

selected topics in particle astrophysics

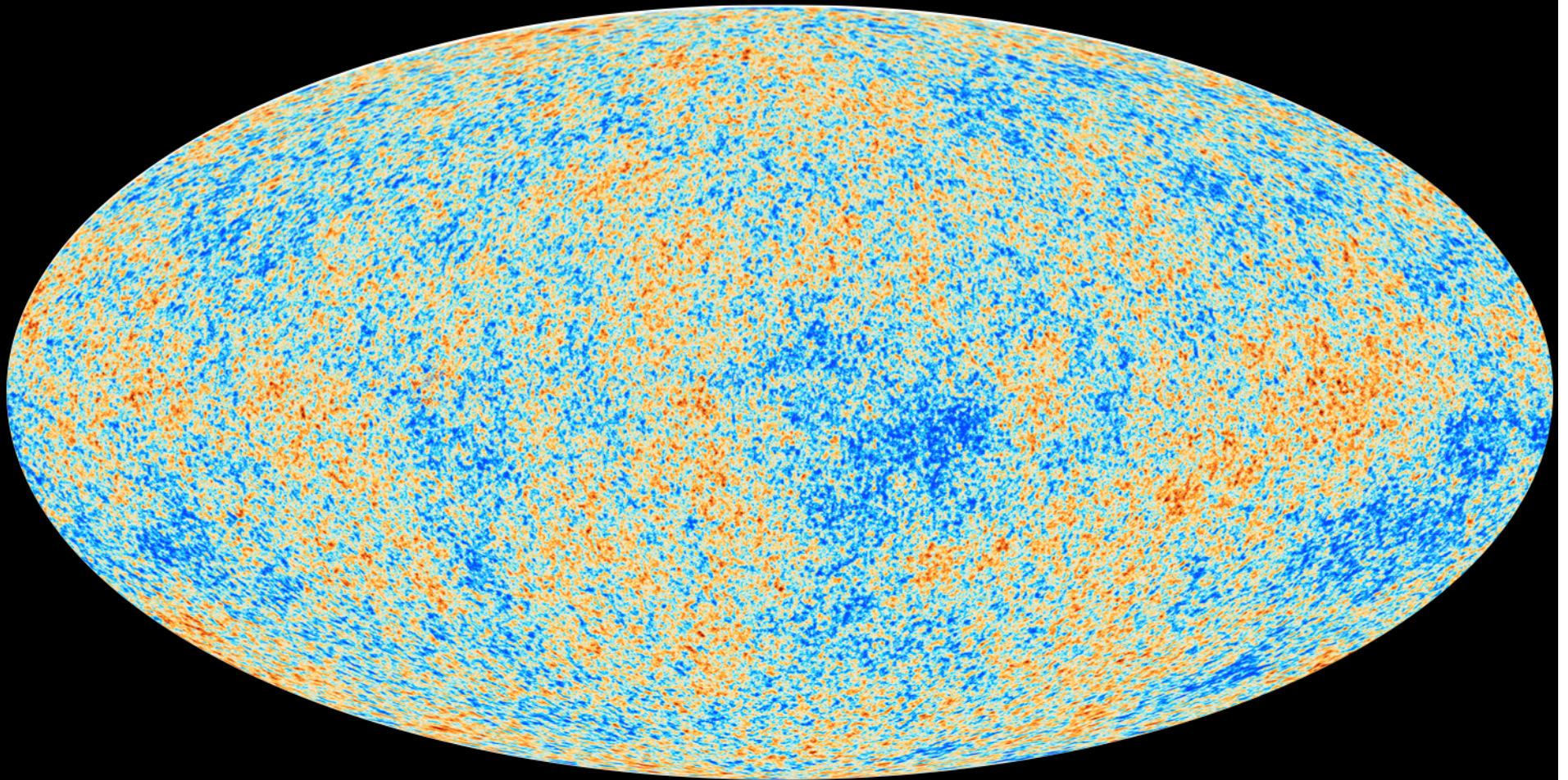
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- particle astrophysics: an overview
- the discovery of cosmic neutrinos
- more about cosmic accelerators
- particle physics with neutrino detectors

The real voyage is not to travel to new landscapes,
but to see with new eyes. . .

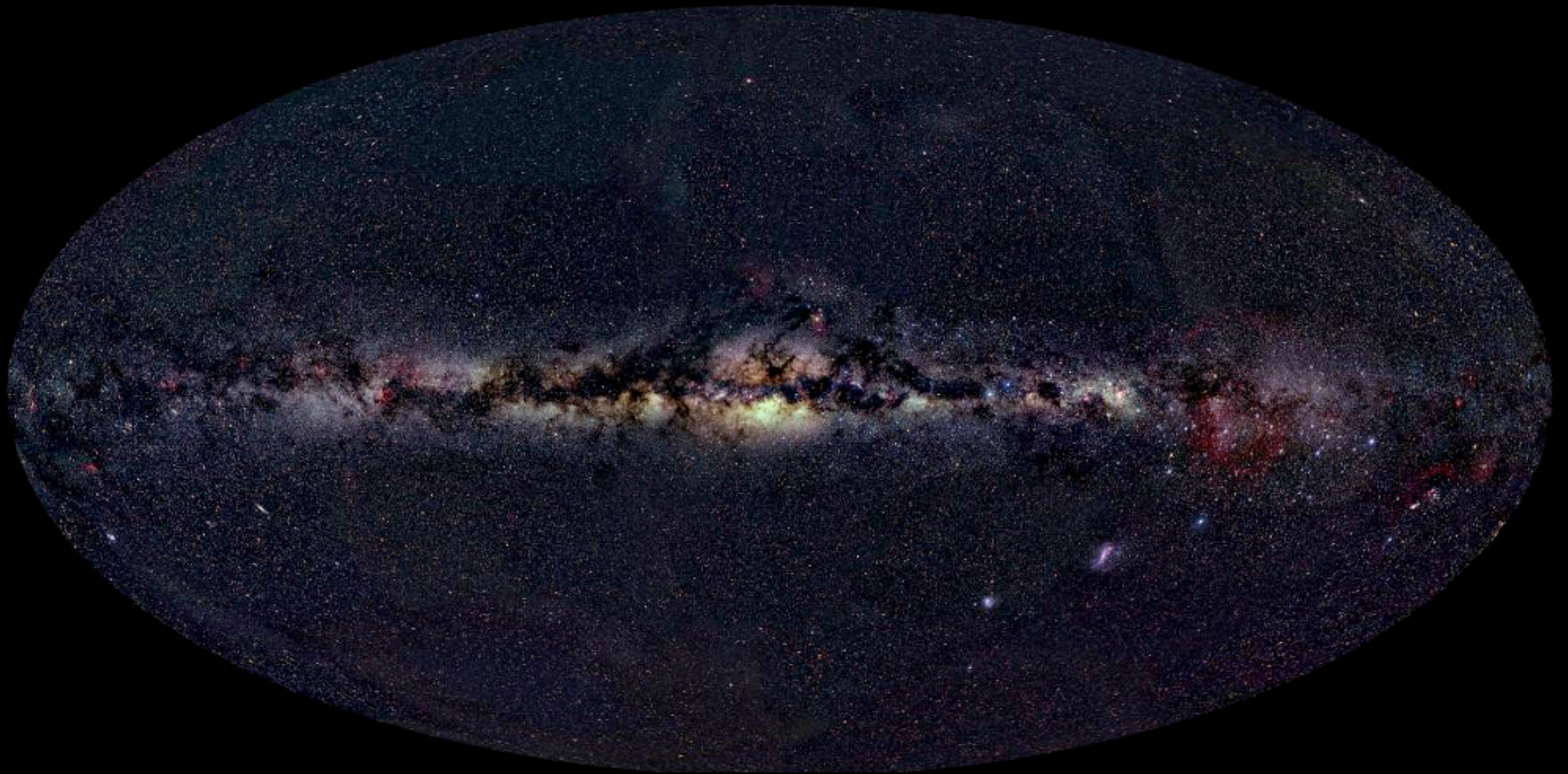
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Cosmic Horizons – Microwave Radiation 380.000 years after the Big Bang



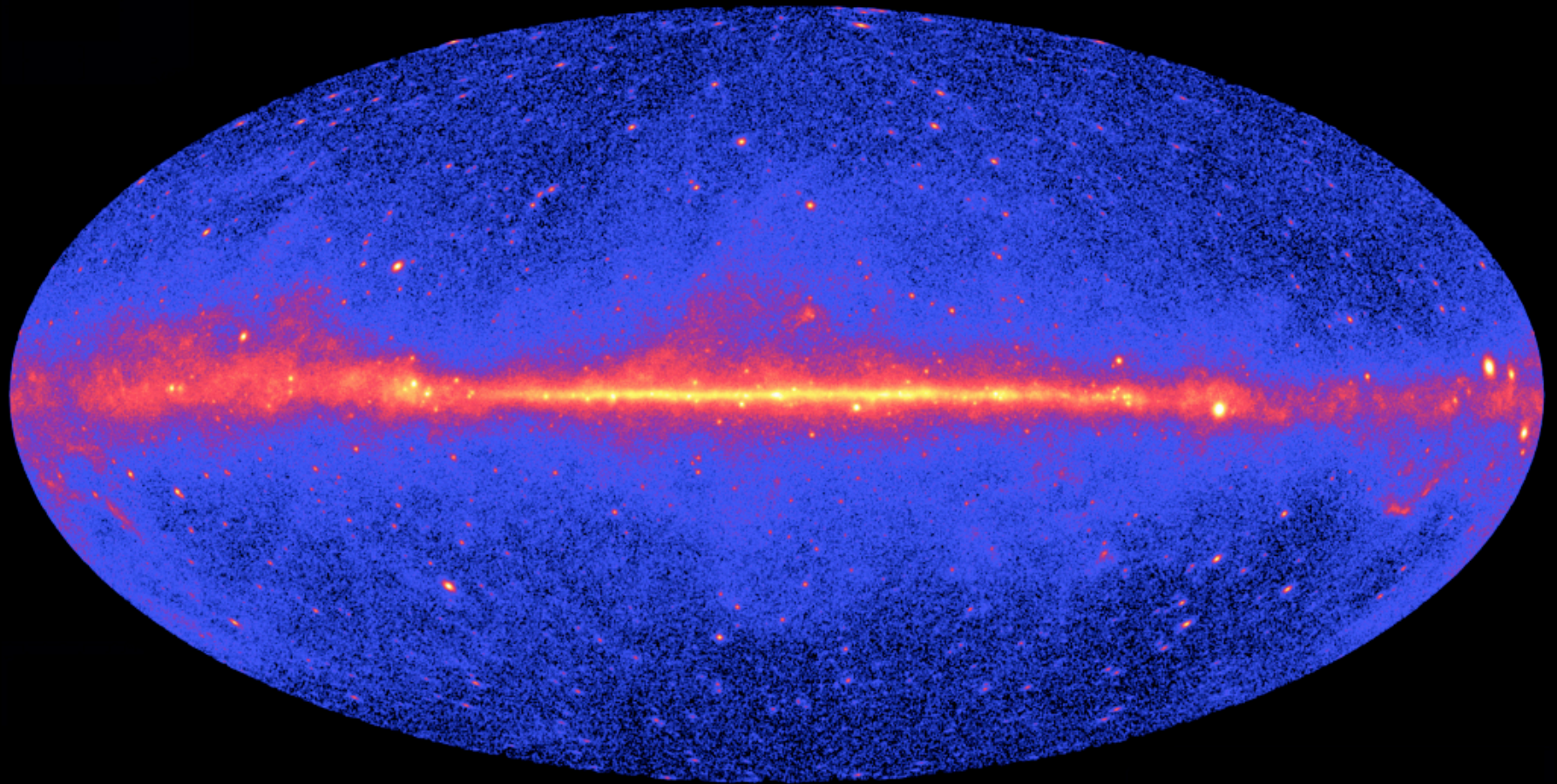
wavelength = 1 mm \Leftrightarrow energy = 10^{-4} eV

Cosmic Horizons – Optical Sky



wavelength = 10^{-6} m \Leftrightarrow energy = 1 eV

Cosmic Horizons – Gamma Radiation



wavelength = 10^{-15} m \Leftrightarrow energy = 10^9 eV

Cosmic Horizons – Gamma Radiation

$$\text{energy} = 10^{15} \text{ eV}$$

Cosmic Horizons – Gamma Radiation

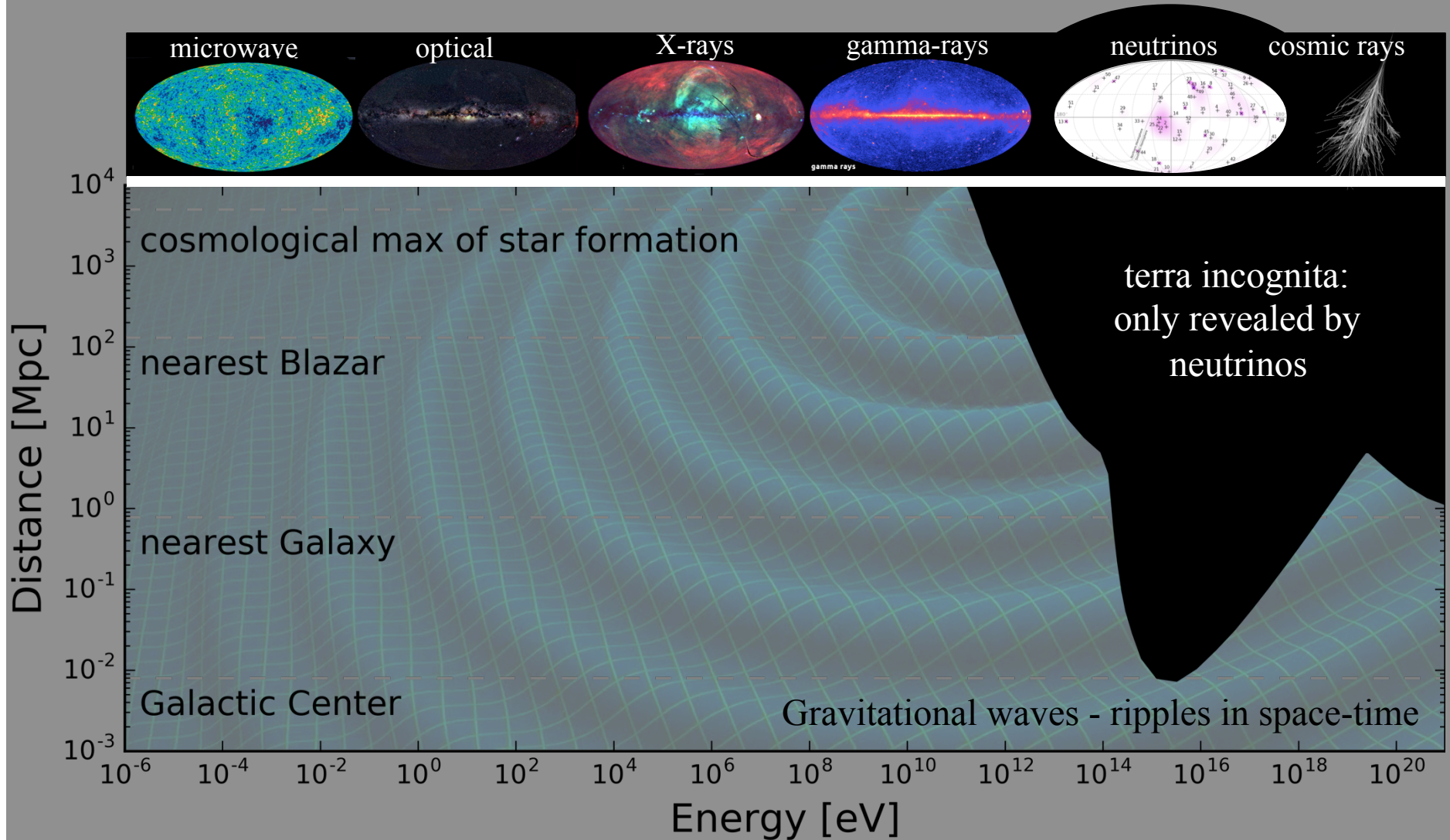
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the gamma rays interact with microwave background photons (410 per cubic centimeter!) and do not reach Earth

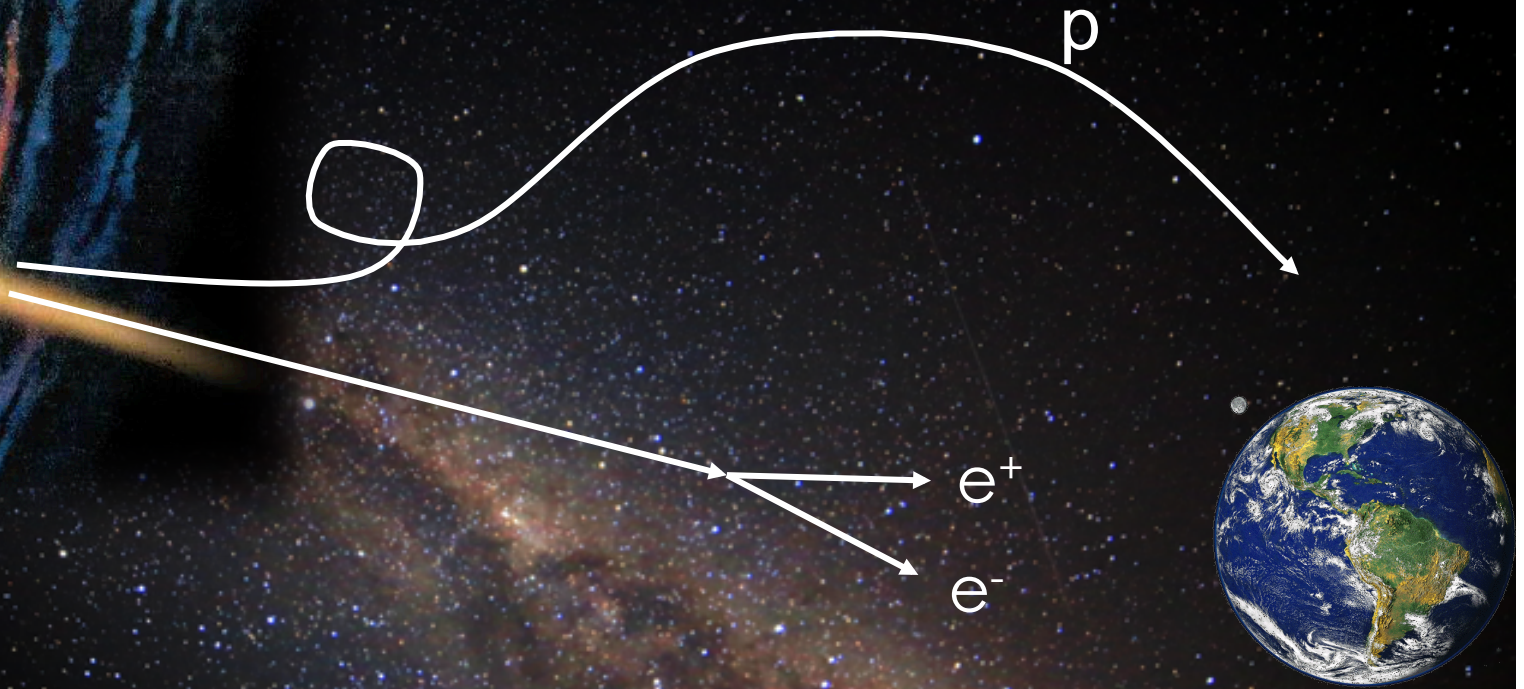
enter: neutrinos

Multi-Messenger Astronomy

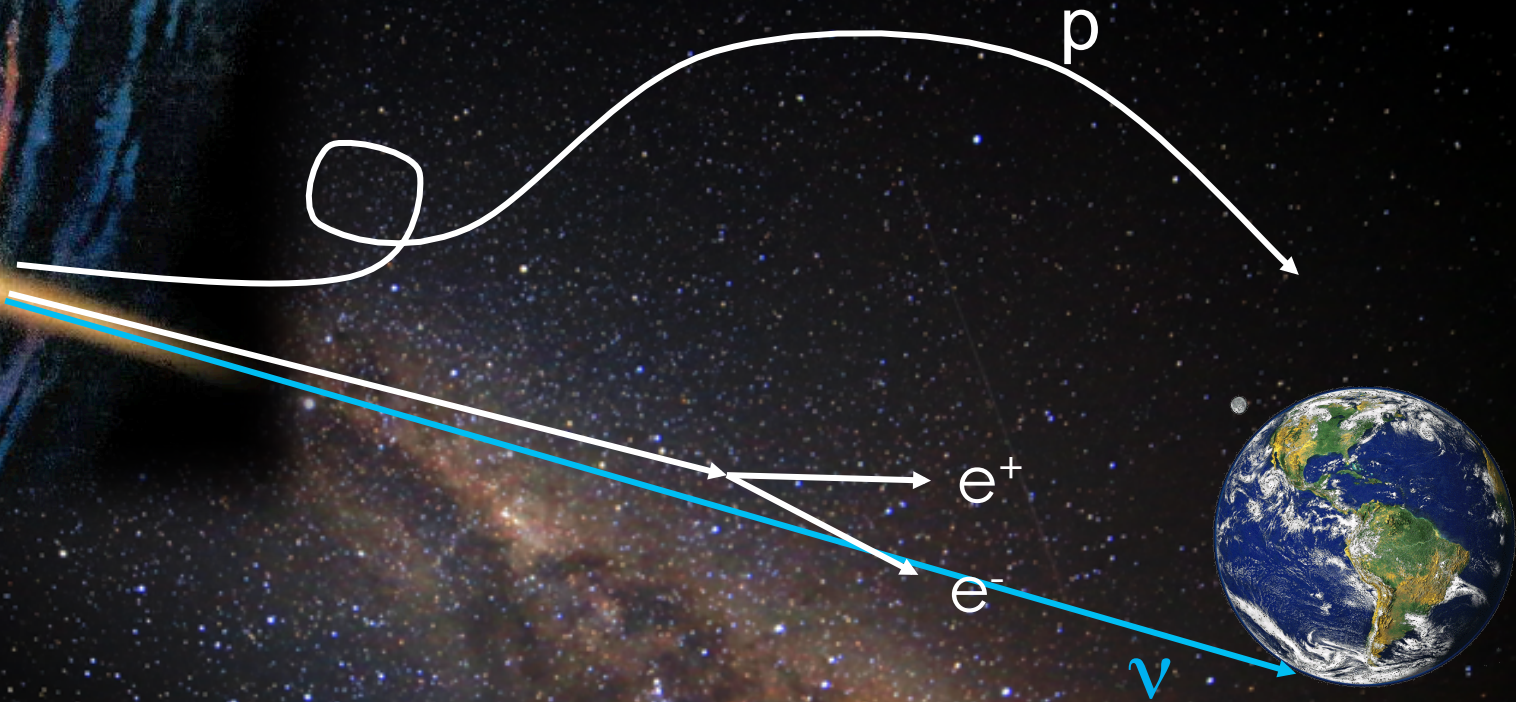


20% of the Universe is opaque to the EM spectrum

Cosmic Rays? Charged – Do not point

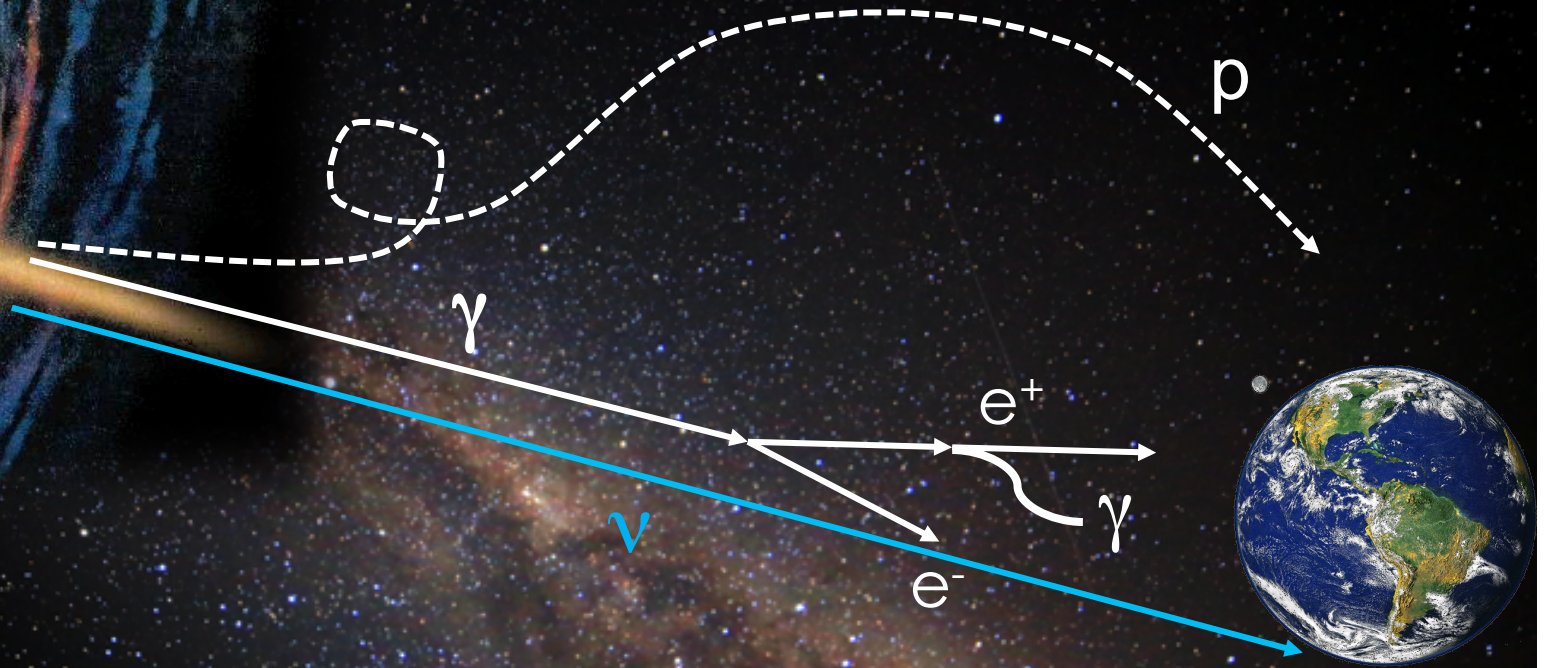


Neutrinos? Perfect Messenger



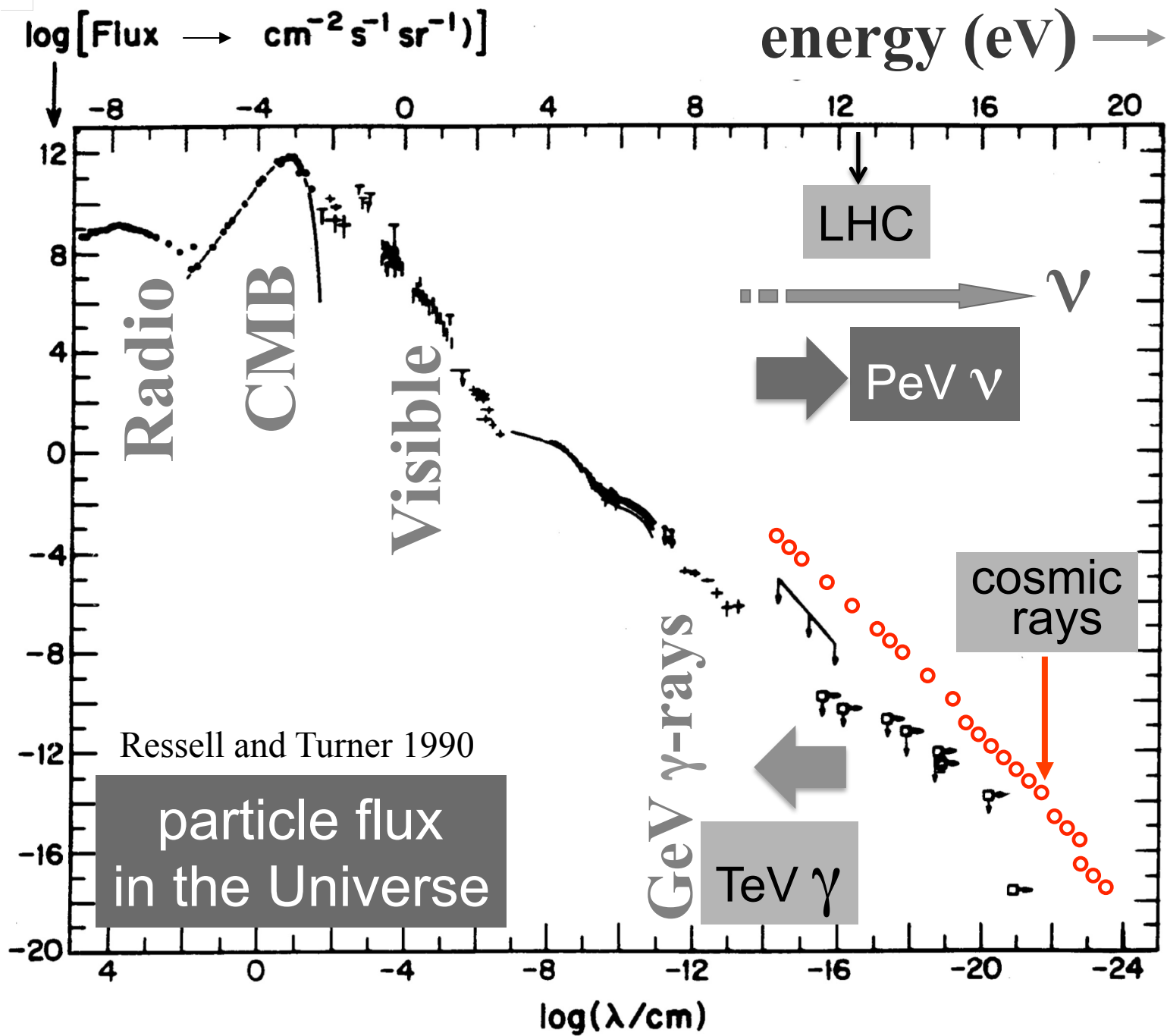
neutrinos do not interact and image the sky in regions from which even X-rays cannot escape

gamma rays accompanying IceCube neutrinos interact with interstellar photons and fragment into multiple lower energy gamma rays that reach earth



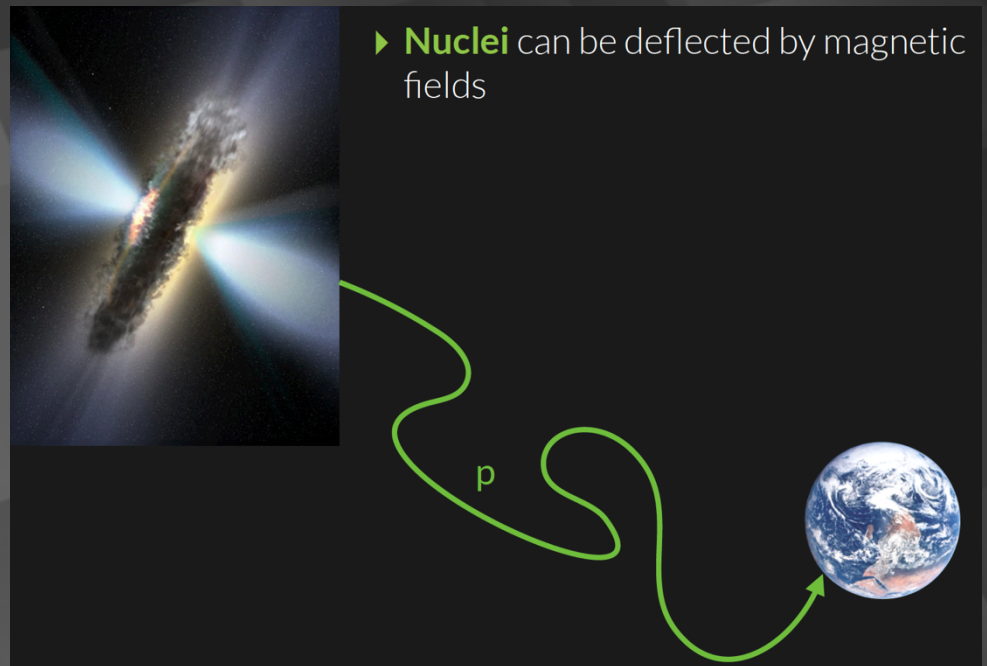
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flux of light in the Universe



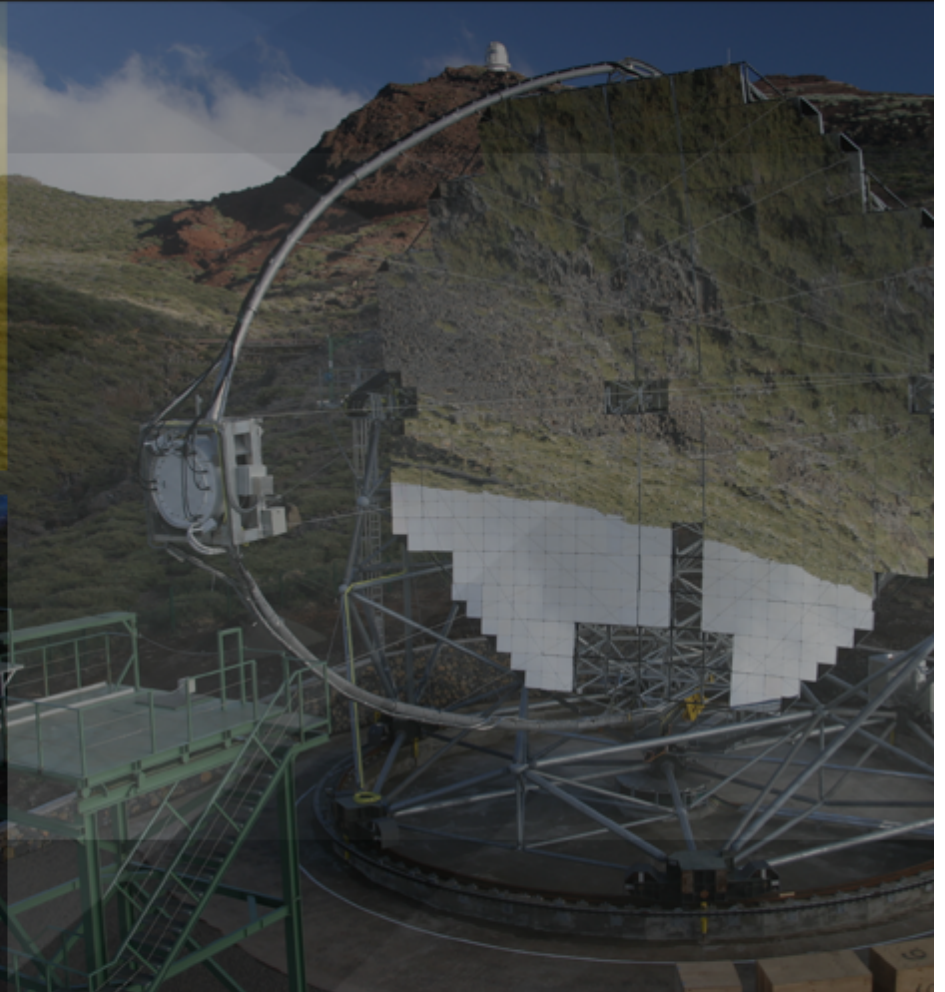
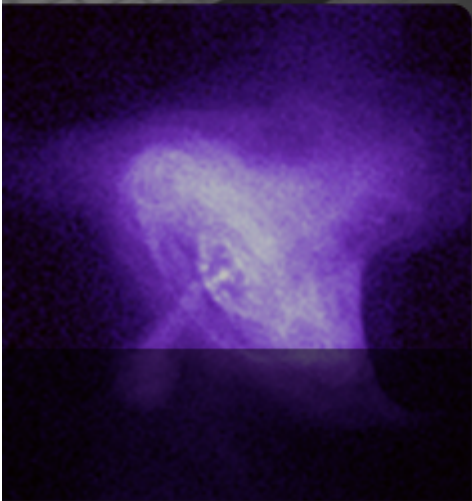
neutrino as a cosmic messenger:

- electrically neutral
- essentially massless
- essentially unabsorbed
- tracks nuclear processes
- ... but difficult to detect



cosmic accelerators ?

