

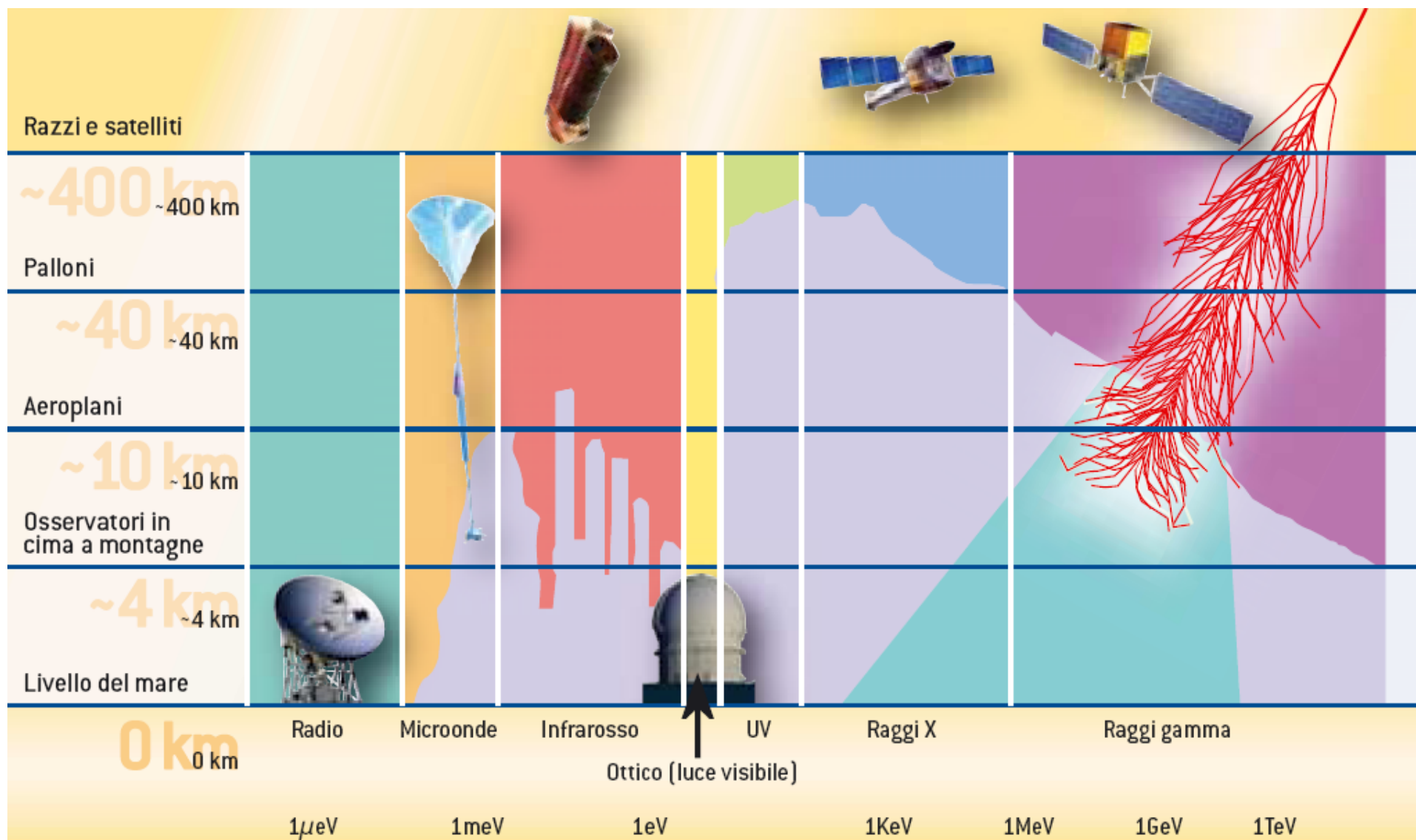
# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## TeV Astrophysics

# Exercise #5

- Find the information about the 3 major currently operating IACT telescopes
- Find information on the “HESS” source of the month
- Visit the web site of CTA

# The opacity of the atmosphere



# TeV detectors

## The gamma ray spectrum



**Satellites**

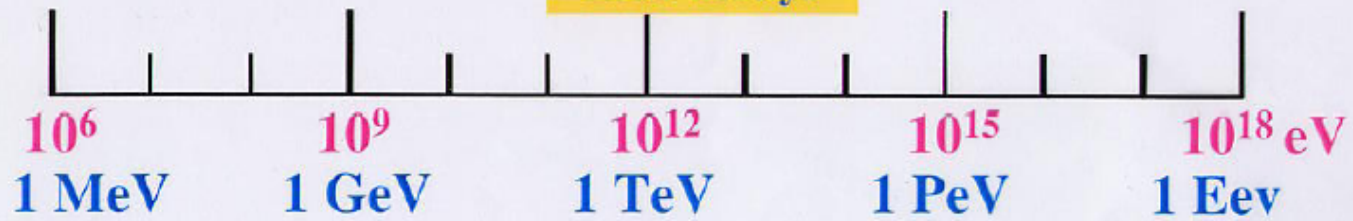


**Cerenkov  
Telescopes**



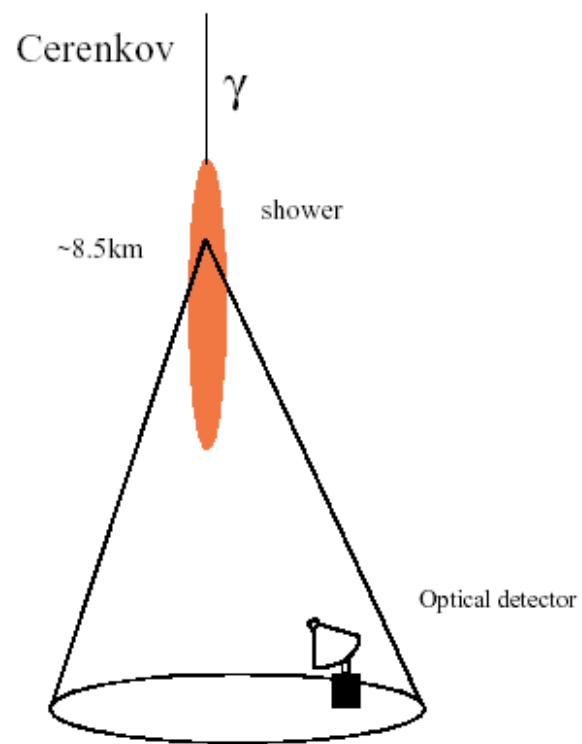
**EAS arrays**

**Full coverage  
EAS arrays**

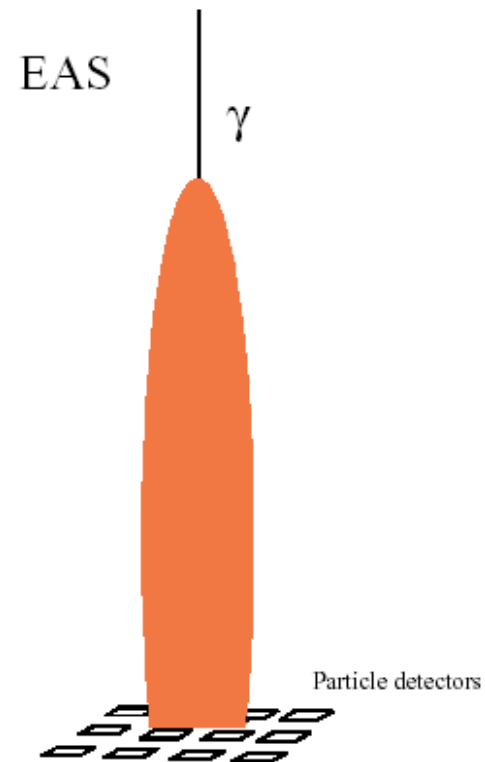


# TeV detectors

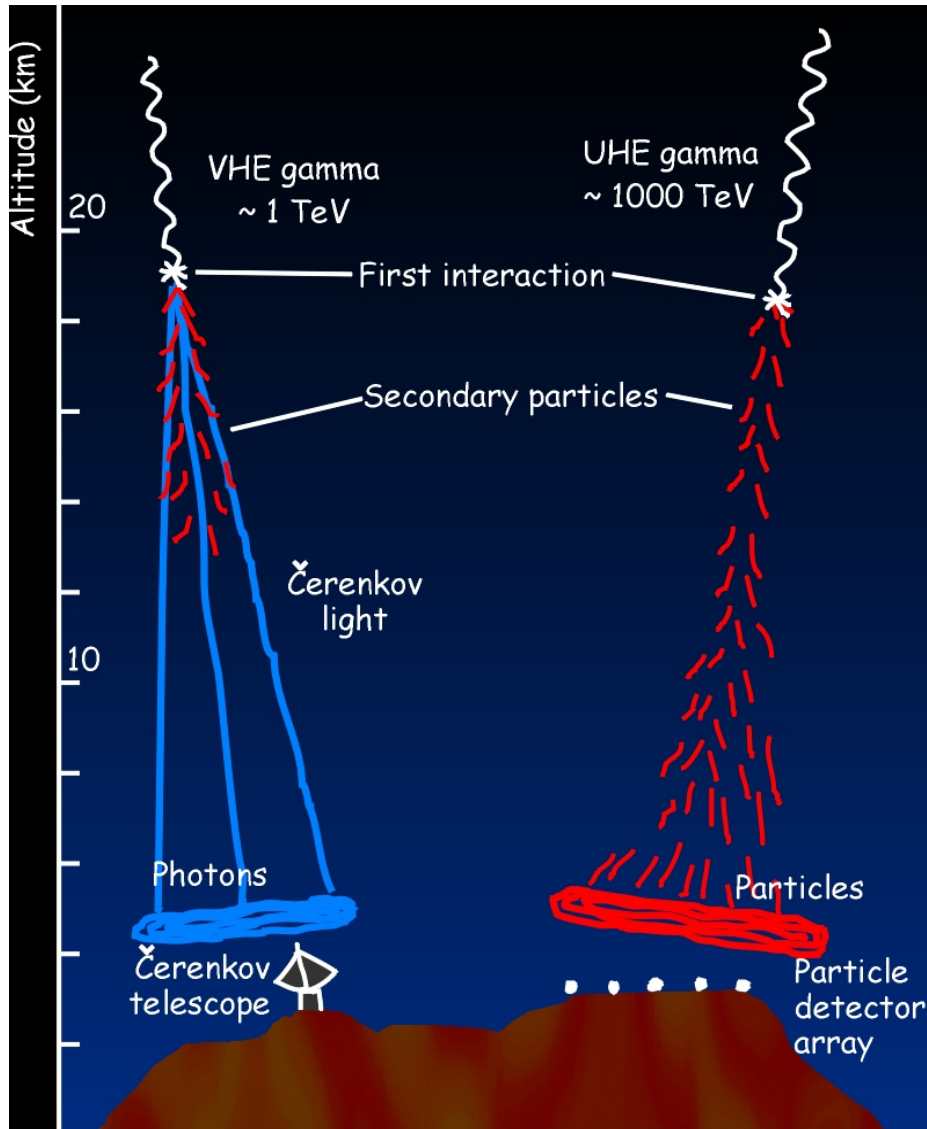
Cerenkov and Extensive air shower (EAS) gamma ray telescope concepts



~ 40.000 m<sup>2</sup> , but no anticoincidence shield !



# IACT & EAS experiments



- Cherenkov experiments consist of almost-optical telescopes devoted to detect Cherenkov light.
- EAS (Extensive Air Shower) experiments are huge arrays or carpets of particle detectors.
- Cherenkov experiments have lower energy thresholds, but also a lower duty-cycle as well as a smaller field of view.

# Complementary Capabilities

Parameter	Ground-based		Space-based
	ACT	EAS	Pair
angular resolution	good	fair	good
duty cycle	low	high	high
area	large	large	small
field of view	small	large	large & can repoint
energy resolution	good	fair	good w/ smaller systematic uncertainties

The next generation of ground-based and space-based facilities are well matched!

# EM Air Showers

## Air shower development

▪ Pair production  $I = I_0 e^{-x/\lambda}$   
 $\lambda = \text{mean free path}$

▪ Bremsstrahlung  $E = E_0 e^{-x/\chi_0}$   
 $\chi_0 = \text{radiation length}$

In the ultra-relativistic limit  $\lambda \sim \chi_0 = 36.5 \text{ g/cm}^2$  in air

$R = \chi_0 \ln 2 \Rightarrow$  After a distance  $n R$  :

$N_{e,\gamma} = 2^n$        $E_{e,\gamma} \sim E_{pr} / 2^n$



# EM Air Showers

The process continues until the electrons energy is  $E > E_c$

$E_c$  = critical energy = 83 MeV in air

Number of particles at the shower maximum:

$$N_{\max} = 2^n = E_{\text{pr}} / E_c$$

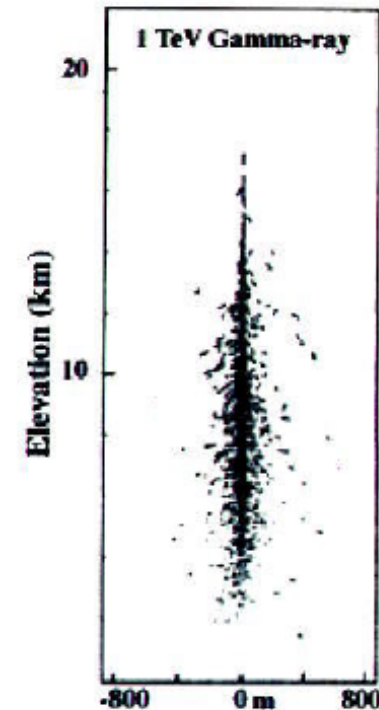
Depth of the maximum:

$$n_{\max} = \ln(E_{\text{pr}} / E_c) / \ln 2$$

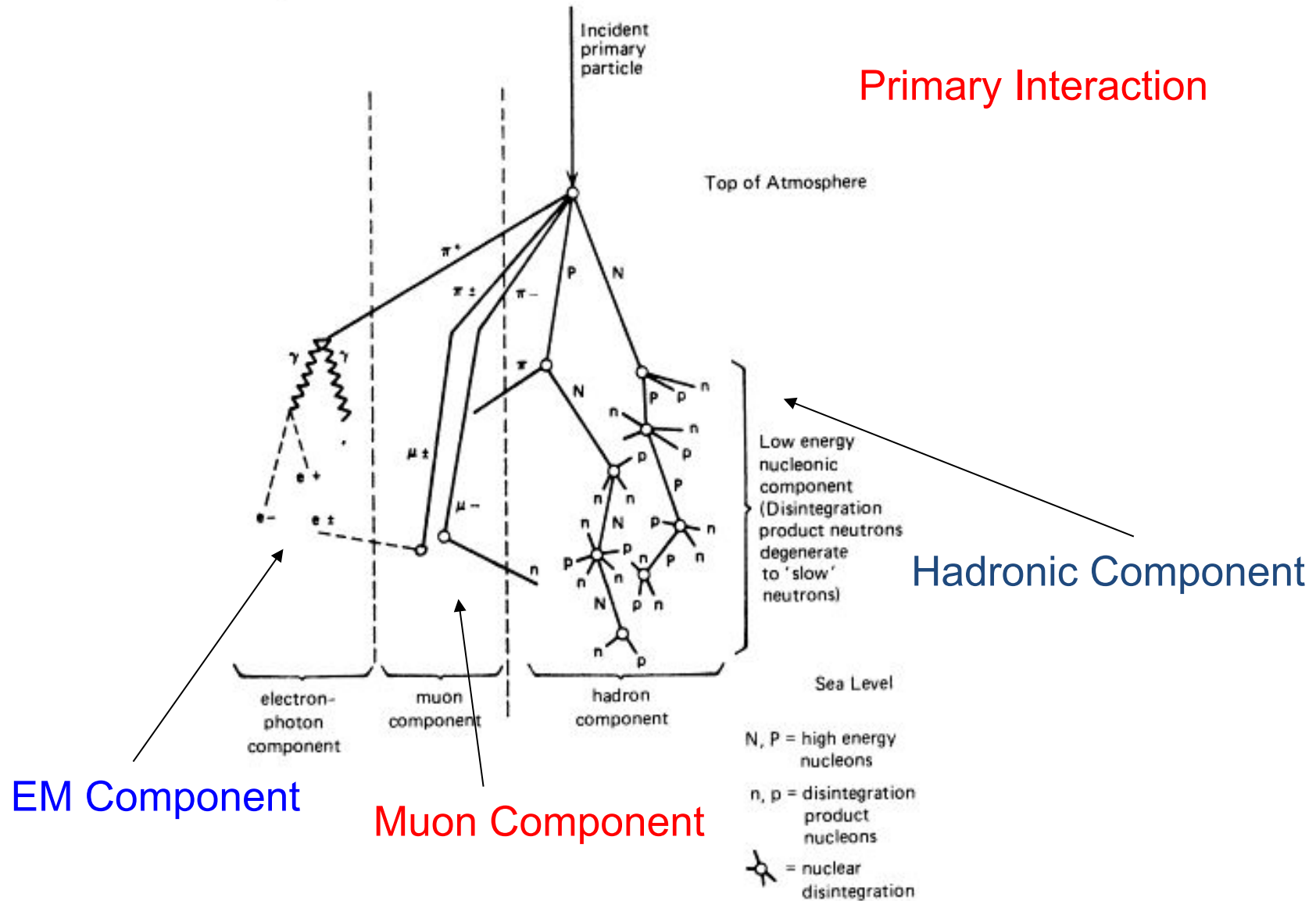
$$\Rightarrow X_{\max} = n R = n \chi_0 \ln 2 = \chi_0 \ln(E_{\text{pr}} / E_c)$$

Example:  $E_{\text{pr}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$

$$\Rightarrow X_{\max} = 340 \text{ g / cm}^2 \sim 8 \text{ Km}$$



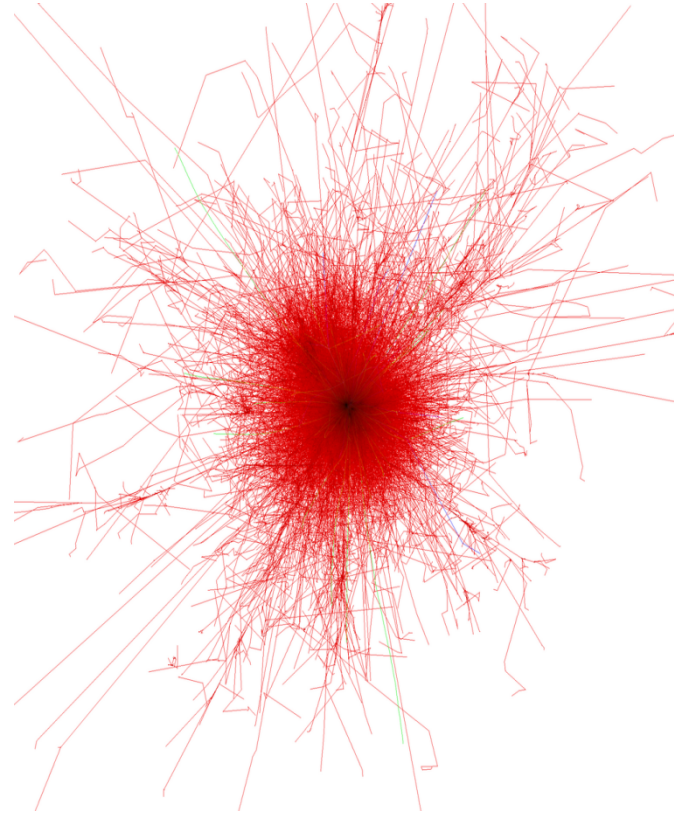
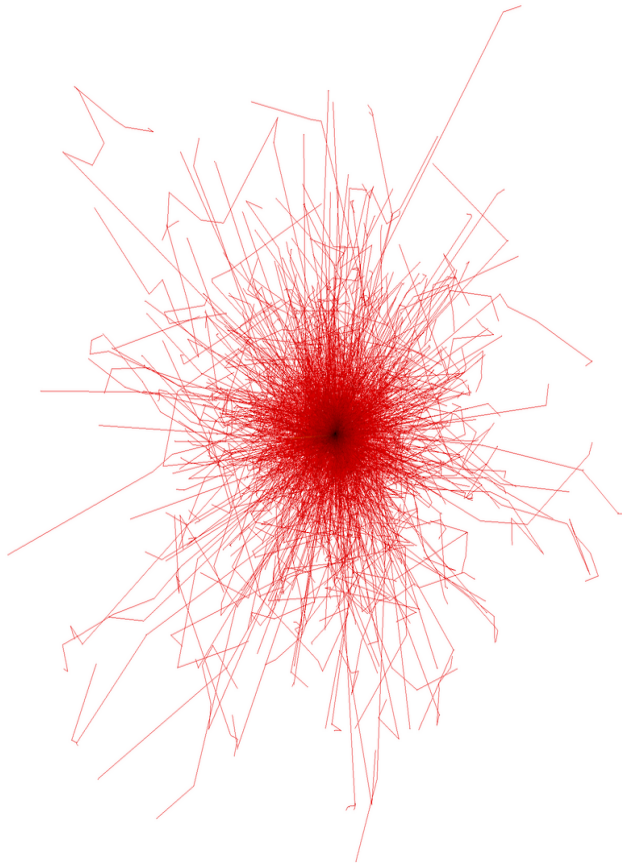
# CR interactions



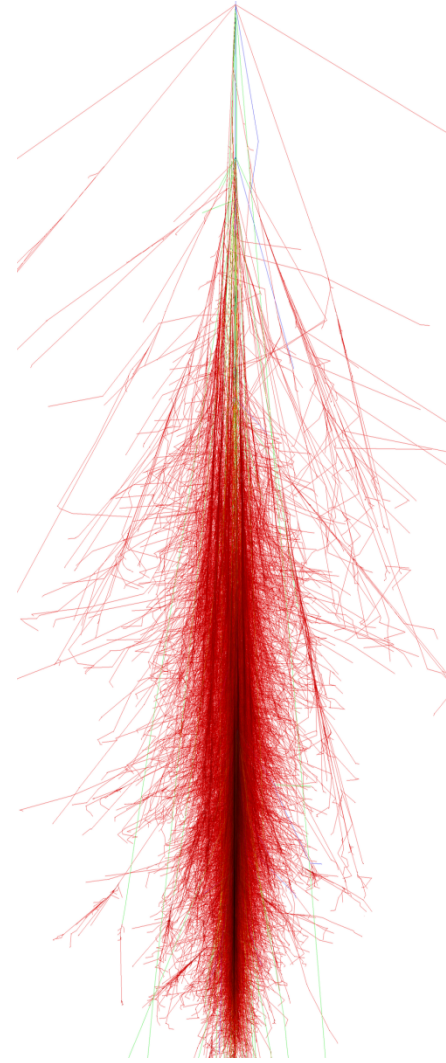
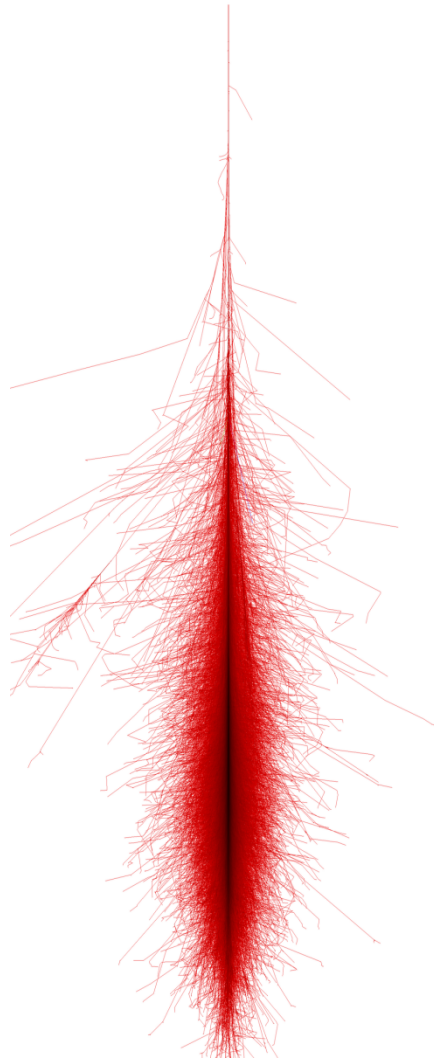
# The importance of MC

- CORSIKA (COsmic Ray Simulations for KAscade) is a program for detailed simulation of extensive air showers initiated by high energy cosmic ray particles. Protons, light nuclei up to iron, photons, and many other particles may be treated as primaries.
- The particles are tracked through the atmosphere until they undergo reactions with the air nuclei or - in the case of instable secondaries - decay.
- The hadronic interactions at high energies may be described by six reaction models alternatively: The VENUS, QGSJET, and DPMJET models are based on the Gribov-Regge theory, while SIBYLL is a minijet model. HDPM is inspired by findings of the Dual Parton Model and tries to reproduce relevant kinematical distributions being measured at colliders. The neXus model extends far above a simple combination of QGSJET and VENUS routines.
- Hadronic interactions at lower energies are described either by the GHEISHA interaction routines, by a link to FLUKA, or by the UrQMD model.
- In particle decays all decay branches down to the 1 % level are taken into account.
- For electromagnetic interactions a taylor made version of the shower program EGS4 or the analytical NKG formulas may be used.
- Options for the generation of Cherenkov radiation and neutrinos exist.
- CORSIKA may be used up to and beyond the highest energies of 100 EeV.
- <http://www-ik.fzk.de/corsika/>

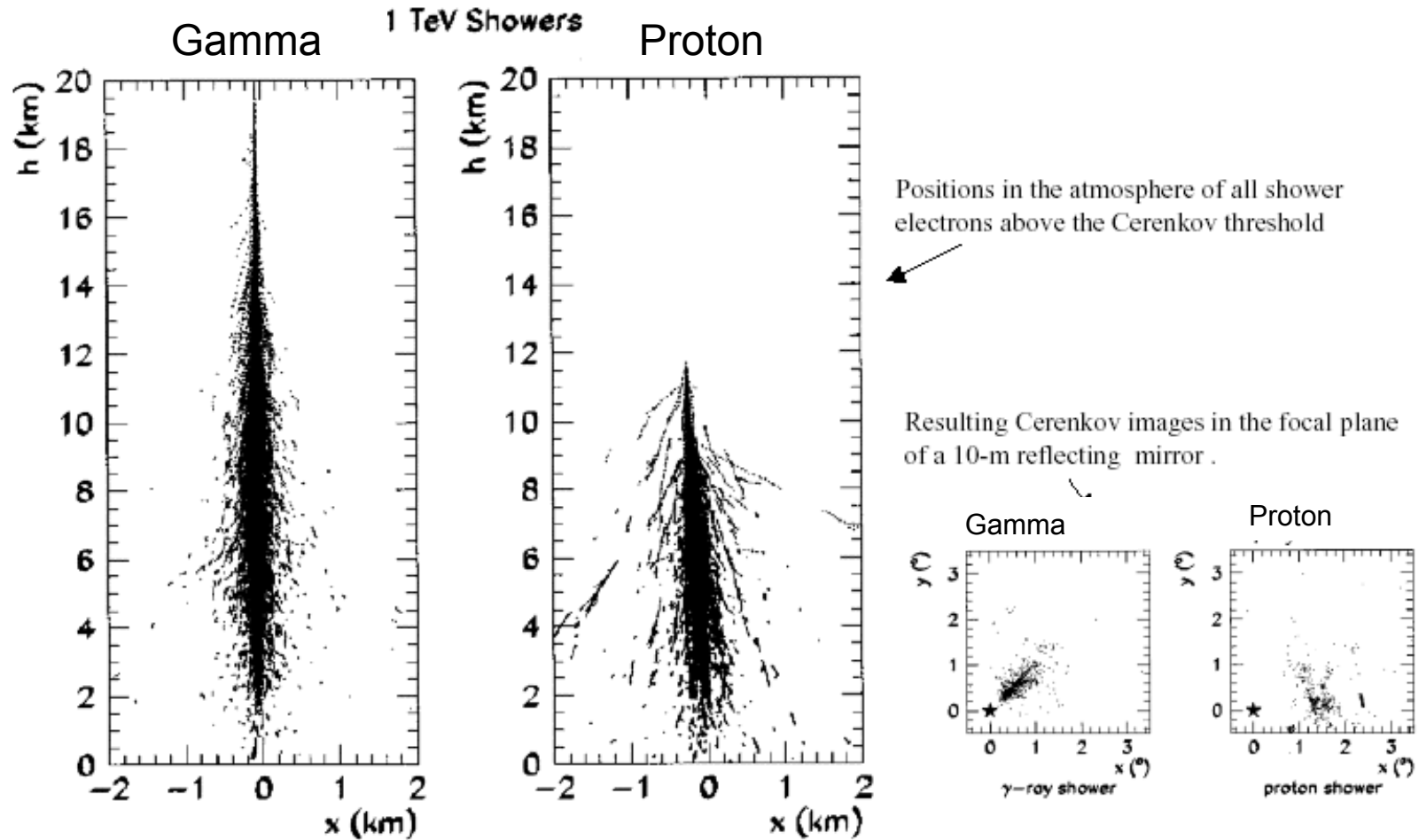
# Shower Images



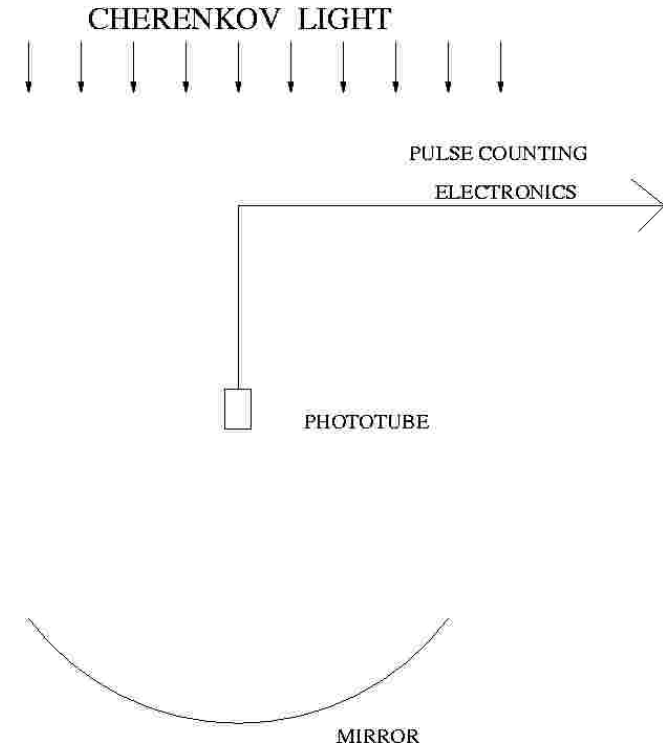
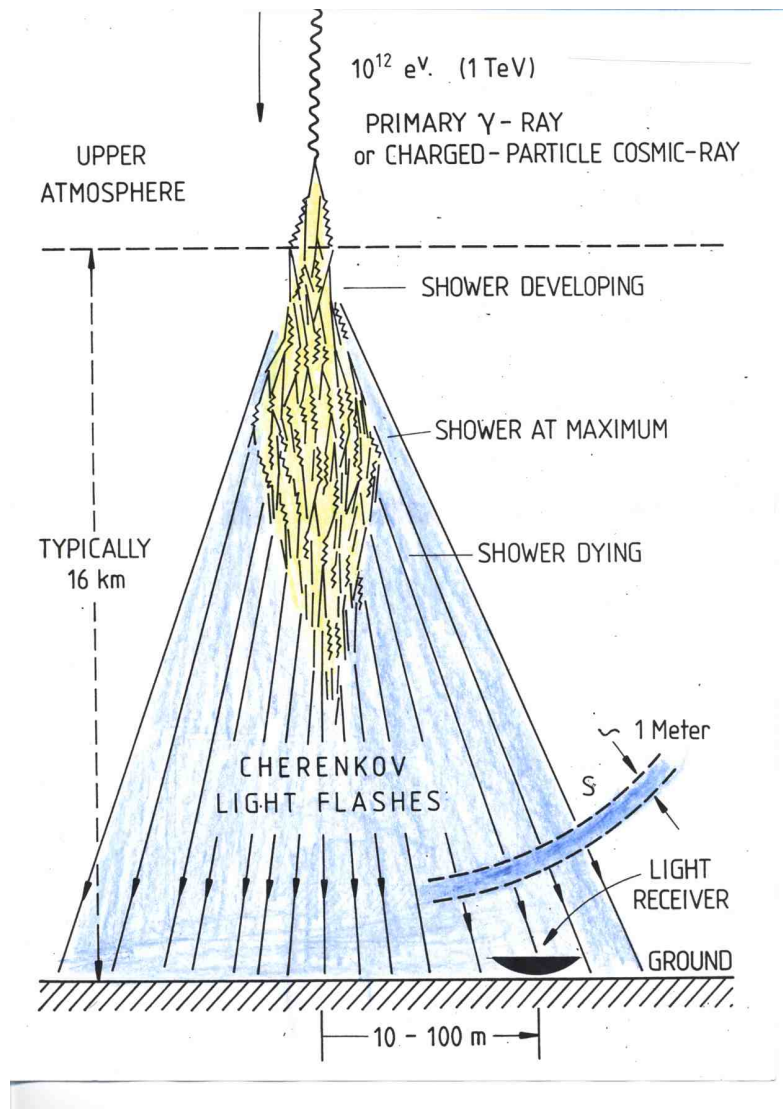
# Shower Images



# Development of vertical 1-TeV proton and $\gamma$ -ray shower

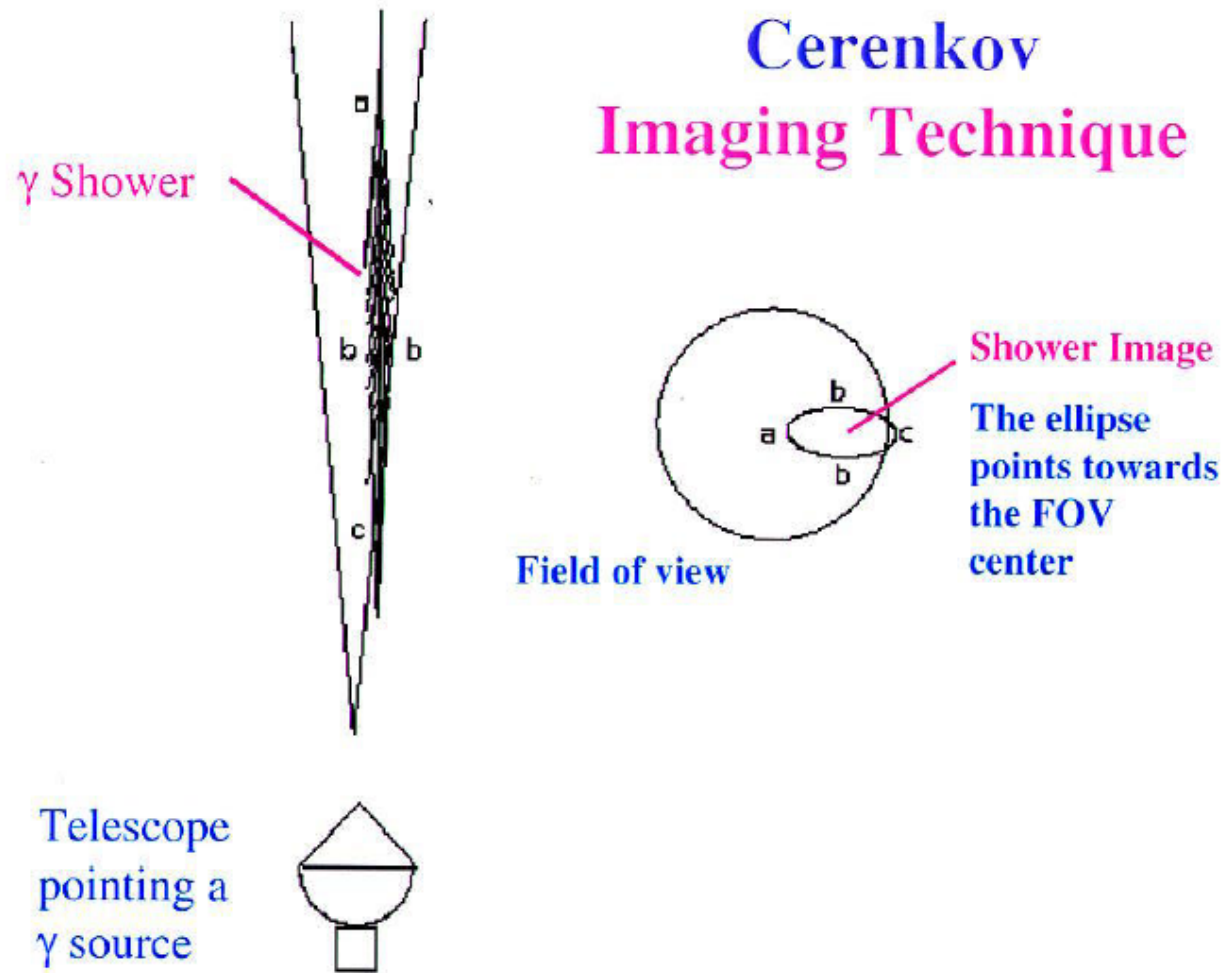


# TeV detectors



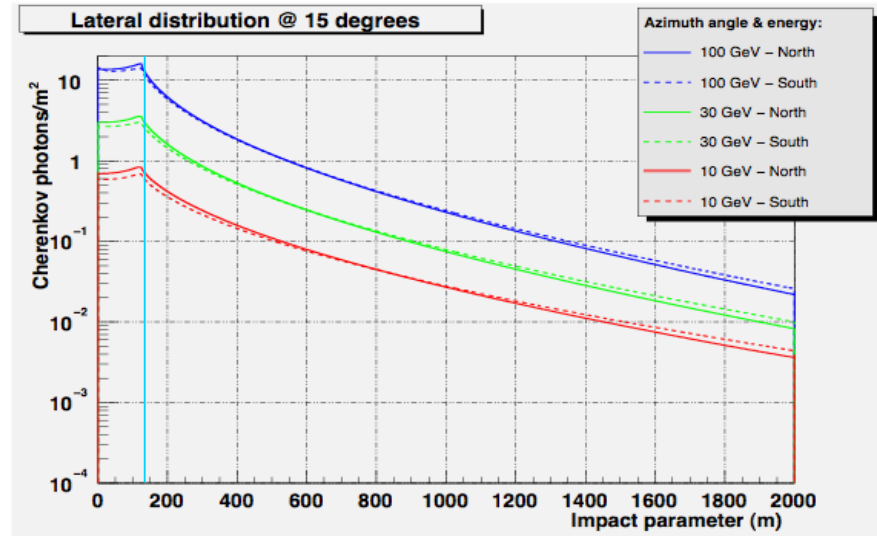
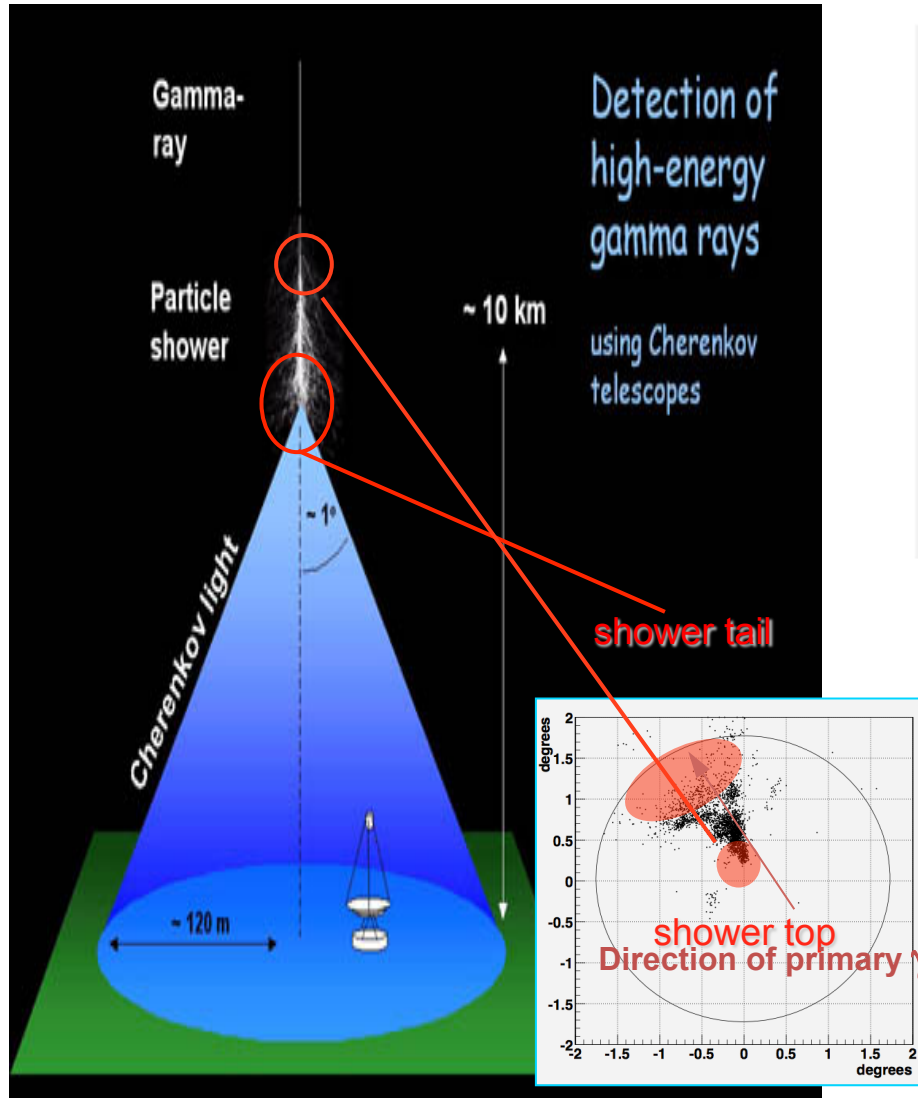
**Direction  $\sim \rightarrow$  arc-min**  
**Energy Resolution  $\sim \rightarrow 10\%$**   
**Background  $\sim \rightarrow 0$**

# TeV detectors



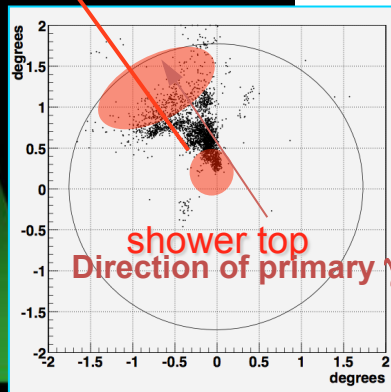


# Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes

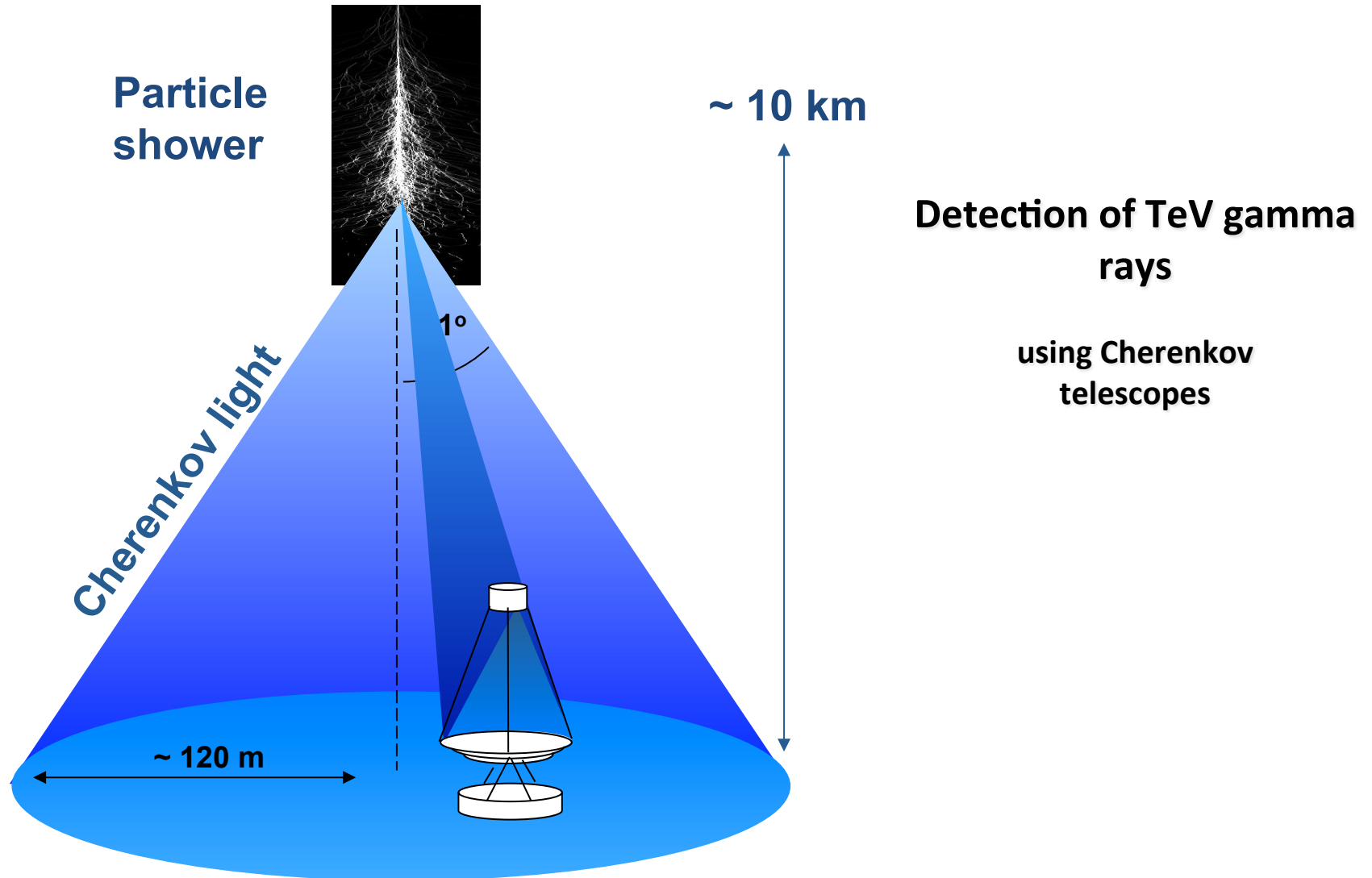


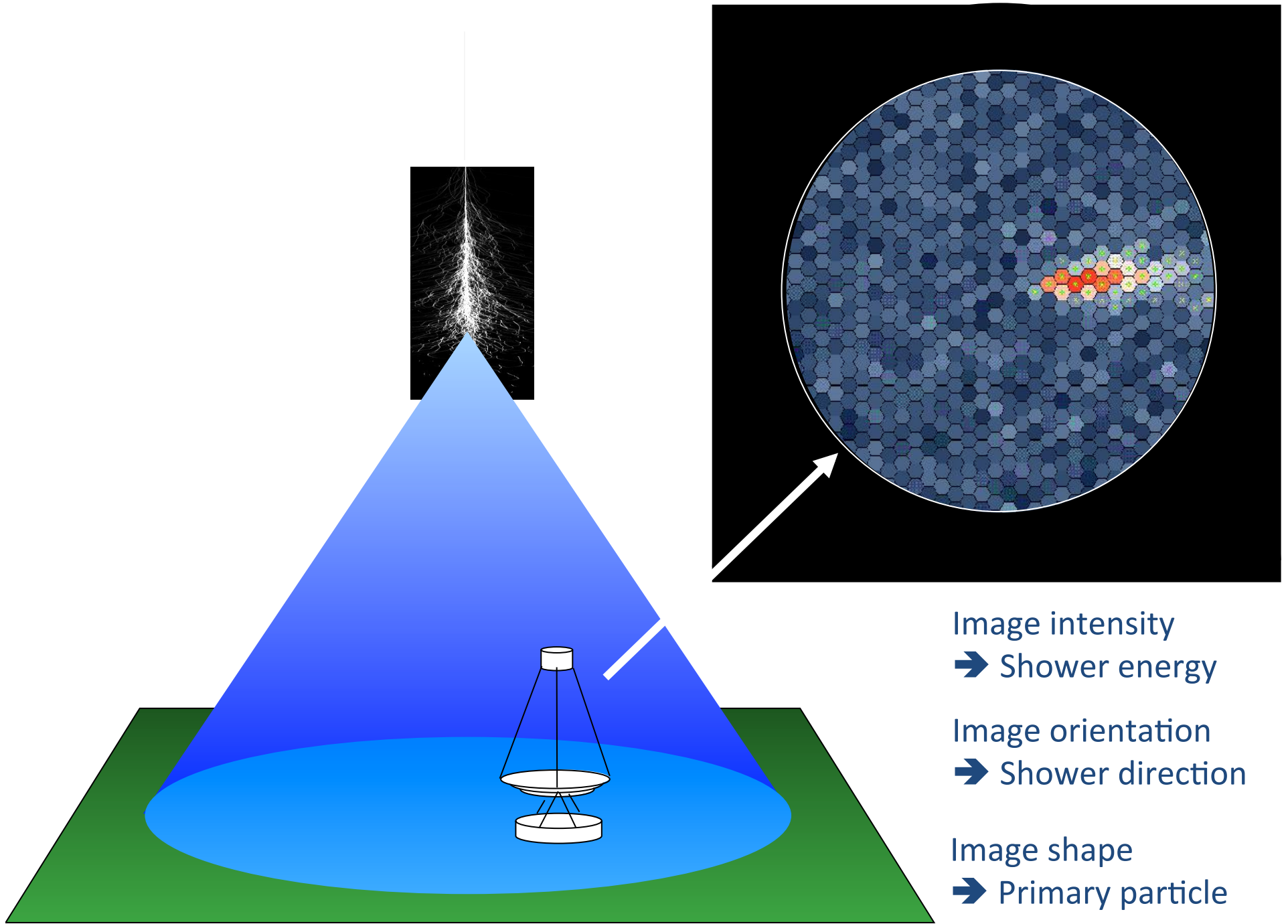
The principle:

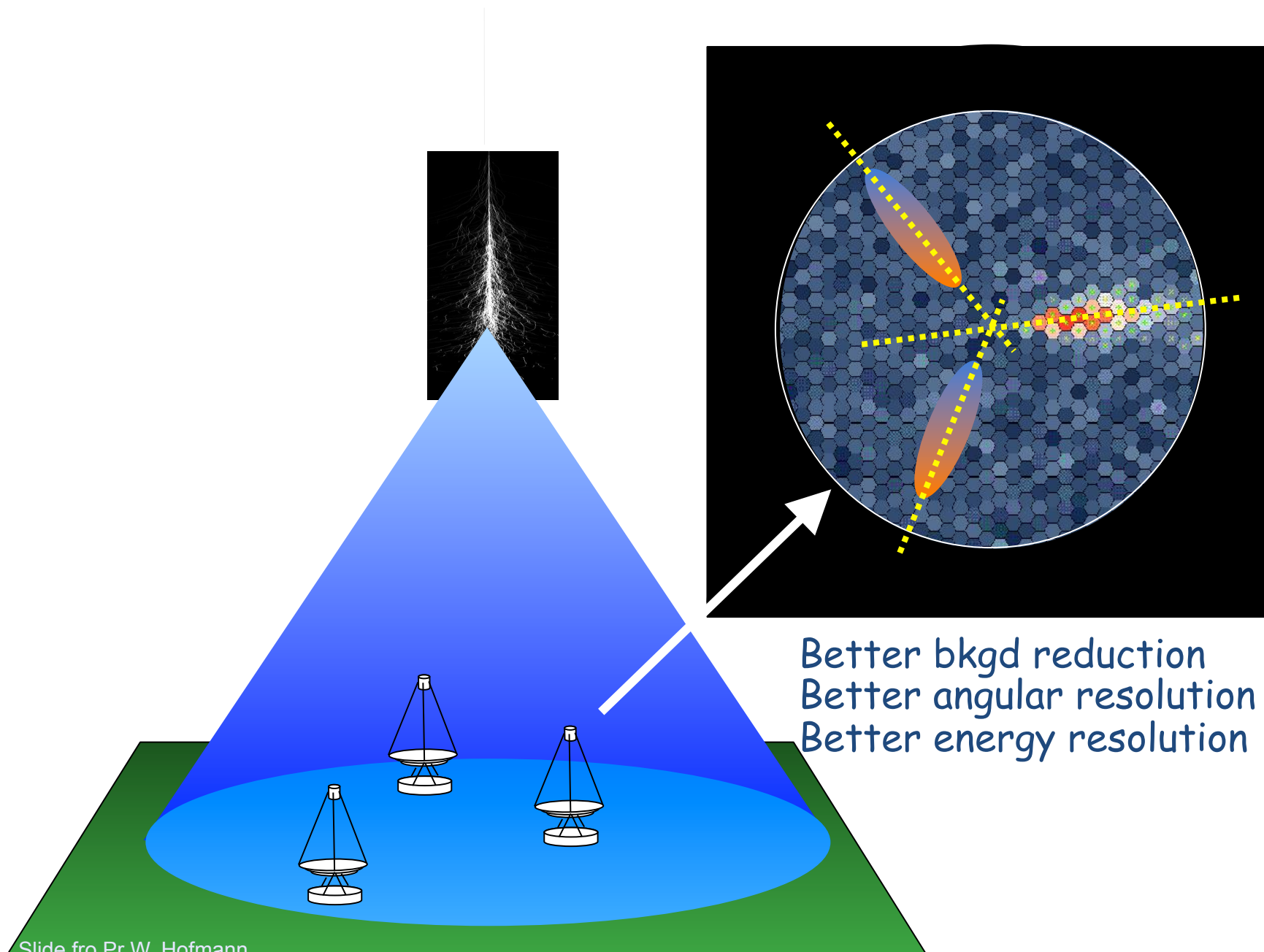
A telescope placed inside the (huge) Cherenkov light pool can obtain an image of the development of the shower above the bkg fluctuations



# Observation technique



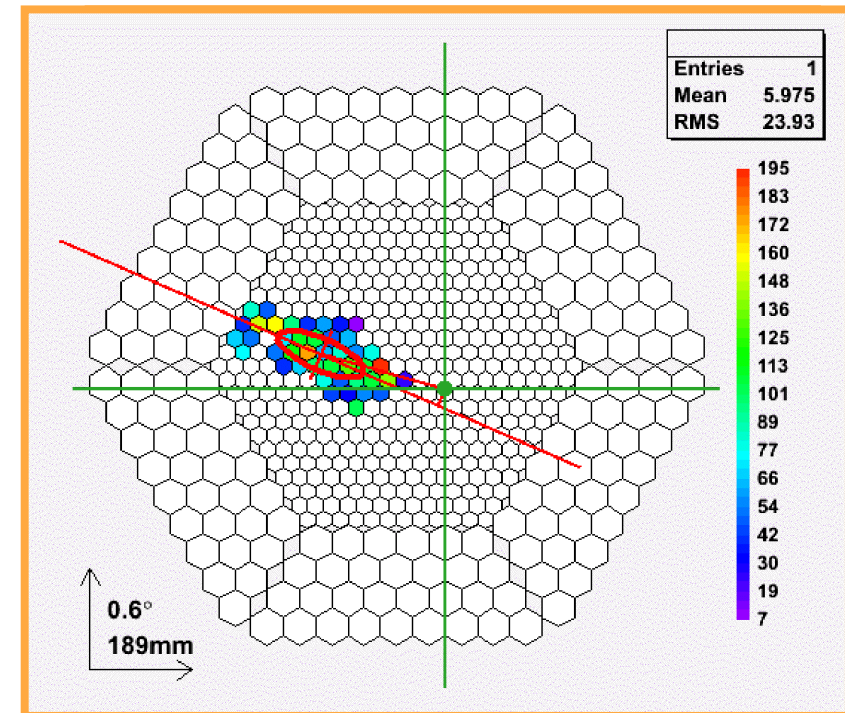




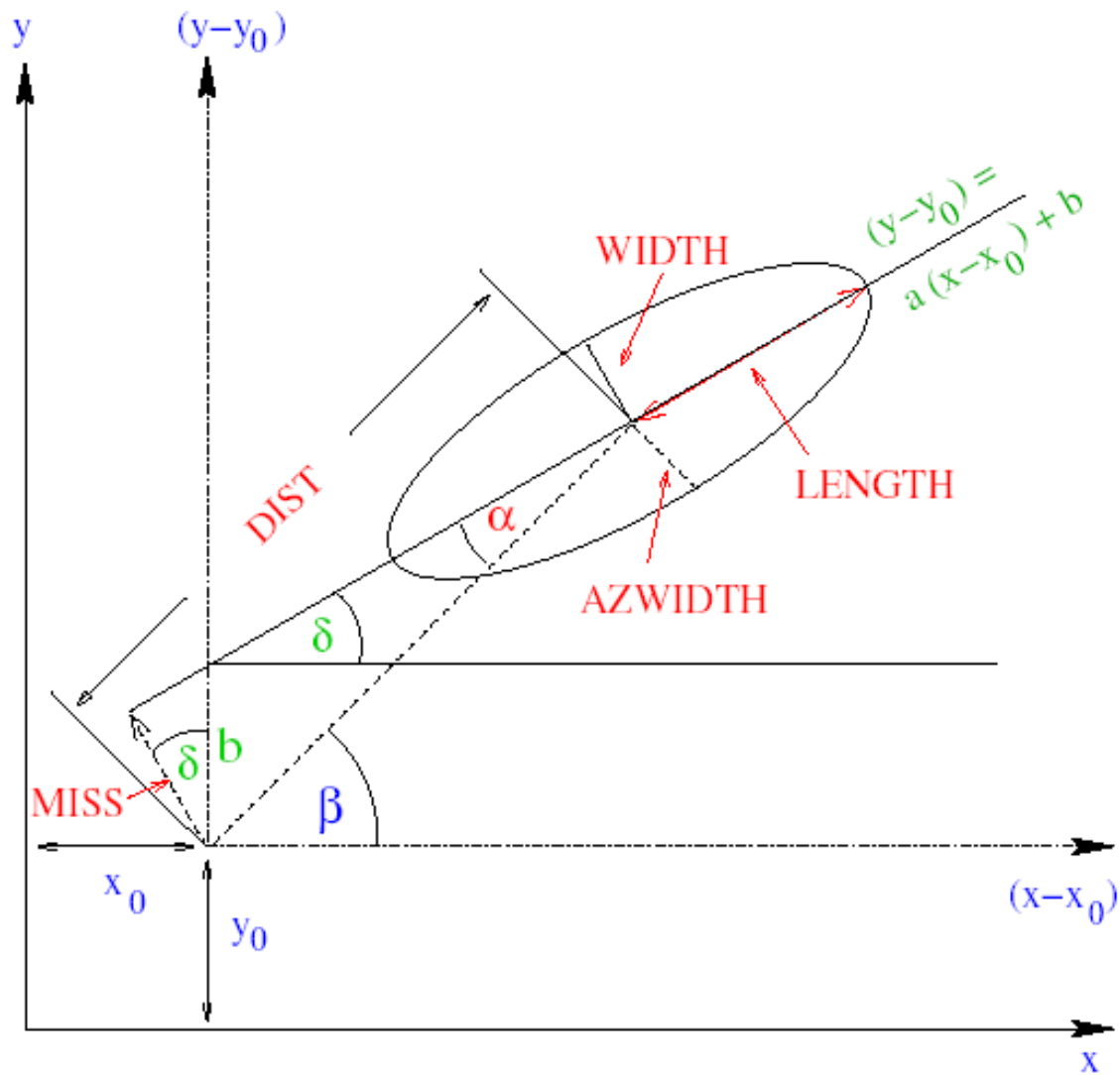
Better bkgd reduction  
Better angular resolution  
Better energy resolution

# IACT image reconstruction

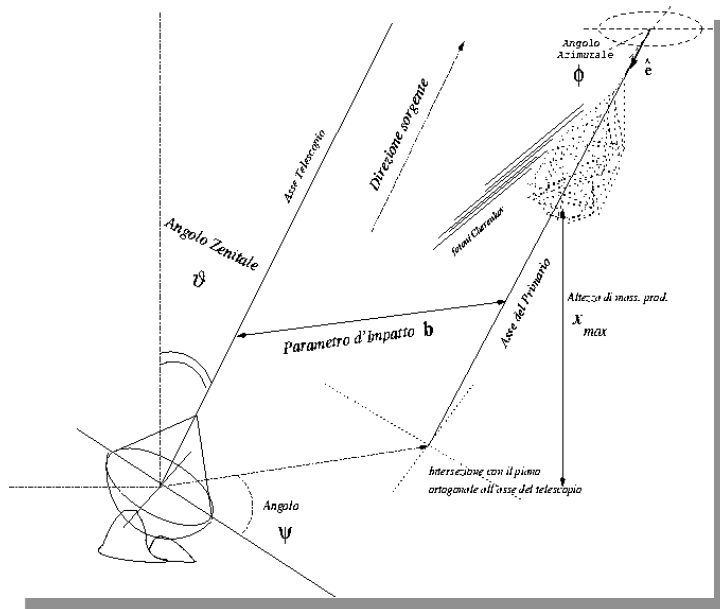
- Primary  $\gamma$  parameters reconstruction by particle shower image analysis
- Different primary particles give different image shapes
- Possible  $\gamma$ -hadron separation
- Reconstructed parameters of primary  $\gamma$ : energy, direction, arrival time
- Signal estimation
- Spectrum calculation
- Lightcurve



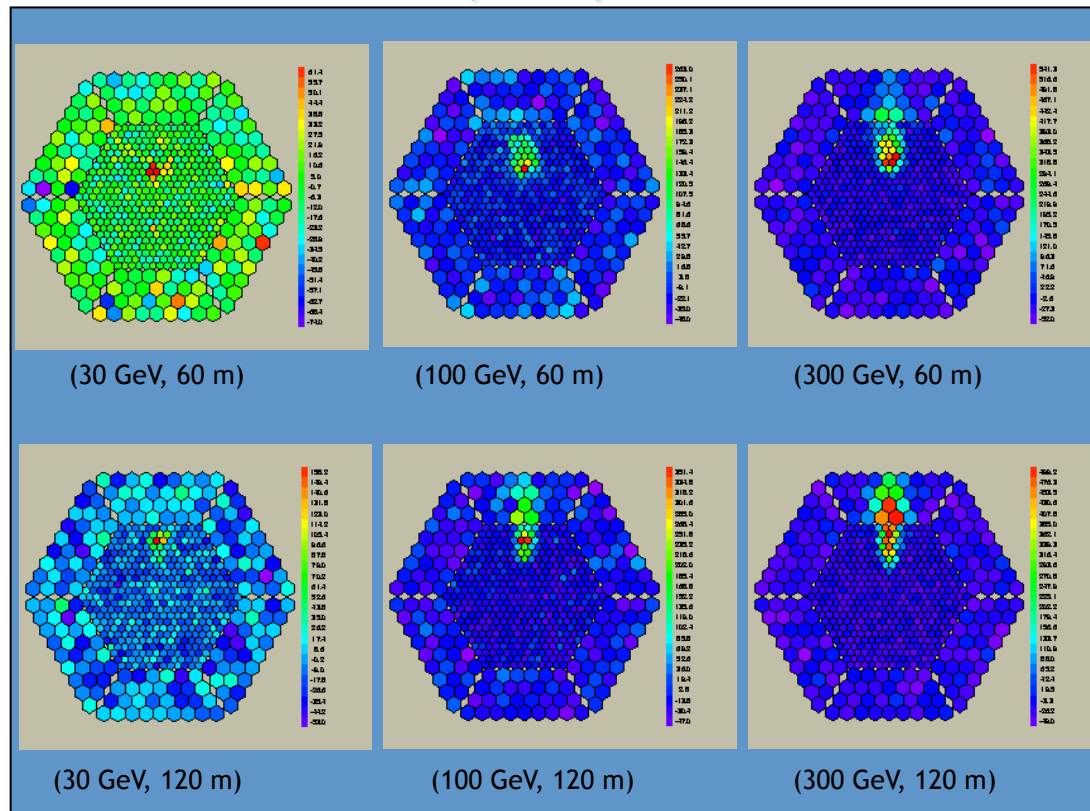
# Hillas parameters



# Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes

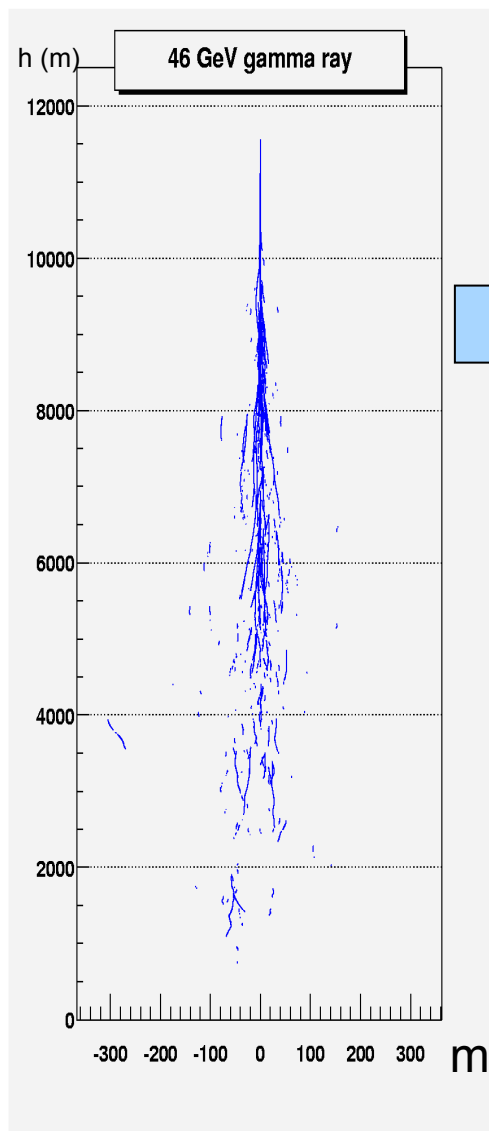


Typical  $\gamma$  shower images simulated with different energy and different impact parameter

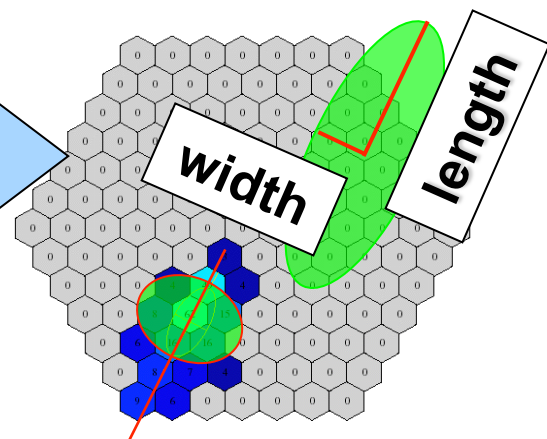


Geometric relations between a shower and the Cherenkov Telescope optics

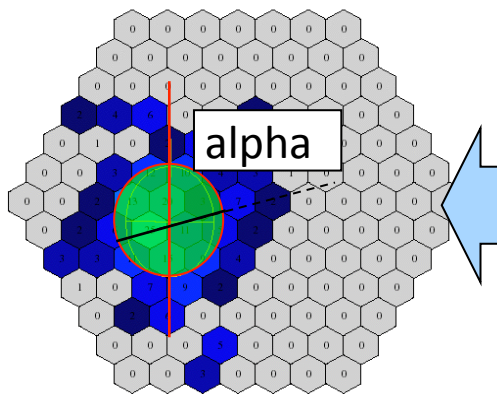
# Gamma / hadron separation



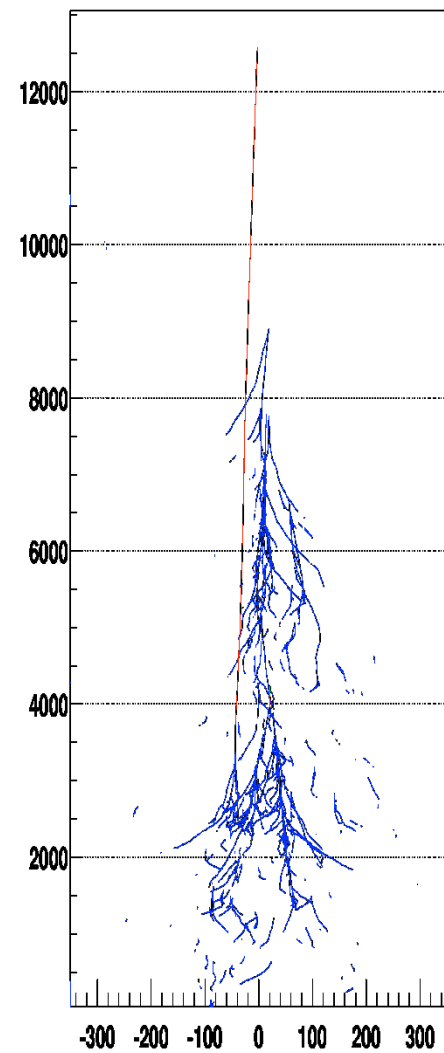
Gamma shower  
( narrow, points to source )



Proton shower  
( wide, points anywhere )



100 GeV proton

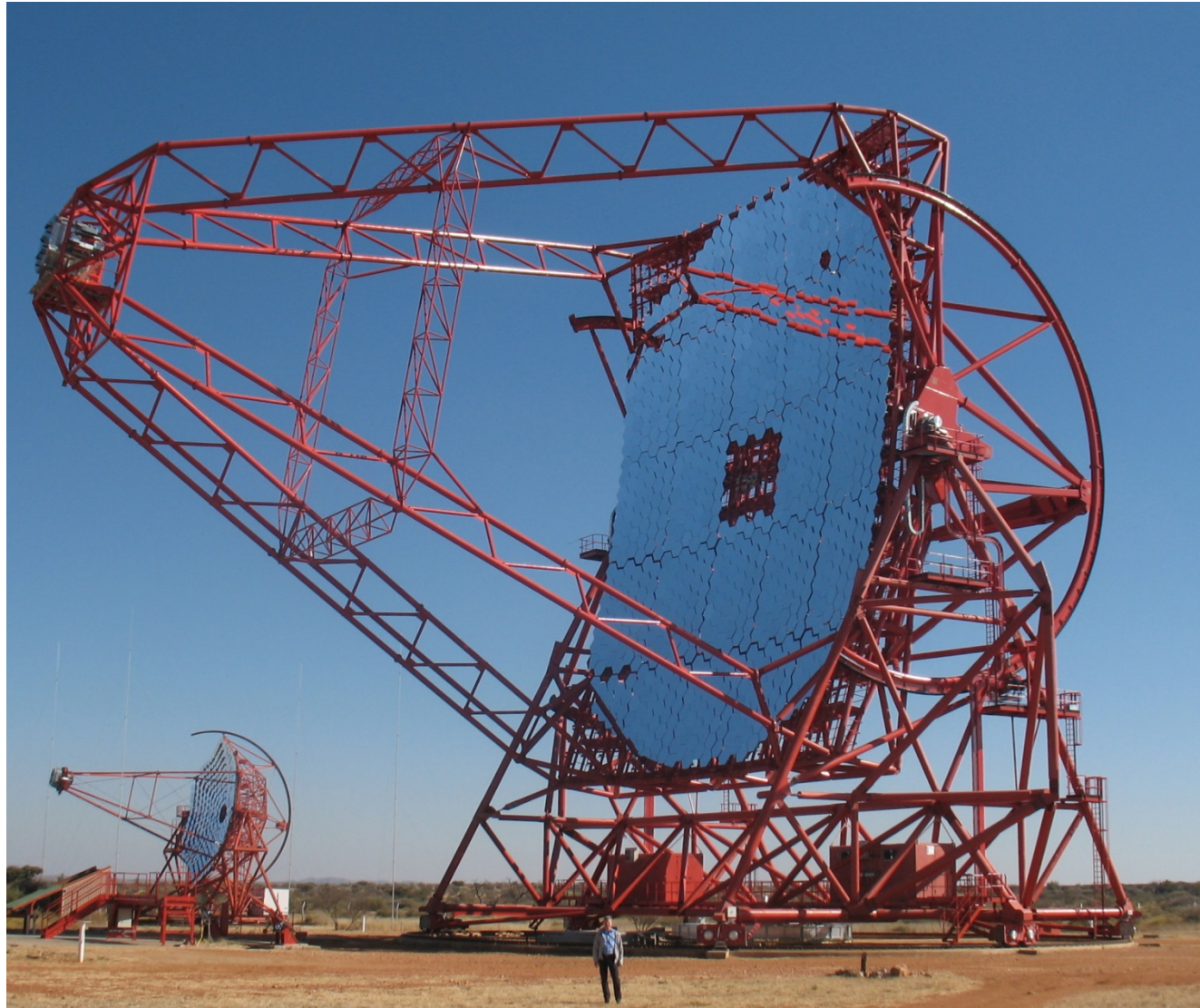




# HESS



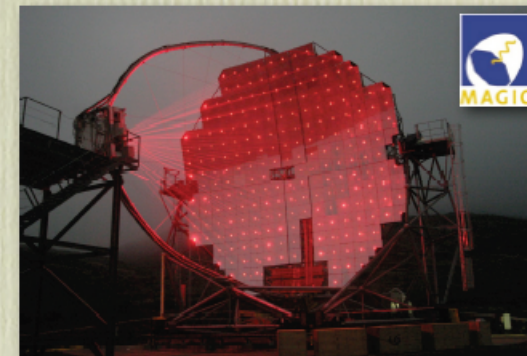
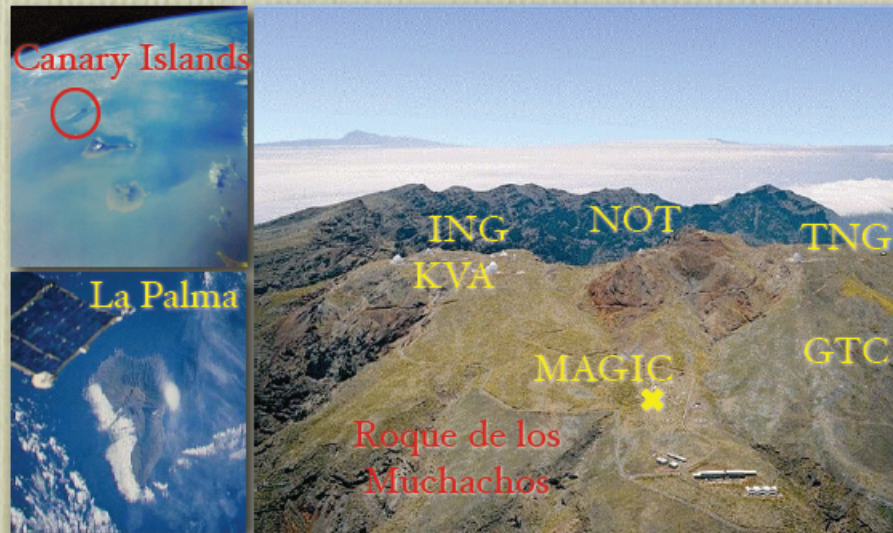
# HESS-II



# The MAGIC Telescope

Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov telescope

Located at the Roque de los Muchachos on La Palma, Canary Islands (Spain) at  $\sim 2200$  m *asl*

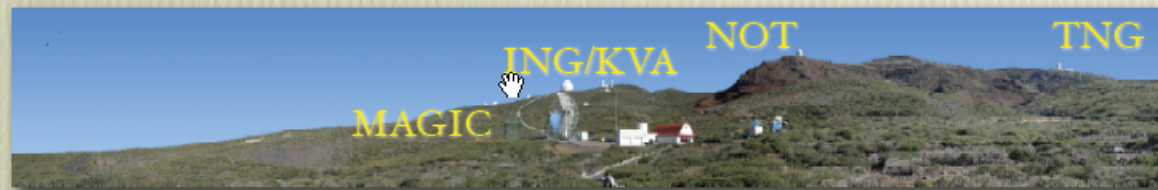


Largest imaging Cherenkov telescope for  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy

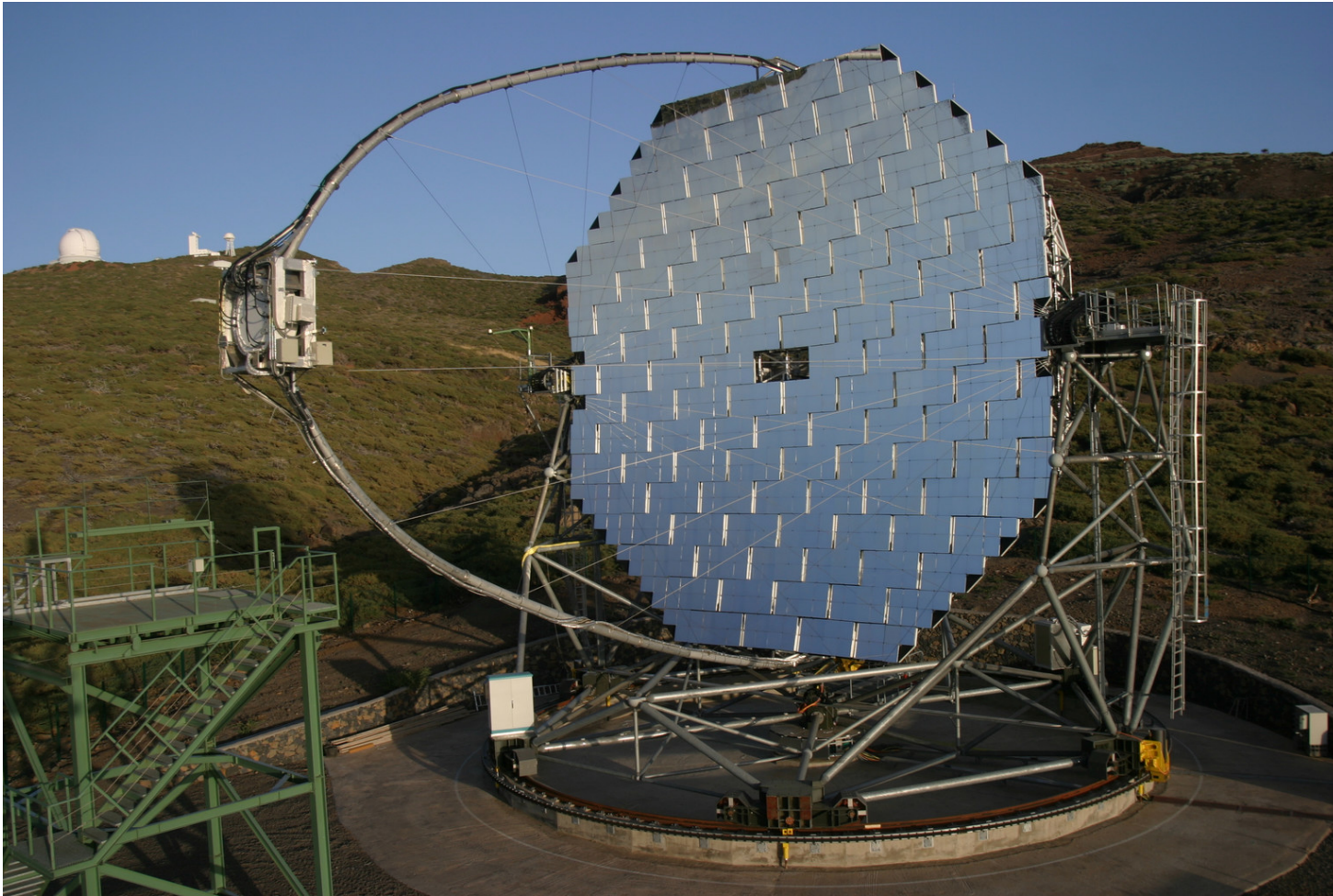
Designed for:

- Low energy threshold  $E_{th} \sim 50$  GeV
- Fast repositioning in  $< 30$  s

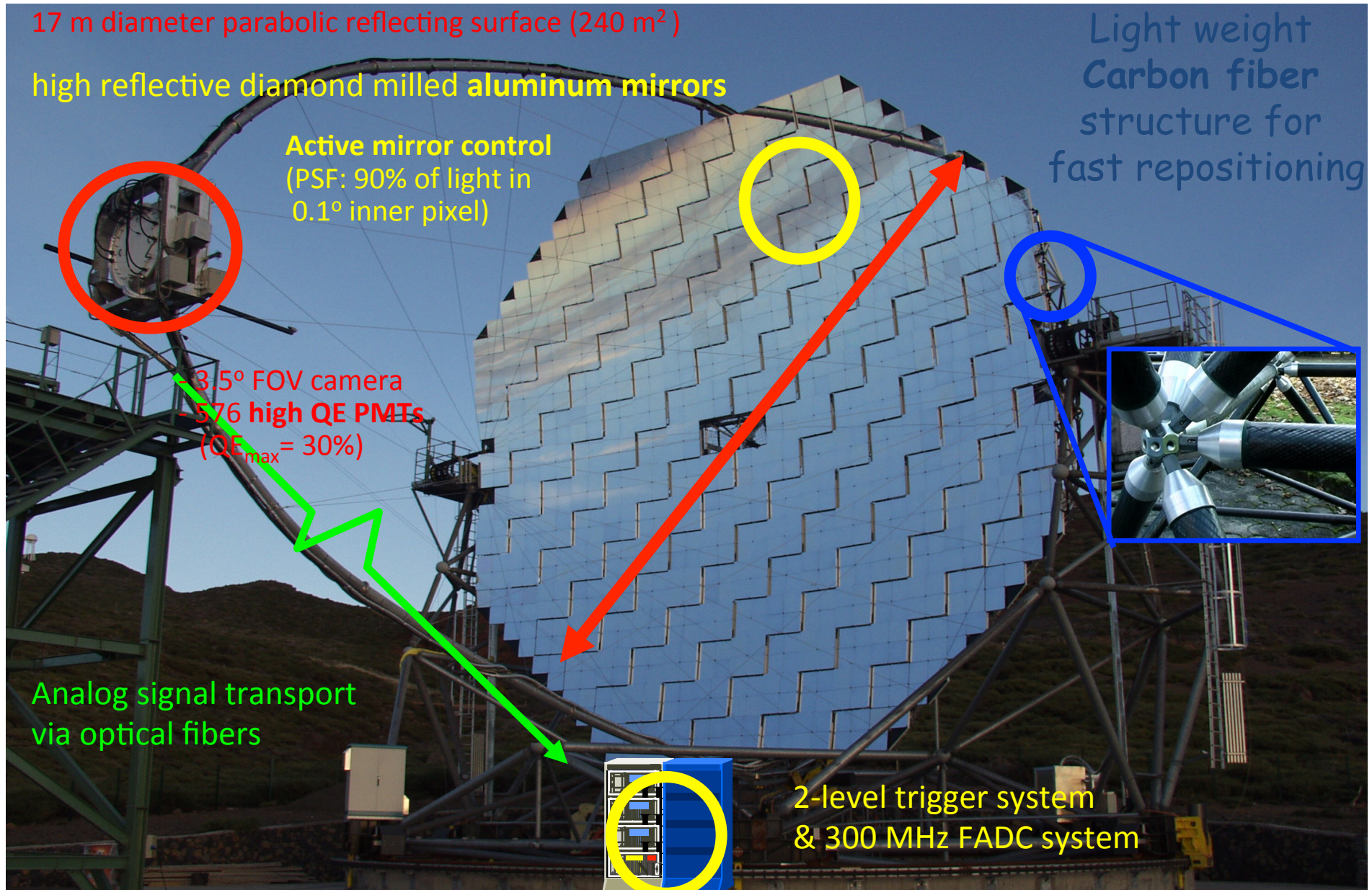
Construction 2001-2003  
Inauguration 10/10/2003  
Commissioning 2004  
Cycle I 2005-2006



# MAGIC



# Key technological elements for **MAGIC**



# The trigger architecture

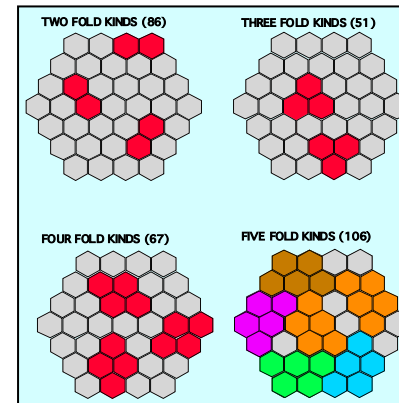
The trigger is split into two stages: **level 1 (L1)** and **level 2 (L2)**. The L1 is a fast coincidence device (2-5 ns) with simple patterns (n-next-neighbor logic) while L2 is slower (50-150 ns) but can do a more sophisticated pattern recognition.

