RECENT TOPICS ON VERY HIGH ENERGY GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY

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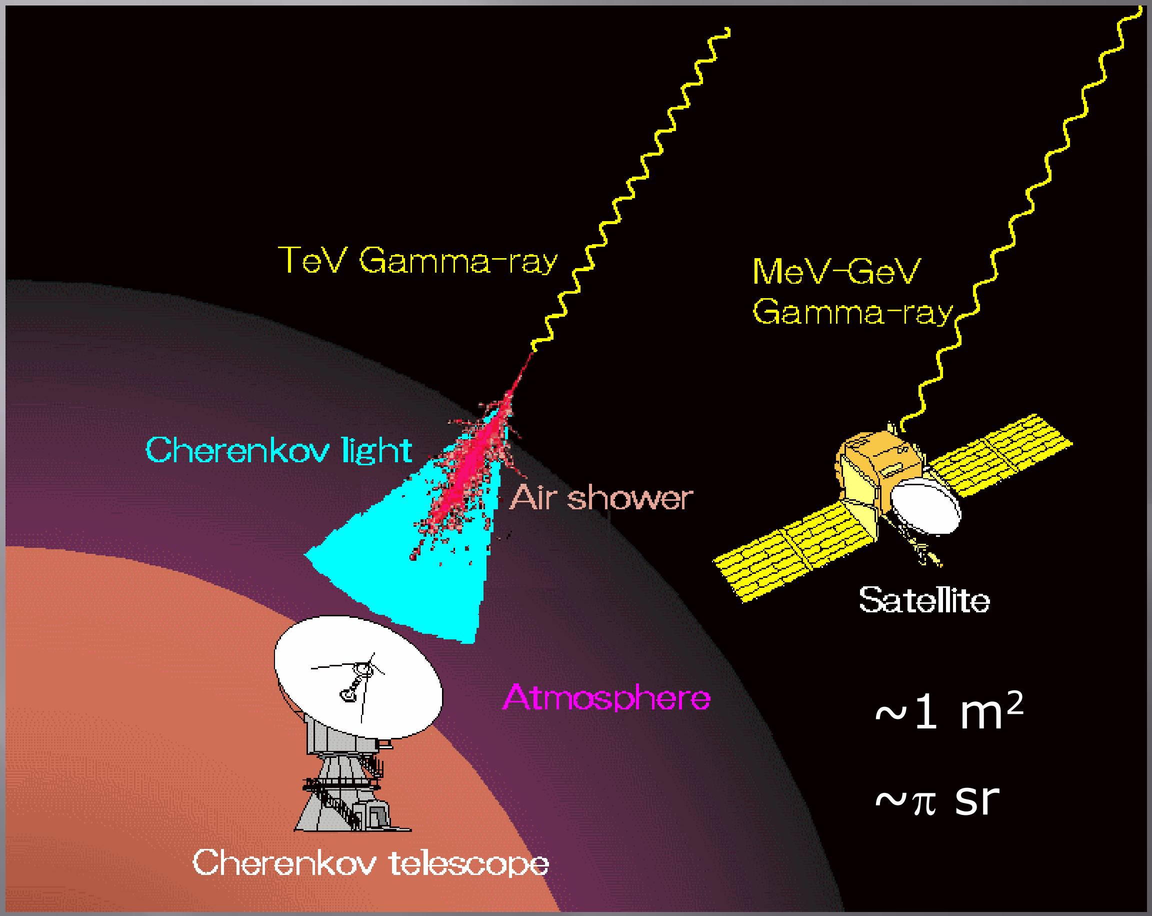
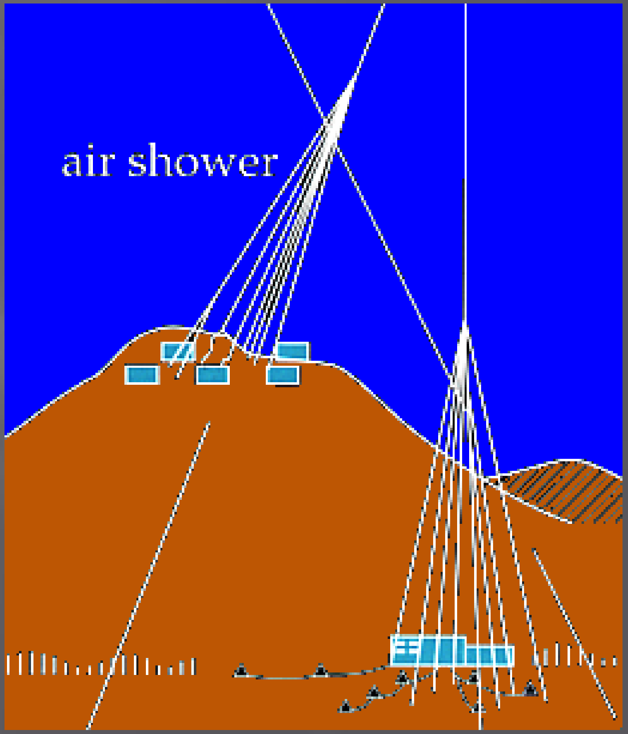
Detection of gamma-rays



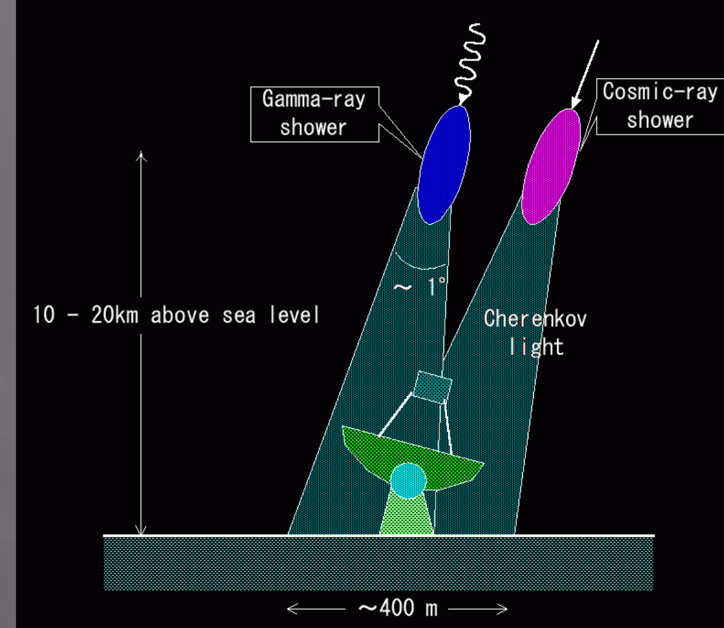
A $\sim 10^4 m^2$

$\Omega \sim 10^{-2}$sr

> TeV gamma-rays

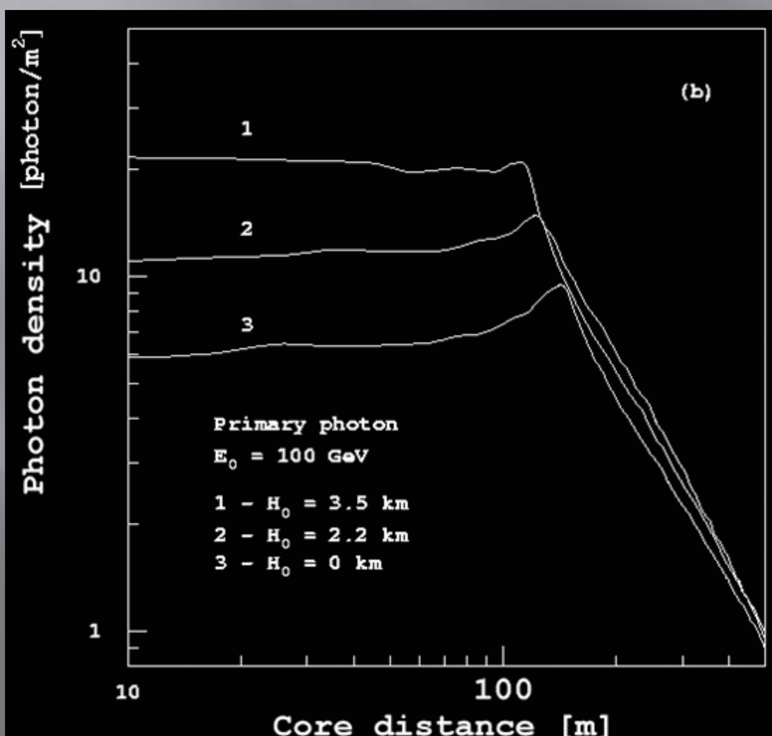


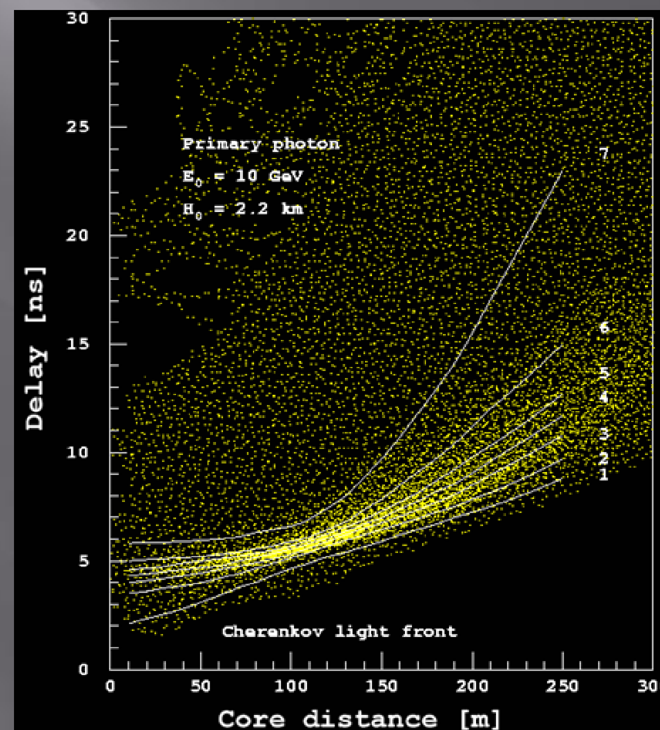
Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope



Cherenkov light from gamma-ray showers

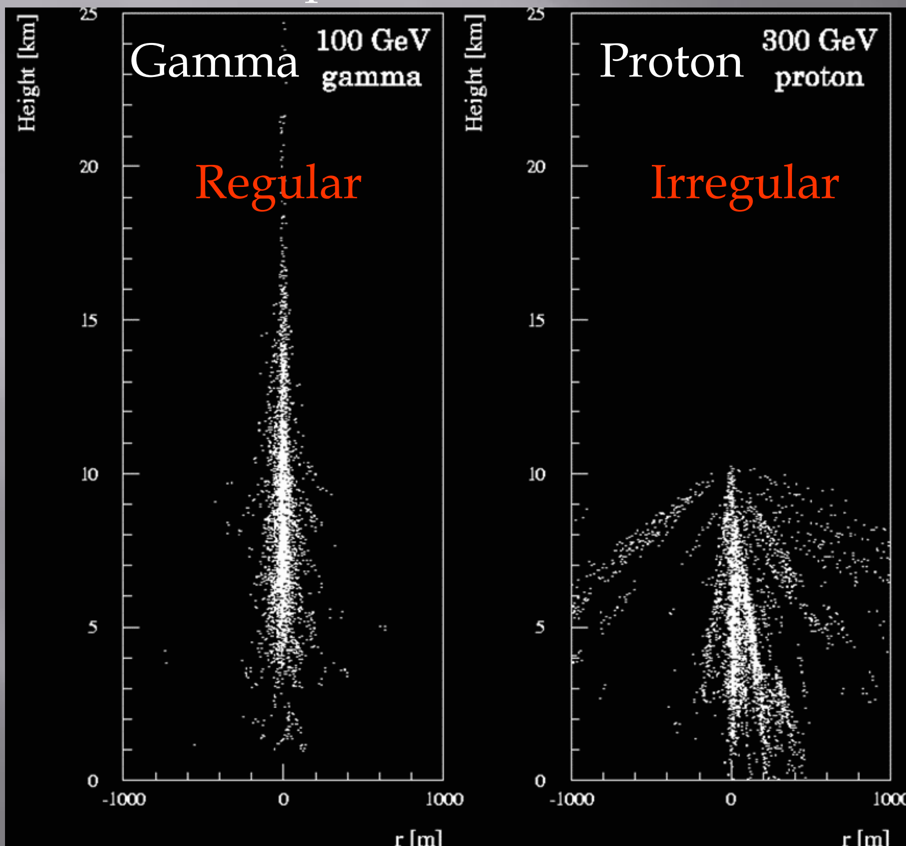
Lateral distribution & Timing distribution





Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope

Shower profile



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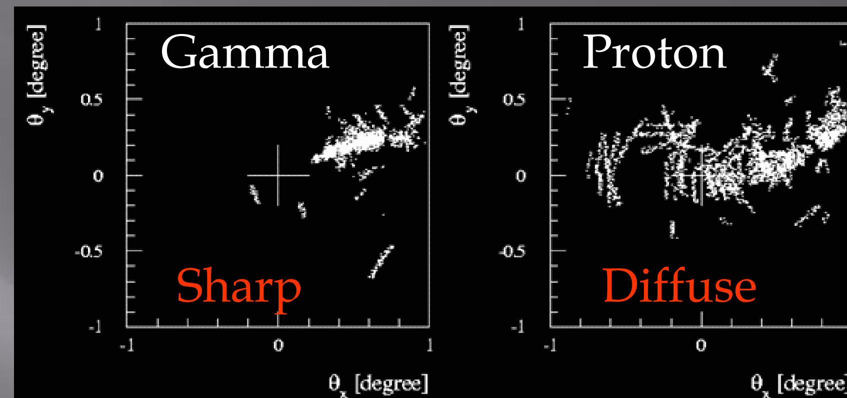
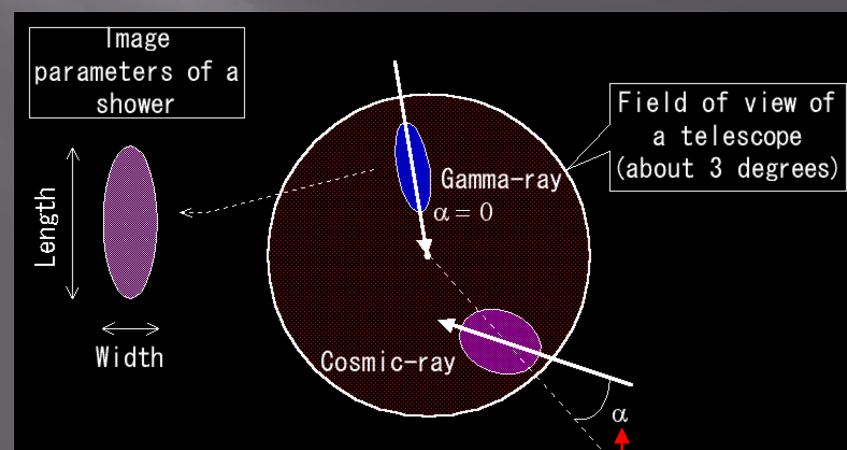
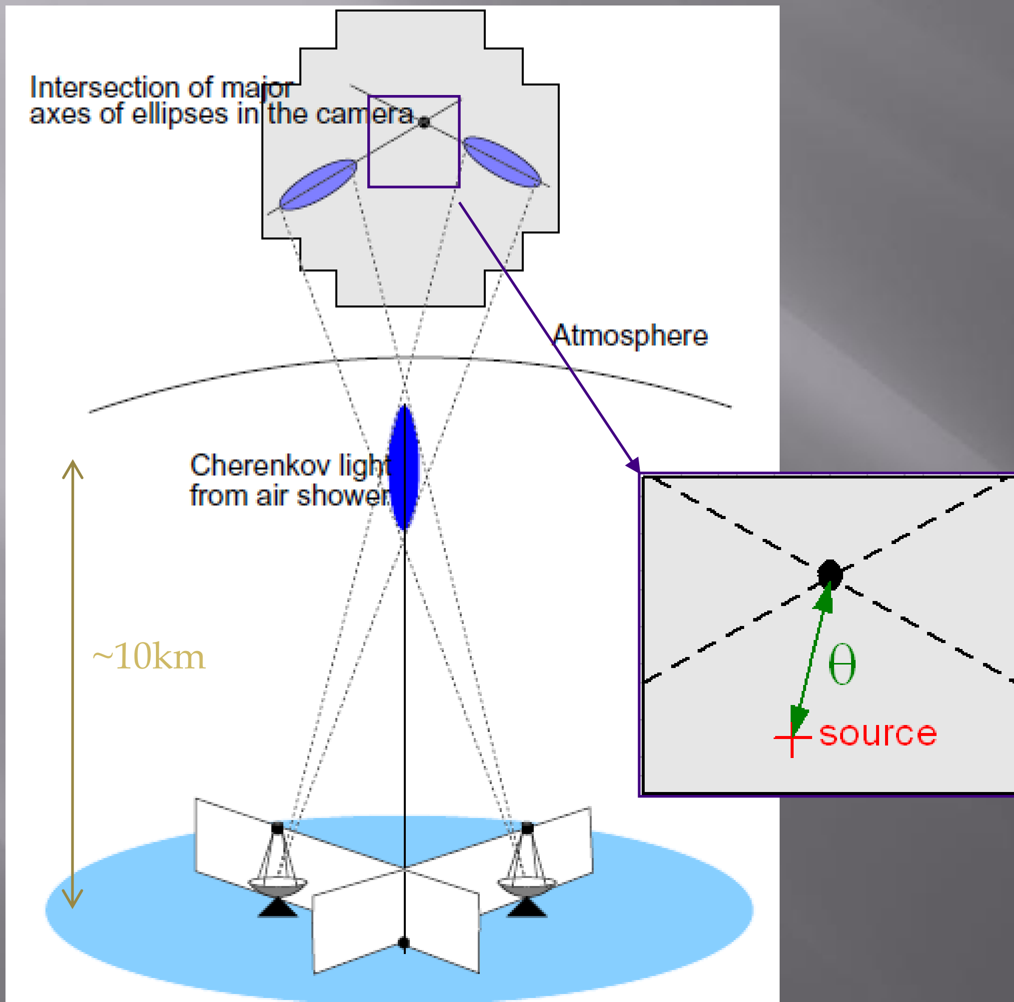




→ Differentiation of gamma-rays from charged cosmic rays

α (image orientation angle)

Stereoscopic observation of Cherenkov light



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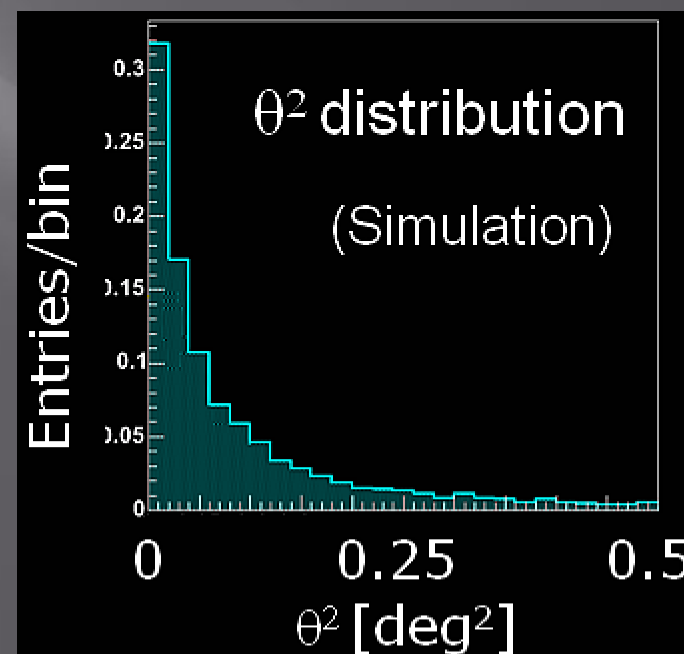
Angular resolution

0.25deg → 0.1 deg

Energy resolution

30% → 15%

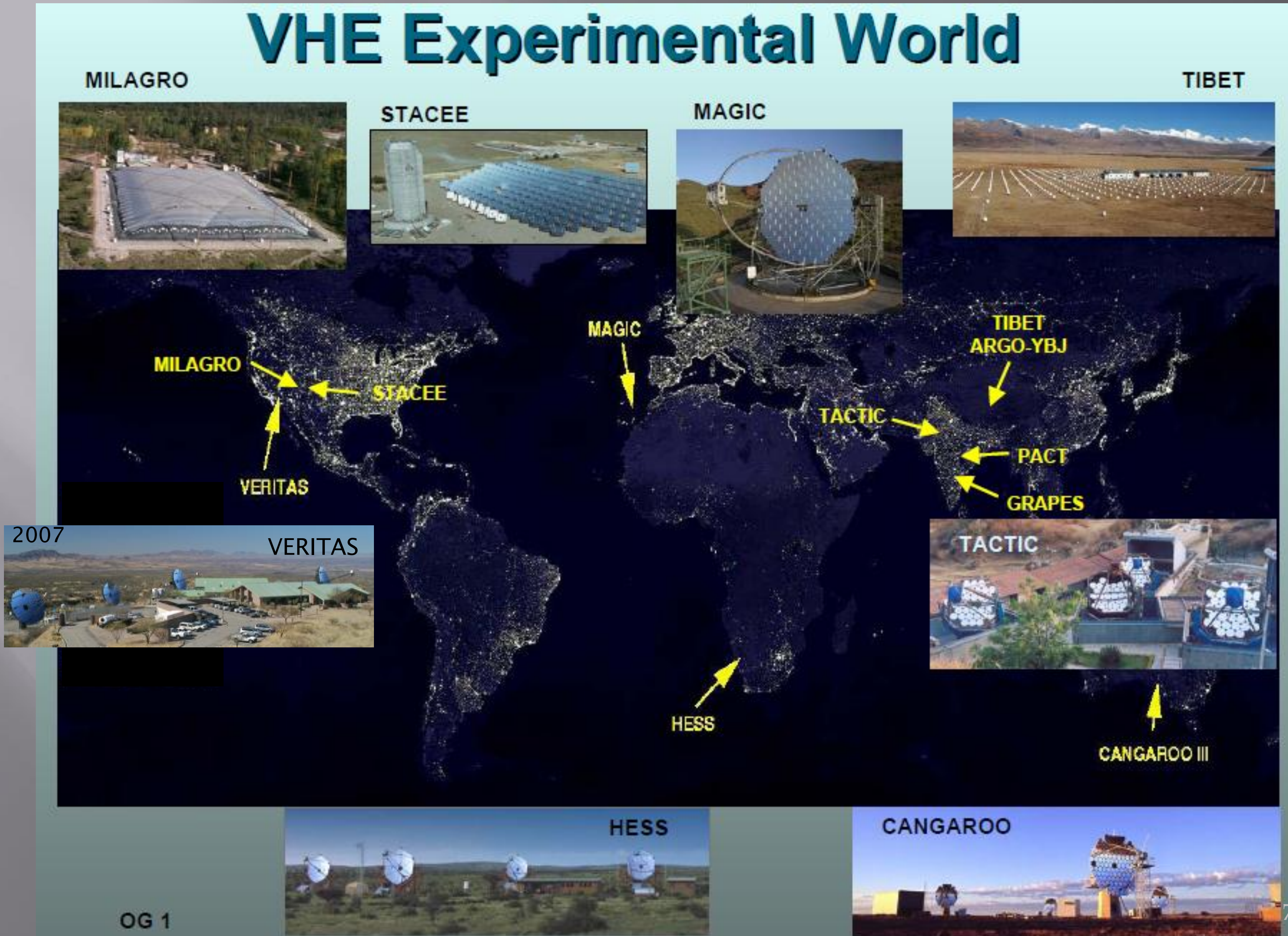
Better S/N (no local muons)



Comparison of detection methods

Base	Satellite	Ground	Ground
Gamma-ray detection	Direct (pair creation)	Indirect (atmospheric Cherenkov)	Indirect (shower array)
Energy	< 30 GeV ($\rightarrow$ 100 GeV)	>100 GeV ($\rightarrow$ 50 GeV)	>3 TeV ($\rightarrow$ 1 TeV)
Pros	High S/N Large FOV	Large area Good $\Delta\theta$	24hr operation Large FOV
Cons	Small area High cost	Low S/N (CR bkgd.) *(but imaging overcomes this!)* Small FOV	Low S/N (CR bkgd.) Moderate $\Delta\theta$

Rene Ong, ICRC2005 OG2 rapporteur talk (updated)



