

The Tunka Experiment: Cosmic Ray and Multi-TeV Gamma-Ray Astronomy Arrays in the Tunka Valley

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TUNKA and TAIGA Collaborations

Outline

Introduction

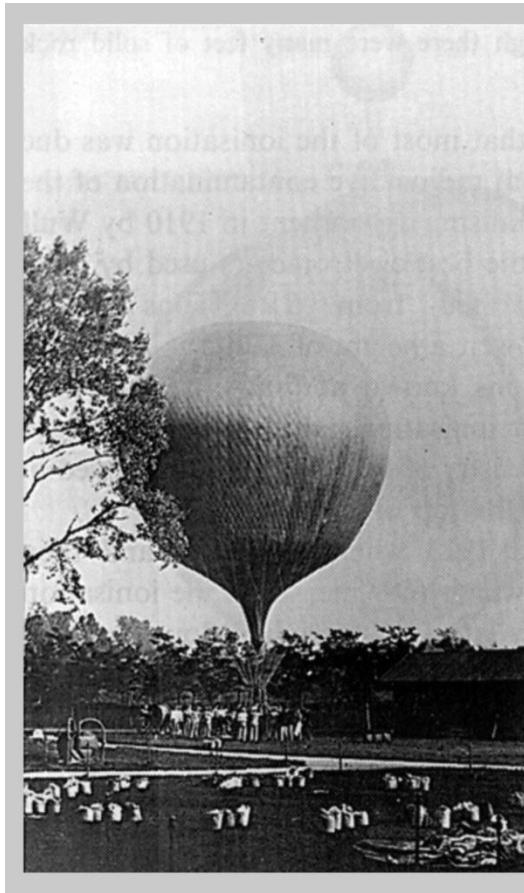
Tunka-25

Tunka-133

TAIGA

(Tunka Advanced Internatinal Gamma and cosmic
ray Array)

Victor Hess 1912 г. – the discovery of cosmic rays



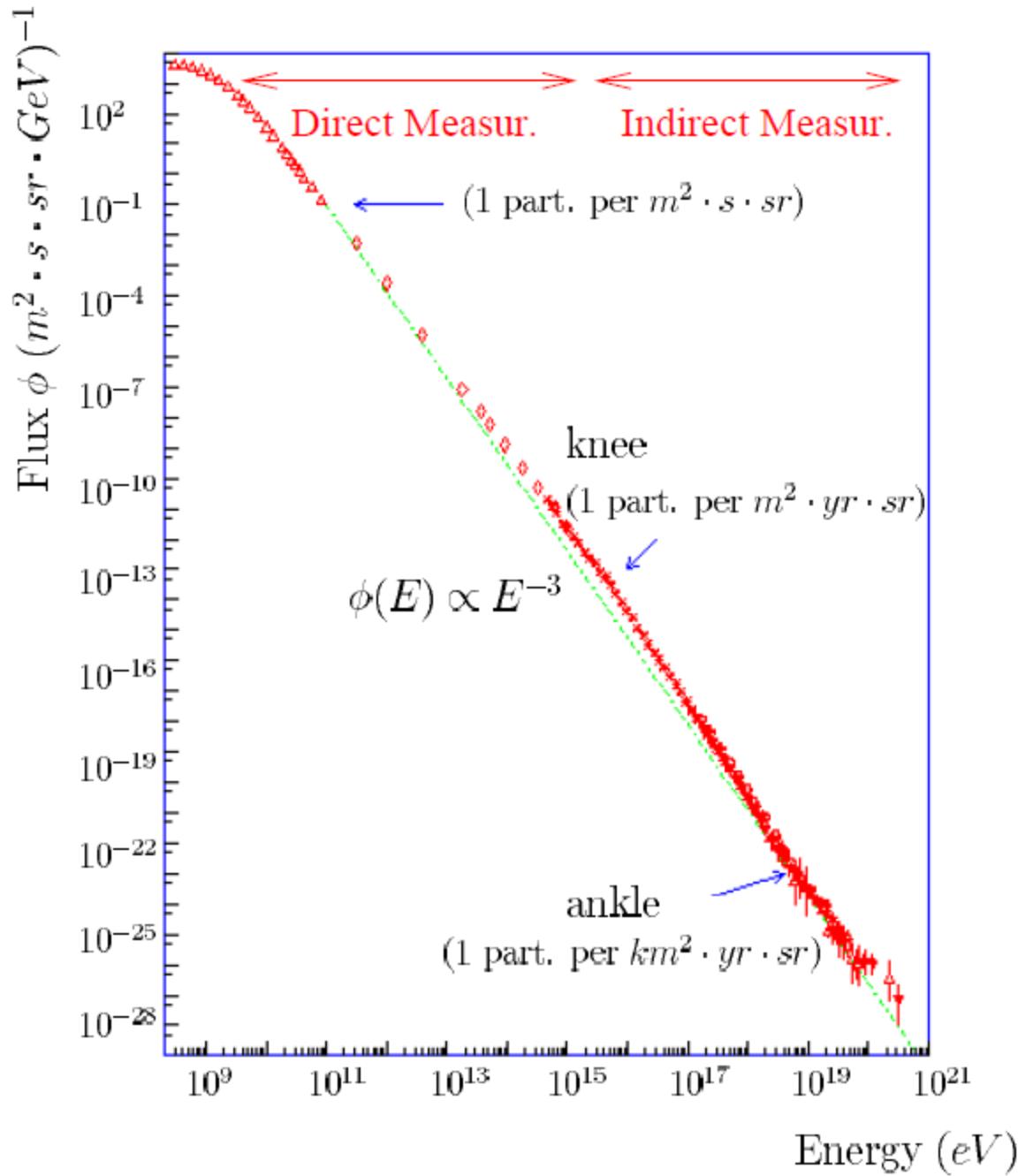
On a balloon at an altitude of 5000 meters Victor Hess discovered “penetrating radiation” coming from space.
Nobel prize 1936

The origin of cosmic rays? – XX-XXI century mystery!

Where from? - Energy?

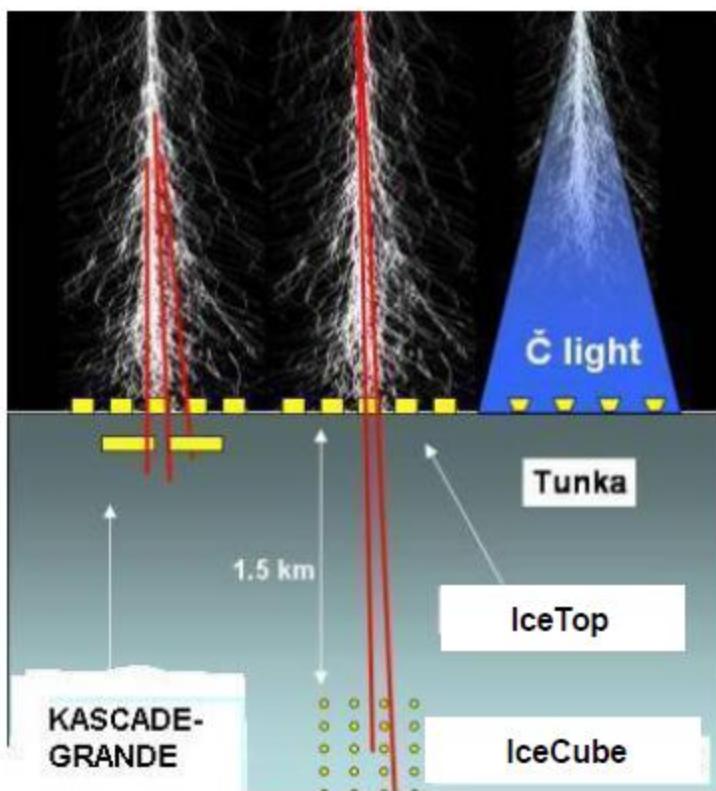
Where? - Sources?

How? - Acceleration mechanisms?

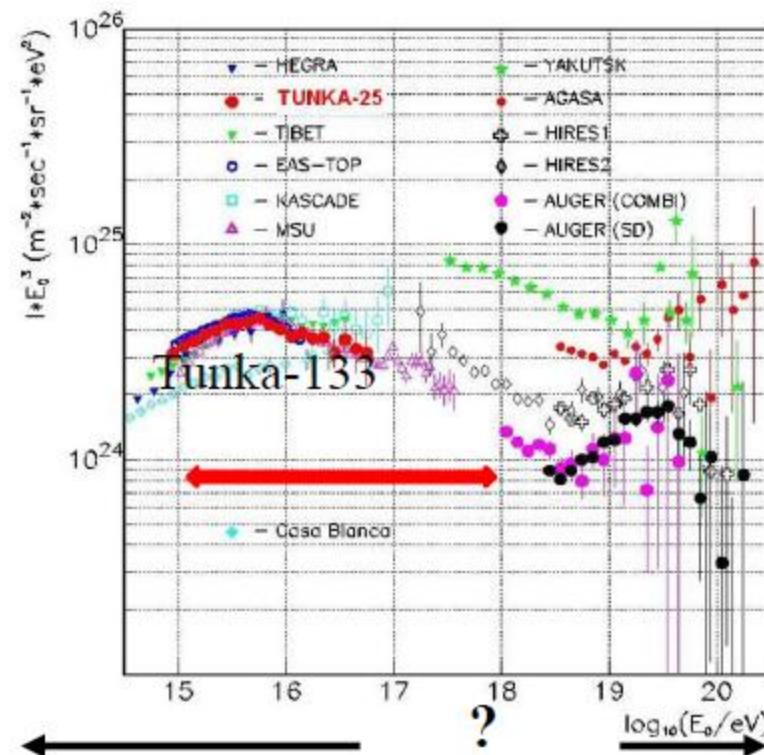


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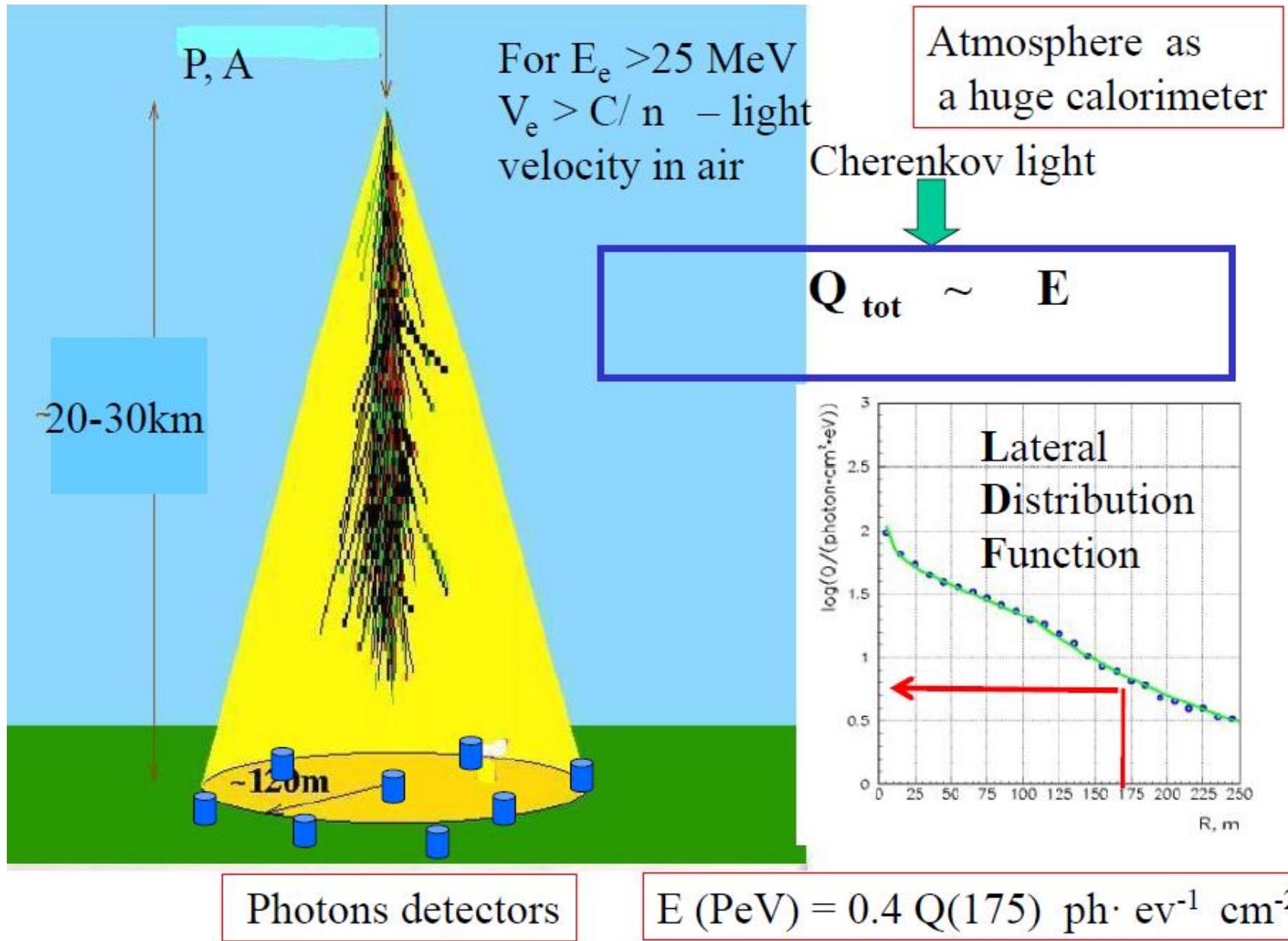
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CR from SNR

CR from AGN

Detection of Cherenkov light from EAS



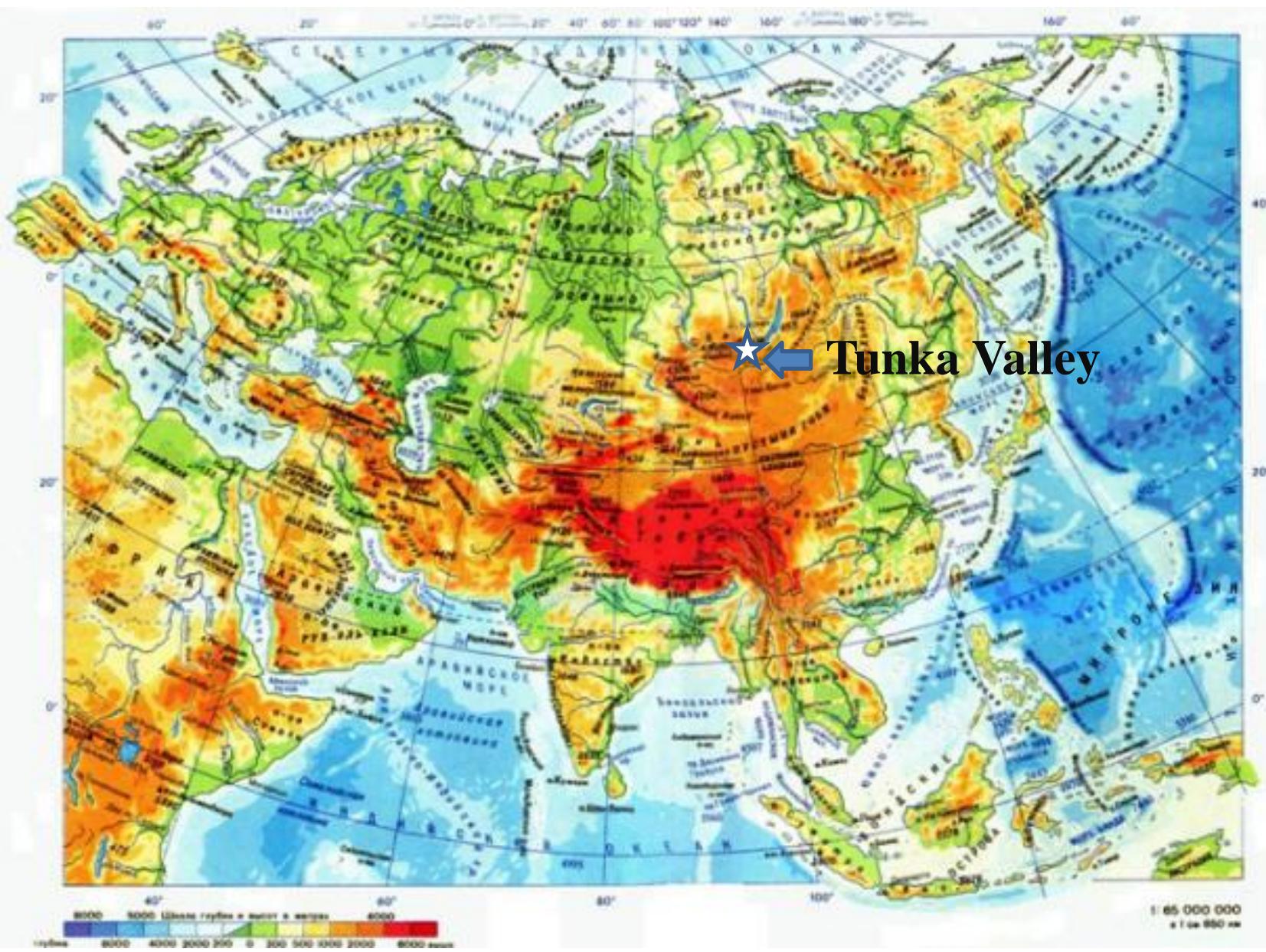
Advantage of Cherenkov Technique:

1. Good energy resolution - up to 15%
2. Good accuracy of X_{\max} - 20 -25 g/cm²
3. Good angular resolution - 0.1 – 0.3 deg
4. Low cost – Tunka-133 – 1 km² array:
 $0.5 \cdot 10^6$ Eur (construction and deployment)
+
 $0.2 \cdot 10^6$ Eur(PMTs)
100 km² array - 10^7 Eur

Disadvantage:

1. Small time of operation (moonless, cloudless nights) – 5-10%

Cherenkov experiments in the Tunka Valley



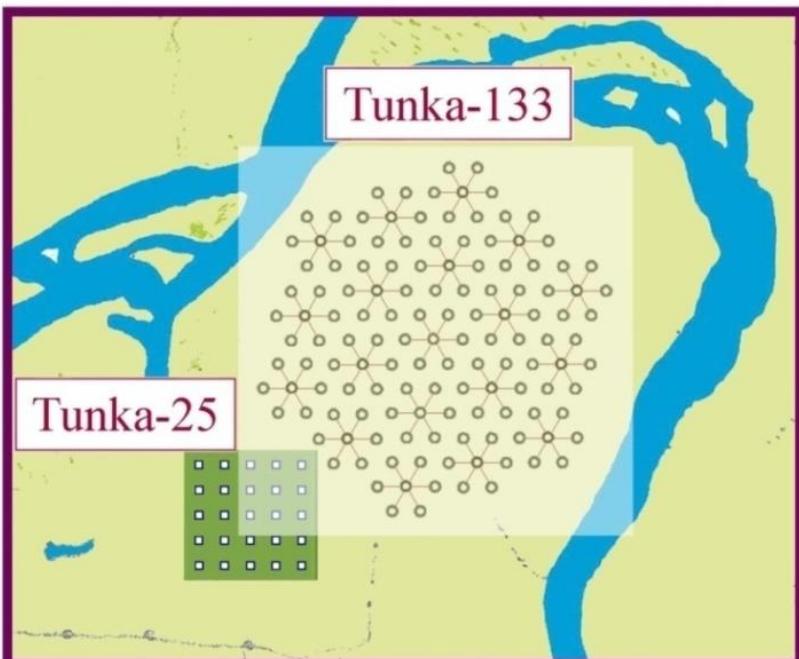
*“.....till Baikal it is the Siberia’s dull prose, just from Baikal the
Siberian delightful poetry starts....”*

*A.P.Chekhov
(Letters from Siberia)*



Cherenkov experiments in the Tunka Valley

1993 -



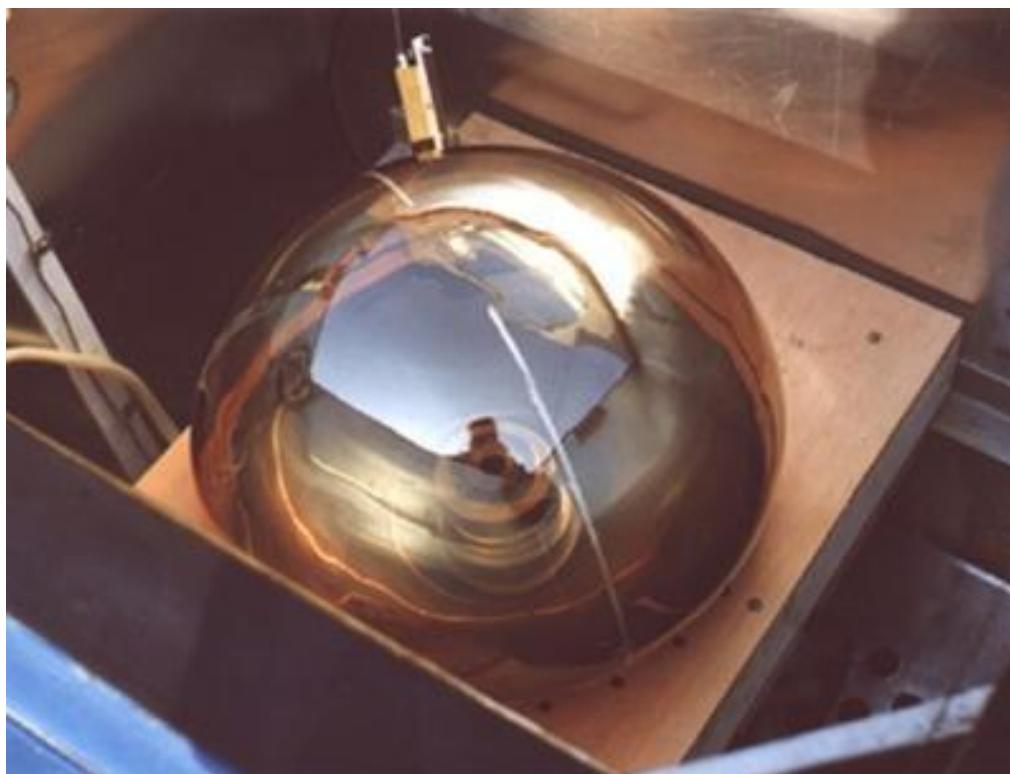
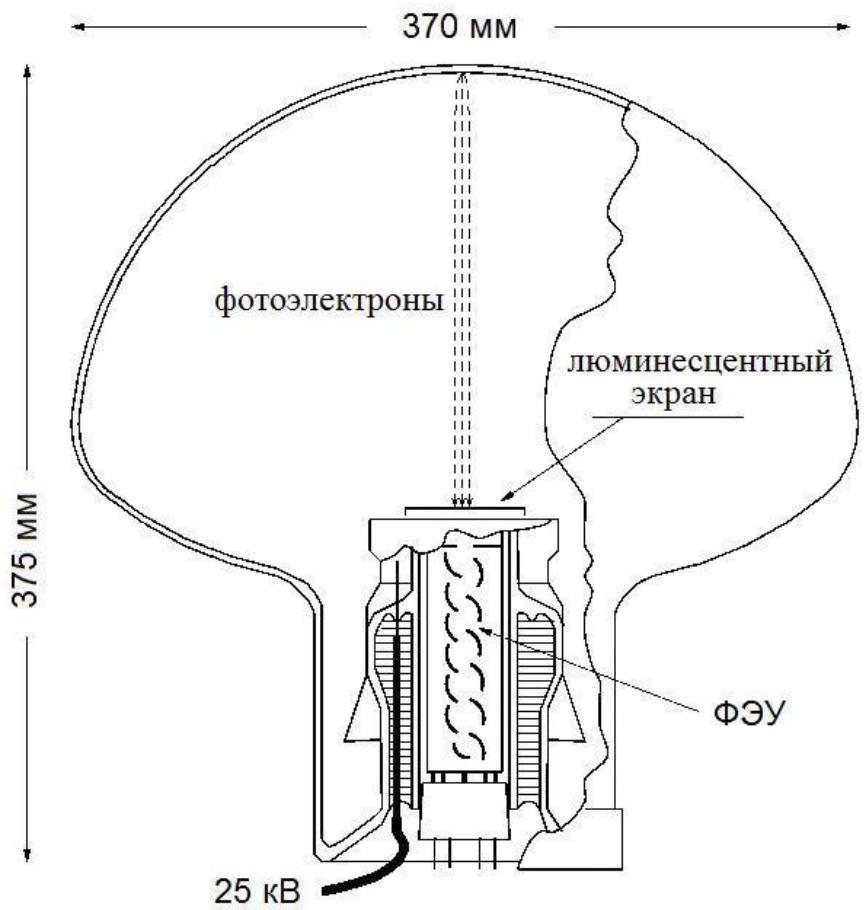
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675 m a.s.l.



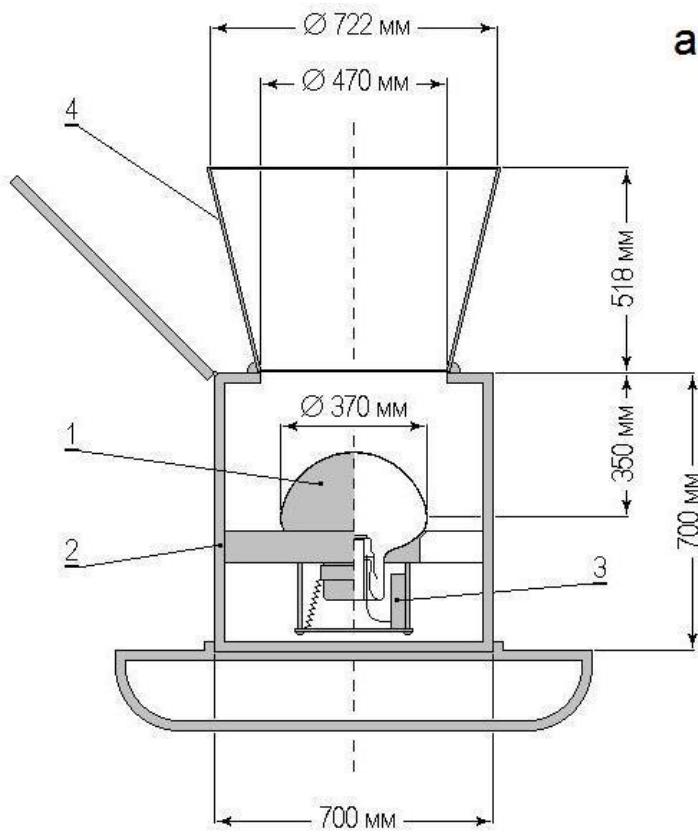
1991-1992: first experiments at the Lake Baikal ice with QUASAR-370 photodetectors (*Bezrukov, Kuzmichev, Lubsandorzhiev et al.*)

1993г. - Move to the Tunka Valley.

