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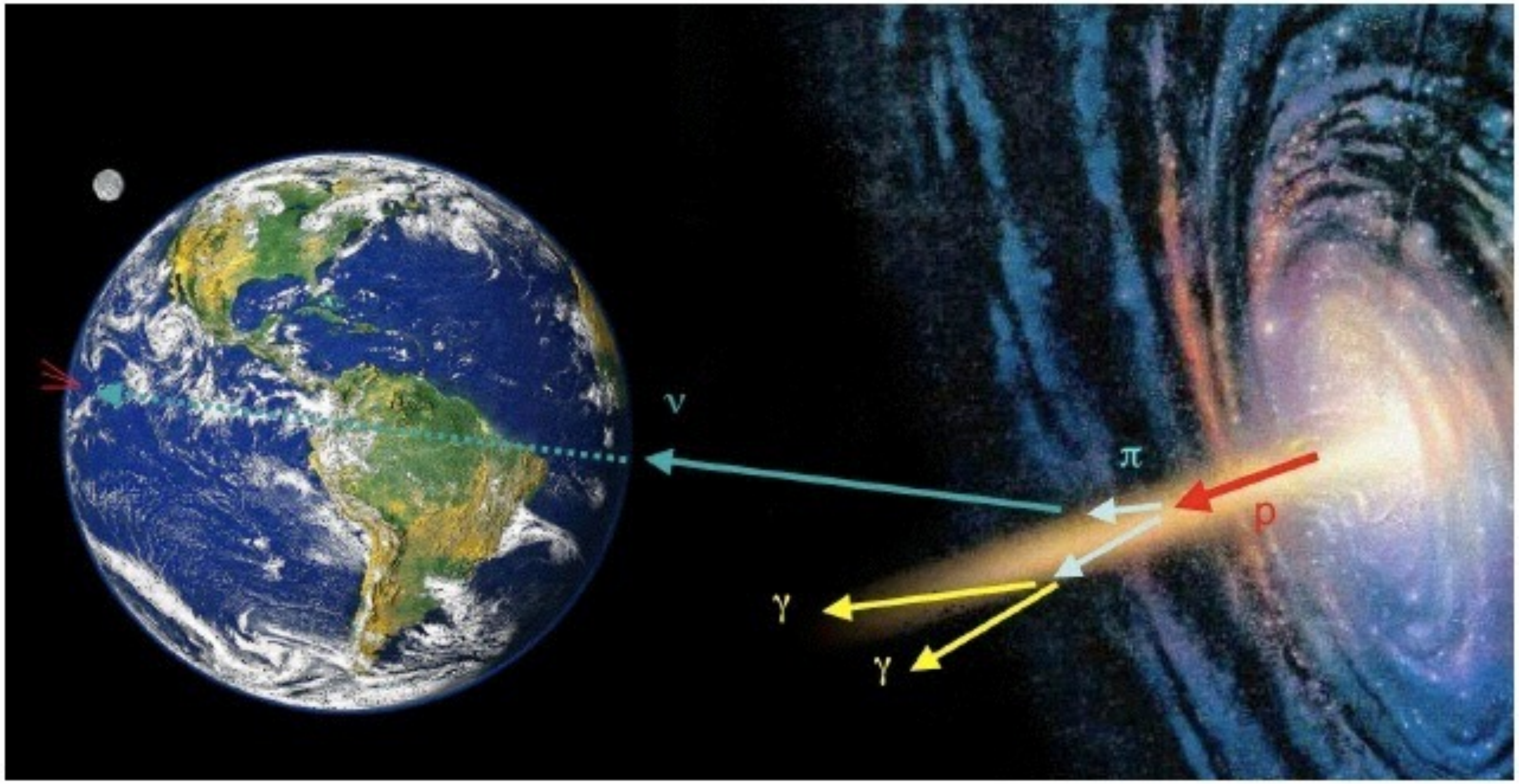

07. Cosmic Rays I

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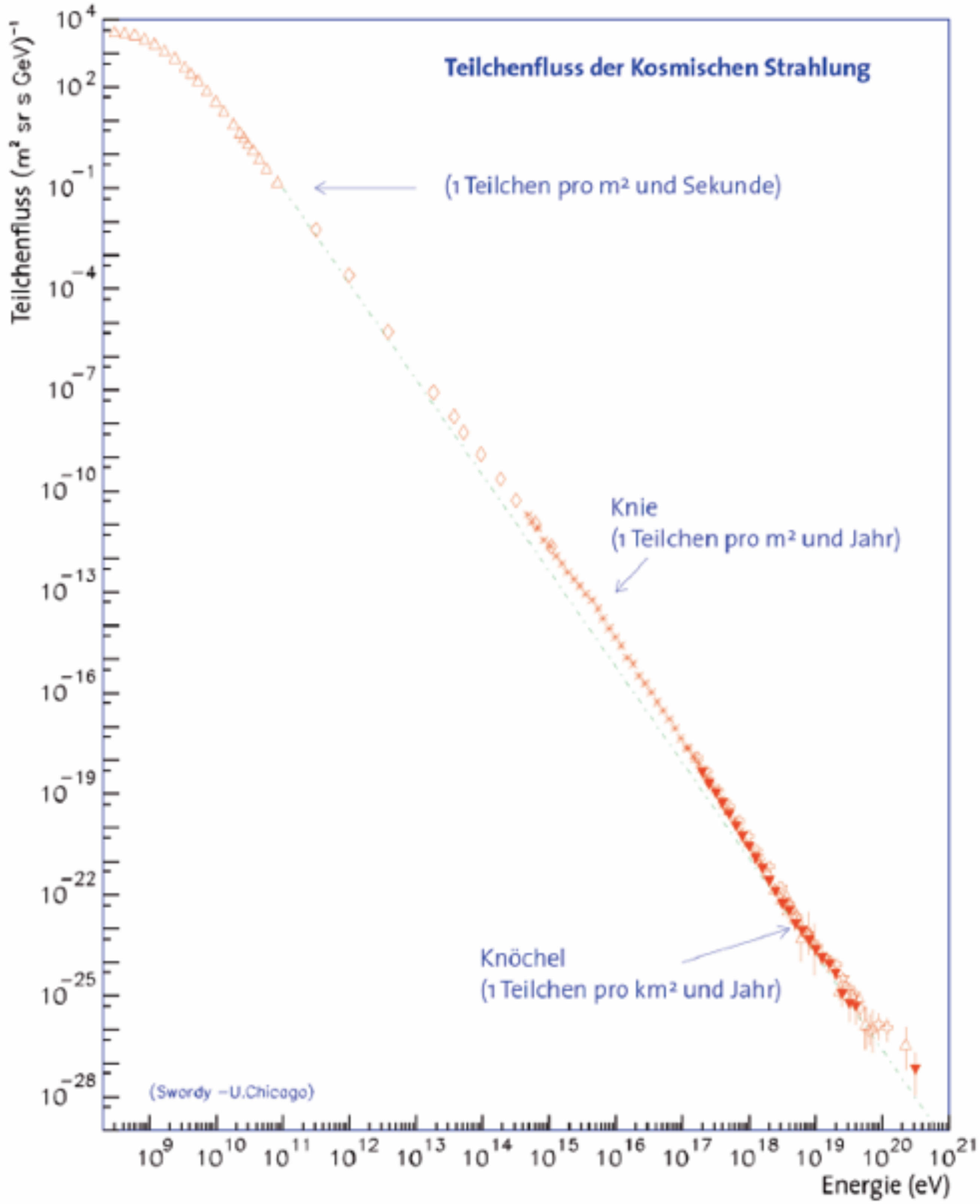
Cosmic Rays: Spectrum



- Extends over many orders of magnitude in energy and flux:
  - GeV (10^9 eV) - ZeV (10^{21})
  - >1 $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$ - < 1 km^{-2} per century

- Follows a power law:

$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-\gamma}$$

- $\gamma \sim 2.7$ $E < 10^{15}$ eV
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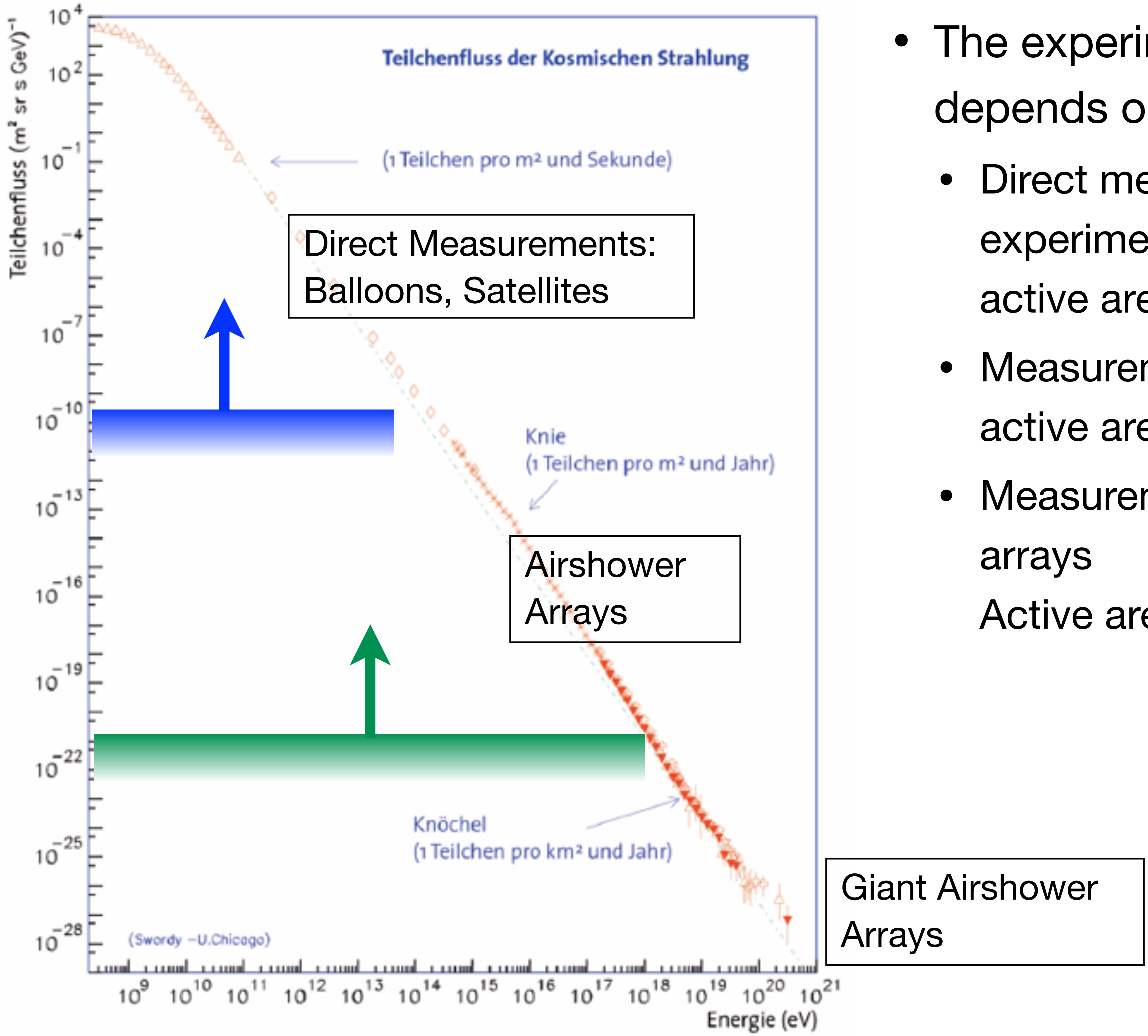
Cosmic Rays: Spectrum & Experiments



- The experimental technique used depends on particle energy and flux
  - Direct measurement via balloon experiments and satellites, active area ~ 1 m^2
  - Measurement with airshower arrays active area ~ 10 000 m^2
  - Measurement with giant airshower arrays Active area ~ 1000 km^2

Air Showers: The Atmosphere as Calorimeter

- Nuclear interaction length λ_I ~ 90 g/cm^2
- Radiation length X_0 ~ 36.6 g/cm^2
- Density of the atmosphere: ~ 1035 g/cm^2

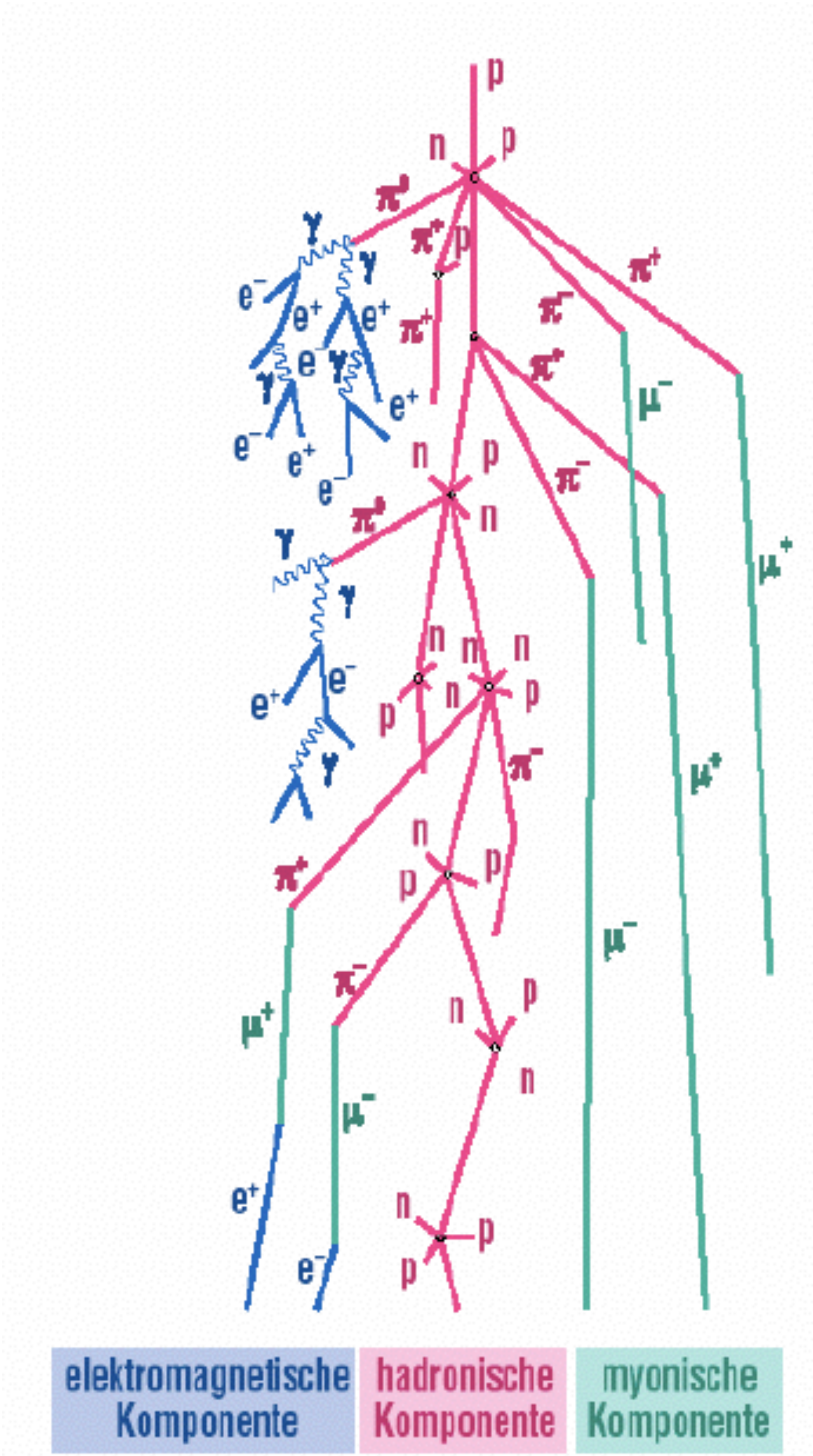
‣ ~ 11 λ_I, ~ 28 X_0

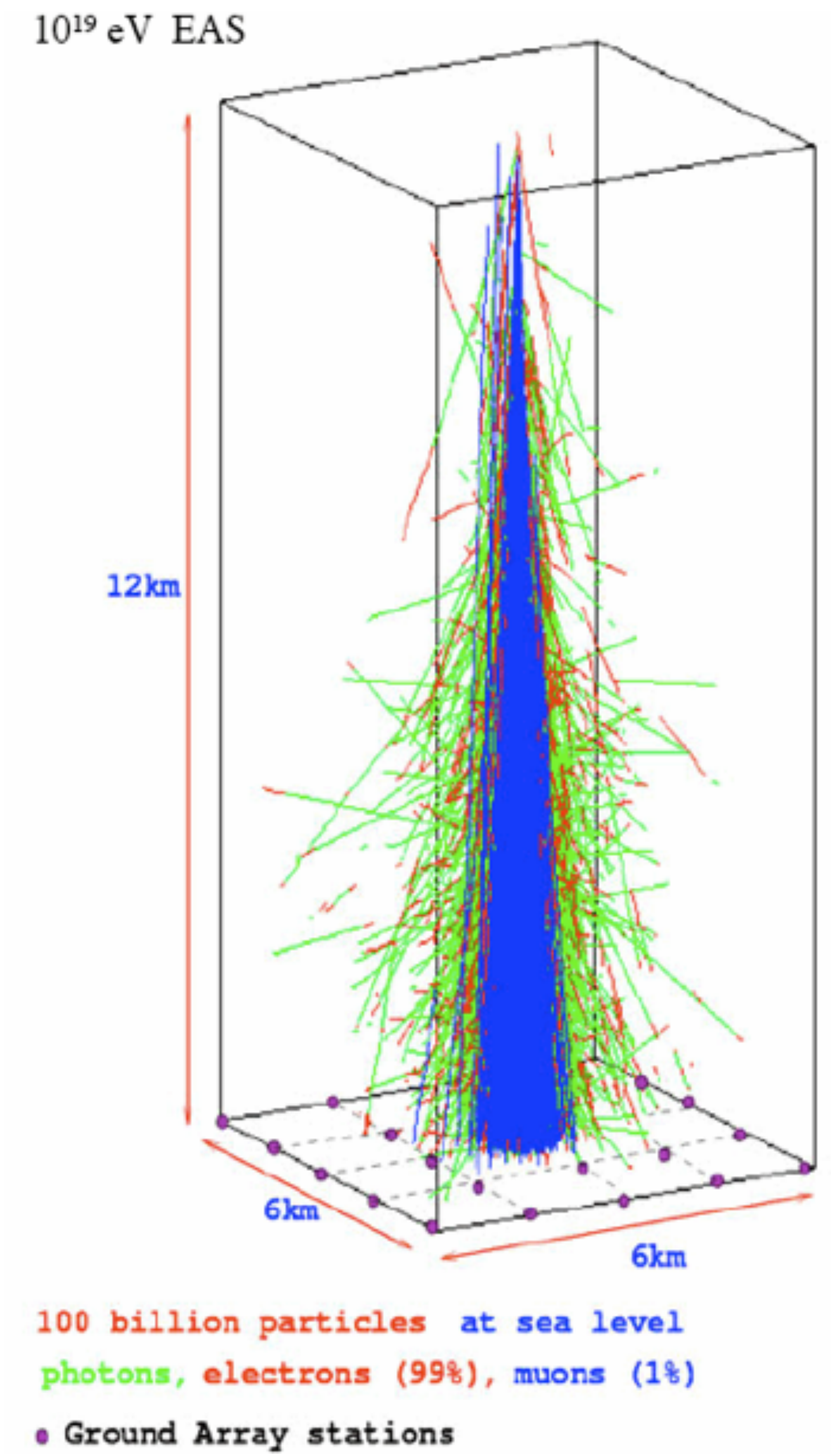
Reminder:

Radiation length: Energy loss of electrons in matter: $\langle E_e(x) \rangle \propto e^{\frac{x}{X_0}}$

Nuklear interaction length: Typical mean free path between nuclear reactions, Probability that no interaction is taking place: $P(x) = e^{\frac{-x}{\lambda_I}}$

Extended Air Showers (EAS)





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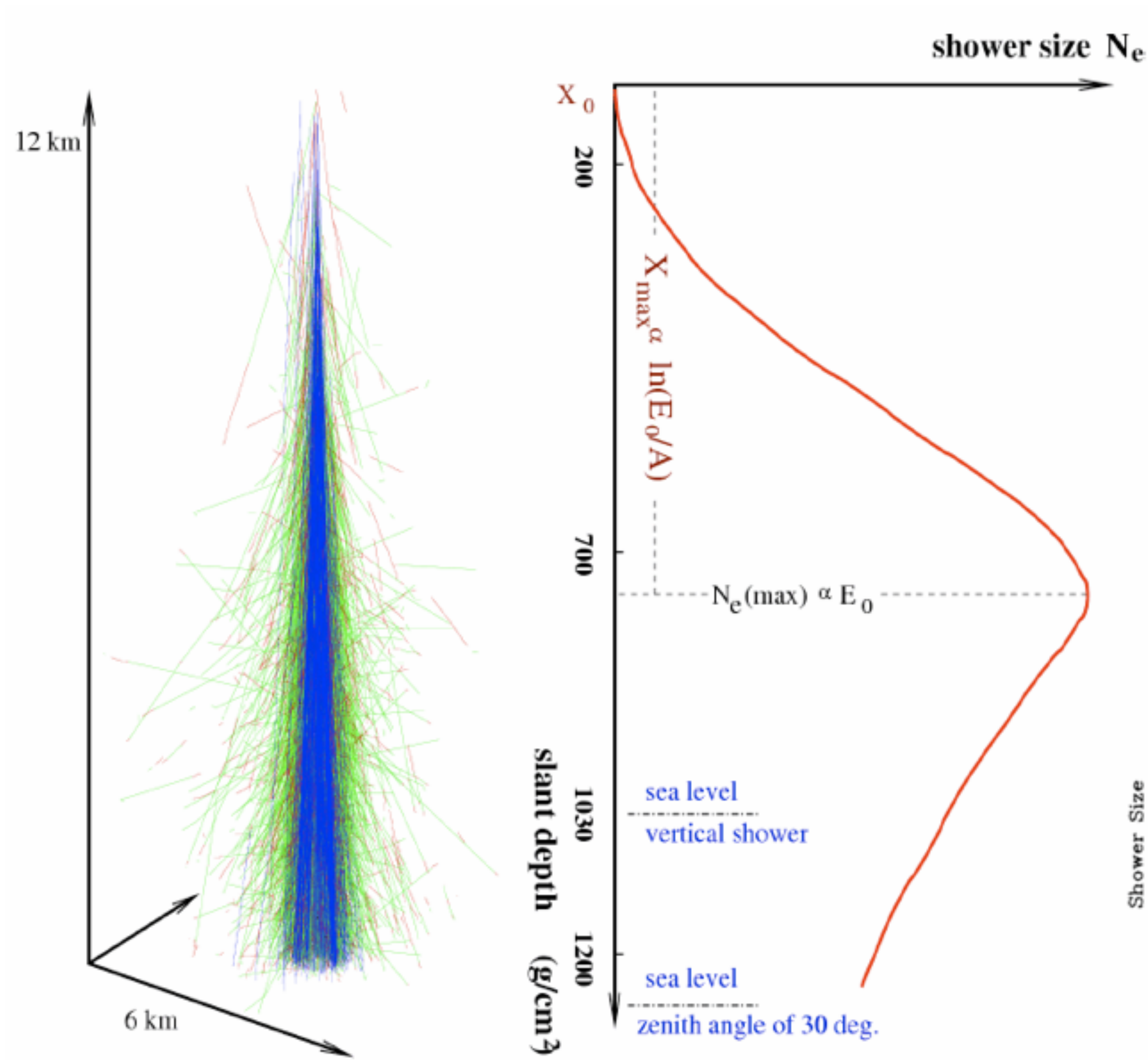
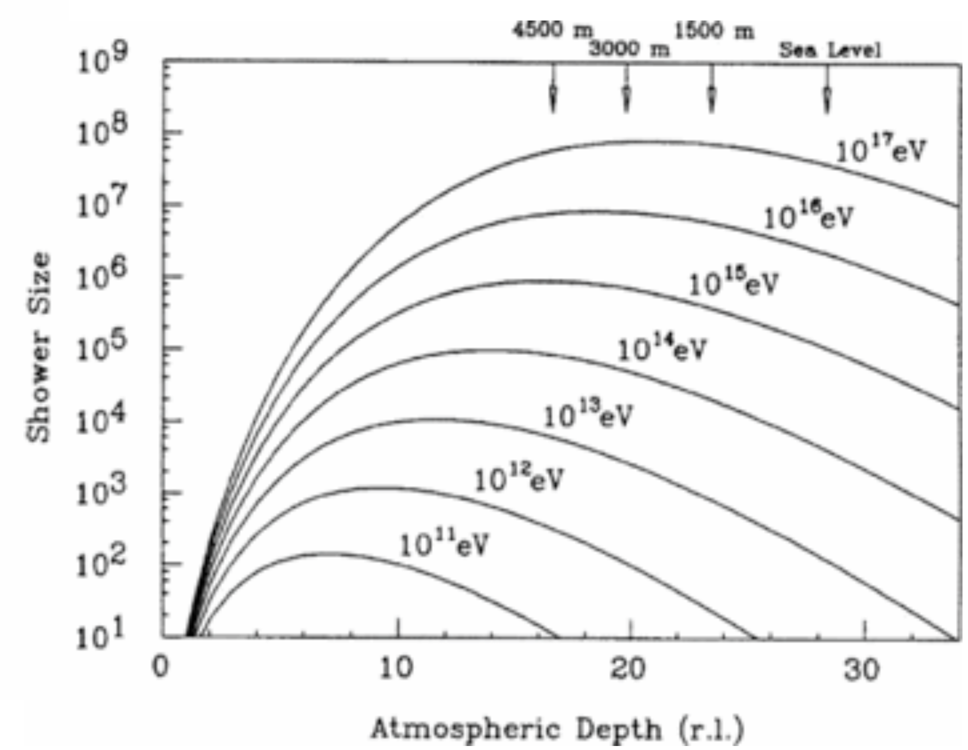


R.Engel, ISAPP2005

- Mainly electromagnetic: photons, electrons
- Shower maximum: ~ $\ln(E_0/A)$



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- Charged pions: $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu_\mu,\ \tau \sim 2.6 \times 10^{-8} s\ (c\tau \sim 8\, m)$
  - Hadronic interaction before decay, or decay into muon + neutrino (at energies of ~ 10 - 20 GeV the range is ~ 1 λ_I)
  - Muonic component is integrating: Muon decay irrelevant on shower time scale, lifetime ~ 2 x 10^{-6} s
  - The production of additional hadrons dominates early in the shower, towards the end decay into muons is more probable

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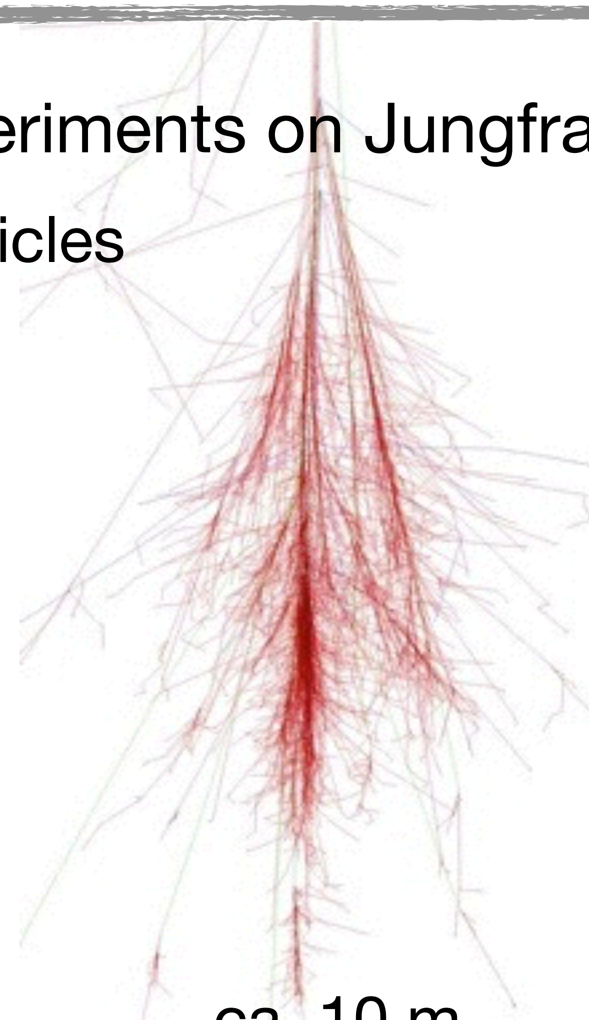
- Continuation of the cascade until

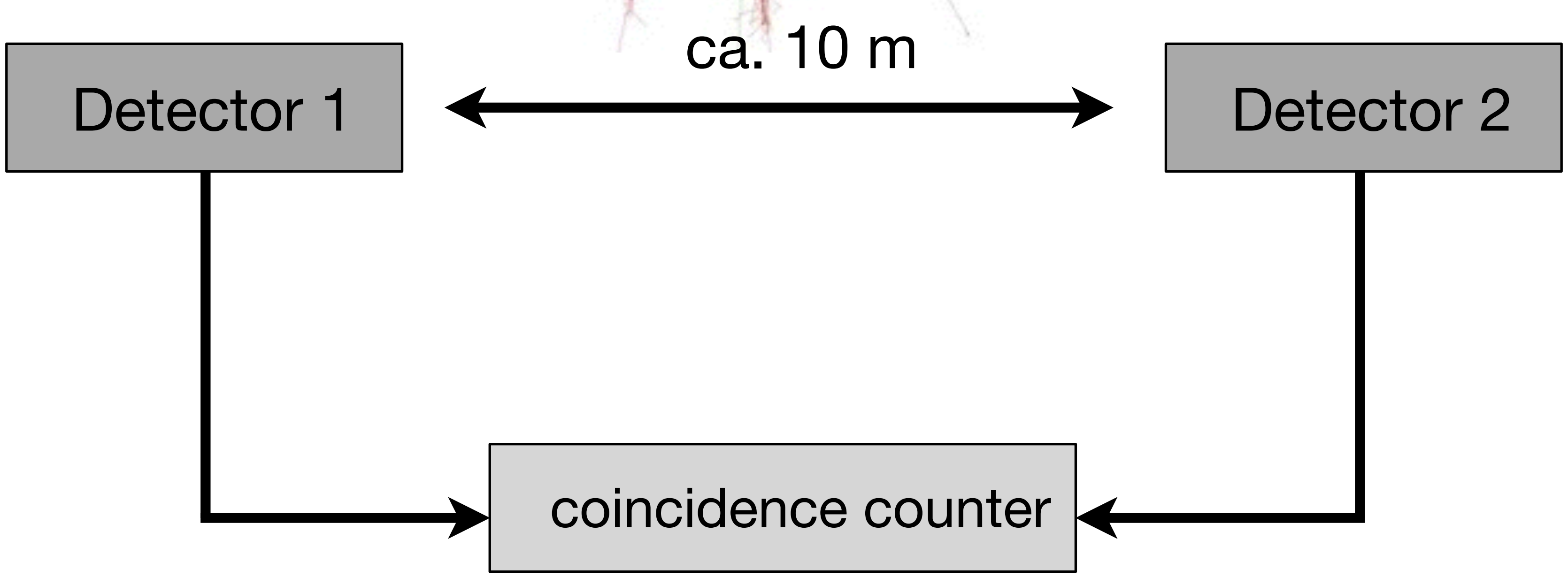
$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{ion} > \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{brems}$$

- Highest particle number in the shower maximum, reduction afterwards

Extended Air Showers: Discovery

- Pierre Auger, 1935 with experiments on Jungfraujoch
  - Detection of coincident particles over large areas
  - Highly energetic primary particle!





