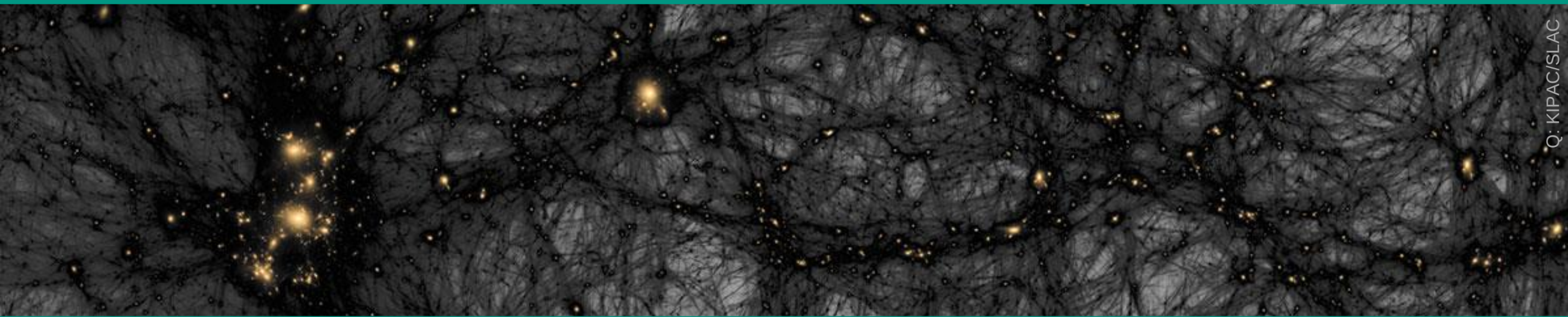


# Astroparticle physics *I* – Dark Matter

Winter term 23/24

Lecture 3

Nov. 2, 2023



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# Recap of Lecture 2

## ■ Multi–messenger physics: charged cosmics, gammas, neutrinos

- **thermal universe** (Big Bang, supernovae): order parameter  $T$
- **non–thermal universe** ( $SNR$ ,  $GRB$ ,  $AGN$ , particle decays):  
order parameters:  $B$ , length scale  $L$ , density  $\rho$ , max. energy  $E_0$ , ...
- **limitation of range  $d$  due to photon background fields** ( $IR$ ,  $CMB$ )

**gammas:**  $e^+e^-$  resonance with  $IR$  – light for  $E(\gamma) \sim 10^{15} eV$   
way out: ‘light shining through universe’ via axion conversion

**protons:**  $\Delta^+$  resonance for  $p$  with  $CMB$  for  $E(p) \sim 10^{20} eV$

**neutrinos:** no direct resonance at propagation ( $\nu$  does not couple to  $\gamma$ )

# Lesson by Lecture 2: possible hints for axions ?

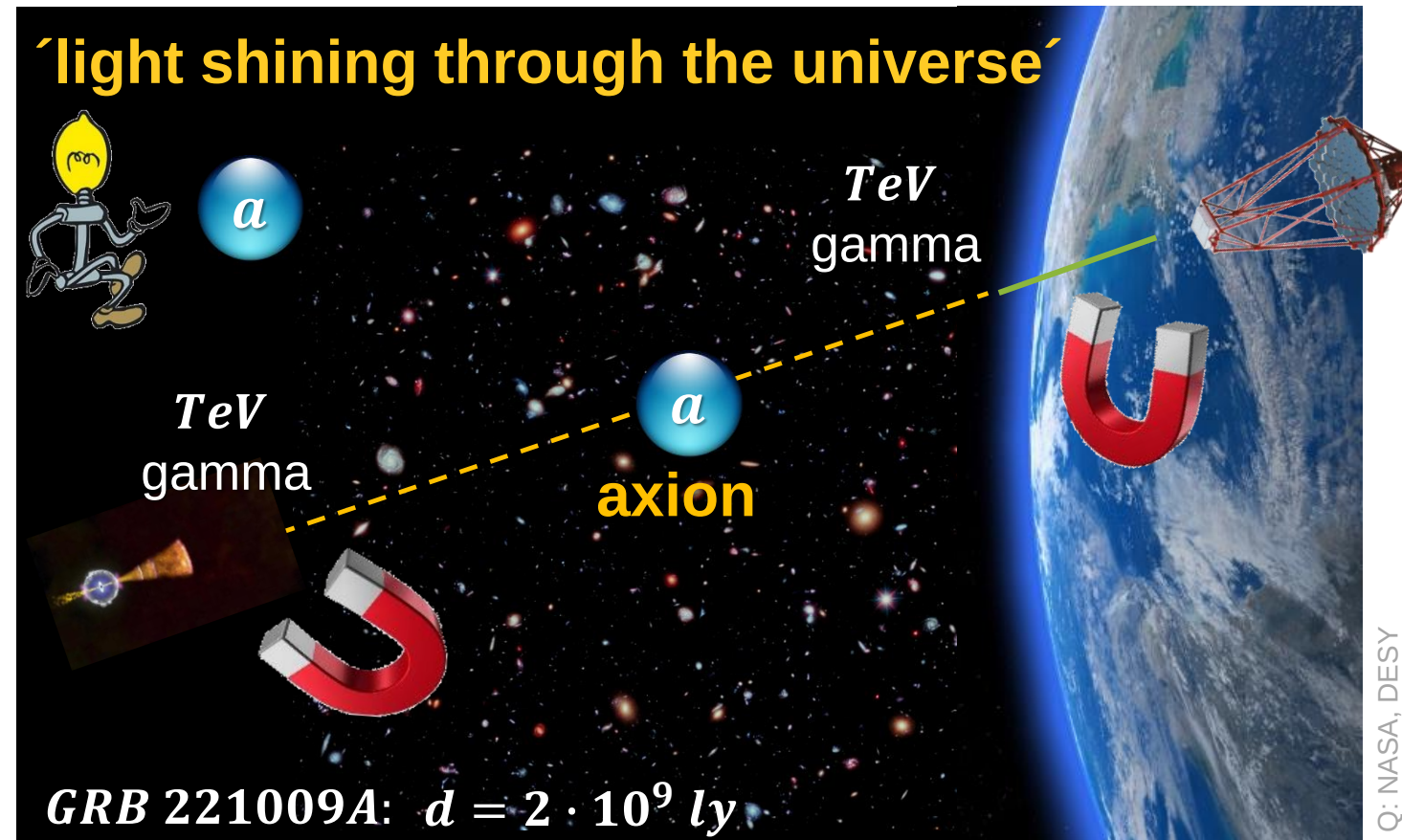
- tantalizing way to extend  $\gamma$  – range: **conversion to axions\*** & back ( $B$  – fields)

## experimental observation:

universe (seemingly) is much **more transparent** for very high–energy  $\gamma$ 's than we expect

## an intriguing theoretical ansatz:

- ①  $TeV$  –  $\gamma$  converts in the  $B$  – field close to the source into hypothetical **axion**, which will propagate over  $Gpc$
- ② **axion** converts back to  $\gamma$

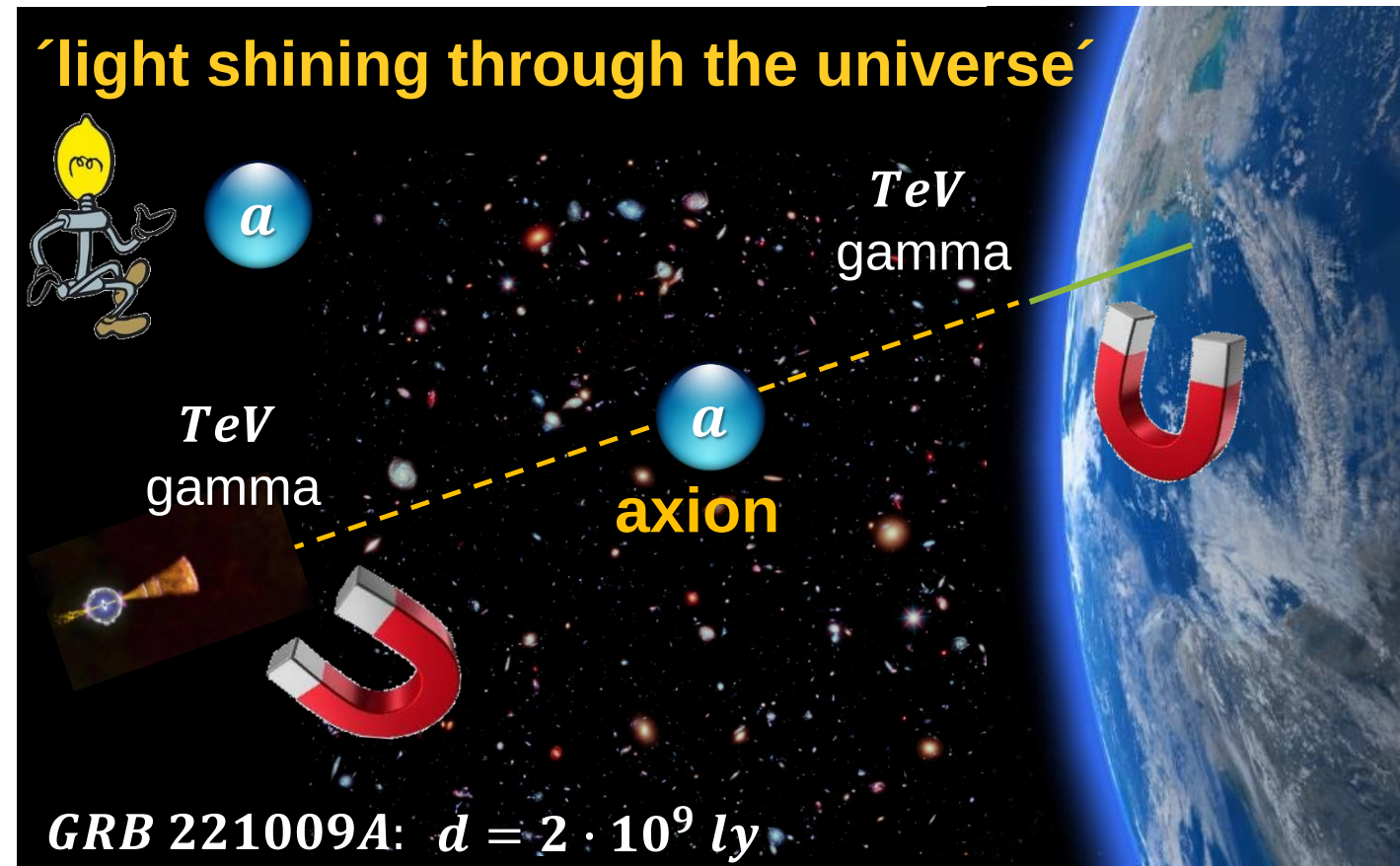
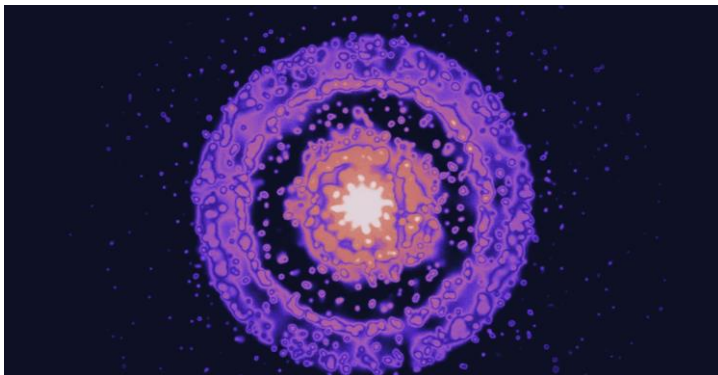


# Lesson by Lecture 2: possible hints for axions ?

- tantalizing way to extend  $\gamma$  – range: **conversion to axions\*** & back ( $B$  – fields)

## Brightest-Ever Space Explosion Reveals Possible Hints of Dark Matter

A recent gamma-ray burst known as the BOAT — “brightest of all time” — appears to have produced a high-energy particle that shouldn’t exist. For some, dark matter provides the explanation.



# Lesson by Lecture 2: possible hints for axions ?

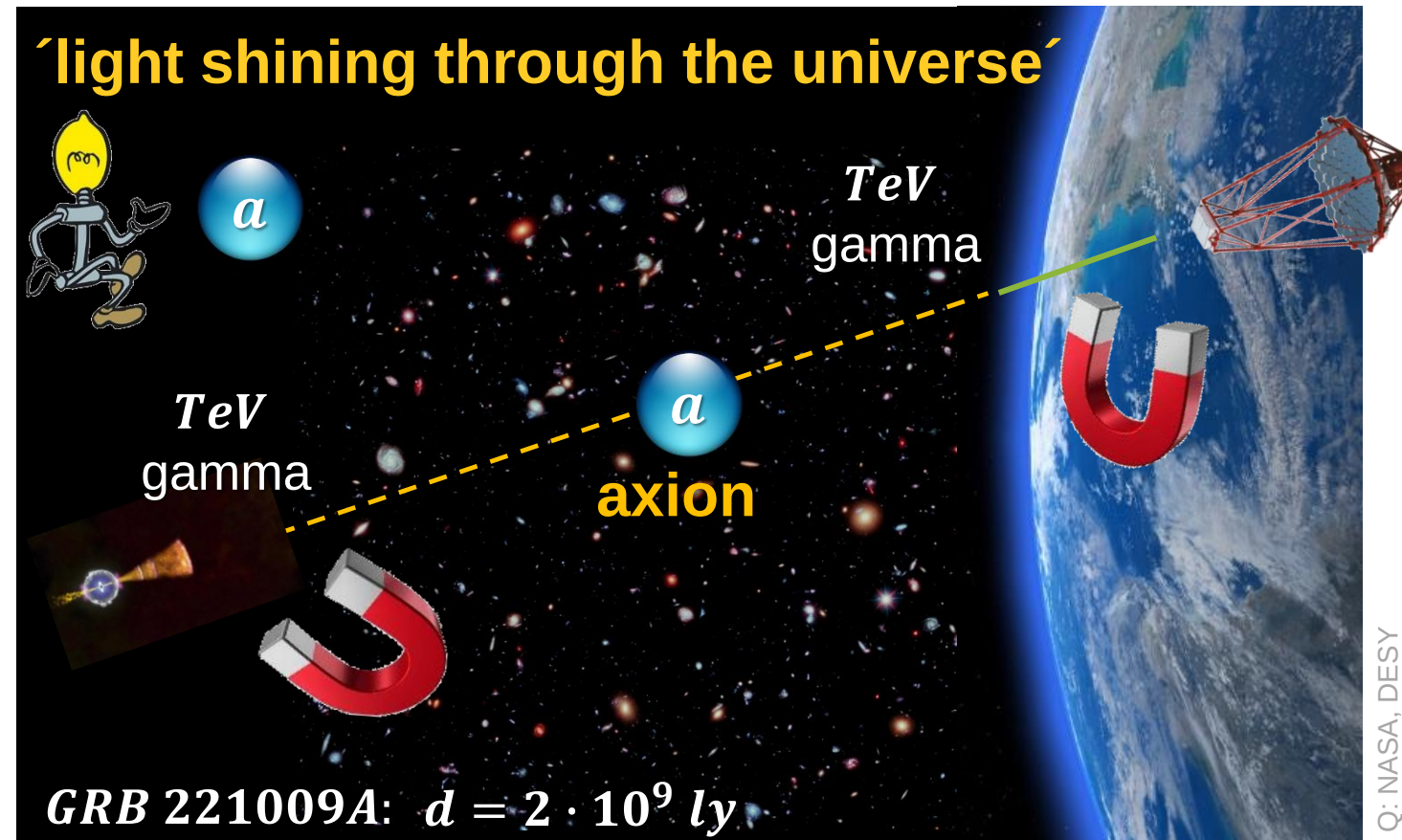
- tantalizing way to measure axions\* with advanced quantum technologies

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## Quantum Technologies: A Deep Look into Dark Matter

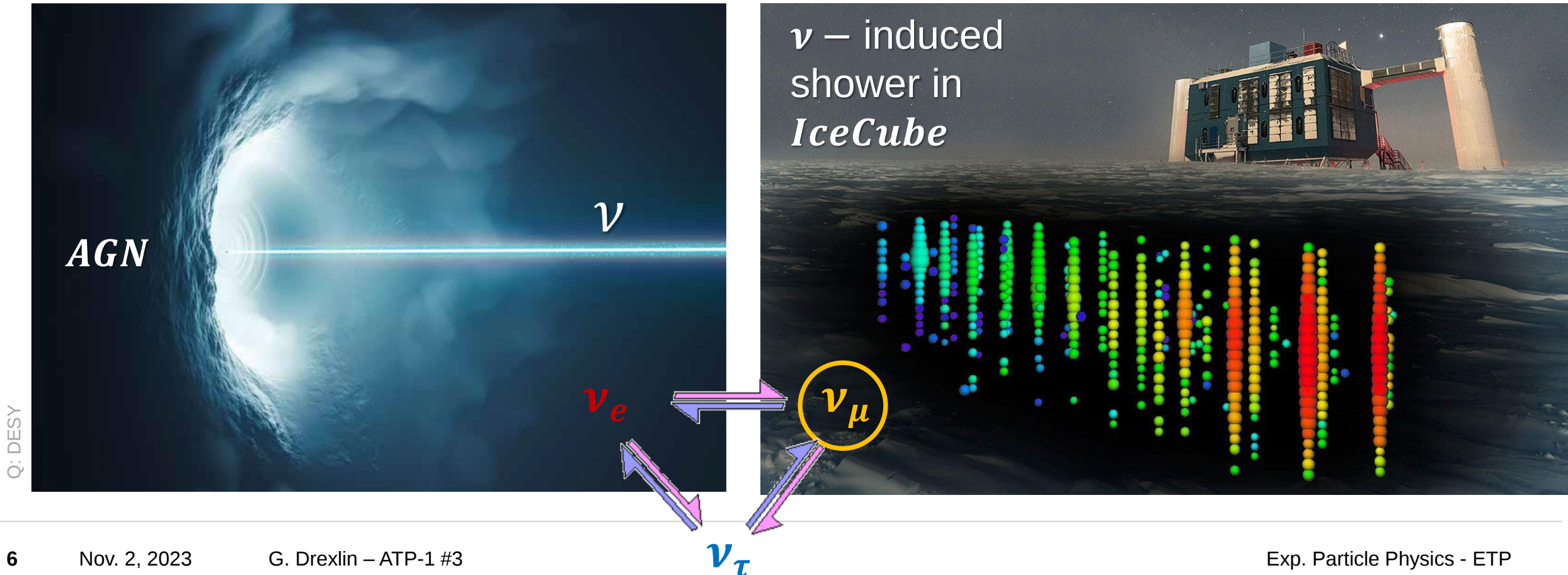
Wolfgang Wernsdorfer receives ERC Synergy Grant – Six-year international project DarkQuantum uses quantum technologies to prove the existence of axions



