

*All-sky Survey High Resolution
Air-shower detector*



Ashra Update

On Behalf of the Ashra Collaboration

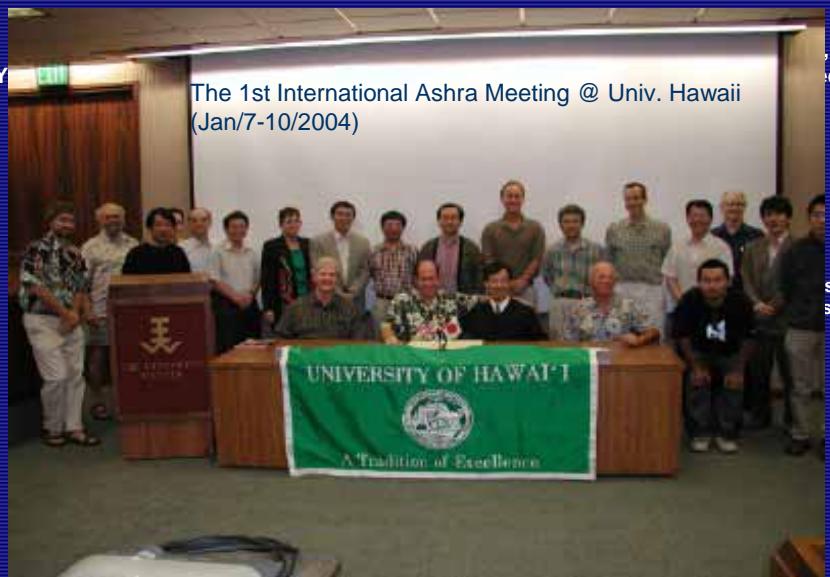
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Ashra Collaboration

The 1st International Ashra Meeting @ Univ. Hawaii
(Jan/7-10/2004)



Ashra Project



Neutrino Astronomy



- **Low Energy**

- MeV
- Water Target ($\sim 1000\text{t}$)
- Crude Pointing ($\sim 10^\circ$)
- Near SN (160K ly)

- **Very High Energy**

- PeV (10^{15}eV)~ZeV (10^{21}eV)
- Earth & Air Target ($\sim 10^{12}\text{t}$)
- Precise Pointing (~arcmin)
- Ext.gal. Origin ($\sim 500\text{M ly}$)

New Tide of VHE '**Deep Survey**'
Particle Astronomy

Source Candidates of VHE Particles

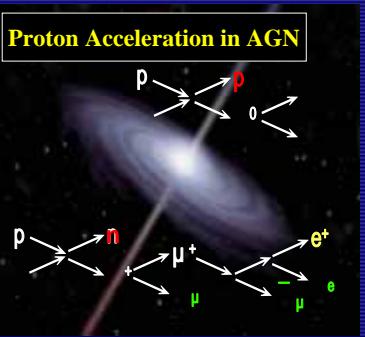


Gamma Ray Burst



Active Galactic Nuclei

Proton Acceleration in AGN



CMBR

CR

Earth

GZK Mechanism

Studying origin and propagation of VHE CRs

Photo-meson Interaction

Evidence of Ext.gal. p Acceleration

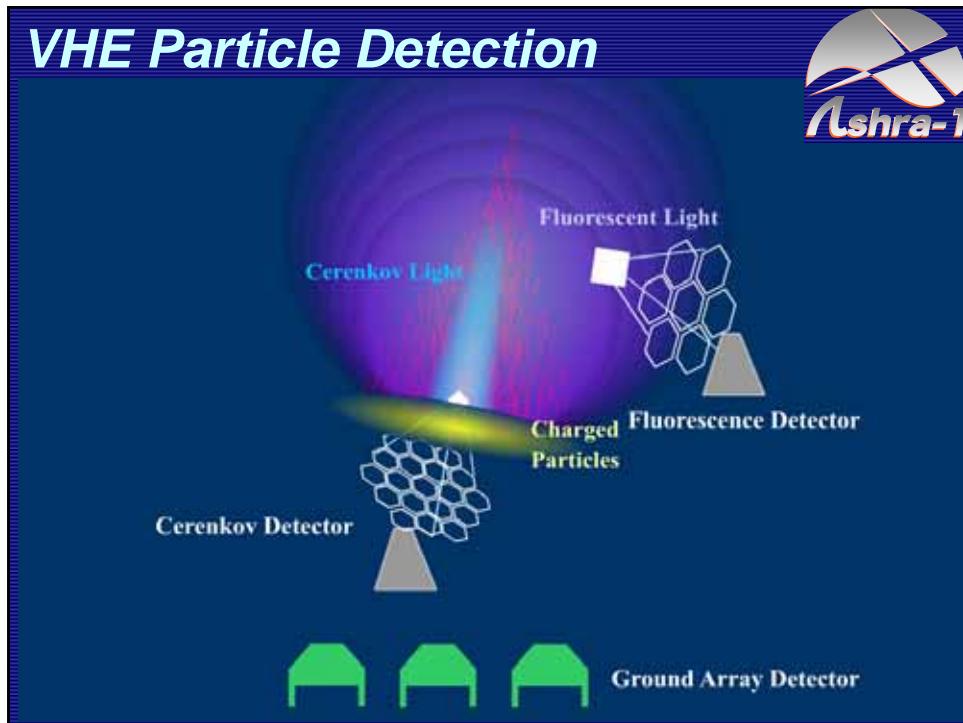
$$p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow n\pi^+, p\pi^0$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu, \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$\mathcal{E}_\gamma \mathcal{E}_p \approx 0.2 \Gamma^2 \text{GeV}^2, \quad \mathcal{E}_\nu \approx 0.05 \mathcal{E}_p$$

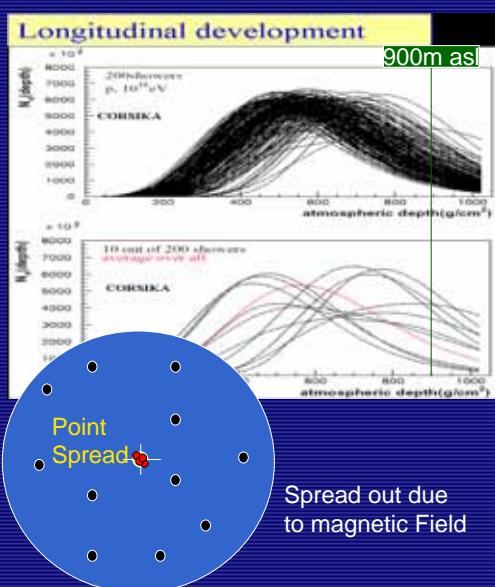
1st Exam of VHE Particle Astronomy

VHE Particle Detection



Advantage of Imaging Air-lights

- Can correct AS development fluctuation event by event
=>Convincing E estimation
- Particle ID using mag. field
 - p: spread over 1deg.
 - : only PSF=>High resolution required





Ashra Detector

New VHE Particle Detector System for Cerenkov & Fluorescence Air-lights

Distinctive Features:

- All Sky Survey ~2 sr
- High Resolution arcmin
- Simultaneous Observation
 - TeV
 - EHE p/
 - VHE

Wide Angle Fine Optics

- Modified Baker-Nunn Optics
- Spherical Mirror (segmented)
- Spherical Focal Surface
- 3 Correcting Lenses