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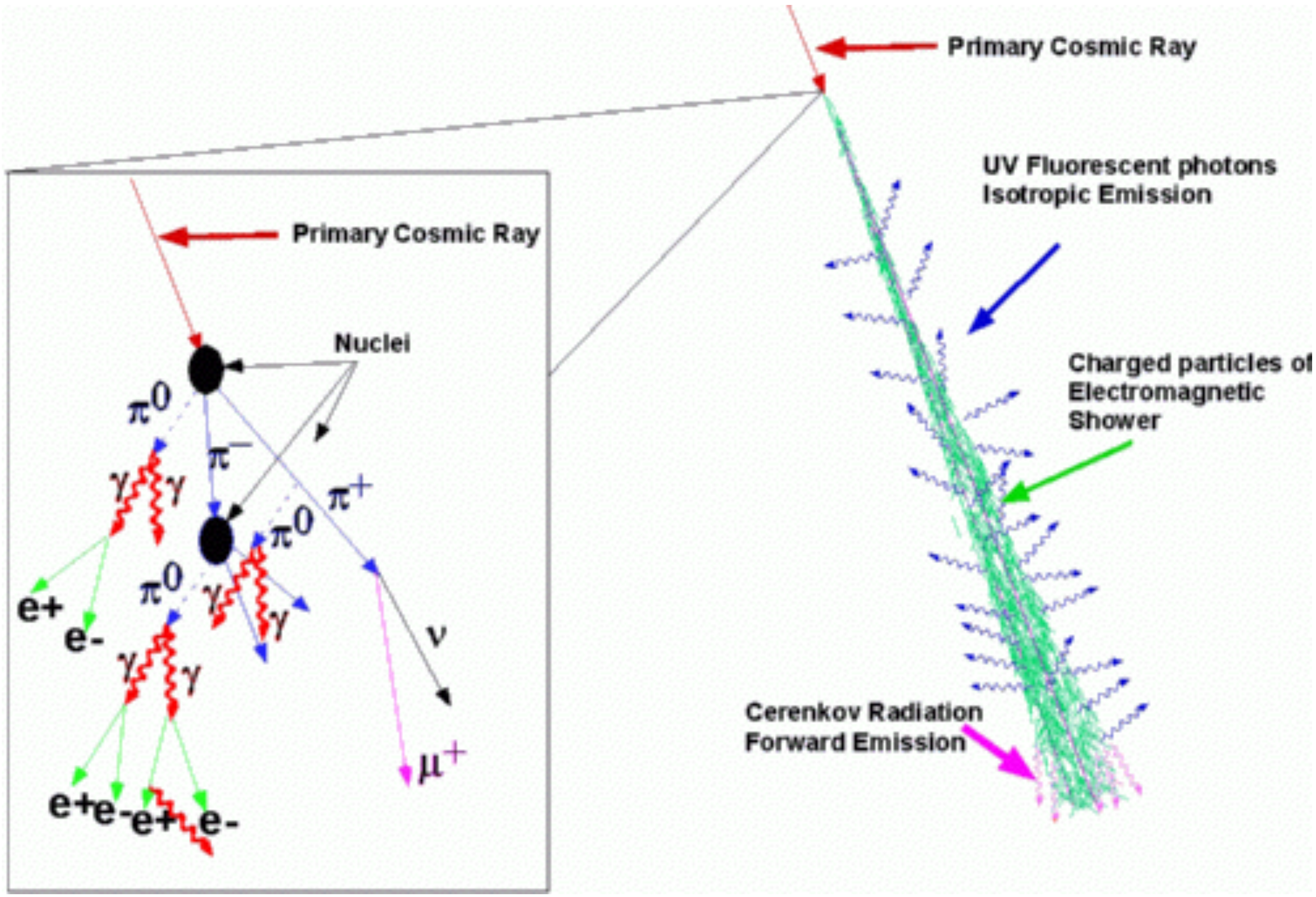
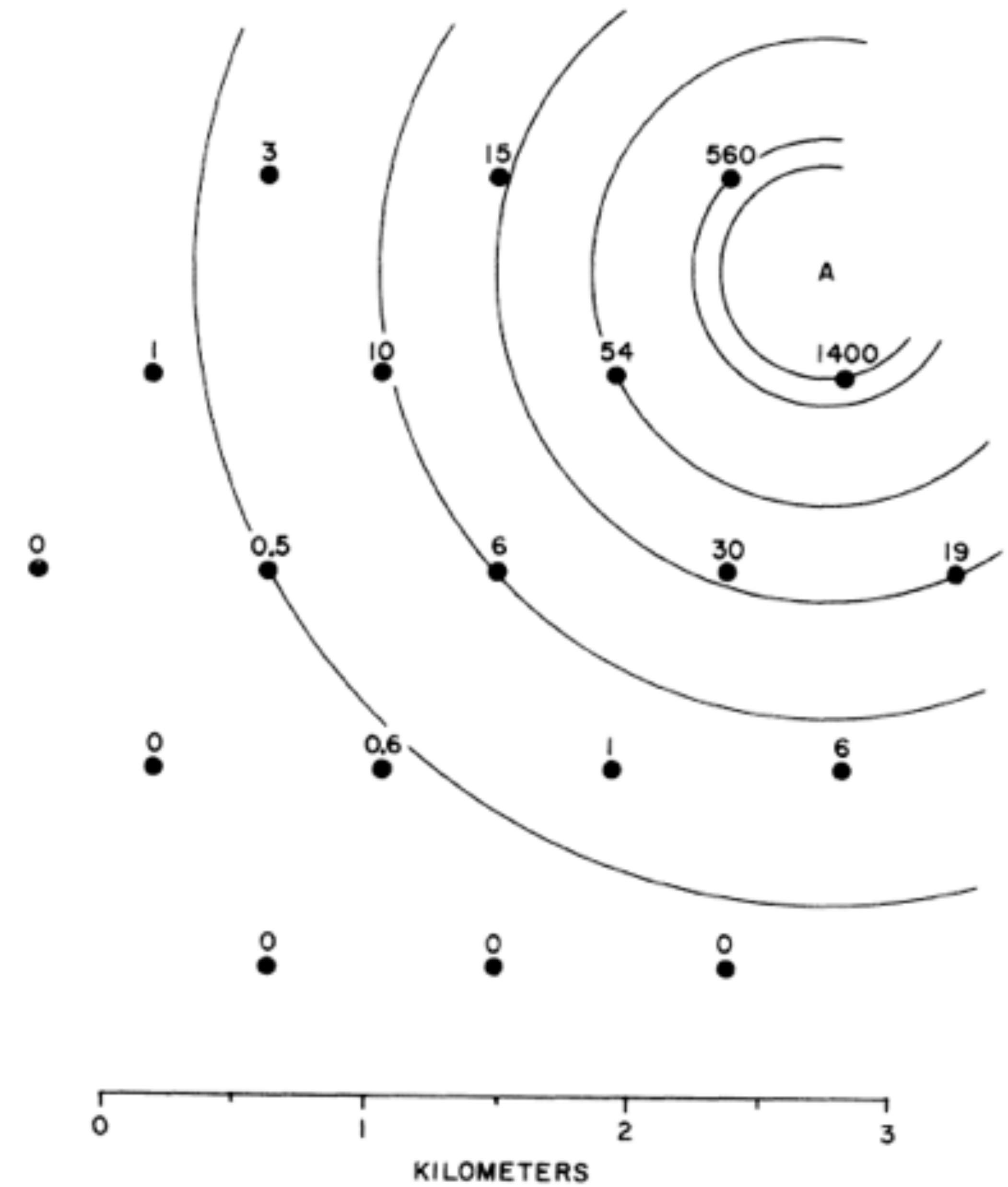


- Detection of charged particles on the surface in “ground arrays”
- Measurement of flourescence light
- Measurement of Cherenkov light

Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays: Discovery

- Primary energy determined to be **10^{20} eV**



- John Linsley et. al, 1962, MIT Volcano Ranch Array, NM, USA
- ~8 km^2, 19 Detectors a 3.3 m^2 (Scintillation Counters)
- Determination of primary energy based on shower size (Number of particles) on ground

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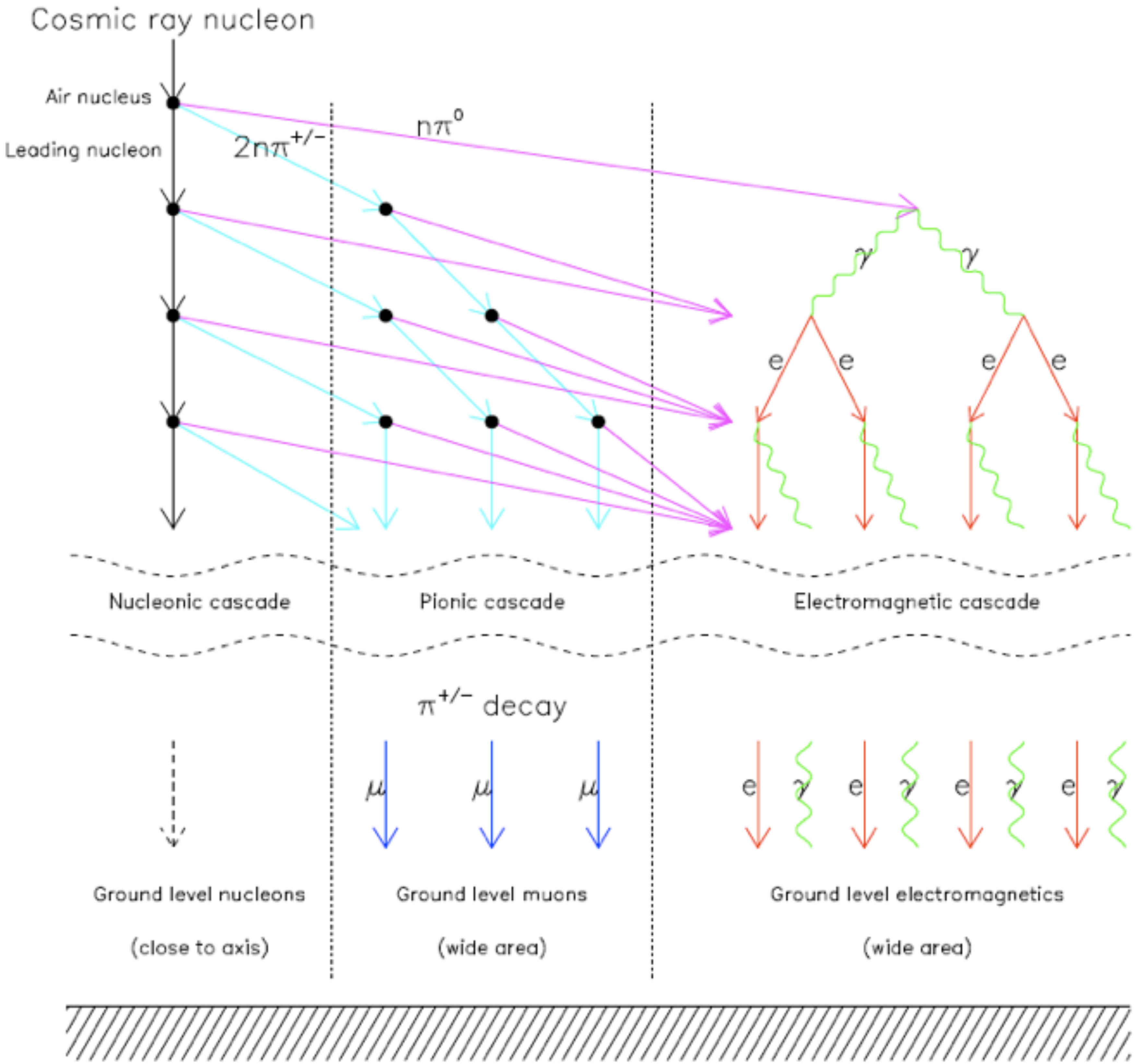

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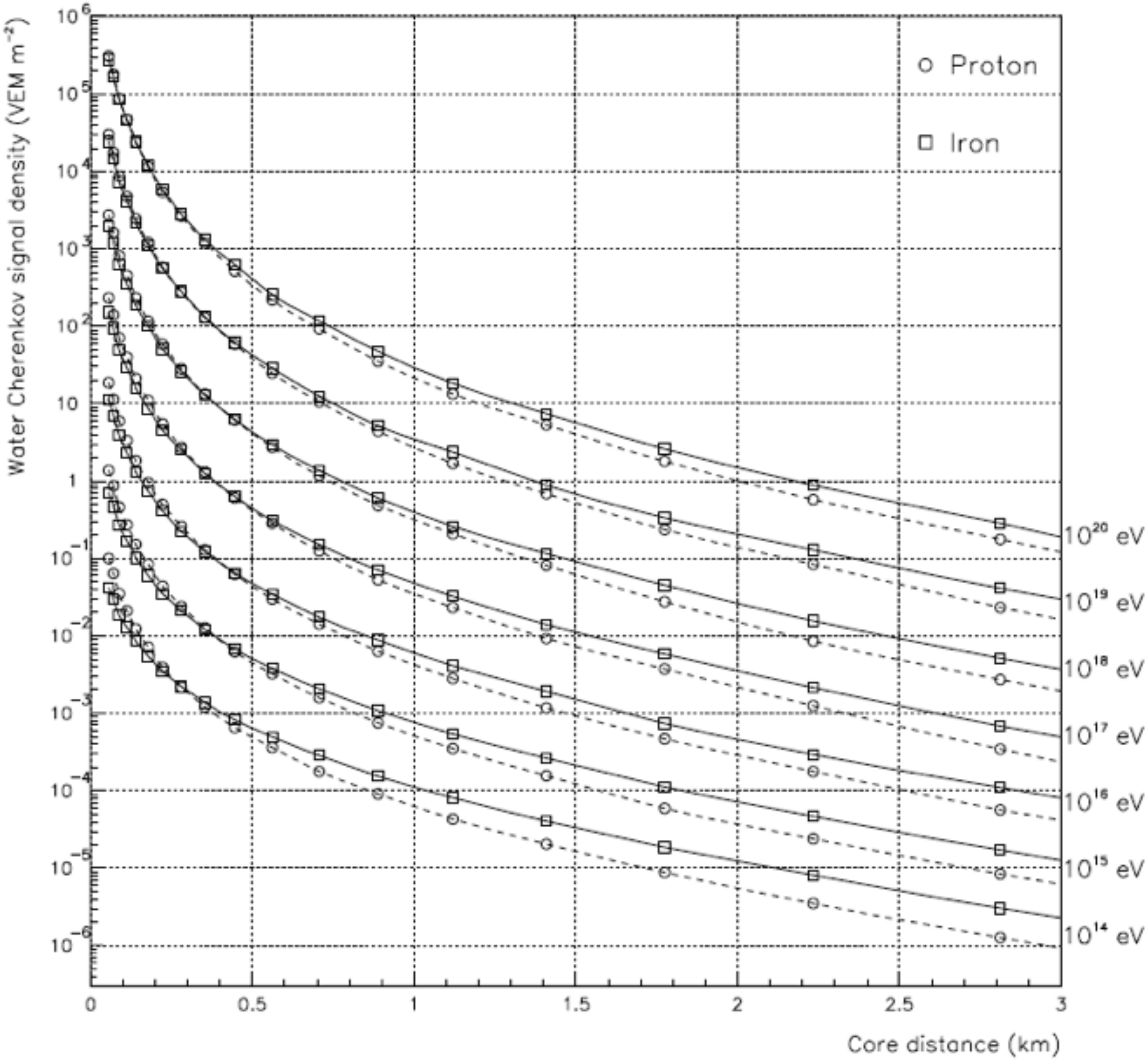
Shower Multiplicity and Energy



- Particle density on ground at different distances from the shower core is a good measure for the total energy

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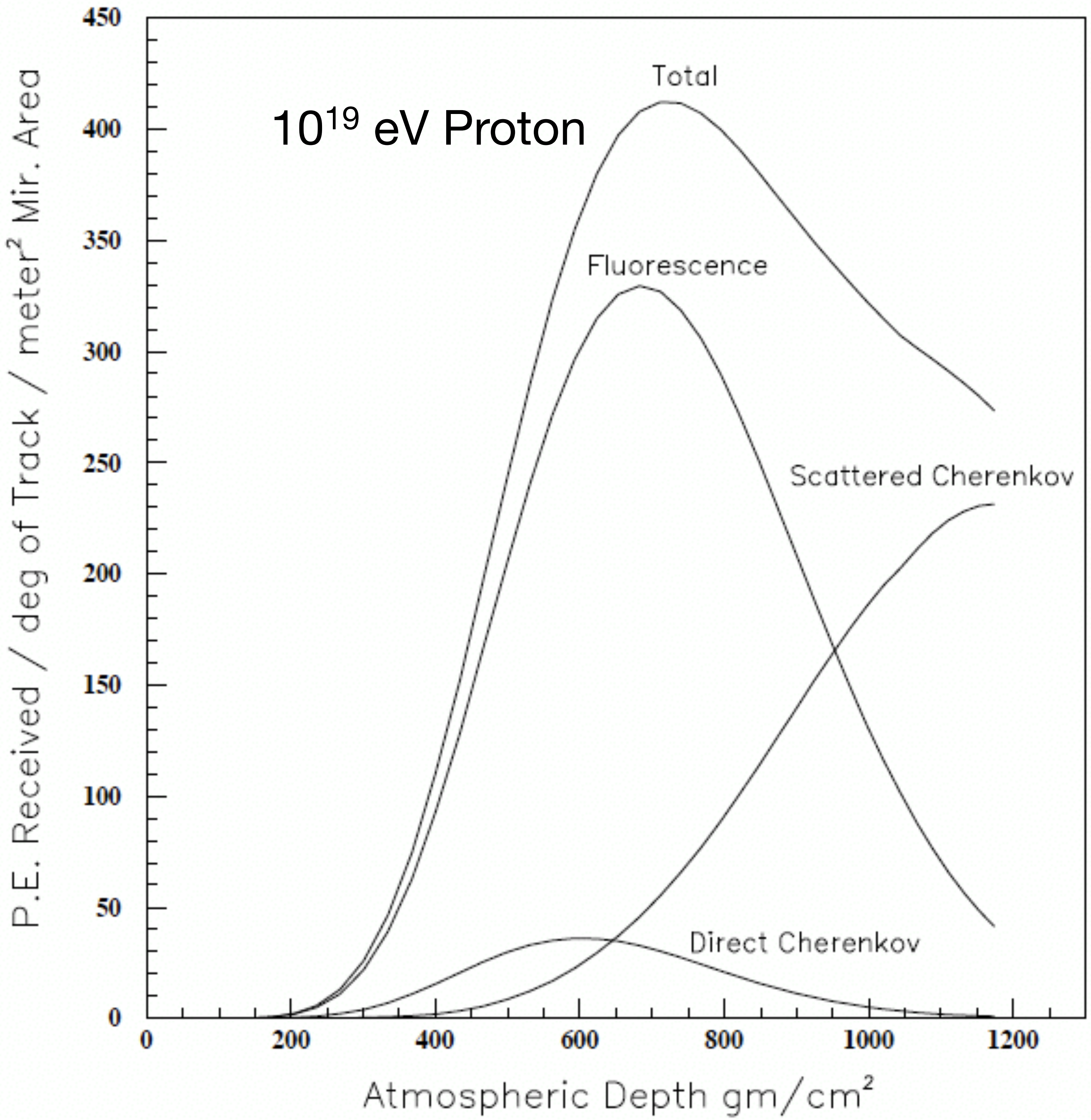
EAS: Light Measurement



- Detection of fluorescence and Cherenkov light used to measure energy
- Also serves to reconstruct details of the shower development in the atmosphere!

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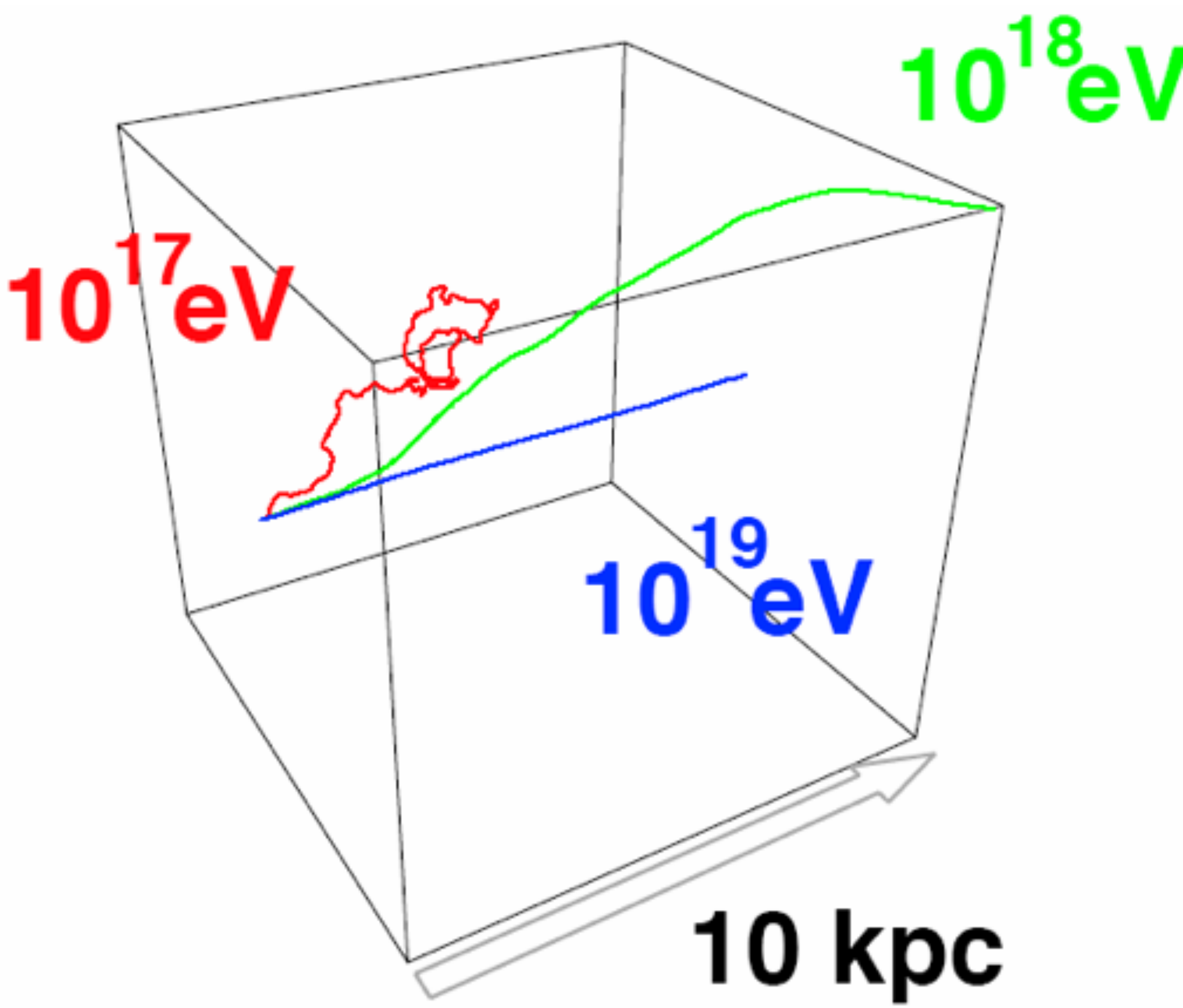