# Neutrinos: large–volume Cerenkov detectors

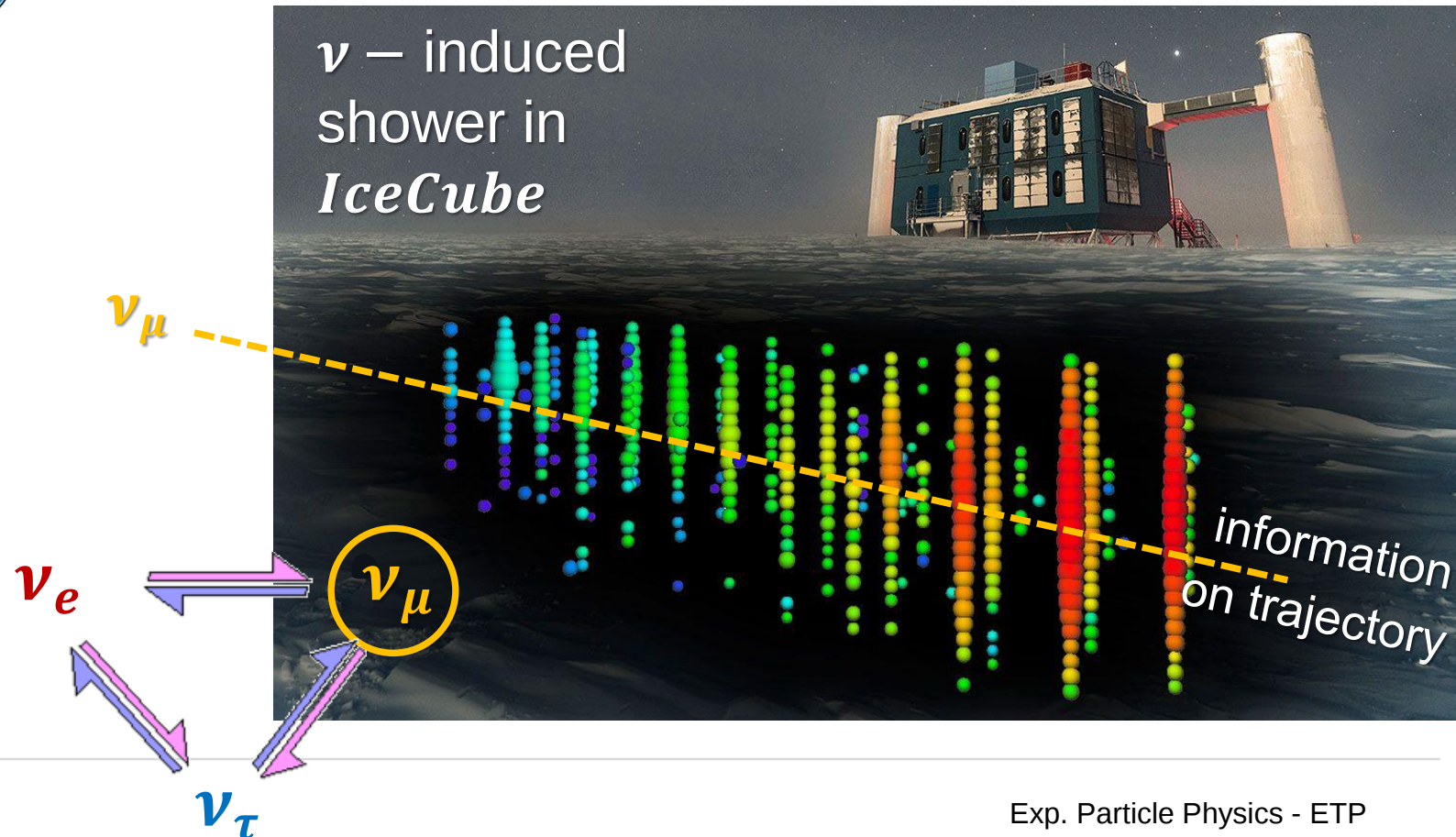
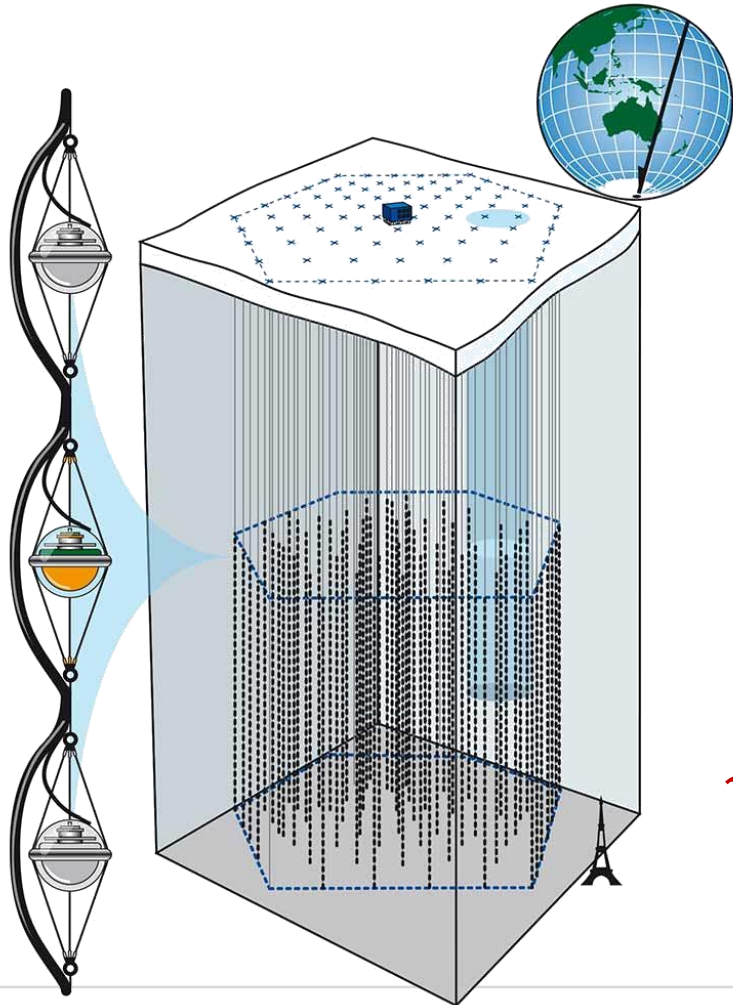
■ Search for **point sources** of neutrinos at the  $TeV \dots PeV$  energy scale

- no interactions with photon background fields, but  **$\nu$  – oscillations do occur**



# Neutrinos: large-volume Cerenkov detectors

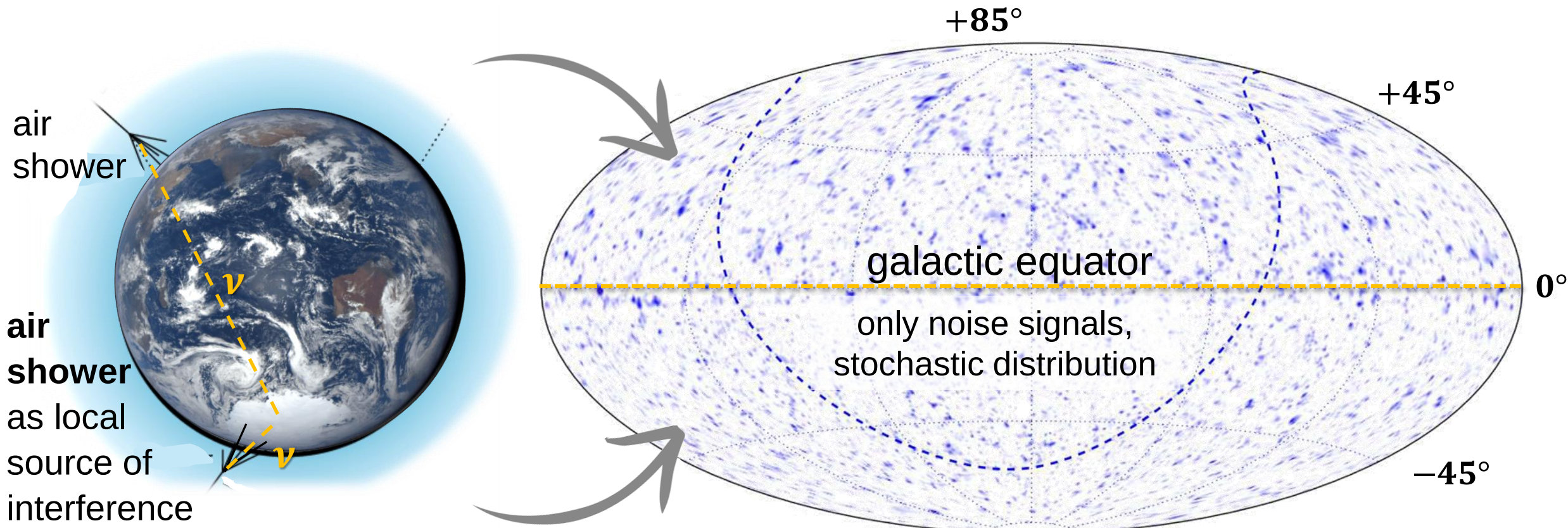
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# Neutrinos: scanning the northern & southern sky

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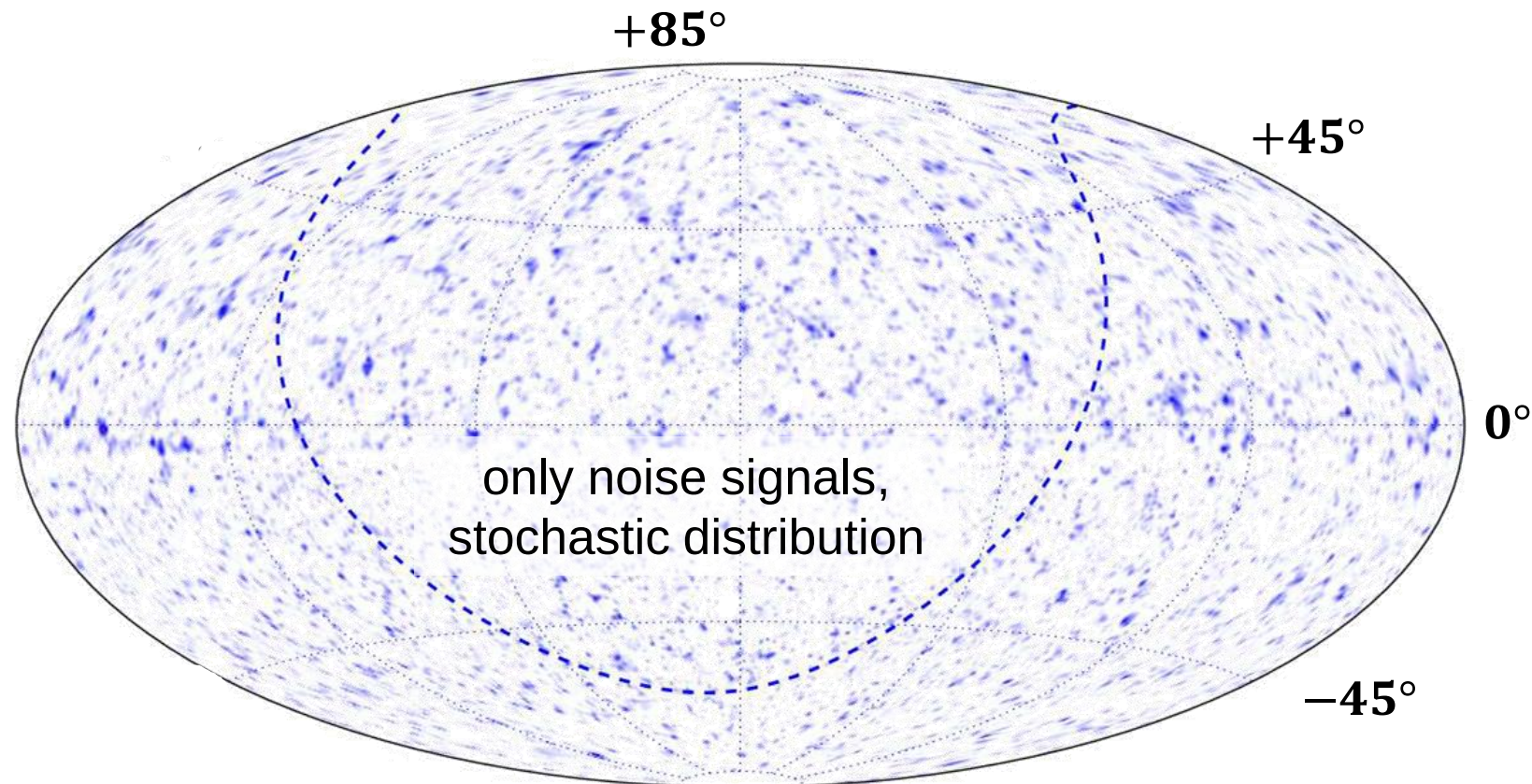
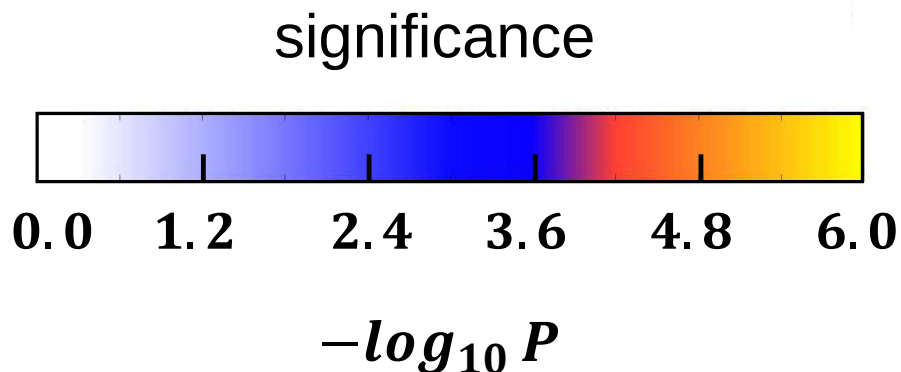
- **isotropic background, very rare  $\nu$  – signals from extragalactic sources**



# Neutrinos: scanning the northern & southern sky

## ■ Search for **point sources** of neutrinos at the $TeV \dots PeV$ energy scale

- **isotropic background, very rare  $\nu$  – signals from extragalactic sources**
- atmospheric neutrinos act as **isotropic noise**, from decays of  $\pi$  and  $\mu$  in  $h = 10 \dots 15 \text{ km}$

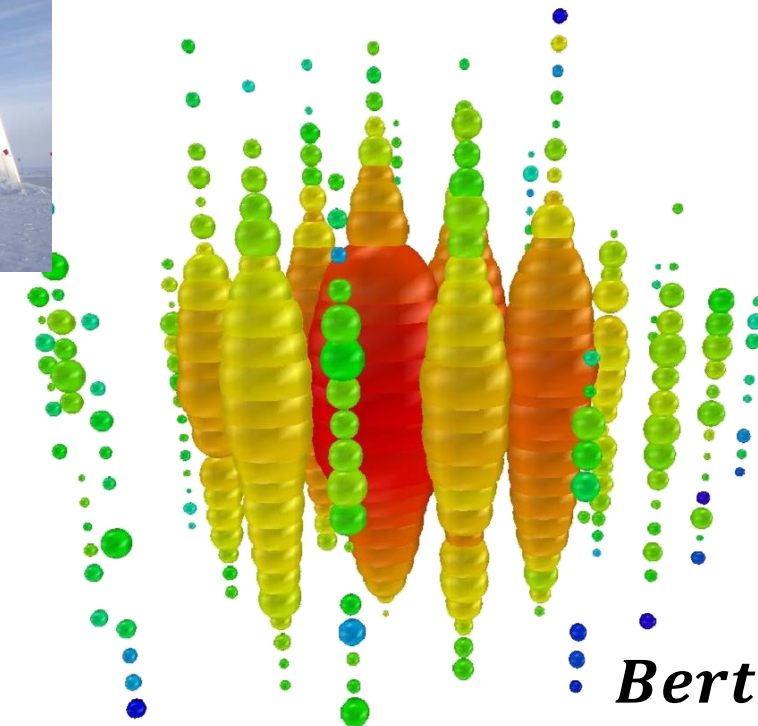
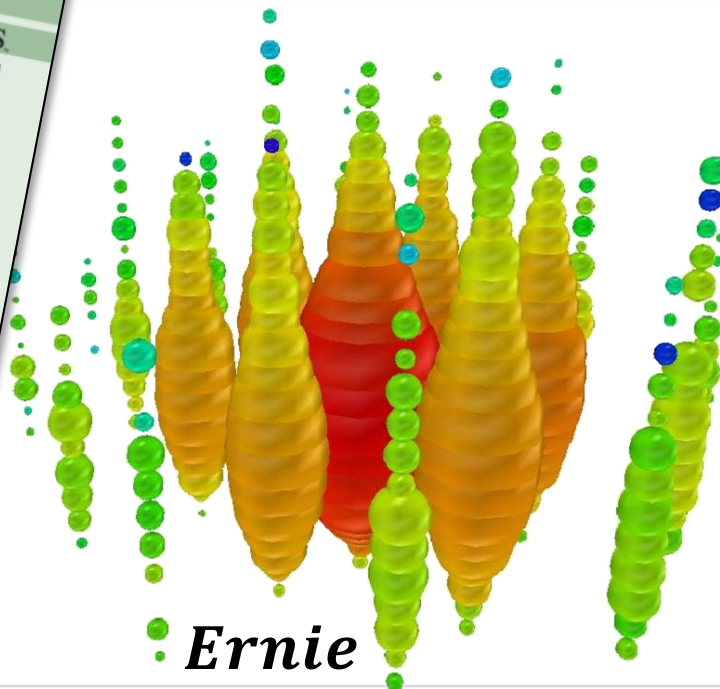


