

GRAINE project:
Cosmic Gamma-ray Observation
by Balloon-Borne Telescope with Nuclear Emulsion

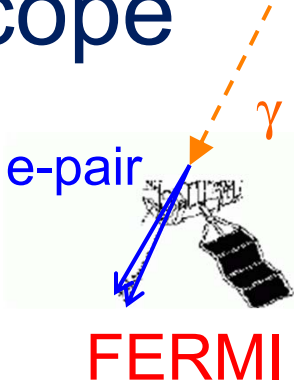
GRAINE = Gamma-Ray Astro-Imager with Nuclear Emulsion

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GRAINE 2015
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Alice Springs,
Australia
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Gamma-ray Telescope



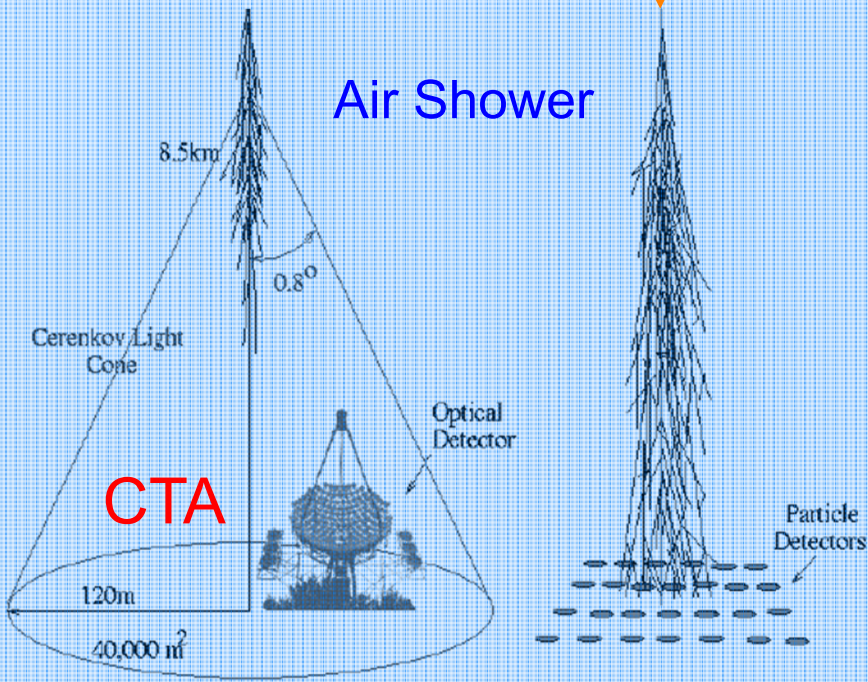
FERMI

0.02-100 GeV

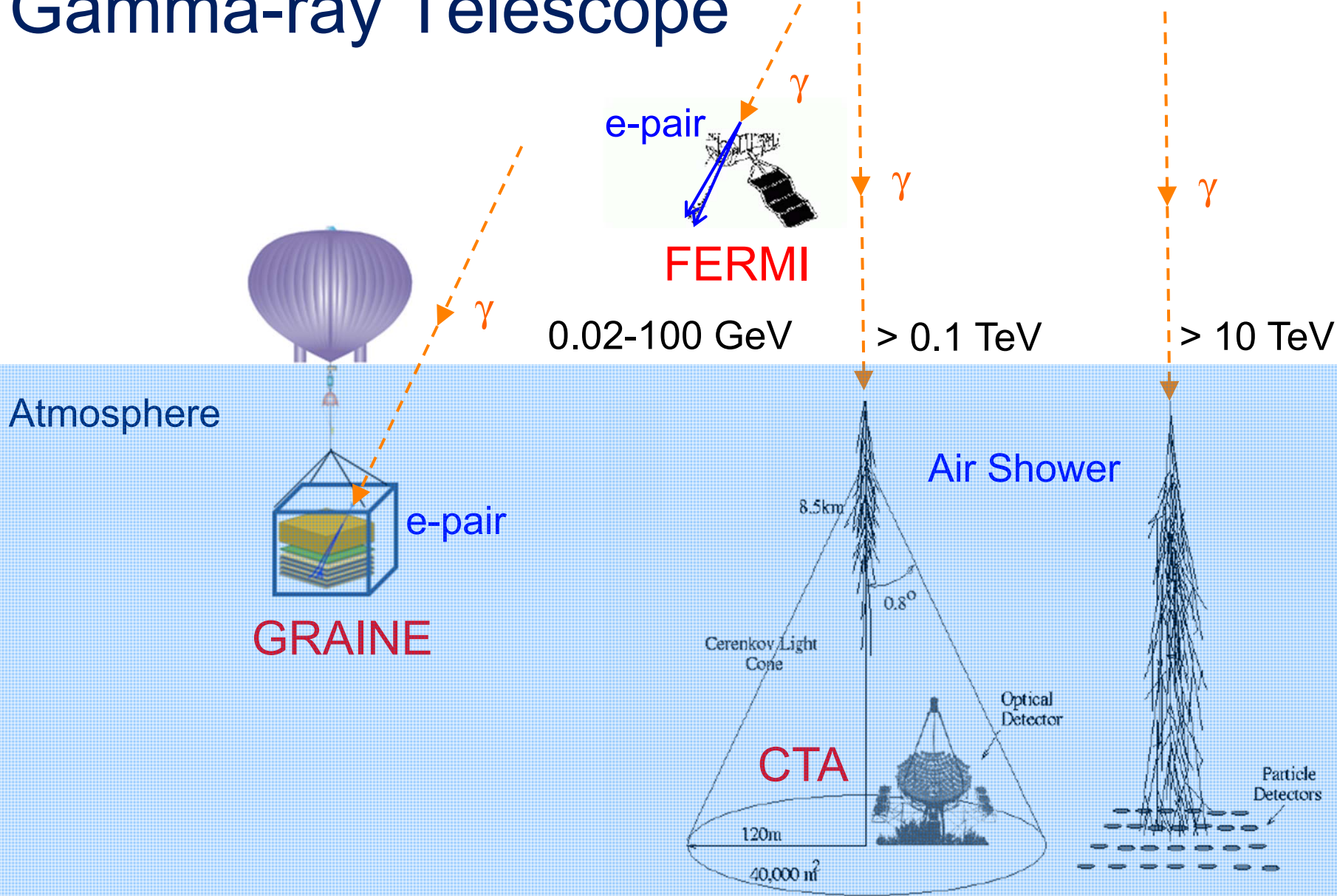
> 0.1 TeV

> 10 TeV

Atmosphere



Gamma-ray Telescope



Fermi's Five-year View of the Gamma-ray Sky ($E > 1\text{ GeV}$)

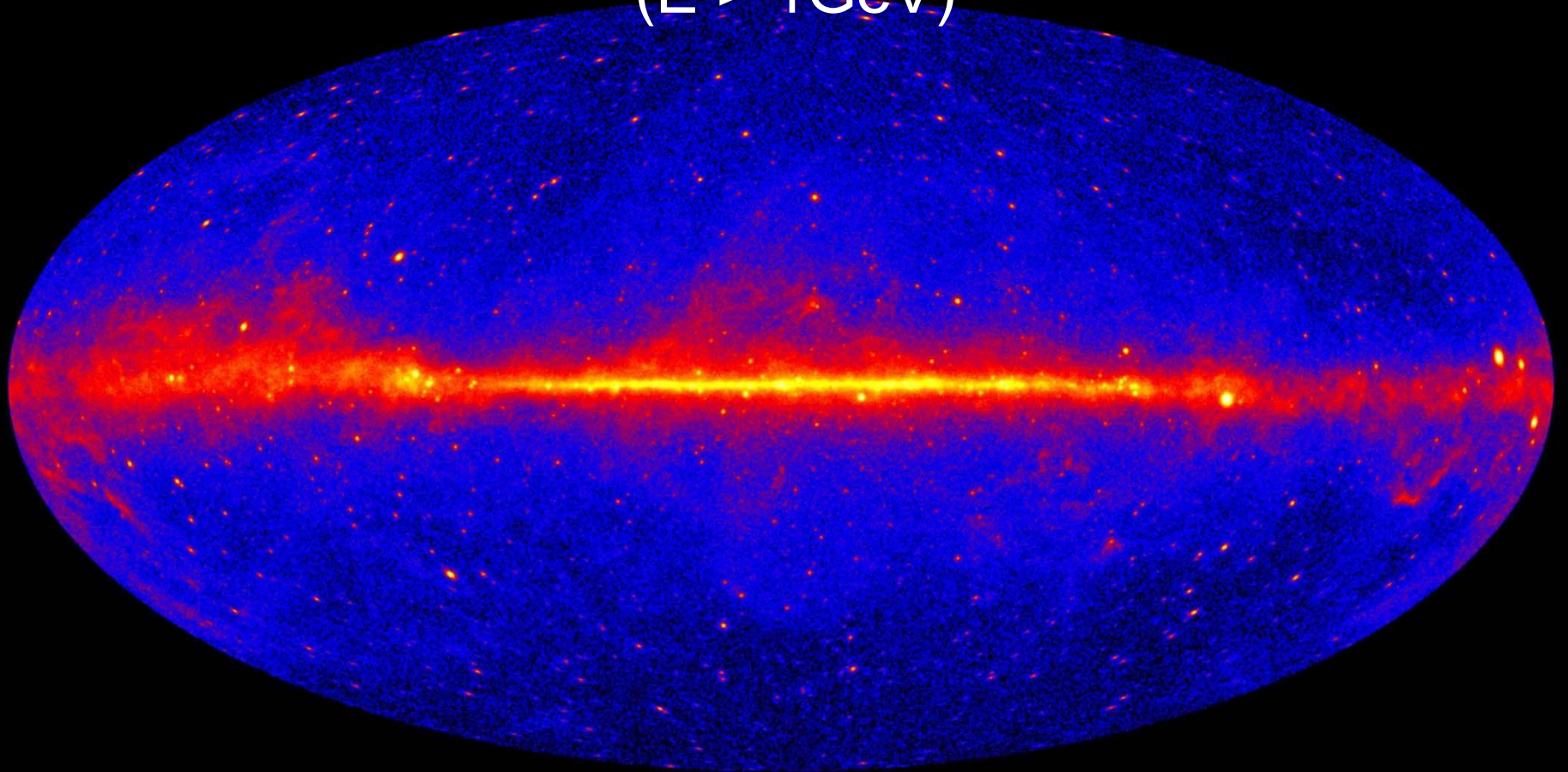
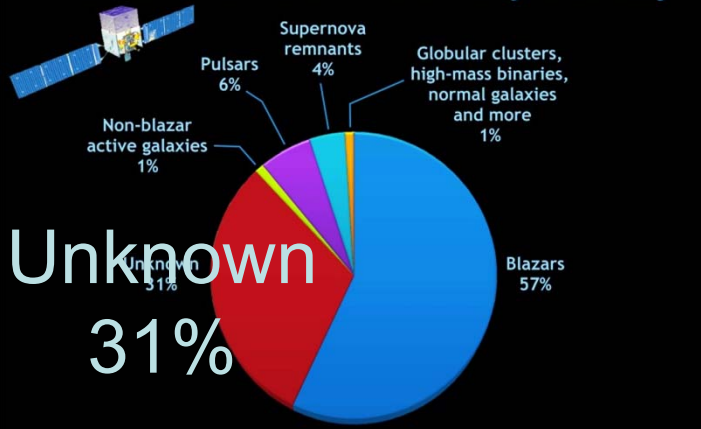


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>3000 sources (3FGL)

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What has Fermi found: The LAT two-year catalog



Un-Identified

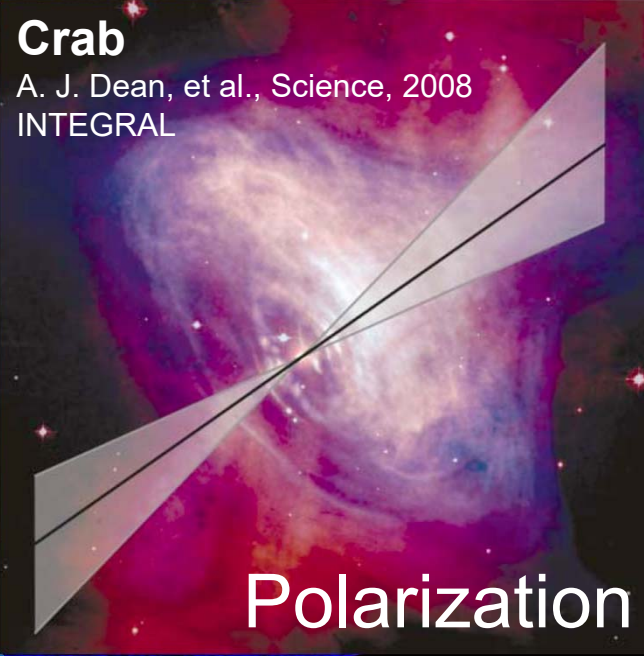
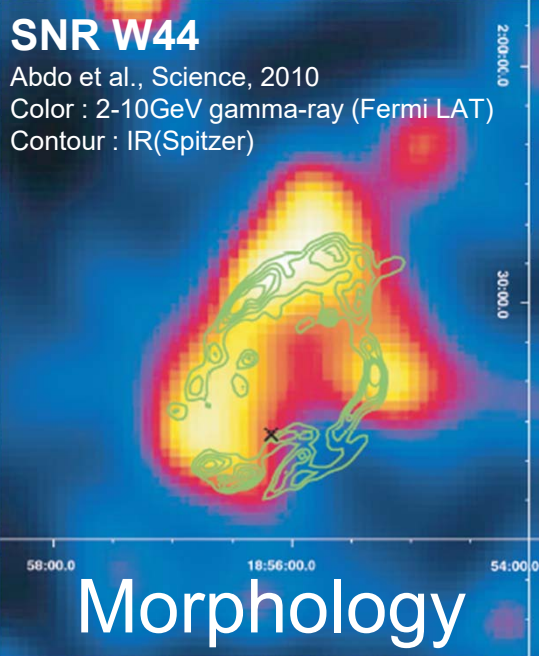


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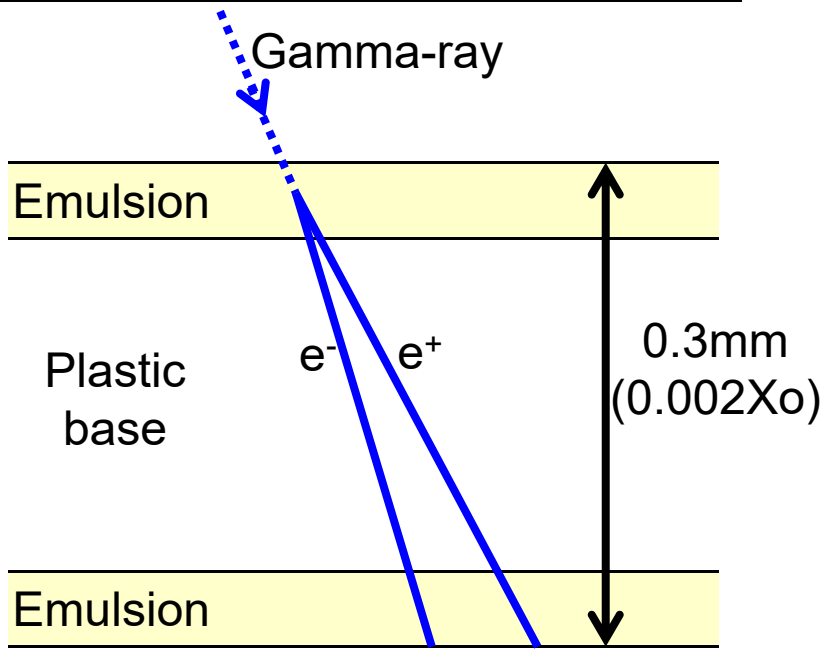
Nuclear emulsion

Microscopic view
10micron

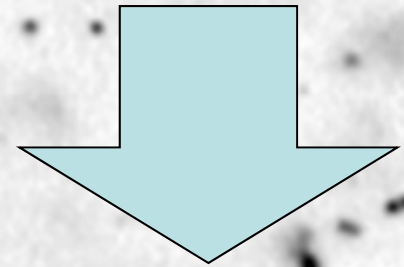
Gamma-ray
→

$e^{+/-}$
→
 $e^{-/+}$
→

Cross sectional view of an emulsion film

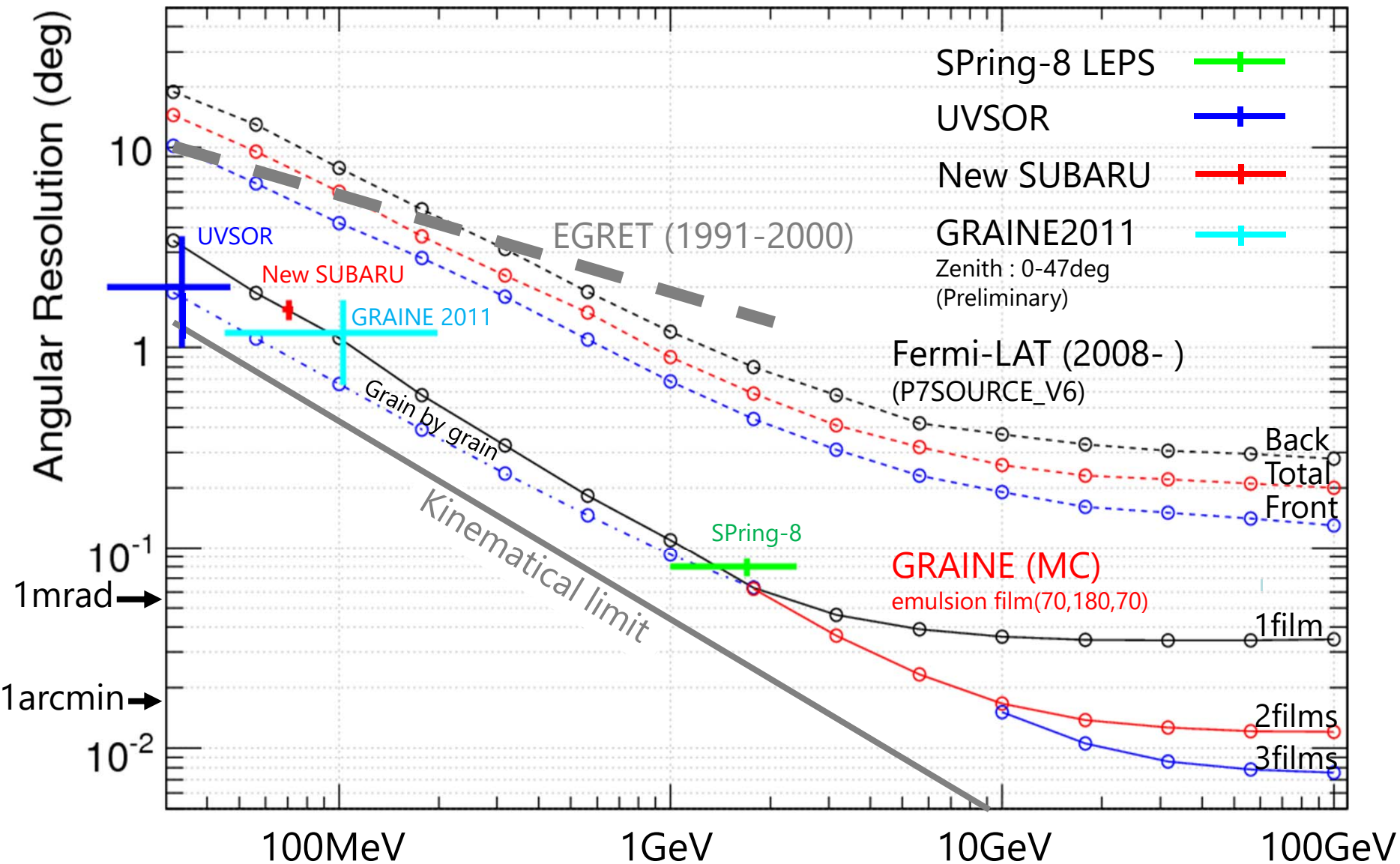


Powerful tracking device
>High spatial resolution : ~1micron
>Small radiation length : 0.002 X_o

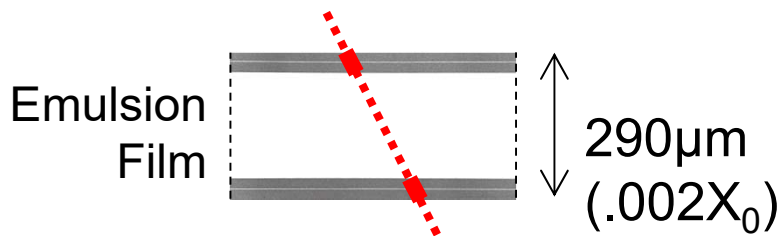


High angular resolution for gamma-ray
Sensitive to gamma-ray polarization

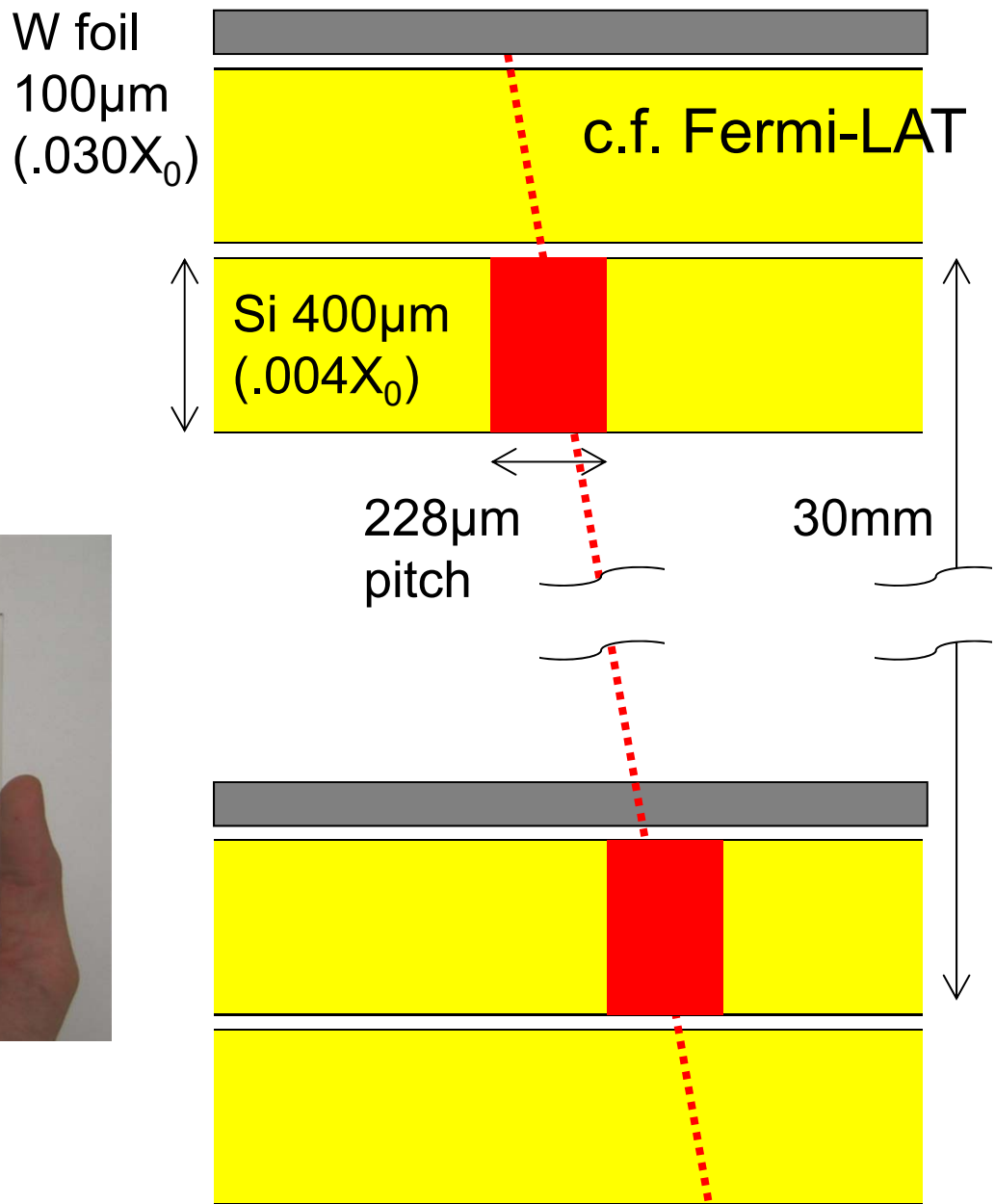
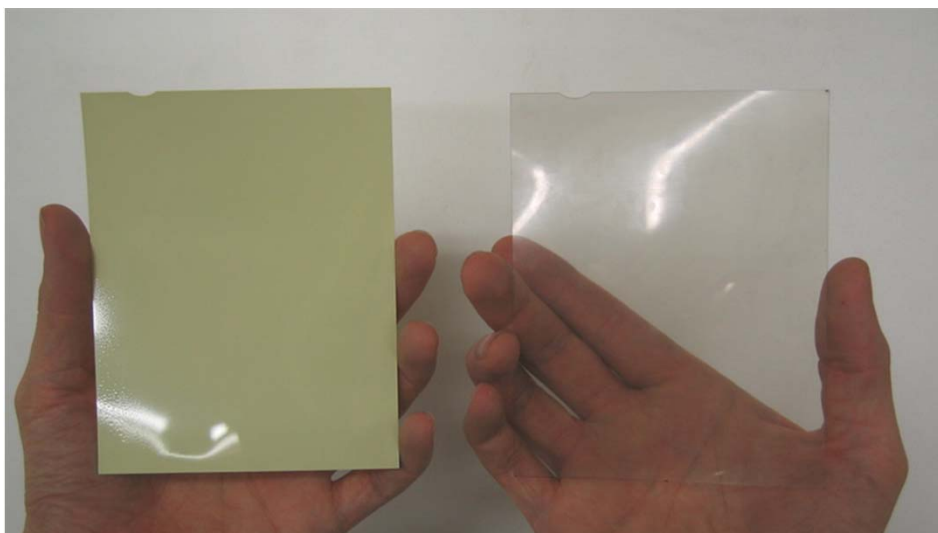
Angular resolution