(*Bezrukov, Budnev, Kuzmichev, Lubsandorzhiev, Pokhil et al.*)

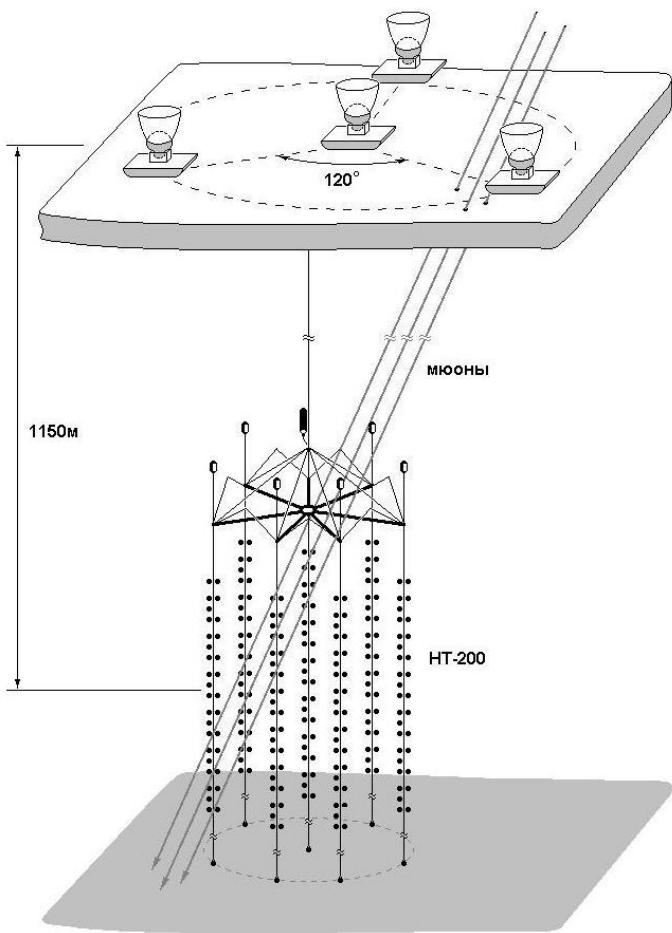


SMECA: Surface Mobile Eas Cherenkov Array

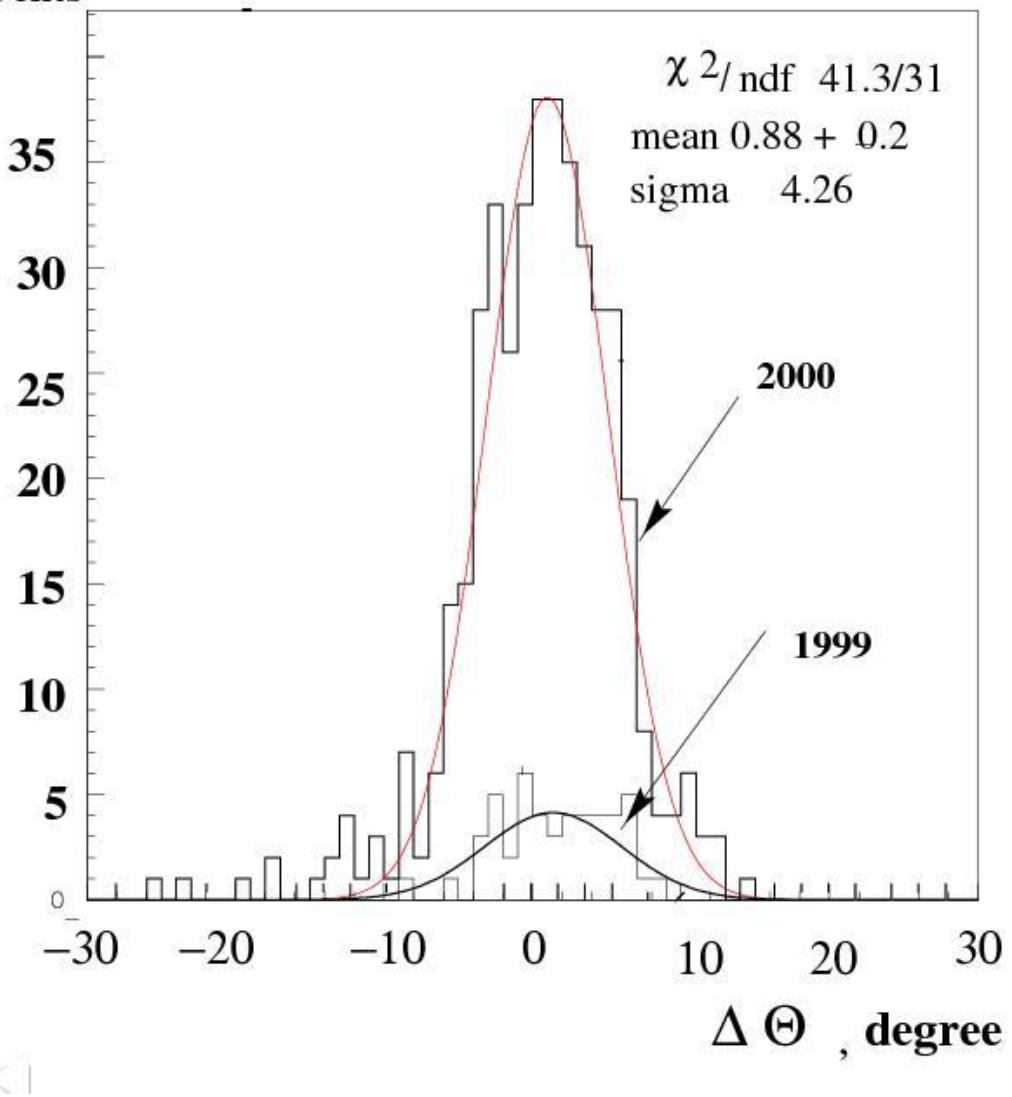


Kuzmichev, Lubsandorzhiev, Pokhil et al

$E_{\text{th}} \sim 400 \text{ TeV}$, $\langle \theta \rangle \sim 0.5^\circ$



Events



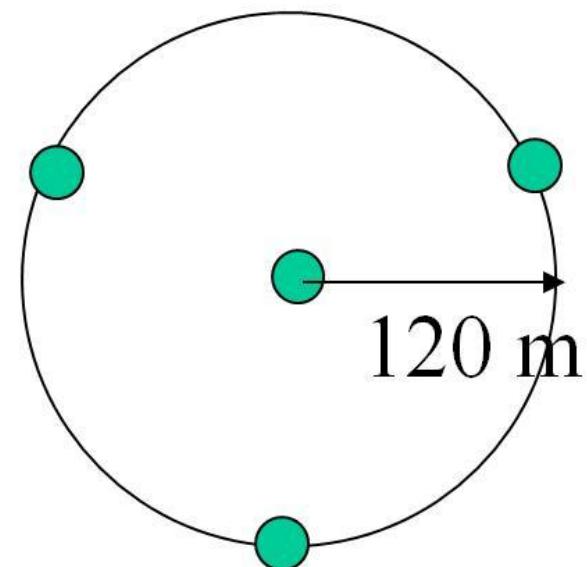


Tunka Valley, Buryatia Republic



Tunka-4

4 QUASAR-370 phototubes



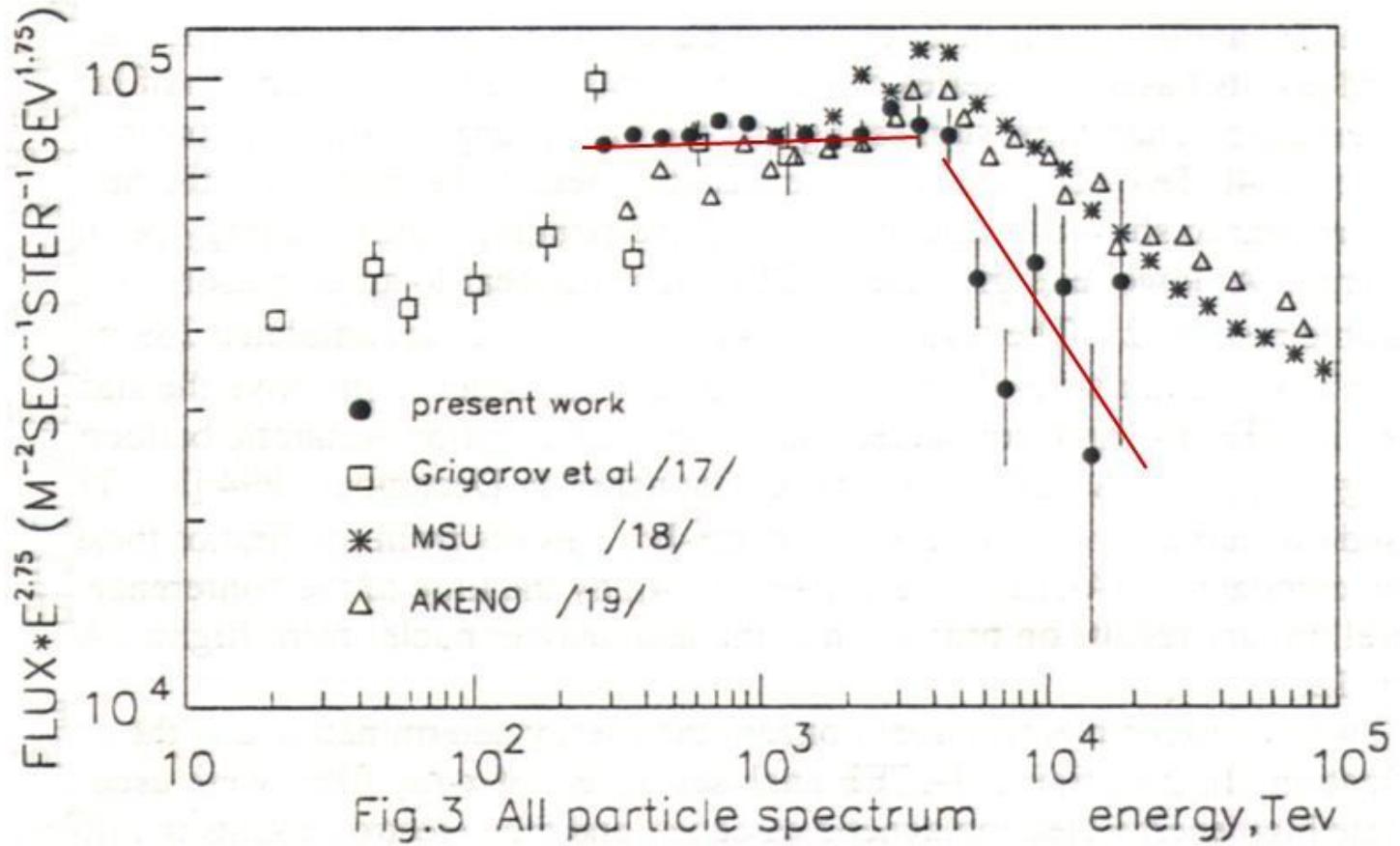


Fig.3 All particle spectrum

Bezrukov, Kuzmichev, Lubsandorzhiev, Pokhil et al. 24th ICRC 1995 Rome.

“Knee” in the energy spectrum at 3×10^{15} eB.

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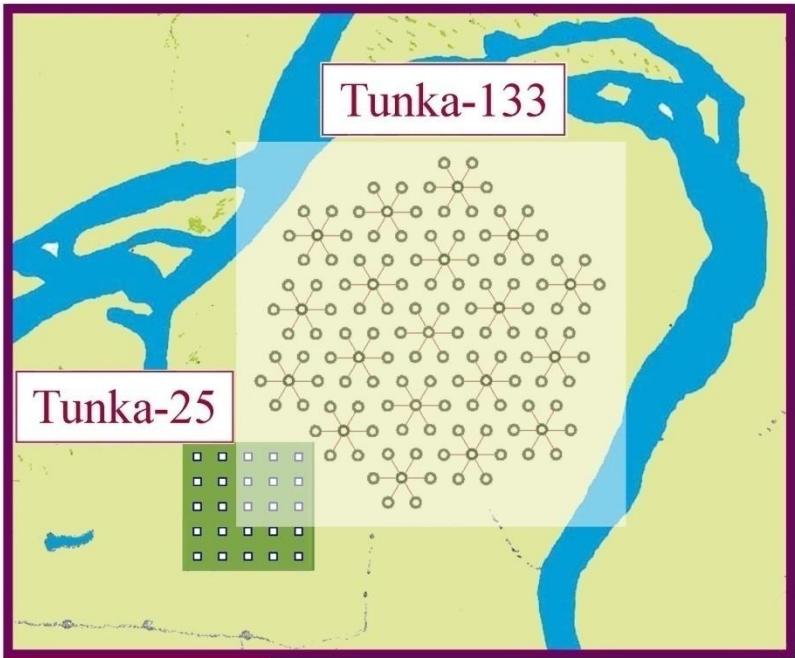
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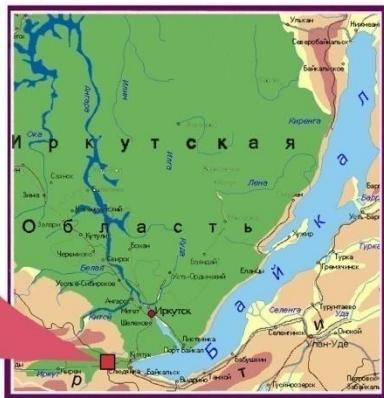
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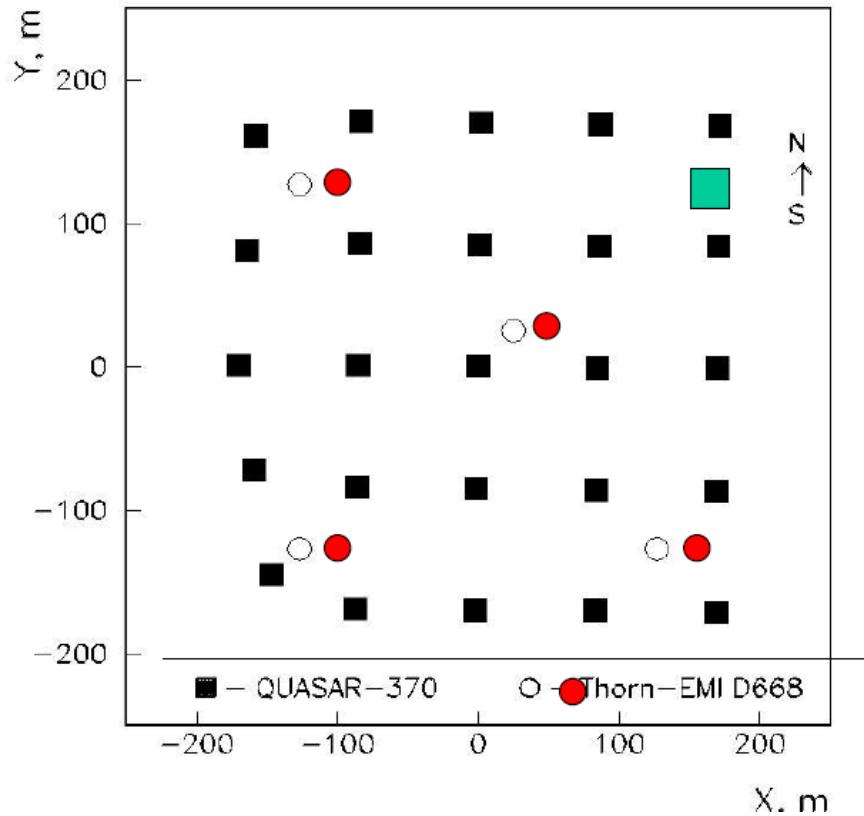
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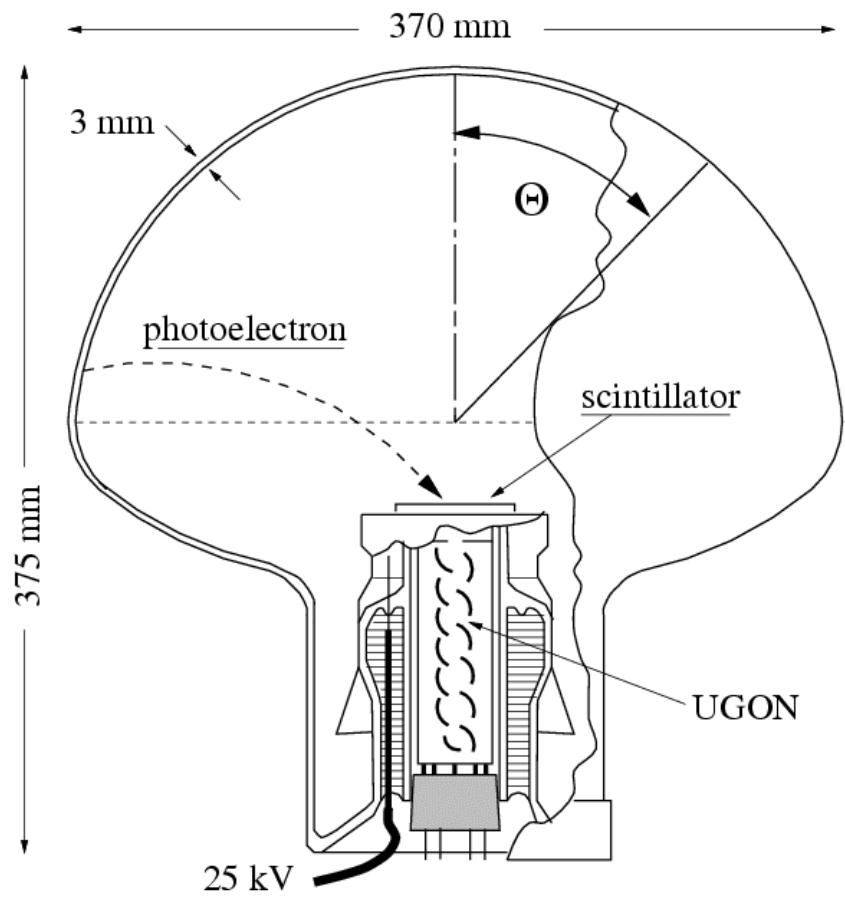
TUNKA-25



25 large sensitive area hybrid phototubes QUASAR-370G (37cm in diameter)
Area $\sim 0.1 \text{ km}^2$, $E_{\text{th}} \sim 4 \times 10^{14} \text{ eV}$, angular resolution $\sim 0.5^\circ$

Studies of cosmic rays energy spectrum and mass composition
in the energy range of 10^{15} - 10^{17} eV

QUASAR-370G



TTS ~ 2 ns (FWHM)
SER ~ 70-80% (FWHM)
 $\Delta t < 1$ ns
CE ~ 100%



QUASAR-370G

37 cm extended bialkali low resistance hemispherical photocathode

2π acceptance, CE ~ 100%

YSO+BaF₂ luminescent screen (phosphor or monocrystal)

Small 6 stages high anode current PMT (200μA max DC current)

Jitter - 2 ns (FWHM) (1ns for the best modification with LSO crystal)

SER – 70-80% (FWHM) (35-40% for tubes with LSO crystal)

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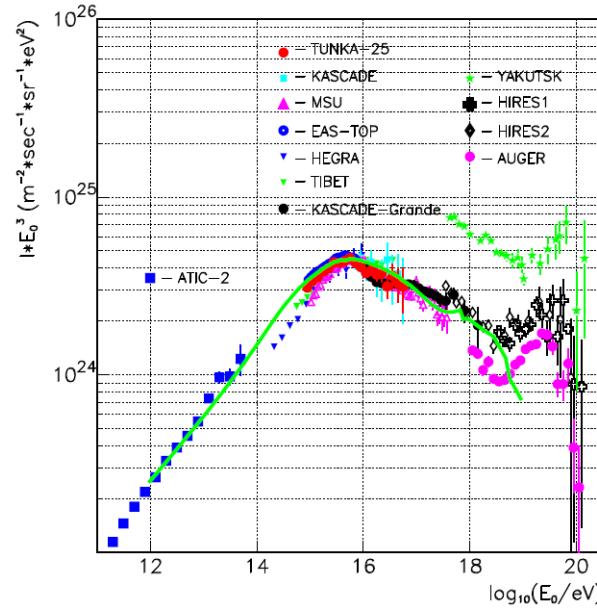
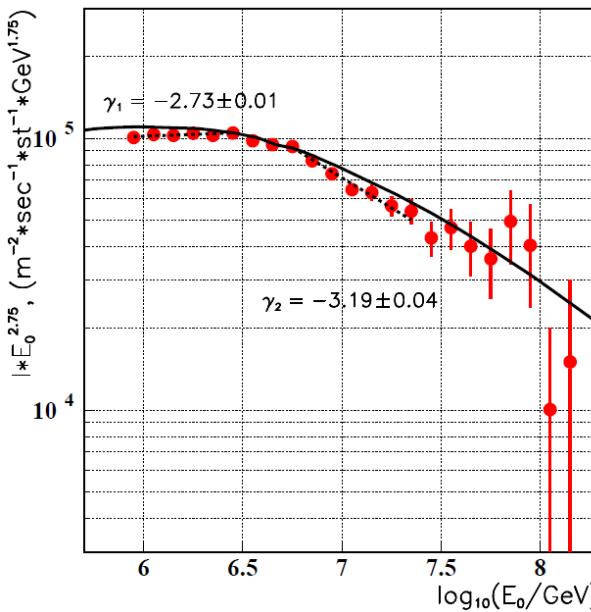
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TUNKA-25: main results

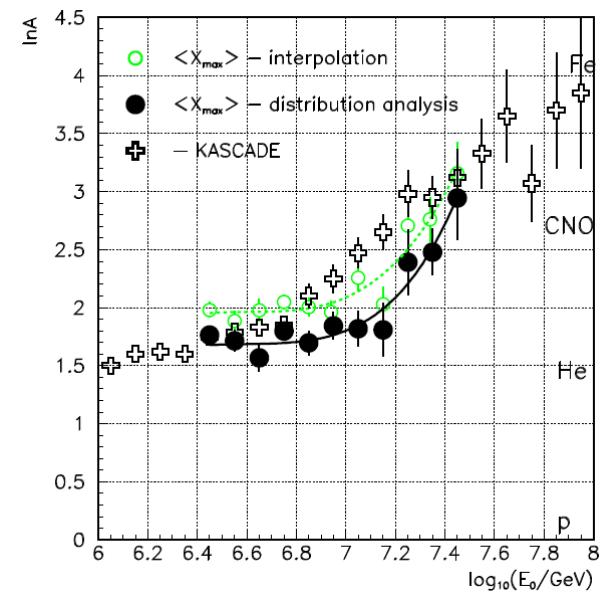
Cosmic ray energy spectrum and mass composition in the energy range of 10^{15} - 10^{17} eV

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Energy spectrum

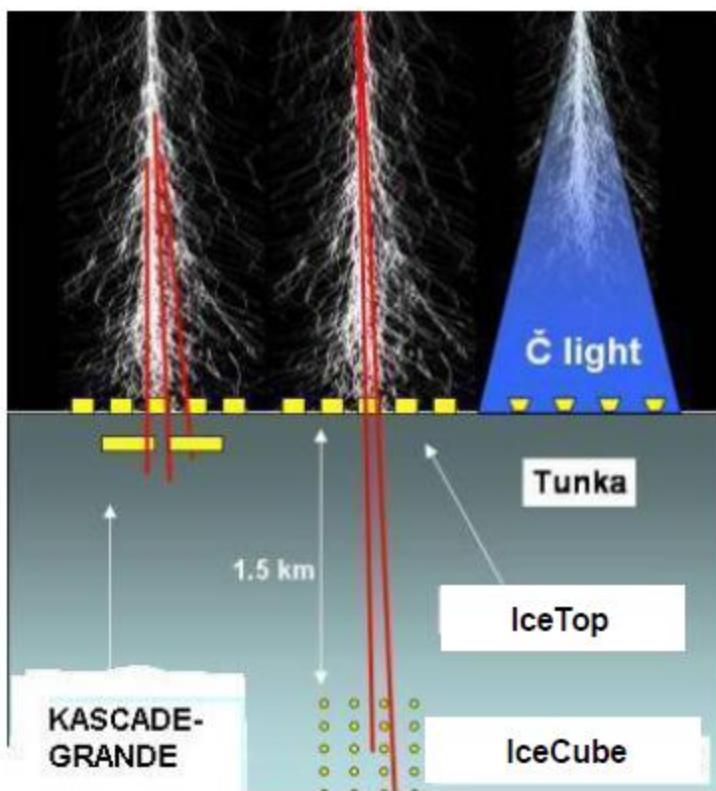


Mass composition

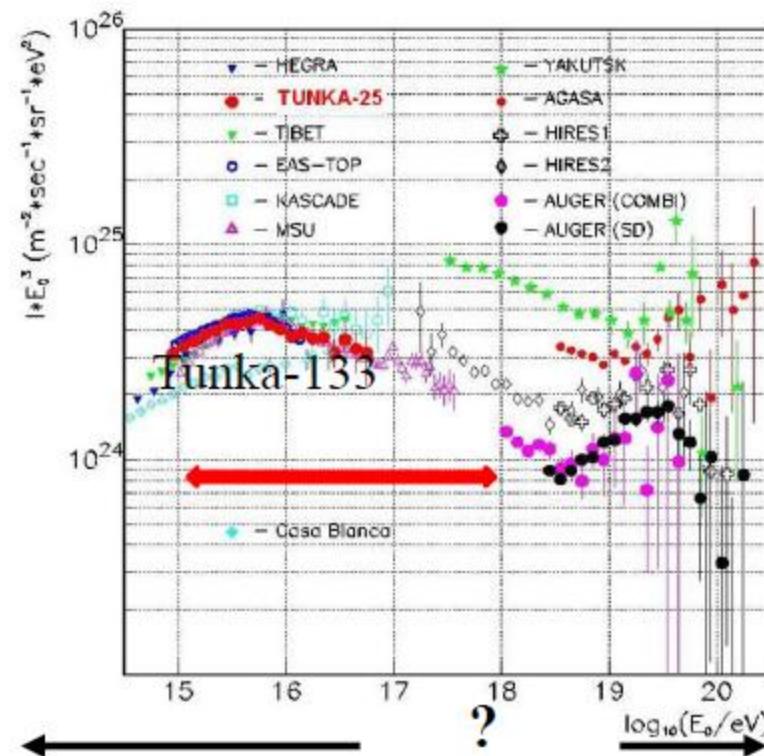


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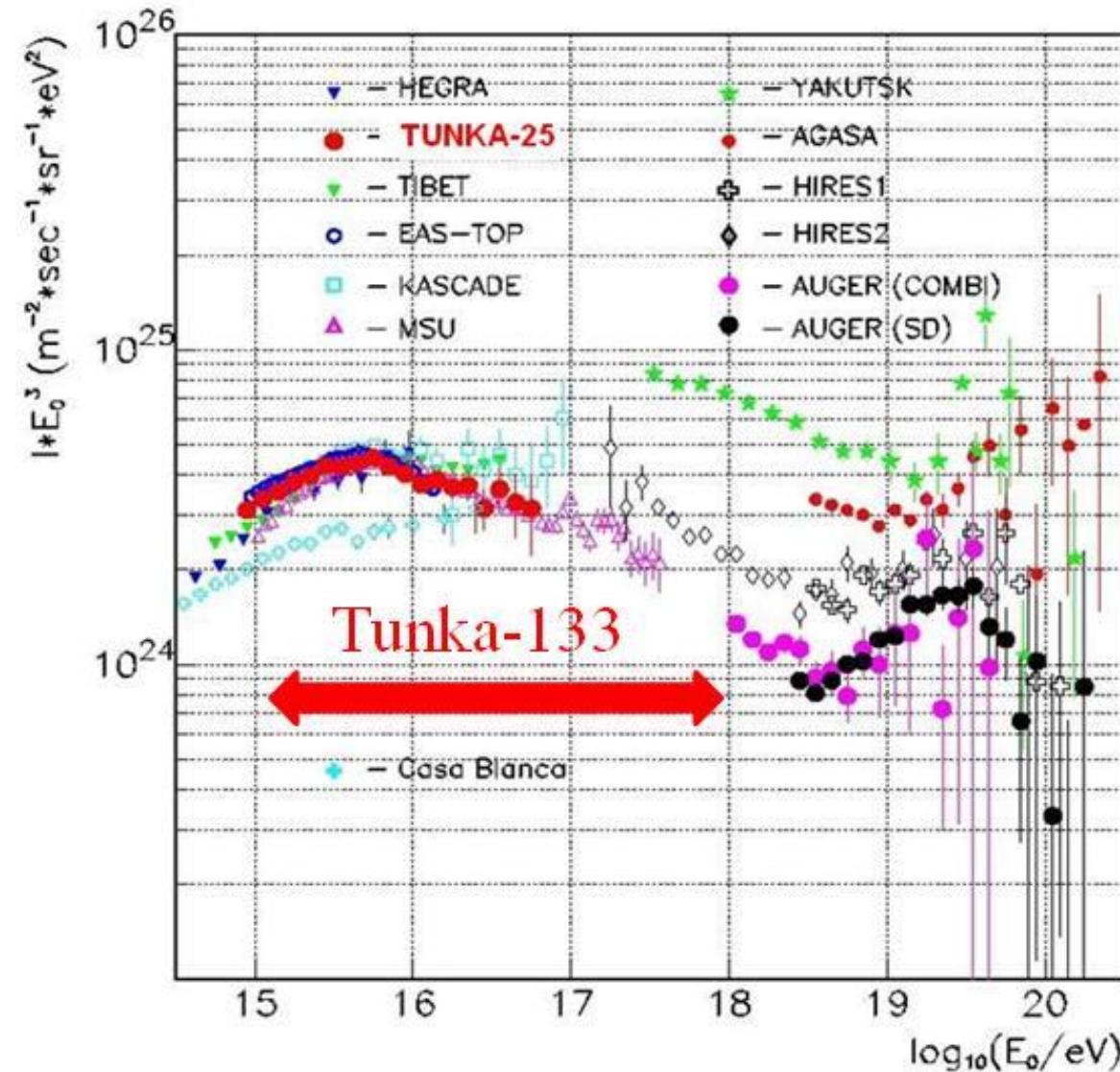
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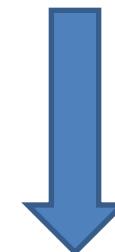
CR from SNR

CR from AGN

Primary cosmic rays in the energy range of $10^{15} - 10^{18}$ eV



$S \sim 1 \text{ km}^2$;
 $r \sim 80\text{-}100 \text{ m}$;
 $s(\emptyset) \geq 20 \text{ cm}$



