



LHAASO Status and prospect

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MoU of Collaboration signed: VERITAS, ANTARES, GVD
MoU under discussion CTAO, MAGIC, IceCube



Bird-eyes' View of LHAASO, March, 2021



Runway of Yading Airport

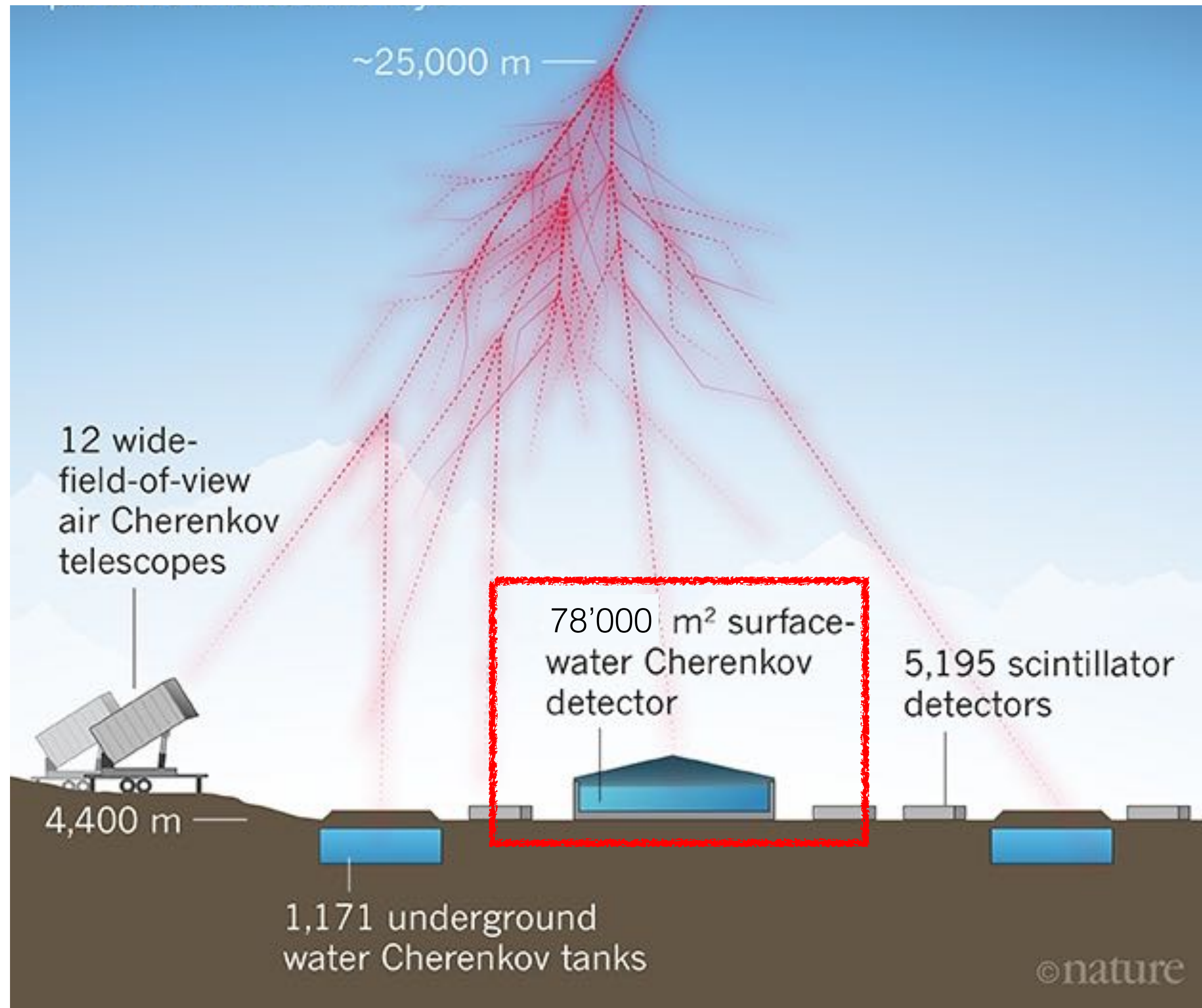
KM2A

WCDA

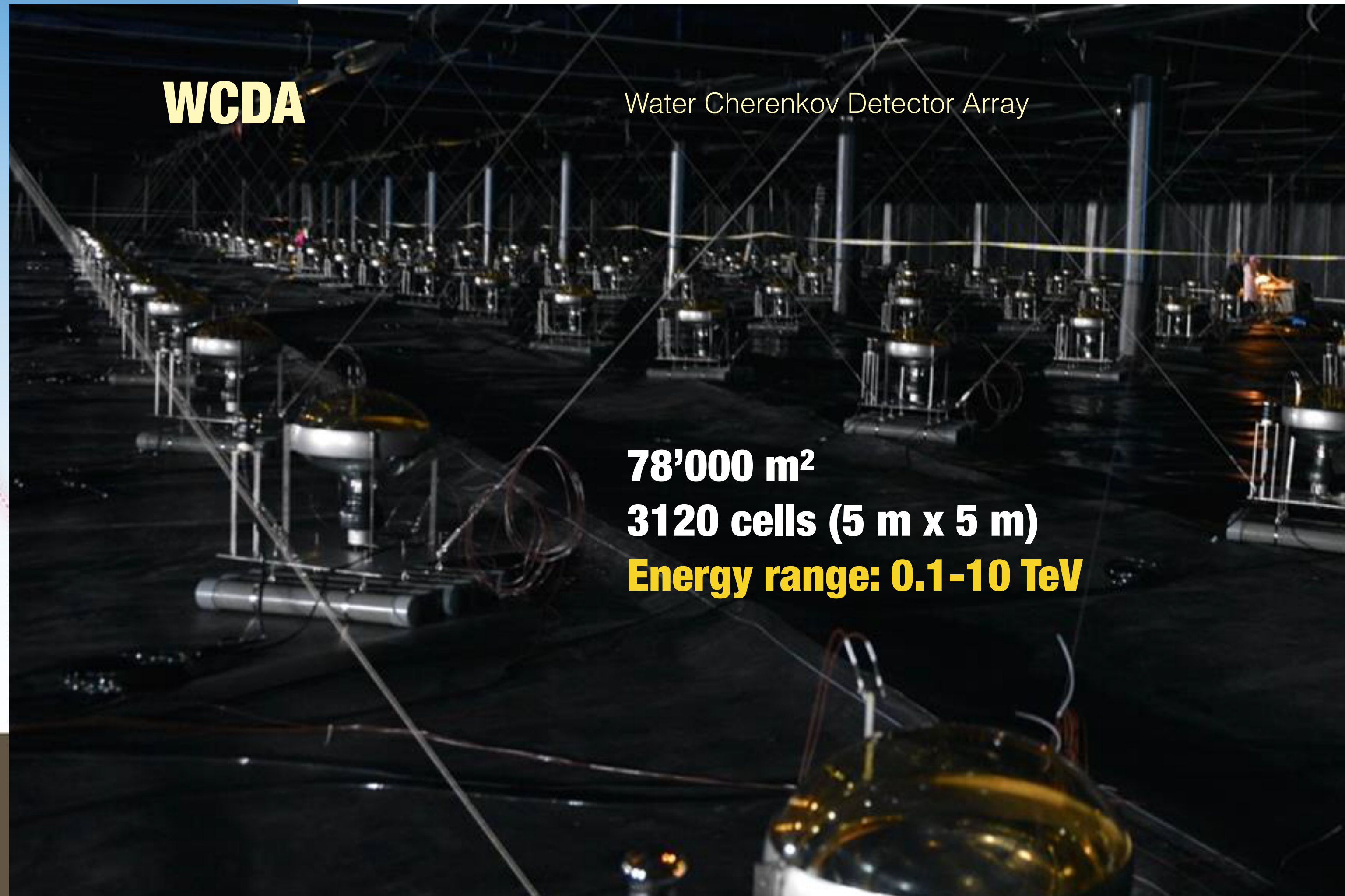
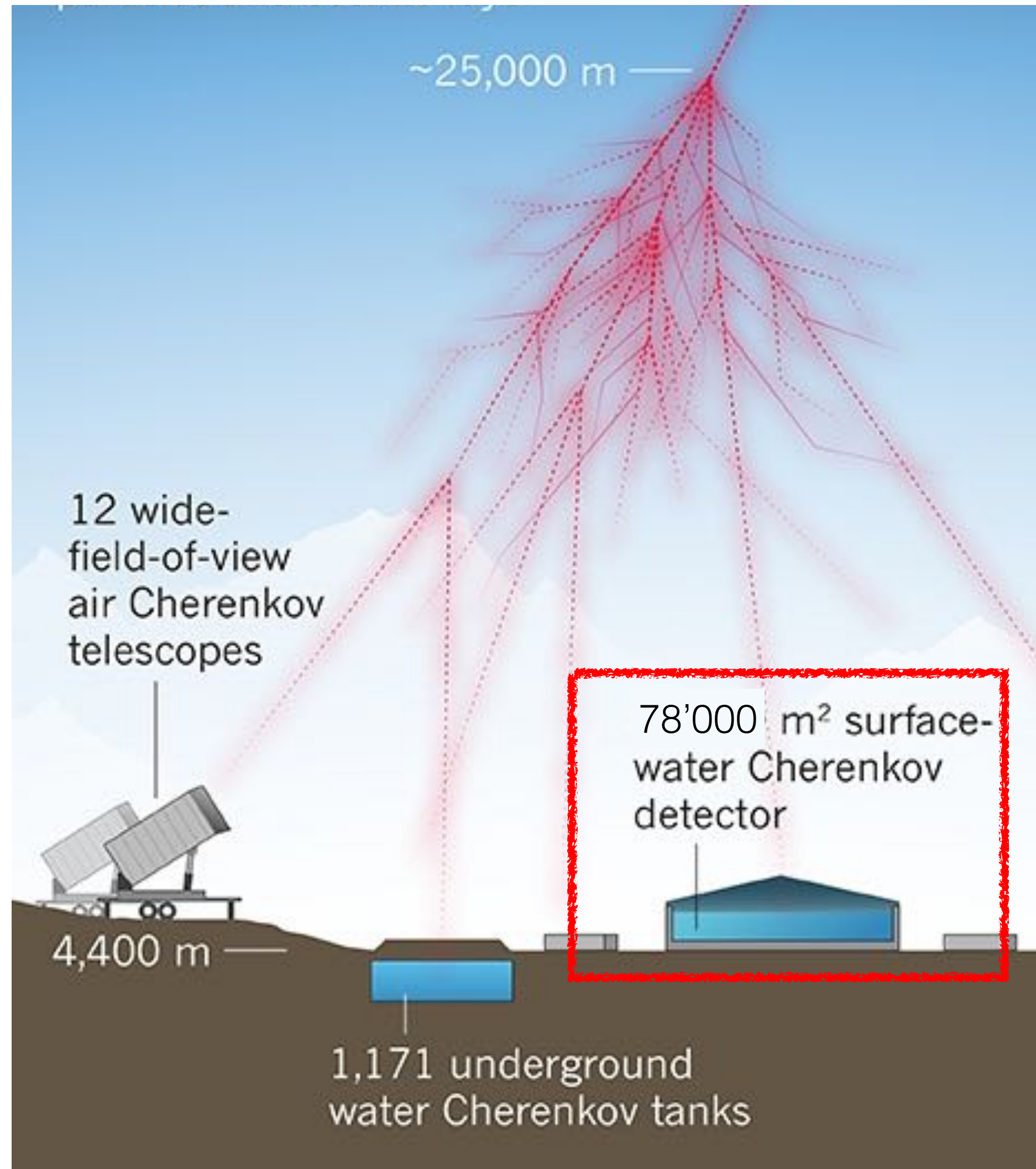


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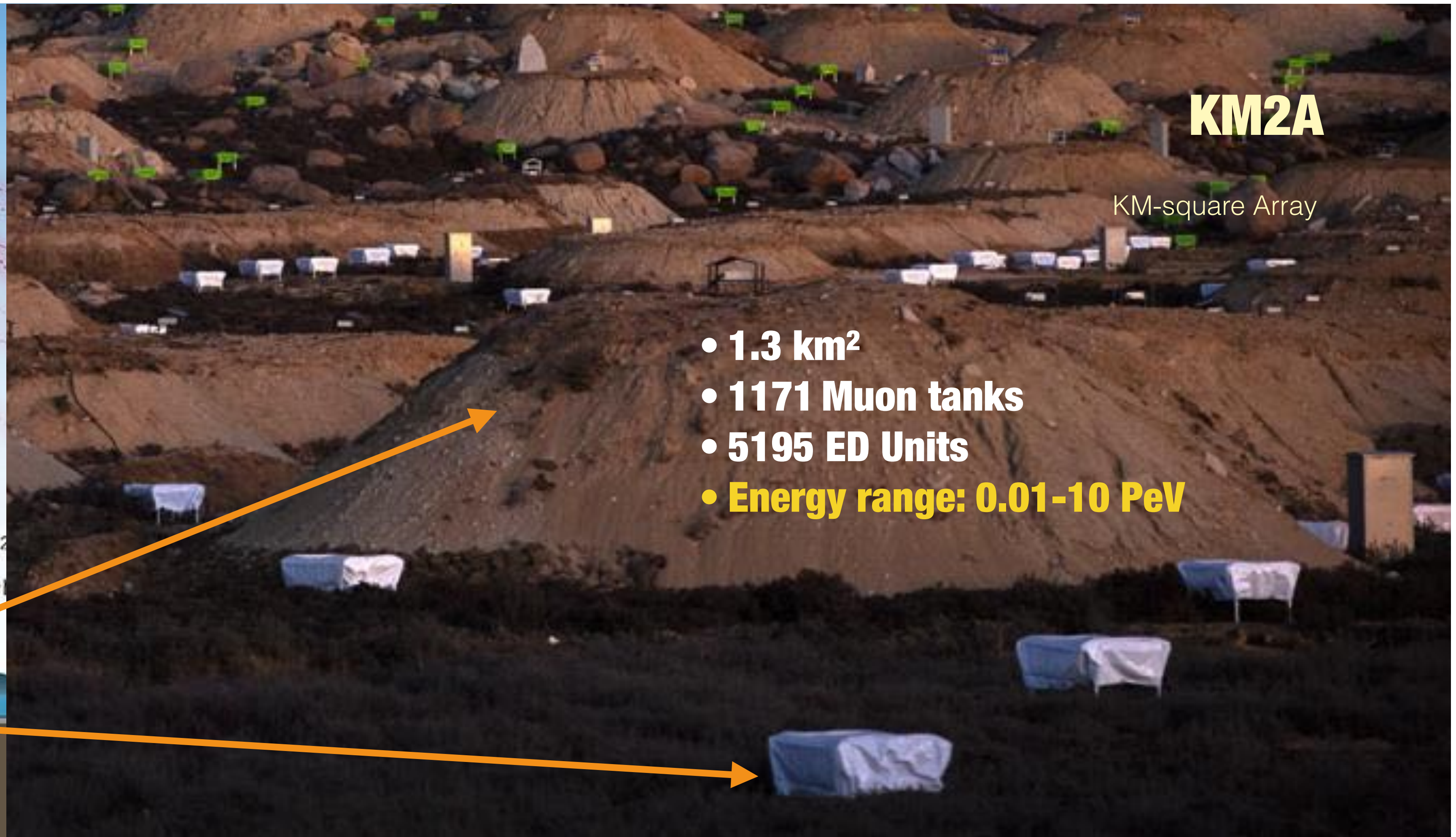
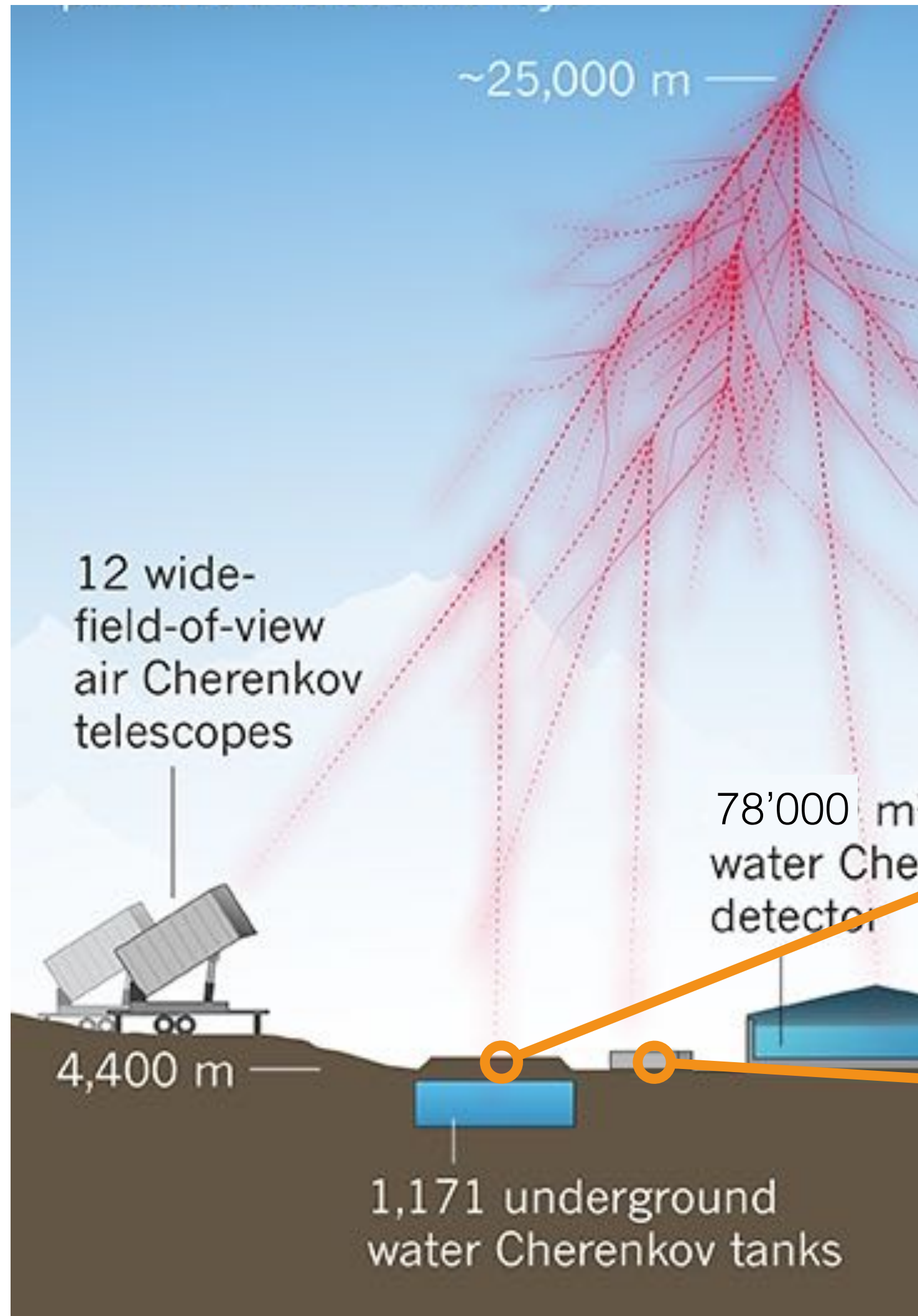
The LHAASO concepts



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~25,000 m

- 18 Telescopes
- FoV: $16^\circ \times 16^\circ$
- Energy: 0.1 100 PeV

12 wide-field-of-view air Cherenkov telescopes

78'00 water detec

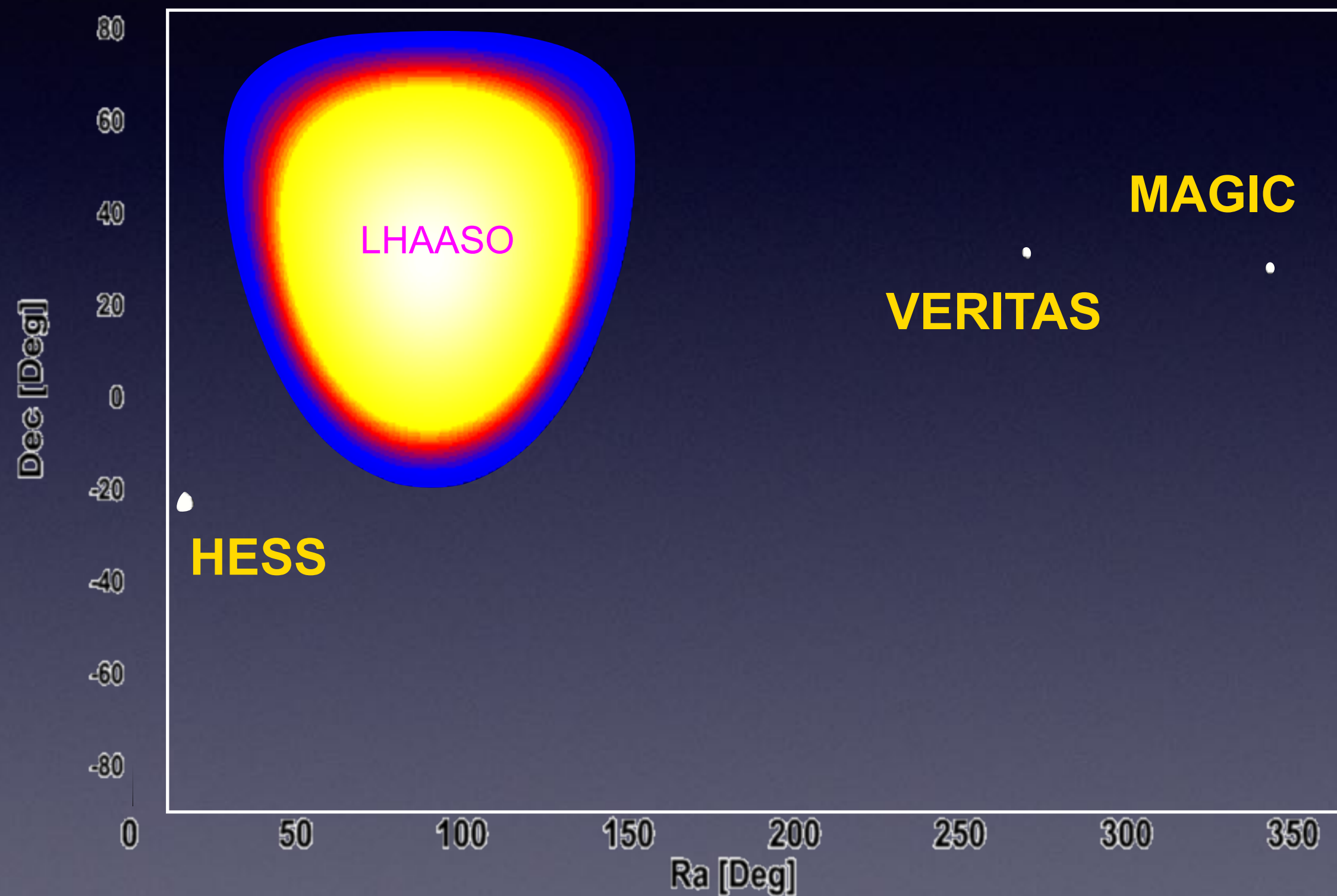
4,400 m

1,171 underground water Cherenkov tanks

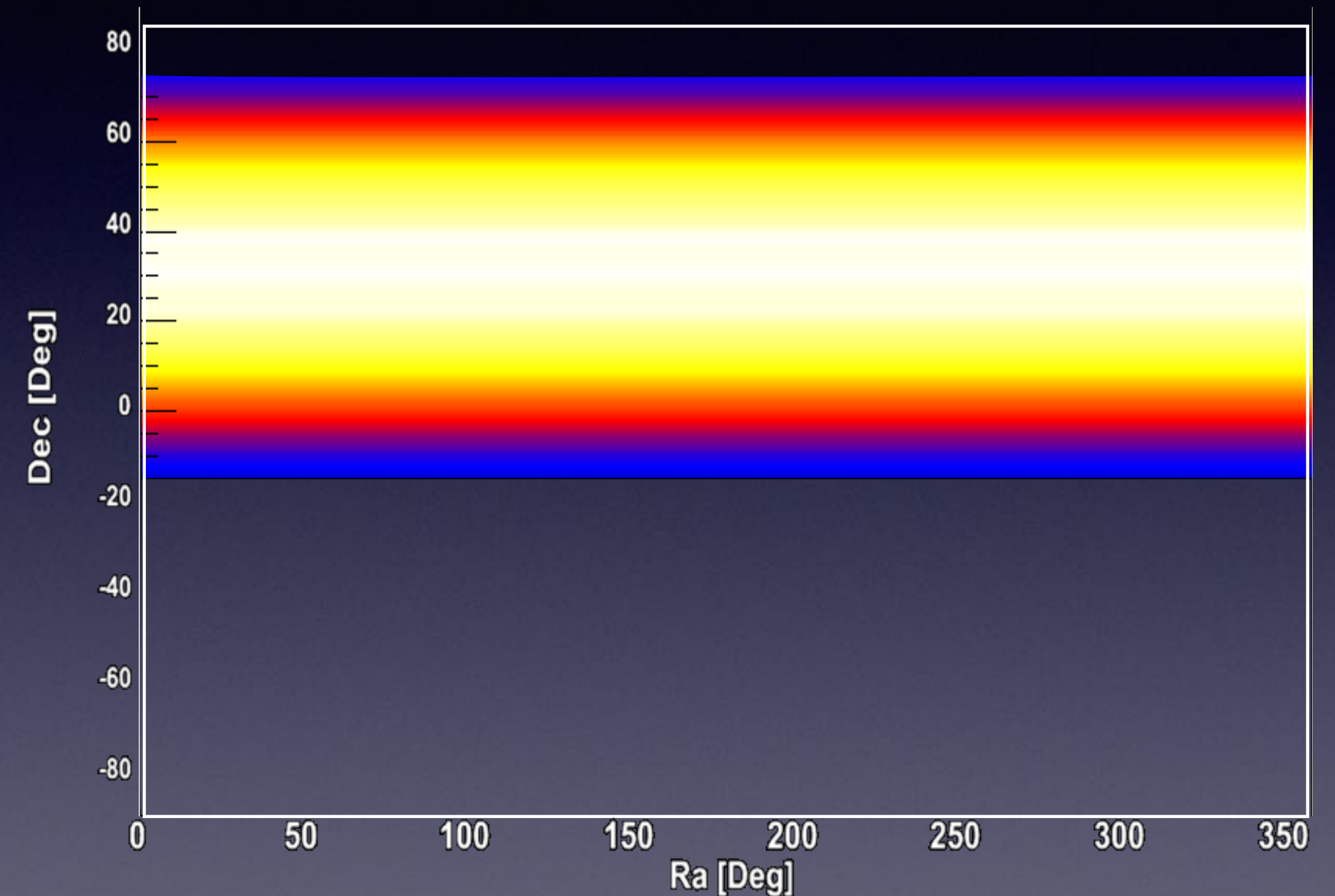
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Wide FoV Cherenkov Telescope Array

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Wide FOV γ -ray Astronomy

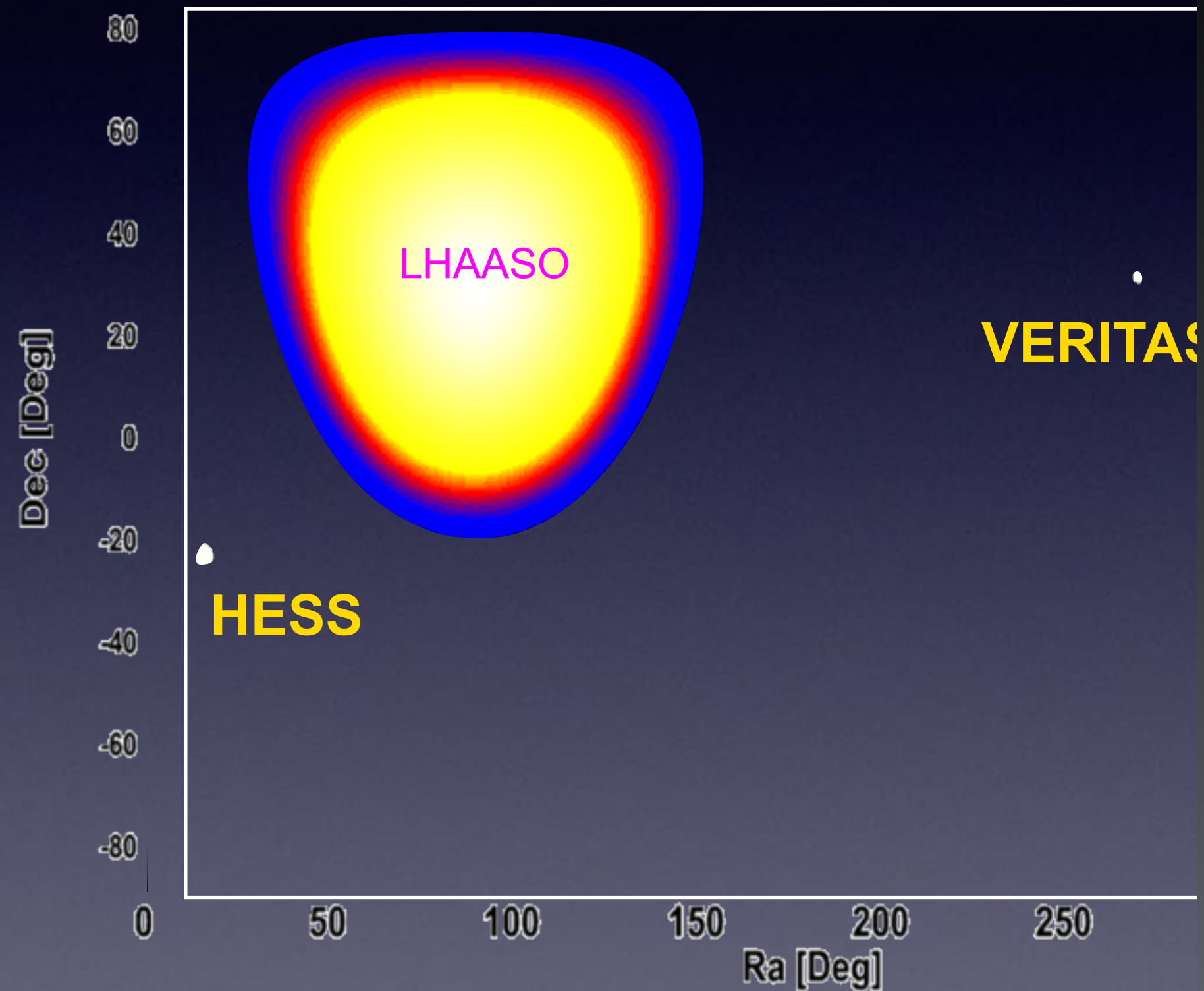


◆ 1/7 of the sky at any moment

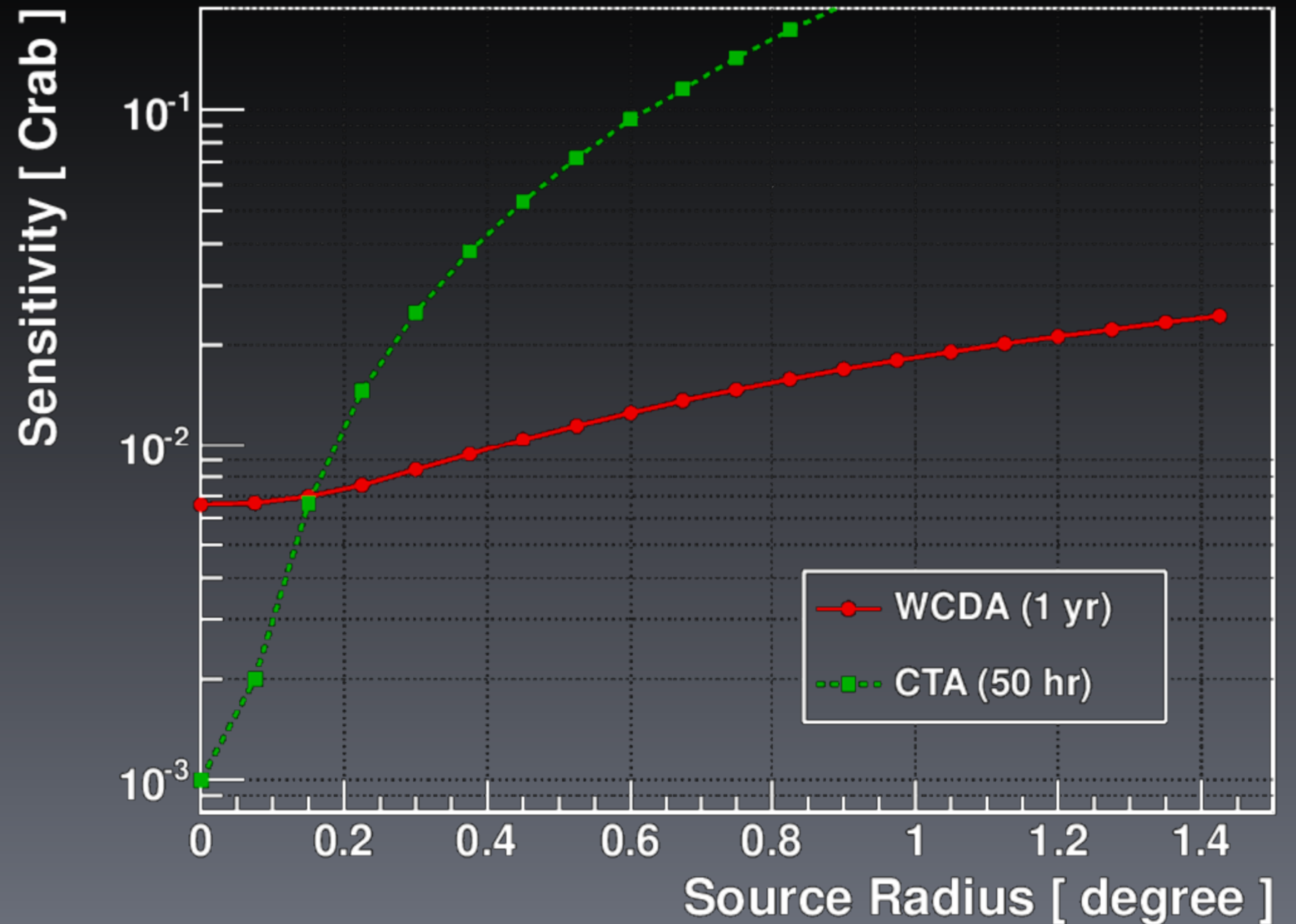


◆ 60% in the sky per day day (24h)

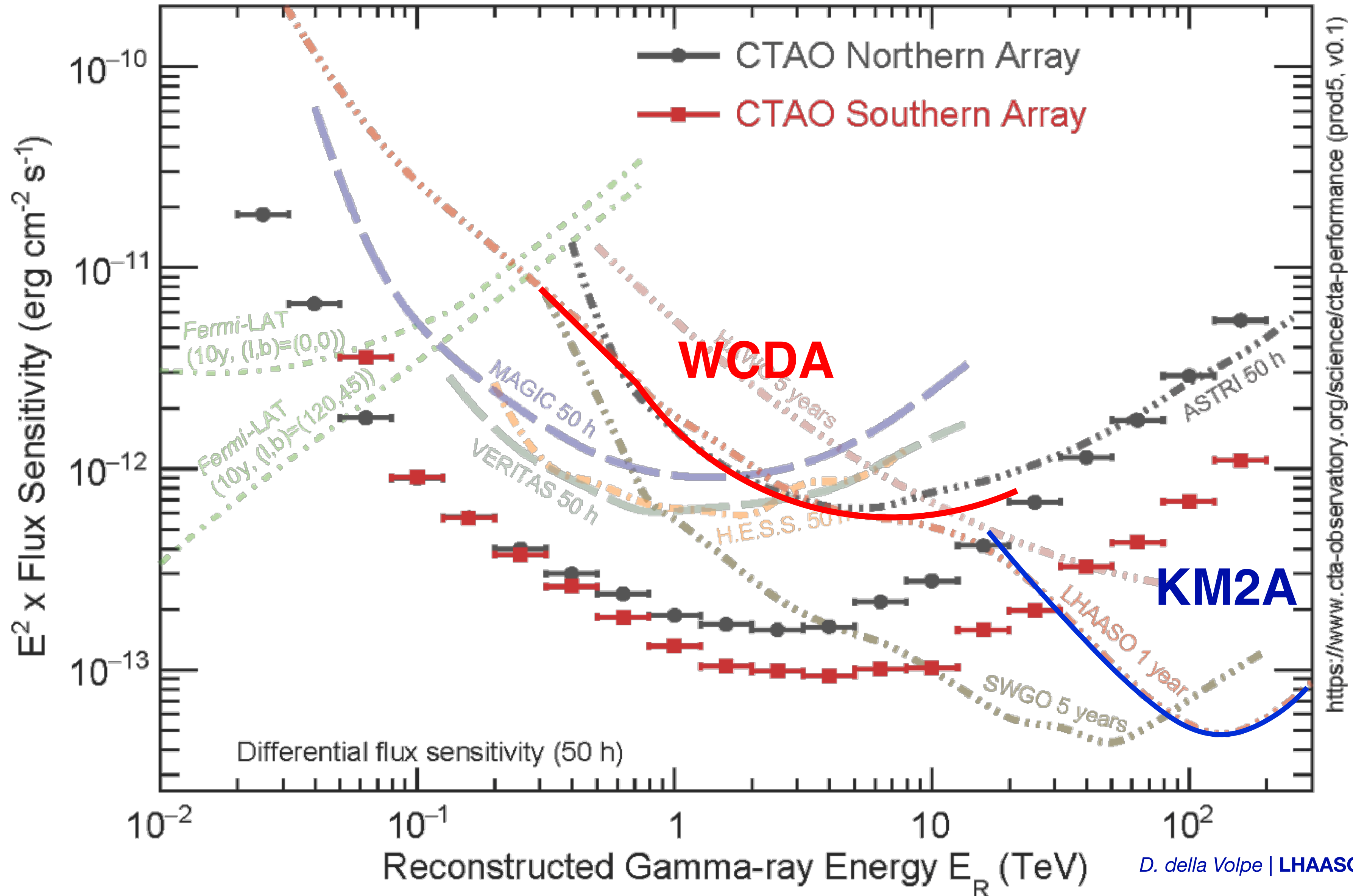
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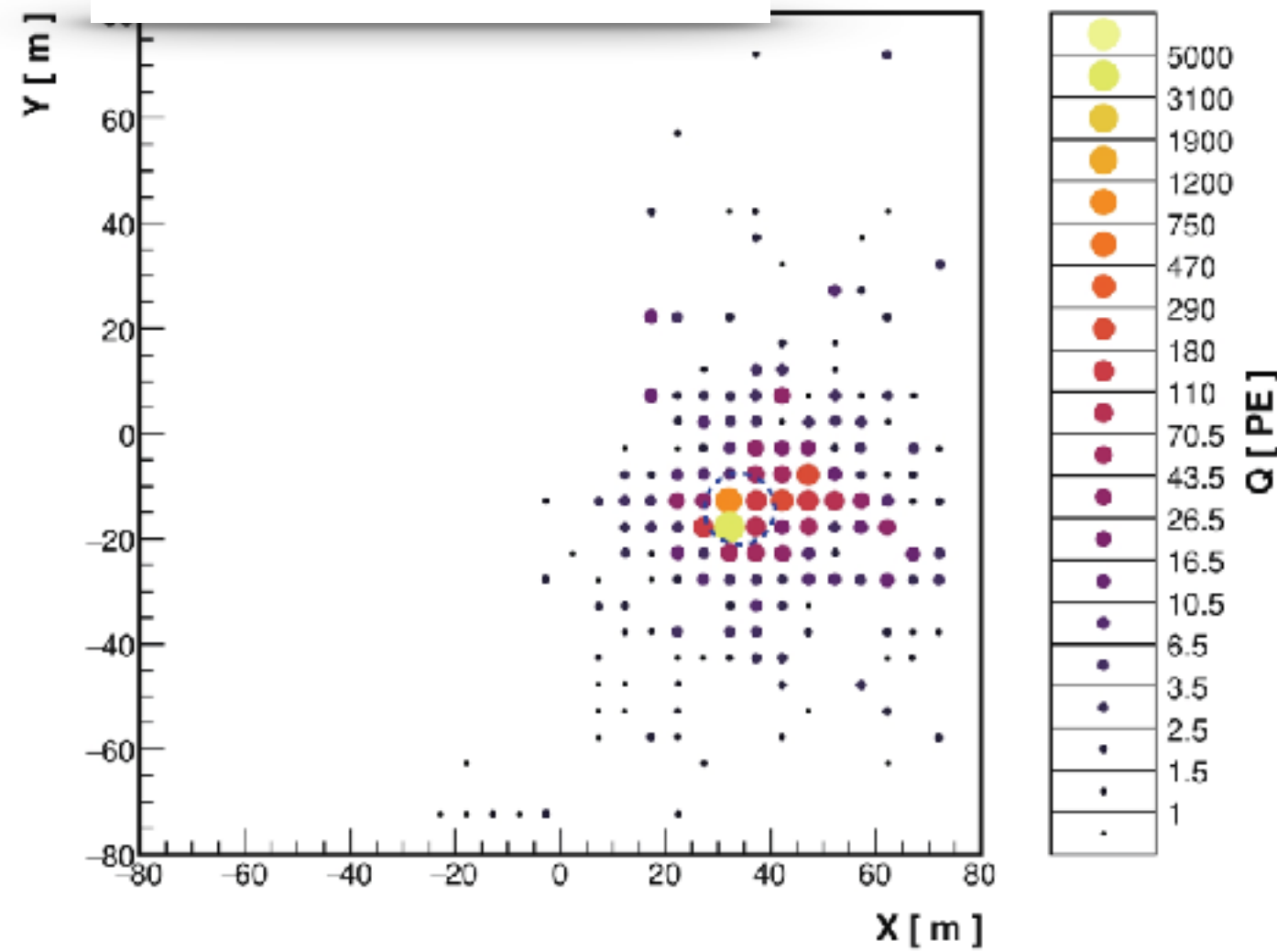


LHAASO Expected Sensitivity

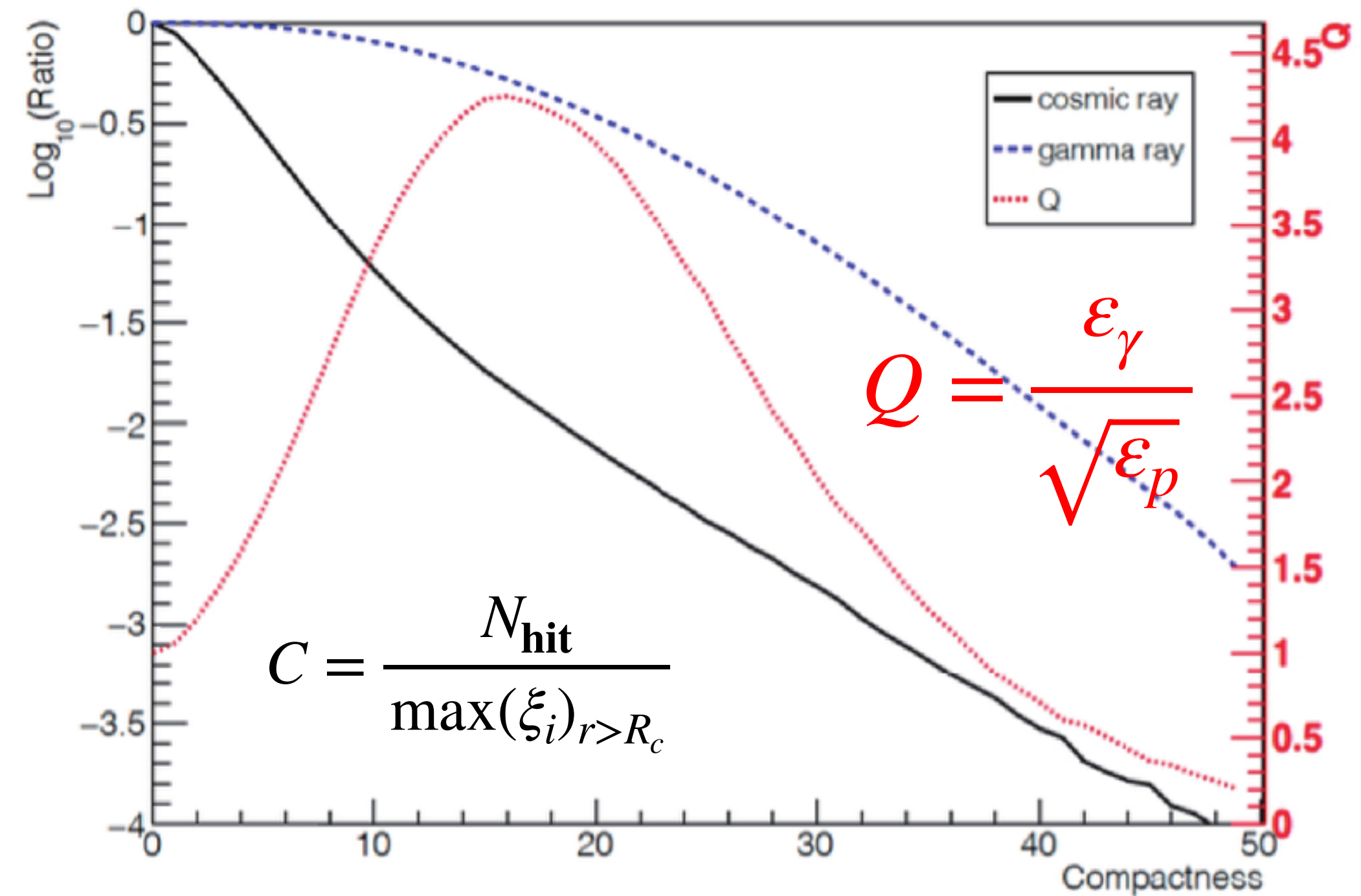
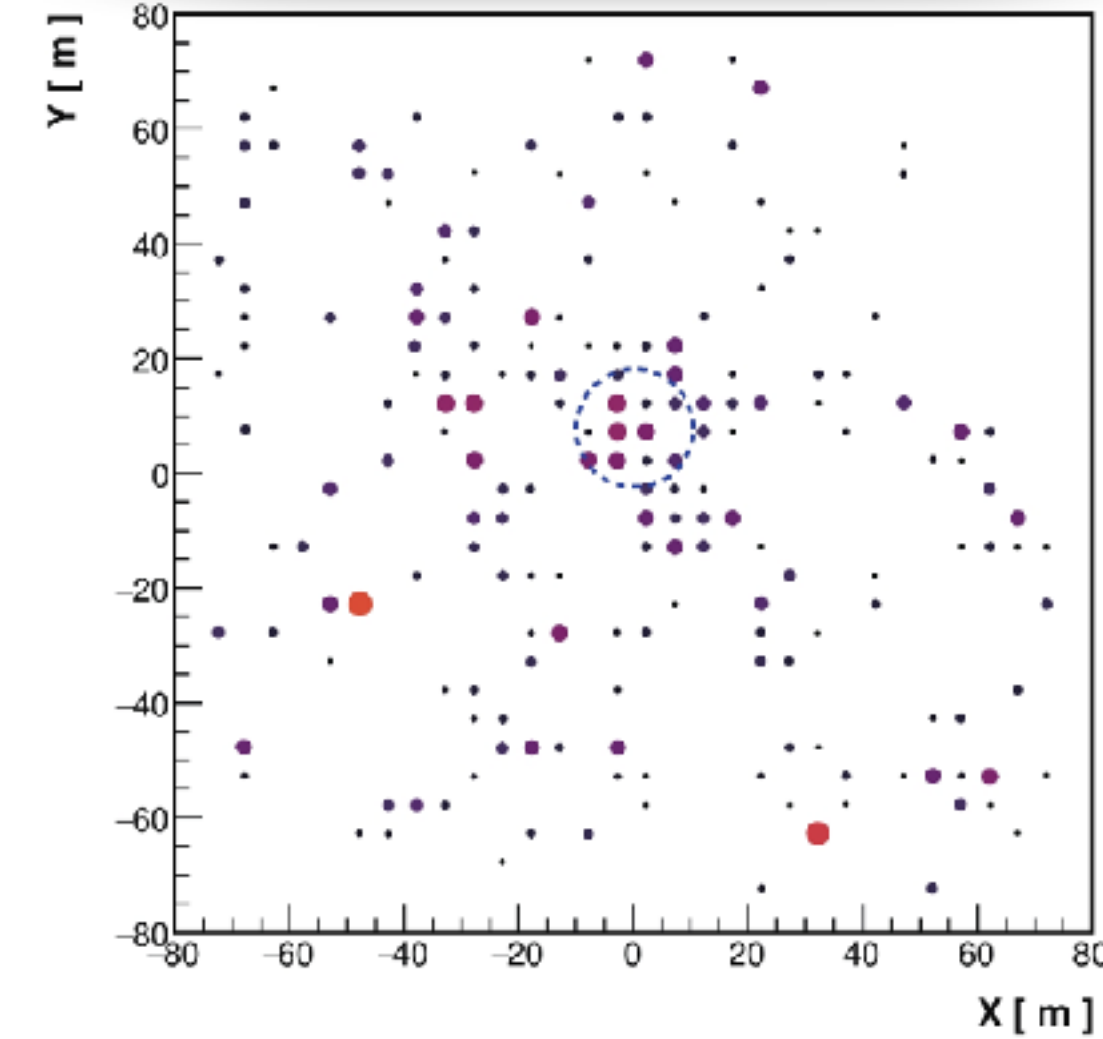


