A composite image showing the Milagro Gamma-Ray Telescope. The top portion is a dark space scene with a galaxy and a yellow wavy line representing a gamma-ray path. The middle portion is a blue sky with a white airplane and a large, colorful, funnel-shaped cloud of particles. The bottom portion is a photograph of the telescope's surface, a large grid of blue and green panels, with a white protective cover partially visible on the left. The text "Milagro: A Wide Field of View Gamma-Ray Telescope" is overlaid in white in the upper right, and "Vlasios Vasileiou University of Maryland" is overlaid in black in the lower right.

# Milagro: A Wide Field of View Gamma-Ray Telescope

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University of Maryland

# Outline

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- *Milagro*
- *Simulation of Milagro*
  - *Photomultiplier Tube Tests*
  - *Performance of the simulation*
- *Gamma-Ray Bursts*
  - *Milagro's Blind GRB-Search*

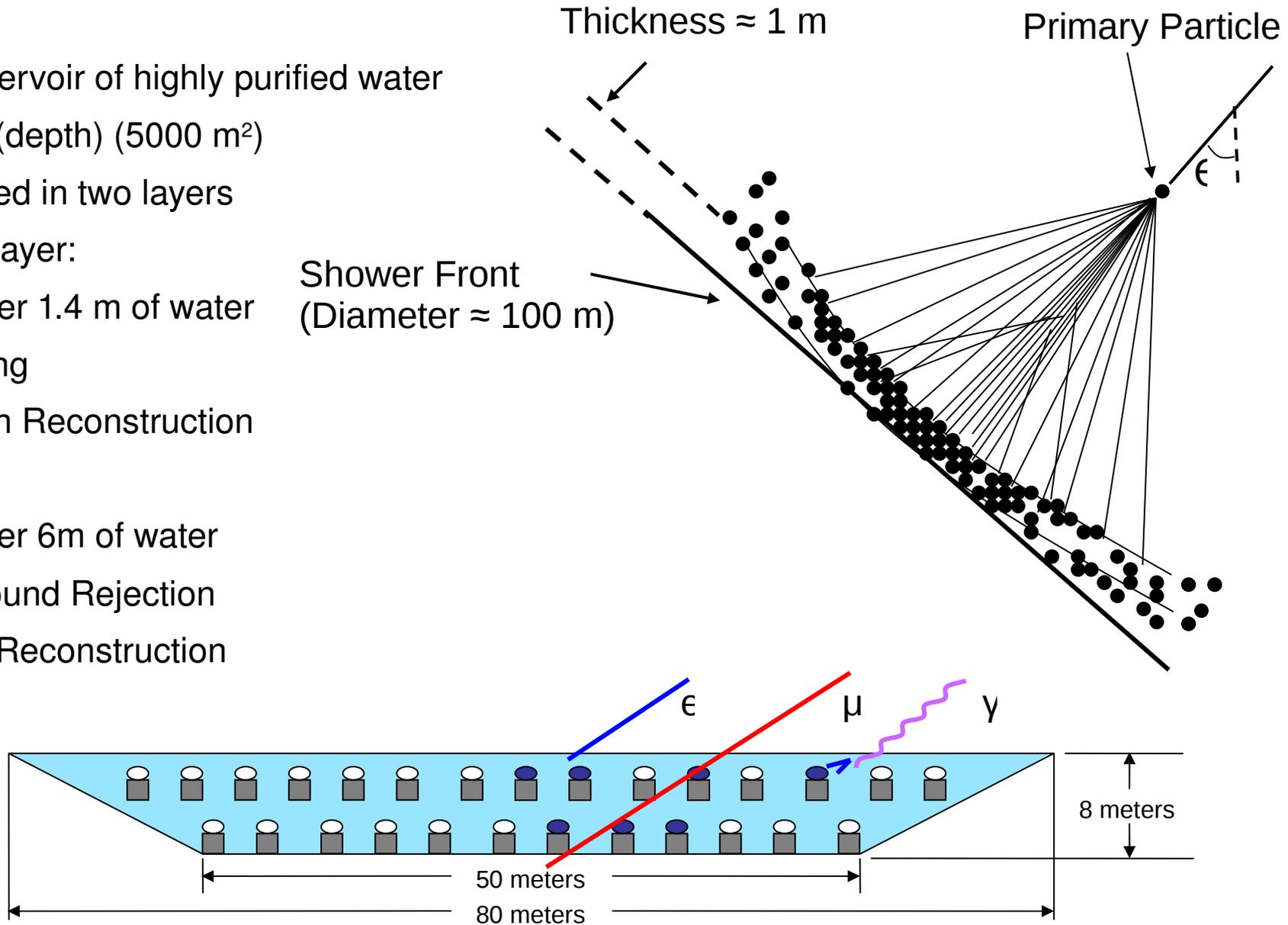
# Milagro: A TeV Gamma-Ray Observatory

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- ◆ *TeV Gamma-Ray Observatory*
- ◆ *Wide field of view (2 sr) & large duty factor (>90 %)*
  - ◆ *Good for observing transients and extended objects and for unbiased complete sky surveys*
- ◆ *Located at the Jemez Mountains near Los Alamos, NM*
  - ◆ *2630 m altitude*
  - ◆ *750 g/cm<sup>2</sup> overburden (73% of Atmosphere)*
- ◆ *Trigger rate ~1700Hz*
  - ◆ *Almost all triggers from hadron-induced showers*
- ◆ *Two components -> Central Pond + Outtrigger Array*

# The Central Pond

- ◆ 24 Million liter reservoir of highly purified water
- ◆ 80m x 60m x 8m (depth) (5000 m<sup>2</sup>)
- ◆ 723 PMTs arranged in two layers
  - ◆ Air Shower Layer:  
450 PMTs under 1.4 m of water
    - ◆ Triggering
    - ◆ Direction Reconstruction
  - ◆ Muon Layer:  
273 PMTs under 6m of water
    - ◆ Background Rejection
    - ◆ Energy Reconstruction



# The Pond

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Muon layer PMTs

Air Shower layer PMTs

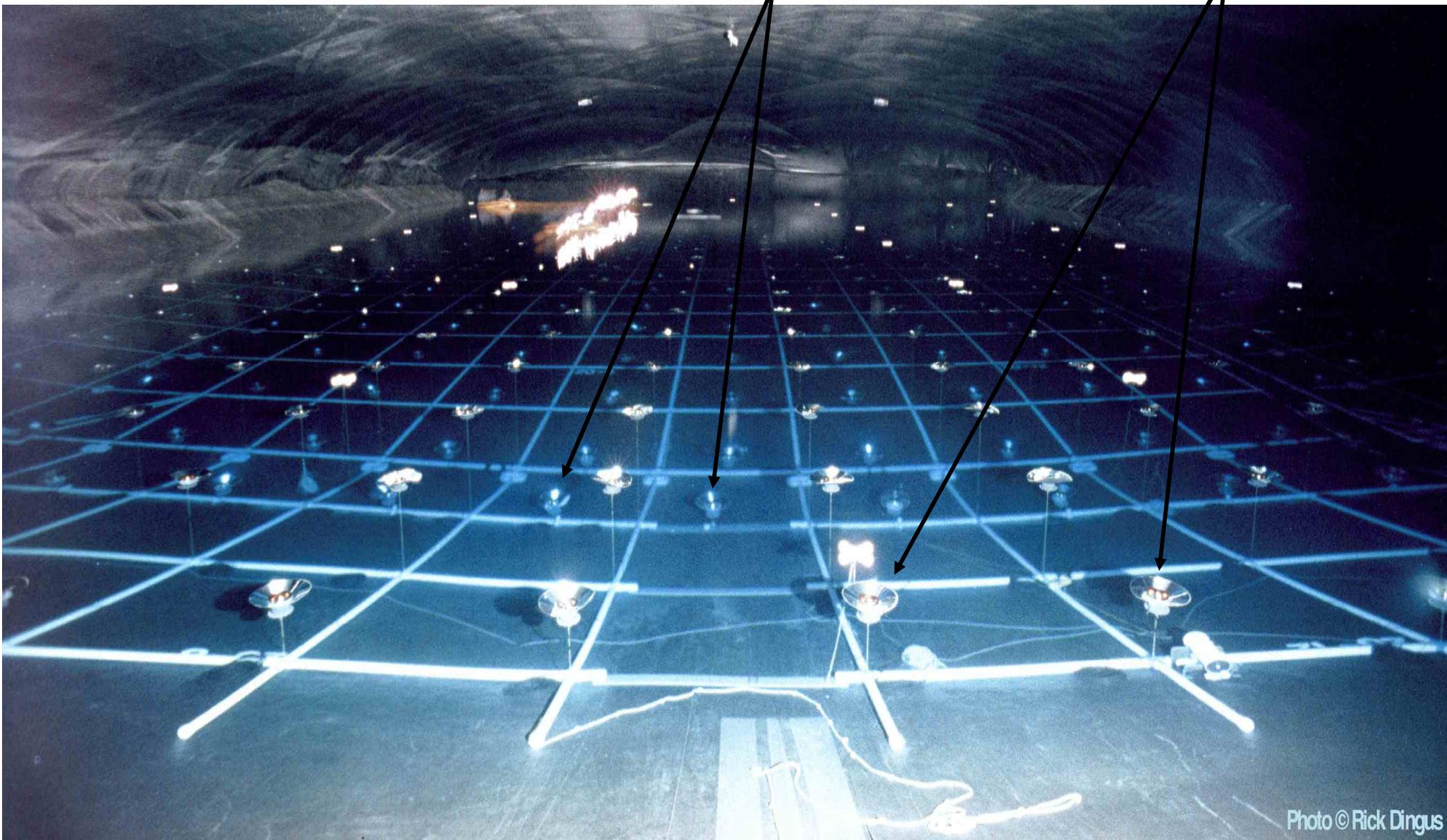
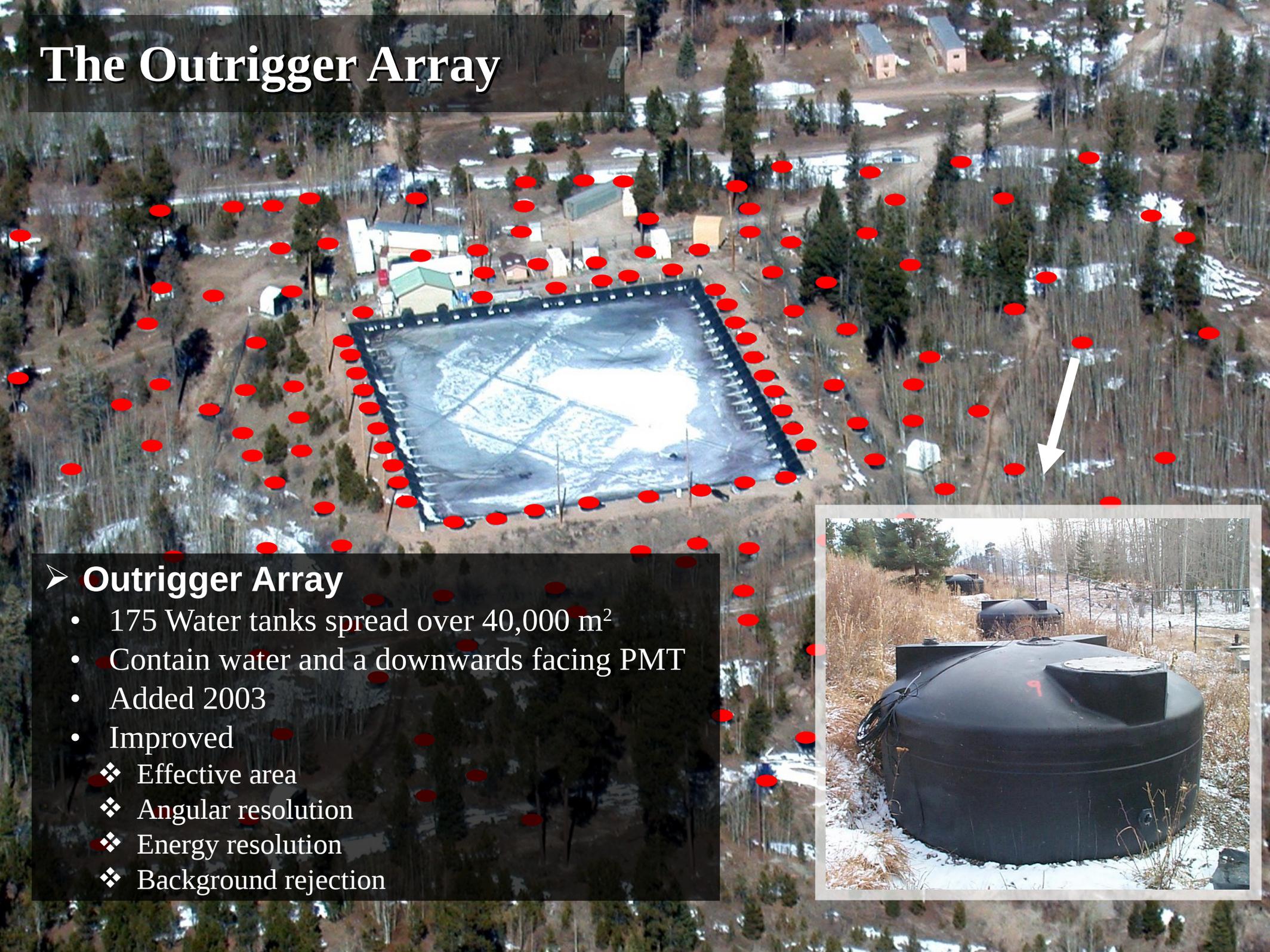


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60 meters

# The Outrigger Array



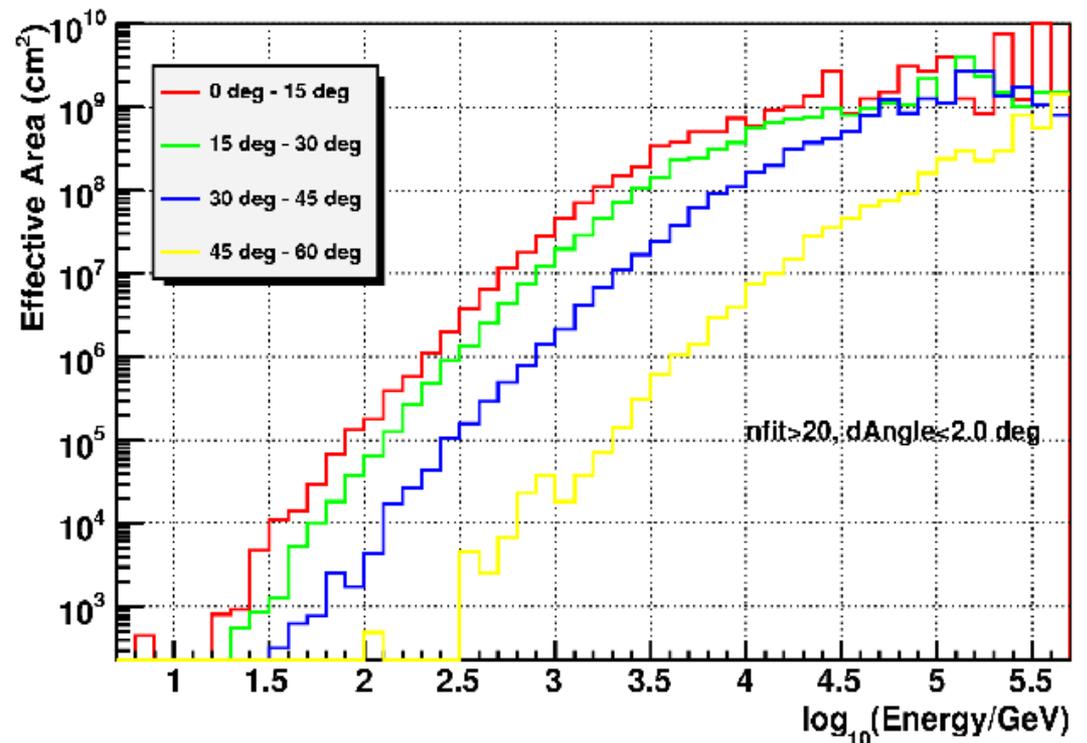
## ➤ Outrigger Array

- 175 Water tanks spread over 40,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Contain water and a downwards facing PMT
- Added 2003
- Improved
  - ❖ Effective area
  - ❖ Angular resolution
  - ❖ Energy resolution
  - ❖ Background rejection



# Milagro's Performance

- Angular reconstruction accuracy  $0.3^\circ$ - $1.4^\circ$
- Most of the effective area at TeV energies
  - $\sim 10^3 \text{ m}^2$  @ 1 TeV
  - $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$  @ 100 GeV
- Median energy of triggers  $\sim$  few TeV (for a Crab-like source)
- Improvement in sensitivity from Gamma-Hadron discrimination + event weighting techniques  $\sim 2.5$
- Crab-like source
  - Milagro  $\sim 8\sigma/\text{sqrt}(\text{year})$



# ***Simulation of the Milagro Detector***

# Step 1. Extended Air Shower Simulation with CORSIKA

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- *CORSIKA*
  - *Program for detailed simulation of Extensive Air Showers (EAS) initiated by high energy cosmic-ray particles.*
  - *Provide information about EAS particles at Milagro's altitude*
- *Physics simulation*
  - *In our energy range, Corsika's physics package is (we believe) accurate*
  - *EGS4 for EM interactions*
  - *FLUKA for low energy hadronic interactions ( $E < 80$  GeV)*
  - *EPOS for higher energy hadronic interactions*
    - *Theory (Parton-Based Gribov-Regge Theory) + experiment (H1, Zeus, RHIC, SPS) driven*

## Step 2. Simulation of the detector with GEANT4

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- *Corsika EAS particle information -> Milagro detector simulation*
- *GEANT4*
  - *C++ Simulation Toolkit from CERN*
  - *Written for the needs of the LHC*
  - *Powerful, transparent and easily extendable*
    - *We've debugged and modified it to match our simulation needs (speed + accuracy).*
  - *Physics simulation in GEANT4 overall the best available in HEP.*