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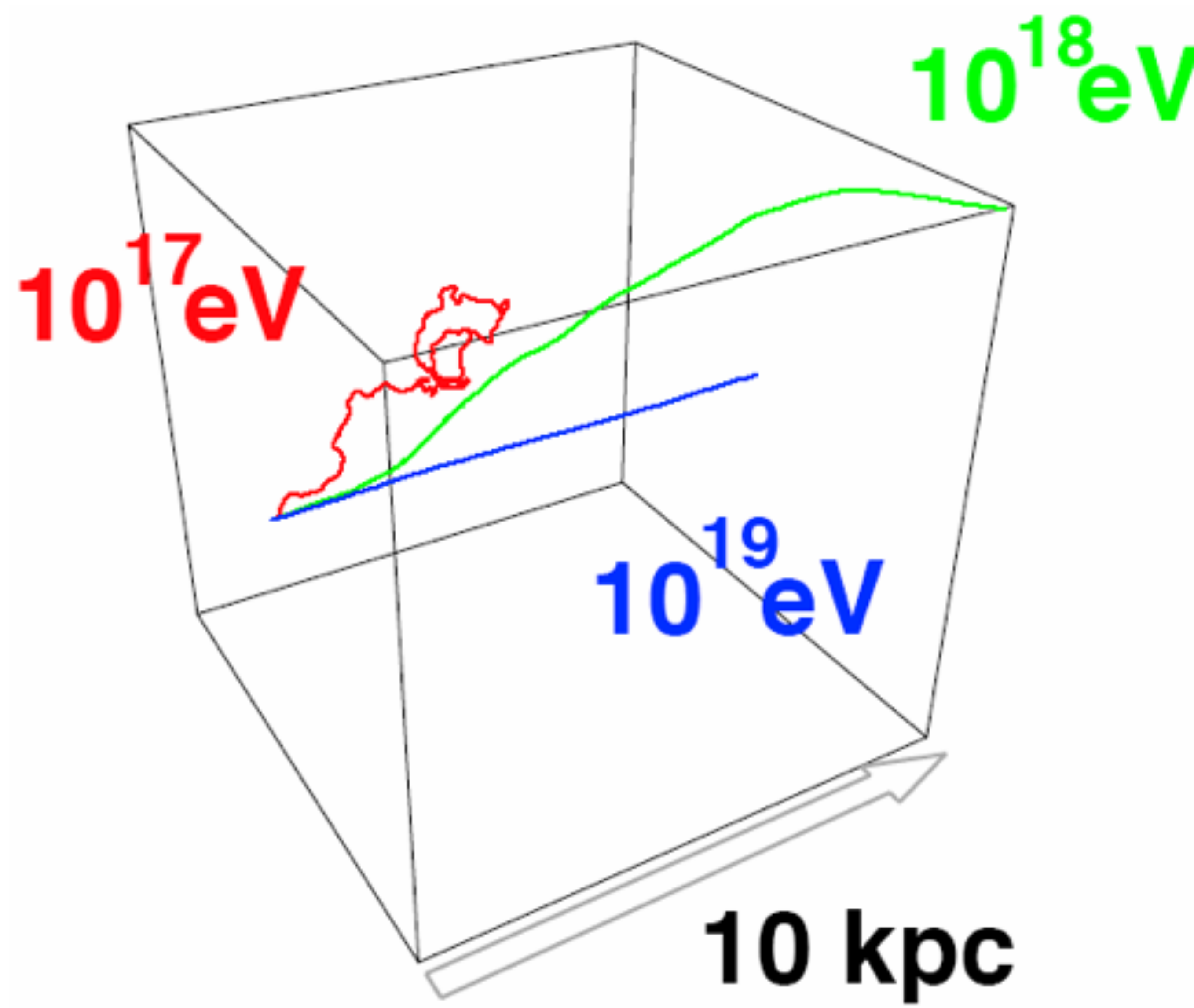

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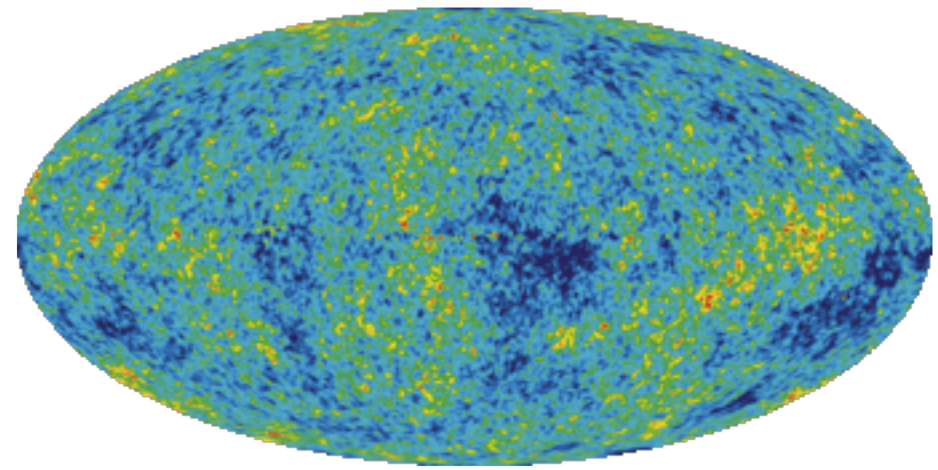

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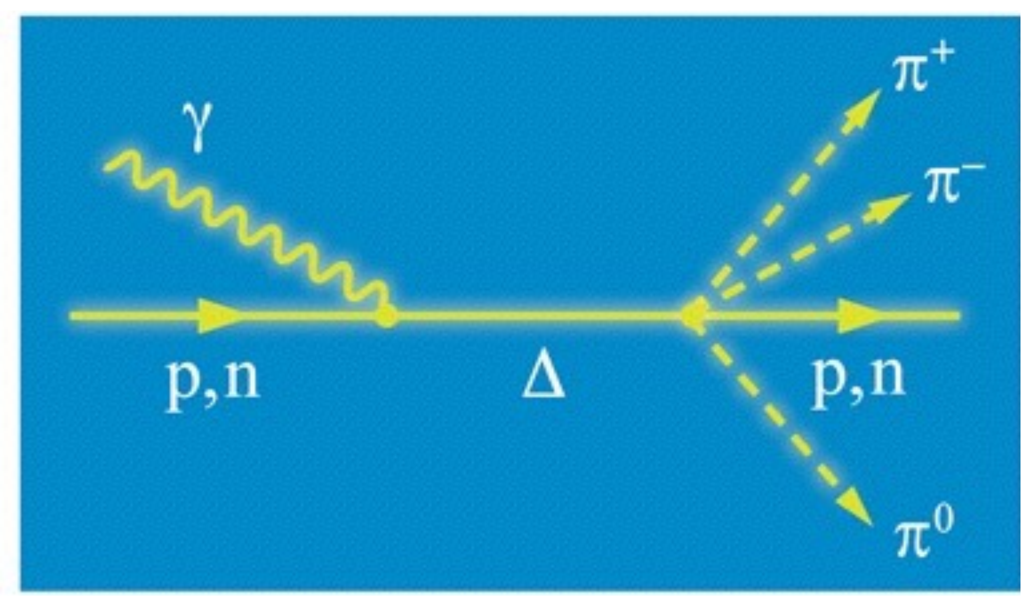

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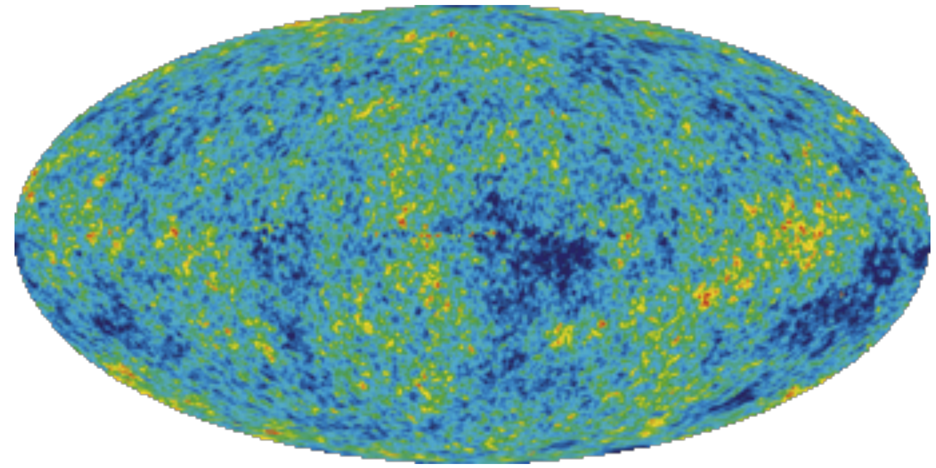

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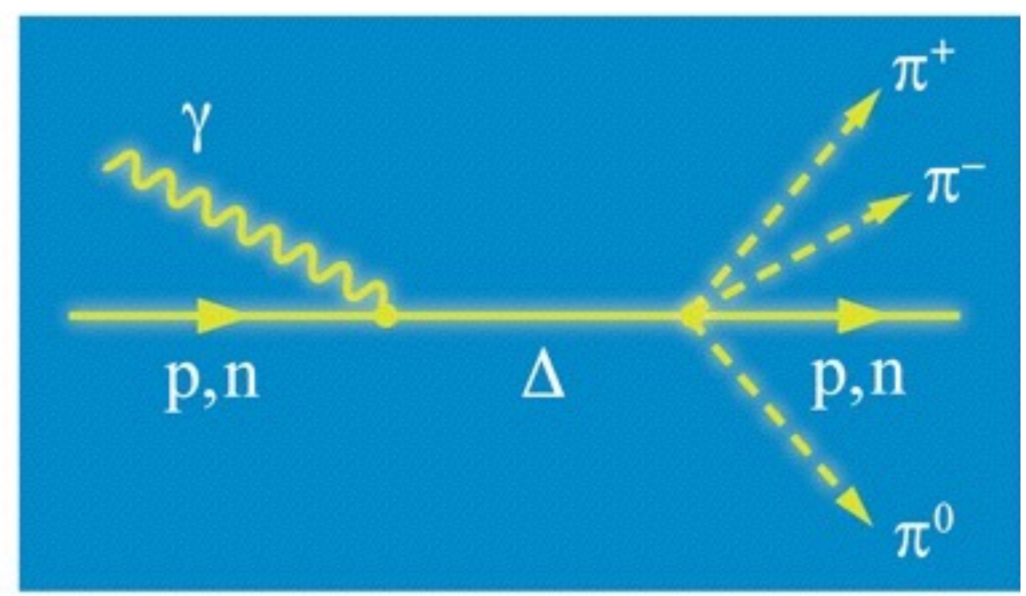

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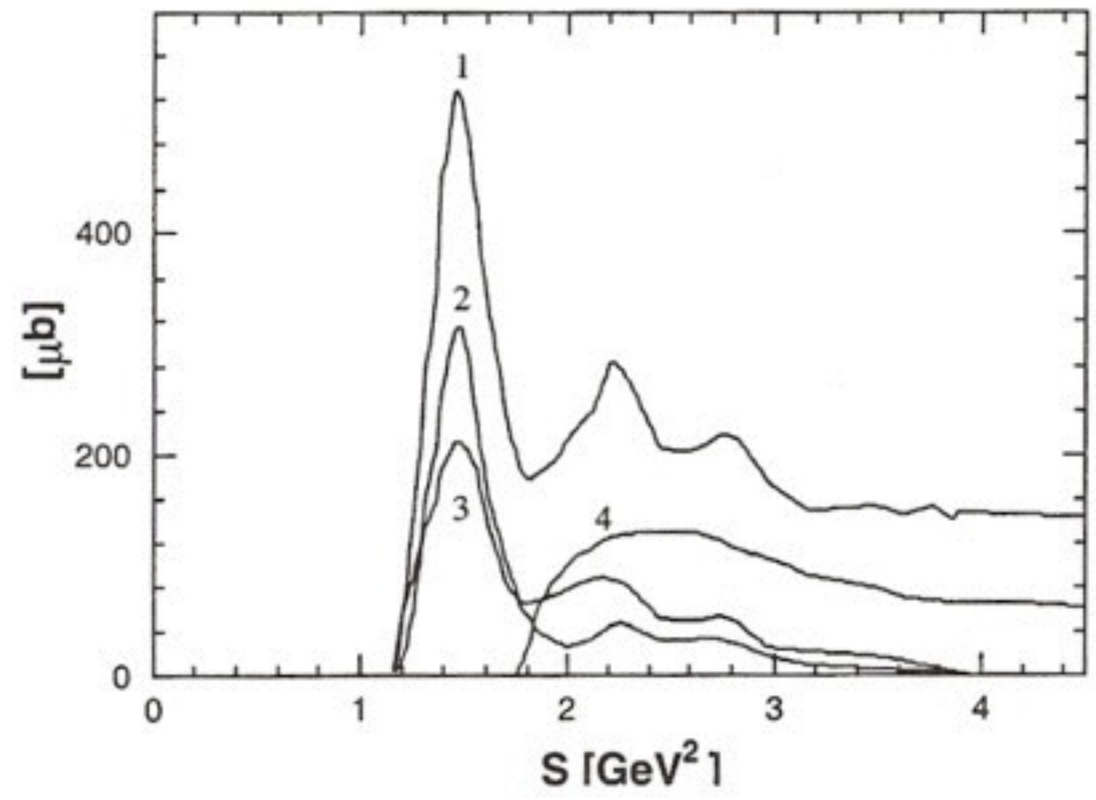

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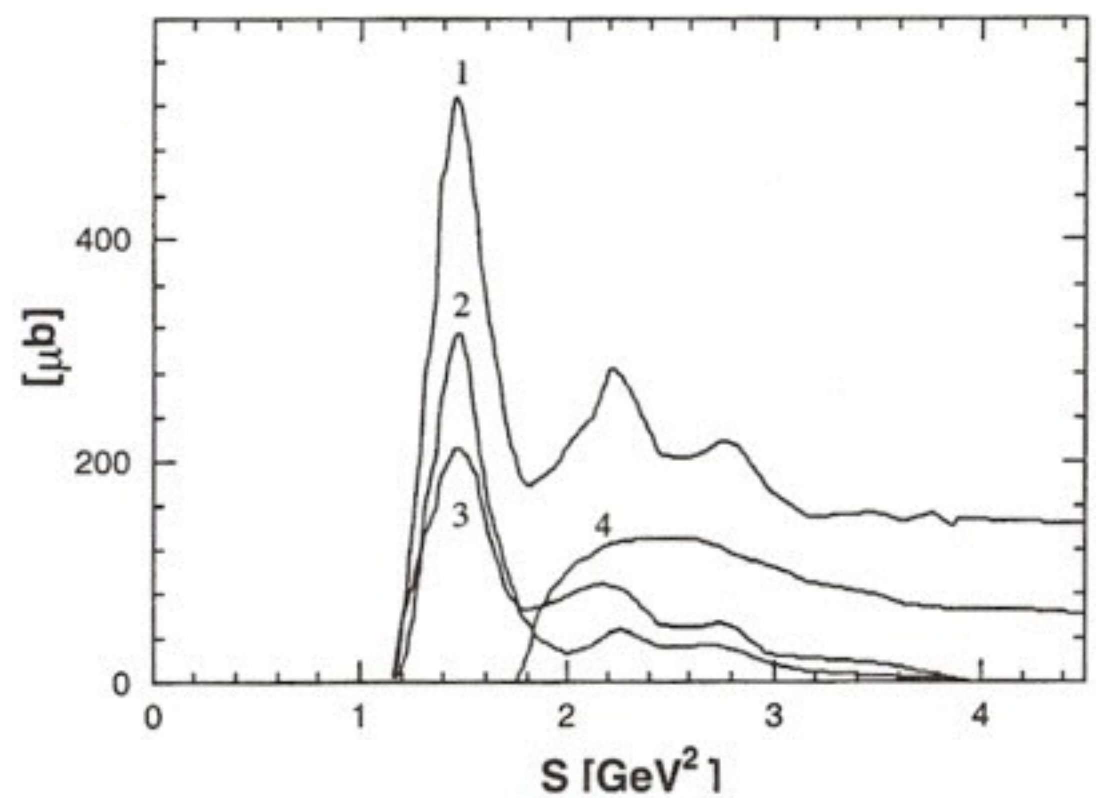
- Cosmic Microwave Background: black body with 2.7 K, ~ 2.3 x 10^{-4} eV
  - Photons up to ~ 10^{-3} eV
- Cosmic “speed limit” at **~ 7 x10^{19} eV**



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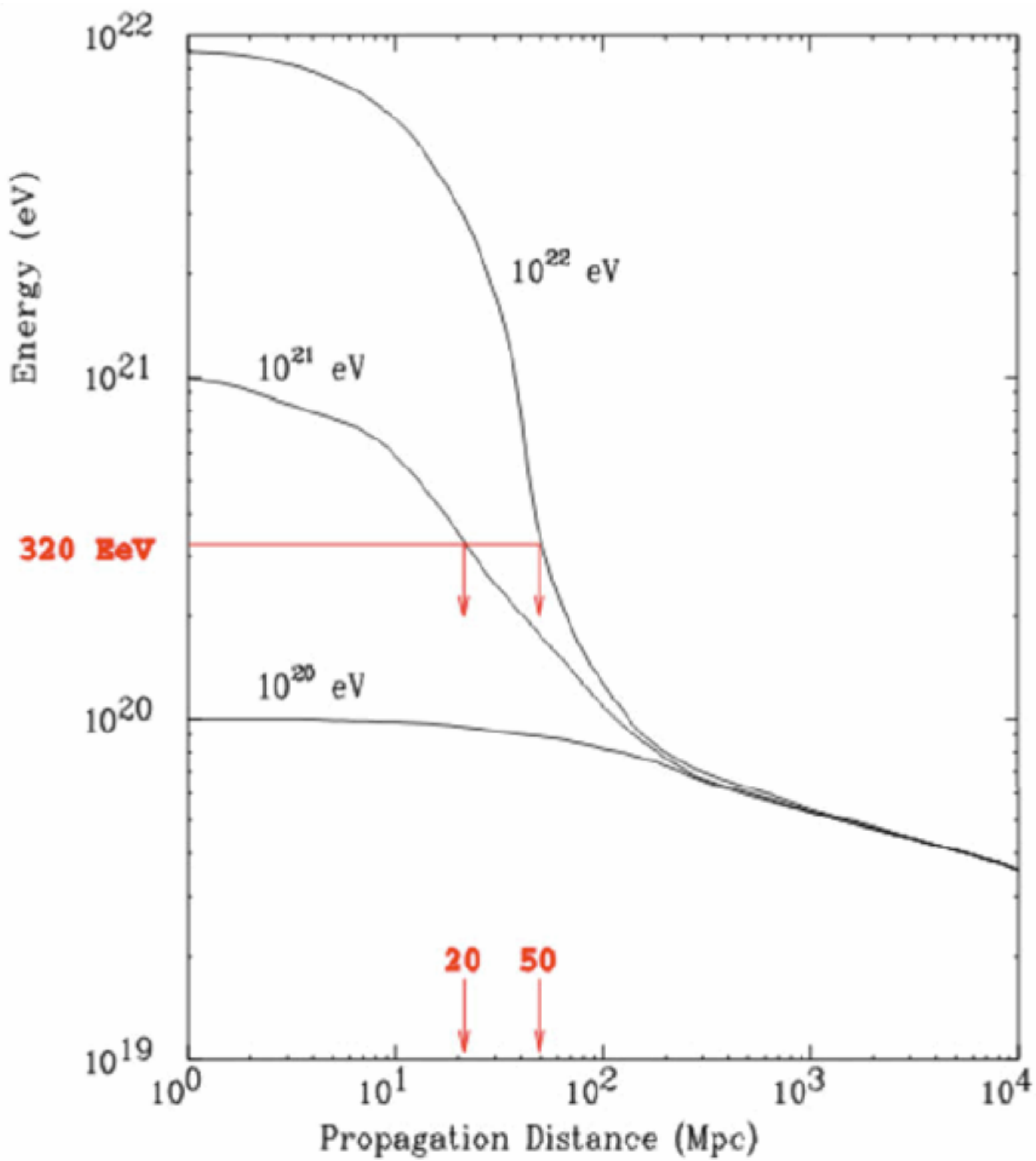

- Highly energetic particles rapidly loose energy through photo-pion production:
  - Per interaction ~ 30% of the total energy are lost
- Range of particles with energies above ~10^{20} eV is limited to < 100 Mpc

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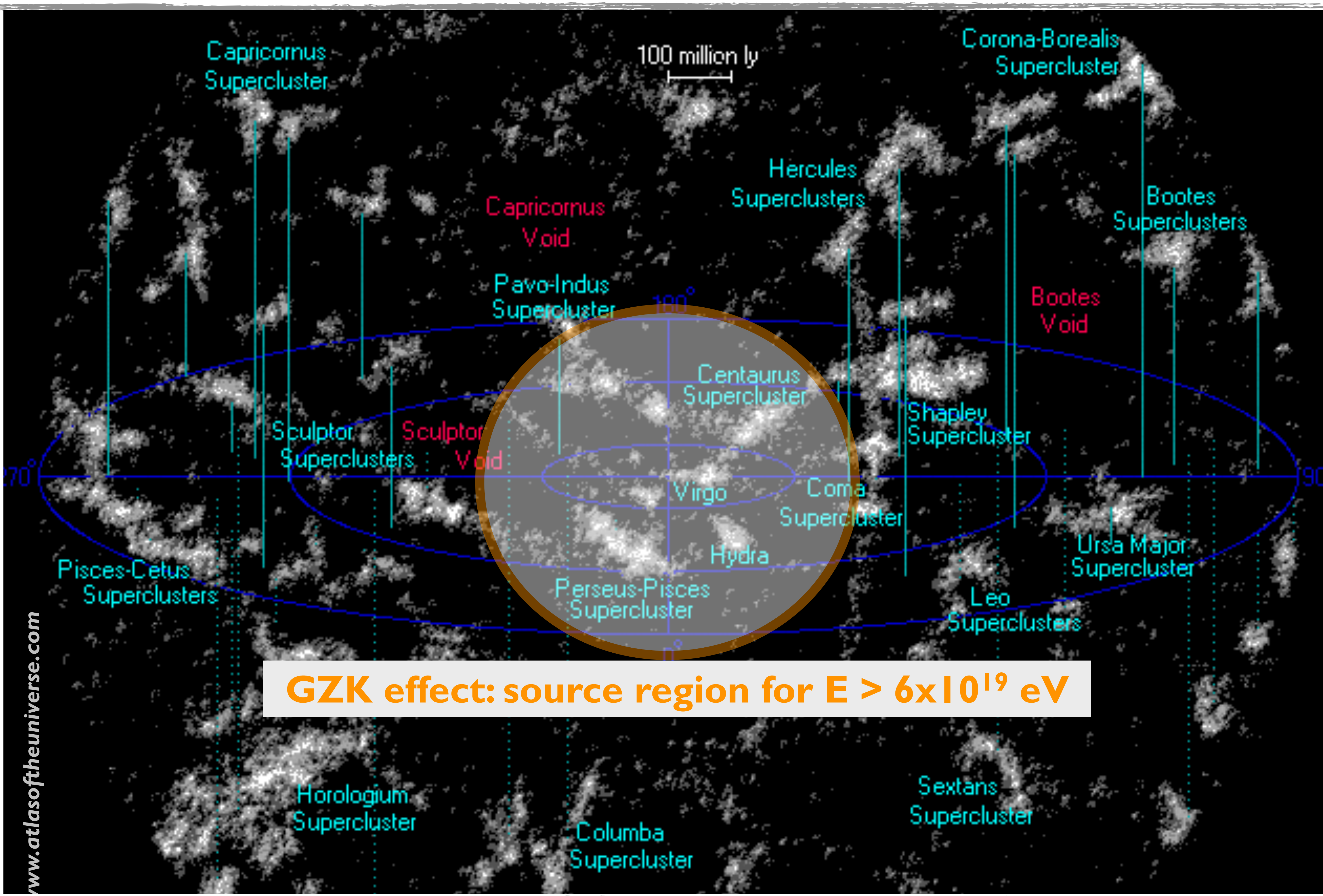
But: Typically only small energy loss: $2m_e/m_p \sim 10^{-3}$, at high energies even lower. For comparison: GZK events result in an energy loss of 30% or more!

➾ Only small effect on spectrum

GZK Effect: Limited Source Region: ~ 75 Mpc



Fly's Eye

- Measurement of fluorescence light in the atmosphere

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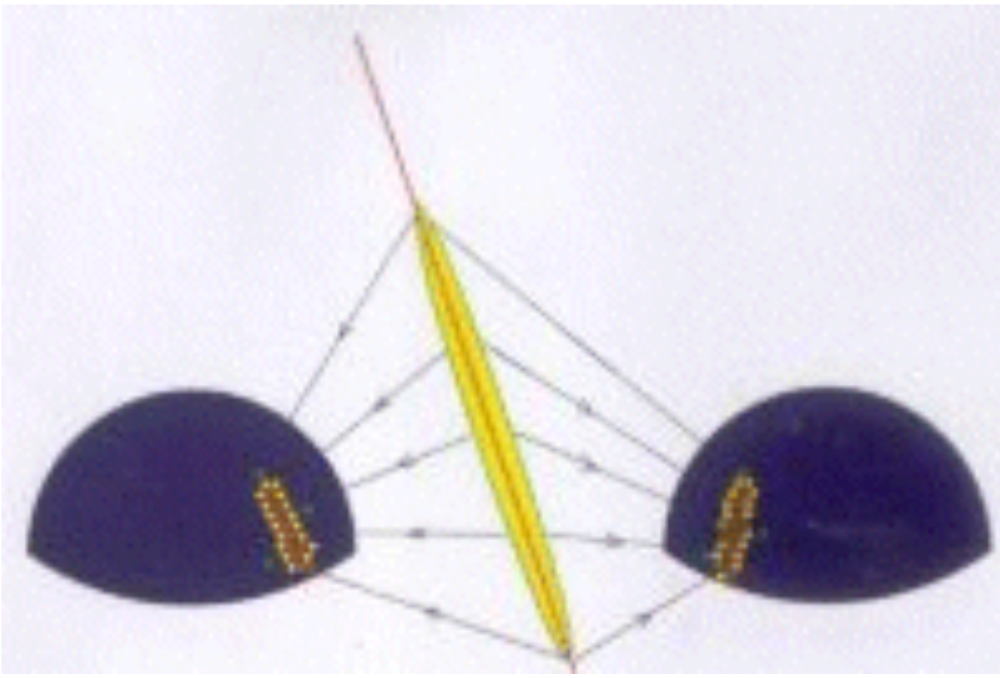

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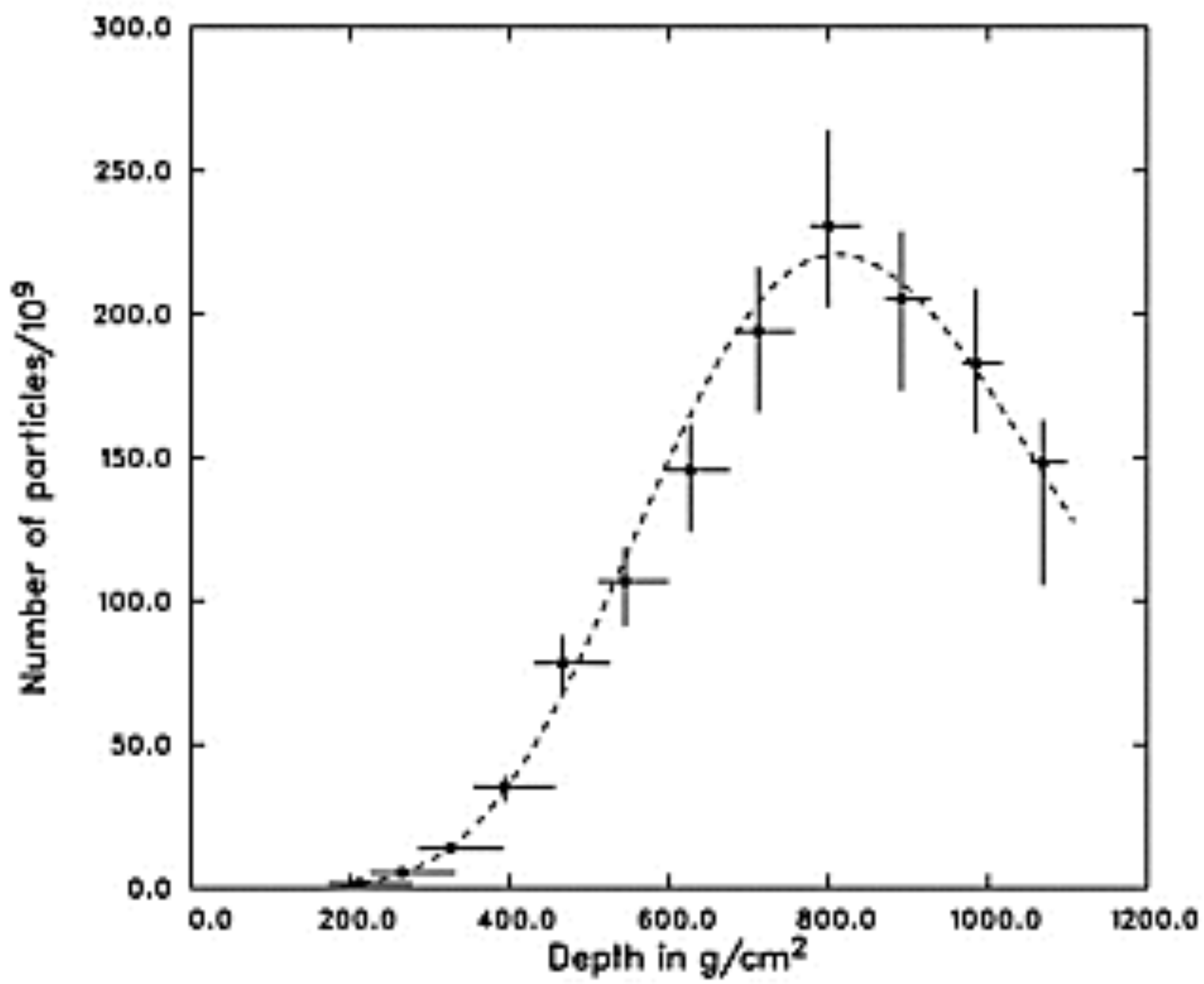

