

# ALPACA

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# The ALPACA Experiment

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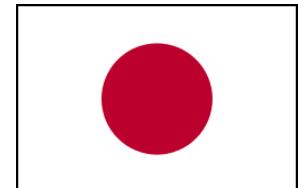
Cosmic ray physics and

Astronomy

# The ALPACA Collaboration

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# Outline of the ALPACA experiment

1) Experimental site: 4740m above sea level, near La Paz in Bolivia

Expected budget ->  $\sim 5$  M (AS+MD) USD

Muon Detector  $\sim 5400\text{m}^2$  (underground water Cherenkov type)

AS Array  $\sim 83,000\text{m}^2$  ( $\sim 401 \times 1\text{m}^2$  plastic scintillation detectors)

2) Target physics and astrophysics (AS + MD)

10-1000 TeV  $\gamma$  astronomy

(point & extended sources, PeVatron search, origin of CR)

CR rejection power:  $\sim 99.9\%$  @ 100TeV

Advantage to extended sources!

$\gamma$ -ray point source sensitivity :  $\sim 15\%$  Crab/yr @ 30TeV

CR anisotropy, Chemical composition of CR around Knee,etc

# Costs & Construction plan of ALPACA

AS + MD = 5億円 + Running cost 1億円

Year 1: Preparation

Year 2 : Construction of MD

Year 3: Construction of AS

Year 4: Start data-taking

Observation will continue (5 – 10 years)

Cf: Detectors (Japan) + Infrastructure(Bolivia)

# ALPACA Site

Mt. Chacaltaya, Bolivia

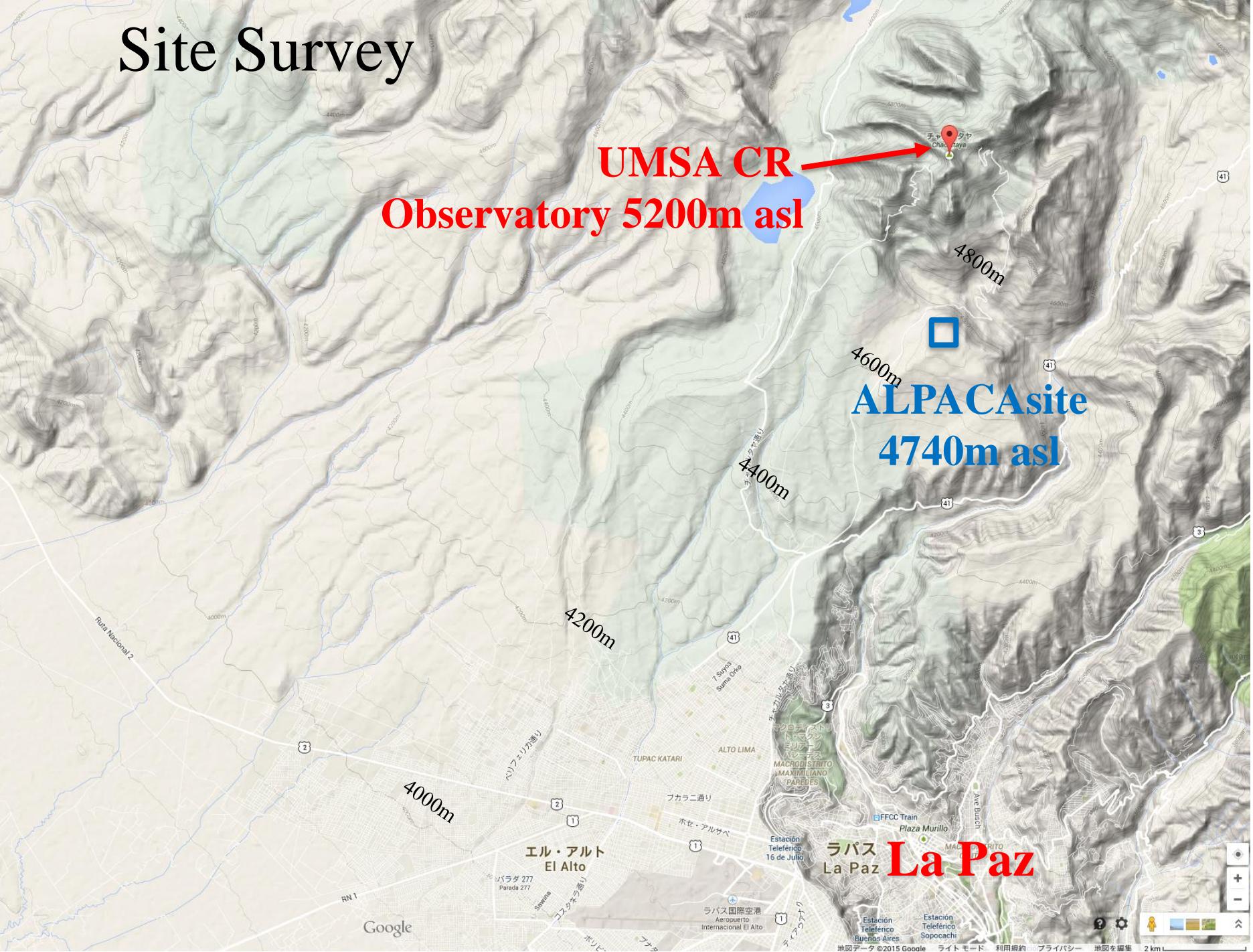


# Site Survey

UMSA CR  
Observatory 5200m asl

ALPACAsite  
4740m asl

La Paz



# UMSA Cosmic Ray Laboratory



- ✓ Mt Chacaltaya(5,200m asl)
- ✓ CR Lab at the highest altitude
- ✓ Discovery of charged pion  
C. F. Powell et al. in 1947  
(1950 Nobel Prize)



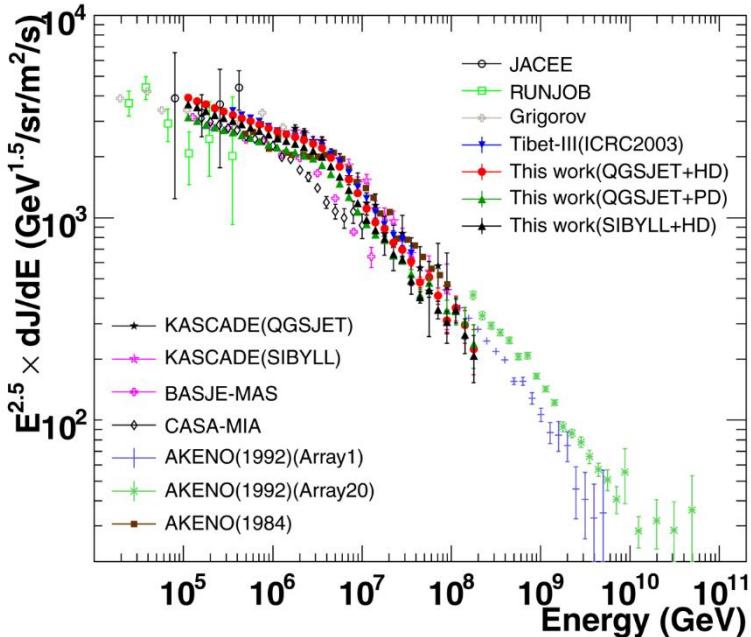
# Main purpose of ALPACA

- 100 TeV  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy in South
- Locating origin of comic rays

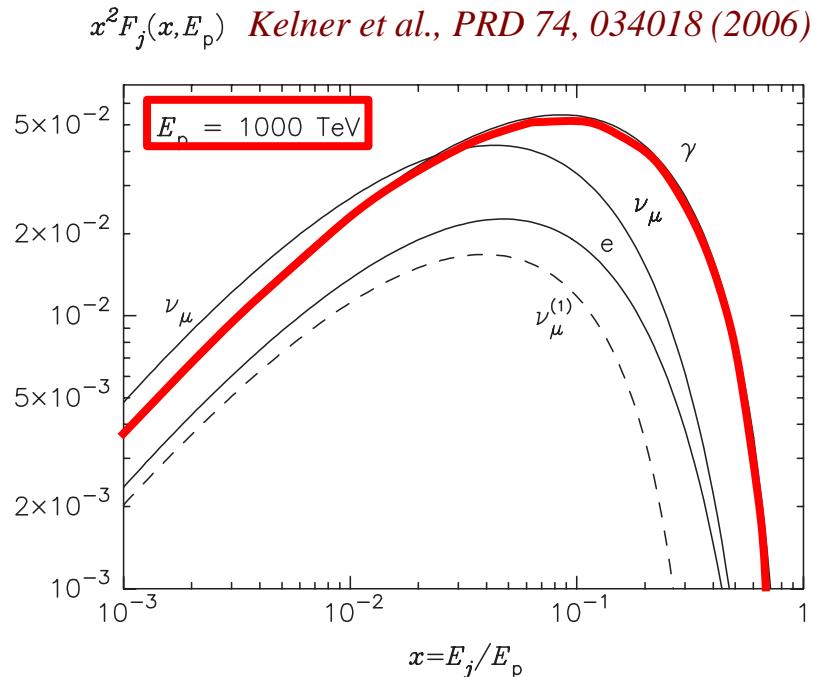
by detecting cosmic 100 TeV gamma rays  
from cosmic ray accelerator in our galaxy:

PeVatrons!

# Origin of Cosmic Rays at the Knee



- ✓ CR acceleration up to several PeV is possible by shock wave acceleration mechanism at SNR
- ✓ Knee-4PeV: of galactic origin!?



$\gamma$ -ray energy spectrum

- ✓  $\text{CR} + \text{ISM} \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots \rightarrow 2\gamma$
- ✓  $\gamma$  &  $\nu$  produced with  $E_{\gamma \& \nu} \sim O(1/10 E_{p_{\max}})$

**PeVatron** = CR accelerator up to PeV region

Should be in our galaxy or very nearby extragalaxy, due to photon absorption!

