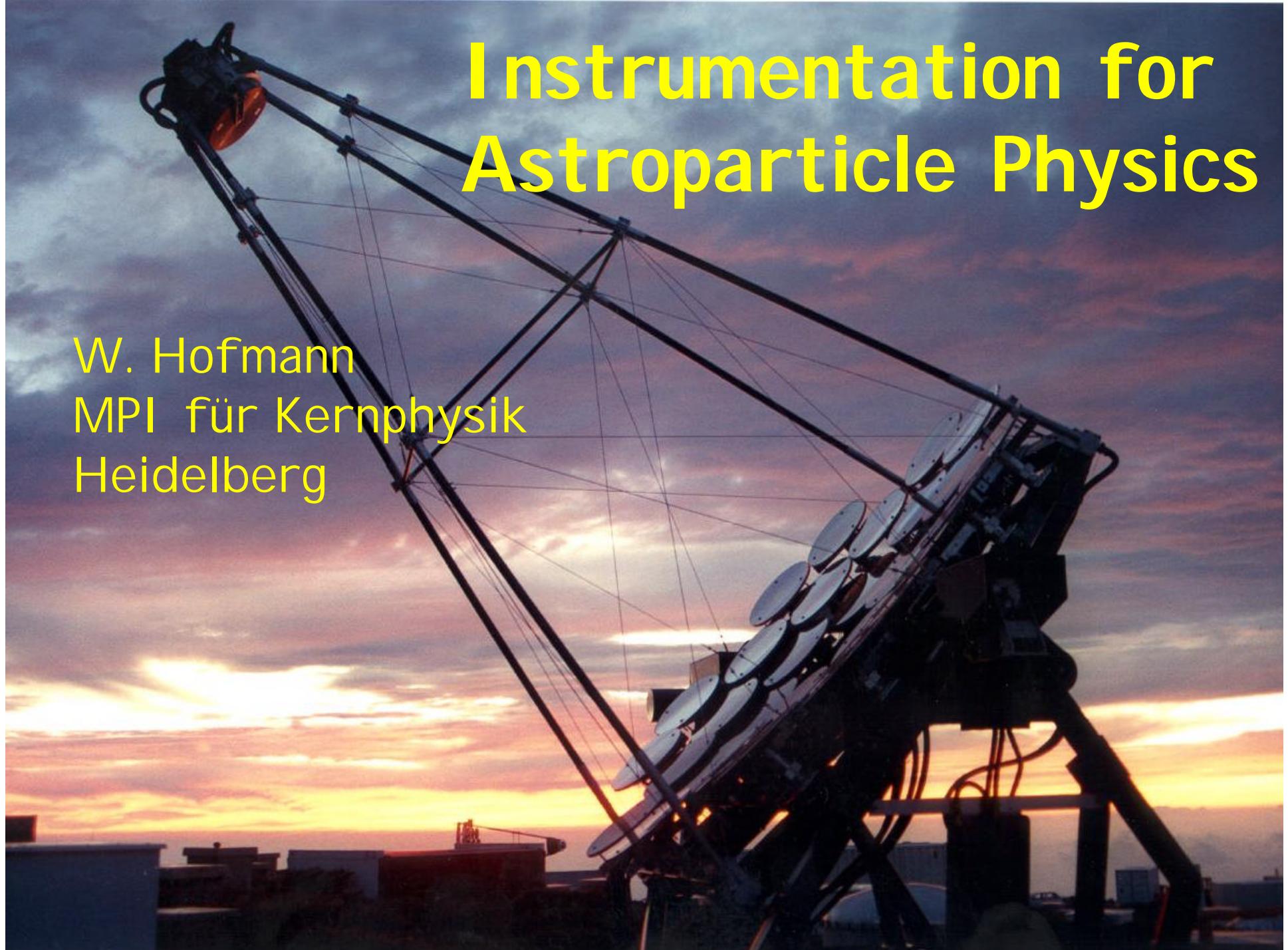
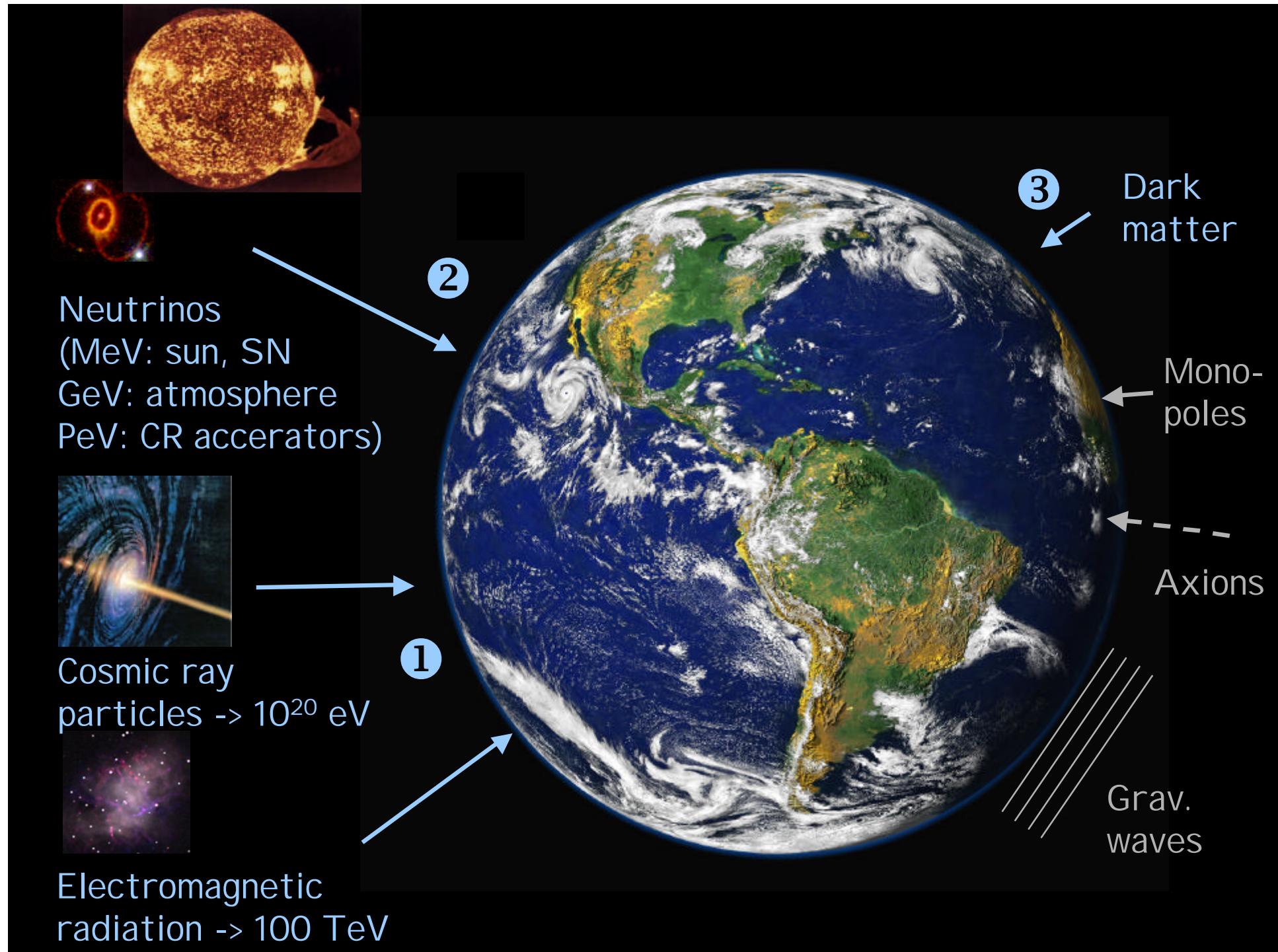


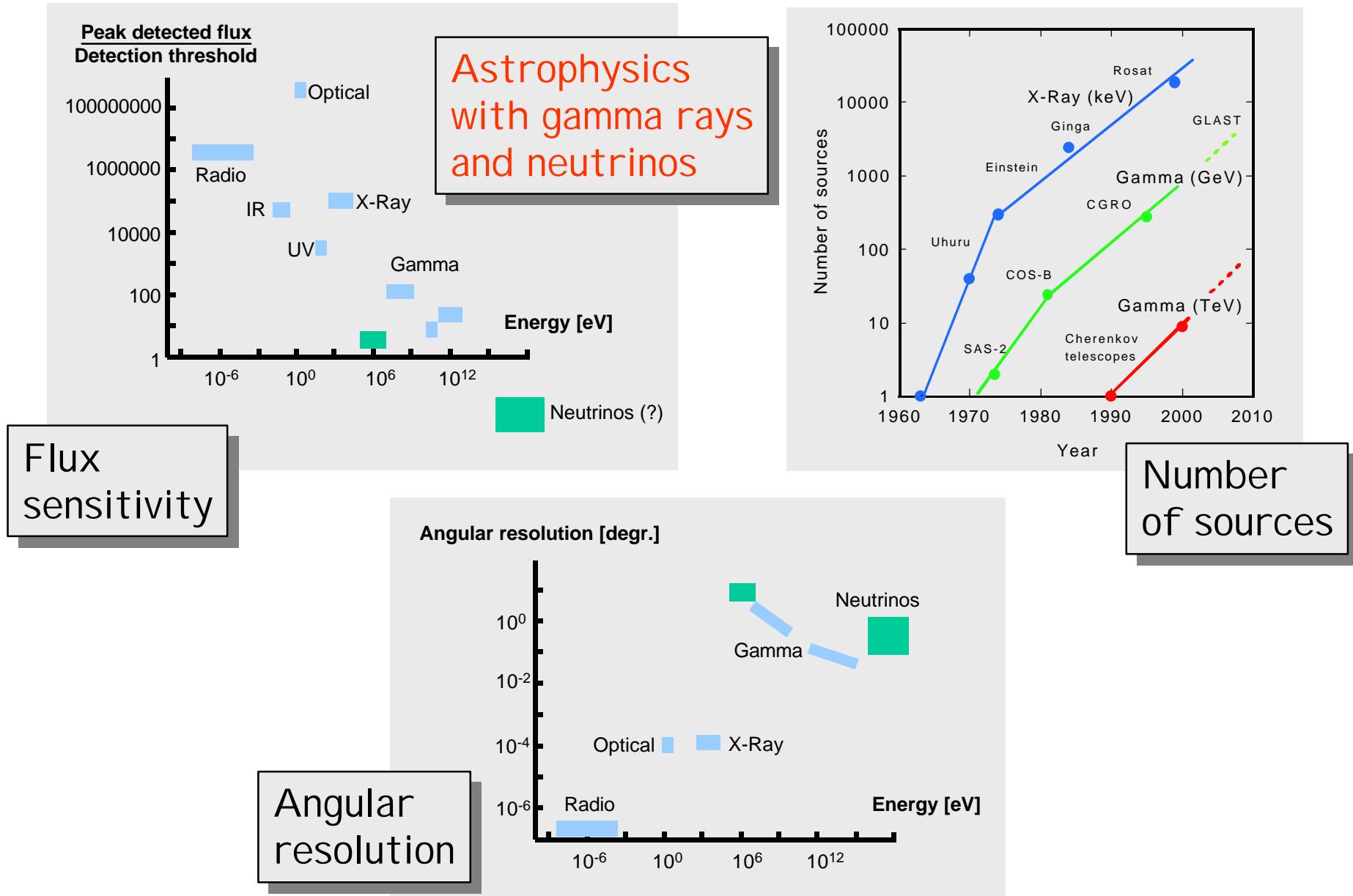
# Instrumentation for Astroparticle Physics

W. Hofmann  
MPI für Kernphysik  
Heidelberg





# State of the field: a charming infant





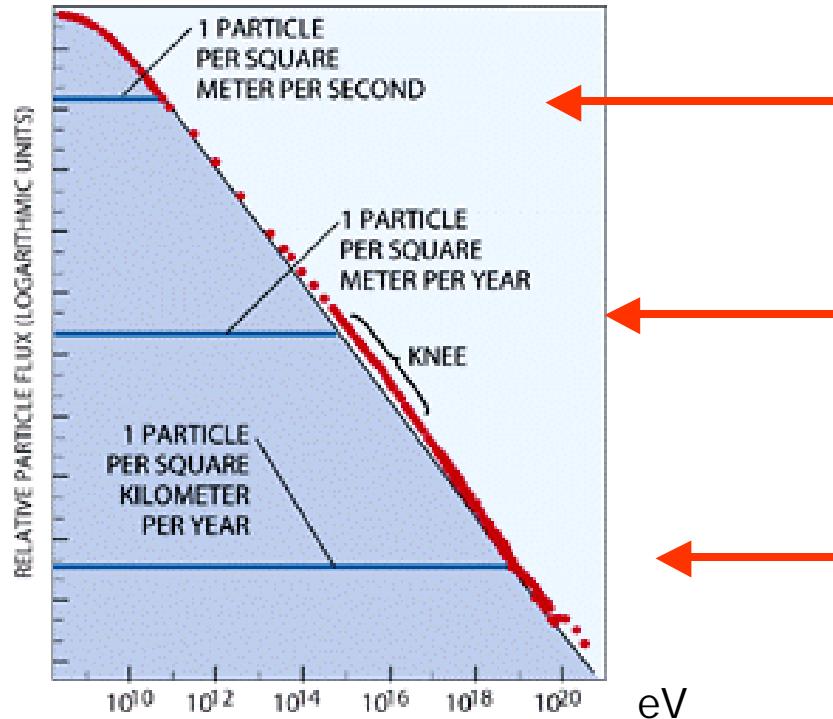
Cosmic ray  
particles ->  $10^{20}$  eV



Electromagnetic  
radiation -> 100 TeV



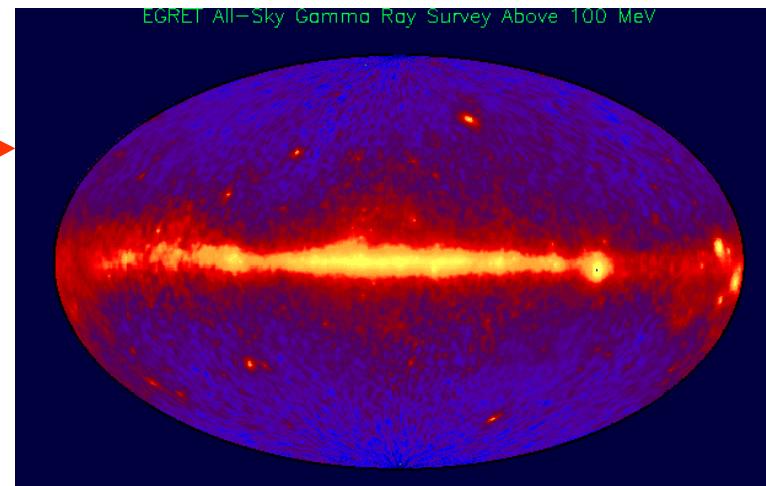
# The big issues in cosmic-ray physics



- at low (GeV – TeV) energy:  
antiparticles in cosmic rays?  
**AMS**
- at medium (PeV) energy  
elemental composition, change in  
composition at knee?  
**(KASKADE,...)**
- at high (EeV) energy  
spectrum, particles beyond  
GKZ cutoff?  
**AUGER**

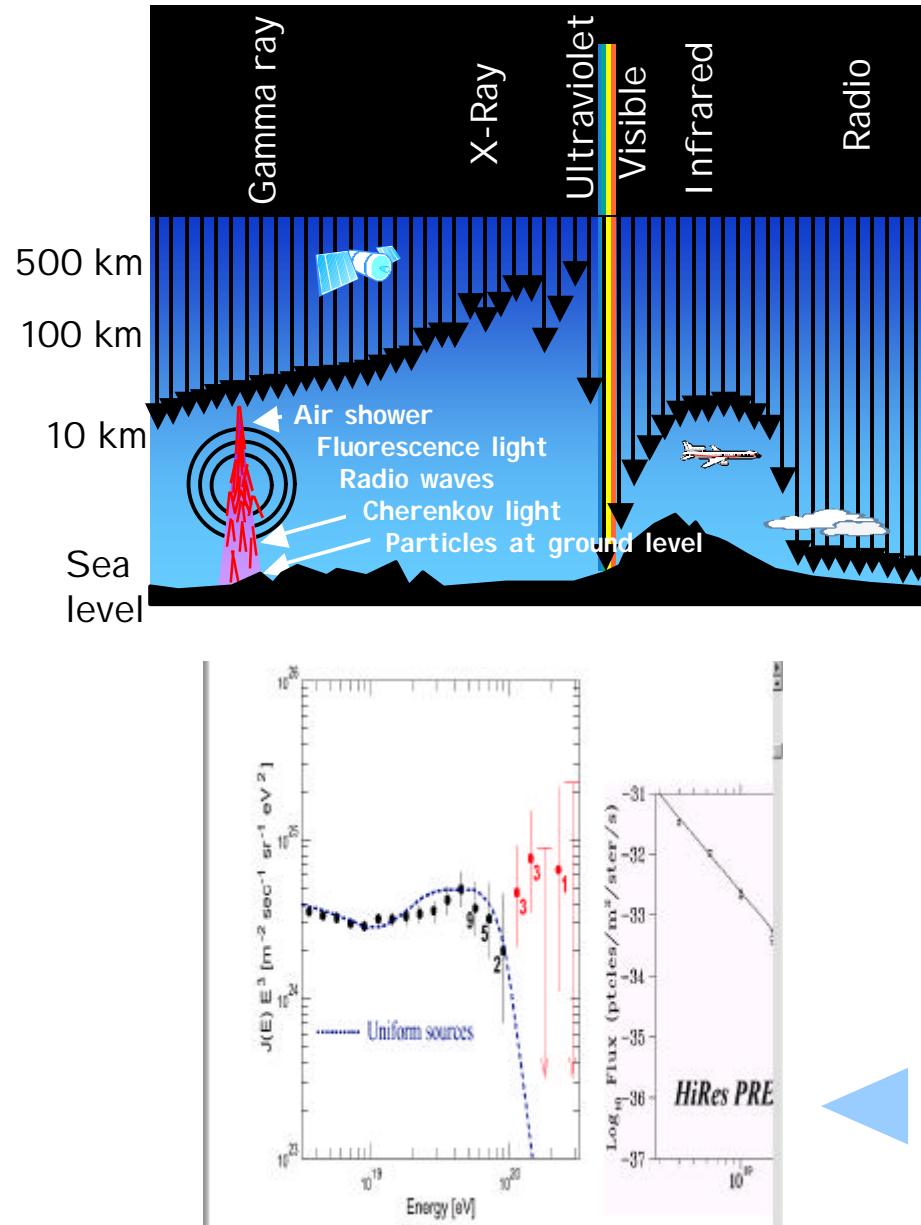
- Sources of cosmic rays →  
traced in the light of  
(secondary) gamma rays

