

1st Workshop Gamma Ray Halos Around Pulsars

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conclusion from the meeting:

great meeting - congratulations!

conclusion from the title: start of a new series of conferences?

excellent/timely initiative !

great results, great science, great future

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great science

focused, at first glance, on a specific subject, but, in fact, covering two topical areas:

- new ingredient to the physics and astrophysics of the systems

pulsar/pulsar wind/pulsar-wind-nebulae

the most effective particle accelerators and most efficient gamma-ray emitters in the Universe !

- propagation of CRs in ISM , CR electrons...

- direct measurements of the diffusion coefficient

- interpretation of "positron excess, fluxes of multi-TeV electrons

(both in the context of general problem of origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays)

great results

H.E.S.S., HAWK, Fermi LAT: large sample - tens of sources

in some cases high quality data on "spectrometry-morphology"

sub-arcmin angular resolution of HESS, energy resolution better than 20 % - just perfect for such studies

robust (assumption-free!) derivation of spatial and energy distribution of multi-TeV electrons

unique for development of models, theories, concepts

great future

until mid 2020s: LHAASO-HESS, LHAASO CTA North, full coverage of the sky SWGO-STA South

MWL - most critical X-rays: eRosita: 0.2-10 keV (FoV 1 deg), 6-30 keV (0.5 deg), and sensitivity!

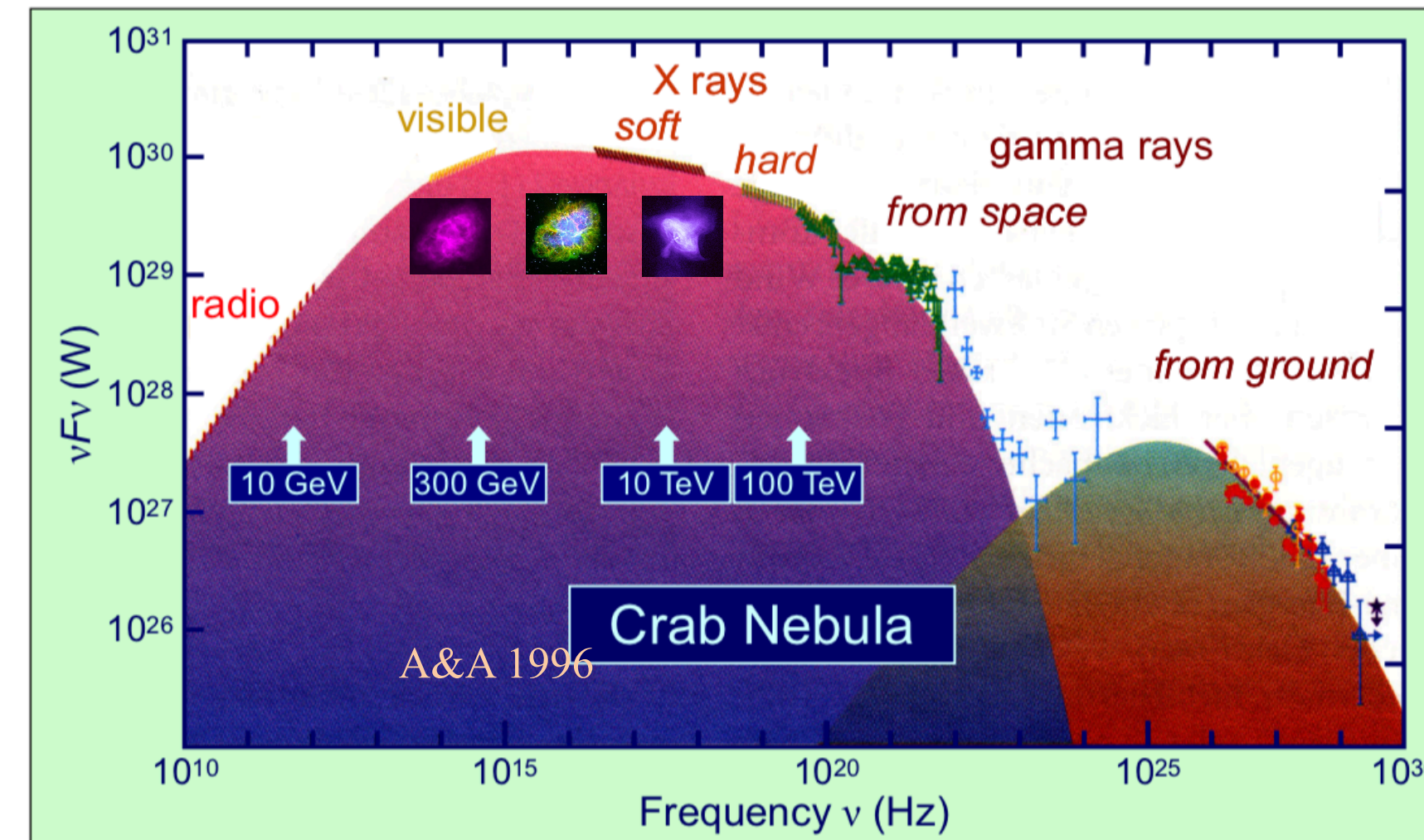
Crab pulsar/wind/nebula:

absolute extreme accelerator !

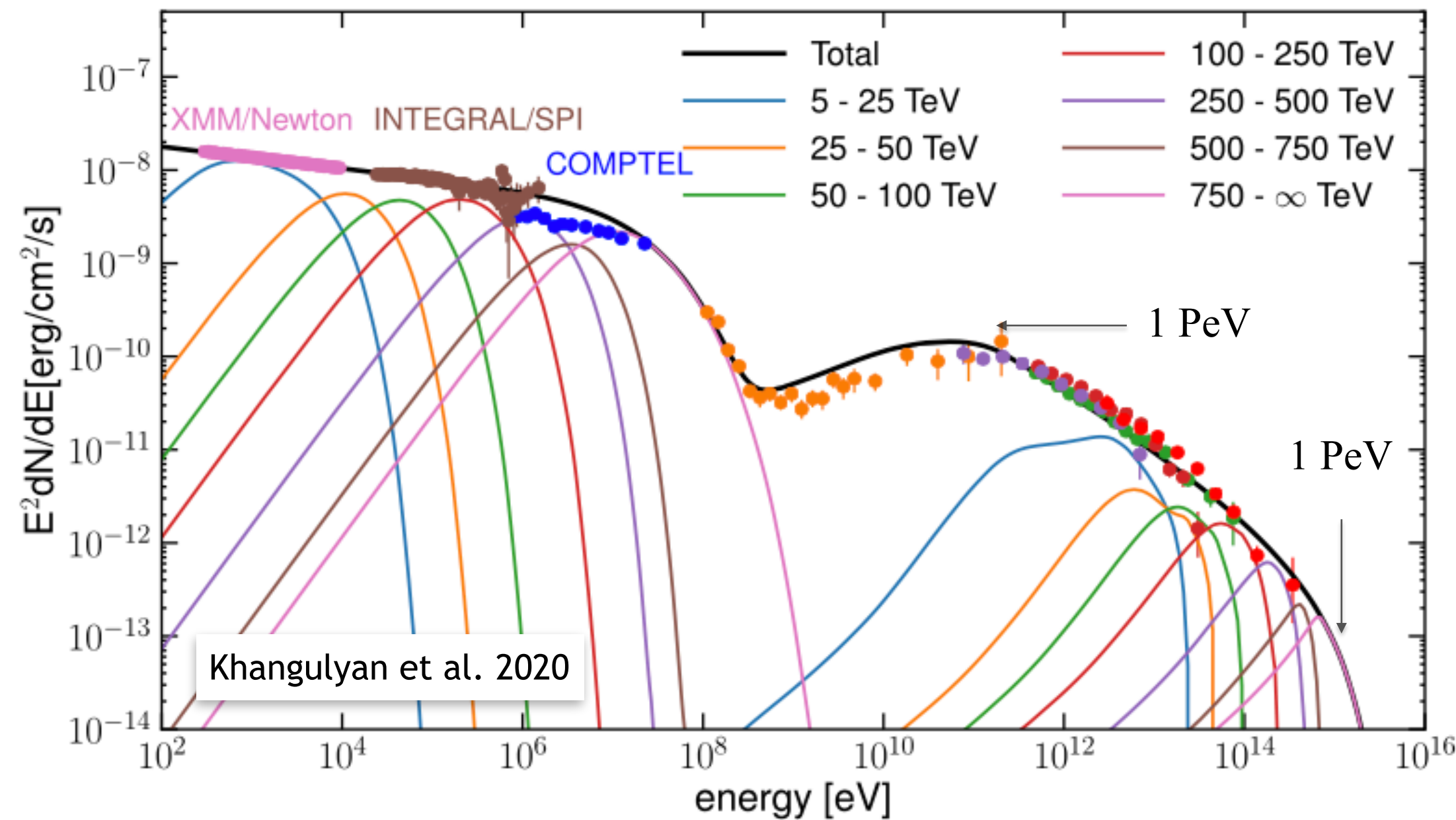
conversion of the rotational energy of pulsar to non-thermal energy with efficiency $\sim 50\%$

electron acceleration with 100% efficiency

a non-thermal astrophysical object seen over 20 energy decades



R, mm, IR, O, UV, X gamma-rays



\sim half of rotational energy of pulsar is released in form of accelerated e^+e^- radiated away via synchrotron and IC channels of radiation over 20 decades !

e^+e^- are accelerated to >1 PeV (!)
acceleration rate be at the margin allowed by theory ("ideal MHD")