## Step 2. Simulation of the detector with GEANT4

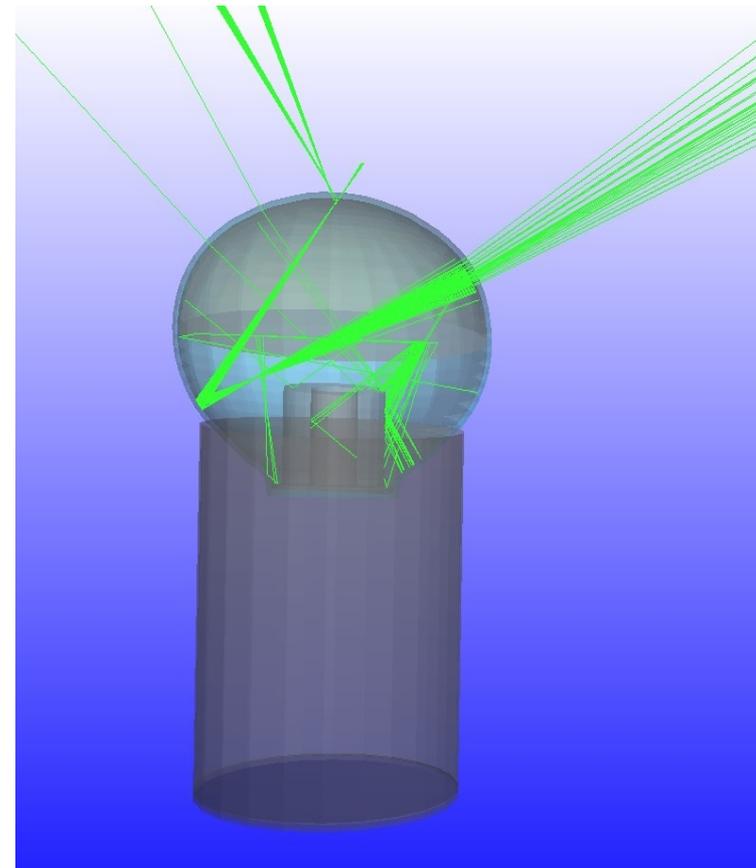
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- *We found that, correct simulation of the scattering & absorption of Cherenkov photons is essential for the agreement between MC and data*
  - *Surface reflectivities*
    - *From experimental measurements, theory, (or guesstimates)*
  - *Water properties*
    - *Absorption length by our periodic measurements*
    - *Scattering*
      - *Rayleigh (not dominant)*
      - *Mie (forward scattering, not included in GEANT4)*
        - *Extended GEANT4 physics to include Mie-scattering of optical photons in the water.*

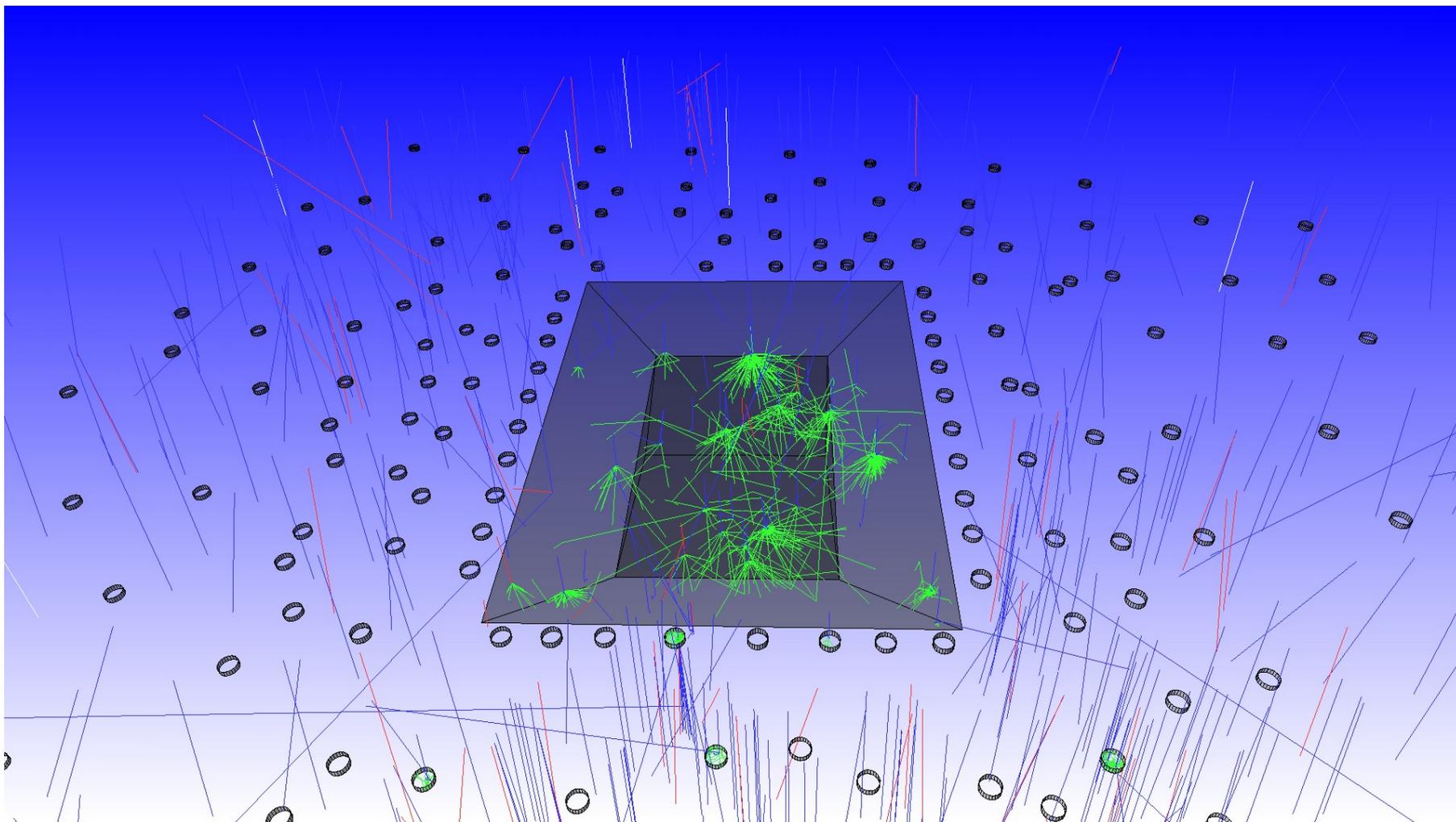
# PMT Model

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- *Full optical simulation of the PMTs*
- *Reflections/refractions/absorptions are fully simulated for all parts of the PMT*
- *Using the complex refractive index of the photocathode material and its thickness we can calculate the photocathode absorptivity and reflectivity vs energy and incidence angle.*
  - *Gives correct detection efficiency vs incidence angle*
  - *Predicts the increased detection efficiency caused by reflections by the internal parts of the PMT towards the inside surface of the photocathode*
- *Model adopted from GLG4SIM (Generic Liquid GEANT4 SIMulation)*  
*<http://neutrino.phys.ksu.edu/~GLG4sim/>*



# Visualization of an event



- 1 TeV proton from zenith
- Green -> Cherenkov photons (1/300 thinned)
- Red ->  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$
- Blue -> gammas
- White ->  $\mu^-$ ,  $\mu^+$

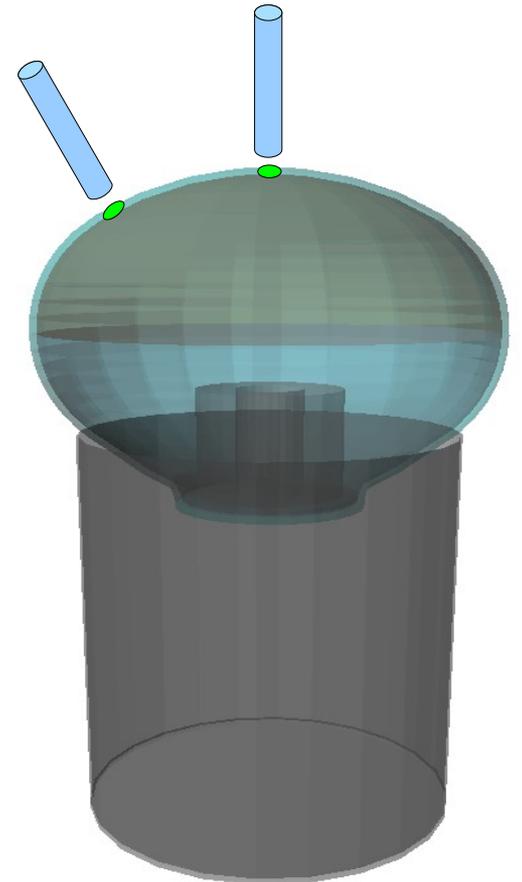
## **Step 3. Preparing the MC data for analysis**

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- *Add noise*
  - *1 PE noise (dark noise, light leaks etc)*
  - *Overlay hits produced by low energy (non triggering showers) that come in time with the shower that caused the trigger*
    - *Match scaler rates and distribution of the size of hits when non triggered*
- *Apply Photocathode-Uniformity Corrections*

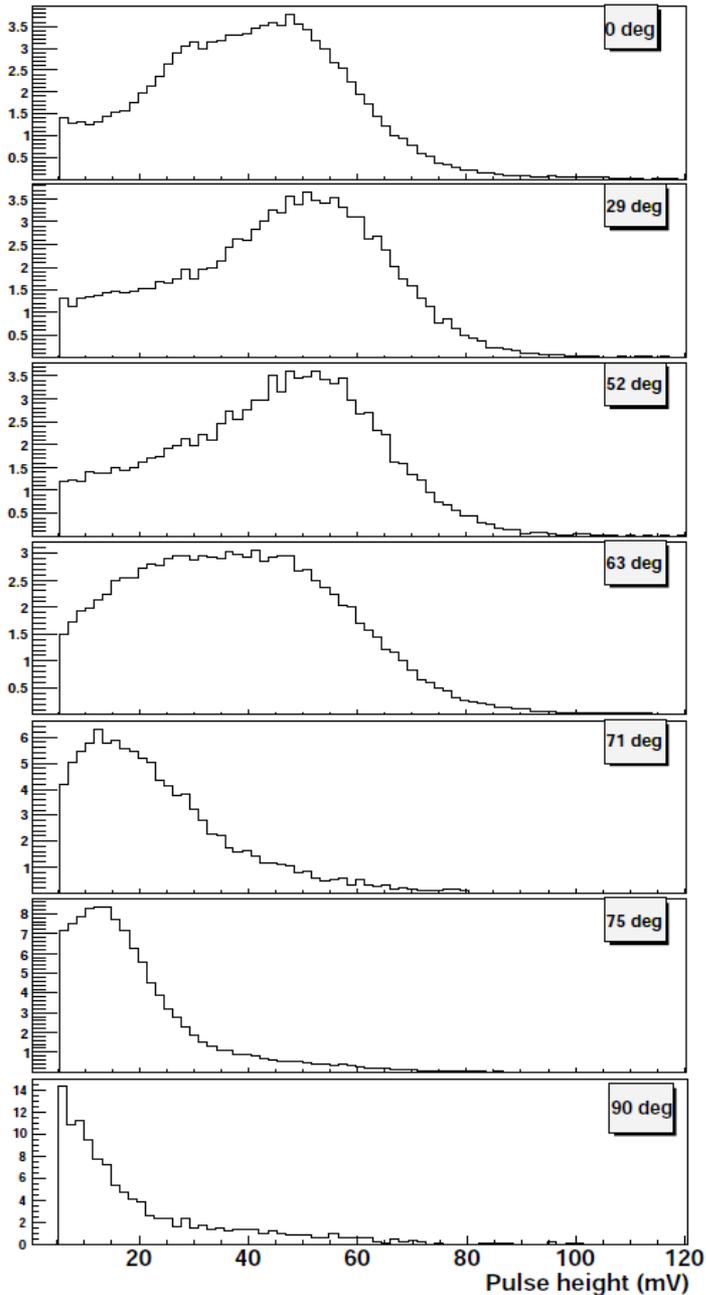
# Photocathode-Uniformity Tests

- *Hamamatsu R5912 Photomultiplier tube*
- *8" semi-spherical bialkali photocathode*
  
- *Illuminated various spots on the surface of the photocathode*
- *Examined PMT properties for each illumination point*
  - *PMT Efficiency*
    - *DC light source -> PMT -> Scaler*
  - *PMT Gain*
    - *Pulsed light source -> PMT -> Oscilloscope*

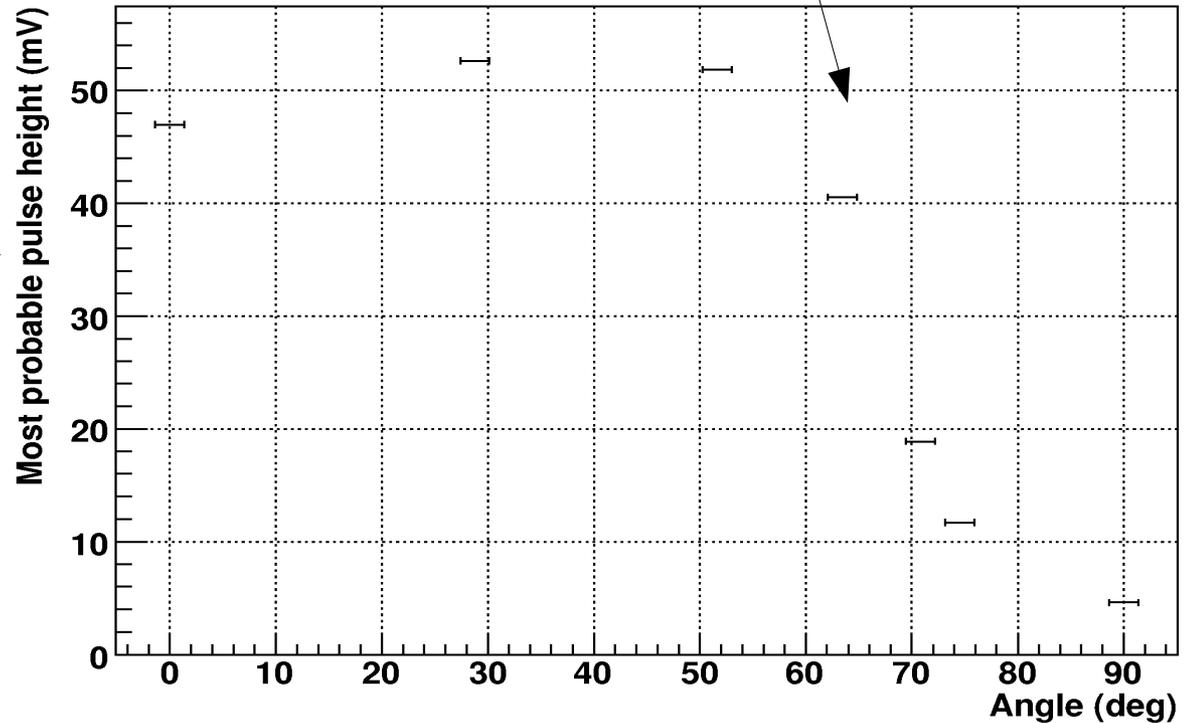


# Gain vs illumination position

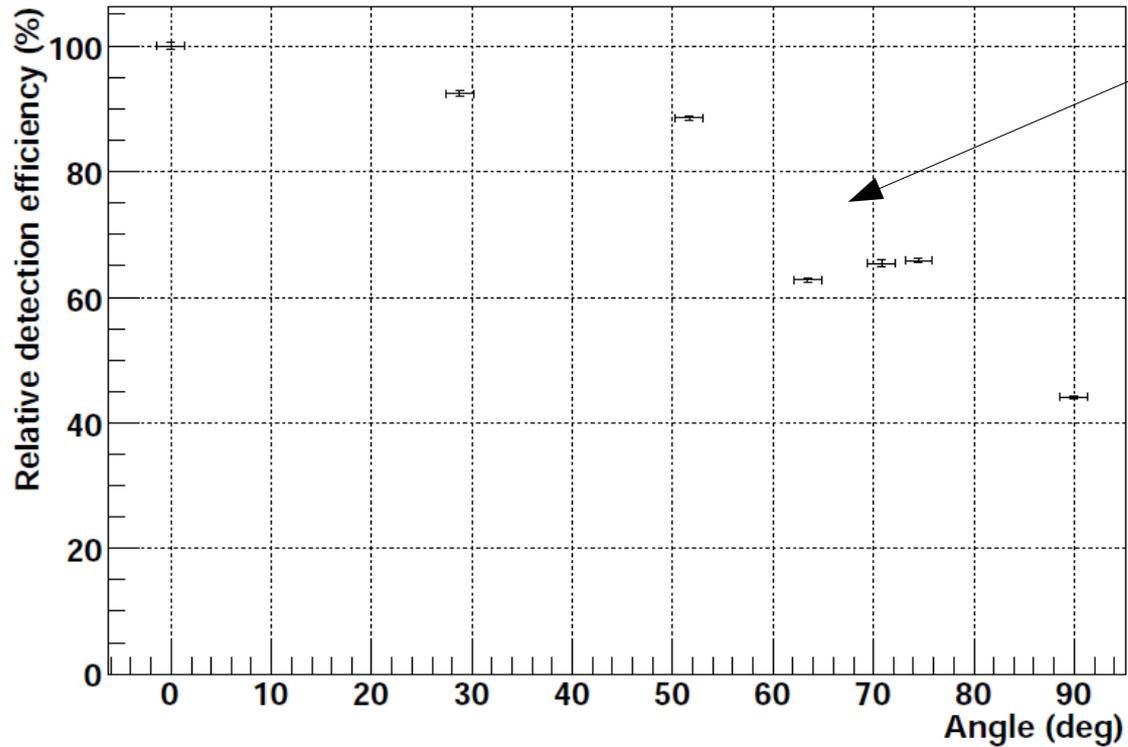
Effect present for different supply voltages and PMT orientations (vertical vs horizontal)



Gain significantly reduced near the edge of the PMT



# Detection efficiency vs illumination position



Detection efficiency considerably lower near the edge of the PMT

Effect present on all available PMTs

Angle (deg)	Relative detection efficiency (%)		
	<i>PMT #1024</i>	<i>PMT #394</i>	<i>PMT #992</i>
0	100±0.5	100±0.5	100±0.8
29	92.4±0.5		
52	88.7±0.3		
63	62.7±0.3		
71	65.5±0.6		
75	65.9±0.3		
90	44.1±0.2	30.8±0.1	33.4±0.1