$$\gamma\text{-yield} = \text{CR density} \times \text{target density}$$



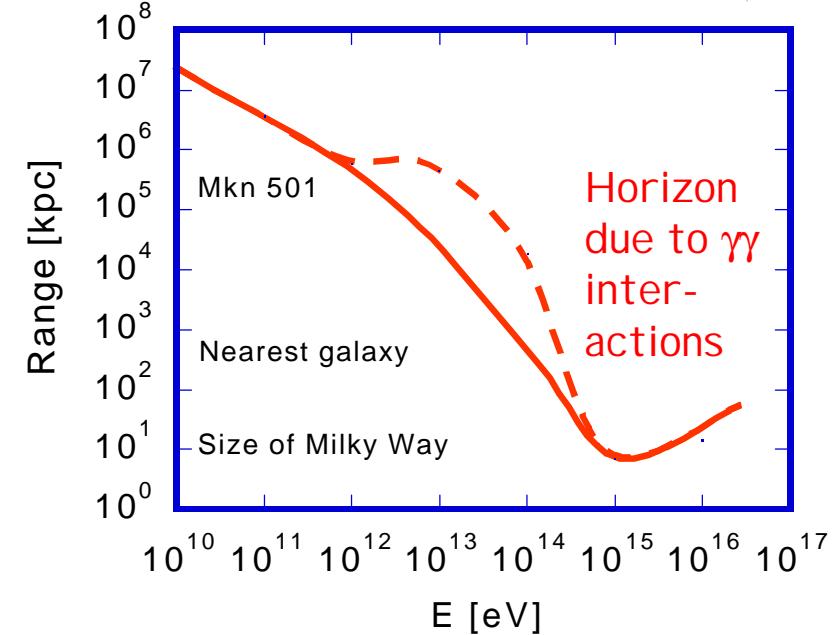
EGRET  
~ 100 MeV

# Propagation of electromagnetic radiation



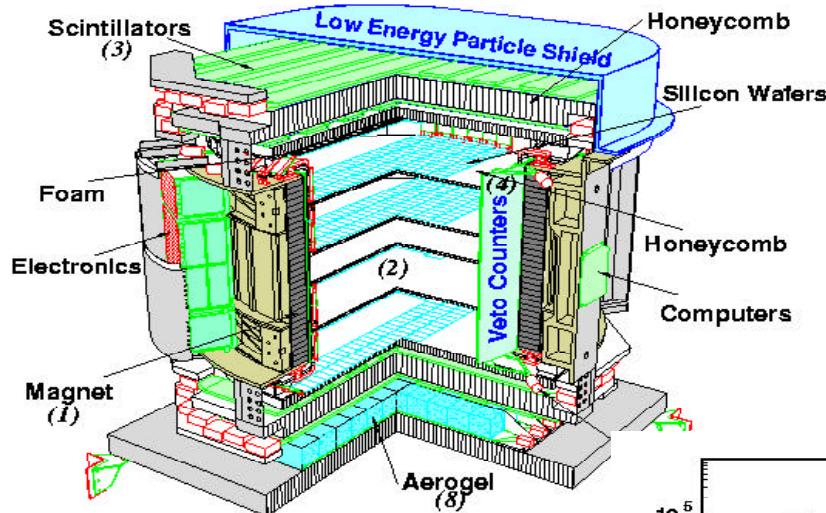
In the Earth's atmosphere

In space

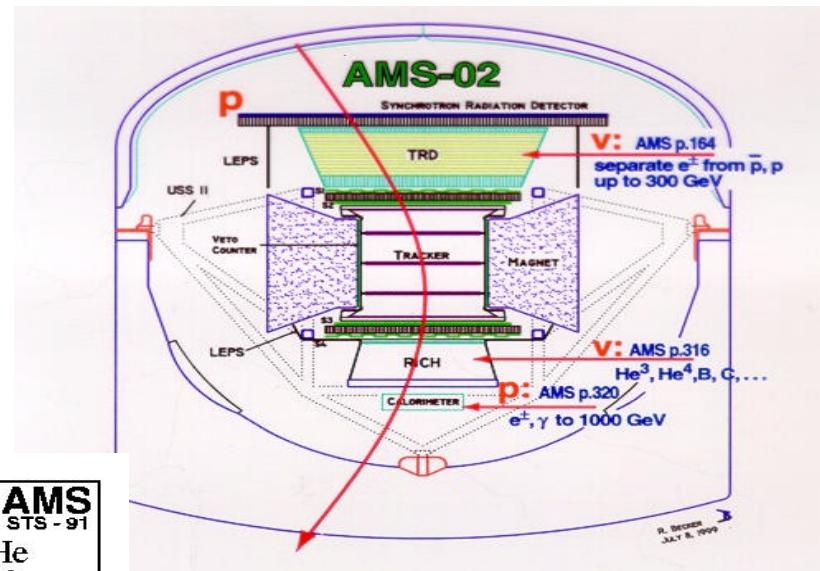
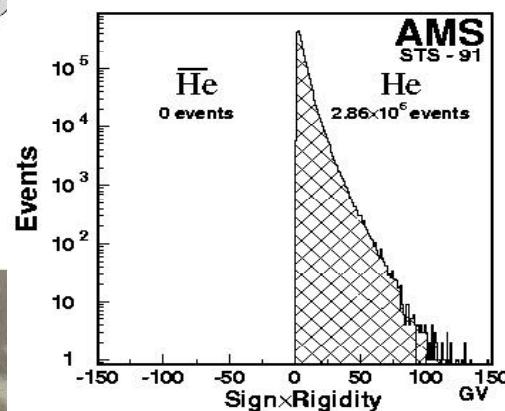
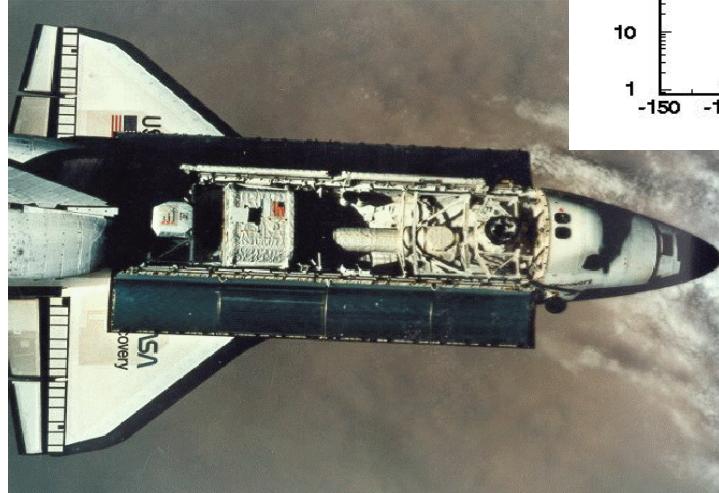


similar effect:  
Cosmic-ray propagation  
cuts off at  $10^{20}$  eV

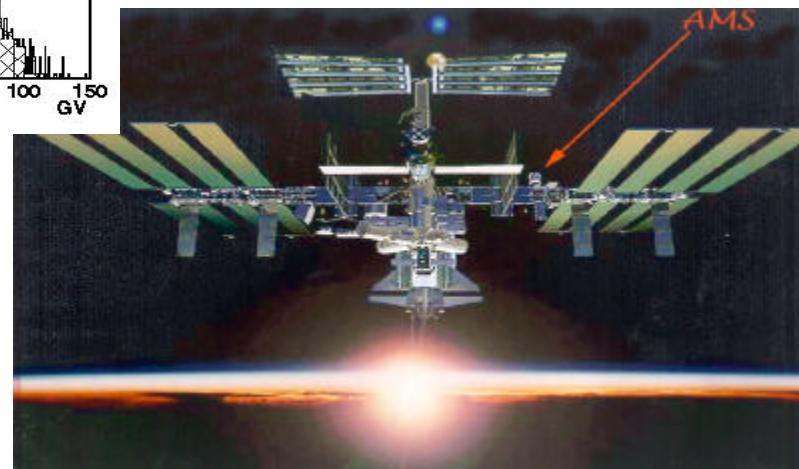
# GeV/TeV CR: Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer



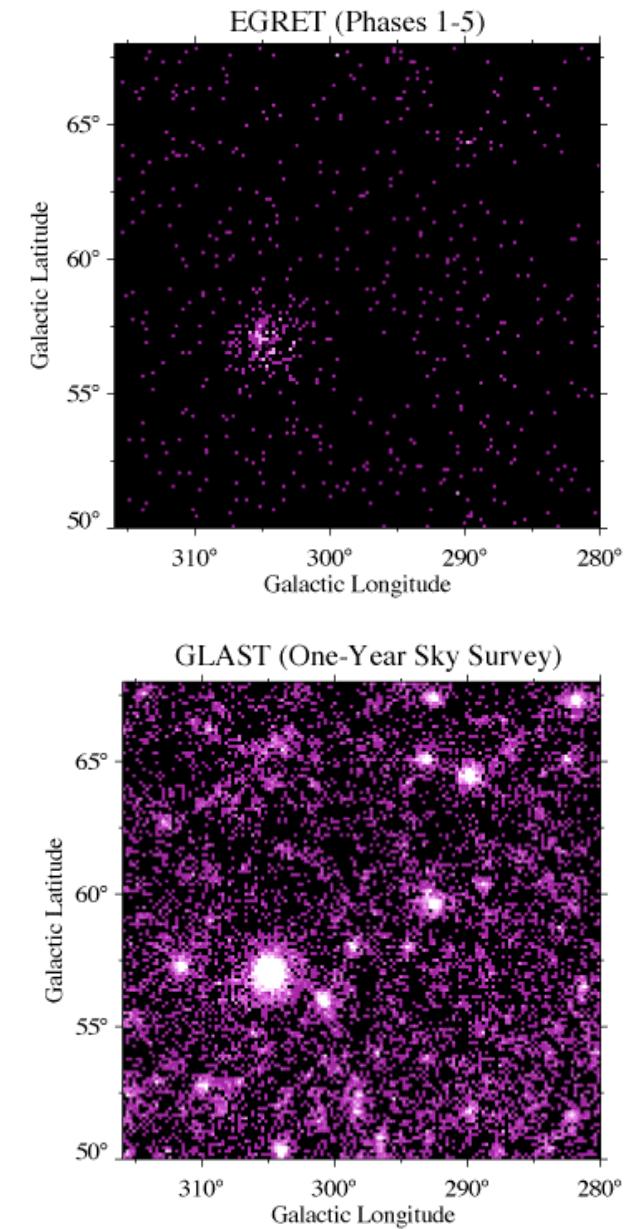
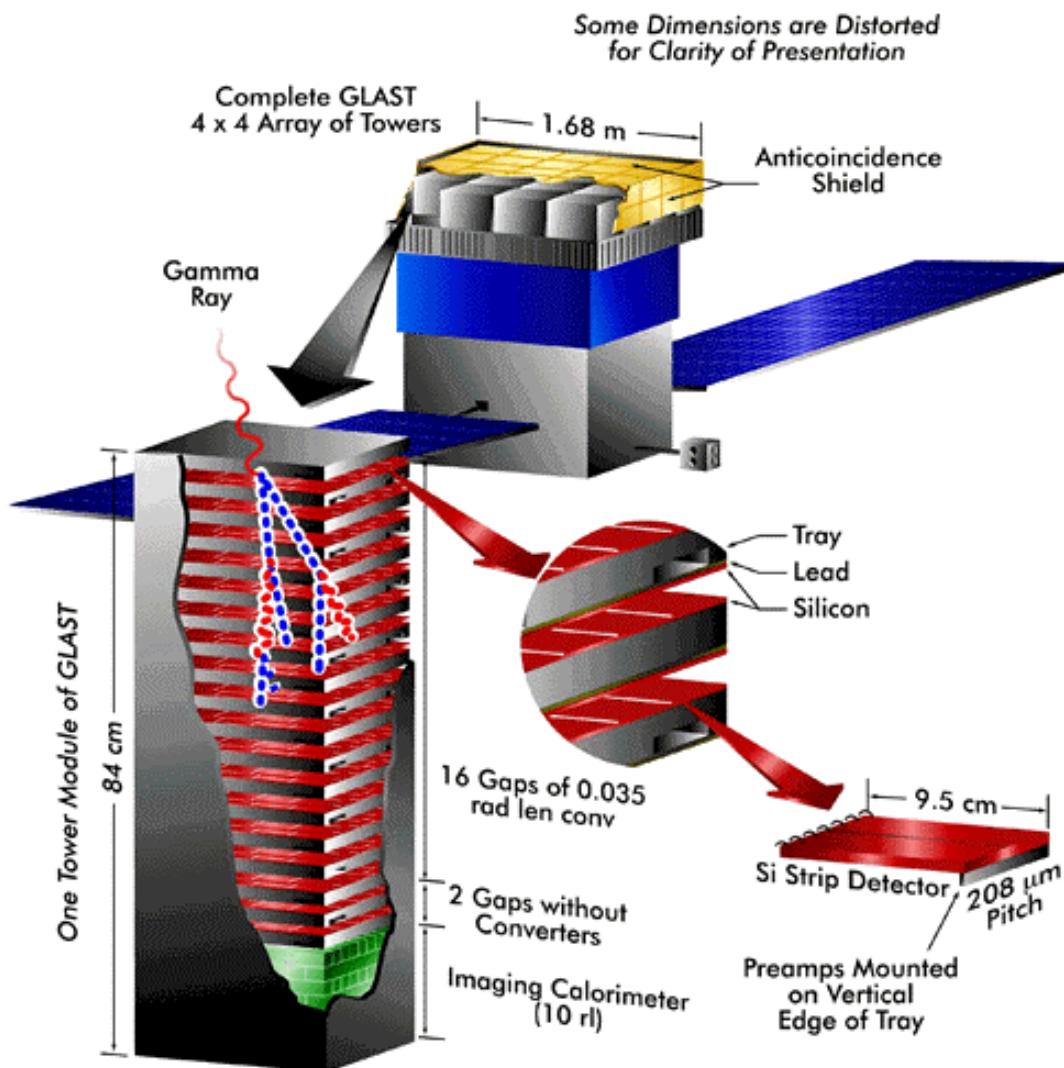
AMS-01 (1998)



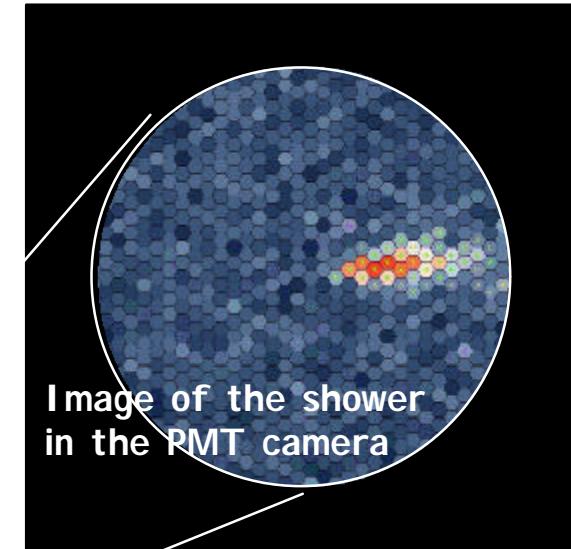
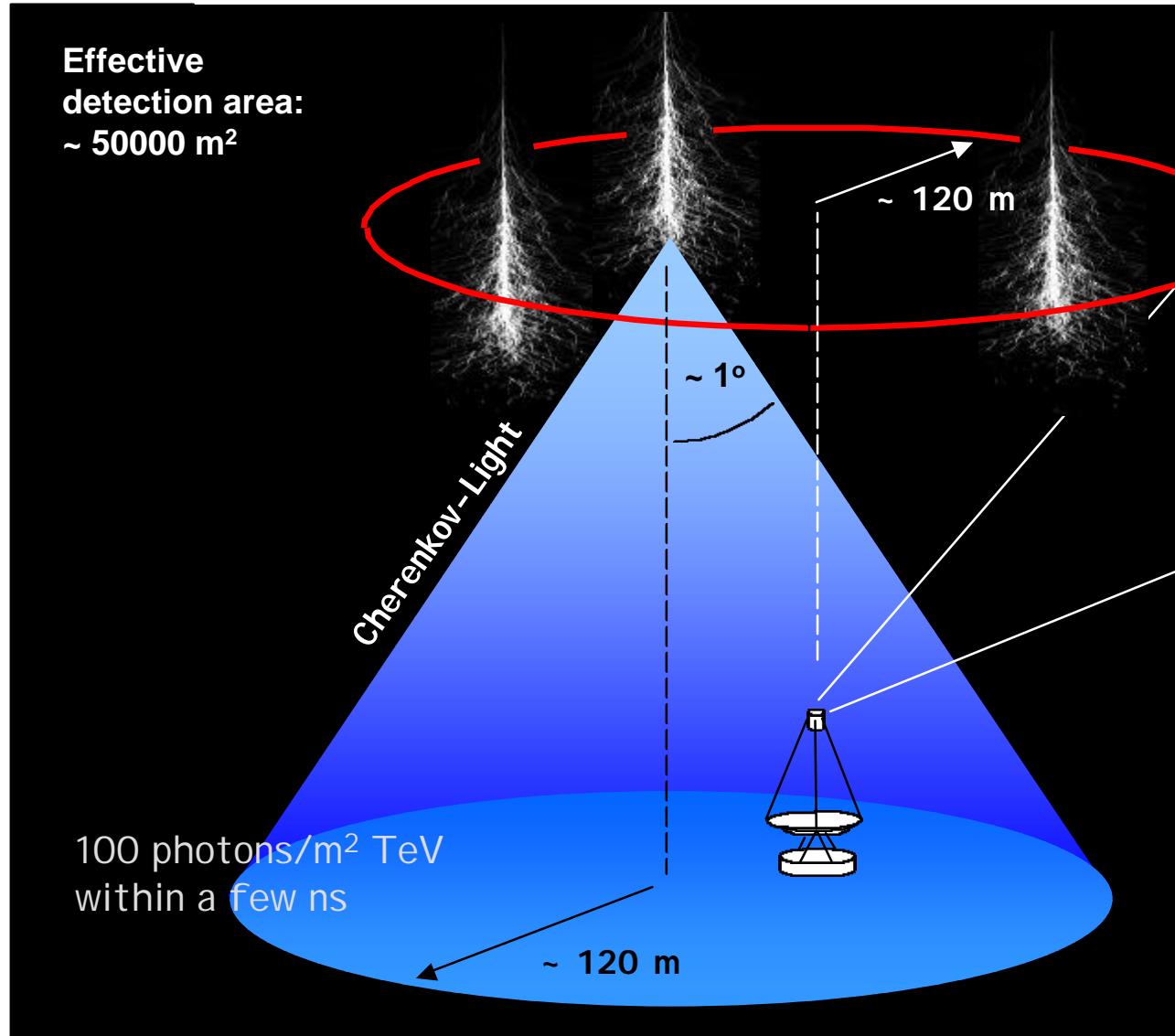
AMS-02 on ISS