Gamma-Ray Astro-Imager with Nuclear Emulsion

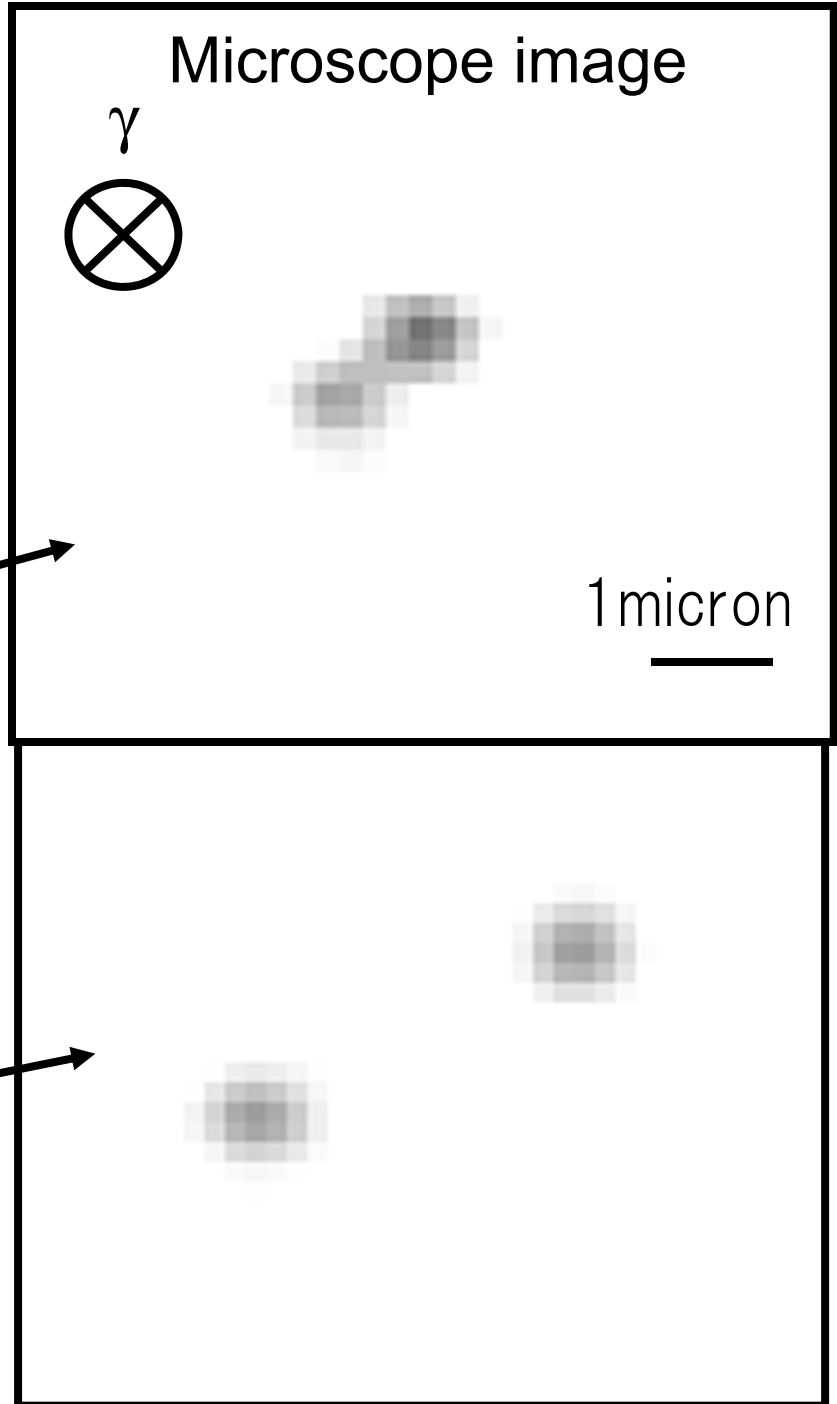
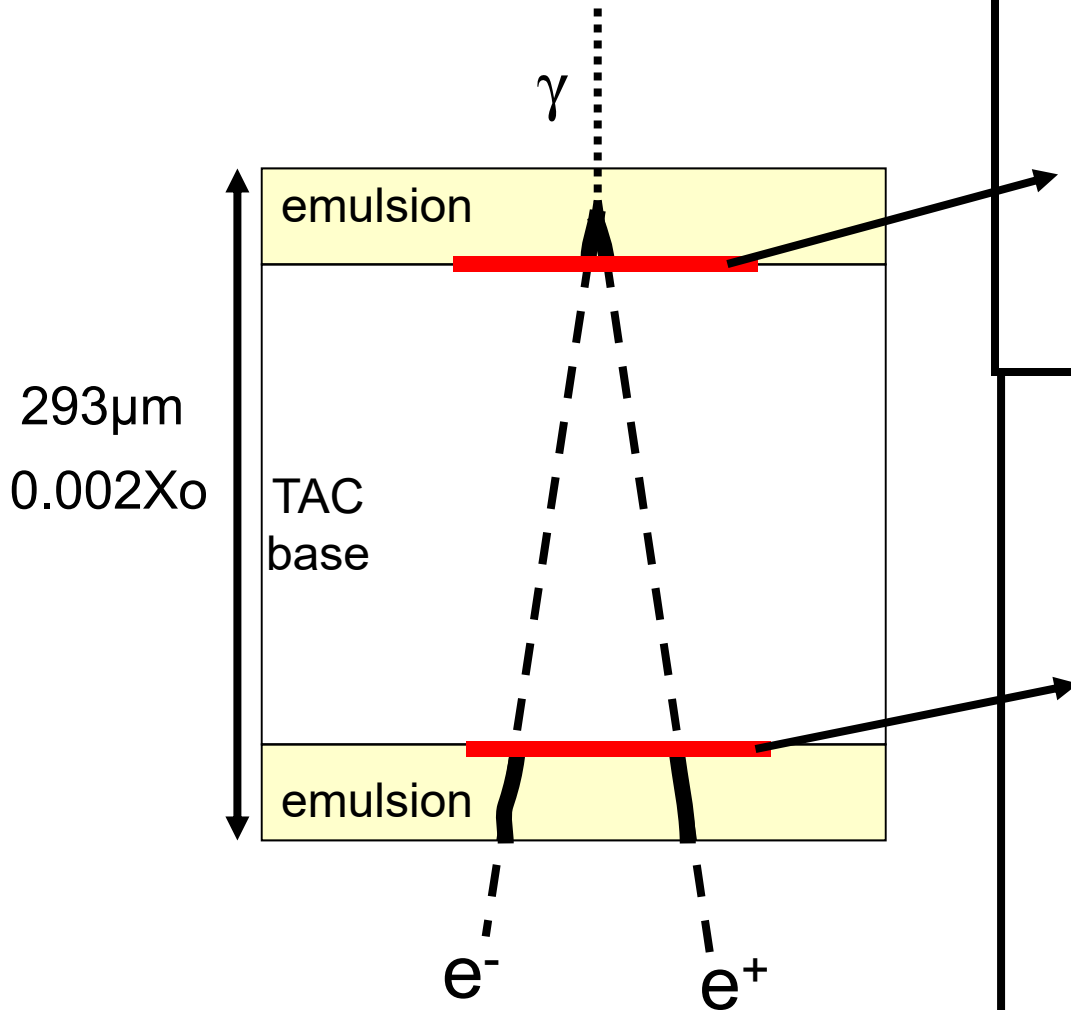


Emulsion Film



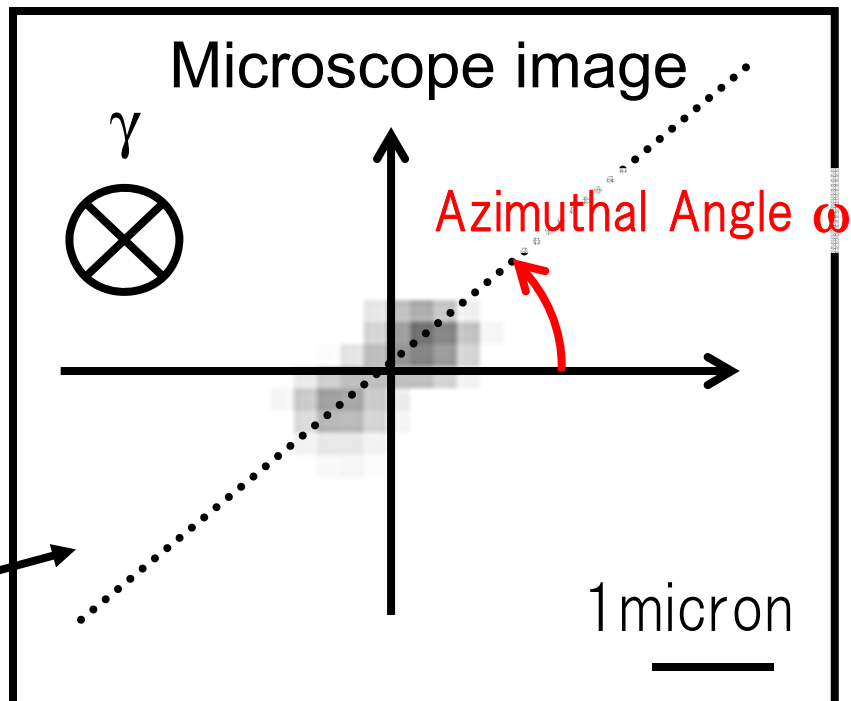
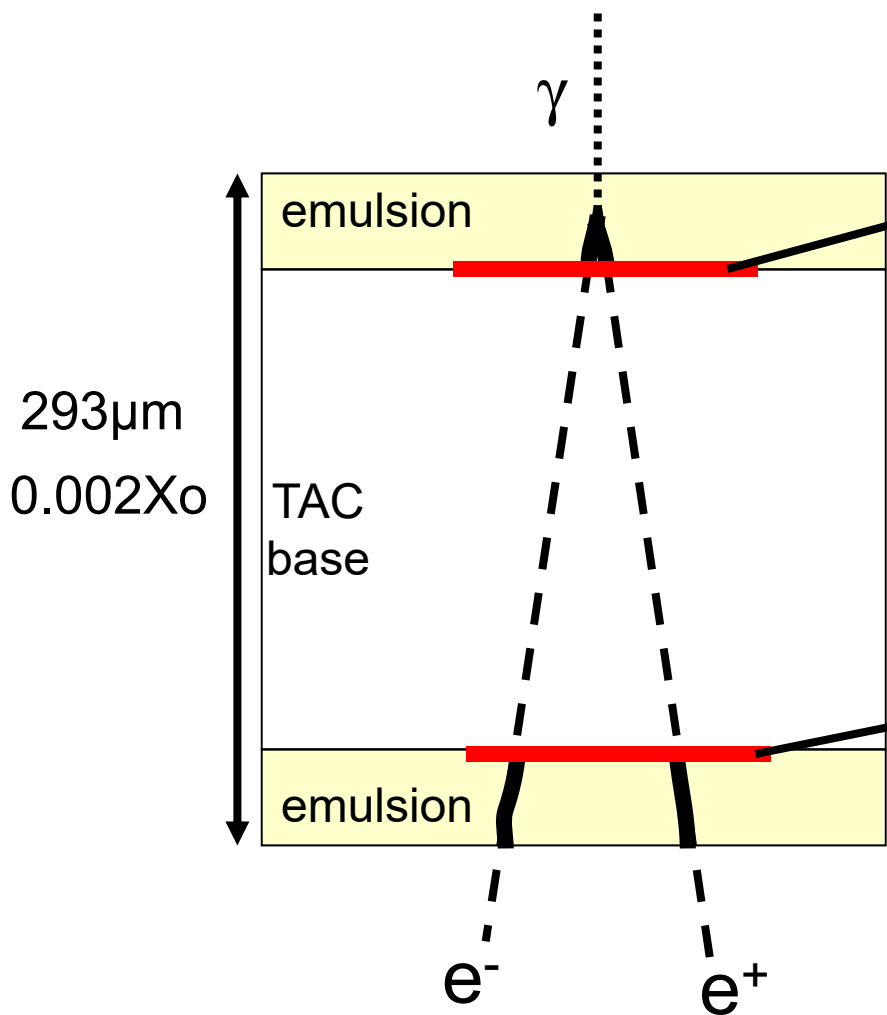
Polarization measurement

Cross-sectional view of Emulsion Film

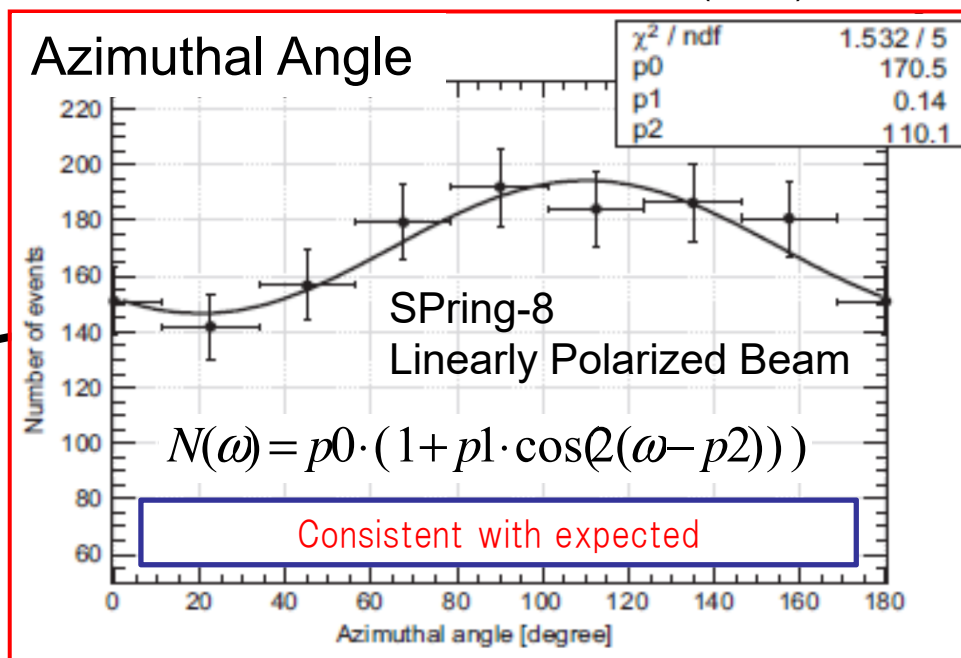


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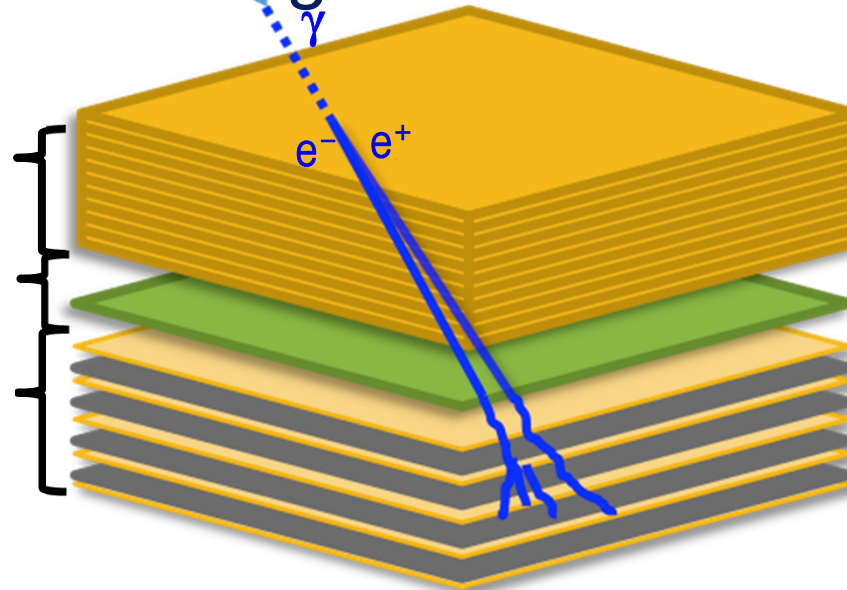
K. Ozaki et al. NIM A833 (2016) 165-168



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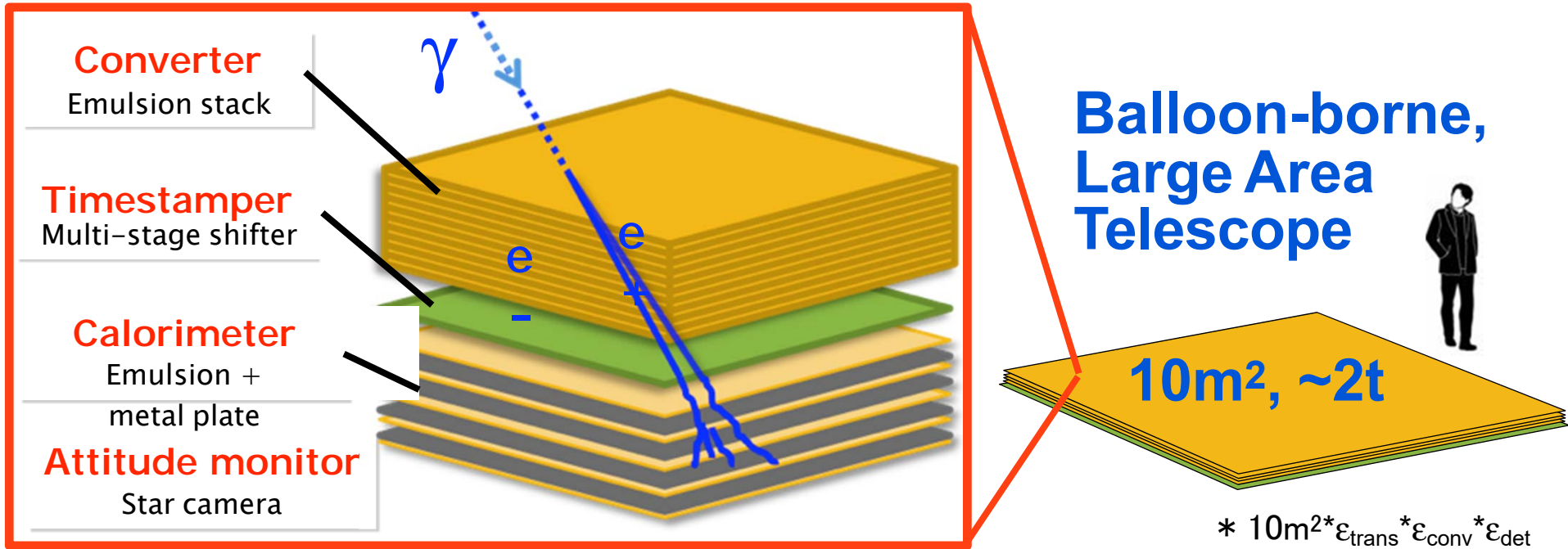
- Converter**
Emulsion + Copper foil
- Timestamper**
Multi-stage shifter
- Calorimeter**
Emulsion + metal plate
- Attitude monitor**
Star camera



$$* 10\text{m}^2 * \epsilon_{\text{trans}} * \epsilon_{\text{conv}} * \epsilon_{\text{det}}$$

	Fermi LAT		GRAINE
Angular resolution @100MeV	6.0deg (105mrad)	x1/6 →	1.0deg (17mrad)
@1GeV	0.90deg (16mrad)	x1/9 →	0.1deg (1.7mrad)
Energy range	20MeV – 300GeV		10MeV – 100GeV
Polarization sensitivity	No		Yes
Effective area @ 100MeV	0.25m ²	x8 →	2.1m ² *
@ 1GeV	0.88m ²	x3 →	2.8m ² *
Dead time	26.5 μ sec (readout time)		Dead time free

Emulsion gamma-ray Telescope



Flow of experiment

Detector preparation



Observation (balloon flight)
several days - 1 week

← Analysis

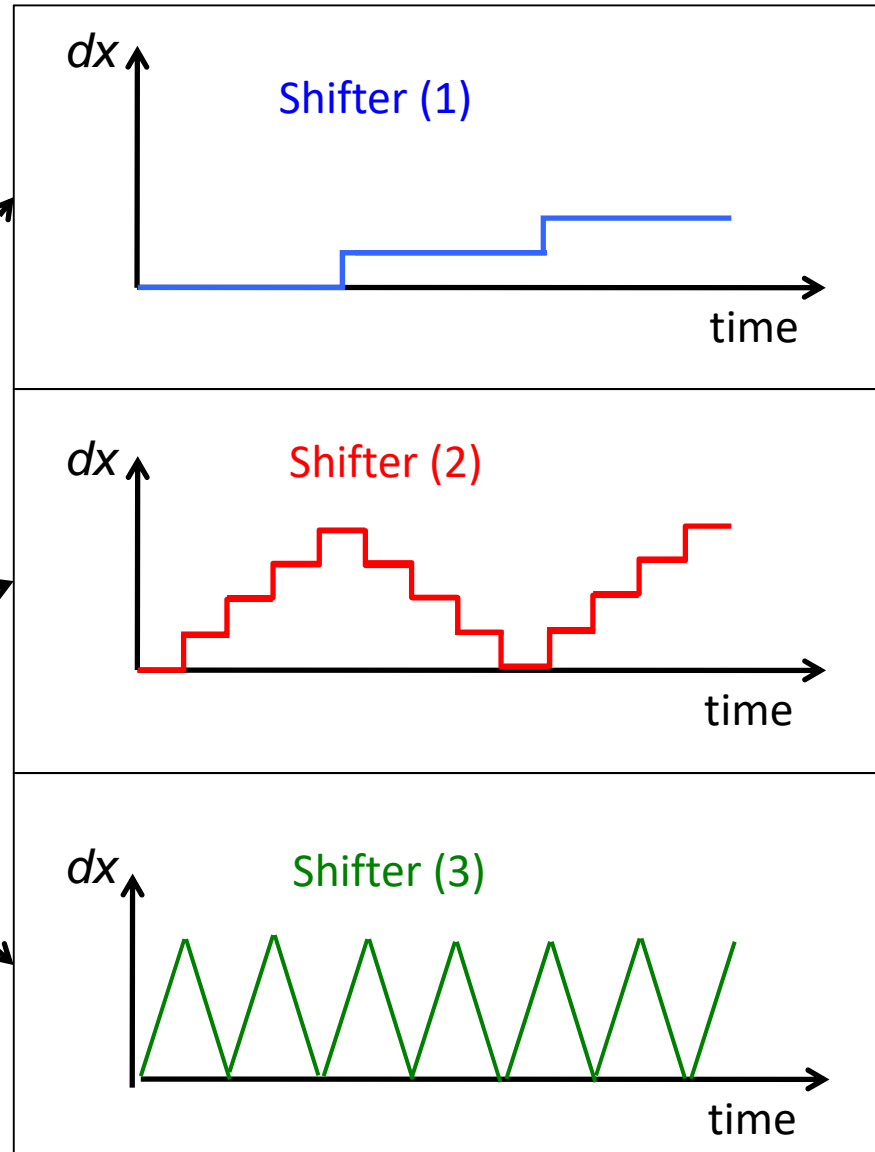
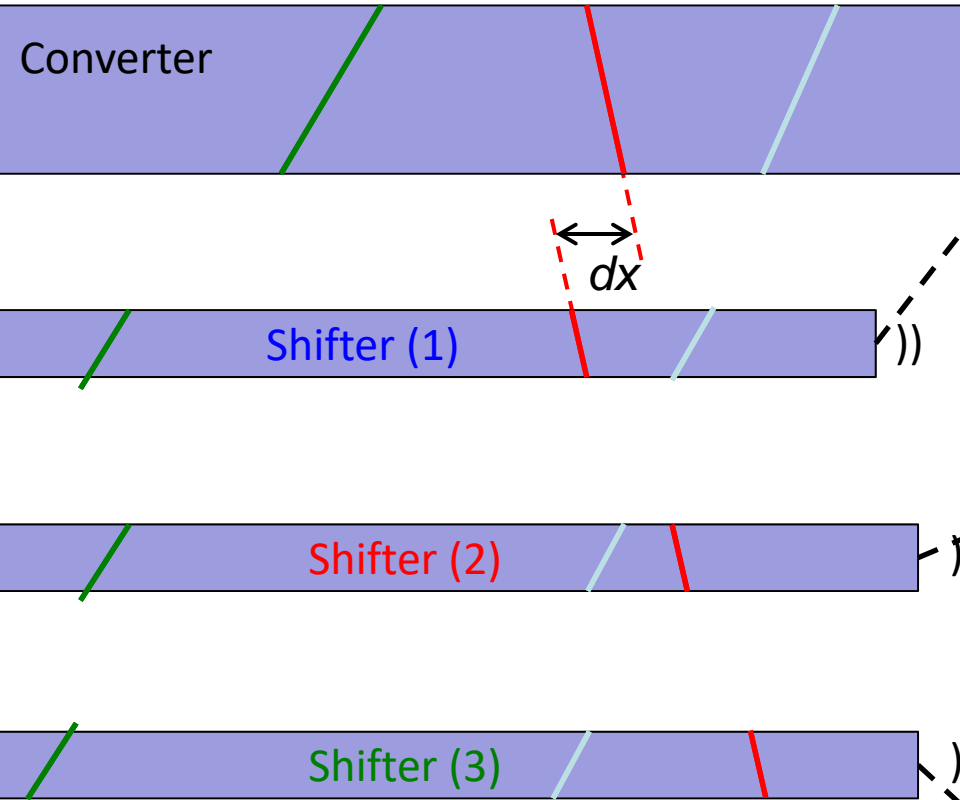
← Scanning
(2nd data taking)



→ Recovery of detector

Multi-stage shifter (time stamper)

S. Takahashi et al.
NIM A620(2010) pp.192-195

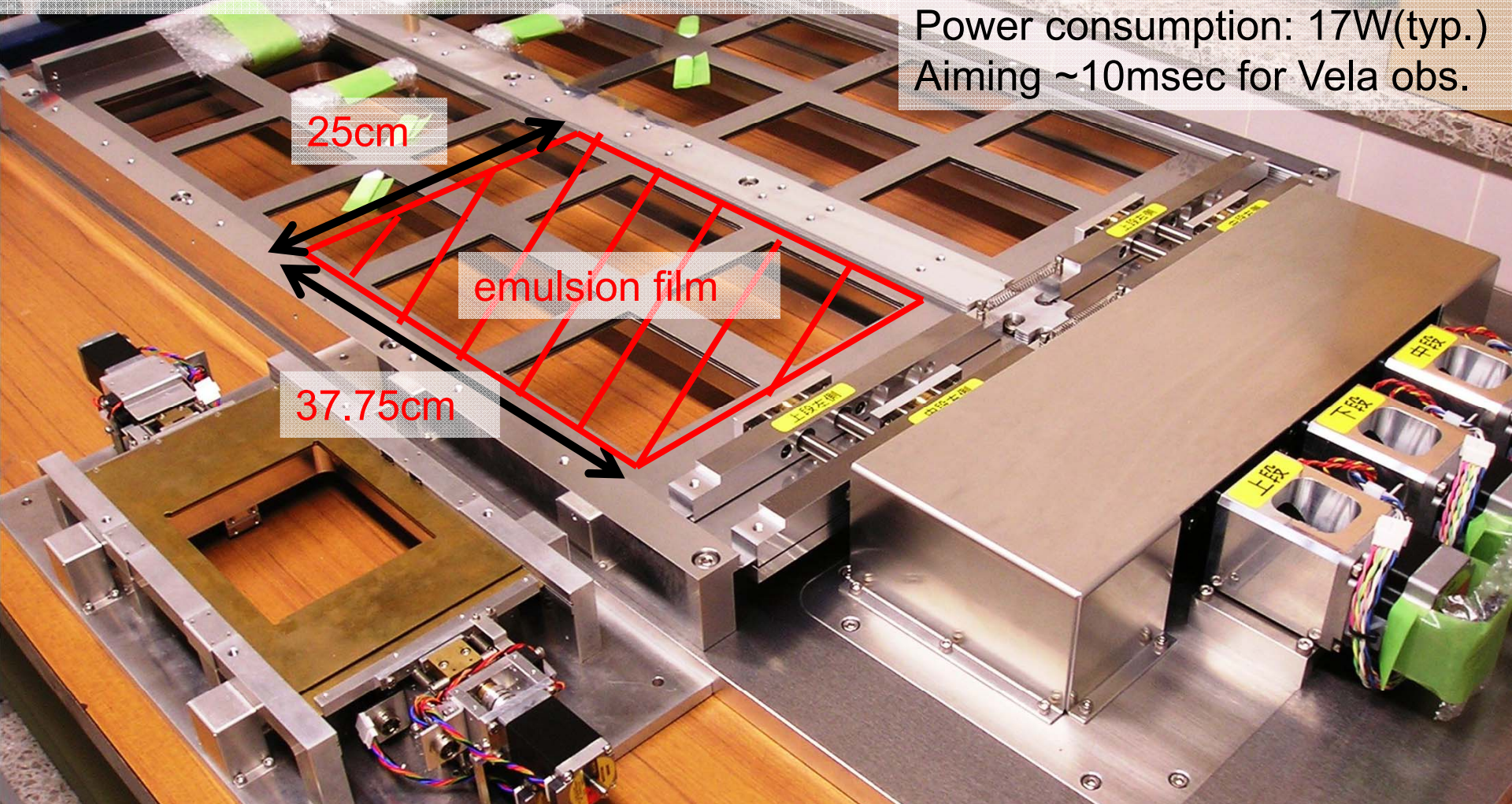


- Simple
- Compact
- Light
- HV free
- Low power consumption
- Dead time free



2nd multi stage shifter for GRAINE2015

Aperture area: 3600cm^2
W66cm × D145cm × H10cm
Weight : 65kg
Power consumption: 17W(typ.)
Aiming ~10msec for Vela obs.