# *UHE* neutrinos – first detection in April 2013

- First breakthrough in **neutrino astronomy** with *IceCube* ( $2.8 \sigma$ )

$$E_1 = (1.04 \pm 0.16) \text{ PeV}$$

$$E_2 = (1.14 \pm 0.17) \text{ PeV}$$



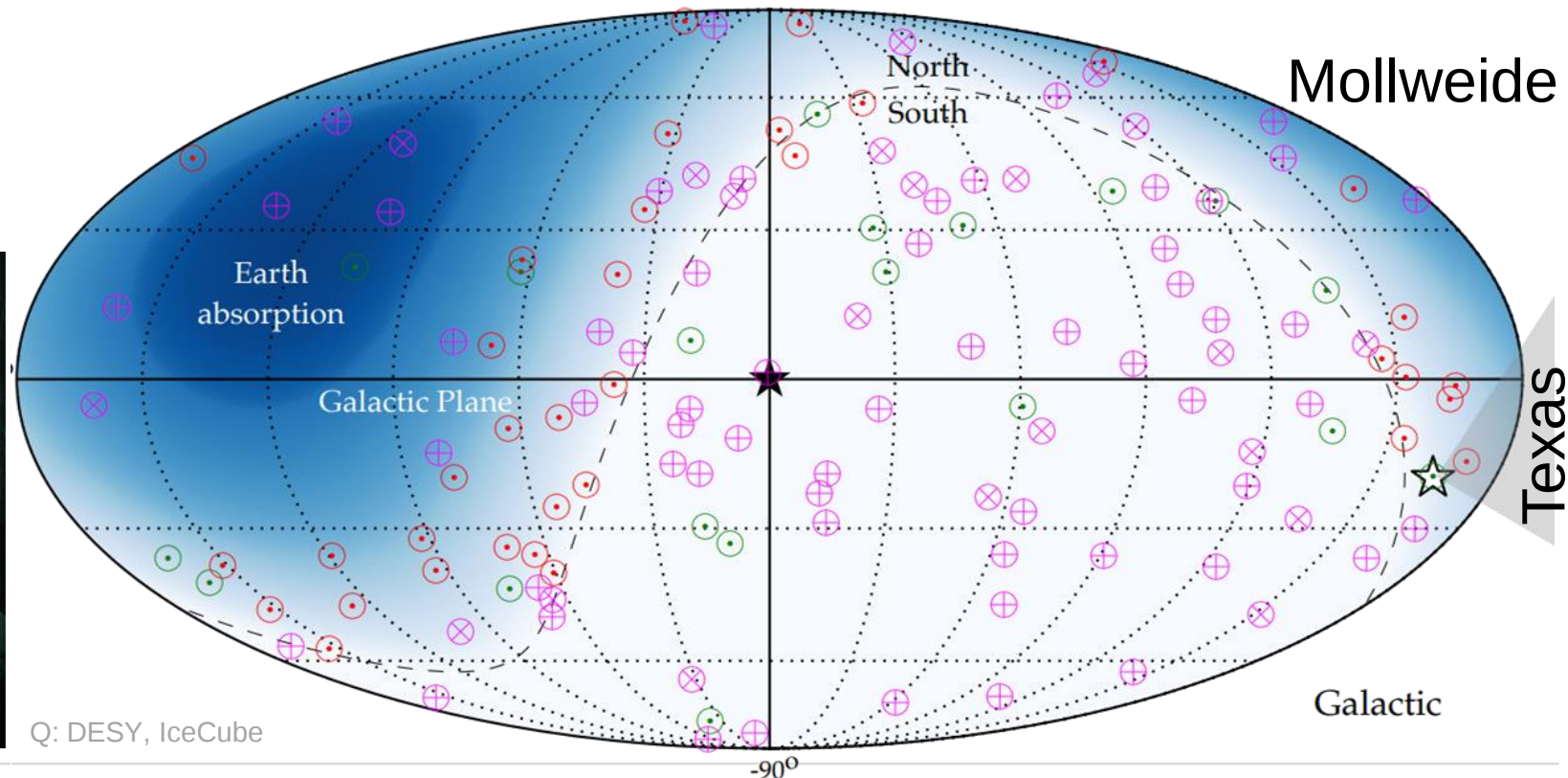
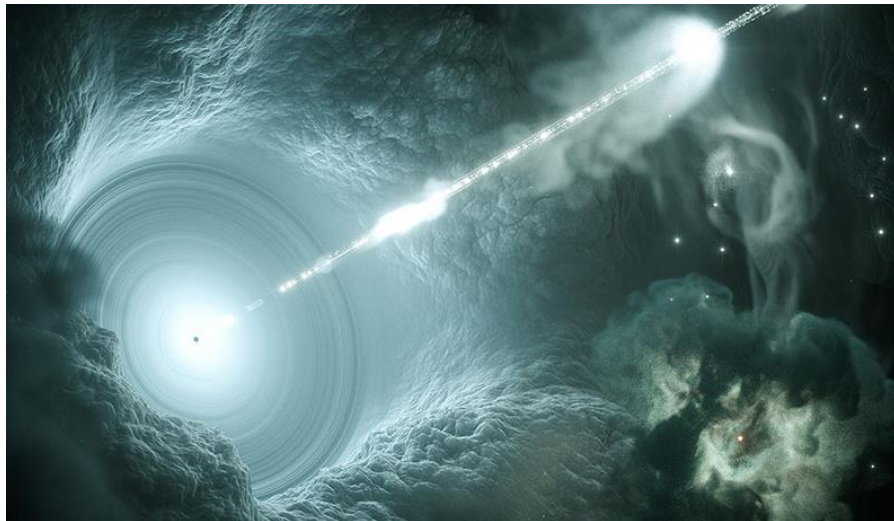
Q: IceCube



# *UHE* neutrinos – November 2019 sky map

- distribution of *UHE* neutrinos is isotropic – no identified sources, but...
  - then luck strikes: first identified source – **an active blazar\*** – in a flare state !!

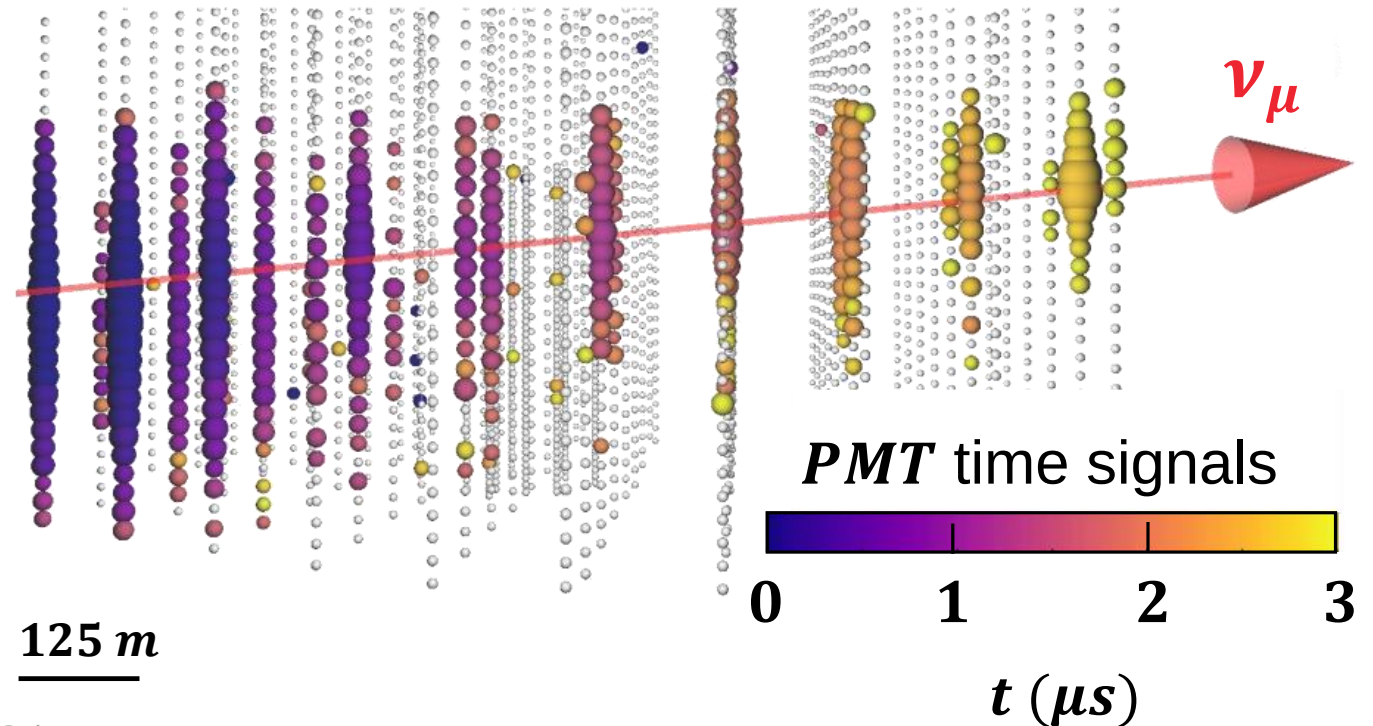
***TXS 0506 + 056***: the active '*TEXAS*' blazar



# the first *UHE* neutrino source: the *TEXAS* blazar

- a *UHE* neutrino from an active blazar in  $d = 5.7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ ly}$

Sept. 22, 2017 – *IceCube* observes a  $\nu_\mu$  with  $E = 290 \text{ TeV}$  from an active *AGN* in a ‘flare’ state (*i.e.* enhanced emission of gammas):  
a known, variable  $\gamma$  – source



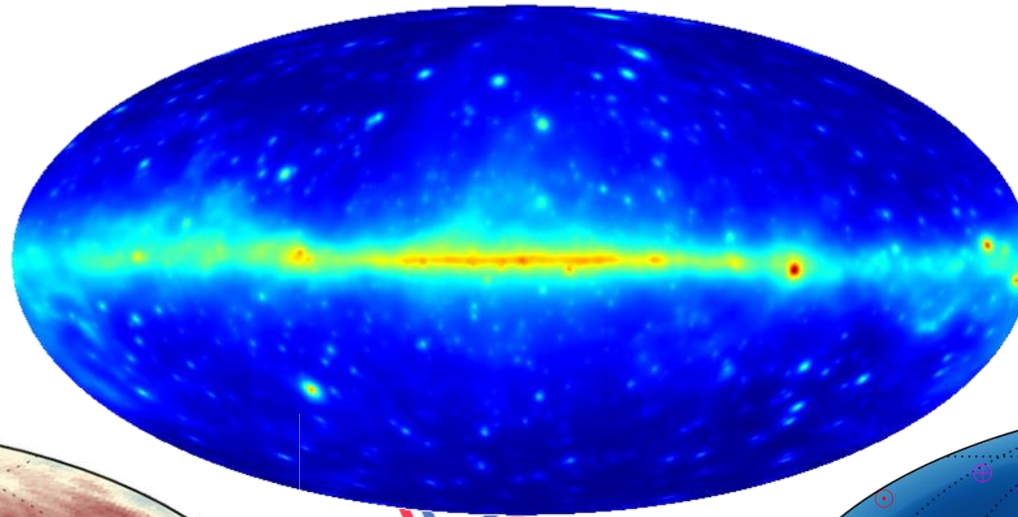
Q: DESY, IceCube

# Multimessenger astronomy – a comparison

- all-sky-maps für *GeV ... TeV* gammas, *PeV* neutrinos & *UHECR*'s at *EeV*



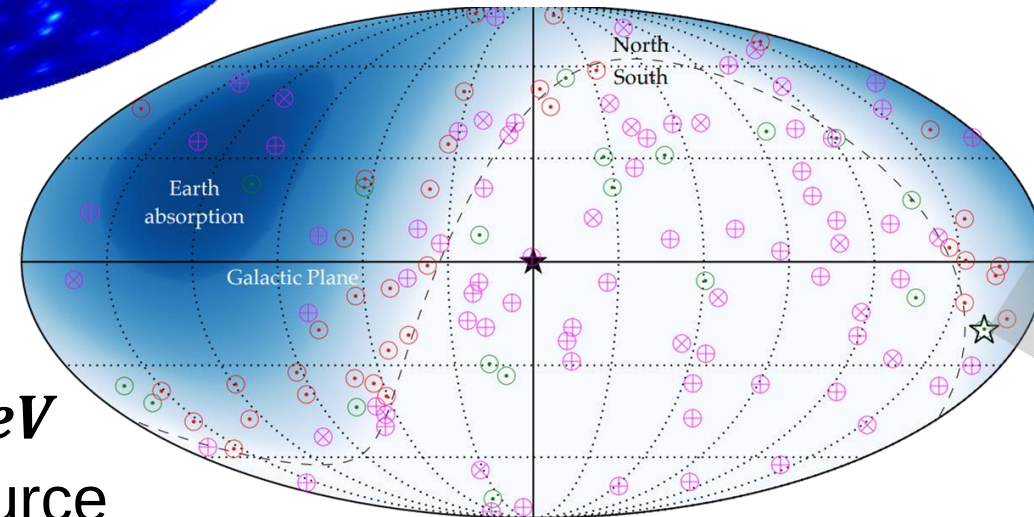
anisotropy  $> 8 EeV$



$> 500$  sources  
 $> 10 GeV$

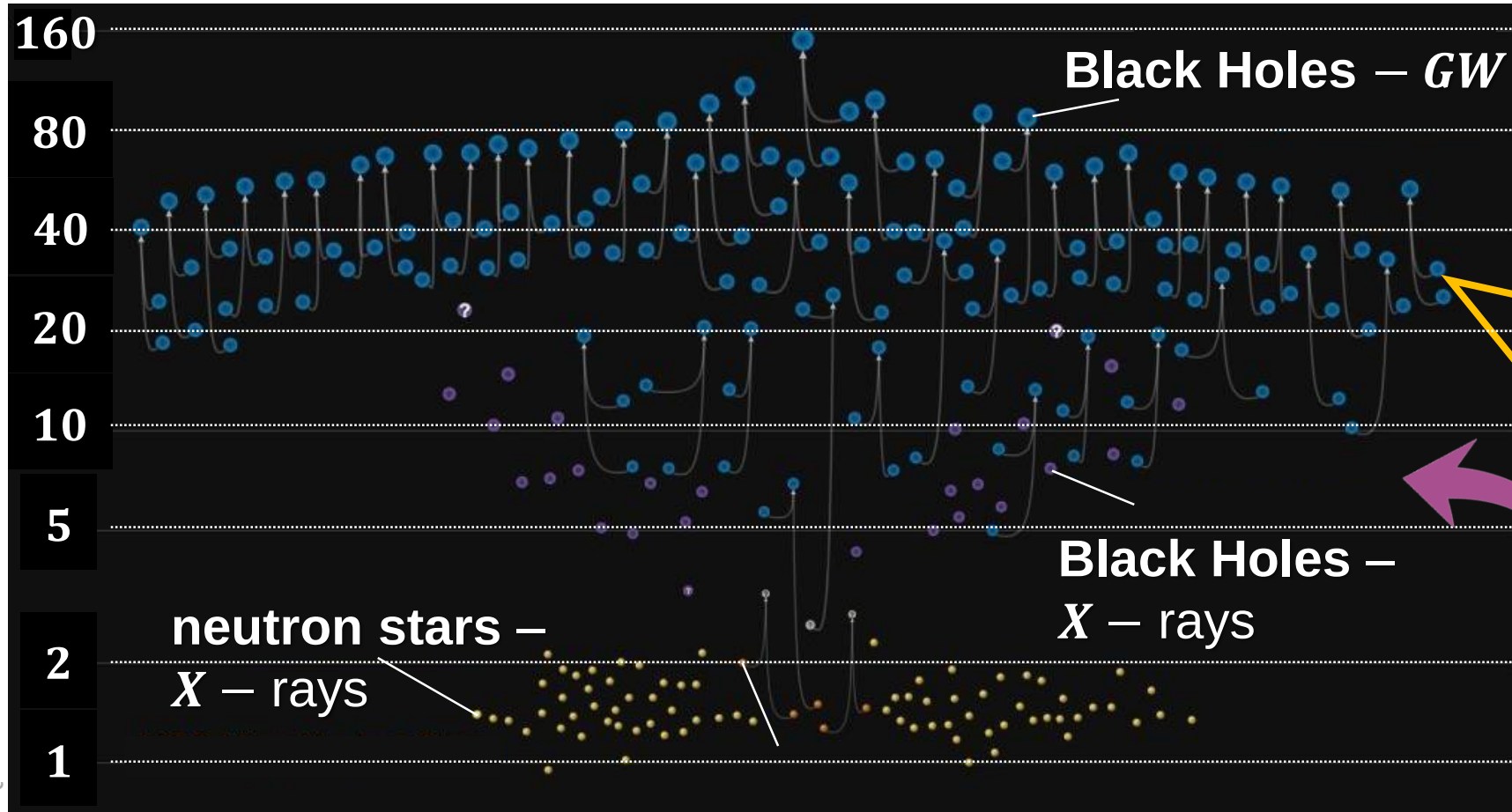


$E > 30 TeV$   
+ *TEXAS* source



# Multimessengers – *GW*, the new ‘kid on the block’

- Gravitational Waves (*GW*): detection of merger processes of compact objects

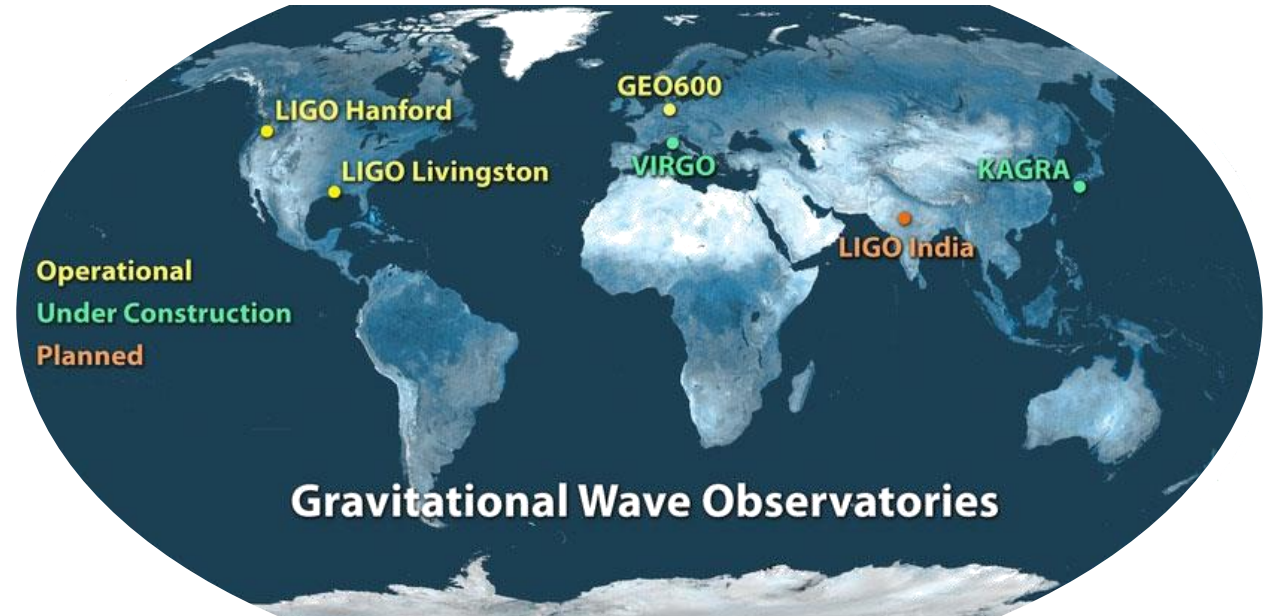
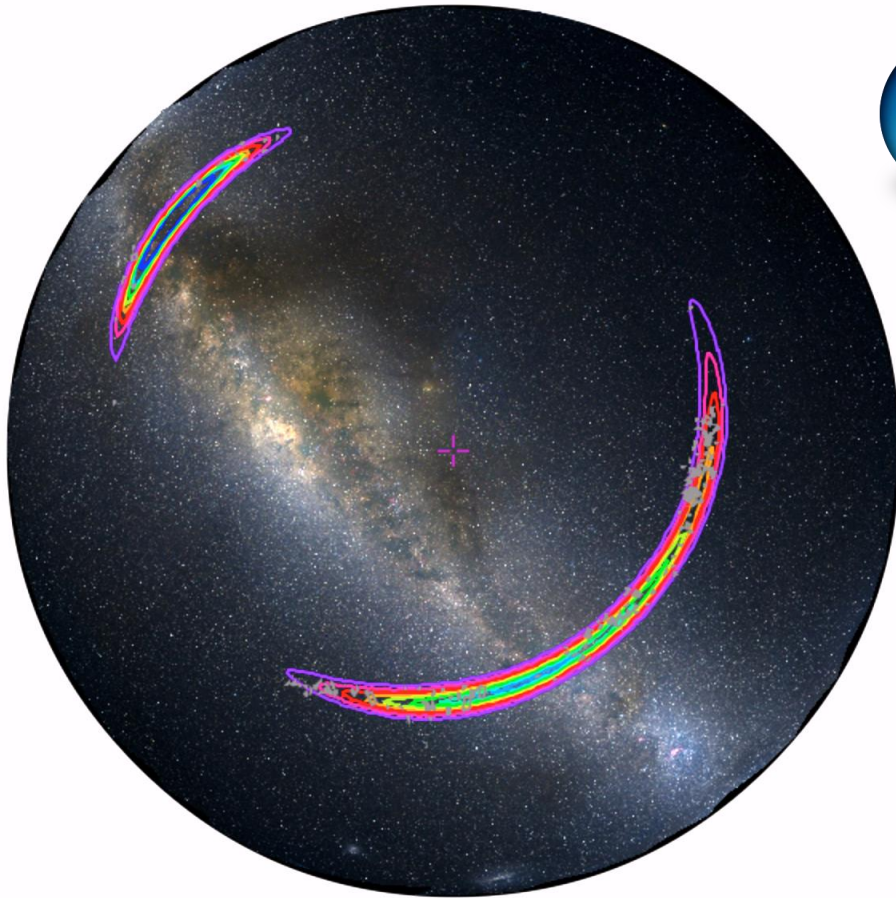