Tunka-133

3 km² Cherenkov array Tunka-133

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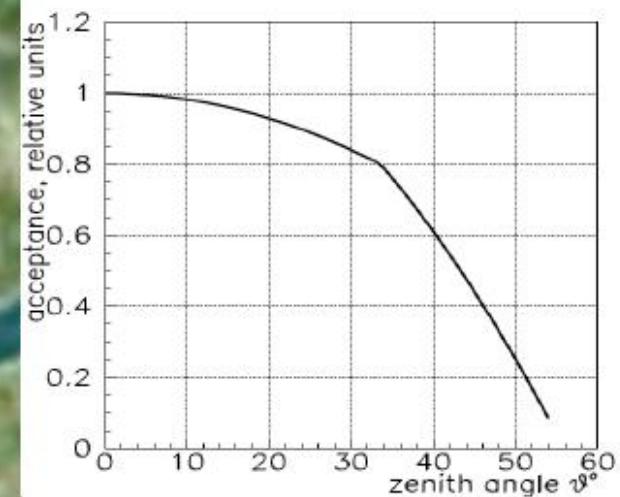
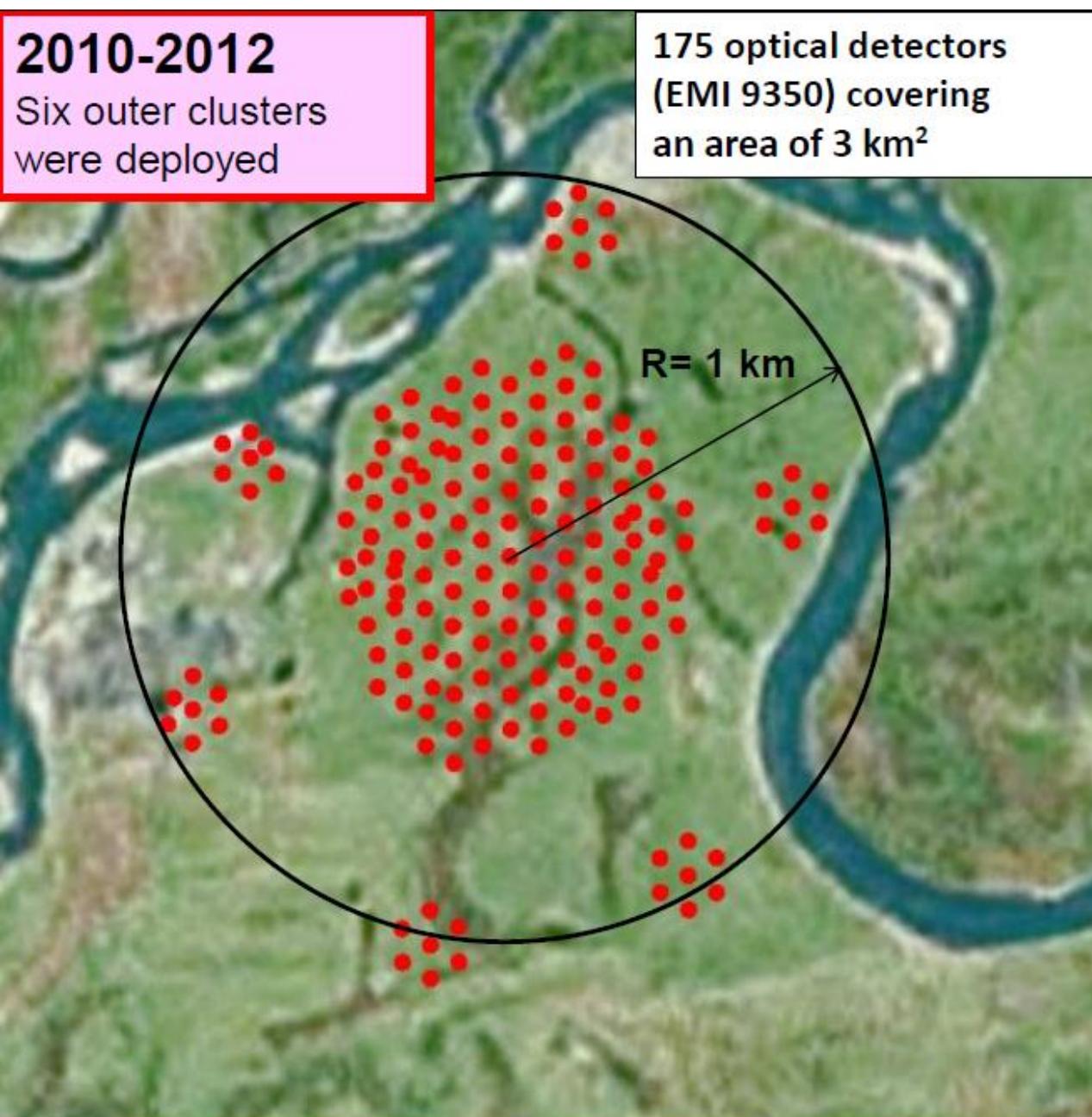
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2010-2012

Six outer clusters
were deployed

175 optical detectors
(EMI 9350) covering
an area of 3 km²



Angular sensitivity

$\sim 3 \text{ km}^2$ dense Cherenkov array

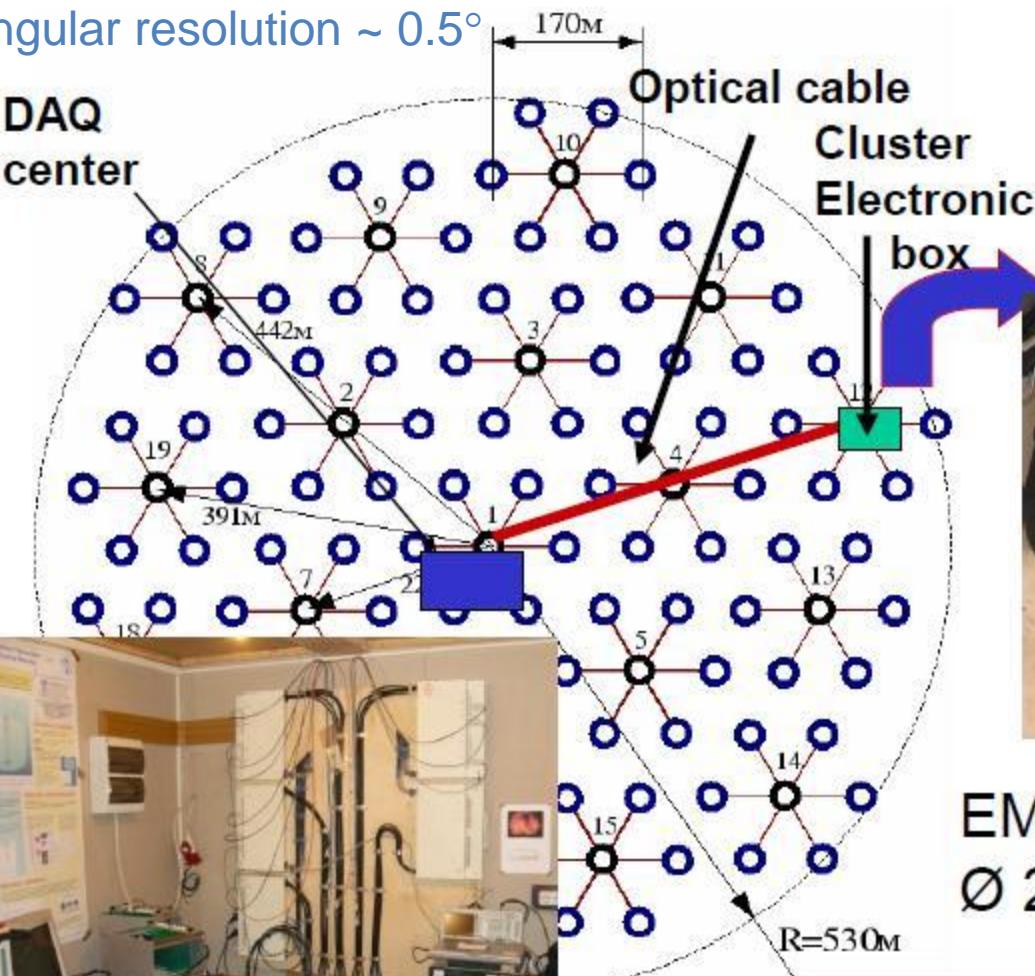
175 optical detectors (8" PMTs – EMI9350KB)

$\sim 3 \text{ km}^2$ area

$E_{\text{th}} \sim 10^{15} \text{ eV}$

Angular resolution $\sim 0.5^\circ$

DAQ
center

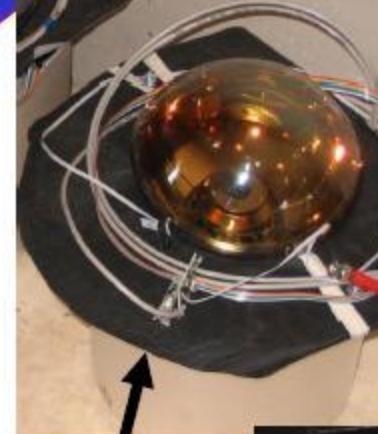


4 channel FADC
200 MHz, 12 bit

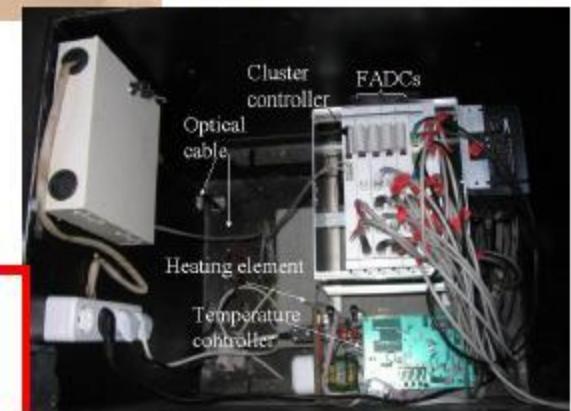


Optical detector

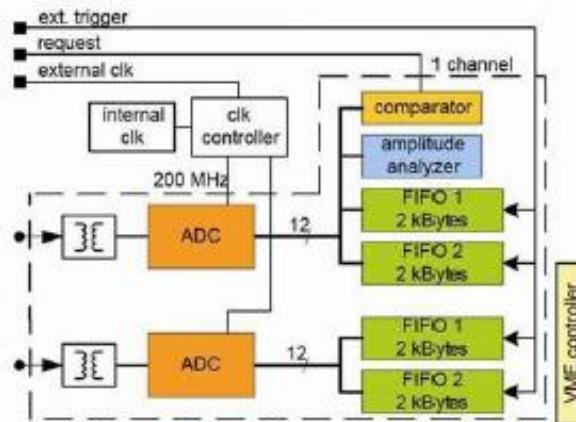
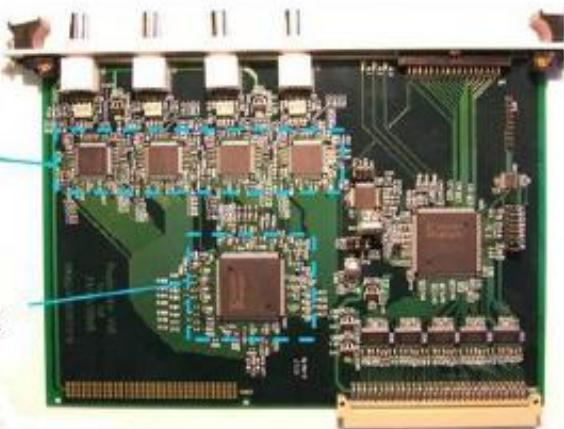
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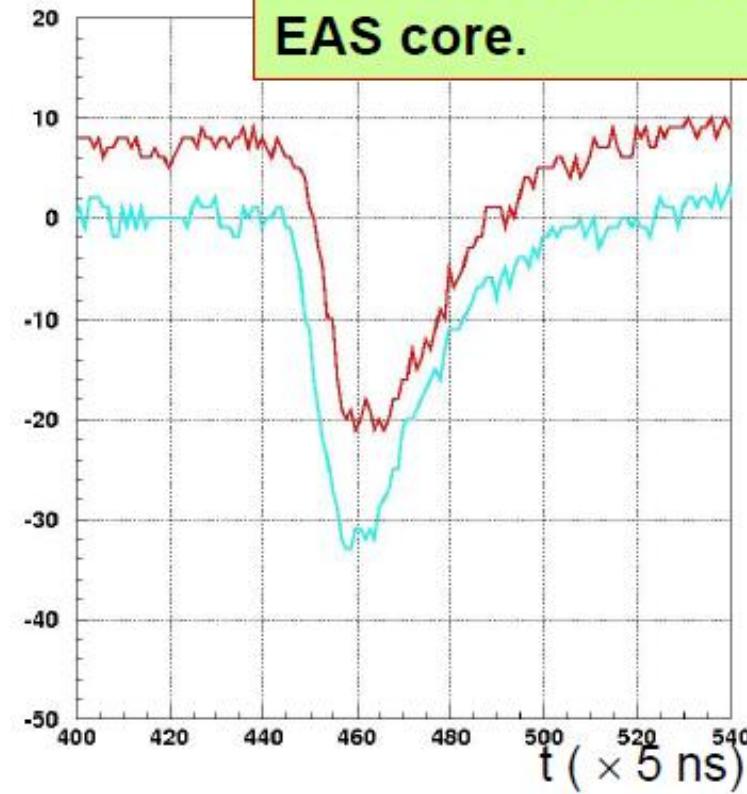
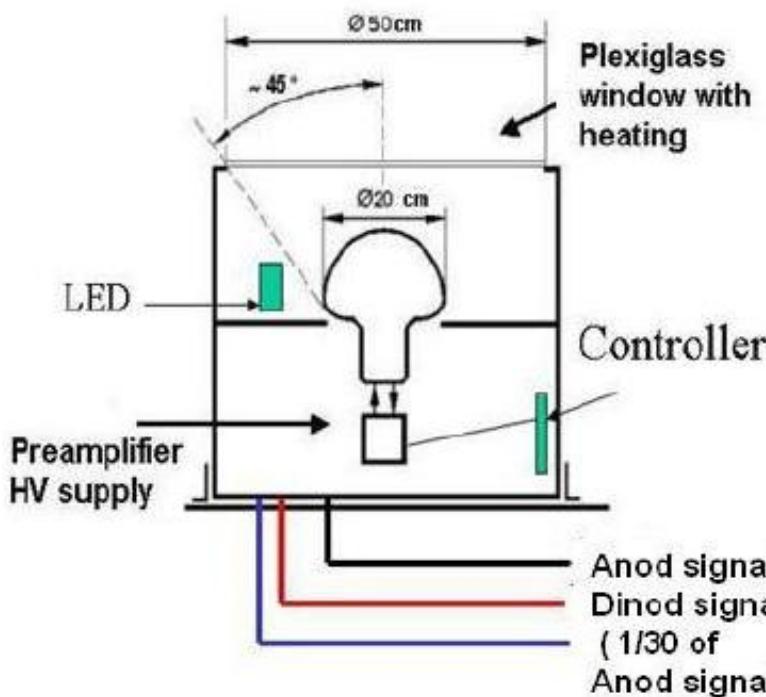
EMI 9350
Ø 20 cm



Cluster electronics

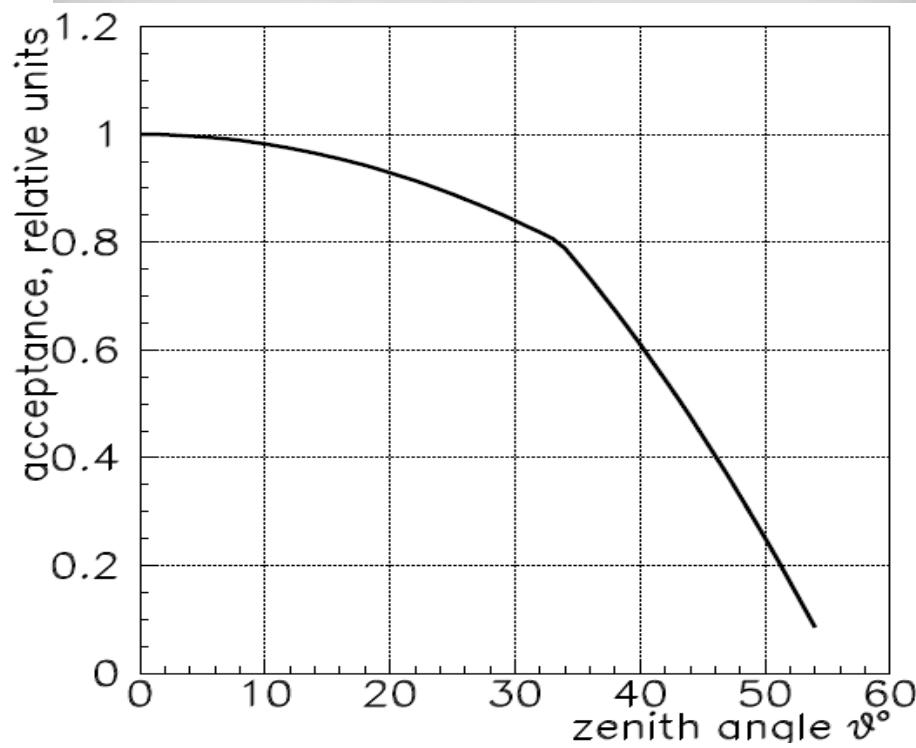


1. ADC AD9430, 12 bit, 200 MHz
2. FPGA XILINX Spartan-3



Cherenkov light pulses of two detectors of a cluster located at a distance 700 m from EAS core.

PMTs – 8" EMI9350KB

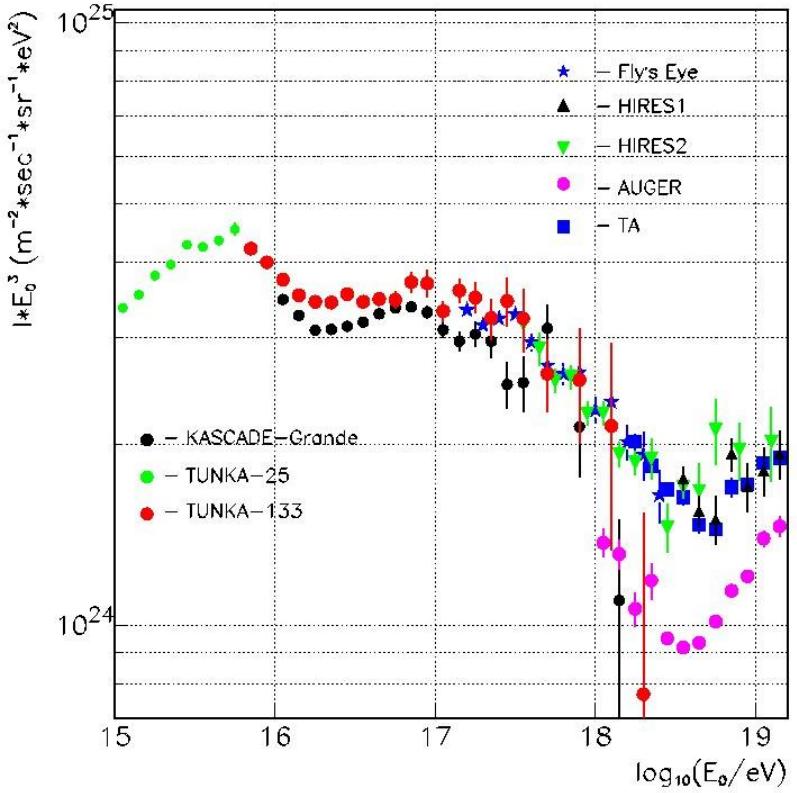
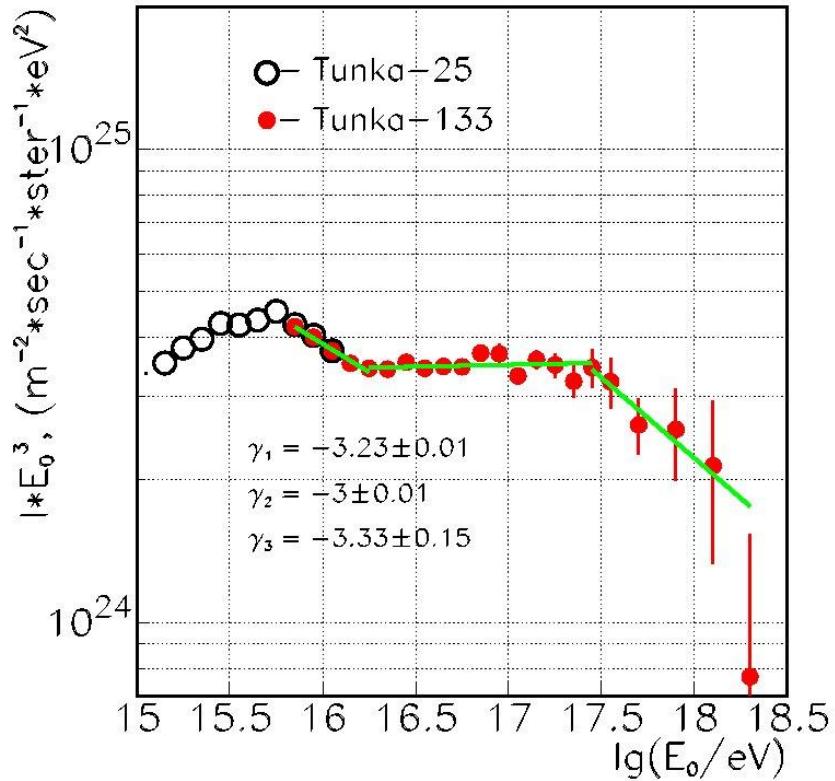




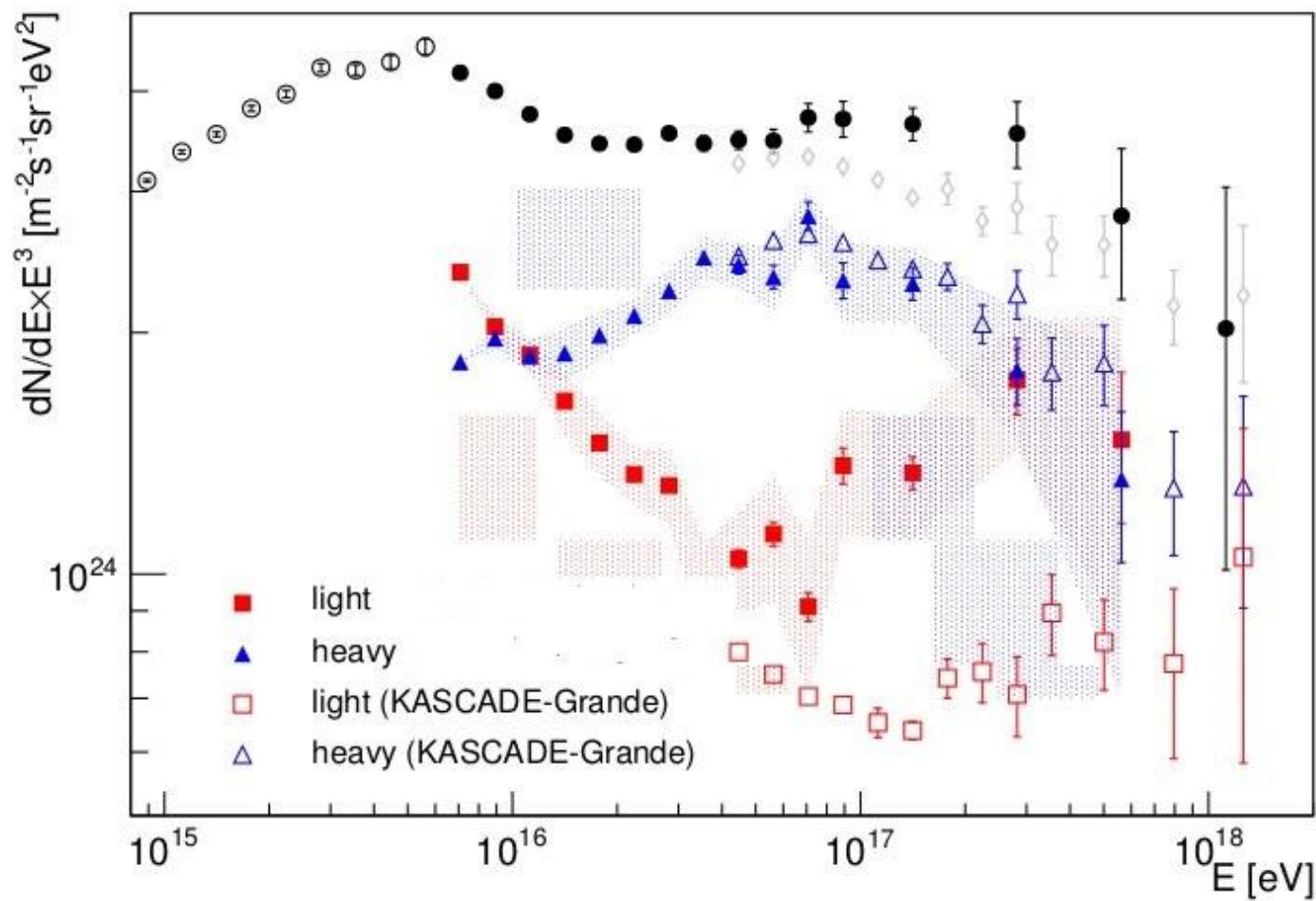
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TUNKA-133: recent results

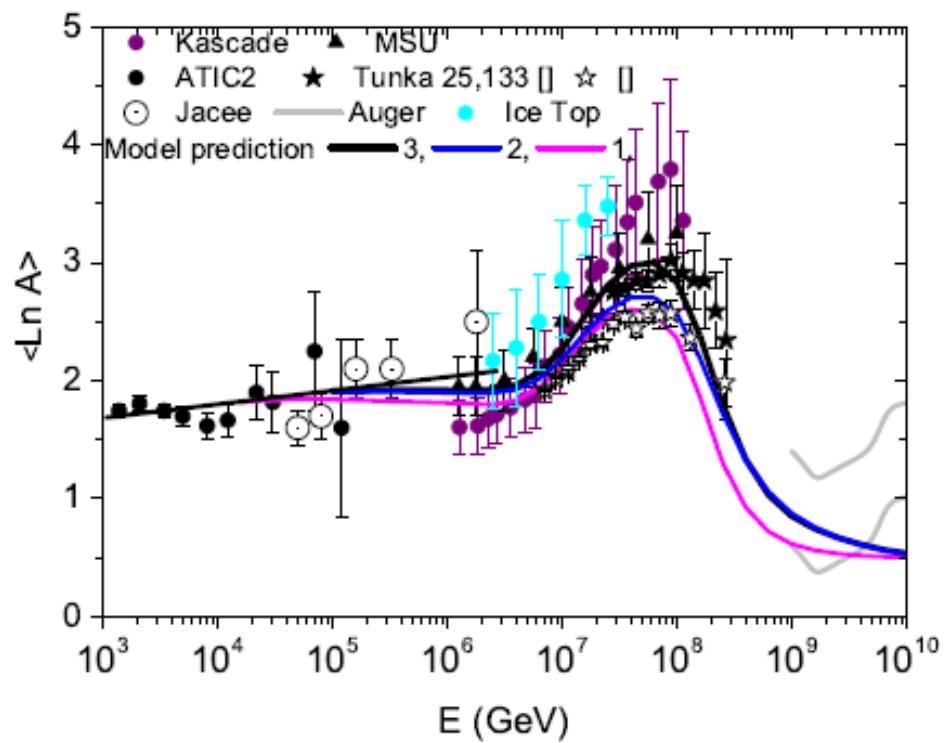
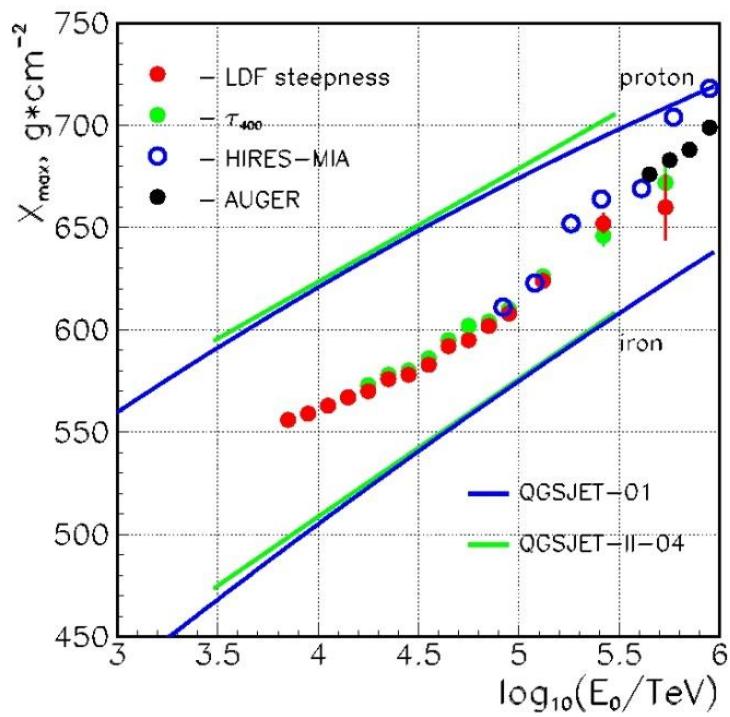
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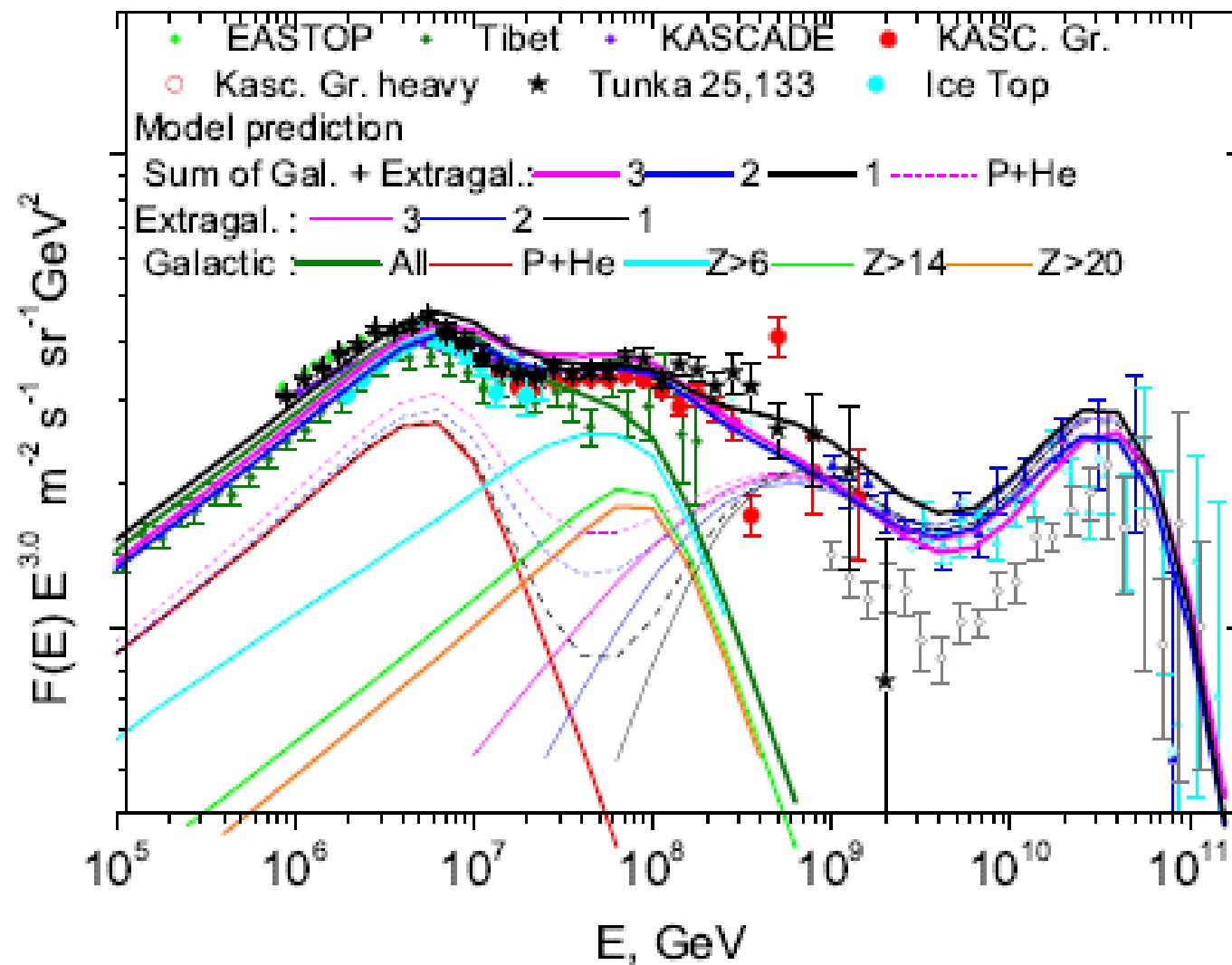


