FERMIPY HANDS-ON SESSION

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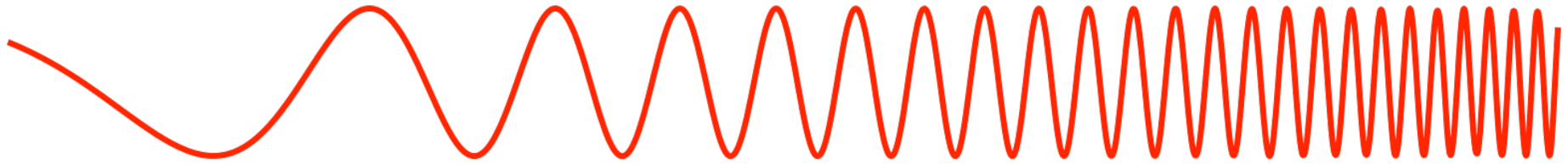
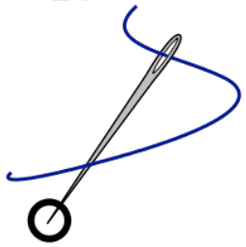
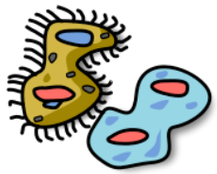
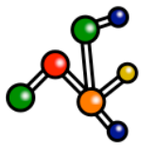
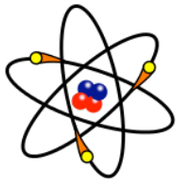
OUTLINE

- How Does the LAT work?
- Analyze! (What are the common steps of a LAT analysis?)

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Radiation Type	**Radio**		**Microwave**	**Infrared**	**Visible**	**Ultraviolet**	**X-ray**	**Gamma ray**
Wavelength (m)	10^{3}		10^{-2}	10^{-5}	0.5×10^{-6}	10^{-8}	10^{-10}	10^{-12}
Approximate Scale of Wavelength								
	Buildings	Humans	Butterflies	Needle Point	Protozoans	Molecules	Atoms	Atomic Nuclei

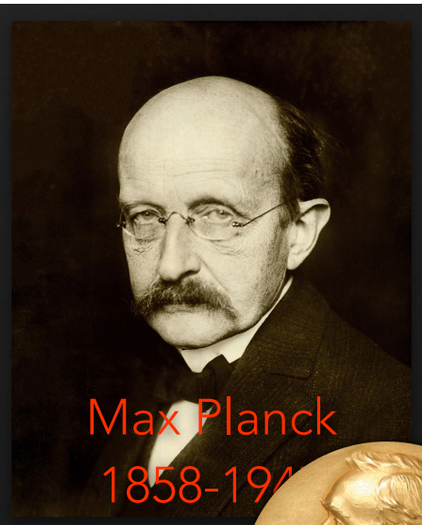
λ Wavelength

ν Frequency

c Speed of light

E Energy

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

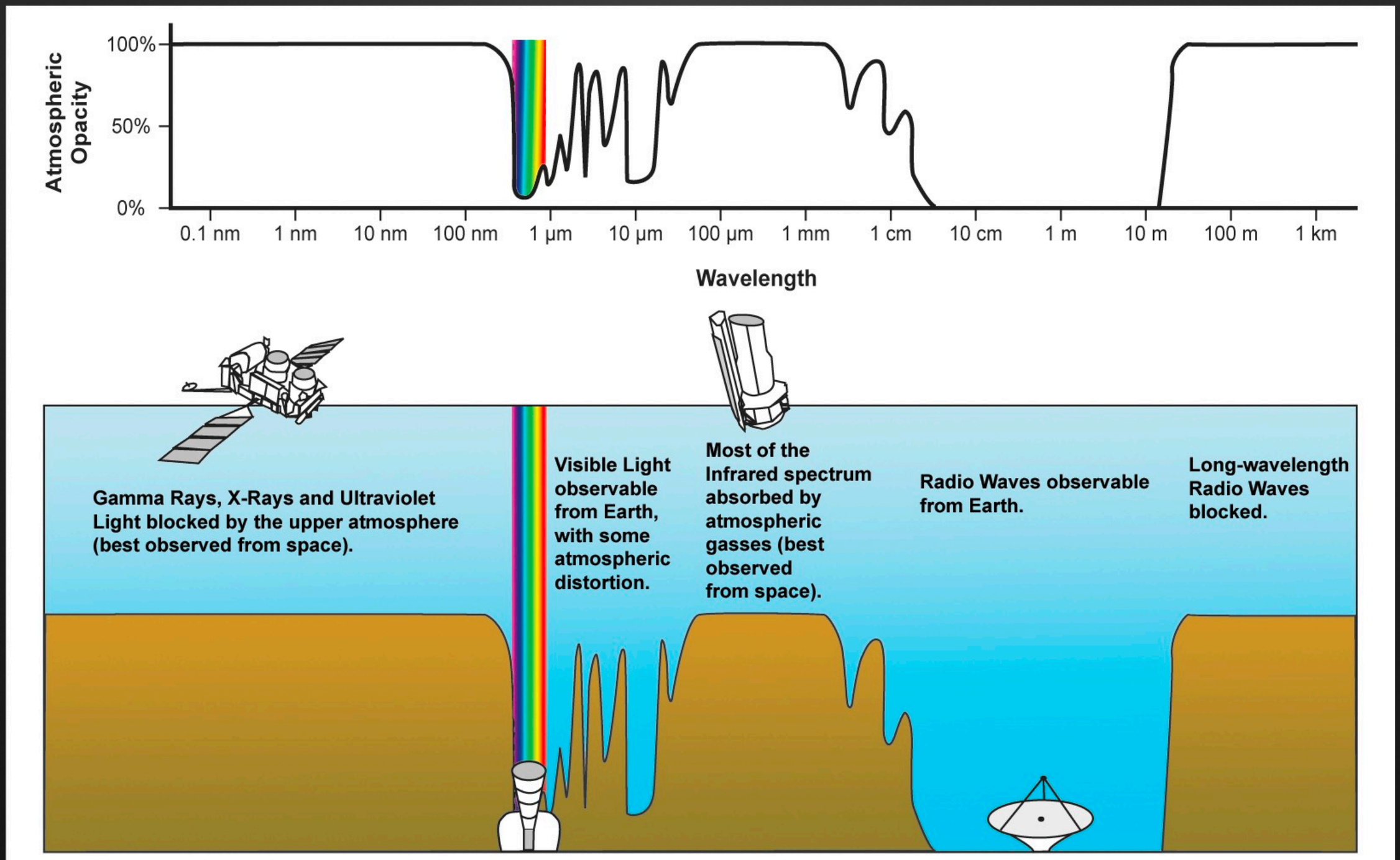


Max Planck
1858-19

$$E = h\nu$$

$h = 6.62607004 \times 10^{-34}$ J s

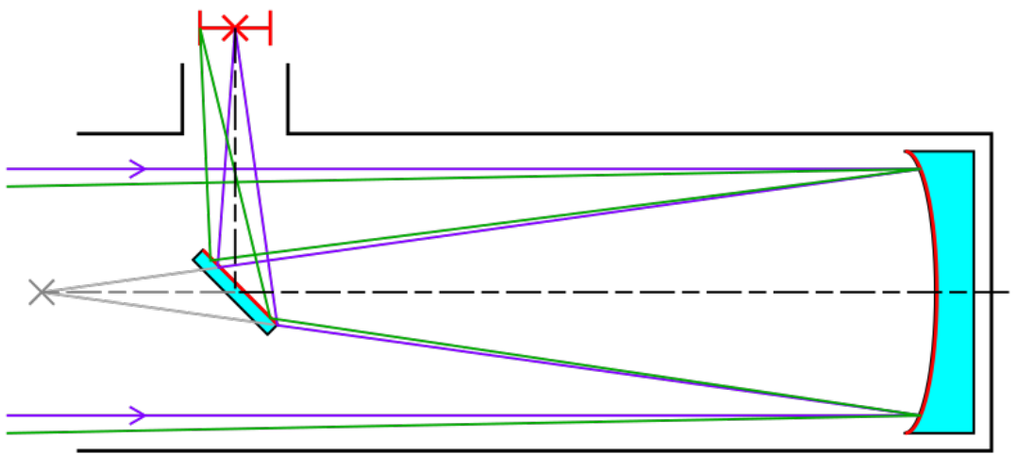
CHALLENGE 1: OPACITY OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE



CHALLENGE 2: FOCUSSING LIGHT

- With increasing energy / frequency it becomes more difficult to focus electromagnetic radiation as it penetrates matter
- X-ray optics use grazing incidence
- Gamma-rays penetrate material even further than X-rays, impossible to focus

