

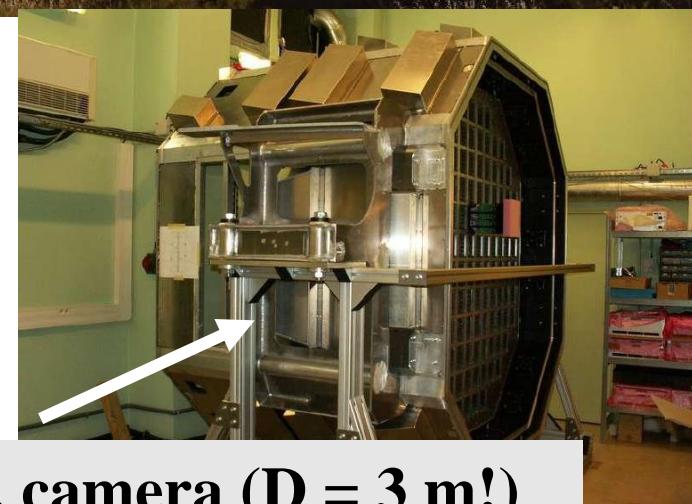
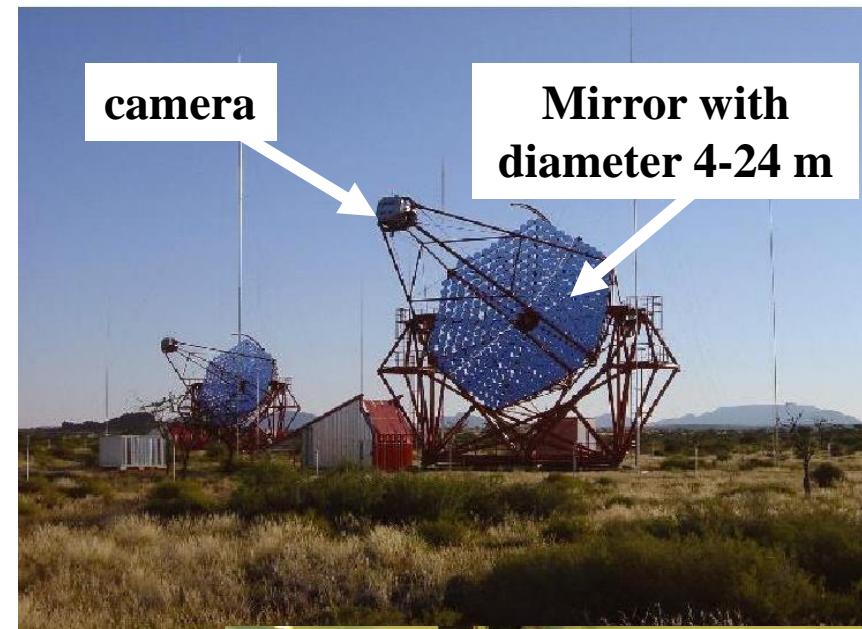
# Статус эксперимента TAIGA



**N.Budnev, Irkutsk State University**  
**For TAIGA collaboration**

**At present an Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACT) are the main instruments for the ground based high energy gamma astronomy**

**An Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope (IACT) - narrow-angle telescope (3-5 FOV) with a mirror of 4 -28 m diameter which reflects EAS Cherenkov light into a camera with up to 1000 PMT where Cherenkov EAS image is formed.**



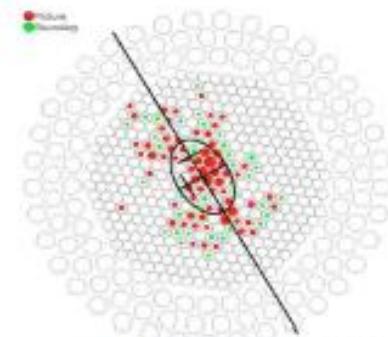
**H.E.S.S. camera ( $D = 3$  m!)**



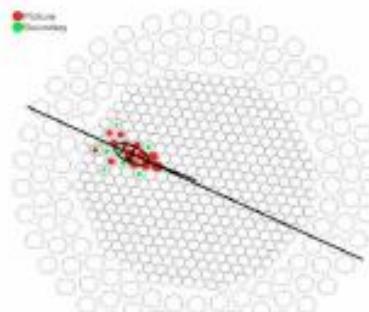
Whipple 10 m Reflector and Camera, 1984  
Prototype Imaging System



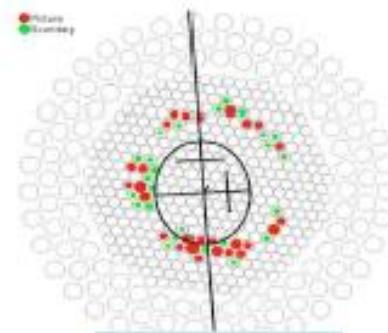
## Types of images seen by atmospheric Cherenkov camera



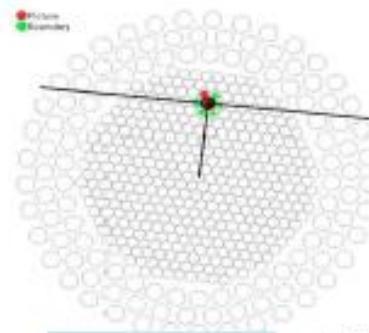
Hadron



Gamma ray



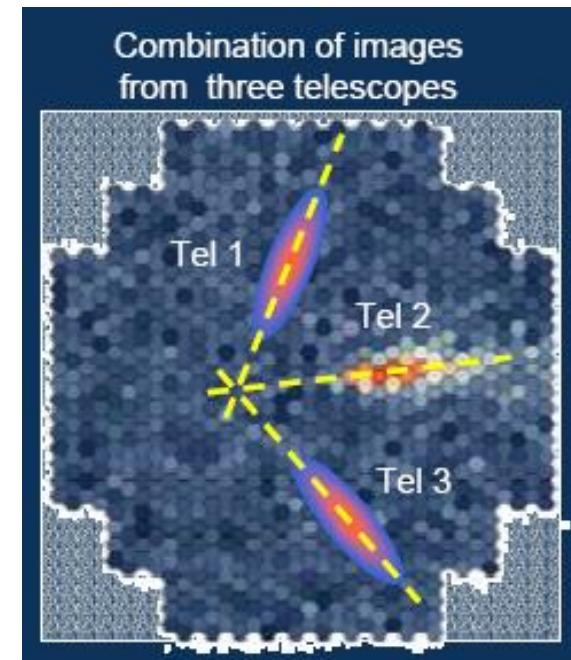
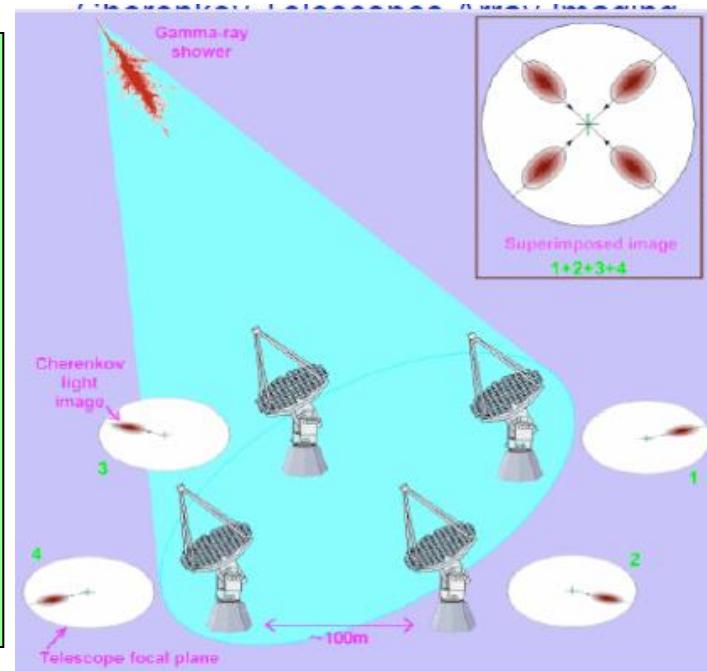
Muon Ring



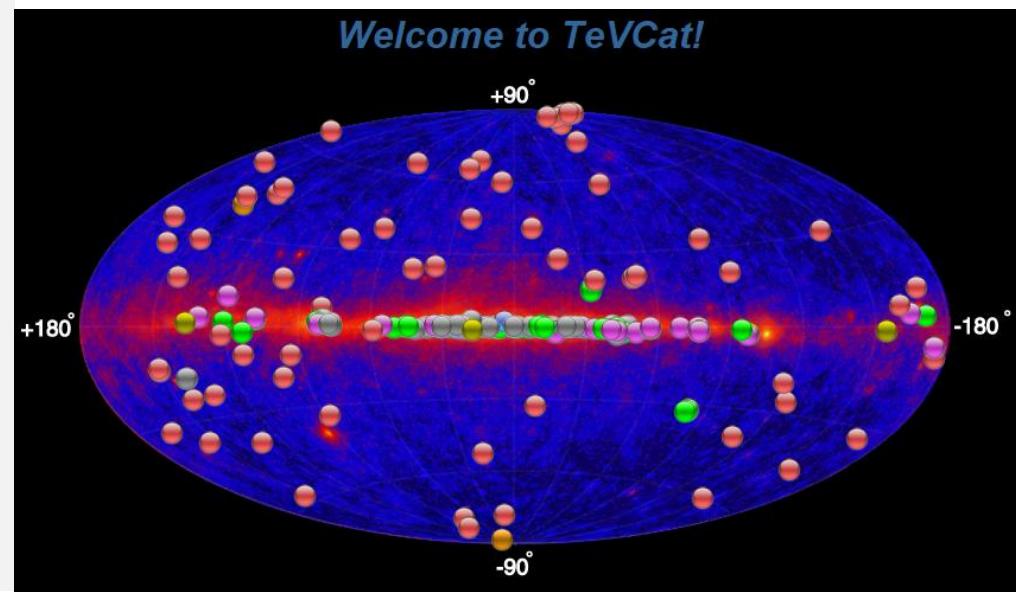
Sky Noise

# Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Arrays (2-5 IACT)

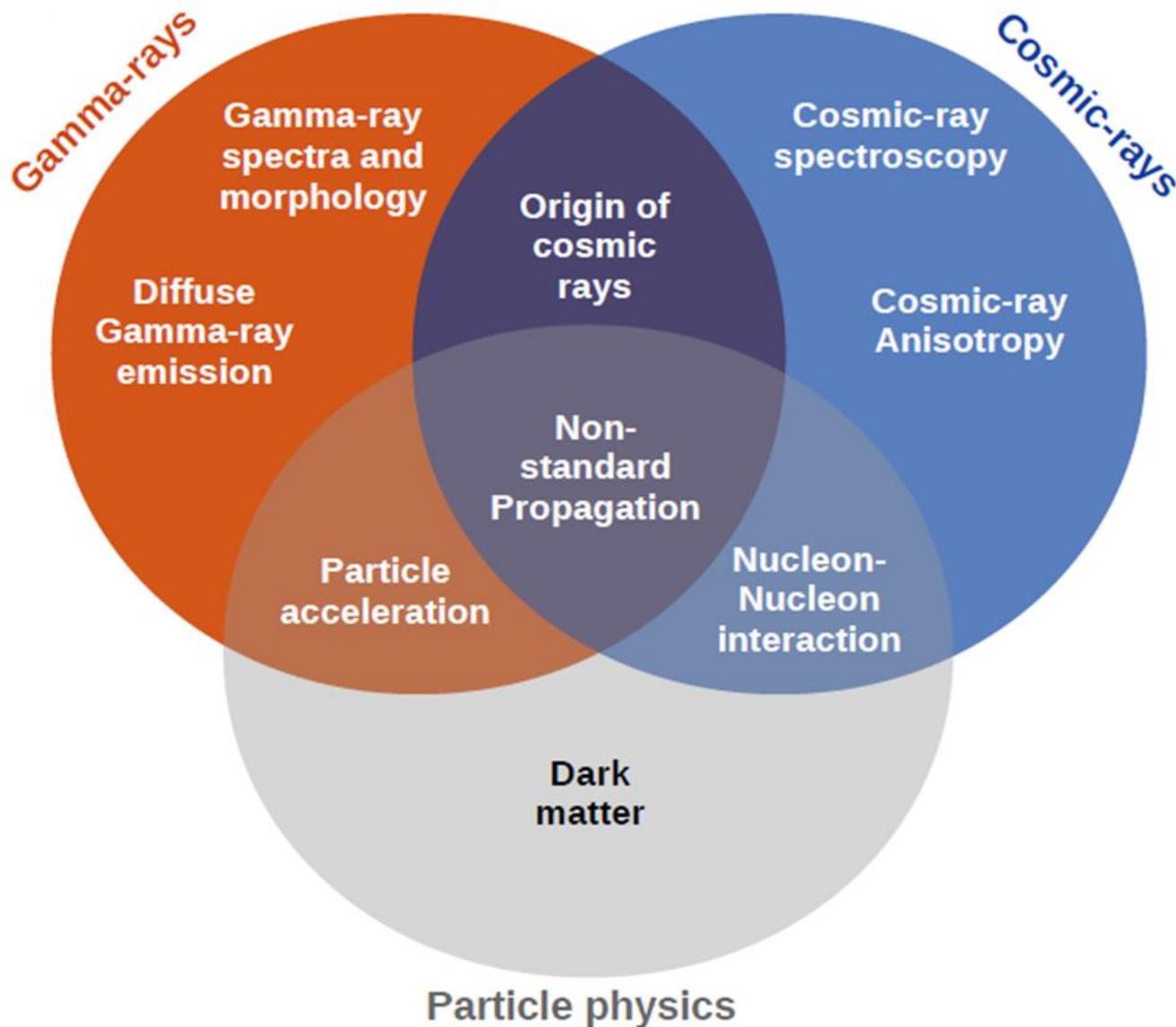
Whipple  
HEGRA  
H.E.S.S.  
MAGIC  
VERITAS  
 $S \sim 0.1 \text{ km}^2$



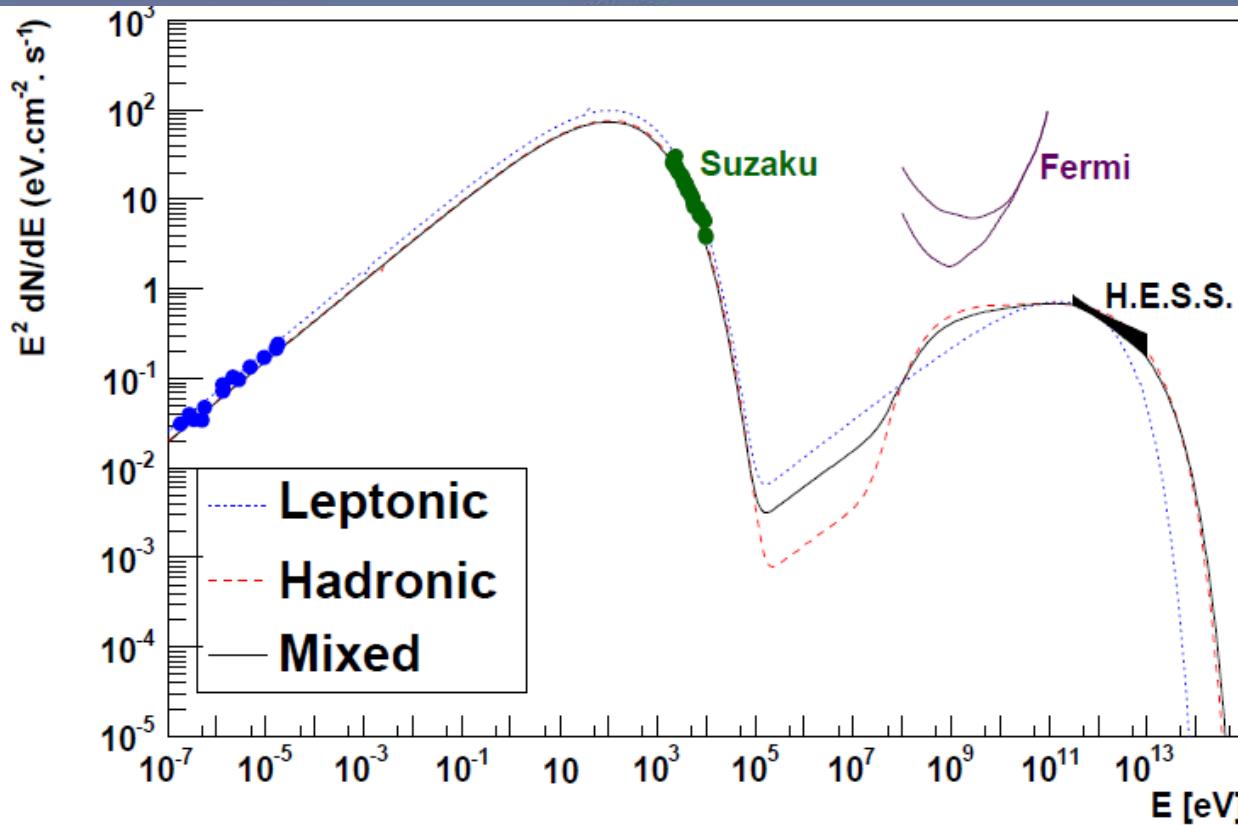
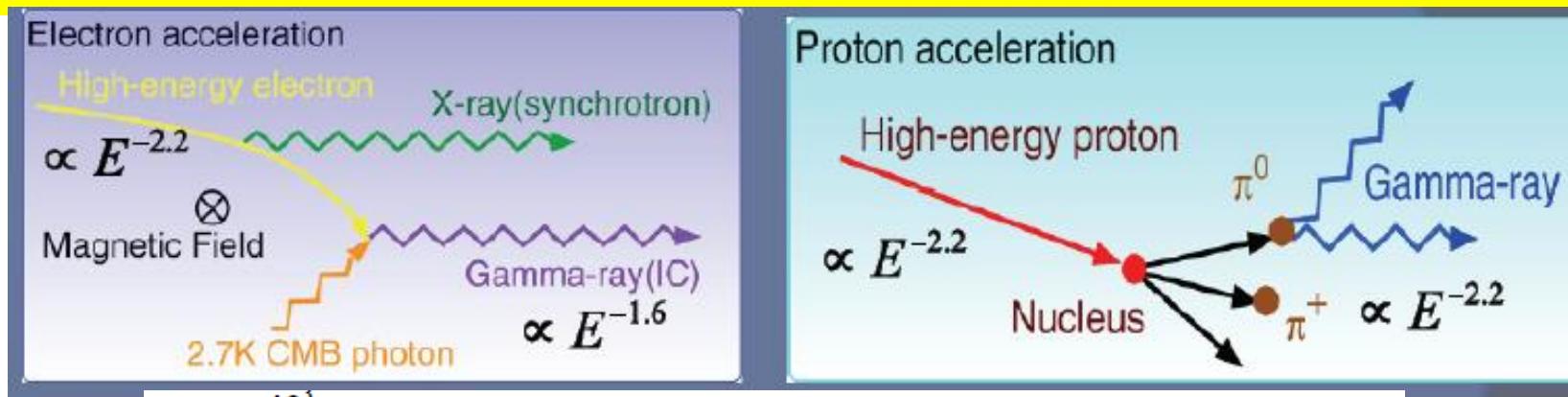
About 200 sources of gamma rays with energy more than 1 TeV were discovered with IACT arrays. But a few gamma quantum with energy more than 50 TeV were detected up to now. An area of an array should be a few square kilometers as minimum to detect high energy gamma rays.