Energy spectrum of “light” and “heavy” components

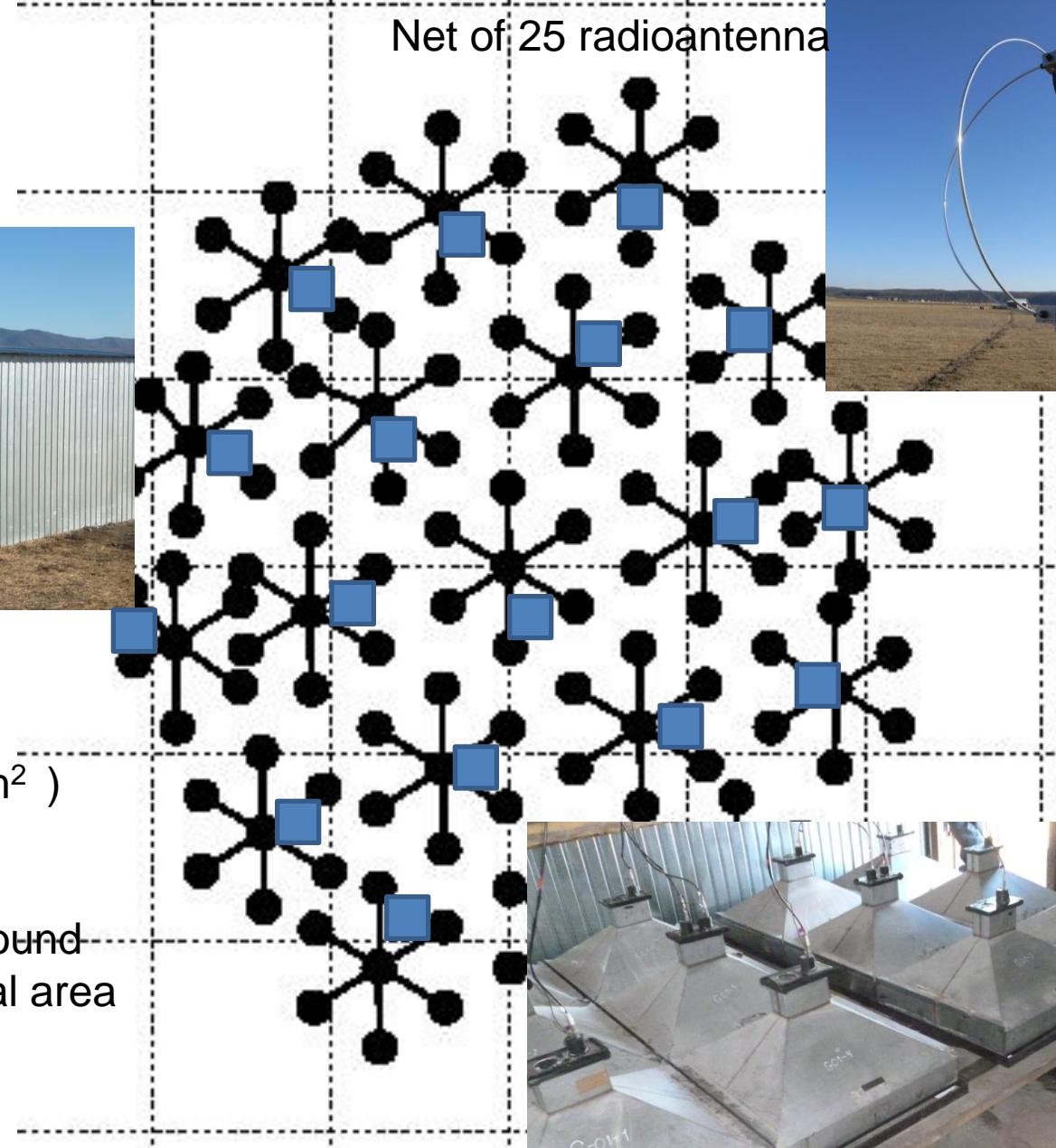


Mass composition



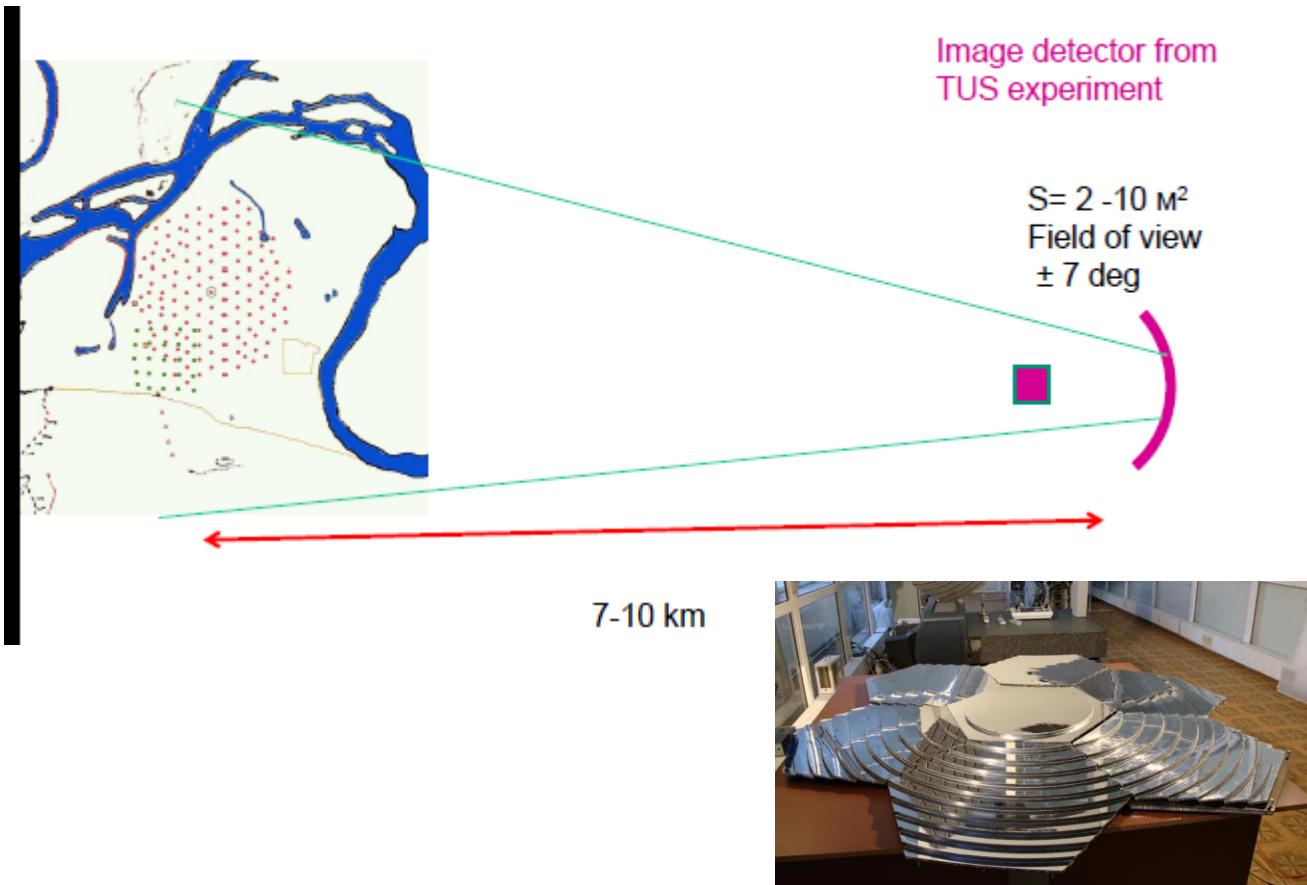


Scintillation detectors from Kascade-Grande



Further extension of Tunka-133 includes
muon detectors, radio, fluorescent det.

Fluorescent detector



The movable support
produced by JINR

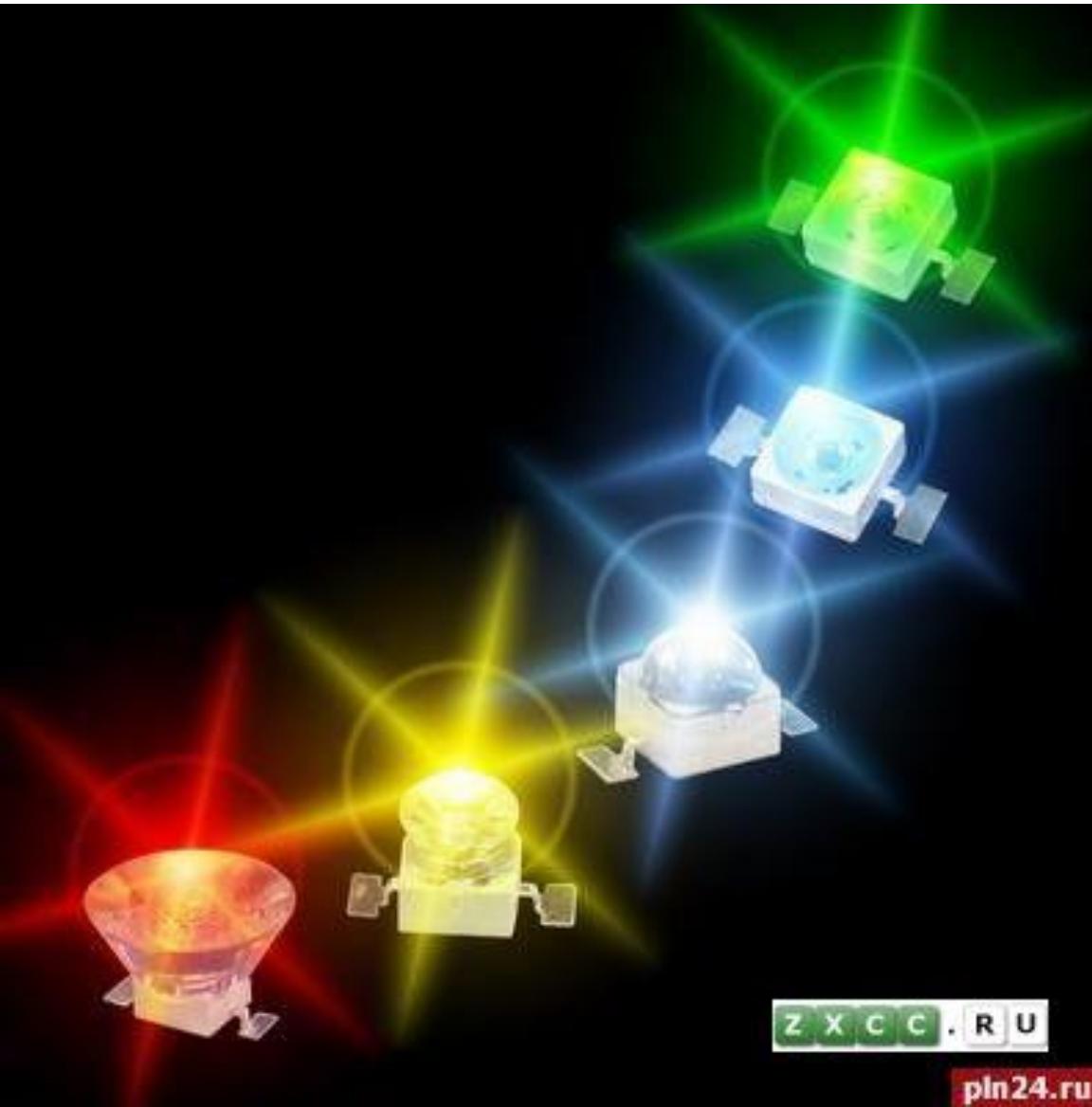
Cross calibration of Cherenkov light and fluorescent light methods.

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*Случайно на ноже карманном
Найди пылинку дальних стран -
И мир опять предстанет странным,
Закутанным в цветной туман*

A.A.Блок

Light Emitting Diodes & Cherenkov experiments



LEDs are
everywhere

XXI century –
LEDs century



Oleg Vladimirovitch Losev (1903-1942)

“Losev’s glow” or
“Losev’s effect” – 1922-1923.
Green glow in SiC crystals





Giant LED bright displays





Street and Highway Lights





White LEDs car light

Gas station near Moscow



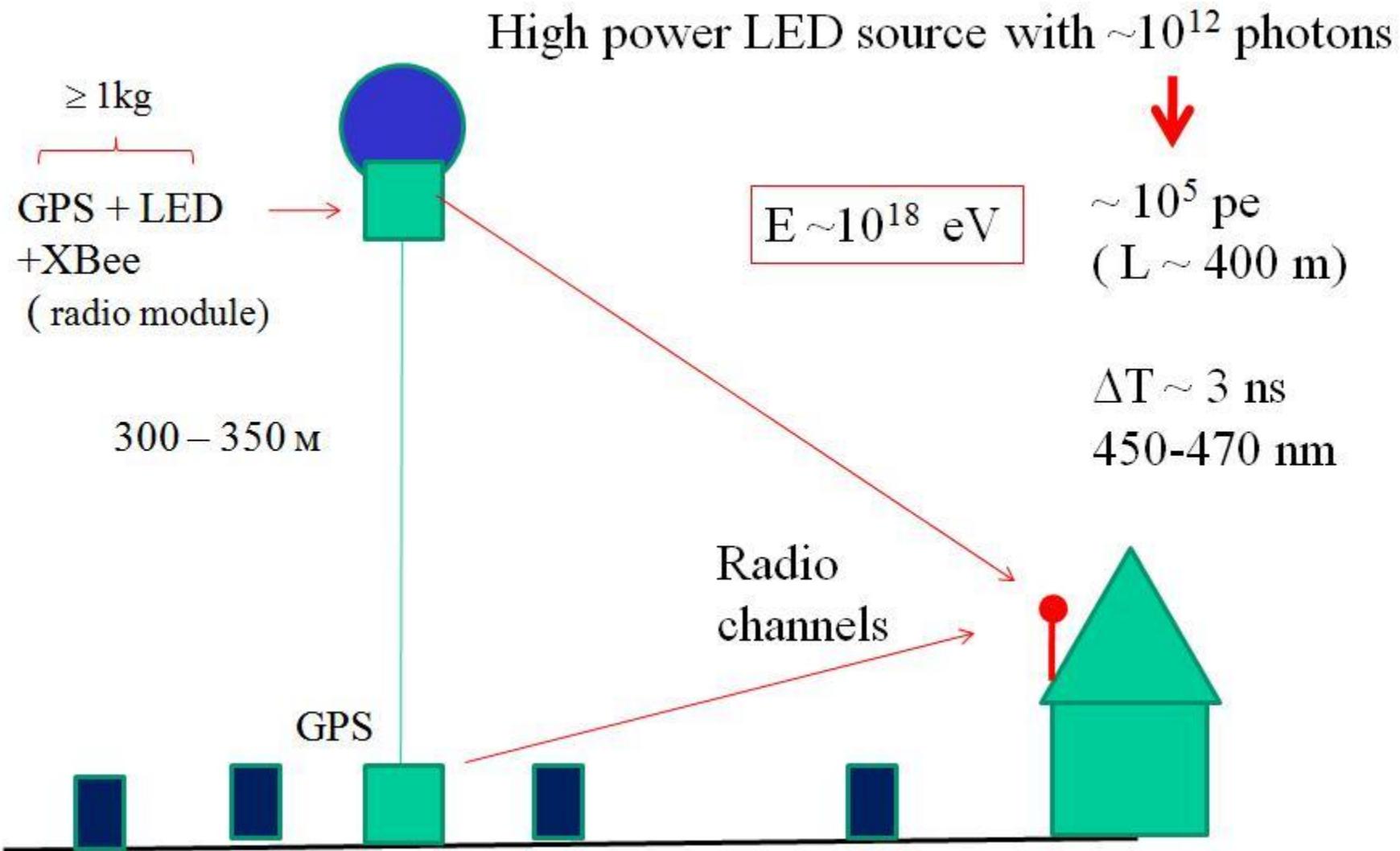


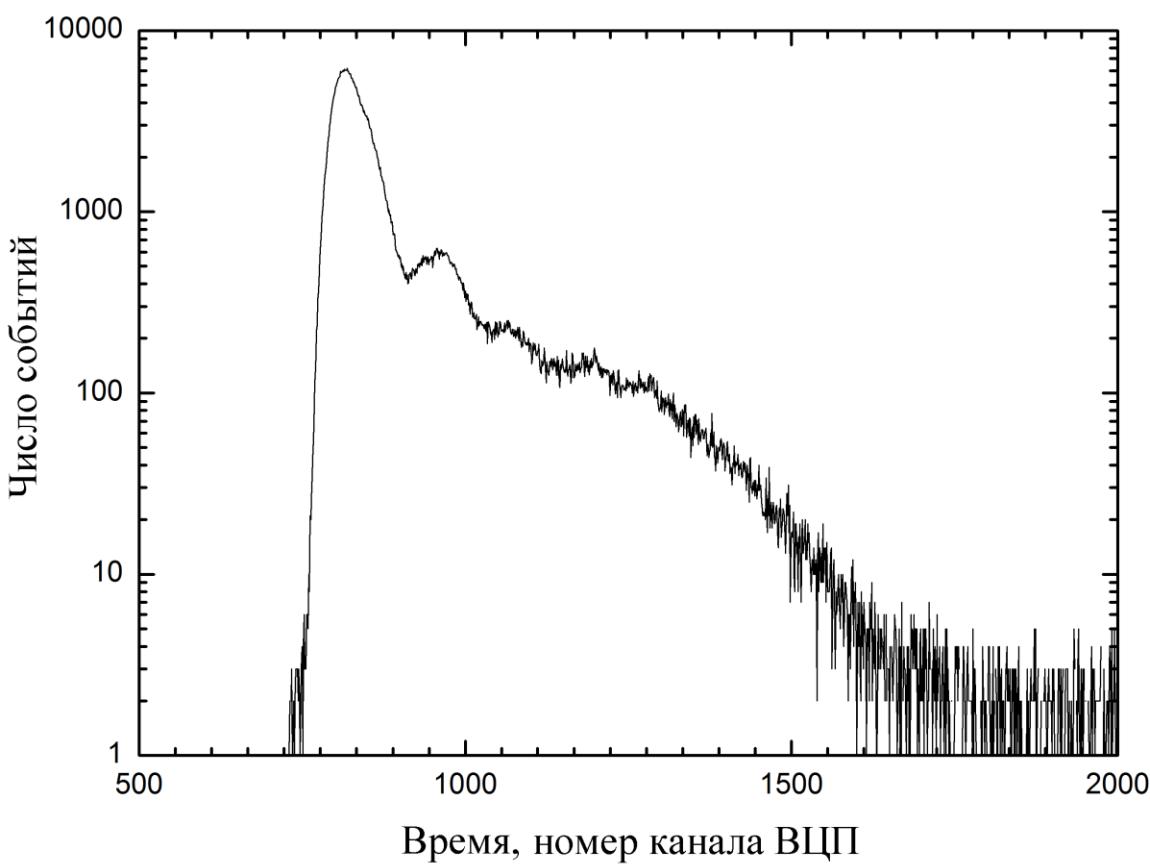
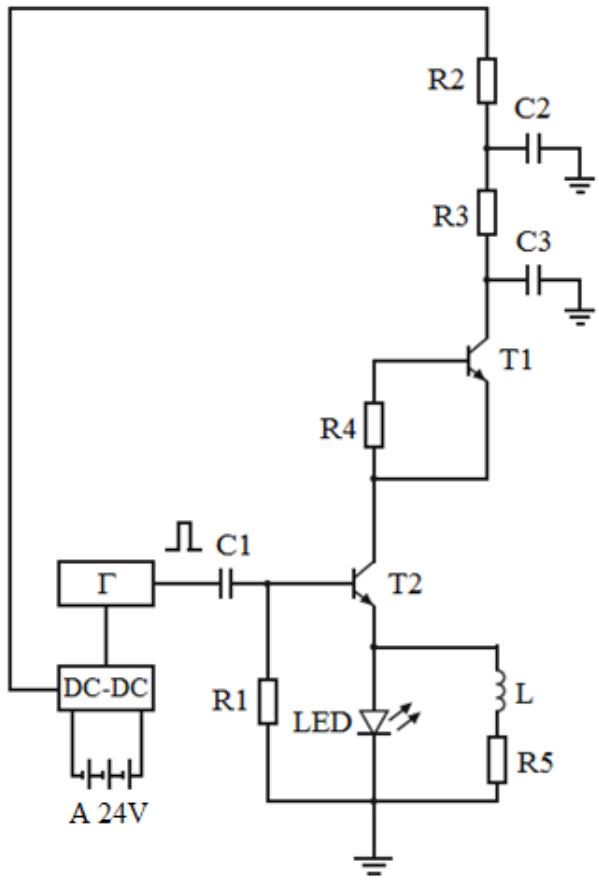
Bizarre application

Fignya



Tunka-133 LED calibration system

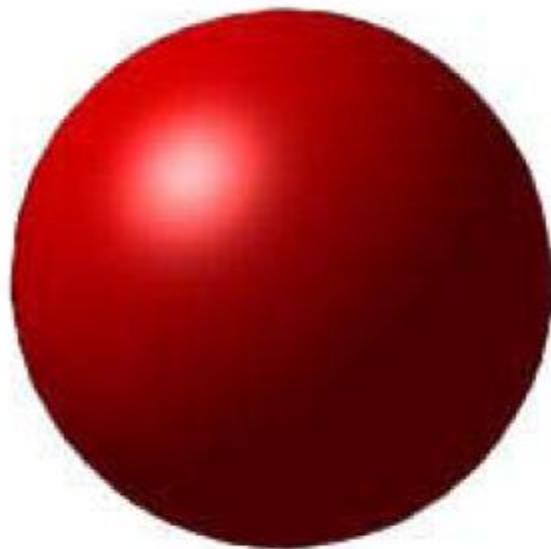




One high power LED (Royal Blue), $\sim 10^{12}$ photons per pulse, 3 ns (FWHM)

Toy pilotless quadrocopter for time calibration of Tunka-133





A Lonely TeV Cosmic Ray

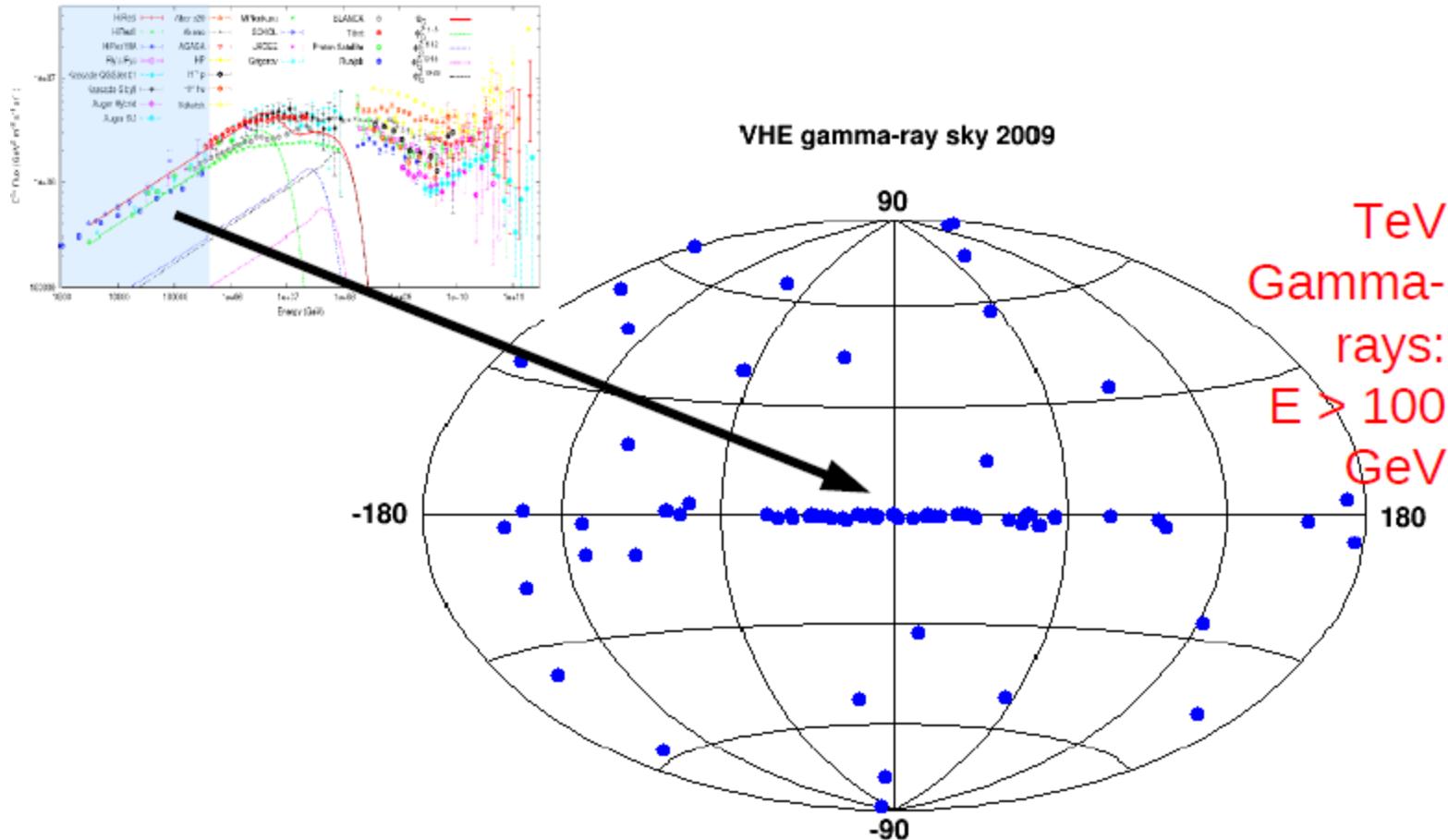
Trevor Weeks

To multi-TeV gamma-ray astronomy

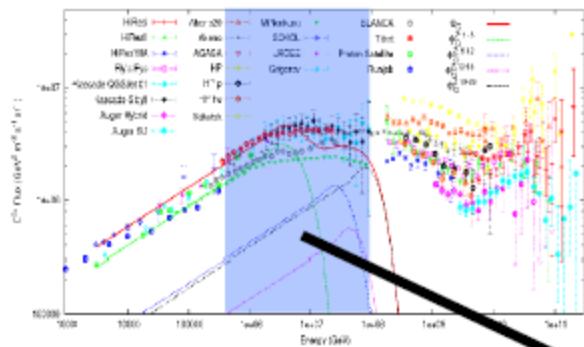


Crimea Experiment 1959-1965,
Chudakov, et al., (SNR, radio
galaxies)