NEWTON TELESCOPE



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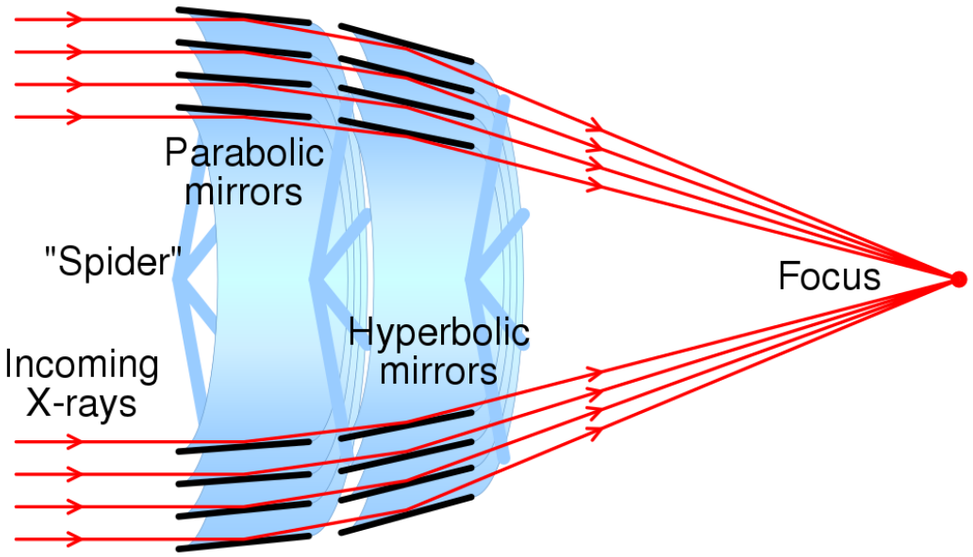
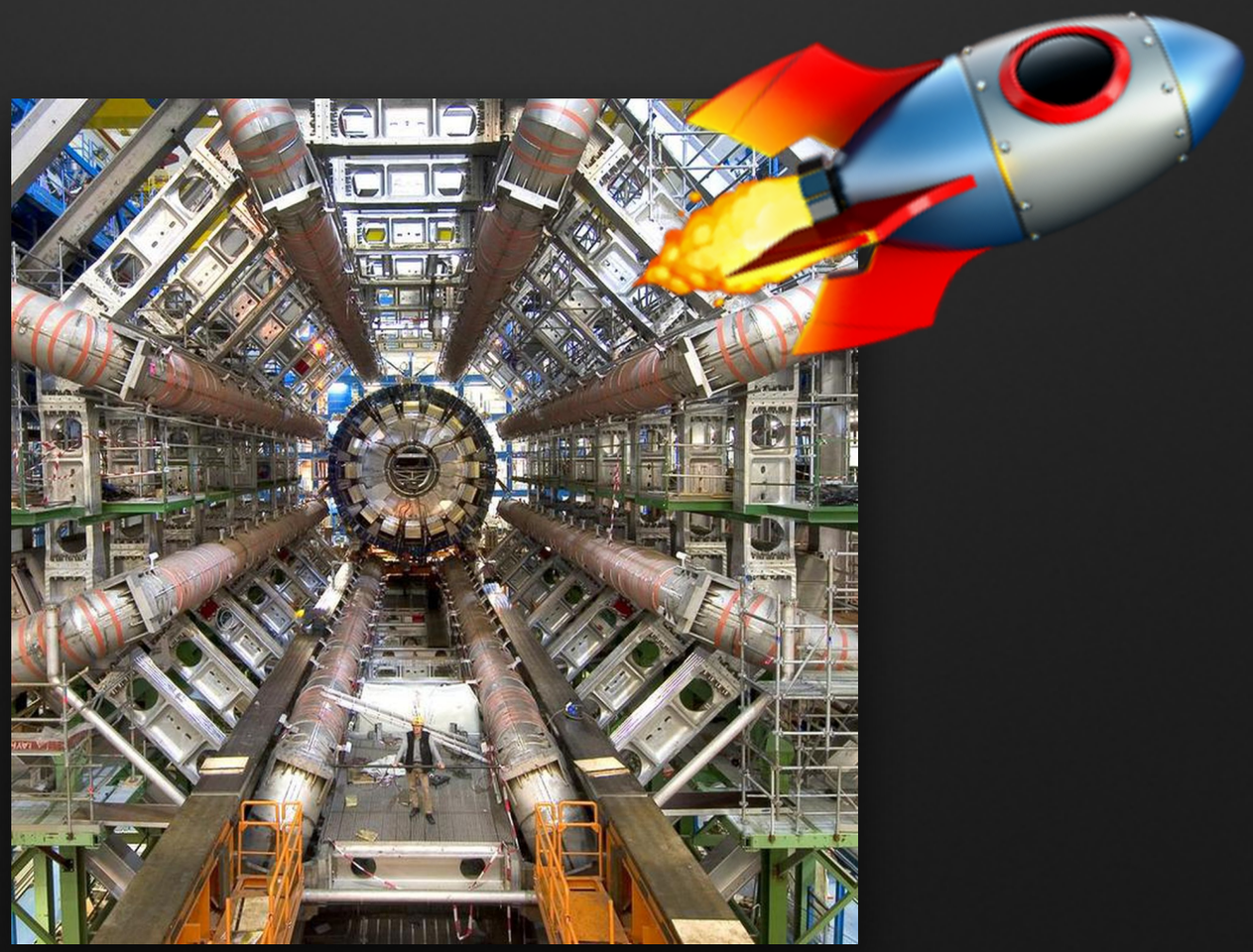


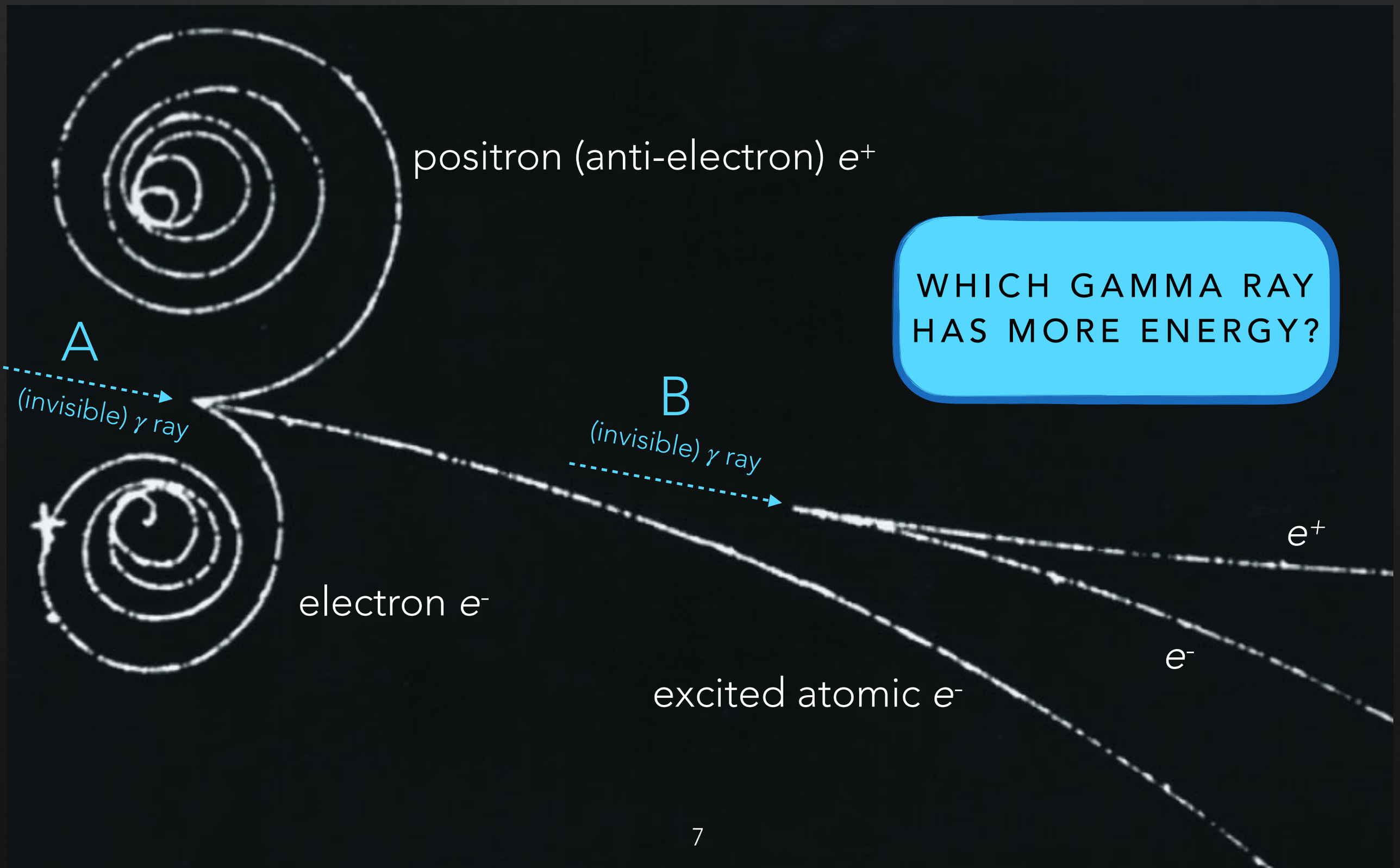
SOLUTION

- Use technologies from particle accelerators to detect gamma rays and put them on a satellite



PARTICLE DETECTION

— MAKING HIGH ENERGY PARTICLES VISIBLE



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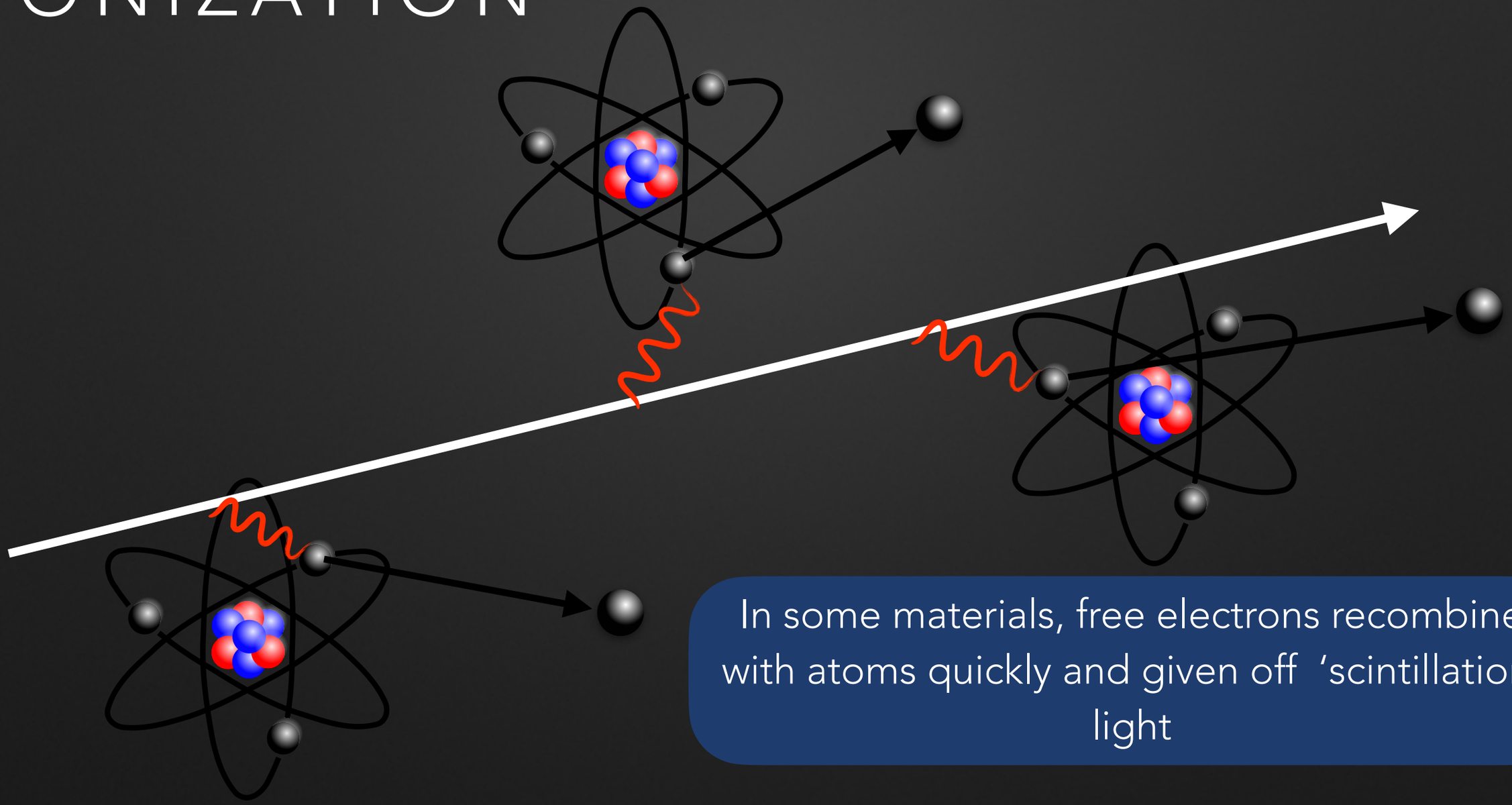