Extreme Accelerators:

machines where acceleration proceeds with efficiency close to 100%

- (i) fraction of available energy converted to nonthermal particles

in PWNe and perhaps also in SNRs can be **as large as 50 %**

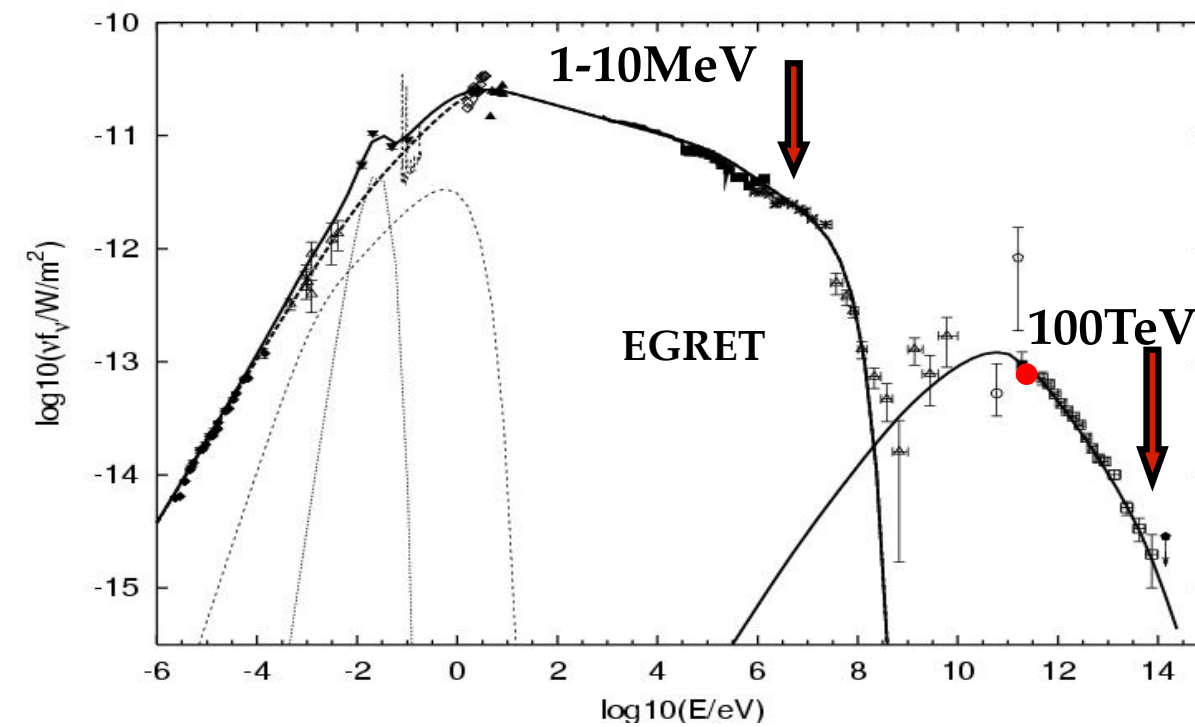
- (ii) maximum possible energy achieved by individual particles

acceleration rate close to the **maximum (theoretically) possible rate**

sometimes efficiency can even “exceed” 100% ?

(no violation of conservation laws - but due to relativistic and non-linear effects)

Crab Nebula – a perfect electron PeVatron



standard MHD theory (Kennel&Coroniti)
 cold ultrarelativistic pulsar wind terminates by reverse shock resulting in acceleration of multi-TeV electrons

synchrotron radiation => nonthermal optical/X nebula
 Inverse Compton => high energy gamma-ray nebula

Crab Nebula – a powerful $L_e = 1/5 L_{\text{rot}} \sim 10^{38}$ erg/s
 and extreme accelerator: $E_e \gg 100$ TeV

$$E_{\text{max}} = 60 (B/1\text{G})^{-1/2} \eta^{-1/2} \text{ TeV} \text{ and } h\nu_{\text{cut}} \sim 150\eta^{-1} \text{ MeV}$$

Cutoff at $h\nu_{\text{cut}} > 10 \Rightarrow \eta < 10$ - acceleration at 10 % of the maximum rate

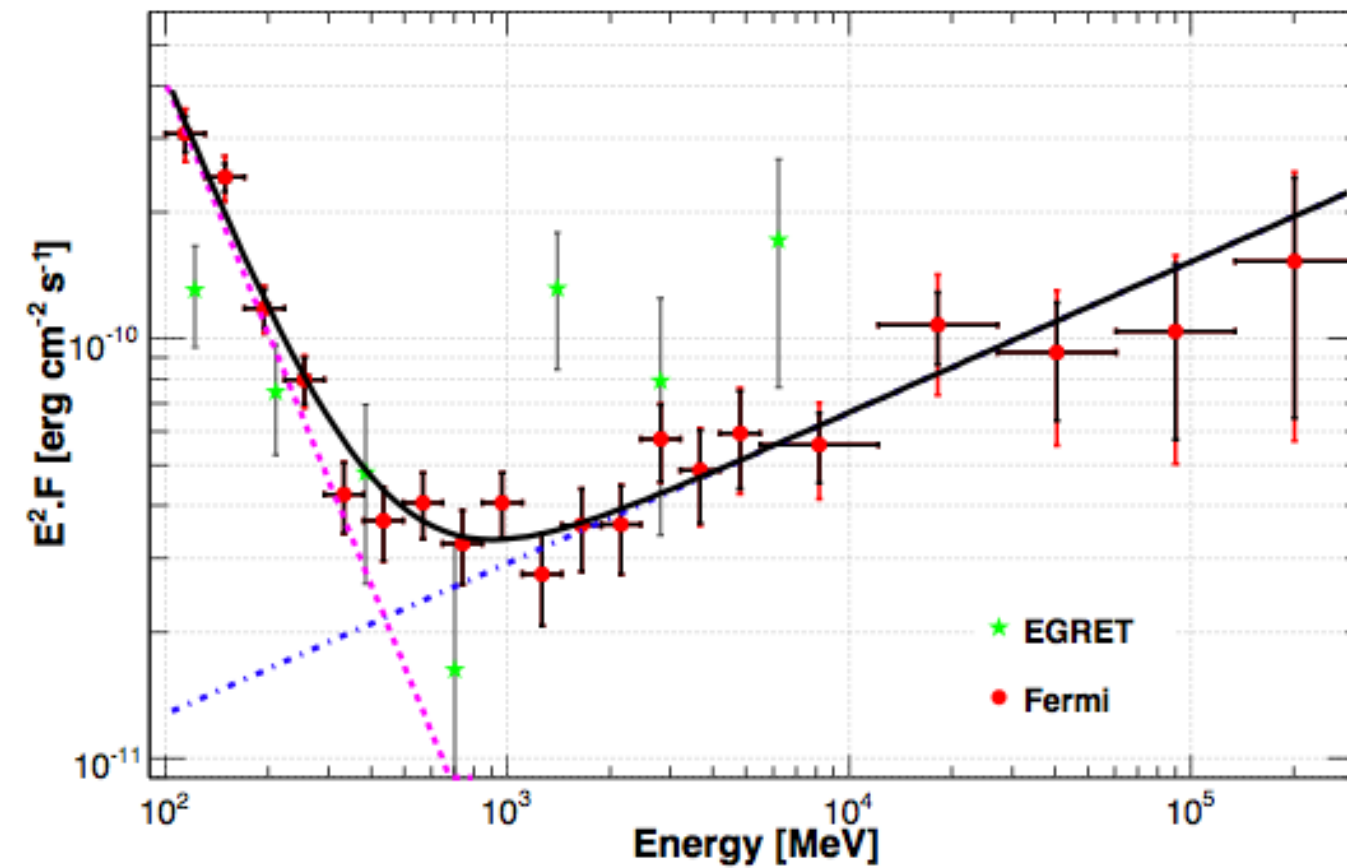
γ -rays: $E_\gamma \sim 50$ TeV (HEGRA, HESS) $\Rightarrow E_e > 200$ TeV

B-field ~ 100 mG $\Rightarrow \eta \sim 10$ - independent and more robust estimate

