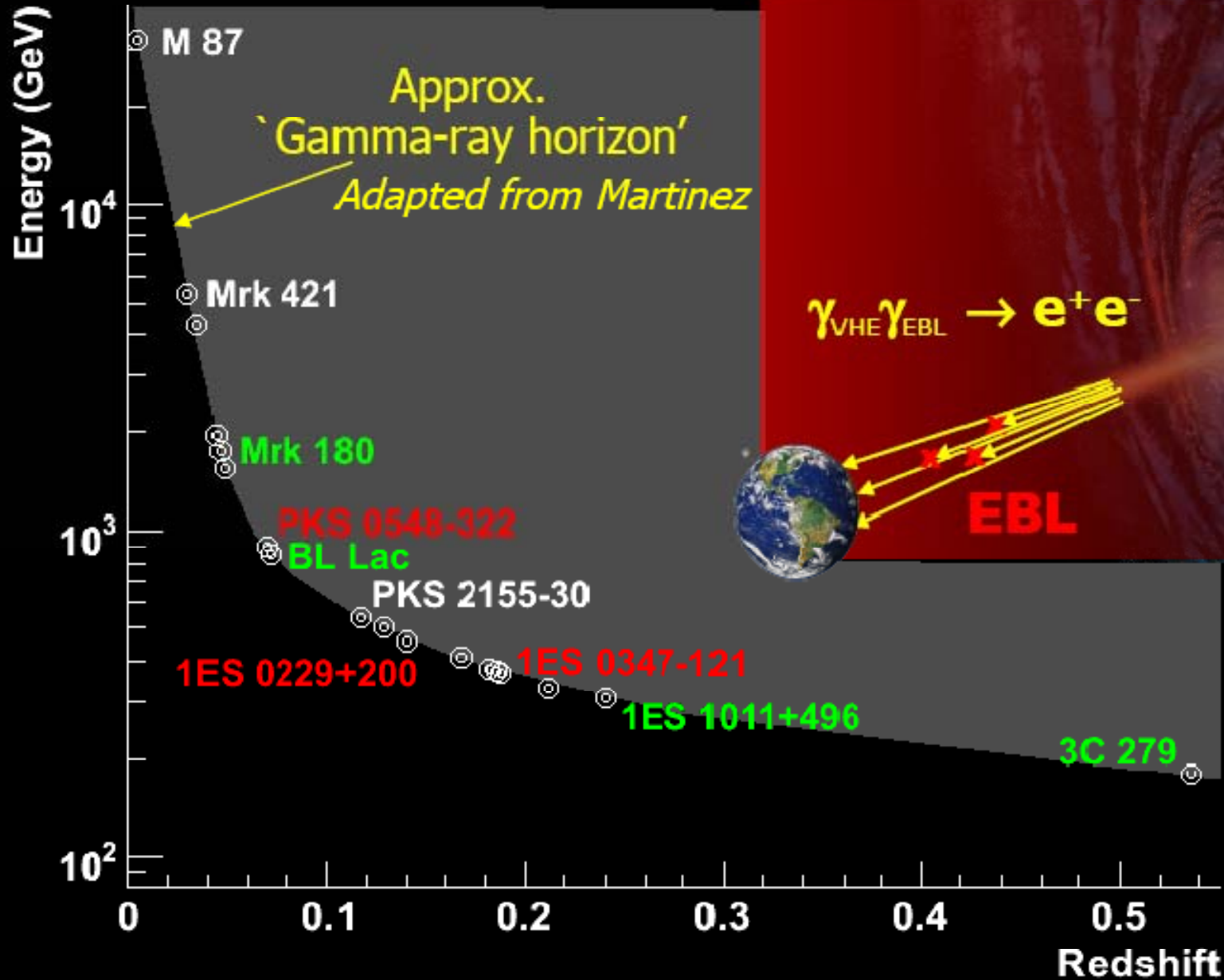
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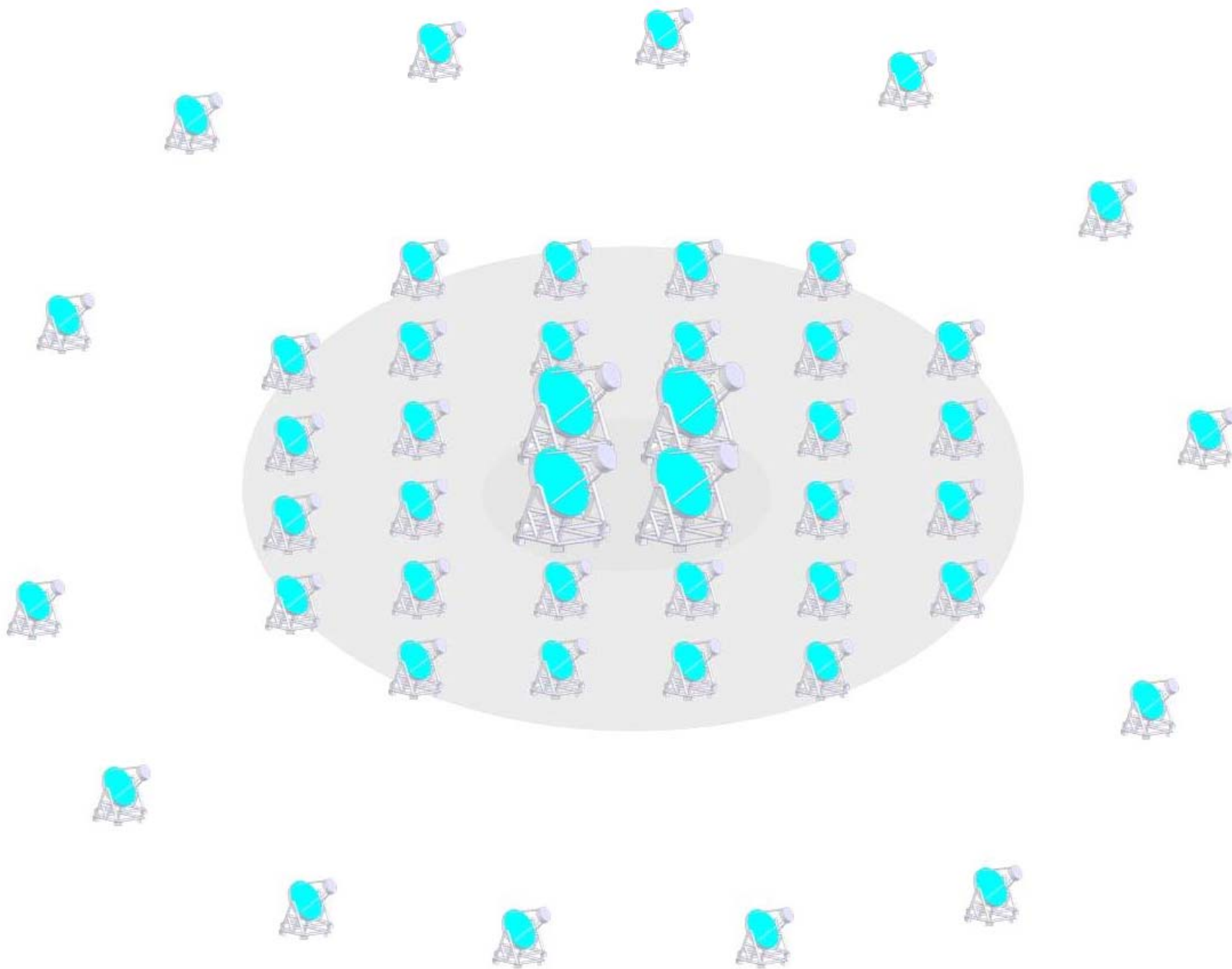


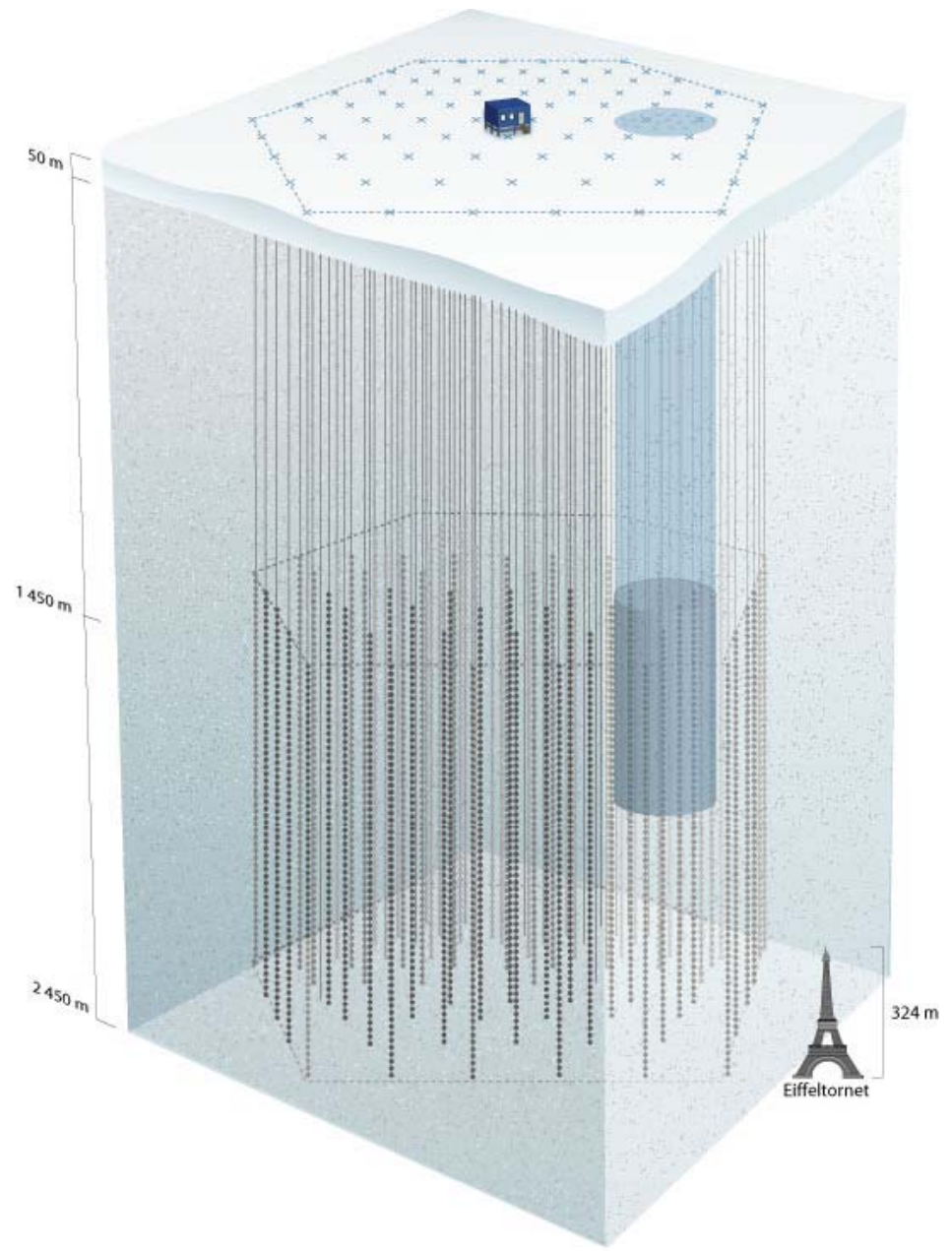