WCDA performance

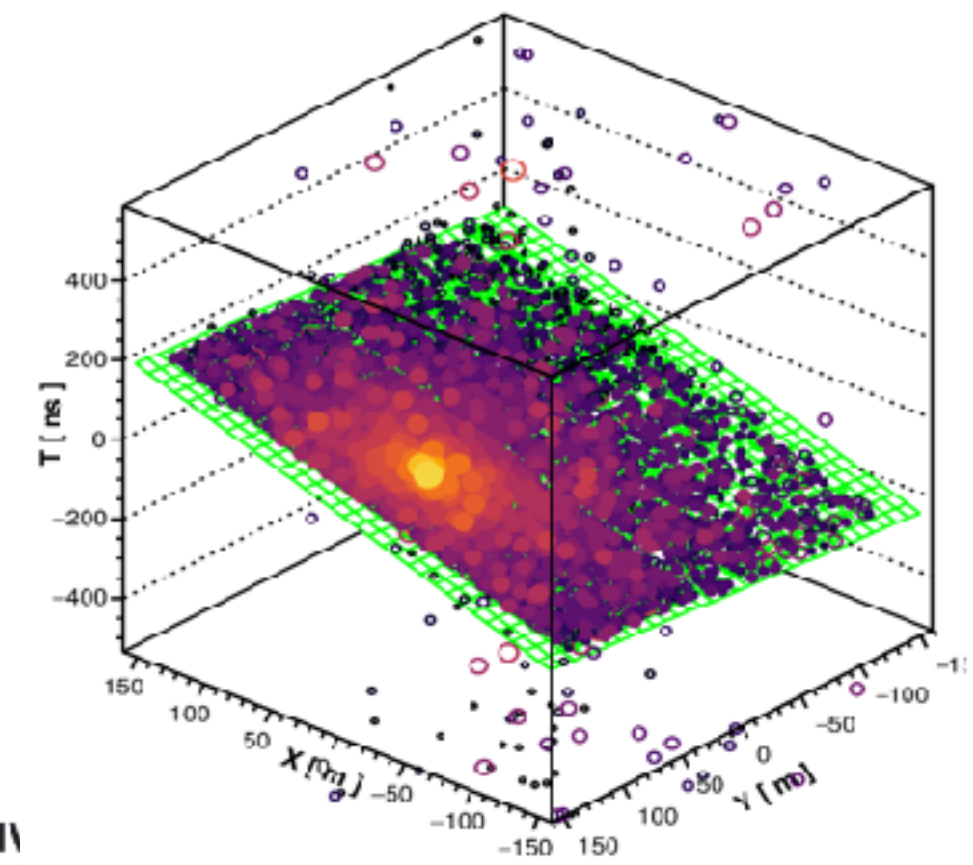
γ -like event $\theta = 160.18 \pm 0.30^\circ$



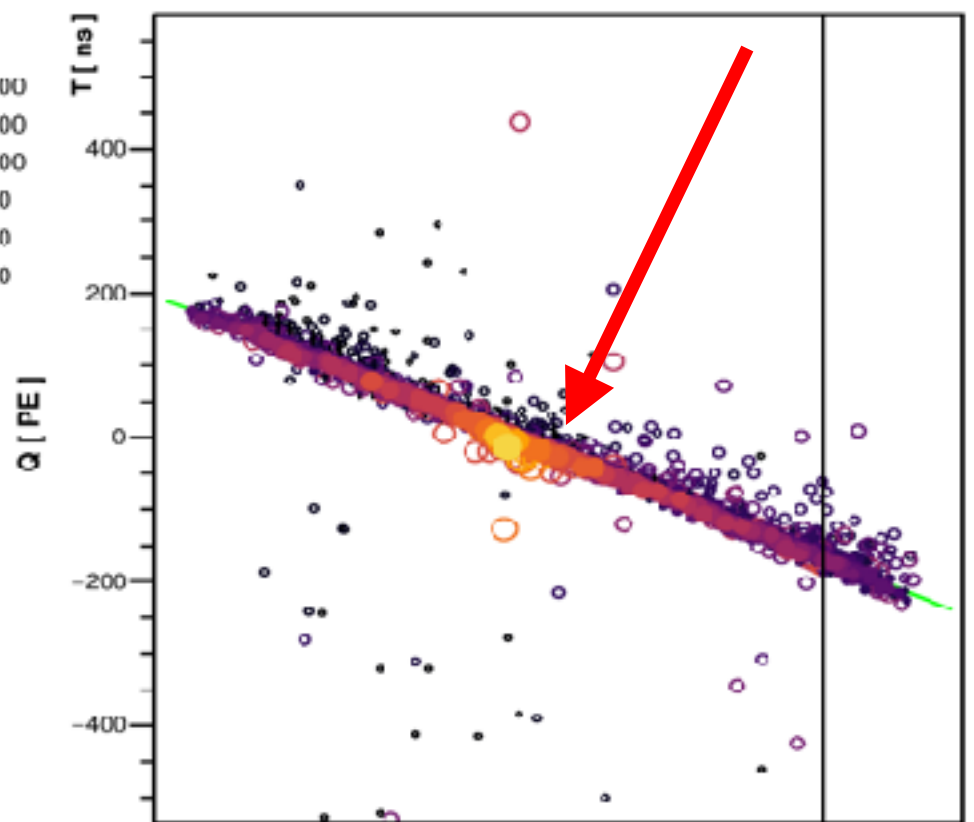
CR-like event $\theta = 9^\circ$



20211203/010956/0.512369578: nTrig=1, $\theta=20.47 \pm 0.01^\circ$, $\phi=191.65 \pm 0.04^\circ$



138199/3766 #245872: nHit=2815, nFit=2007, $\Delta\alpha_p=0.02^\circ$, $\chi^2=4638.6 / 2004$

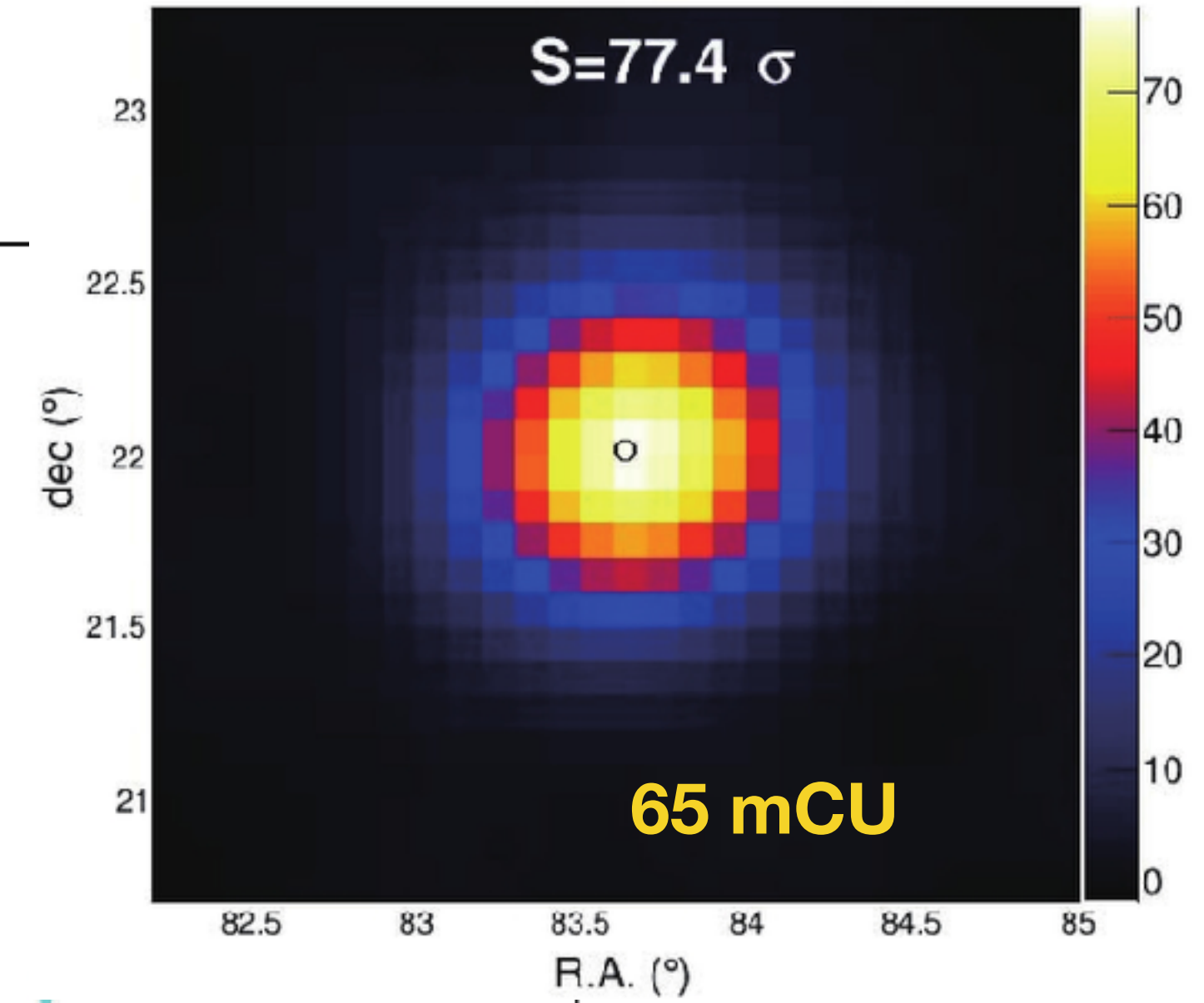
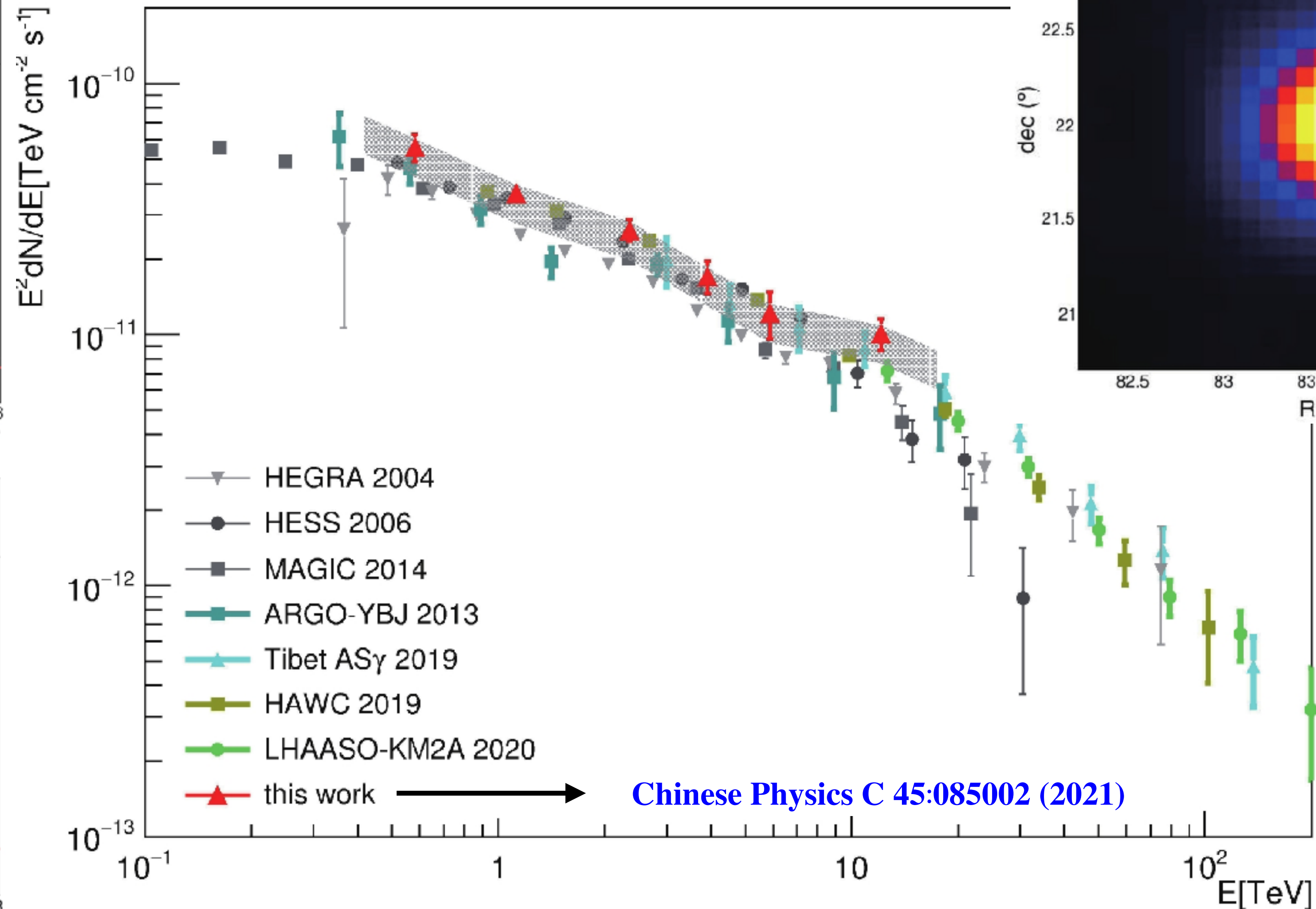
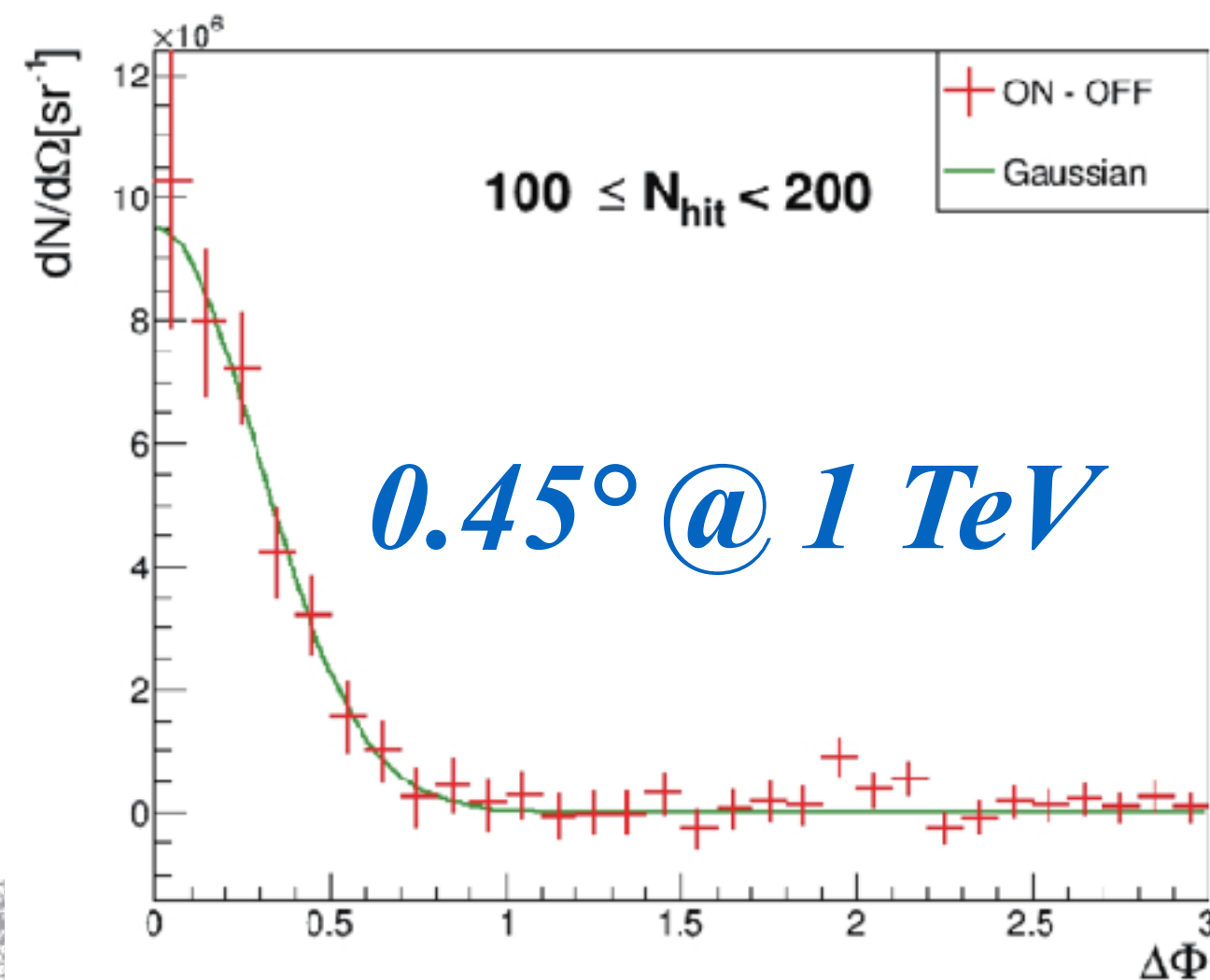
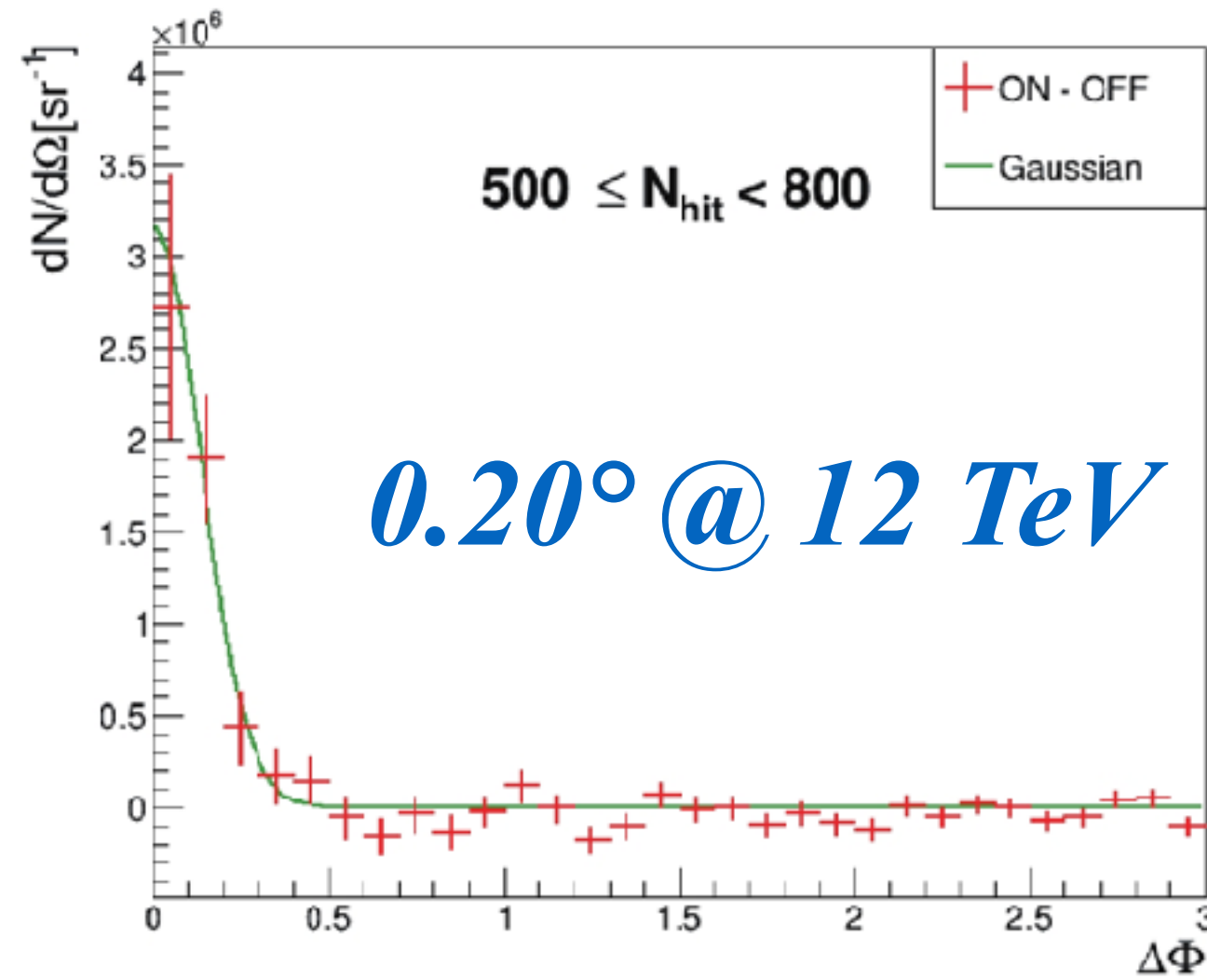


Performance of LHAASO-WCDA and observation of the Crab Nebula as a standard candle

Chinese Physics C 45:085002 (2021)

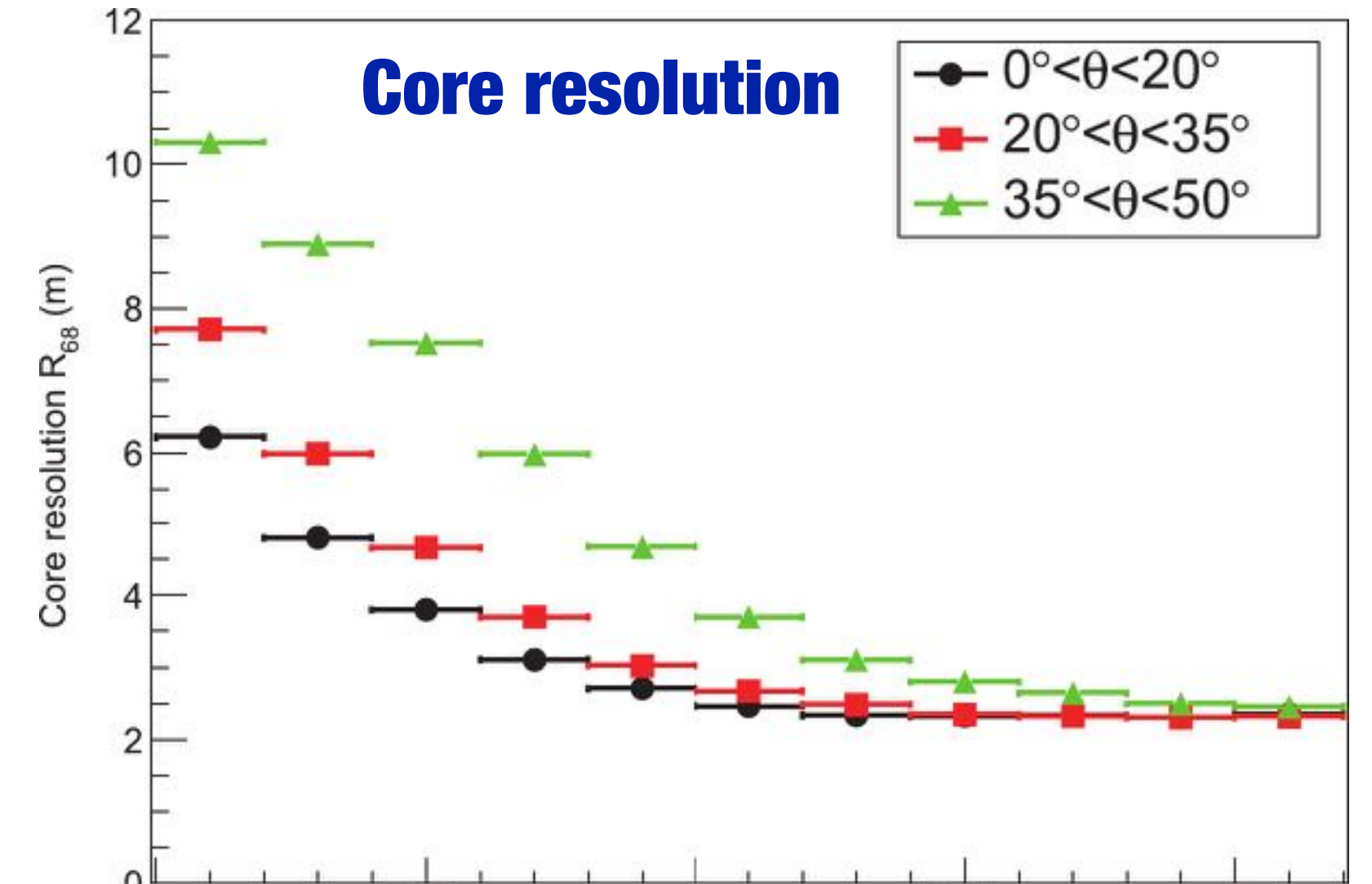
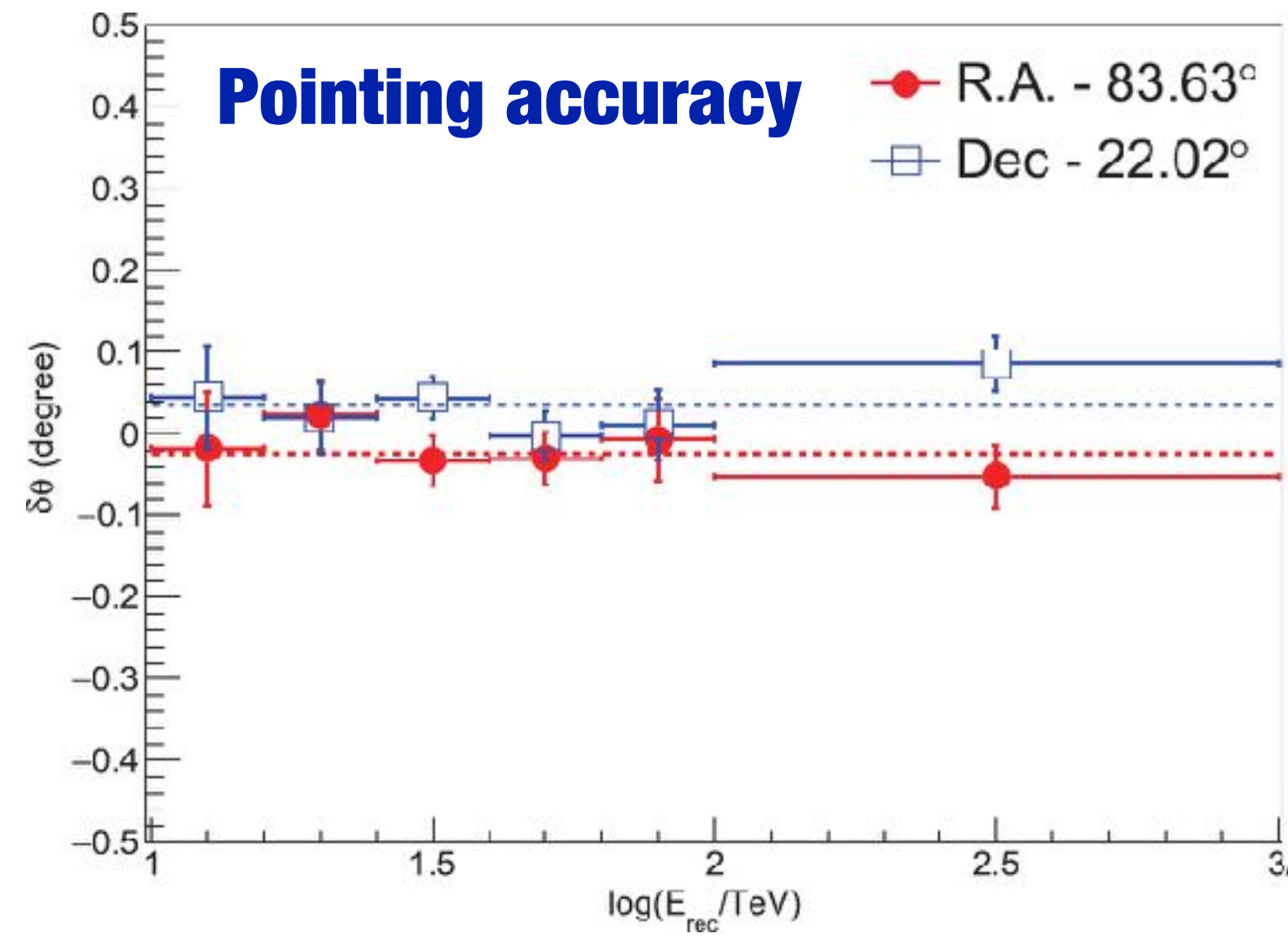
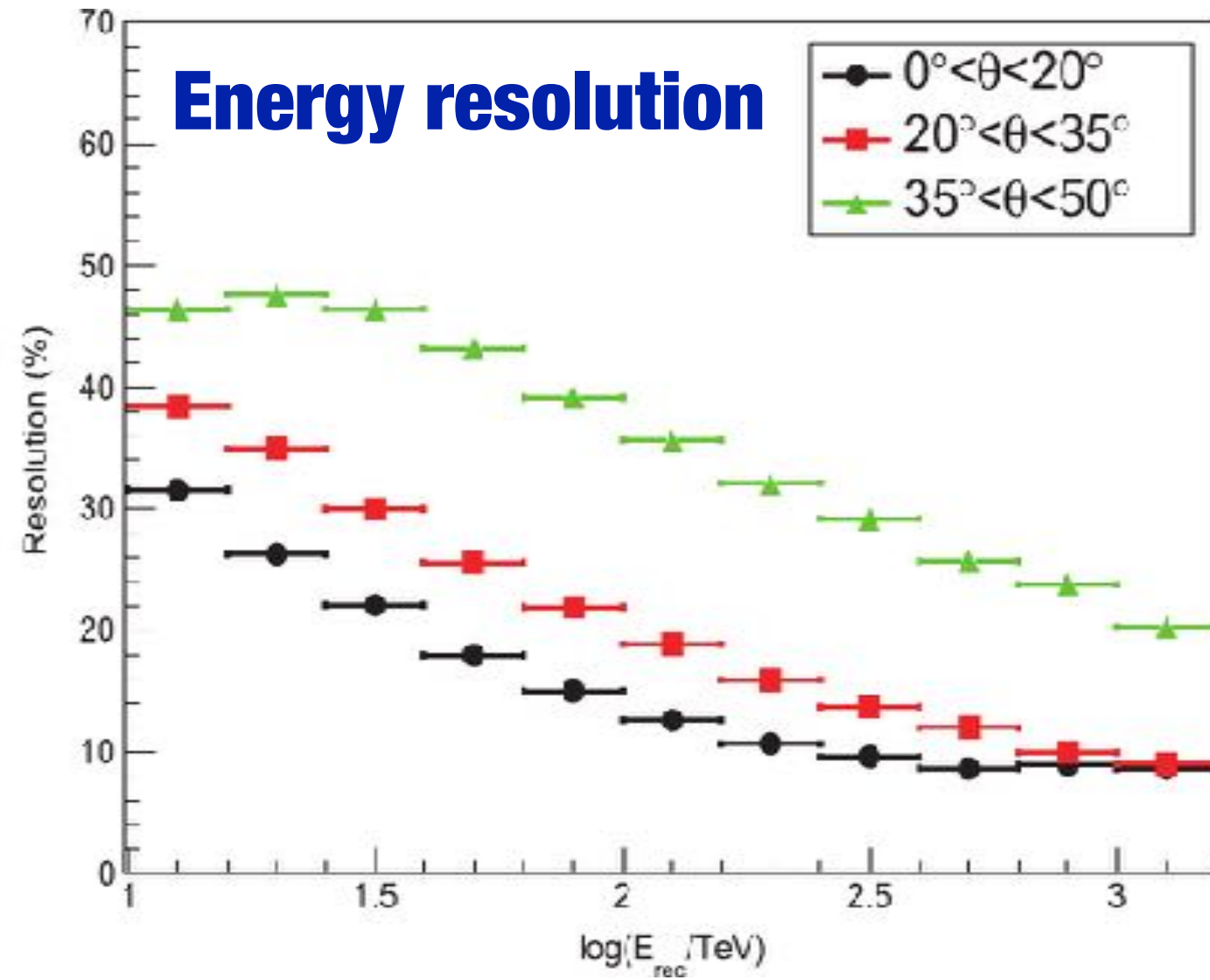
WCDA performance on Crab

Angular resolution



KM2A Performance

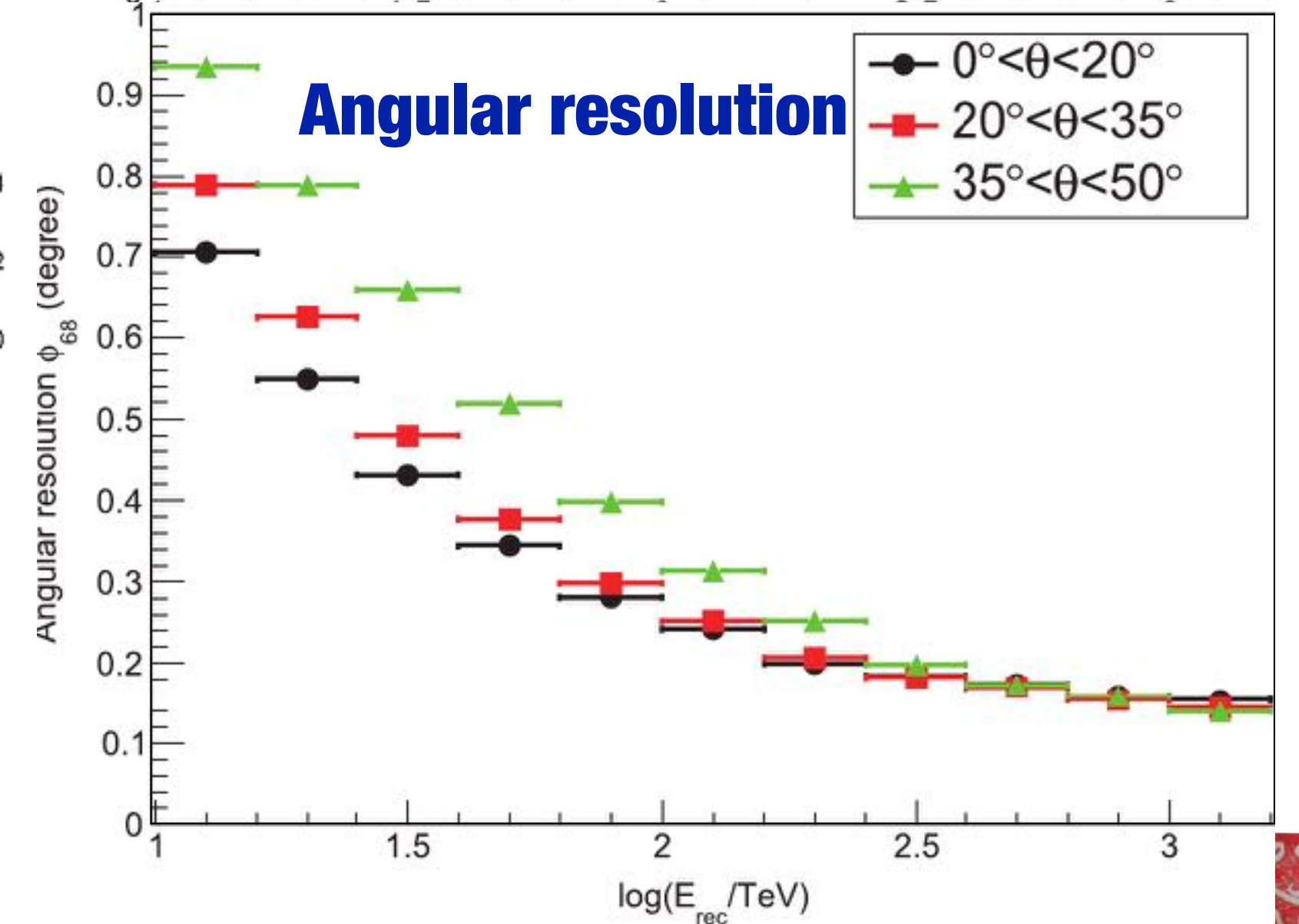
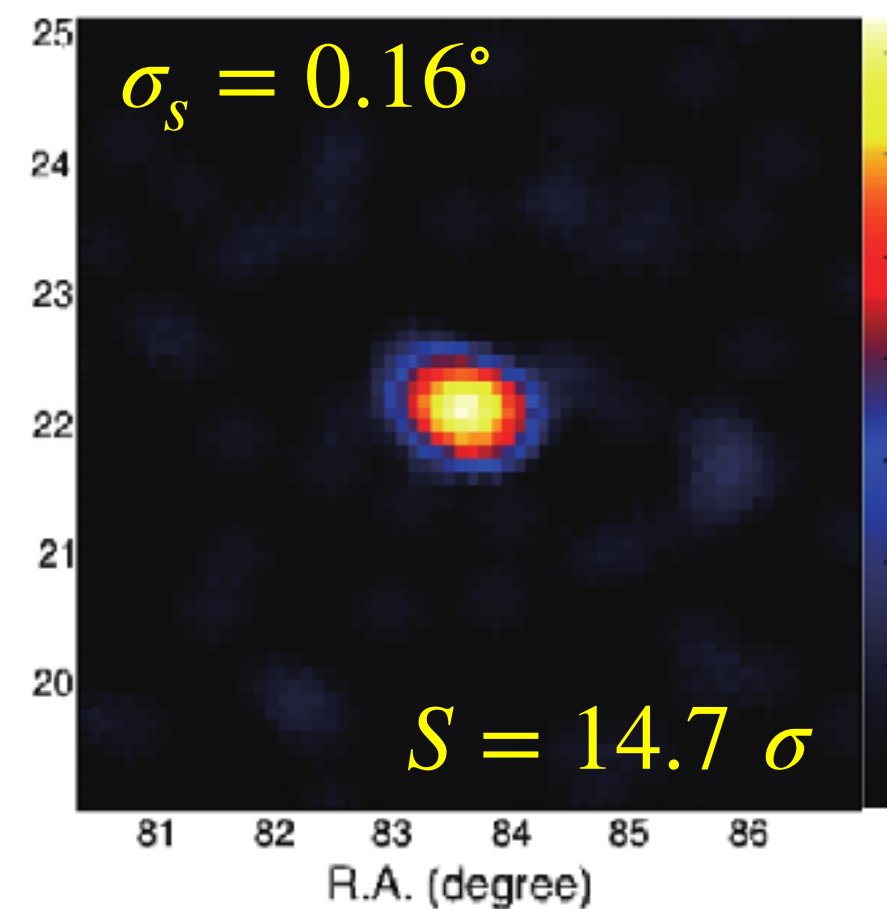
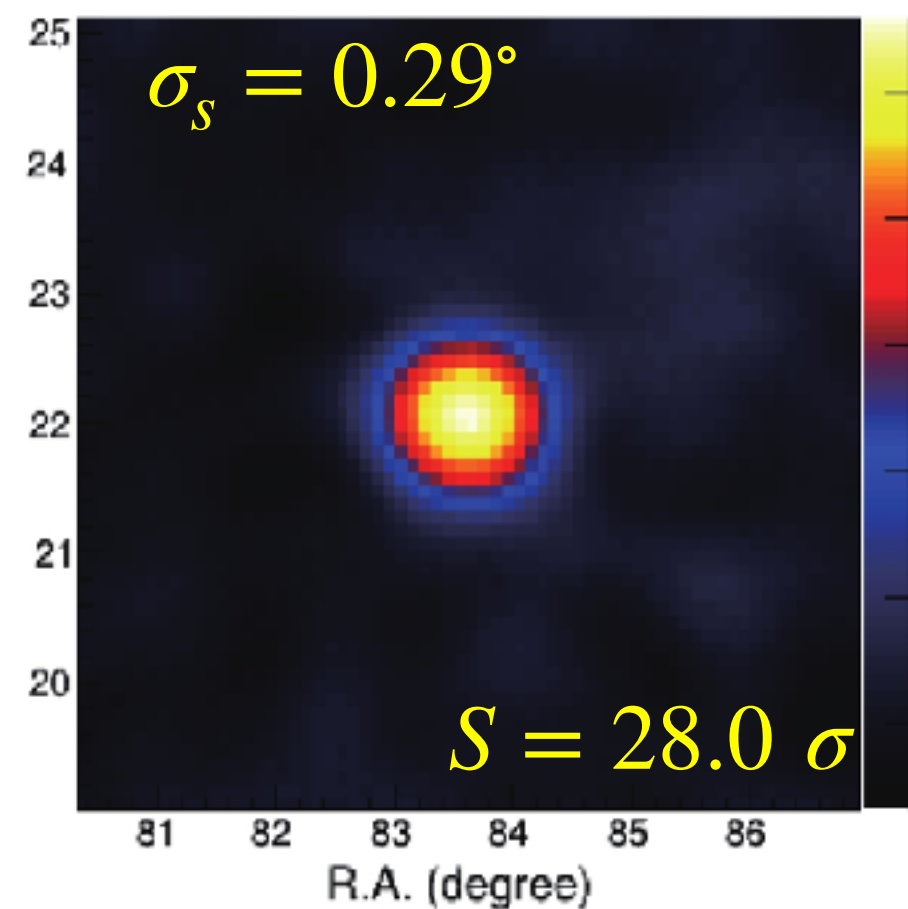
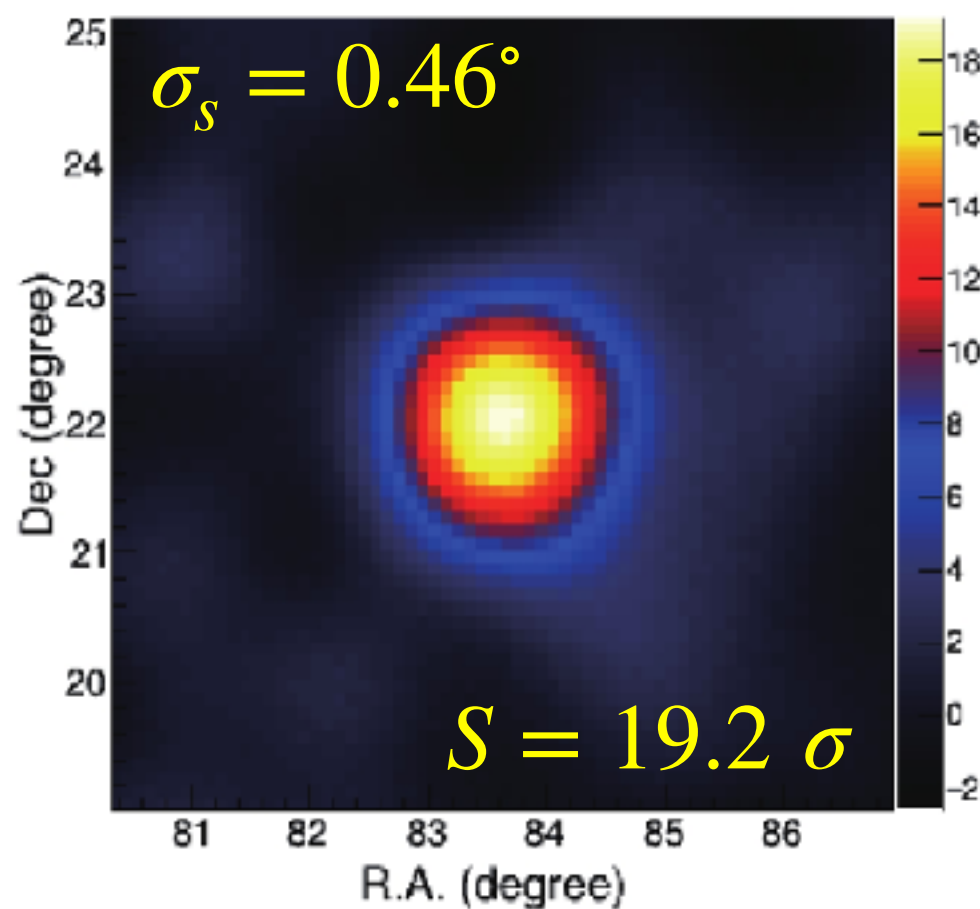
Observation of the Crab Nebula with LHAASO-KM2A – a performance study
 F. Aharonian et al 2021 Chinese Phys. C 45 025002