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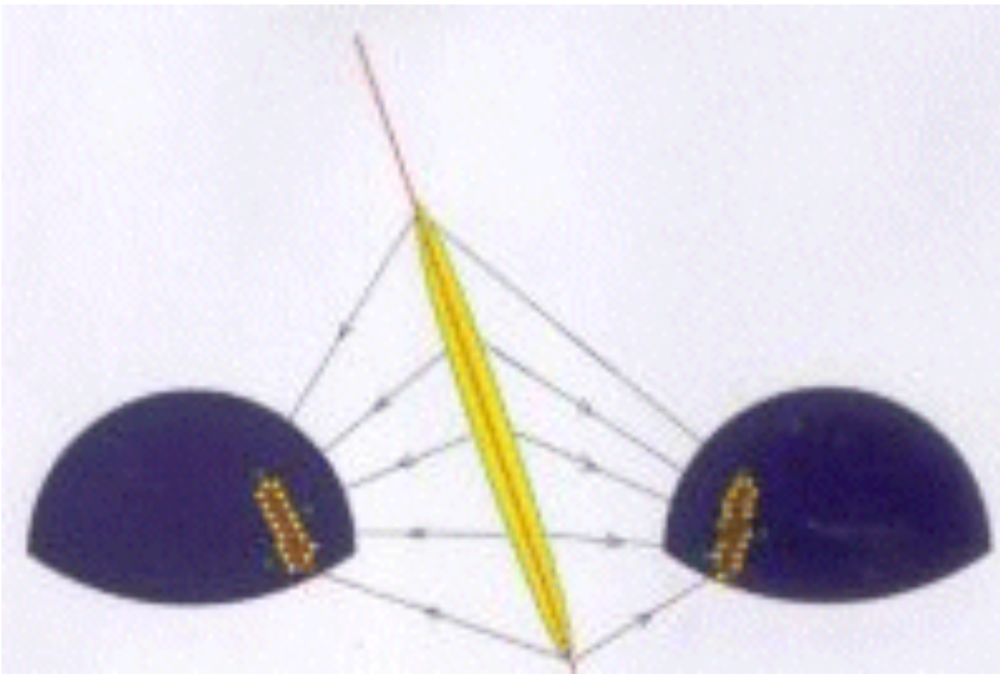

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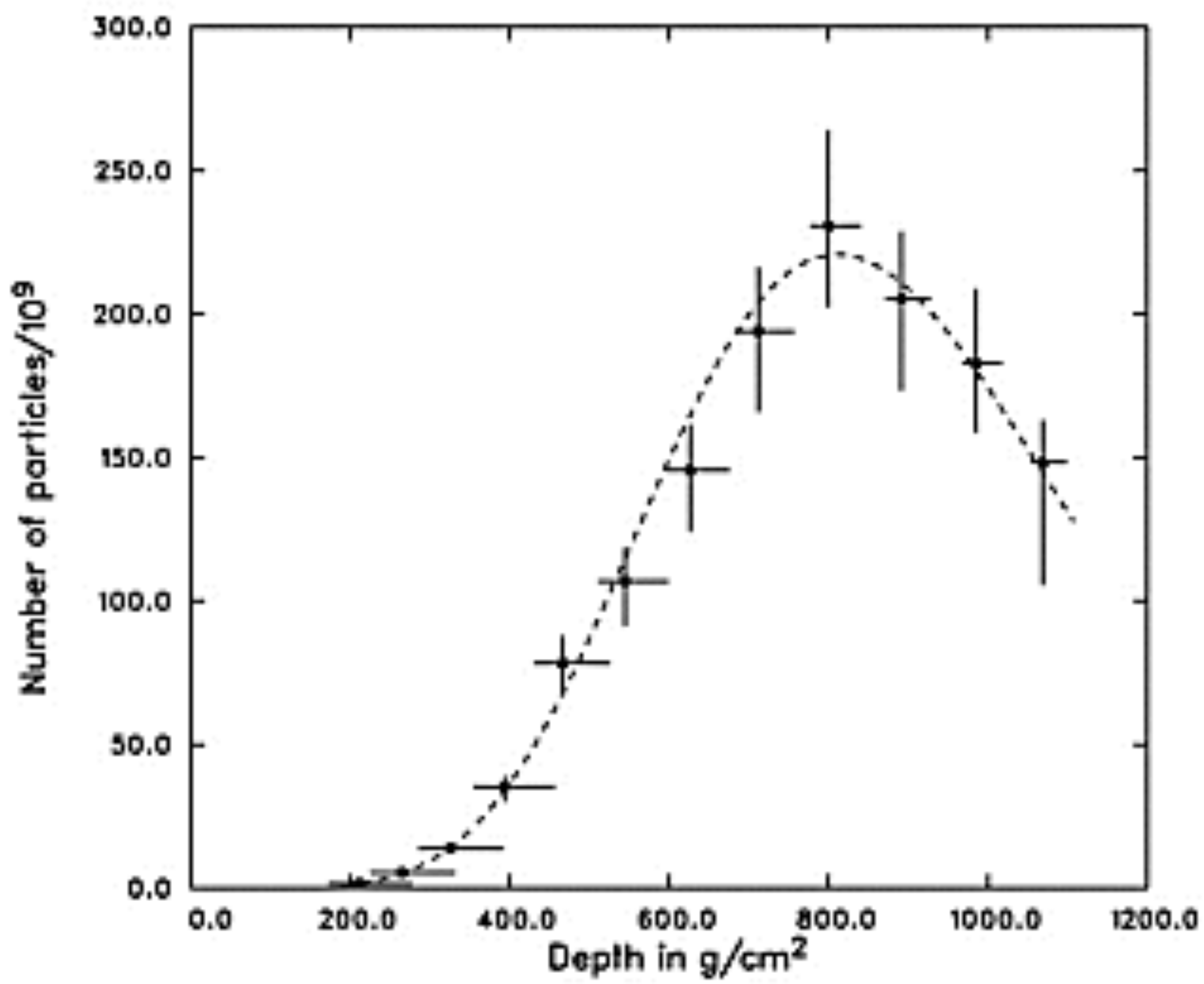
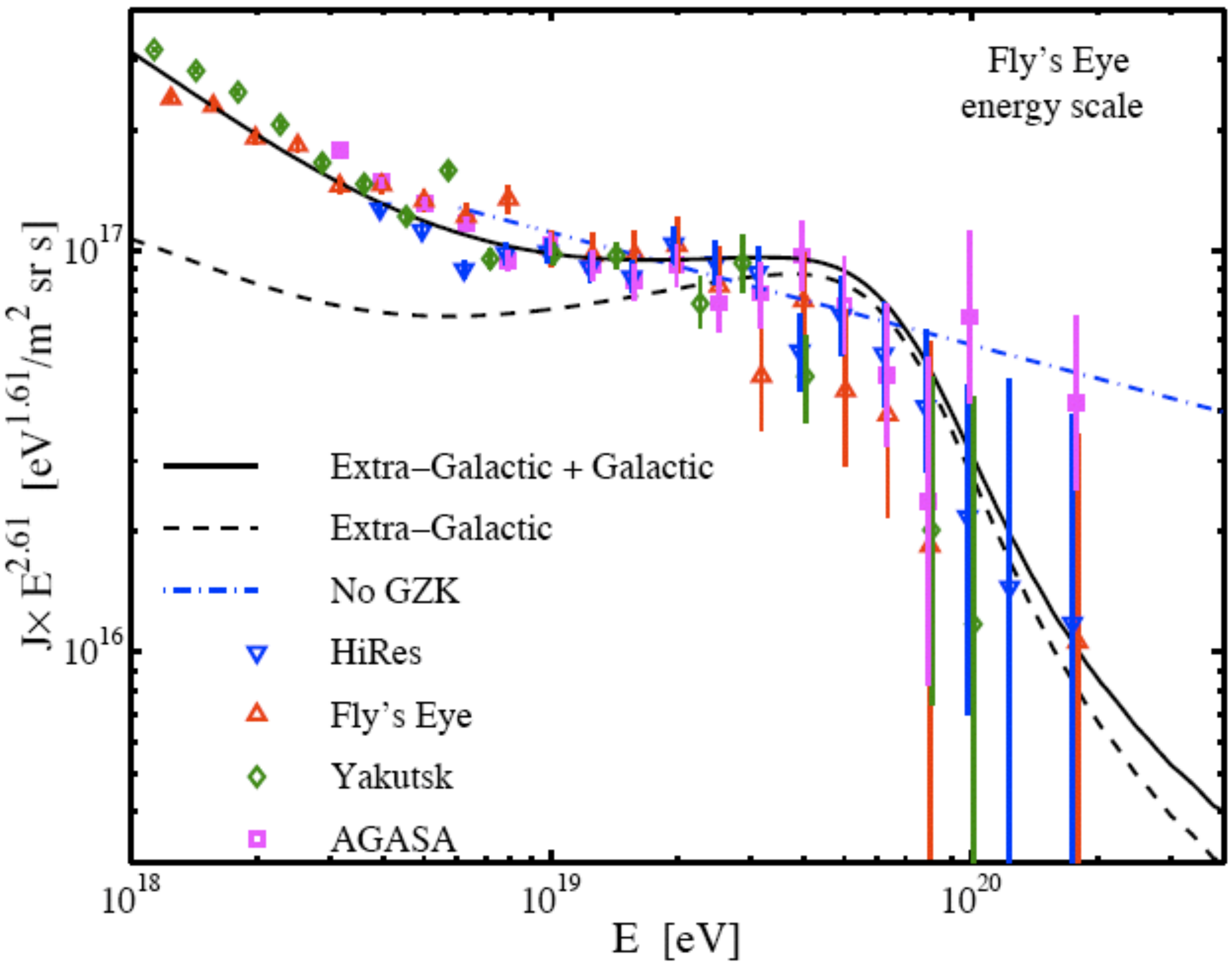


GZK-Cutoff: Status - 2003



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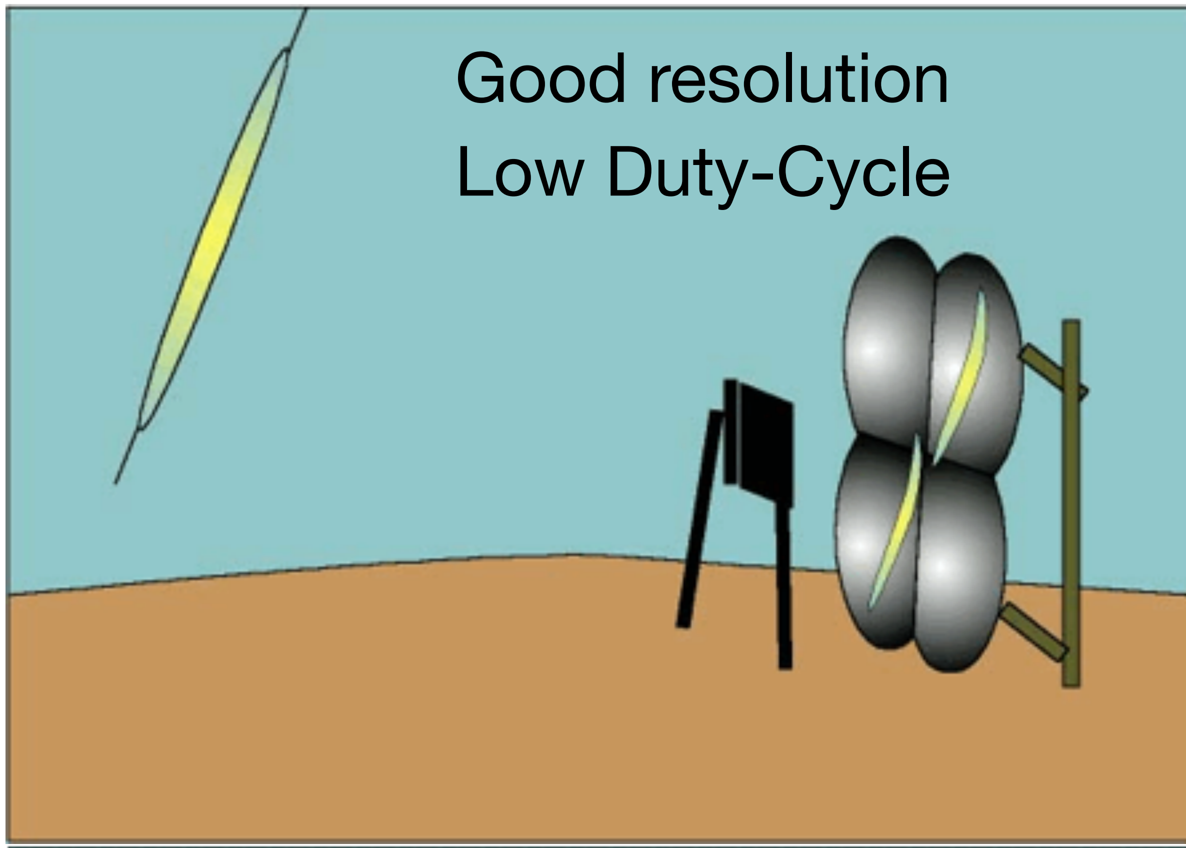
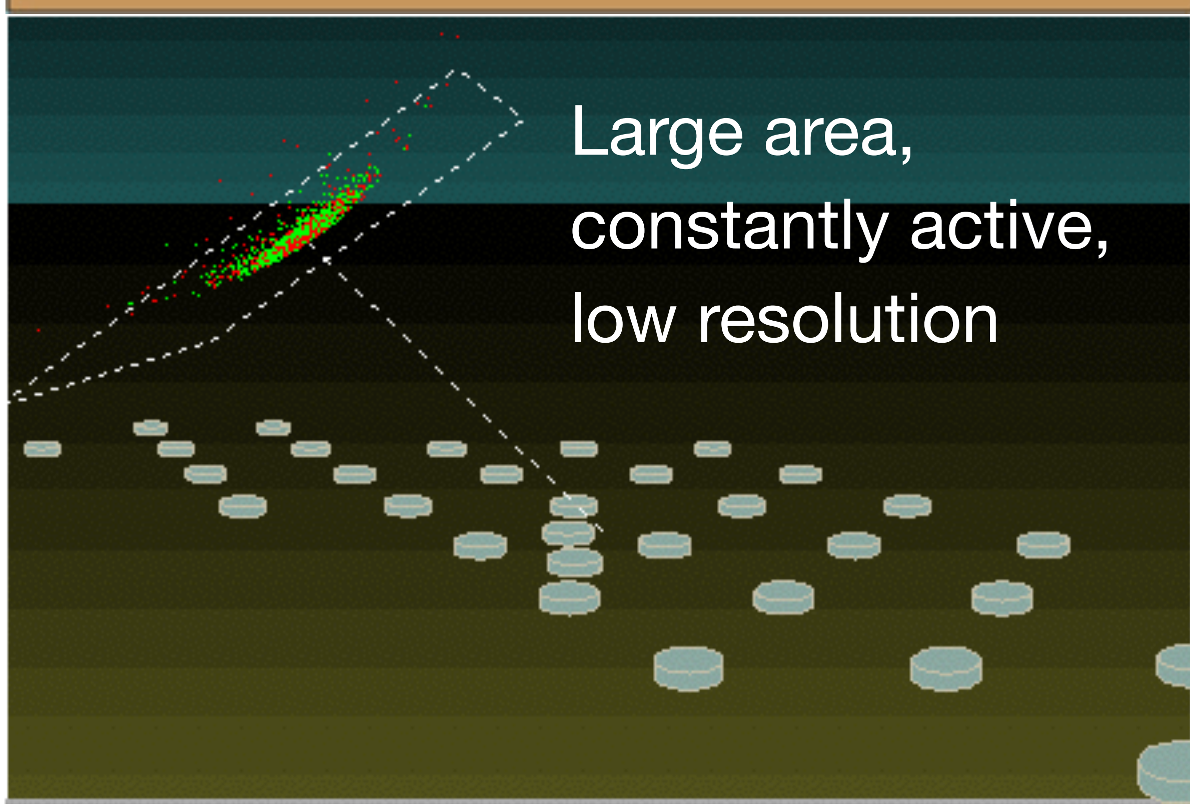
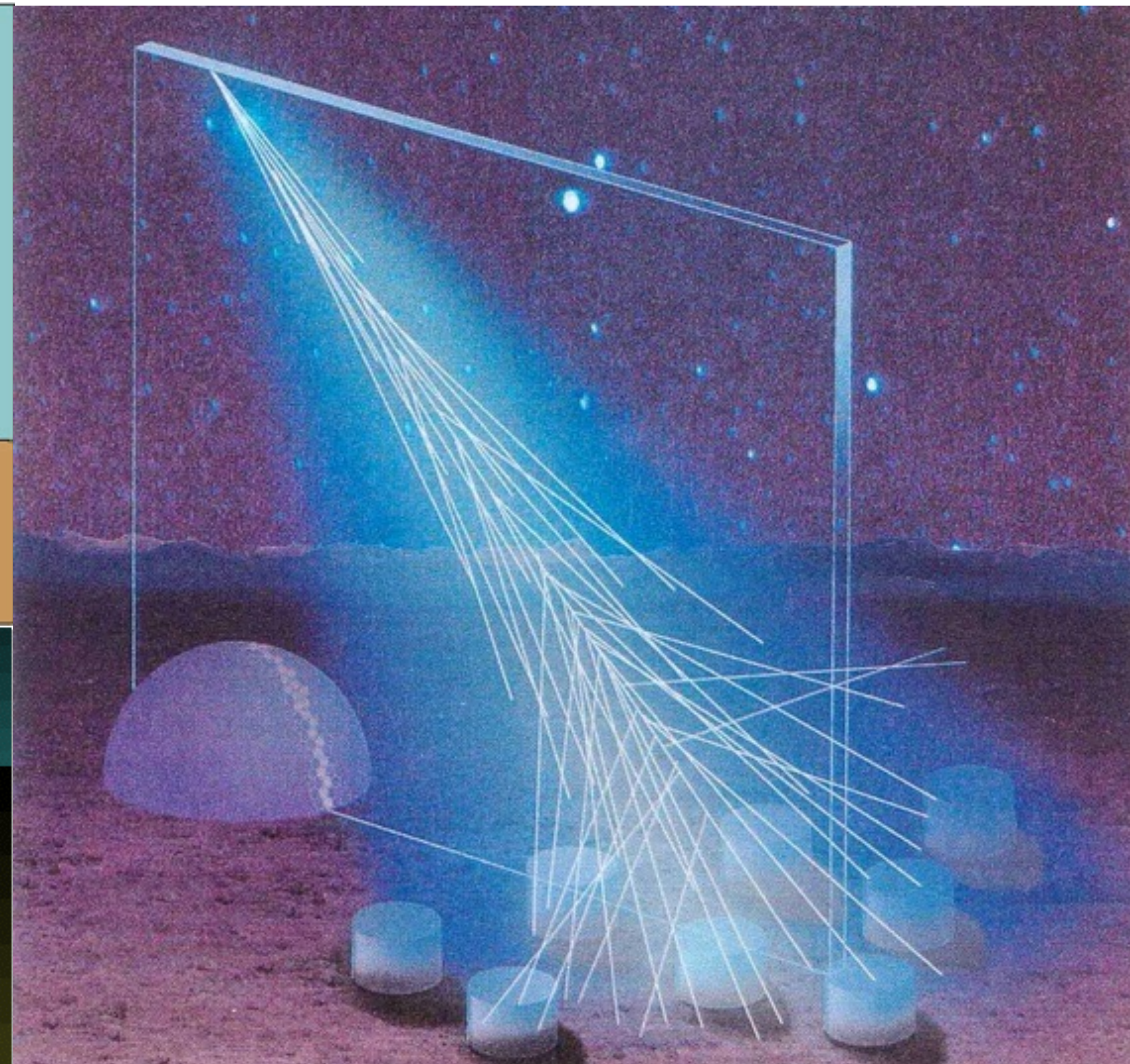
- To alleviate apparent discrepancy between different experiments: Shift of individual energy scales , so that all agree at 10^{19} eV with Fly's Eye
- ▸ Strong indication for the existence of the GZK Cutoff

AUGER: Combination of two Techniques



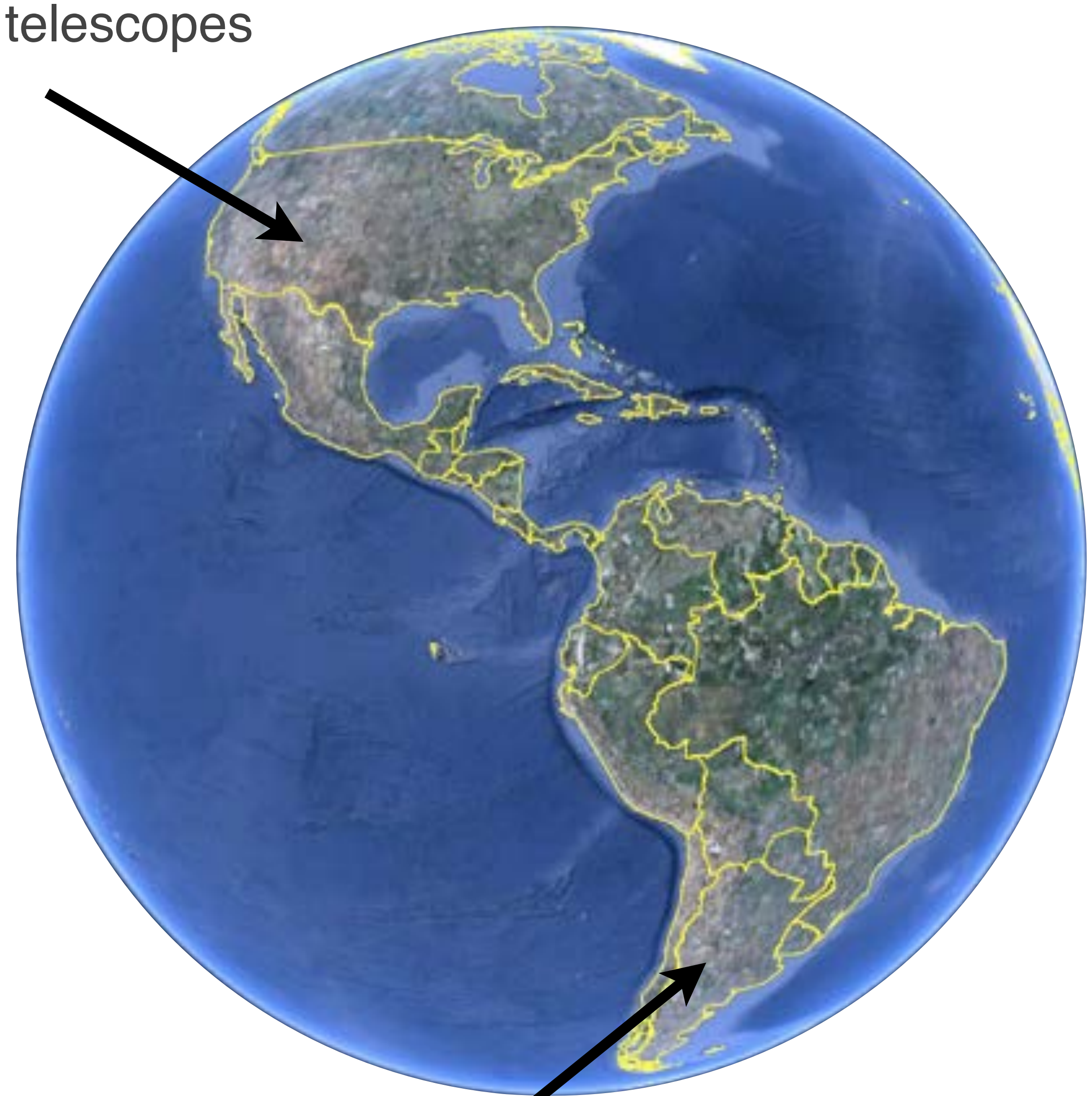




- Now state of the art for UHECR Observatories

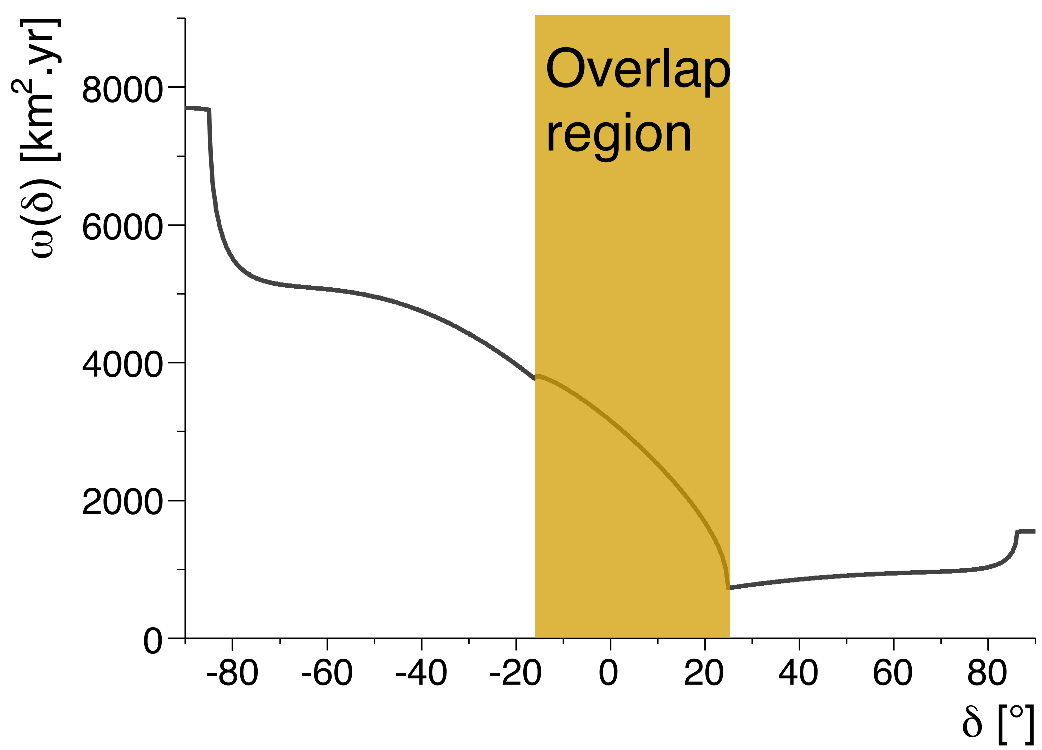
UHECR Observatories Today

Telescope Array (TA)
Delta, UT, USA
507 detector stations, 680 km²
36 fluorescence telescopes