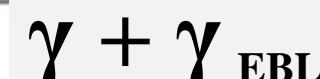
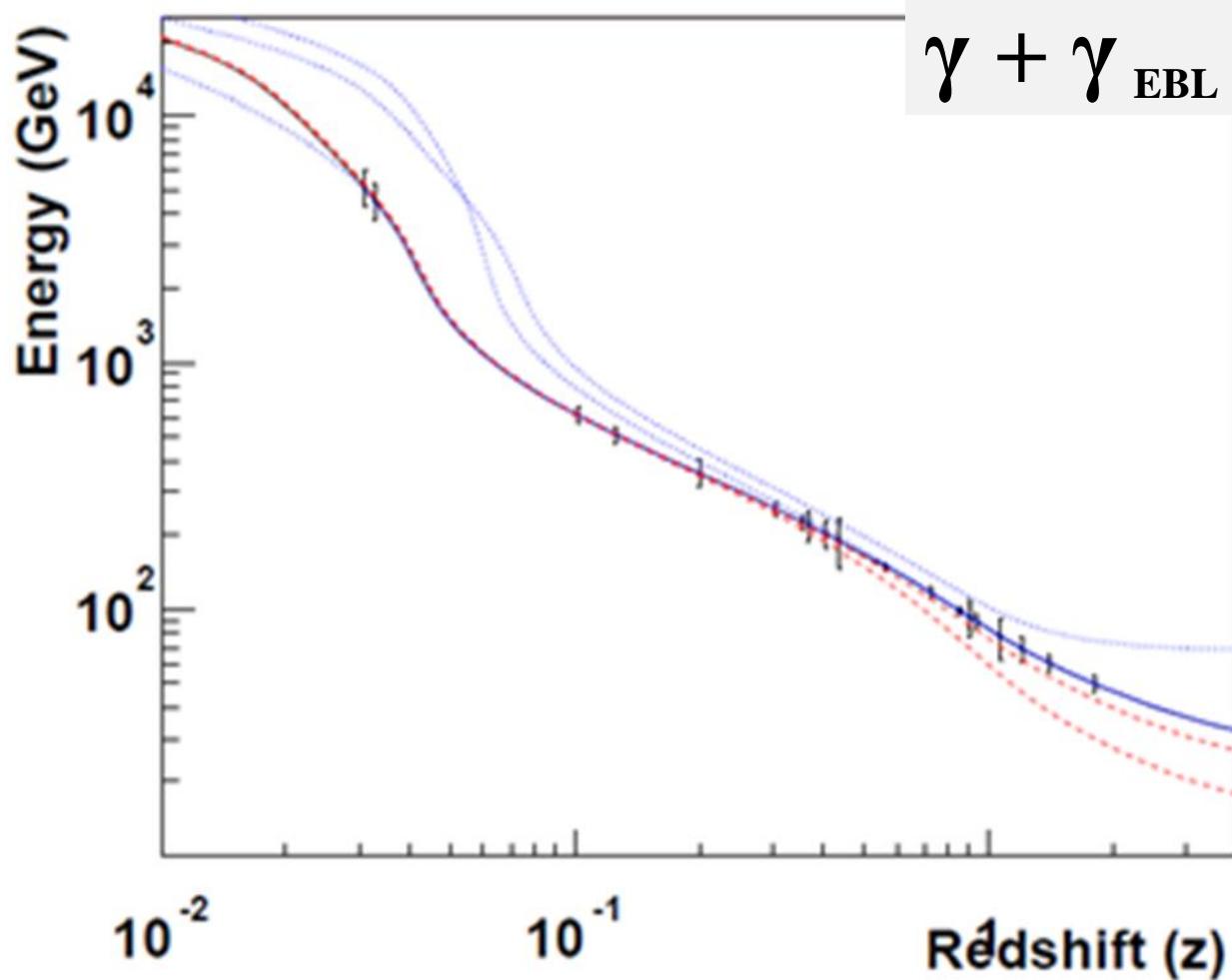
# Astroparticle physics topics



# Каков основной механизм генерации гамма-квантов высоких энергий?



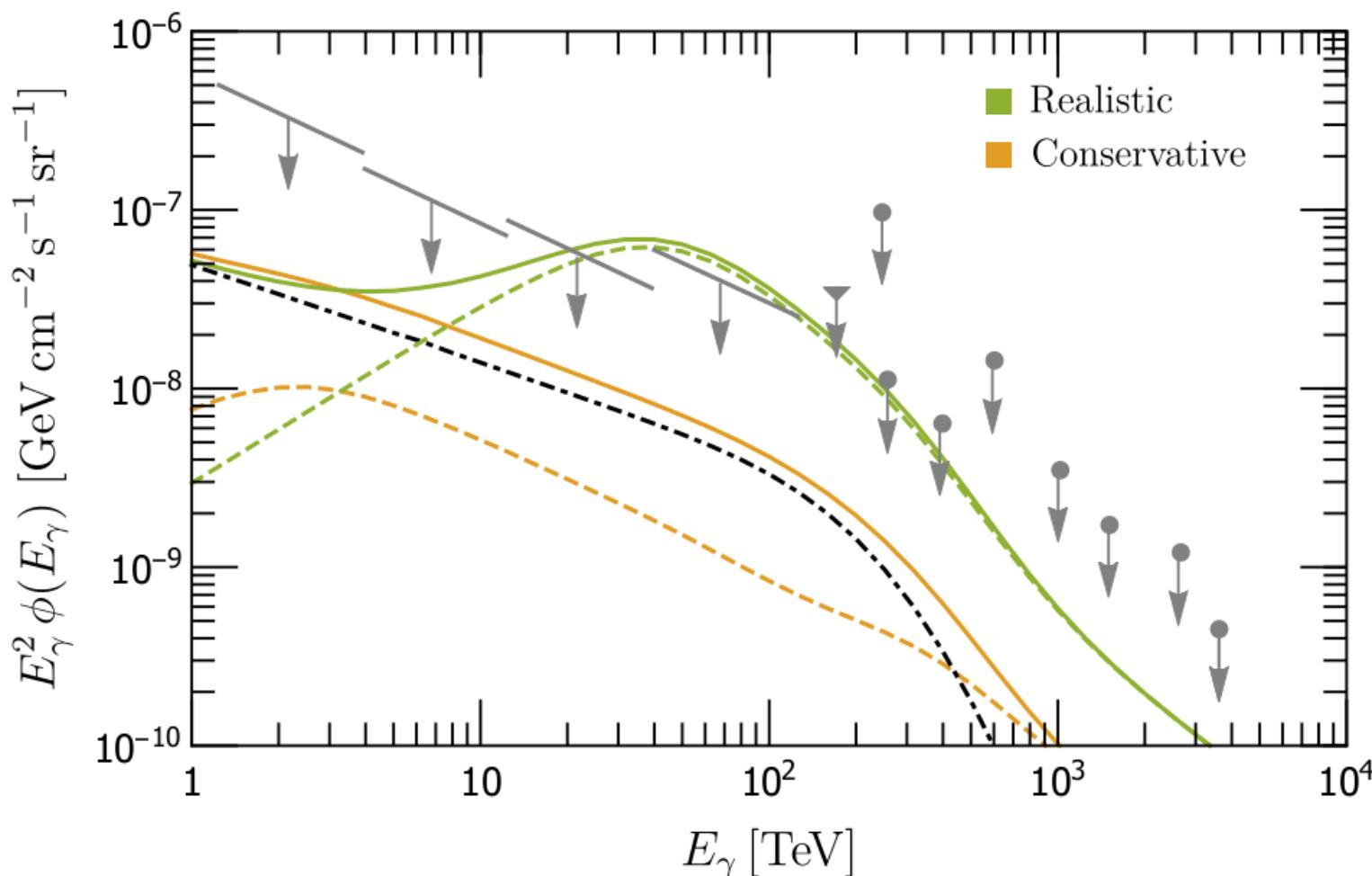
# Какова прозрачность Вселенной?



Исследование  
формы спектра  
гамма-квантов  
позволит  
определить  
спектр  
Extragalactic  
Background Light  
(EBL).

Гамма–горизонт (O.Blanck and M.Martinez arXiv:astro-ph/0406061v1)  
в зависимости от красного смещения для нескольких моделей EBL.

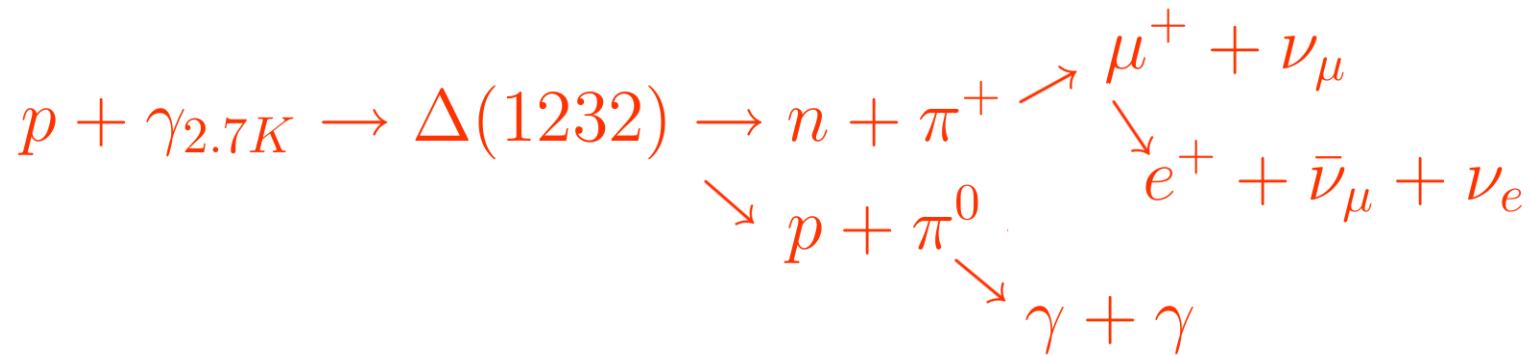
# Поток диффузных фотонов с учетом возможного вклада переходов $\gamma \rightarrow$ ALPs $\rightarrow \gamma$



Сплошные зеленая и рыжая линии – поток диффузных фотонов с учетом возможного вклада перехода в аксионоподобные частицы ALPs (штрихованные линии) в разных моделях. Вклад фона фотонов от Р–Р взаимодействий в нашей Галактике – штрих-пунктирная черная линия.

# Physics impact: Lorentz violation test

- High energy photons are produced as secondaries by highest energy cosmic rays on CMB background
- Photons with energies  $10^{18} - 10^{19}$  eV are subject of intensive searches



- If Lorentz violation exists, photon is splitting  $\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$ 
  - no photons at  $10^{18} - 10^{19}$  eV
  - excess at window  $10^{16} - 10^{18}$  eV

# CTA project: 100 IACT about on area $10 \text{ km}^2$

## Low energies

Energy threshold 20-30 GeV

23 m diameter

4 telescopes

(**LST's**)

## Medium energies

100 GeV – 10 TeV

9.7 to 12 m diameter

25 telescopes

(**MST's/SCTs**)

## High energies

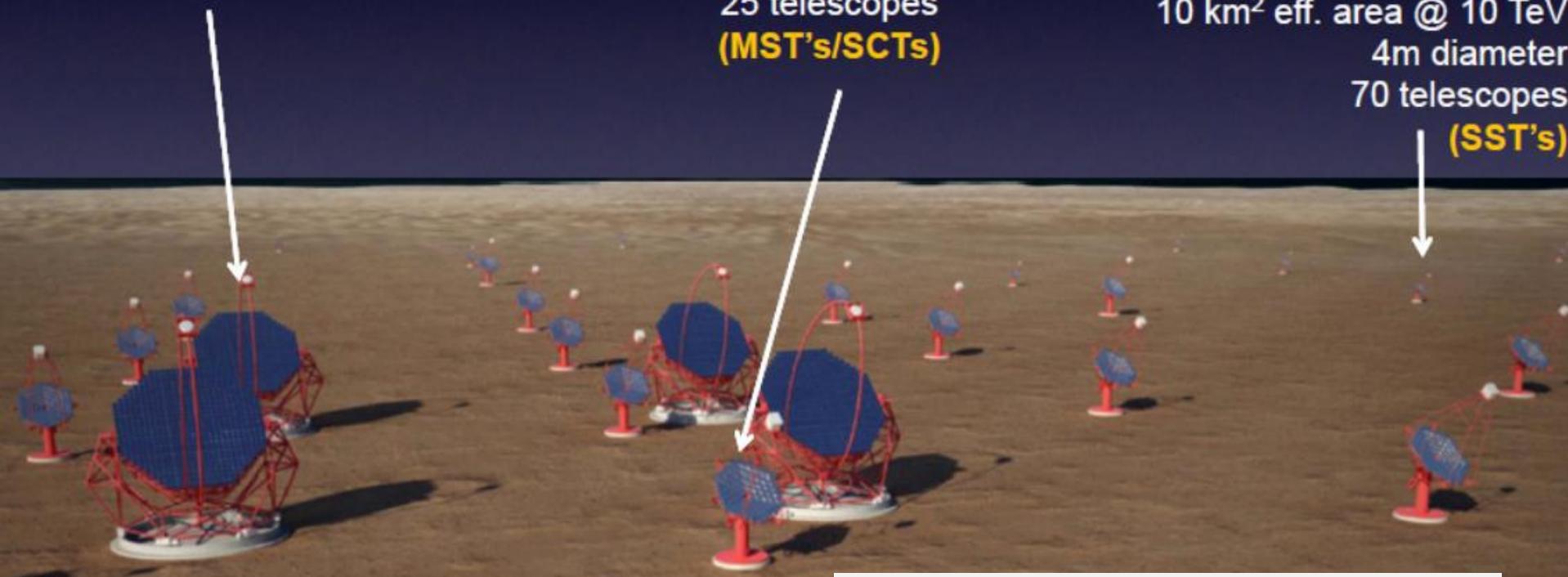
Up to  $> 300 \text{ TeV}$

$10 \text{ km}^2$  eff. area @ 10 TeV

4m diameter

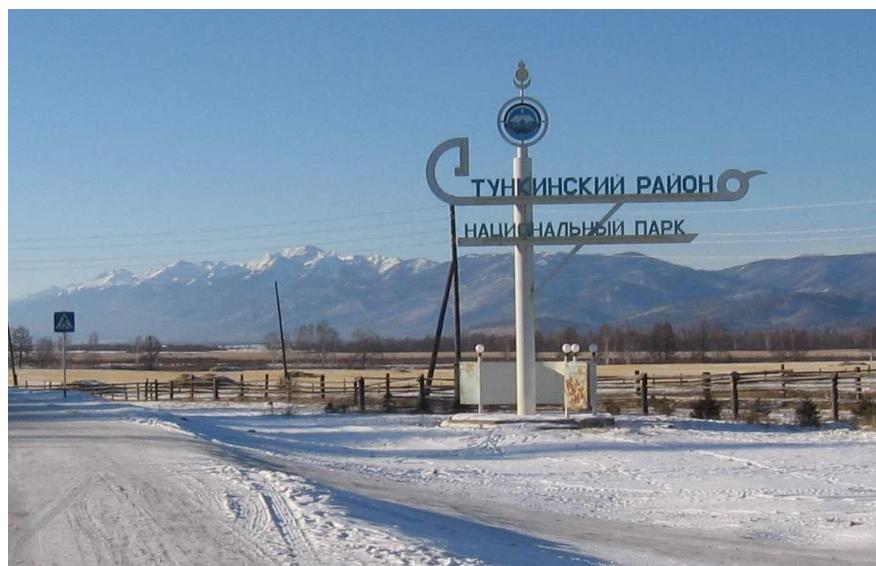
70 telescopes

(**SST's**)



**400 000 000 Euro!**

# Earth atmospheric shower detection with Cherenkov wide angle arrays in the Tunka - Experiment



# EAS Cherenkov light detection technique by wide angle arrays in the Tunka - Experiment

EAS Energy

$$E = A \cdot [N_{ph}(200m)]^g$$
$$g = 0.94 \pm 0.01$$

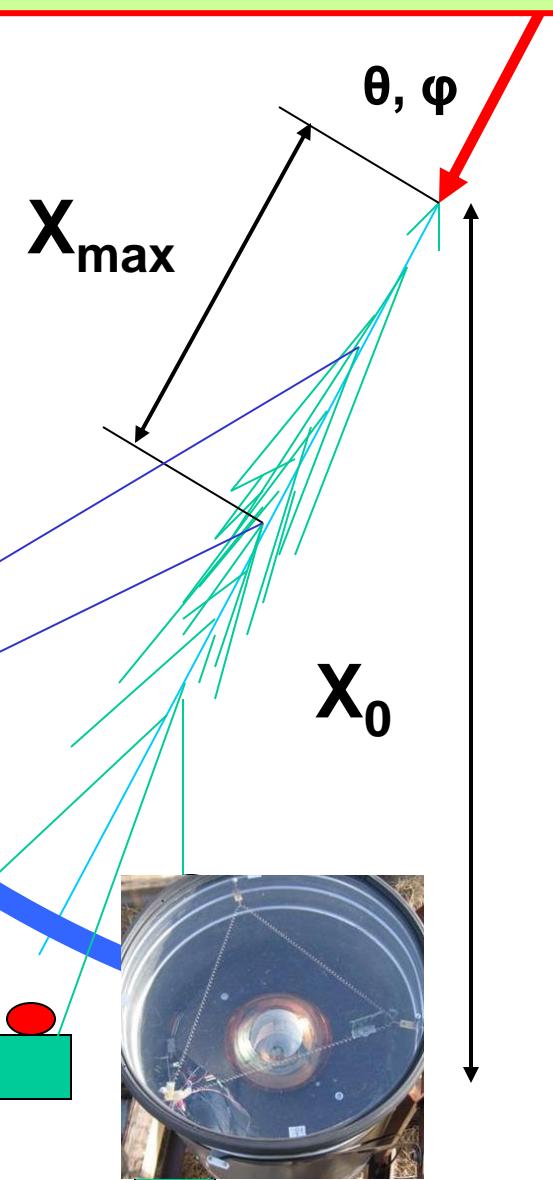
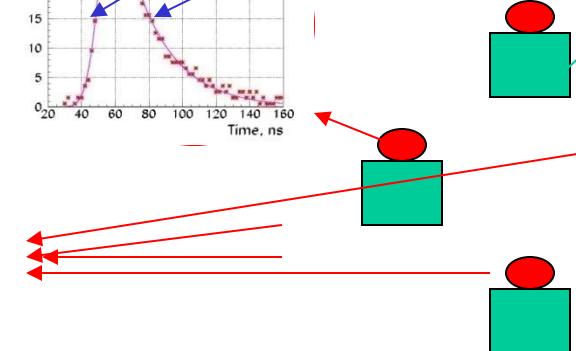
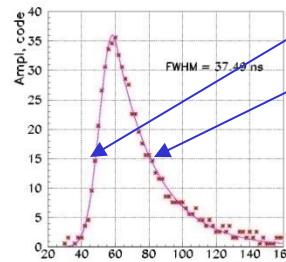
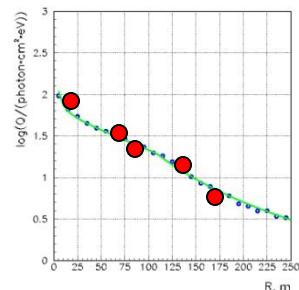
Average CR mass A  
 $\ln A \sim X_{max}$

$$X_{max} = C - D \cdot \lg \tau (400)$$

( $\tau(400)$  - width of a Cherenkov pulse  
at distance 400 m EAS core from)

$$X_{max} = F(P)$$

P - Steepness of a Lateral  
Distribution Function  
(LDF)