# Step 3. Preparing the MC data for analysis

- *The PMT tests showed that the efficiency & gain of the PMT are lower than what we thought*
- *Effect caused by non-uniformities in the collection efficiency*
- *Apply these effects to the MC results*
  - *Reject PEs based on a position-dependent detection efficiency*
  - *Sample a pulse charge for each PE based on the position-dependent pulse-height distributions*
- *Result -> PMT efficiency reduced*
  - ✓ *Better agreement between MC and data*
  - ✓ *Number of muons produced by the PMTs of the muon layer now agrees with the data*
  - *PE-scale changed -> Various distributions that depend on the size of the hits changed*

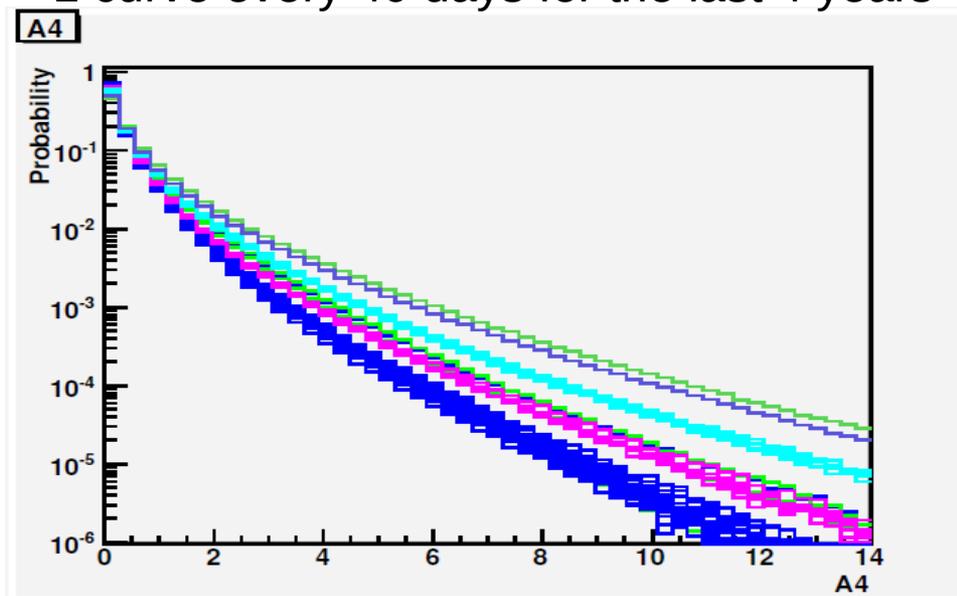
## **Step 3. Preparing the MC data for analysis**

- *Simulate the electronics*
- *MC Data ready for analysis using the same algorithms as the ones used for the experimental data.*

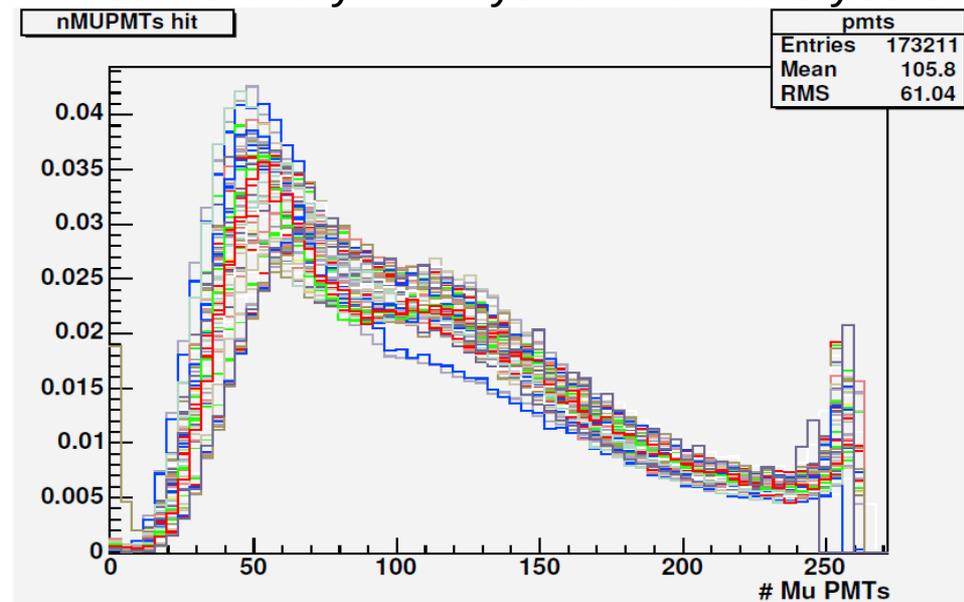
# The verdict...

- Does the simulation match the data?
- Yes and no...
- The data doesn't match the data..
- Over the 7 years Milagro has been collecting data we had many changes:
  - Baffles, broken calibrations, water quality, pond-surface freezing, air accumulating under the cover, PMTs dying, triggering system problems
  - Data properties changing with time

1 curve every 40 days for the last 4 years



1 curve every 20 days for the last 3 years



# Dealing with the variability of Milagro data

- *Solution*
  - *Identified which experimental parameters changed over time and quantified their influence on the data through simulations*
  - *Broke up the Milagro data in “epochs”*
    - *Started using the appropriate simulation configuration for each epoch*
  - *Applied “rescaling factors” to the data of each epoch to make them more uniform*

# Simulation performance

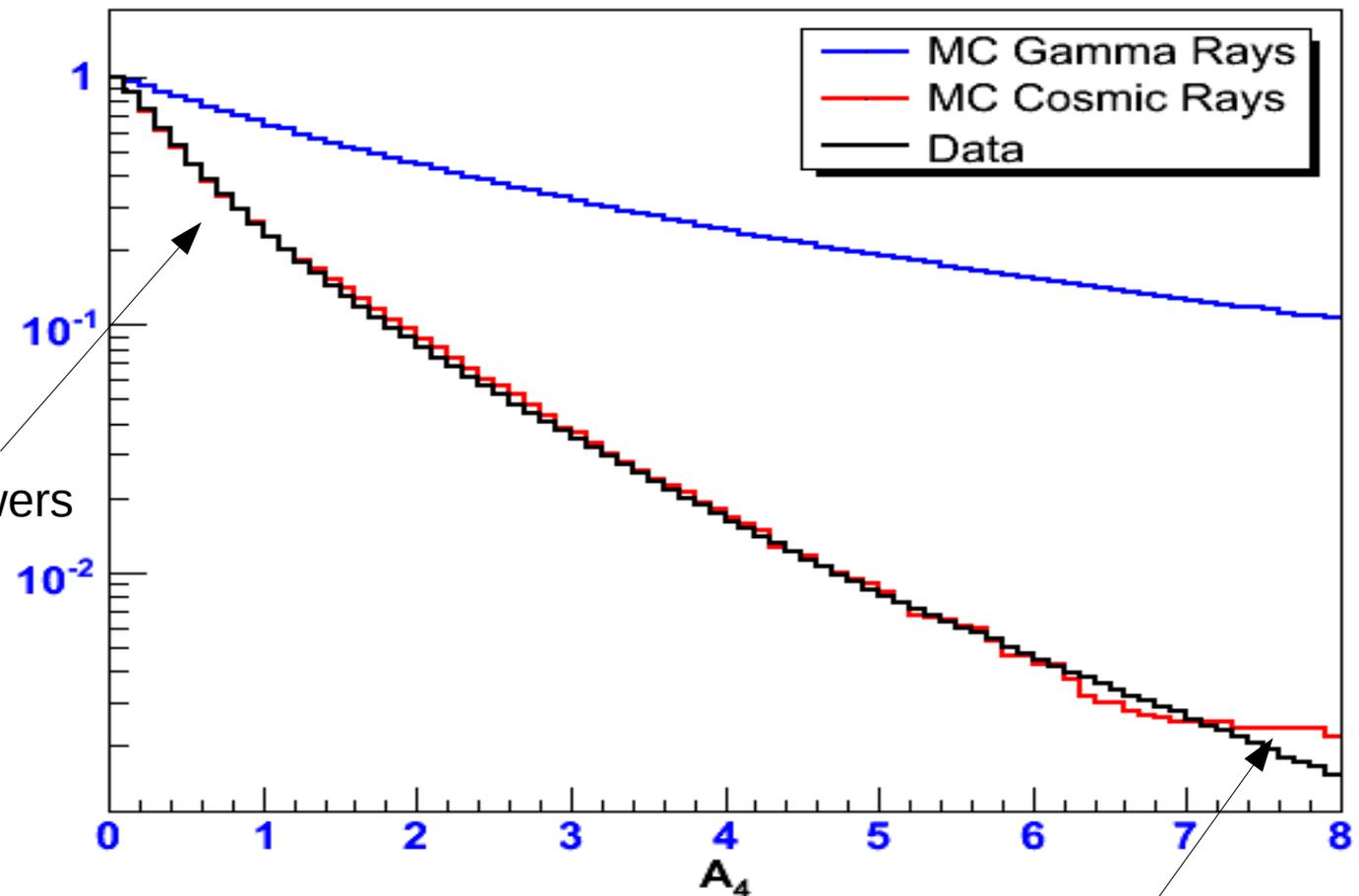
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- *Result*
  - *Data now, overall more stable over time and especially in the same epoch*
  - *There is good or excellent agreement between most of the predictions of the MC and the data*
    - *Agreement between MC and data depends on our knowledge of the state of the experiment -> best agreement with the data of the last years*
    - *The variables that are harder to match are the ones that change the most in the data -> the ones that are most sensitive to experimental conditions*
  - *For future analyses we'll try to use the variables we know are stable*

# Gamma-Hadron Discrimination Parameter

- $A_4$  parameter shows how gamma-like an event is
- Fraction of events passing an  $A_4$  cut

Fraction of events retained as a function of  $A_4$  cut



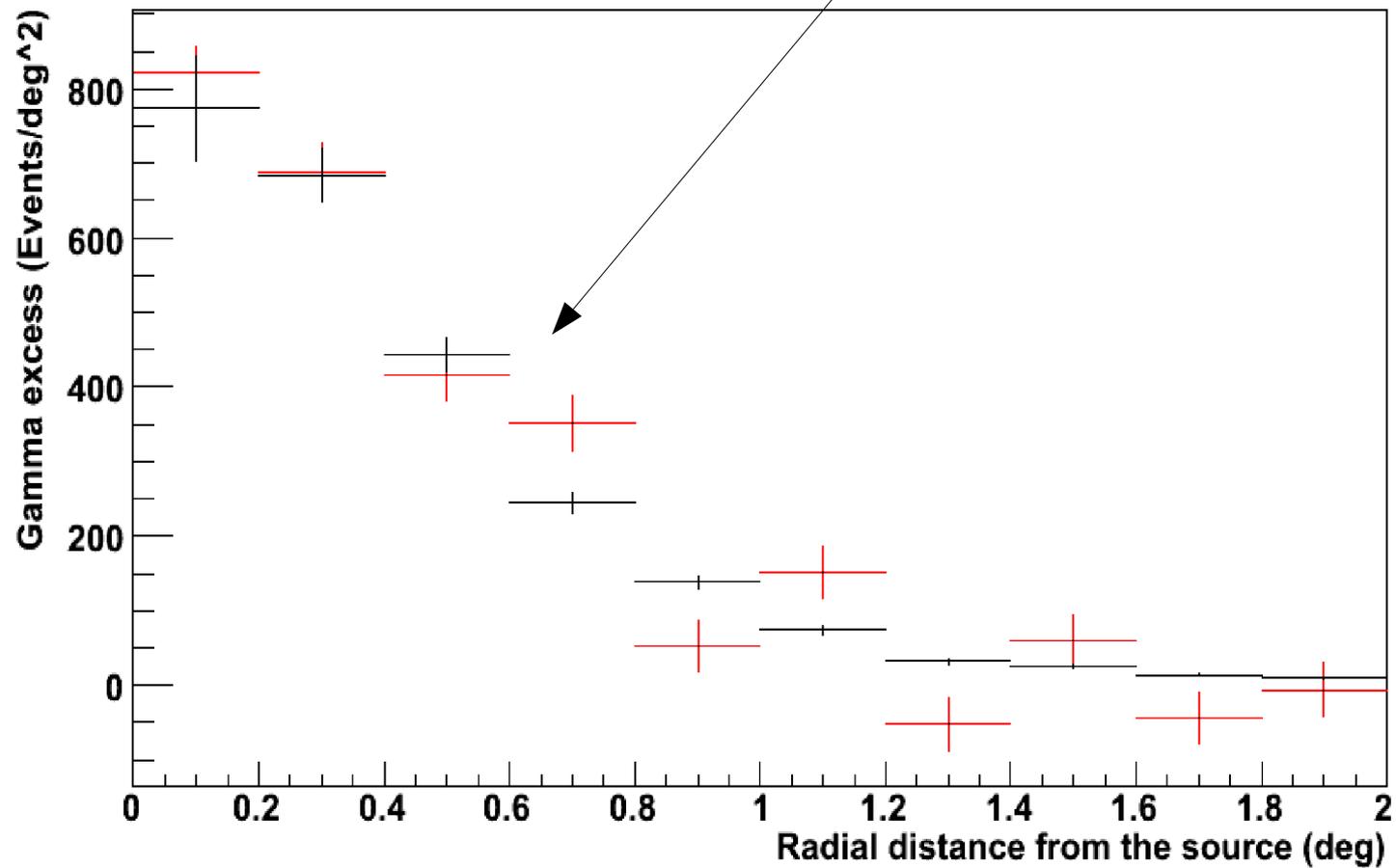
Excellent agreement between MC and Data for hadronic showers

Not enough statistics

# Point Spread Function

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Profile of the  $\gamma$ -ray signal from the Crab.  
Black points are for data and red for simulation of gamma showers.



# Simulation Performance

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- ✓ *MC gamma-ray rate from the Crab agrees to a factor of 10%*
- ✓ *MC cosmic-ray rate agrees to a factor of ~10%*
- ✓ *Excellent or very good agreement*
  - *Number of PMTs hit per event*
  - *Number of Photons detected per event*
  - *Distribution of the reconstructed core locations*
  - *Number of photoelectrons a muon creates in the PMTs of the bottom layer*
  - *Distribution of the reconstructed zenith angles or core locations*
  - *etc*

***Gamma-Ray Bursts***  
***(and a blind search for them with Milagro)***

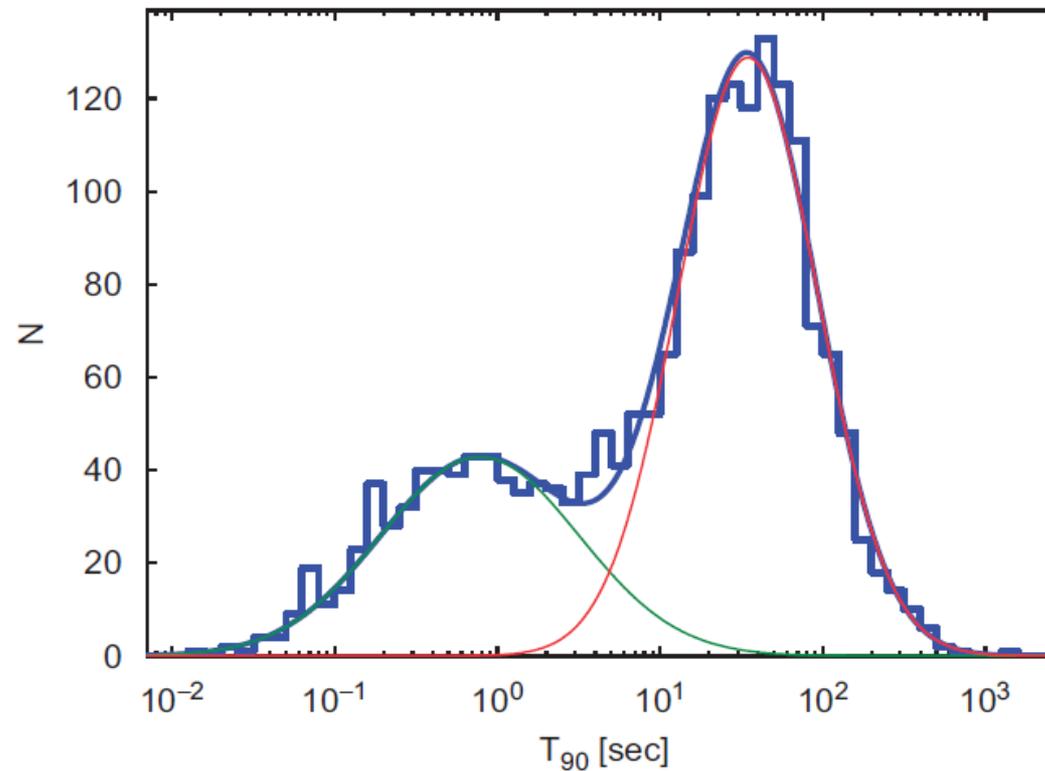
# Gamma-Ray Bursts

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- *The most bright events in the gamma-ray sky ( $10^{-8} - 10^{-3}$  ergs/cm<sup>2</sup>)*
- *Cosmological distances*
- *Non-thermal spectra*
- *Prompt emission*
  - *Duration 10ms to >100sec*
    - *Bimodal distribution*
  - *Primarily observed in the keV – MeV range*
- *Followed by an afterglow*
  - *Exponential decrease in intensity ( $t^{-1}, t^{-2}$ )*
  - *Observed in soft X-rays, visible, IR and optical wavelengths*

# Duration of GRBs from BATSE

- $T_{90}$  distribution of BATSE bursts
- Bimodal distribution, implies two different kinds of progenitors.