Pupil=1m F/0.74

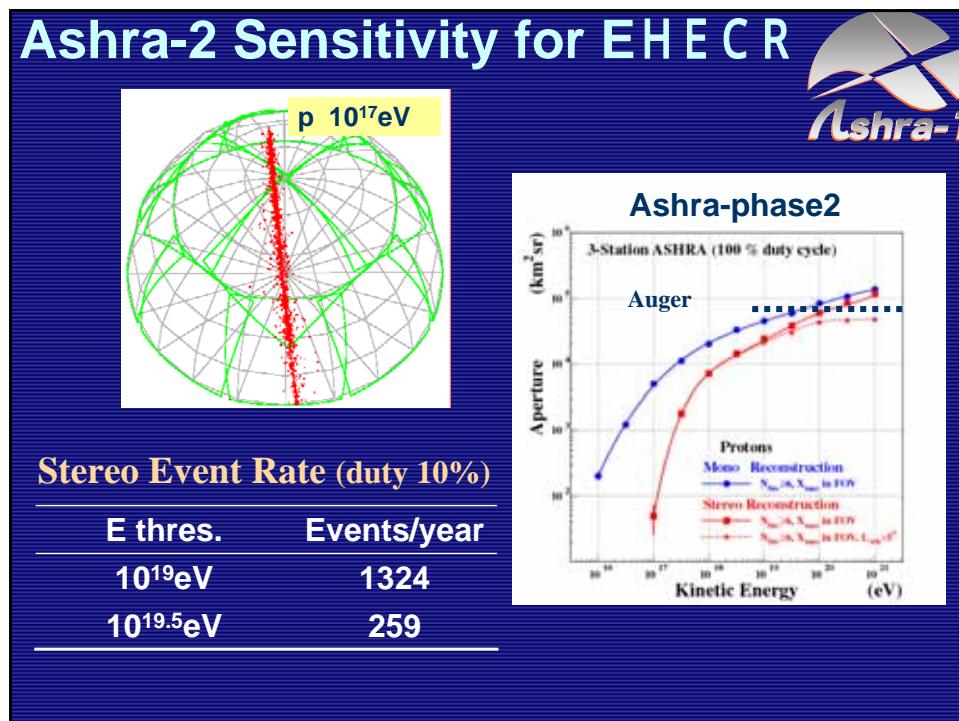
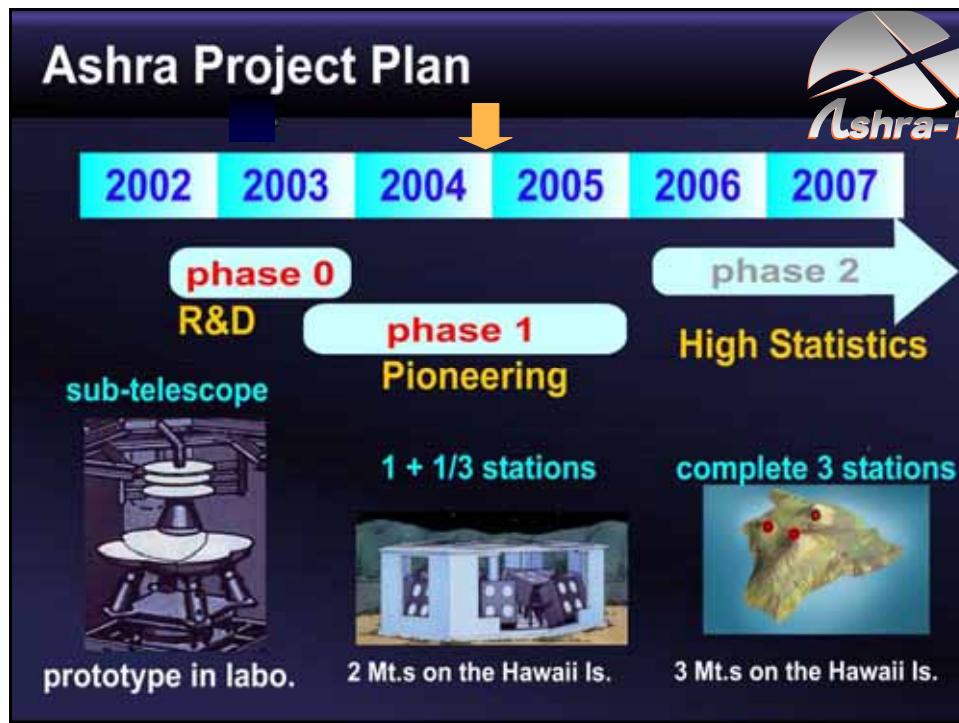
Ashra Station:

- 12 Detectors / Station
- 0.5 sr F.O.V / Detector
- All Sky / 50M pixel

Image Pipeline

High Resolution, High S/N, Self-triggered

Details in M.Sasaki et al, NIM A492 (2002) 49

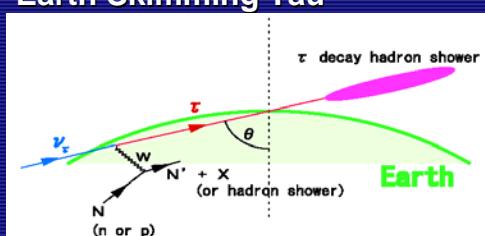


Tau Neutrino

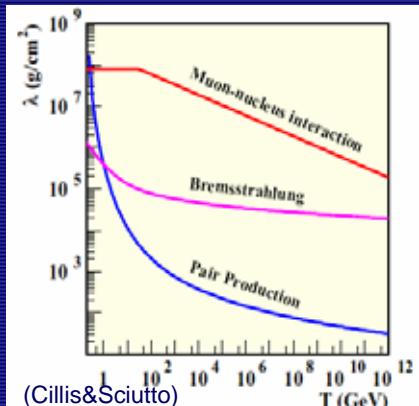


Tau Neutrino Detection using Earth and Mountain

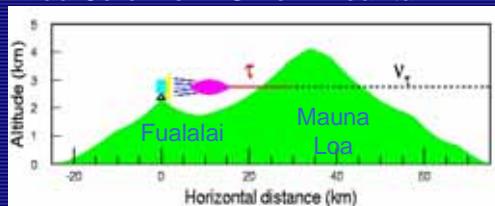
Earth Skimming Tau



μ ~ 1m @ 10^{15} eV



Tau Cerenkov AS from Mountain

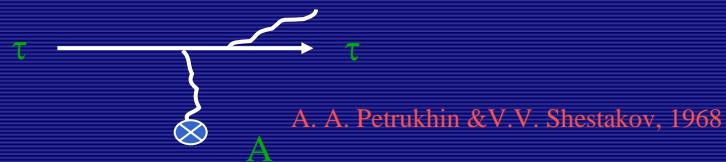


Tau dominates appeared leptons@VHE

The tau lepton loses its energy in the rock through 4 kinds of interactions:

(1). Ionization (α): the tau lepton excites the atomic electrons. H. A. Bethe 1934

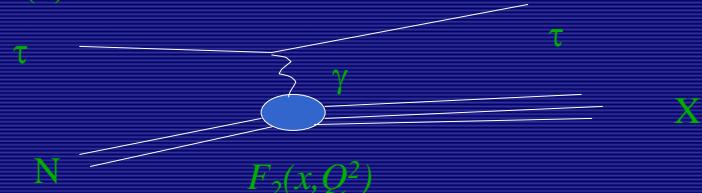
(2). Bremsstrahlung (β):



(3). Pair Production (β'):



(4). Photo-nuclear interaction:



Basic component

The nucleus shadowing effect is considered:

$$a(A, x, Q^2) = \frac{F_2^A(x, Q^2)}{AF_2^N(x, Q^2)}$$

Brodsky & Lu, 1990; Mueller & Qiu 1986;
E665 Collab. Adams *et al.*, 1992

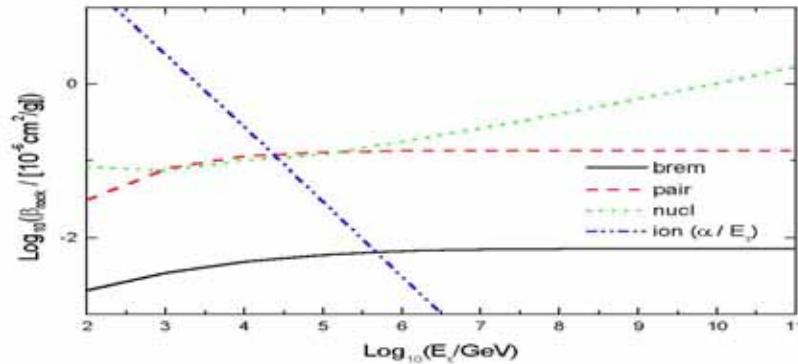
Summarizing all these:

The τ energy loss:

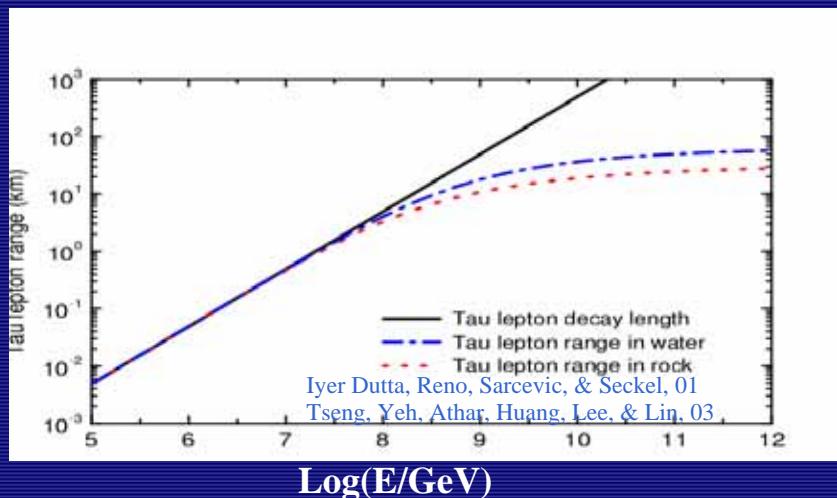
Iyer Dutta, Reno, Sarcevic, & Seckel, 01

$$-\frac{dE_\tau}{dX} = \alpha + \left(\sum_i \beta_i \right) E_\tau, X \text{ in units of g/cm}^2,$$

α and β_i 's are plotted below.

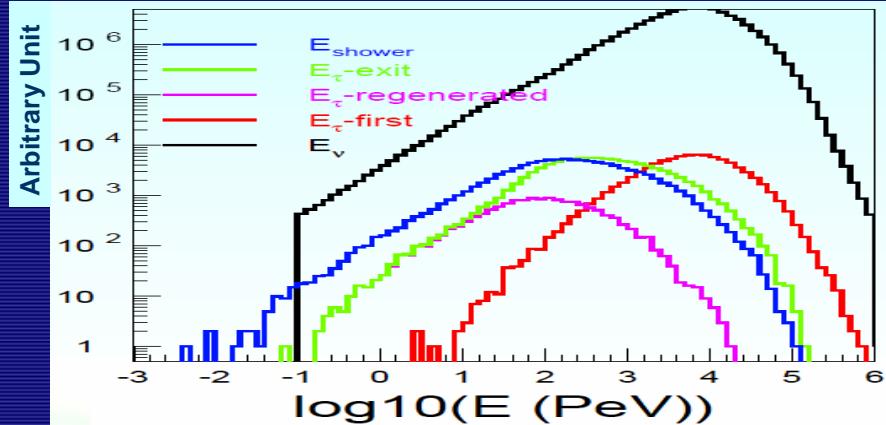


Tau Lepton Range



Tau lepton range approaches to 20 km in rock.
Mountain-penetrating is sufficient!

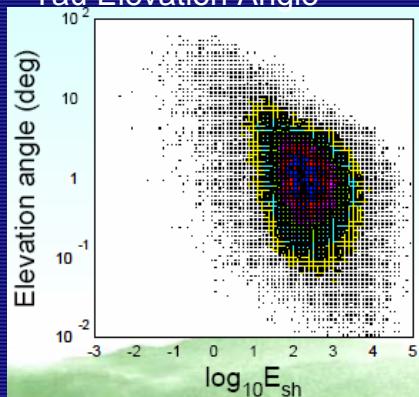
Energy of Tau from GZK



- Tau shower energy peak at $E=100\text{PeV}$ (10^{17}eV)
- Significant contribution from regenerated tau at $E < 100\text{PeV}$
- Importance of both Cerenkov and fluorescence detections

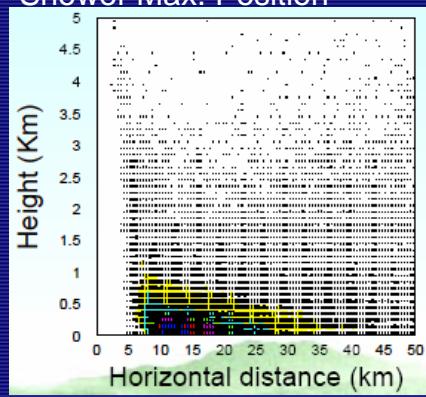
Shape of Appeared Tau from GZK

Tau Elevation Angle



- Mostly $\varepsilon < 8^\circ$
- mean $\varepsilon \sim 2^\circ$,
- re-generated τ could come out at larger angle

Shower Max. Position



- Mostly at $H < 500\text{ m}$ and $8\text{ Km} < D < 25\text{ Km}$

**Clear evidence of AS originated from Earth
=> Directional precision**

Integrated tau lepton flux in units of $\text{km}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$

by G.-L.Lin

‘Guaranteed’ Source

Energy & flux	AGN	GRB	GZK
$10^{15}\text{-}10^{16} \text{ eV}$	<u>2.2</u>	9.6×10^{-3}	7.4×10^{-5}
$10^{16}\text{-}10^{17} \text{ eV}$	4.9	7.1×10^{-3}	1.1×10^{-2}
$10^{17}\text{-}10^{18} \text{ eV}$	0.2	5.4×10^{-4}	8.2×10^{-2}
$10^{18}\text{-}10^{19} \text{ eV}$		1.1×10^{-5}	3.3×10^{-2}

W resonance (AGN) 0.08

Effective aperture ($A\Omega$)_{eff}
required for 1 event/yr, assuming a 10% duty cycle.

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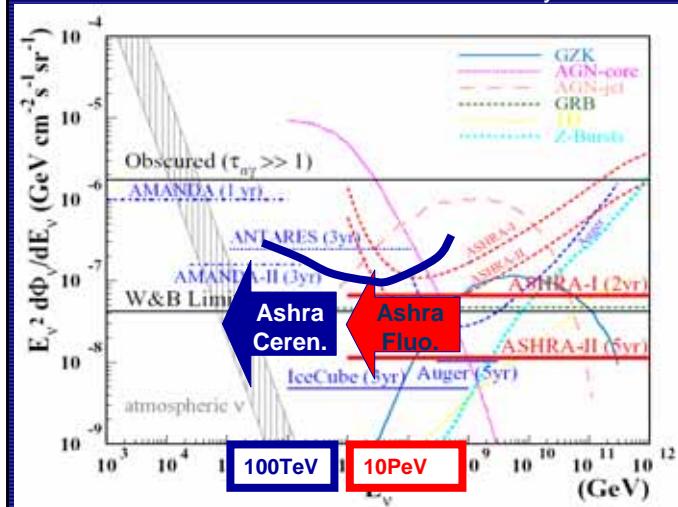
Energy & Aperture ($\text{km}^2 \text{ sr}$)	AGN	GRB	GZK
$10^{15}\text{-}10^{16} \text{ eV}$	4.5	1000	
$10^{16}\text{-}10^{17} \text{ eV}$	2.0	1400	910
$10^{17}\text{-}10^{18} \text{ eV}$	50	19000	120
$10^{18}\text{-}10^{19} \text{ eV}$			290

GZK- = > Highly Plausible Detection by Ashra

Neutrino Sensitivity



- 1 event/year/decade of energy (curve)
- 90% upper limit assuming E^2 flux (straight line)
- Interaction in mountain has not been taken yet.