1st multi stage shifter for GRAINE2011
Aperture area : 125cm^2
Time resolution : 0.15s

Co-developed with
Mitaka Kohki.Co.,Ltd

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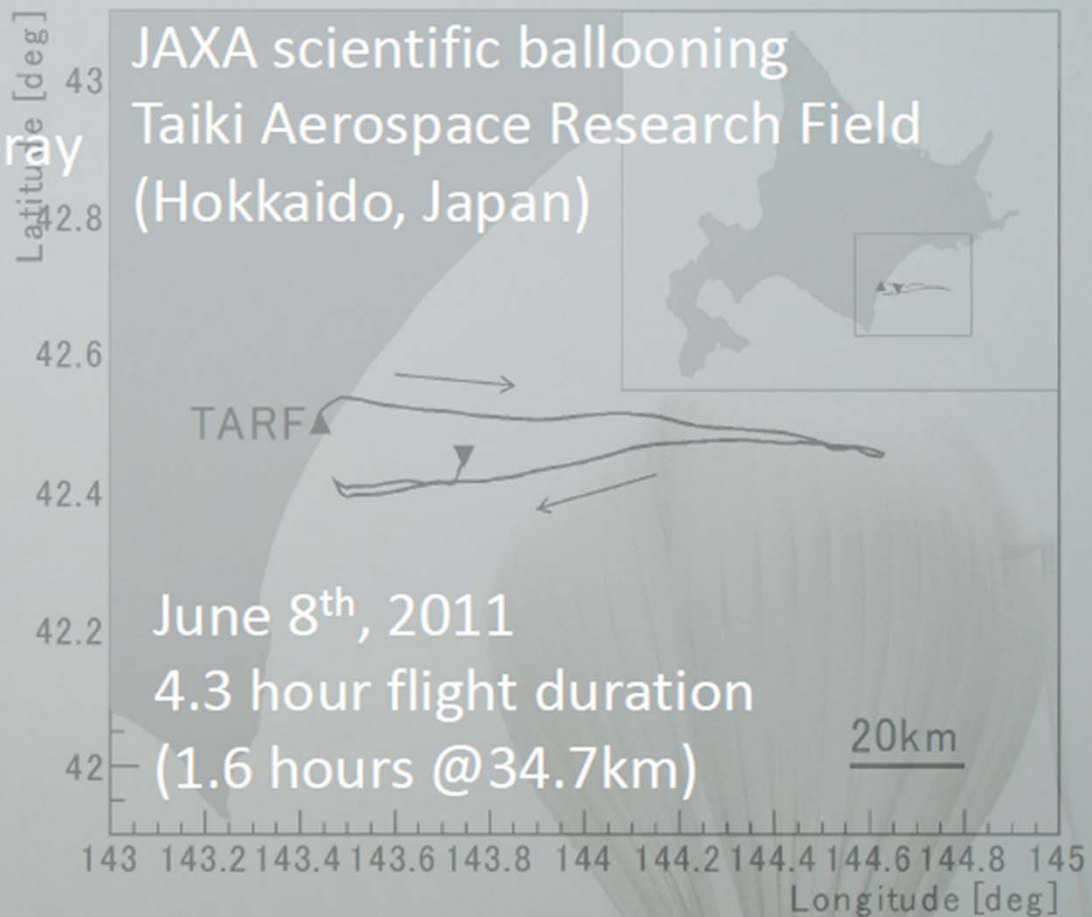
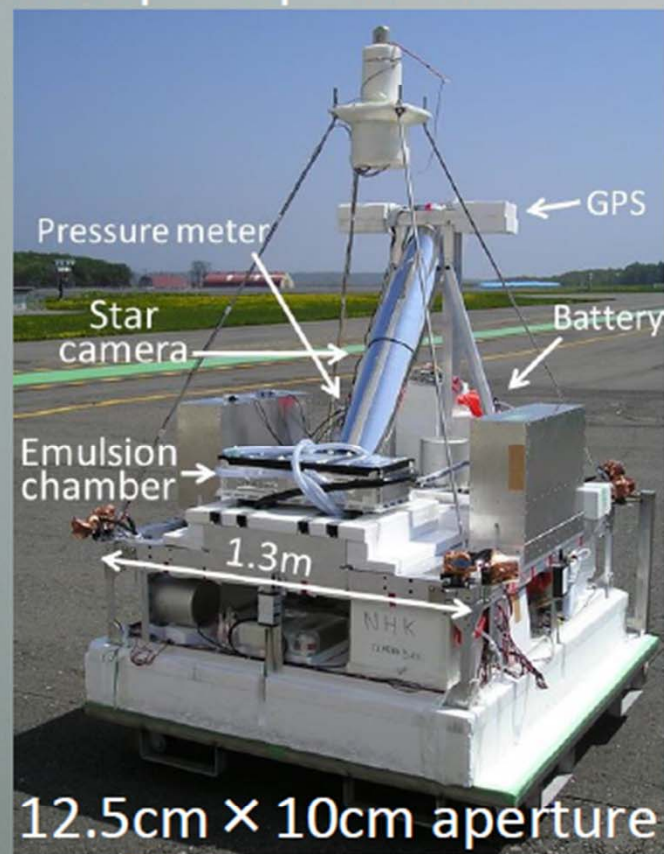
2018(planning)

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GRAINE 2011

First balloon-borne emulsion γ -ray telescope experiment

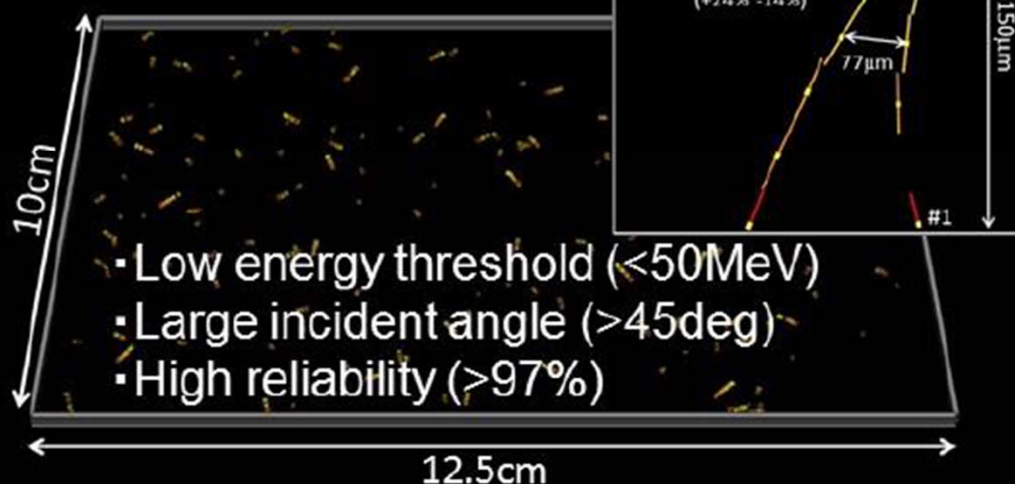


First balloon-borne experiment
Feasibility test

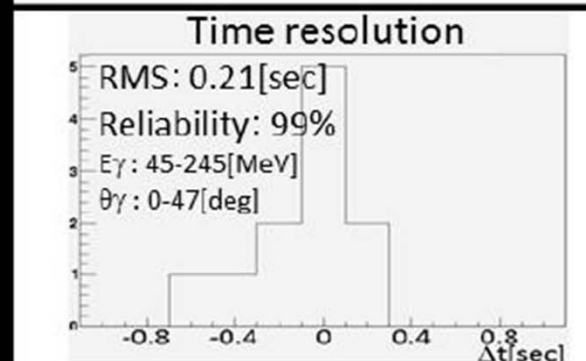
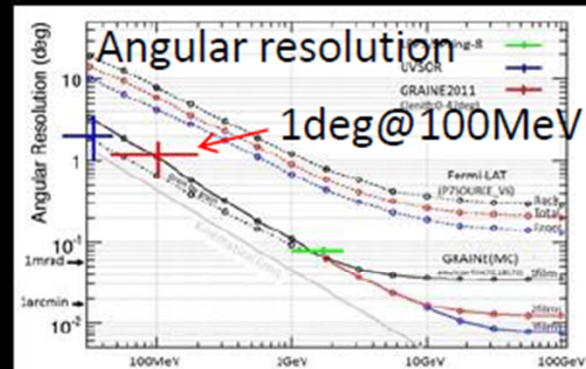
A photograph of the balloon launch at night. The balloon is inflated and attached to the payload. The launch site is illuminated by lights, and the sky is dark. The text 'First balloon-borne experiment Feasibility test' is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

GRAINE 2011 Flight data analysis

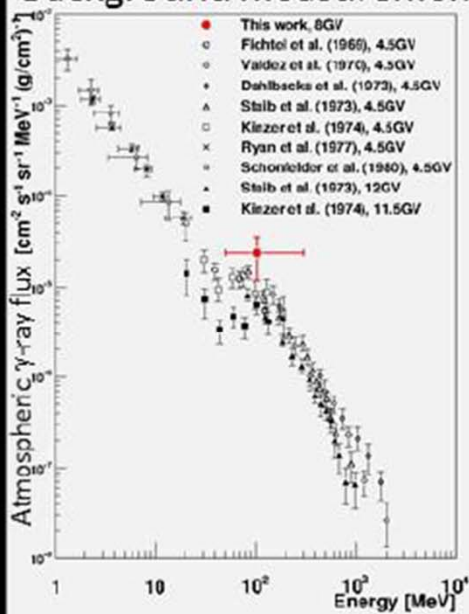
γ -ray event detection



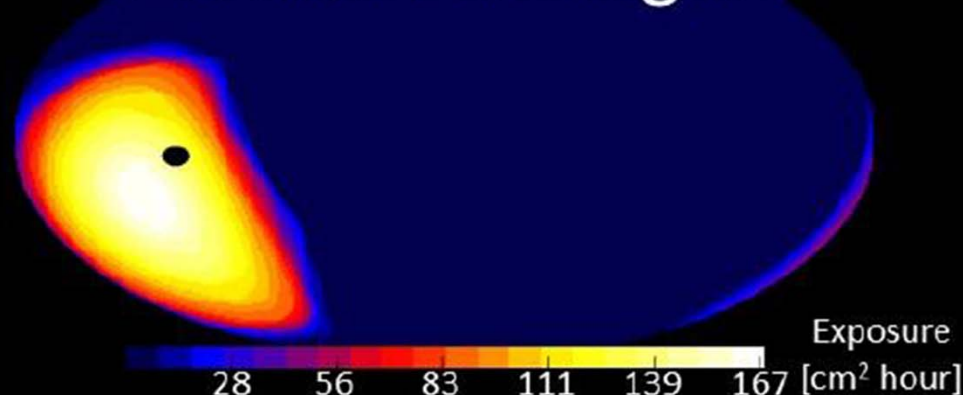
- Low energy threshold (<50MeV)
- Large incident angle (>45deg)
- High reliability (>97%)



Background measurement



GRAINE First Light



Feasibility demonstration

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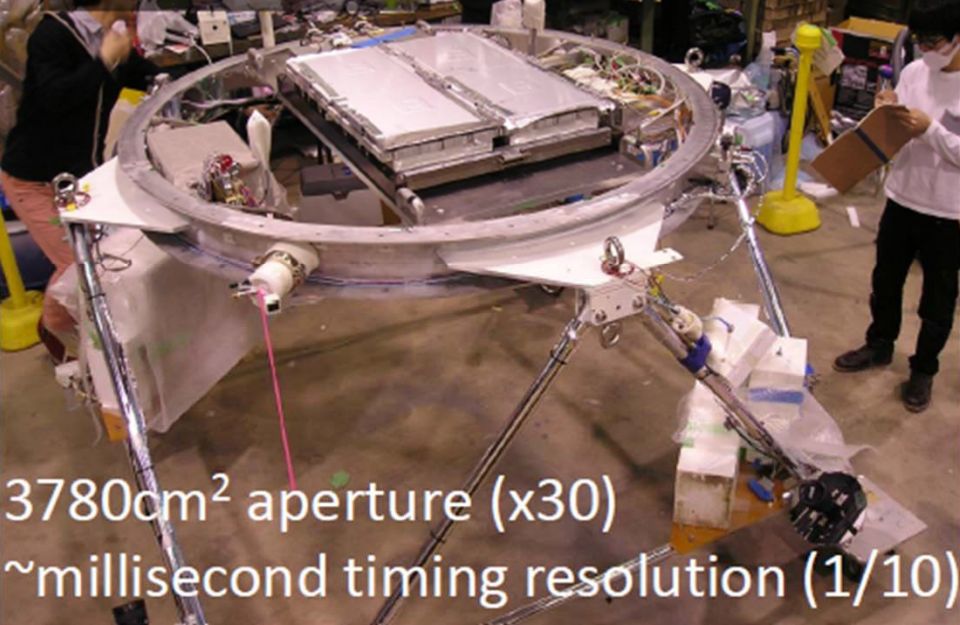
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GRAINE 2015



3780cm² aperture (x30)
~millisecond timing resolution (1/10)

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場所: アリススプリングス気球放球基地

着地地点
日時: 5月12日午後8時25分JST
場所: クイーンズランド州ロングリーチの
北方約130km地点



Launched, 6:33 12th May 2015

Design, various improvements & preparations

Establishment of a scheme & flow of the experiment in Australia

Demonstration of overall performance



GRAINE

Balloon-borne Emulsion Gamma-ray Telescope Project

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Gamma-Ray Astro-Imager with Nuclear Emulsion (GRAINE) is a gamma-ray observation project with a new balloon-borne emulsion gamma-ray telescope. In May 2015, we performed a balloon-borne experiment in Alice Springs, Australia, in order to demonstrate the imaging performance of our telescope. The emulsion telescope that has the aperture area of 0.4 m² was employed in this experiment. In this presentation, we will report the latest results and the status of GRAINE project.

I. GRAINE Project

- γ-ray Observation (sub-GeV/GeV)
- Emulsion γ-ray Telescope

High-statistic Observation → NEXT: Precise Observation

- High Angular Resolution
- Polarization Sensitive
- Large Aperture Area

II. Balloon Experiment in 2015

A purpose of this experiment is to demonstrate the detector performance of emulsion telescope by detecting the Vela pulsar, which is the brightest γ-ray source in the GeV γ-ray sky.

- Balloon Flight
- Detector

III. Flight Data Analysis -Gamma-ray Event Selection-

- Gamma-ray (γ → e⁺e⁻) Event Selection

reconstruction in 9 films

- Kinematical Distribution of e⁺e⁻
- Detector Response
- Energy Reconstruction
- Selection Efficiency (MC)

IV. Flight Data Analysis -Detector Performance Check-

- γ-ray Imaging Test Using Launching Plate
- Measurement of BG Flux at 36-37km Atmospheric γ-ray flux

Measurement is consistent with previous experiments.

V. Summary & Prospect

- Data analysis of GRAINE-2015 Balloon Experiment
- Next Balloon Experiment is planning.

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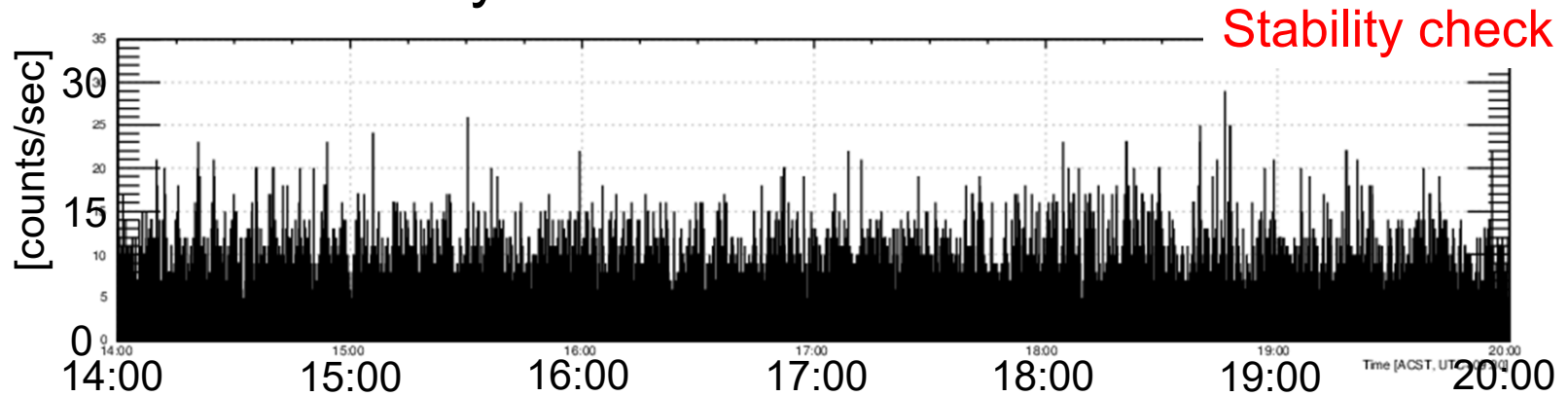
飛行時間 14時間22分

飛行高度 36km以上

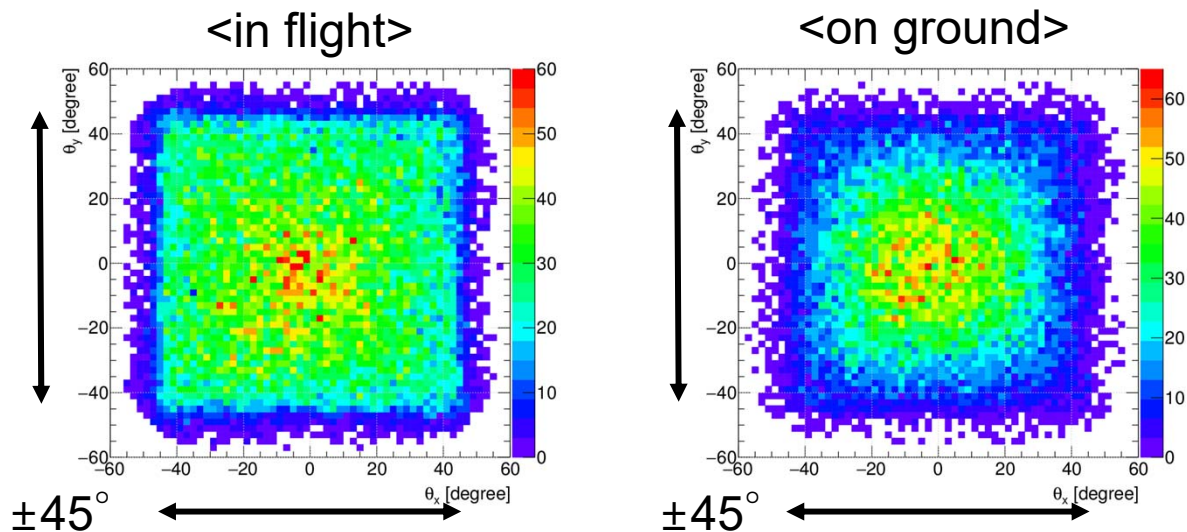
Flight duration: 14hour 22min (11hour 32min(x7) @36.0-37.4km) almost covered Vela w/in 45deg zenith image©JAXA

Time stamp to Gamma-ray event

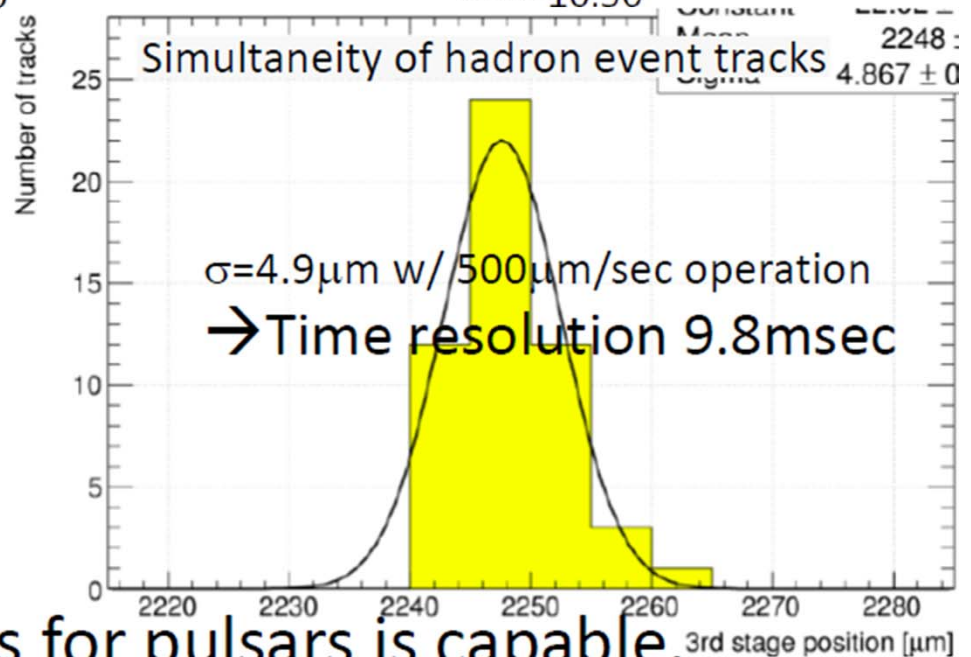
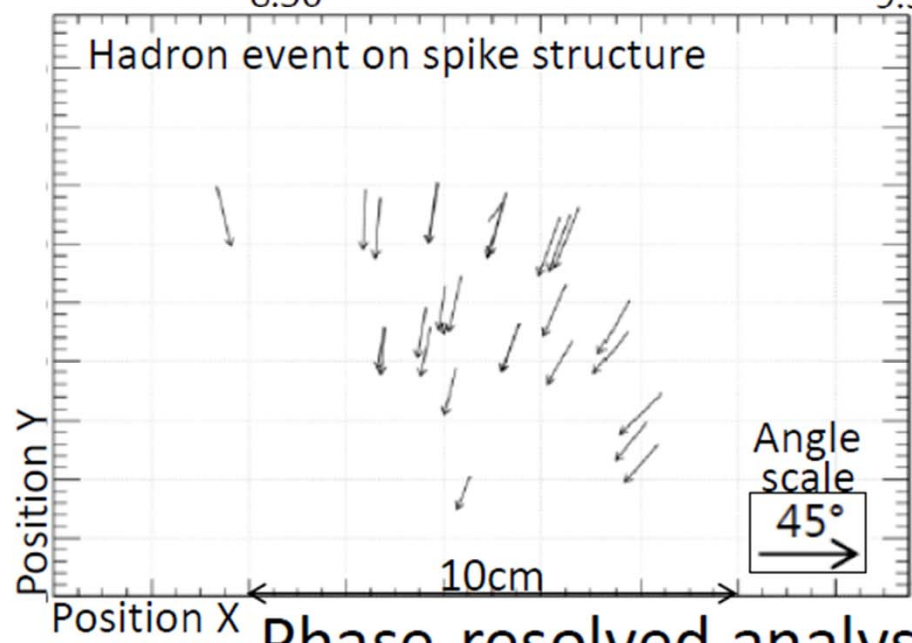
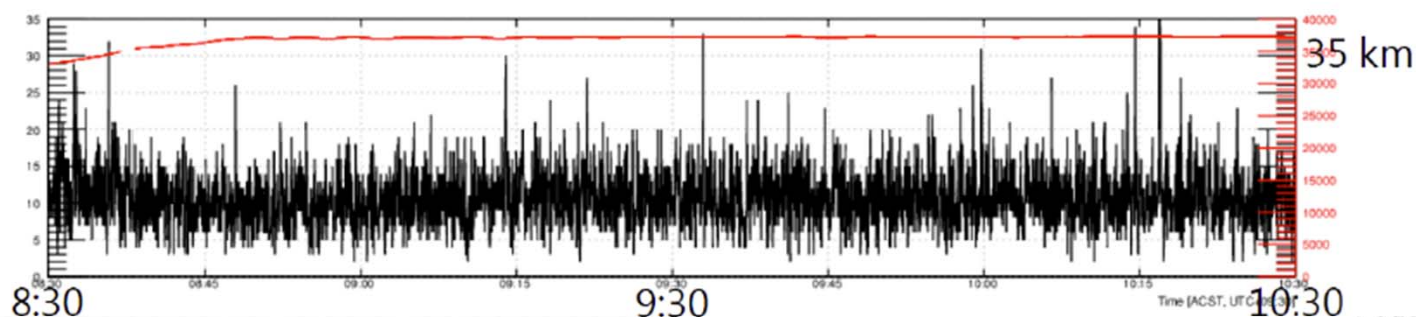
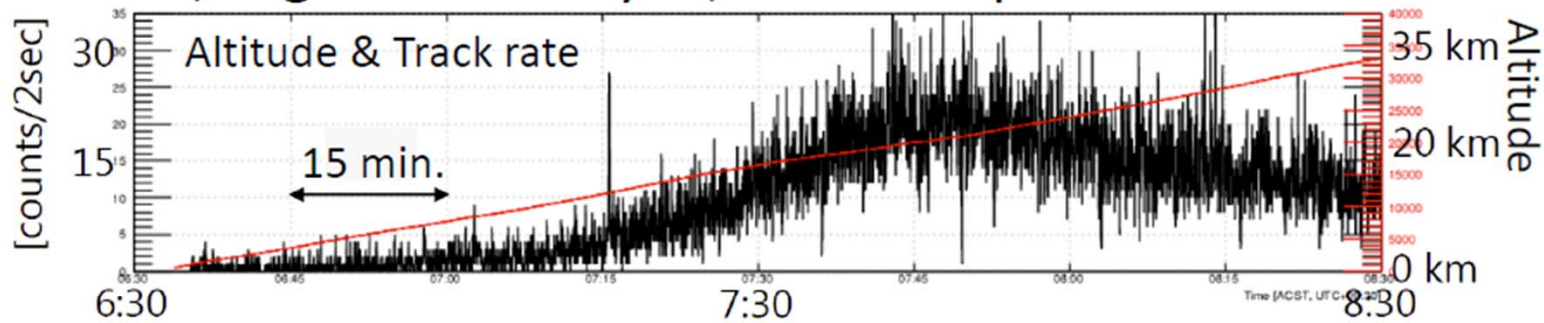
◆ Gamma-ray event rate



◆ Angular distribution of Gamma-ray



GRAINE 2015, Flight data analysis, Timestamper



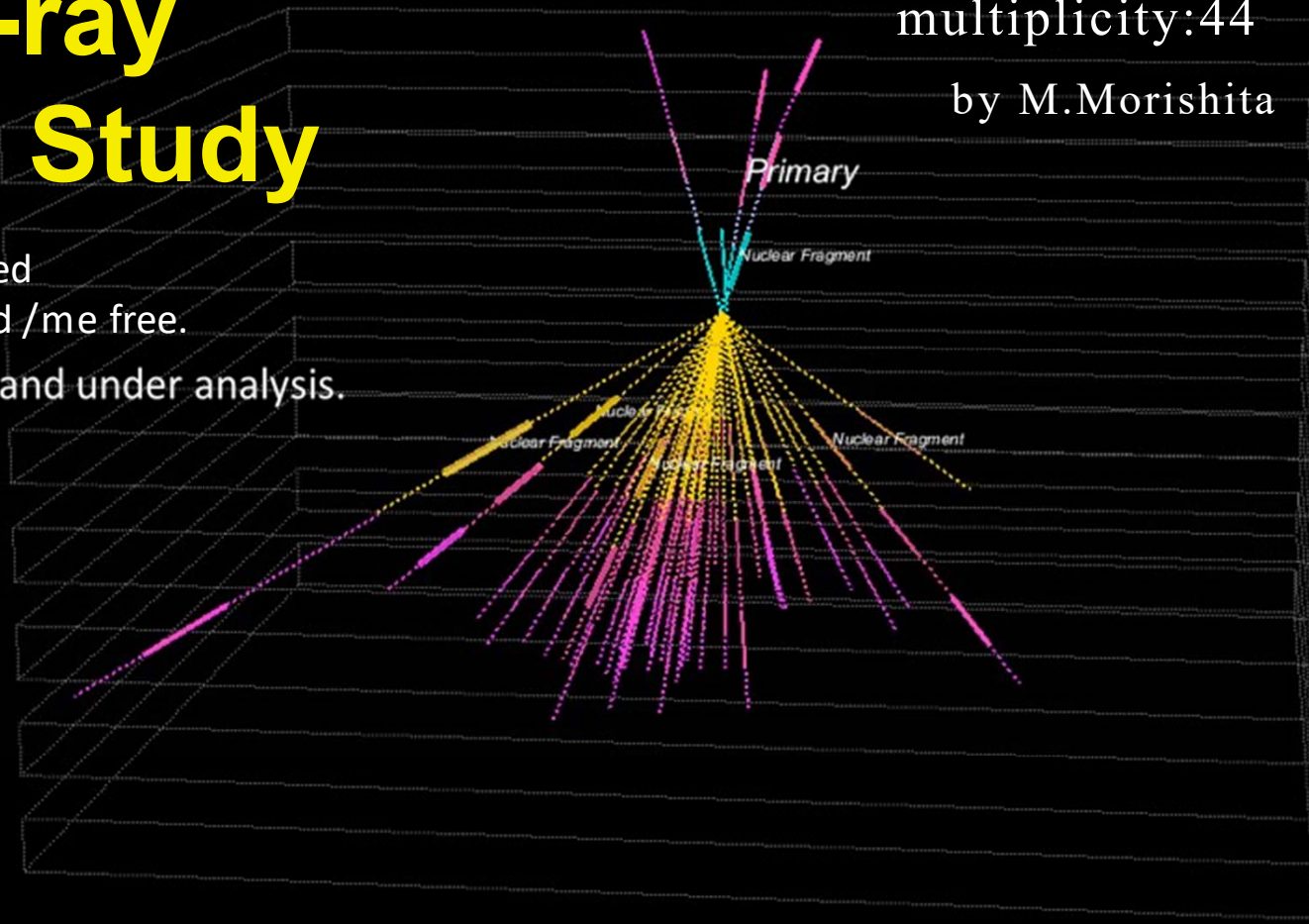
Phase-resolved analysis for pulsars is capable.
e.g. 89msec period of Vela pulsar