E > 10^{19} eV

[0-55°] for TA
1,800 events
650 in overlap region

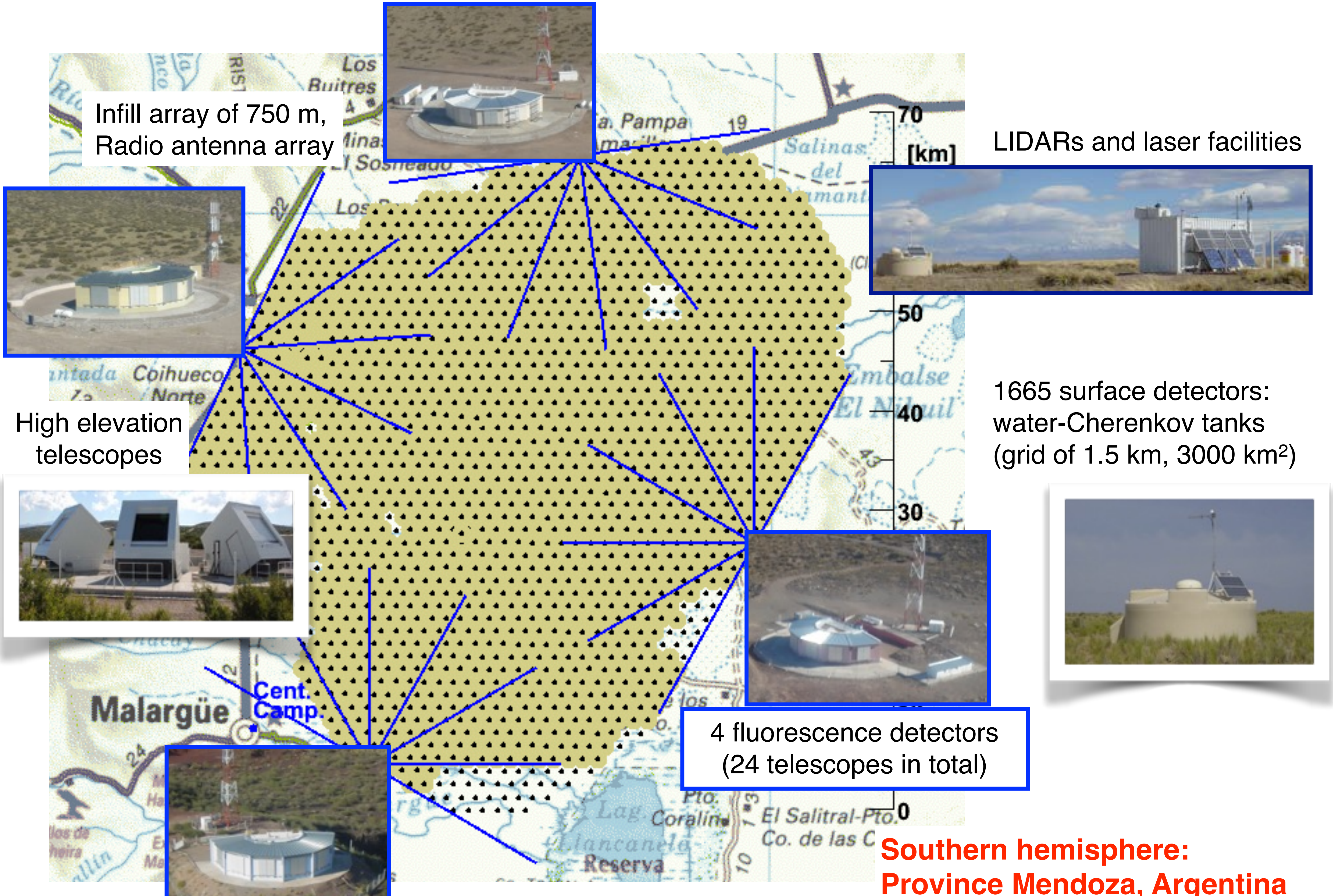


[0-60°] for Auger
10,900 events
3,400 in overlap region

Pierre Auger Observatory
Province Mendoza, Argentina
1660 detector stations, 3000 km²
27 fluorescence telescopes

Exposures *Auger: 32,000 km² sr yr* *TA: 3,700 km² sr yr*

AUGER: In the Argentinian Pampa



Infill array of 750 m,
Radio antenna array

High elevation telescopes

LIDARs and laser facilities

1665 surface detectors: water-Cherenkov tanks (grid of 1.5 km, 3000 km^2)

4 fluorescence detectors (24 telescopes in total)

Southern hemisphere: Province Mendoza, Argentina

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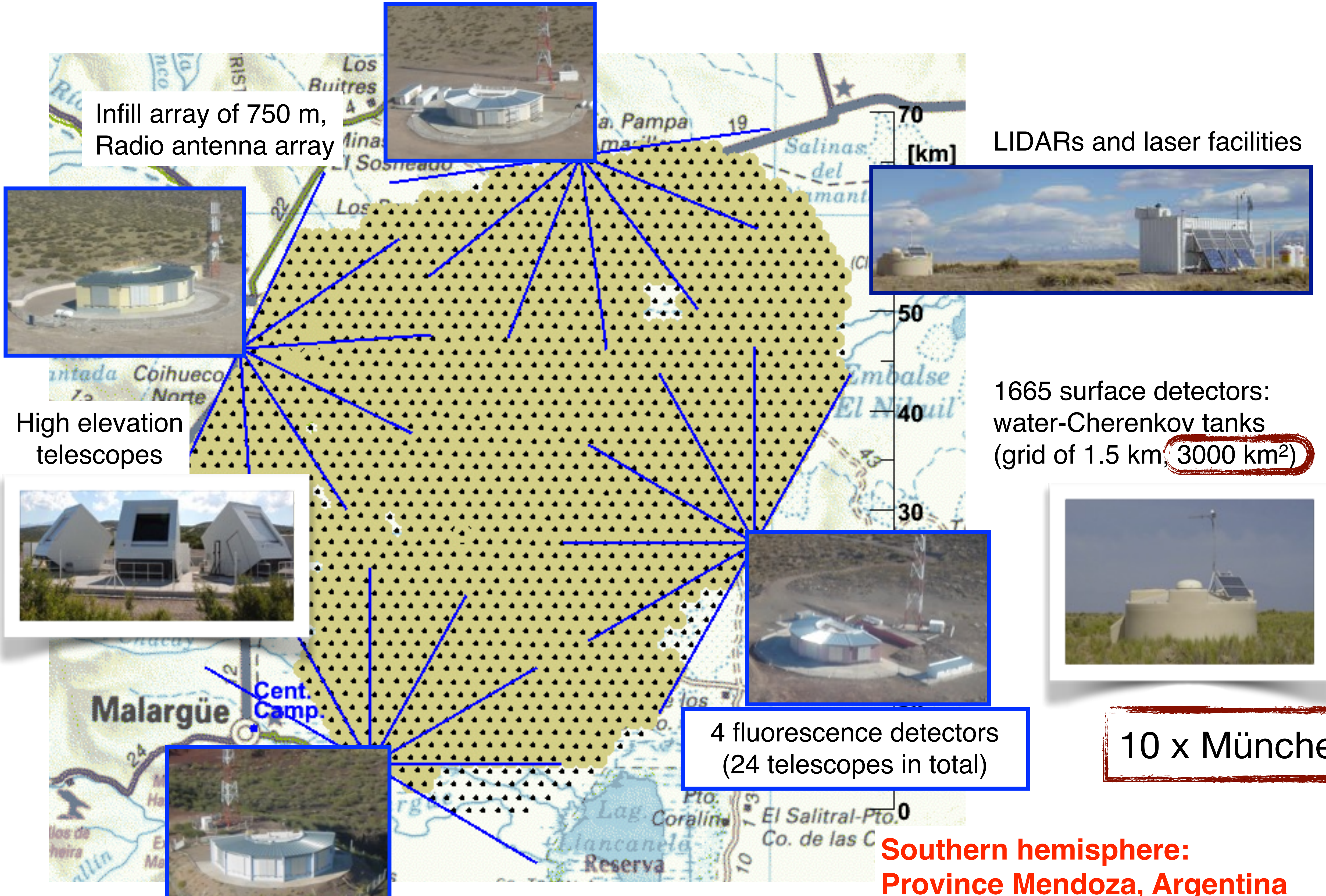

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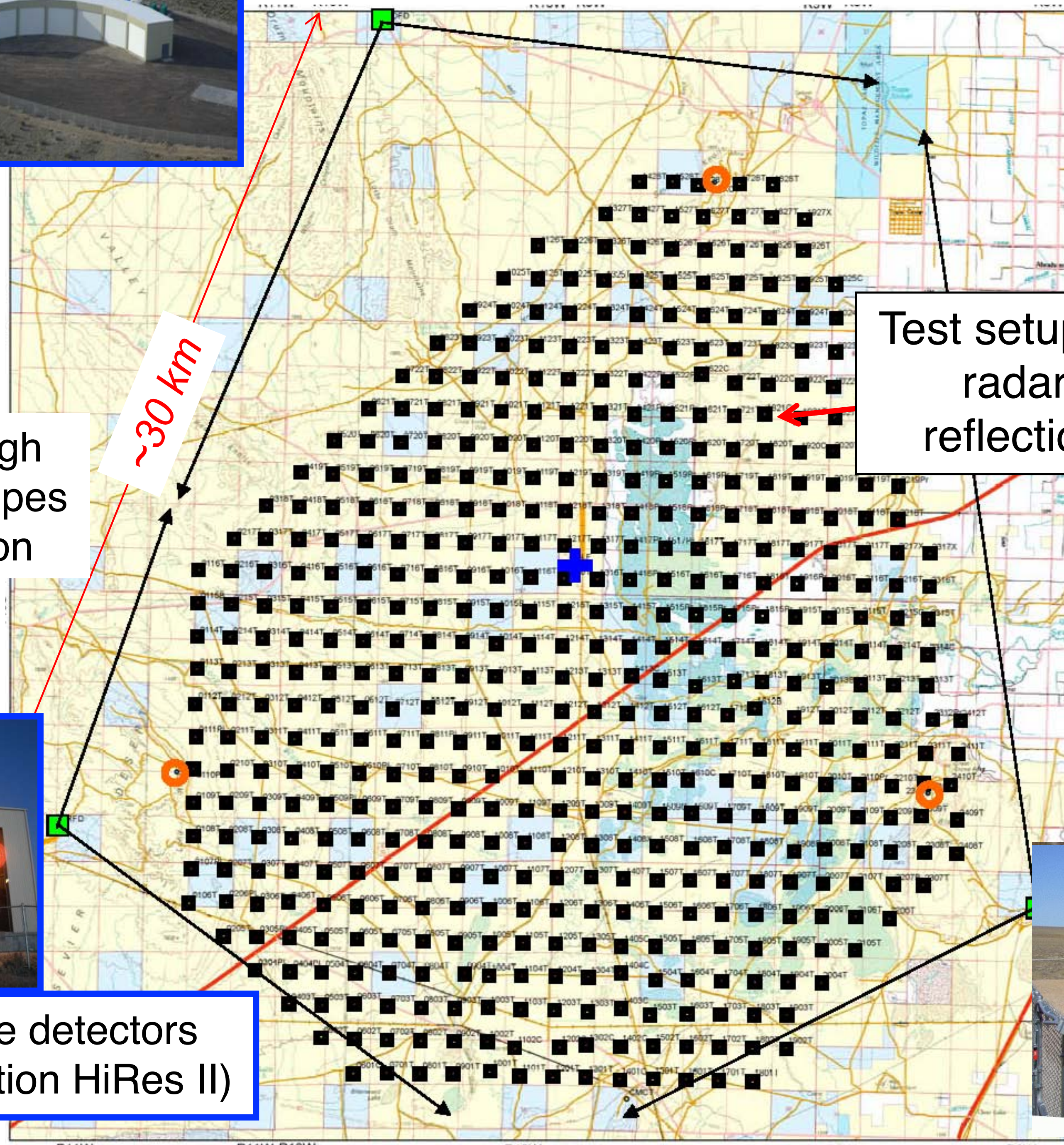
Telescope Array: Covering the North

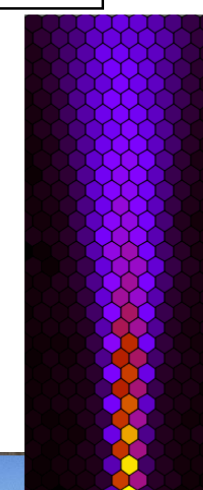
Middle Drum: based on HiRes II

LIDAR
Laser facility

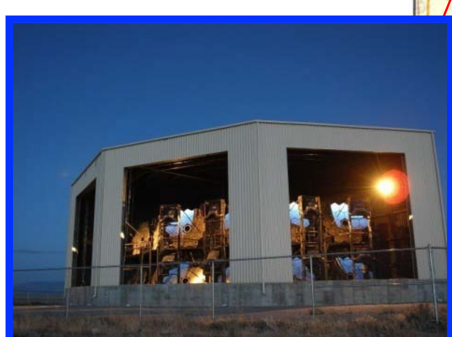
Infill array and high
elevation telescopes
under construction



507 surface detectors:
double-layer scintillators
(grid of 1.2 km, 680 km^2)



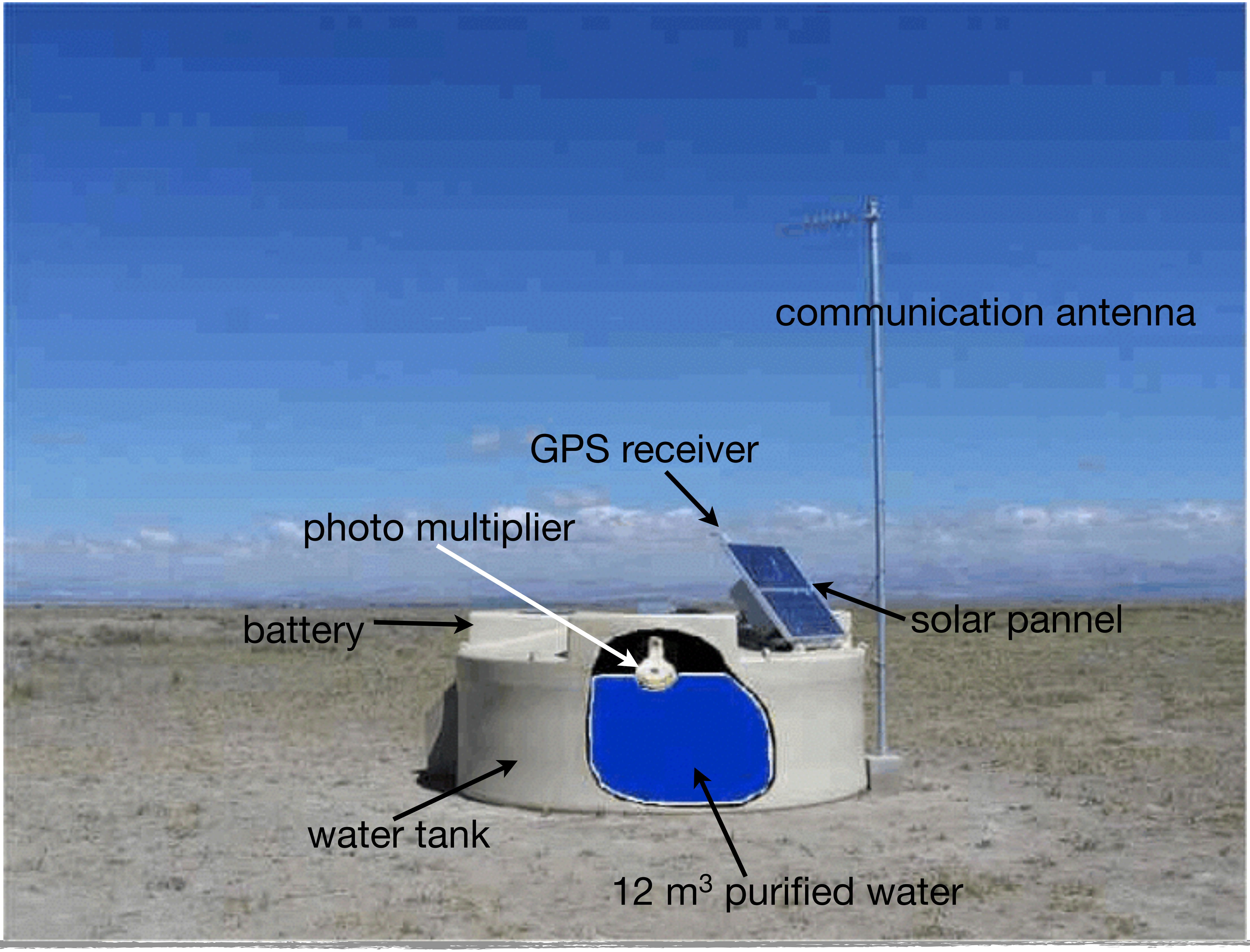
Electron light source
(ELS): ~40 MeV



3 fluorescence detectors
(2 new, one station HiRes II)

Northern hemisphere: Utah, USA

AUGER Detector: Ground Array



AUGER Installation

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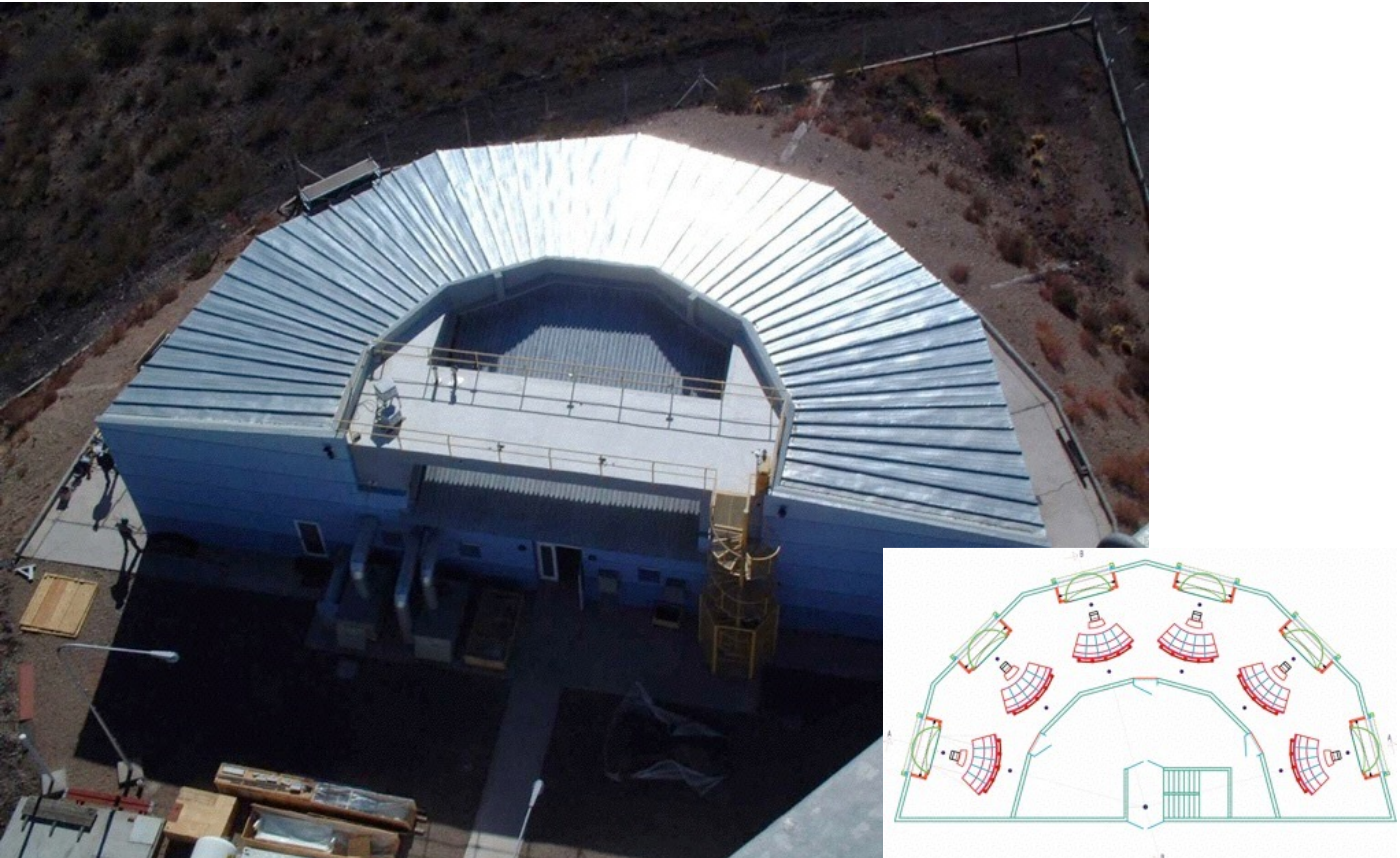

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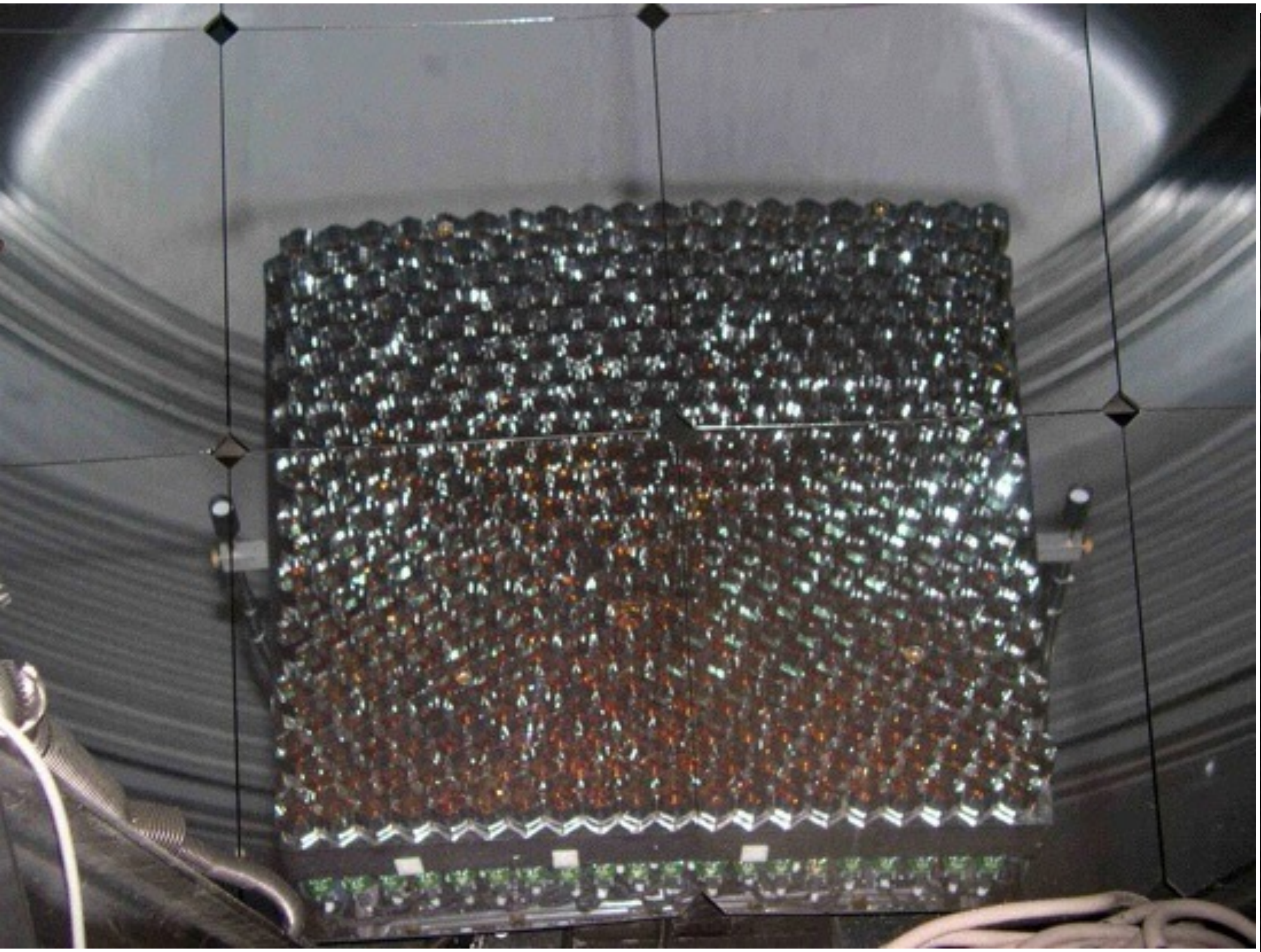
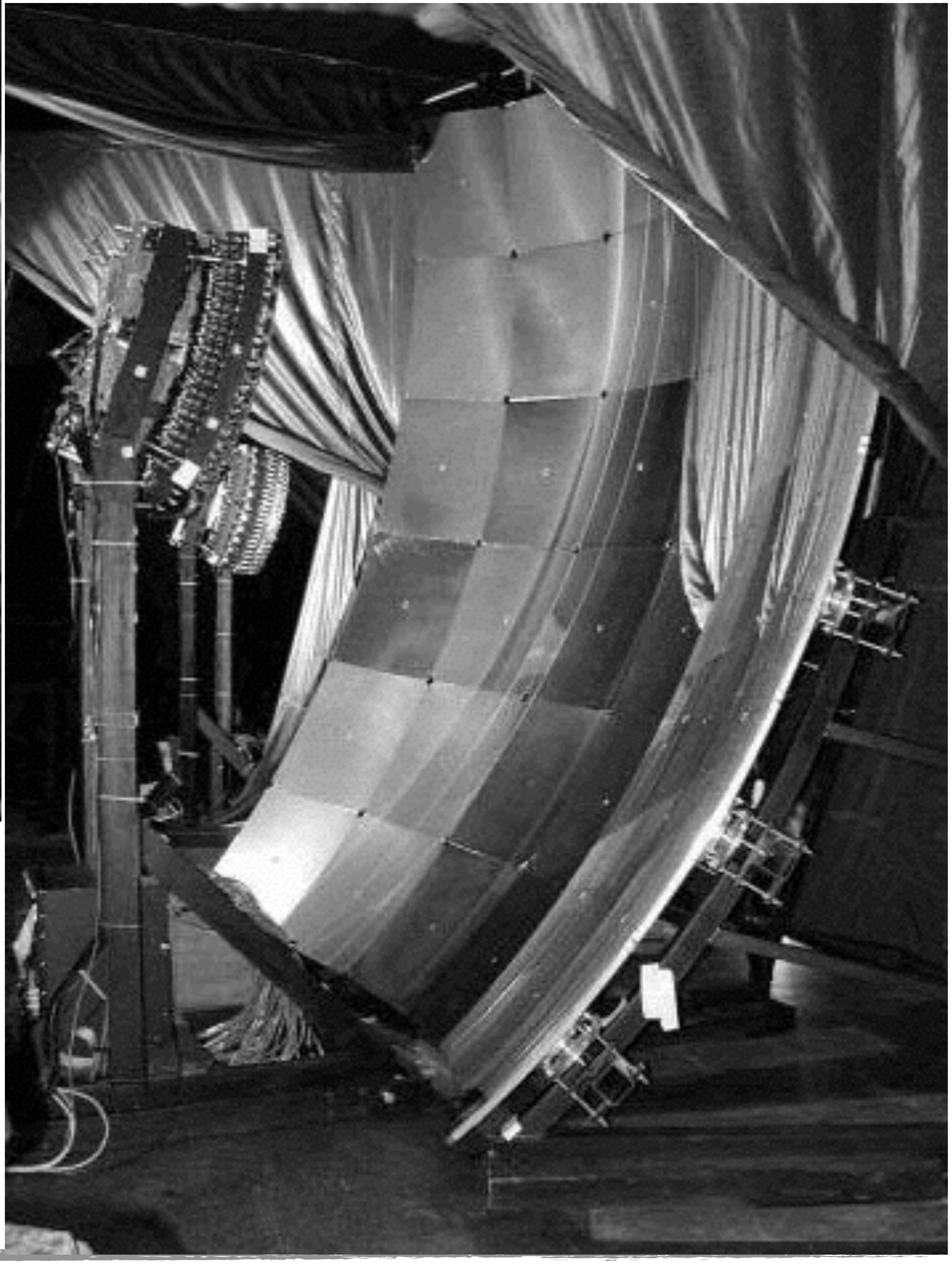
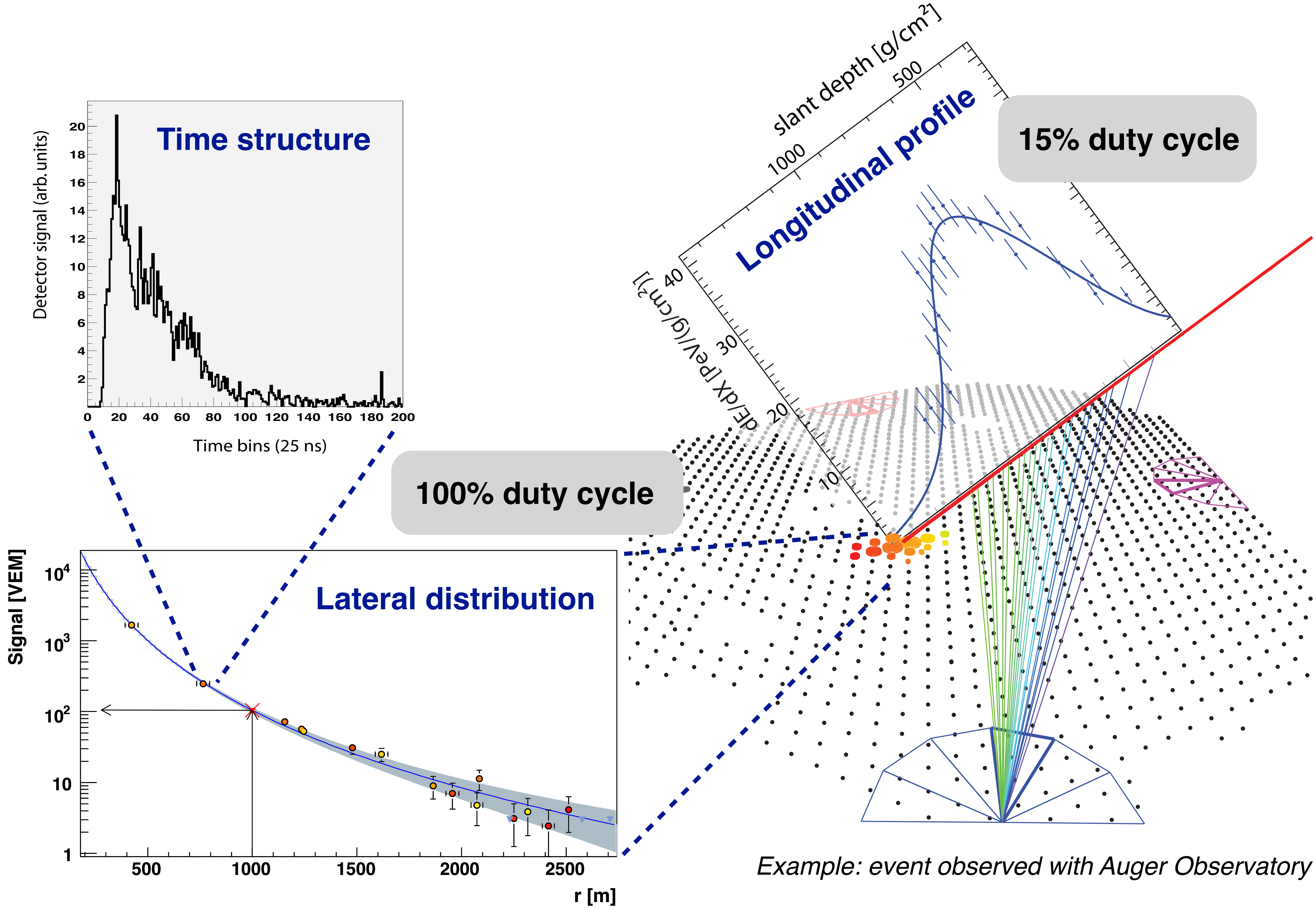




