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A local history of high-energy astrophysics
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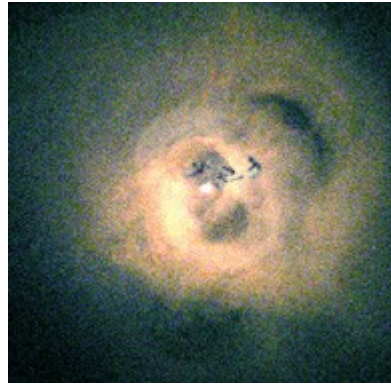
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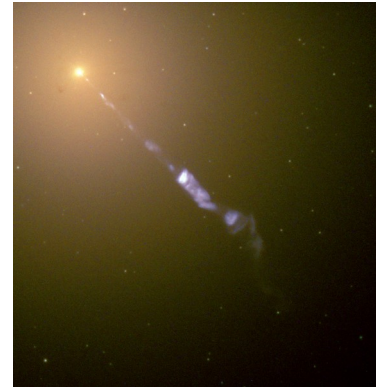
High-energy astrophysics: Extreme physics in the Universe



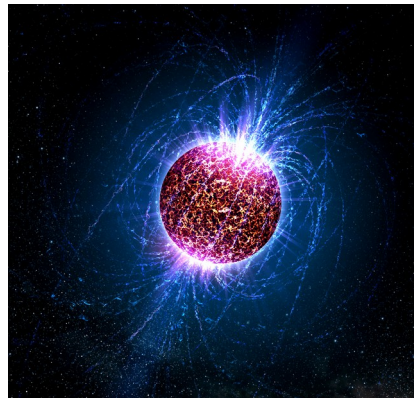
Black holes



Hot plasma



Particle
acceleration

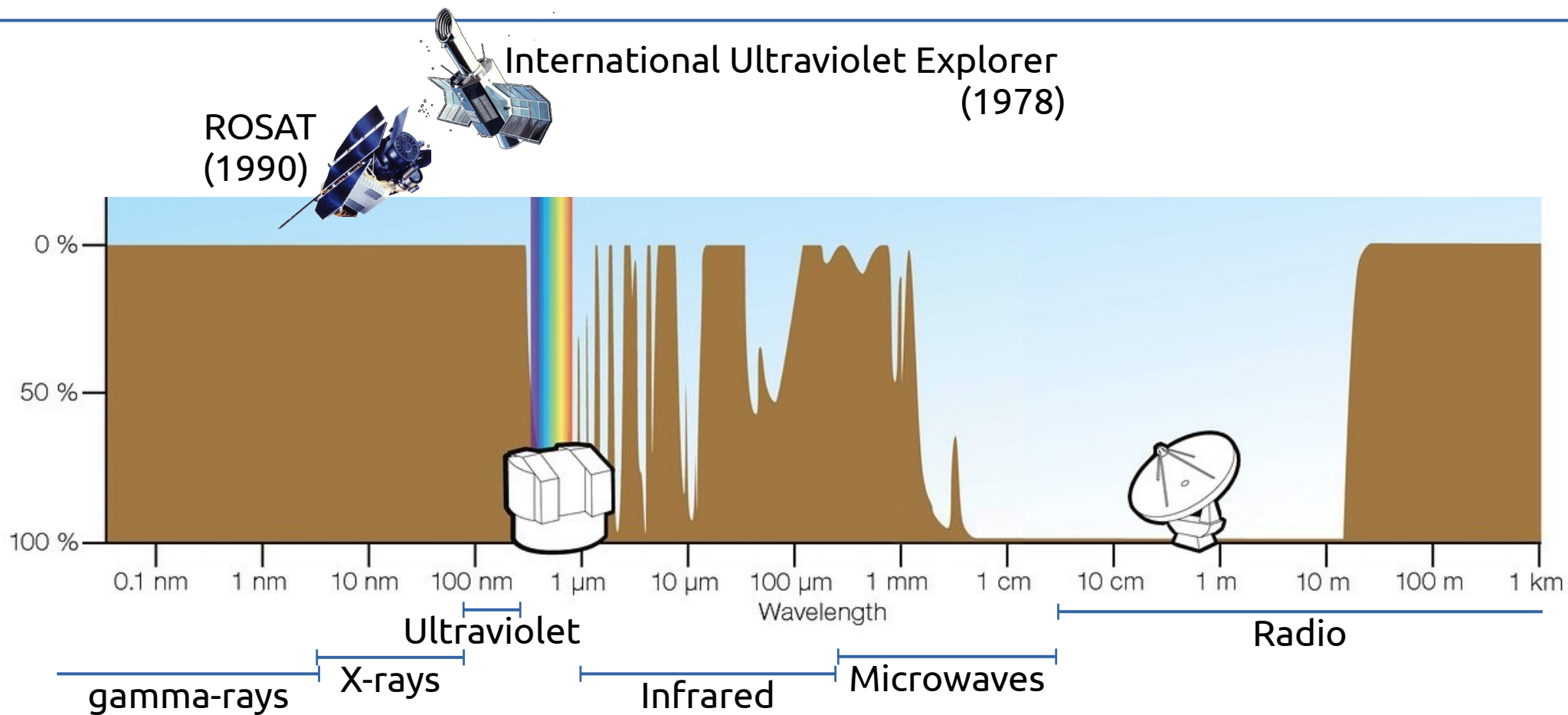