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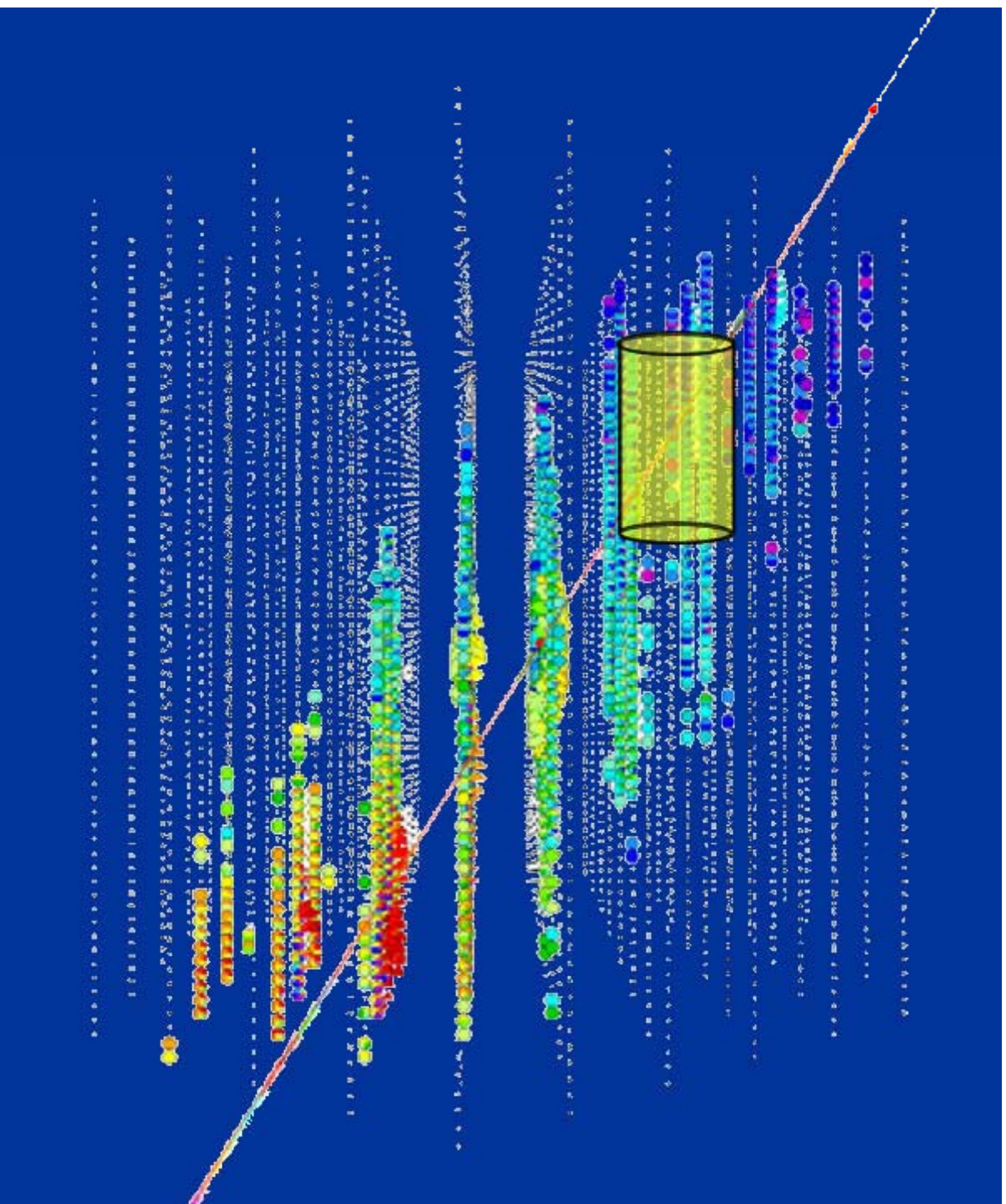
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