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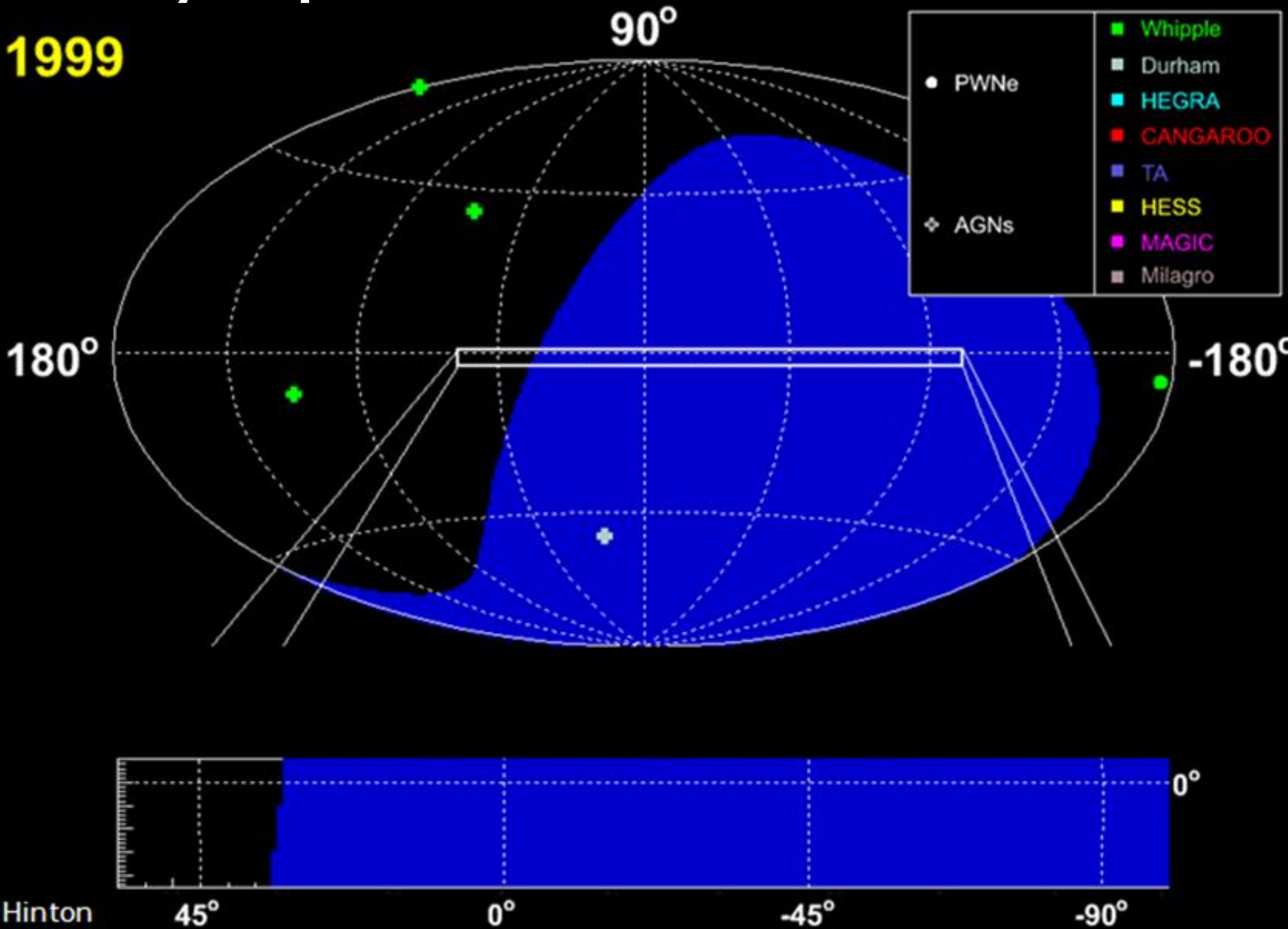

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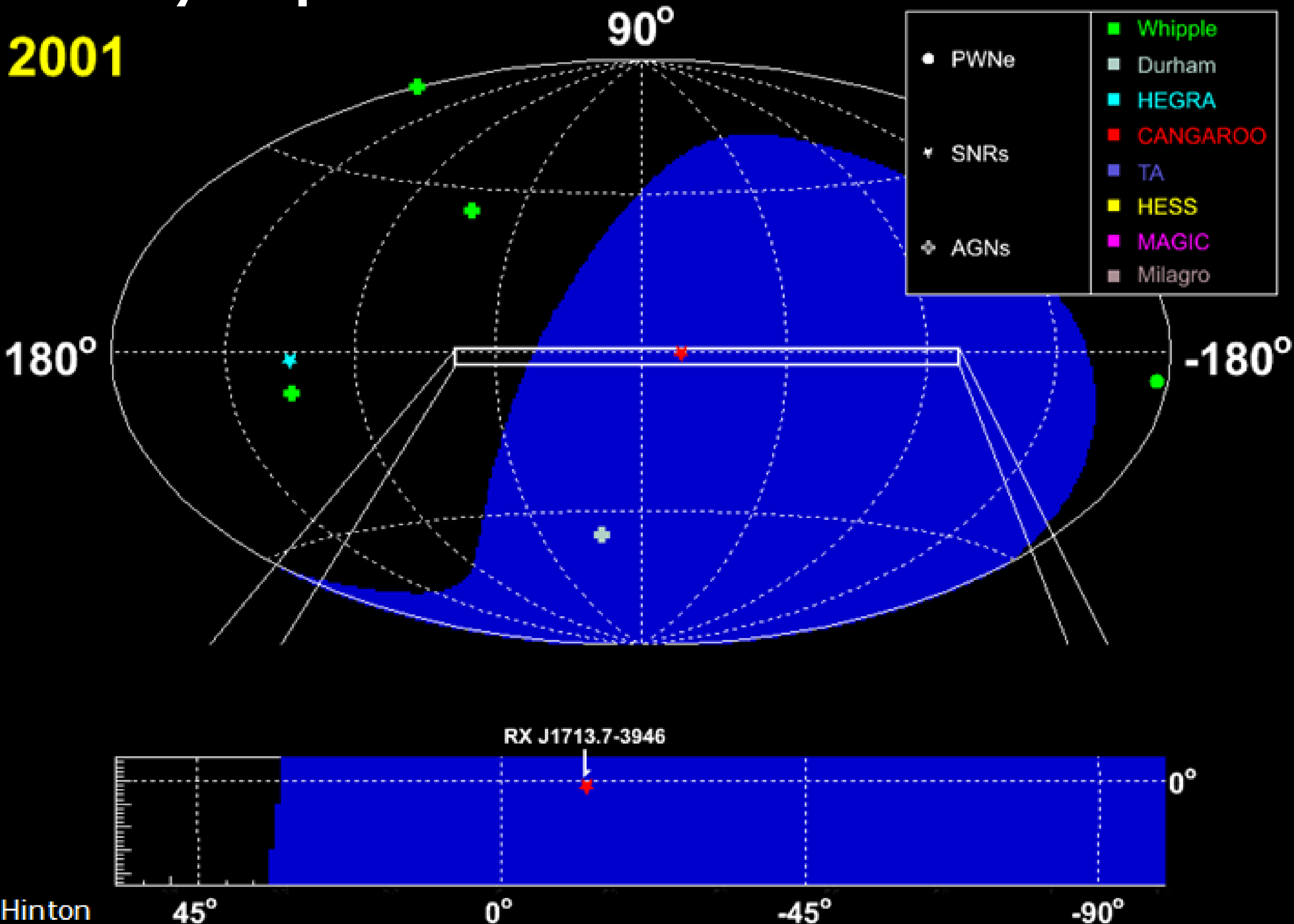

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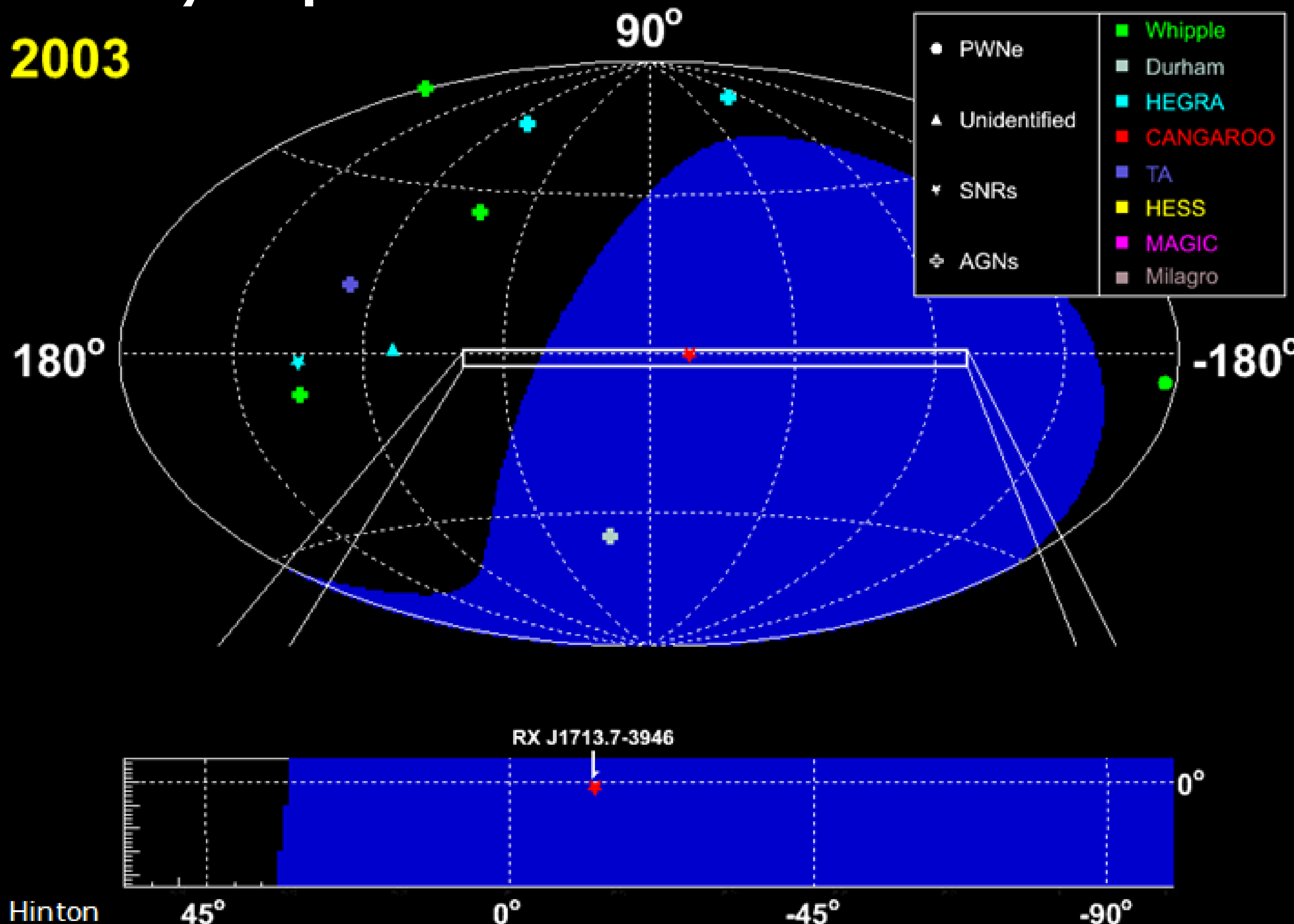

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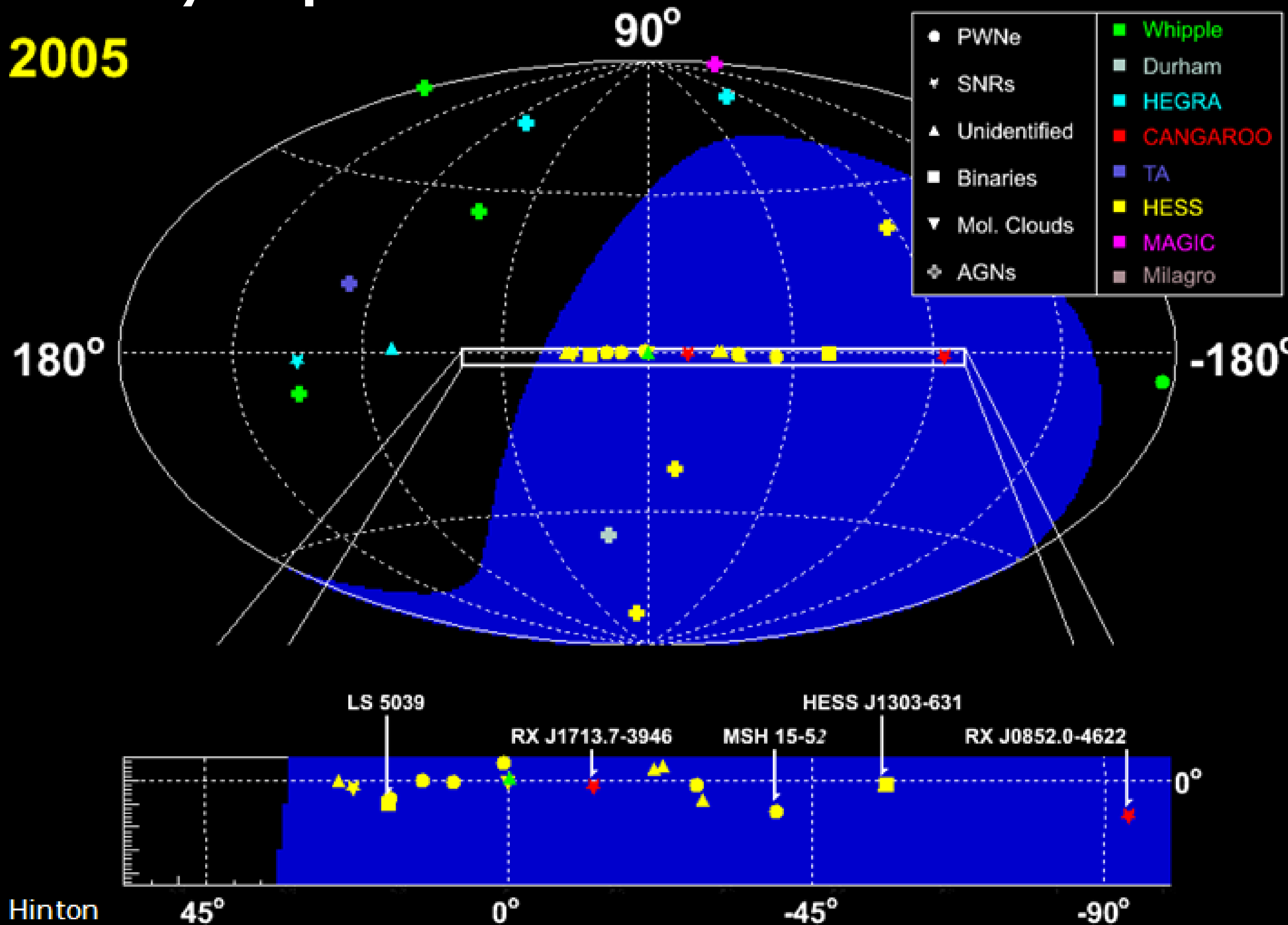

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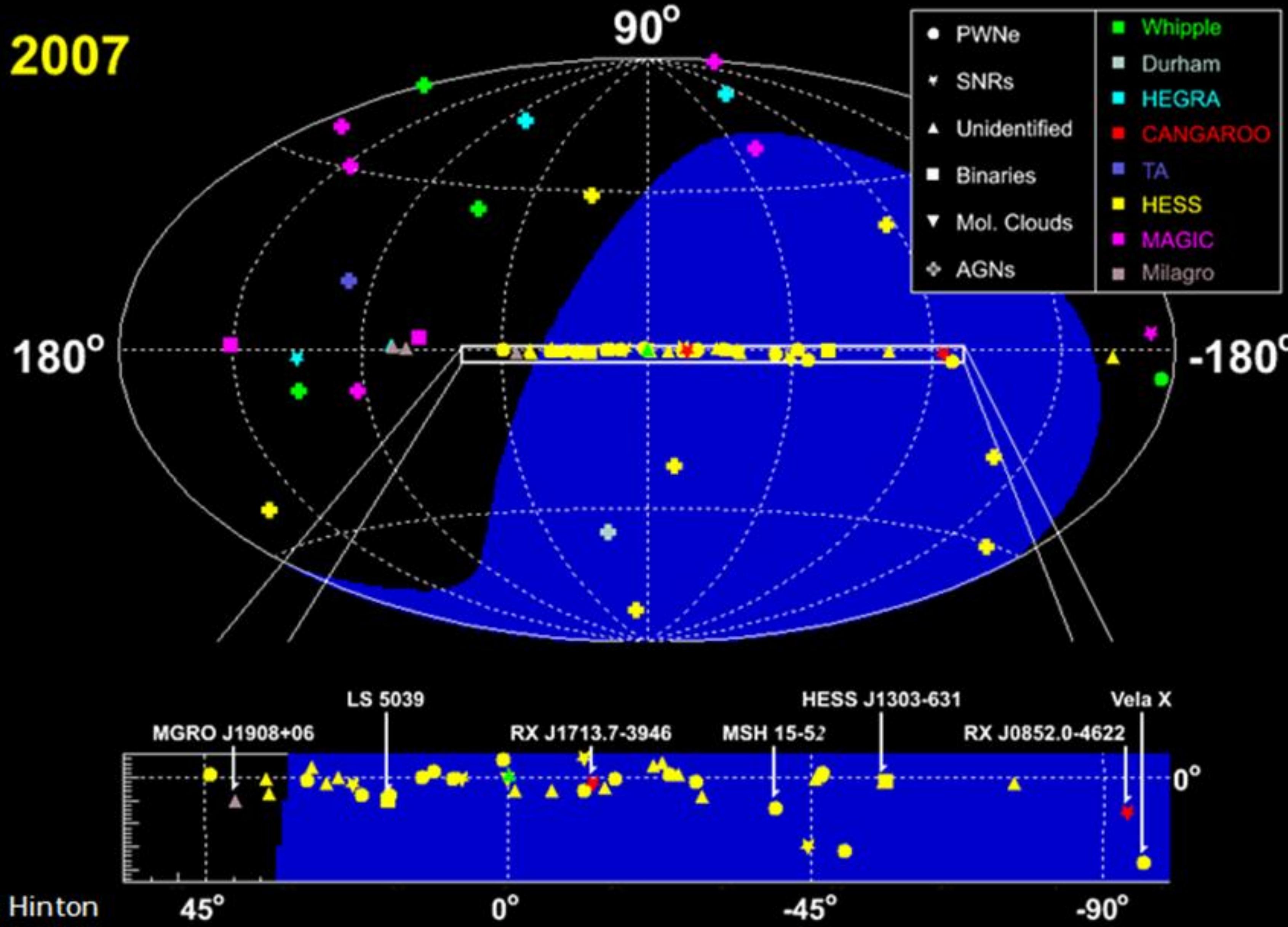

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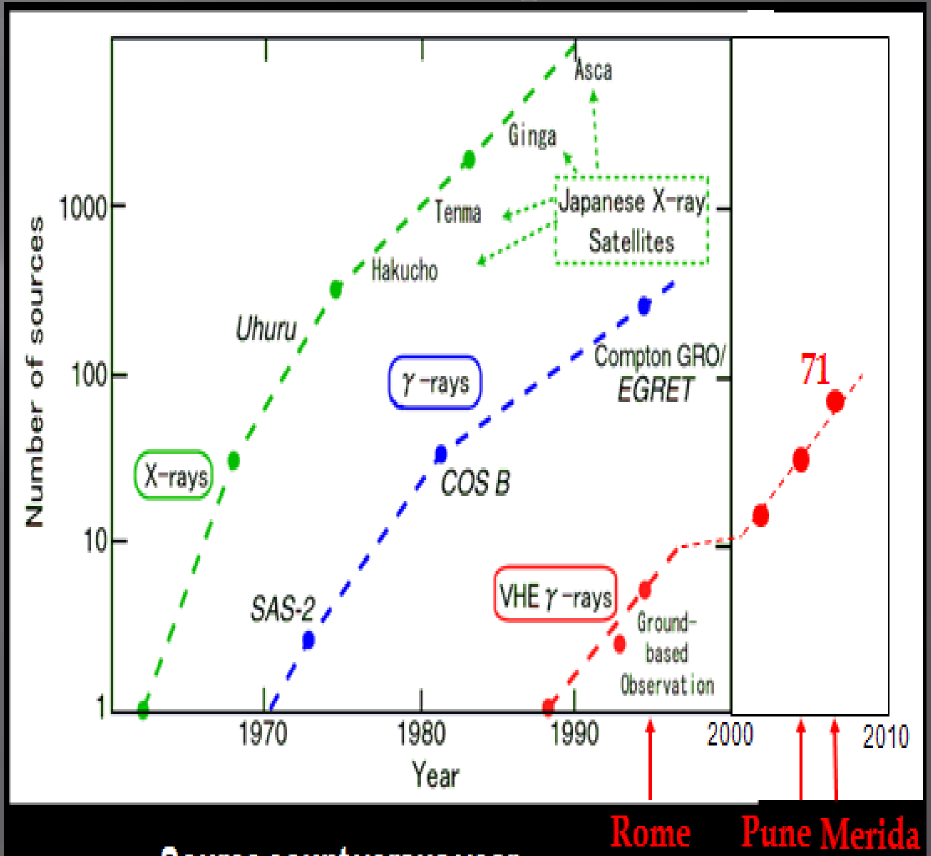
Increase of TeV sources

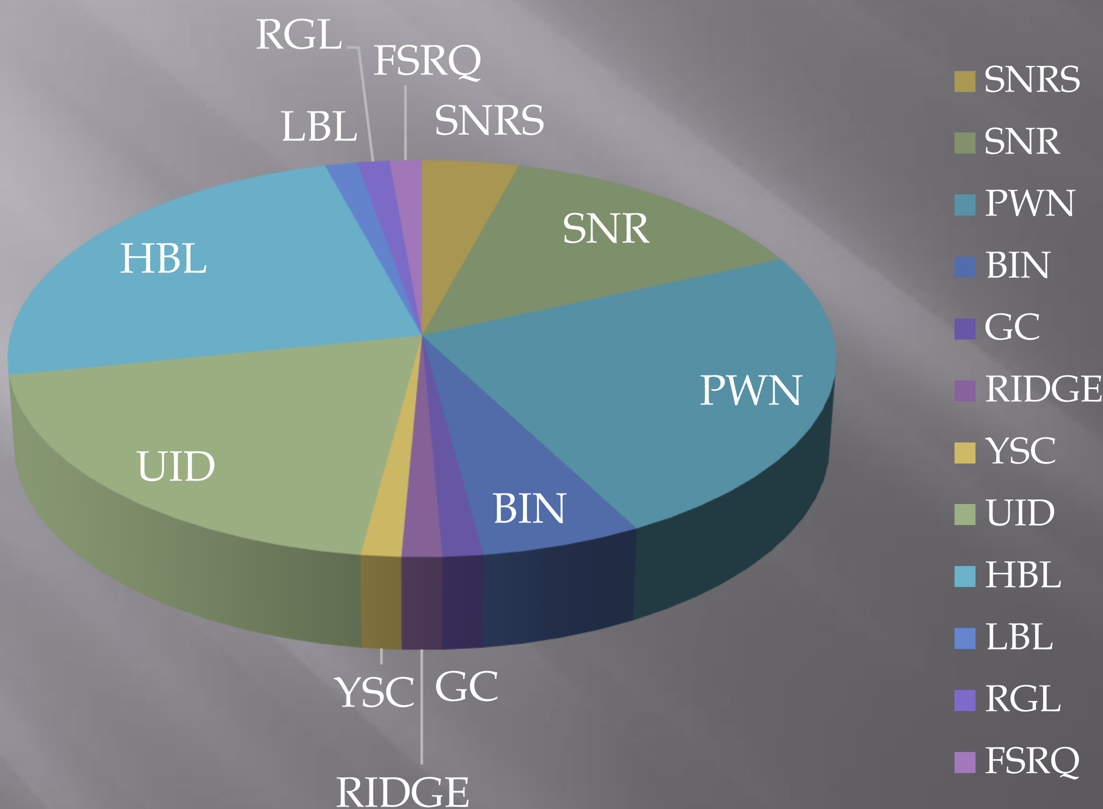
Class	2003	2005	2007
PWN (Pulsar Wind Nebulae)	*1*	*6*	*18*
SNR (Subernova remnants)	*2*	*3*	*7*
Binary	*0*	*2*	*4*
Diffuse	*0*	*2*	*2*
AGN (Active Galactic Nuclei)	*7*	*11*	*19*
UnId (Unidentified sources)	*2*	*6*	*21*
Total	**12**	**33**	**71!**