Cosmic-ray Interaction Study

All charged particles are recorded
in emulsion chamber with dead time free.
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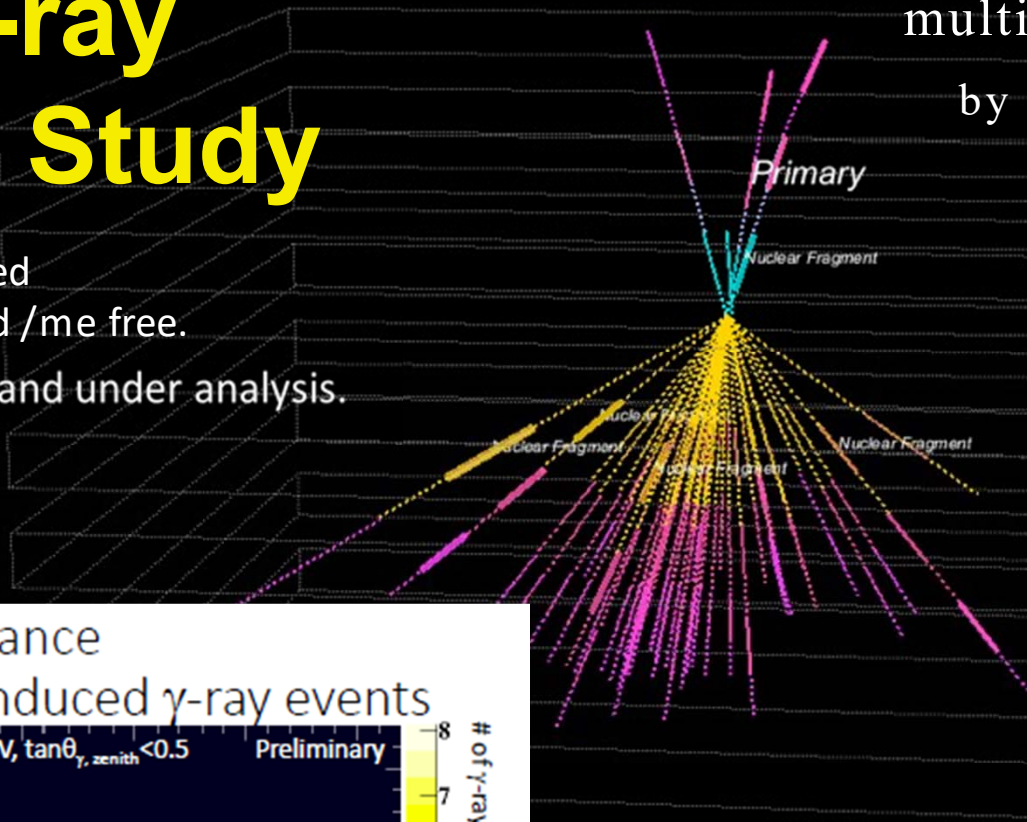
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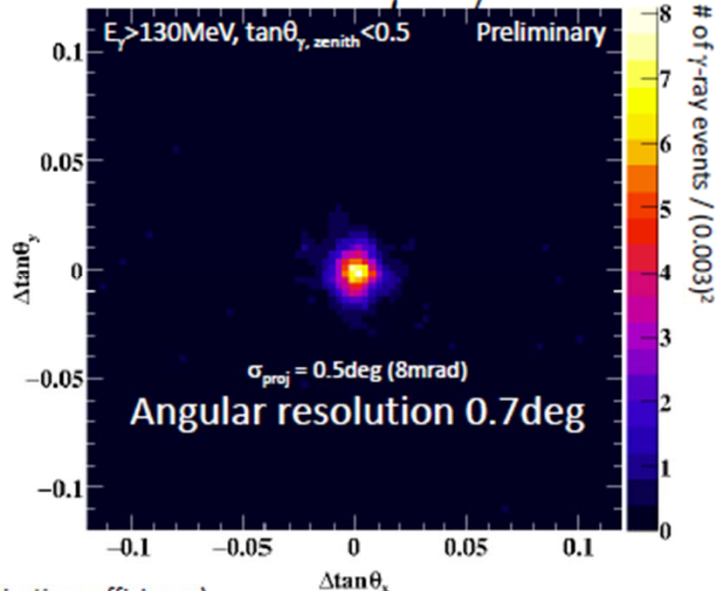
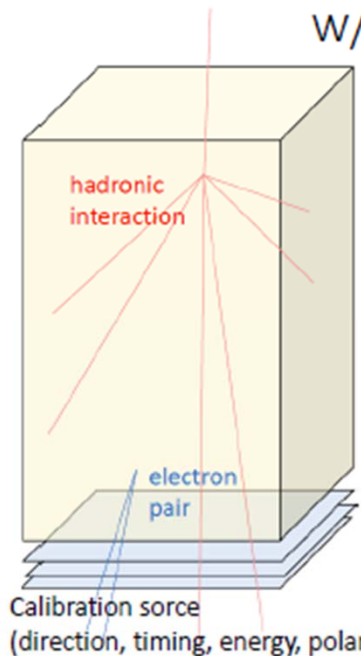
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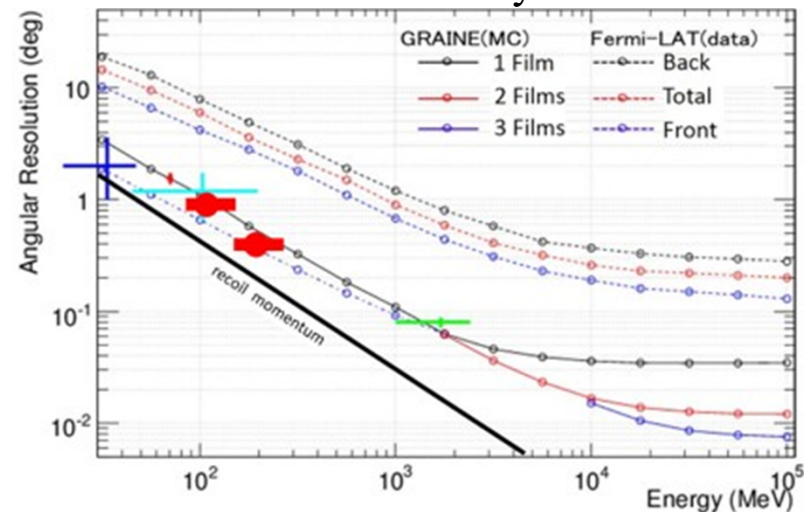


γ -ray imaging performance w/ hadron induced γ -ray events

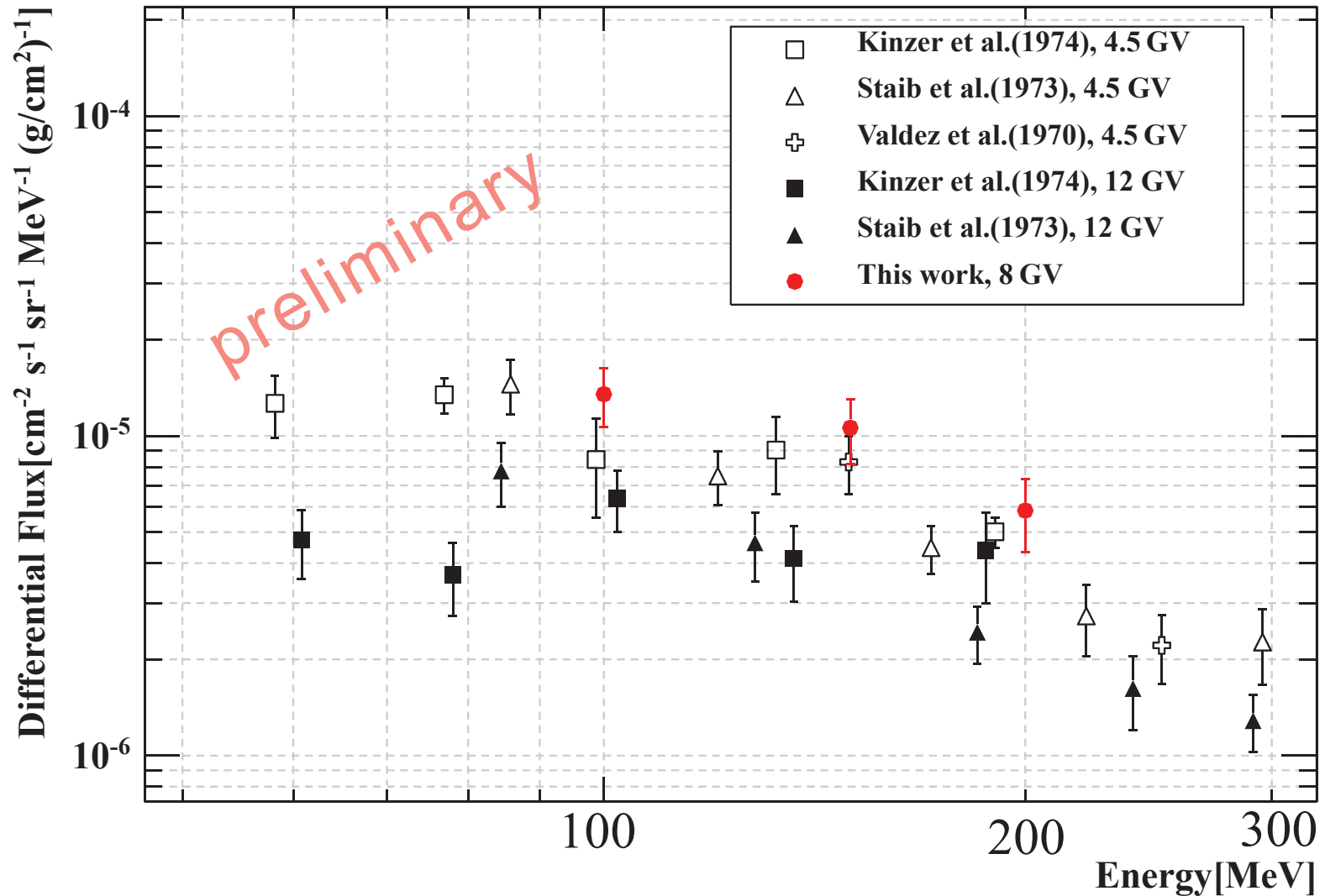


High γ -ray imaging performance was being obtained.

by H.Kawahara



Off-source region data (atm. gamma-ray)



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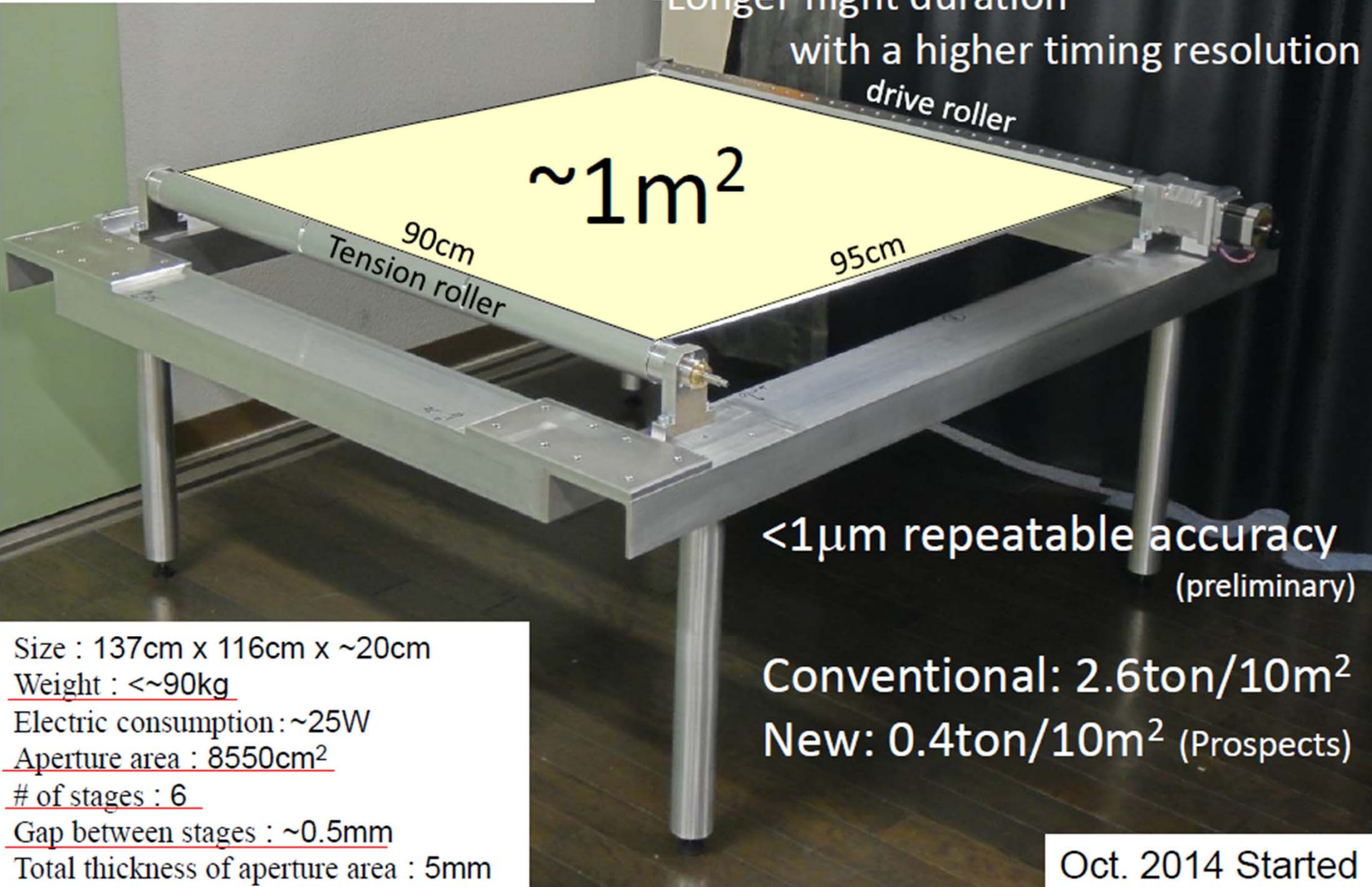
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- Starting scientific observation

Next generation multi-stage shifter

Co-developed with Mitaka Kohki Co., Ltd.

- Larger aperture area
- Longer flight duration
with a higher timing resolution



<1 μ m repeatable accuracy
(preliminary)

Conventional: 2.6ton/10m²
New: 0.4ton/10m² (Prospects)

Size : 137cm x 116cm x ~20cm
Weight : <~90kg
Electric consumption : ~25W
Aperture area : 8550cm²
of stages : 6
Gap between stages : ~0.5mm
Total thickness of aperture area : 5mm

Oct. 2014 Started

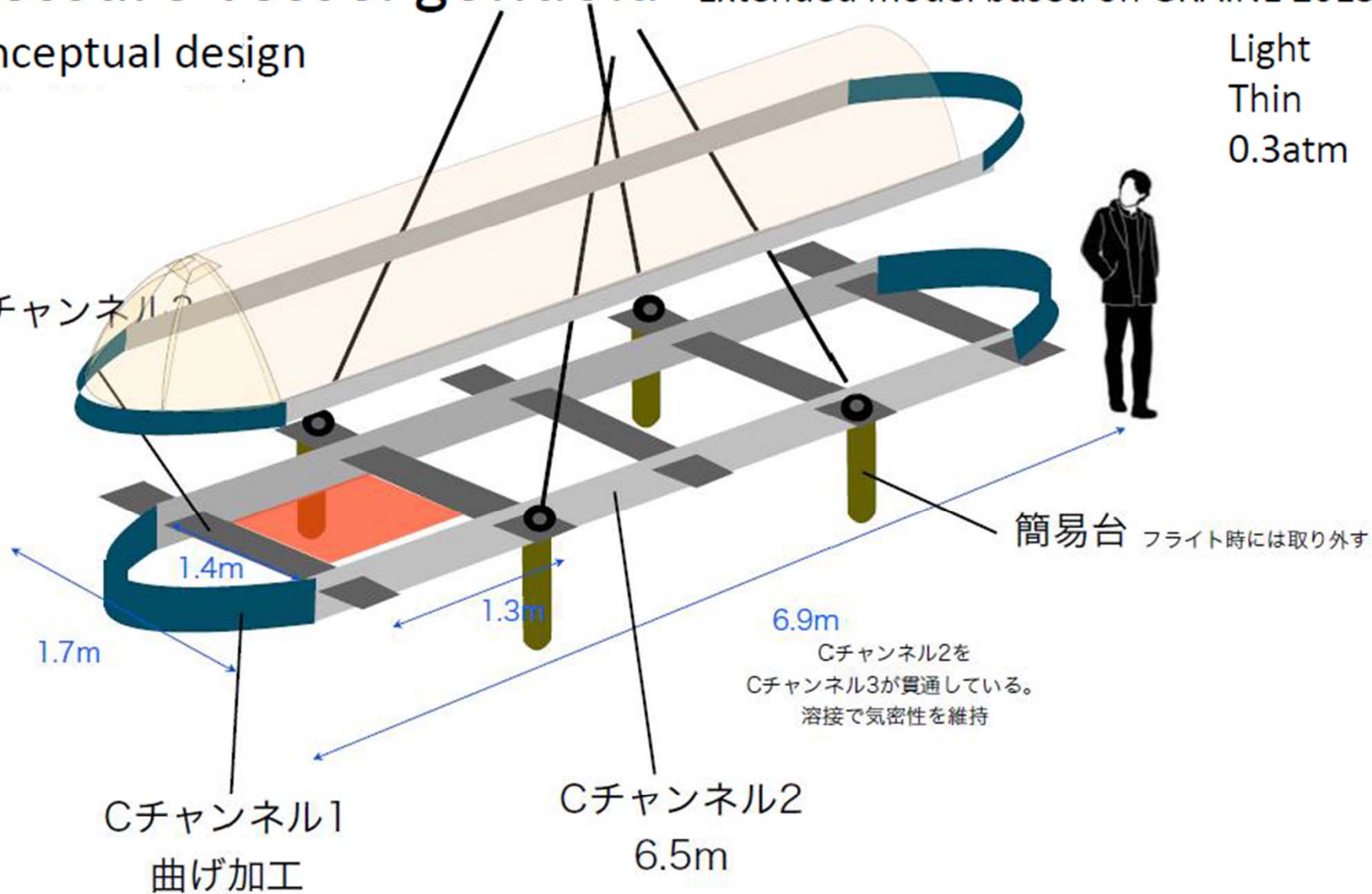
Pressure vessel gondola

Extended model based on GRAINE 2015

Conceptual design

Light
Thin
0.3atm

Cチャンネル?



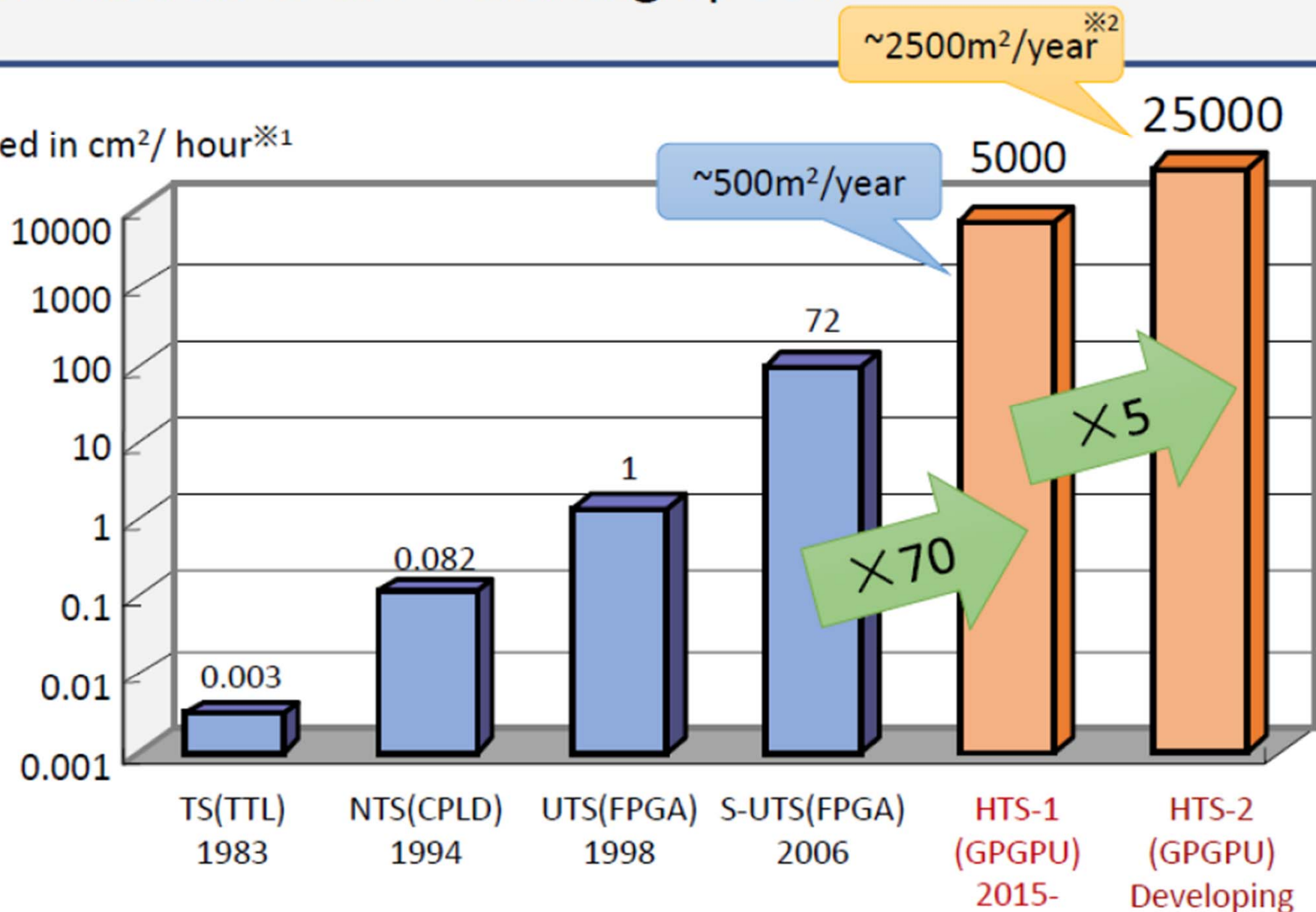
5m² (4units) aperture area

w/ a single pressure vessel gondola (~250kg weight)

Evolution of the Scanning Speed

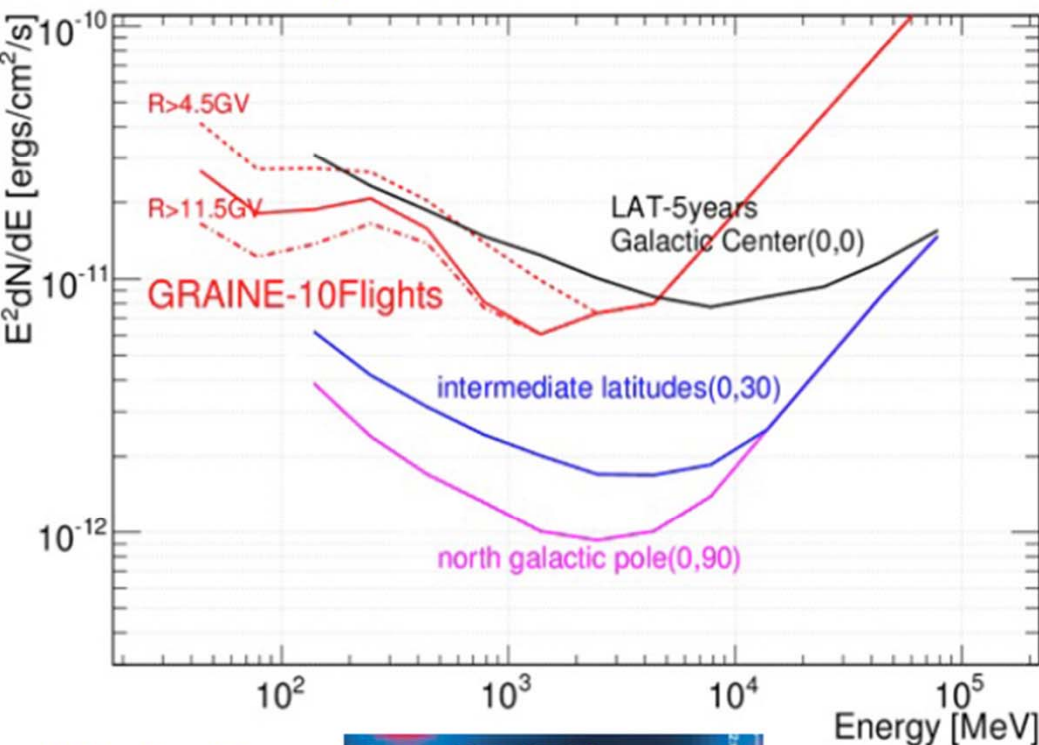
※1 Area of emulsion layer
※2 Area of the films with 24 hour shift

Speed in cm^2/hour ※1

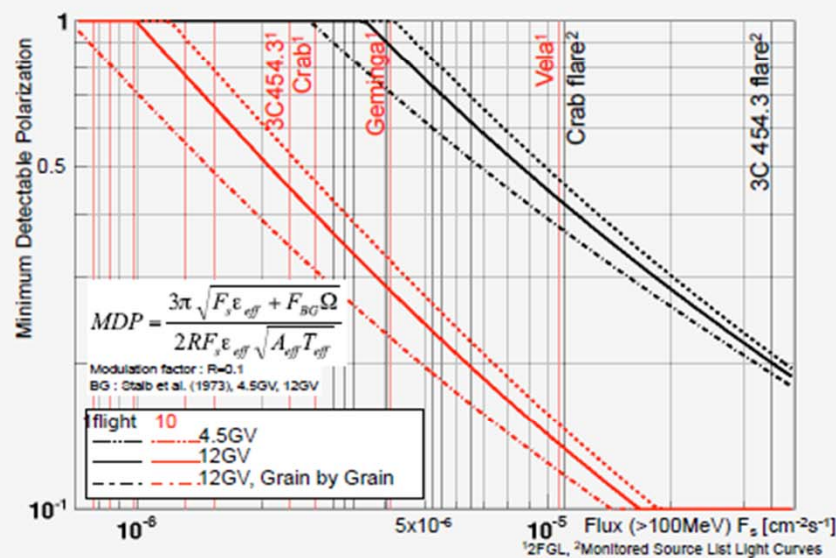


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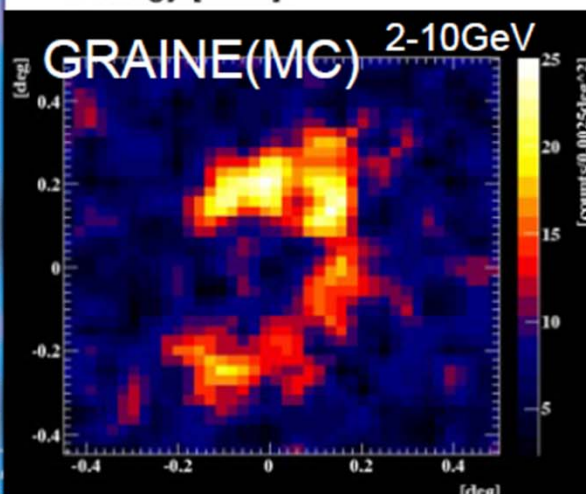
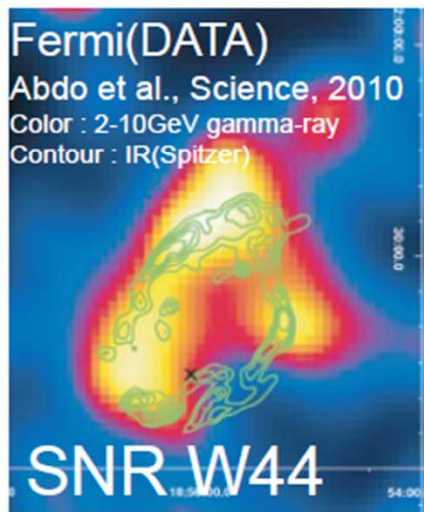
■ Sensitivity



■ Polarimetry in sub-GeV/GeV



■ High-Res. Imaging extended sources



■ Survey of Galactic Center w/ High Res.