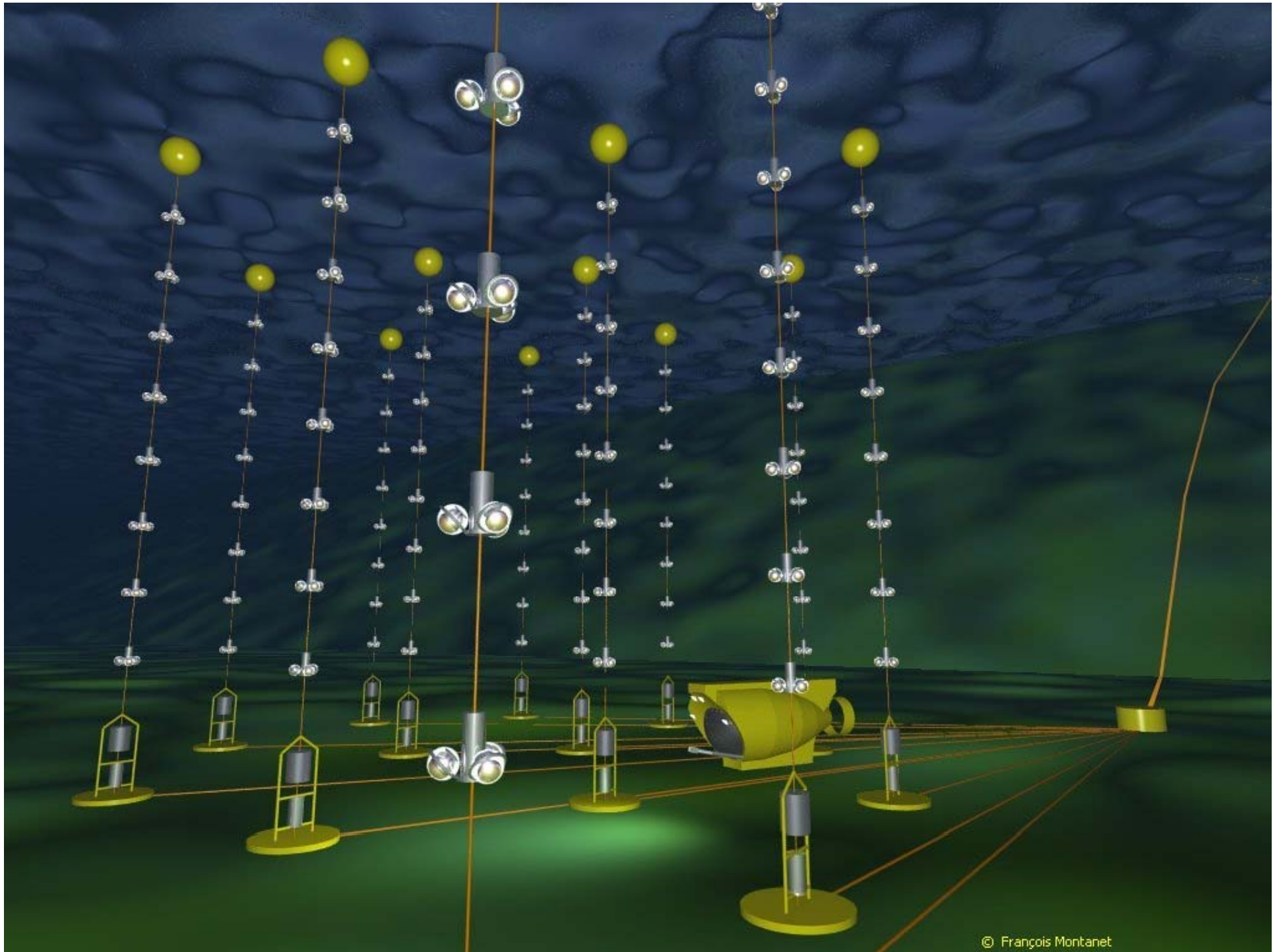


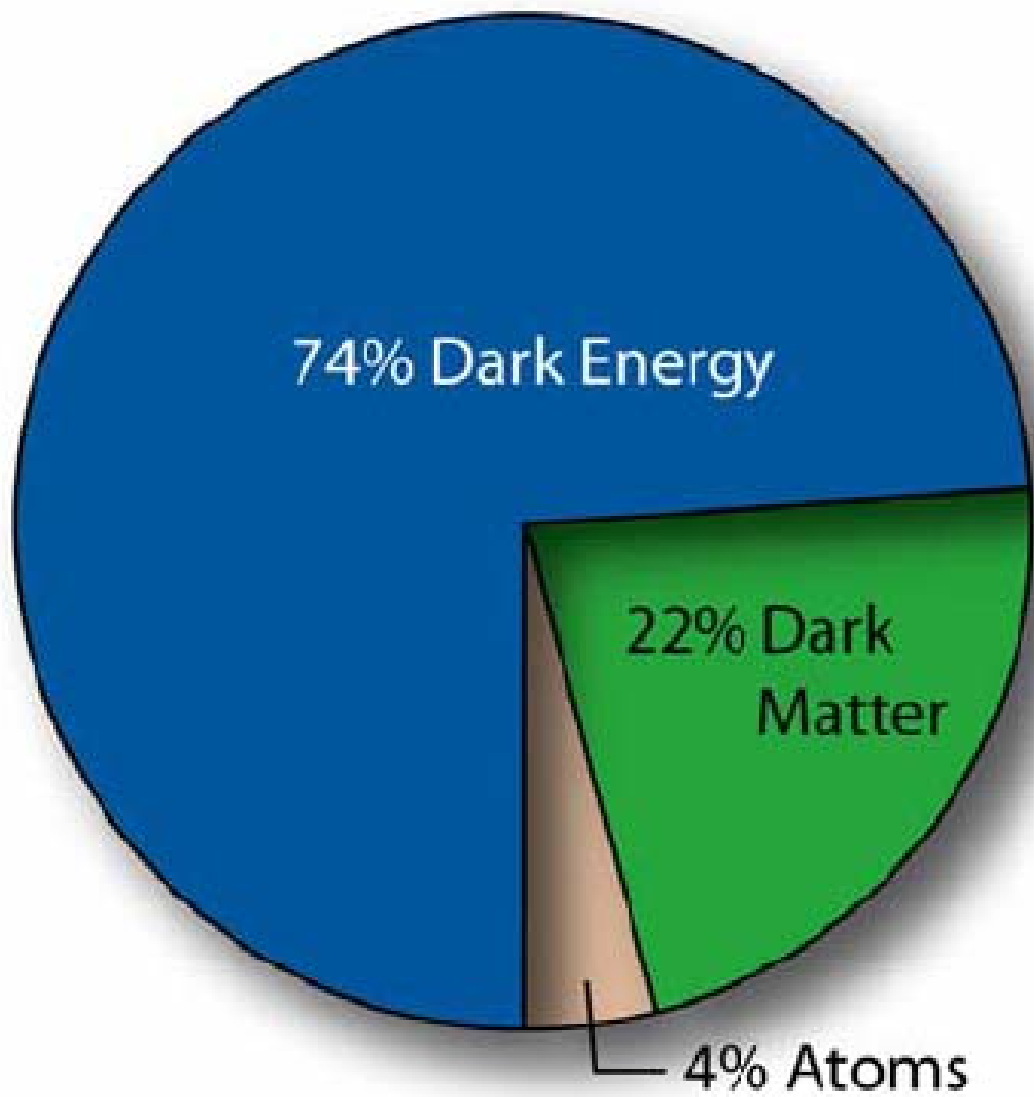






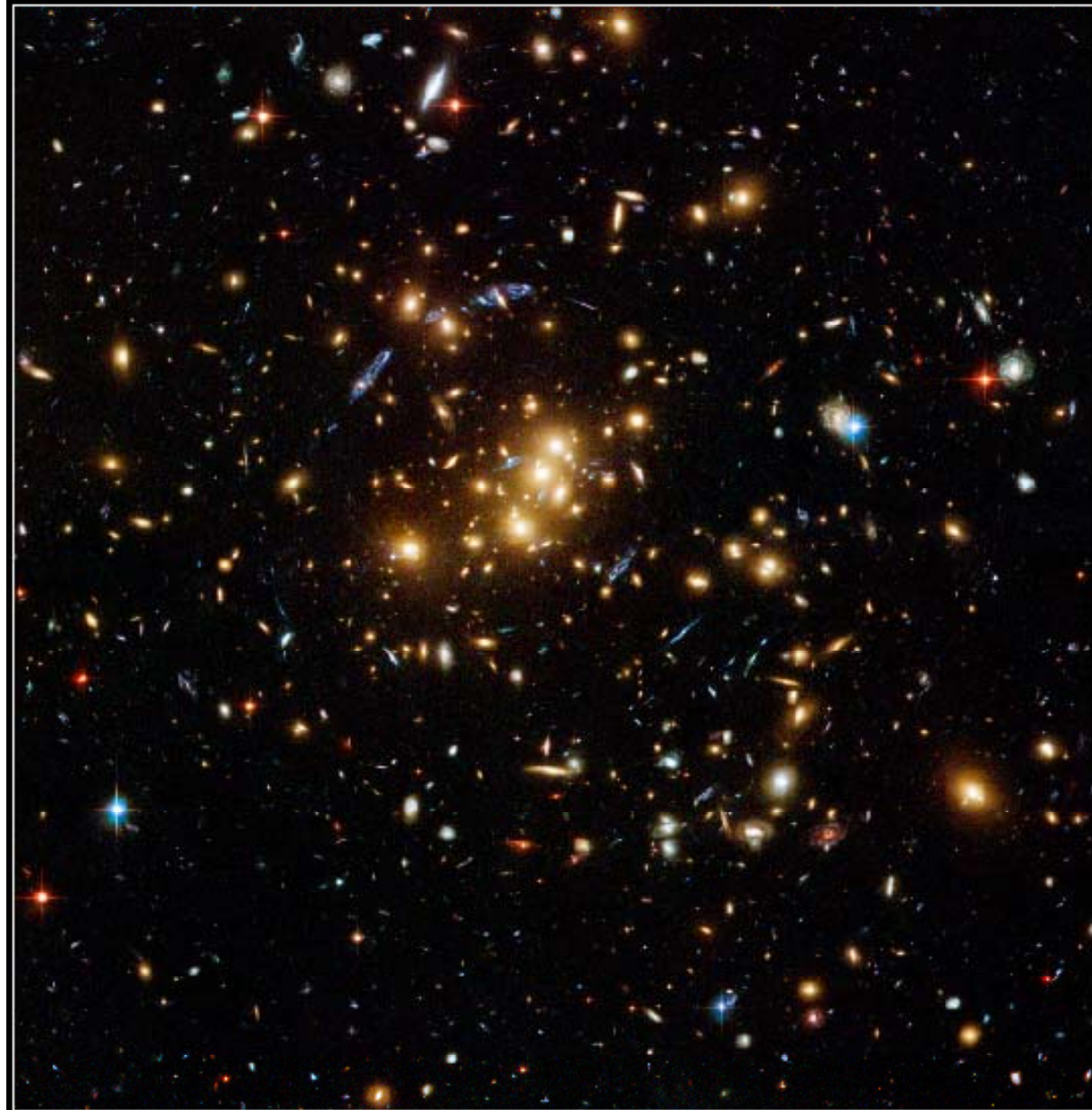