Discriminators  
L0

Choose the **number of photoelectrons** per pixel you want to use in the trigger



Level 1  
L1



Make a **tight time coincidence** on simple pattern of compact images and **enable L2**



Level 2  
L2

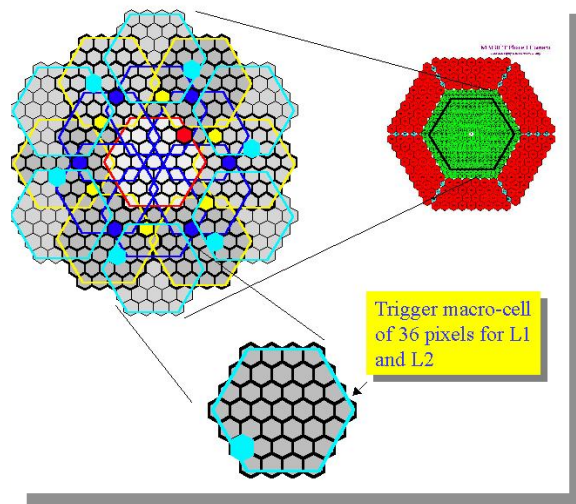
Make an **advanced pattern recognition**

to use topological constraint:

- pixel counting in a given region of the detector
- mask hot spots like bright stars
- rough center of gravity of the image...etc.....



To FADC



# MAGIC telescopes



# MAGIC – II

## + The telescope(s)

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### Design

- Solar power-plant design
- 17-m diameter
- $F/D=1$
- ~500kg camera
- Signal digitization off-telescope
- 64 tons total moving weight
- Fast-movement (GRBs): 20 sec ptp

### Performance

- Energy threshold ~50 GeV (~ 25 GeV with a special trigger)
- FOV 3.5deg
- Energy Resolution ~16% ( $E > 300$  GeV)
- Angular Resolution ~0.07deg ( $E > 300$  GeV)
- Sensitivity ( $5\sigma$  in 50 hours) ~0.8% Crab Nebula flux ( $> 250$  GeV)

Colin, ICRC 2008

Michele Doro - From MAGIC to MAGIC stereo - Ricap 2011

### Several "firsts"

- Worldwide largest mirror dish.
- Lightweight CFRP tubes for structure
- Diamond milled light weight all-aluminum sandwich mirrors
- Active mirror control
- Low gain hemispherical PMTs with diffuse lacquer coating
- Transmission over 160 m by optical
- 2 GHz FADCs

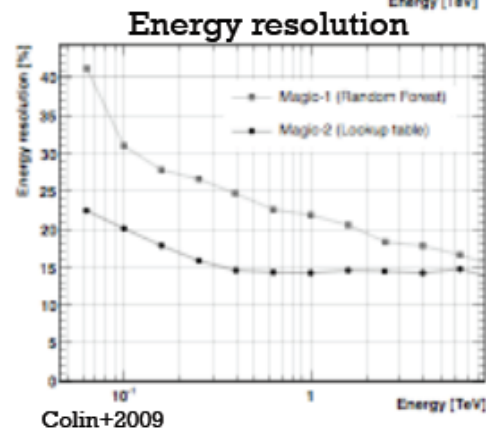
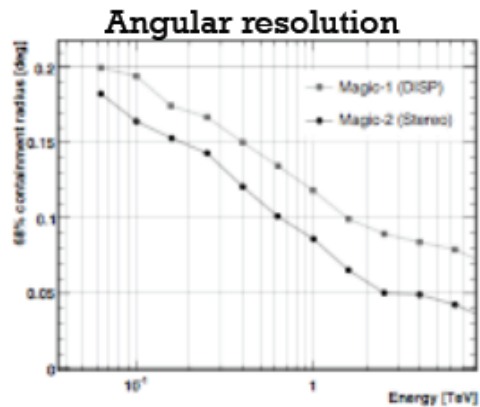
MD, ICAPTT 2008



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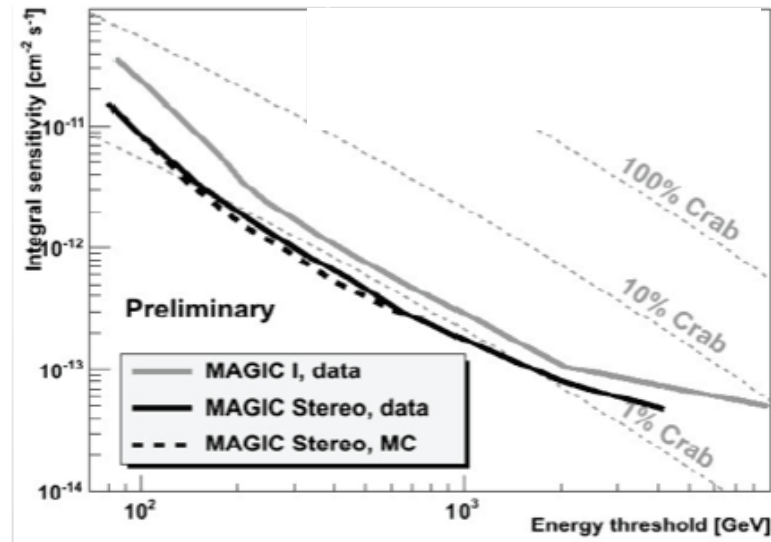
## + Improvements

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Colin+2009

- Extended sources and morphology now possible
- Sensitivity improved of 100% over most of the energy range
- Better performance specially at low energy (<100 GeV)

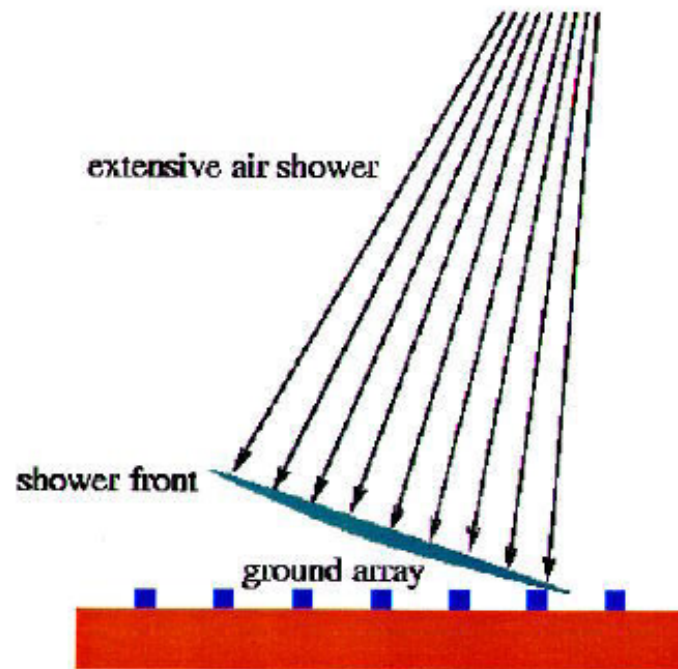


# VERITAS



# TeV detectors

## Air Shower Arrays



Reconstruction of the  $\gamma$  direction  
with the particles arrival times

Large field of view:  $\sim \pi$  sr

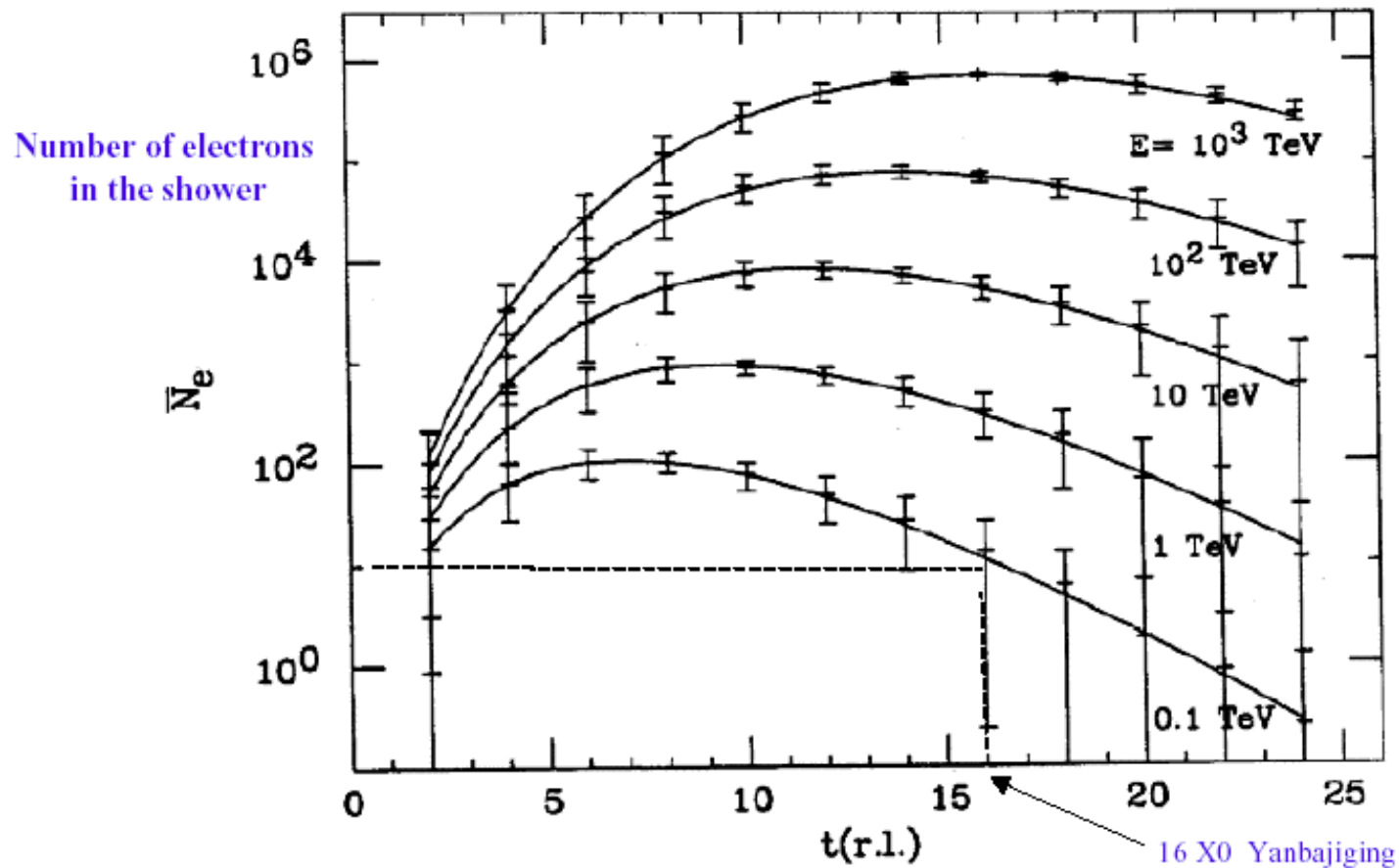
Duty cycle  $\sim 100\%$

Gamma-hadrons discrimination:

$\mu$ -poor showers

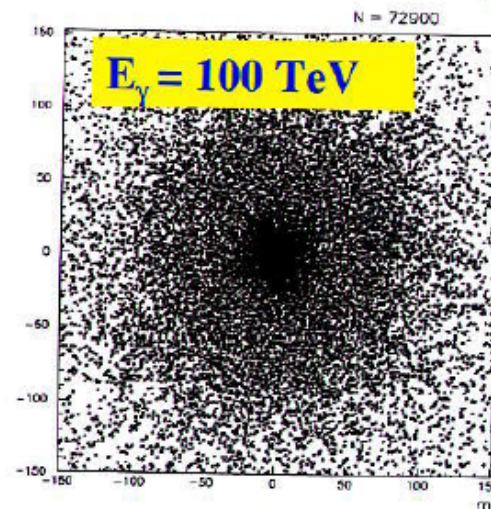
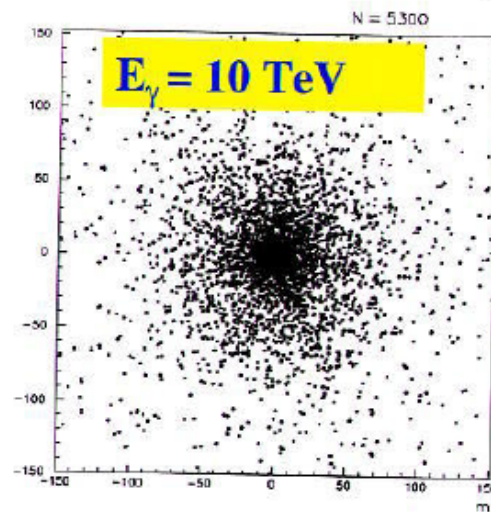
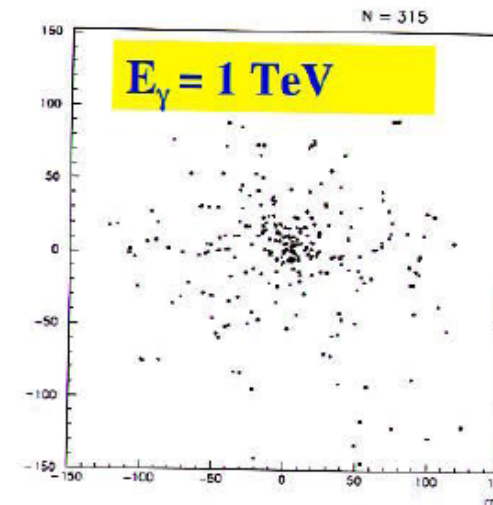
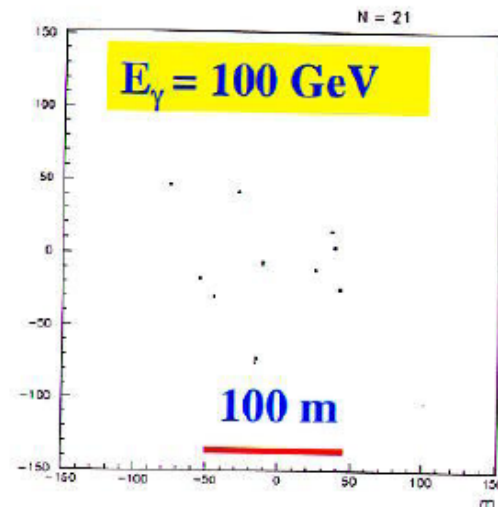
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Longitudinal development of the electron component of photon initiated shower  
( with electron threshold energy of 5 MeV and fluctuations superimposed )

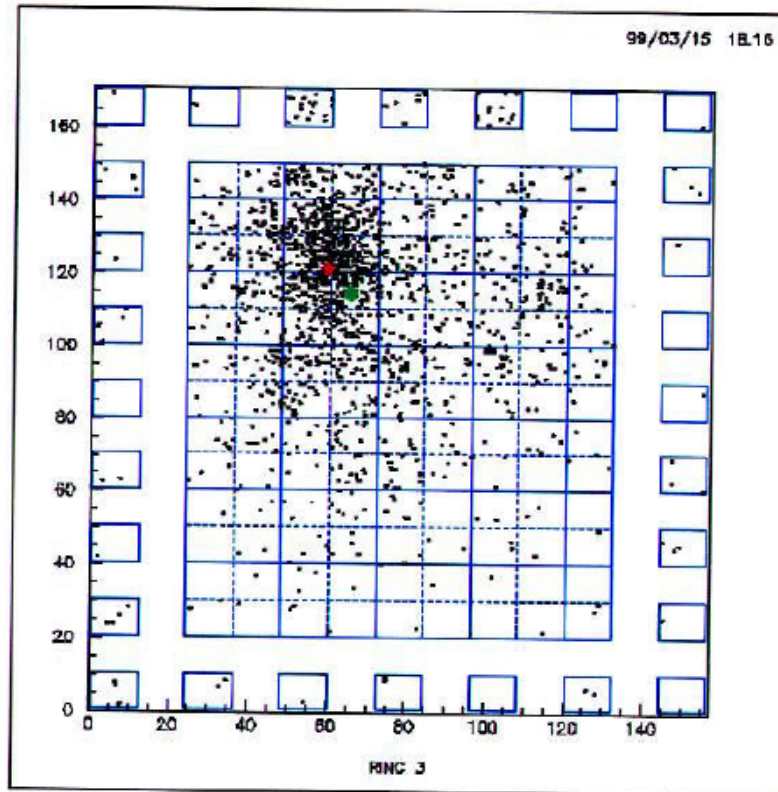


# TeV detectors

EAS  
at  
4300 m



# TeV detectors



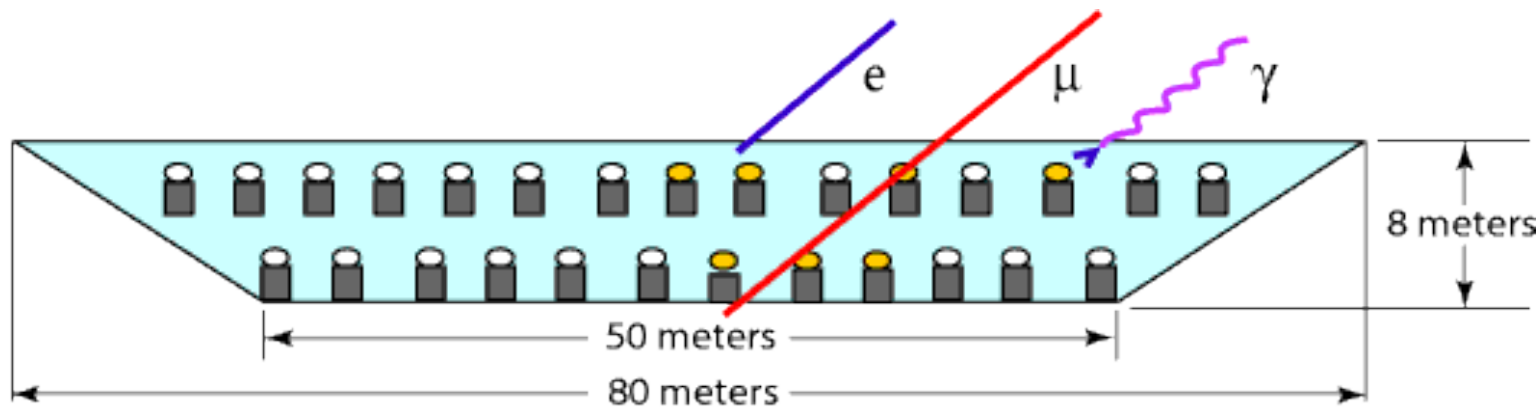
Montecarlo  
simulation  
of a 10 TeV  
air shower

# EAS technique

Charged particles produce Cherenkov photons in water  
~1400 times more Cherenkov photons than in air per  
unit length track of charged particle  
Cherenkov cone in water  $\sim 41^\circ$  (in air: less than  $1^\circ$ )

Uniform sky view with an array of PMTs

Direction reconstruction through PMTs signal times



# Wide Angle Telescopes

Tibet AS- $\gamma$ – Air Shower Array

ARGO – Carpet array with RPC

MILAGRO – Water Cherenkov

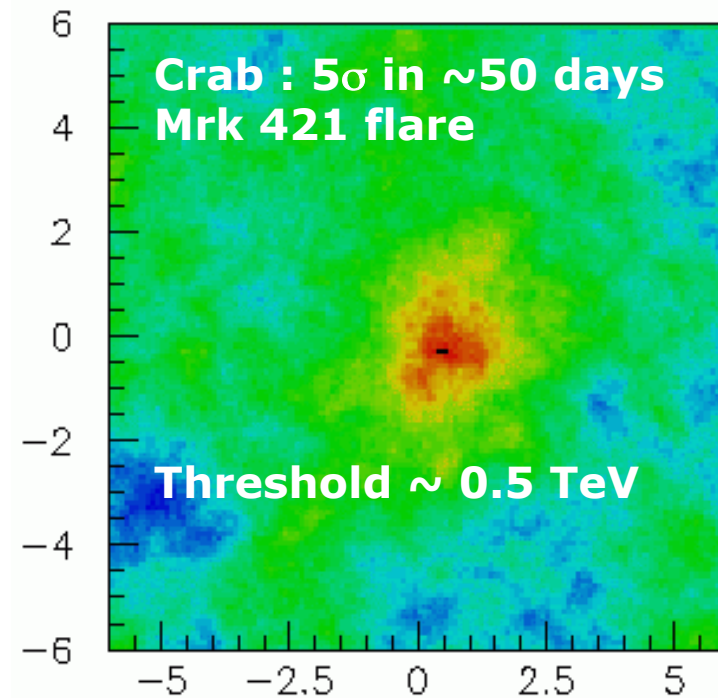
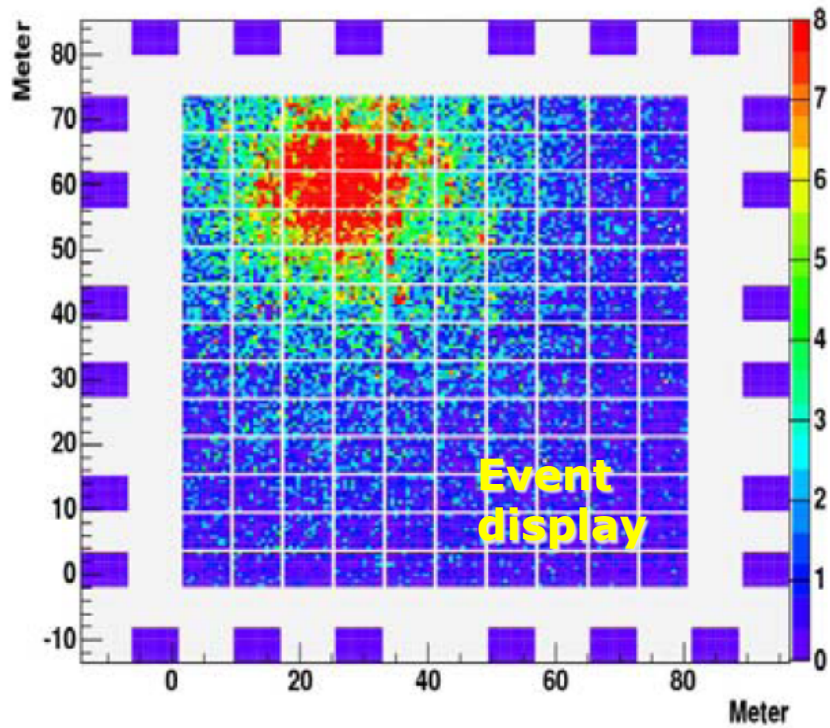
Advantage: Wide Angle  $0.5\pi\sim 1\pi$   
Non-bias observation

Cons: Moderate sensitivity  
 $\sim 5\sigma/\text{yr}^{1/2}$  for Crab



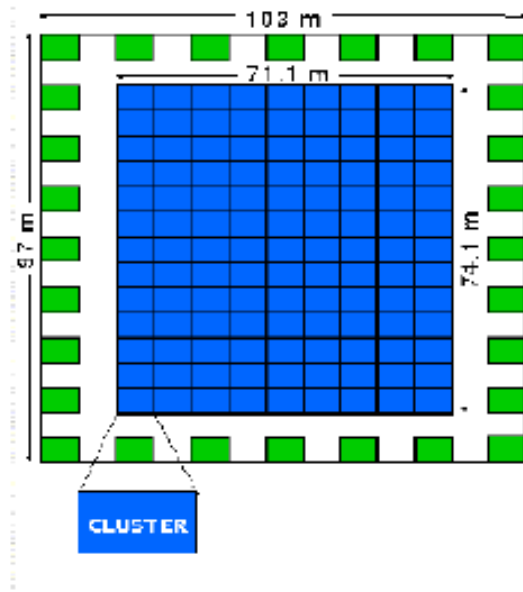


# ARGO-YBJ (RPC):



# ARGO

Area 5.200 m<sup>2</sup> (full coverage)  
(10.000 m<sup>2</sup> with guard ring)  
Field of view ~ 1 sr  
E = 50 GeV - 50 TeV  
Location: Tibet 4300m alt.



17400 Pads 56 by 60 cm<sup>2</sup> each of Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC).  
Each pad subdivided in pick-up strips 6 cm wide for the space pattern inside the pad.  
The CLUSTER is made of 12 RPCs Pads



# TIBET air shower array



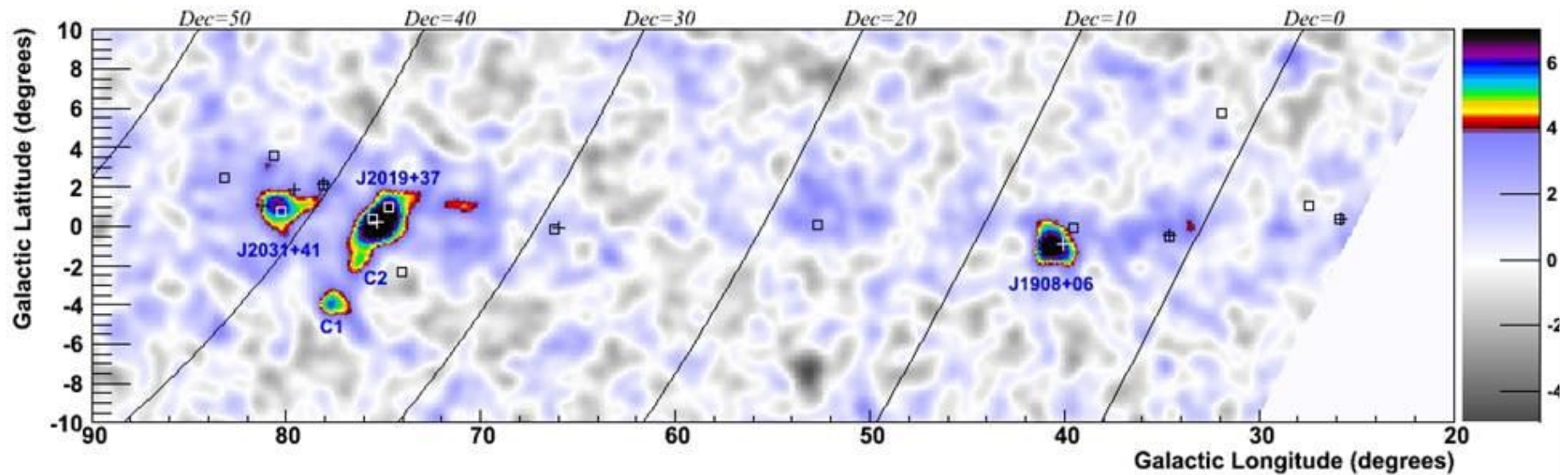
Our air shower array consists of 697 scintillation counters which are placed at a lattice with 7.5 m spacing and 36 scintillation counters which are placed at a lattice with 15 m spacing. Each counter has a plate of plastic scintillator, 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> in area and 3 cm in thickness, equipped with a 2-inch-in-diameter photomultiplier tube (PMT). The time and charge information of each PMT hit by an air shower event is recorded to determine its direction and energy. The detection threshold energy is approximately 3 TeV, which is the lowest one achieved by an air shower array in the world.

# MILAGRO

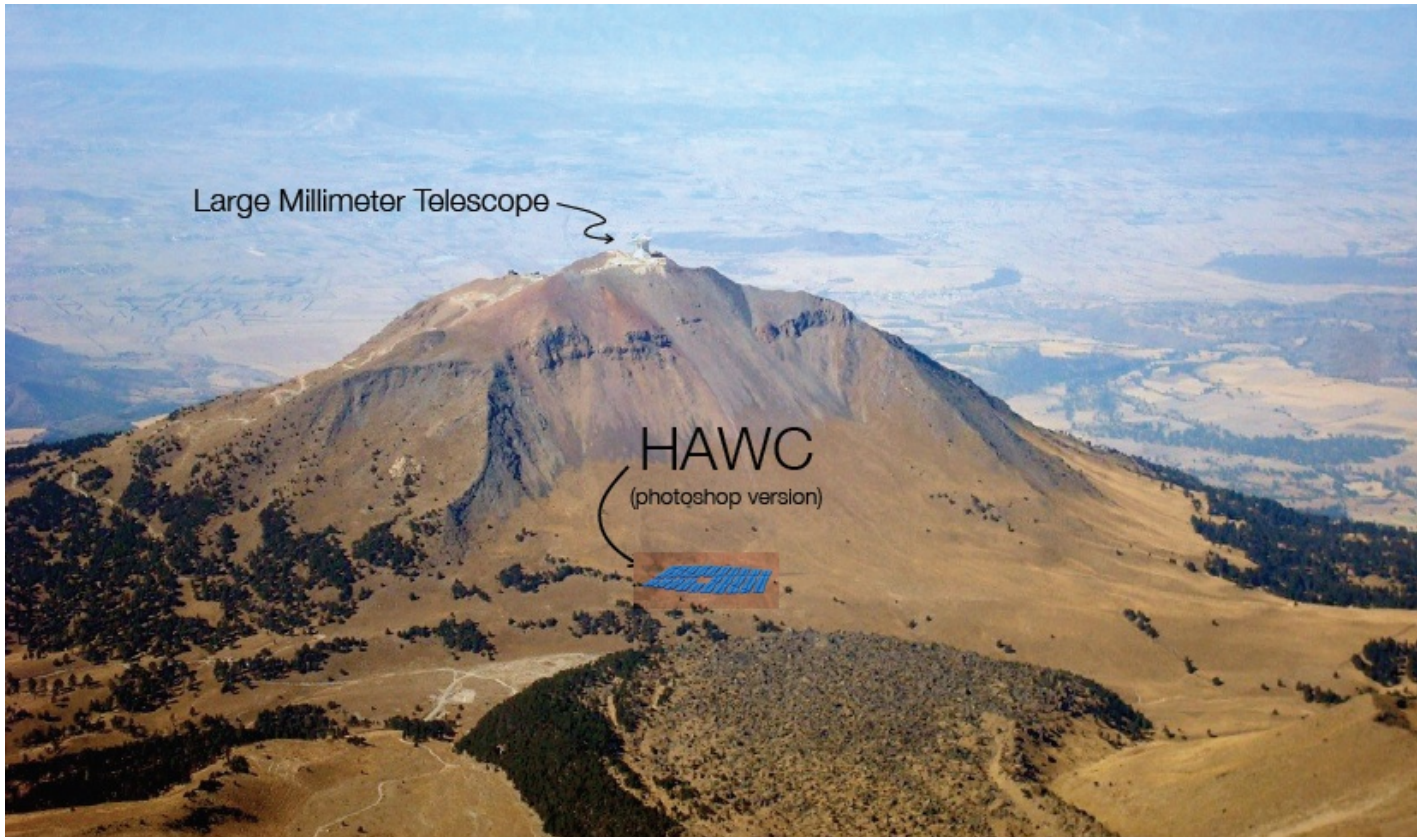
**Cherenkov in water,  
Arizona**



Crab:  
 $\sim 5\sigma$  in 100 days  
Median energy  $\sim 20$  TeV



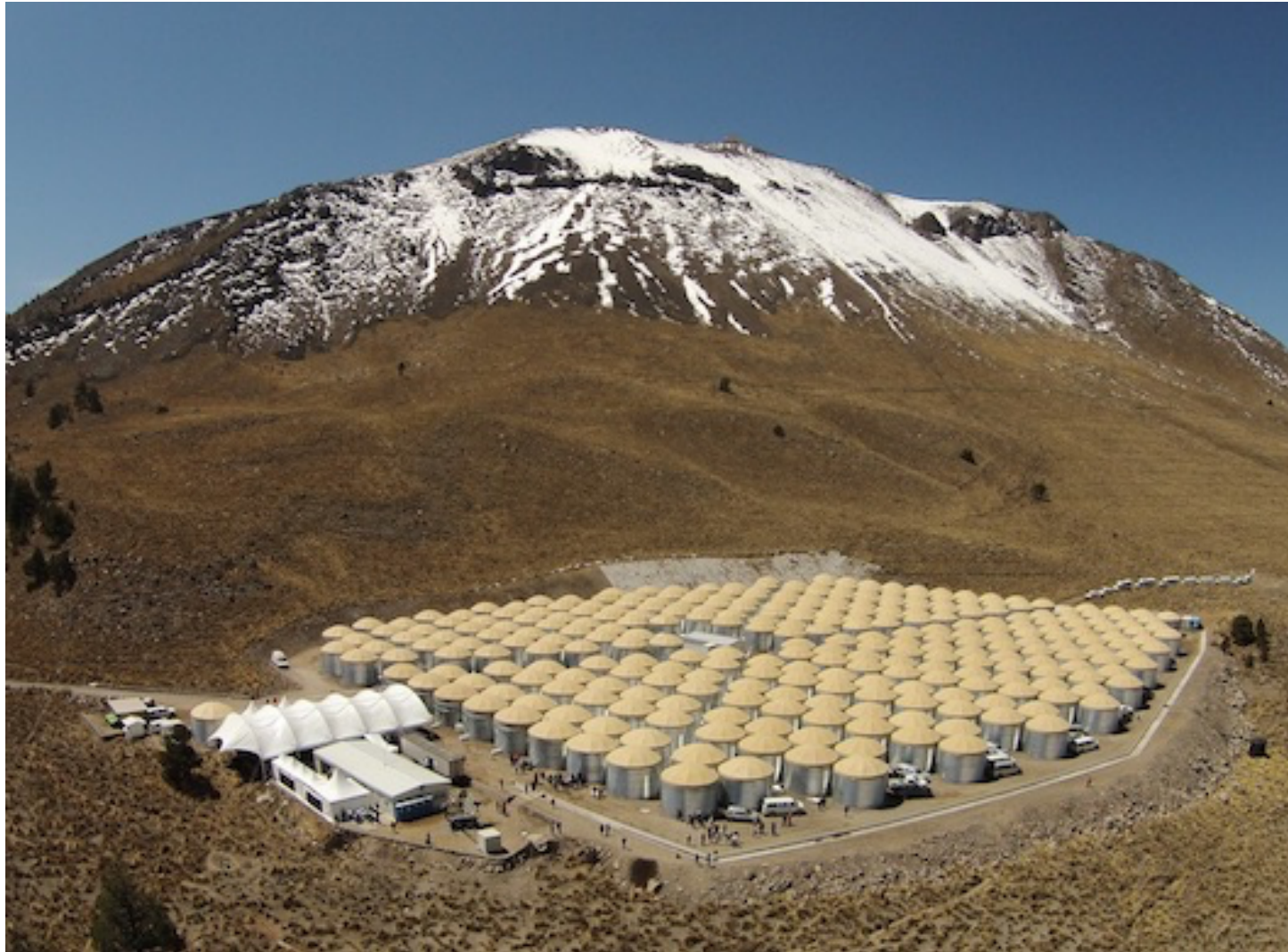
# HAWC



HAWC

Pico de Orizaba, altitude 4100 m, latitude 18° 59' N  
Two hours drive from Puebla, four from México City  
Site of Large Millimeter Telescope (existing infrastructure)

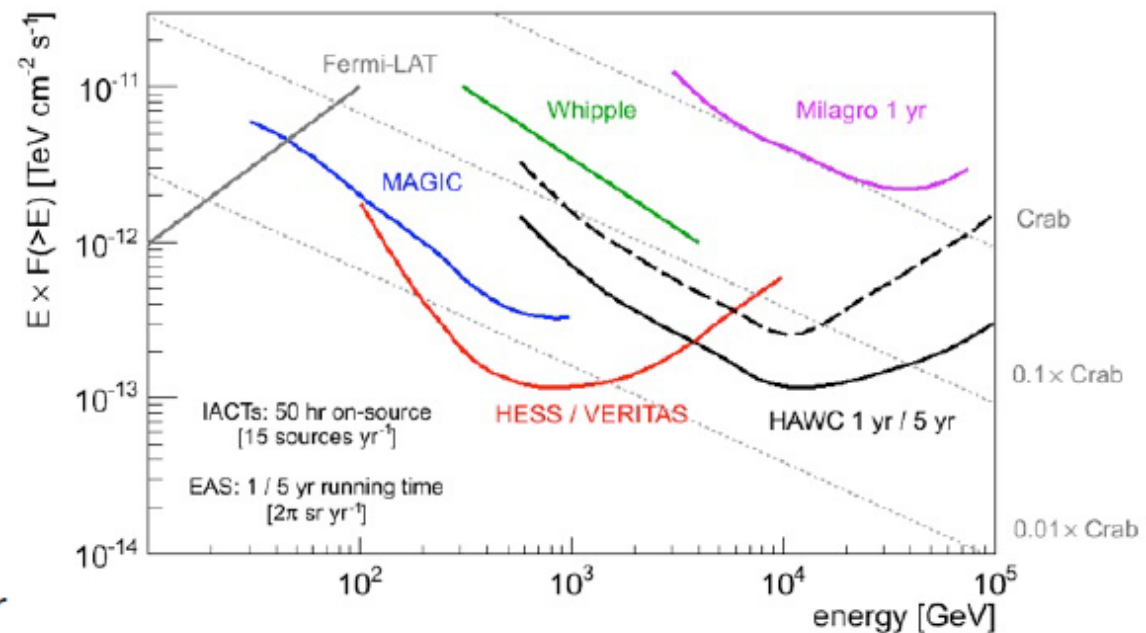
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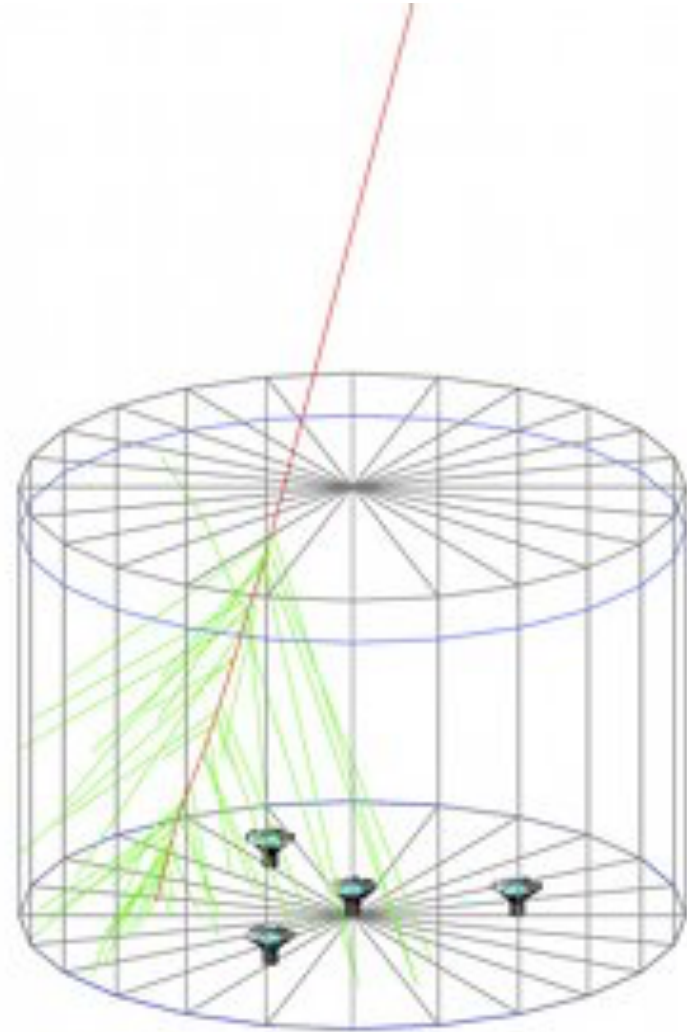
# HAWC

## Sensitivity to Point Sources

- Long integration times lead to excellent sensitivity at highest energies (> few TeV)
- $5\sigma$  sensitivity to:
  - 10 Crab in 3 min
  - 1 Crab in 5 hr
  - 0.1 Crab in  $\frac{1}{3}$  year
- Around 15x the sensitivity of Milagro

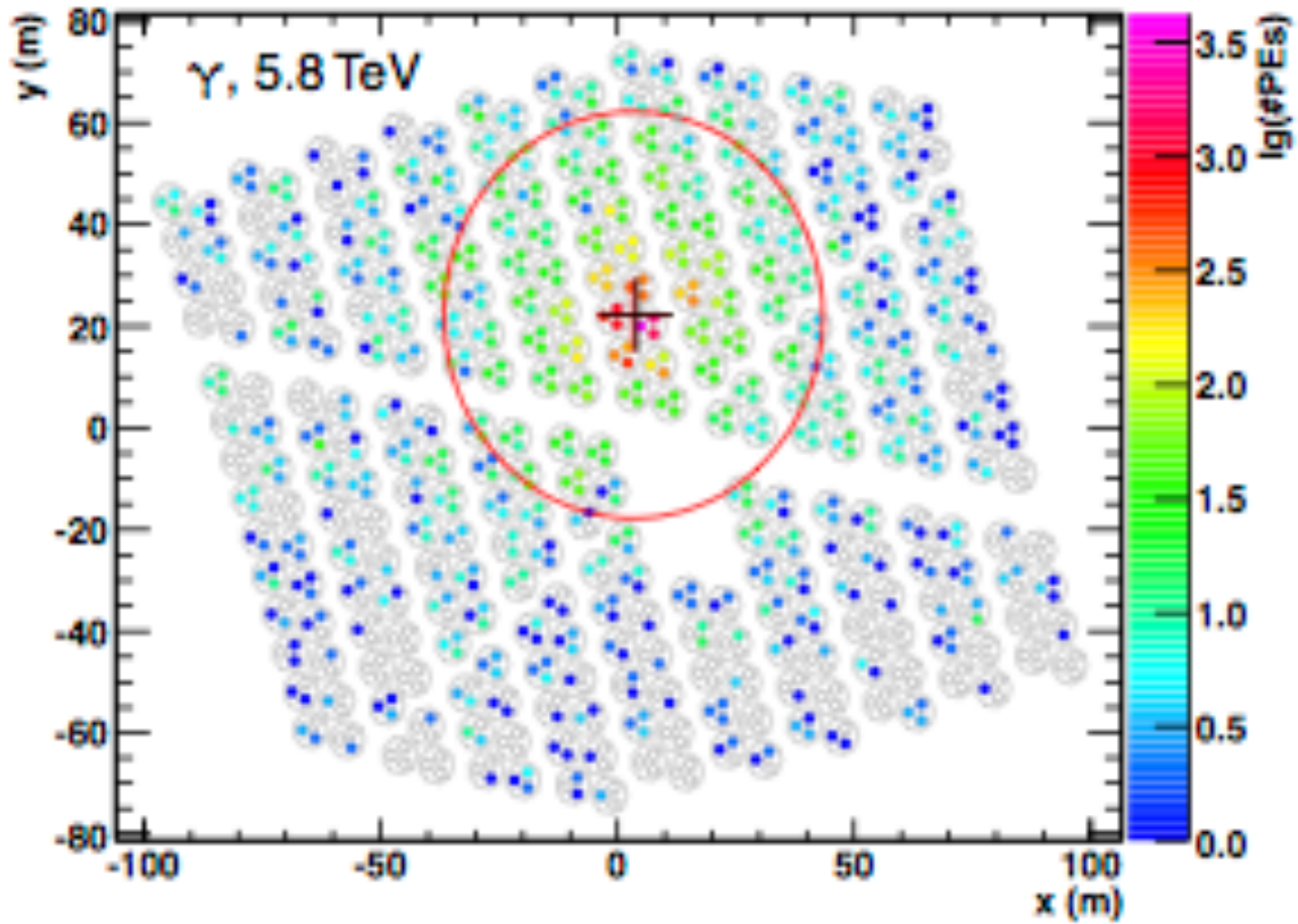


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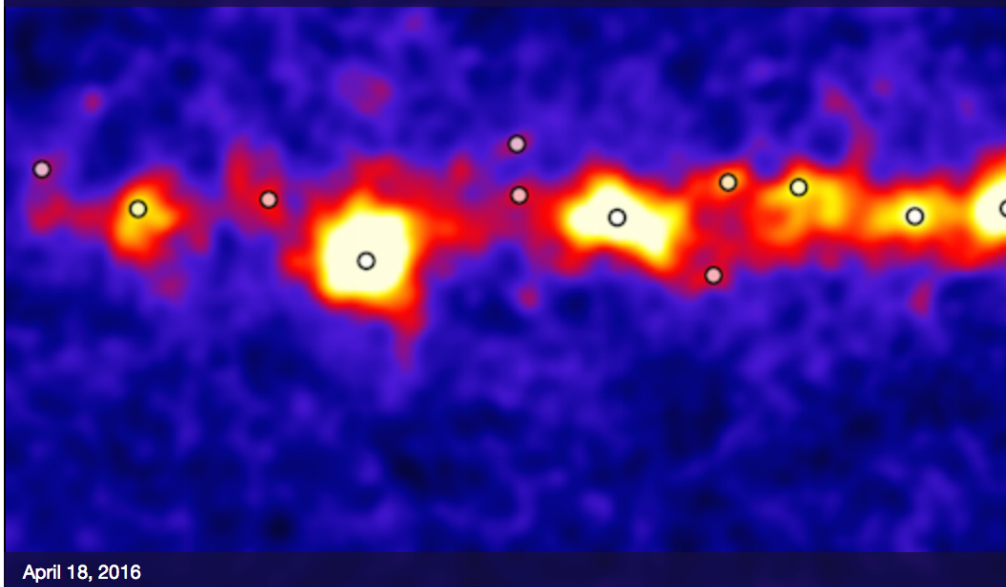
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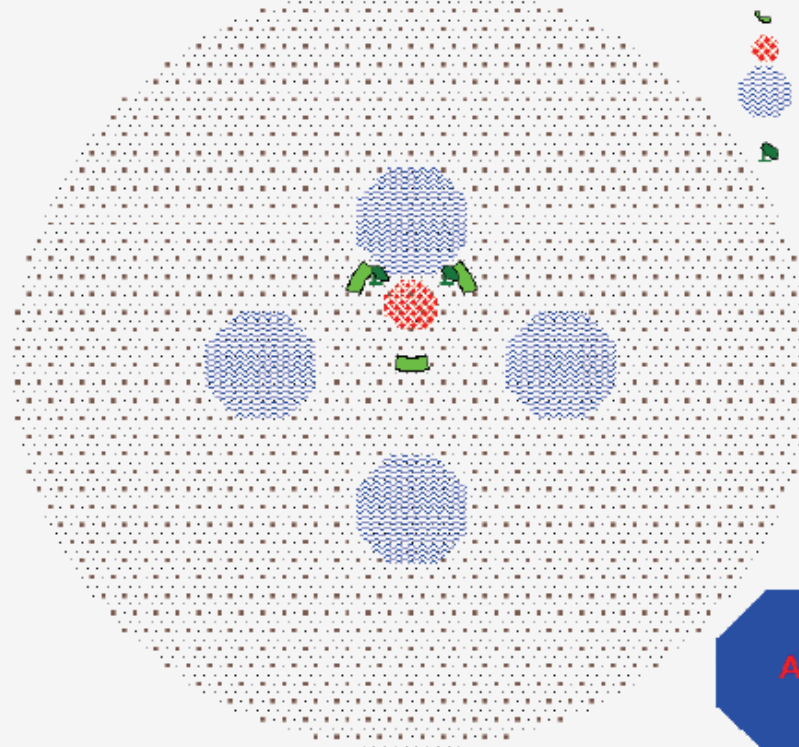
# LHAASO

## Project Overview

### Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory

Yangbajing, 4300m a.s.l., 606g/cm<sup>2</sup>

- ED: 5137, 1m×1m×2cm  
15m spacing
- MD: 1161, 6m×6m×2cm  
30m spacing
- WFCAs: 3×8, 16×16pixels  
130m spacing
- SCDA: 5000m<sup>2</sup> (r=80m)
- WCDA: 4×900  
Φ170m×4m  
300m spacing
- IACT: 2  
100m spacing



1000m

Charged Particle Array

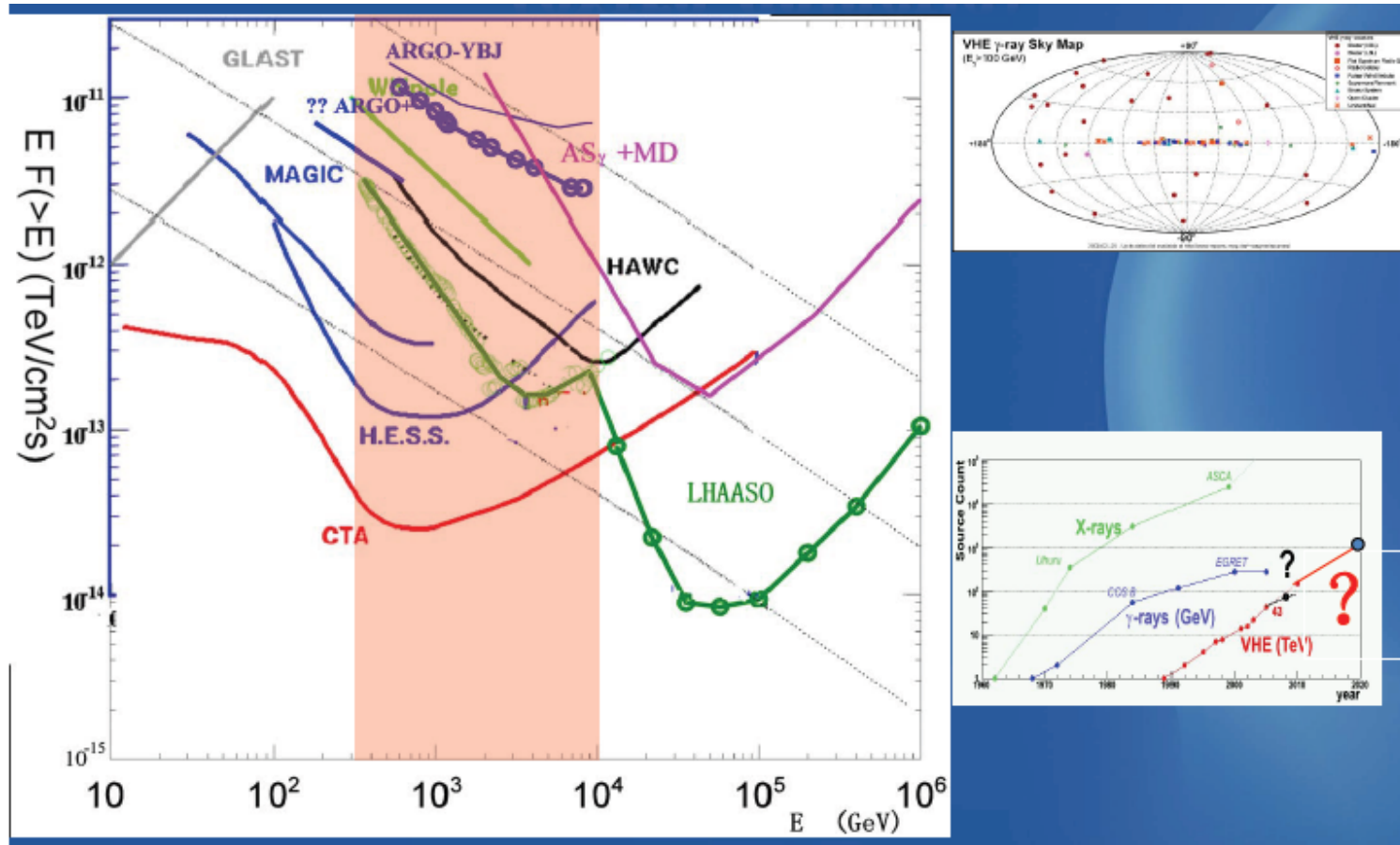
μ Detector Array

Water C Array

Wide FOV C-Telescope Array &

Core Detector Array

# LHAASO



# The LHAASO experiment

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The Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO) project is a new generation all-sky instrument to investigate the 'cosmic ray connection' through a combined study of cosmic rays and gamma-rays in the wide energy range  $10^{11}$  --  $10^{17}$  eV.

The first phase of LHAASO will consist of the following major components:

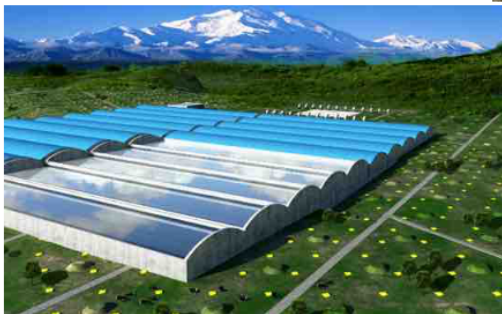
- 1 km<sup>2</sup> array (LHAASO-KM2A), including 5635 scintillator detectors, with 15 m spacing, for electromagnetic particle detection.
- An overlapping 1 km<sup>2</sup> array of 1221, 36 m<sup>2</sup> underground water Cherenkov tanks, with 30 m spacing, for muon detection (total sensitive area 40,000 m<sup>2</sup>).
- A close-packed, surface water Cherenkov detector facility with a total area of 90,000 m<sup>2</sup> (LHAASO-WCDA), four times that of HAWC.
- 24 wide field-of-view air Cherenkov (and fluorescence) telescopes (LHAASO-WFCTA).
- 452 close-packed burst detectors, located near the centre of the array, for detection of high energy secondary particles in the shower core region (LHAASO-SCDA).

# LHAASO main components



**1 KM2A:**  
5635 EDs  
1221 MDs

**WCDA:**  
3600 cells  
90,000 m<sup>2</sup>



Coverage area: 1.3 km<sup>2</sup>

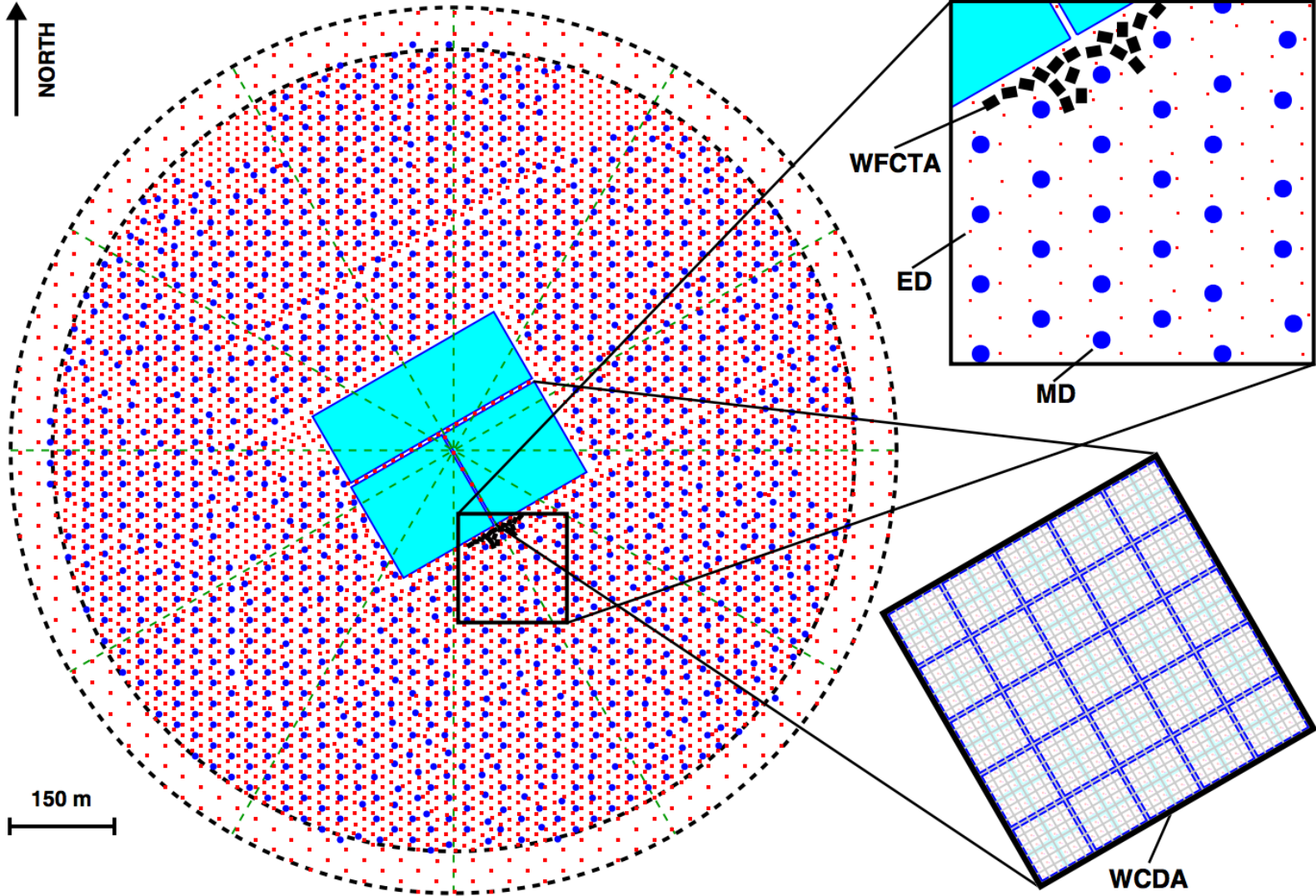


**WFCTA:**  
24 telescopes  
1024 pixels each

**SCDA:**  
452 detectors



# LHAASO



# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

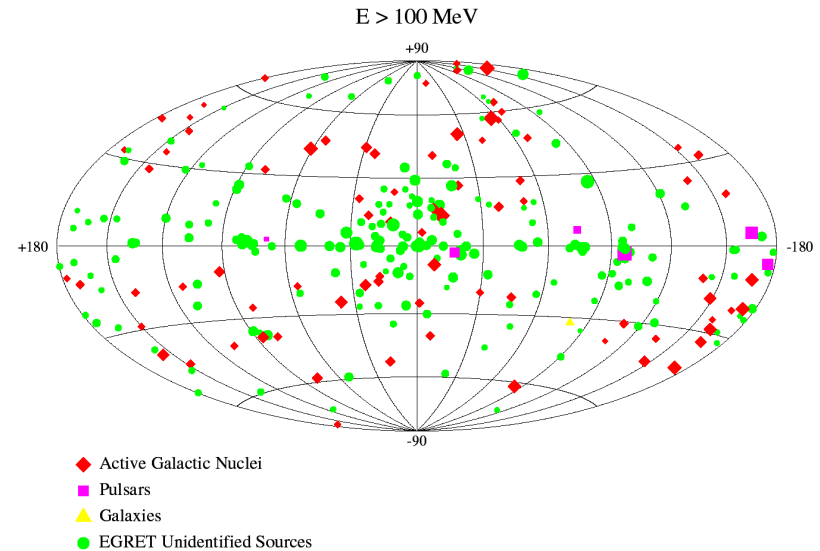
## VHE Gamma Astrophysics



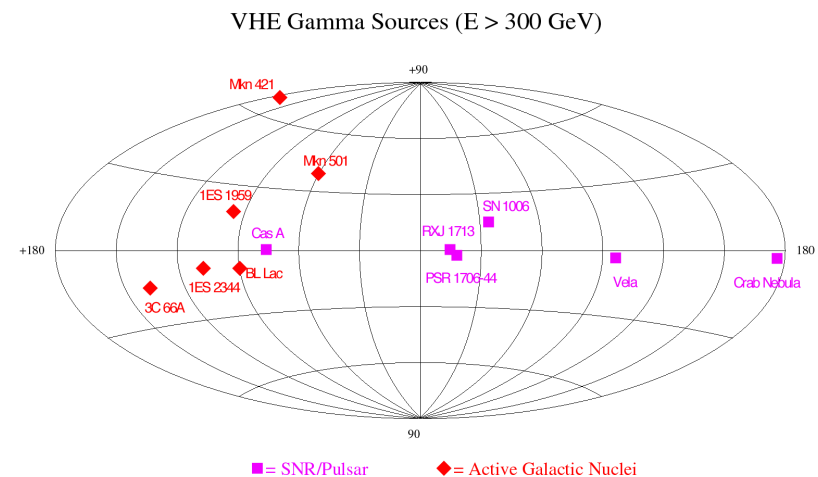
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THIRD EGRET CATALOGUE OF GAMMA-RAY POINT SOURCES

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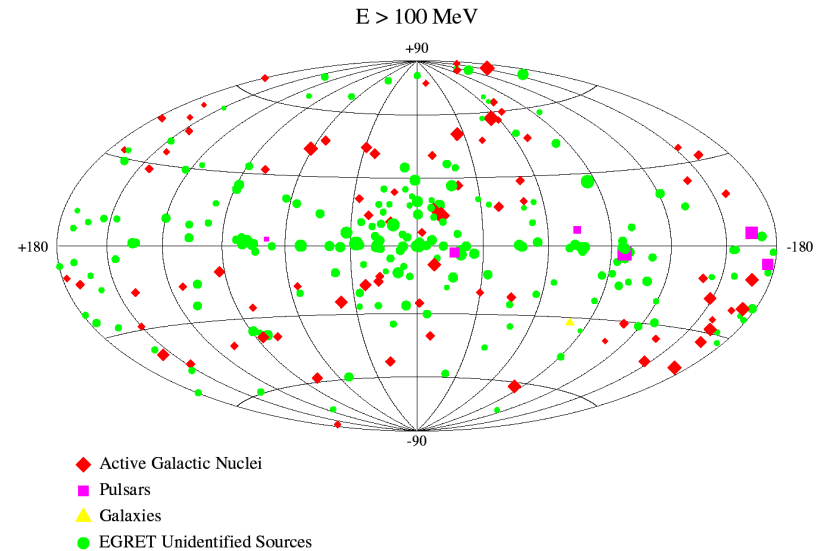
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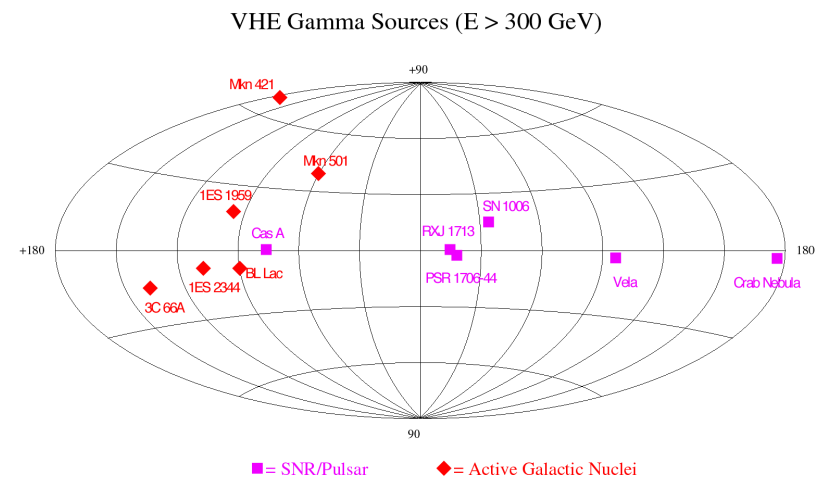
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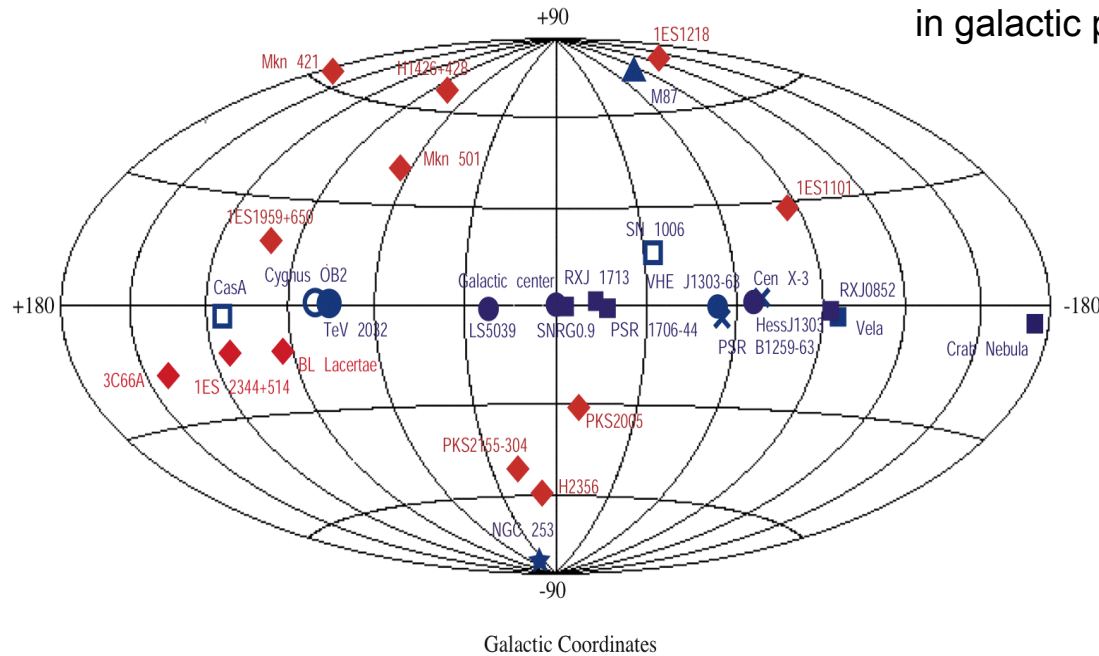


# The VHE $\gamma$ ray sky

2005

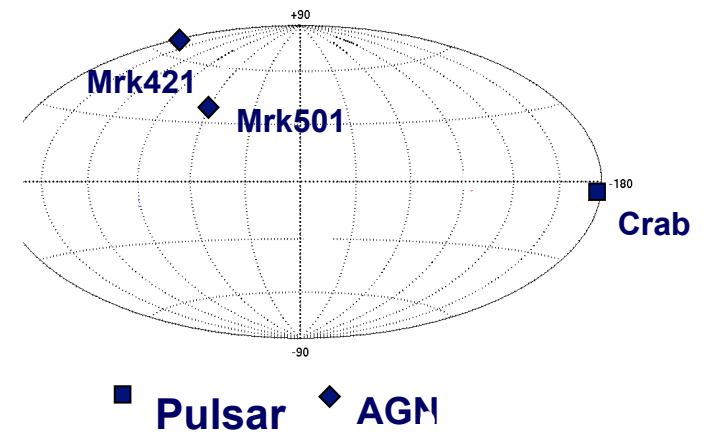
## VHE Gamma Sources ( $E > 100$ GeV)

(Status August 2005)



+ some additional sources in galactic plane.

