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# The LHAASO PeVatron bright sky: what we learned

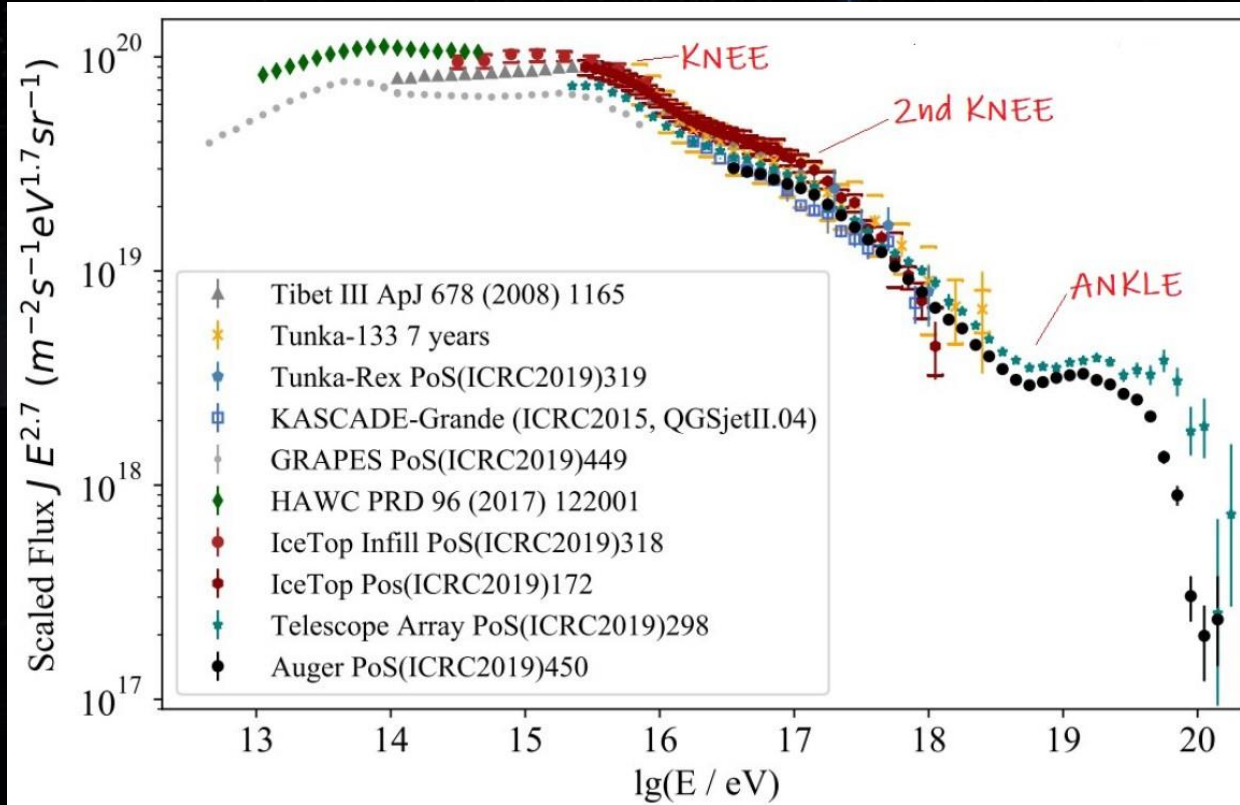
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# Cosmic Ray Overview

Schroder+19



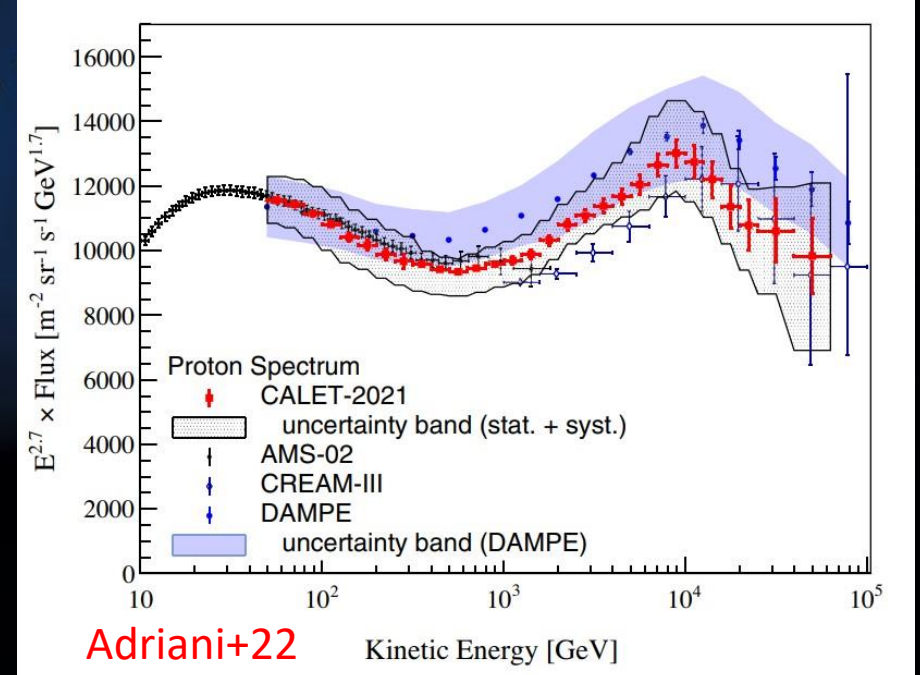
Between the knee and the second knee ( $\sim 10^{17}$  eV) *should* be the transition from Galactic to extragalactic component.