- 440 PMTs, 1.5° per Pixel

Typical AUGER Events



Example: event observed with Auger Observatory

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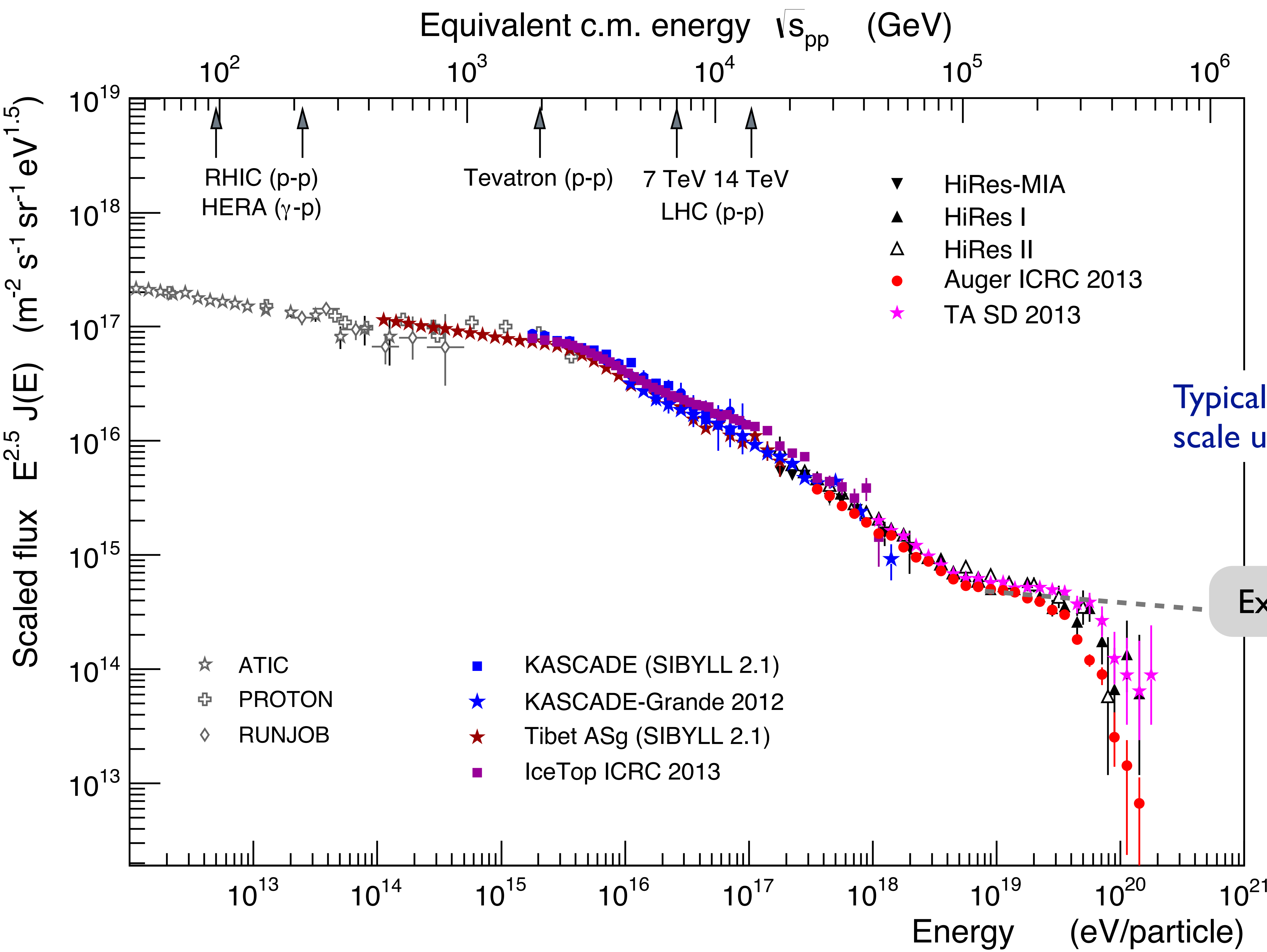

Auger Coll. (ICRC 2013)

Typically 15-20% energy scale uncertainty

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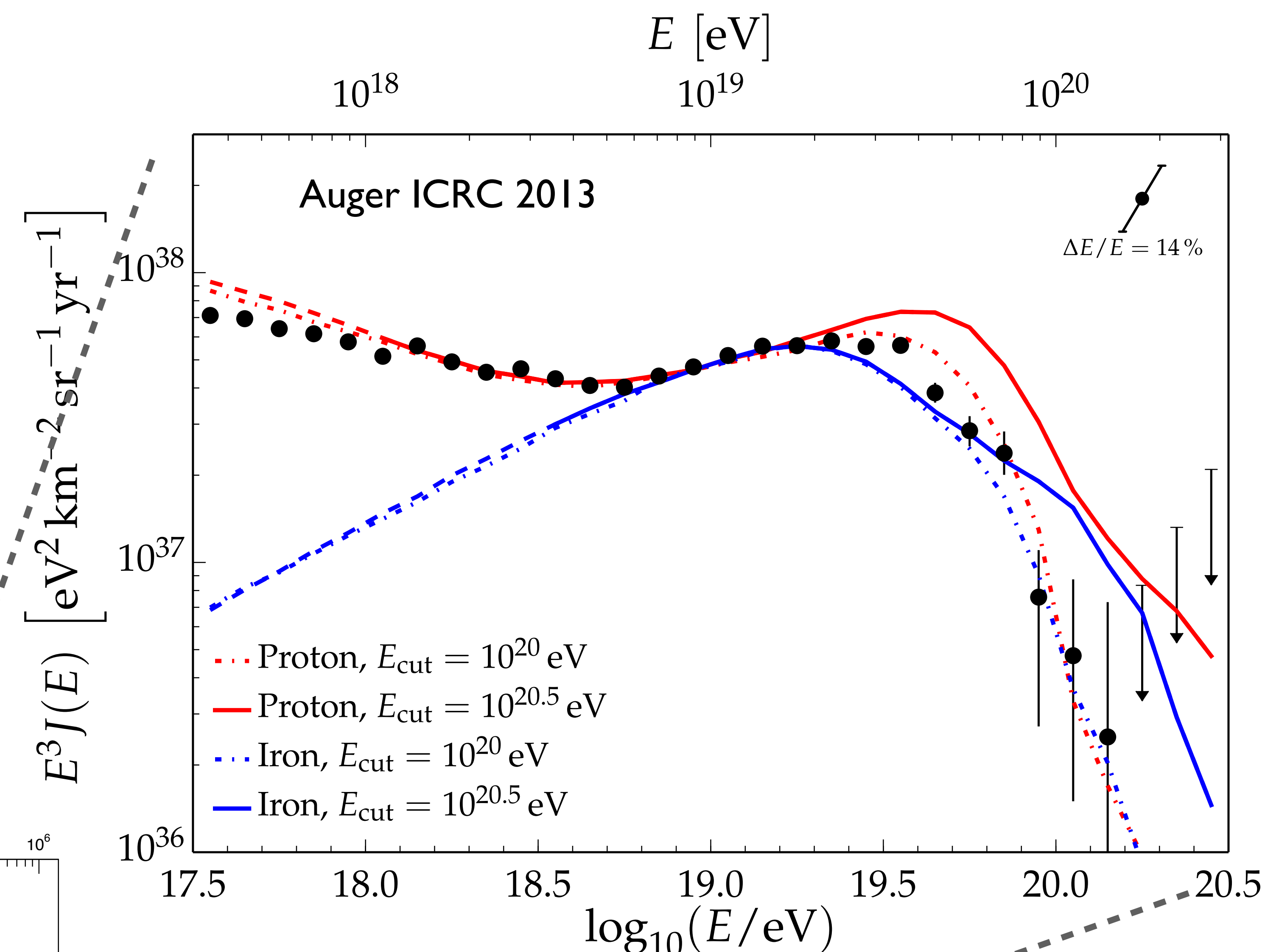

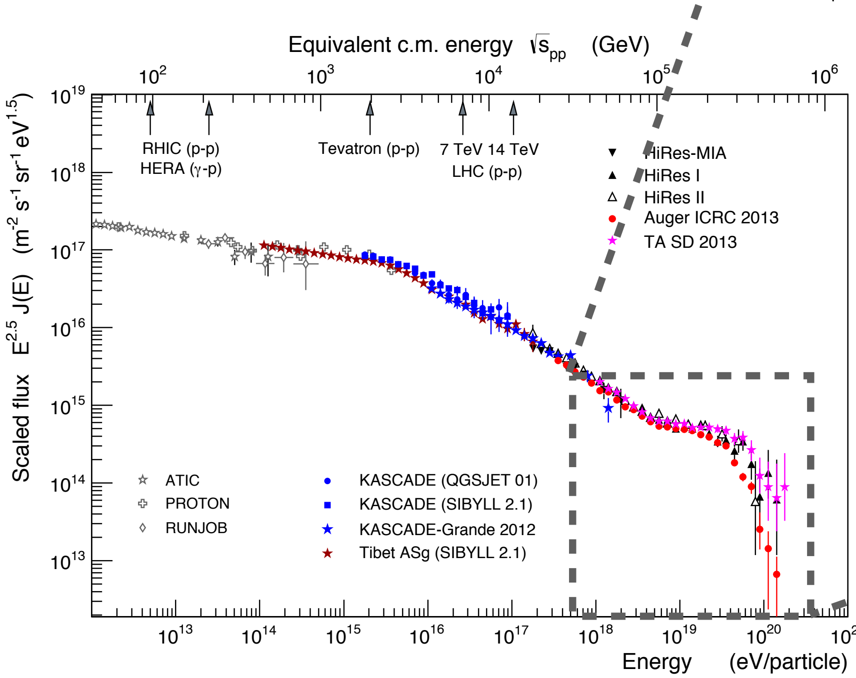

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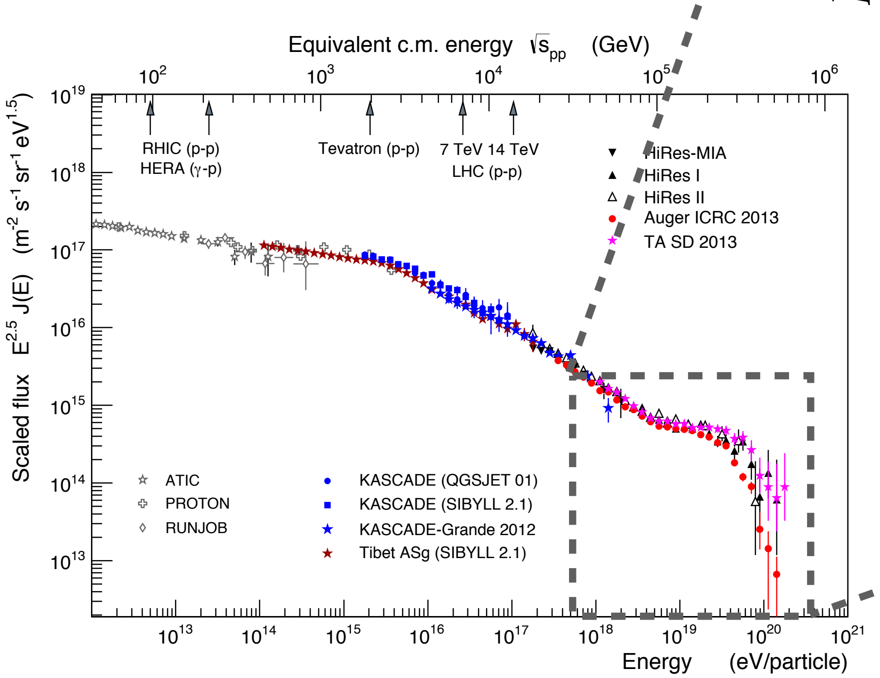

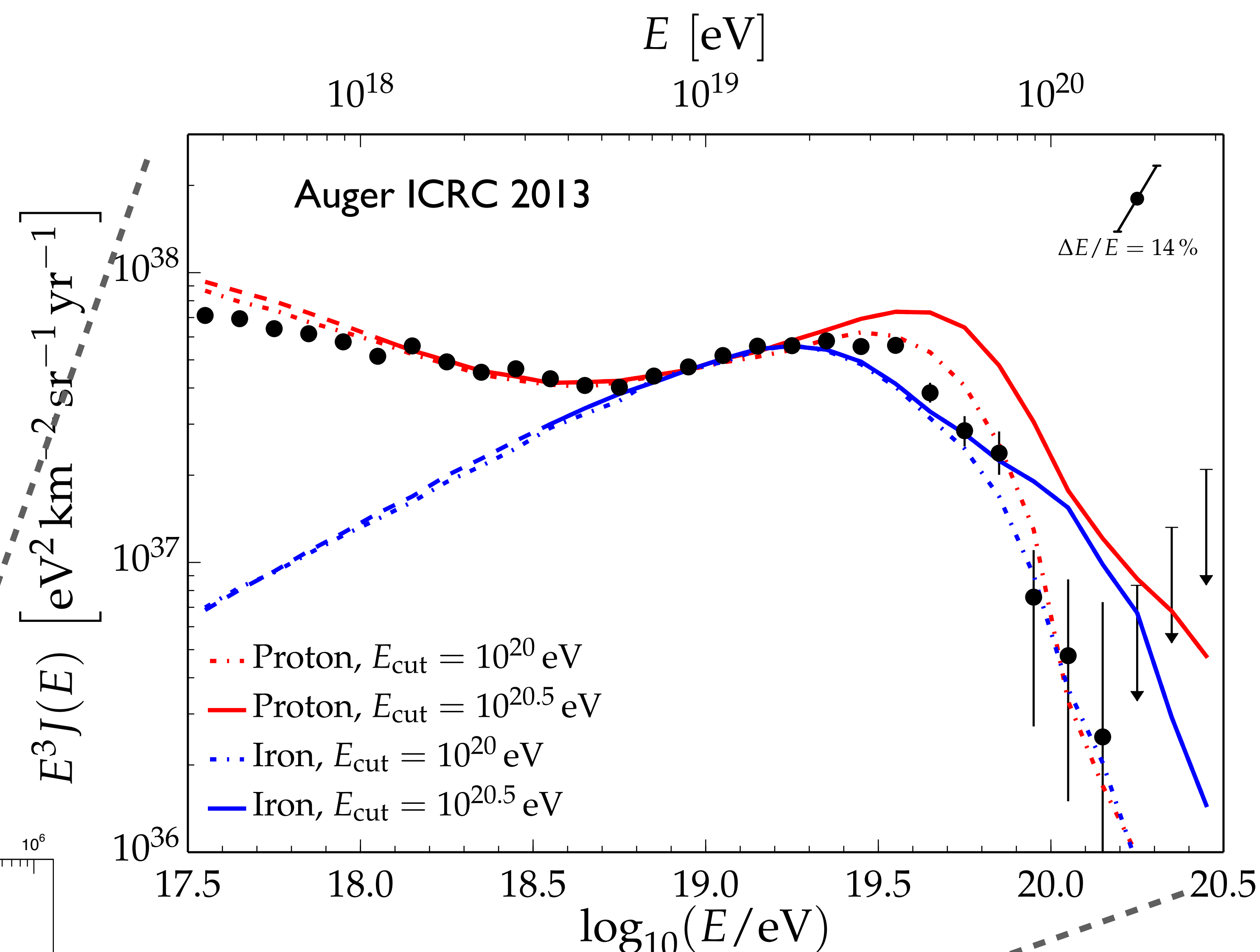

Compatible with expectations from GZK effect!

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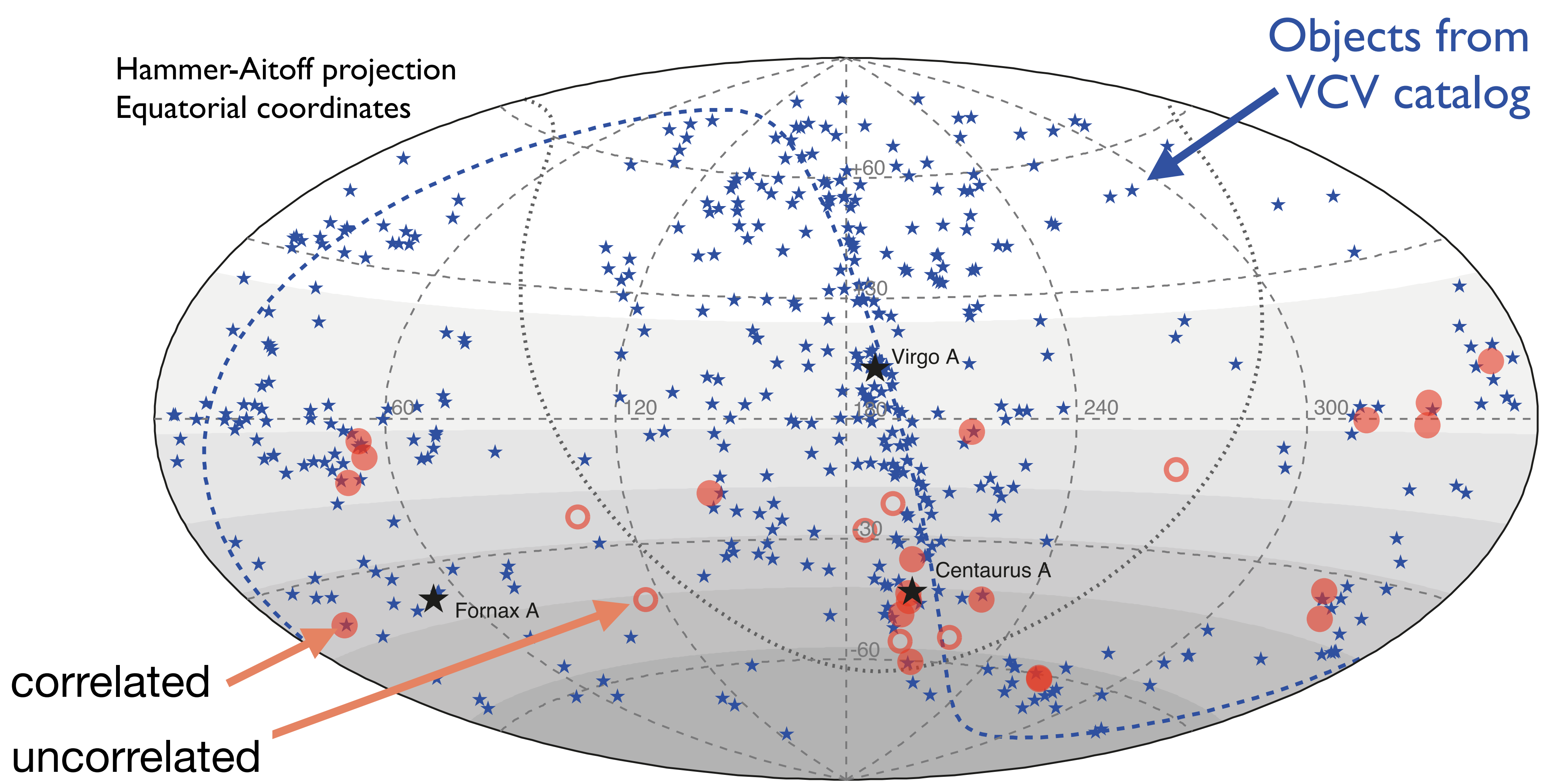

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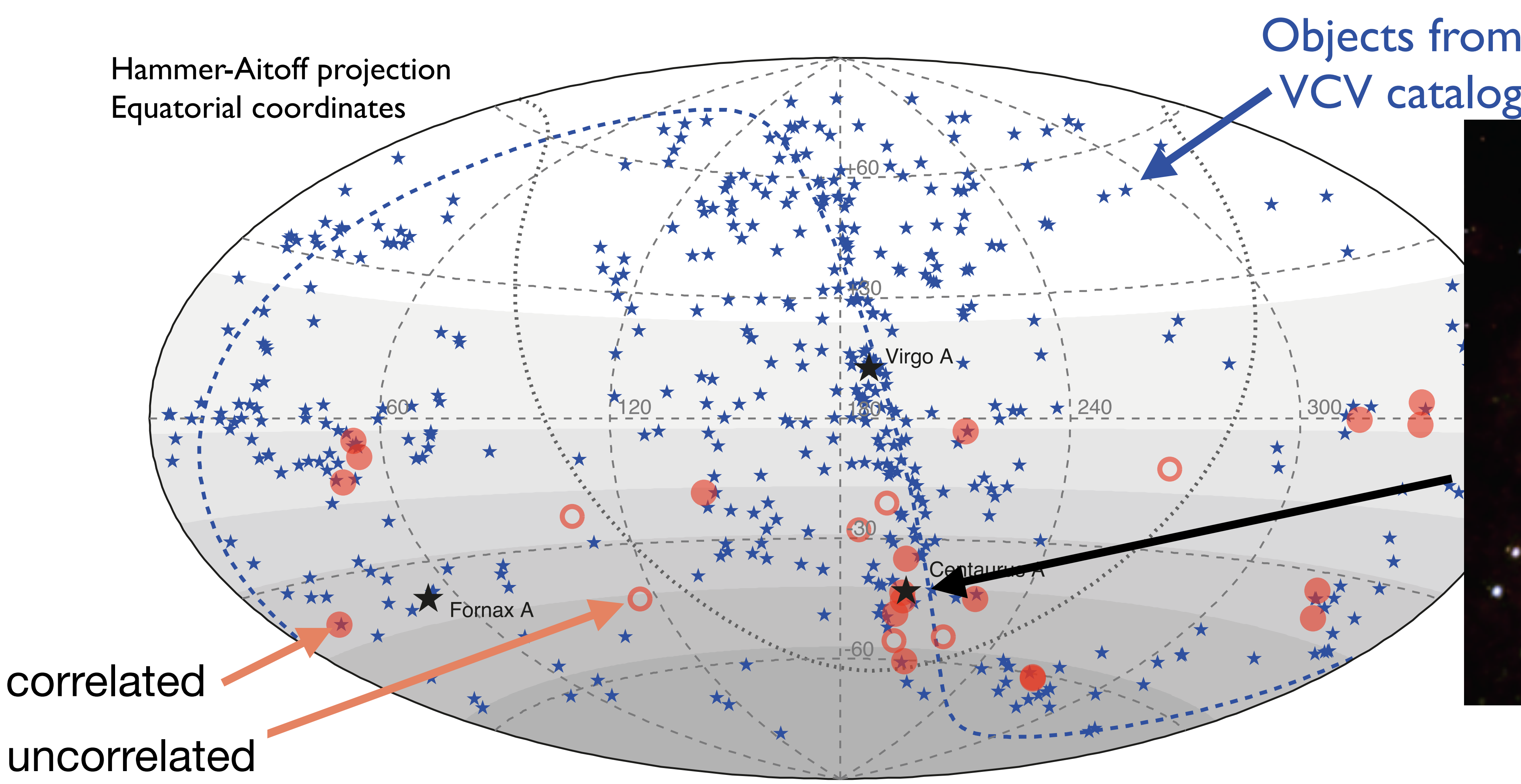

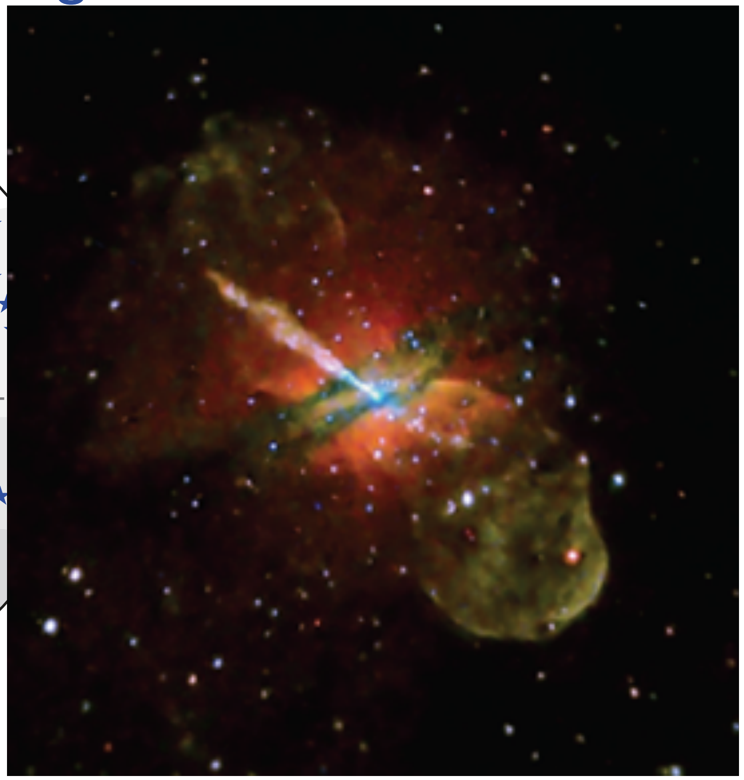

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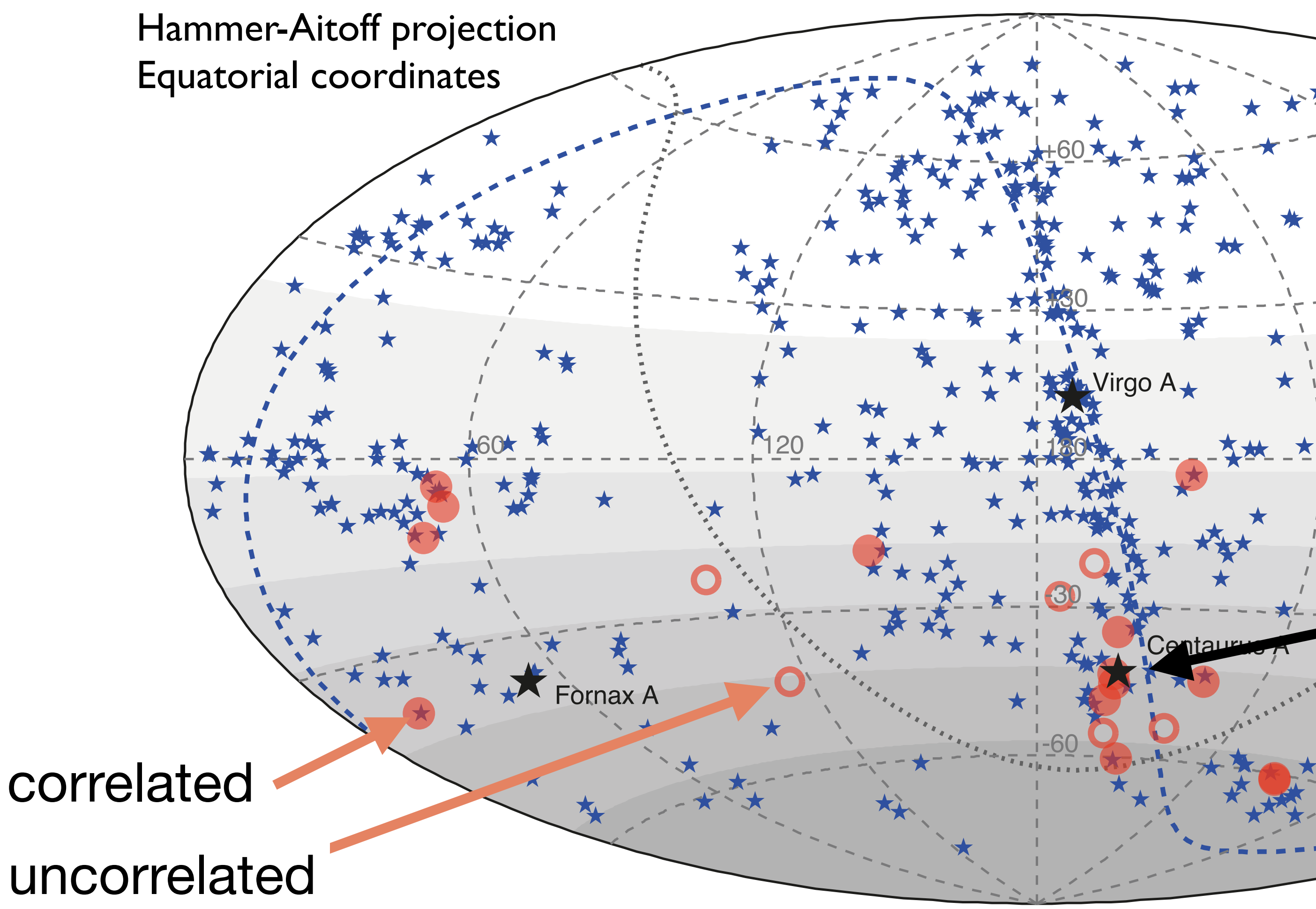