■ Measurement of GRB with high statistic per event etc

GRAINE Scientific observation roadmap

2018

Alice Springs

>~1m² aperture, >~36hours flight duration

<~10g/cm² altitude

Commissioning flight

2021-

Alice Springs

10m² aperture, >~36hours flight duration

<~10g/cm² altitude

Scientific flight

Vela pulsar

Polarization observation (<50%)

Pioneering polarization observation for high energy γ -rays

SNR W44 (<200MeV, >200MeV)

Precise spectrum measurement

High resolution imaging

Studying cosmic ray sources

Galactic Center

Obs. with ~arcmin resolution

Resolving GeV γ -ray excess at galactic center

-Scientific model establishment (size, weight)

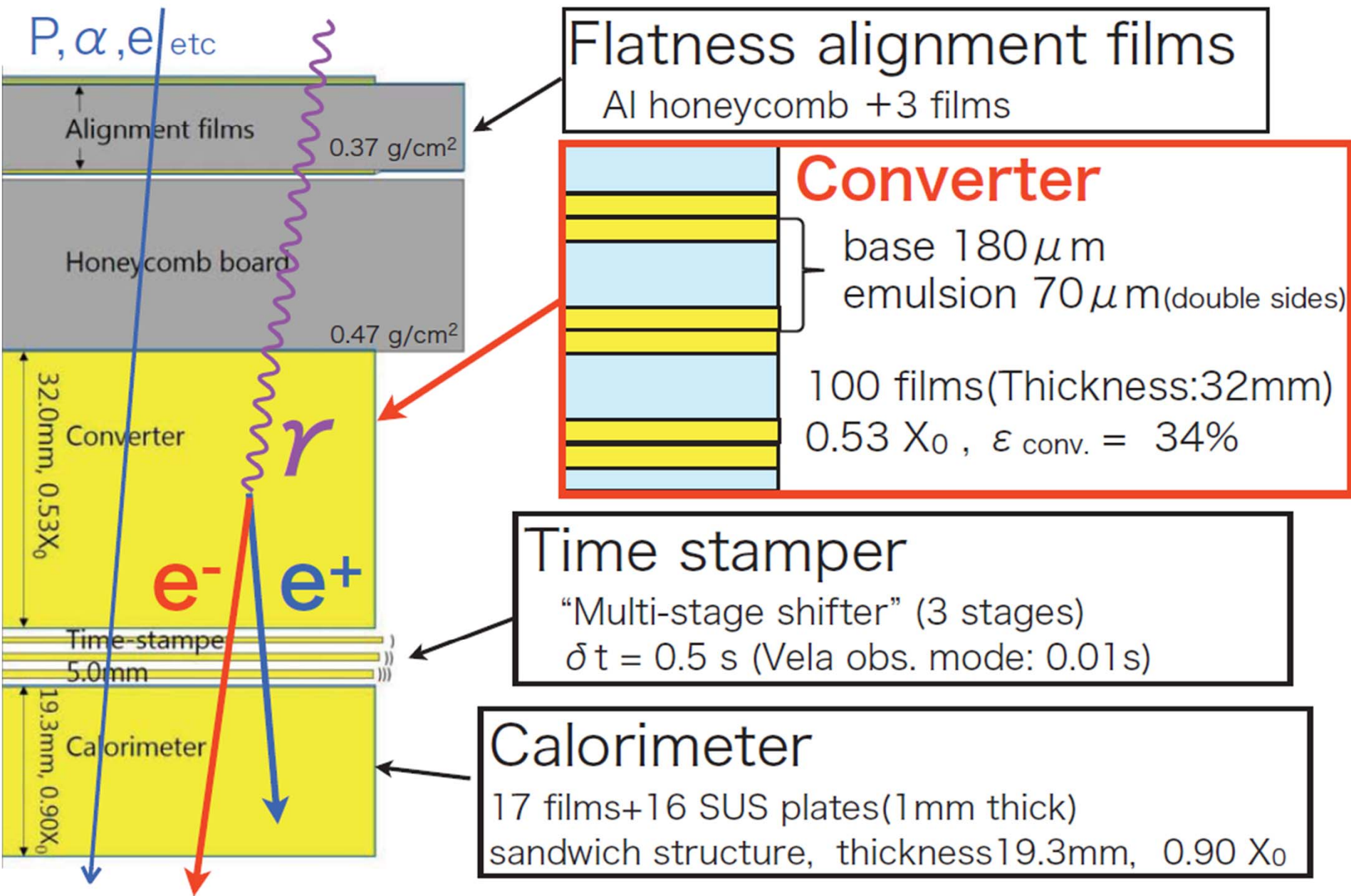
-Flight duration

-Performance demonstration

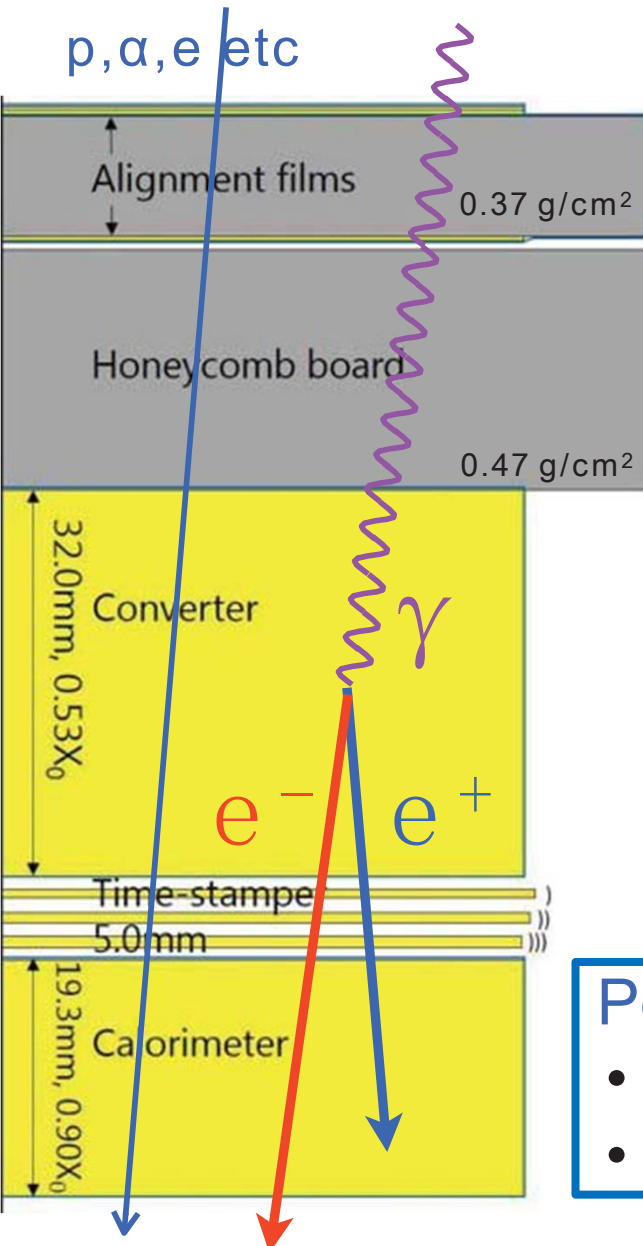
-Scientific obs. starting

backup

GRAINE-2015 Detector



Flow of the Analysis



Film Read-out

Converter Analysis

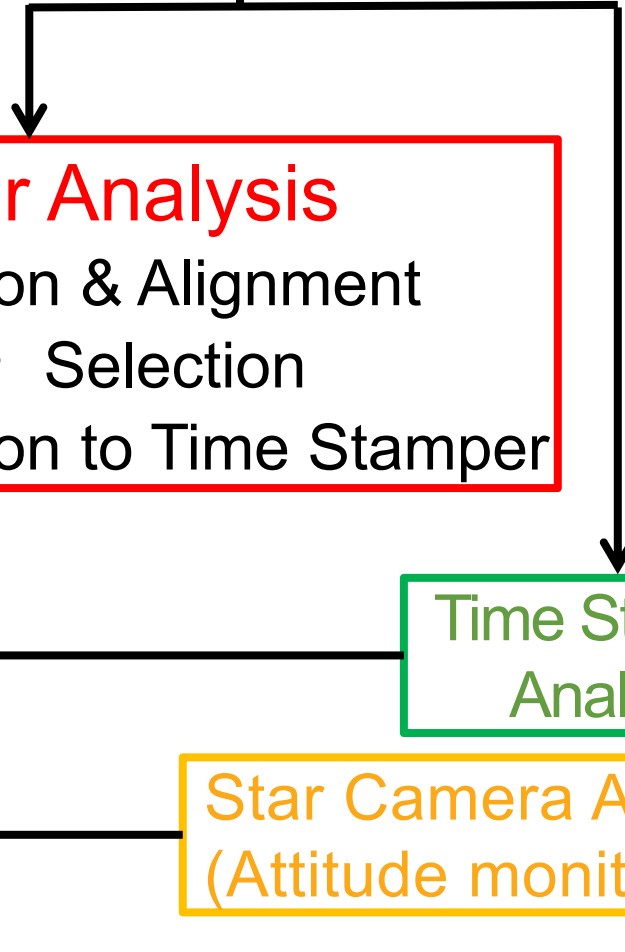
- Connection & Alignment
- $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Selection
- Connection to Time Stamper

Time Stamper Analysis

Star Camera Analysis
(Attitude monitor)

Pointing to celestial sphere

- Off Source region (BG)
- Vela region (Signal)



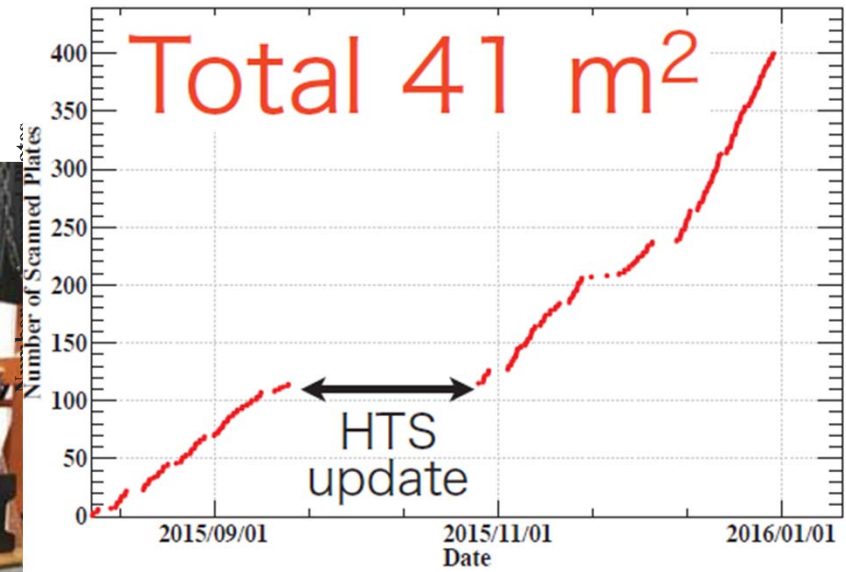
Film Read-out by HTS@Nagoya U.

The First operation for real experimental data taking



25x38cm²

current speed 5000 cm²/h
(final designed value 9000 cm²/h)



Flight
data

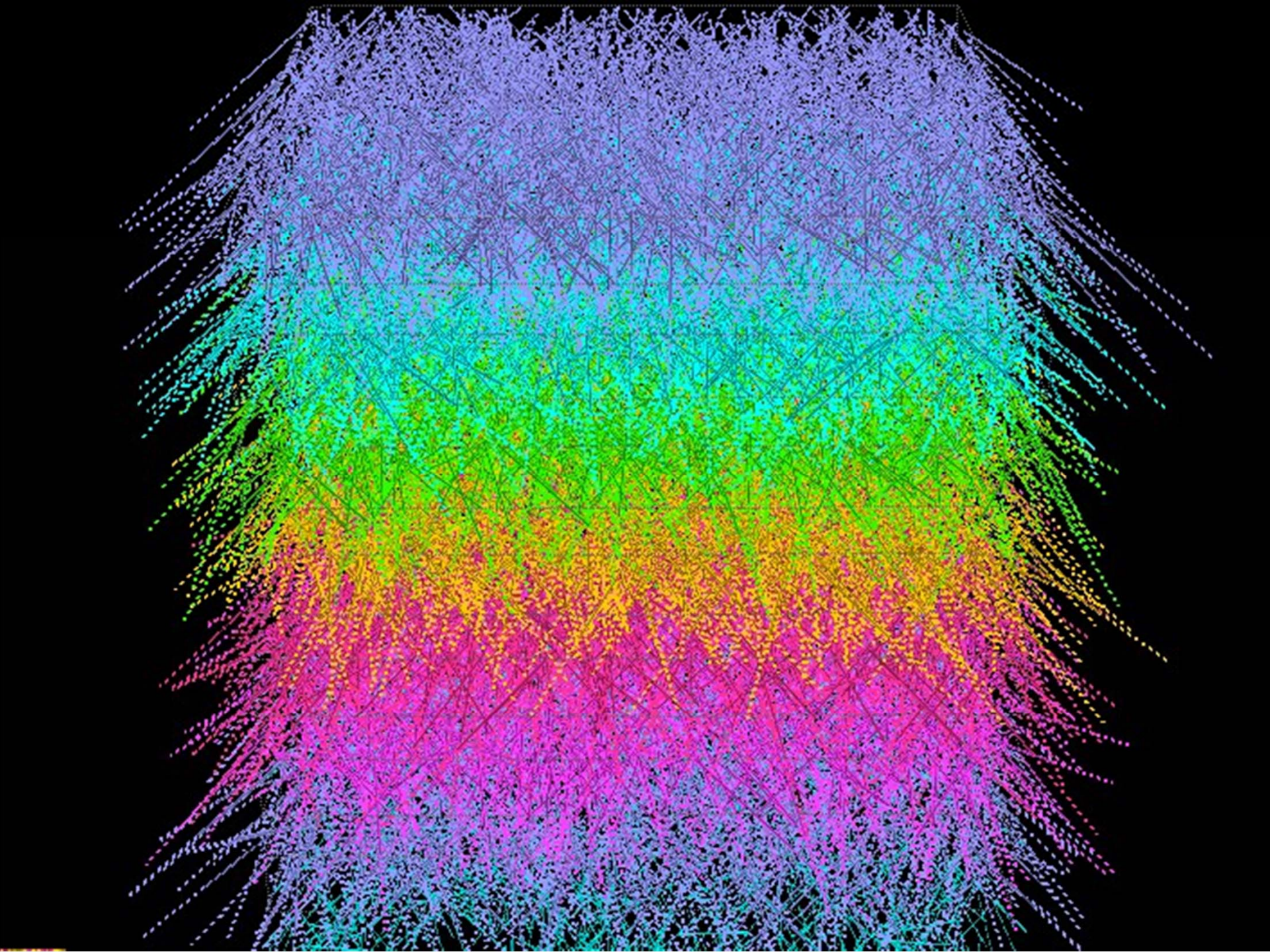


2 mm x 2 mm of single film

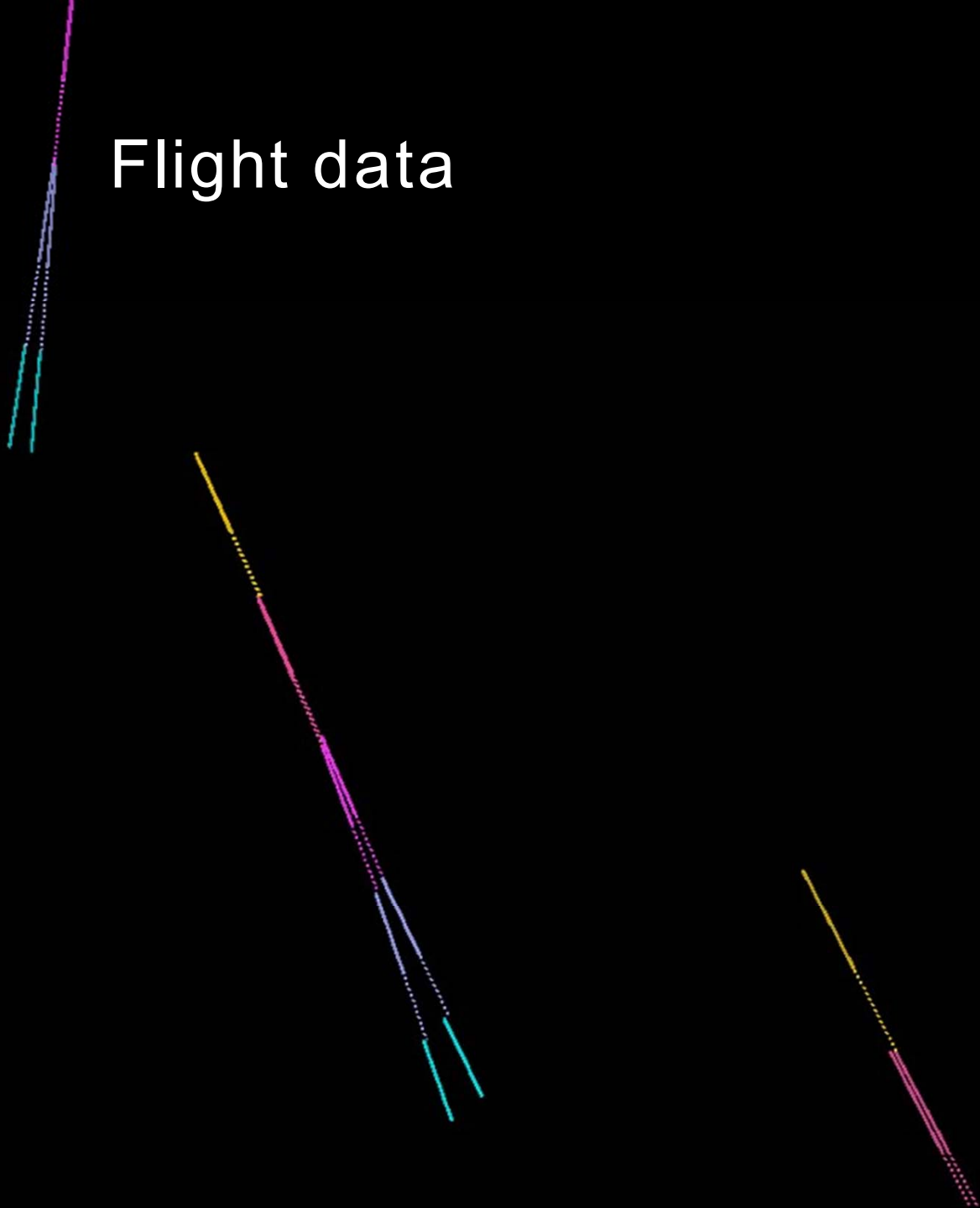
Flight
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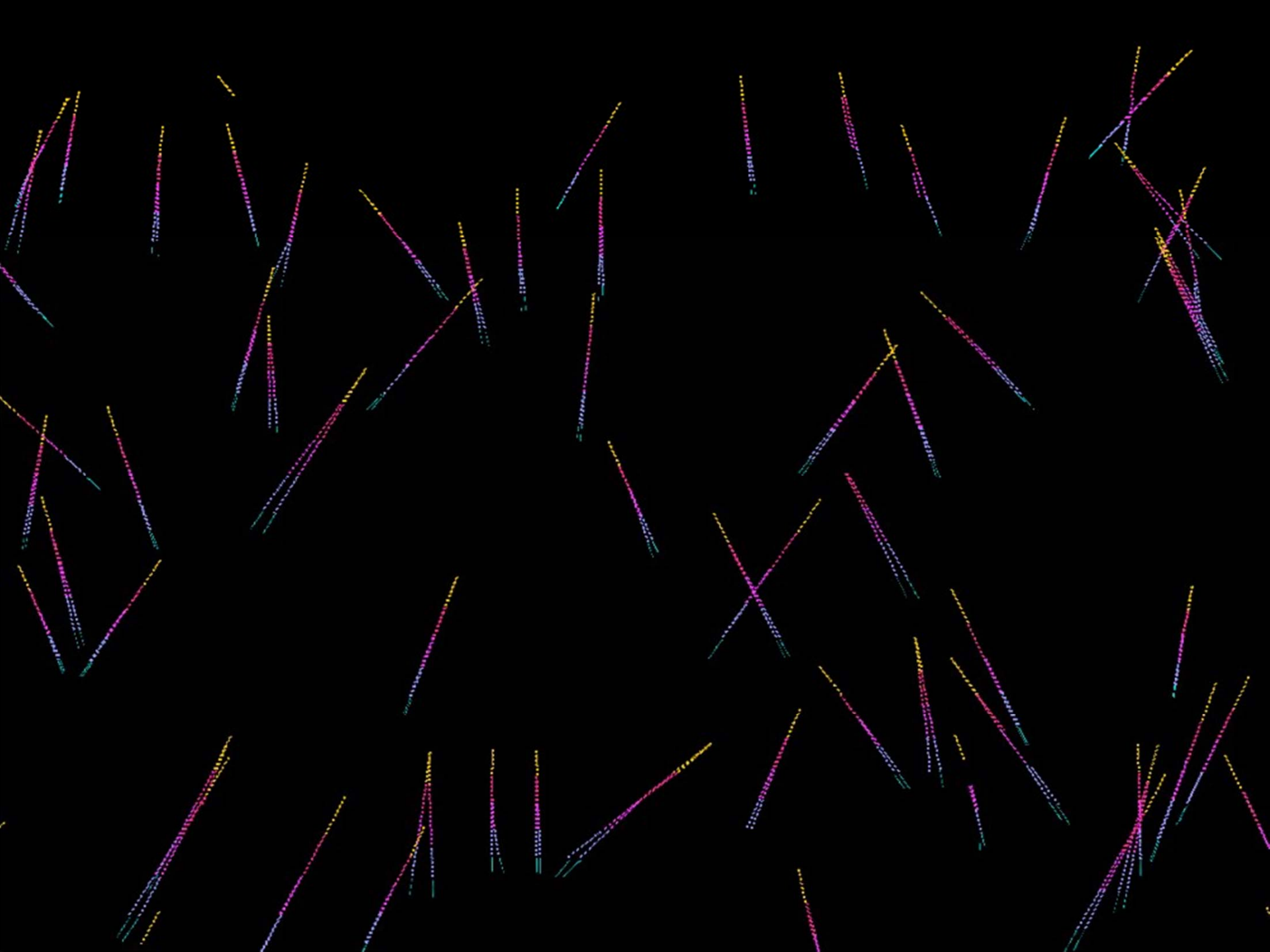


density ~ 400 tracks/mm²

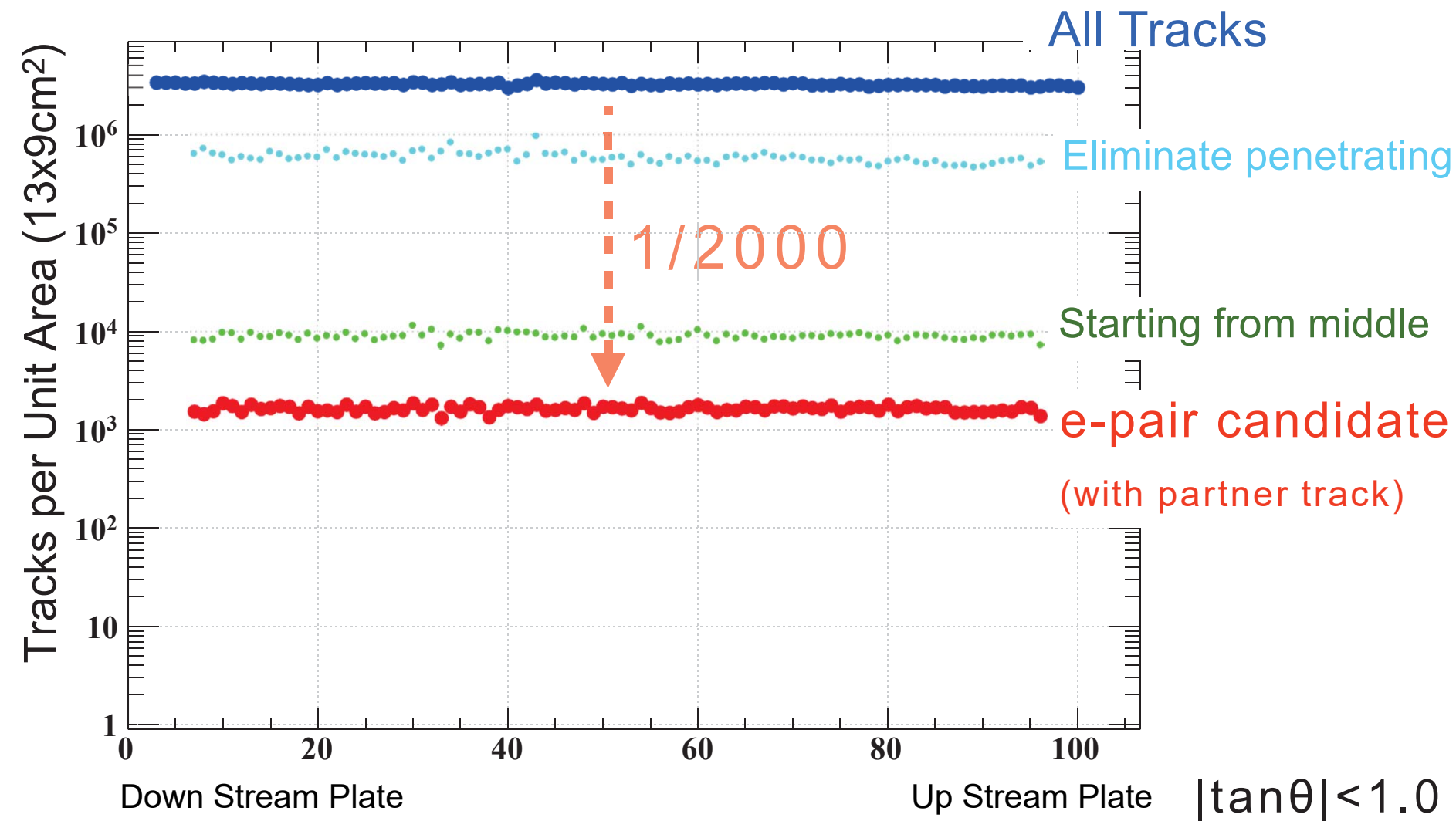


Flight data



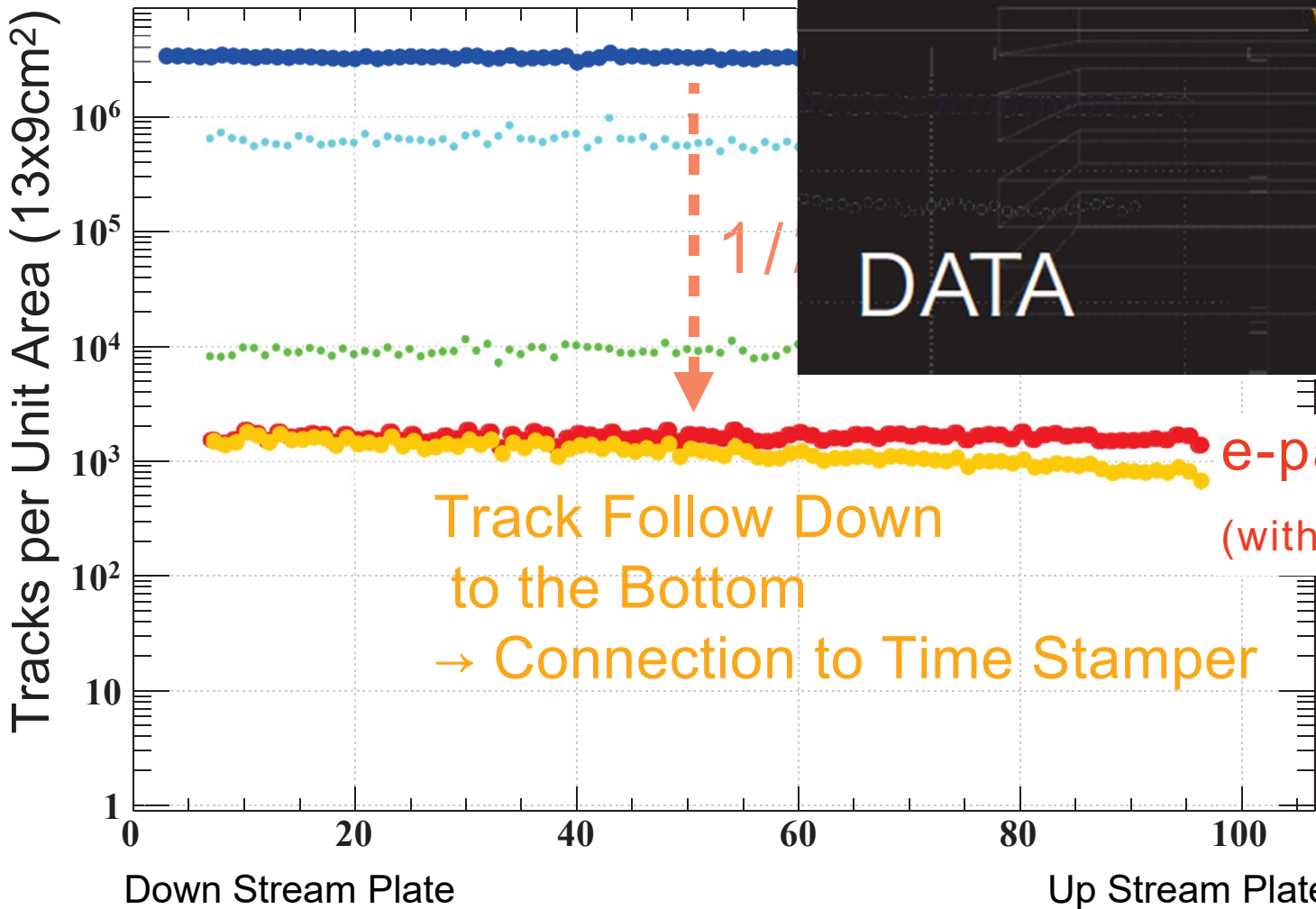
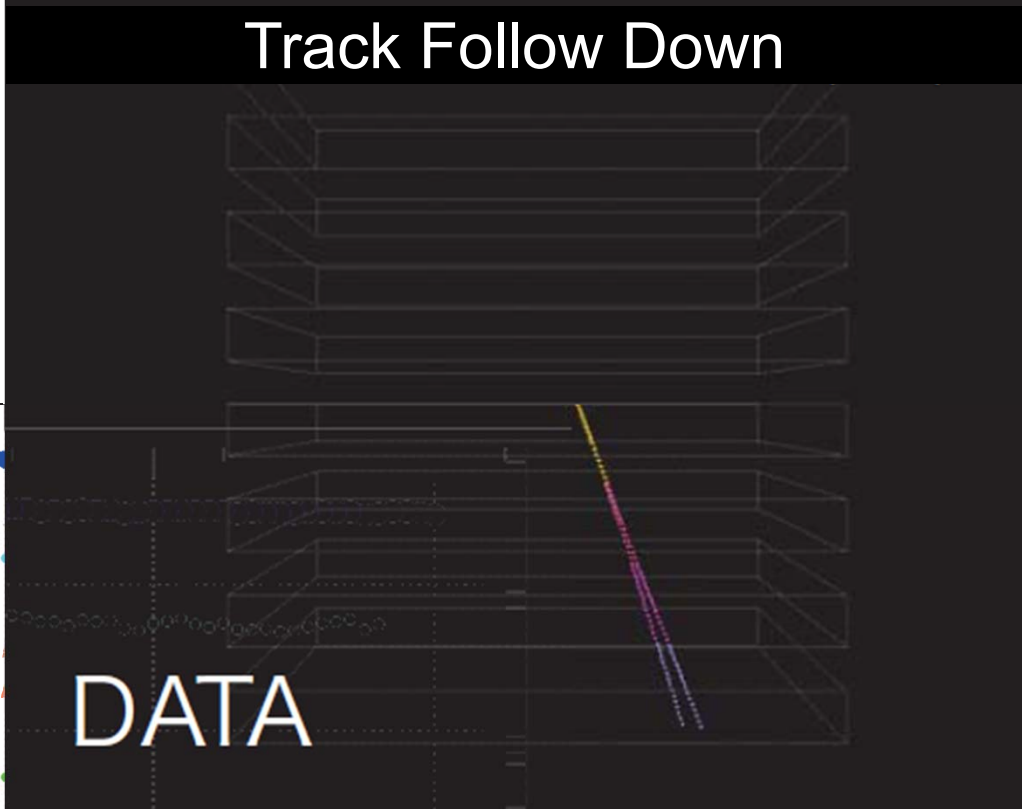