# GLAST: $\gamma$ -rays in the GeV energy range

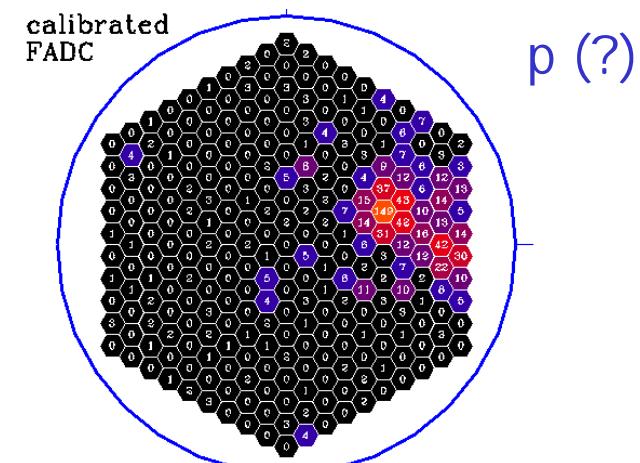
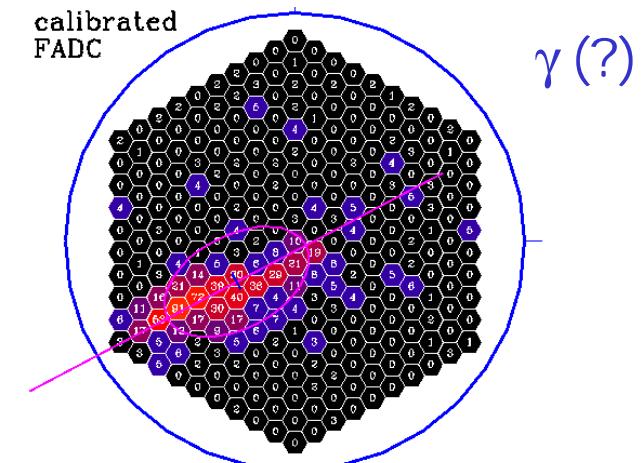
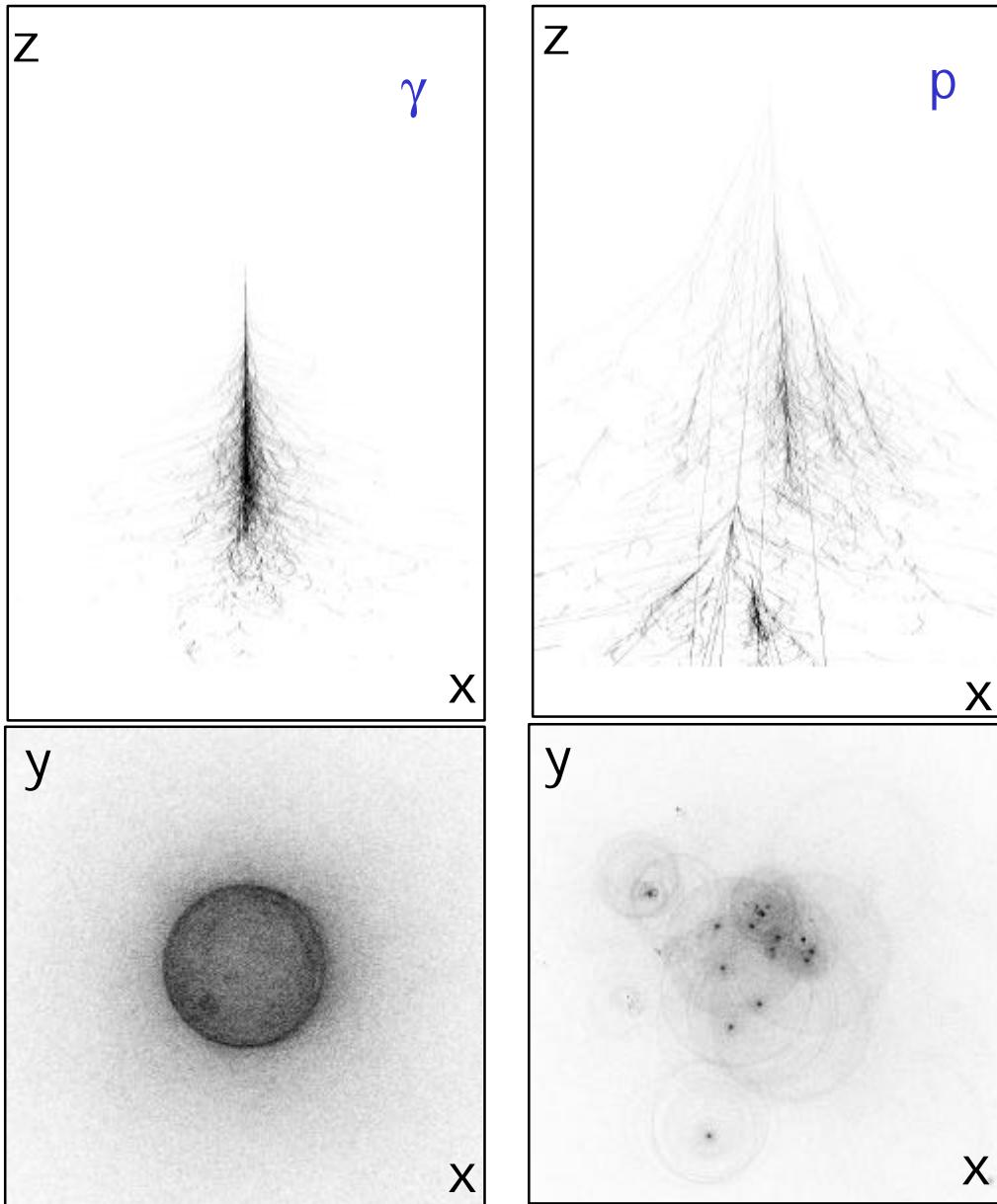


# VHE air shower detectors: Cherenkov telescopes



**I** mage  
**O**rientation  
→ shower direction  
**I**ntensity  
→ energy of primary  
**S**hape  
→ type of primary

# Telling $\gamma$ -rays from hadronic cosmic rays



# The imaging atmospheric Cherenkov technique

Pioneered by the  
**WHIPPLE** group

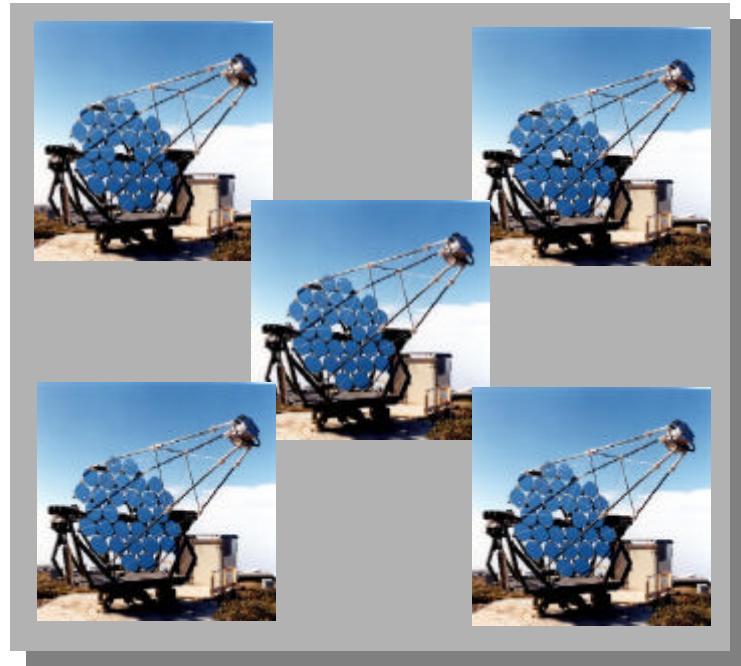


WHIPPLE  
490 PMT  
camera



Perfectioned in  
**CAT** telescope

Stereoscopy  
with **HEGRA**



# Four eyes see better than one: H.E.S.S.

(and VERITAS, CANGAROO, ...)

## 12 m Cherenkov telescopes under construction in Namibia

Combine

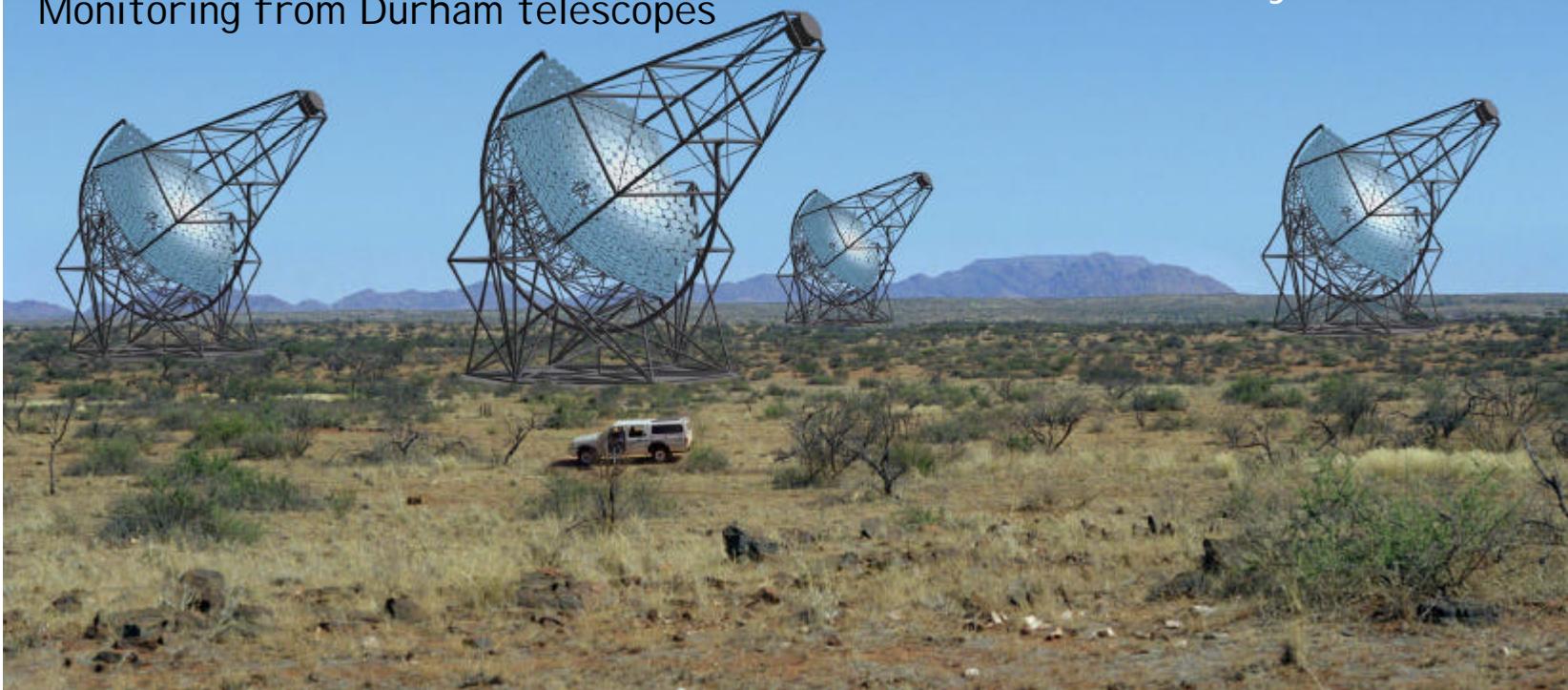
Stereoscopy from HEGRA telescopes

- improved angular resolution
- enhanced background suppression

Trigger and fine pixels from CAT telescopes

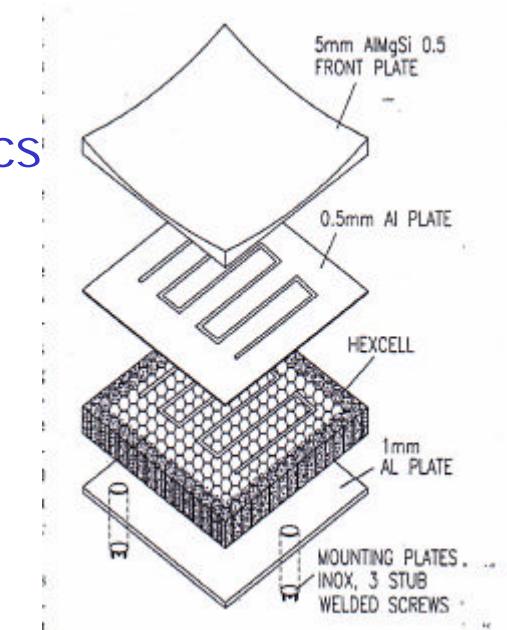
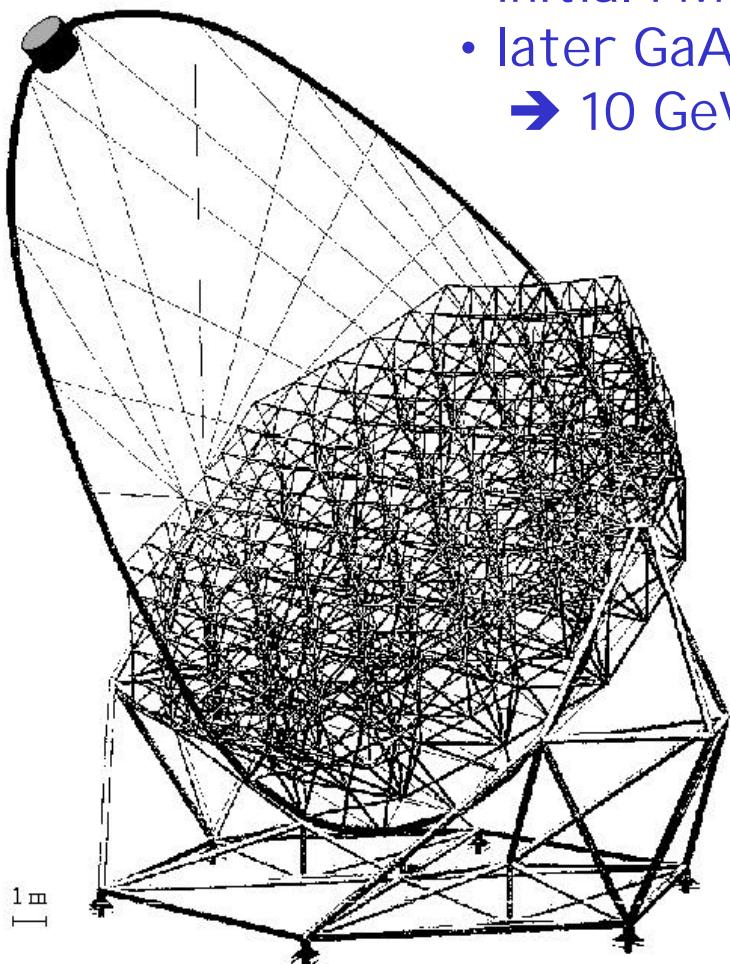
Monitoring from Durham telescopes

- 100 m<sup>2</sup> mirror
- 15 m focal length
- 960 PMT camera
- 1 GHz analog pipeline
- 50 GeV threshold
- 10 times improved sensitivity cf. HEGRA



# Source hunting with MAGIC

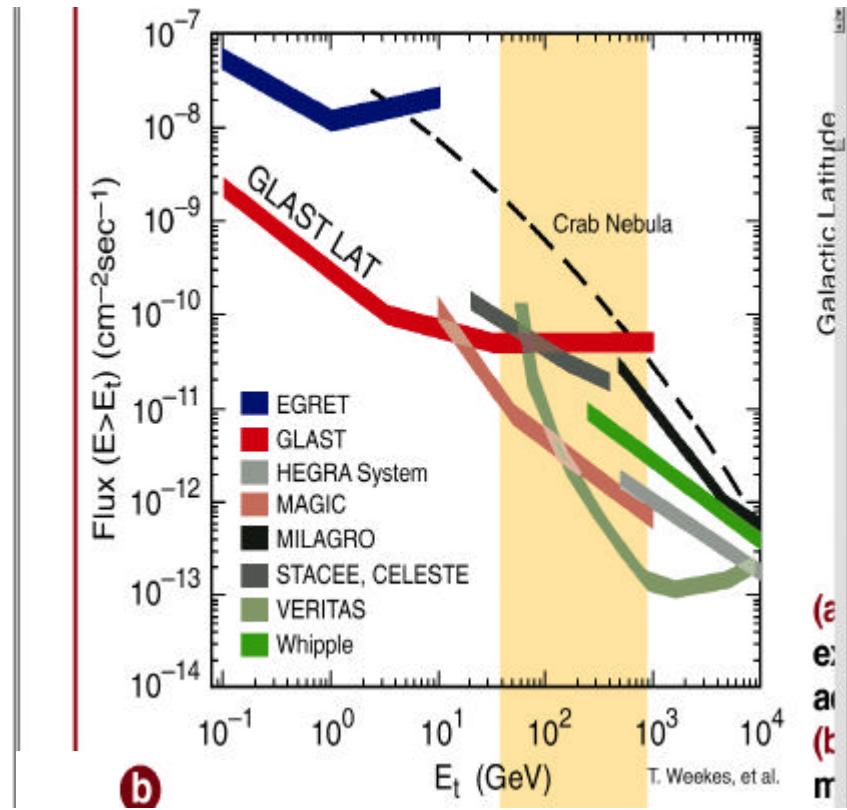
- 17 m dish, 220 m<sup>2</sup> active mirror
- low weight → fast positioning
- high-speed optics and electronics
- initial PMT camera
- later GaAsP and APD detectors  
→ 10 GeV threshold



Aluminum mirrors

PMT with hemispherical window  
and optical signal transmission

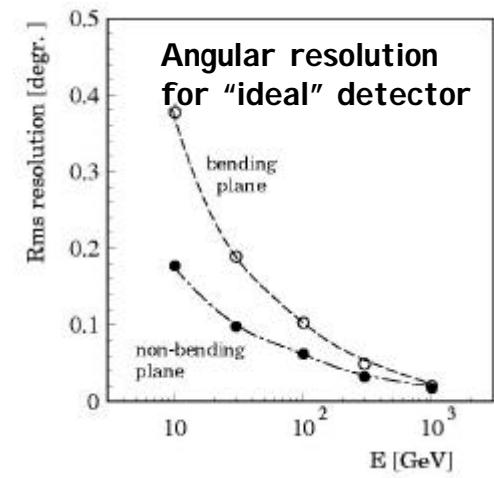
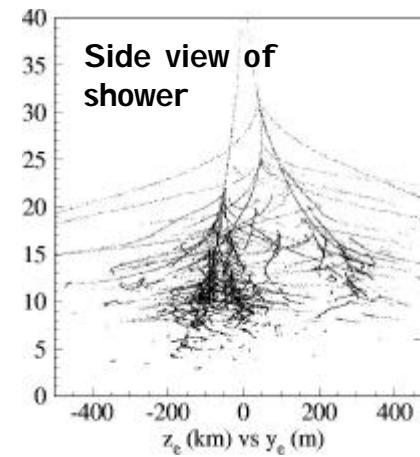
# Sensitivity and limitations of the technique



Angular resolution, cosmic-ray rejection limited by

- Shower fluctuations
- Earth magnetic field

Also, light yield depends on height!

