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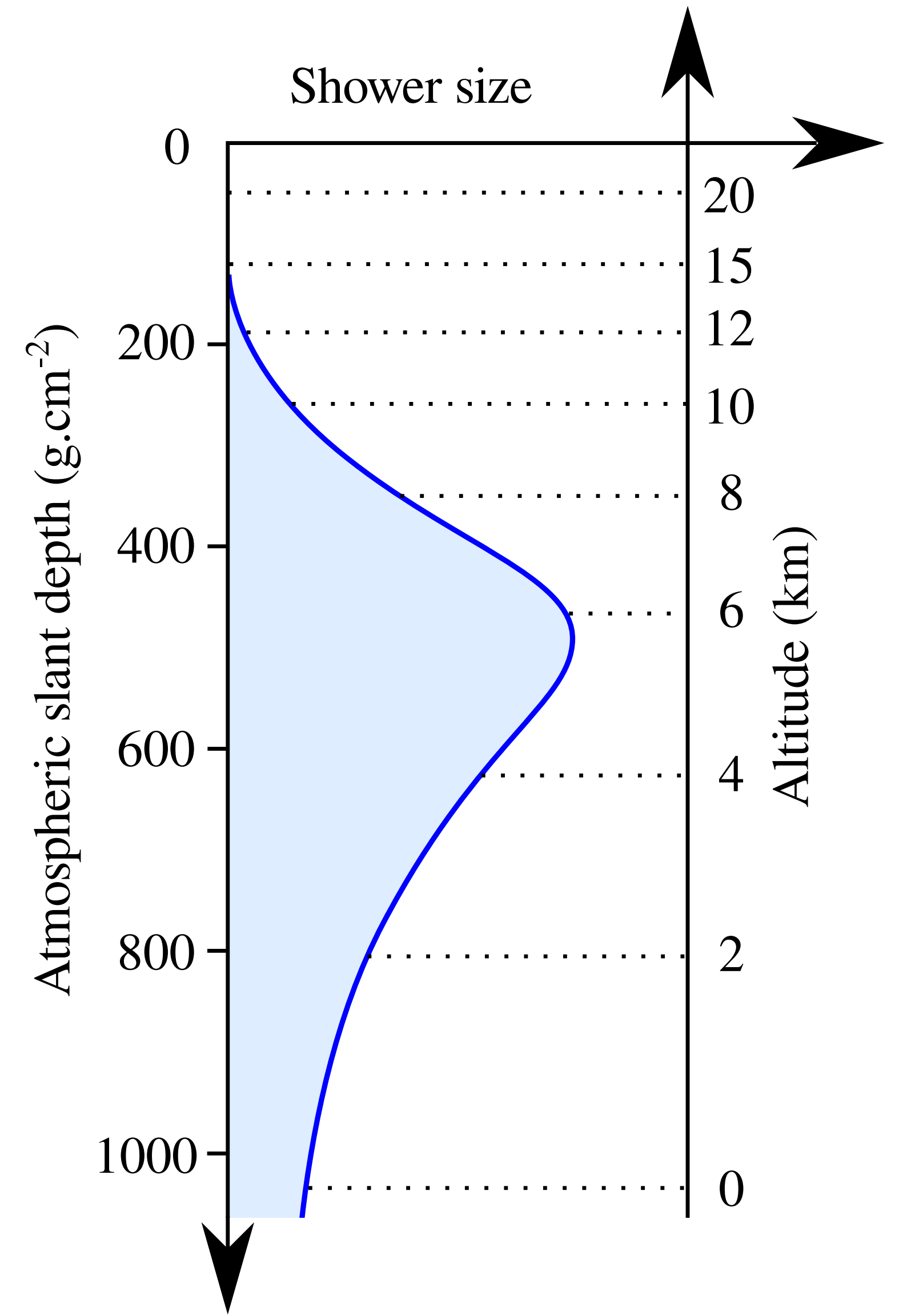
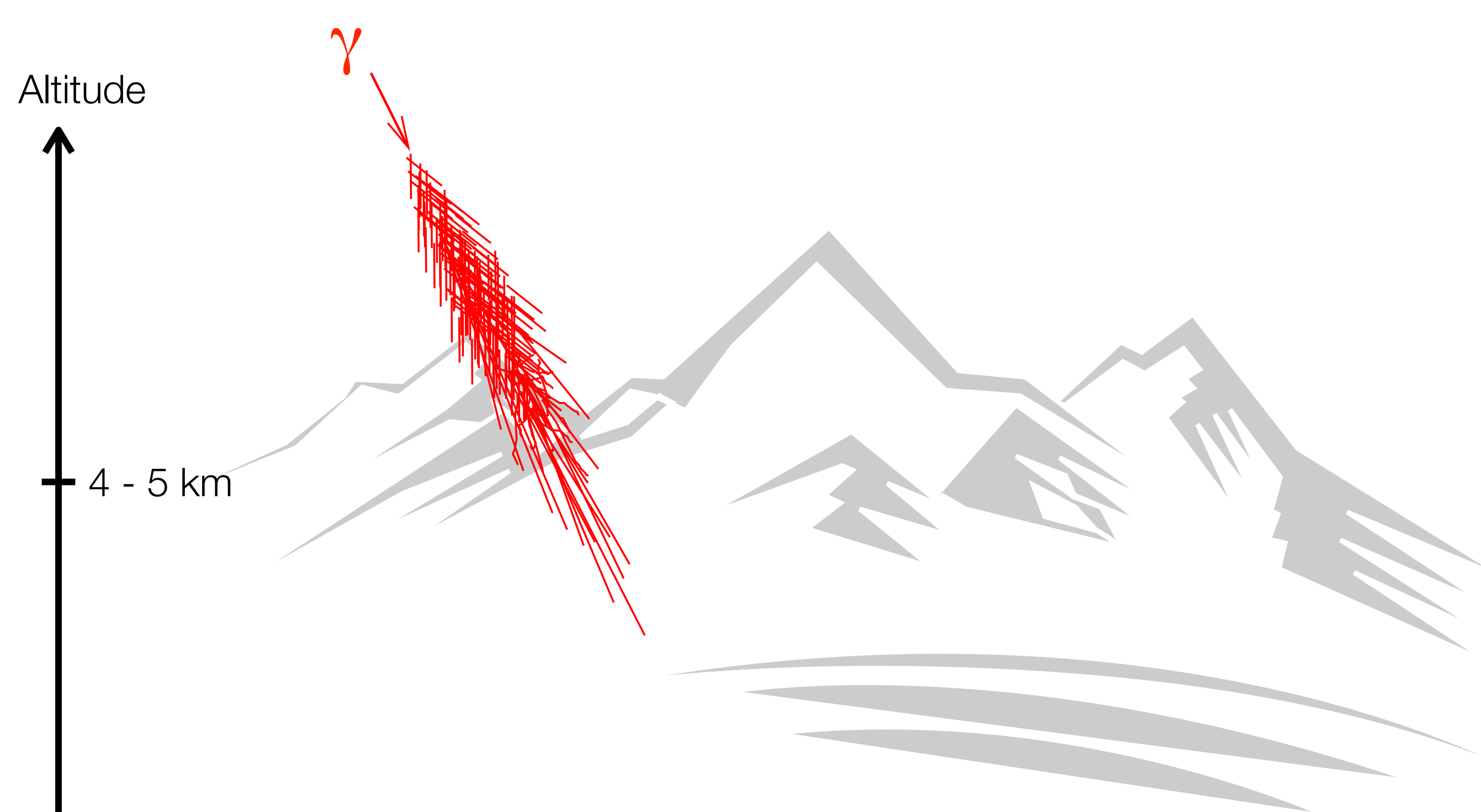
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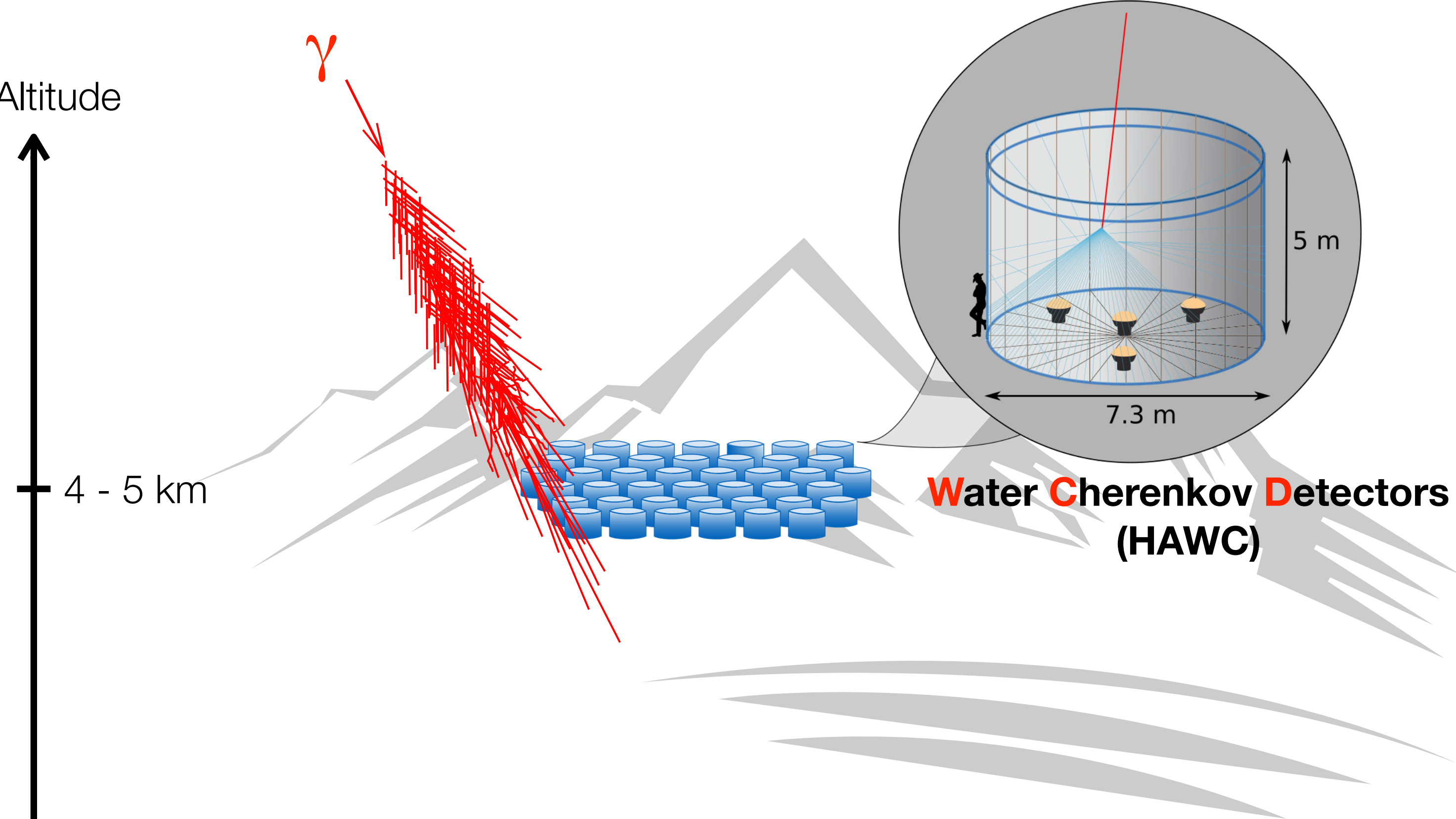
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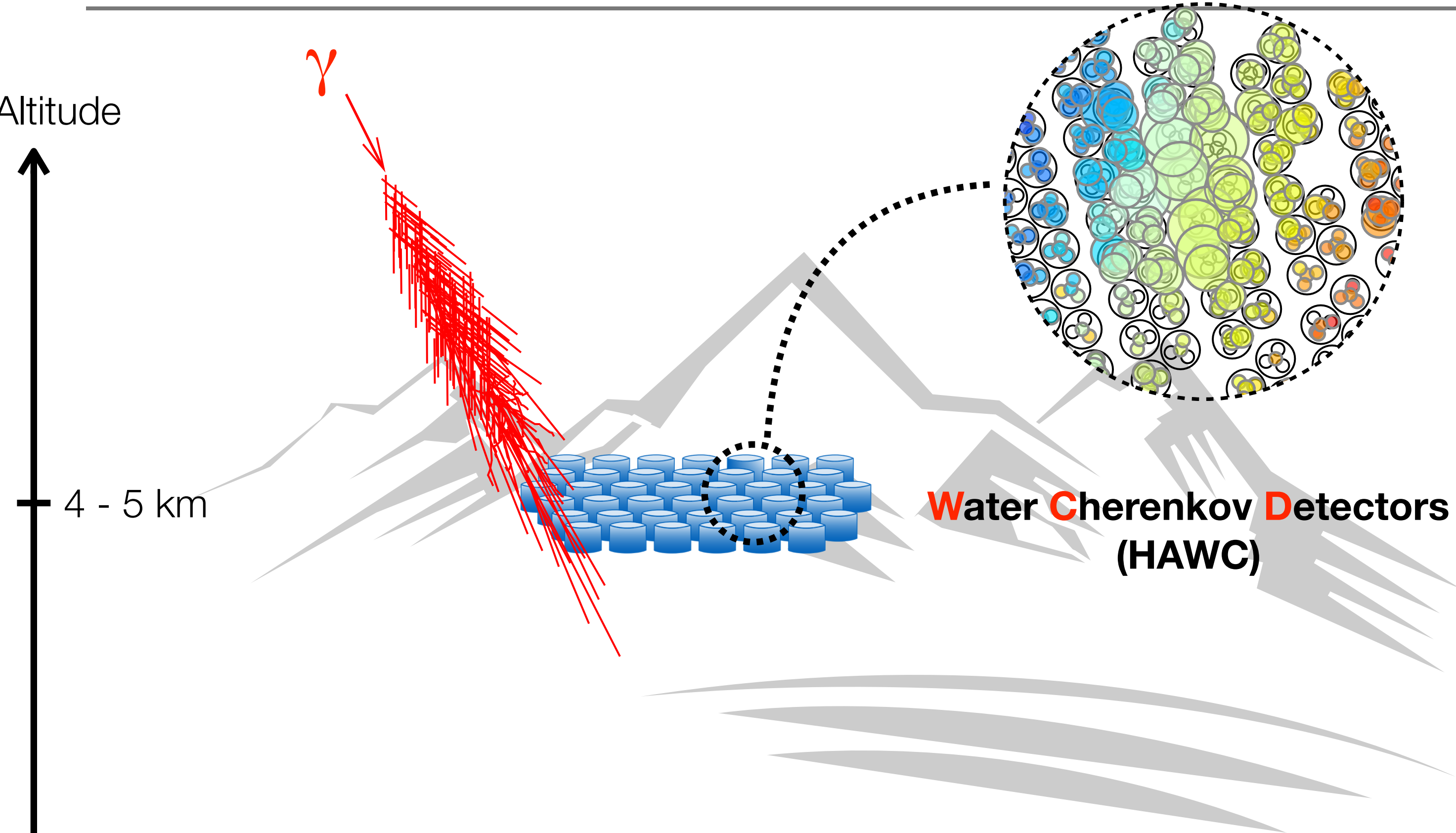
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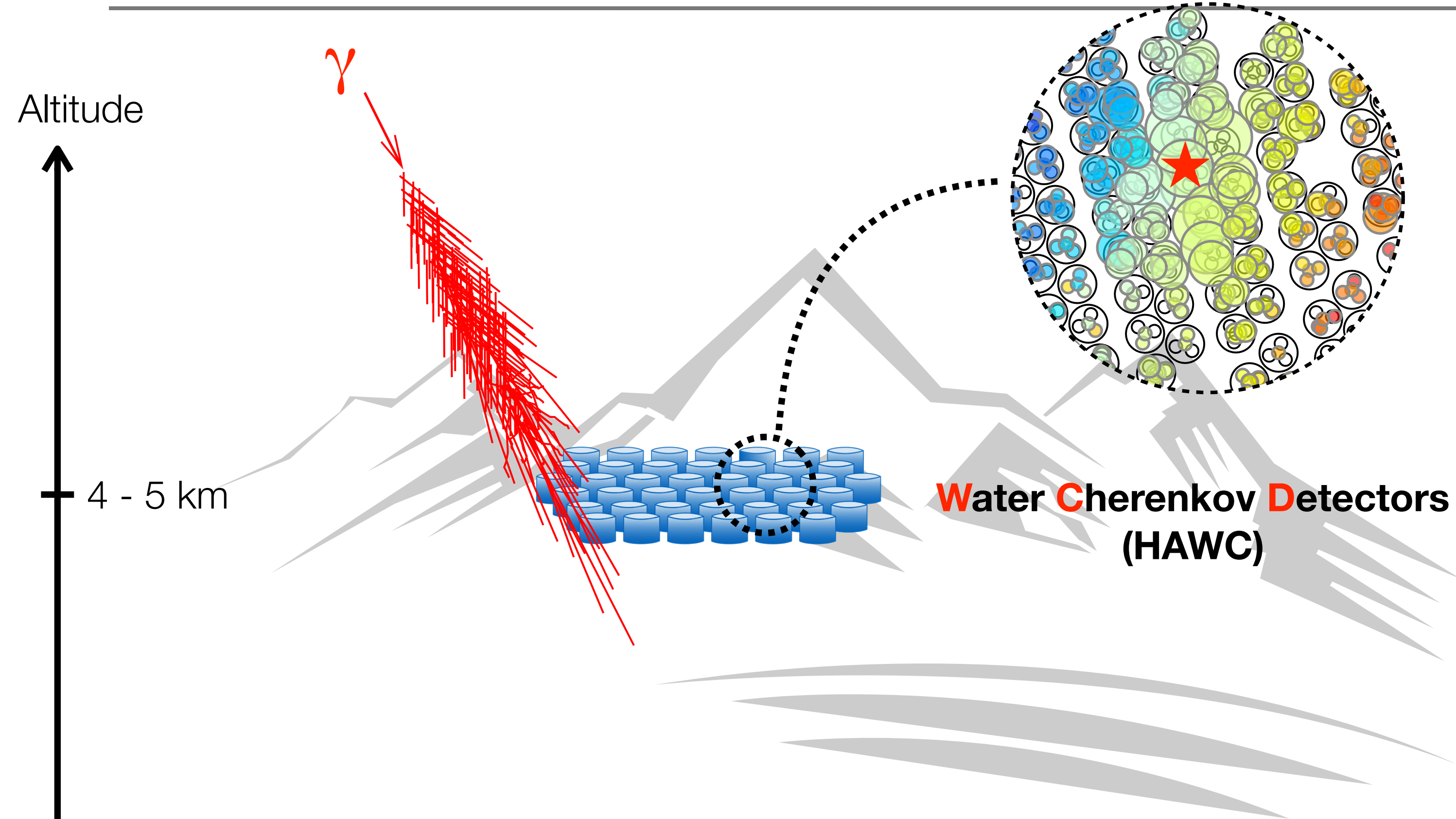


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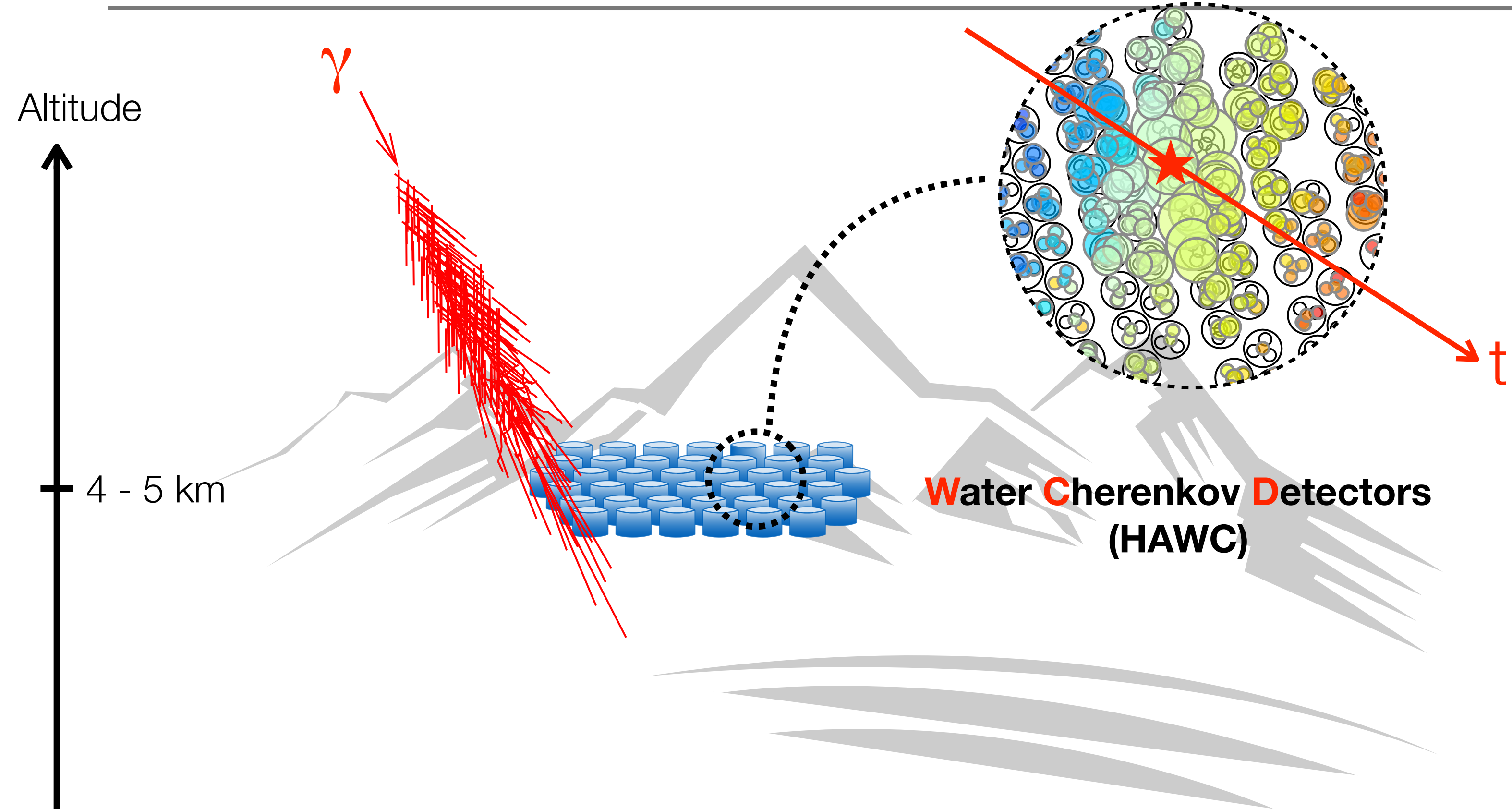
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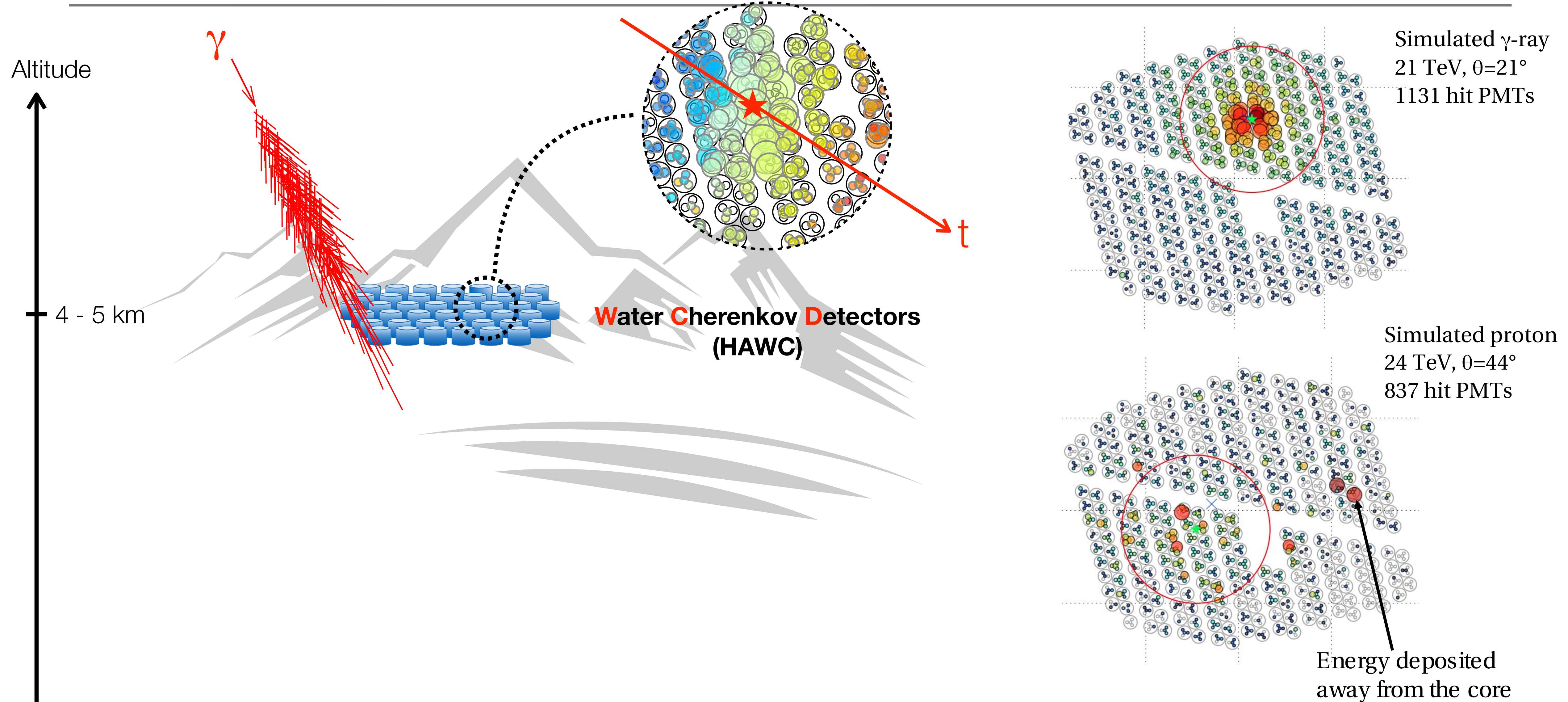
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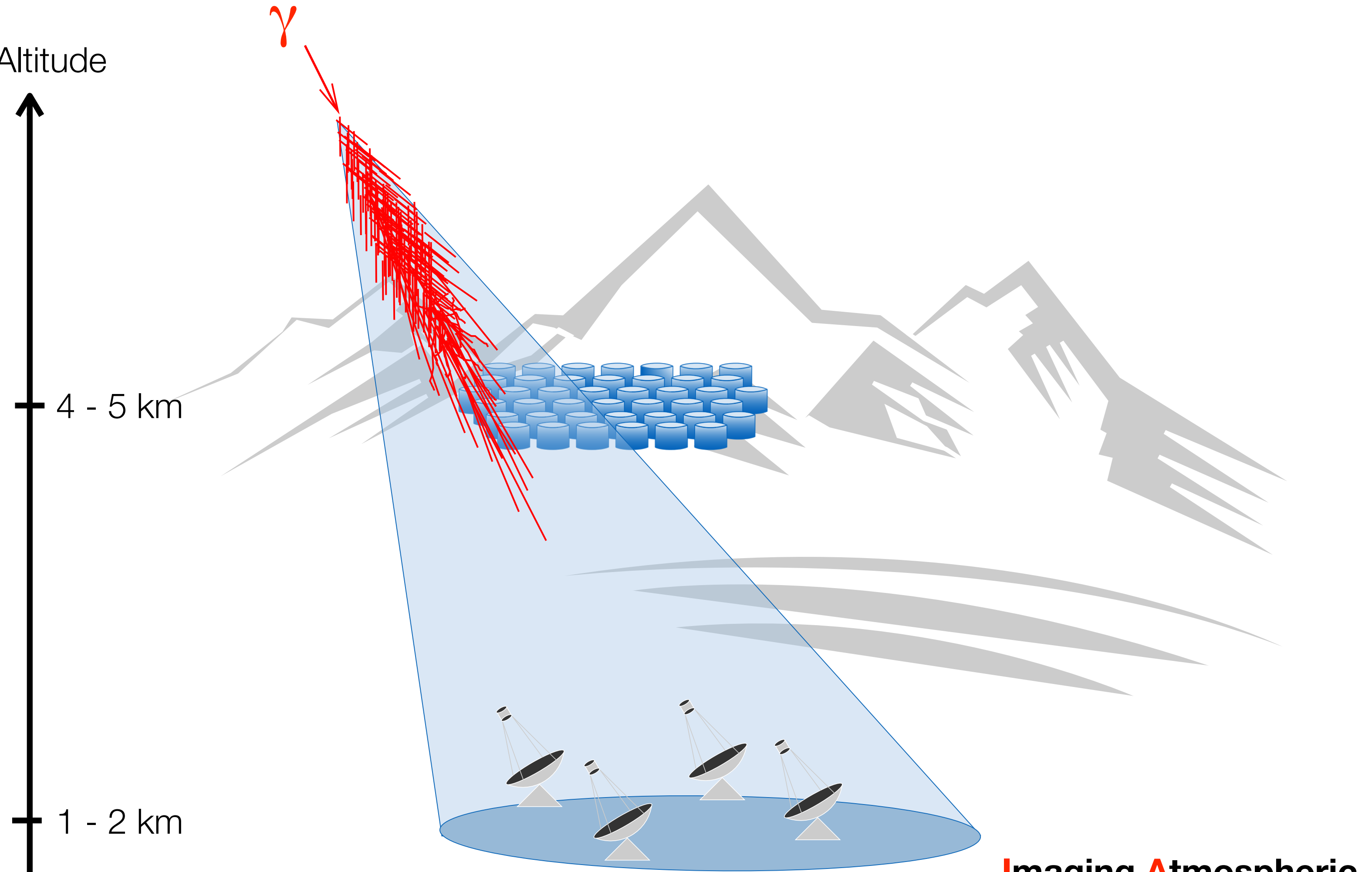


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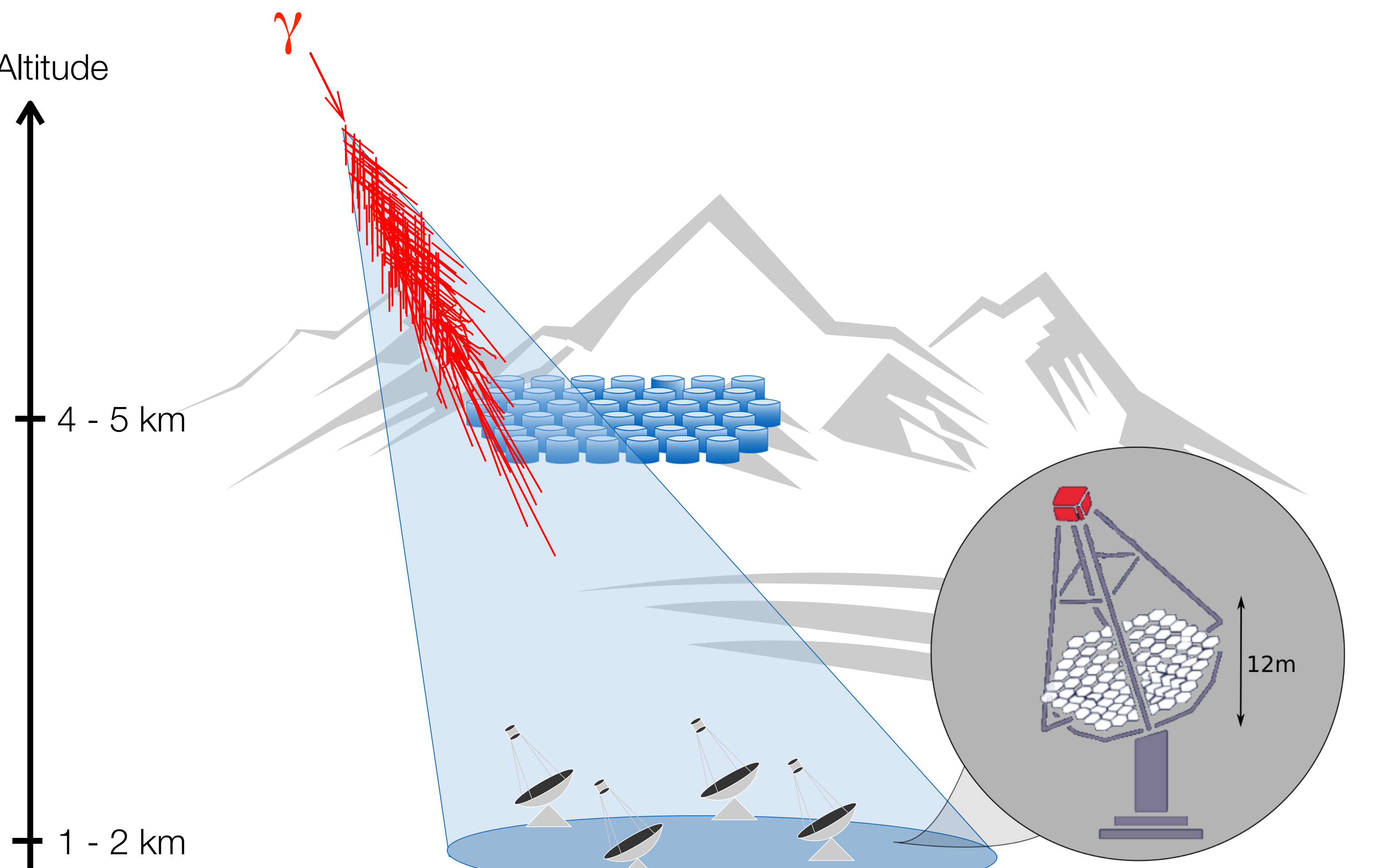


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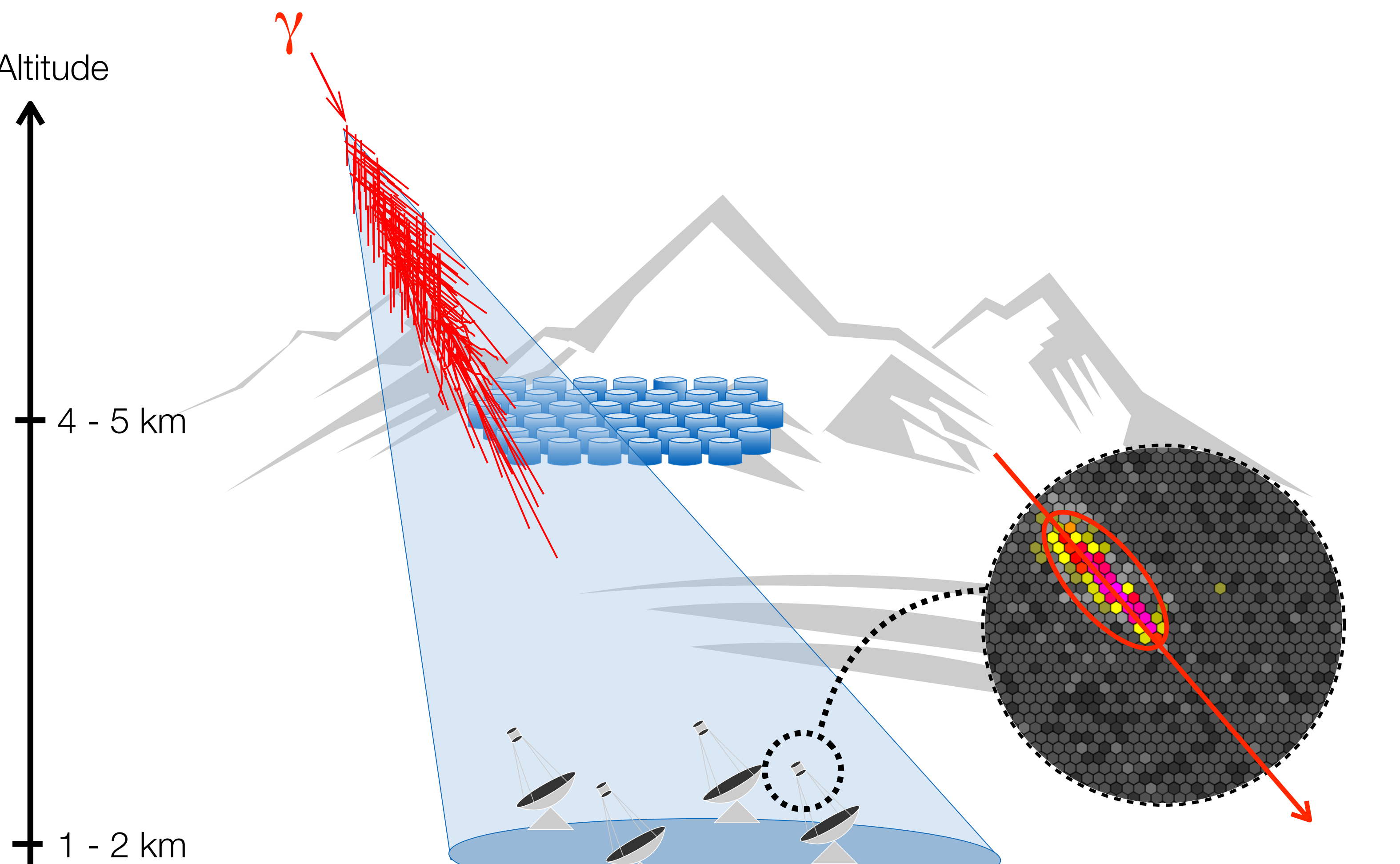
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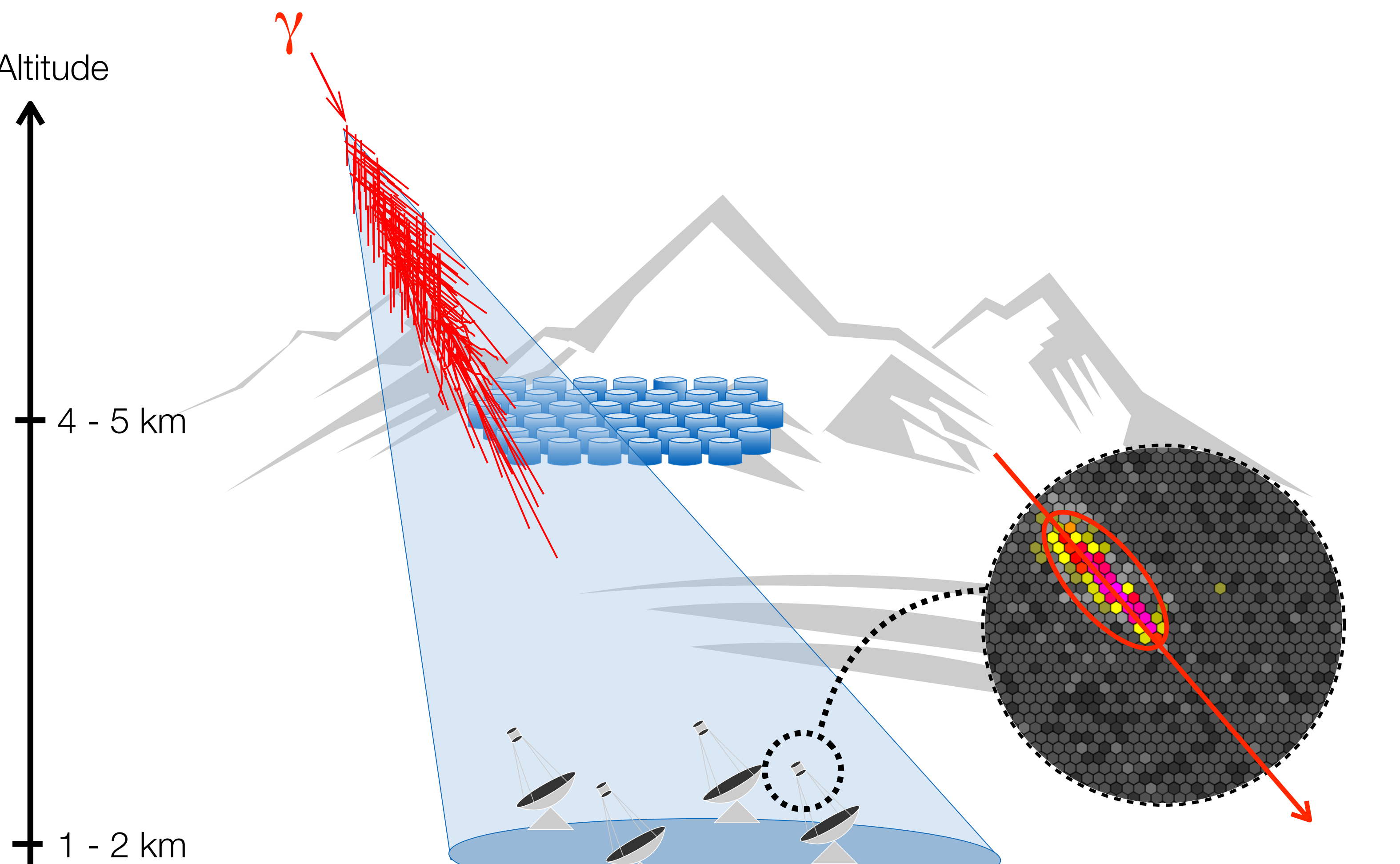
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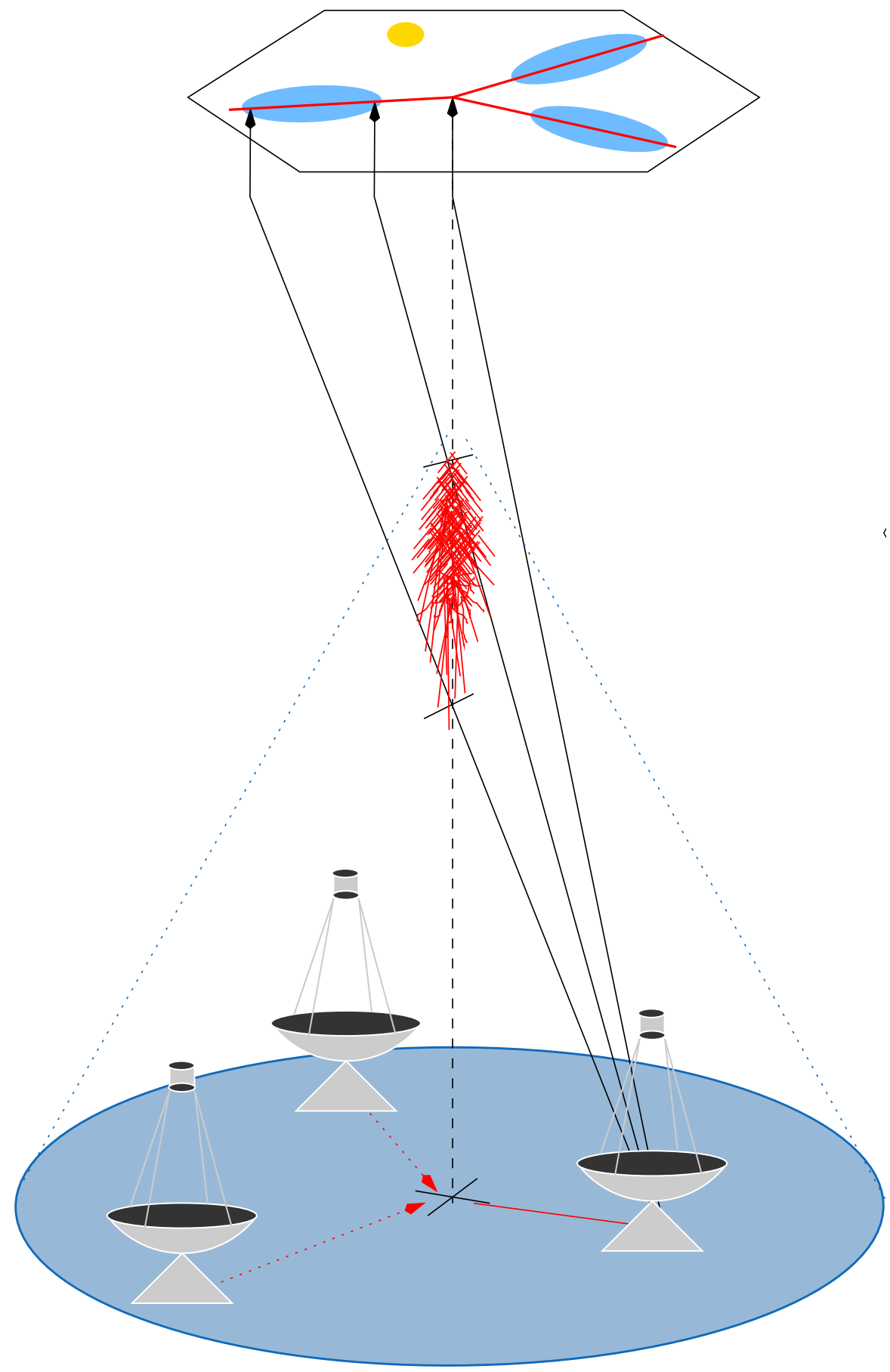