In some materials, free electrons recombine with atoms quickly and given off ‘scintillation’ light

- A high-energy charged particle going through material will kick loose lots of electrons for atoms near its path
  - The electric field from the charged particle transfers energy to the atomic electrons and unbinds them

BUILDING A GAMMA RAY TELESCOPE
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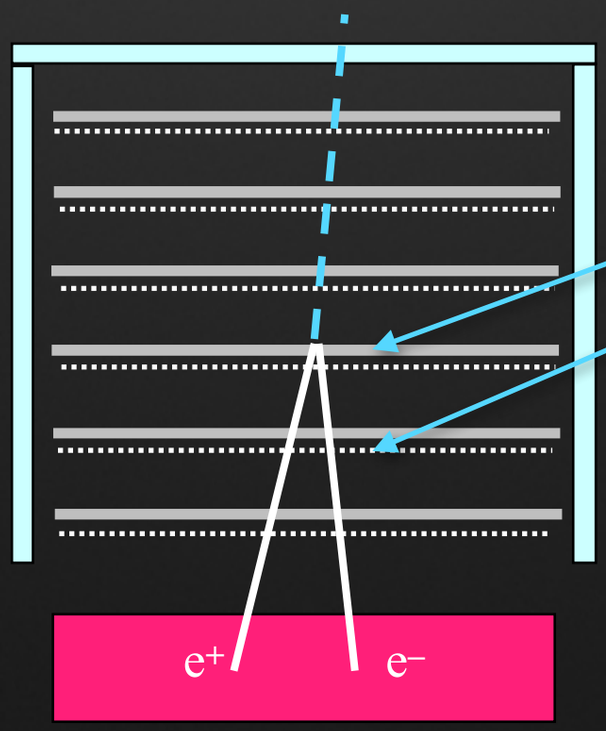
- Where they are coming from (direction)
- How energetic they are (energy)
- That they are really gamma rays (and not cosmic rays)



Anticoincidence detector

Conversion foil

Particle tracking detectors

Calorimeter
(energy measurement)

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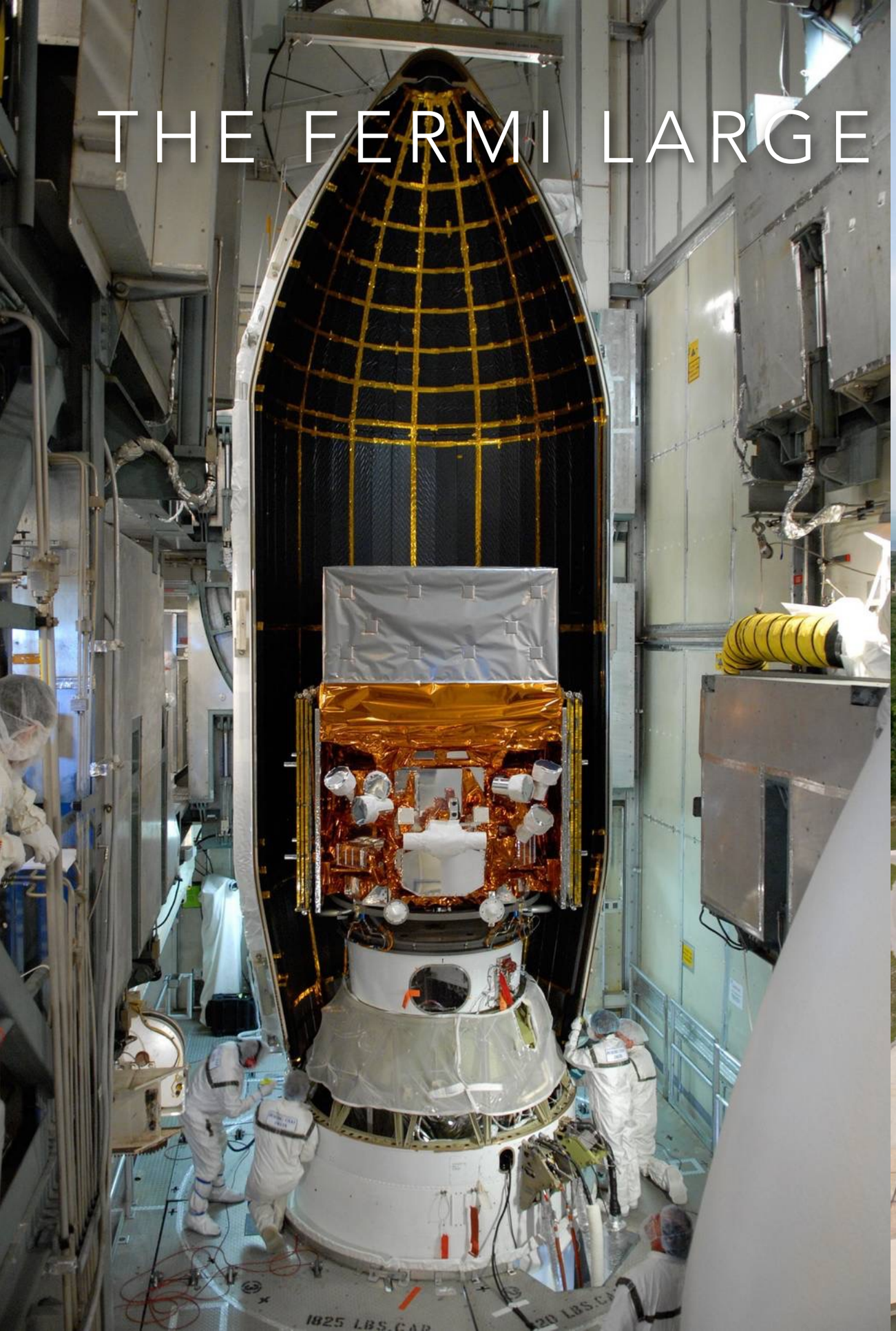

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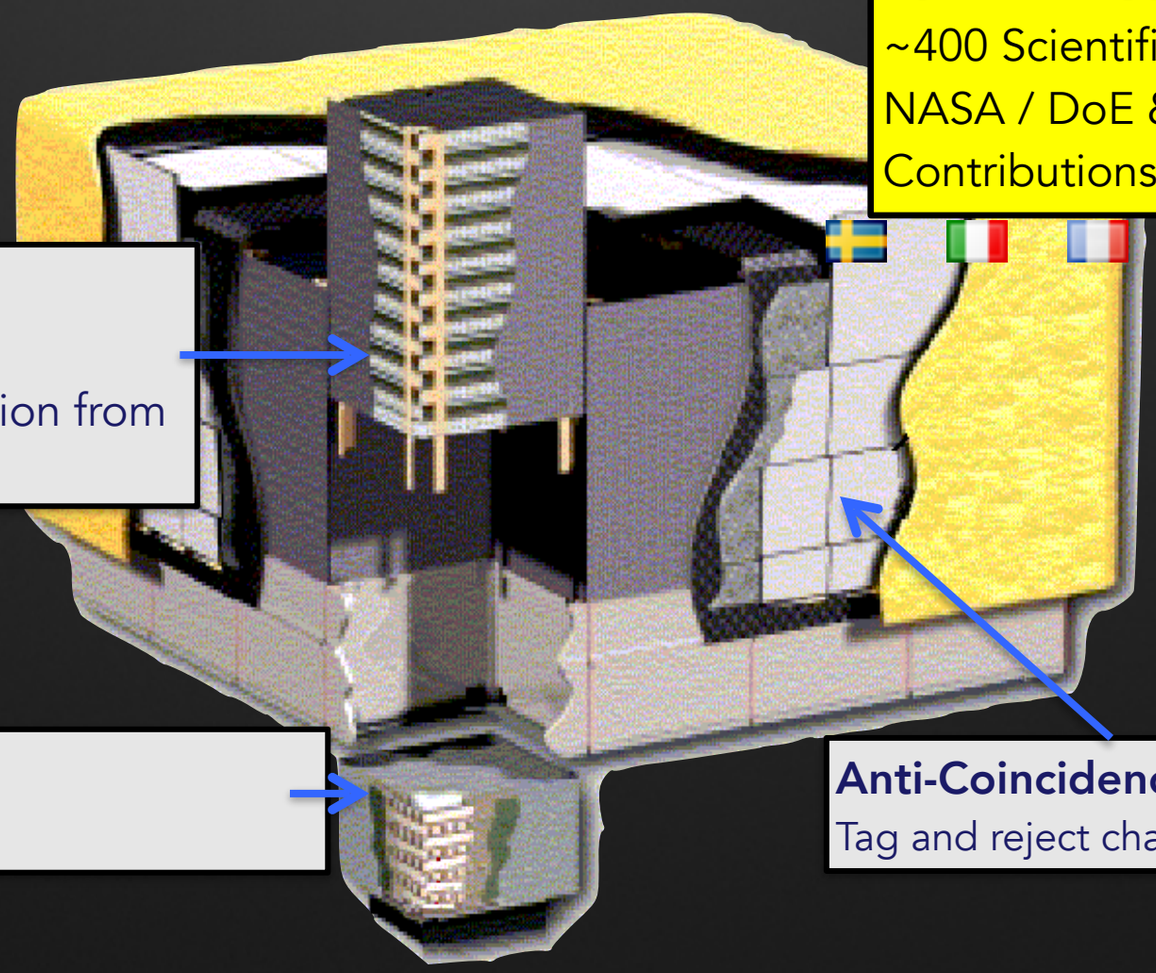
LAT: ~1m x 1.5m, 2800 kg