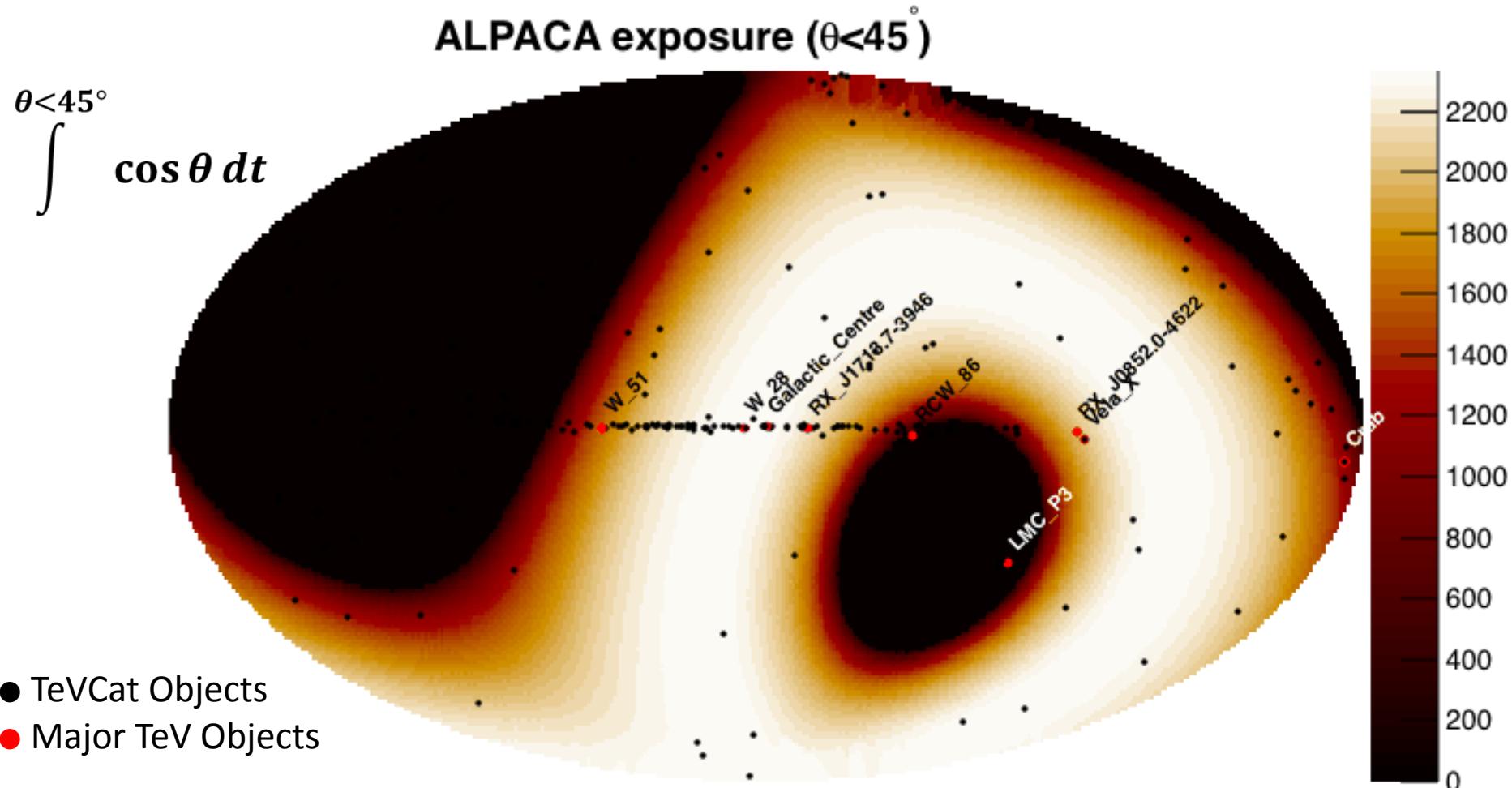
# Why in Bolivia

- Flat land at high altitude: (> 4000m)  
Cosmic rays absorbed in atmosphere before reaching sea level
- Galactic Center: Observable in the southern hemisphere (not in the northern hemisphere)  
Most promising candidate of the origin of cosmic rays
- Long-term collaboration between Bolivia and Japan  
(Good infrastructure: Electricity, water, road,...)  
Since 1962 in the field of cosmic rays, for example, BASJE

Experimental Cite : Cerro Estuqueria  
(500m x 500m flat within ~+- 1 deg.)  
**4,740 m above sea level (16° 23' S, 68° 08' W)**

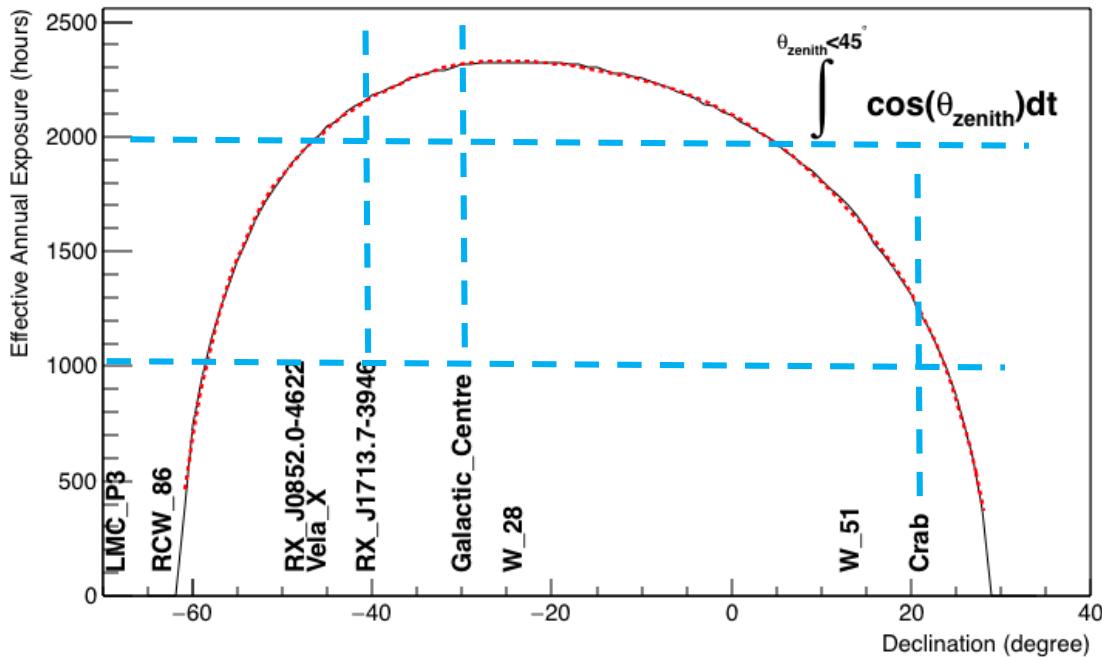


# ALPACA exposure (hours/year)



- Assuming  $\theta < 45^\circ$
- Geometrical decrease ( $\cos\theta$ ) is taken into account

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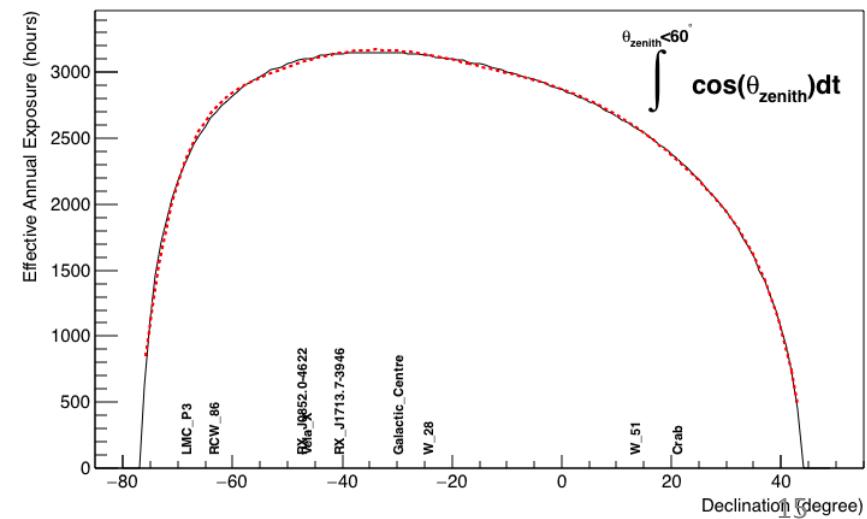
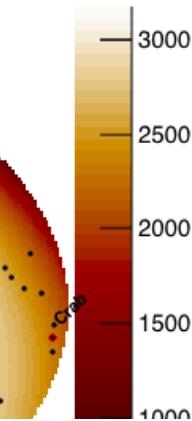
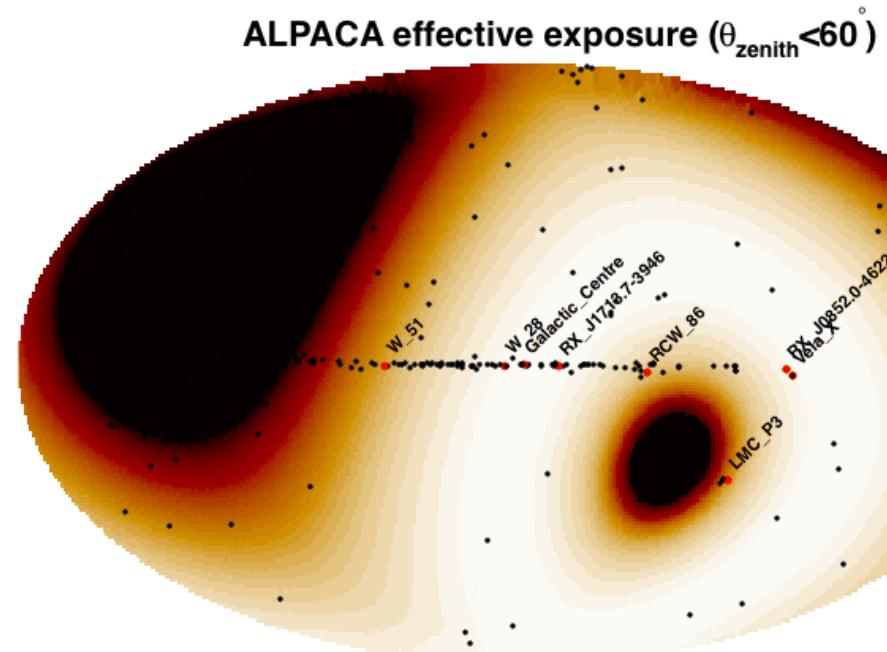


Object name	Declination (degree)	Exposure (hours/year)	
		$\theta < 45^\circ$	$\theta < 60^\circ$
Crab	22.0	1171	2299
W51	14.2	1634	2565
W28	-23.3	2331	3125
Galactic Center	-29.0	2322	3162
RX J1713.7-3946	-39.8	2176	3154
Vela	-45.6	2016	3099
RX J0852.0-4622	-46.4	1989	3090
RCW86	-62.4	0	2759
LMC	-67.6	0	2438

- Galactic Center, RX J1713 : >2,000 hours/year ( $\theta < 45^\circ$ )
- >1,000 hours/year for Crab
- $\theta < 60^\circ$  allows 3000 hours/year
  - Effects on threshold energy, resolution must be studied

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## $\theta < 60^\circ$



# Schematic view of ALPACA

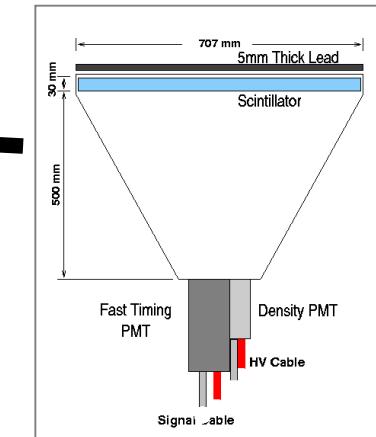
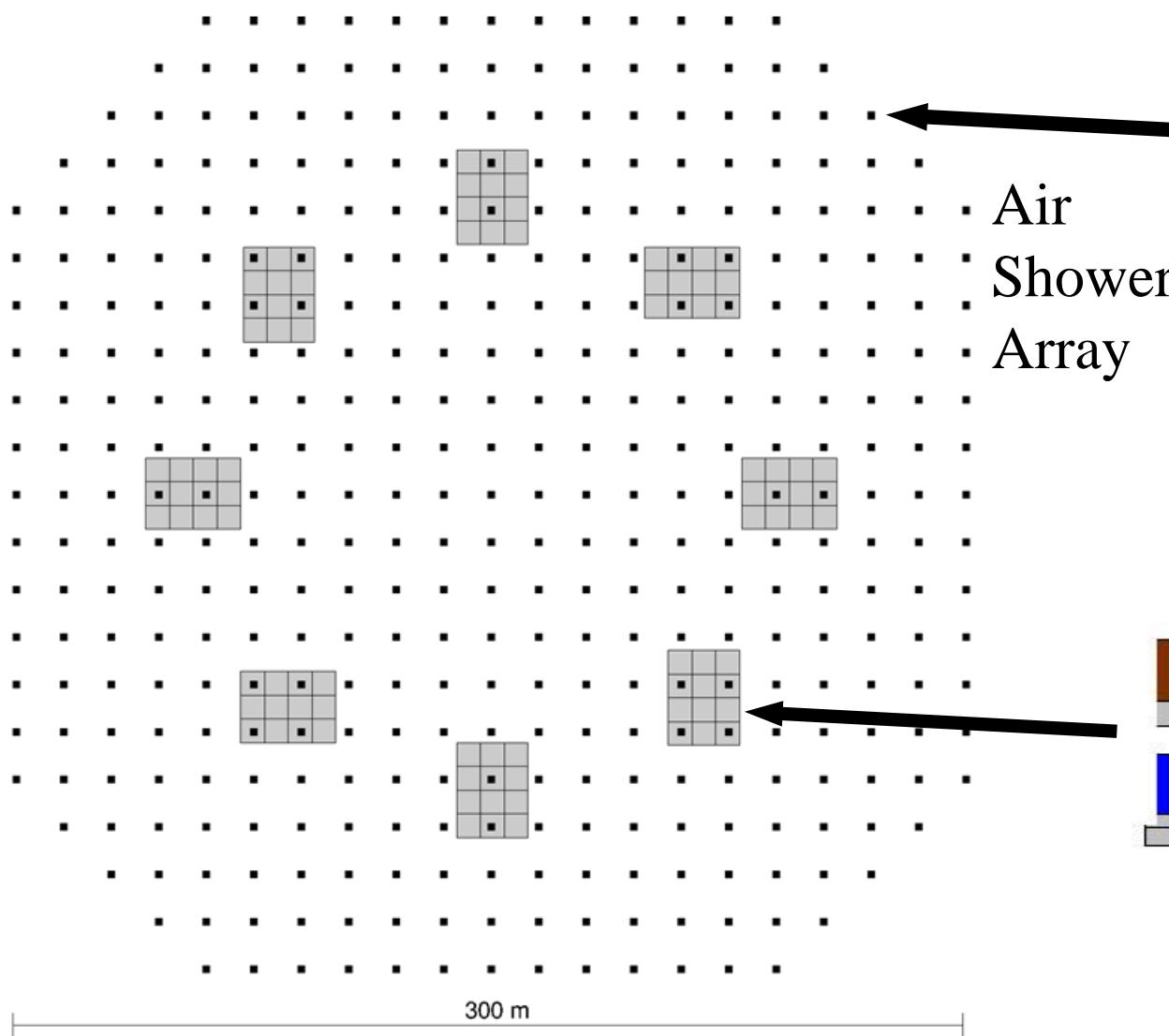