$\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Selection



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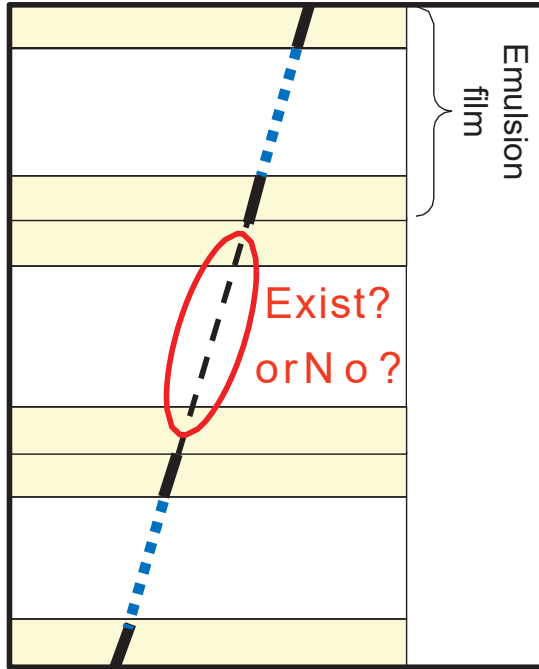
Track Follow Down



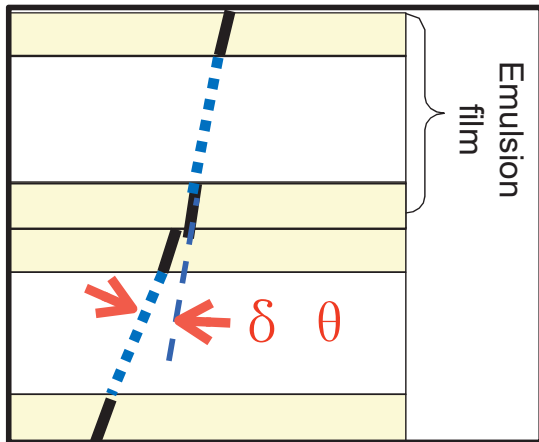
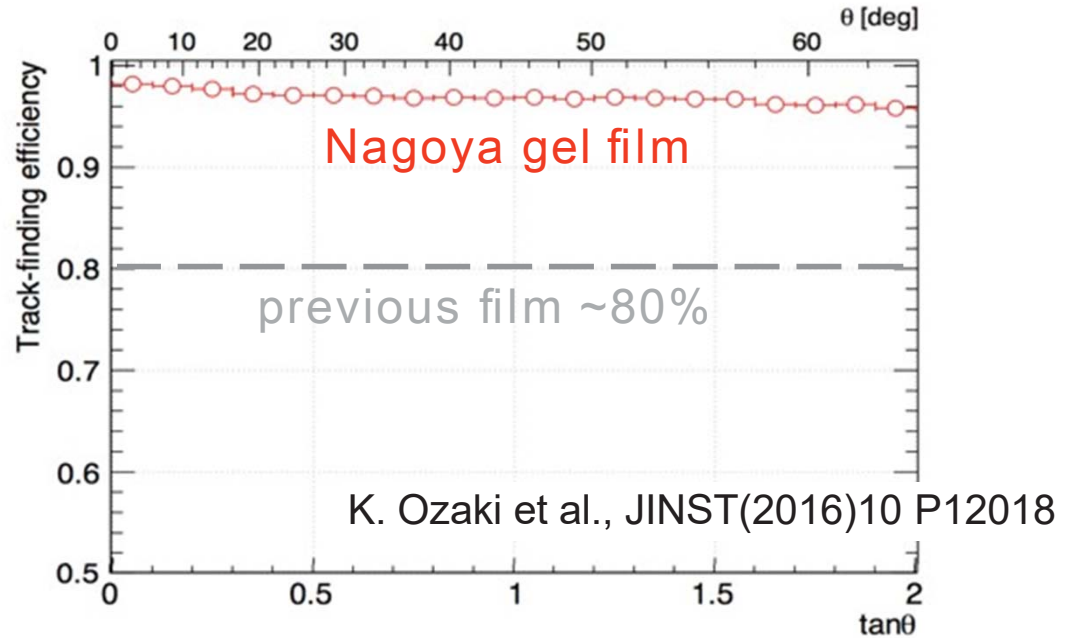
e-pair candidate
(with partner track)

$|\tan\theta| < 1.0$

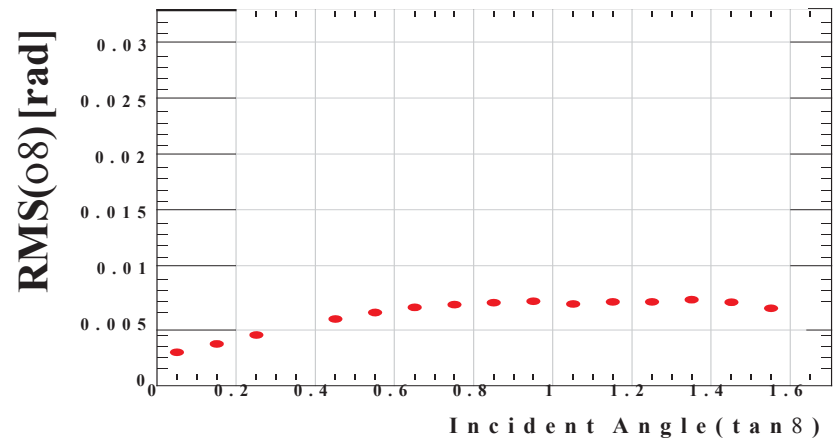
Detector Response



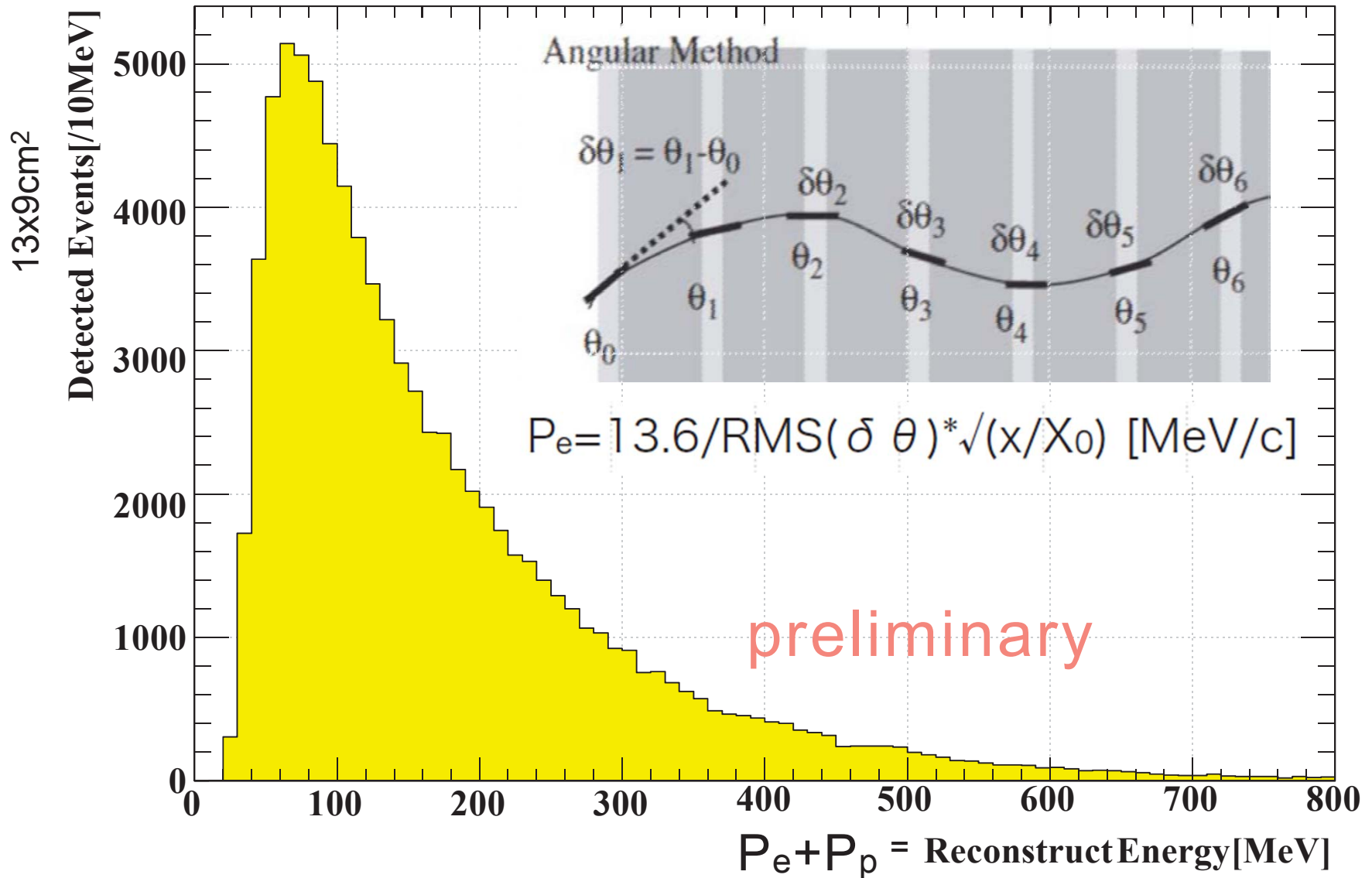
Track Detection Efficiency with Single Plate



Track Reconstruction Accuracy



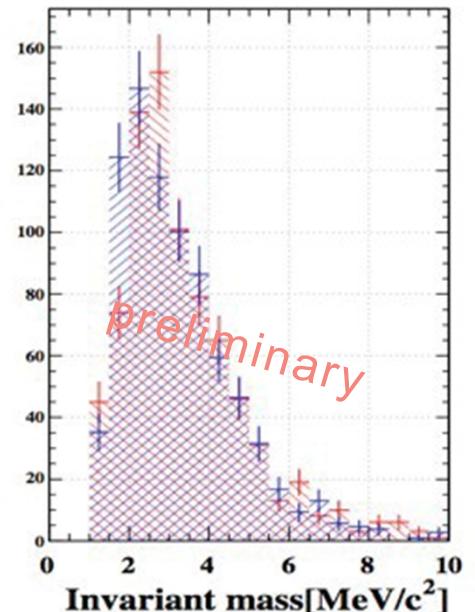
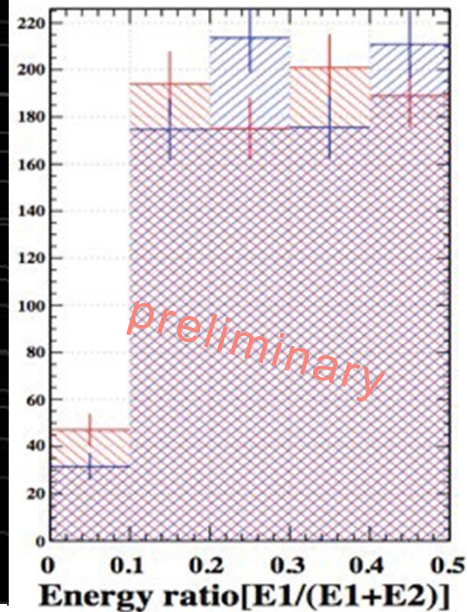
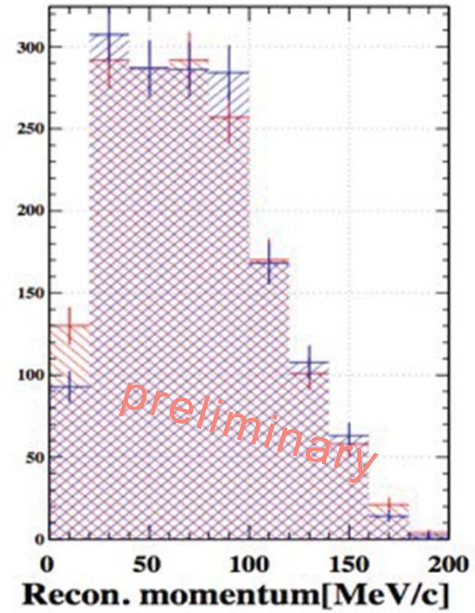
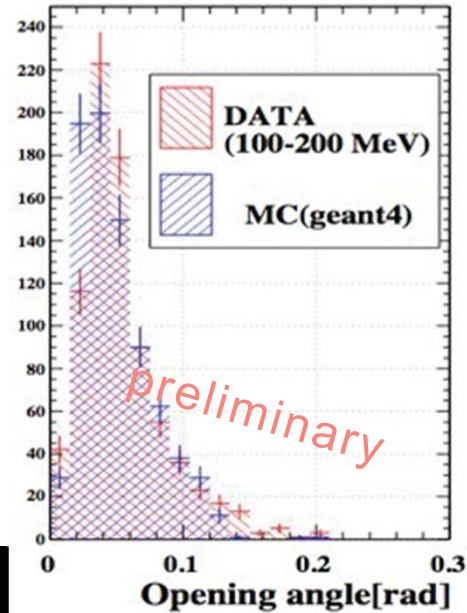
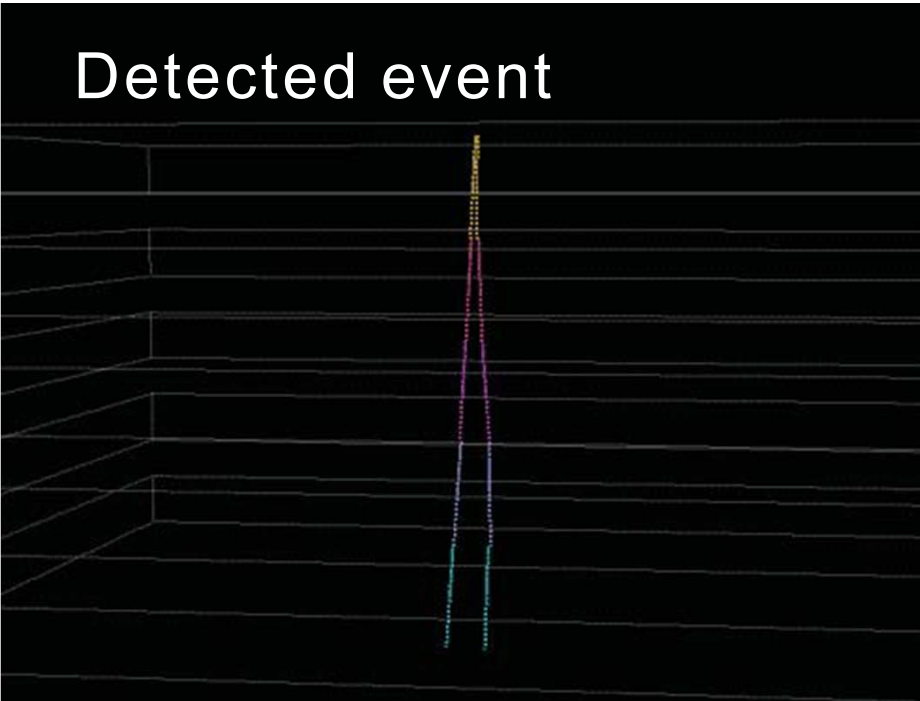
Energy Reconstruction



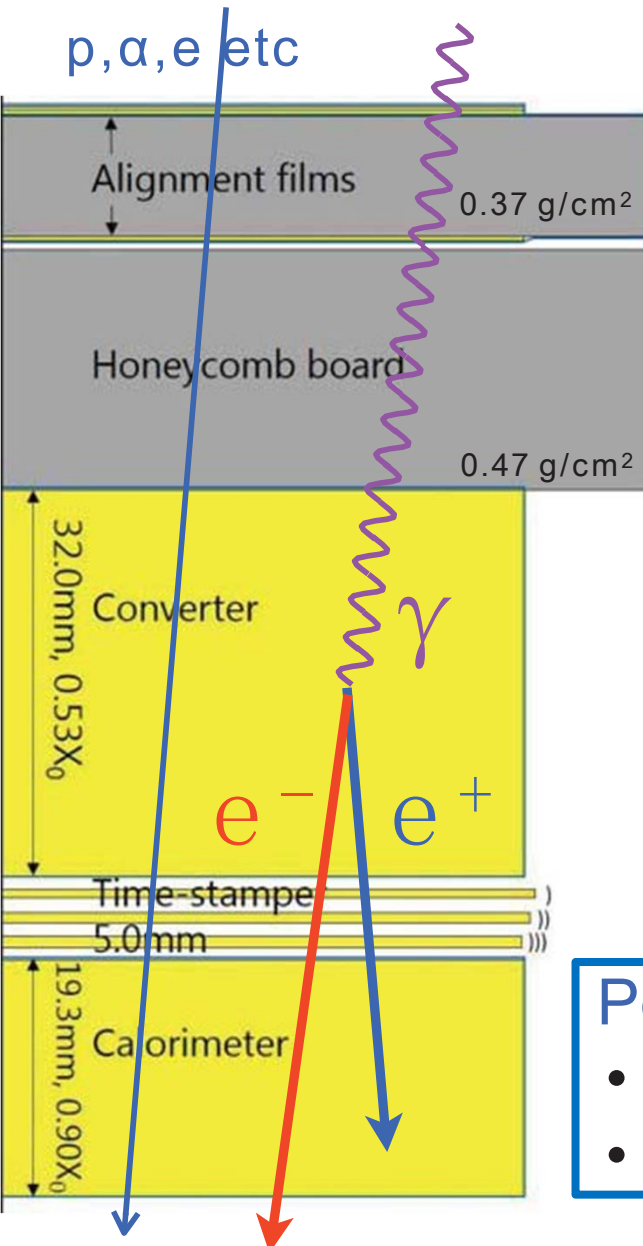
74% of total events are analyzed

Checking DATA MC (w/ detector response)

Detected event



Flow of the Analysis



Film Read-out

Converter Analysis

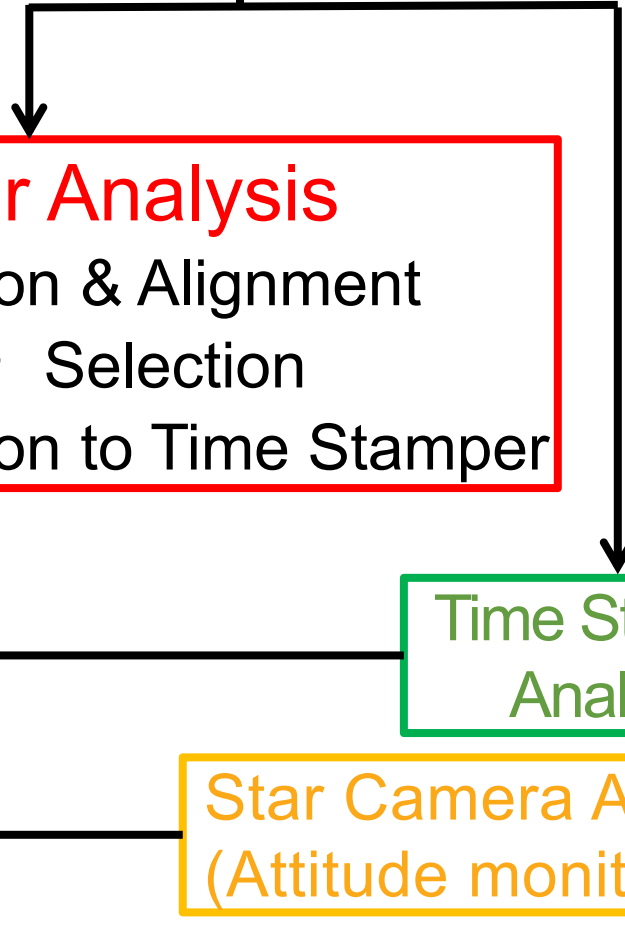
- Connection & Alignment
- $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Selection
- Connection to Time Stamper

Time Stamper Analysis

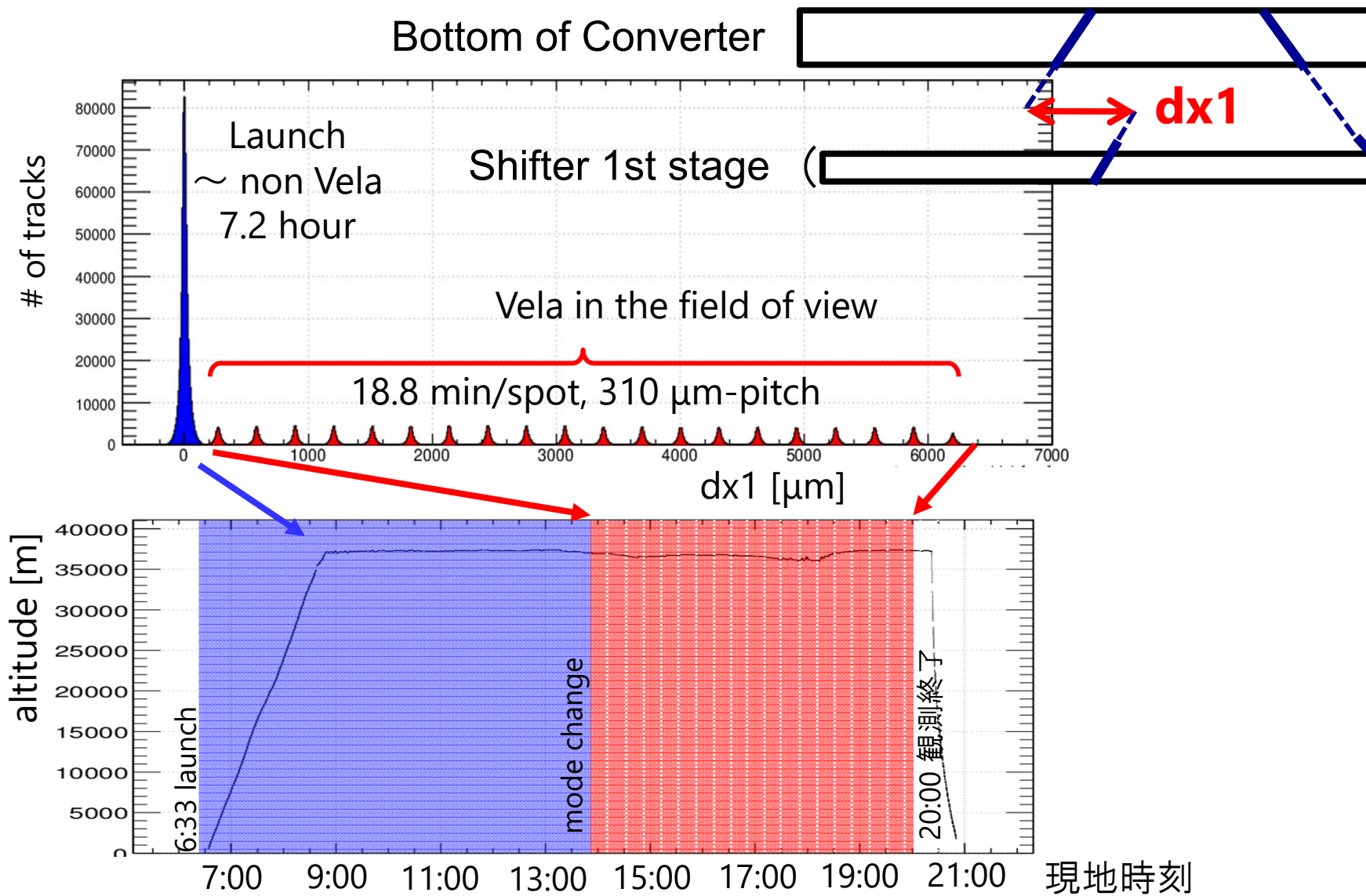
Star Camera Analysis
(Attitude monitor)

Pointing to celestial sphere

- Off Source region (BG)
- Vela region (Signal)

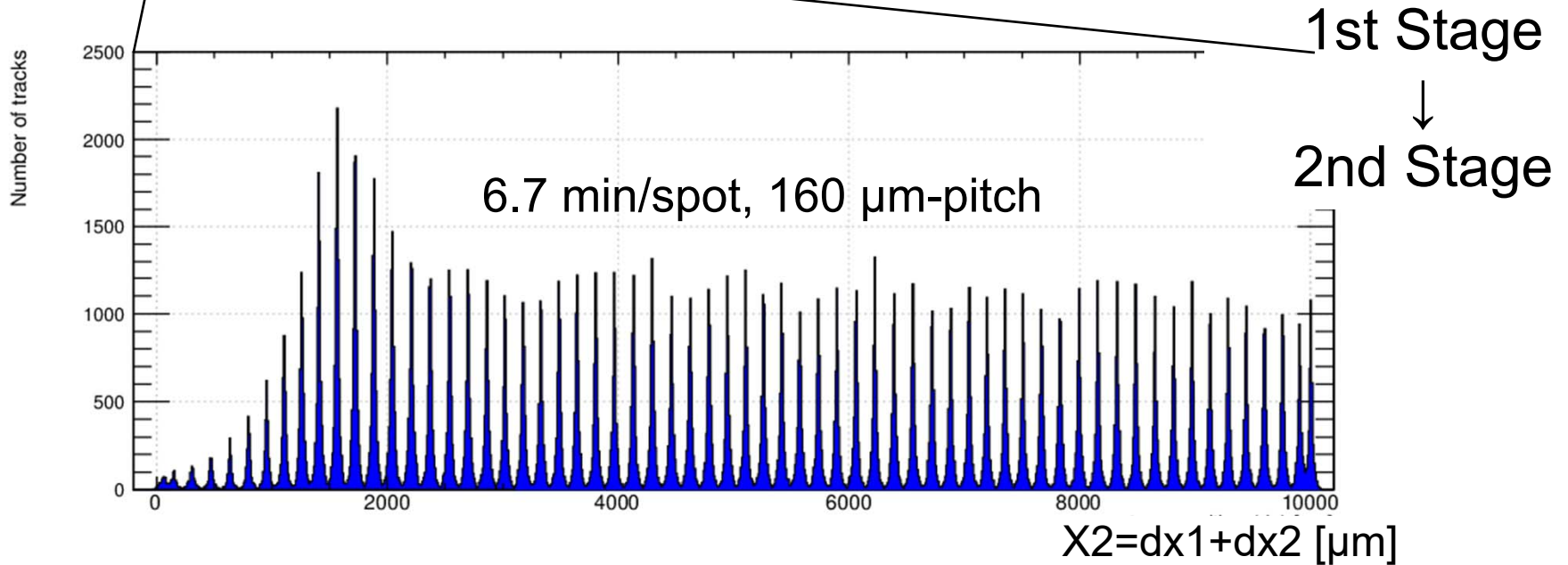
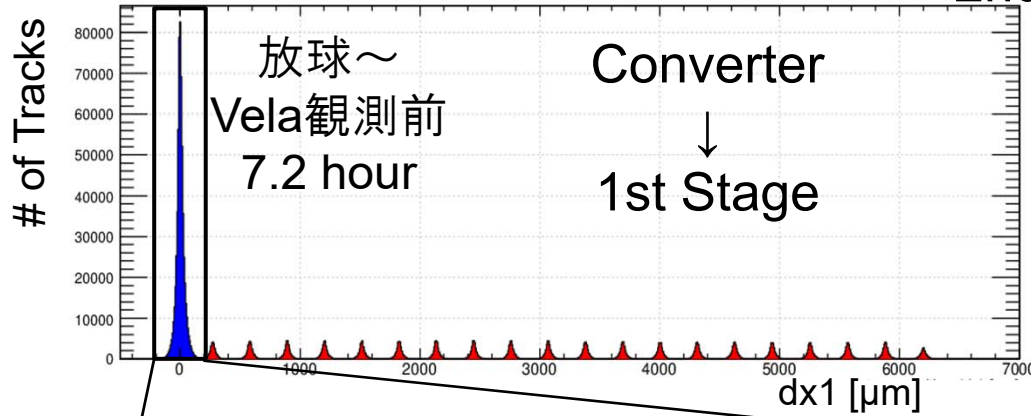
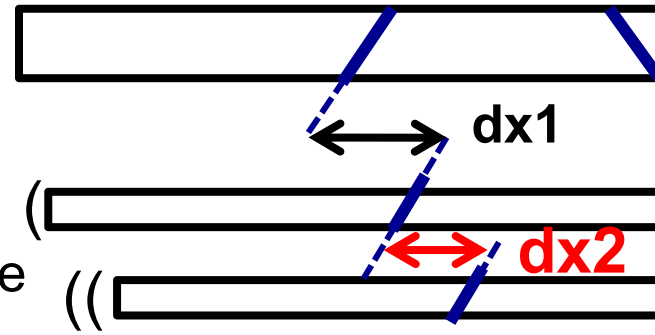