***Fermi*-LAT Collaboration:**
~400 Scientific Members, NASA / DoE & International Contributions

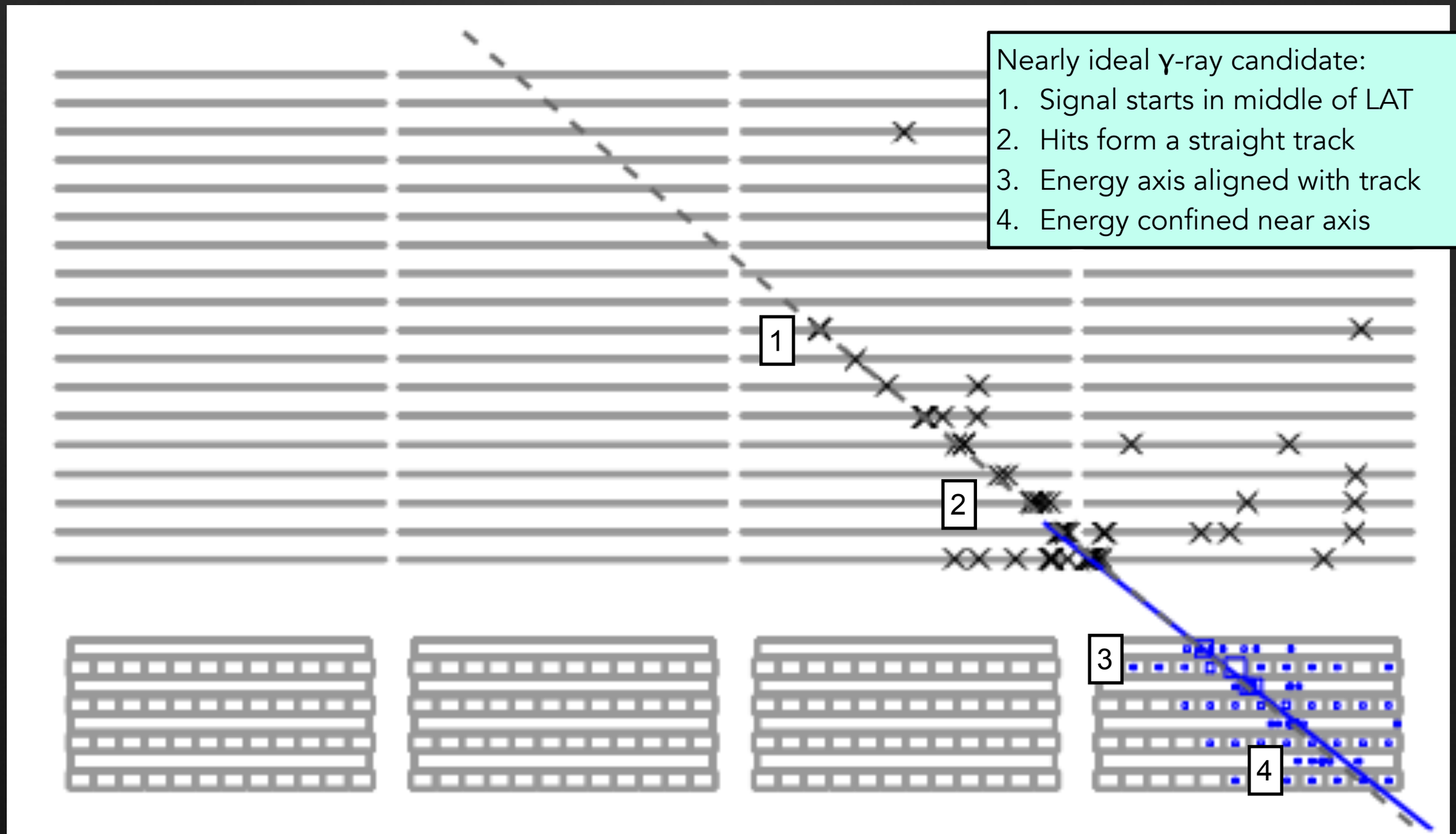


Tracker:
convert γ->e^+e^-
reconstruct γ direction from e^+e^-

Calorimeter:
measure γ energy

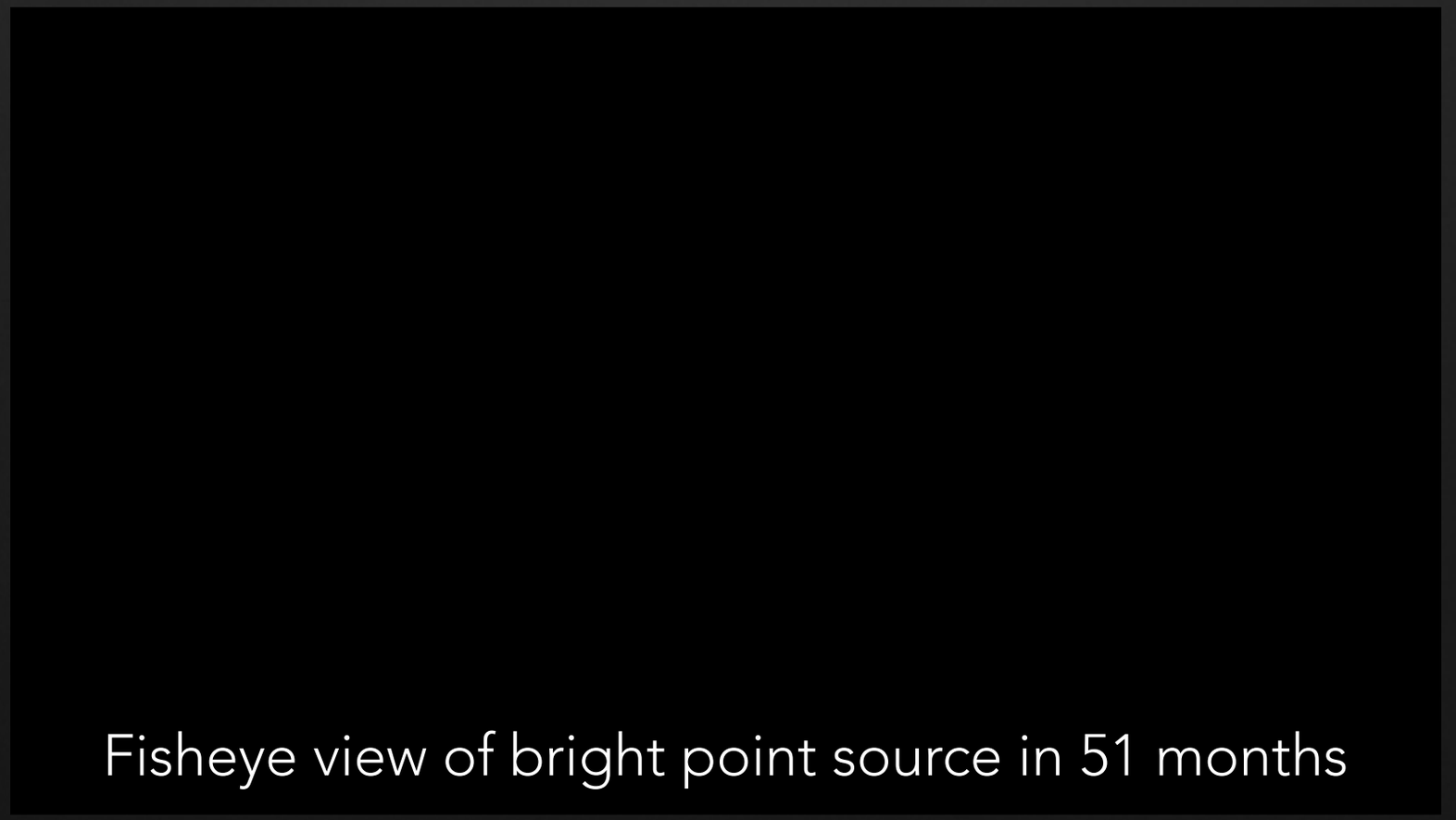
Anti-Coincidence Detector:
Tag and reject charged particles

LAT DETECTS INDIVIDUAL GAMMA RAYS



OBSERVING THE FULL SKY WITH FERMI

- Fermi satellite orbital period ~ 90 minutes
- Satellite alternates between looking south and north every orbit
- Sees the whole sky every 3 hours



Fisheye view of bright point source in 51 months

BASIC ANALYSIS WORKFLOW

WHAT'S YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION?

- Is my source of interest detected at γ energies?
- If it is detected what is its average spectrum (=photon flux as a function of energy) over some time range?
- Is its spectrum compatible with some theoretical shape (e.g., dark matter annihilation)?
- What is the source morphology? Point-like? Extended?
- What is the evolution of the source flux vs time?
- …

LIKELIHOOD FITTING

- No matter what your question is, in the end it boils down to fitting a model ϕ for your source(s) to the data

- Most generally, model will depend on energy E, time t, solid angle Ω, and model parameters $\vec{\pi}$:

$$\phi \equiv \phi(E, t, \Omega, \vec{\pi}) = \frac{dN}{dE\ dt\ dA\ d\Omega}$$

- For LAT data, model parameters $\vec{\pi}$ are optimized through a **likelihood maximization**