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definitions

•flux (*particles per GeV per cm² per s*) $\frac{dN}{dE} = c\rho$

•luminosity $L = E^2 \frac{dN}{dEdt(d\Omega)}$

•density (*velocity* \times $\rho =$ *total flux*) $\rho = \frac{4\pi}{c} \int \frac{dN}{dE} dE$

•energy density $\rho_E = \frac{4\pi}{c} \int E \frac{dN}{dE} dE$

•mean free path $\lambda = \frac{1}{n_{tar}\sigma}$

•energy loss distance $R = \frac{E_f}{E_i} \lambda$

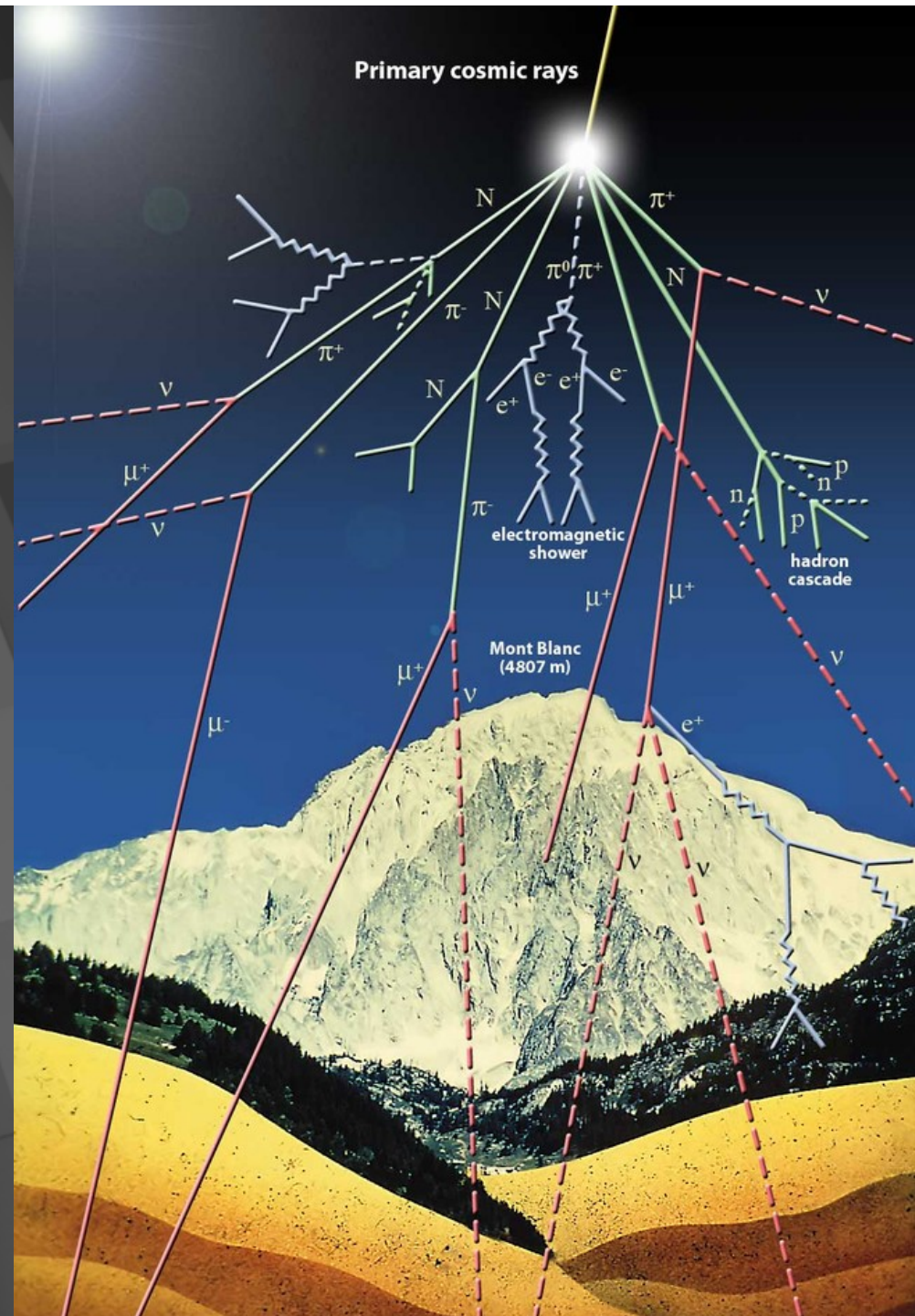
cosmic ray accelerators (preamble)

- best buy theory or why we believe that new astroparticle physics instrumentation will reveal the sources of the cosmic rays.
- cosmic rays, gamma rays and neutrinos
 - many 1000 km² air shower arrays
 - large arrays of ground-based gamma ray telescopes
 - kilometer-cube neutrino detectors

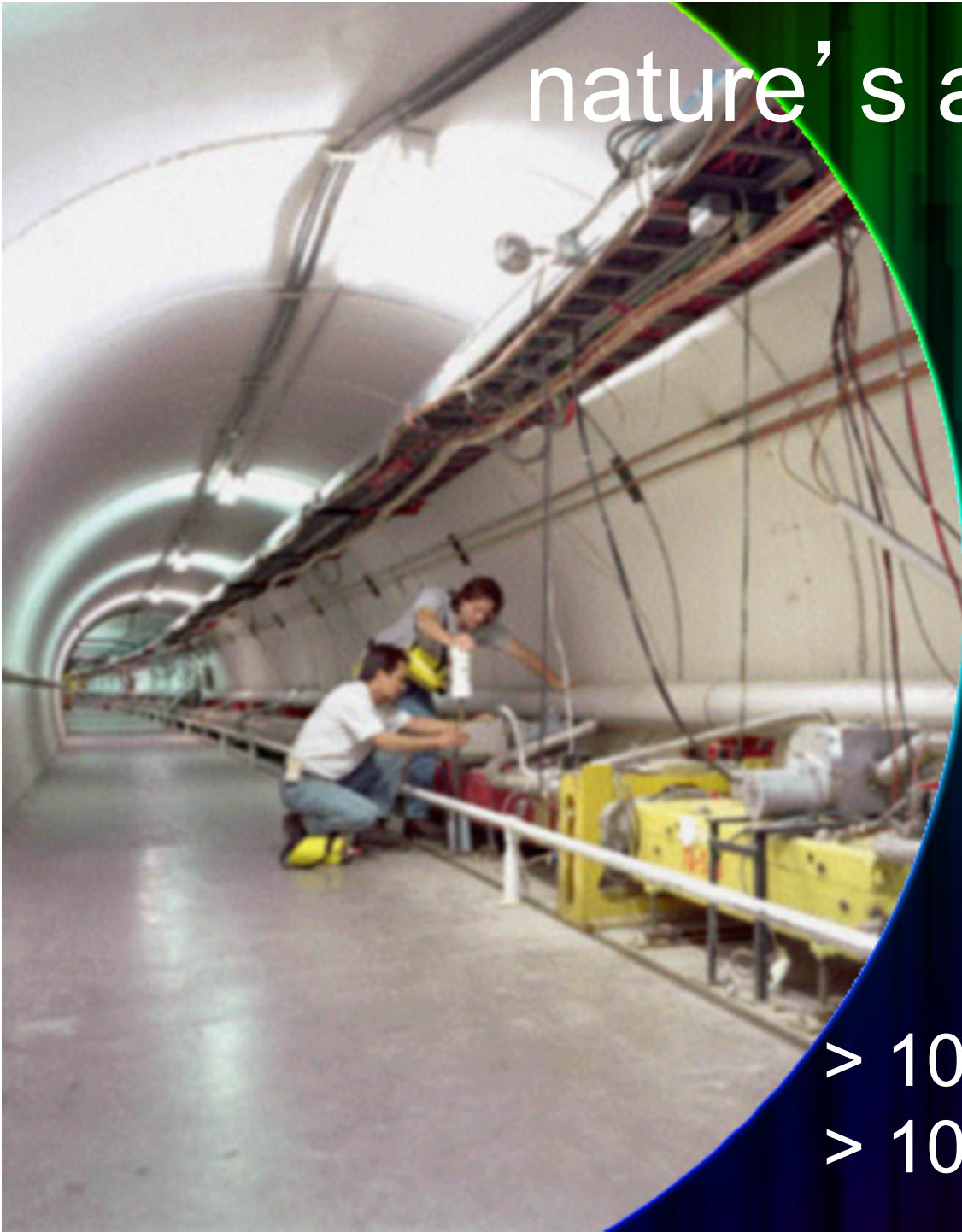
cosmic rays

Victor Hess
in 1912
discovers
radiation
from space

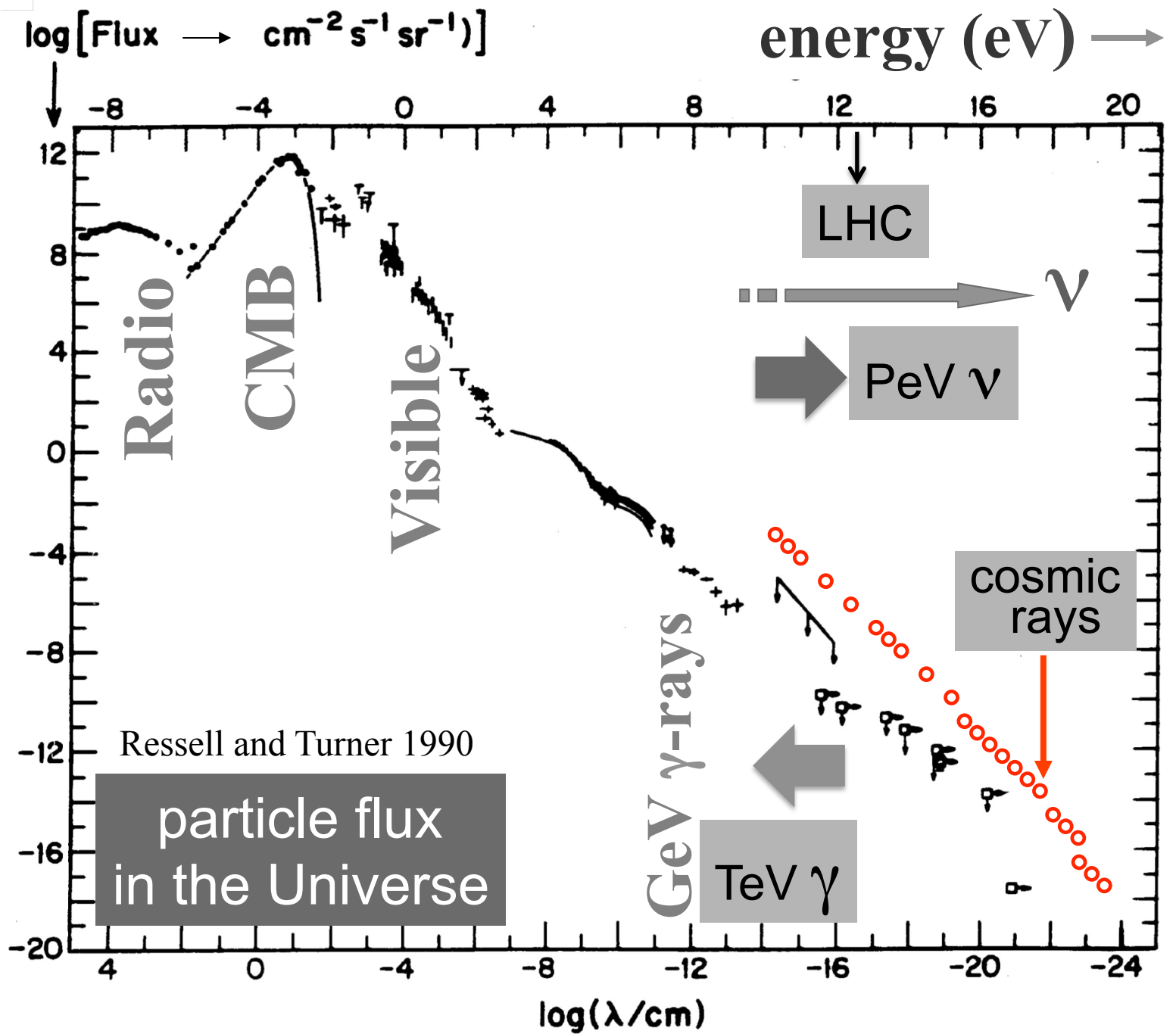
the oldest
puzzle
in astronomy



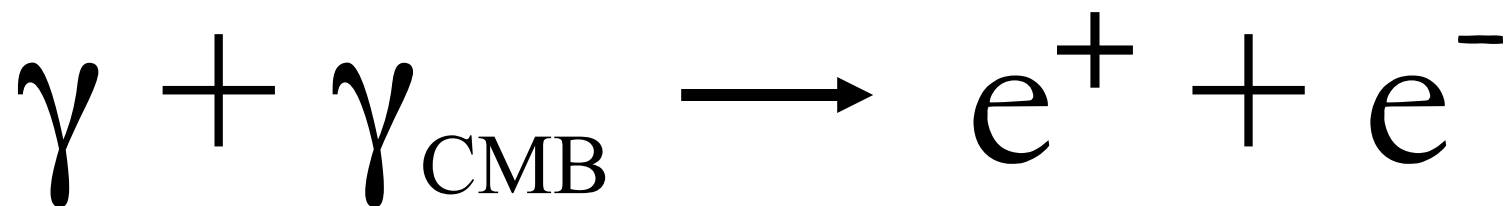
nature's accelerators ?

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- > 10^8 TeV in the Universe
 - > 10^3 TeV in the Galaxy

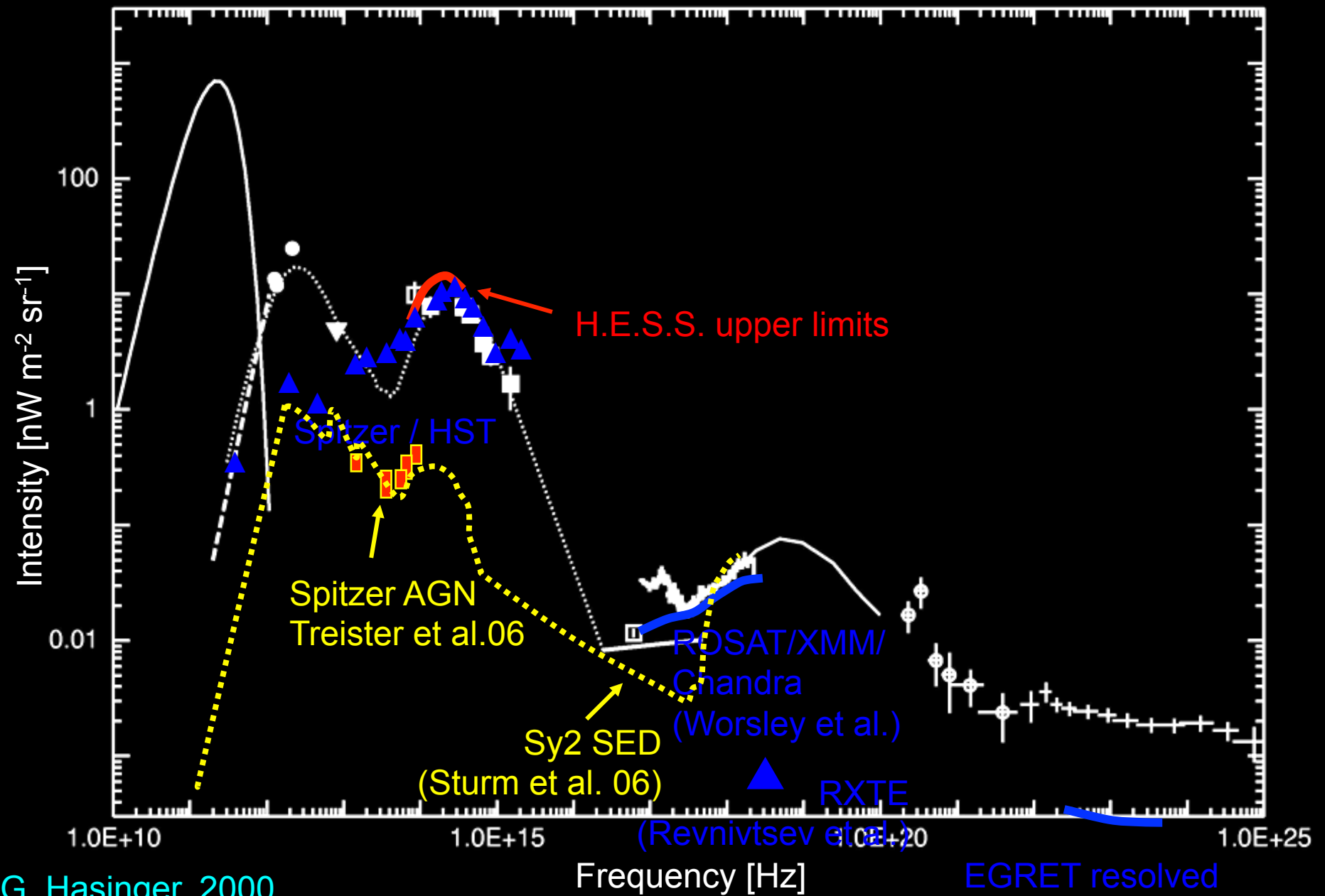
flux of light in the Universe



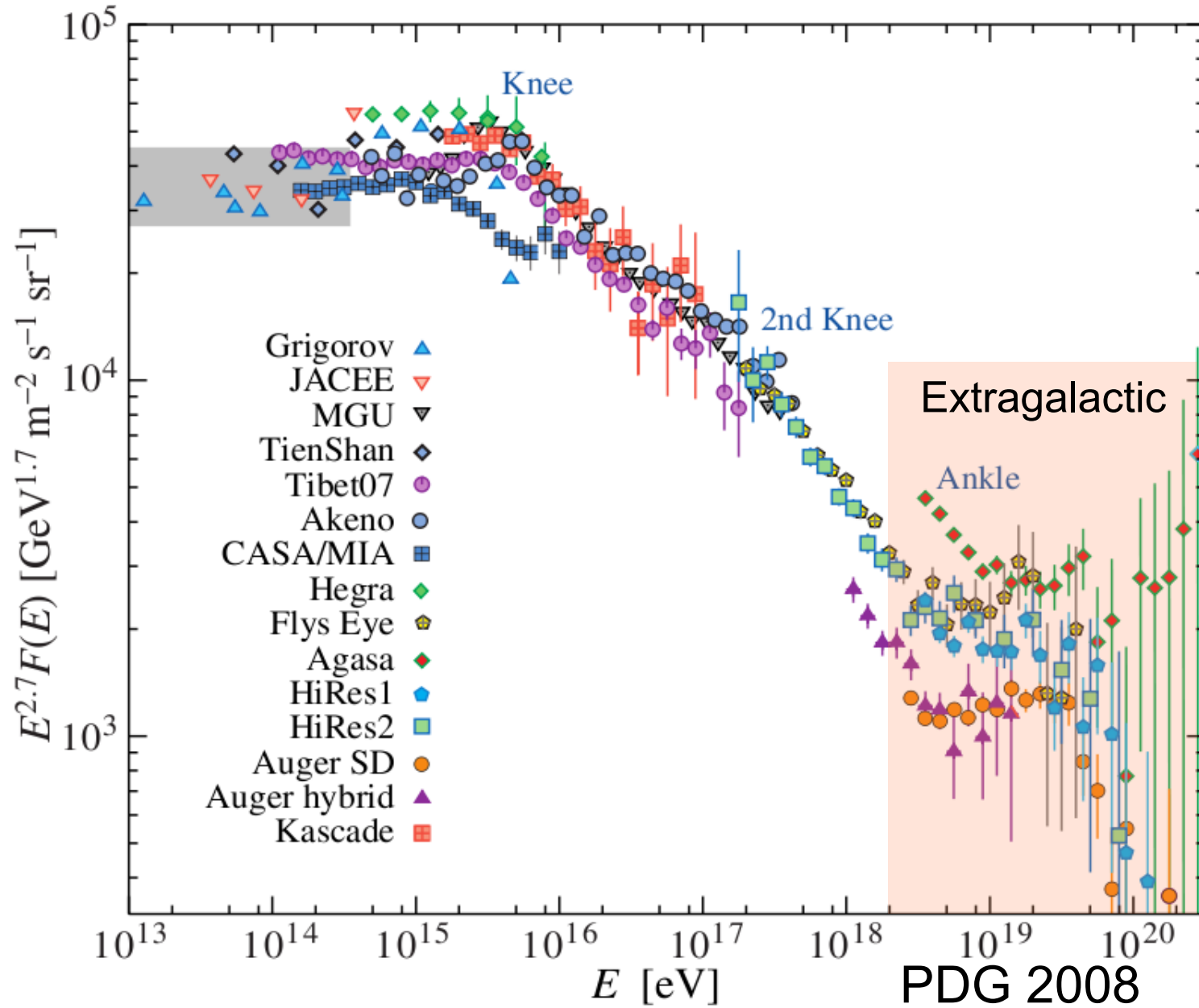
with 10^3 TeV energy, photons do not reach us from the edge of our galaxy because of their small mean free path in the microwave background



Background Energy Distribution



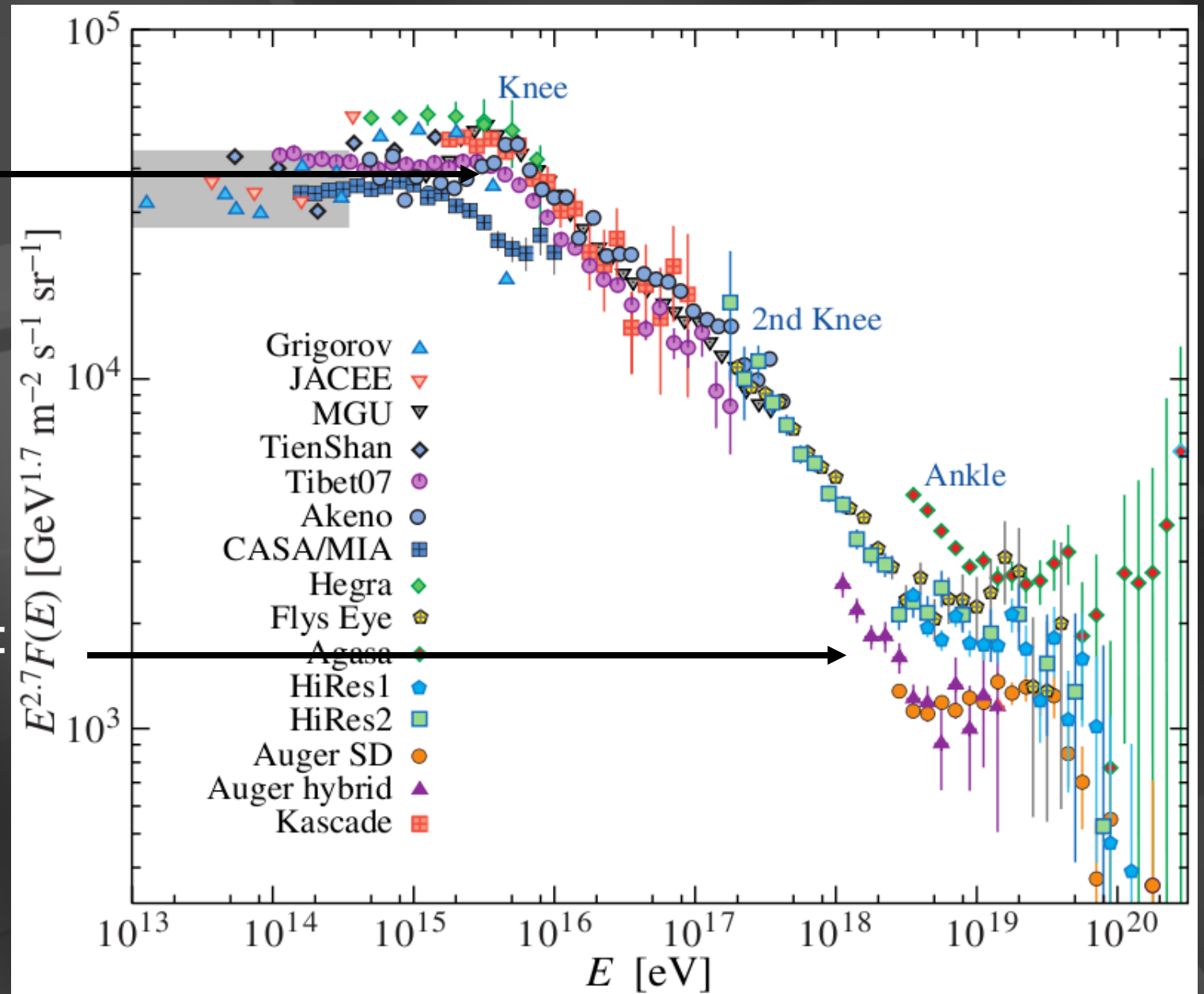
cosmic rays



... often wrong, but never in doubt ...

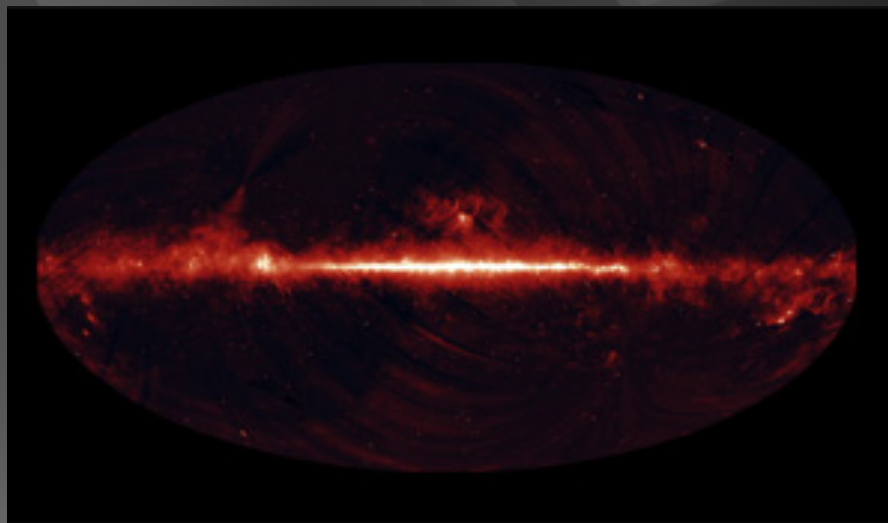
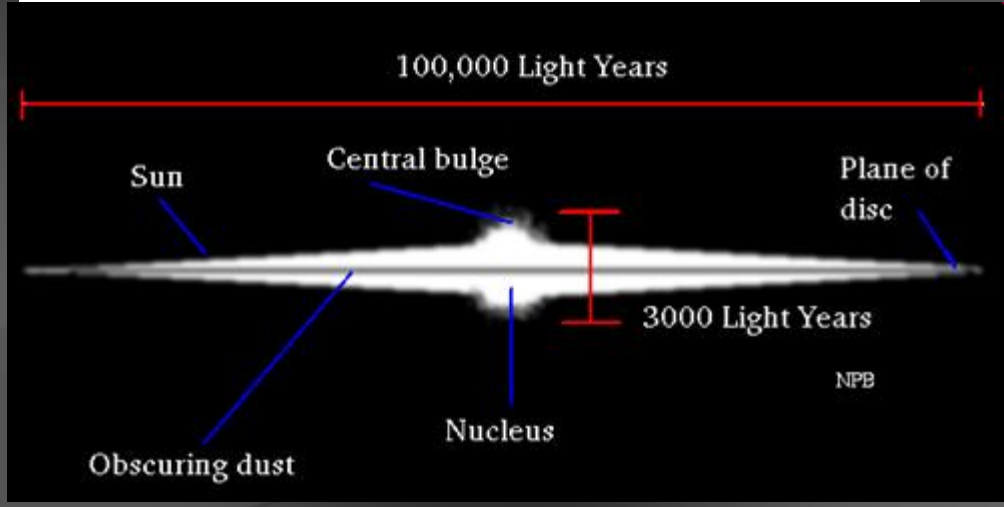
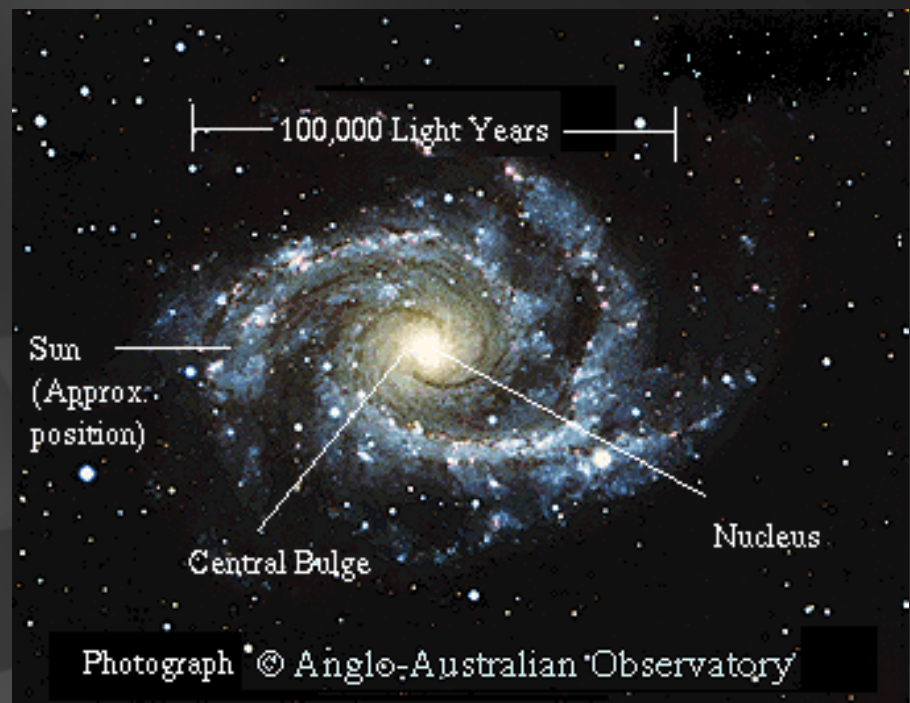
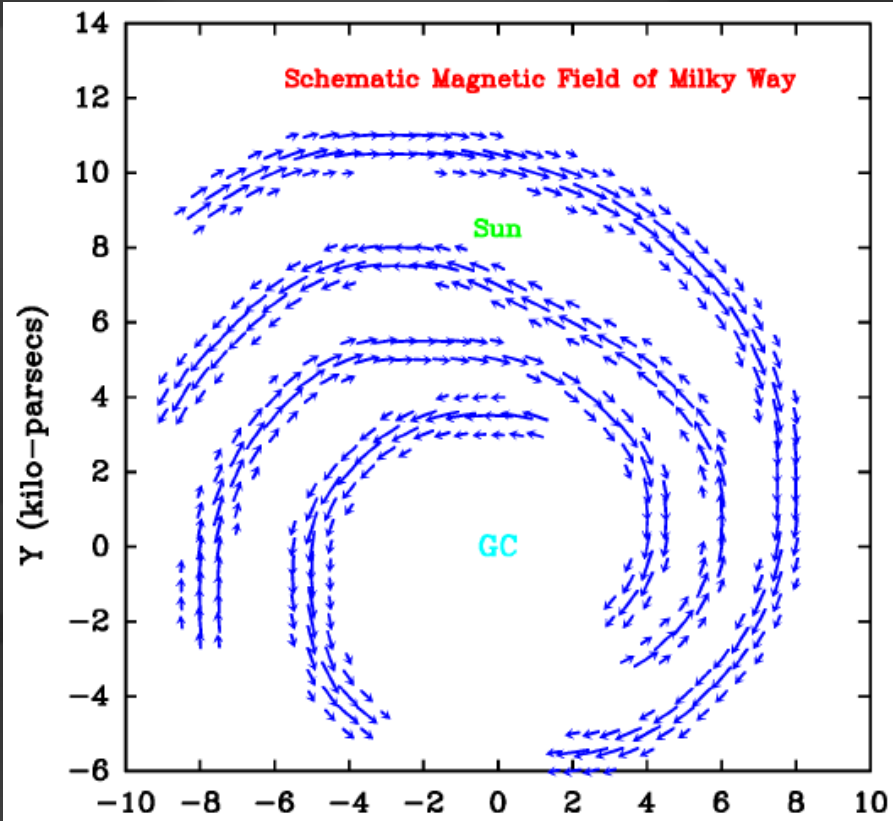
Galactic:
supernova
remnants?

extragalactic:
gamma ray
bursts?

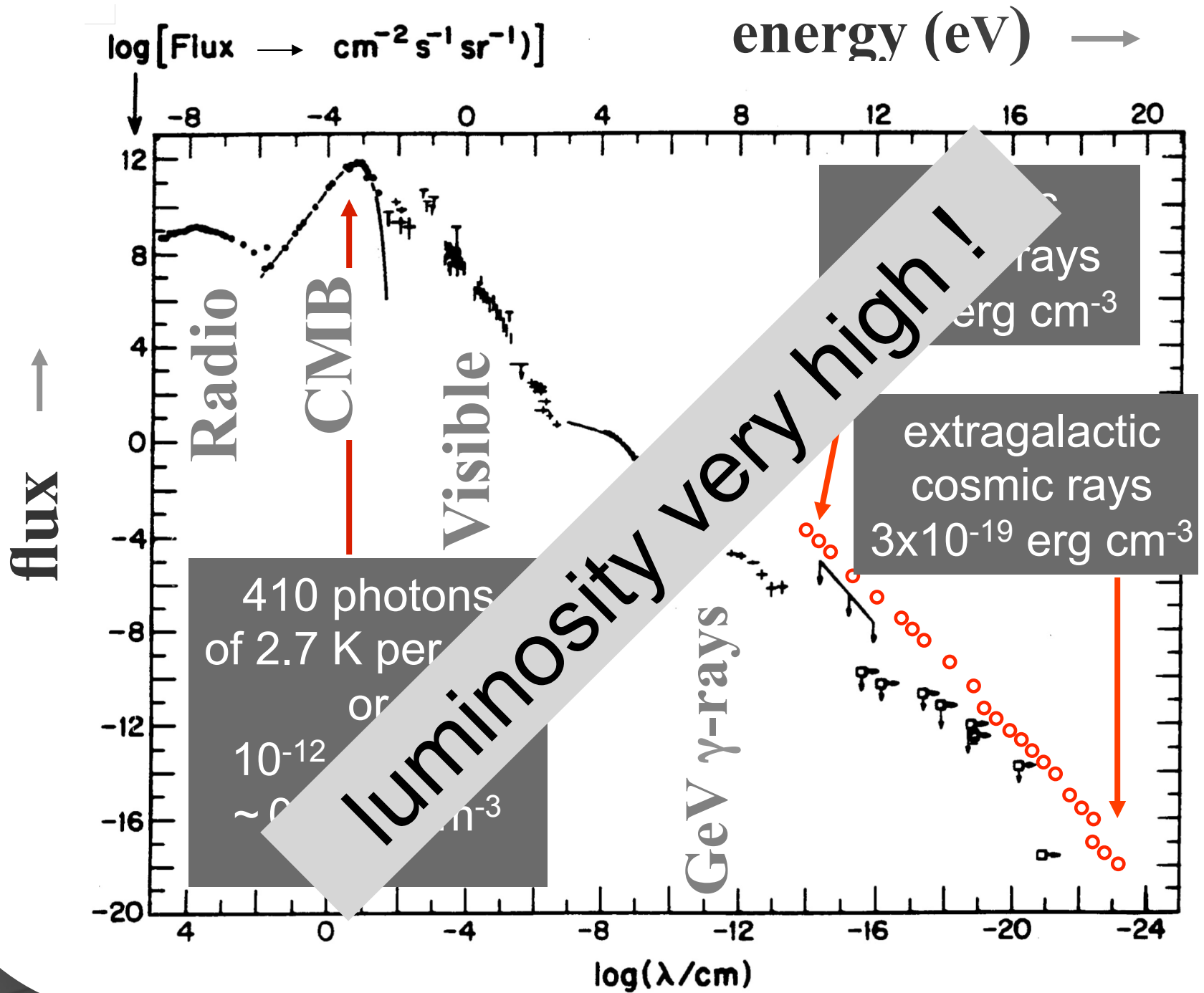


Galactic and extragalactic cosmic rays

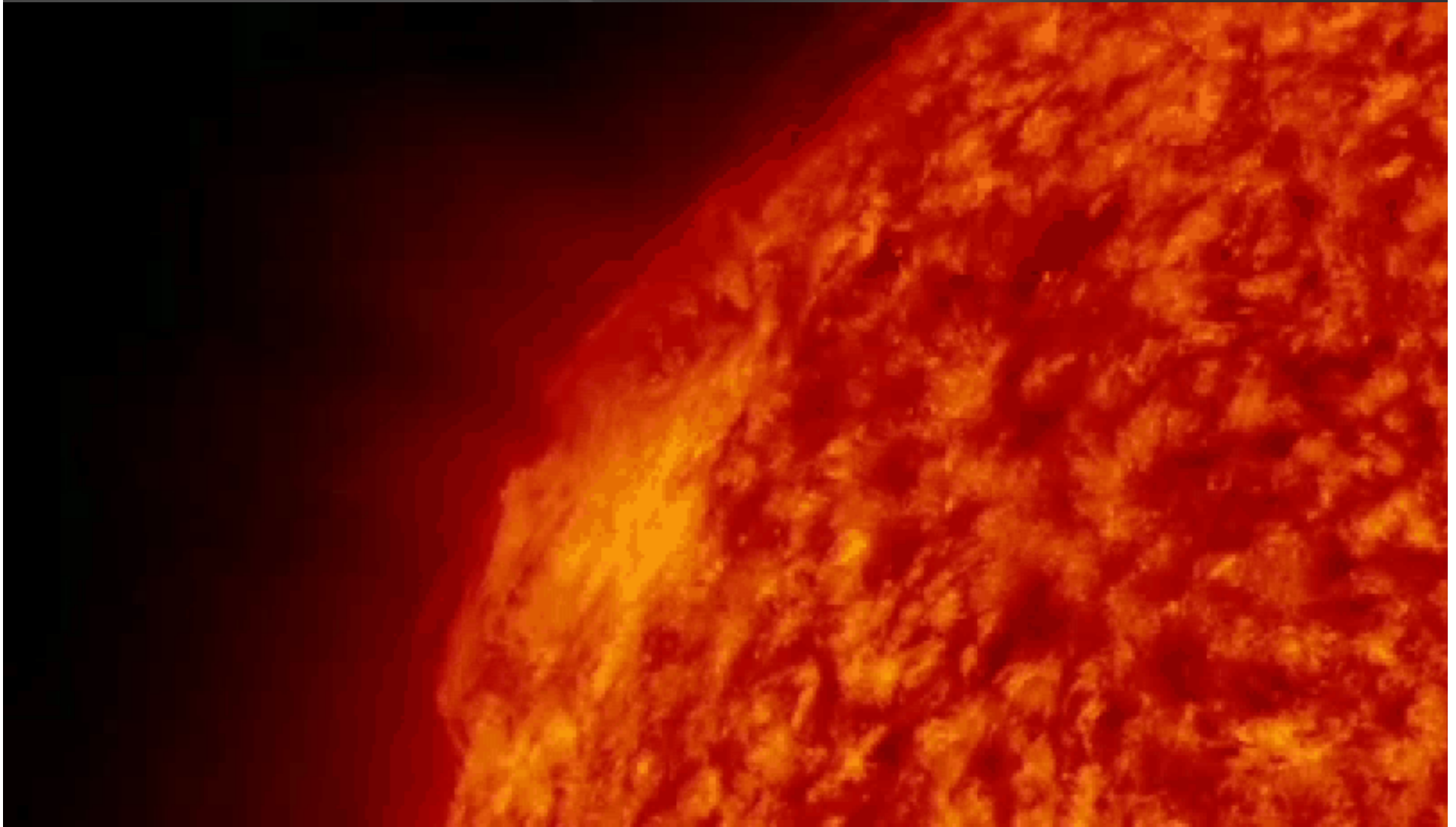
- we live in a magnetic bottle filled with cosmic rays. The cosmic ray density is enhanced by magnetic trapping in an average field of a few μGauss .
- extragalactic space is filled over the Hubble radius with a much more tenuous gas produced over the entire history of the Universe.



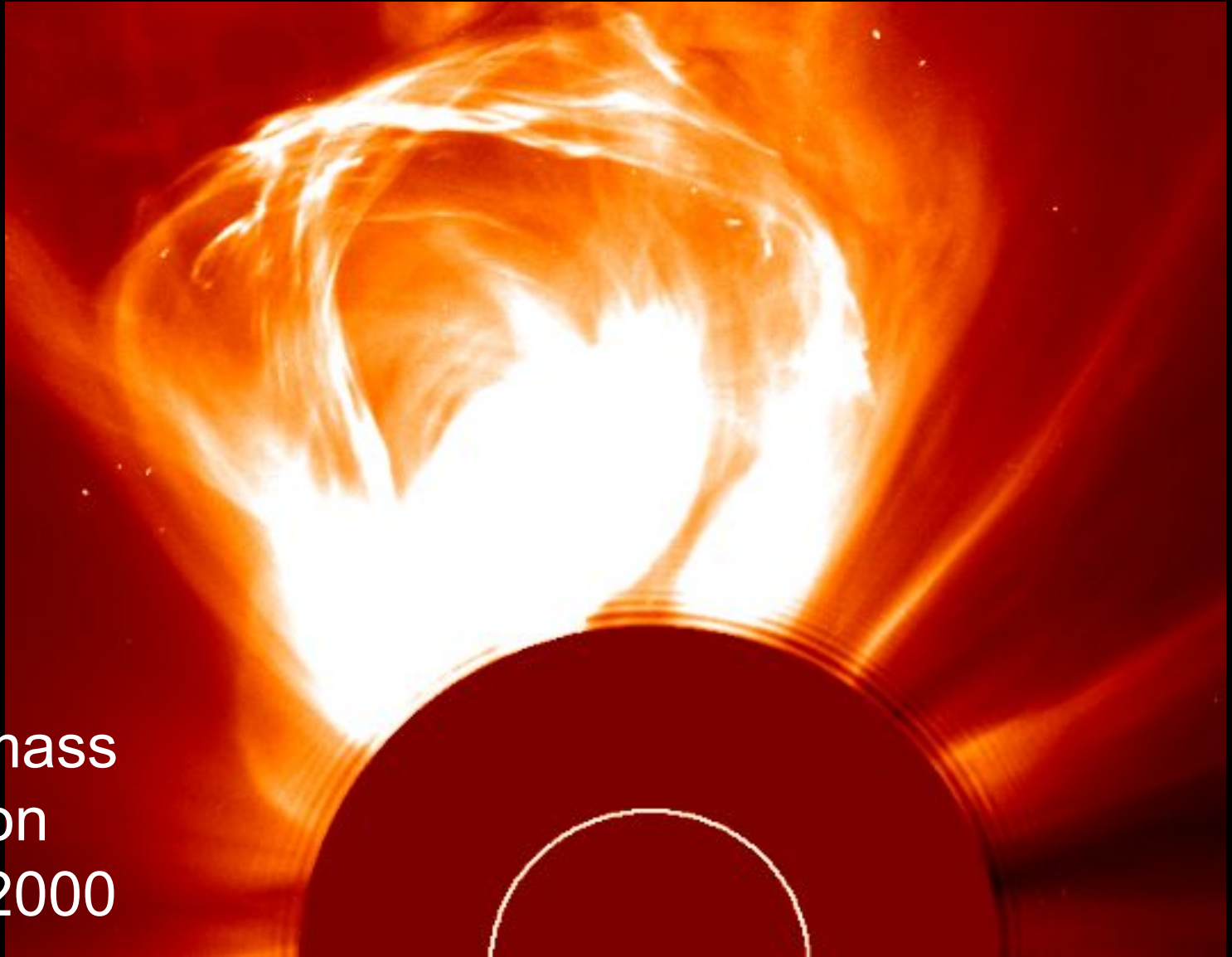
cosmic accelerators



the Sun constructs an accelerator



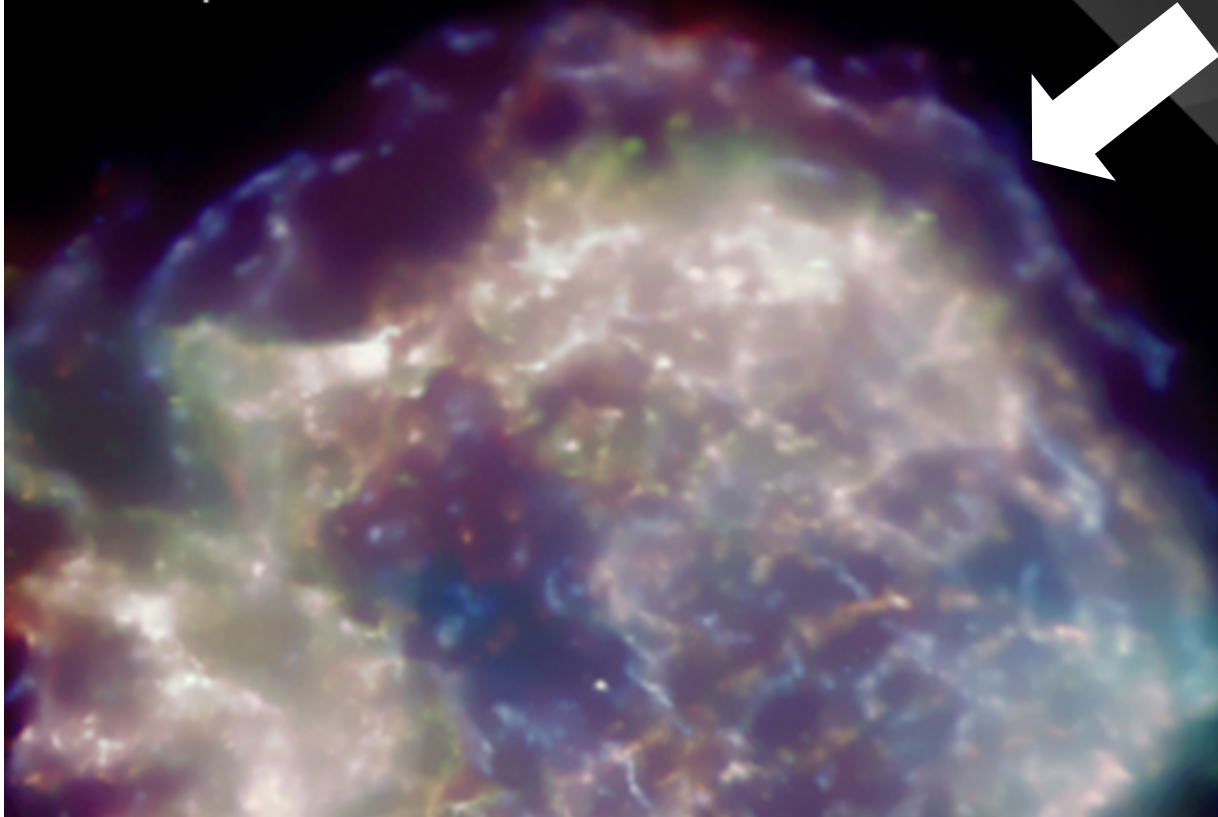
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coronal mass
ejection
09 Mar 2000