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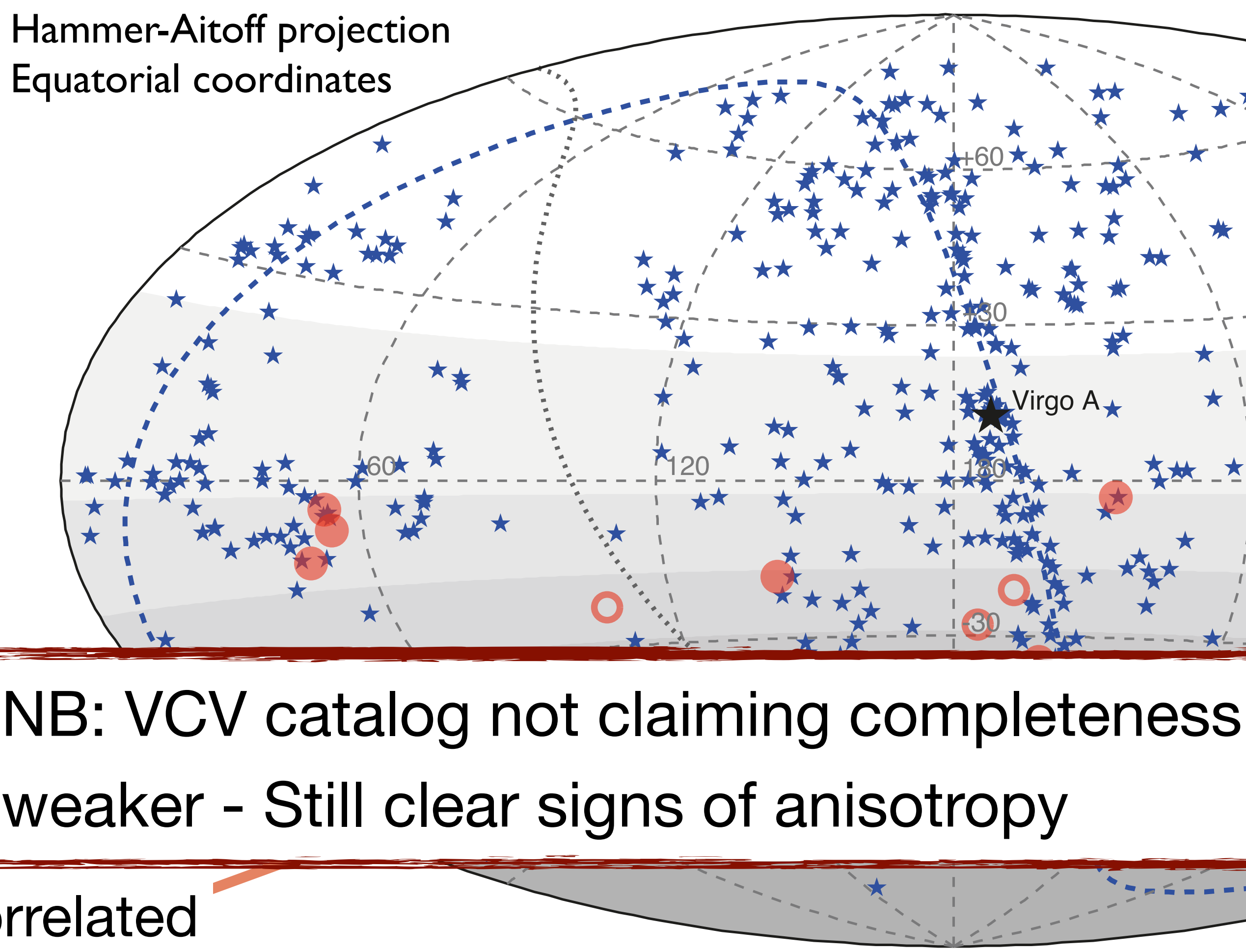

- NB: VCV catalog not claiming completeness - and with more data the correlation got weaker - Still clear signs of anisotropy

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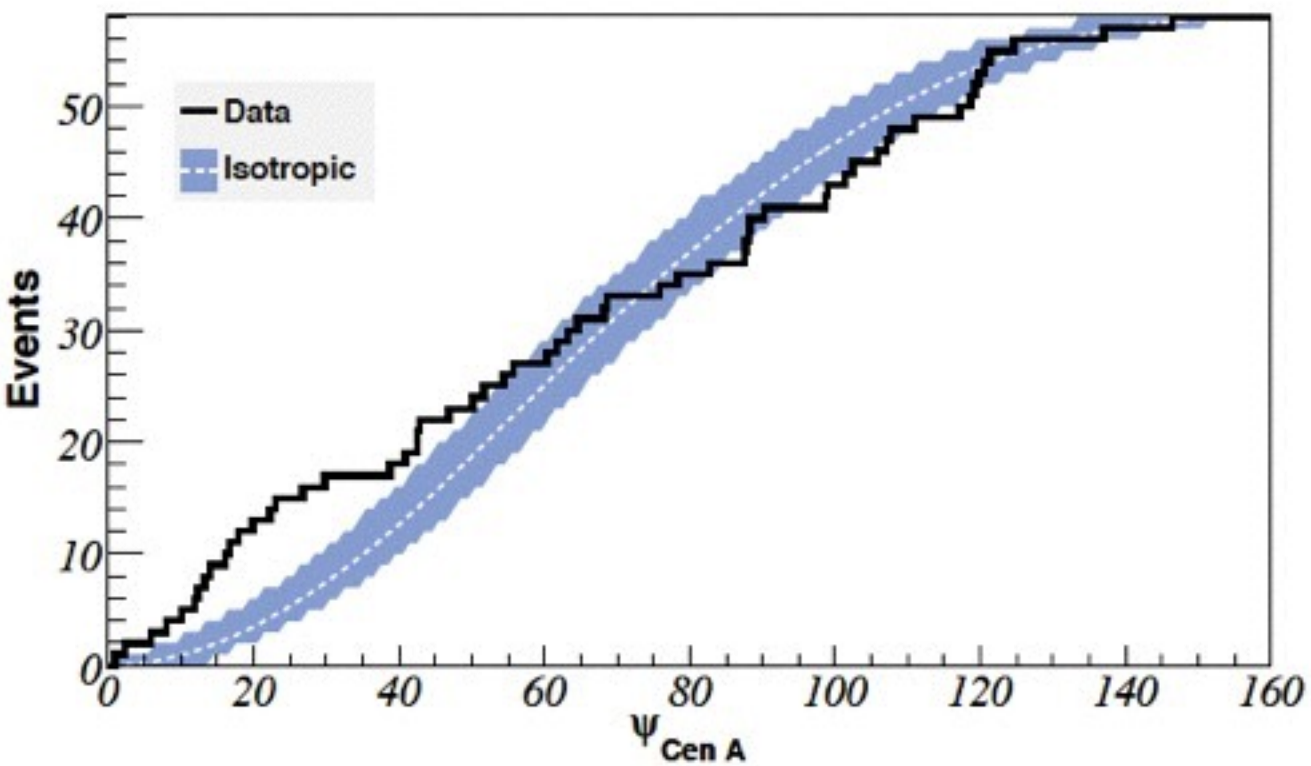
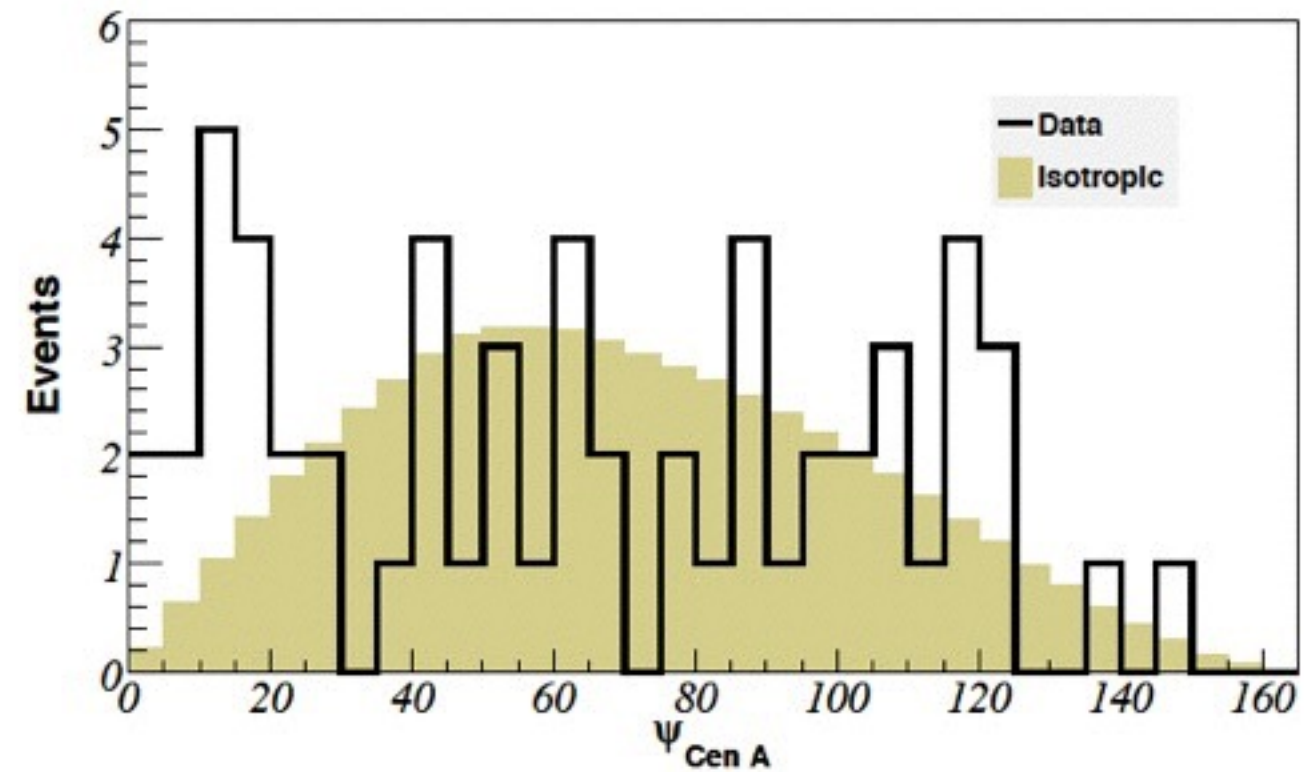
AUGER: A Closer Look at Cen A

- A possible source: Centaurus A (4.2 Mpc away)
  - Active galaxy, well in AUGER field of view

Events (E > 55 EeV) as a function of the angle to Cen A.





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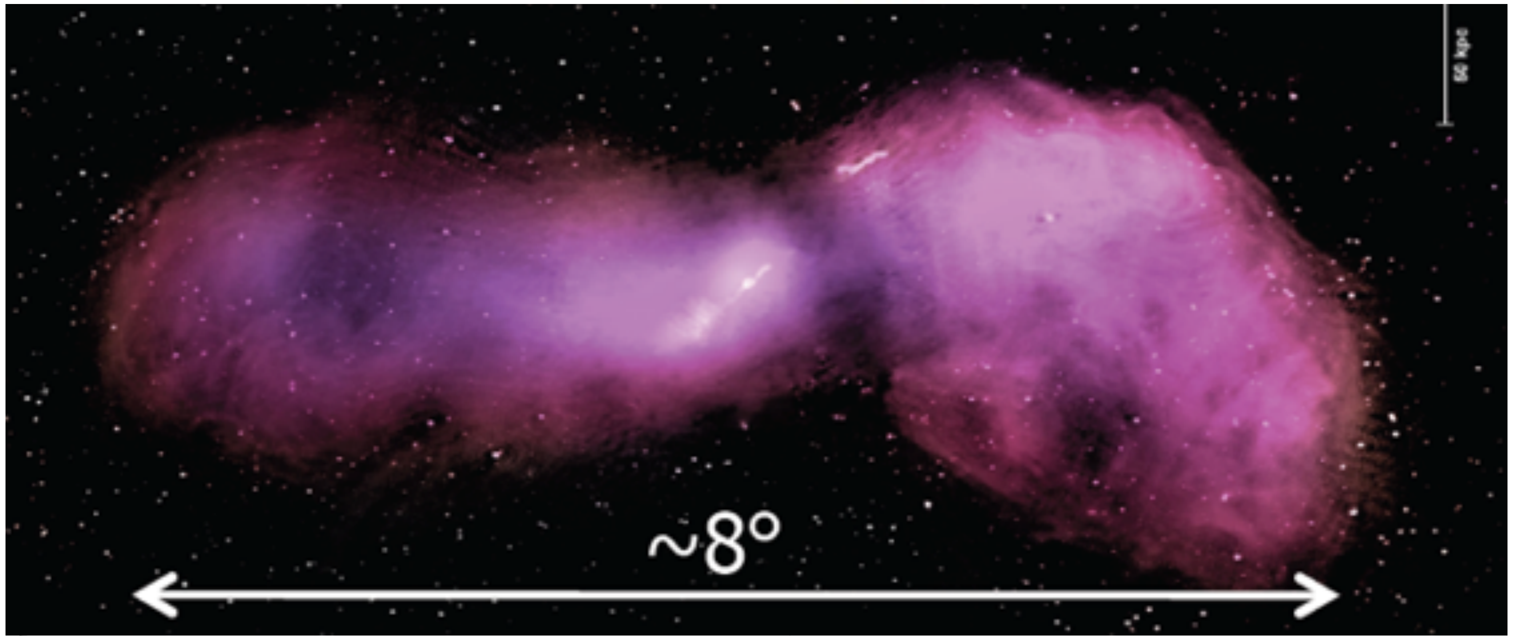
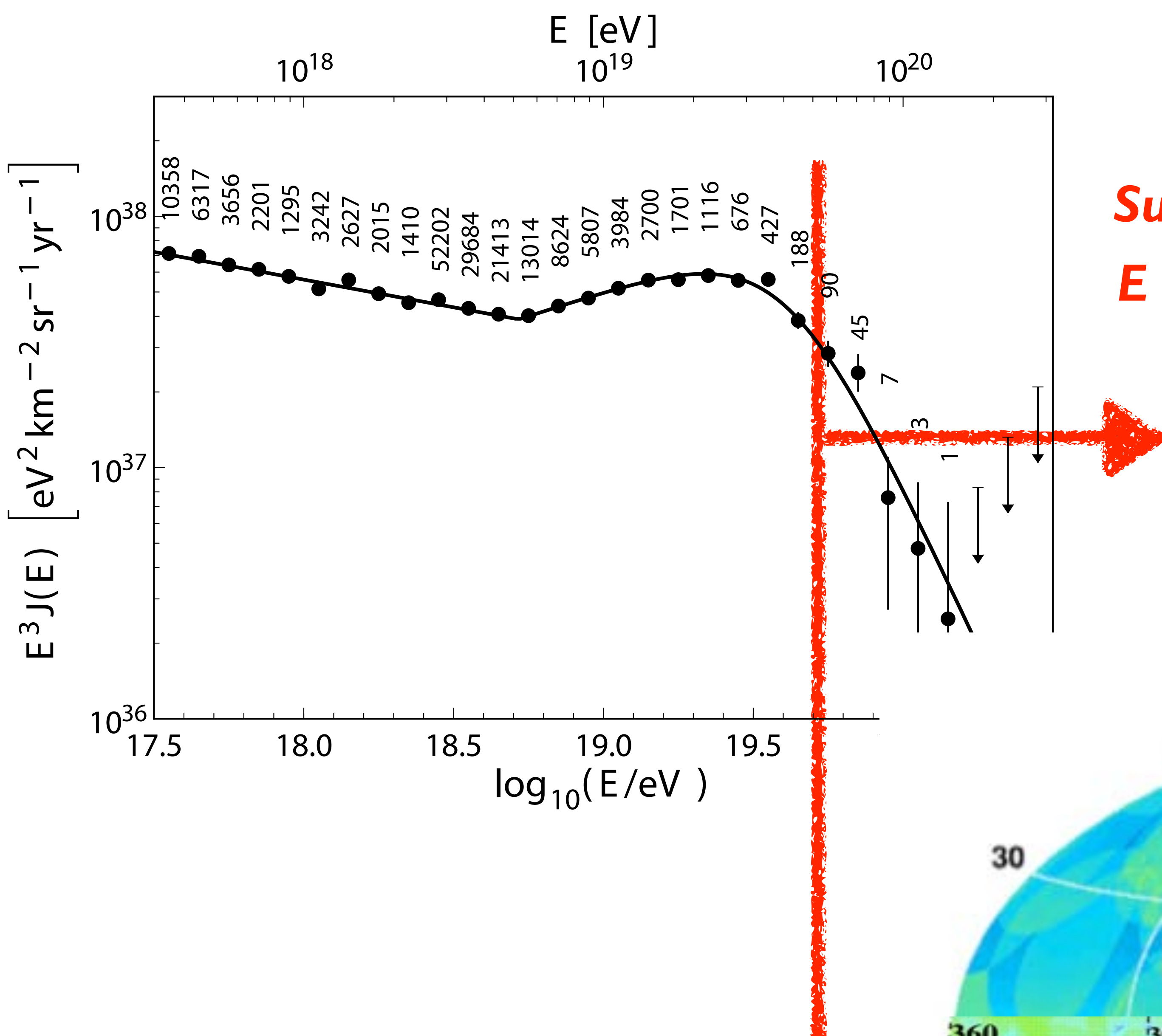
13 events within 18°
(3.2 expected)



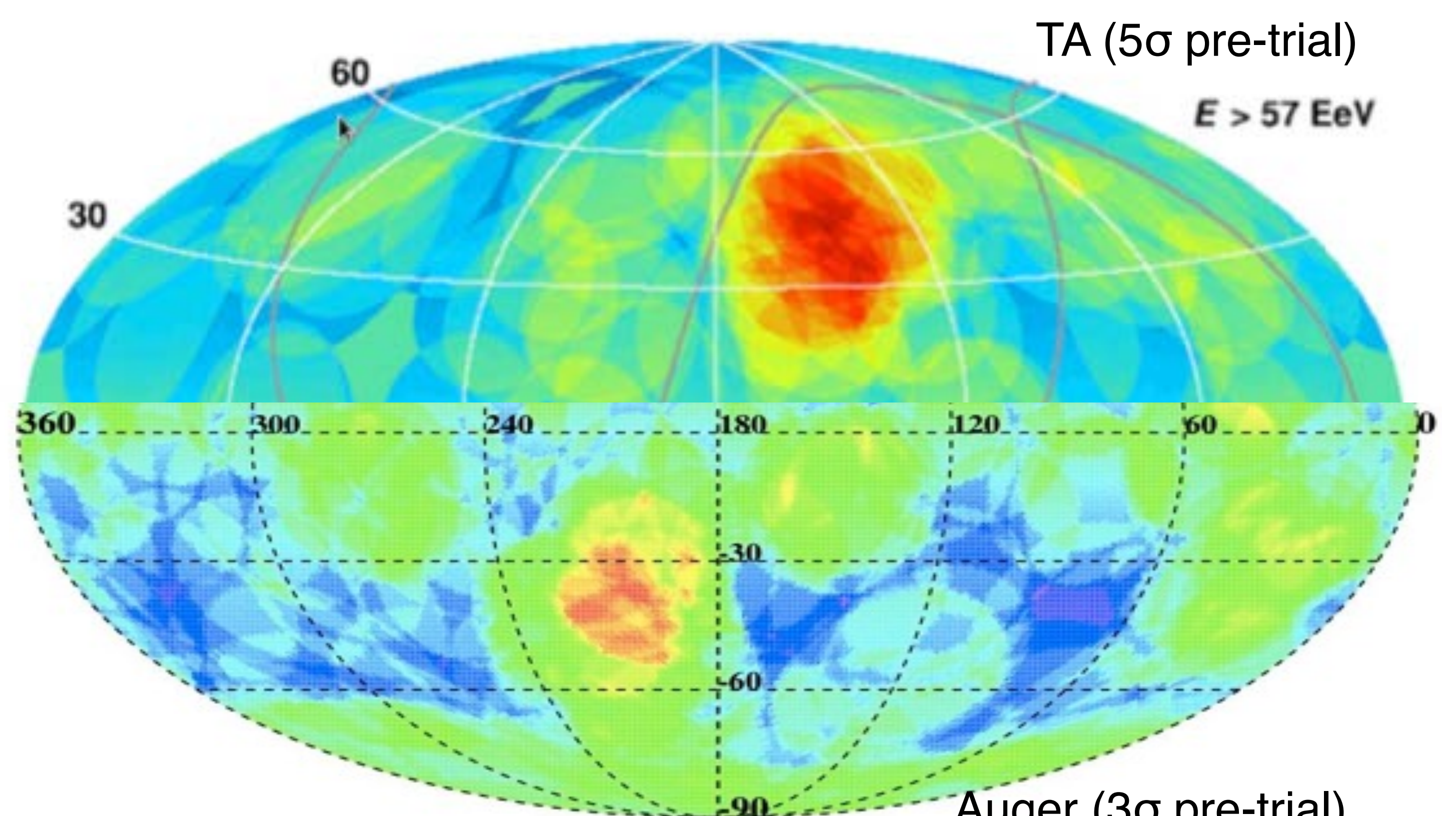
AUGER and TA - The Latest Status



Suppression region

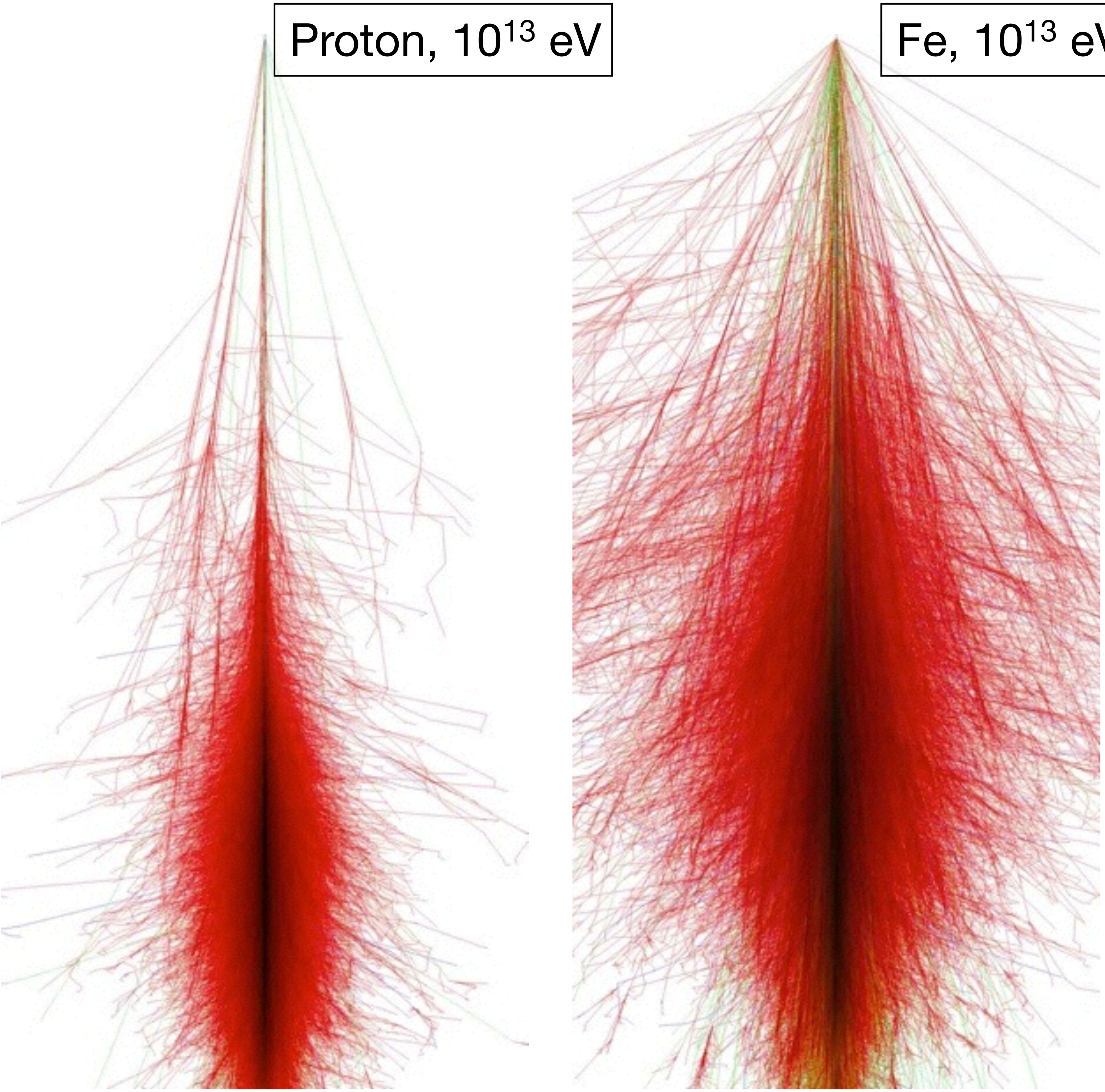
E > 5.7x10¹⁹ eV

Telescope Array:
hotspot (20°), source unknown
(arXiv:1404.5890)