merger process of  
two Black Holes

masses [1 – 160  $M_{\odot}$ ] of  
merging compact objects

# *BH* merger process: reconstructing the *GW* origin

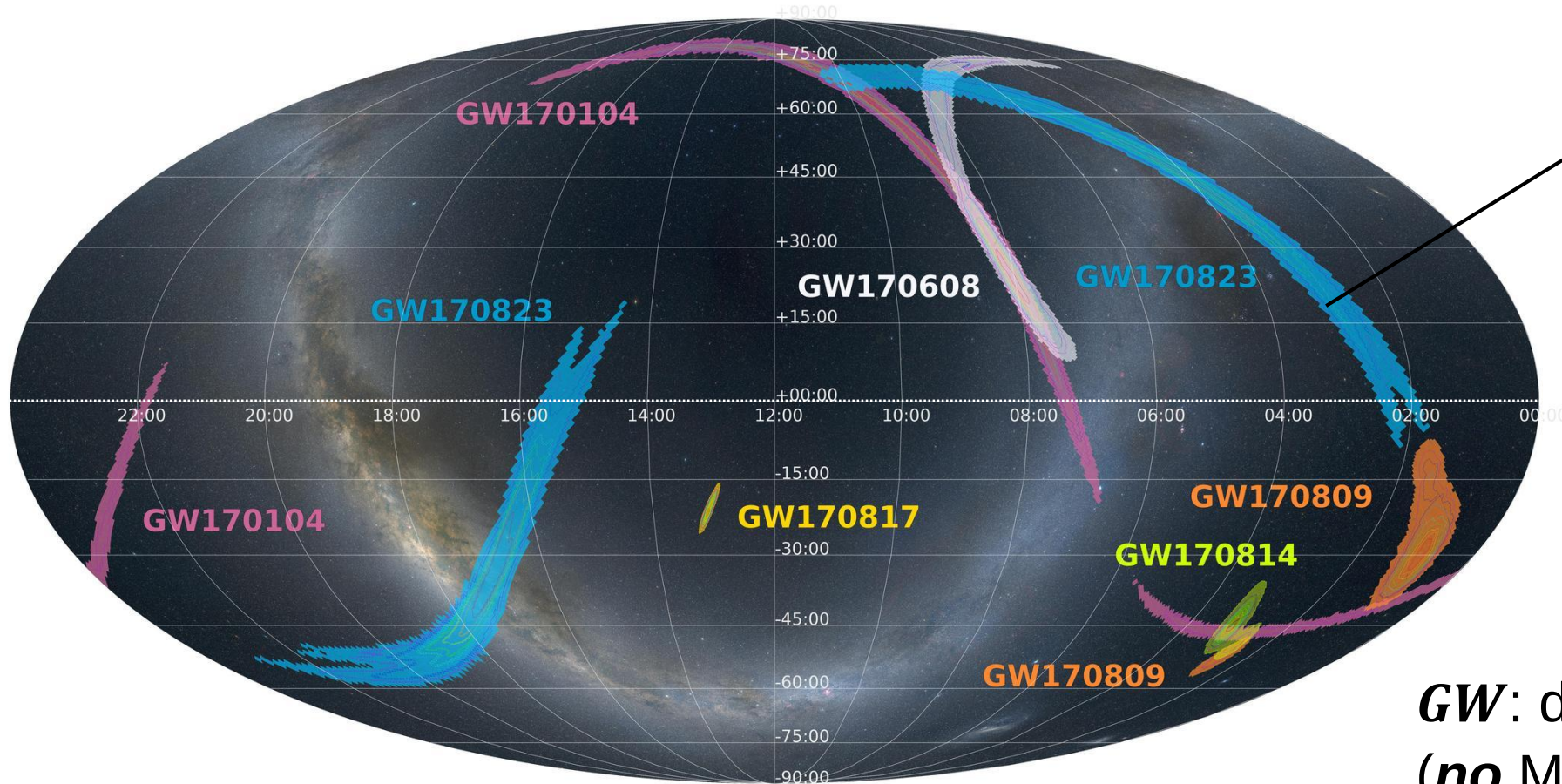
- *GW* allow to **reconstruct the merger site**, if data from observatories combined



- detection in only **one *GW*** experiment:  
**large uncertainties** to determine the origin
- **triangulation** allows to improve reconstruction

# *BH* merger process: reconstructing the *GW* origin

- Status of **reconstructing the merger place** by combining *GW* data

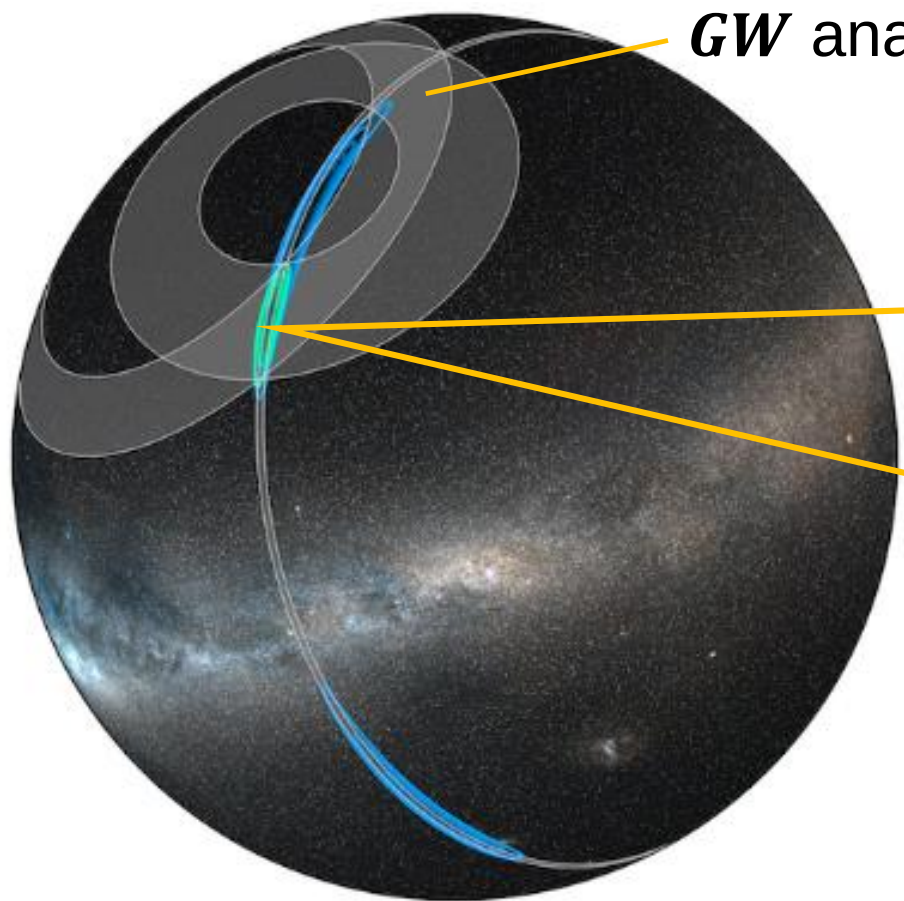


90 % *CL* region  
of localisation from  
*offline* analysis

*GW*: displayed in *ICRS*\*  
(no Mollweide projection !)

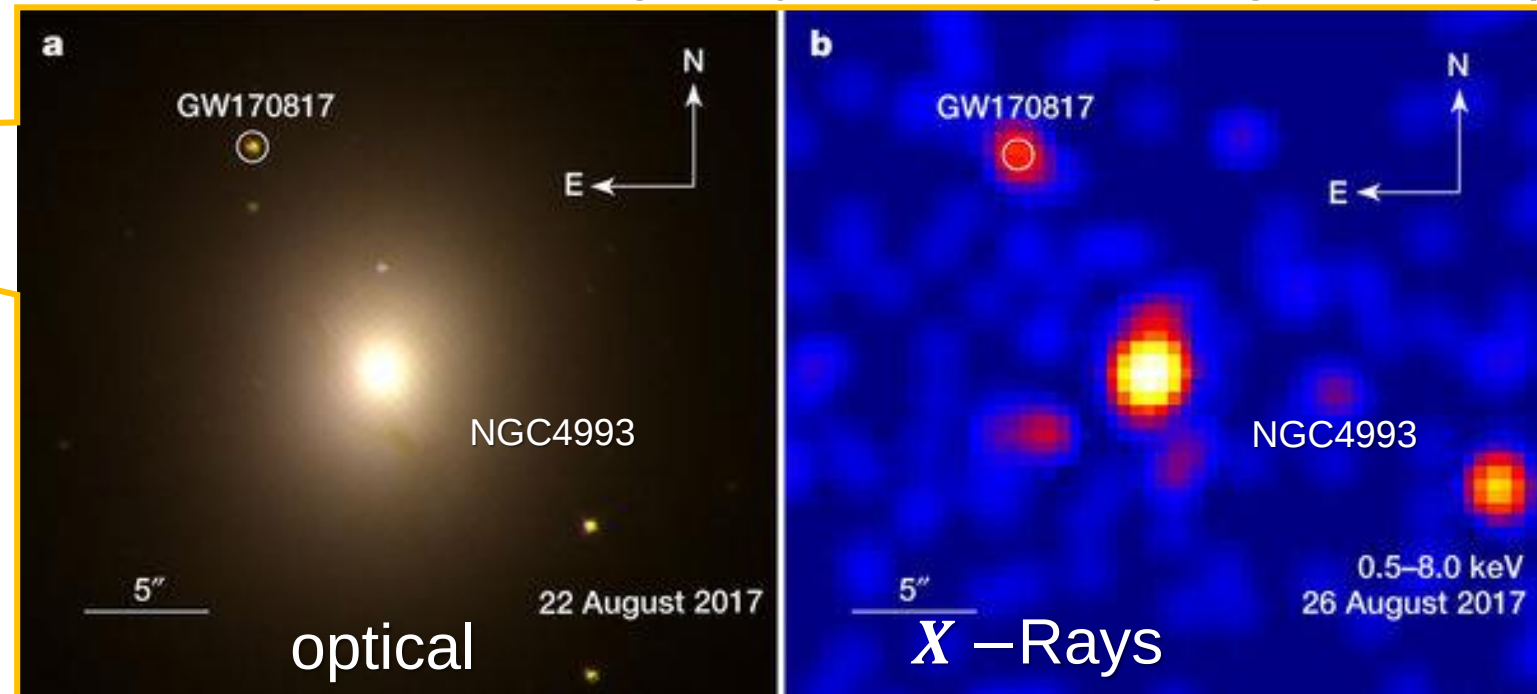
# *BH* merger process: using an optical afterglow

- Precision reconstruction requires identification of an **optical ‘afterglow’**



*GW* analysis only

visible: ‘**kilonova**’ in galaxy *NGC 4993* (August 2017)



## 2.1.1 Cosmic air shower experiments

### ■ detecting charged **Cosmic Rays (CR)** at the surface of the Earth

- what types are the **cosmic accelerators** (**proton** or **lepton machines**?), and what are the mechanisms that leads to particles accelerated to beyond  $10^{15} \text{ eV}$ ?

primary particle

- **sources?**
- **acceleration processes?**
- **mass composition?**

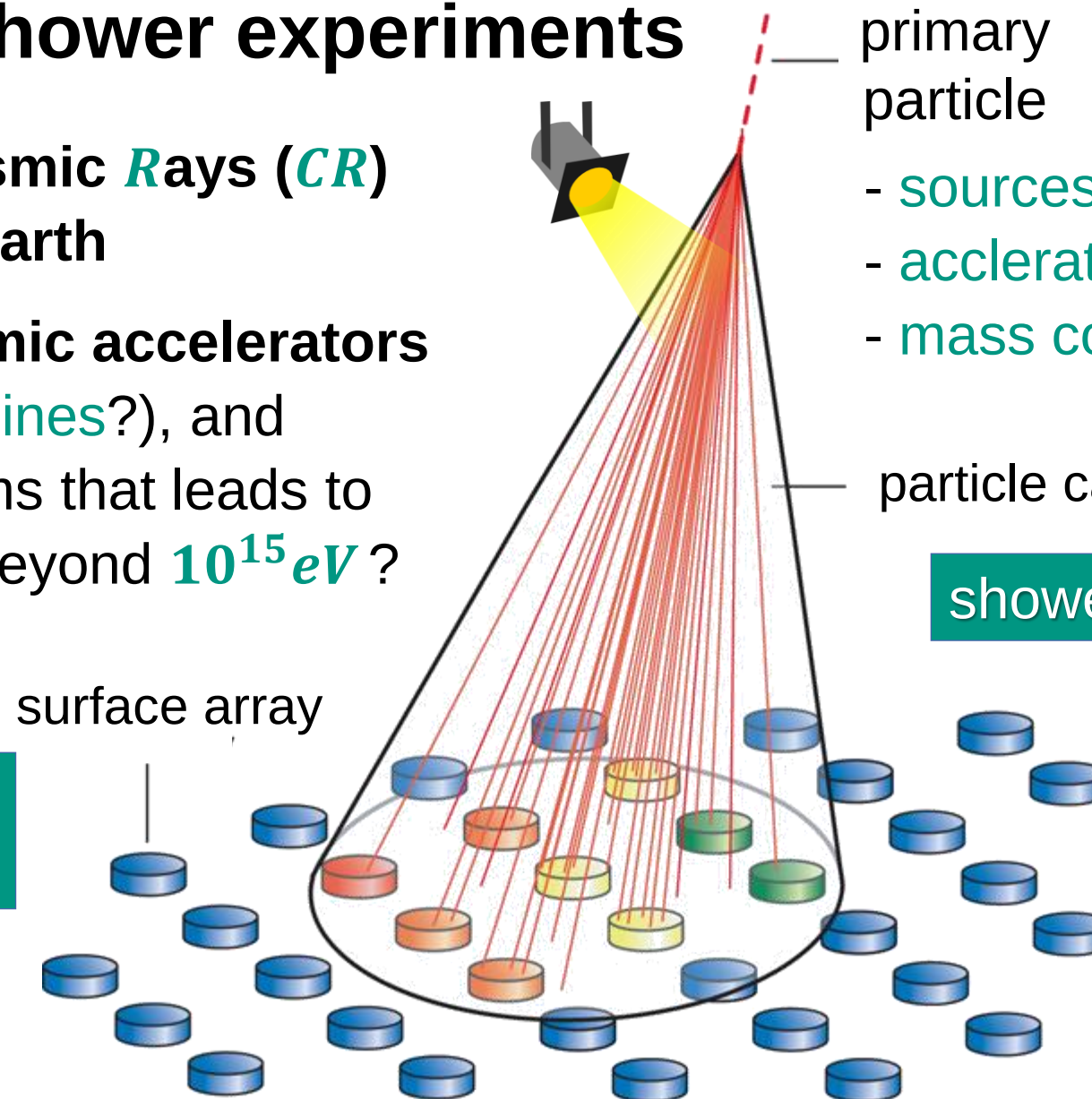
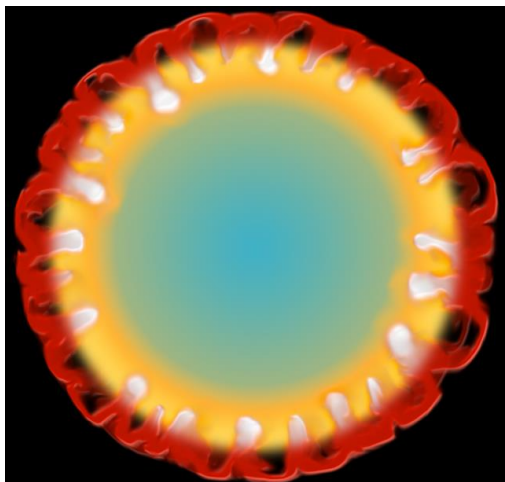
particle cascade

shower processes

surface array

*SNae* as sources?

detectors



Q: KH Kampert

# the physics of air showers: today's knowledge

■ large-scale **particle simulations**: an important tool to better understand *CRs*

- *CORSIKA*\* simulation tool

**photon**  
induced  
shower

interactions of an  
**ultra-high energy  
charged cosmic ray**  
in the atmosphere:  
huge air shower!