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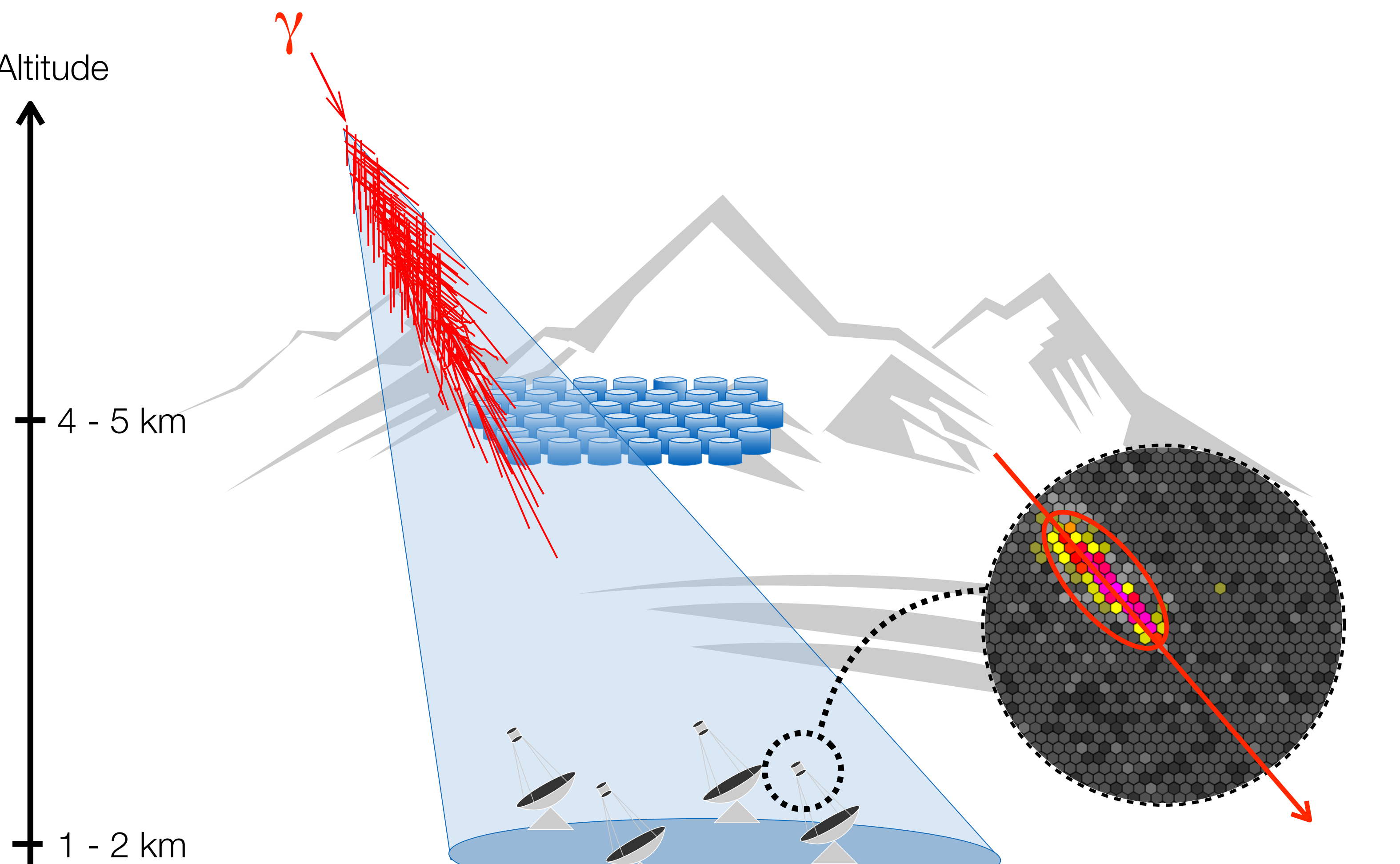
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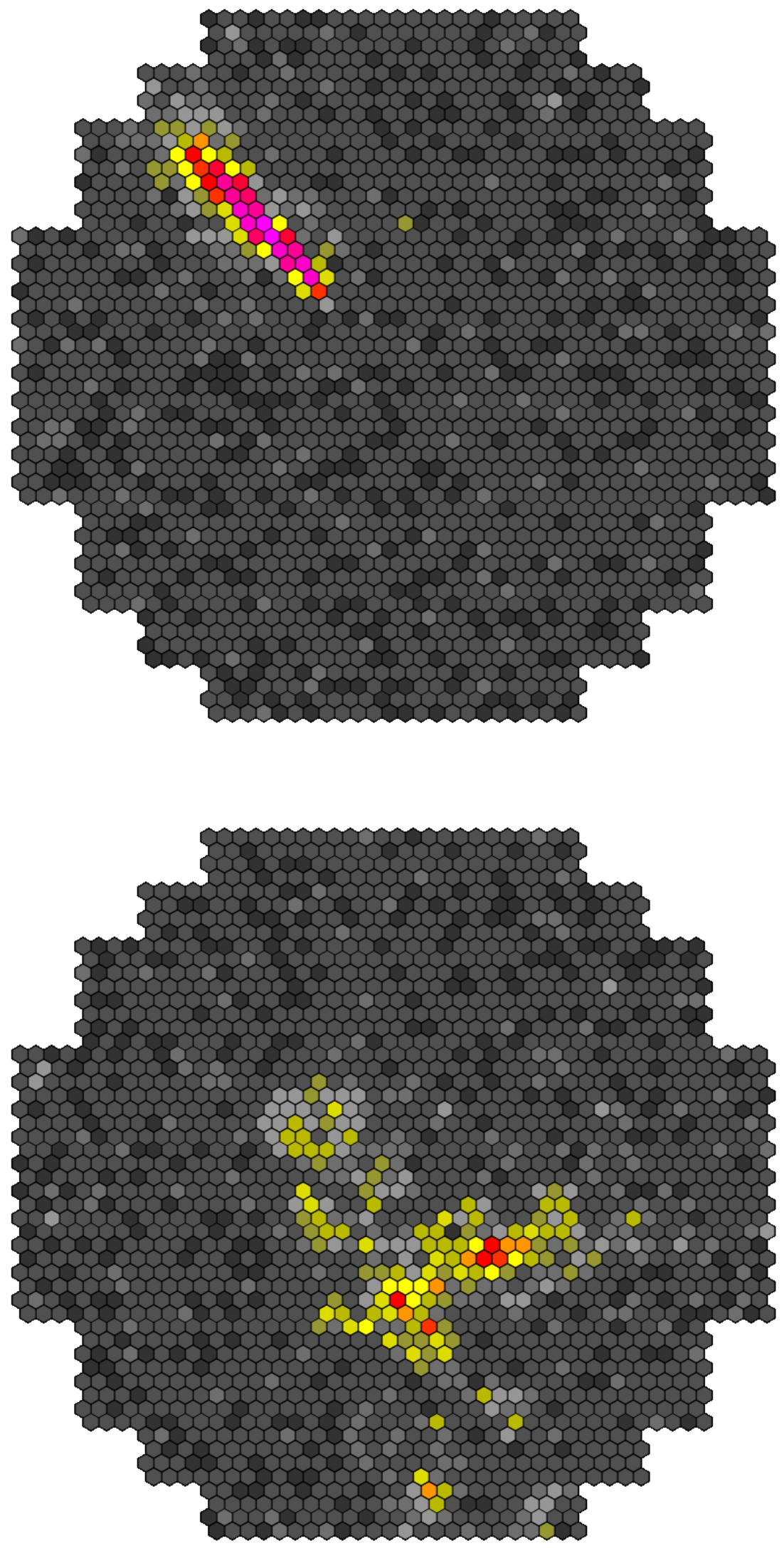
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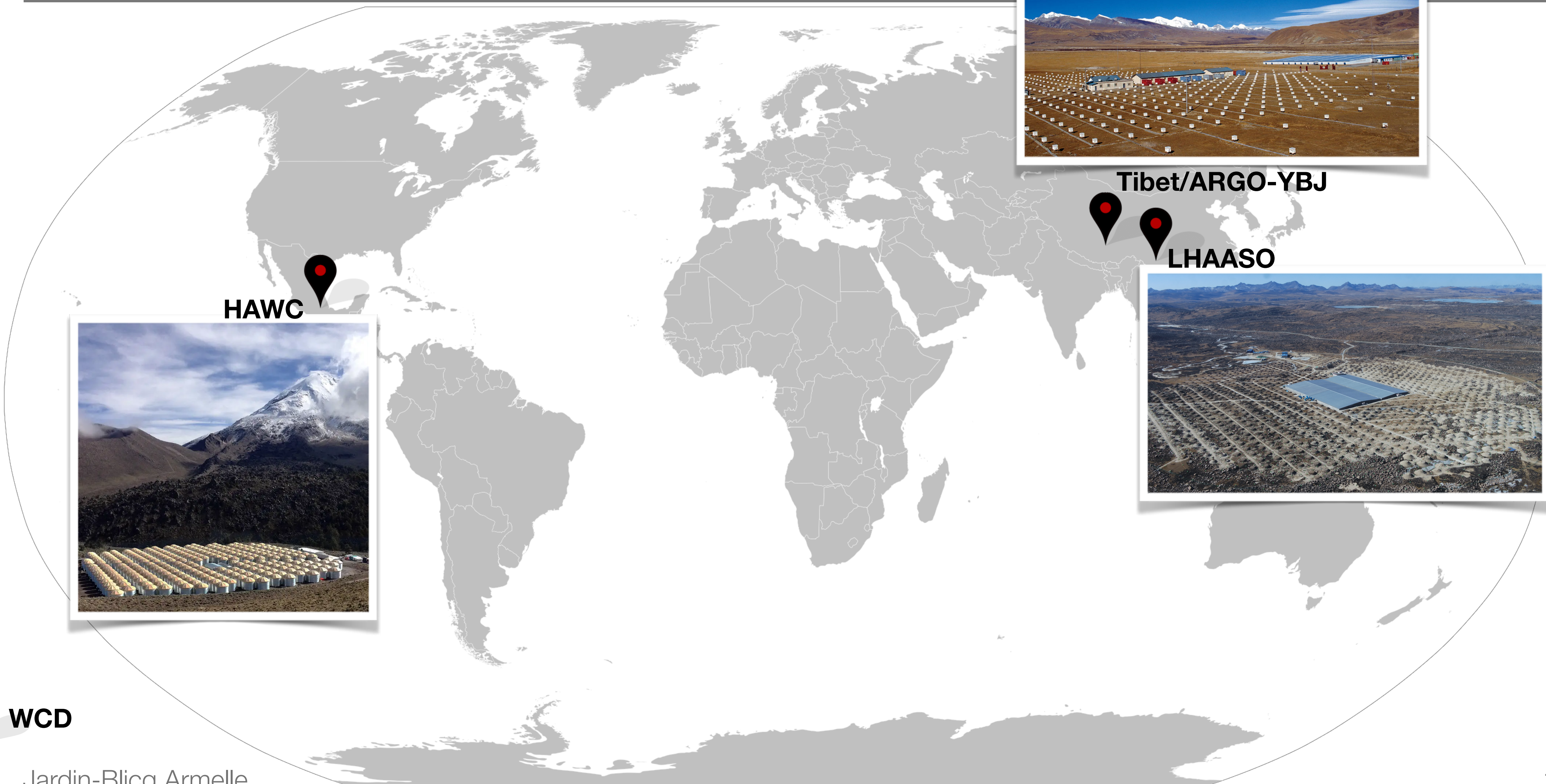
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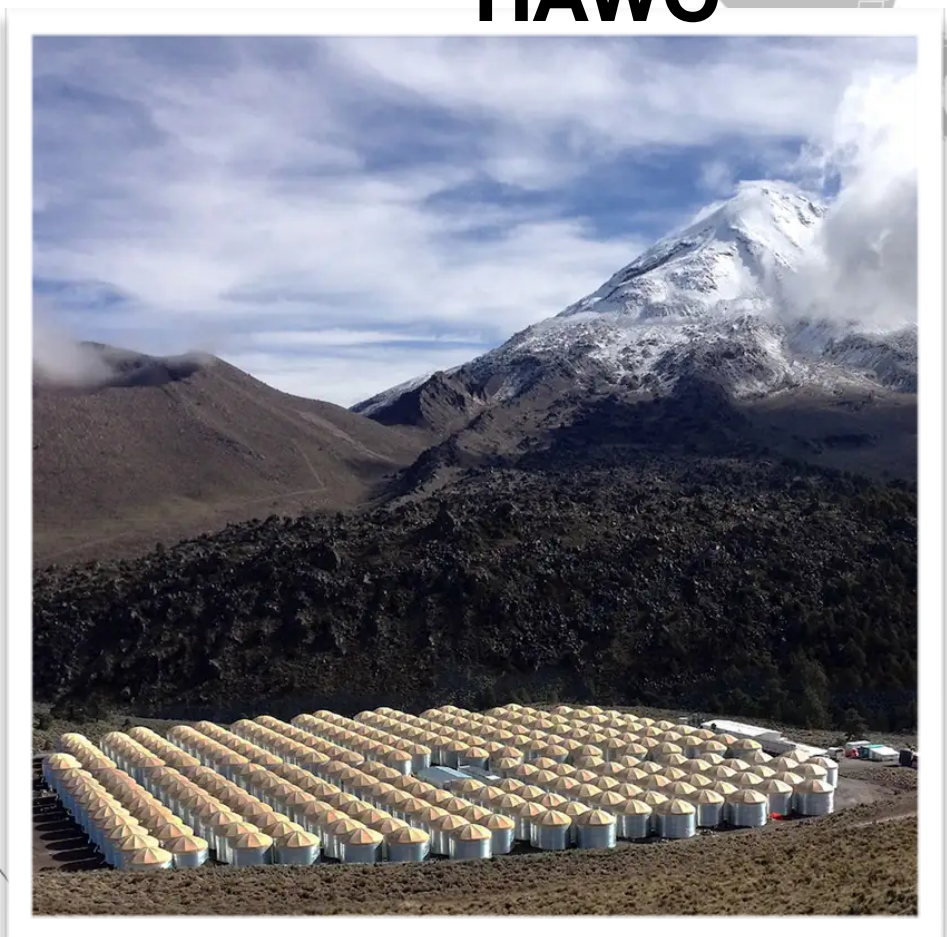
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Instruments around the world



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HAWC



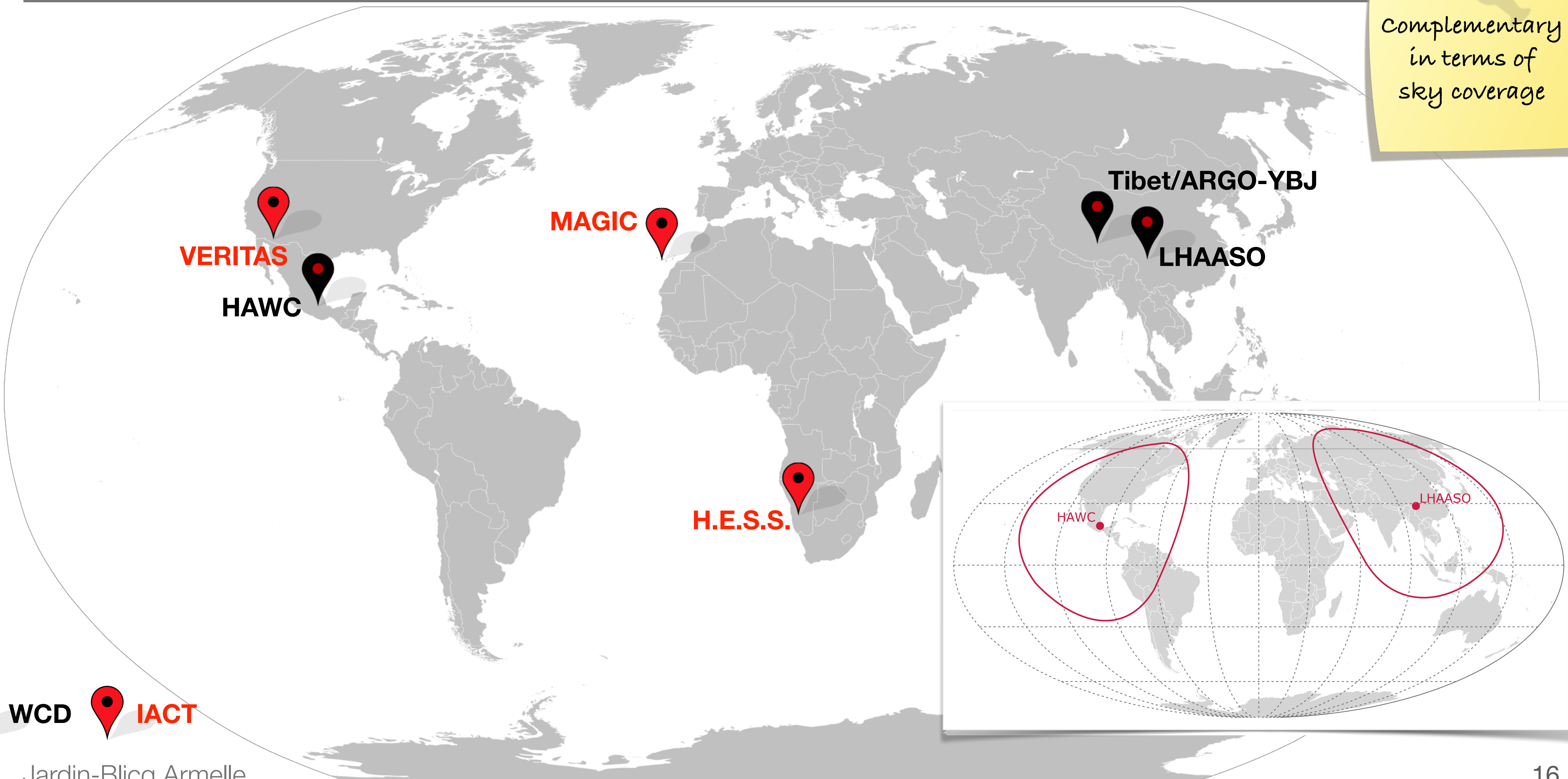
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Instruments around the world



Instruments around the world

Complementary
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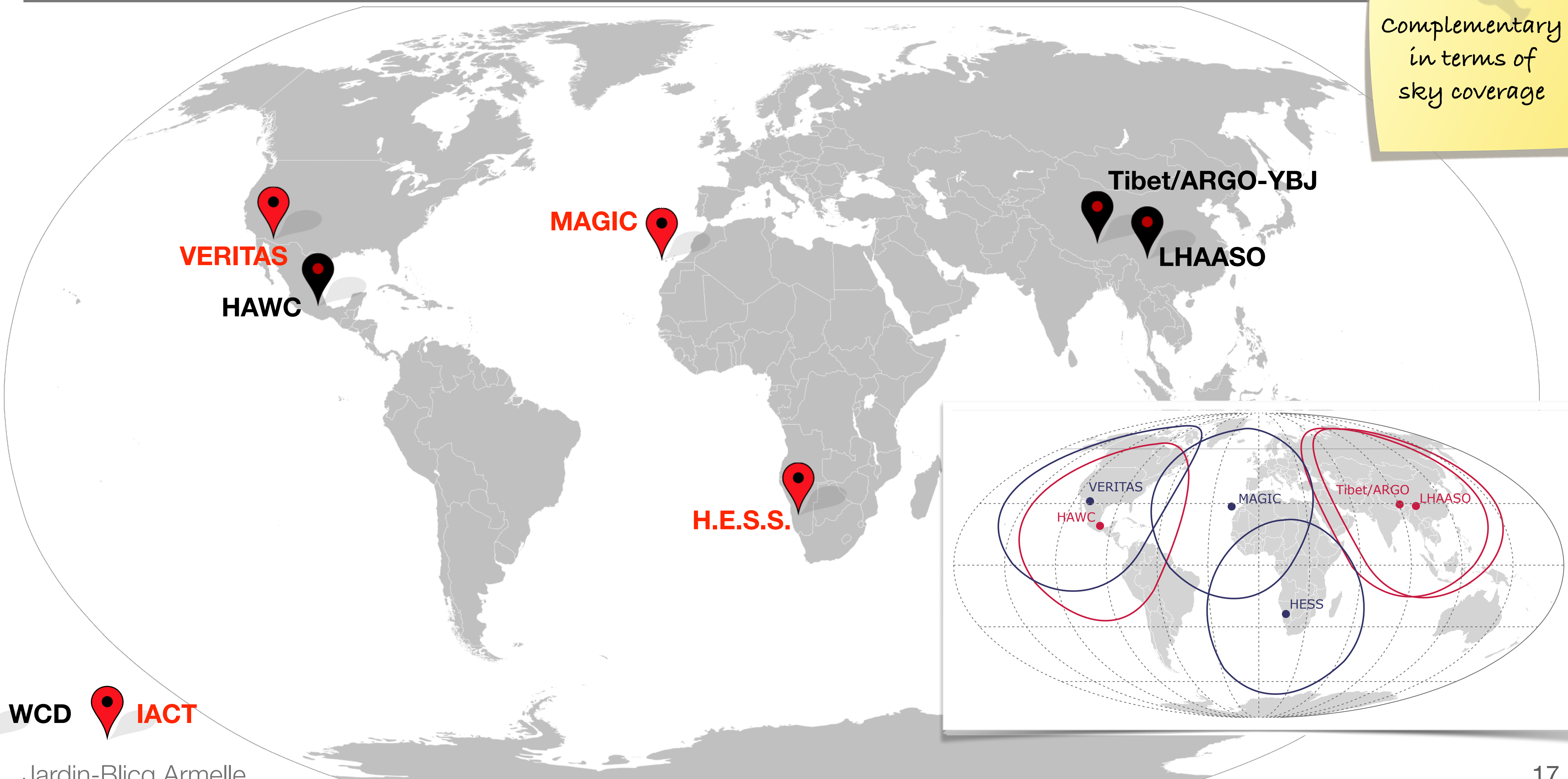
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HAWC **LHAASO**

WCD **IACT**

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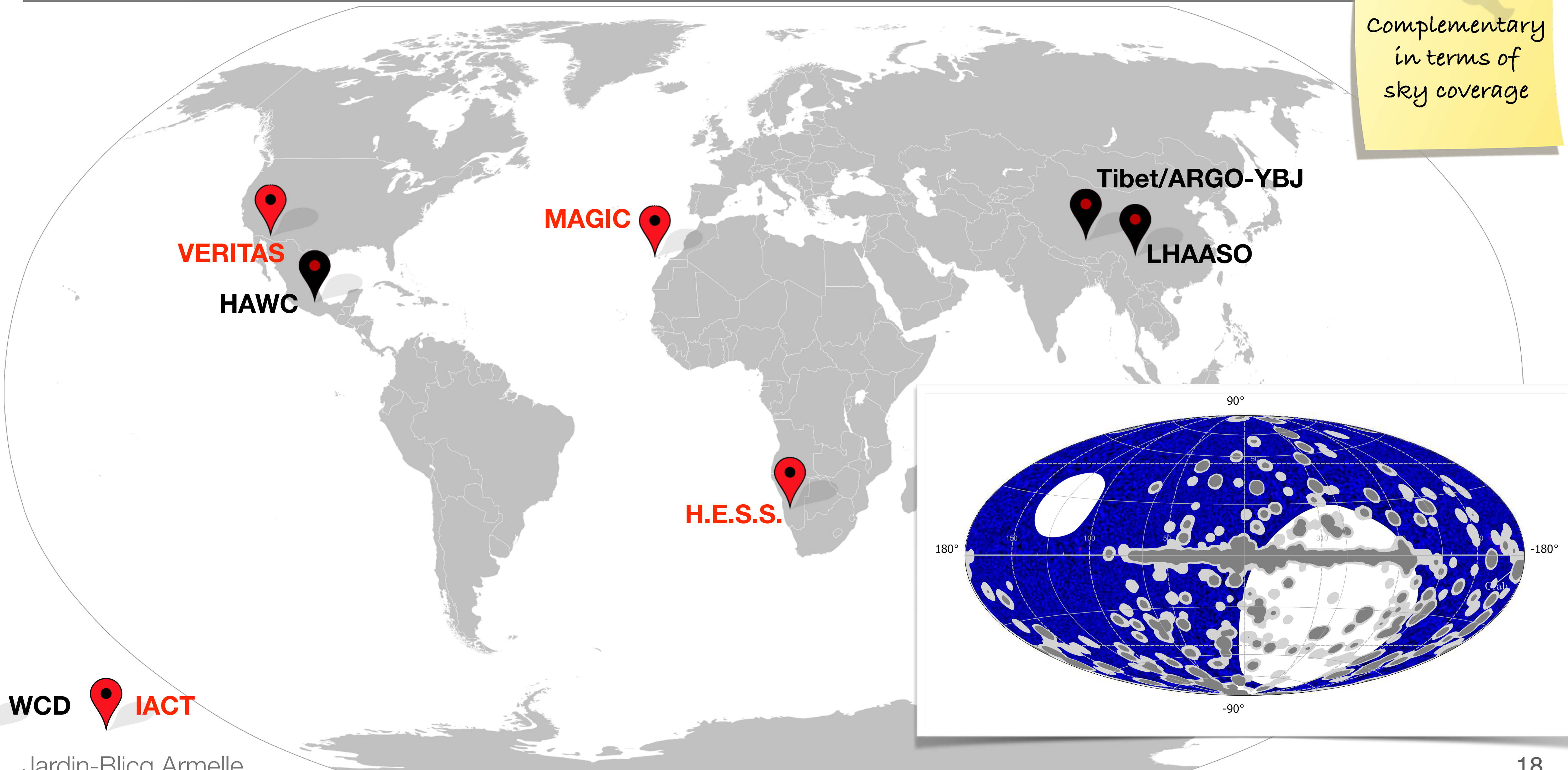
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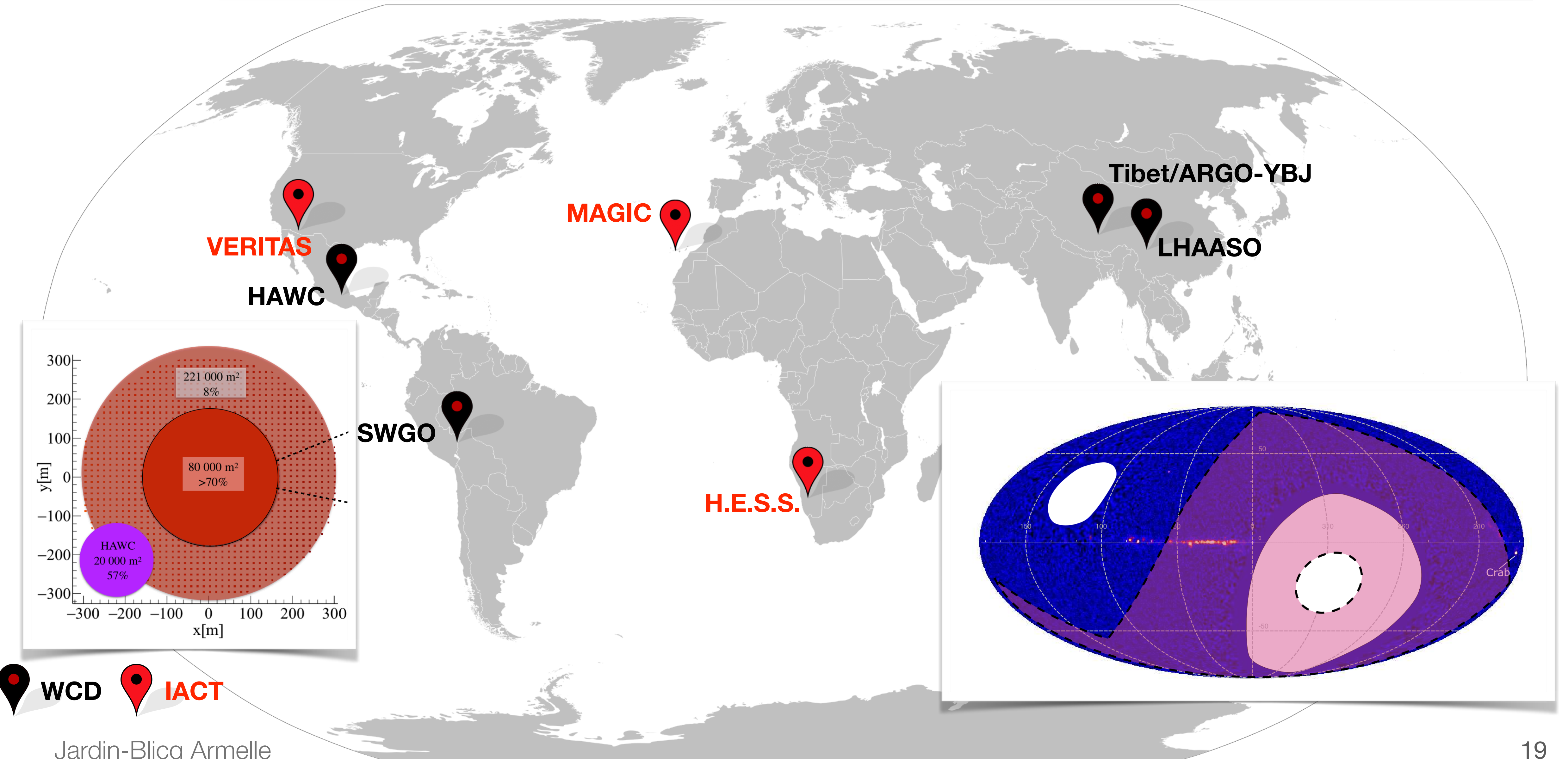
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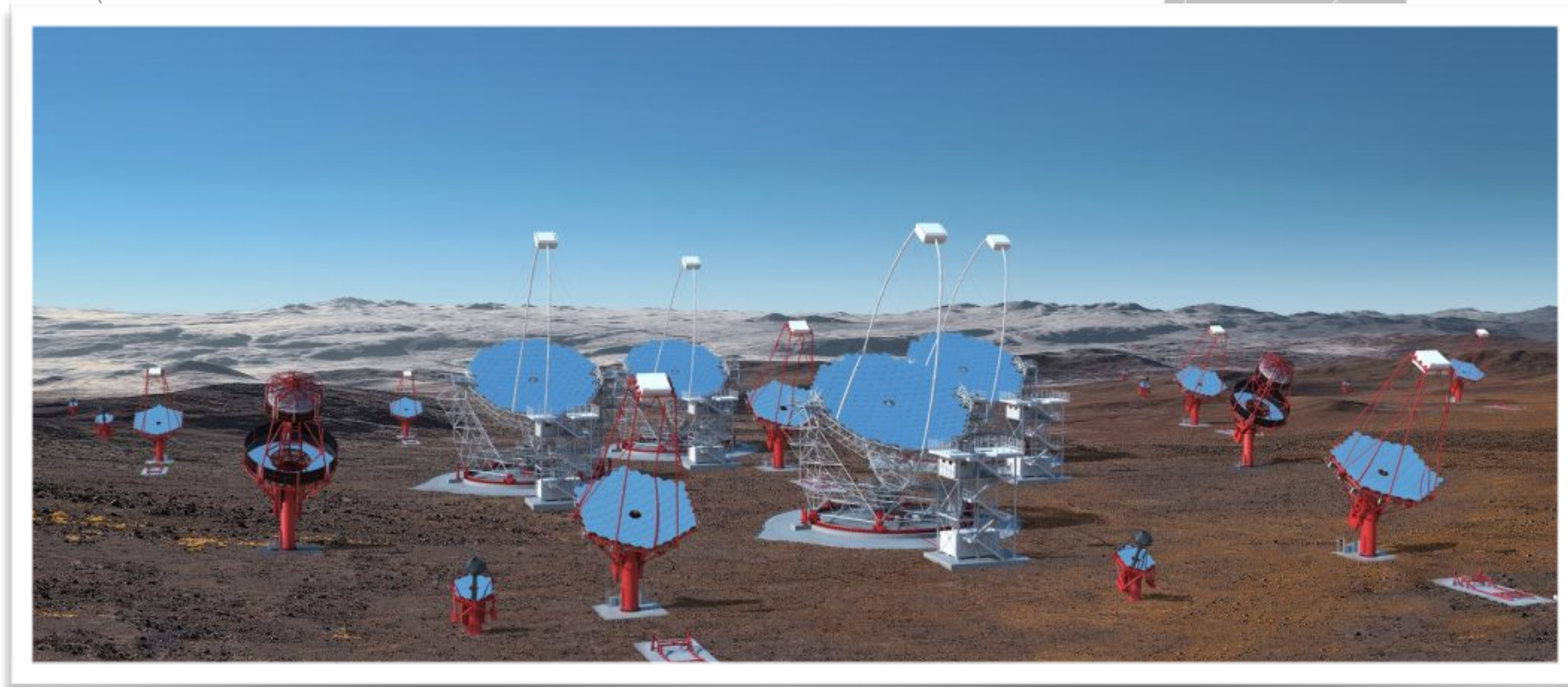
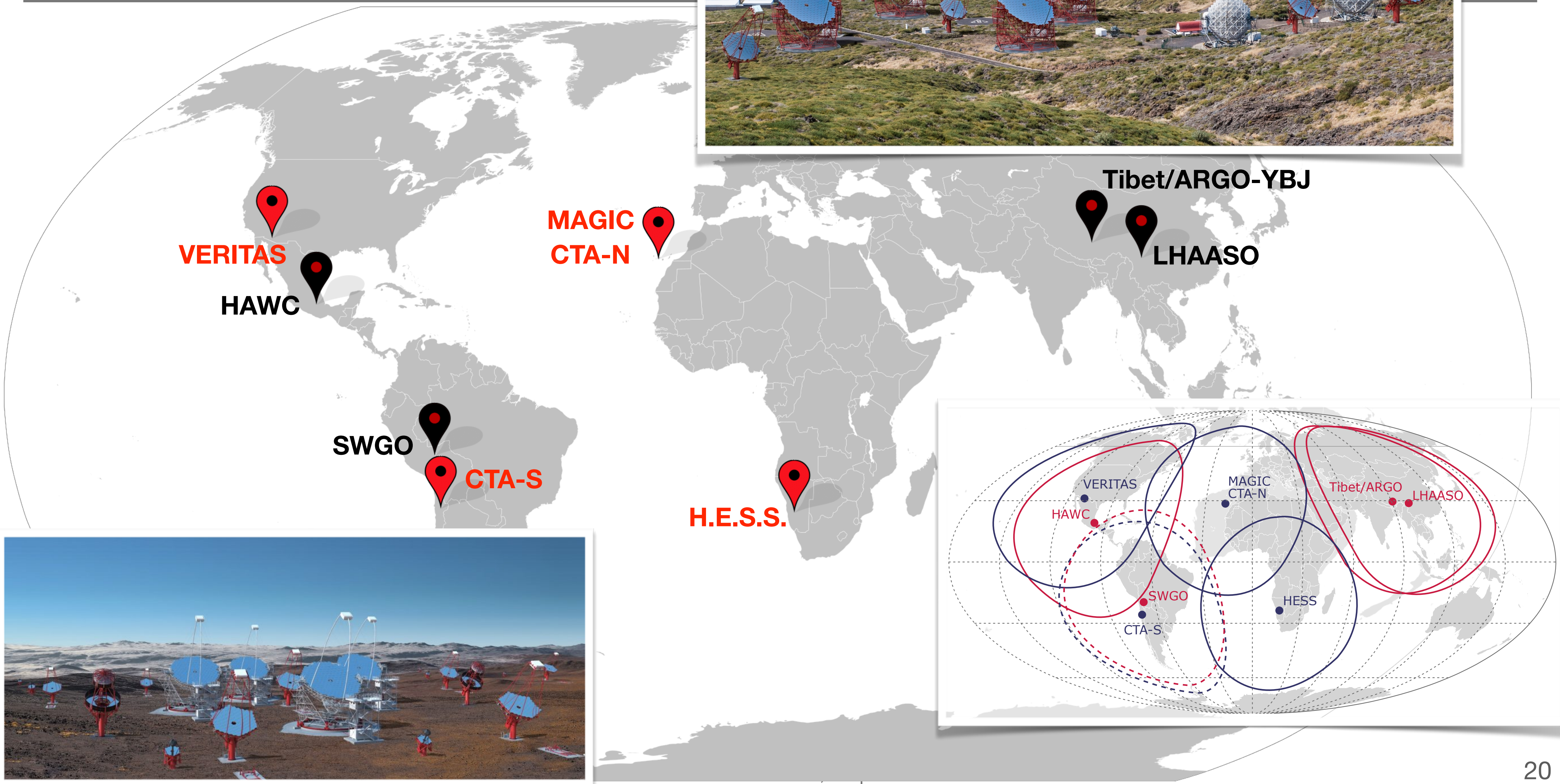