Neutron star – Not an actual image!



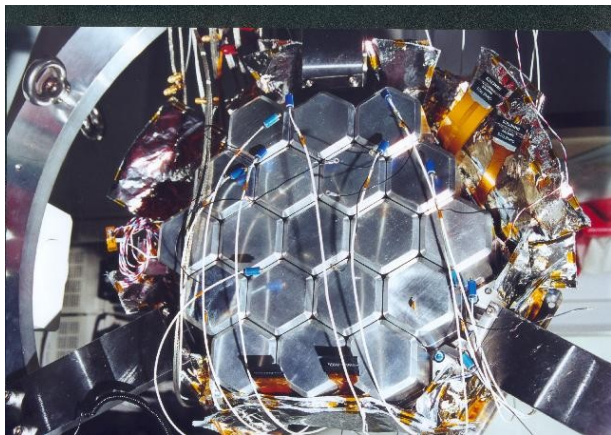
Shocks

The need for space



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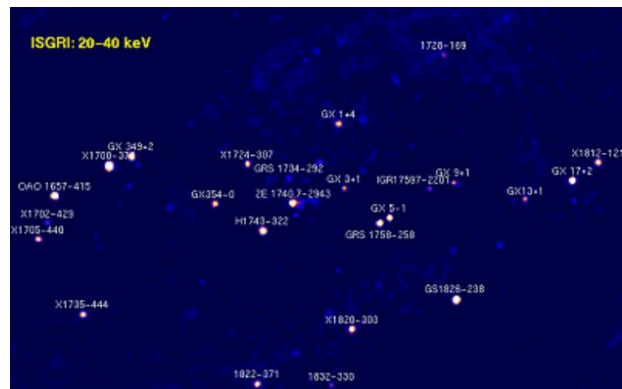
X- and gamma-ray
observatory of the
European Space Agency
(2002)



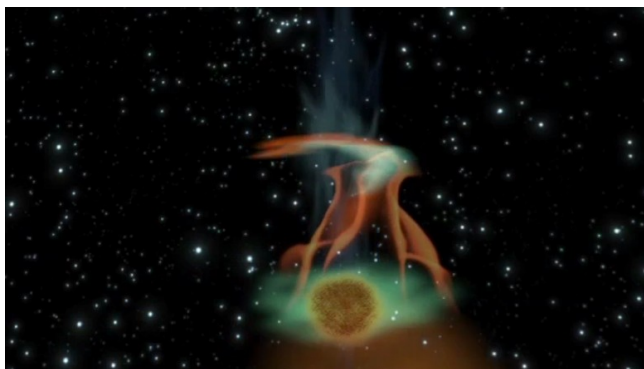
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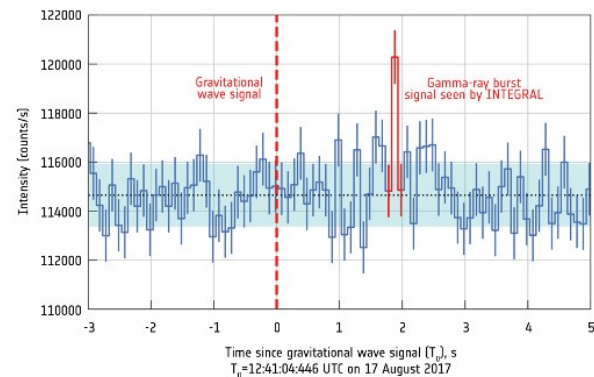
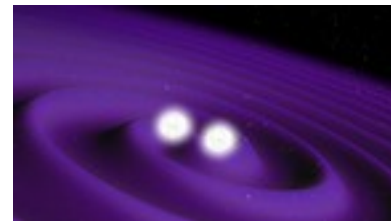
Some INTEGRAL highlights