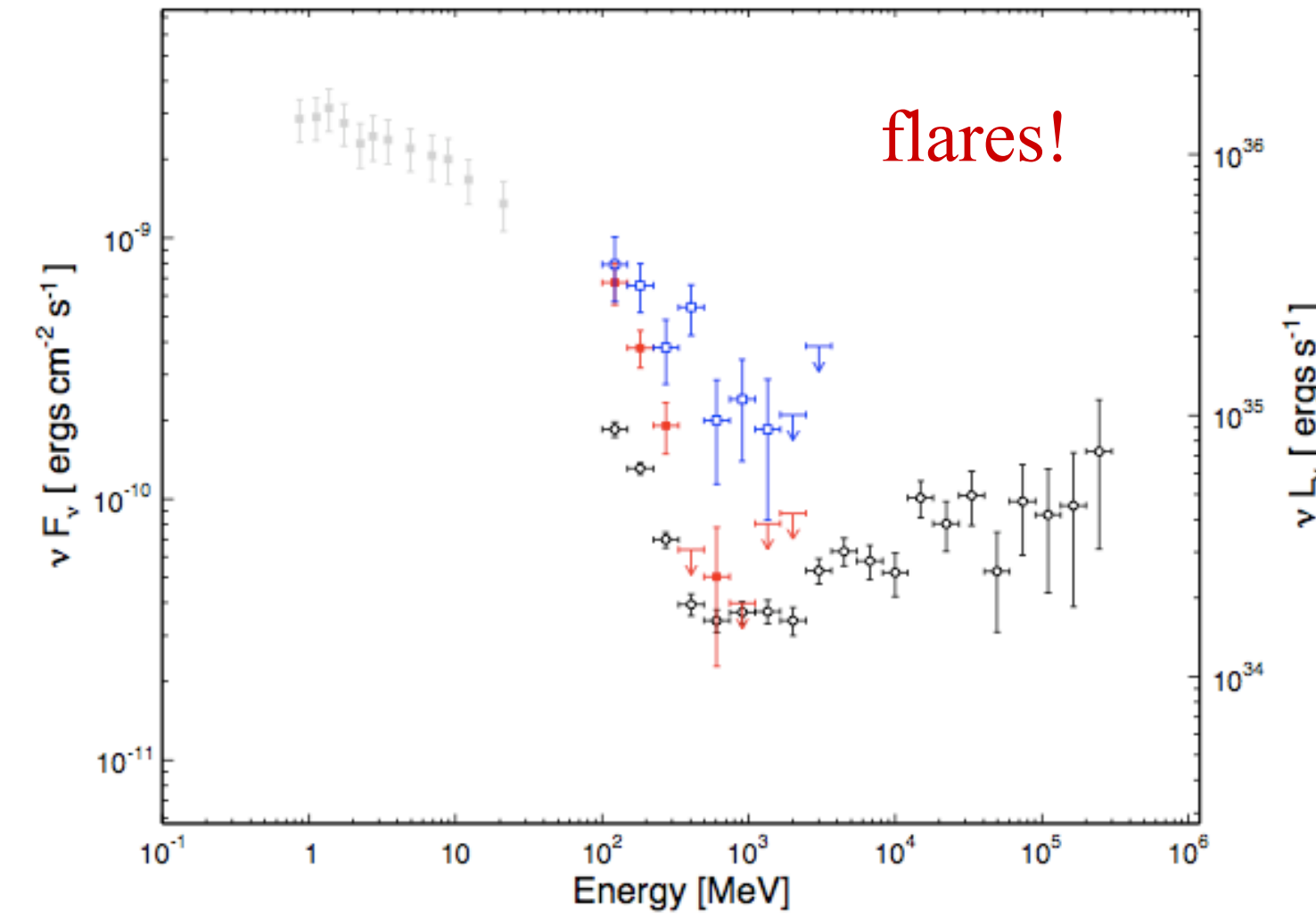
1 mG $\Rightarrow \eta \sim 1$?



Flares of Crab (Nebula) :



IC emission consistent with average
nebular B-field: $B \sim 100\mu\text{G}-150\mu\text{G}$

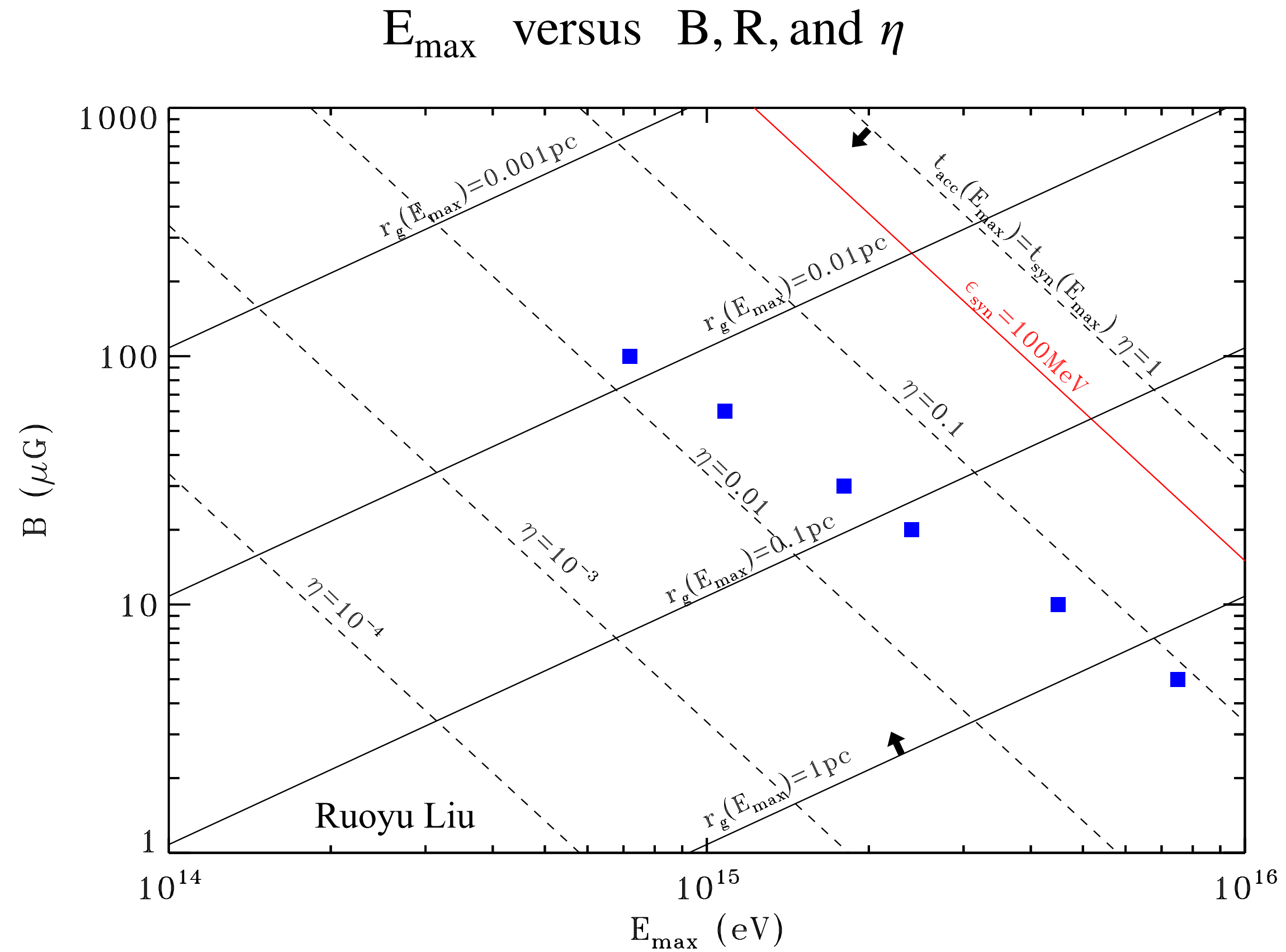


seems to be in agreements with the standard PWN picture, but ... **MeV/GeV flares!!**

although the reported flares perhaps can be explained within the standard picture - no simple answers to several principal questions - **extension to GeV energies, $B > 1\text{mG}$** , etc.

observations of 100TeV gamma-rays - IC photons produced by electrons responsible for synchrotron flares - a key towards understanding of the nature of MeV/GeV flares

PWNe as electron PeVatrons ?



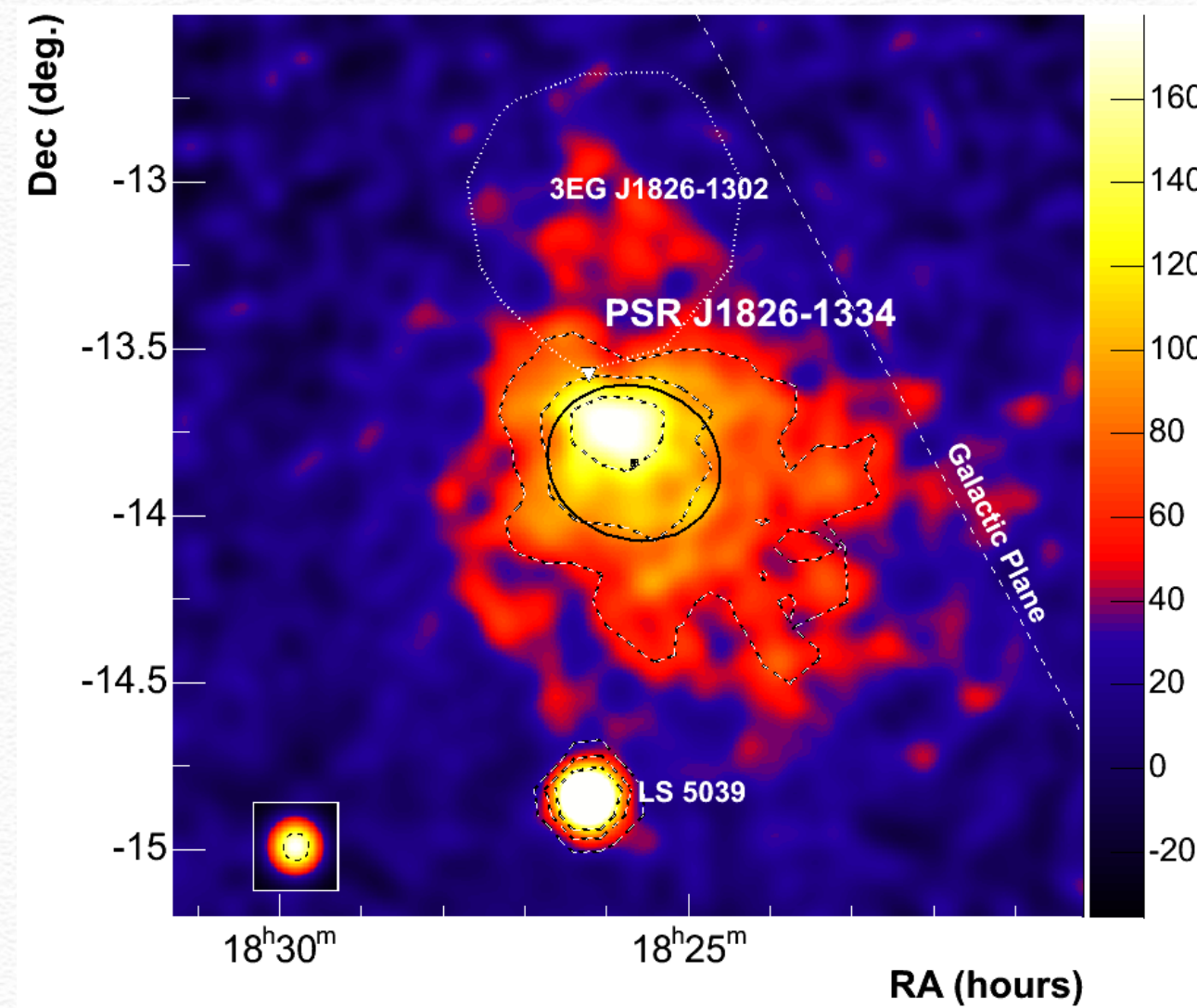
$$B \leq 100 \mu\text{G} \rightarrow E_{\max} \rightarrow 1 \text{PeV}$$