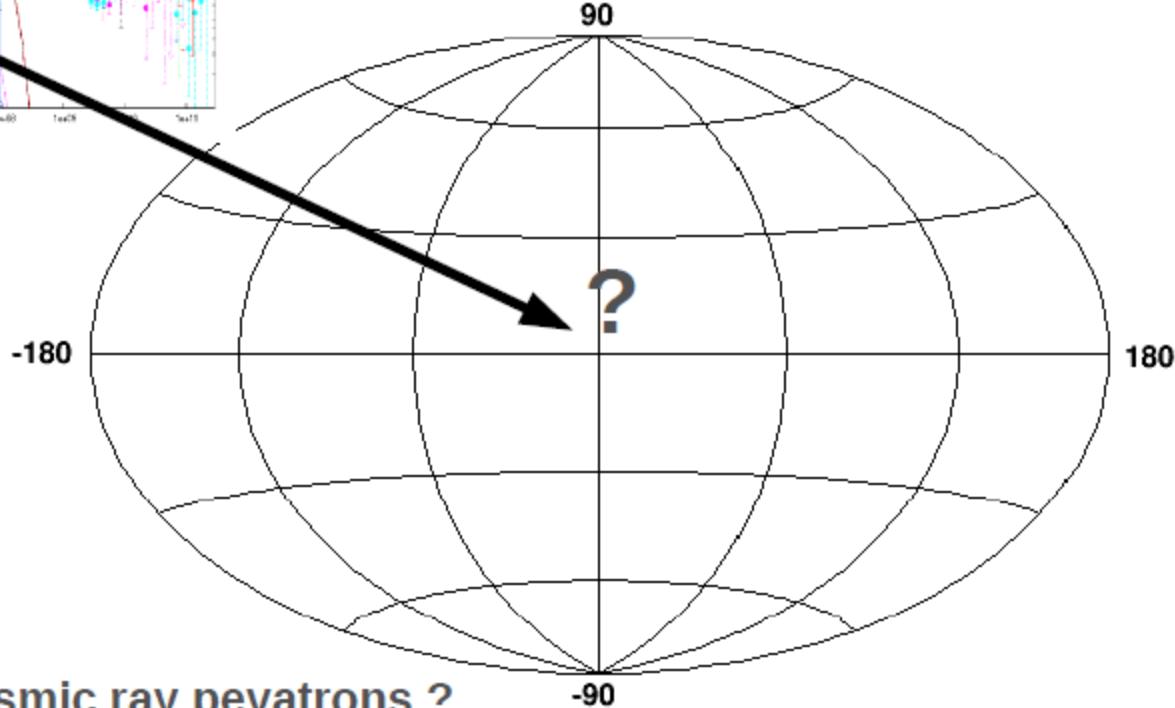
Tevatron sky



Pevatron sky



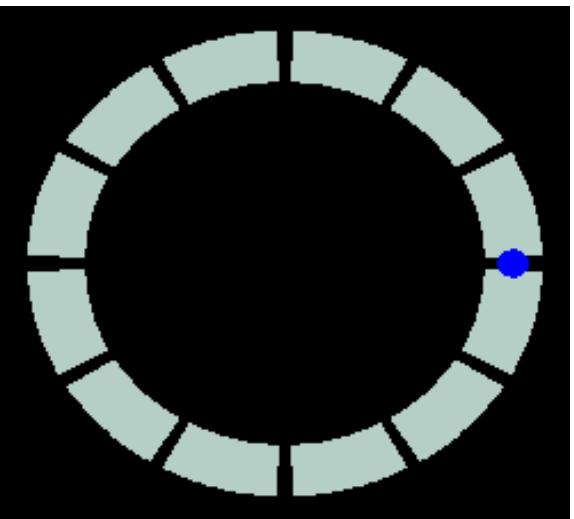
IE Gamma-Ray Sky ($S > 5 \sigma$, $E > 100$ TeV), September 2009



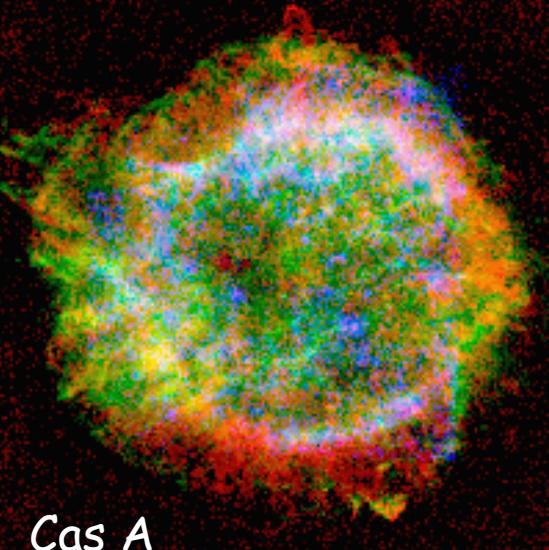
Where are the cosmic ray pevatrons ?

How could cosmic accelerators work?

Man-made accelerators

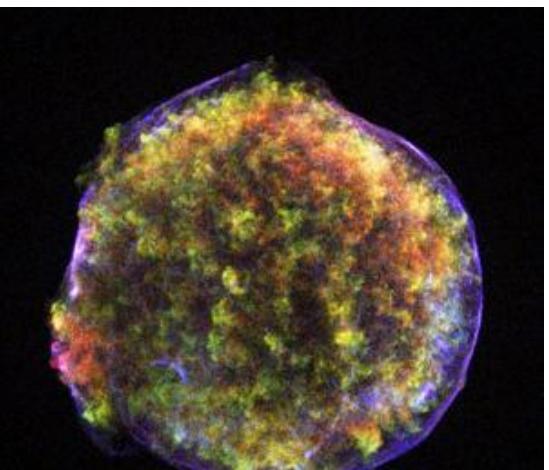
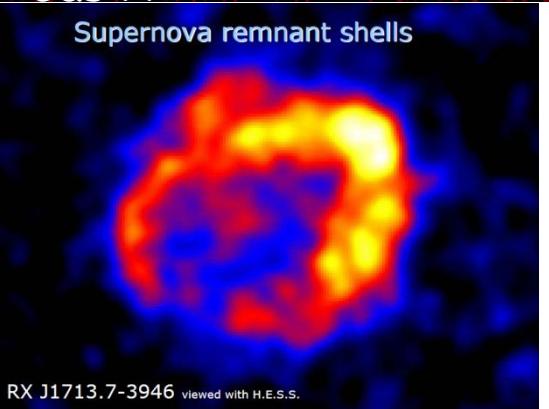


SNR – the main source of Galactic cosmic rays



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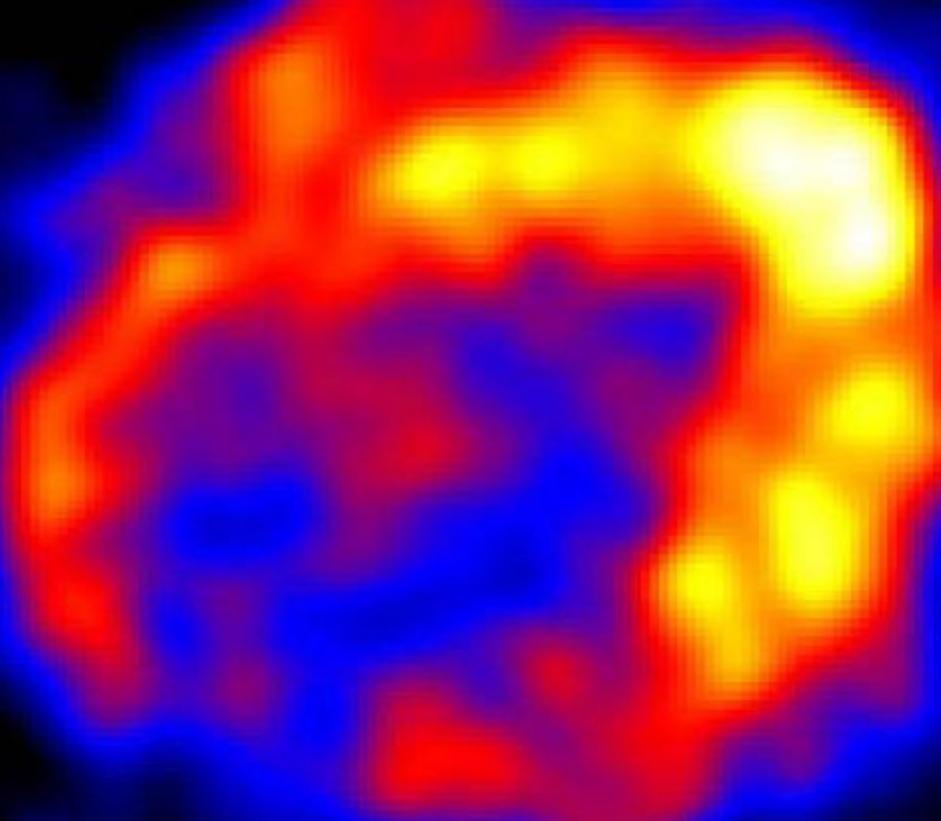
Supernova remnant shells



1933. Baade&Zwikky. SNe explosions - the source of CR
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1963. Ginzburg&Syrovatsky. Transition of 10% of shell's kinetic energy into CR is enough for Galactic CR origin
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- 1993-1996. Berezhko et al. Nonlinear theory CR acceleration on shock waves.
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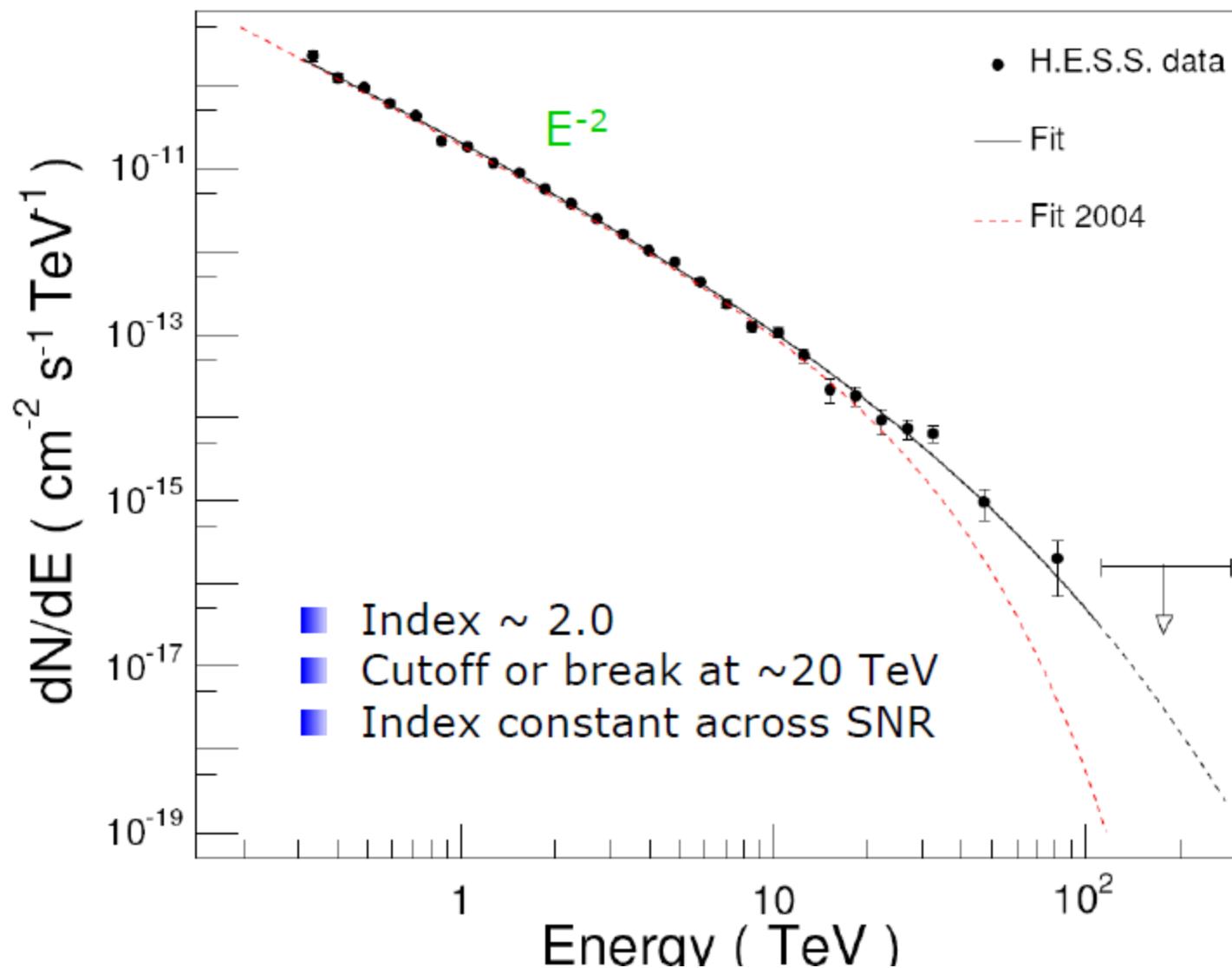
So far there are no any reliable proofs
of hadronic acceleration mechanisms!!!

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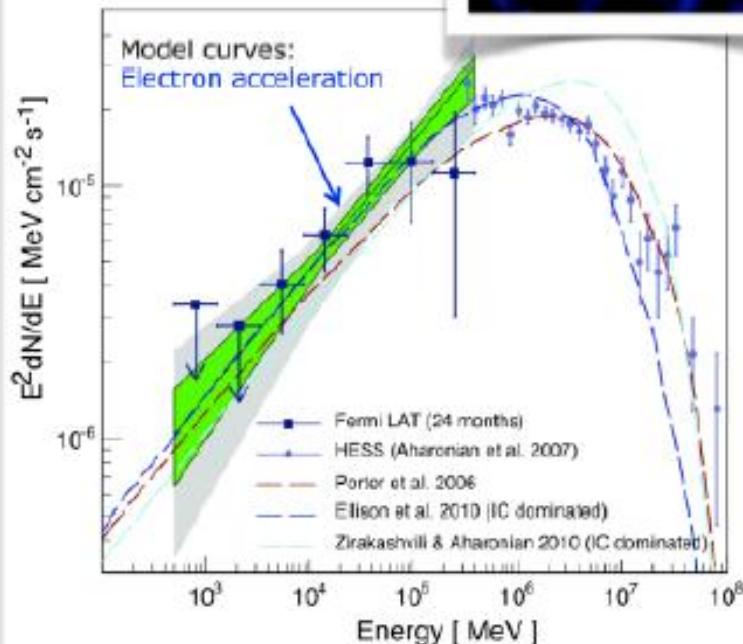
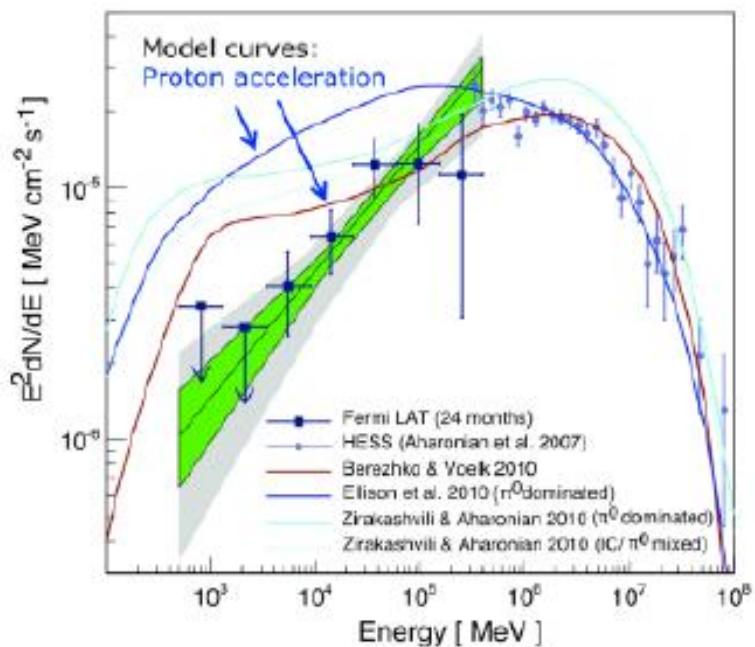
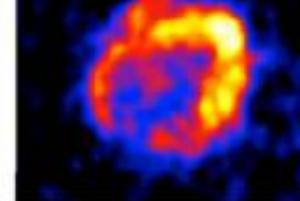


RX J1713.7-3946 viewed with H.E.S.S.

Particle acceleration to beyond 100 TeV

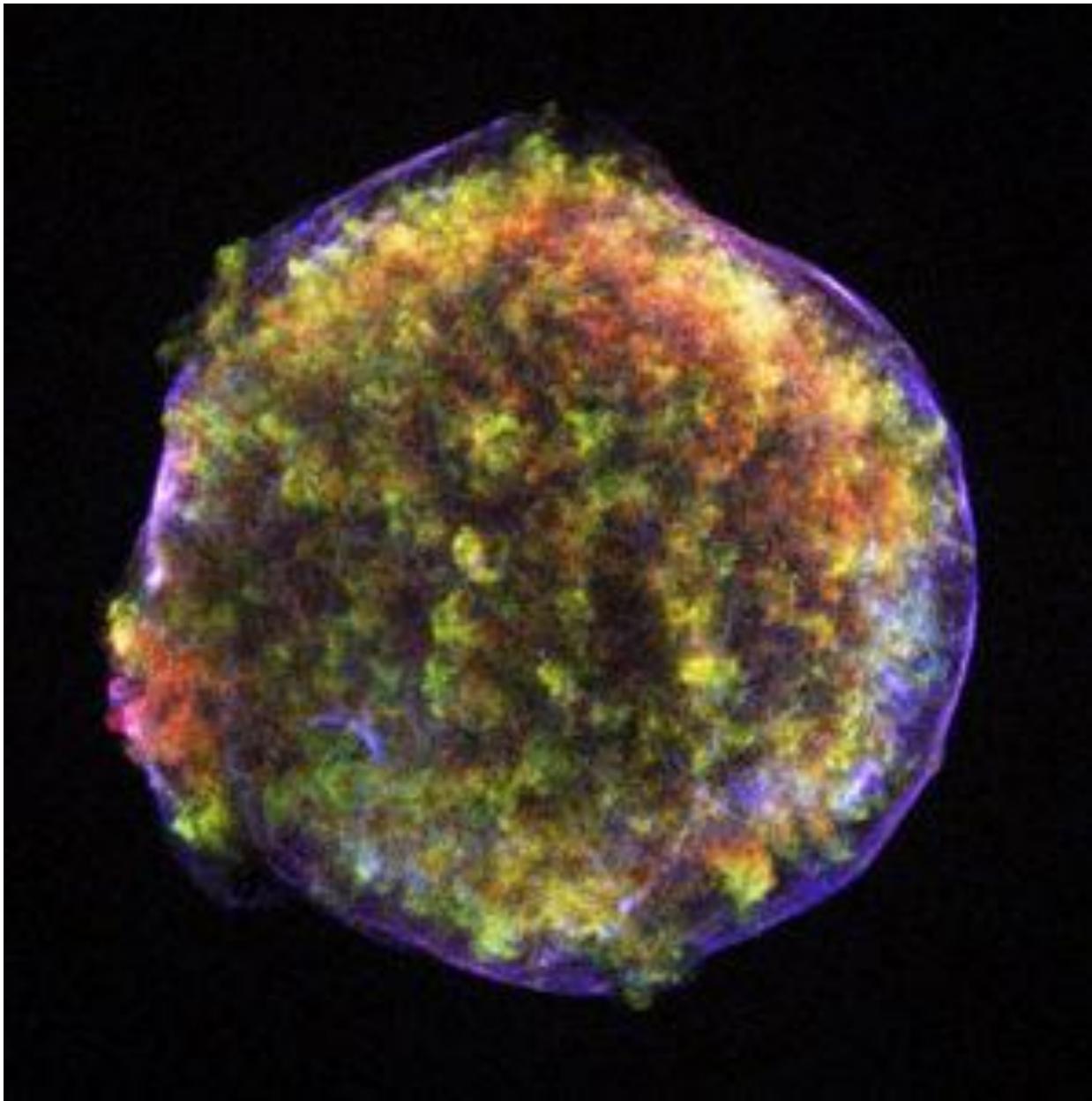


The best candidate? RX J1713.7-3946

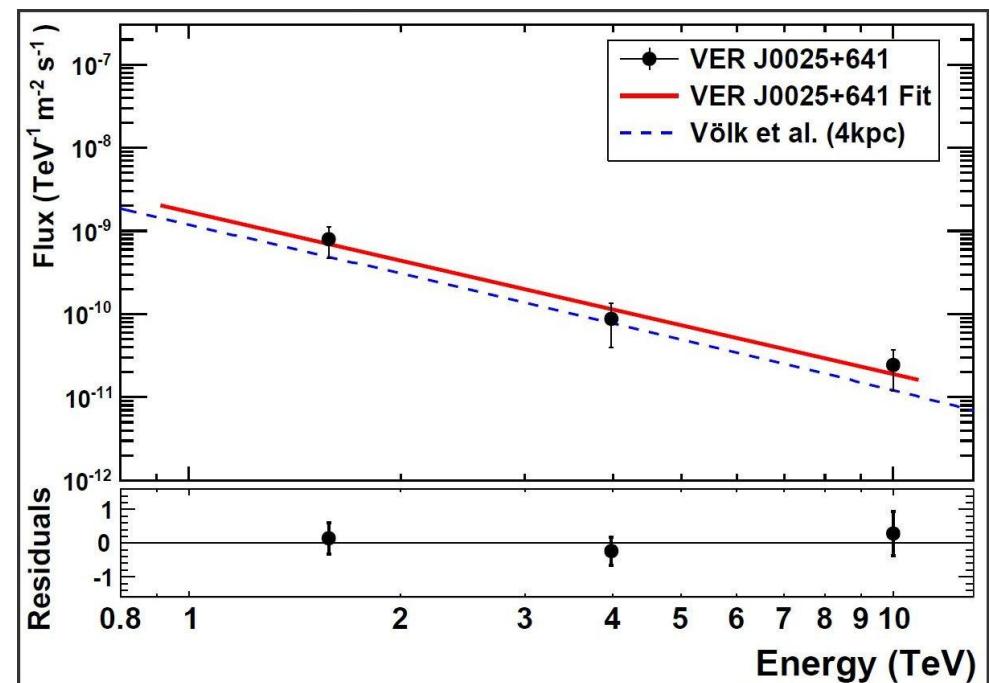
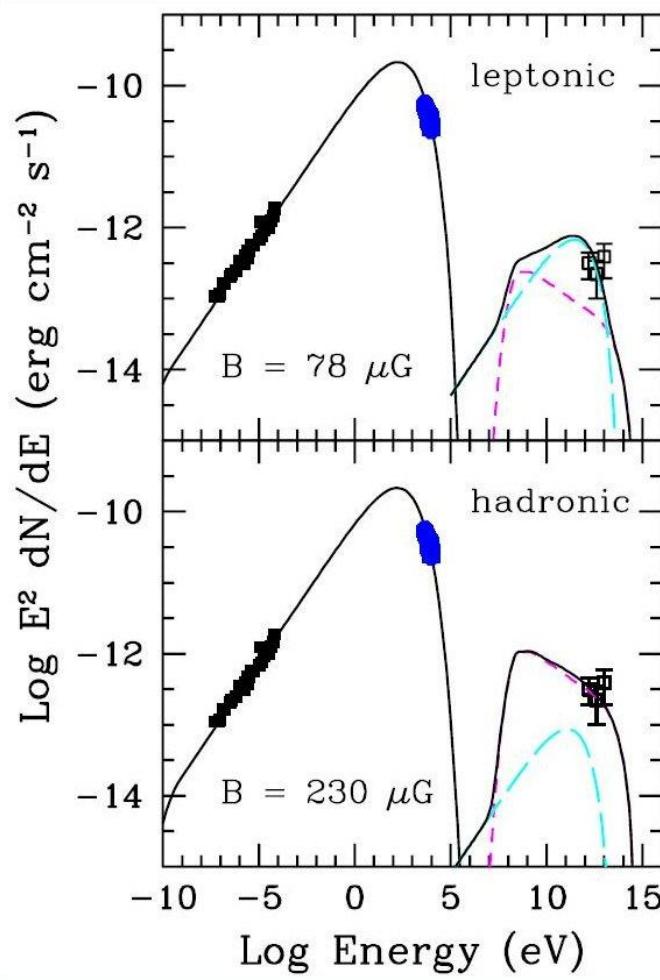


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SN1572 Tycho Brahe

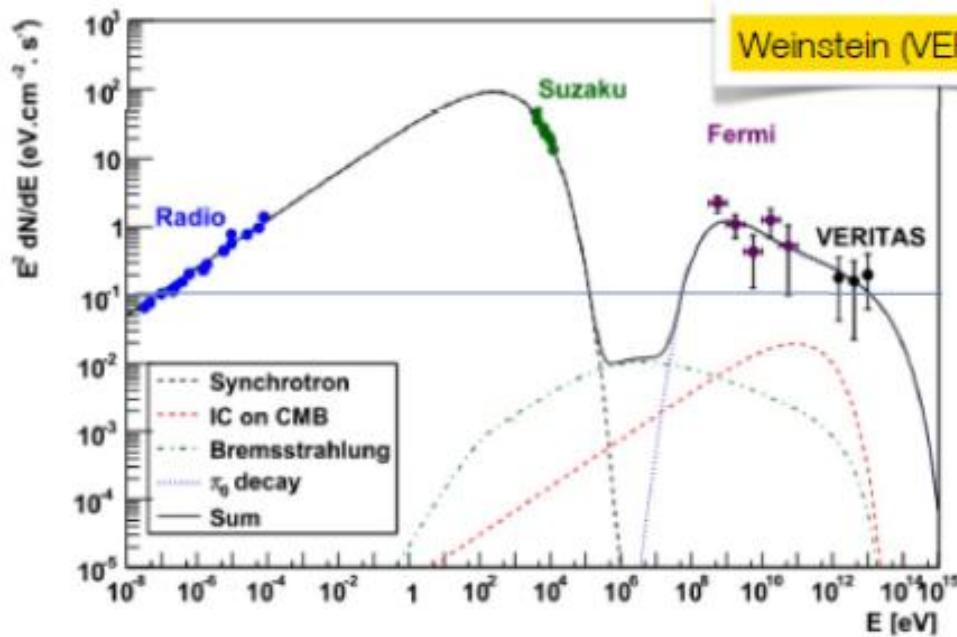


VERITAS



Tycho SNR might now be the best case

- Tycho detected with both Fermi-LAT and VERITAS
- Leptonic model strongly disfavored
- No cutoff in VERITAS → acc time = SNR age → max proton energy > 300 TeV
- But beware drawing strong conclusion from spectral modeling. Also very weak source, both in Fermi-LAT and in VERITAS



Case	$E_{p,\max}$ (TeV)	Distance (kpc)	E_{SNR} (erg)
"near"	340	2.78	10^{51}
"far"	540	3.58	2×10^{51}

Half a pevatron?

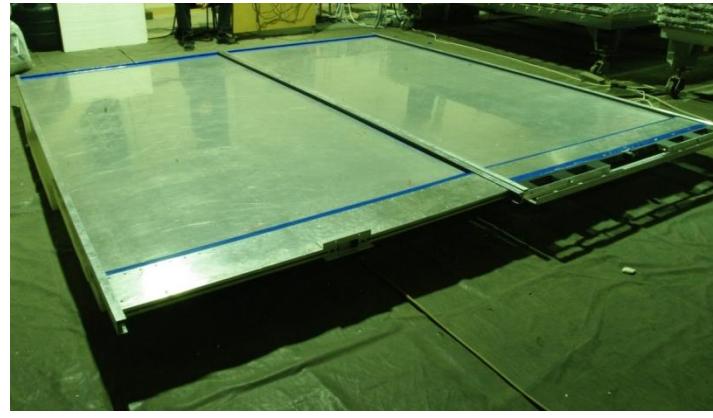
Current projects (high energy)

1. CTA (2017-18) - ~400 mln Euros (!)
2. HAWC (2014) - ~30 mln USD
3. LHAASO (2013-2018) ~150 mln USD
4. **TAIGA - ~10 mln Euros**
5. 5@5 (Bykov&Aharonyan)

Towards High Energy Gamma-Ray Astronomy array in the Tunka Valley

TAIGA

(Tunka Advanced International Gamma and cosmic ray Array)



- Array of non imaging wide-angle optical stations
(HiSCORE type, M.Tluzikont et al)

- Net of imaging telescopes
3-5 m² area

- Net of muon detectors
10² - 10³ m² area.

TAIGA Collaboration

MSU (SINP), Moscow

ISU (API), Irkutsk

Institute for Nuclear Research of RAS,
Moscow

IZMIRAN, Moscow

JINR, Dubna

MEPhI, Moscow

IPSM SB RAS, Ulan-Ude

Altay State University, Barnaul

Kurchatov Institute, Moscow

University of Hamburg,
Hamburg

DESY, Zeuthen

MPI, Munich

KIT, Karlsruhe

University of Tuebingen

University of Turin



Gamma-ray Astronomy

Search for PeVatrons.