Image of 1m<sup>2</sup> plastic scintillation detector

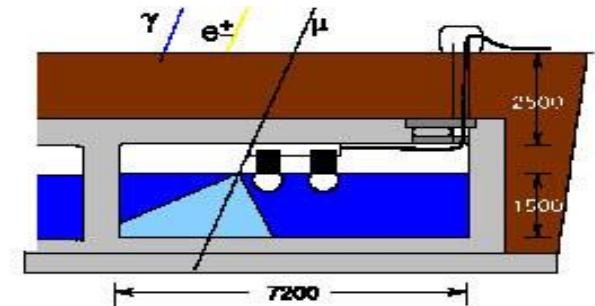
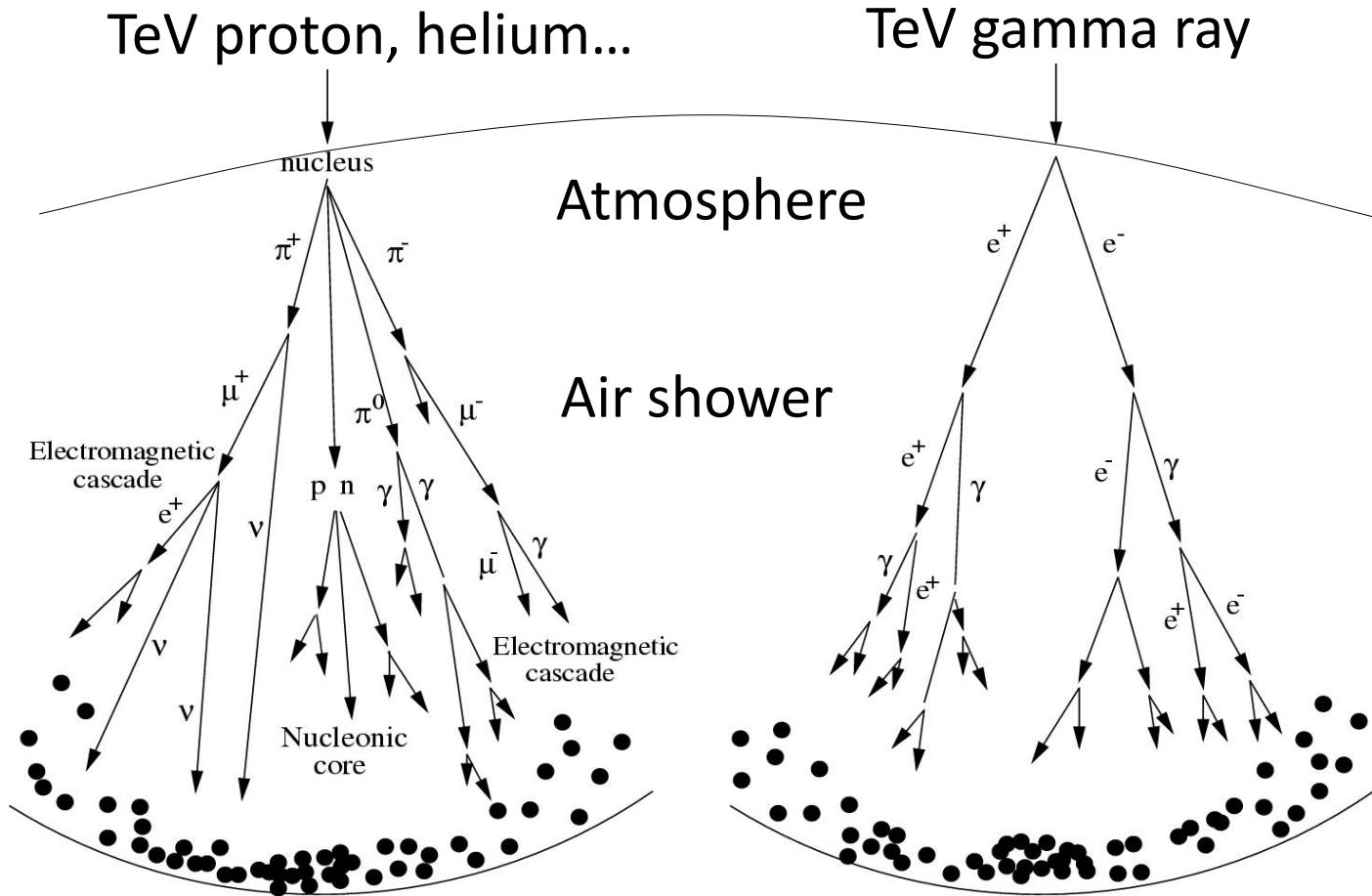


Image of unit (56m<sup>2</sup>) underground water Cherenkov muon detector

# Performance of ALPACA air shower array

Location:	4,740 m above sea level (16° 23' S, 68° 08' W)
# of scintillation detectors	1 m <sup>2</sup> x 401 detectors
Effective area	~83,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Modal energy	~5TeV
Angular resolution	~0.2° @100 TeV
Energy resolution	~20-25% @100TeV
Field of view	~2 sr

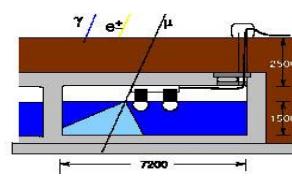
# p/γ discrimination by counting # of muons