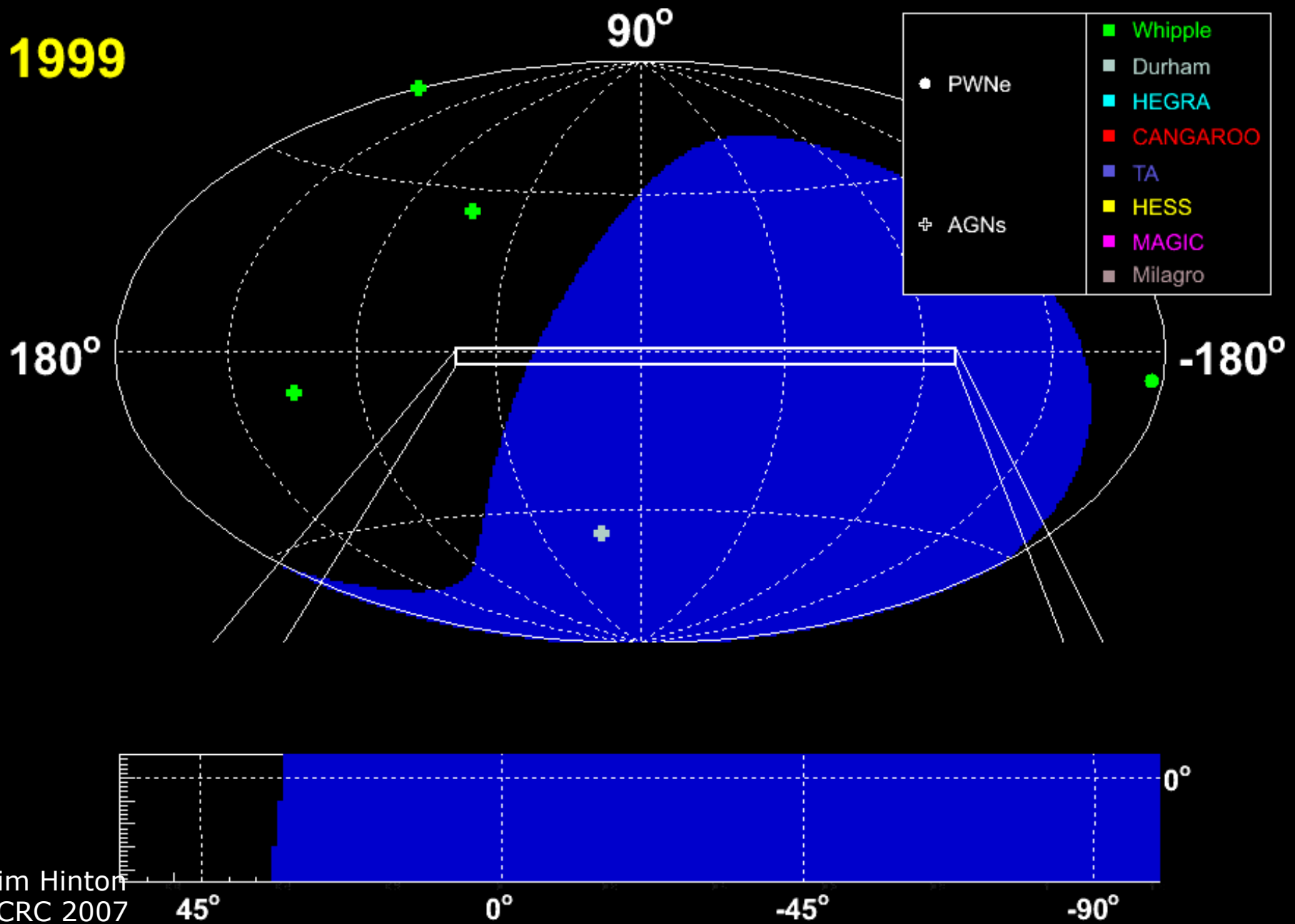
1995



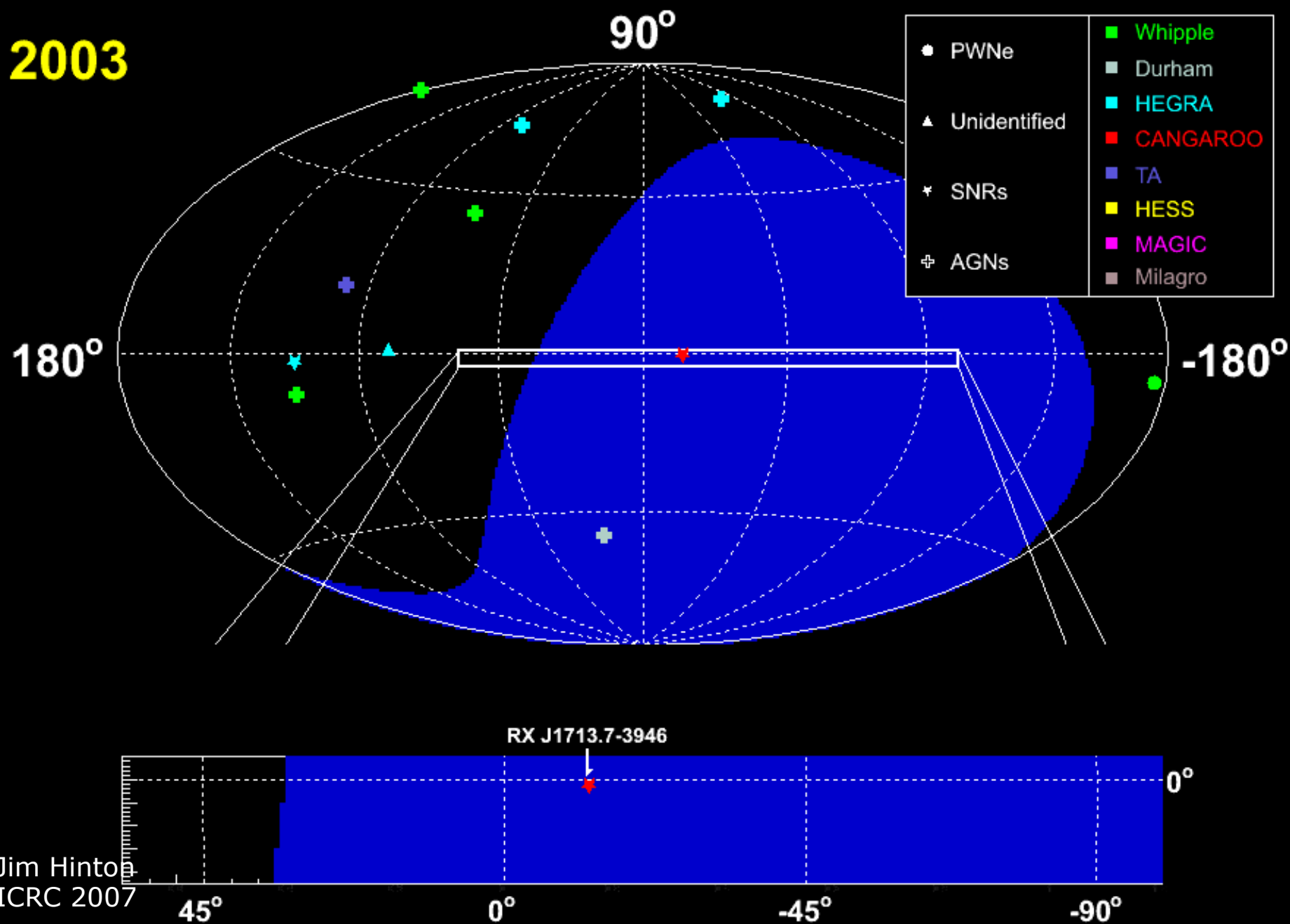
- = Pulsar/Plerion      □ = SNR      ★ = Starburst galaxy      ○ = OB association
- ◆ = AGN (BL Lac)      ▲ = Radio galaxy      × = XRB      ● = Undetermined

■ Pulsar    ◆ AGN

1999

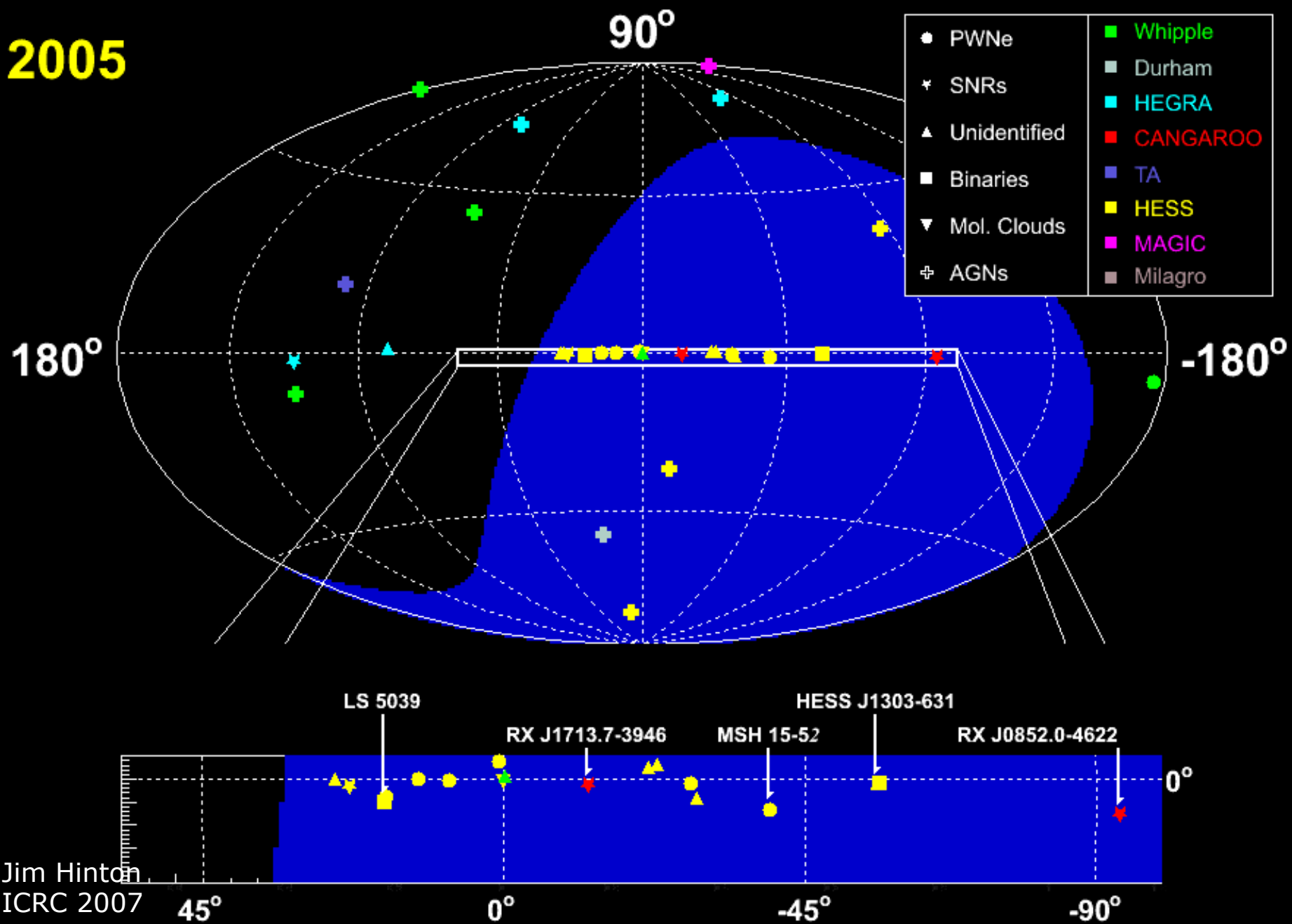


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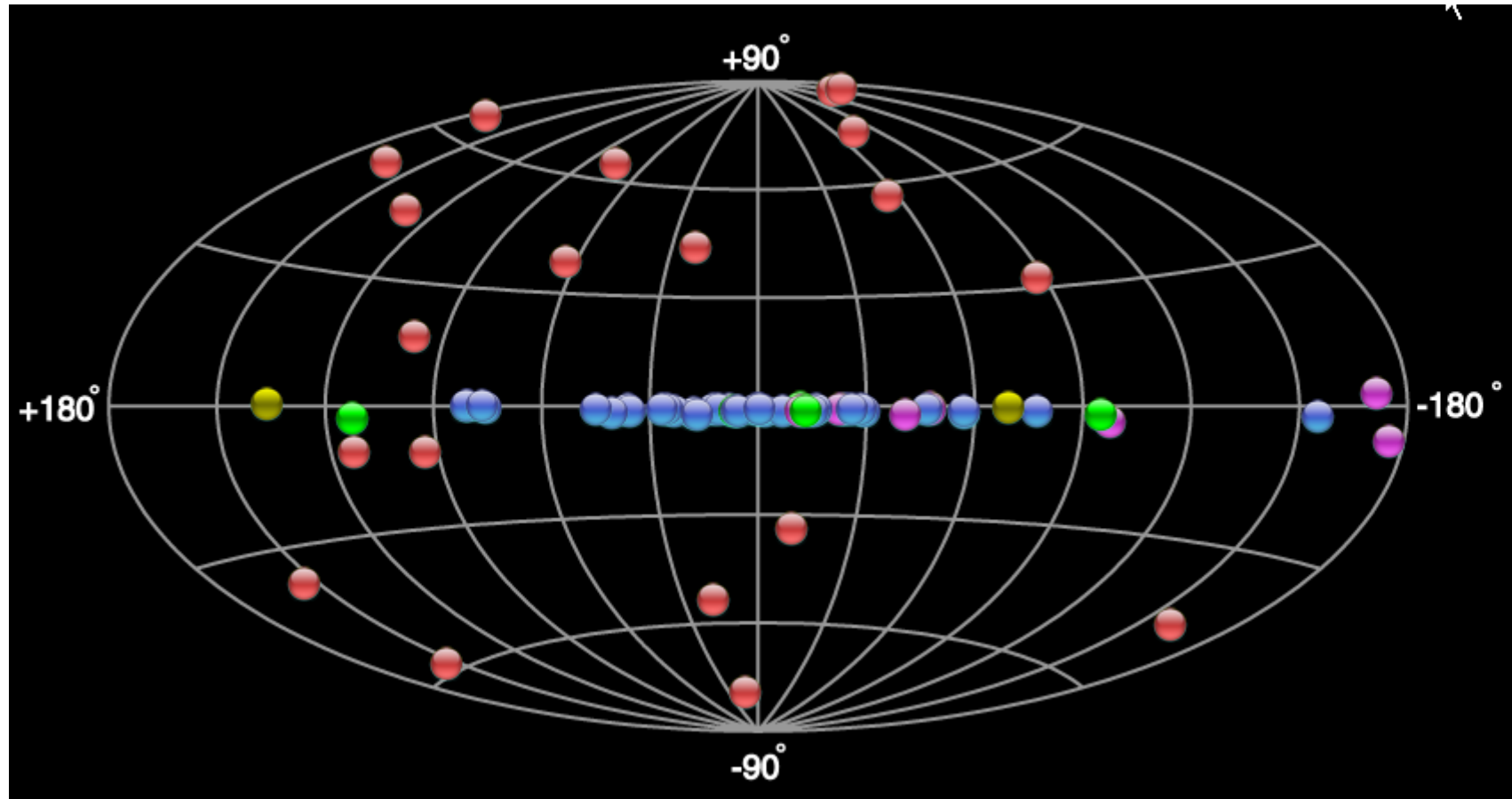


Jim Hinton  
ICRC 2007

2005

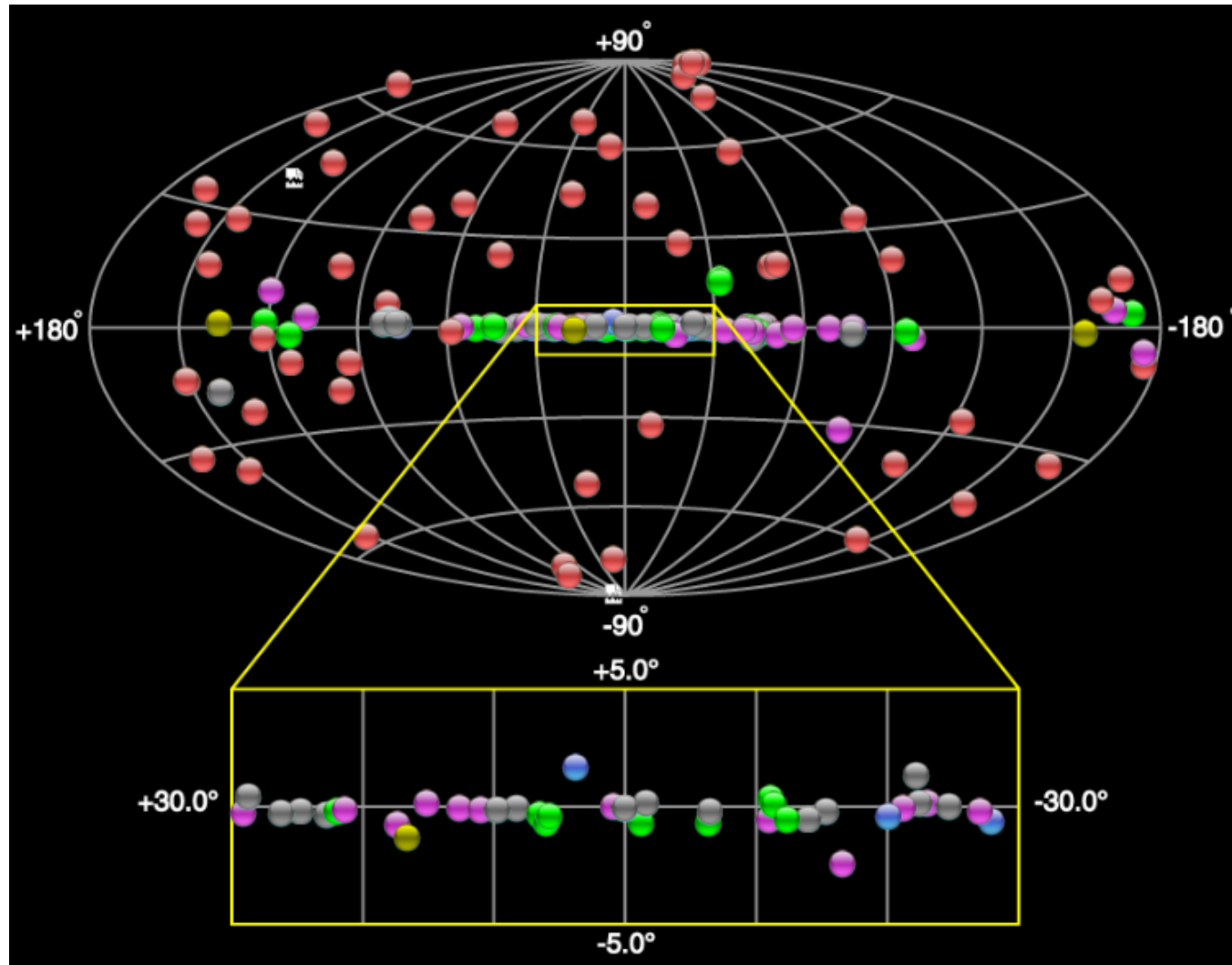


# TeV Source Catalog



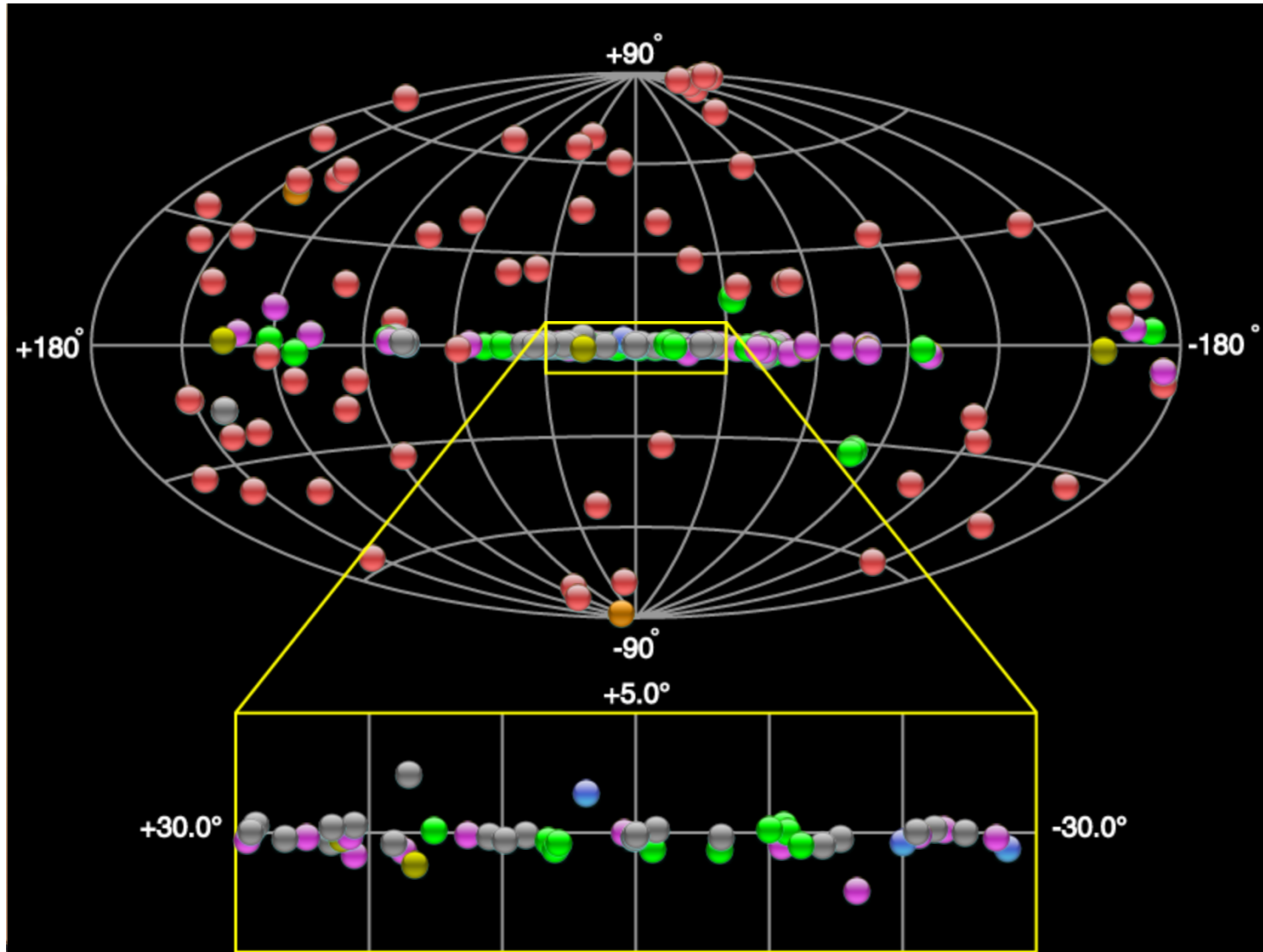
<http://tevcat.uchicago.edu/>

# The TeV Catalog 2012

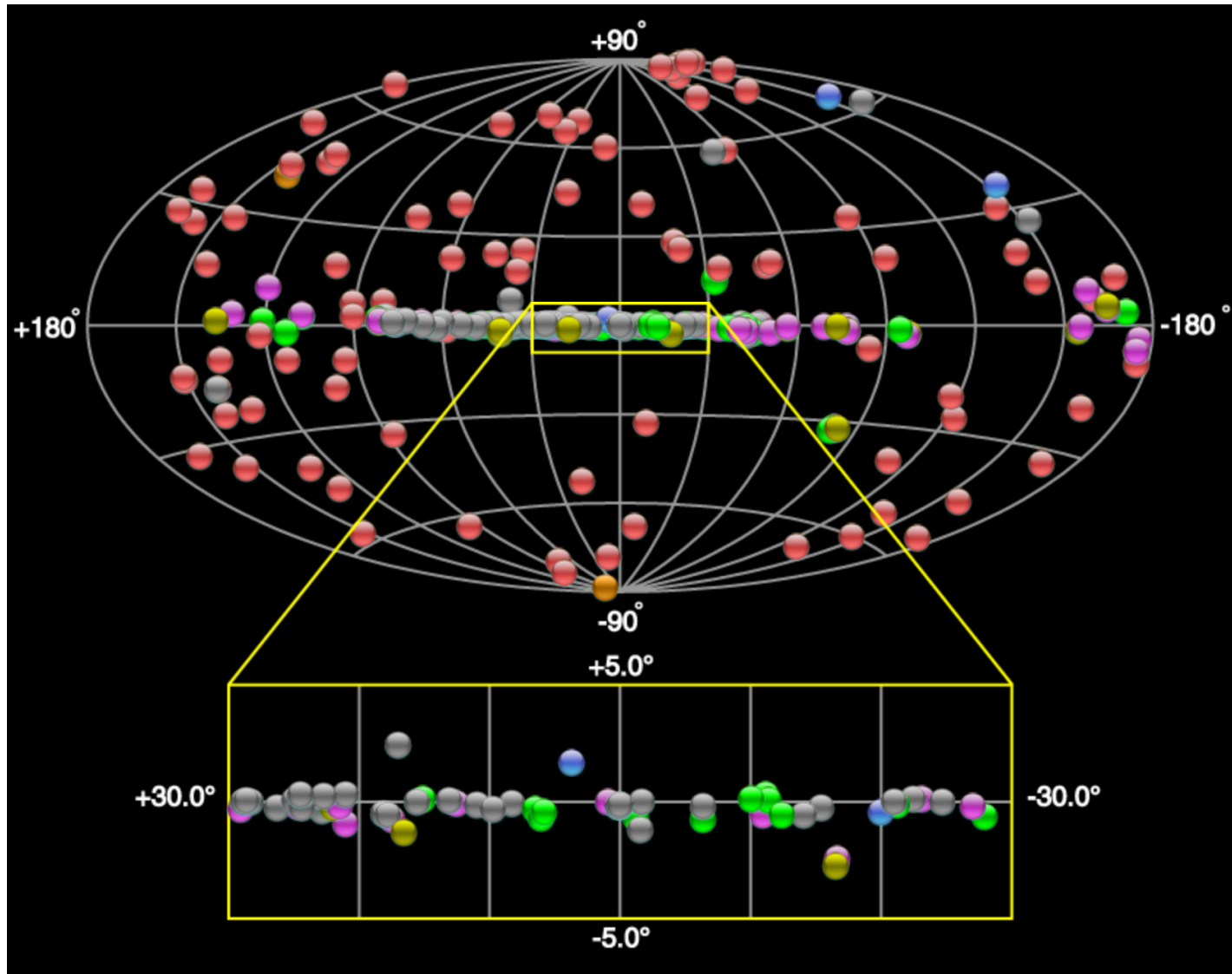




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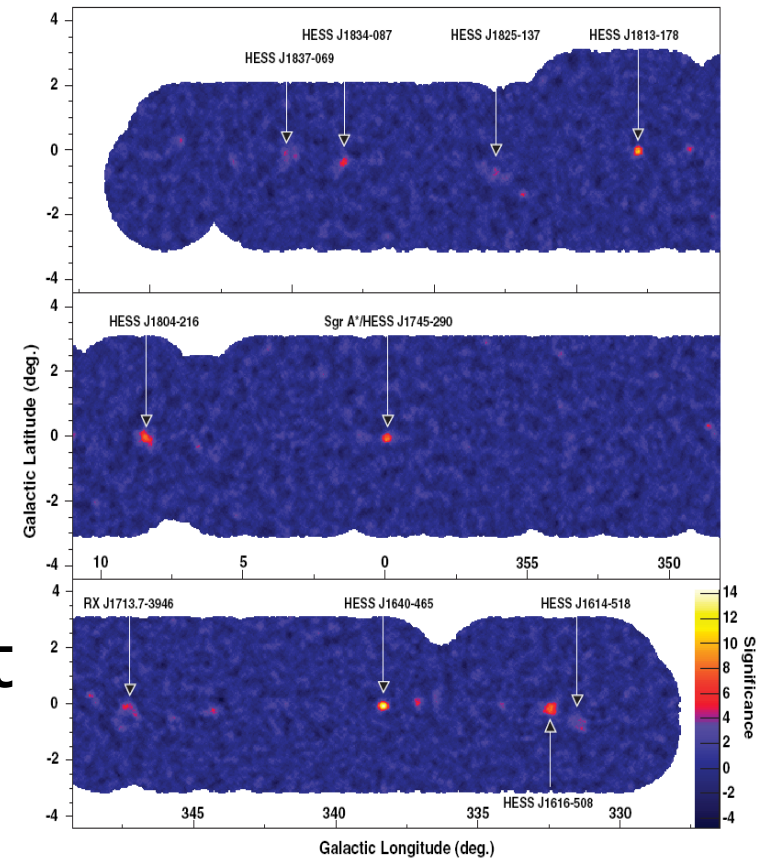


# The TeV Catalog 2021

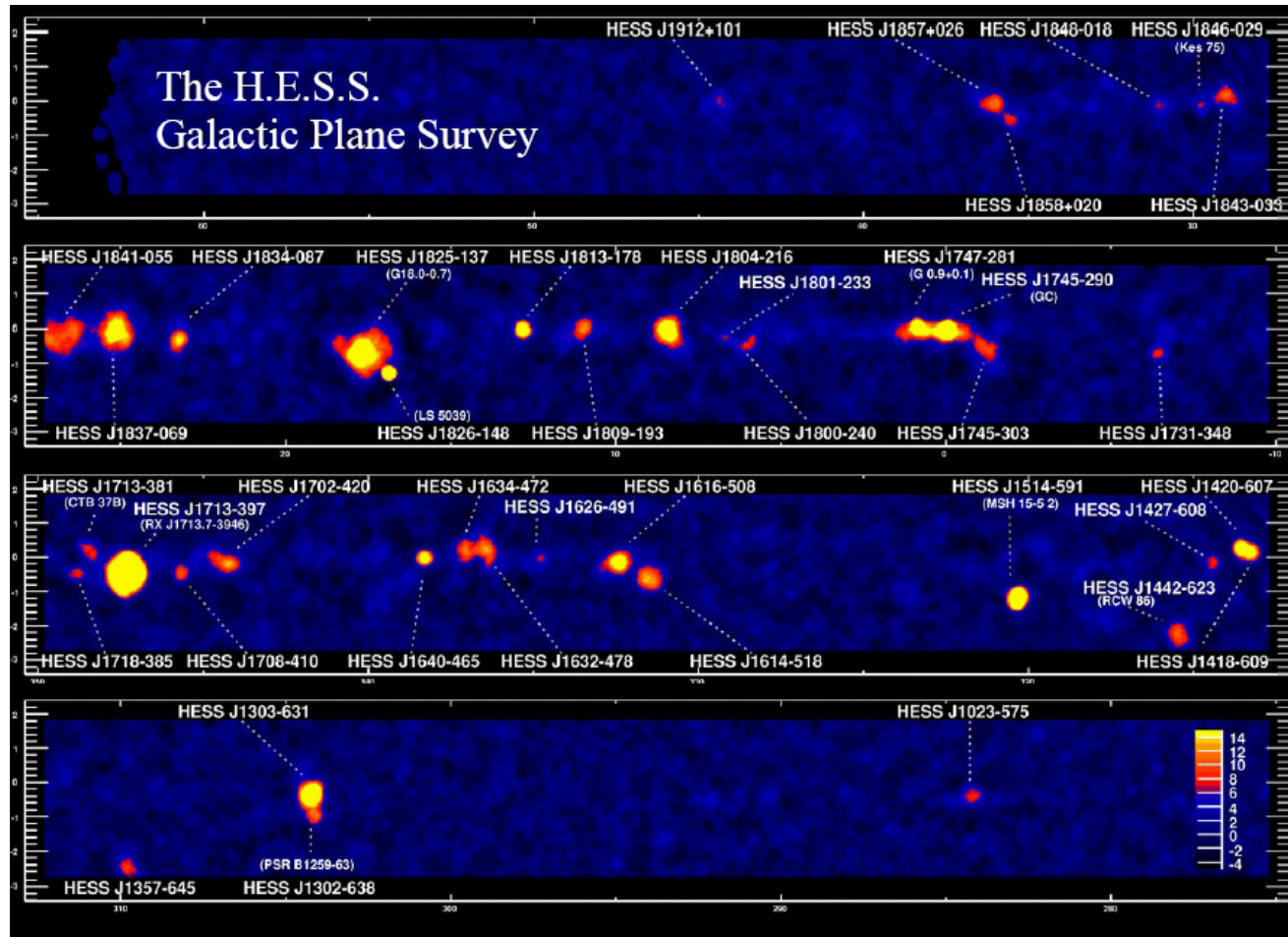


# TeV Sky Survey

- HESS Galactic plane survey sees many new TeV sources (Aharonian et al. 2005)
  - This might possibly inform a detailed model of the distribution of CR sources, although the distribution is so confined to the plane that the sources (probably plerions and SNR) are at least several kpc distant

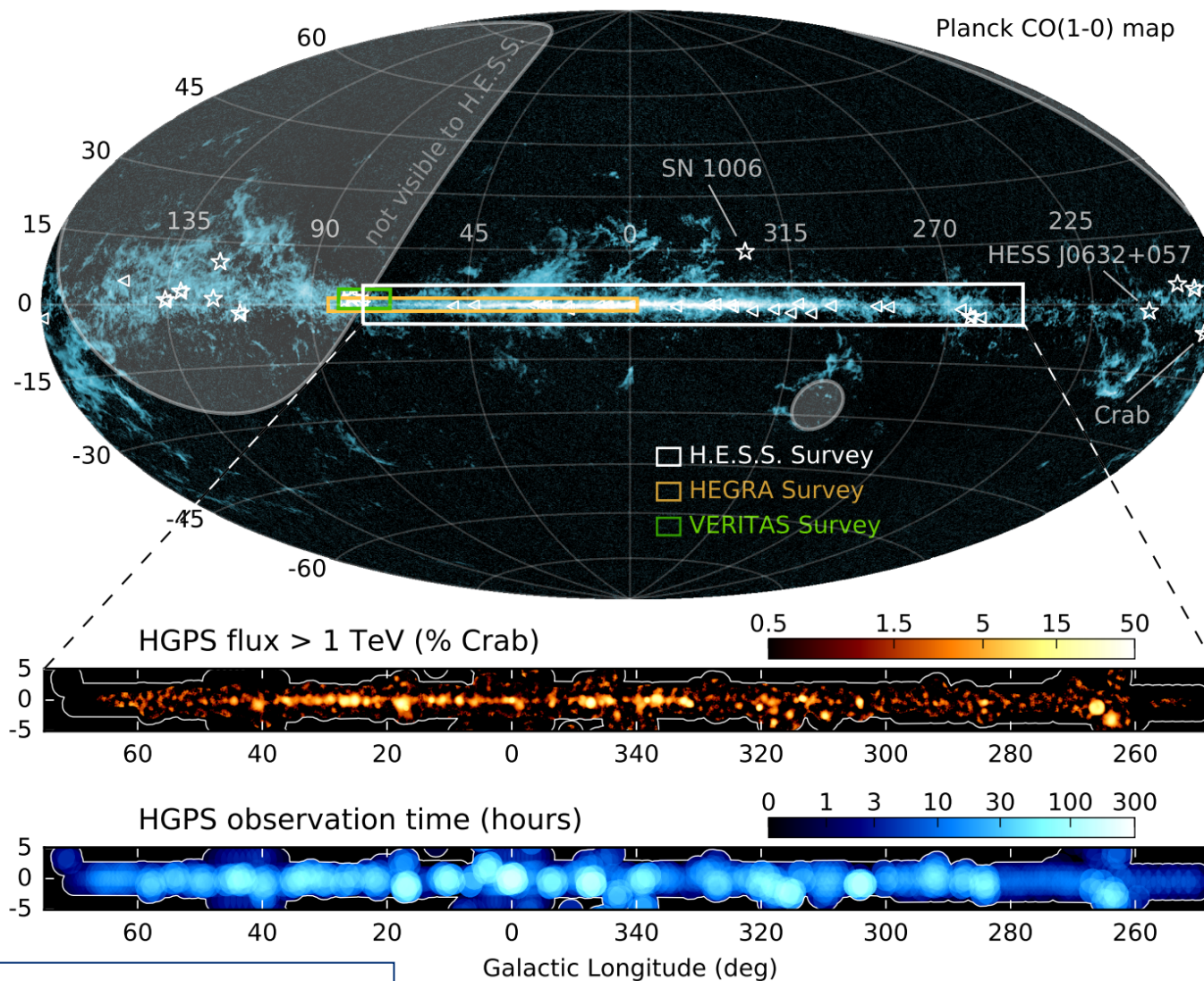


# The Galactic Plane survey



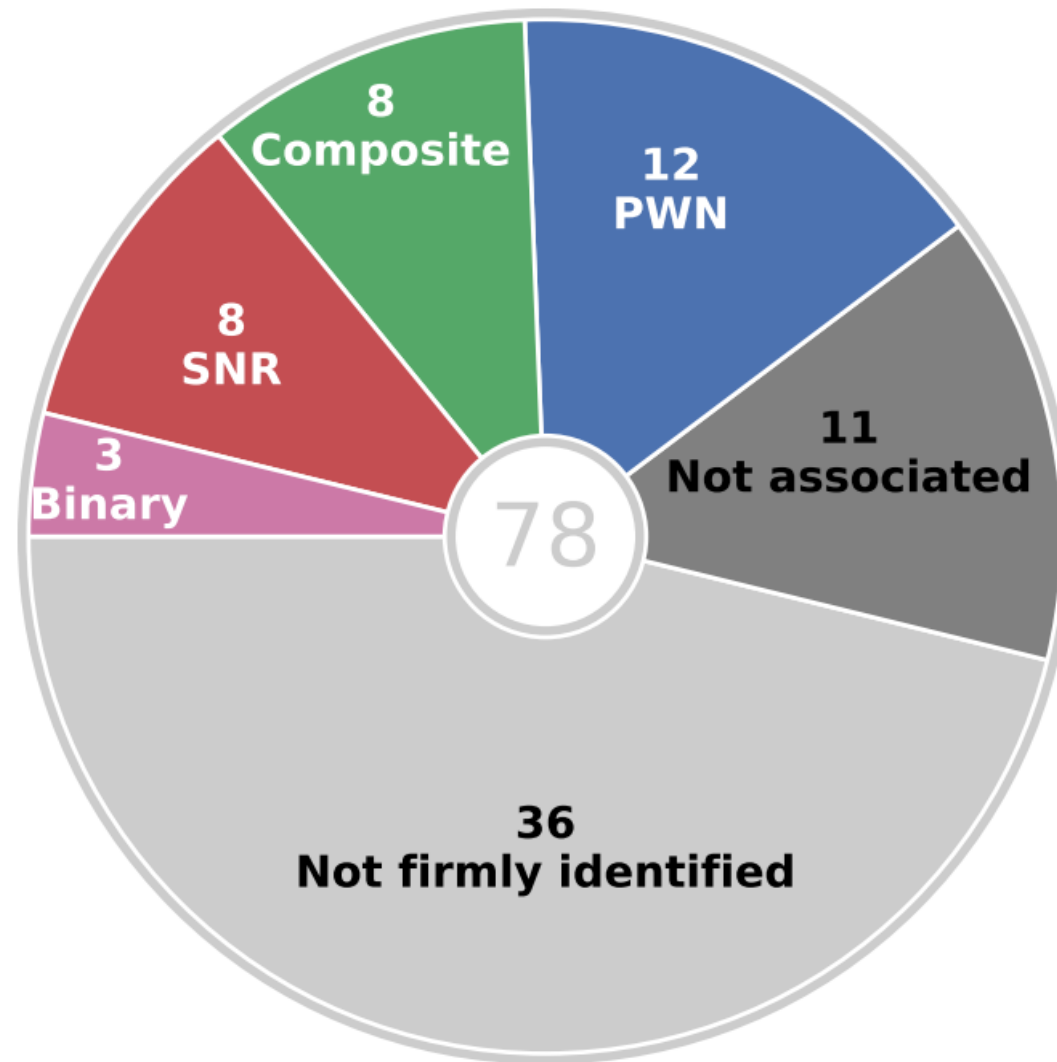
Aharonian et al. 2006

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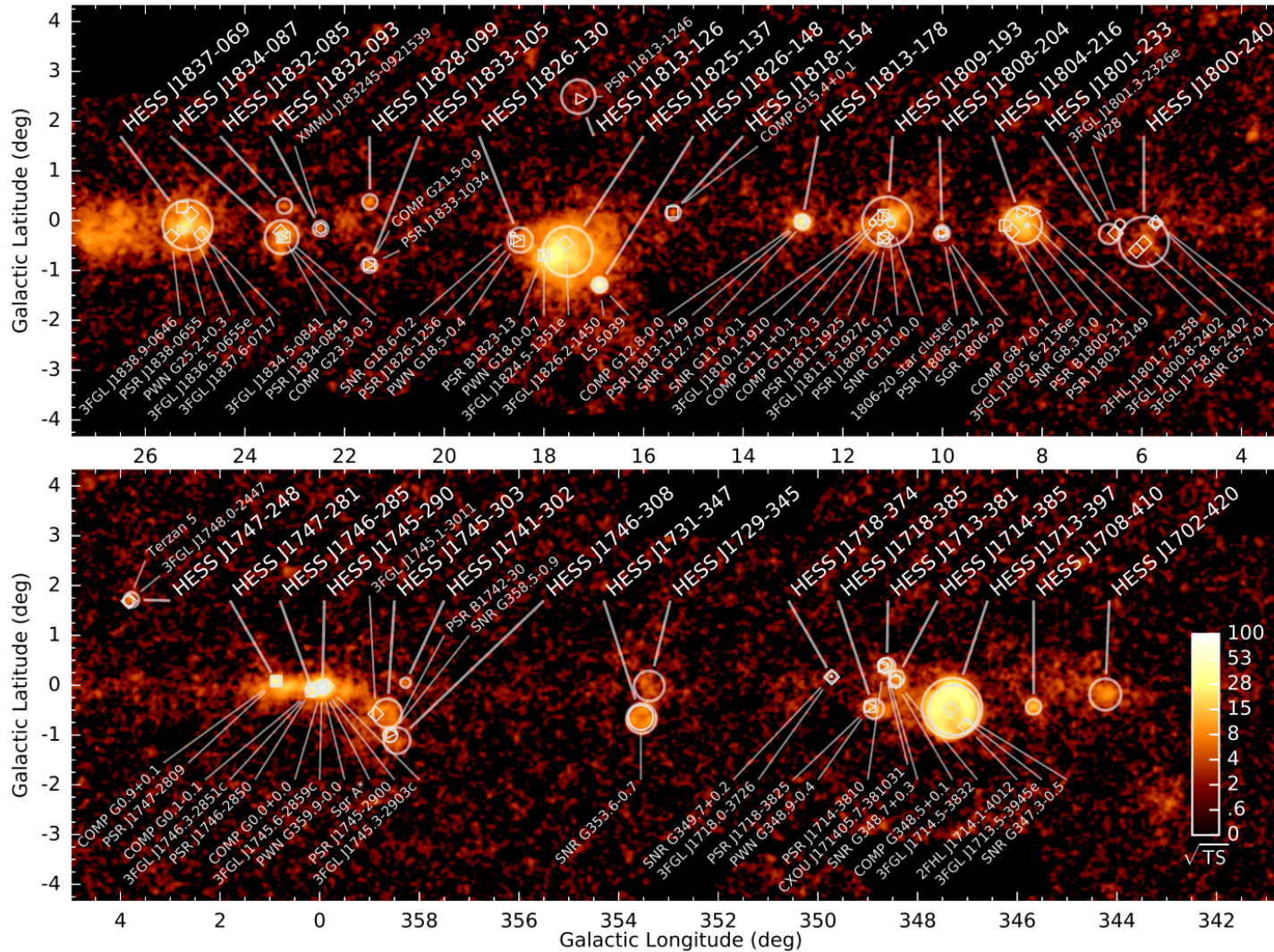
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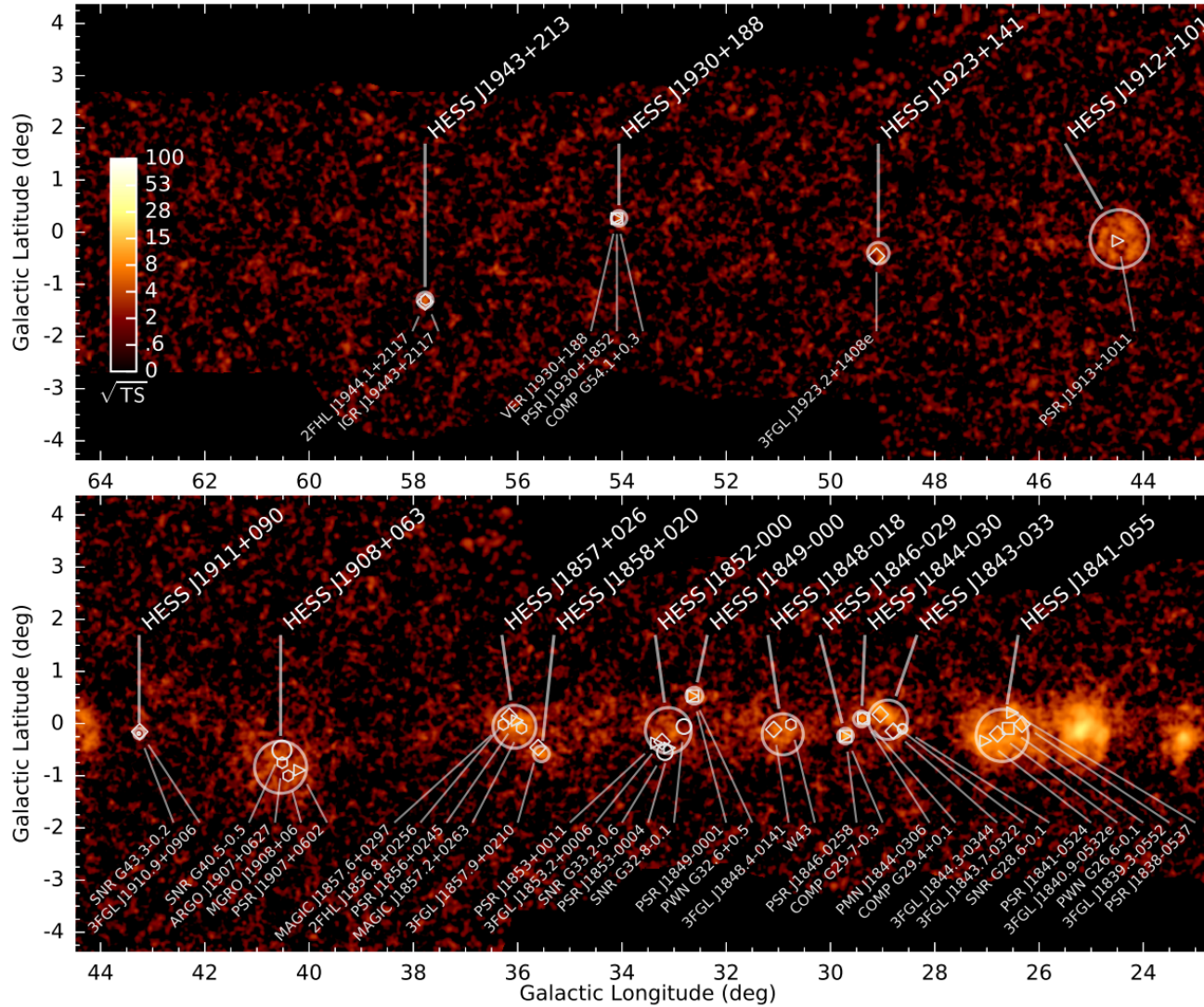
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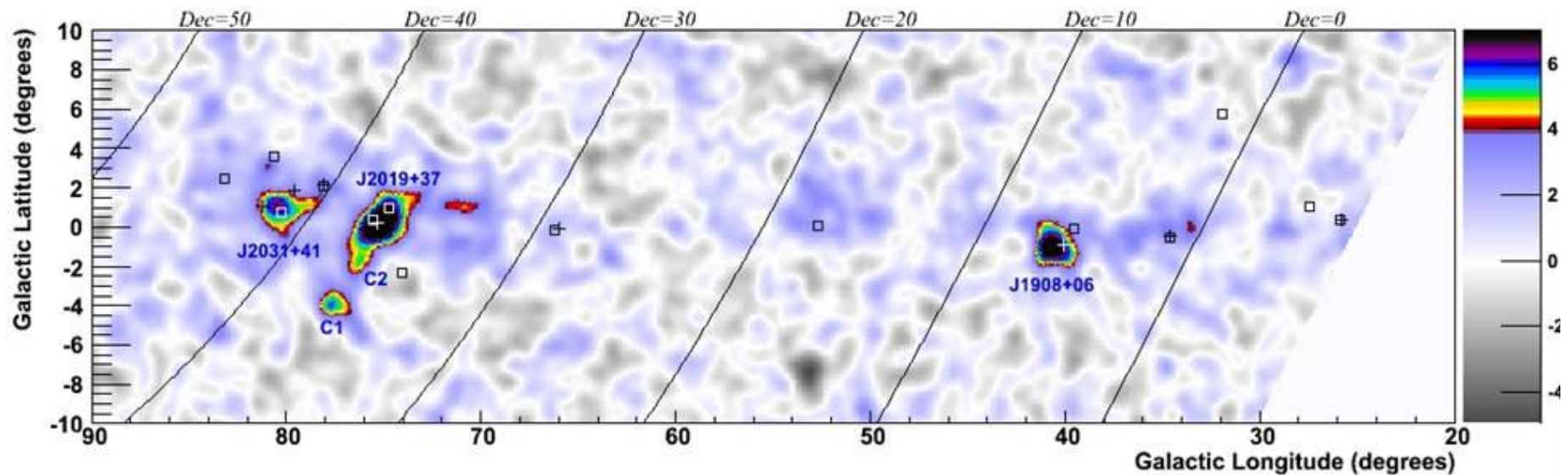


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# MILAGRO Sky Survey

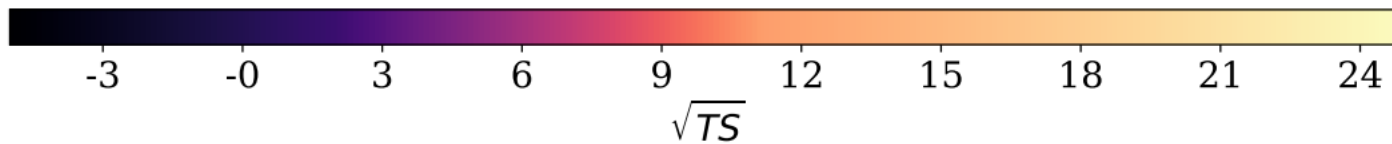
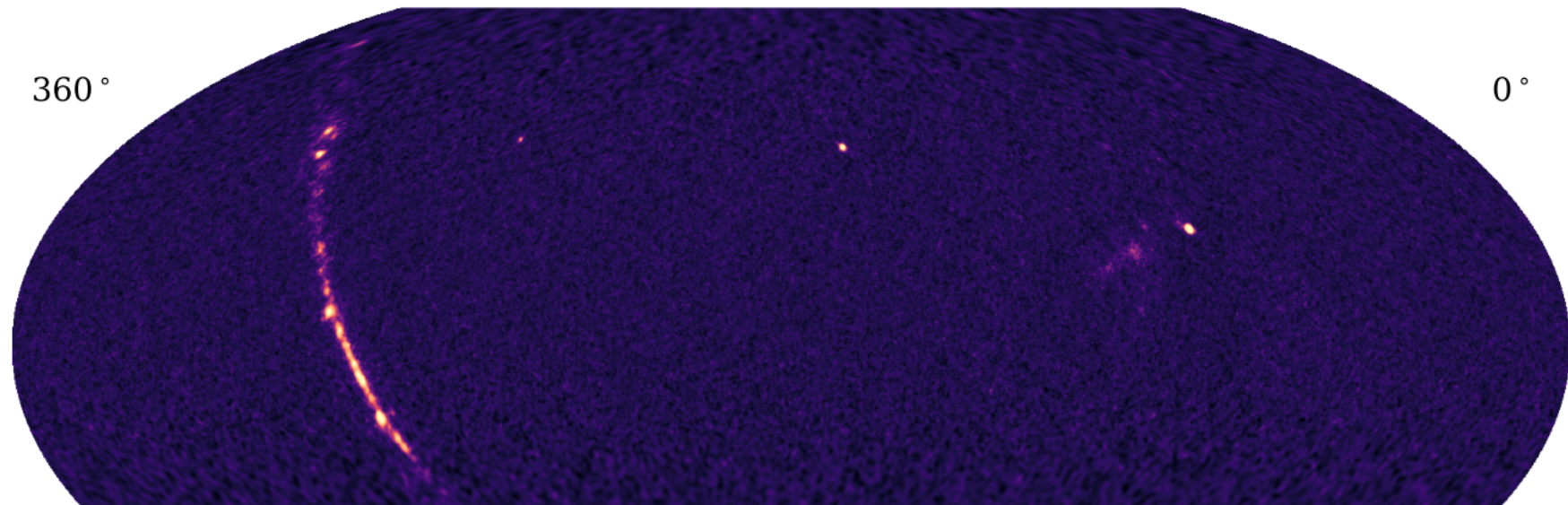
- Milagro reports detecting the diffuse emission of the Milky Way at  $>1$  TeV energies (Abdo et al 2008)



Abdo et al. 2008

# HAWC Sky Survey

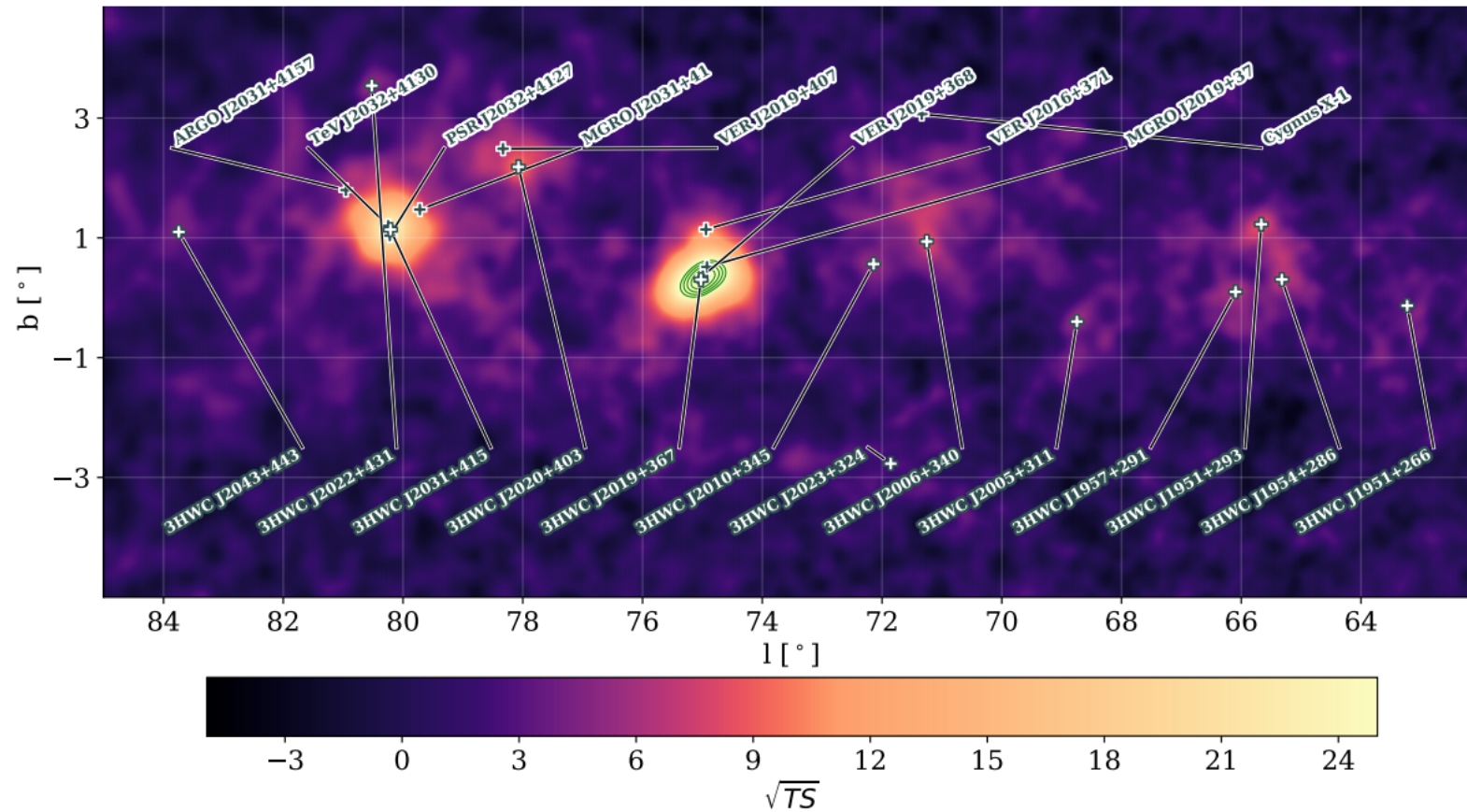
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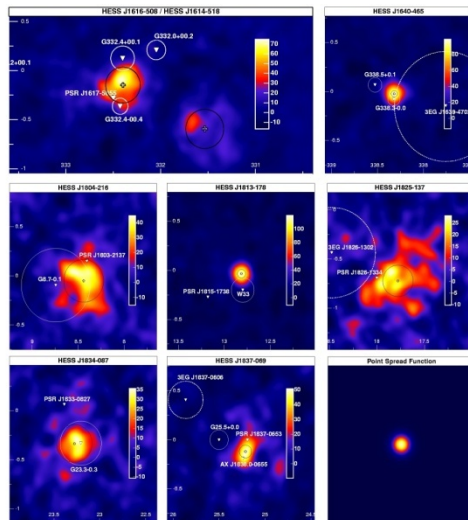
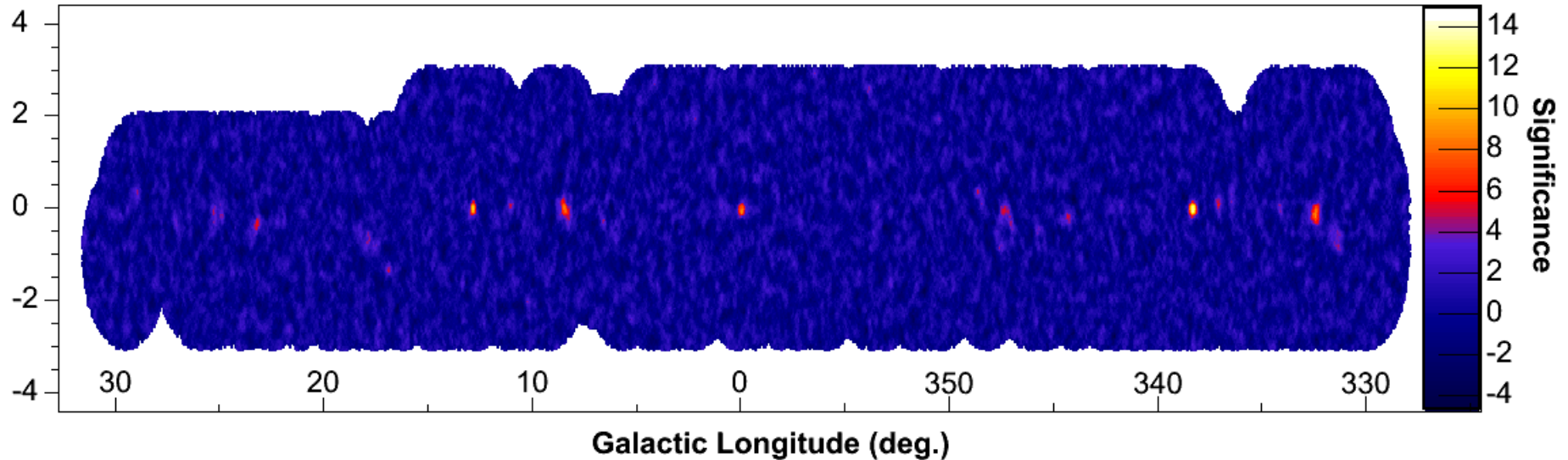
Albert et al. 2021

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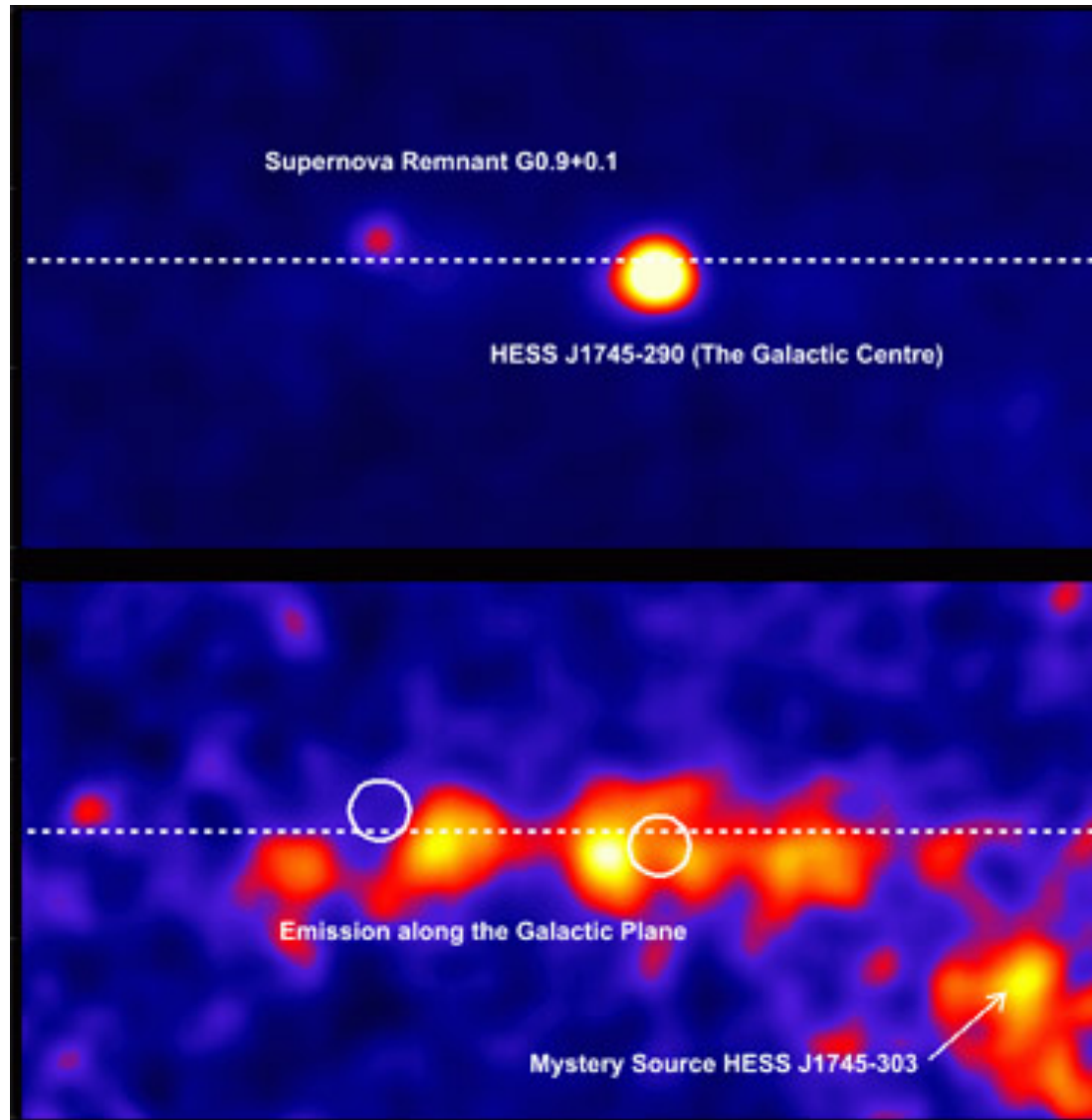


# HESS "new" sources

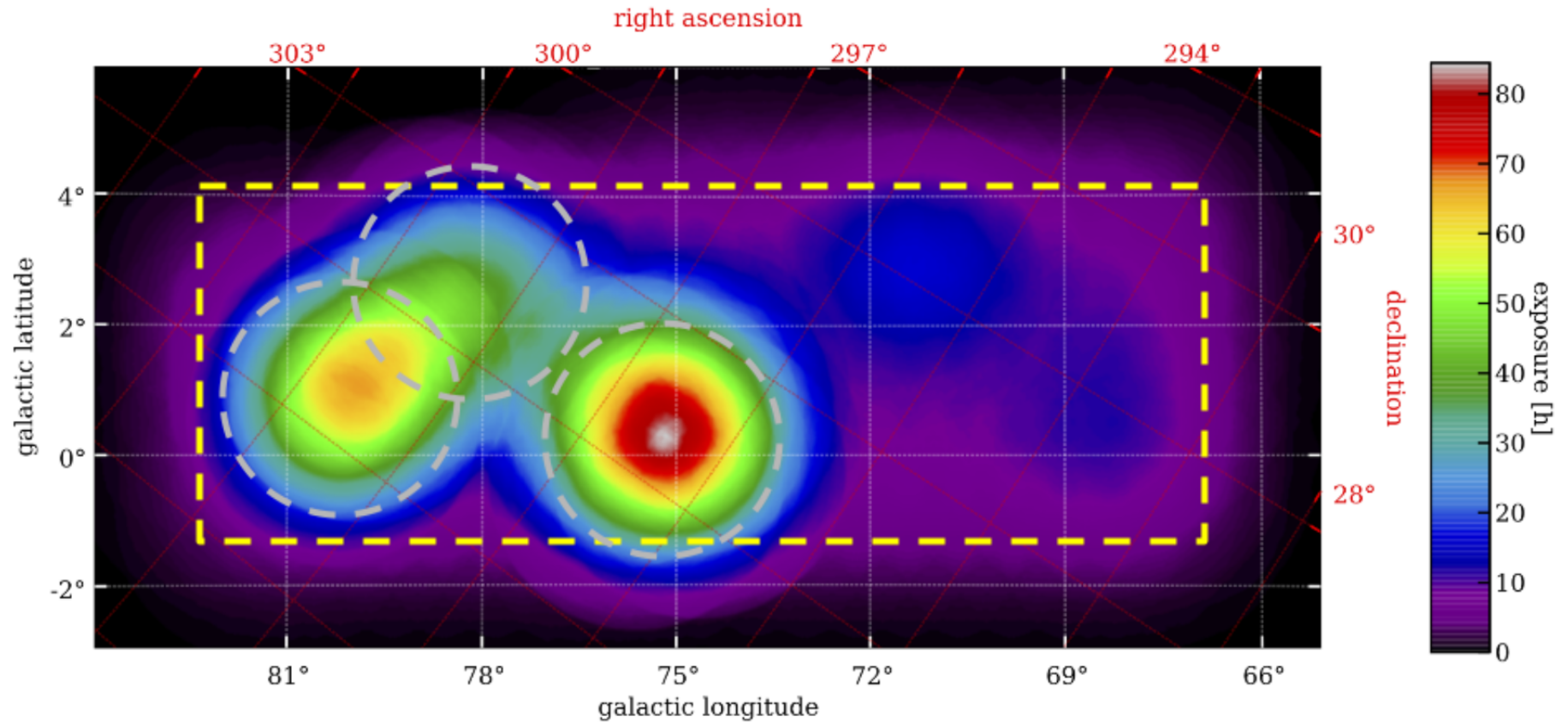


Close-up view of the new sources, discovered in the Galactic plane scan. Shown as white circles are close-by supernova remnants, that are known to be sources of very high energy gamma-rays (with the radius of the circle representing the size of the supernova remnant). Also shown in white are close-by pulsars, another class of sources of very high energy gamma-rays.

# HESS Diffuse Gamma-Ray

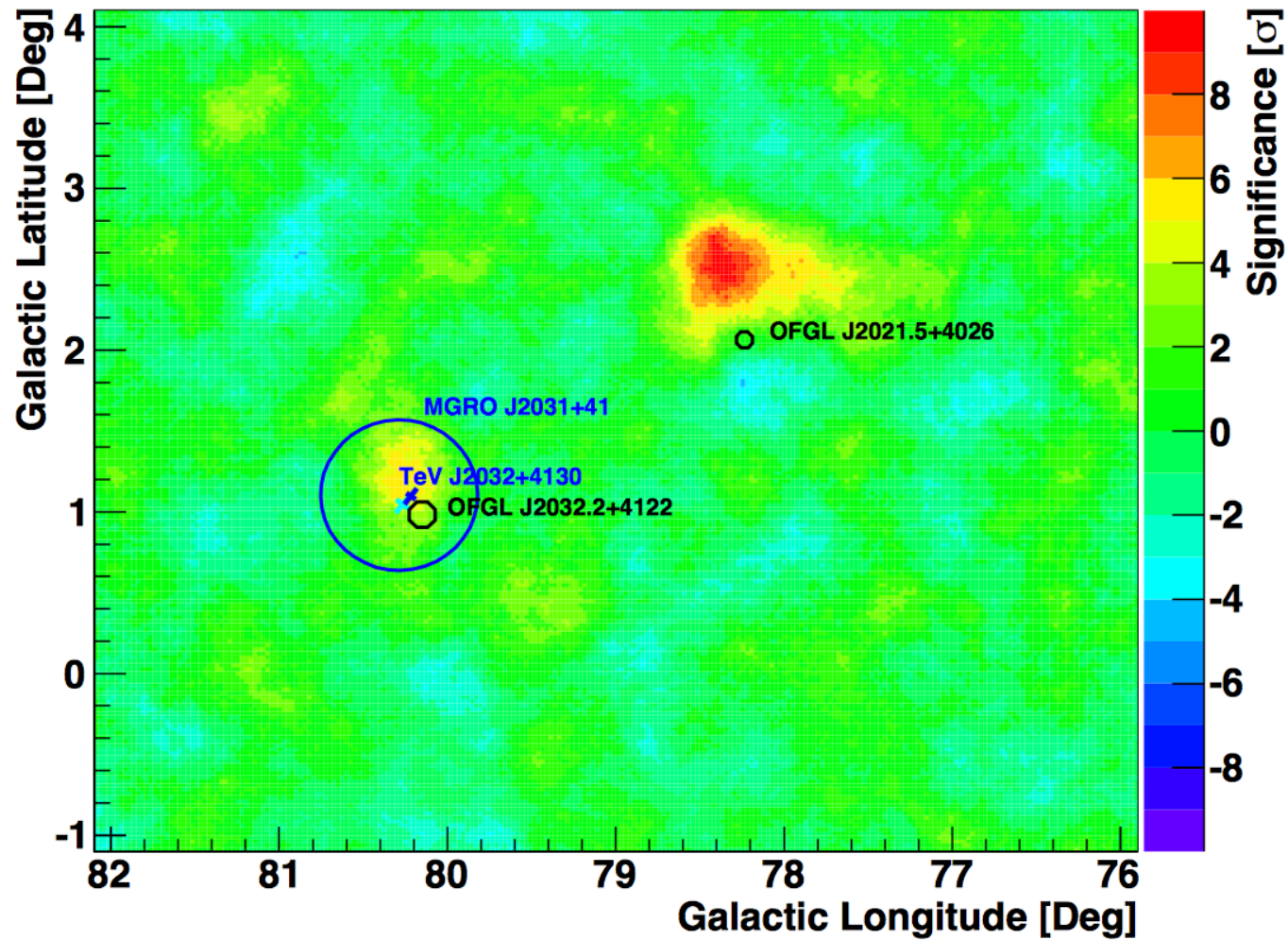


# VERITAS Cygnus Survey



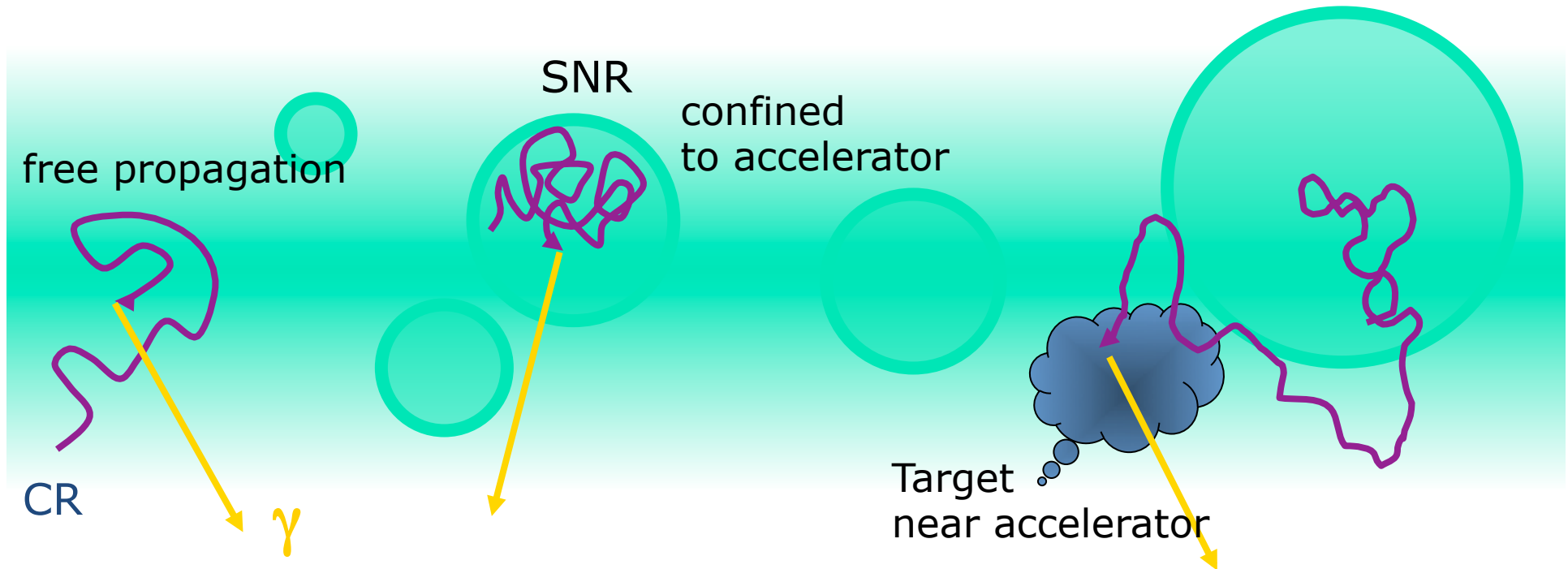
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1508.06684>

# VERITAS Cygnus Survey



<http://arxiv.org/abs/0912.4492>

# CR origin and propagation



VHE gamma rays from secondary interactions:

p:  $\pi^0$  production and decay

e: Inverse Compton scattering and Bremsstrahlung

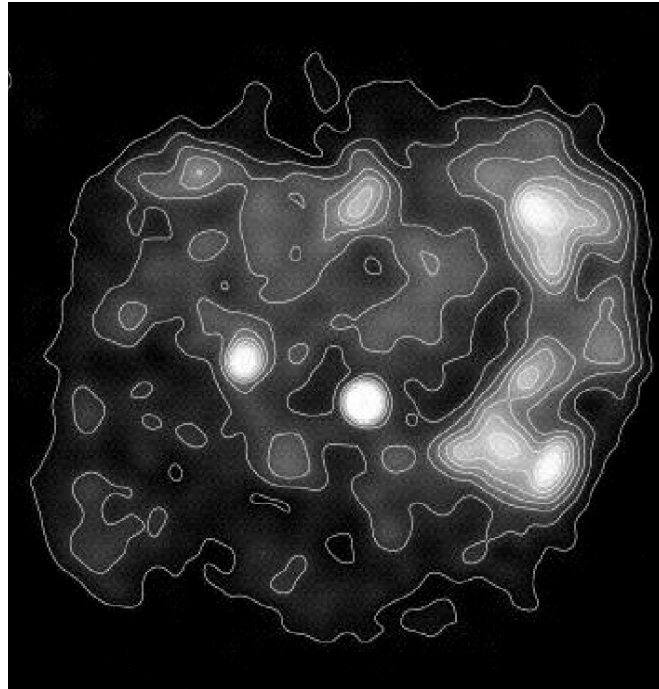
Trace beam density x target density



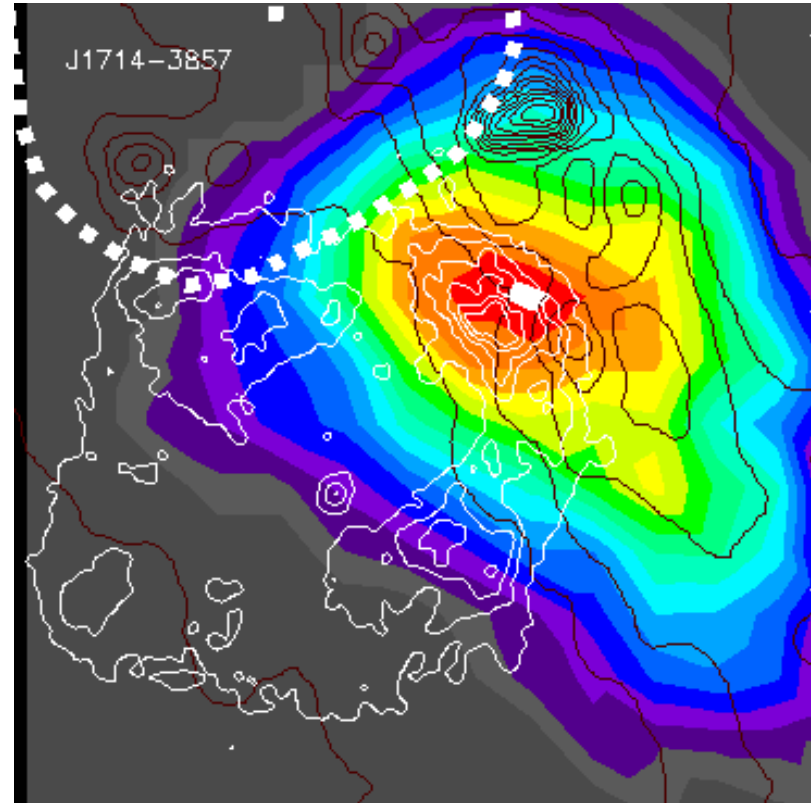
# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## VHE Galactic Sources

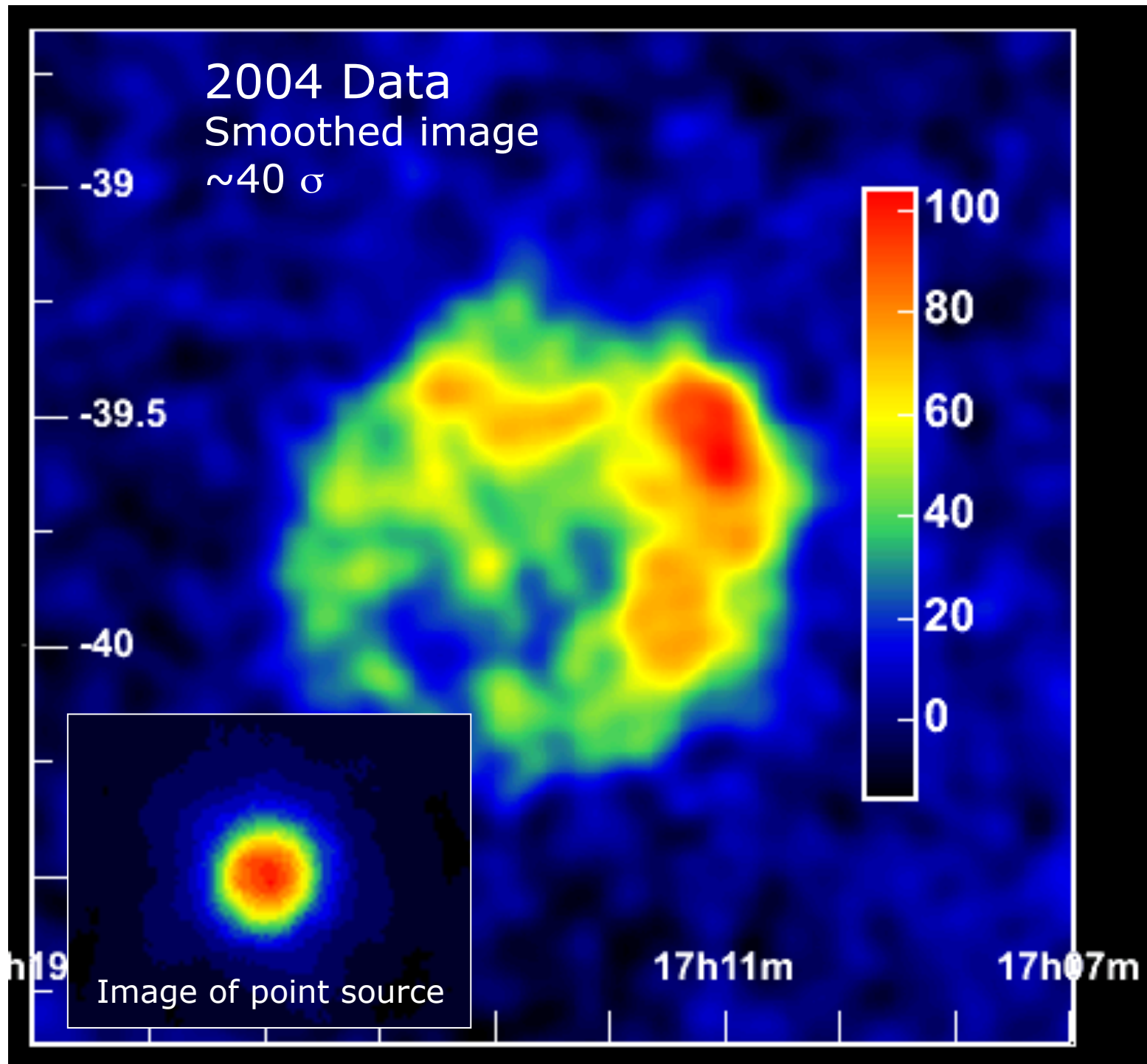
# The supernova remnant G347.3-0.5 (RX J1713.7-3946)



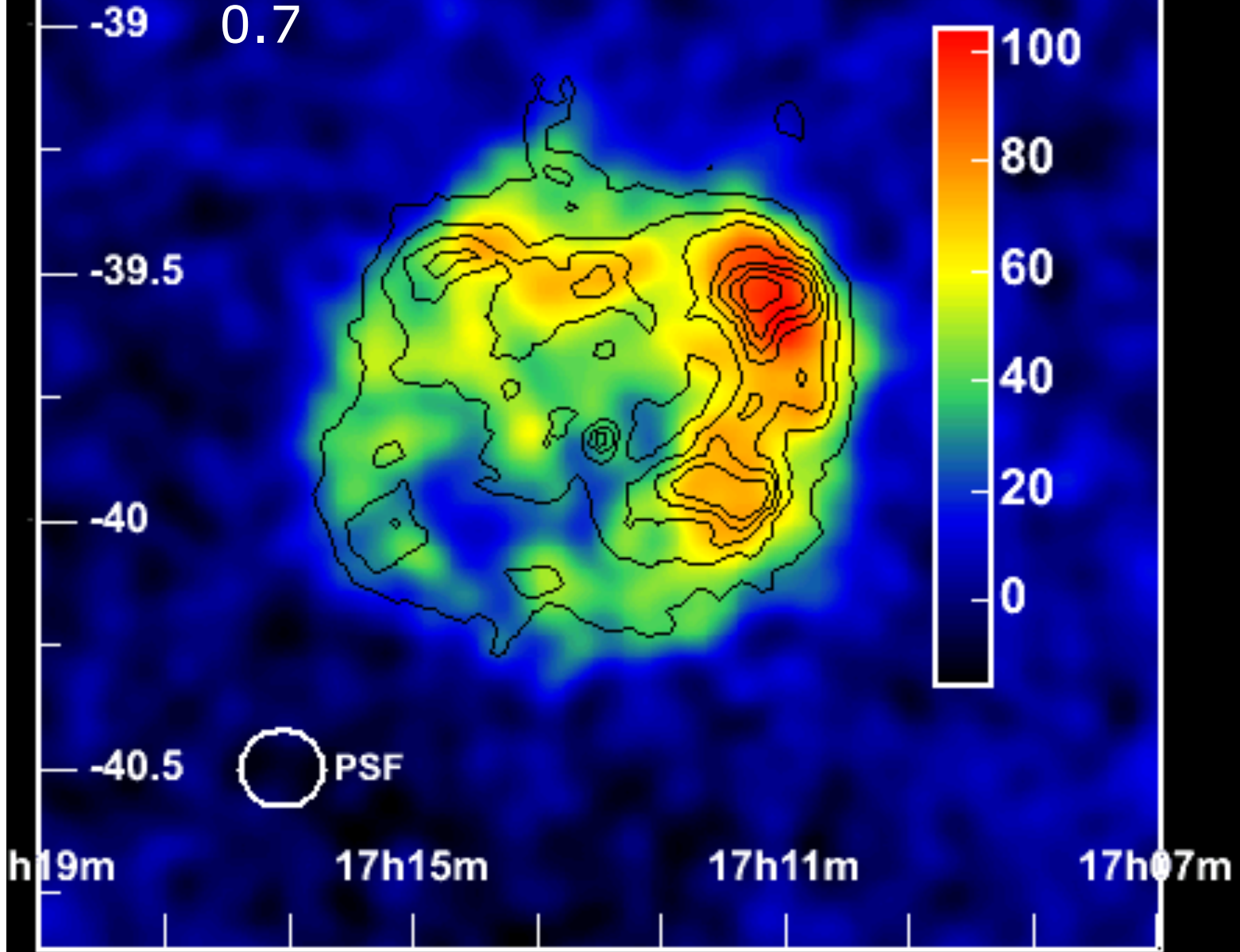
ROSAT  
(keV)



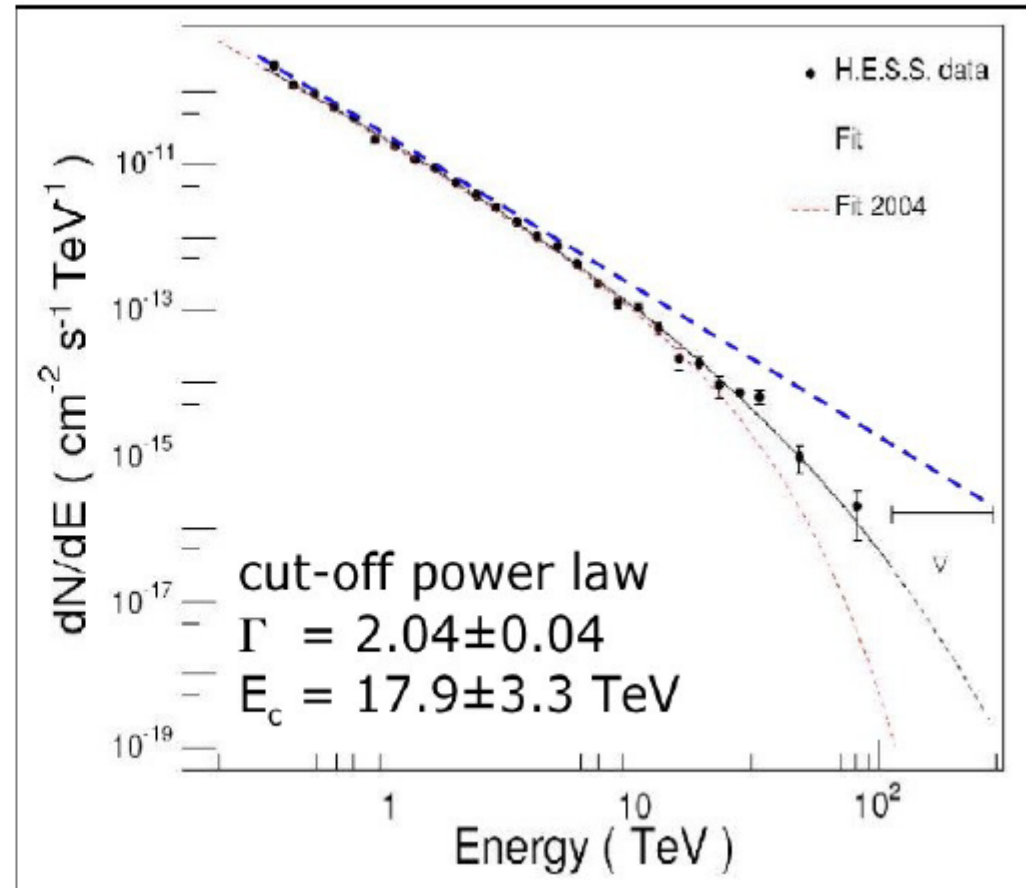
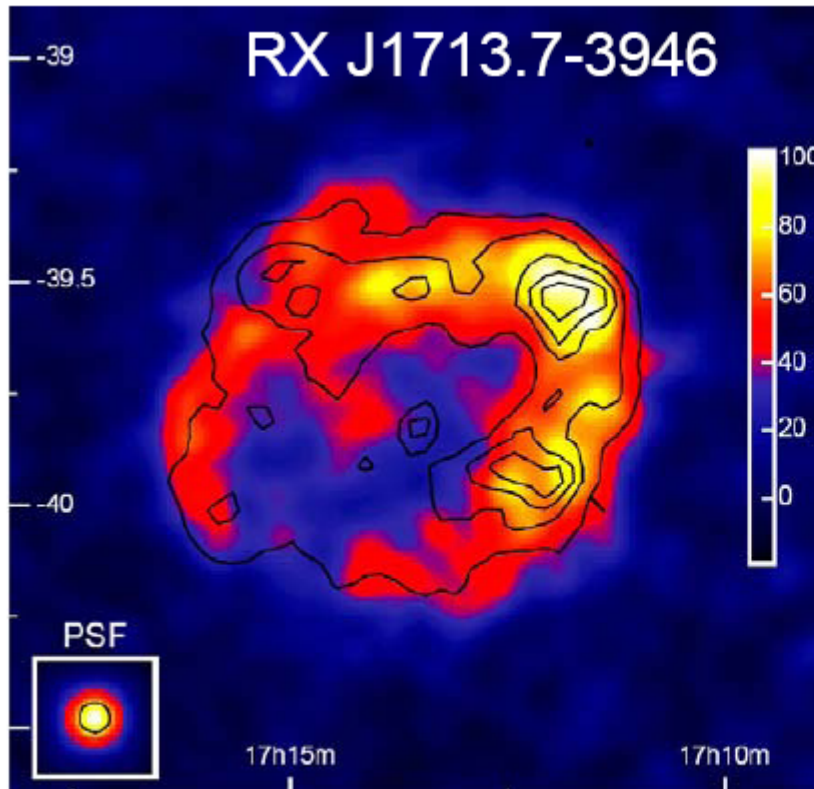
CANGAROO  
(TeV)



X-ray – gamma ray  
correlation coefficient:  
0.7



# HESS – SNR in VHE gamma



Aharonian et al. 2004

## Fermi LAT results on RX J1713.7-3946 (Abdo et al. 2011)

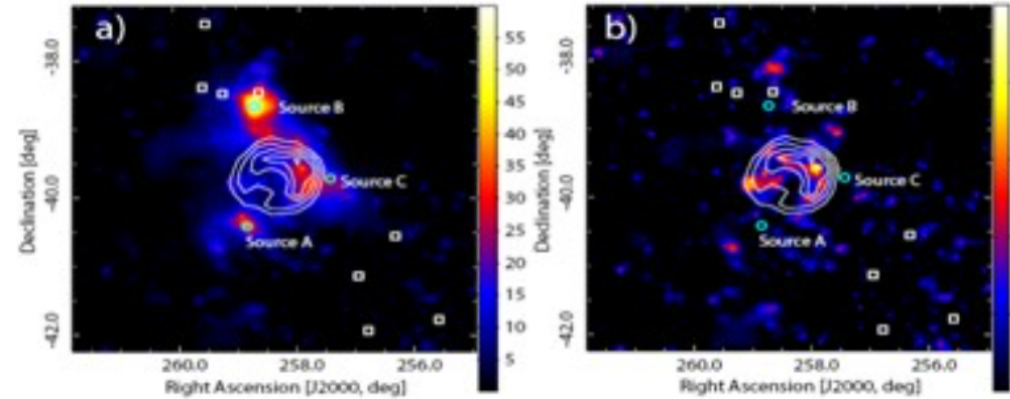
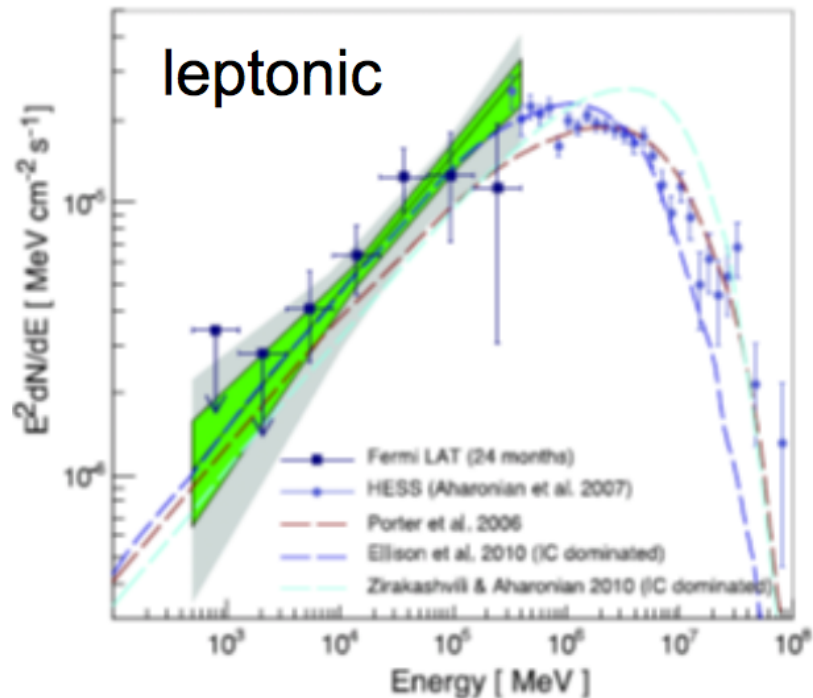
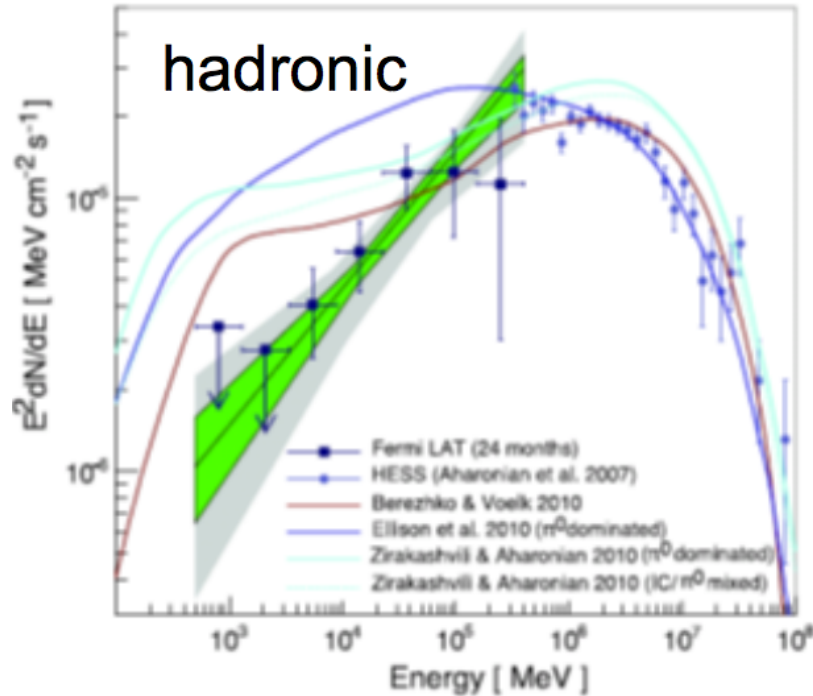
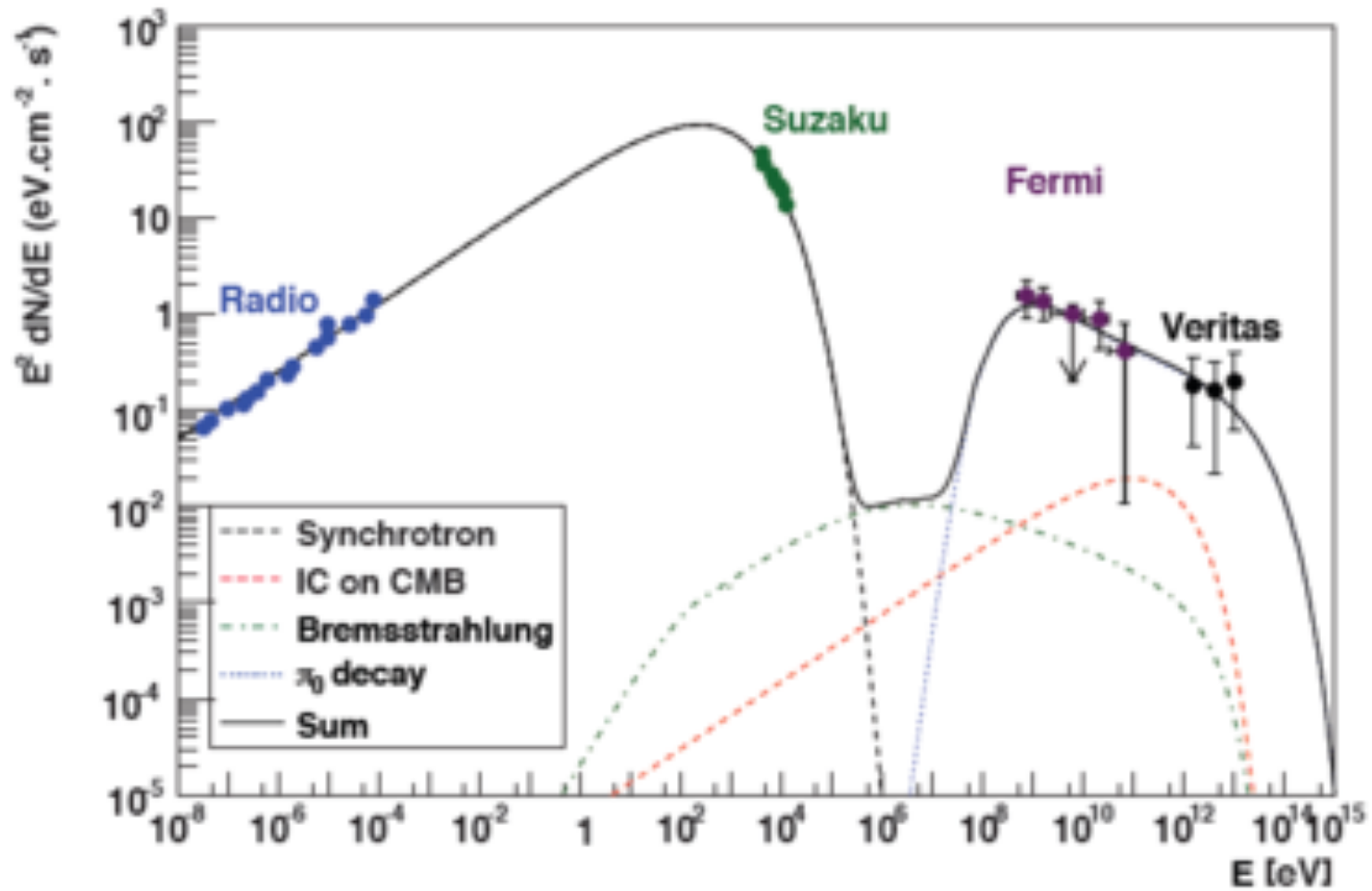


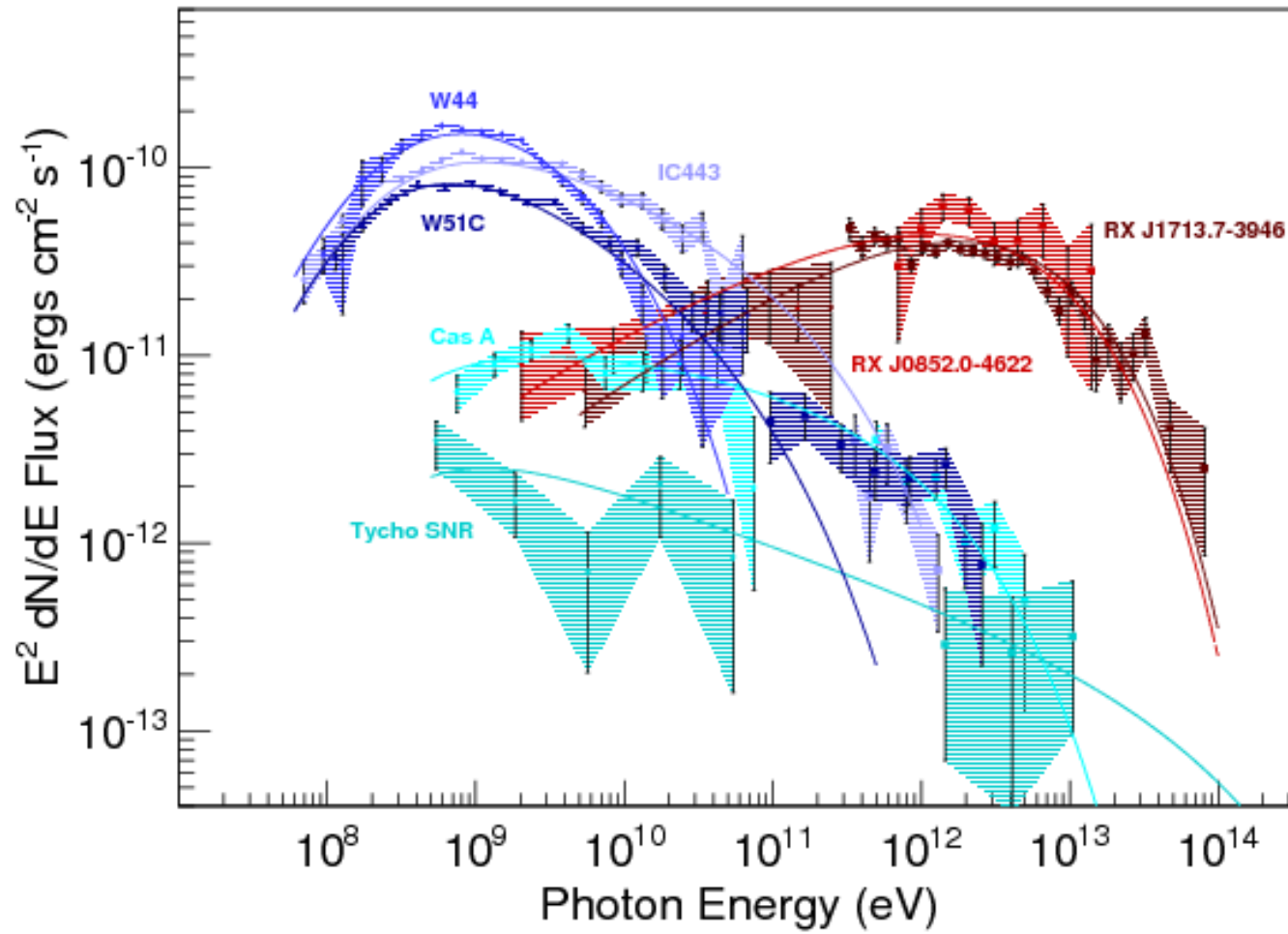
Fig. 1.— Panel (a): Map of the test statistic (TS) for a point source in the region around RX J1713.7–3946 obtained in a maximum likelihood fit accounting for the background diffuse emission and 1FGL catalog sources. Only events above 500 MeV have been used in this analysis. H.E.S.S. TeV emission contours are shown in white (Aharonian et al. 2007). Rectangles indicate the positions of 1FGL sources in our background model. Several TS peaks outside the SNR shell are visible. The 3 peaks marked by circles are added as additional sources to our background model (see text). Panel (b): Same map as panel (a), but with the 3 additional sources now considered in the background model.