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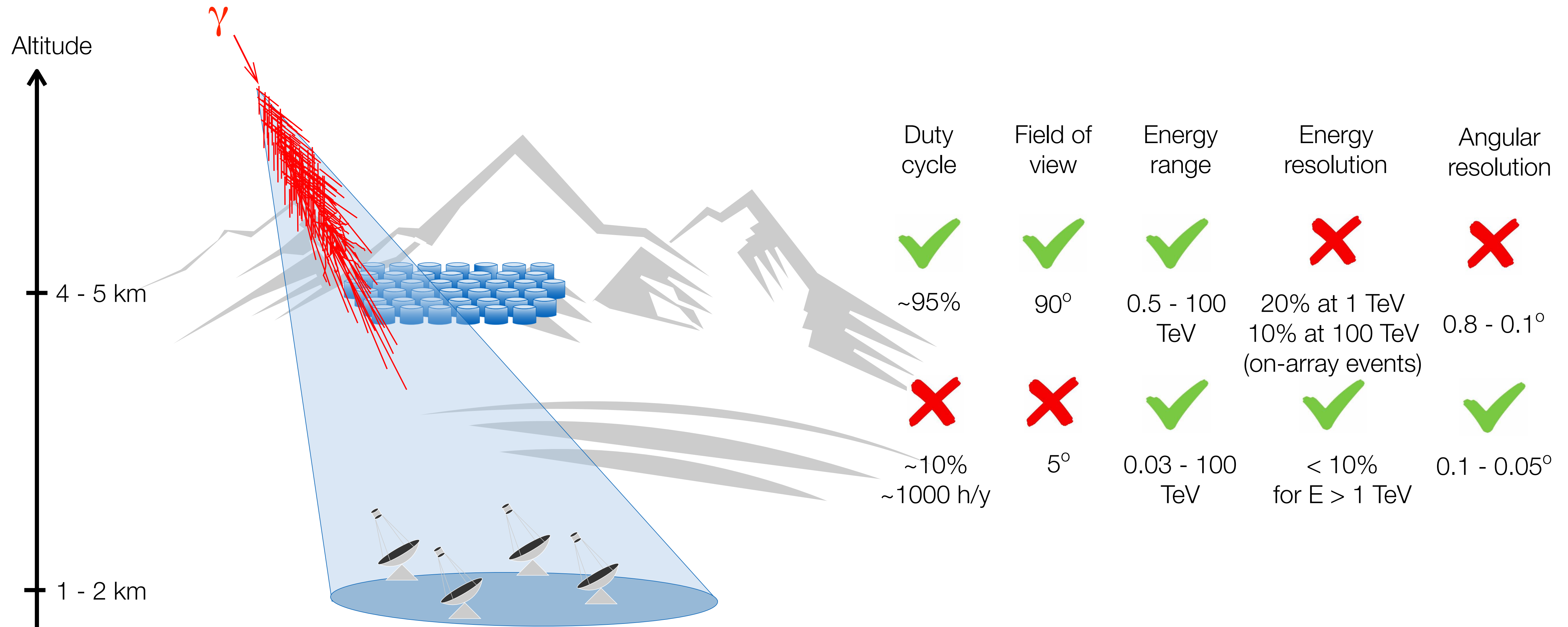
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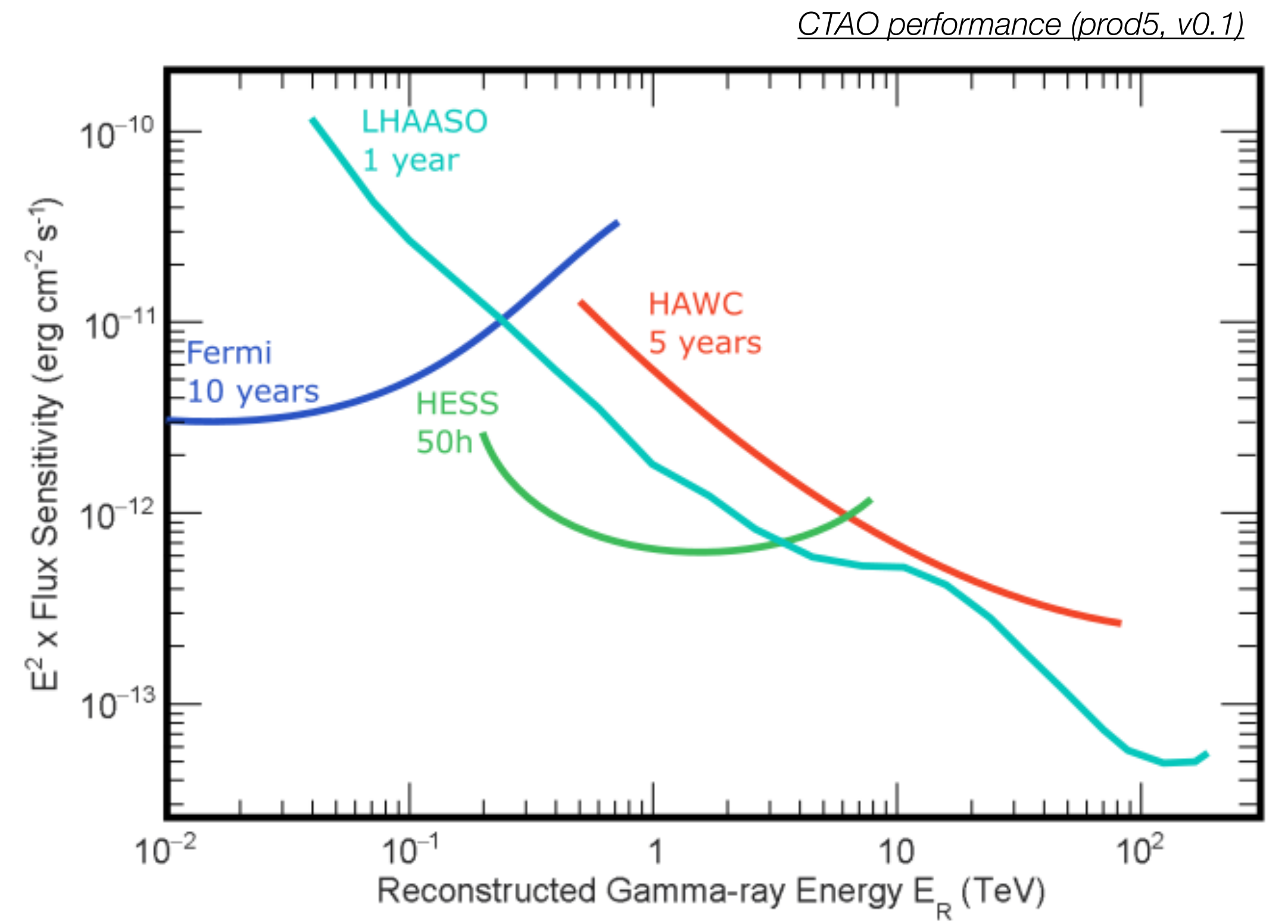
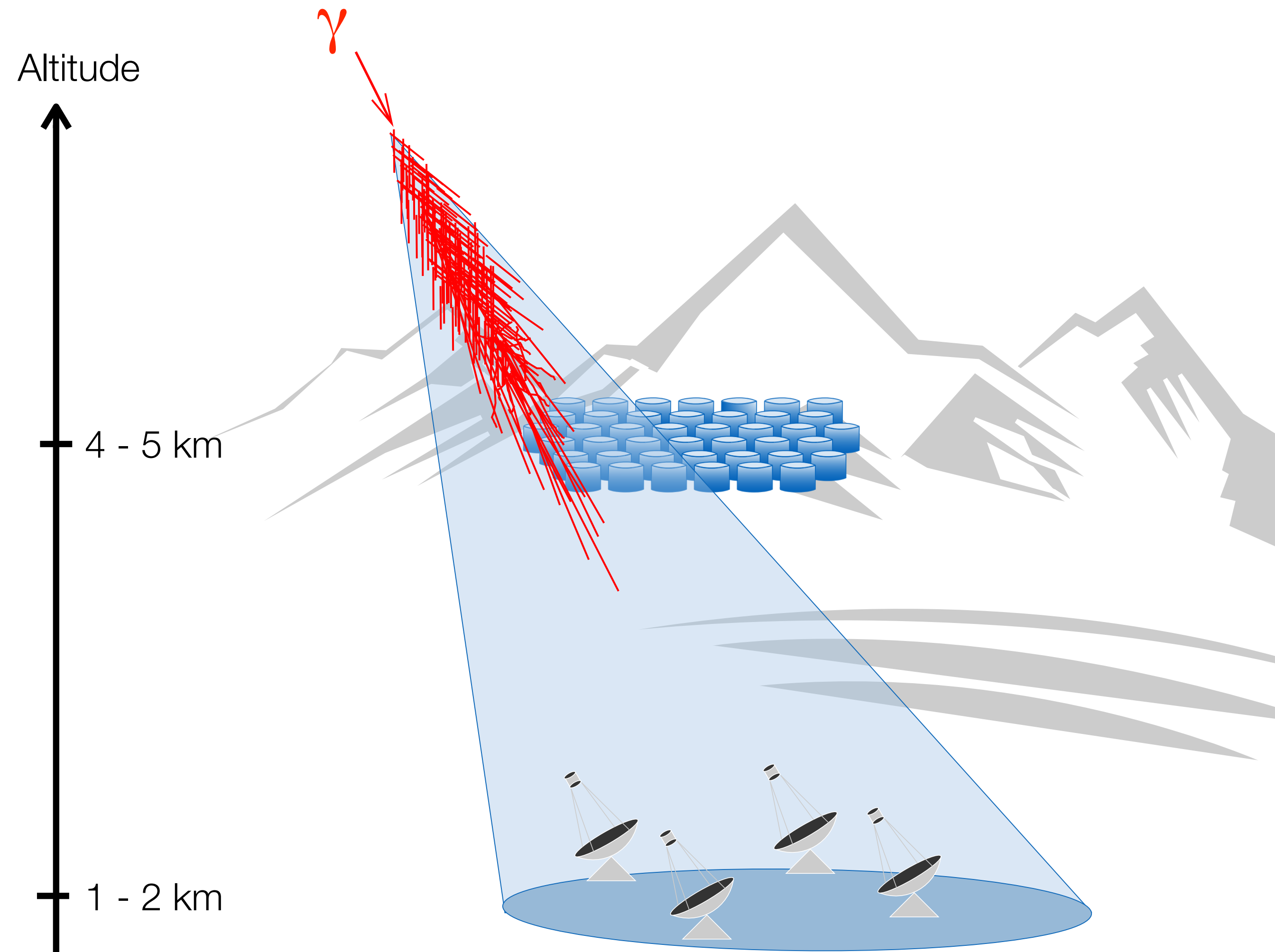
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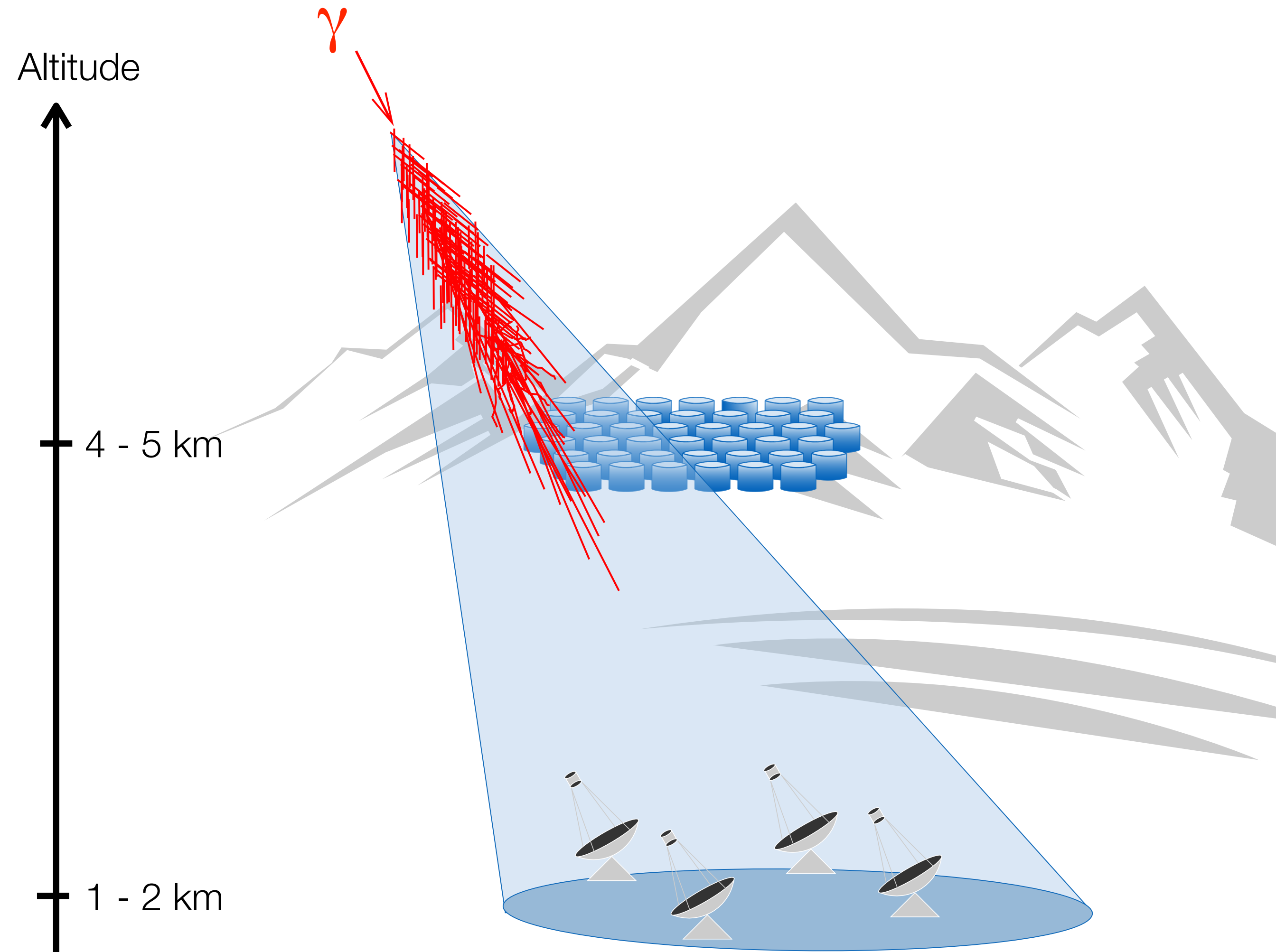


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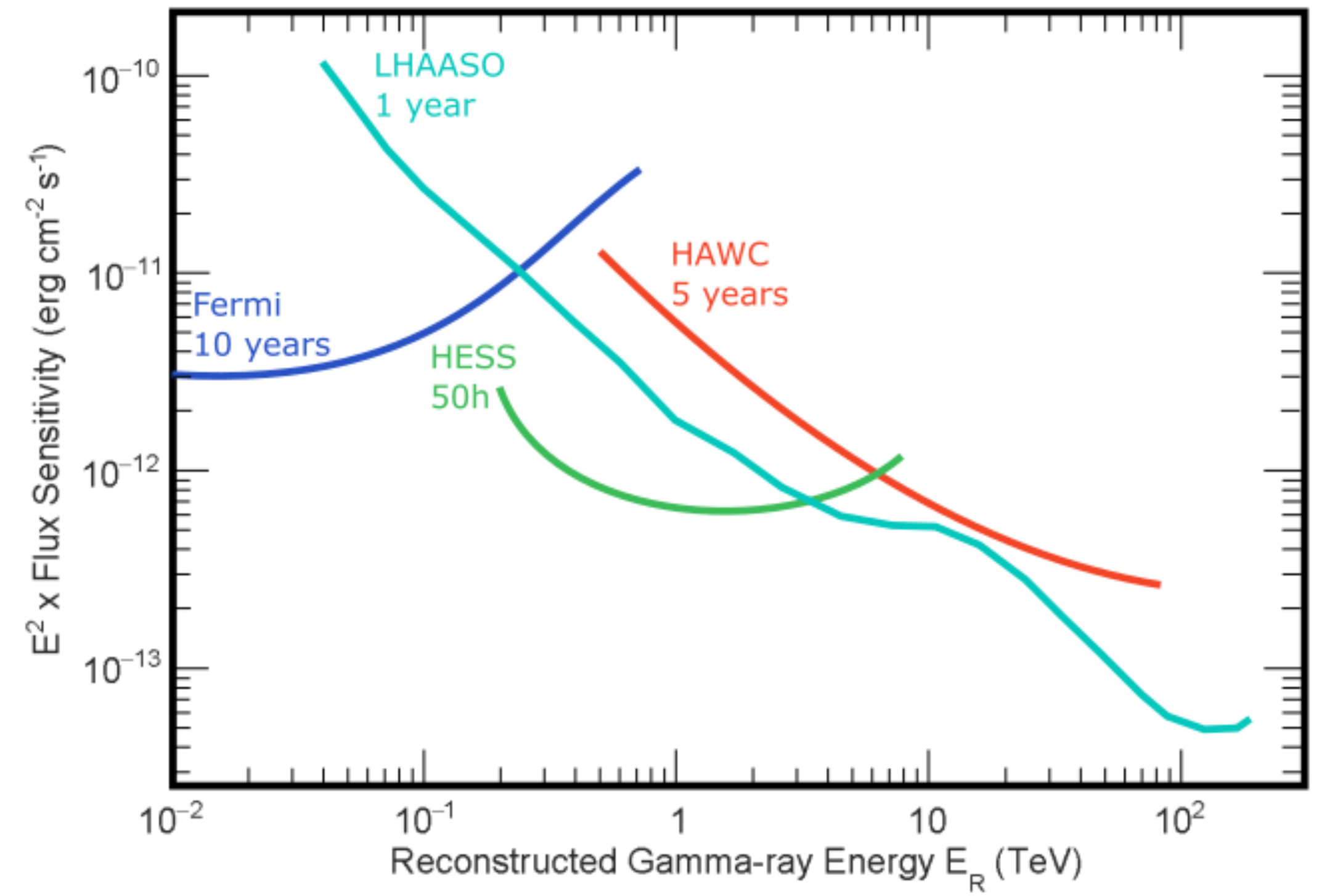


Sensitivity

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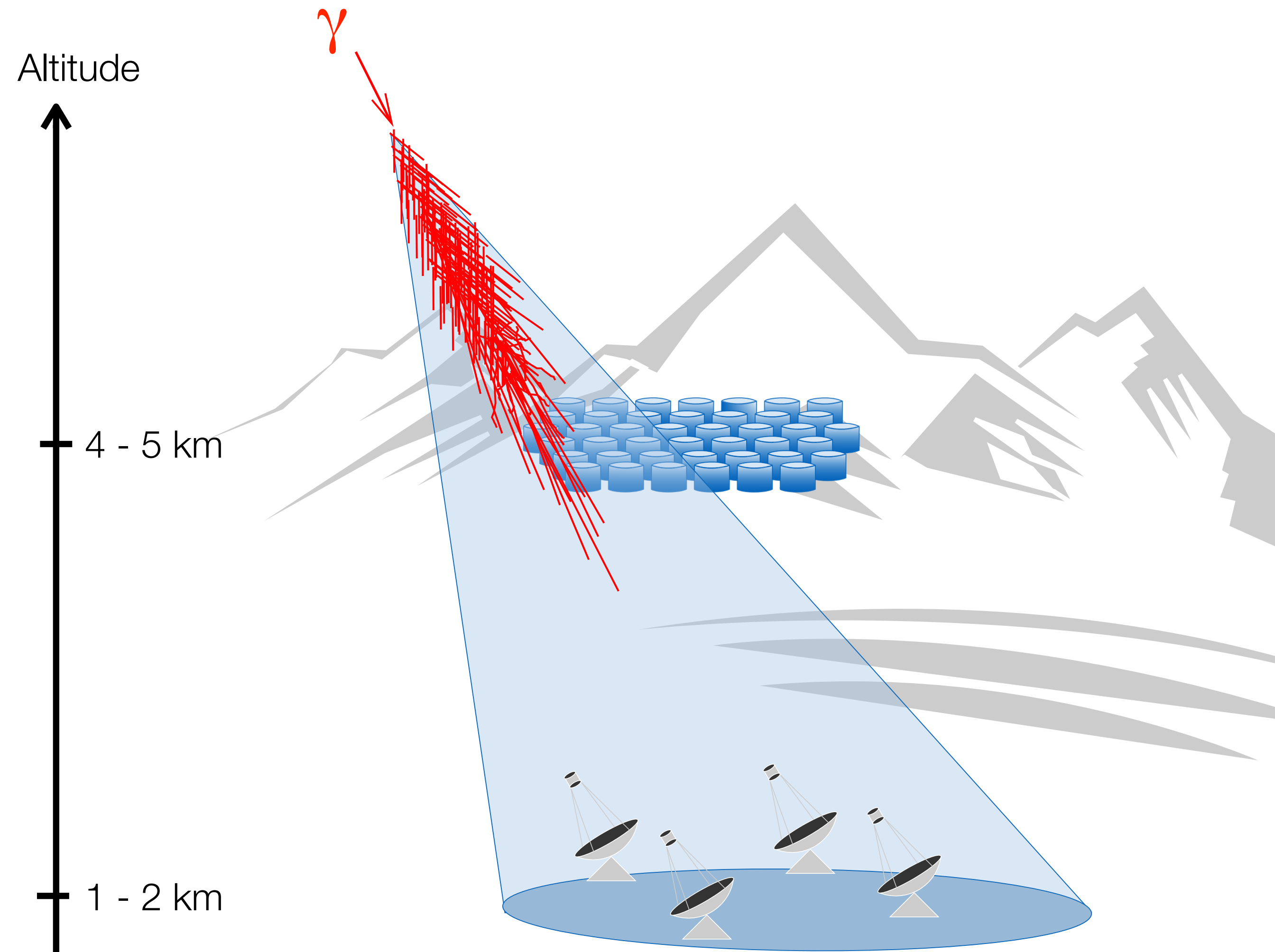


CTAO performance (prod5, v0.1)

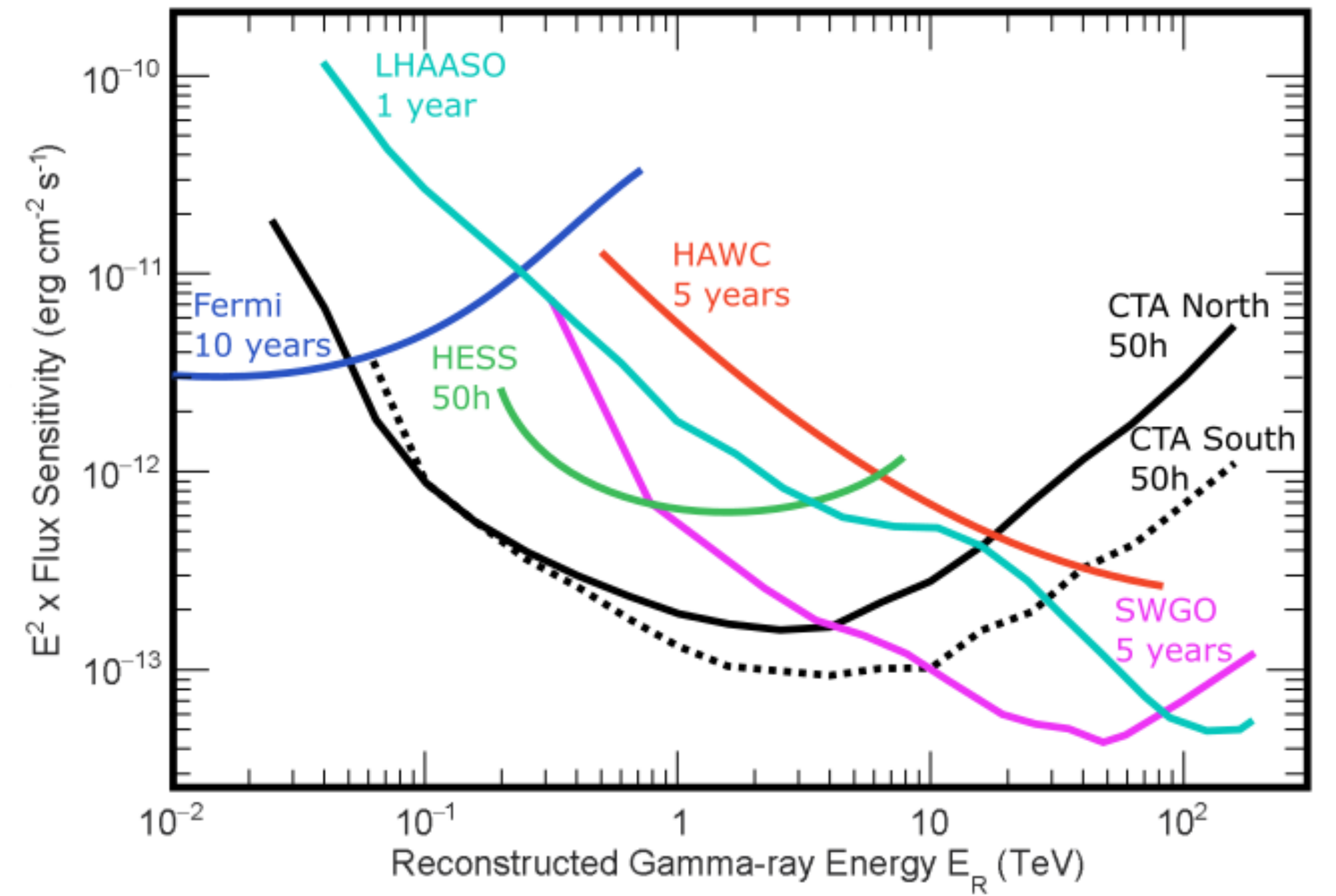


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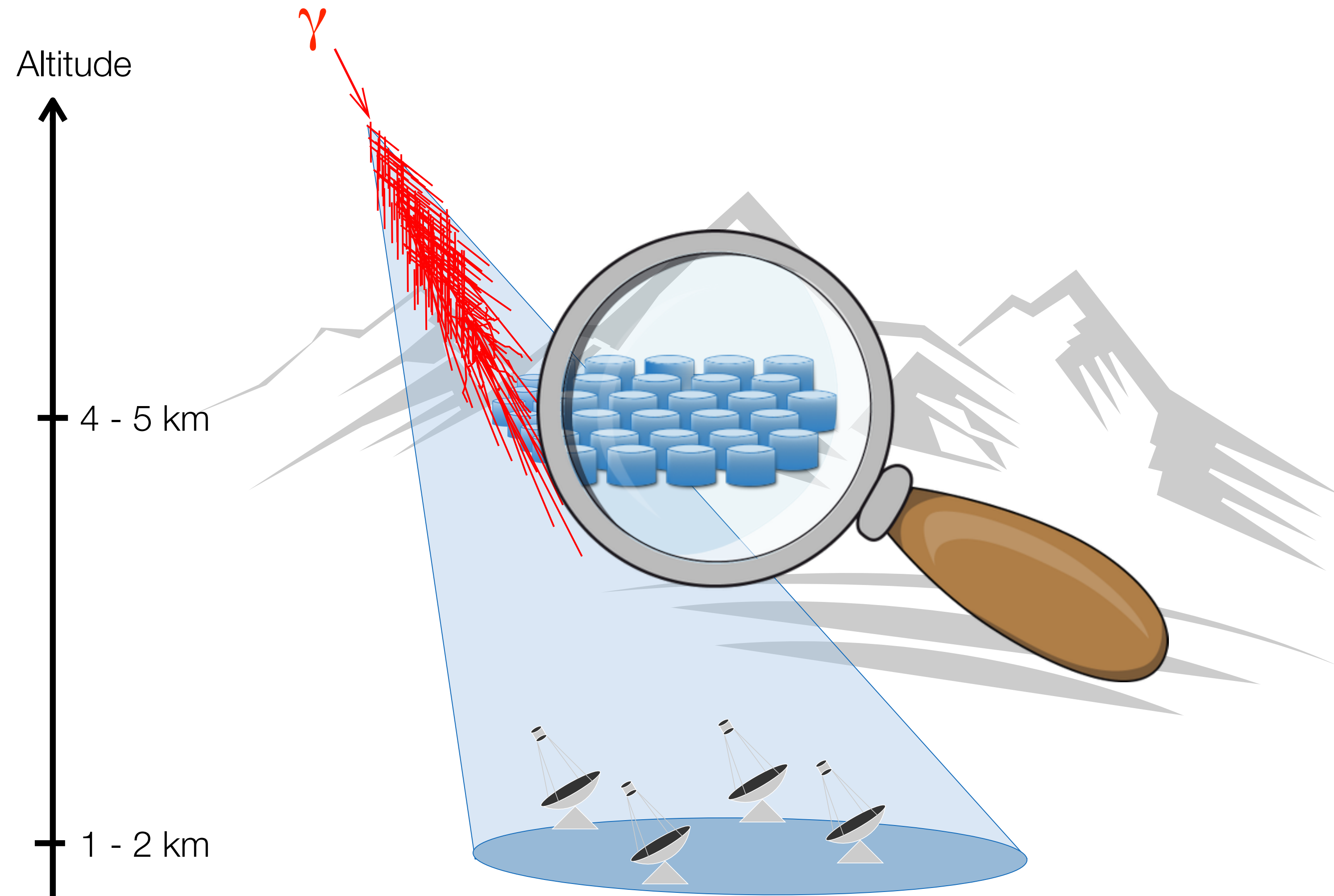
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Zoom on Water Cherenkov Detectors



The High Altitude Water Cherenkov observatory (HAWC)



Latitude : 19N
Altitude : 4100 m
Area : 22 000 m², 60% coverage
Trigger rate : ~25KHz
Energy range : ~100 GeV - ~100 TeV

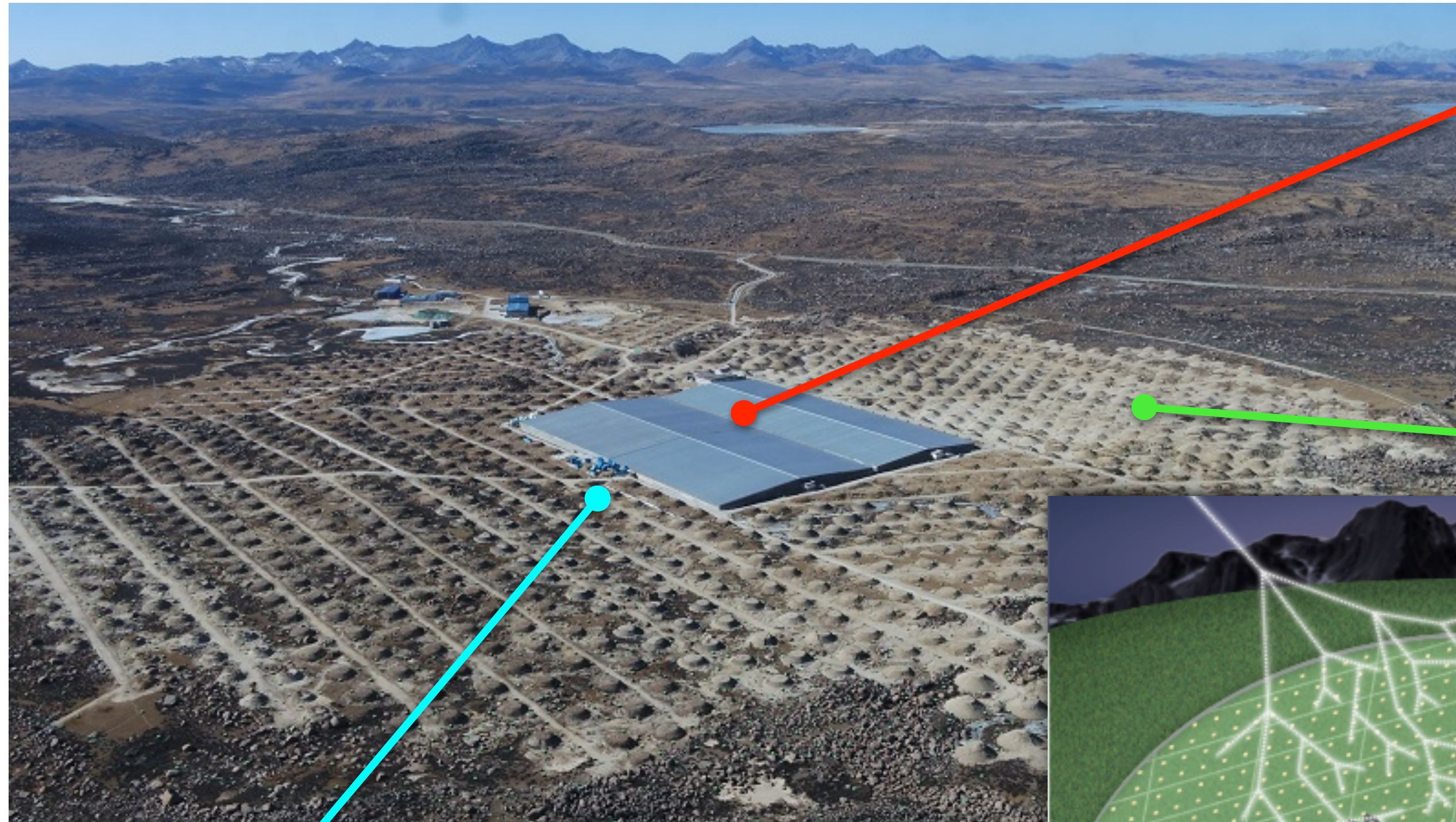
Credits: [HAWC collaboration](#)



300 light tight tanks
—> 200 kL of purified water
—> 1x10' PMT and 3x8'PMTs

The Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO)

The LHAASO collaboration



WCDA

(Water Cherenkov Detector Array)

Area : 78 000 m², 100% coverage

Water : 4.4m height

Energy range : ~100 GeV - ~20 TeV

KM2A

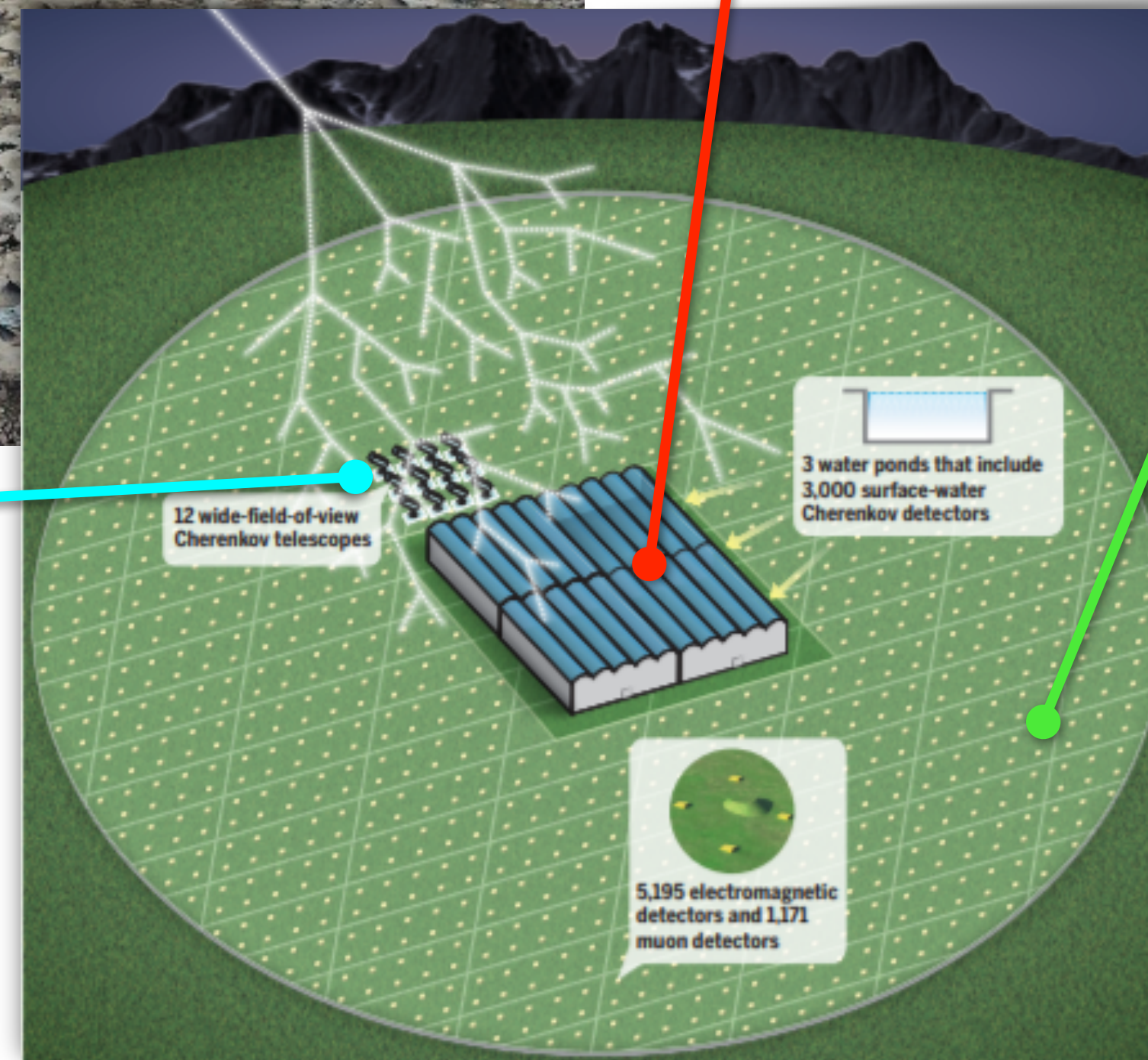
(Kilometre square array)

Area : 1 km²

5195 electromagnetic detectors
(1m² plastic scintillators)

1171 muon detectors (36 m² WCD
units under 2.5 m of soil)

Energy range : ~20 TeV - a few PeV



WFCTA

(Wide-Field Cherenkov Telescope Array)

5 m² mirrors (vs. 107 m² HESS-I)

0.5° pixels (vs. 0.15° HESS-I)

16°×16° field of view (vs 5° HESS-I)

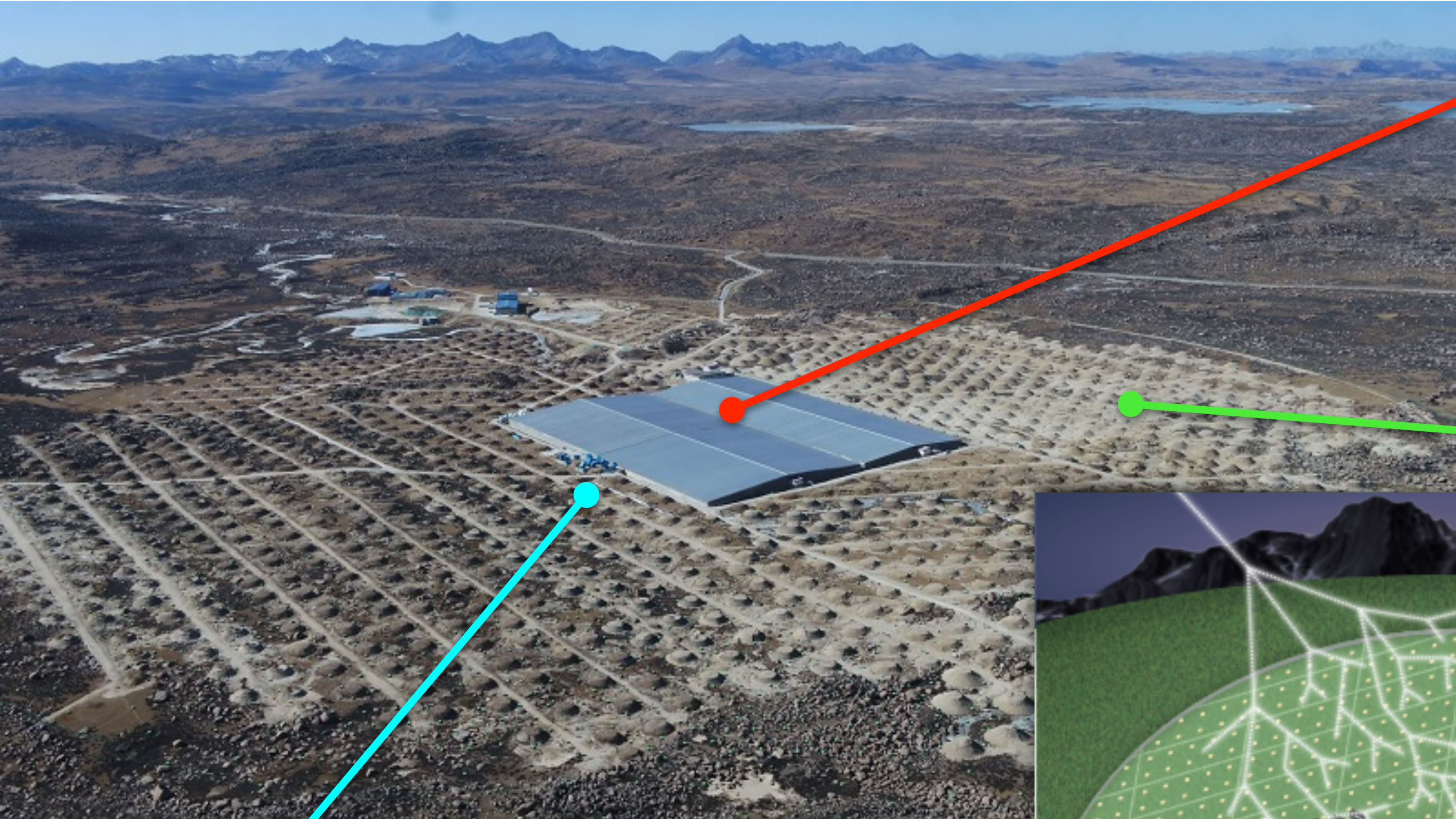
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Latitude : 29N

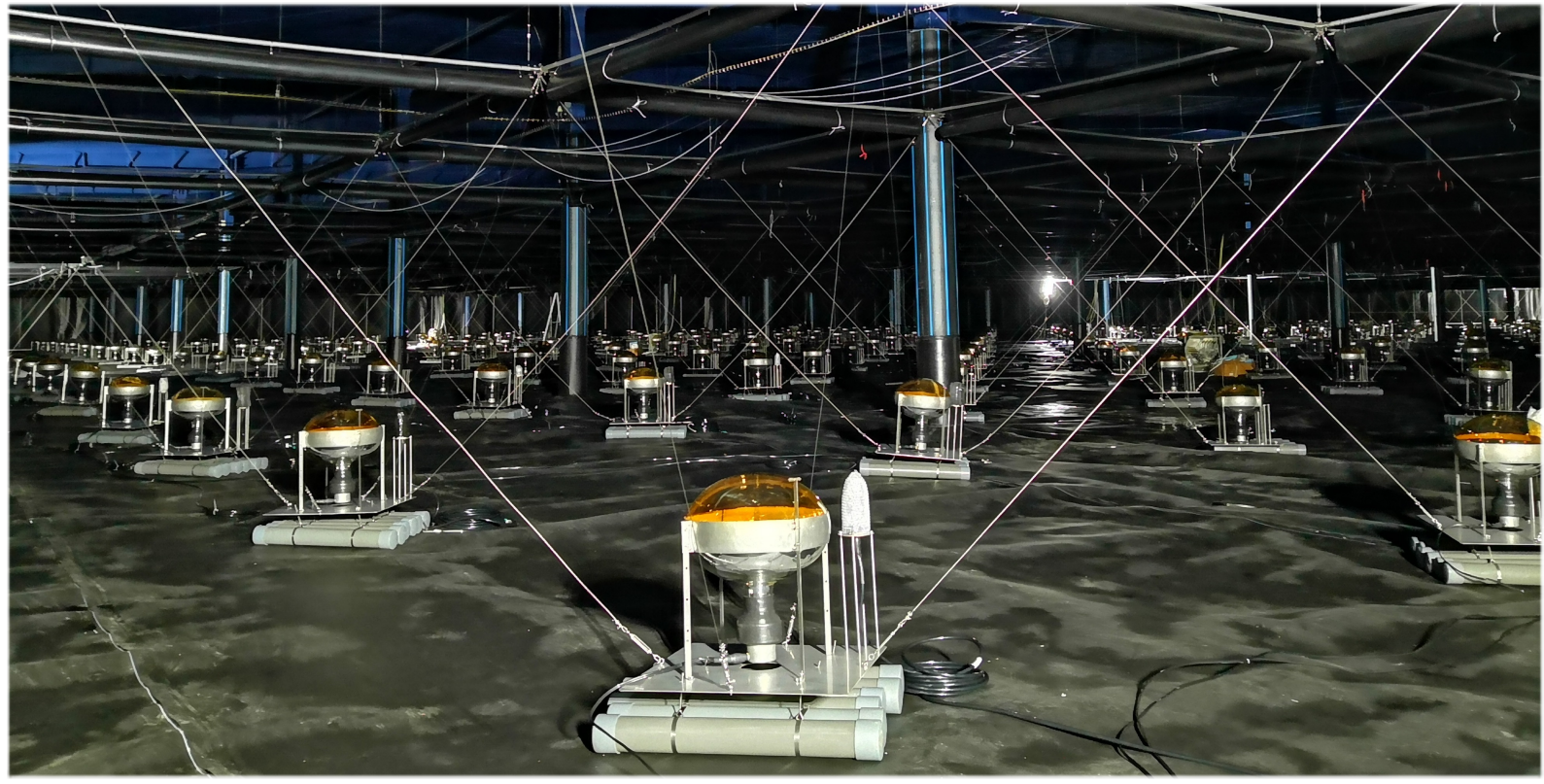
Altitude : 4400 m

The Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO)