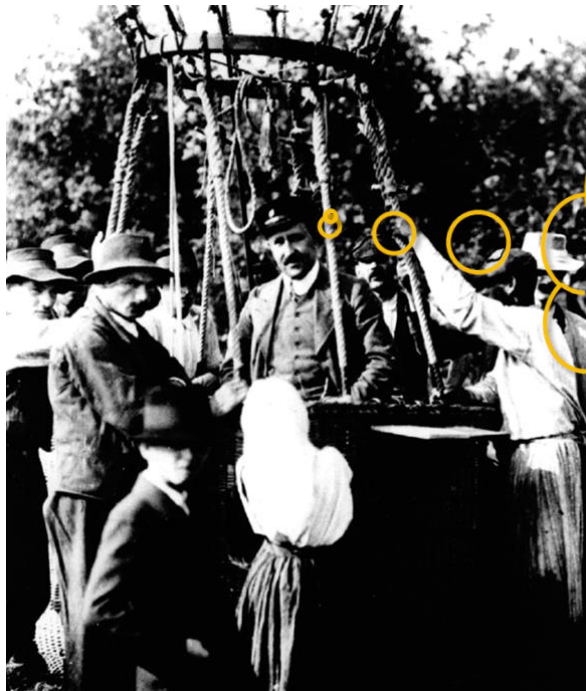
Q: CORSIKA, KIT

# The discovery of cosmic rays by V. Hess

■ Victor Hess & his series of **balloon ascents**, starting at the Vienna Prater

**results:** ionisation of the air does not decrease with height ( $h = 5 \text{ km}$ )

**explanation:** there is a radiation form with **great penetrating power**, which enters from the top of the atmosphere, not correlated to the sun



Q: APS



## 83. Naturforscherversammlung **Karlsruhe** (Sept. 1911)

The observed too low decrease of ionisation in a closed vessel as function of altitude could be caused by two effects: '... First, there could be (beyond the radioactive substances of the Earth) another **unknown ionisator being effective in the atmosphere**'

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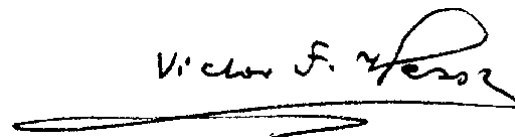
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‘for his **discovery of cosmic radiation**’

Viktor Hess  
1883 – 1964



112 years: 1911 – 2023

# The discovery of cosmic rays by *Hess* & *H.E.S.S.*

■ *Victor Hess* & his series of *balloon ascents*, starting at the Vienna Prater

in honour of *V. Hess*, an air Cherenkov array, *H.E.S.S.*, has been named, which has given us important insights into the *GeV ... TeV* gamma ray sky (see 2.1.2)



*H.E.S.S.* – *H*igh *E*nergy *S*tereoscopic *S*ystem (Namibia)

# Discovery of extended air showers by *P. Auger*

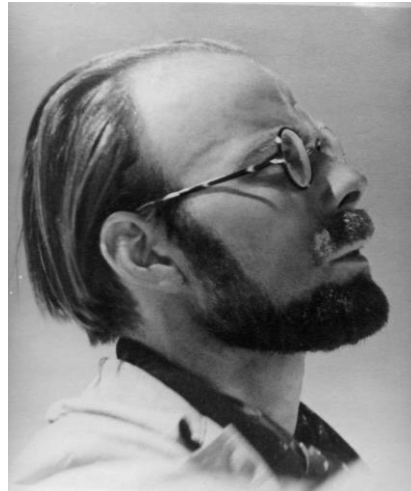
■ *Pierre Auger*: series of **coincidence measurements** at the Jungfraujo

**coincidence technique:**

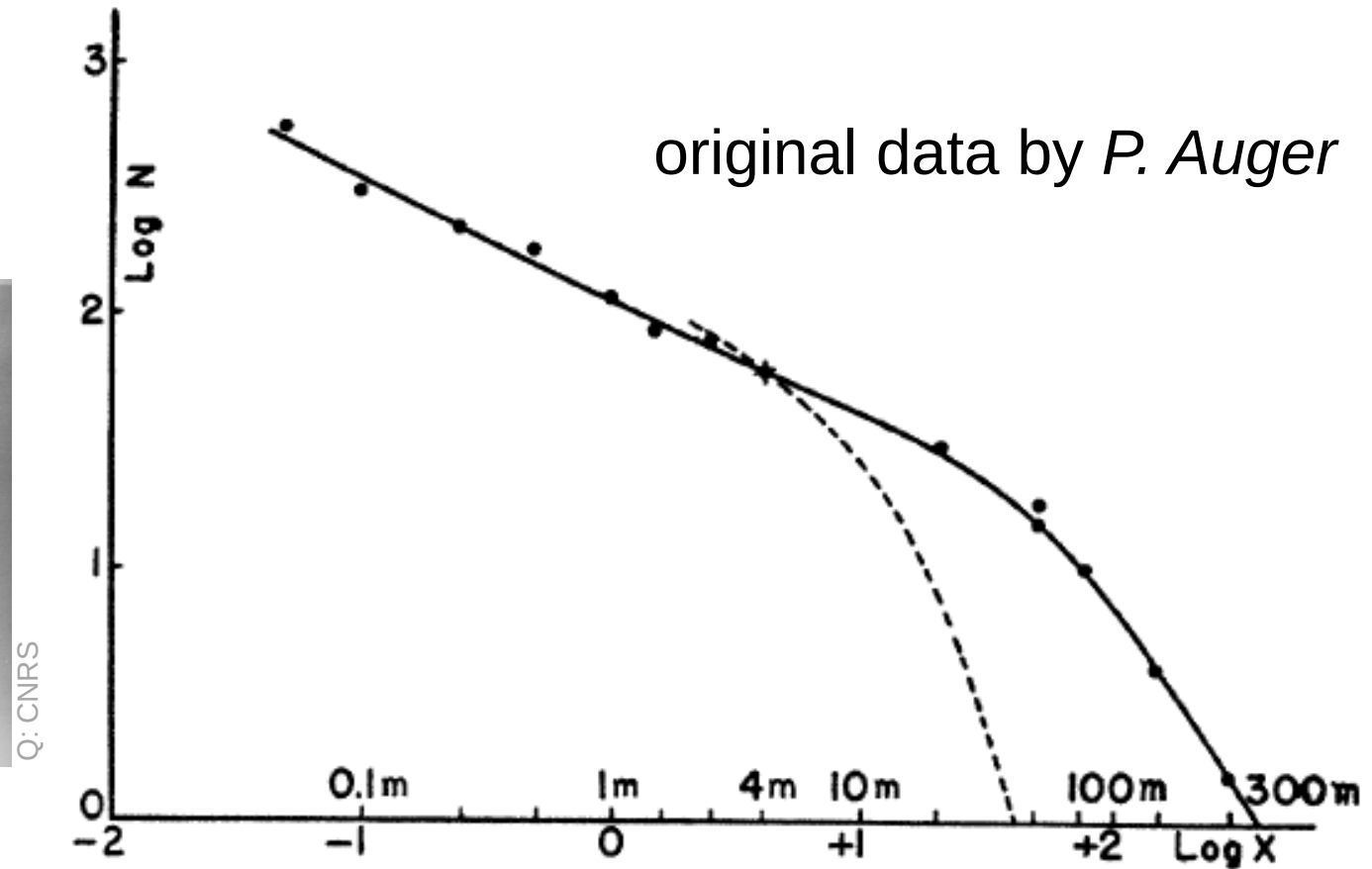
2 Geiger counters operated at distances of up to  $d = 300\text{ m}$



Jungfraujo



*Pierre Auger*  
1899 – 1993

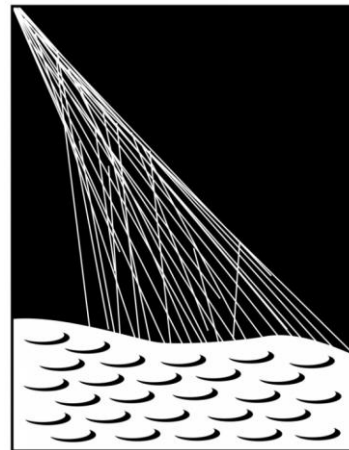
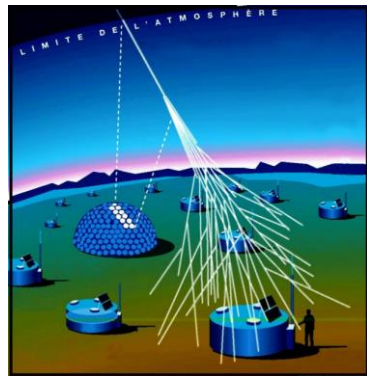


# Discovery of extended air showers by *P. Auger*

## ■ *Pierre Auger*: series of **coincidence measurements** at the Jungfraujoch 1939

- first estimates of the primary *CR* – energy:  $E > 10^{15} \text{ eV}$  !!
- primary energies far beyond the *LHC* scale (**highly efficient *CR* accelerators!**)

in honour of *P. Auger*, an air shower array, the **PAO**, has been named, which has given us important insight into *CRs* at the highest energies (see 2.1.1)



PIERRE  
AUGER  
OBSERVATORY

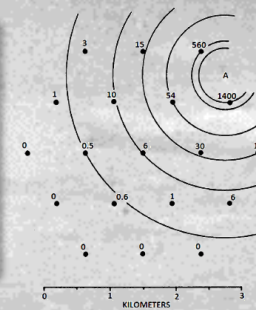
### CONCLUSION

One of the consequences of the extension of the energy spectrum of cosmic rays up to  $10^{15} \text{ eV}$  is that it is actually impossible to imagine a single process able to give to a particle such an energy. It seems much more likely that the charged particles which constitute the primary cosmic radiation **acquire their energy along electric fields of a very great extension.**

# Air showers at the highest energies of $10^{20} \text{ eV}$

## ■ *John Linsley*: pioneering measurements at Volcano Ranch, NM (USA)

- $2 \text{ km}^2$  remote set-up close to Albuquerque
- air shower array with **19 scintillator units**
- each  $3.3 \text{ m}^2$  area, at average distance  $d = 442 \text{ m}$
- long-term measurements from **1958 ... 1972**
- **1961**: observation of a very **high-energy event**
- **1970**: pioneering investigations of the (then new) **fluorescence technique**



$$E = 2 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ eV}$$

Q: Fermilab

# Air showers at the highest energies of $10^{20} \text{ eV}$

## ■ John Linsley: pioneering measurements at Volcano Ranch, NM (USA)

### EXTREMELY ENERGETIC COSMIC-RAY EVENT\*

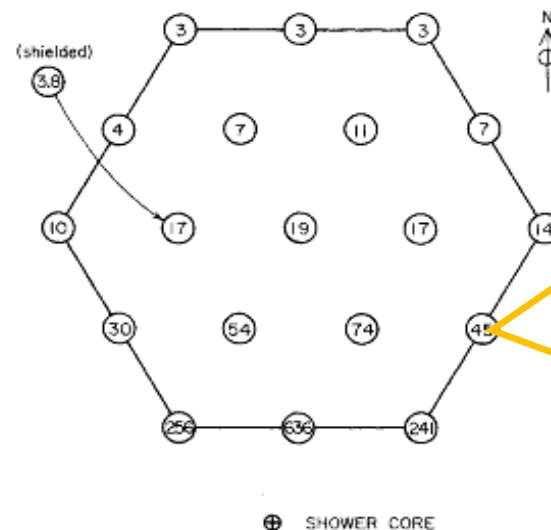
John Linsley, Livio Scarsi,<sup>†</sup> and Bruno Rossi

Laboratory for Nuclear Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Received April 12, 1961)

This note is a preliminary report on an extremely large cosmic-ray air shower. The event was observed at the M.I.T. Volcano Ranch station, elevation 5800 ft, near Albuquerque, New Mexico. An array of scintillation counters was used to detect and measure air showers by the technique used in the earlier M.I.T. Agassiz experiment.<sup>1</sup> The main array was made up of 19 detectors arranged in a pattern of triangles as shown in Fig. 1. The area of each detector was  $3.3 \text{ m}^2$ , and the spacing of adjacent detectors was 442 m. The area enclosed by the array was  $2 \text{ km}^2$ , but the sensitive area for detecting very large showers was considerably greater. An additional detector shielded by 10 cm of lead sampled the penetrating component of showers.

front. The values  $41^\circ$ ,  $41^\circ$ , and  $70^\circ$  were found for the zenith angle, declination, and right ascension, respectively. The deviations of the ob-



The event to be described was one of two, nearly equal in size, which were the largest observed in the period of operation September, 1959, to May, 1960. The total on-time of the equipment during that interval was about 180 days. The particle densities (particles/ $\text{m}^2$ ) registered at the various points of the array are given in Fig. 1. The shower core struck



John  
Linsley

# Energy spectrum of cosmic rays in *log* – *log*

- CR spectrum displays a **power–law distribution** over many decades in  $E$

## ■ frequency of primaries:

$$E = 10^{11} \text{ eV (V. Hess)}$$

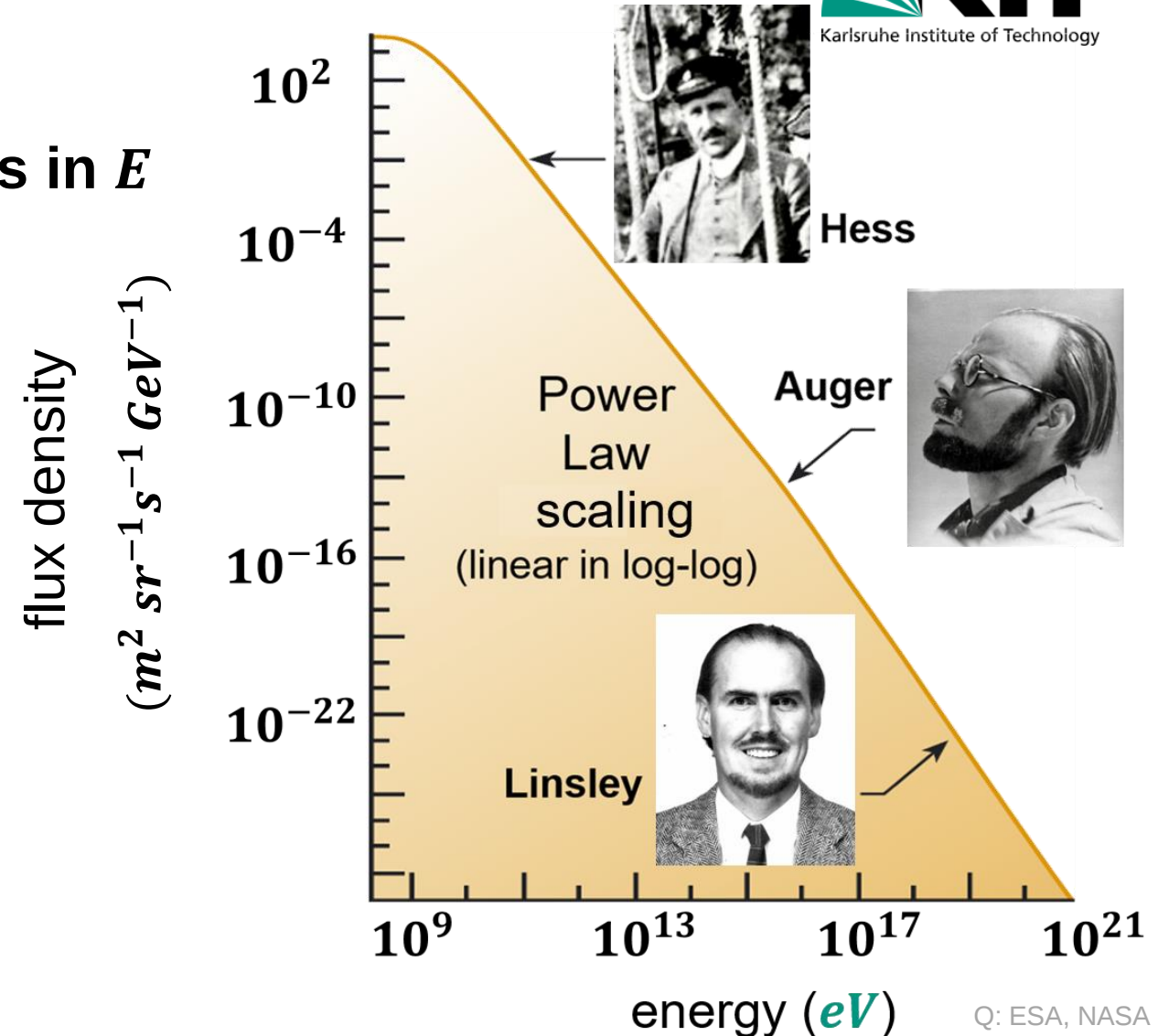
$$1 \text{ event} / \text{m}^2 / \text{s}$$

$$E = 10^{15} \text{ eV (P. Auger)}$$

$$1 \text{ event} / \text{m}^2 / \text{yr}$$

$$E = 10^{19} \text{ eV (D. Linsley)}$$

$$1 \text{ event} / \text{km}^2 / \text{yr}$$



# Energy spectrum of cosmic rays

## ■ CR spectrum: low–energy region

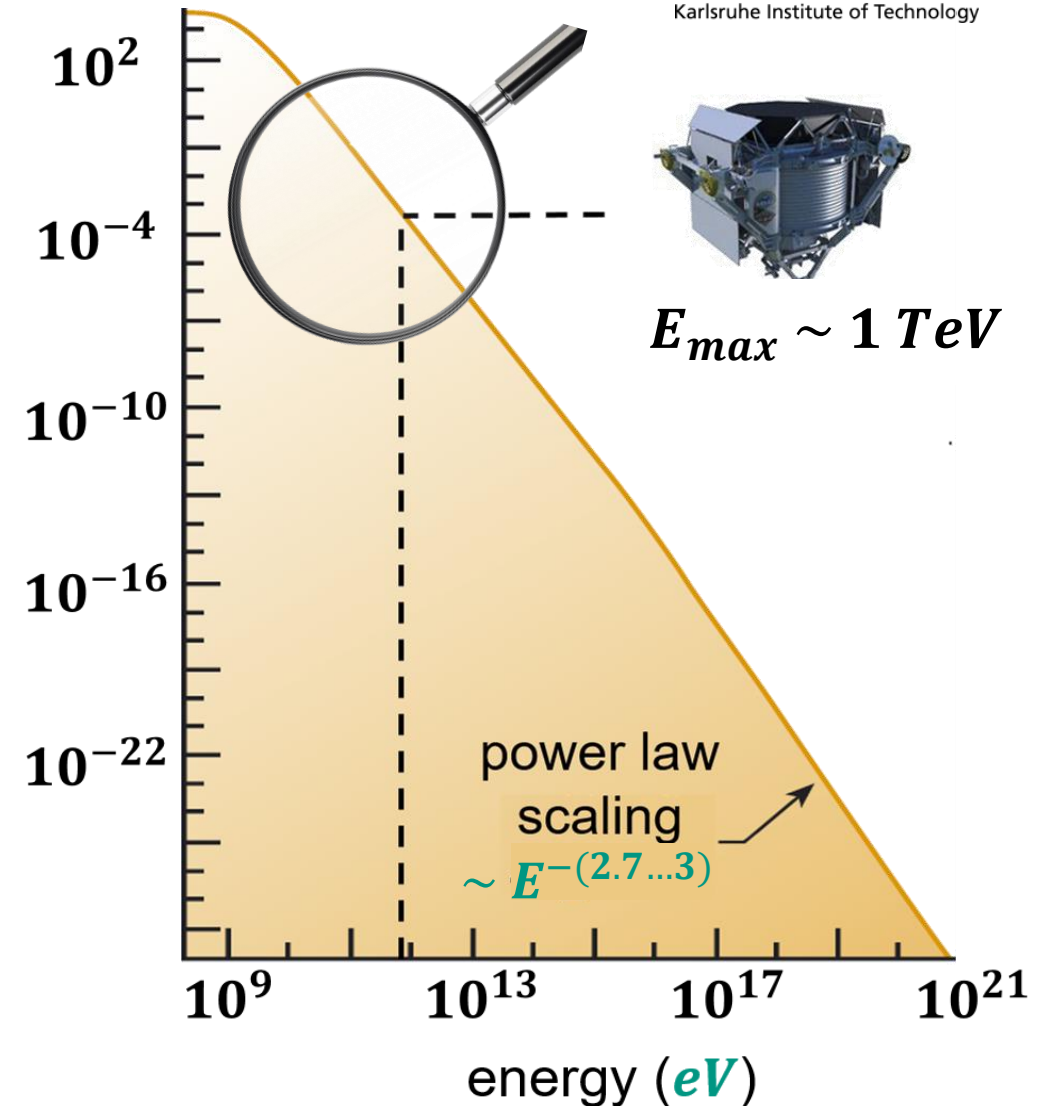
- accessible via **direct methods**:  
balloon– & satellite–based  
experiments (up to  $E \sim 10^{14} \text{ eV}$ )
- measurement of the **primary particle**