MODEL ϕ

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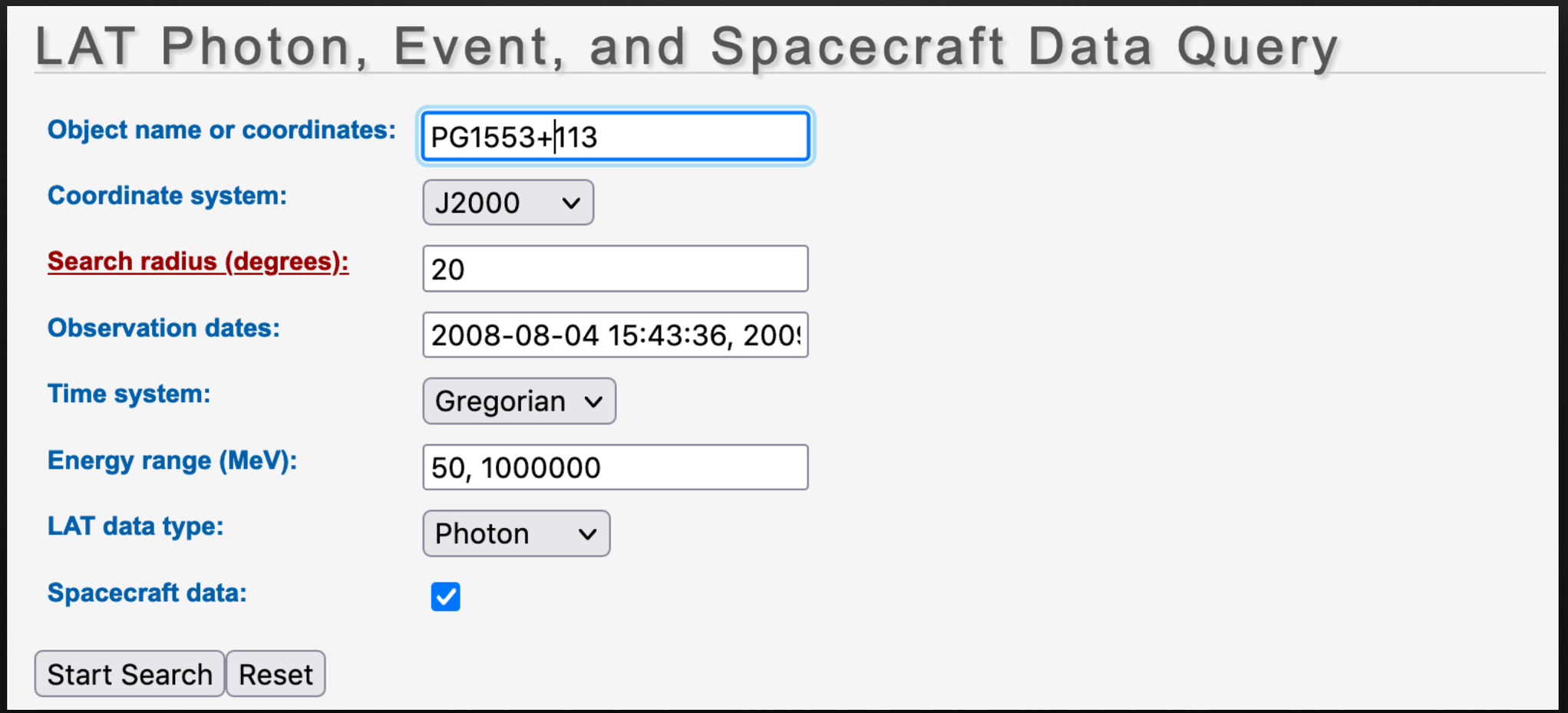
Change $\vec{\pi}$

DATA PREPROCESSING (SUB-SELECTION, BINNING), GIVES YOU COUNTS N

RAW DATA

GET THE DATA

- You can download data from https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/ssc/LAT/LATDataQuery.cgi
- Data starts at 2008-08-04 15:43:36 UTC
- Useful tool: xTime convert mission elapsed time (MET) to UTC, MJD, …



DOWNLOAD DATA

- If you downloaded the latest version of fermipy and the fermitools, you are all set

- Otherwise, you need to get the catalog files and templates for extended sources, available here

Your search criteria were:

Equatorial coordinates (degrees)	(238.929,11.1901)
Time range (MET)	(239557417,271093418)
Time range (Gregorian)	(2008-08-04 15:43:36,2009-08-04 15:43:36)
Energy range (MeV)	(50,1e+06)
Search radius (degrees)	20

The state of your query is 2 (Query complete)

Server	Position in Queue	Estimated Time Remaining (sec)
Photon Server	Query complete	N/A
Spacecraft Server	Query complete	N/A

The filenames of the result files consist of the query ID string with an identifier appended to indicate which database the file came from. The identifiers are of the form: _DDNN where DD indicates the database and NN is the file number. The file number will generally be '00' unless the query resulted in a large data volume. In that case the data is broken up into multiple files. The values of the database field are:

- PH - Photon Database
- SC - Spacecraft Pointing, Livetime, and History Database
- EV - Extended Database

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L210621085941F357373F60_PH02.fits	135830	12.74	Available

If you would like to download the files via wget, simply copy the following commands and paste them into a terminal window. The files will be downloaded to the current directory in the terminal window.

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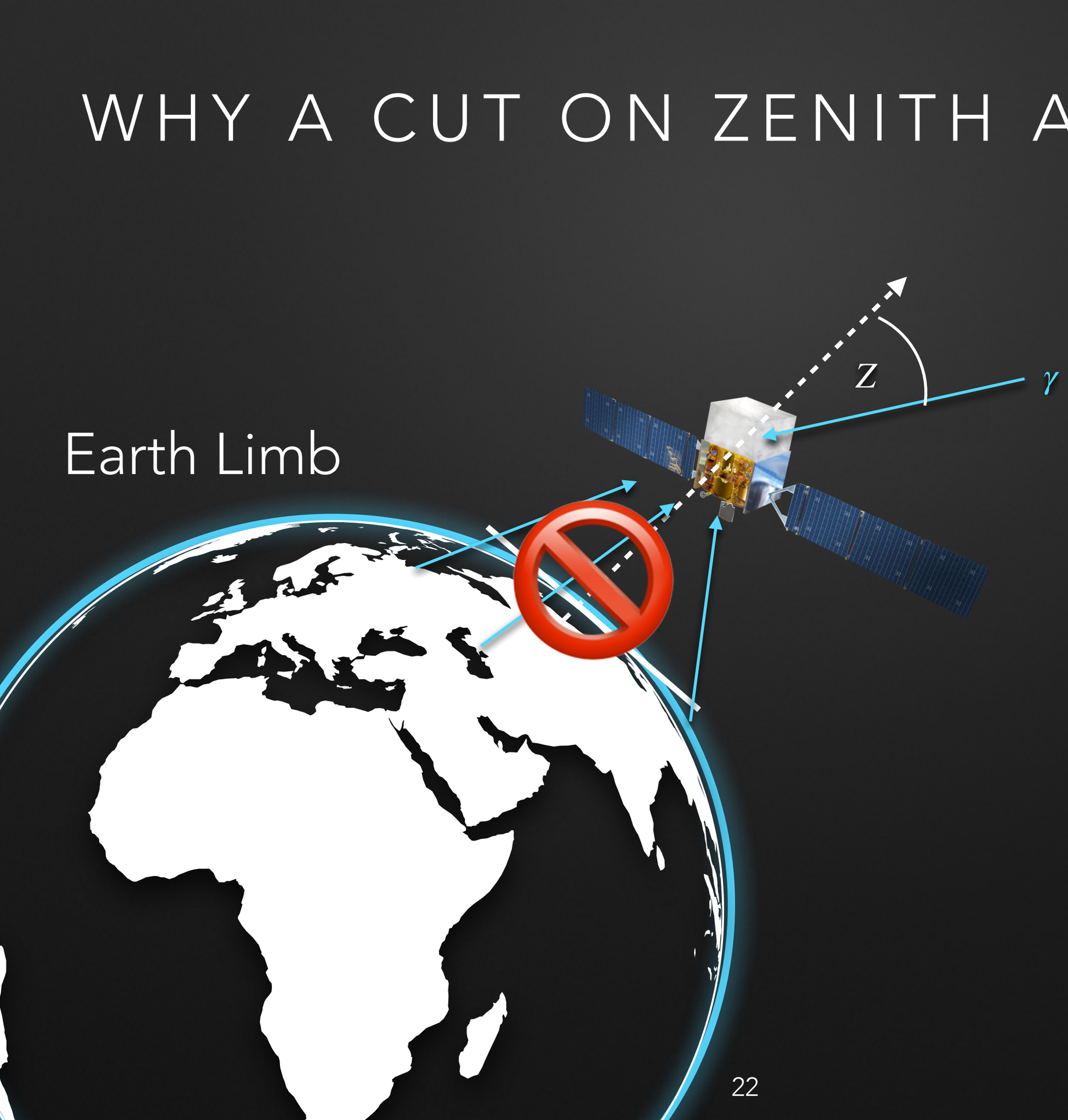
SWITCH TO PG1553 NOTEBOOK:

HTTPS://NBVIEWER.JUPYTER.ORG/GITHUB/ME-MANU/FERMIPY-EXTRA/BLOB/MASTER/NOTEBOOKS/PG1553.IPYNB

WHY A CUT ON ZENITH ANGLE?

Earth Limb



$Z \leqslant 90^{\circ}$

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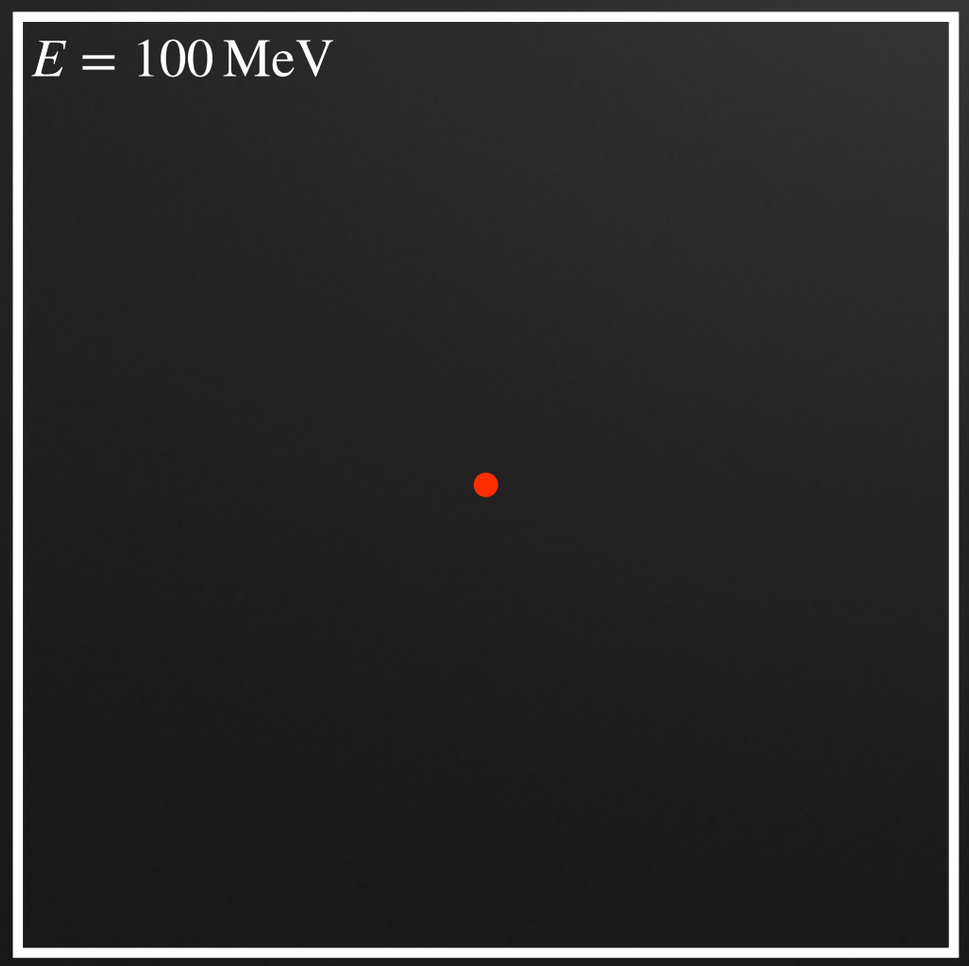