100 TeV - 1 PeV gamma-rays: critical and unbiased to find E_{\max}

efficiency of gamma-ray production

Crab is effective electron accelerator but not effective gamma-ray emitter
because of $B \geq 100\mu\text{G}$, $\kappa \sim 10^{-3}$

other (“standard”) PWNe are effective accelerators/effective gamma-ray emitters



$$t \geq t_{\text{cool}}, \quad \kappa = t_{\text{Sy}}/t_{\text{IC}} \approx 1(B/3\mu\text{G})^{-2}$$

this compensates the smaller spin-down luminosities of “standard” PWNe

robust (assumption-free!) derivation of spatial and energy distribution of multi-TeV electrons
absolutely unique in astrophysics; great for development of models, theories, concepts

spatial- and energy- distributions of UHE electrons - direct measurement of of the diffusion coefficient

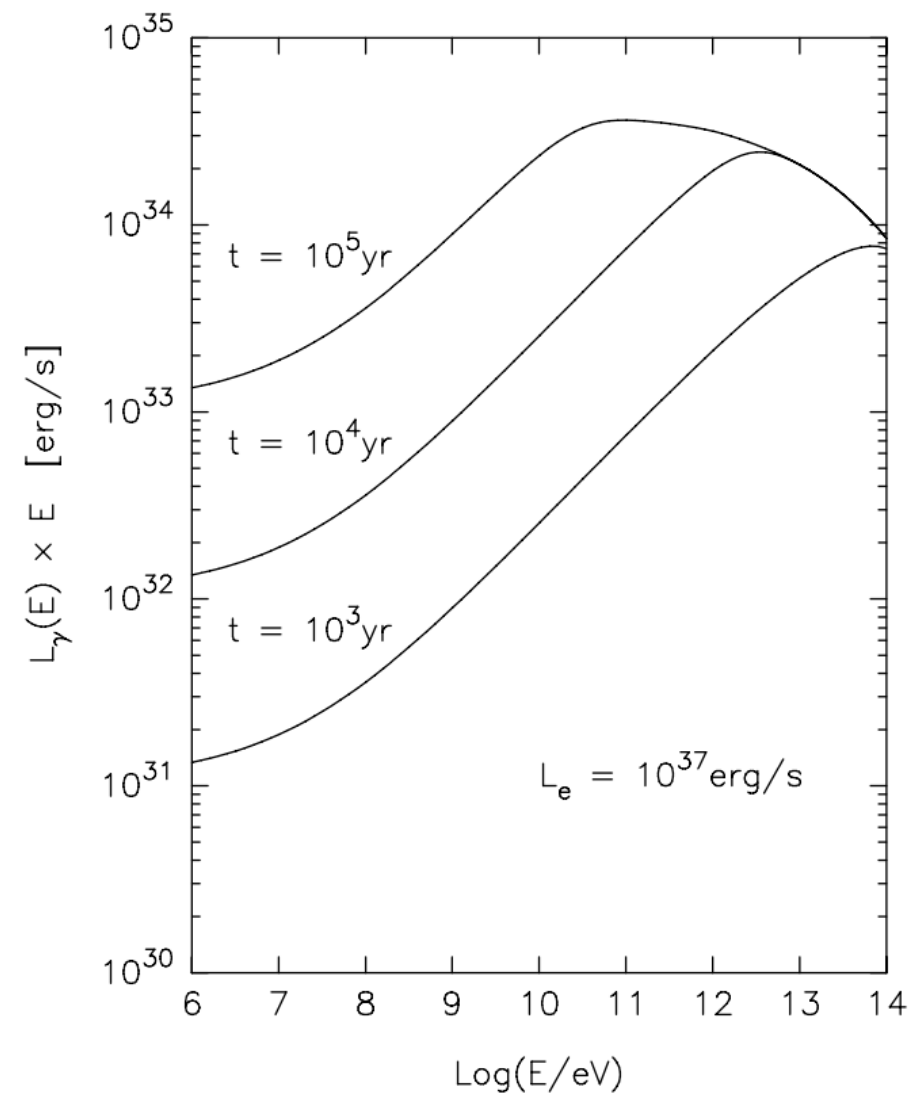


Fig. 4.14 The γ -ray luminosity of the expanding “cloud” of relativistic electrons at different epochs. A constant electron injection rate of $L_e = 10^{37}$ erg/s with a power-law acceleration spectrum ($\Gamma = 2$) extending up to 10^{15} eV is assumed. The magnetic field is $B_{\text{ISM}} = 3 \mu\text{G}$, the ambient gas density is $n = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and energy density of O/IR starlight radiation is $w_{\text{IR}} = 0.5 \text{ eV/cm}^3$.