Ashra

Cerenkov + Fluo.



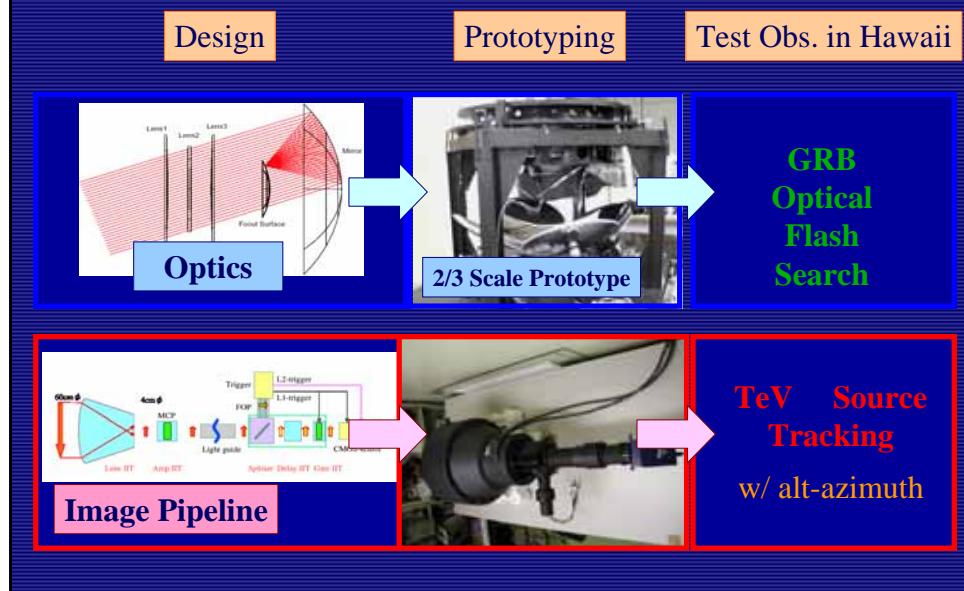
Ashra can keep
good sensitivity in
whole range
 $E > 100\text{TeV}$



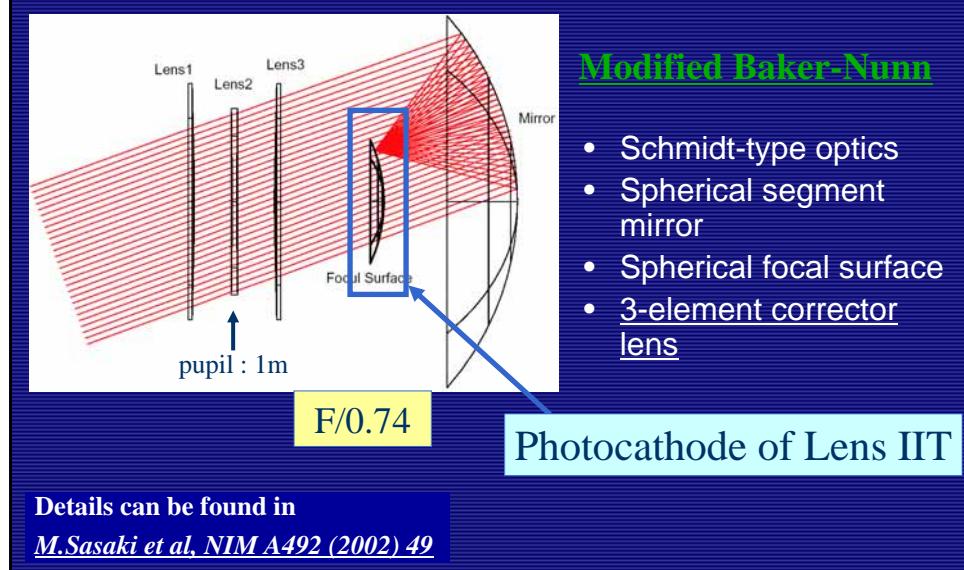
Great Chance of
the first clear
detection VHE
Neutrino showers

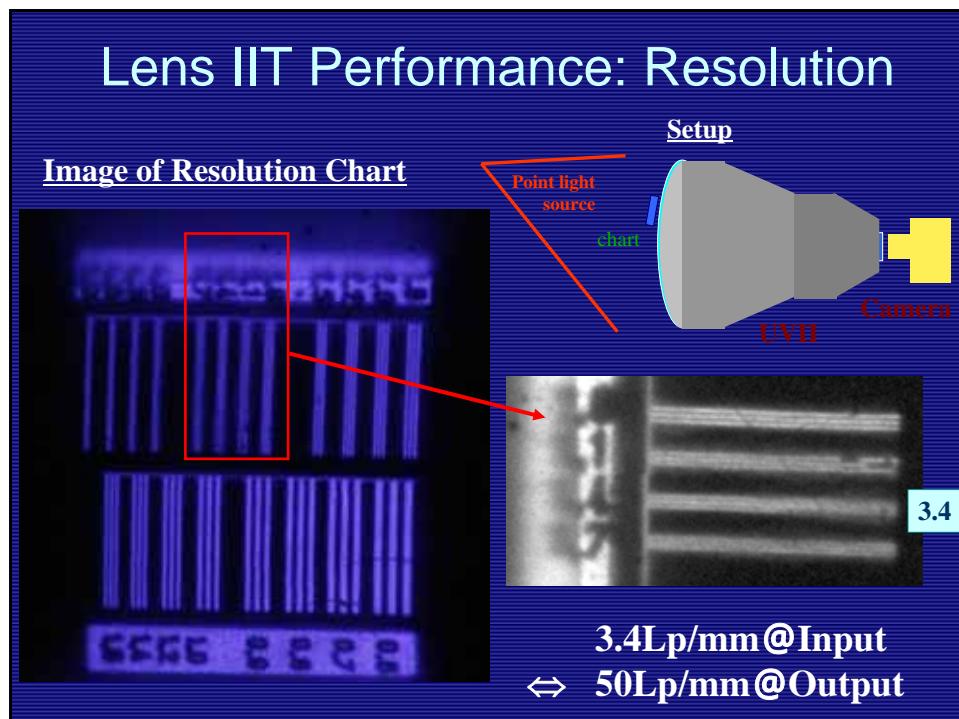
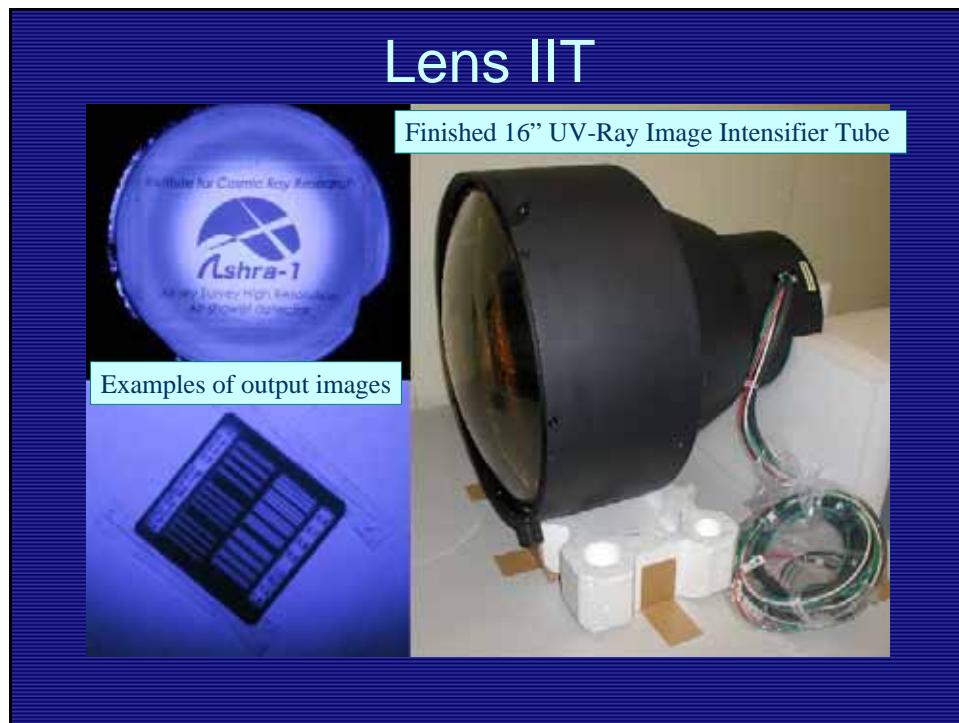
Test Observation