Although the leptonic model is preferable, the hadronic model is not excluded because of the possible energy dependent CR penetration in to the clouds. The main problem of the hadronic model is the absence of thermal X-rays.

... but Tycho ..



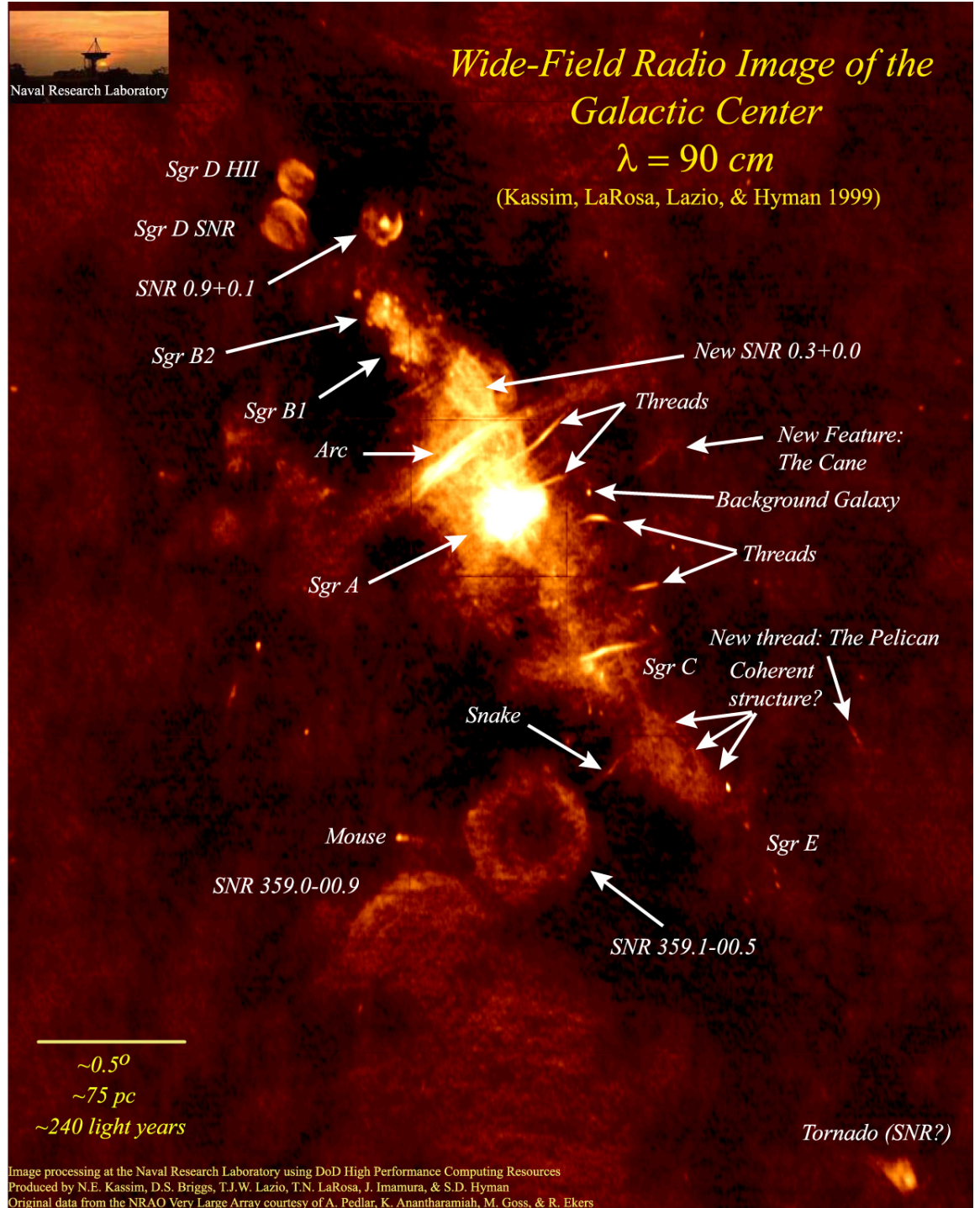
# SNR age



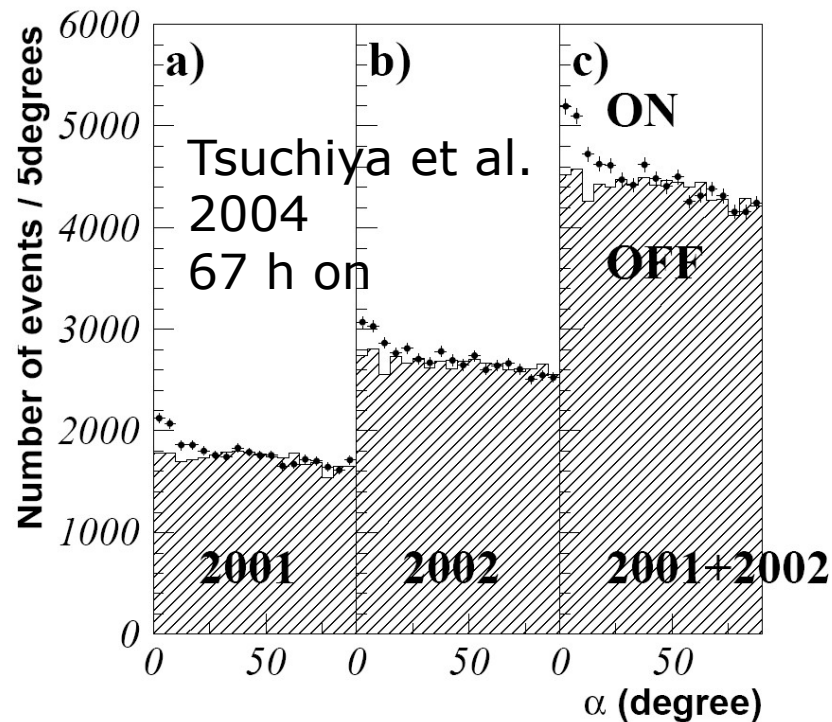
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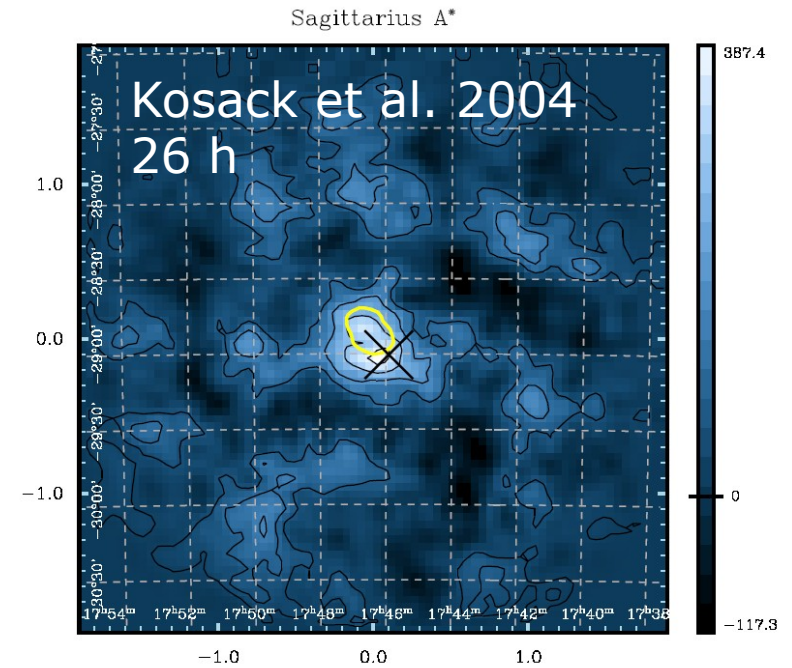
# The Galactic center



# TeV gamma rays from GC



CANGAROO  
2001/2002  
> 10  $\sigma$

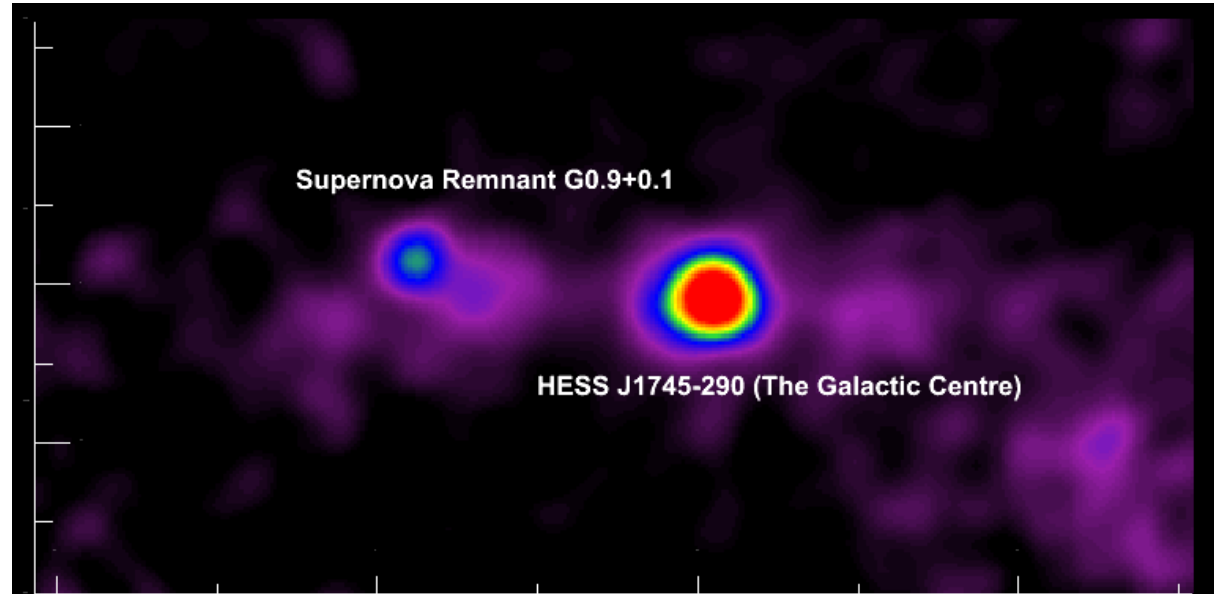


Whipple  
1995 – 2003  
3.7  $\sigma$

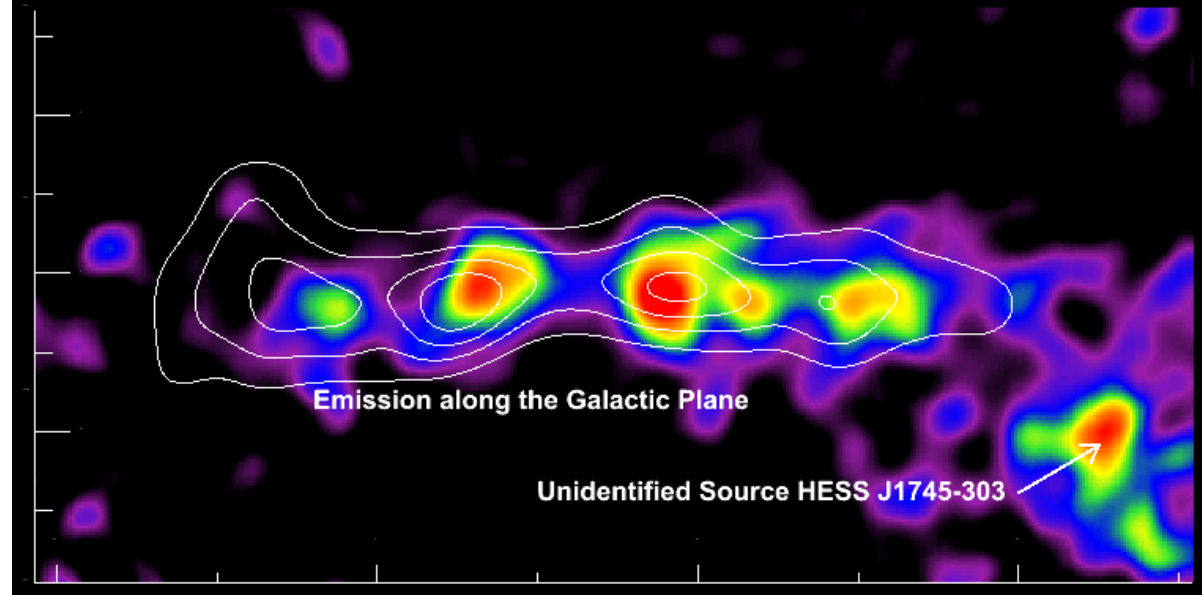
Point source (on 0.3° resolution scale)

# Galactic Center

Sgr A

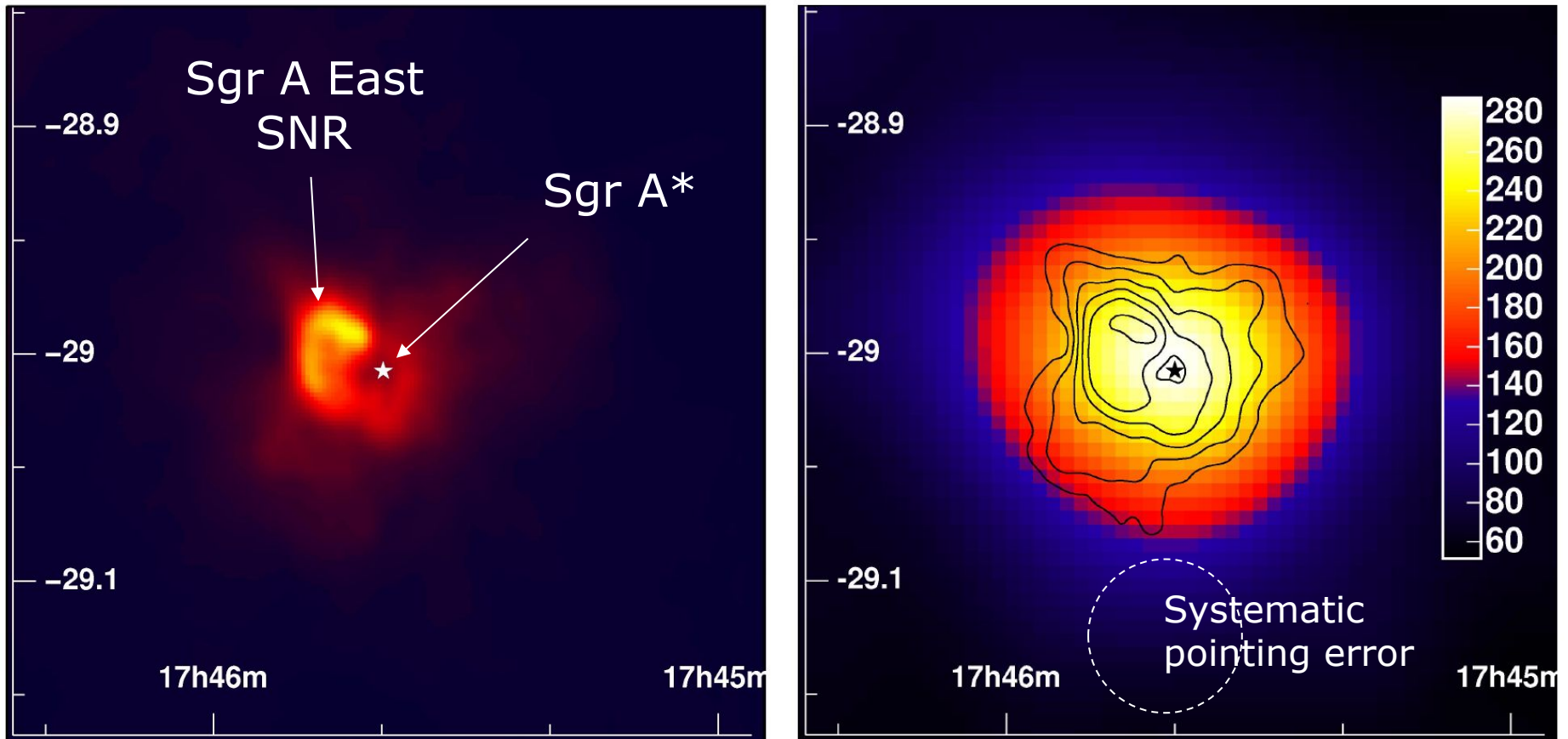


Diffuse  
emission



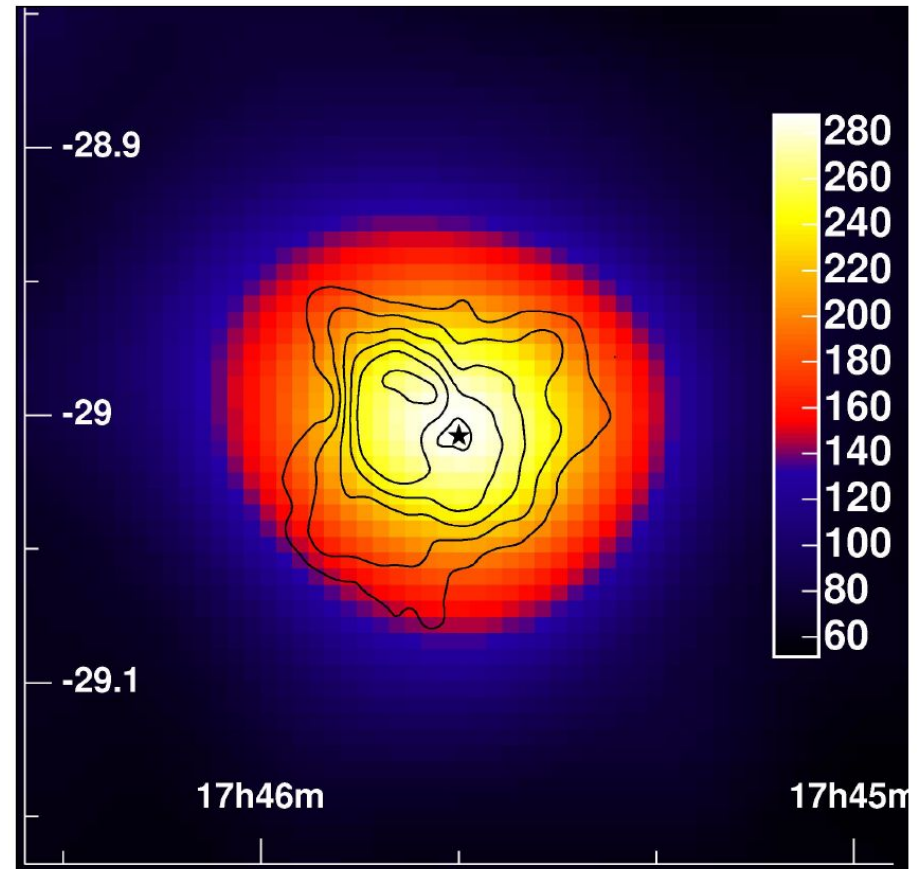
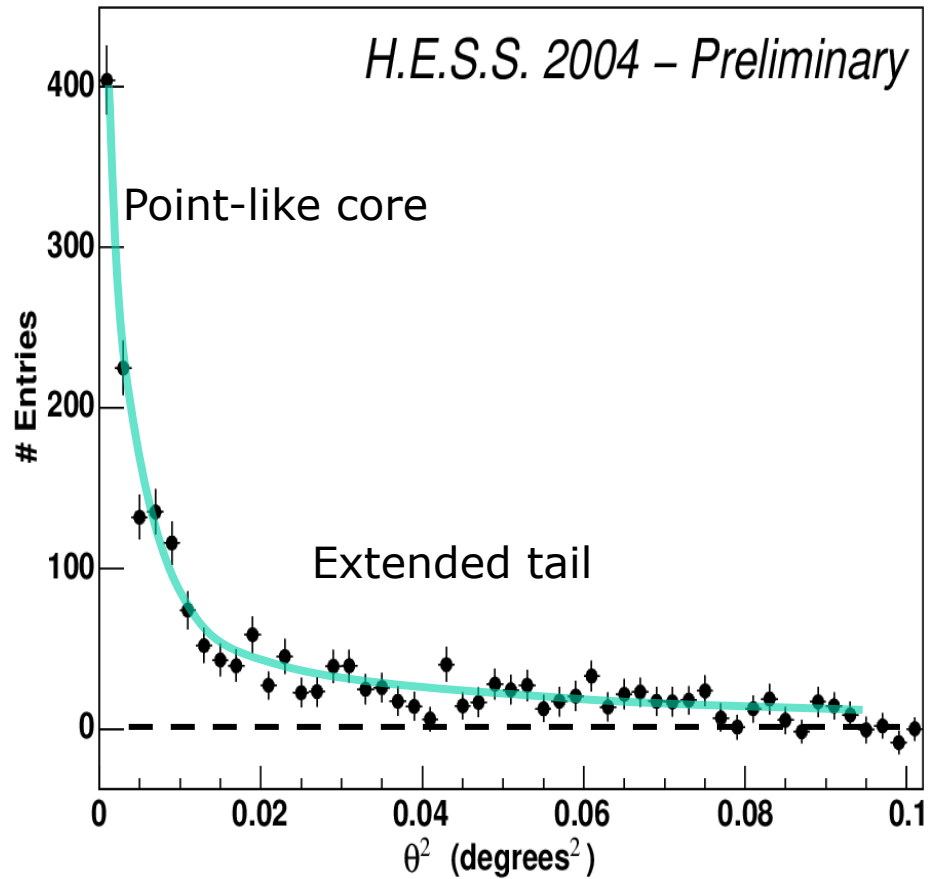
Nature, Feb. 9th 2006

# Sagittarius A



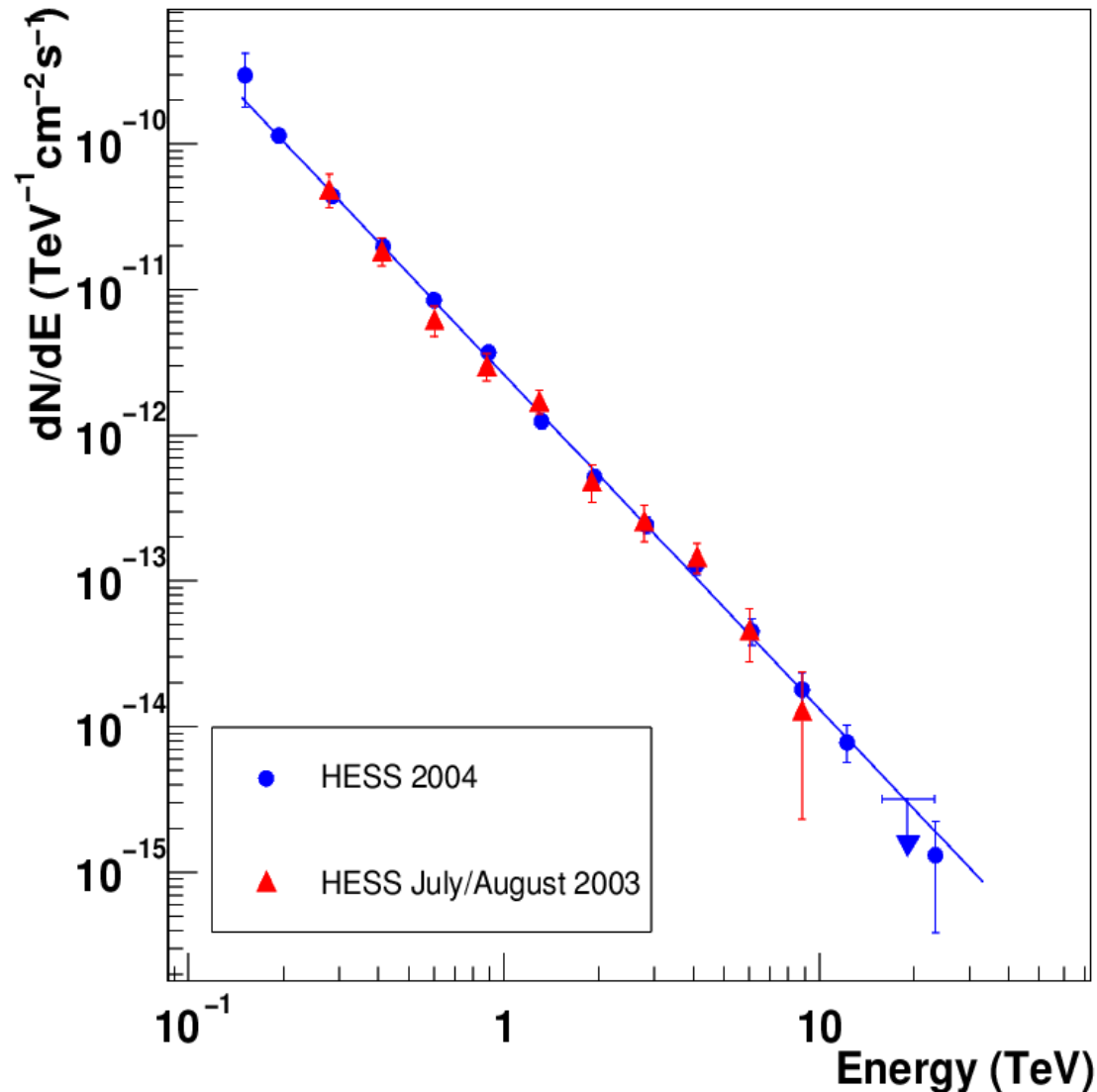
TeV H.E.S.S.

# Sagittarius A



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# Gamma ray spectrum

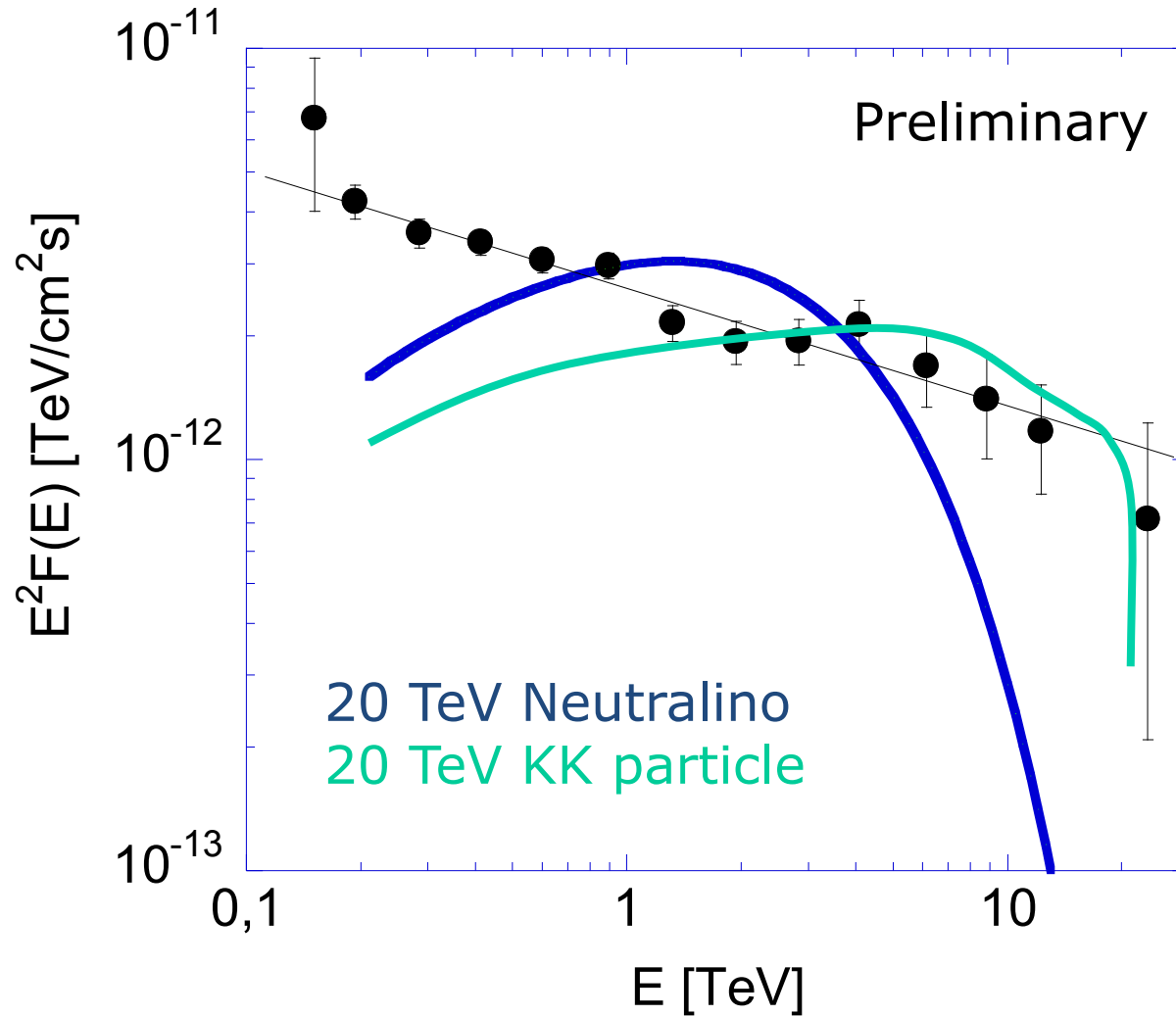


- Power law, index 2.3
- No significant variability
  - on year scale
  - on month scale
  - on day scale
  - on hour scale
  - on minute scale

# Origin ?

- Sgr A East SNR as proton accelerator ?
- Decaying UHE neutrons ?
- Shocks in Sgr A\* accretion flow or wind ?
- Curvature radiation of UHE protons near Sgr A\*
- **Dark matter annihilation ?**
  - “Normal” SUSY neutralinos
  - Kaluza-Klein particles
  - SUSY messenger sector
- ...

# Dark matter annihilation ?

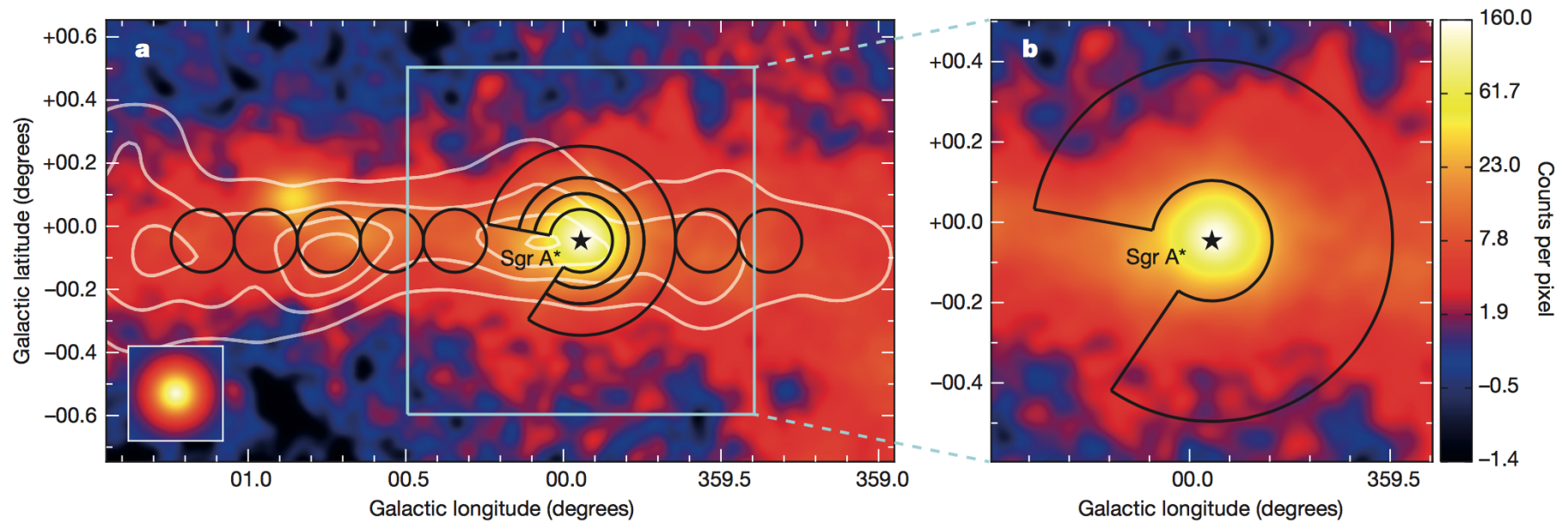


## For pure DM origin

- rather large mass
- large x-section or density
- unusual spectrum or superposition of spectra

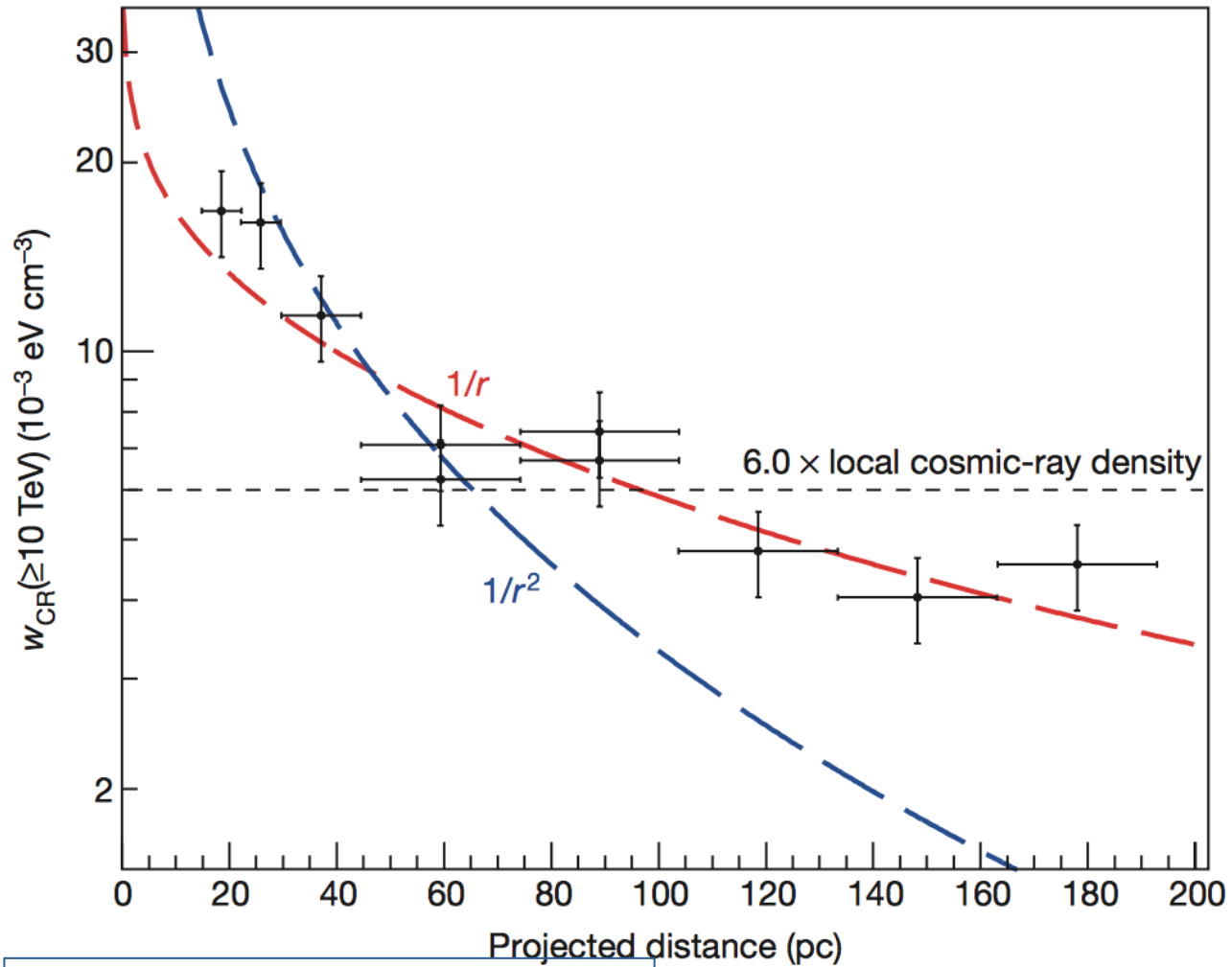


# The “Pevatron”



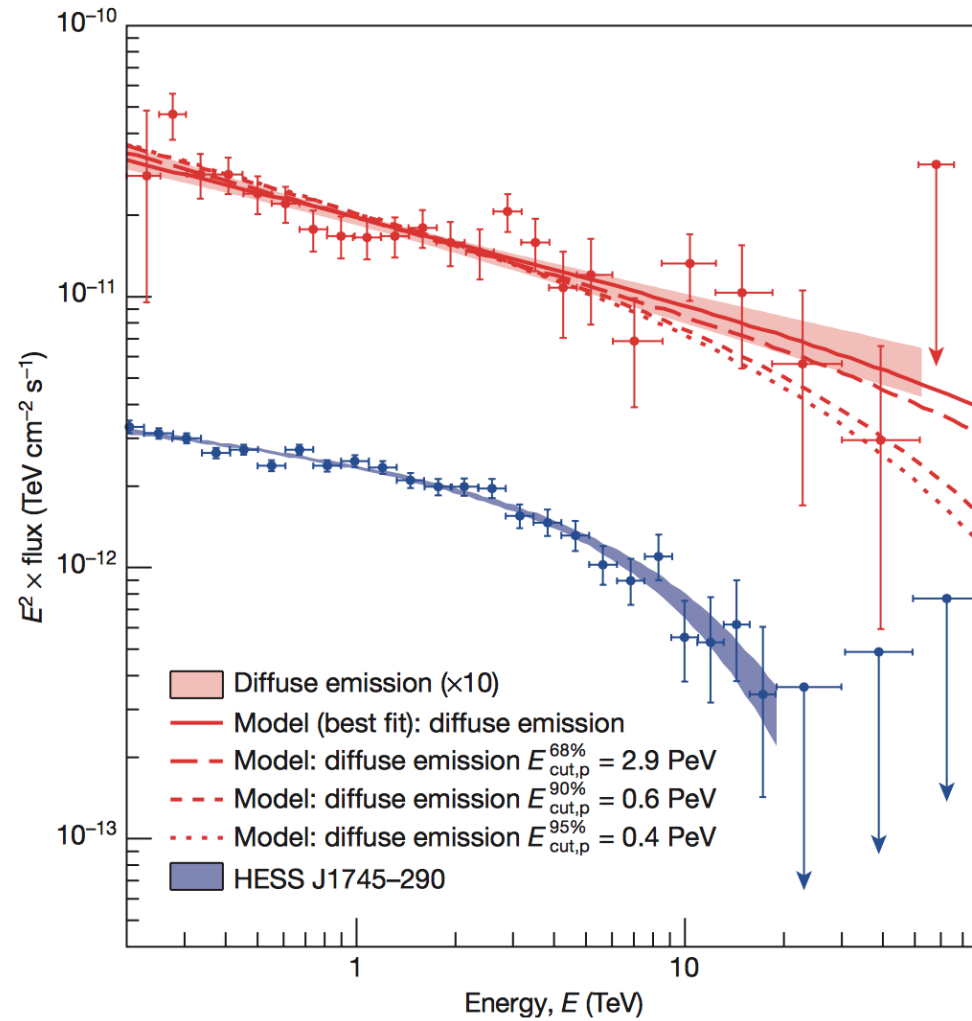
Abramovski et al. (2016)

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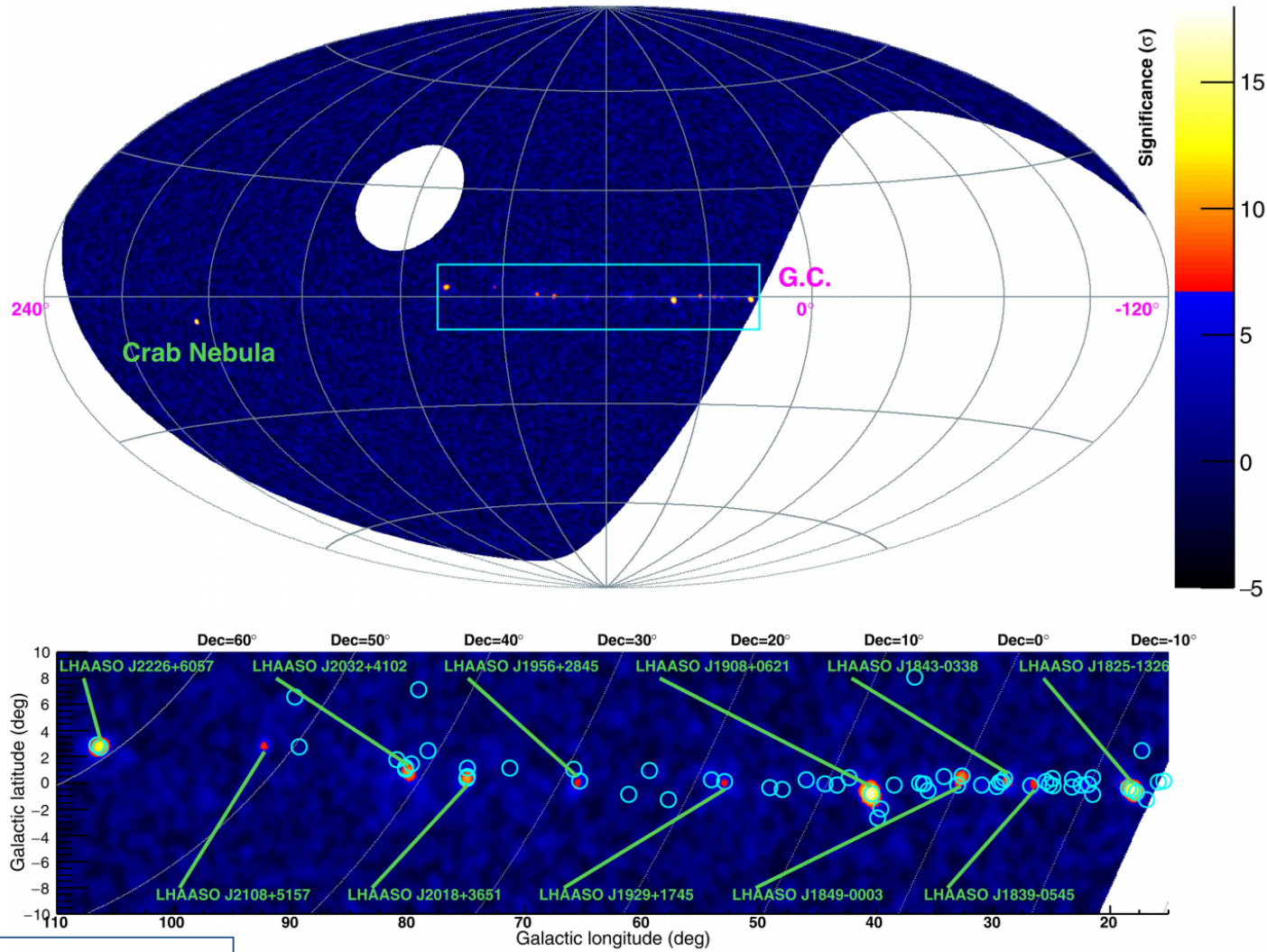
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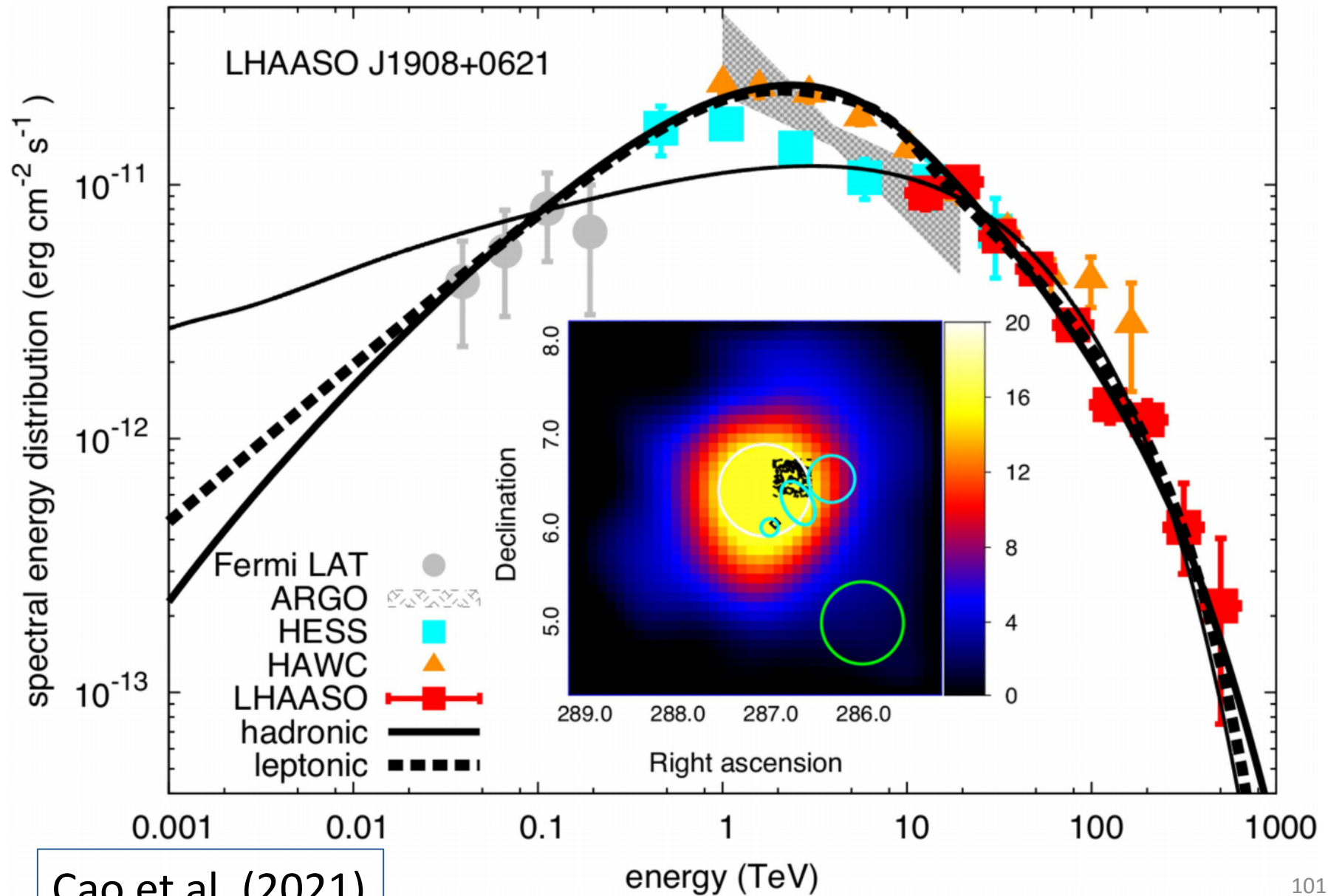
# LHAASO Pevatrons

LHAASO Sky @ >100 TeV

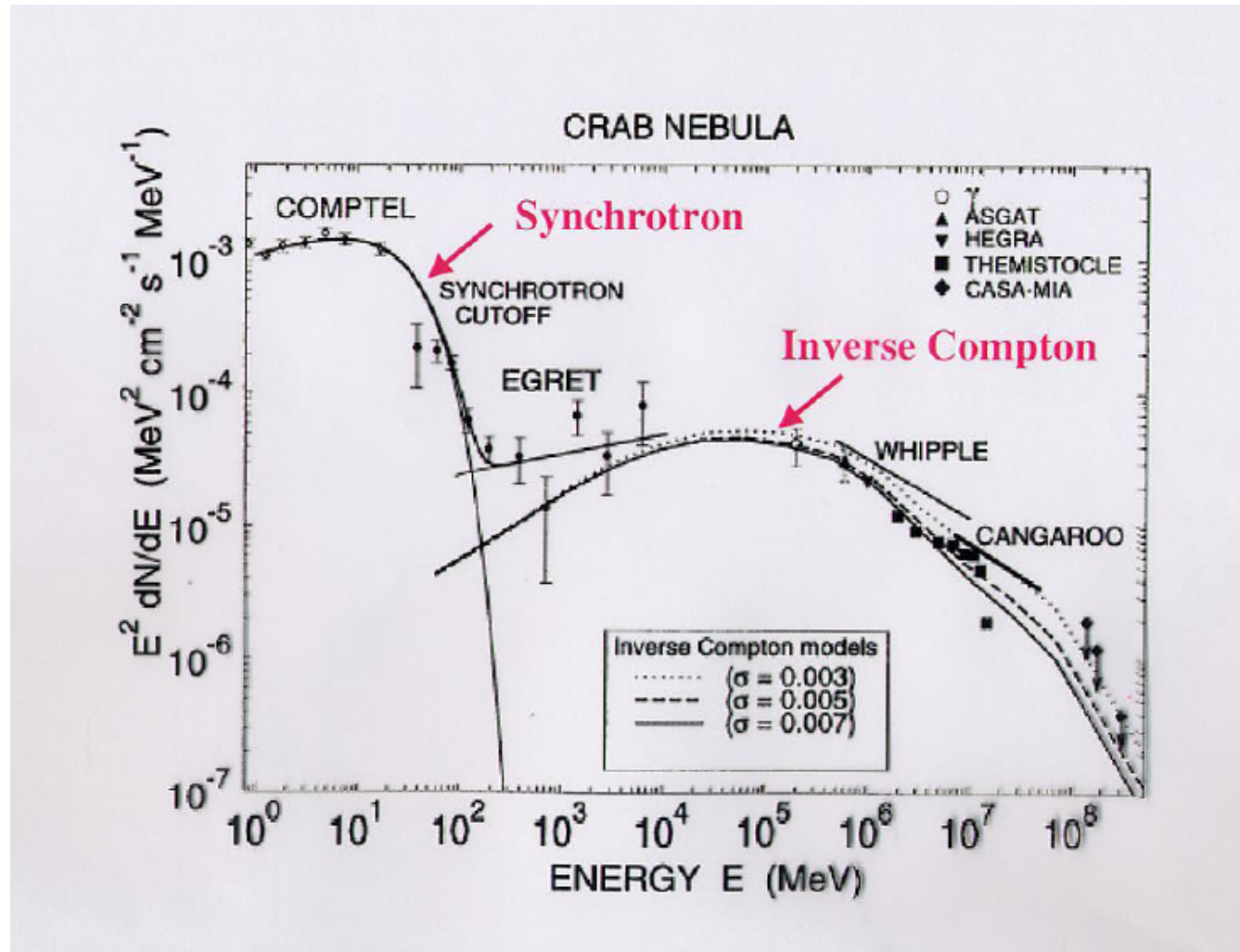


Cao et al. (2021)

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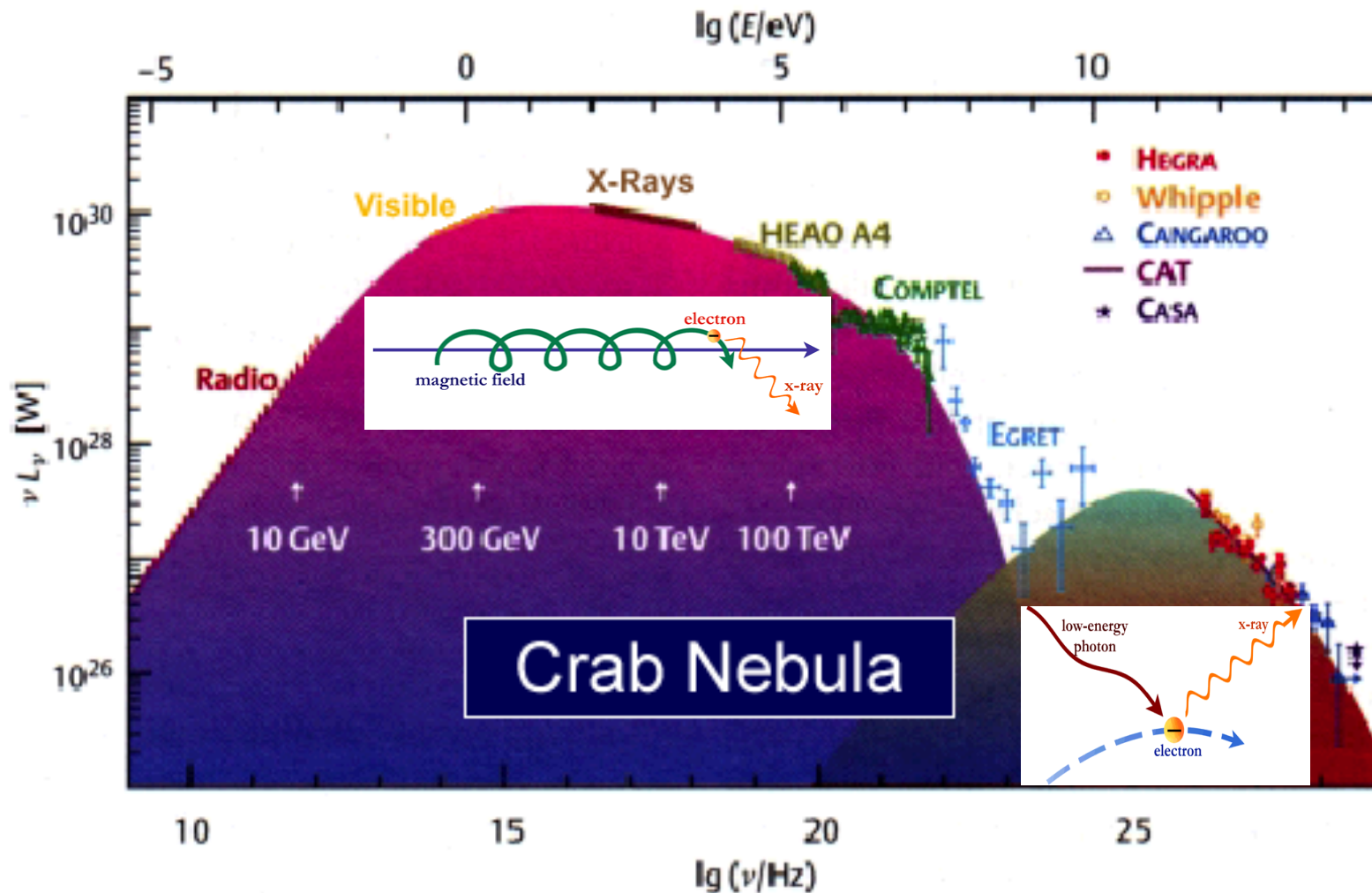


# Crab Nebula



# A (minimal) standard model: what do we expect?

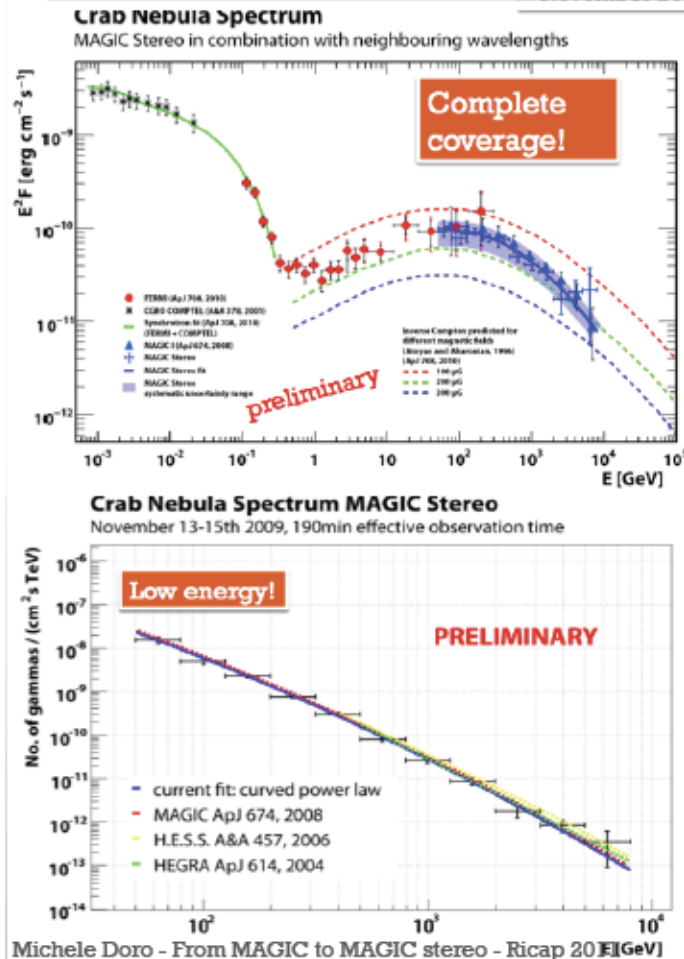
Explains most of the observations, not necessarily the most interesting...



# The Crab PWN

## + Crab Nebula HE-VHE coverage

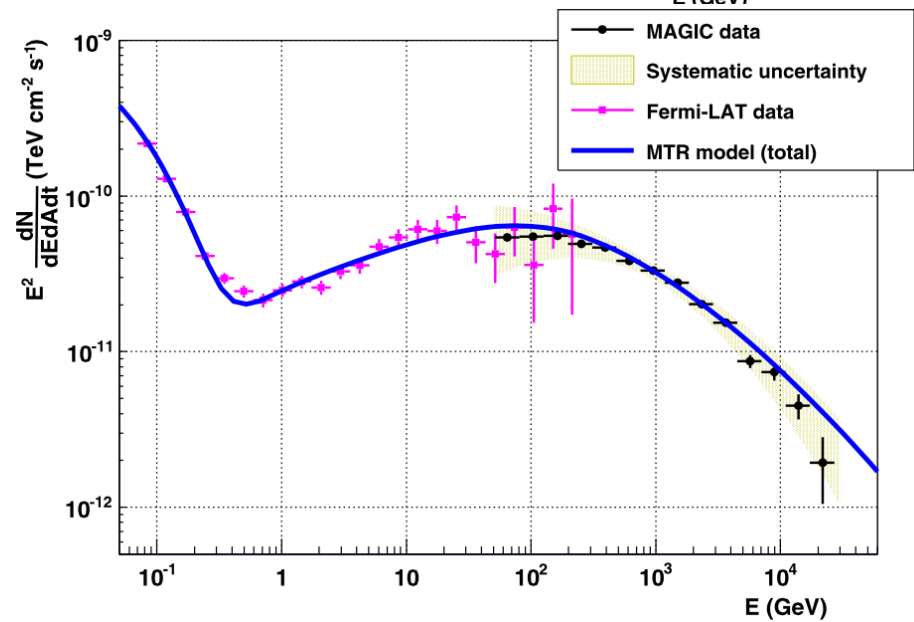
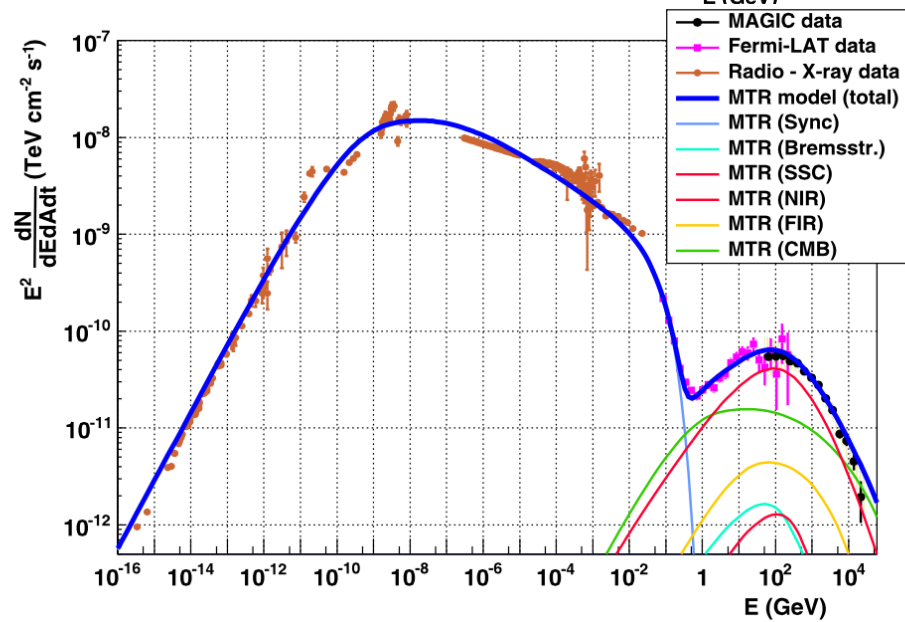
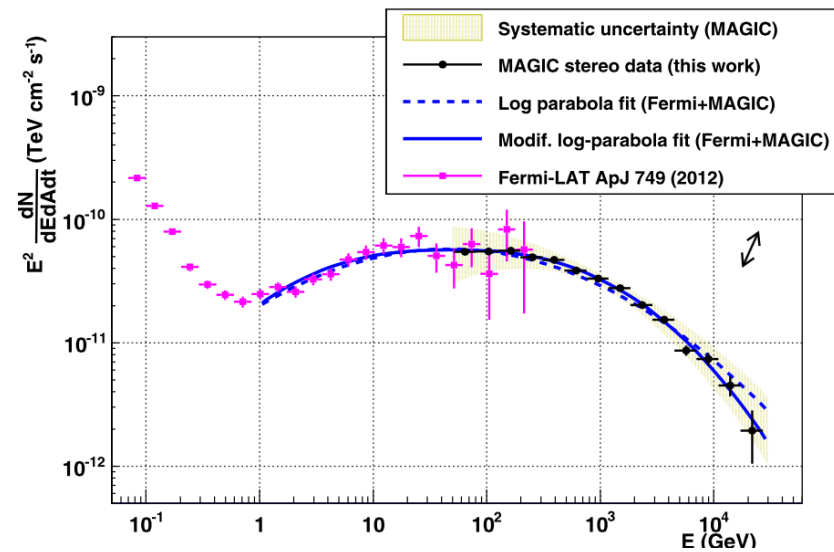
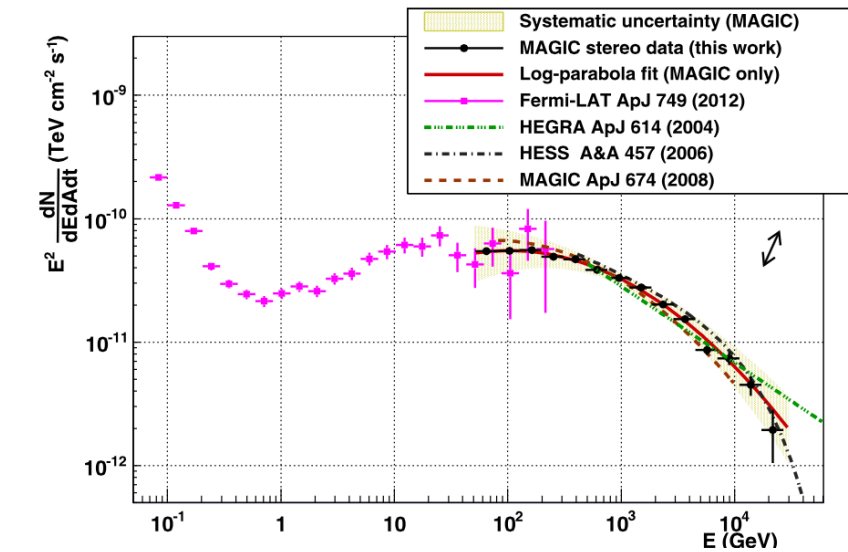
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- 3.2 h of good data in Nov. 2010
- Complete overlap with Fermi
- Spectrum measured from 40-50 GeV to 30-40 TeV
- Test source for M-stereo
  - Technical Crab paper in prep.
  - Physics Crab paper in prep.
- Improved estimation of HE bump will be provided
- Regarding first HE flare (Agile, Fermi), MAGIC-stereo did not detect significant VHE flares (ATEL#2967, sep.2010)
- We monitor Fermi data for flares

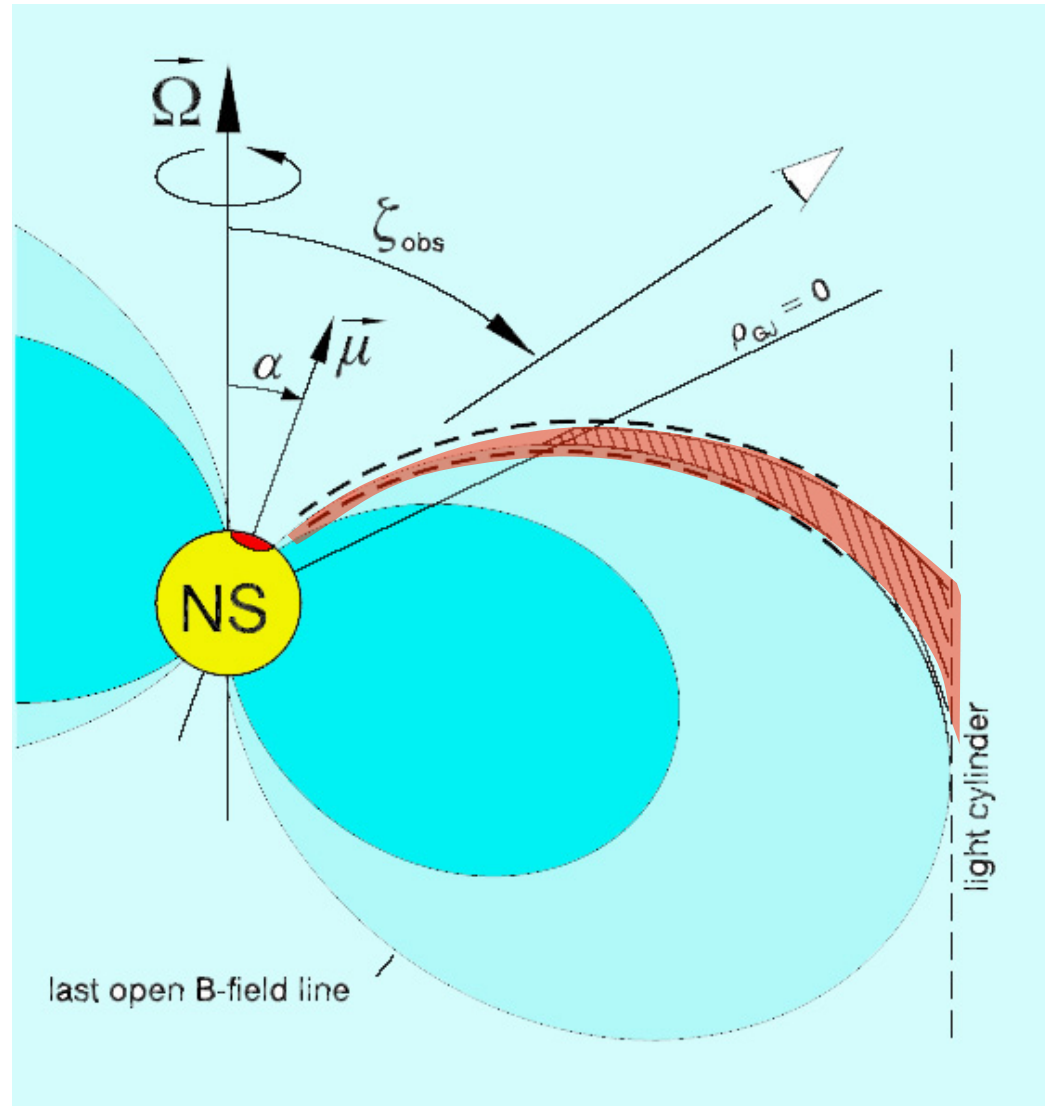


# The Crab Nebula



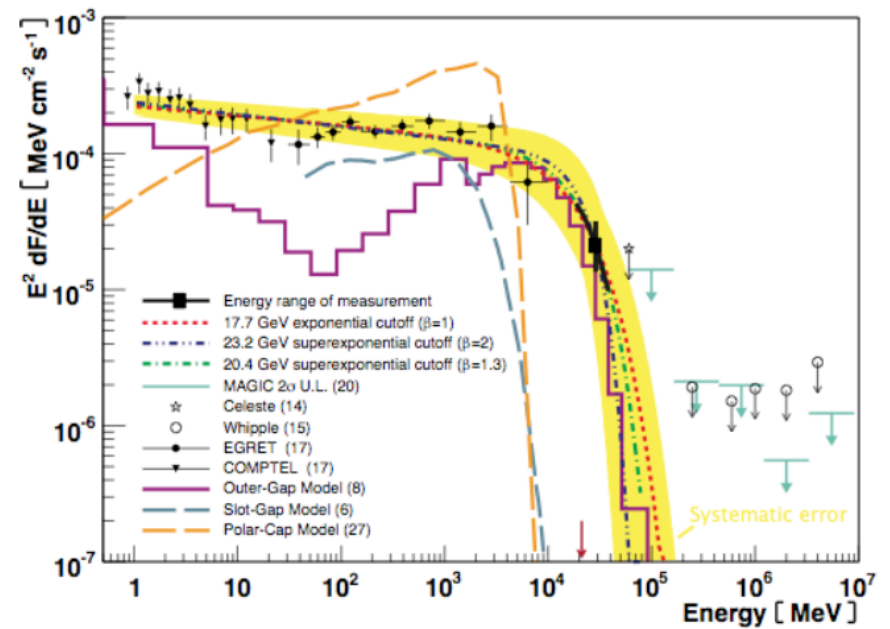
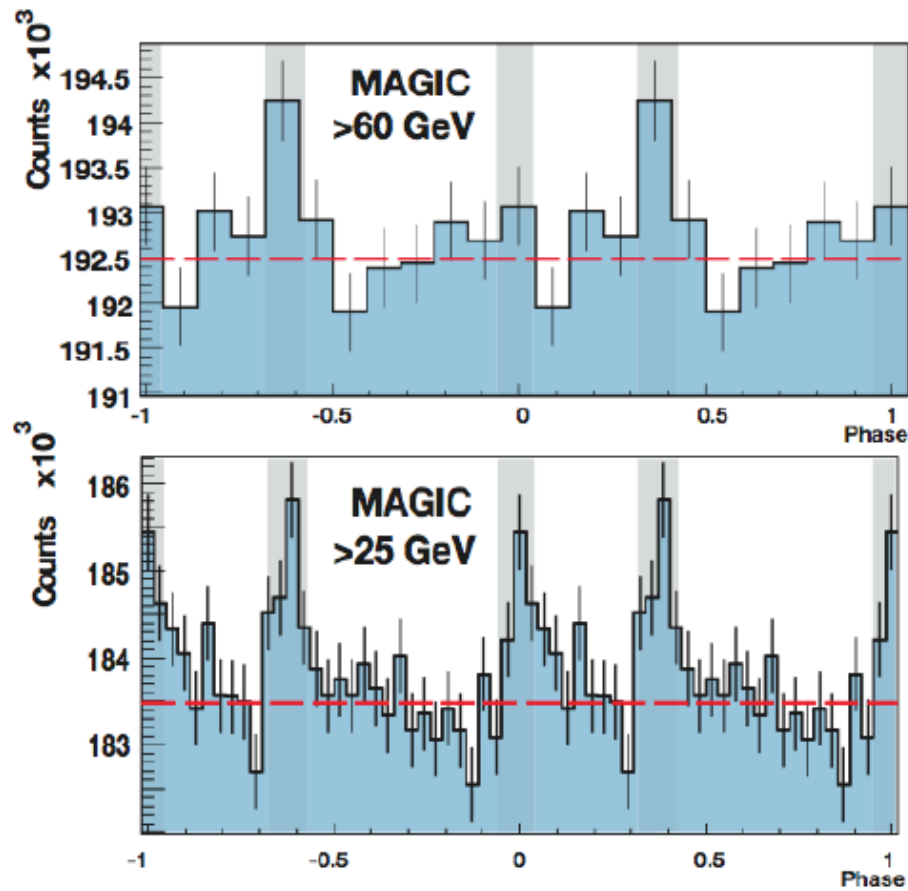
Aleksic et al. (2015)

# Pulsars: GR & Electrodynamics



from J. Dyks et al.