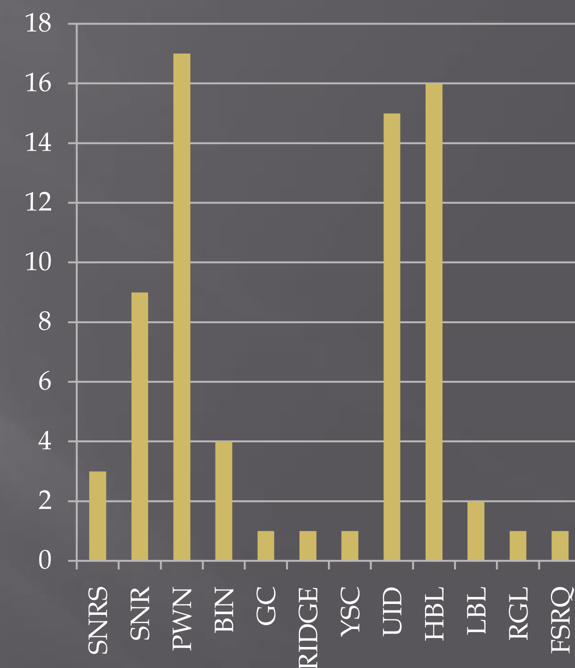
"Kifune plot"



Source count versus year
[T. Kifune]

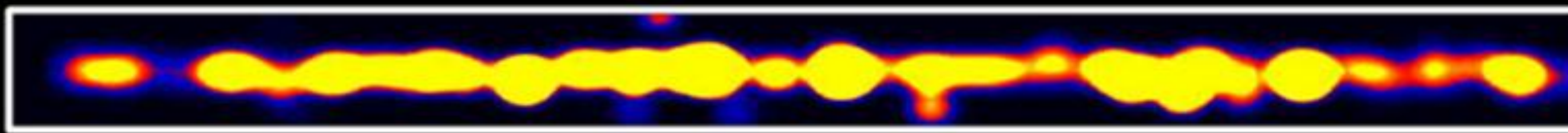
TeV sources classified

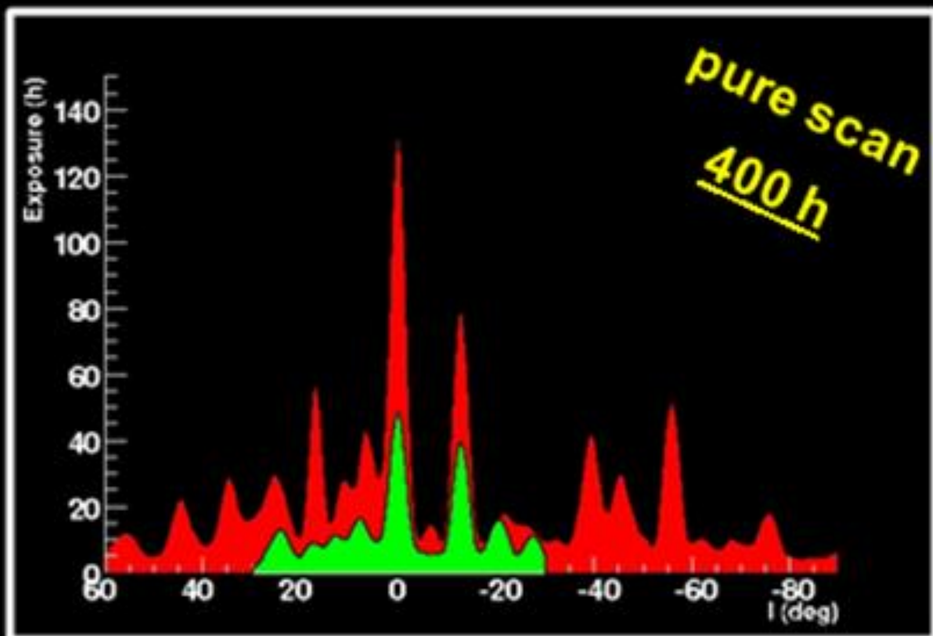




* Borders for SNR/PWN/UnID are vague…

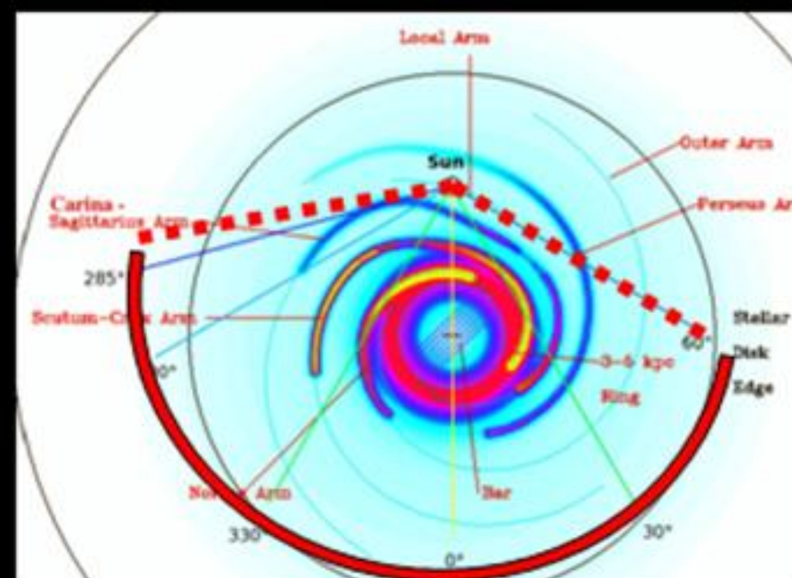
H.E.S.S. Galactic survey





Hoppe 269

-85° < l < 60°   -2.5° < b < 2.5°



Survey region was extended in the years 2005 - 2007

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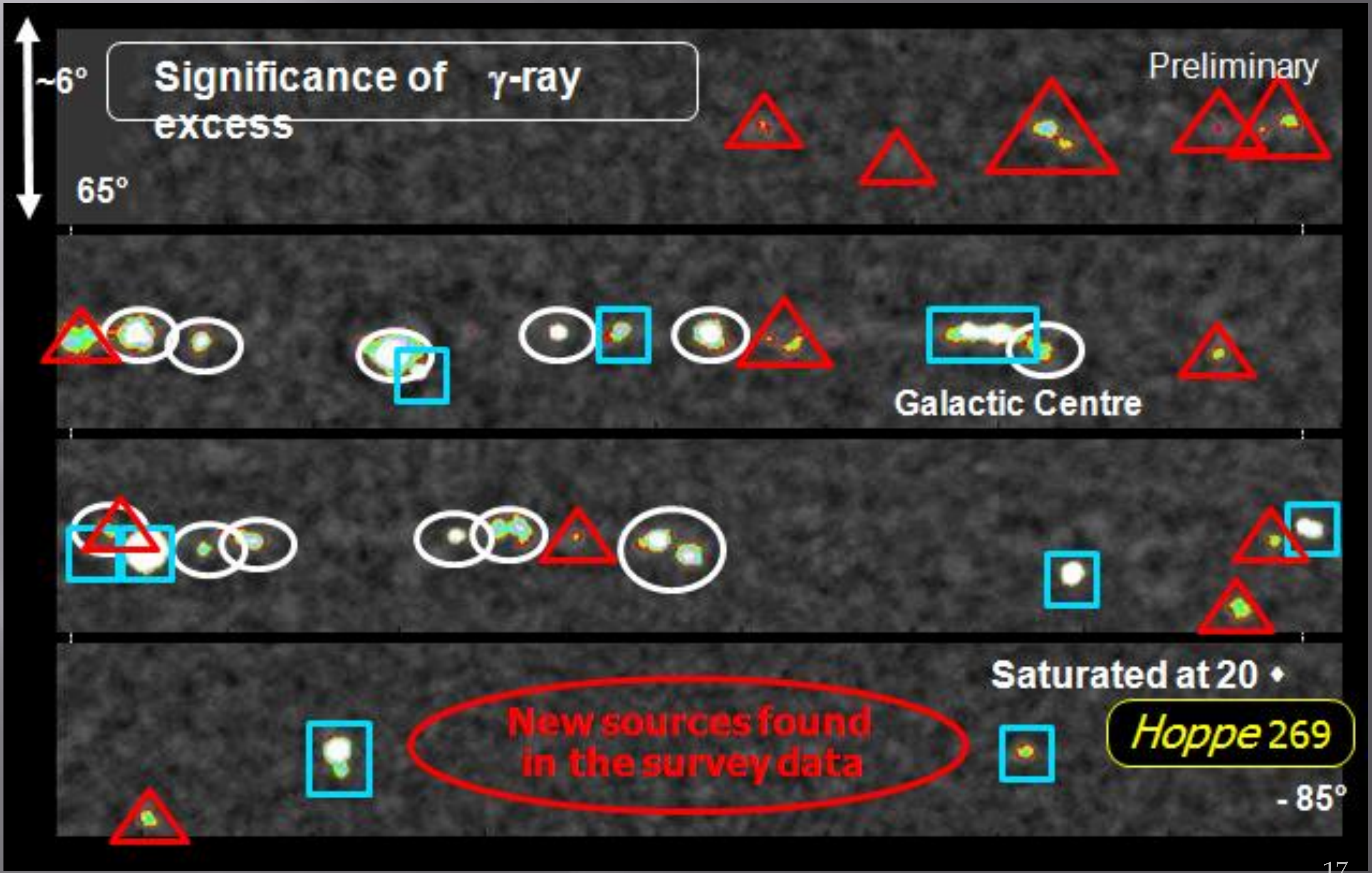
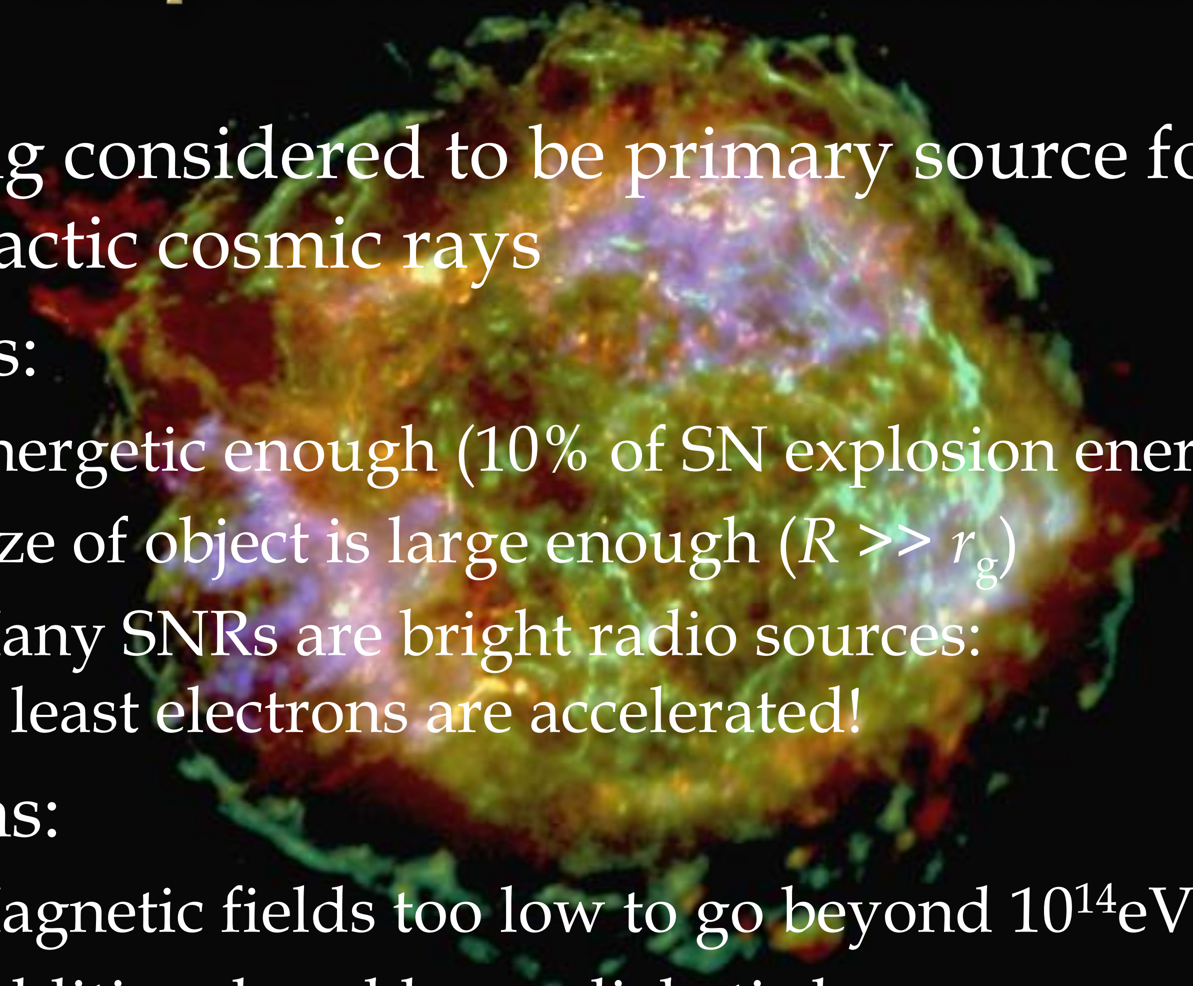


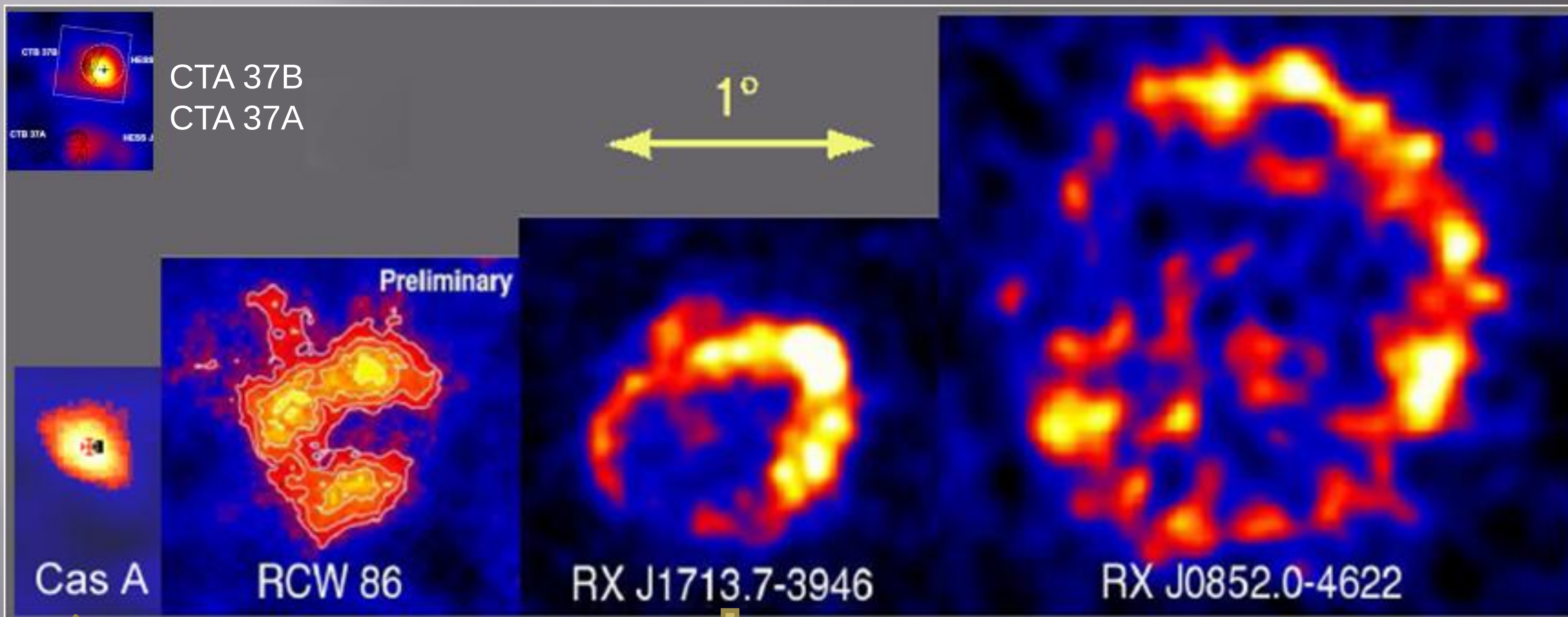
Supernova remnants



- Long considered to be primary source for Galactic cosmic rays
- Pros:
  - Energetic enough (10% of SN explosion energy)
  - Size of object is large enough ($R >> r_g$)
  - Many SNRs are bright radio sources: at least electrons are accelerated!
- Cons:
  - Magnetic fields too low to go beyond 10^{14}eV
  - Additional problem: adiabatic losses

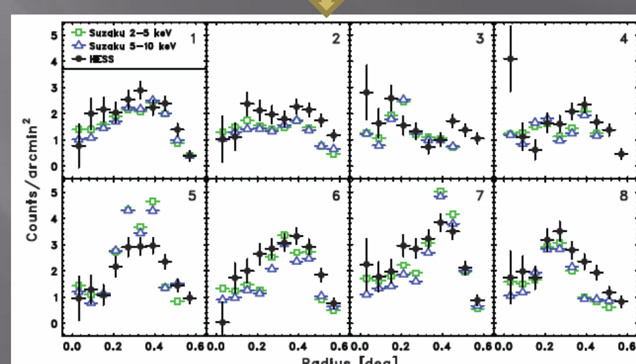
Cas A by Chandra

Shell SNRs seen at TeV



Comparable to PSF (0.09°)

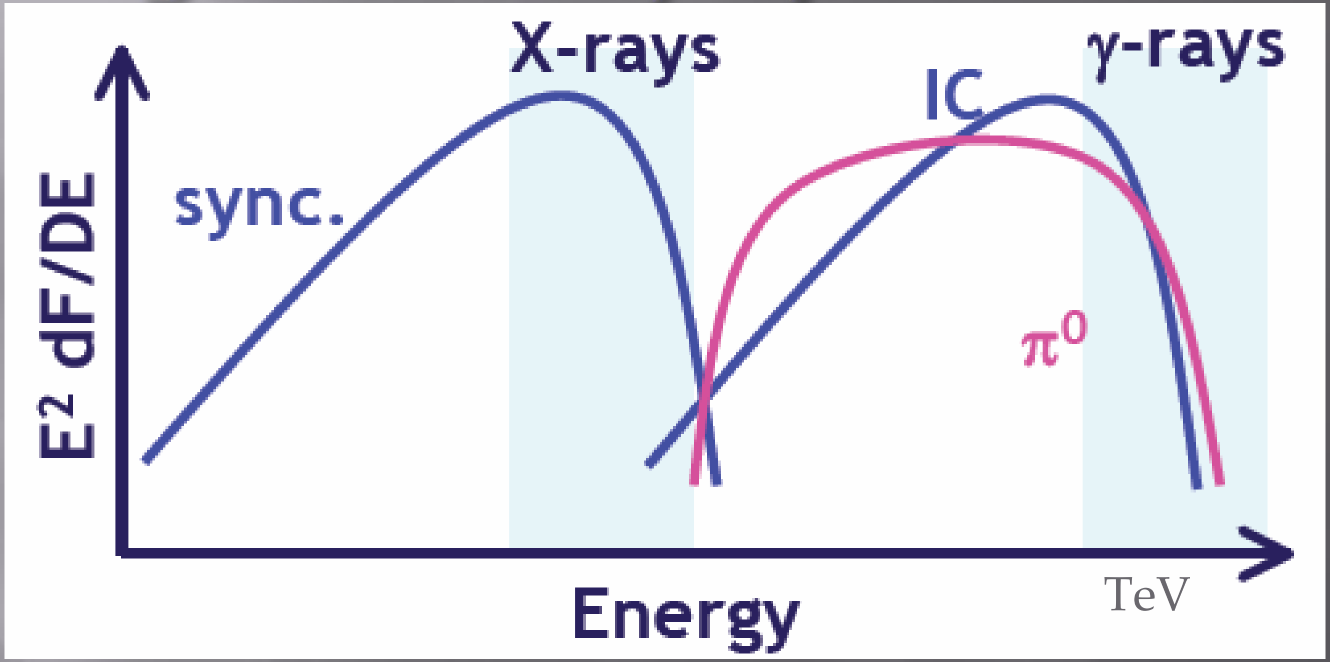
J. Albert et al., A&A 474, 934 (2007)



T.Tanaka, PhD thesis, 2007

Good keV-TeV Correlation!

Accelerated particles and gamma-ray spectrum



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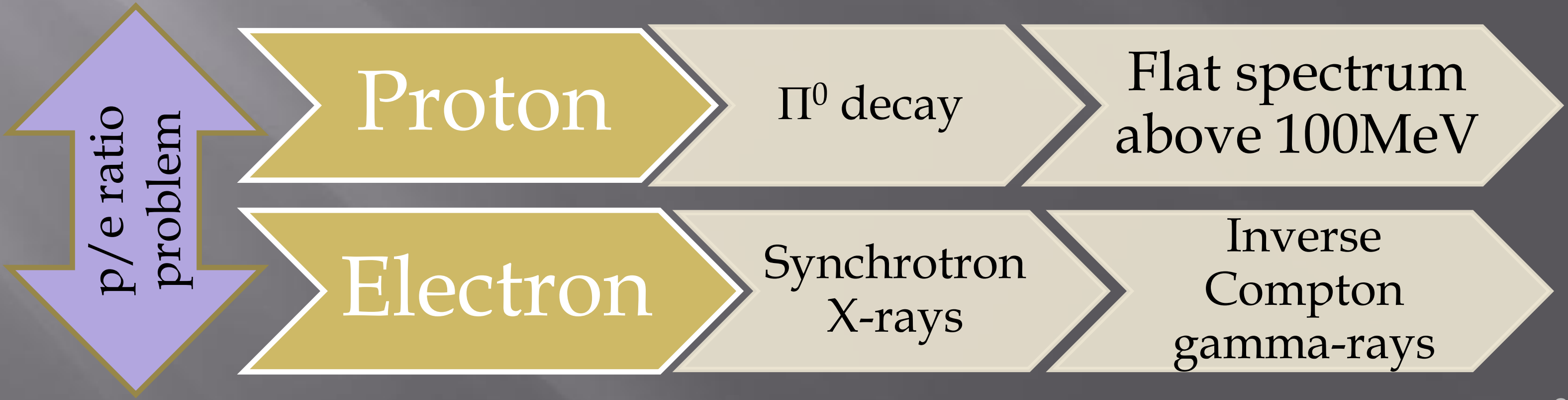


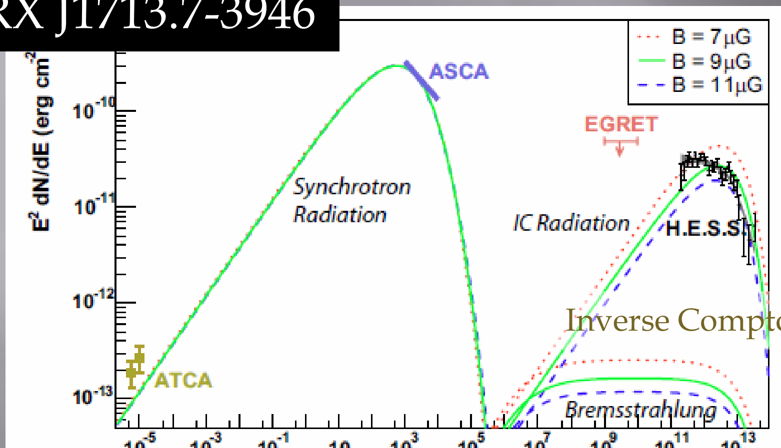
SNR spectrum

Hard power-law + cutoff (?): $\sim E^{-2}\exp(-E/E_{max})$

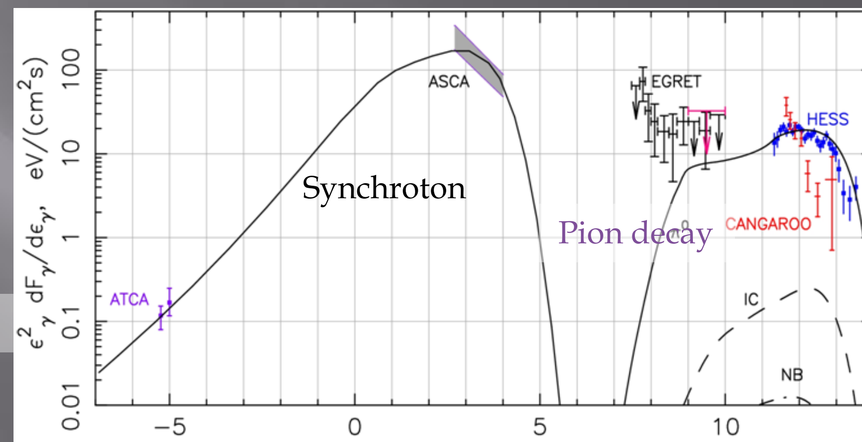
Electron model

Proton model

RX J1713.7-3946

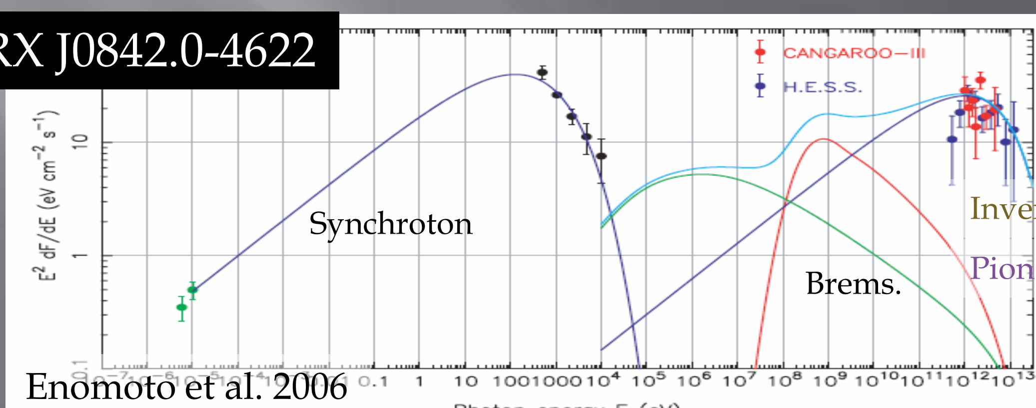


Aharonian et al. 2006



Berezhko & Voelk 2007

RX J0842.0-4622



Enomoto et al. 2006

NO definitive answer for accelerated particles!