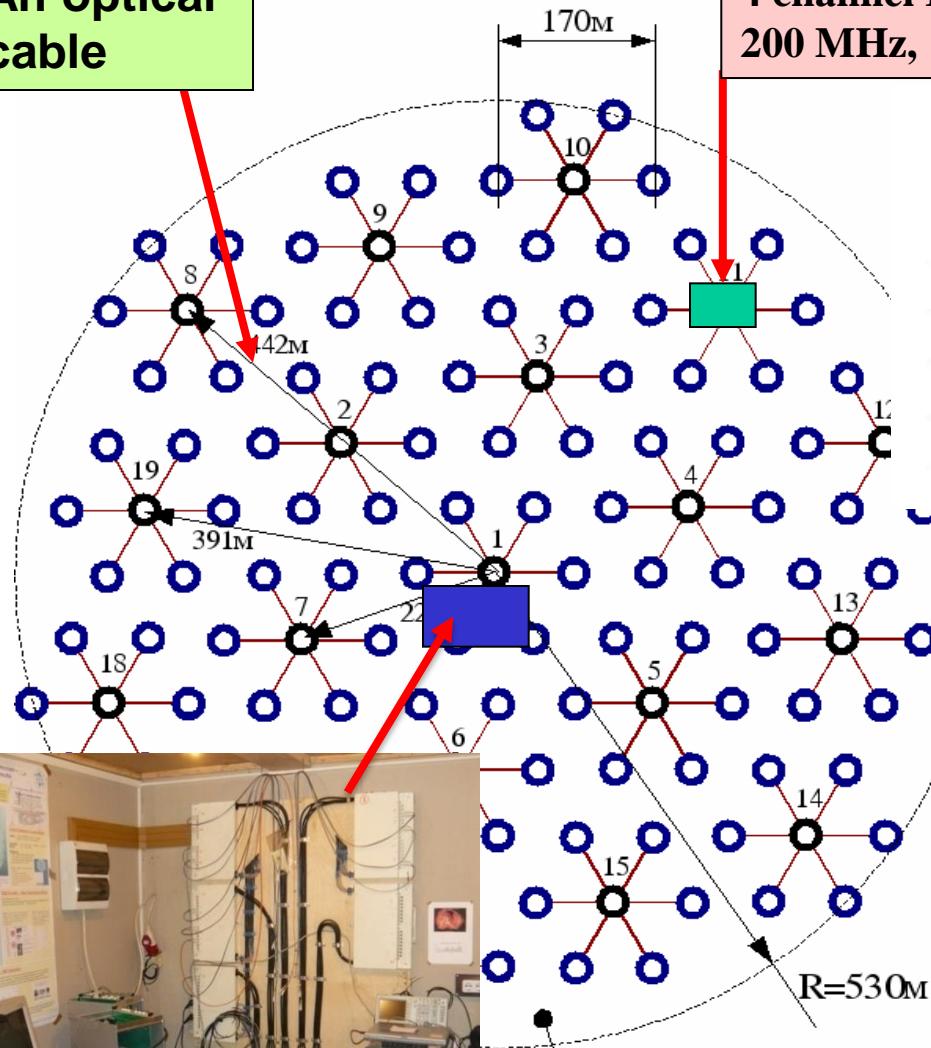
# Tunka-133 array: 175 Cherenkov detectors distributed on 3 km<sup>2</sup> area, in operation since 2009y



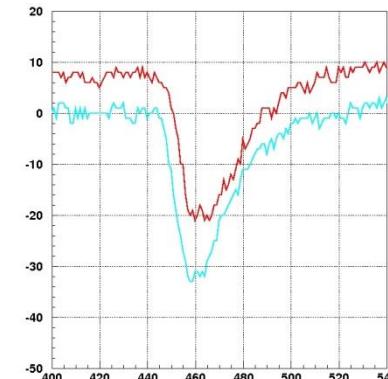
50 km from Lake Baikal

# The Tunka-133 array

An optical cable



Cluster Electronic box  
4 channel FADC boards  
200 MHz, 12 bit



PMT  
EMI 9350  
Ø 20 cm



The DAQ center

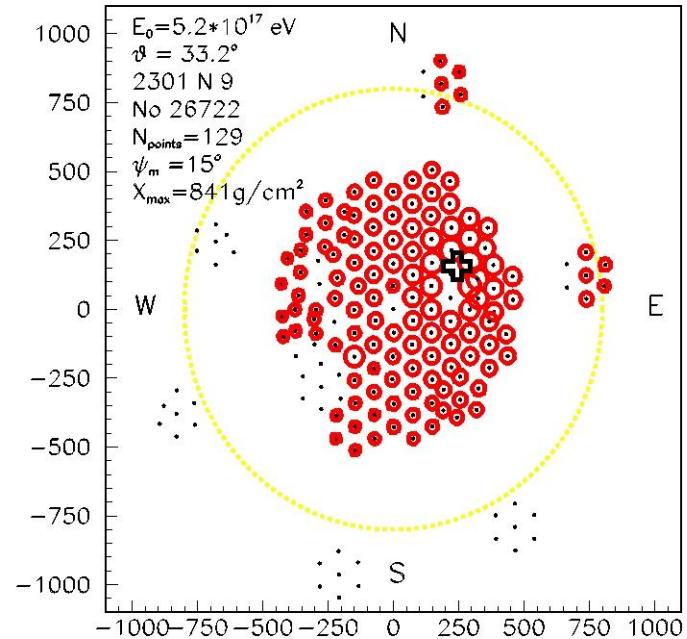


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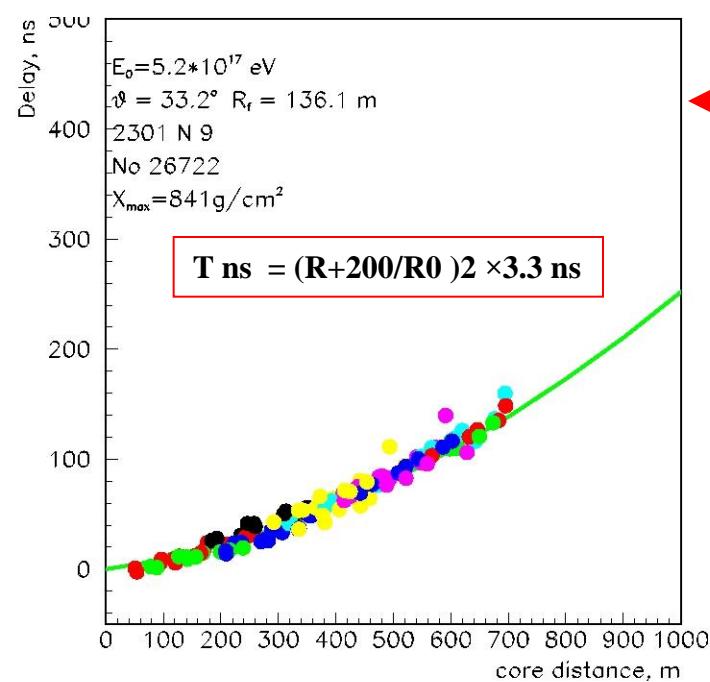
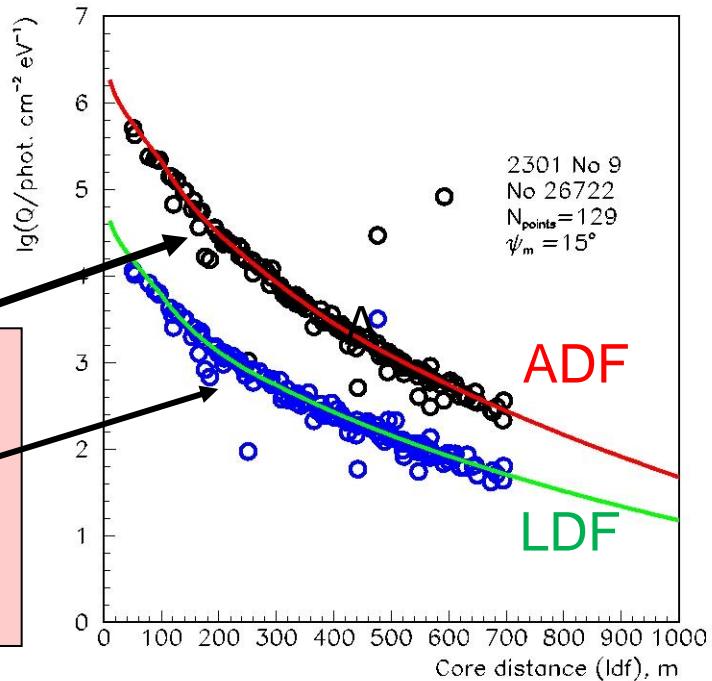


# An event example



Hitted detectors

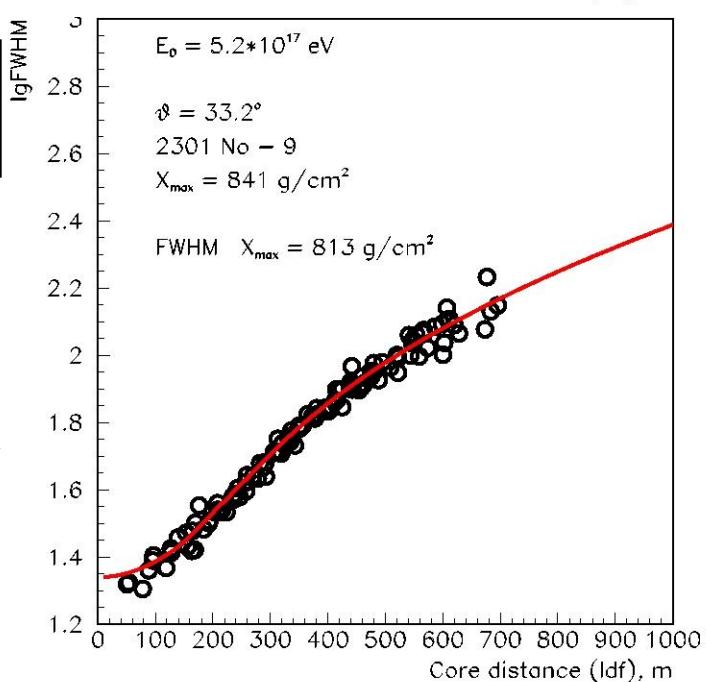
**ADF**  
Amplitude distant function  
&  
**LDF**  
Lateral Distribution function



Delay, ns  
Distance from core, m

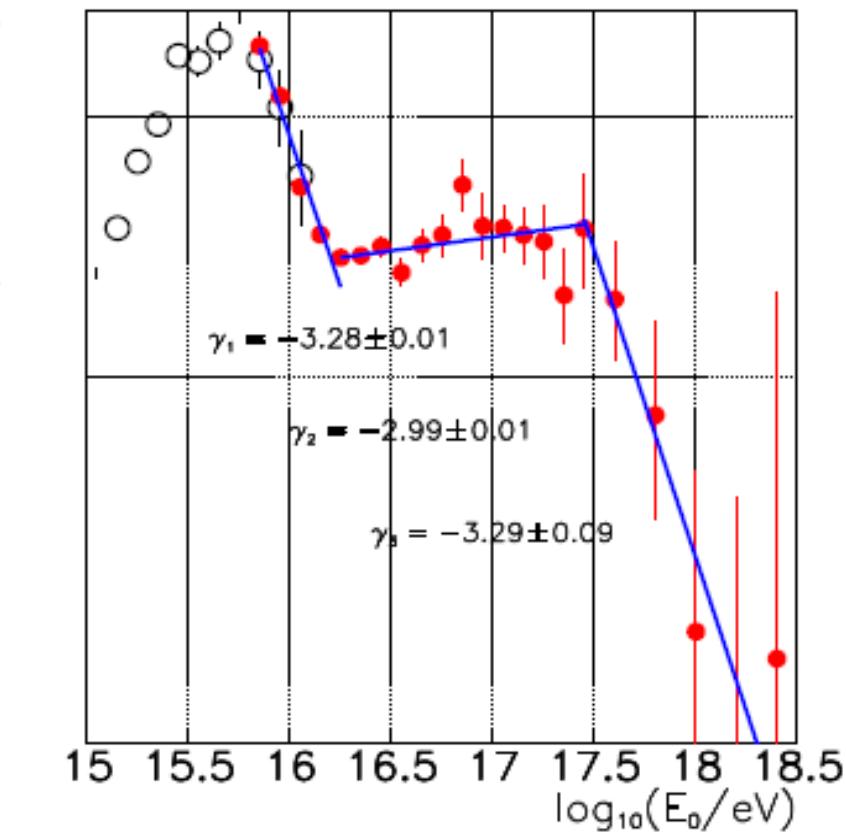
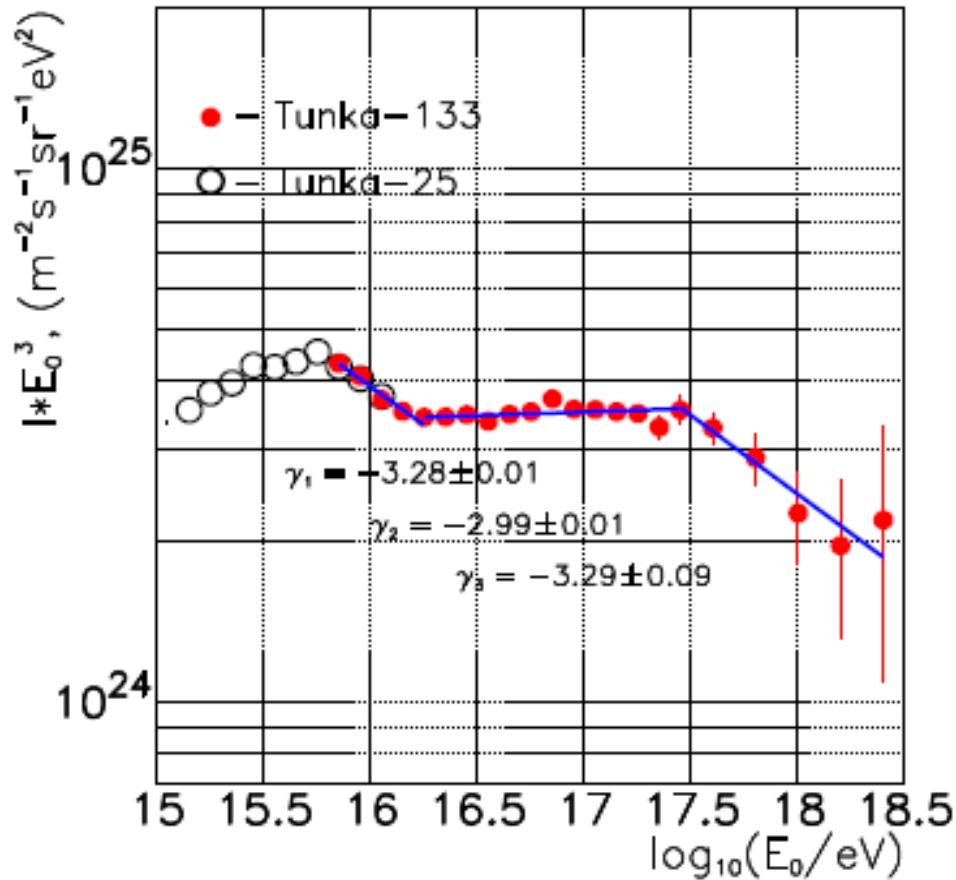
**Delay time vs.  
Distance from core**