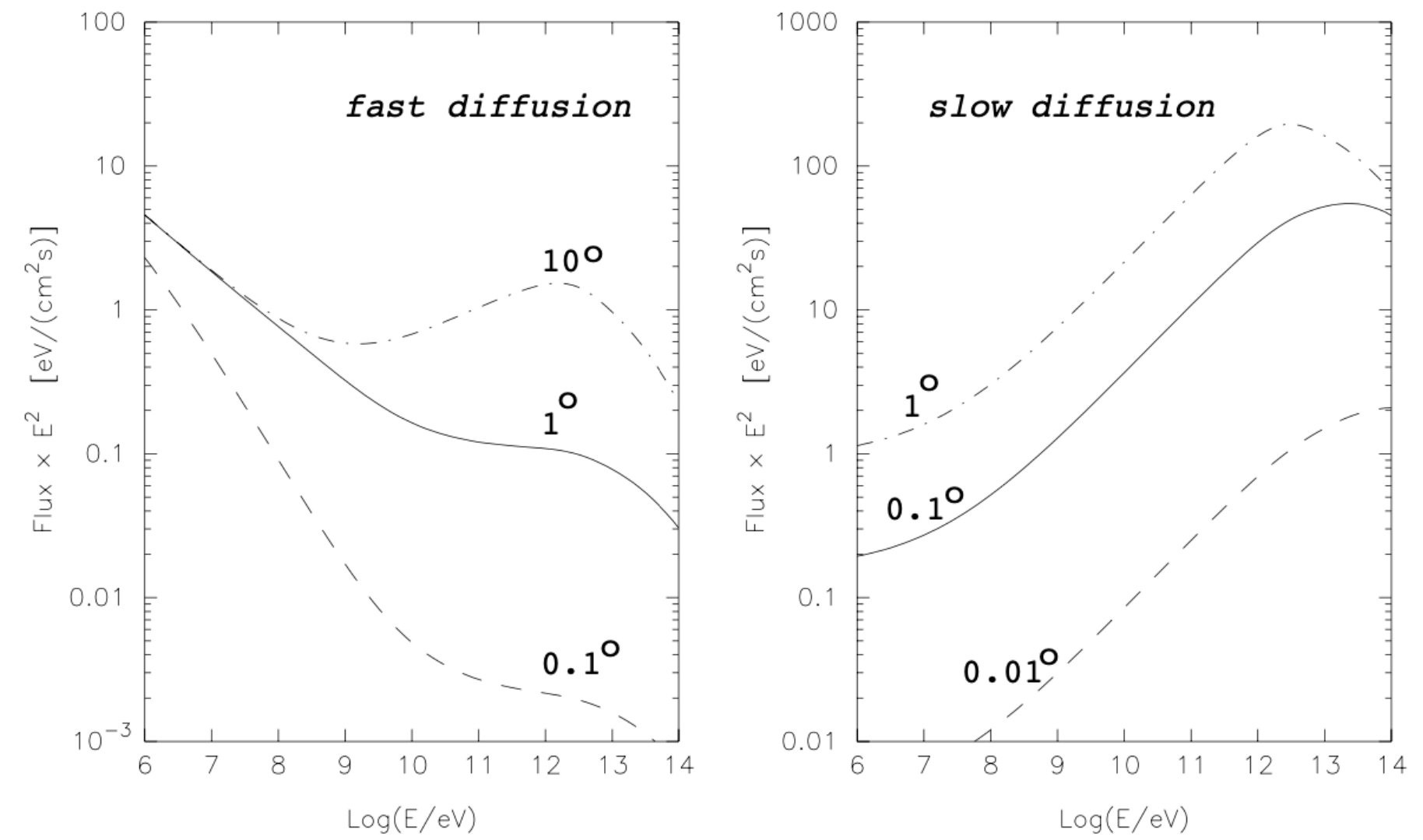
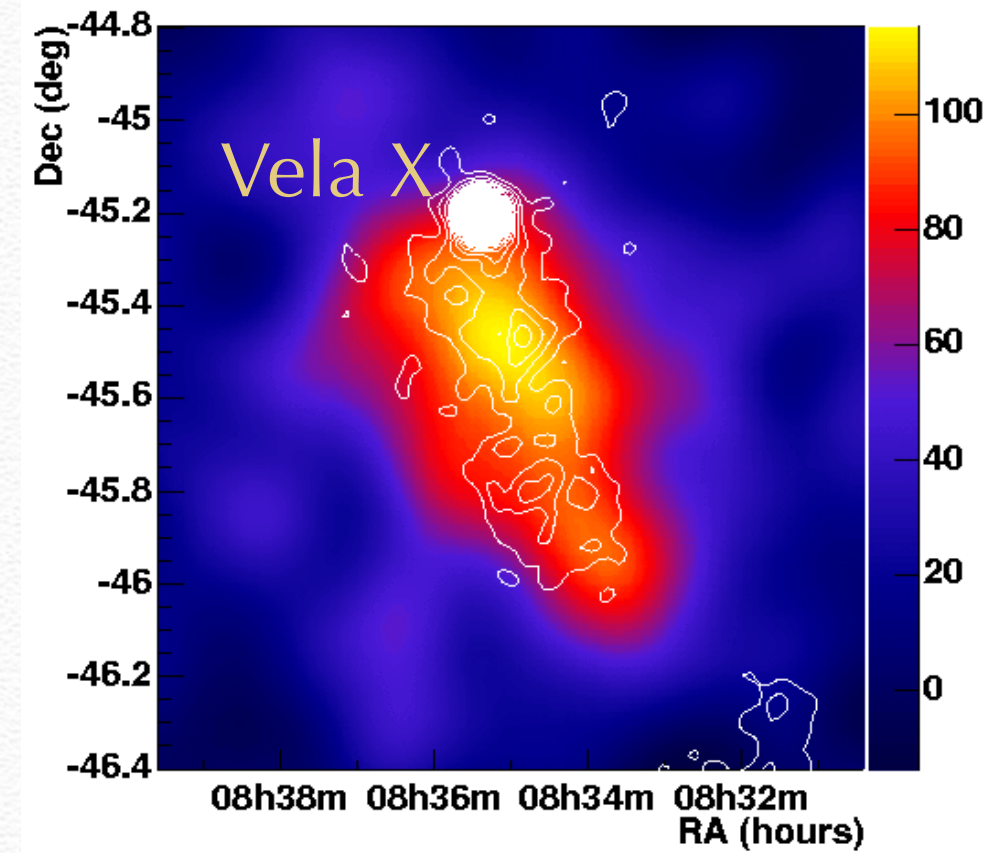
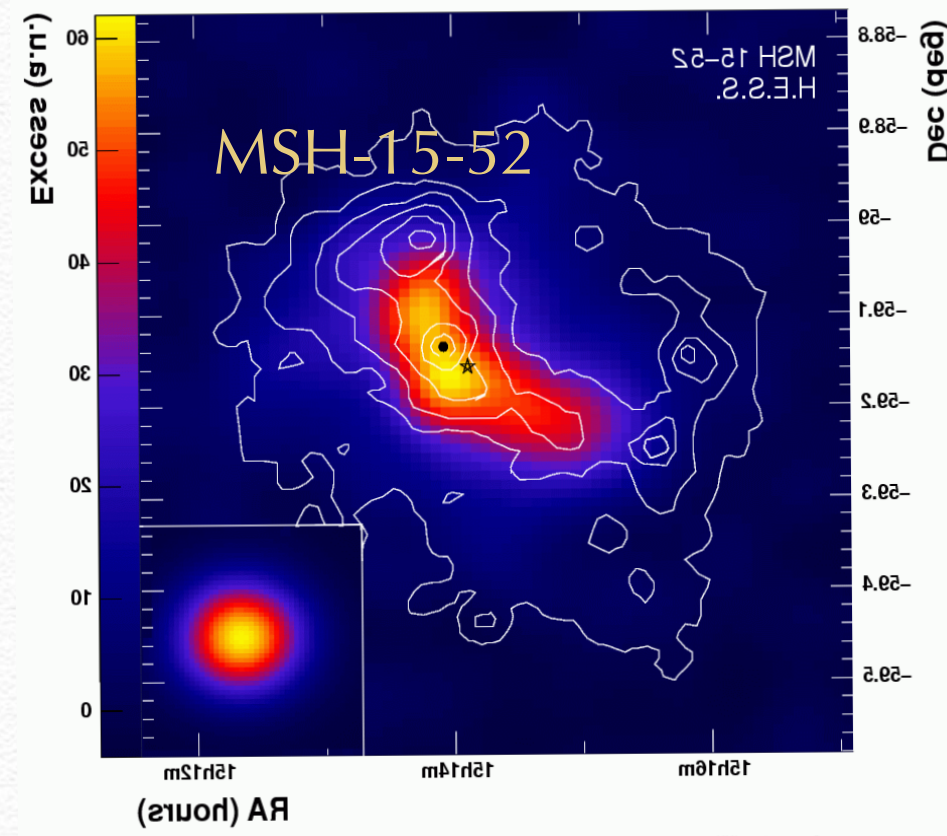
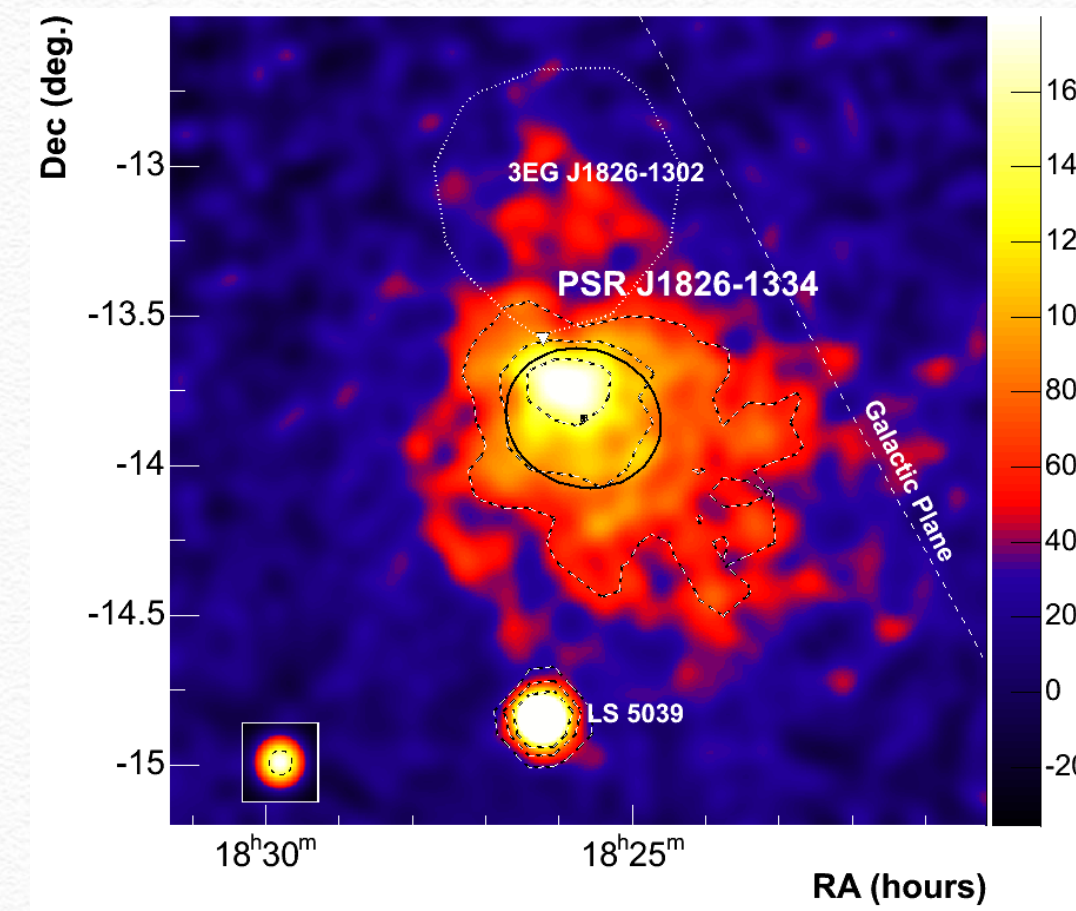


Fig. 4.15 IC γ -ray fluxes expected within different detection angles from an electron accelerator located at a distance of 0.5 kpc. The injection rate of electrons is $L_e = 3.5 \cdot 10^{36}$ erg/s. **(a)** (left) fast diffusion – power-law diffusion coefficient $D(E) = D_*(E/10\text{GeV})^{-\delta}$ with $D_* = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ and $\delta = 0.5$; steep spectrum of accelerated electrons with $\Gamma = 2.4$. **(b)** (right) slow diffusion – constant diffusion coefficient with $D_* = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ and $\delta = 0$; hard spectrum of accelerated electrons with $\Gamma = 2$.