large magnetic field in young supernova remnants

Chandra
Cassiopeia A



Chandra
SN 1006

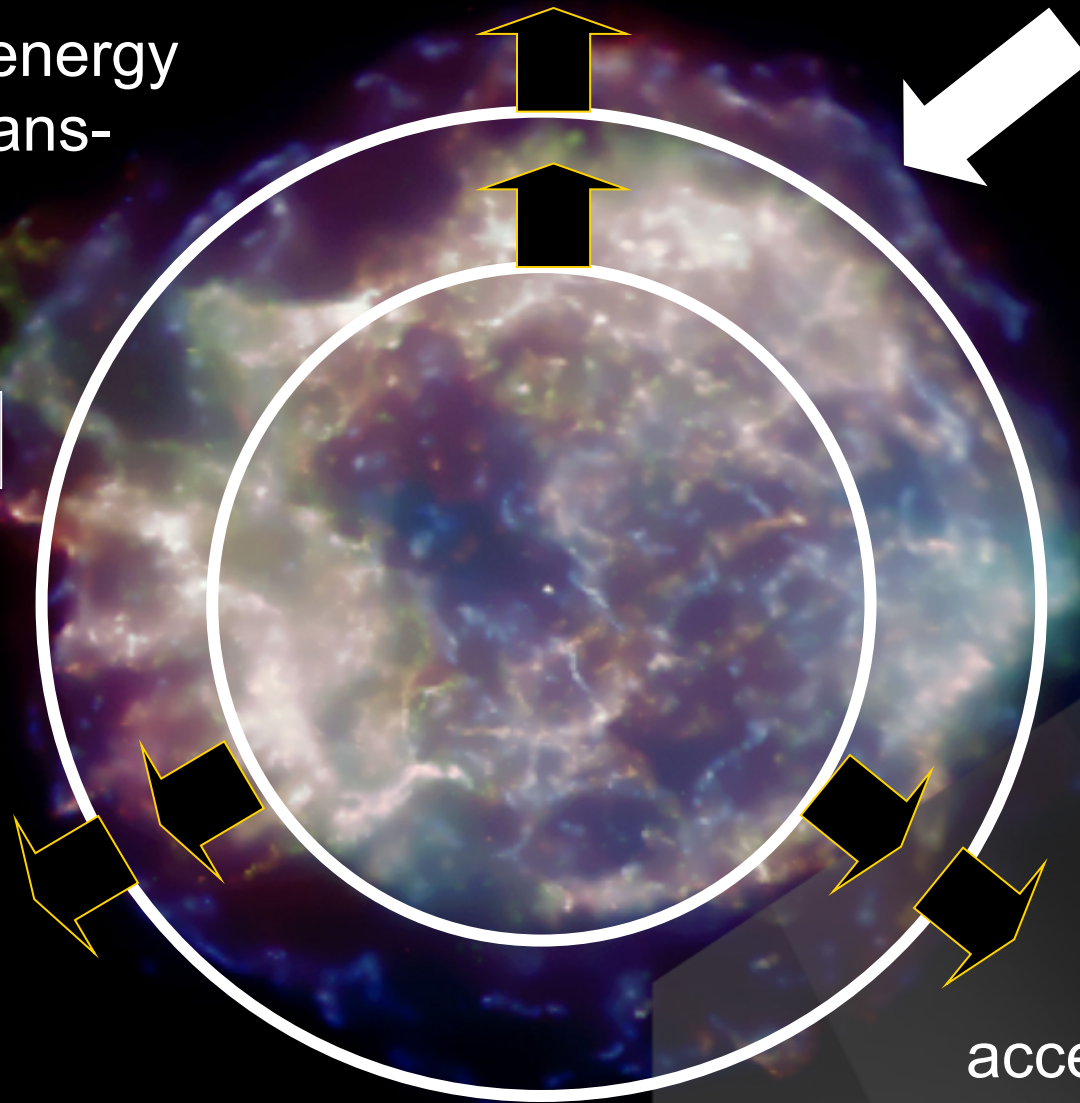


cassiopeia A supernova remnant in X-rays

gravitational energy released is transformed into acceleration



E^{-2} spectrum



acceleration when particles cross high B-fields

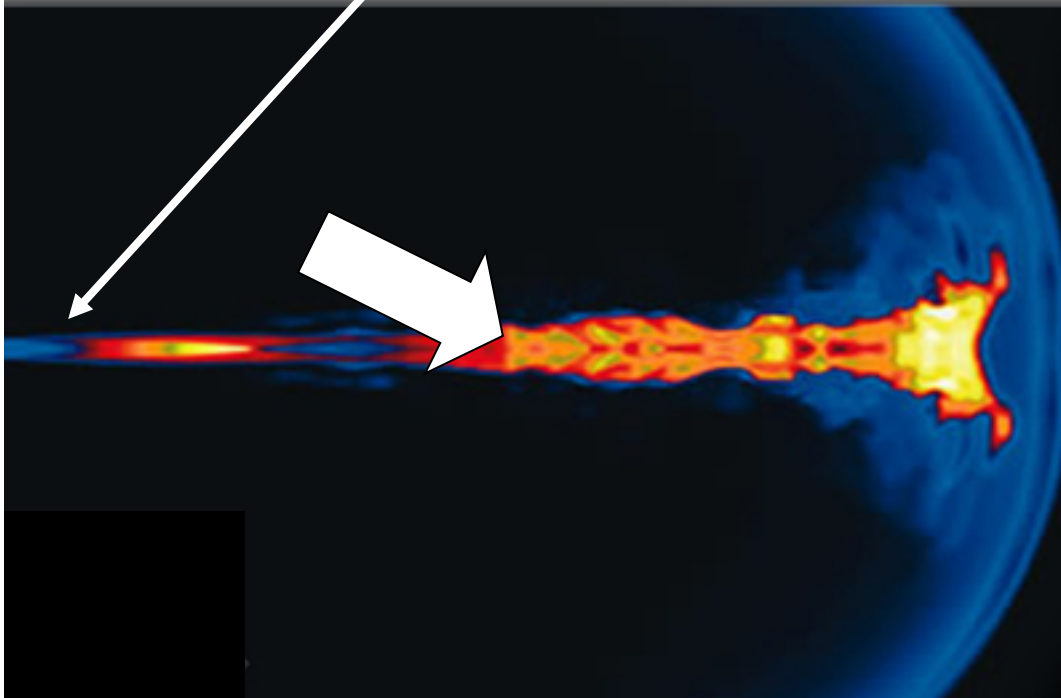
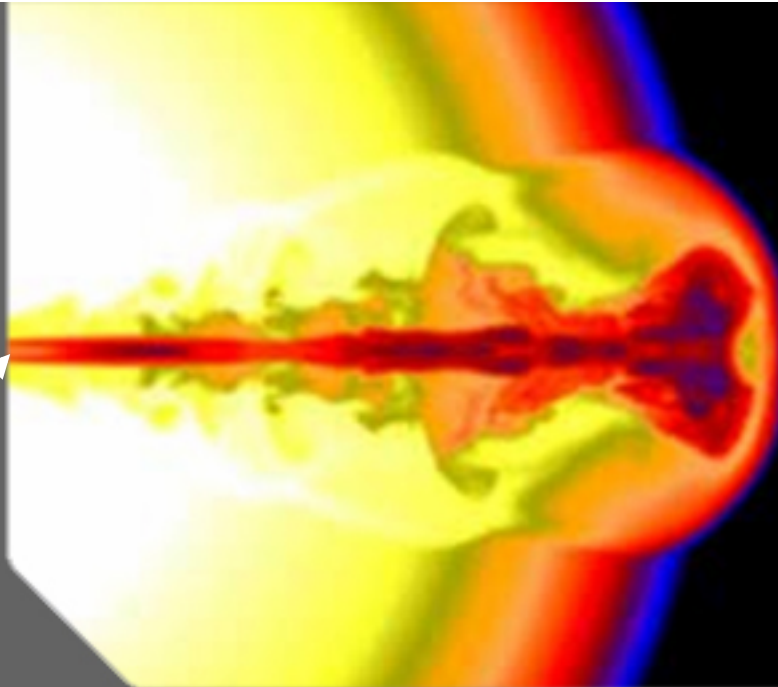
and if the star collapses to a black hole ...

- happens in seconds not thousands of years
- beamed not spherical
- simulation not image

collapse of massive
star produces a

**gamma ray
burst**

spinning black hole



shocks produced
in the outflow of
the spinning
black hole:
electrons (and
protons ?)

Hillas formula :

- accelerator must contain the particles

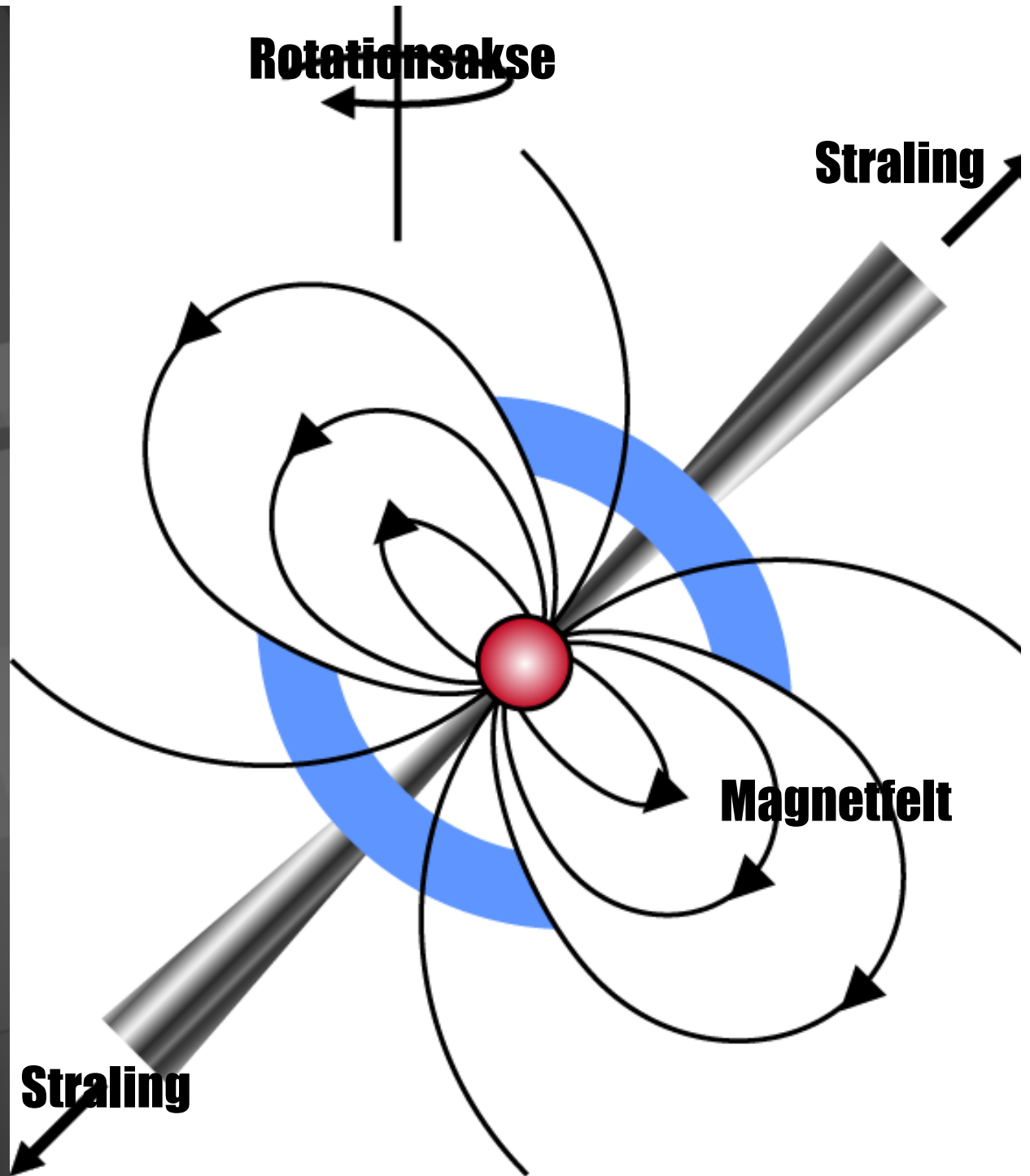
$$R_{gyro} \left(= \frac{E}{vqB} \right) \leq R$$

$$E \leq v qBR$$

- dimensional analysis, difficult to satisfy

pulsar

$$v \rightarrow \frac{2\pi R}{T}$$

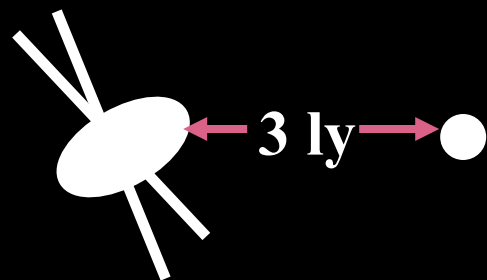
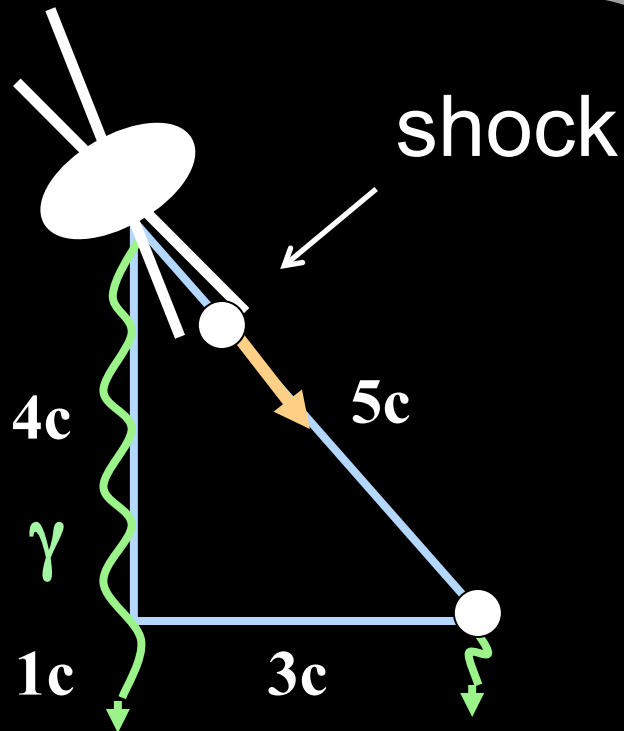


$$E (eV) = B(\text{Tesla}) R(m) \frac{2\pi R}{T}$$

	<i>ms-pulsar</i>	<i>Fermilab</i>
R	10 km	km
B	10^8 Tesla	Tesla
T ⁻¹	10^3	10^5 (#rev/s)
E	10^7 TeV	10^{12} eV = 1 TeV !

still a very open problem...

superluminal motion: boosted accelerators



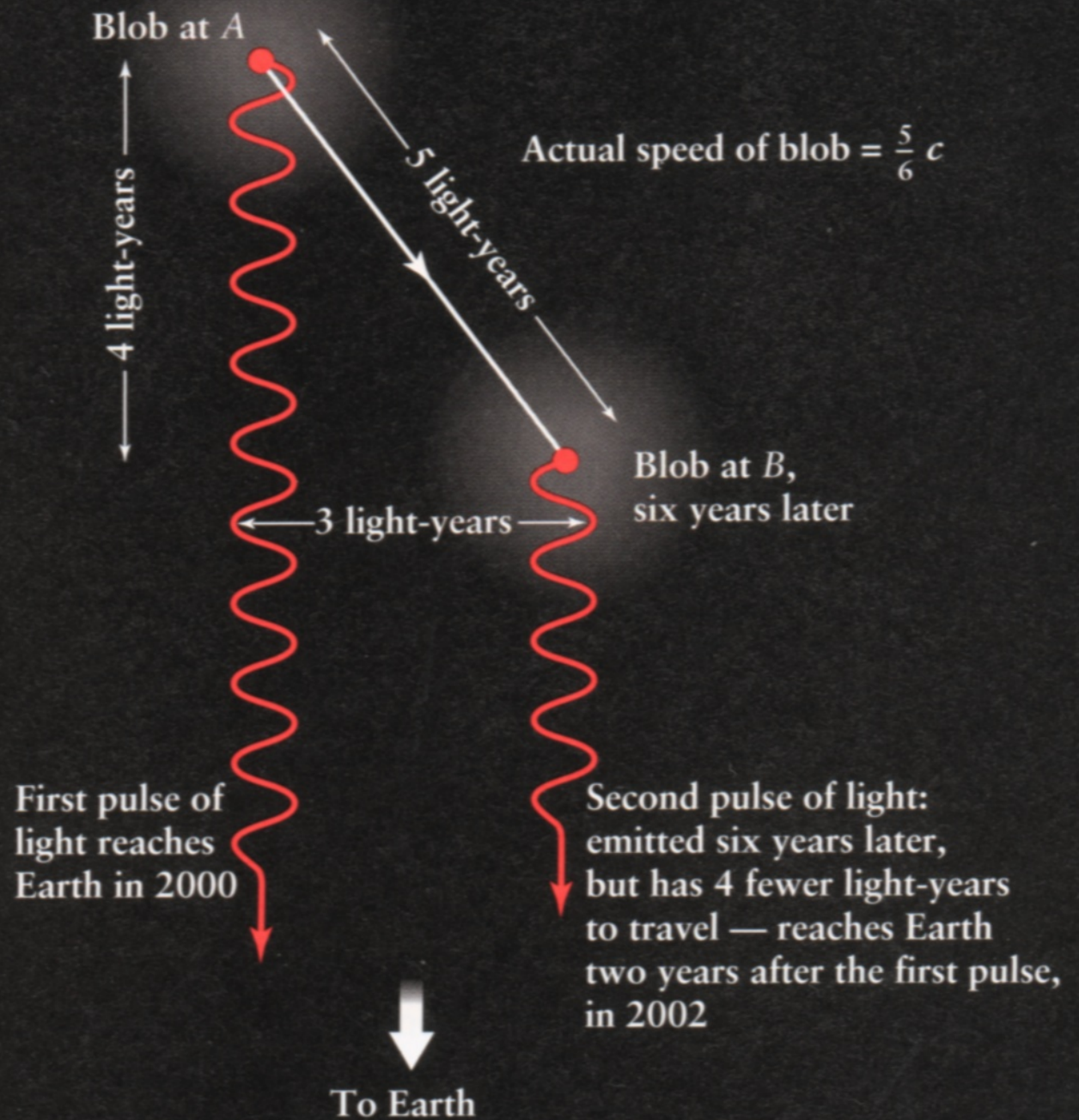
$$E_{obs} = \Gamma E'$$

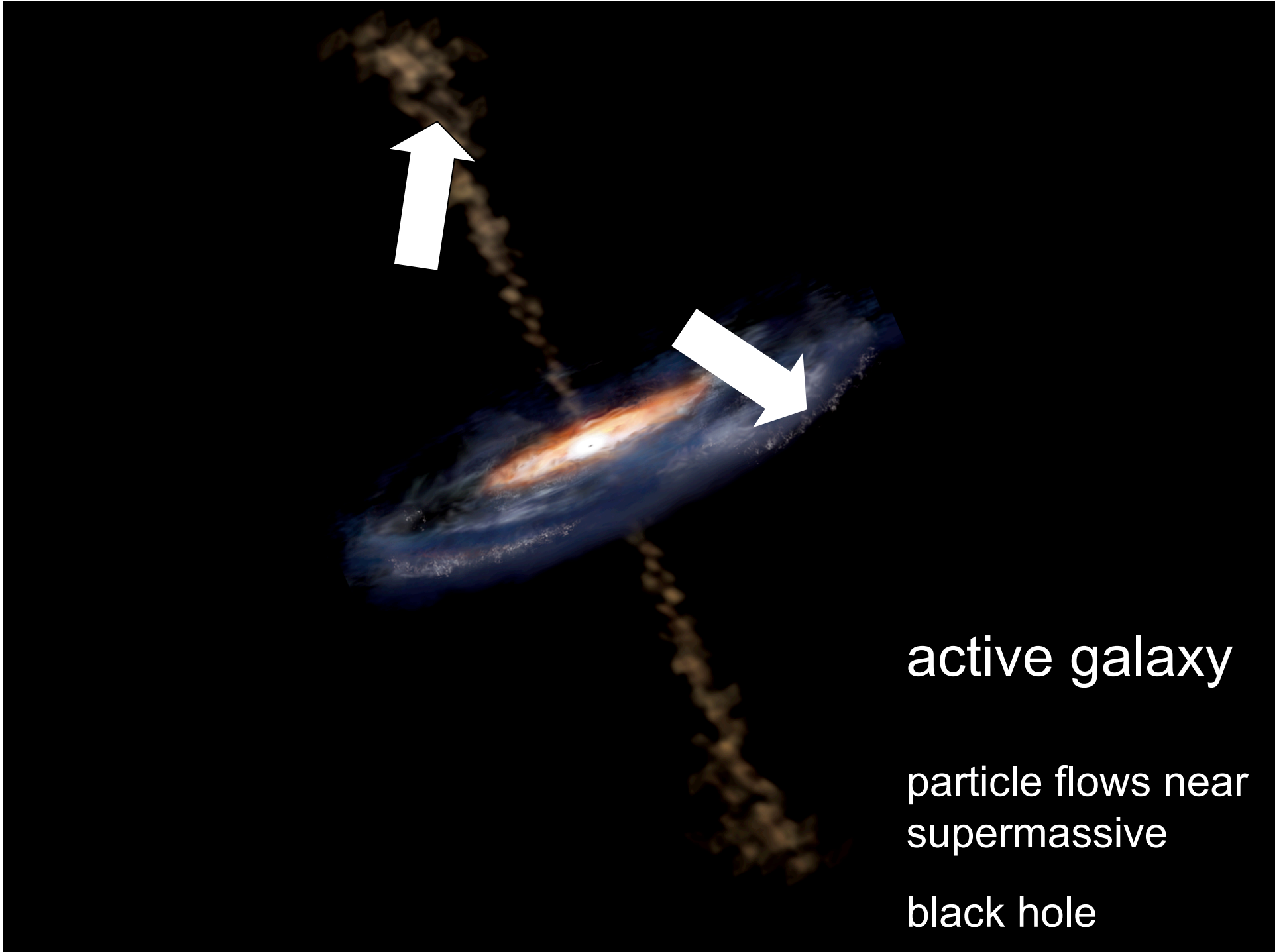
$$\Delta t_{obs} = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \Delta t'$$

- prime: accelerator frame
- observations $\Gamma = \text{a few} - 1000$

light from the blob arrives only 1 year after the light from the agn blob !

superluminal motion



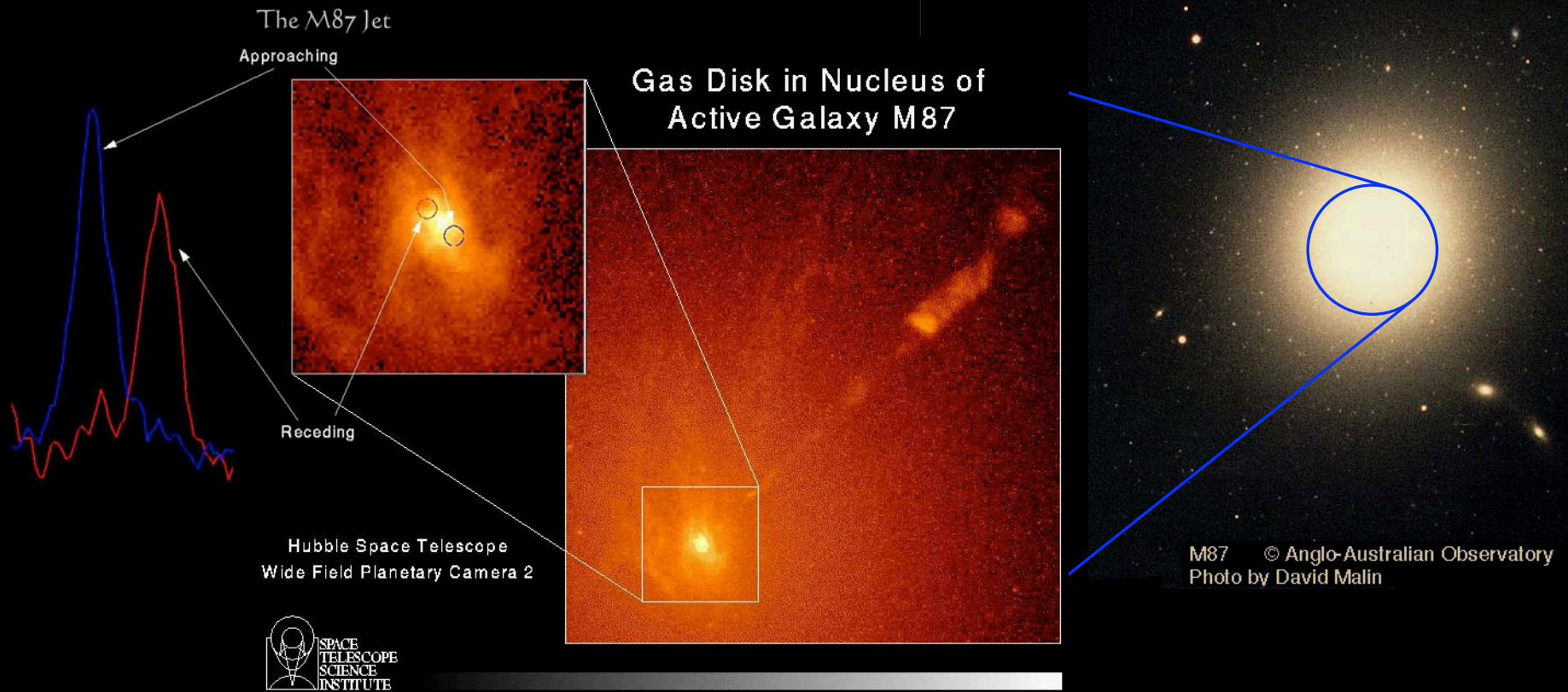


active galaxy

particle flows near
supermassive

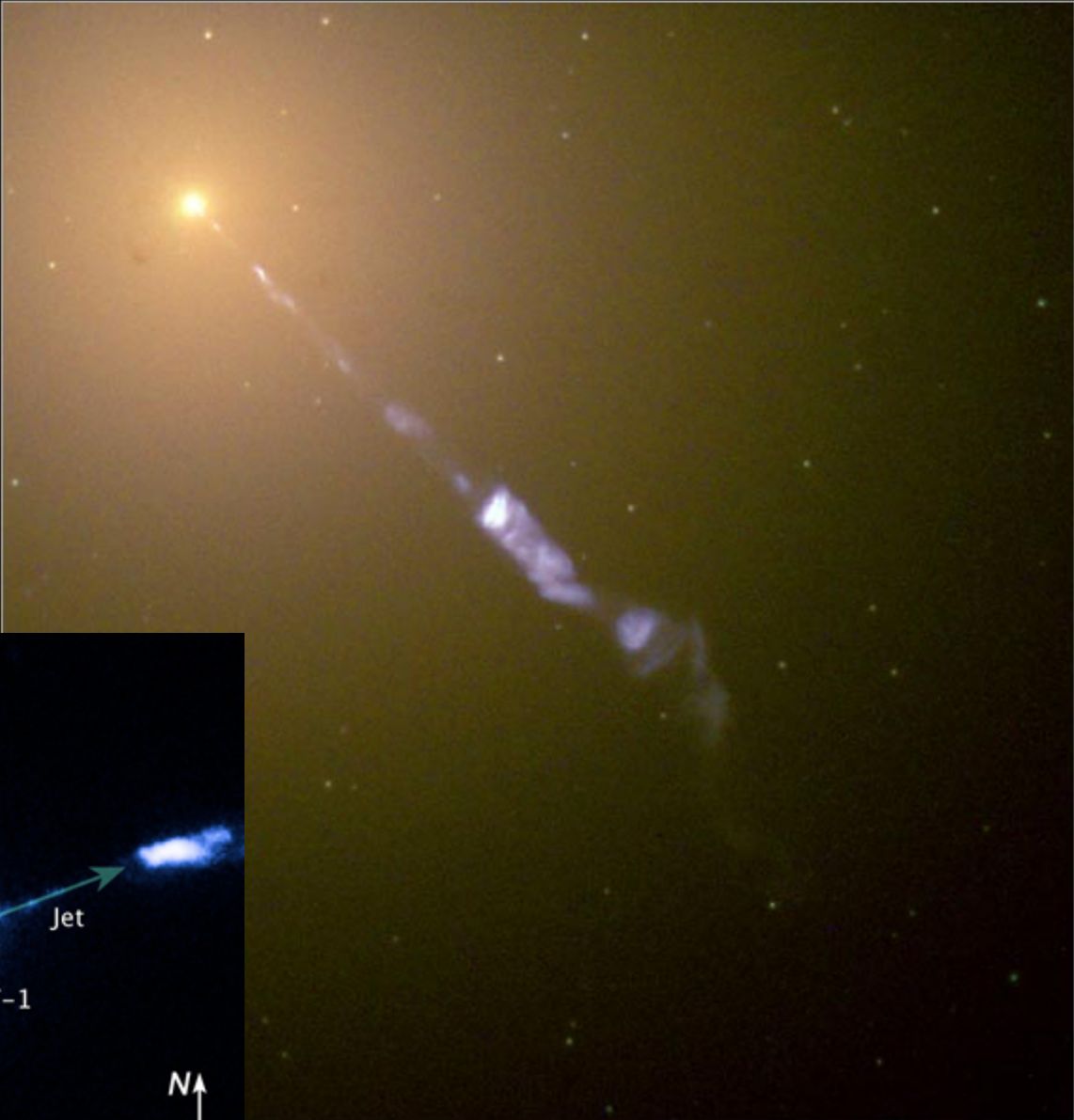
black hole

active galaxy M87

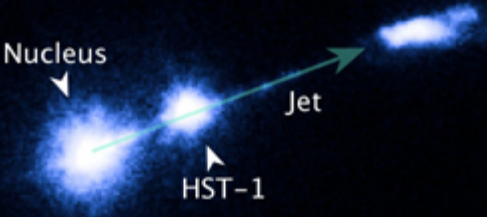


Hubble
Heritage

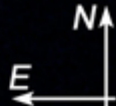
The M87 Jet

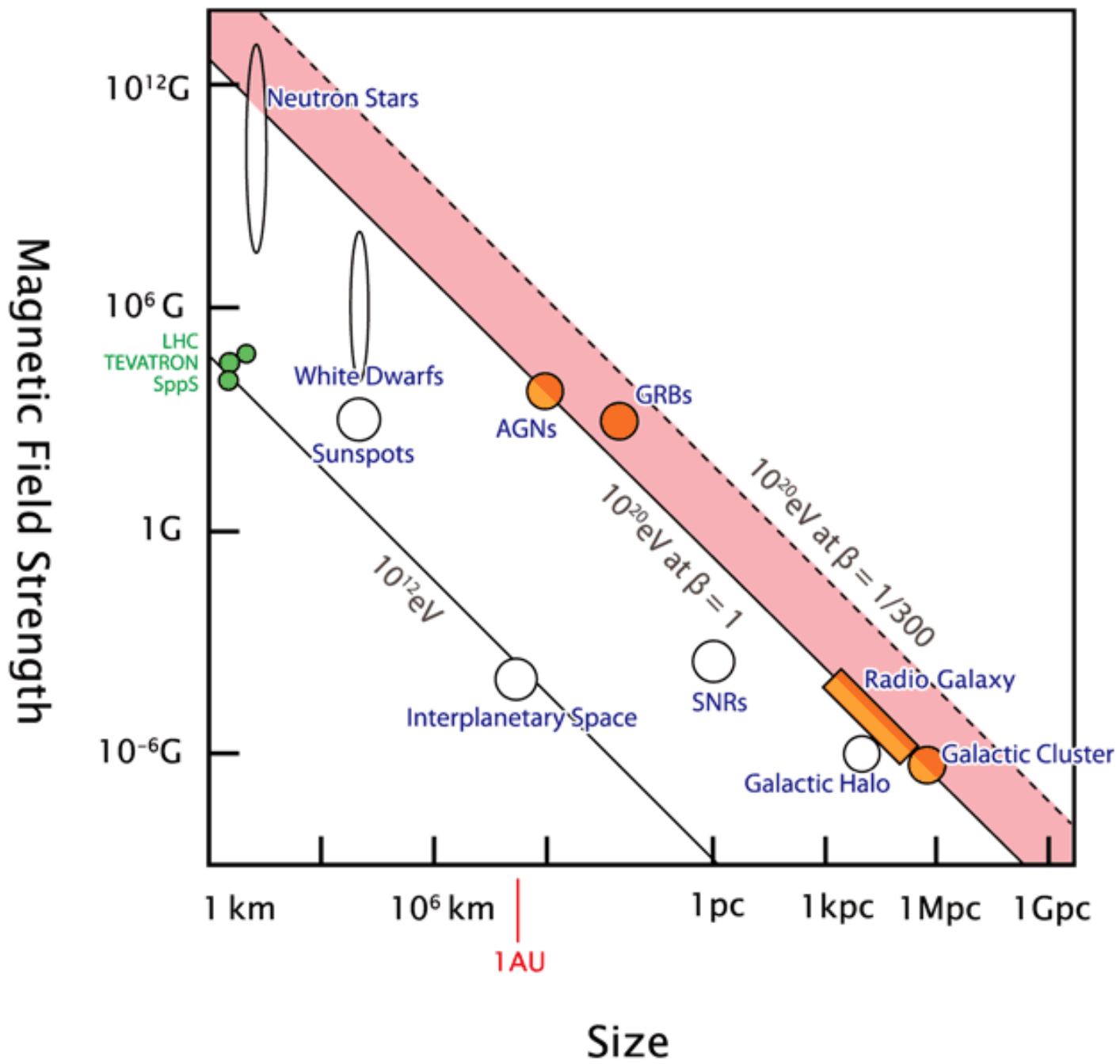


M87 Nucleus July 17, 2002
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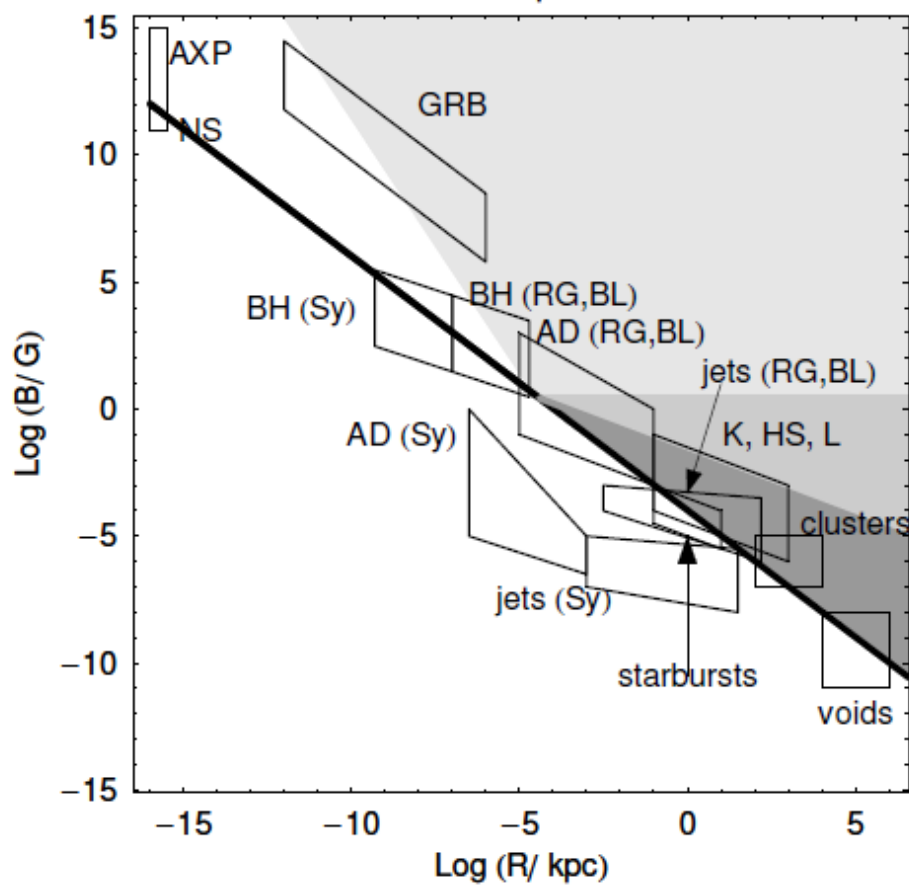


500 light-years
153 pc 1".9

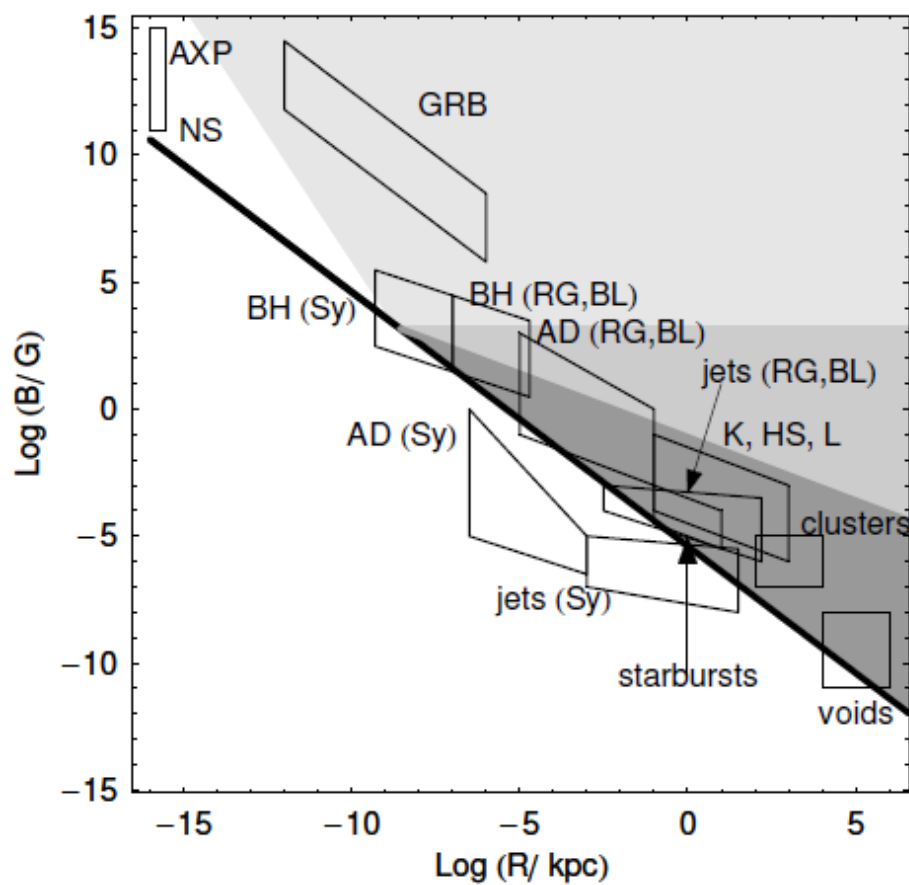




10^{20} eV protons



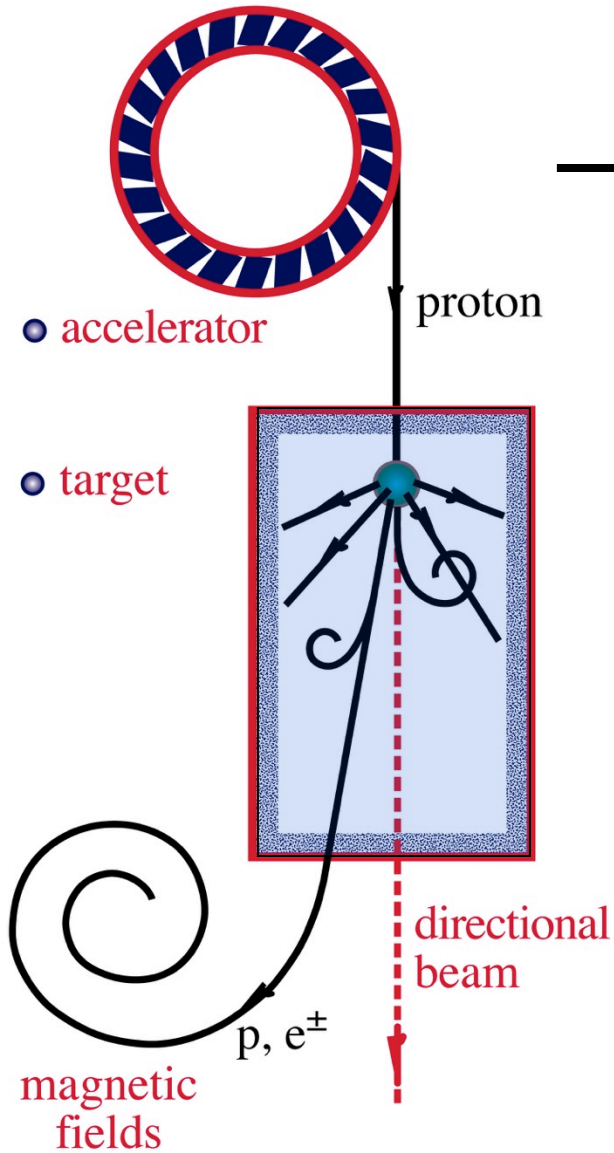
10^{20} eV iron





cosmic rays, gamma rays
and neutrinos

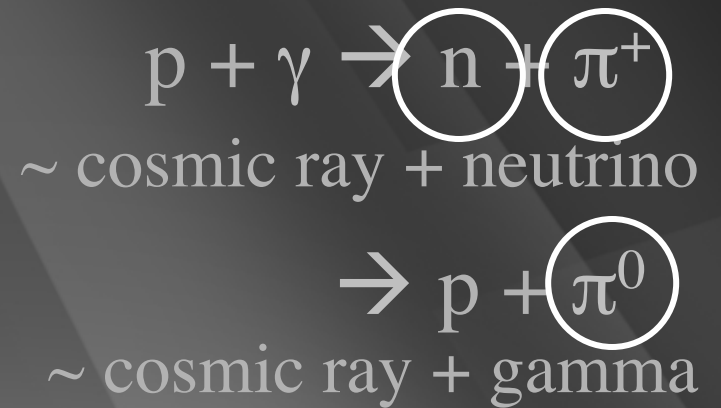
ν and γ beams : heaven and earth



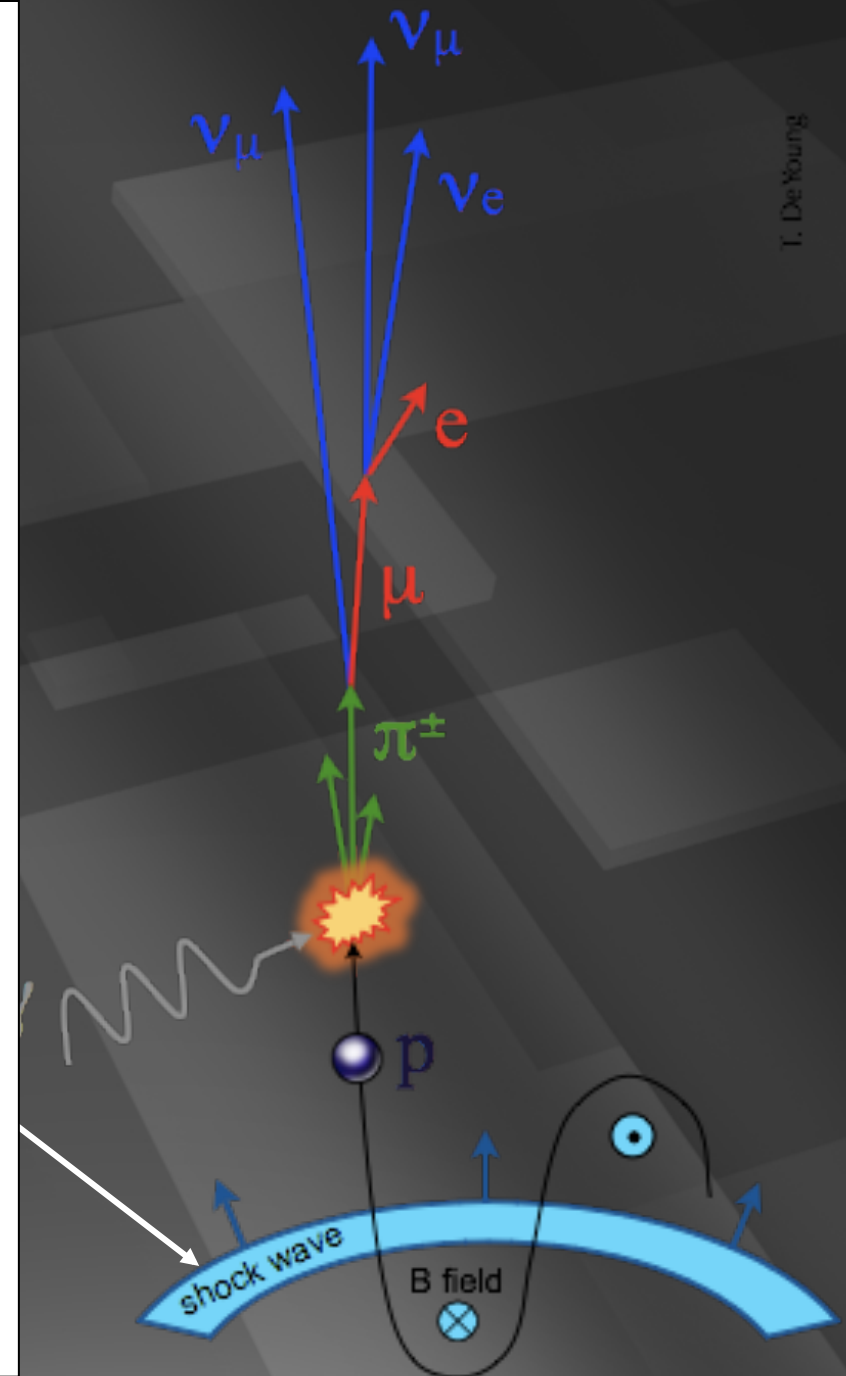
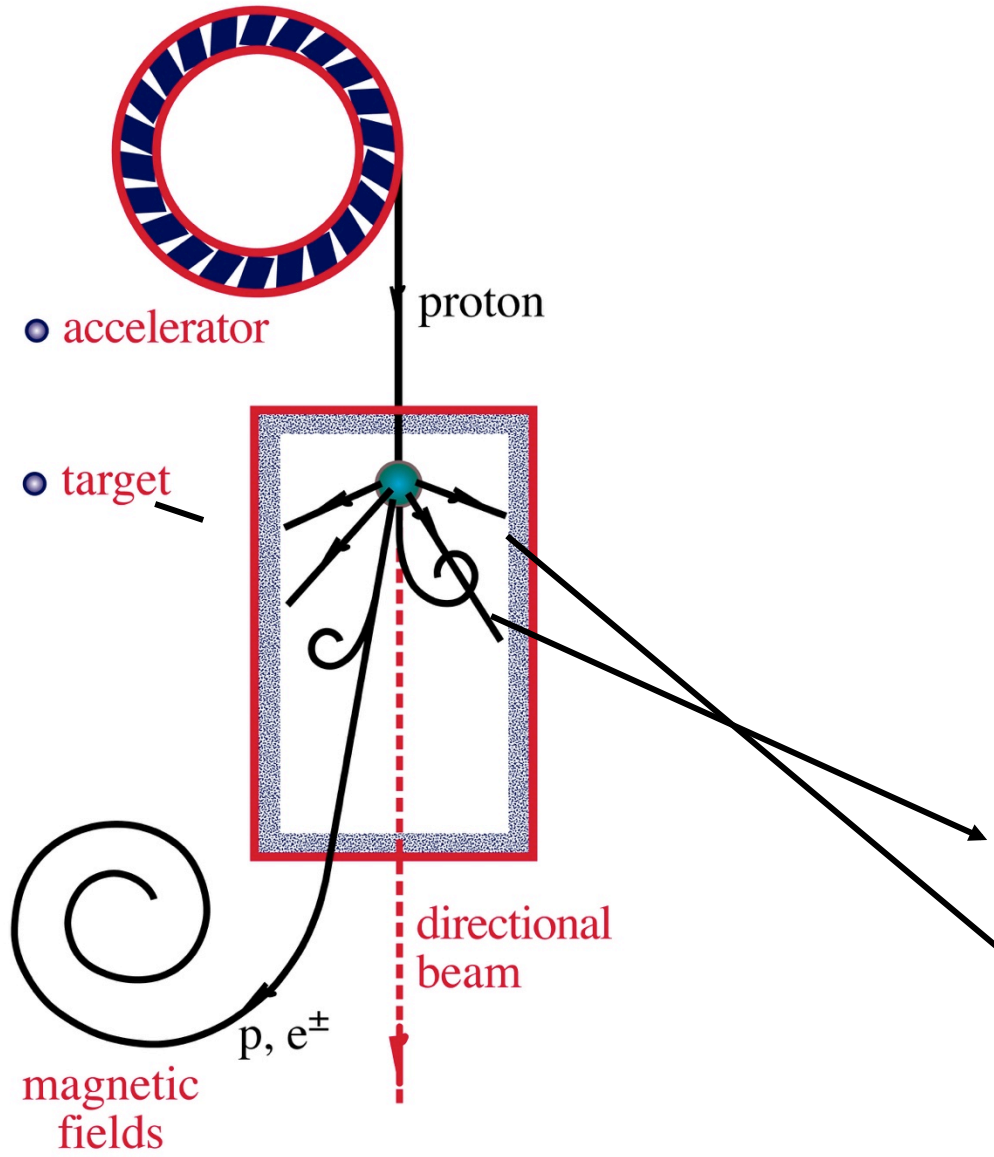
accelerator is powered by large gravitational energy