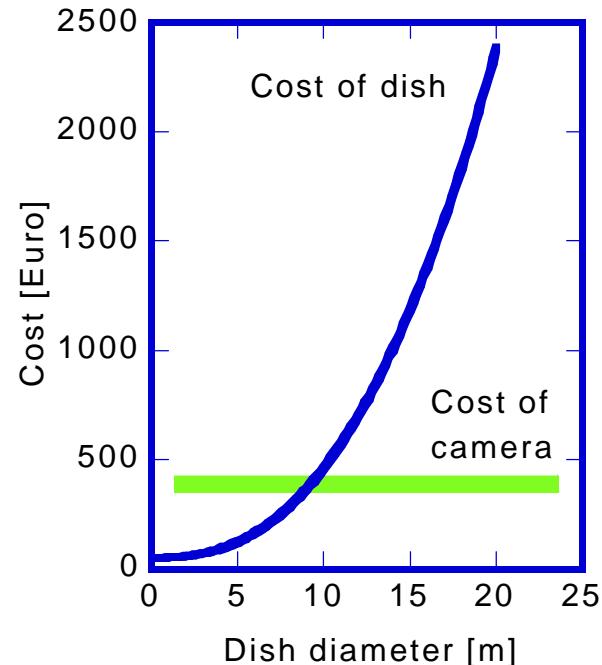


Hard to go beyond mCrab sensitivities with the imaging Cherenkov technique ...

Irrreducible background

- Cosmic-ray electrons can only be discriminated on the basis of shower direction.

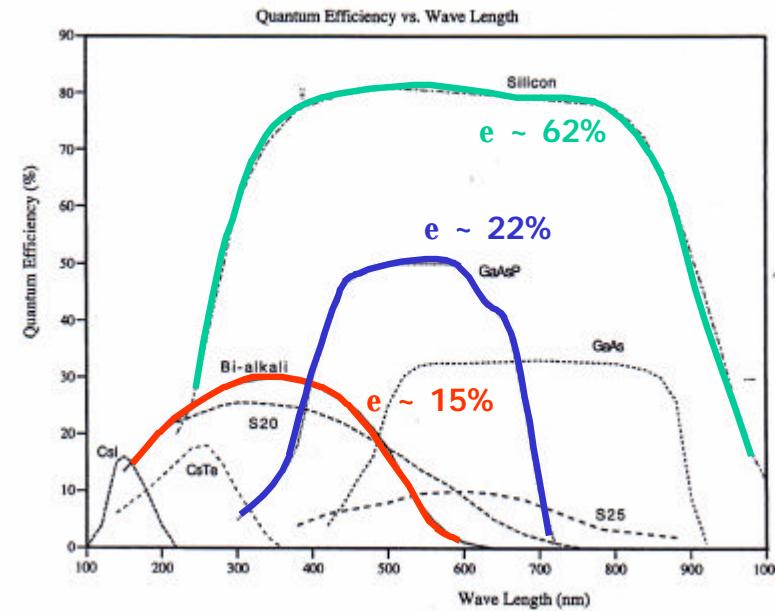
# Better vision – novel photon detectors



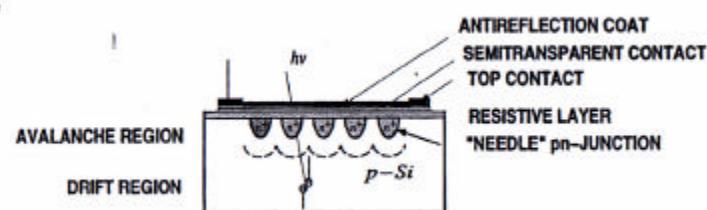
Better photon detectors  
for Cherenkov telescopes

- allow large savings
- improve performance

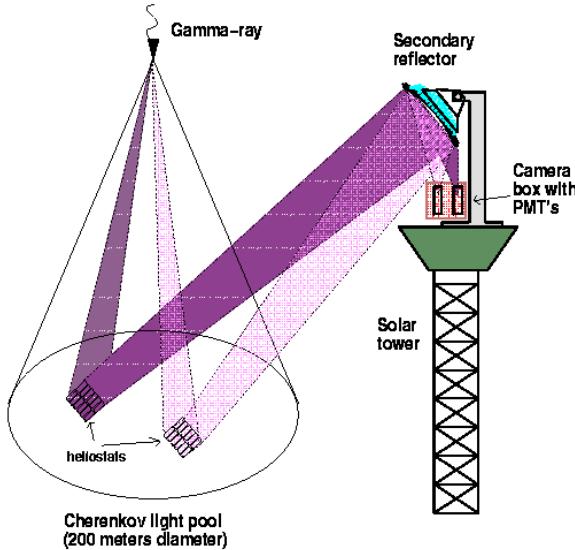
need  $\text{m}^2$  cathode area ...



- Hybrid PMTs
- GaAsP limited to few  $100 \text{ mm}^2$
- Si (APD) even smaller, QE below CCD



# An alternative approach: non-imaging detectors



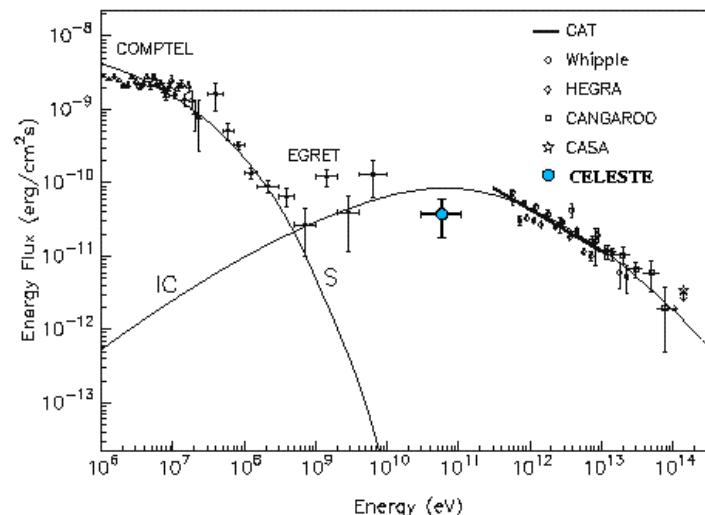
STACEE



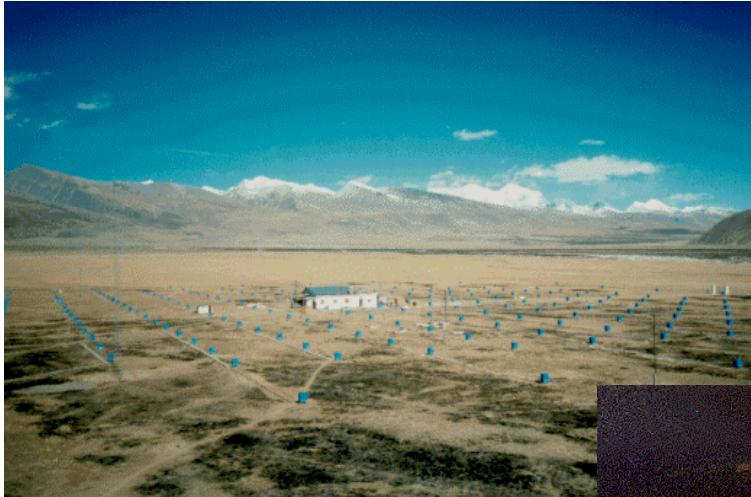
CELESTE secondary reflector and PMTs

Large mirror area and hence low energy threshold  
Poor cosmic-ray rejection  
Significant learning curve  
**CELESTE sees Crab at 50 GeV** ➔

Competitive in the long run?



# Tail catchers: particle detectors



Tibet air  
shower array  
(Scintillators)



Milagro, Los Alamos  
(Water Cherenkov)

High altitude and  
large area coverage

## Advantages

- large solid angle
- 100% duty cycle

## Disadvantages

- TeV+ threshold
- marginal (Crab-level) sensitivity

Complementary to Cherenkov telescopes

ARGO,Tibet  
(RPC array)

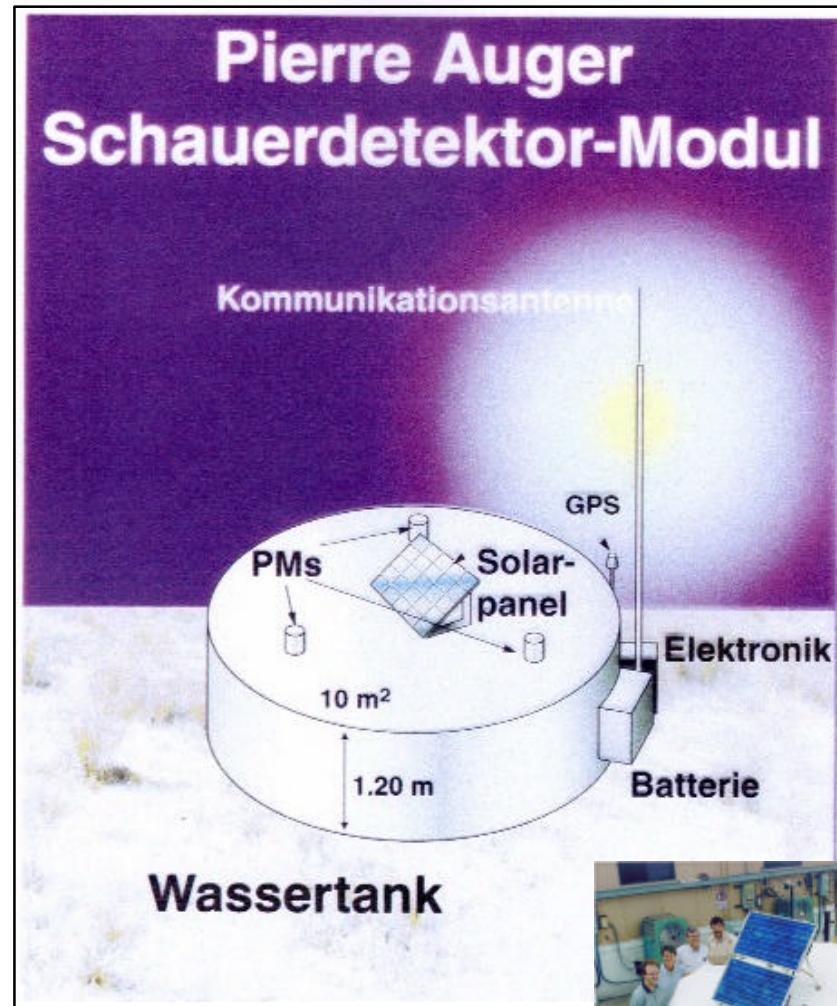
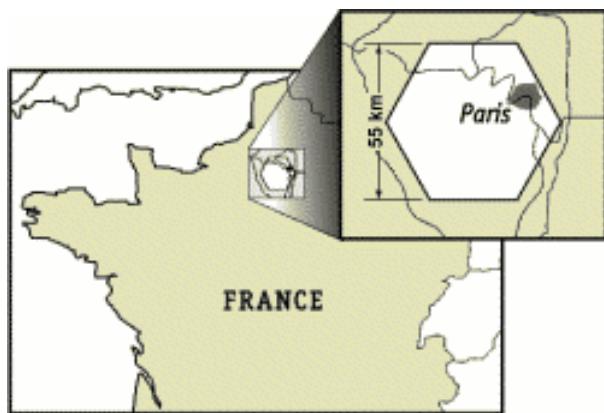


planned

# The ultimate experience: AUGER

## Air shower detector

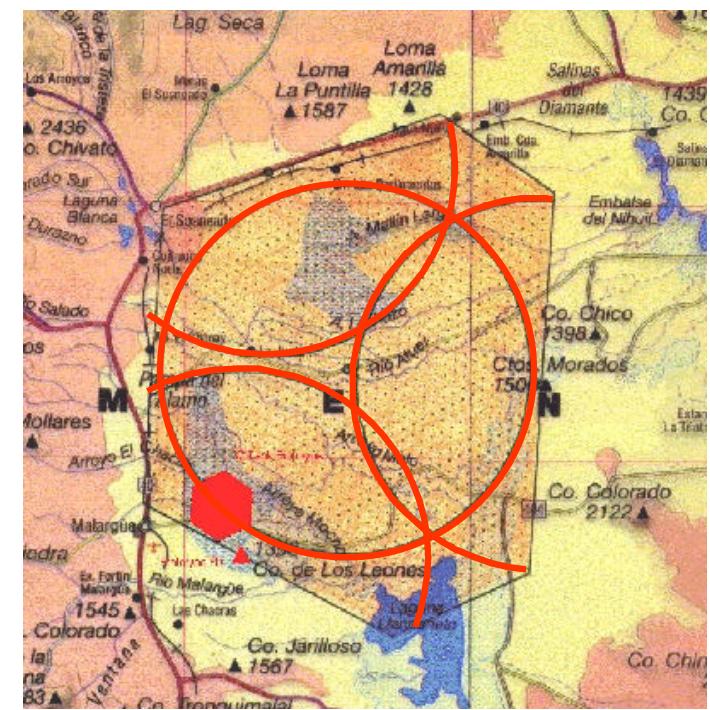
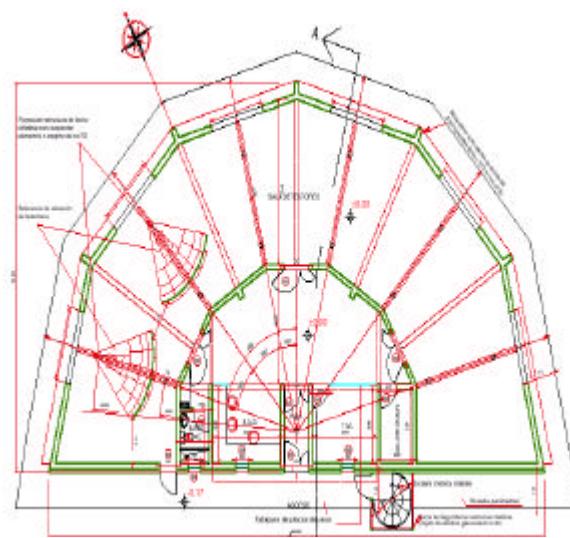
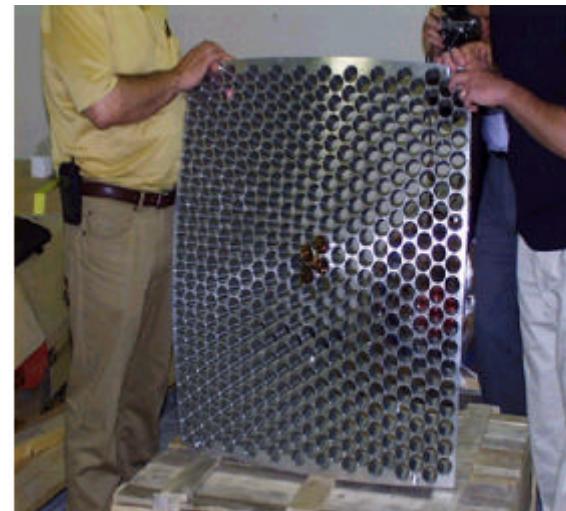
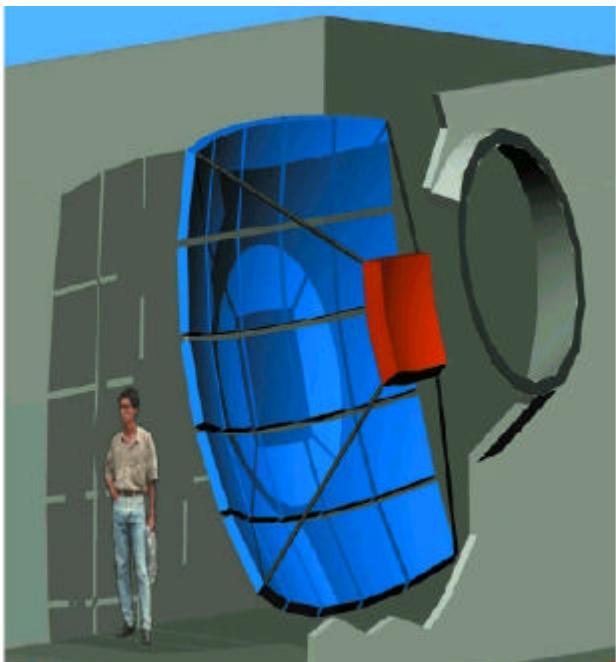
- 3000 km<sup>2</sup> area
- two detector technologies
  - particle detectors
  - fluorescence telescopes
- ~ 20000 events > 10<sup>19</sup> eV
- ~ 100 events > 10<sup>20</sup> eV