**WDF – width  
distant function**

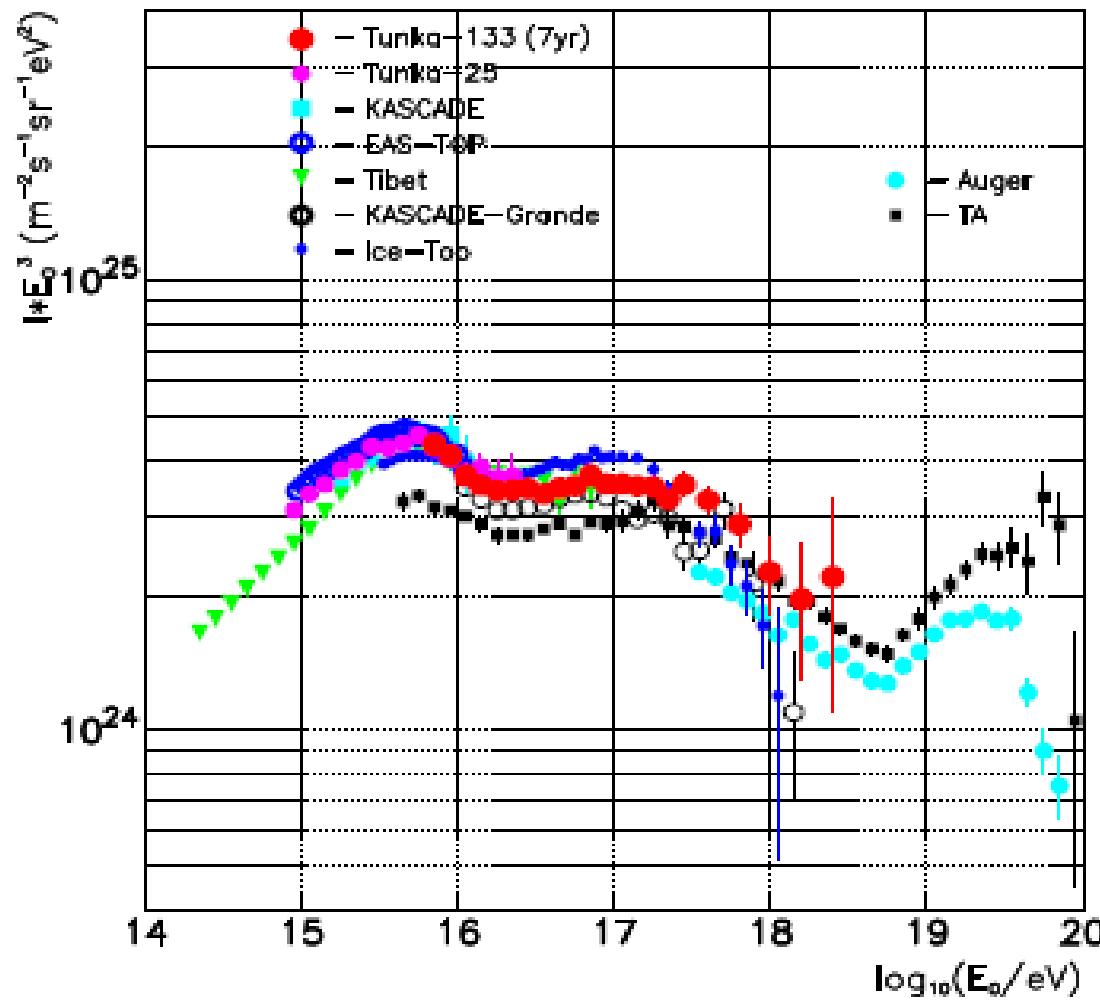


# The all particles energy spectrum I(E)·E<sup>3</sup>

energy resolution ~ 15%, in principle up to - 10%

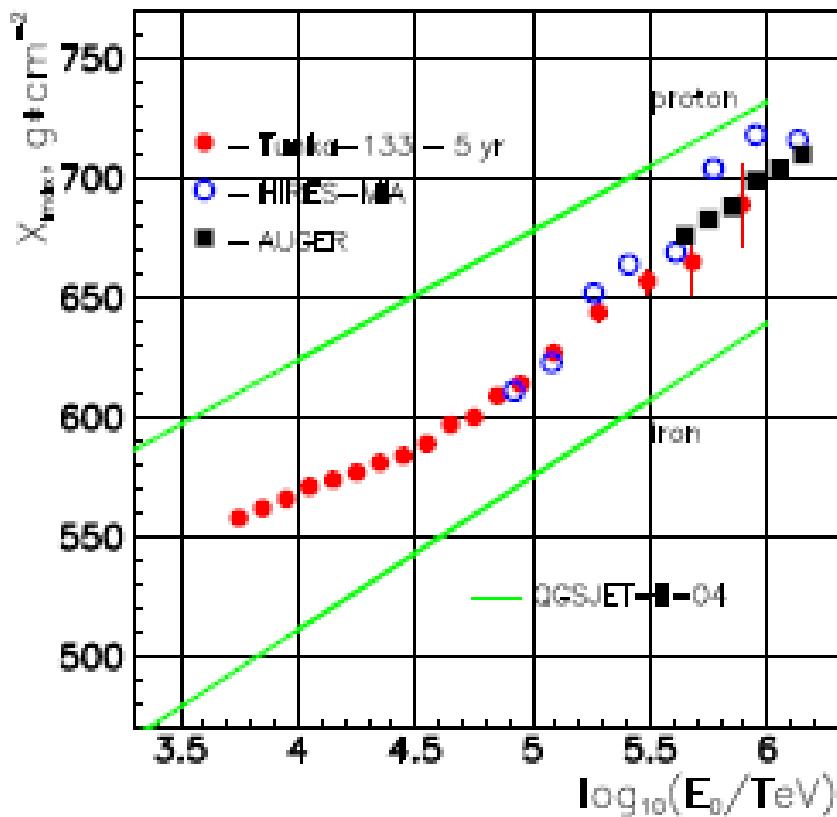


# The all particles energy spectrum $I(E) \cdot E^3$

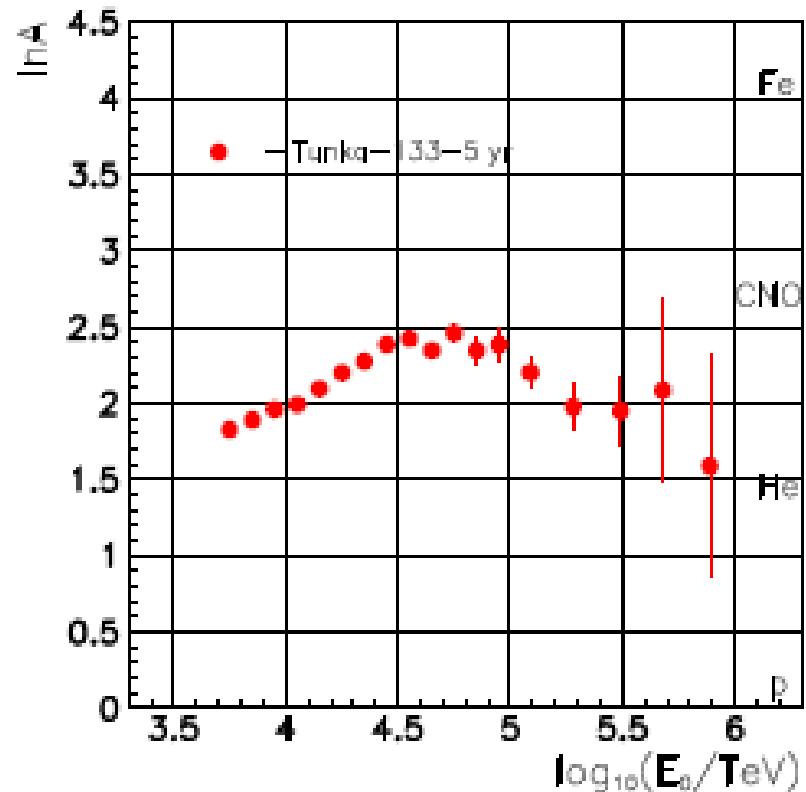


1. Agreement with KASCADE-Grande, Ice-TOP and TALE (TA Cherenkov).
2. The high energy tail do not contradict to the Fly's Eye, HiRes and TA spectra..

## Mean Depth of EAS maximum $X_{\text{max}}$ g·cm $^{-2}$



## Mean logarithm of primary mass.



The primary CR mass composition changes from light (He) to heavy up to energy  $\sim 30$  PeV  
A lightening of the mass composition take place for starting from an energy 100 PeV

# Advantage of the Tunka-133 array:

1. Good accuracy positioning of EAS core (5 -10 m)
2. Good energy resolution (~ 15%)
2. Good accuracy of primary particle mass identification  
(accuracy of  $X_{\max}$  measurement ~ 20 -25 g/cm<sup>2</sup>).
3. Good angular resolution (~ 0.5 degree)
4. Low cost: **the Tunka-133 – 3 km<sup>2</sup> array ~ 10<sup>6</sup> Euro**

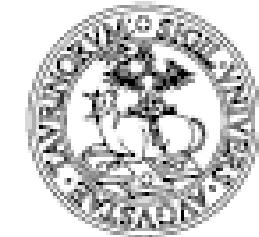
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-  Institute for Nuclear Research of RAS (INR), Moscow, Russia
-  Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism, Ionosphere and Radiowave Propagation of RAS (IZMIRAN), Troitsk, Russia
-  Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Dubna, Russia
-  National Research Nuclear University (MEPhI), Moscow, Russia
-  Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics SB RAS (BINP), Novosibirsk, Russia
-  Novosibirsk State University (NSU), Novosibirsk, Russia
-  Altay State University (ASU), Barnaul, Russia
-  Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron (DESY), Zeuthen, Germany
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-  Fisica Generale Universita di Torino and INFN, Torino, Italy
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# TAIGA - Collaboration



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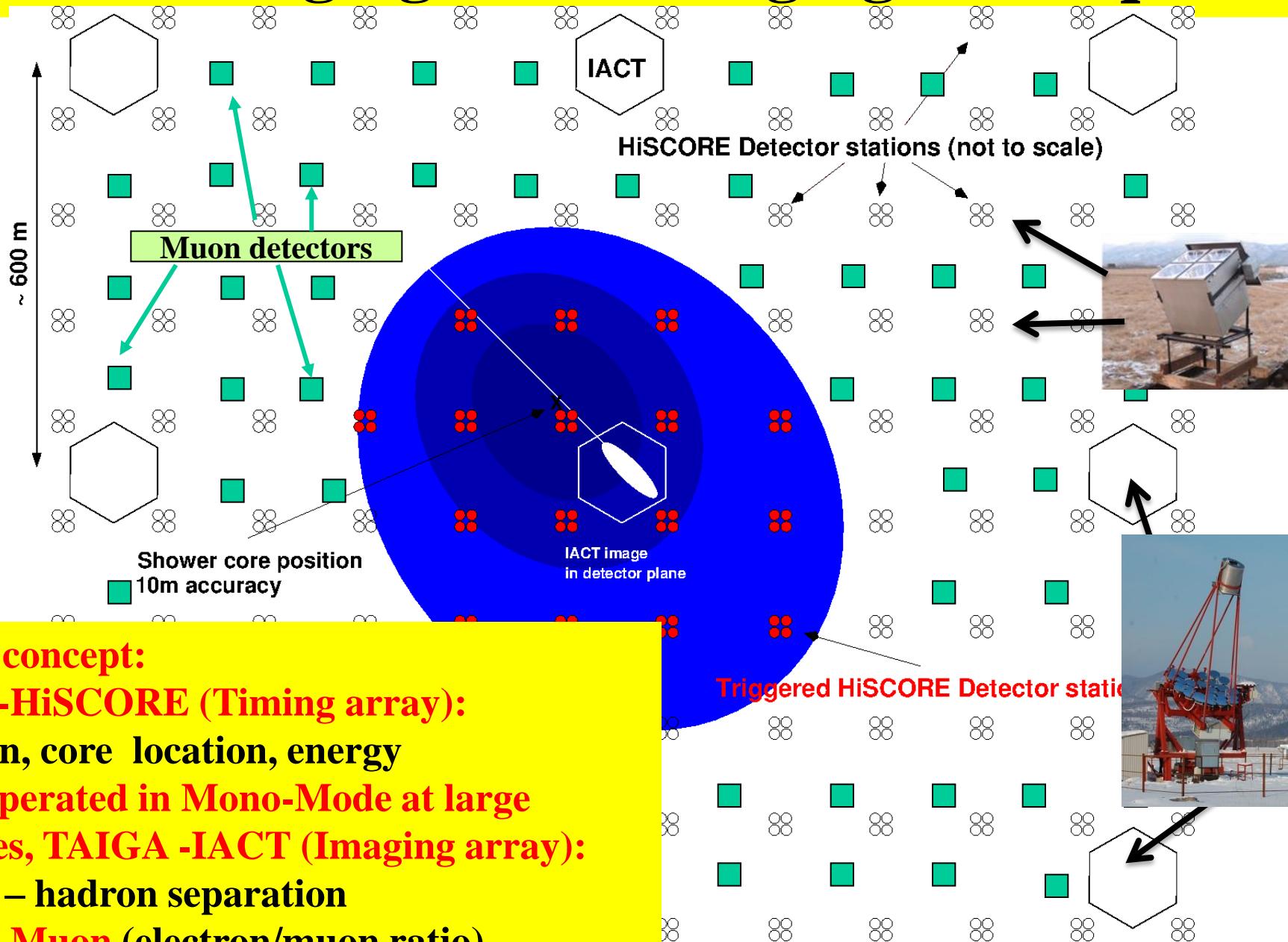


Karlsruher Institut für Technologie



≈ 80 scientists from 15 institutes (EU + Russia)

# TAIGA: Imaging + non-imaging techniques



Hybrid concept:

**TAIGA-HiSCORE (Timing array):**

direction, core location, energy

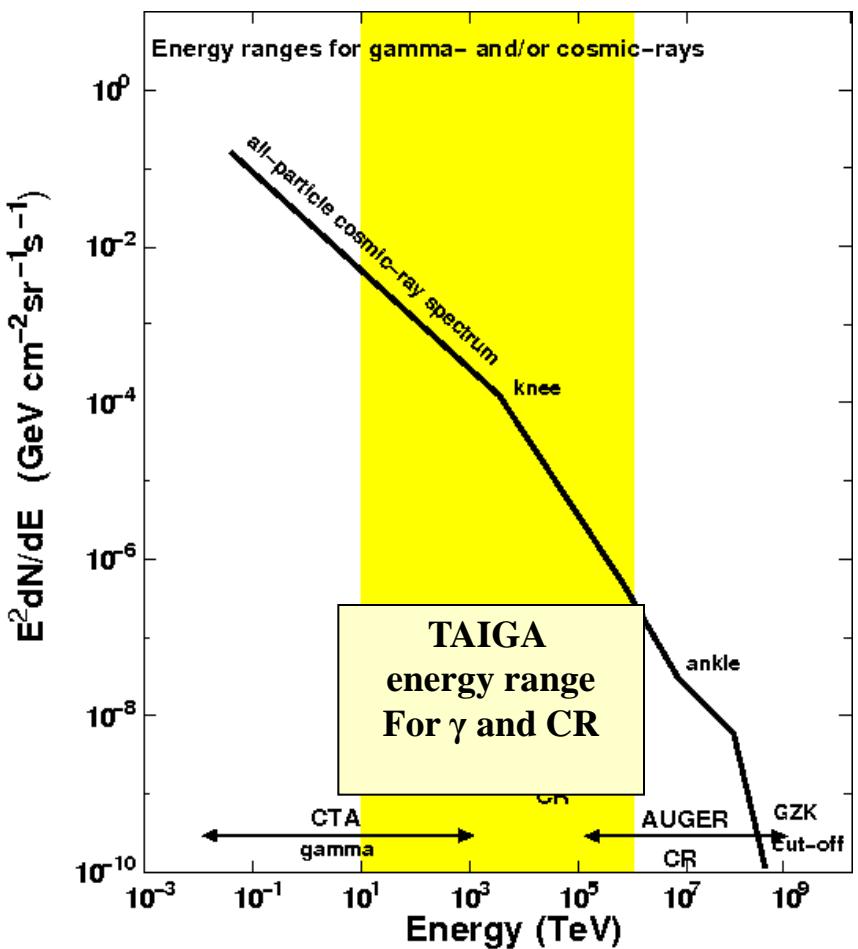
**IACT operated in Mono-Mode at large**

**distances, TAIGA -IACT (Imaging array):**

gamma – hadron separation

**TAIGA-Muon (electron/muon ratio)**

# Main Topics for the TAIGA observatory



## Gamma-ray Astronomy

Search for the PeVatrons.  
VHE spectra of known sources:  
where do they stop?  
Absorption in IRF and CMB.  
Diffuse emission: Galactic plane, Local supercluster.

## Charged cosmic ray physics

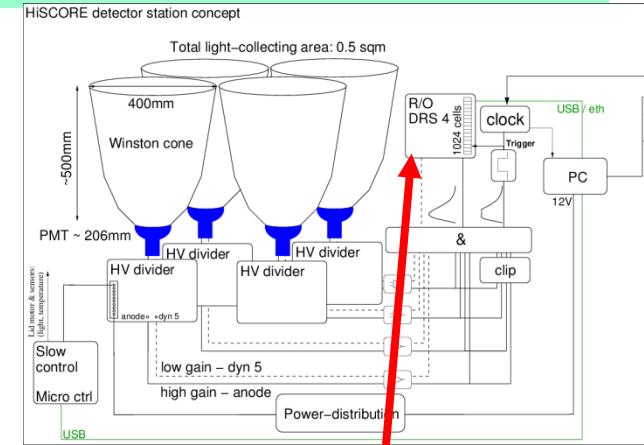
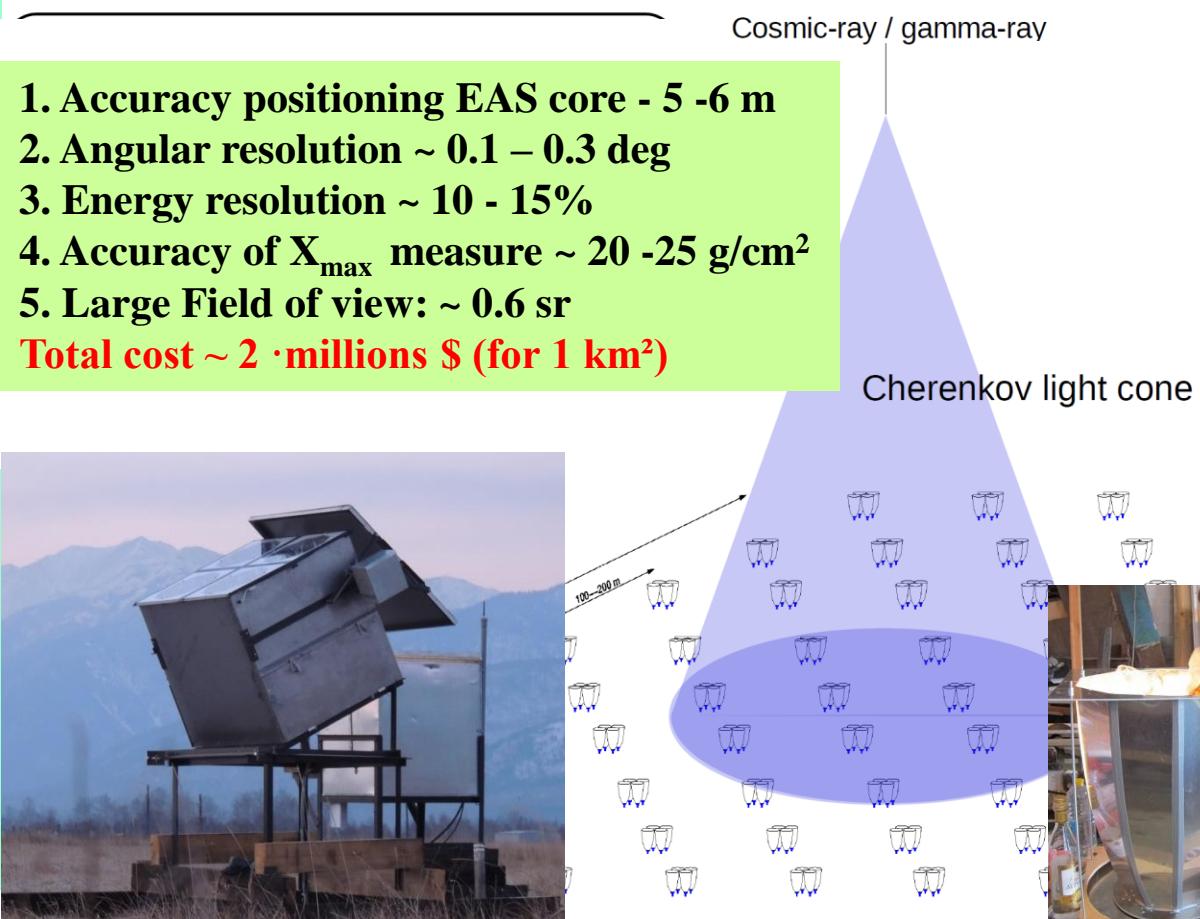
Energy spectrum and mass composition  
anisotropies  
from  $10^{14}$  to  $10^{18}$  eV.  
 $10^8$  events (in  $1 \text{ km}^2$  array)  
with energy  $> 10^{14}$  eV

## Particle physics

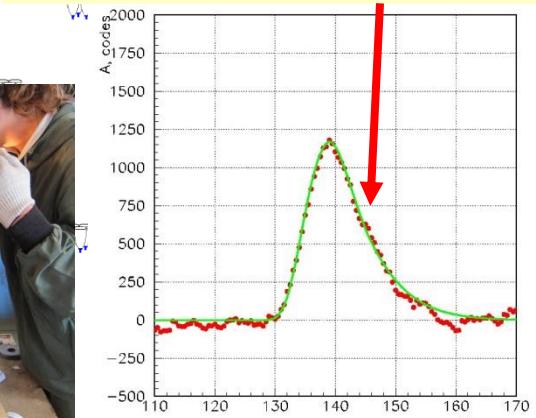
Axion/photon conversion.  
Hidden photon/photon oscillations.  
Lorentz invariance violation.  
pp cross-section measurement.  
Quark-gluon plasma.

# TAIGA-HiSCORE (High Sensitivity Cosmic Origin Explorer)

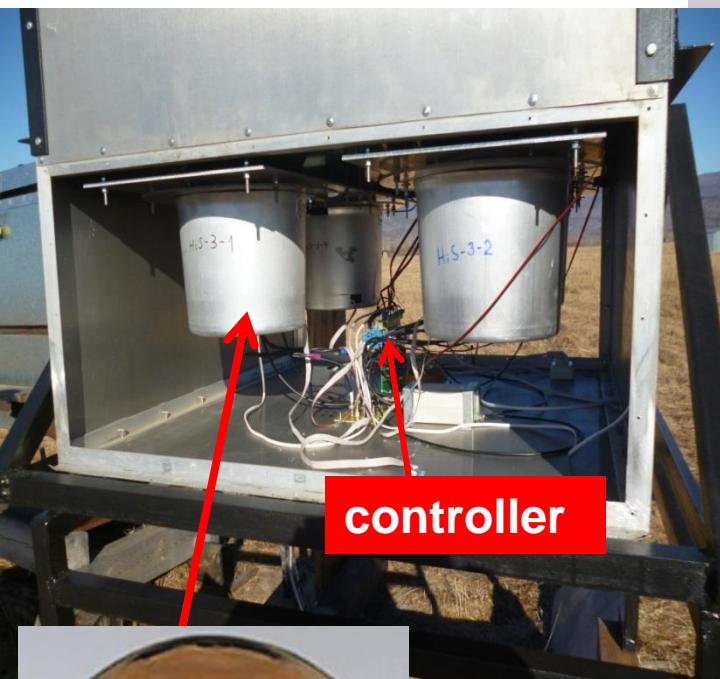
- Wide-angle time- amplitude sampling non-imaging air Cherenkov array.
- Spacing between Cherenkov stations 80-120 m ~ 80 -150 channels / km<sup>2</sup>.