Compact objects

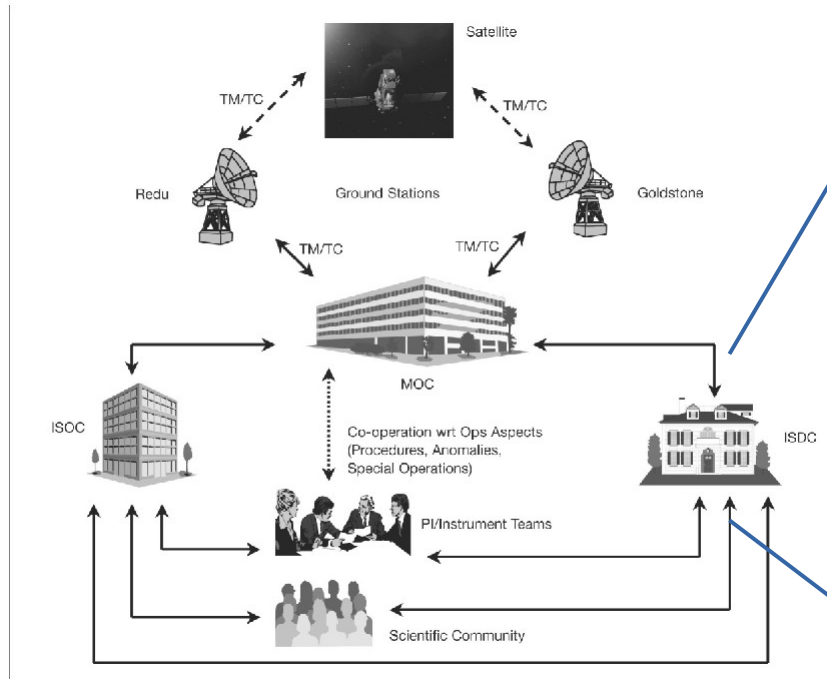


Transient universe



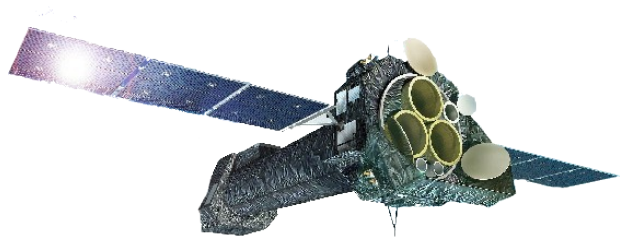
Multi-messenger astronomy

The INTEGRAL Science Data Centre



Established in 1995 by Prof. T. Courvoisier

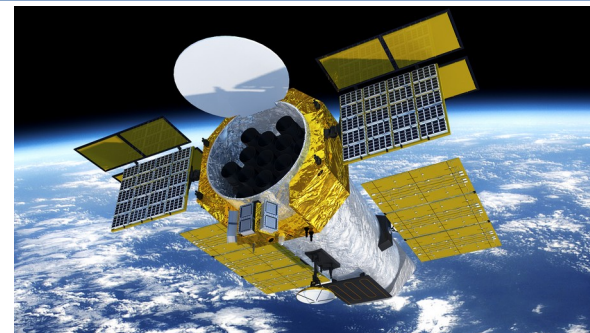
Space program beyond INTEGRAL