VHE spectra of known sources: where do they stop?

Absorption on IR and CMB.

Diffuse emission: Galactic plane, Local supercluster.

Charged cosmic ray physics

Energy spectrum and mass composition from 10^{14} to 10^{18} eV.

10^7 events (in 1 km² array) with energy $> 10^{14}$ eV per one season (400 hours).

Particle physics

Axion/photon conversion.

Hidden photon/photon oscillations.

Lorentz invariance violation.

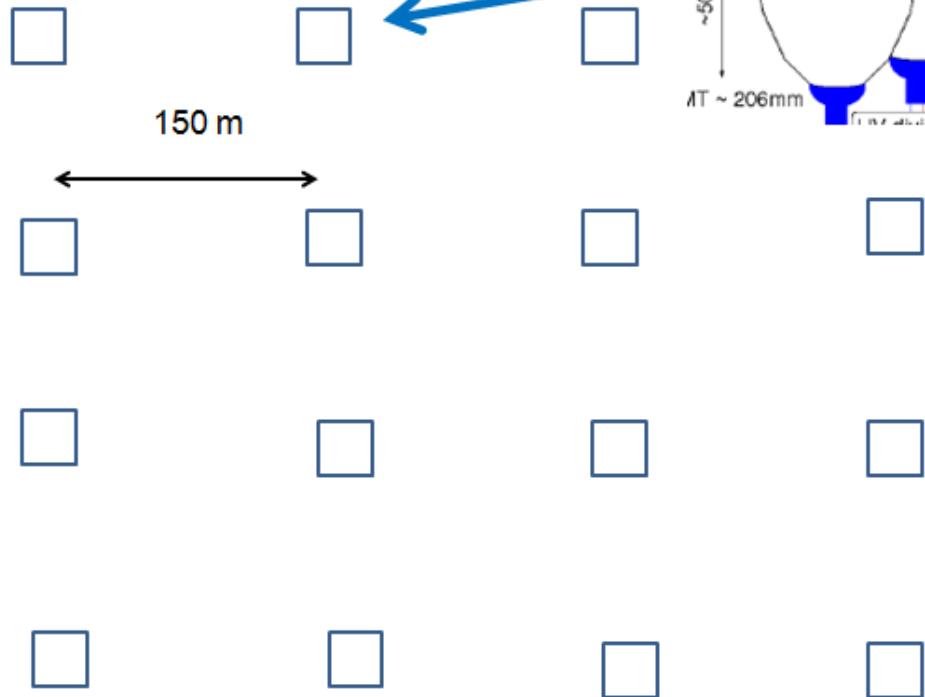
pp cross-section measurement

What we can see with 1 km² array (short list)

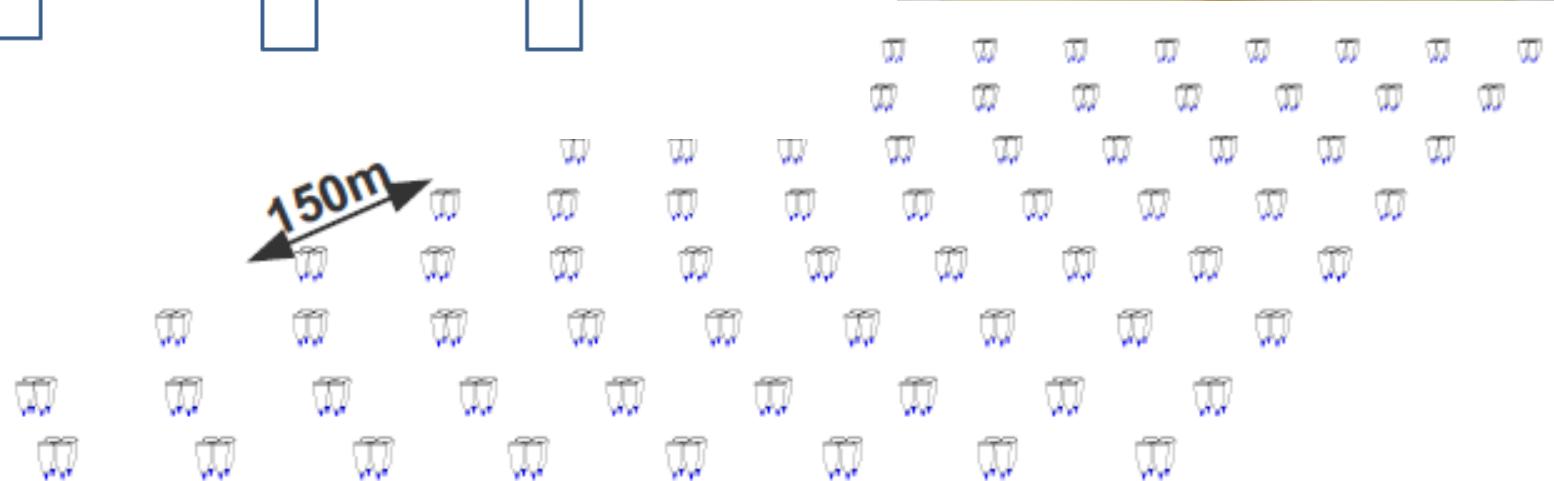
Name	RA degrees	Decl	Flux F at 1 TeV, $10^{-12}\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}\text{TeV}^{-1}$ Γ	Flux F at 35 TeV, $10^{-17}\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}\text{TeV}^{-1}$ (from Milagro)	Time of observation per one year (x 0.5- weather factor)	Number of events per one season $E > 20 \text{ TeV}$
Tycho SNR (J0025+641)	6.359	64.13	0.17 ± 0.05 $\Gamma = 1.95 \pm 0.5$		236h	88
Crab	83.6329	22.0145	32.6 ± 9.0 $\Gamma = 2.6 \pm 0.3$	162.6 ± 9.4	110h,	680
SNR IC443 (MAGIC J0616+225)	94.1792	22.5300	0.58 ± 0.12 $\Gamma = 3.1 \pm 0.30$	28.8 ± 9.5	112h,	2 -(from MAGIC) 50 (from Milagro)
Geminga MGRO C3 PSR	98.50	17.76		37.7 ± 10.7	102h,	80
M82 (Starburst Galaxy)	148.7	69.7	0.25 ± 0.12 $\Gamma = 2.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.2$		325h,	22
Mkn 421 (BL, z=0.031 Variable)	166.114	38.2088	50-200 $\Gamma = 2.0-2.6$		140h	20 - 1000
SNR 106.6+2.7 (J2229.0+6114)	337.26	61.34	$1.42 \pm 0.33 \pm 0.41$ $\Gamma = 2.29 \pm 0.33$ ± 0.30	70.9 ± 10.8	167h	140 (from VERITAS 235 (from Milagro)
Cas A (SNR, G111.7- 2.1)[6]	350.853	58.8154	1.26 ± 0.18 $\Gamma = 2.61 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.2$		177h	40
CTA_1(SNR,PWN)	1.5	72.8	1.3 $\Gamma = 2.3$		266 h	200

HiSCORE concept

M.Tluczykont et al.



150m



Area : from 1 to 100 km²

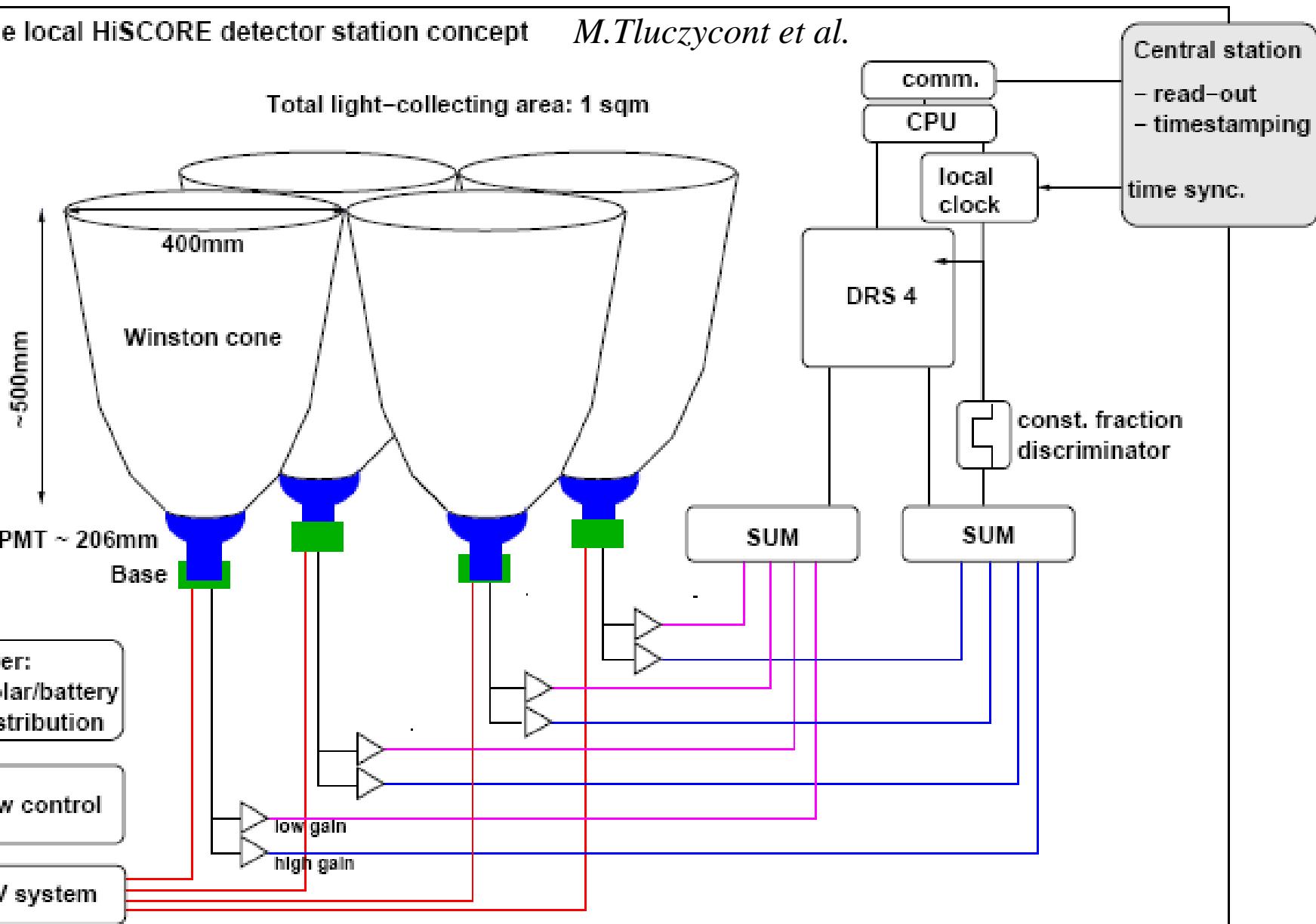
FOV ~ 0.6 ster ($\pm 30^\circ$)

Energy threshold ~ 20 TeV

Ang. res ~ 0.1°

TAIGA optical station design

Single local HiSCORE detector station concept *M.Tluczykont et al.*



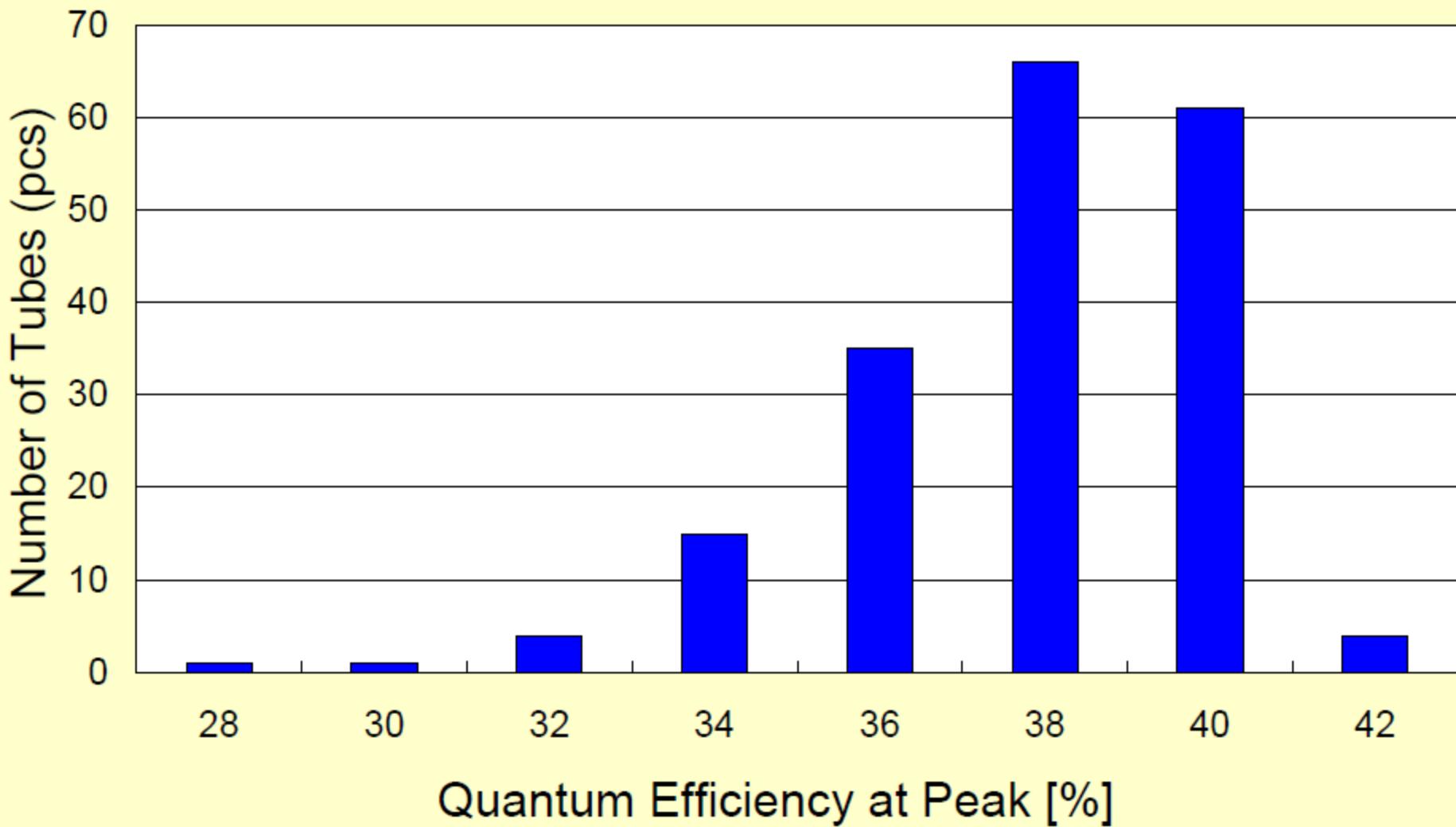
PMT candidates



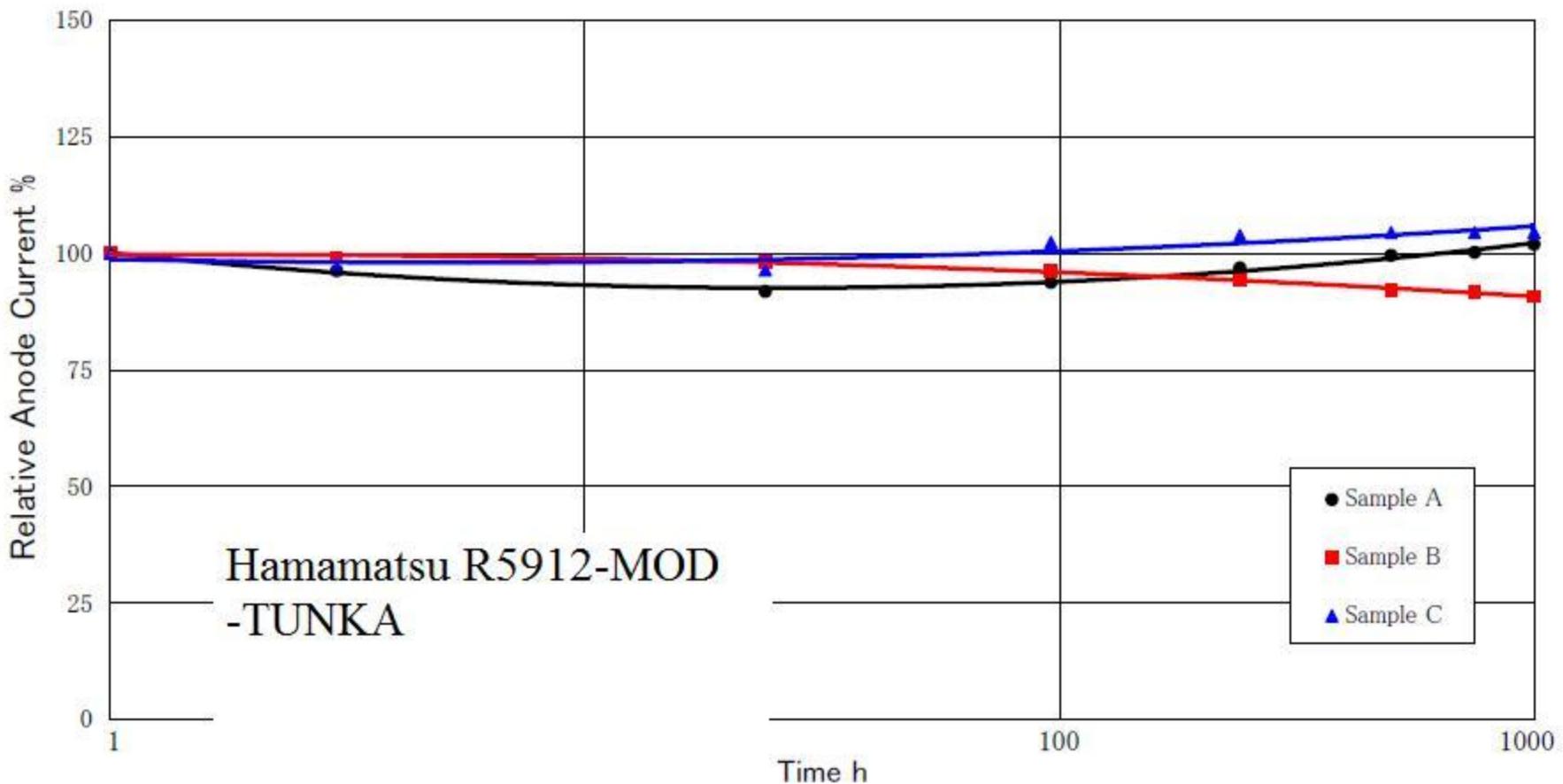
11" D784?



R5912-100 QE (at peak) Histogram



$200 \mu\text{A}$ anode current



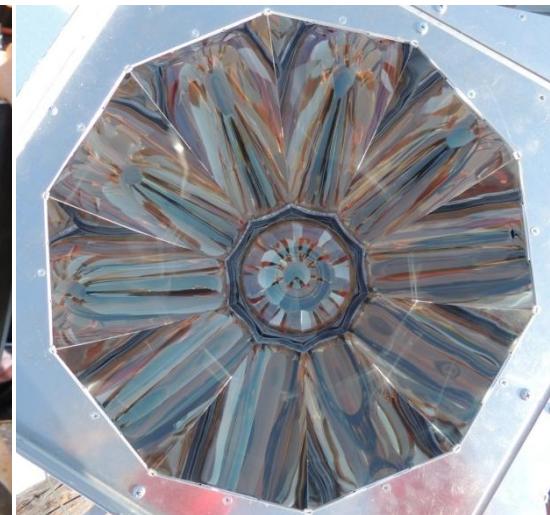
Ways of threshold decreasing

$$E_{th} \sim (S_{det.} \eta)^{-1/2} (T_{signal})^{1/2}$$

1. Winston cones - PMT area increase in 4 times
($K = 1/\sin^2(\text{tet})$ $\text{tet}=30^\circ$ - $K=4$)
2. Analog summation of signals in one station
3. Decreasing of T_{signal} to 7-10 ns
4. QE max = 35-40%
5. WLS foils



Winston cone



Energy threshold of Cherenkov array

$$\frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{noise}} = \frac{S \cdot Q_{\text{ph}}(200) \cdot \eta}{\sqrt{\Omega \cdot S \cdot I_{\text{ph}} \cdot \eta \cdot T}} \approx 5$$

$$Q_{\text{ph}}(175) = C \cdot E$$
$$E_{\text{th}} \sim \frac{\sqrt{I_{\text{ph}} \cdot \Omega \cdot T}}{\sqrt{S \cdot \eta}}$$

S – area of PMT photocathode
 η – quantum efficiency (QE)
 $Q_{\text{ph}}(R)$ – Cherenkov light flux

T - duration of pulse
(20–40 ns)

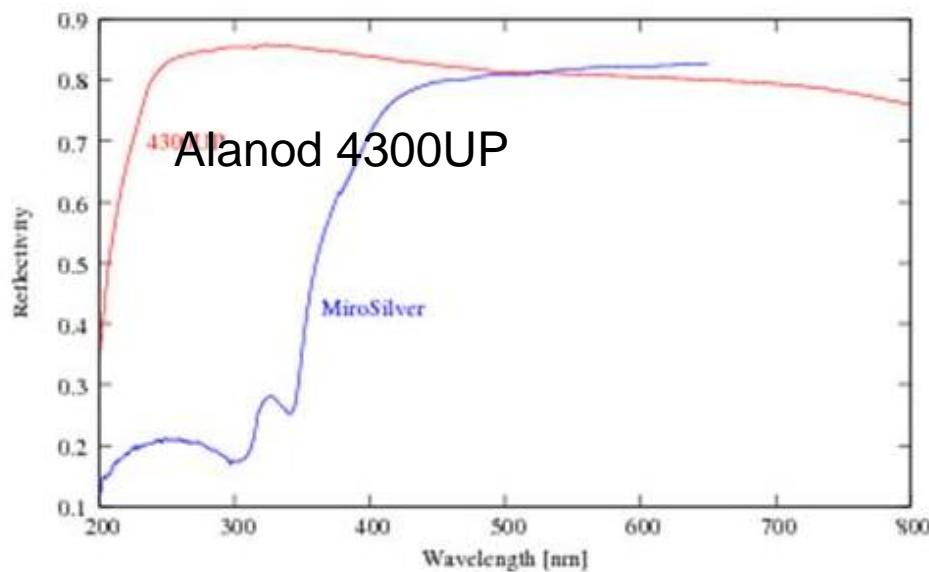
Ω - angle of view

I_{ph} – light night background
 $\approx 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ ph/cm}^2 \text{ s}$

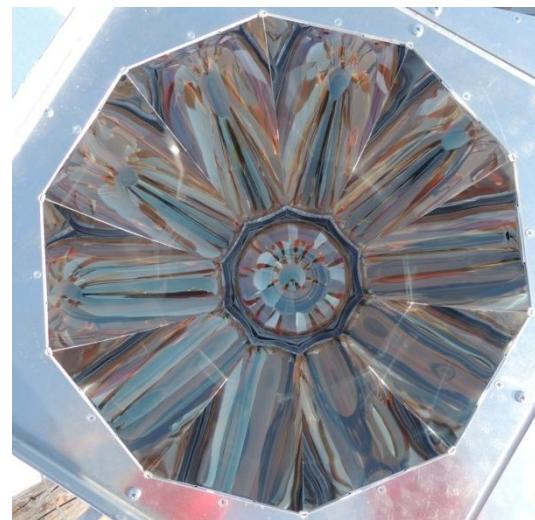
for $S = 0.1 \text{ m}^2$ и $\eta \approx 0.1$: $E_{\text{th}} \approx 100 \text{ TeV}$

Refelectivity of Winston cone (Alanod4300UP)

Optical station



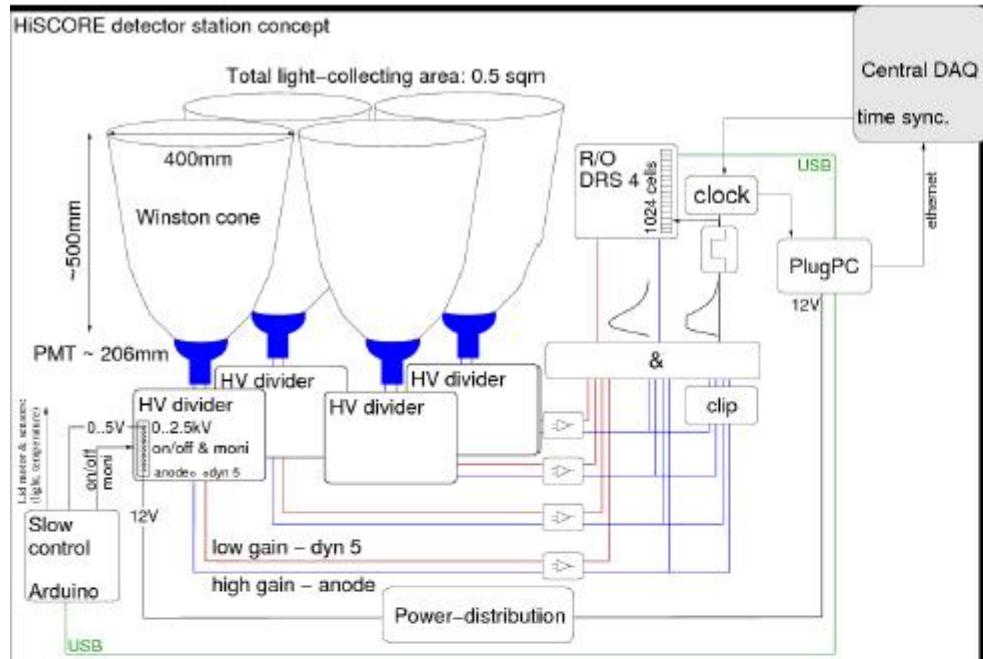
Winston cone
Side view



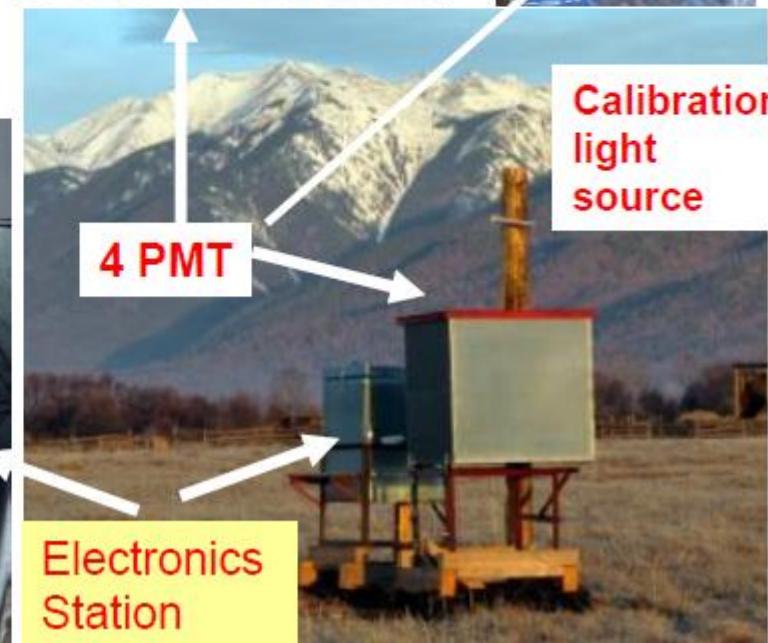
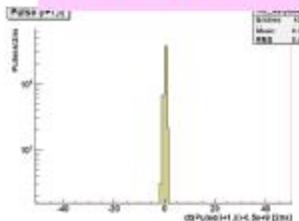
Winston cone
View from above