**black hole
neutron star**

**radiation
and dust**

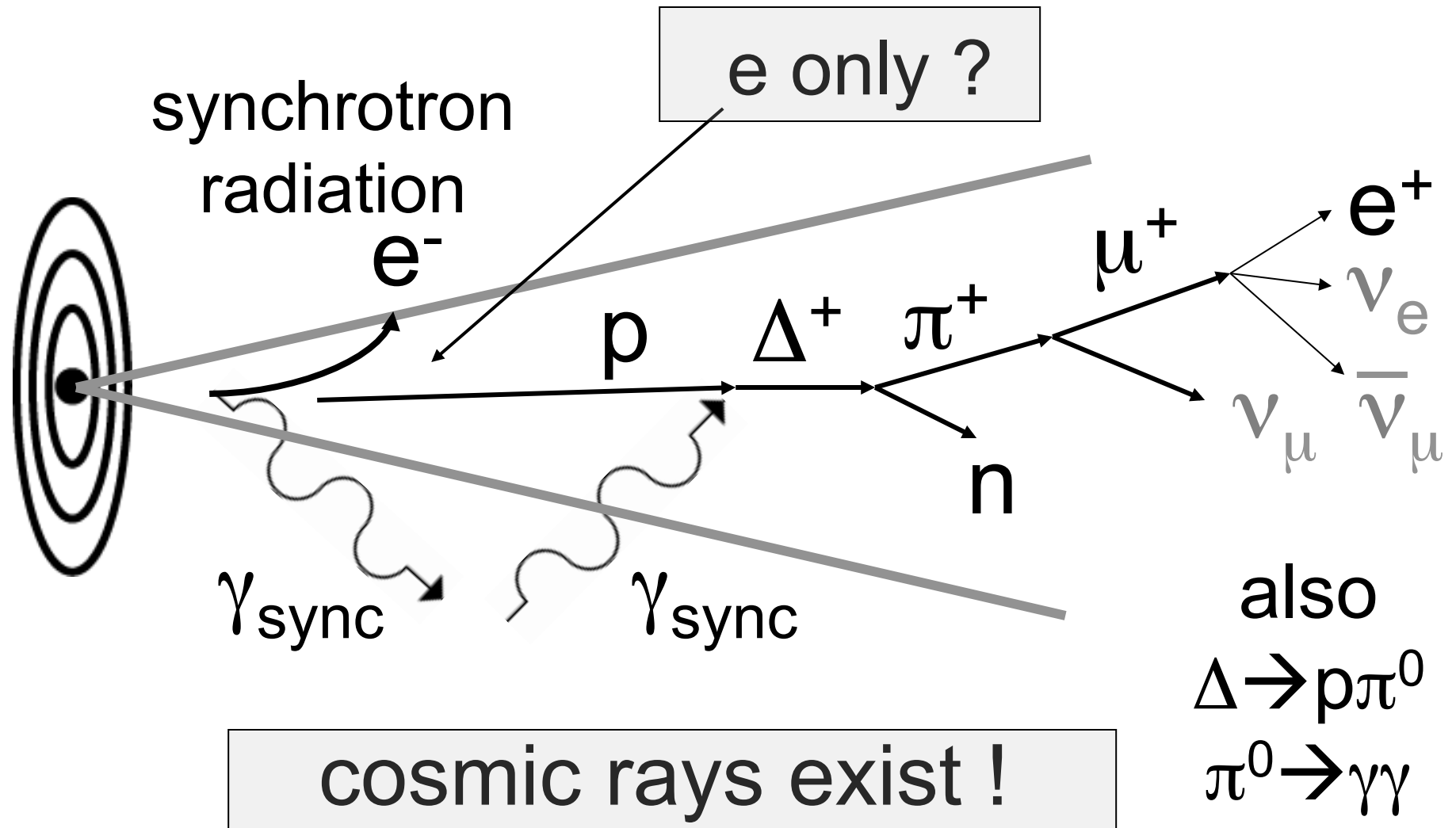


NEUTRINO BEAMS: HEAVEN & EARTH

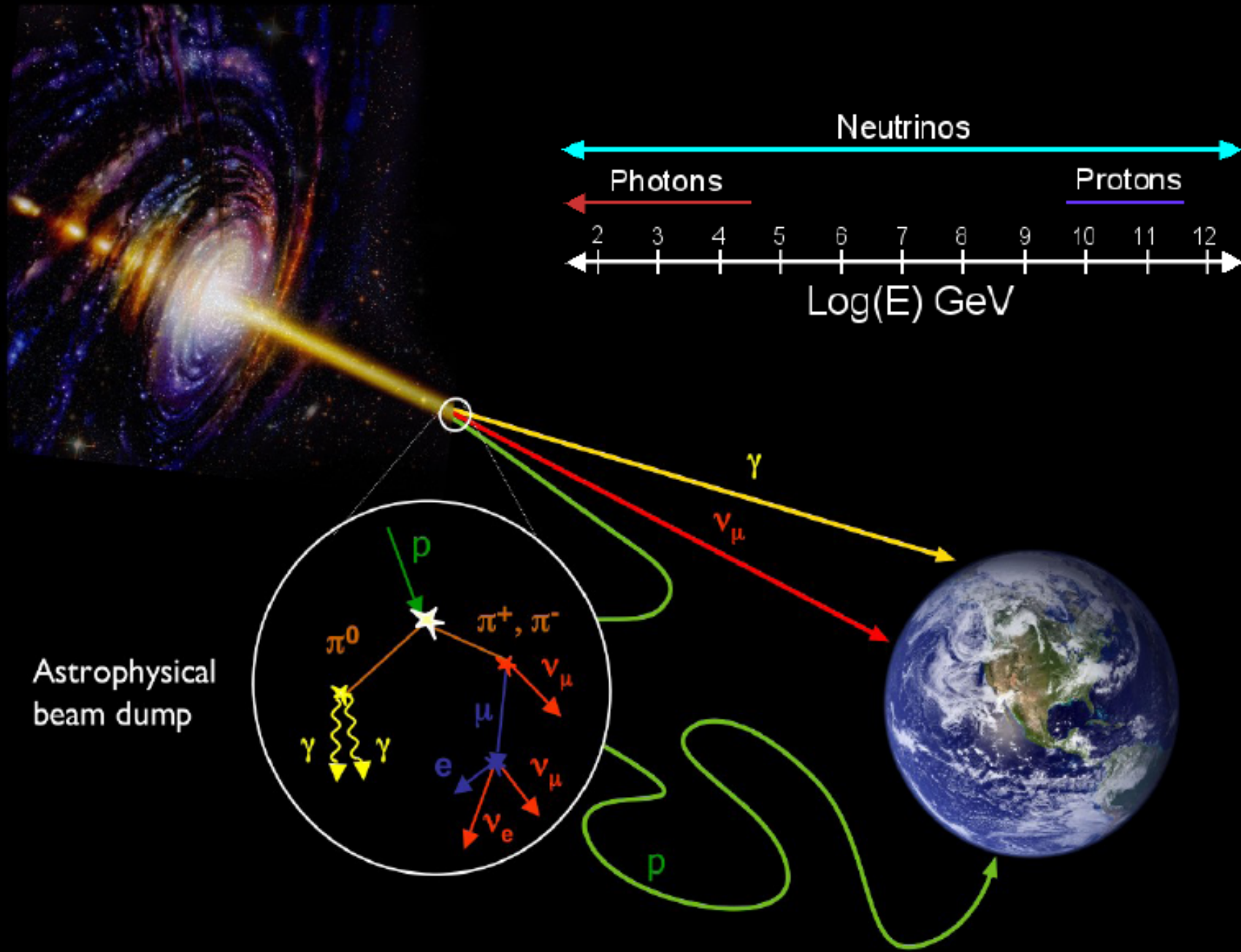


heavenly neutrino beam dump:

photons: synchrotron versus $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Astronomical Messengers

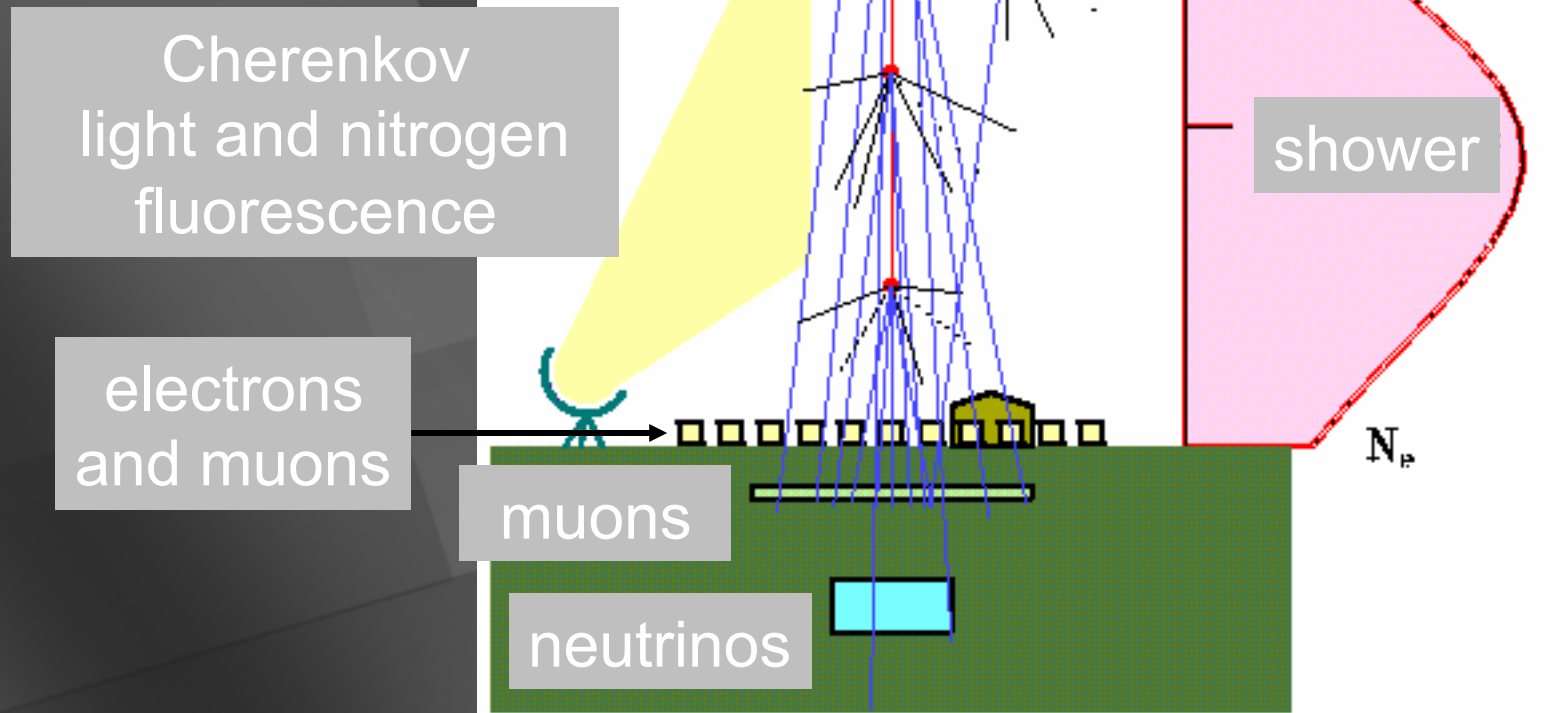


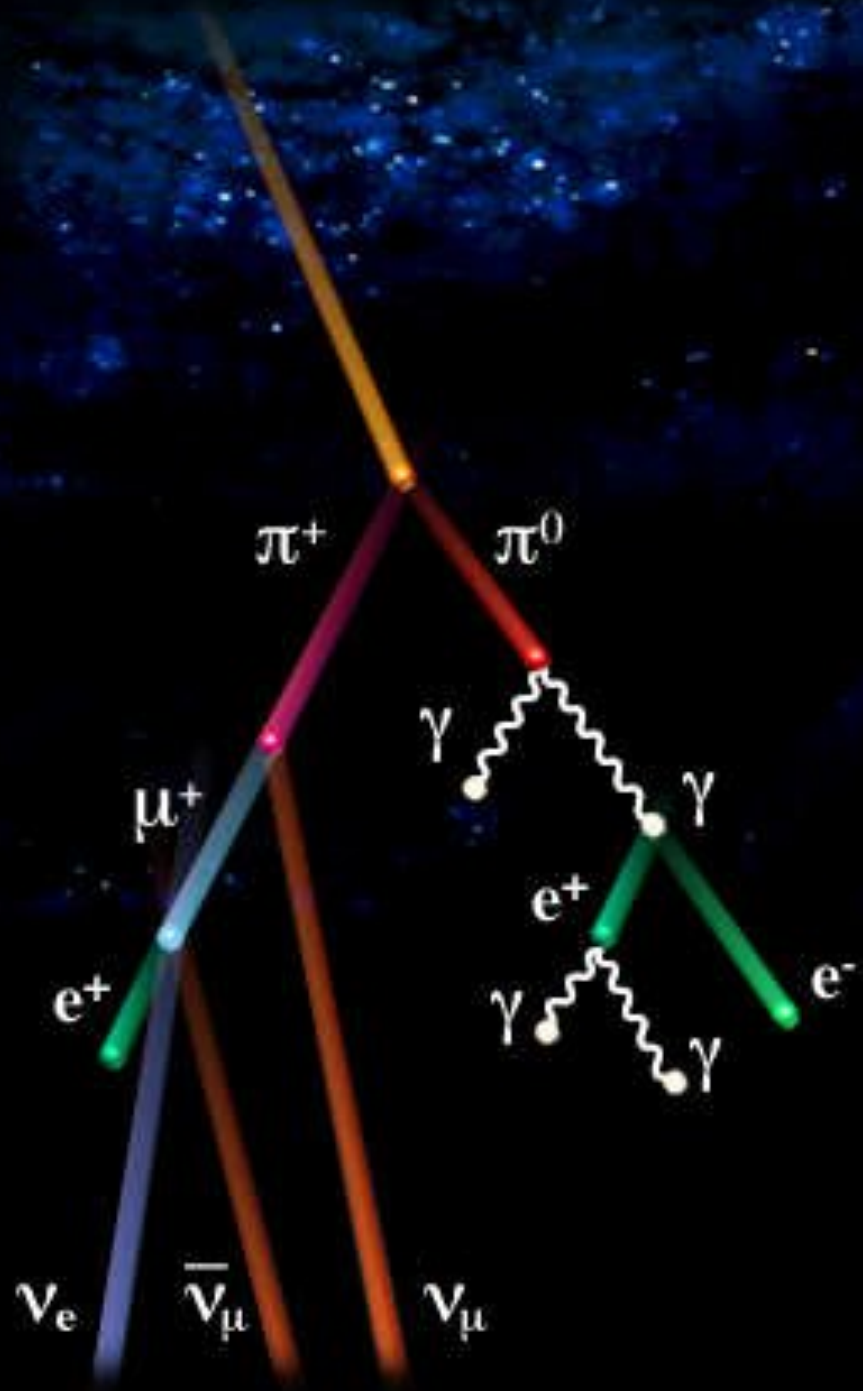
multi-messenger identification of cosmic ray sources

- **cosmic rays** with little magnetic deflection (*flux very low near 10^{20} eV*)
- **pions produced in interactions close to the source**
 - **TeV photons:** *difficult to disentangle from those produced by synchrotron radiation and inverse Compton scattering*
 - **neutrinos:** *difficult to detect (→ rationale for kilometer-scale detectors)*

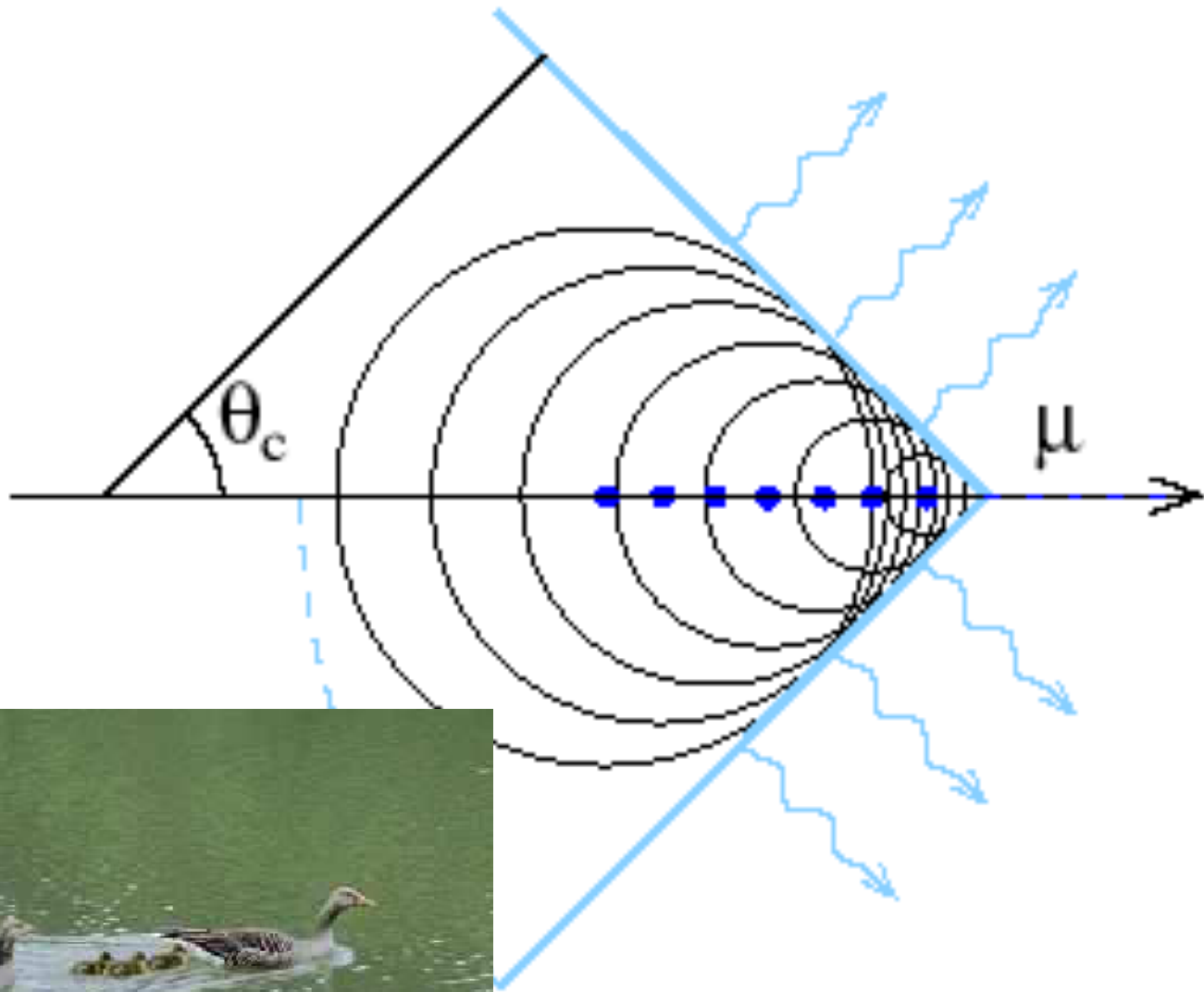
the atmosphere as a particle detector:

- 10 interaction
- 25 radiation lengths

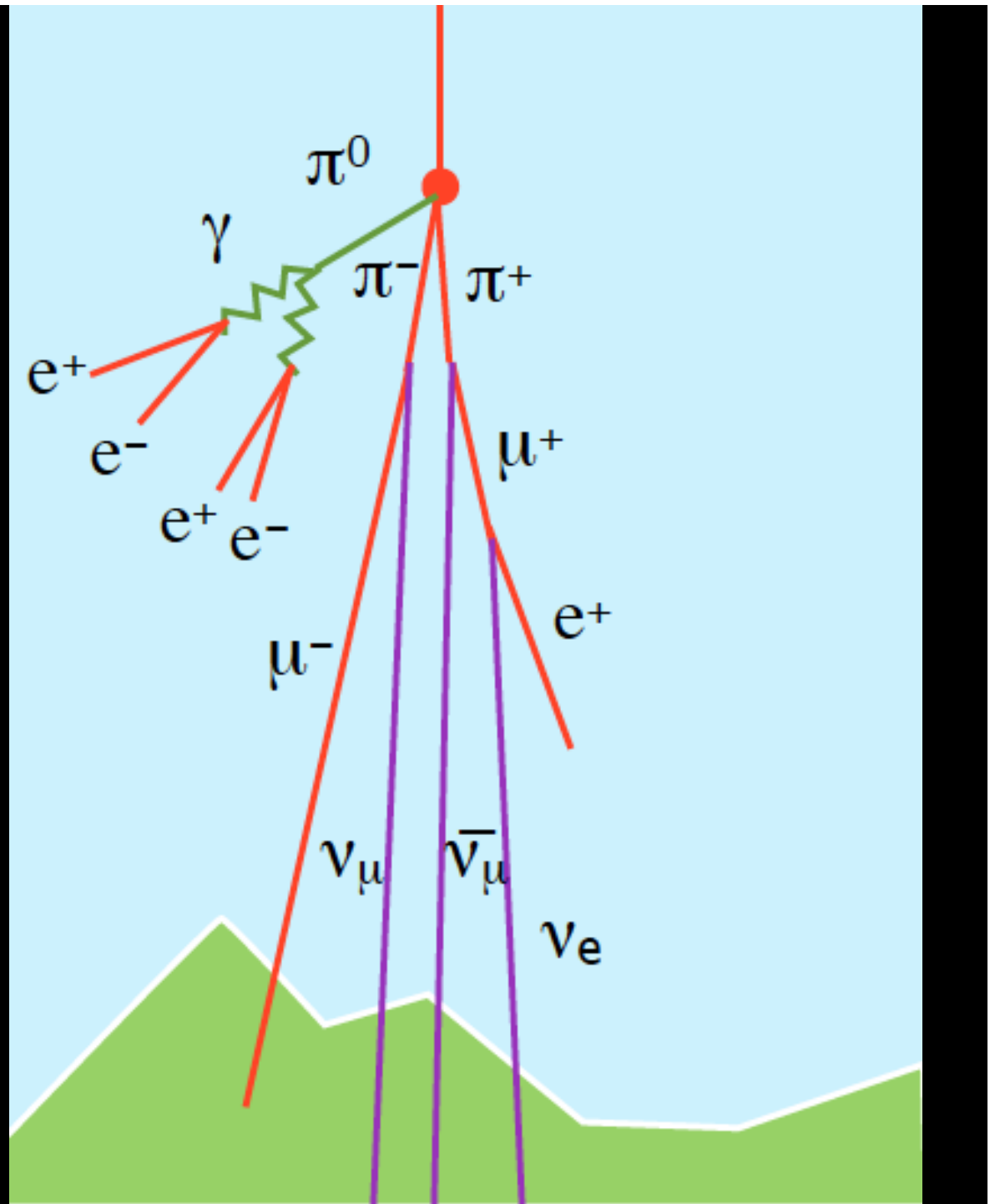




Cherenkov radiation: particle's speed exceeds the speed of light

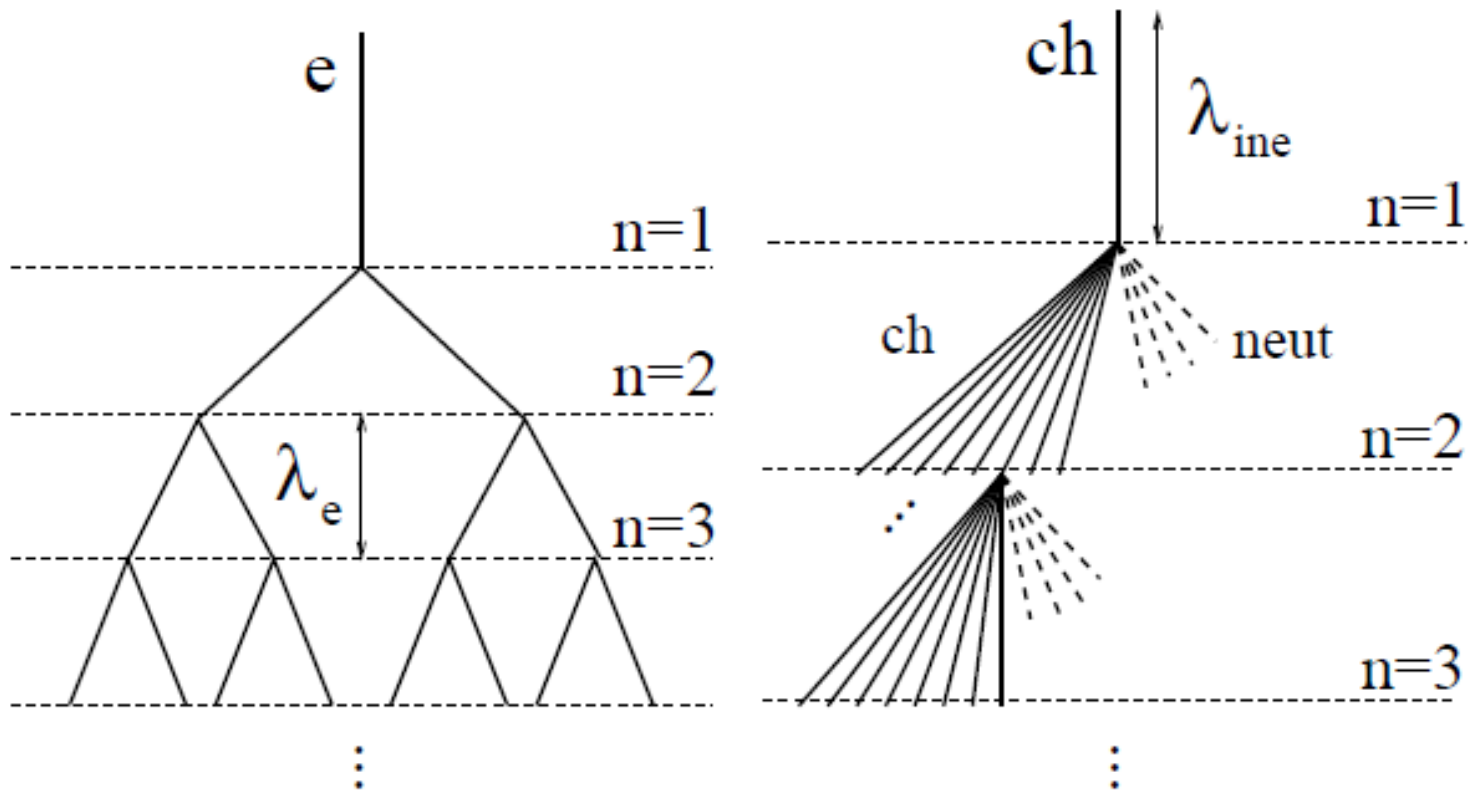


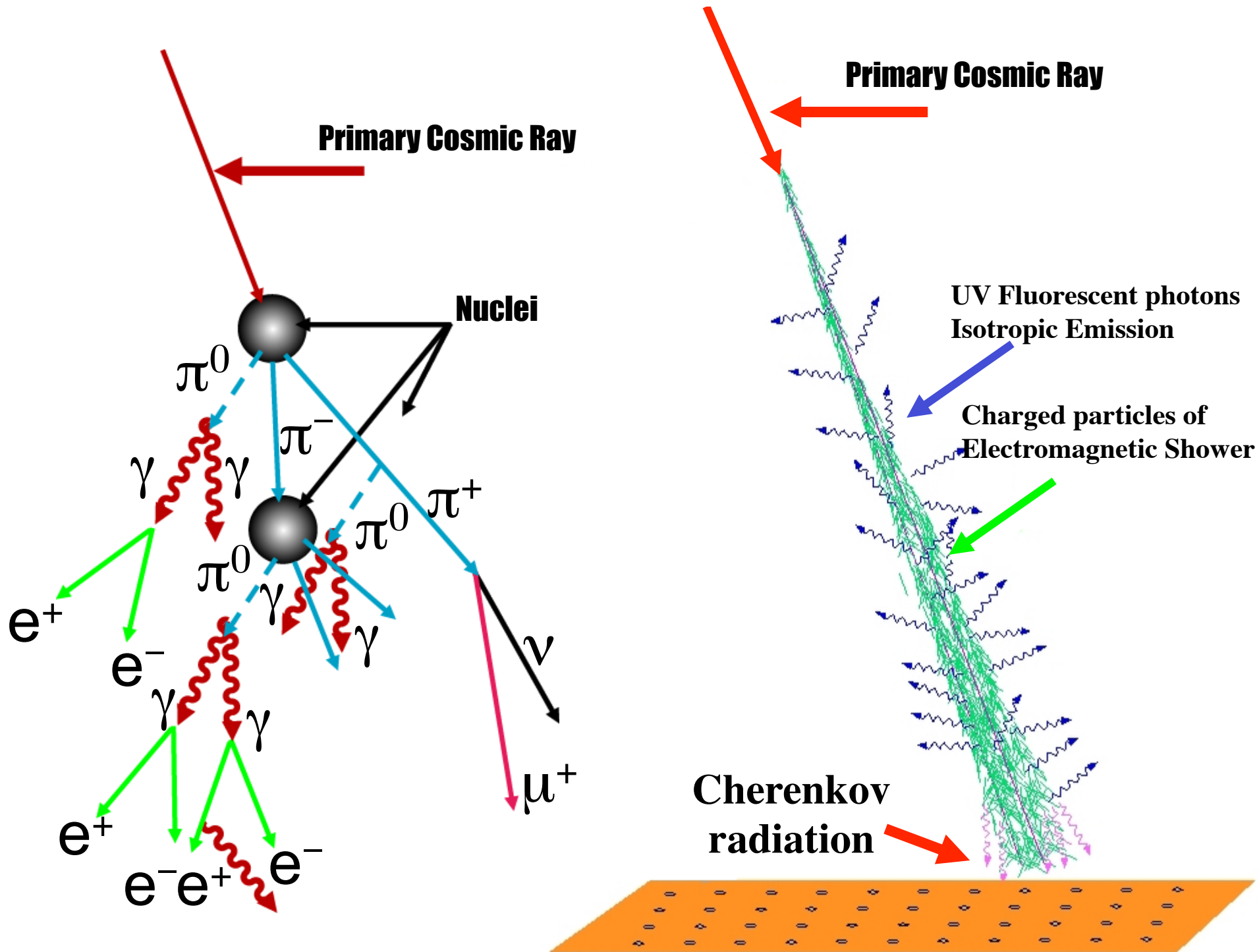
atmospheric muons and neutrinos

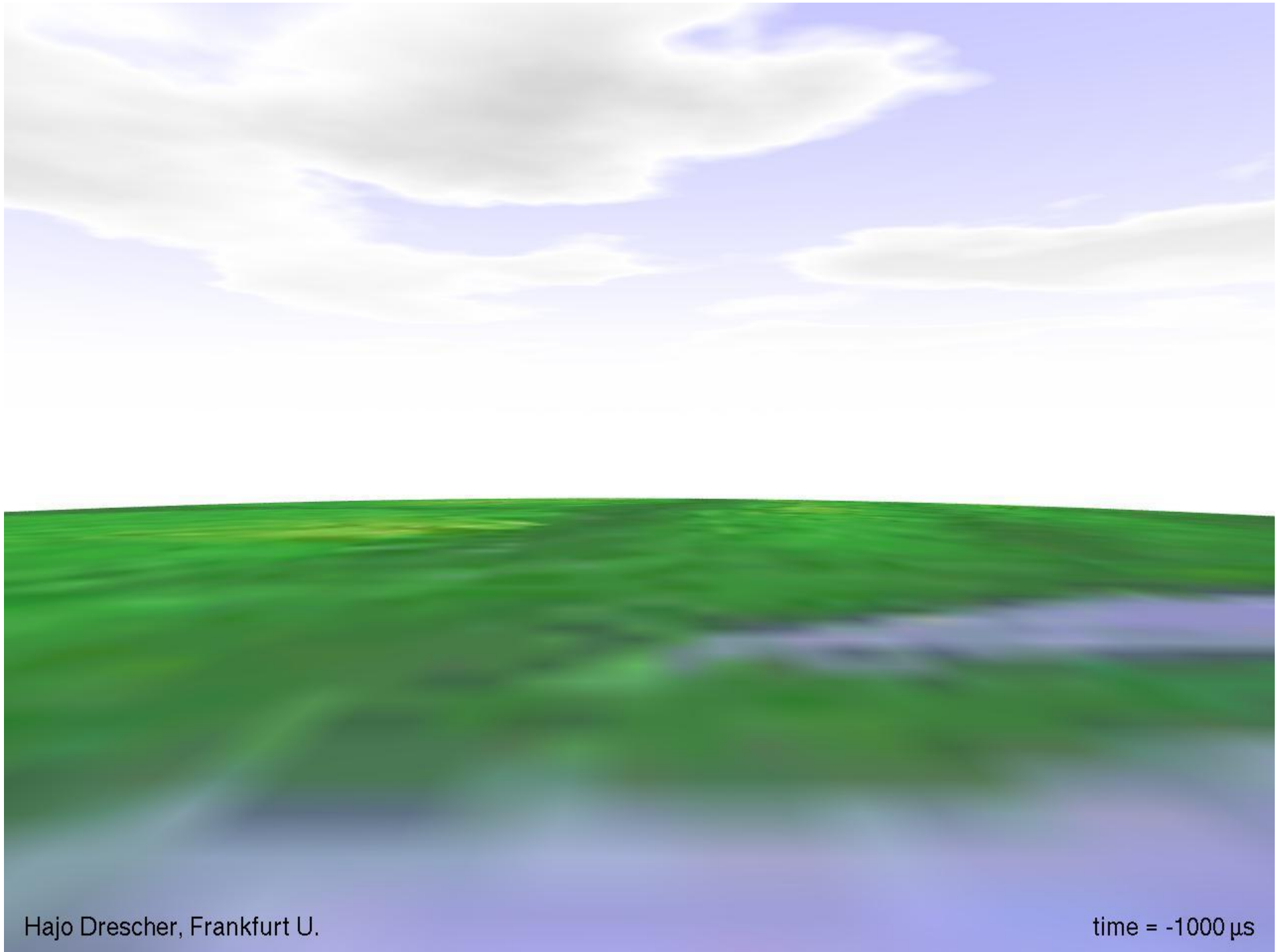


electromagnetic and hadronic showers

cross sections for $\gamma + \text{air} \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $e + \text{air} \rightarrow \gamma+e$
are approximately equal