Auger Observatory:
warm spot (18°), probably Cen A

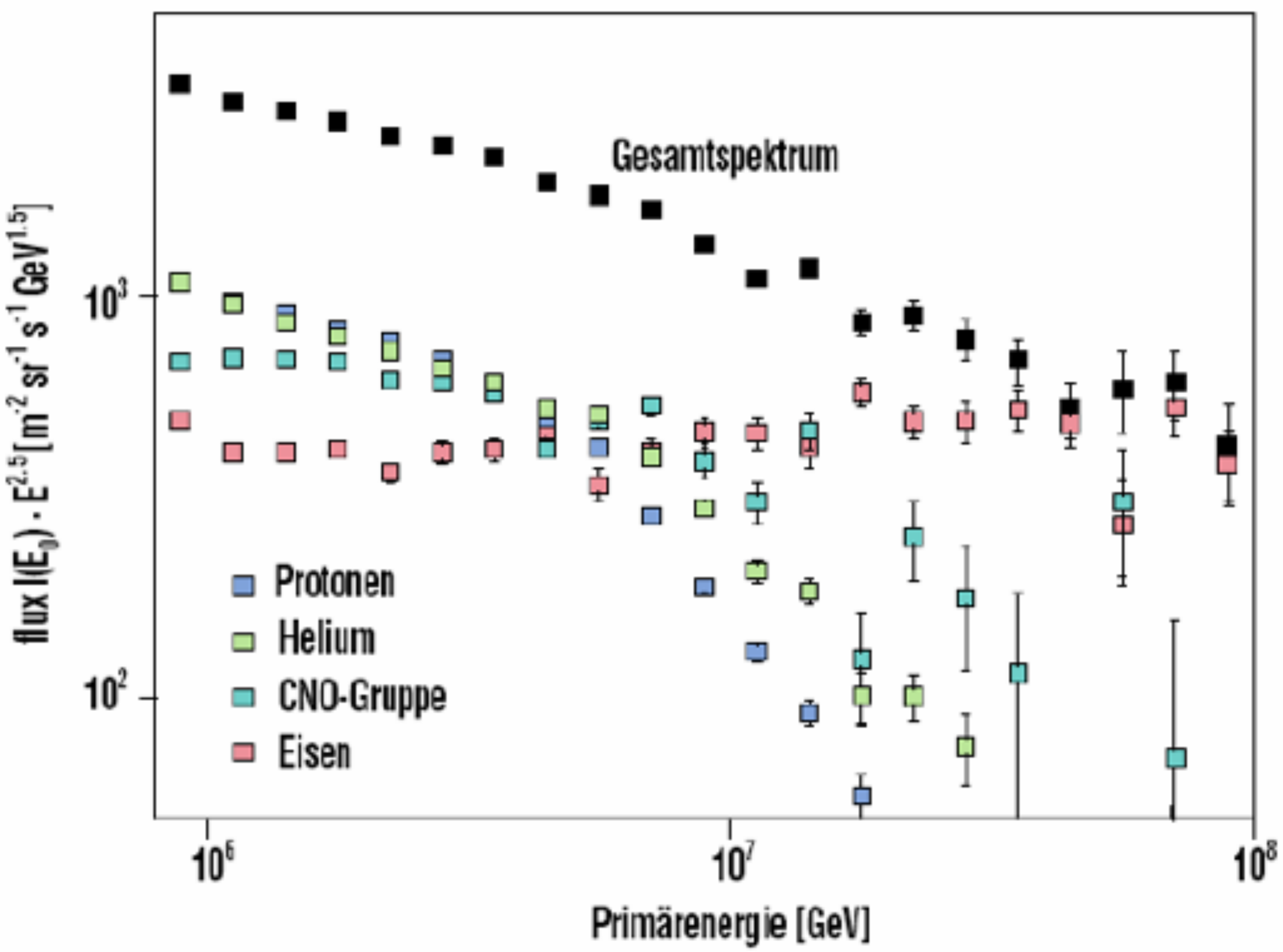
Composition of UHECRs: Protons vs Fe



- Distinction of primary particles possible based on shower structure:
    - Showers of heavy nuclei start “faster” and reach an earlier shower maximum

http://www.ast.leeds.ac.uk/~fs/showerimages.html

Composition around the Knee of the Distribution



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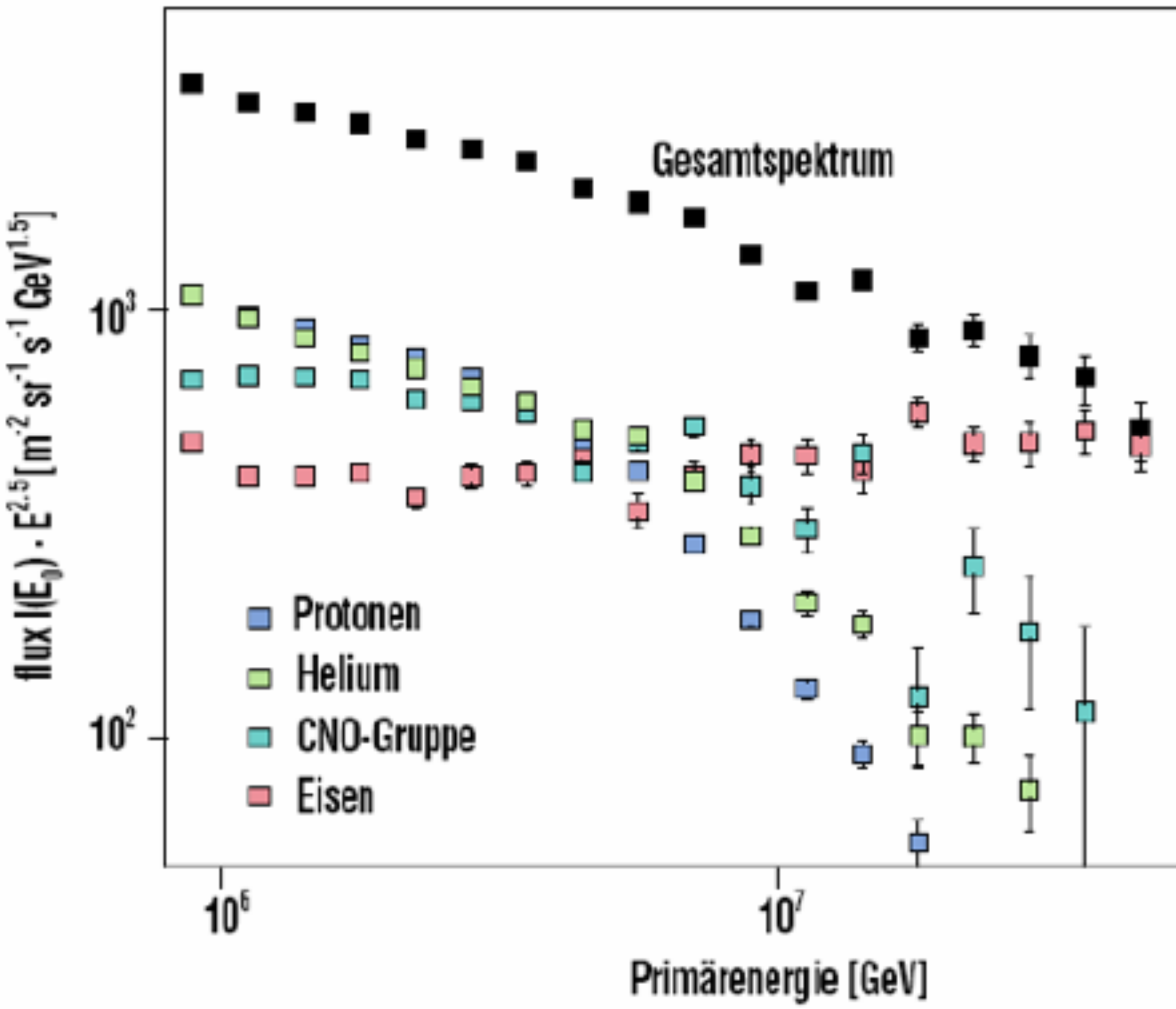

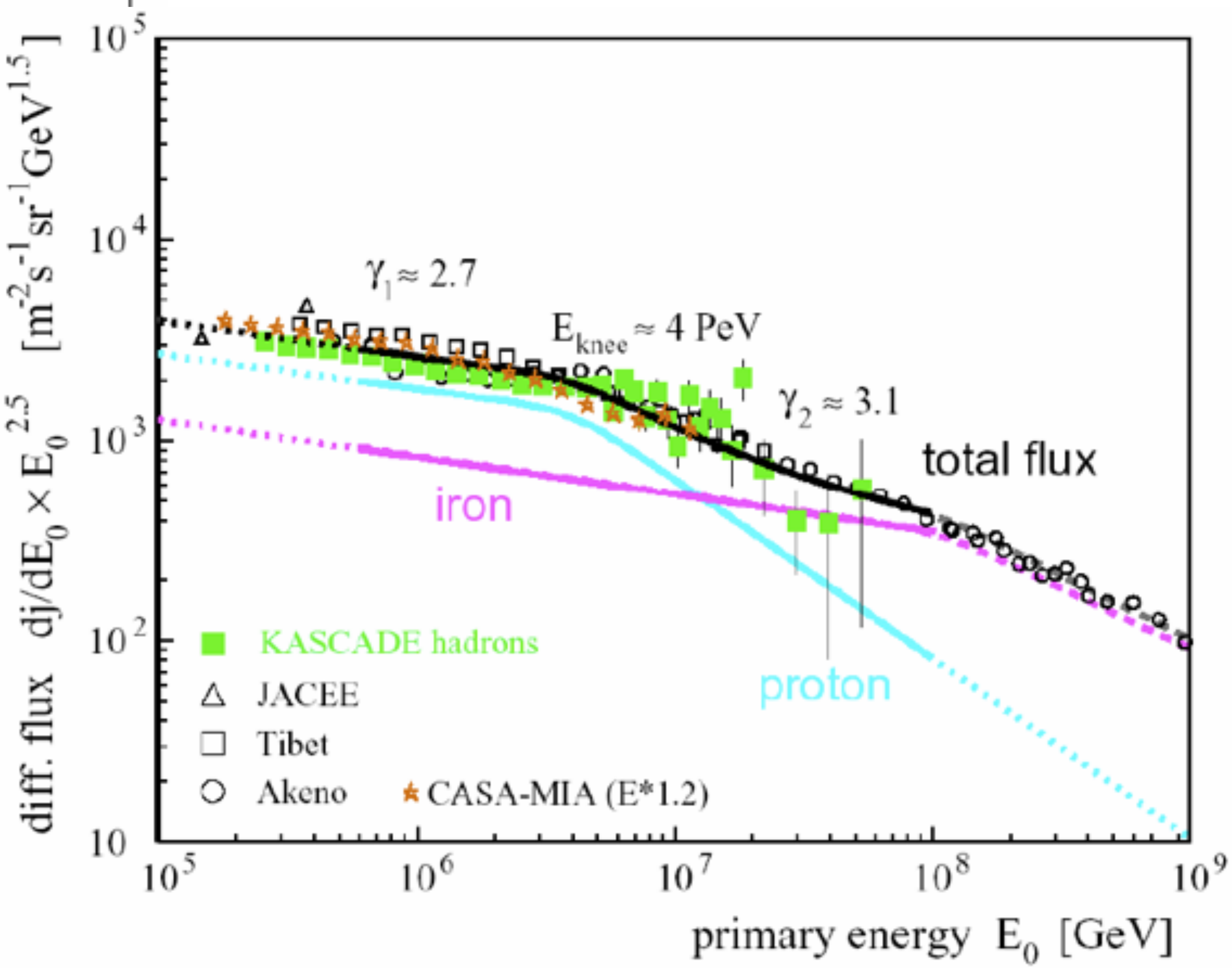

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- Determined from shower profile

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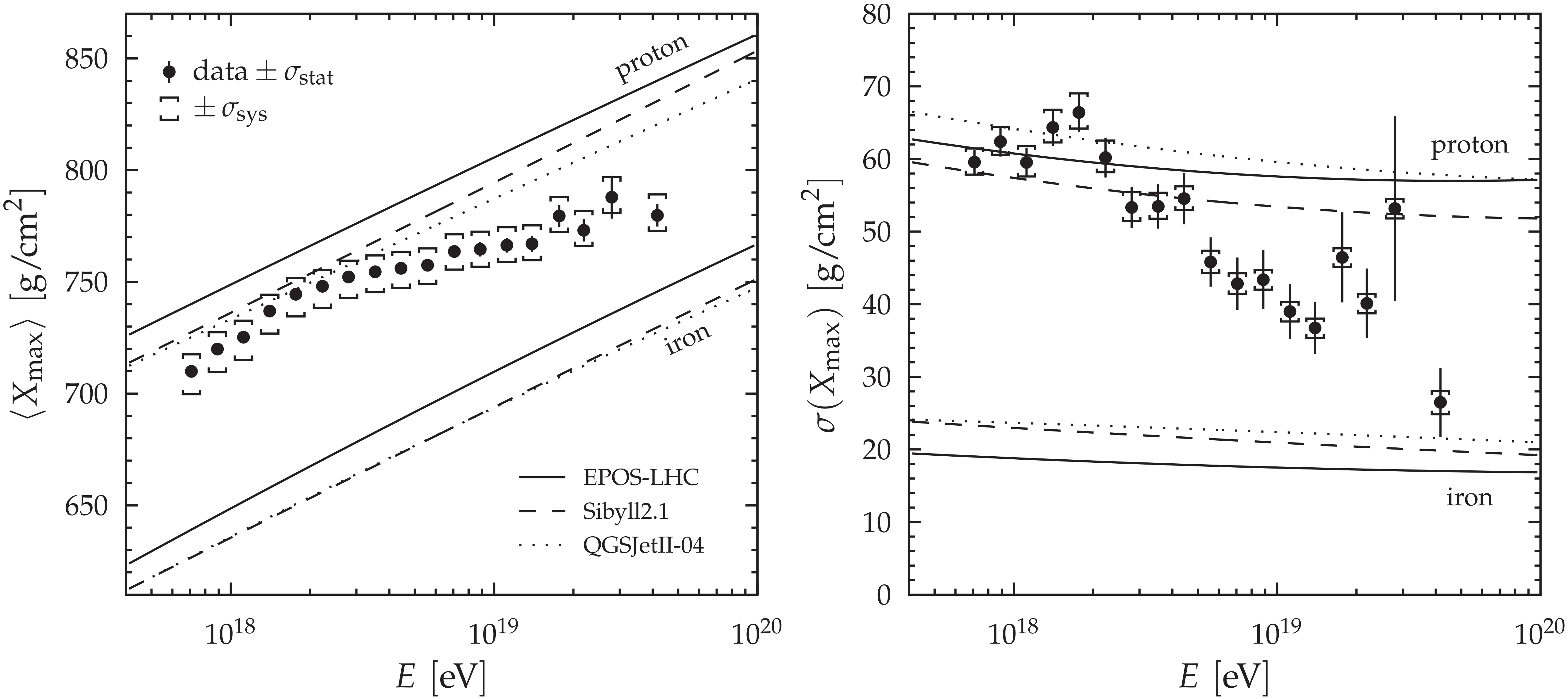
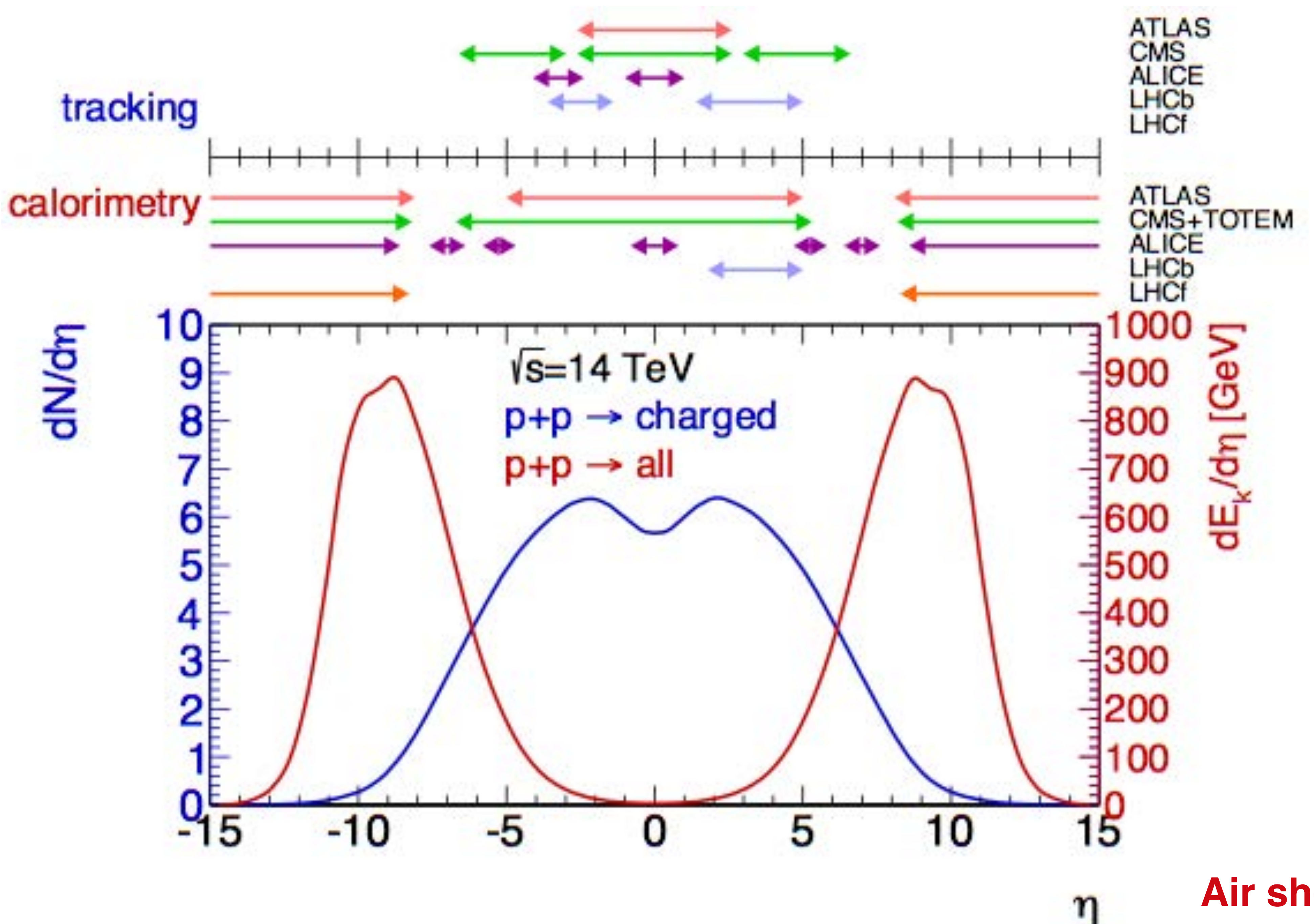


- Composition get more iron-like at high energies - Data still missing at the very highest energies (> 10^{20} eV)
  - Can also be interpreted as an energy limit in the sources

Connection to Collider Physics

- Different LHC experiments covering most of the relevant phase space



Air showers: Particles of highest energy most important

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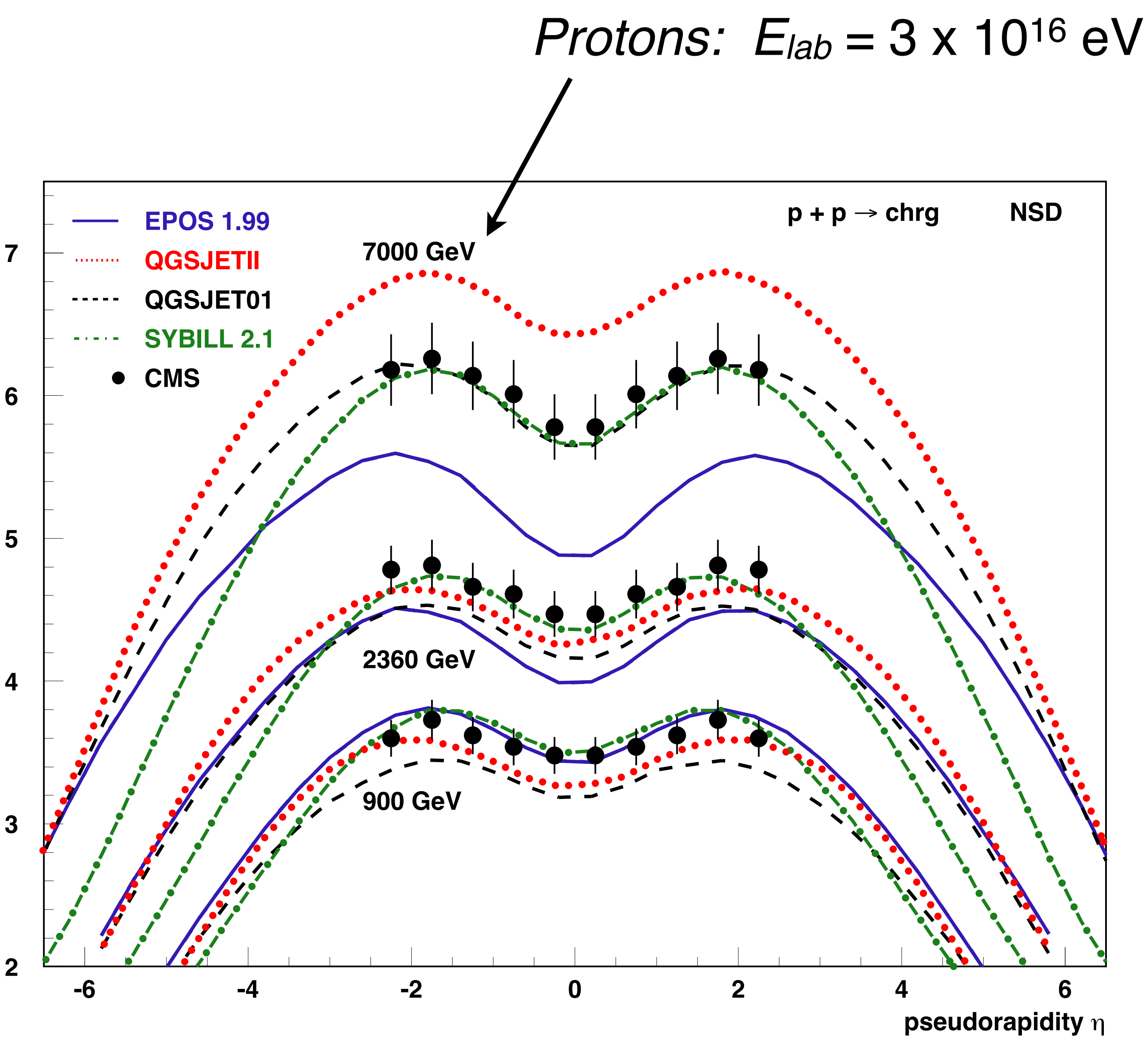

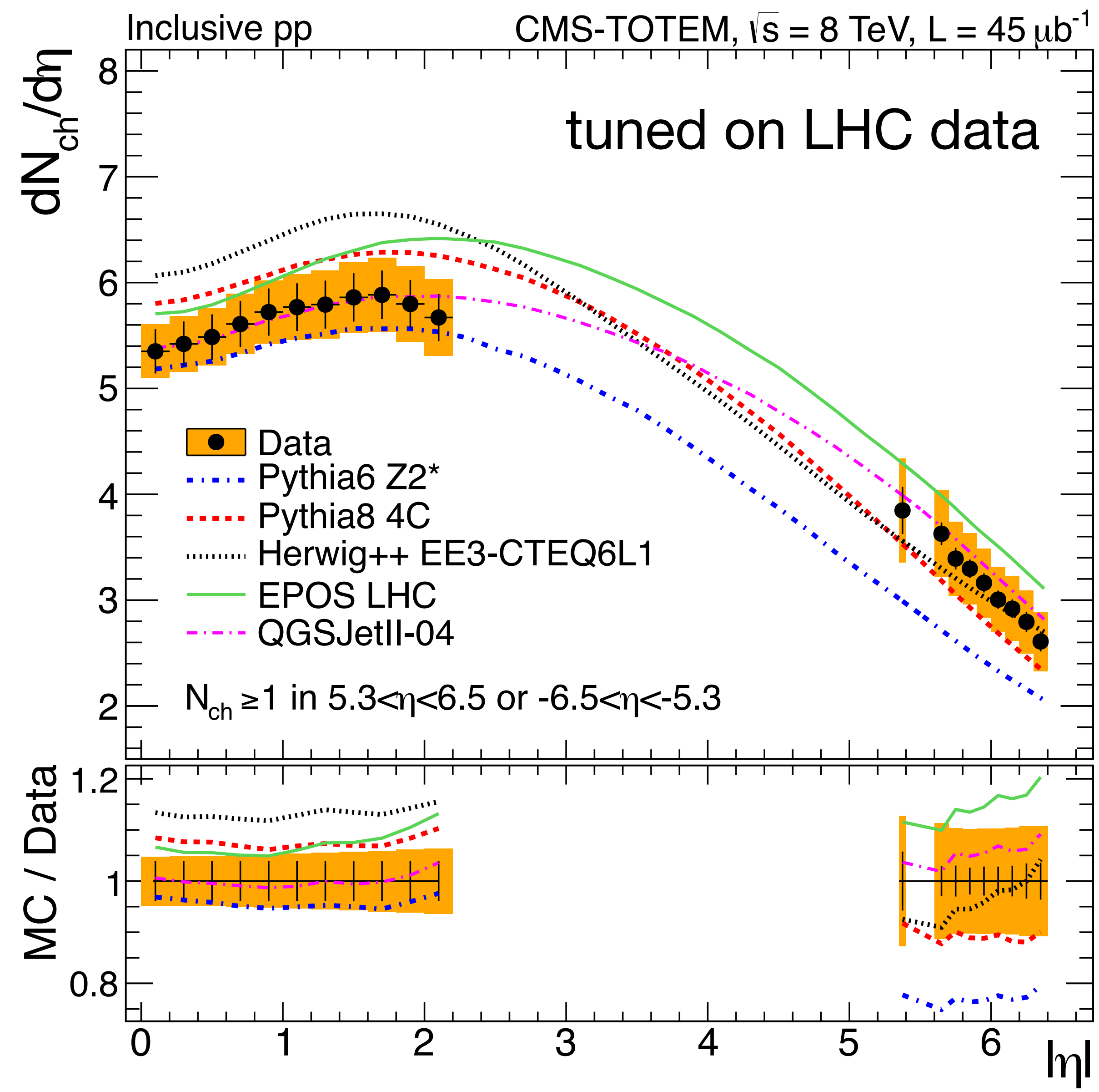

- LHC data has provided substantial input, used to tune and improve the models

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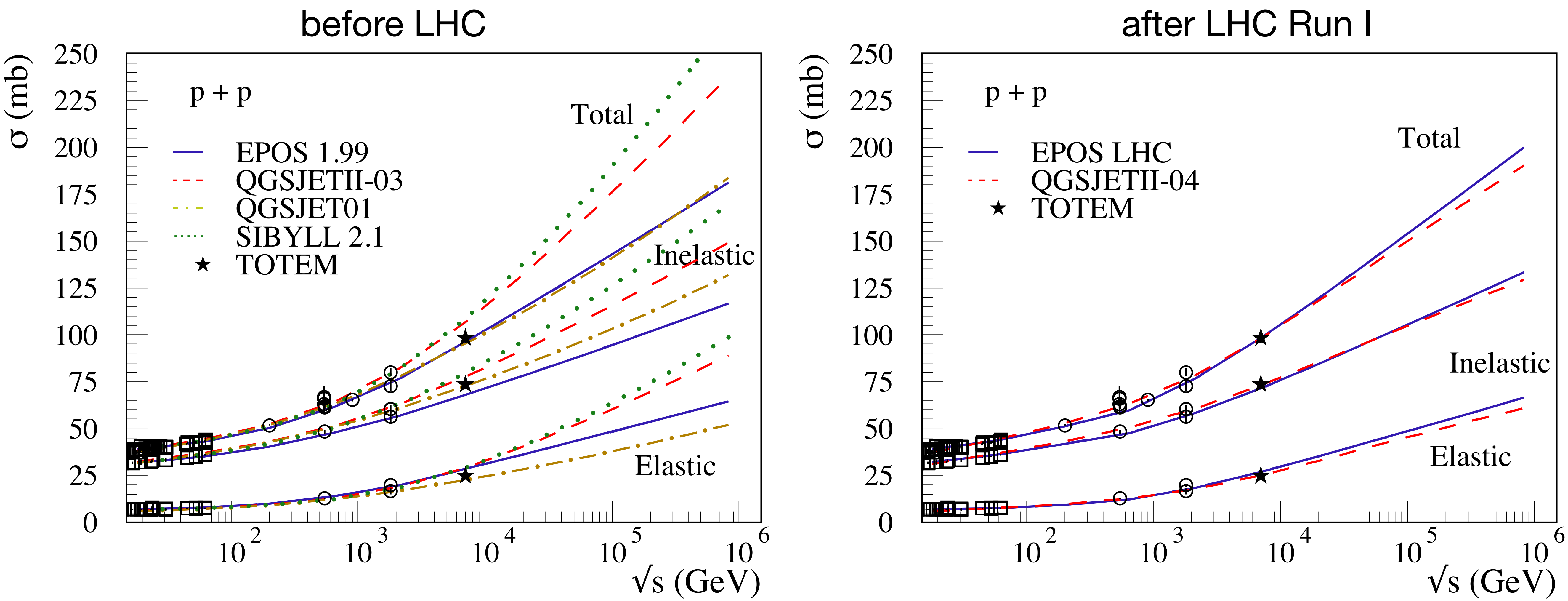
- One example: Evolution of cross section with energy - crucial for shower evolution



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