## Extra-Galactic component

- Limited information
- Extra-Galactic magnetic field
- Origin connected to transition region

But also the Galactic Component is not so bright and clear

Recent results by CALET/DAMPE show that the region below 1 PeV may not be as featureless as we thought, showing hardening and steepening between 100 GeV and 100 TeV



# Galactic Cosmic Ray origin

GENOLINI talk

The main candidates:  
Supernova Remnants

- **ENERGY SUPPLY:**  $L_{CR} = 10\% L_{SN}$
- **COLLISIONLESS SHOCKS:** energy dissipated via wave-particle interaction instead of particle-particle collisions.
- **STRONG SHOCKS AND DSA:**  $\mathcal{R} = \frac{u_u}{u_D} = \frac{4M_S^2}{3 + M_S^2}$   $M_S \rightarrow \infty, \mathcal{R} \rightarrow 4$
- **MAGNETIC FIELD AMPLIFICATION**

## Direct evidences

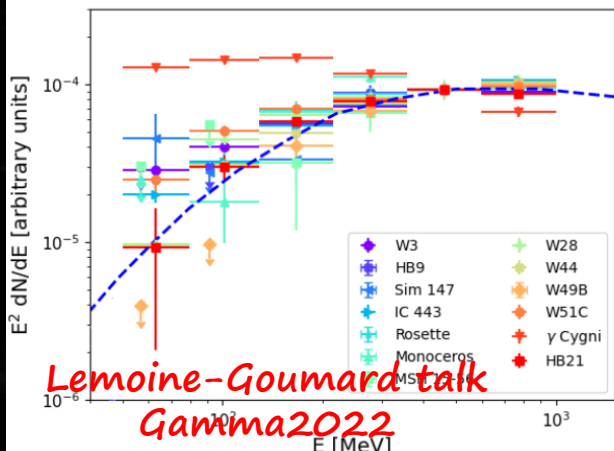
Low-Energies

Pion bump detection:  
distinction leptonic/hadronic  
only at  $E < 200$  MeV

Pevatrons  $\rightarrow$  g-ray at  
 $E > 100$  TeV only of  
hadronic origin (maybe...)

High-Energies

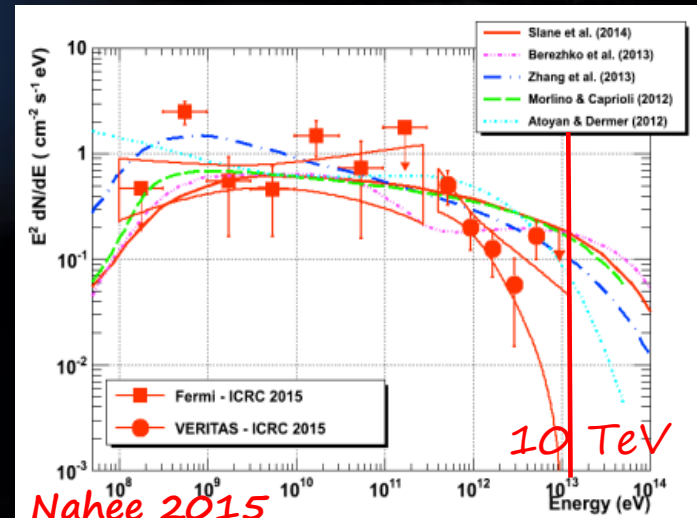
Same SEDs rescaled at 500 MeV



Lemoine-Goumard talk  
Gamma2022

Confirmation of the presence of CRs but not of fresh acceleration (likely RE-accelerated or D suppression)  
[MC+ 2016, Celli+ 2019]

Possible Detection problem  $\rightarrow$  PeVatrons only in the first 100 years  
[MC+2015]



Nahee 2015

## Theory

# Where do most CRs come from?

## Observations

- ❖ Energetics
  - $P_{CR} \sim 10^{40} - 10^{41}$  erg/s
- ❖ Power-law injected spectrum
  - Required from DSA theory
- ❖ Maximum energy
  - They must explain the PeV proton energies
- ❖ Anisotropy
  - Source distribution has to be correlated with CR anisotropy (at PeV,  $\sim 10^{-3}$ )
- ❖ Composition
  - They must explain CR composition and its energy dependence