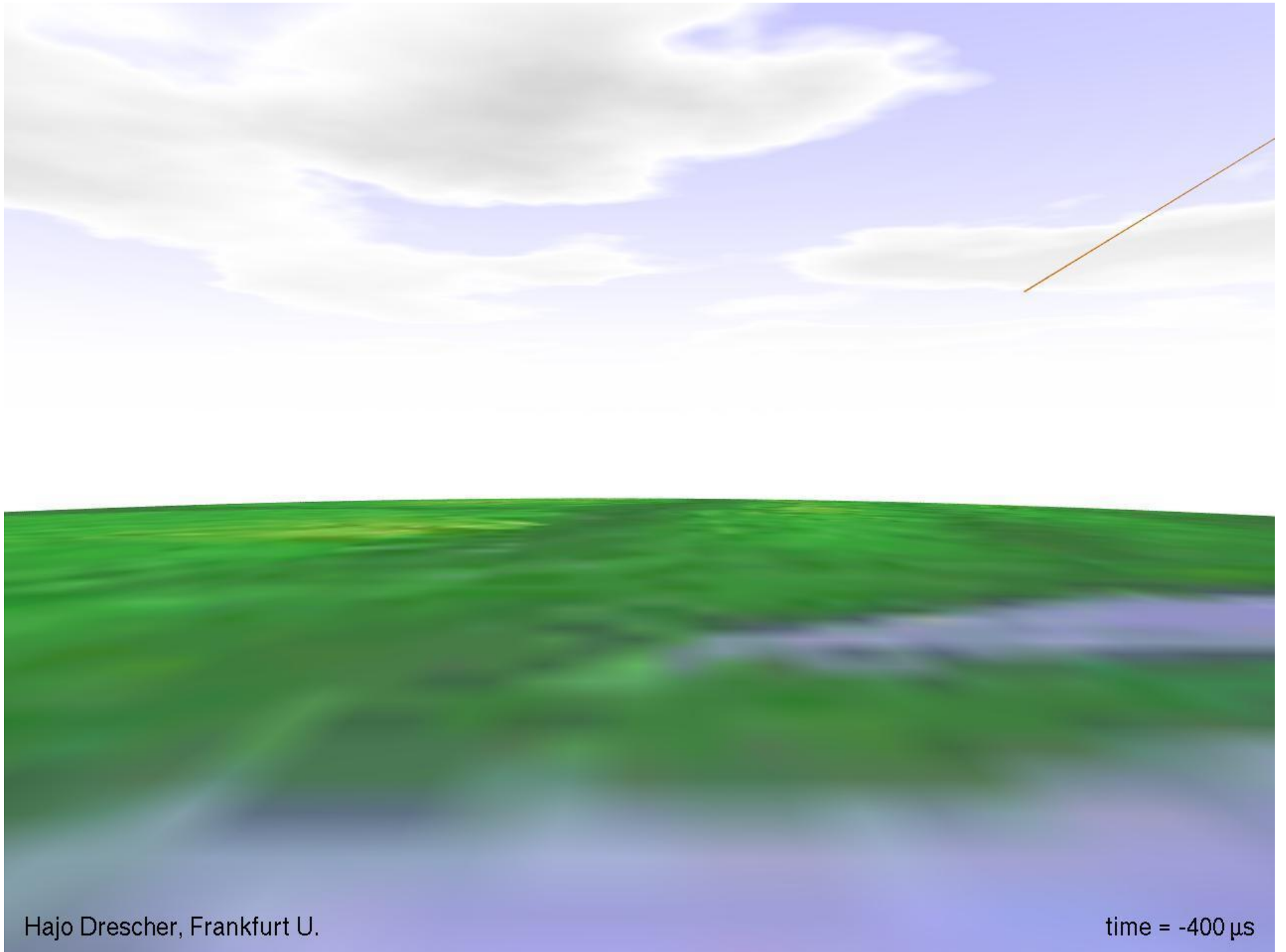






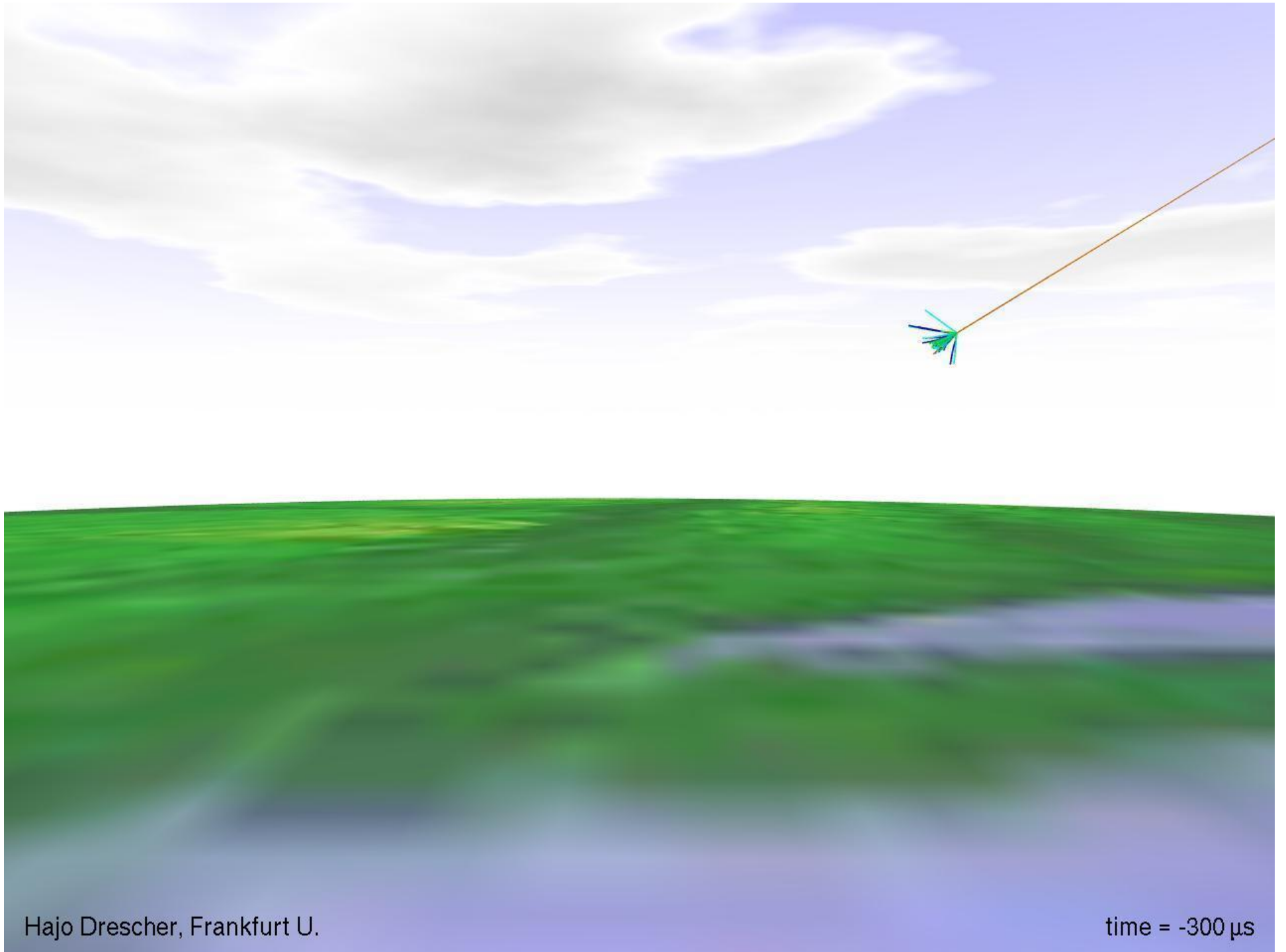
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time = -1000 μ s



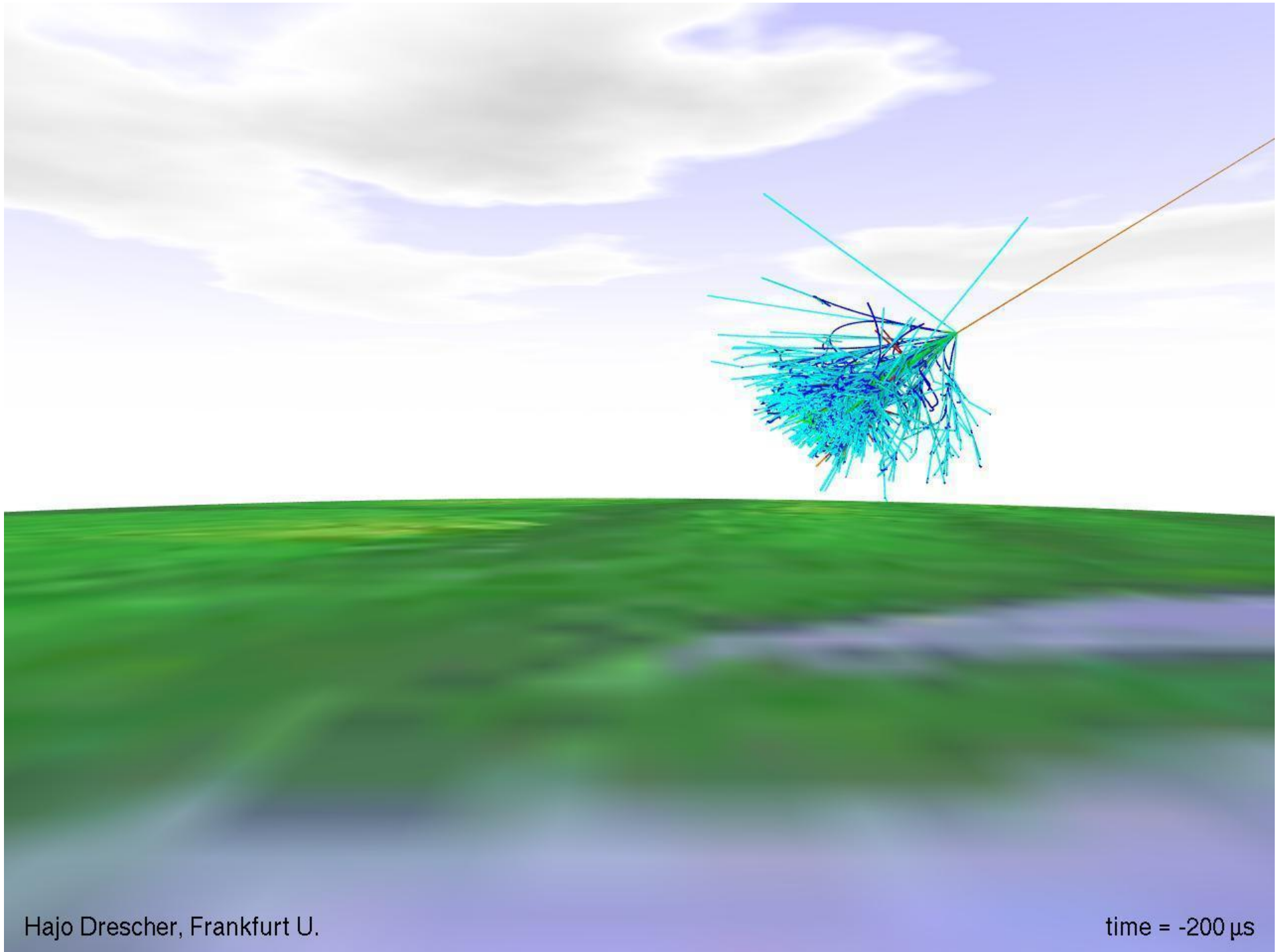
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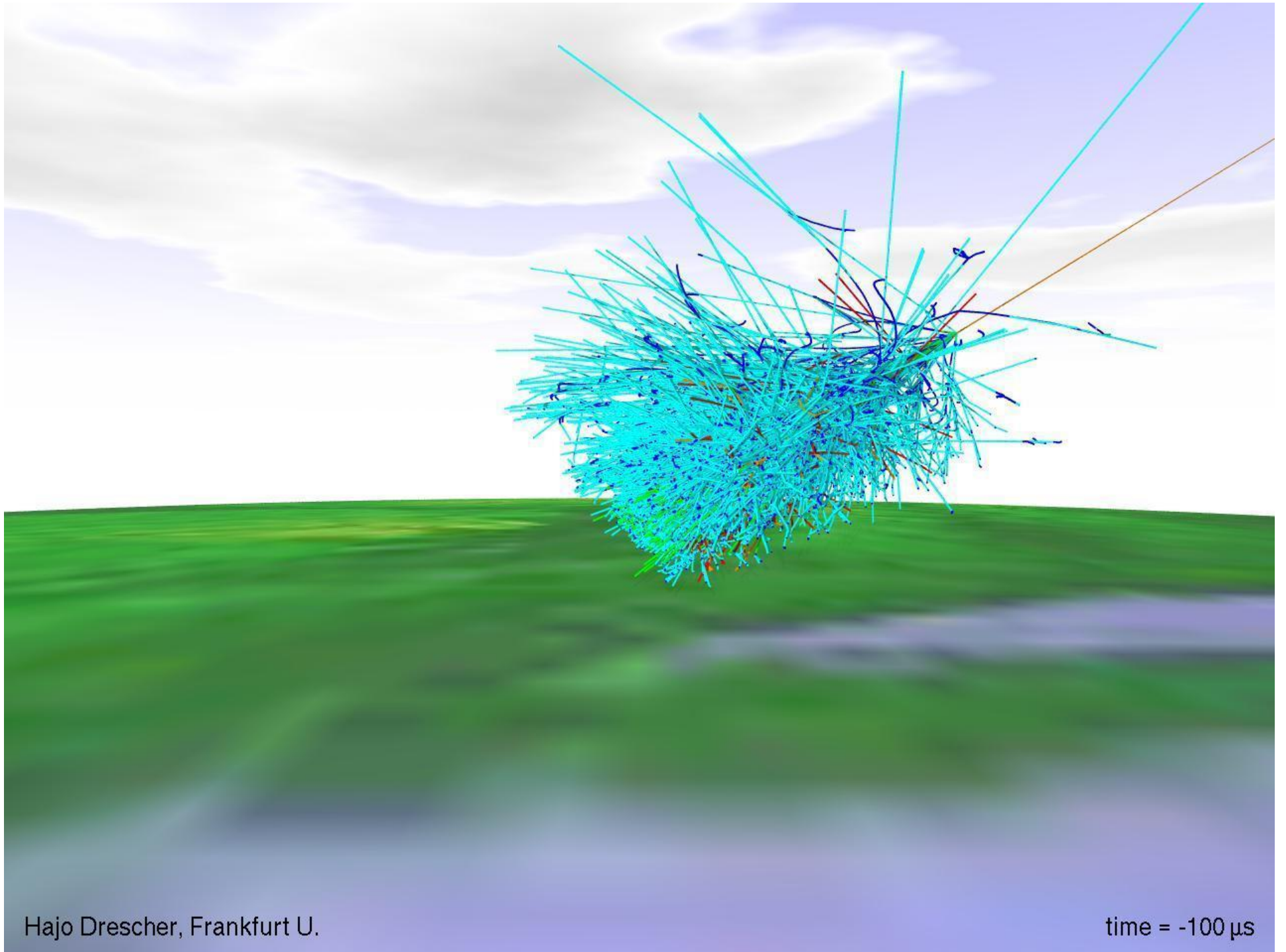
time = -400 μ s

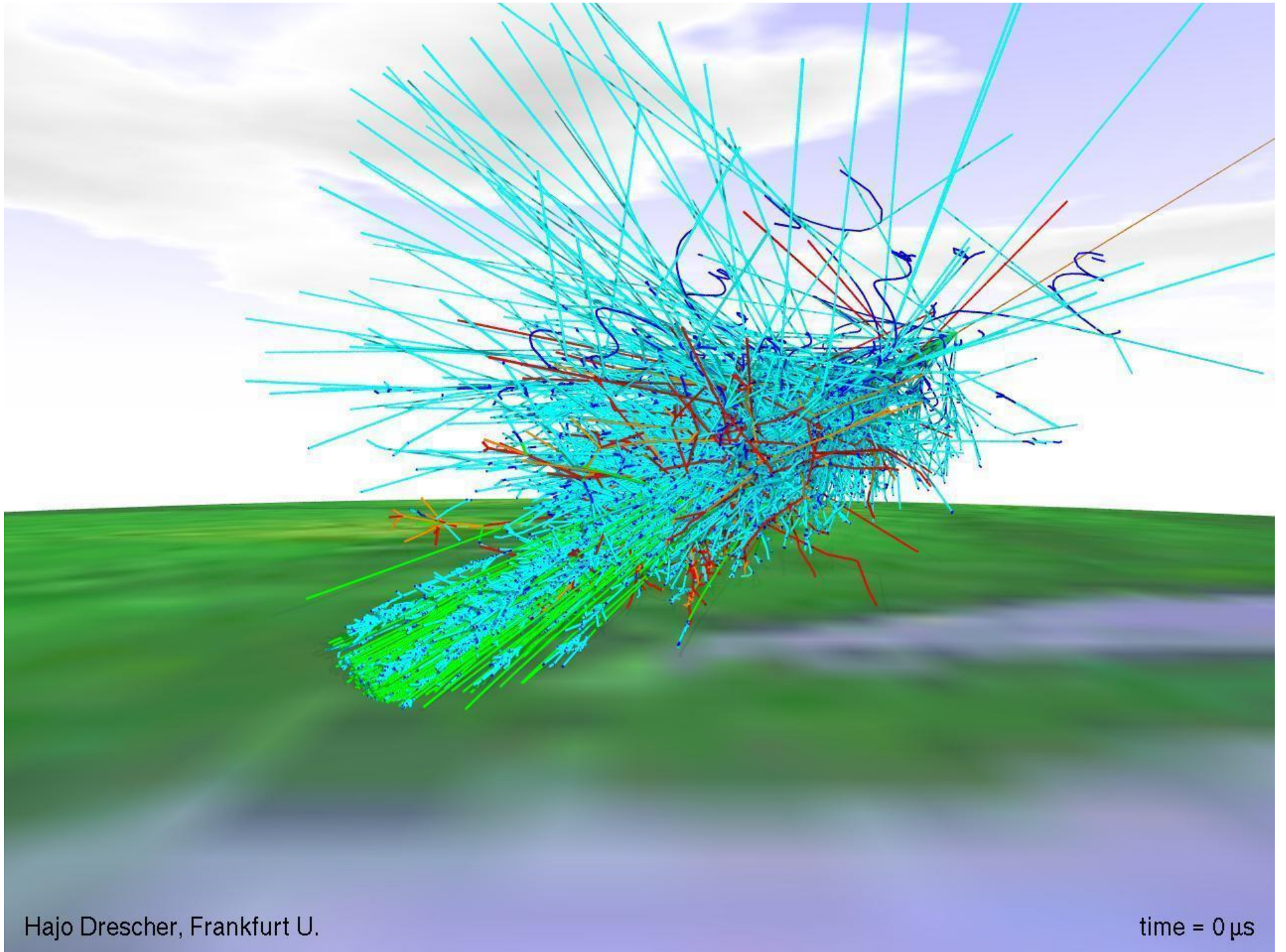


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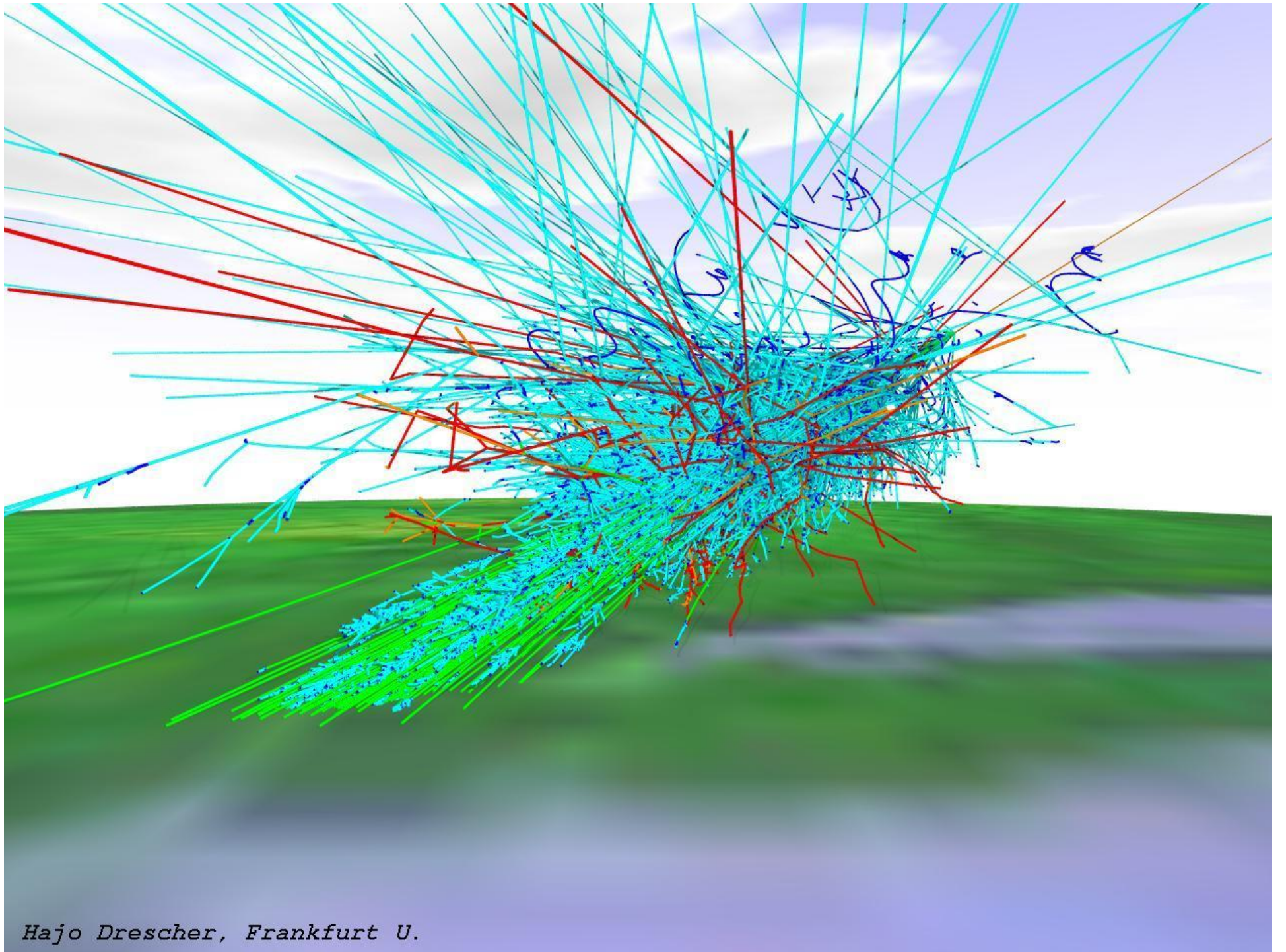






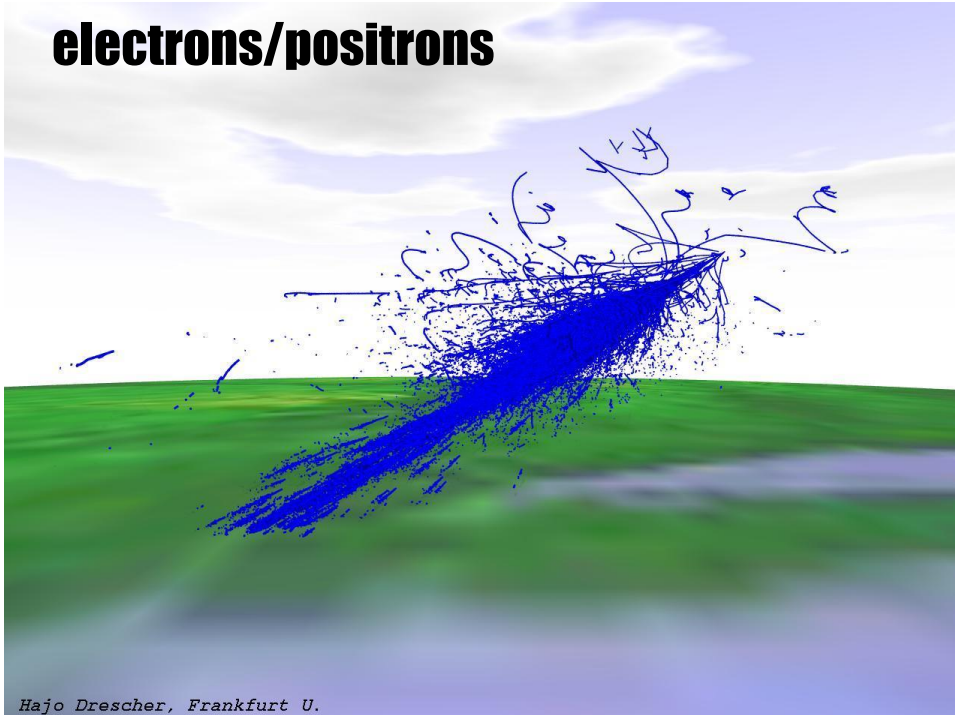
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time = 0 μ s



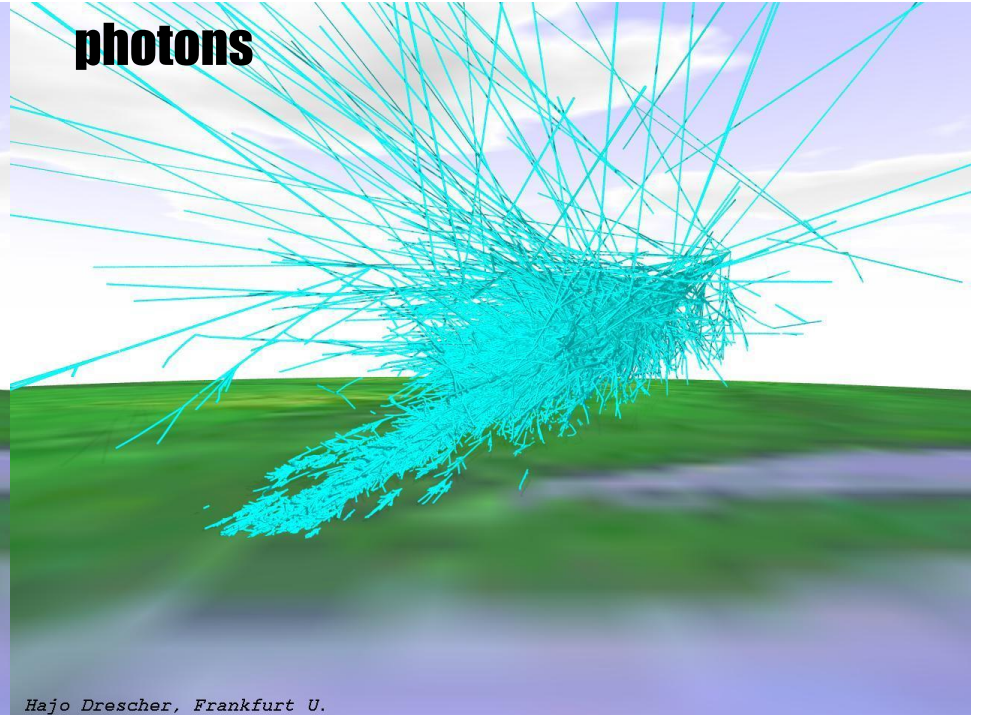
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electrons/positrons



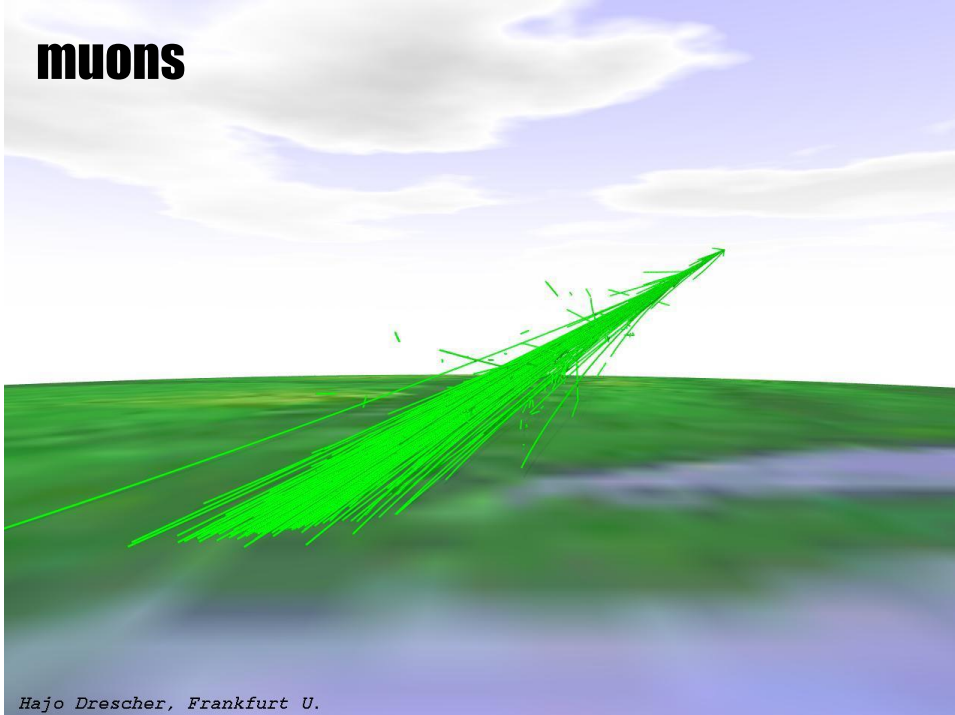
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photons



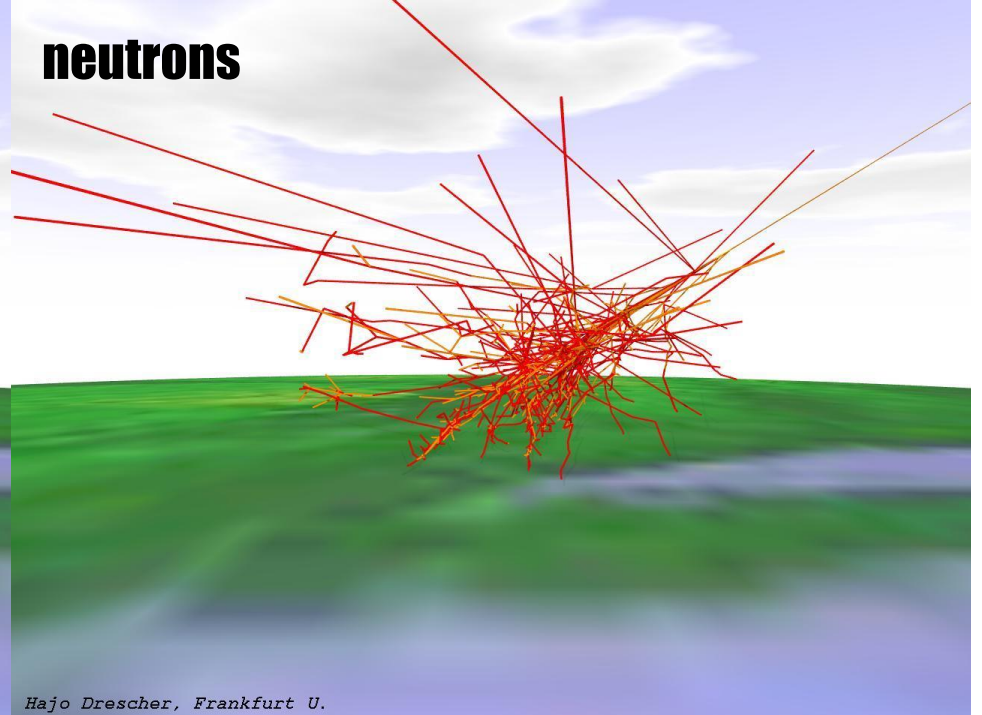
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muons



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neutrons



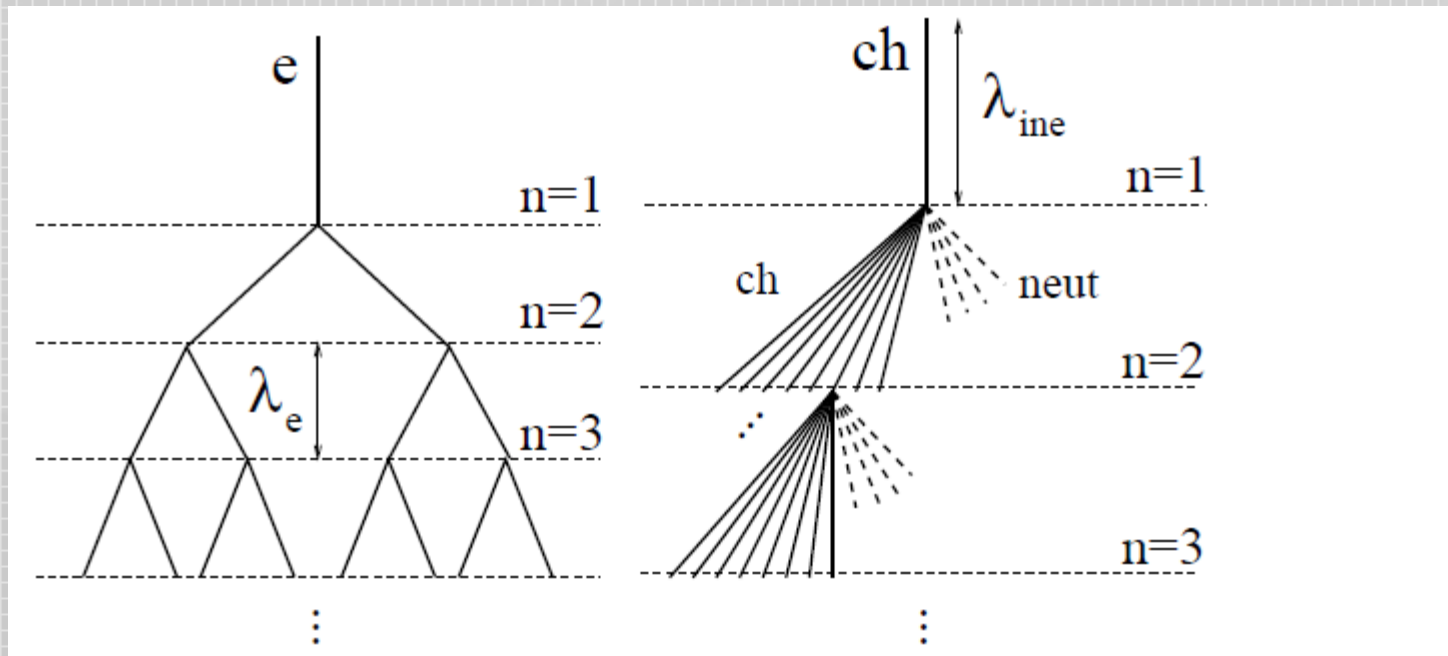
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air showers

- the atmosphere is a detector with a total depth of 25 radiation length (λ_e) and 10 interaction length (λ_{ine}).
- an electromagnetic shower penetrates N radiation lengths until the particle energy is reduced to the critical energy of $E_c \sim 85$ MeV where bremsstrahlung stops and the shower is absorbed in the atmosphere by e ionization. It is observed by the detection of electrons, positrons and (mostly) photons.
- a hadronic showers travels N' interaction lengths producing pions down to an energy ε_π where the pion interaction length is shorter than its decay length. At that point muon production stops.

electromagnetic showers

cross sections for $\gamma + \text{air} \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $e + \text{air} \rightarrow \gamma + e$
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electromagnetic showers

number of particles n after N steps; depth $X = N \lambda_e$

$$n(X) = 2^N = 2^{\frac{X}{\lambda_e}} \quad \text{and} \quad E(X) = \frac{E_i}{2^N} = \frac{E_i}{2^{\frac{X}{\lambda_e}}}$$

after complete development $N_{\max} = \lambda_e X_{\max}$

$$E(X_{\max}) = E_c = \frac{E_i}{2^{\frac{X_{\max}}{\lambda_e}}} \rightarrow n_{\max} = 2^{N_{\max}} = 2^{\frac{X_{\max}}{\lambda_e}} = \frac{E_i}{E_c}$$

therefore

$$X_{\max} \approx \lambda_e \ln \frac{E_i}{E_c} \quad \text{and} \quad n_{\max} = \frac{E_i}{E_c}$$

hadronic showers

$$\lambda_e \quad \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

$$\lambda_{ine} \quad p \rightarrow n(\pi^0 + \pi^+ + \pi^-) \quad \text{with} \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma \rightarrow \text{em shower}$$

$$\pi^{ch} \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu \rightarrow \text{muons}$$

$$E_{had} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^N E_i \quad \text{and} \quad E_{em} = \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^N\right] E_i$$

electromagnetic shower \rightarrow dictates total depth

$$X_{\max}^{em} = \lambda_{ine} + X_{\max}^e \approx \lambda_{ine} + \lambda_e \ln\left(\frac{E_i}{n E_c}\right)$$

hadronic shower : $N\lambda_{ine}$ from $E_i \rightarrow \varepsilon_\pi \approx 150 \text{ GeV}$

$$\varepsilon_\pi = \frac{E_i}{n^N} \rightarrow n_\mu = n_{ch}^N \equiv \left(\frac{E_i}{\varepsilon_\pi}\right)^\alpha \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{\ln n_{ch}}{\ln n} \approx 0.82 - 0.95$$

showers: nuclei

mass A with energy $E \approx A$ showers with energy $\frac{E}{A}$

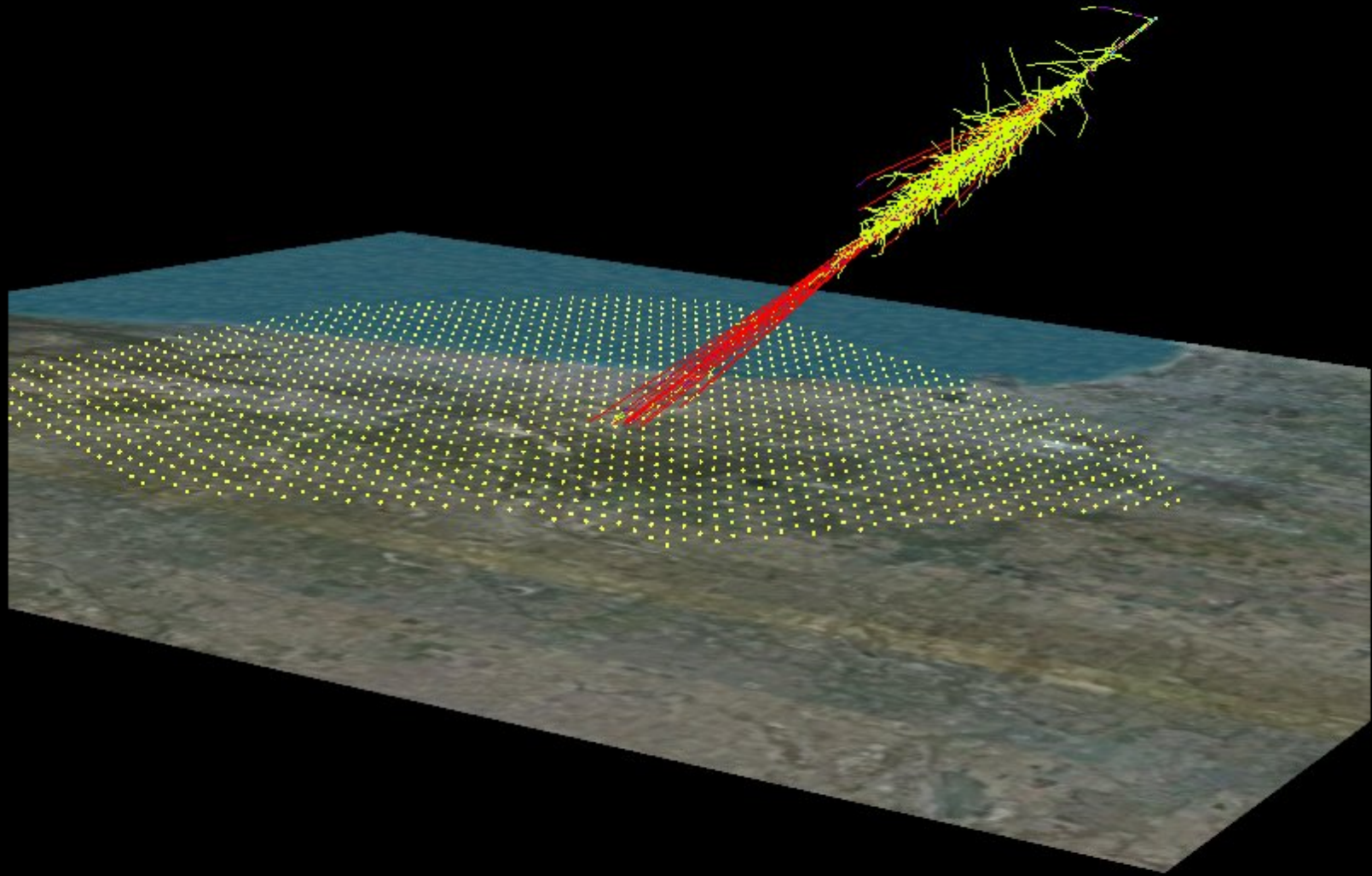
$$N_{\max}^A \approx A \frac{E_p}{E_c} = \frac{E_i}{E_c} = N_{\max} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{\max}^A \approx \frac{E_i}{A} X_{\max}$$

$$n_{\mu}^A \approx A \left(\frac{E_i / A}{\varepsilon_{\pi}} \right)^{\alpha} = A^{1-\alpha} n_{\mu}$$

progress through instrumentation

- Auger, Telescope Array ...
- HESS, Magic, Veritas, Milagro, Tibet, Argo ... HAWC
- IceCube and KM3NeT ...

cosmic rays



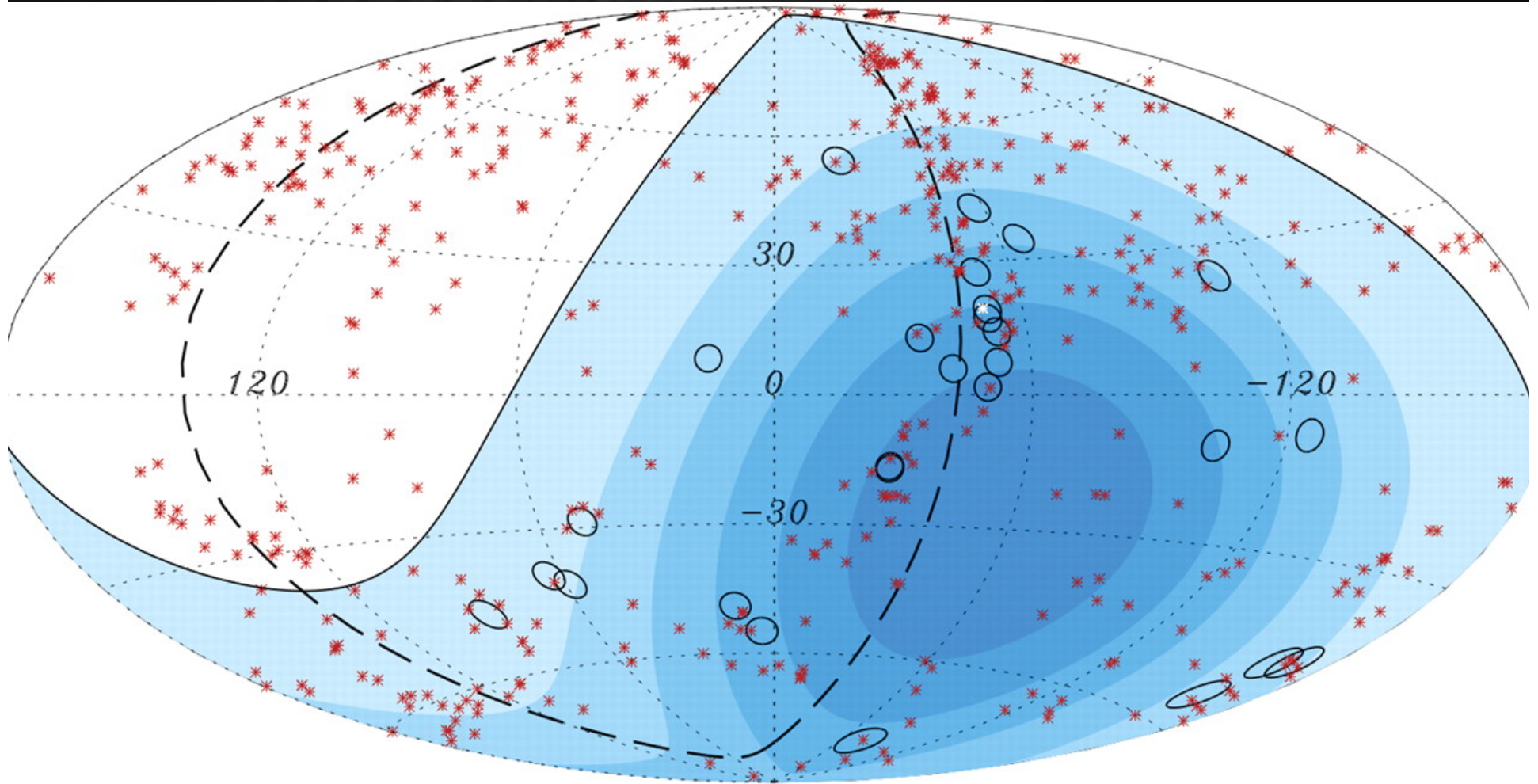
Auger ~ 3000 km² air shower array



Auger array



Auger : the sources revealed ?