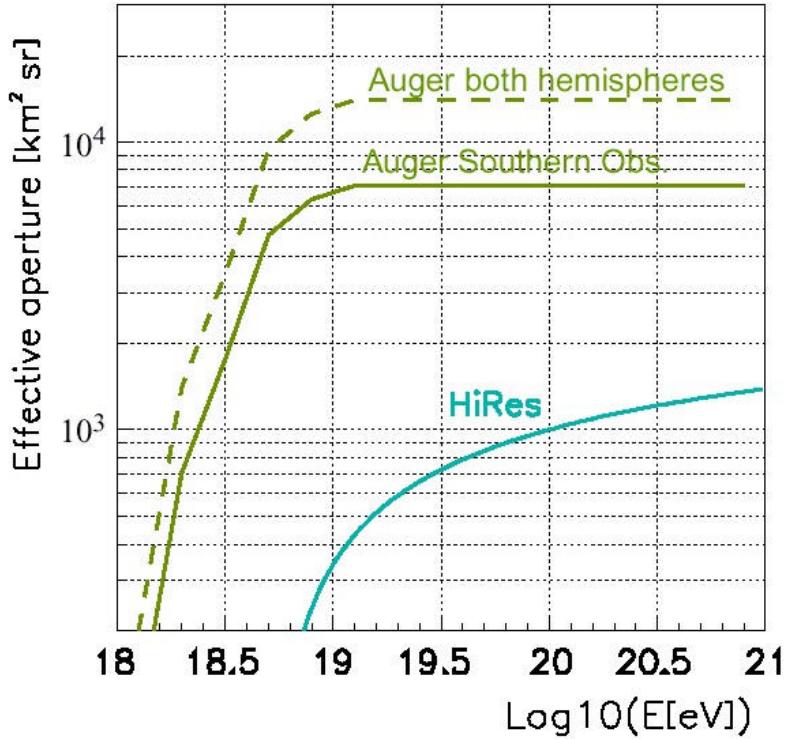
1600 detectors  
1.5 km spacing



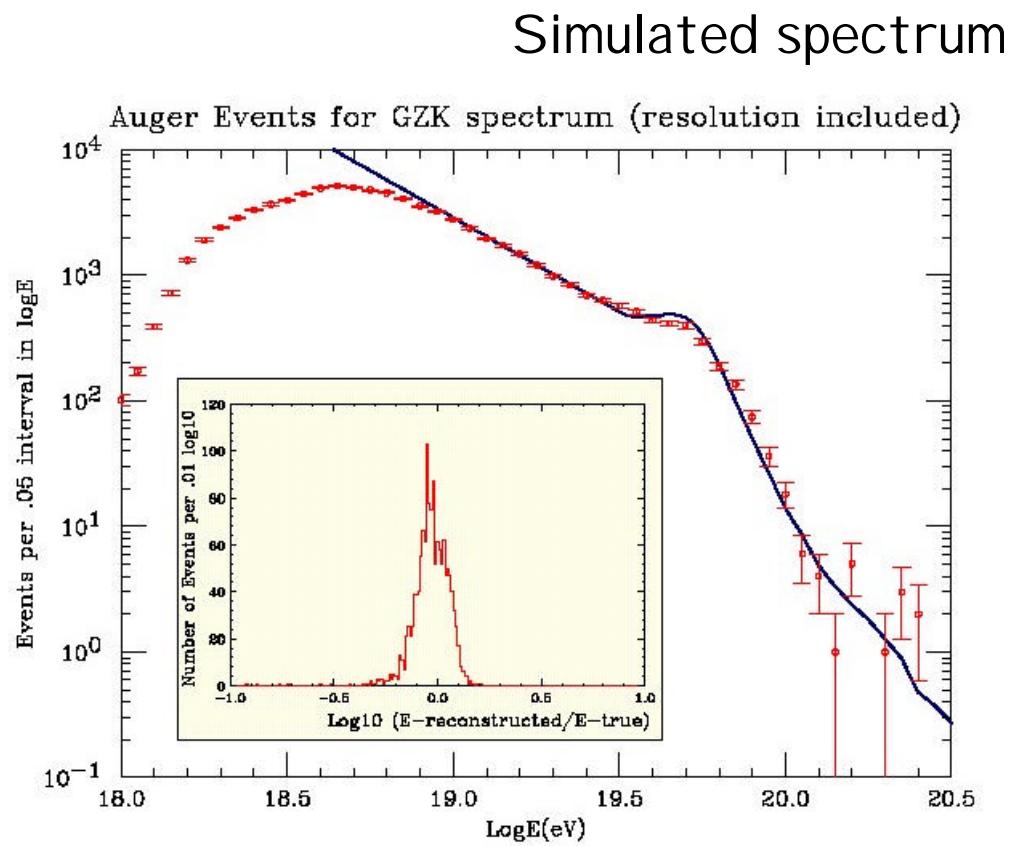
# AUGER fluorescence detectors



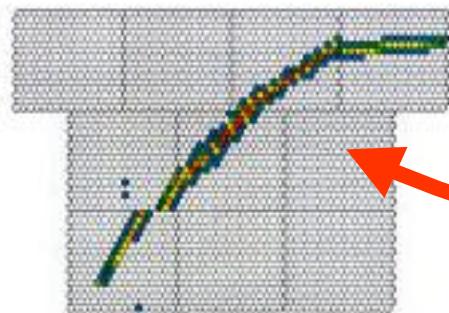
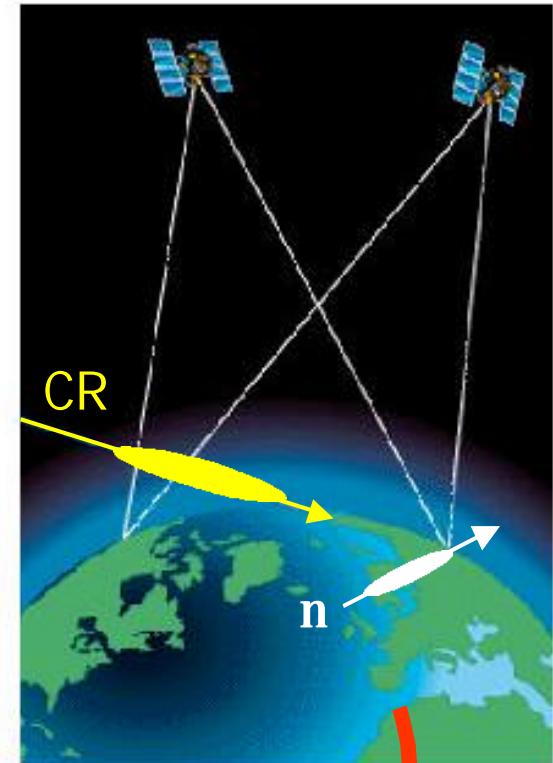
# AUGER performance



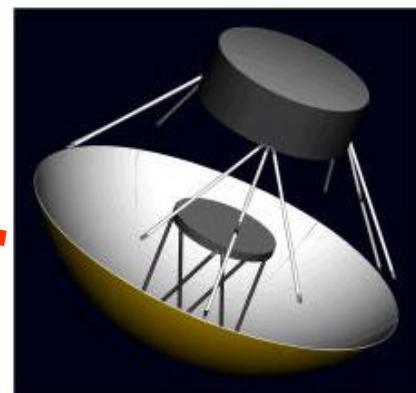
Detection area



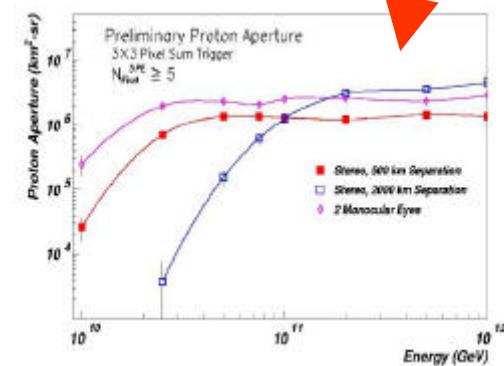
# The view from above: OWL



$10^6$  pixel focal plane  
flat panel PMTs ?



> 50° field of view



Threshold:  $10^{19}$ - $10^{20}$  eV  
Eff. area: few  $10^6$   $\text{km}^2\text{sr}$

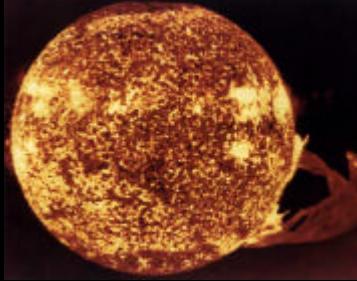


University of California, Los Angeles  
UCLA Faculty Center  
November 16-18, 2000

# RADIEP 2000



**FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON  
RADIO DETECTION OF HIGH-ENERGY PARTICLES**

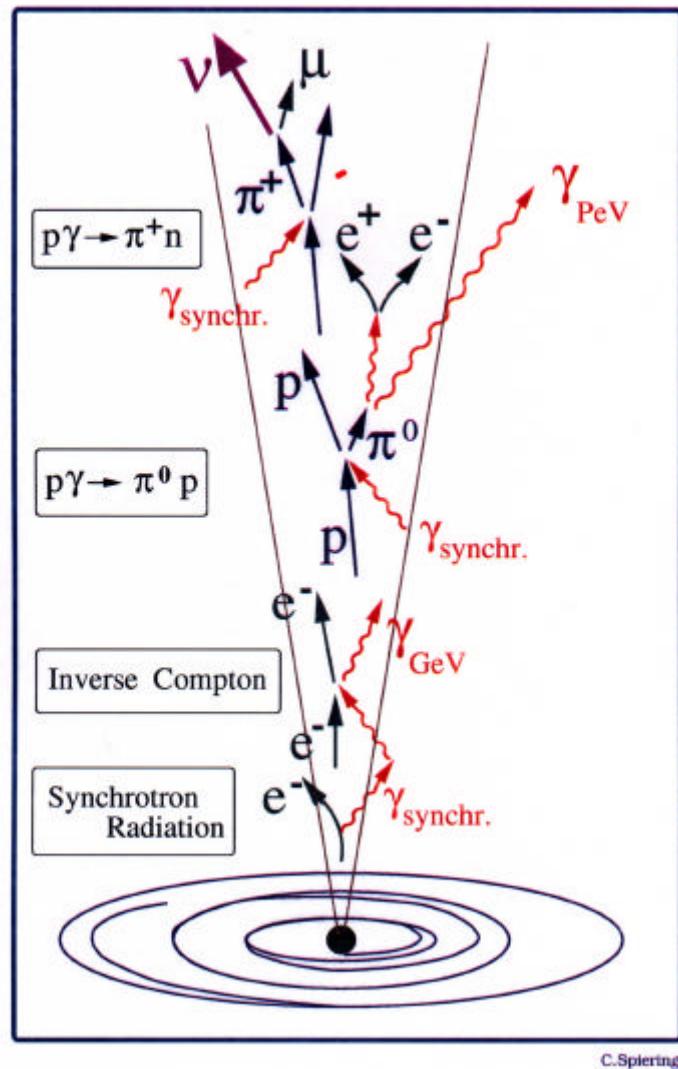


Neutrinos  
(MeV: sun, SN  
GeV: atmosphere  
PeV: CR accelerators)



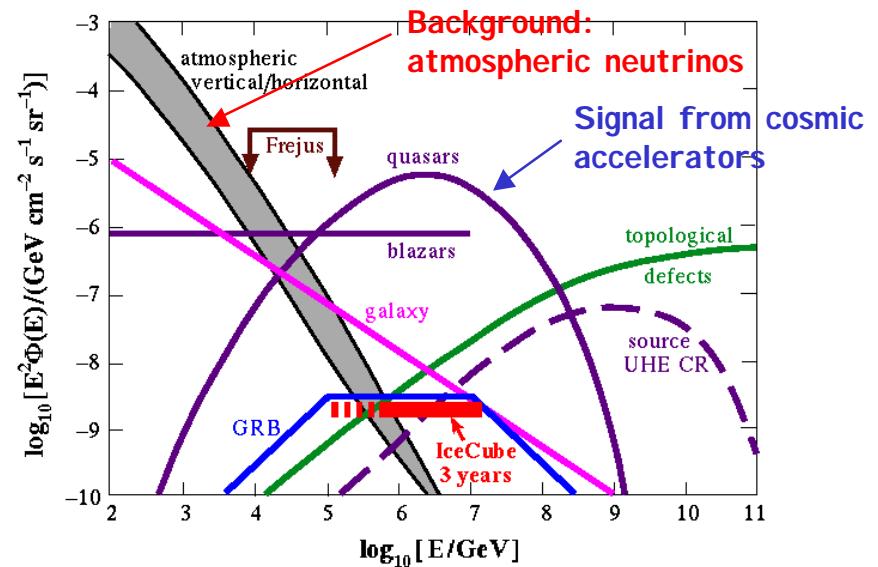
# High-Energy Neutrino Astrophysics

## Particle Generation in AGN Jets



Proton accelerators generate roughly equal numbers of gamma rays and neutrinos !

- Neutrinos are not absorbed in sources; they escape even from strong sources
- Neutrinos do not interact during propagation

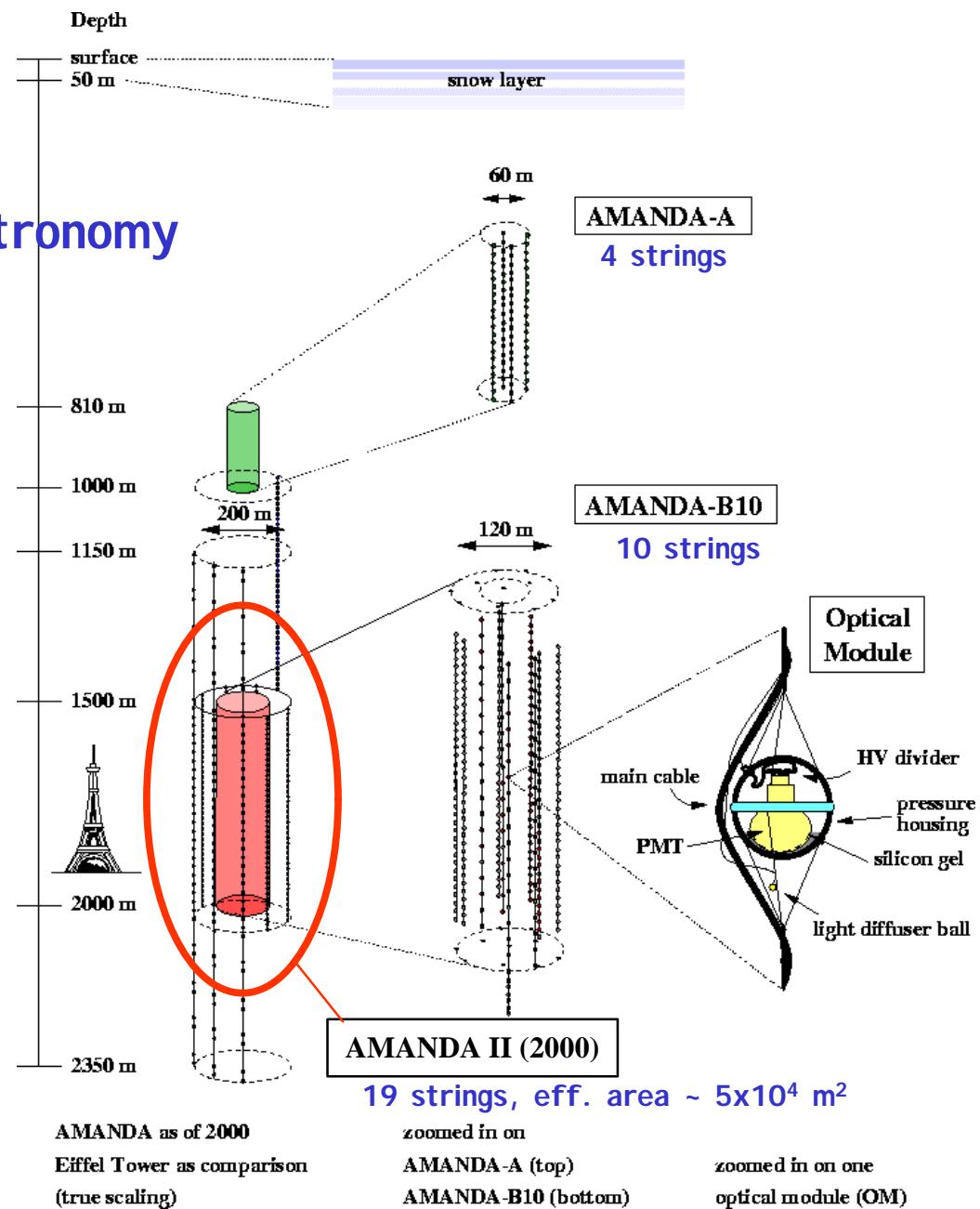


# Scientific American

## Extreme Engineering Issue

### Seven wonders of modern astronomy

- The sharpest
- The biggest
- The farthest flung
- The most extensive
- The swiftest
- The deadliest
- **The weirdest:**  
**AMANDA at the south pole**



# Detection: Cherenkov light in water / ice

ICE CUBE,  
ANTARES:  
 $1000000000 \text{ m}^3$   
~ 5000 PMTs  
Threshold ~ 1 TeV

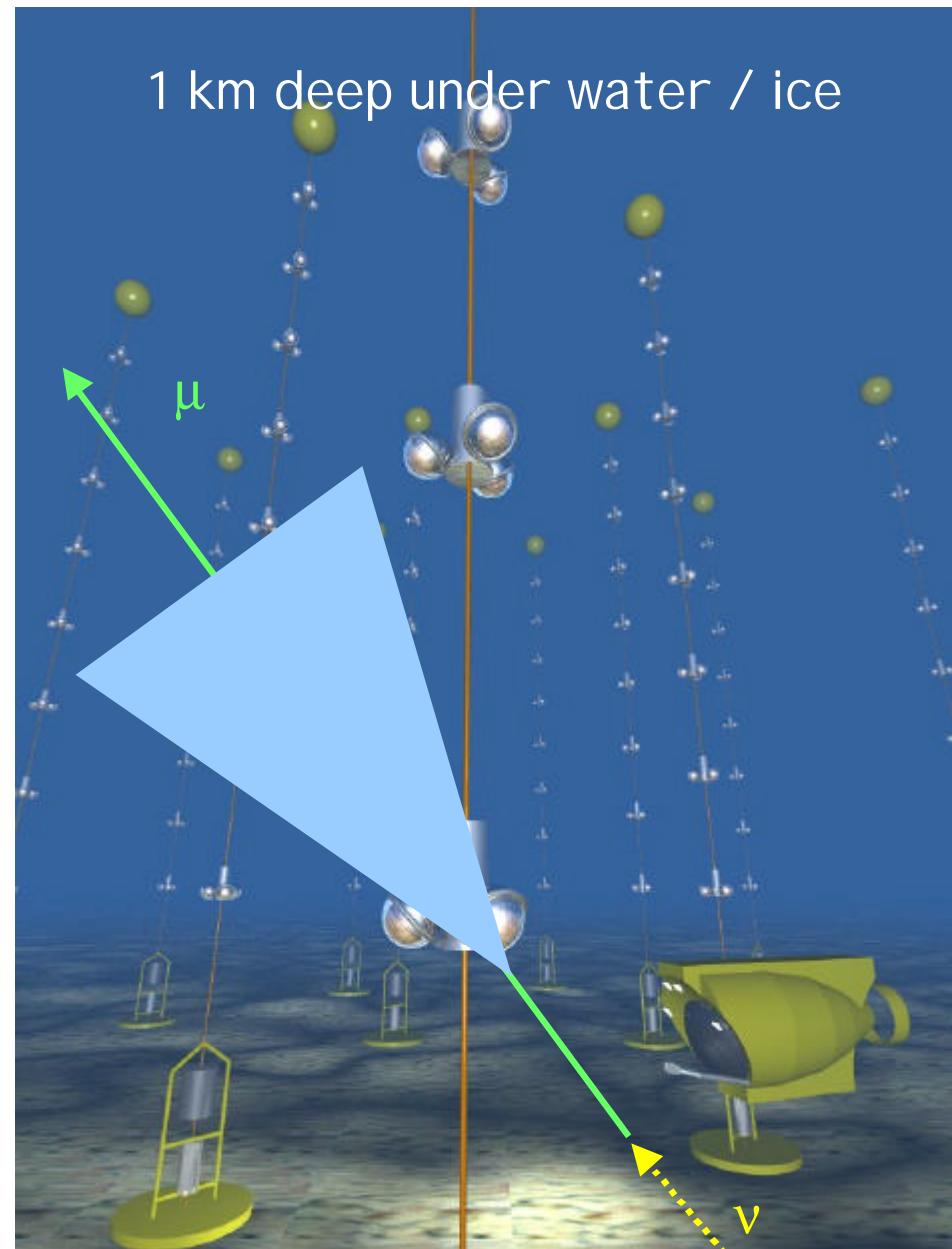
Key difference:

Ice / AMANDA II:

- ~ 100 m absorption length,
- ~ 20 m scattering length
- diffusive component
- angular resolution  $1.2^\circ$

Water / ANTARES, NESTOR

- ~ 60 m absorption length,
- ~ 200 m scattering length
- angular resolution  $0.2^\circ$

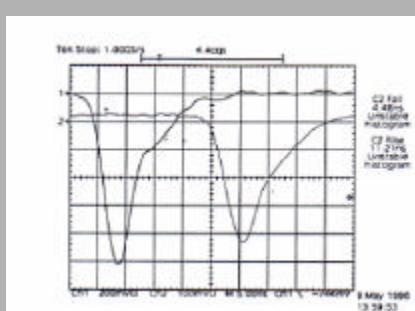
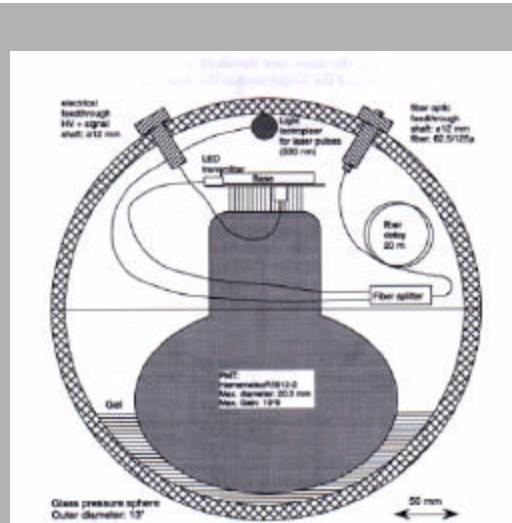