# MAGIC – the Crab PSR

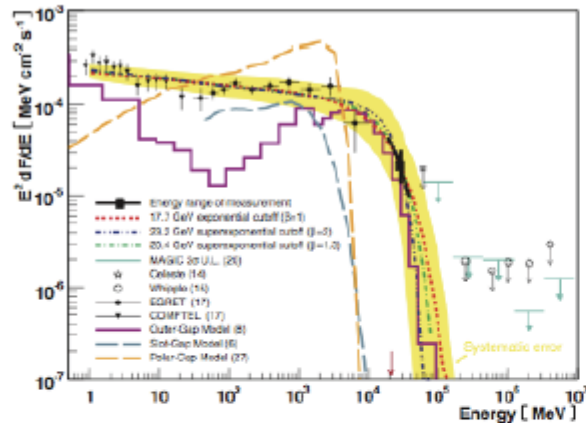


Albert et al. 2008

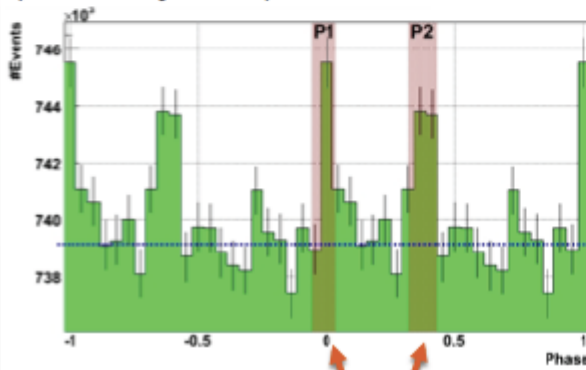
# The Crab PSR

+ The Crab still beats.

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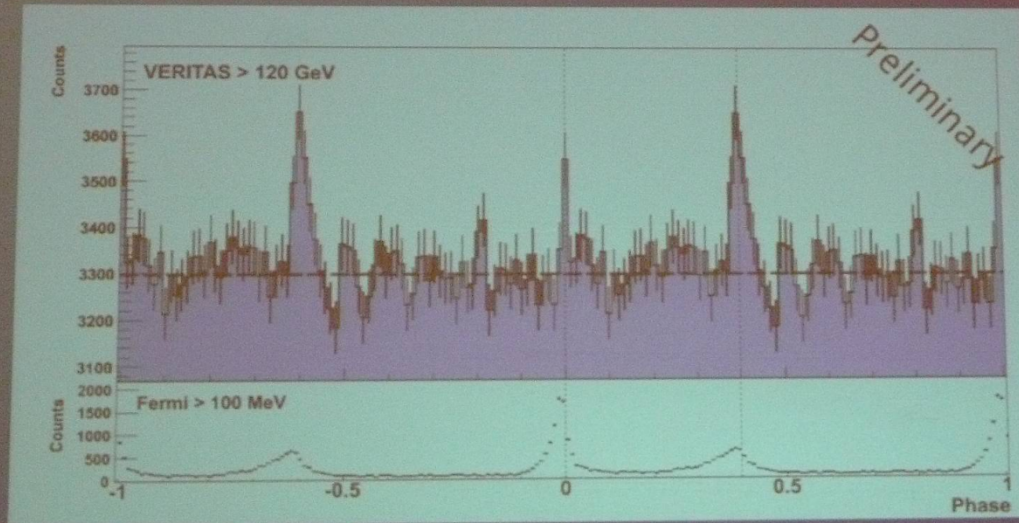
**Crab Nebula pulsar phaseogram**  
(Oct 2007 – Jan 2009)



- To reach energy as low as 25 GeV special “sumtrigger” used
- In 2008, Crab pulsar detected at VHE (Science 322 (2008) 21)
- Again observed with M-stereo: publication in draft → see next ICRC
- Now used Fermi phaseogram rather than EGRET one
- Veritas showed here the detection above 100 GeV → see Ragan’s talk

# The Crab with VERITAS

## Pulsed Signal

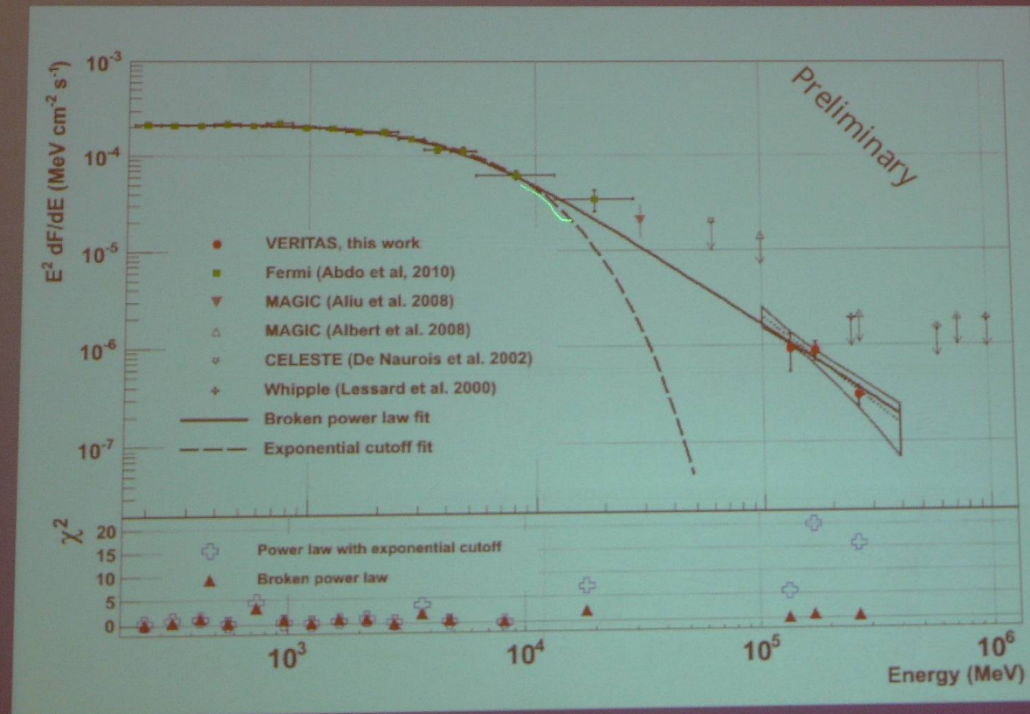


- Event time barycentering with tempo2 and custom codes
- Phase folding using Jodrell Bank ephemerides

**Statistical significance of pulsed signal:  
H-Test: 50, i.e.  $6.0 \sigma$**

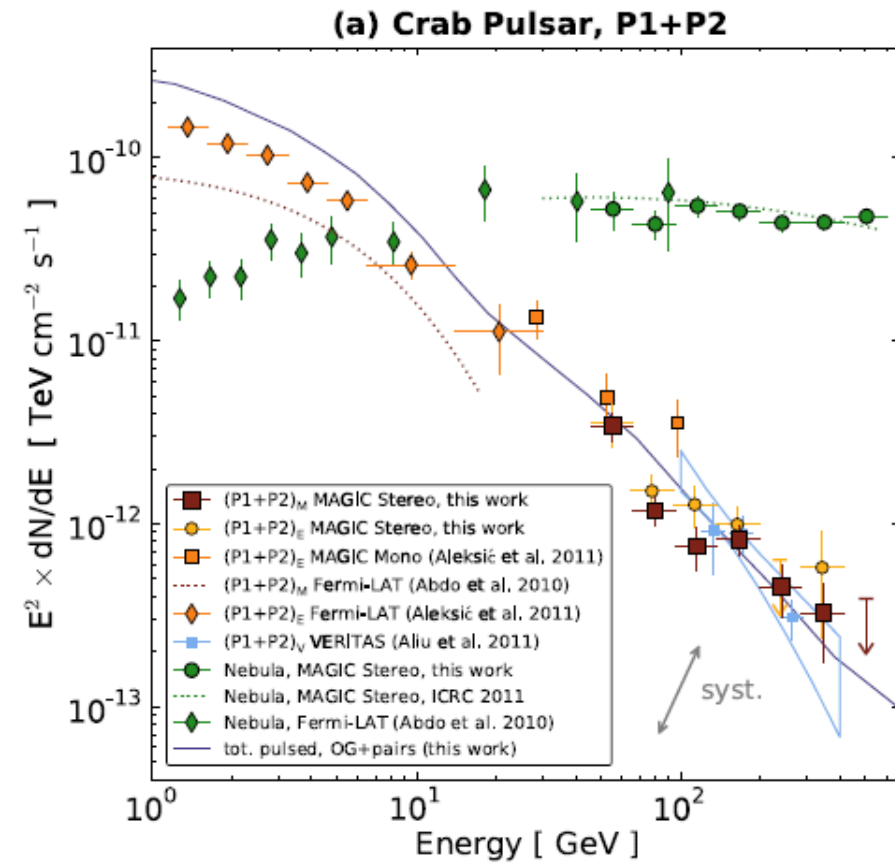
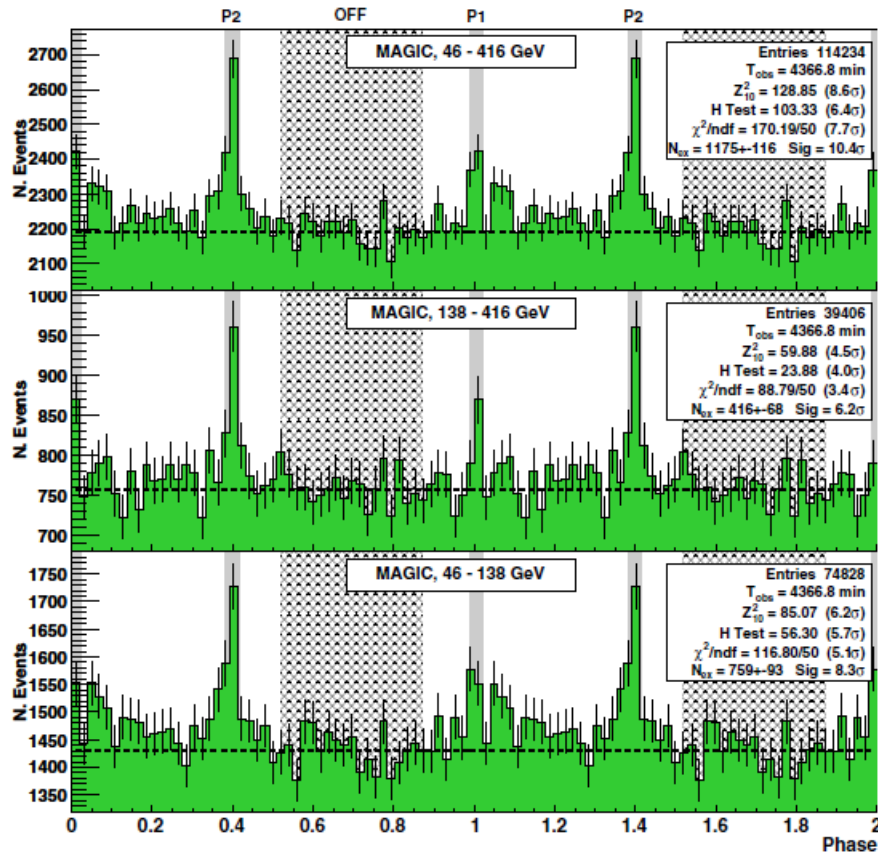
# The Crab with VERITAS

## The GeV – TeV Connection

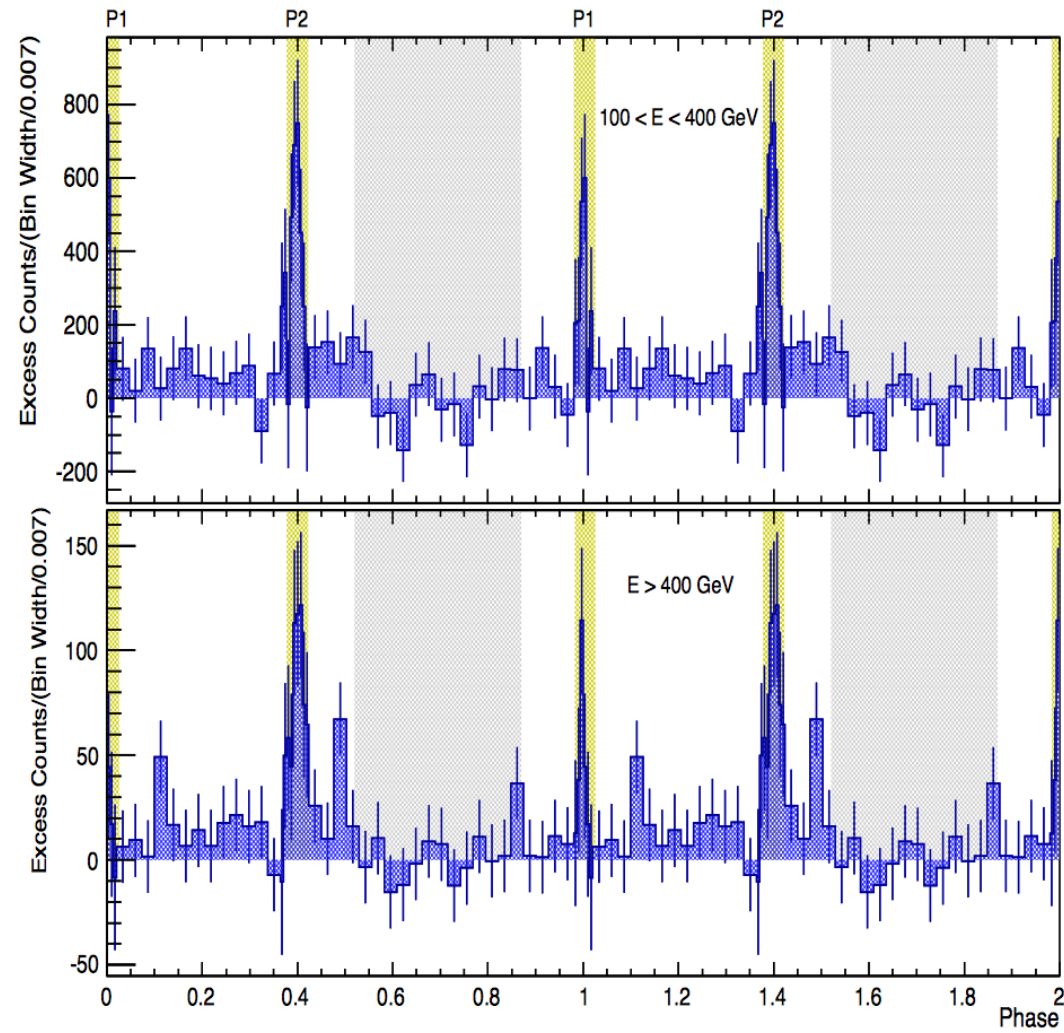


$\chi^2$  value of fit **excludes exponential cut-off:**  
67.8 for 16 degrees of freedom  $\rightarrow$  5.6  $\sigma$   
**Good description with smooth broken power law**

# Crab PSR



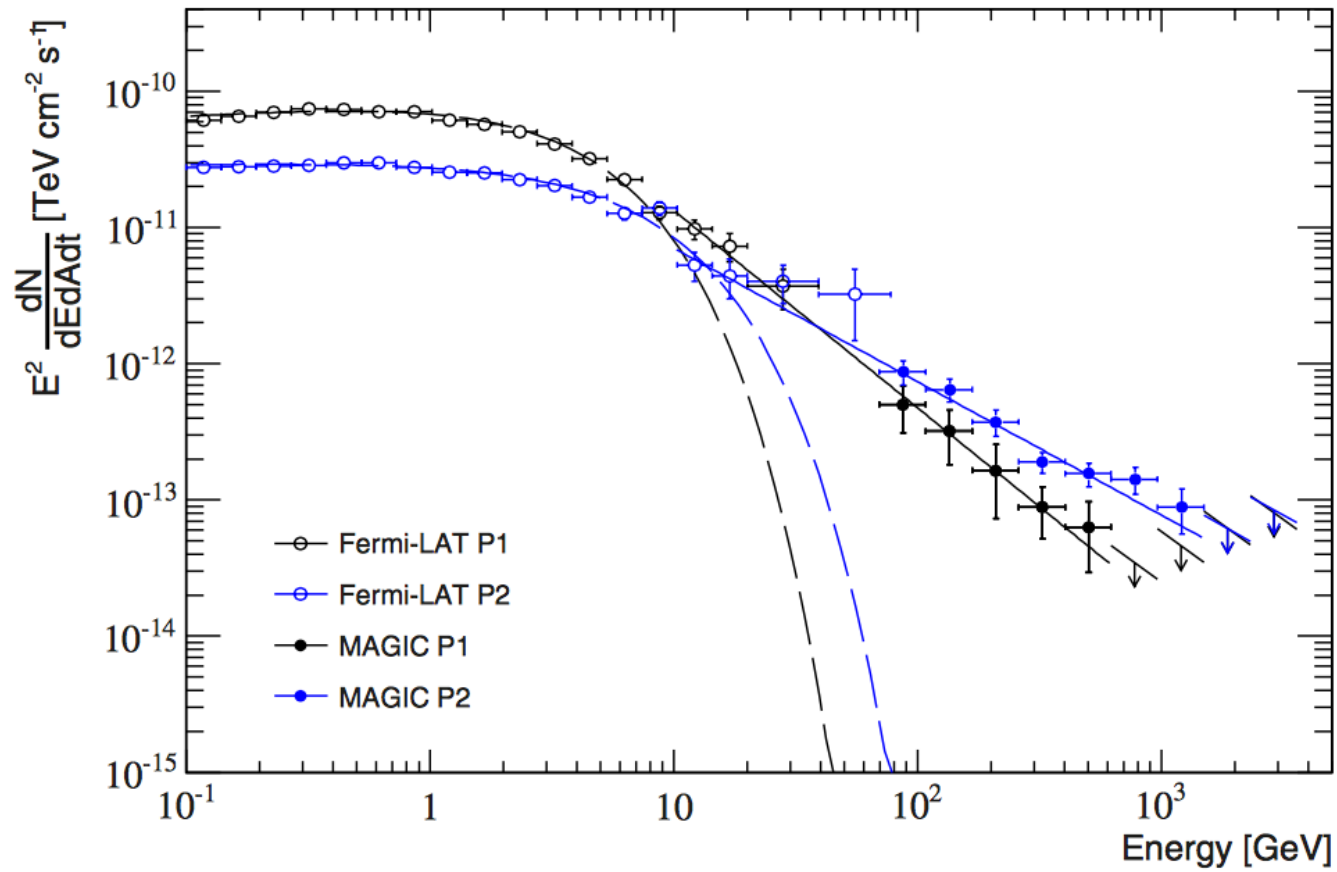
# Crab PSR



Ansoldi et al. (2016)

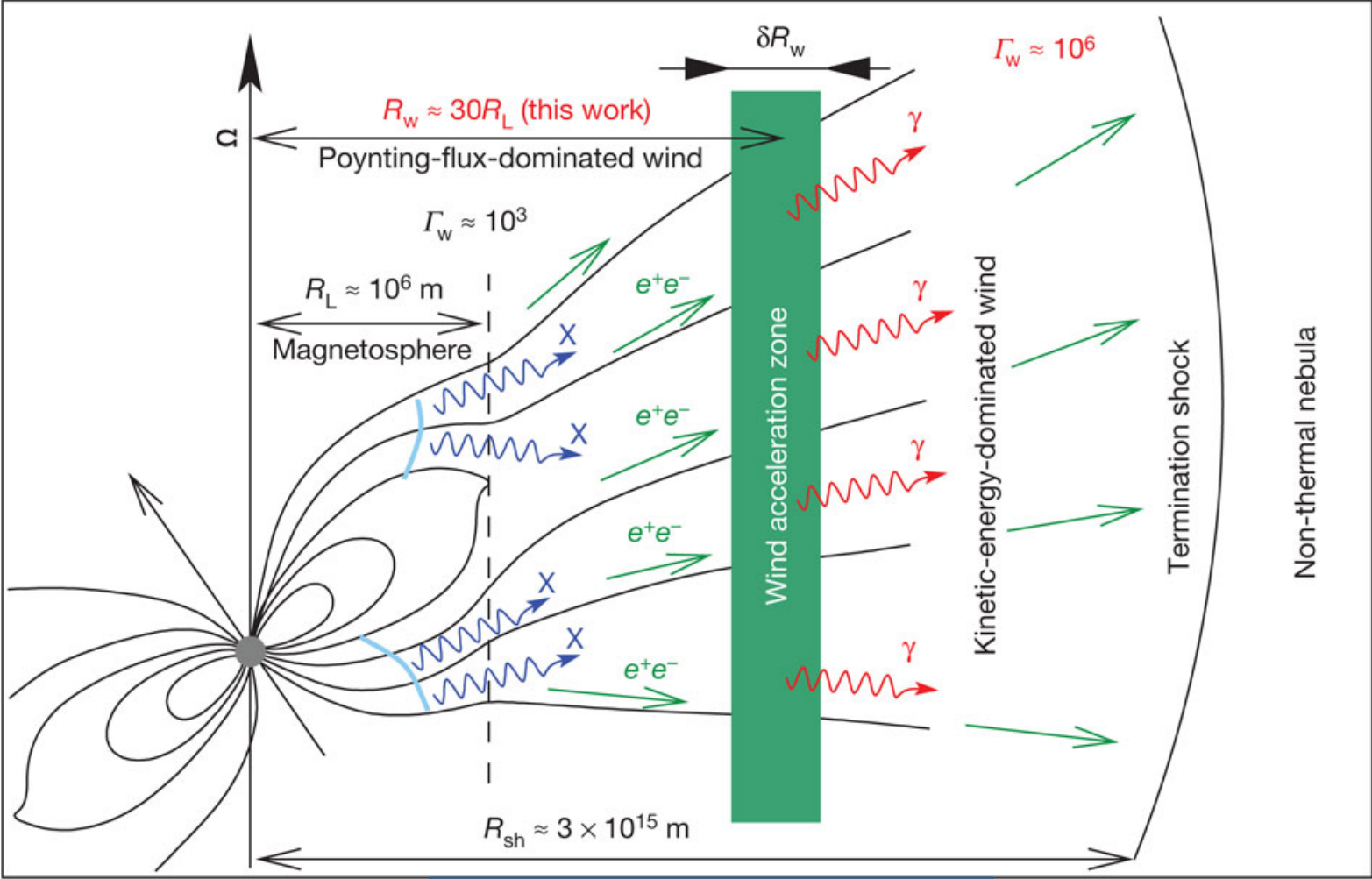


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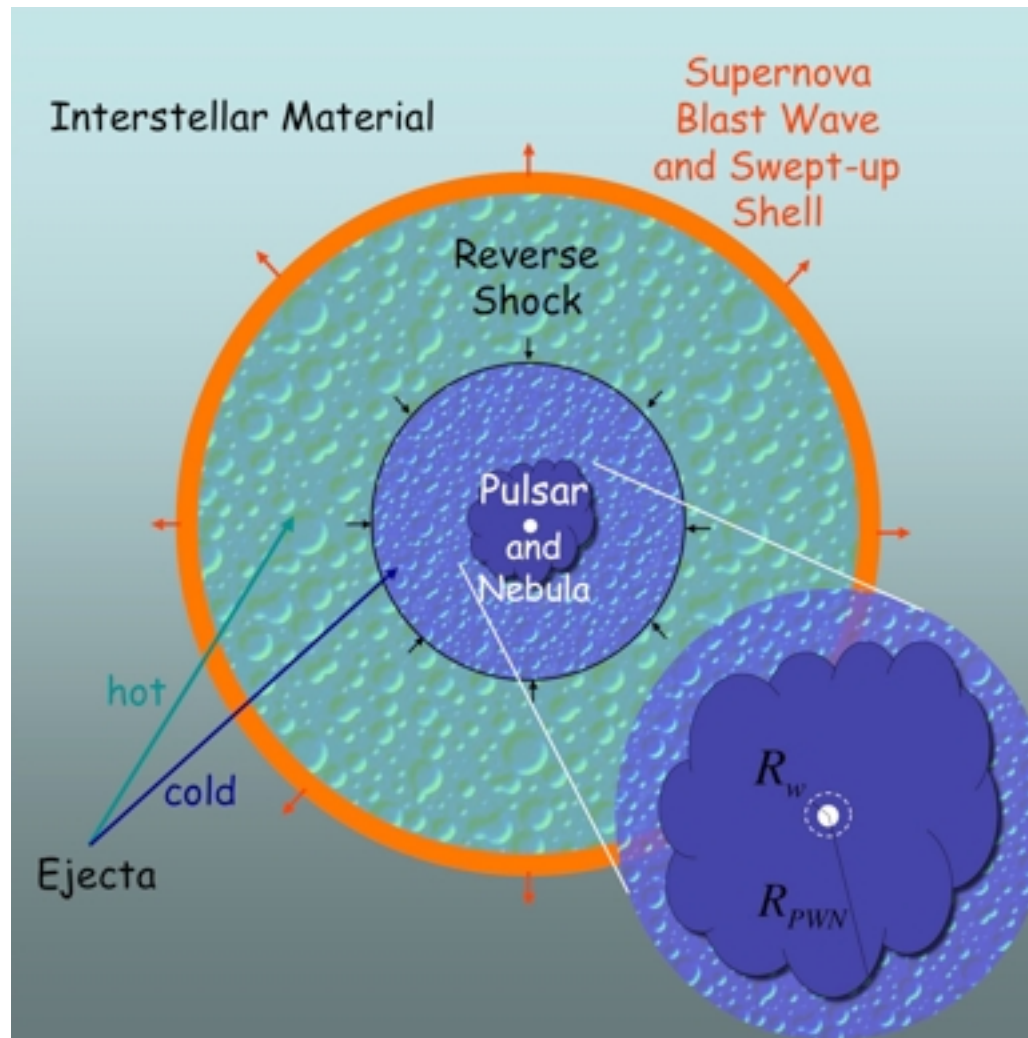
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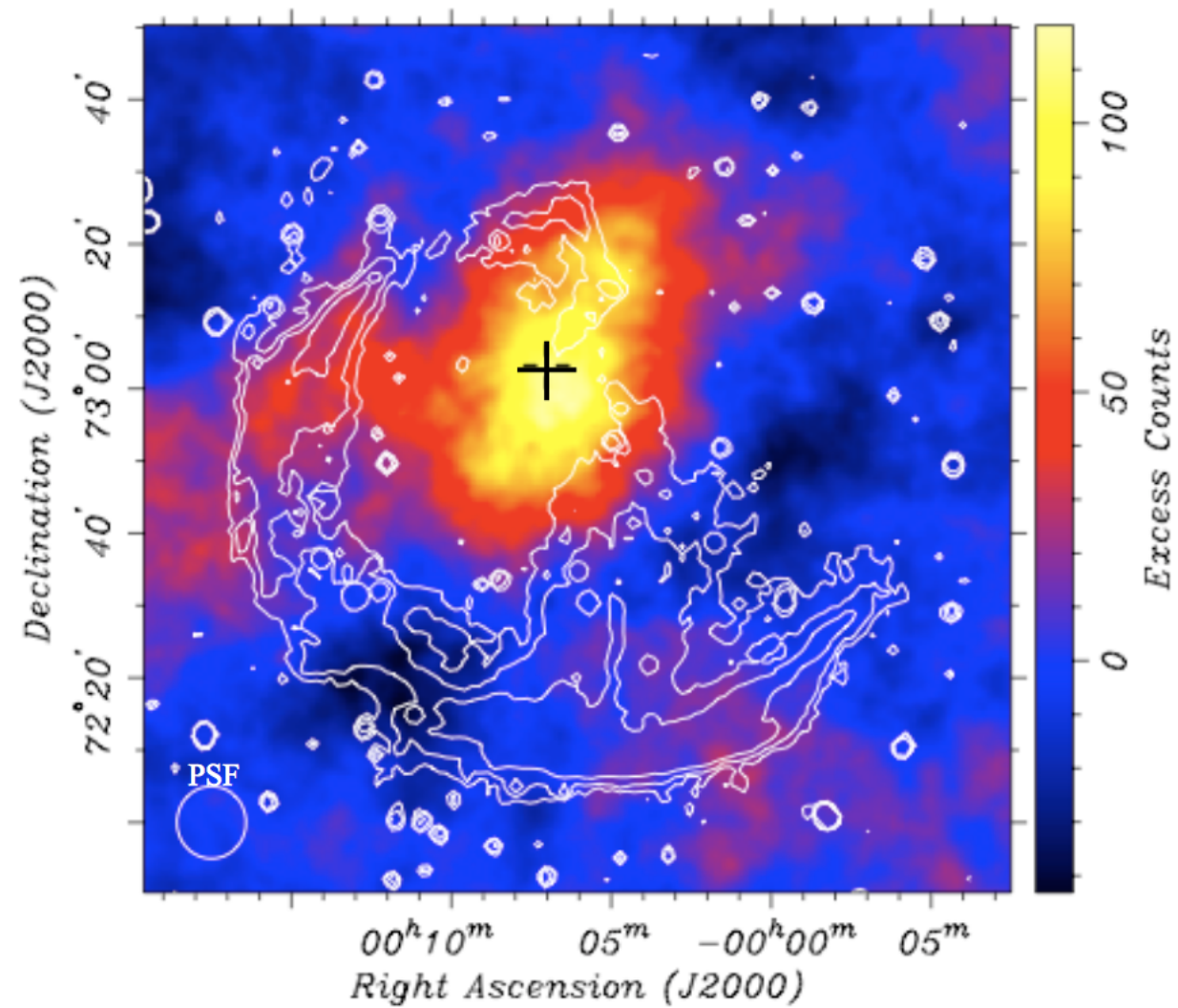


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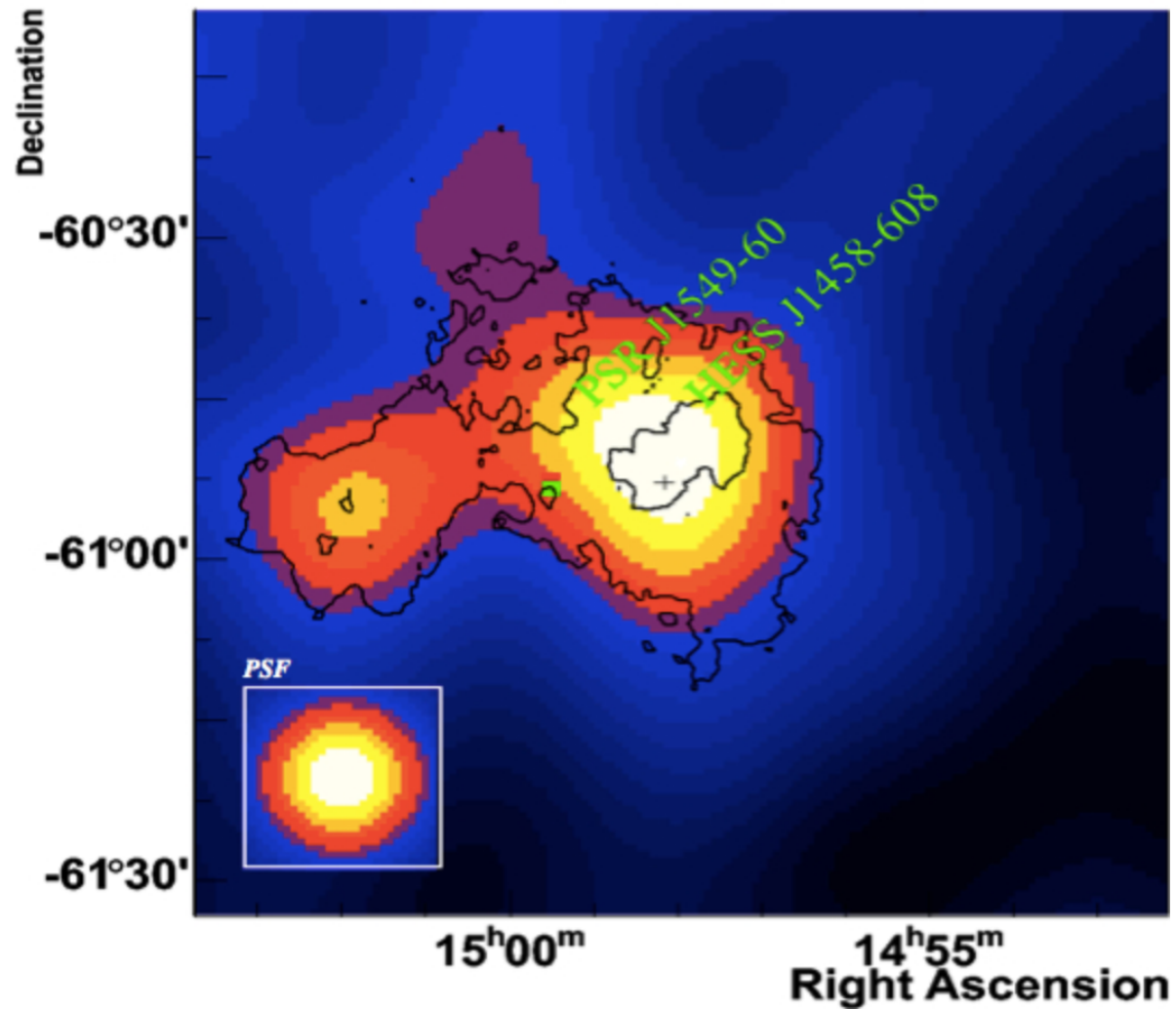
# Pulsar Wind Nebulae



# CTA1 PWN

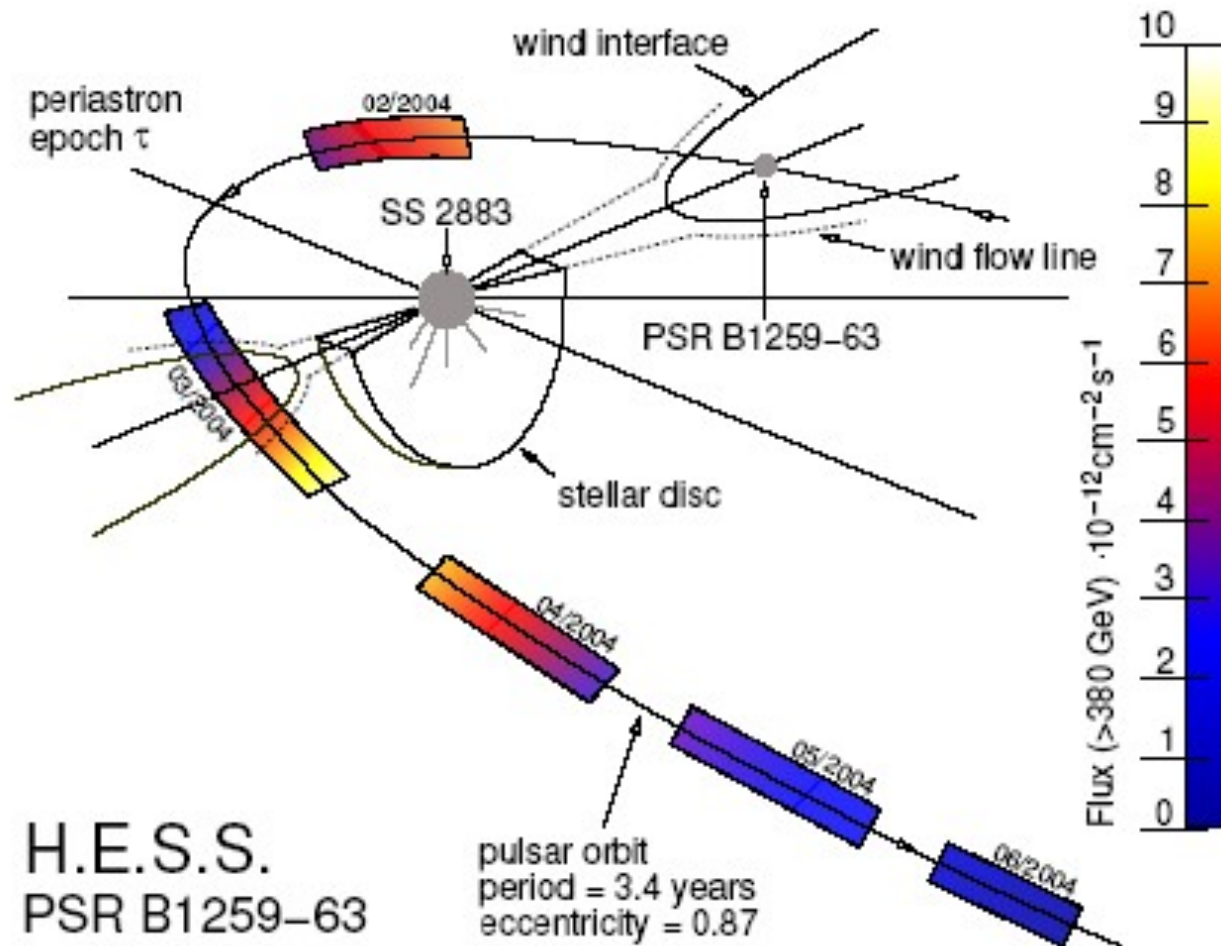


# Pulsar Wind Nebulae



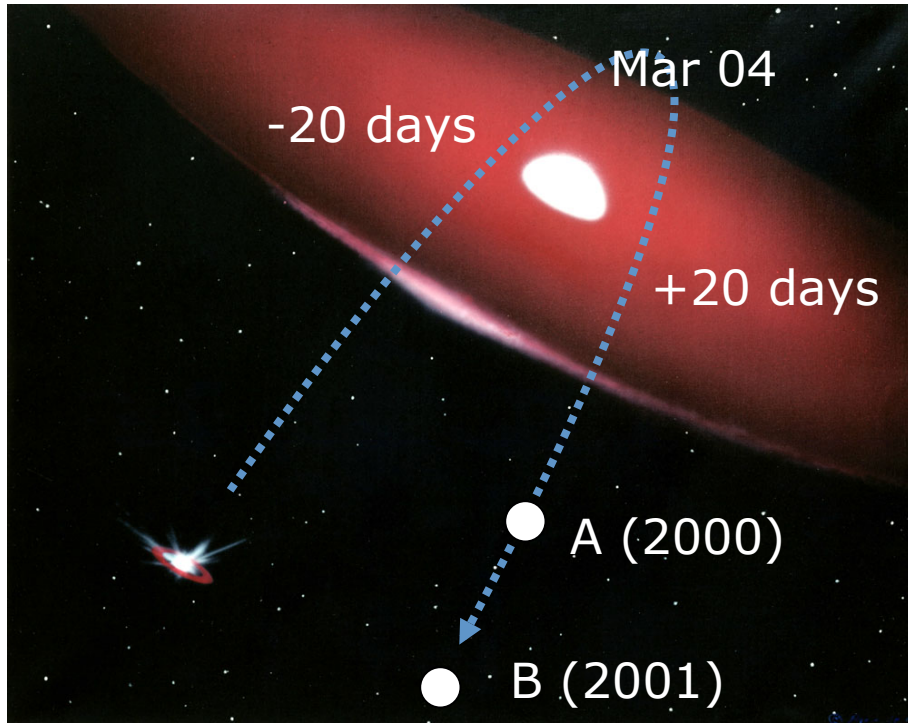
# PSR B1259-63

- Binary system
- Strong stellar wind
- Shock at wind-pulsar interaction

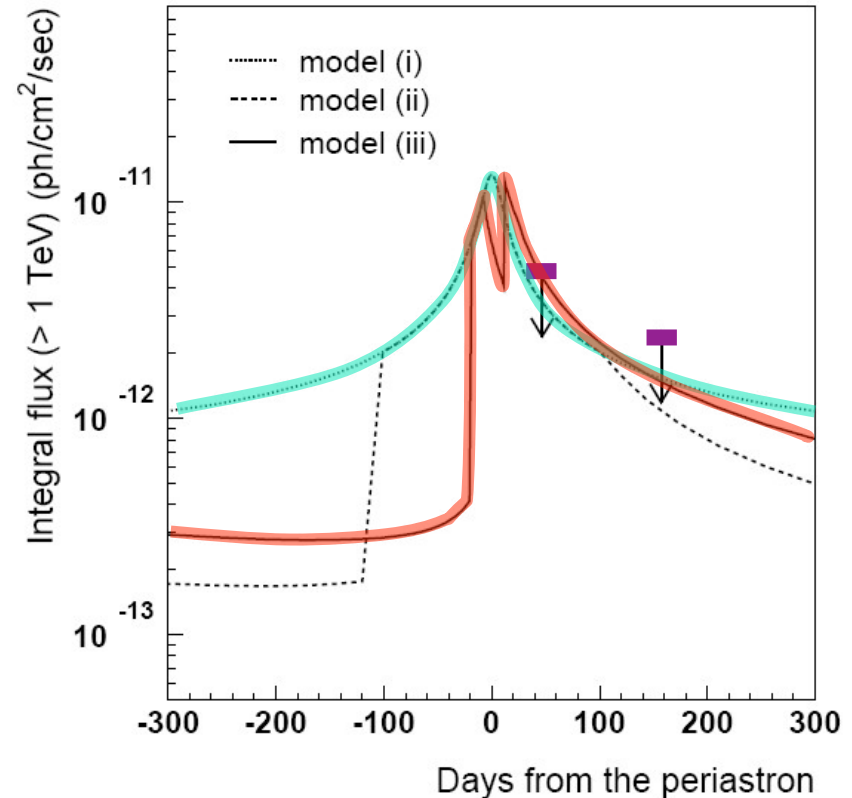


# PSR B1259-63

CANGAROO  
Kawachi et al. 2004

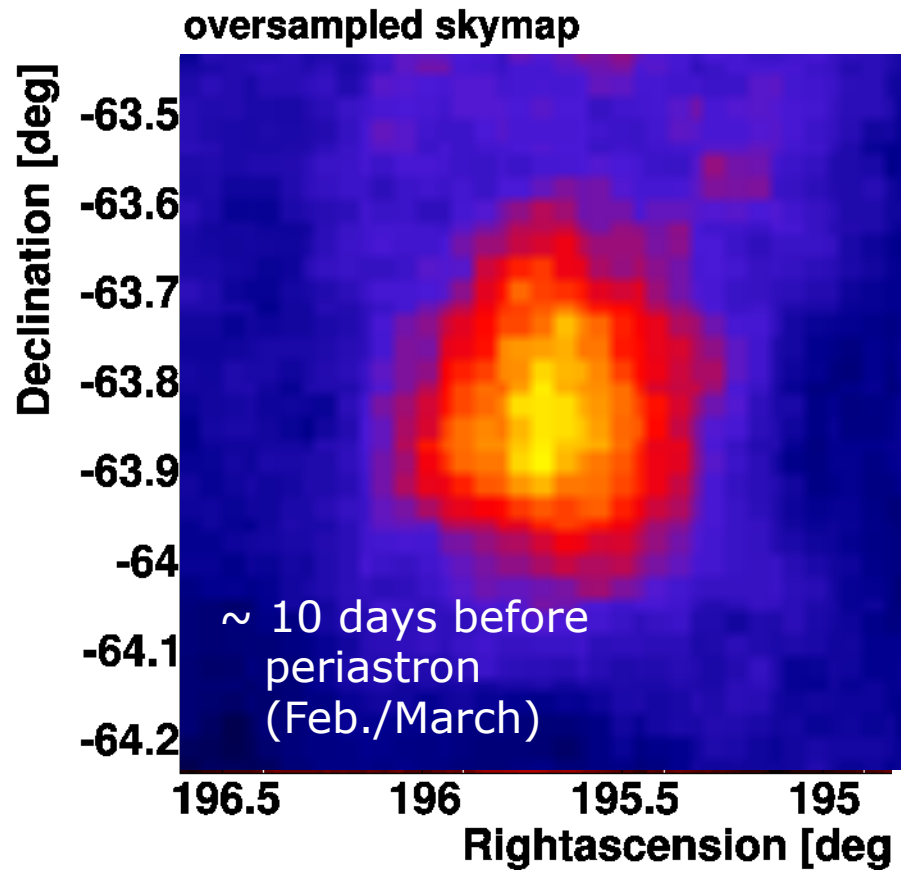


Model: Ball & Kirk 2000

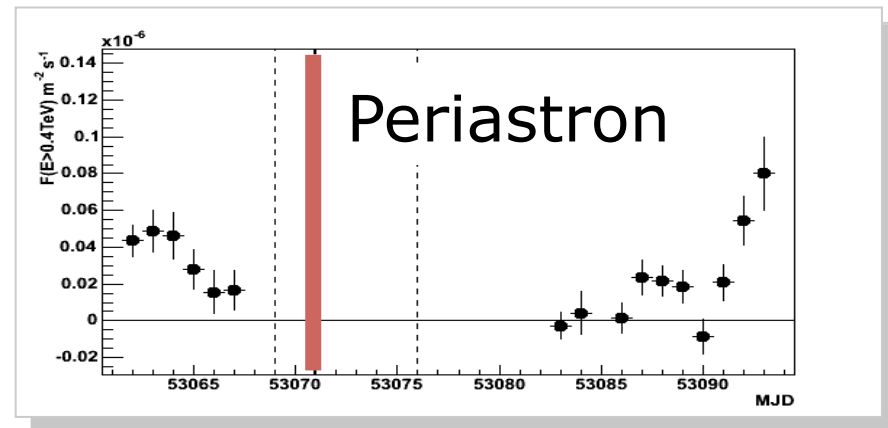


Complex structure depending on alignment  
of pulsar and stellar wind

# PSR B1259-63



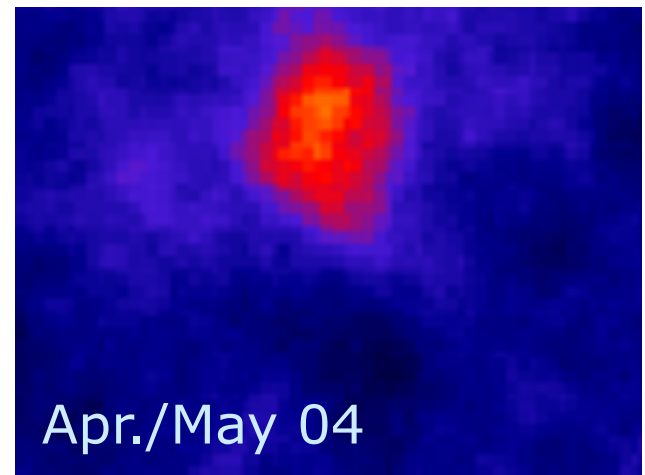
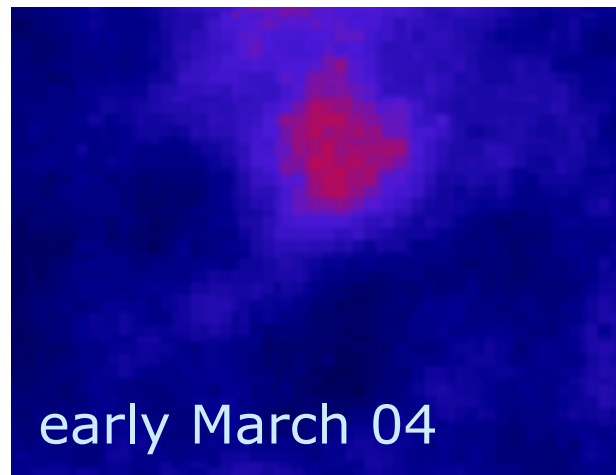
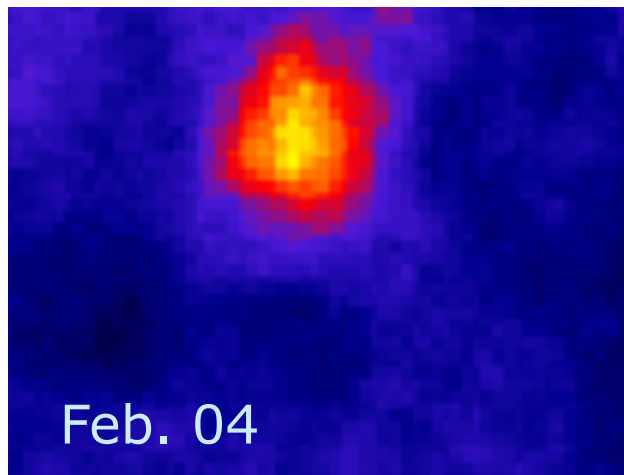
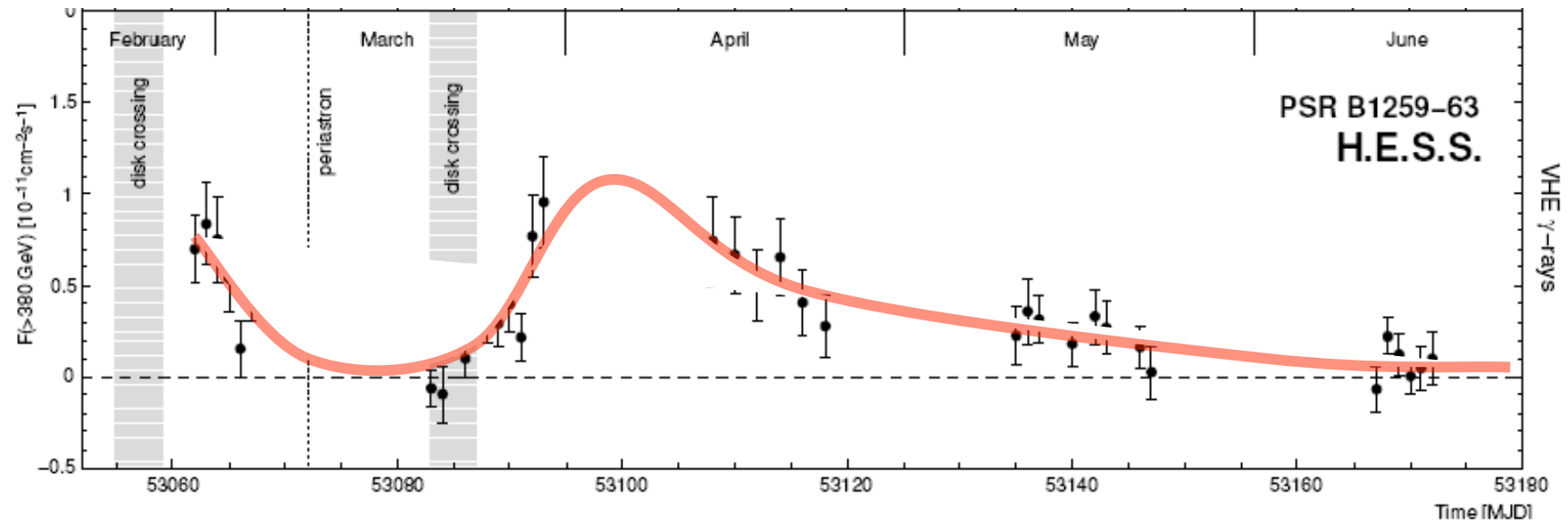
$\sim 9 \sigma$  pre-periastron  
 $\sim 6 \sigma$  post-periastron  
Flux  $\sim 5\%$  Crab  
Index  $2.8 \pm 0.3$ (stat)



*H.E.S.S.*

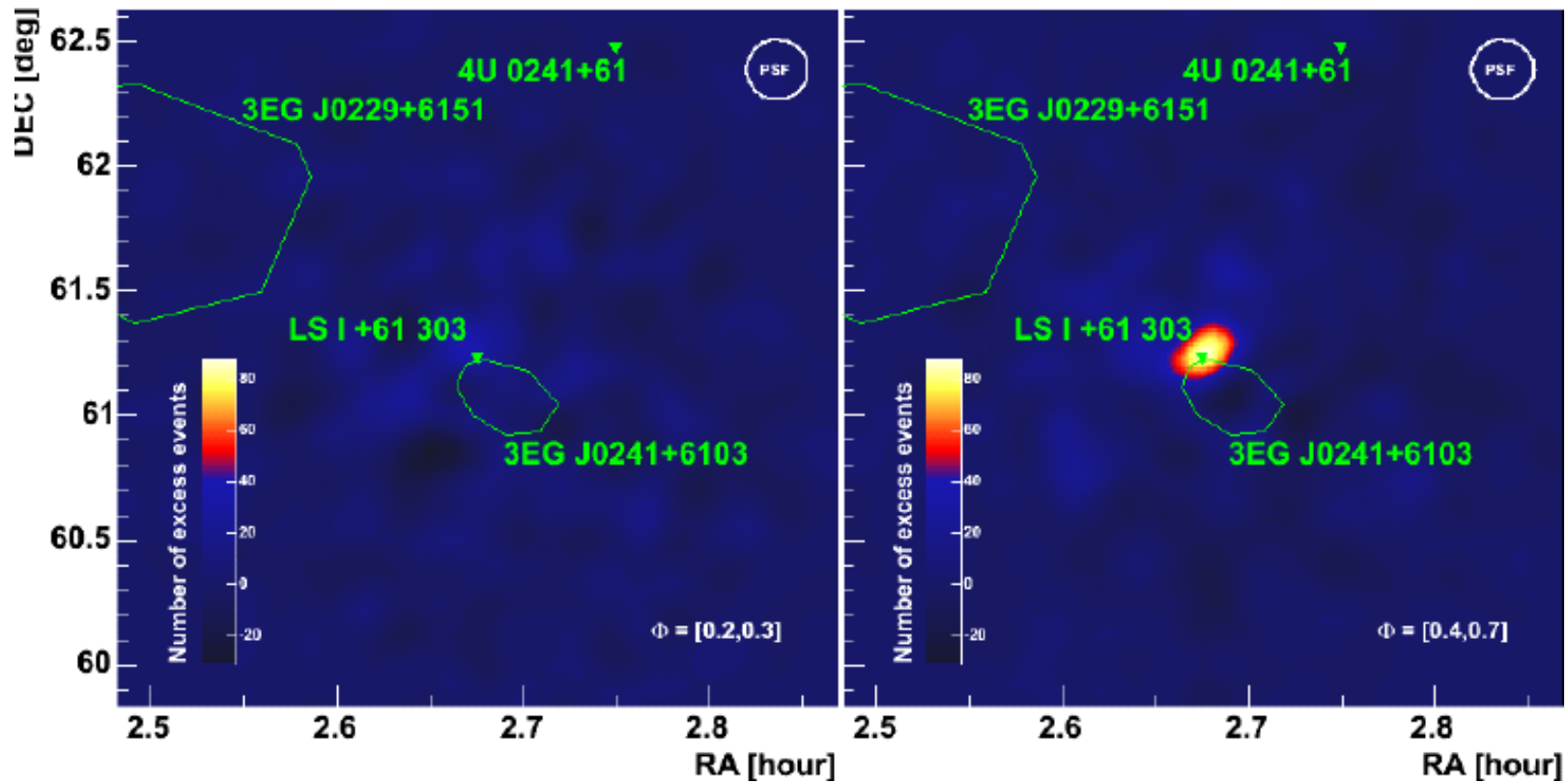


# The B1259-63 field of view

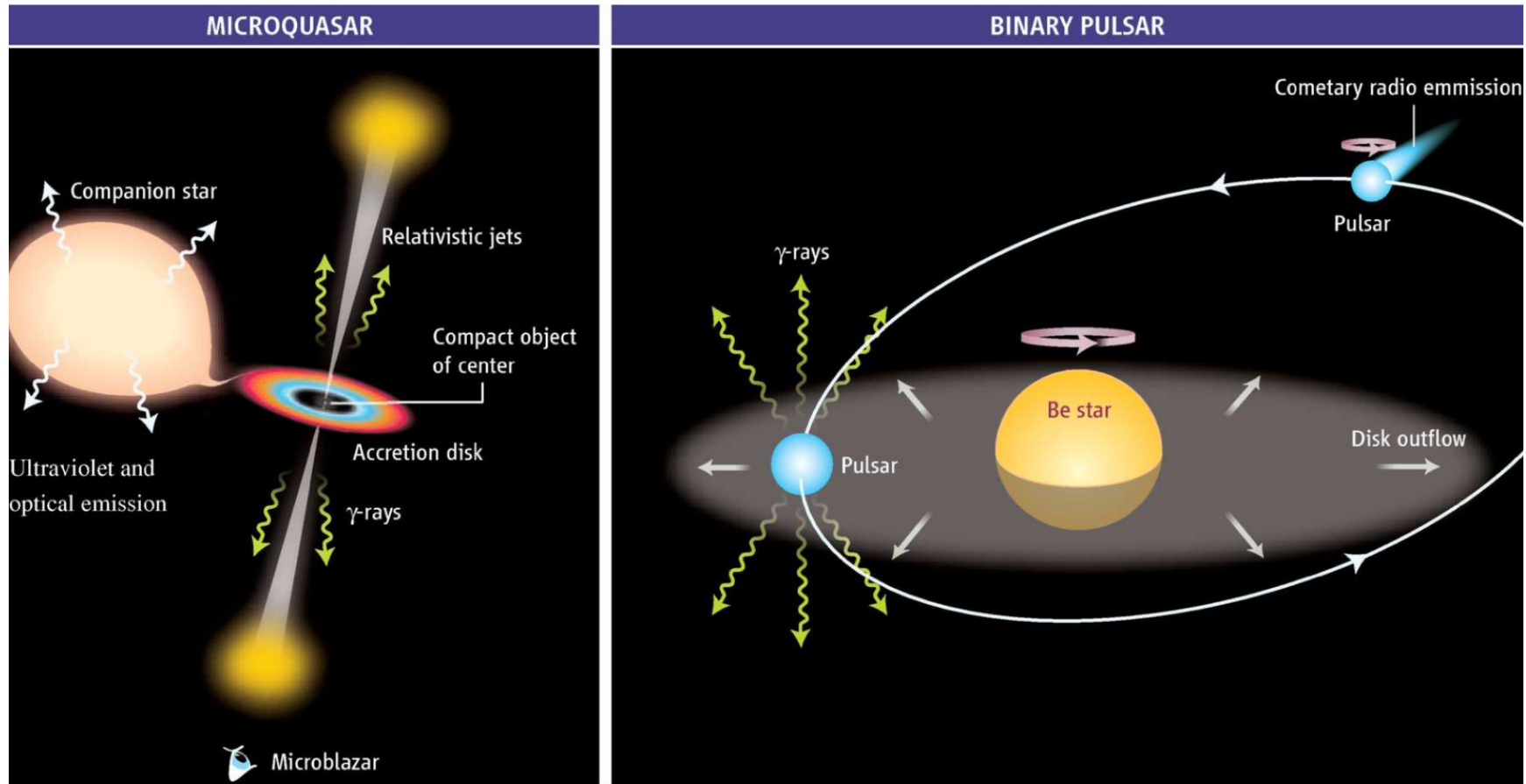


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*First variable galactic TeV source*

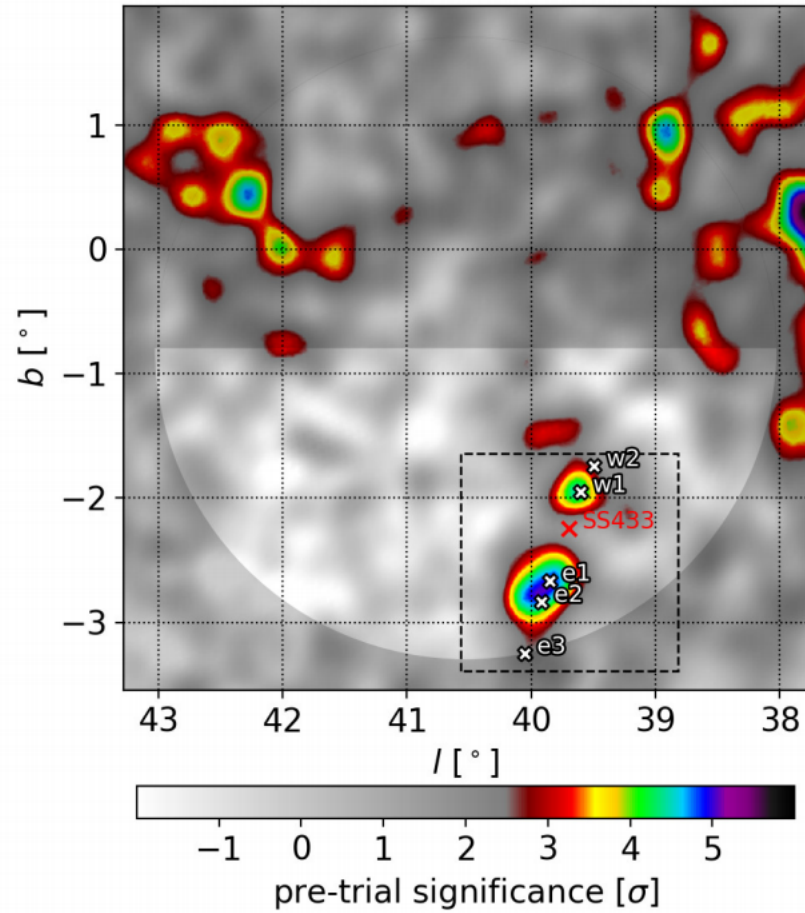
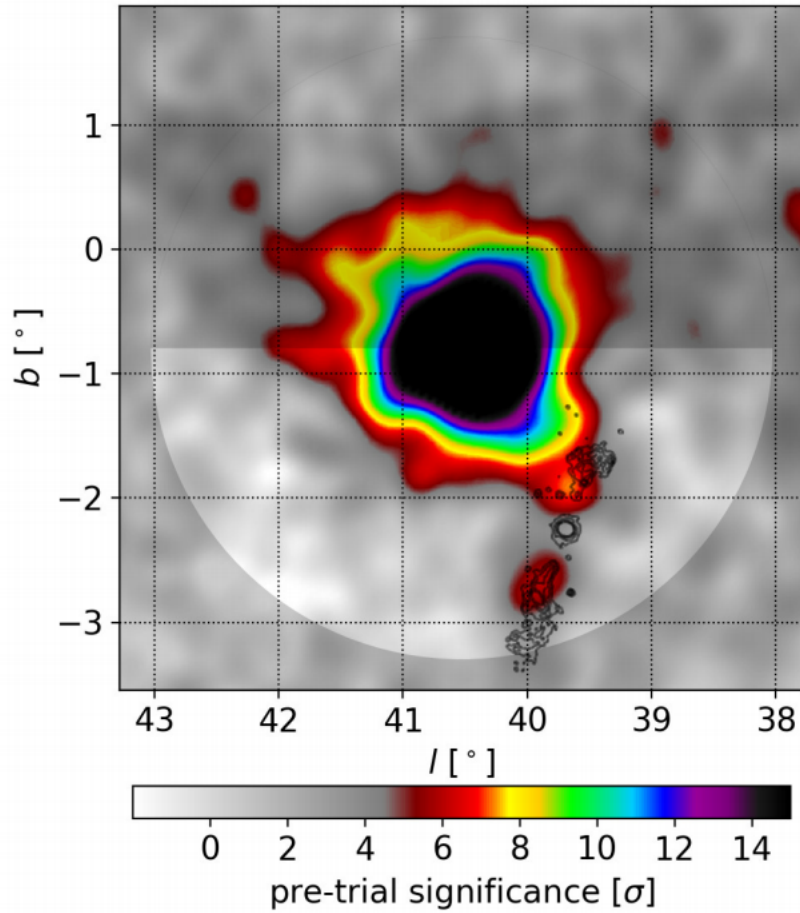
# LSI 61+303 binary source



# VHE Binary Sources



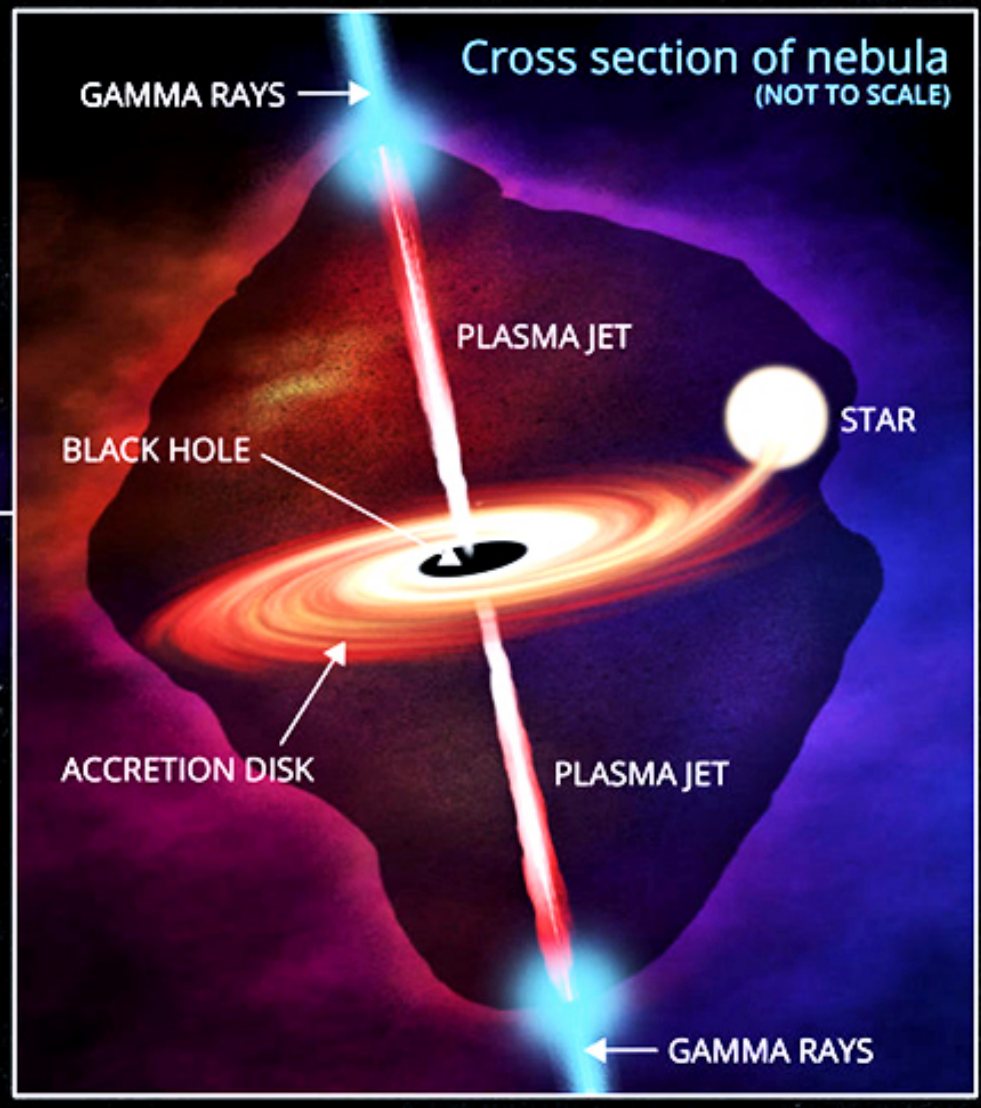
# SS433 HAWC



# SS433 HAWC

As the plasma jets emanating from the black hole of SS 433 strike the gases in the surrounding nebula, they are converted into extremely high energy gamma rays.

NEBULA SURROUNDING  
MICROQUASAR SS 433



# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## VHE Extra Galactic Sources

# The unexplored spectrum gap

- $\gamma$ -ray sources observed with EGRET satellite ( $E < 10$  GeV)
- 271 sources (171 unidentified)

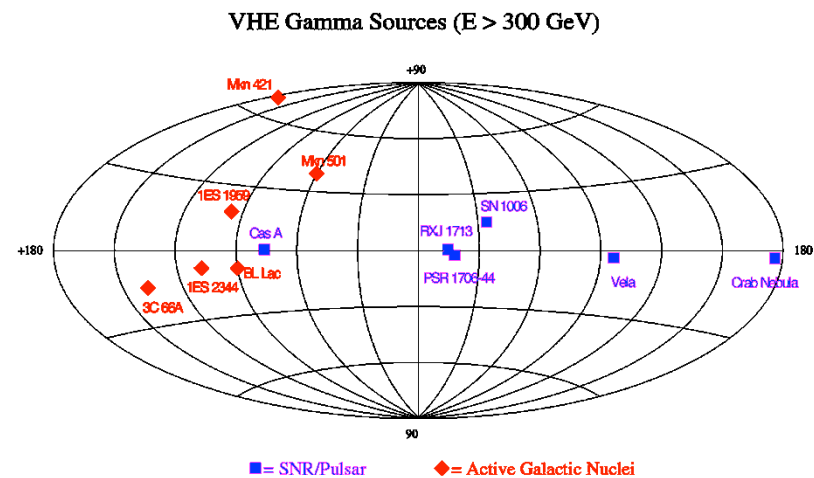
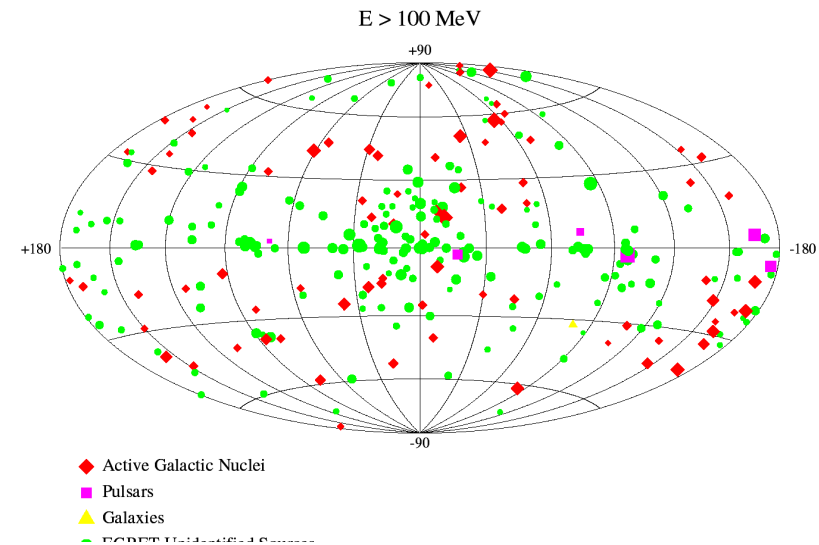
Satellite effective area  $< 1 \text{ m}^2$

- Old generation ground-based experiments observe few sources with  $E > 300$  GeV.