# of muon within <100m from core

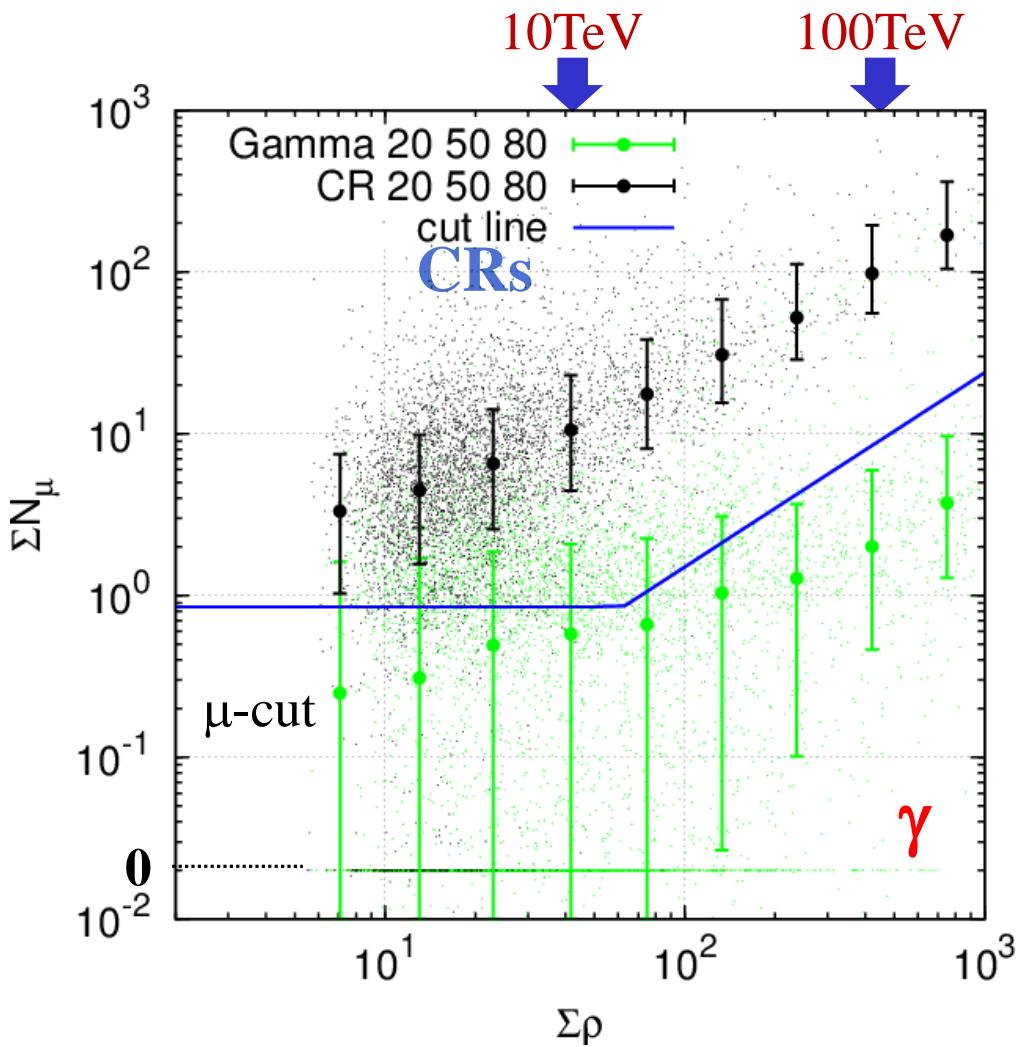
~ 50  $\mu$  for 100 TeV proton

~ 1  $\mu$  for 100 TeV  $\gamma$



Muon detector

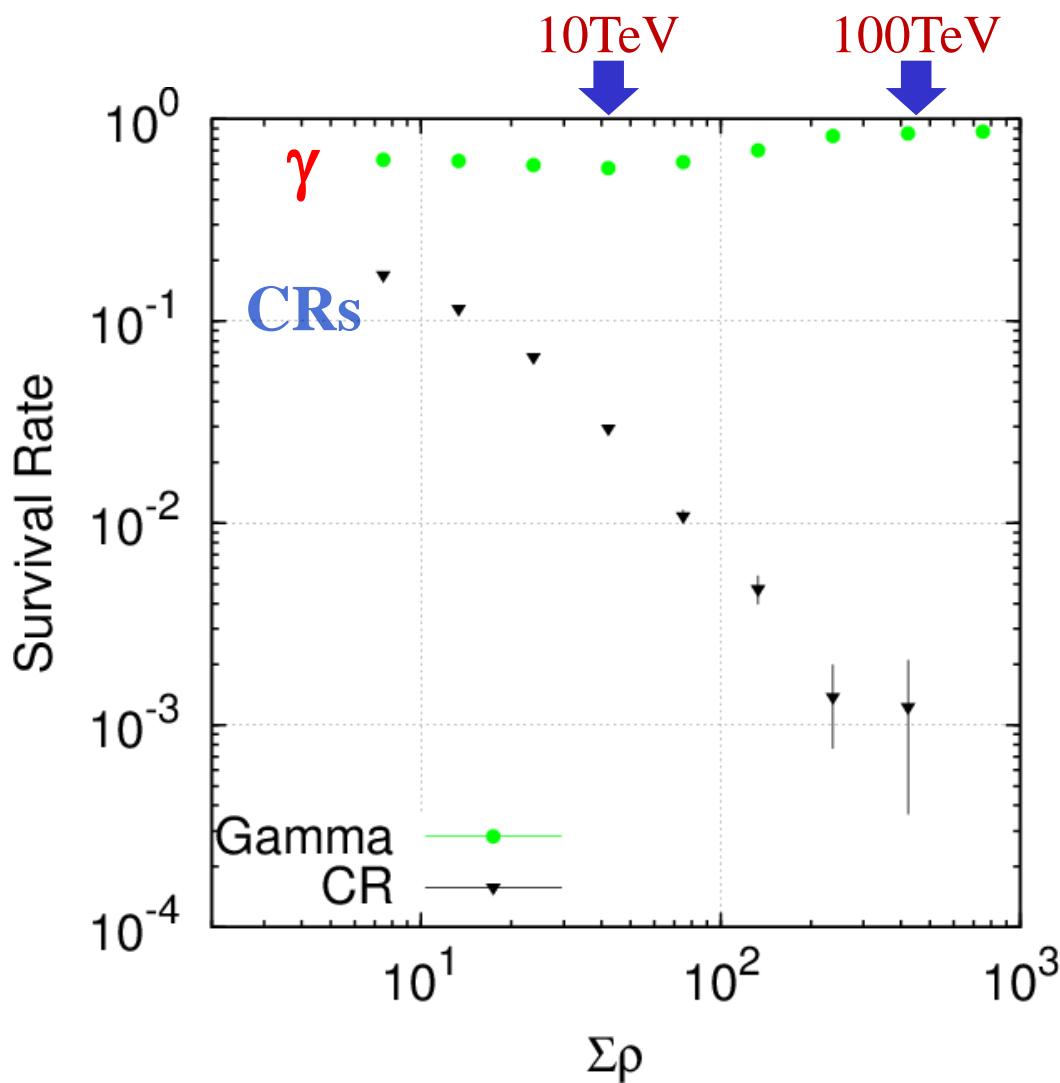
# # of Muons vs. Energy



ALPACA full MC simulation  
(AS 83000m<sup>2</sup> + MD 5400m<sup>2</sup>)  
Muon cut optimized, assuming  
Crab-like spectrum at  $\delta = -30^\circ$

- ✓ Half of  $\gamma$ -ray events below 10 TeV have no muon signal  
(No muon events are plotted as 0.2)
- ✓ Blue lines indicate optimized muon cuts

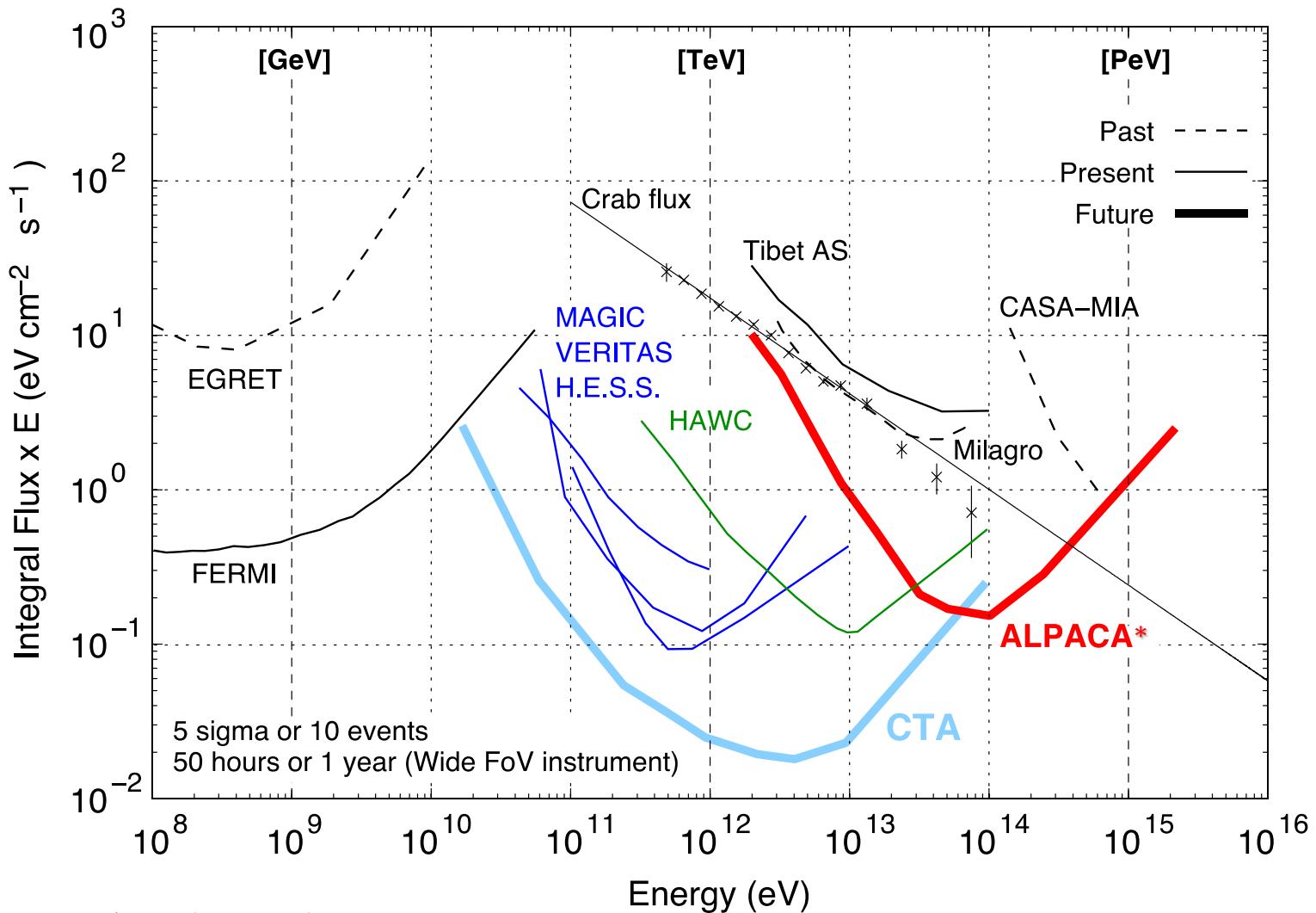
# Survival Ratio After Muon Cut



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- ✓ Cosmic rays will be rejected by ~99.9% @ 100TeV
- ✓ Gamma rays will be kept over 90% @ 100TeV

# ガンマ線点源に対する感度



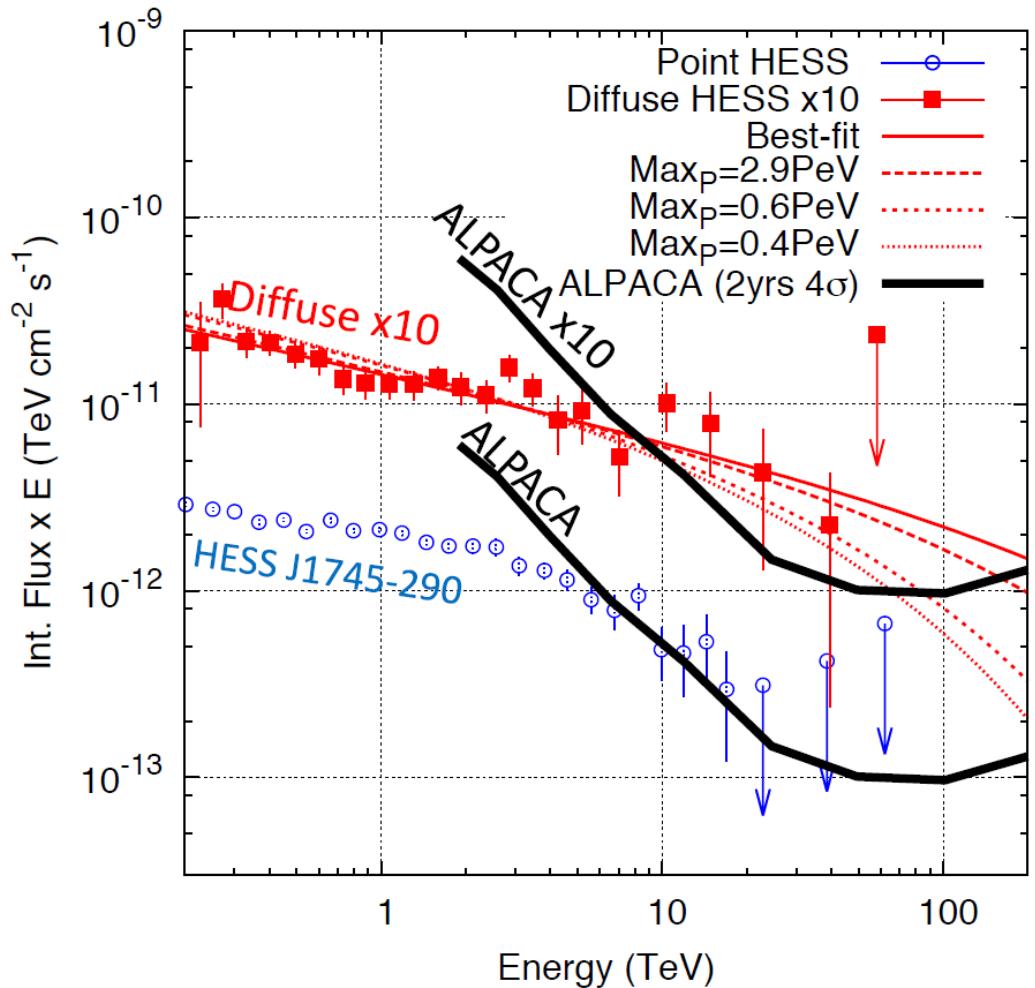
CTA Review by Kubo (JPS 2015)  
M.Daniel, Proc. of 28<sup>th</sup> Texas Sympo. (2015)

\*Based on MC Simulation  
For the Tibet AS+MD

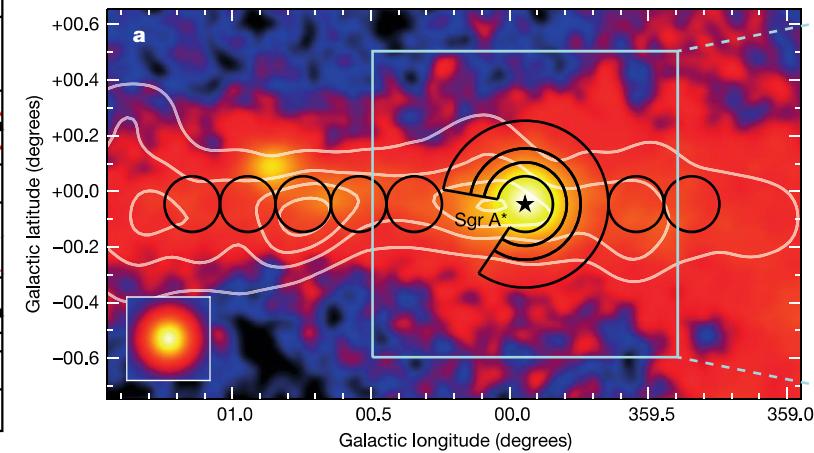
# Target $\gamma$ Sources

- Galactic Center
- Fermi Bubbles
- Young SNR
- Other Galactic Point-like Sources
- Nearby Extragalactic Sources