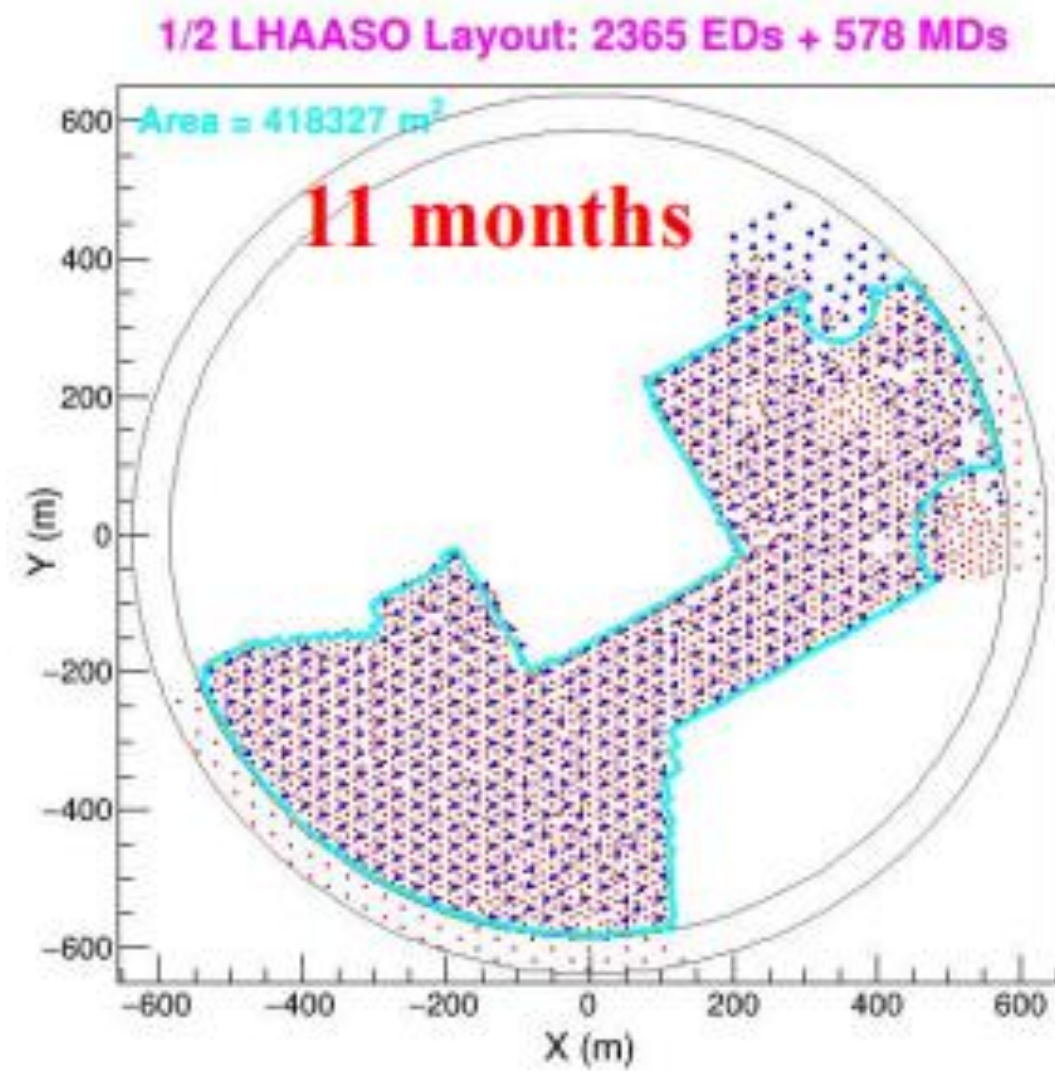
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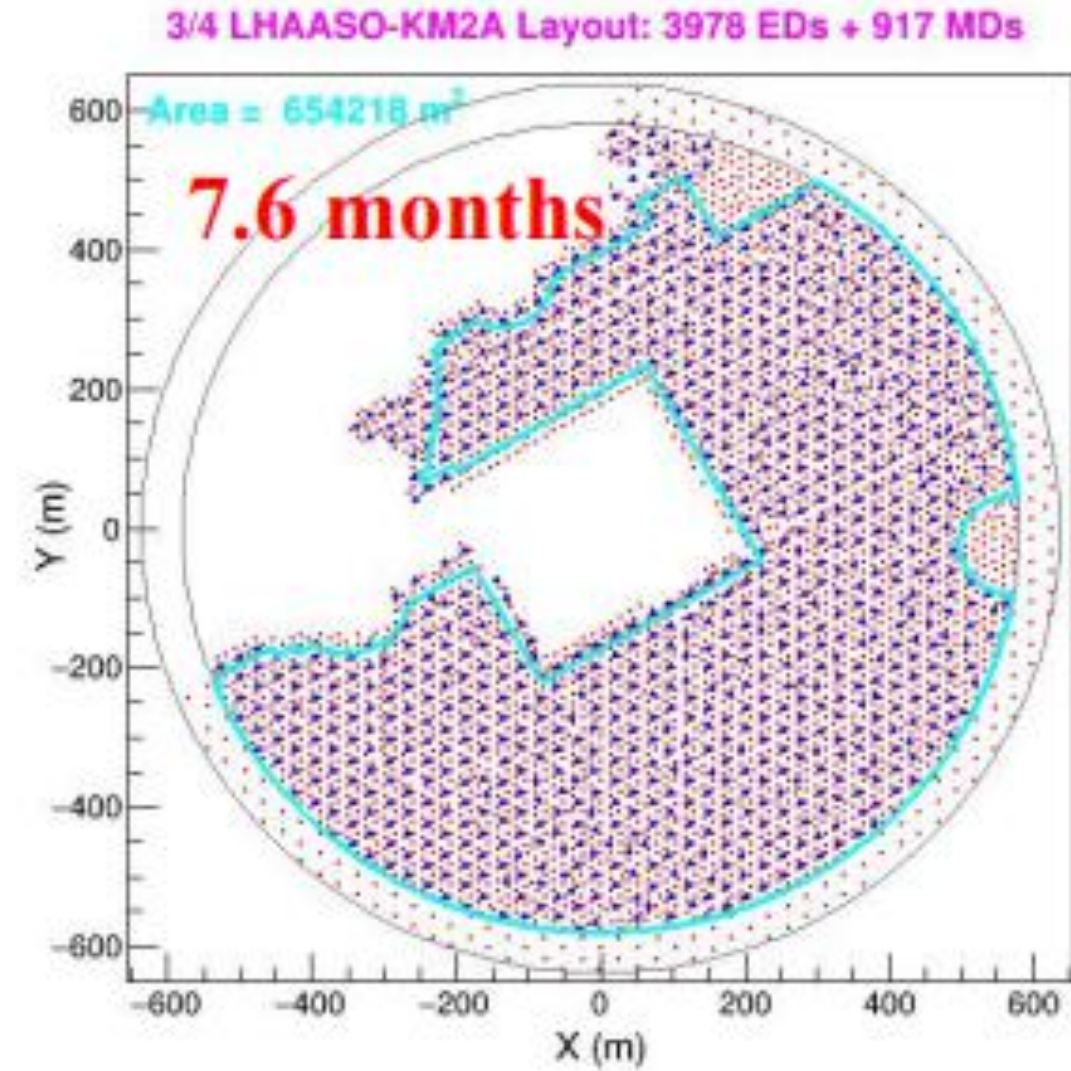
$100 \text{ TeV} < E_{\text{rec}} < 1 \text{ PeV}$



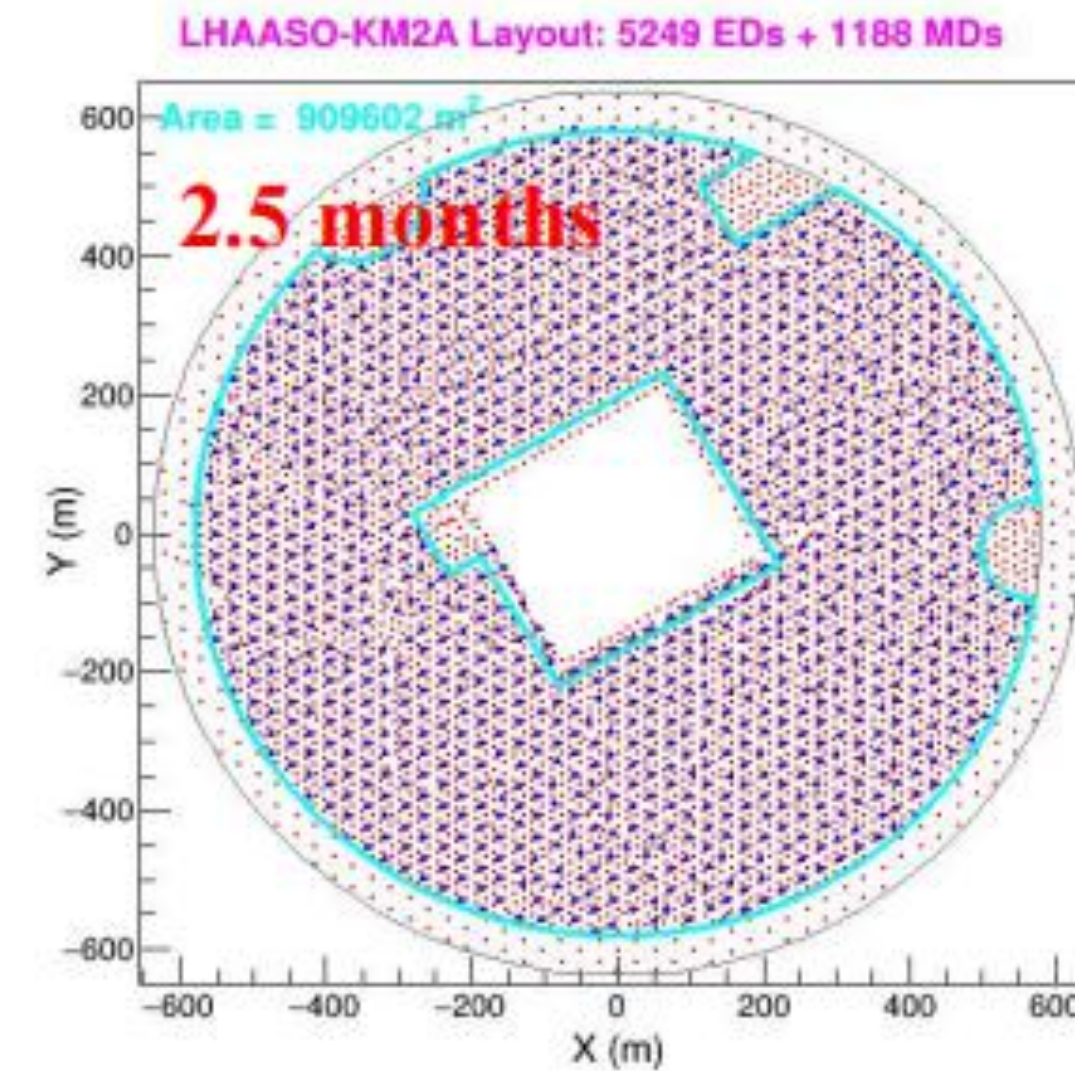
KM2A Performance



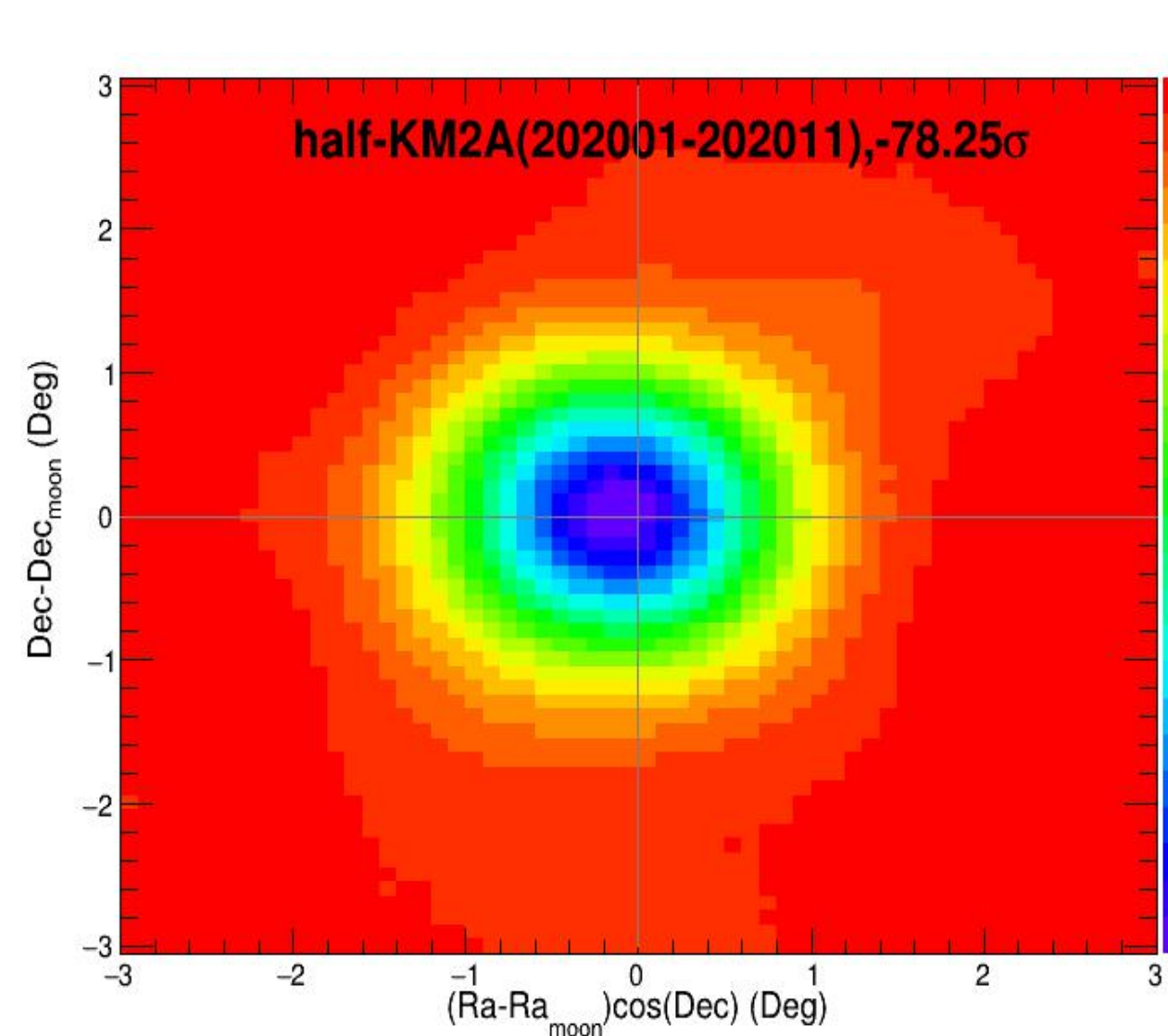
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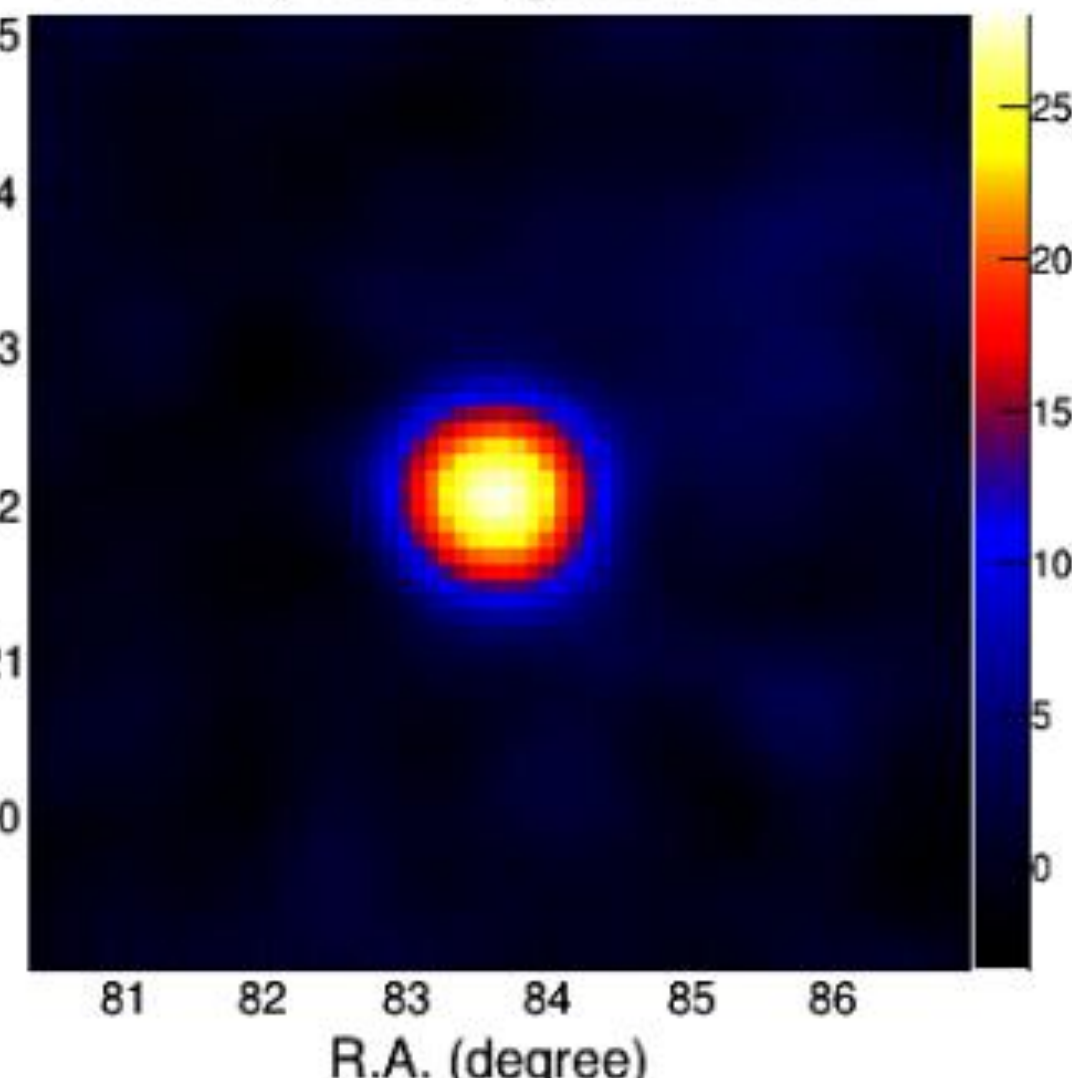
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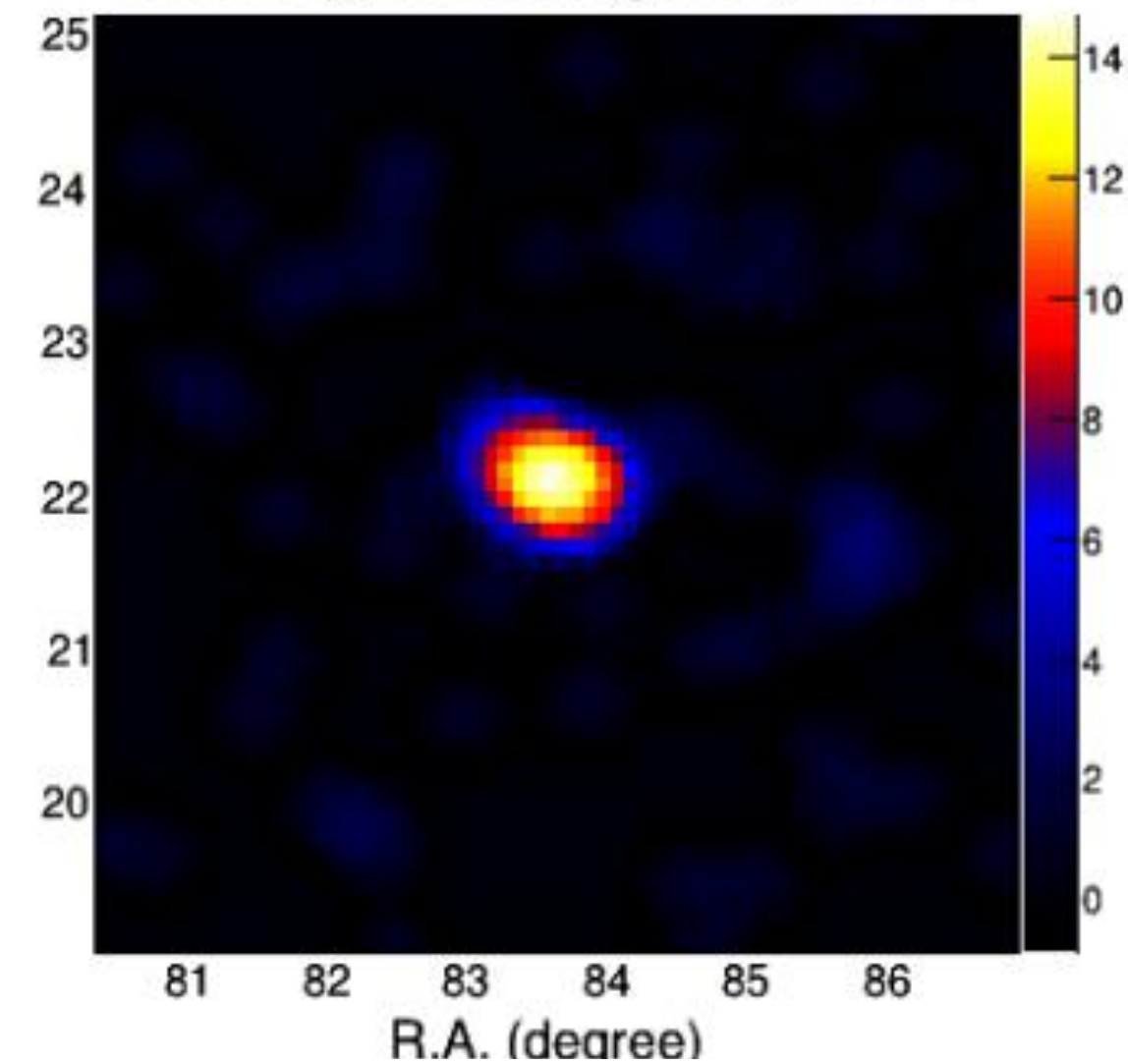
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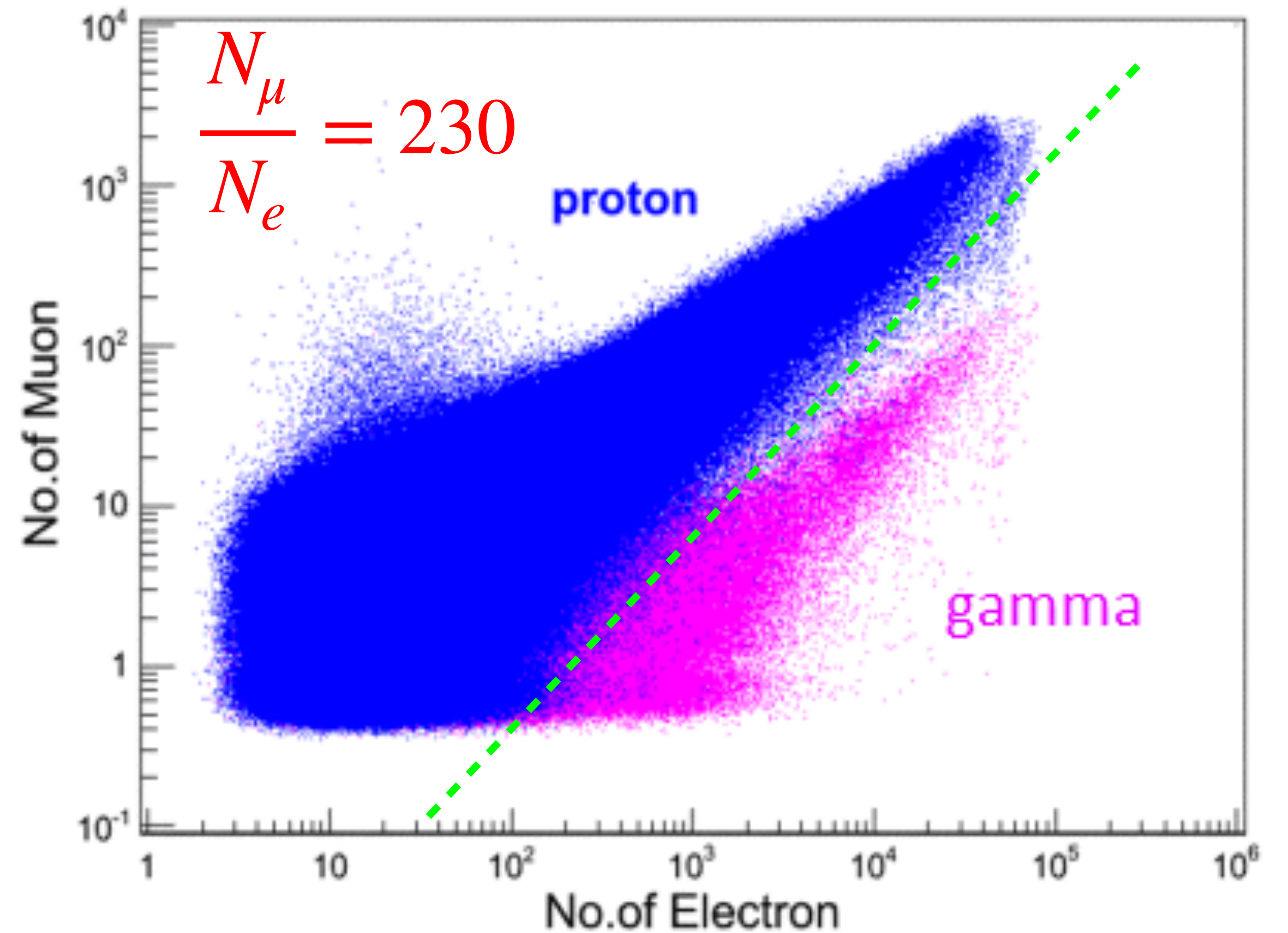
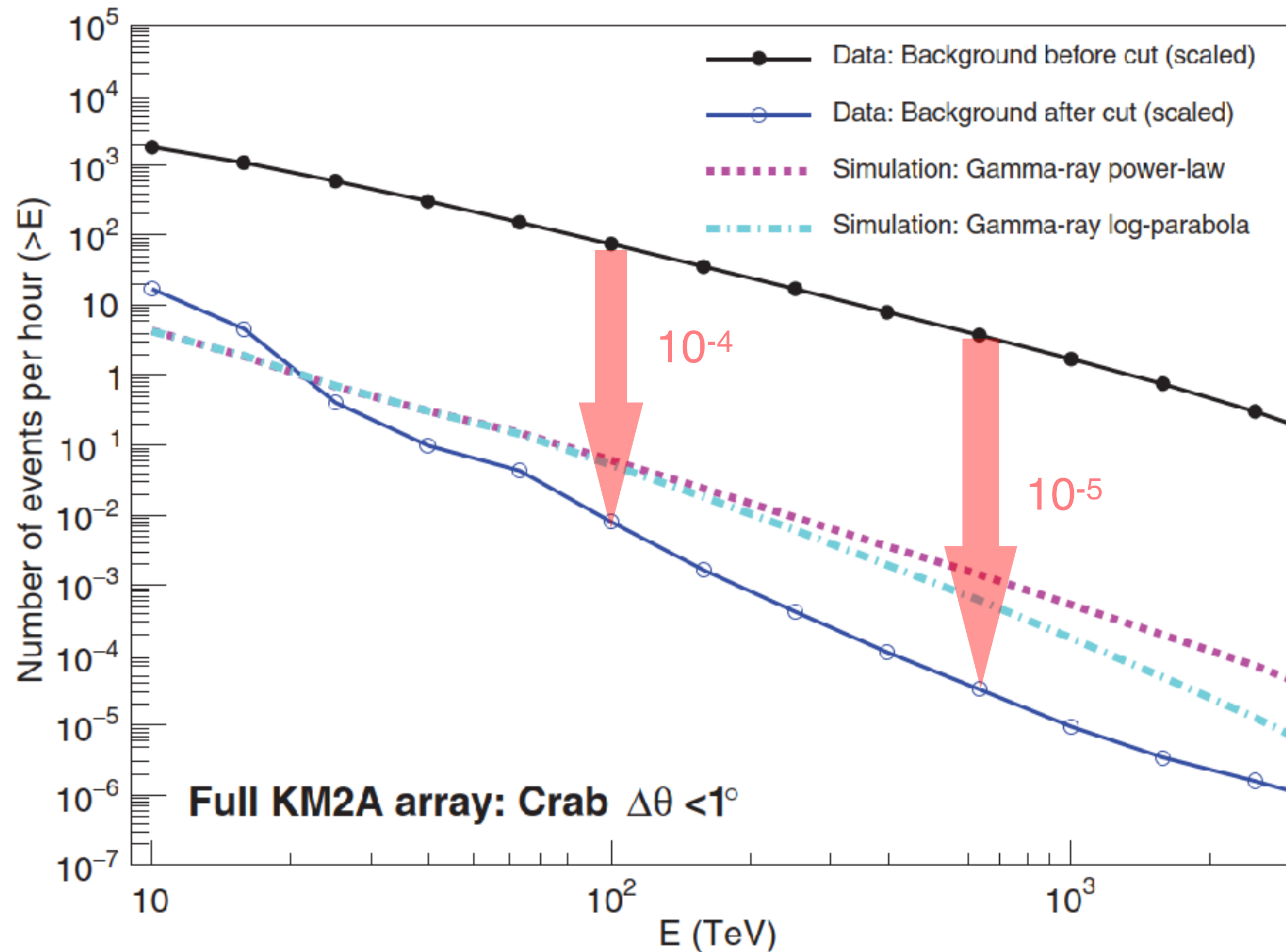
25TeV < E_{rec} < 100TeV, $\sigma_s = 0.29^\circ$, S=28.0 σ



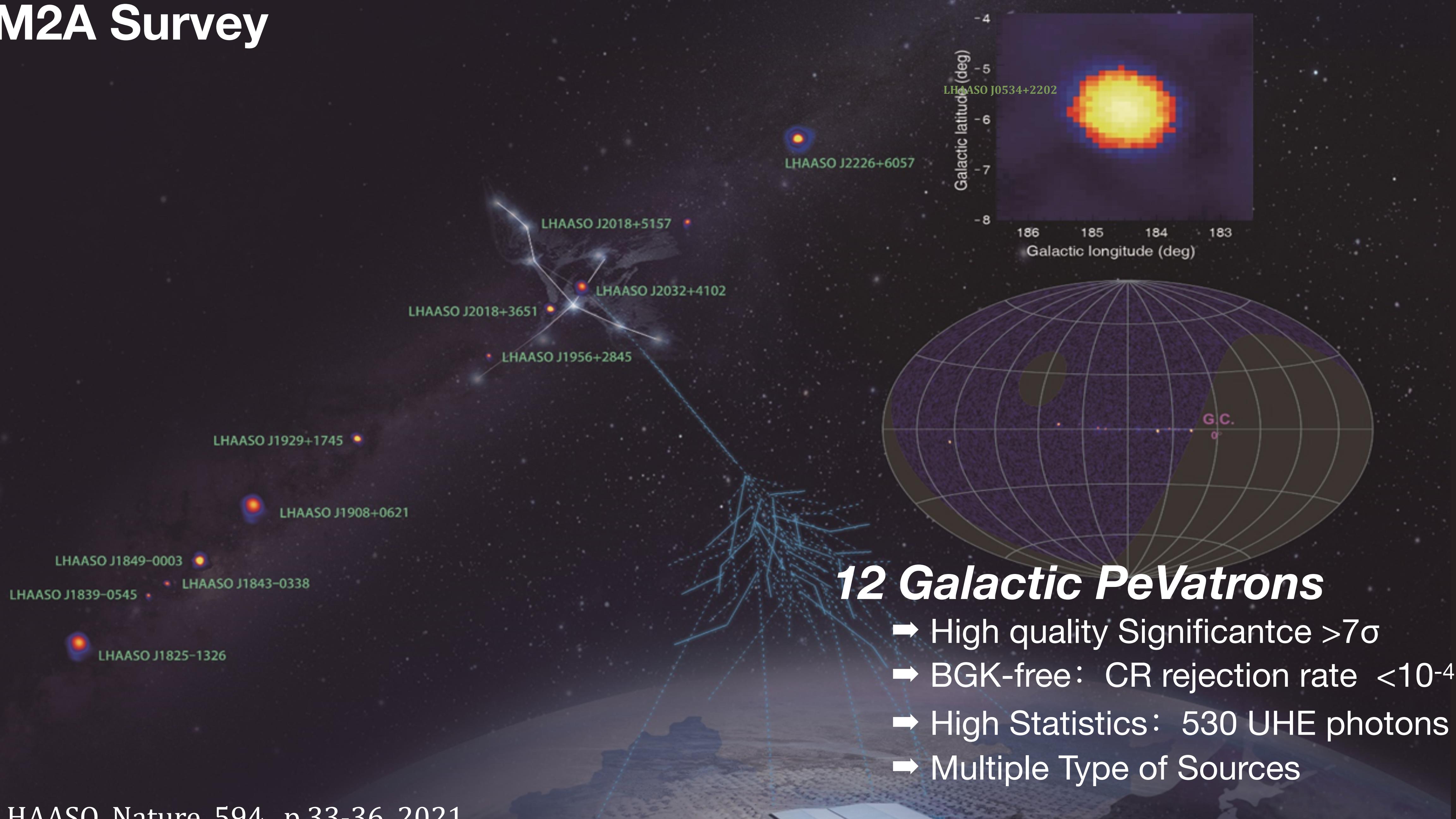
100TeV < E_{rec} < 1000TeV, $\sigma_s = 0.16^\circ$, S=14.7 σ



Excellent CR background rejection



KM2A Survey



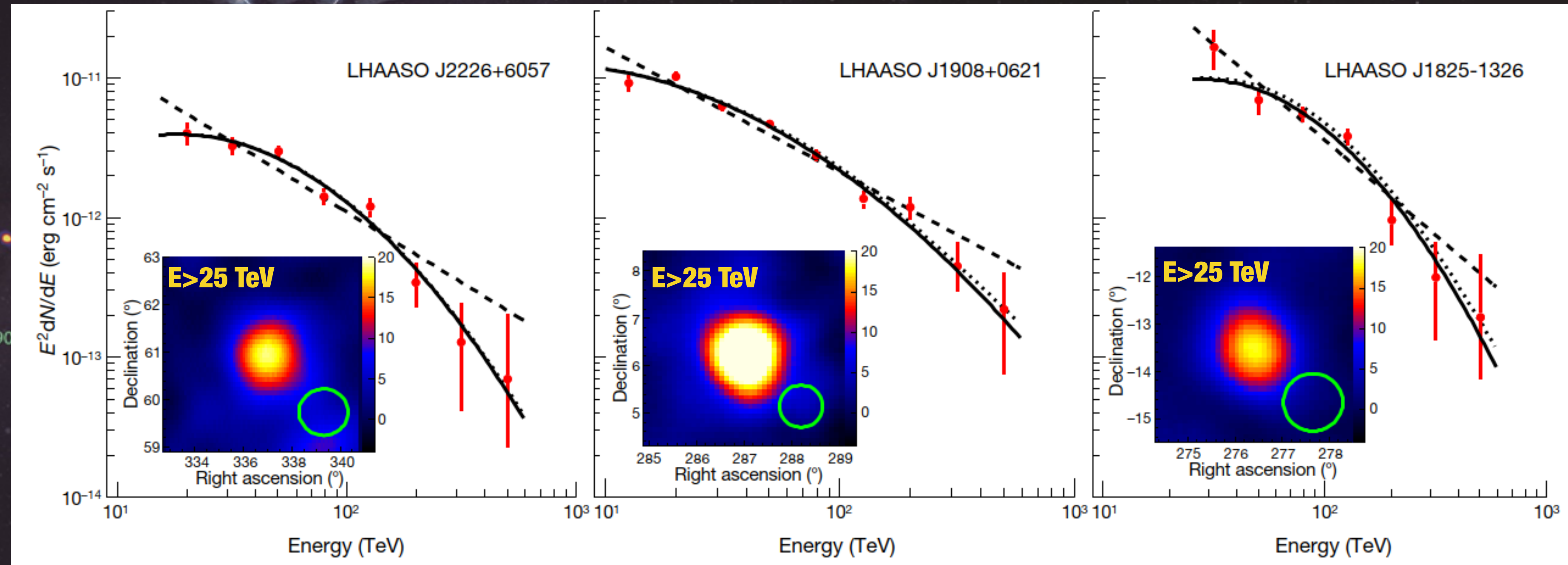
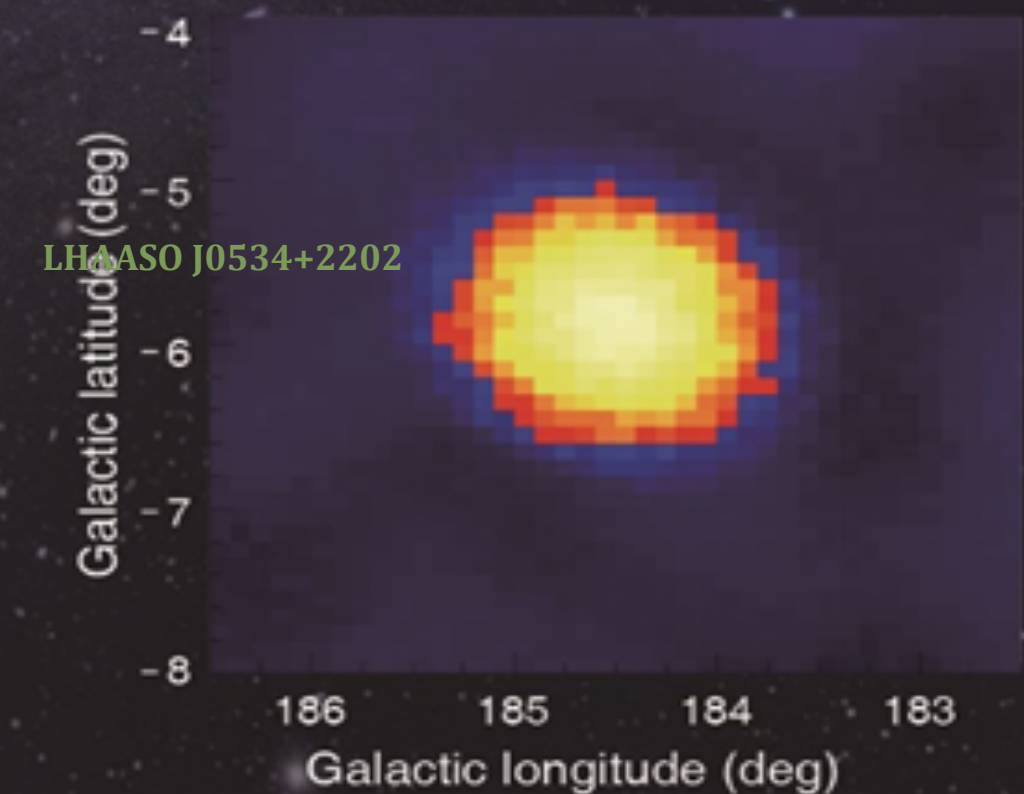
12 Galactic PeVatrons

- ➔ High quality Significance $>7\sigma$
- ➔ BGK-free: CR rejection rate $<10^{-4}$
- ➔ High Statistics: 530 UHE photons
- ➔ Multiple Type of Sources

KM2A Survey



LHAASO J2018+5157

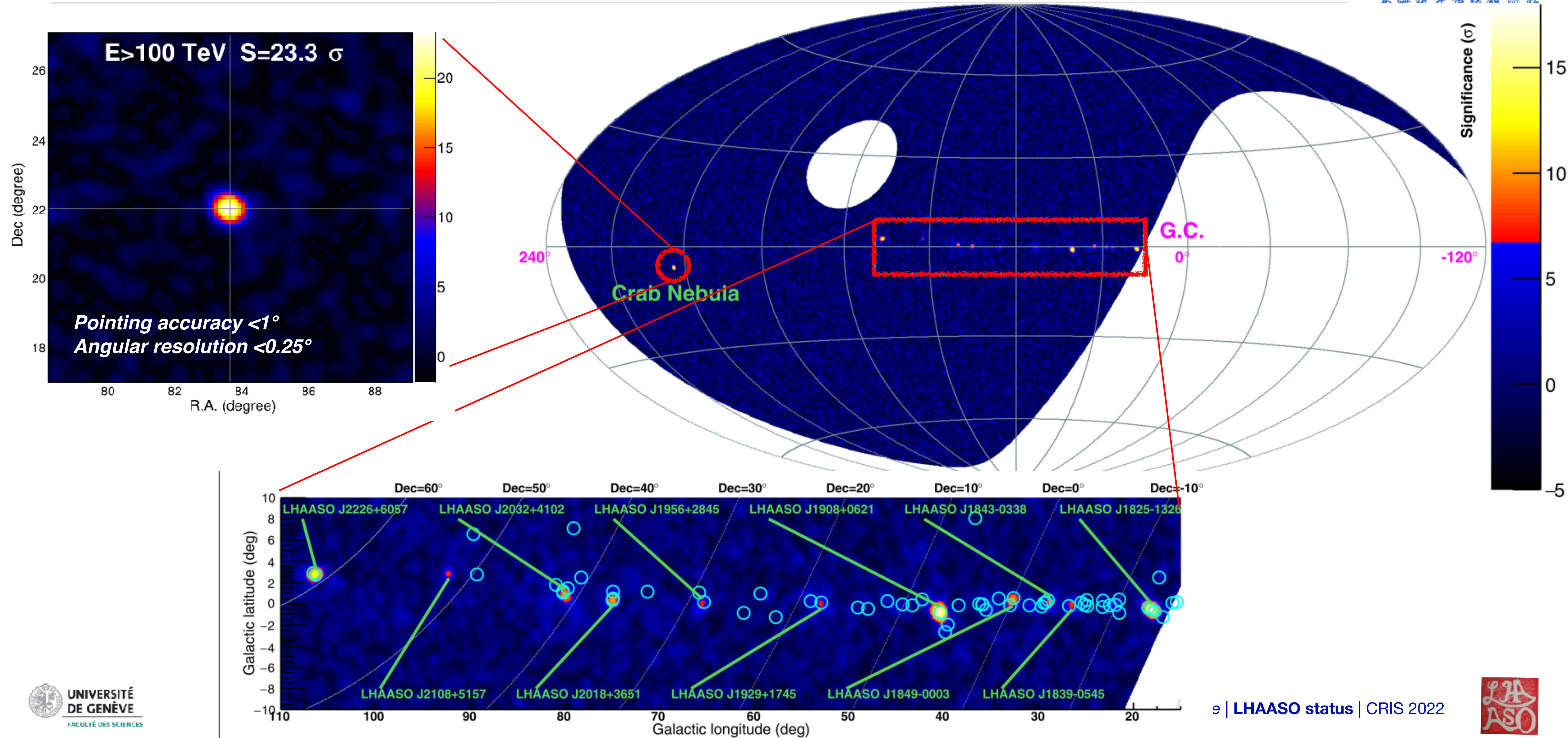


None of the three brightest PeVatrons (>1 CU@100 TeV) show an evident of cut-off in SED

◆ Updates using newer data show continuous extension to higher energies

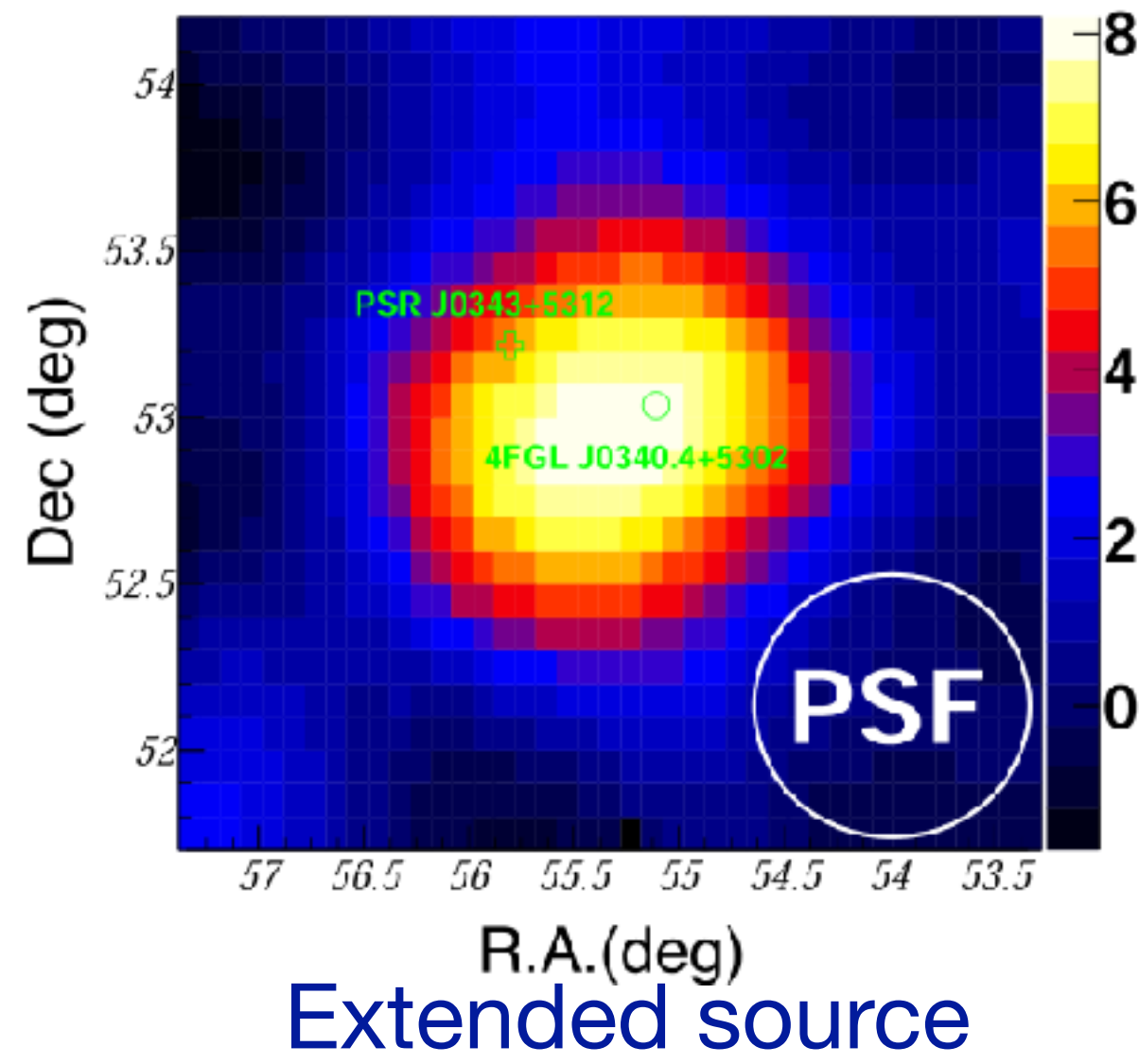


Sky Map for UHE γ -ray (0.1-1 PeV)