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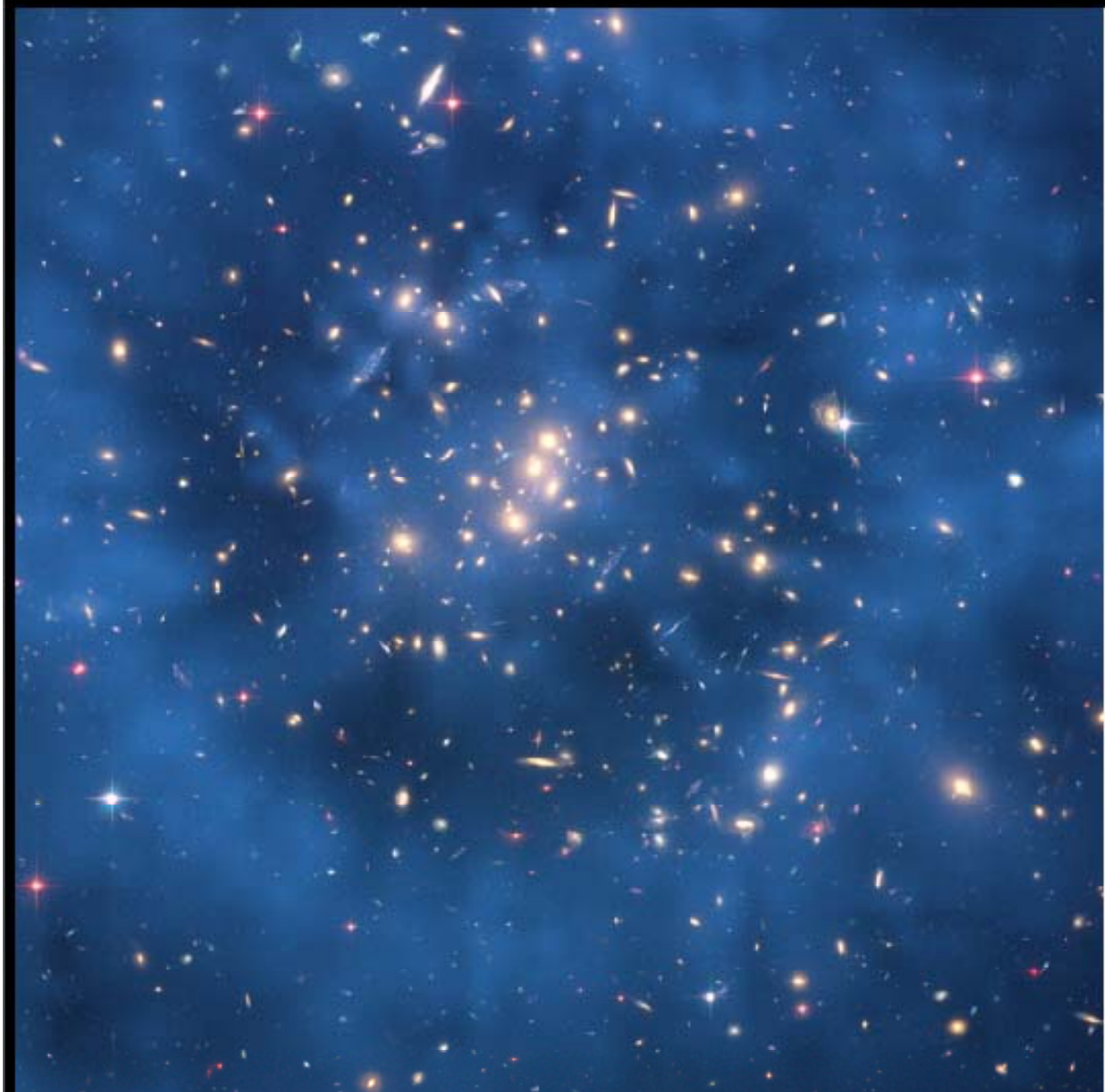
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Dark Matter Ring in Cl 0024+17 (ZwCl 0024+1652) HST • ACS/WFC



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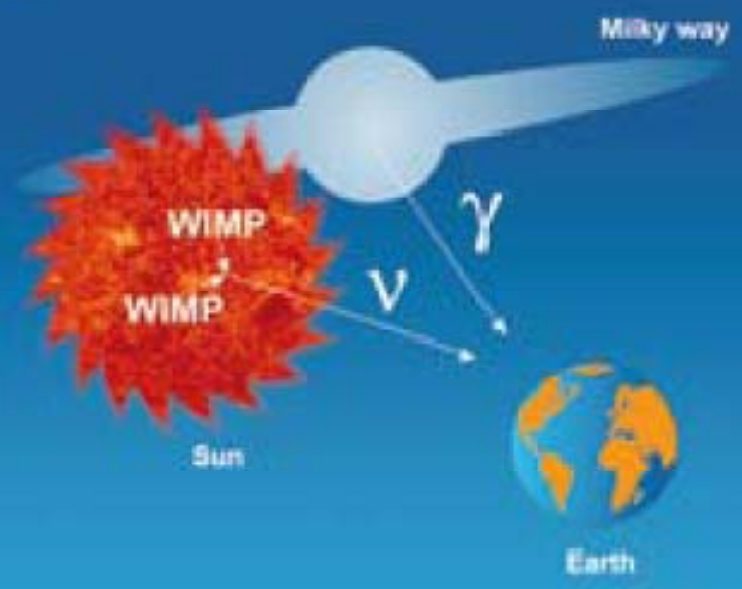
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