D. Ellison et al., ApJ 661 (2007) 879

Identification of particles is not easy

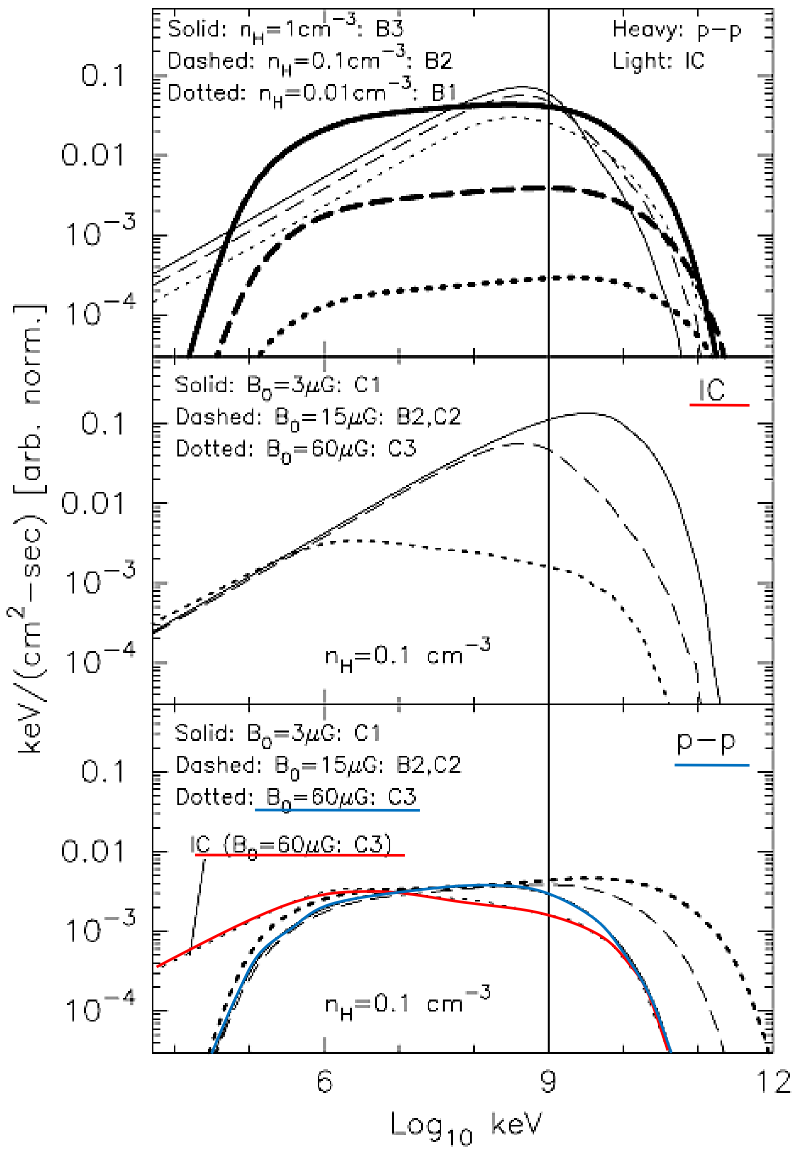
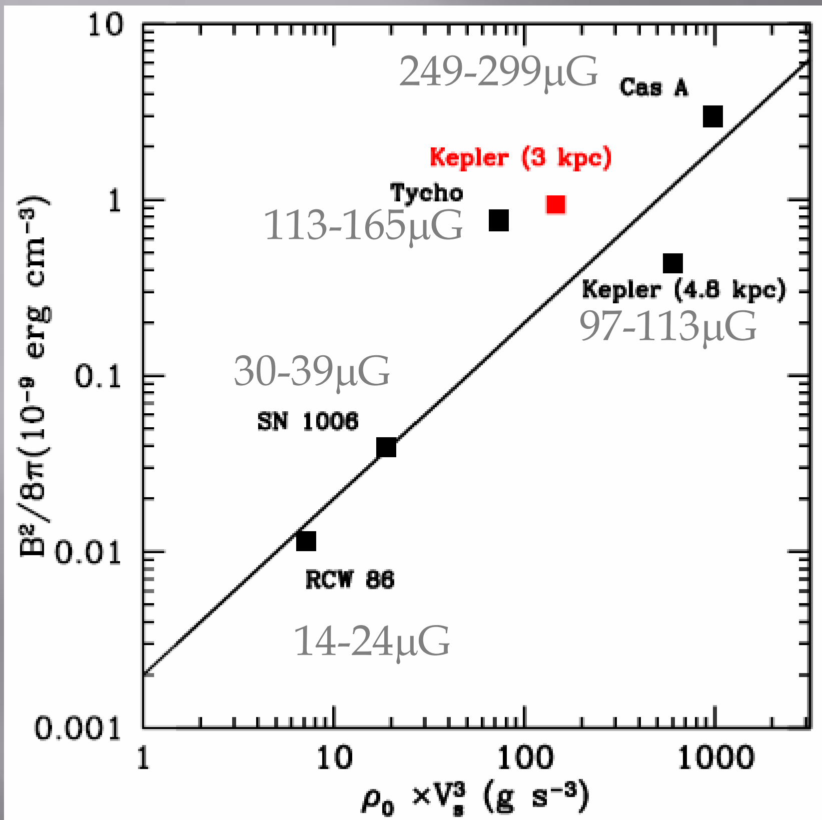


FIG. 12.—Pion-decay and IC emission for a range of n_H and B_0. In the top panel, the heavy curves are pion decay, the light curves are IC, and ϵ_{rel} = 36% and B_0 = 15 μG in all cases. The strong dependence of pion decay on ambient density n_H is evident. The middle panel shows IC, and the bottom panel shows pion decay for n_H = 0.1 cm^{-3}, with B_0 varying from 3 μG (*solid curves*) to 15 μG (*dashed curves*) to 60 μG (*dotted curves*). For comparison to the π^0, we show in the bottom panel the IC emission for B_0 = 60 μG (*light dotted curve*). The particle distributions producing the emission in the bottom two panels are those shown in the top panel of Fig. 11.

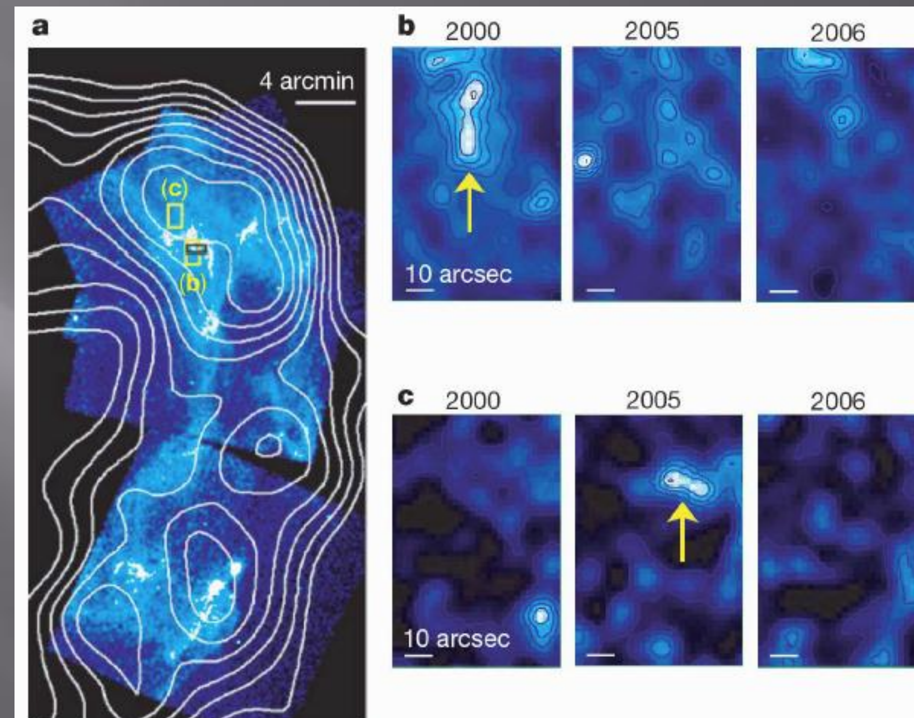
Difficult in the GeV-TeV region if magnetic field is strong!

Magnetic field in SNR



SNR	Dist kpc	V_s km s^{-1}	n_0 cm^{-3}	width ″	B_{loss} μG	B_{diff} μG
Cas A	3.4	5200	3	0.5	249	299
Kepler	4.8	5300	0.35	1.5	97	113
Tycho	2.4	4500	0.3	2	113	165
SN1006	2.2	4300	0.1	20	30	39
RCW86	2.5	3500	0.1	45	24	14

RX J1713.7-3946 by Chandra

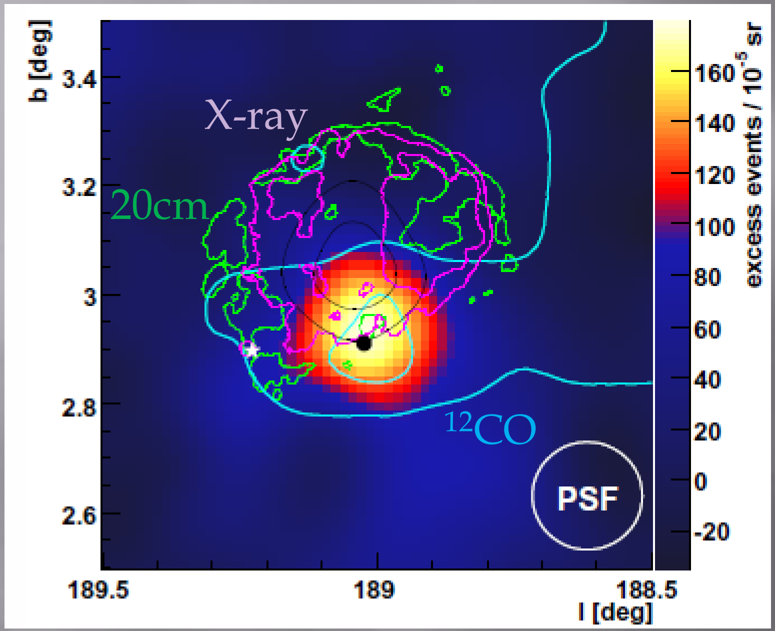


Variation in ~1yr time scale
→ Need > 1mG ! (locally)
→Protons produce TeV gamma-rays!?

Counter arguments: Y.Butt et al. , arXiv:0801.4954

SNRs interacting with clouds?

IC443



[MAGIC, Albert et al. , ApJ 664, L87,2007]

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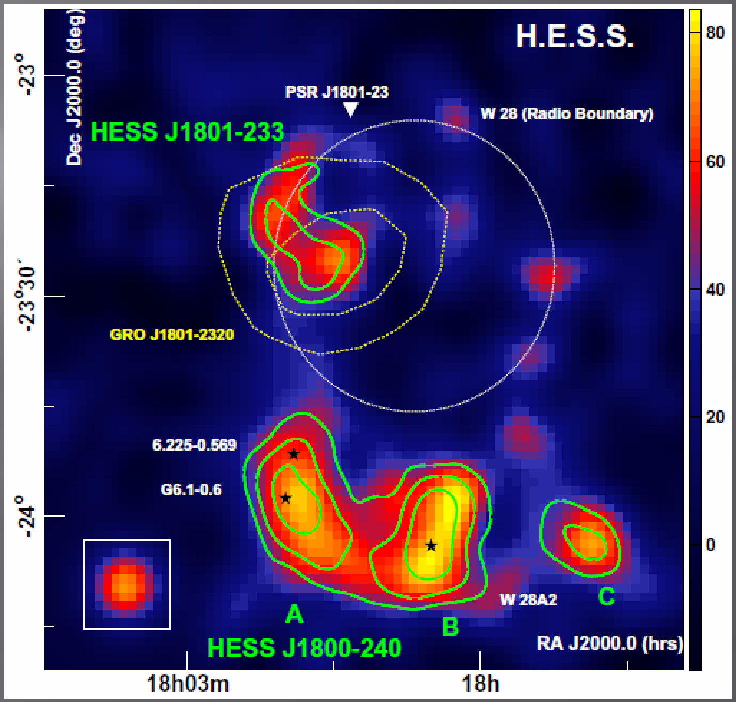
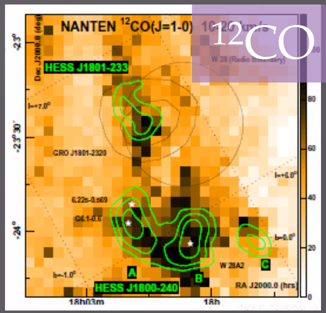
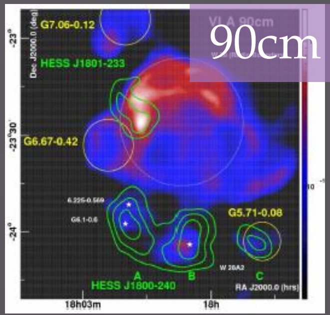
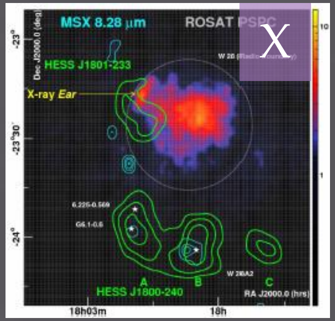


[H.E.S.S., Aharonian et al. , A&A, in press]

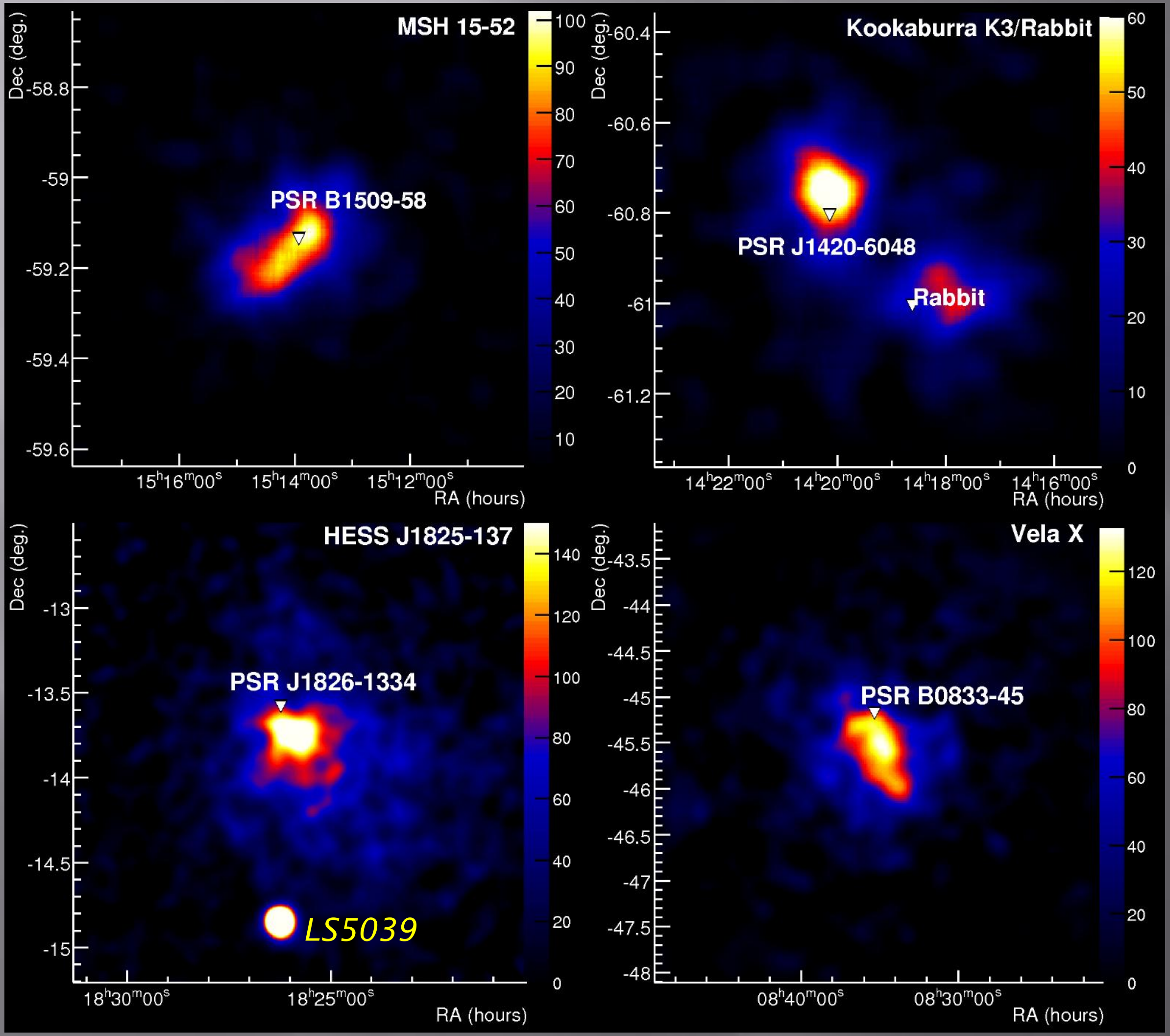






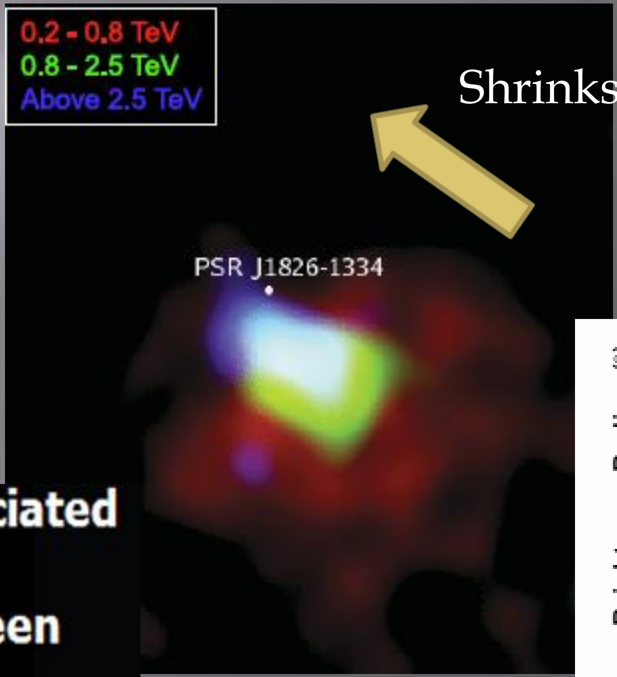
Evidence of proton acceleration?

Pulsar nebulae

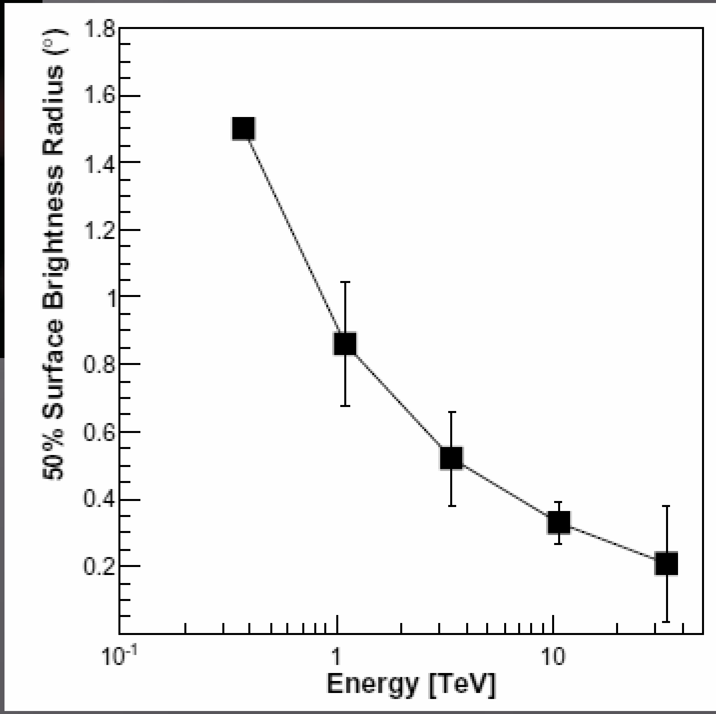


- Major group in Galactic TeV sources
  - 18/71 by Hinton (2007ICRC)
  - Associated with relatively young ($<10^5$ years) and large spin-down pulsars
- Extended *O*(10pc), displaced from pulsars
- Gamma-rays via inverse Compton by electrons?

Pulsar nebula: energy-dependent morphology

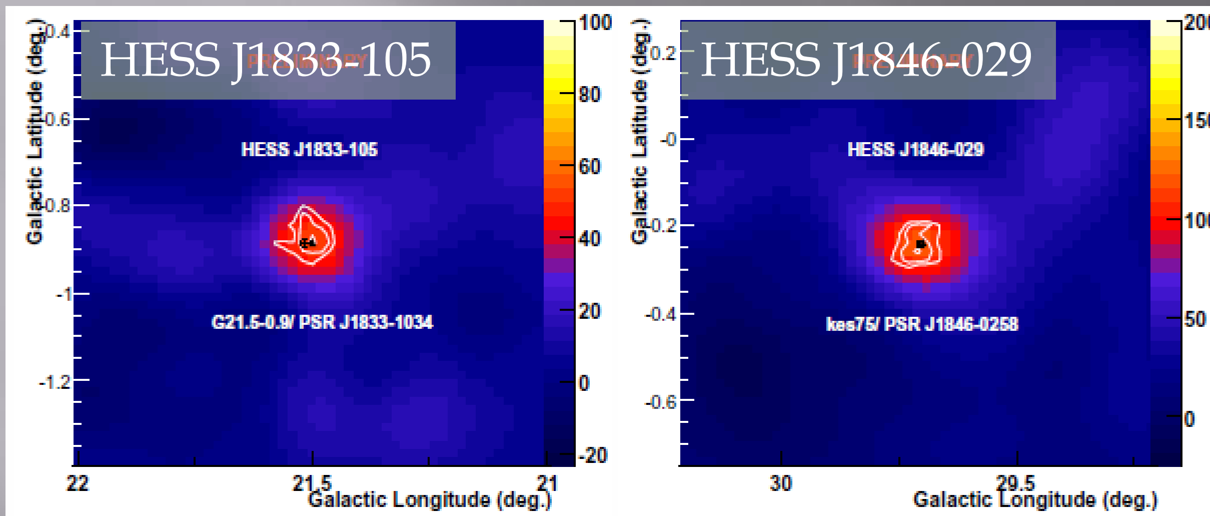


Shrinks!

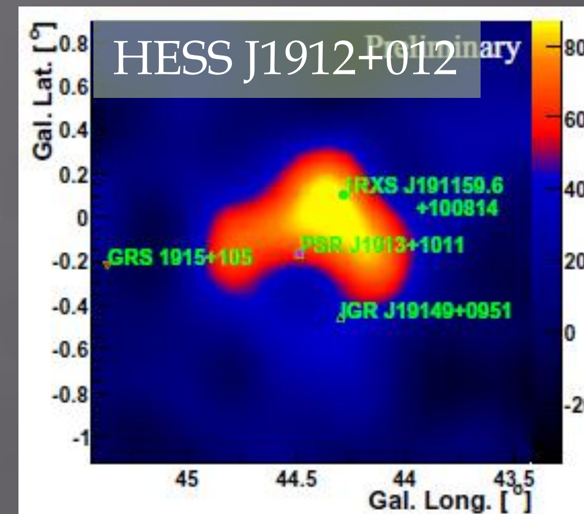


- HESS J1825-137 associated with energetic pulsar
- Spectral steepening seen away from the pulsar
- Very likely this is evidence for cooling of electrons in the Nebula
  - Seen in several *X-ray* PWN
- A first in gamma-ray astronomy!