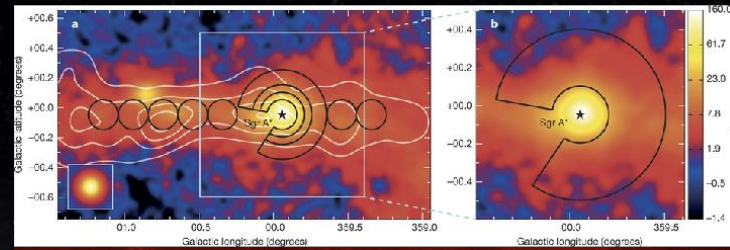
## Receipt to be a CR source

MC&Giuliani 2023

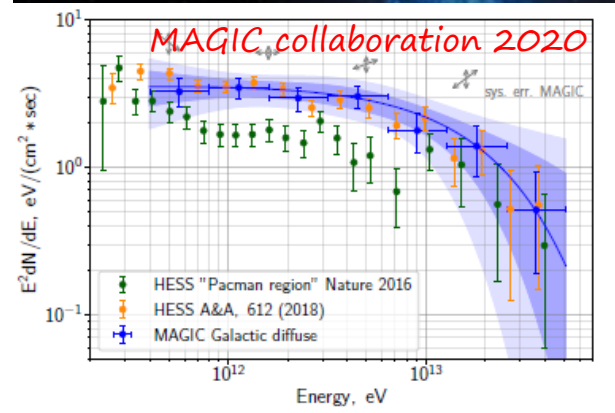
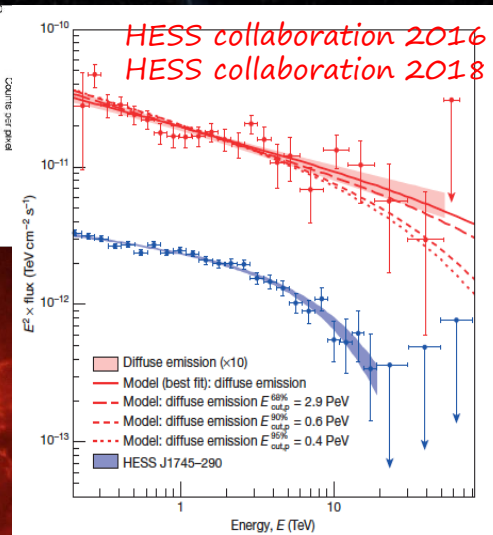
- ❖ Detected VHE-UHE Emission
- ❖ Spectral curvature
  - Signature of  $E_{max}$ , KN, spectral breaks
- ❖ Spatially-resolved emission
- ❖ Correlation with target material
  - Not perfect: i.e. emission is convolution of CR distribution with gas
- ❖ Energy-dependent morphology
  - Expected in general due to energy dependence of transport and/or cooling
- ❖ A multi-wavelength counterpart!

# Other sources - Before LHAASO

## Galactic Center Region



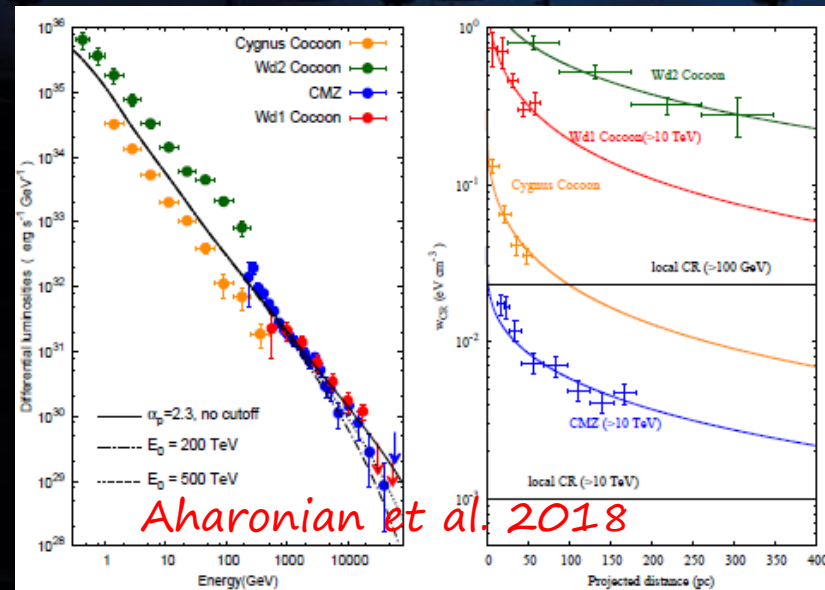
APEX+Planck: Dust  
(ATLASGAL-Konsortium/Csengeri+ 2016)



- Correlation molecular gas and gamma-ray
- CR energy density 10 CR sea
- CR spectrum  $\rightarrow \gamma_E = 2.3 - 2.4$  up to 100 TeV (large error bars)
- Spatial distribution  $\rightarrow 1/r$
- First spectro-morphological analysis on-going (Devin talk Gamma 2022)

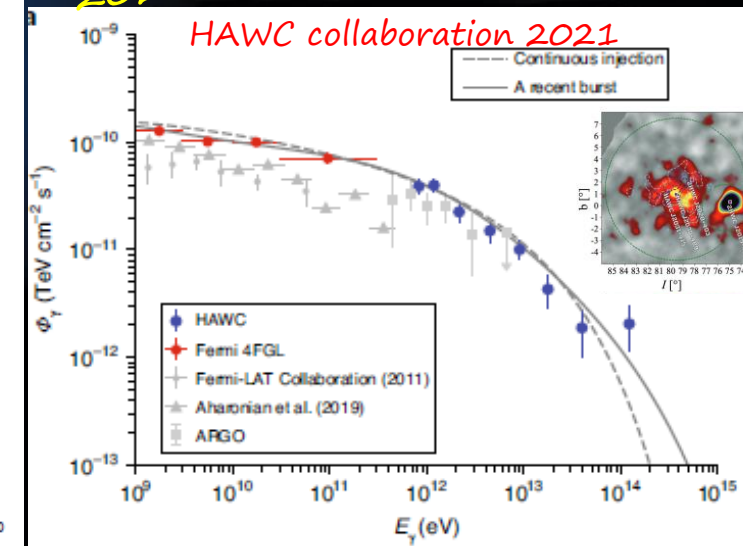
## Hot and rarefied extended cavities (OB stars winds and SNRs [Bykov 1992]:

- Multiple shocks and winds
- No radiative phase
- Low-energy spectrum slope similar to the one measured by Voyager
- Explanation of some CR composition anomalies [Higdon+ 2003, Tatischeff 2018]
- Spatial and spectral behavior similar to the GC one [Aharonian 2018]