# Instrument R&D

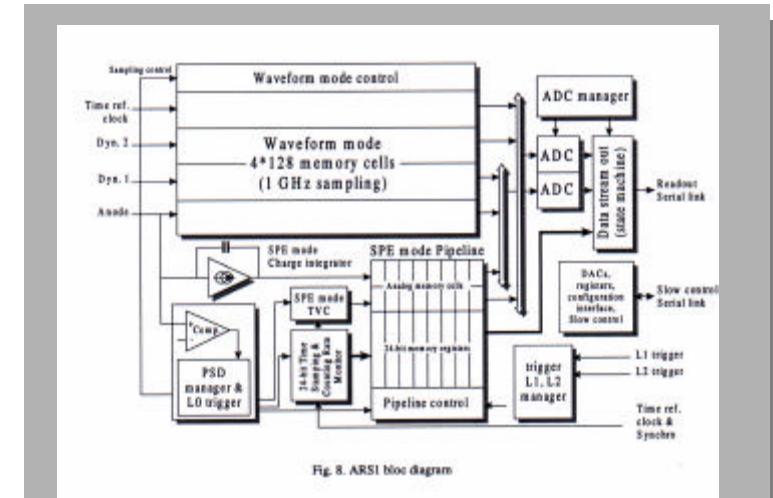
- Optical module design
- Deployment schemes
- PMTs
- Signal transmission
- Digital modules



ANTARES  
Demonstrator

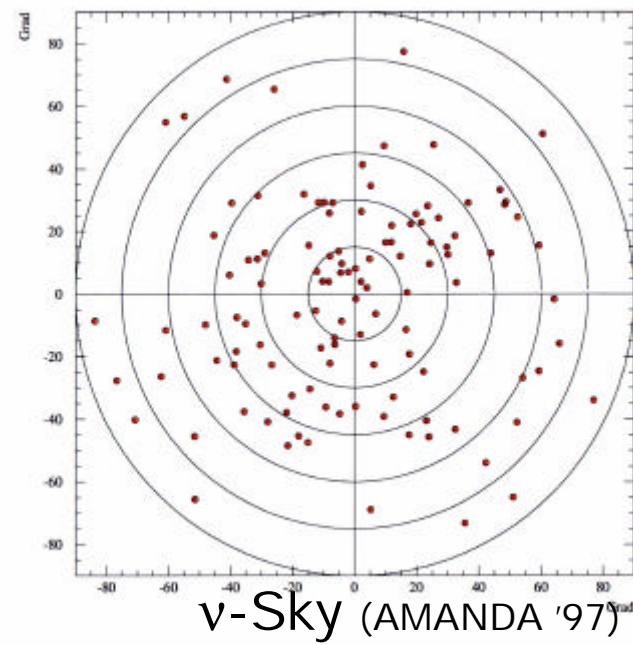
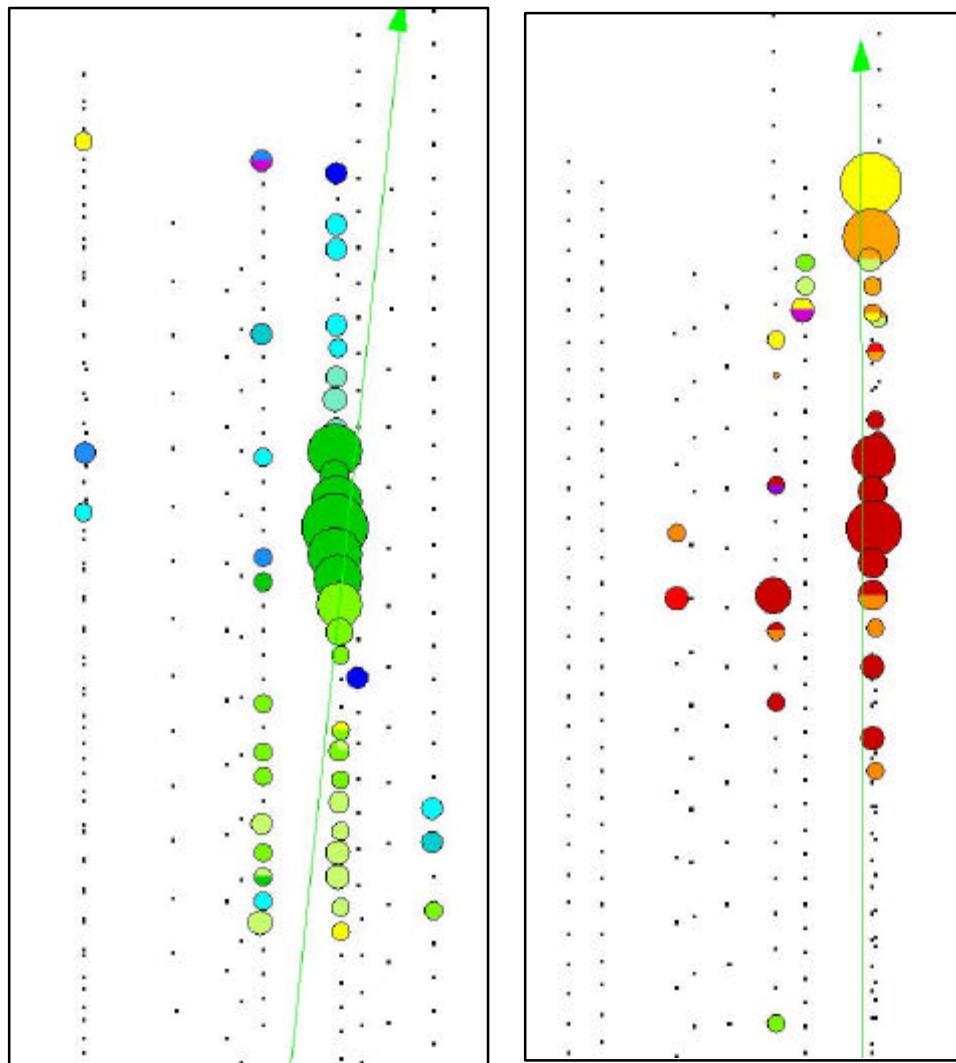


Module with  
optical signal  
transmission  
(AMANDA)

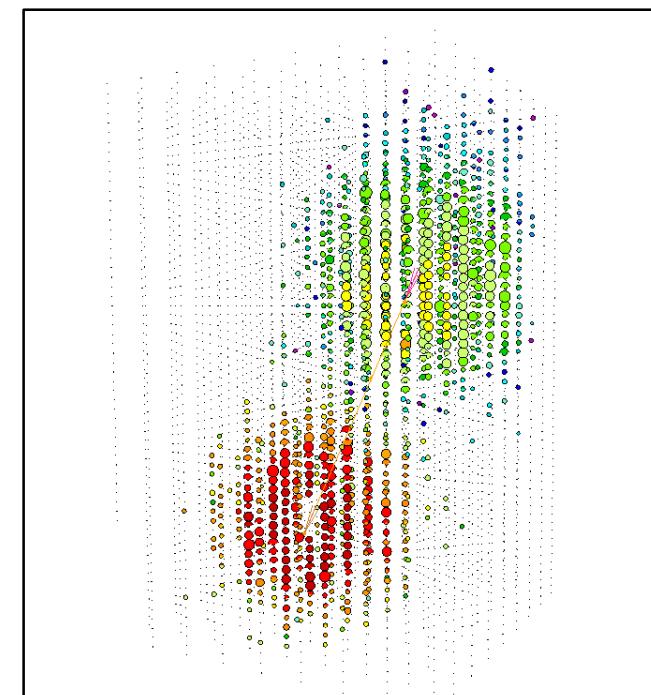
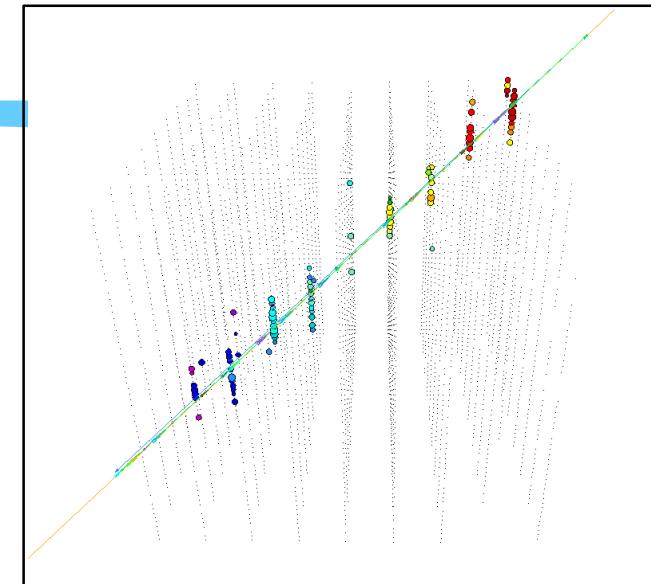
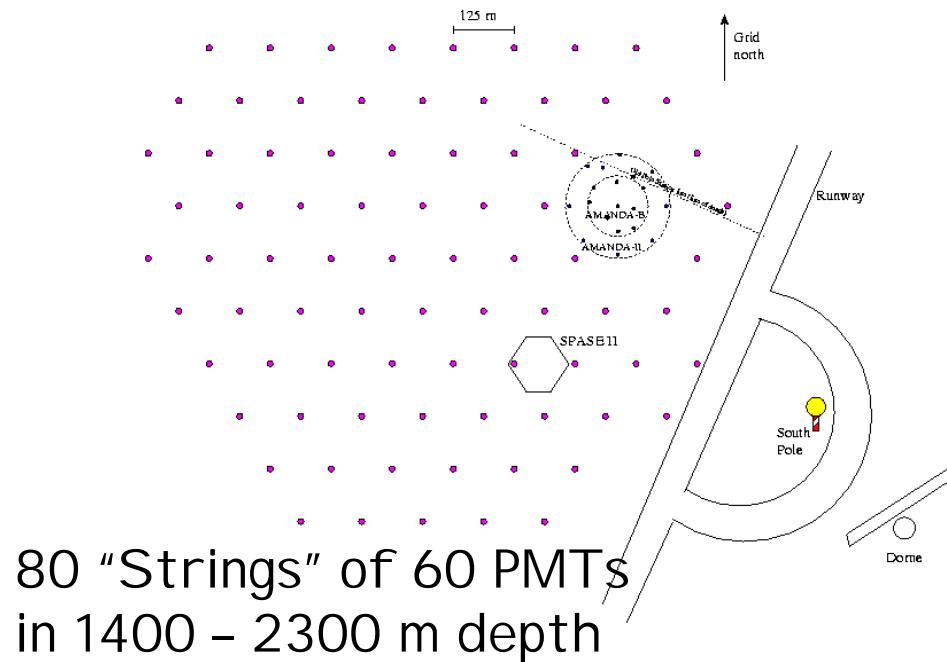


ARS 1 GHz analog  
ring sampler ASIC  
with digital signal  
processing  
(ANTARES)

# AMANDA at the South Pole



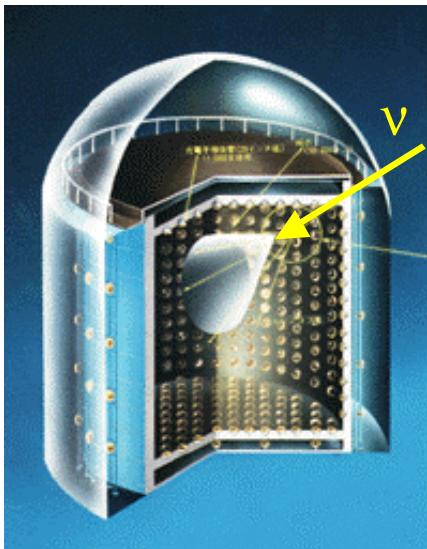
# ICECUBE



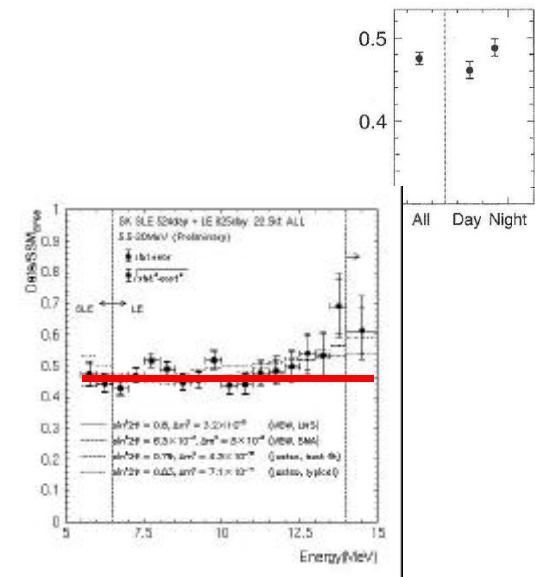
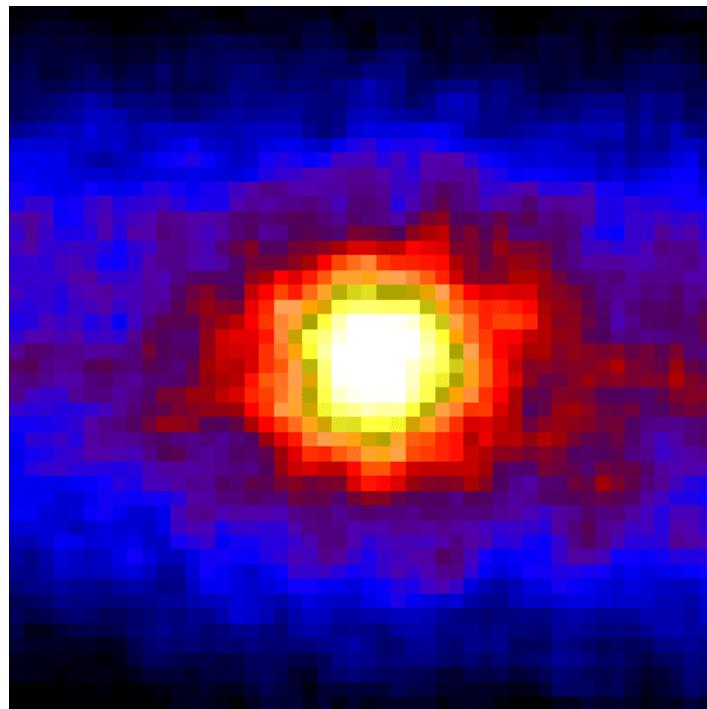
## Physics issues (ICECUBE, ANTARES, NESTOR):

- neutrinos from CR accelerators
- neutrinos from DM annihilation
- atmospheric neutrinos, oscillations
- magnetic monopoles
- galactic supernovae
- ...

# Solar neutrinos

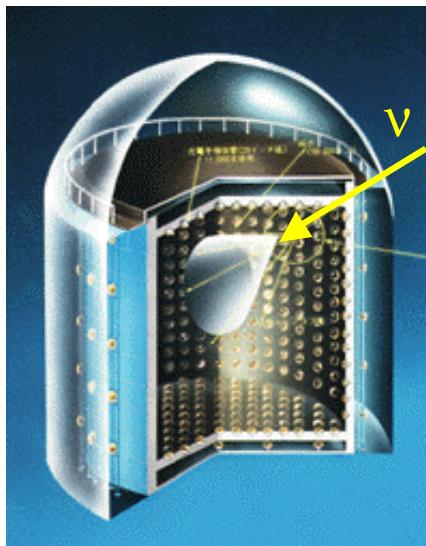


Super-Kamiokande:  
the neutrino image of the sun

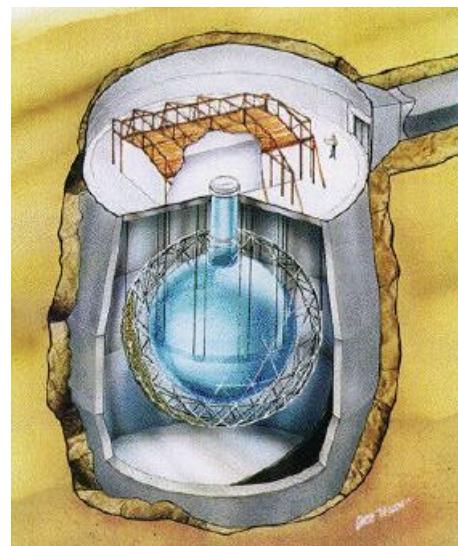


# Detectors for solar (MeV) neutrinos

**SuperKamiokande**  
Water Cherenkov



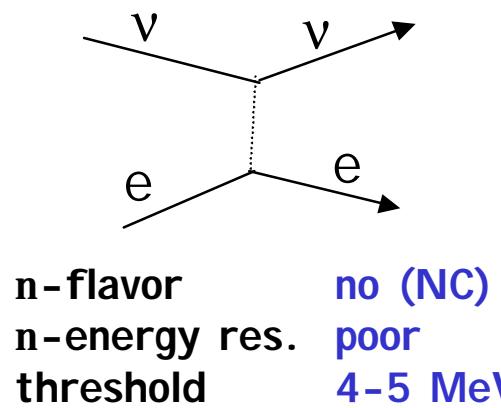
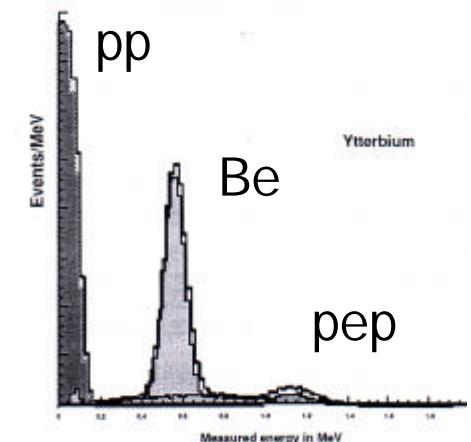
**SNO: Heavy-Water Cherenkov**



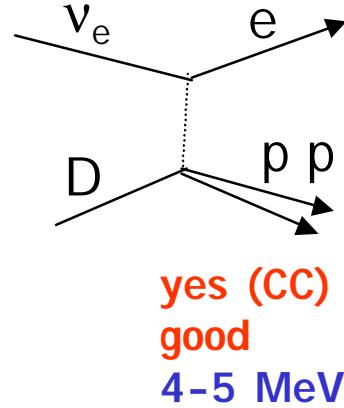
**BOREXINO,  
KAMLAND(2):**  
Liquid Scintillator



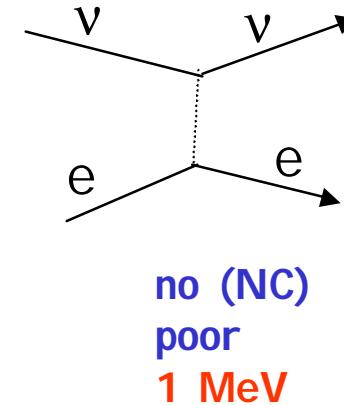
**LENS:**  
Liquid Scintillator  
with "Tag"