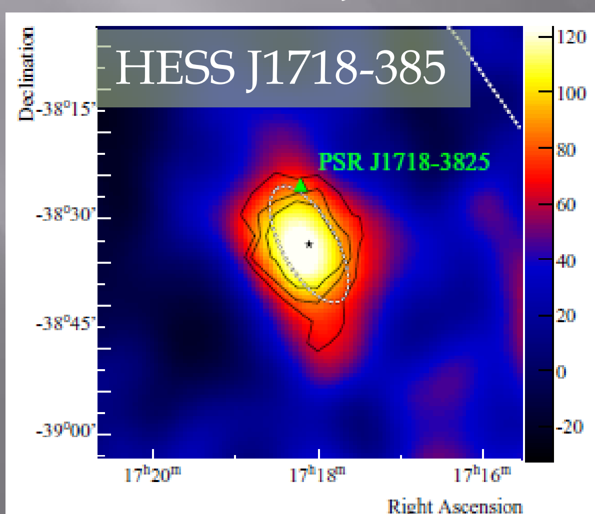
More pulsar nebulae…



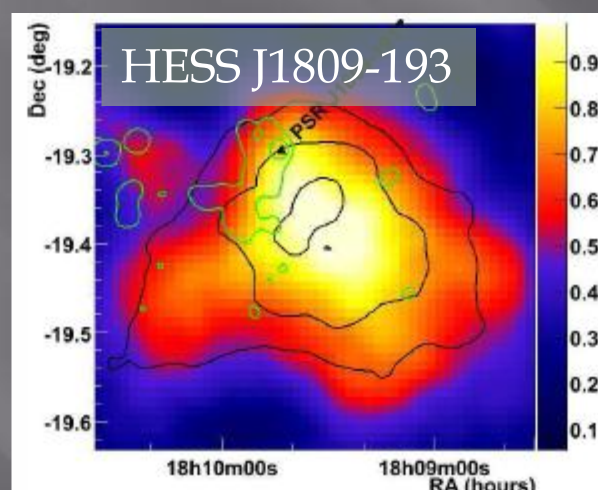
Djannati-Atai et al., ICRC2007



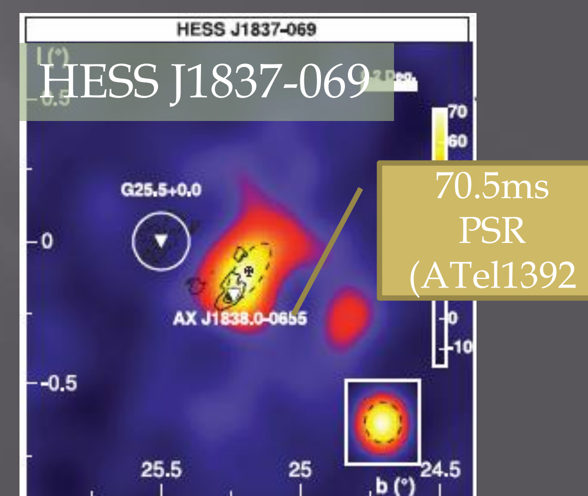
Hoppe et al., ICRC2007



Carrigan et al., ICRC2007



Komin et al., ICRC2007



Aharonian et al. ApJ 777 (2007)

S. Funk, paper 390, 30th ICRC (Merida), 2007

Pulsar nebulae and spin-down luminosity

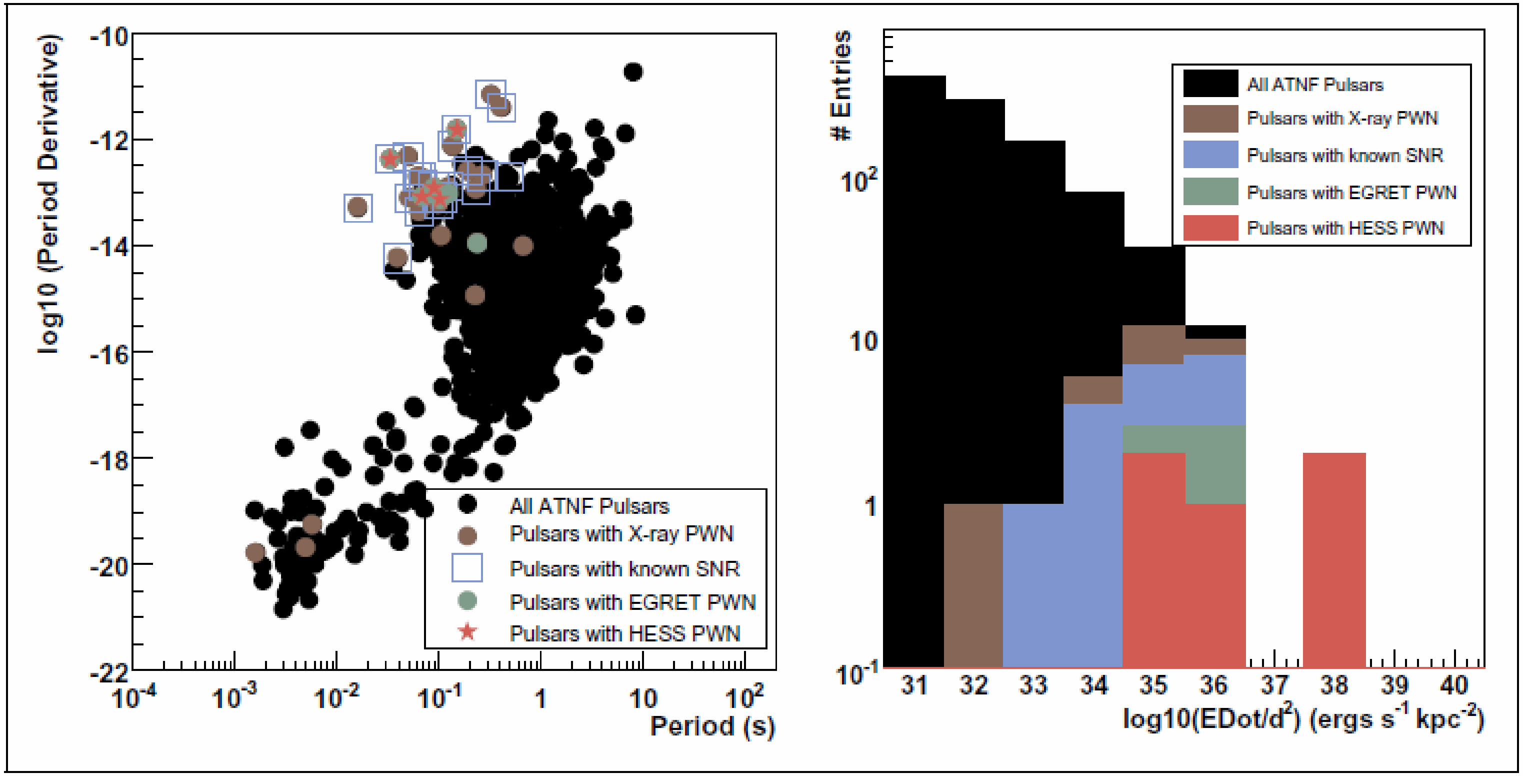
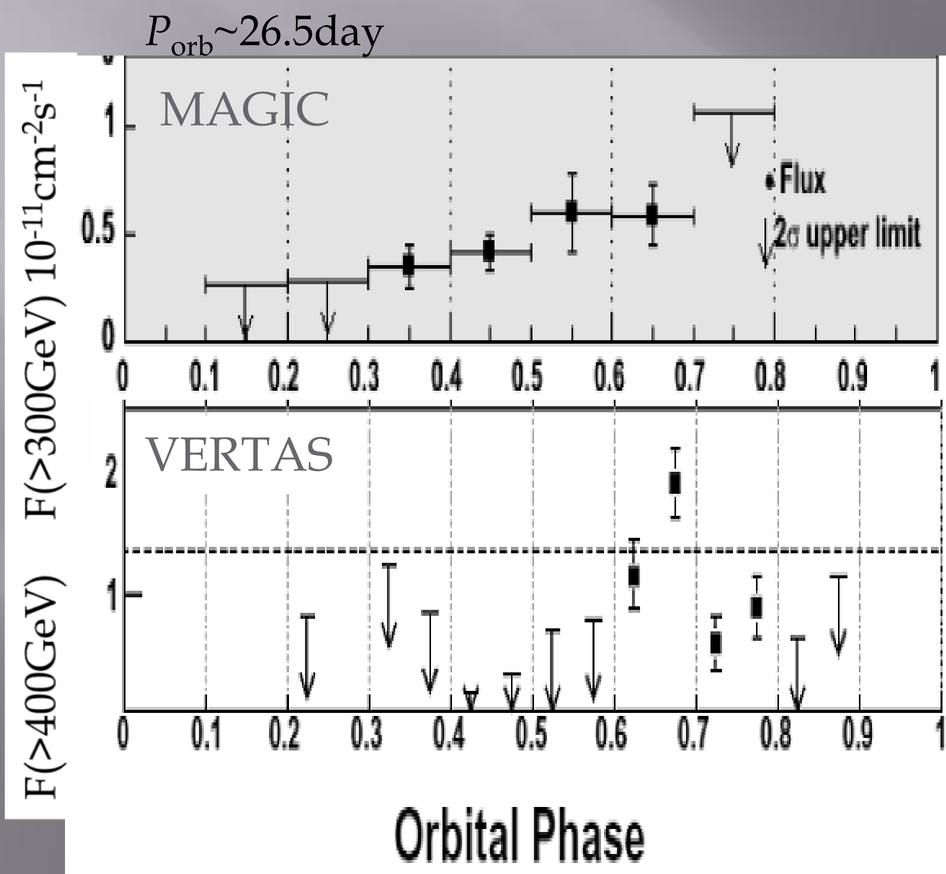


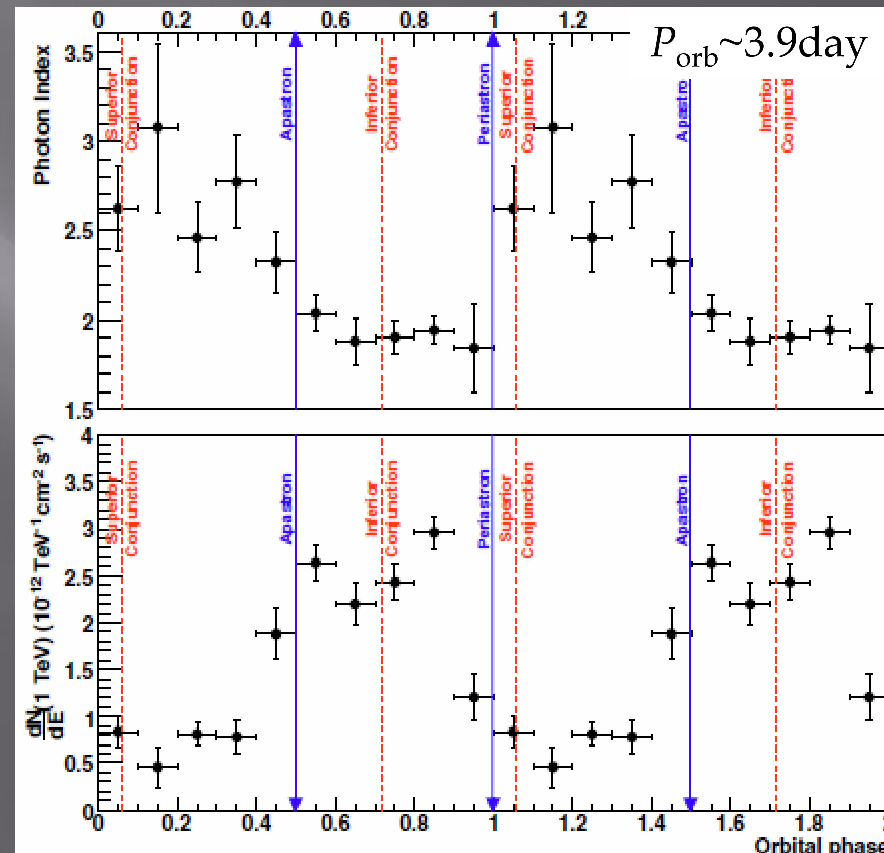
Figure 3: **Top:** $P - \dot{P}$ diagram for pulsars: all ATNF pulsars (black), with detected X-ray PWN (brown), with a known corresponding SNR (blue), potentially associated to an EGRET source (green), associated to a H.E.S.S. VHE PWN (red). **Bottom:** Energy output for the selections used at the top.

Gamma-ray binaries

LSI +61 303 (VERITAS/MAGIC)



LS 5039 (H.E.S.S.)

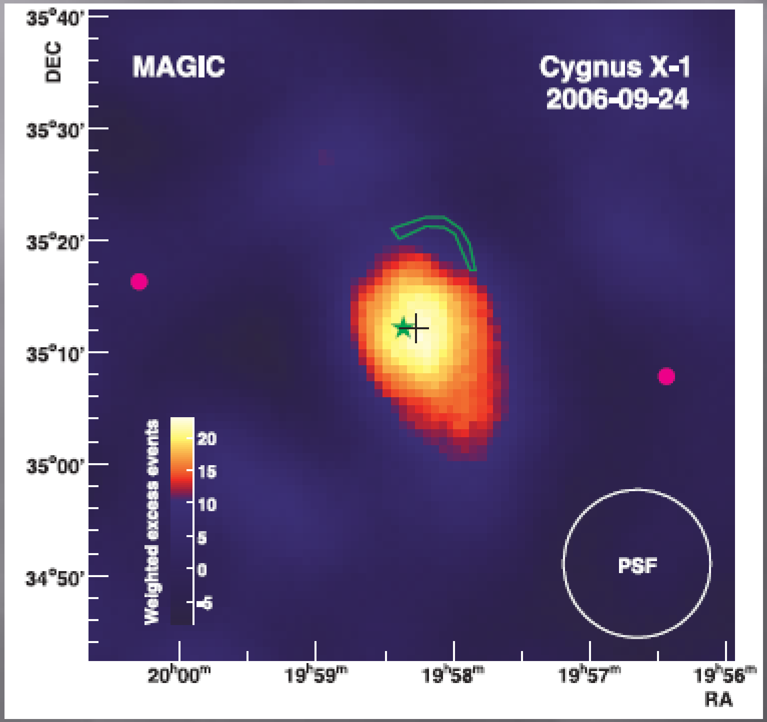


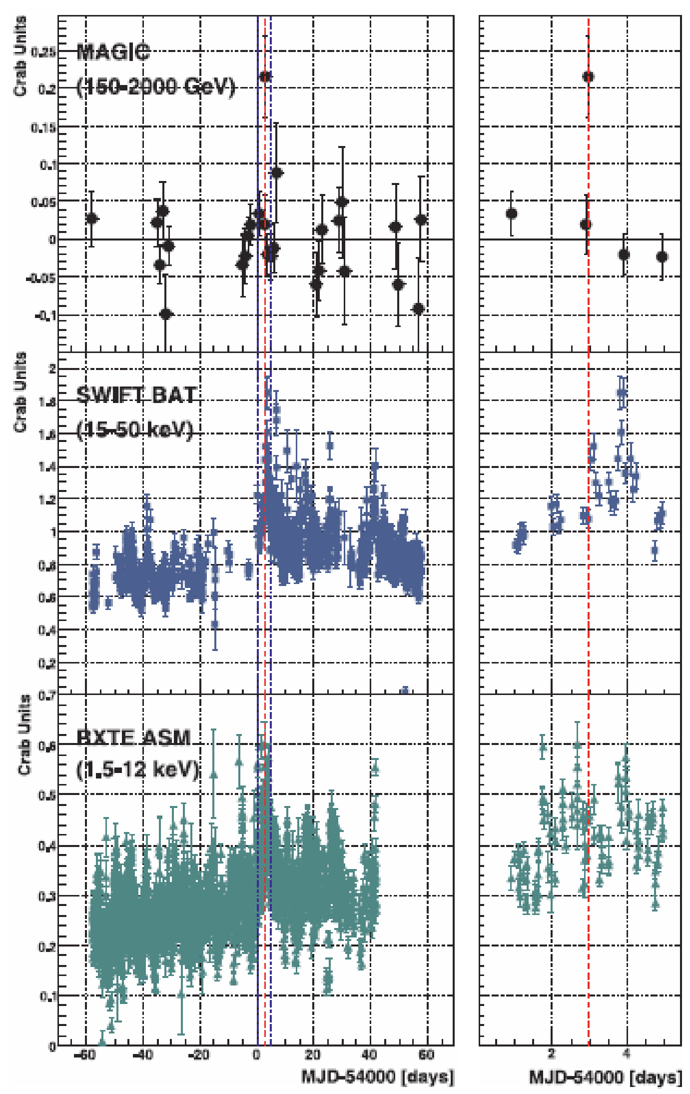
J. Albert et al., Science 312, 1771 (2006)
V.A. Acciari et al., arXiv:0802.2363

F. Aharonian et al., A&A 460 (2006) 743

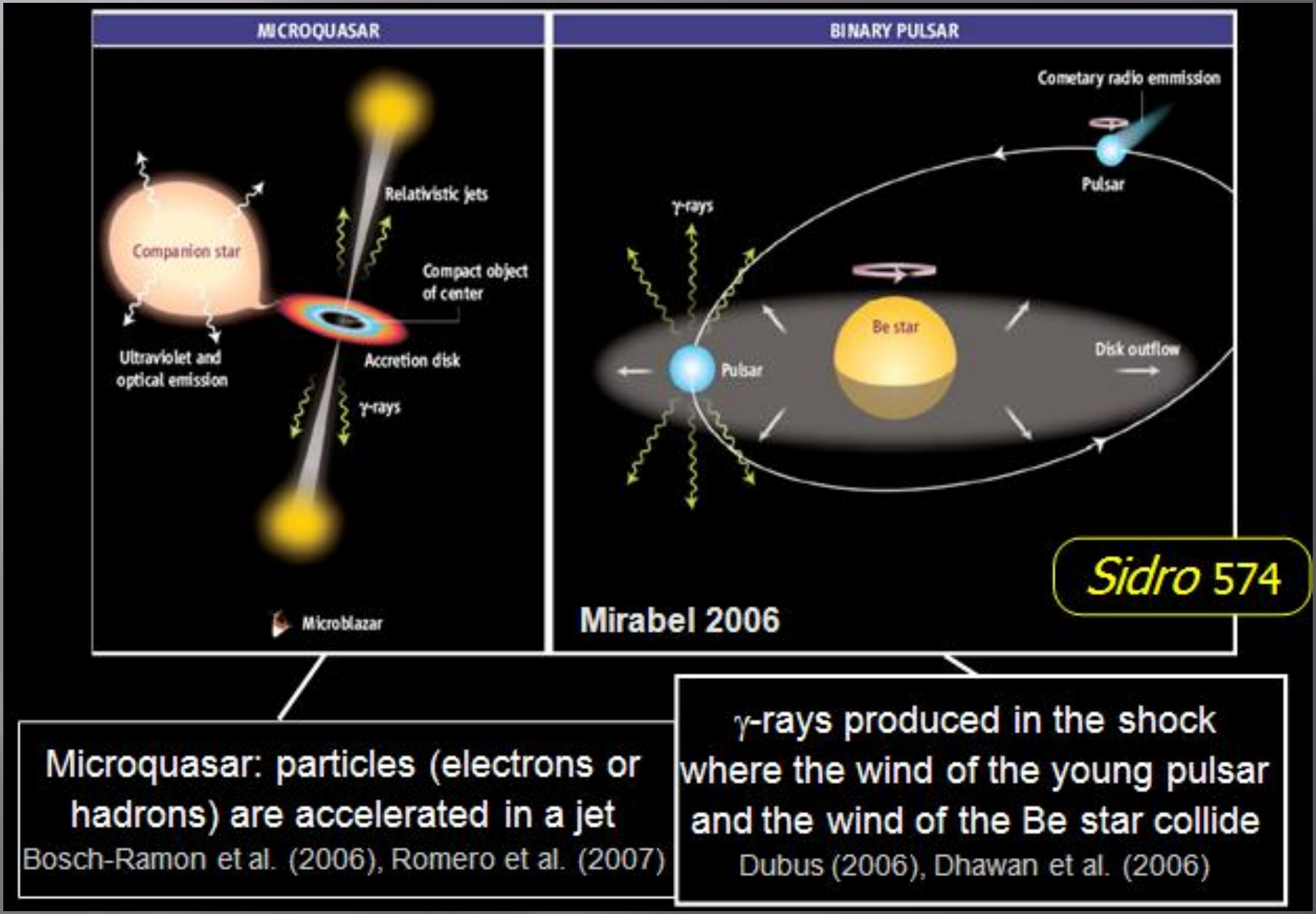
Gamma-ray binary : Cyg X-1

- Black hole binary: M_{BH}~$21M_{\odot}$, $M_{\star}$~$30M_{\odot}$
- Relativistic jet v>0.6c: "microquasar"
- MAGIC 40hr obs.
- 4.9σ seen in one 79 min. time slice
- Estimated significance: 4.1σ after correction for statistical trials





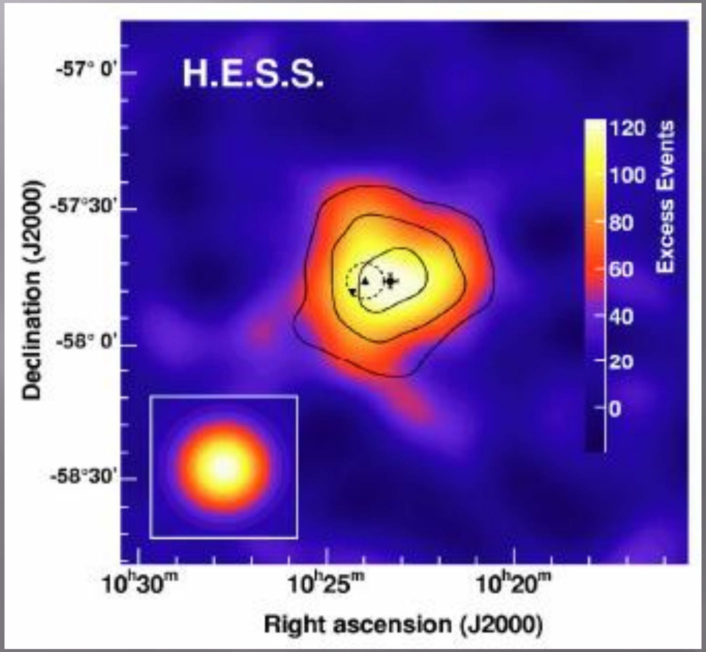
Emission from binaries

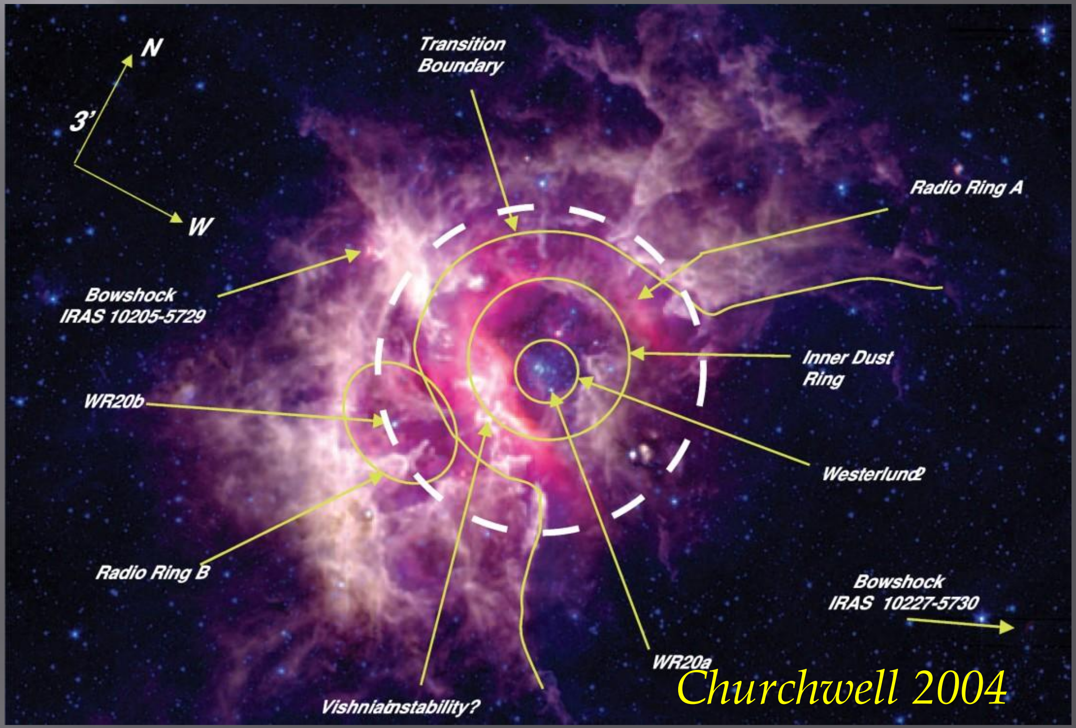


Aharonian et al., A&A 467, 1075 (2007)

Stellar cluster Westerlund 2

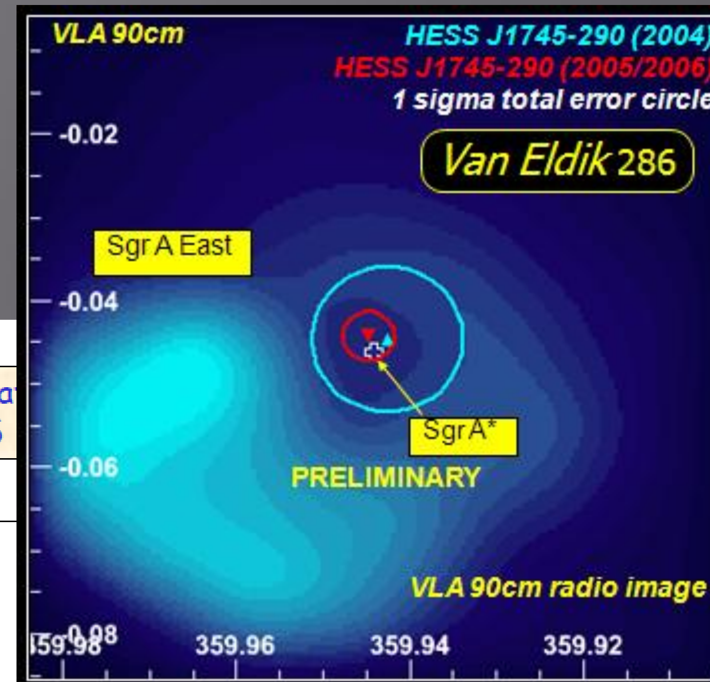
- Young open stellar cluster
  - Dozen O-stars
  - Two Wolf-Rayet stars (~80$M_\odot$ each)!
- Extended gamma-ray emission covering (but offset from) Westerlund 2 by HESS
- Due to collective effects of stellar winds in the cluster?
- A new source class?