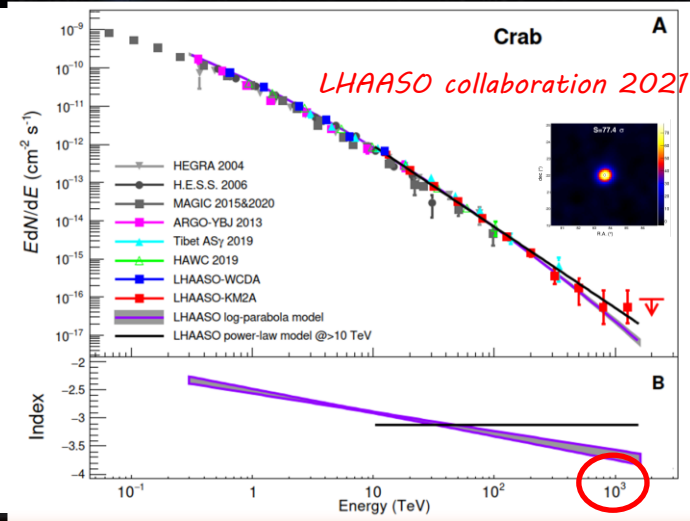
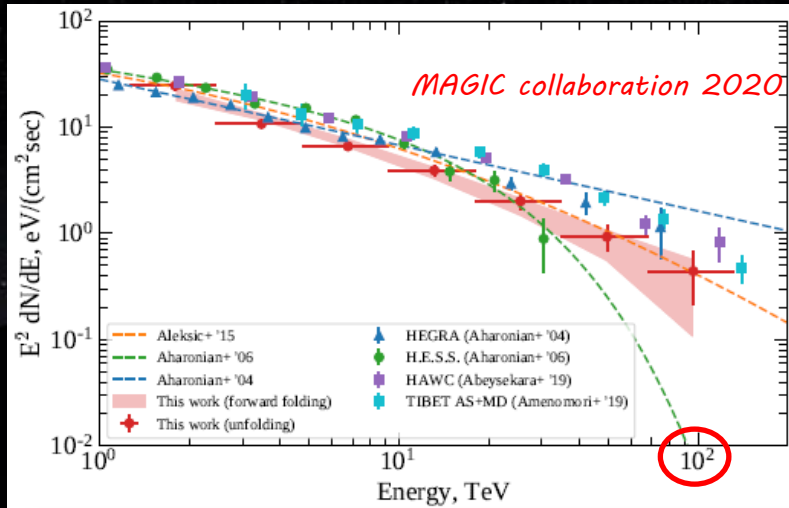
## View thesis 2023

## Superbubbles

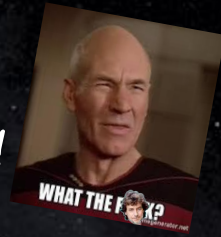


# Other sources - Before LHAASO

## Crab Nebula & the others



Detection above 1 PeV!!!



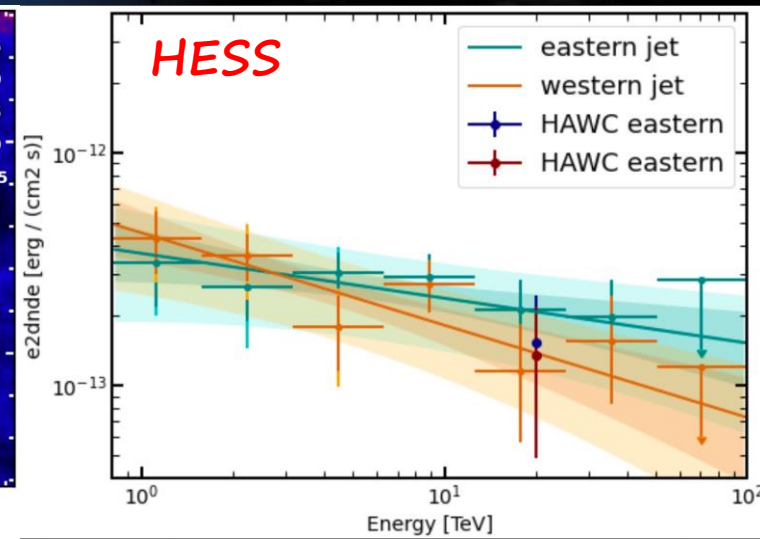
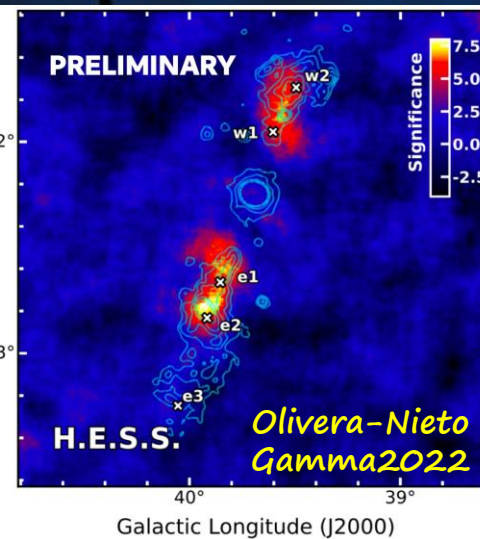
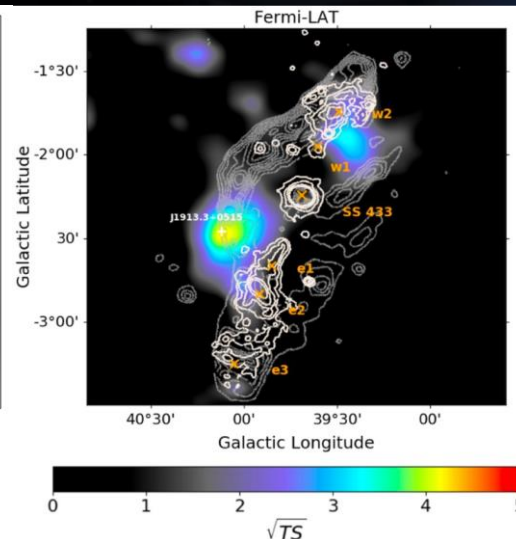
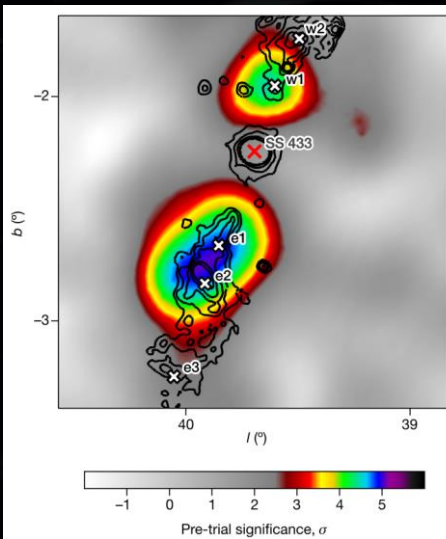
but...