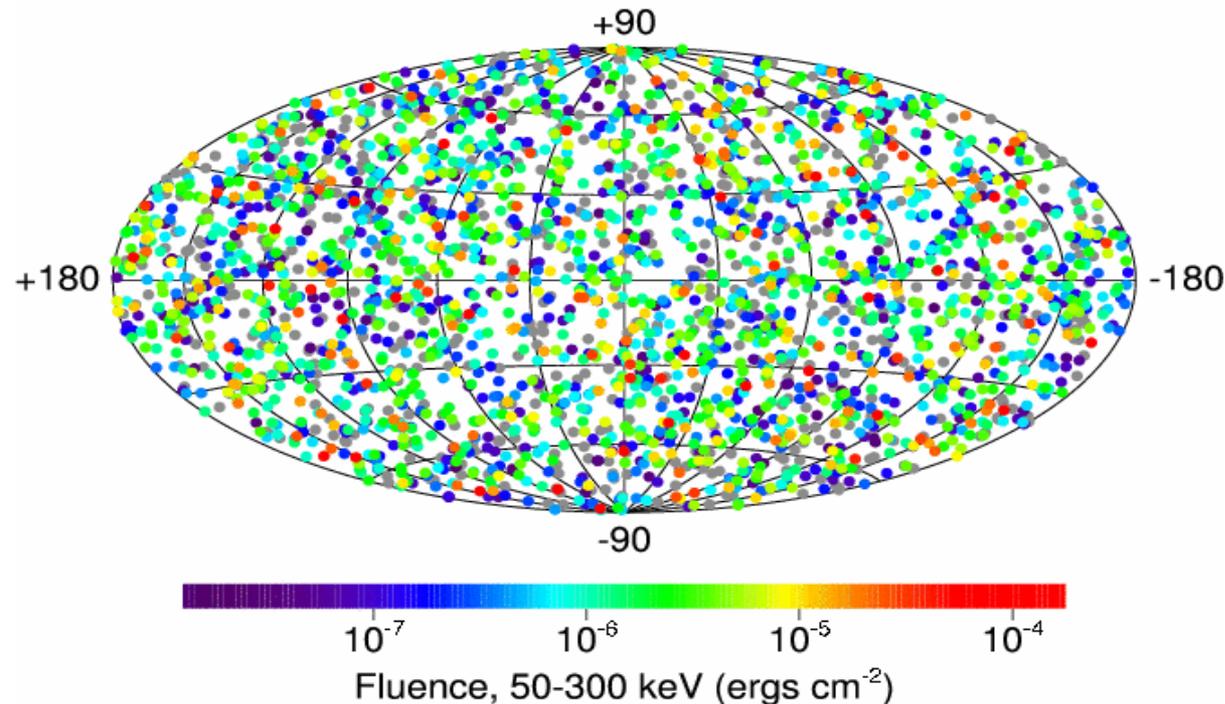
Horvath, 2002

\* $T_{90}$  is the duration encompassing the 5th to the 95th percentiles of the total counts in the energy range 20–2000 keV.

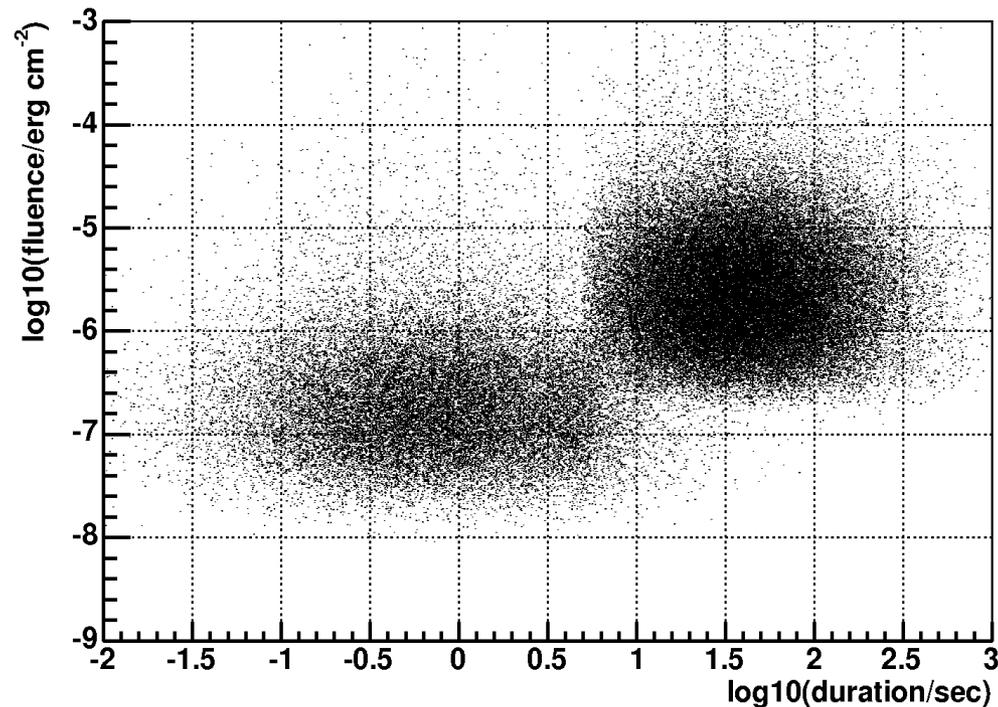
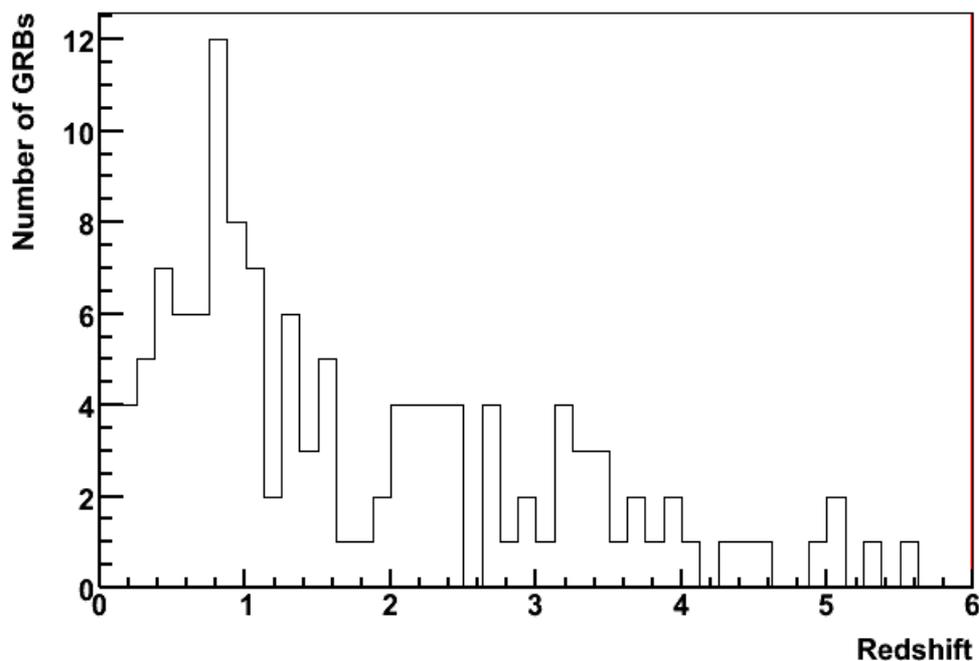
# Isotropy of GRBs

- *Galactic vs Extra-Galactic*
- *BATSE found that GRBs are distributed isotropically over the sky.*
- *A galactic origin for GRBs would likely result in a clustering about the galactic plane.*
- *Still doesn't exclude an extended galactic halo*

## 2704 BATSE Gamma-Ray Bursts



# Distance and Energetics



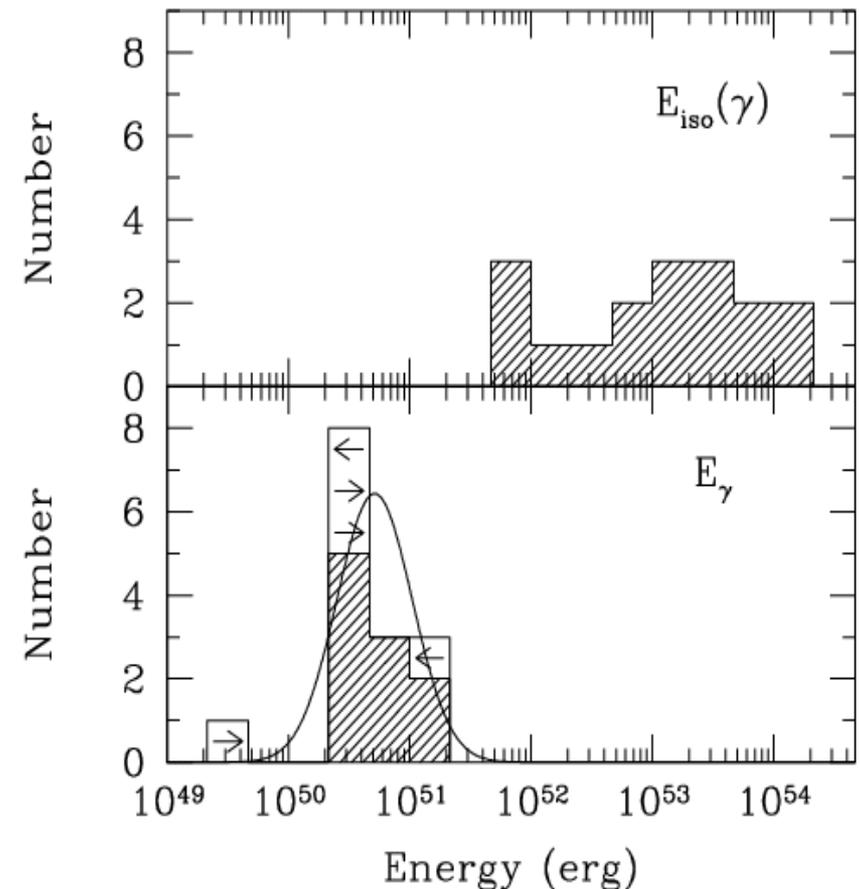
- Redshift measurements made possible using arcsec localizations of the GRB afterglows
- GRBs come from cosmological distances

- Measured fluences:  $10^{-8}$ - $10^{-3}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup>

**These fluences and redshifts imply an isotropic energy release**  
 **$E_{iso} \sim 10^{51} - 10^{54}$  ergs from GRBs**

# Beaming corrections to emitted energy

- *There are many reasons to believe that GRB emission is beamed (relativistic beaming, GRB emission mechanism)*
- *Beaming angle can be measured by breaks in the afterglow lightcurves*
- *After correcting for the case of a beamed geometry, isotropic energy released  $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{50}$  ergs*
- *GRB emission now comparable with the emission from supernovae*



*D. A. Frail. Astro-ph/0311301*

# BURSTING OUT

## MERGER SCENARIO

FORMATION OF A GAMMA-RAY BURST could begin either with the merger of two neutron stars or with the collapse of a massive star. Both these events create a black hole with a disk of material around it. The hole-disk system, in turn, pumps out a jet of material at close to the speed of light. Shock waves within this material give off radiation.



NEUTRON STARS



BLACK HOLE

DISK

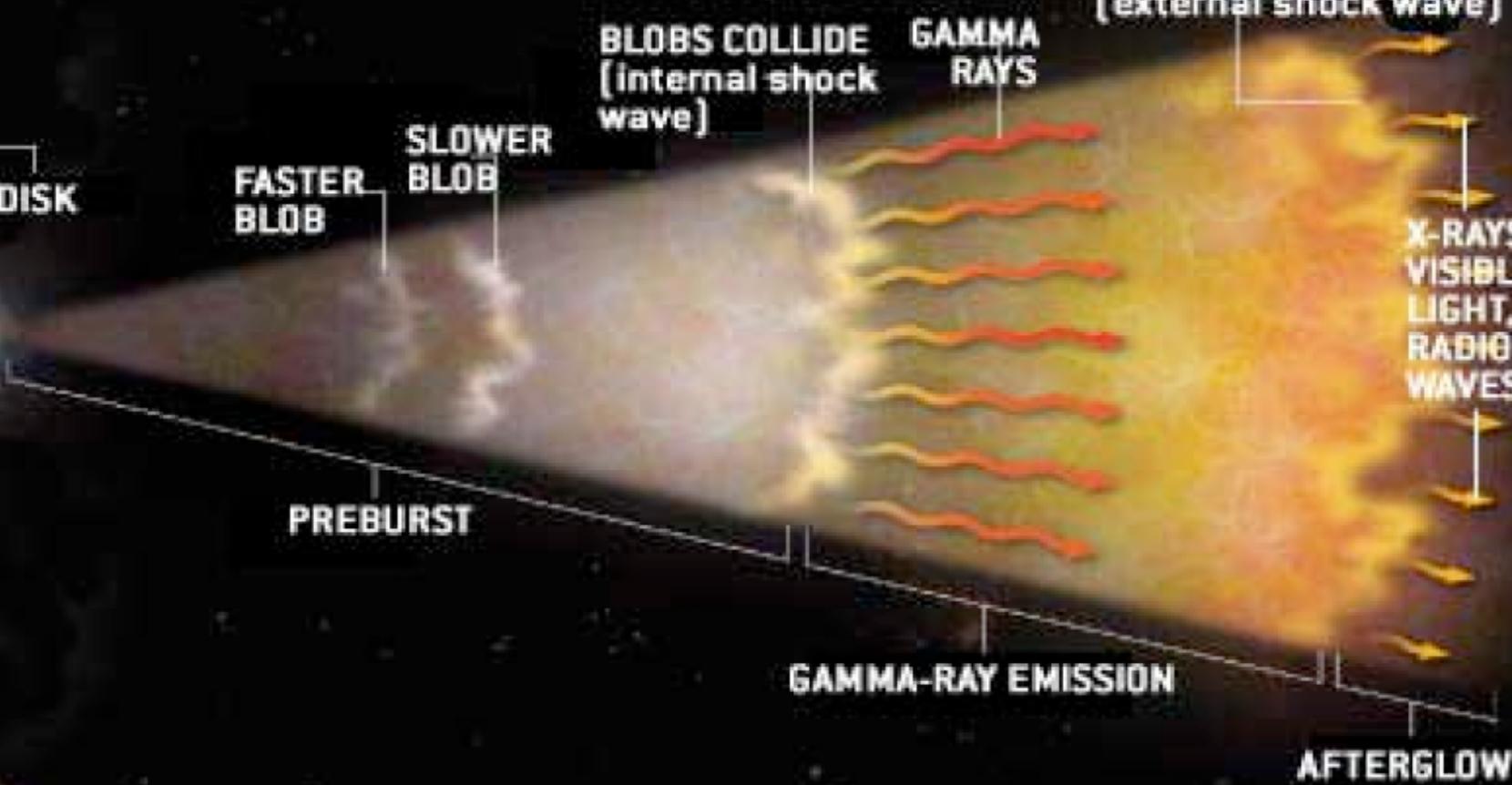
CENTRAL ENGINE



MASSIVE STAR

## HYPERNOVA SCENARIO

JUAN VELASCO



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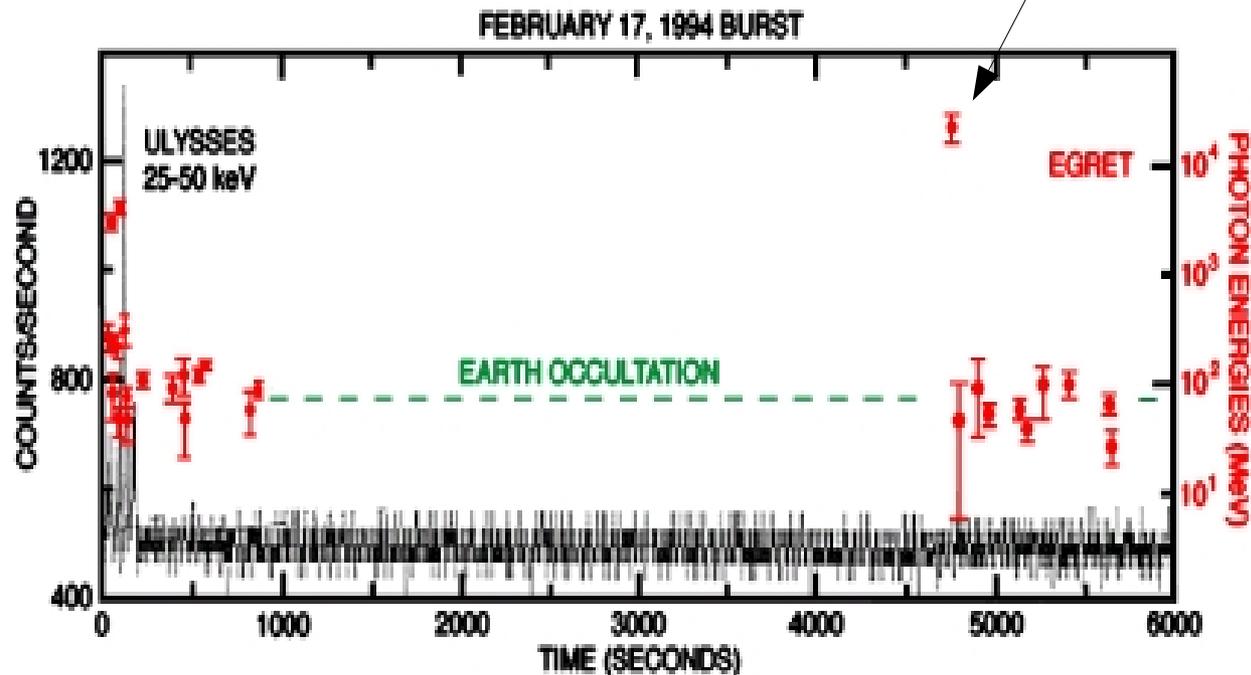
# HE & VHE Emission from GRBs

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- *Leptonic origin*
  - *Inverse Compton scattering of synchrotron photons (SSC), X-ray and UV-flare photons and photons from reverse shocks*
- *Hadronic origin*
  - *If GRBs create UHECR, then the energetic protons might emit energetic photons via synchrotron emission.*
    - *$10^{20}$  eV protons --> up to 300 GeV photons*
  - *$\pi_0$  decay*
    - *$\pi_0$  production from  $p\gamma$  or  $pn$  collisions in the prompt phase, and subsequent decay of the  $\pi_0$*