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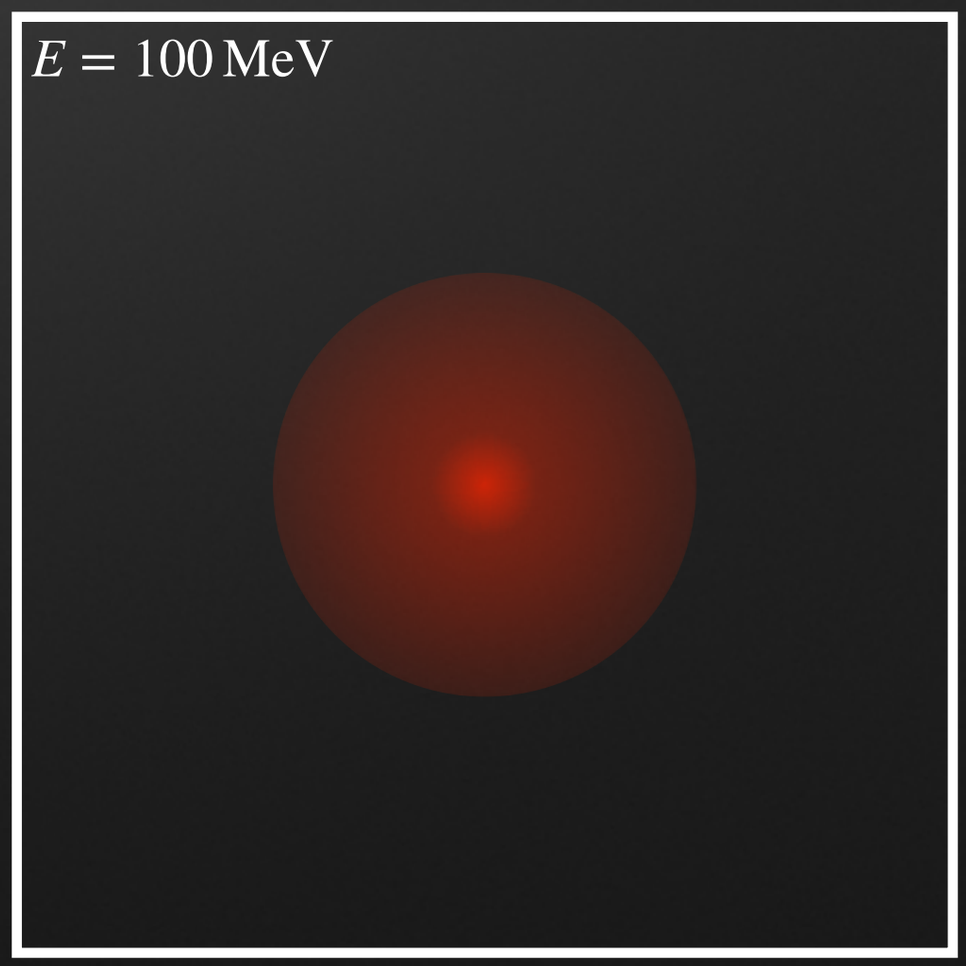

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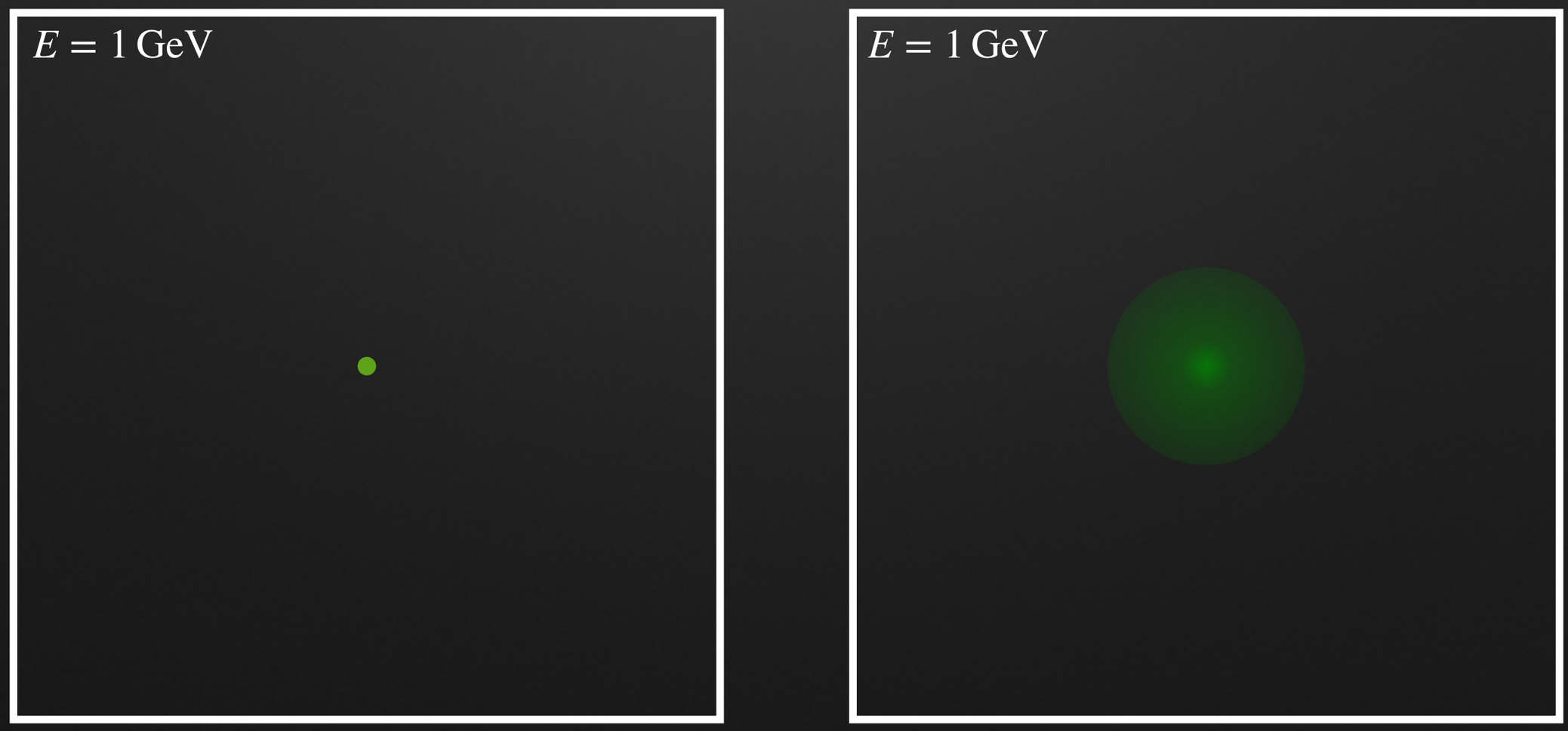

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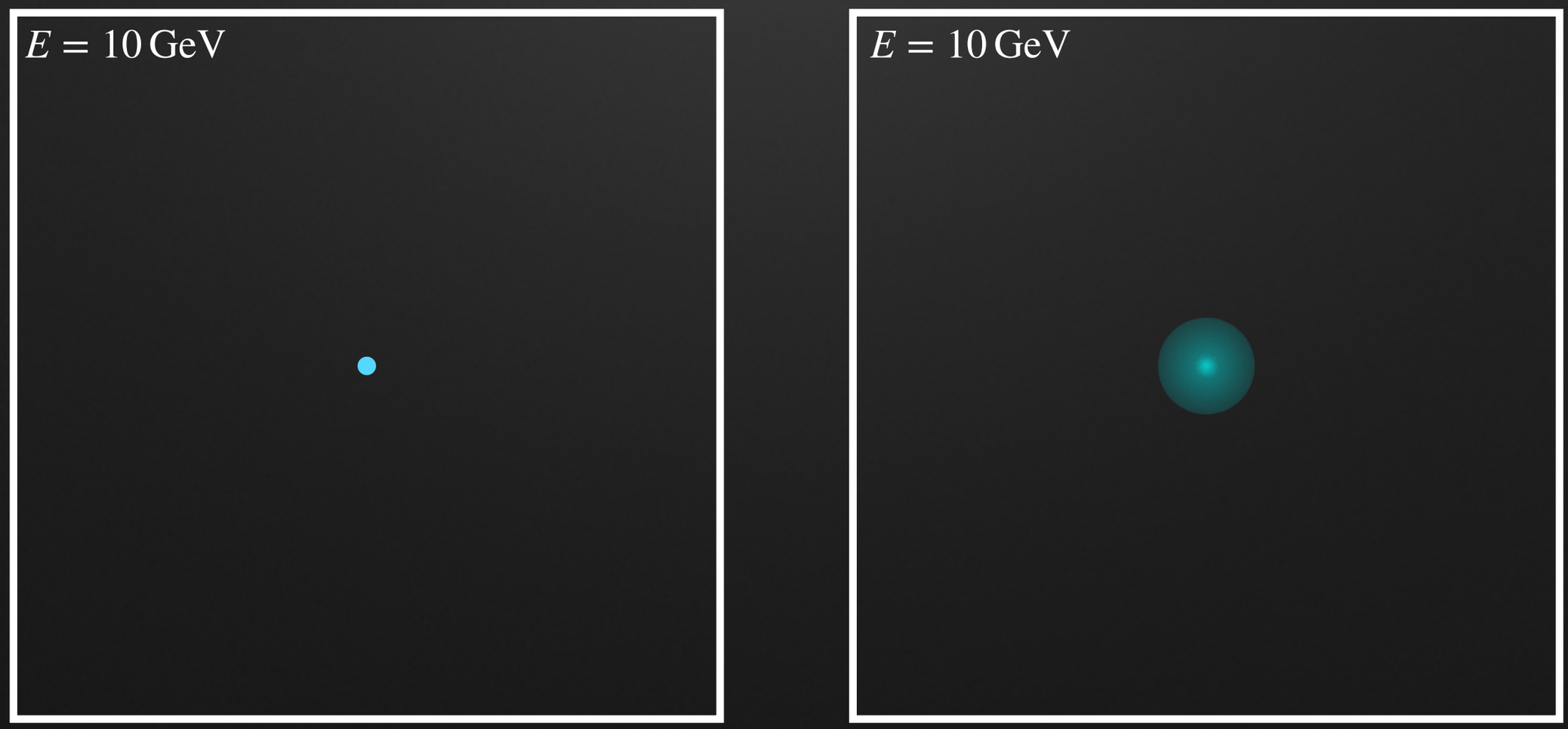