Crab is a PWN (leptonic source)

SO...

- Leptonic origin of gamma-rays possible!!
- There is a hadronic component?

Cyg X-1, Cyg X-3 and SS 433 (emitting X-rays) show HE emission up to TeV.

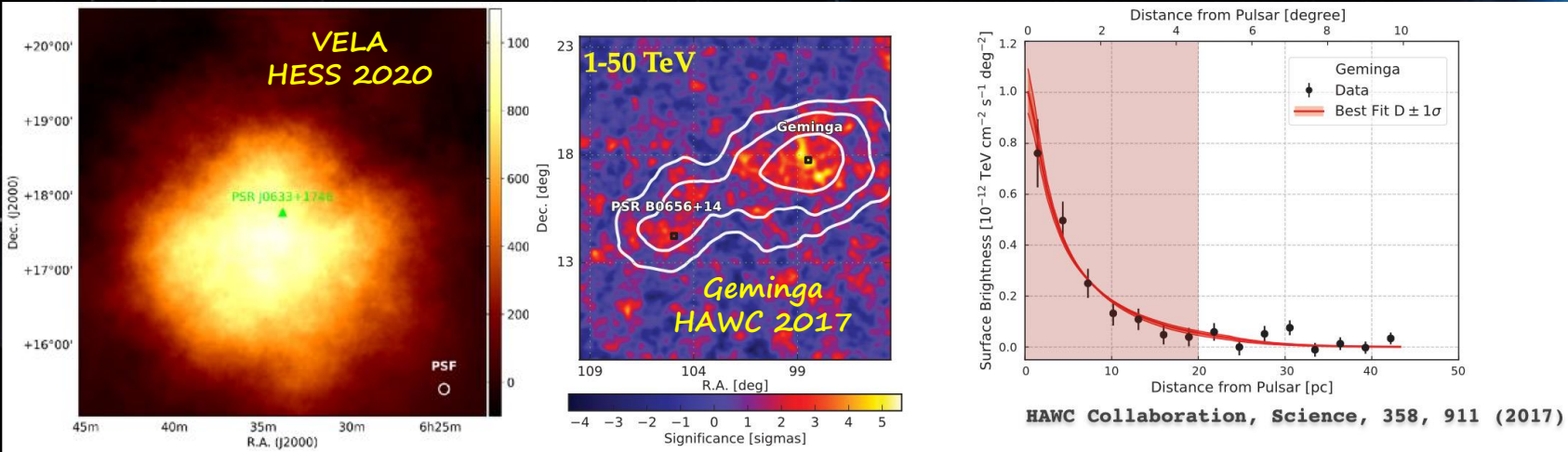


## Binaries & Microquasars

Olivera-Nieto Gamma2022

# And for the propagation: TeV HALOS

- Both pulsar and extended emission evaded detection for a long time
- Escaping electrons and positrons (due to RS that disrupts PWN) form an extended halo of GeV and TeV gamma-rays

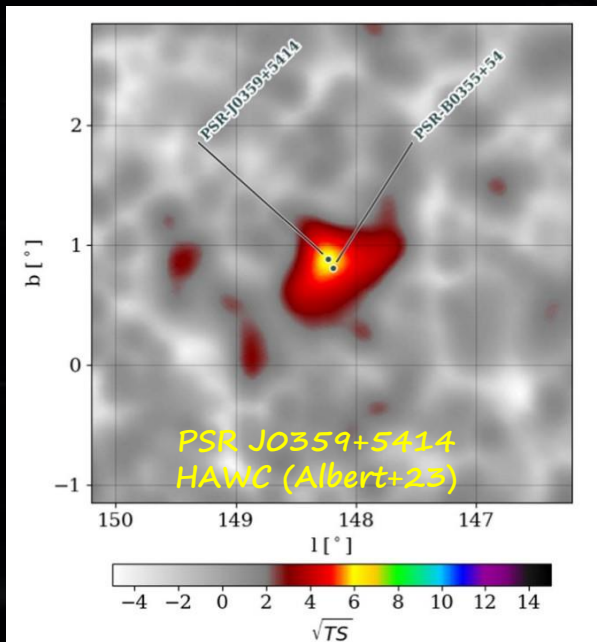


HAWC Collaboration, Science, 358, 911 (2017)

TeV Halos as new source class



Propagation study



- TeV halo candidate near the Galactic plane in a non-crowded region.
- This TeV halo candidate shares similar characteristics to others, suggesting that TeV halos could be a general feature of middle-age pulsars.