# High Energy Emission from GRBs

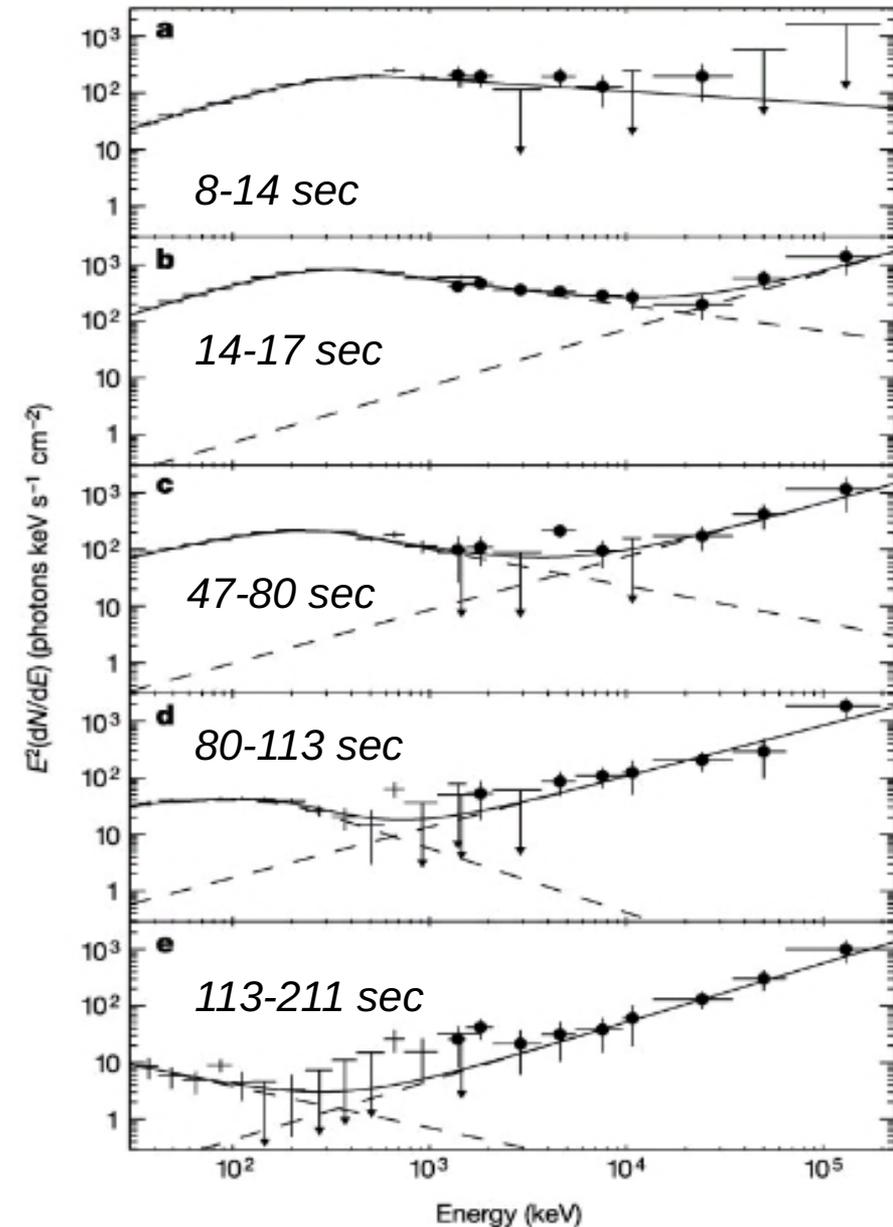
- High Energy Observations
  - EGRET: 0.03-30GeV range
    - Detected photons above 100MeV from 4 GRBs
    - GRB940217: 2 photons at  $\sim 3$ GeV, 1 photon at 18GeV, 90 mins after the prompt emission



Hurley et al., 1994

# Signs of VHE Emission

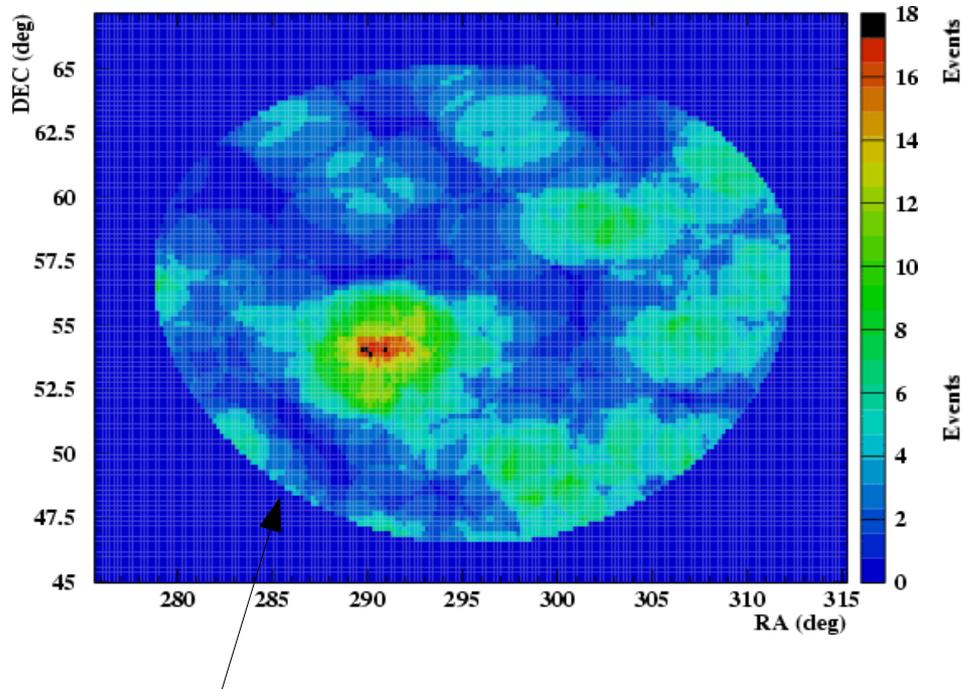
- Combined BATSE and EGRET data from GRB941017
- *A distinct high energy component extending to at least 200MeV with no sign of a cutoff.*
- *Component could possibly continue to GeV energies*



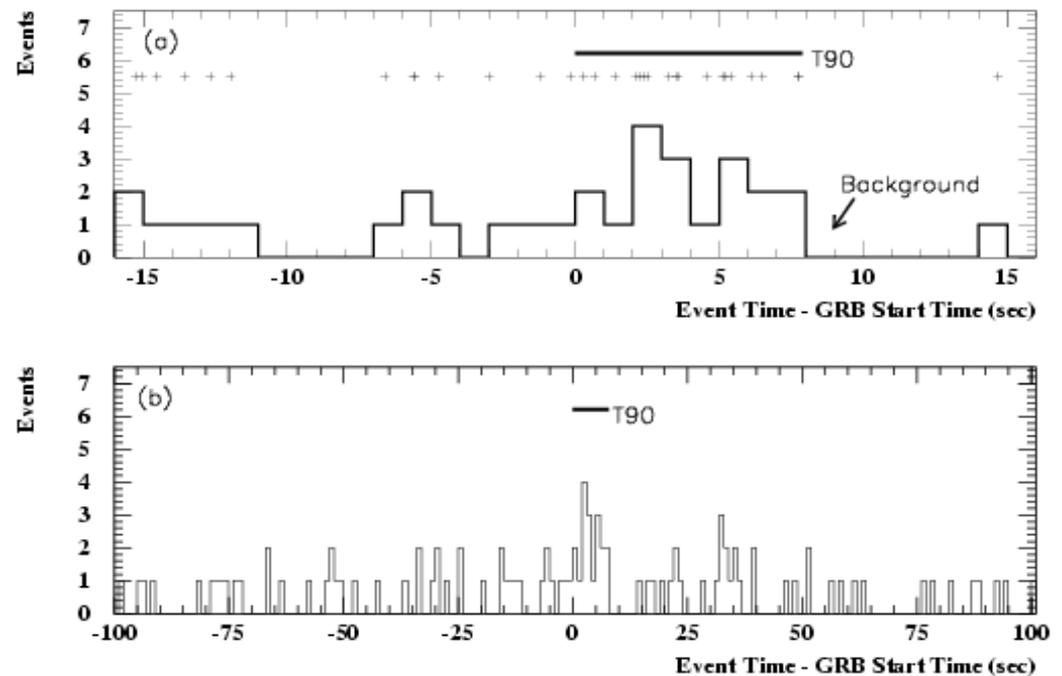
# Milagrito

- Milagrito: Observation of the BATSE GRB970417 at GeV energies with  $3\sigma$  significance.

## Events detected by Milagrito

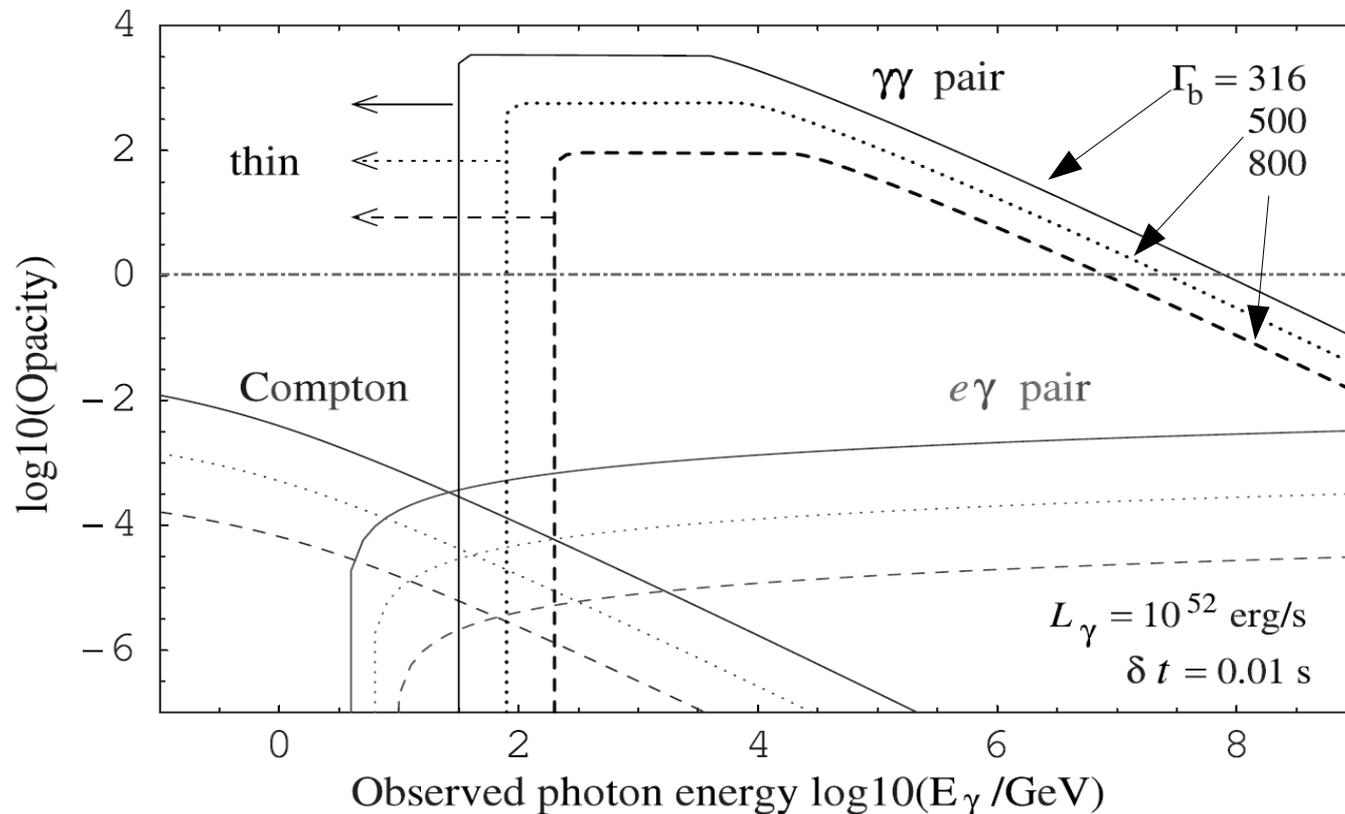


Batse error box



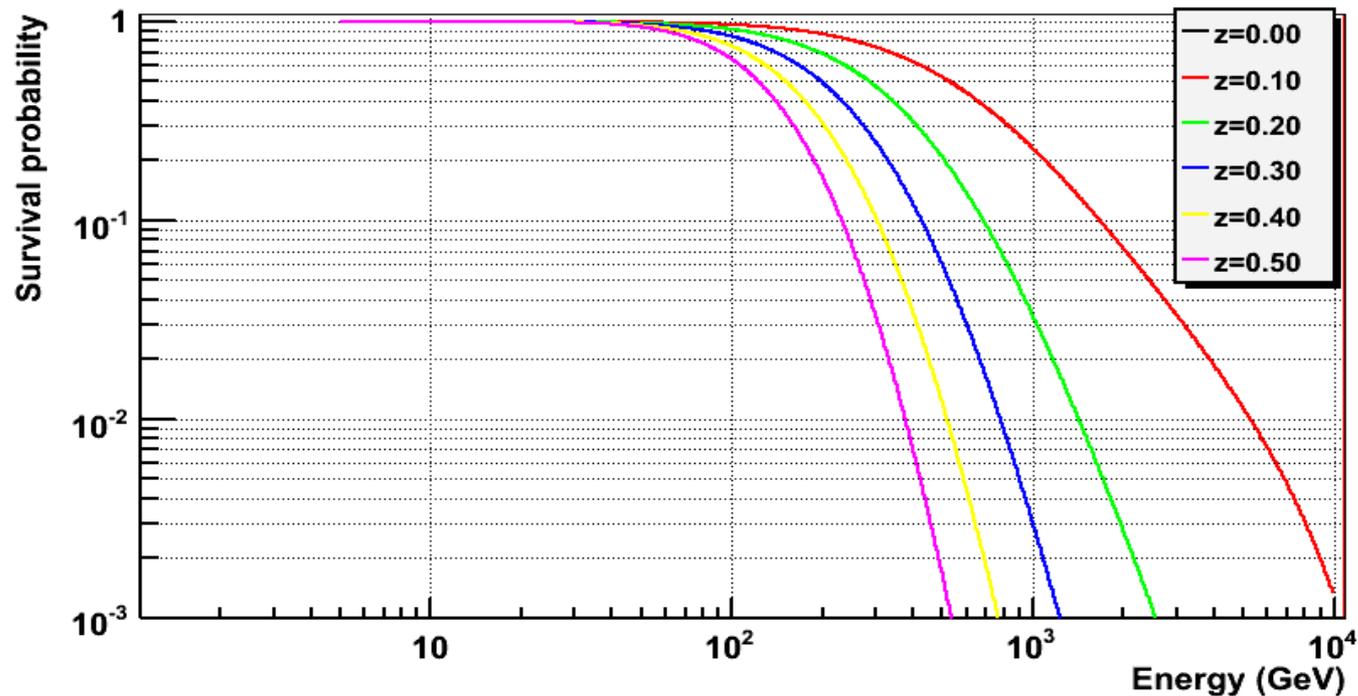
# Absorption of VHE Photons

- Absorption at the source
  - GRB Fireball very dense --> opaque to higher energy photons
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$  dominates
  - Very high bulk Lorentz factors can lower the opacity



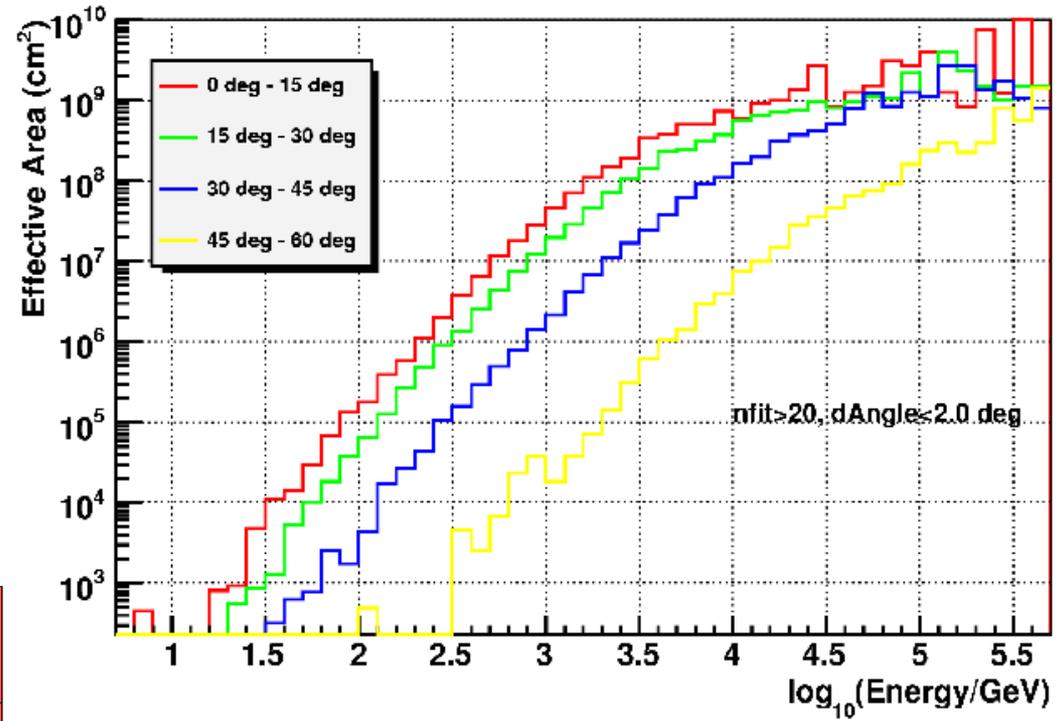
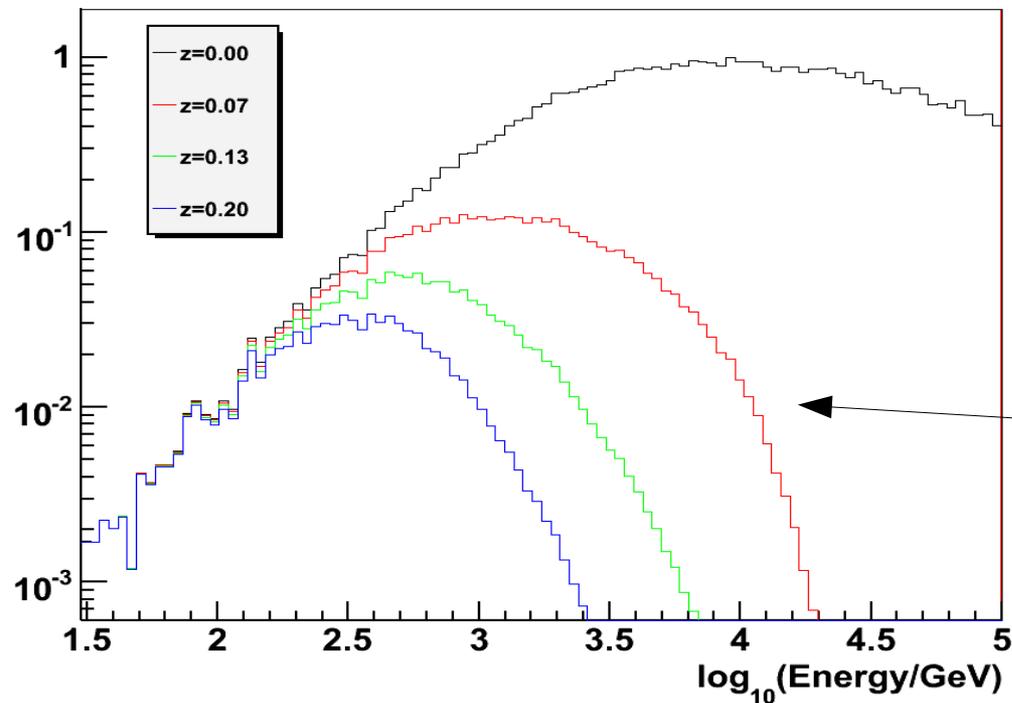
# Absorption of VHE Photons