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COMPUTE EXPECTED COUNTS M

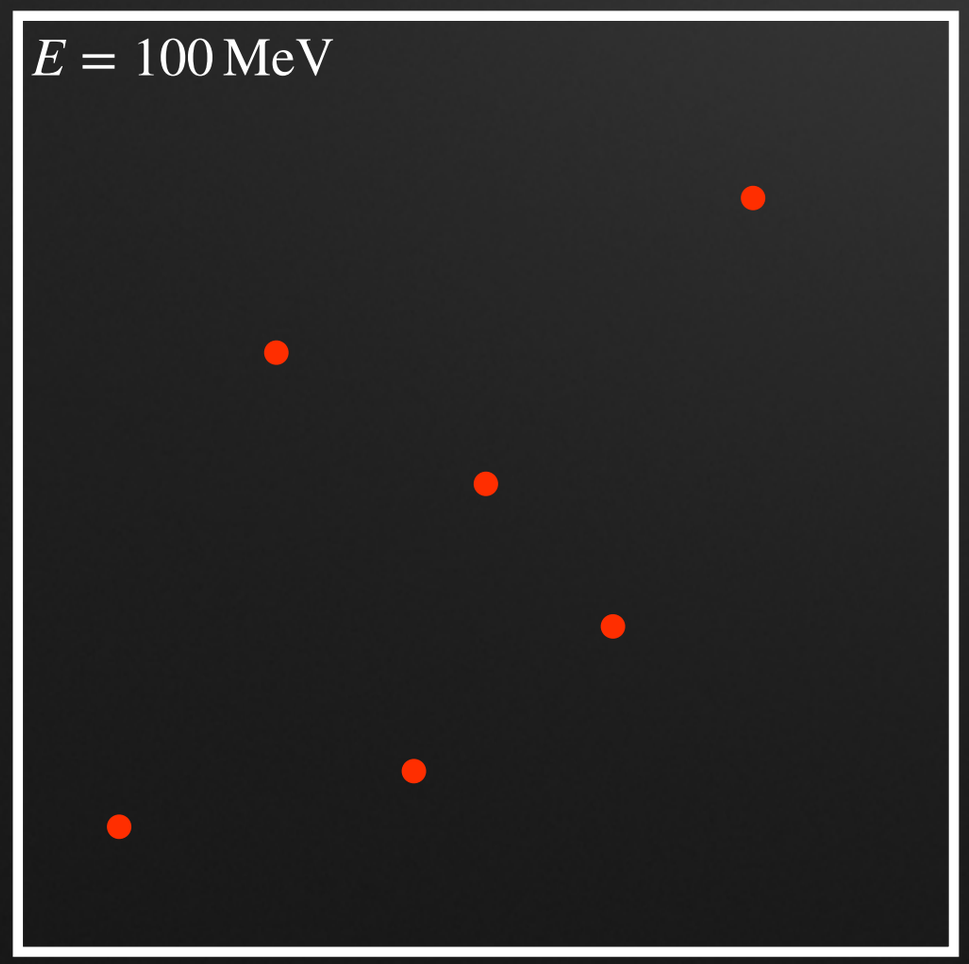
- Expected counts obtained from convolution of model flux ϕ with instrumental response function R

$$M_{ijk}(E, \vec{\pi}) = \int_{\Delta E'_i} \mathrm{d}E' \int_{E\text{–range}} \mathrm{d}E \int_{\Omega_{jk}} \mathrm{d}\vec{p}\,' \int_{\vec{p}\text{–range}} \mathrm{d}\vec{p}\; T_{\mathrm{obs}} R(E, E', \vec{p}, \vec{p}\,')\; \phi(E, \vec{p}, \vec{\pi})$$

- Instrumental response function factors into:
  - Point spread function $\mathrm{PSF}(\vec{p}, \vec{p}\,', E)$, gives probability that true arrival direction $\vec{p}$ is mapped onto observed arrival direction $\vec{p}\,'$
  - Energy dispersion matrix $D(E, E')$, gives probability that true energy E is mapped onto observed energy E'
  - Effective area $A_{\mathrm{eff}}(E, \vec{p})$ of the detector at energy E and direction $\vec{p}$ (multiplied with T_{obs} this is called exposure)

WHY SO MANY SOURCES IN MY MODEL?

- Broad PSF makes it necessary to not only model your source of interest but all sources in the vicinity as well!



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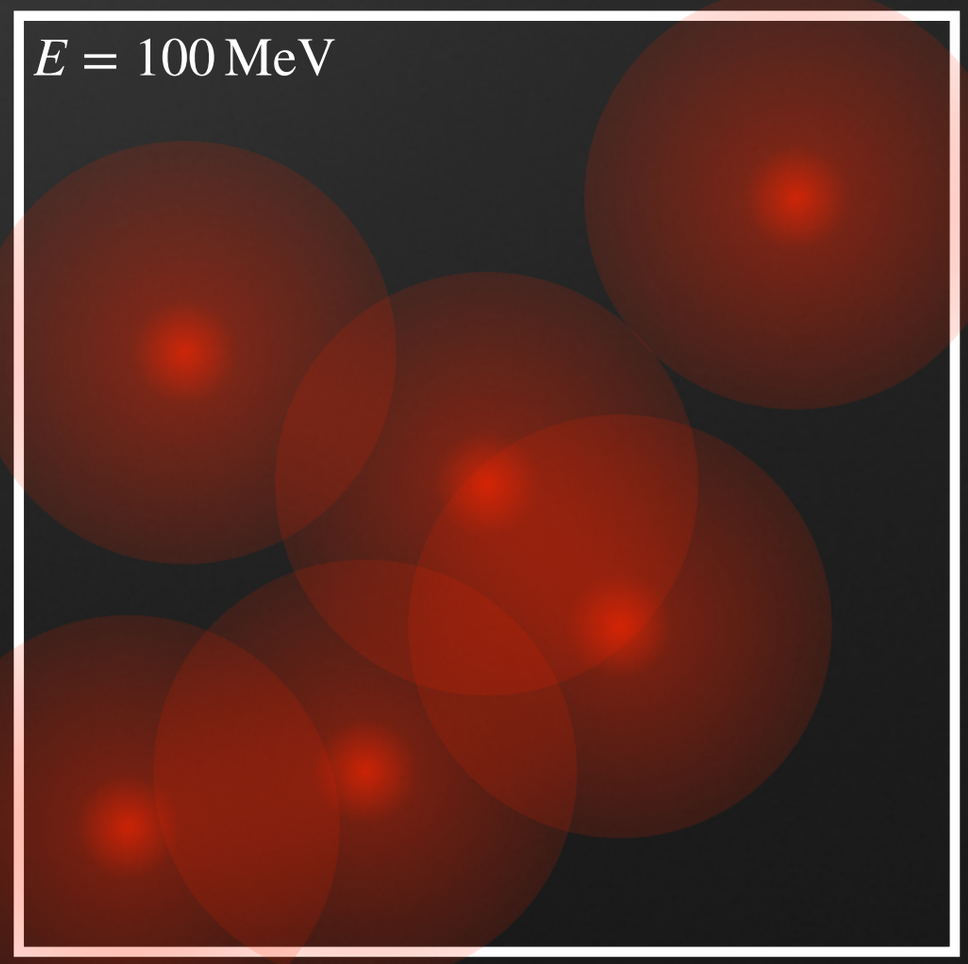

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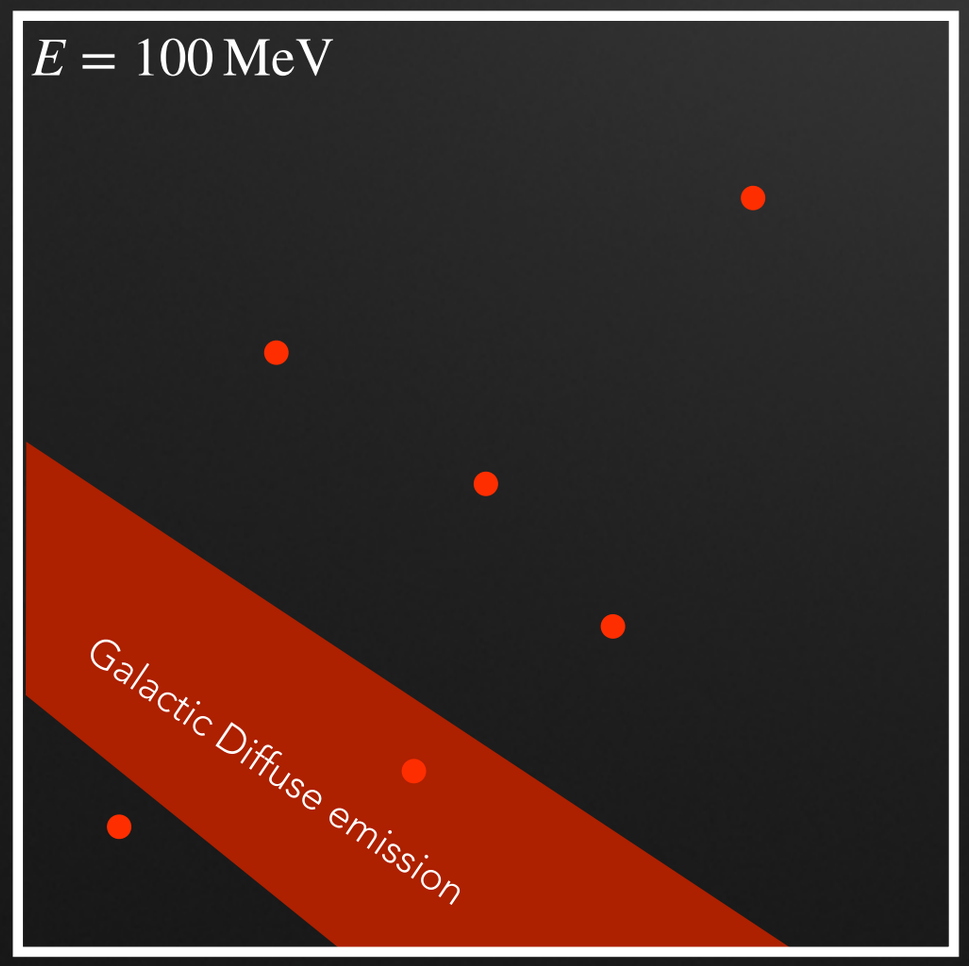