Effective area  $> 10^4 \text{ m}^2$

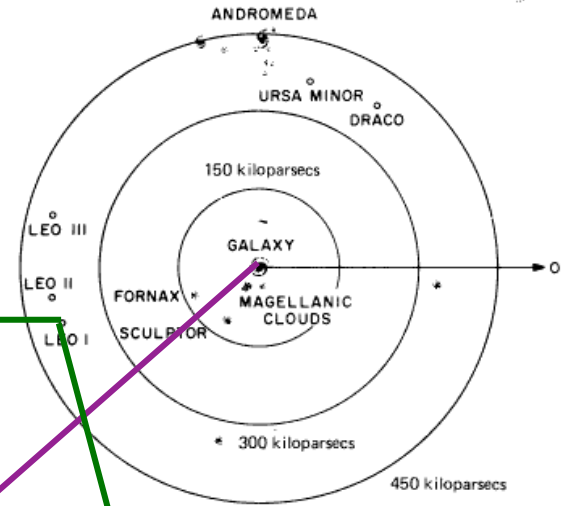
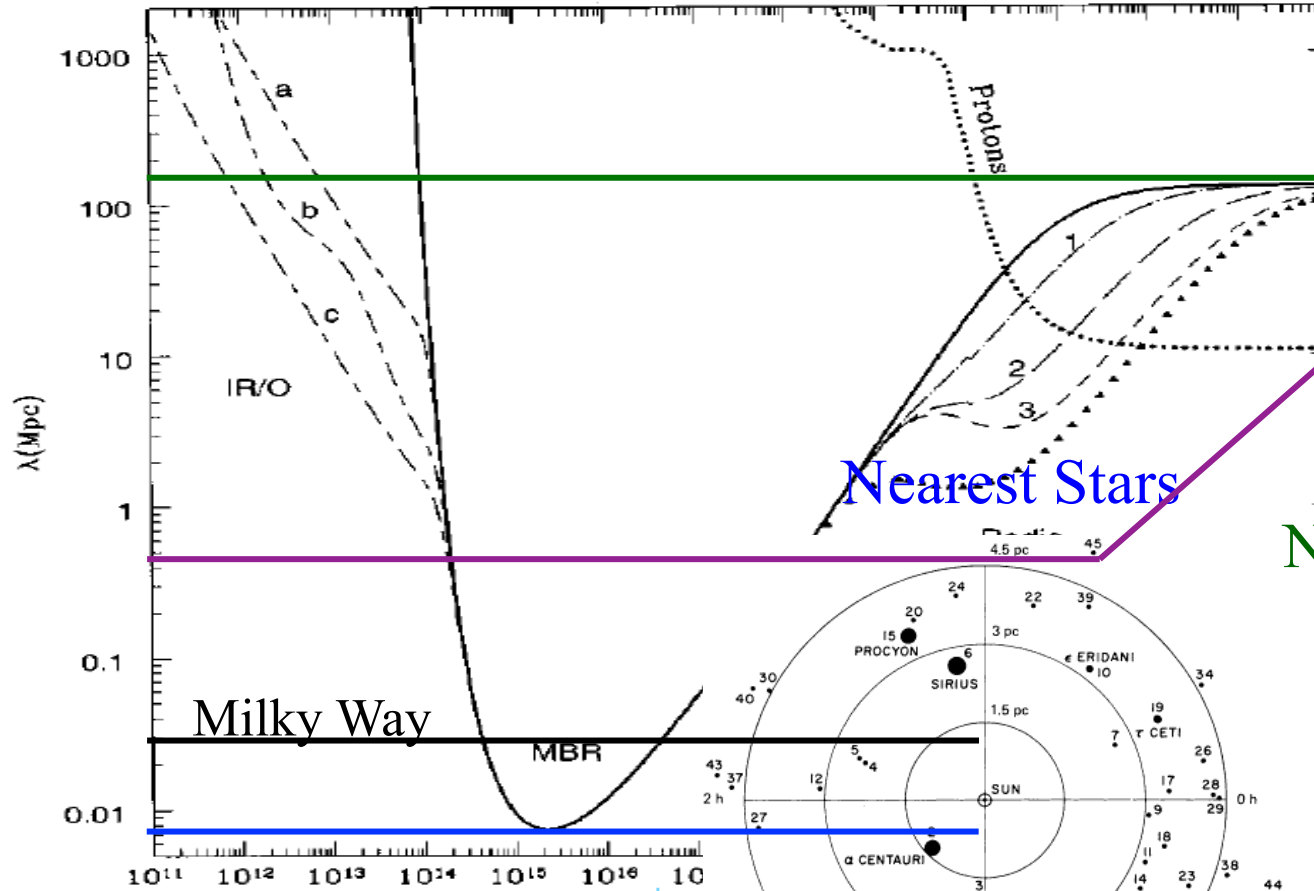
Strong cutoff in  $\gamma$ -spectrum for  $30 \text{ GeV} < E < 300 \text{ GeV}$   
 Explore energy gap with *MAGIC*

THIRD EGRET CATALOGUE OF GAMMA-RAY POINT SOURCES



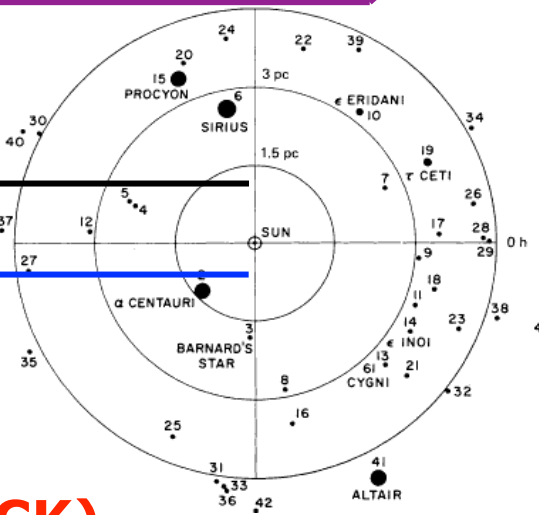
# Large mean free path... Transparency of the Universe

## Nearest Galaxies

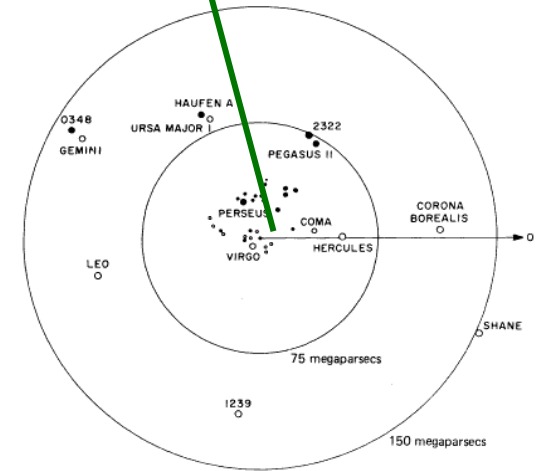


450 kpc

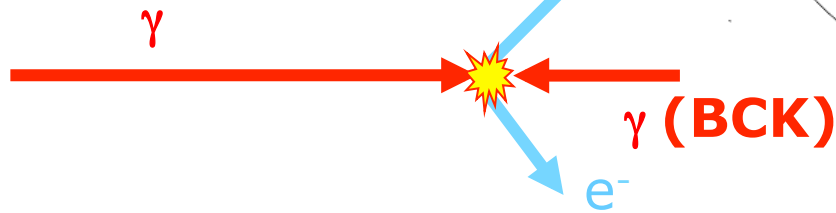
Nearest Galaxy Clusters



4.5 pc

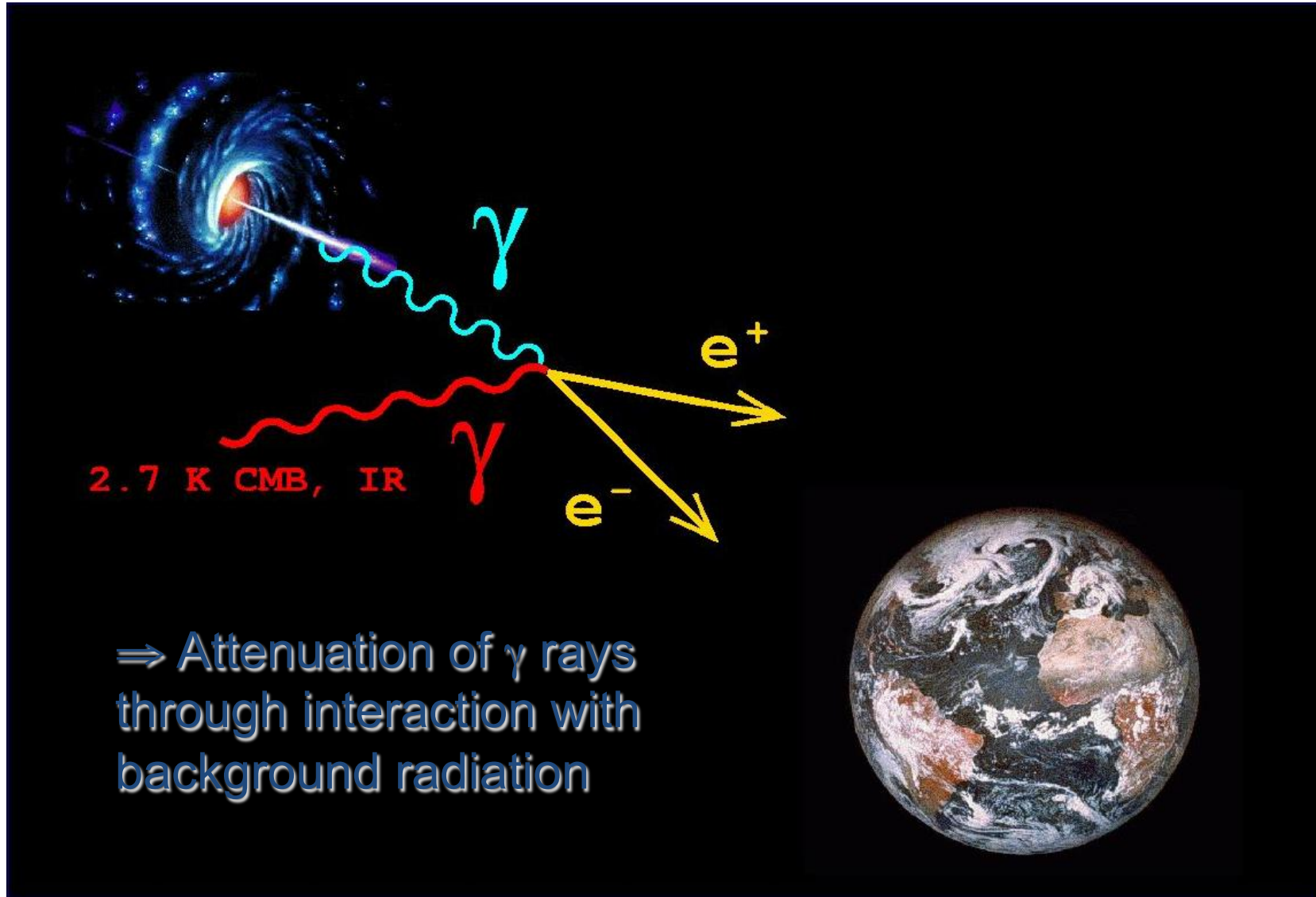


150 Mpc





# Photon Propagation Effects

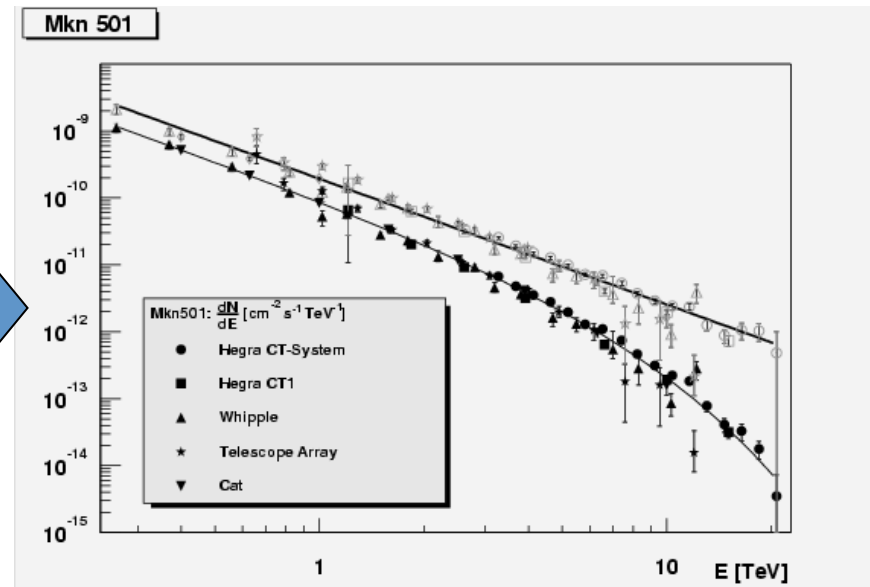
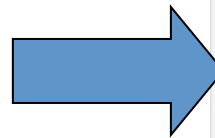


# Gamma Ray Horizon

Any  $\gamma$  that crosses cosmological distances through the universe **interacts with the EBL**

$$\gamma_{HE} \gamma_{EBL} \rightarrow e^+ e^- \longrightarrow E\varepsilon(1 - \cos\theta) > 2(m_e c^2)^2$$

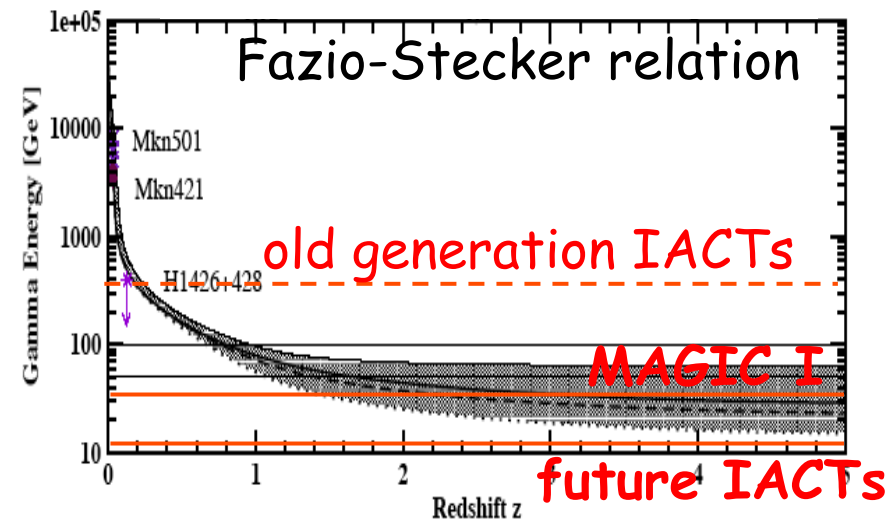
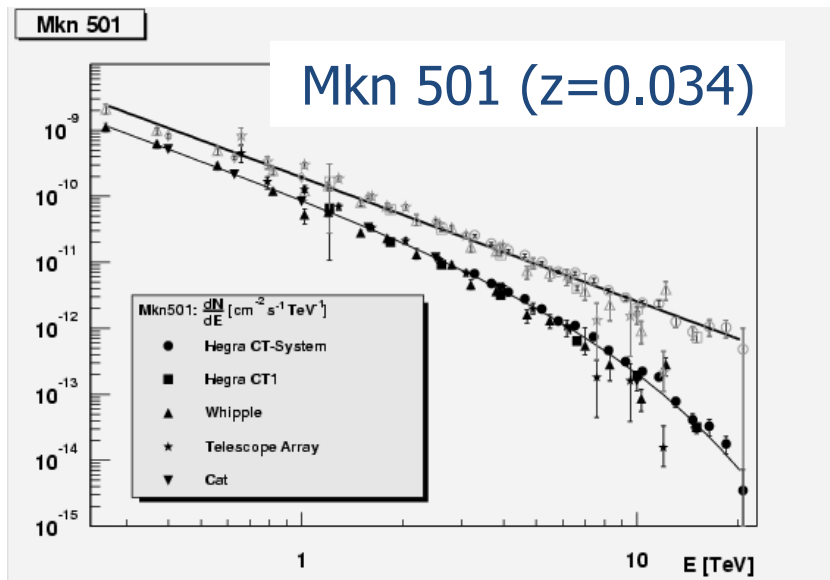
The absorption effect  
seen on a nearby blazar  
Mkn 501 ( $z=0.034$ )



# Gamma Ray Horizon

$\gamma$ -rays traveling cosmological distances **interact** with **Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)**

$$\gamma_{HE} \gamma_{EBL} \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$



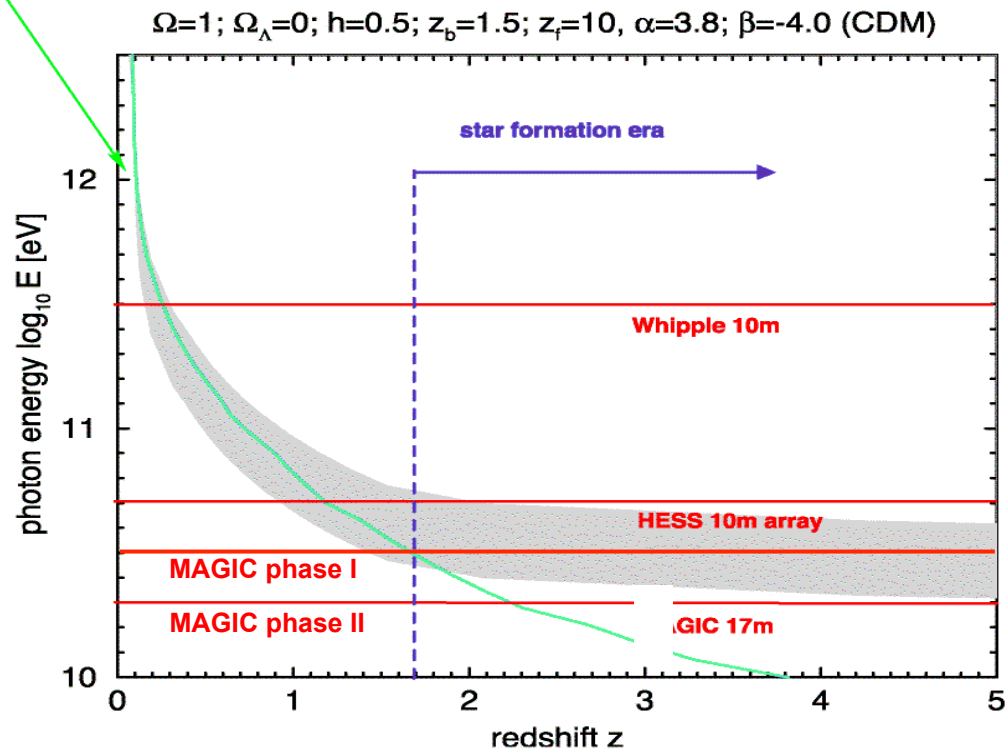
- lower energy threshold  
=> observe more distant sources

- Absorption increases with energy of  $\gamma$ -rays
- Absorption leads to cutoff in AGN spectrum
- Measurement cutoff of several sources allows extraction of EBL

# Gamma ray horizon (GRH)

Defined as the distance for which the optical depth for pair production process is  $\tau = 1$  (i.e. a reduction 1/e of the flux of the extragalactic source).

*Current IACTs can see only up to  $z \sim 0.1$*



$$\tau(E, z) = 1$$

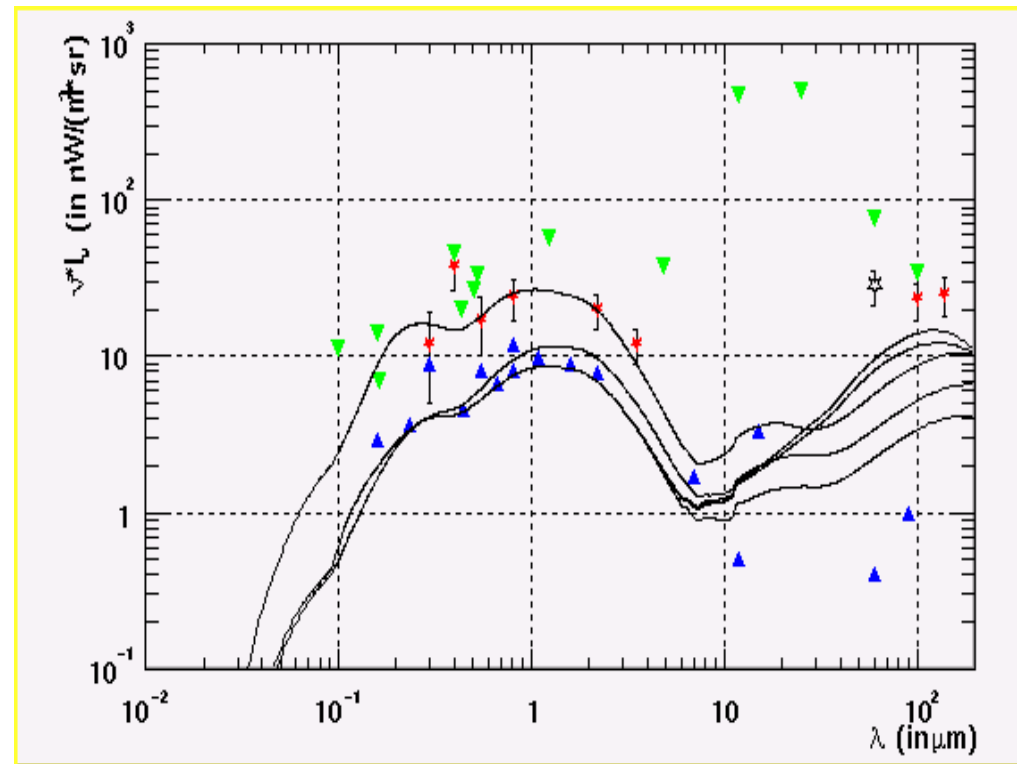
# Extragalactic absorption

For the energy range of IACTs (10 GeV - 10 TeV), the interaction takes place with the **infrared** (0.01 eV - 3 eV , 100  $\mu\text{m}$  - 1  $\mu\text{m}$  ).

## *Origin*

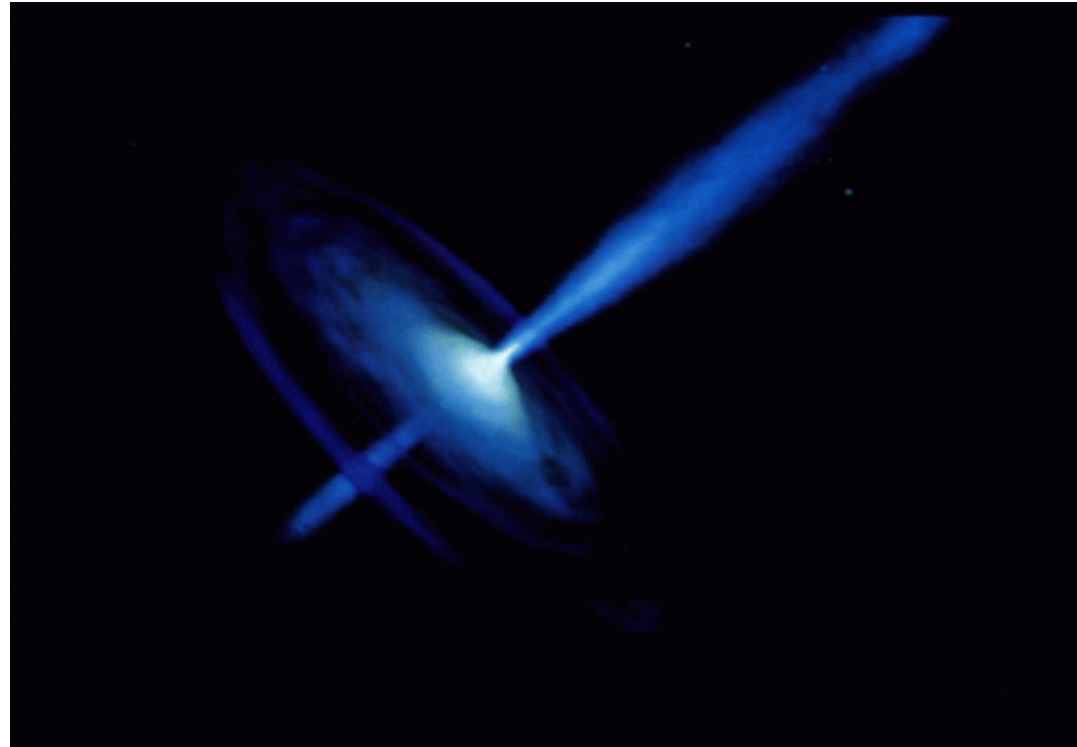
- Star formation
- Radiation of stars
- Absorption and reemission by ISM

By measuring the cutoffs in the spectra of AGNs within the, MAGIC can help in determining the IR background

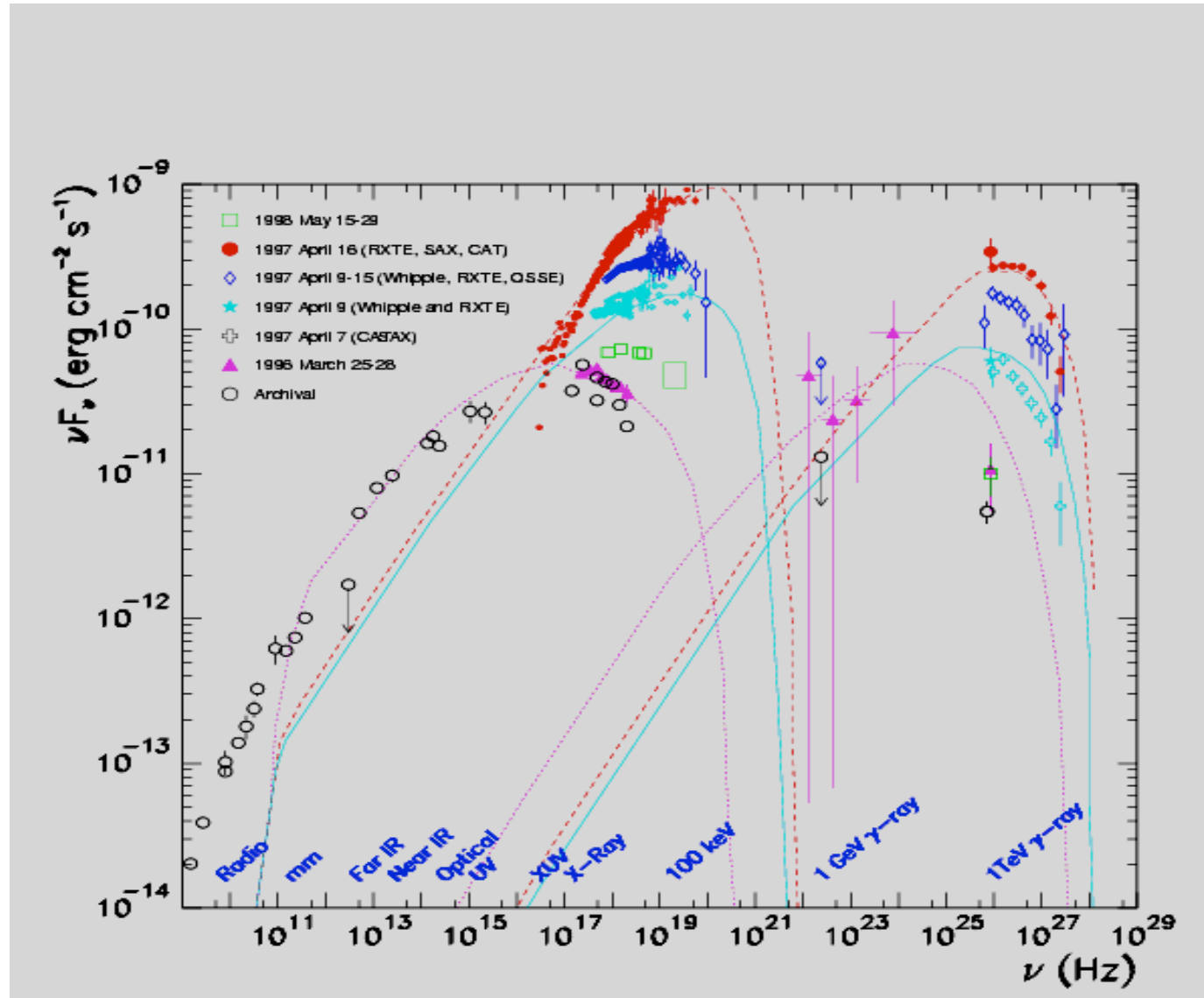


# Extragalactic Sources

- Physics of AGN jets
- Cosmological extragalactic background light (EBL)



# Active Galactic Nuclei

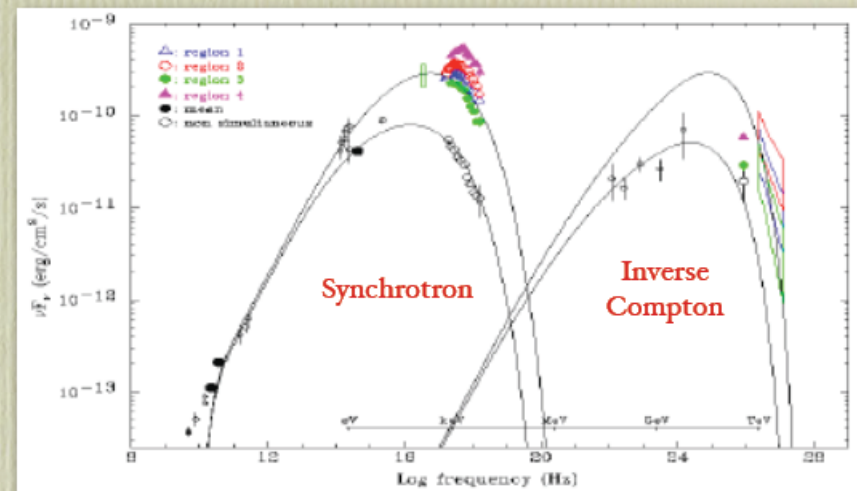


# $\gamma$ -ray Astronomy and Cosmic Rays

- Search for the sources of Cosmic Rays
- Investigate acceleration mechanisms
- $\gamma$ -rays can be traced back to the origin

## Spectral Energy Distribution (SED)

- characteristic **two-peak** structure
- competing **leptonic** and **hadronic** acceleration models.



## Hadron acceleration

proton-proton interaction  
 $p^+ (\text{TeV}) + \text{matter} \rightarrow \pi^0 \dots \rightarrow \gamma \gamma (\text{GeV})$

photo-hadron interaction  
 $p^+ (\text{TeV}) + \gamma (\text{eV}) \rightarrow \pi^0 \dots \rightarrow \gamma \gamma (\text{GeV})$

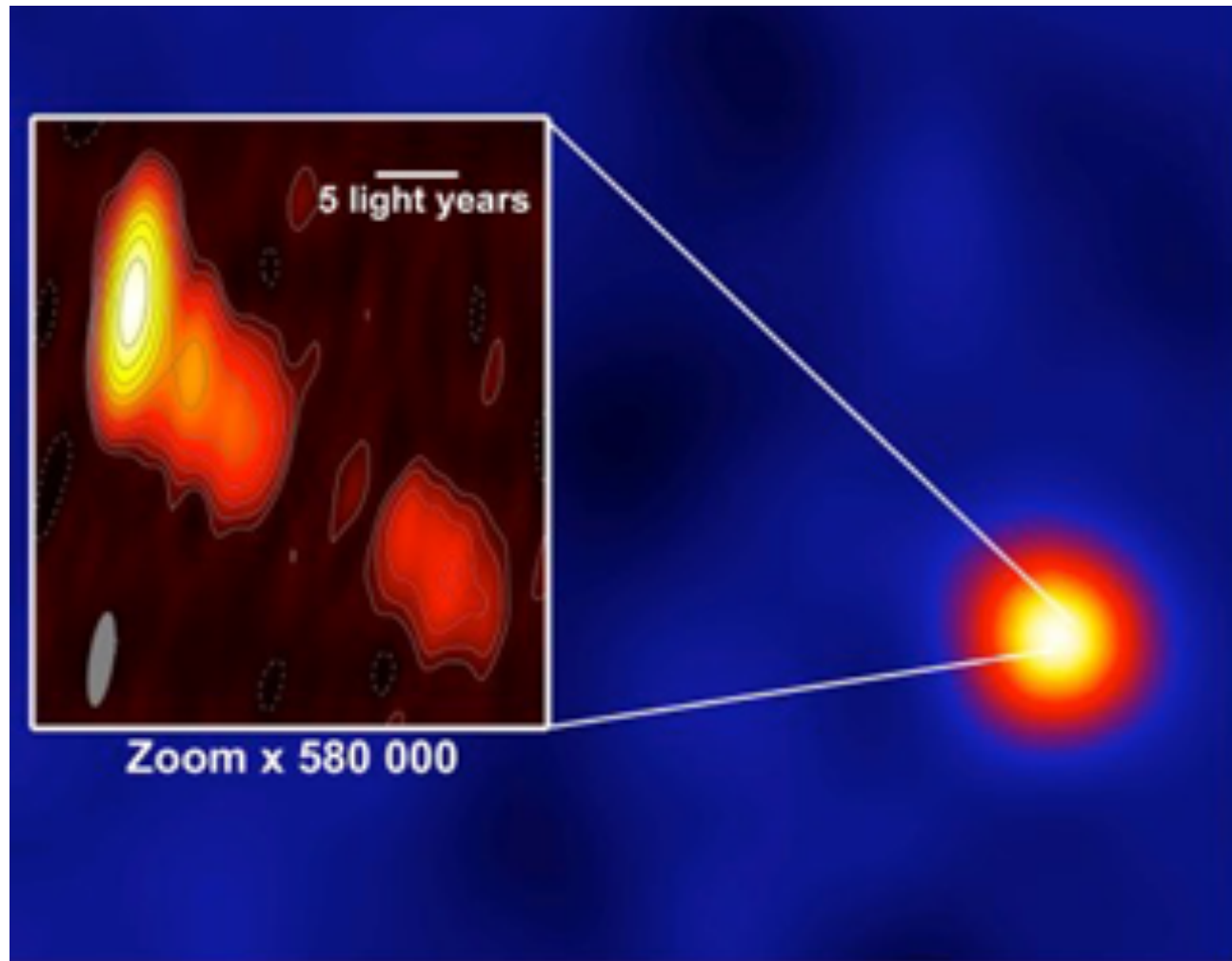
## Electron acceleration

Synchrotron Radiation  
 $e^- + B \rightarrow e^- + \gamma (\text{eV-keV})$

Inverse Compton Scattering  
 $e^- (\text{GeV}) + \gamma (\text{eV}) \rightarrow e^- + \gamma (\text{GeV})$

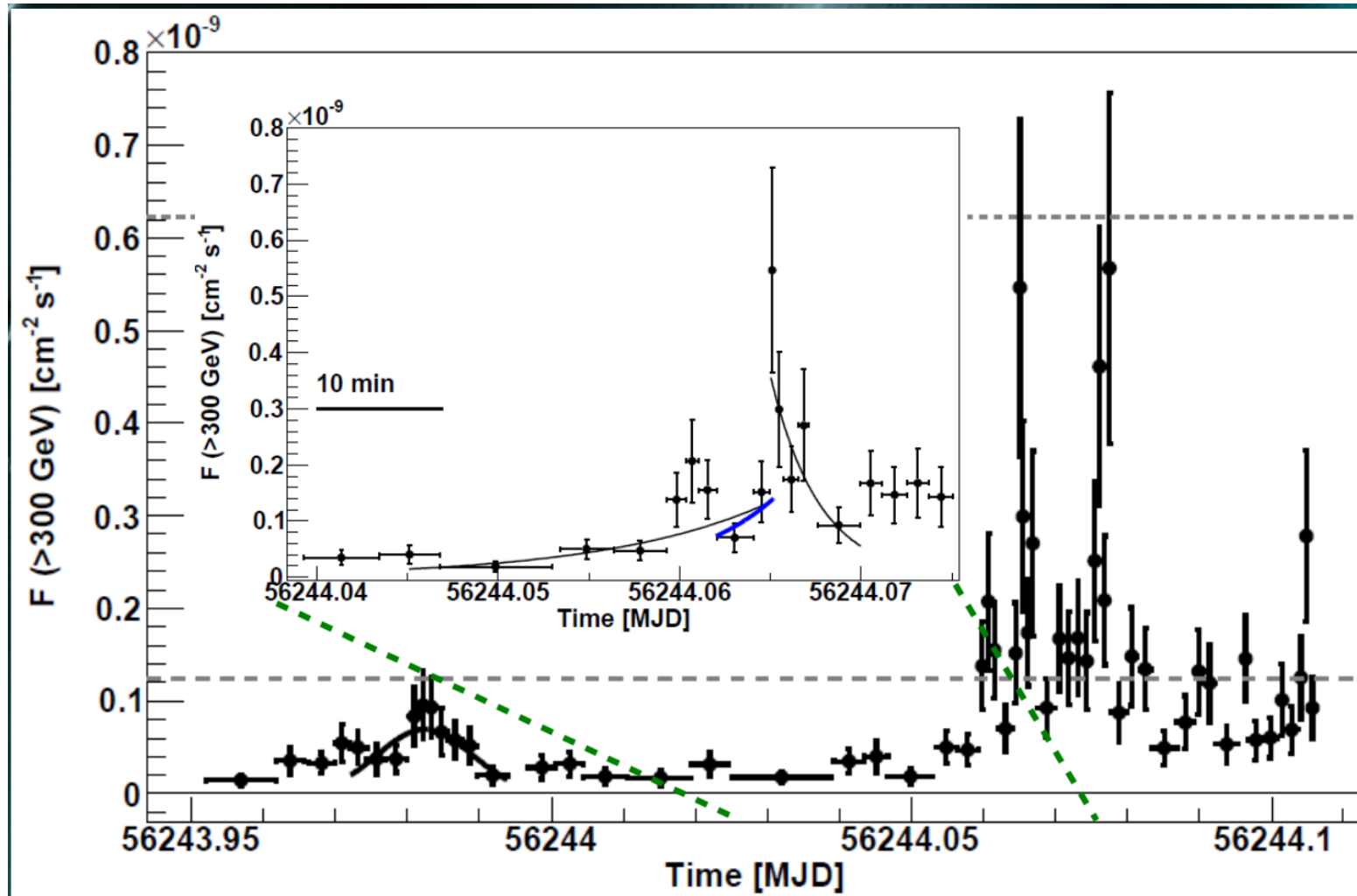


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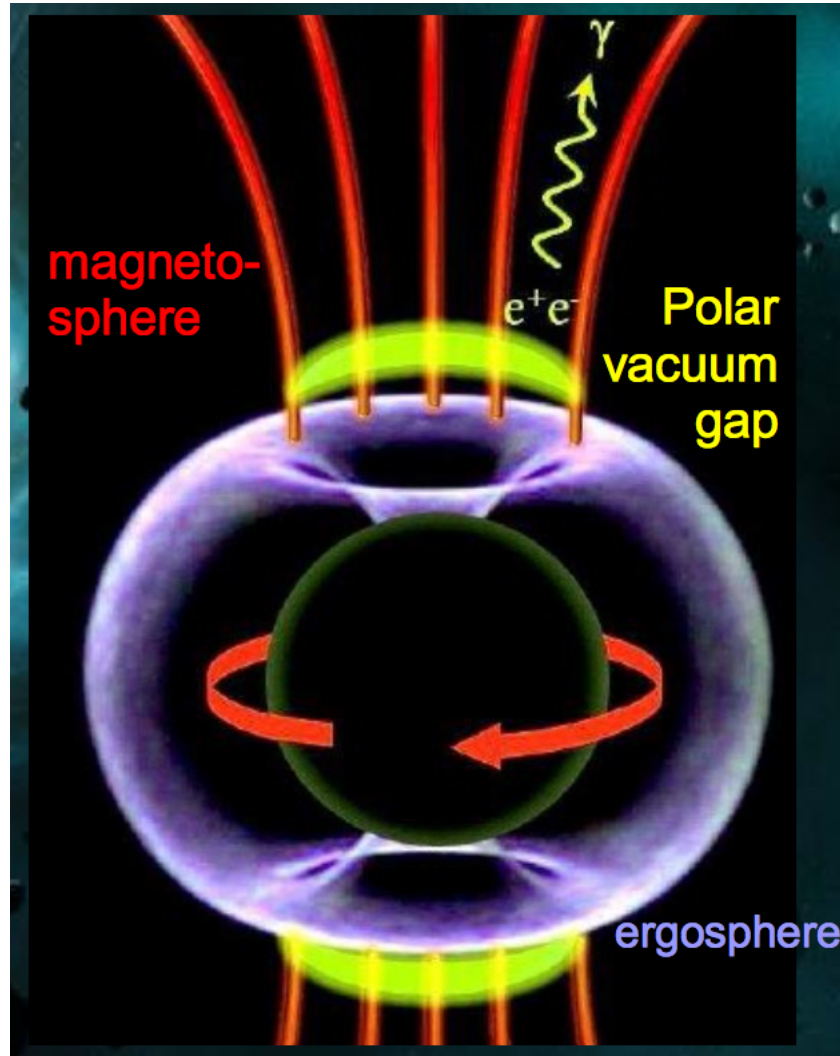
Aleksic et al 2015

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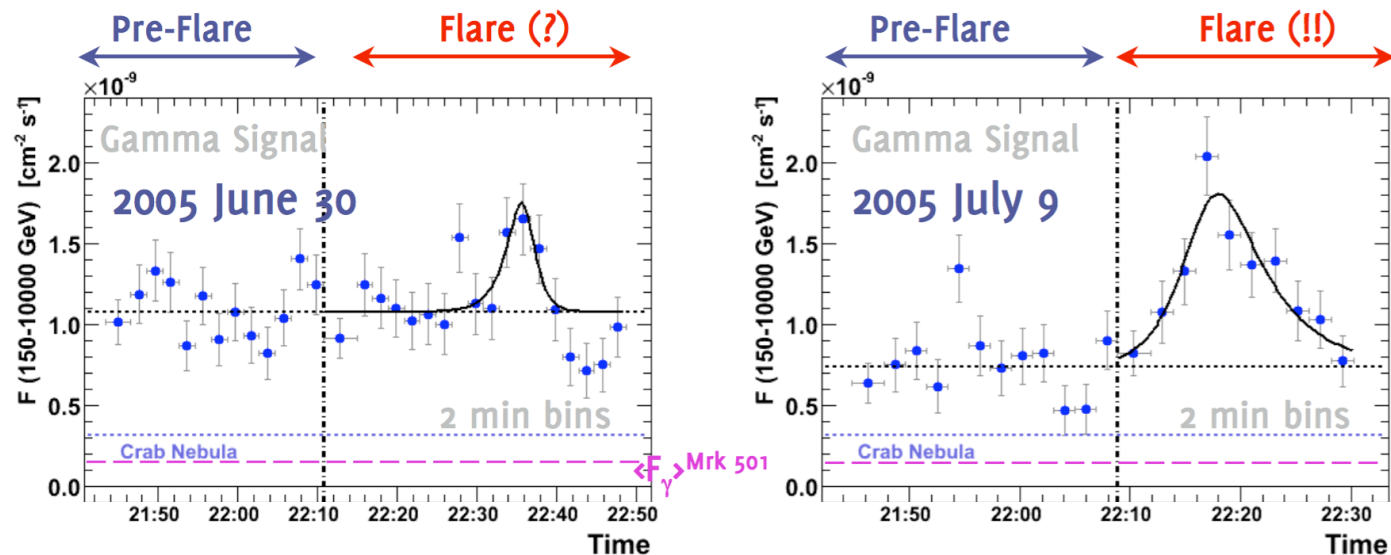
# IC310



Aleksic et al 2015

# Previous results

## The Fastest Variability Observed So Far



Assumption: Flux variation (flare) on the top of a stable emission

$b$ ( $\frac{10^{-10} \text{ ph}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$ )	$c$ (s)	$d$ (s)	$\chi^2/NDF^d$	$P^e$ (%)
$13.2 \pm 4.7$	$81 \pm 41$	$50 \pm 23$	20.0/15	17.3 <sup>f</sup>
$20.3 \pm 3.3$	$95 \pm 24$	$185 \pm 40$	4.2/7	75.8

$a$ : pedestal (not fit)

$b$ : amplitude of flux variation

$t_0$ :  $\sim$  peak position (not fit)

$c, d$ : flux-doubling times

# Previous results

## Results of the ECF Method

MAGIC Collab. + Ellis et al.  
arXiv:0708.2889, PRL subm.

$$\tau_l = (0.030 \pm 0.012) \text{ s/GeV}$$

$$\tau_q = (3.71 \pm 2.57) \times 10^{-6} \text{ s/GeV}^2$$

$$M_{\text{QG1}} = 1.398 \times 10^{16} (1 \text{ s}/\tau_l)$$

$$M_{\text{QG2}} = 1.182 \times 10^8 (1 \text{ s}/\tau_q)^{1/2}$$

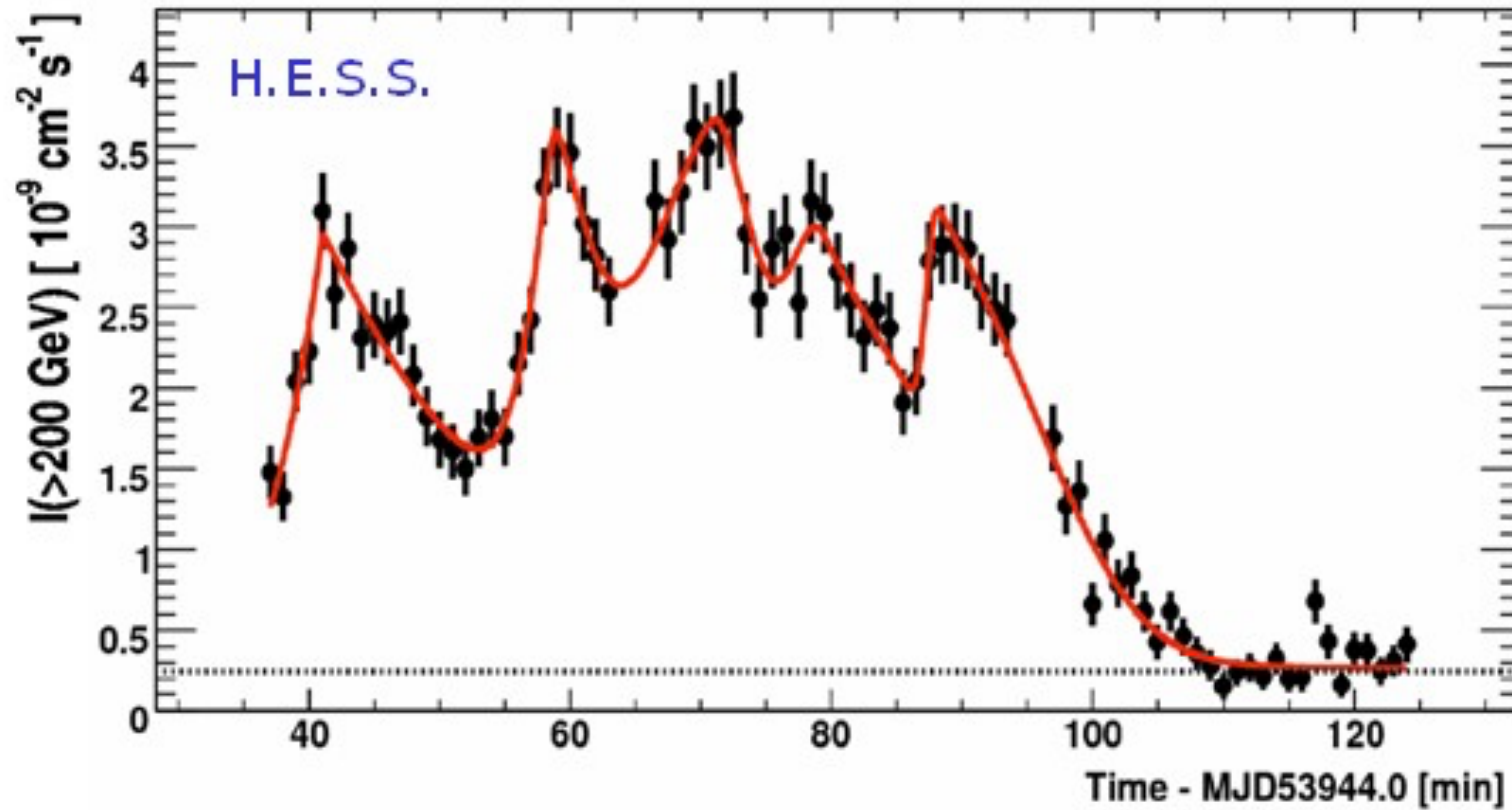
$$M_{\text{QG1}} = (0.47_{-0.13}^{+0.31}) \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{\text{QG2}} = (0.61_{-0.14}^{+0.49}) \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{\text{QG1}} > 0.26 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{\text{QG2}} > 0.27 \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$

# PKS 2155 -304

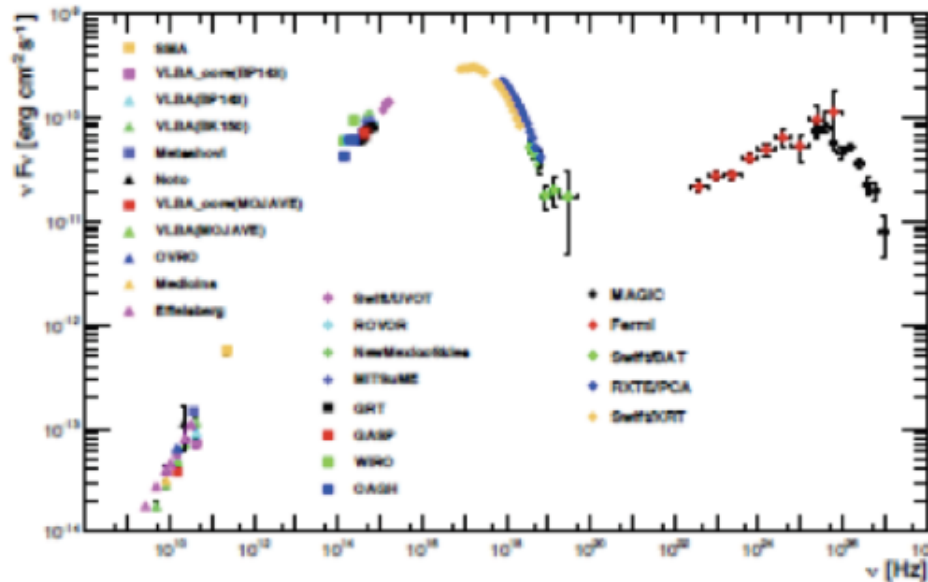


Aharonian et al 2007

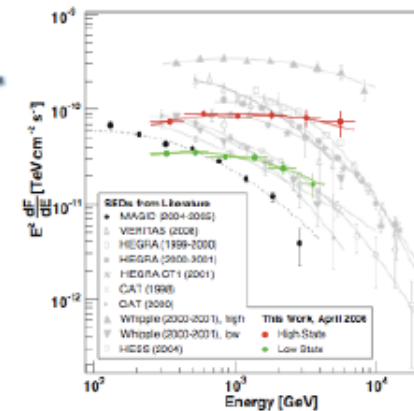
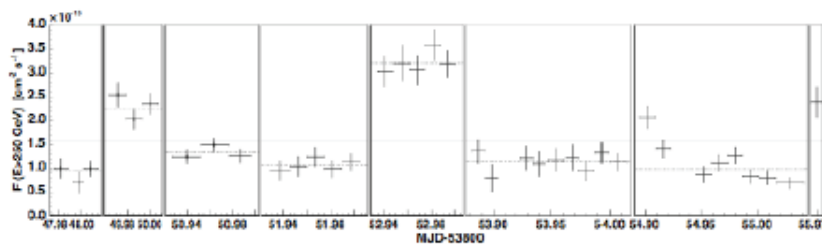
# Contact with Fermi

## + Broadband radio-TeV Mrk421

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- 4.5 months campaign
- Most complete SED ever collected for Mrk421
- Total Fermi-MAGIC overlap over 5 decades in energy!
- HE-VHE connection!



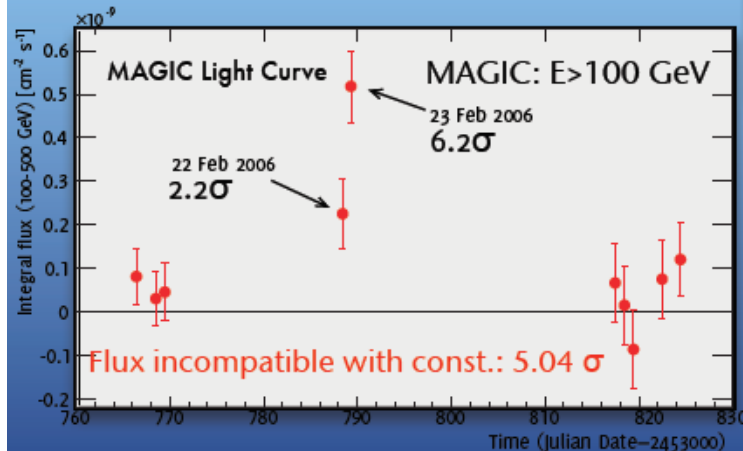
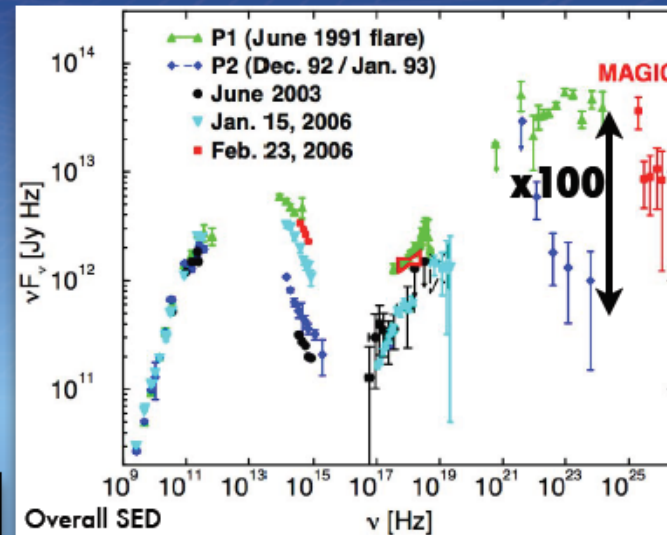
Michele Doro - From MAGIC to MAGIC stereo - Ricap 2011

# 3c279

## 3C 279: Famous EGRET Blazar

Teshima, RMW et al. 2007 (ICRC07)  
MAGIC Coll., Science 320 (2008) 1752

- ▶ Flat Spectrum Radio Quasar at  $z=0.536$
- ▶ Apparent luminosity  $\approx 10^{48}$  erg/s
- ▶ Gamma-ray flares in 1991 and 1996: High dynamical range in EGRET data
- ▶ Fast time variation:  $\Delta T \sim 6$ hr in 1996 flare



- $z=0.536!$  Major jump in redshift
- First FSRQ in TeV gamma-rays:
- Can be used to constrain Extragalactic Background Light models



# AGN

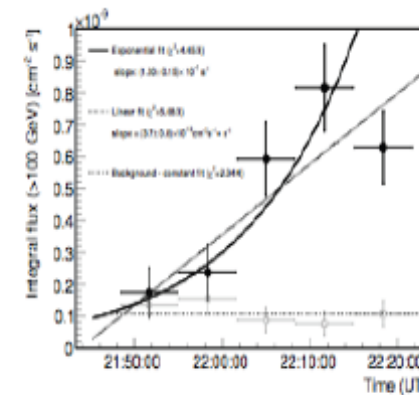
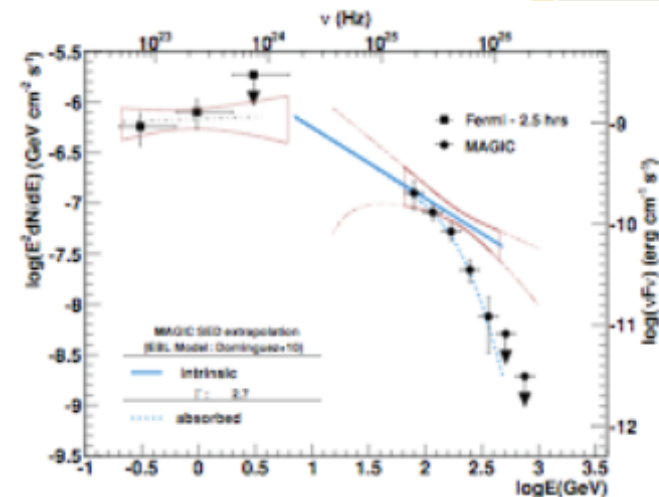
## + FSRQ PKS 1222+21 (4C21.35)

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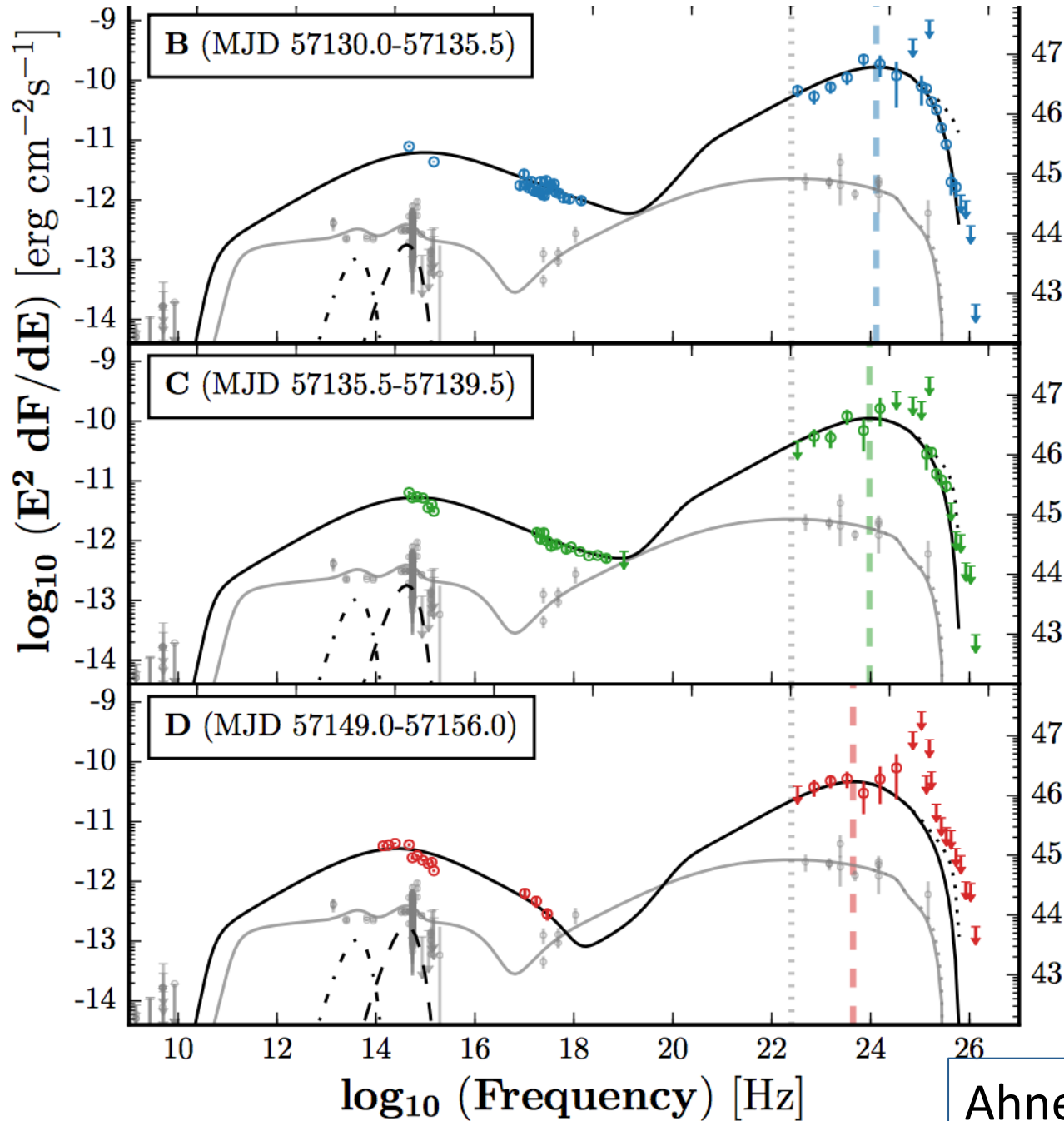
- Very good example of collaboration Fermi-LACTs (hard sources)
- Fermi Atel 2584 triggers MAGIC: 10.2 sigma detection in 0.5 h (1 Crab)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> farthest VHE source:  $z=0.432$

- MAGIC+Fermi: can fit to single power-law  $-2.7(0.3)$  between 3 and 400 GeV
- No-sign of any cutoff
- Most rapid variation ever observed at VHE: Flux doubling-time 8.6min!

- Single spectrum  $\rightarrow$  emission due to unique component
- No GeV cutoff  $\rightarrow$  emission outside the BLR region, in the relativistic jet?
- Flux rapid variability  $\rightarrow$  compact emission
- **CHALLENGE TO EMISSION MODELS!**



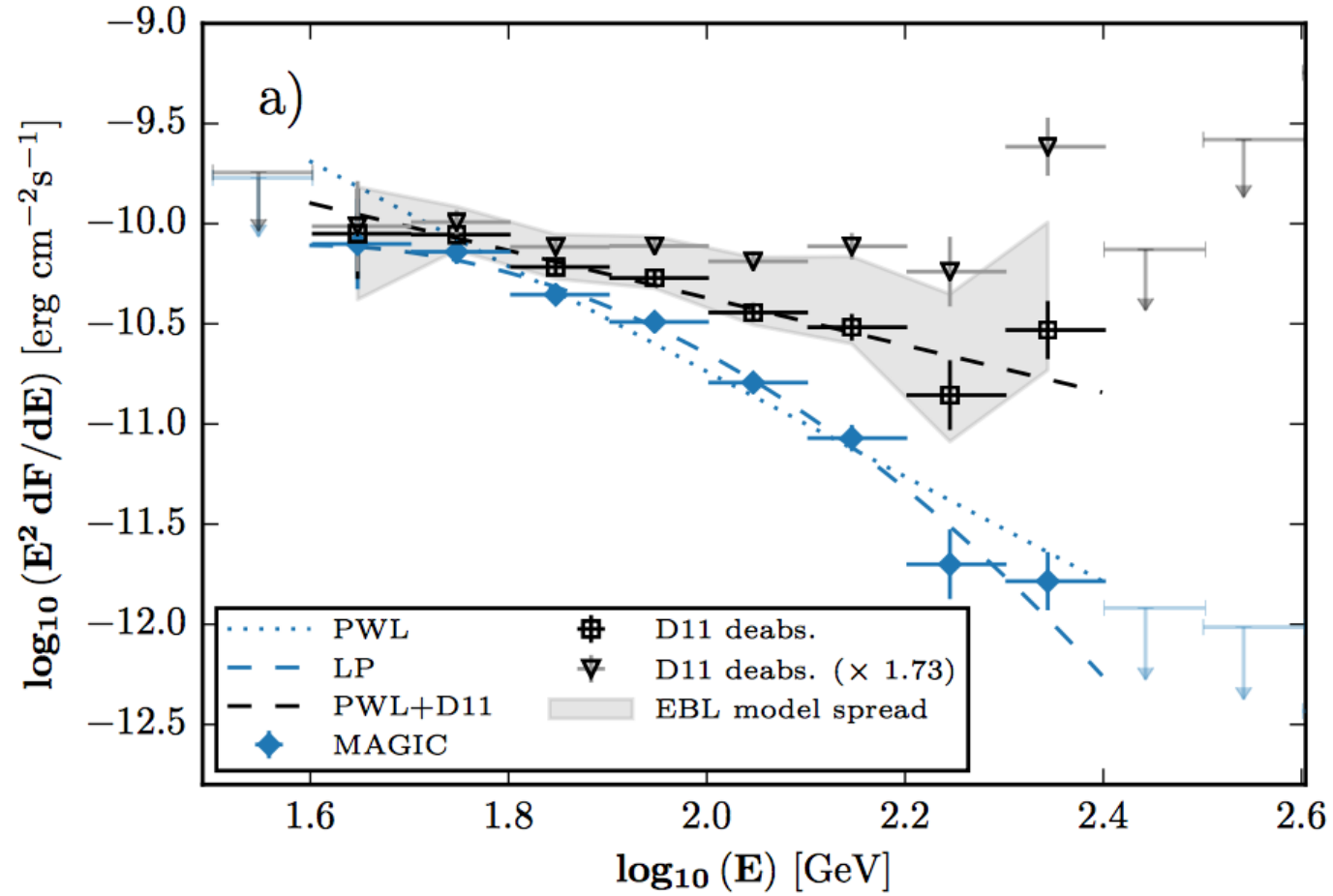
# PKS 1441+25 z=0.9397!



Ahnen et al 2016

# PKS 1441+25

## $z=0.9397$



Ahnen et al 2016

# Lensed Blazar

## Discovery of Very High Energy Gamma-Ray Emission From Gravitationally Lensed Blazar S3 0218+357 With the MAGIC Telescopes

ATel #6349; *Razmik Mirzoyan (Max-Planck-Institute for Physics) On Behalf of the MAGIC Collaboration*

*on 28 Jul 2014; 14:20 UT*

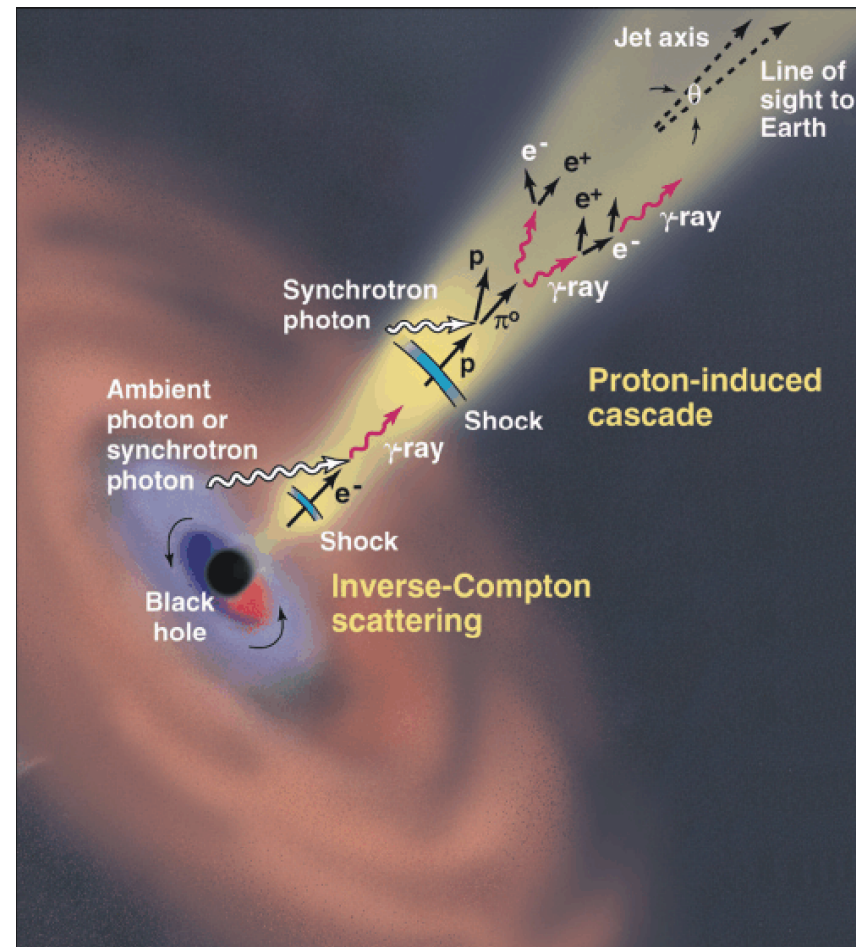
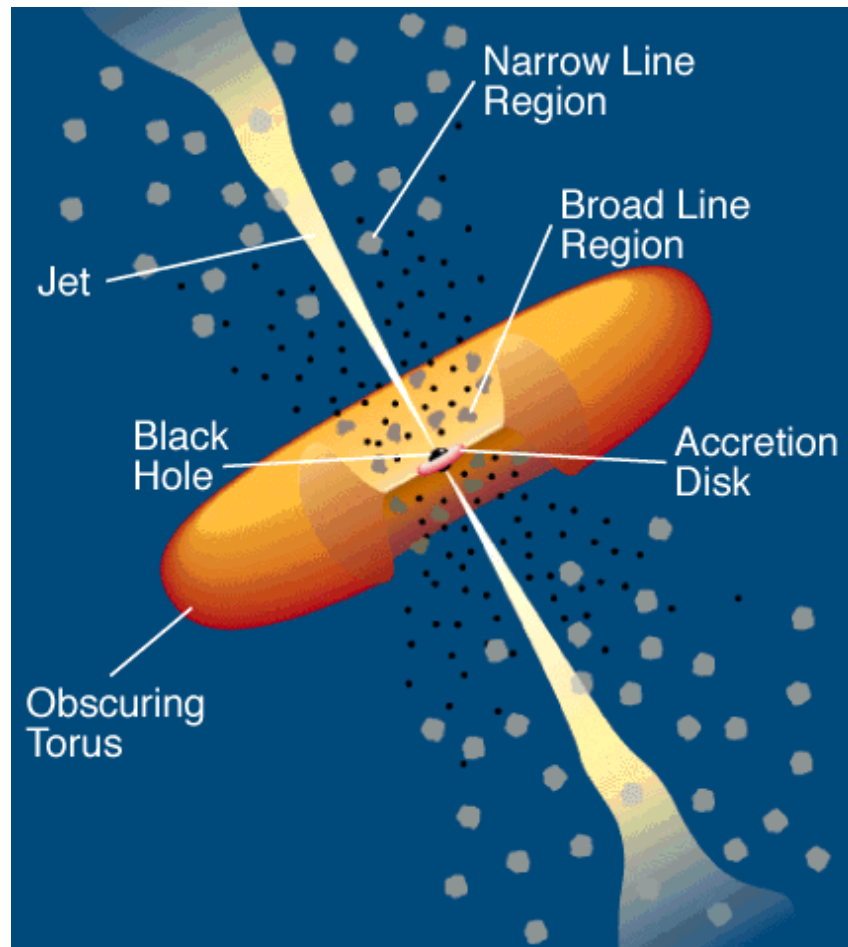
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Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, UHE, AGN, Blazar, Cosmic Rays, Microlensing Event

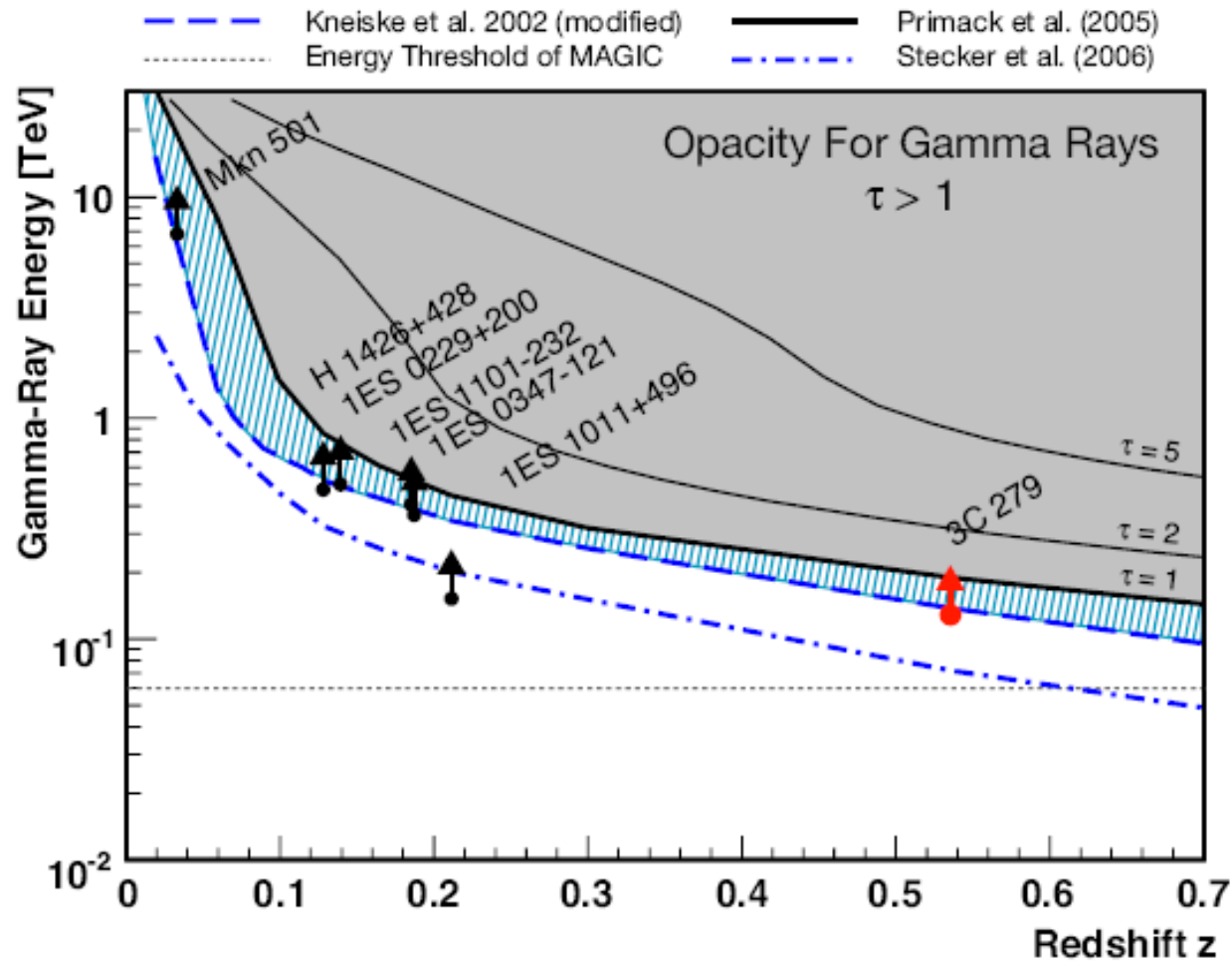


The MAGIC collaboration reports the discovery of very high energy (VHE;  $E > 100$  GeV) gamma-ray emission from S3 0218+357 (RA=02h21m05.5s, DEC=+35d56m14s, J2000.0). The object was observed with the MAGIC telescopes for a total of 3.5 hours from 2014/07/23 to 2014/07/26. The preliminary analysis of these data resulted in the detection of S3 0218+357 with a statistical significance of more than 5 standard deviations. From the preliminary analysis, we estimate the VHE flux of this detection to be about 15% of the flux from the Crab Nebula in the energy range 100-200 GeV. S3 0218+357 is a gravitationally lensed blazar located at the redshift of  $0.944 \pm 0.002$  (Cohen et al., 2003, ApJ, 583, 67). Fermi-LAT observations during the flaring state of S3 0218+357 in 2012 revealed a series of flares with their counterparts after  $11.46 \pm 0.16$  days delay, interpreted as due to the gravitational lensing effect (Cheung et al. 2014, ApJ, 782, L14). On 2014 July 13 and 14 Fermi-LAT detected another flaring episode (ATel #6316). Due to the full-moon time, the MAGIC telescopes were not operational and could not observe S3 0218+357 after the original alert. However, observations scheduled at the expected time of arrival of the gravitationally lensed component led to the first significant detection of a gravitationally lensed blazar and the most distant source detected at VHE with Cherenkov telescopes to date. MAGIC observations on S3 0218+357 will continue during the next days and multiwavelength observations are encouraged. The MAGIC contact persons for these observations are R. Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de) and J. Sitarek (jsitarek@ifae.es). MAGIC is a system of two 17m-diameter Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes located at the Canary island of La Palma, Spain, and designed to perform gamma-ray astrophysics in the energy range from 50 GeV to greater than 50 TeV.

# AGN model



# MAGIC – EBL measurements

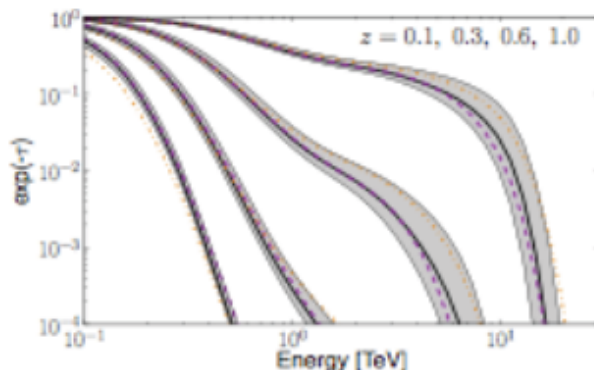
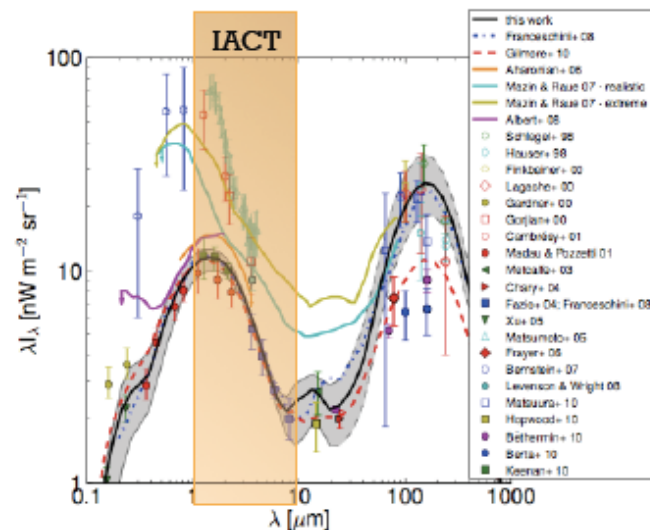


Albert et al. 2008

# EBL measurements

## + Gamma-ray horizon

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- VHE gamma-ray interacting with UV and far-IR photons, may pair produce:

- Optical depth  $\tau=\tau(E,z)$

- Distant AGNs are optimal targets (if distance is known):

- 3C279 ( $z=0.536$ )
- 3C66A ( $z=0.444?$ )
- PG1553+113 ( $z=0.4$ )
- S5 0716+714 ( $z=0.310?$ )
- ...

- Absorption above 100 GeV makes observed spectrum:

- Softer (steeper)
- Difficult to observe

- IACT observation already constrained models to their minimum allowance (universe is more transparent)

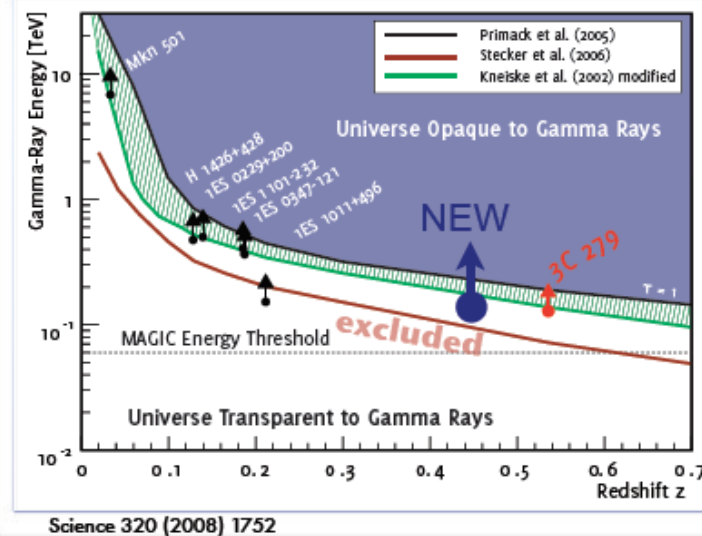
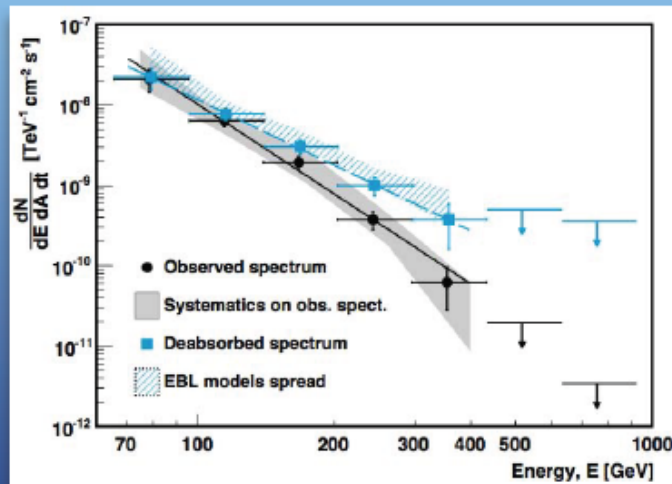
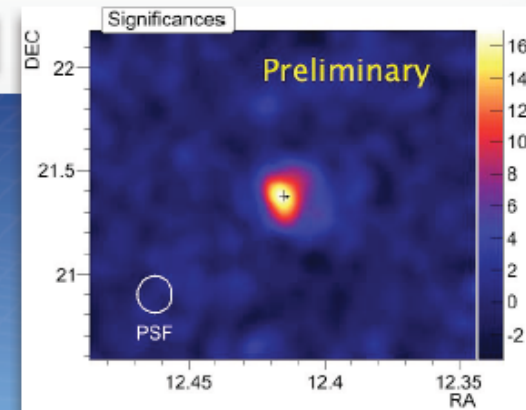
- Distant AGNs are monitored by M-stereo (PG1553, 3C279)

# EBL measurements

## 4C+21.35 aka PKS 1222+21

- 2010 June 17, flare state
- PKS 1222+21 (4C +21.35) is a high redshift ( $z=0.43$ ) FSRQ (only 3C279, PKS1510-089 so far)
- Observations triggered by a high state reported by Fermi-LAT
- Can be used for EBL studies

MAGIC Coll.,  
A&A subm.





# Photon – Axion Oscillation

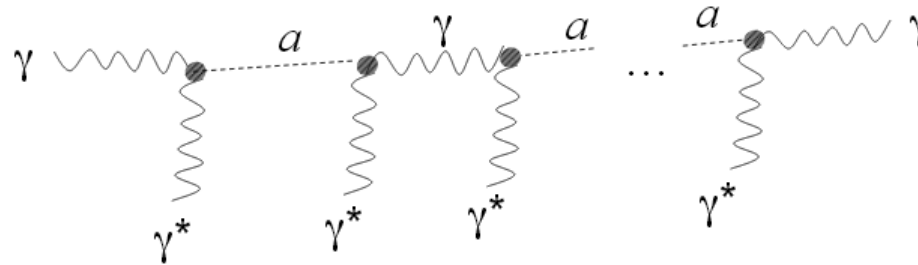
## Axion Like Particle (ALP)

One intriguing possibility that have been recently proposed (DeAngelis-Mansutti-Roncadelli, 2007; DeAngelis-Mansutti-Persic-Roncadelli, 2008) is that conversion of  $\gamma$ 's into axions into the random extragalactic magnetic fields give rise to a sort of cosmic *light-shining through wall* effect.

Axions have been introduced by Peccei & Quinn to solve the strong CP problem. Axion like particles with  $a\gamma\gamma$  coupling are predicted in many extensions of the Standard Model. Pseudoscalar axions couple with the EM field through the effective Lagrangian

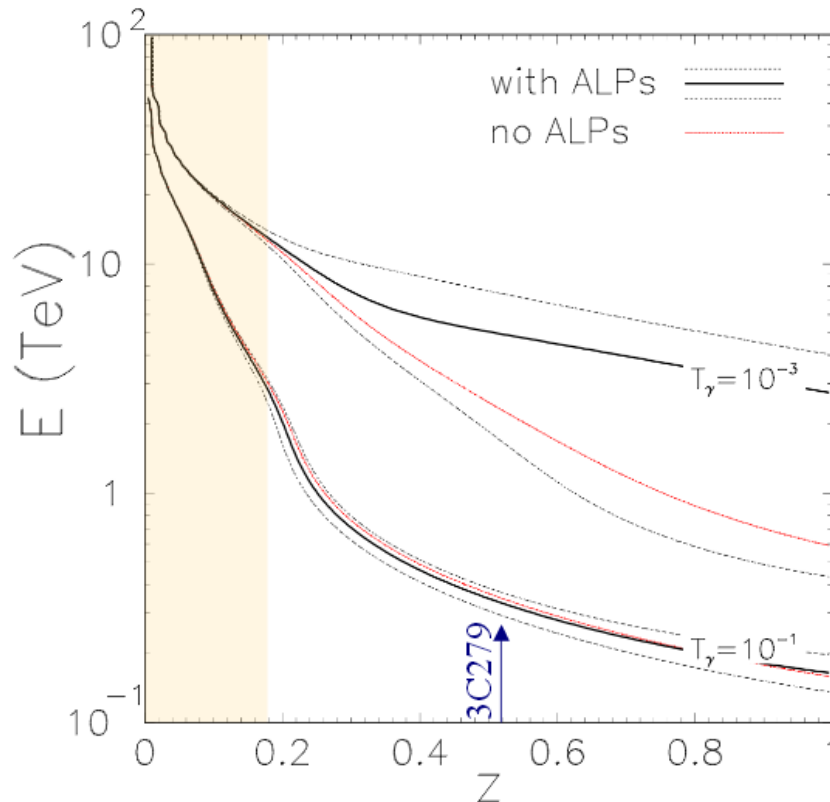
$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}a$$

Photons propagating in an external magnetic field can undergo to photon-axion oscillations



# Photon – Axion Oscillation

## Realistic transfer function



For  $z \leq 0.2$  the inclusion of the ALPs does not produce any significant change in the photon transfer function. Thus, it would be difficult to interpret in terms of ALP conversions the presumed transparency to gamma radiations for the sources at  $z = 0.165$  and  $z = 0.186$ .