- Absorption from the Infrared portion of the Extra-Galactic Background Light (EBL)
  - $\gamma_{VHE} + \gamma_{IR} \rightarrow e^- e^+$
  - Limits the “volume” of the observable universe in GeV-TeV energies



# Effects of IR Absorption

Energy distribution of triggered events vs redshift for a  $-2.2$  exponential spectrum



*IR absorption removes the high energy events that Milagro is most sensitive at*

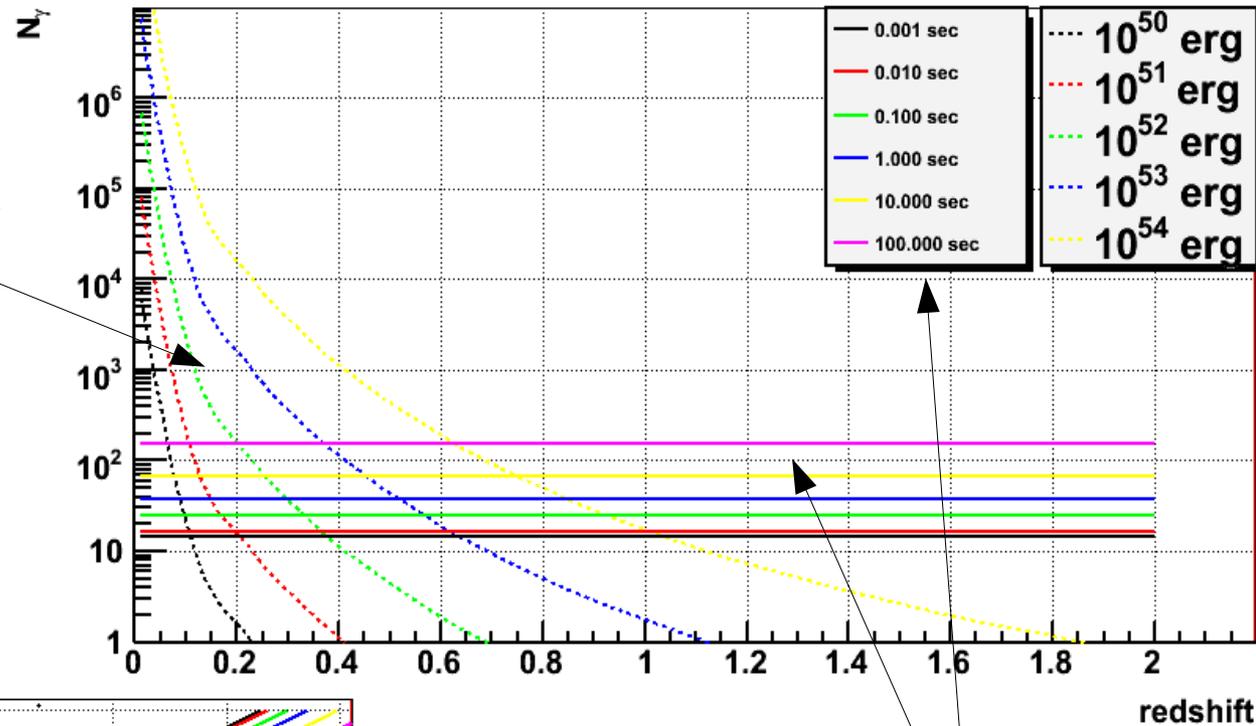
# Why Study the Very High Energy Emission?

- *Resolve the contribution of the VHE gamma-ray emission to the total emitted energy*
- *Constrain the hadronic component of the GRB fireball and the potential for emission of ultra high energy Cosmic Rays and Neutrinos*
- *Provide unique info about the compactness, the emission region size, the dynamics (Lorentz factors)*
- *Understand the progenitor in order to understand the local environment that hosts GRB population*
- *Probe the EBL at high redshifts -> galaxy formation and evolution history*
- *Tests of Lorentz invariance*

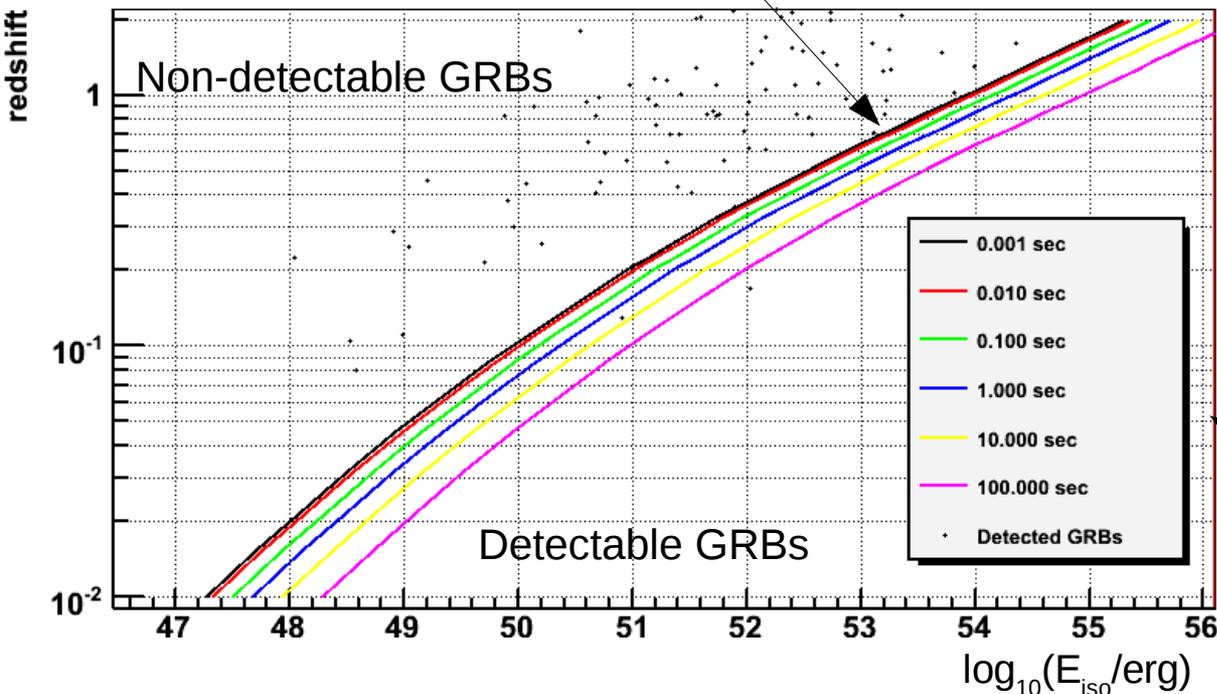
# *The Blind Search for Gamma-Ray Bursts*

# Number of events Milagro can detect from a GRB

Number of events caused by GRBs of different isotropic energy emission (in the GeV - TeV range) versus redshift



Maximum detectable redshift vs isotropic emission from a GRB



Minimum number of events needed for a detection for different durations

**Milagro can expect to detect only nearby ( $z < \sim 0.5$ ) GRBs (few GRBs/year)**

# GRB Searches with Milagro

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- *Triggered Searches -> Search in coincidence with a trigger from an external instrument*
  - *$E > 100$  GeV -> Using reconstructed events (blind or triggered)*
  - *$E < 100$  GeV -> Using the scalers (hit rates of individual PMTs)*
- *Blind search (this one)*
  - *Search the entire Milagro data set for a significant excess above the background.*
  - *Unknowns: location, start time, and duration.*
  - *This search is also sensitive to any kind of transient VHE emission (primordial black hole evaporation, soft gamma-ray repeaters etc.)*
  - *Can be used to trigger other detectors*
    - *A version of this search analyzes the online data in real time and is set to send GCN alerts in case an interesting event is detected.*

# Search algorithm

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- Search blindly over multiple durations (160ms to 6 mins), start time and location.
- For the 1<sub>st</sub> duration, say  $T_{DUR}$ 
  - Start at  $t=t_0$
  - Make a finely binned ( $0.2^\circ$  bins) skymap (RA-Dec) with the events from  $t_{start}=t_0$  to  $t_{stop}=t_0+T_{DUR}$
  - Scan a “search bin” over that map
    - Calculate expected # of background events
    - Count events in the bin
    - Calculate Poisson probability that the measured number of events is just a fluctuation of the background
    - Move bin by  $0.6^\circ$  and repeat until all the map is scanned
  - Create a new map with  $t_{start}$  and  $t_{stop}$  advanced by  $0.1 * T_{DUR}$
- Do the same for all durations
- Do the same for all times

# Search Details

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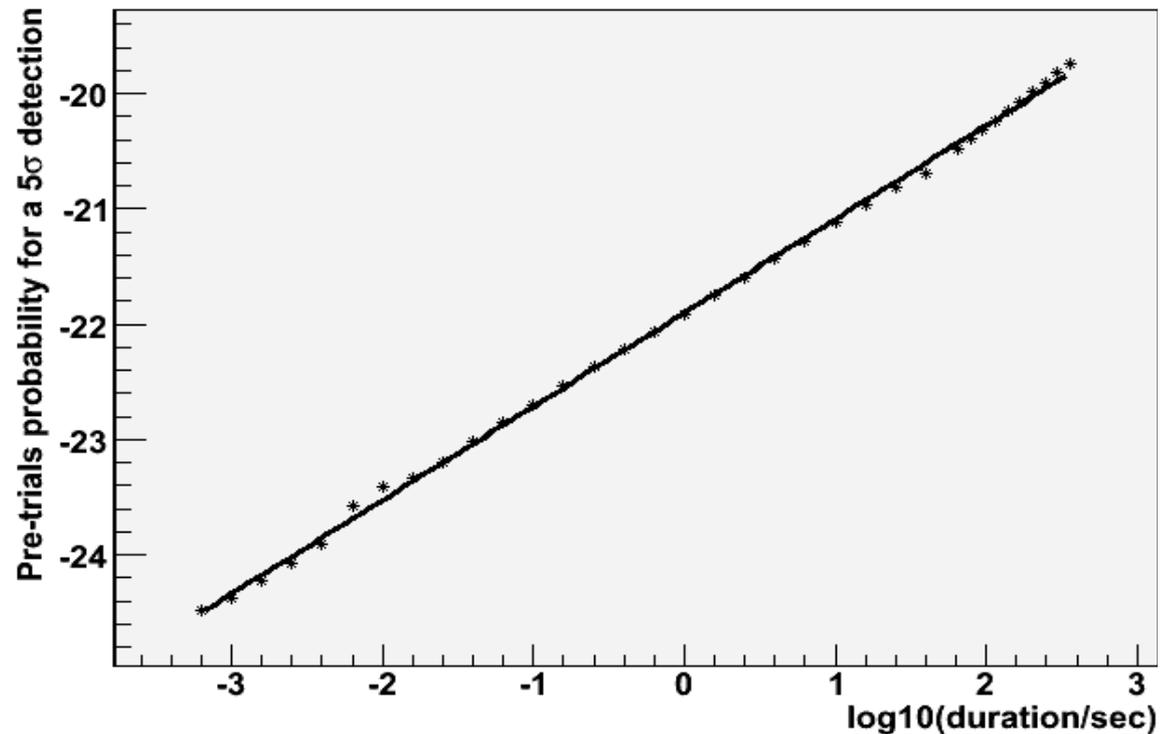
- *Optimizations*
  - *Sensitivity*
    - *Optimize bin size vs duration and zenith angle*
  - *Speed*
    - *Sample more finely around a location in the sky (every  $0.2^\circ$  instead of every  $0.6^\circ$ ) in case a low probability is found*
    - *An alternative search algorithm for very low durations ( $dur < 0.2\text{sec}$ )*
      - *Instead of scanning the search bin all over each skymap,*
        - *Make a table of the locations where more than 2 events are present*
        - *Evaluate just these locations*
    - *Speed optimizations help with sensitivity too because we can afford the time to search more finely in the duration space.*

# Trials and Probability Thresholds

- Large data set + oversampling → large number of trials
- For the 1 second search this yields  $\sim 10^{13}$  trials per year.
- Use data to find the effective number of trials and then adjust the detection thresholds.

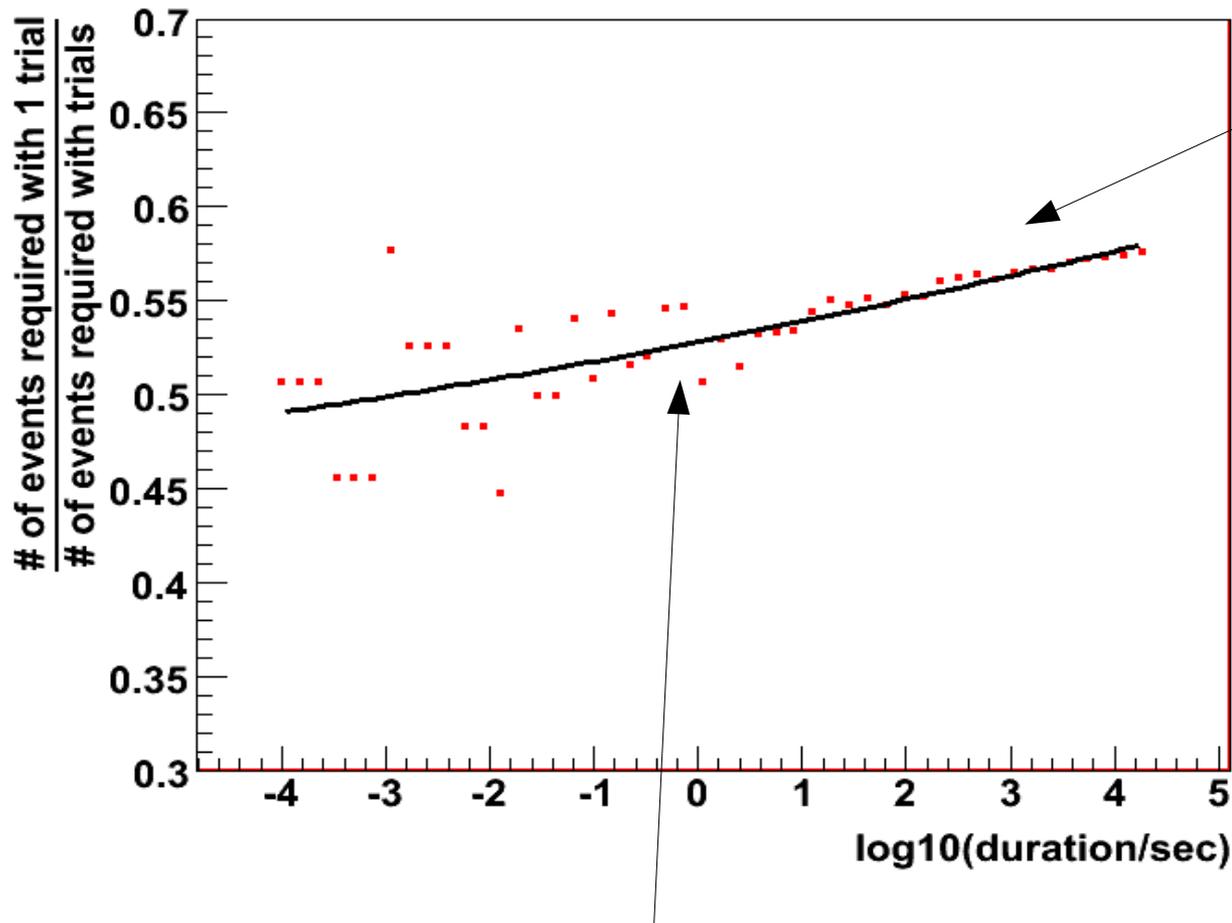
Pre-trials probability for a  $5\sigma$  detection

Calculation includes number of trials from sampling in space/time, total duration searched and number of durations searched



# Loss of sensitivity due to the big number of trials

Because of the big number of trials we need about double the signal to be able to make a detection.



A search in coincidence with an external trigger has about double the sensitivity of this blind search.