# Pevatrons

## HIGH-ENERGY ASTROPHYSICS

PEVATRON = an object capable of accelerating PARTICLES (hadrons or leptons) up to the PeV ( $=10^{15}$  eV) range

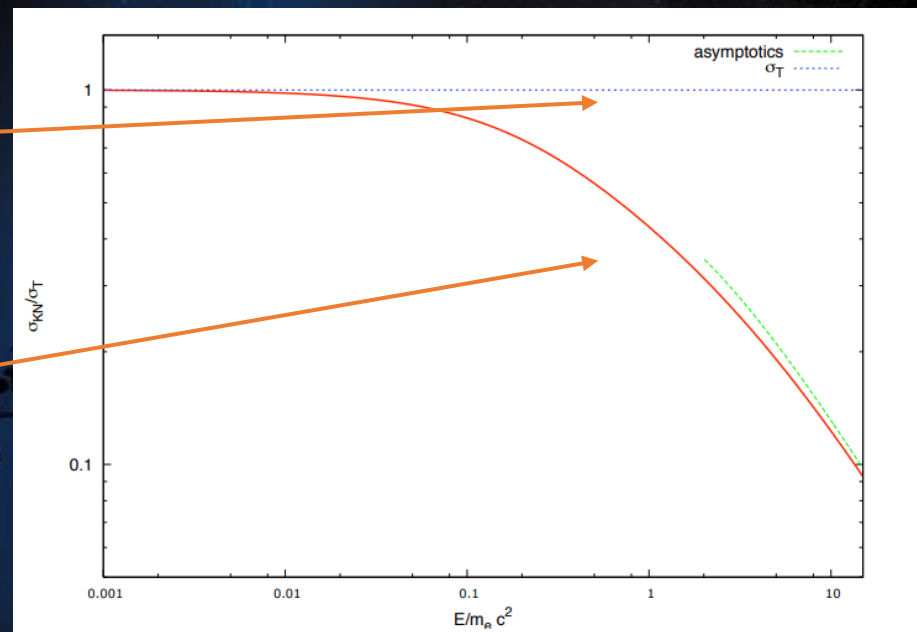
### INVERSE COMPTON (leptonic)

#### Thomson scattering ( $h\nu_i \ll m_e c^2$ )

- transfer small,
- scattering almost elastic,
- Thomson cross-section applied

#### Klein-Nishina scattering ( $h\nu_i \gg m_e c^2$ )

- transfer large,
- scattering deeply inelastic,
- need to use cross-section derived from QED.



## COSMIC RAY CONTEXT

PEVATRON = an object capable of accelerating HADRONS up to the PeV ( $=10^{15}$  eV) range



Ok...

We have some hints of  
emission around 100 TeV...  
but just one PeVatron (the  
Crab)...

And it could be a leptonic  
one...



...when suddenly...

# "PeVatrons" storm from LHAASO

OUR GALAXY IS FULL OF "PEVATRONS"!!!!!!

LHAASO, Nature, 594, p.33-36, 2021

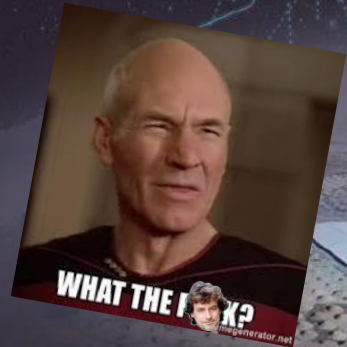
12 "PeVatrons" discovered with high significance ( $>7\sigma$ )!!

LEPTONIC  
Or  
HADRONIC?



Table 1 | UHE  $\gamma$ -ray sources

Source name	RA (°)	dec. (°)	Significance above 100 TeV ( $\times\sigma$ )	$E_{\max}$ (PeV)	Flux at 100 TeV (CU)
LHAASO J0534+2202	83.55	22.05	17.8	$0.88 \pm 0.11$	1.00(0.14)
LHAASO J1825-1326	276.45	-13.45	16.4	$0.42 \pm 0.16$	3.57(0.52)
LHAASO J1839-0545	279.95	-5.75	7.7	$0.21 \pm 0.05$	0.70(0.18)
LHAASO J1843-0338	280.75	-3.65	8.5	$0.26 - 0.10^{+0.16}$	0.73(0.17)
LHAASO J1849-0003	282.35	-0.05	10.4	$0.35 \pm 0.07$	0.74(0.15)
LHAASO J1908+0621	287.05	6.35	17.2	$0.44 \pm 0.05$	1.36(0.18)
LHAASO J1929+1745	292.25	17.75	7.4	$0.71 - 0.07^{+0.16}$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J1956+2845	299.05	28.75	7.4	$0.42 \pm 0.03$	0.41(0.09)
LHAASO J2018+3651	304.75	36.85	10.4	$0.27 \pm 0.02$	0.50(0.10)
LHAASO J2032+4102	308.05	41.05	10.5	$1.42 \pm 0.13$	0.54(0.10)
LHAASO J2108+5157	317.15	51.95	8.3	$0.43 \pm 0.05$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J2226+6057	336.75	60.95	13.6	$0.57 \pm 0.19$	1.05(0.16)