Test Plan



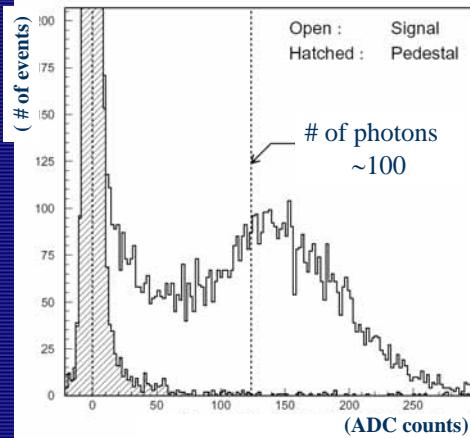
Ashra Optics



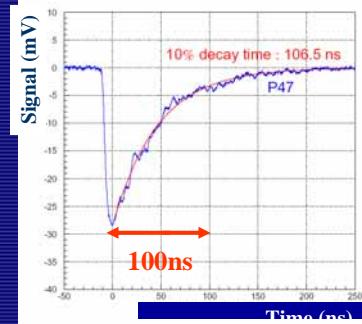
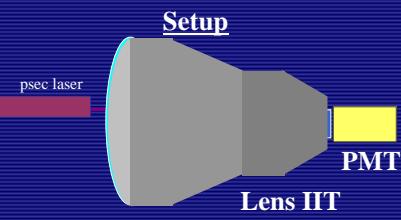


Lens IIT Performance: Gain Distribution

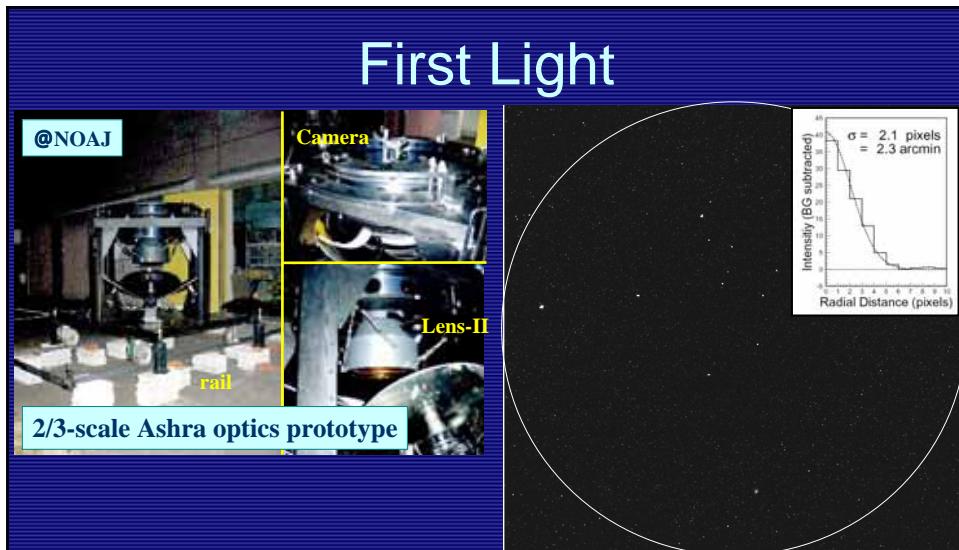
Single photoelectron response
measured w/ 415nm pulse laser



Gain distribution



Decay curve



- Spot size of star image: ~2 arcmin.
- Concept of wide angle fine optics has been realized.