Q:NASA

flux density

$(\text{m}^2 \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ GeV}^{-1})$



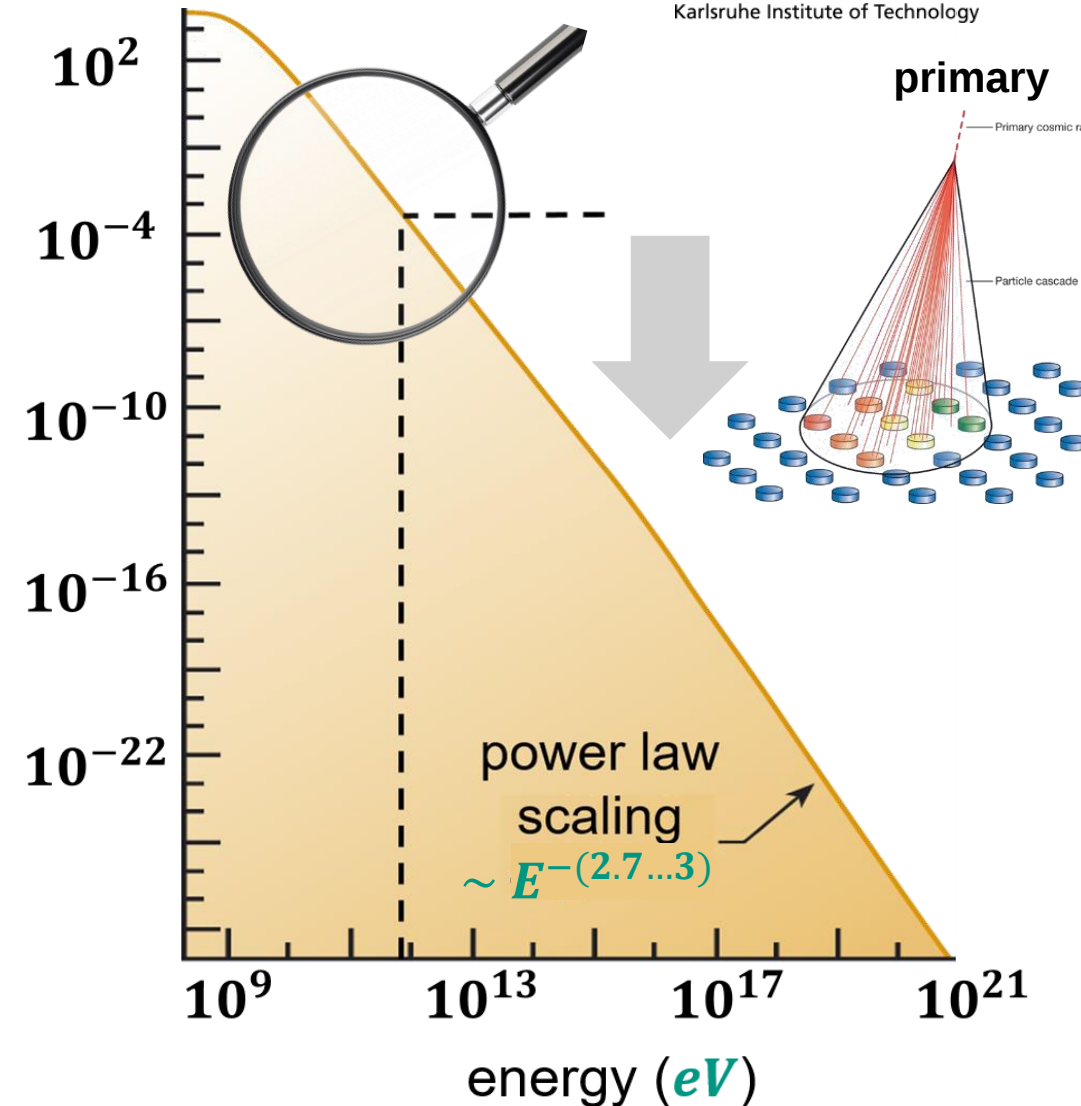
# Energy spectrum of cosmic rays

## ■ CR spectrum: high–energy region

- accessible via **indirect methods**: large air shower arrays at the surface (from  $E \sim 10^{13} \text{ eV}$ )
- measurement of **secondaries**



flux density  
( $\text{m}^2 \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ )



# mass composition of cosmic rays

■ **CR – acceleration via fully stripped ions**

- *CR* – nuclei are fully ionised: nuclear charge  $Z$  is important

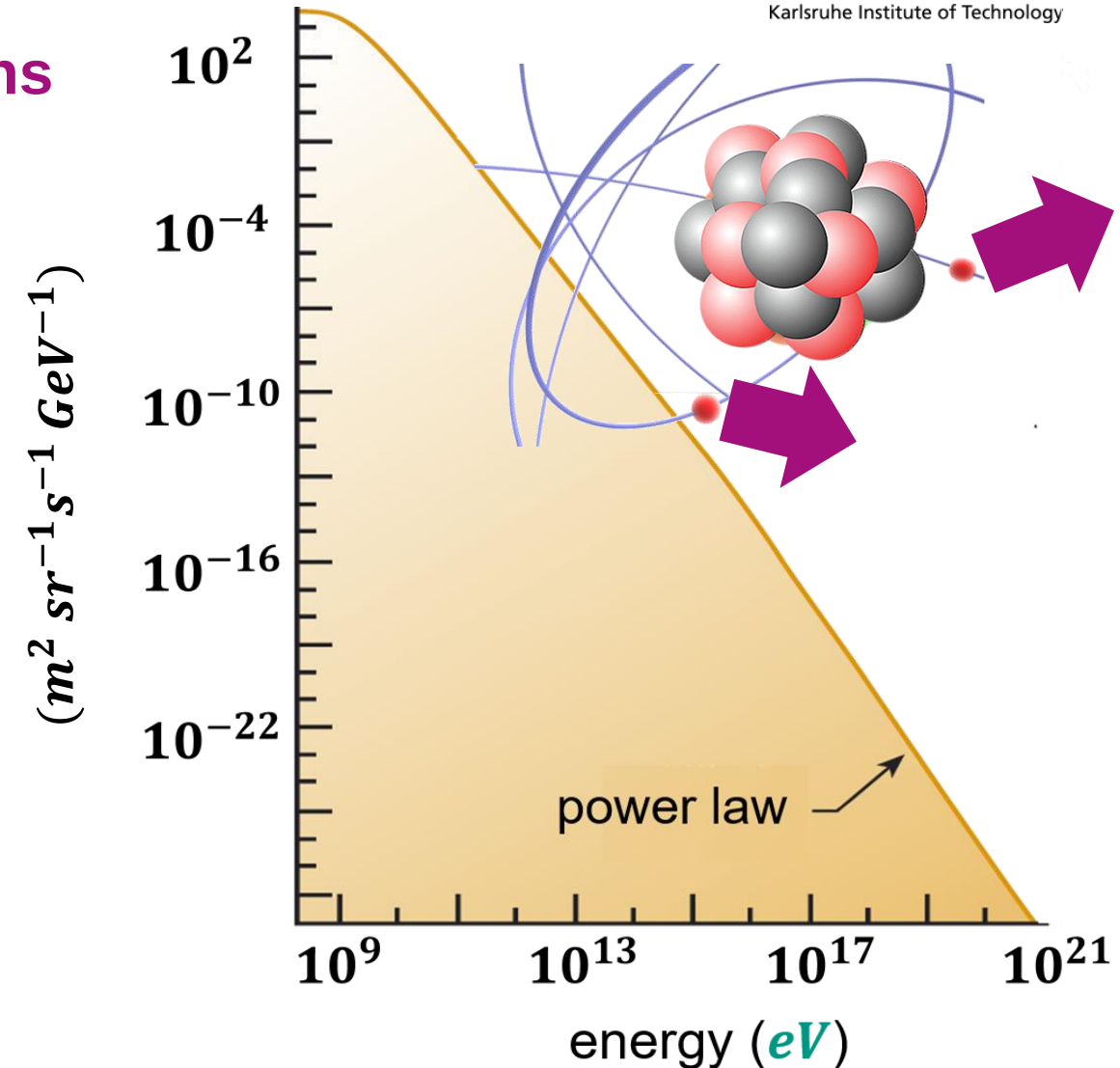
protons            (**Z = 1, A = 1**), ...

iron nuclei ( $Z = 26, A = 56$ )

- CR chemical composition ?**

|   |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 1<br>H   |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2<br>He   |           |
| 2 | 3<br>Li  | 4<br>Be  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 5<br>B    | 6<br>C    | 7<br>N    | 8<br>O    | 9<br>F    | 10<br>Ne  |           |
| 3 | 11<br>Na | 12<br>Mg |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 13<br>Al  | 14<br>Si  | 15<br>P   | 16<br>S   | 17<br>Cl  | 18<br>Ar  |           |
| 4 | 19<br>K  | 20<br>Ca | 21<br>Sc | 22<br>Ti  | 23<br>V   | 24<br>Cr  | 25<br>Mn  | 26<br>Fe  | 27<br>Co  | 28<br>Ni  | 29<br>Cu  | 30<br>Zn  | 31<br>Ga  | 32<br>Ge  | 33<br>As  | 34<br>Se  | 35<br>Br  | 36<br>Kr  |           |
| 5 | 37<br>Rb | 38<br>Sr | 39<br>Y  | 40<br>Zr  | 41<br>Nb  | 42<br>Mo  | 43<br>Tc  | 44<br>Ru  | 45<br>Rh  | 46<br>Pd  | 47<br>Ag  | 48<br>Cd  | 49<br>In  | 50<br>Sn  | 51<br>Sb  | 52<br>Te  | 53<br>I   | 54<br>Xe  |           |
| 6 | 55<br>Cs | 56<br>Ba | *        | 71<br>Lu  | 72<br>Hf  | 73<br>Ta  | 74<br>W   | 75<br>Re  | 76<br>Os  | 77<br>Ir  | 78<br>Pt  | 79<br>Au  | 80<br>Hg  | 81<br>Tl  | 82<br>Pb  | 83<br>Bi  | 84<br>Po  | 85<br>At  | 86<br>Rn  |
| 7 | 87<br>Fr | 88<br>Ra | *        | 103<br>Lr | 104<br>Rf | 105<br>Db | 106<br>Sg | 107<br>Bh | 108<br>Hs | 109<br>Mt | 110<br>Ds | 111<br>Rg | 112<br>Cn | 113<br>Nh | 114<br>Fl | 115<br>Mc | 116<br>Lv | 117<br>Ts | 118<br>Og |
|   |          |          | *        | 57<br>La  | 58<br>Ce  | 59<br>Pr  | 60<br>Nd  | 61<br>Pm  | 62<br>Sm  | 63<br>Eu  | 64<br>Gd  | 65<br>Tb  | 66<br>Dy  | 67<br>Ho  | 68<br>Er  | 69<br>Tm  | 70<br>Yb  |           |           |
|   |          |          | *        | 89<br>Ac  | 90<br>Th  | 91<br>Pa  | 92<br>U   | 93<br>Np  | 94<br>Pu  | 95<br>Am  | 96<br>Cm  | 97<br>Bk  | 98<br>Cf  | 99<br>Es  | 100<br>Fm | 101<br>Md | 102<br>No |           |           |

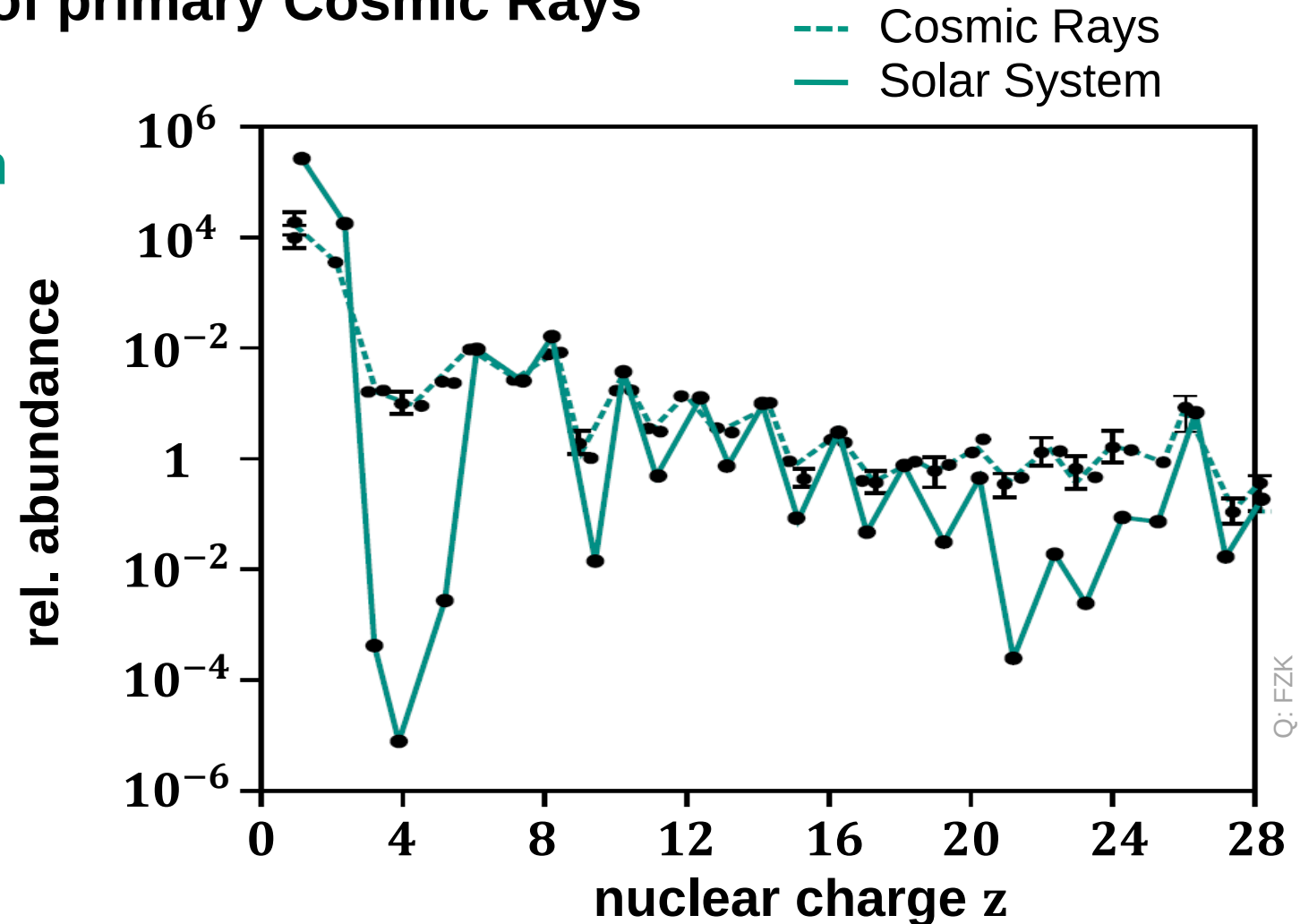
flux density



# mass composition of Cosmic Rays – results

## ■ observed mass composition of primary Cosmic Rays

- comparison of **CR distribution** with the **solar abundance**
- observation: a **very similar** element composition
- **86 %** protons ( $p$ )  
**11 %** alpha-particles ( $\alpha$ )  
**1 %** heavy nuclei ( ${}^AZ$ )  
**2 %** electrons ( $e^-$ )



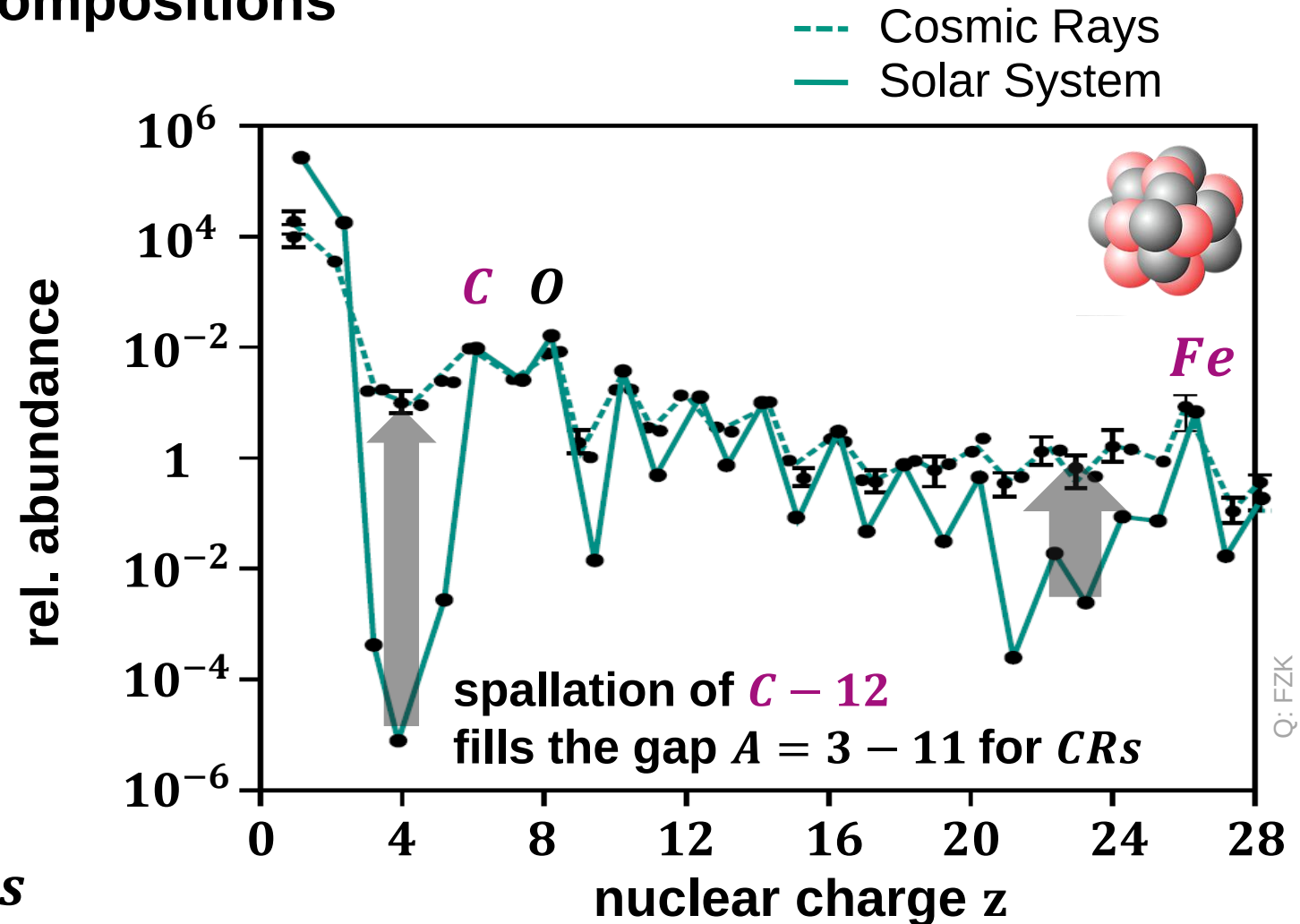
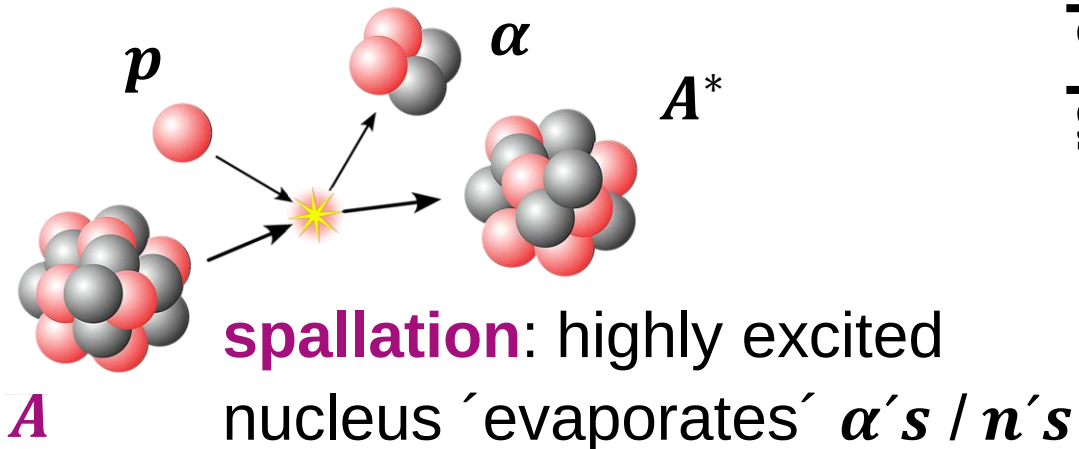
# mass composition of cosmic rays – spallation!