The LHAASO collaboration, Ma et al 2022



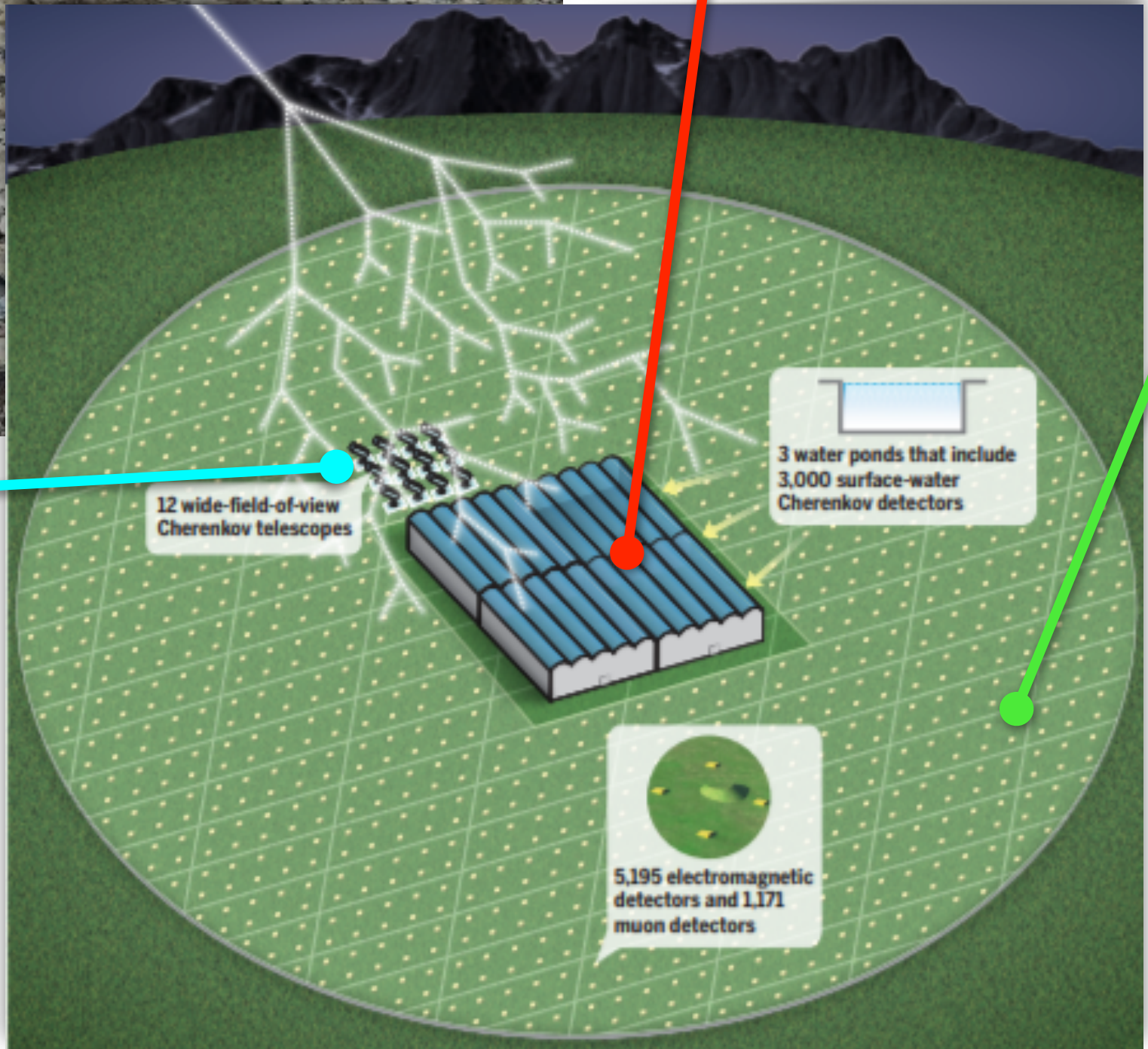
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WFCTA



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IHEP, credits : MUKESH MOHANAN/CHINA DAILY

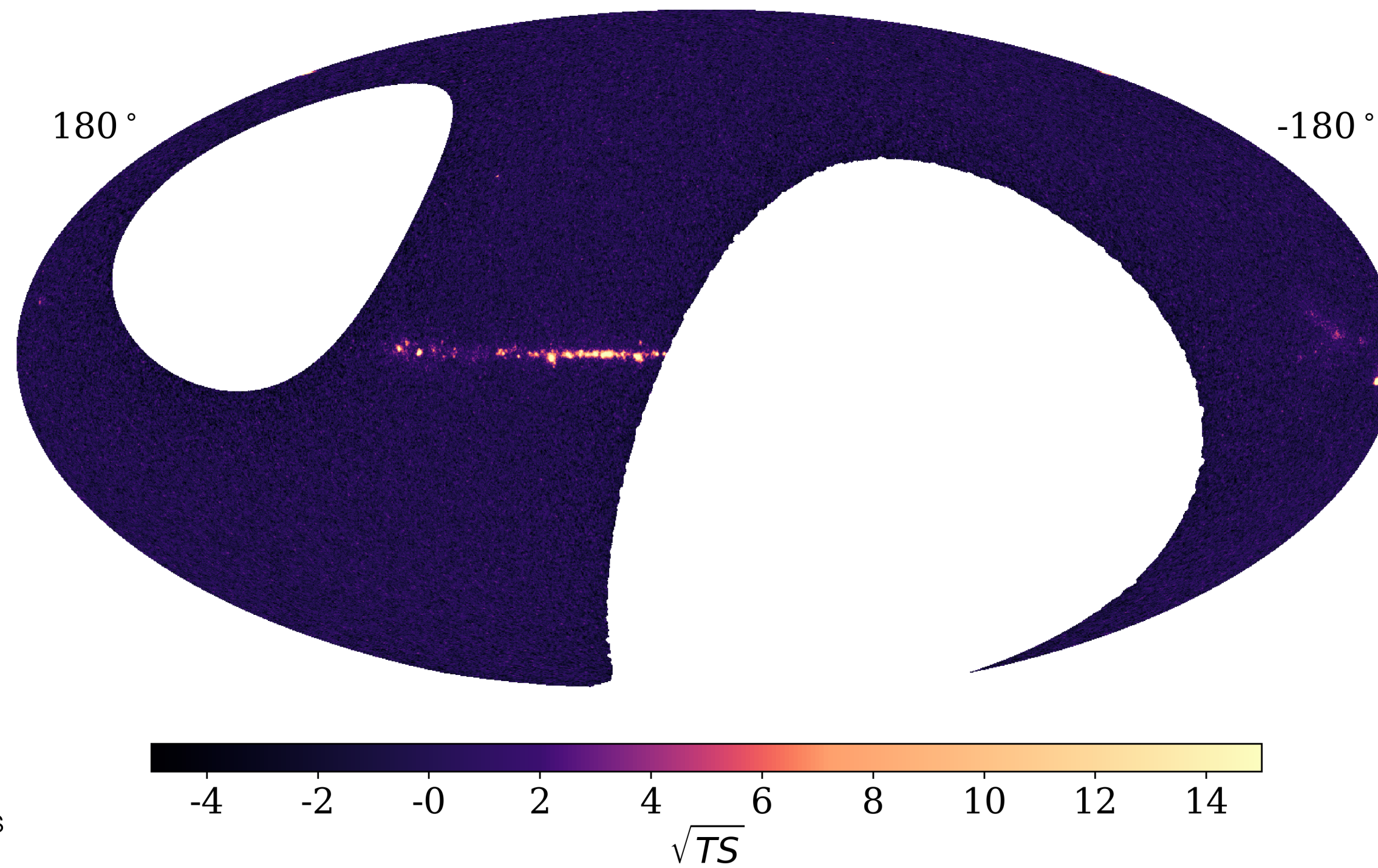
Catalogue of VHE and UHE γ -ray sources - search for PeVatrons

65 sources reported by HAWC, including
9 sources with $E > 56$ TeV, 3 sources > 100 TeV

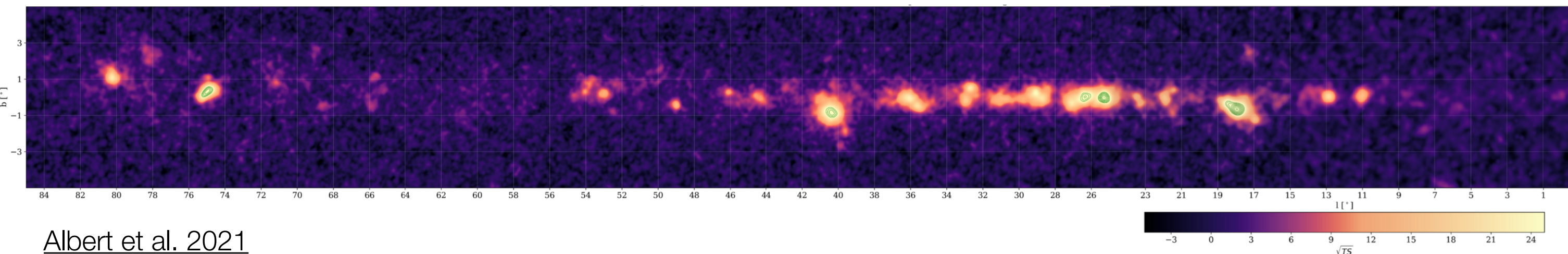
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3HWC: The Third HAWC Catalog of Very-high-energy Gamma-Ray Sources

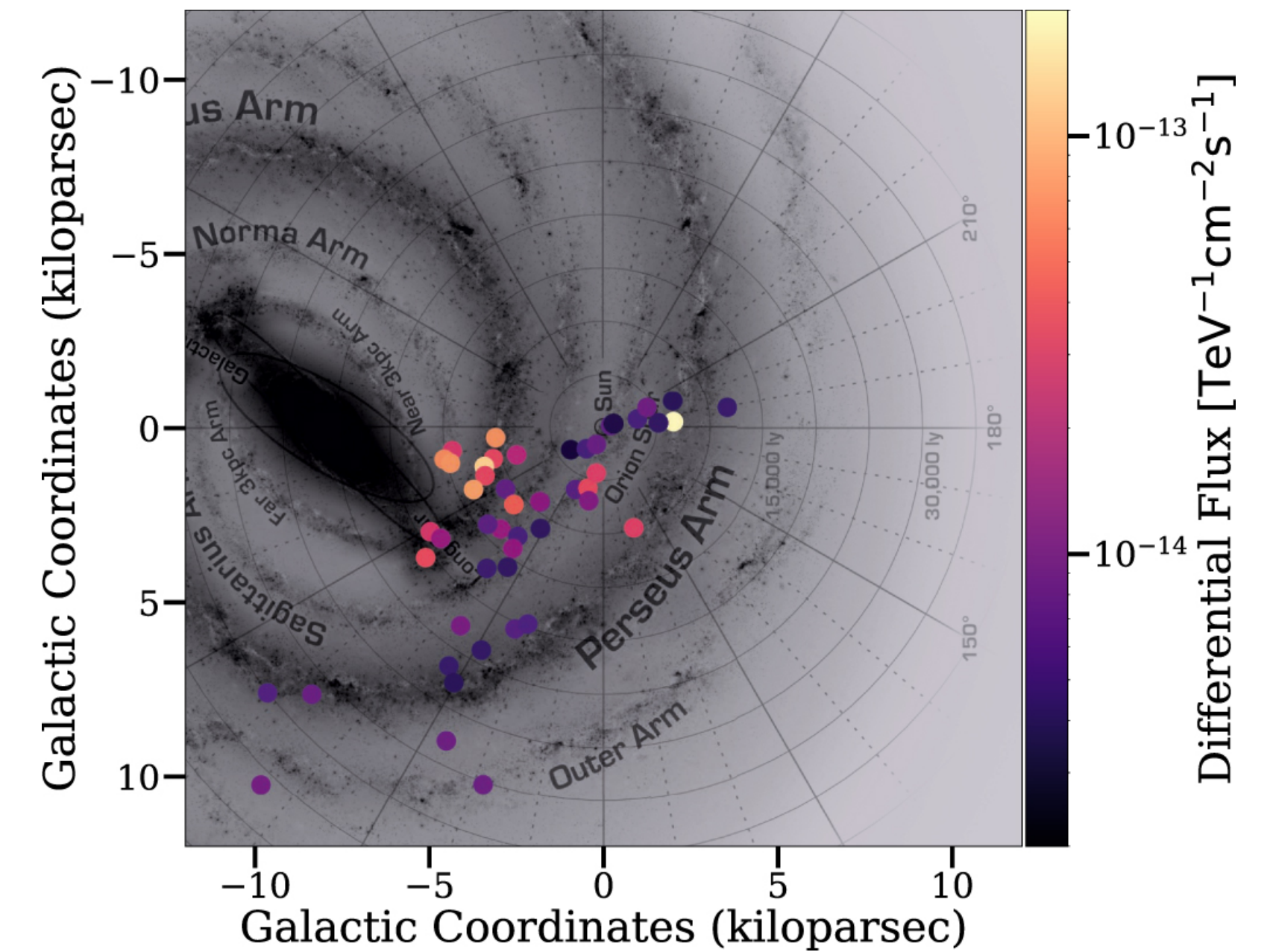
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H. A. Ayala Solares⁶ , V. Baghmanyant⁷ , E. Belmont-Moreno² 



1910 days



Albert et al. 2021

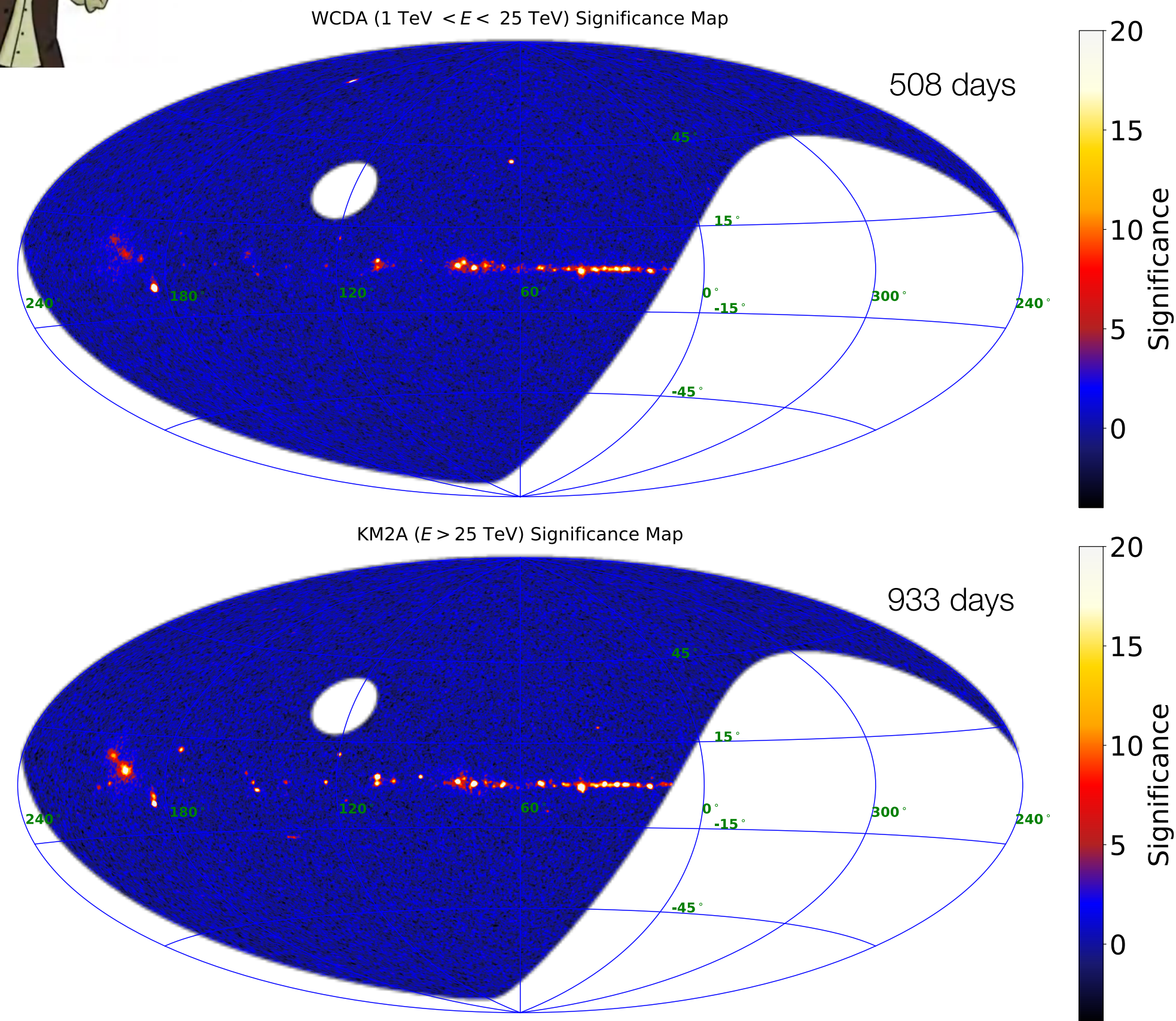


49 HAWC sources are spatially associated
with a pulsar (with available distance)

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The First LHAASO Catalog of Gamma-Ray Sources



90 sources reported by LHAASO,
43 of them detected at UHE (> 100 TeV)

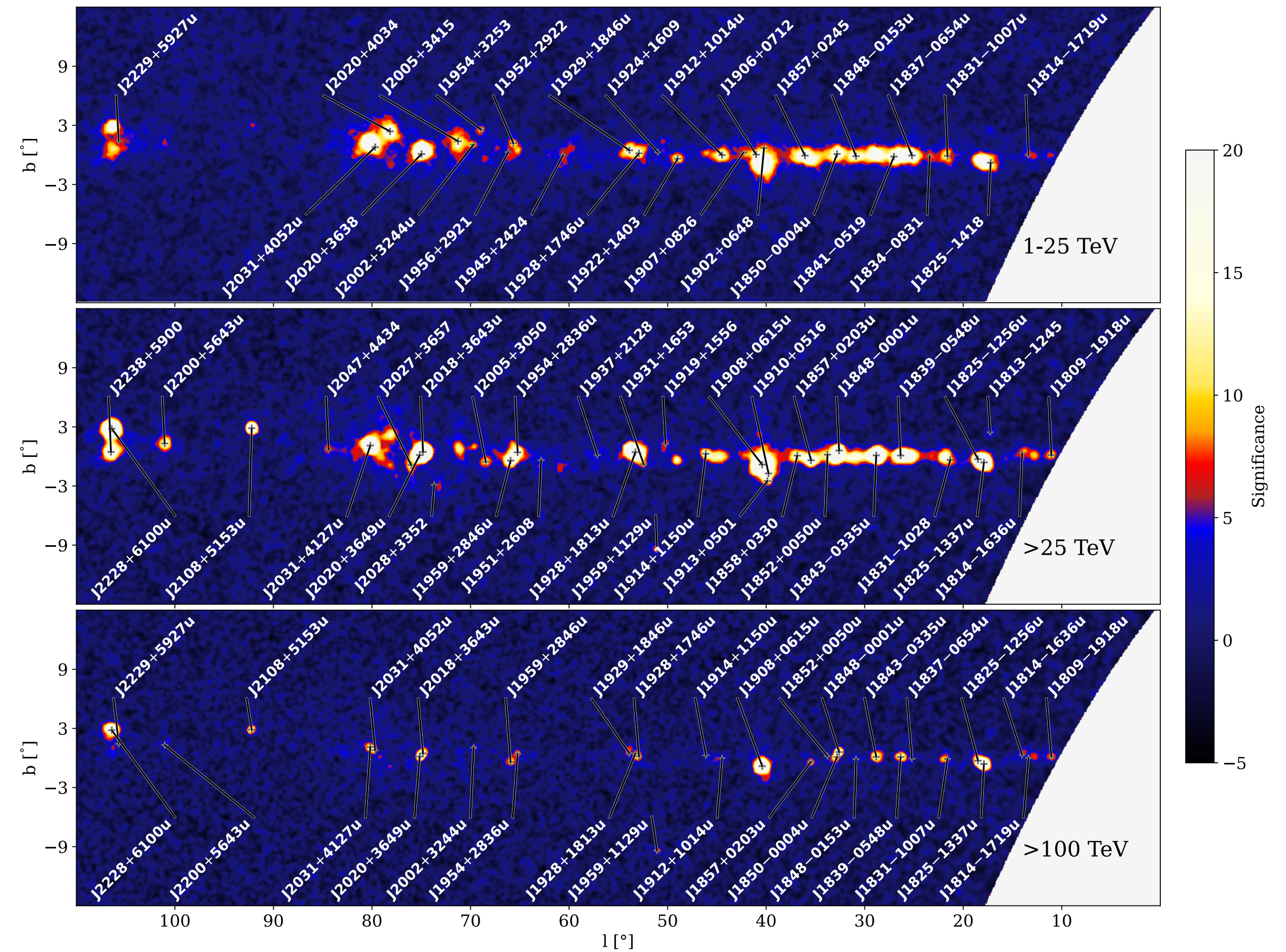
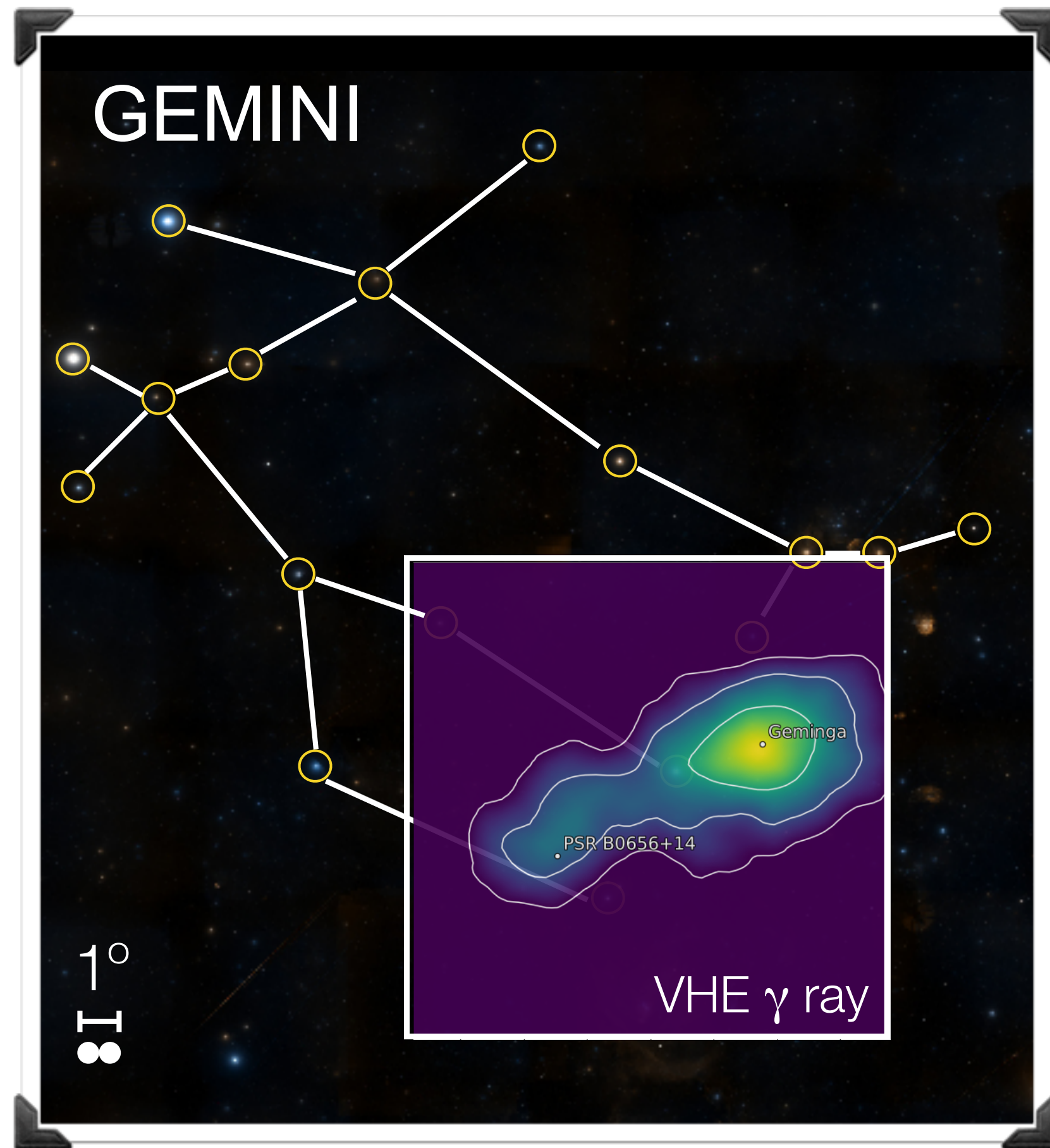


Figure 1. Significance maps of the region monitored by LHAASO. A point test source with a spectral index of 2.6 for WCDA data and 3.0 for KM2A data is used.

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(Very) extended sources

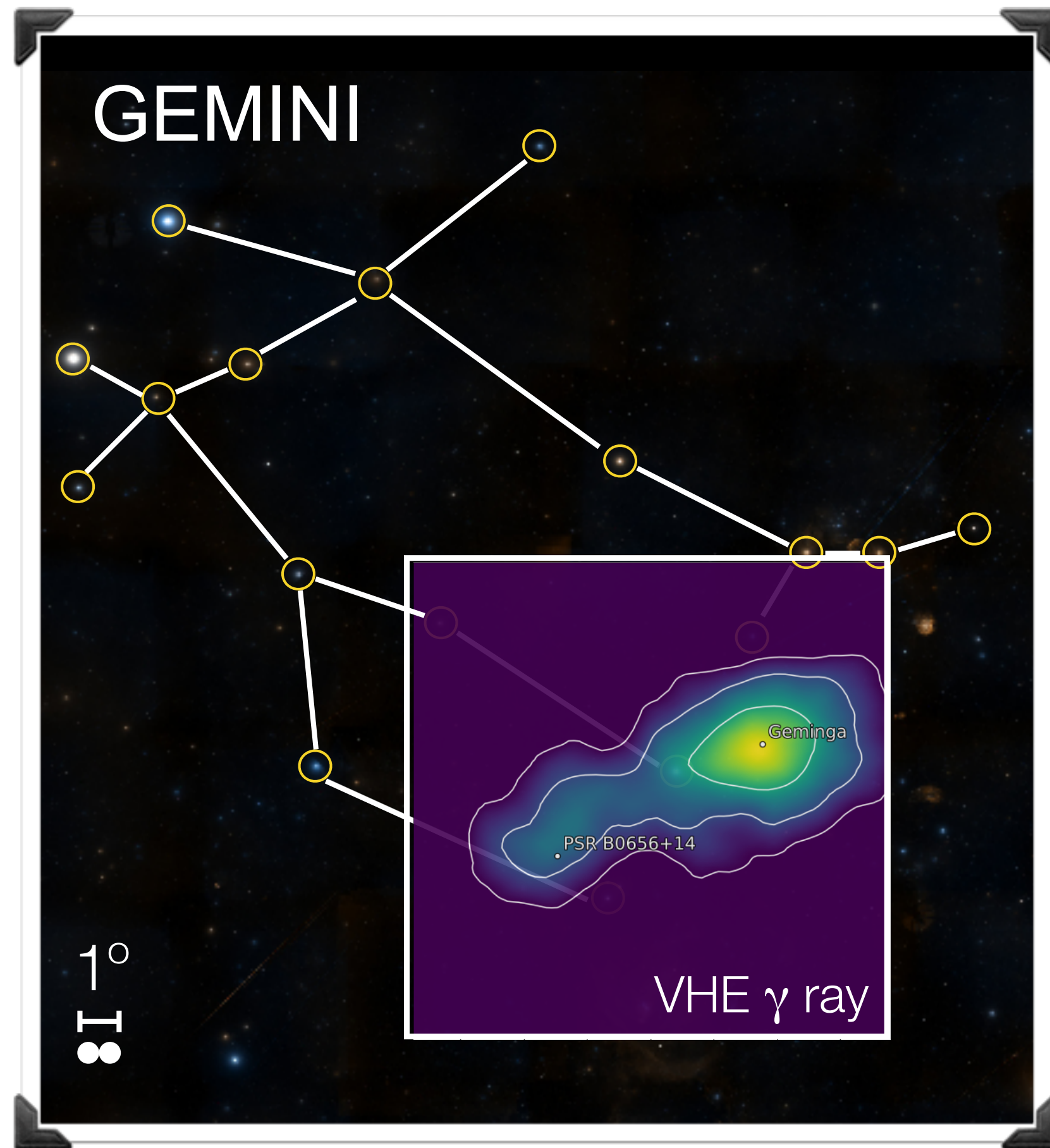
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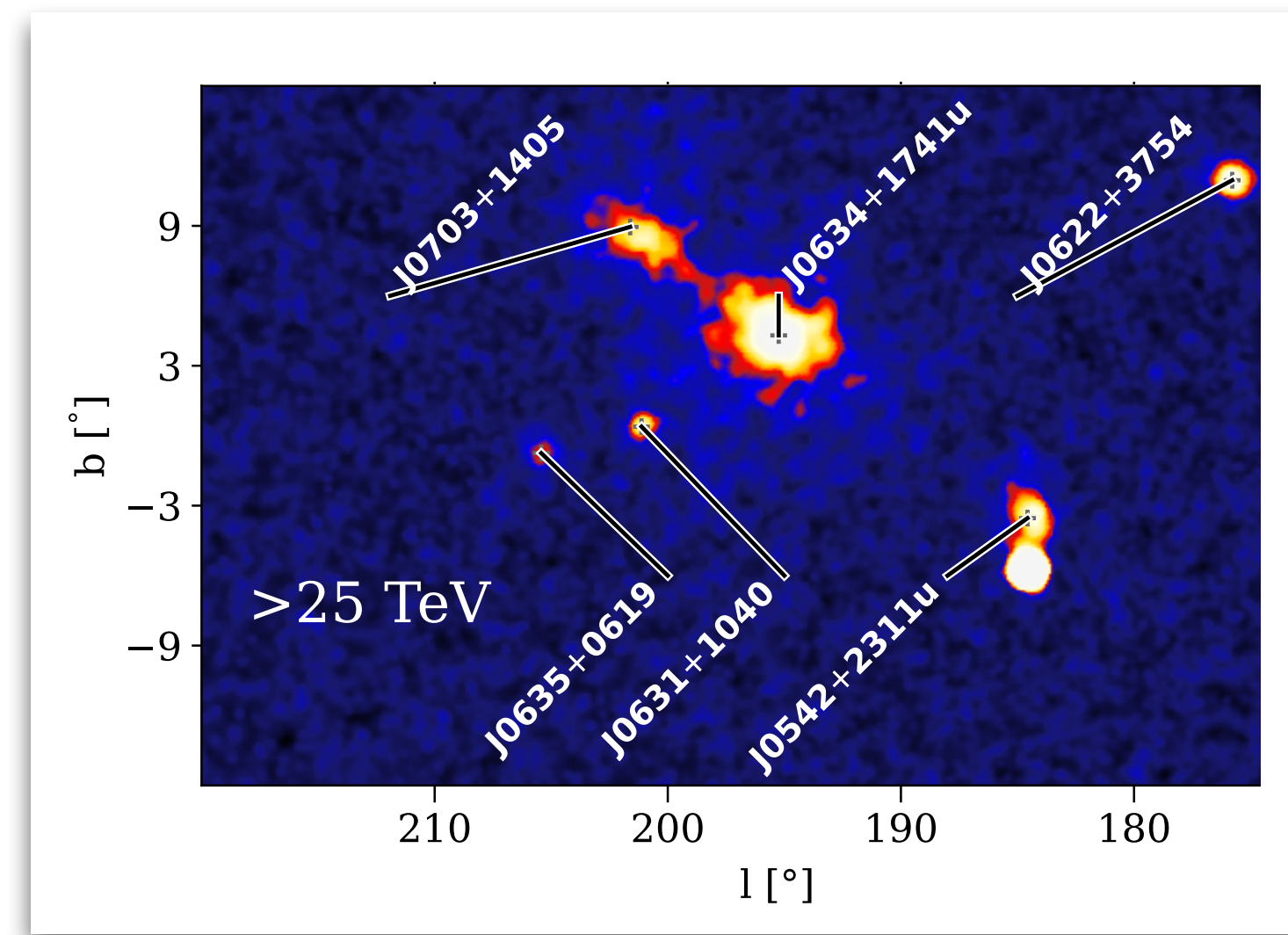
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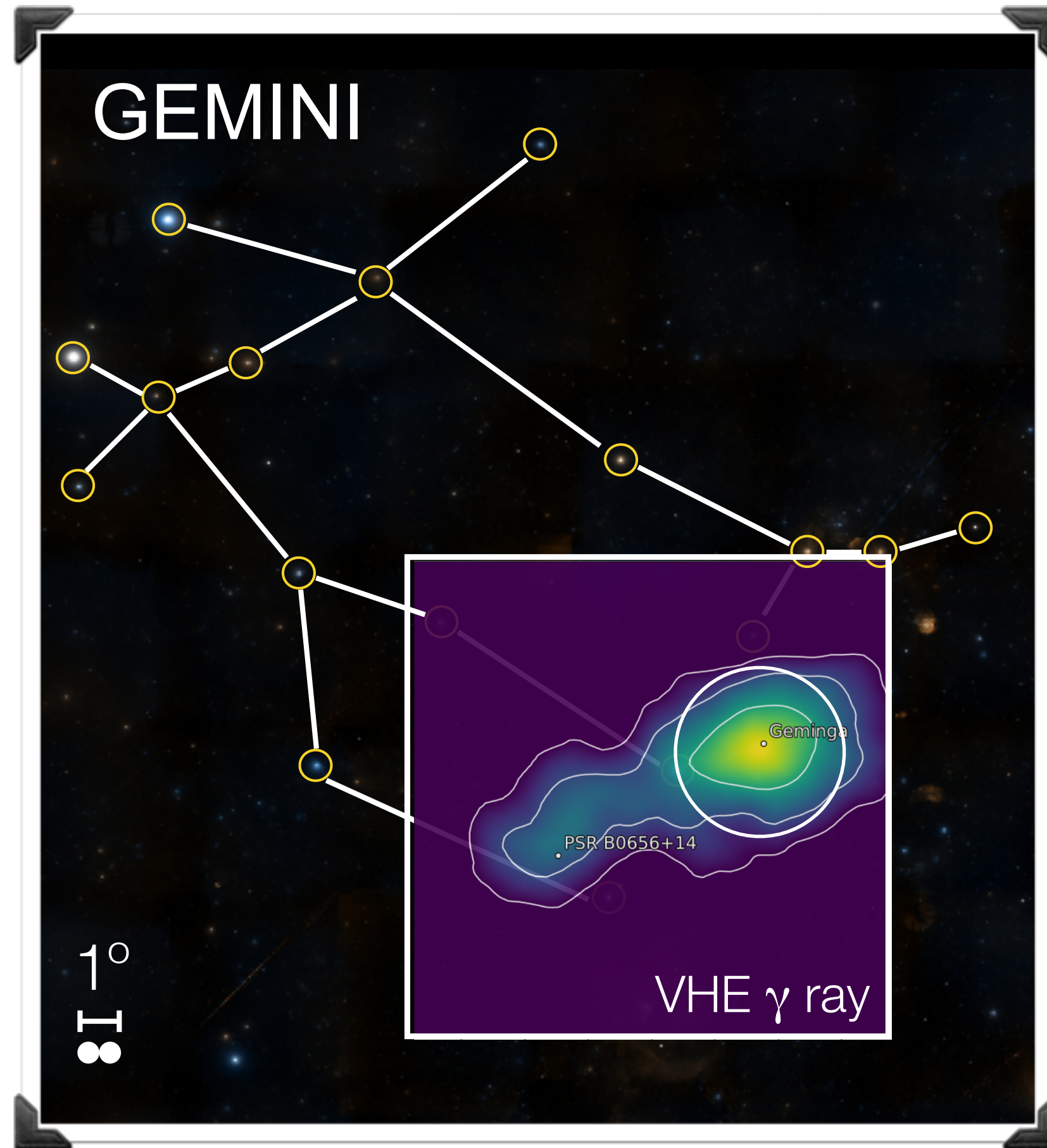


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Complementary
to detect and
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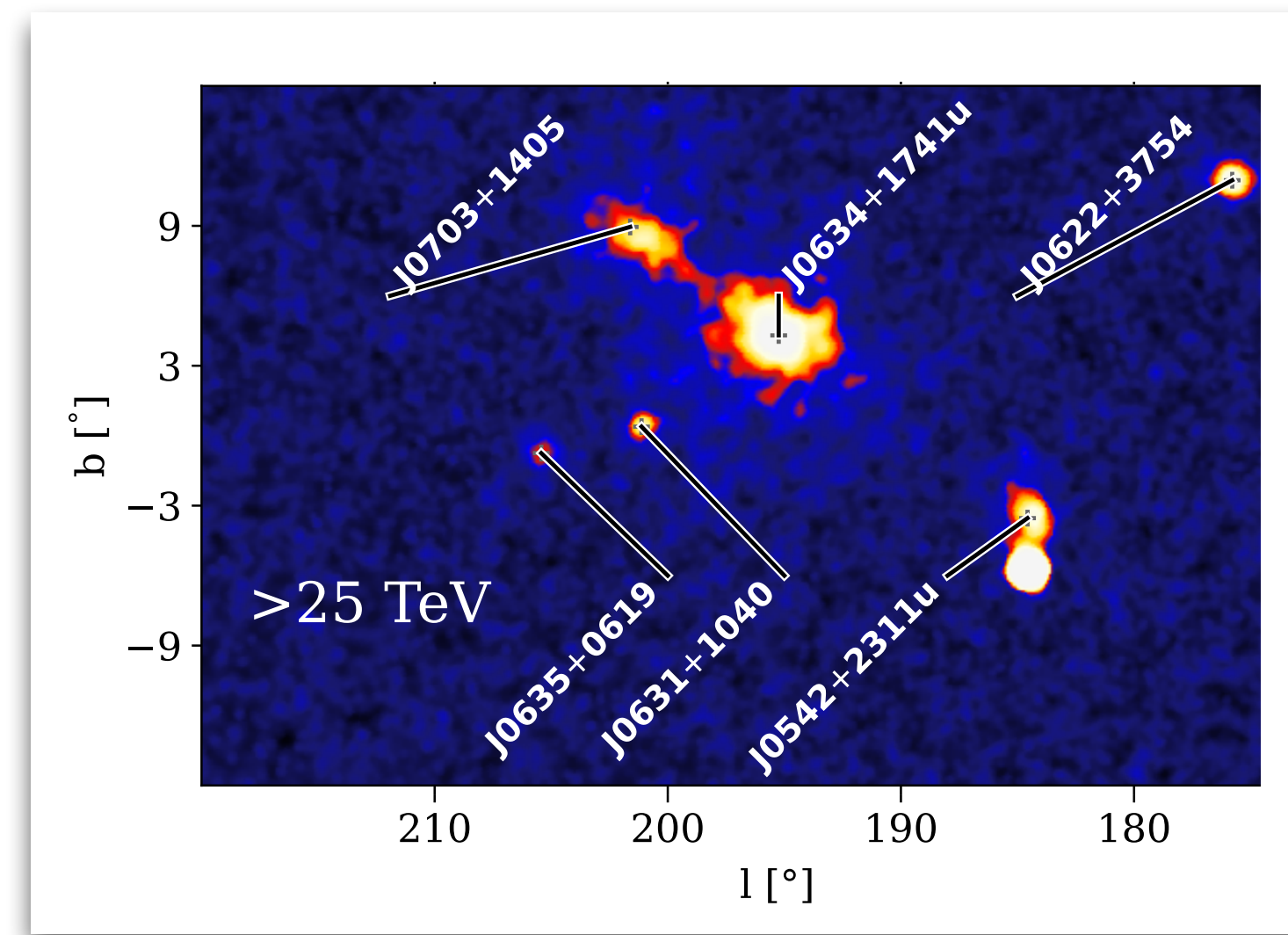
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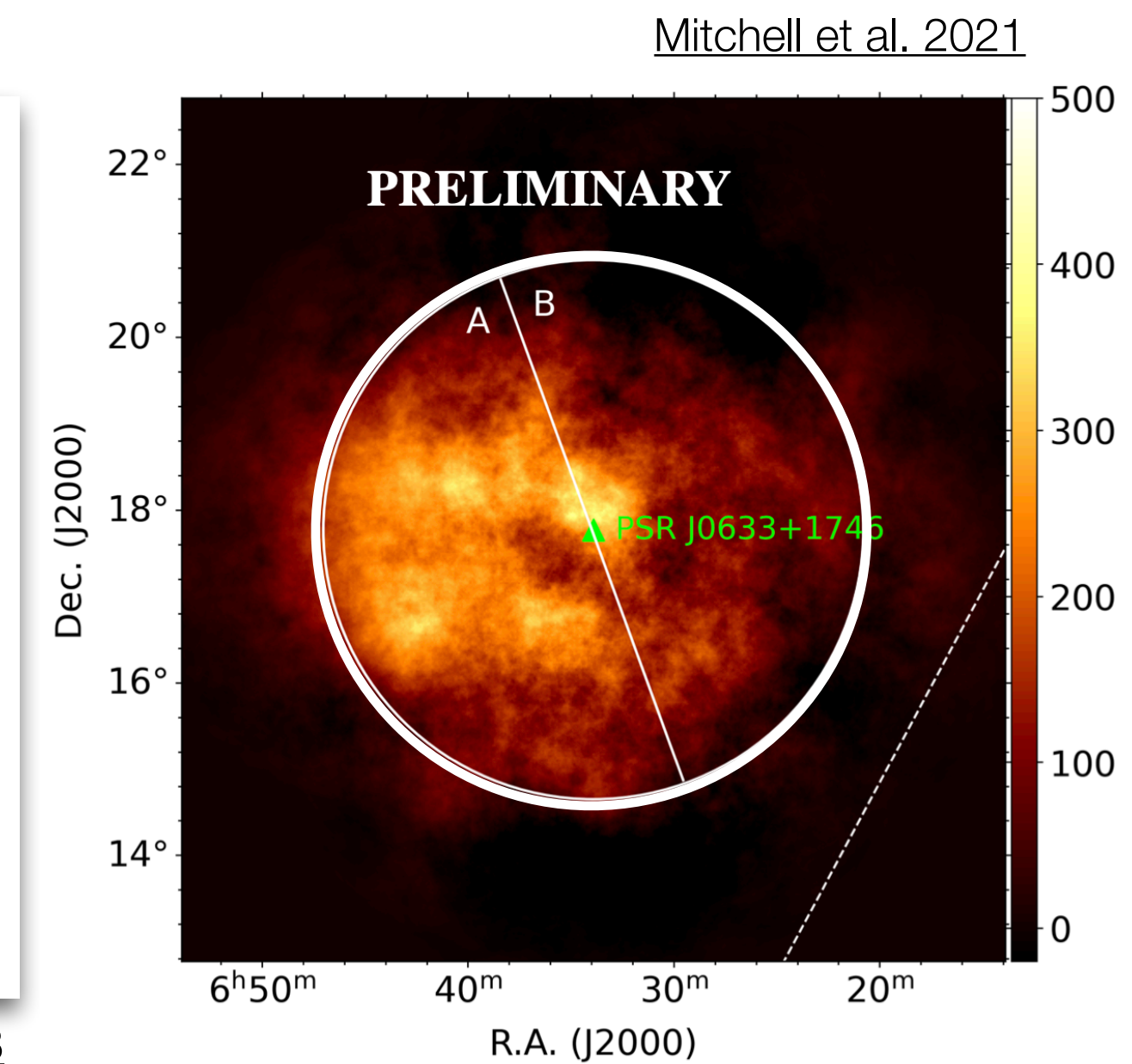
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Challenging for Cherenkov telescopes (but not impossible)

-> Detection of Geminga by H.E.S.S. (HESS collaboration, 2023)



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Transient events



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New Enhanced Activity of Mrk 421 measured by HAWC