DRS-4 board (0.5 ns step)

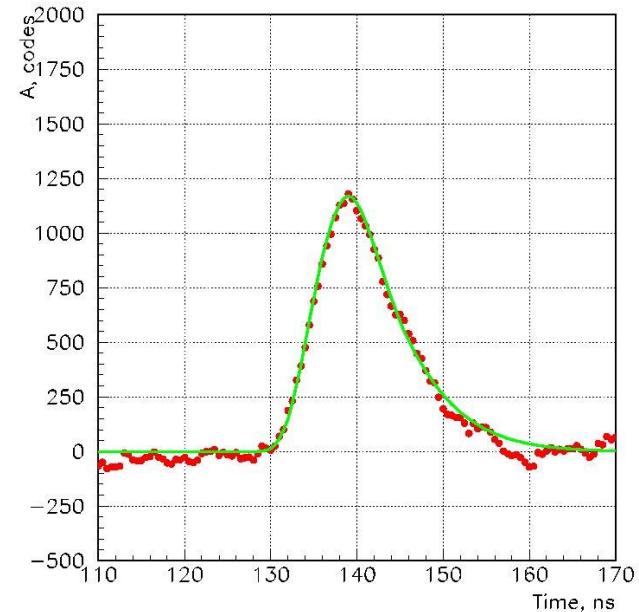
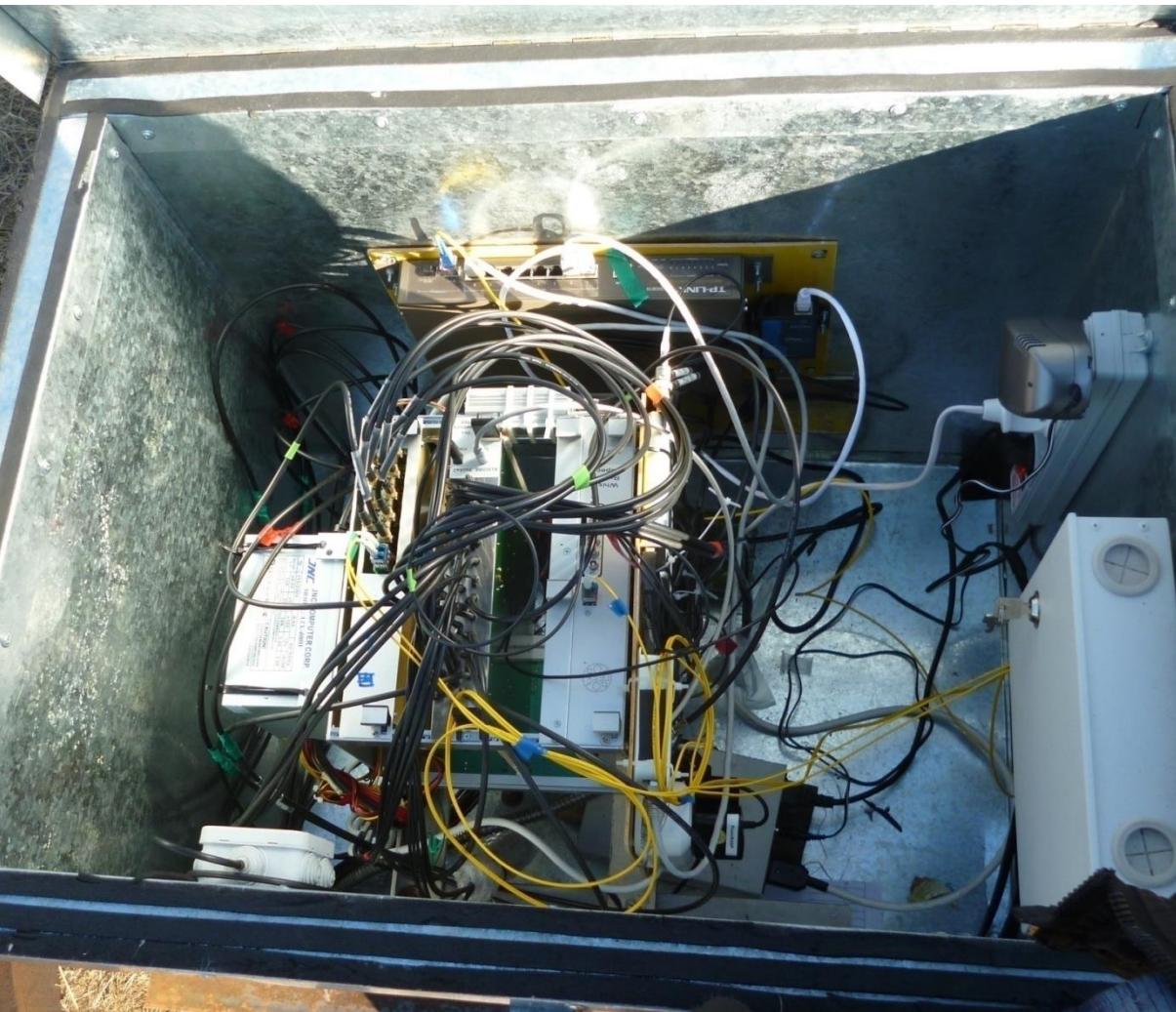


# Оптическая станция установки TAIGA – HiSCORE

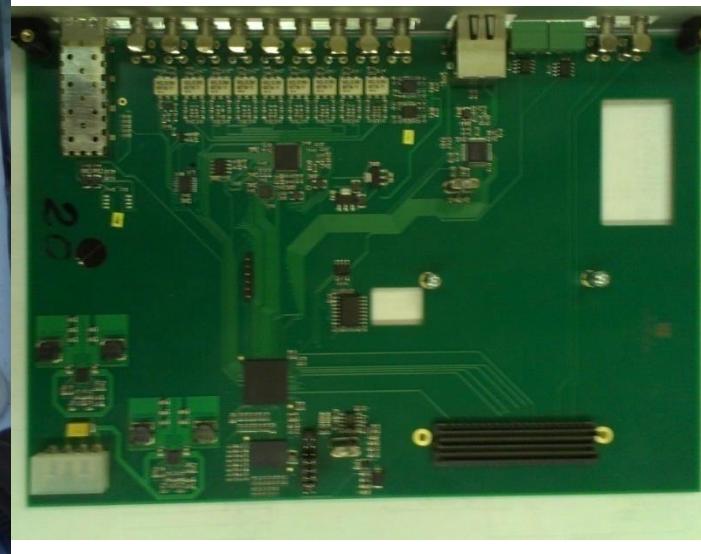


PMT HAMANTSU R5912

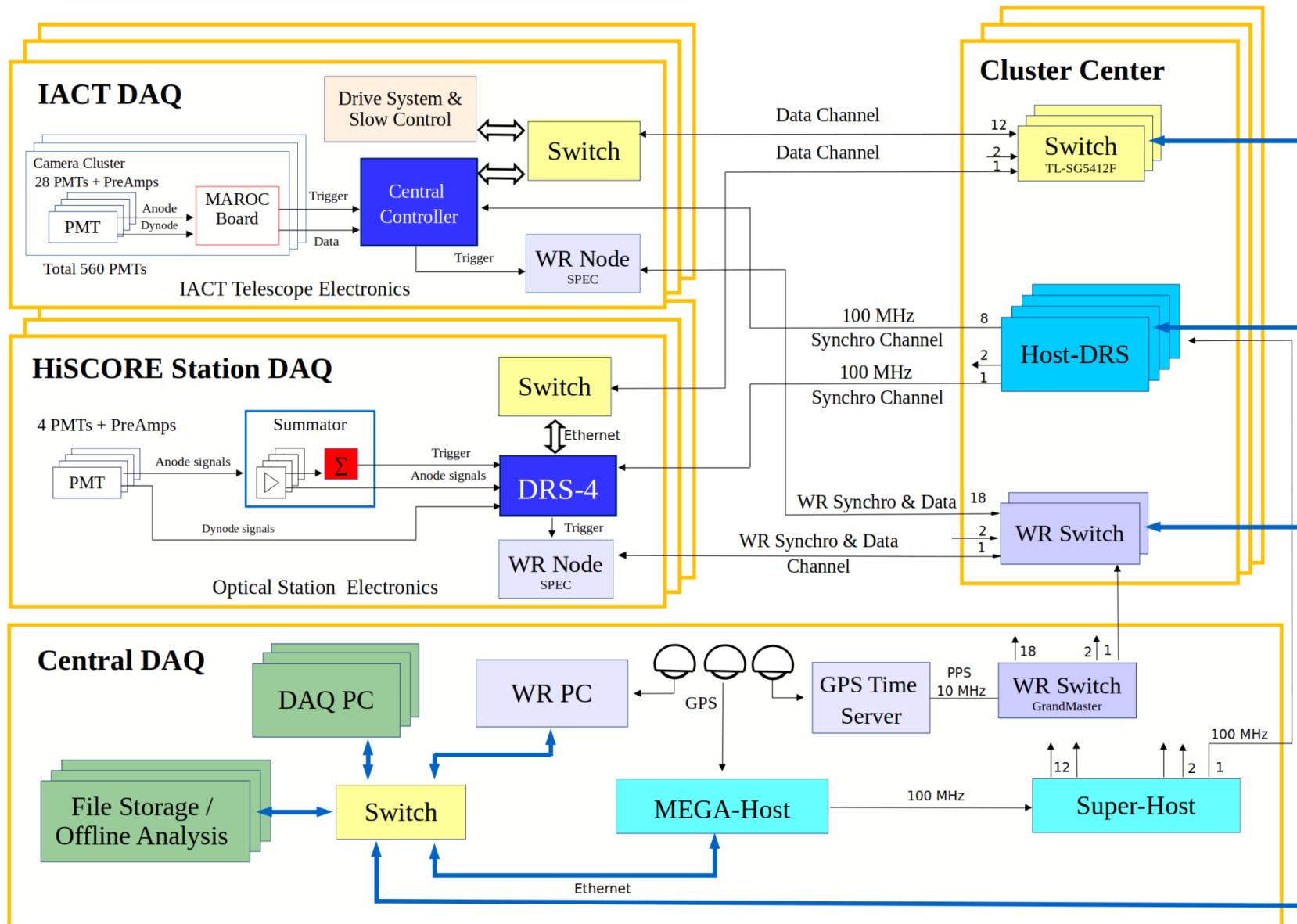
# The TAIGA\_HiSCORE Station electronic box



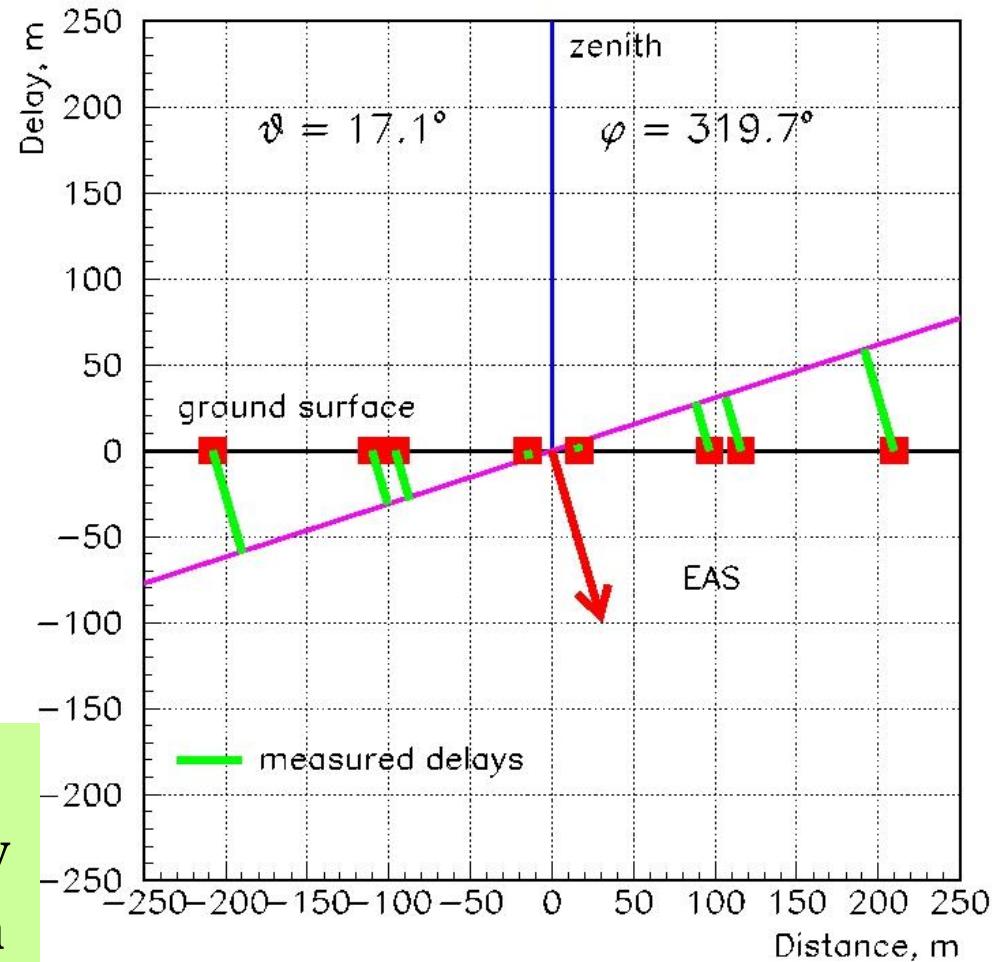
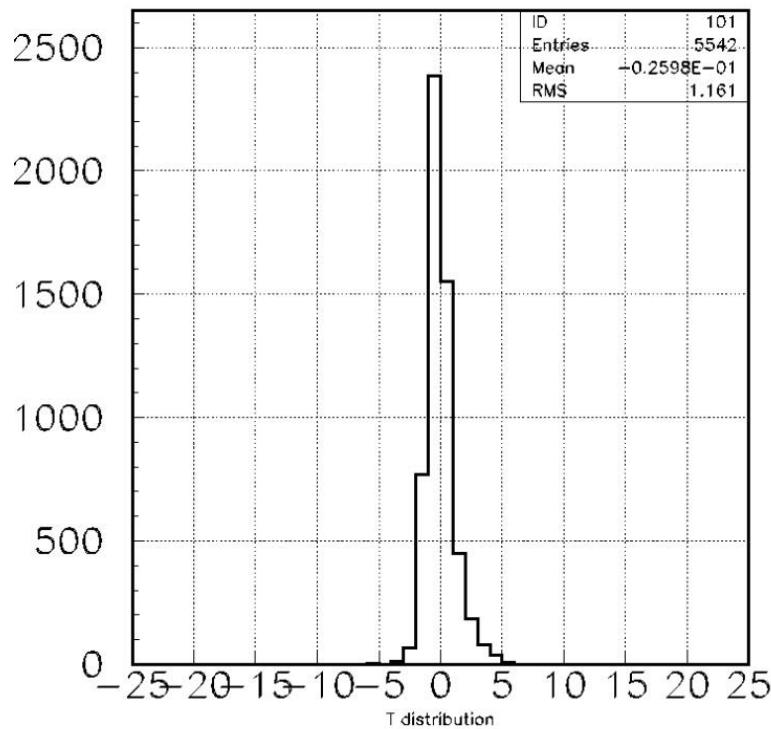
9 channel  
DRS-4 board ( 0.5 ns step)



# TAIGA DAQ

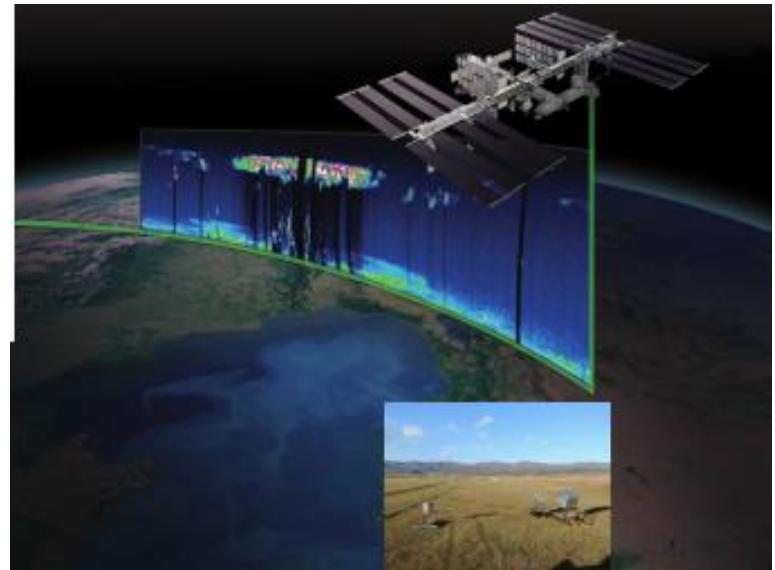
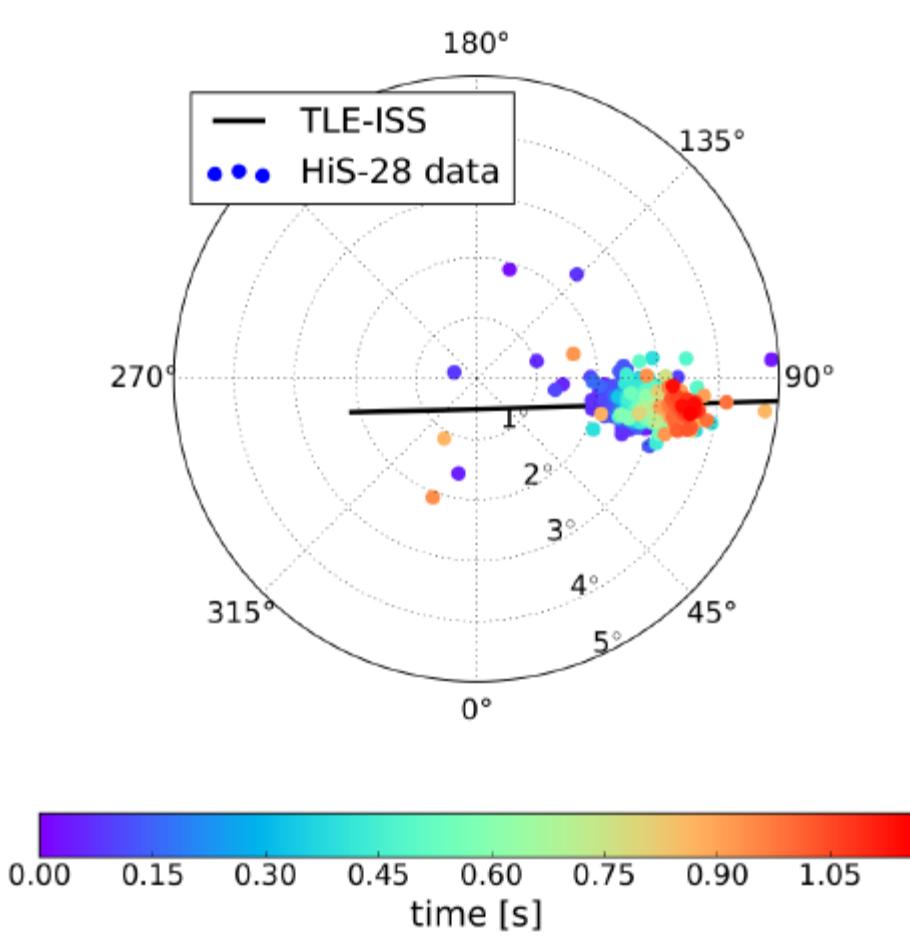