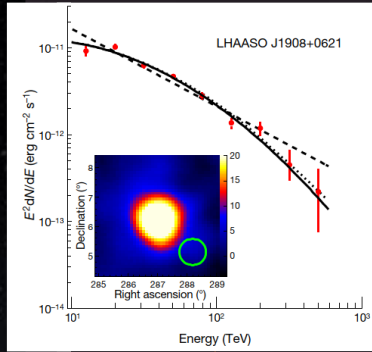
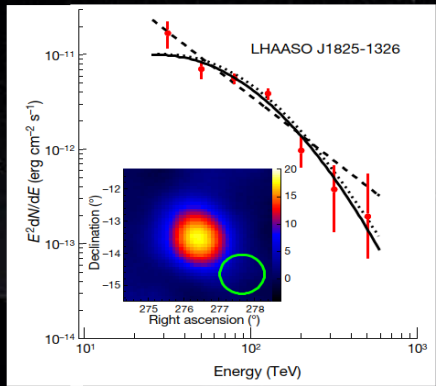
**Extended Data Table 2 | List of energetic astrophysical objects possibly associated with each LHAASO source**

LHAASO Source	Possible Origin	Type	Distance (kpc)	Age (kyr) <sup>a</sup>	$L_s$ (erg/s) <sup>b</sup>	Potential TeV Counterpart <sup>c</sup>
LHAASO J0534+2202	PSR J0534+2200	PSR	2.0	1.26	$4.5 \times 10^{38}$	Crab, Crab Nebula
LHAASO J1825-1326	PSR J1826-1334	PSR	$3.1 \pm 0.2^d$	21.4	$2.8 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1825-137, HESS J1826-130,
	PSR J1826-1256	PSR	1.6	14.4	$3.6 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1825-134
LHAASO J1839-0545	PSR J1837-0604	PSR	4.8	33.8	$2.0 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1837-065, HESS J1837-069,
	PSR J1838-0537	PSR	$1.3^e$	4.9	$6.0 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1841-055
LHAASO J1843-0338	SNR G28.6-0.1	SNR	$9.6 \pm 0.3^f$	$< 2^f$	—	HESS J1843-033, HESS J1844-030,
						2HWC J1844-032
LHAASO J1849-0003	PSR J1849-0001	PSR	$7^g$	43.1	$9.8 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1849-000, 2HWC J1849+001
	W43	YMC	$5.5^h$	—	—	
LHAASO J1908+0621	SNR G40.5-0.5	SNR	$3.4^i$	$\sim 10 - 20^j$	—	MGRO J1908+06, HESS J1908+063,
	PSR 1907+0602	PSR	2.4	19.5	$2.8 \times 10^{36}$	ARGO J1907+0627, VER J1907+062,
	PSR 1907+0601	PSR	3.4	11.3	$5.3 \times 10^{35}$	2HWC 1908+063
LHAASO J1929+1745	PSR J1928+1746	PSR	4.6	82.6	$1.6 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1928+177, 2HWC J1930+188,
	PSR J1930+1852	PSR	6.2	2.9	$1.2 \times 10^{37}$	HESS J1930+188, VER J1930+188
	SNR G54.1+0.3	SNR	$6.3^{+0.8}_{-0.7}^d$	$1.8 - 3.3^k$	—	
LHAASO J1956+2845	PSR J1958+2846	PSR	2.0	21.7	$3.4 \times 10^{35}$	2HWC J1955+285
	SNR G66.0-0.0	SNR	$2.3 \pm 0.2^d$	—	—	
LHAASO J2018+3651	PSR J2021+3651	PSR	$1.8^{+1.7}_{-1.4}^l$	17.2	$3.4 \times 10^{36}$	MGRO J2019+37, VER J2019+368,
	Sh 2-104	H II/YMC	$3.3 \pm 0.3^m/4.0 \pm 0.5^n$	—	—	VER J2016+371
LHAASO J2032+4102	Cygnus OB2	YMC	$1.40 \pm 0.08^o$	—	—	TeV J2032+4130, ARGO J2031+4157,
	PSR 2032+4127	PSR	$1.40 \pm 0.08^o$	201	$1.5 \times 10^{35}$	MGRO J2031+41, 2HWC J2031+415,
	SNR G79.8+1.2	SNR candidate	—	—	—	VER J2032+414
LHAASO J2108+5157	—	—	—	—	—	—
LHAASO J2226+6057	SNR G106.3+2.7	SNR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	—	VER J2227+608, Boomerang Nebula
	PSR J2229+6114	PSR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	$2.2 \times 10^{37}$	

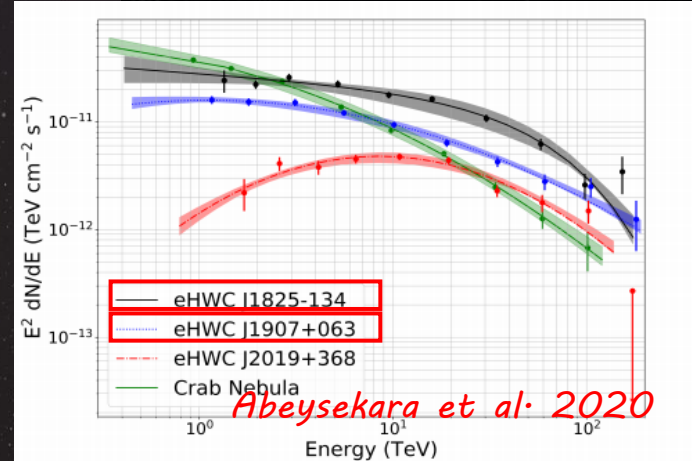
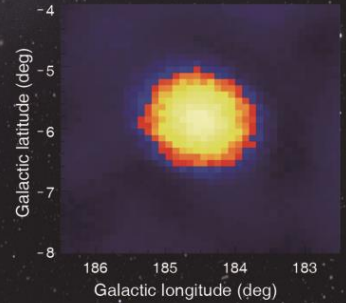
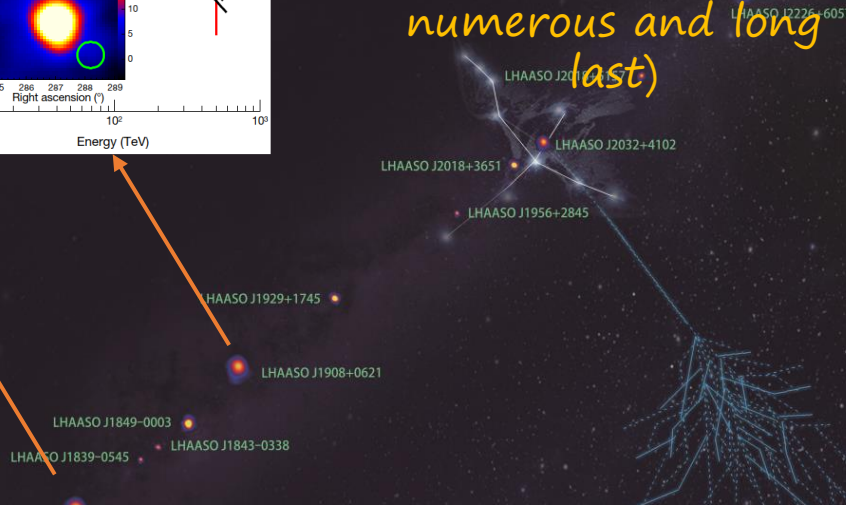
# Pulsar Wind Nebulae