Conversely, ALP conversions could play a significant role for the source 3C279 at redshift  $z = 0.54$

# GRB repoint



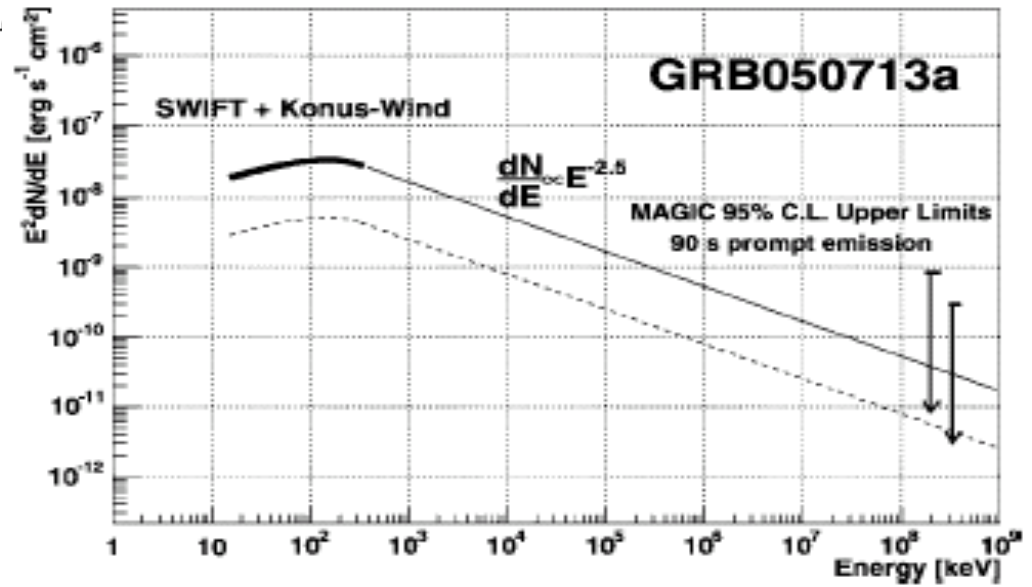
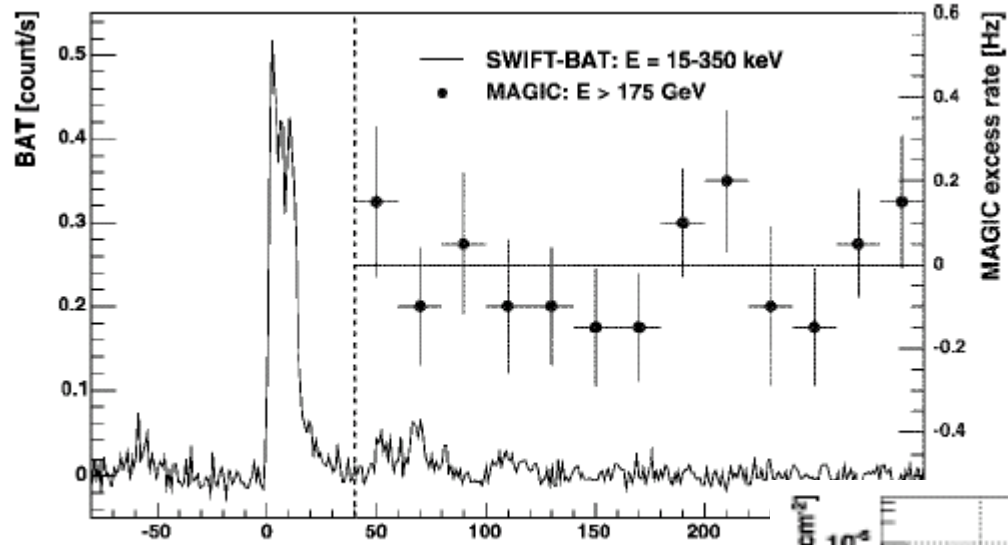
Current satellites giving alerts  
in short time: *FERMI*,  
*INTEGRAL*, *SWIFT*

Delays of alerts from less than  
10s to some minutes

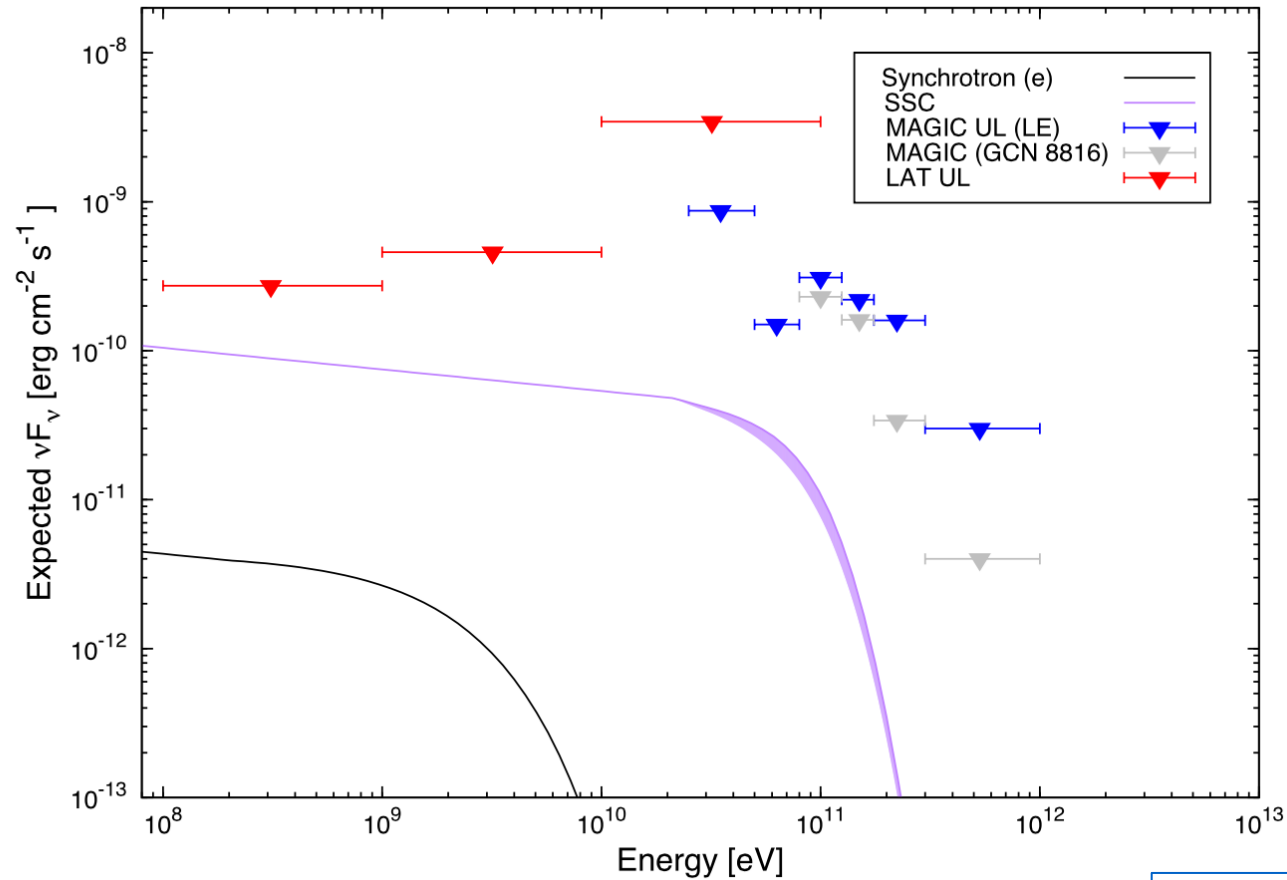
Very fast repositioning  
capabilities are therefore  
requested:

**10 to 20 seconds!**

# GRBs



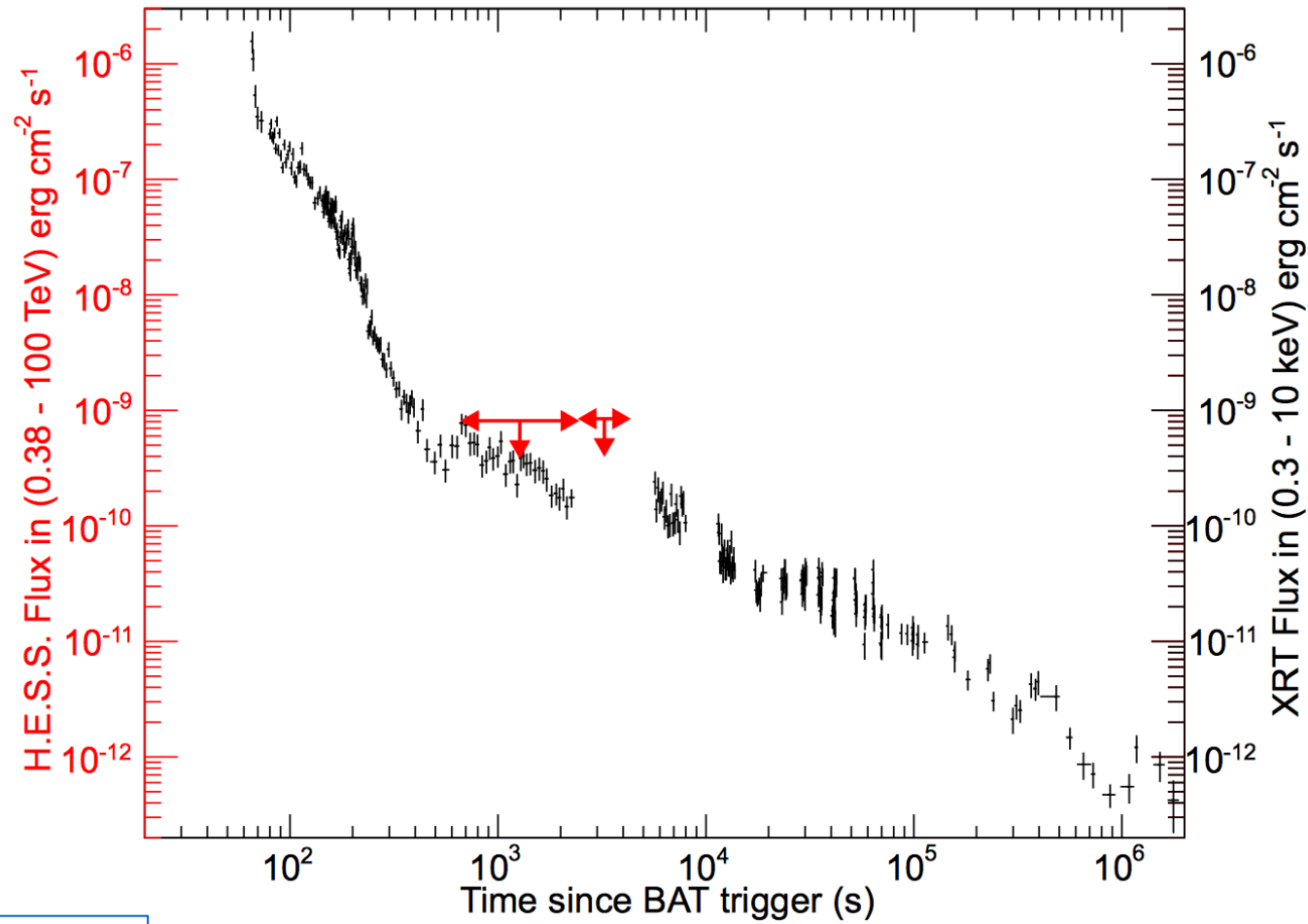
# MAGIC-I upper limits



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J. Aleksic et al., 2014

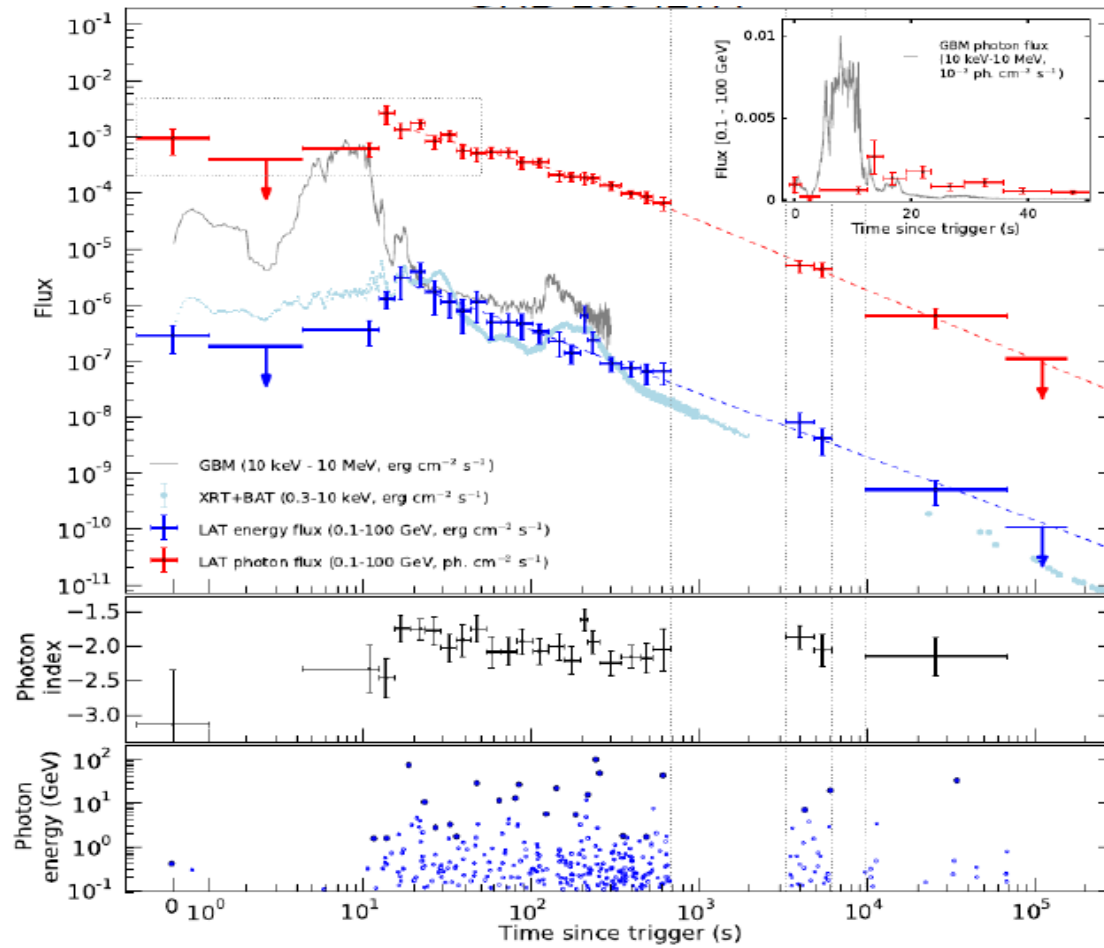
# HESS - I upper limits



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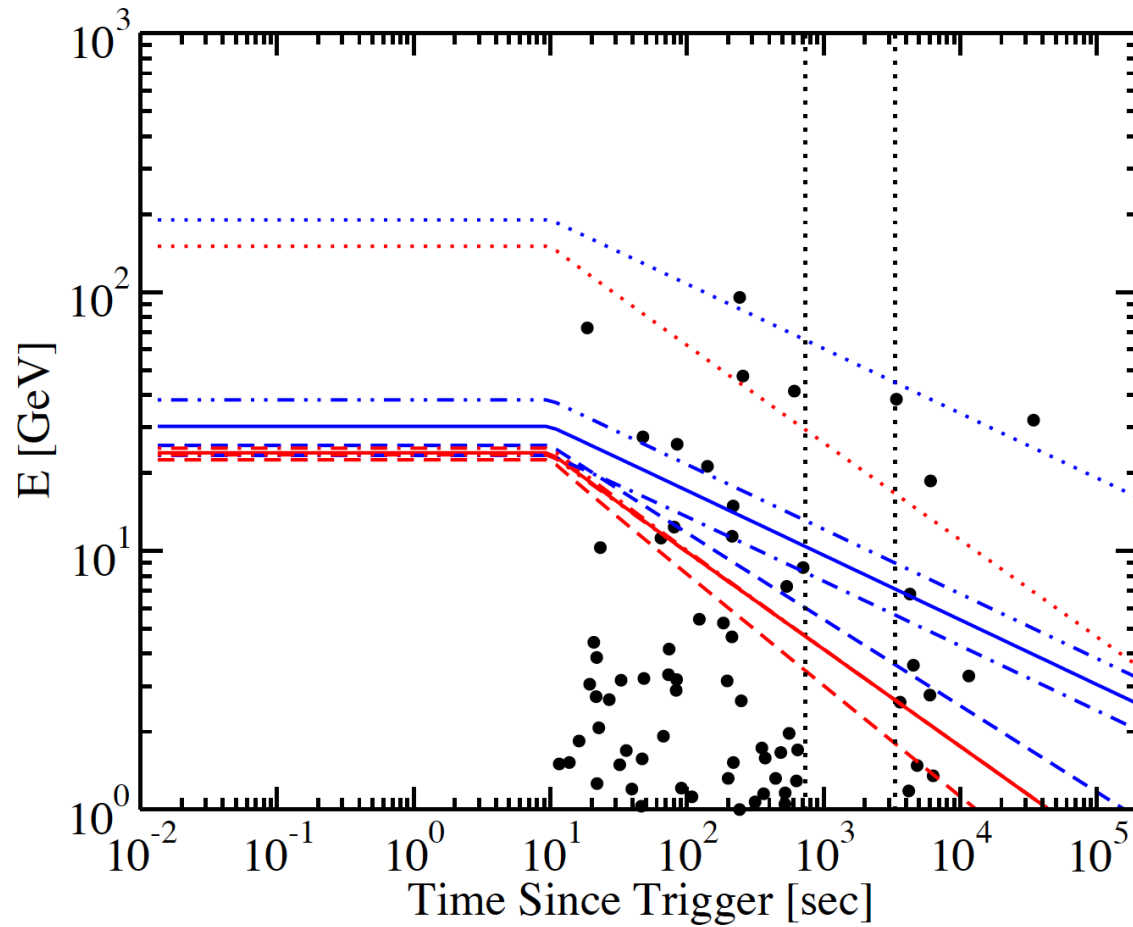
Abramowski et al. 2014

# GRB 130427A



in today poster session  
(Ackermann et al.,  
Science, Vol. 343 no. 6166  
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# GRB VHE emission. Single photons matter

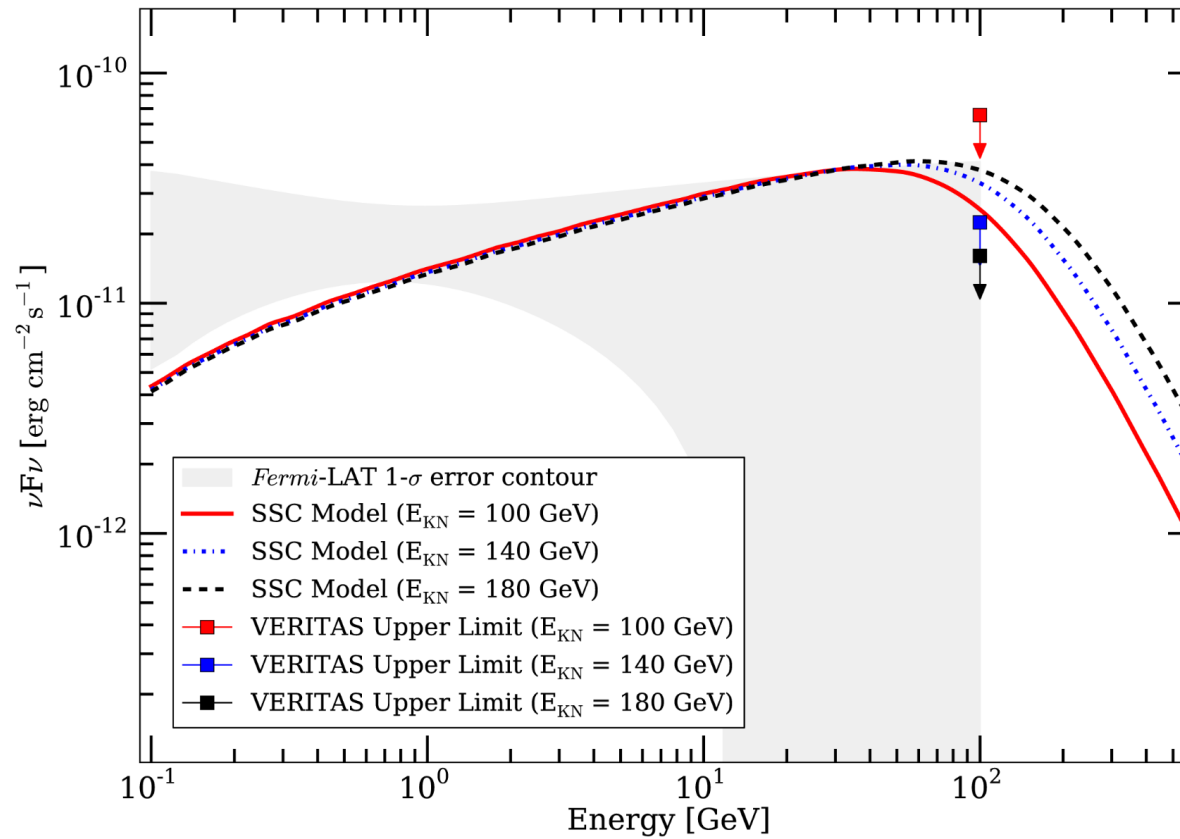


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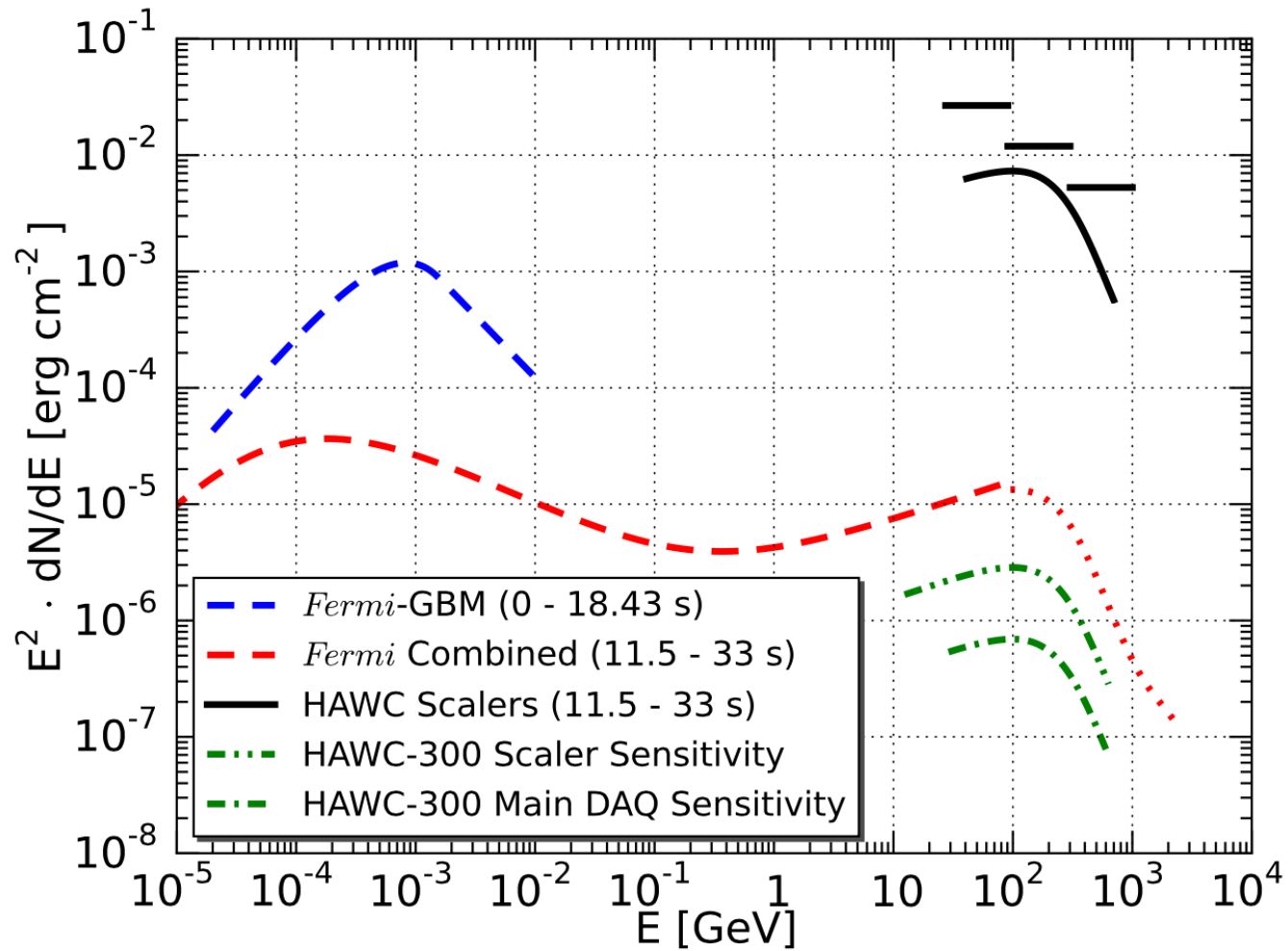
# VERITAS upper limits



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Aliu et al. 2014

# HAWC upper limits



Abeysekara et al. 2015

GRB 130427A

# MAGIC detection

## First time detection of a GRB at sub-TeV energies; MAGIC detects the GRB 190114C

ATel #12390; *Razmik Mirzoyan on behalf of the MAGIC Collaboration*  
*on 15 Jan 2019; 01:03 UT*

*Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)*

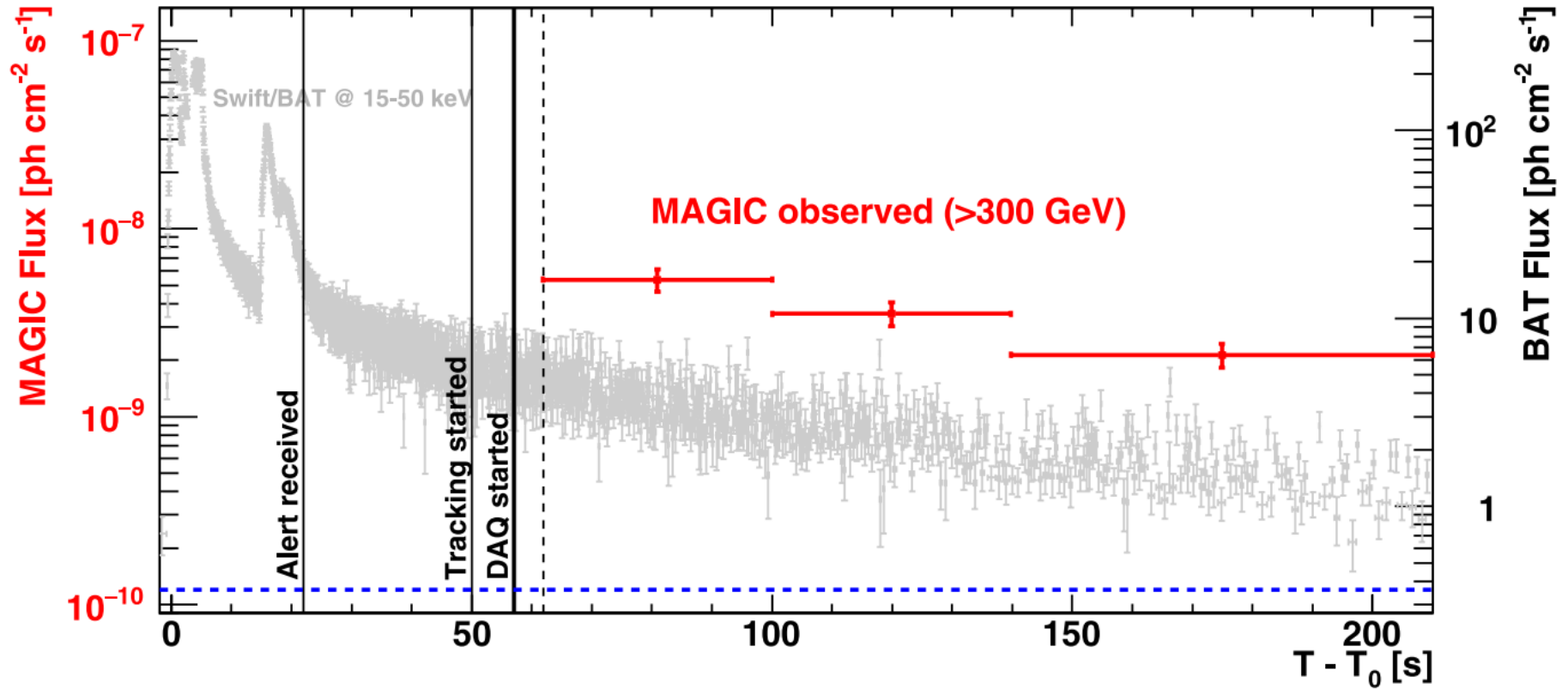
Subjects: Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, Request for Observations, Gamma-Ray Burst

Referred to by ATel #: [12395](#), [12475](#)



The MAGIC telescopes performed a rapid follow-up observation of GRB 190114C (Gropp et al., GCN 23688; Tyurina et al., GCN 23690, de Ugarte Postigo et al., GCN 23692, Lipunov et al. GCN 23693, Selsing et al. GCN 23695). This observation was triggered by the Swift-BAT alert; we started observing at about 50s after Swift T0: 20:57:03.19. The MAGIC real-time analysis shows a significance >20 sigma in the first 20 min of observations (starting at T0+50s) for energies >300GeV. The relatively high detection threshold is due to the large zenith angle of observations (>60 degrees) and the presence of partial Moon. Given the brightness of the event, MAGIC will continue the observation of GRB 190114C until it is observable tonight and also in the next days. We strongly encourage follow-up observations by other instruments. The MAGIC contact persons for these observations are R. Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de) and K. Noda (nodak@icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp). MAGIC is a system of two 17m-diameter Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes located at the Observatory Roque de los Muchachos on the Canary island La Palma, Spain, and designed to perform gamma-ray astronomy in the energy range from 50 GeV to greater than 50 TeV.

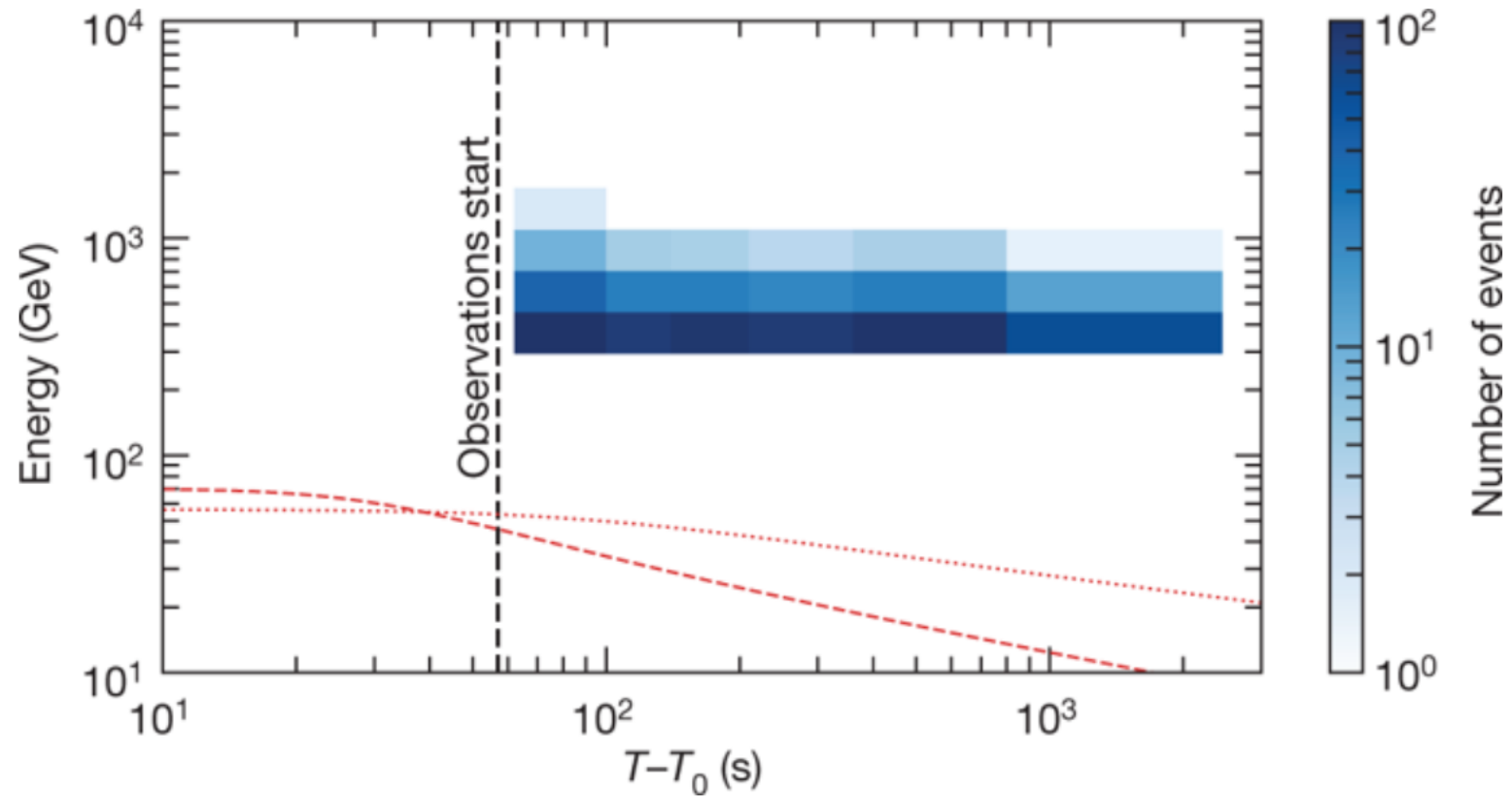
# MAGIC detection



GRB 190114C

Acciari et al. 2019a

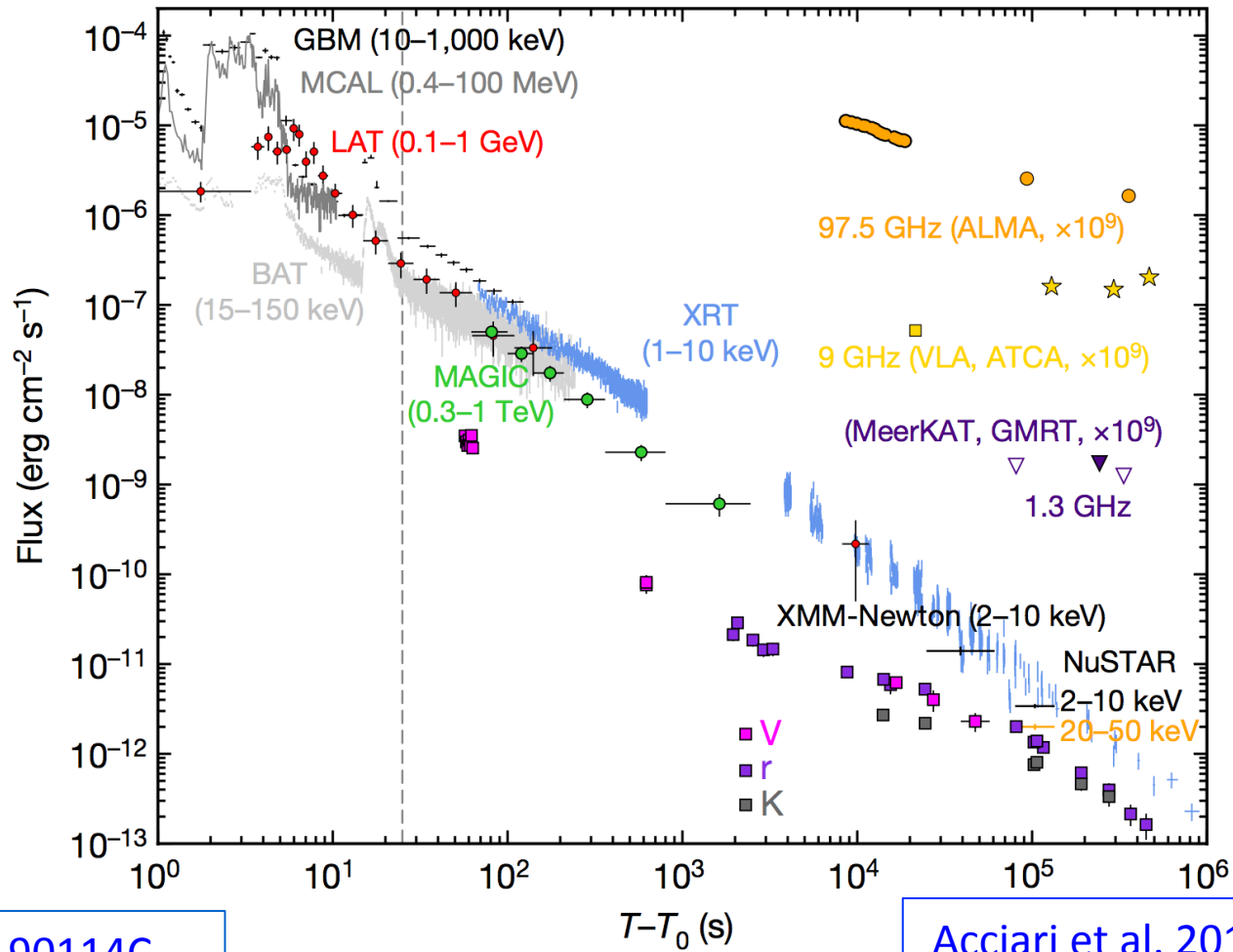
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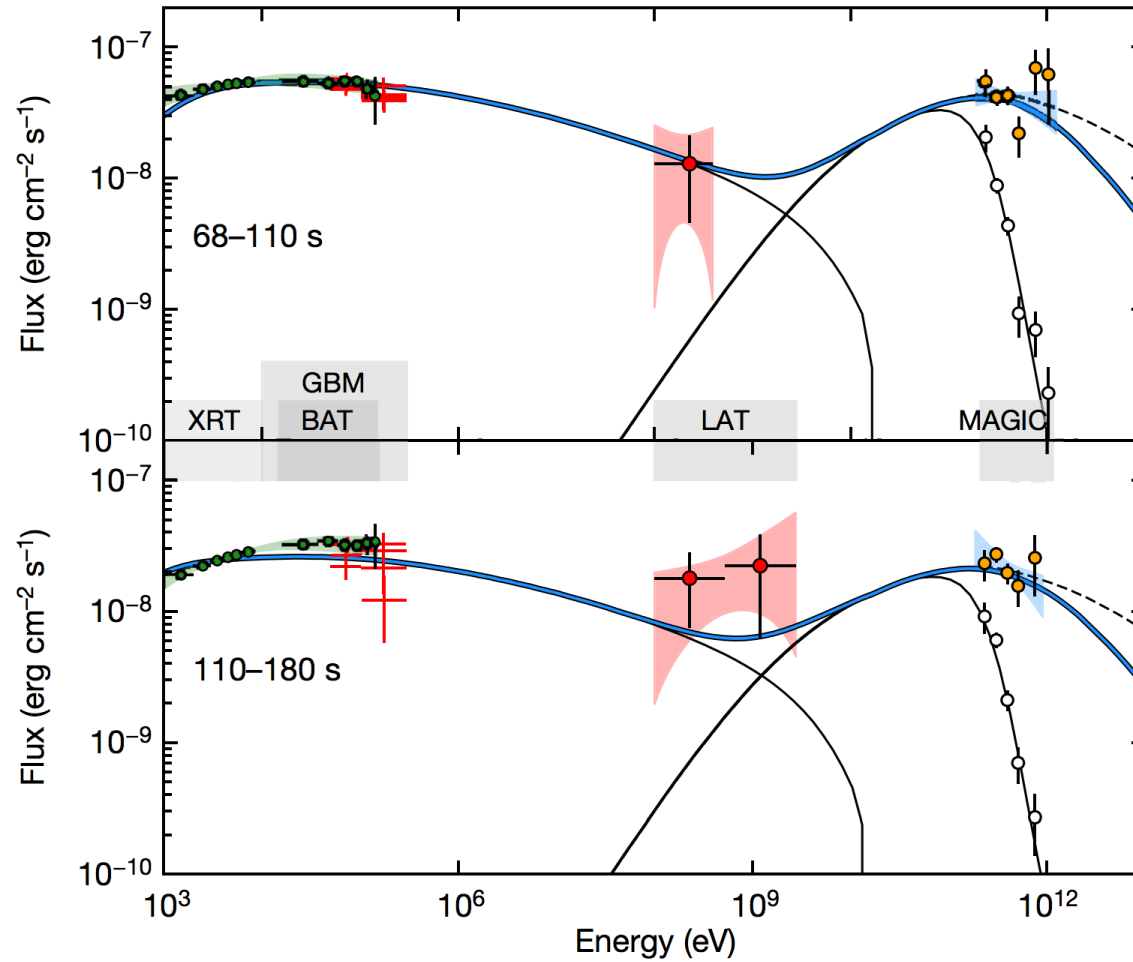
GRB 190114C

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# MAGIC detection



# MAGIC detection



GRB 190114C

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# Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare

## Future detectors



2004

2005

2006

2007

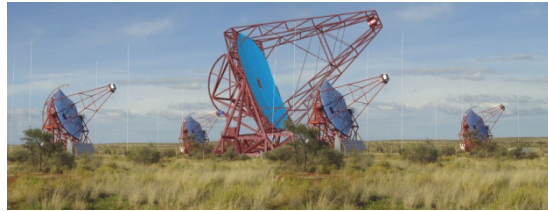
2008

2009

2010



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Roadmap to the Next Generation Cherenkov Gamma Ray Telescope

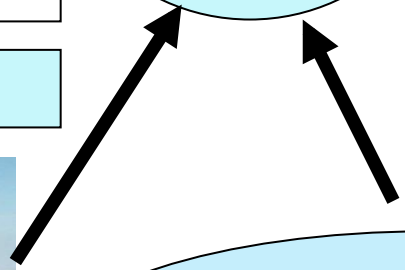
- Technology for Fully Robotic Telescope
- Experimental Study of High Altitude effect
- Design Study of Large Telescope
- Site Survey
- Characterization of Low Energy Showers
- Design Study of Wide Angle Telescope
- Advanced photon detector



Science Review

Final Conceptual Design under New collaboration

Ultimate Ground-based Cherenkov Telescope System  
Larger Dish, High Altitude, Advanced detector, Wide Angle



**International collaboration CANGAROO, VERITAS, etc.**



MAGIC



MAGIC II

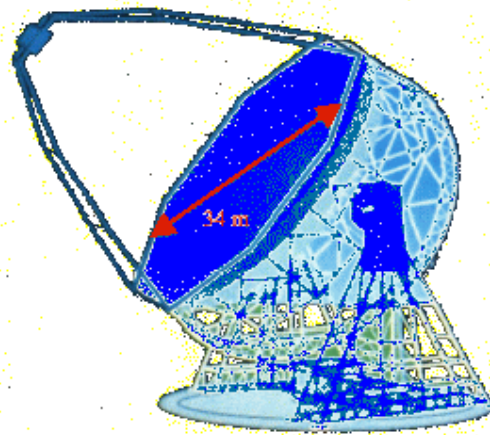
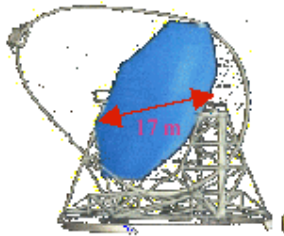
# New Cherenkov telescopes

HUNT FOR LOWEST THRESHOLD: BIGGER IS BETTER !!!???


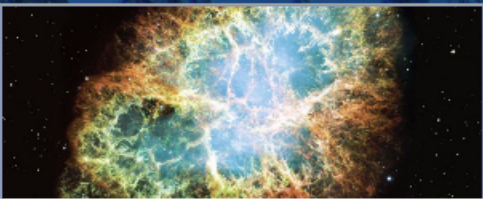
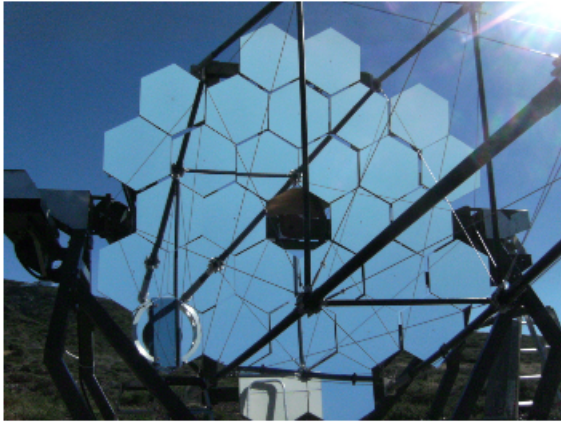


HESS-II (28M)



ECO-1000 ? (34M)



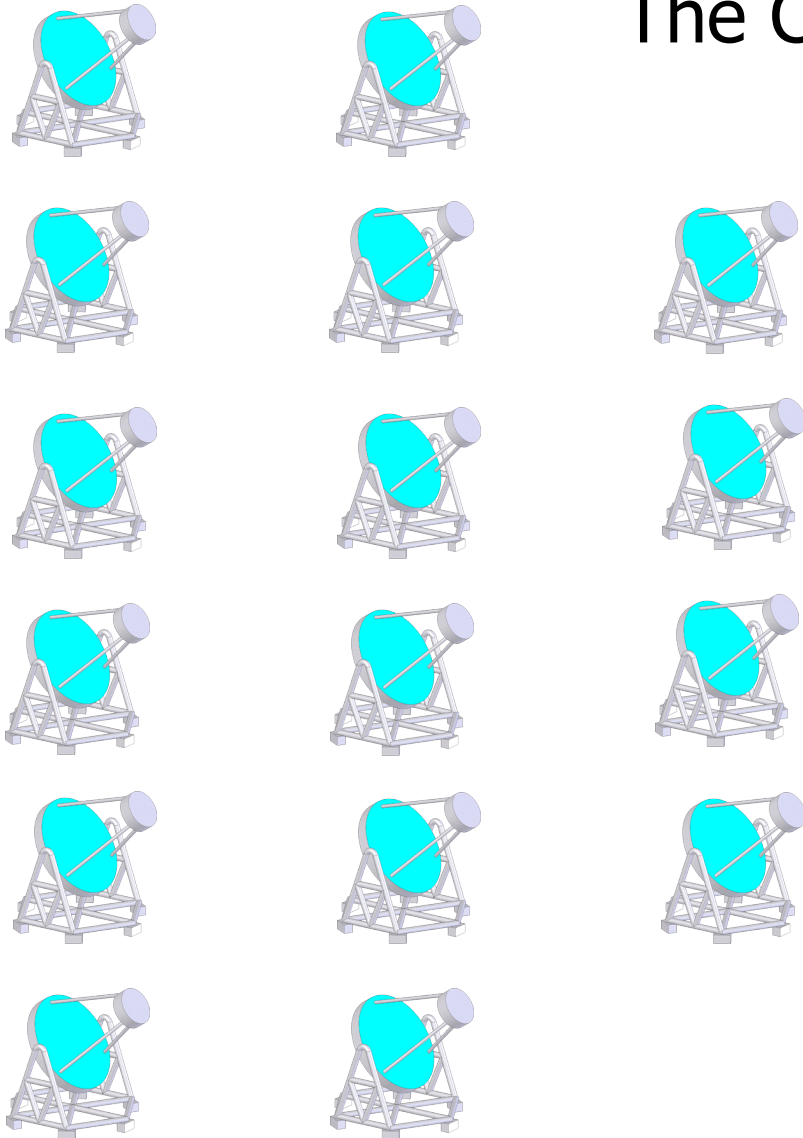
# New Cherenkov telescopes

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<b>Operations</b> Planning Log Book		
<b>Internal Pages</b> 		
<p>The <b>First G-APD Cherenkov Telescope (FACT)</b> is the first imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescope using Geiger-mode avalanche photodiodes (G-APDs) as photo sensors. The rather small, low-cost telescope will not only serve as a test bench for this technology in Cherenkov astronomy, but also monitor bright active galactic nuclei (AGN) in the TeV energy range.</p>		

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# Outlook: What next ?

## The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)

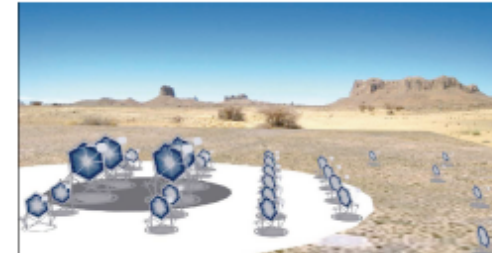
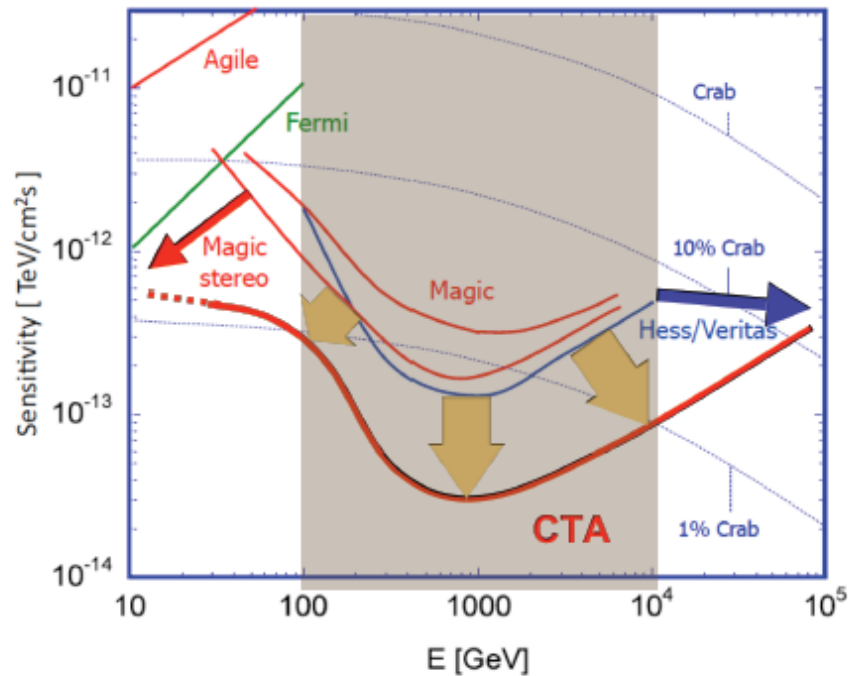


- aims to explore the sky in the 10 GeV to 100 TeV energy range
- builds on demonstrated technologies
- combines guaranteed science with significant discovery potential
- is a cornerstone towards a multi-messenger exploration of the nonthermal universe

# CTA



## Improve sensitivity



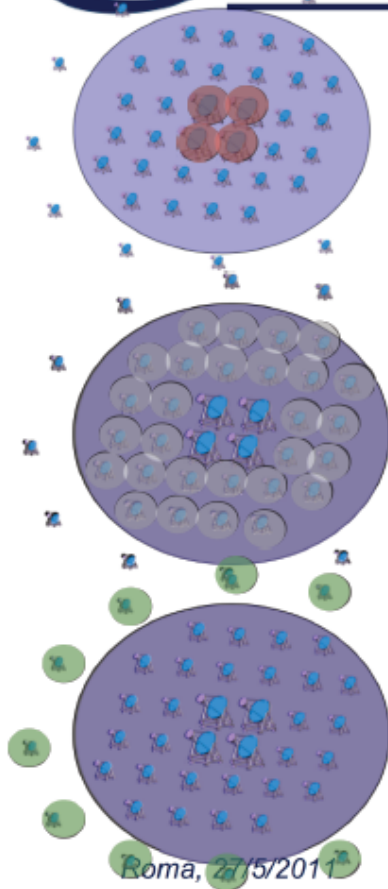
CTA will be about a factor of 10 more sensitive than any existing instrument in the 100 GeV-10 TeV energy band.

CTA will also extend the observed energy band reaching both the lower (10 GeV) and the higher (100 TeV) energies.

# CTA

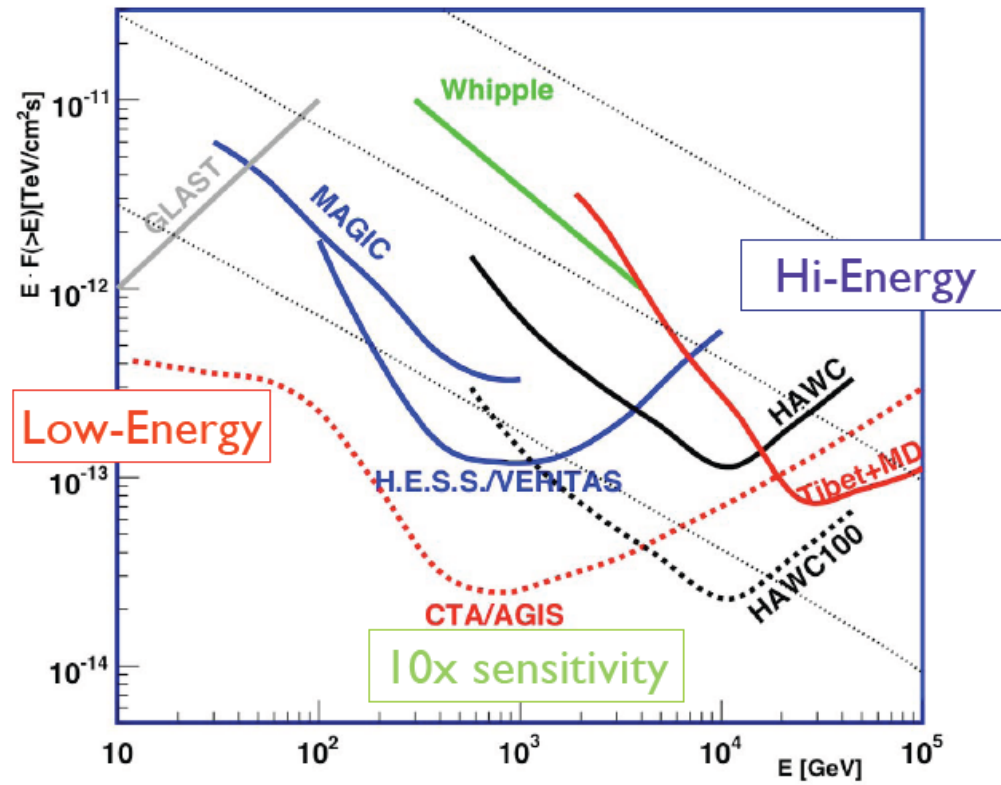
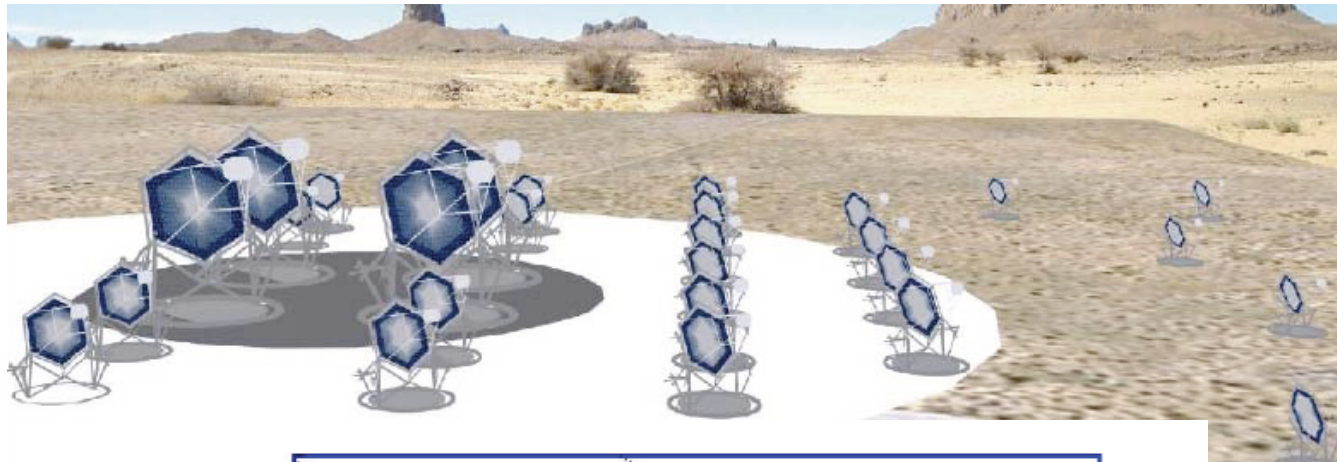


## CTA concept

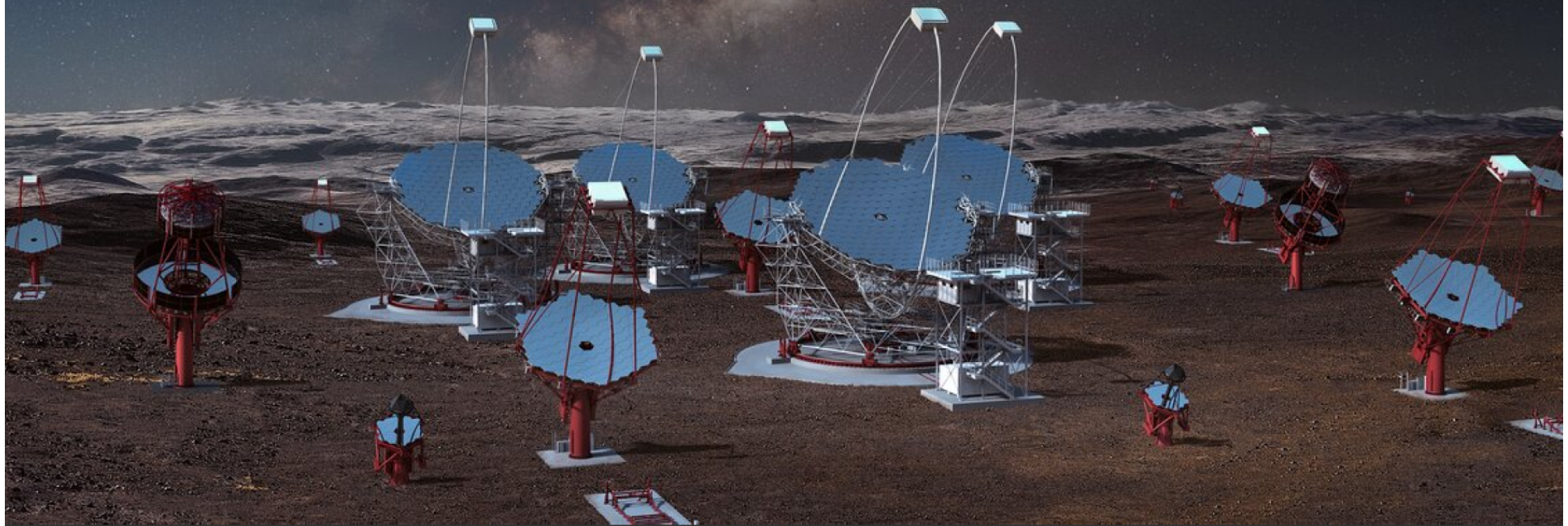


- Few **Large Size Telescopes** should catch the sub-100 GeV photons
  - Large reflective area
  - Parabolic profiles to maintain time-stamp
  - Contained FOV
- Several **Medium Size Telescopes** perform 100 GeV-50 TeV observation
  - well-proven techniques (HESS, MAGIC)
  - goal is to reduce costs and maintenance
  - core of the array
  - act as VETO for LSTs
- Several **Small Size Telescopes** perform ultra-50 TeV observation
  - challenging design
  - Large field-of-view ( $8^\circ$ )
  - New camera technology

# CTA



Toward the future!

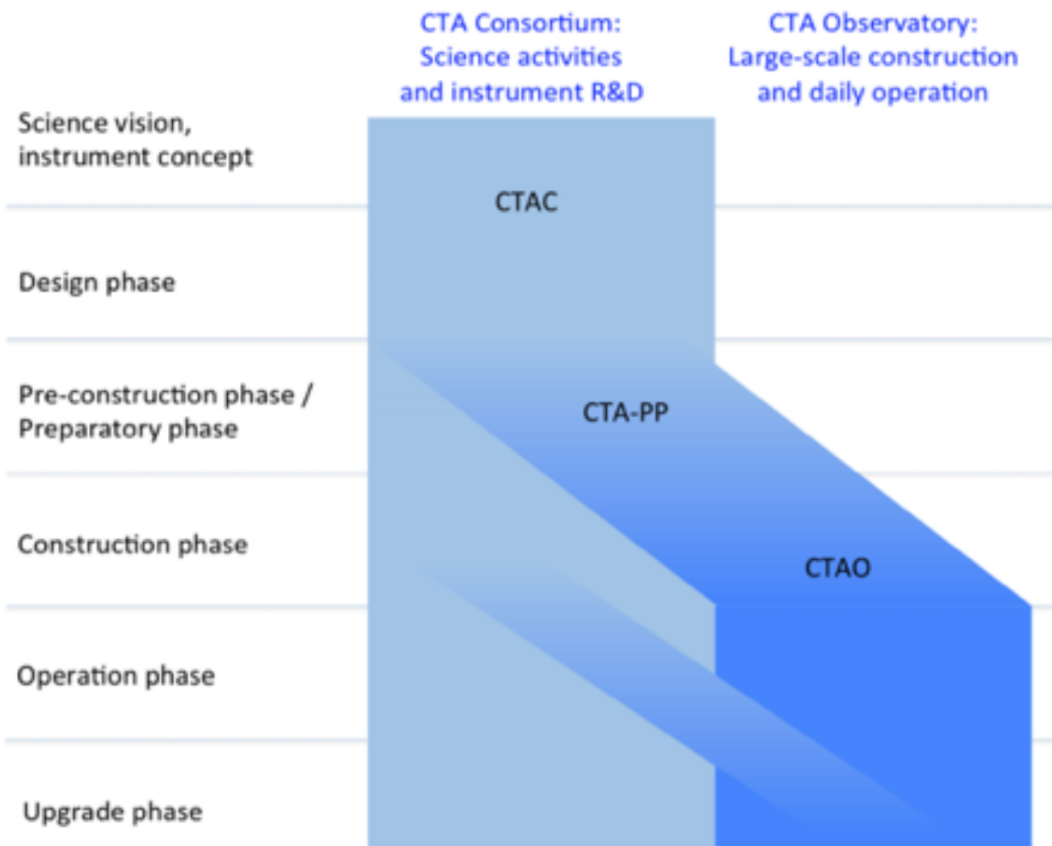




# A next generation Cherenkov Observatory



## Status and observatory planning...

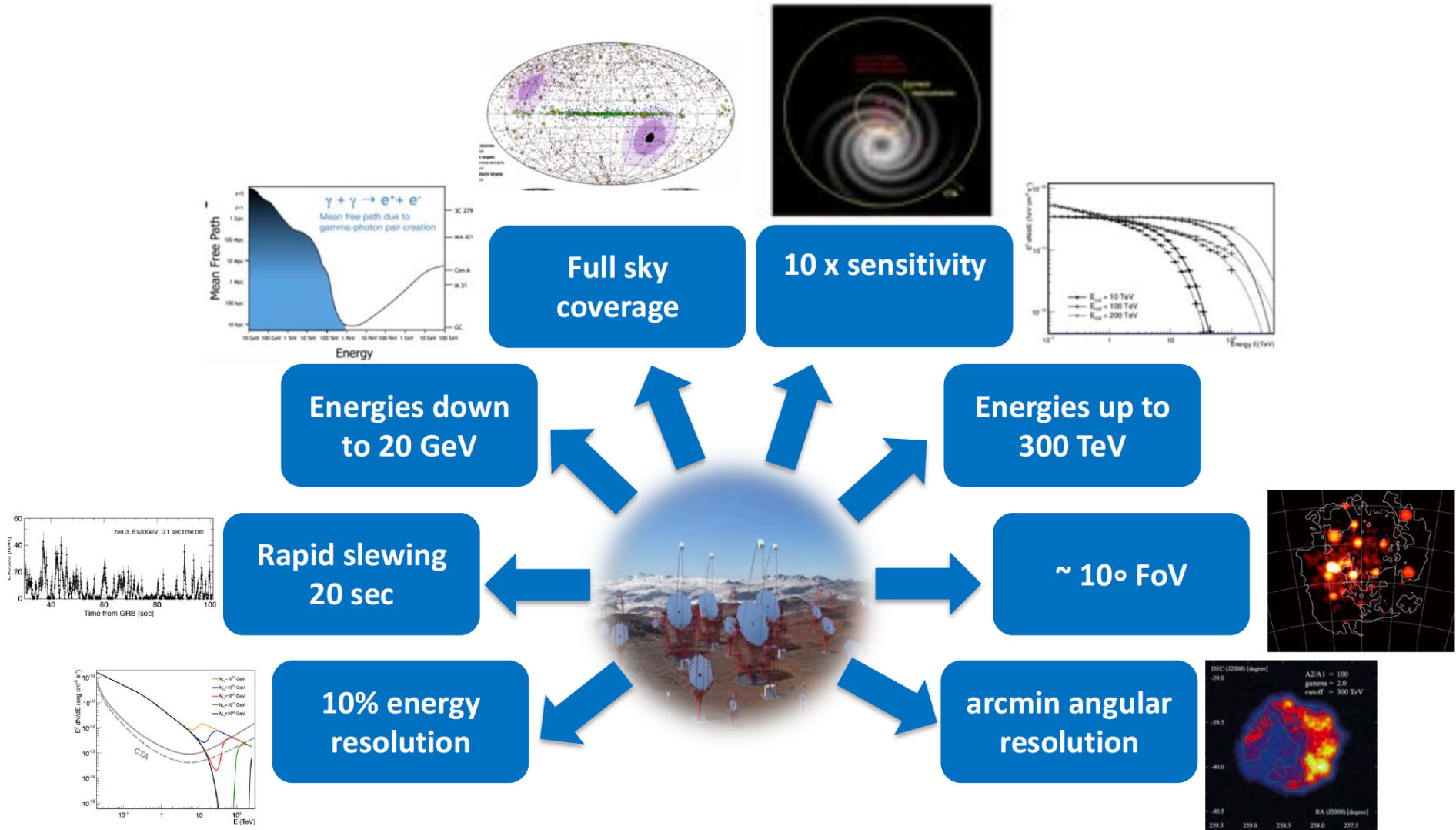


- CTA as open observatory
- Regular AOs
- Proposals evaluated by TAC
- Observations carried out in queue mode
- Fully calibrated photon lists and analysis tools provided to observers
- Data open after proprietary period of 1 year

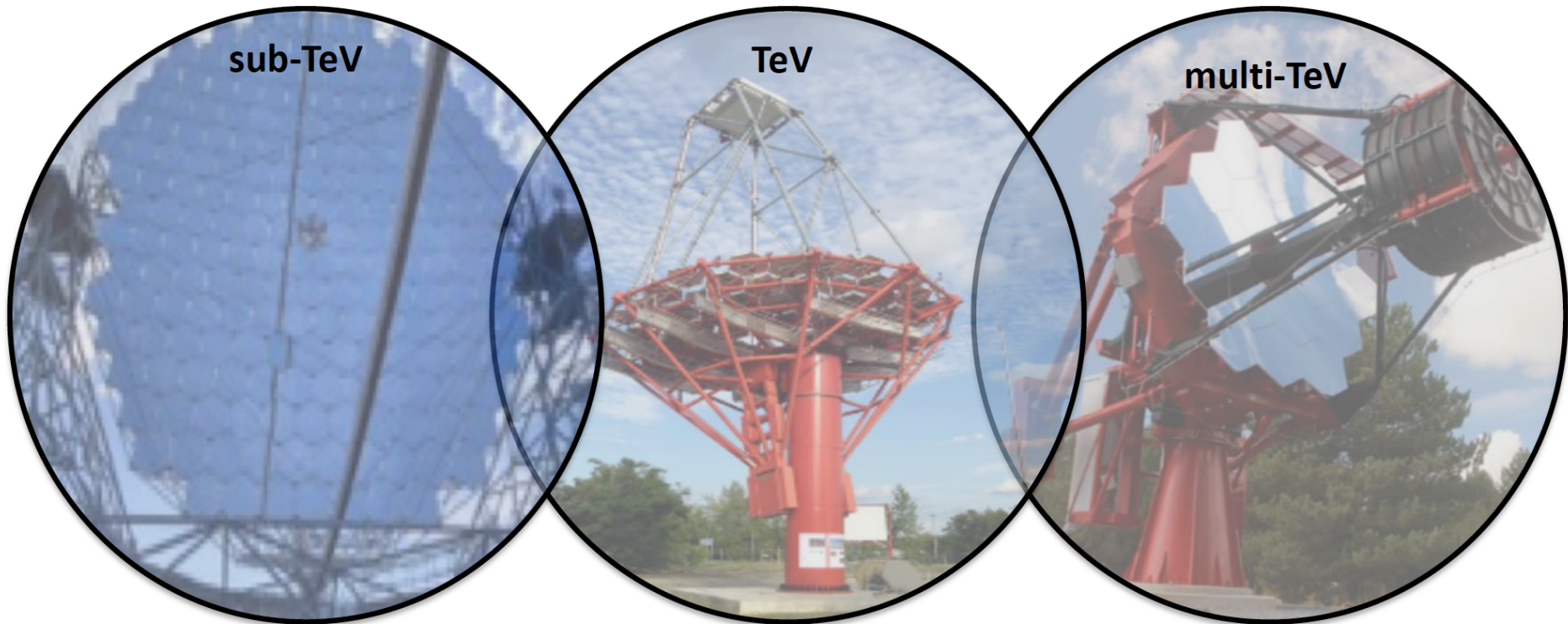
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# Design drivers



# Science cases and design

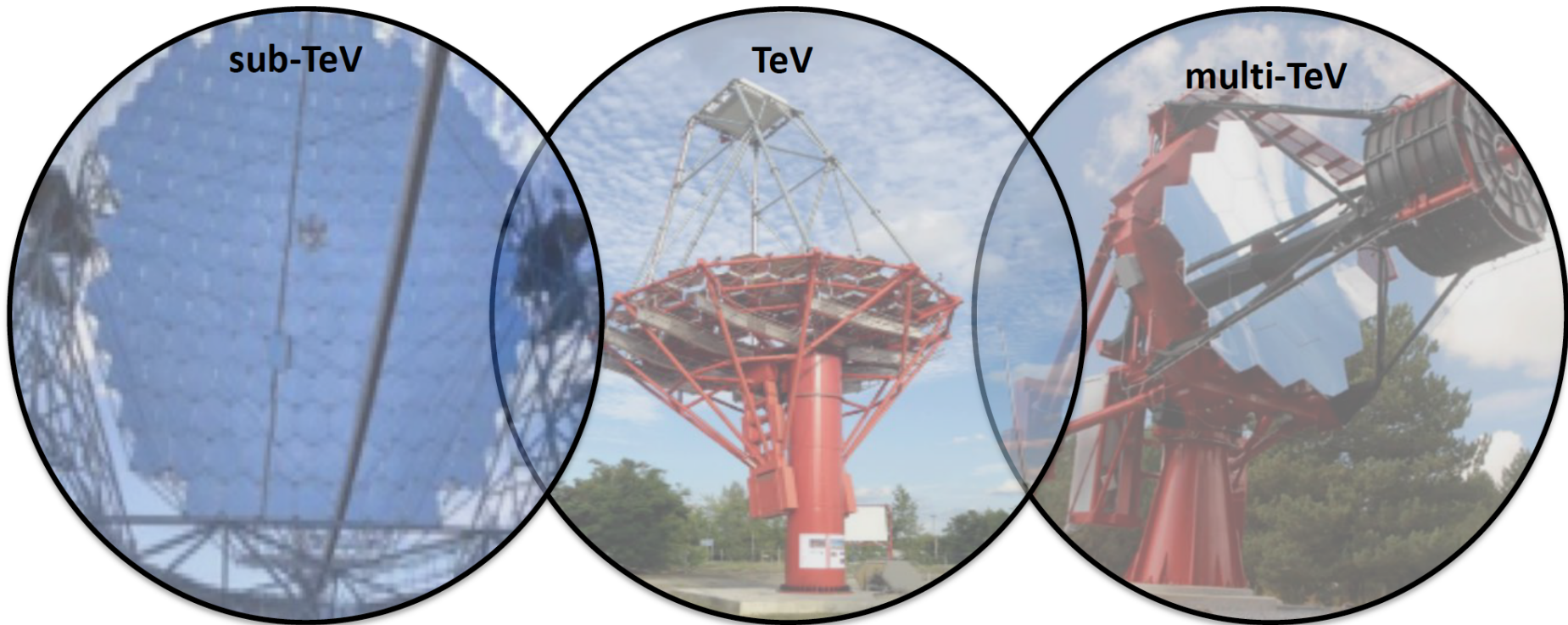


- Parabolic optical design
- 23 m mirror diameter
- PMT camera

- Davies-Cotton optical design
- 12 m mirror diameter
- PMT camera

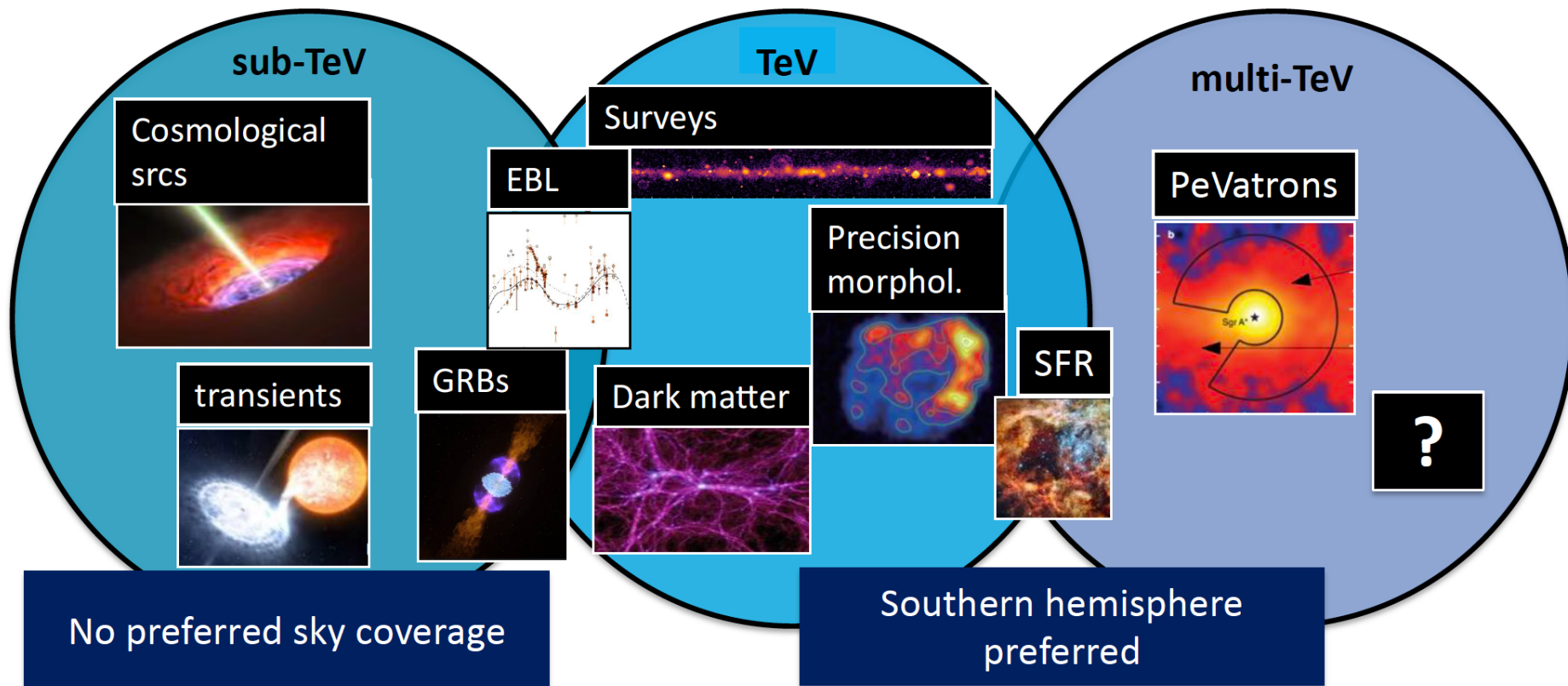
- Schwarzschild-Couder optical design
- 4 m dual mirror
- SiPM T camera

# Science cases and design



- Lowest energies (tens of GeV) → **cosmological sources**
  - Deepest sensitivity for short timescale phenomena → **Time domain unexplored**
  - **Surveys & precision studies**
  - **100 TeV range unexplored precision studies**
- deepest sensitivity ever
  - arcmin angular resolution
  - large FoV
  - Precision measurements in a still little explored energy range

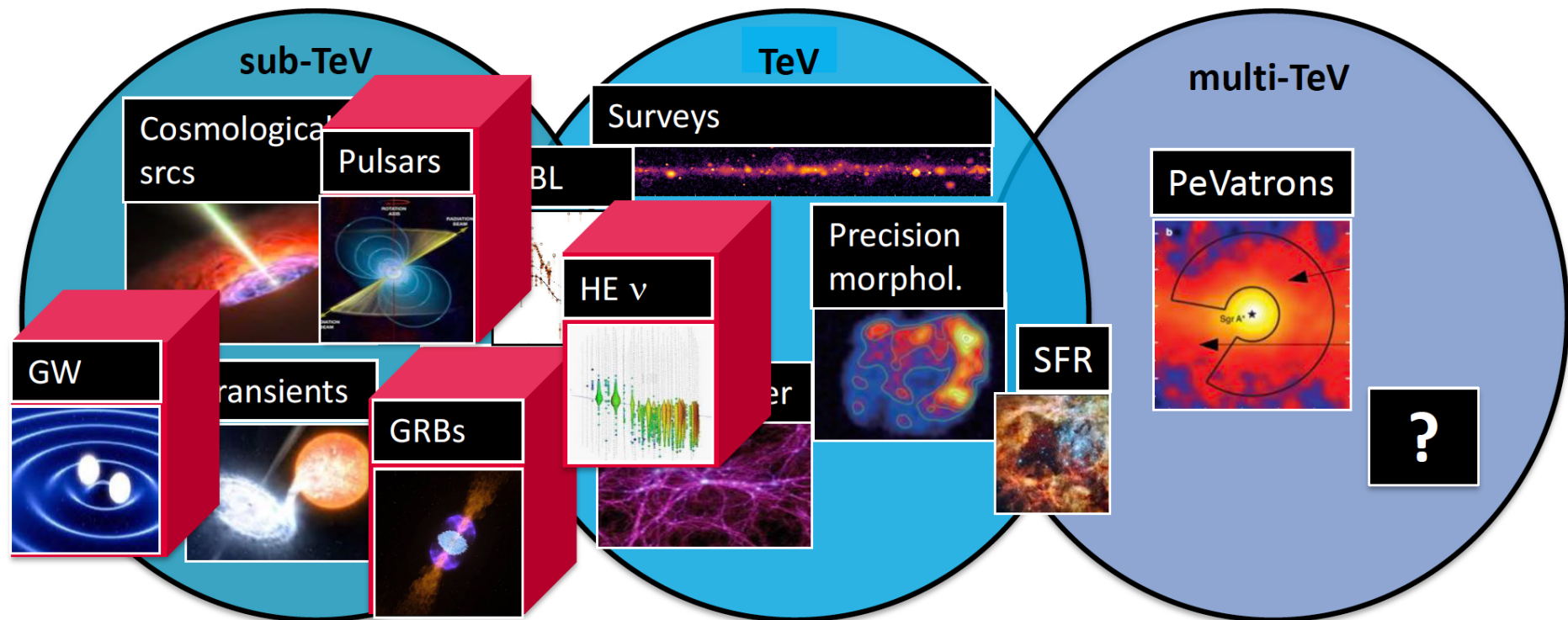
# Science cases



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# The CTA Sites



## A Global Observatory...

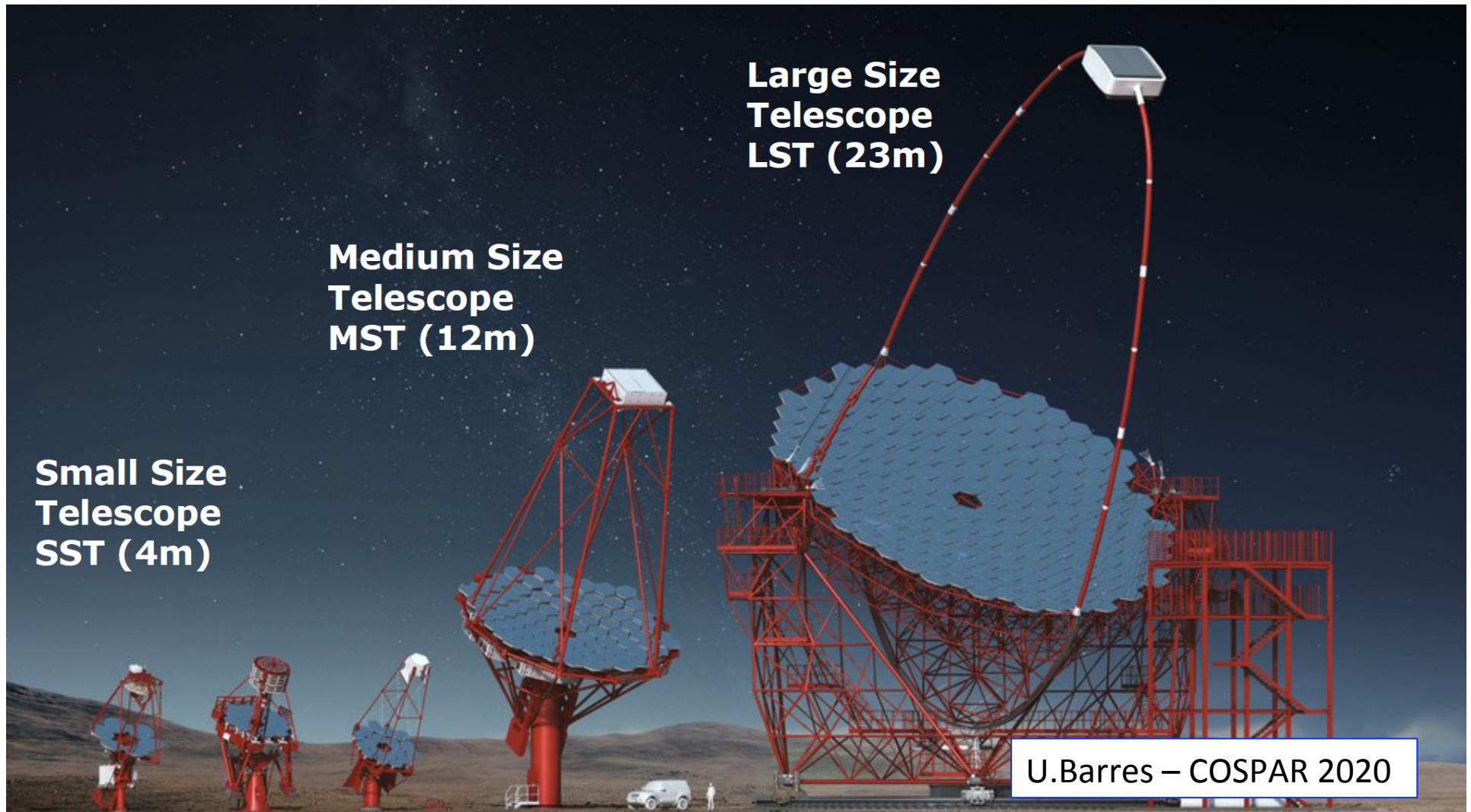


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# The CTA Telescopes



## A Hybrid Observatory...



**Small Size  
Telescope  
SST (4m)**

**Medium Size  
Telescope  
MST (12m)**

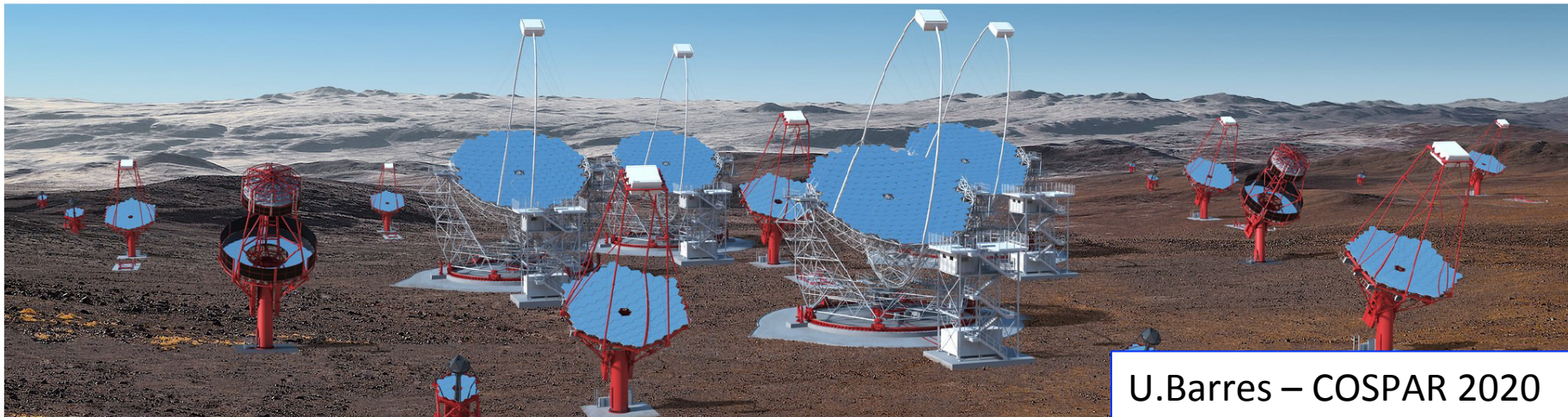
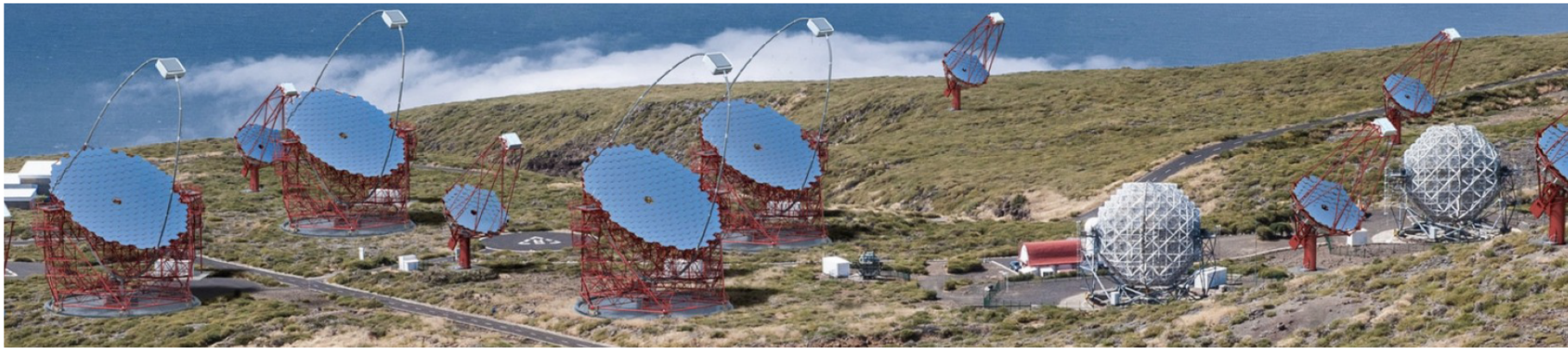
**Large Size  
Telescope  
LST (23m)**