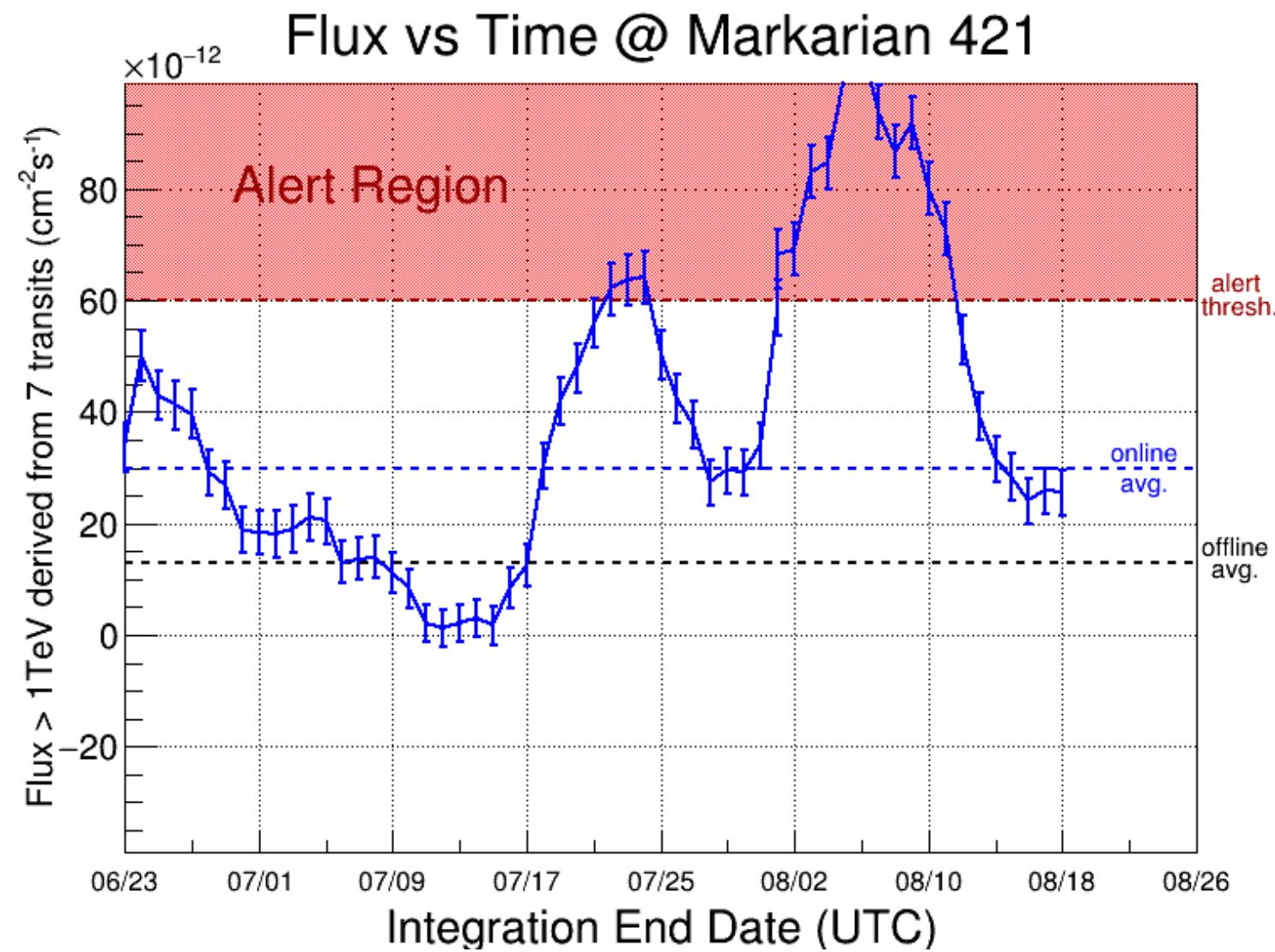
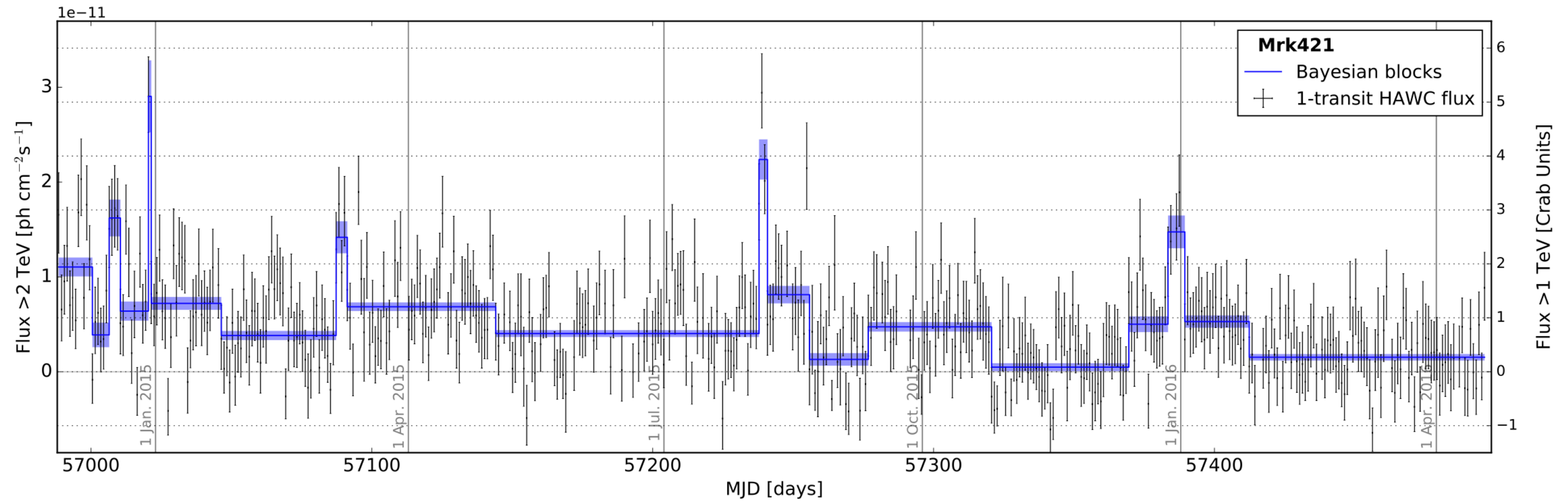
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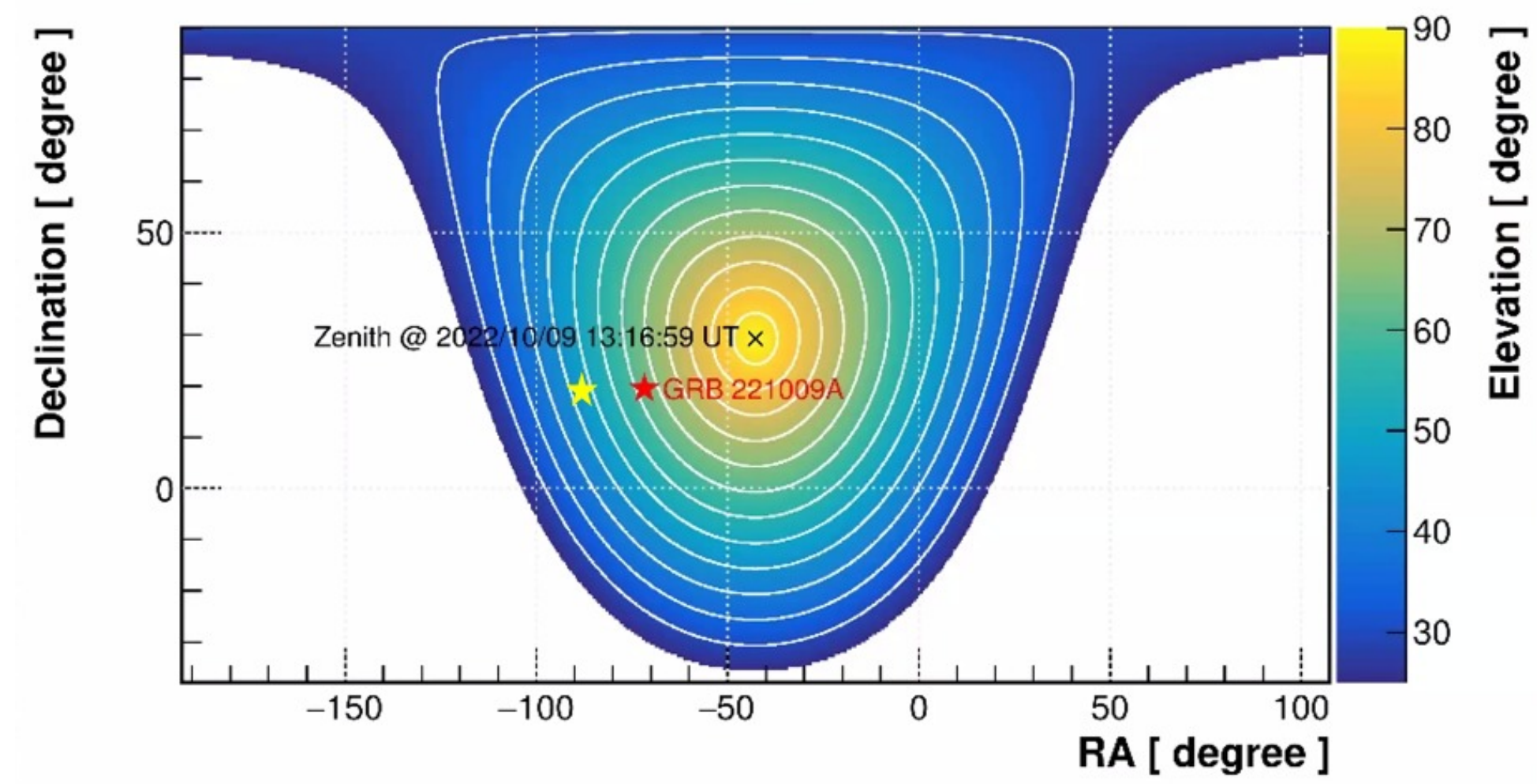
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Complementary to detect and follow up transient events

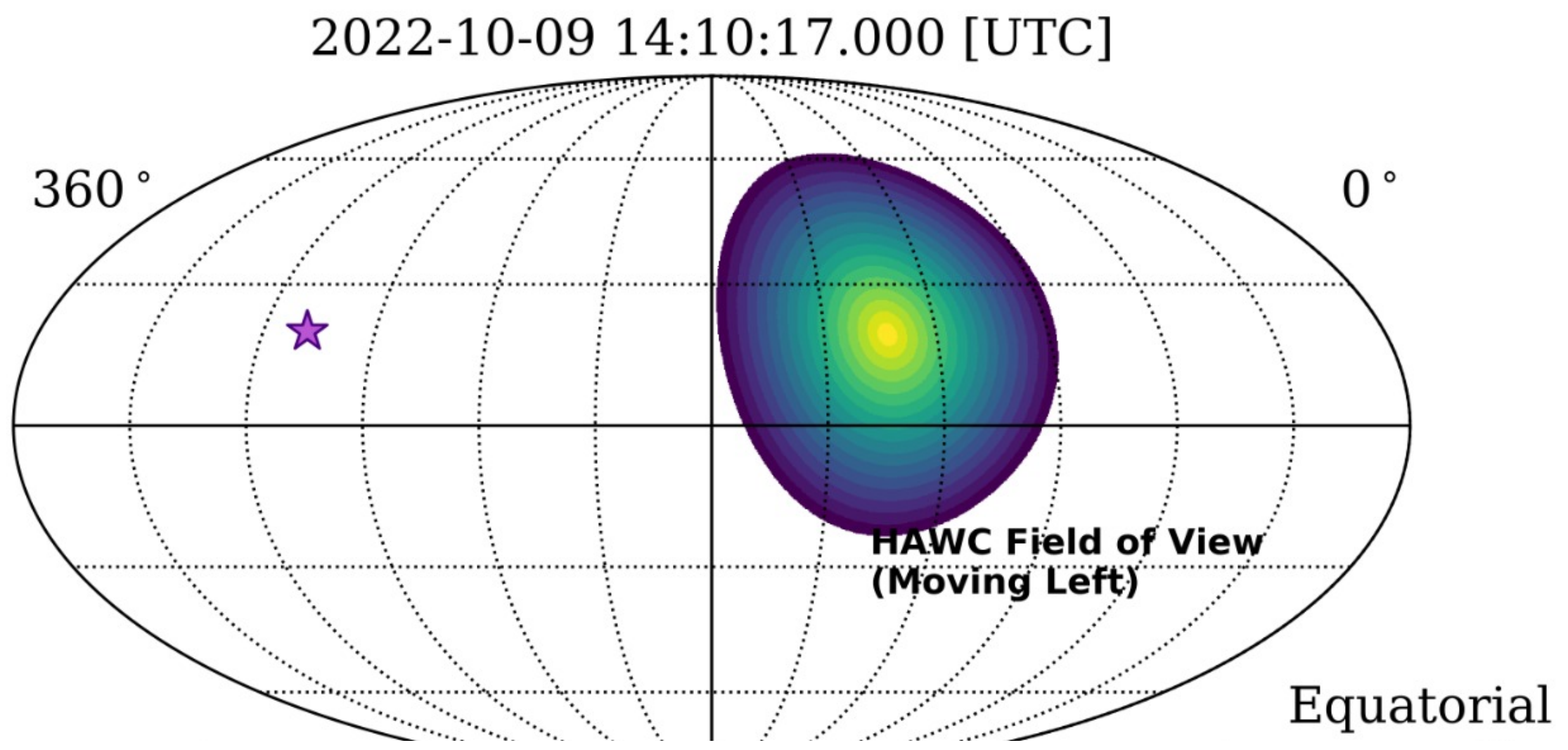
Transient events



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 DATE: 22/10/11 09:21:54 GMT
 FROM: Judith Racusin at GSFC <judith.racusin@nasa.gov>

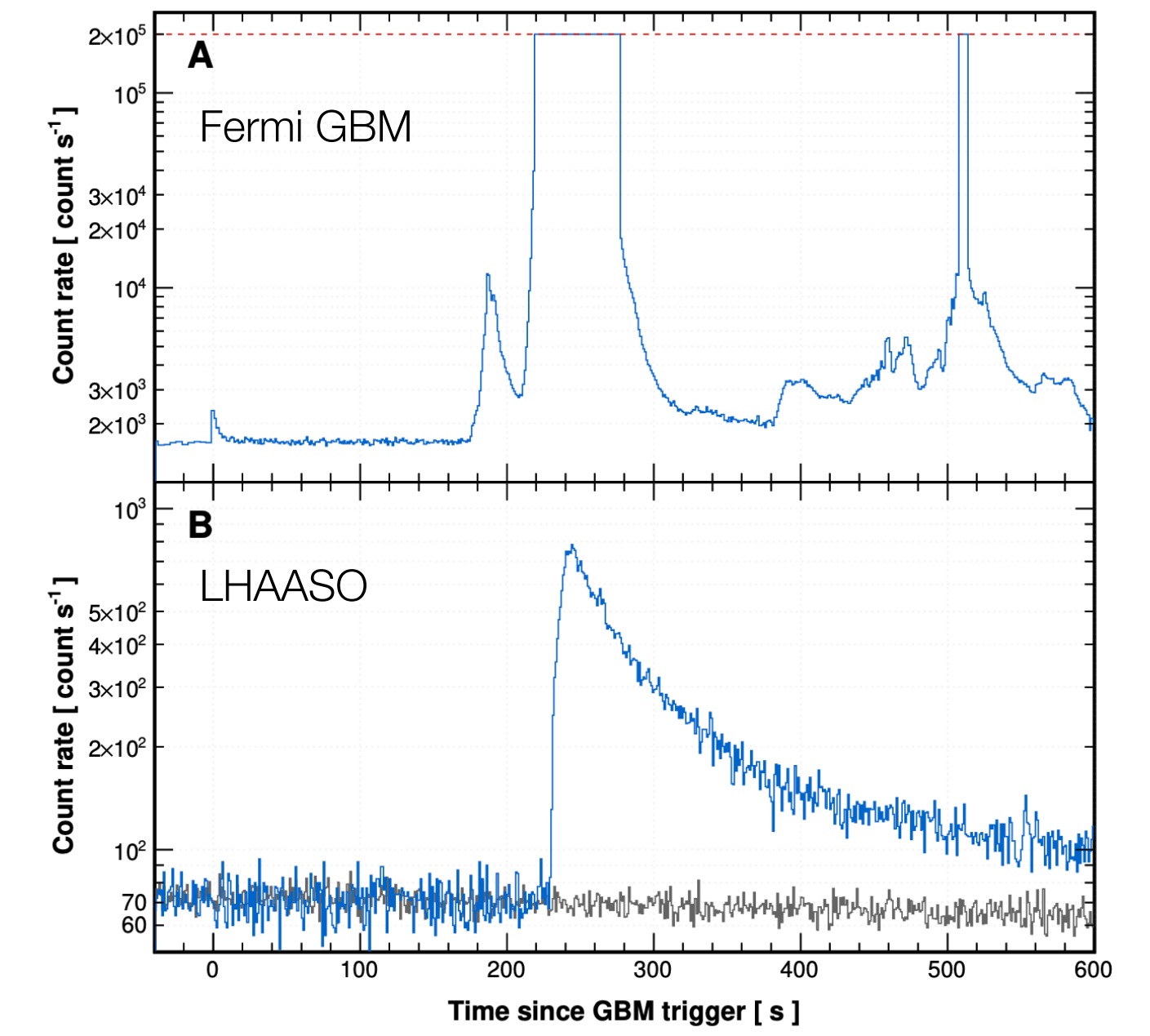
Yong Huang, Shicong Hu, Songzhan Chen, Min Zha, Cheng Liu, Zhiguo Yao and Zhen Cao report on behalf of the LHAASO experiment

We report the observation of GRB 221009A, which was detected by Swift (Kennea et al. GCN #32635), Fermi-GBM (Veres et al. GCN #32636, Lesage et al. GCN #32642), Fermi-LAT (Bissaldi et al. GCN #32637), IPN (Svinkin et al. GCN #32641) and so on.



More than 64,000 photons (> 0.2 TeV) detected within the first 50 minutes

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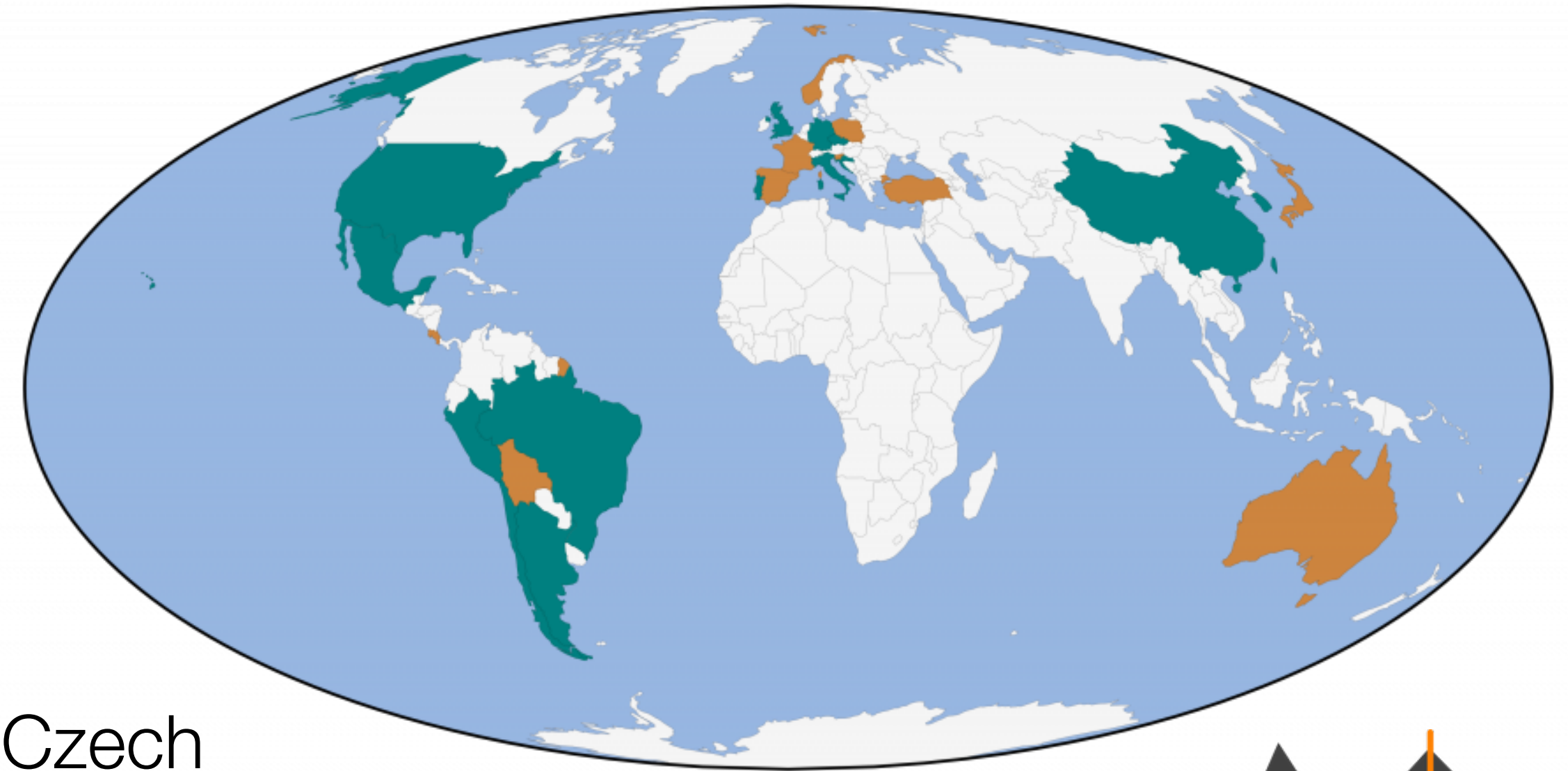
Ulisses Barres de Almeida, CBPF, Brazil

SWGGO : The Southern Wide-field Gamma-ray Observatory

South We GO !

The SWGGO collaboration

- ▶ Founded in 2019
- ▶ 80 research institutions from 14 countries
- ▶ **Full partner institutes** in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, South Korea, Croatia, China, the UK, and the USA
- ▶ **Supporting scientists** in 10 additional countries including France



Spokesperson : Jim Hinton, MPIK Heidelberg, Germany

Vice-spokesperson : Petra Hüntemeyer, MTU, Michigan, US

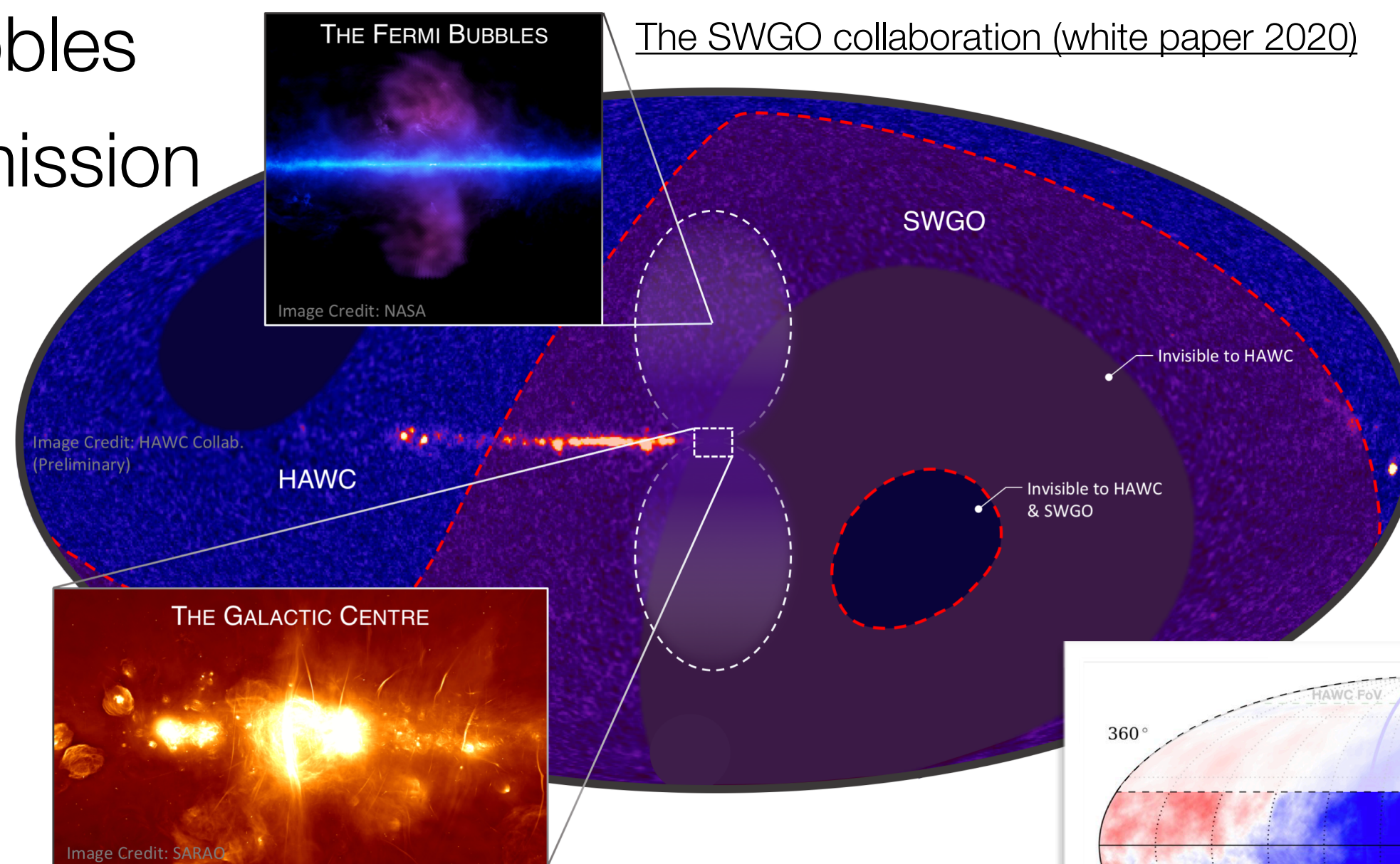
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SWGGO - Science cases

- (very) Extended emission
- ▶ Pulsar halos
 - ▶ Fermi bubbles
 - ▶ Diffuse emission

Transient Sources, GRB

- ▶ Prompt phase
- ▶ Alert CTA

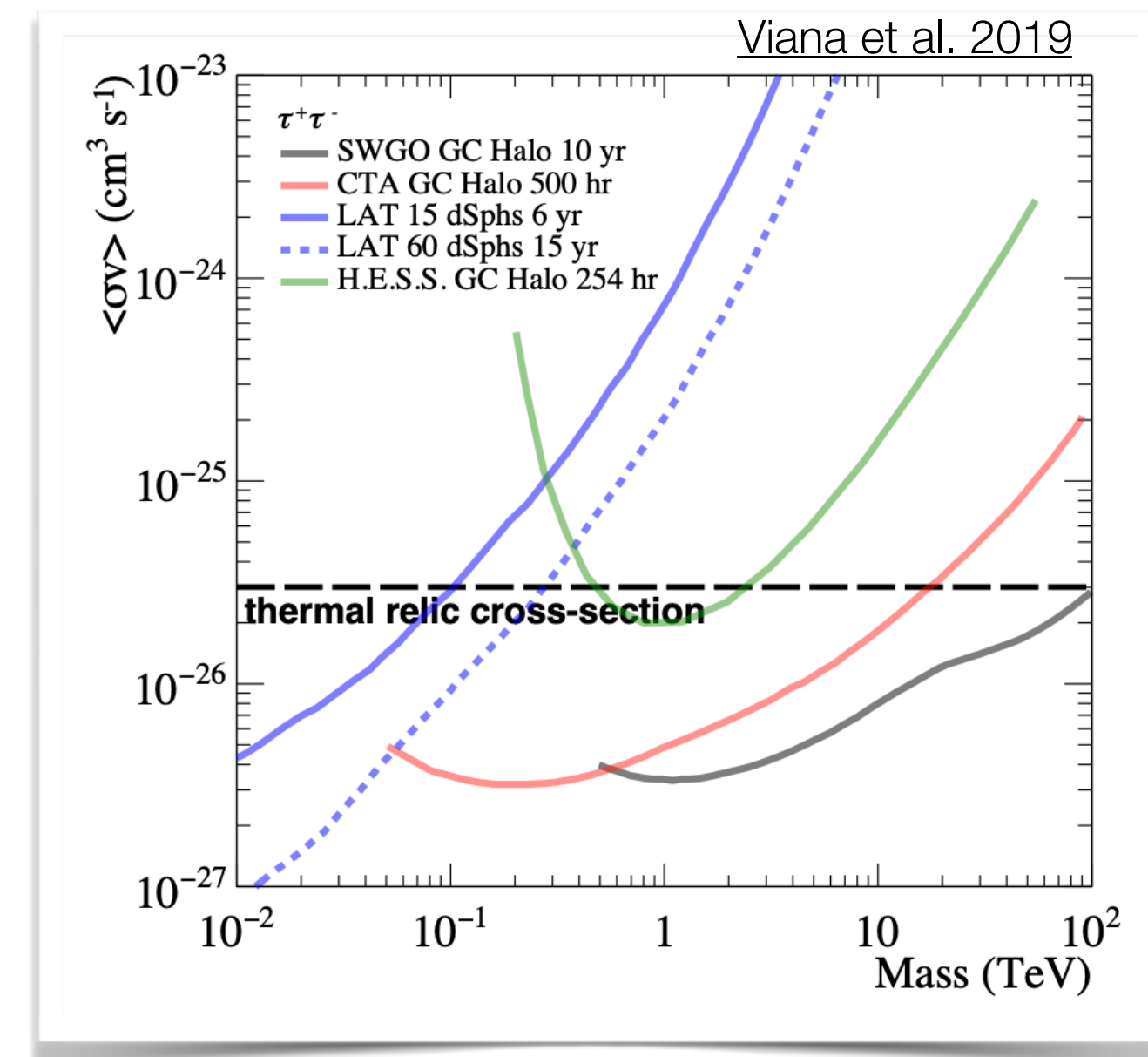
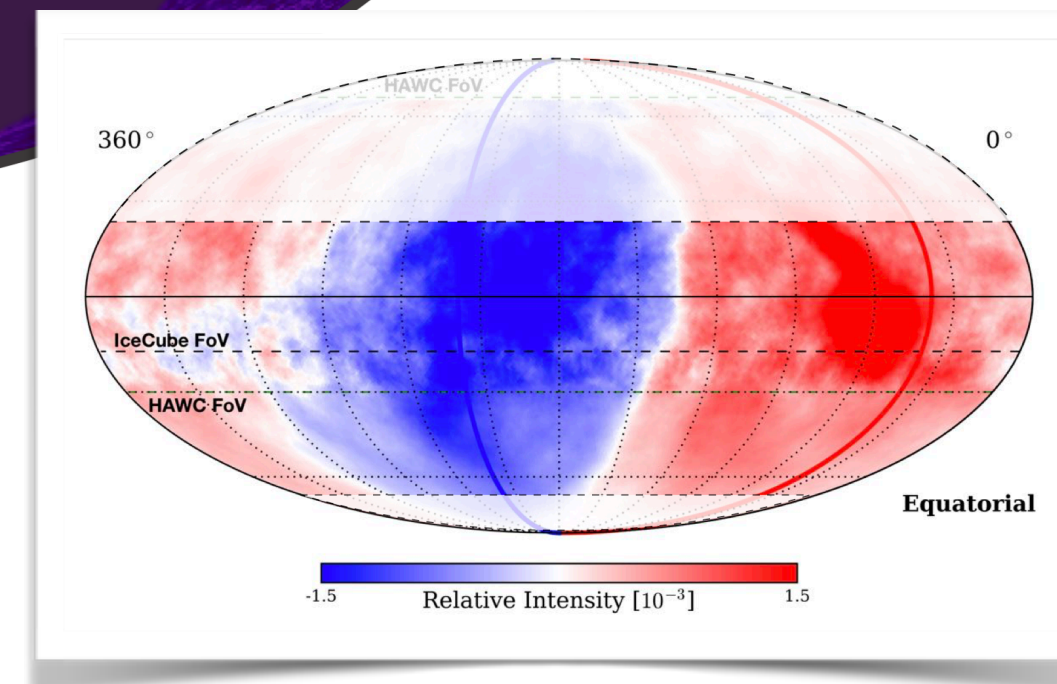


Galactic PeVatrons

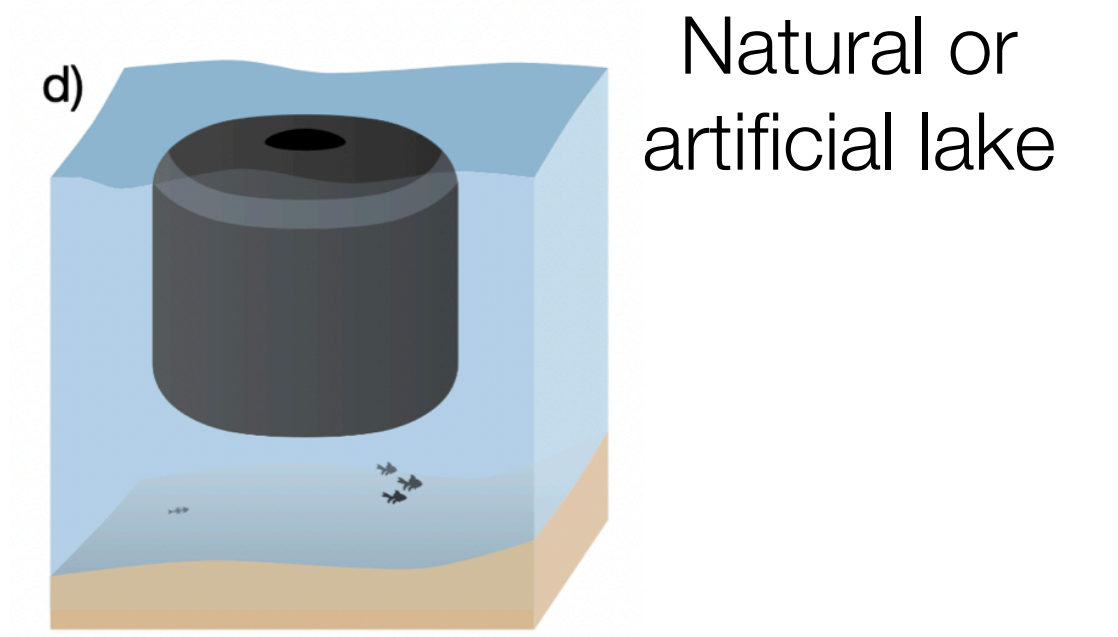
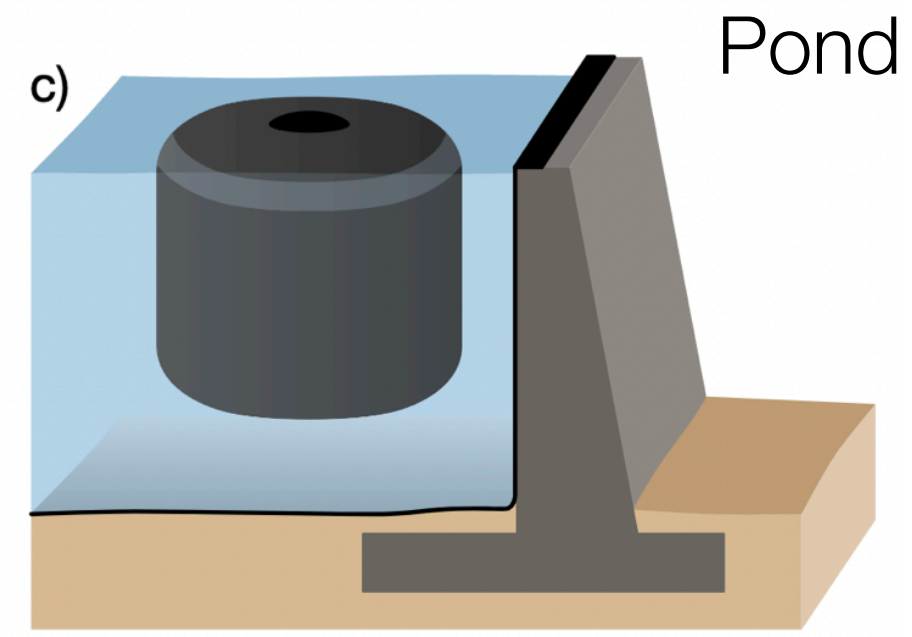
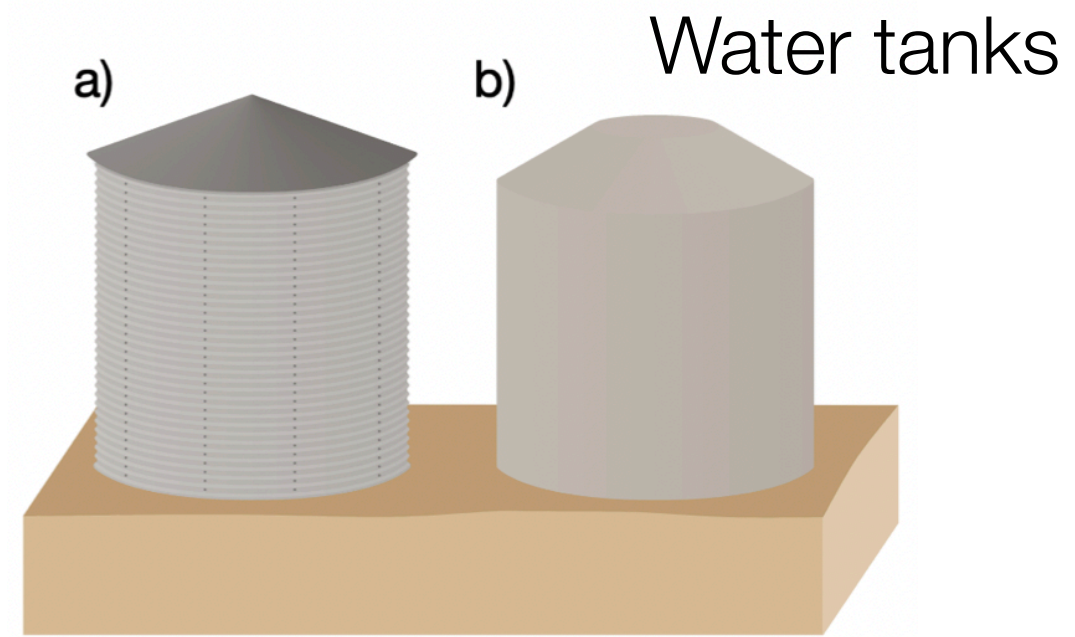
Dark Matter search in the galactic halo