Test Observation (1) with Ashra Prototype Optics

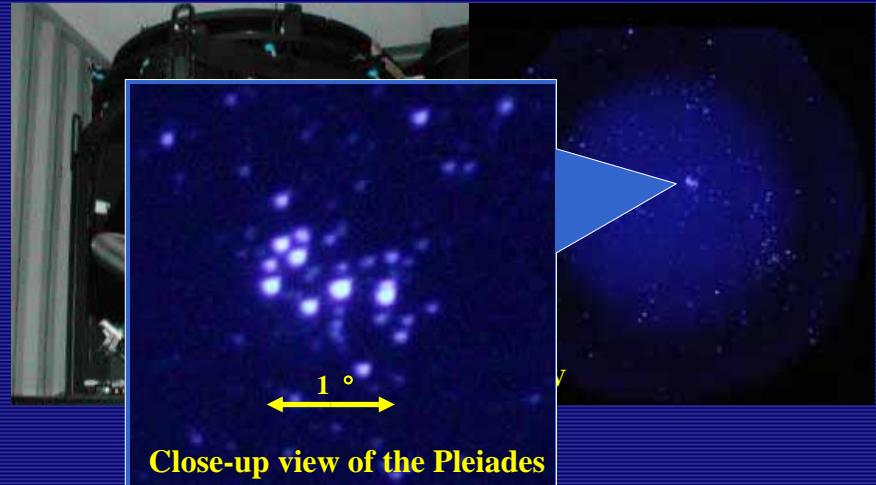
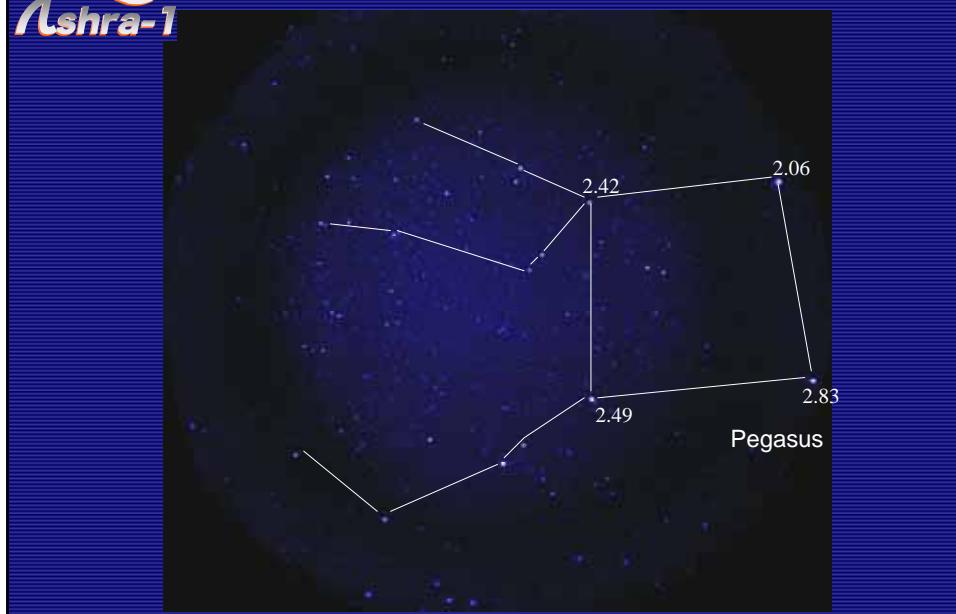
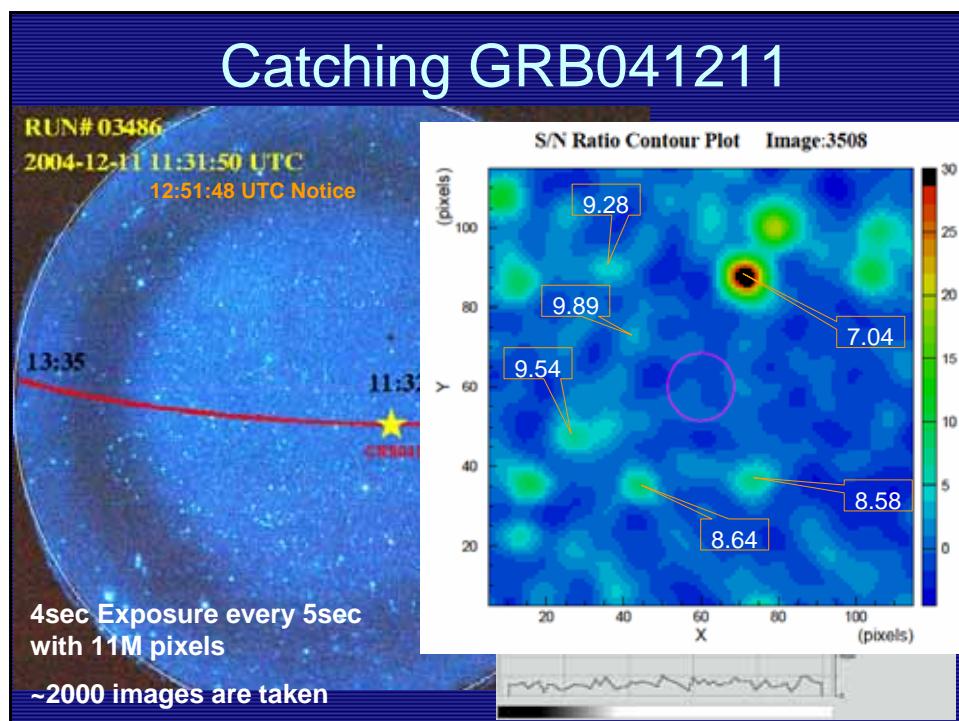
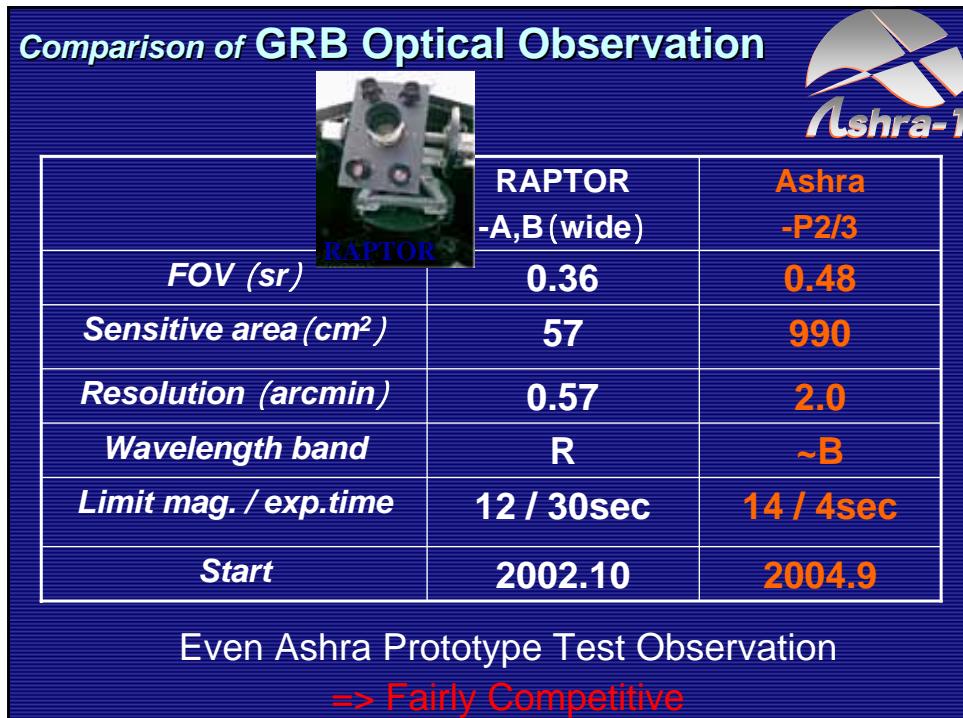
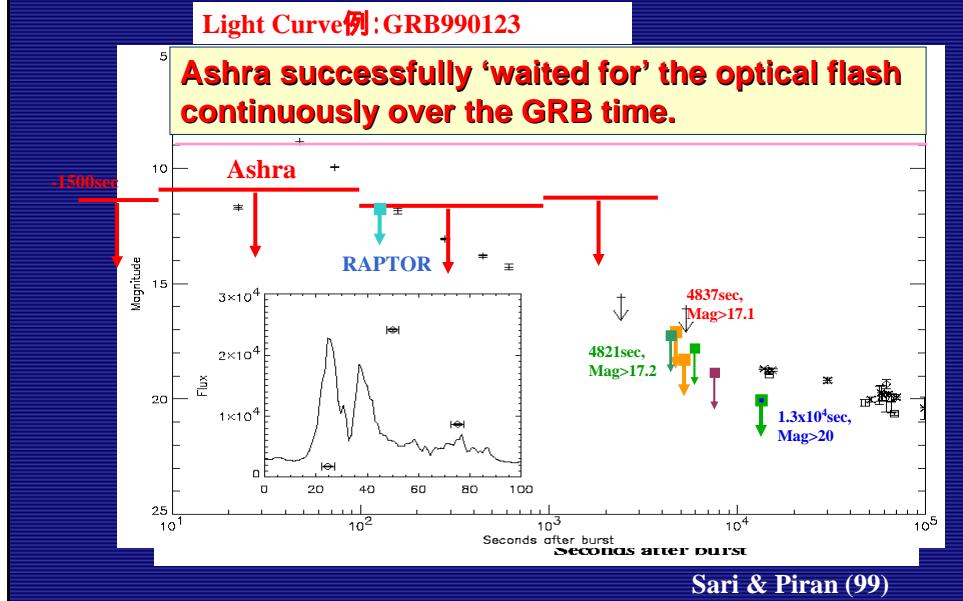


Image Taken at Haleakala



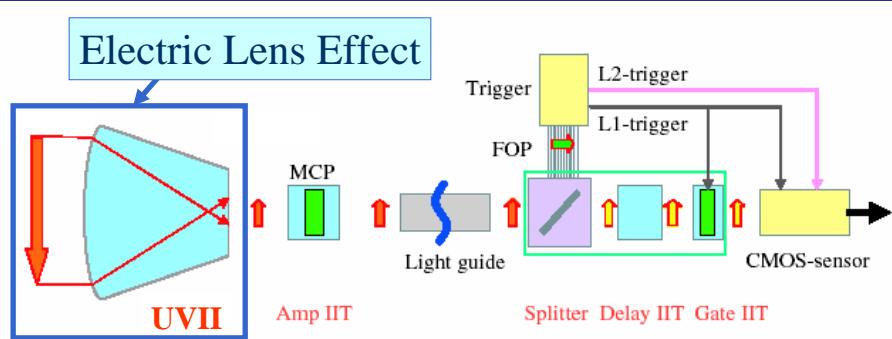


GRB041211 Obs. Results (GCN)