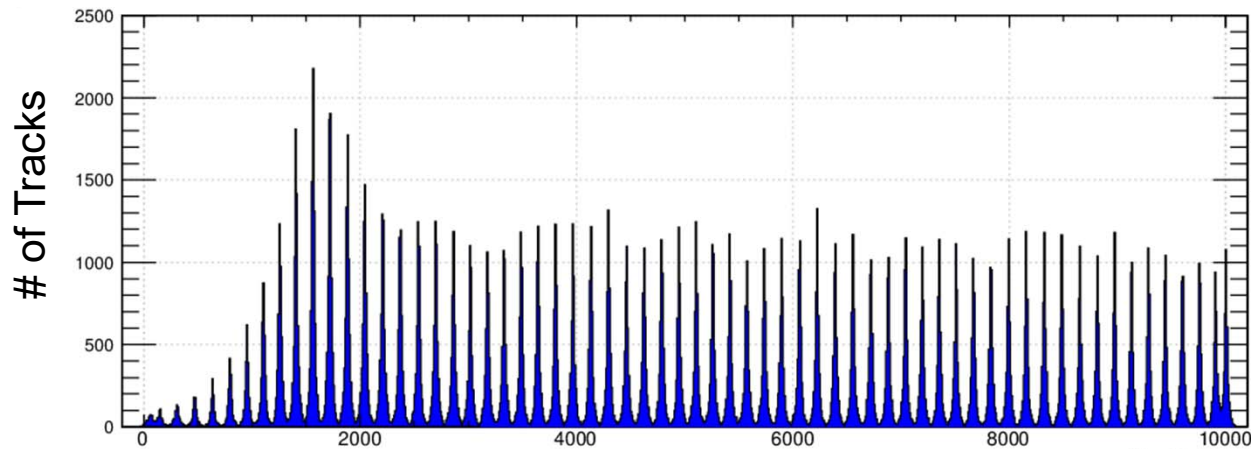
Time Stamp by Shifter 1st Stage



Shifter 2nd Stge

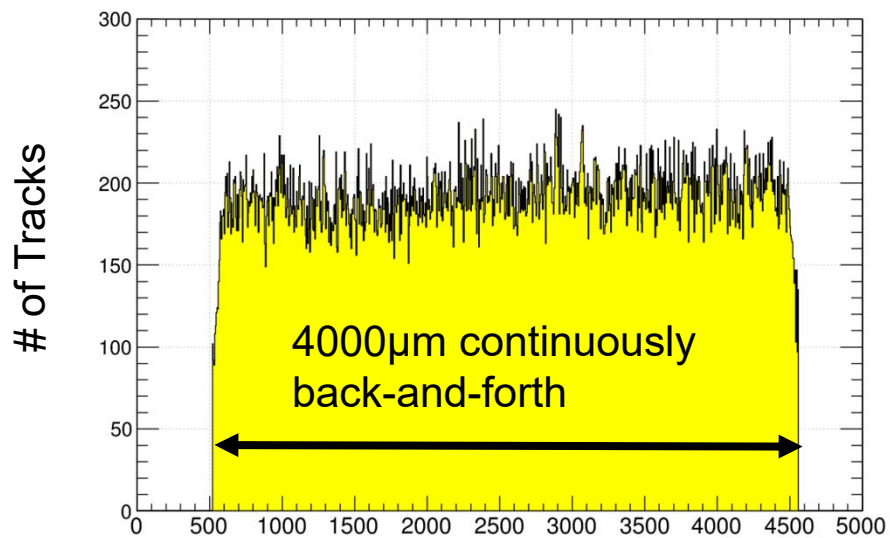
Bottom of Converter





1st Stage
 ↓
 2nd Stage

$$X2 = dx1 + dx2 \text{ [}\mu\text{m]}$$



2nd Stage
 ↓
 3rd Stage

$$X3 = dx1 + dx2 + dx3 \text{ [}\mu\text{m]}$$



Day Time Star Camera

- Optics Filter
Schneider Optics B+W091

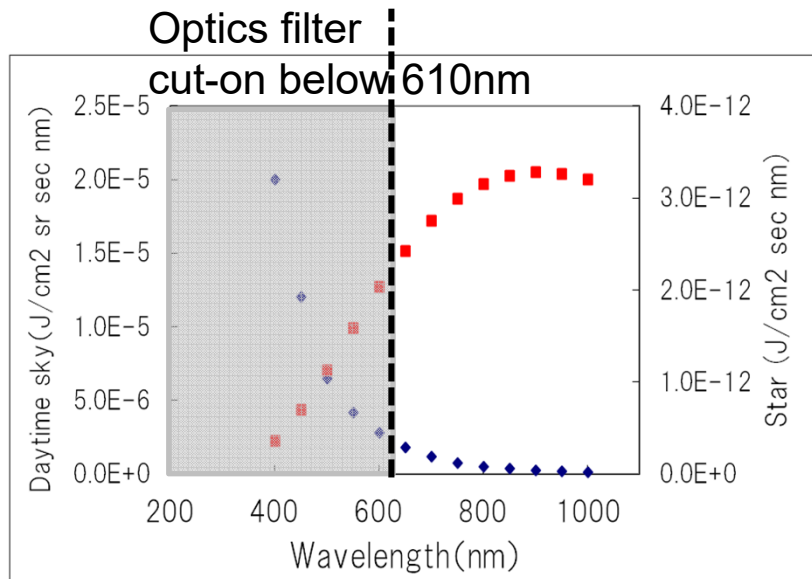
- Camera Lens
Nikon AF Nikkor 85mm F1.4D
 - diameter: 60.7mm
 - focal length: 85mm

- CCD Camera
HAMAMATSU C3077-79
(near-IR camera)
 - pixels: 640 × 480

- CPU board
ADVANTECH PCM-3362
 - CPU: Intel Atom N450 1.66GHz

- Video Capture board
Sensory Frame Grabber Model 311
 - ADC : 8bit
 - Frame rate: 30FPS

- SSD(128GB)
TOSHIBA SSDN-ST128H



- ◆: Daytime sky BG (Dietz et al., 2002)
- : Star spectrum (M-type: 3200K)

Field of View:
5.9deg(H) × 4.5deg(V)
Limiting magnitude: 6
Monitoring accuracy: 0.16mrad

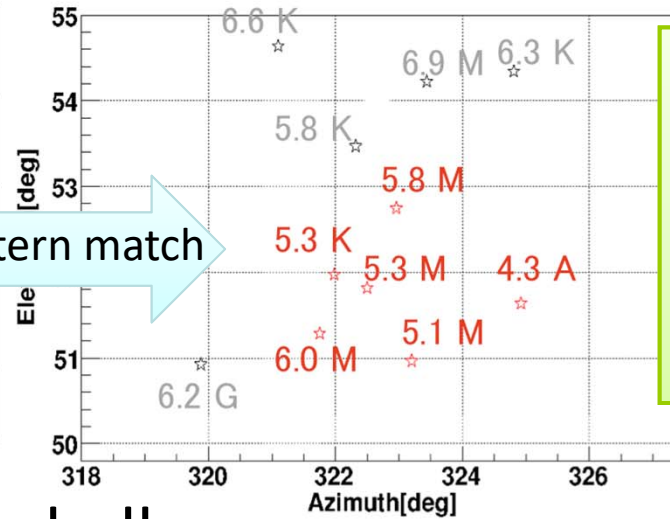
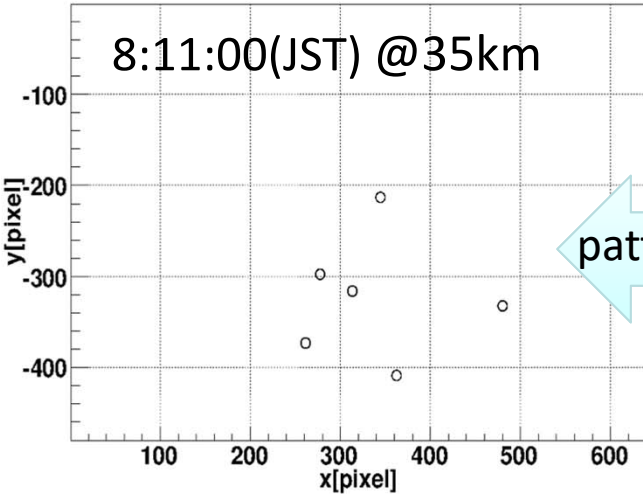
K.Ozaki, et al., Proc. of Balloon Sympo., isas12-sbs-022 (in Japanese)

Attitude analysis

K. Ozaki et al.,
Proc. of Balloon Sympto.,
isas12-sbs-022

Daytime star camera view

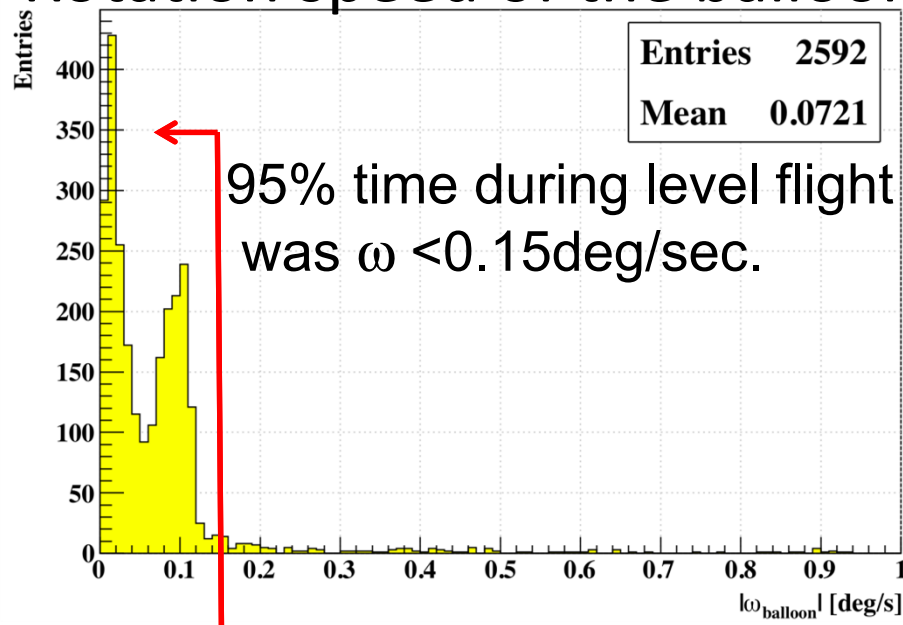
Star catalog data



← pattern match →

Working rate: 74 %
Monitoring
accuracy: < mrad
Elevation < 0.25mrad
Azimuth < 0.44mrad

Rotation speed of the balloon



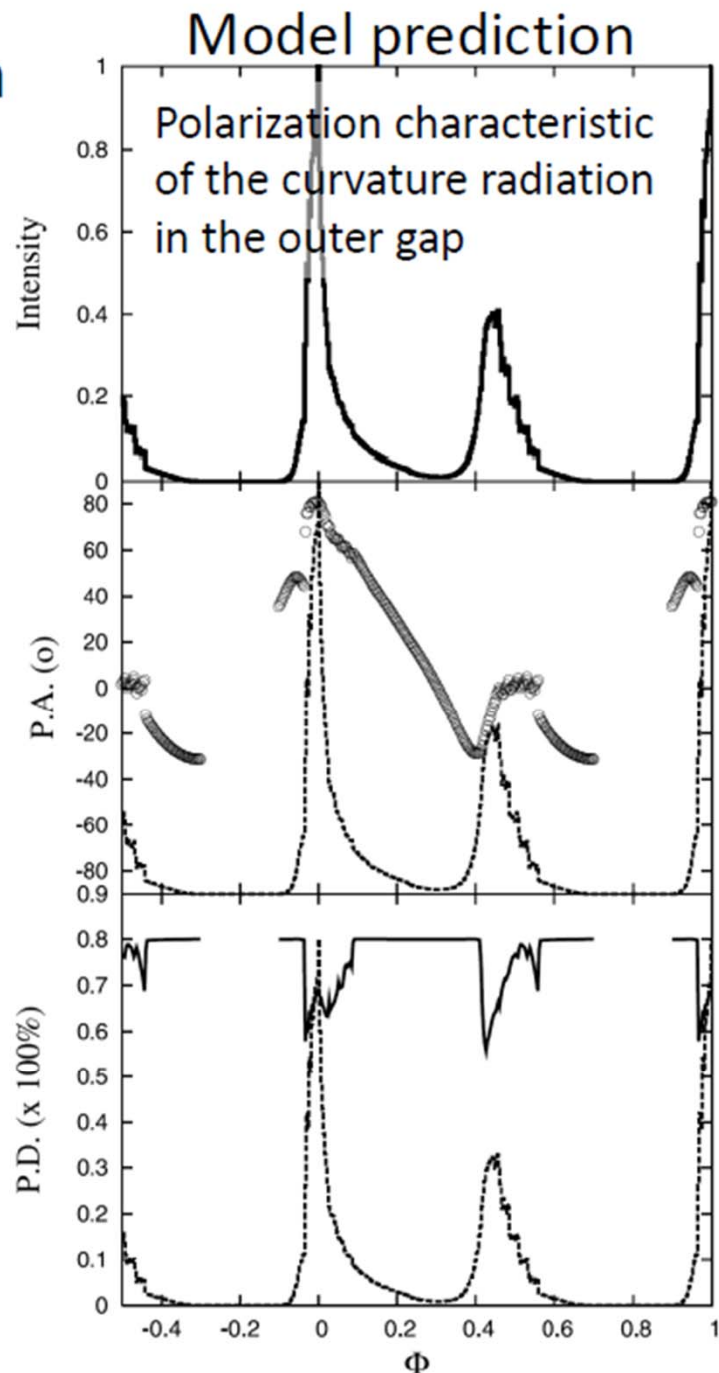
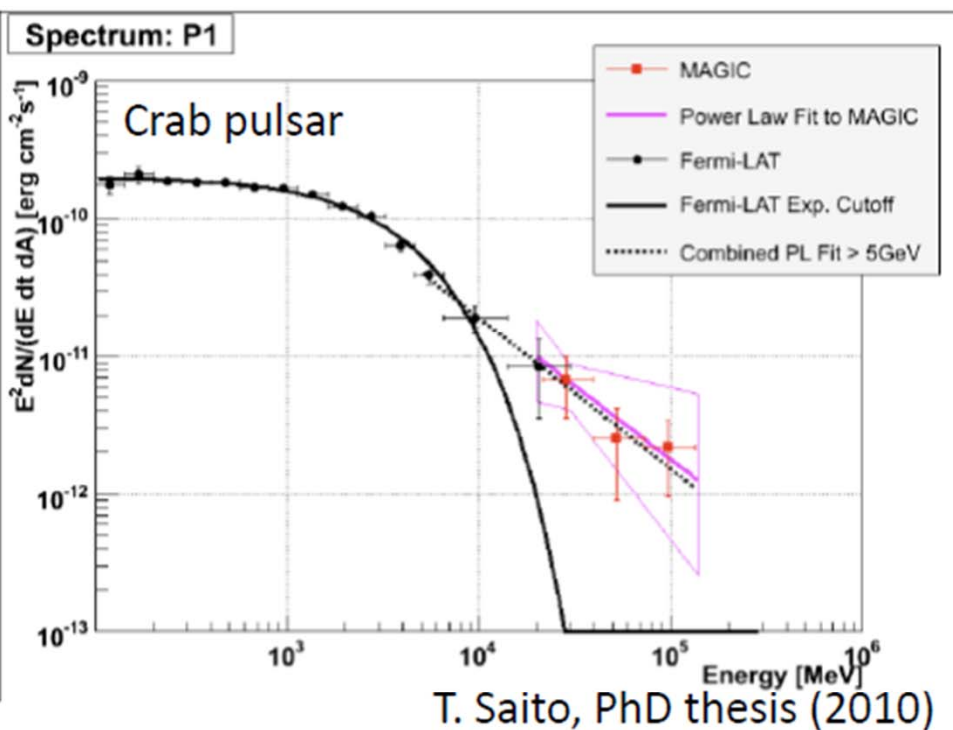
It is important to decide telescope attitude to celestial coordinate better than emulsion angular resolution(0.08deg).

We confirmed attitude decision accuracy was $< \omega \sigma_t < 0.02 \text{ deg}$.

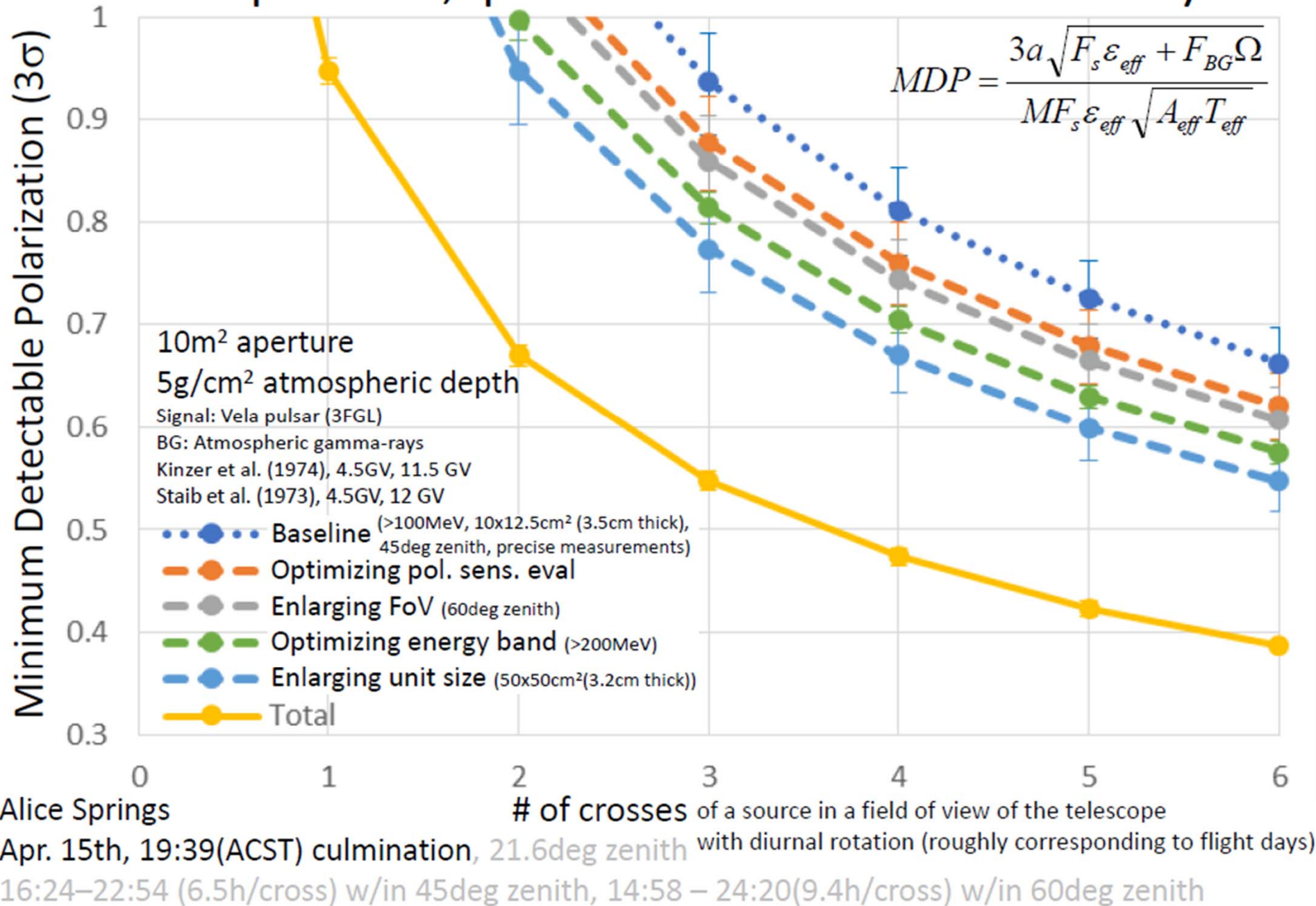
Pioneering polarization observation for high energy γ -rays

Approaching emission mechanism

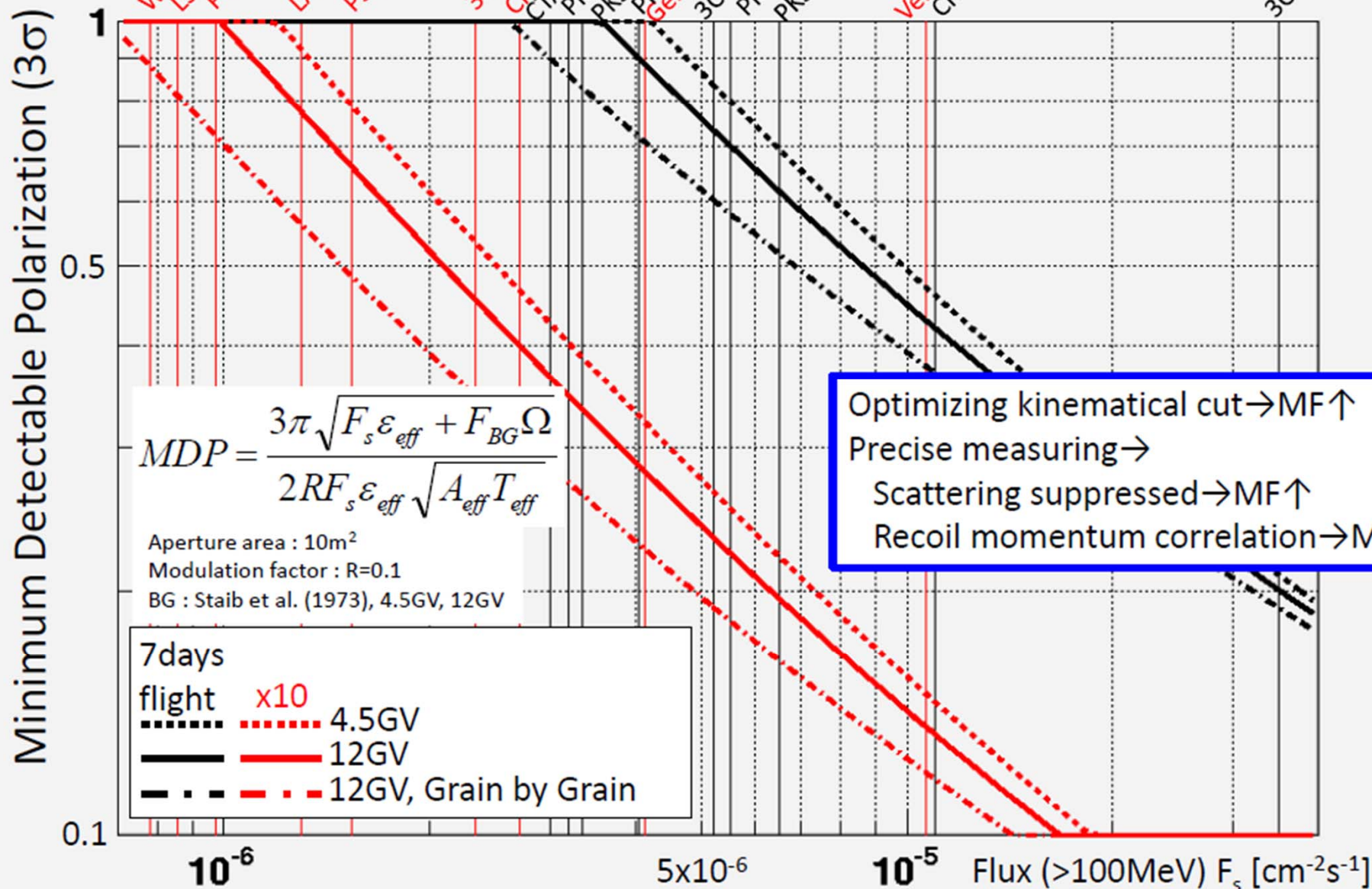
Pulsars, AGNs, Flares, GRBs



Vela pulsar, polarization sensitivity



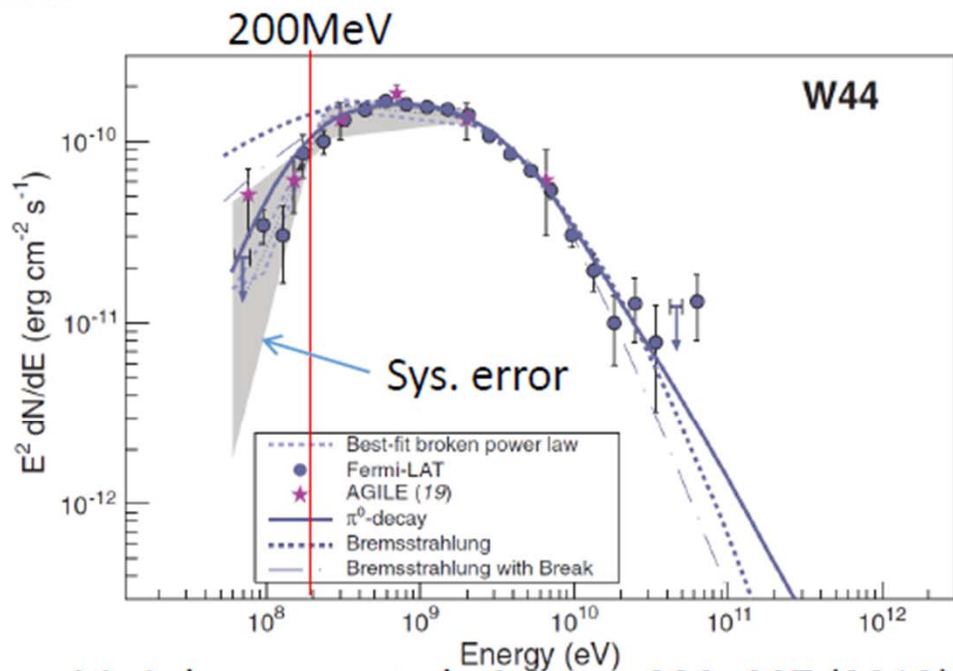
Polarization sensitivity



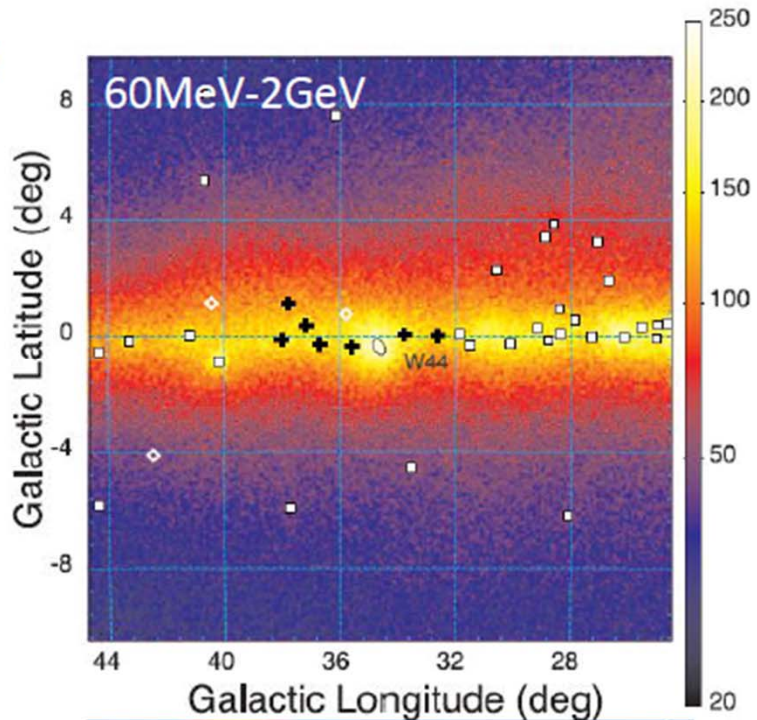
Optimizing kinematical cut \rightarrow MF \uparrow
 Precise measuring \rightarrow
 Scattering suppressed \rightarrow MF \uparrow
 Recoil momentum correlation \rightarrow MF \uparrow