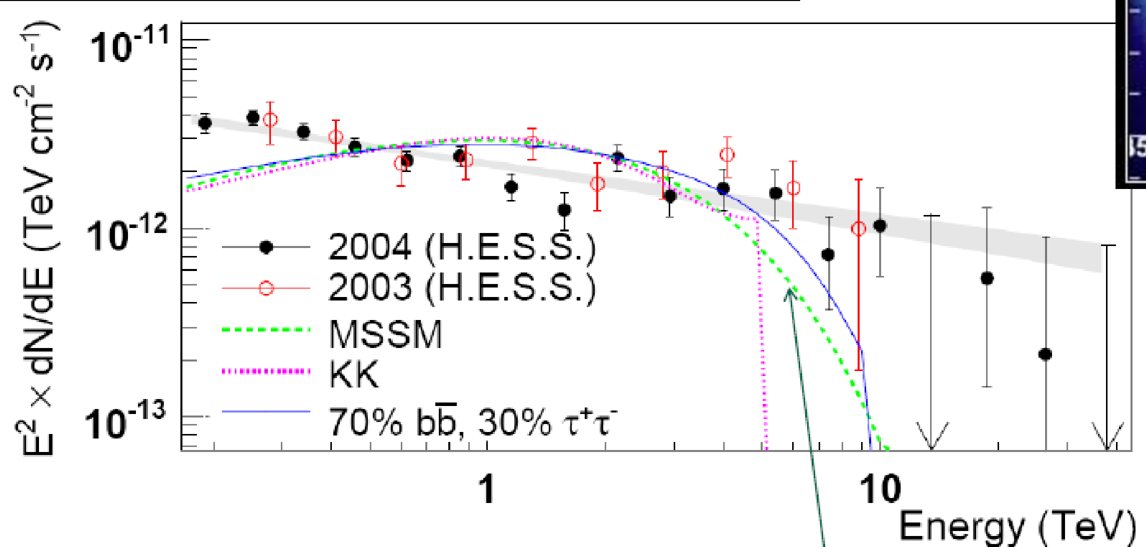
Van Eldik et al., ICRC 2007

Galactic center ≈ Sgr A*



HESS data 2003-2004 towards galactic centre. (We await 2005-6 data eagerly…)

MAGIC (2006) da
agree with HESS



Steady (time-independent) spectrum, pointlike within HESS angular resolution, could be Moore cusp instead of NFW?

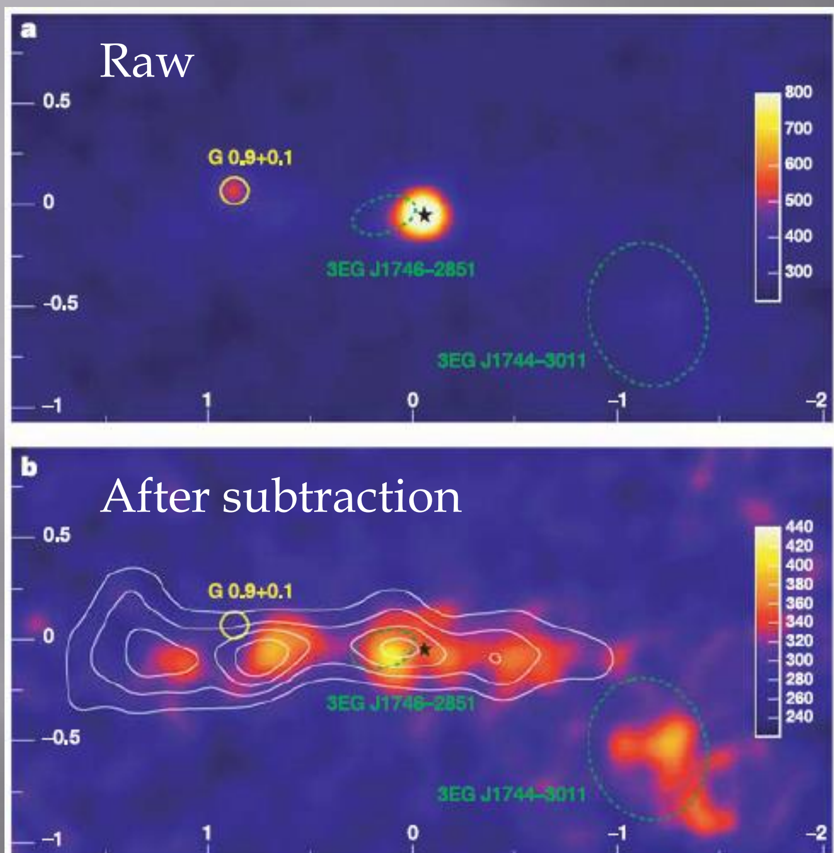
But: Probably too high energy (and wrong shape of spectrum) for WIMP annihilation explanation

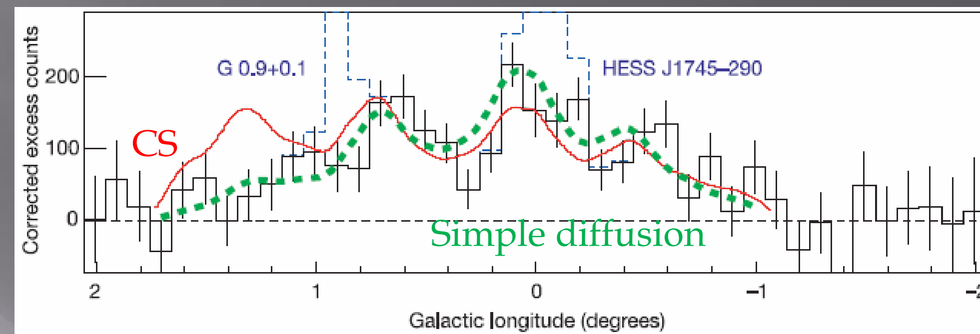
Shape of these curves uncertain, depends on QED corrections and fragmentation of 5-10 TeV jets. LHC should give important input here.

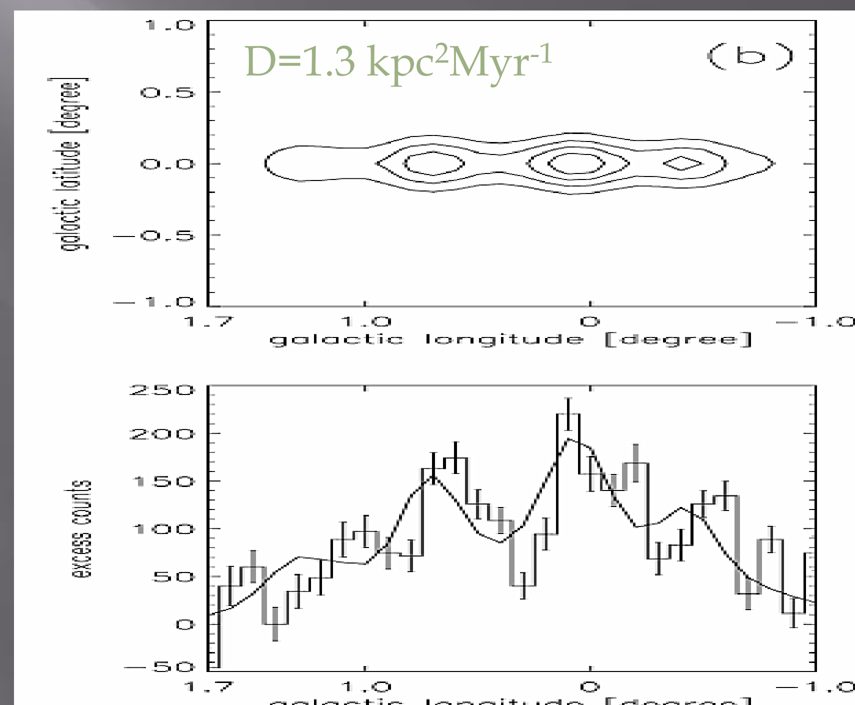
Energy spectrum is *not* consistent with dark matter annihilation signal!

F. Aharonian et al., Nature 439, 695 (2006)

Galactic center ridge





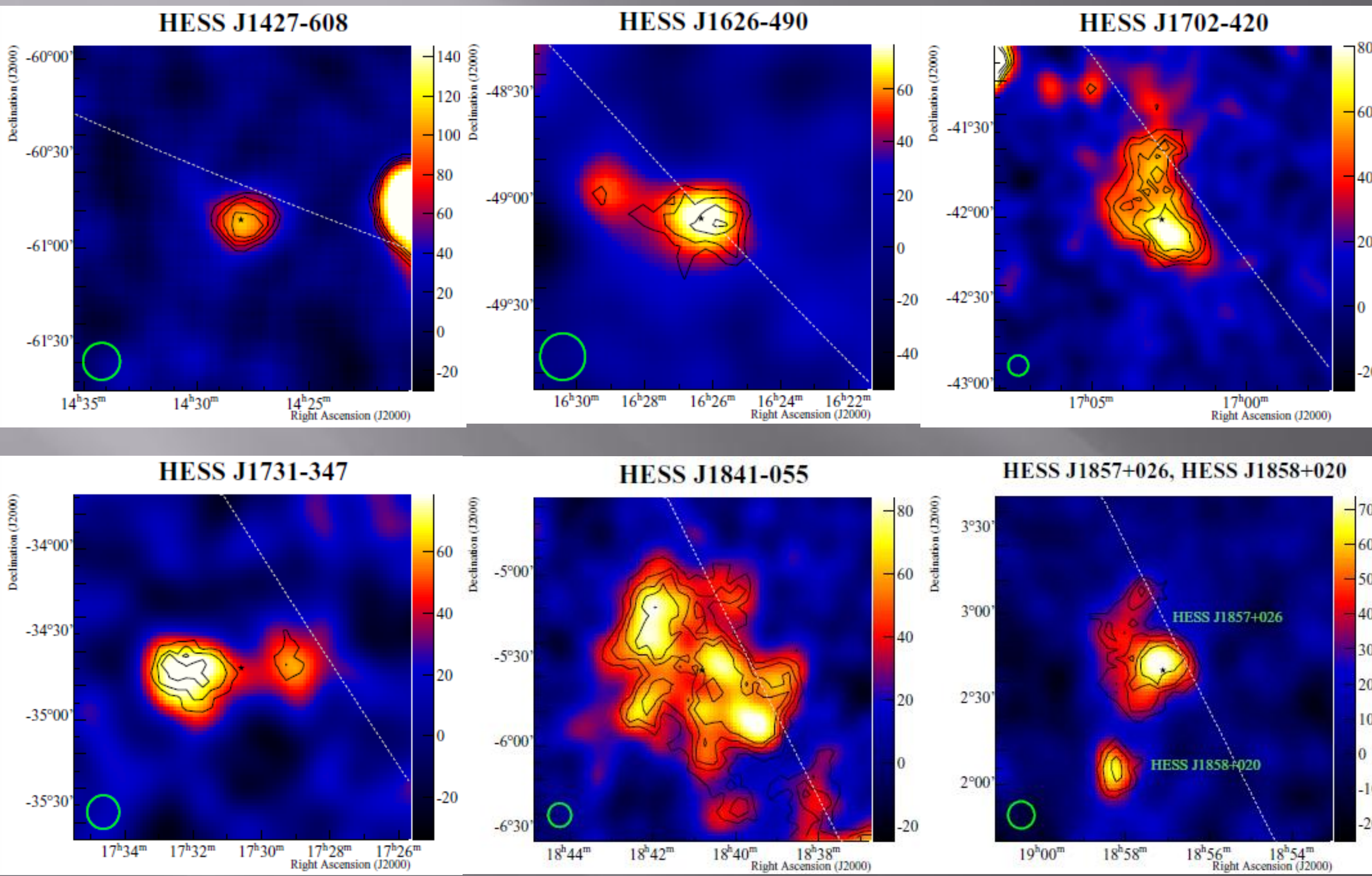


Spectrum is harder than CR spectrum!

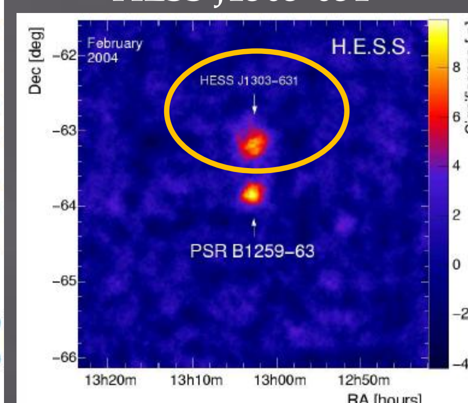
Diffusion model by Busching et al. ApJ 656, 841 (2007)

F. Aharonian et al., A&A 477, 353 (2008)

Unidentified HESS sources



HESS J1303-631

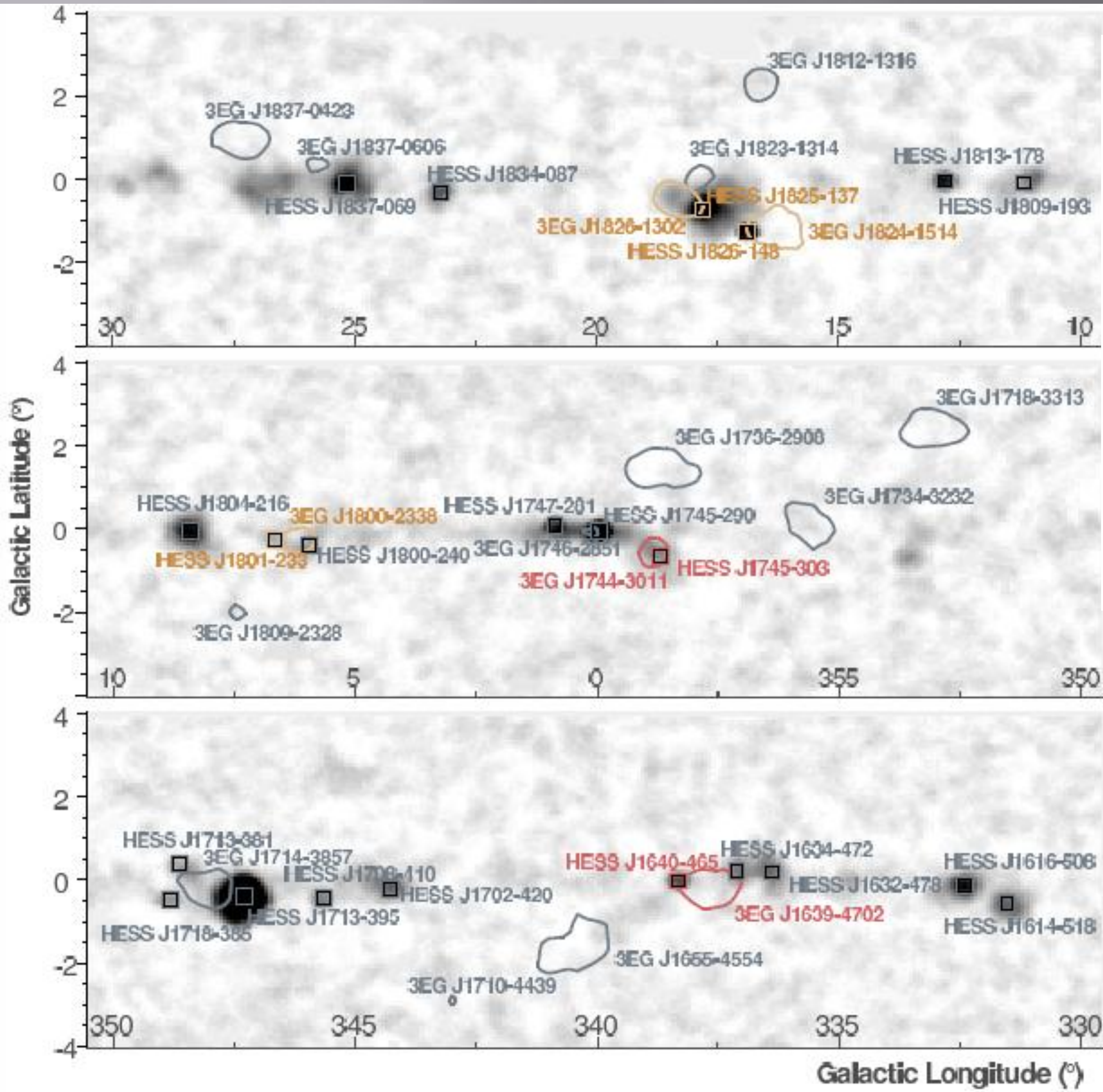


F. Aharonian et al., A&A 442, 1 (2005)

Two types:
1) No compelling counterparts
2) Dark in other wavelengths

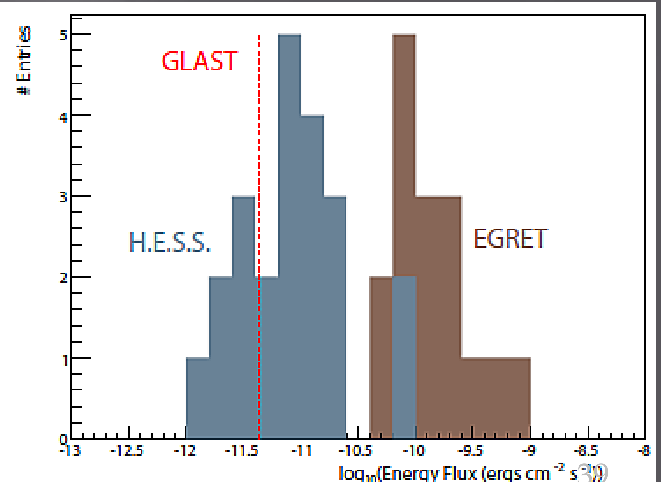
Funk et al., arXiv:0710.1584v1

TeV-GeV relation?



Coincident sources

EGRET source	VHE γ-ray source	Potential Counterpart
	Within the H.E.S.S. GPS	
3EG J1639–4702	HESS J1640–465	G338.3–0.0 (SNR/PWN)
3EG J1744–3011	HESS J1745–303	
3EG J1800–2338	HESS J1801–233	W28 (SNR)
3EG J1826–1302	HESS J1825–137	G18.0–0.7 (PWN)
3EG J1824–1514	HESS J1826–148	LS 5039 (Binary)
	Outside the H.E.S.S. GPS	
3EG J0241+6103	MAGIC J0240+613	LSI +61 303 (Binary)
3EG J0617+2238	MAGIC J0616+225	IC443 (SNR/PWN)
3EG J0634+0521	HESS J0632+058	Monoceros
3EG J1420–6038	HESS J1420–607	Kookaburra (PWN)

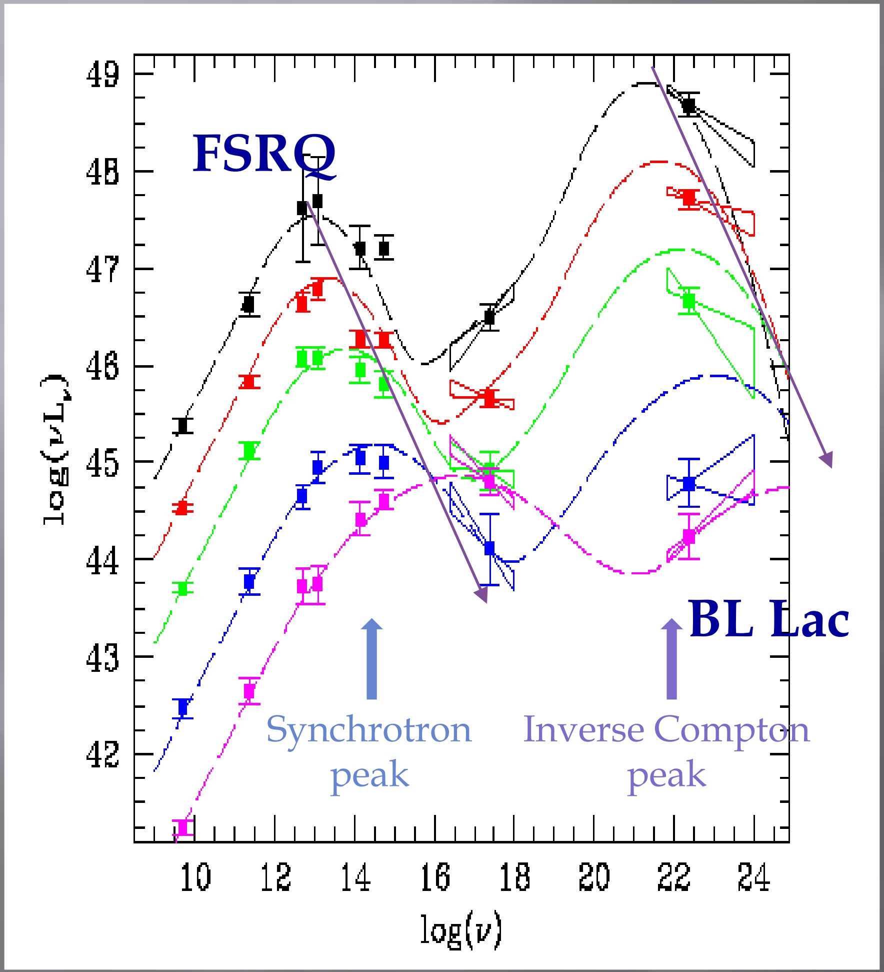


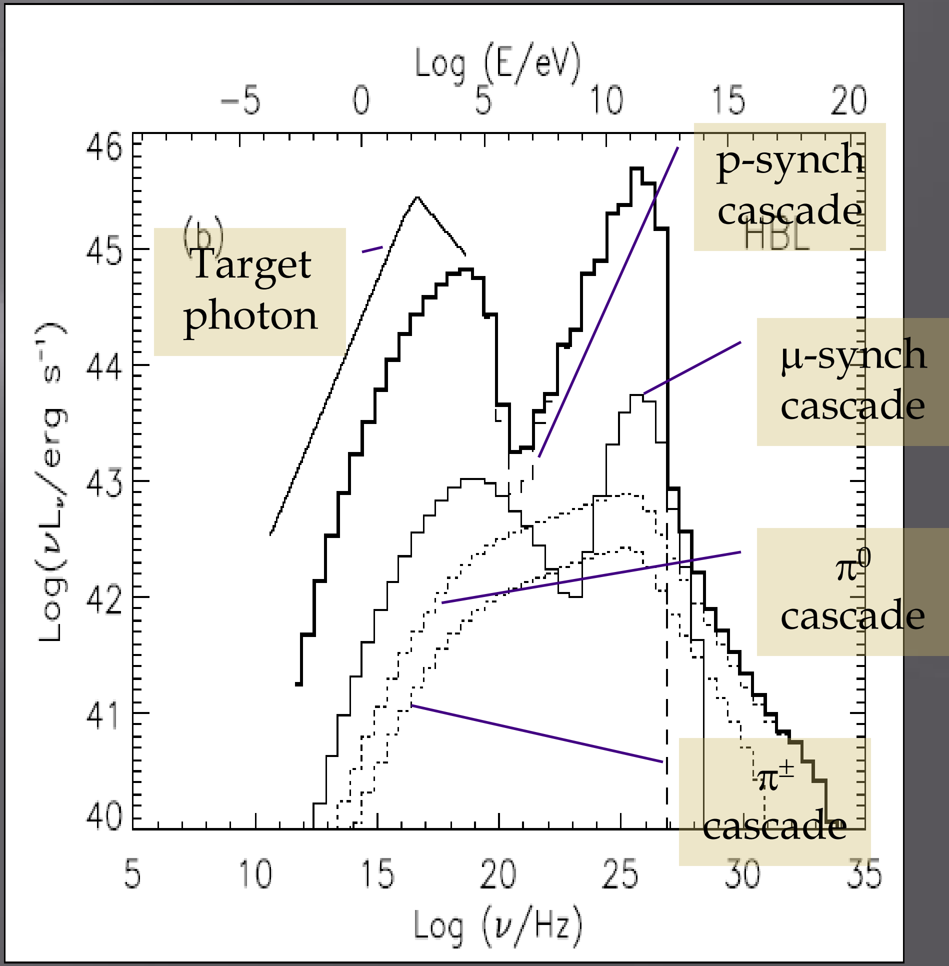
Extragalactic TeV sources

	Name	Discovered	Year	z	Contributions
	M 87	HEGRA	2003	0.004	VERITAS-Colin, HESS-Beilicke, MAGIC-
	Mrk 421	Whipple	1992	0.031	MILAGRO-Smith, VERITAS-Fegan, +
	Mrk 501	Whipple	1996	0.034	TACTIC-Godambe, MAGIC-Paneque, +
	1ES 2344+514	Whipple	1998	0.044	MAGIC-Wagner
→	**Mrk 180**	**MAGIC**	**2006**	**0.046**	**MAGIC-Mazin**
	1ES 1959+650	TA	2002	0.047	MAGIC-Hayashida
→	**BL Lac**	**MAGIC**	**2006**	**0.069**	**MAGIC-Hayashida**
→	**PKS 0548-322**	**HESS**	**2006**	**0.069**	**HESS-Superina**
	PKS 2005-489	HESS	2005	0.071	HESS-Costamante
	PKS 2155-304	Durham	1999	0.116	HESS-Punch, CANGAROO-Sakamoto, +
	H 1426+428	Whipple	2002	0.129	VERITAS-Krawczynski
→	**1ES 0229+200**	**HESS**	**2007**	**0.140**	**HESS-Raue**
	H 2356-309	HESS	2005	0.165	HESS-Costamante
	1ES 1218+304	MAGIC	2005	0.182	MAGIC-Hayashida
	1ES 1101-232	HESS	2005	0.186	HESS-Puelhofer
→	**1ES 0347-121**	**HESS**	**2007**	**0.188**	**HESS-Raue**
→	**1ES 1011+496**	**MAGIC**	**2007**	**0.212**	**MAGIC-Mazin**
→	**PG 1553+113**	**HESS/MAGIC**	**2005**	**?**	**MAGIC-Wagner, HESS-Benbow**
→	**3C 279**	**MAGIC**	**2007**	**0.536**	**MAGIC-Teshima**