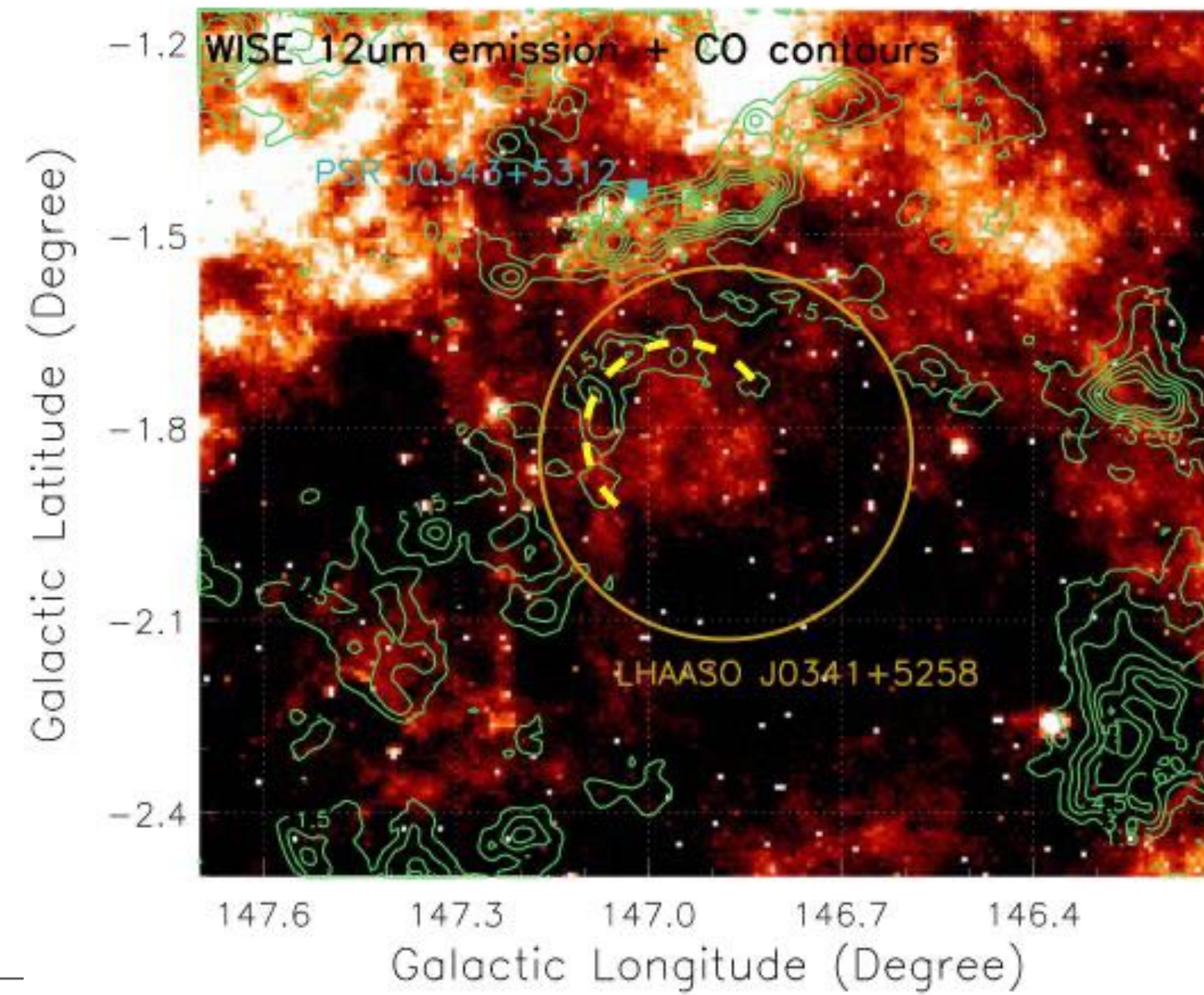


New γ -ray Sources

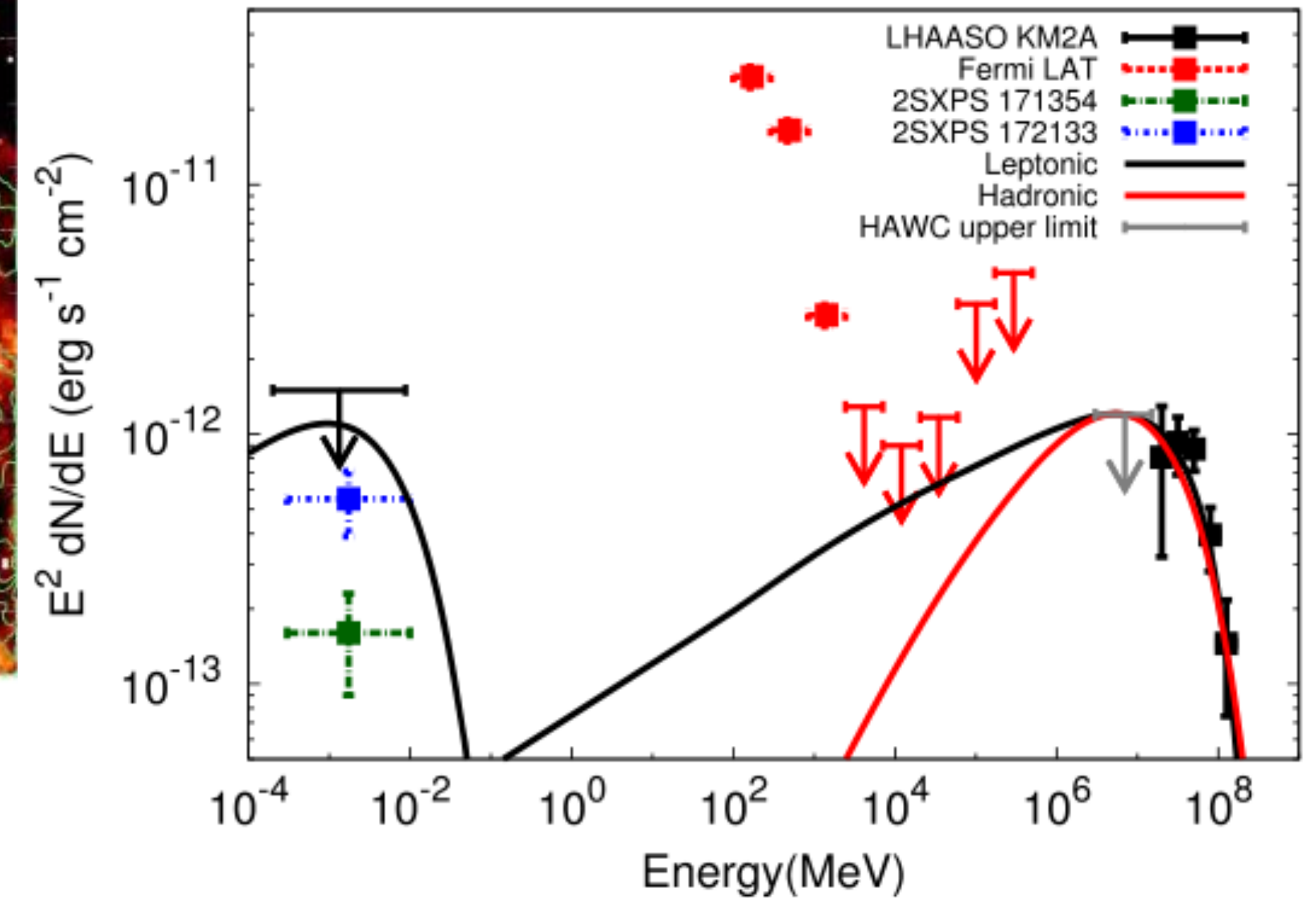
Discovery of LHAASO J0341+5258



$$0.29^\circ \pm 0.06^\circ_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.02^\circ_{\text{sys}}$$



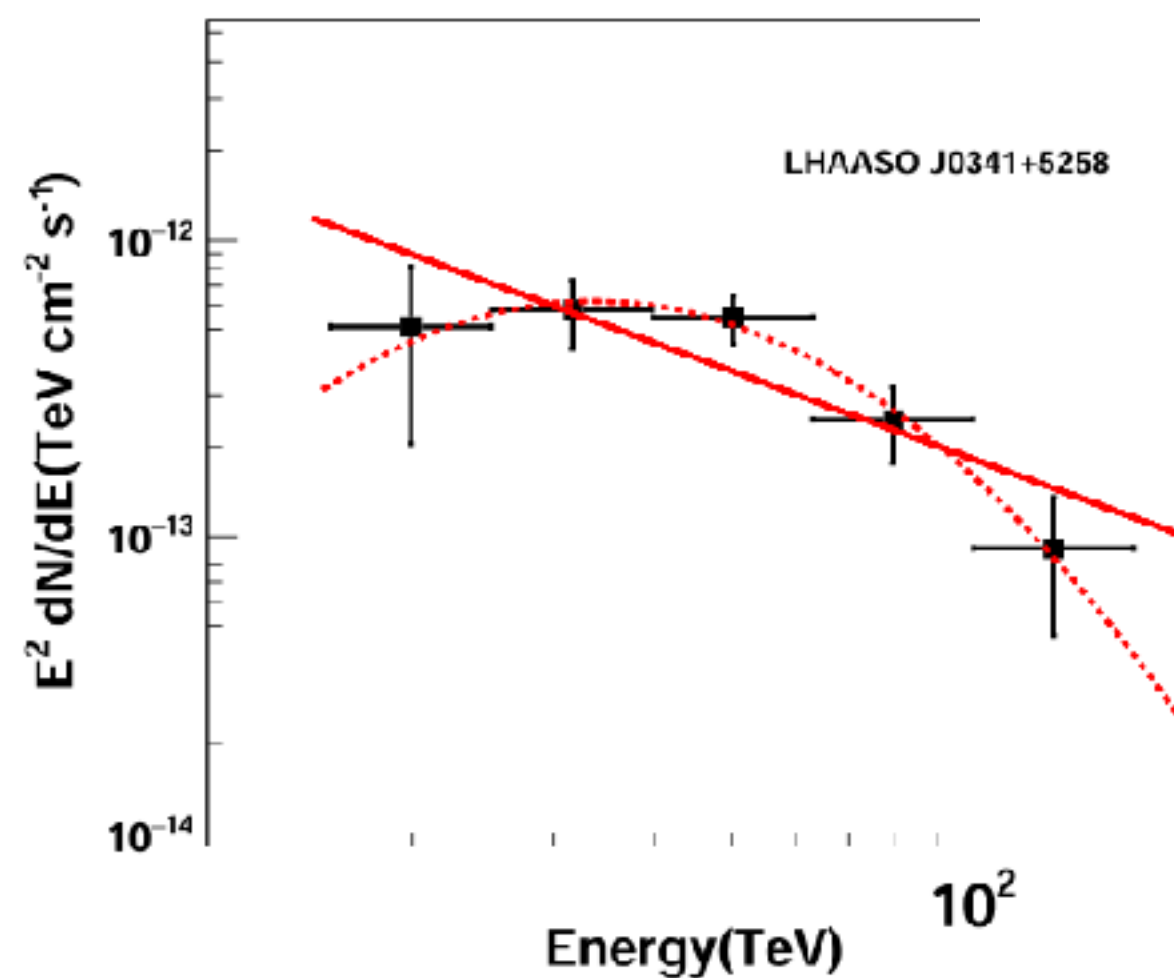
LHAASO coll. *ApJL* 917:L4 (2021)



No clear counterpart at other wave length.

Lack of an energetic pulsar or a young SNRr in the vicinity

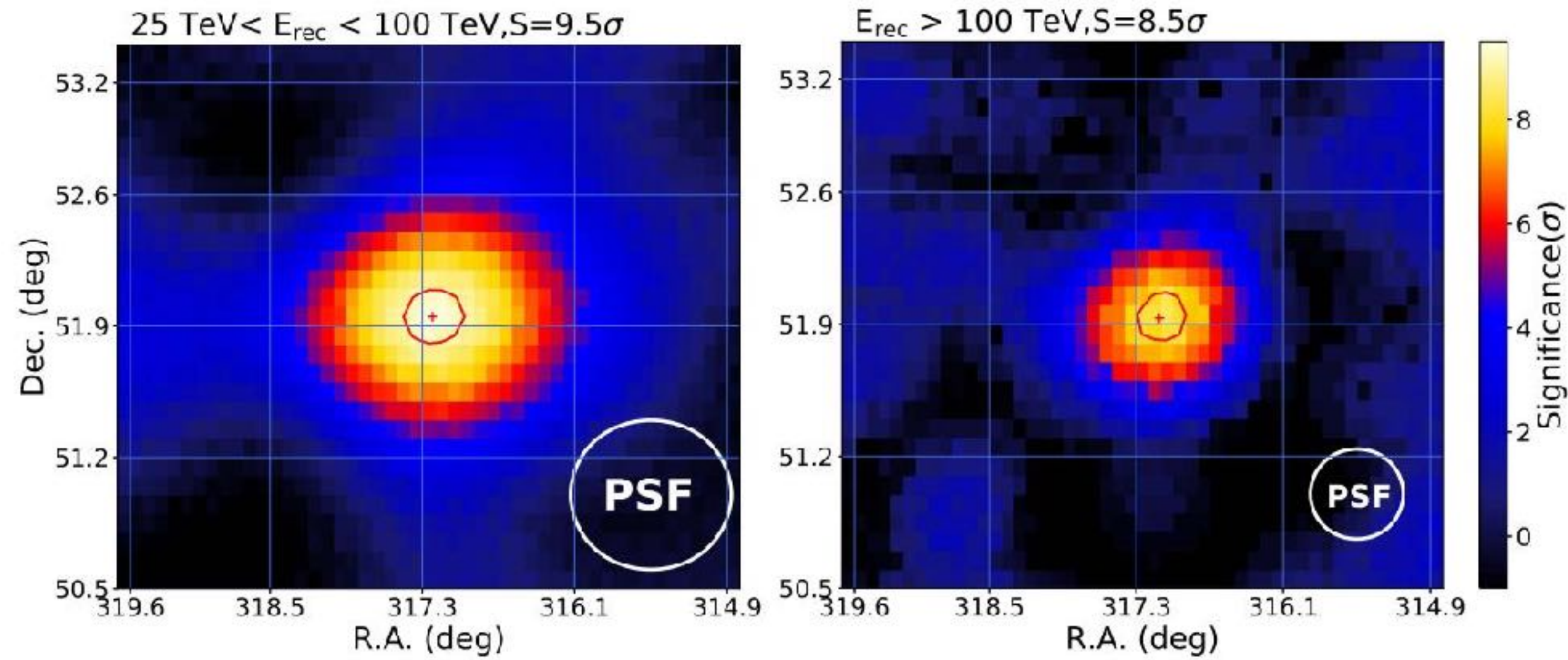
⇒ Challenge, both the leptonic and hadronic scenarios.



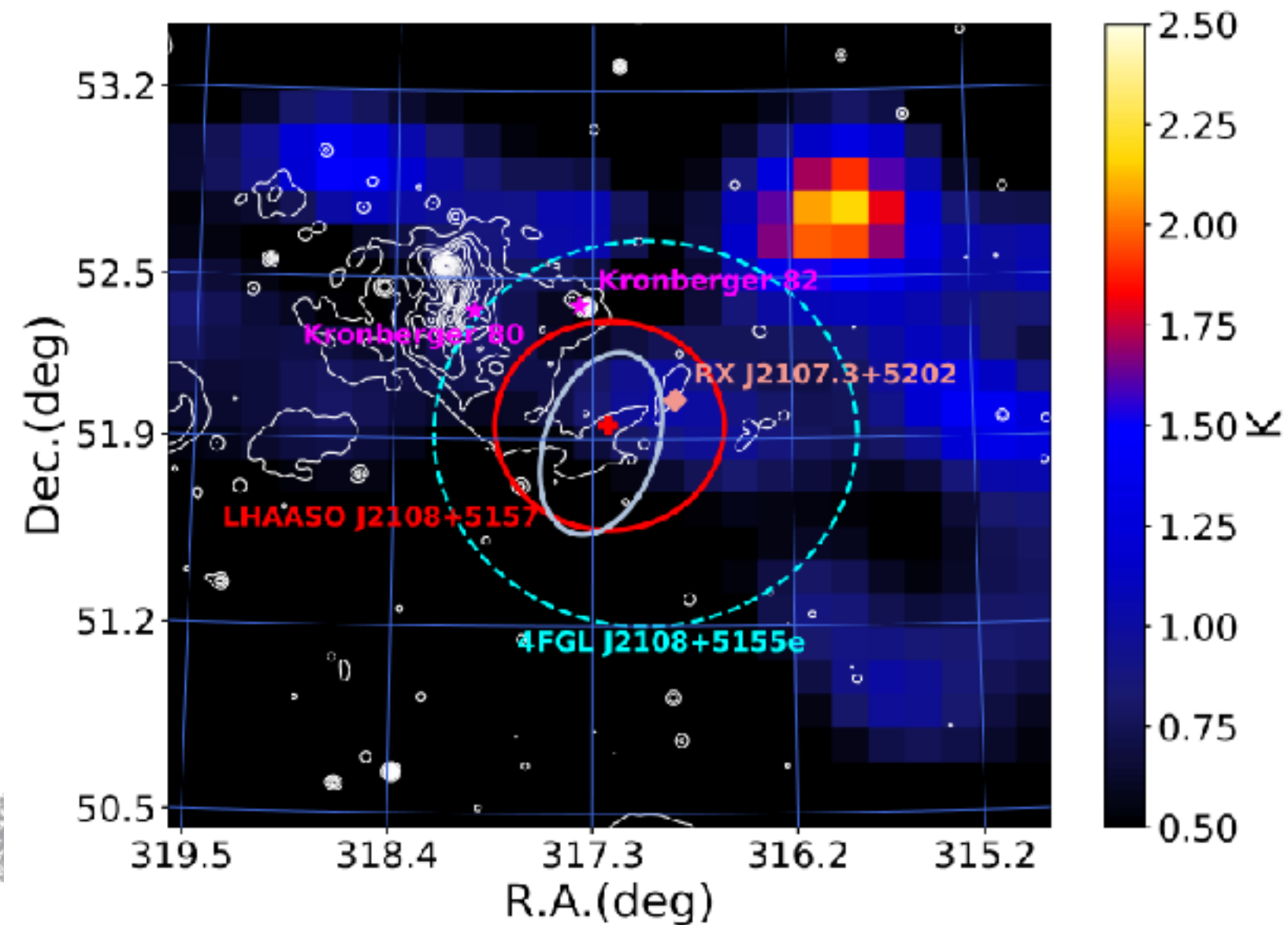
Discovery of LHAASO J2108+5157

New VHE and UHE source

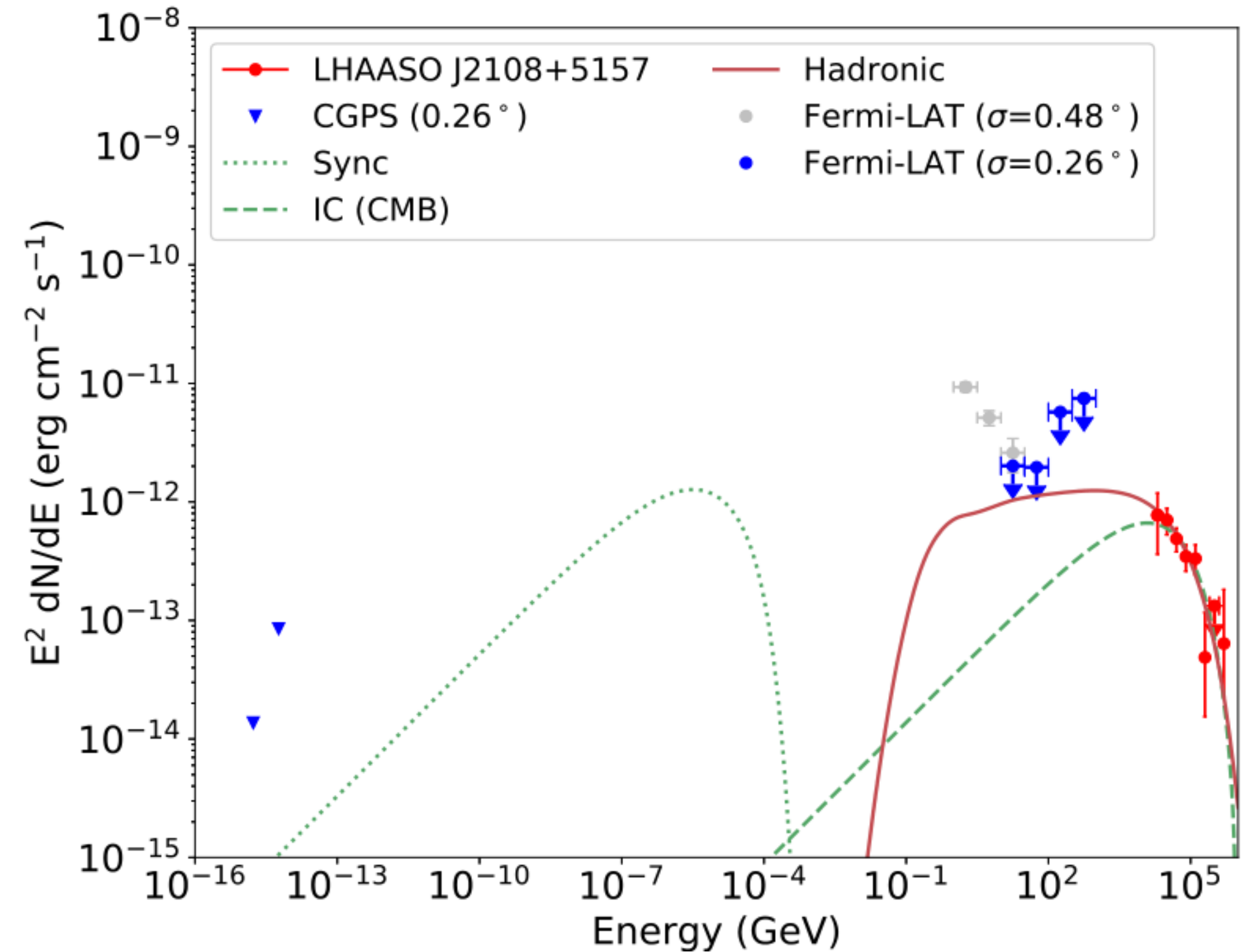
$$E_{\max} = 434 \pm 49 \text{ TeV}$$



Point-like source with extension $< 0.26^\circ$.



No clear counterpart at other wavelengths.

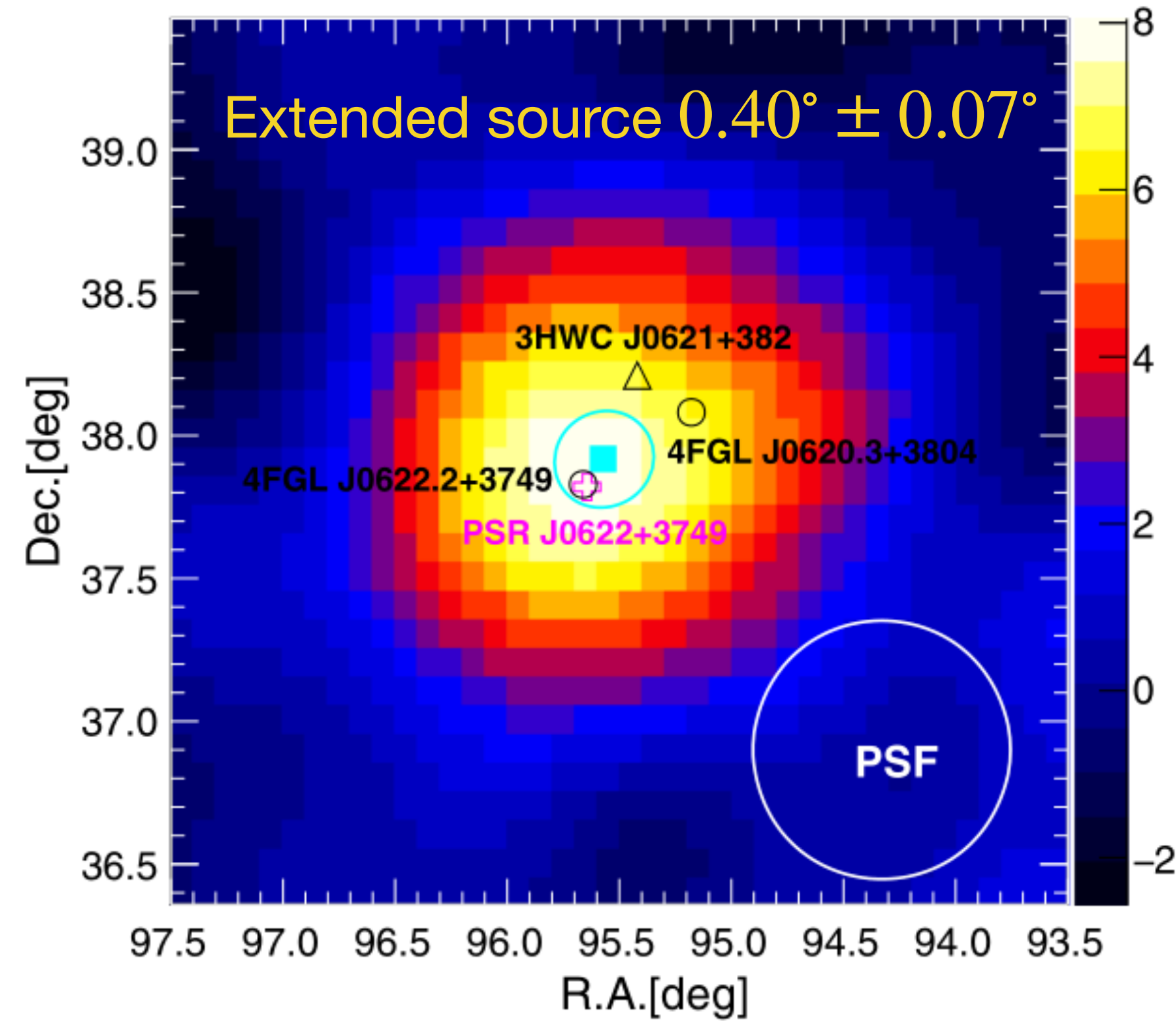
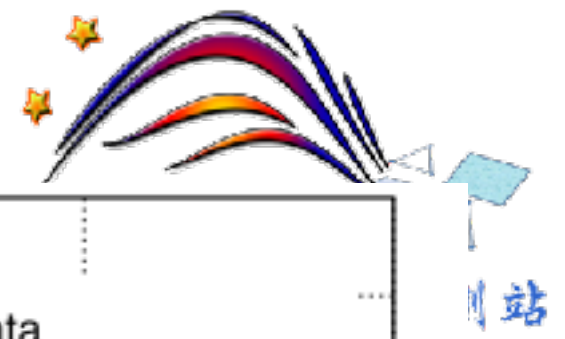


Compatible with both electron and proton acceleration but Giant MC nearby suggest hadronic origin

LHAASO coll. *ApJL* 919:L21 (2021)



Discovery of pulsar halo PSR J0622+3749

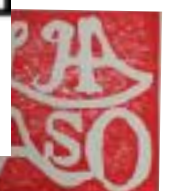
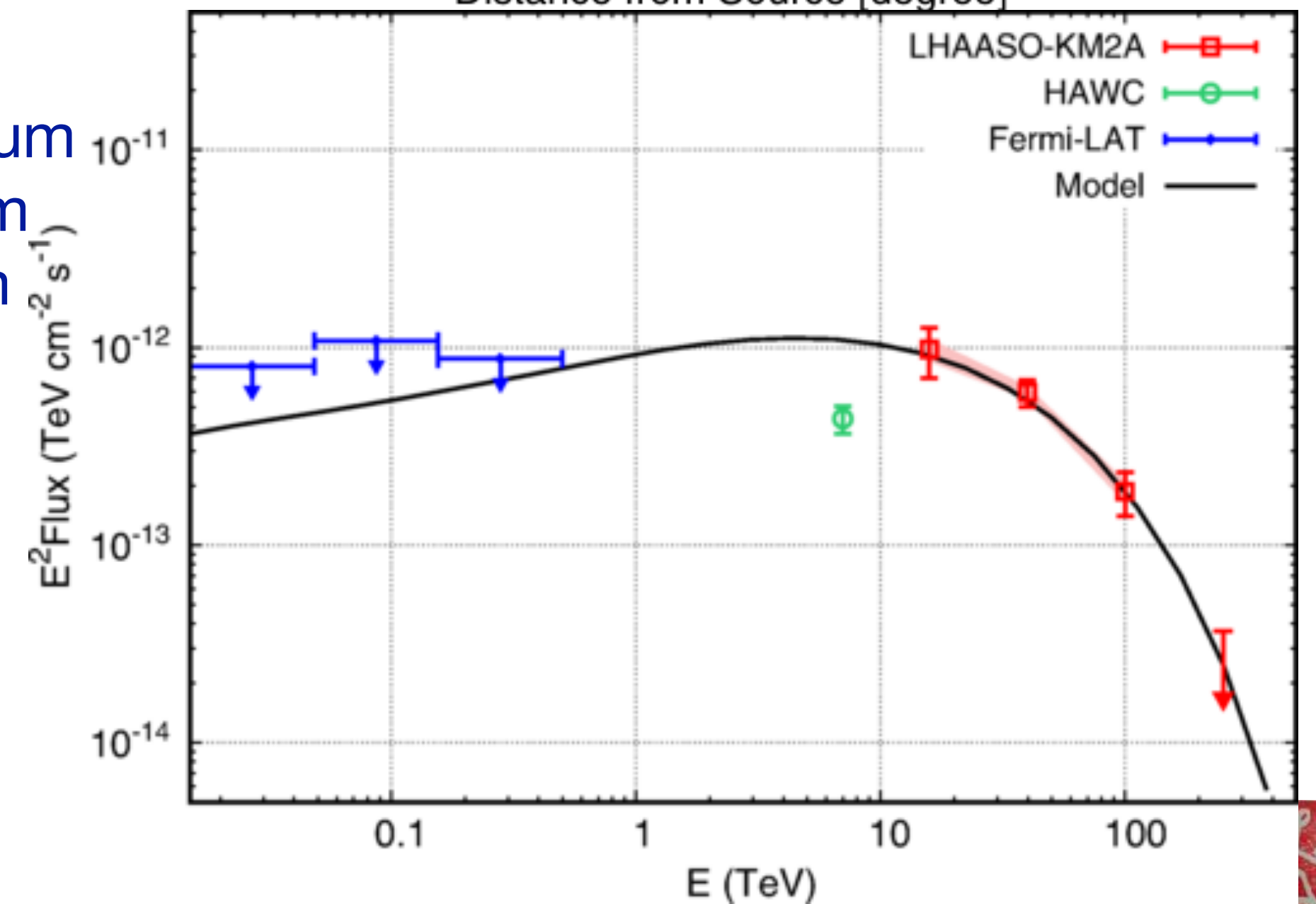
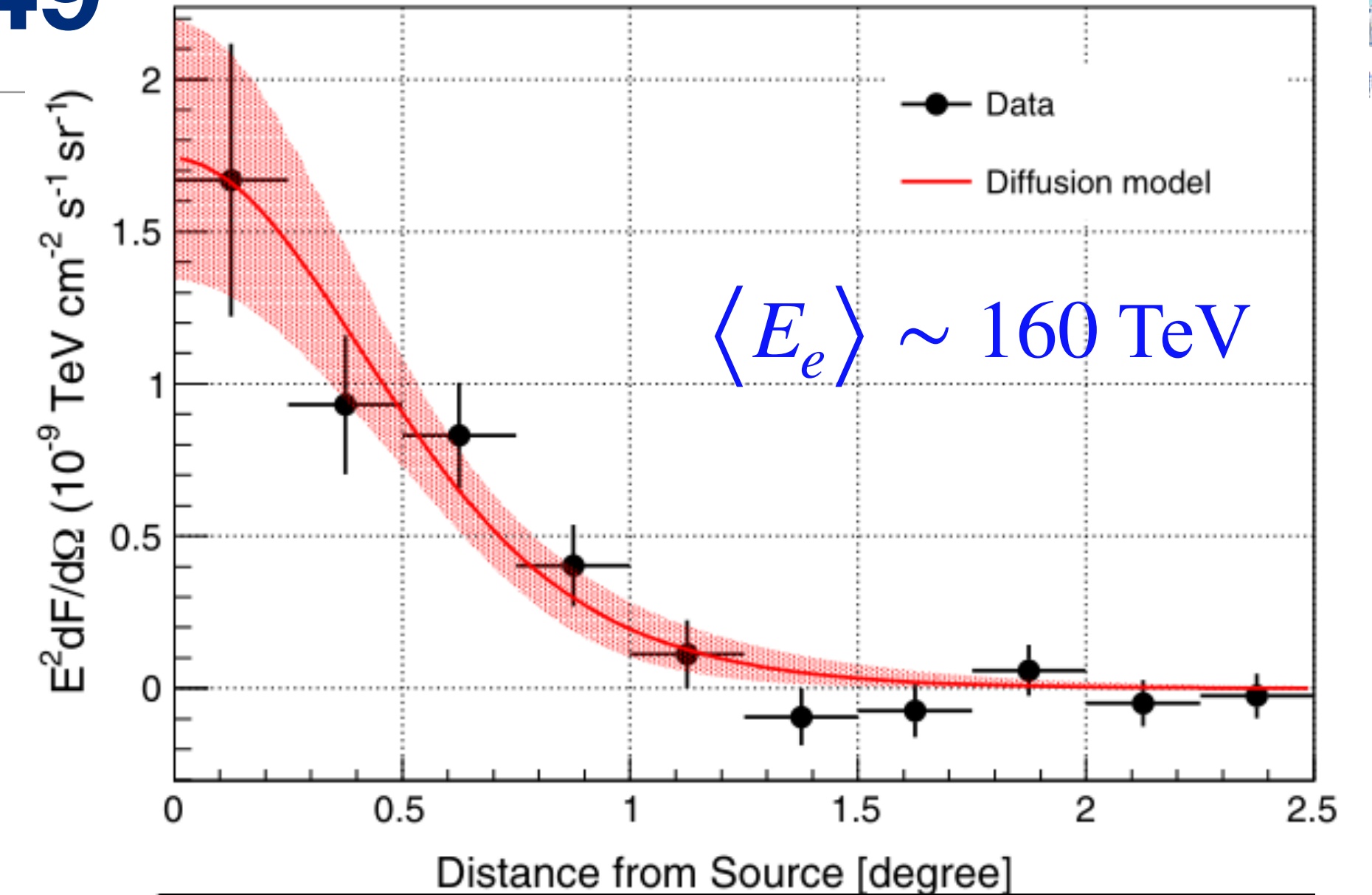


Slow diffusion of electron

$$D \approx 8.9^{+4.5}_{-3.9} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{1.6 \text{ kpc}} \right)^2 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Consistent with scenario of particles in the turbulent medium around pulsars as inferred from the of Geminga and Monogem

Name	P [s]	\dot{P} [$10^{14} \text{ s} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$]	L_{sd} [$10^{34} \text{ s} \cdot \text{erg}^{-1}$]	τ [kyr]	d [kpc]
J0622+3749	0.333	2.542	2.7	207.8	1.60
Geminga	0.237	1.098	3.3	342.0	0.25
Monogem	0.385	5.499	3.8	110.0	0.29

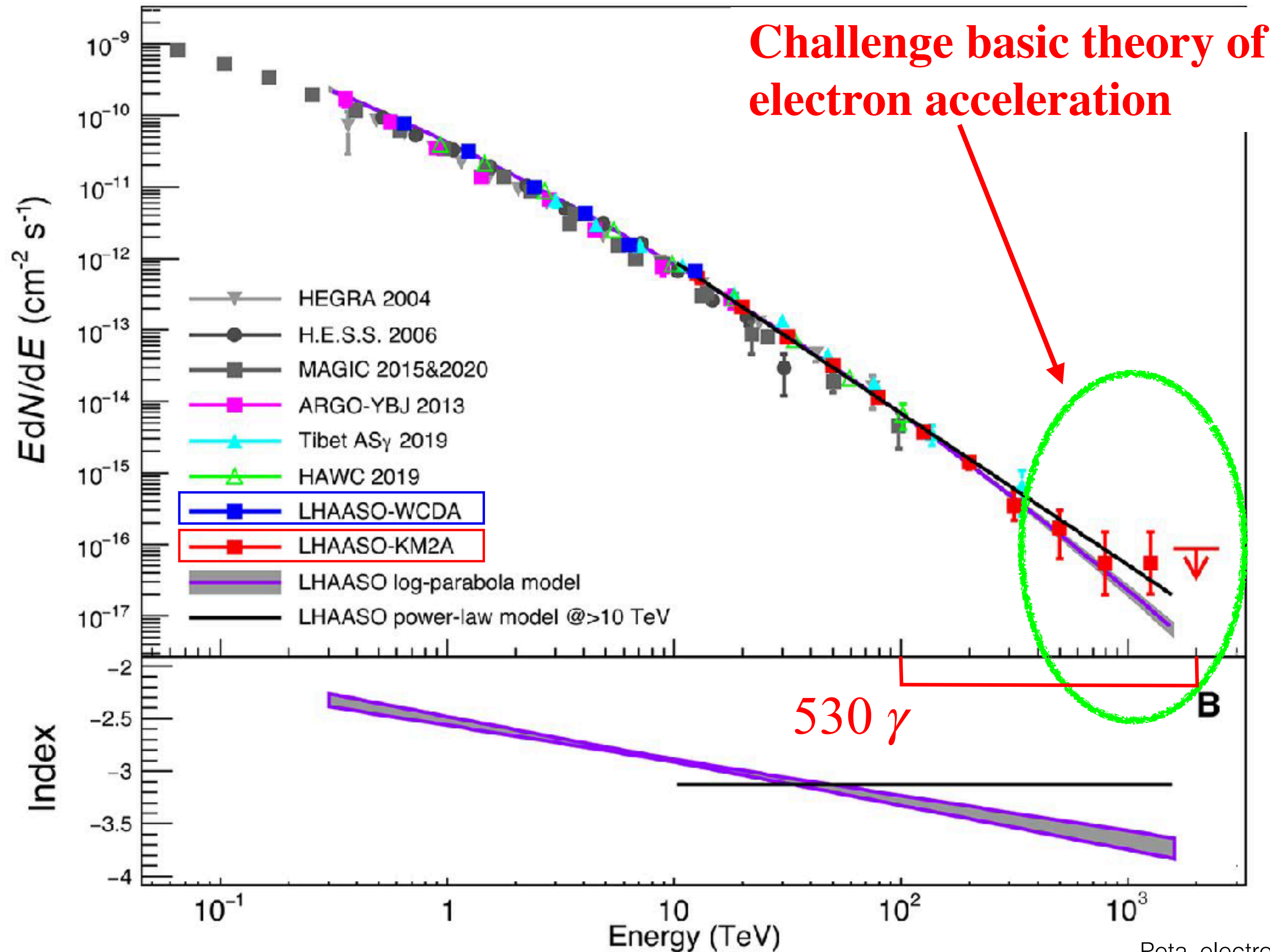


Crab Nebula in the PeV

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Crab SED



LHAASO SED Measurement:

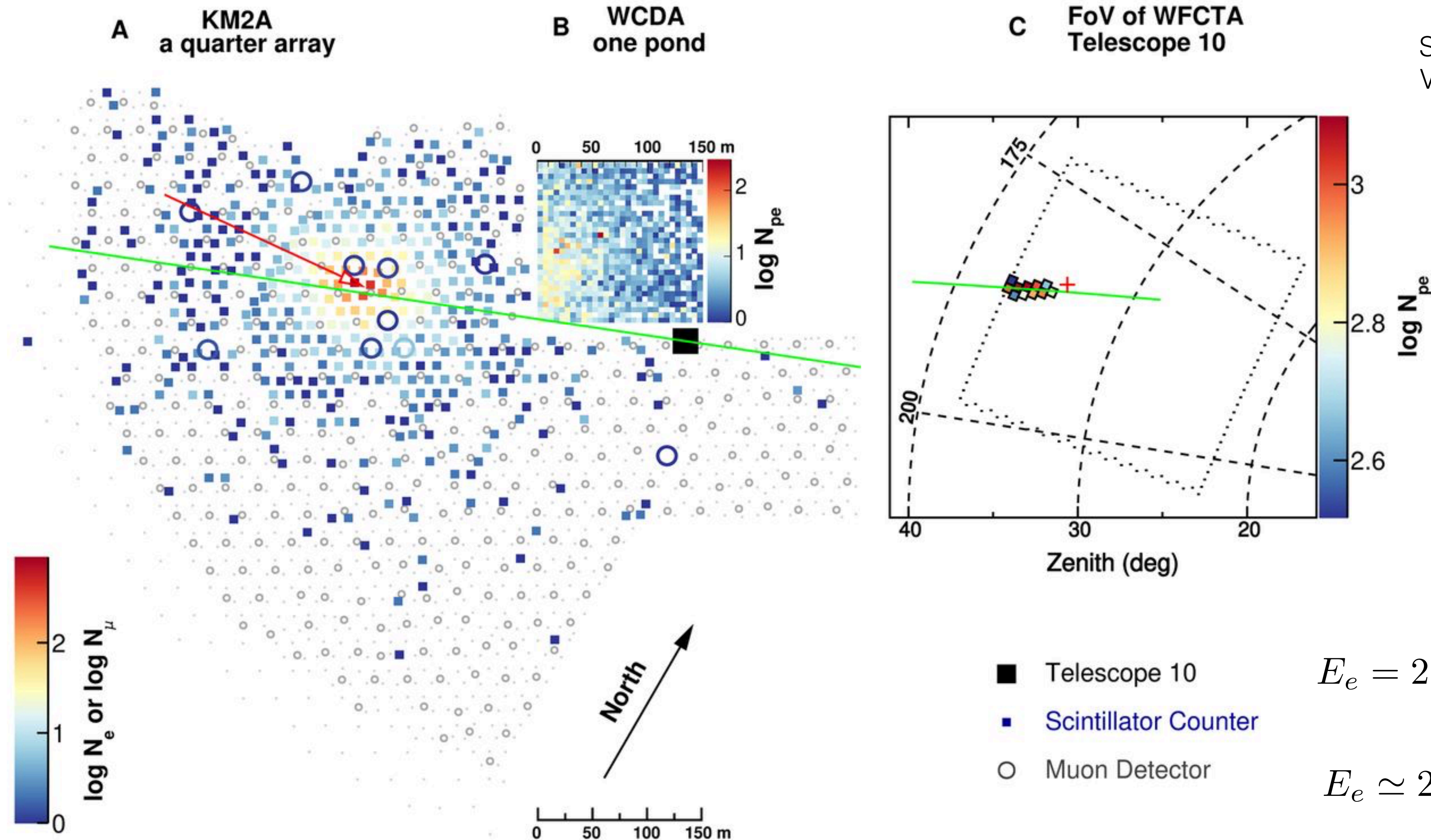
- Covering 3.5 decades of energy
- Agreeing with other experiments below 100 TeV
- Self cross-checking between WCDA & KM2A

A Pevatron:

- Unique UHE SED
- A PeVatron without ambiguity
- Clear origin: a well-known PWN

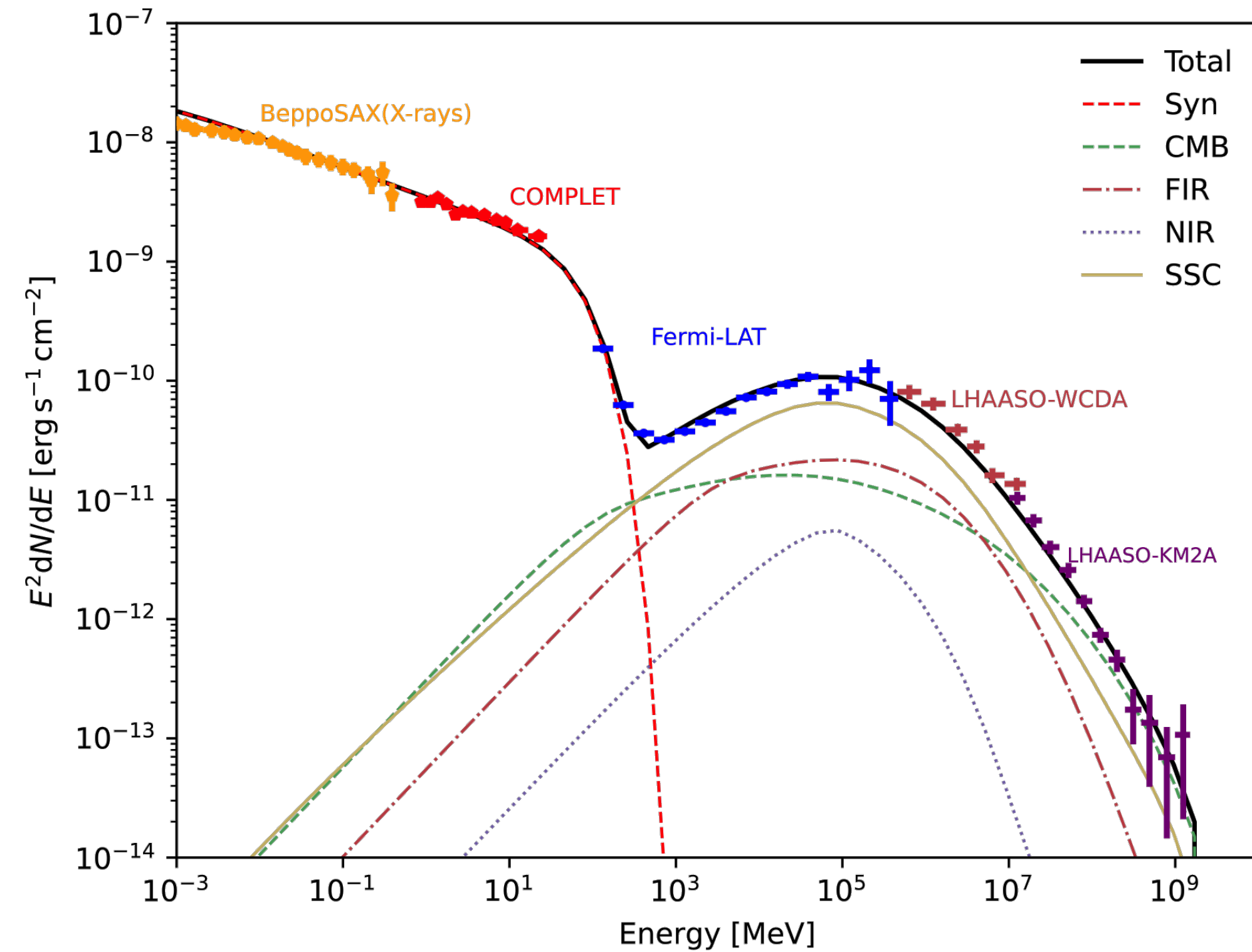
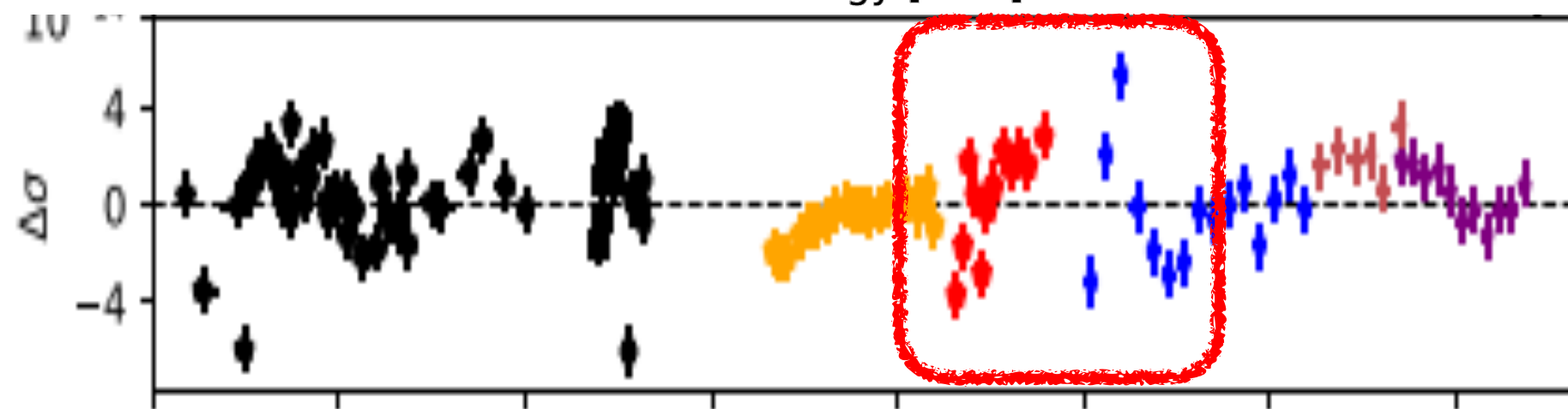
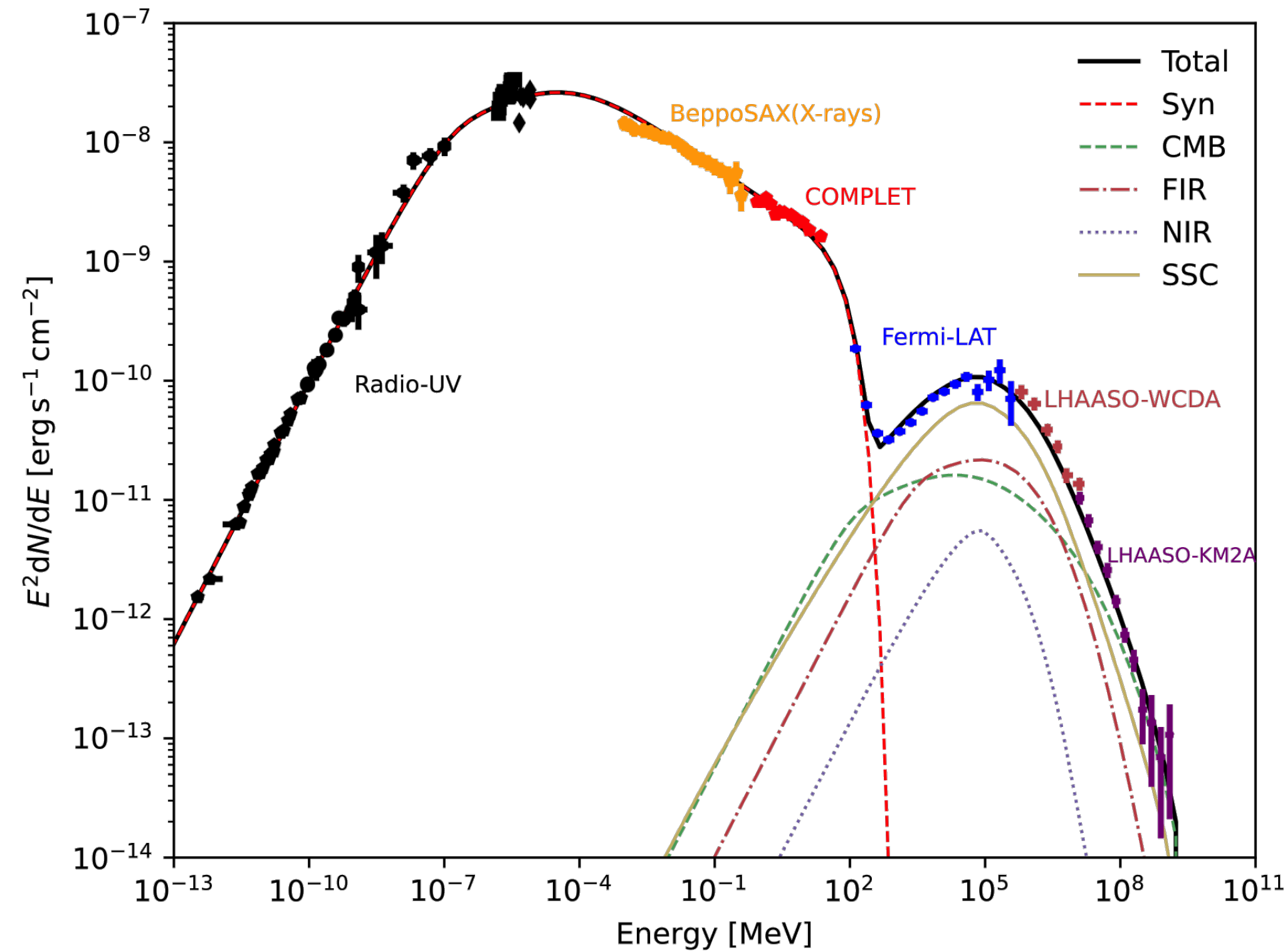
Highest energy photons from Crab (1.1 PeV)

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$$E_e = 2.15 \cdot \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{PeV}} \right)^{0.77} \text{ PeV}$$

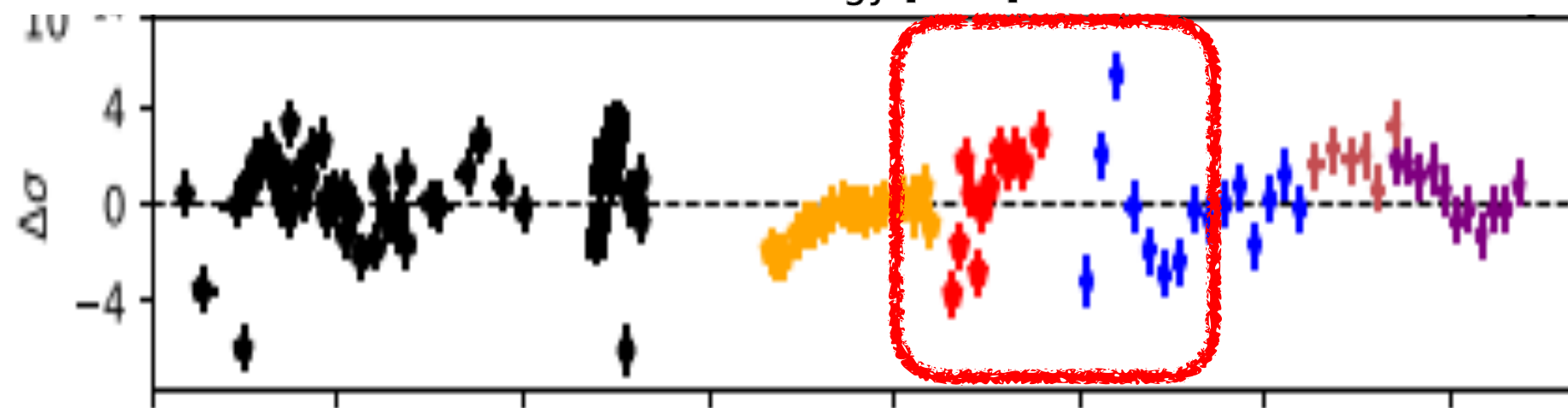
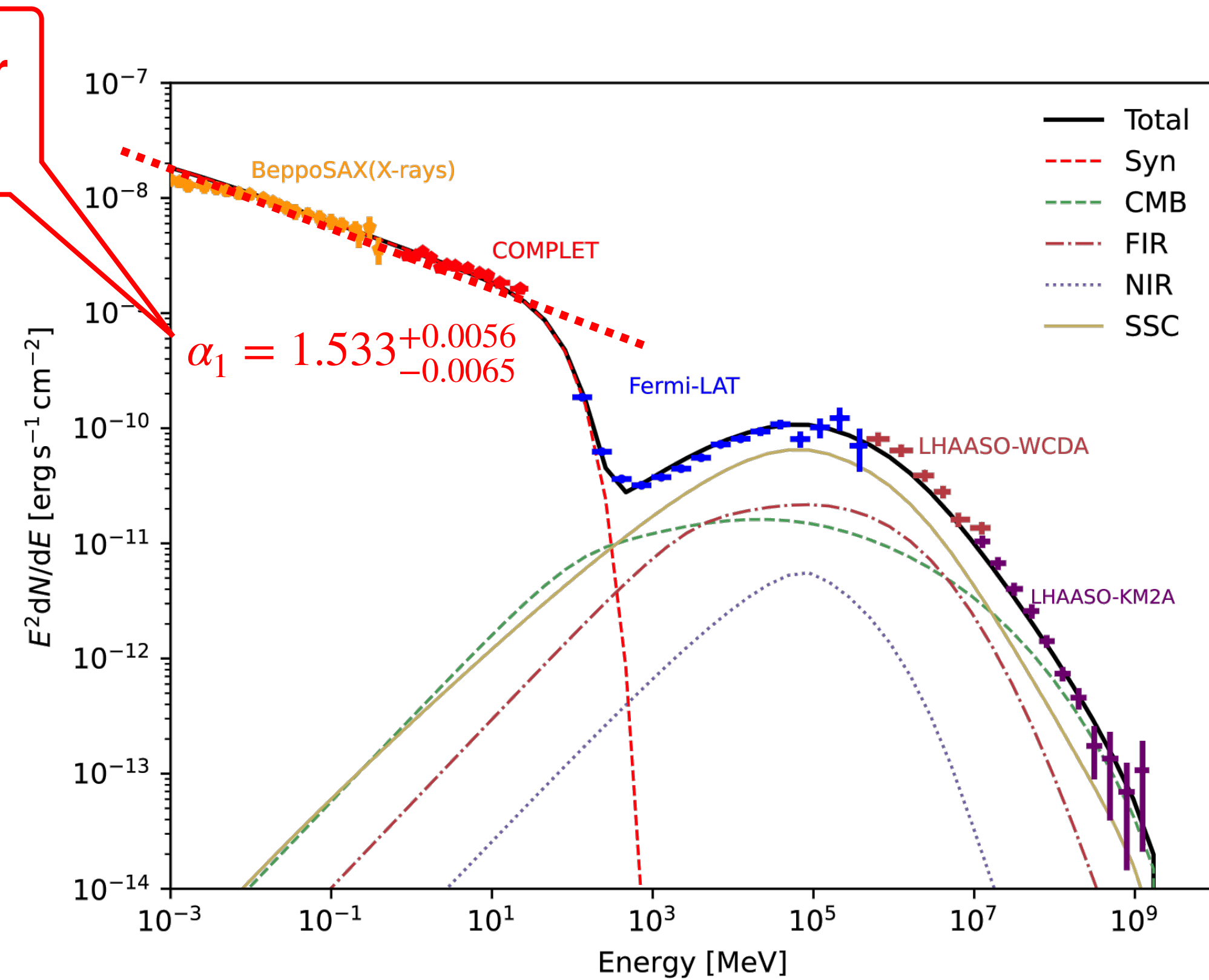
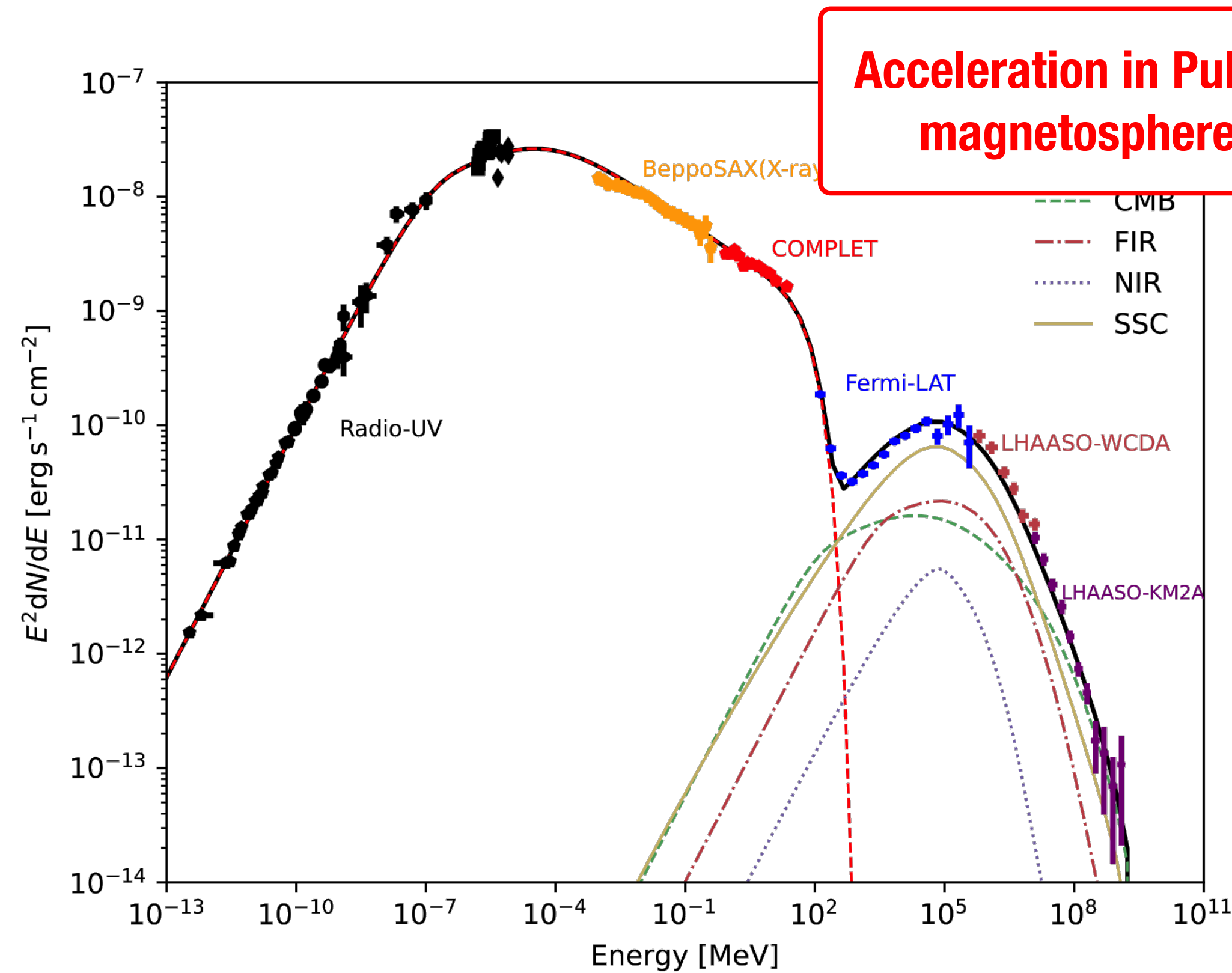
$$E_e \simeq 2.3 \text{ PeV}$$



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$$B_{PWN} = 129.42^{+1.8}_{-1.78} \mu\text{G}$$

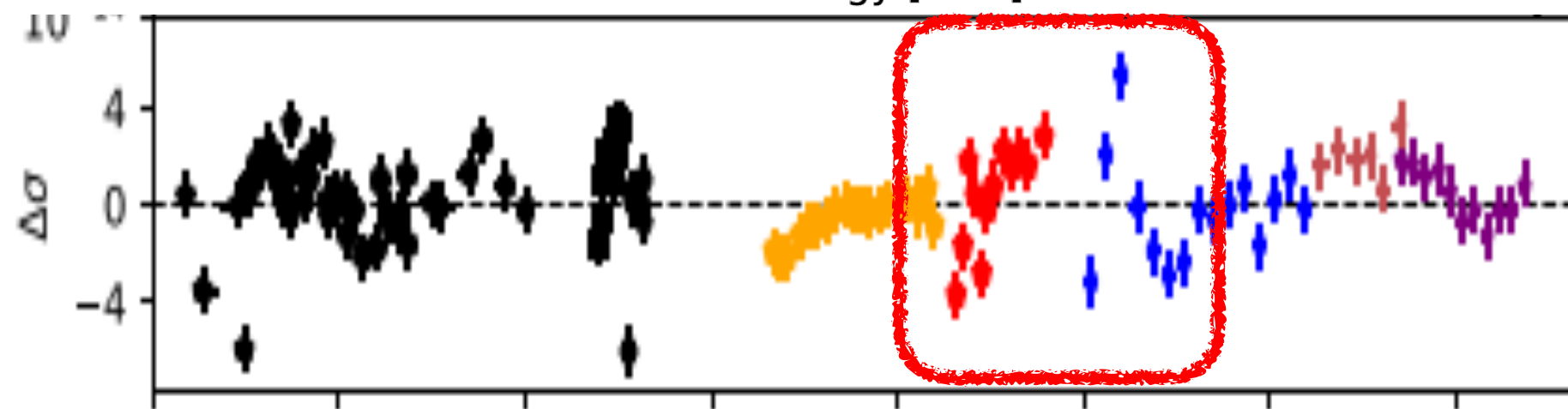
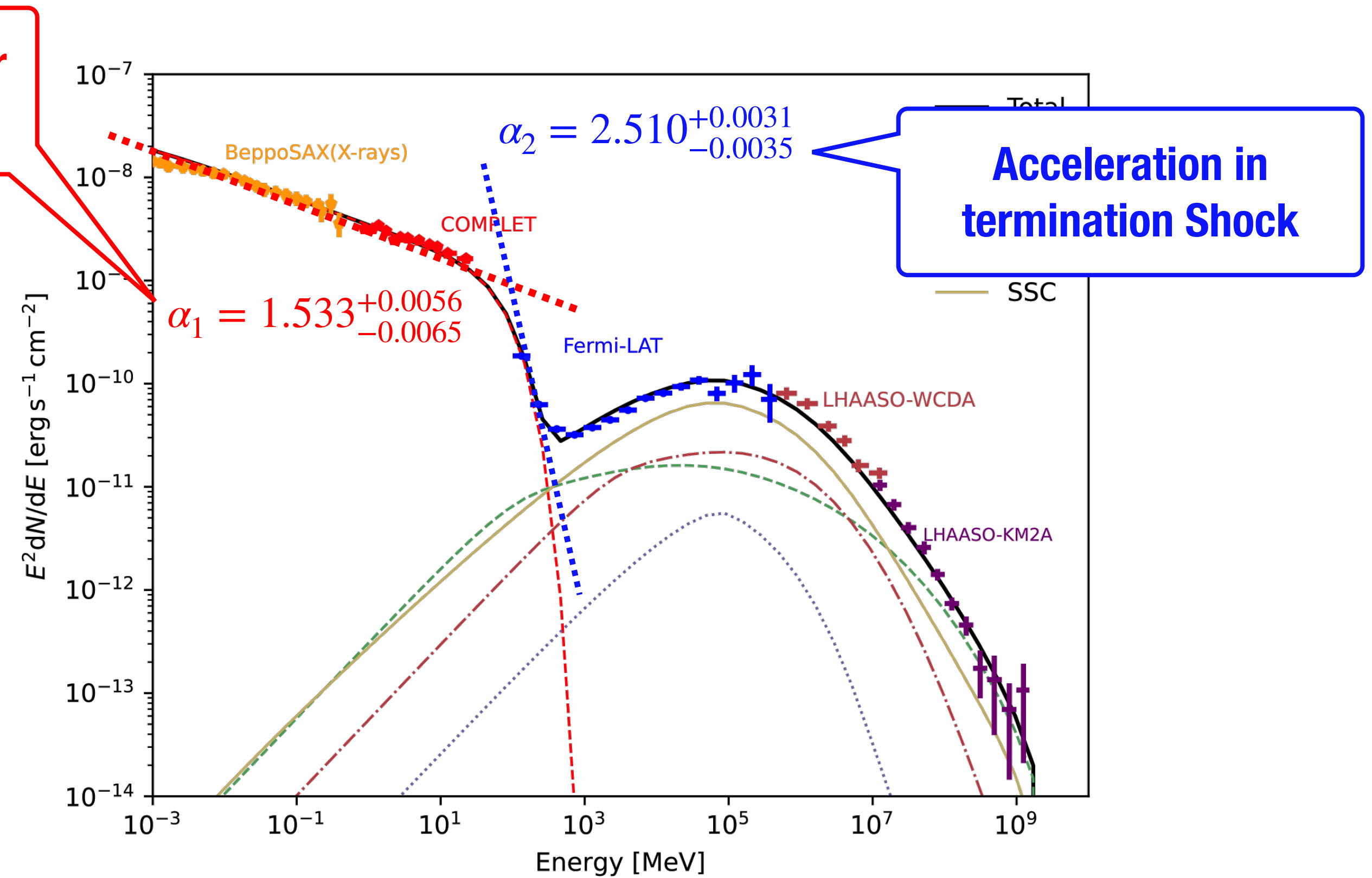
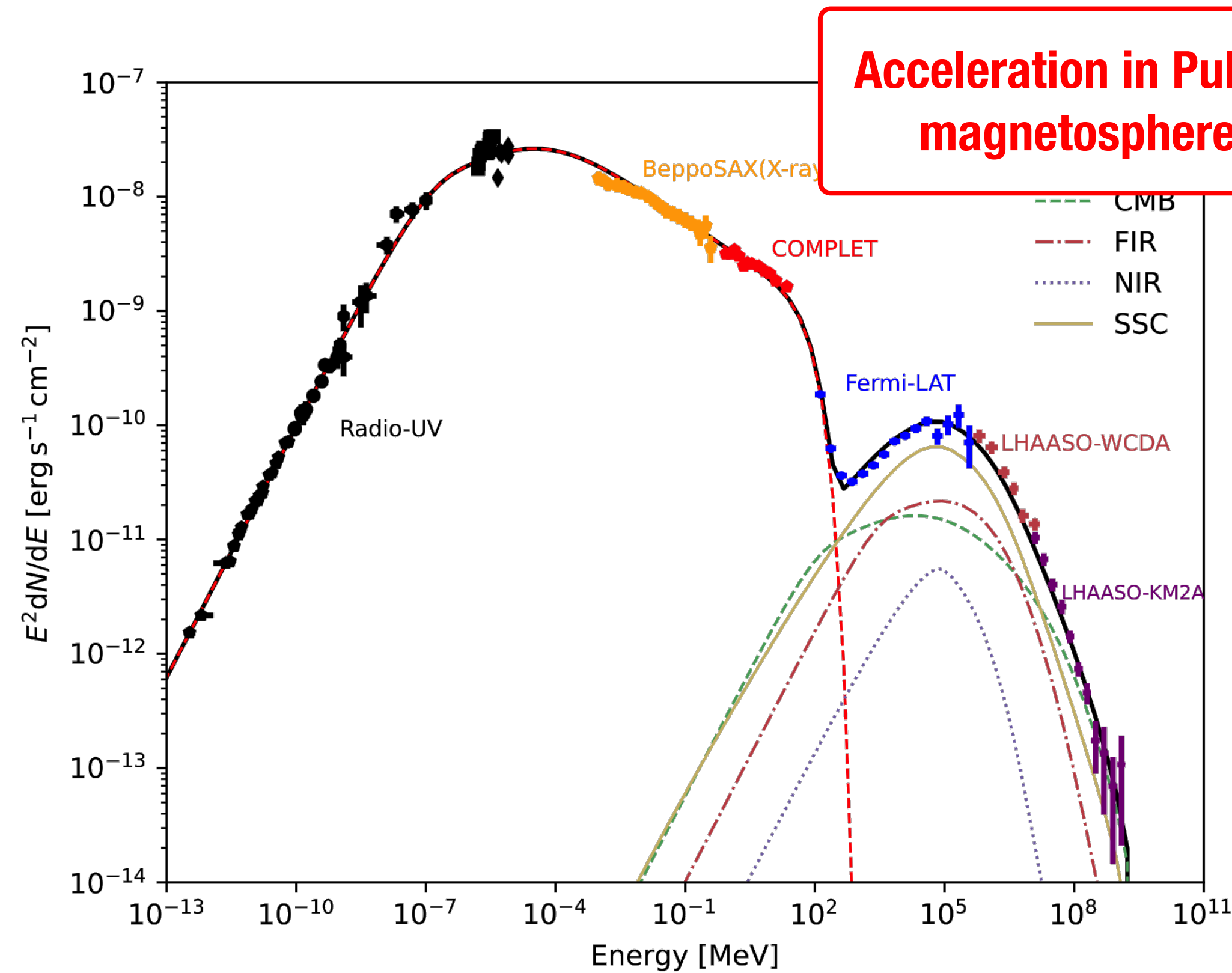
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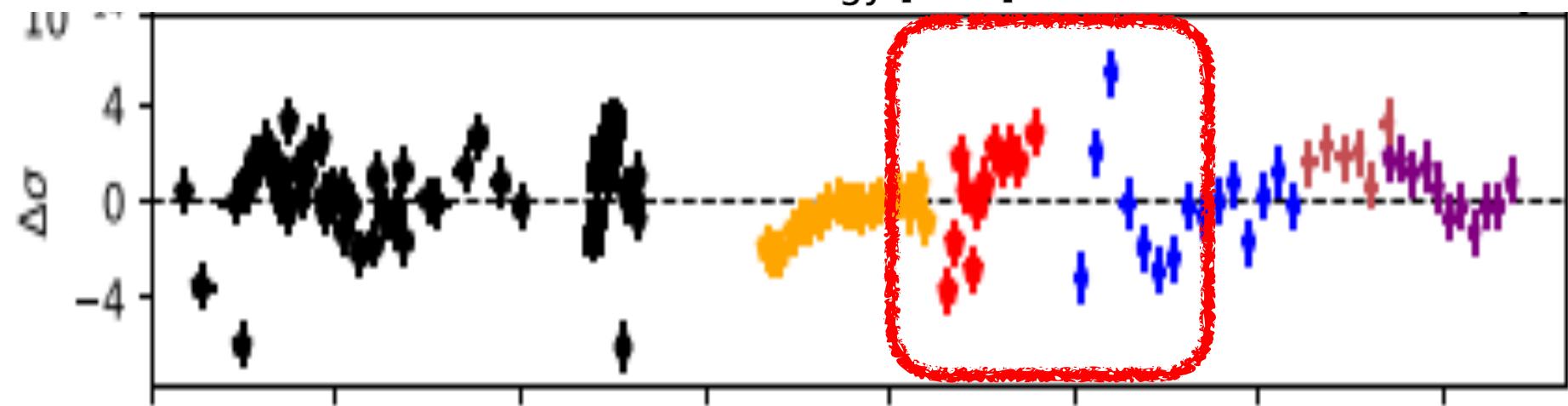
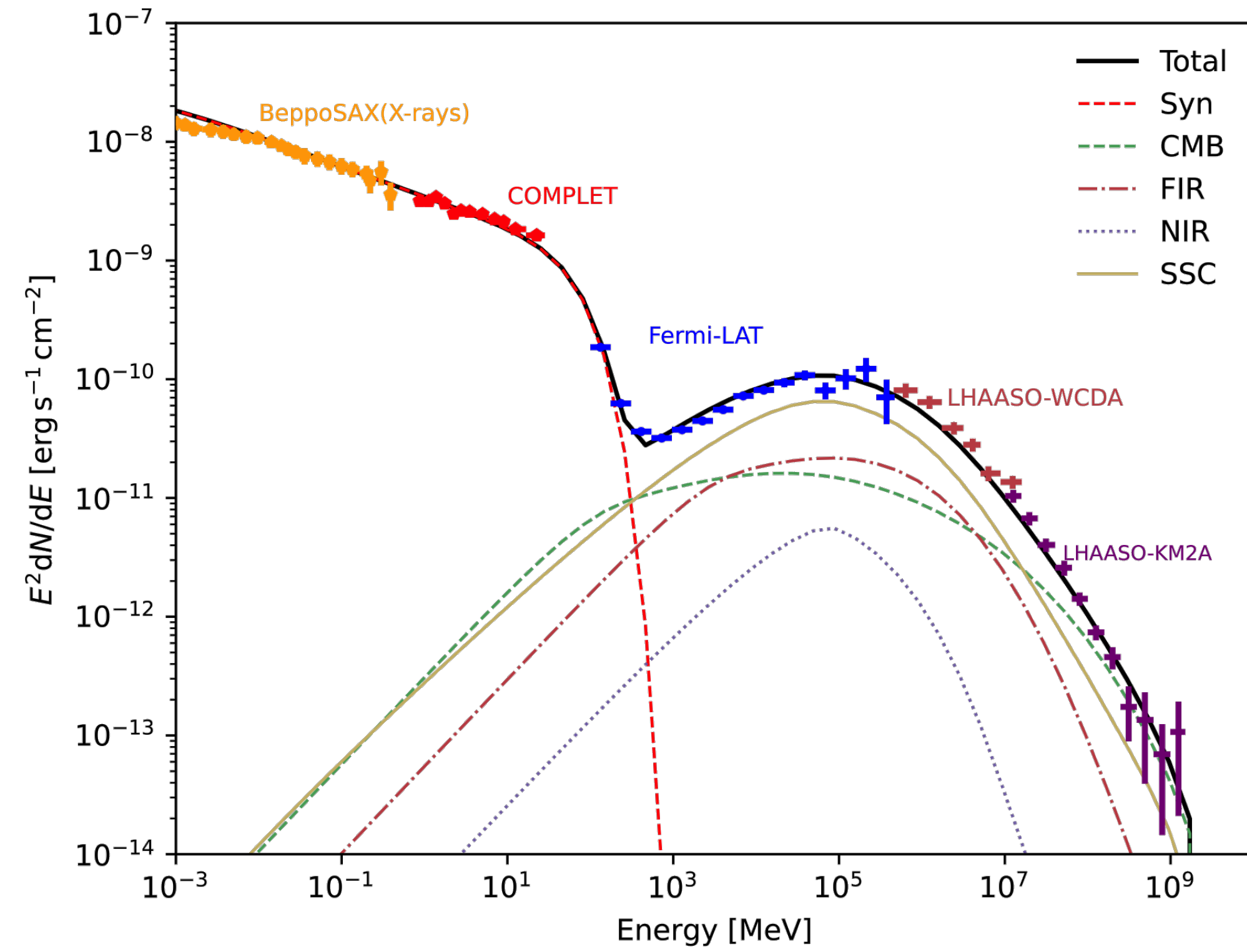
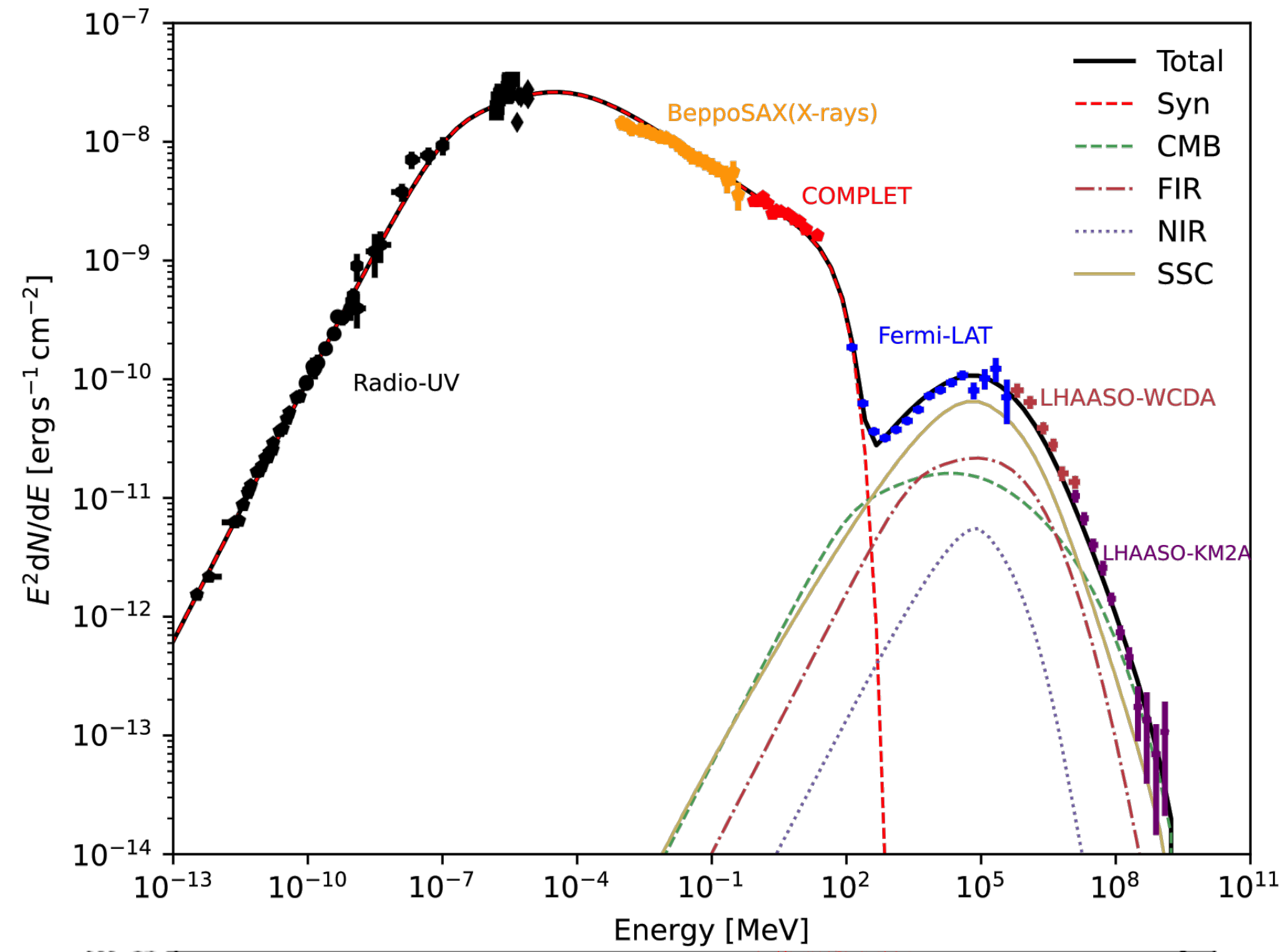
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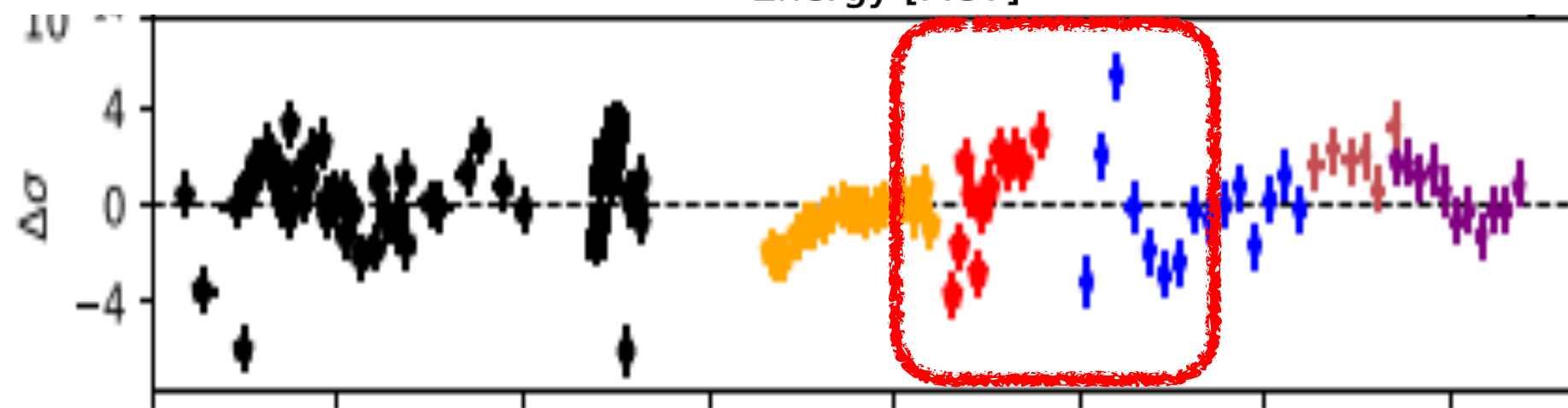
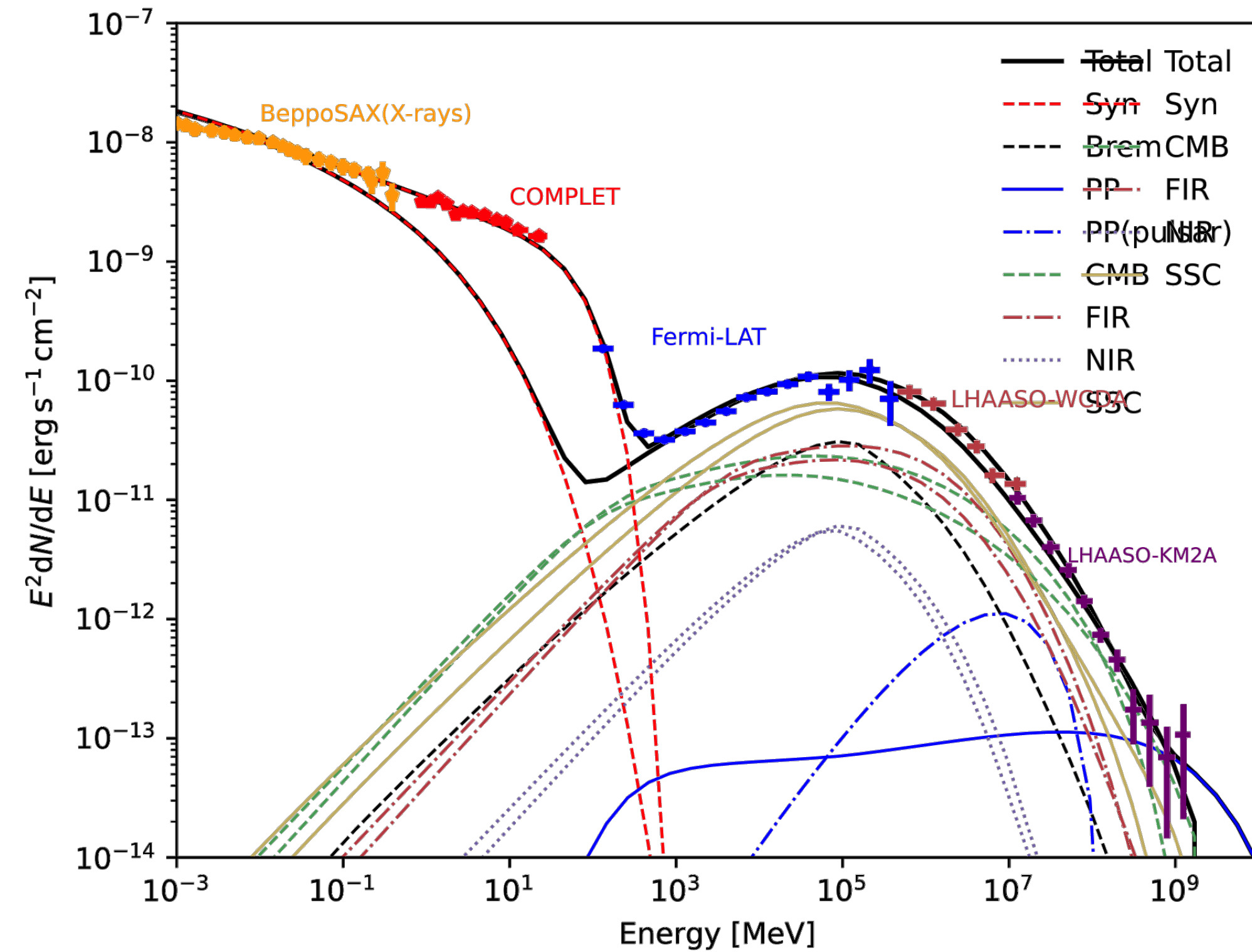
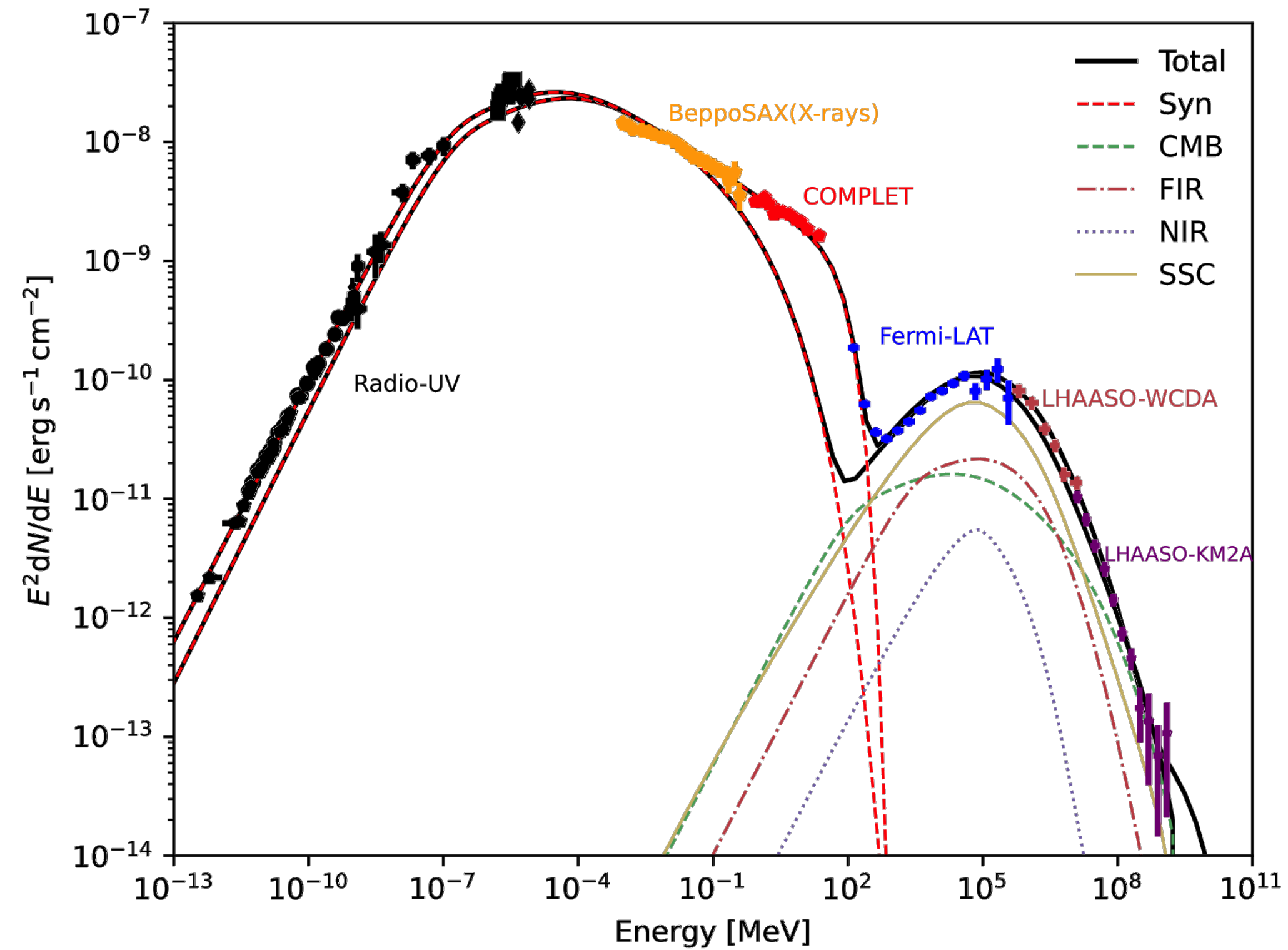
Leptonic+Hadronic?