First optical station of TAIGA

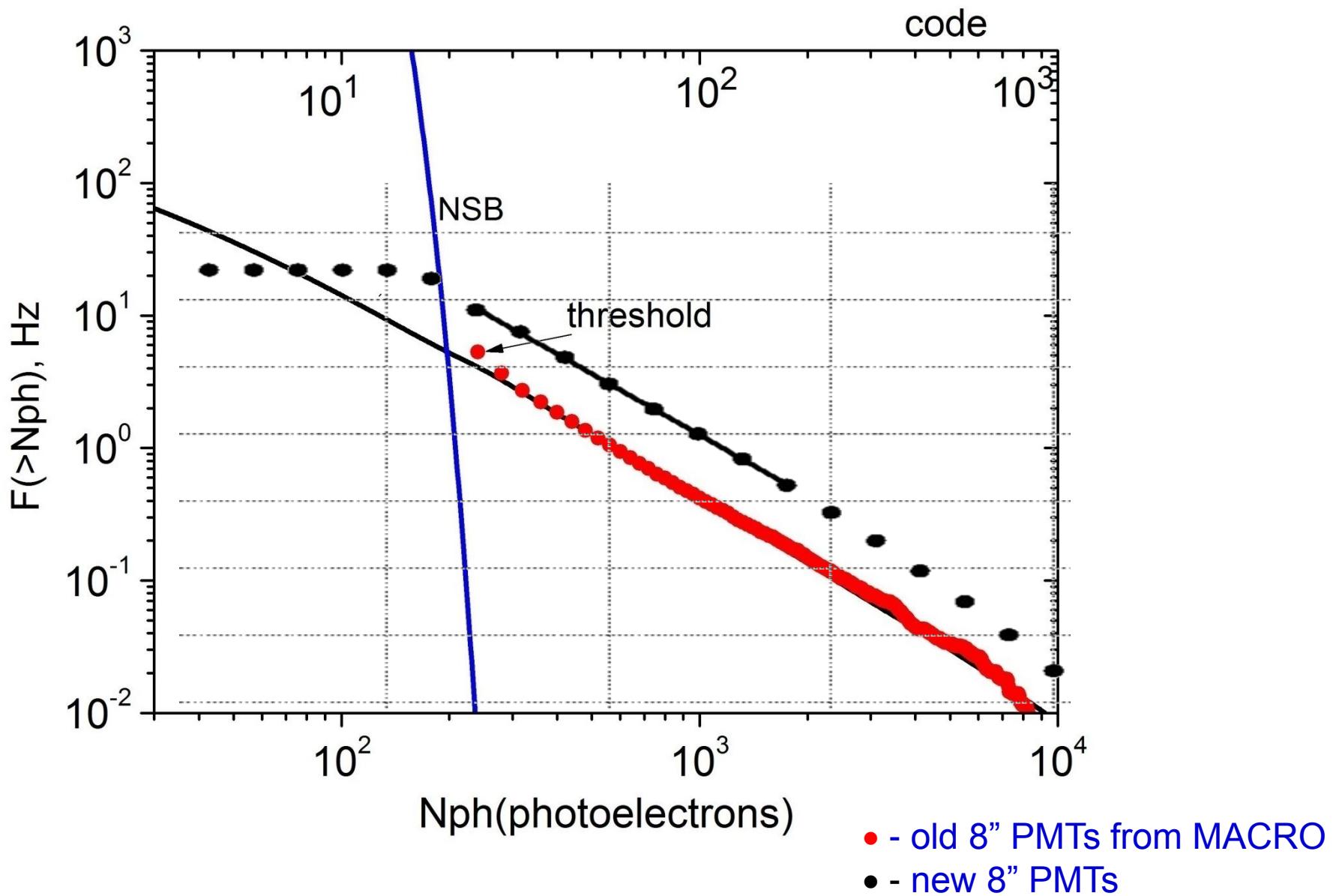
HiSCORE detector station concept

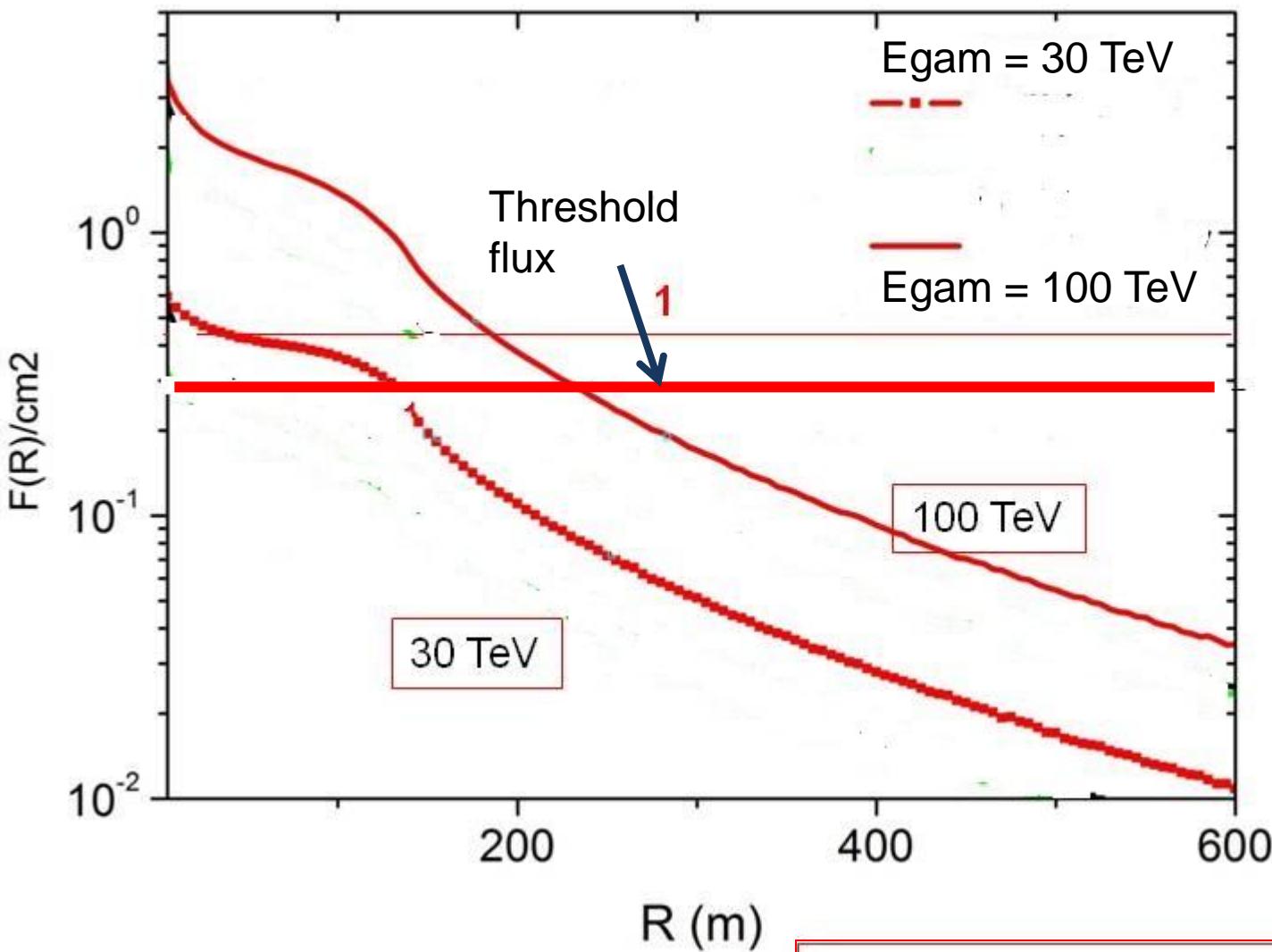


rms <0.2 ns



10 Hz rate - 30 TeV threshold!!!



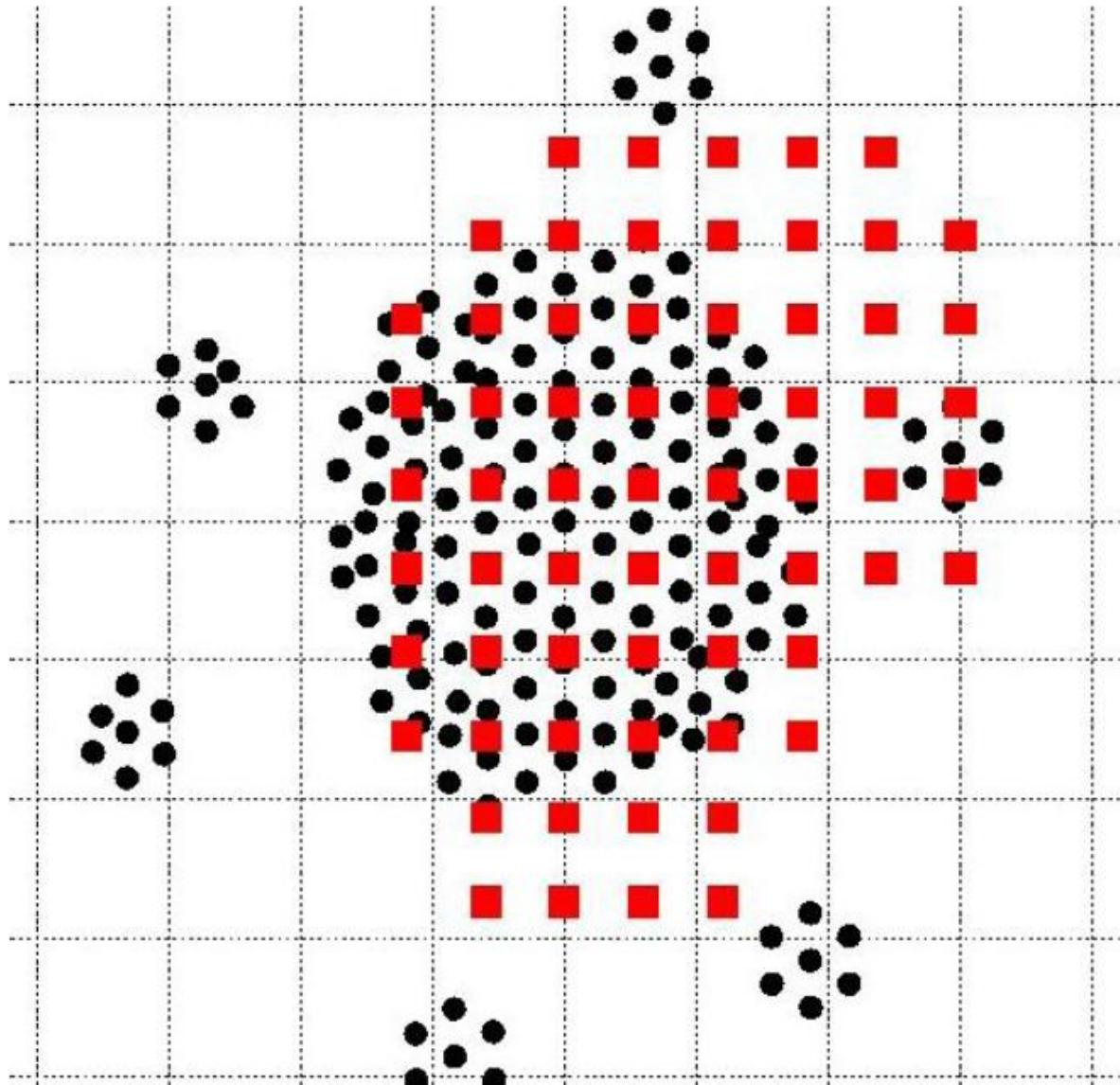


Q eff =0.10 T =10 ns

30 TeV threshold is already reached!!!

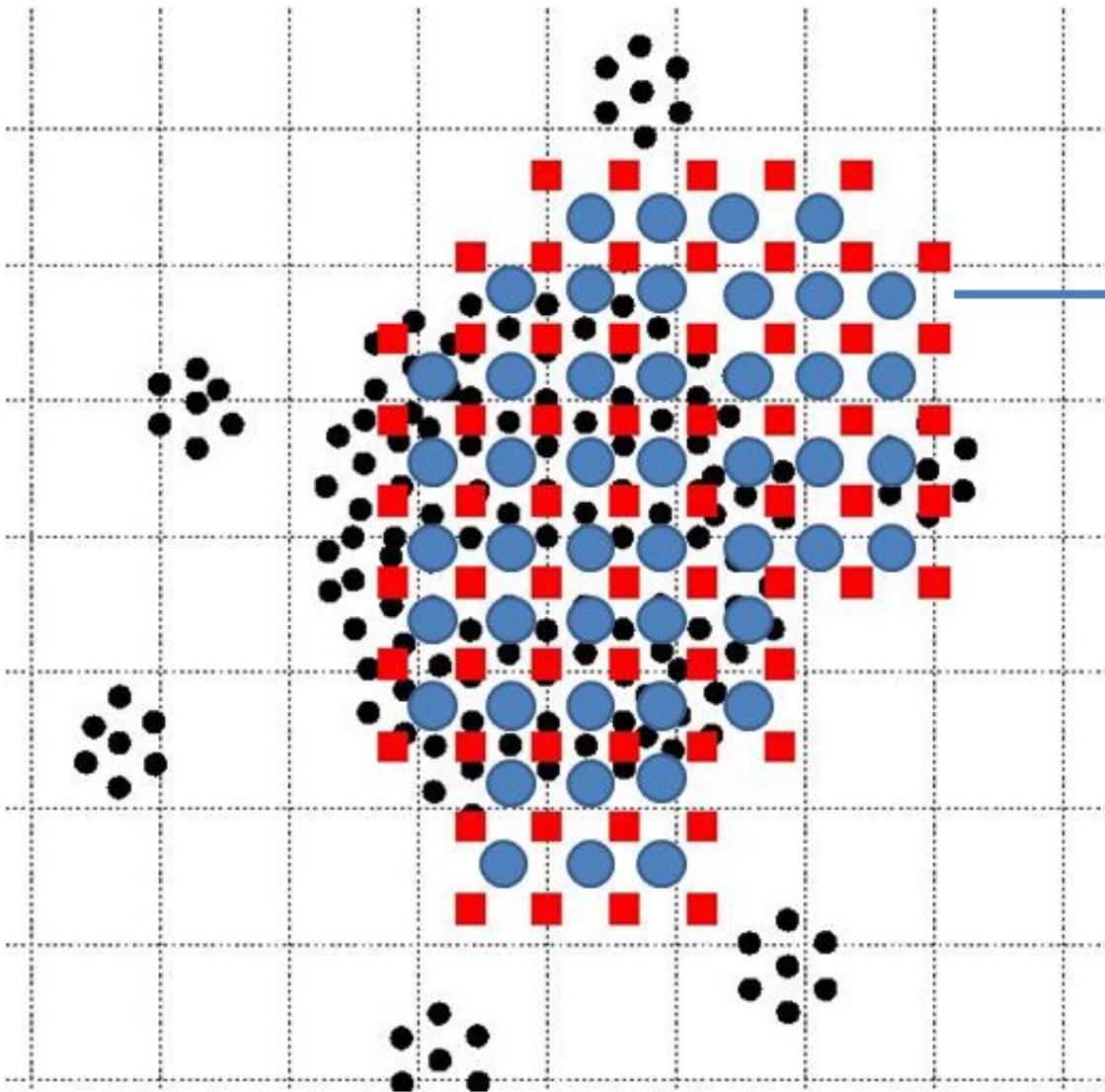
1 stage

64 stations (2014-15) – 1 sq.km array

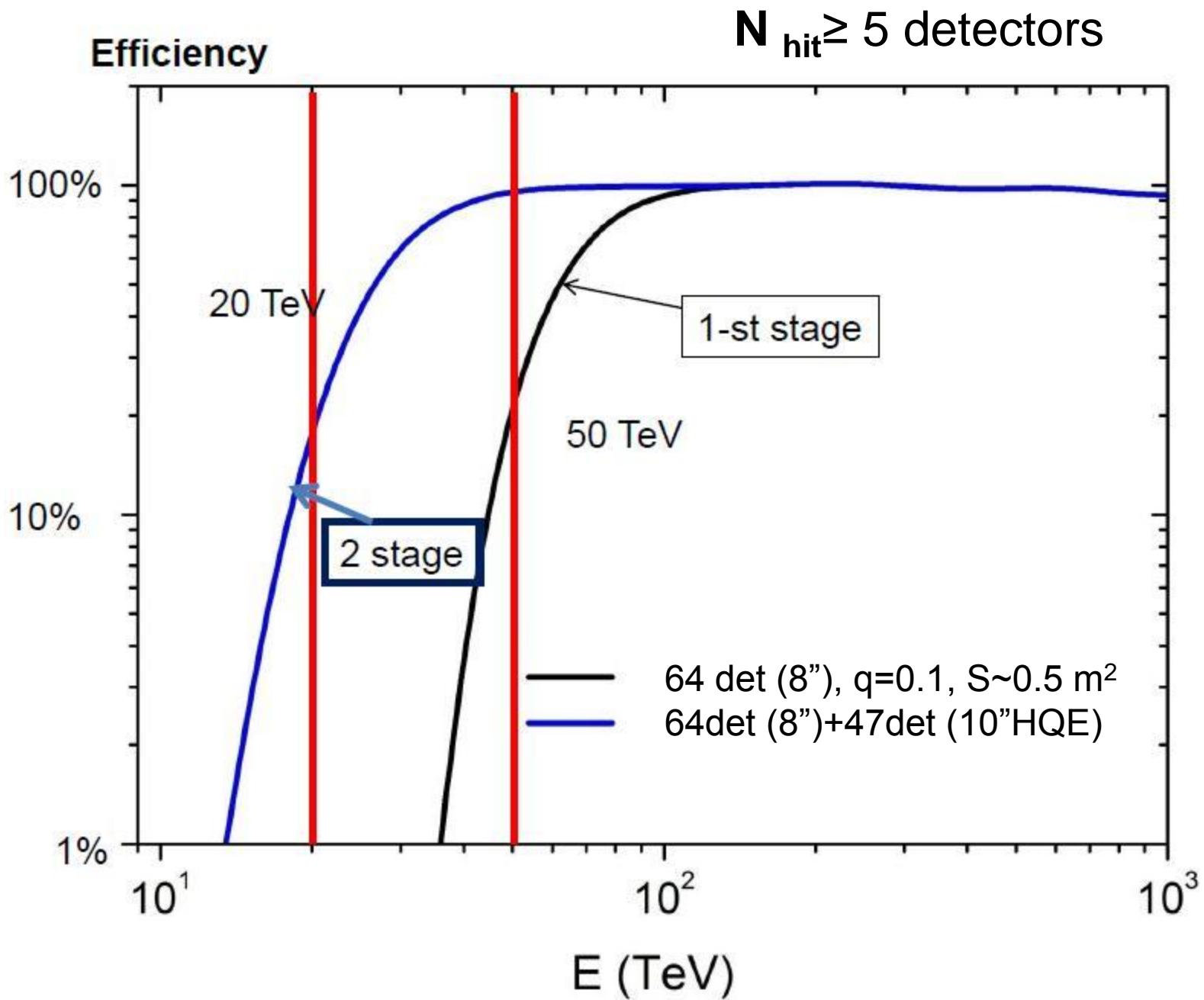


Stage 2

64 stations (8" PMTs) + 47 stations (10" PMTs) – 1 sq.km array



R7081 10"
Hamamatsu

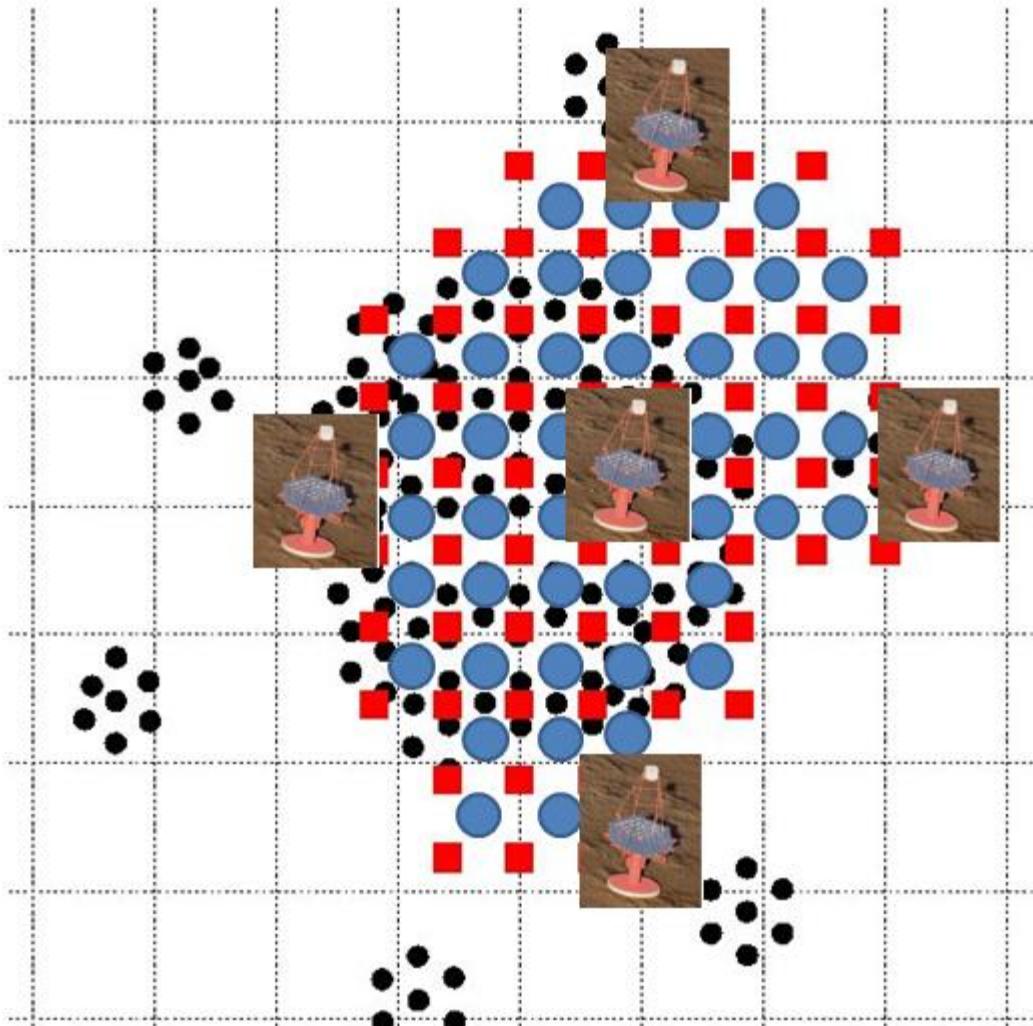


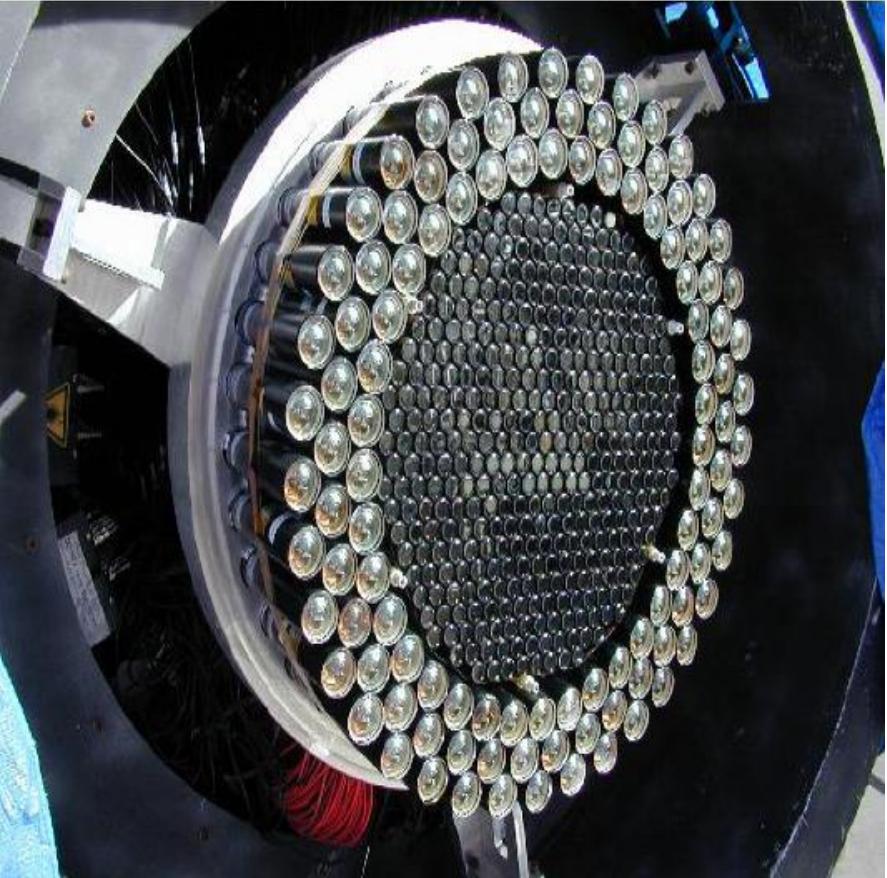
2+ stage

64 stations (8" PMTs) + 47 stations (10" PMTs) (1 sq.km array)

+

net of imaging telescopes





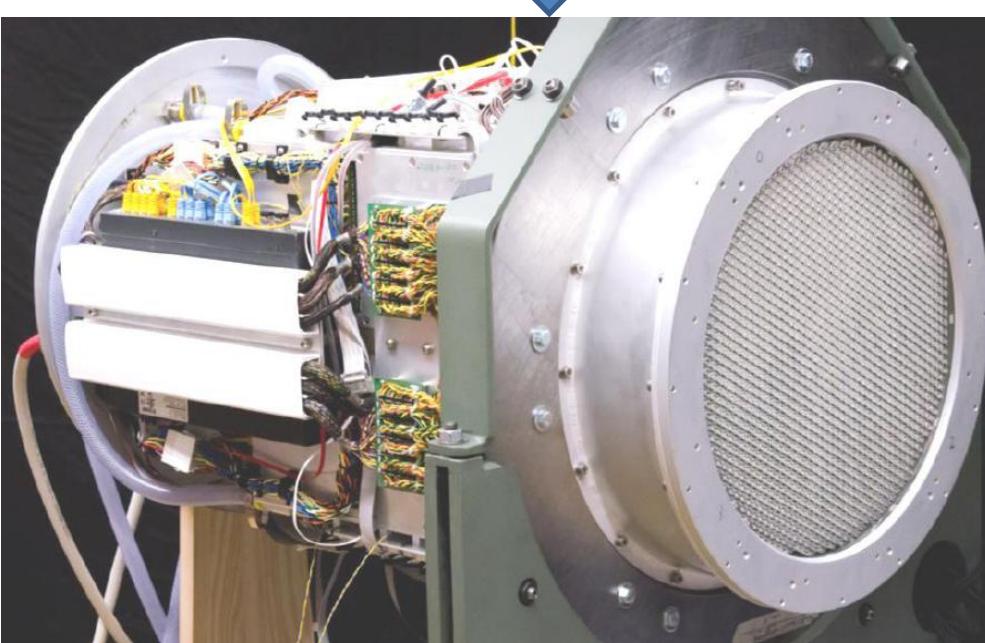
3-5 m² mirrors

IACT camera prototypes
(in 2014) based on:

← PMTs

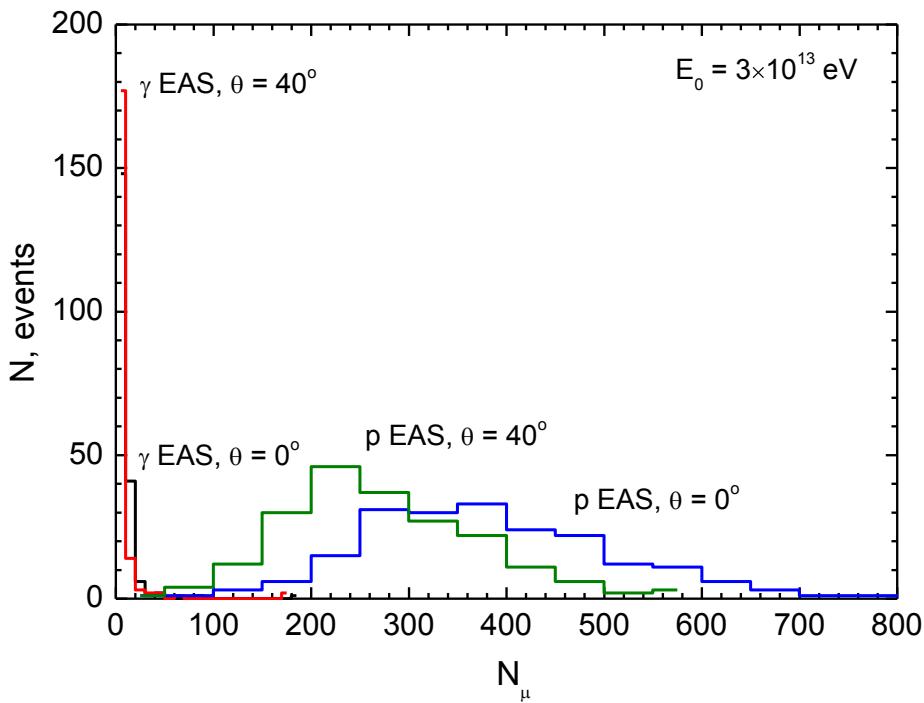
and/or

SiPMs (high PDE and low noise)

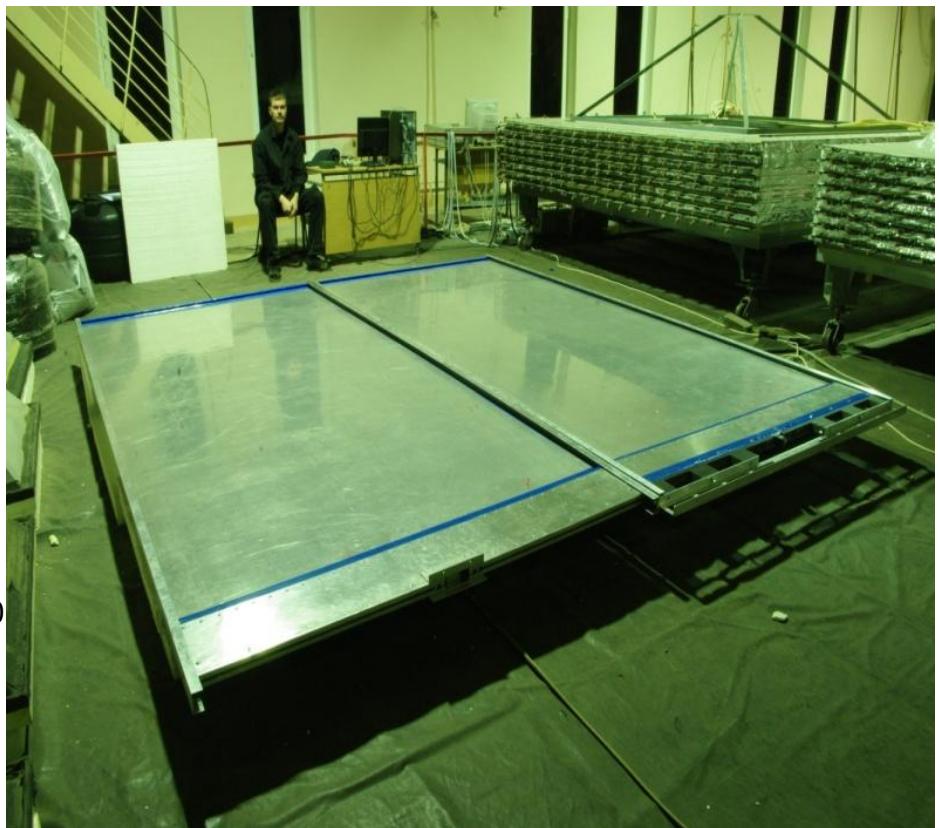


3 stage

1000 m² muon detectors (0.1% of array area)