The southern sky and the Galactic center region

Cosmic ray anisotropy

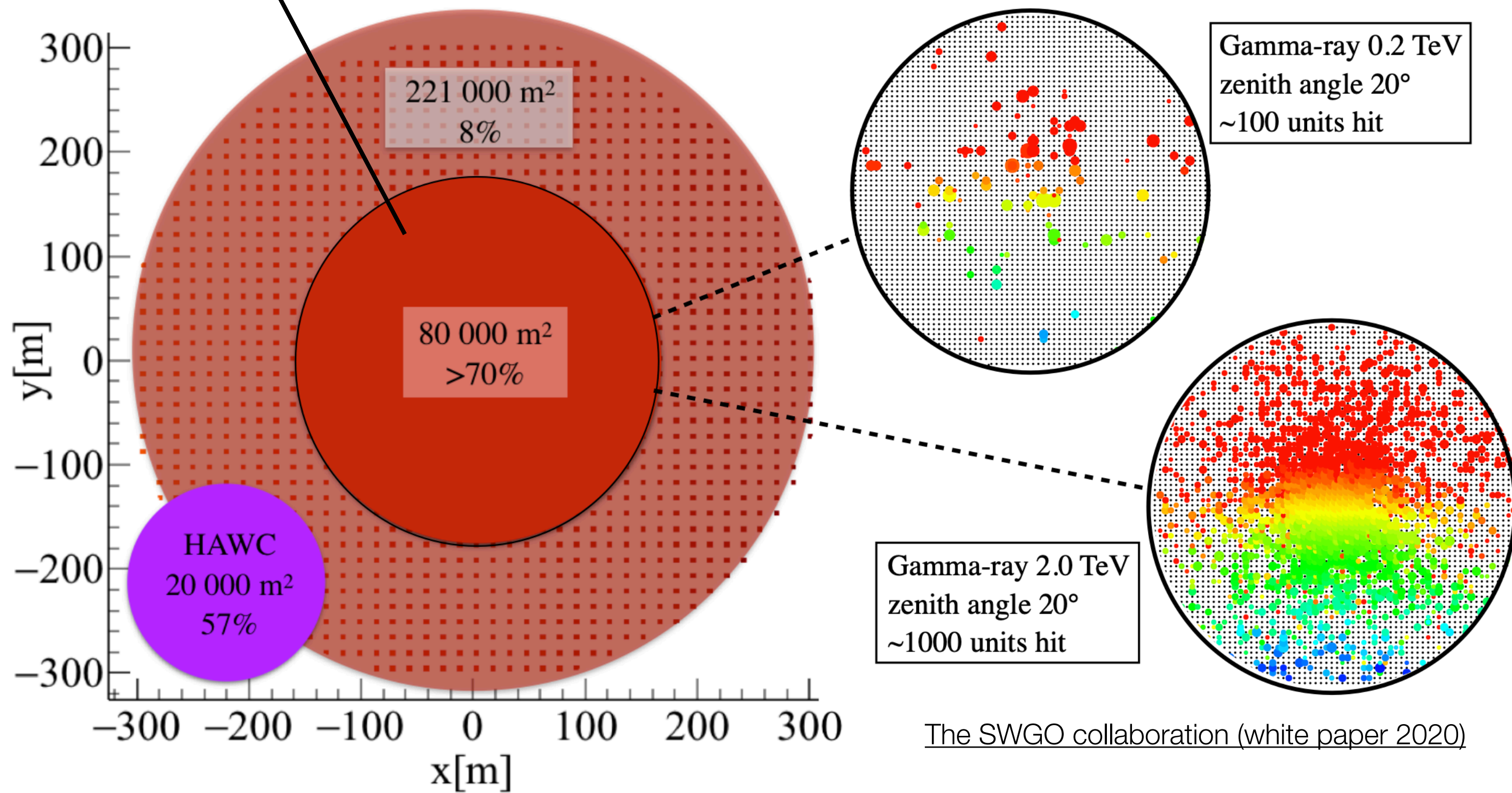


SWGGO - Proposed designs

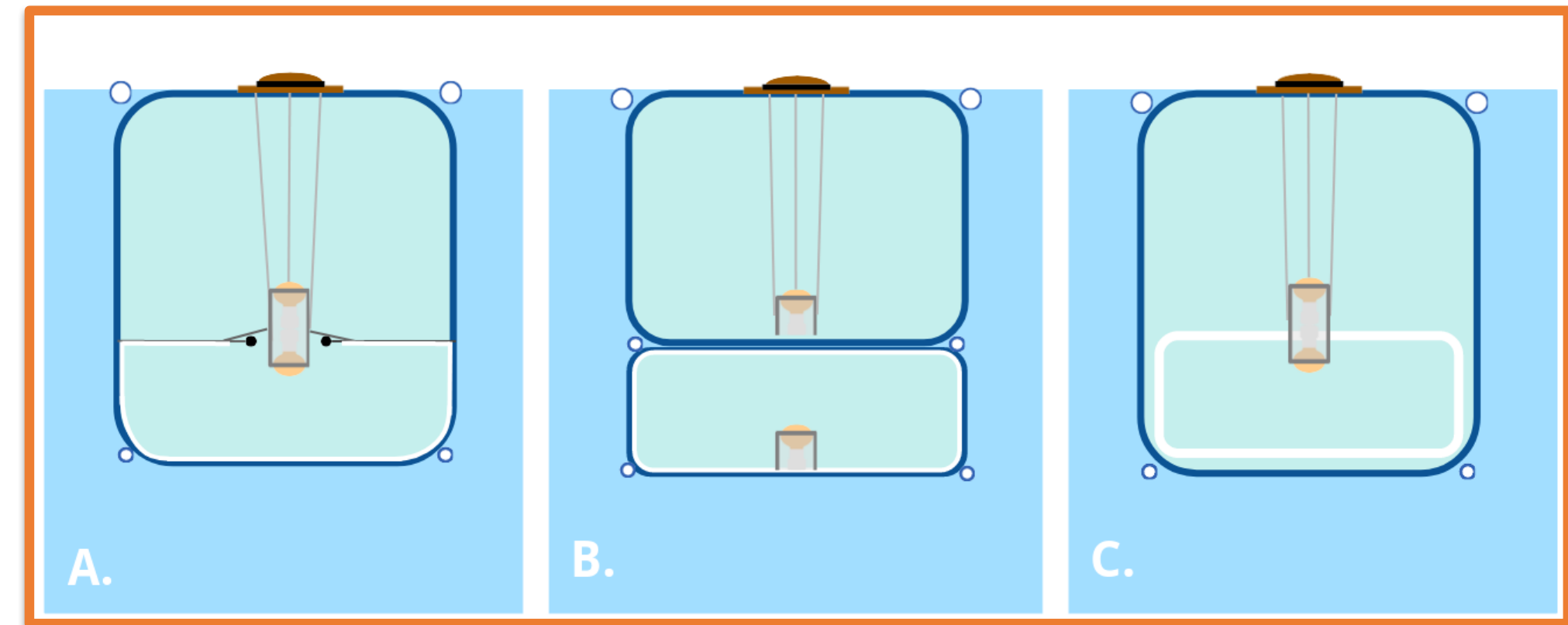


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Comparable to LHAASO



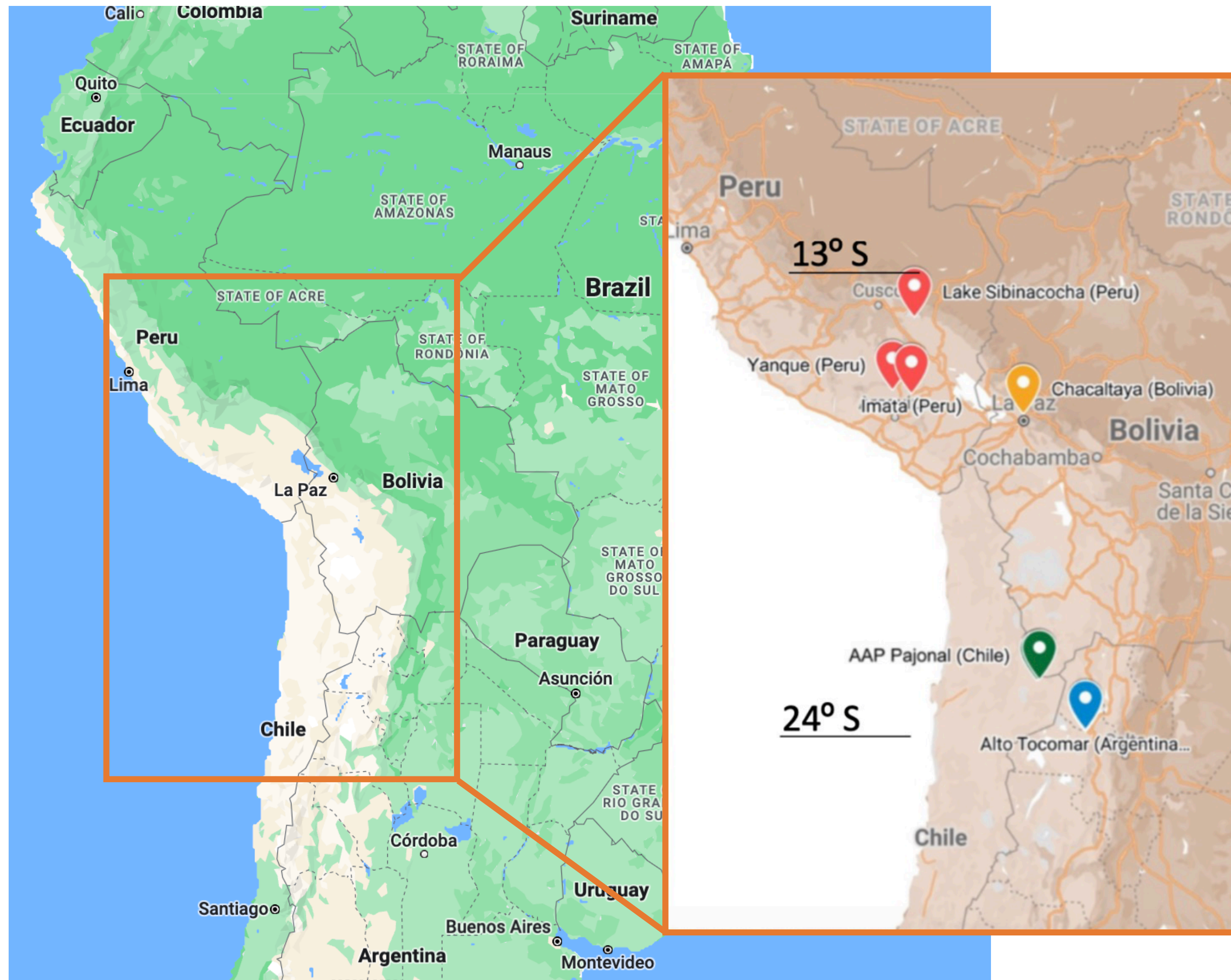
Dual chamber option for muon tagging



Credit : Richard White

SWGGO - Site candidates

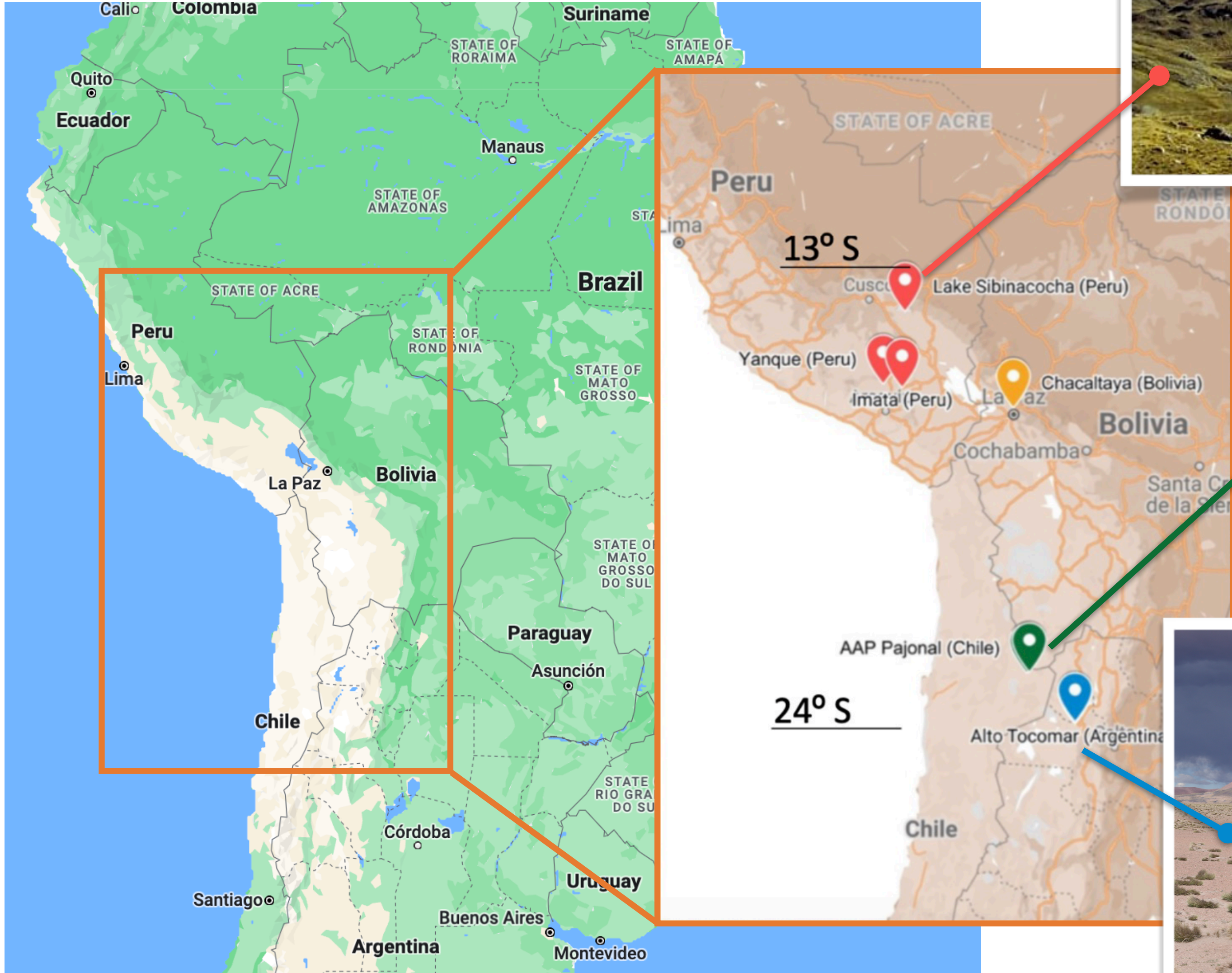
The SWGGO collaboration



- ▶ $10^\circ > \text{latitude} > 30^\circ$ South
-> Galactic center region
- ▶ altitude > 4400 m
-> low energy threshold
- ▶ available area of ~ 1 km²
- ▶ Accessibility
- ▶ Security/risk concerns
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ ...

SWGGO - Site candidates

The SWGGO collaboration



4.9 km



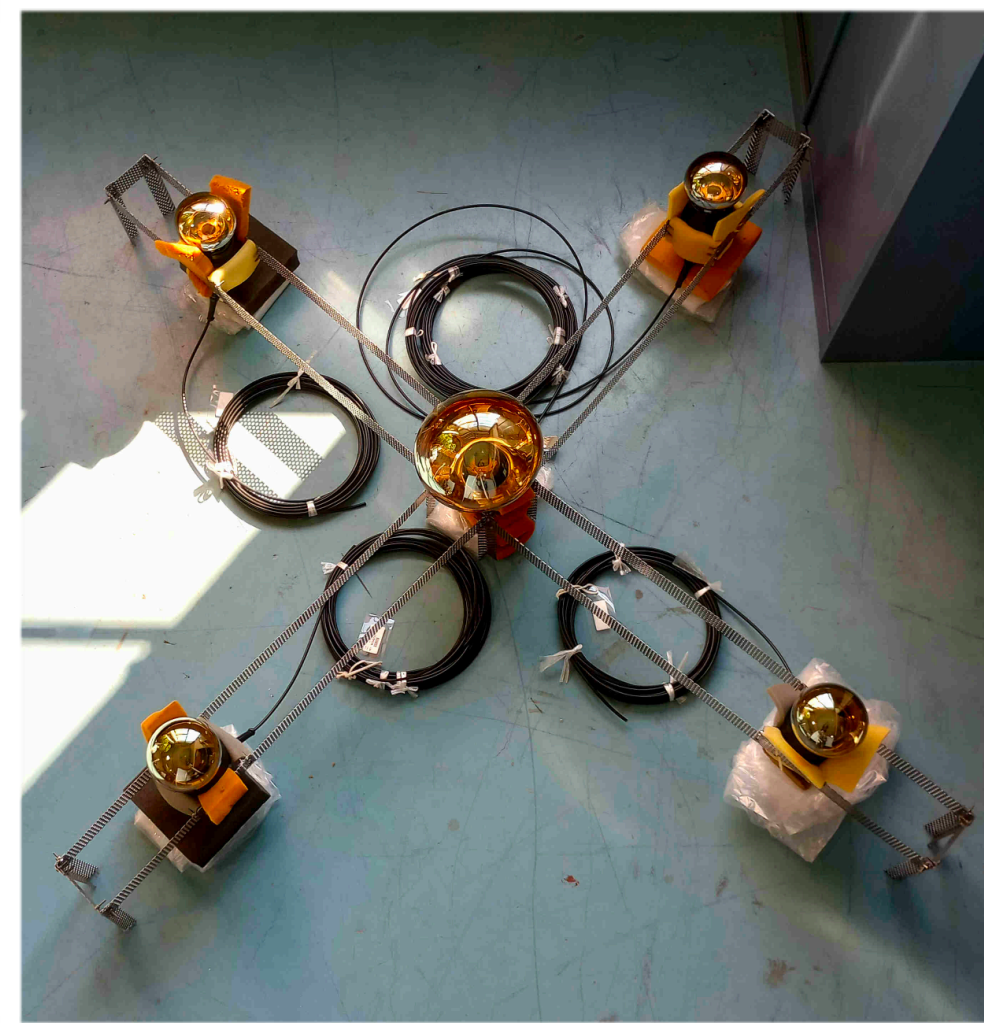
4.6 km



4.4 km

SWGGO - Status

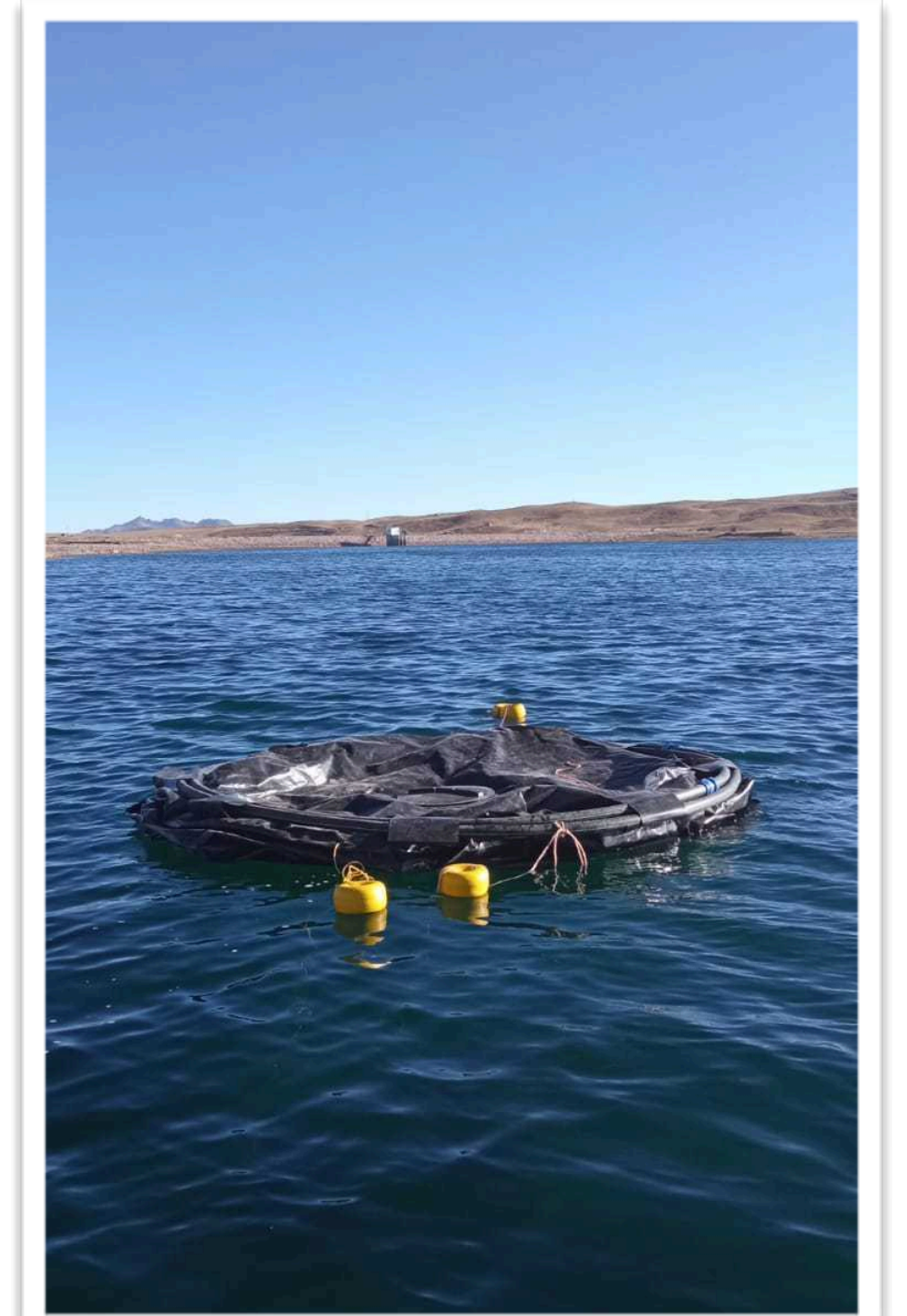
Politecnico di Milano, Italy. [Grusovin et al, 2022](#)



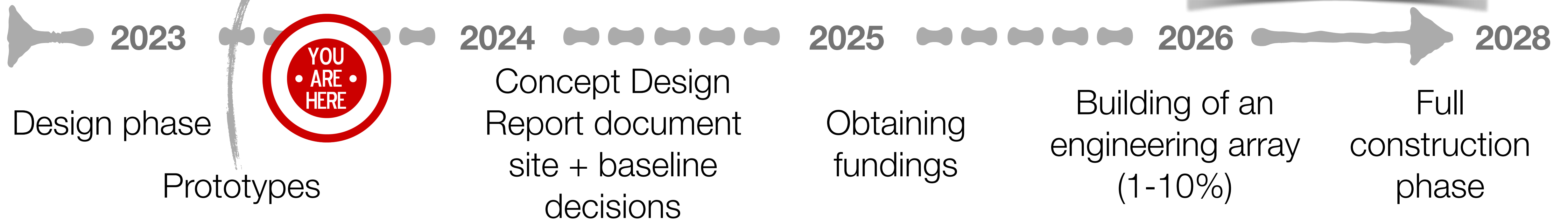
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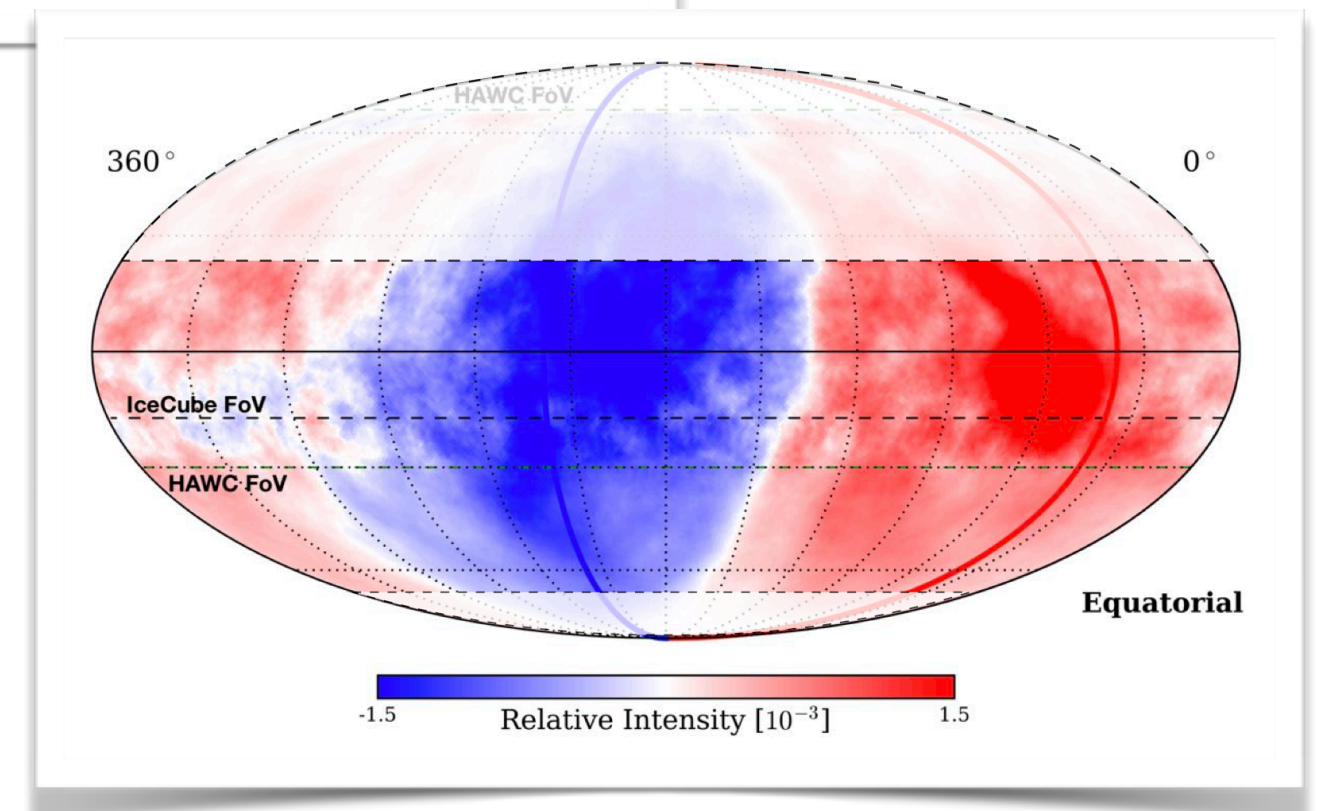
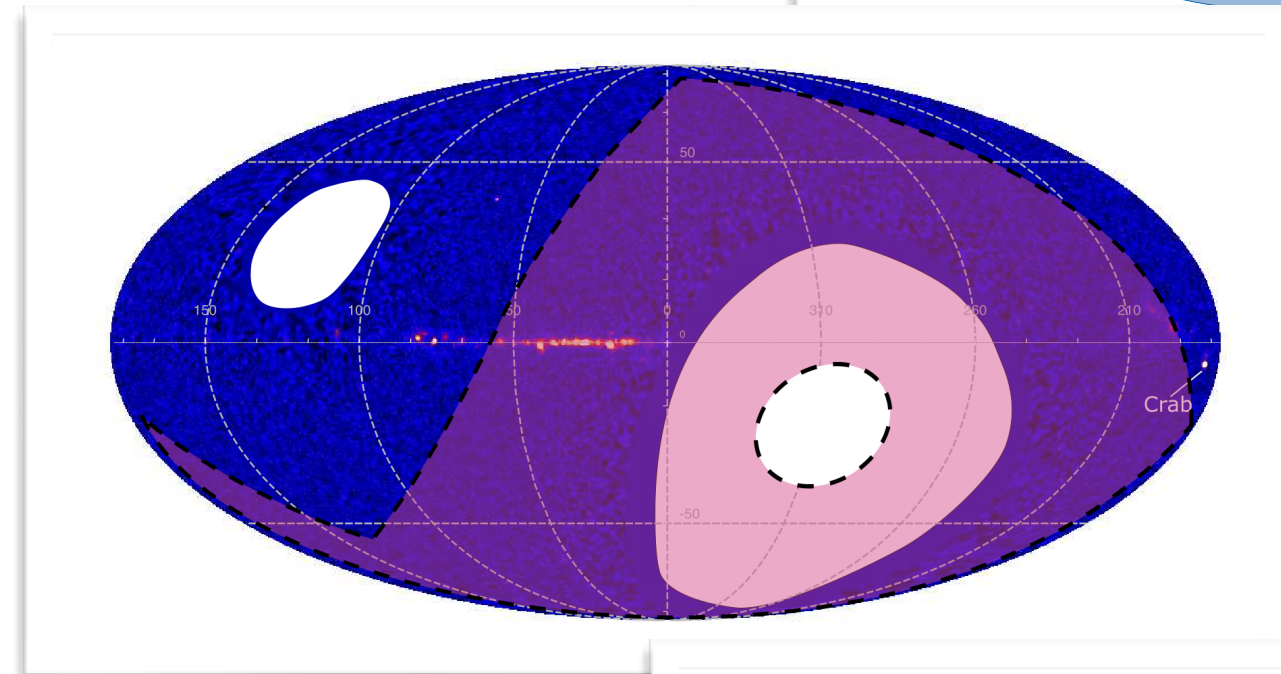
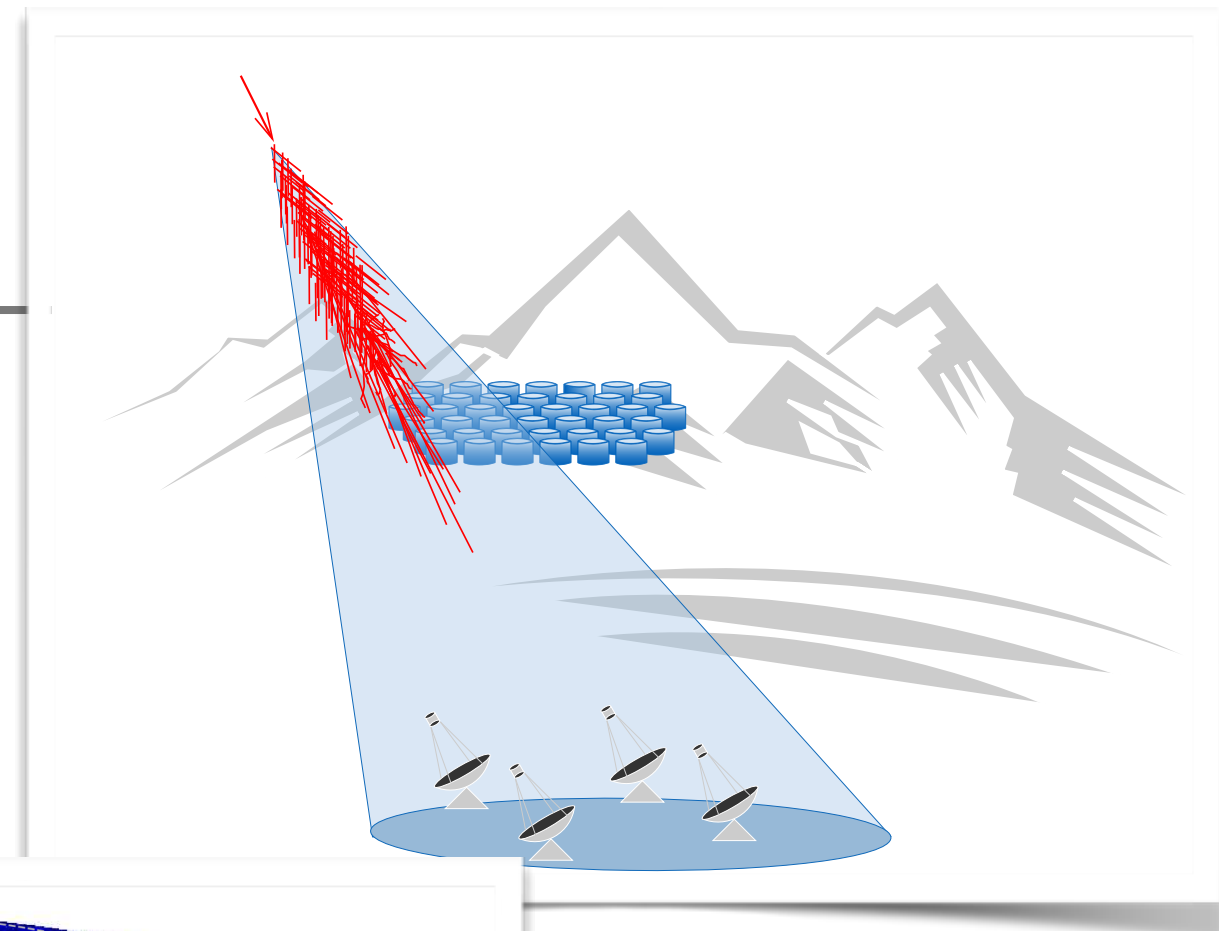


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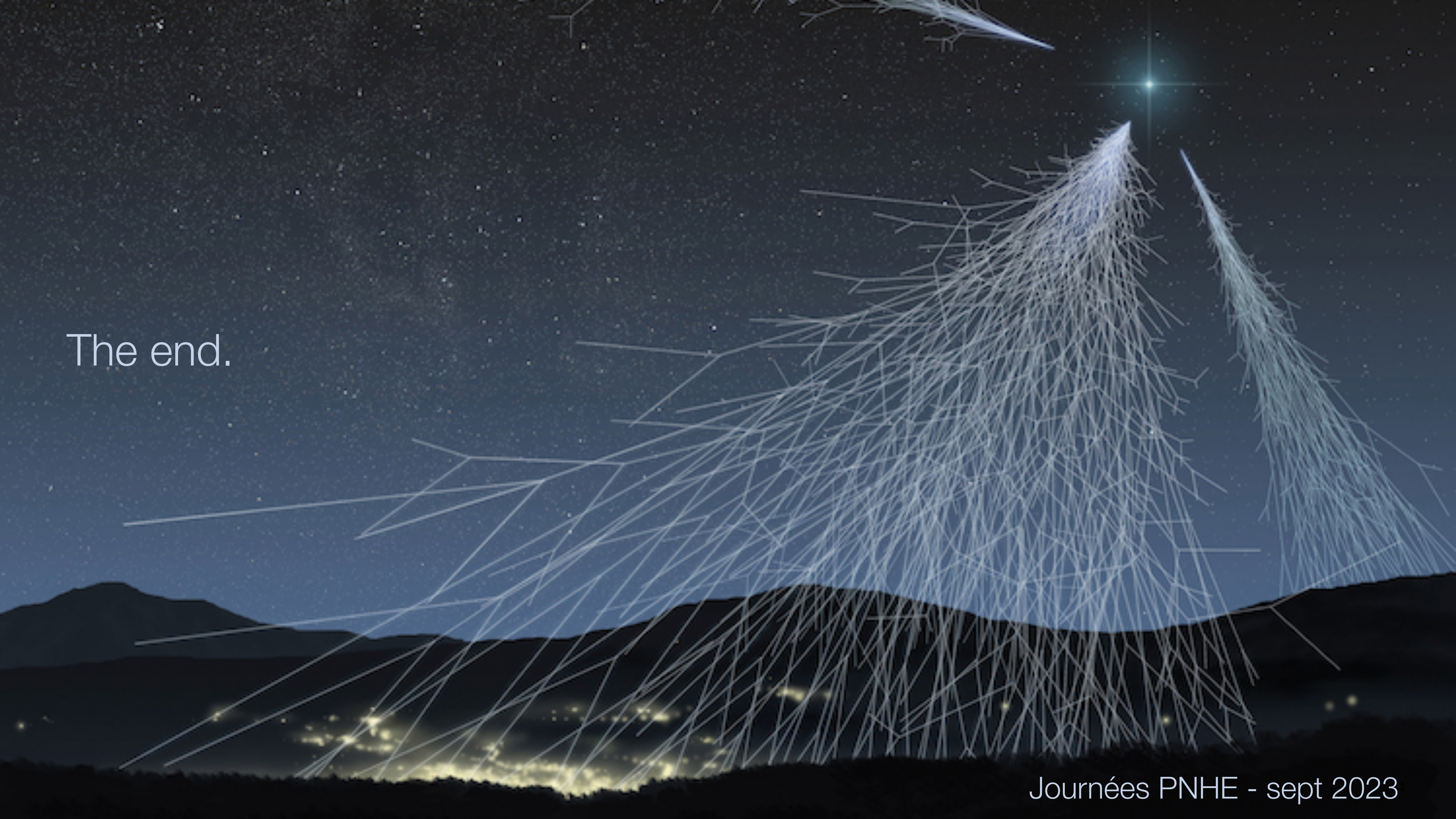


Conclusions

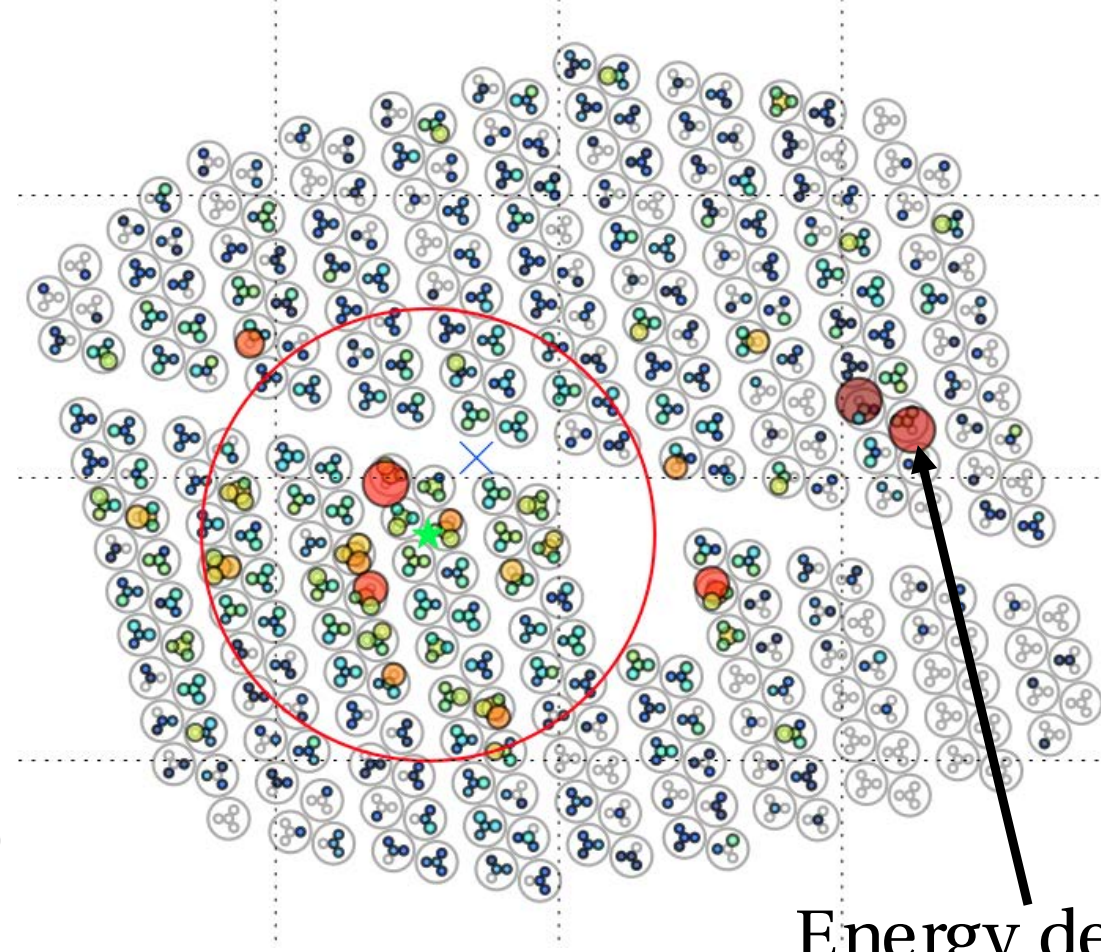
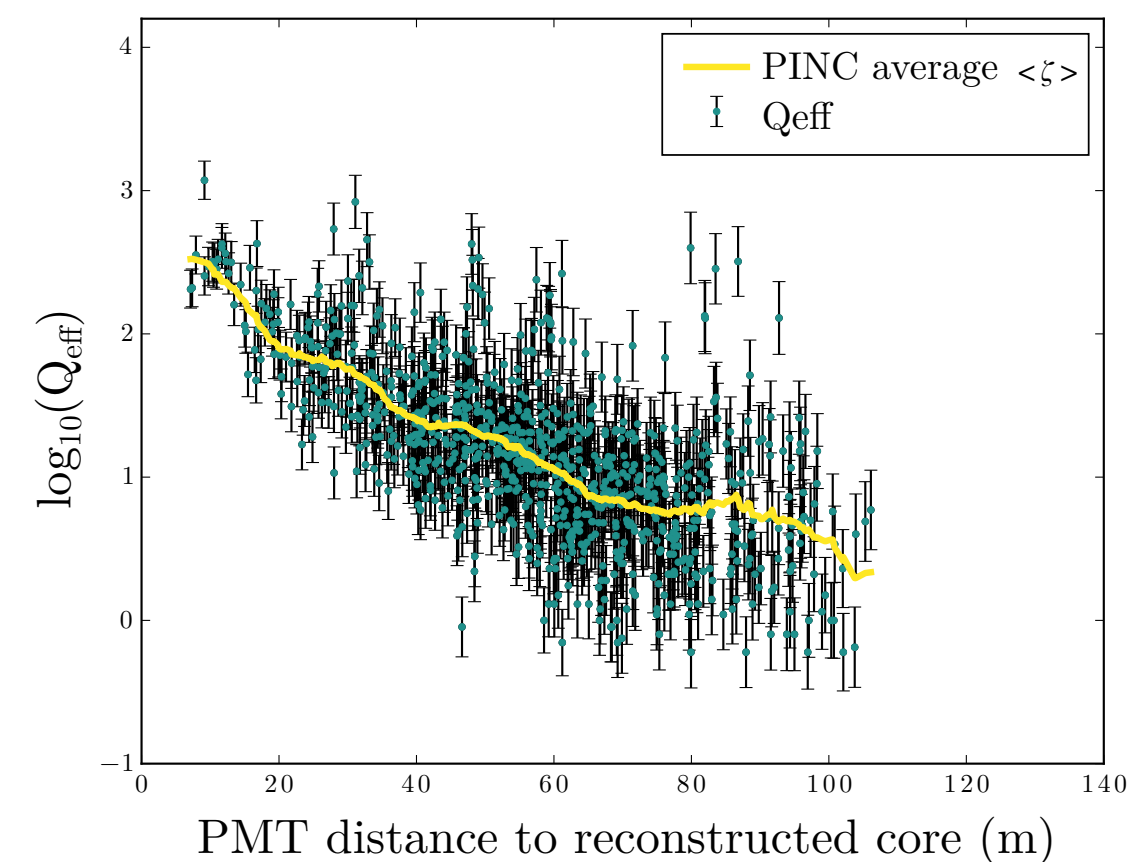
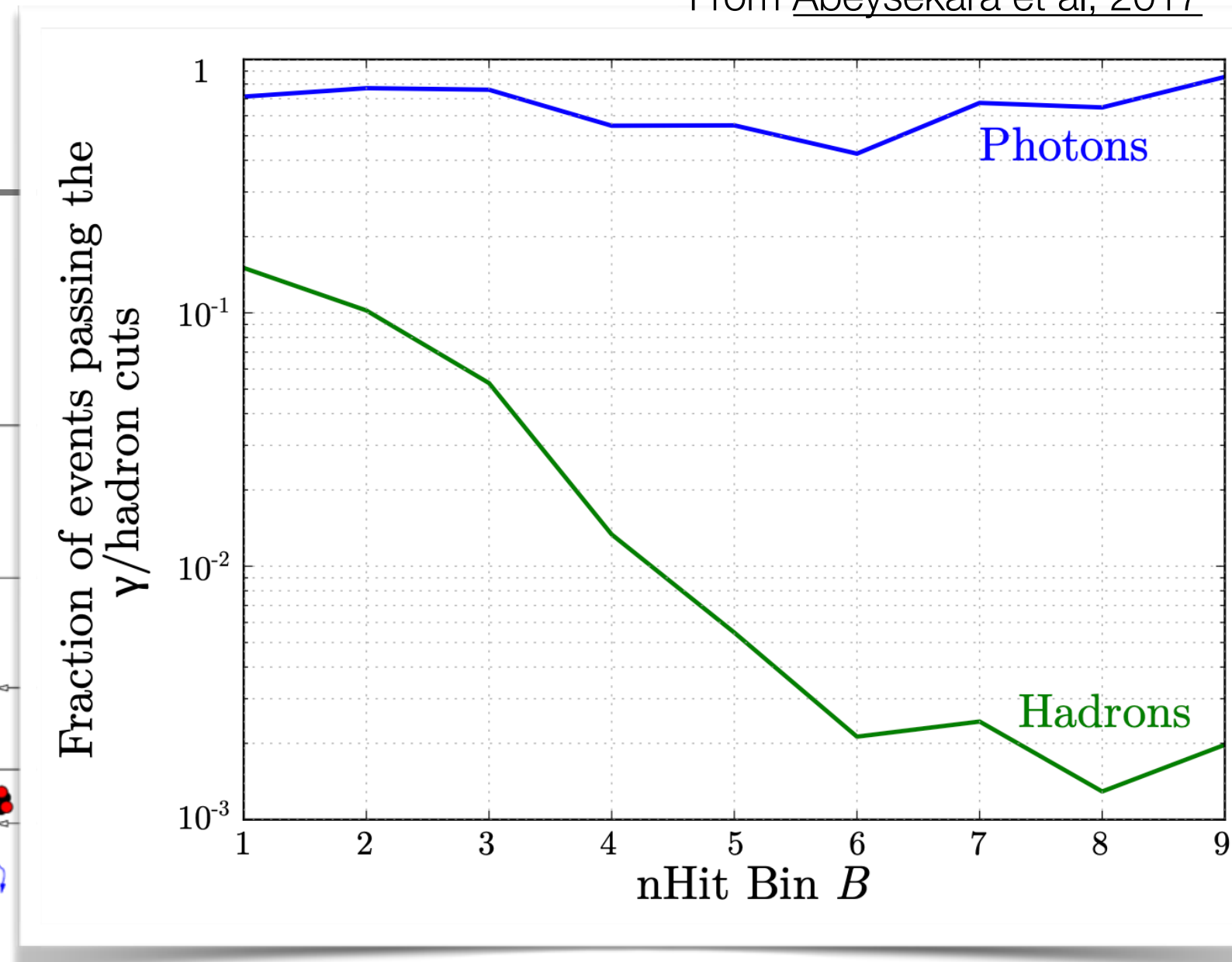
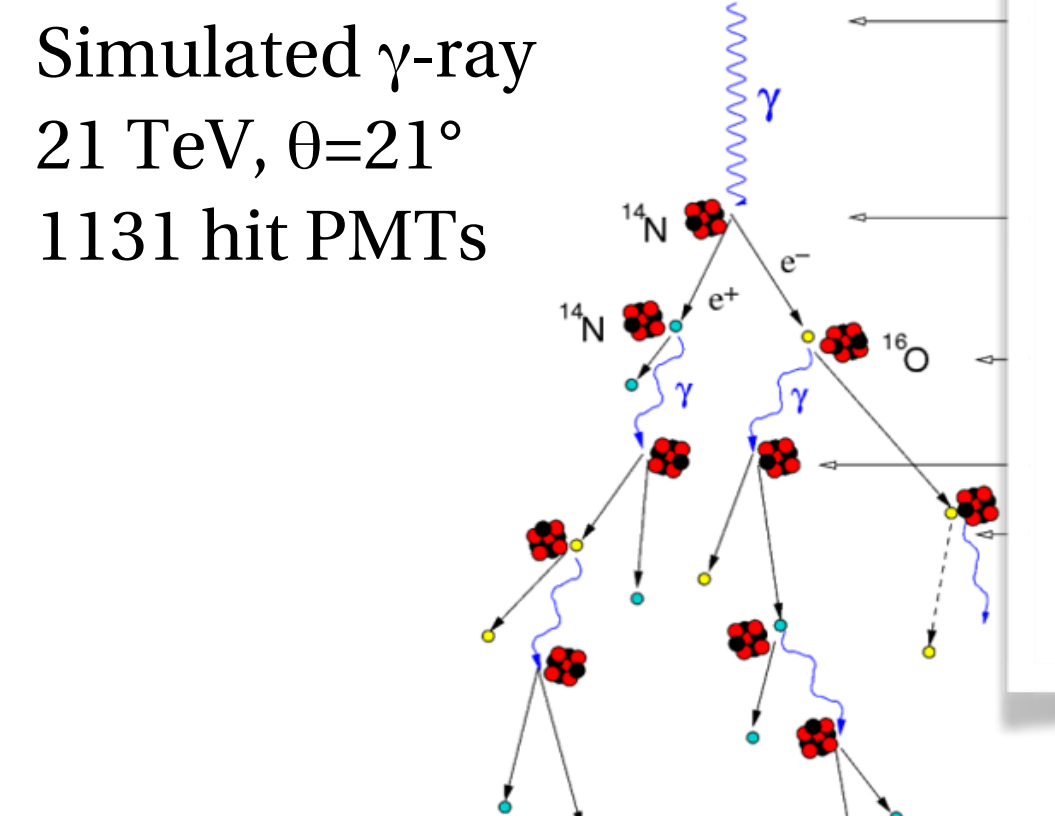
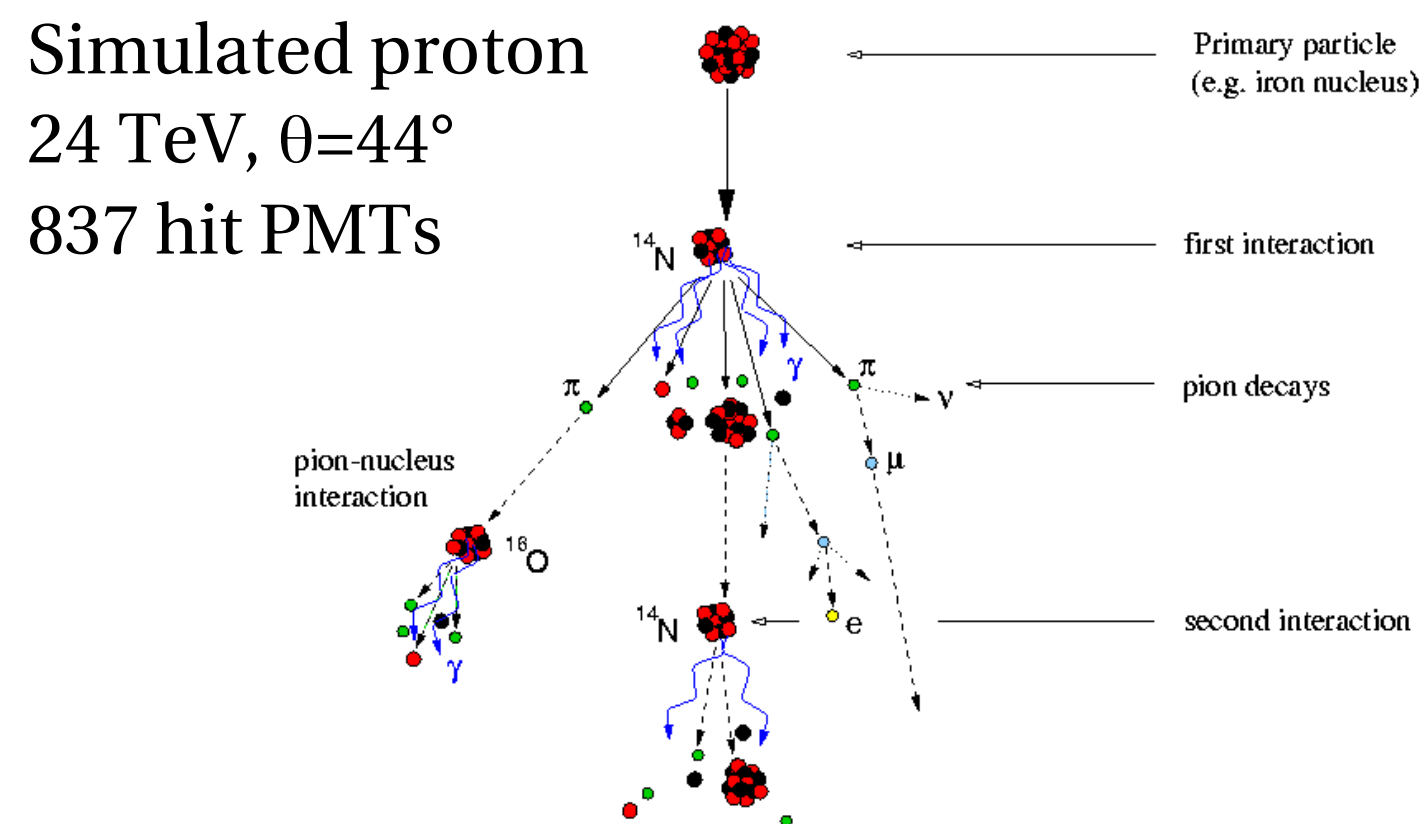
- ▶ Two complementary detection techniques to detect γ -rays from the ground
- ▶ HAWC and LHAASO covering the Northern hemisphere. SWGO will join in the Southern hemisphere in a few years.
- ▶ Complementarity with CTA, synergy with neutrinos detectors
- ▶ Strength of wide field of view instruments :
 - ▶ Extended (pulsar halos) and very extended (diffuse emission, fermi bubbles, CR anisotropy, galactic halo) emission
 - ▶ Transient events (prompt phase of GRB), alert other instruments
 - ▶ UHE coverage up to $> 100\text{TeV}$: study of PeVatrons
- ▶ Data policy : private for HAWC and LHAASO, SWGO's data public after a proprietary period