proton astronomy ?

pointing of cosmic rays :

$$\theta \cong \frac{d}{R_{gyro}} = \frac{dB}{E}$$

$$\frac{\vartheta}{0.1^\circ} \cong \frac{\left(\frac{d}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \right) \left(\frac{B}{10^{-9} \text{ Gauss}} \right)}{\frac{E}{3 \times 10^{20} \text{ eV}}}$$

TeV gamma ray astronomy

gamma
ray

air shower

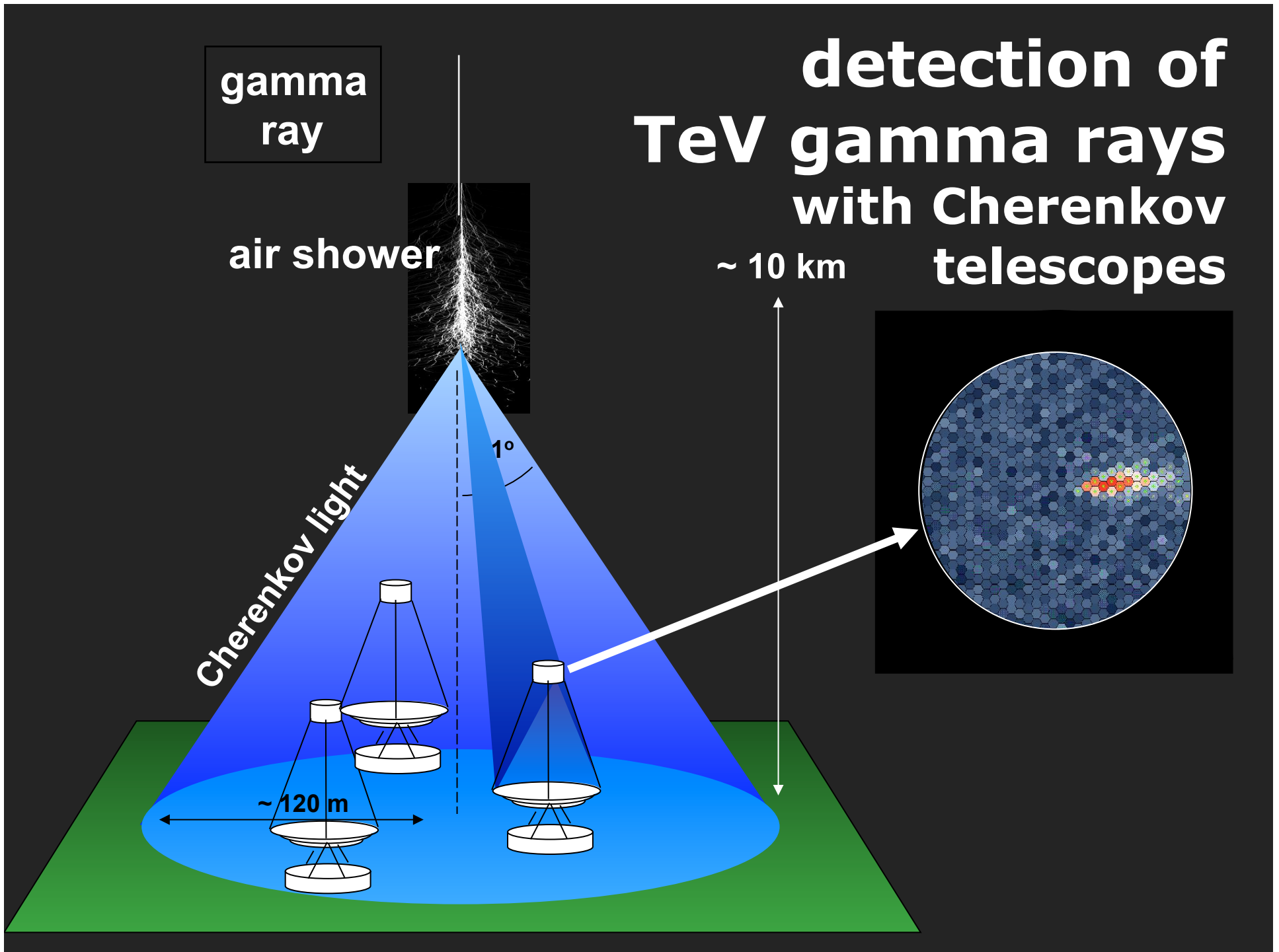
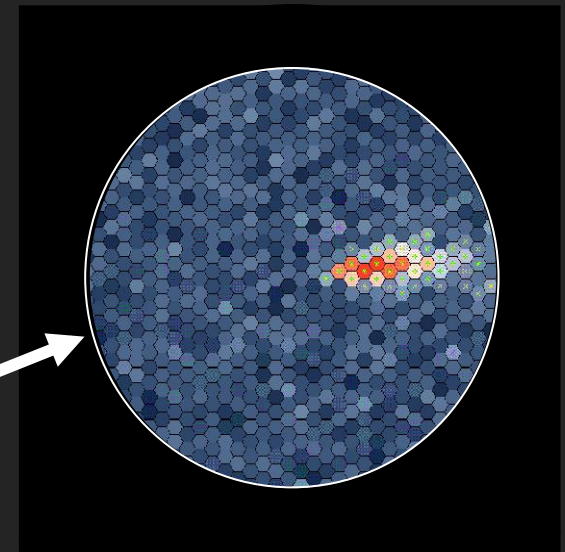
detection of TeV gamma rays with Cherenkov telescopes

~ 10 km

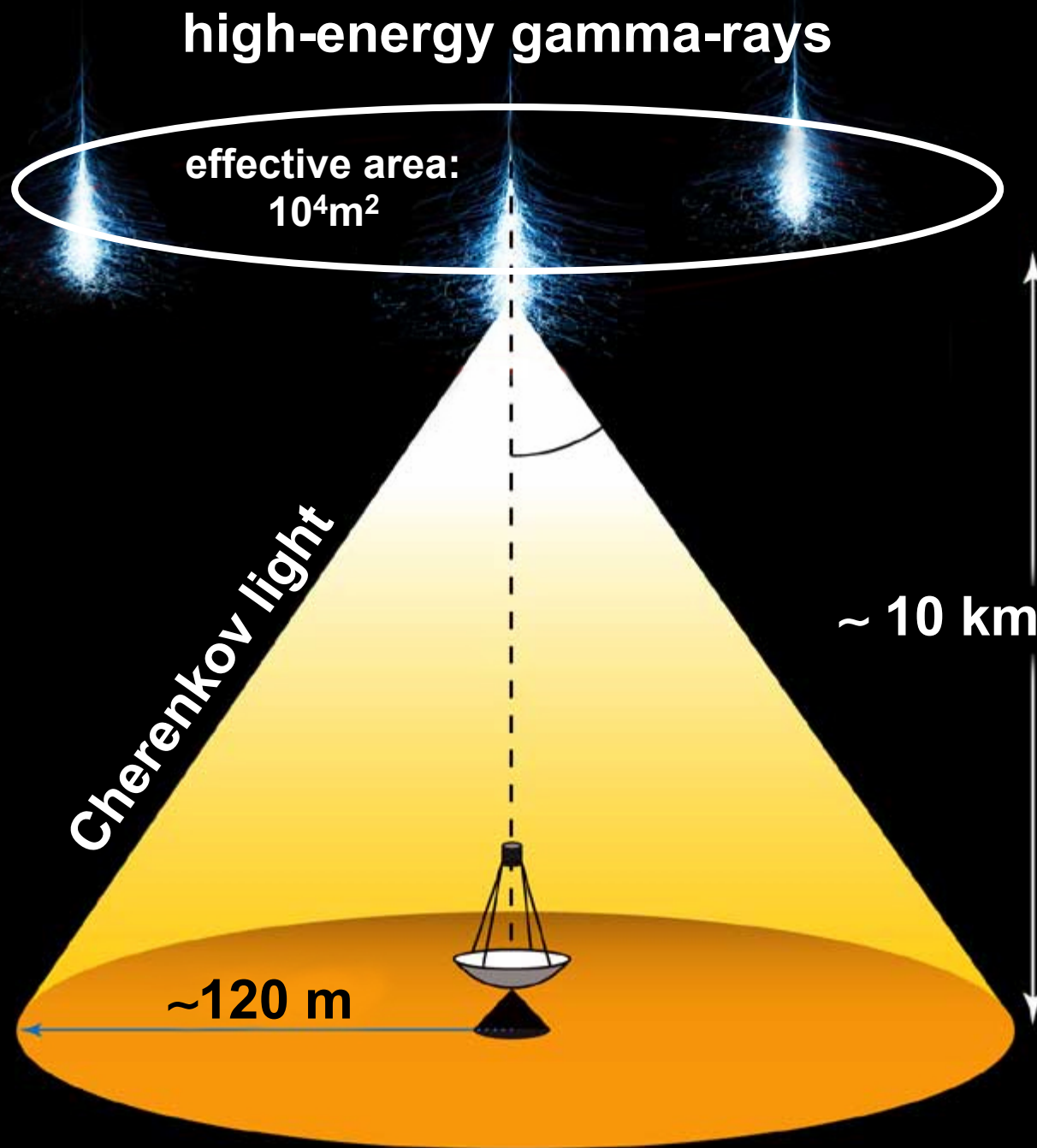
Cherenkov light

1°

~ 120 m



- a cosmic photon initiates an electromagnetic shower high in the atmosphere
- the shower particles emit Cherenkov radiation
- this radiation is captured by mirrors read out by a cluster of photomultipliers



TeV gamma ray

astronomy: the neutrino connection

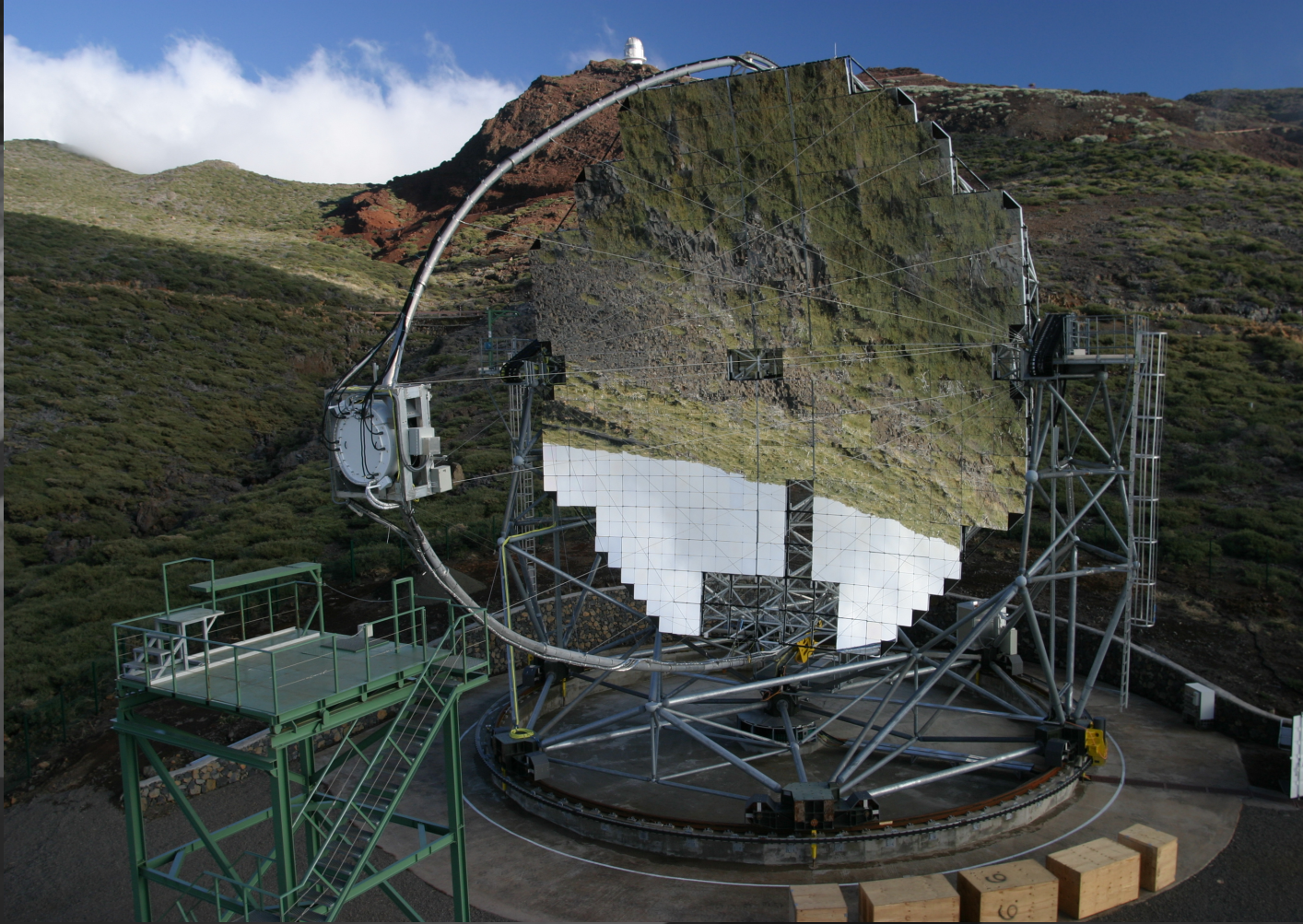
CANGAROO III



H.E.S.S.



MAGIC



TeV γ survey instruments $\sim 2-3 \pi$

gamma rays are
muon-poor air showers

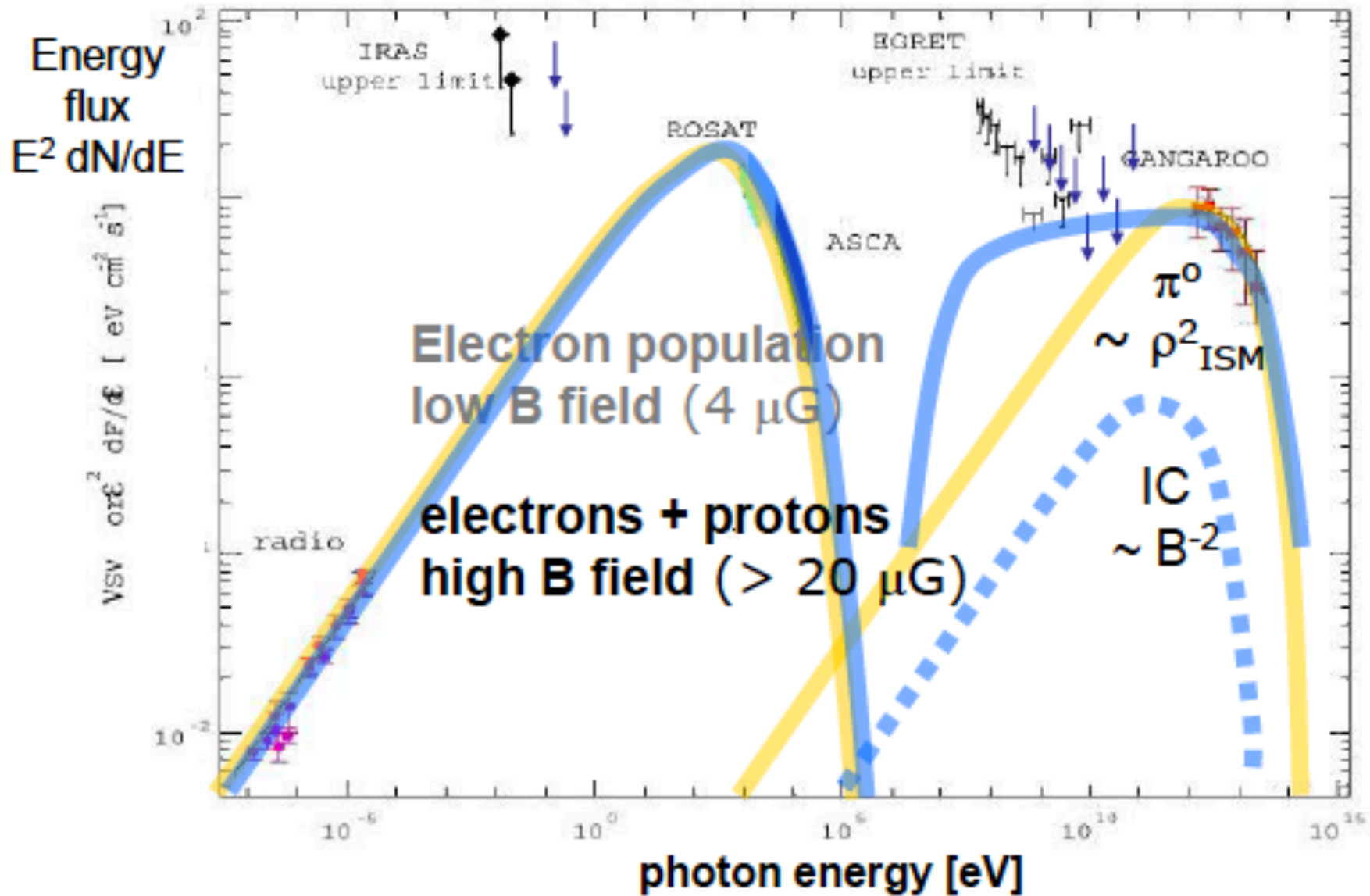
Tibet array and ARGO



Milagro



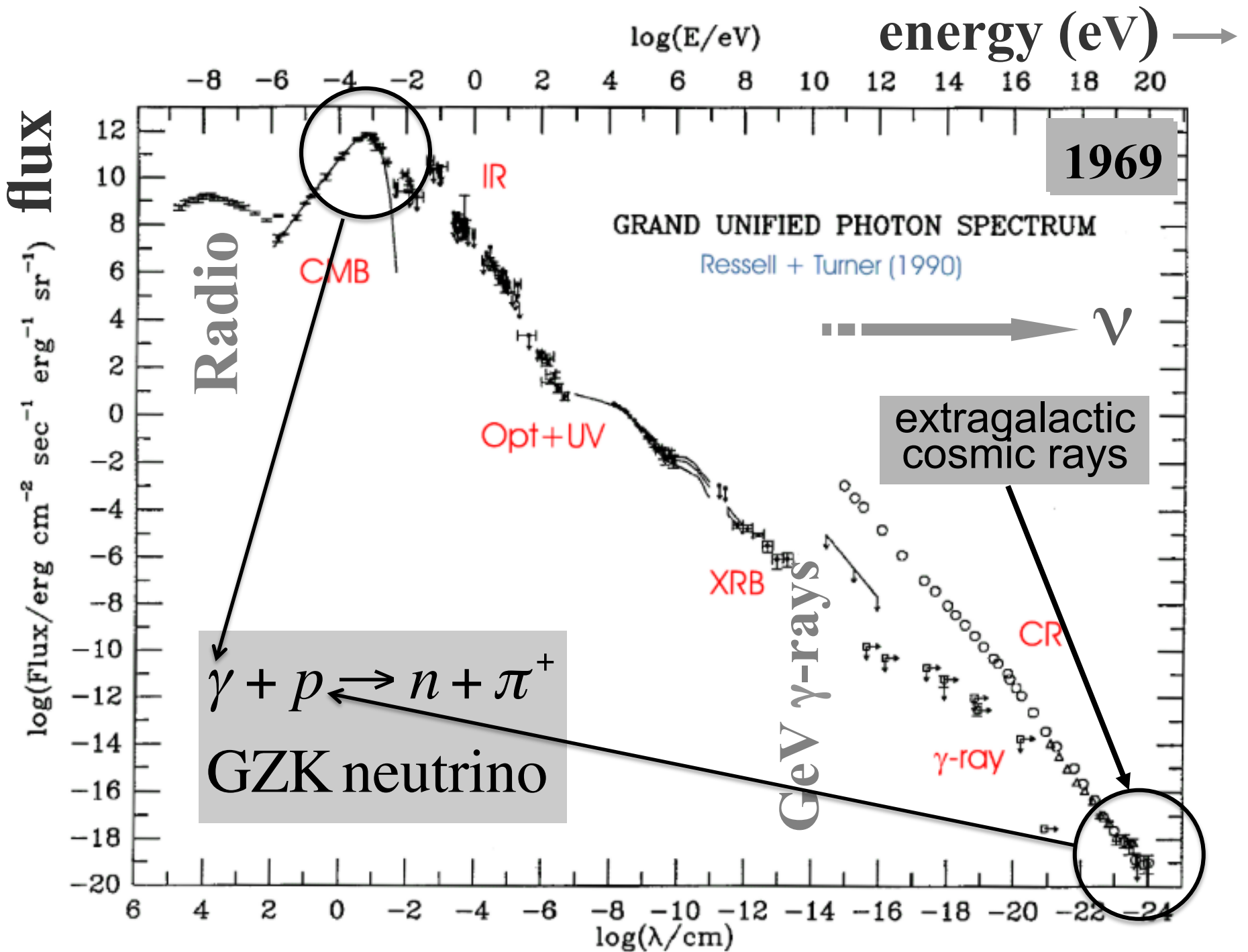
electromagnetic vs hadronic



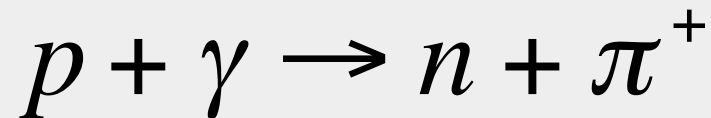
high energy neutrino astronomy

neutrino astronomy

kilometer-scale detectors have the capability of detecting astrophysical neutrinos from cosmic sources with an energy density in neutrinos comparable to their energy density in the observed cosmic rays and TeV gamma rays



cosmic rays interact with the
microwave background



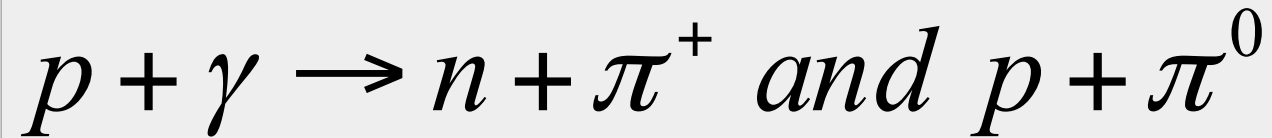
$$400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$10^{-28} \text{ cm}^2$$

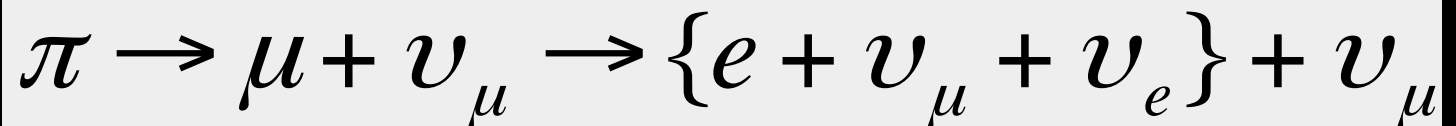
$$\lambda_{\text{int}} = \{n_{\text{cmb}} \sigma_{\gamma+p}\}^{-1} \sim 10 \text{ Mpc}$$

$$E_p \geq 5 \times 10^7 \text{ TeV}$$

cosmic rays interact with the
microwave background



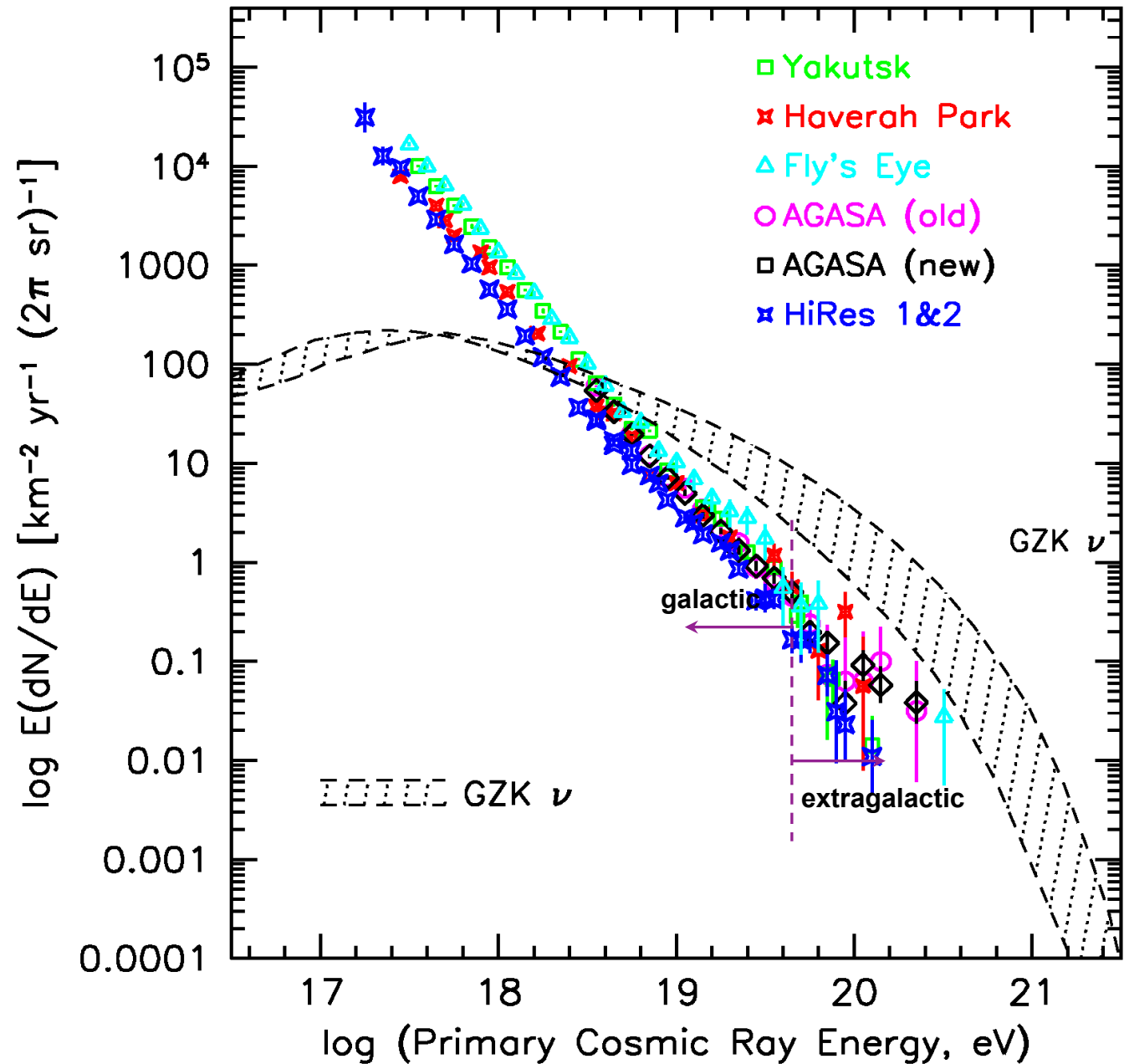
cosmic rays disappear, neutrinos with
EeV (10^{18} eV) energy appear

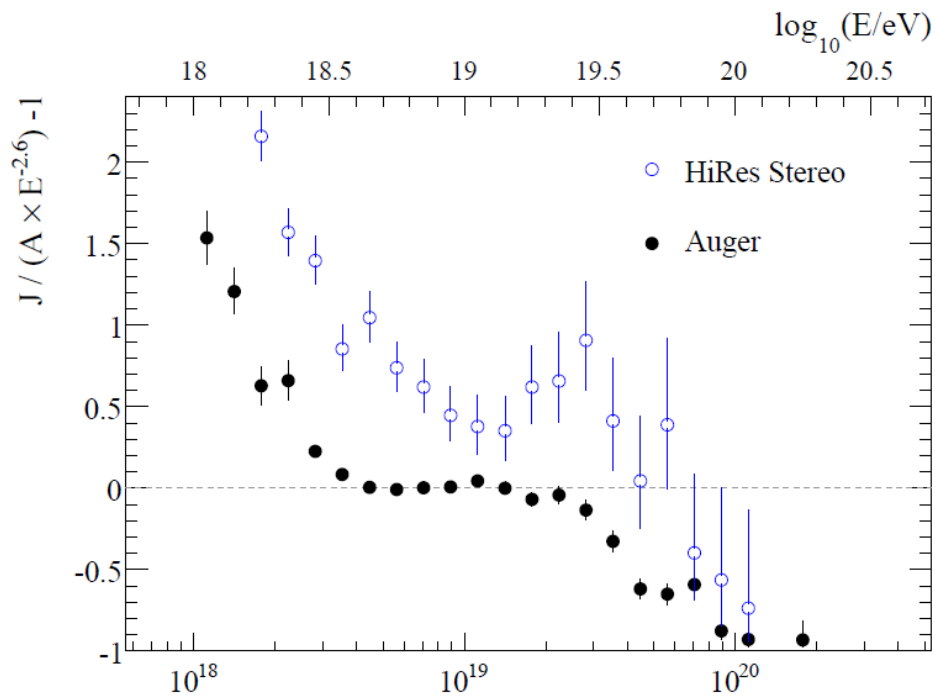


1 event per cubic kilometer per year
...but it points at its source!

neutrinos
from
GZK
interactions

Ultra High Energy Cosmic Ray Spectrum, 2005

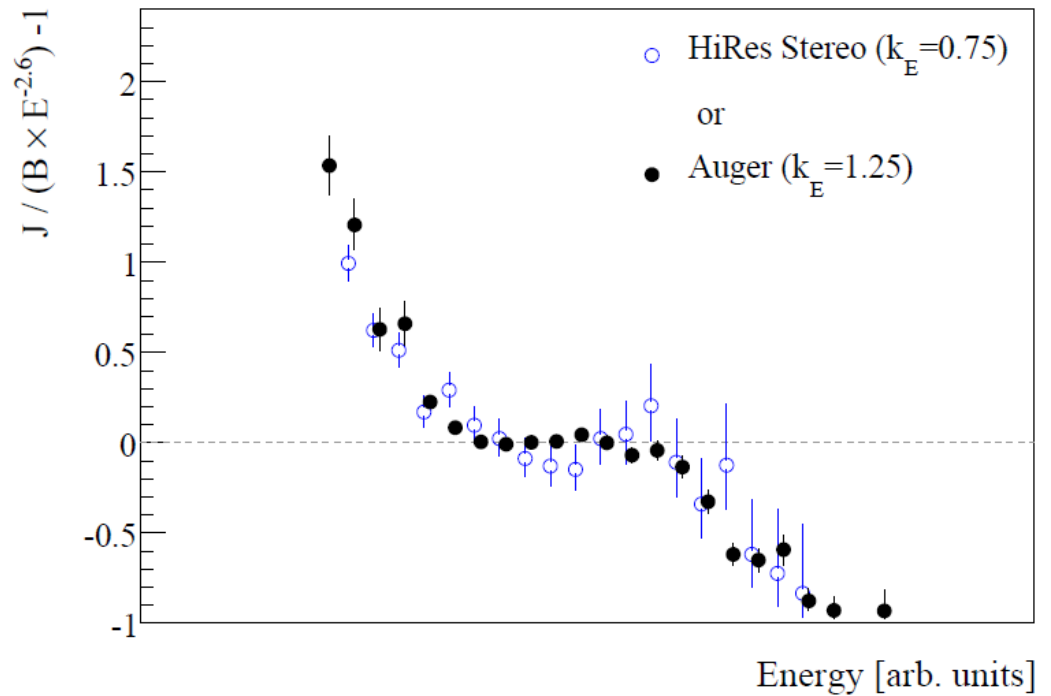


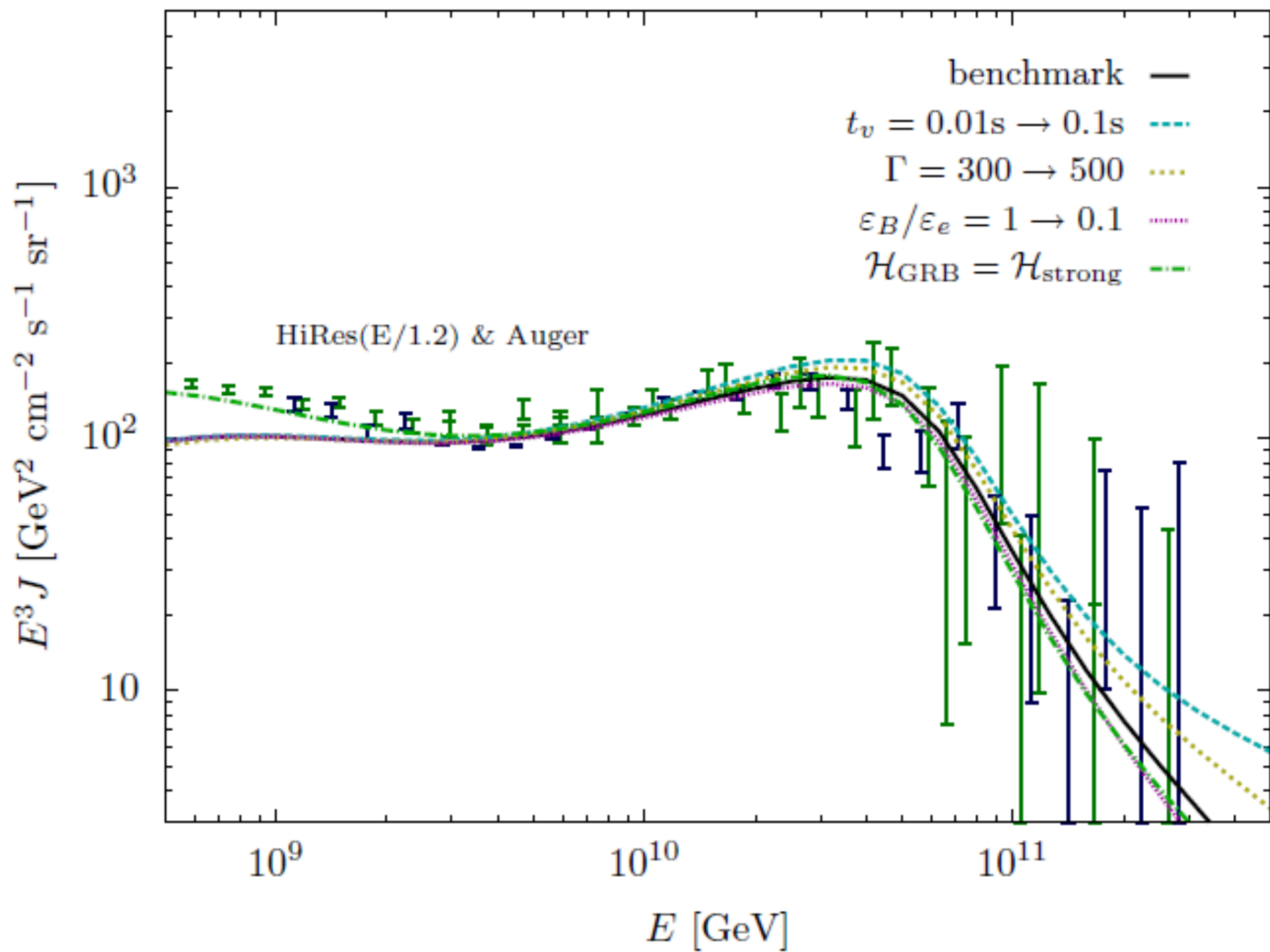


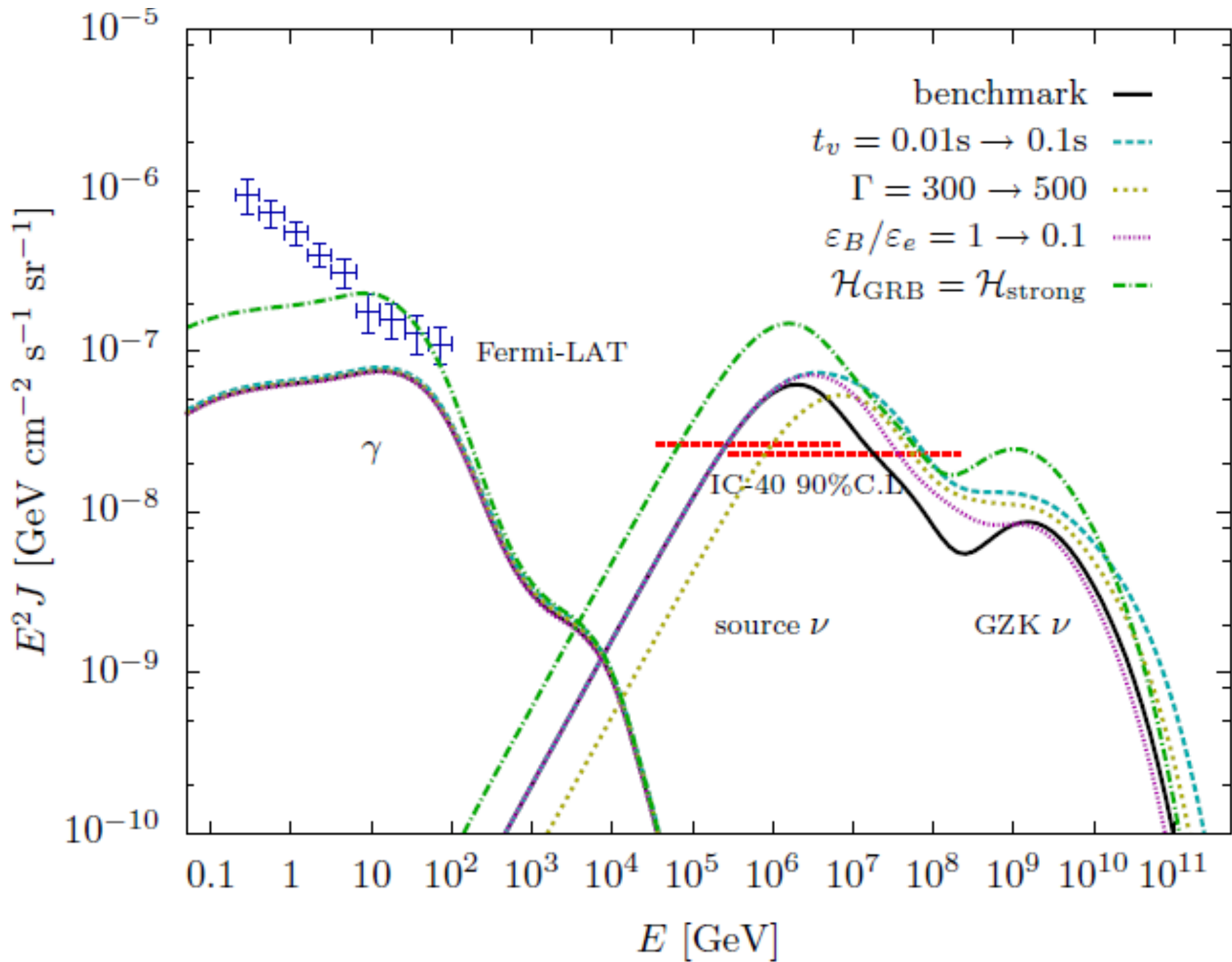
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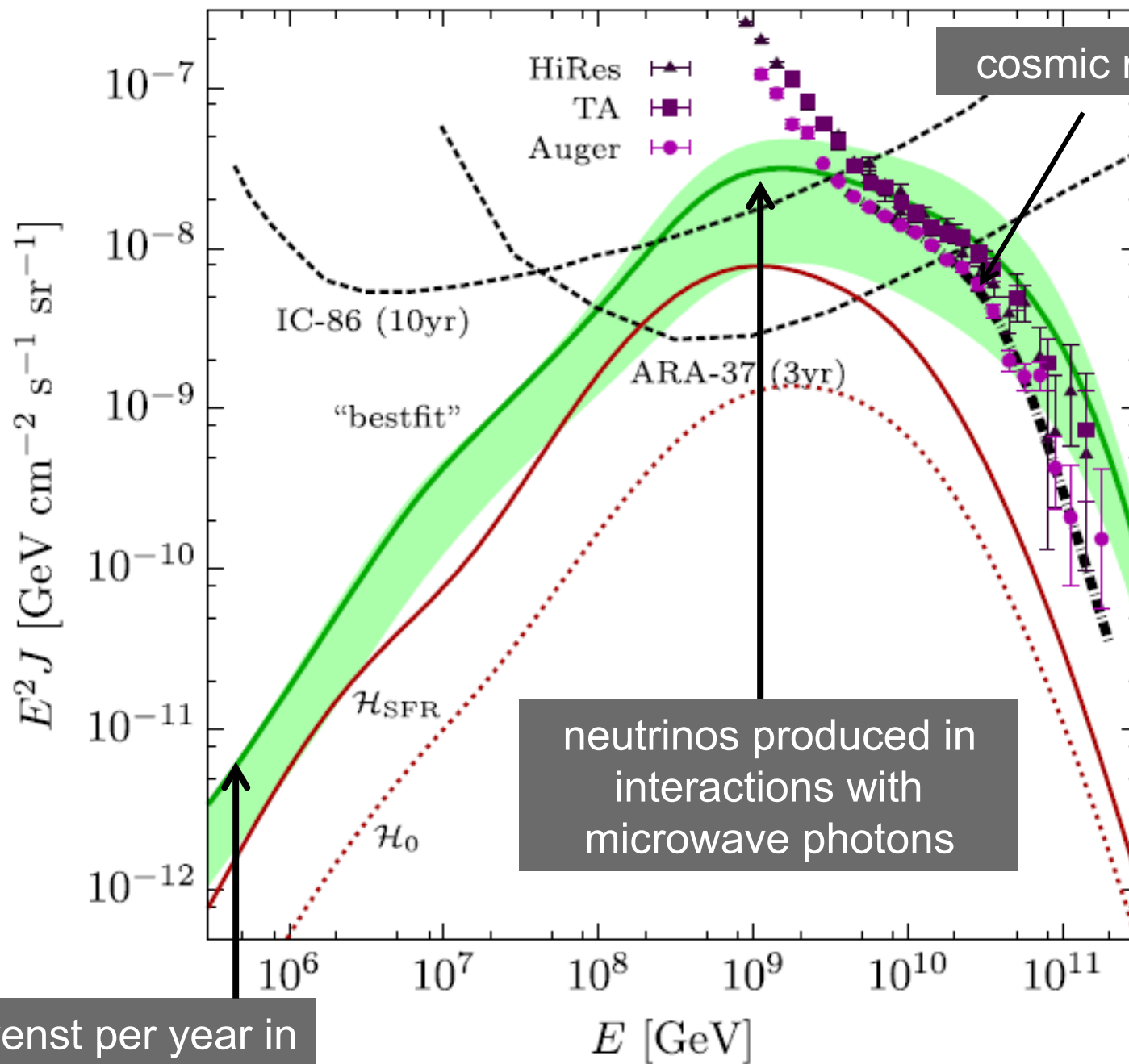
confirmed by
Telescope Array