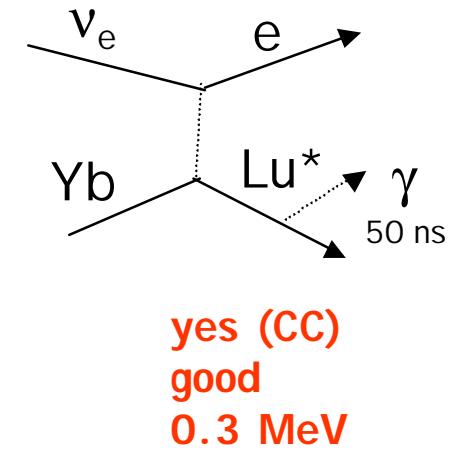
**n-flavor** no (NC)  
**n-energy res.** poor  
**threshold** 4-5 MeV



**yes (CC)**  
**good**  
**4-5 MeV**



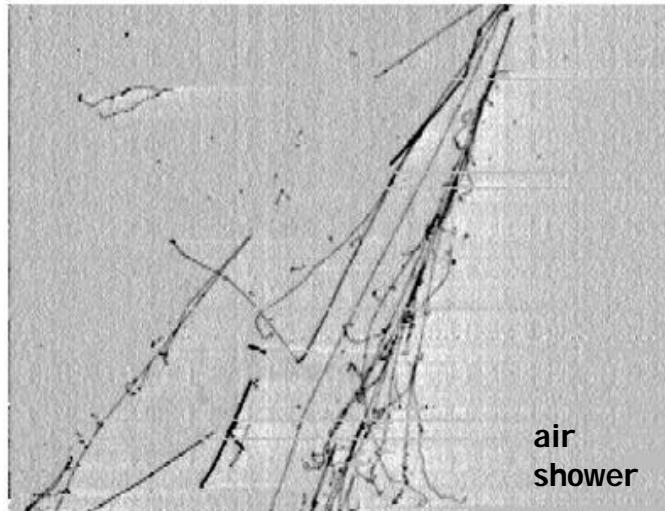
**no (NC)**  
**poor**  
**1 MeV**



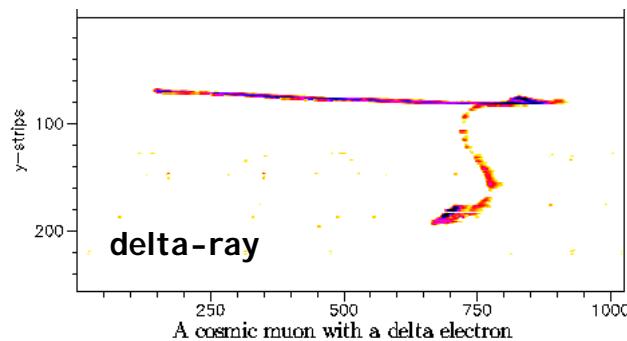
**yes (CC)**  
**good**  
**0.3 MeV**

# Alternative techniques

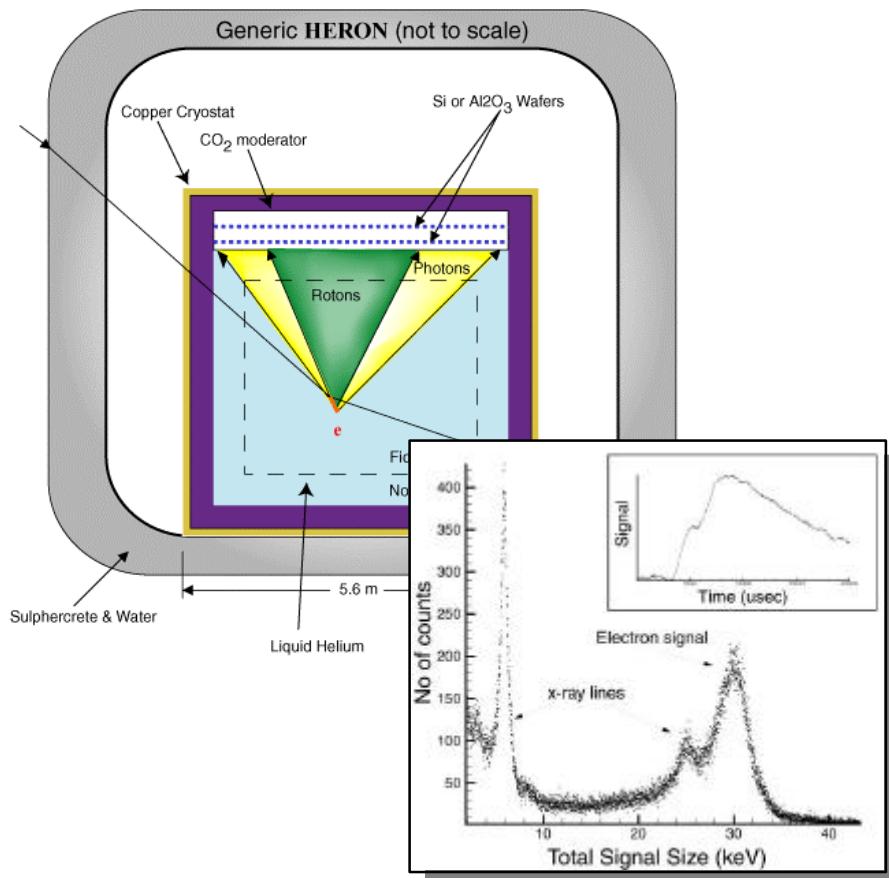
**ICARUS**: liquid argon DC

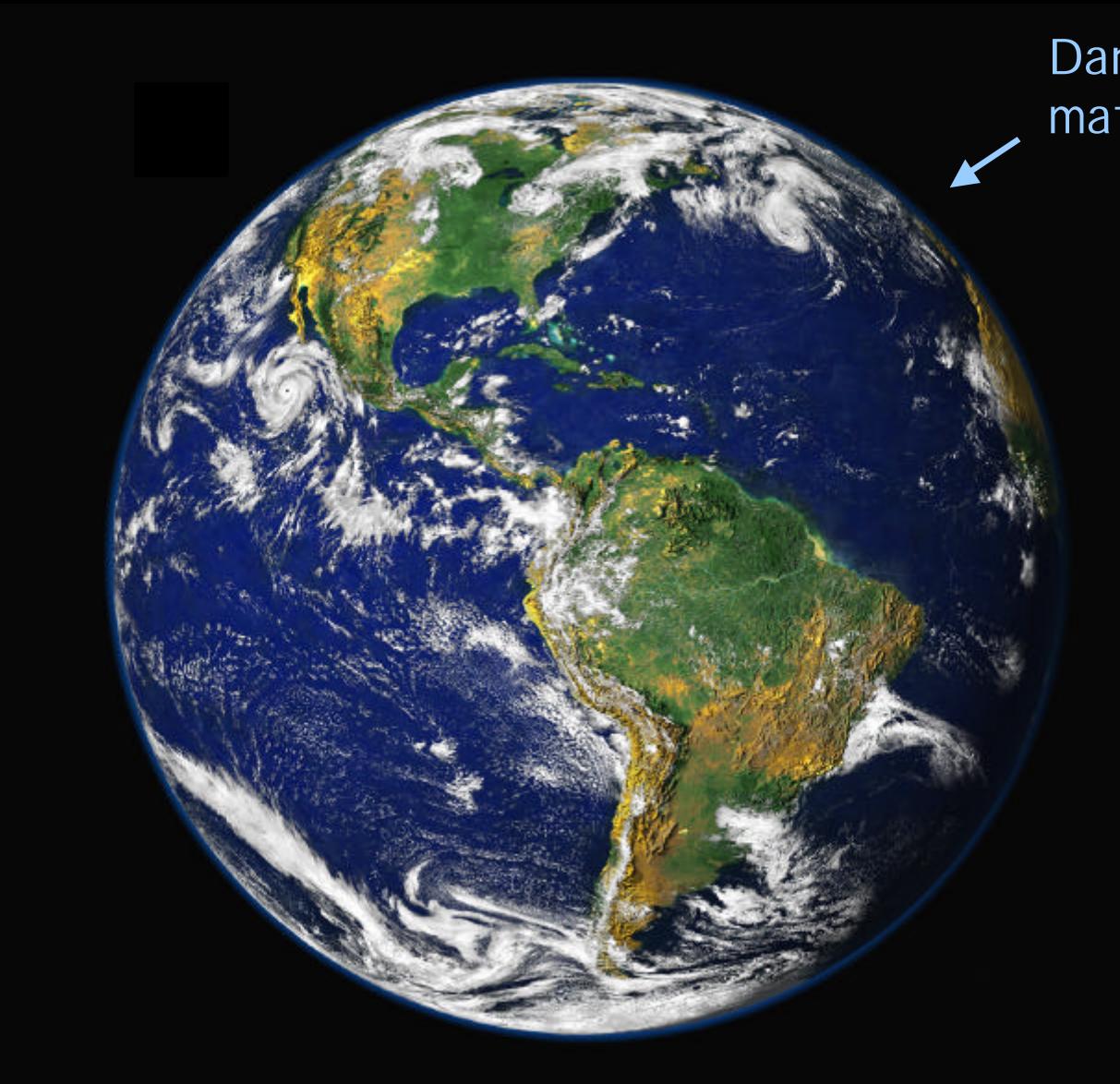


**HELLAZ**: TPC



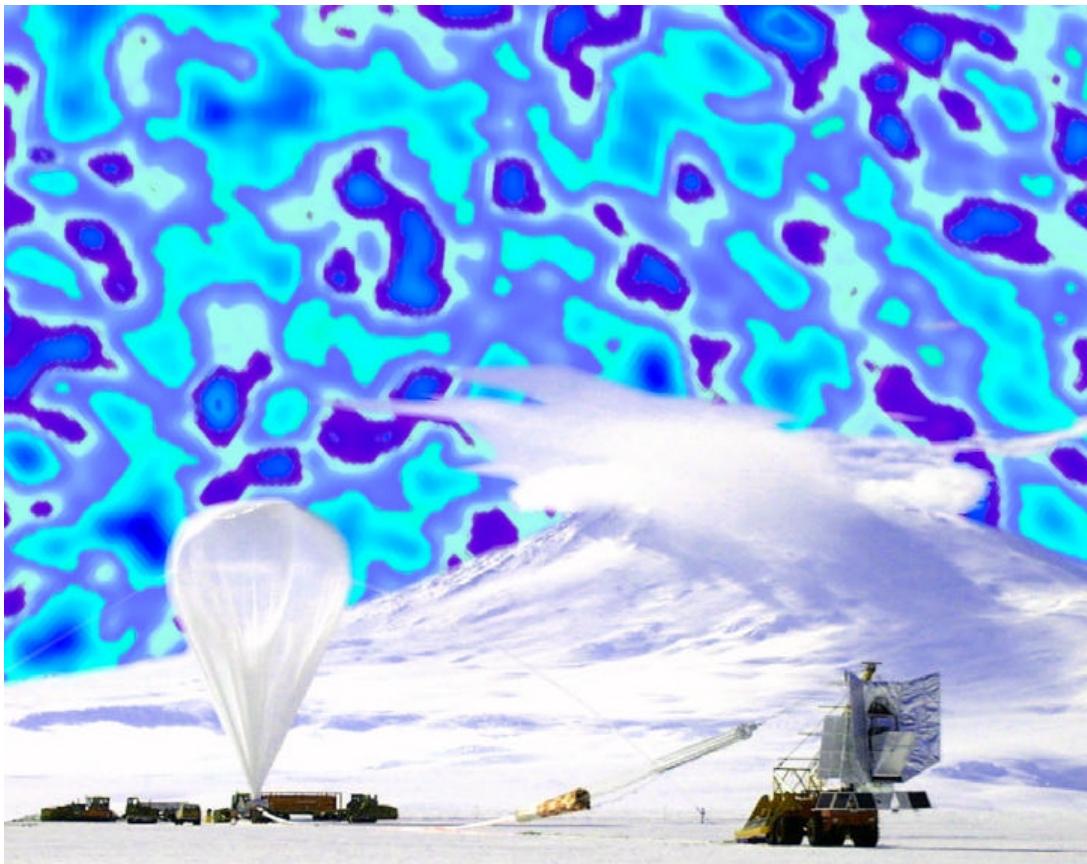
**HERON**: superfluid He;  
evaporation by photons/rotons  
and scintillation





Dark  
matter

# The dark side of the universe

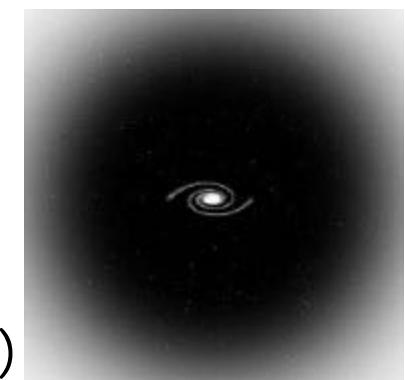


CMB (Boomerang, Maxima)  
High-z Supernovae, BBN

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &\sim 1.0 \\ \Omega_M &\sim 0.2-0.3 \\ \Omega_B &\sim 0.03 - 0.05\end{aligned}$$

→ most matter is dark,  
nonbaryonic

Particle physics candidates, e.g.  
WIMPs, accumulate in the halo of  
galaxies (local density  $0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$ )



# Searching for WIMPs

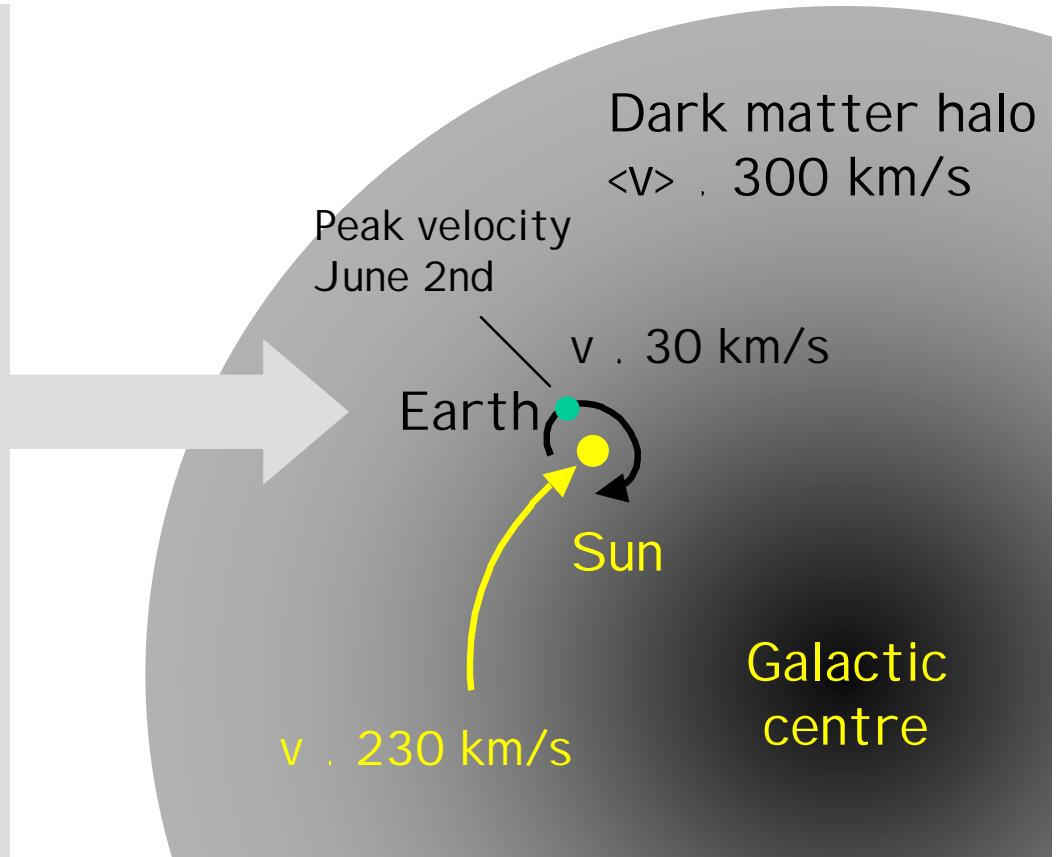
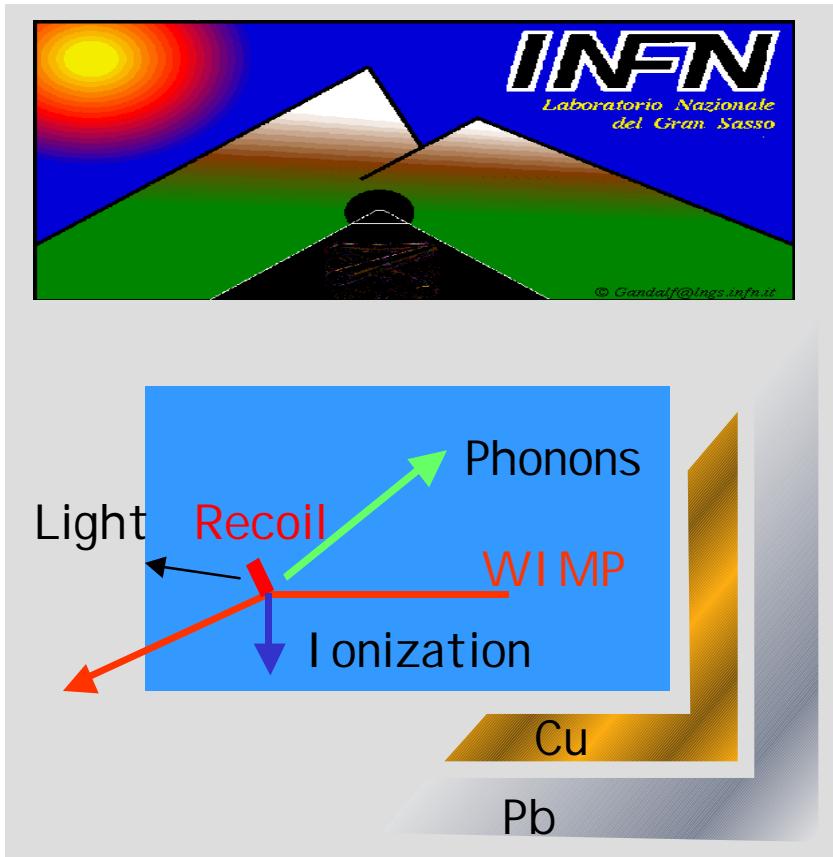
Principle: elastic scattering on nuclei