# Galactic Center as PeVatron?



- ✓ Detection of diffuse component
- ✓ >100TeV  $\gamma$ -ray expected
- ✓ PeVatron candidate

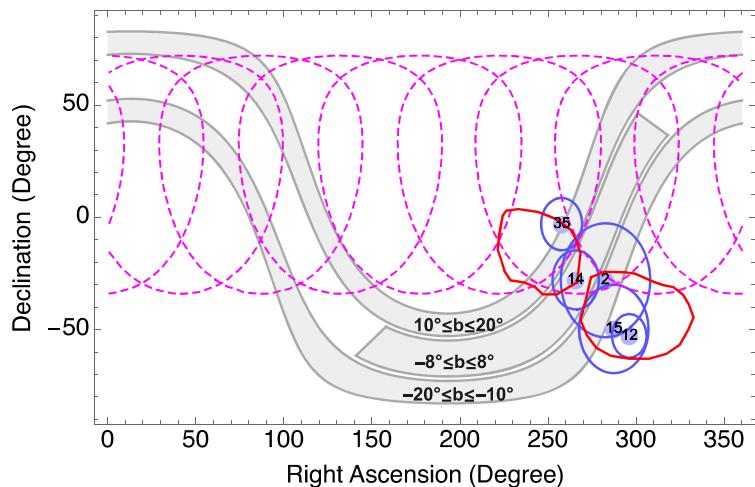
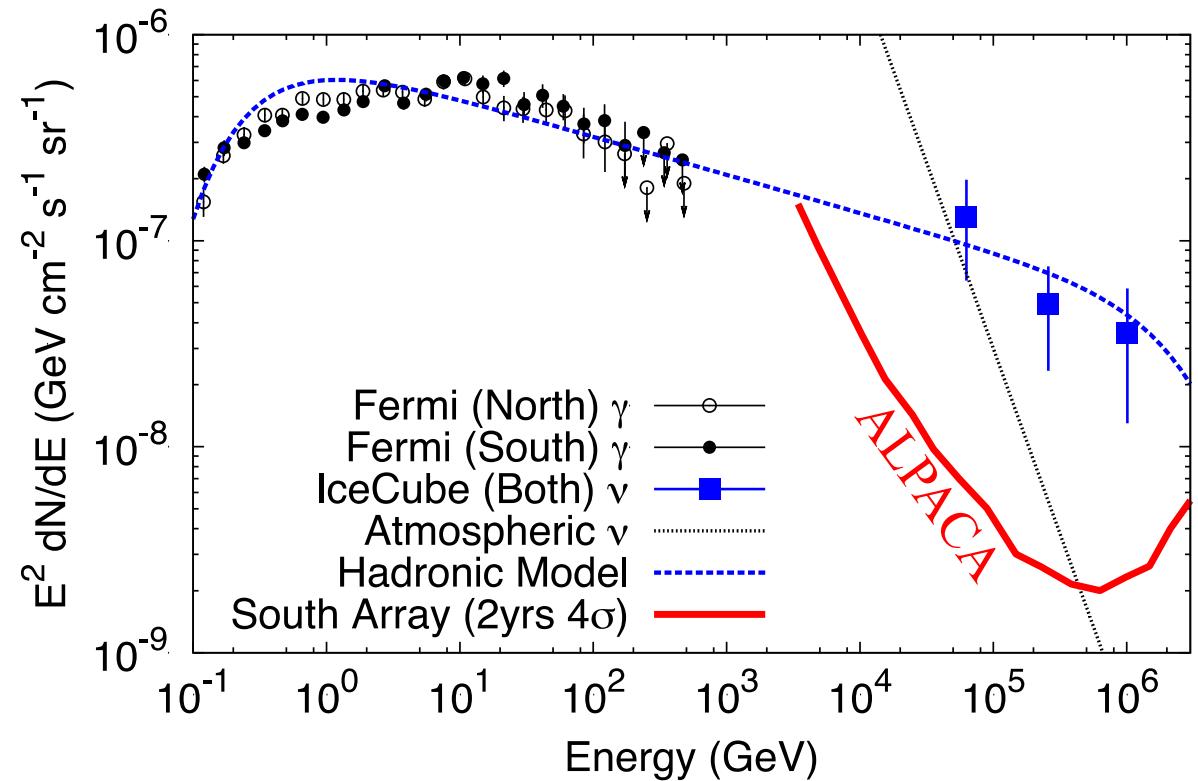


Abramowski, et al, Nature (2016)

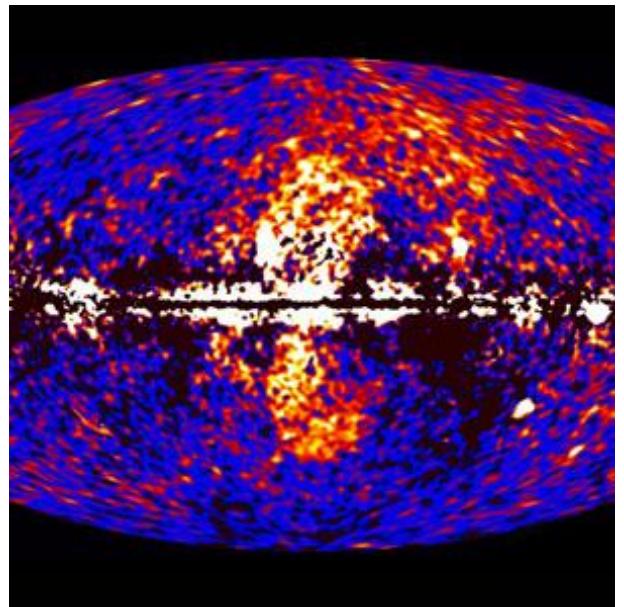
$$\delta \sim -29^\circ$$

# Fermi Bubbles

- ✓ sub-PeV  $\gamma$  rays expected, if sub-PeV  $\nu$ 's detected by IceCube are of hadronic origin.
- ✓ Fermi Bubbles: Very extended ( $\sim 0.8\text{sr}$ )  $\gamma$ -ray sources difficult for IACTs to cover them all.