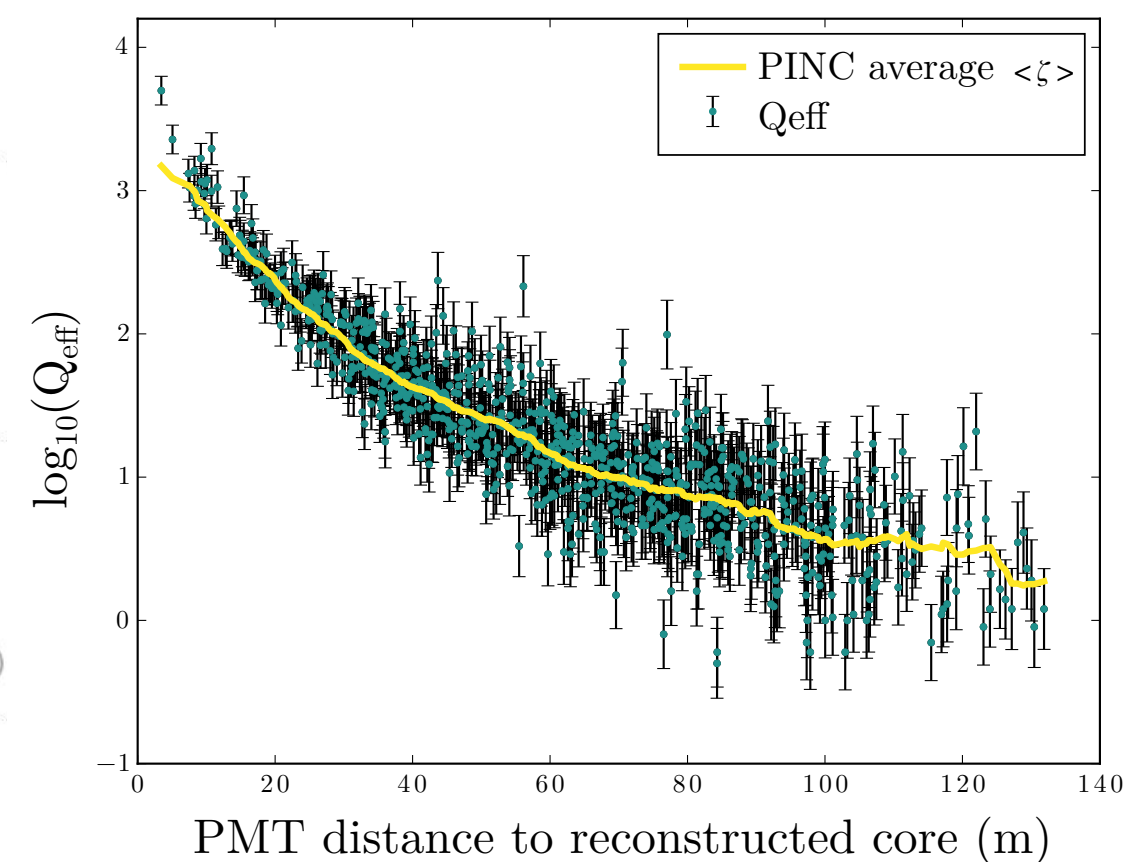
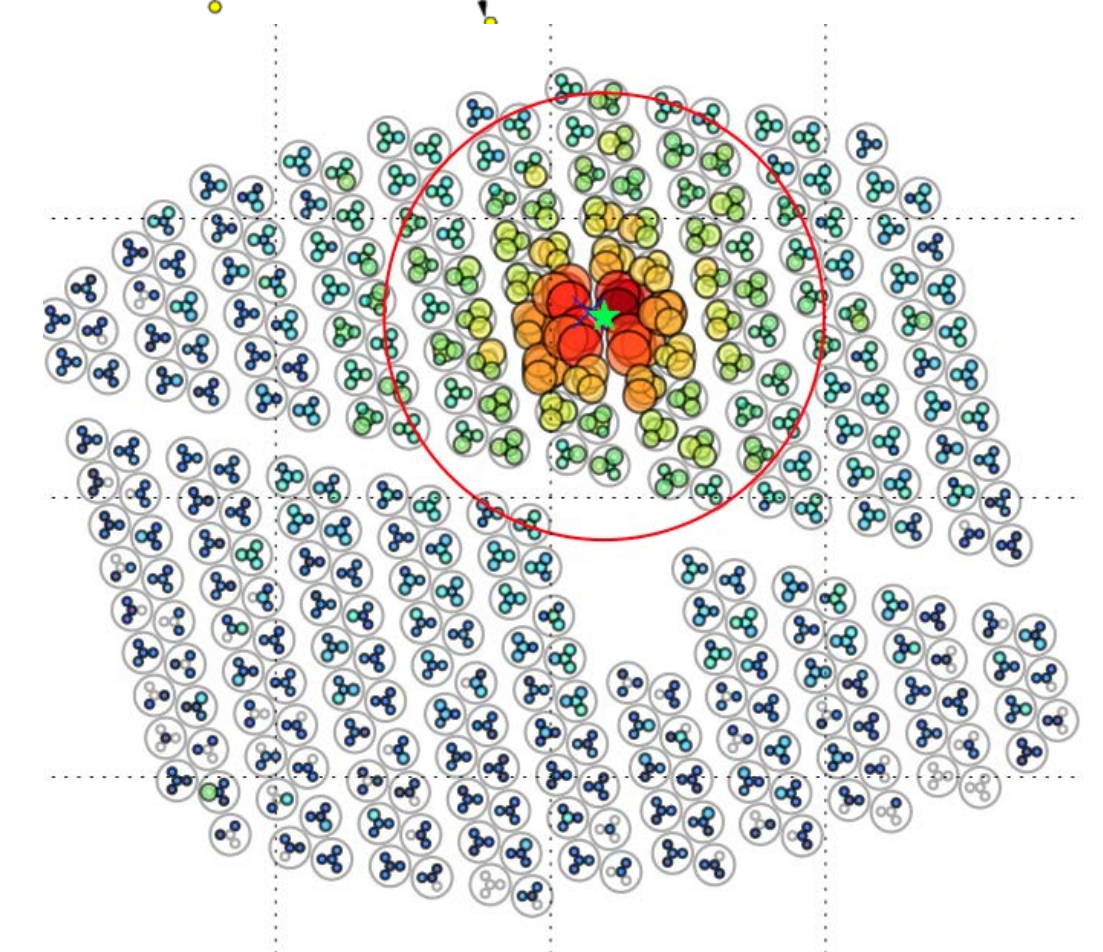
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Gamma/hadron separation

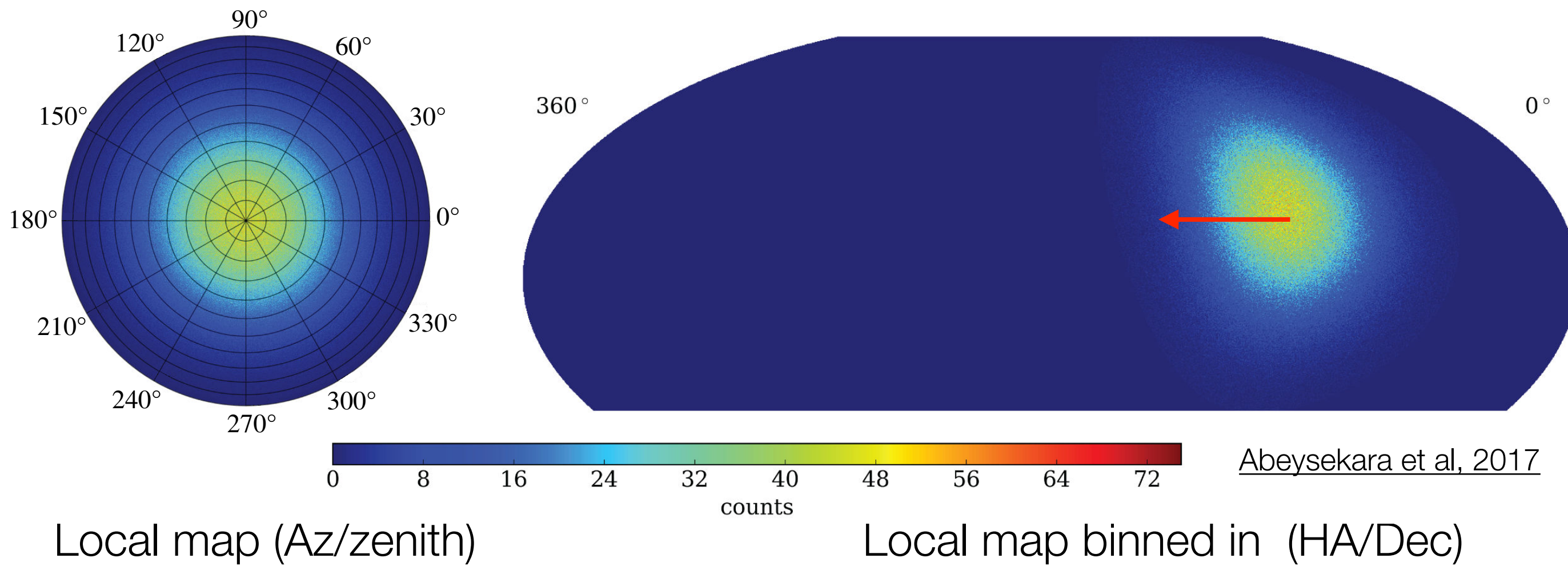


Energy deposited away from the core



Background estimation

Direct integration method

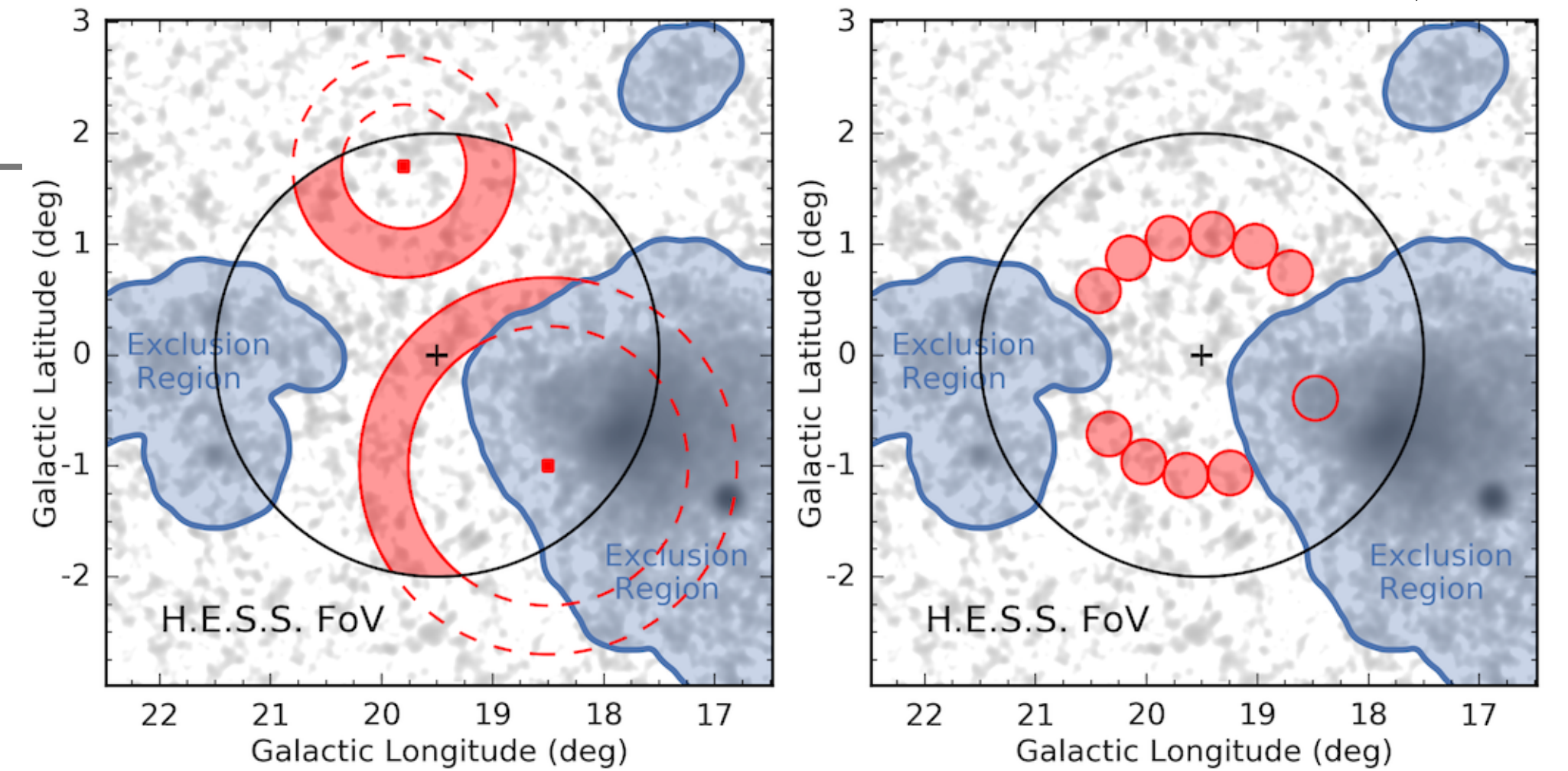


Detector efficiency times event rate integrated over 2 hours

- ✓ Background estimated on the data themselves and constantly updated
- ✓ Assuming stable detector during 2h
- ✓ Mask the galactic plane and bright known sources

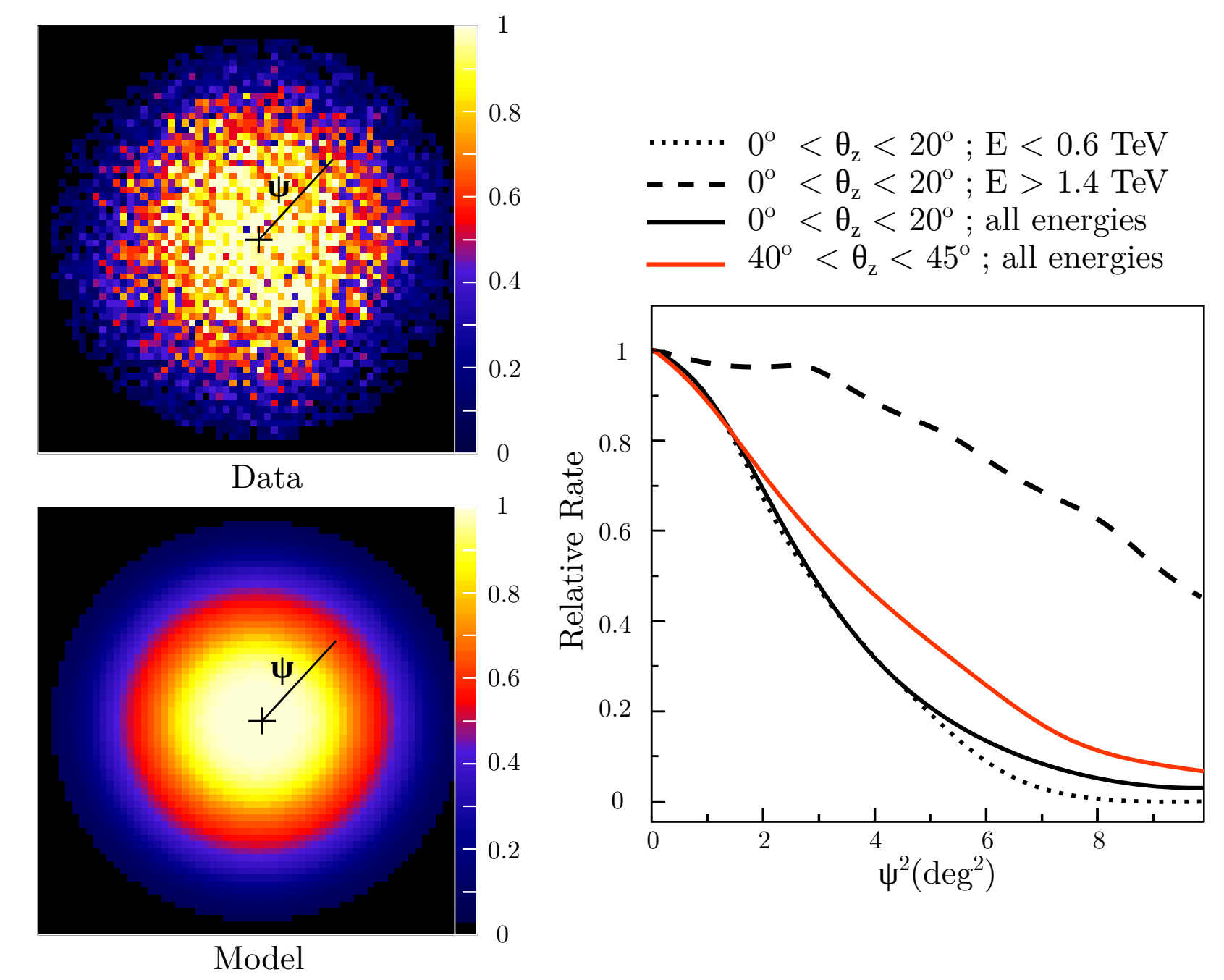
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Ring background

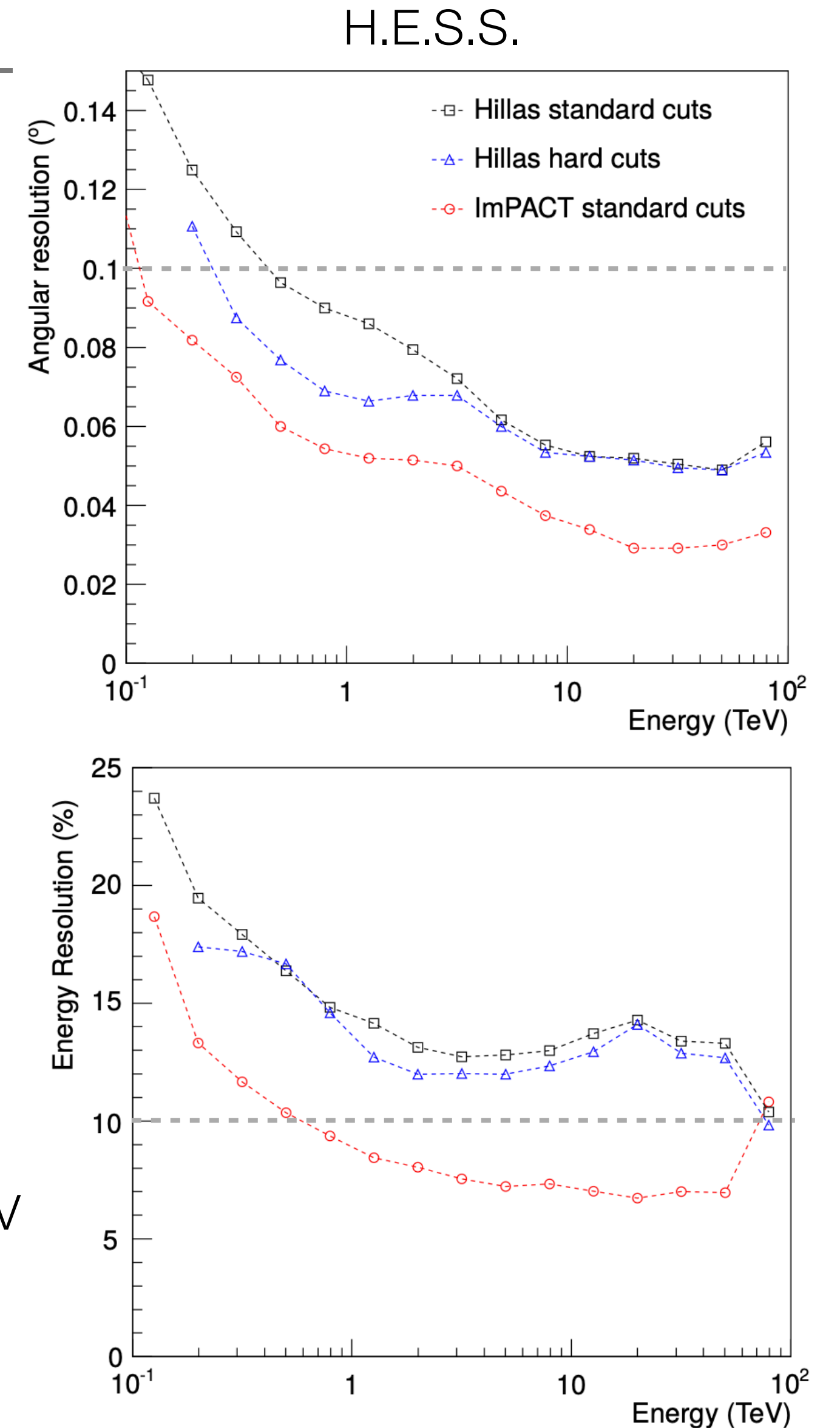
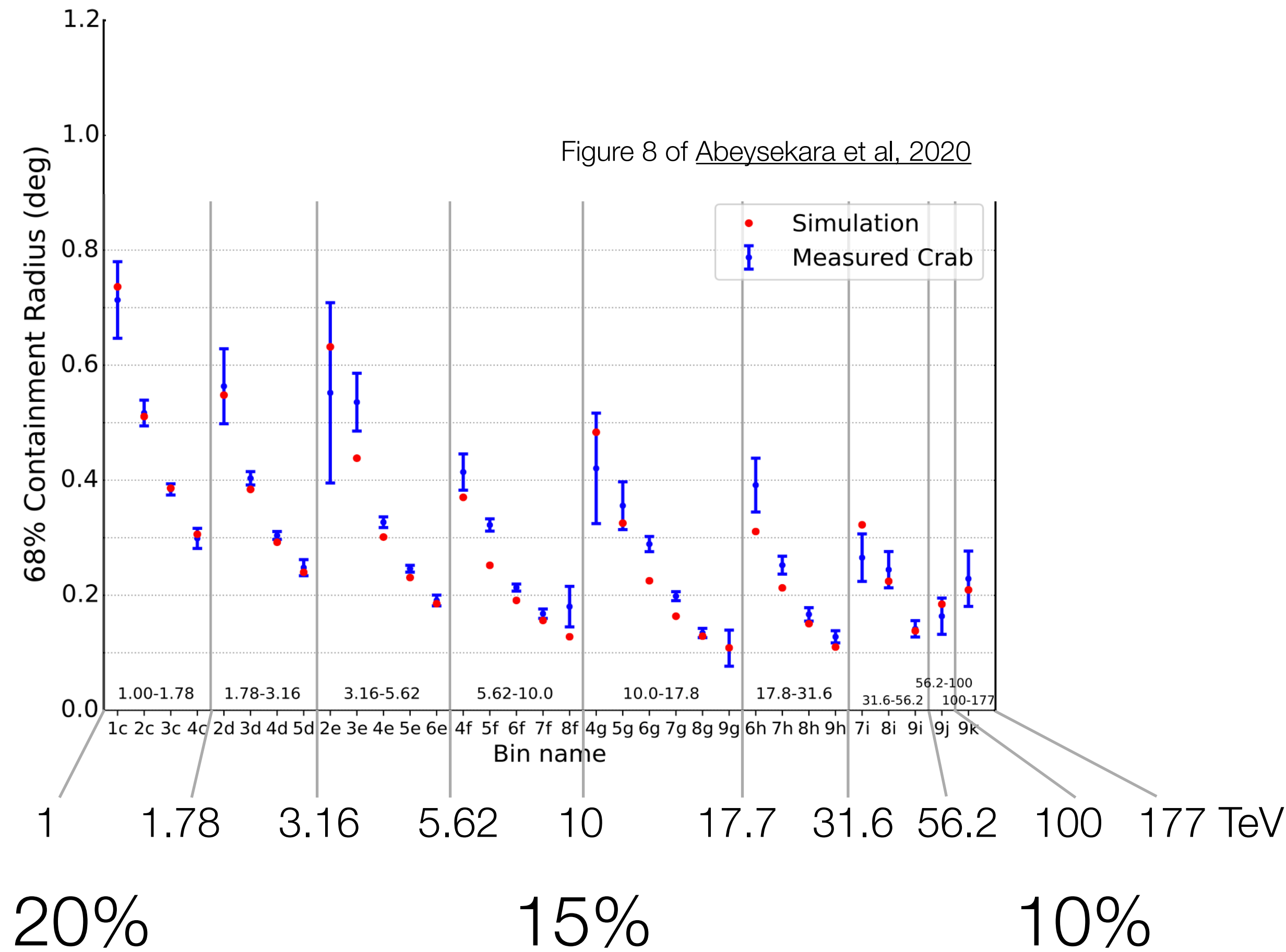
Reflected background



Field-of-view background

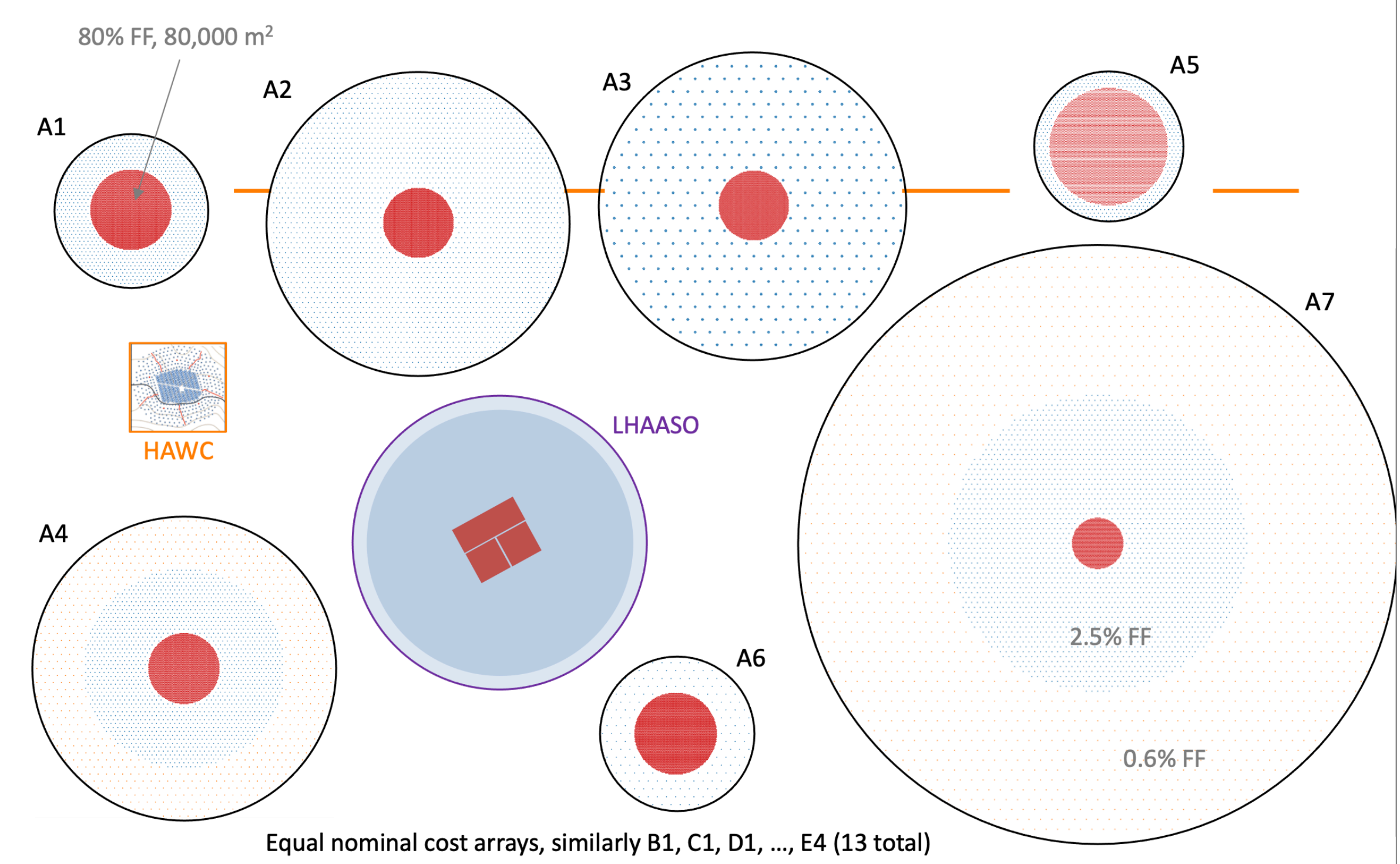
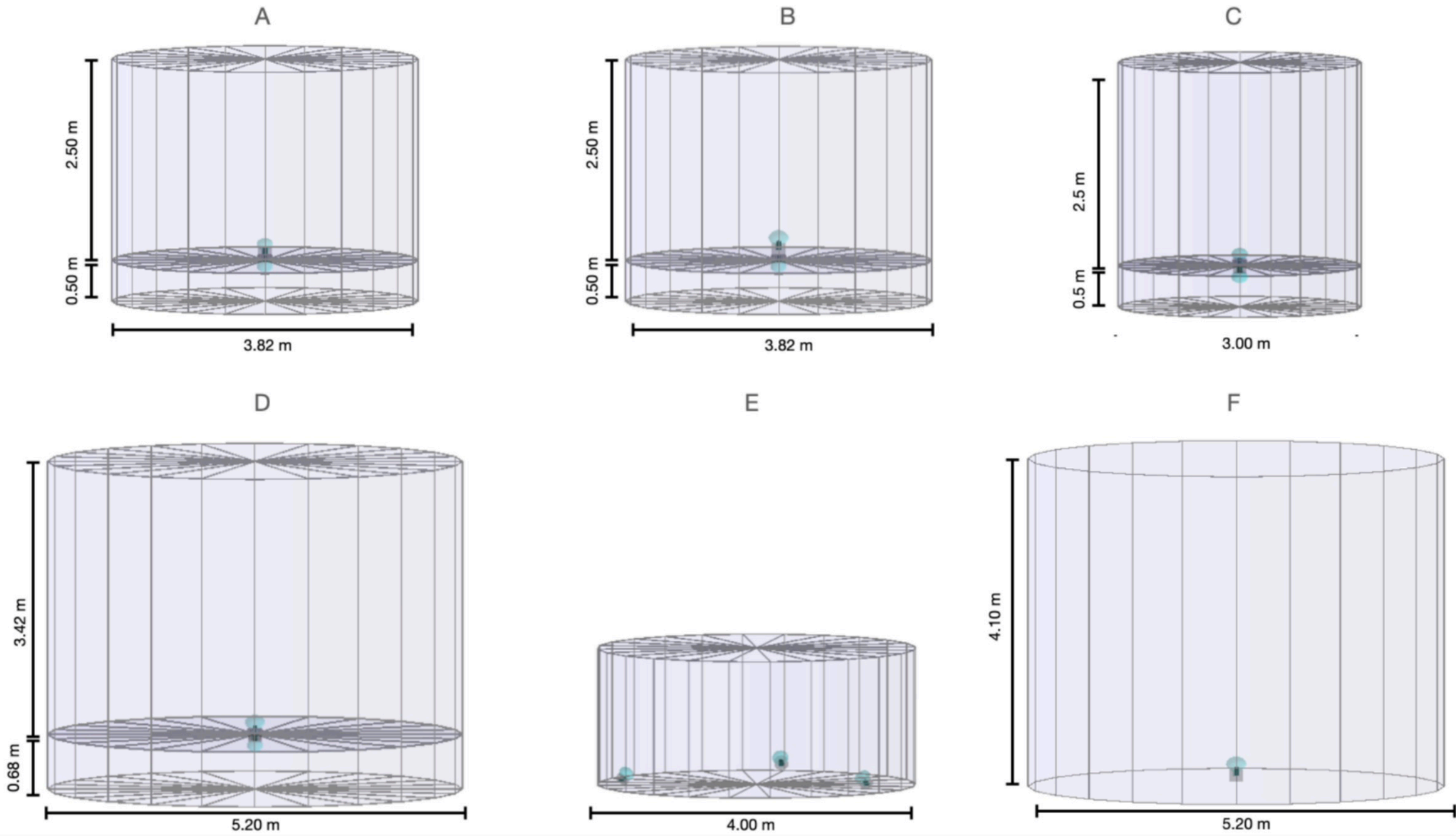
Angular and energy resolution improved !

- ✓ Improved PSF modeling
- ✓ Energy estimators using the charge density, developed using MC simulations (corsika + Geant4)
- ✓ Use of shower variables : zenith angle, containment of the shower within the array
- ✓ Cut on showers with core reconstructed on the array



SWGGO - R&D

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SWGGO - Simulations

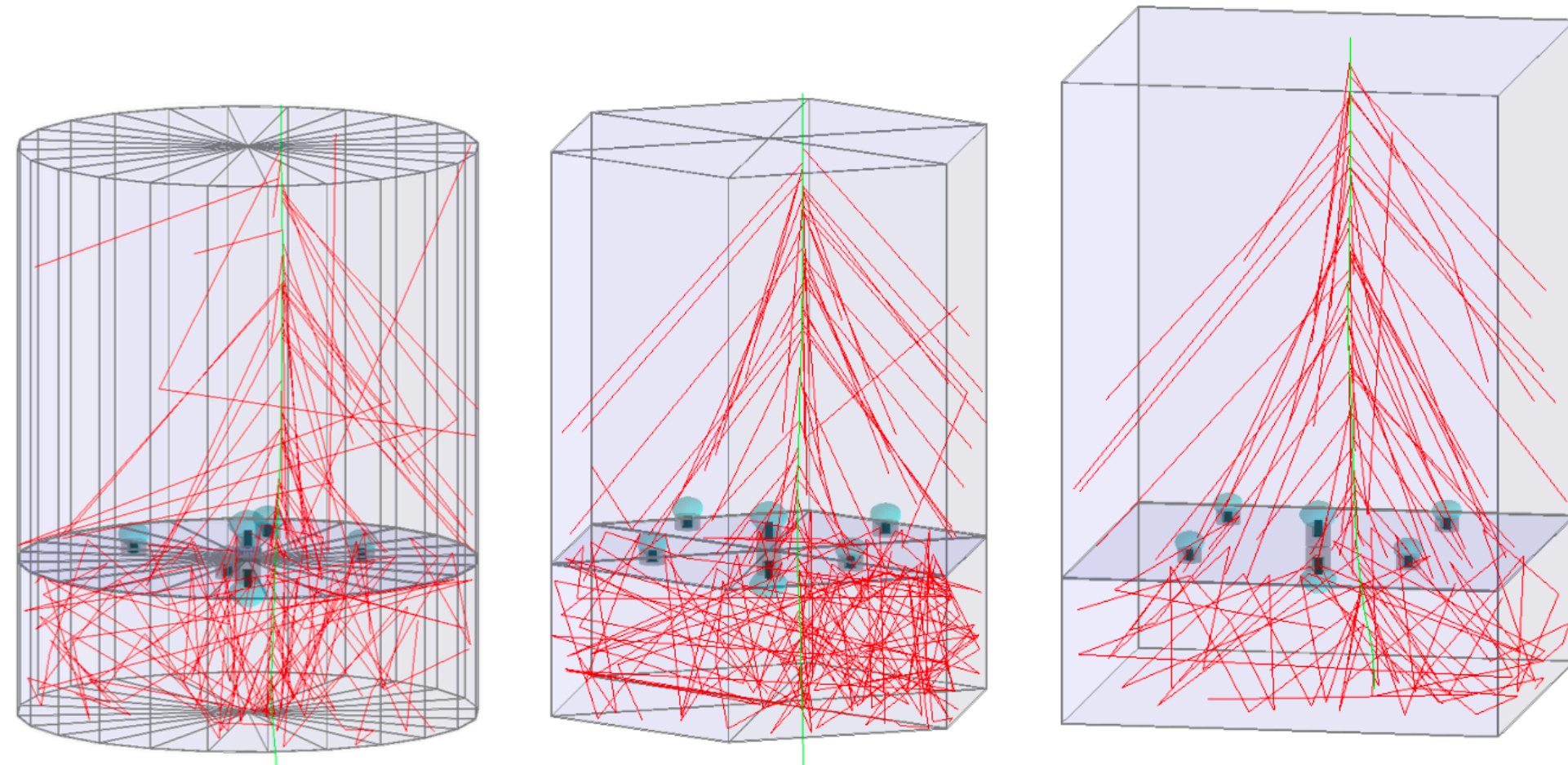


Figure 1: Geant4 visualization of a Circular-DLT, an Hexagonal-DLT and a Square-DLT, crossed by a 1 GeV vertical muon. All tanks have widths of 3 m (diameter for Circular-DLT, two times the side for Hexagonal-DLT, and side for Square-DLT) and lower layers 1 m high. The upper layers were simulated with non-reflective walls, while the lower layer with reflective walls. The green line represents the simulated muon and the red lines a sample of Cherenkov photons.