Ratio of events required for a  $5\sigma$  detection 99% of the time

# Optimum bin in the Gaussian regime

- Define  $N_{Bin}$  the number of events in a bin,  $\hat{N}_{BG}$  the expected number of events in that bin,  $N_S$  and  $N_{BG}$  the actual number of signal and background events in that bin and  $S$  the significance of that search.

$$S \equiv \frac{N_{Bin} - \hat{N}_{BG}}{\sigma(\hat{N}_{BG})} = \frac{(N_S + N_{BG}) - \hat{N}_{BG}}{\sigma(\hat{N}_{BG})} \simeq \frac{N_S + \hat{N}_{BG} - \hat{N}_{BG}}{\sqrt{\hat{N}_{BG}}} = \frac{N_S}{\sqrt{\hat{N}_{BG}}}$$

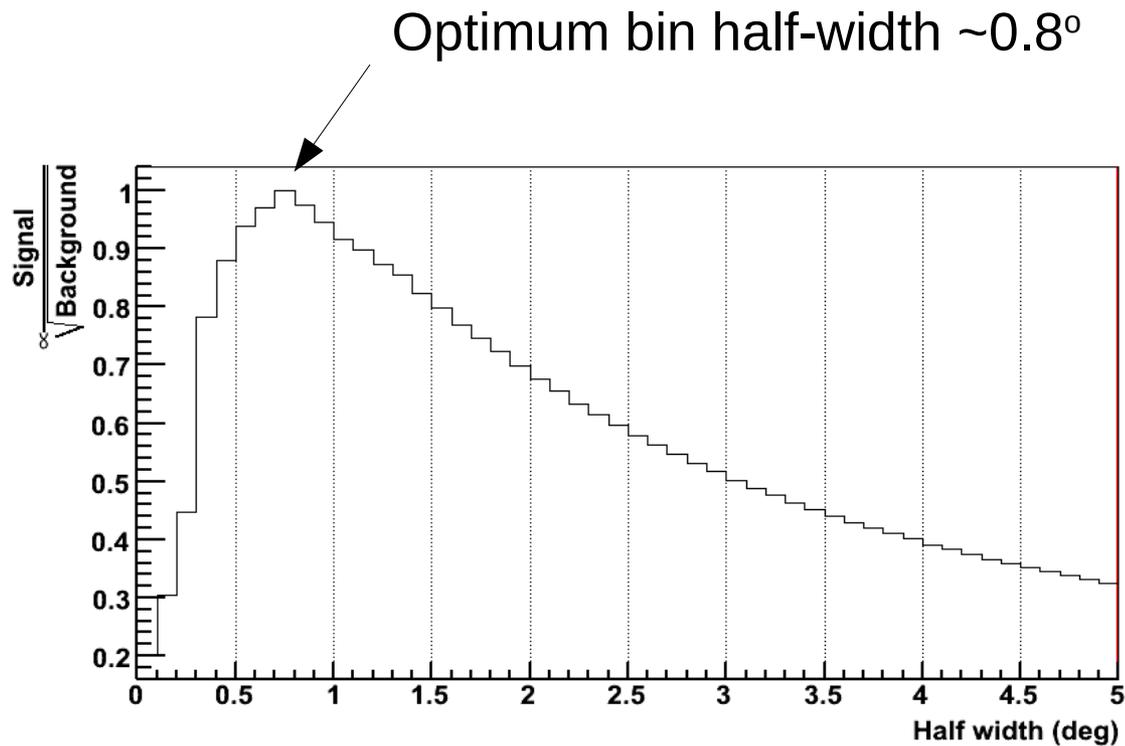
- Say we apply a cut or a change in the search method that introduces some efficiency of keeping the background ( $Eff_{BG}$ ) and signal ( $Eff_S$ ) events.
- The new significance will be:

$$S' = \frac{N_S \cdot Eff_S}{\sqrt{\hat{N}_{BG} \cdot Eff_{BG}}} = \frac{N_S}{\sqrt{\hat{N}_{BG}}} \cdot \frac{Eff_S}{\sqrt{Eff_{BG}}} = S \cdot \frac{Eff_S}{\sqrt{Eff_{BG}}}$$

- To find the optimum cut or search configuration we maximize the ratio  $\frac{Eff_S}{\sqrt{Eff_{BG}}}$

# Optimum bin size in the Gaussian regime

- In this case  $Eff_{BG}(w)$  is proportional to the area of the bin and  $Eff_s(w)$  comes from the point spread function of the detector.



For a source at  $z=0.2$   
-2.2 spectral index

# Optimum bin in the Poisson regime

- *For small statistics (shorter durations) Gaussian statistics cannot be used*
  - *The above equations cannot be applied*
- *Use Poisson statistics to calculate the significance or the probability corresponding to a measurement*
  - *Optimize the bin size by finding the one that minimizes the chance probability  $P_C$*
  - *You can always go back and calculate the significance from the probability:*

$$P_C(n) = \int_n^{\infty} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2}\right)$$

$$n \simeq \sqrt{-2 * \ln(P_C)}$$

# Optimizing the bin size

Most of the signal  
but too much background.  
Non optimum detection  
probability

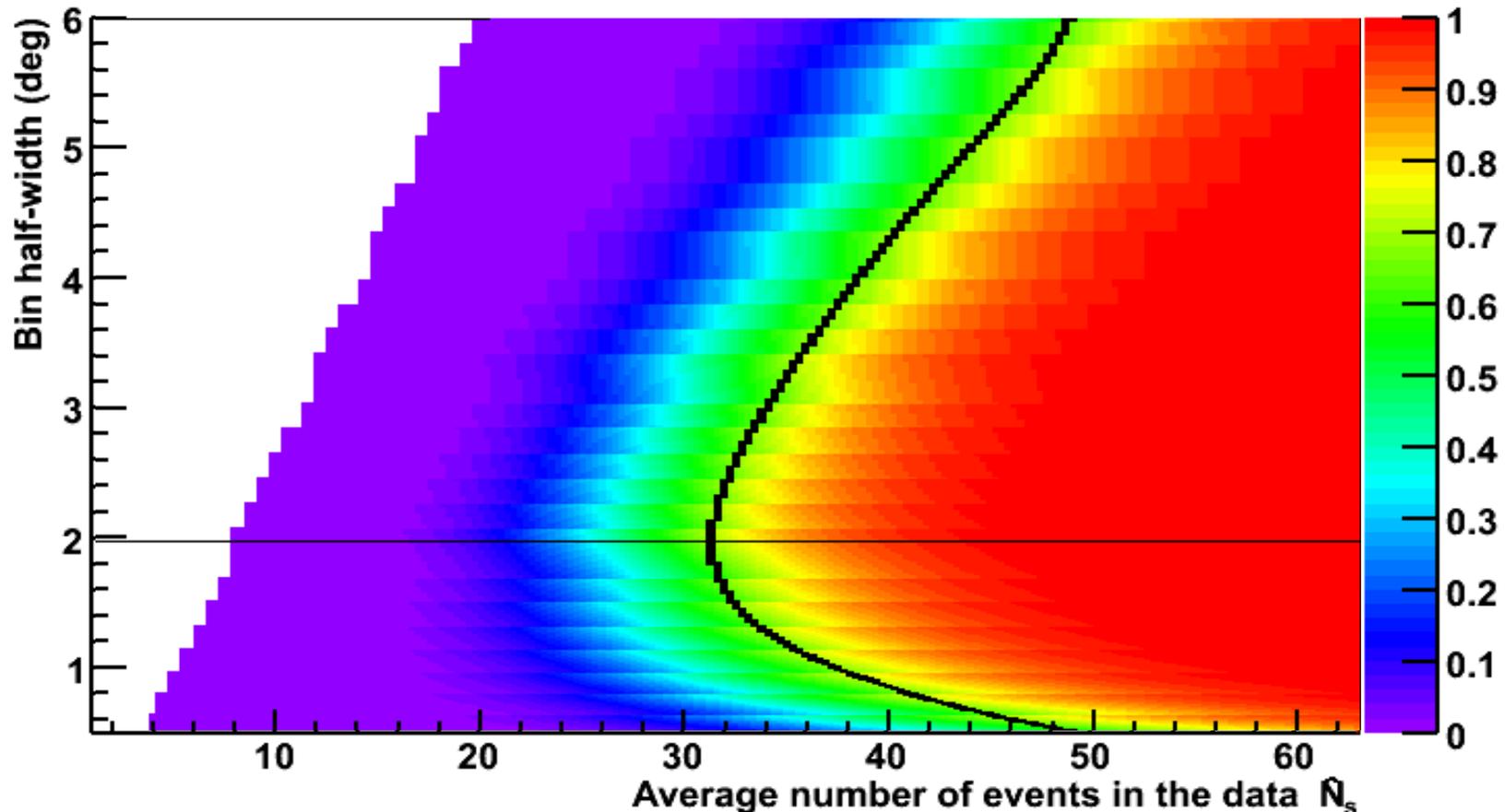
Almost no detections

Some detections depending  
on the bin size

Detection  
probability  $\sim 1$

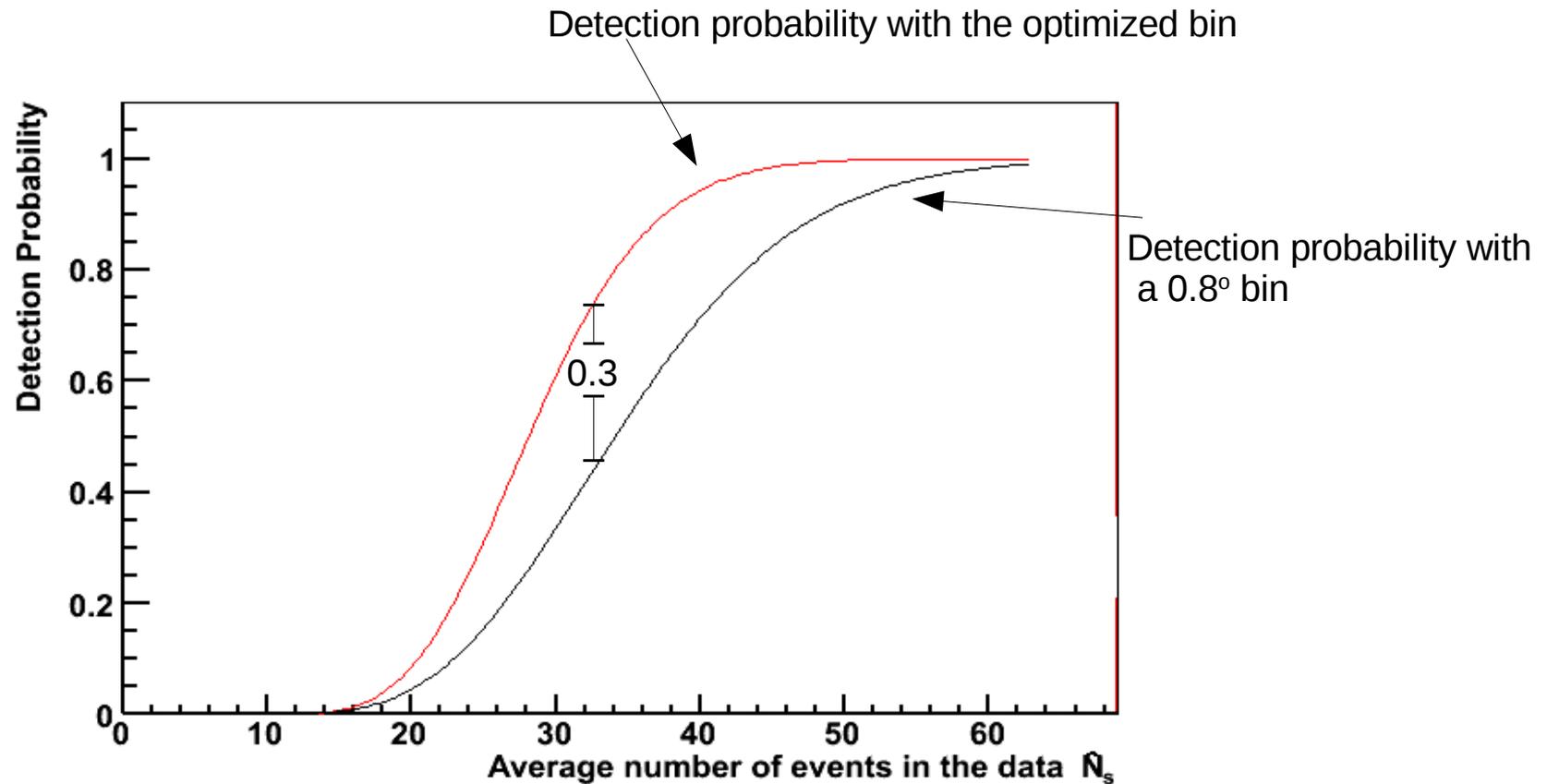
↑  
Optimum amount of  
signal and background.  
Det. Prob. maximized  
↓

Small background  
Very small signal  
Non optimum detection  
probability



**Detection probability of a signal  $N_s$  in the data set vs the bin size**  
*0.3sec duration, 15°-30° zenith angle,*

# Improvement in Detection Probability

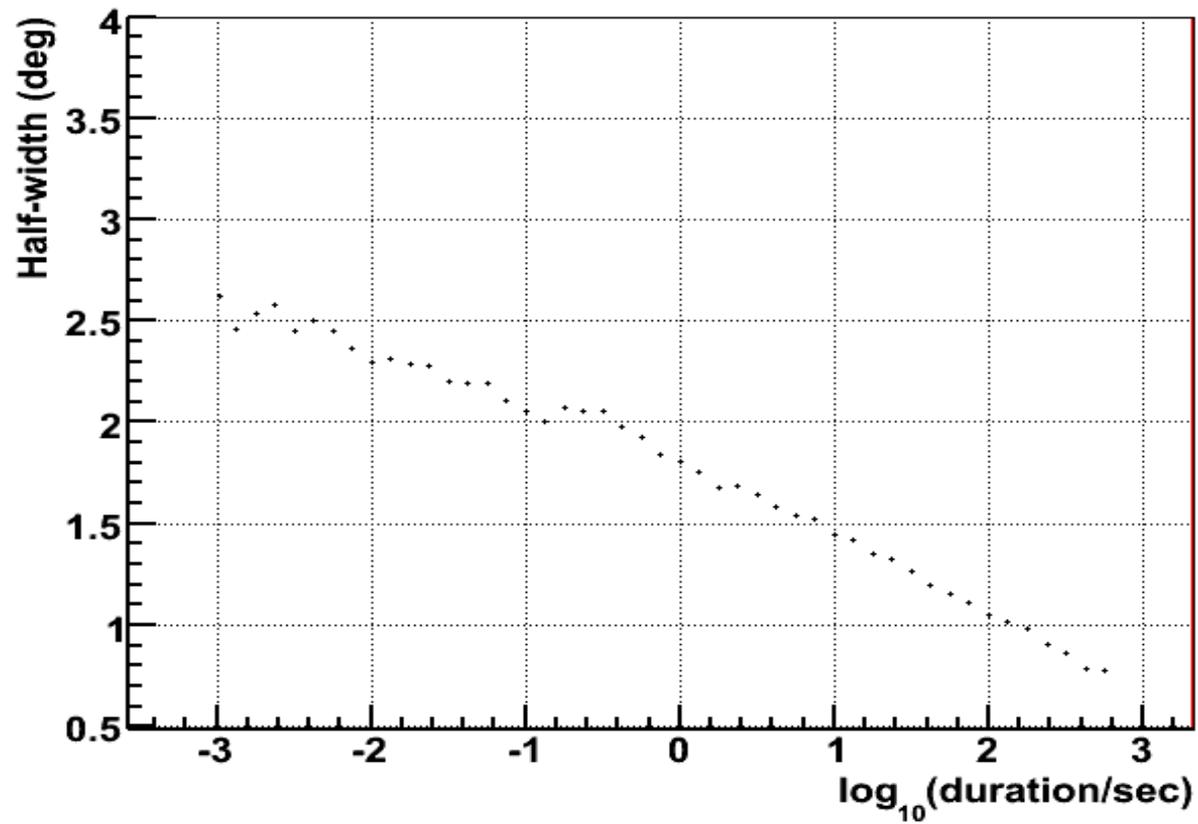


Detection probabilities for  $t=0.3\text{sec}$

# Optimum bin size

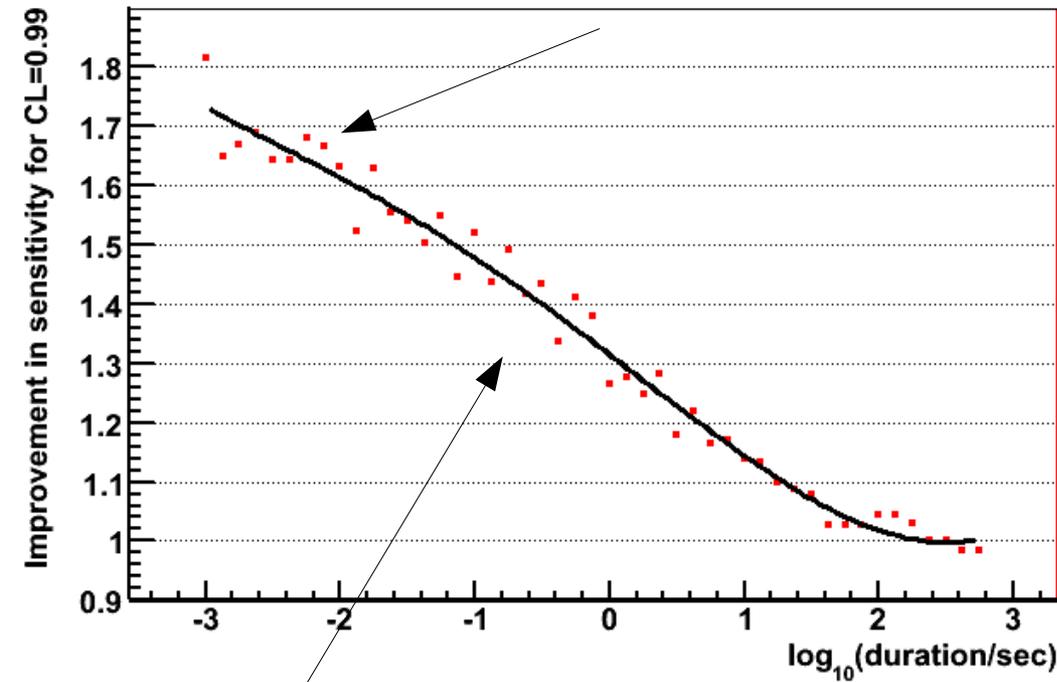
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Optimum bin half-width