# An accuracy of EAS axis direction reconstruction with TAIGA-HiSCORE



The RMS=1.1 ns for TAIGA-HiSCORE provides an accuracy of an  $\gamma$  and CR arrival direction about 0.1 degree

# First TAIGA-HiSCORE results ( $0.25 \text{ km}^2$ )

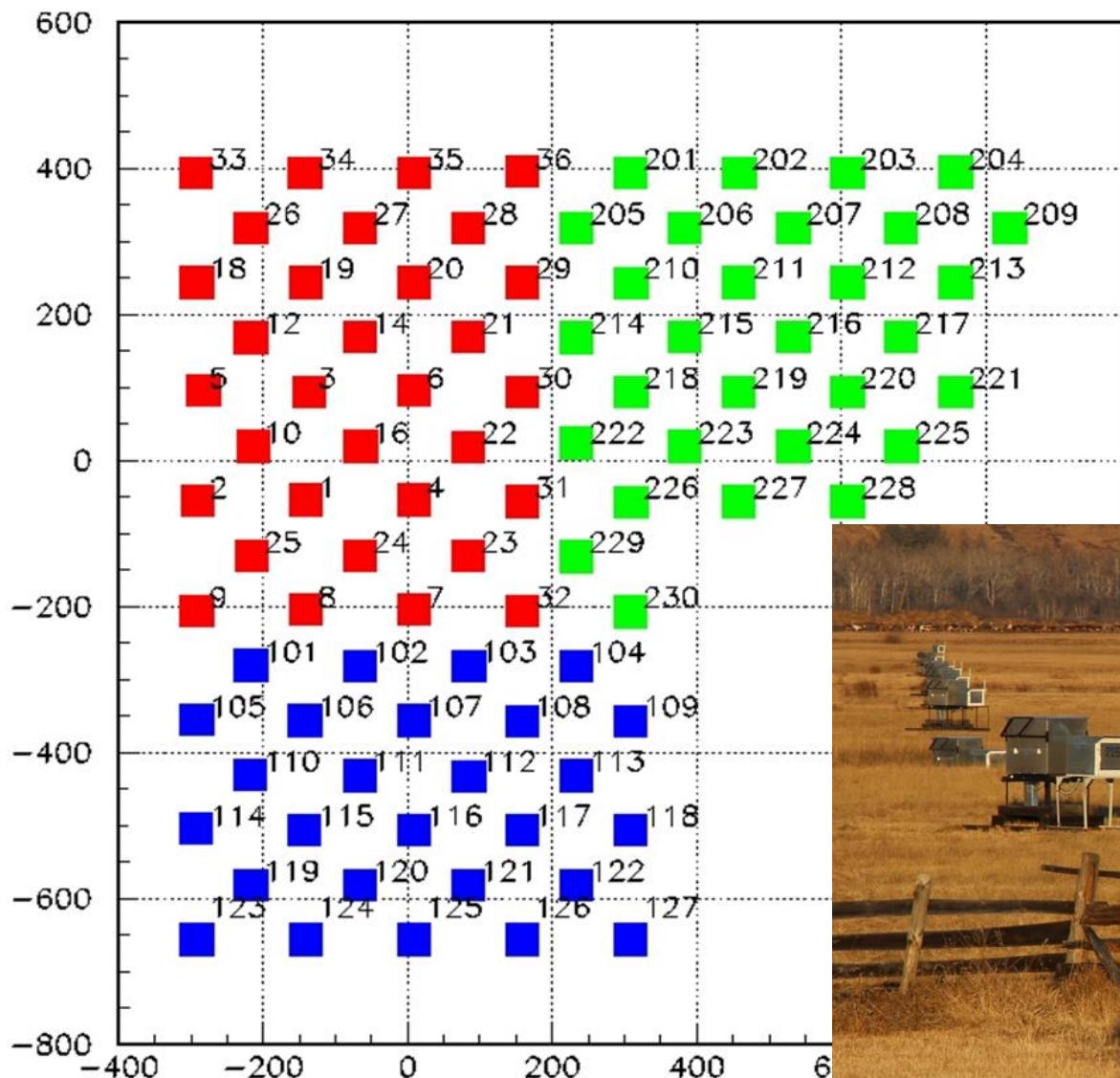


CATS Lidar,  
532 nm, 4 khz,  $10^{13}\text{y/m}^2$

- Excellent HiSCORE calibration source
  - flat timing profile
  - precision pointing

Precision verification with Laser on-board International Space Station (ISS) <0.1deg

# TAIGA-HiSCORE 2019 year setup



**86 wide- angle  
Cherenkov detectors  
on area  $0.75 \text{ km}^2$  about**



# The TAIGA – IACT

The TAIGA – IACT: First - 2017y, second - 2019y, third - 2020y situated at the vertices of a triangle with sides: 300 m, 400 m and 500 m about

- 34-segment reflectors (Davis-Cotton)
  - Diameter 4.3 m, area ~10 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Focal length 4.75 m –
- Threshold energy ~ 1.5 TeV



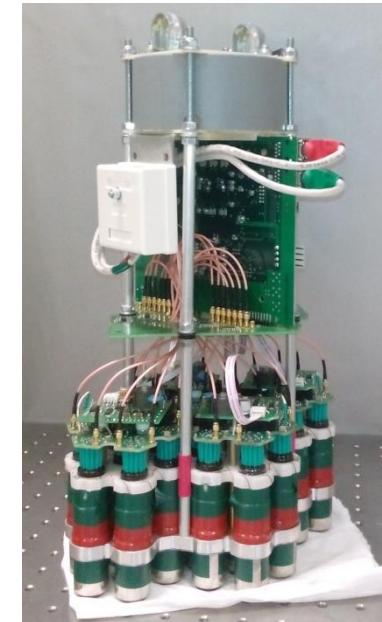
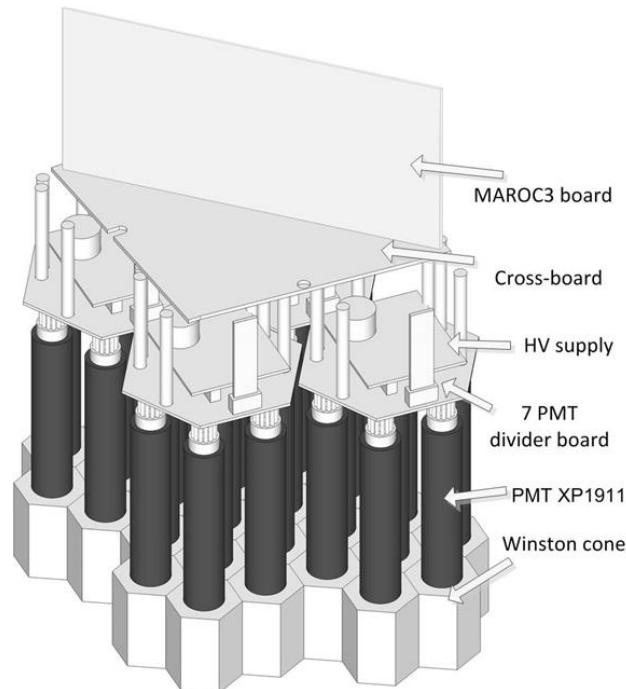
# Assembling of the 1<sup>st</sup> mount.



# The Camera of the TAIGA-IACT

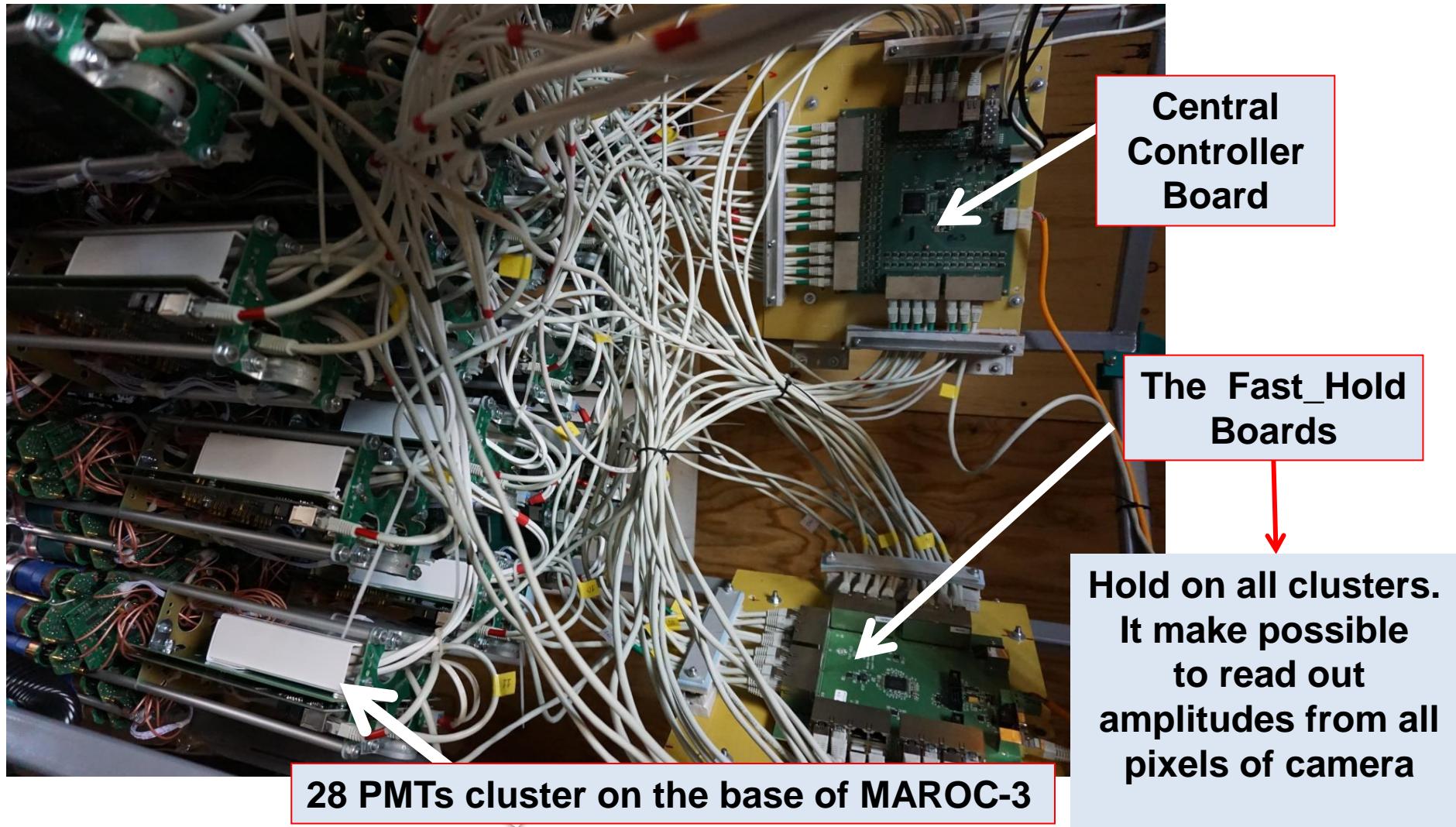


- 560 PMTs (XP 1911) with
- 15 mm useful diameter of photocathode
- Winston cone: 30mm input size
- each pixel = 0.36 deg
- FOV 10 x 10 deg



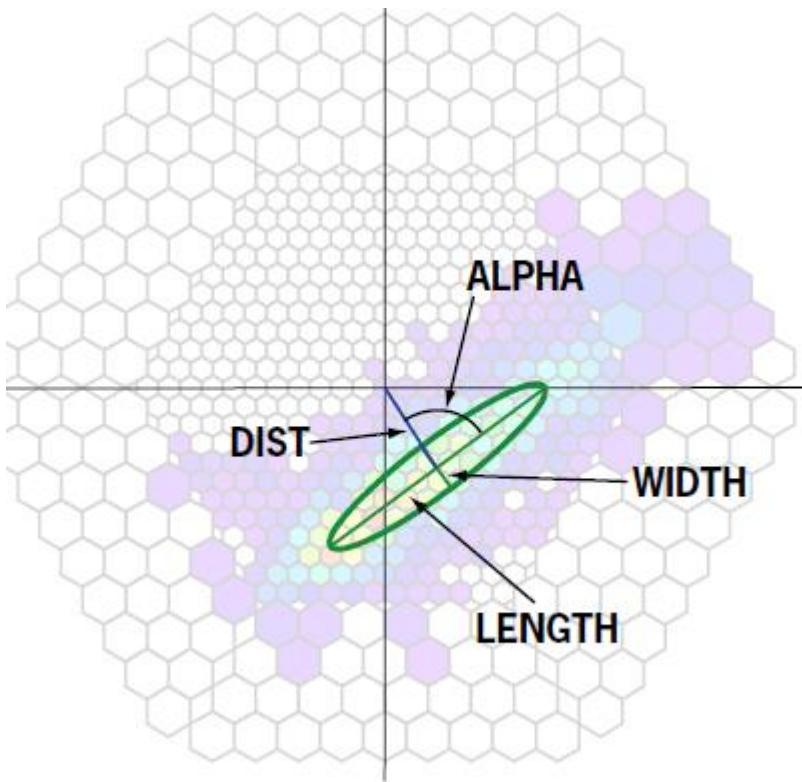
**Basic cluster: 28 PMT-pixels. Signal processing: PMT DAQ board based on MAROC3 ASIC**

# Camera of IACT-2

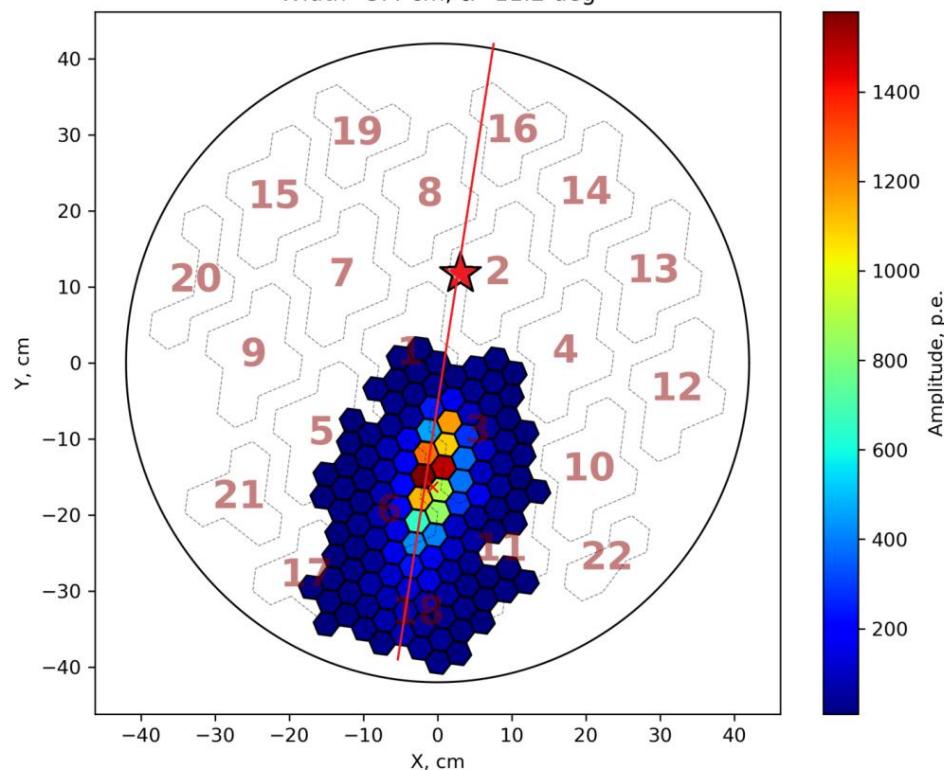


# TAIGA-IACT and TAIGA-HiSCORE joint events.

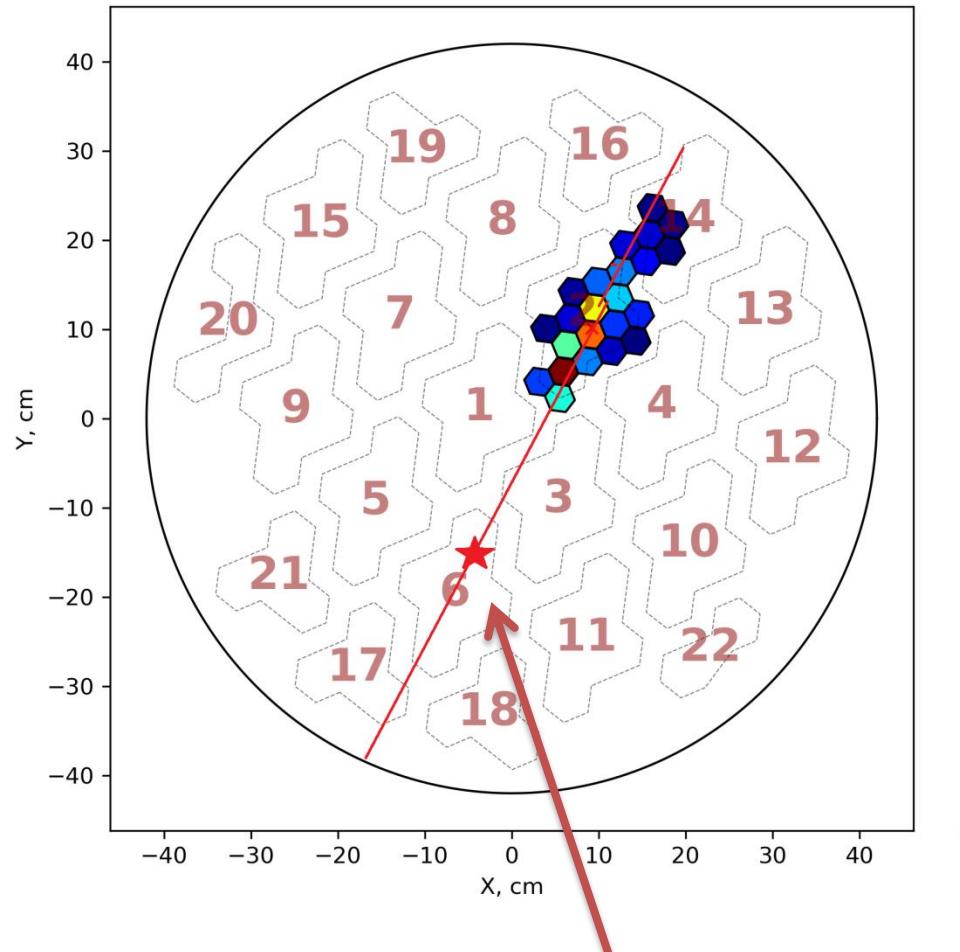
## Hillas parameters



Most of events are  
“Hadron-like”  
 $E = 880 \text{ TeV}$   
 $\text{width} = 0.4^\circ$