## ■ differences in the two mass compositions

- **CR – nuclei propagate** over long distances & time scales in our galaxy: **spallation reactions**

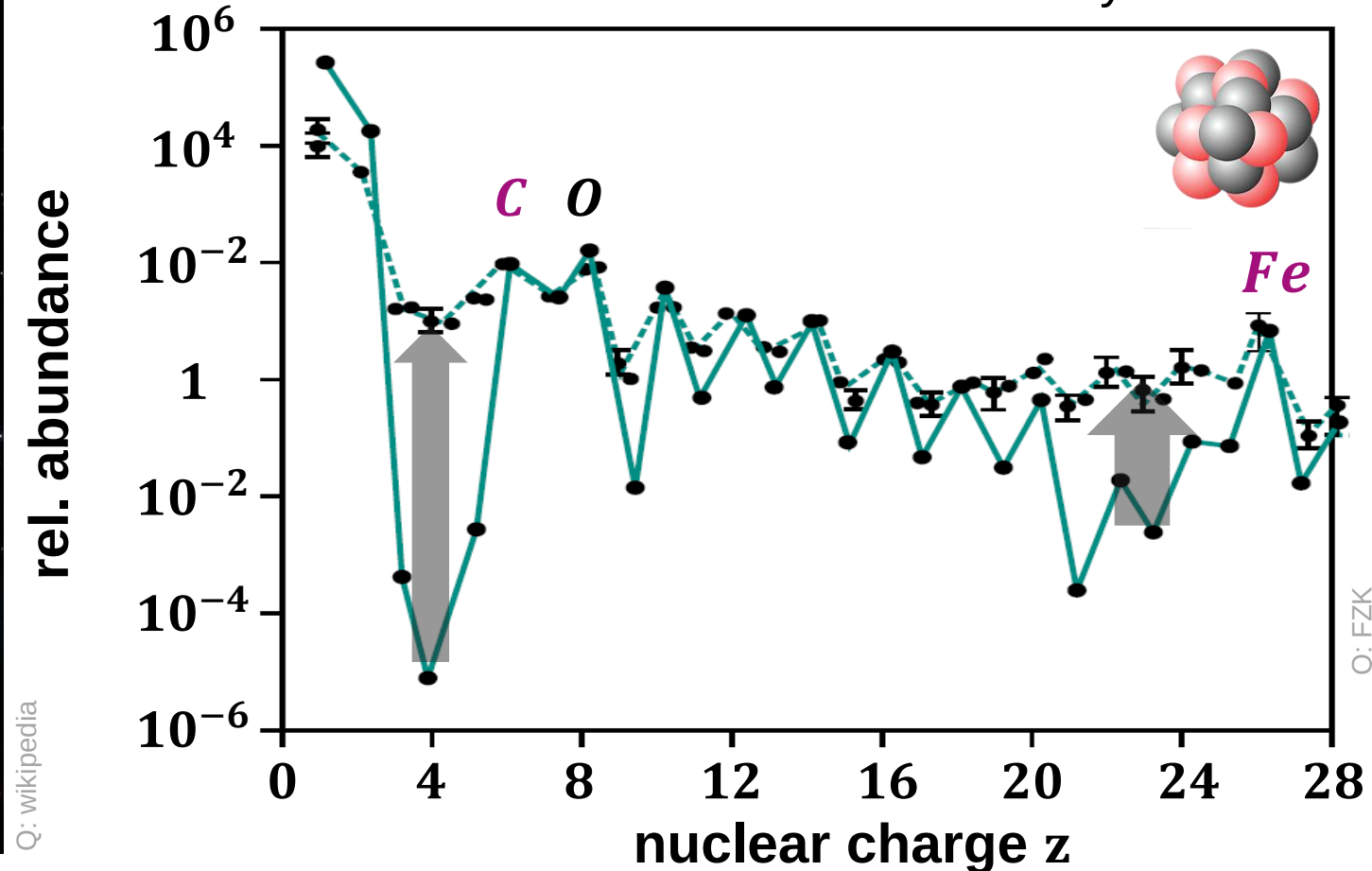
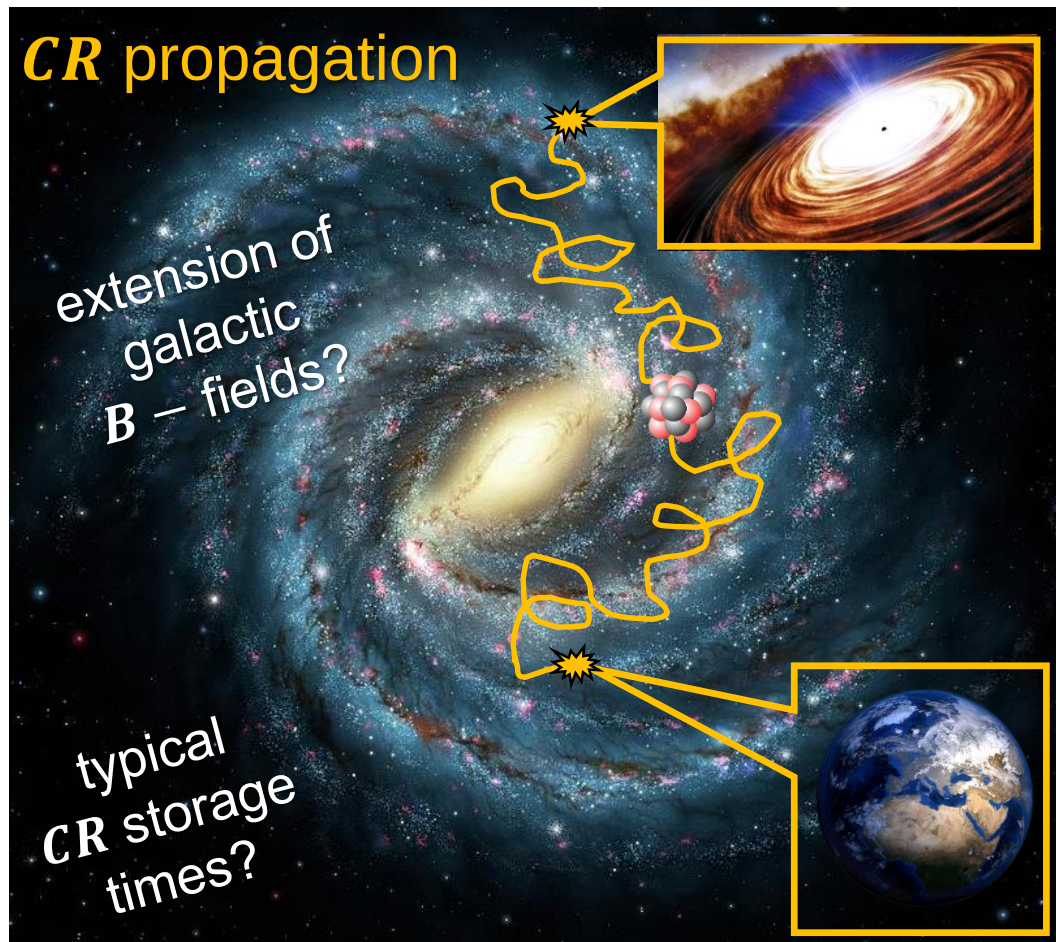
- important **CR** ‘seed nuclei’:

$^{56}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$



# mass composition of Cosmic Rays – spallation!

- spallation reactions on *CRs* due to **propagation in galaxis** --- Cosmic Rays — Solar System



# mass composition of *CRs* – balloon missions

| experiment                                                                          | scientific goals                                      | energy range                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>detection of antimatter</b>                                                      |                                                       |                                    |
| <i>HEAT</i> - High Energy Antimatter Telescope                                      | $e^+, e^-$ / anti–protons                             | 5 ... 50 GeV / 0.2 ... 30 GeV      |
| <i>CAPRICE</i> - Cosmic AntiParticle Ring Imaging Cherenkov Experiment              | $e^+, e^-$ / anti–protons<br>atmospheric muon spectra | 0.5 ... 50 GeV                     |
| <i>BESS</i> – Ballone Borne Experiment with Superconducting Solenoidal Spectrometer | anti–protons anti–helium                              | 0.25 ... 3 GeV<br>0.25 ... 100 GeV |
| <b>element– and isotope composition</b>                                             |                                                       |                                    |
| <i>ISOMAX</i> - Isotope Magnet Experiment                                           | Be – 10, isotopes with $2 < Z < 8$                    | 0.2 ... 3 GeV / nucleon            |
| <i>TIGER</i> – Trans - Iron Galactic Element Recorder                               | elements $30 < Z < 40$                                | > 0.5 GeV / nucleon                |
| <b>energy spectra</b>                                                               |                                                       |                                    |
| <i>RICH</i> - Ring–Imaging Cherenkov                                                | proton– and helium spectra                            | 20 ... 200 GeV / nucleon           |
| <i>JACEE</i> - Japanese–American Collaborative Emulsion Experiment                  | spectra from $1 < Z < 26$                             | 1 ... 100 TeV                      |
| <i>TRACER</i> - Transition Radiation Array for Cosmic Energetic Radiation           | spectra $8 < Z < 26$                                  | < 10 TeV / nucleon                 |



# Example: *ISOMAX* mission – start (& abrupt end)

## ■ Science goals of *ISOMAX* (*I*sotope *M*agnet *E*xperiment)

- measurement of **light isotopes** of *CRs*,  
special focus on:  ${}^9\text{Be}/{}^{10}\text{Be}$  ratio (study spallation during long *CR* propagation in our galaxy) up to nucleon energies of  $\text{GeV}/n$



detector:  
 $h = 2.5 \text{ m}$   
 $m = 2 \text{ t}$

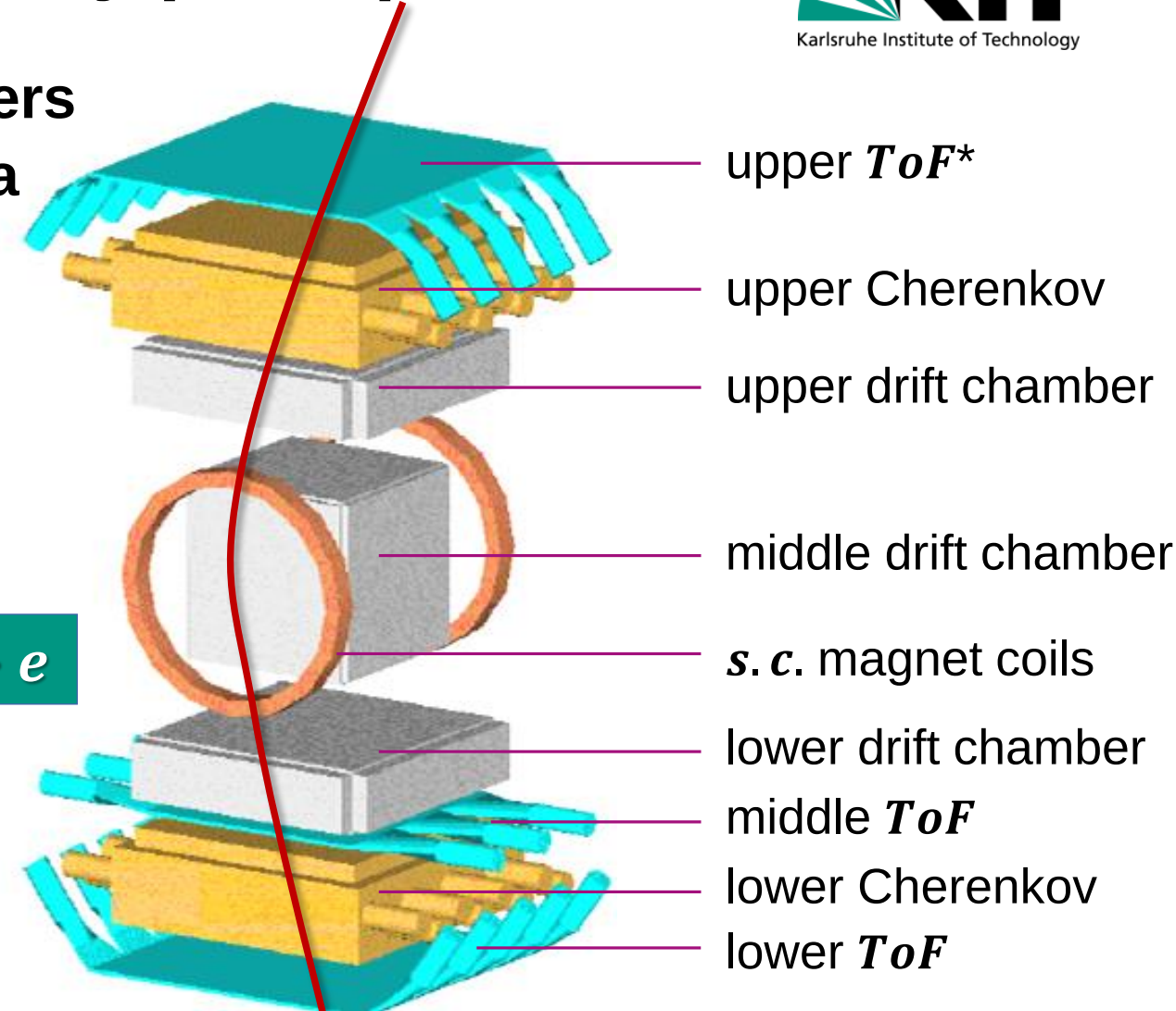
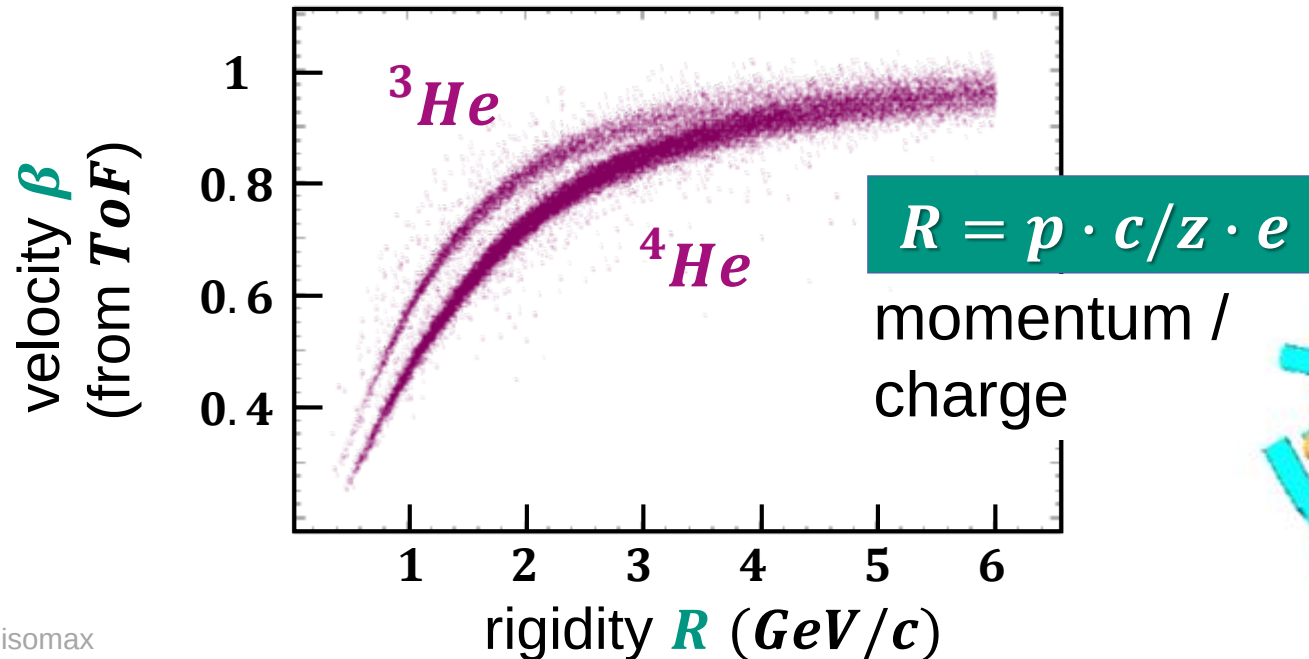


Q: isomax

# Example: *ISOMAX* mission – key principles

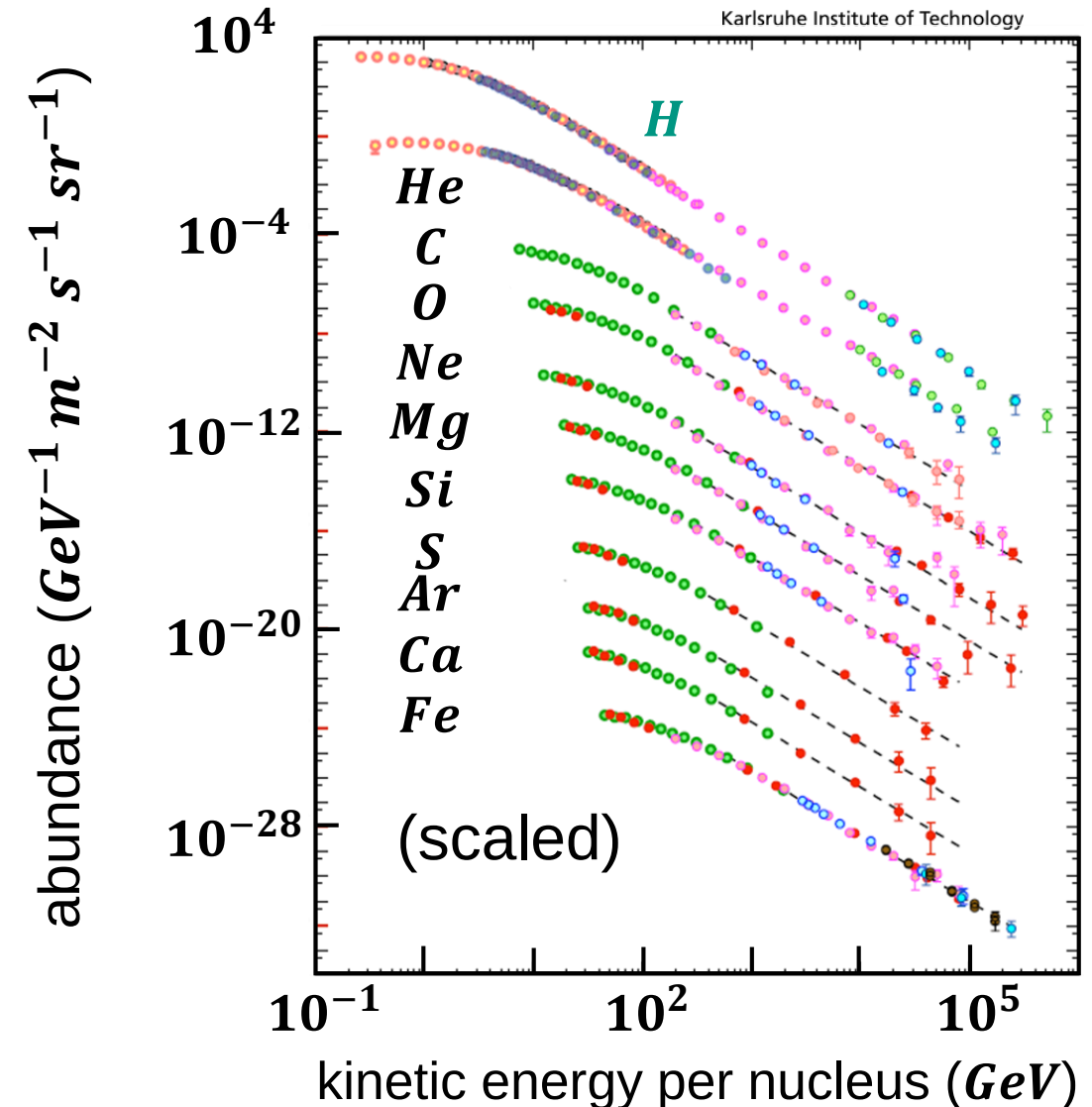
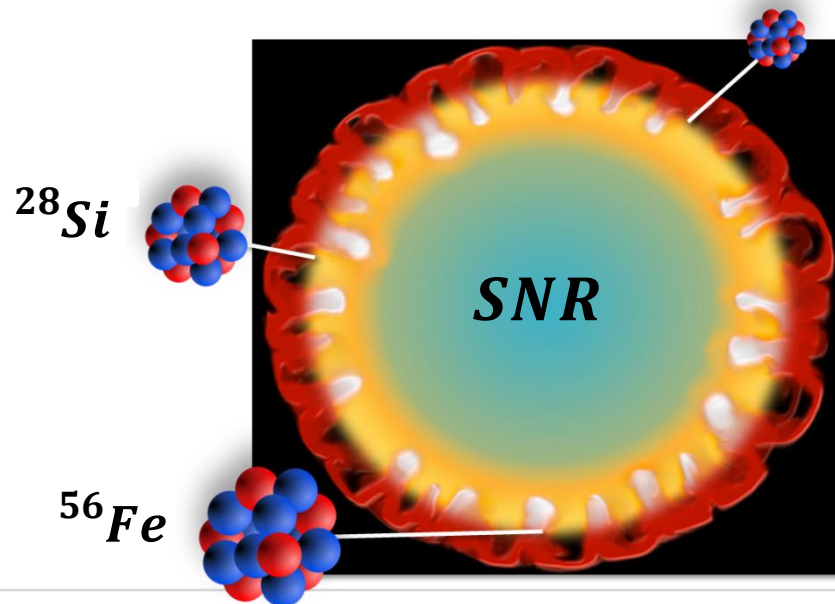
## ■ determination of kinematic parameters (rigidity $R$ ): *ISOMAX* $^3\text{He}$ – $^4\text{He}$ data