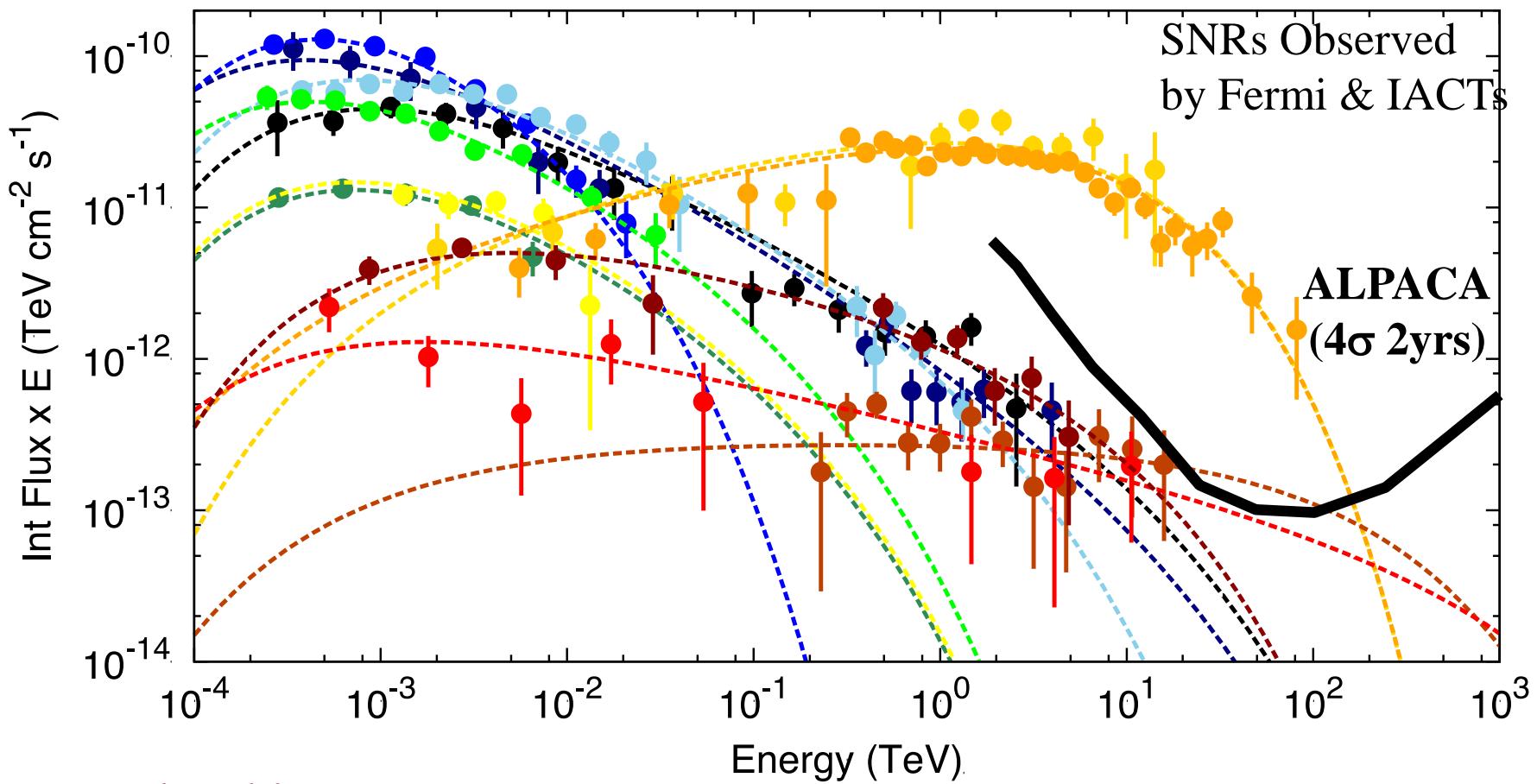


*C. Lunardini, et al, PRD (2015)*



*Bubbles observed by Fermi-LAT*

# Young SNRs

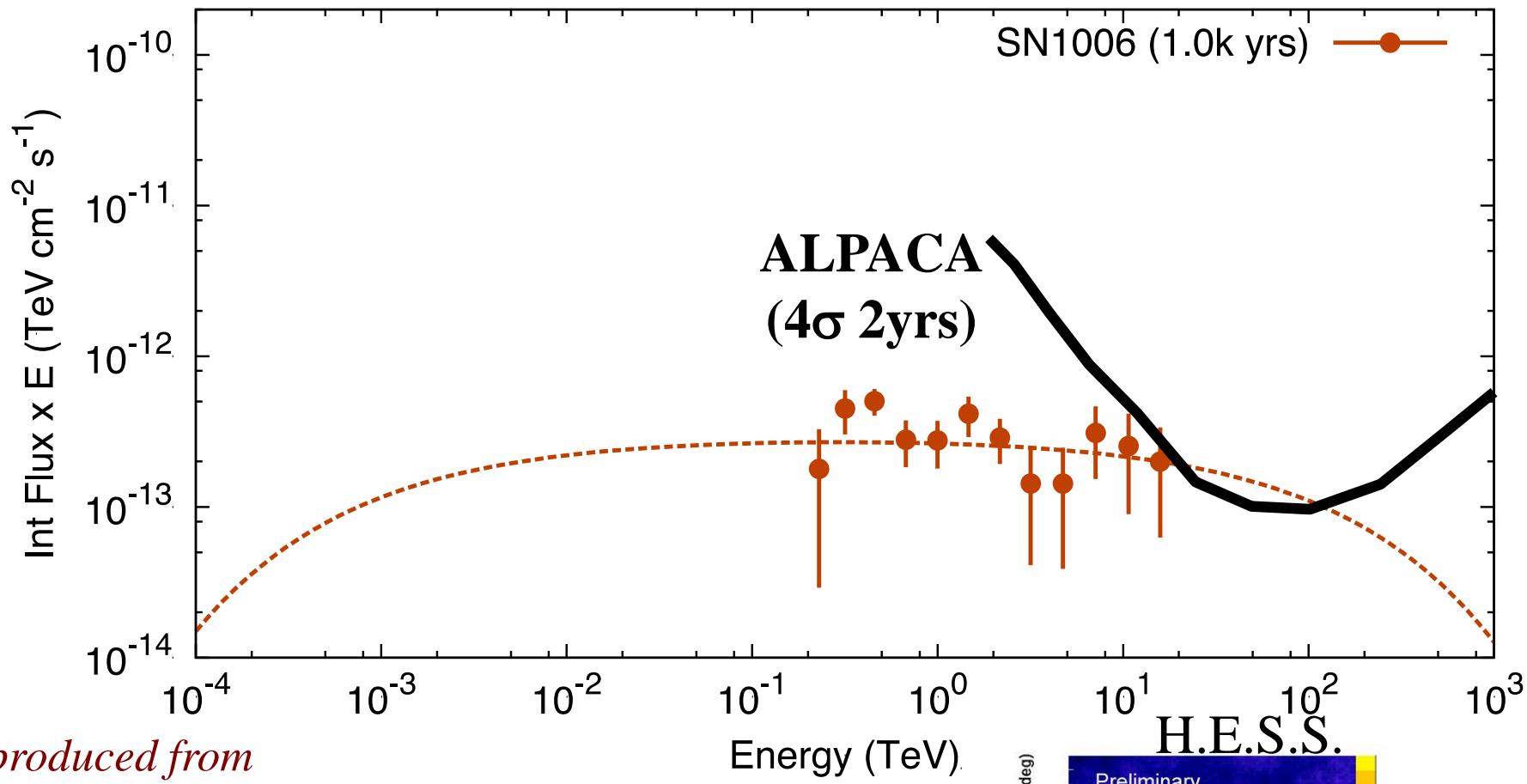


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W51C (35k yrs)	—●—
W28 (30k yrs)	—●—
W44 (20k yrs)	—●—
IC443 (10k yrs)	—●—
Cyg Loop (5.0k yrs)	—●—
W49B (4.0k yrs)	—●—

PuppisA (3.7k yrs)	—●—
RXJ0852 (2.5k yrs)	—●—
RXJ1713 (2.0k yrs)	—●—
SN1006 (1.0k yrs)	—●—
Tycho (0.4k yrs)	—●—
CasA (0.3k yrs)	—●—

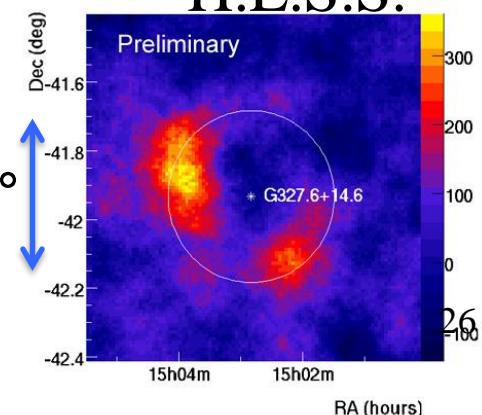
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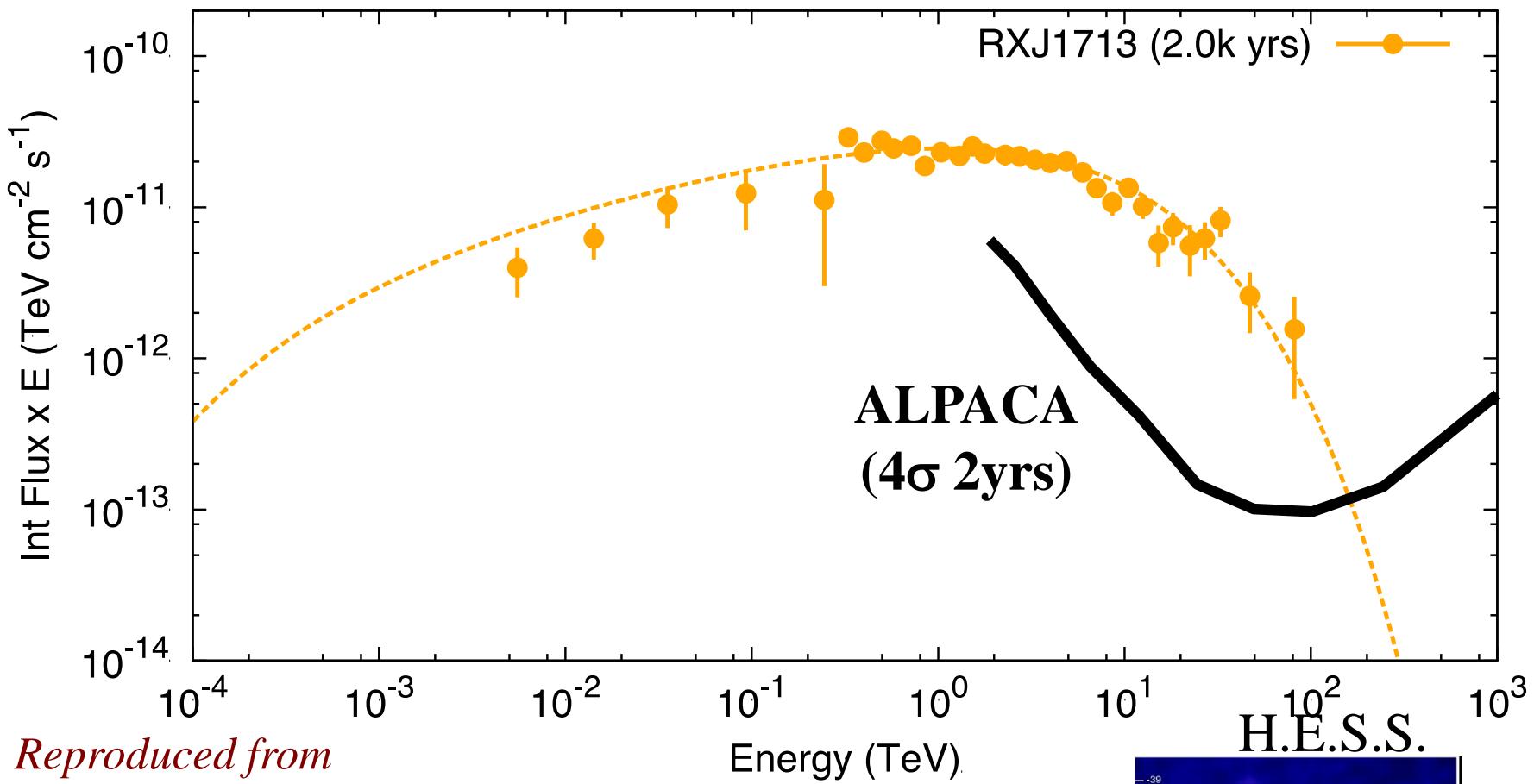
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SNRs Observed  
by Fermi & IACTs

$\delta \sim -42^\circ$



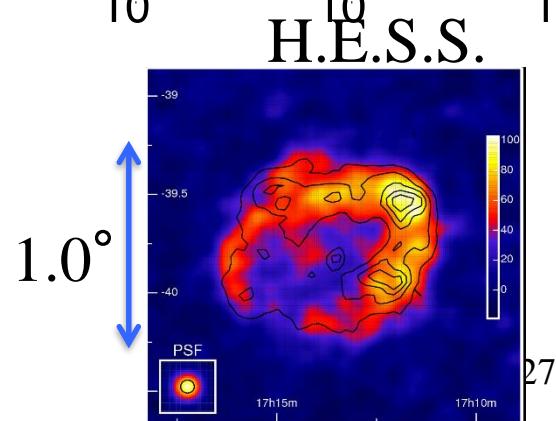
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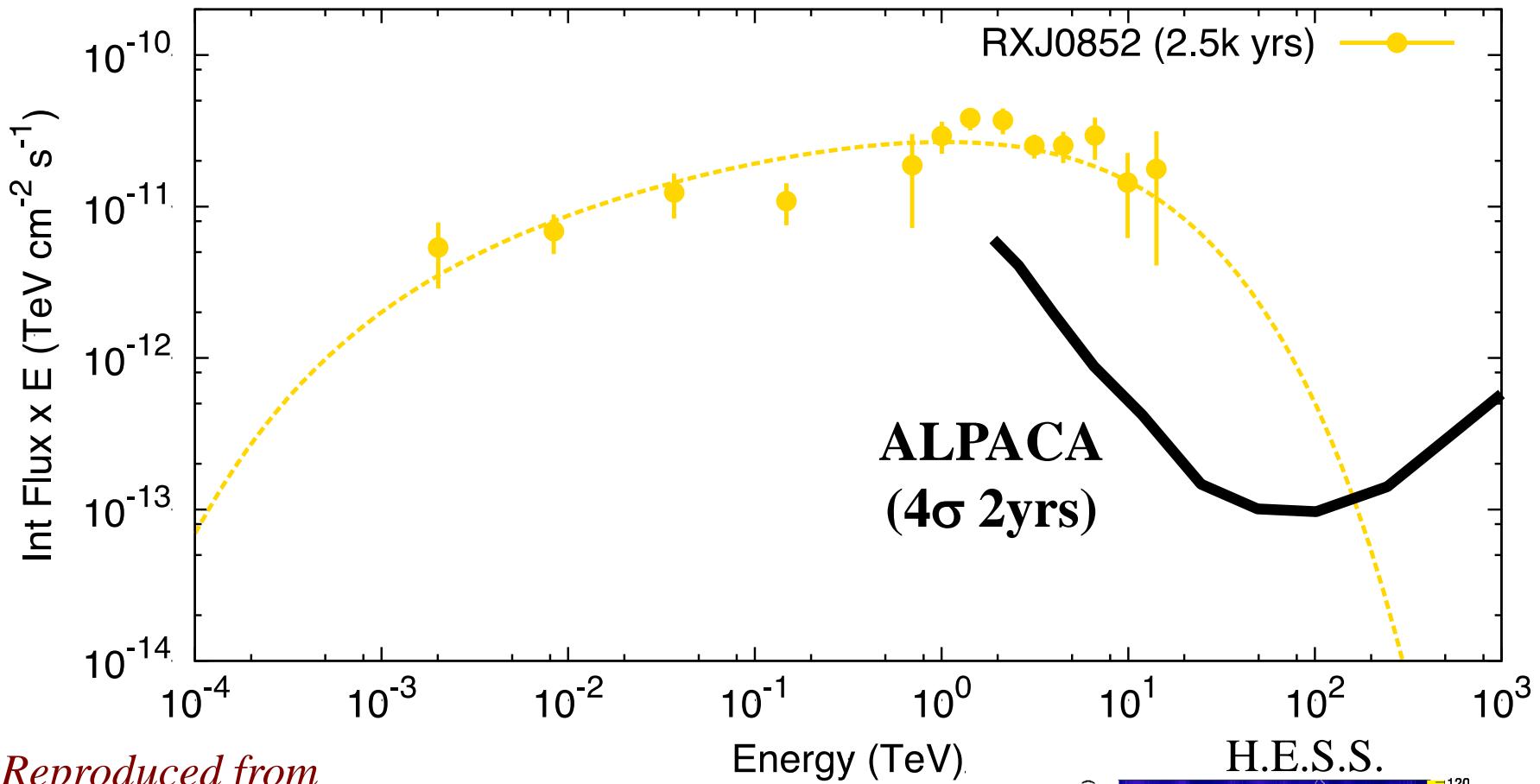
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SNRs Observed  
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$\delta \sim -40^\circ$