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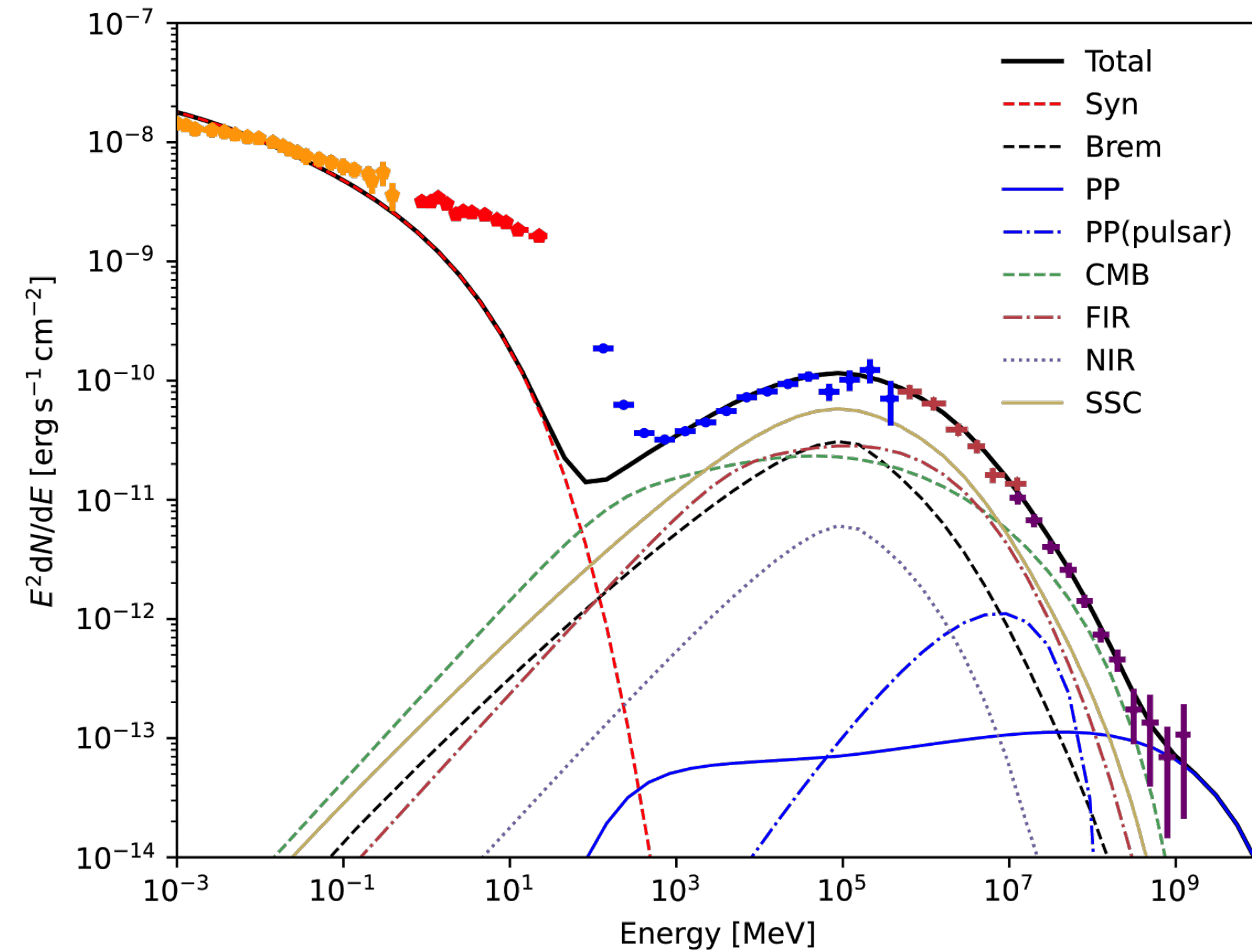
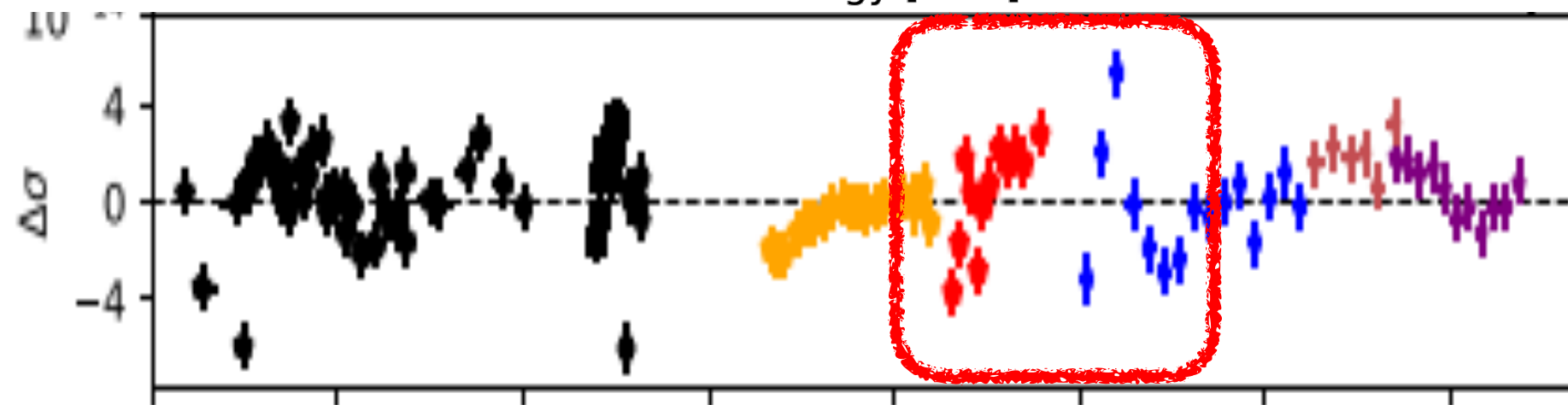
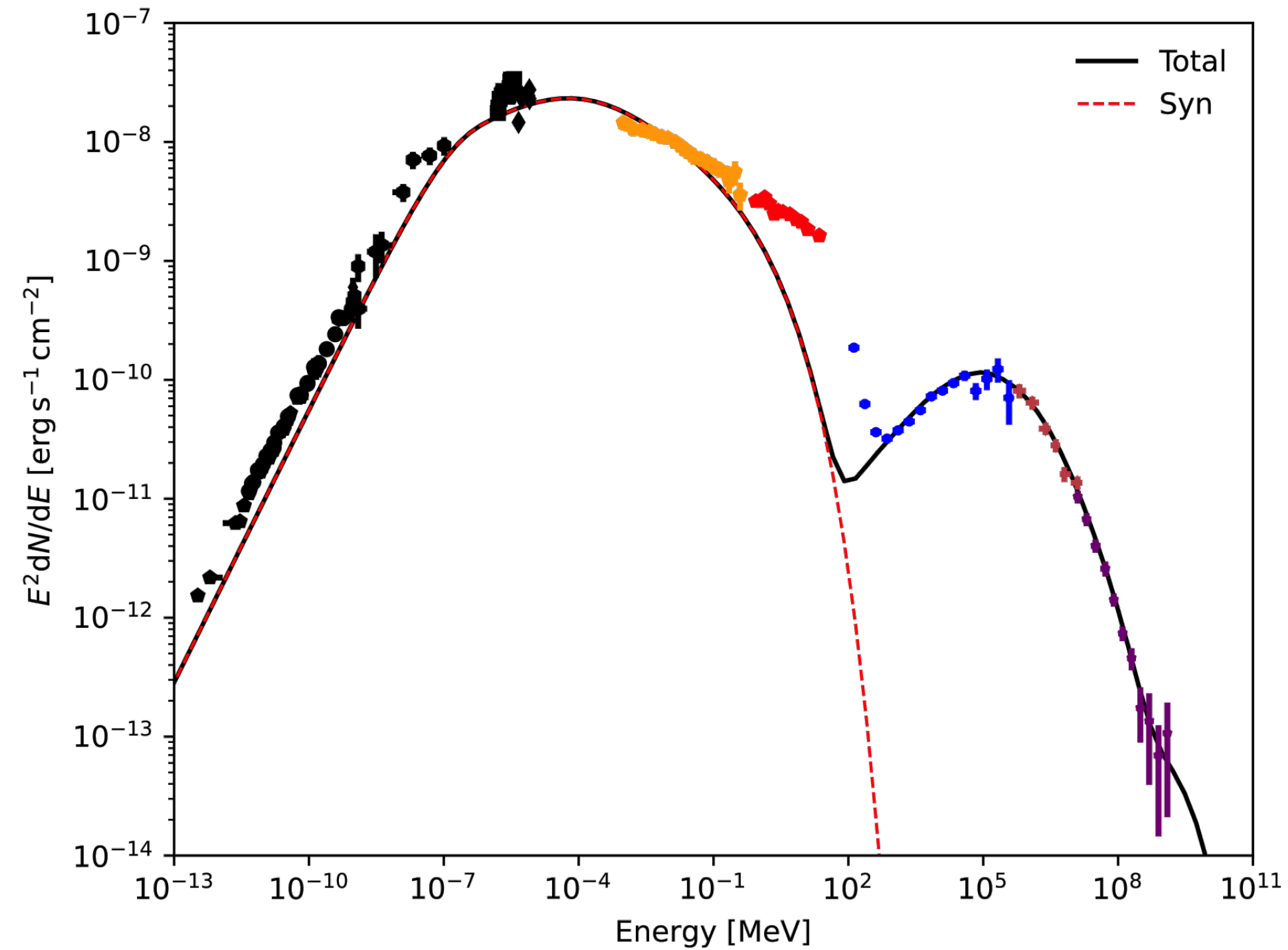
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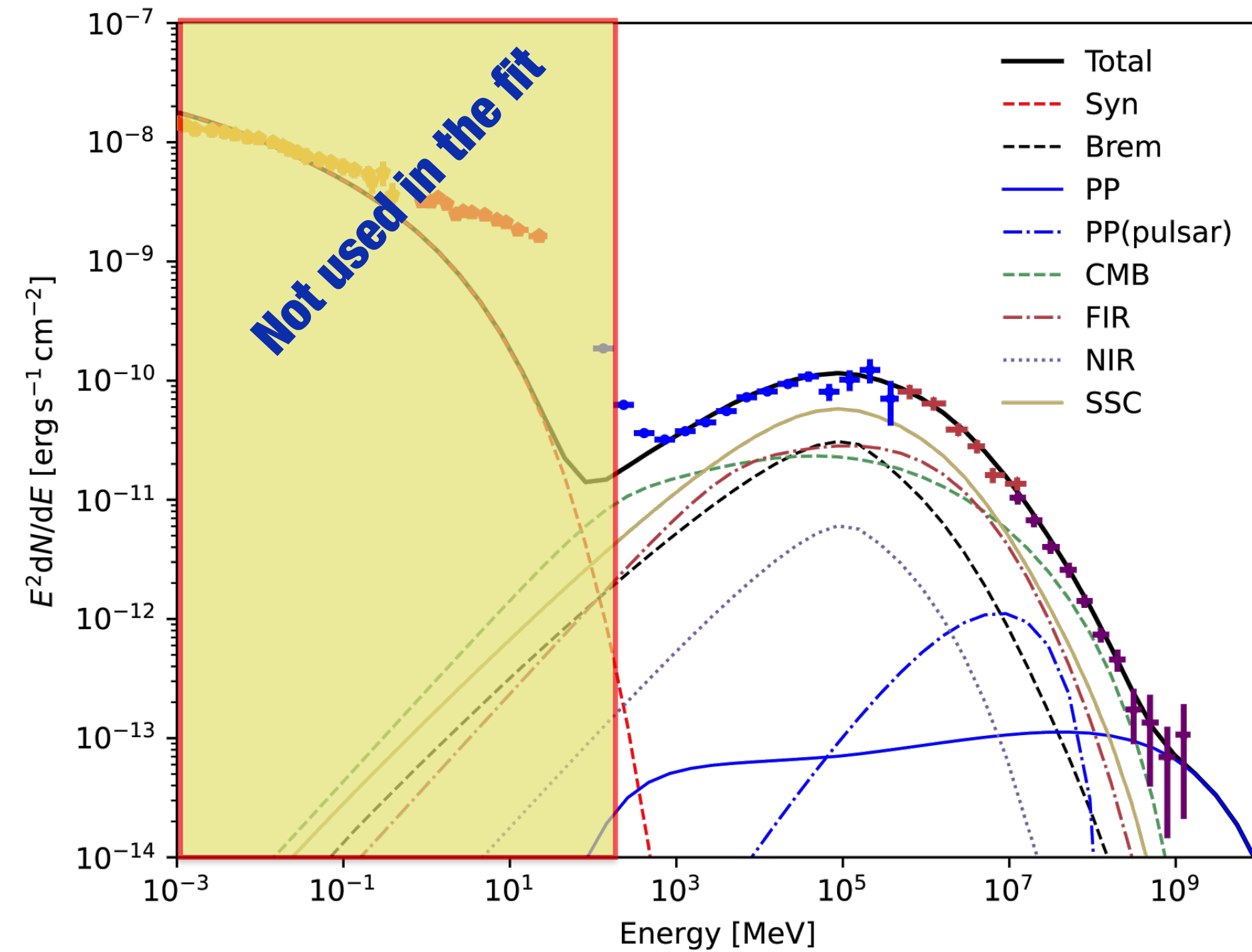
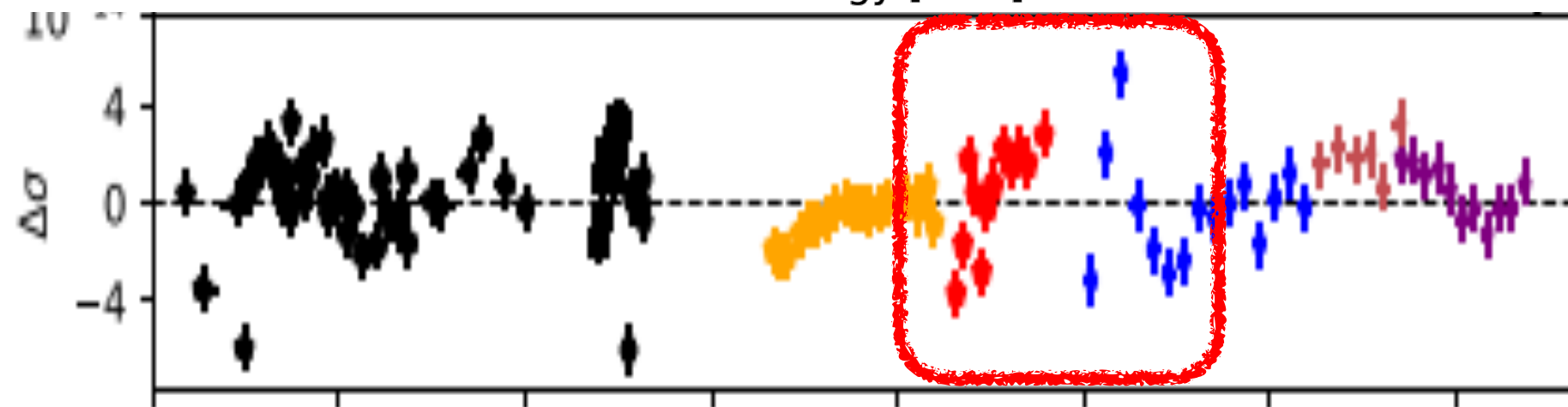
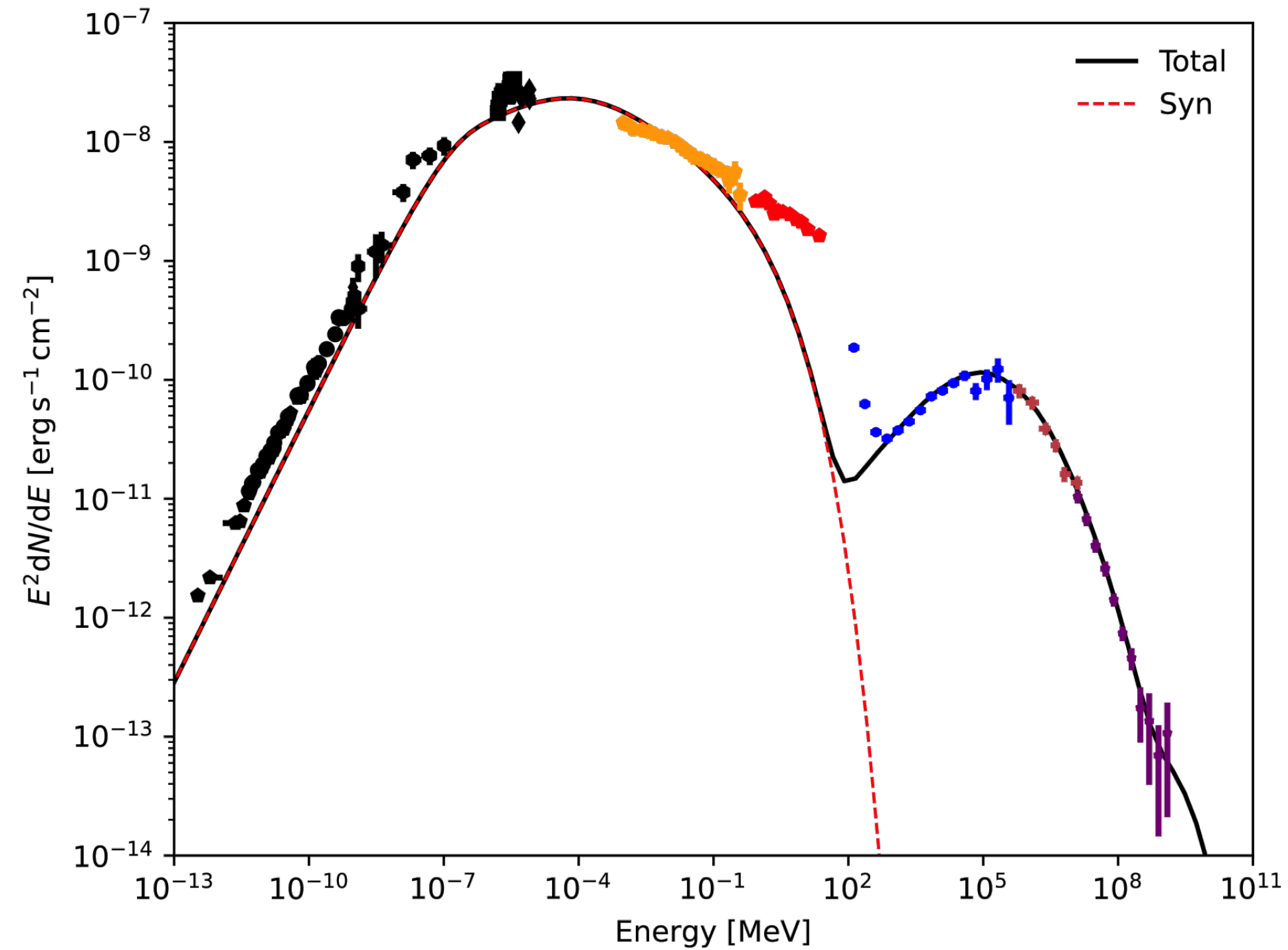
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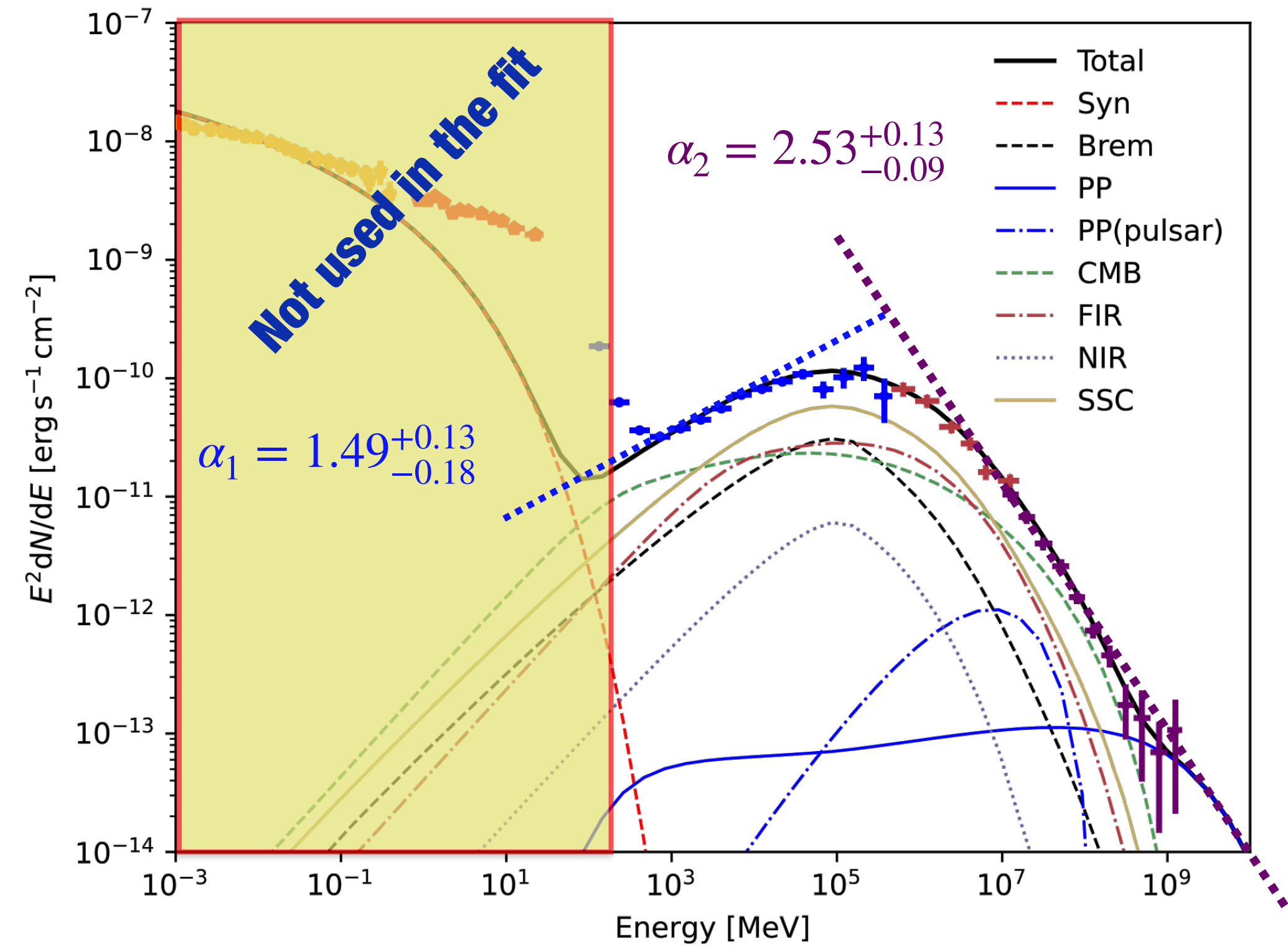
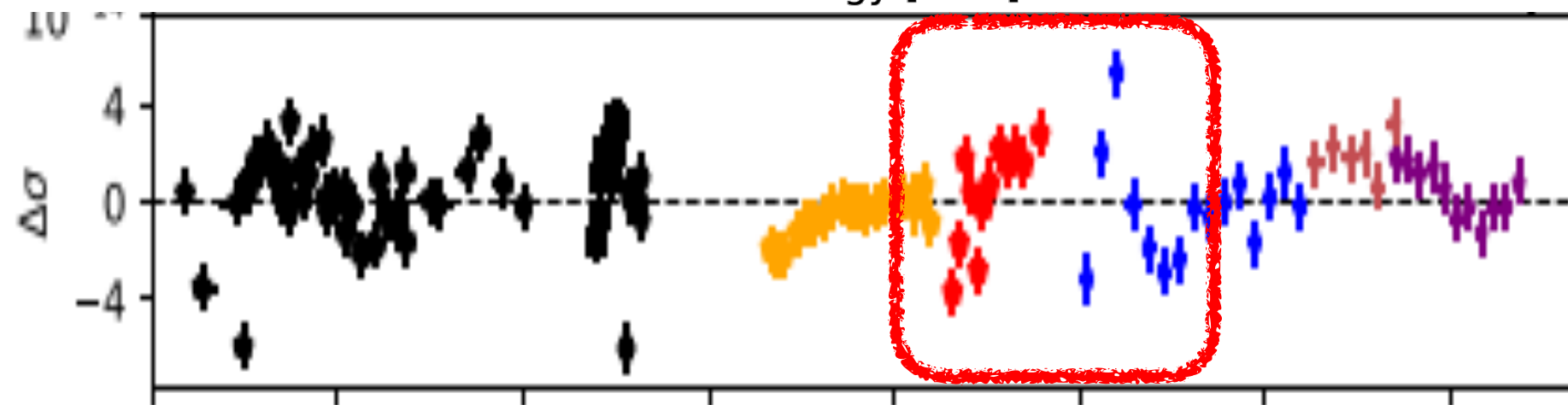
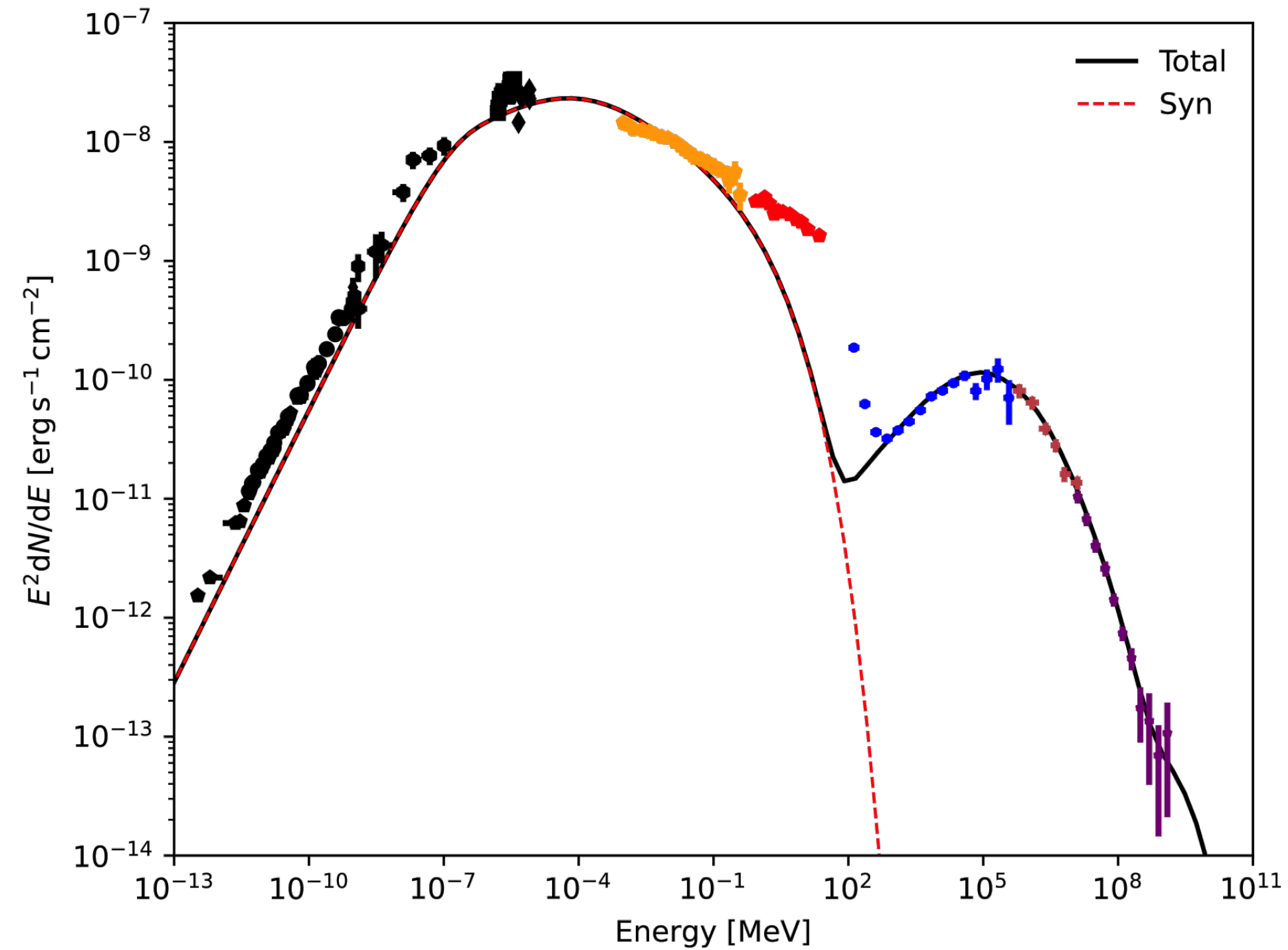
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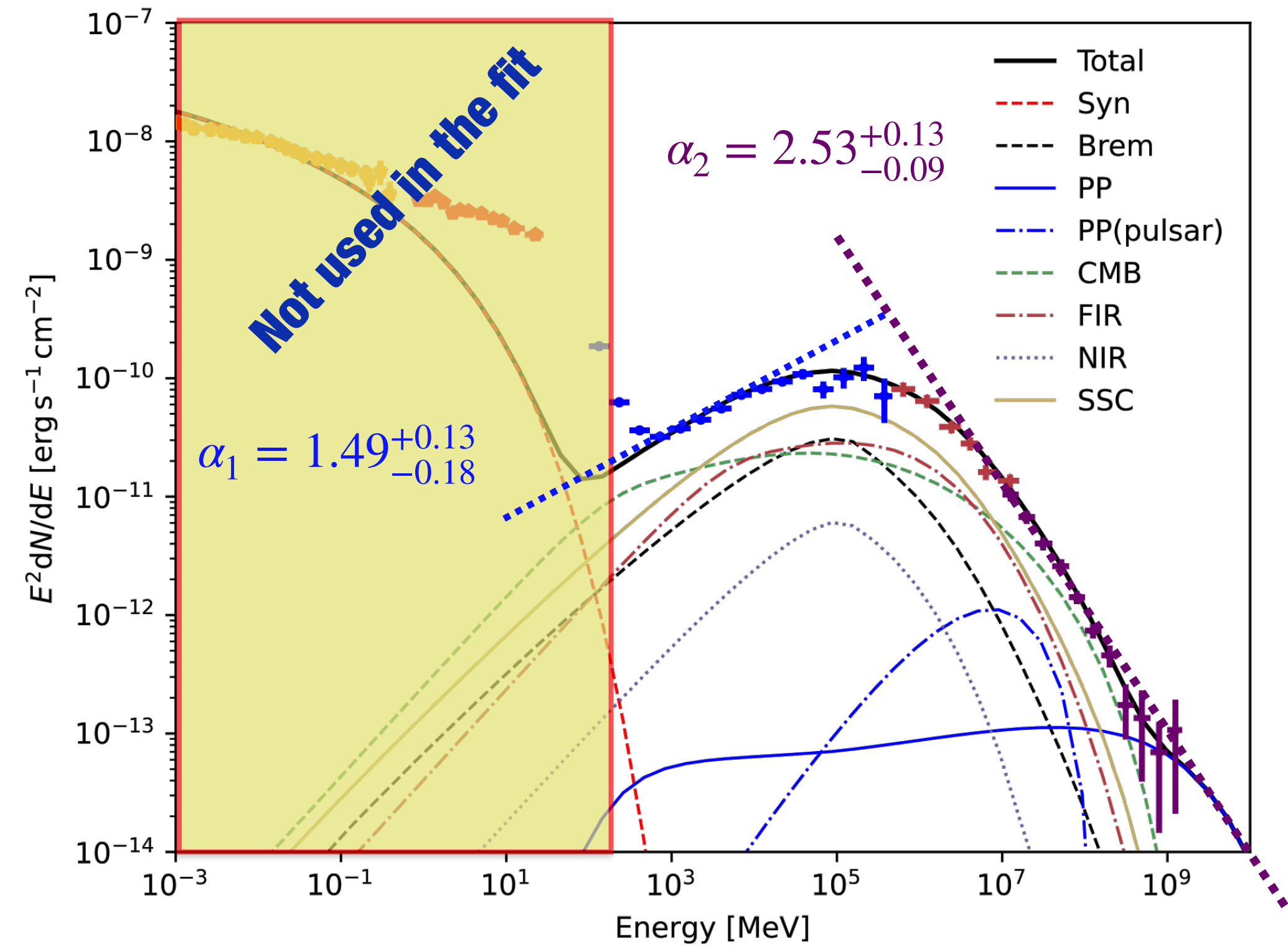
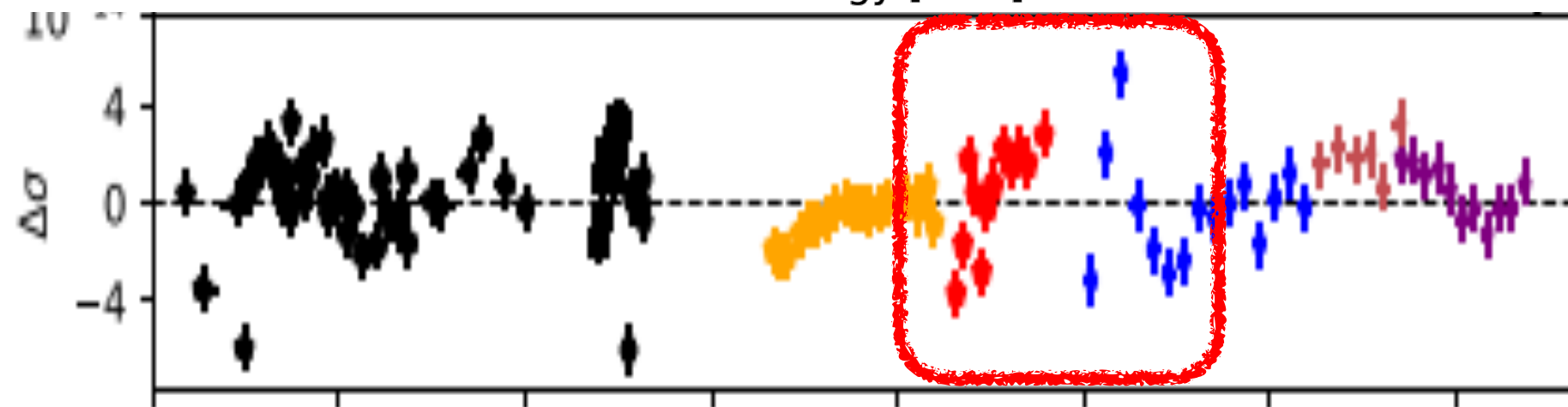
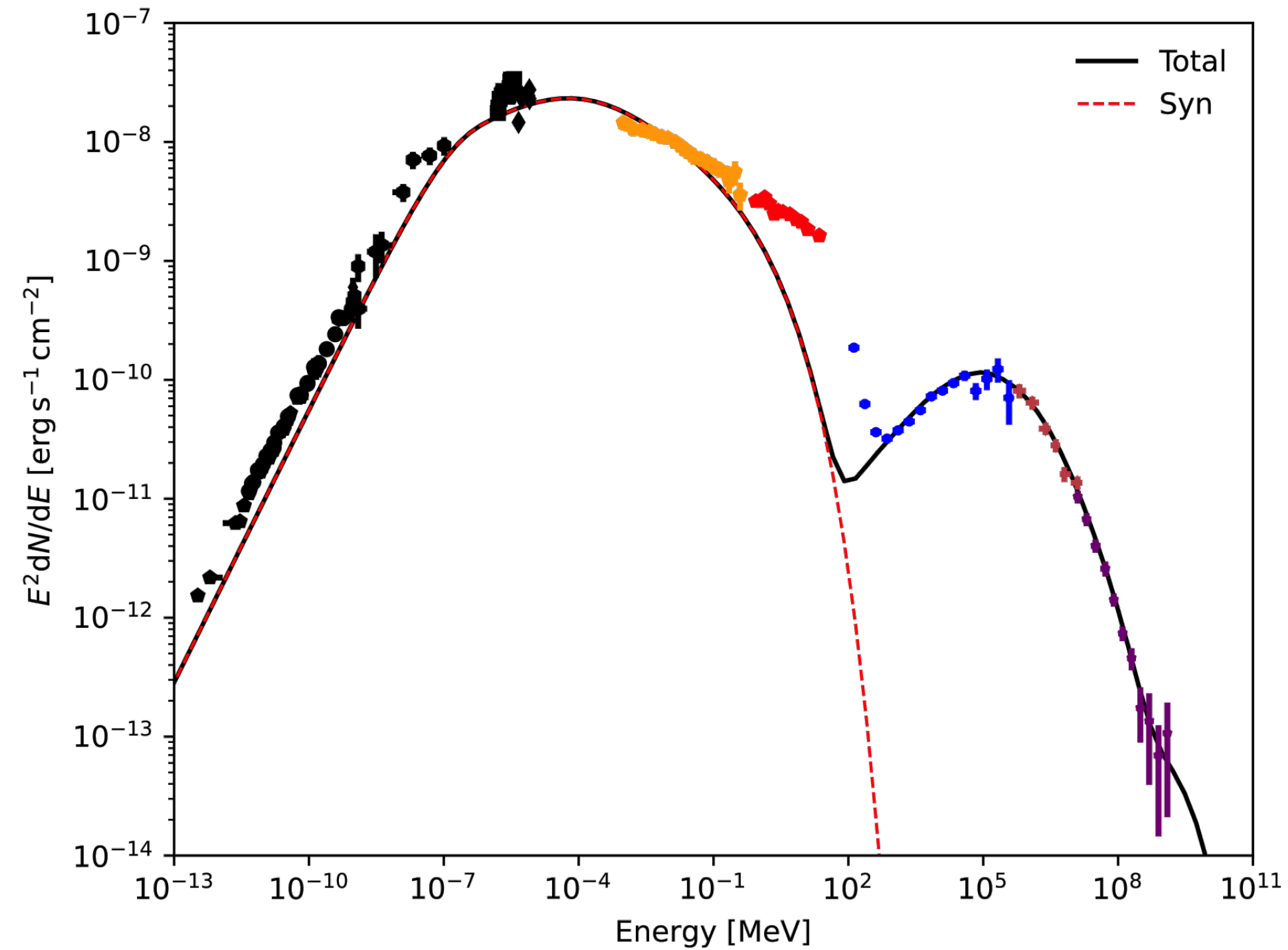
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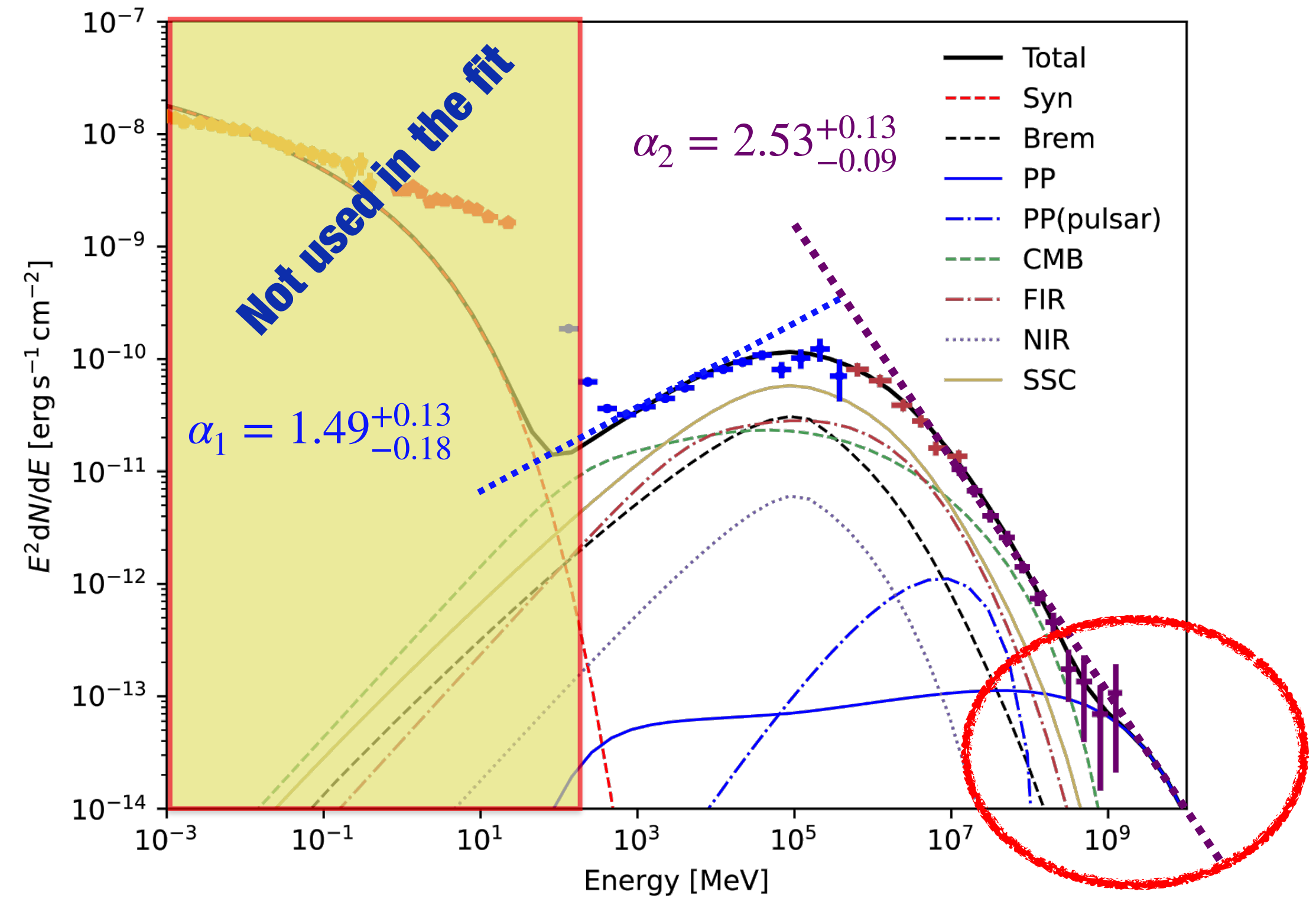
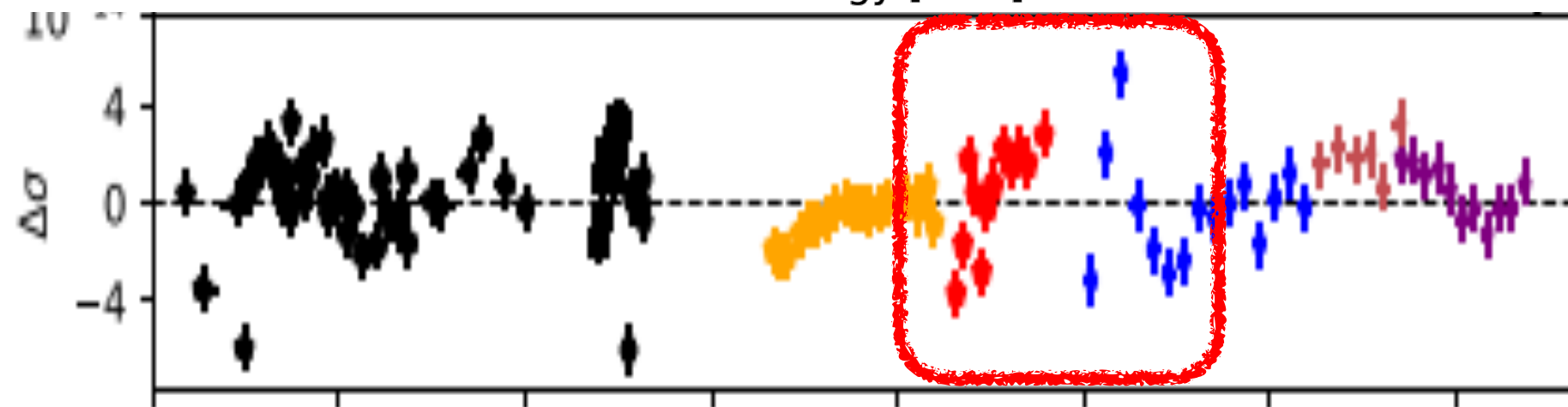
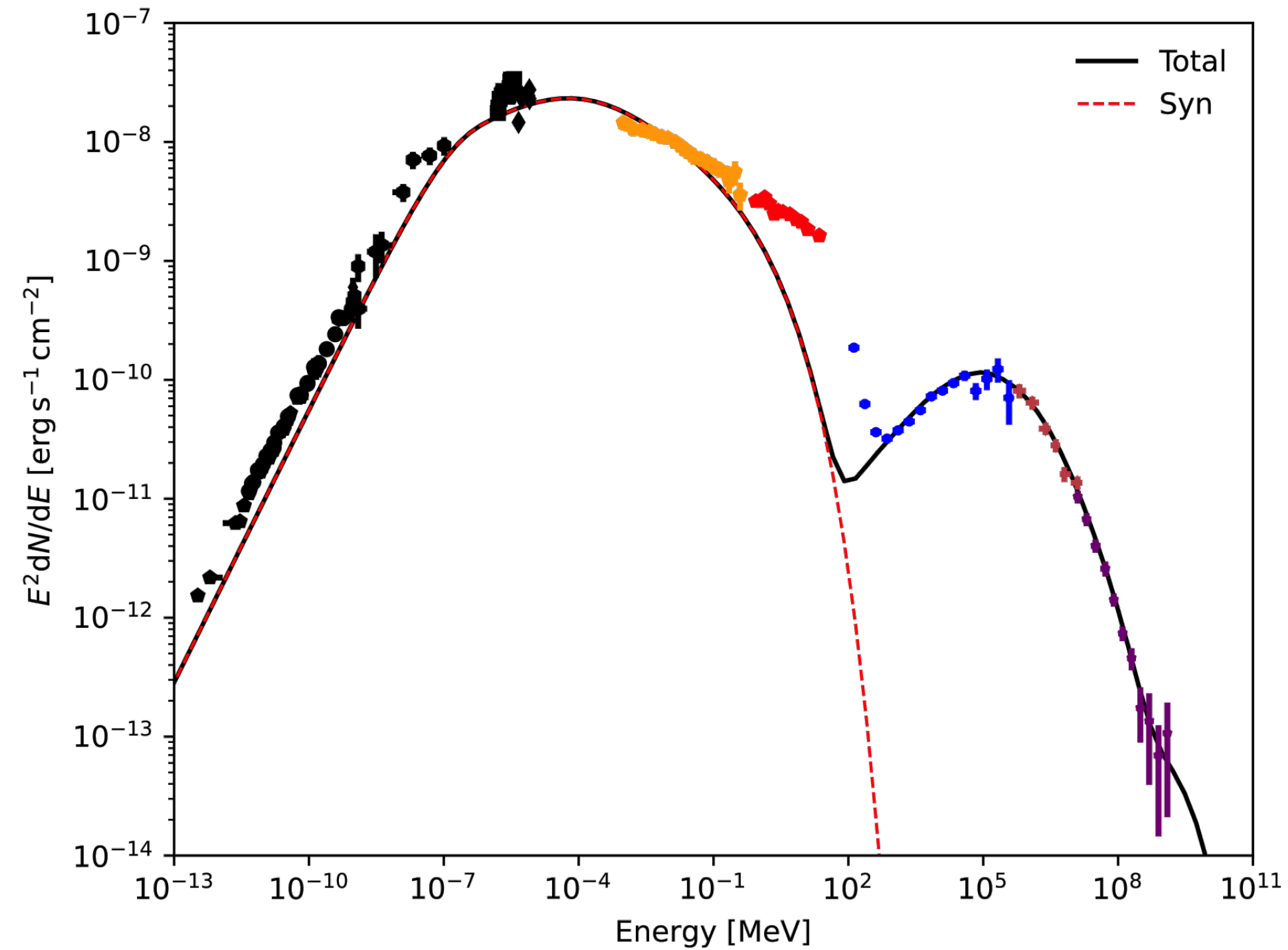
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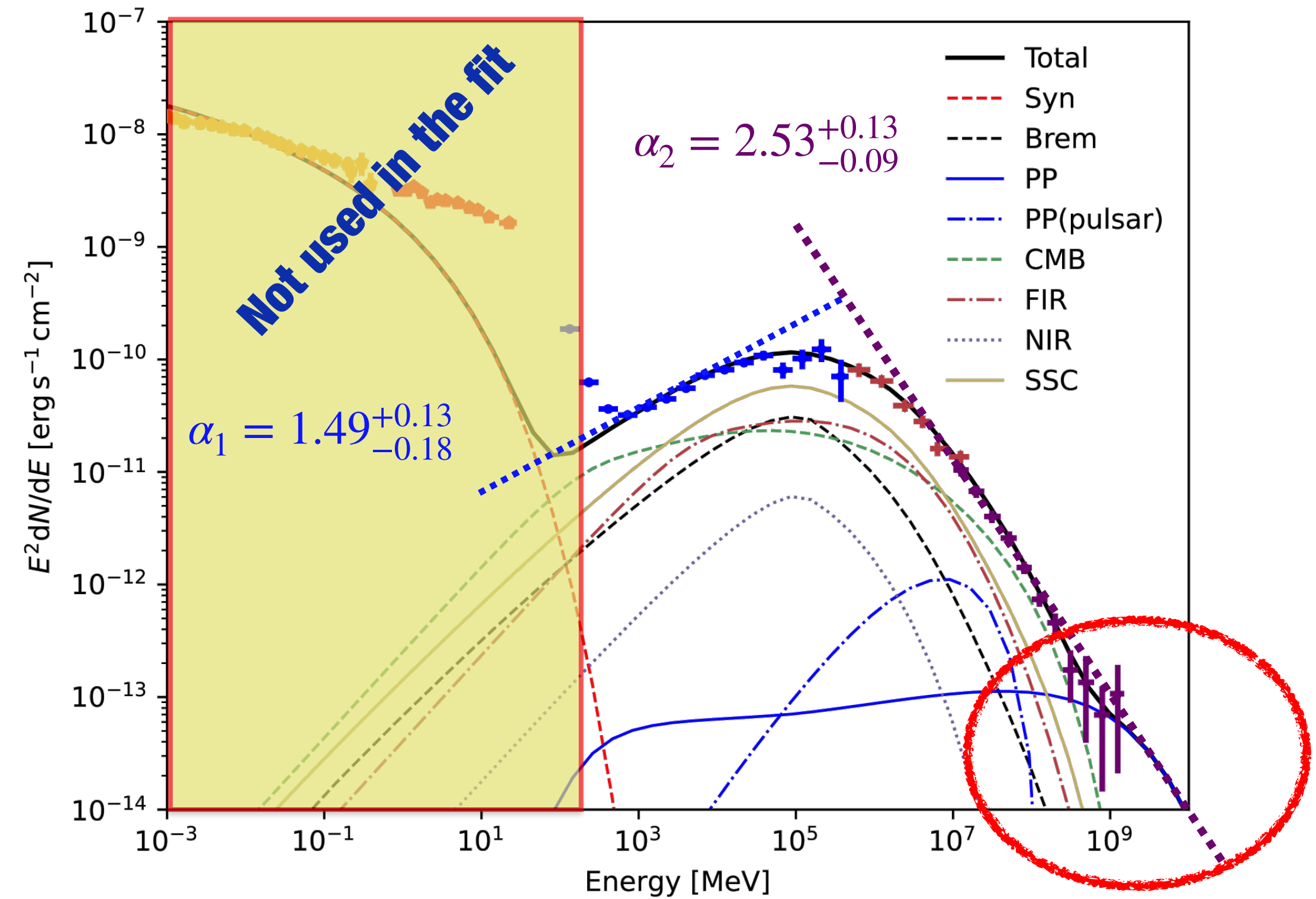
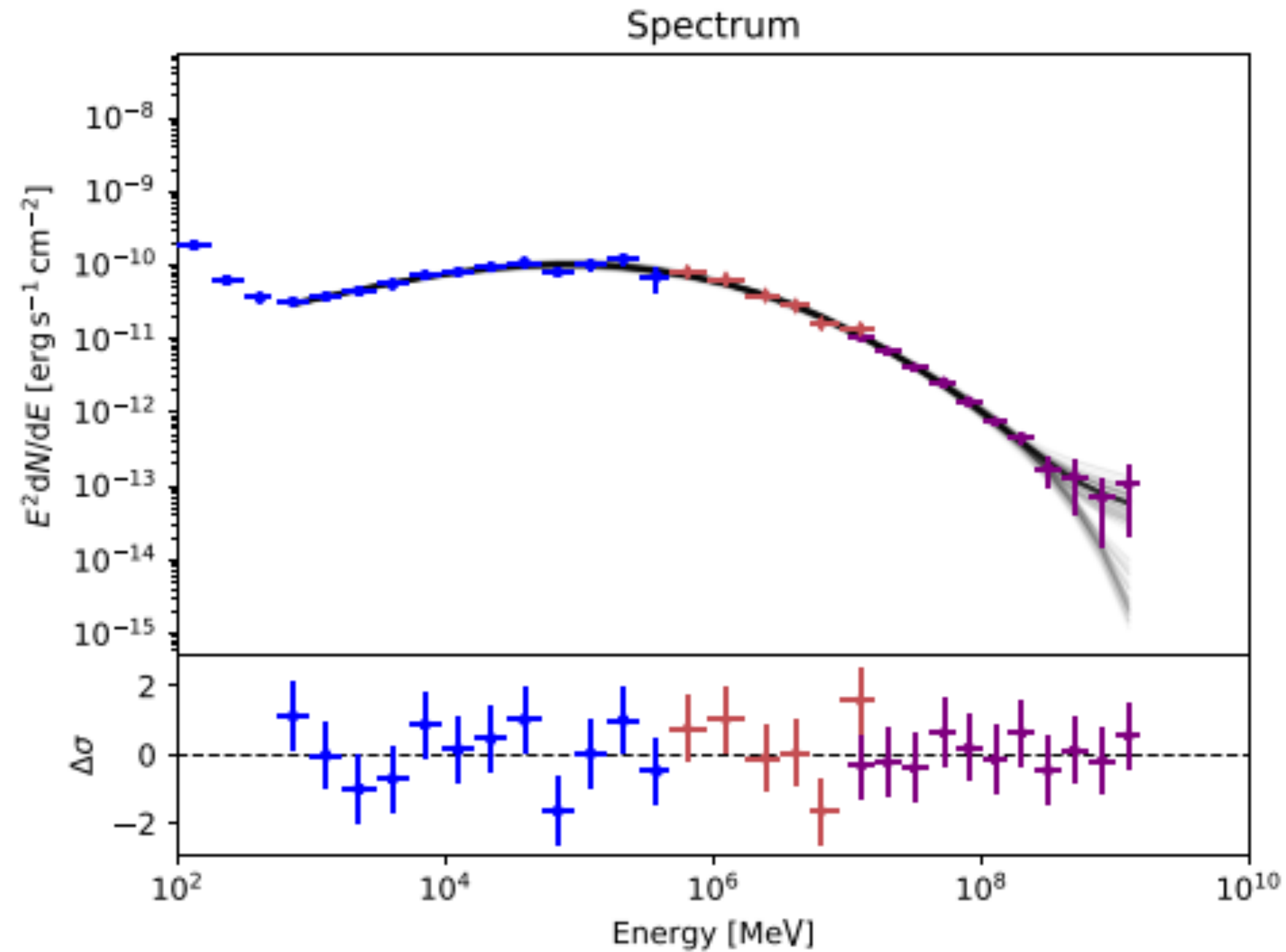
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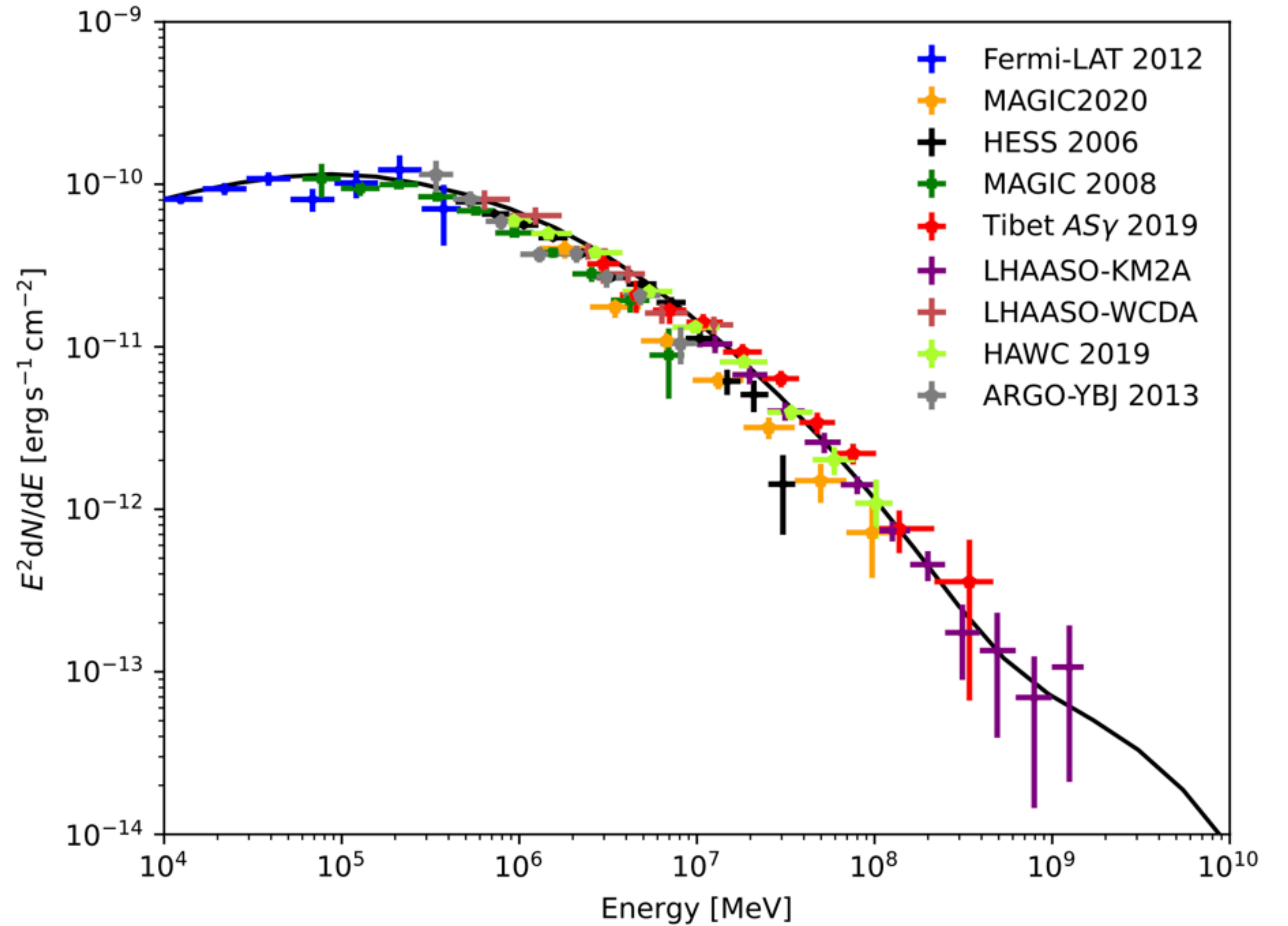
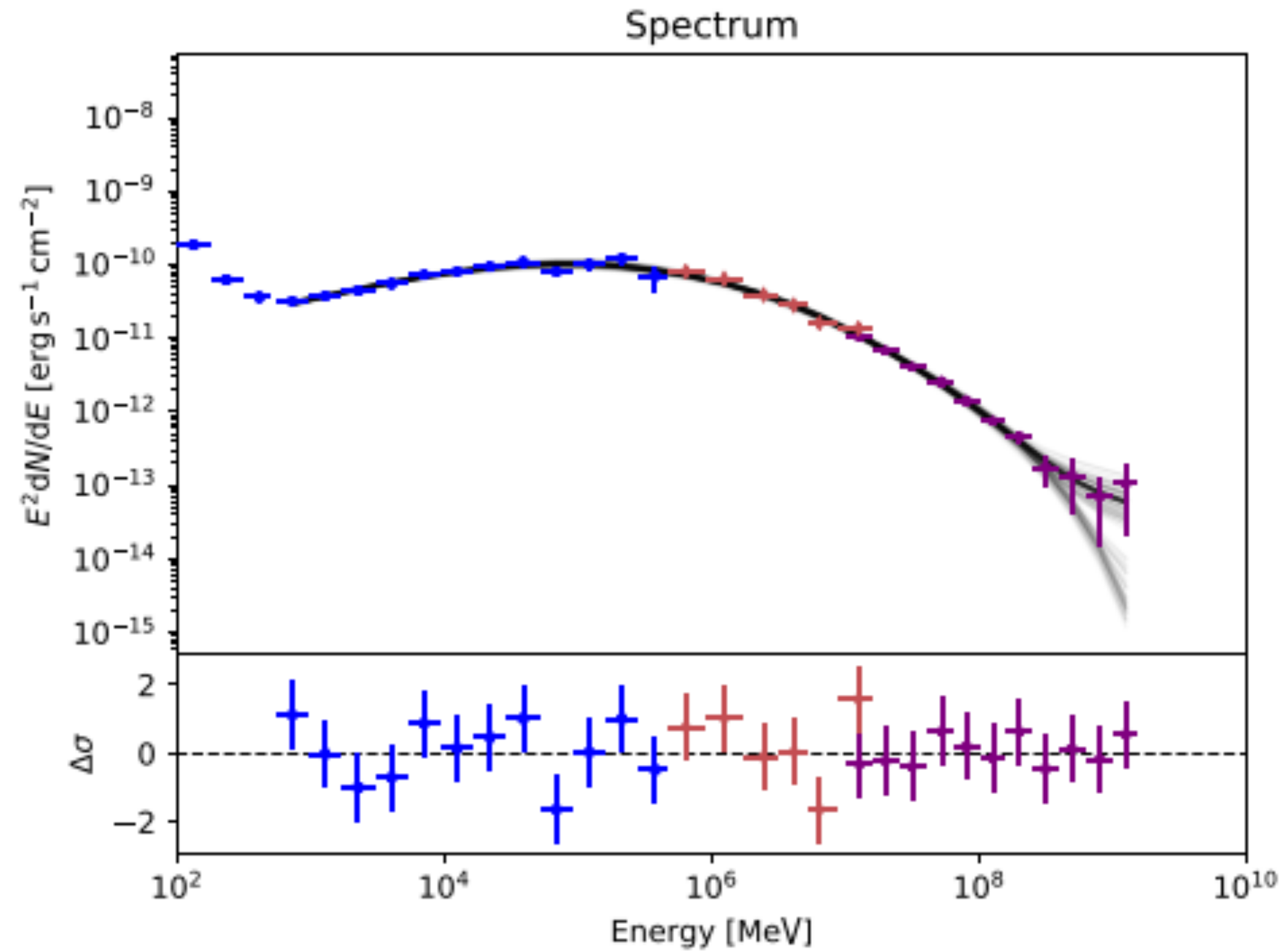
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Lorentz Invariant Violation