Dark matter search strategies

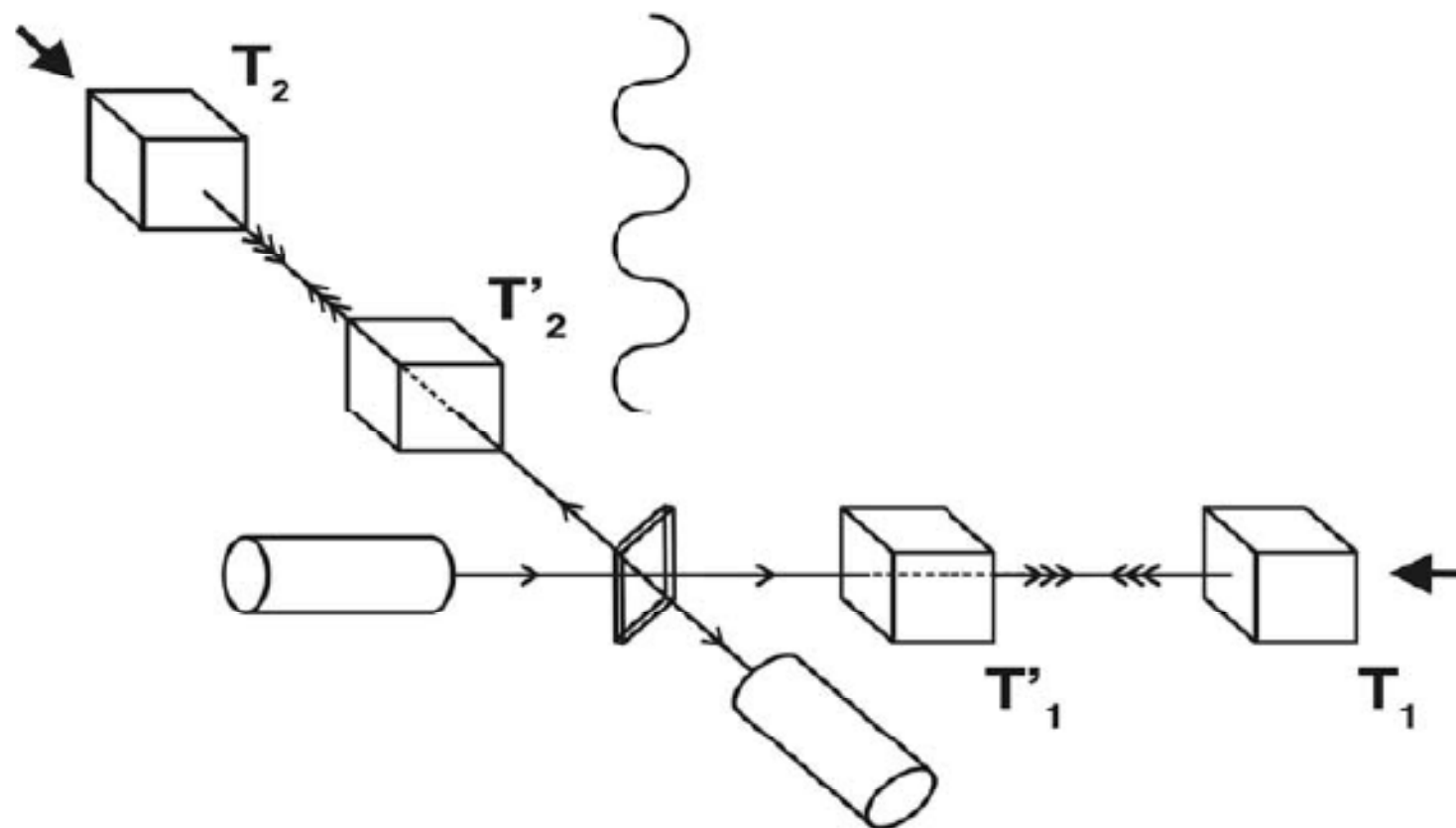
1. Direct detection >



2. Indirect detection >



< 3. Production at the Large Hadron Collider



Obrázek 2 – Interferometry projektu LIGO budou dosahovat vyšší citlivosti zásluhou Fabryho-Perotových rezonančních dutin. Paprsky se budou v obou ramenech mnohonásobně odrážet mezi volně zavěšenými tělesy T_1 a T'_1 , resp. T_2 a T'_2 . Teprve poté se složí a dopadnou na fotodetektor.