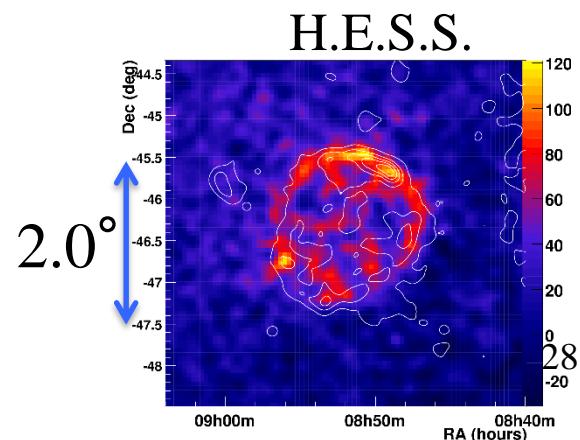
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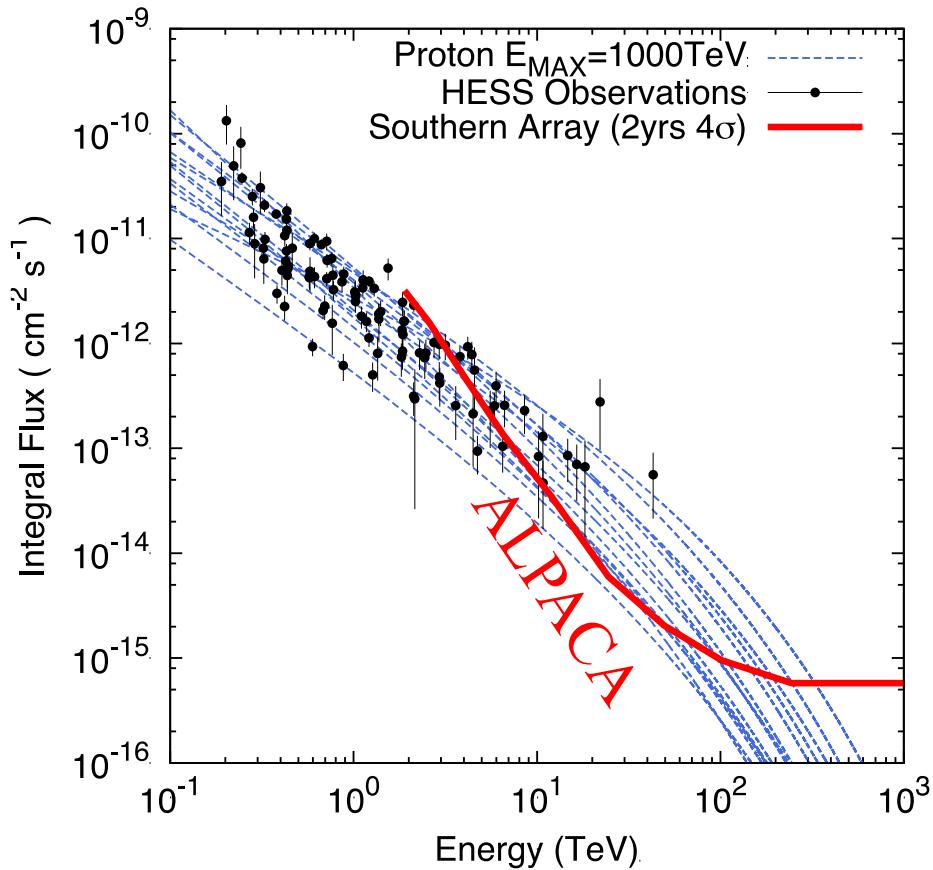
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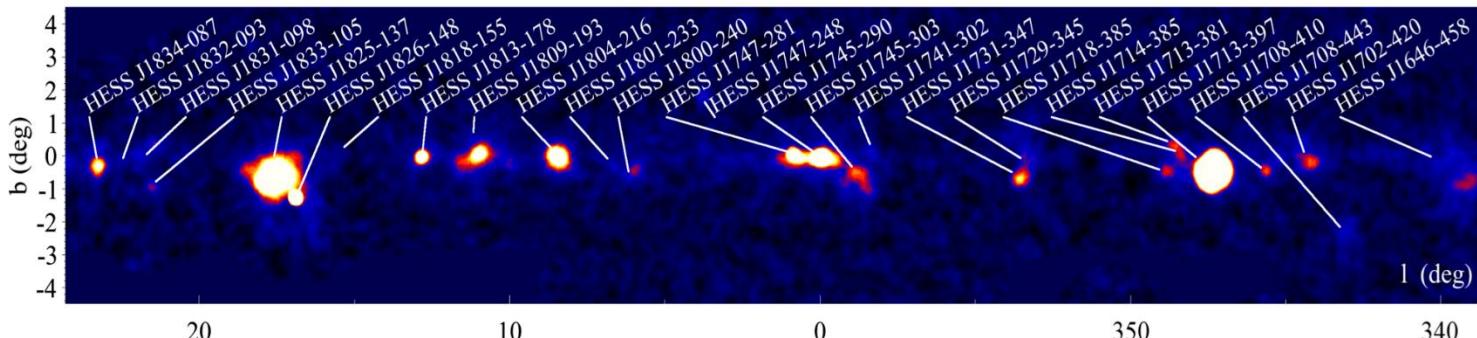
$\delta \sim -46^\circ$



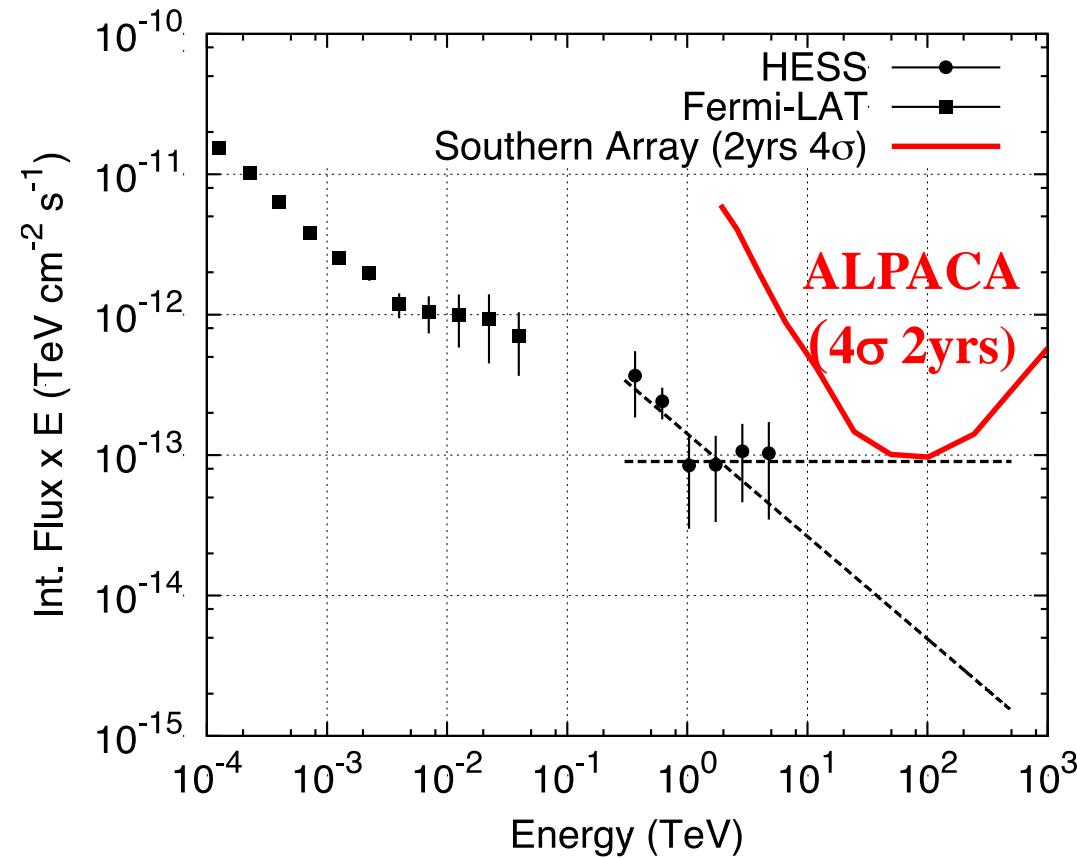
# Other Galactic Sources



- ✓ More than dozen sources
- ✓ Many sources are dark in other wave length  
→ Dark particle accelerator
- ✓ Many candidate of PWN (excess is located near pulsar)
- Aharonian et al, ApJ, 636, 777 (2006)*
- ✓ Diffuse  $\gamma$  from Galactic plane

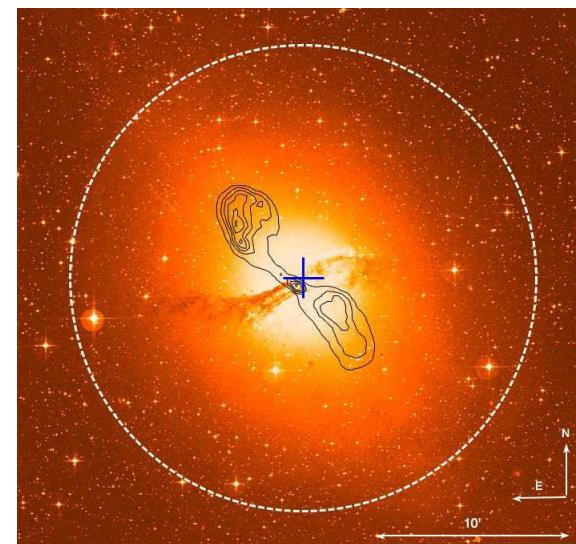


# Nearby Extragalactic Source CenA



*Aharonian et al, ApJ, 695, L40 (2009)  
Sahakyan, et al, ApJ, 770, L6(2013)*

- ✓ Distance: 3.8Mpc very nearby!
- ✓ Relativistic jet
- ✓ Flat spectrum above TeV region?
- ✓ No significant time variation?