Superluminal LIV effects

- LIV interaction in SM lagrangian alters standard on-shell condition of a particle energy-momentum relation in special relativity.

Modified dispersion relation

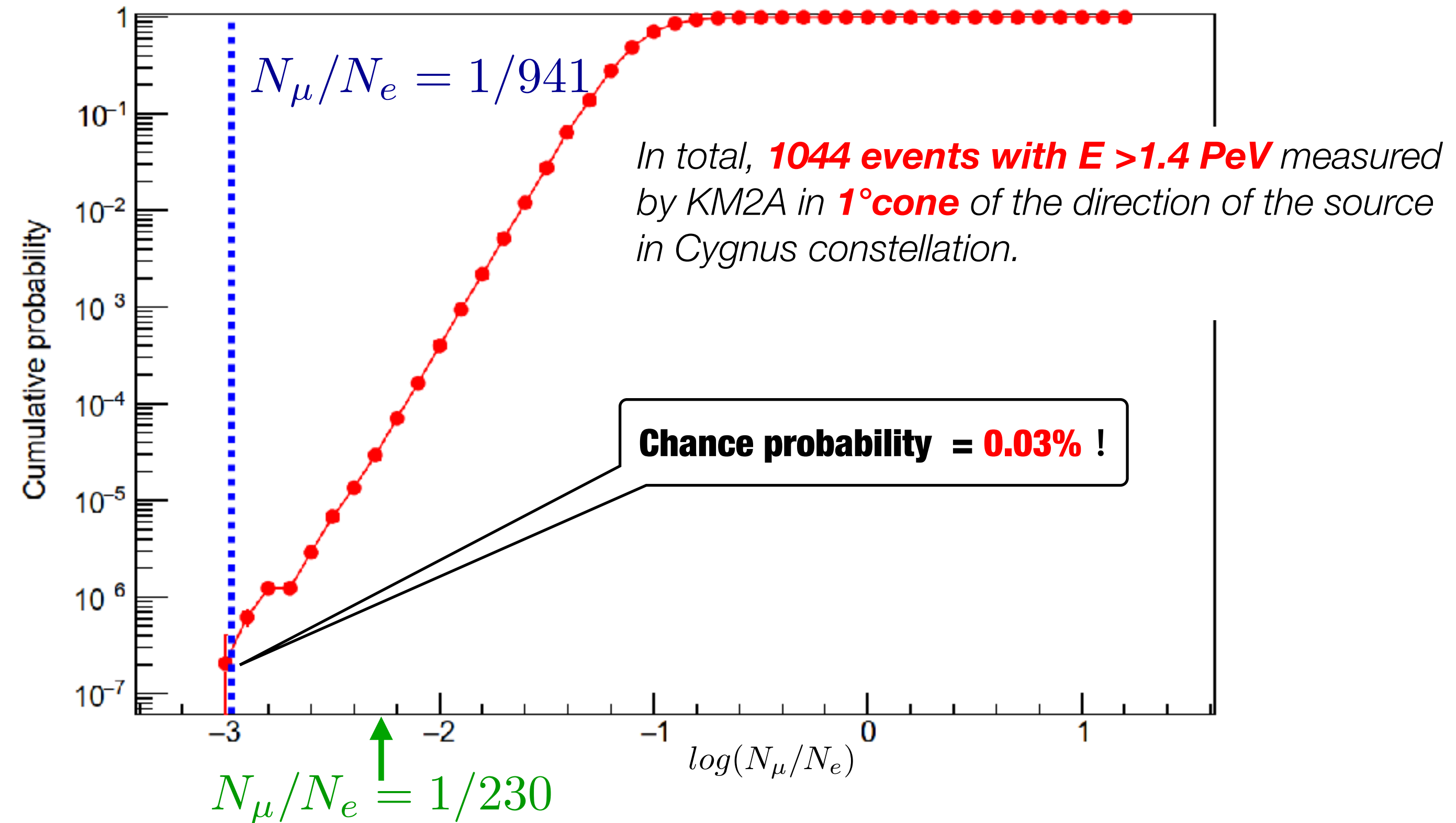
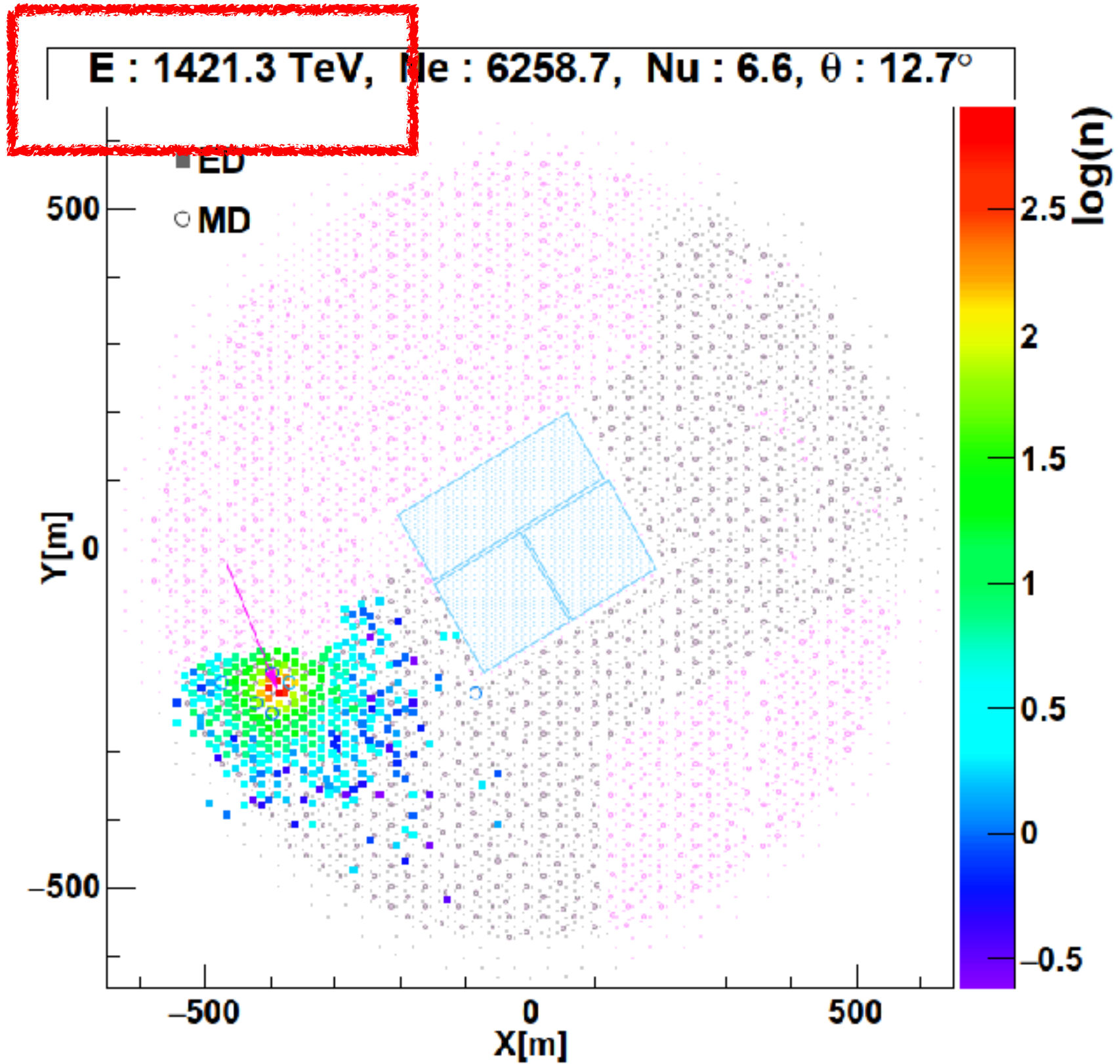
$$E_\gamma^2 - p_\gamma^2 \pm |\alpha_n| p_\gamma^{n+2} = m^2$$

Superluminal (pointing to the \pm sign)
Subluminal (pointing to the \mp sign)
 n^{th} LIV order (pointing to $|\alpha_n| p_\gamma^{n+2}$)
LIV energy scale (pointing to $E_{\text{LIV}}^{(n)} = \alpha_n^{-1/n}$)

$$E_{\text{LIV}}^{(n)} = \alpha_n^{-1/n}$$

- Astrophysical sources are ideal targets to search for the LIV effects because
 - extremely high-energy processes + the long distance to Earth
 - ➔ Accumulation of the tiny effect.
- What can (is being) studied
 - energy-dependent time delay from pulsars
 - γ -ray bursts (GRBs)
 - flaring active galactic nuclei (AGN)
 - the vacuum Cherenkov emission
 - the vacuum birefringence
 - the decay or splitting of photons***

Highest ever recorded gamma from Cygnus region



Excellent CR background Rejection Power

- Simultaneous detection of number of measured muons and electron in a shower
 - Cutting on ratio $N_\mu/N_e < 1/230$
- BG-free Photon detection ($N_\gamma > 10 N_{CR}$) for showers $E > 100$ TeV from the Crab

LIV limits from LHAASO



$$f(E) = \phi_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{-\alpha - \beta \ln(E/E_0)} H(E - E_{\text{cut}})$$

$\gamma \rightarrow e^- e^+$ Astapov - JCAP04(2019)054

$$\alpha_0 \leq \frac{4m_e^2}{E_\gamma^2 - 4m_e^2}$$

$$E_{LIV}^{(1)} \geq 9.57 \times 10^{23} \text{eV} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}} \right)^3,$$

$\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$

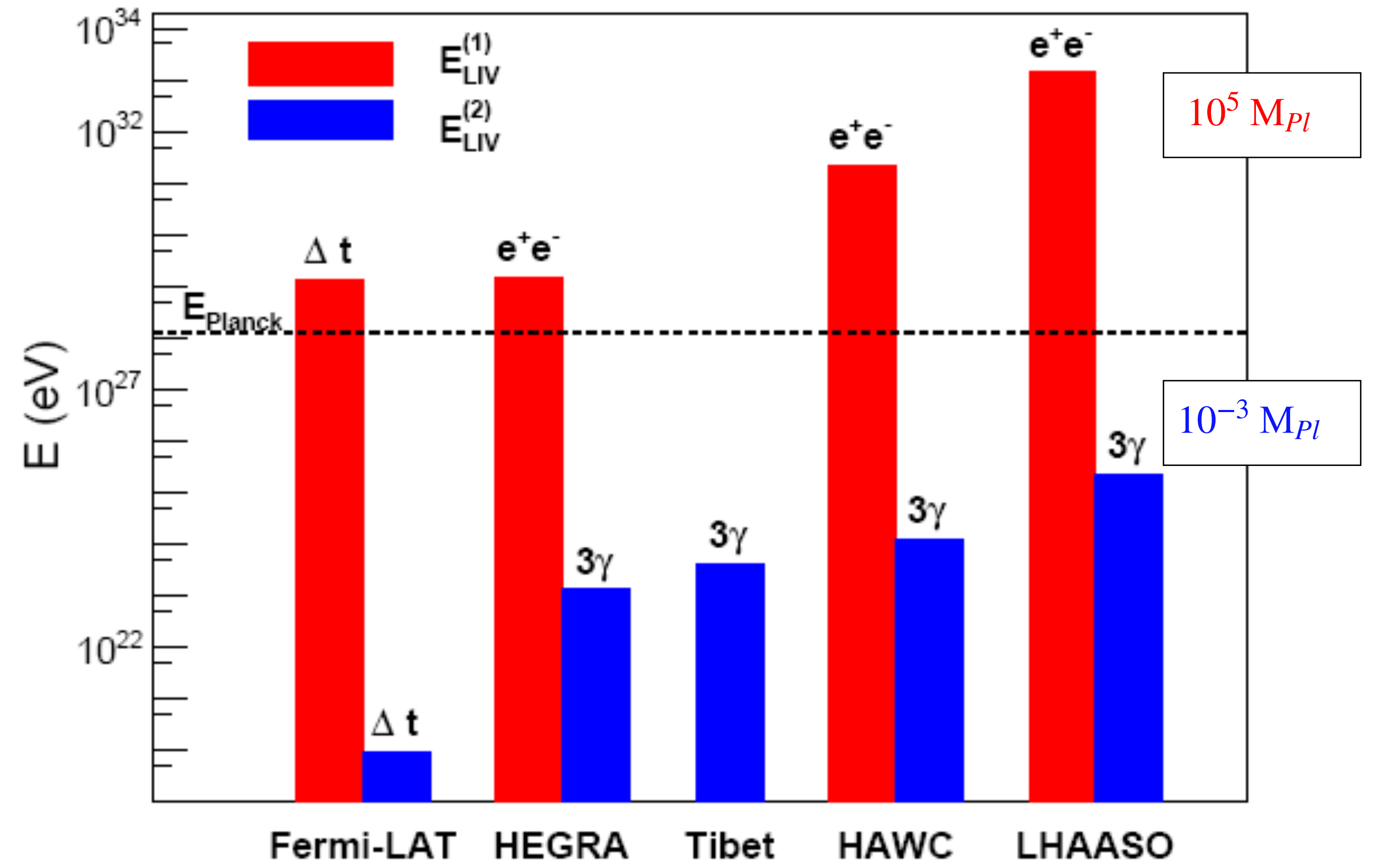
$$\Gamma_{\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma} = 5 \times 10^{-14} \frac{E_\gamma^{19}}{m_e^8 E_{LIV}^{(2)10}},$$

$$E_{LIV}^{(2)} > 3.33 \times 10^{19} \text{eV} \left(\frac{L}{\text{kpc}} \right)^{0.1} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{1.9}.$$

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Source	L (kpc)	E_{max} (PeV)	$E_{\text{cut}}^{95\%}$ (PeV)
J0534+2202	2.0	0.88	$0.75^{+0.043}_{-0.043}$
J2032+4102	1.4	1.42	$1.14^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$

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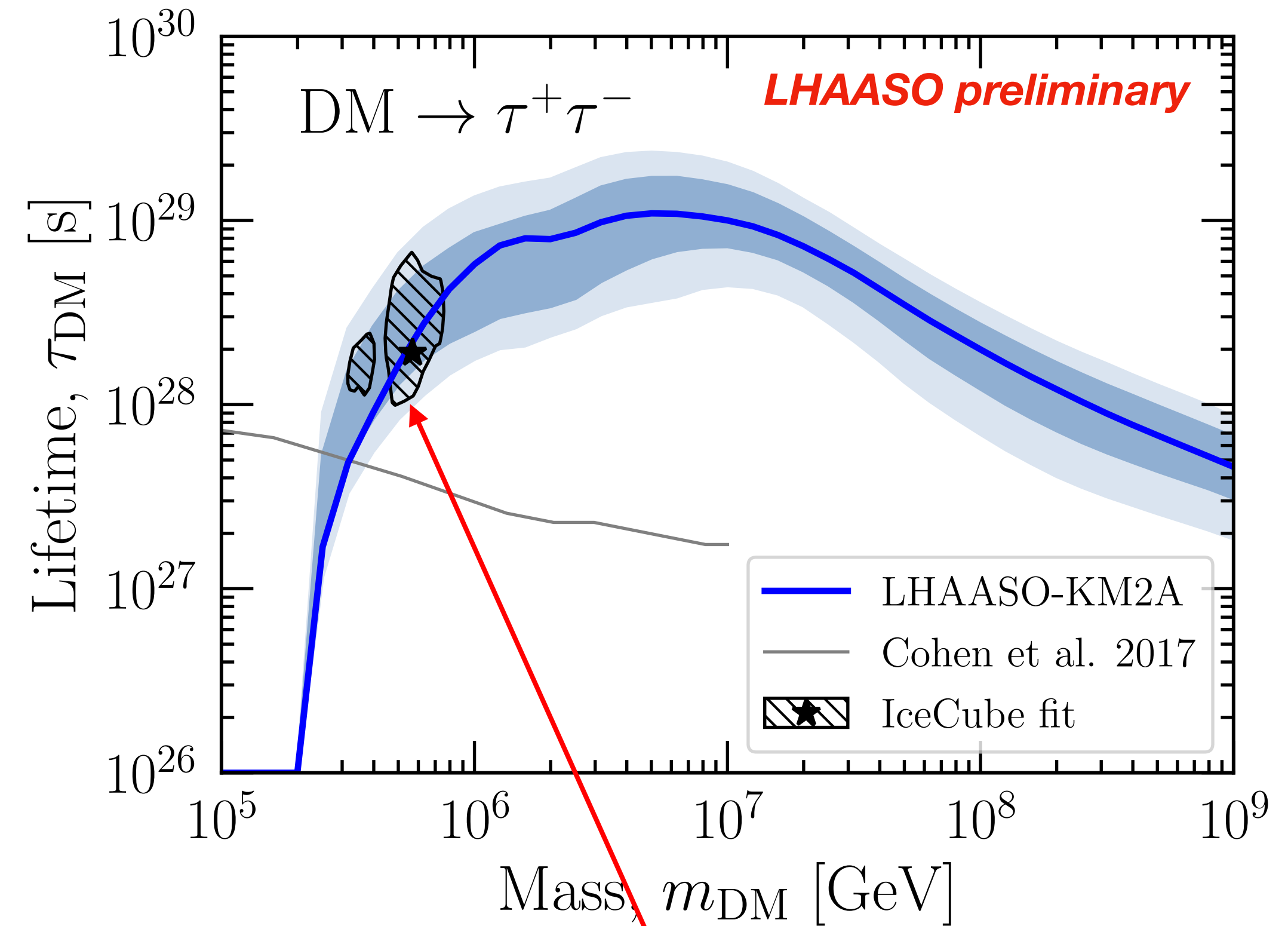
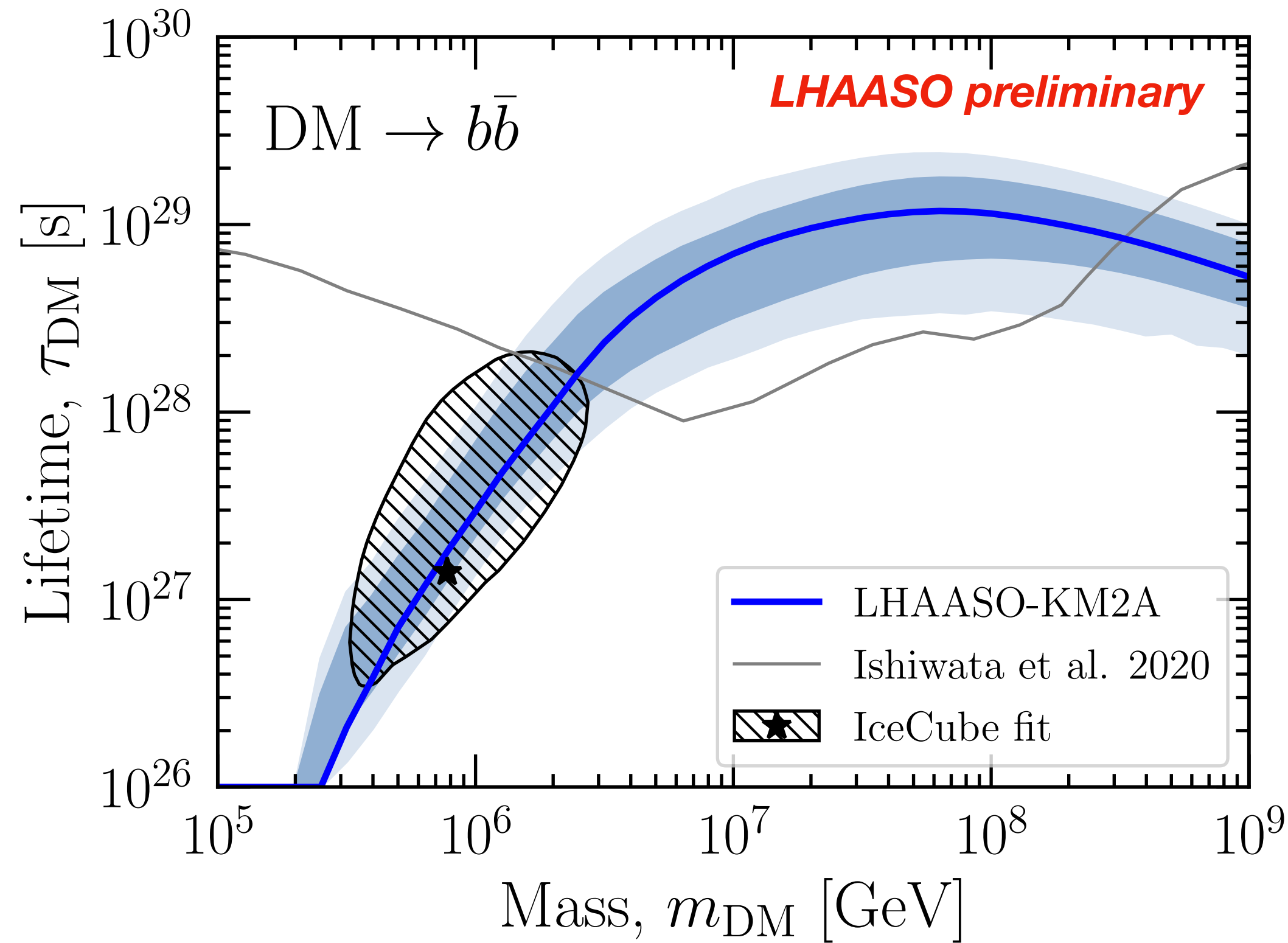


1 order of magnitude improvement on current limits

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Dark Matter

Constraints at 95% CL and exclusion bands from Monte Carlo simulations

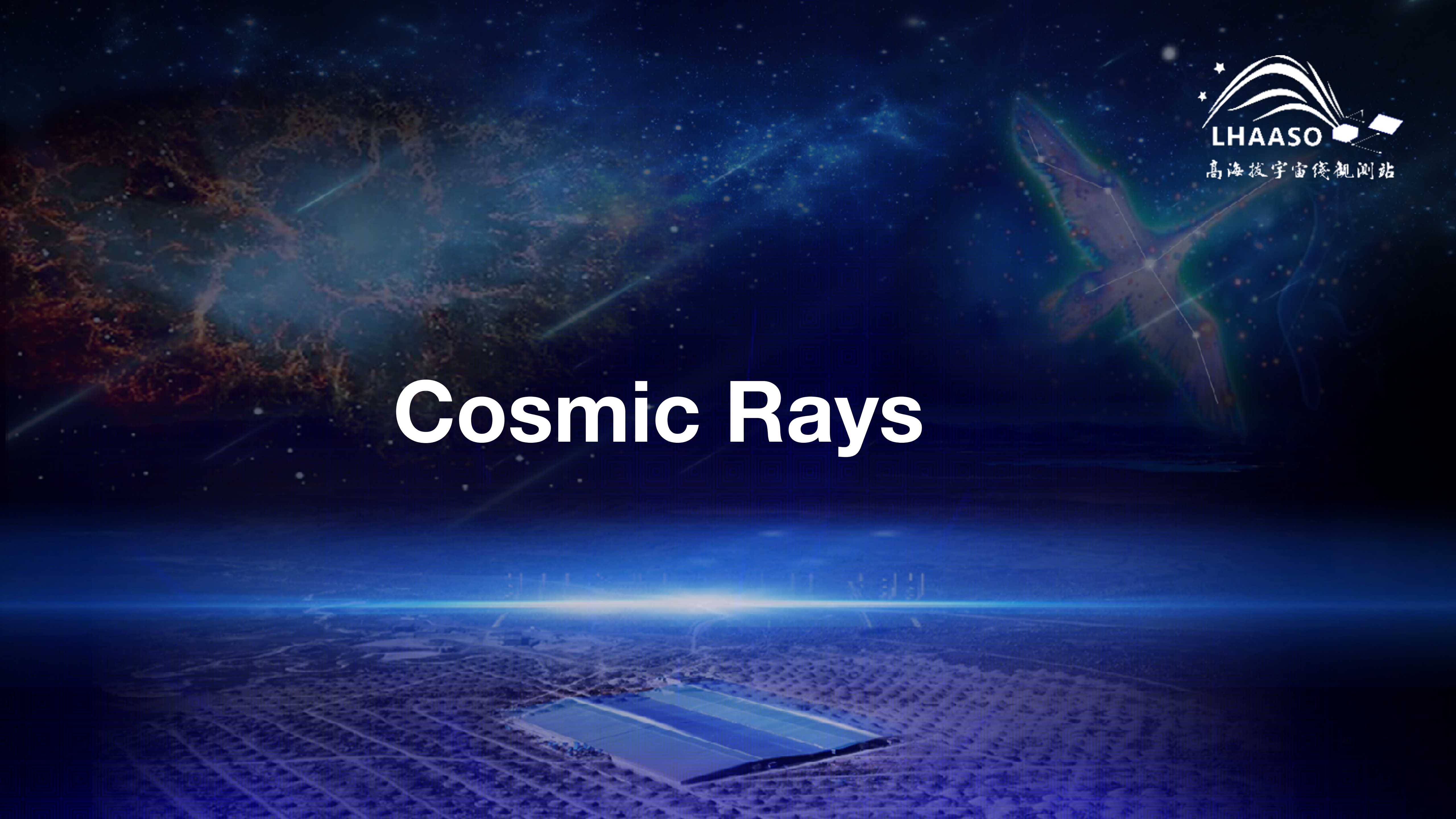


A new measurement being publishing on PRL
 Constraints on decaying dark matter with 570 days LHAASO observation
Marco Chianese from INFN Napoli among corresponding authors