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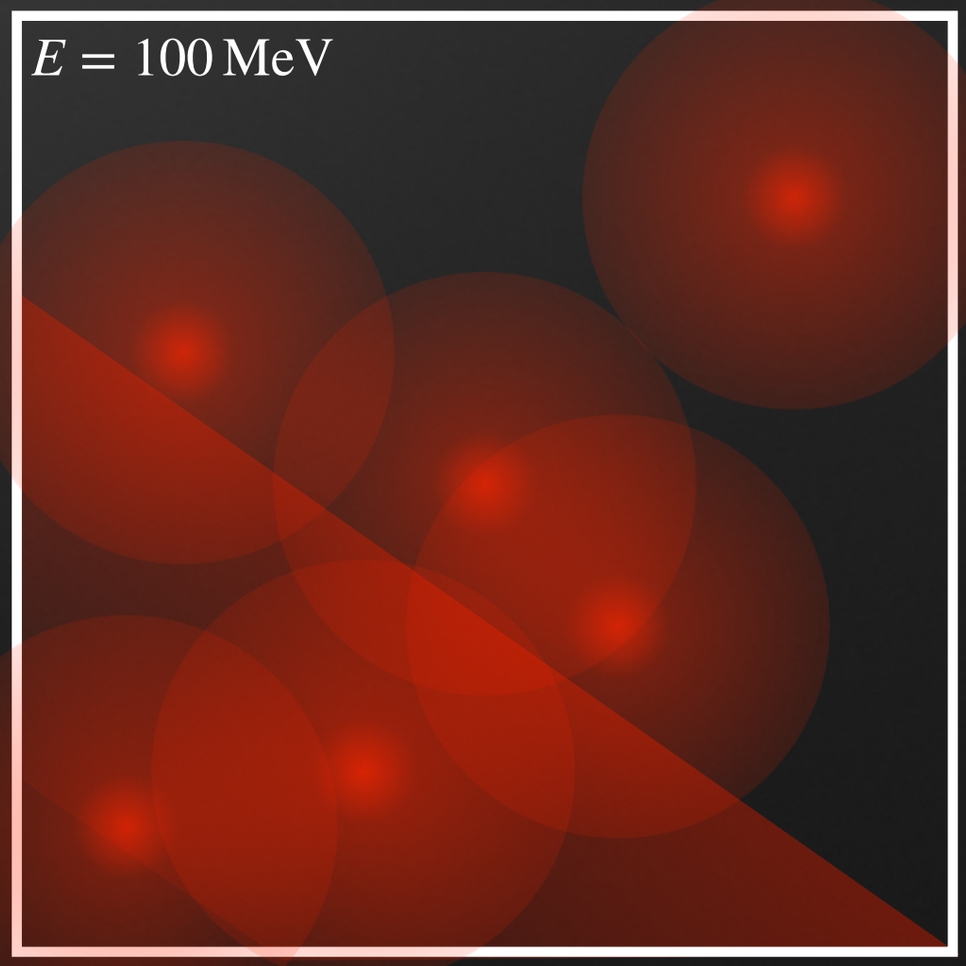

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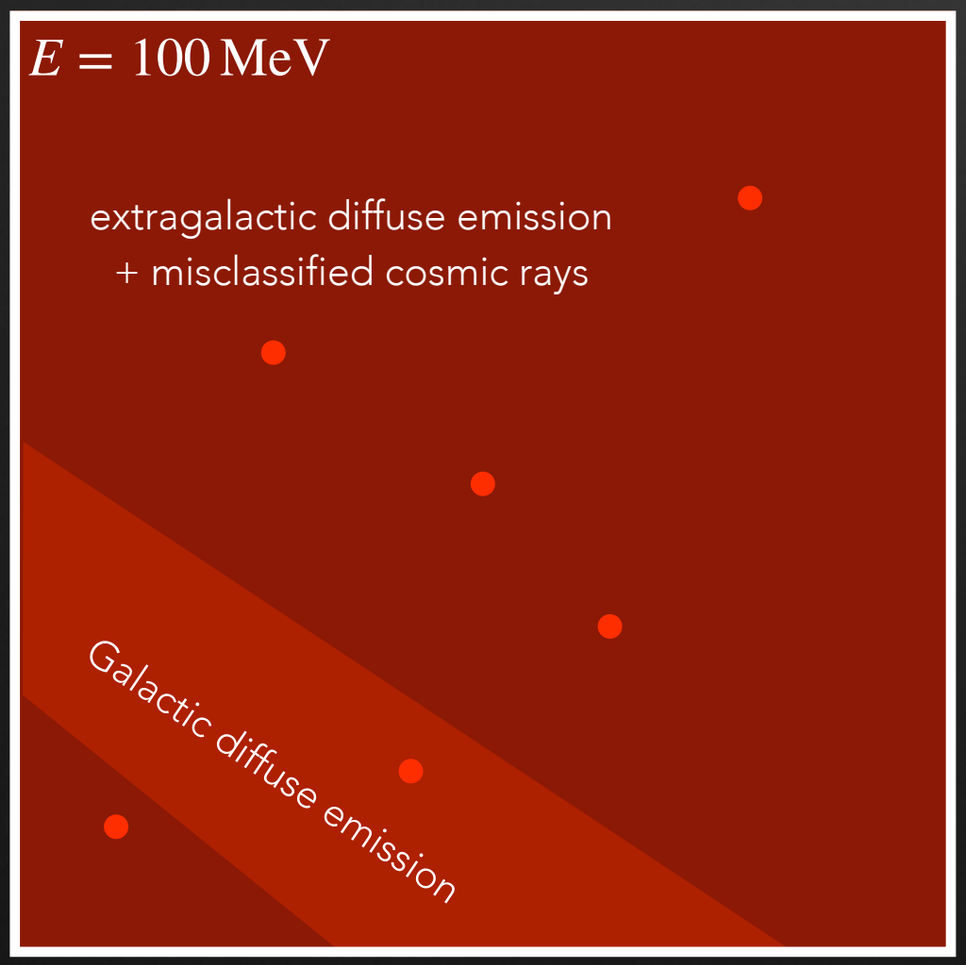

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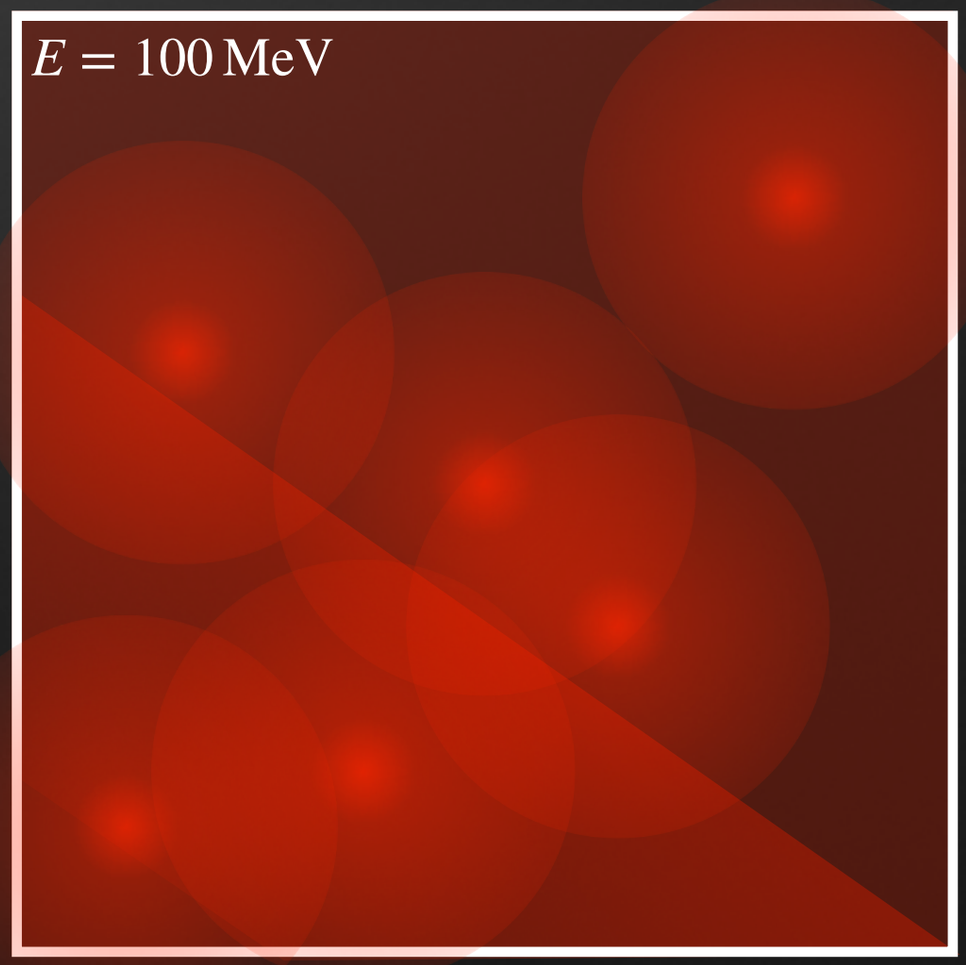

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OBJECTIVE FUNCTION: POISSON LIKELIHOOD

- Poisson statistics applies when we have a photon counting experiment

- Probability to observe N events given a constant rate M:

$$P(M \mid N) = \frac{M^N \exp(-M)}{N!}$$

- In Fermi analysis, objective function is the corresponding log likelihood (up to a constant)

$$\ln \mathscr{L}(\vec{\pi} \mid N) = \sum_{i,j,k} \left(-M_{ijk}(\vec{\pi}) + M_{ijk}(\vec{\pi}) \ln N_{ijk} \right) = -M_{\text{tot}} + \sum_{i,j,k} M_{ijk} \ln N_{ijk}$$

- Where the summation runs over the energy bins i and spatial bins j, k

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gta.optimize()
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FURTHER READING

- If you want to know what's going on "behind the scenes" consider doing the binned analysis tutorial using only the fermitools and not fermipy

- A full description of the individual analysis steps and what they do and the files that are created is given here

  - If you are planning to do more Fermi analysis in the future, I strongly suggest that you read this and do do the binned analysis tutorial once

- You can also do an unbinned analysis of LAT data, this is, however, not supported by fermipy. In any case, a tutorial is provided here