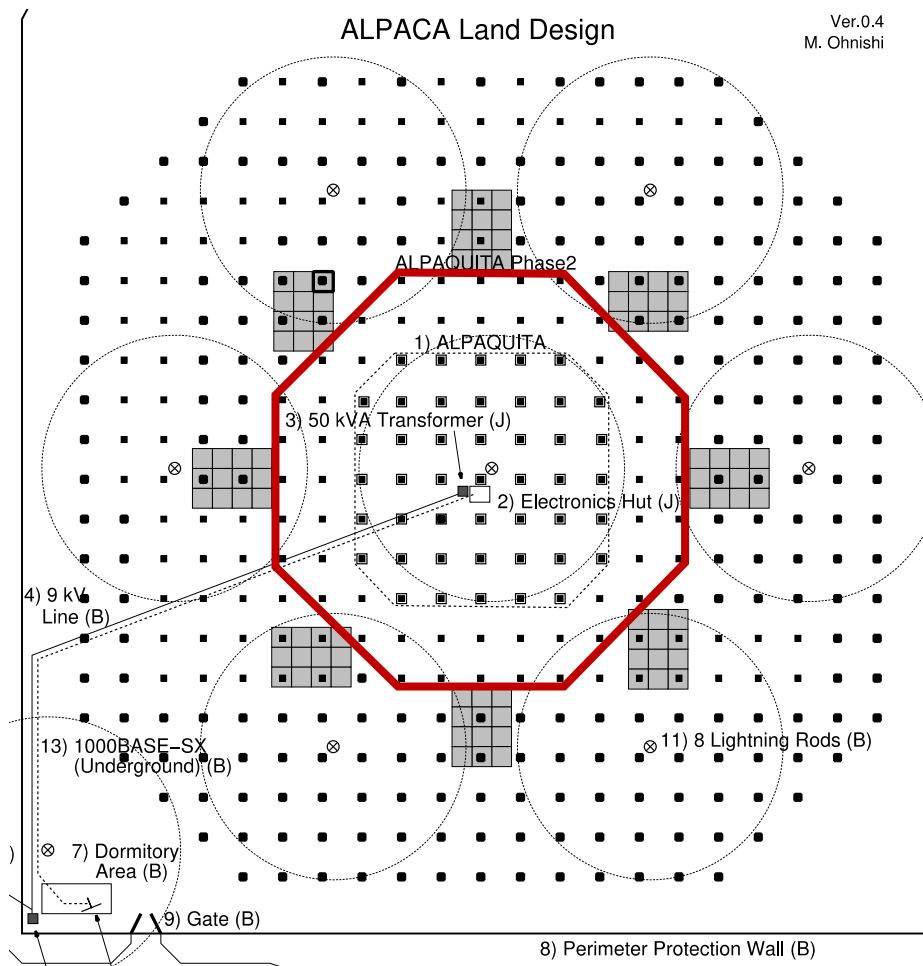
$\delta \sim -43^\circ$

# Other research themes

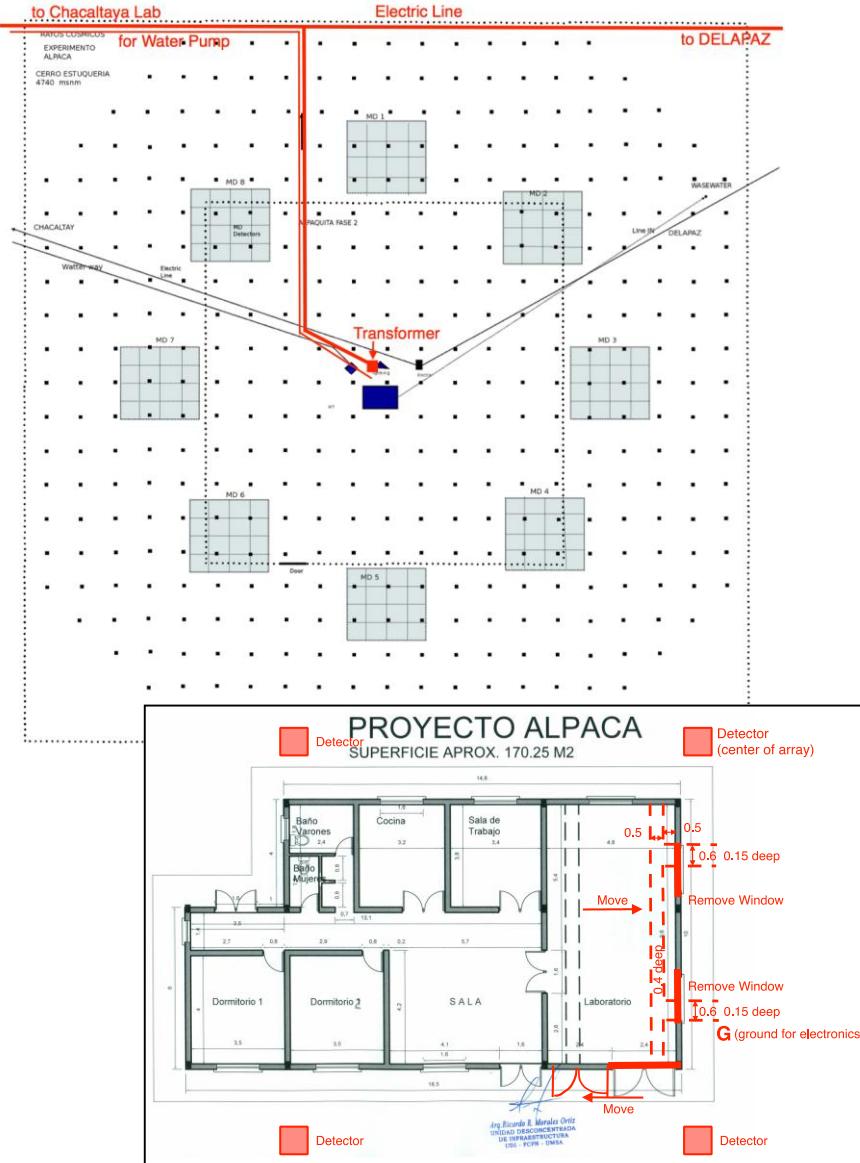
- CR anisotropy @ >TeV region in south  
(Complementary to IceCube)
- The Sun's shadow in south
- Chemical composition of VHE CR (Knee)  
(AS+MD cf: Other AS experiments &LHC-f)

# ALPAQUITA

- Prototype array with 100 SDs
  - 20% coverage of full ALPACA
  - No Muon Detector at this stage
- Establishing procedures in Bolivia
  - Construction
  - Import/Export
  - Infrastructure
- Some sciences
  - Sun shadow
  - CR Anisotropy (TeV region)
  - Bright gamma-ray sources?



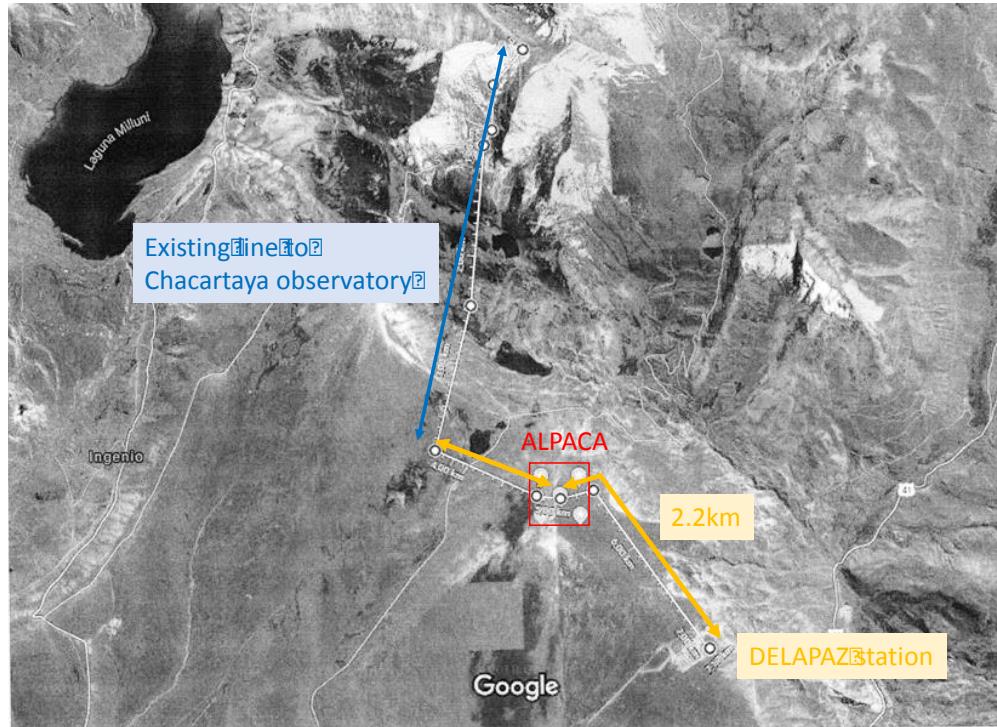
# ALPAQUITA & infrastructure



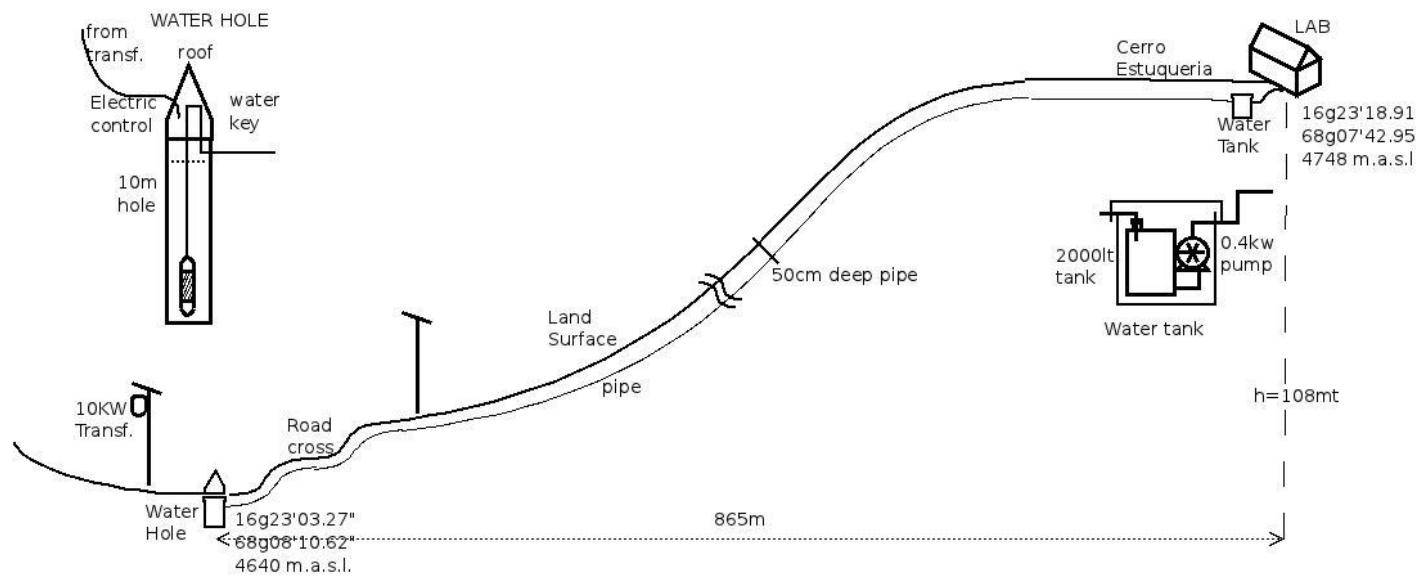
- Refurbish power line to the Chacartaya observatoty
  - Fence
  - DAQ room, workshop and guardians hut
  - Water system for life and MDs



# Power and water



ALPACA - WATER SISTEM



# ALPAQUITA schedule

	7月	8月	9月	10月	11月	12月	2019年1月
物品輸送 (20ftコンテナx2)	横浜			チリ		観測 サイト	
7kV送電線			↔				
フェンス (160m x4)			↔	↔			
エレキハット／ 番人小屋			↔	↔	インフラ整備		
検出器架台			↔	↔			
避雷針／ WiFiアンテナ					↔	↔	
検出器 組み立て／設置					↔	↔	装置建設
DAQ／較正						↔	↔

- 2018年度末にテスト観測開始、2019年度初期に最終調整、の予定

# Southern Gamma-ray Survey Observatory (SGSO) alliance

<https://www.sgso-alliance.org/SGSOWiki/doku.php> : メーリングリストは誰でも参加可

- 南半球高山に空気シャワーアレイを作り、24時間広視野ガンマ線観測を提案するグループの集まり
  - HAWC, LATTEs, ALTO, STACEx, ALPACA
- 具体的なサイト、装置デザインは未定
  - 各小グループがそれぞれの特徴を紹介し合っている段階
  - GEANT4 codeを共有して最適検出器を検討する方向
  - ALMAサイト、アルゼンチンのQUBIC(CMB実験)サイト、等を検討
- 活動内容
  - サイエンスケースをまとめた white paperを準備中
  - 2020年の decadal surveyにサイエンスとしての重要性掲載を目指
  - 国際協力で「一つの」理想的な装置を作ろう
  - CTA Southと予算競合しないように
- ALPACAとの関係
  - SGSOの一員である。high energyに特化して一步先に進んでいる。
  - ALPACAをSGSOのR&D拠点にする？

Thank you for your attention!



ALPAQUITA (~2/10 AS) will be constructed in FY2018

# Summary

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CR anisotropy, Sun shadow, CR chemical composition, etc

3) ALPAQUITA (2/10 scale ALPACA AS , in FY2018)

End