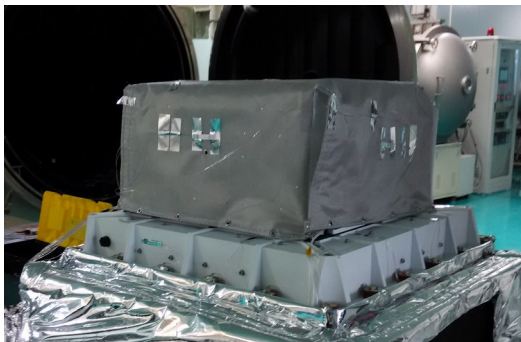
XMM-Newton 



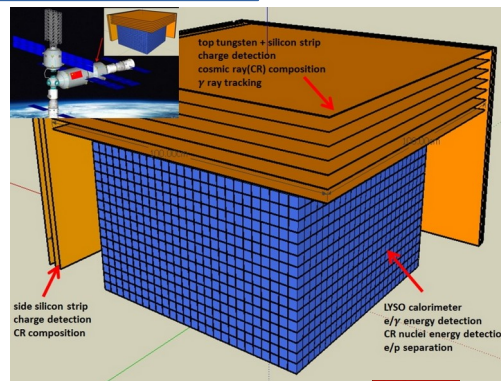
XRISM 



eXTP 



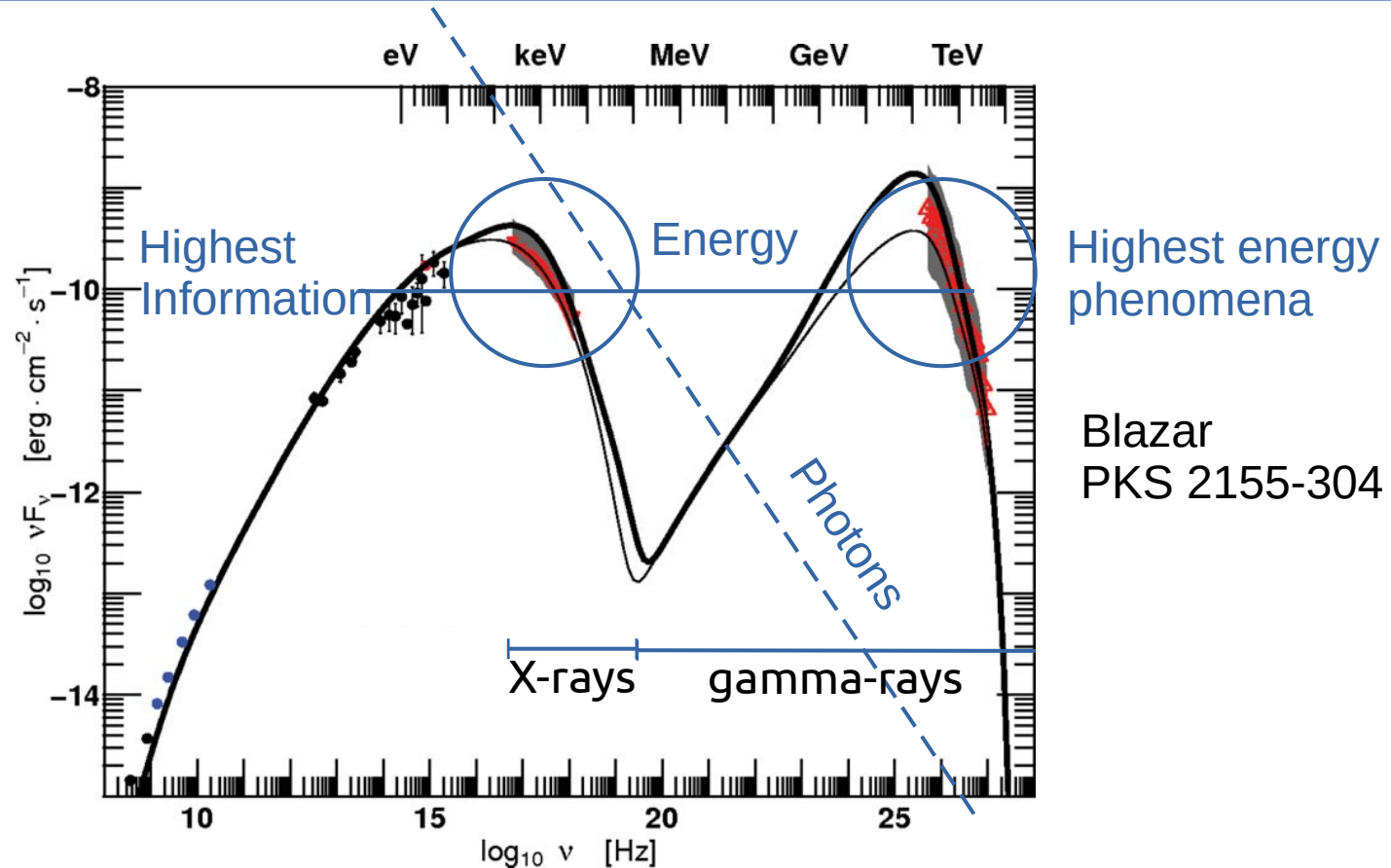
Polar – Polar 2 



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Spectral energy distribution of high-energy sources