# Improvement in sensitivity

Can detect signals (CL=0.99) that are ~40% smaller than the ones detectable with the fixed bin-size

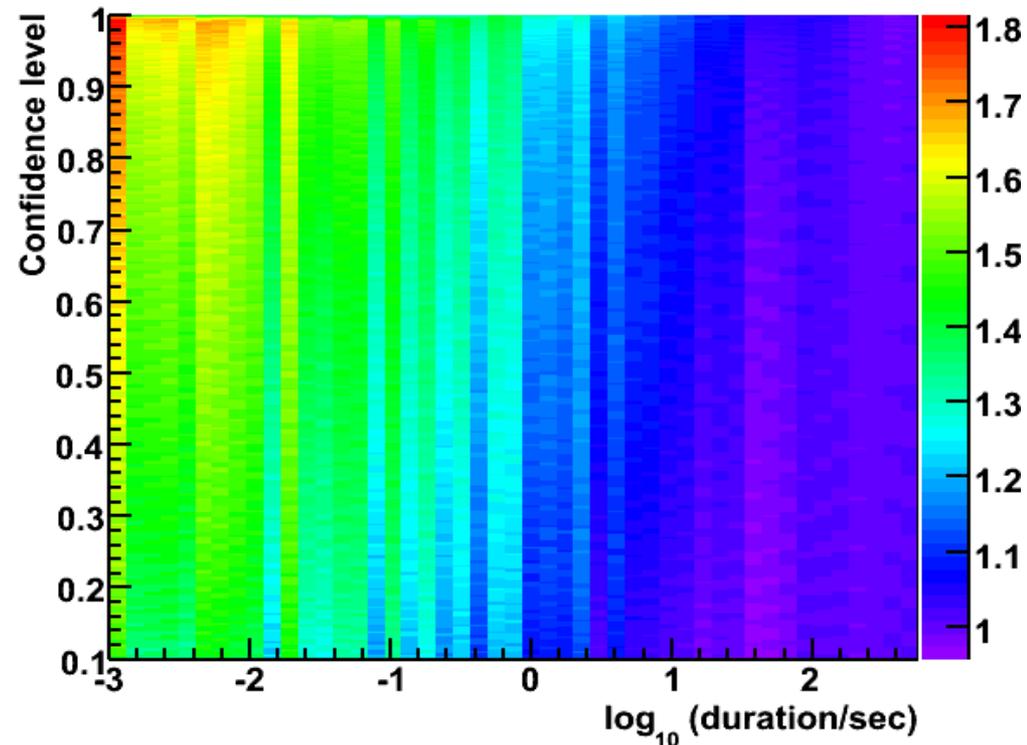


Ratio of the signal needed for a  $5\sigma$  detection 99% of the times with a  $0.8^\circ$  bin over the signal needed with the optimum bin.

Improvement in sensitivity for all Confidence Levels

**Considerable improvement in sensitivity for the short durations**

zenith angle 15 deg-30 deg



# Results

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- Searched 4 years of Milagro data, (5/15/2003) to 54234 (5/14/2007)
  - ◆ Fixed bin size
  - ◆ No significant events have been detected.
  - ◆ Results presented at the ICRC
- New search underway with optimized bin size
  - ◆ Finishing in about a week
- Generate meaningful physics results
  - ◆ Set upper limits on the VHE emission from GRBs
  - ◆ Analyze any significant events detected

# From Milagro to GLAST

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- *GRBs*
  - *200 MeV - 300 GeV emission (answer questions of slide #42)*
  - *Very distant GRBs ( $z > \sim 6$ )*
    - *Trace evolution of the universe (SFR, metallicity, intergalactic medium, IR background..)*
- *Diffuse Galactic Gamma-Ray Emission*
  - *Measurements + GALPROP*
    - *Understand diffusion and acceleration of cosmic rays in our galaxy*
    - *Measure density of gas and radiation fields in various locations*
    - *Obtain a background model for point-source searches*
    - *Let us measure the extra-galactic diffuse gamma-ray emission*
    - *Origin of the GeV excess seen by EGRET*

# From Milagro to GLAST

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- *Diffuse Extra-Galactic Gamma-Ray Emission*
  - *Resolve thousands of AGNs and other point sources -> constrain their contribution to the extra-galactic diffuse emission*
  - *Try to find the sources of the remaining truly diffuse component*
    - *WIMPs? Primordial-Black Holes (PBH)?*
    - *Excellent energy resolution -> spectral signatures*
- *Dark Matter*
  - *WIMPs, PBH*
  - *Anyone care about axions?*
    - *Recent papers propose methods of searching for axion-like particles in the gamma-ray data*
      - *Axion-photon inter-conversions can increase the transparency of the universe to GeV-TeV gamma-rays (test by examining the GeV cutoffs of very distant sources)*
      - *Axion-photon inter-conversions can suppress finite energy bands in the MeV-GeV spectra of certain sources (AGNs & radio-galaxies)*

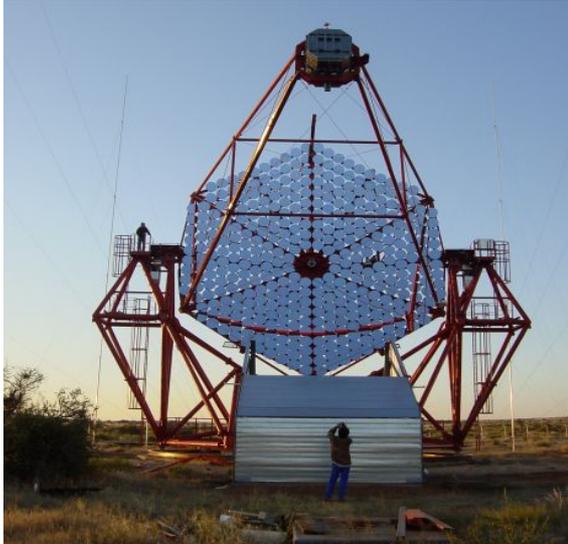
*Thank you*

***Extras***

# Cosmic Gamma-Ray Detectors

## High Sensitivity

HESS, MAGIC, CANGAROO, VERITAS



Energy range GeV-TeV

Large Effective Area ( $>10^4$  m<sup>2</sup>)

Excellent Background Rejection ( $>99\%$ )

Excellent Angular Resolution ( $<0.1^\circ$ )

Good Energy Resolution ( $\sim 20\%$ )

Small Duty Cycle (10%) & Aperture (0.003sr)

- ✓High Resolution Energy Spectra
- ✓High Quality Studies of Known Sources
- ✓Deep Surveys of Limited Regions of Sky
- ✓Source Location and Morphology

## Low Energy Threshold

EGRET/LAT



Energy range MeV - GeV

Small Effective Area

"Background Free"

Moderate Angular Resolution

Excellent Energy Resolution ( $\sim 10\%$ )

Large Duty Cycle & Aperture

- ✓Unbiased Complete Sky Survey
- ✓AGN Physics
- ✓Transients (GRBs, AGN's)

## Large Aperture/High Duty Cycle

Milagro, Tibet, ARGO, HAWC(?)



Energy Range GeV-TeV

Large Effective Area

Good Background Rejection ( $>90\%$ )

Good Angular Resolution ( $0.3^\circ - 0.7^\circ$ )

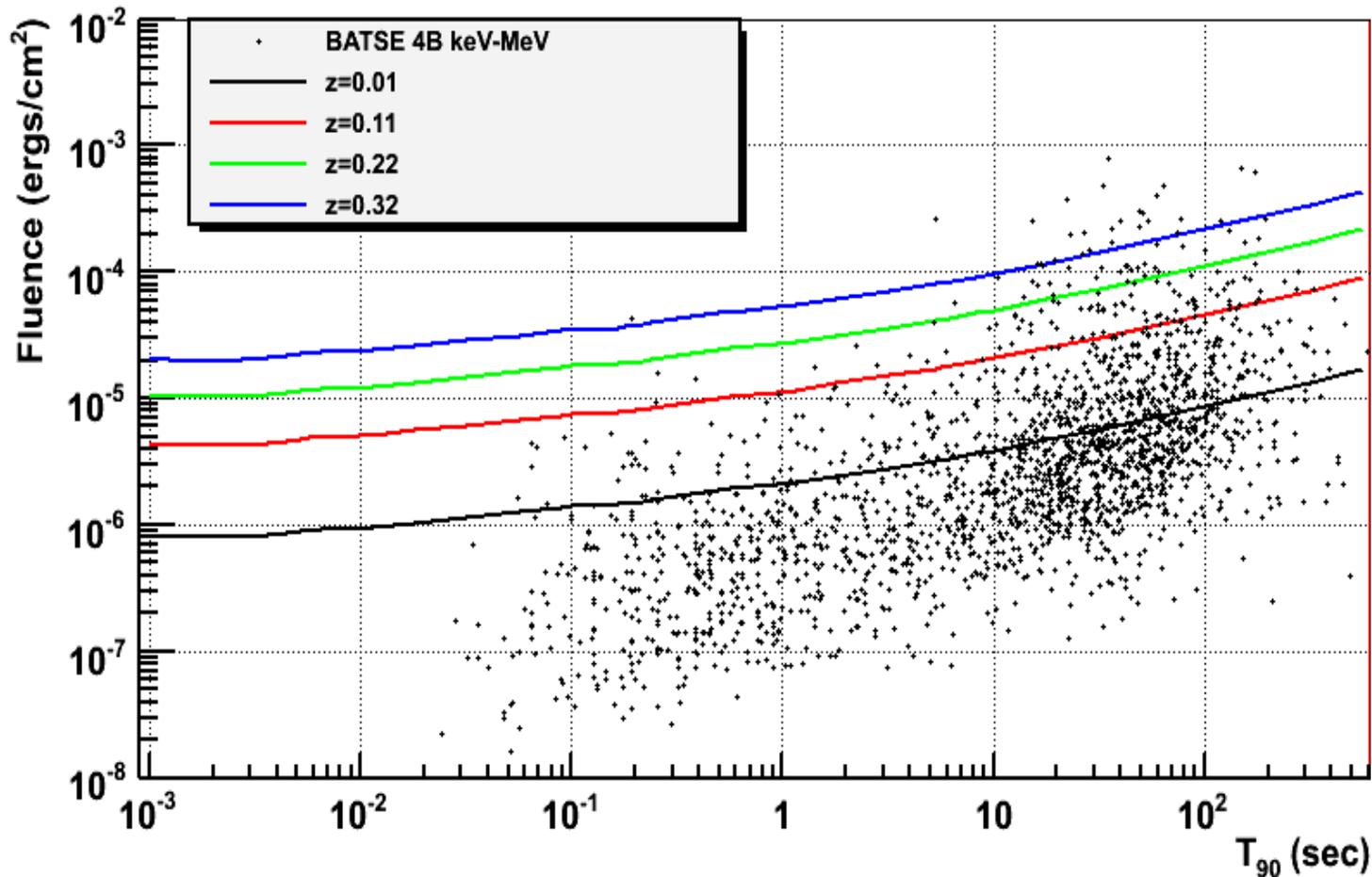
Energy Resolution ( $\sim 50\%$ )

Large Duty Cycle ( $>90\%$ ) and Aperture (2 sr)

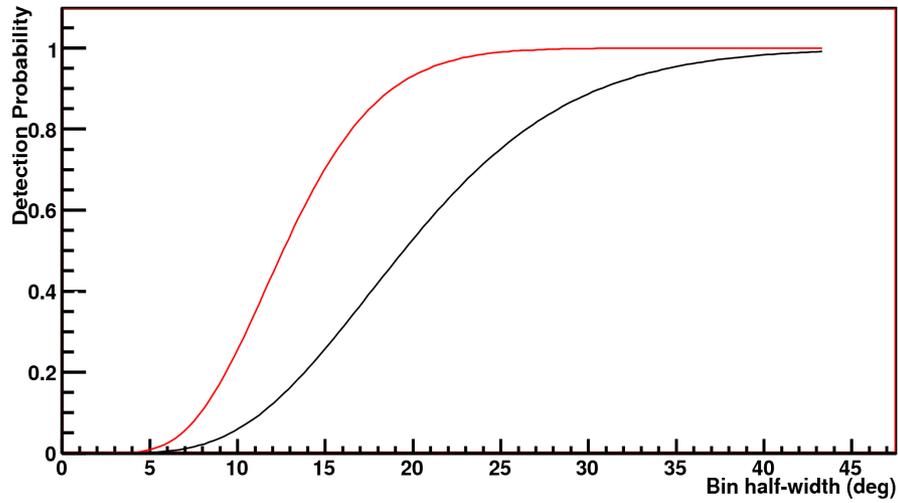
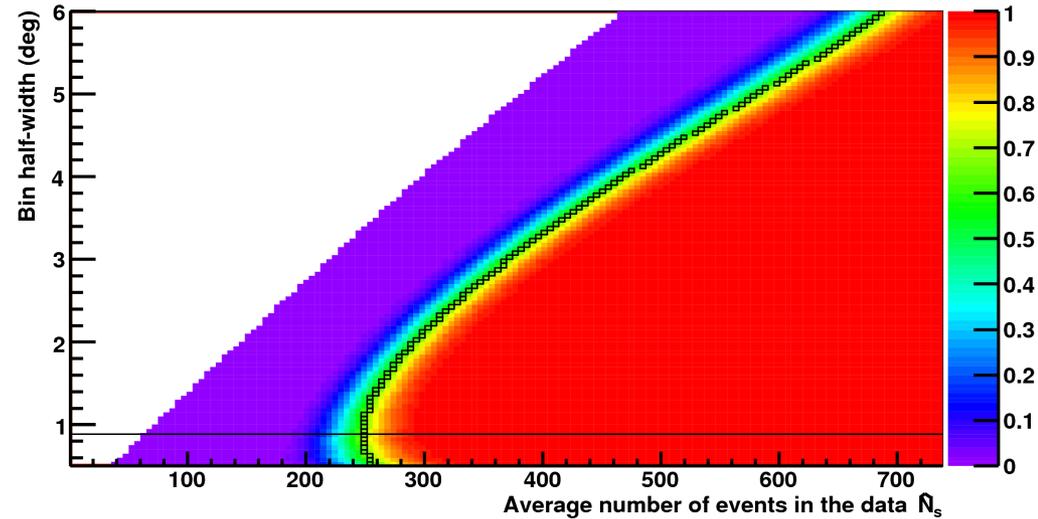
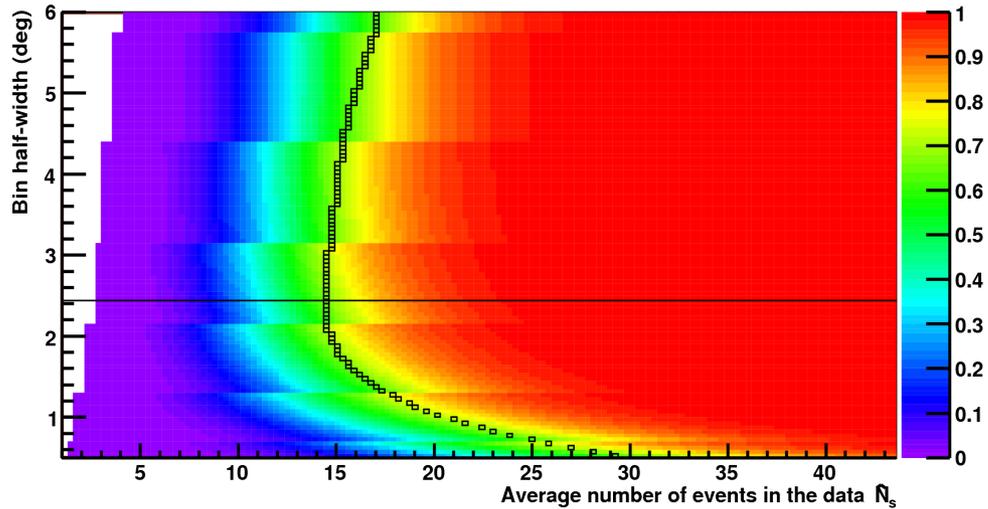
- ✓Unbiased Complete Sky Survey
- ✓Extended sources
- ✓Transients (GRB's, AGNs)
- ✓Solar physics/space weather

# Fluence Sensitivity

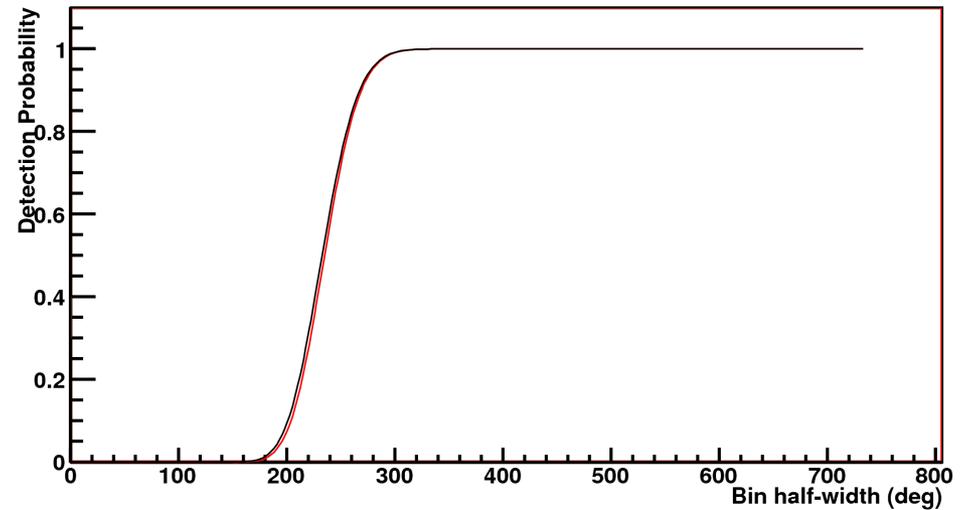
- Integrated fluence from 50GeV-100TeV
- For Milagro, this the fluence that reaches the earth (post IR absorption)
- **If the GeV-TeV fluence from a nearby burst is comparable to the keV-MeV fluence of BATSE bursts, Milagro should detect the event**



# Optimizing the bin size



3ms



3mins

# Medium Scale Anisotropy of the TeV Sky