- mass separation of *CRs* via precise determination of particle parameters: charge  $z$ , momentum  $p$ , velocity  $\beta$



# Energy spectrum of single *CR* species

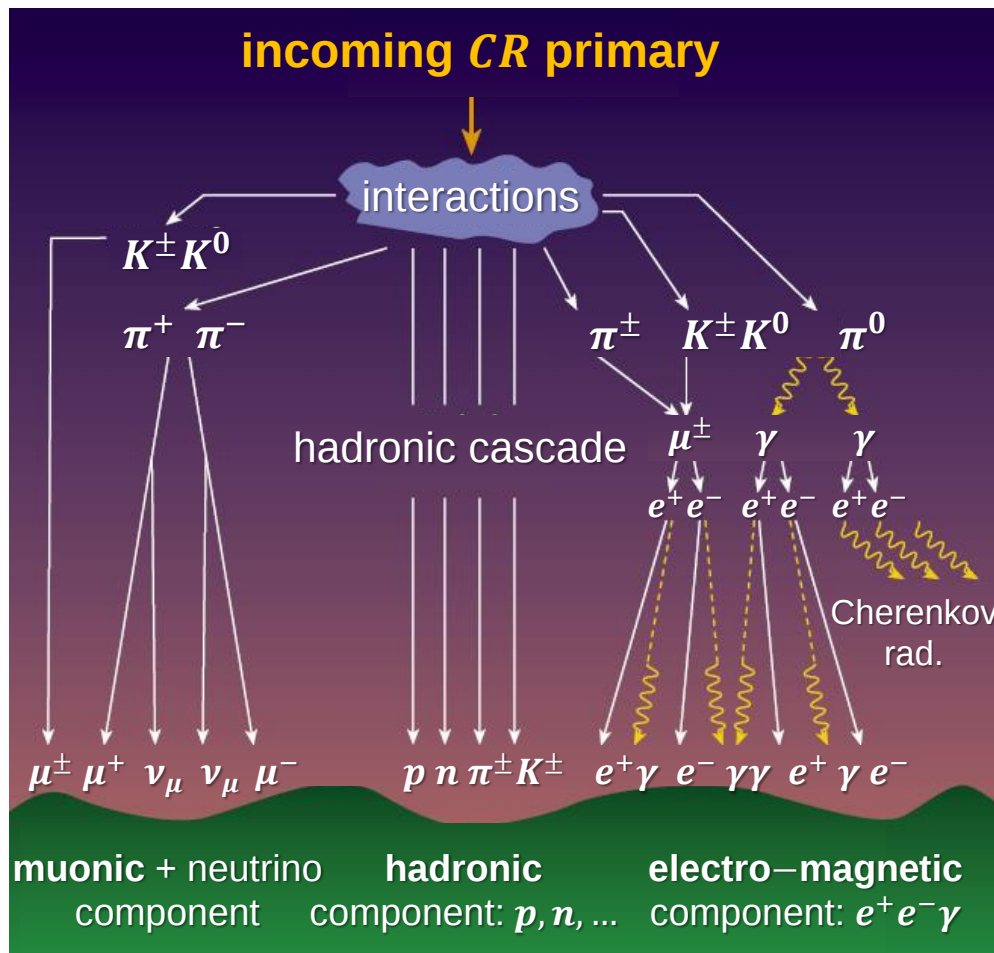
- direct data: up to a **few hundred *TeV***
- all elements show the **same spectral index** as function of their kinetic energy
- ⇒ **only 1 acceleration mechanism is relevant for *CRs* up to this *E* – scale**



# the physics of large air showers – first overview

## ■ interactions of a high–energy primary *CR* particle in the upper atmosphere

⇒ secondaries via **cascade** & **decay** processes



### electro–magnetic component

- electrons, positrons & photons
- cascade processes, 'soft' part

### muonic component

- $\mu^+ \mu^-$  with strong penetration power
- 'hard' CR component

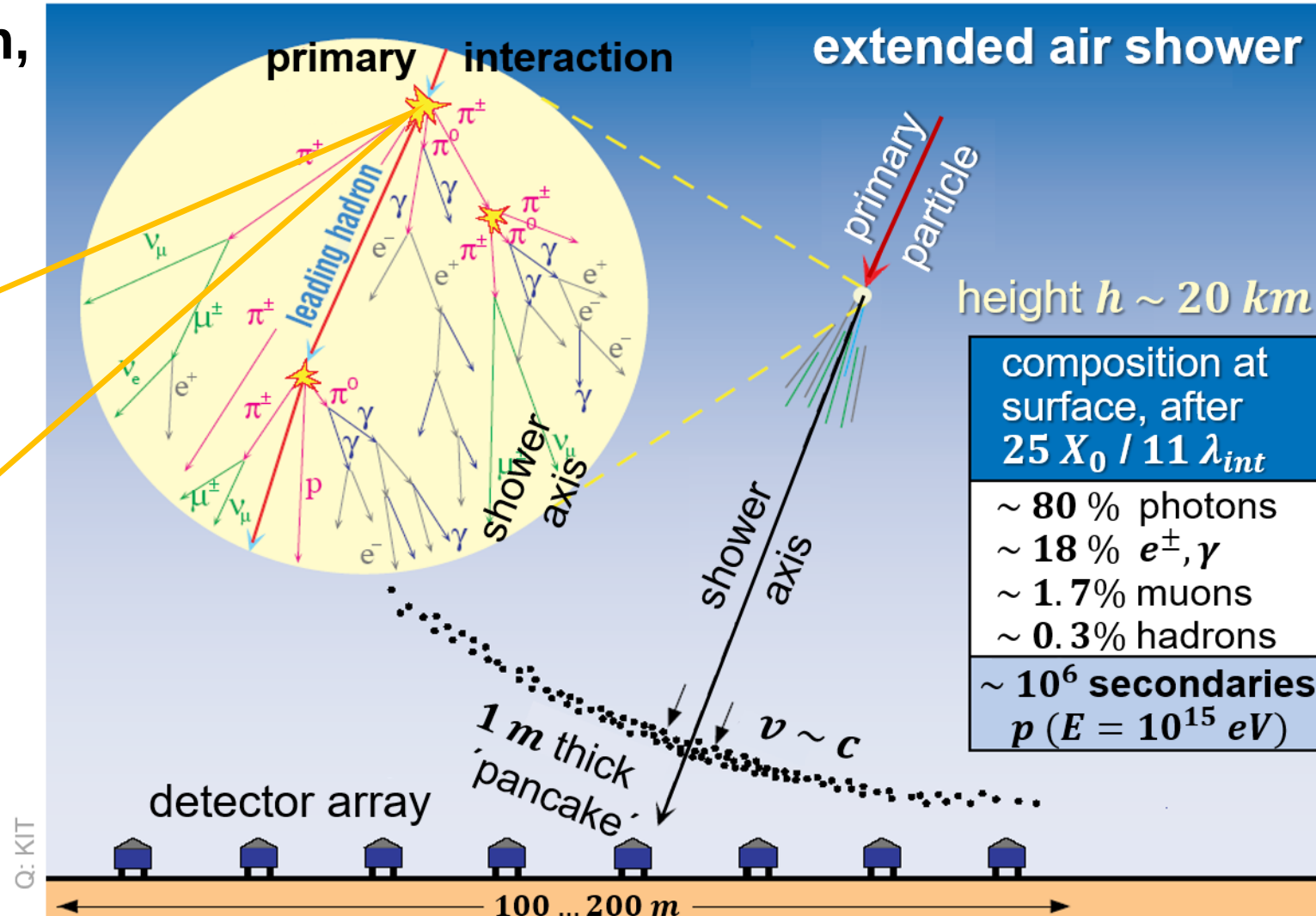
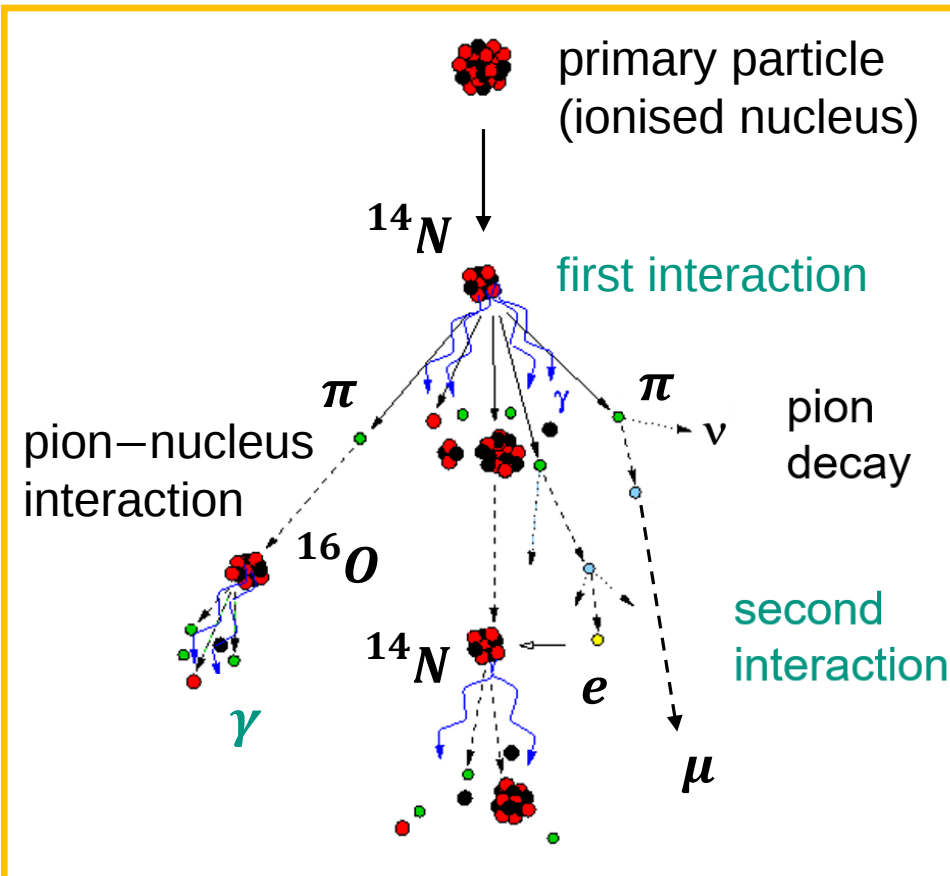
### hadronic component

- hadrons:  $p, n$ , pions  $\pi^\pm$ , kaons  $K^\pm$
- very large ionisation rate  $dE/dx$

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# Large air showers: modelling of all processes

- detailed shower simulation, starting at first interaction



# CR air showers & jets at hadron colliders (*CERN*)

## Common topics:

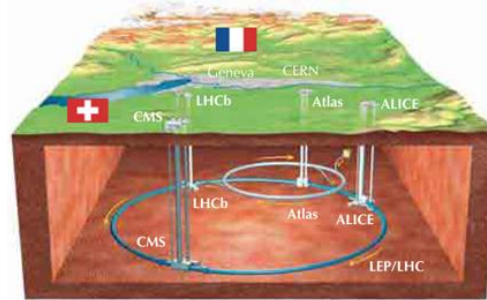
- analysis of **jets** & of particle interactions

ATP & TP!

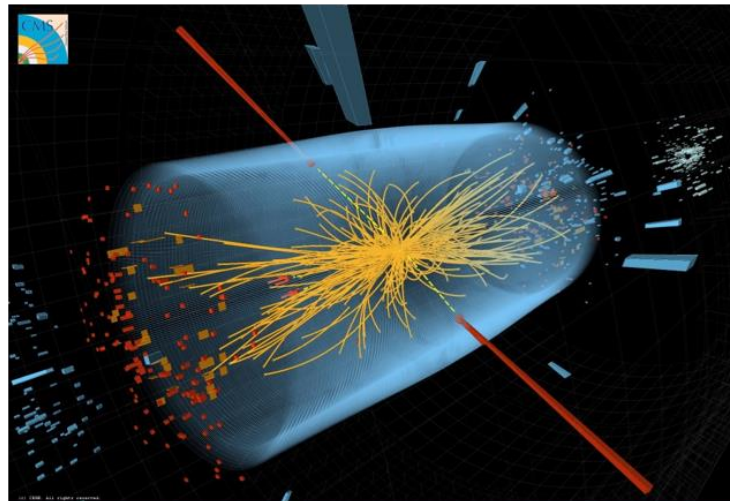


## shower physics at the *LHC*

- accelerators:  
protons up to  $E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$   
( $\sqrt{s}$  well known)



- *CMS* coverage over  $4\pi$  – geometry

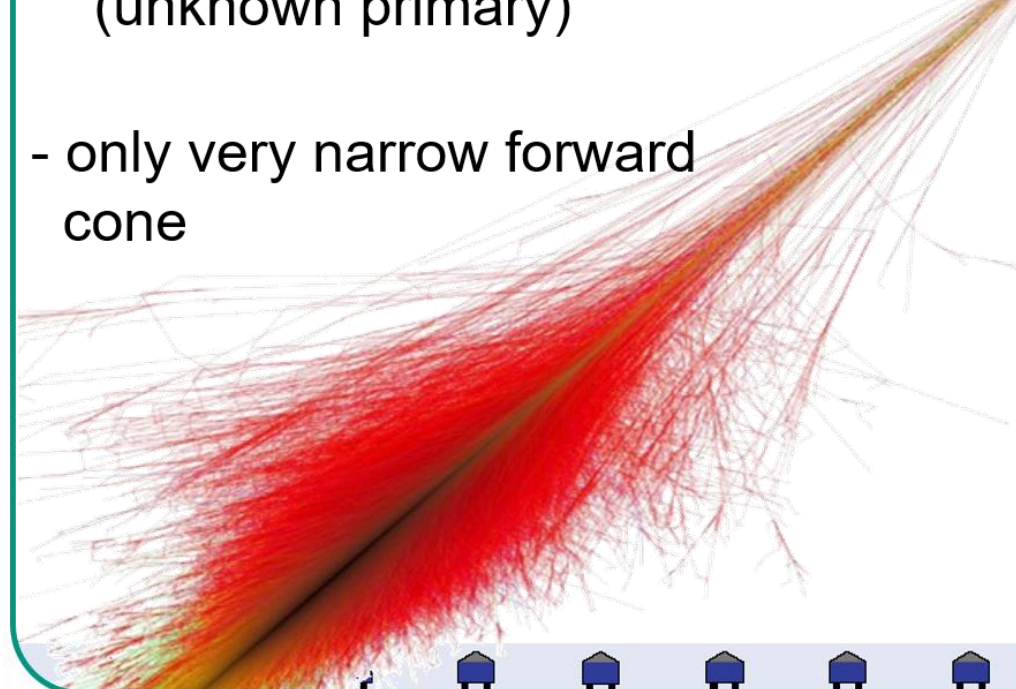


## showers from *AGN* – accelerators

- *AGN* – site:  
protons up to  $E_p = 10^{20} \text{ eV}$  or nuclei  
(unknown primary)



- only very narrow forward cone



# CR air showers & jets at hadron colliders (*CERN*)

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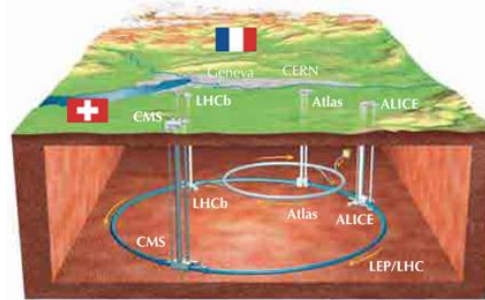
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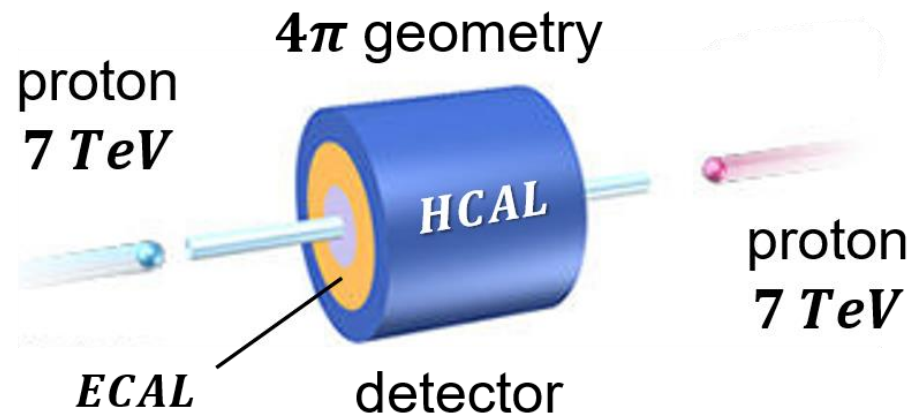


### shower physics at the *LHC*

- accelerators:  
highest luminosity  
well-known  
time structure

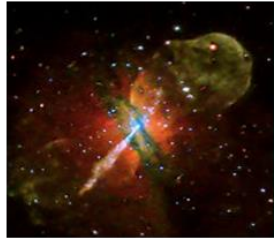


### collider experiment



### showers from *AGN* – accelerators

- *AGN* – site:  
very low luminosity  
unknown, irregular  
time structure



### fixed–target experiment