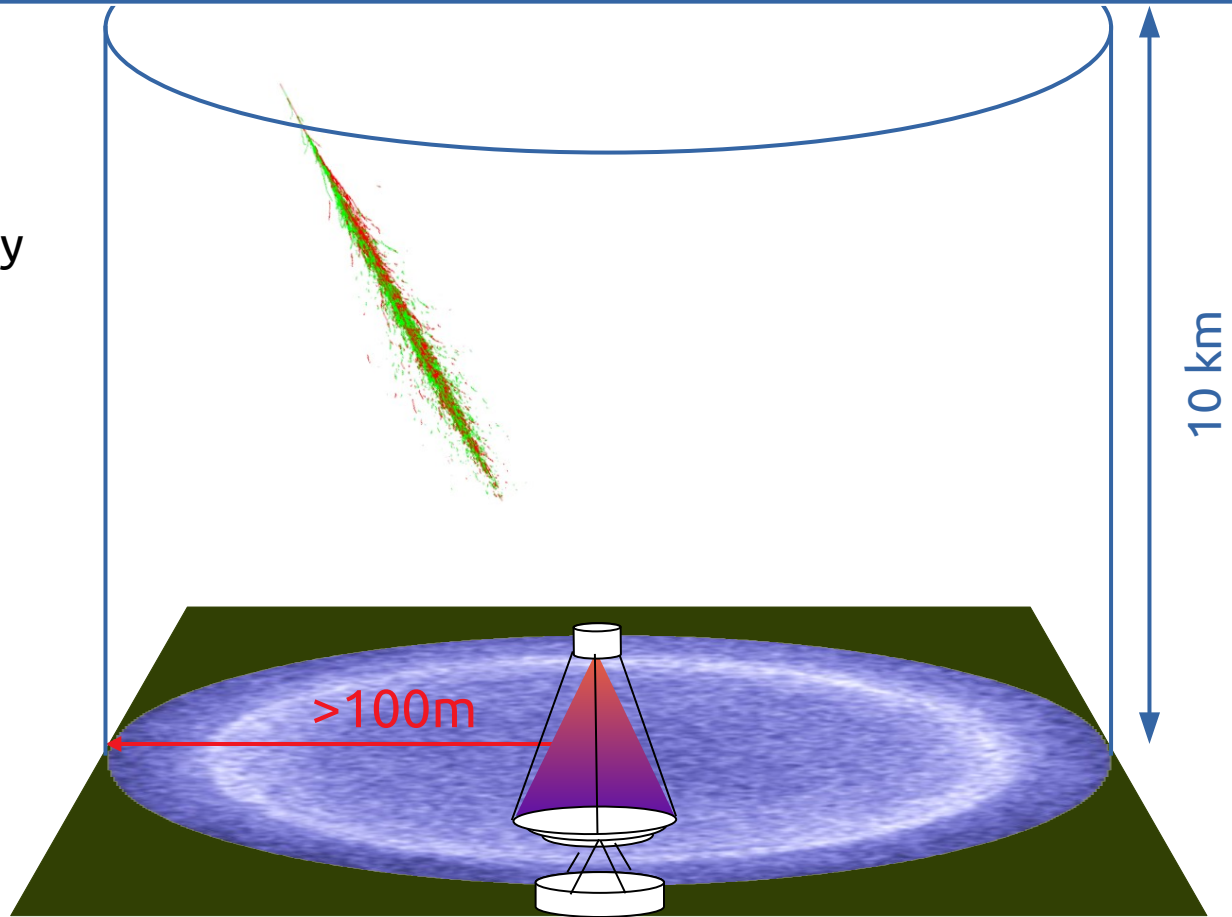
The collecting area problem

Photon flux decreases very rapidly with energy

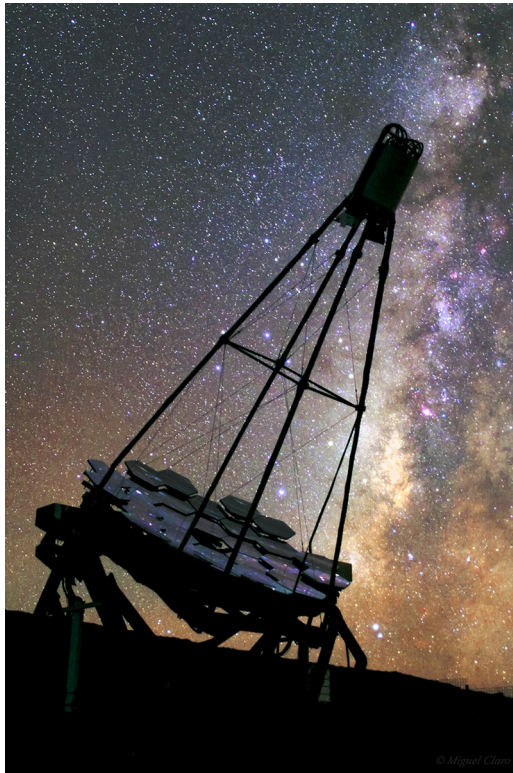
Enormous areas of detectors are necessary!

Fortunately, the atmosphere can act as a detector

Cherenkov telescopes