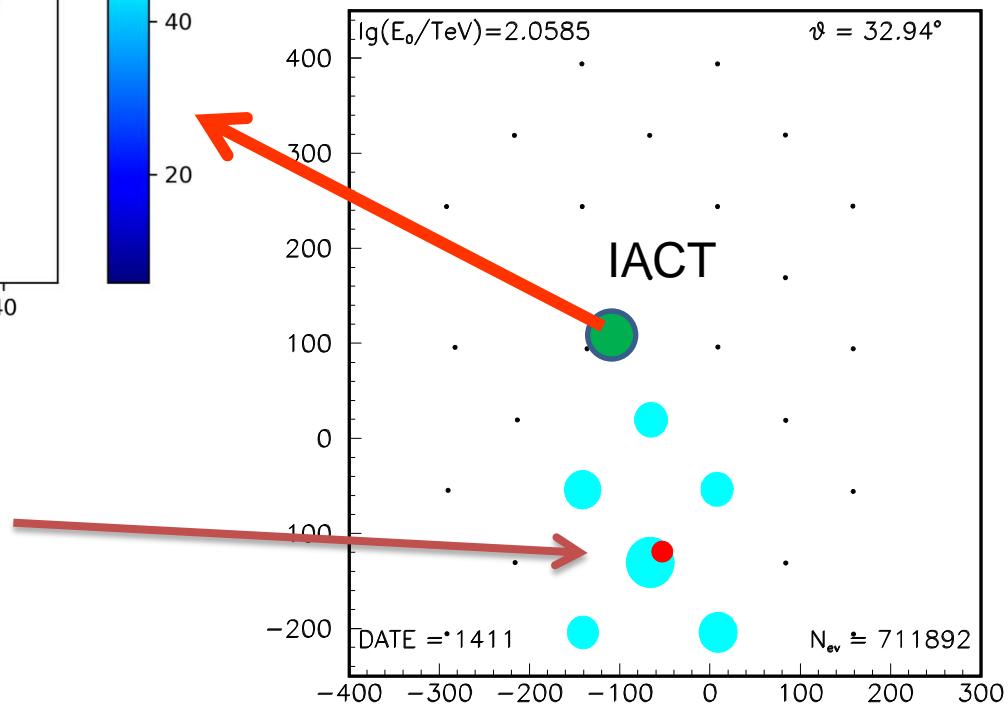


Event #6281867  
Ncl = 0, Npix = 23  
Size = 709 p.e.  
Width=1.6 cm,  $\alpha=8.8$  deg

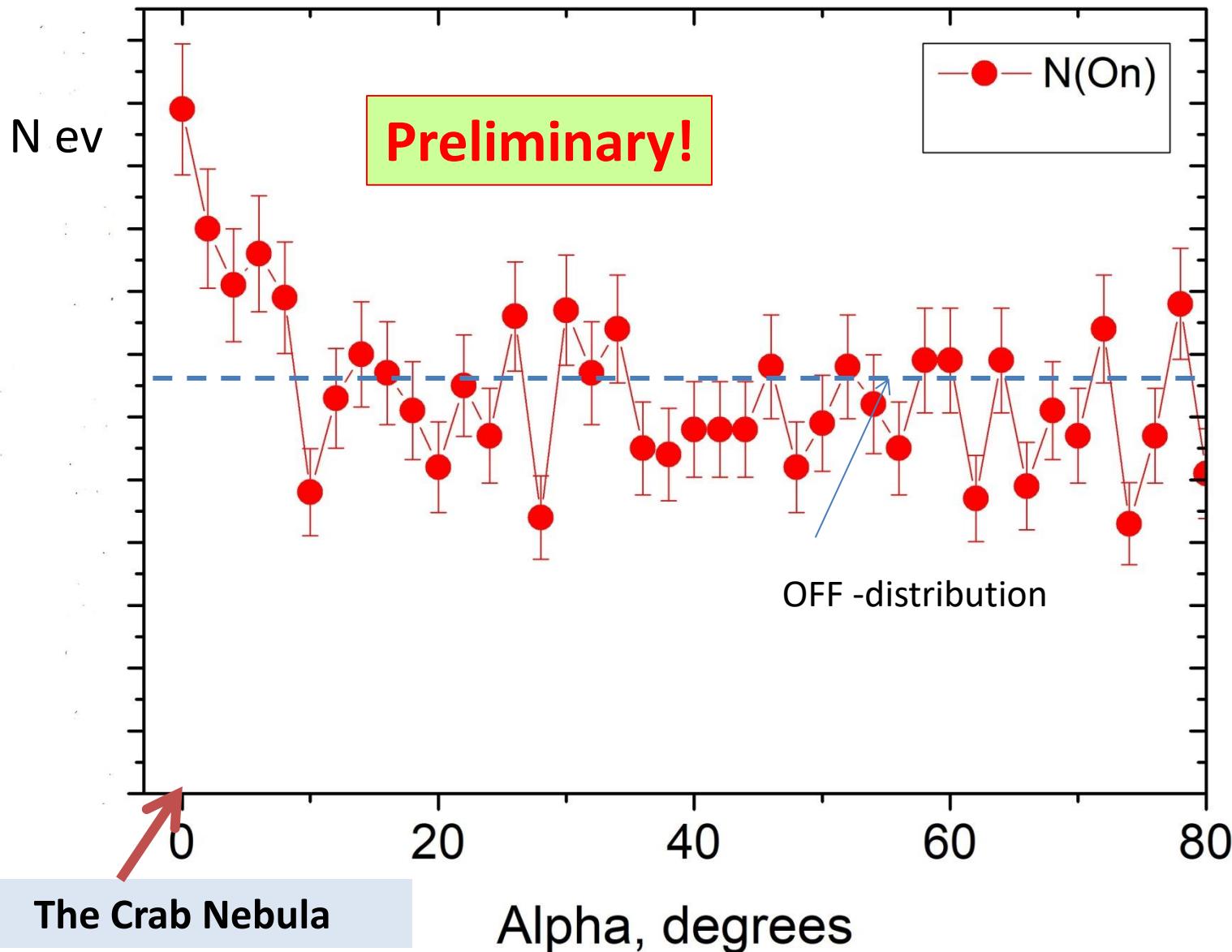


But some events  
looks as  
“Gamma-like”

$E = 50 \text{ TeV}$   
 $\text{Width} = 0.19^\circ$

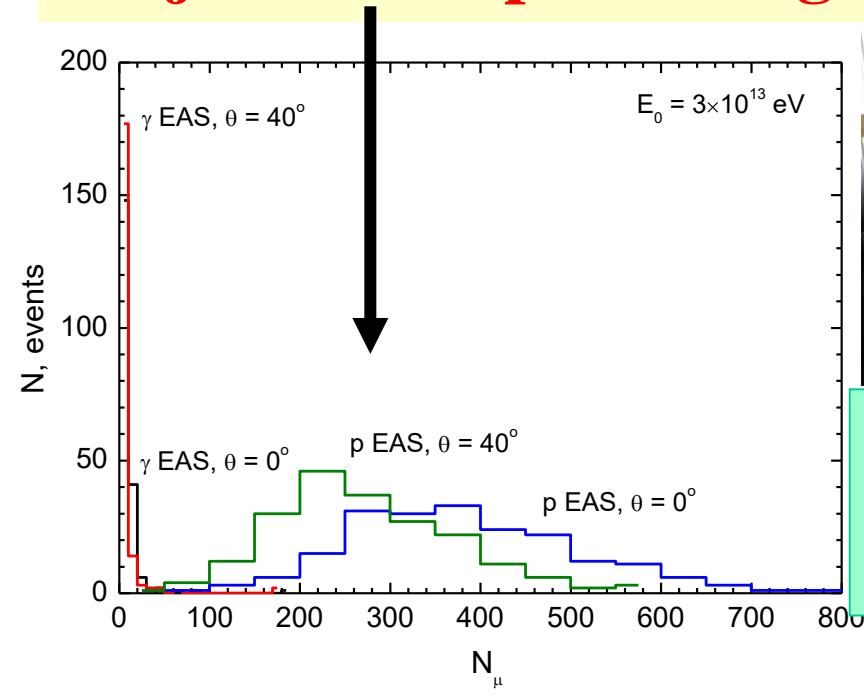


# A histogram of the events distribution around direction on the Crab Nebula



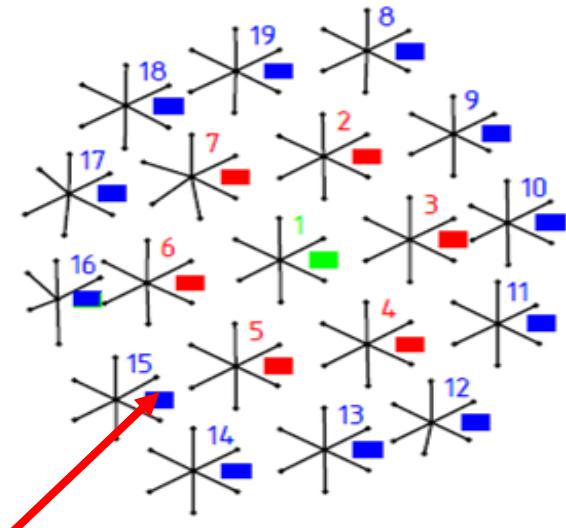
# The TAIGA particle detectors.

- Permanent absolute energy calibration of Cherenkov arrays Tunka-133 and TAIGA-HiSCORE.
- Round-the-clock duty cycle;
- Trigger for radio array Tunka-Rex
- Improvement of mass composition data
- **Rejection of p-N background**



228 former KASCADE-  
Grande scintillation  
counters with  $S=0.64$  m $^2$

## The Tunka – Grande scintillation array



152 the same  
underground  
muon counters  
in 19 stations.

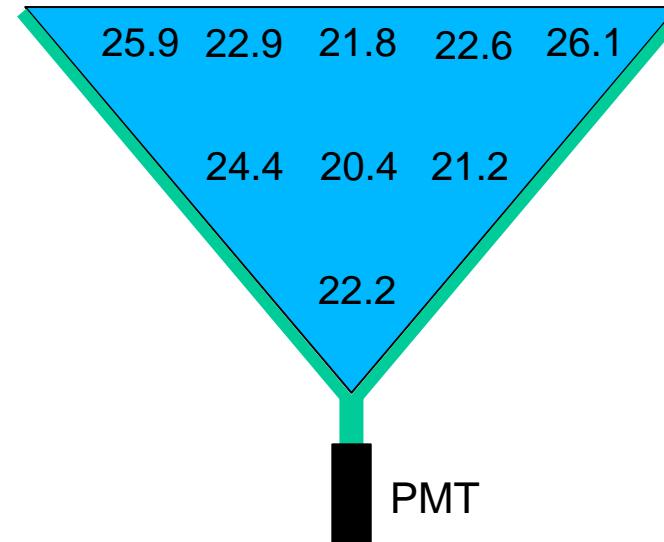
# The TAIGA-Muon scintillation array

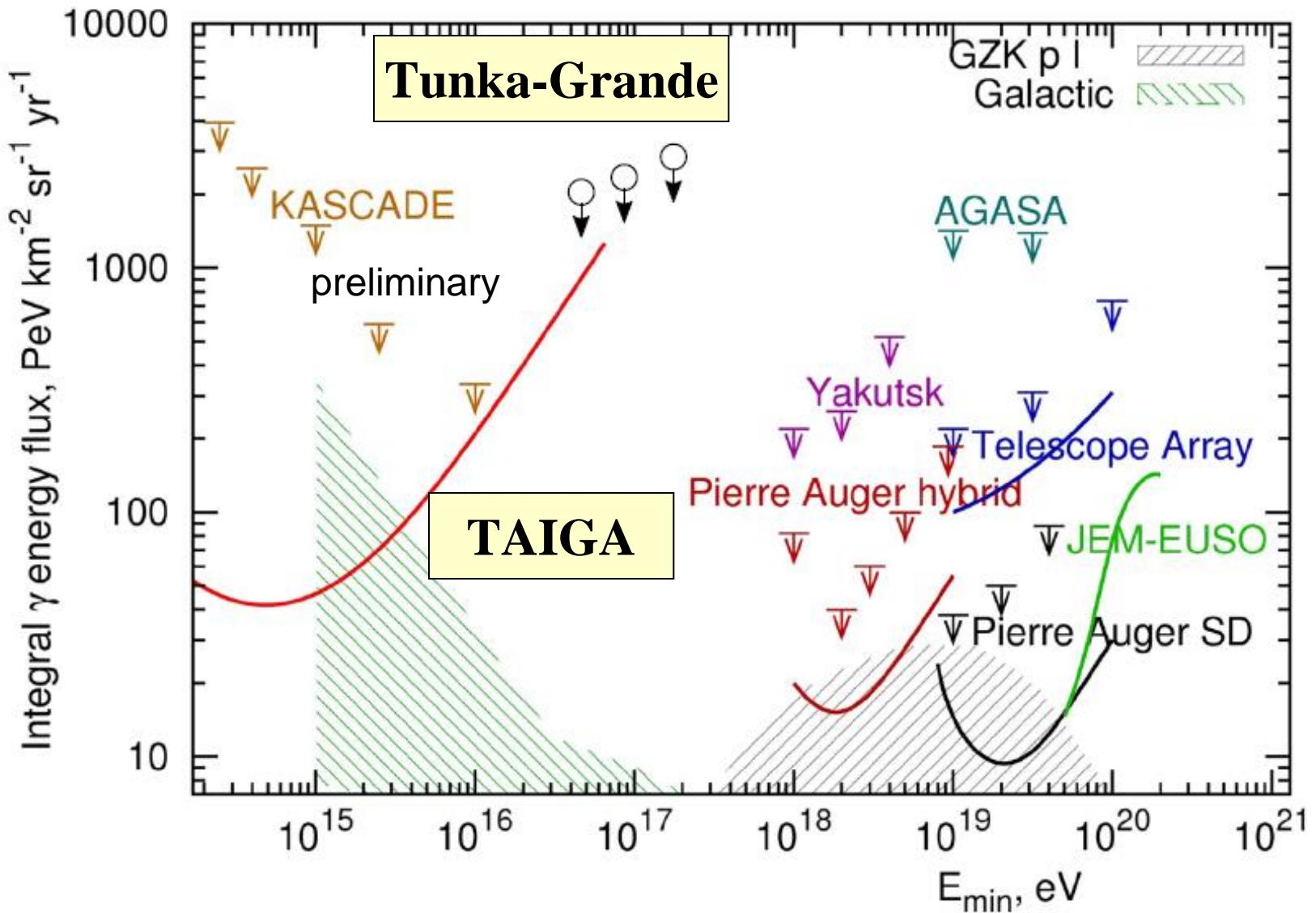
Counter dimension  
**1x1 m<sup>2</sup>**

**Wavelength shifting  
bars are used for  
collection of the  
scintillation light.**

**Mean amplitude  
from cosmic muon  
is 23.1 p.e, with  
 $\pm 15\%$  variation.**

**A clear peak in  
amplitude spectrum  
is seen from cosmic  
muons in a self  
trigger mode**





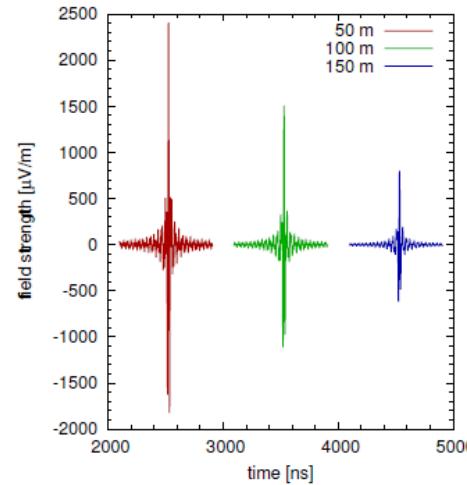
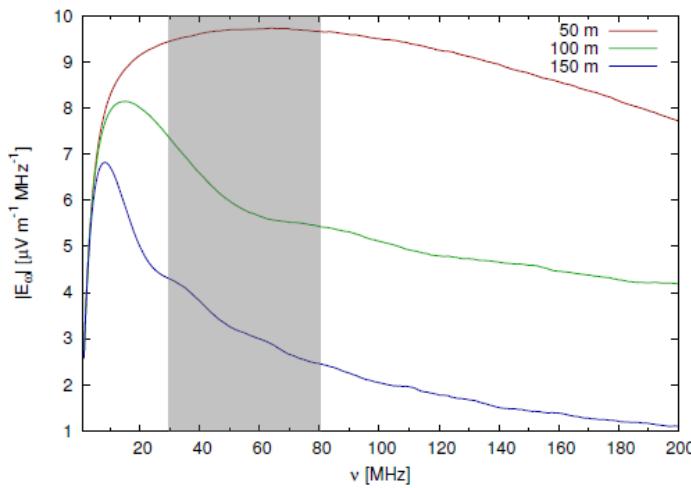
Серая область - возможный поток GZK-фотонов в Стандартной Модели для протонного первичного состава. Зеленая область — поток космогенных фотонов в одной из моделей с Лоренц-нарушением. Показаны существующие ограничения на поток фотонов.