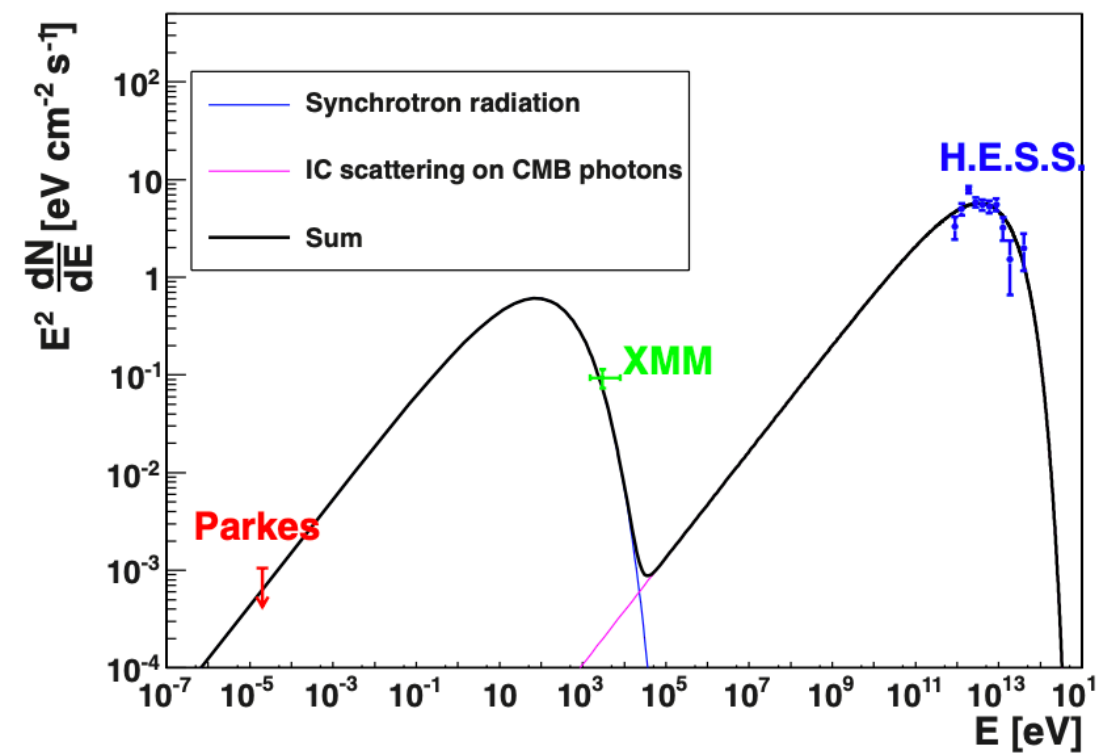
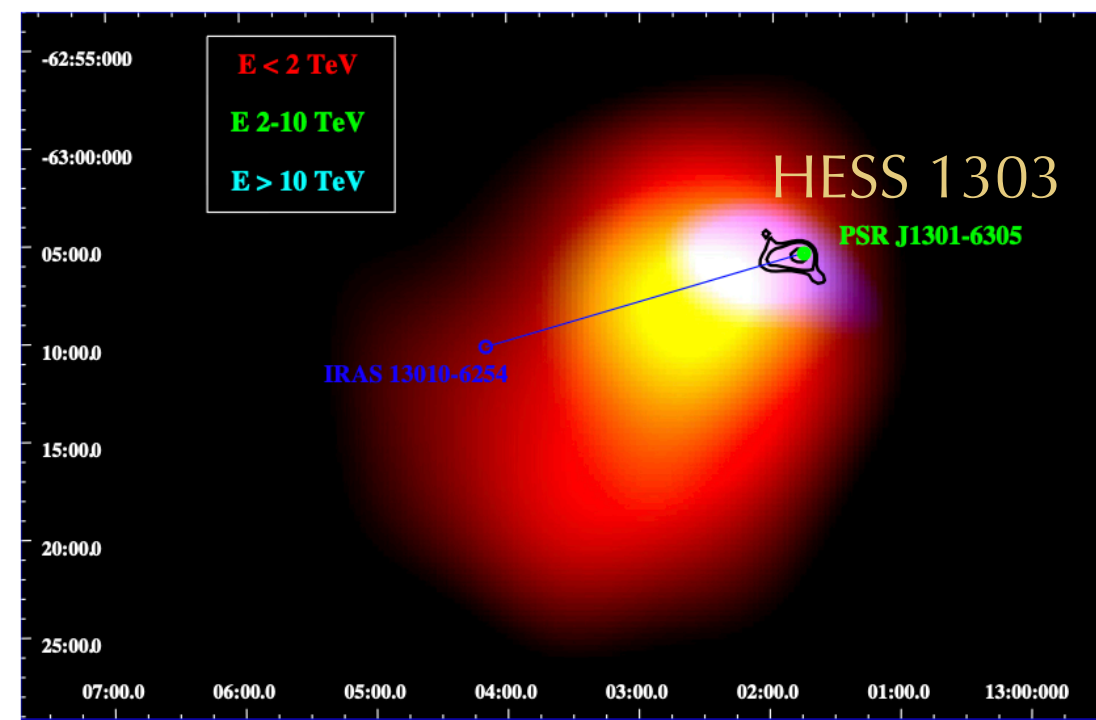
H.E.S.S. "gems" - standard PWNe



PWN+Halo?



"Classical" HESS PWNe



unusual/unexpected properties very low B-field energy dependent morphology $>10 \text{ TeV}$ around the pulsar; extended $< 2 \text{ TeV}$

very low B-field: $B \sim 1.4 \mu\text{G}$ (one-zone model)

PWN or a Halo ?

PWN or Halo ? or PWN+HALO ?

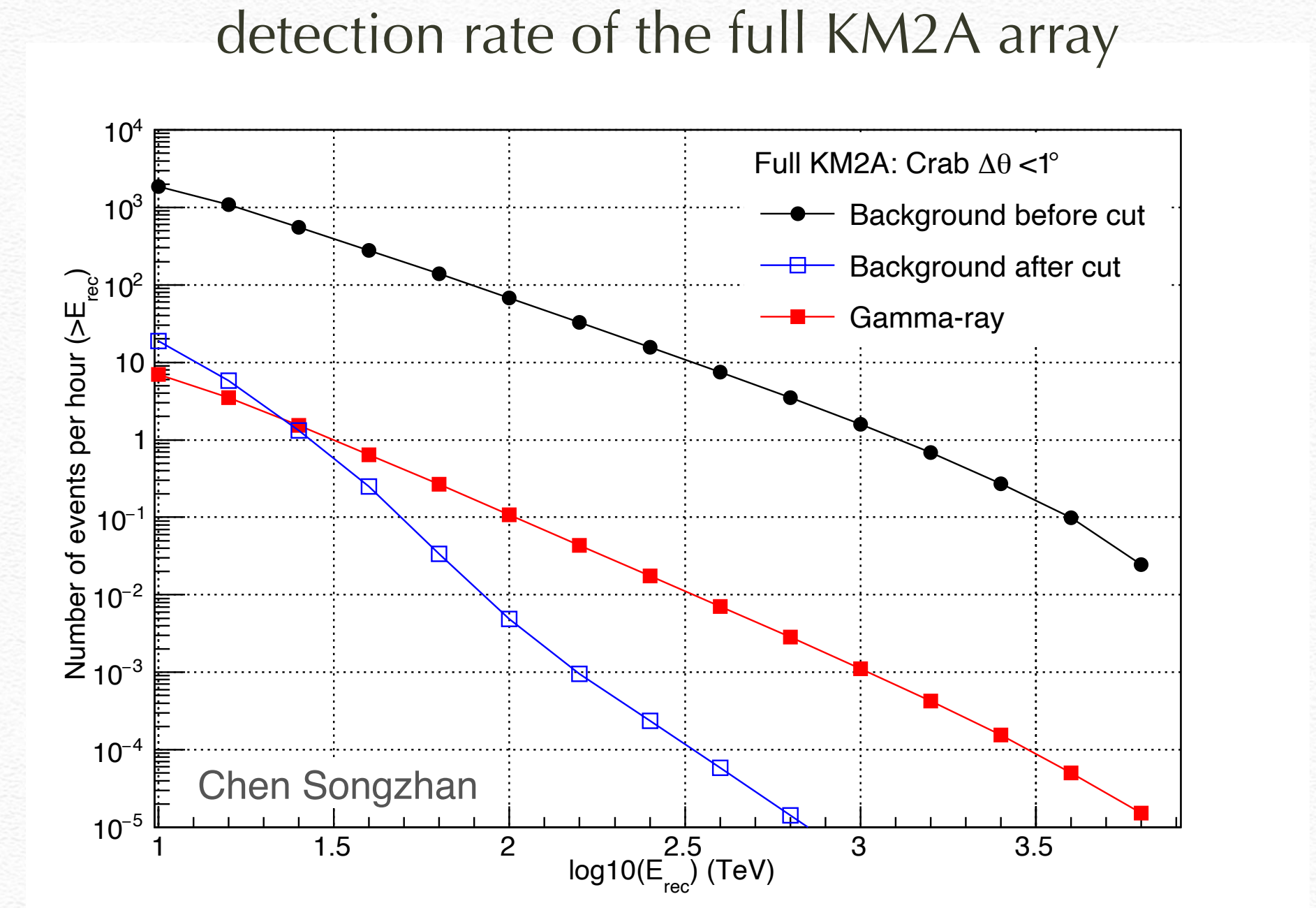
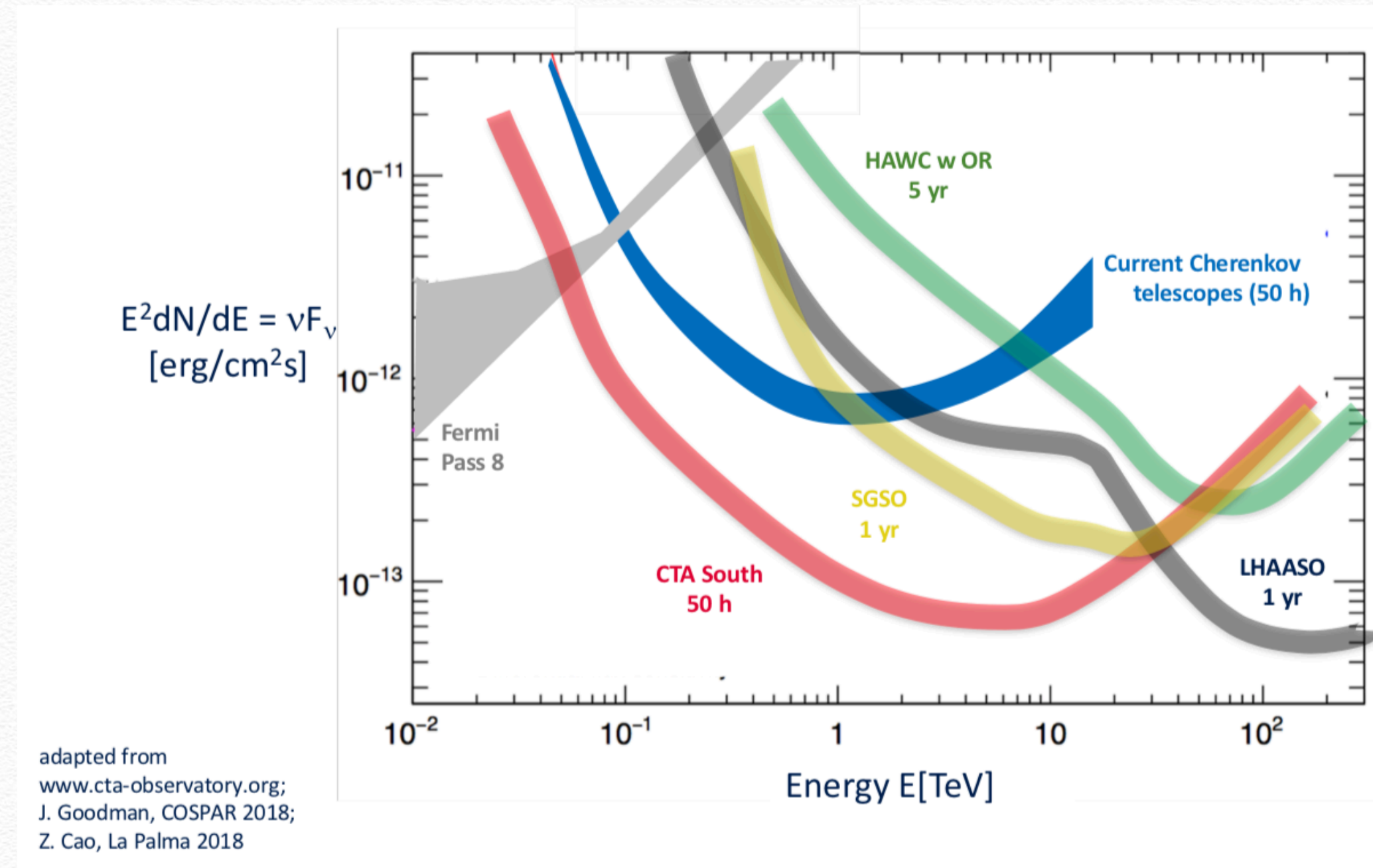
sources with linear size $L \sim 10\text{-}20$ pc - a real problem to be interpreted as PWN,
only with J 1825 no problem with PWN