Gamma-ray astronomy from the ground



 **FACT**
First G-APD Cherenkov Telescope

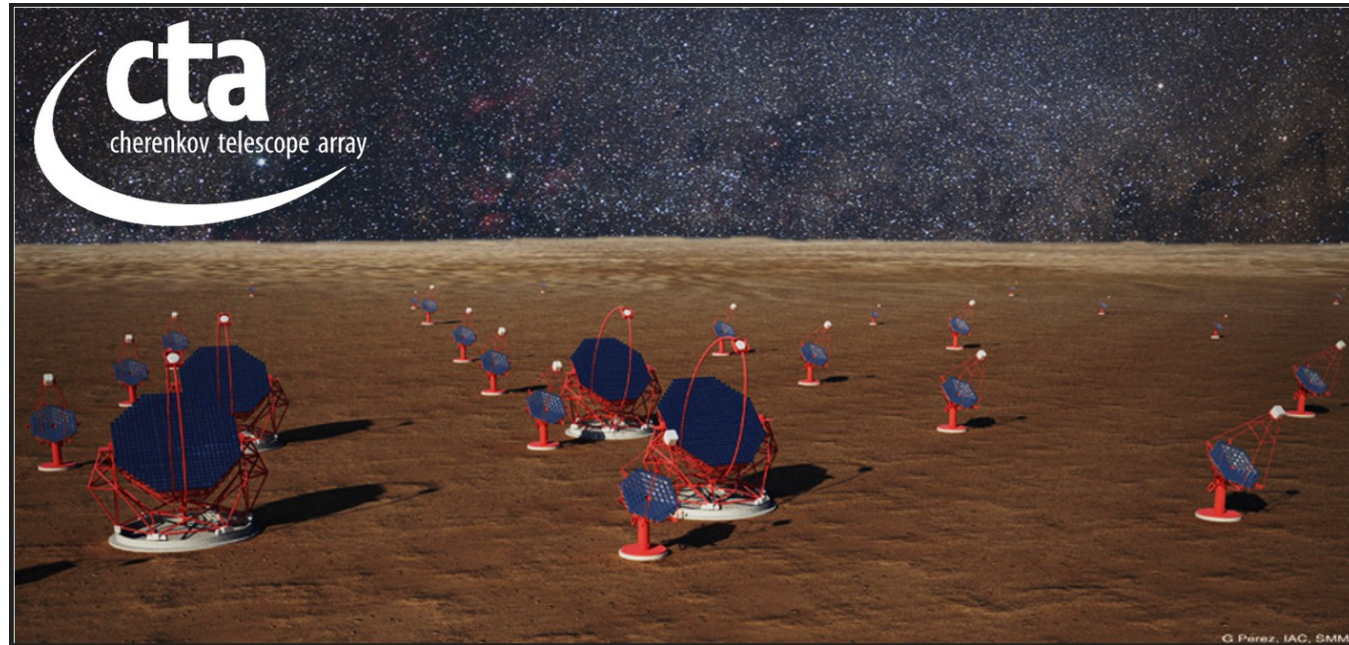


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The future of high-energy astrophysics



Athena X-ray Observatory



An infrastructure to support the observation of the Universe