$$E_R = m_W v^2 \frac{m_W M}{(m_W + M)^2} (1 - \cos q)$$

Typ. recoil: a few 100 eV / GeV WIMP mass

Typ. rate: a few events / kg / day

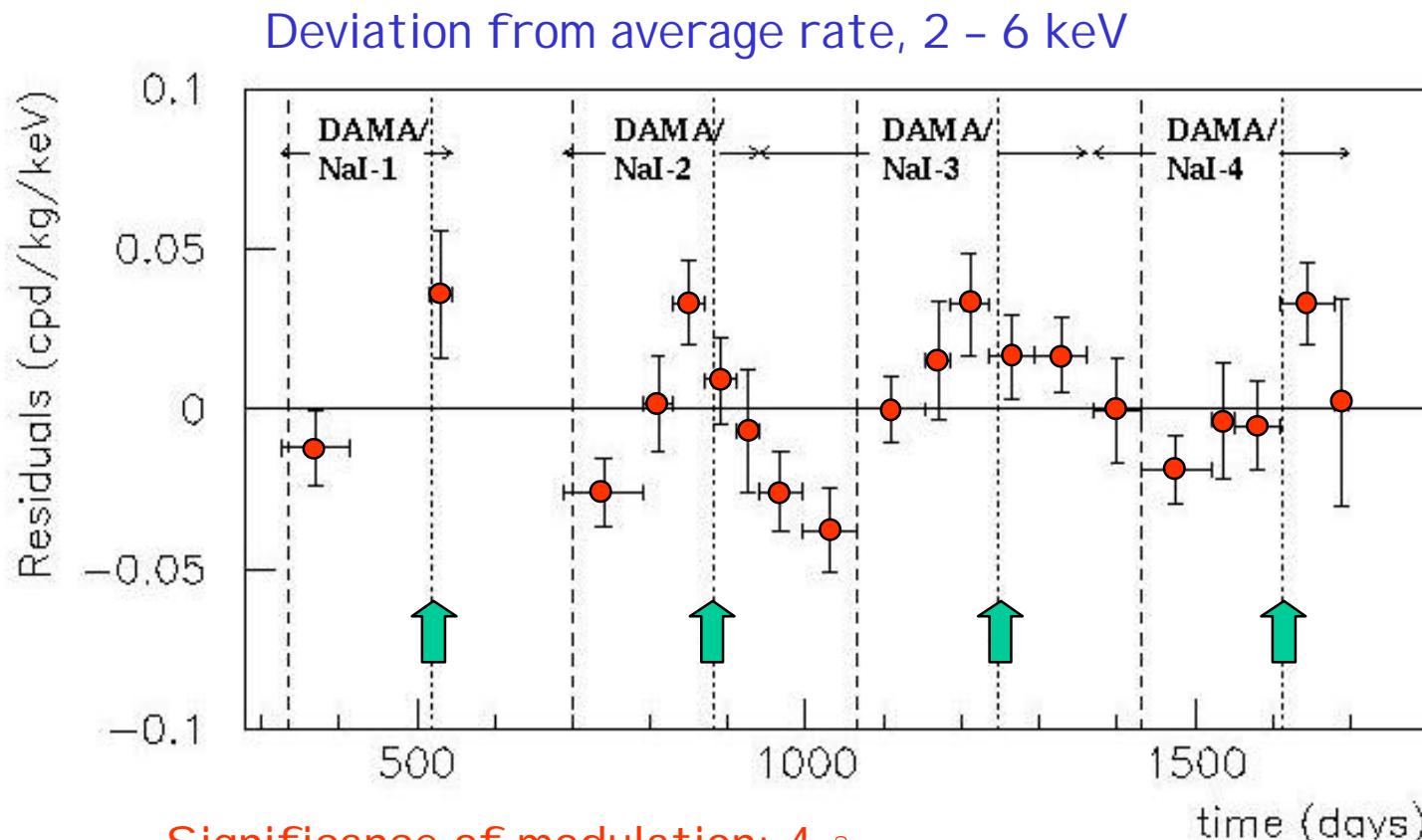
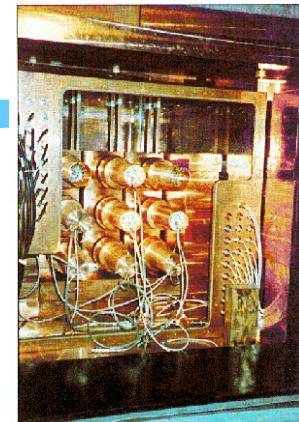
**WIMP Signature:**  
**7% annual modulation**



# The classical approach: DAMA

9 NaI detectors, total ~100 kg  
Threshold ca. 1-2 keV (equiv. Energy)  
Background ca. 1.5-2 /kg keV Day

Similar:  
UKDMC,  
...



# Mind over matter: cryogenic detectors

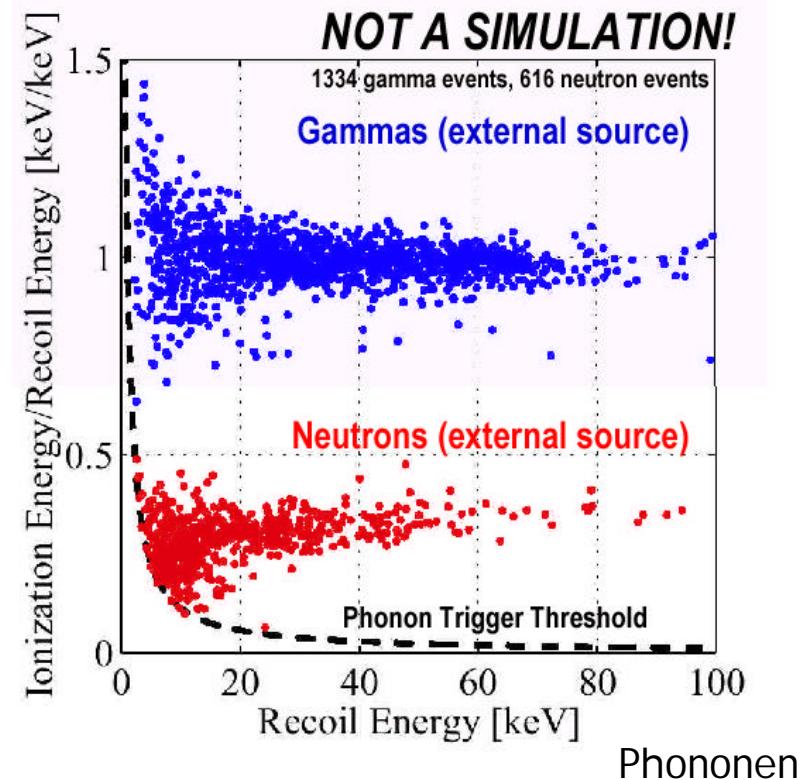
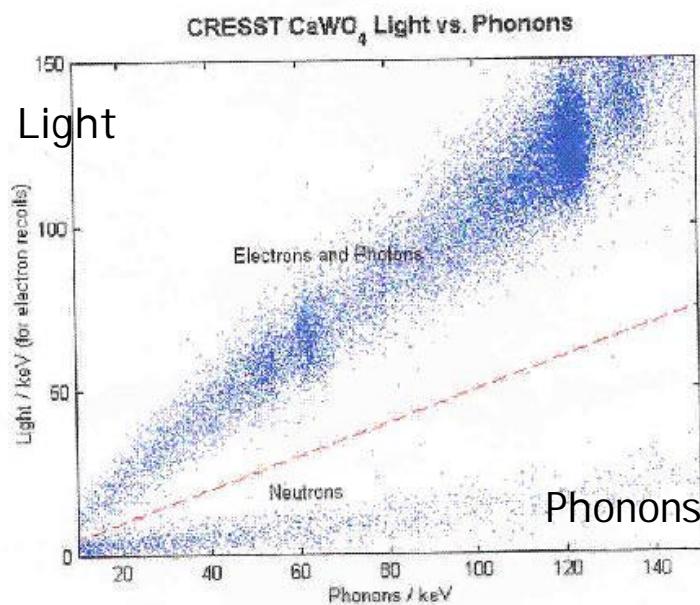
Ionisation  
Phonons

CDMS (Si, Ge)

Thermometer: superconducting film near transition (20 mK);

Ionisation

(and Edelweiss, ...)

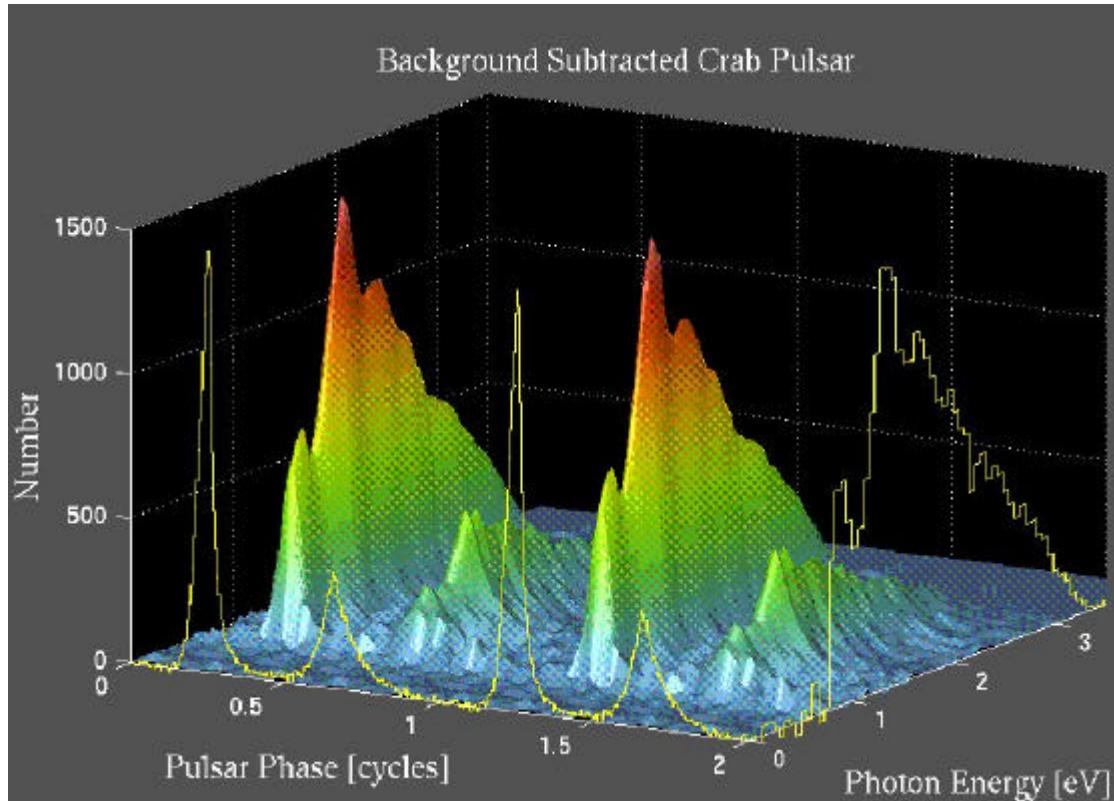


CRESST (CaWO<sub>4</sub>)

Thermometer: superconducting film (15 mK)

Detection of light using absorber with thermometer

# Reach of cryogenic detectors



Romani et al.

Spectroscopy of  
single photons  
from the Crab  
pulsar

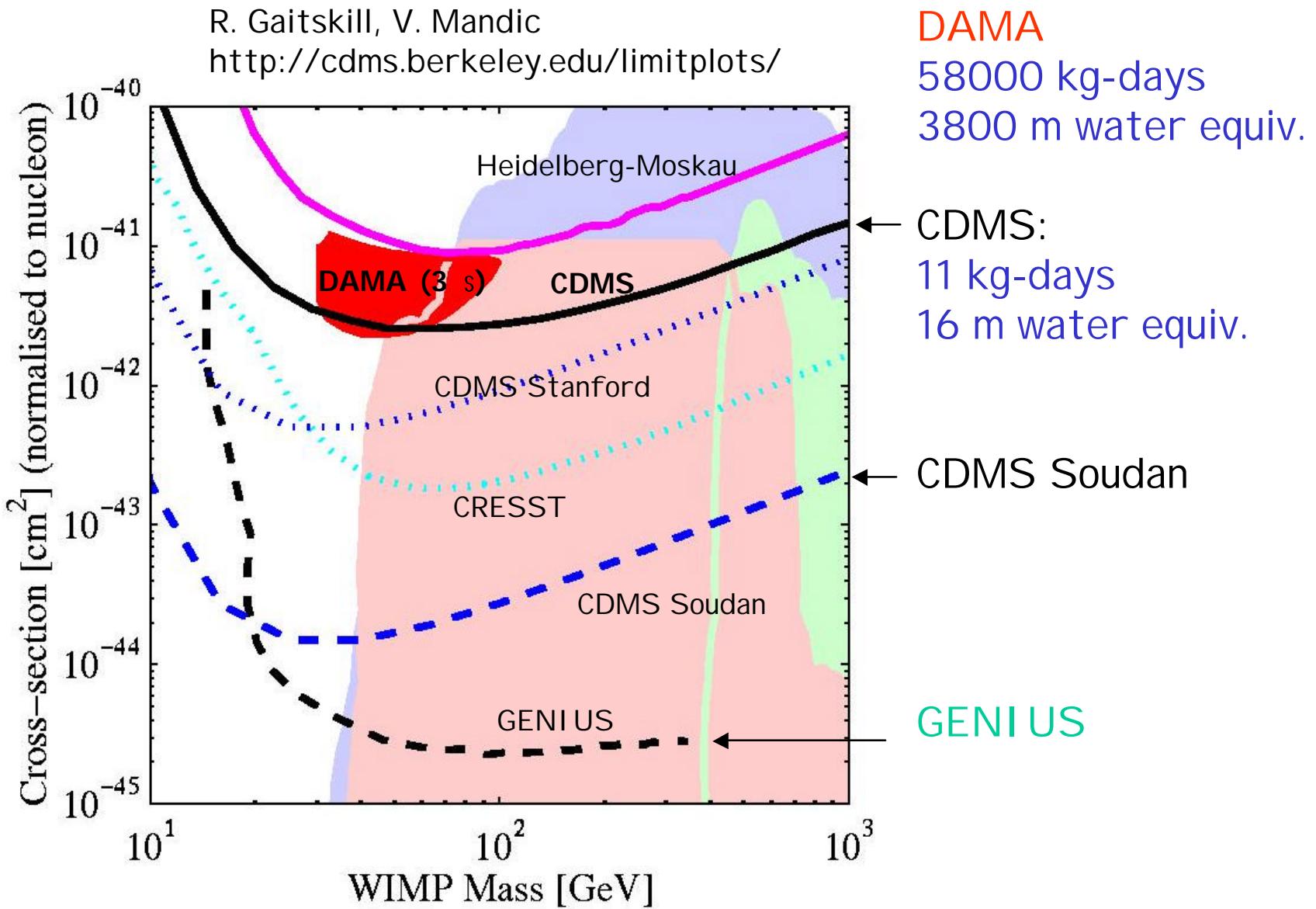
Transition edge  
sensor coupled to  
W detector  
( $18\text{m} \times 18\text{m} \times 40\text{ nm}$ )

$\Delta E < 0.15\text{ eV}$

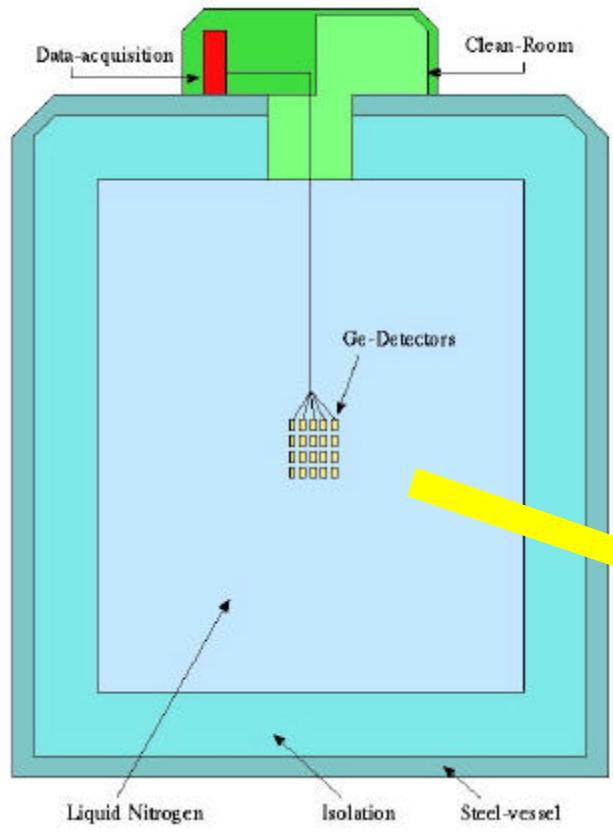
Challenges:

- Size
- Resolution
- Speed (usually limited to kHz)

# CDMS vs. DAMA ... and the future



# GENIUS: the simpler the better ?



~ 12 m

Germanium detectors (100 kg)  
suspended in ultra-pure liquid nitrogen



Test facility under construction  
at LNGS

# Bubble chamber revival: Picasso



The Picasso  
detectors:  
**superheated droplets**  
in a polymerized gel.  
Detection via noise  
(piezo transducer)

$dE/dx$   
threshold  
adjusted  
by detector  
temperature

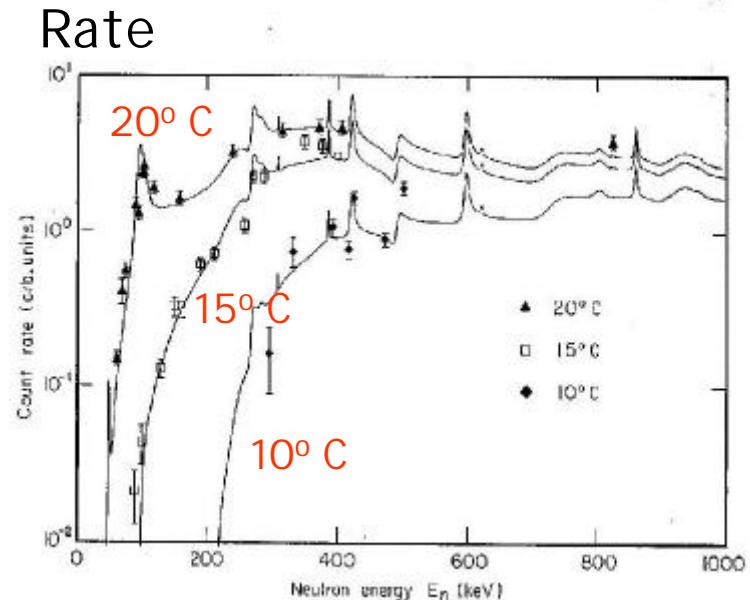


Fig. 1

$E_n$

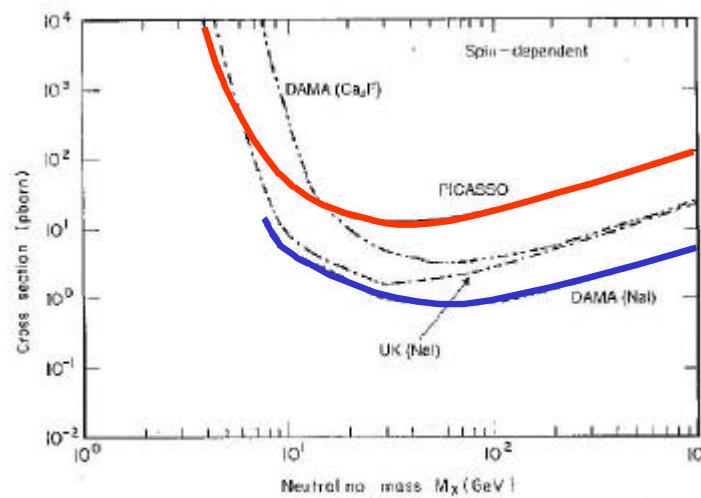


Fig. 10

First results -  
not yet competitive,  
but in the right  
ballpark

# Astroparticle Physics

- a fascinating application of particle physics instrumentation to new questions
- numerous interesting and challenging developments, both in physics and instrumentation
- impossible to do the field justice in 45 min. !