Tension with the parameter regions favored by IceCube neutrino data



Cosmic Rays



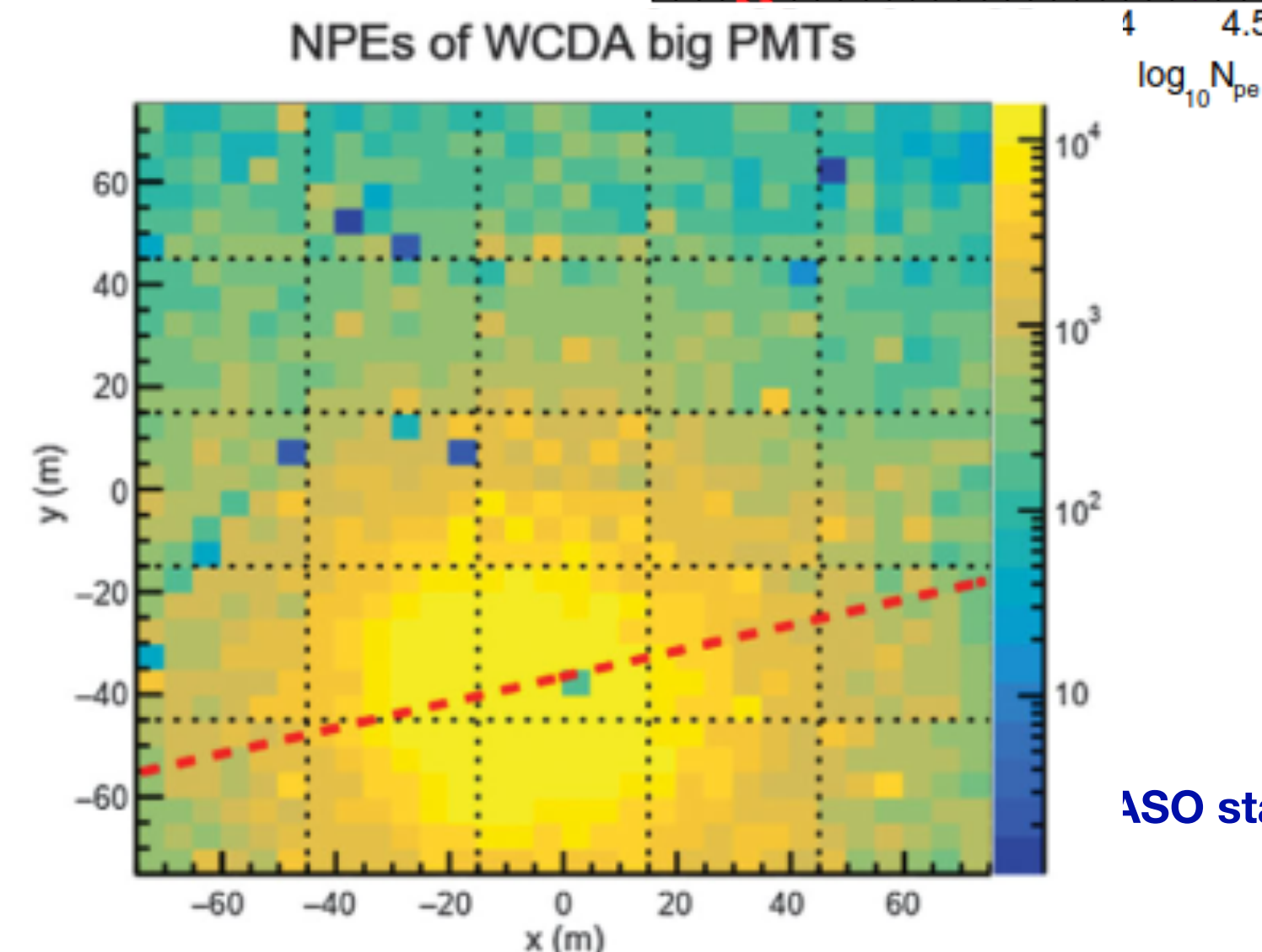
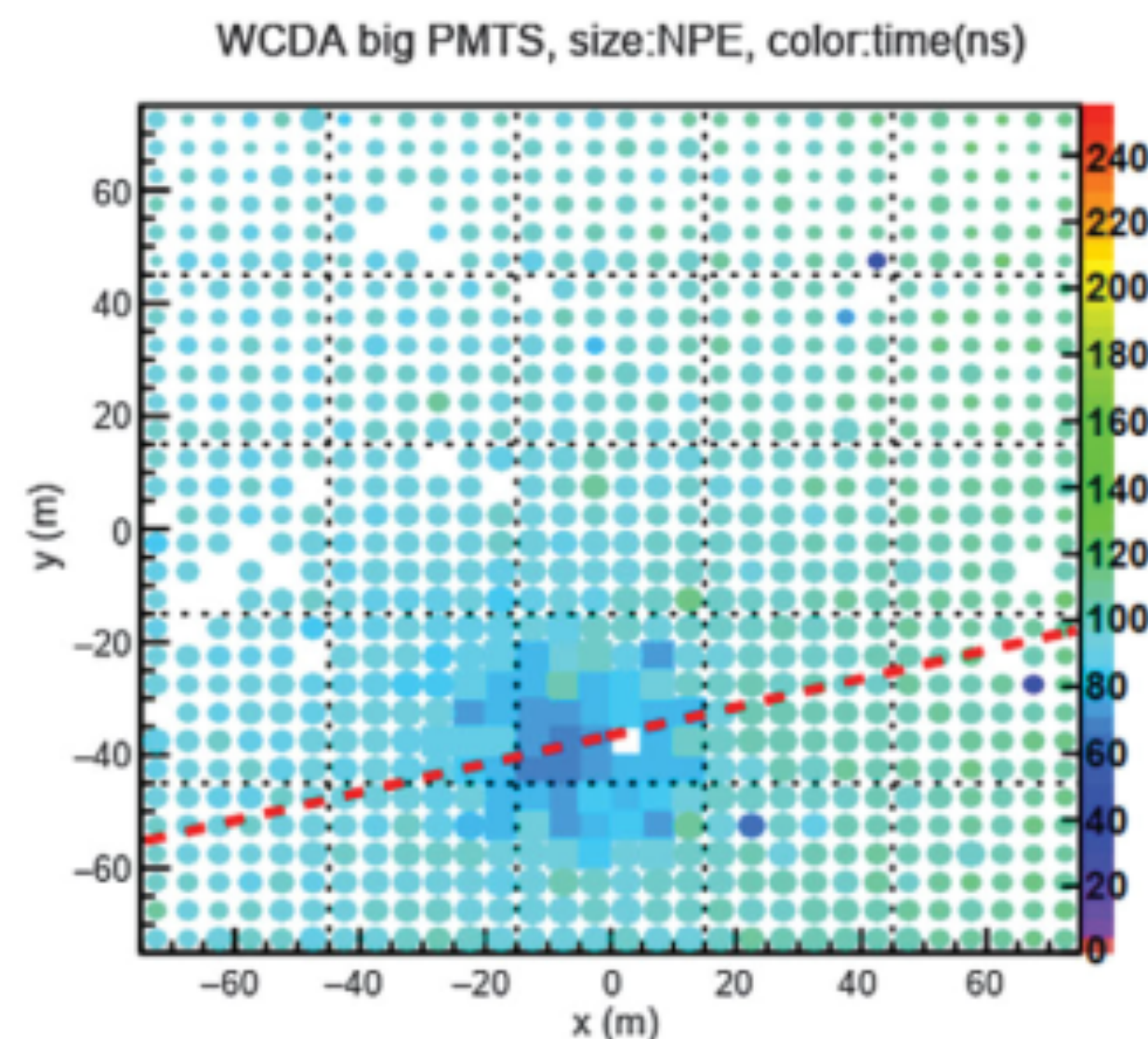
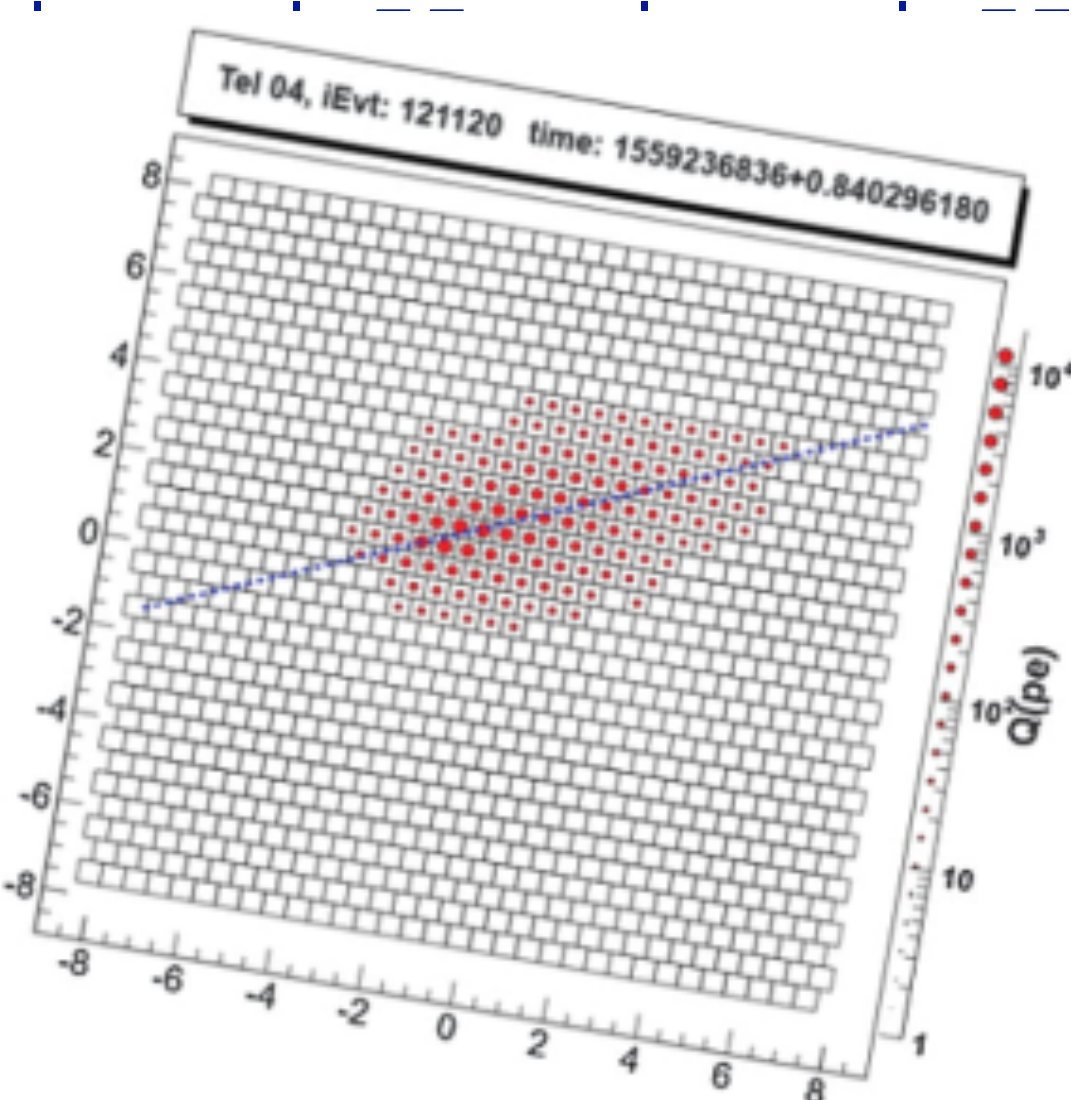
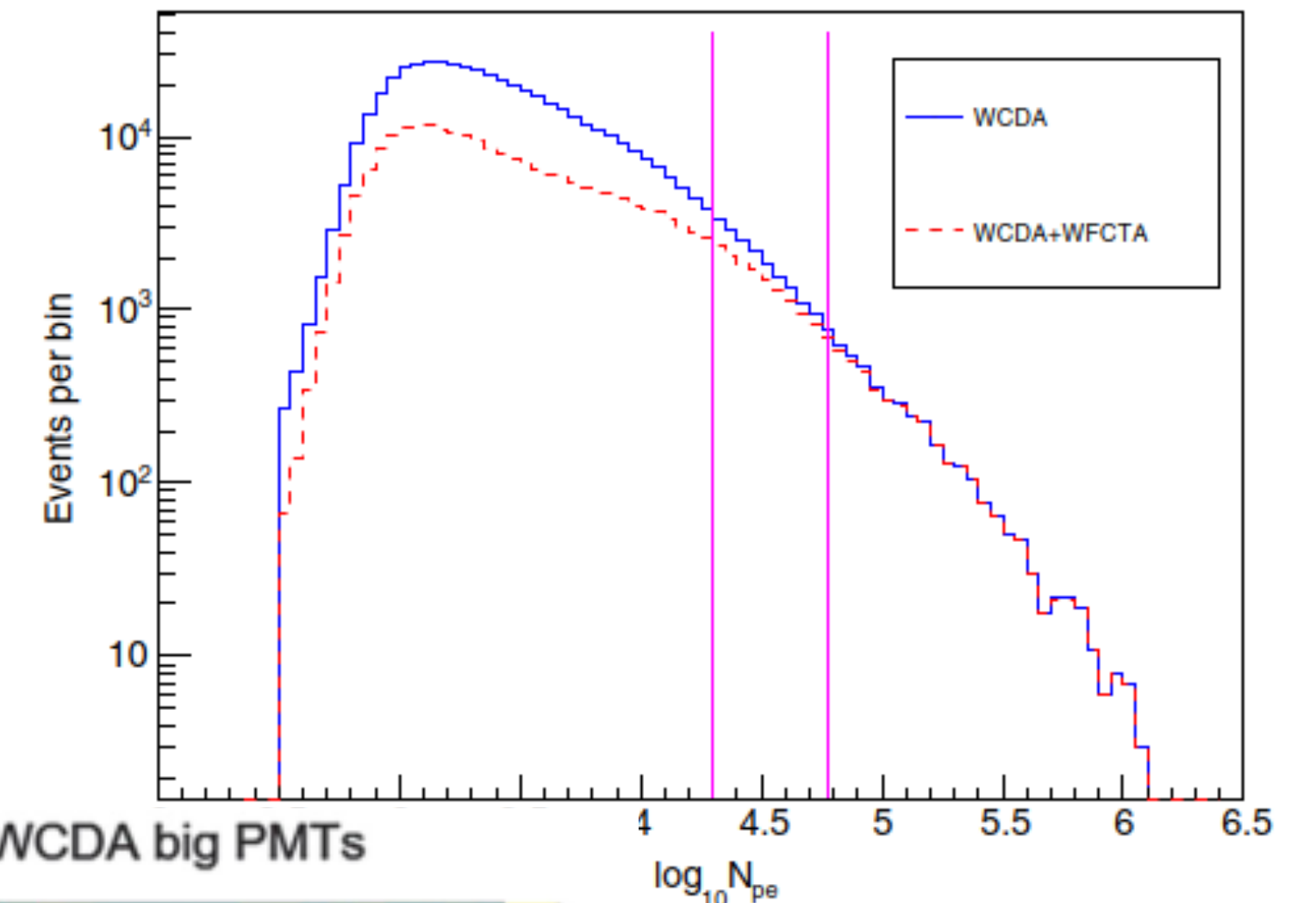
Absolute energy scale propagates from WCDA to WFCTA

It is impossible for WFCTA to measure Moon shadow shifts directly buy..

The absolute energy scale obtained by WCDA-1 can be propagated to WFCTA by using common-triggered events.

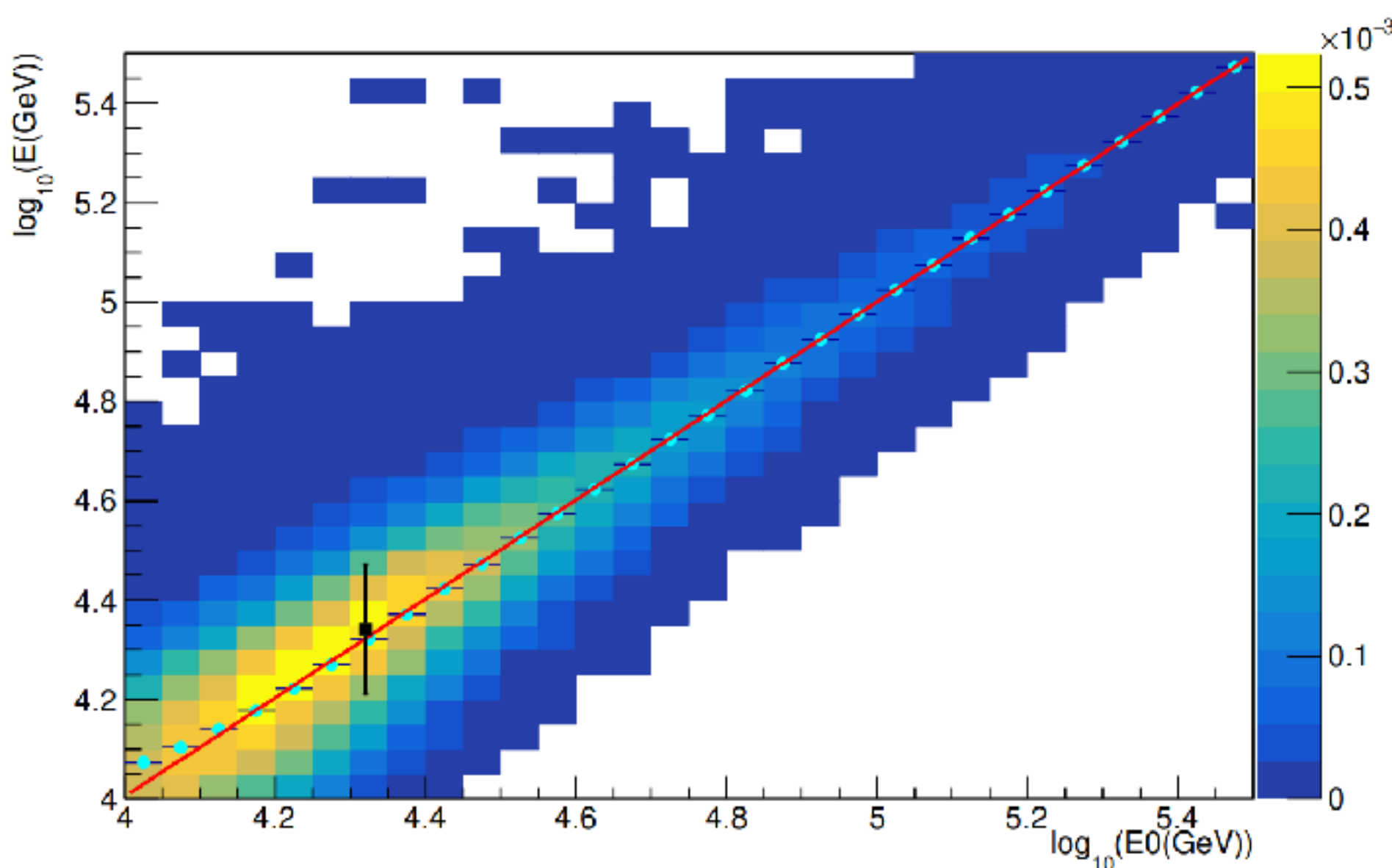
Data Set of WCDA-1+WFCTA:

- Telescope FoV: $22^\circ < \text{Zenith angles} < 38^\circ$
- $N_{\text{hit}} > 200$ (Energy Proxy for WCDA)
- $20\text{k} < N_{\text{pe}} < 60\text{k}$ Energy Proxy for WFCTA)
- shower cores fall inside WCDA-1:



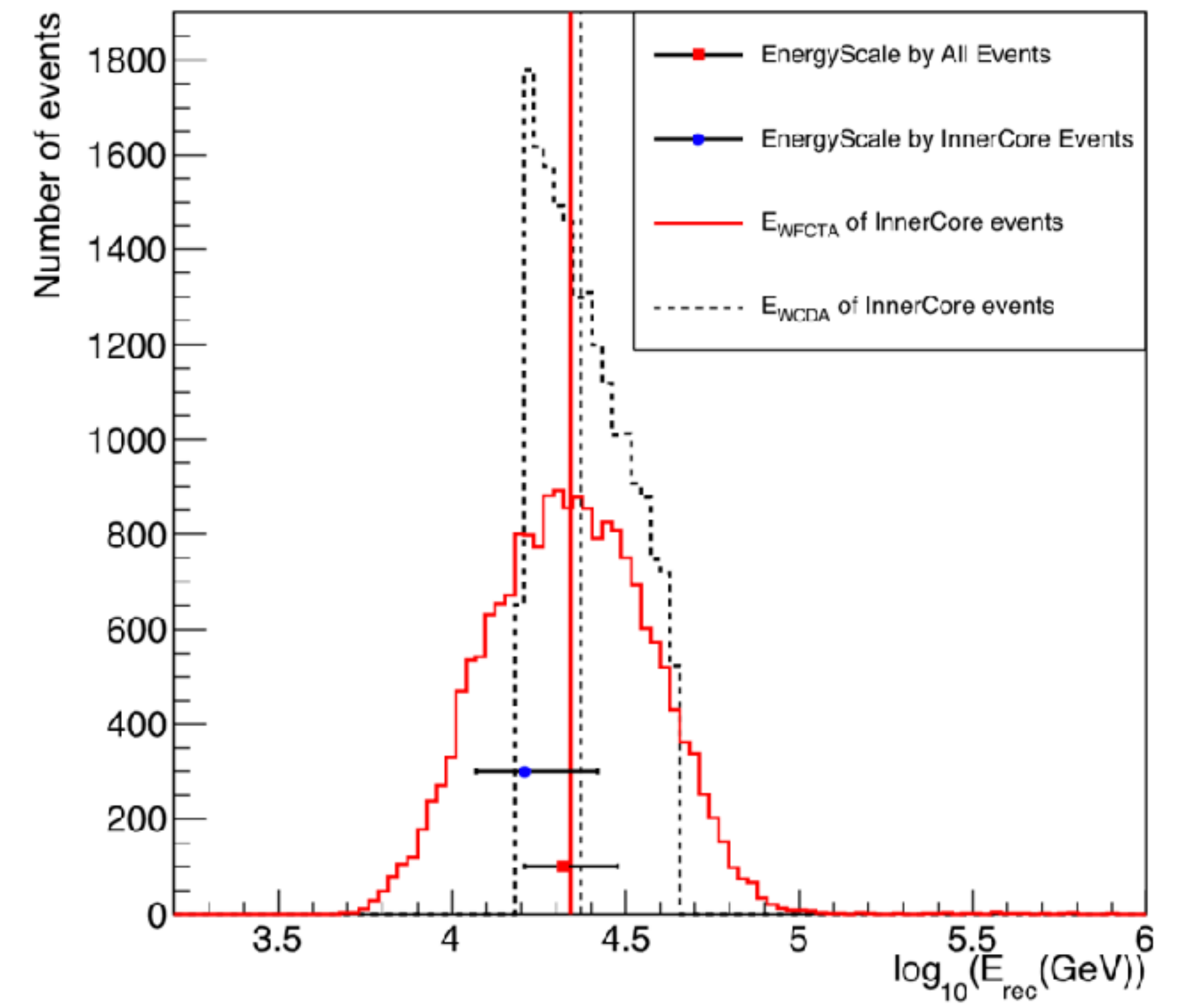
Absolute energy scale of WFCTA

- And then the absolute energy scale obtained by WCDA is propagated to WFCTA by using the common trigger events.
 - The energy reconstructed by WFCTA is 21.9 ± 0.1 TeV;
 - $23.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.3$ TeV by the formula of the absolute energy scale.
 - The two energies are consistent with each other within uncertainties.
- It is the first time that the Cherenkov telescopes have the absolute energy scale.



WCDA Calibration result (8 months, one pool):

- ✓ 21.0 ± 6.5 TeV for all events
- ✓ 16.2 ± 6.2 TeV for shower core falling inside WCDA.
- ✓ The uncertainty largely dominated by the low statistics. After 4 years, the uncertainty will be $< 10\%$.

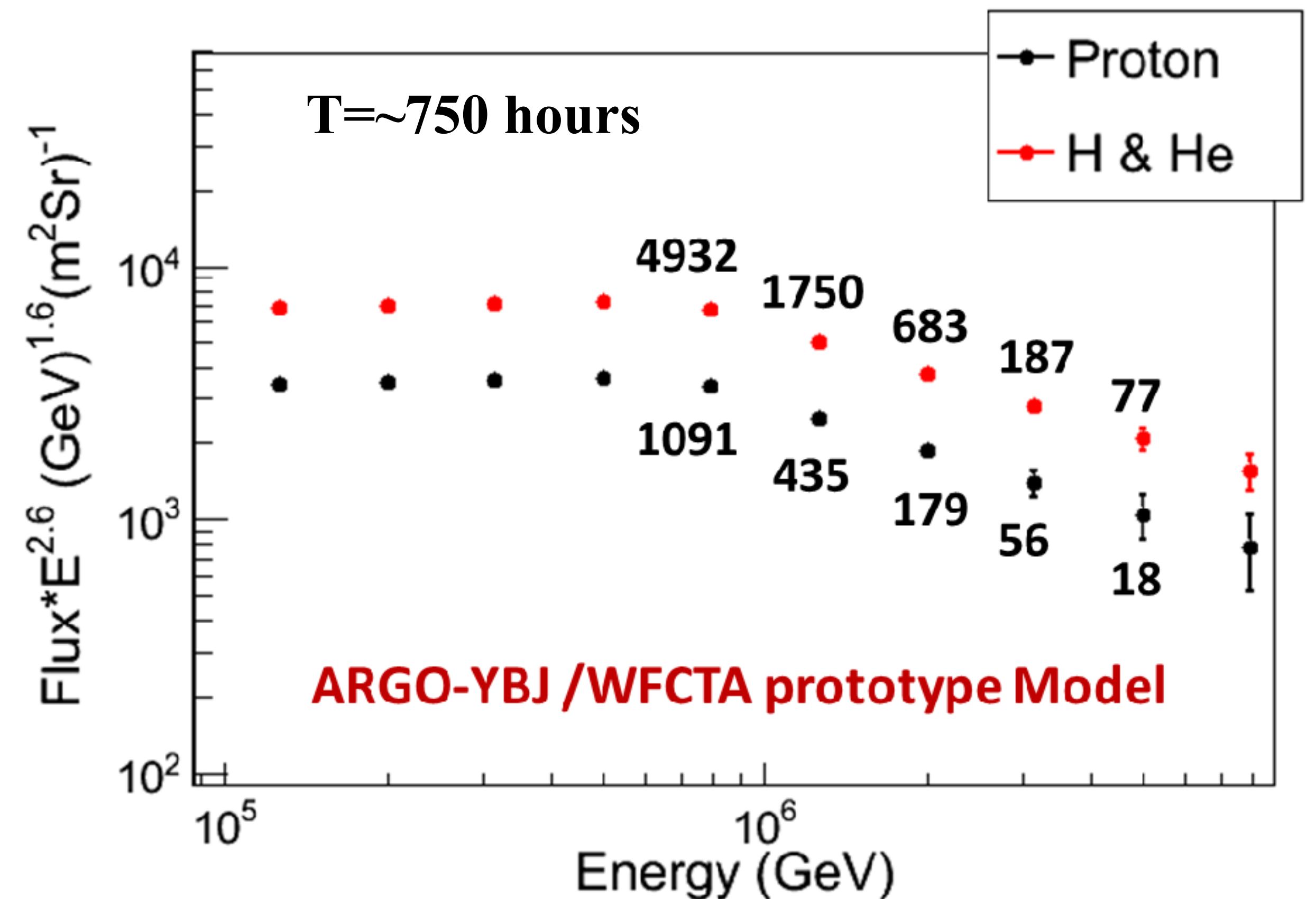
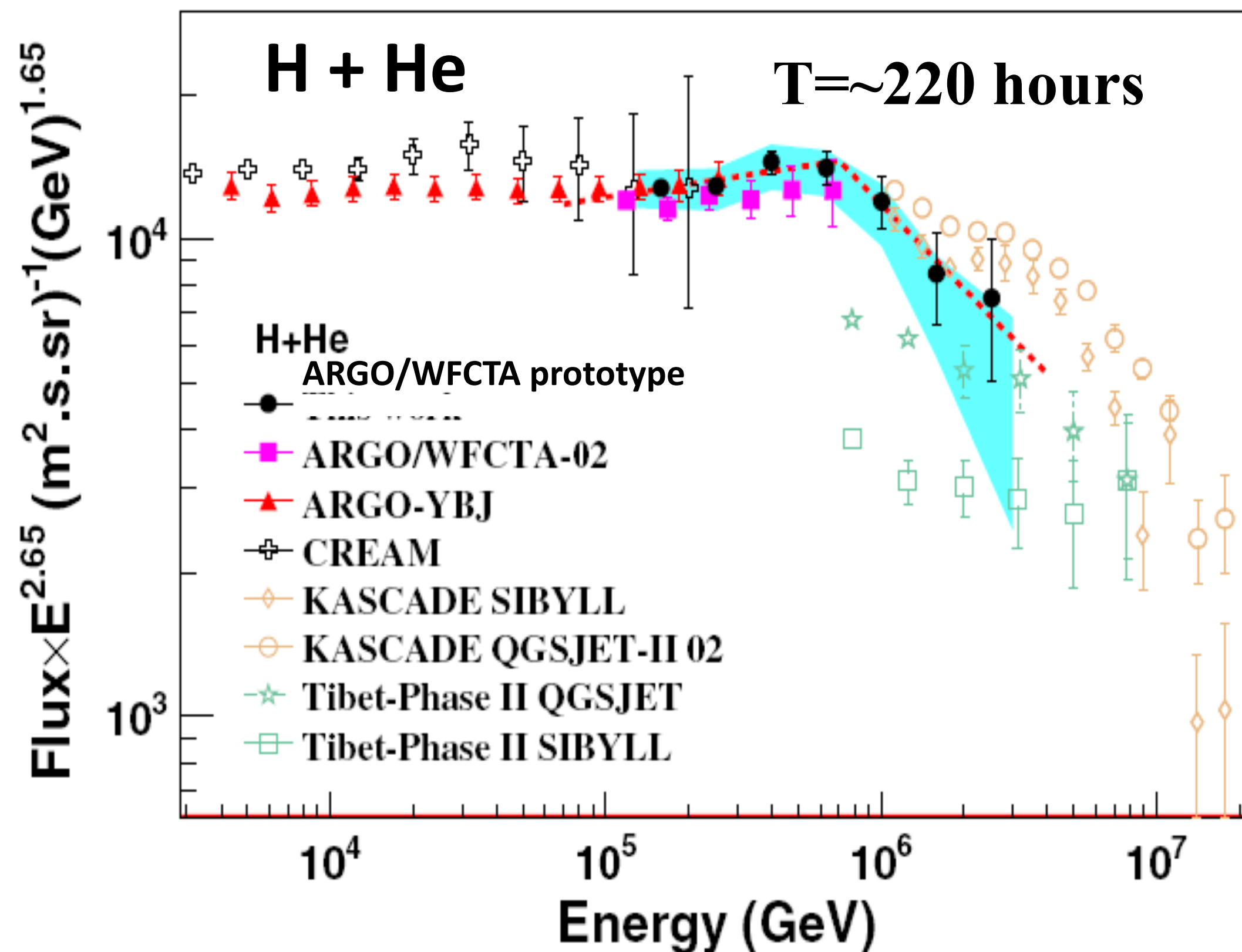


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H and H+He spectra expectation by LHAASO

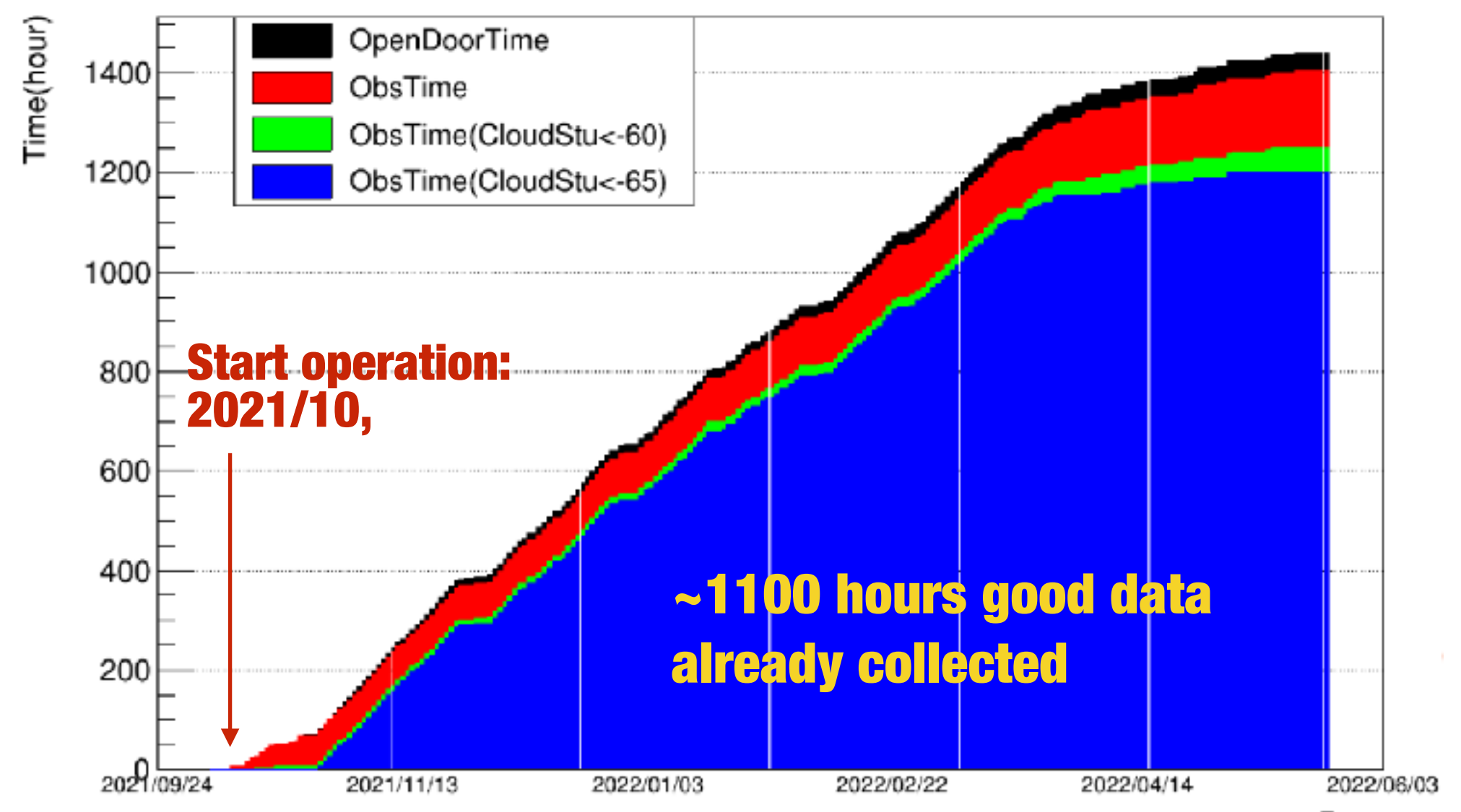
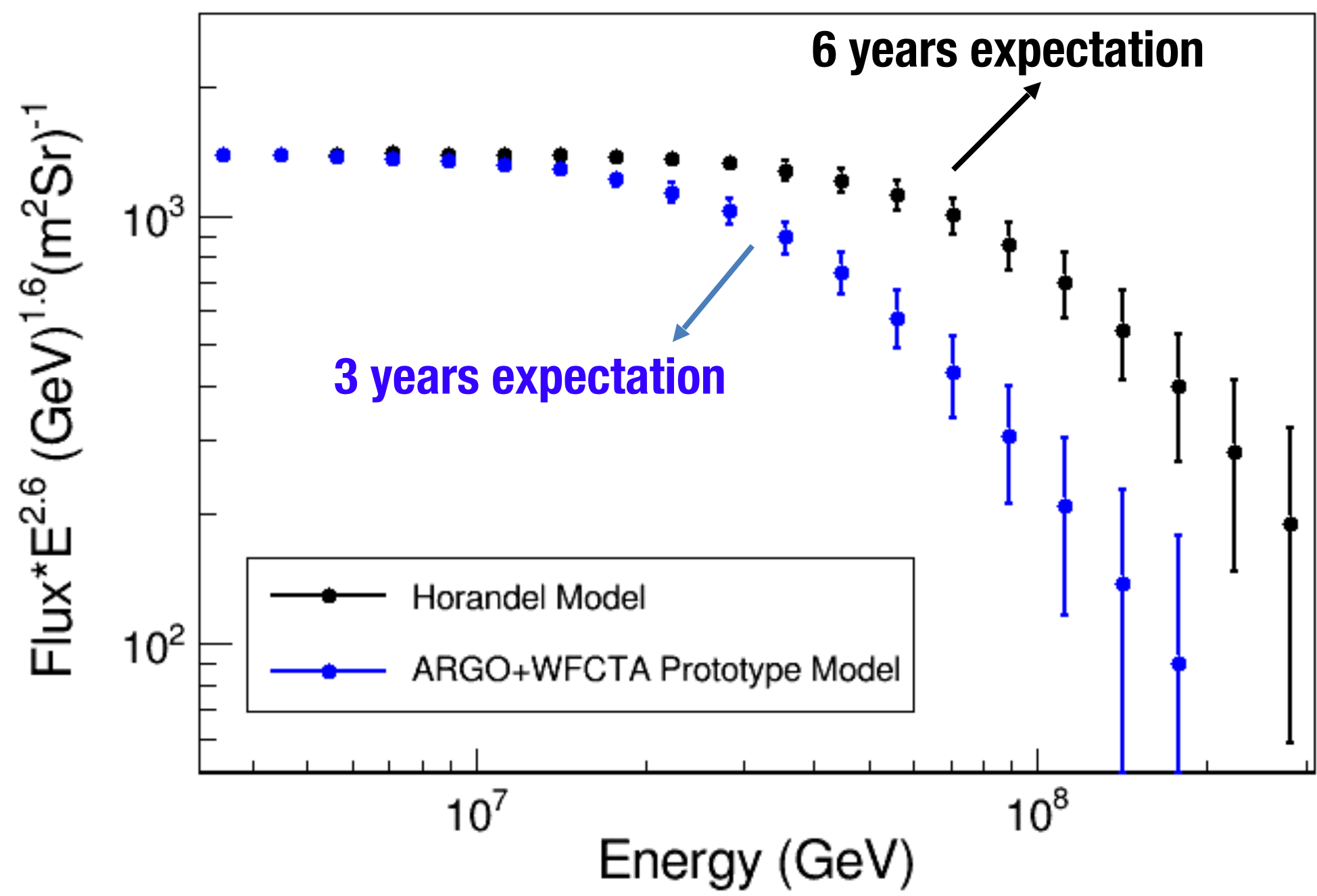
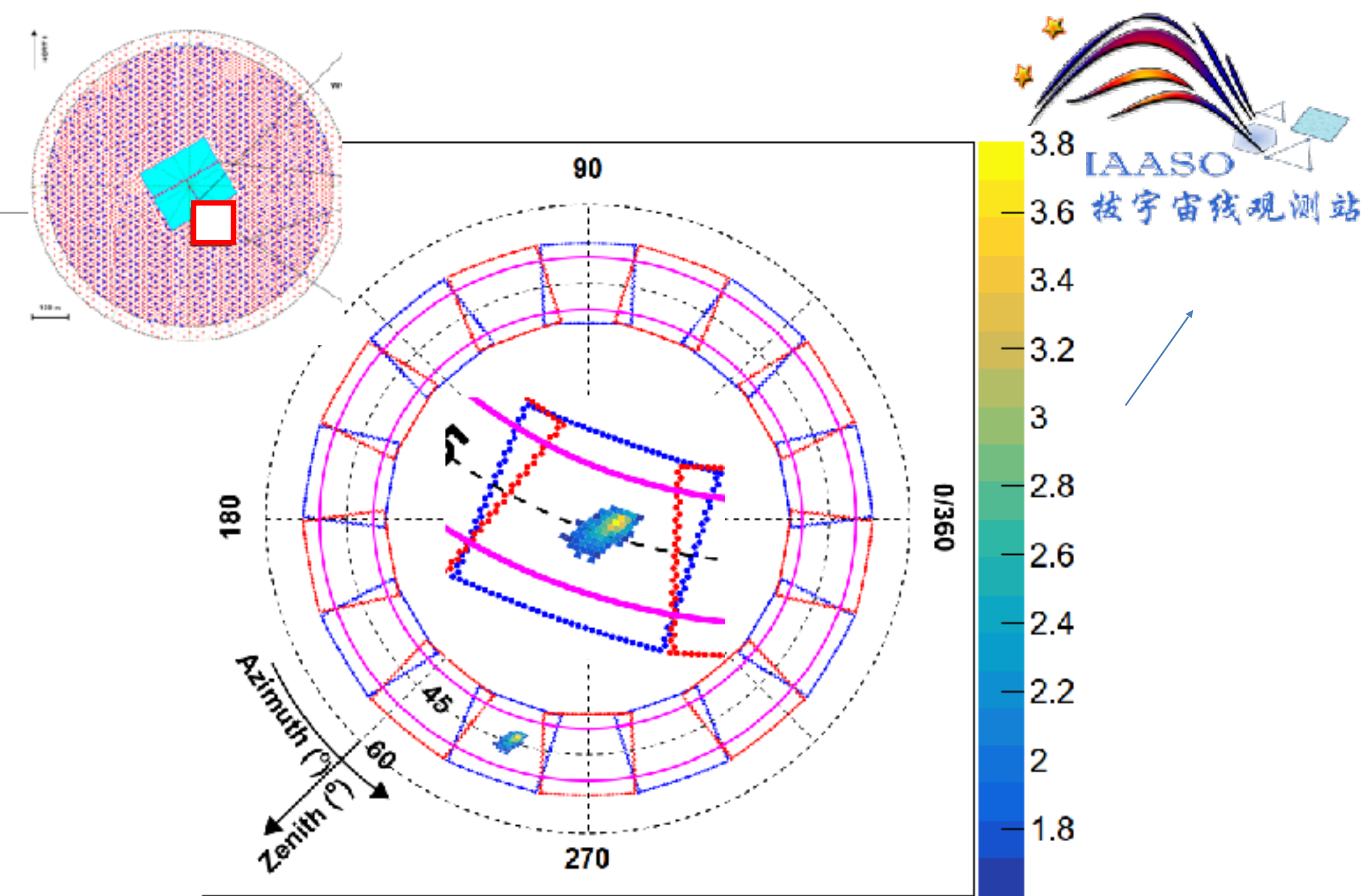
ARGO-YBJ + a Cherenkov prototype
 The knee of H&He spectrum at
 (700±230) TeV is measured

by six telescopes of LHAASO (zenith 60°)
 during period of 2020.11 ~ 2021.04

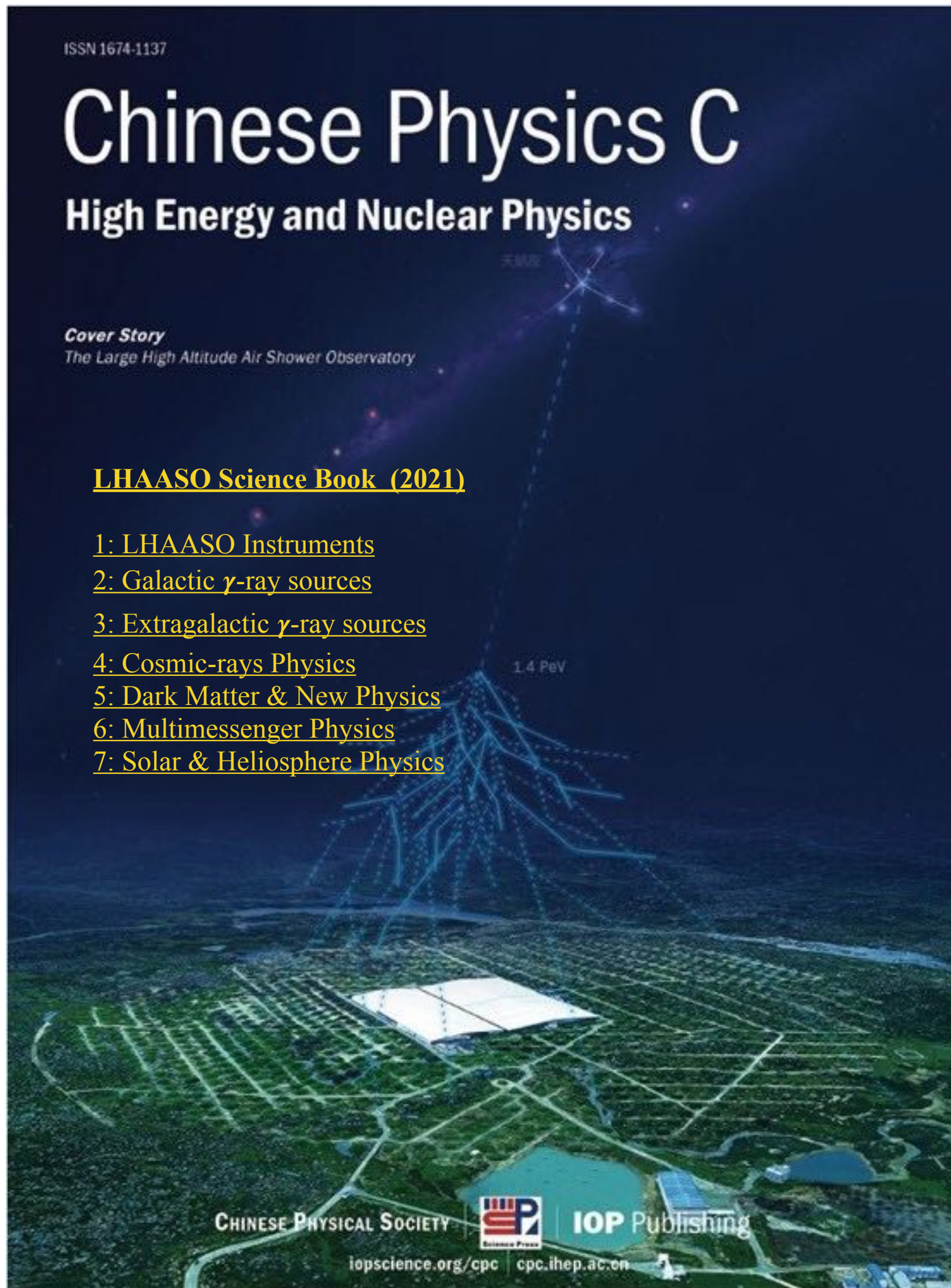


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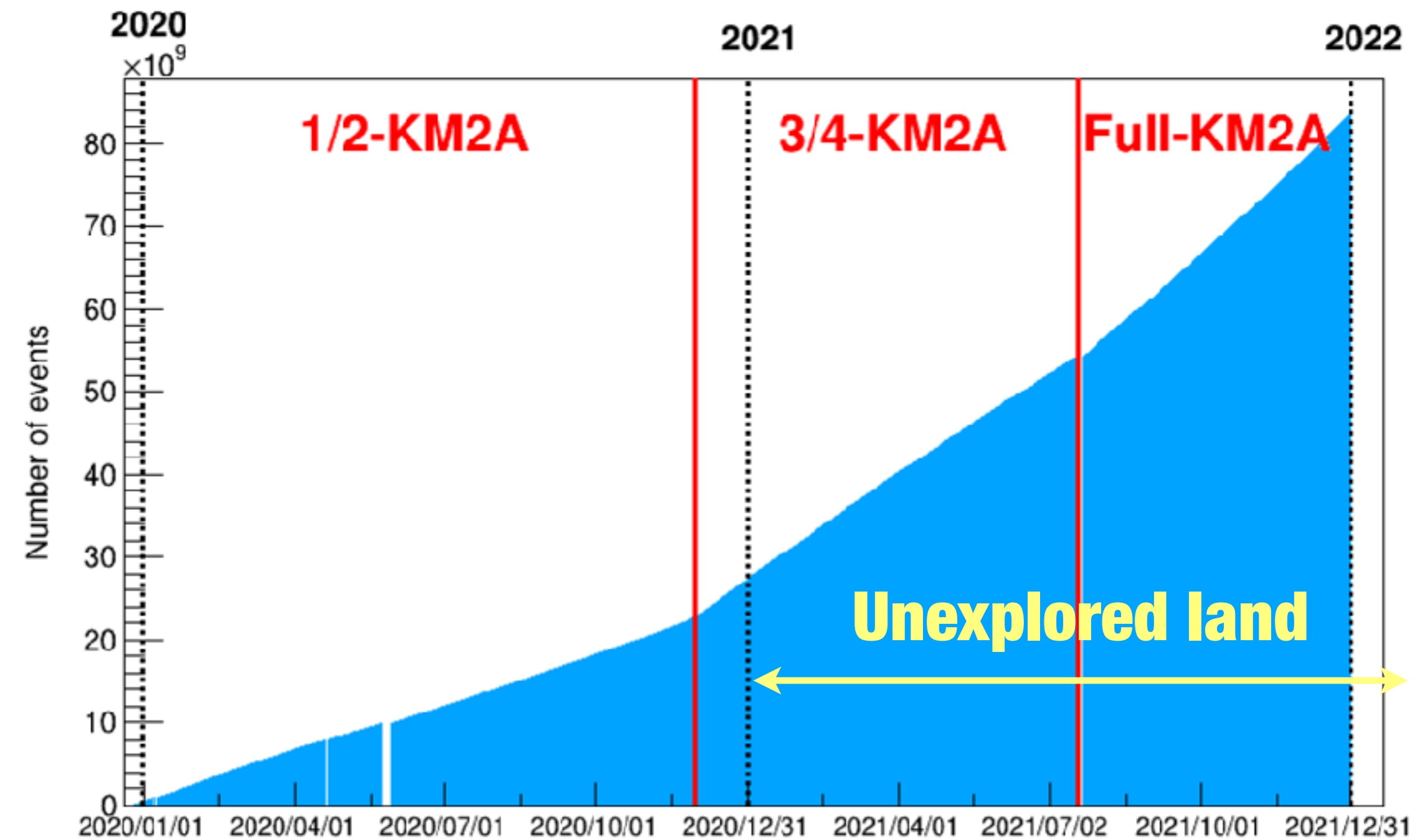
- Iron knee energy spectra observation:
 - 18 telescopes point to zenith 45, cover azimuth 0-360
 - WFCTA + KM2A (full array is used)
 - Energy range: several PeV - 200 PeV
- H and H+He can also be measured in this mode.



Conclusion



- The results published so far can be considered as the tip of the iceberg, being achieved with a partial array,



- In the coming years, we expect many breakthrough discoveries by LHAASO that could dramatically change the current understanding of the most energetic and extreme phenomena of the non-thermal Universe.

Stay Tuned and join LHAASO



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◆ YBJ-ARGO Collaboration members met at LHAASO site on April 27th, 2019