on the other hand for Geminga Halo is discussed as a Halo ("electron diffusion")

other galactic extended sources different from Pulsar Halos?

- leptonic or hadronic Halos around SNRs
- stellar clusters and related super bubbles
- giant molecular clouds
- Hadronic halos around pulsars?

current/future detectors and expectations



KM2A - PSF: 25 arcsin at 20 TeV, 12 arcsin at 100 TeV
 KM2A - energy resolution around or less 20%

over next ~5 years
 after 2025

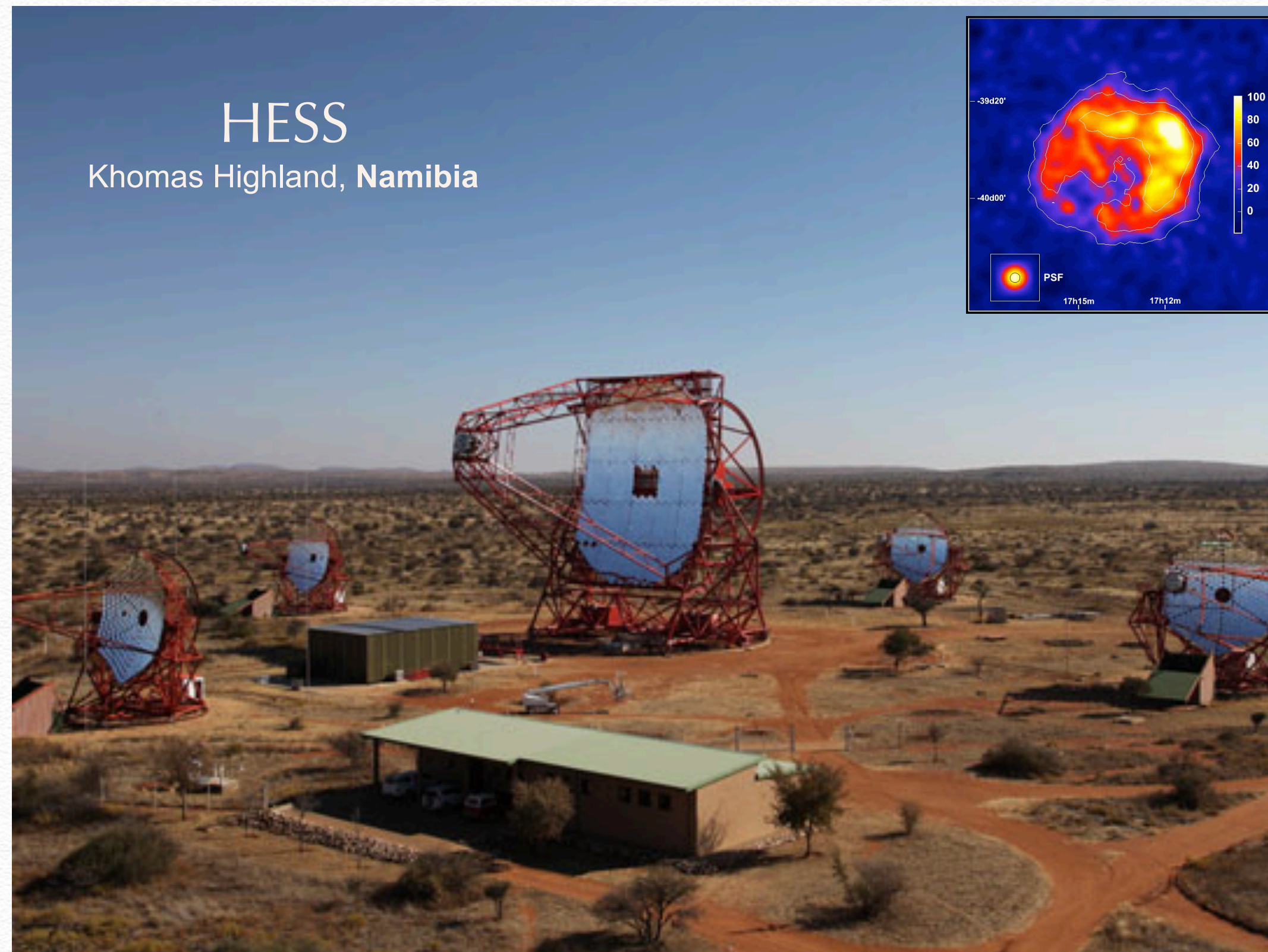
LHAASO +HESS/VERITAS
 LHAASO+CTA North
 SWGO+CTA South