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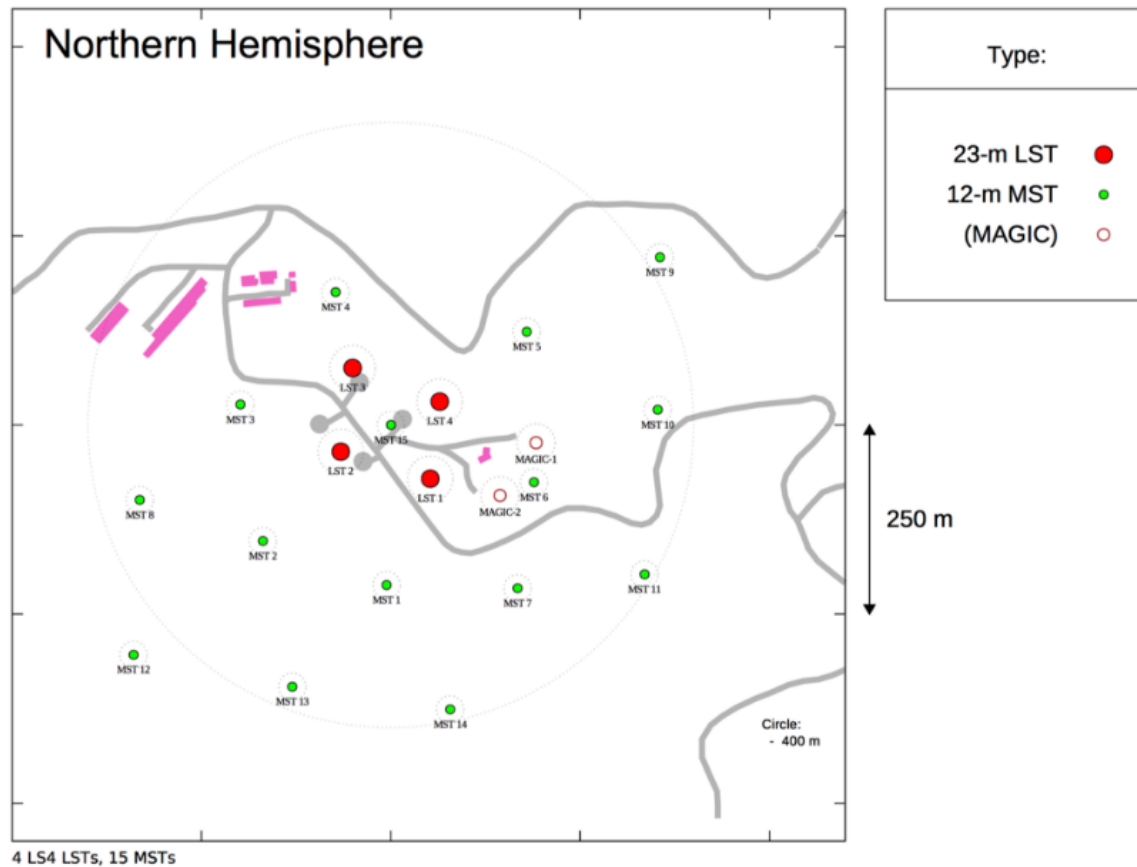


# CTA North & CTA South

Phase 1		CTA Construction
Northern Array	Number of LSTs	4
	Number of MSTs	5
Southern Array	Number of LSTs	0
	Number of MSTs	15
	Number of SSTs	50
Total		74



# CTA - North

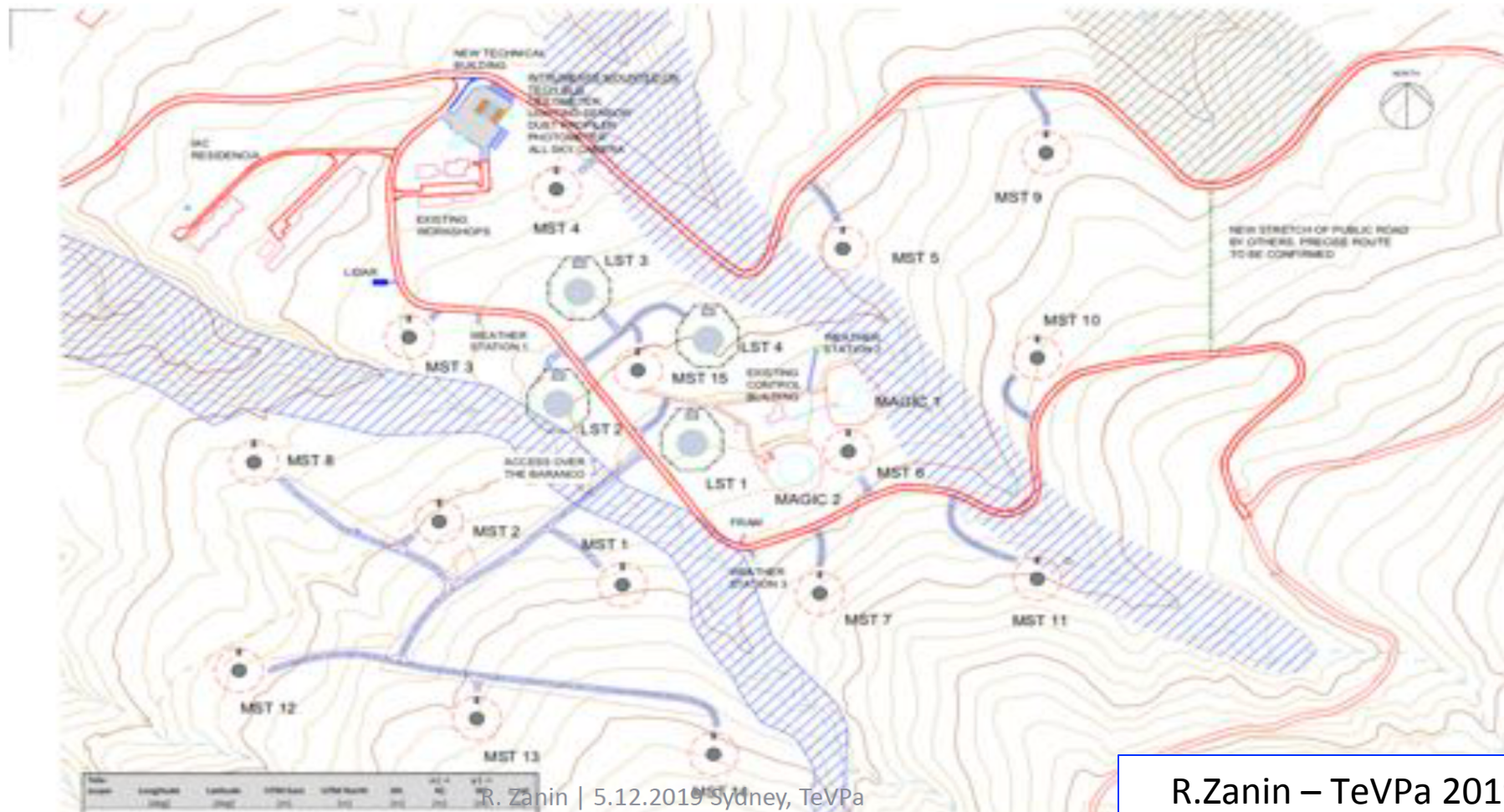


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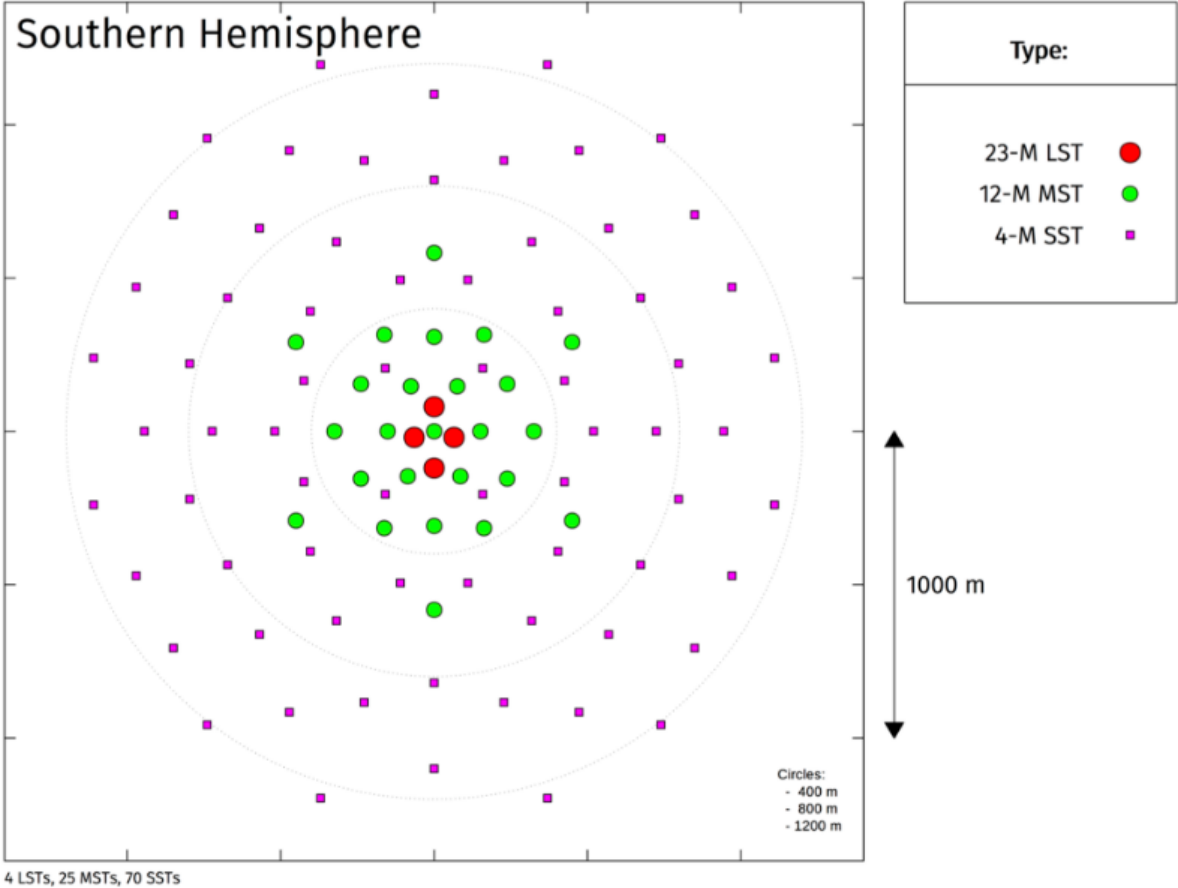
# CTA-North site



- 4 LSTs + 15 MSTs (baseline configuration)
  - Focus on sub-TeV and TeV energy range



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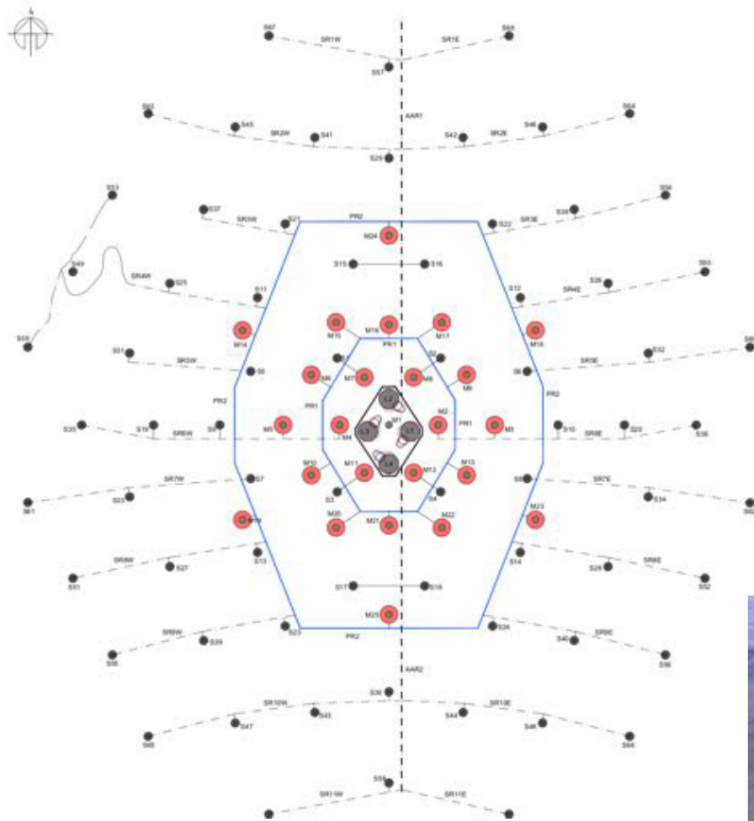


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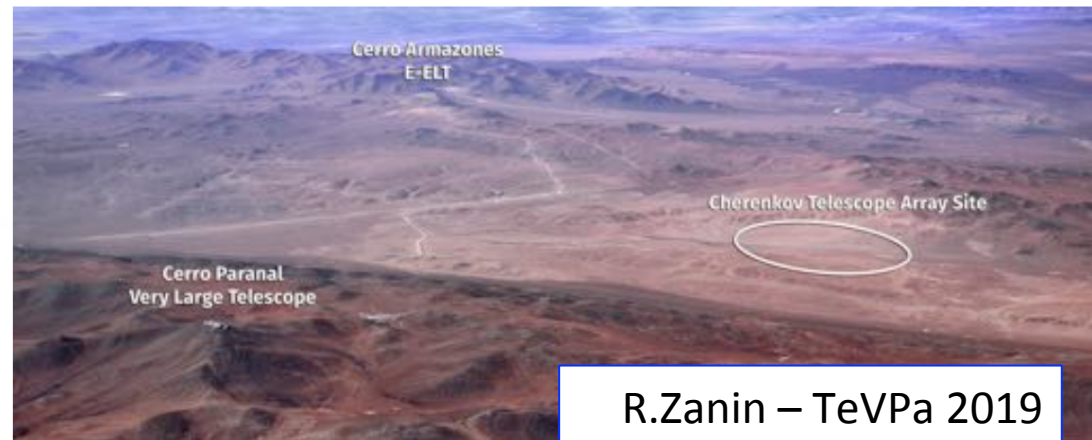
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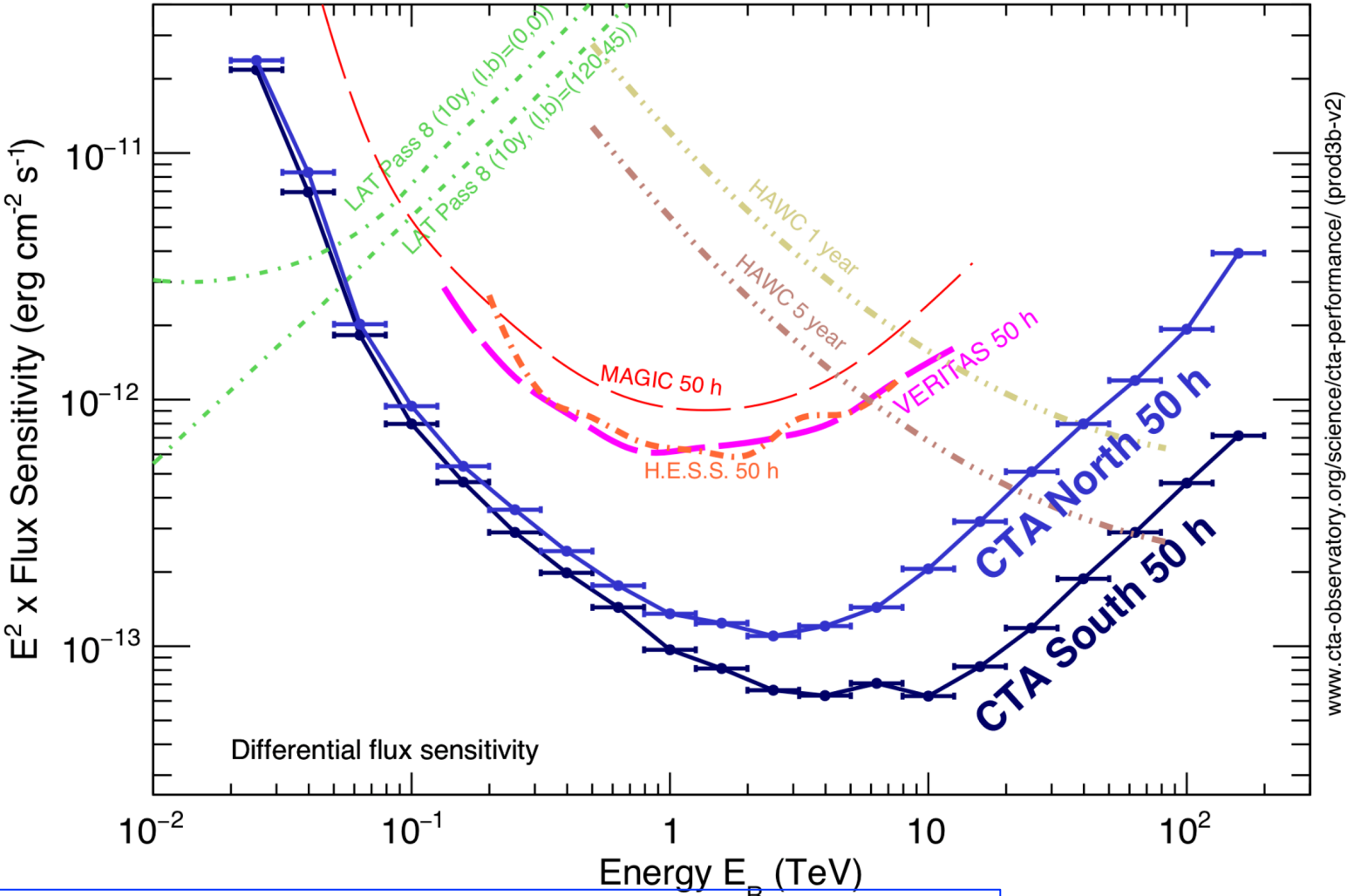
- 4 LSTs + 25 MSTs + 70 SSTs (baseline-configuration)



- Site agreement signed in Dec 2018
- Aim to start with site infrastructure construction soon



# CTA performance



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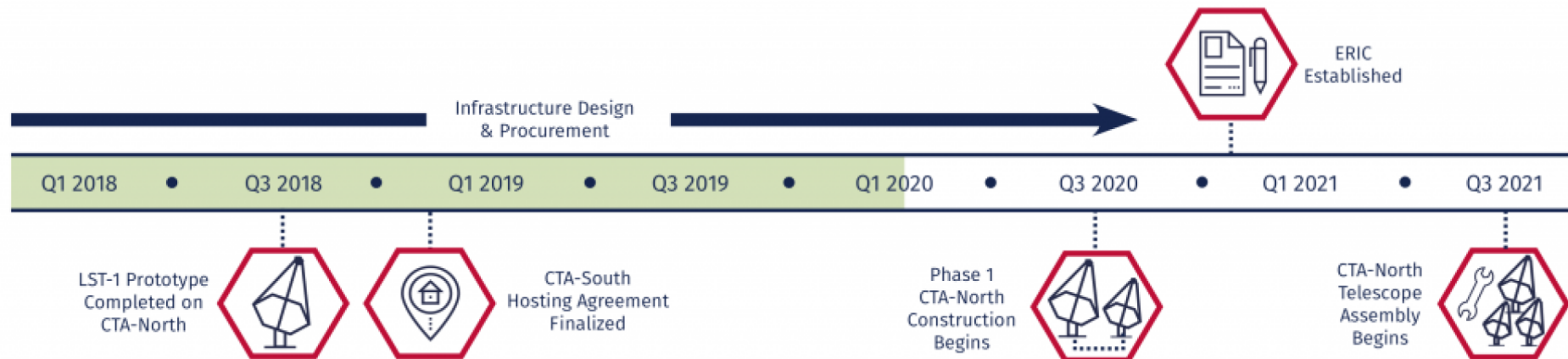
# CTA Timeline

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## Project Phases



## Current Phase

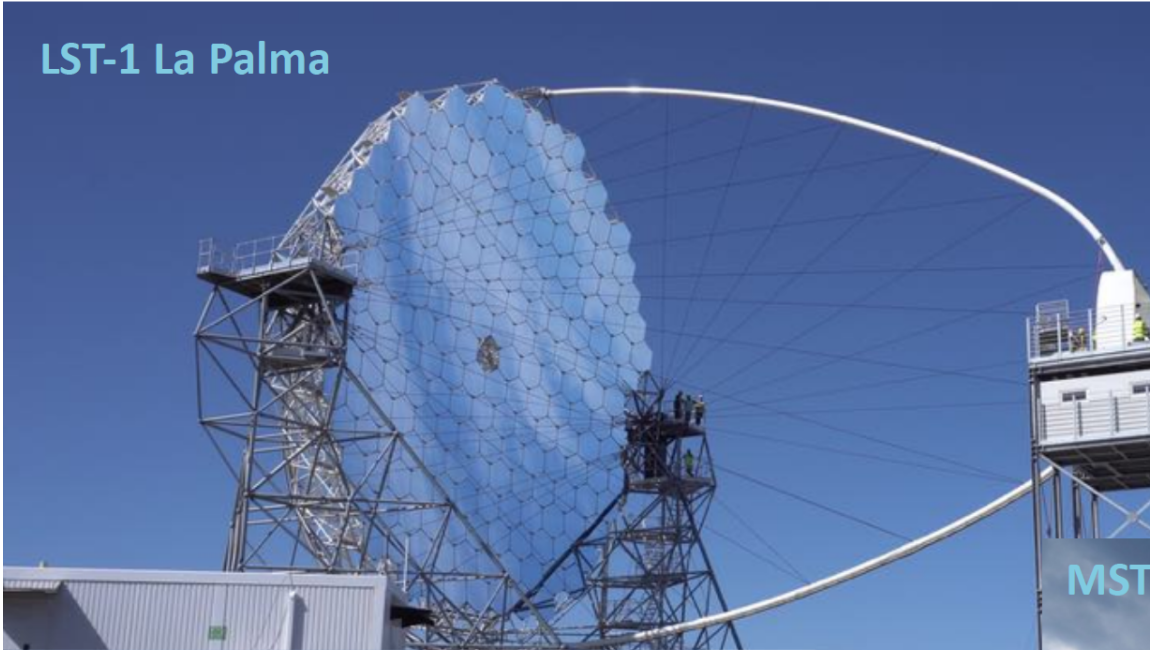


an updated timeline is in draft for 2021

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# The CTA Telescopes

LST-1 La Palma



MST-SCT



MST

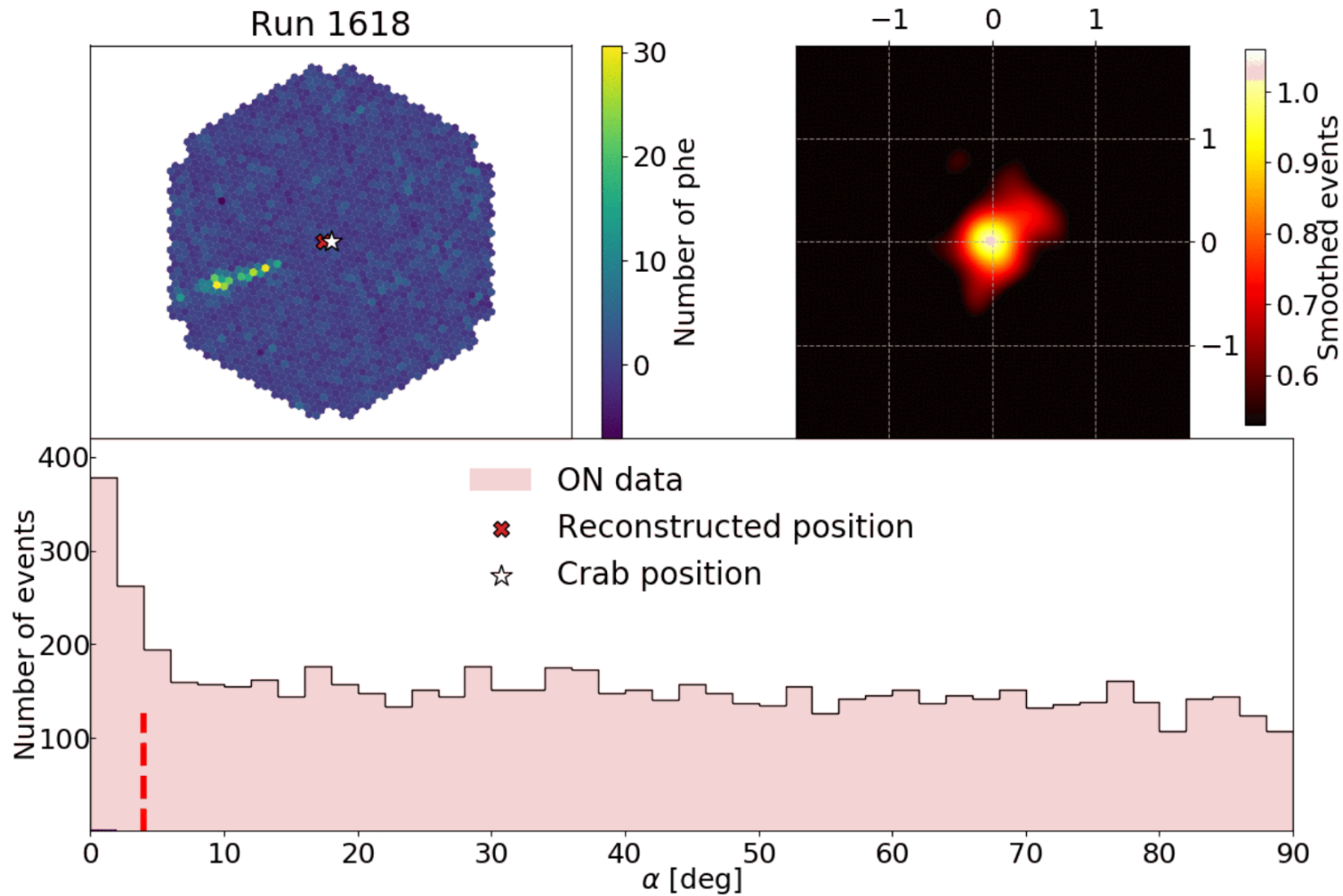


SST - ASTRI

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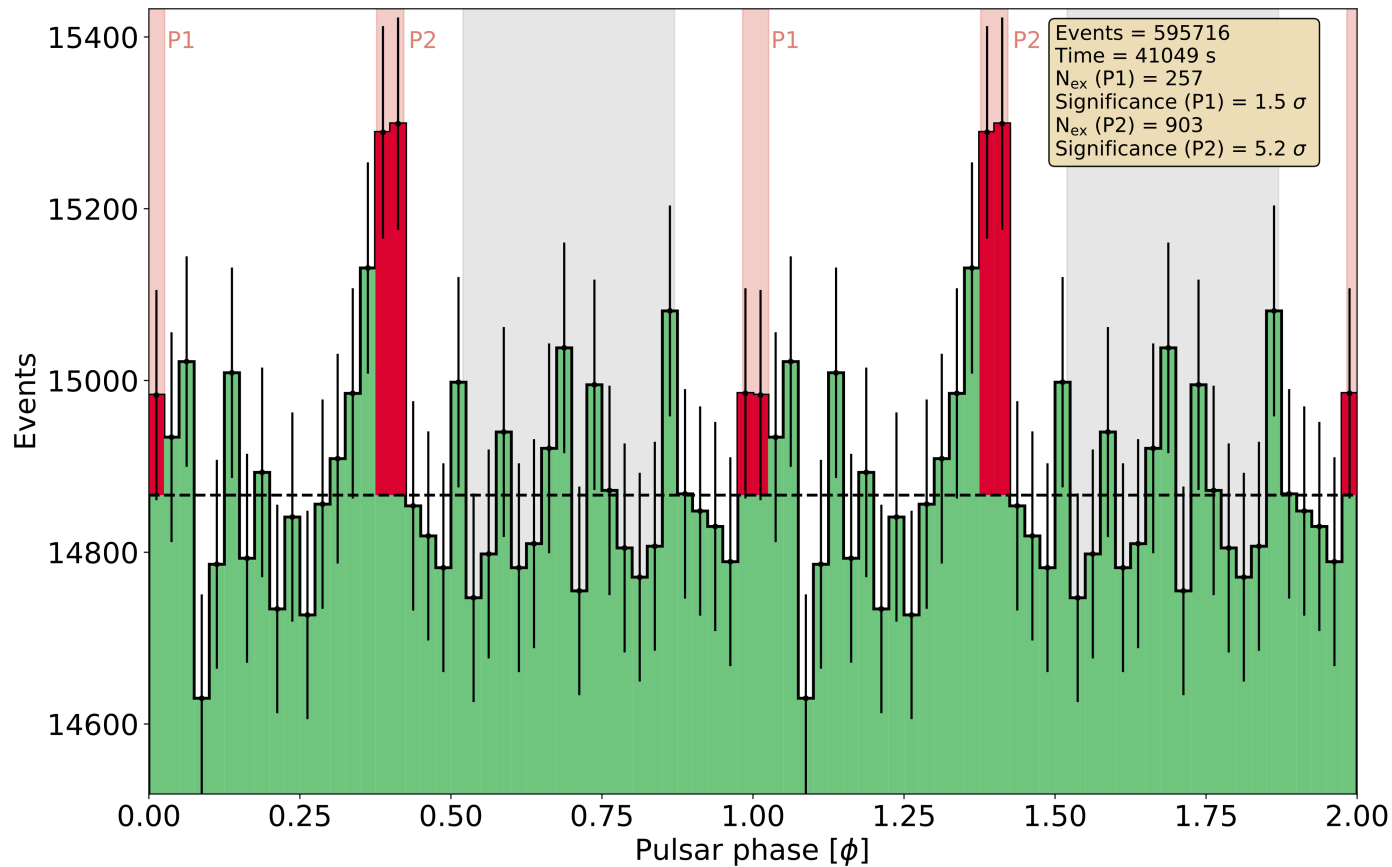


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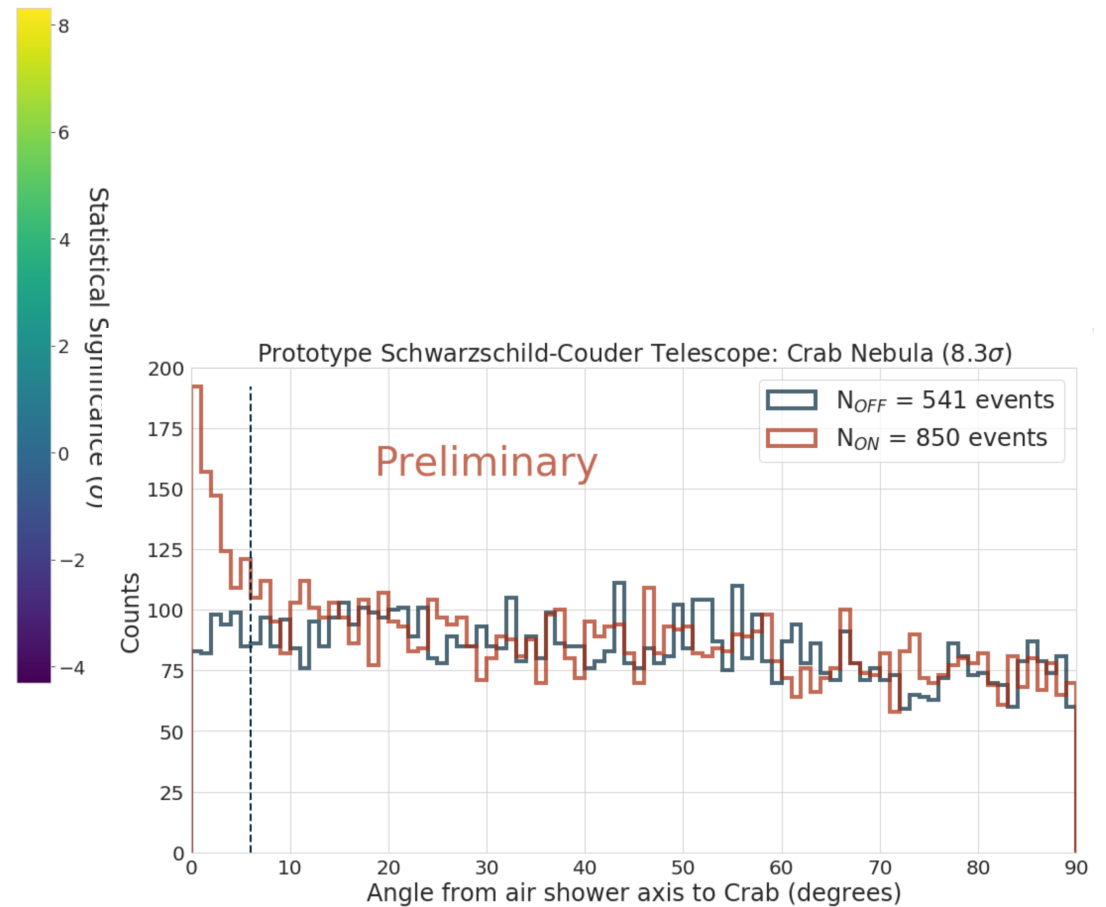
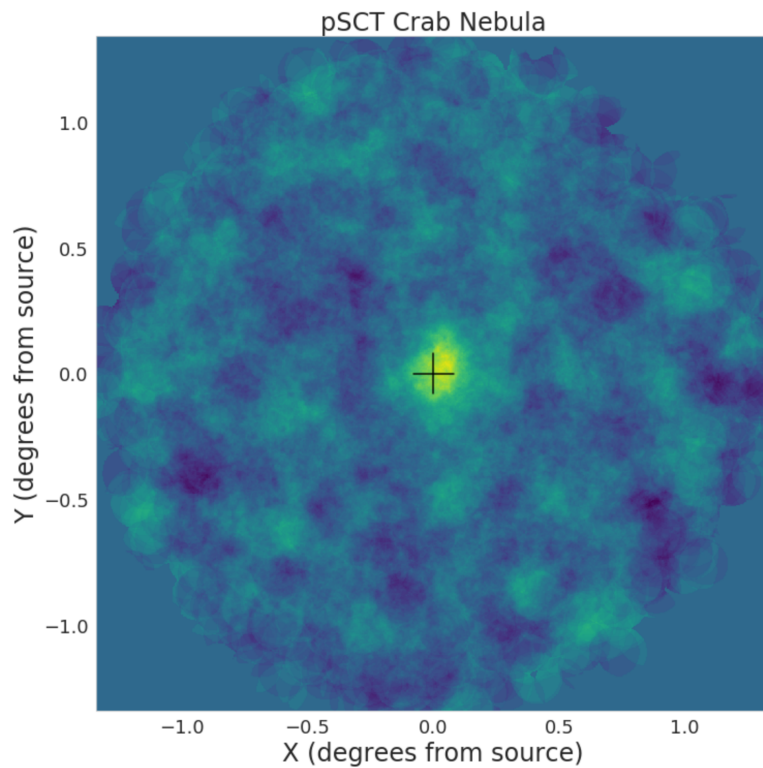
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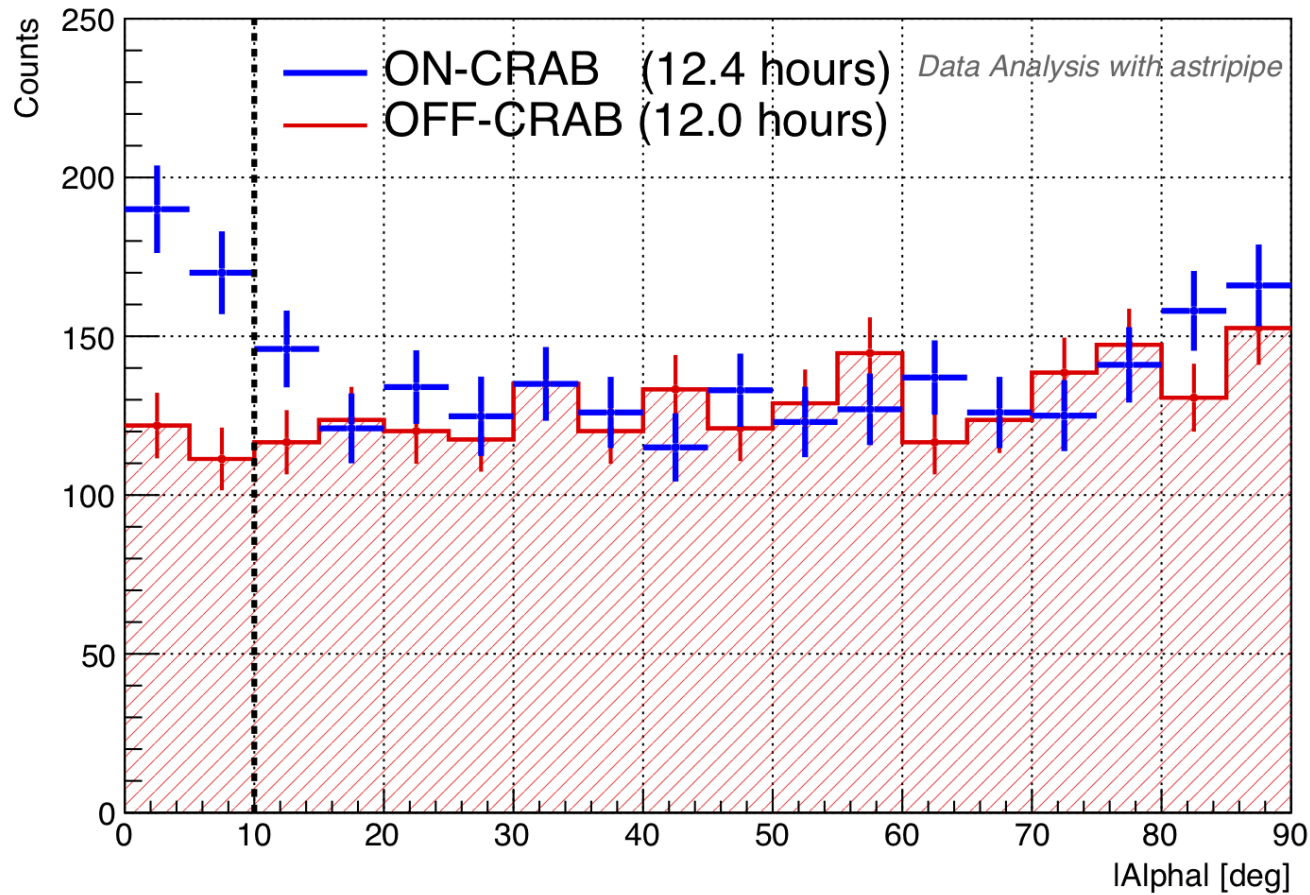
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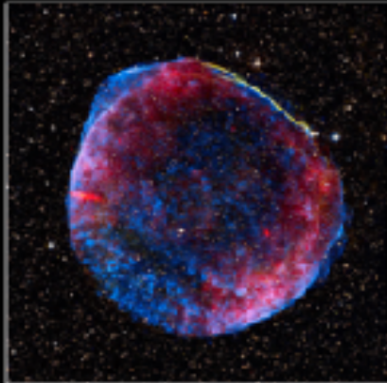
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ASTRI SST-2M prototype, December 2018



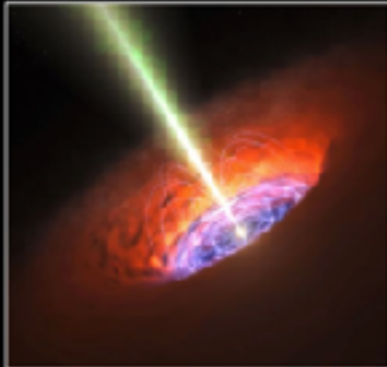
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# Astrophysics with IACTs



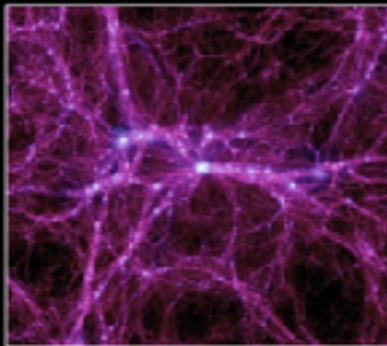
- **COSMIC PARTICLE ACCELERATION**

What are the sites and mechanisms of particle acceleration in the cosmos?



- **EXTREME ASTROPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS**

The physics of neutron stars, black holes and their energetic environments, such as relativistic jets, winds and stellar explosions.



- **FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS FRONTIERS**

Probing the nature of Dark Matter, the existence of axion-like particles, and Lorentz invariance violation

# Science with CTA



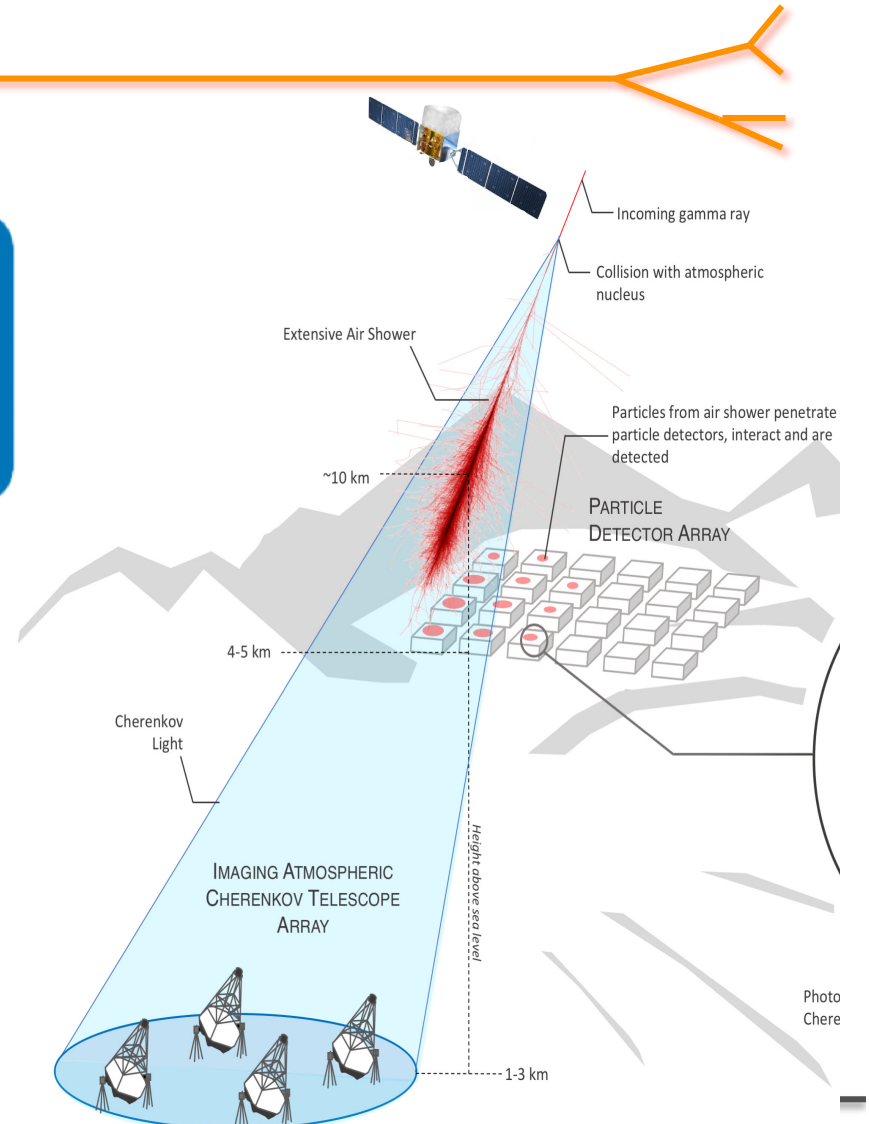
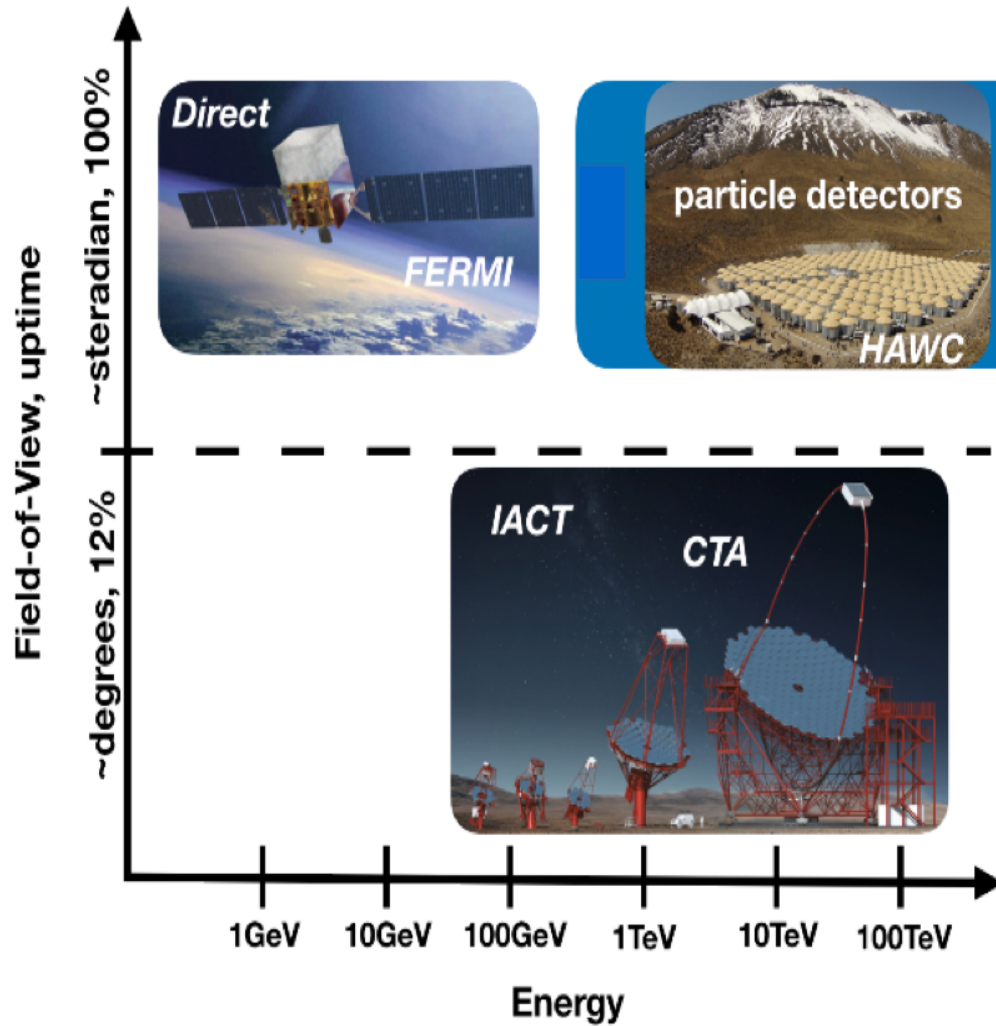
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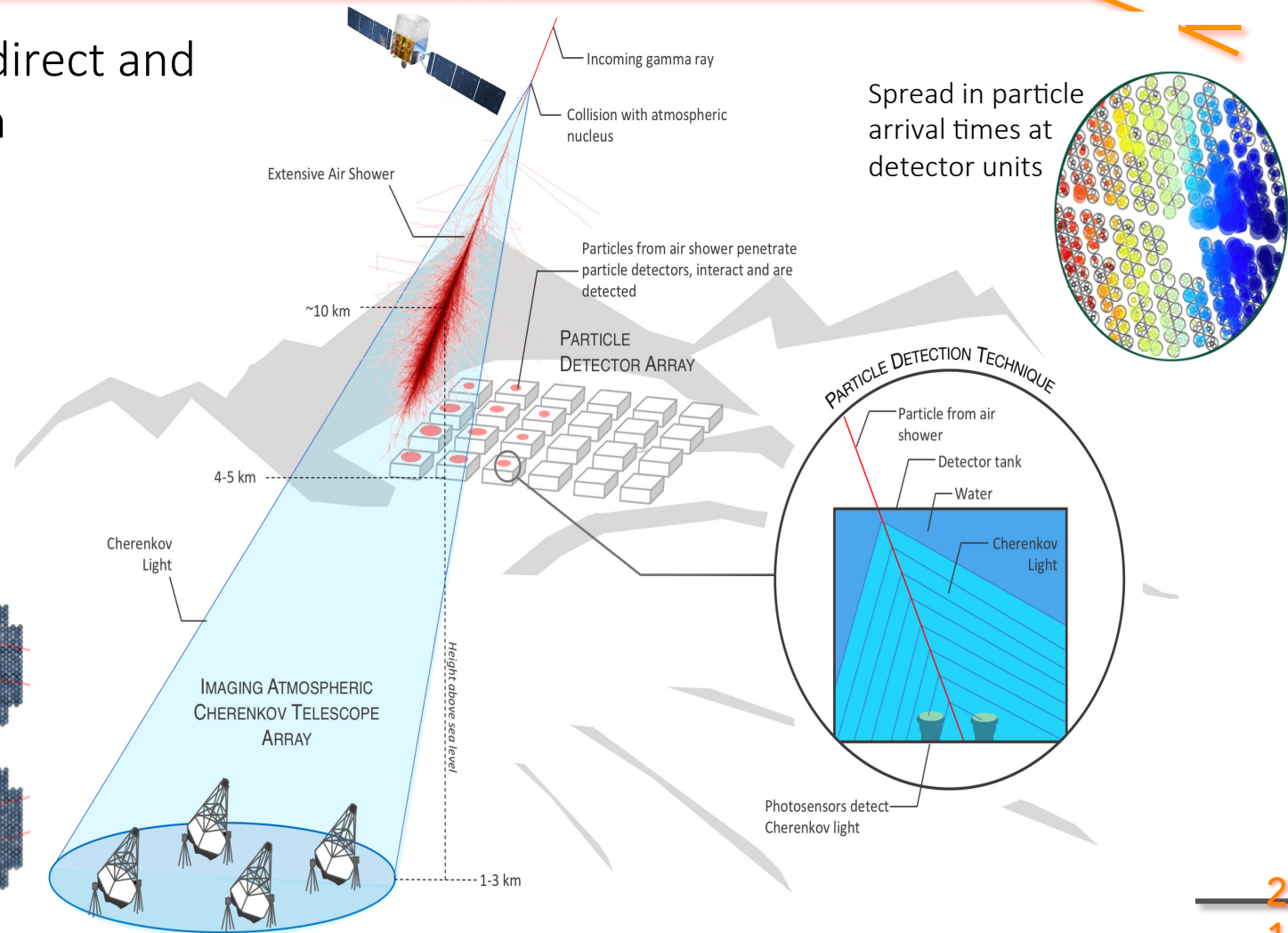
# Gamma-ray Astronomy



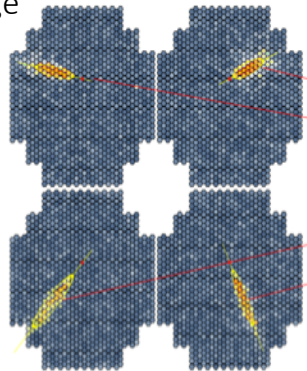
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# Gamma-ray Astronomy

Complementary direct and indirect detection techniques



Atmospheric Cherenkov light image



Shower image, 100 GeV  $\gamma$ -ray adapted from: F. Schmidt, J. Knapp, "CORSIKA Shower Images", 2005, <https://www-zeuthen.desy.de/~jknapp/js/showerimages.html>

Not to scale



## ◎ Astonishing variety of TeV\* emitters

### ✦ Within the Milky Way

- ✦ Supernova remnants
- ✦ Bombarded molecular clouds
- ✦ Stellar binaries - colliding wind & X-ray
- ✦ Massive stellar clusters
- ✦ Pulsars and pulsar wind nebulae
- ✦ Supermassive black hole Sgr A\*

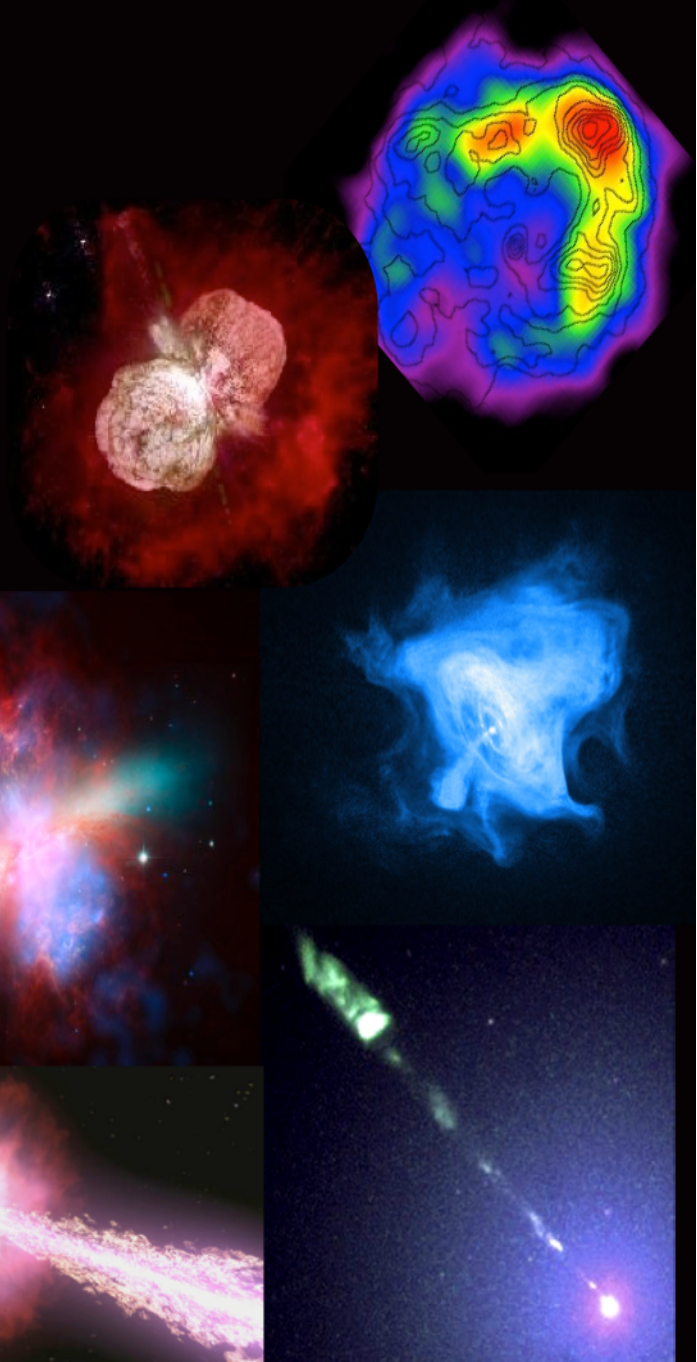
### ✦ Extragalactic

- ✦ Starburst galaxies
- ✦ MW satellites
- ✦ Radio galaxies
- ✦ Flat-spectrum radio quasars
- ✦ 'BL Lac' objects
- ✦ Gamma-ray bursts

## ◎ Acceleration to TeV energies is common, gamma-rays are an effective probe

- ✦ Strongly complementary to sync. measurements

\*0.05-50 TeV



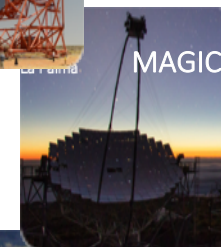
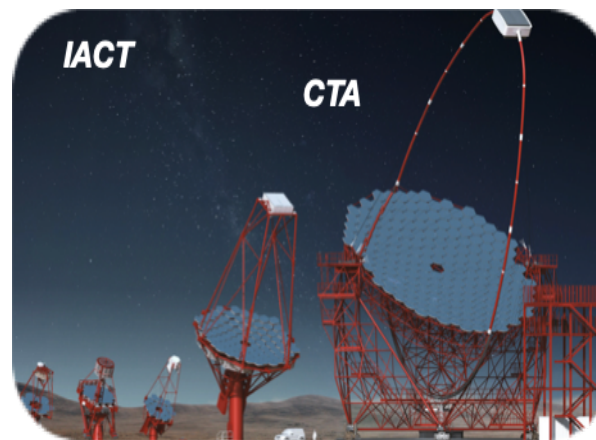


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# Observational Panorama

## Cherenkov Atmospheric Telescopes

- 20% duty-cycle
- Pointing (few degrees FoV)
- Energy threshold down to 10s GeV
- Good energy and angular resolution



particle detectors

HAWC

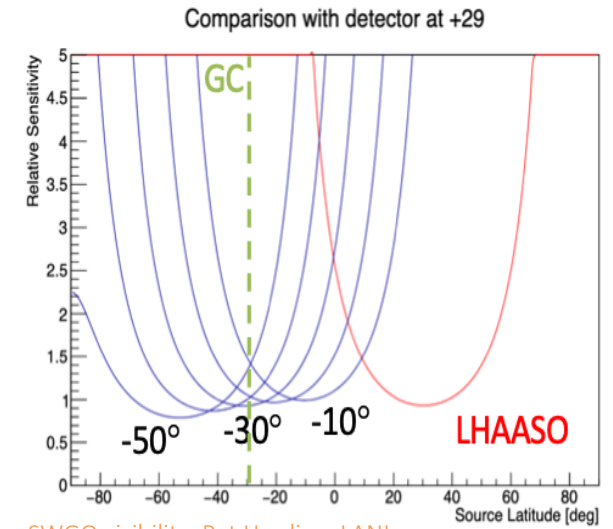


LHAASO

## Particle Detector Arrays

- 100% duty-cycle
- Wide-field of View (~ steradian)
- Energy range 100s GeV up to 100s TeV
- Continual view and accurate background determination

# Geographic distribut



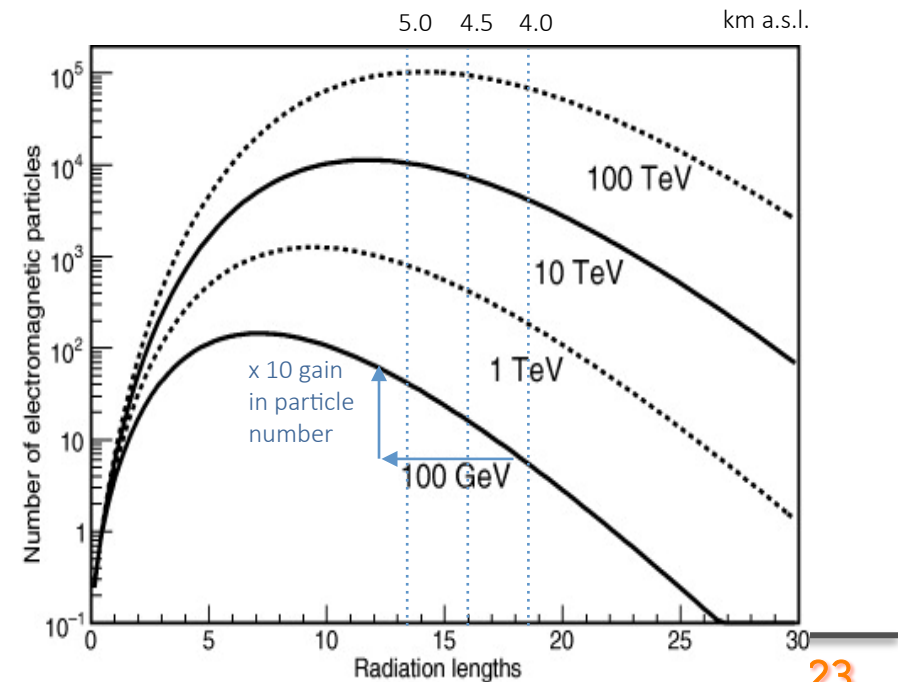
SWGGO visibility, Pat Harding, LANL



# The high-altitude frontier



The Andes provides a number of high-altitude plateaus and high-altitude lakes that constitute suitable sites for a particle array aiming to extend the low-energy frontier for Wide-Field Observatories.



Adapted from G. Sinnis, NJPh, 2009



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# Candidate Sites

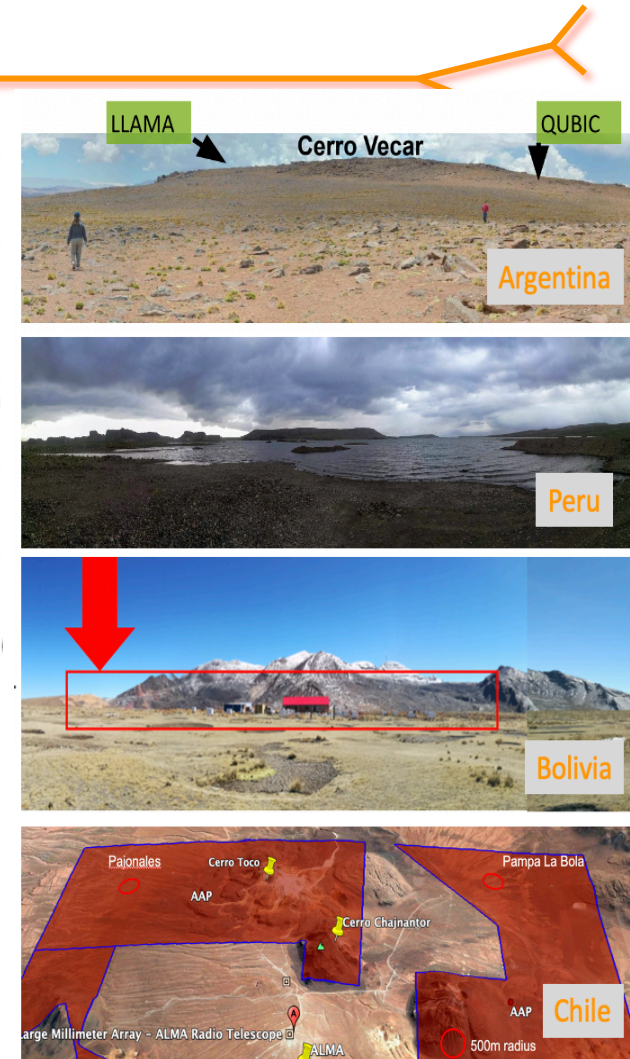
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- 📍 Alto Tocomar (Argentina)
- 📍 Cerro Vecar (Argentina)
- 📍 Chacaltaya (Bolivia)
- 📍 AAP Pajonal (Chile)
- 📍 AAP Pampa La Bola (Chile)
- 📍 Lake Sibinacocha (Peru)
- 📍 Imata (Peru)
- 📍 Sumbay (Peru)
- 📍 Peru National Observatory
- 📍 Yanque (Peru)

The complete list of potential sites is still under investigation, aiming at an evaluation for site choice by 2021.

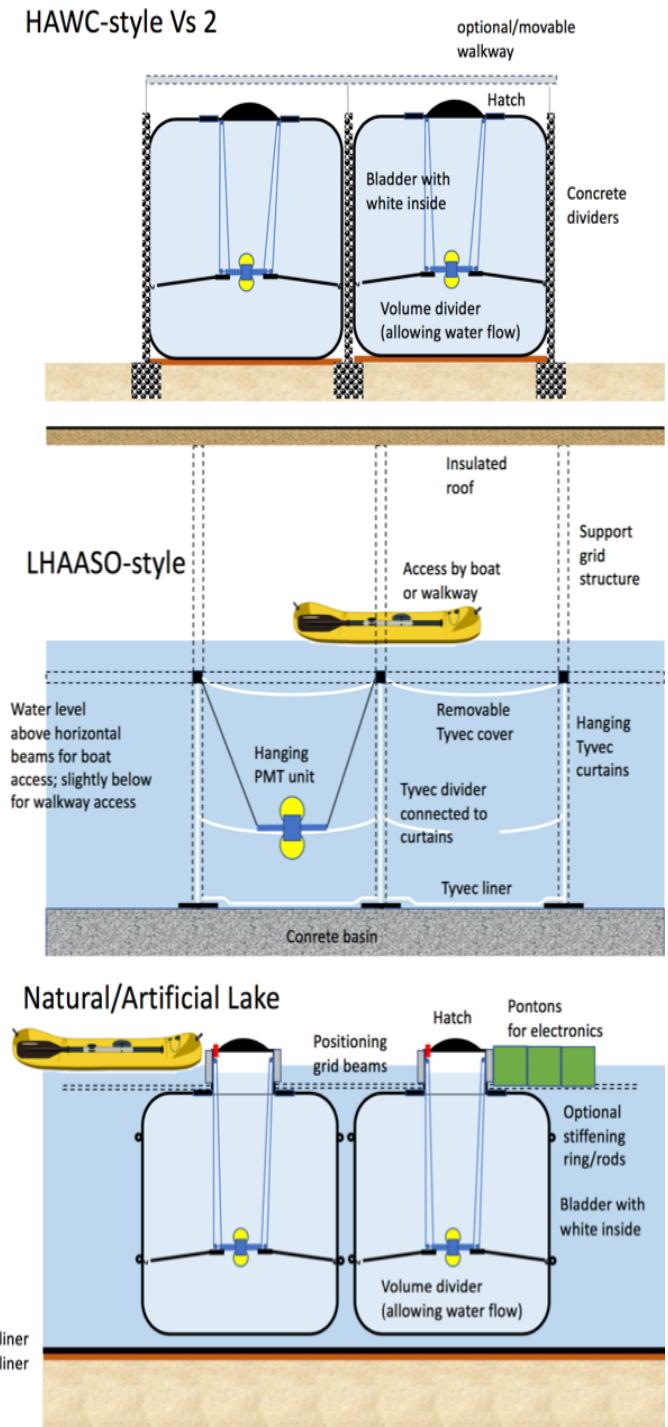


# The SWGO Concept

Multiple detector options to be investigated

- ⦿ Core unit is a water-Cherenkov Detector
  - ⦿ Options being investigated based on tanks (HAWC-like), ponds (Milagro-like) and lake-base (test pool under construction at MPIK-Heidelberg)
- ⦿ Simulations currently ongoing to constrain all aspects of the detectors
- ⦿ Design strongly dependent on site choice
  - ⦿ Water access, construction costs, infrastructure feasibility, compatibility with scientific driven main design goals...

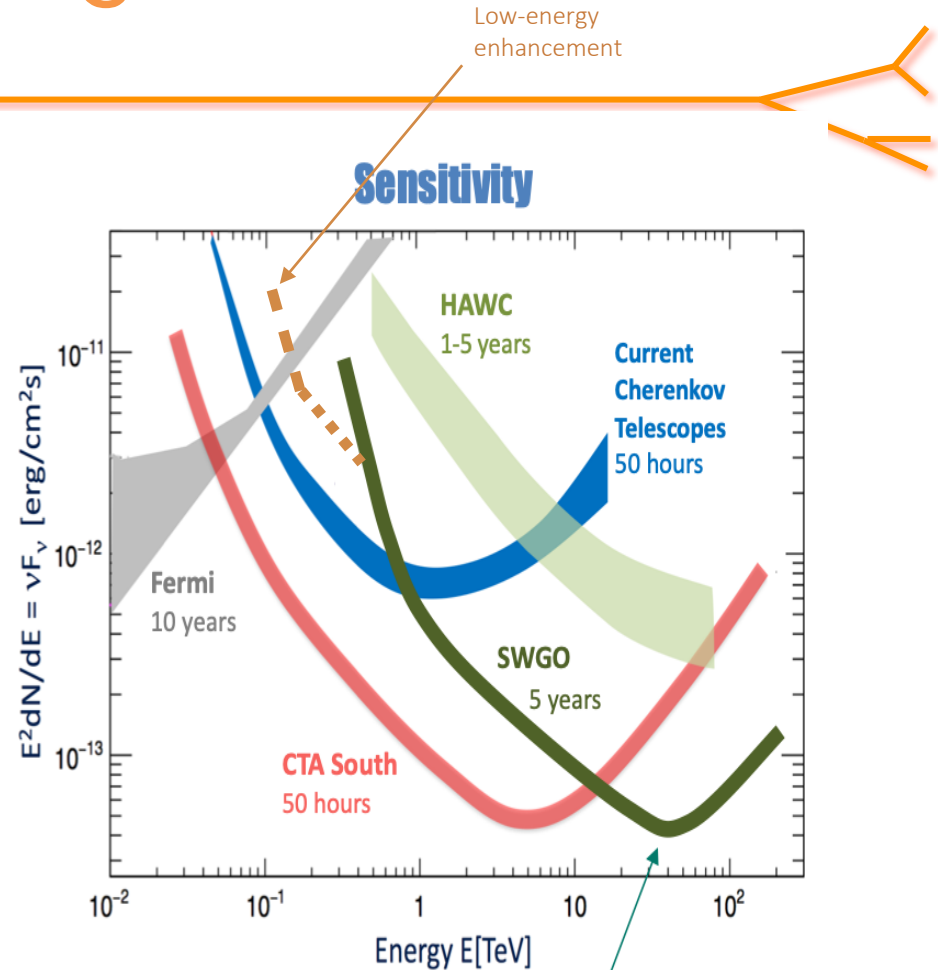
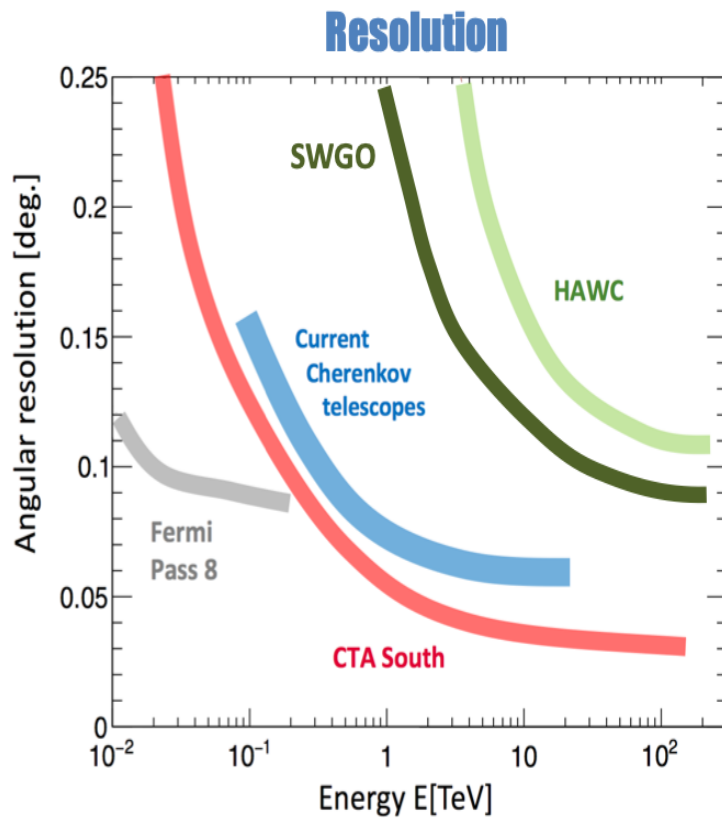
Detector units





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# Performance goals

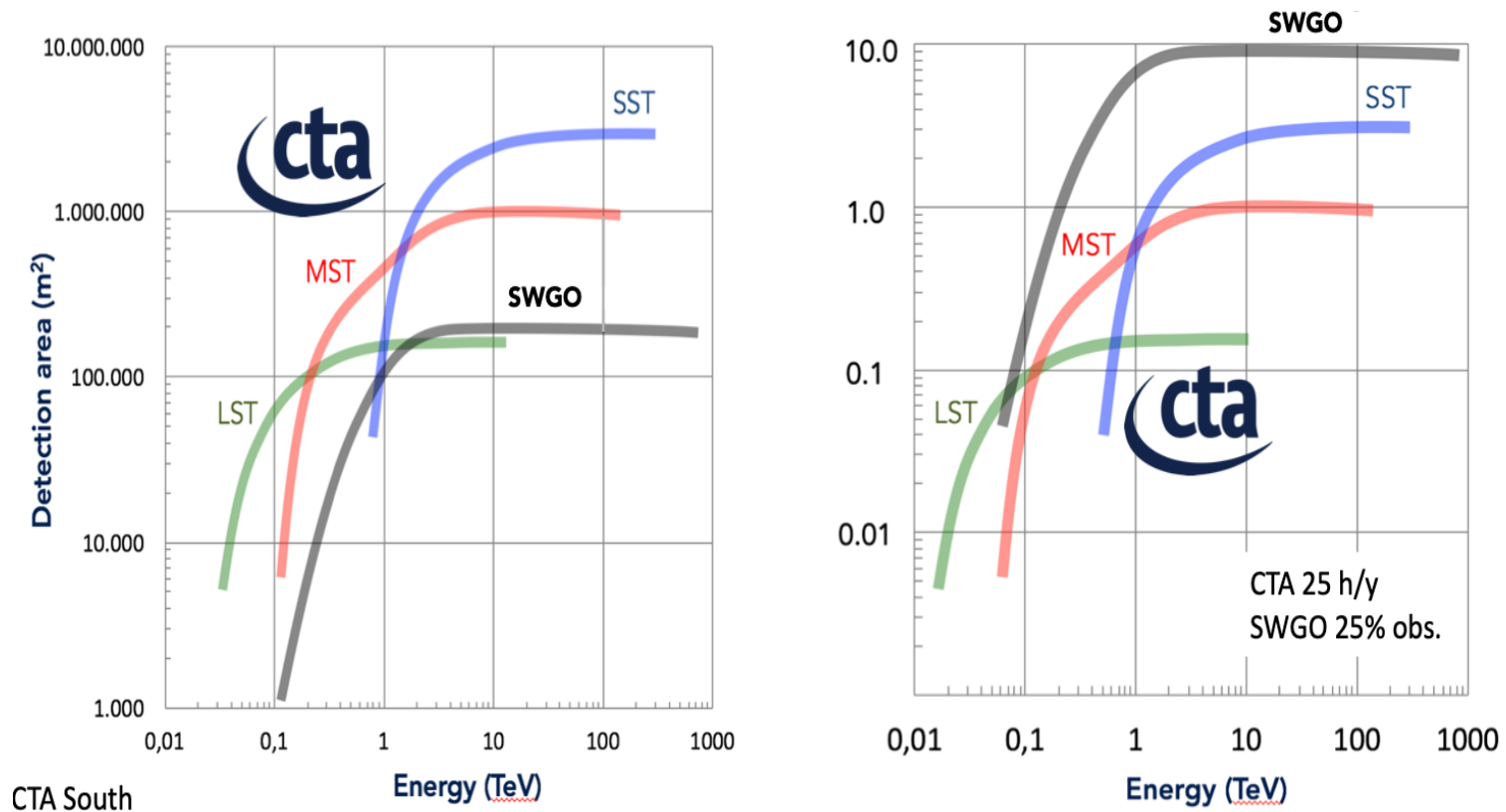


[www.cta-observatory.org](http://www.cta-observatory.org)

[www.swgo.org](http://www.swgo.org)

Background free above about  
30 TeV for point-like sources,  
even after 5 years

# Performance goals



**Detection Area**

**Annual Exposure**

Potentially more sensitive than CTA over several years integration time provided good background suppression is achieved.





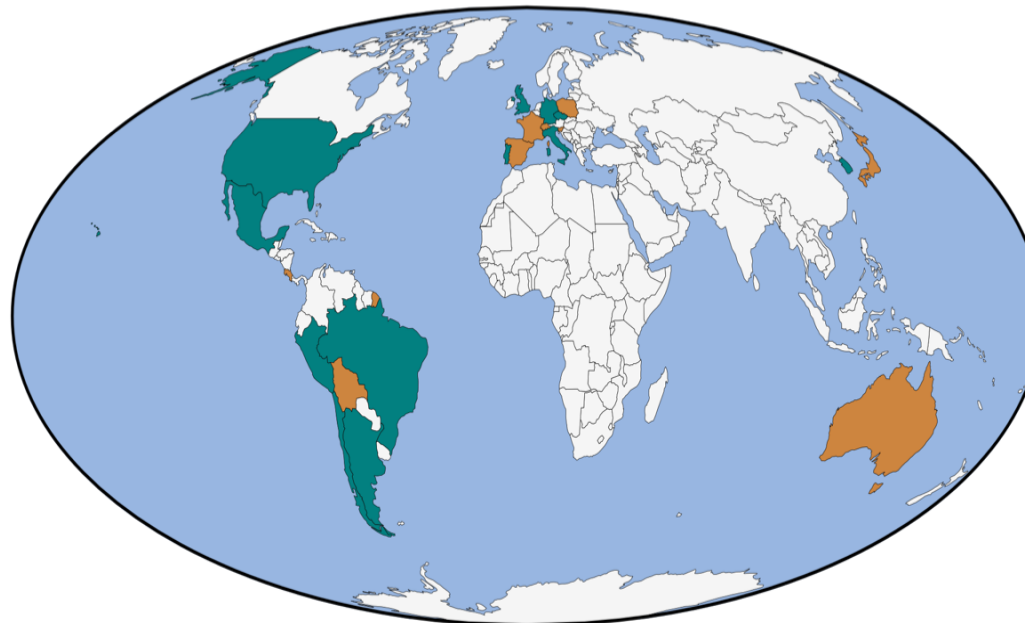
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# The Collaboration

- ◎ Southern Wide-Field Gamma-ray Observatory
  - + higher altitude (4400+ m asl) and larger area
  - + more efficient detector units + muon tagging capability
    - improved sensitivity and lower E threshold

Established in July 2019  
3 year R&D Programme

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