[Bisconti and Chiavassa 2022](#)

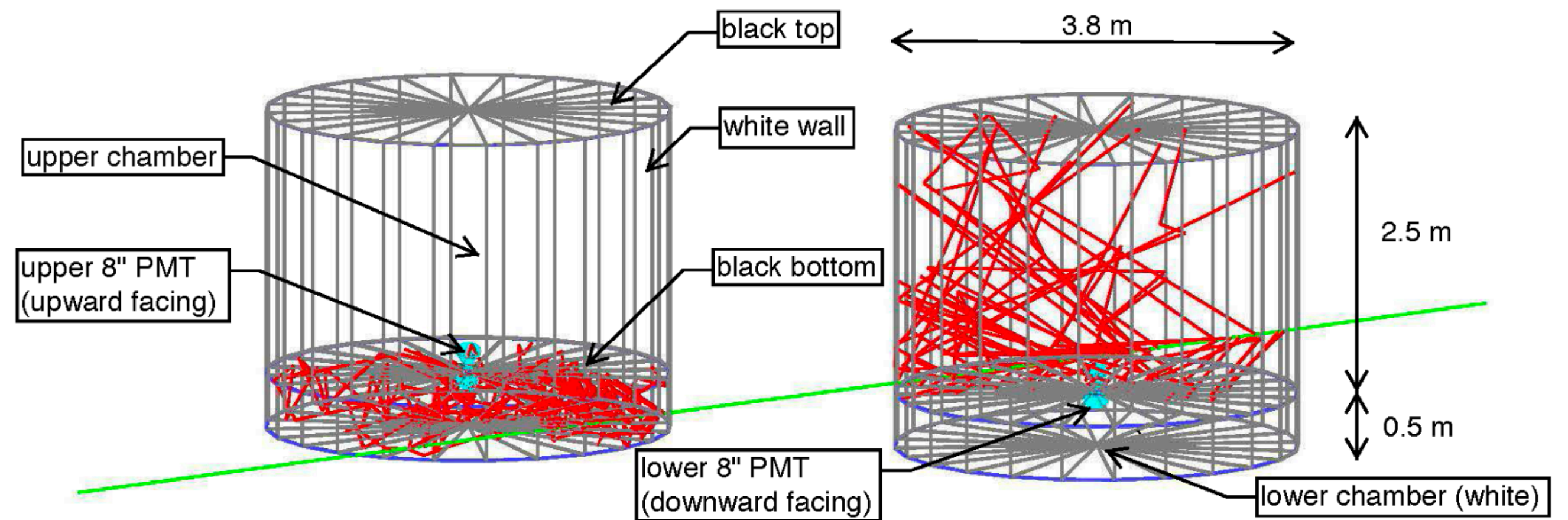
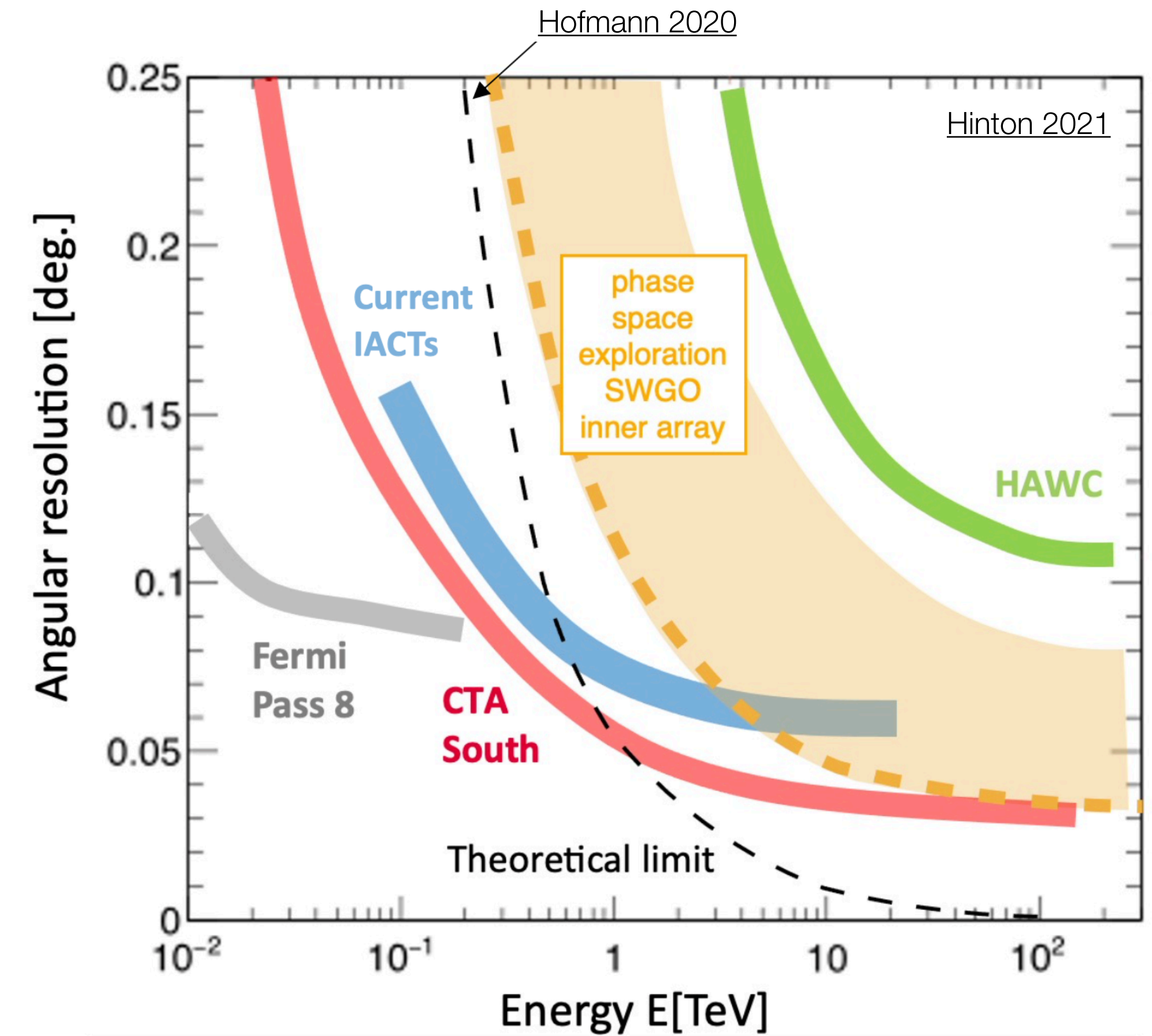
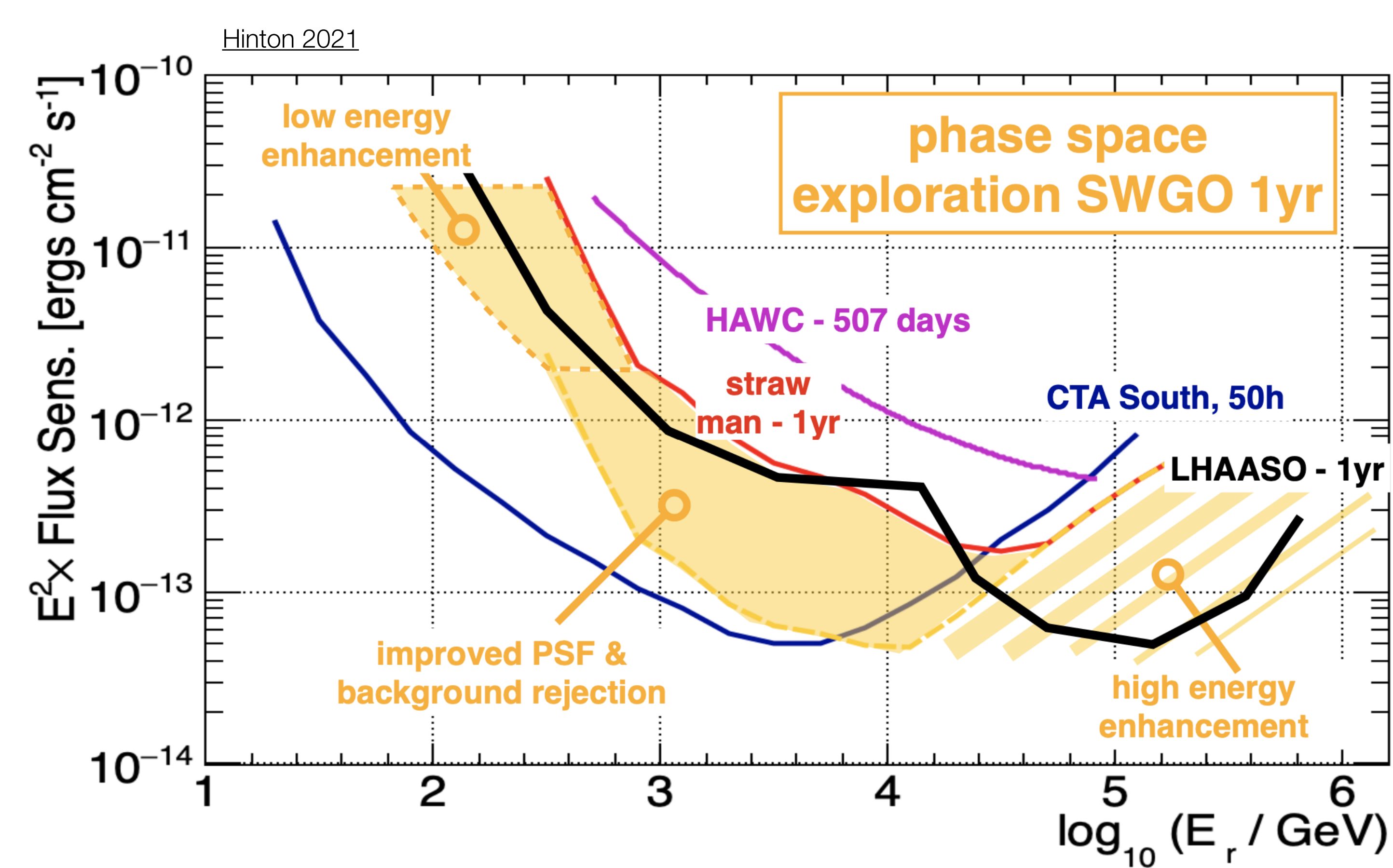


Figure 1: Cylindrical double-layered WCD design comprising an upper chamber of 3.8 m diameter and 2.5 m depth, here with white walls and black bases (top and bottom) and an entirely white lower chamber of 0.5 m depth. The upper chamber contains an 8-inch PMT facing upwards, and the lower chamber has an 8-inch PMT facing downwards. For illustration, a simulated muon (green track) is shown that passes through both units and produces Cherenkov photons (red tracks).

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SWGGO - Performance



Diffuse VHE γ -ray flux from the CMZ

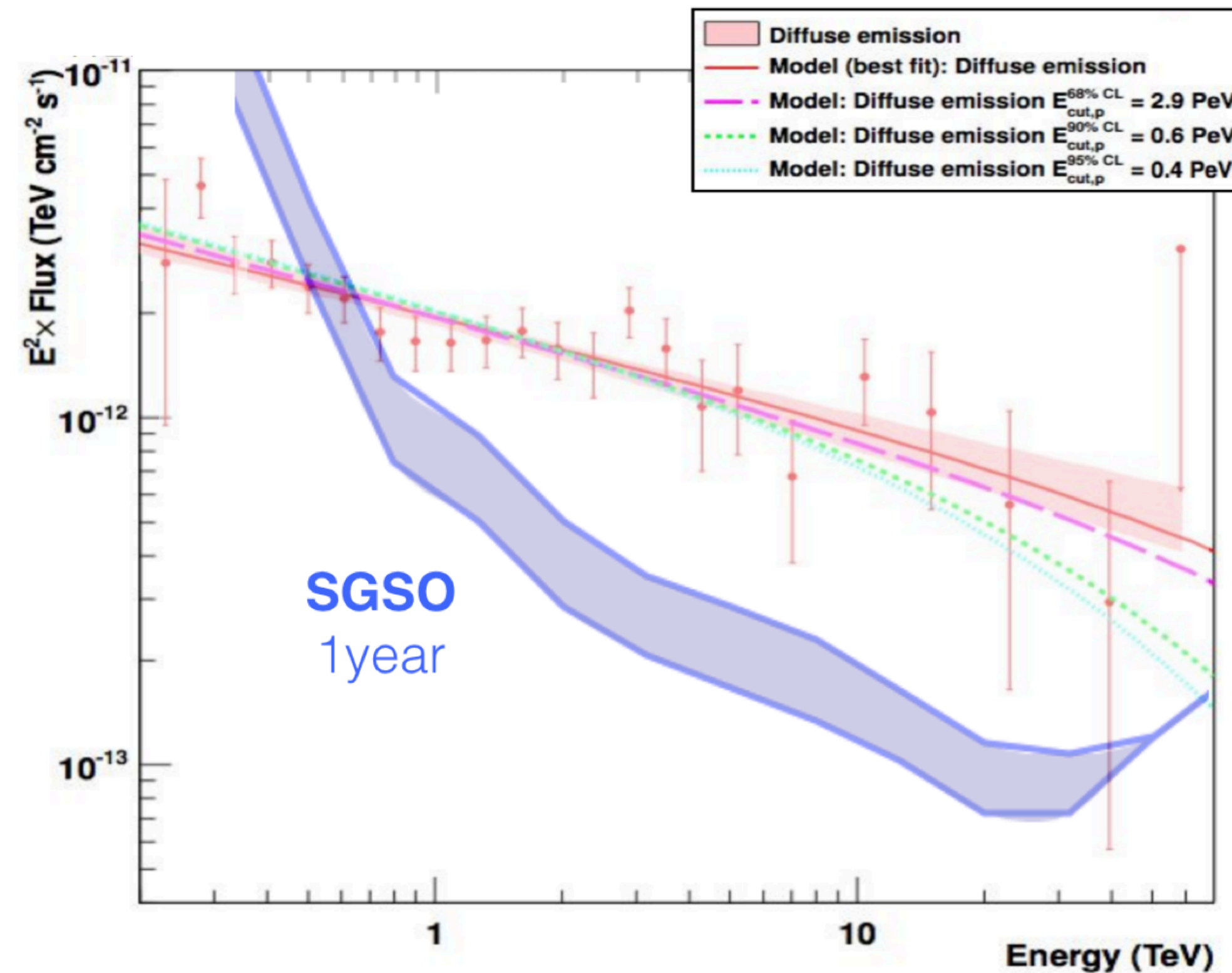


Figure 4.5: Diffuse VHE gamma-ray flux from the central molecular zone in the Galactic center region measured by H.E.S.S. in comparison with the sensitivity after 1 year of SGSO operations. Modified from [48].

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Galactic diffuse emission with SWGO

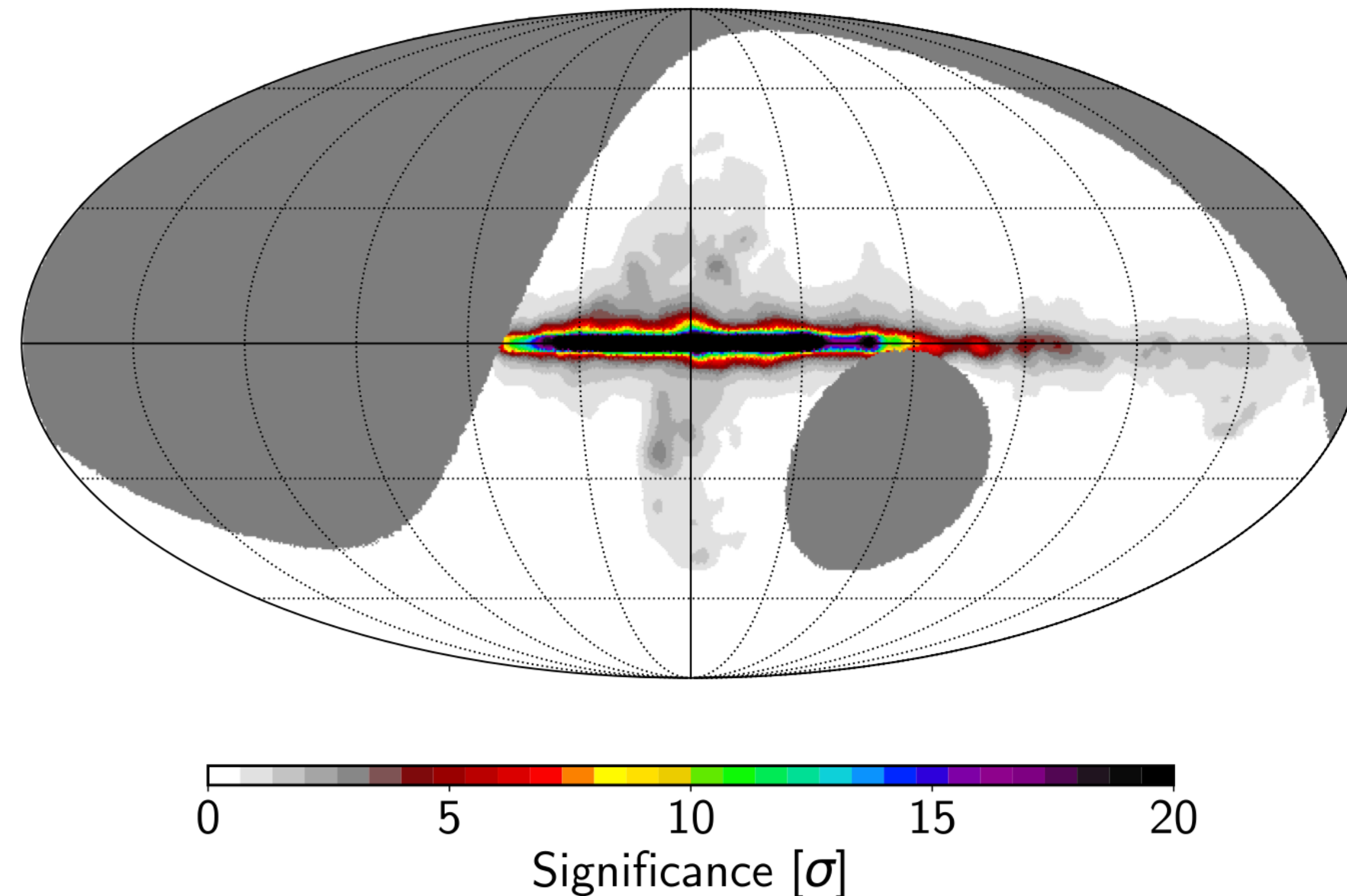


Figure 4.6: Projected significance for the observation of the Galactic diffuse emission with one year of SGSO based on an extrapolation of the *Fermi* diffuse model from [58]. A detector latitude of -24.2° has been assumed, and the sky map is restricted to a zenith angle below 40° . The skymap has been smoothed with a 2° top-hat circular kernel to increase the sensitivity to extended and diffuse emission in the plane.

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Fermi bubbles with SWGO

A key challenge for the study of the Fermi Bubbles with SGSO will be the characterization of the background over large angular scales in order to accurately quantify the gamma-ray excess

Three main factors determine the background discrimination at these large scales :

- The first one is the ability to distinguish between hadronic cosmic rays and gamma rays.
- The second is to measure the isotropic cosmic ray and gamma ray fluxes.
- The third is removing effects from the large-scale cosmic ray anisotropy which can still be present due to imperfect gamma-hadron separation

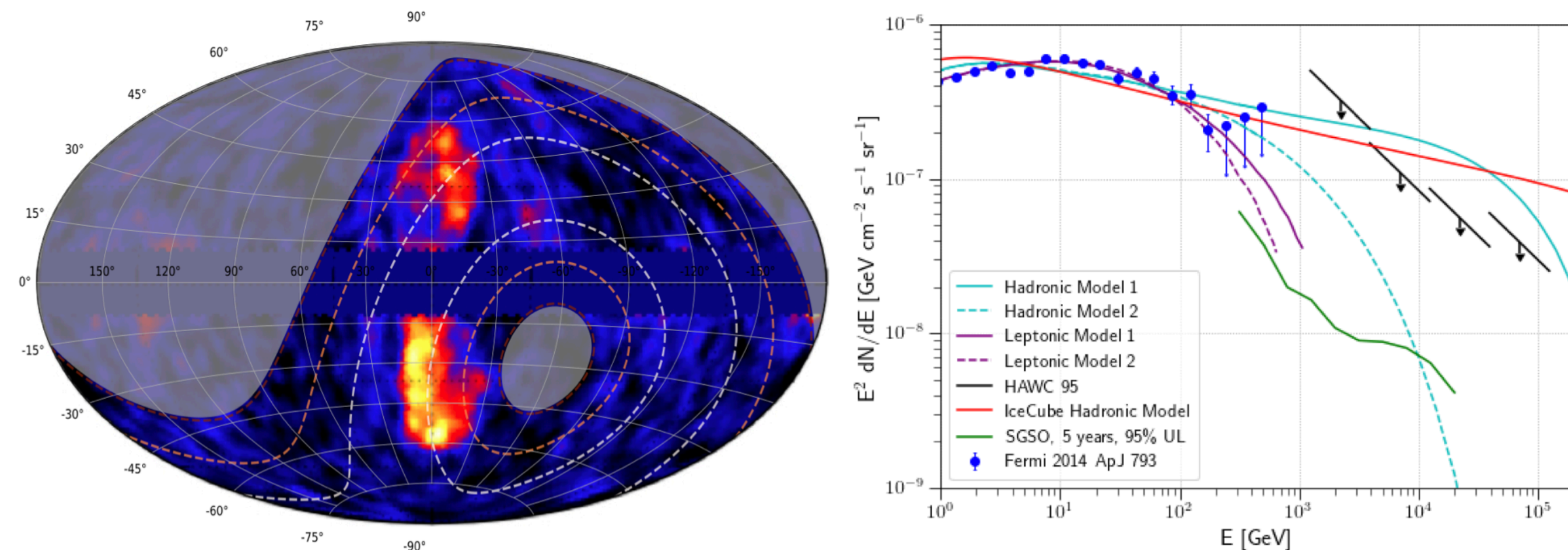


Figure 4.4: *Left:* Field-of-view of SGSO overlaid on the *Fermi* bubbles (Credit:*Fermi*-LAT team, A. Franckowiak, D. Malyshev), the dotted lines indicate steps of 15° from zenith. *Right:* SGSO differential sensitivity from the straw man design to detect the Northern *Fermi* Bubble compared to different emission scenarios [27, 25, 28].

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Cosmic ray anisotropy with SWGO

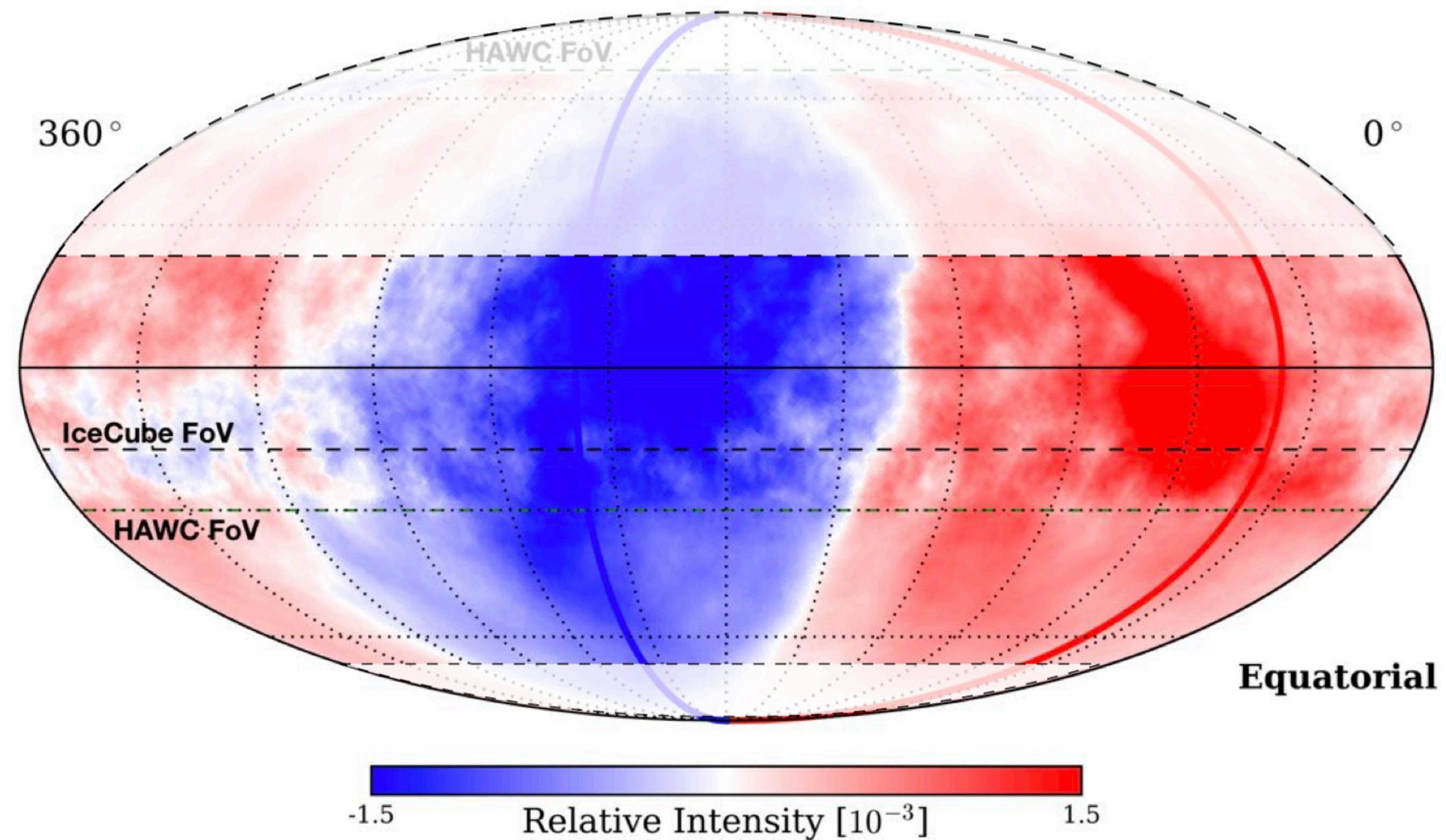
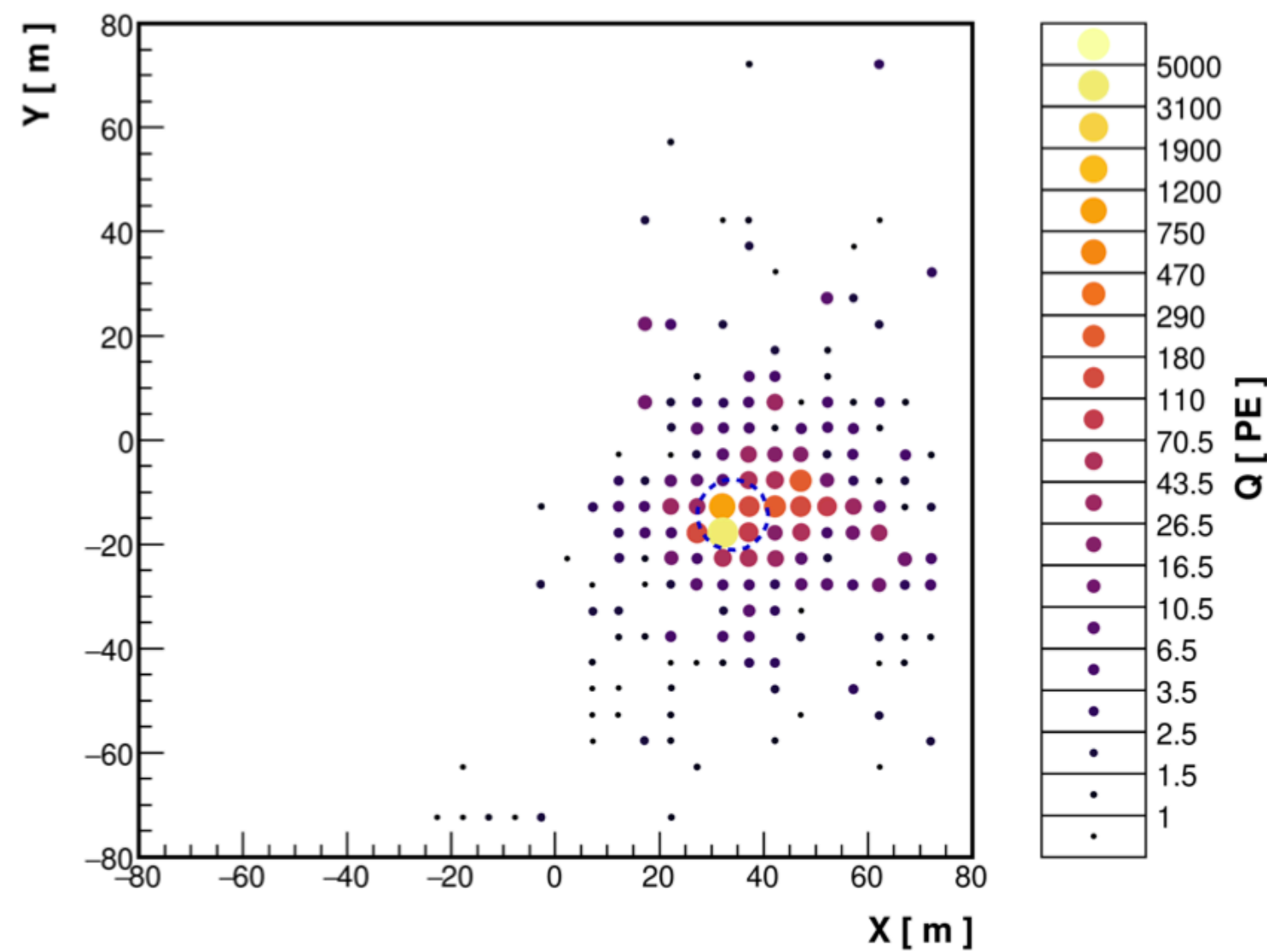


Figure 7.2: Relative intensity of cosmic-ray arrival directions for the combined IC86 and HAWC-300 dataset [293], the unmasked region indicates the declination range of SGSO and illustrates the overlap with both IceCube in the south and HAWC in the north.

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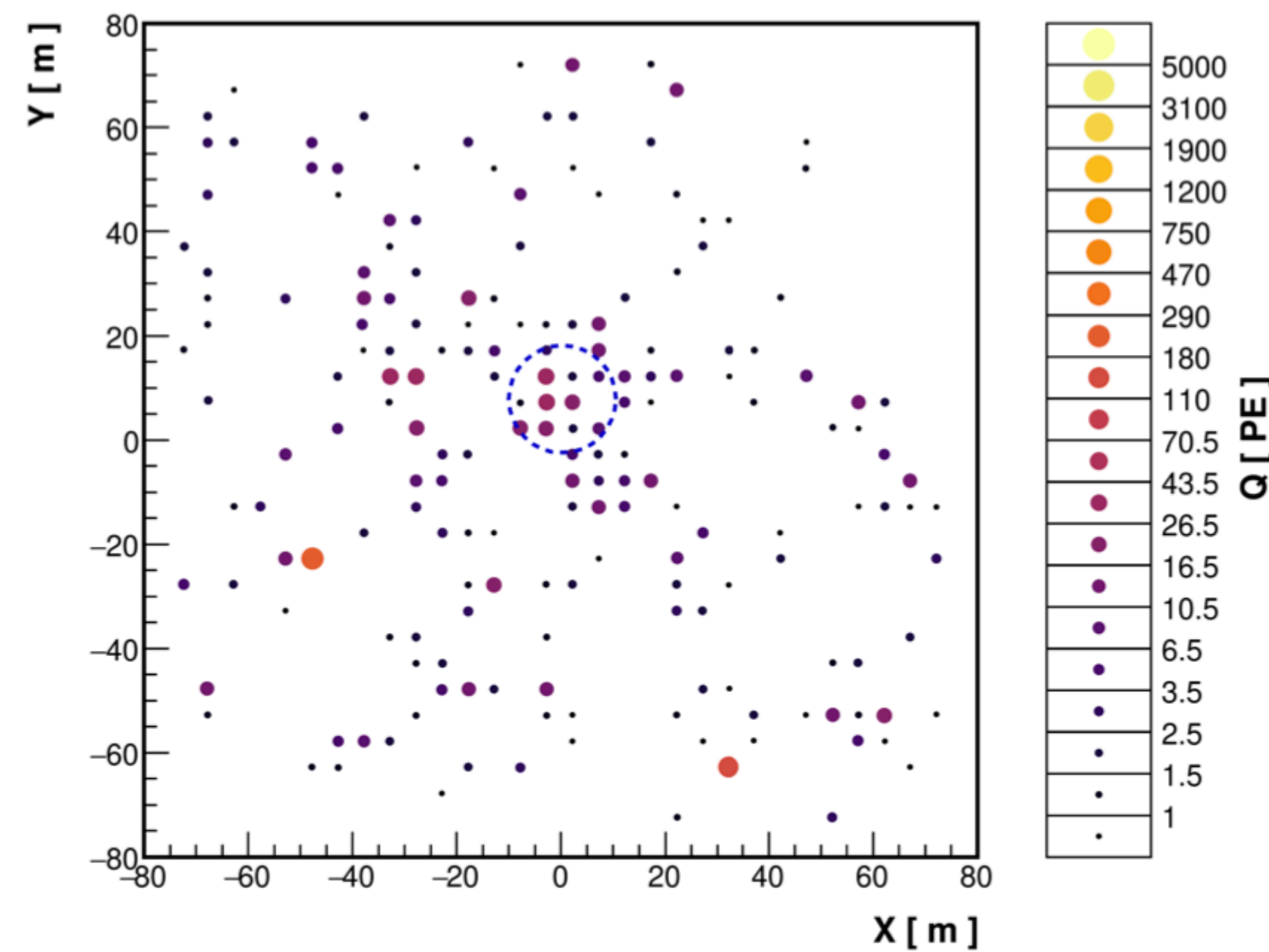
LHAASO event on the WCDA

20190703/055515/0.486267626: nHit=165, $\theta=23.35\pm0.18^\circ$, $\phi=160.18\pm0.30^\circ$



Aharonian et al. 2021

20190704/024216/0.477409113: nHit=189, $\theta=28.53\pm0.11^\circ$, $\phi=3.78\pm0.19^\circ$



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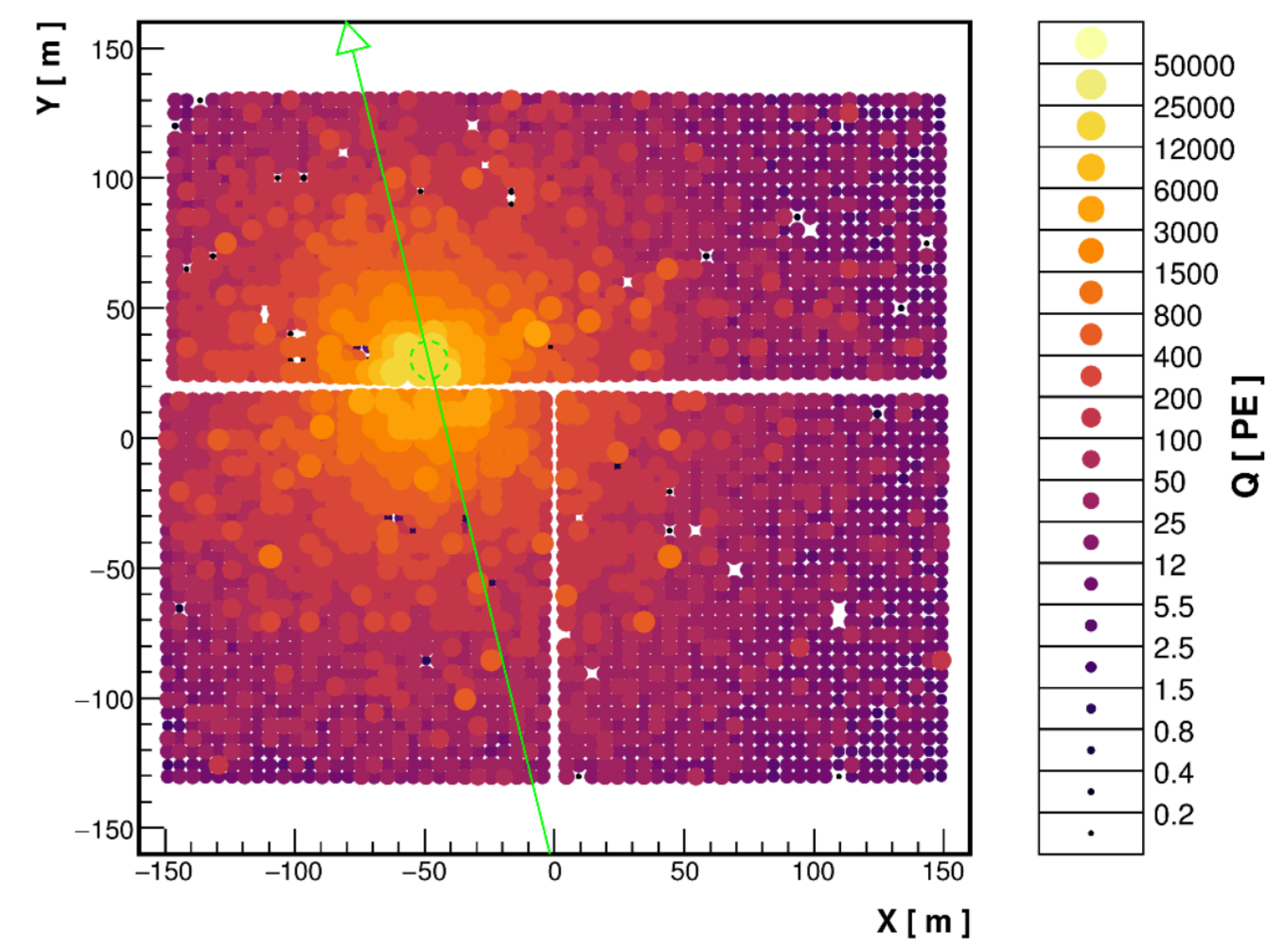
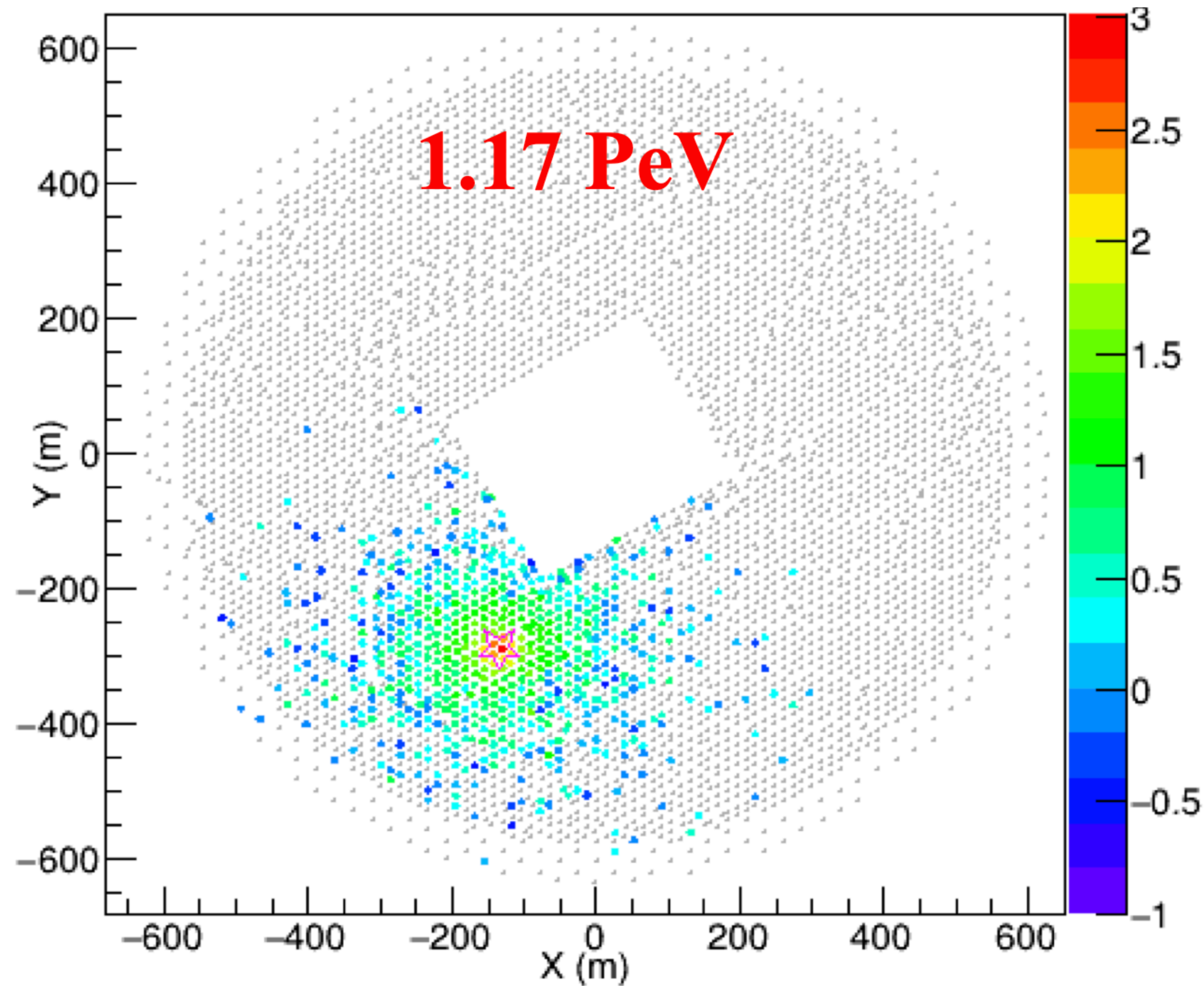


Fig. 10. A high-confidence gamma-ray candidate event from the direction of the Crab Nebula with $N_{hit}=165$ and a compactness value of $C = 39$ (left panel) and a similar background cosmic-ray event with $N_{hit}=189$ and $C = 1.0$ (right panel). Dashed circles indicate the reconstruction uncertainties of the shower cores.

Figure 6: A typical high energy shower event detected by WCDA.

LHAASO event on the KM2A

Electromagnetic detectors



muon detectors