significant coverage of the sky
 full coverage

HESS and LHAASO

TeV energies: VHE

PeV energies: UHE



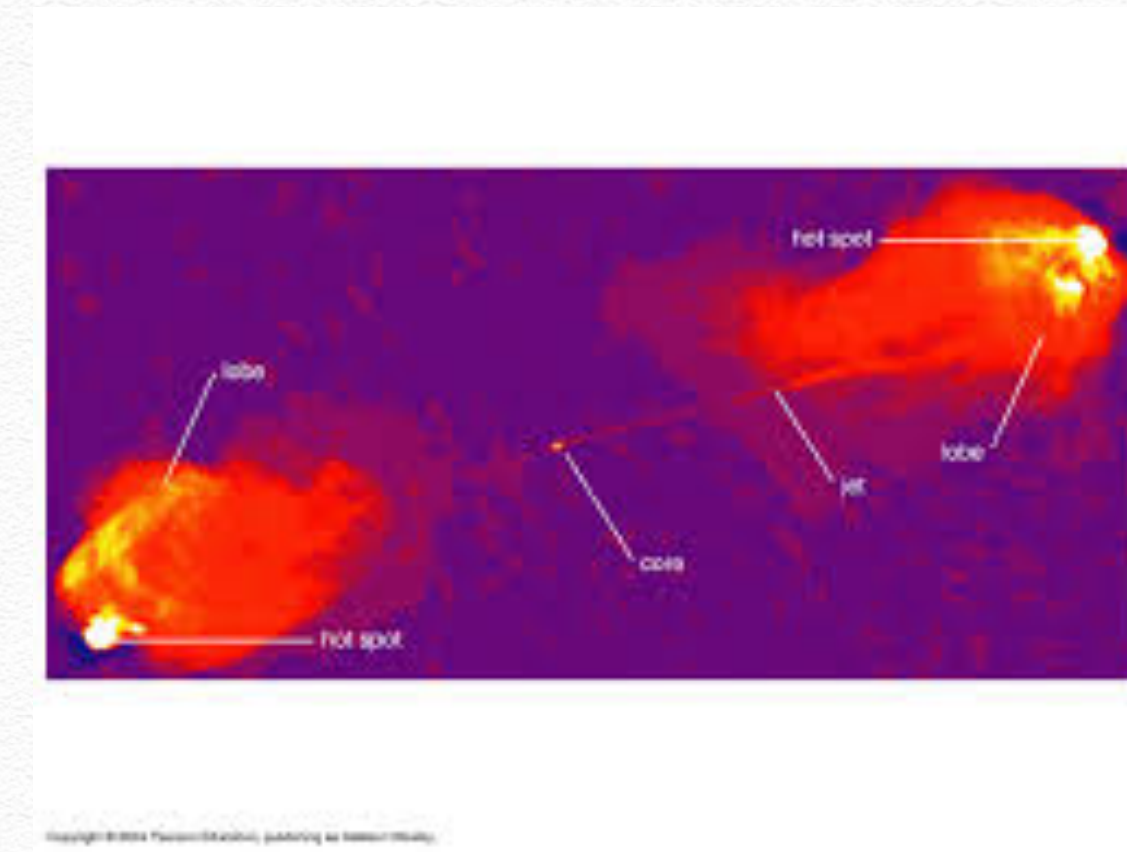
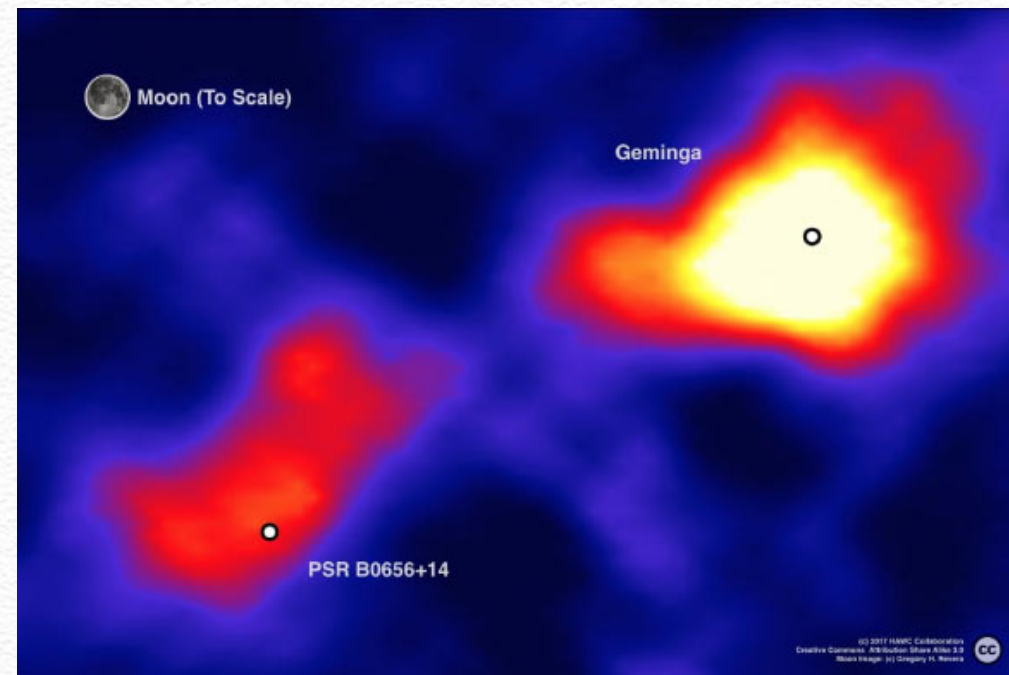
1 TeV = 10^{12} eV

LHAASO
Sichuan, China, 4410 m asl

The image shows the LHAASO observatory in Sichuan, China, at an altitude of 4410 m asl. A detailed diagram of the detector layout is shown, including a 150 m scale bar. The diagram labels various components: HAWC (High Altitude Water Cherenkov) detector, WCDA (Water Cherenkov Detector Array), WFCTA (Water Cherenkov Telescope Array), MD (Muon Detector), and ED (Electron Detector).

- 5195 Scintillators**
 - 1 m² each
 - 15 m spacing
- 1171 Muon Detectors**
 - 36 m² each
 - 30 m spacing
- 3000 Water Cherenkov Cells**
 - 25 m² each
- 12 Wide Field Cherenkov Telescopes**

1 PeV = 10^{15} eV



Cygnus A in radio

imaging in VHE/UHE gamma-rays !

formation of Pulsar Halos are essentially TeV (PeV) phenomenon

Ground based gamma-ray detectors are perfectly designed for IC channel of radiation

synchrotron X-ray (also MeV?) for the Synchrotron channel of radiation

X-rays - current detectors (XMM, NuStar) and of course eRosita!

0.2-10 keV (FoV 1 deg), 6-30 keV (0.5 deg)

Diffuse TeV/PeV and hard X-ray background of the Galactic Plane ? (Aharonin&Atoyan 2000)

Broad-band diffuse gamma ray emission of the galactic disk

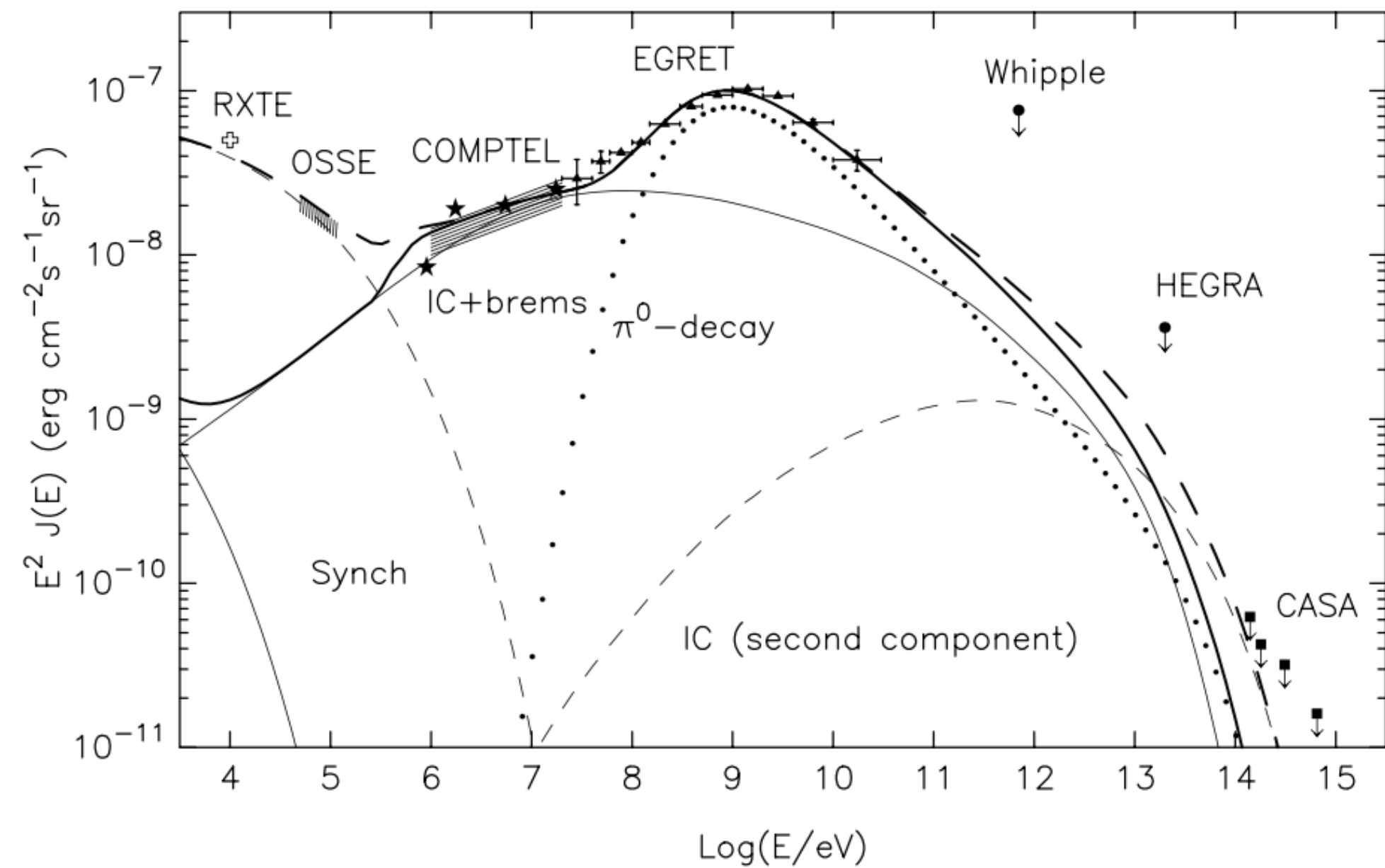


Fig. 7. The diffuse background radiation from the Galactic plane corresponding to the two-component model for the relativistic electrons. The heavy solid line corresponds to the fluxes produced by the electrons of the first (main) population, with the same model parameters as in Fig. 6, but for $\delta = 0.7$ and $C_+ = 0.3$, and the heavy dashed line shows the overall fluxes including the contribution from the second ('pulsar wind' – see text) population of electrons accelerated to energies $E_0 = 250 \text{ TeV}$. The local mean magnetic field for the second electron population is $B_2 = 25 \mu\text{G}$. Besides the galactic diffuse background γ -radiation detected by COMPTEL and EGRET, the X-ray backgrounds detected by RXTE (Valinia & Marshall 1998) and OSSE (Kinzer et al. 1997), as well as the upper flux limits at very high energies (VHE) reported by Whipple, HEGRA, and CASA-MIA collaborations are also shown.

hard galactic diffuse X-ray emission
can be explained by Pulsar Halos ?

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