π^0 emission: Direct evidence of proton acceleration

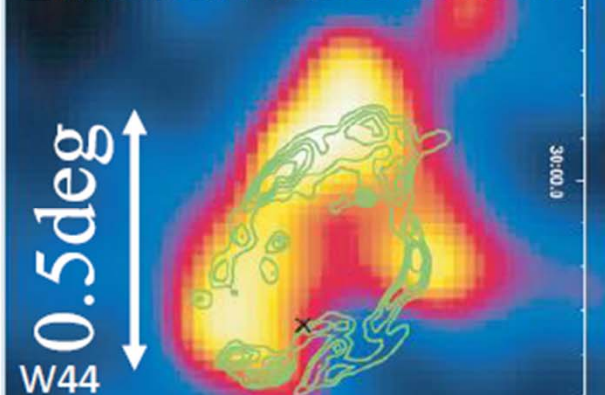
SNRs



M. Ackermann et al., Science 339, 807 (2013)

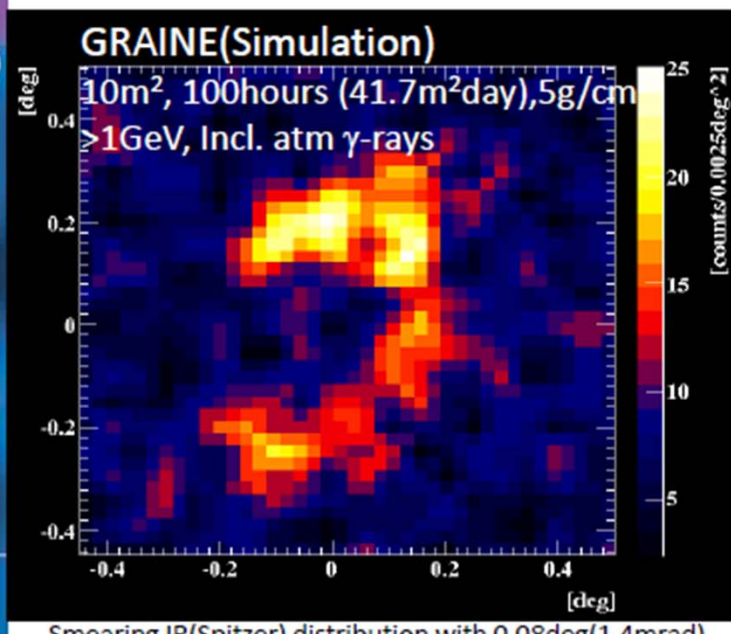
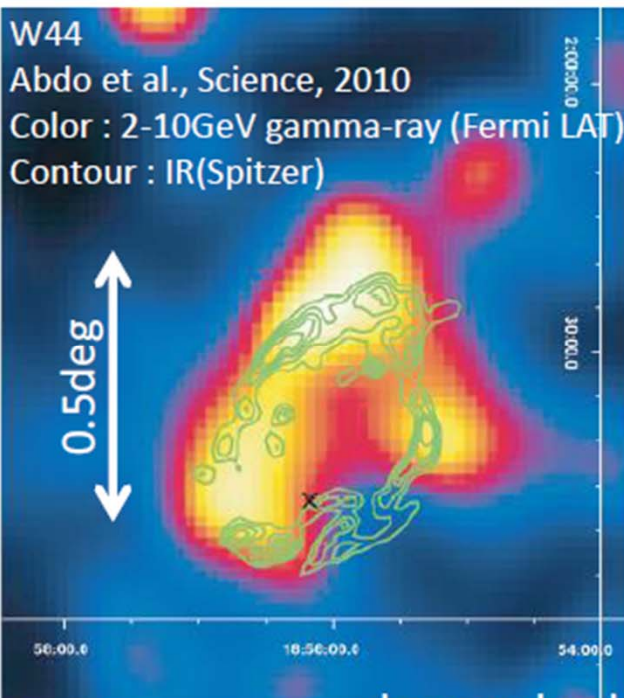
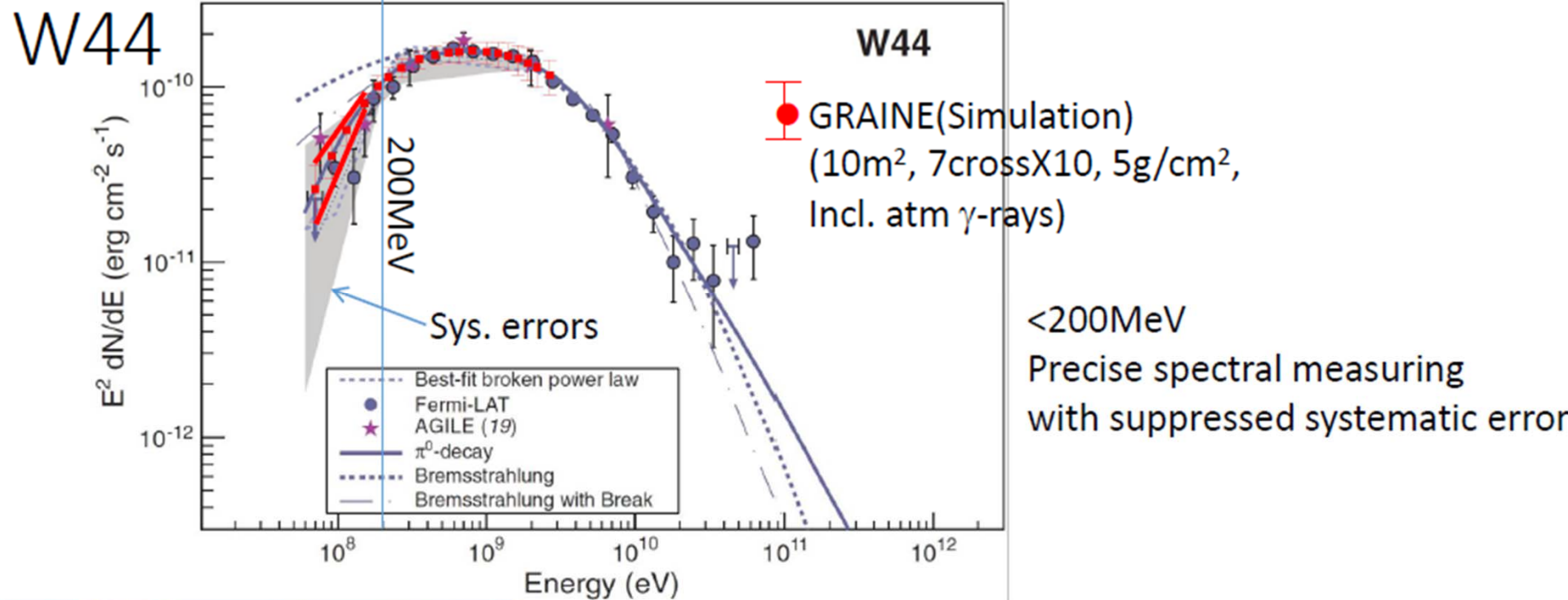


Spatial structure:
Emission mechanism



<200MeV, precise spectrum measurements with suppressed systematic errors

>200MeV, investigating spatial structure

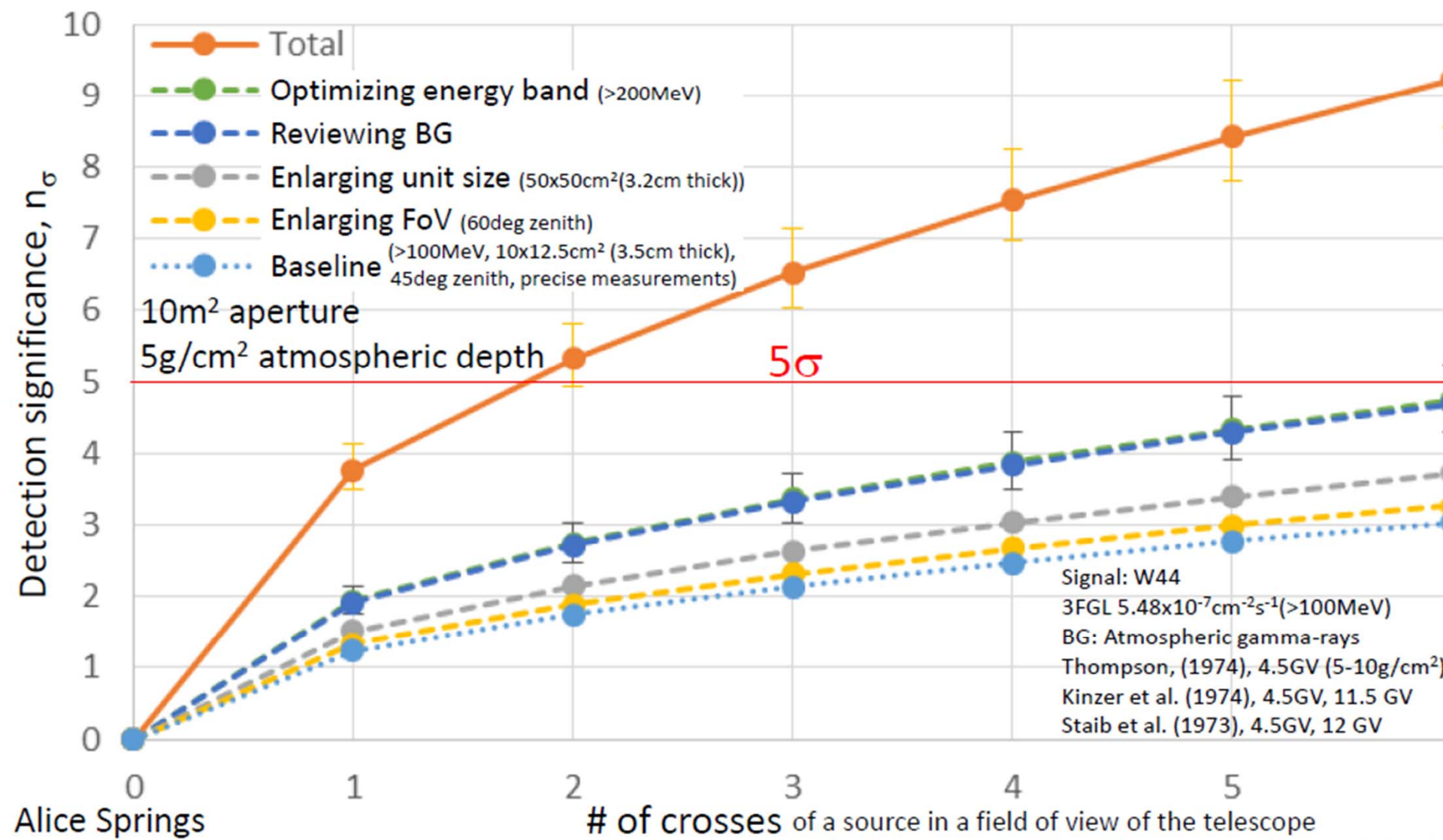


>200MeV
Investigating spatial structure

Smearing IR(Spitzer) distribution with 0.08deg(1.4mrad)

W44 detection sensitivity

$$n_{\sigma} = \frac{N_s}{\sqrt{N_{BG}}}$$



Alice Springs

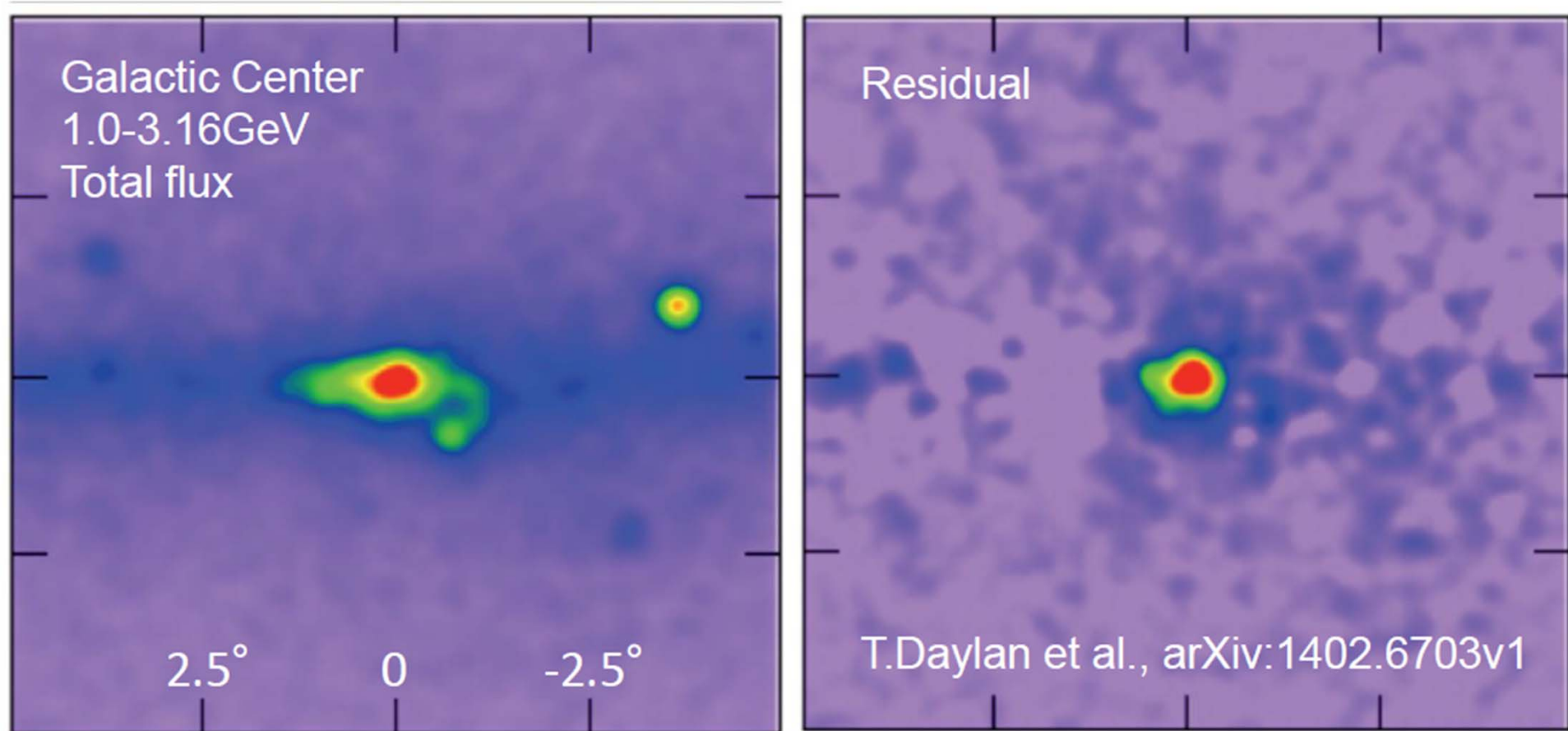
of crosses of a source in a field of view of the telescope

Apr. 15th, 6:04(ACST) culmination, 25.1deg zenith

with diurnal rotation (roughly corresponding to flight da

2:27, 8:42 (E 25h/cross) w/in 45deg zenith 2:10, 0:40 (7.5h/cross) w/in 60deg zenith

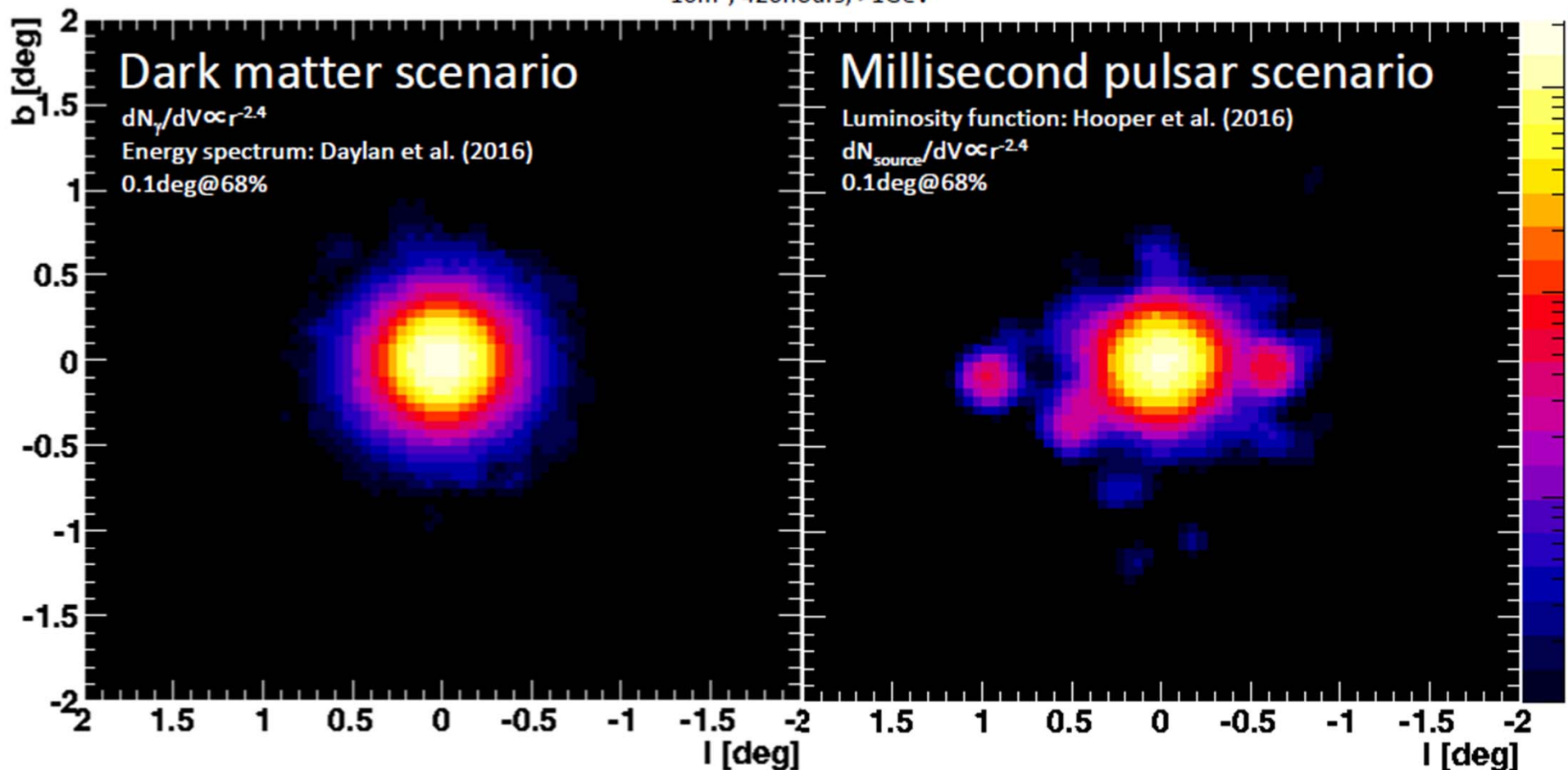
GeV γ -ray excess at galactic center region



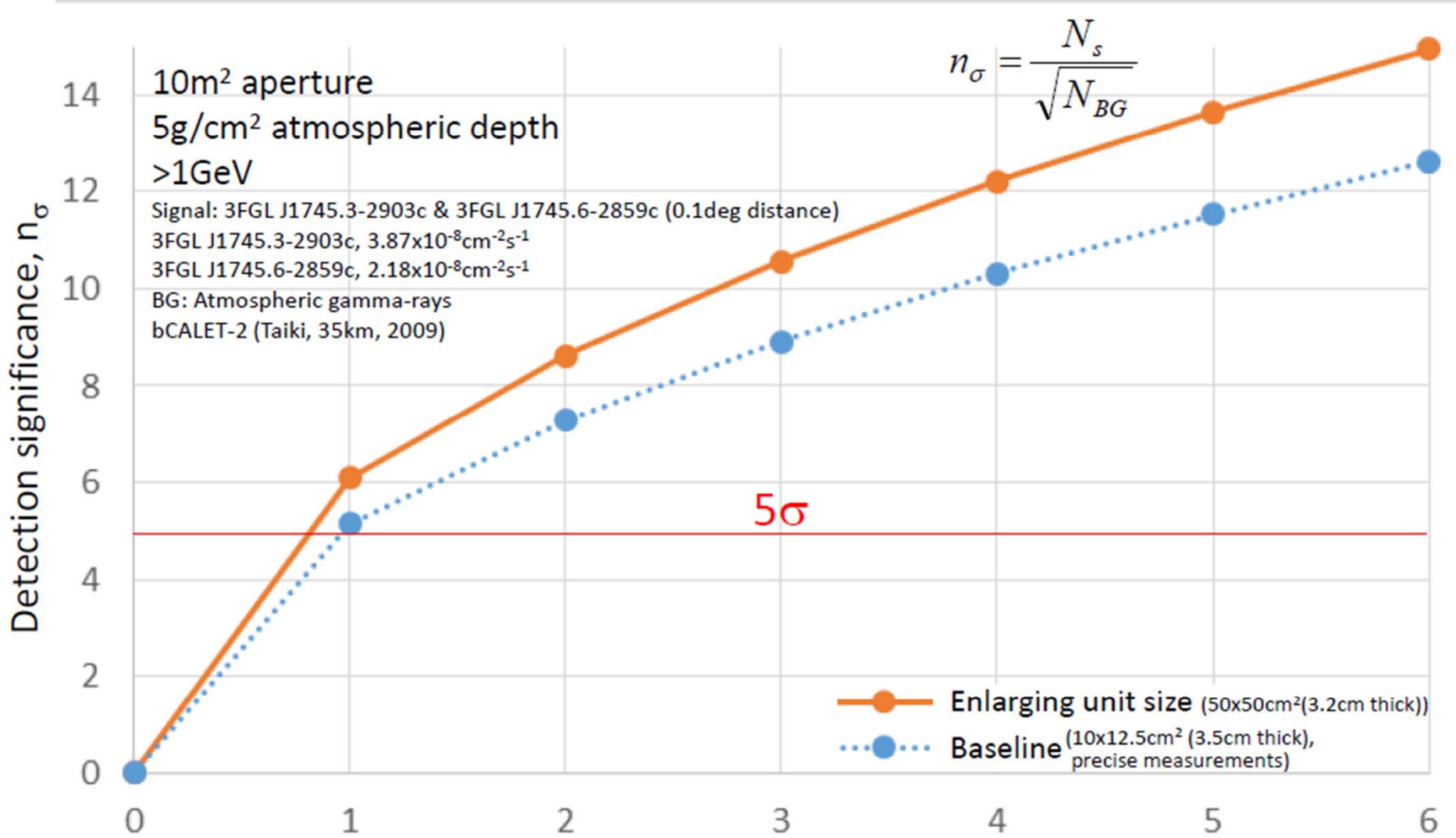
GeV γ -ray observations at galactic center region
with \sim arcmin resolution

Simulation of GeV γ -ray excess at galactic center region w/ high angular resolution

10m², 420hours, >1GeV



Galactic center region, detection sensitivity



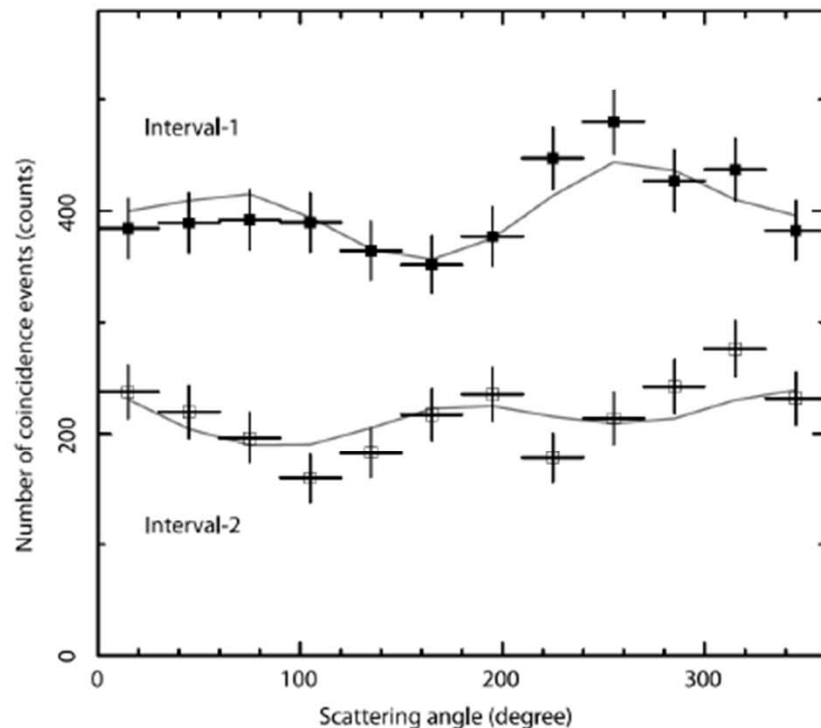
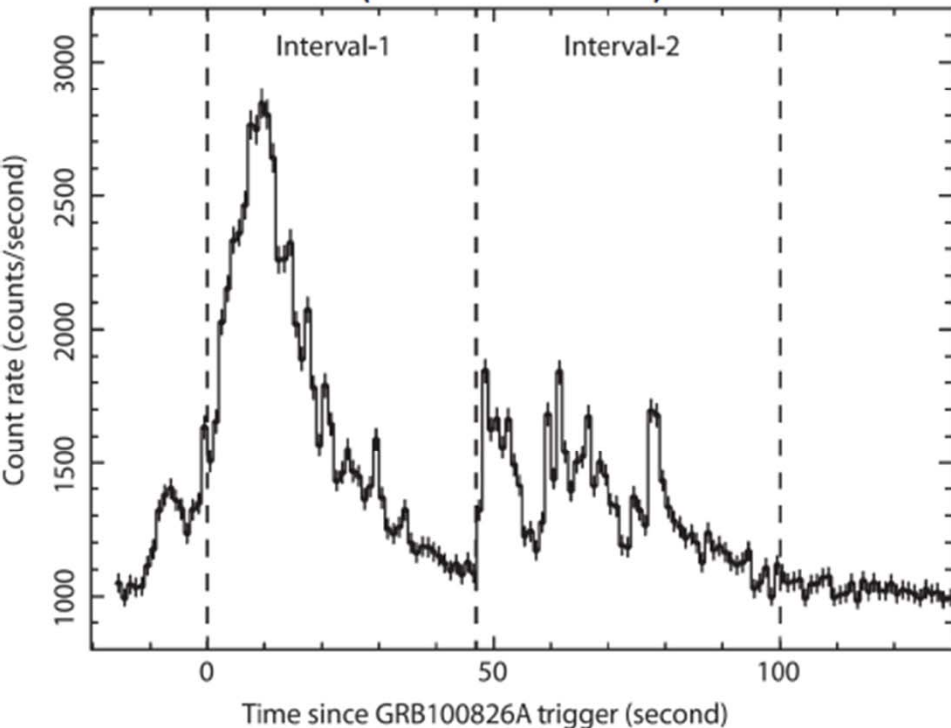
Alice Springs
 Apr. 15th, 4:53(ACST) culmination, 5.3deg zenith
 1:31–8:16 (6.75h/cross) w/in 45deg zenith

of crosses of a source in a field of view of the telescope with diurnal rotation (roughly corresponding to flight days)

$N_{\text{signal}}=132, N_{\text{BG}}=78 @ 6 \text{ crosses}$

Test of fundamental symmetries beyond the Planck scale

IKAROS-GAP (70keV-300keV)



Yonetoku et al., ApJ, 2011

Scale of CPT violation (rotation angle of pol. vector)

$$d\theta \simeq \xi p^2 dt / M_{Pl}$$

Constraint from GRB pol. obs. by GAP

$$|\xi| < O(10^{-15})$$

K.Toma et al., PRL 109, 241104 (2012)

By polarization observation for **high energy γ -rays** (e.g. > 100 MeV) from **distant AGNs and GRBs** by emulsion γ -ray telescope, **much strict** (five order of magnitude better) **validation** of CPT symmetry can be performed.