Ashra Image Pipeline

To reduce image size into a solid state imager
→ Big reduction in pixel cost



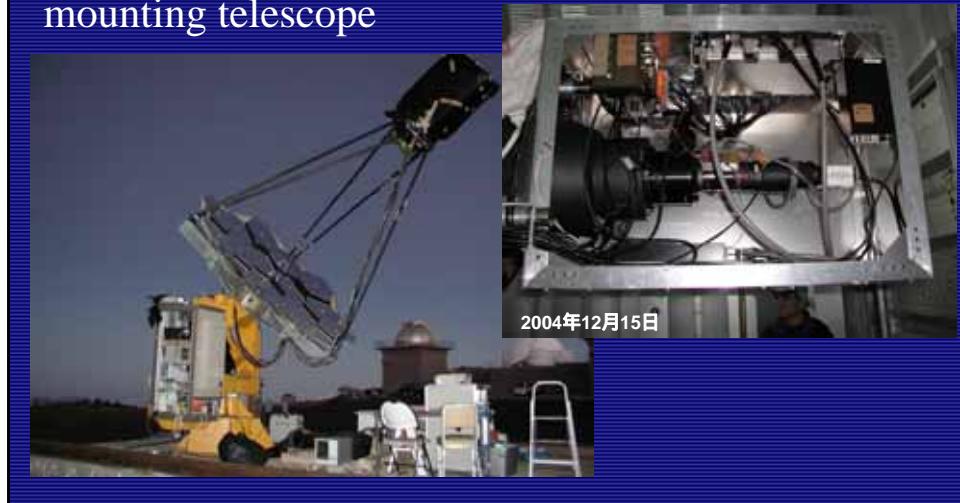
1. Amplification of image intensity w/ pipelined IITs.
2. Self triggering using light splitting
3. Fine imaging w/ CMOS sensor

Details can be found in [M.Sasaki et al, NIM A501 \(2003\) 359](#)



Test Observation (2) with Ashra Prototype Image Pipeline

TeV gamma ray observation using an alt-azimuth
mounting telescope



AS Cerenkov Images

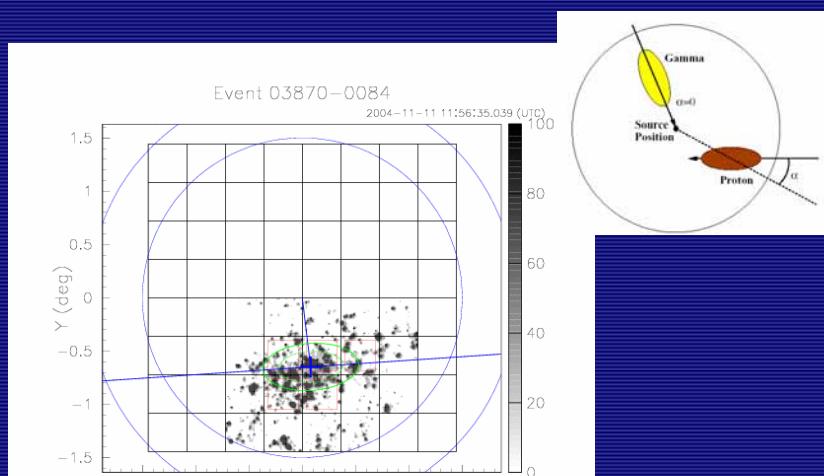
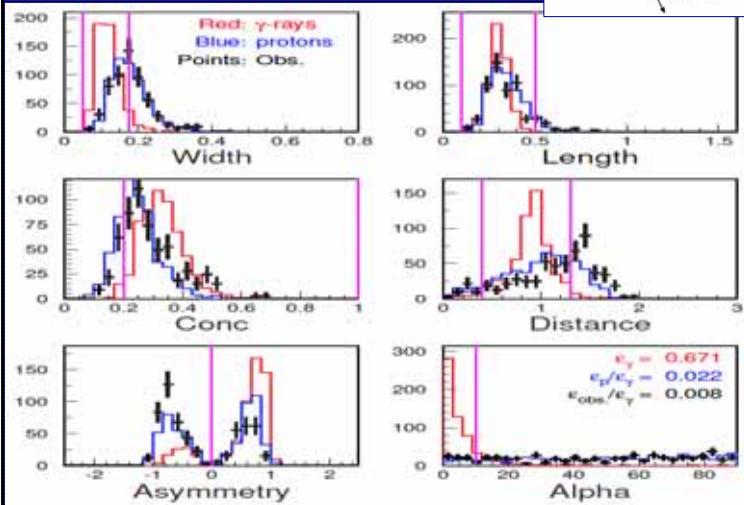


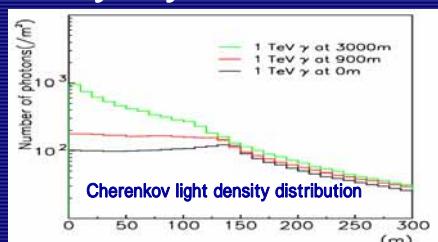
Image Parameters

MC simulation & Off-source data



TeV- All-sky Survey by Ashra

- 3030m a.s.l, clean air
- Low night sky BG
- Long time all sky simultaneous observation



HEGRA IACT Exposure Sky Map Above 500 GeV

See talk by Gerd Pühlhofer

Ref: D.Horns @ The Universe viewed in Gamma Rays

Possible Observation Time for 3years
Observation (efficiency 10%)



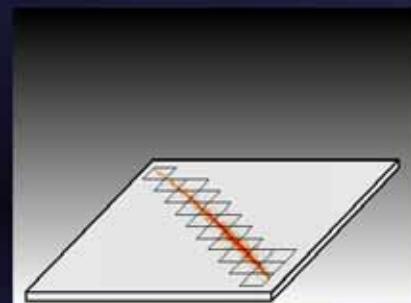
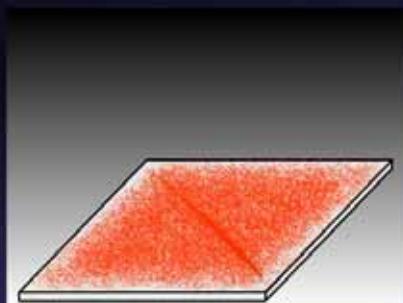
Elements Under Development

Local Exposure Control (Expectation)