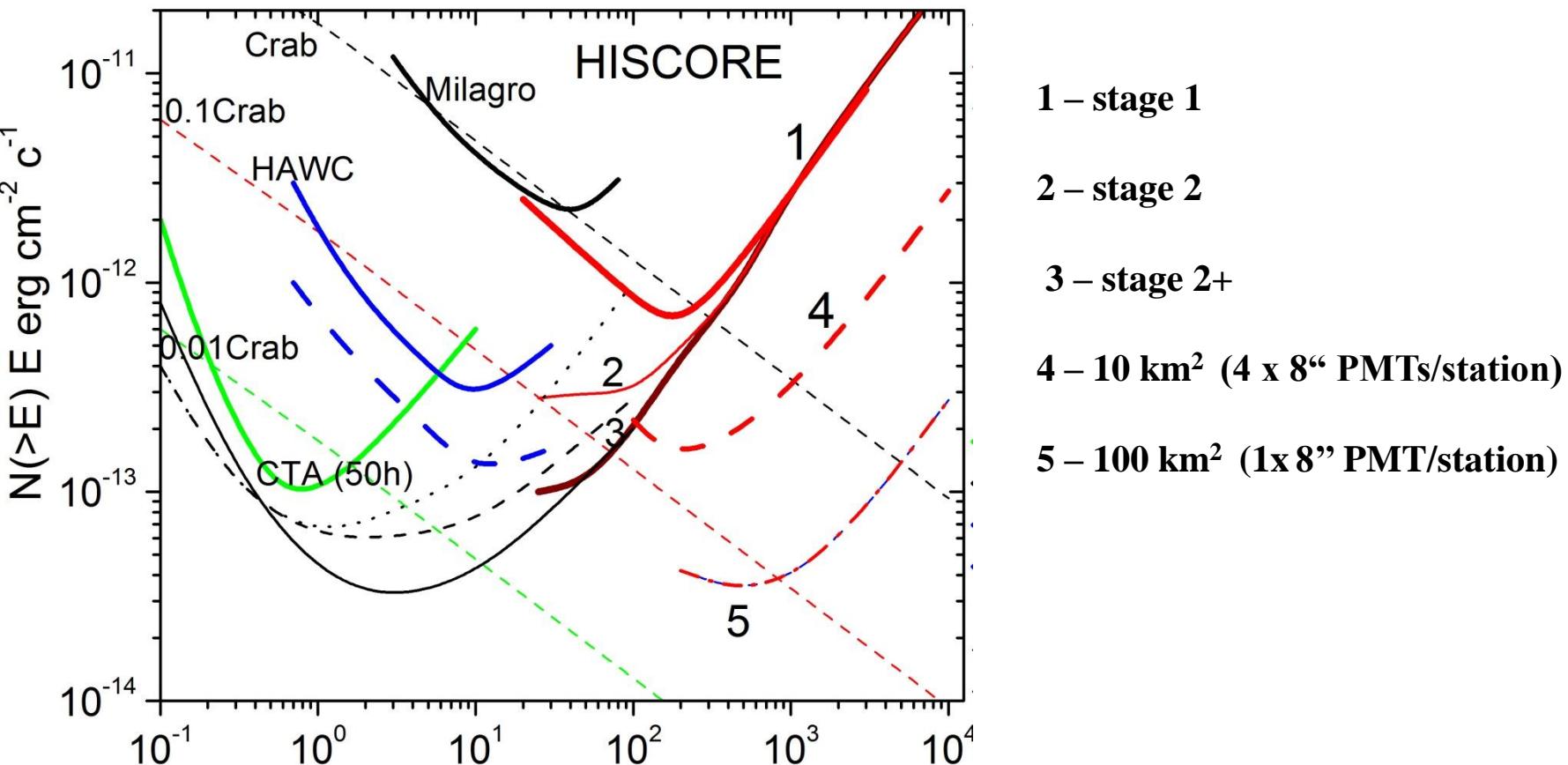


Rejection of hadron background
by 10 times at 300 TeV

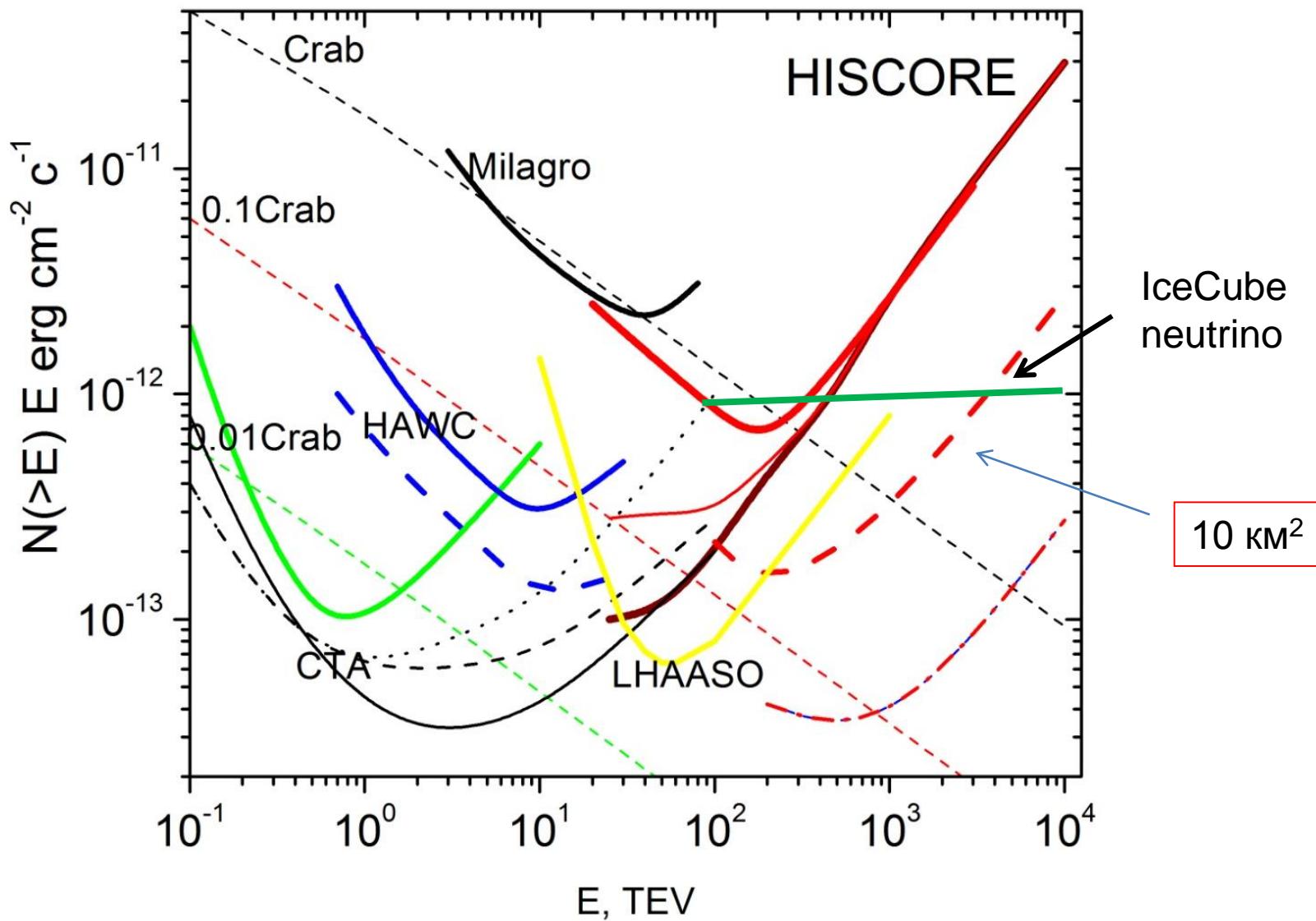


Scintillation detectors developed at IHEP

Gamma-ray point-source survey sensitivity for TAIGA (50 events or 5σ for $T = 500$ hours)



TAIGA: 50 events or 5 RMS, T = 500 hours



Transbaikal region almost ideally suits to $\sim 100 \text{ km}^2$
Cherenkov array



9 stations in October 2013

$S=1 \text{ km}^2$, 64 stations, 150 m step,
240 PMTs (250 PMTs are available),
1 M Euro,

2013-2015



Decreasing of
energy threshold

$S = 1 \text{ km}^2 + 47$ station with
188 PMT (10'') + 3-5 (?) mirrors
($S = 3 - 5 \text{ m}^2$)
Cost: 2 M Euro.

2014-2017



1000 m^2 scintillation detectors
(0.1% of the whole area)
– 2-5 muons from 250 TeV protons
Cost: 2.5-3 M Euro.

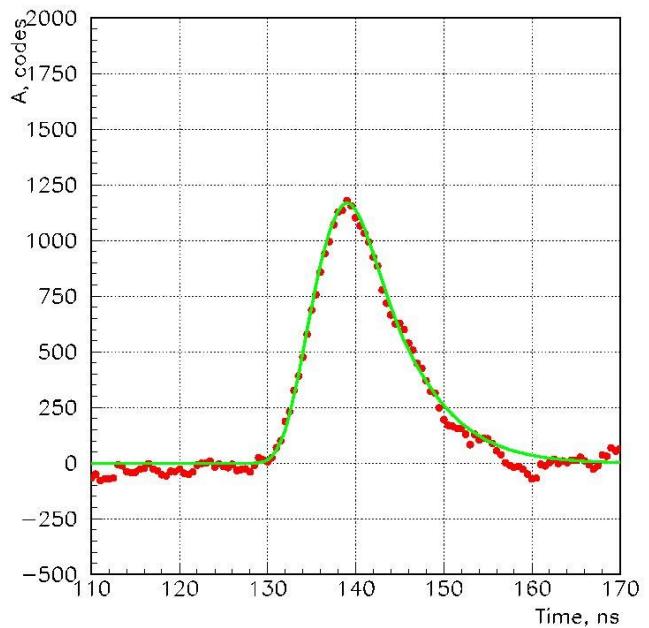
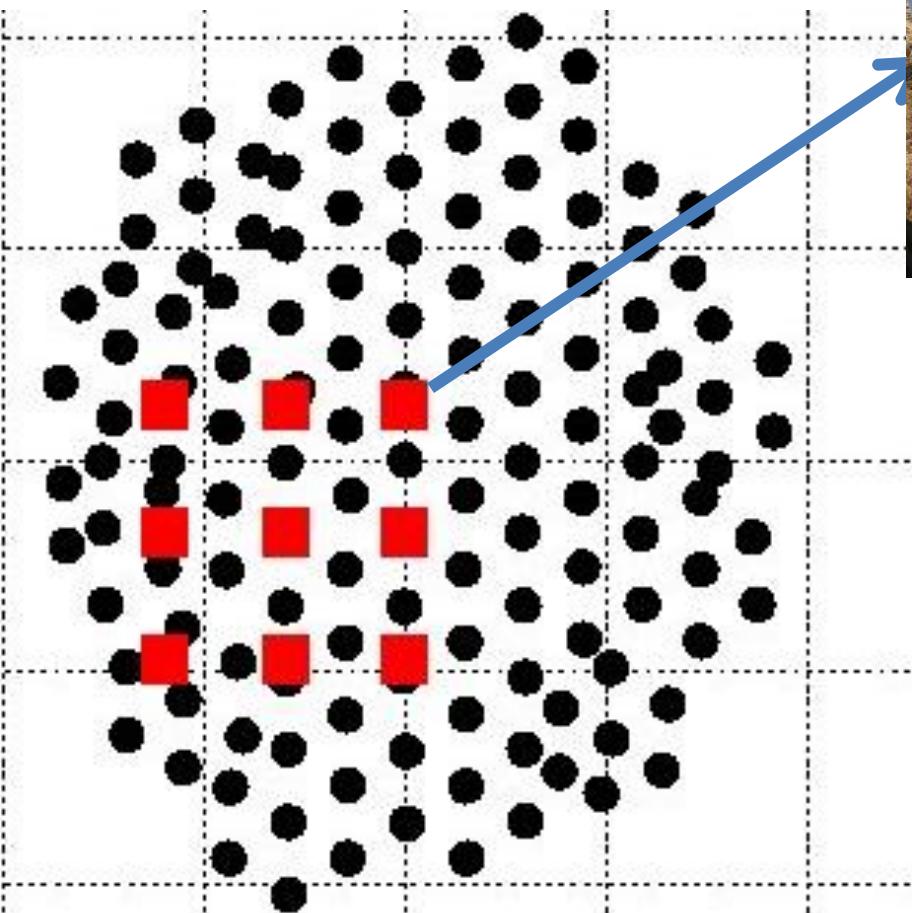
2014-2018

2013: 9 optical stations installed

36 PMTs R5912 (8" Hamamatsu)

New front-end electronics

Remotely controlled lids



Conclusion

TUNKA-25 experiment is completed

Tunka-133 array continues to operate successfully

TAIGA started with ambitious goals

The Tunka experiment: successful development from Tunka-4 to Tunka-133 (3 km^2) and TAIGA ($1\text{-}10 \text{ km}^2$)
(and m.b. to 100 km^2 array!?)

Ultimate solution of a century long problem of Cosmic Ray origin!?



*Как будто не все пересчитаны звезды,
Как будто наш мир не открыт до конца*

H.C.Гумилев

*There are more things in heaven and Earth, Horatio
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy*

W.Shakespeare

Hamlet

Thank you!



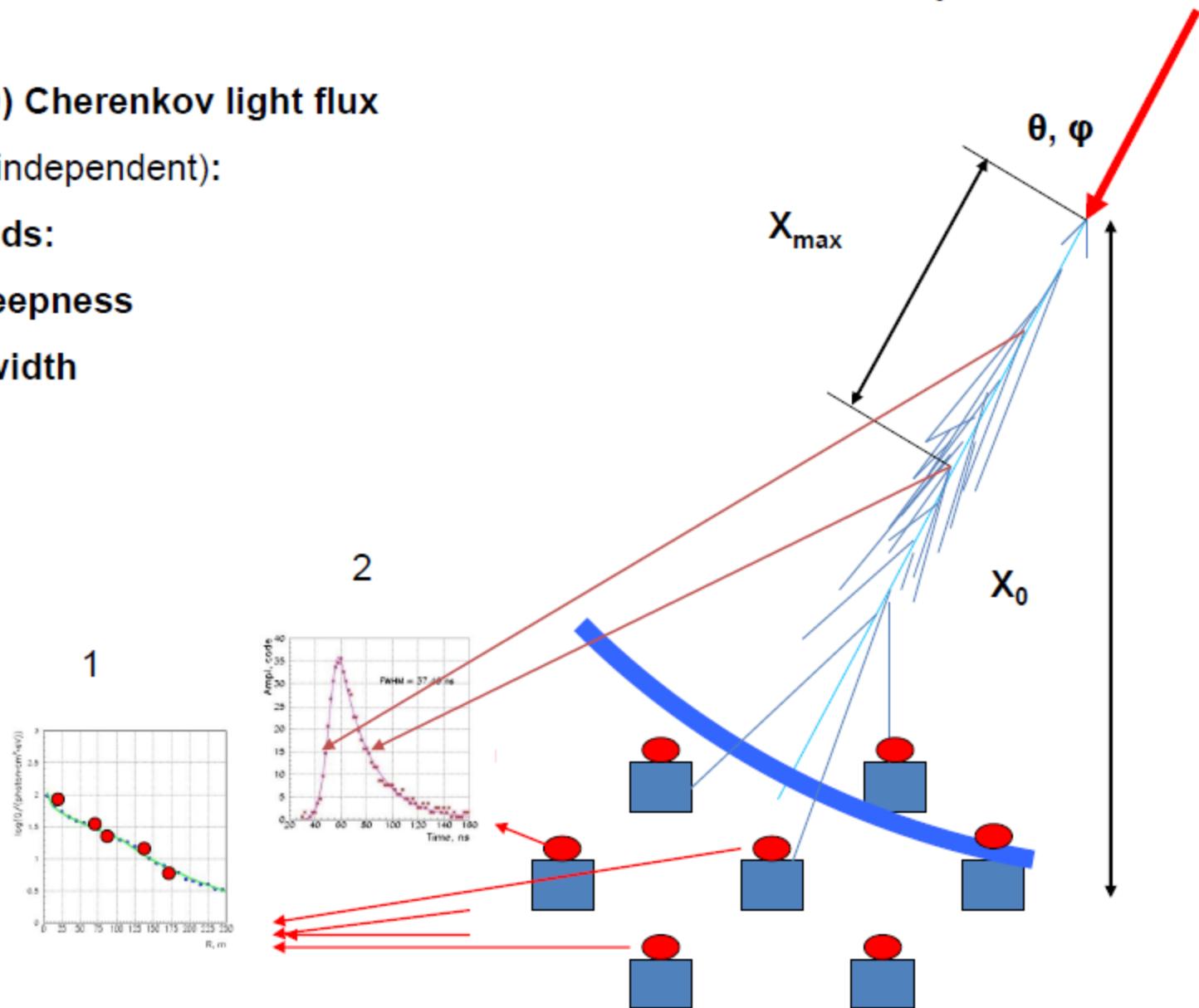
Primary nucleus E_0 , A ?

$E_0 \sim Q(200)$ Cherenkov light flux

X_{\max} (model independent):

Two methods:

1. LDF steepness
2. Pulse width



Energy reconstruction

$$E = A (Q200)^g$$

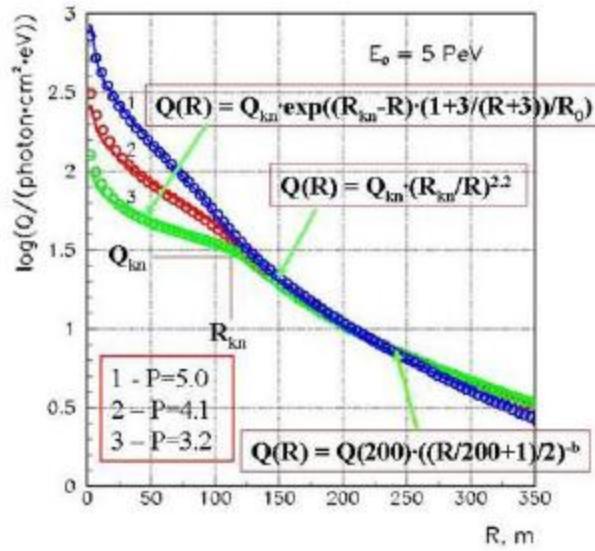
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Density of Cherenkov light at core distance of 200 m

For $10^{16} - 10^{18}$ eV (CORSIKA):

$$g = 0.94 \pm 0.01$$

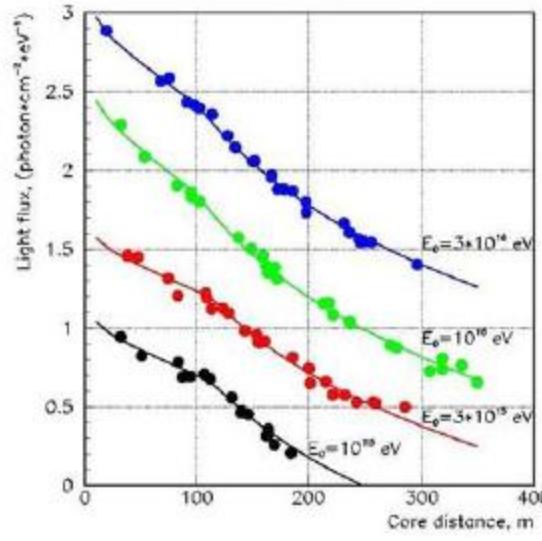
Usage of Cherenkov Light Lateral Distribution Function (LDF) for the Reconstruction of EAS Parameters



LDF from CORSIKA

$$Q(R) = F(R, p) \text{ (only one parameter)}$$

steepness of LDF

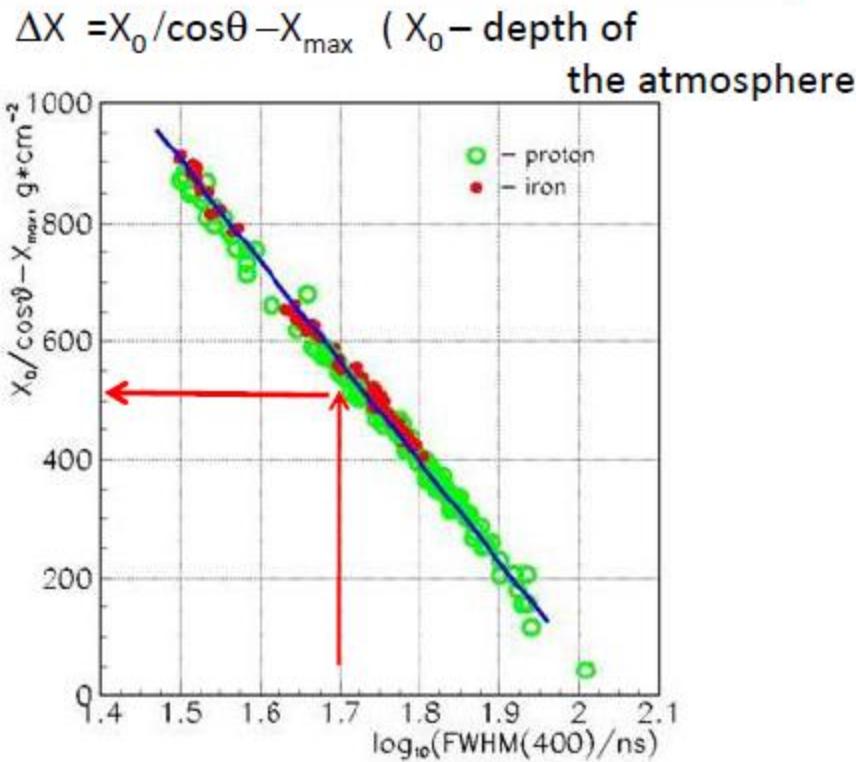
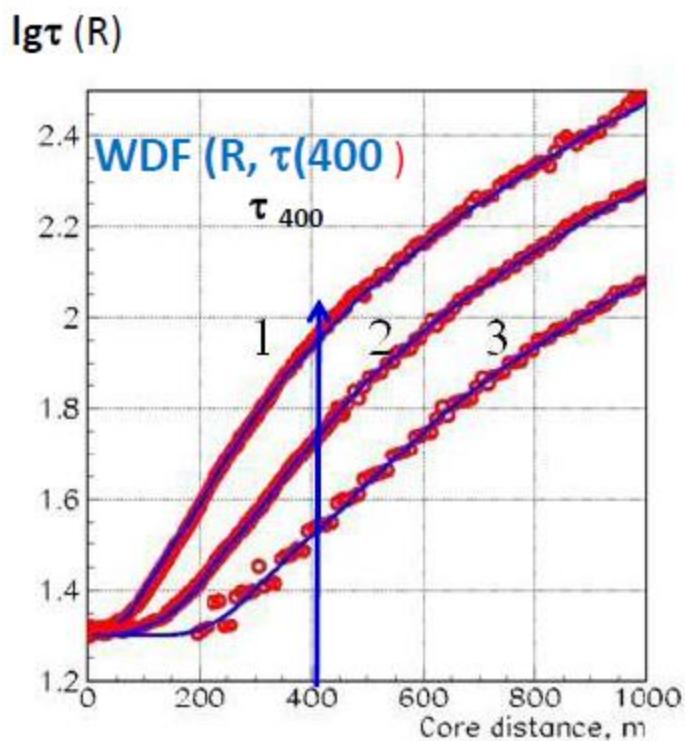


Experimental data fitted with LDF

light flux at core distance 175 m - $Q_{175} \sim$
Energy

$$P = Q(100)/Q(200) \rightarrow X_{\max}$$

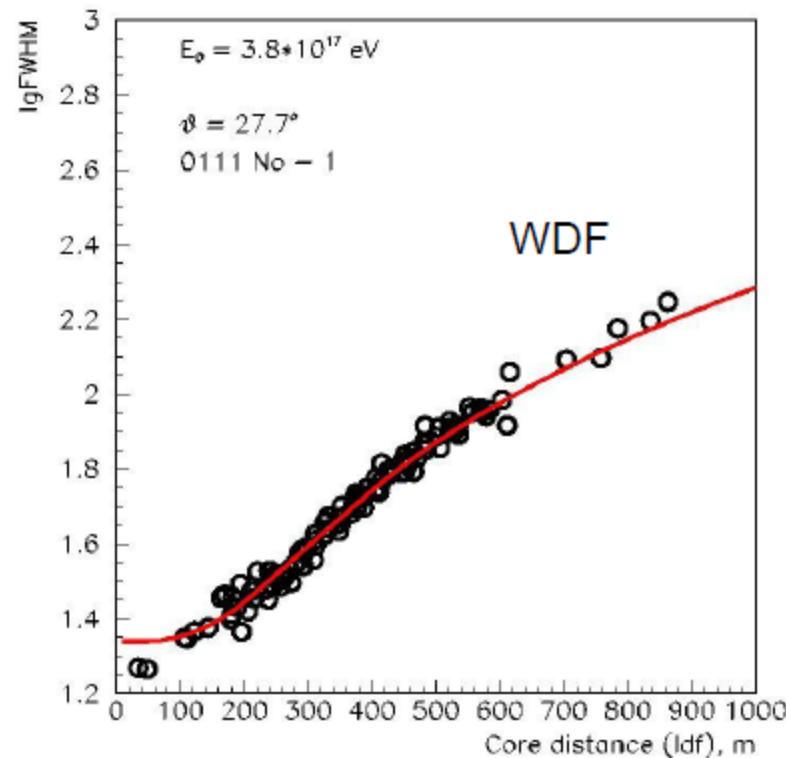
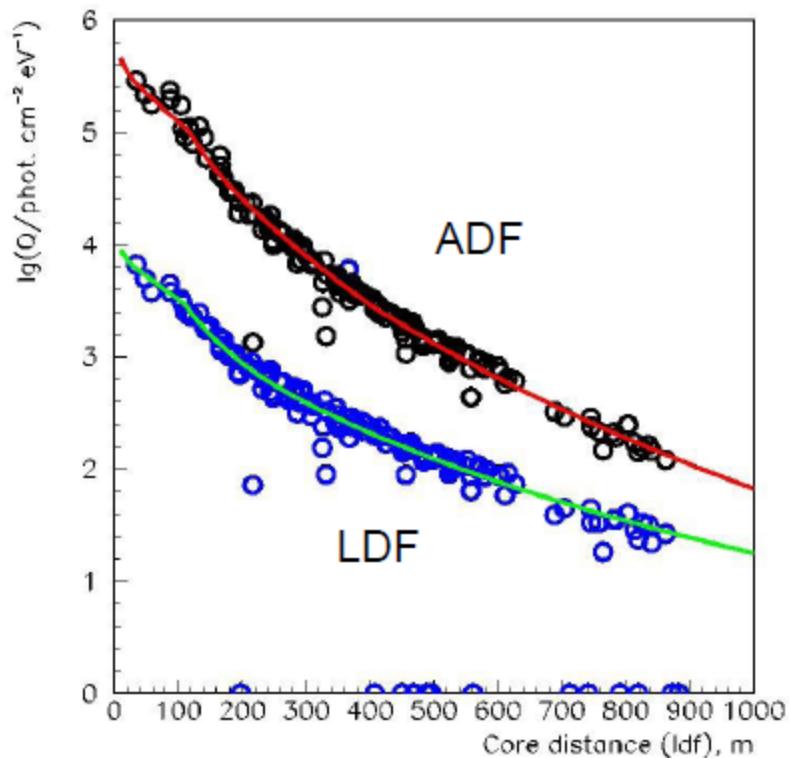
X_{max} by using WIDTH DISTANCE FUNCTION (WDF)



- . Dependence of pulse duration from the distance from the core for EAS with different X_{max} (CORSIKA + apparatus distortion)
 - (1 . $\Delta X = 154 \text{ g/cm}^2$, 2 $\Delta X = 555 \text{ g/cm}^2$,
 - 3. $\Delta X = 877 \text{ g/cm}^2$)

Dependence of $\Delta X (X_0 / \cos\theta - X_{\max})$ from $\tau(400)$

WDF – width distant function



ADF – amplitude distant function is used for core location