GZK absorption
feature appears
at the expected
energy

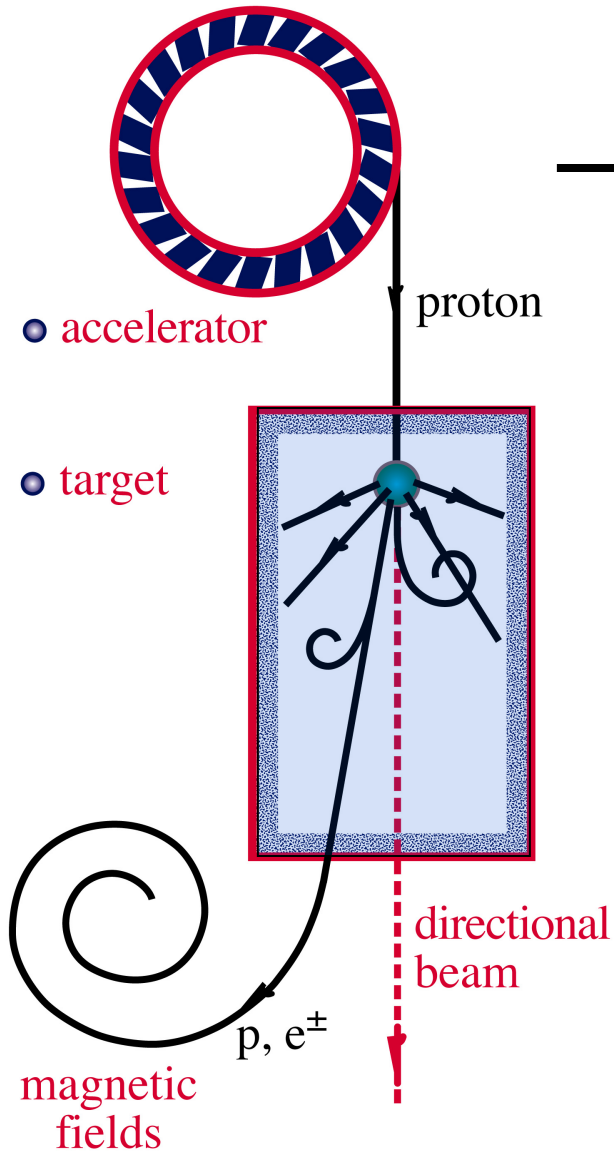








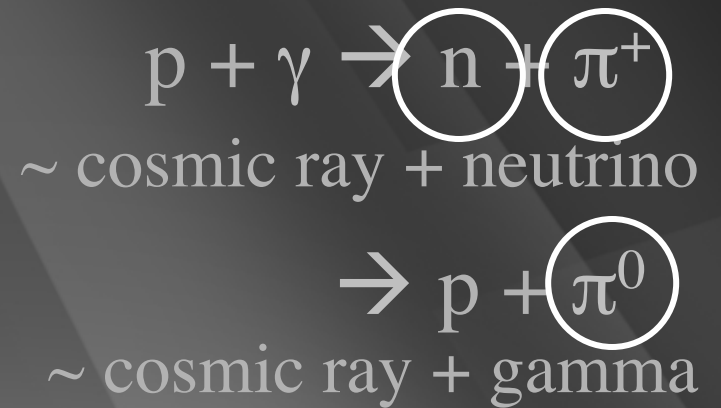
ν and γ beams : heaven and earth



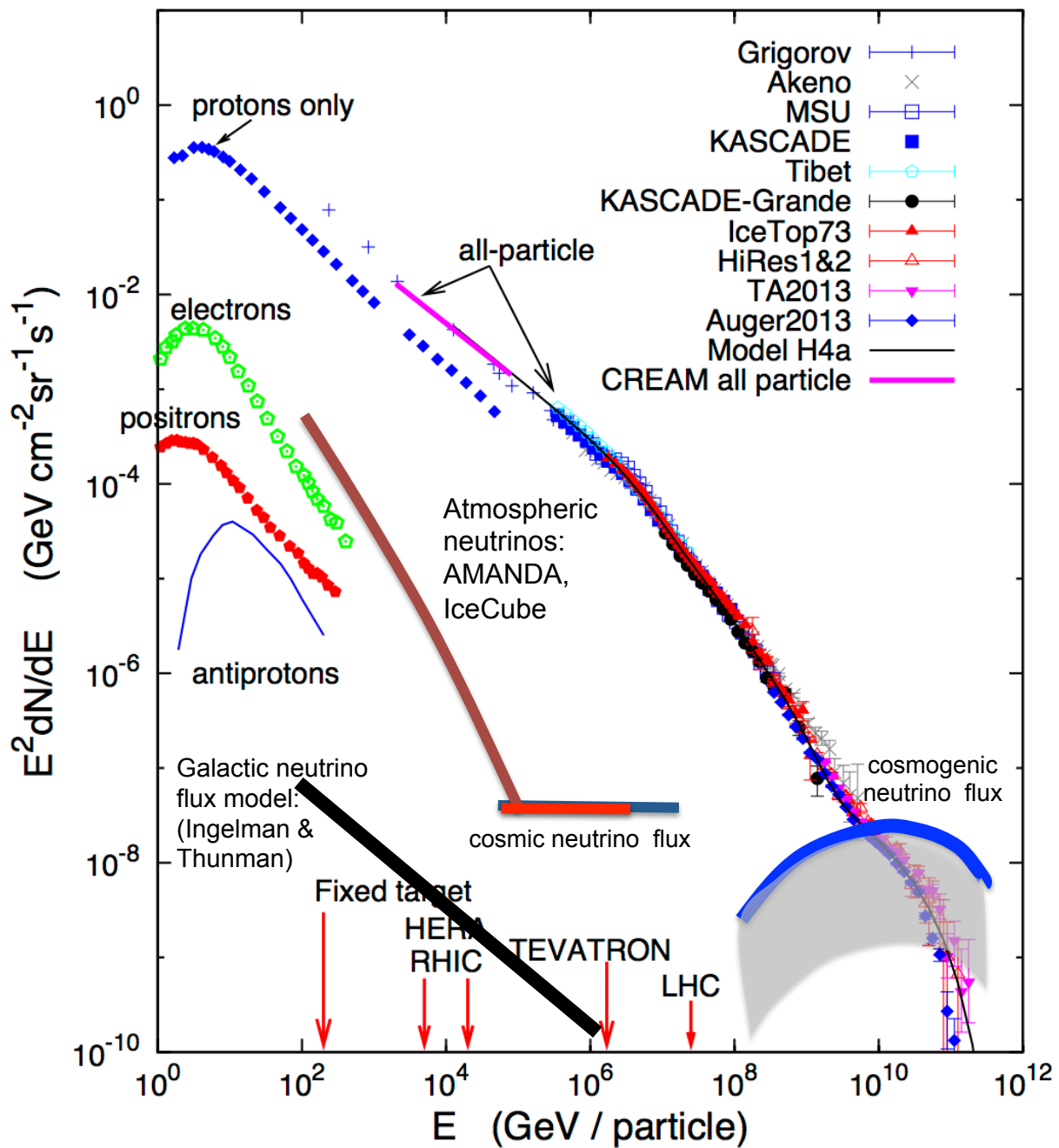
accelerator is powered by large gravitational energy

**black hole
neutron star**

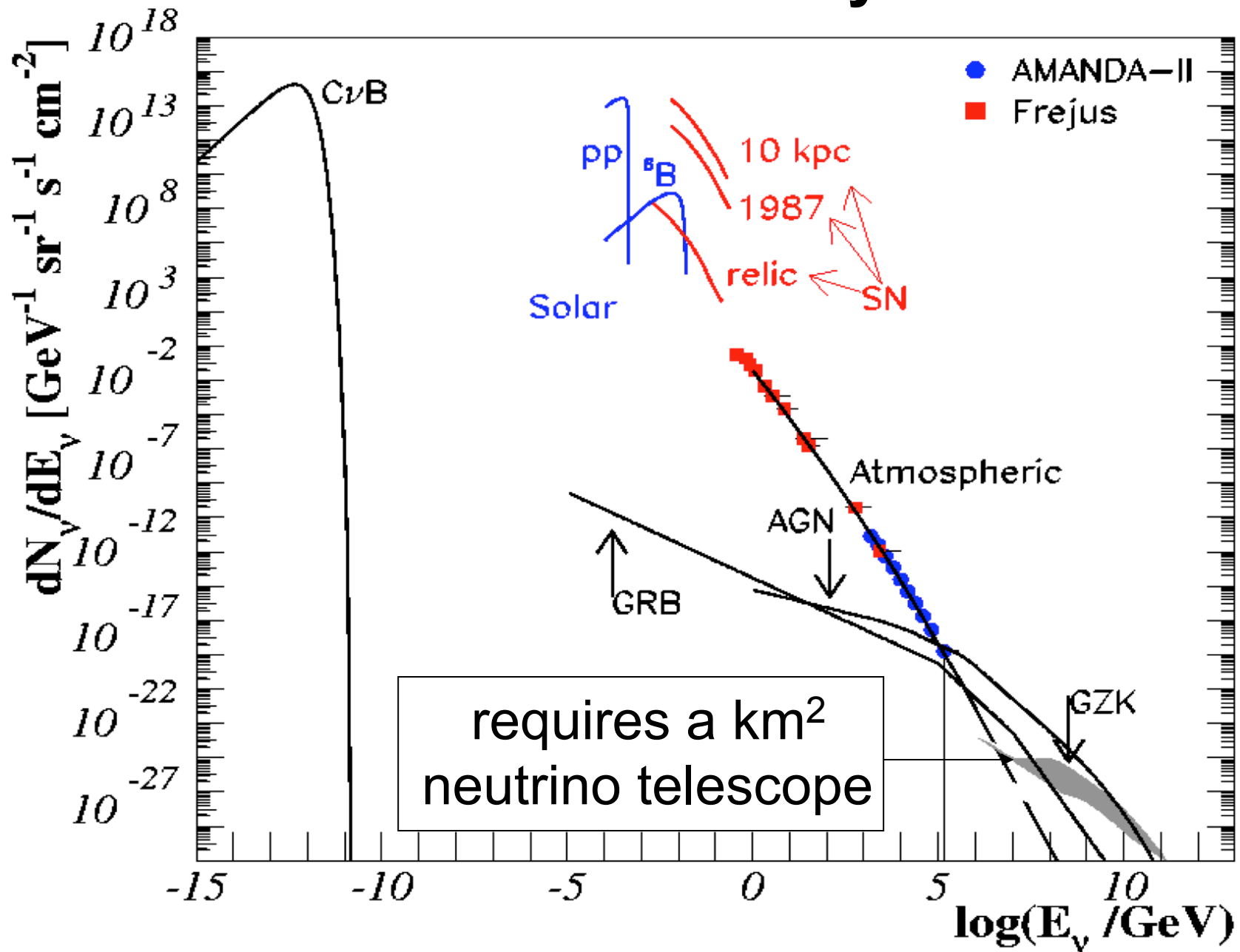
**radiation
and dust**



Energies and rates of the cosmic-ray particles



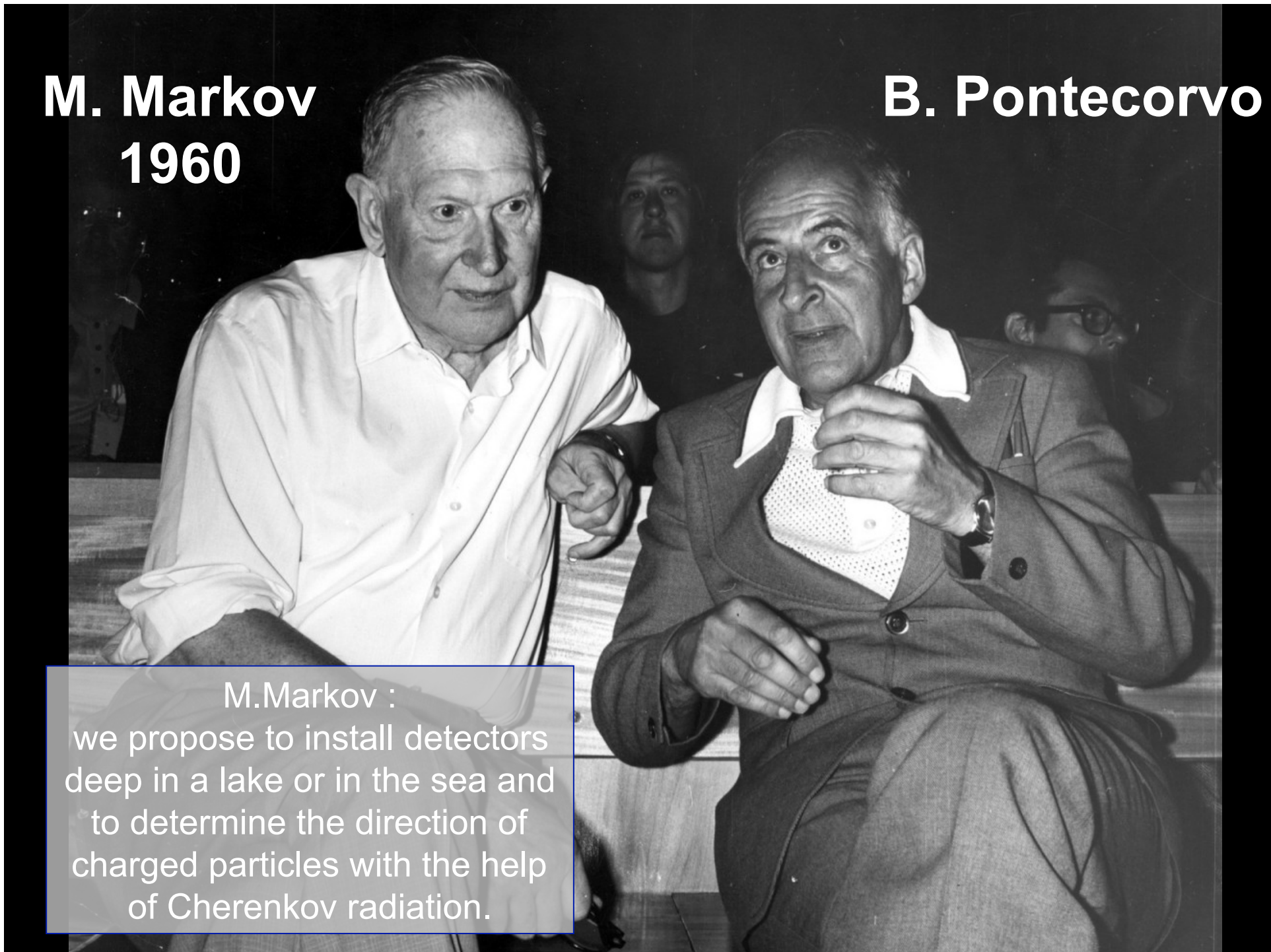
neutrino sky



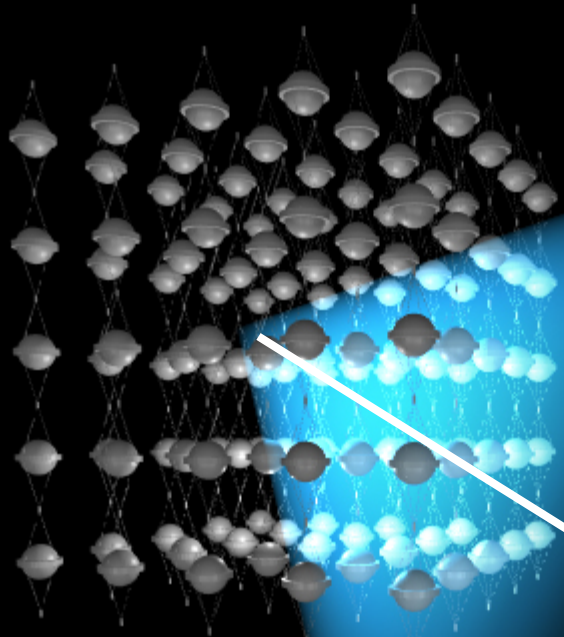
M. Markov
1960

B. Pontecorvo

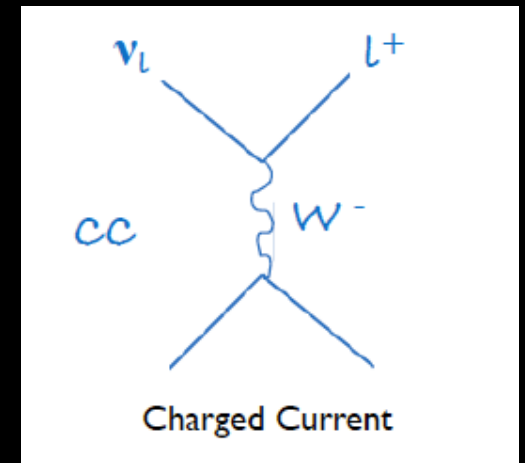
M.Markov :
we propose to install detectors
deep in a lake or in the sea and
to determine the direction of
charged particles with the help
of Cherenkov radiation.



- shielded and optically transparent medium



μ



- lattice of photomultipliers

ν

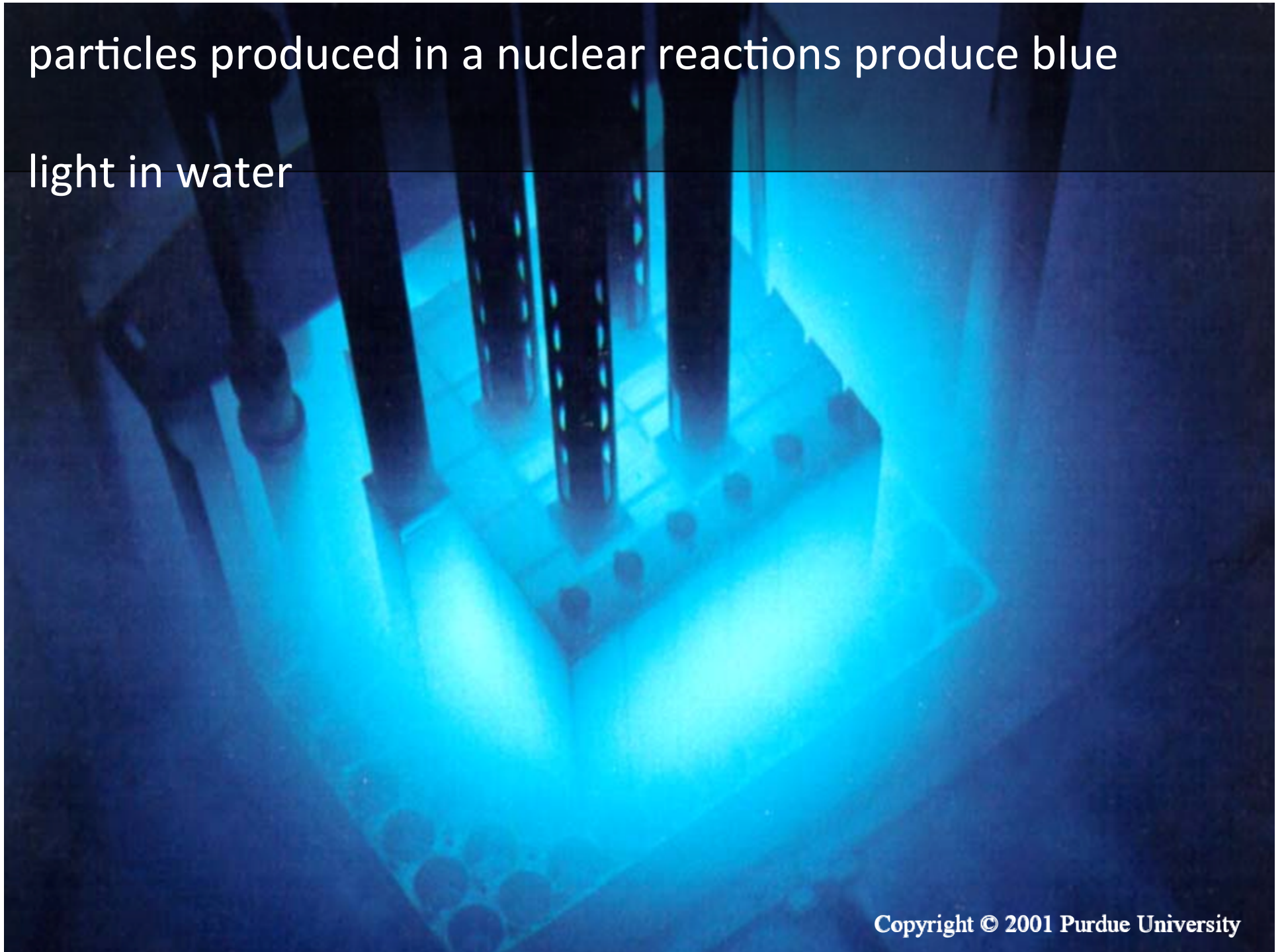
neutrinos



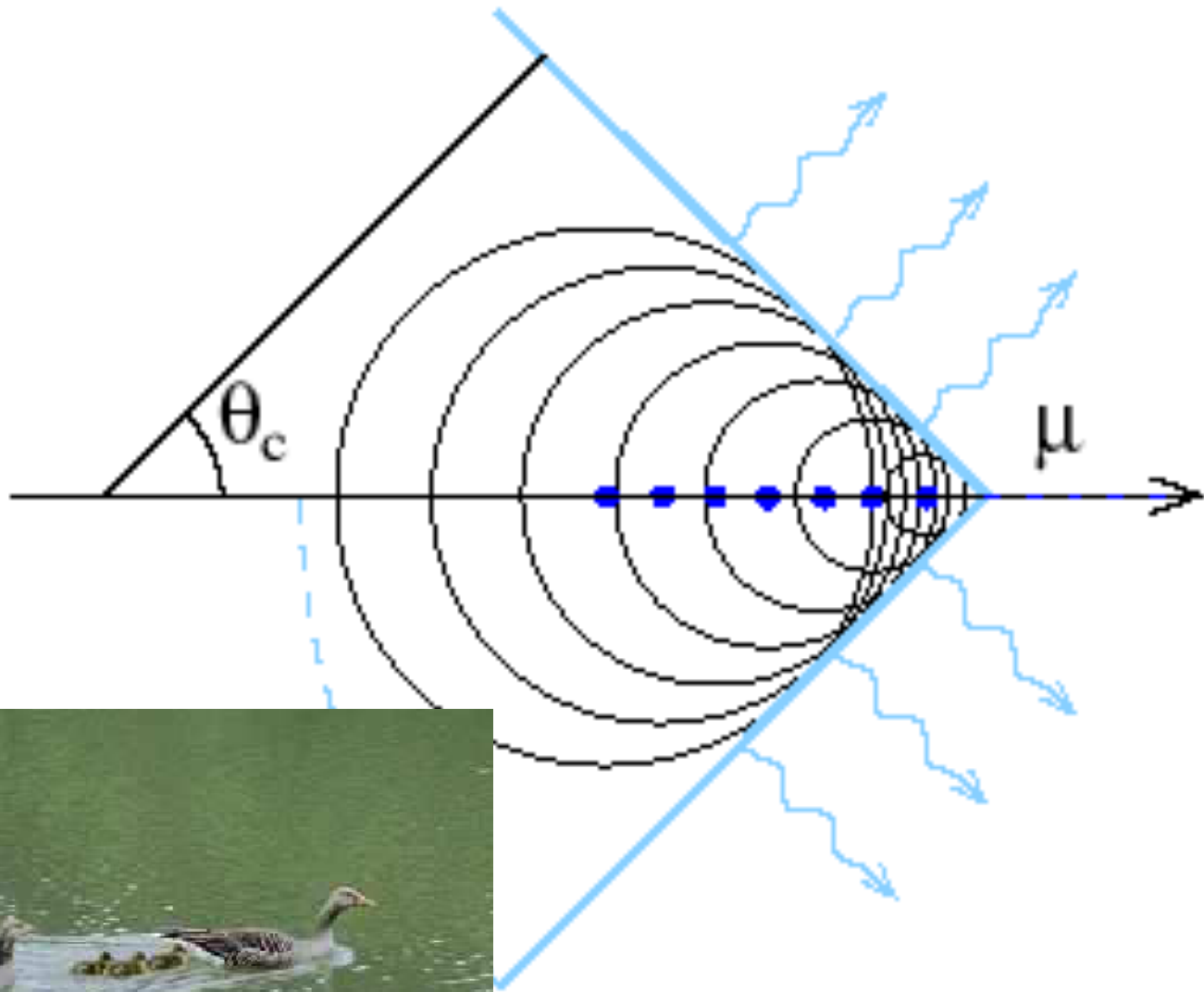
photomultiplier tube

1 cm

particles produced in a nuclear reactions produce blue
light in water



cherenkov radiation: particle's speed exceeds the speed of light



2000

AMANDA

South Pole

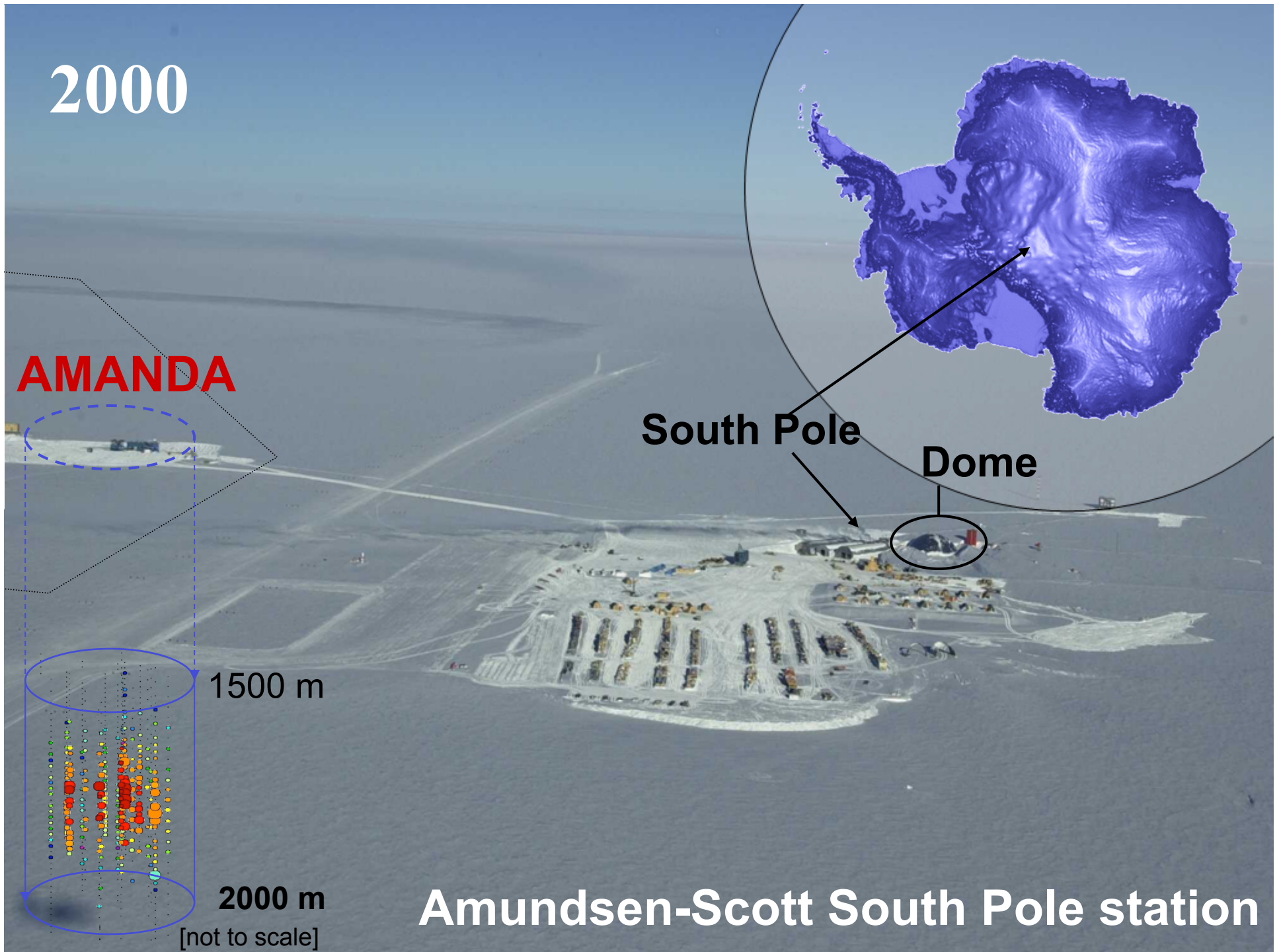
Dome

1500 m

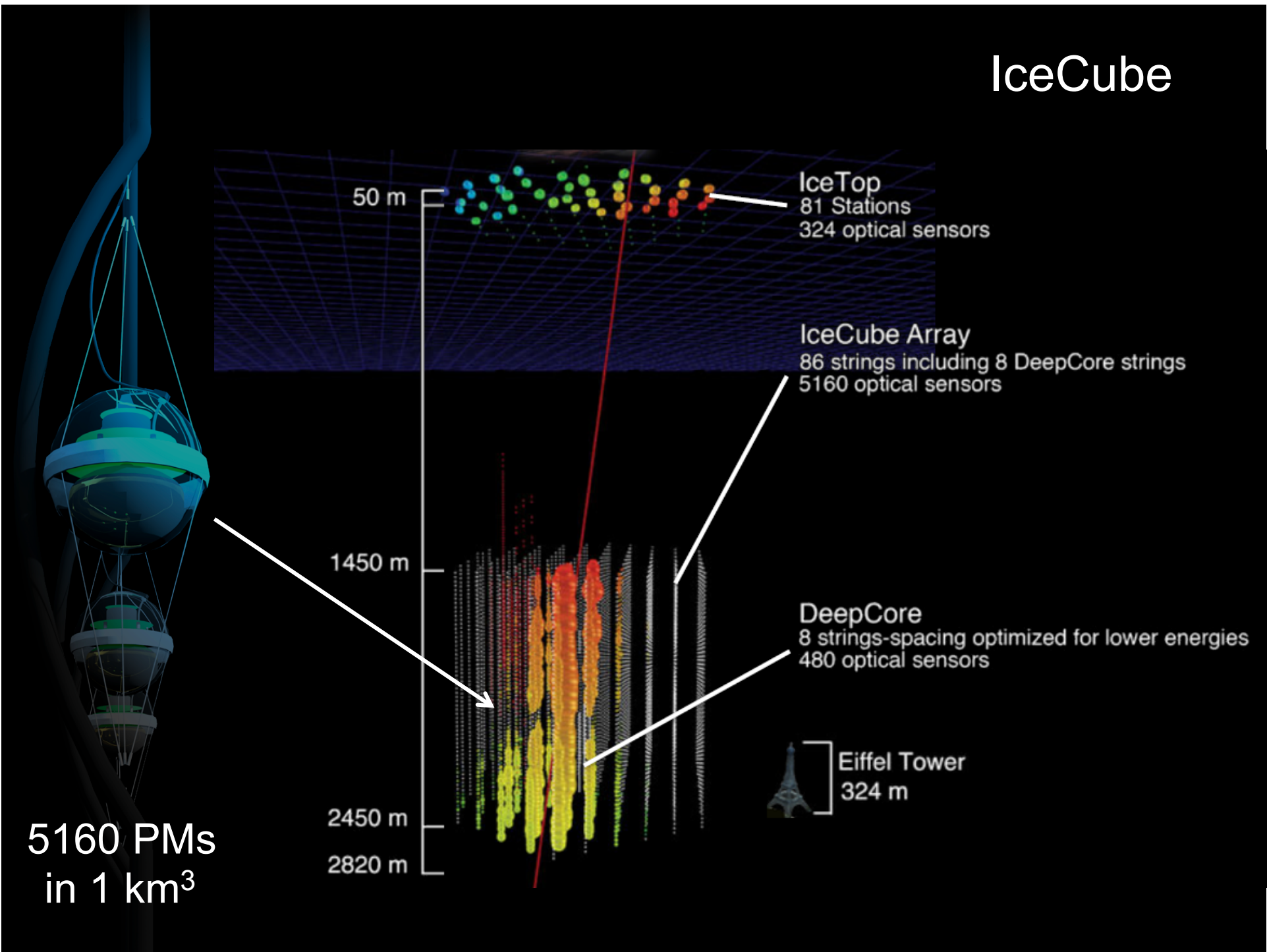
2000 m

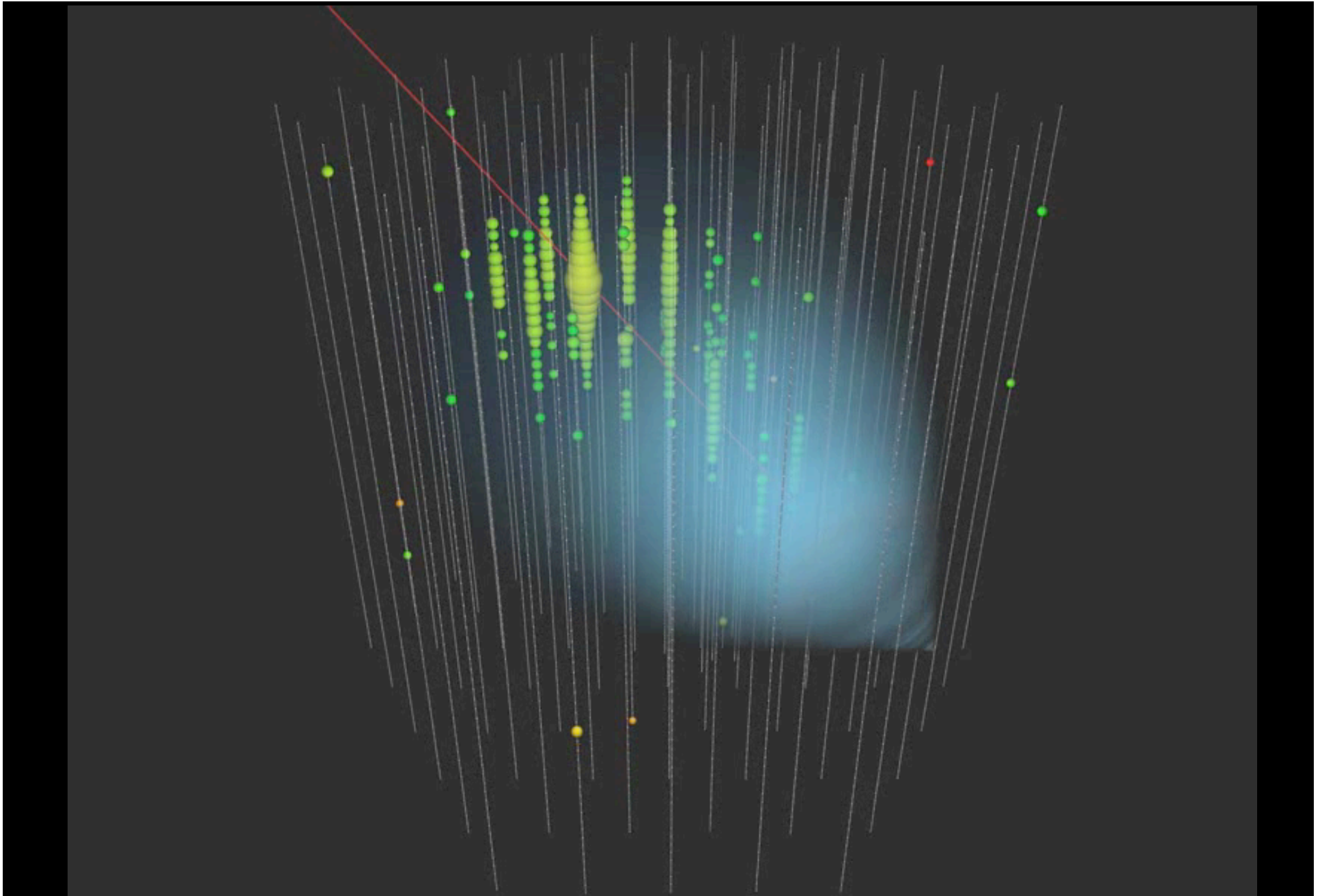
[not to scale]

Amundsen-Scott South Pole station



IceCube

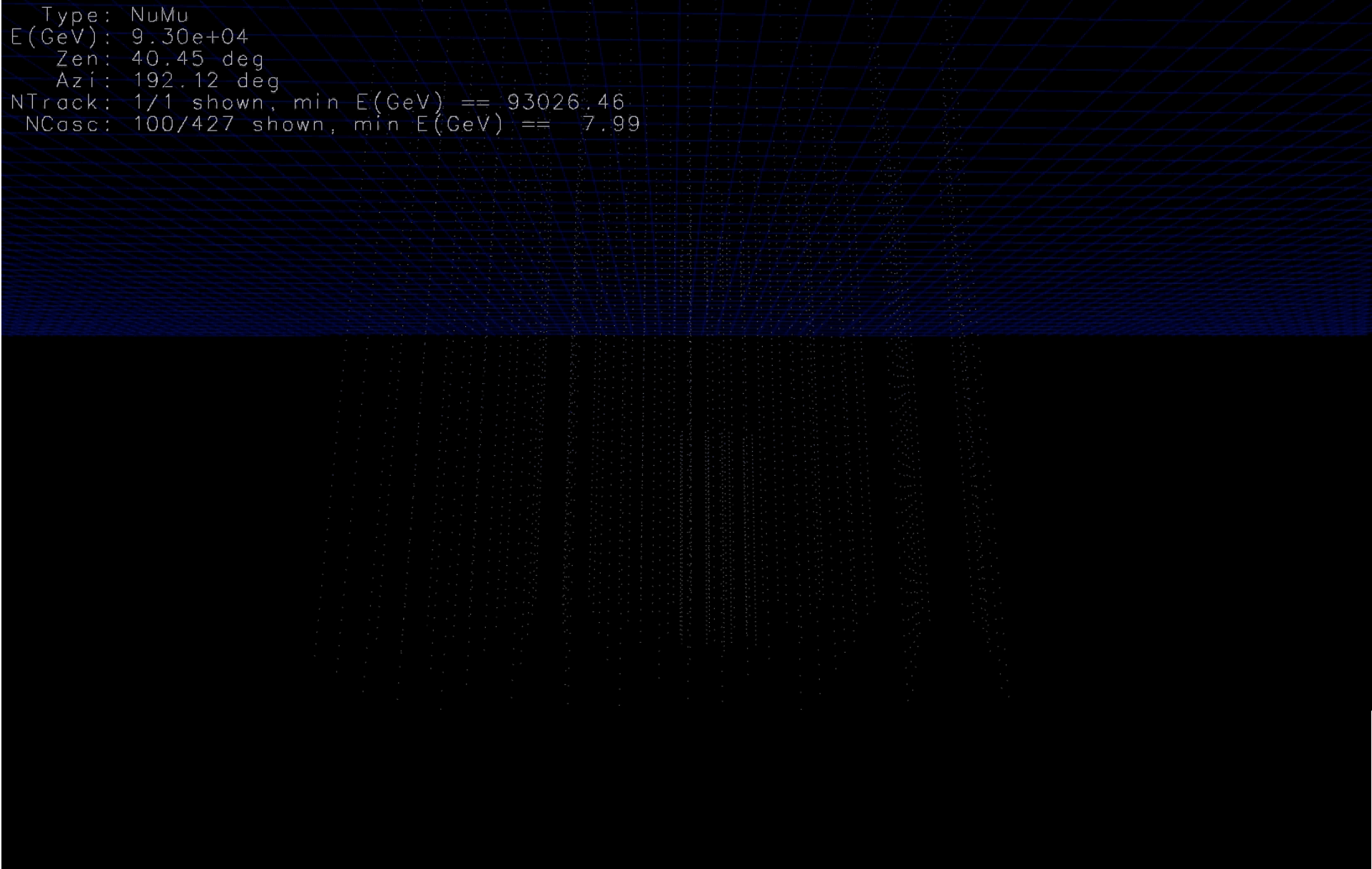




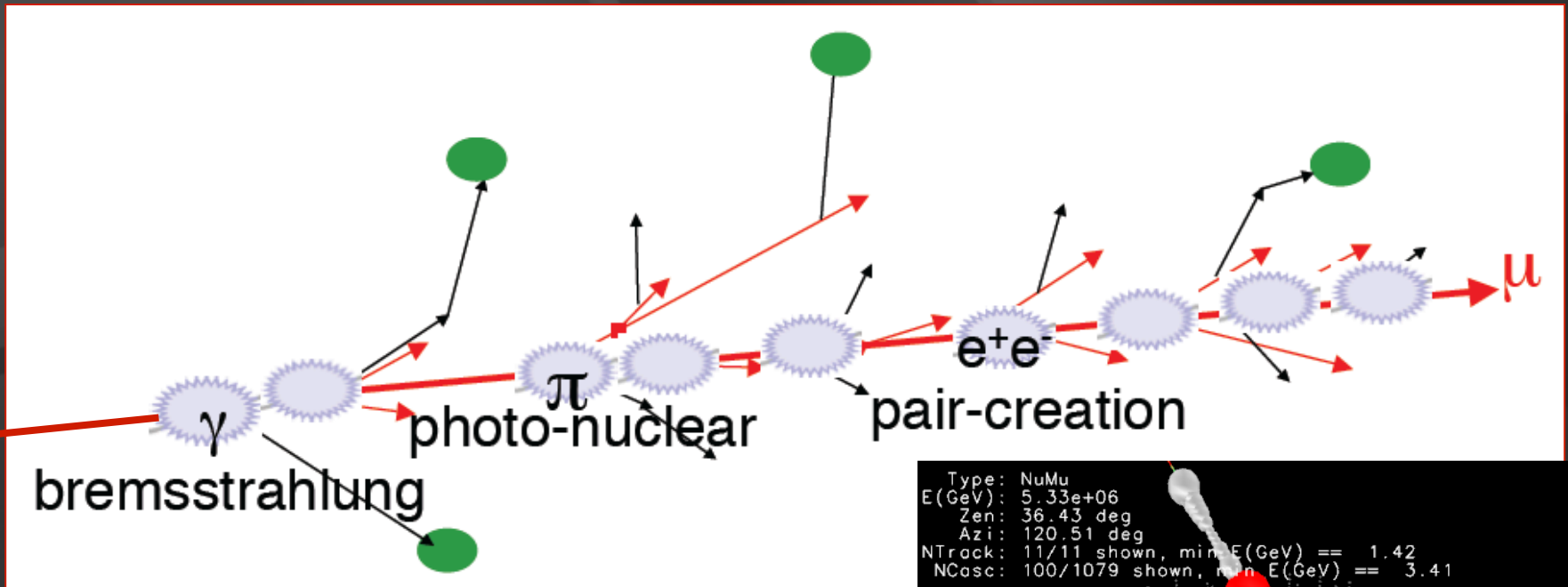
muon track: color is time; number of photons is energy