# Air-shower radio emission

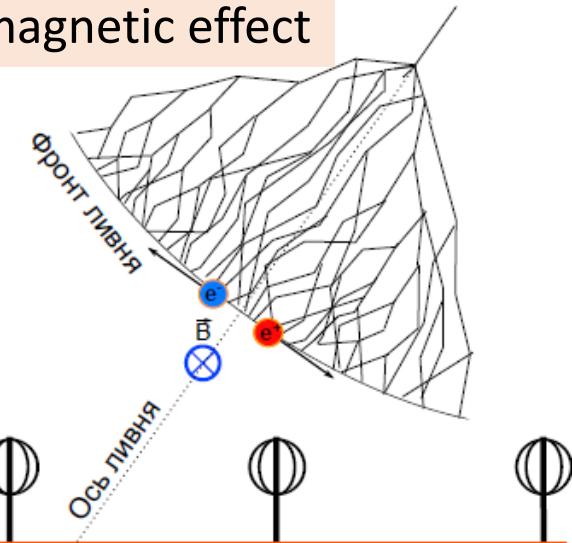
## Mechanisms:

- \* Geomagnetic effect
- \* Asatryan effect

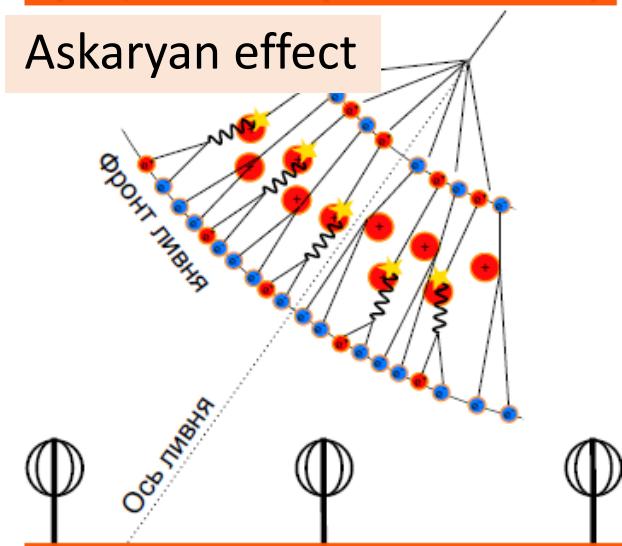
## Coherent Broadband Pulses



## Geomagnetic effect



## Askaryan effect



## Advantages:

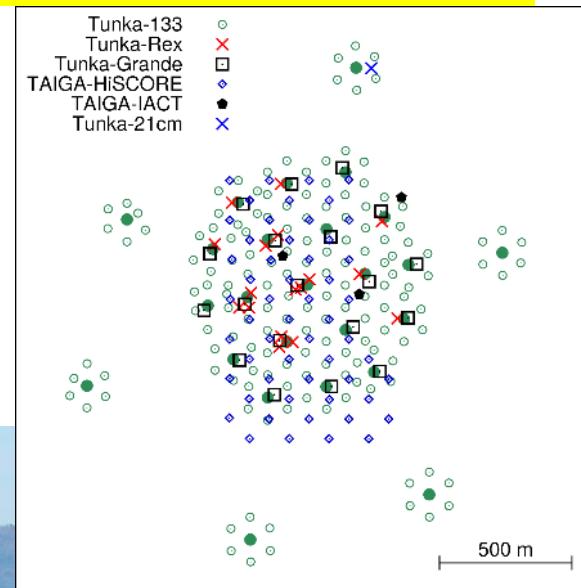
- \* Sensitive to the energy and shower maximum
- \* Almost full duty cycle
- \* Simple and cost-effective

## Disadvantages:

- \* Low signal-to-noise ratios (SNR) and many transient background (RFI)

# Tunka-Rex (Tunka – Radio extension)

- \* Detected energies -  $10^{16.5} - 10^{18.5}$  eV
- \* Detector area - 3 km<sup>2</sup>
- \* 63 antenna stations
- \* Frequency band 30 - 80 MHz
- \* Two trigger modes (Tunka-133 and Tunka-Grande)



~100 events per season  
triggered by Tunka-133

18 antennas  
2012

25 antennas  
2013

commission of  
Tunka-Grande  
w i th

44 antennas  
2014



2015

~1000 events per season  
triggered by Tunka-133 and Tunka-Grande

63 antennas  
2016



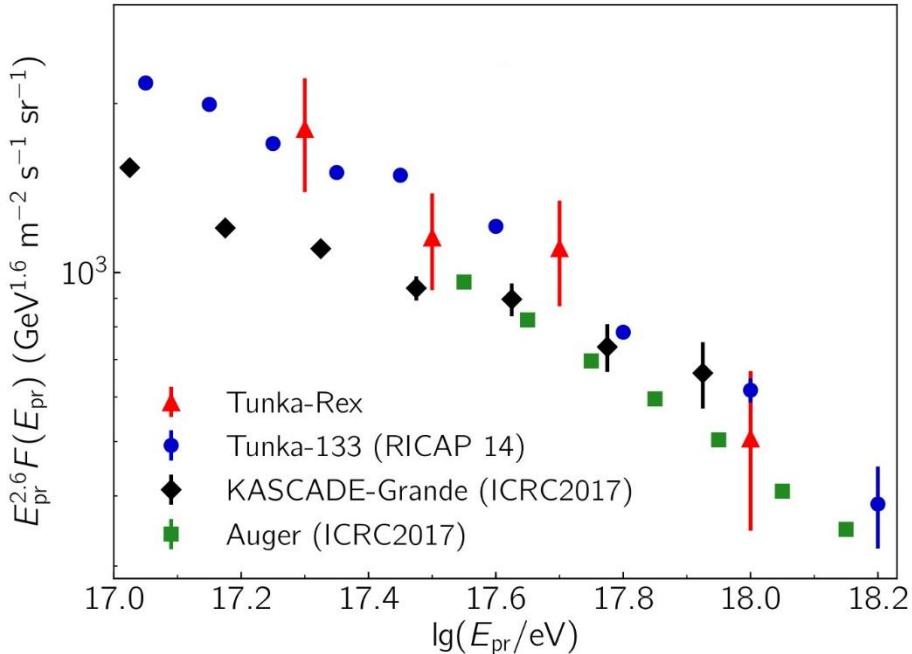
2017

TRVO  
and decommission  
→  
2019

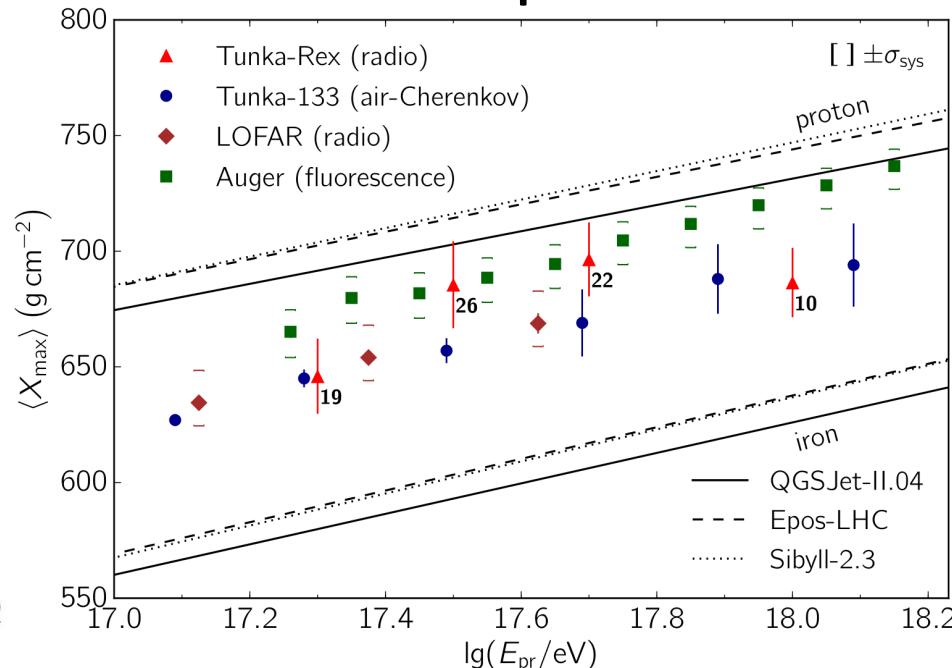
# Tunka-Rex results

- \* Tunka-Rex successfully operated since 2012
- \* Energy resolution of 10-15%, shower maximum resolution of 25–35 g/cm<sup>2</sup>
- \* Ideal tool for energy scale calibration between CR experiments (KG + Tunka-133)
- \* SALLA will be used in the radio upgrade of the Pierre Auger Observatory
- \* Study of inclined air-showers
- \* Small engineering arrays
- \* Development of self-trigger for radio

Energy spectrum



Mass composition



TAIGA, 2020

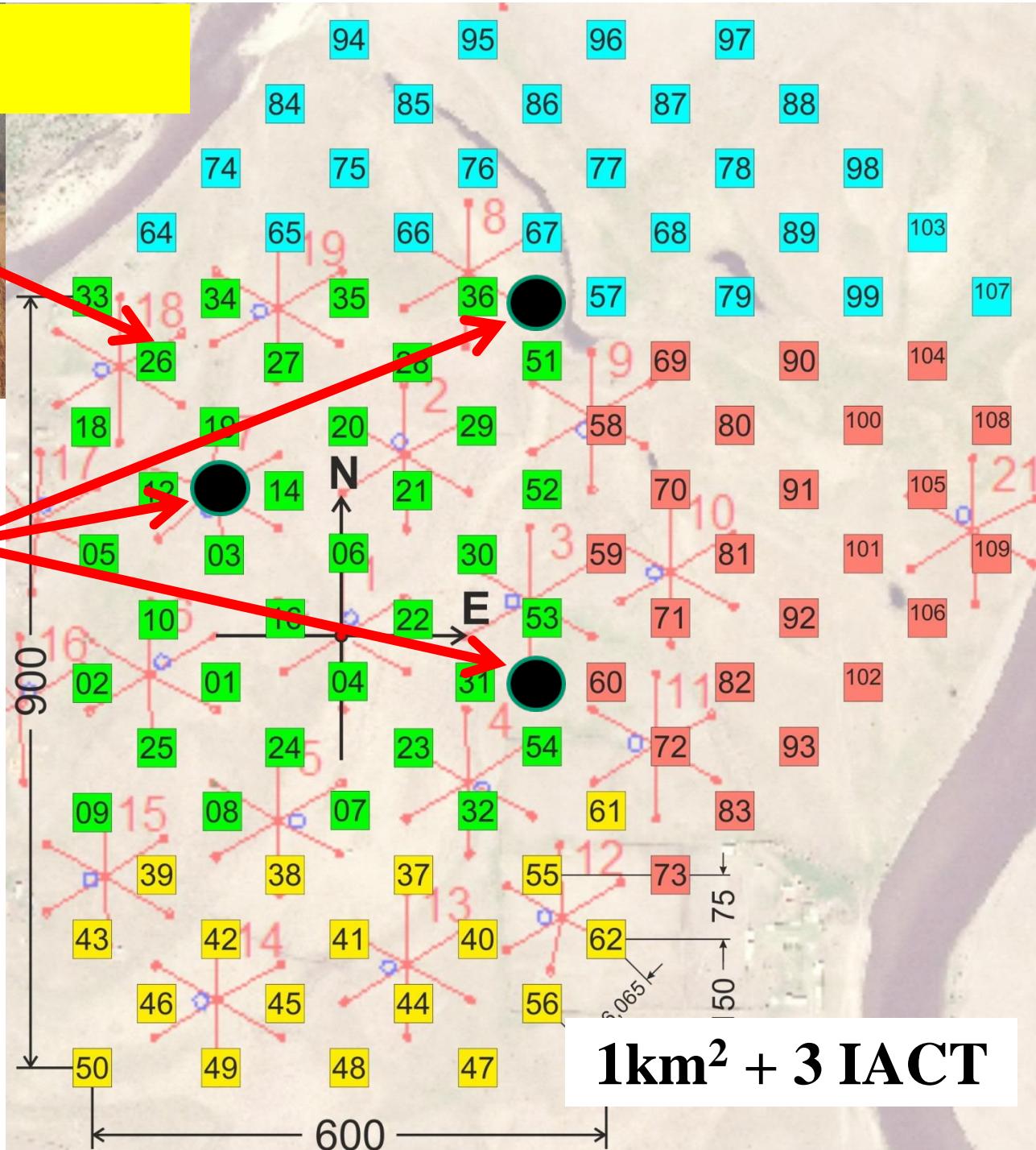


# TAIGA-HiSCORE

## 120 detectors

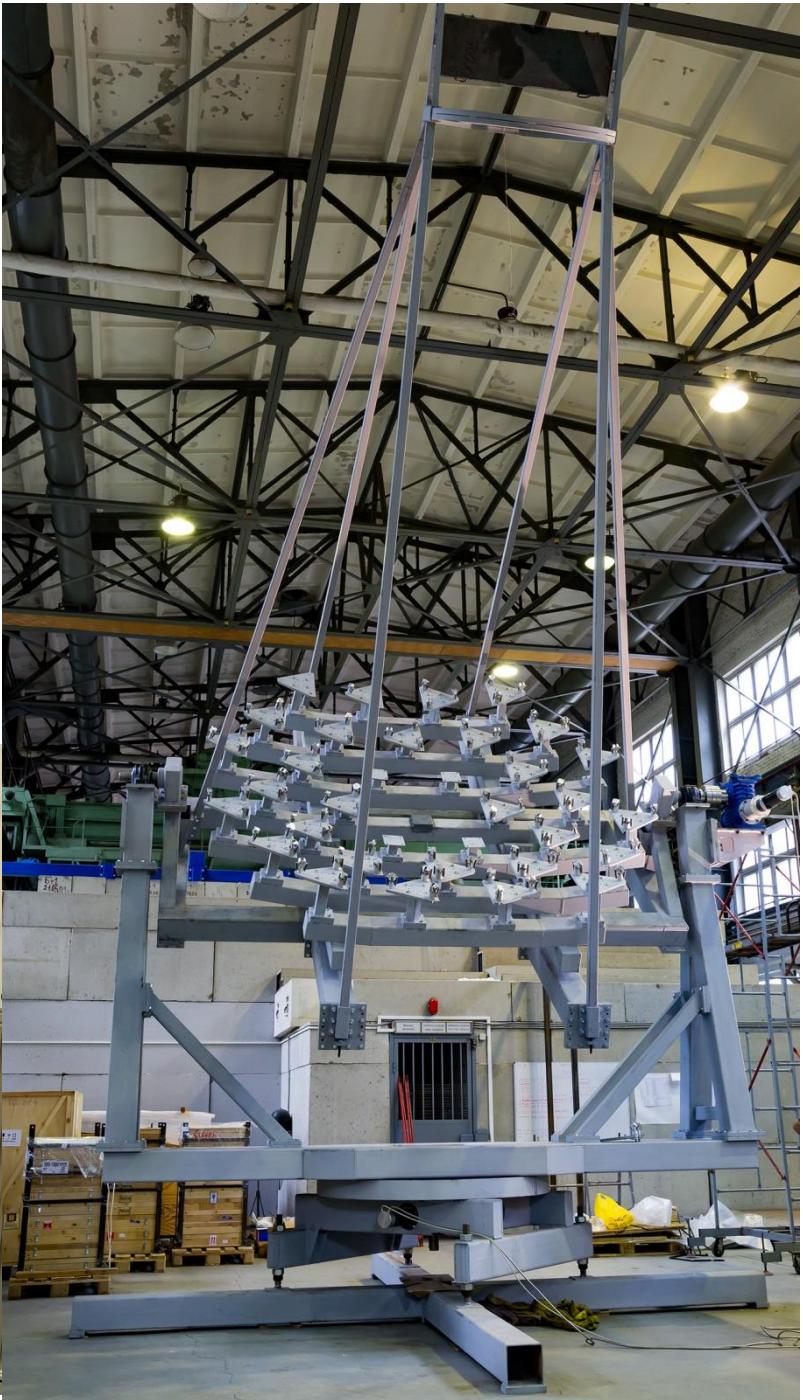
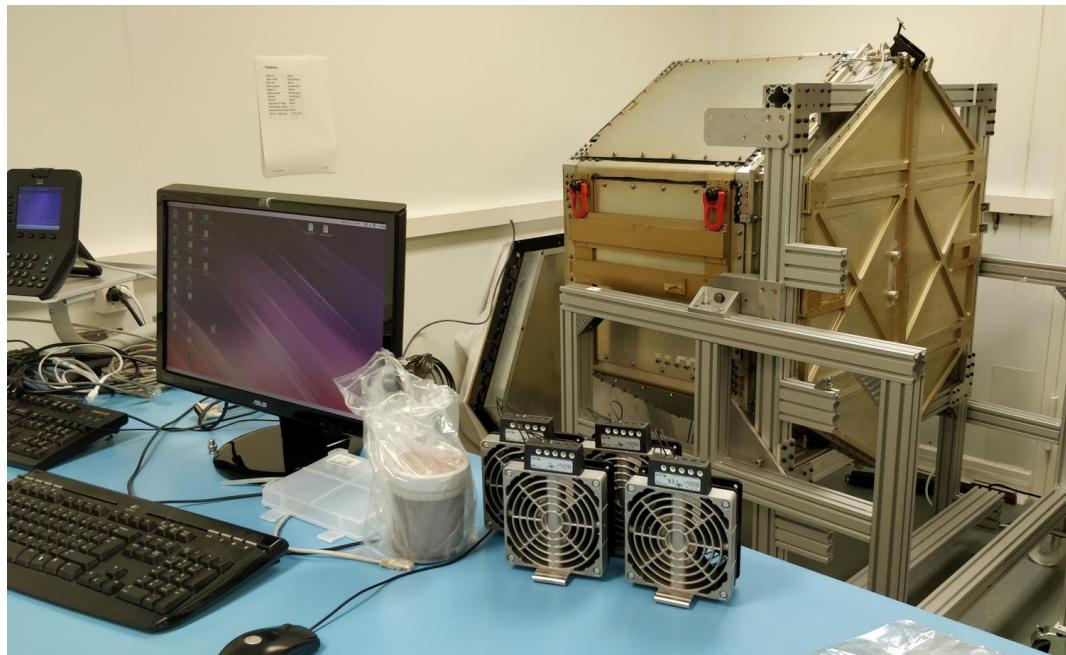


3 TAIGA-IACT



# СТА & TAIGA

Летом 2020 года планируется установить на изготовленной в ЛЯП ОИЯИ монтировке третьего телескопа камеру на базе полупроводниковых фотоумножителей (SiPM), разработанную Женевским университетом для телескопов SST-1M проекта СТА.



# A compact-size wide Field of View IACT with a SiPM-based camera for energies above 10 TeV.

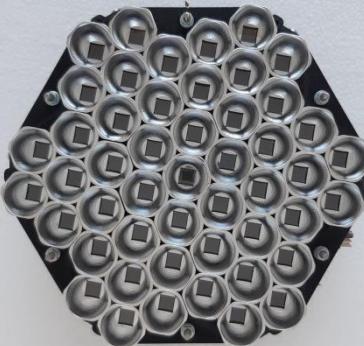
FoV of TAIGA-HiSCORE detectors is  $60^\circ$  but TAIGA-IACT –  $10^\circ$  as a result we have only 1% of joint events.

To study the gamma-ray with energy above 30 TeV we started off a development of a Small Image Telescopes (SAT) with a SiPM-based camera with a FoV up to  $60^\circ$  and an effective recording area of  $1\text{m}^2$ . We intend to test 3 variants of the SAT optical system: spherical mirror, a system of Fresnel lenses, combination of the two mentioned technologies.

Prototype SIT (FOV  $\sim 20^\circ$ ,  $S \sim 0.1 \text{ m}^2$ , 49 SiPM SensL MicroFC-60035-SMT,  $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$  ) was installed in the Tunka Valley for operation together with the TAIGA-HiSCORE array in September 2019.



Prototype SIT



Examples of detected events by the SIT prototype



# A future 10 square kilometer scale hybrid array for astroparticle physics, gamma-astronomy and cosmic ray physics



**TAIGA-HiSCORE - array.**  
A net of 1000 non imaging wide-angle detectors distributed on area  $10 \text{ km}^2$  with spacing 100 m about An EAS core position, direction and energy reconstruction.

**TAIGA-IACT - array**  
of 12 - 16 IACT with mirrors – 4.3 m diameter.  
Charged particles rejection using imaging technique.

## A site requirement:

- altitude – 2000 m about,
- no artificial light background,
- good astroclimat,
- enough vacant rather flat space,
- acceptable logistic condition,
- availability of electrical power

Tunka, Altay.....???????????



**TAIGA-Muon array**  
of scintillation detectors, including underground muon detectors with area -  $2000 - 3000 \text{ m}^2$   
Charged particles rejection

# Summary and outlook

TAIGA aims at establishing a new, hybrid gamma-ray detection technology for >30 TeV

## 2020 year 1 km<sup>2</sup> TAIGA setup:

- 120 wide – angle Cherenkov detectors of TAIGA - HiSCORE “non-imaging” timing array
- 3 Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes of TAIGA-IACT “imaging” array
- 200 m<sup>2</sup> muon detectors of TAIGA-Muon and Tunka-Grande arrays.

A point source sensitivity:  $2.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$  TeV/cm<sup>2</sup> s (300 hours, 30–200 TeV)

Commissioning seasons were successful

- Stable operation, precision calibration in progress,  $E_{th} \sim 30$  TeV
- CR energy spectrum 100 TeV – 1 EeV
- A signal from Crab in agreement with expectation.
- Joint operation of TAIGA-HiSCORE and IACT: data analyses is in progress

## Future plan : 10 square kilometers scale TAIGA + new technologies

- array with about 1000 Cherenkov detectors of TAIGA - HiSCORE “non-imaging” timing array
- 12 – 16 Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes of TAIGA-IACT “imaging” array
- 3000 m<sup>2</sup> muon detectors of TAIGA-Muon array.
- A point source sensitivity:  $2.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$  TeV/cm<sup>2</sup> s (300 hours, 30–200 TeV)
- Cooperating with CTA
- development of detecting systems, based on SiPM sensitive optical and ultraviolet (UV) bands.
- development of compact-size wide Field of View IACT with a SiPM-based camera.

# **Thank you for attention!**