8 new AGN

Emission from AGNs





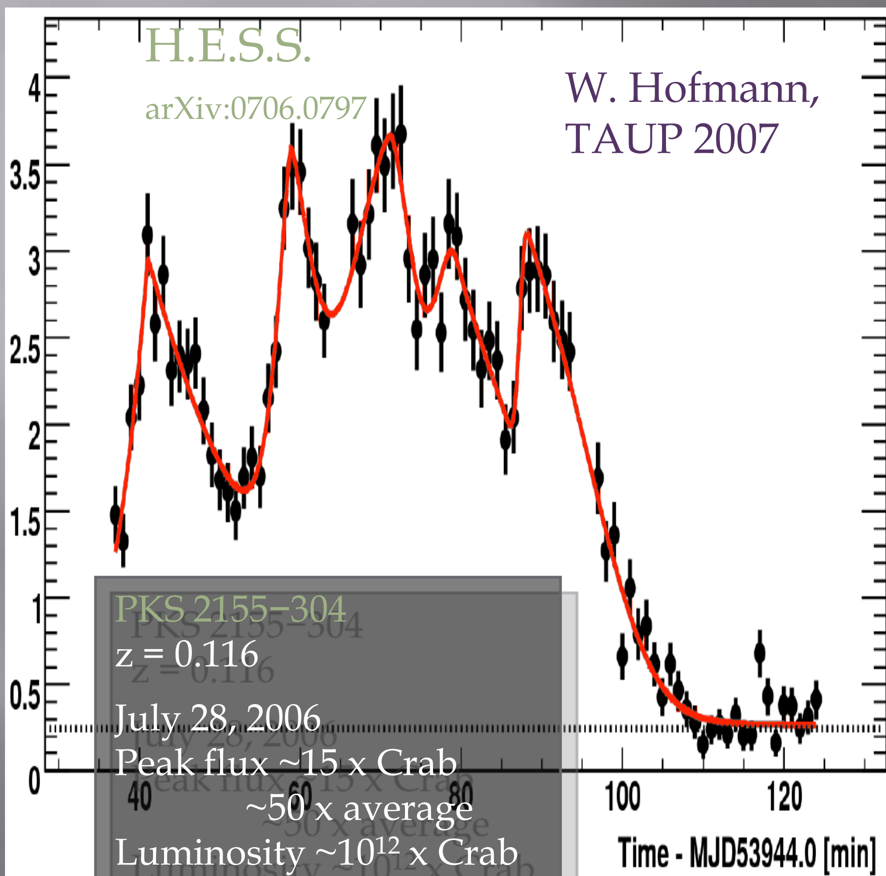
Electron model

Fossati et al. 1998

Proton model

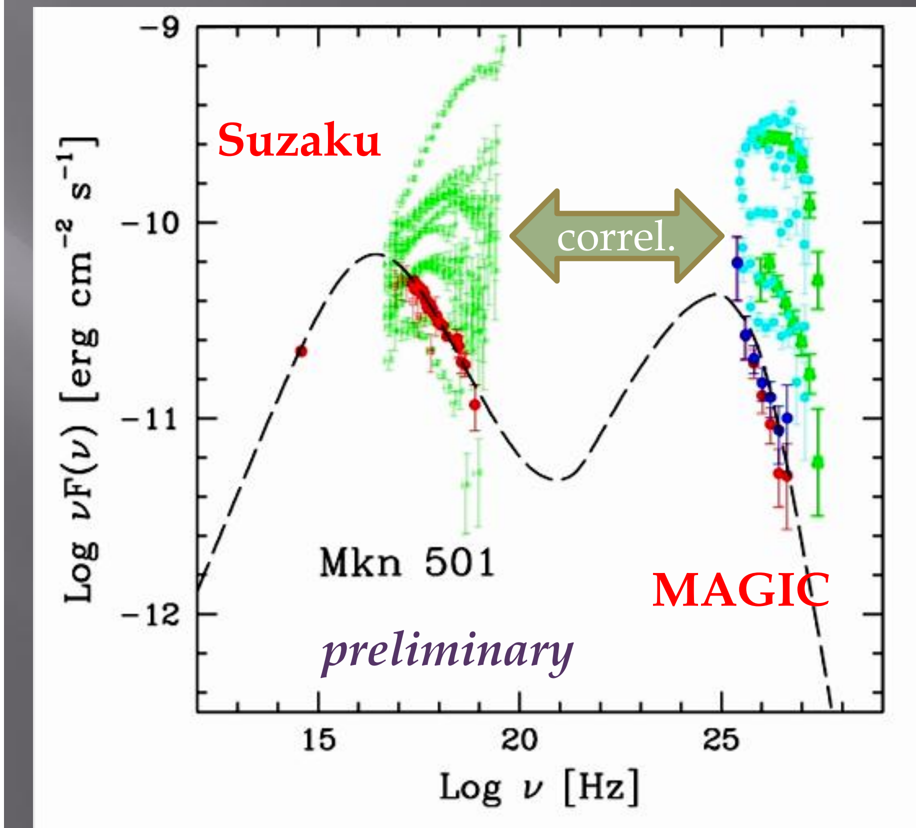
Muecke et al. APh 18, 2003

Fast time variation



PKS 2155−304
z = 0.116
July 28, 2006
Peak flux ~15 x Crab
~50 x average
Luminosity ~10^{12} x Crab
Doubling times
67, 116, 173, 178 ±50 s

$R_{BH}/c \sim 1...2 \cdot 10^4$ s



M. Hayashida, ICRC 2007

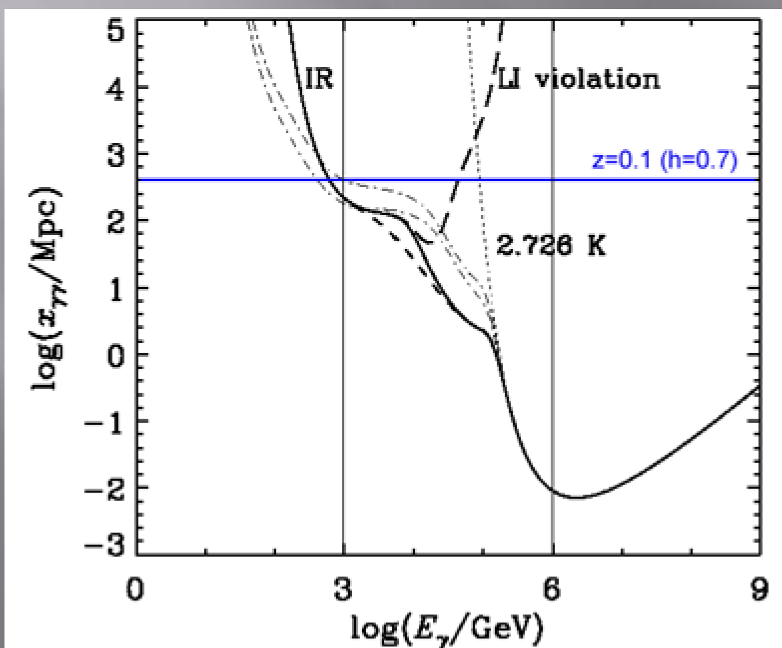
Fast variation ↔ Acceleration site & mechanism

Absorption by IR background

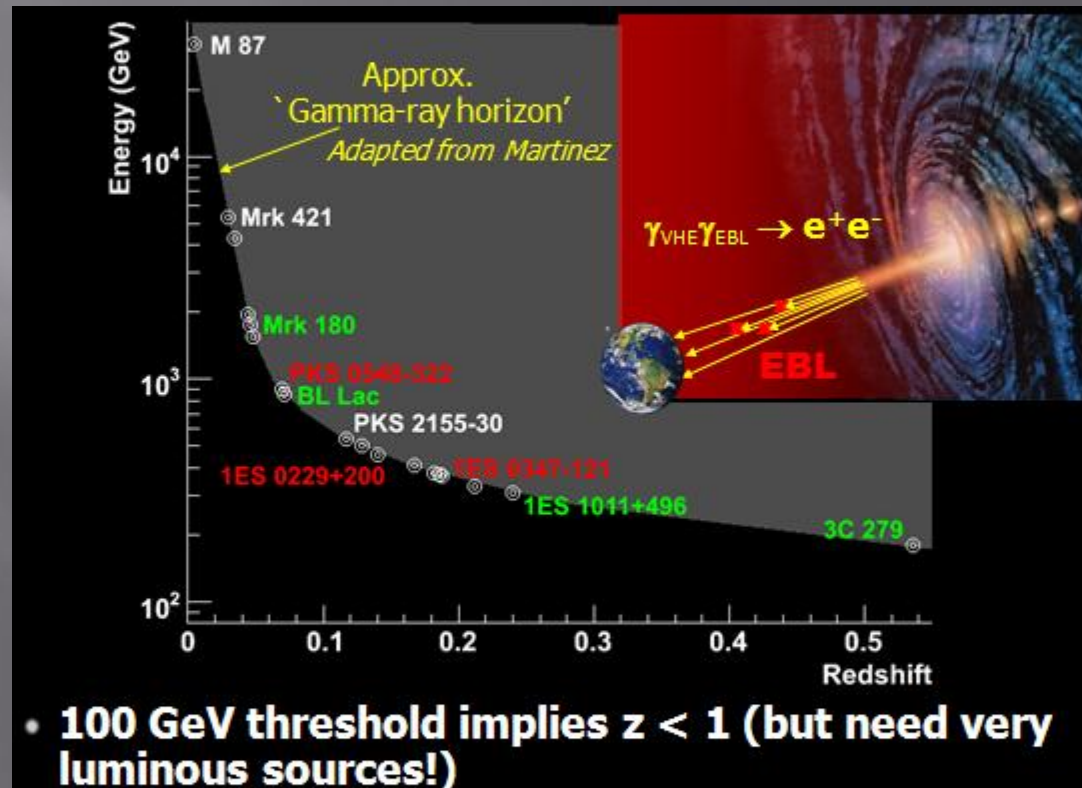
Observed spectrum is affected by integalactic absorption!

$$\gamma_{TeV} + \gamma_{IR} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

Mean free path for e^+e^- pair production



Protheroe & Meyer, Phys.Lett. B493 (2000) 1

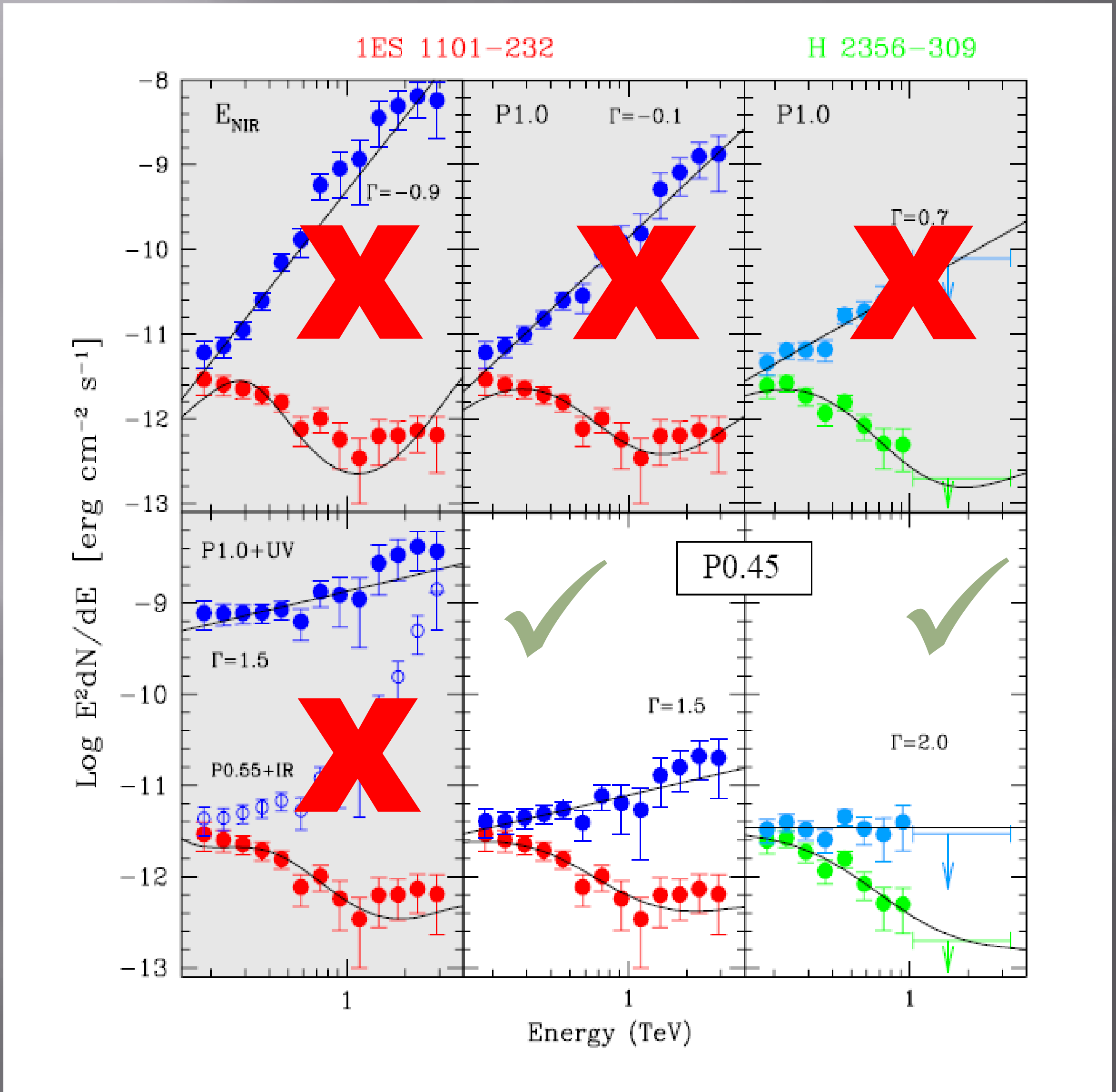


Jim Hinton, rapporteur talk, ICRC 2007

We cannot discriminate source spectrum and intergalactic absorption!

H.E.S.S.: Aharonian et al., Nature 440, 1018 (2006)

Unfolding source spectra

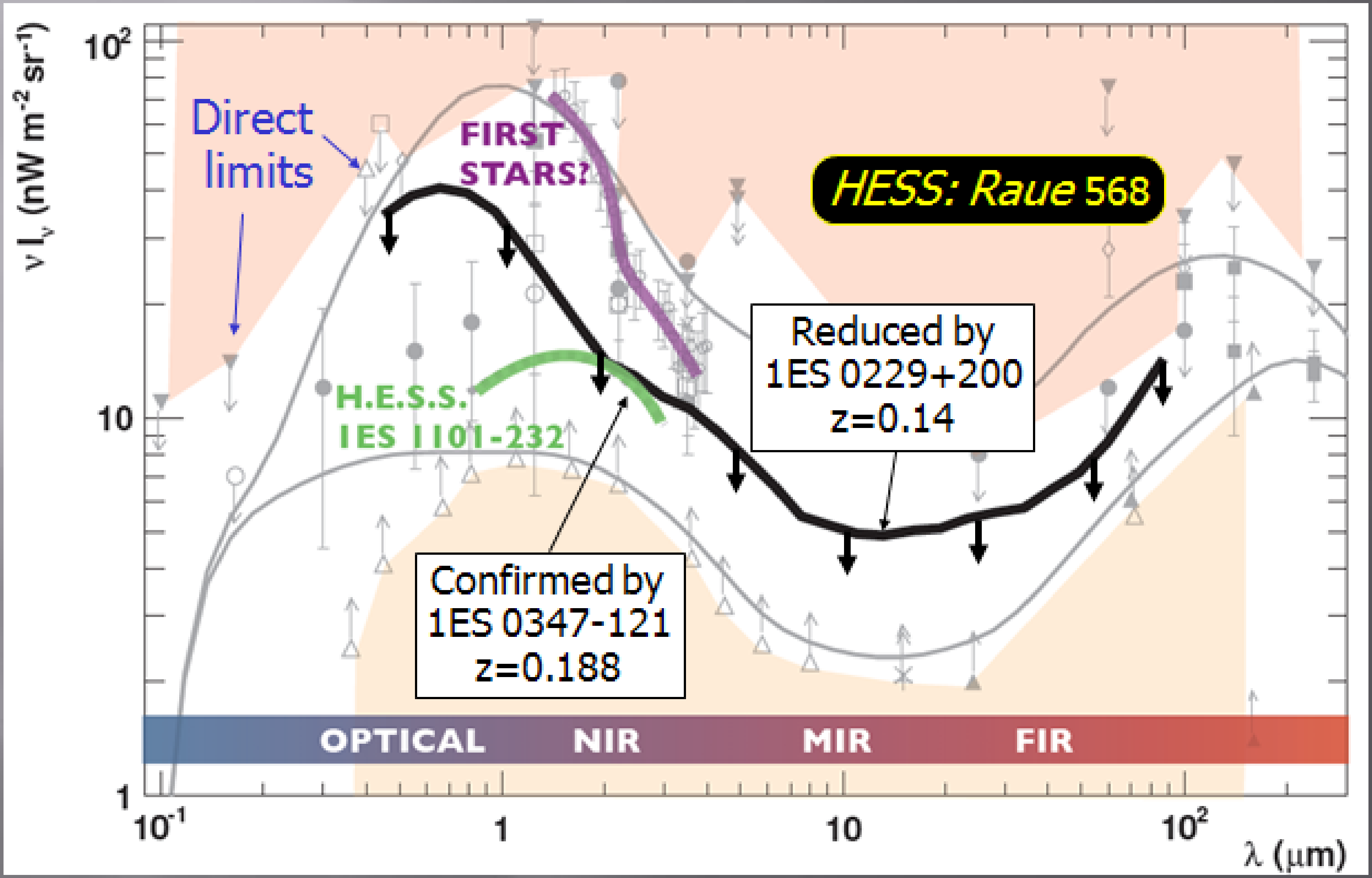


Assume not harder than $E^{-1.5}$

Some models can be rejected

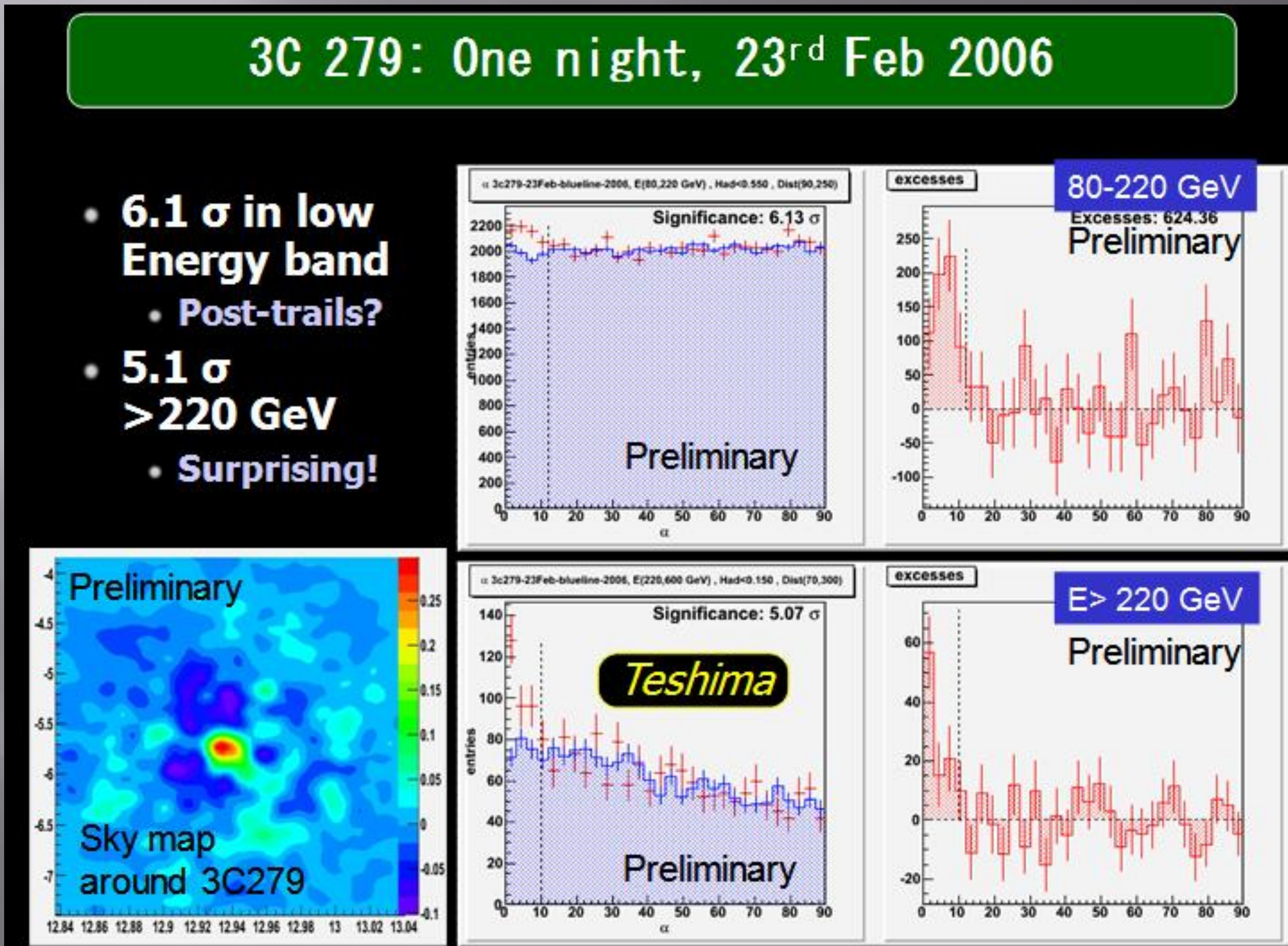
Raue, ICRC 2007

Background IR intensity limited by TeV observations



Upper limits: fluctuation/direct measurements
Lower limits: source counts

3C279 at z=0.538

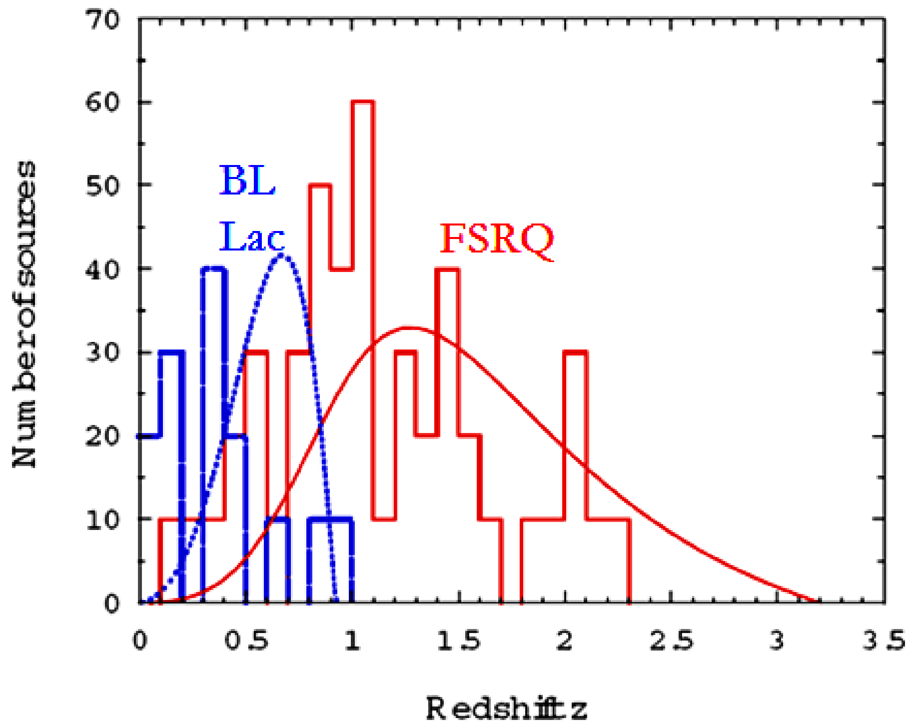


Redshift distribution of blazars

Model Fit to Blazar Redshift Distribution

Fit parameters for the FSRQs are Γ = 8 and comoving directional luminosity l = 10^{40} ergs sr^{-1} s^{-1}; EC statistics