93 TeV muon: # photons ~ energy

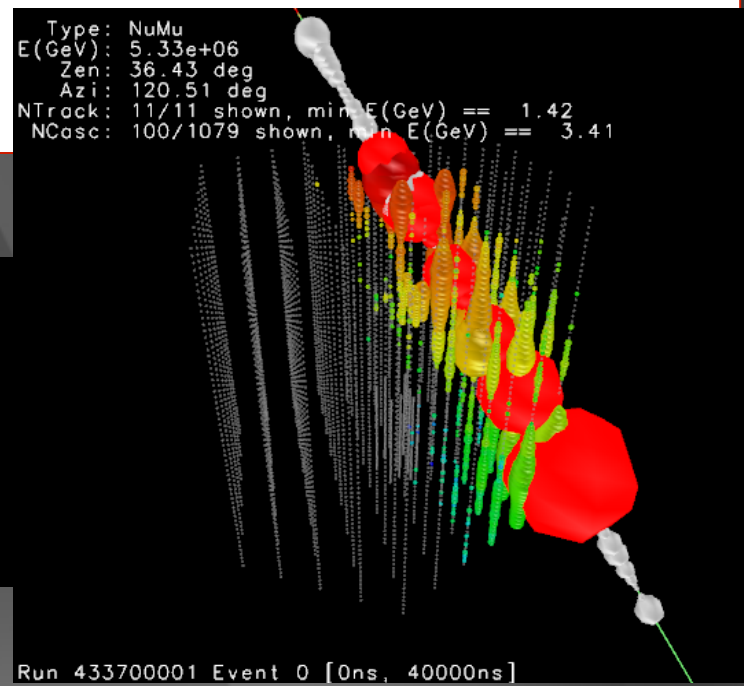
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Type: NuMu  
E(GeV): 9.30e+04  
Zen: 40.45 deg  
Azi: 192.12 deg  
NTrack: 1/1 shown, min E(GeV) == 93026.46  
NCasc: 100/427 shown, min E(GeV) == 7.99
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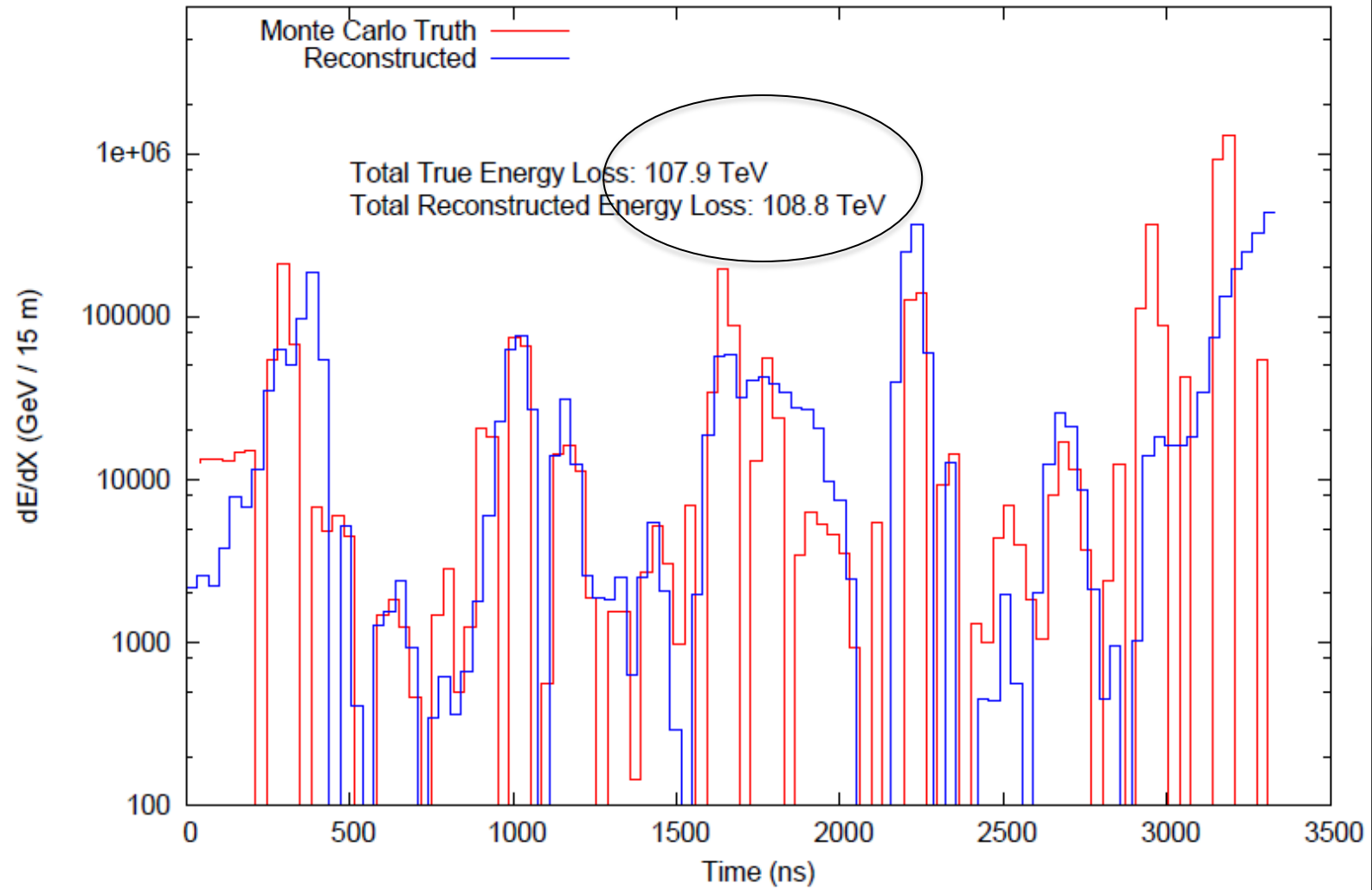
energy measurement ($> 1 \text{ TeV}$)



convert the amount of light emitted to a measurement of the muon energy (number of optical modules, number of photons, dE/dx , ...)

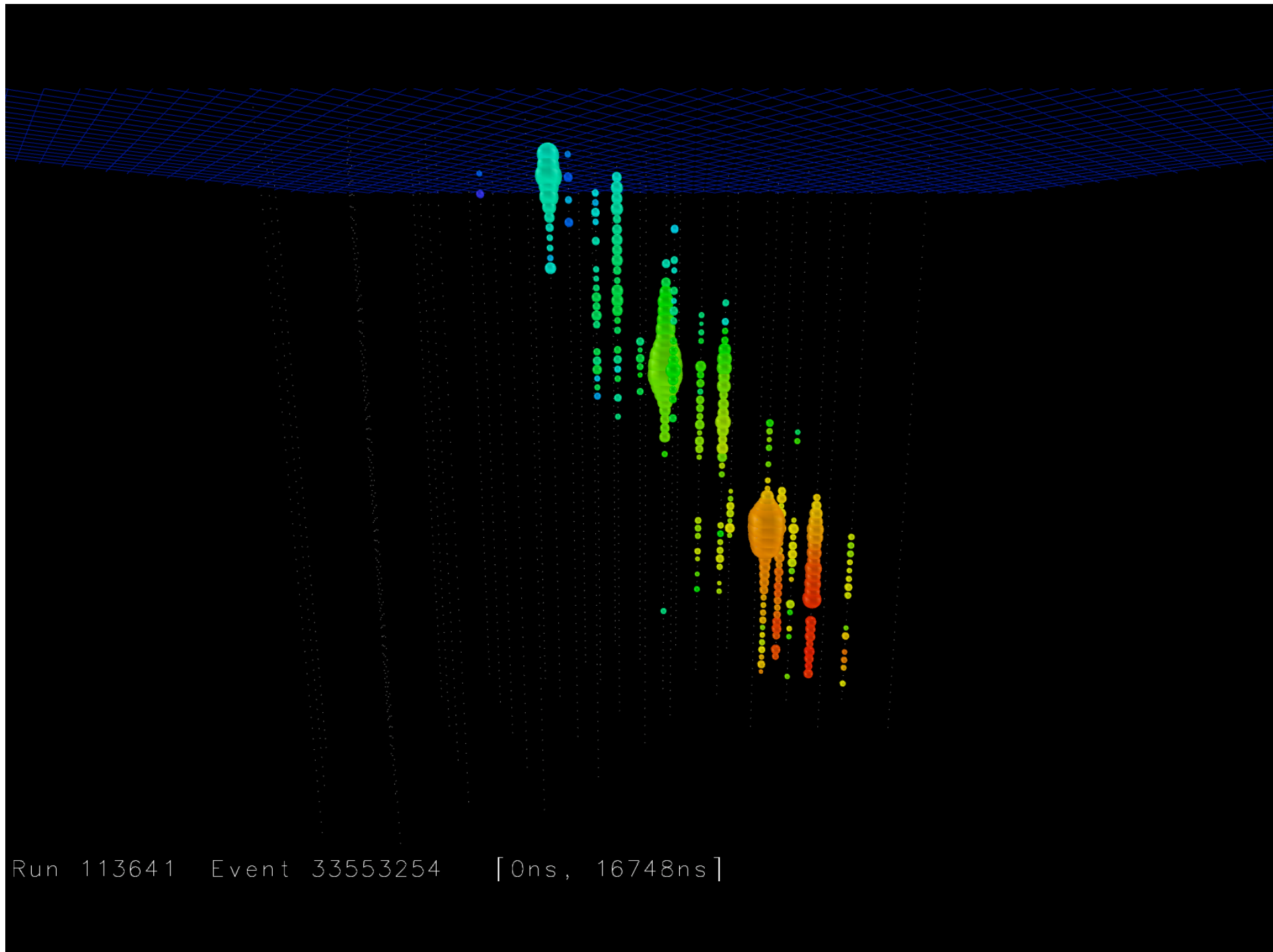


Differential Energy Reconstruction of 5 PeV Muon in IC-86



← 1.1 km →

improving angular and energy resolution

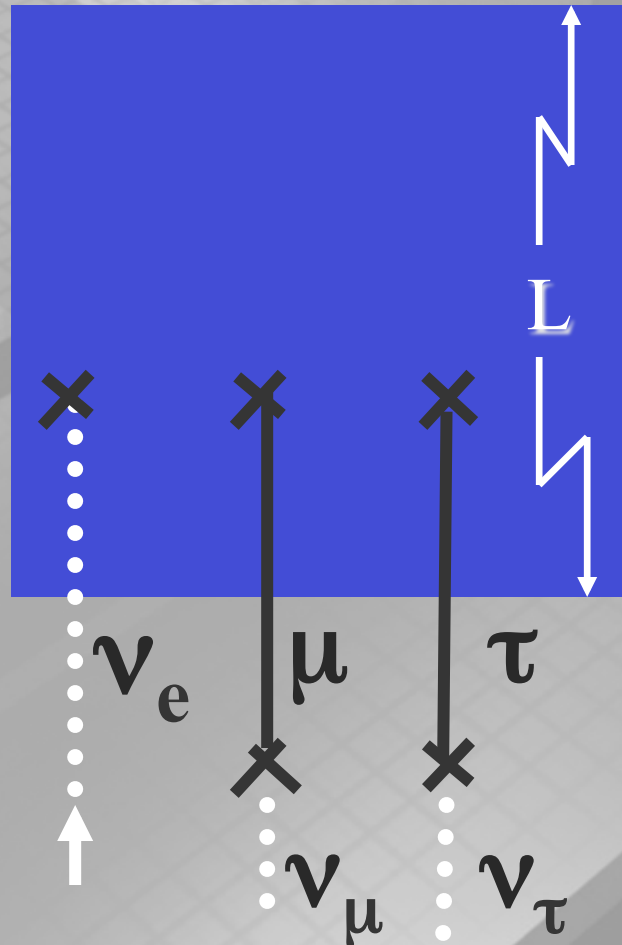


Run 113641 Event 33553254 [0ns, 16748ns]

neutrino detection probability

neutrino survives

$$e^{-\frac{L}{\lambda_\nu}}$$



neutrino detected

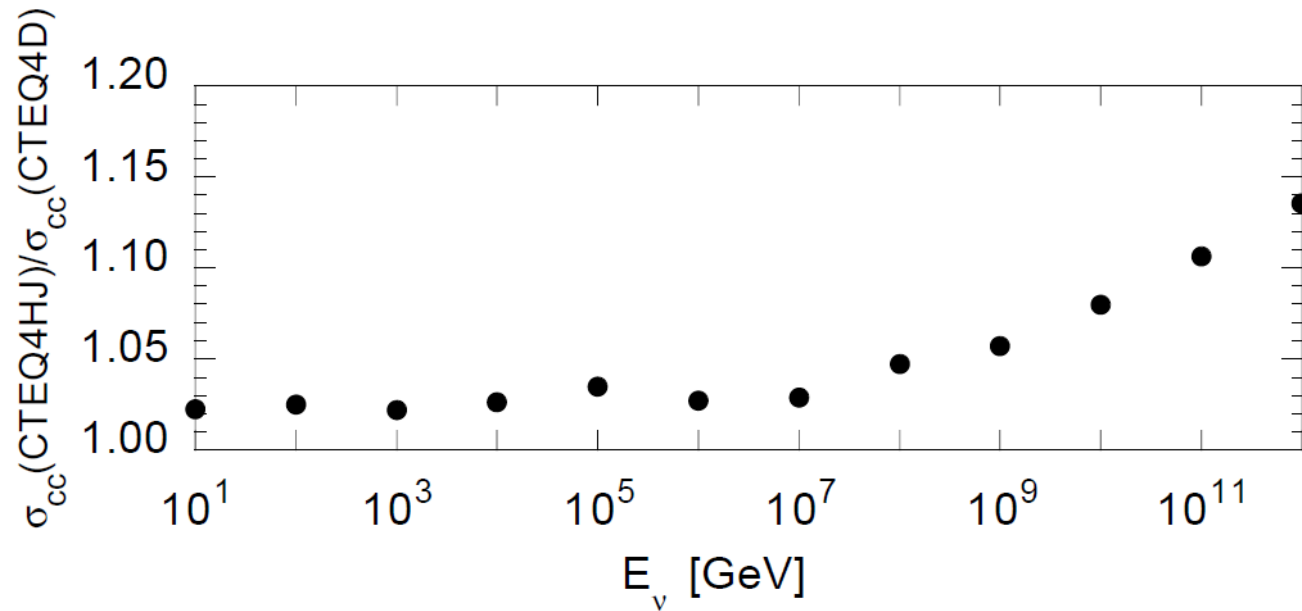
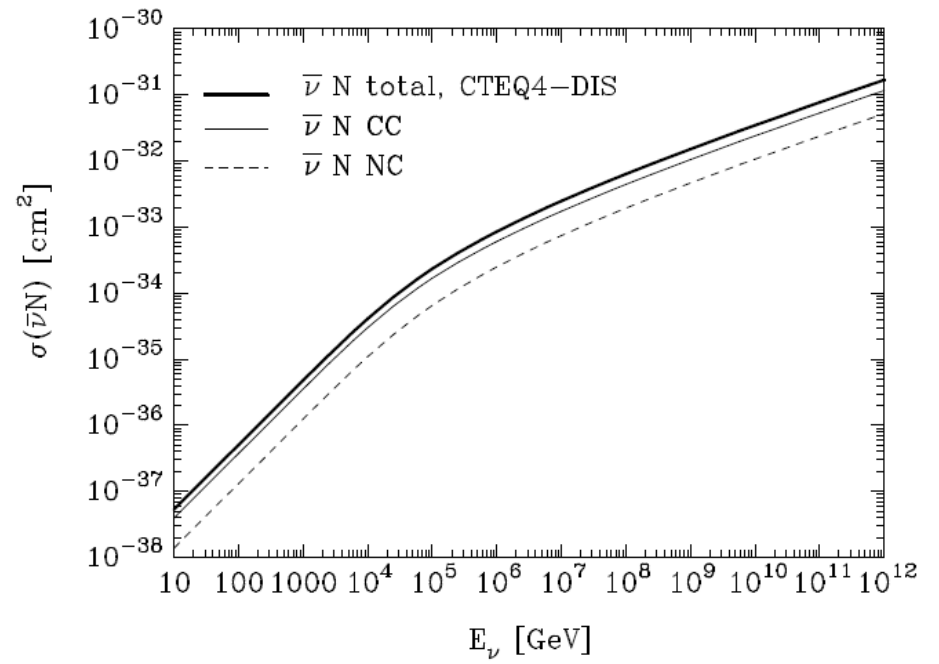
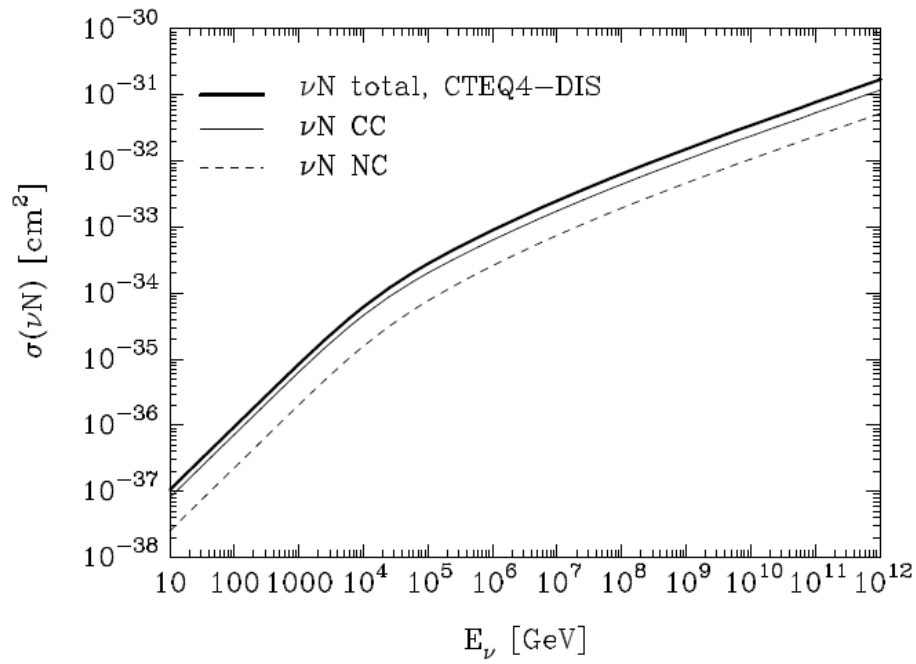
$$1 - e^{-\frac{L}{\lambda_\nu}}$$

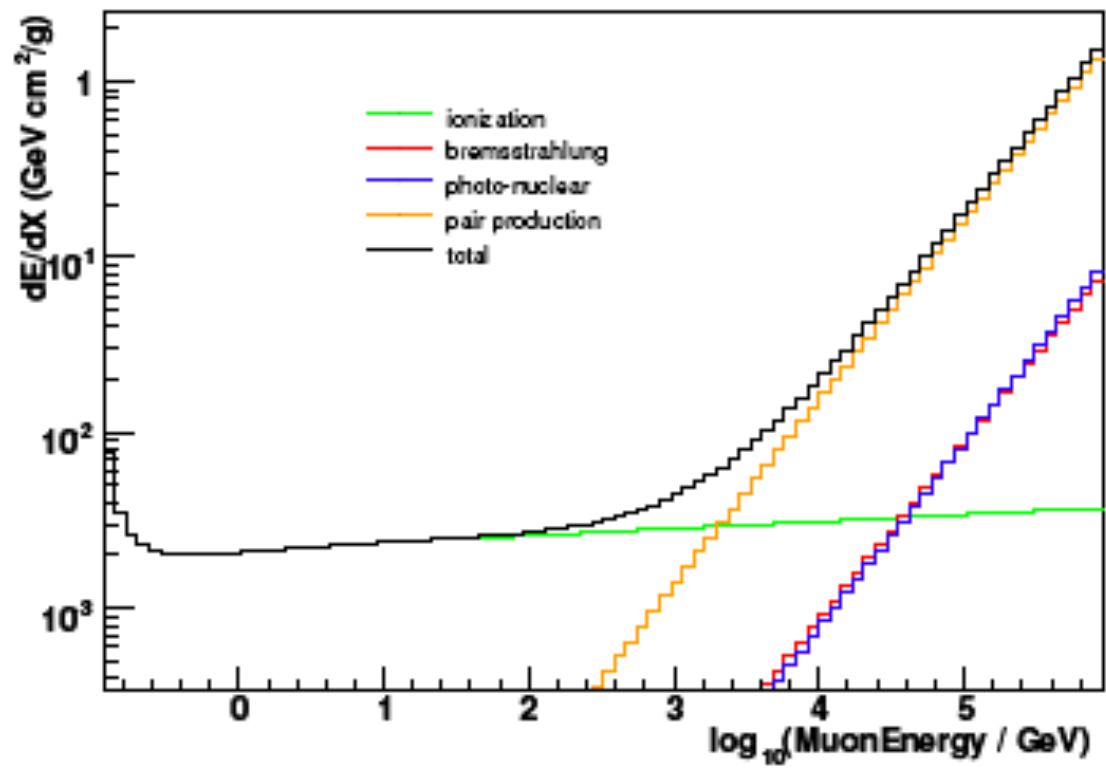
$$\cong \frac{L}{\lambda_\nu}$$

for ν_μ $L \rightarrow R_\mu [E_\mu = (1 - y) E_\nu]$

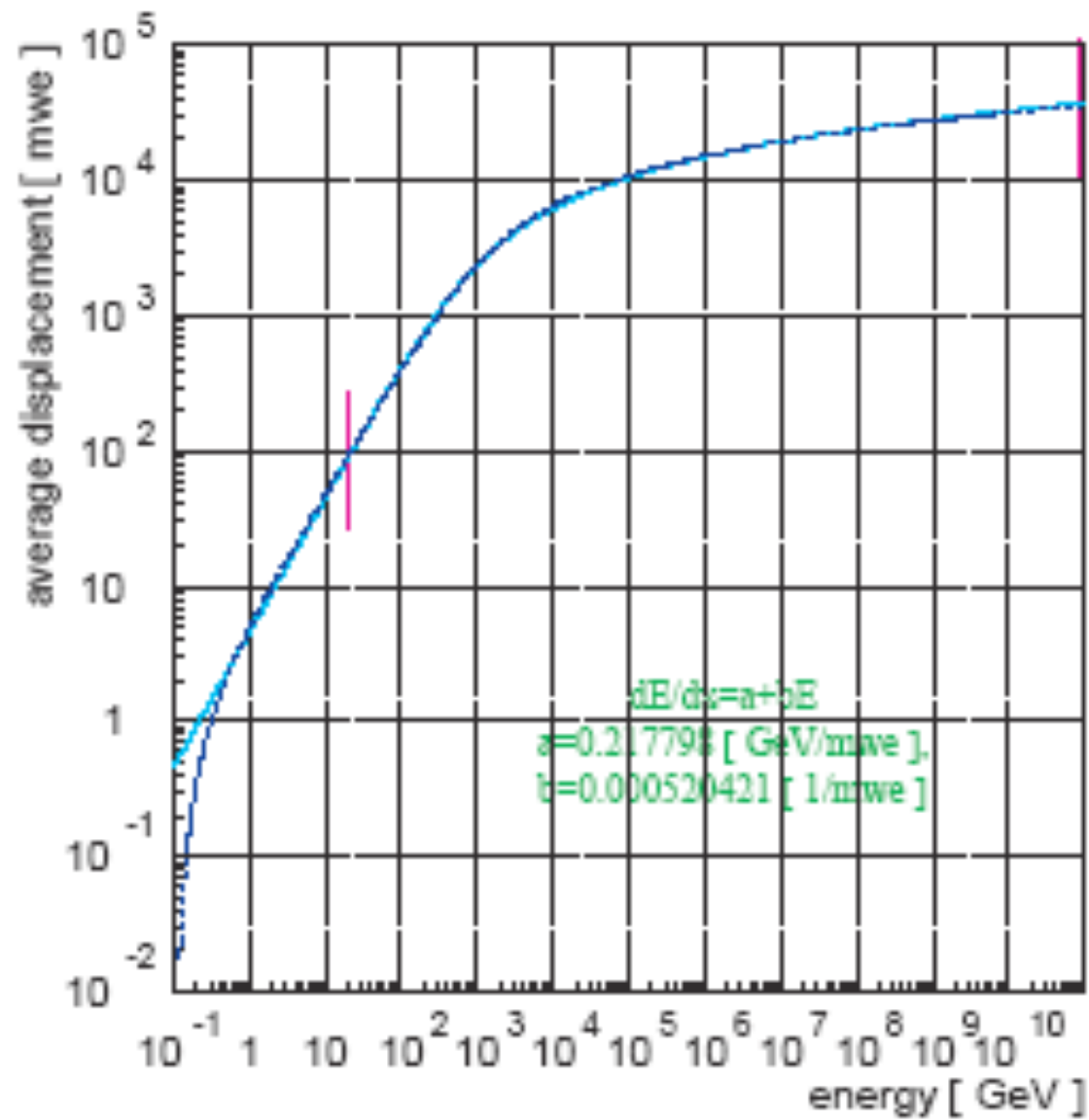
for ν_τ $L \rightarrow (E_\tau / m_\tau) c\tau_\tau$

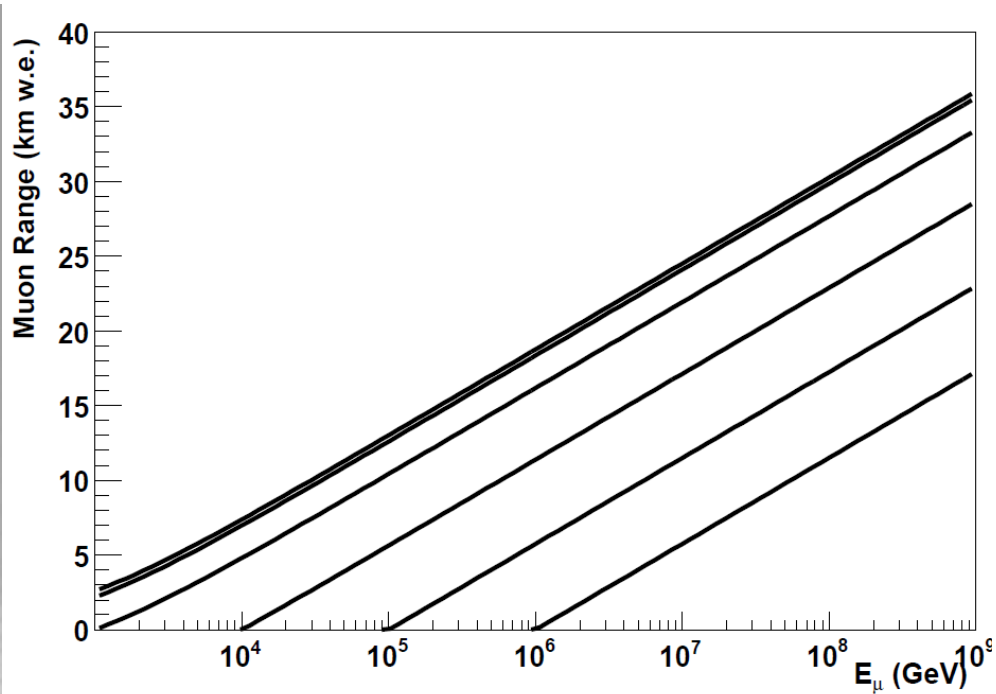
$$P_{\text{det}} = n\sigma_\nu L$$





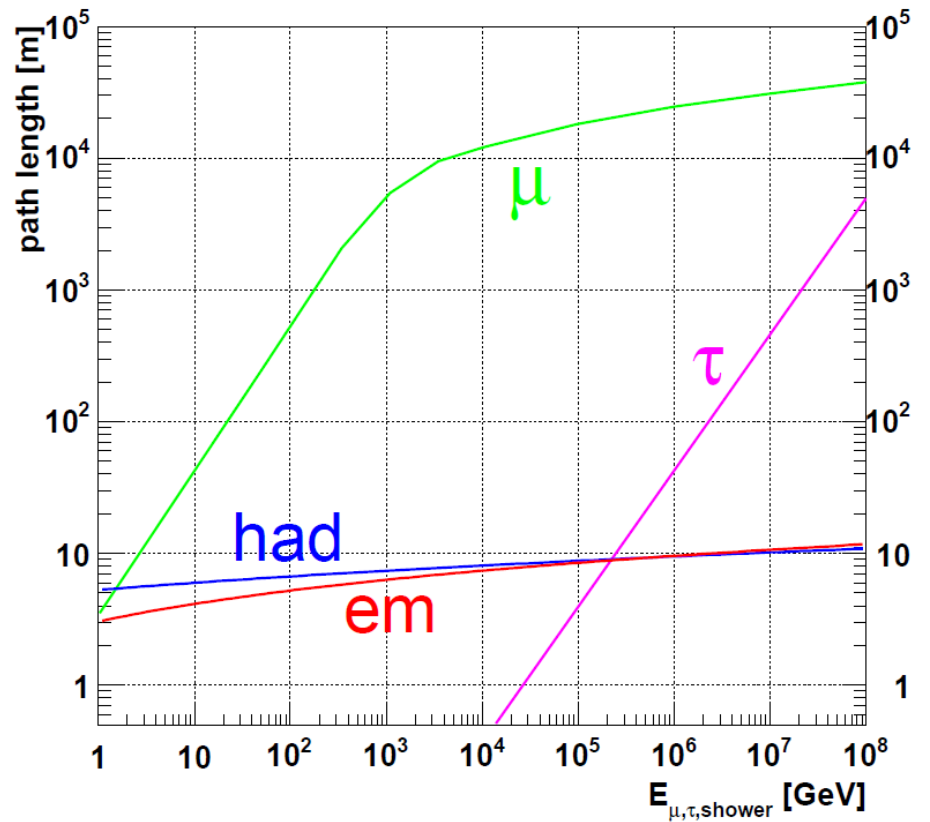
muon range

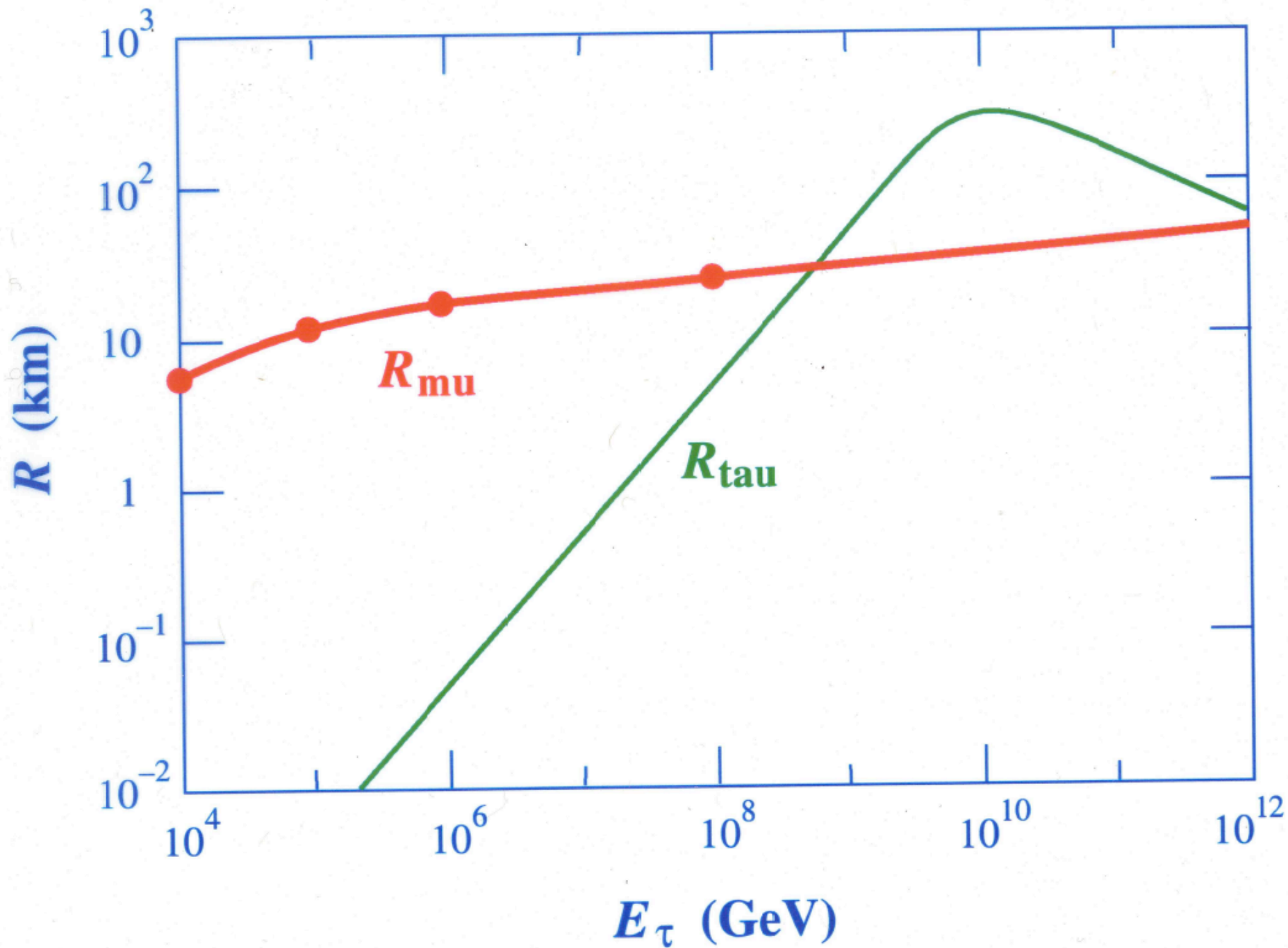




← muon range versus energy
for
detector threshold $1-10^6$ GeV

pathlength versus energy →





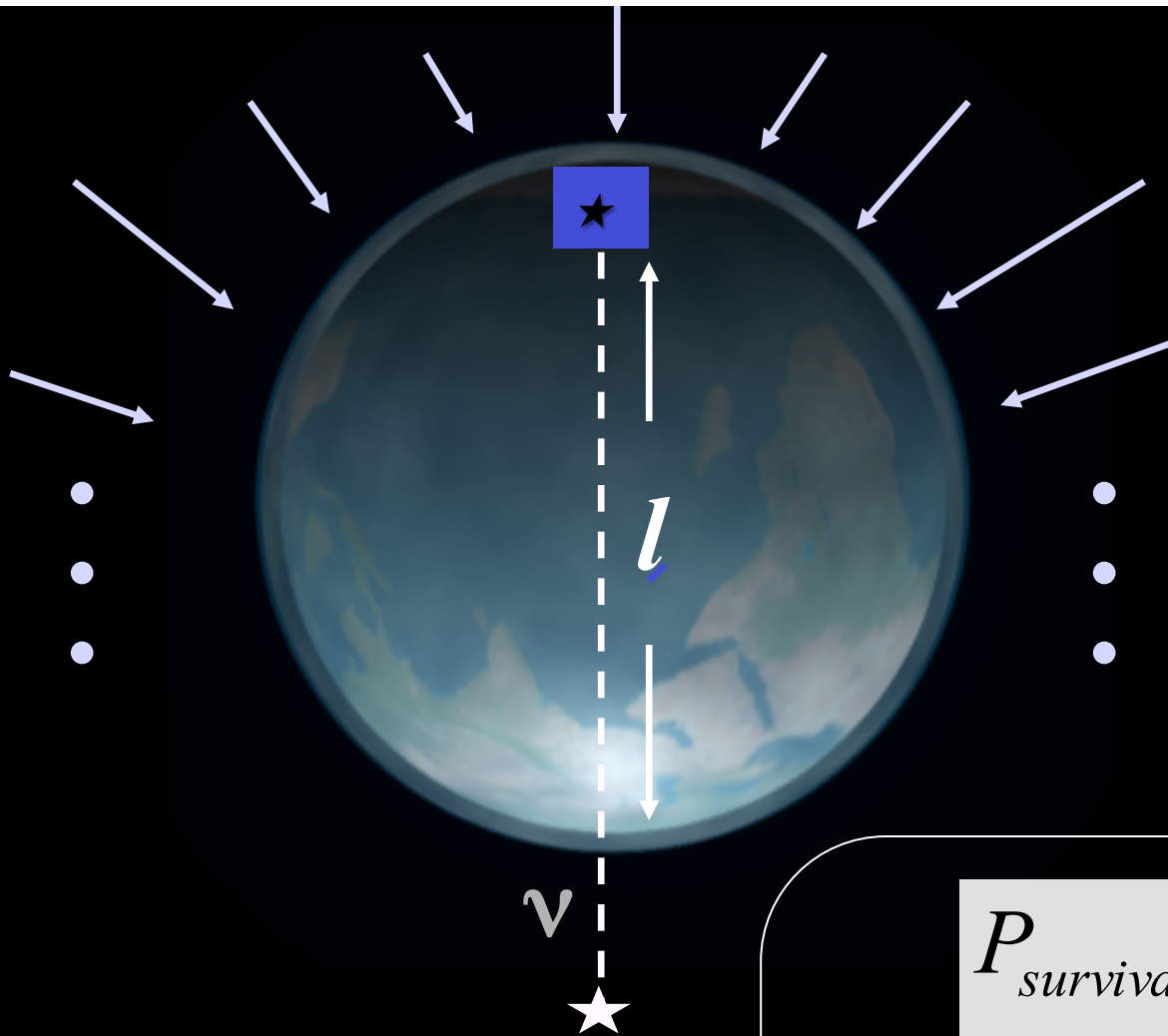
neutrino and muon area

$$\begin{aligned} \text{events} &= A_{\nu} \times \Phi_{\nu} \\ &= A_{\mu} \times P_{\nu \rightarrow \mu} \times \Phi_{\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\nu \rightarrow \mu} = \lambda_{\mu} / \lambda_{\nu} = R_{\mu} n \sigma_{\nu} \cong 10^{-6} E_{\text{TeV}}$$

$$A_{\nu} = P_{\nu \rightarrow \mu} A_{\mu}$$

the earth as
a cosmic ray
muon filter



a neutrino of 70 TeV
has an interaction length
equal to the diameter of
the earth

$$P_{survival} = \exp - (l / \lambda_{\nu})$$
$$\lambda_{\nu}^{-1} = n \sigma_{\nu} (E_{\nu})$$

$$n = \rho N_A$$

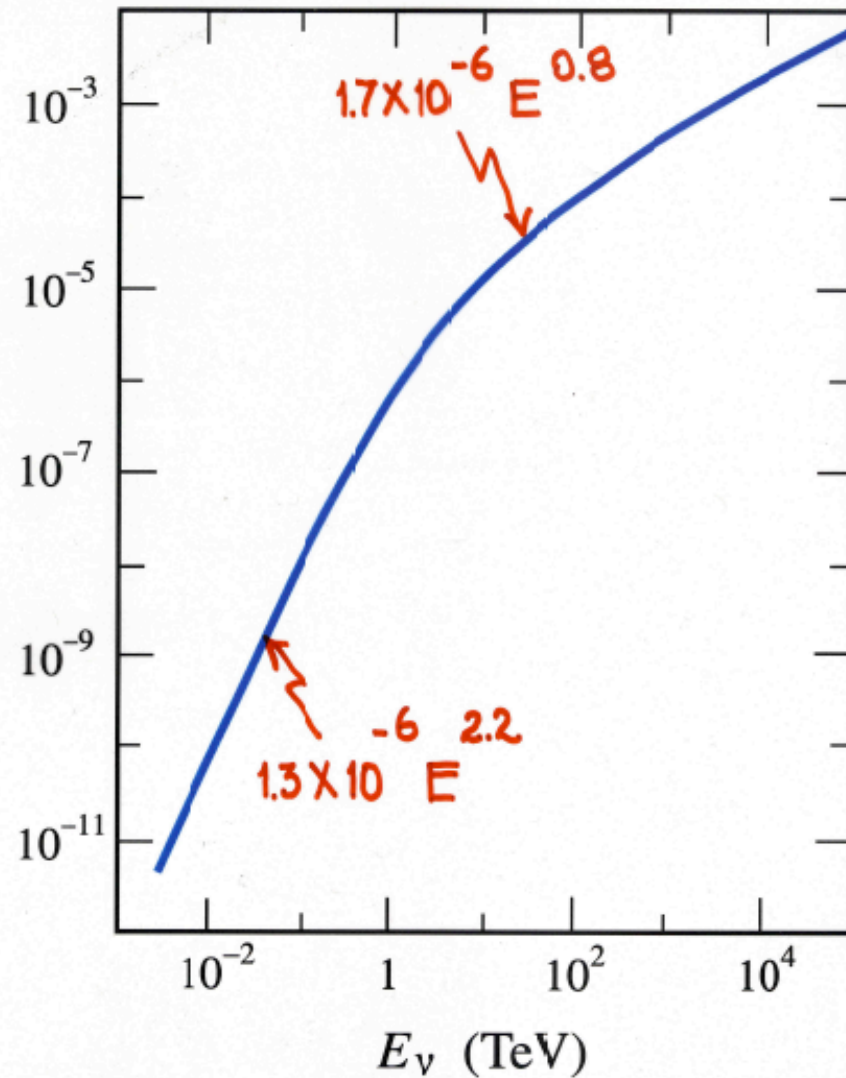
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- $P_{\nu \rightarrow \mu} = \text{density} \cdot \sigma_{\nu}(E) \cdot R_{\mu}(E)$



- $N_{\text{events}} = \text{AREA} \int \frac{dN_{\mu}}{dE} P_{\nu \rightarrow \mu} dE$

effective telescope area at 100 TeV

$$area \times P_{\mu \rightarrow \nu} \left(= \frac{\lambda_{\mu}}{\lambda_{\nu}} = nR_{\mu} \sigma_{\nu} \cong 10^{-6} E_{TeV} \right)$$

- AMANDA ~ ANTARES ~ 1 m²
- IceCube 22 strings 30 m²
- IceCube 80 strings 100 m²