Improvement of Image on CMOS sensor

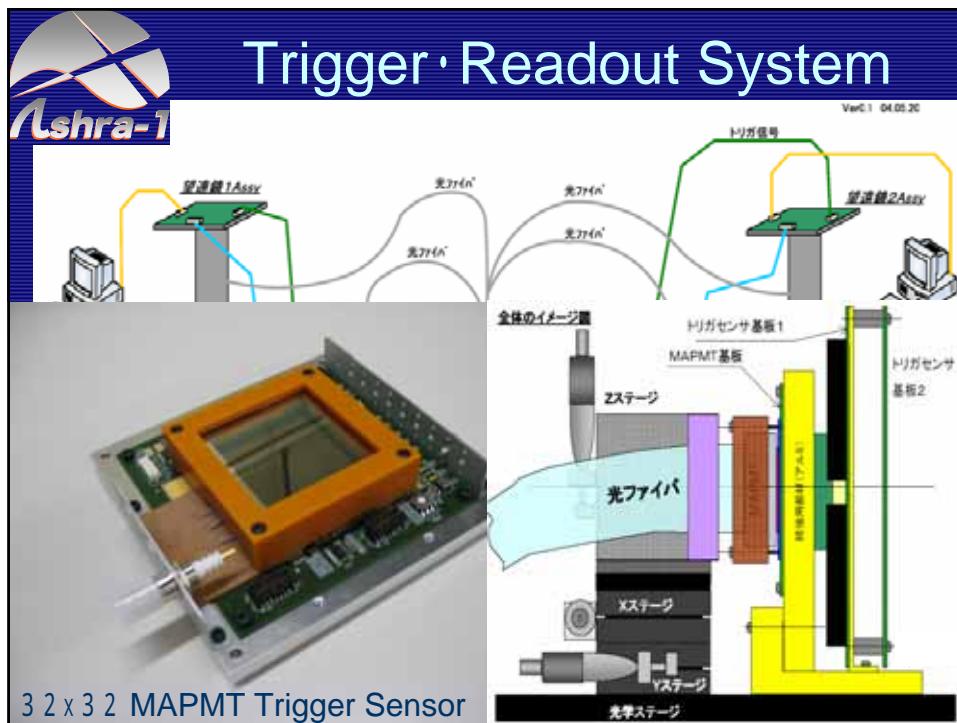
Global Exposure Control

Local Exposure Control

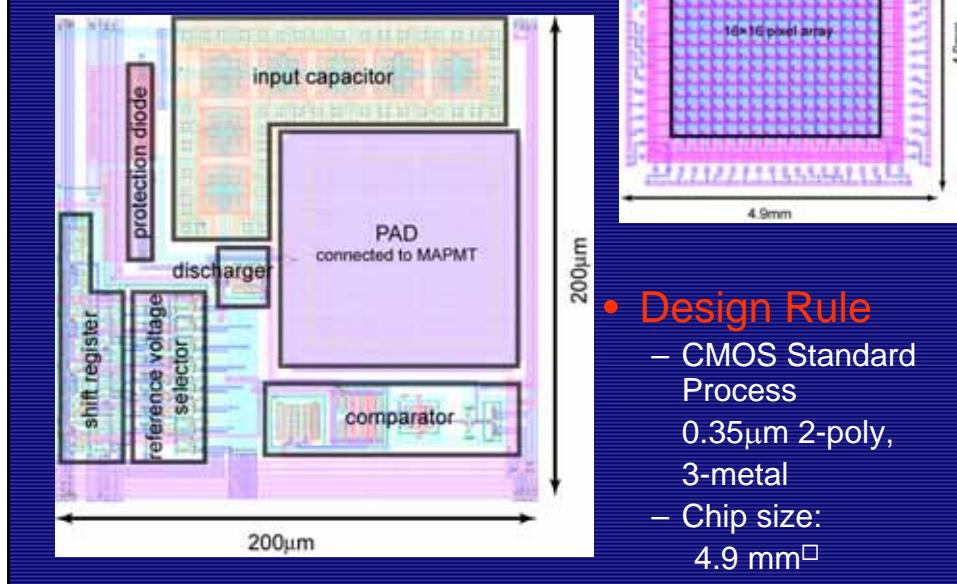


Excellent reduction of BG noise

Ashra-1

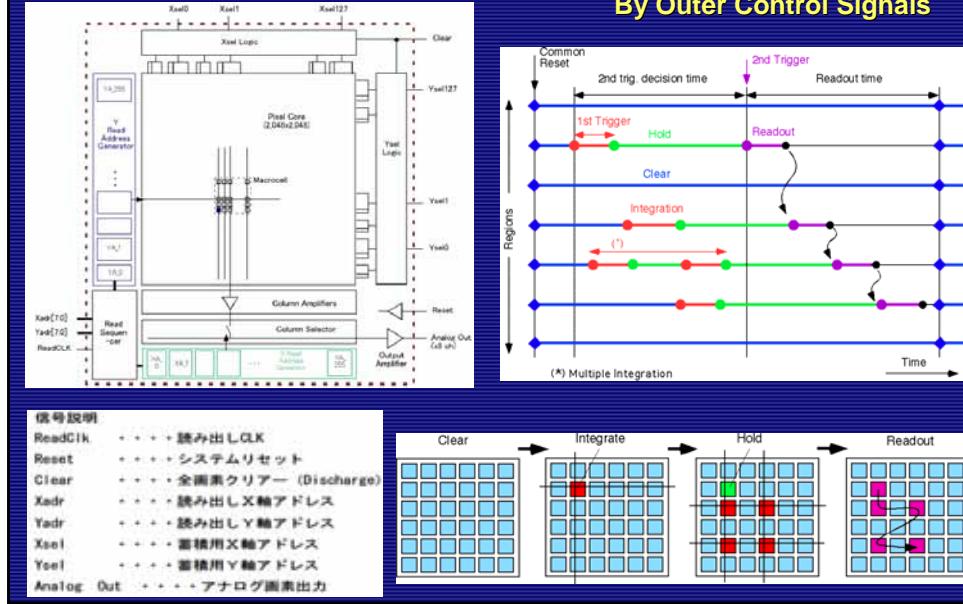


Ashra Trigger Sensor ASIC
LSI Pixel Layout

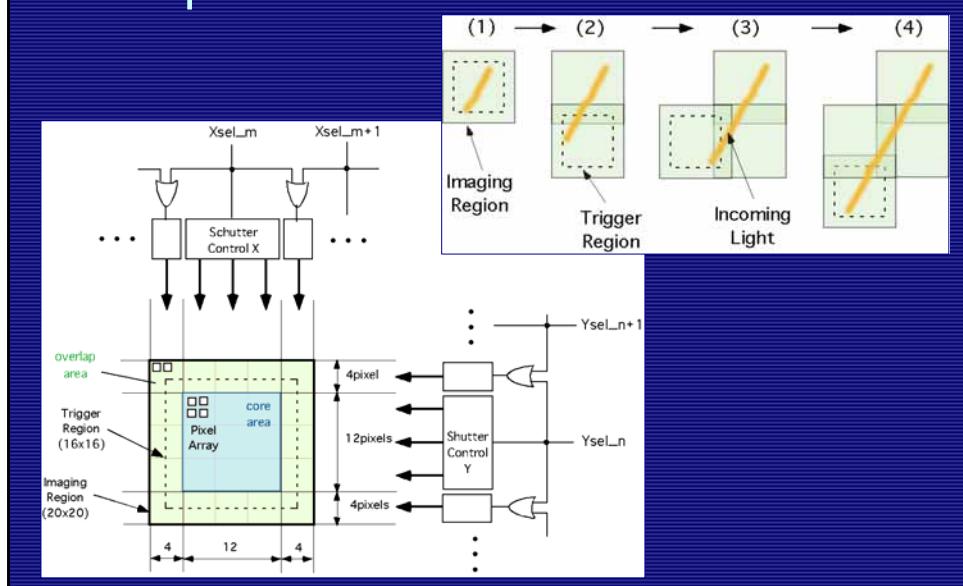


Ashra Fine Sensor ASIC 2-Dim Exposure&Readout

By Outer Control Signals



Ashra Fine Sensor Overlap Process



Summary

- Advanced capabilities of Ashra:
 - Wide Angle Fine Image Optical System
 - Self-trigger of Cerenkov Images with the Pipeline Systemhave been demonstrated at Haleakala.
- Installation at Mauna Loa starts spring:
 - Adjustment of the optical system with star images
=> Search for optical transients simultaneously.
 - Cerenkov and fluorescence triggers will be implemented step by step.
=> Start all-sky survey of TeV sources in FY2005.