Fit parameters for the BL Lacs are Γ = 5 and l = 10^{42} ergs sr^{-1} s^{-1}; syn/SSC statistics



C. Dermer, GLAST LAT AGN Science Group meeting, March 4, 2006

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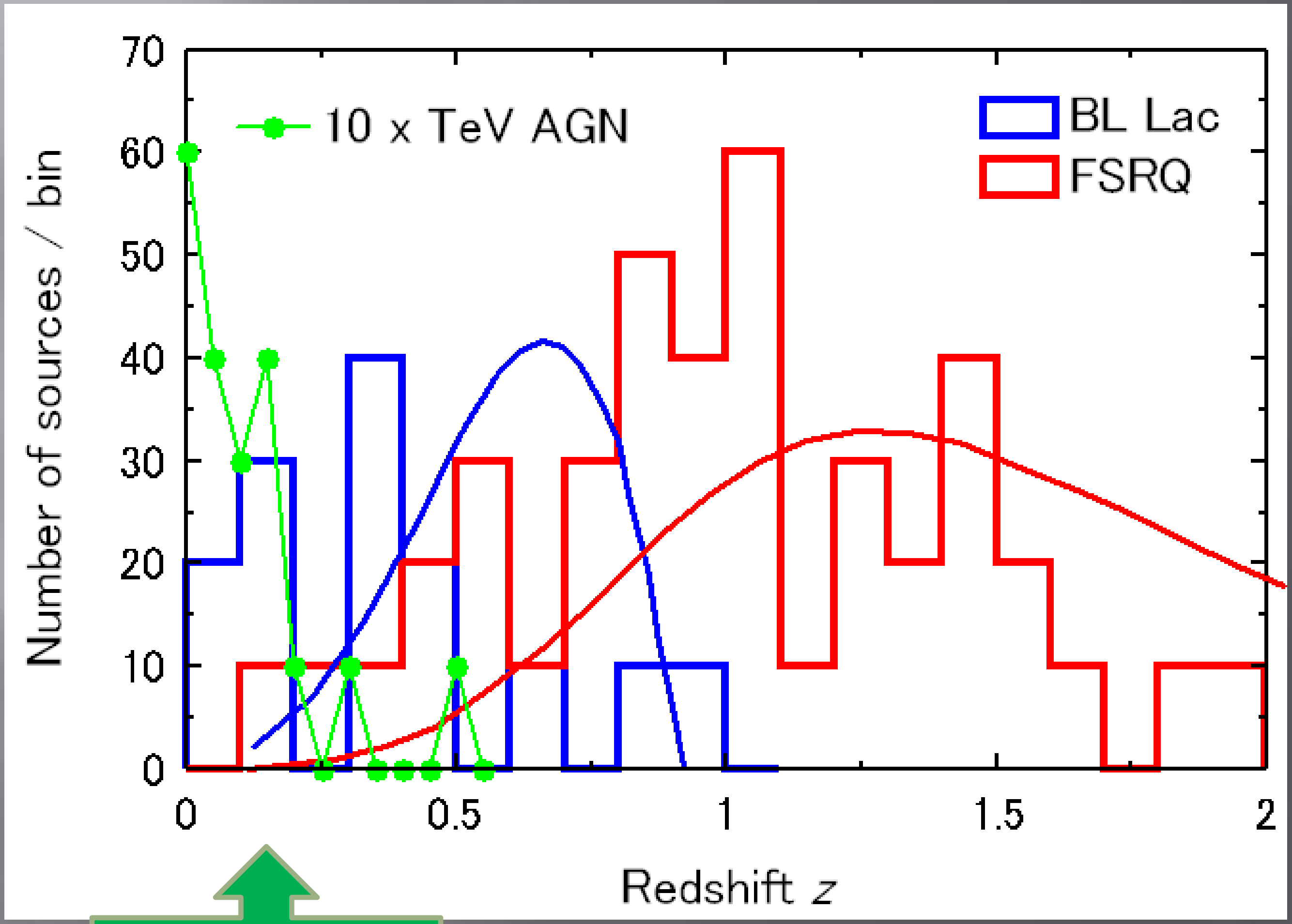
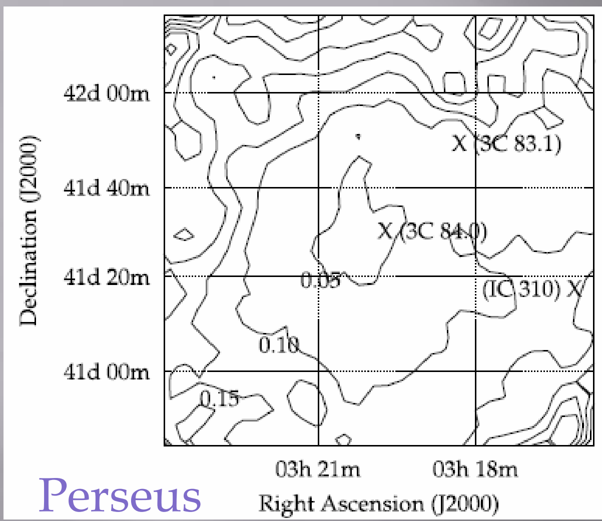


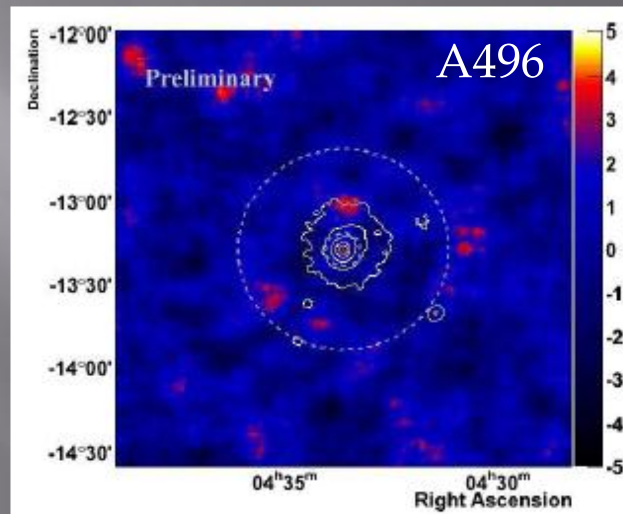
10×TeV AGN

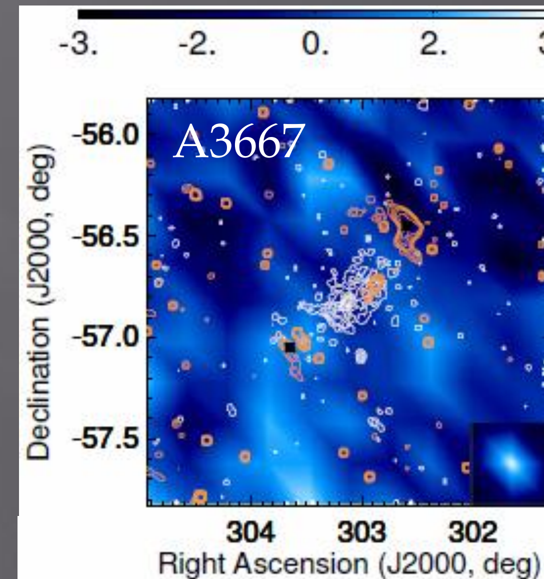
More AGNs as energy threshold goes lower!

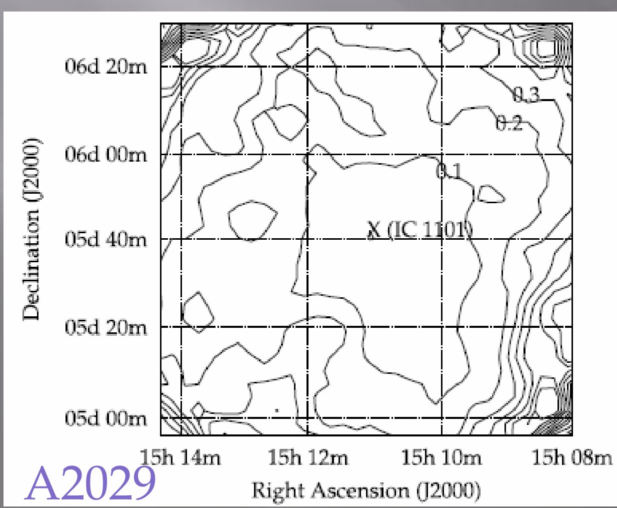
Clusters of galaxies: upper limits

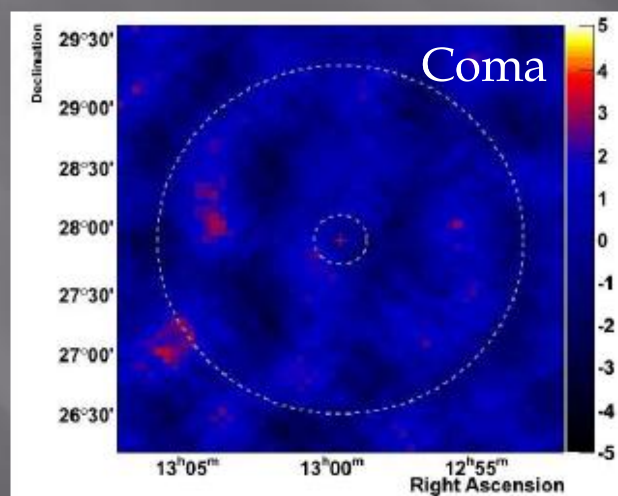
H.E.S.S.: Domainko et al., ICRC2007

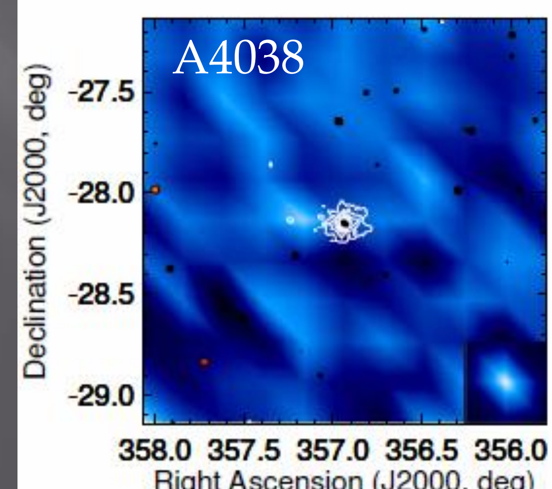








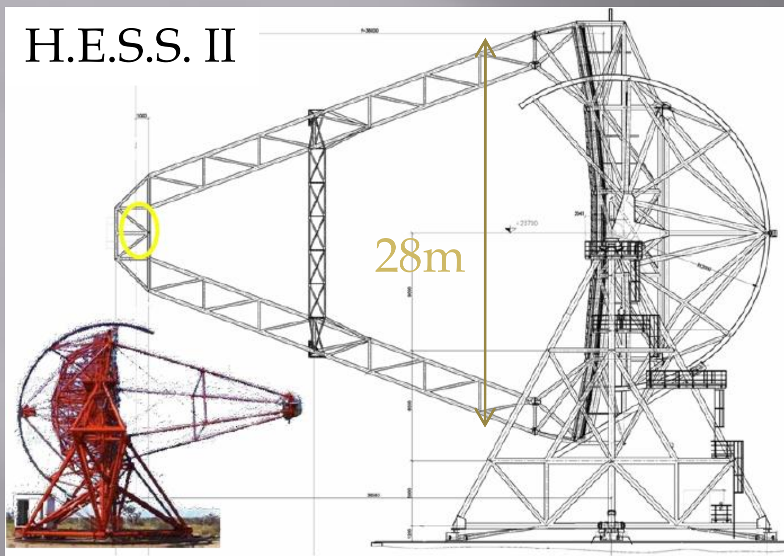


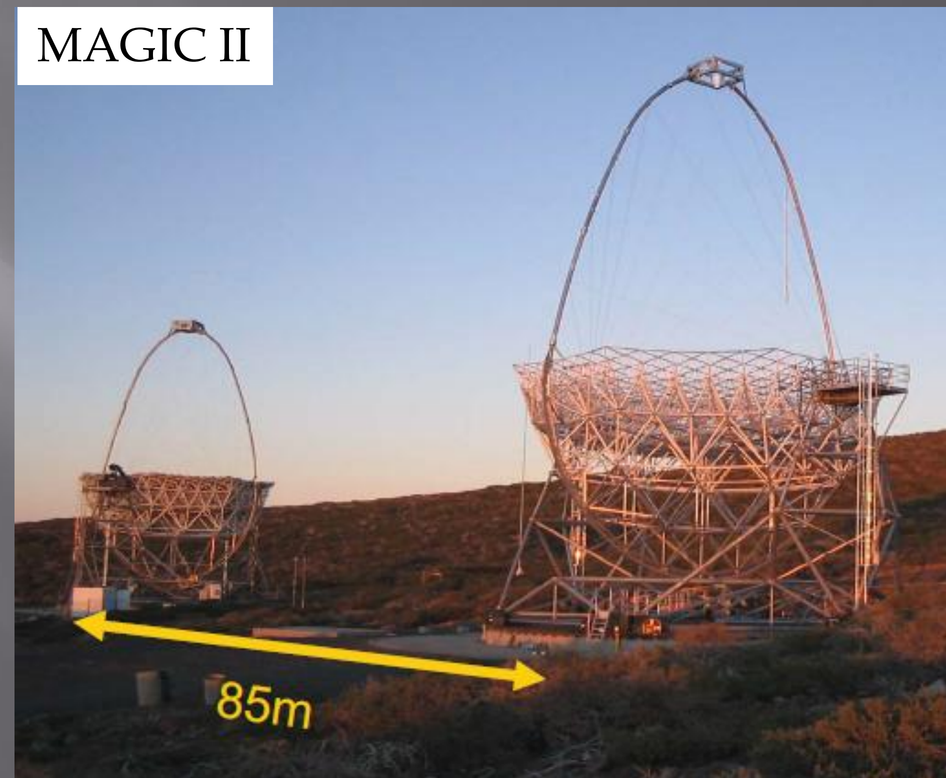


Whipple: Perkins et al., ApJ 644, 148 (2006)

CANGAROO-III: Kiuchi et al., ICRC2007

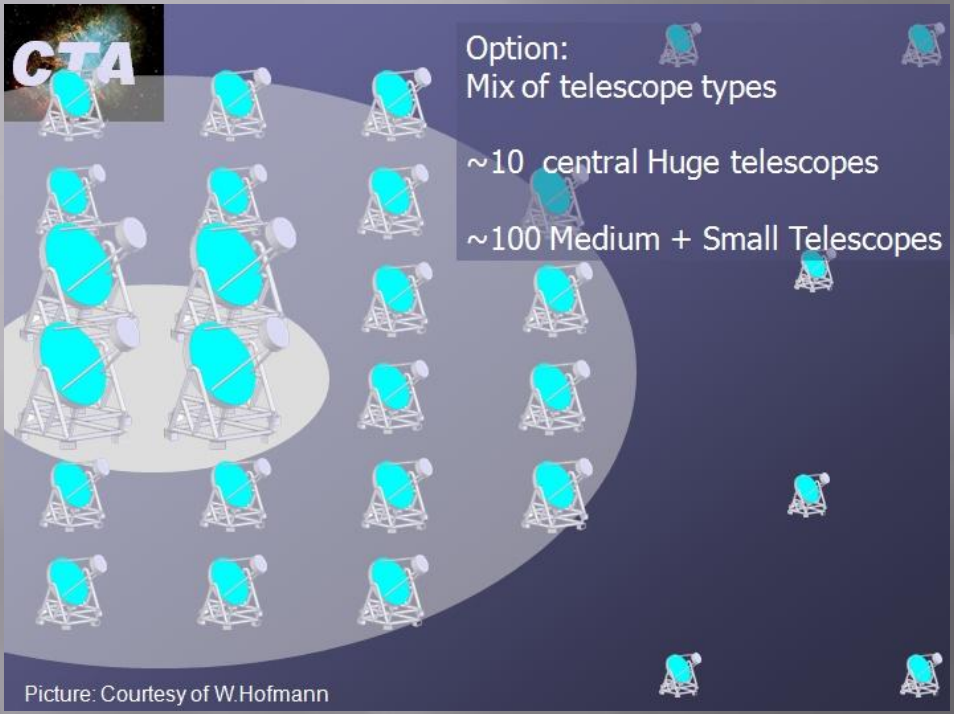
Under construction



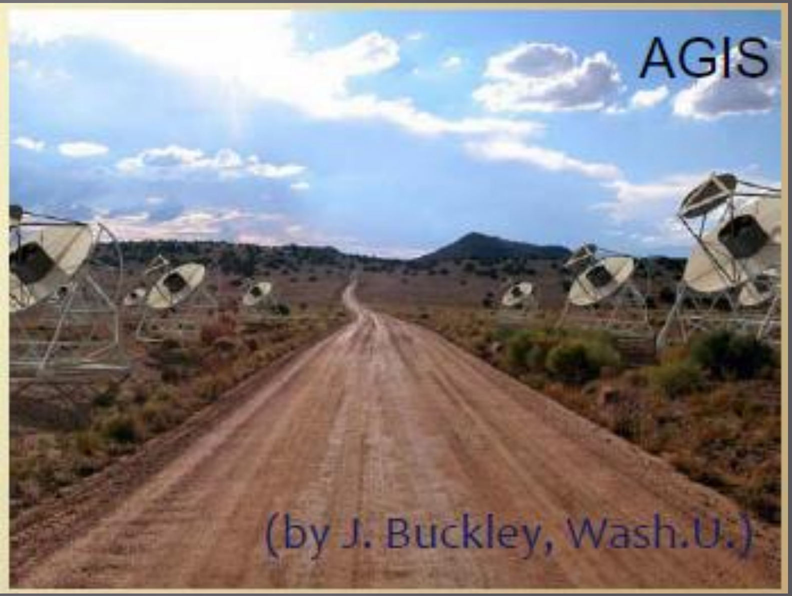


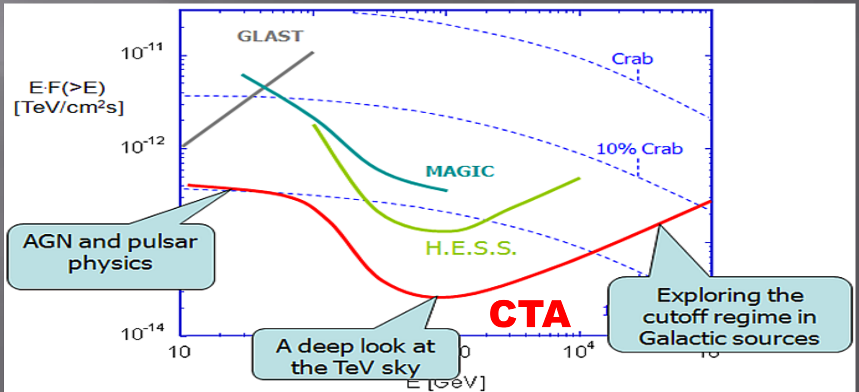
Future projects

CTA (Cherenkov Telescope Array): EU++

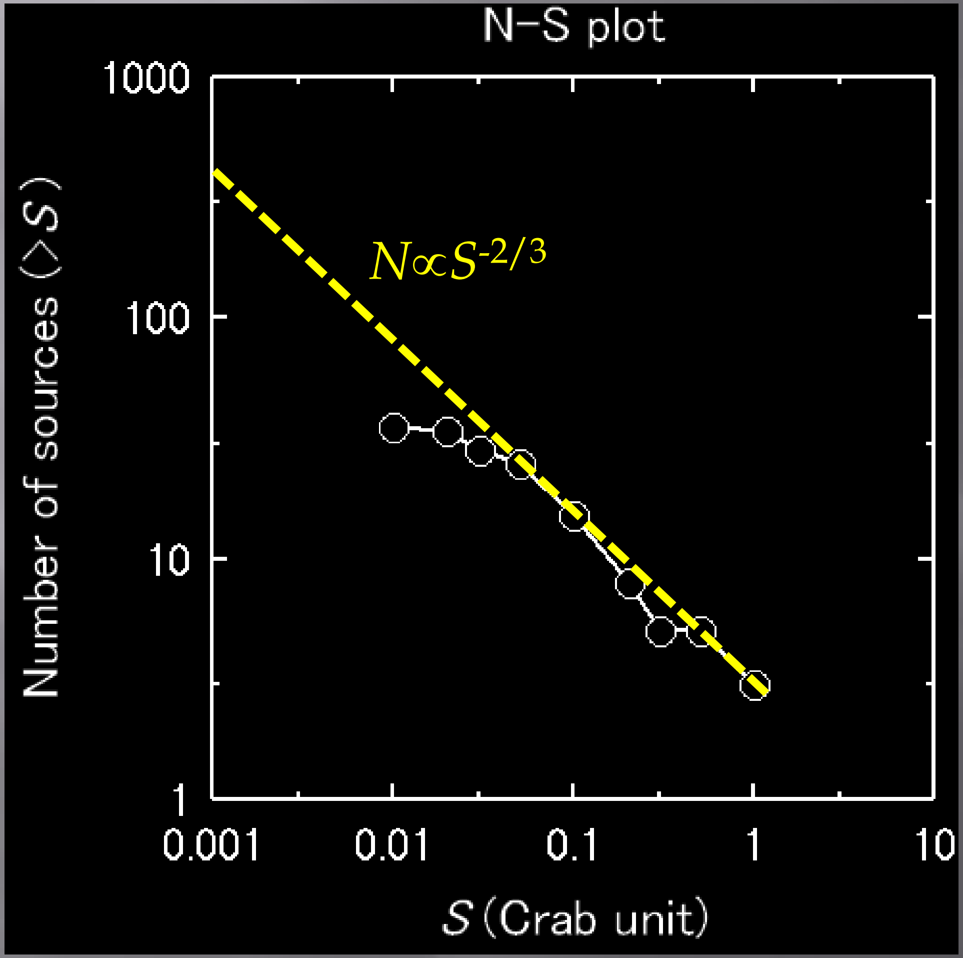


AGIS (Advanced Gamma-ray Imaging System): USA++





log N-log S relation



×2 (North/South)
↓
1000 TeV sources
if mCrab!

Data: H.E.S.S. catalog

Summary

- High energy window of the Universe is now open!
  - Additional 2-3 decades of the photon spectrum
  - Wider variety of sources than expected
    $\rightarrow$ *Cosmic accelerators are ubiquitous!*
  - Much work left to understand their physics
  - Also: cosmology, fundamental physics
- Hoping to detect other class of sources…
  - Pulsars
  - Star-forming galaxies, mergers
  - Dwarf galaxies and dark matter
  - Ultraluminous IR galaxies
  - Clusters of galaxies
  - Gamma-ray bursts