HAWC

Cao et al. 2021



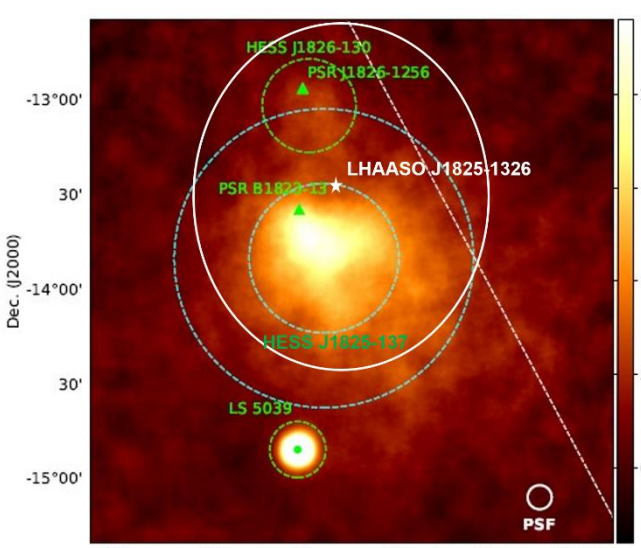
The majority could be PWN!!!  
(statistics: more numerous and long last)



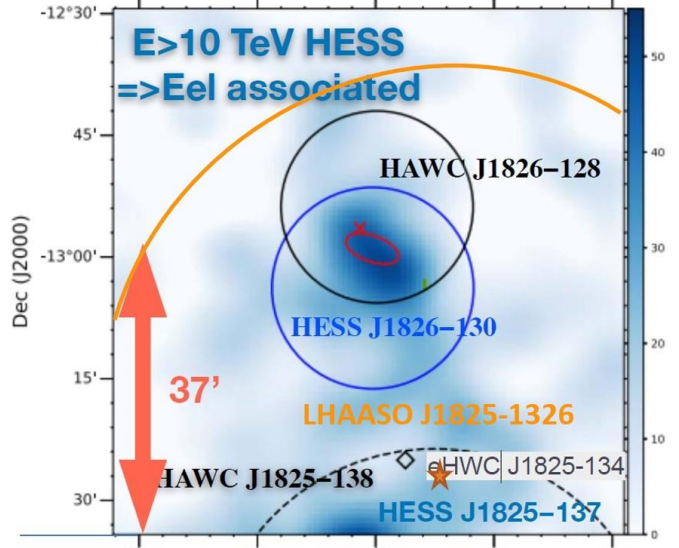
Abeysekara et al. 2020

LHAASO J1825-1326  
PWN? SNR?  
[MC&Giuliani 2023]

LHAASO J1908+621  
PWN?SNR?  
[MC&Giuliani 2023]

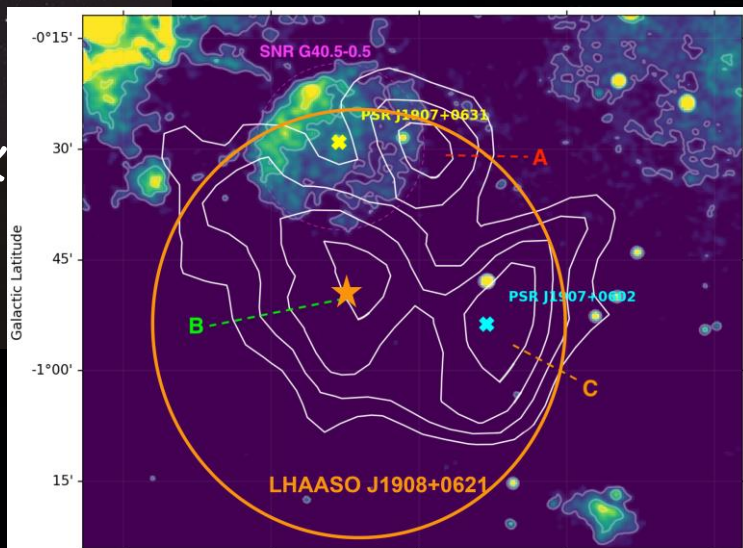


HESS coll. 2019



Burgess+ 2022

Very Complex Environment and low angular resolution



Crestani+ 2021

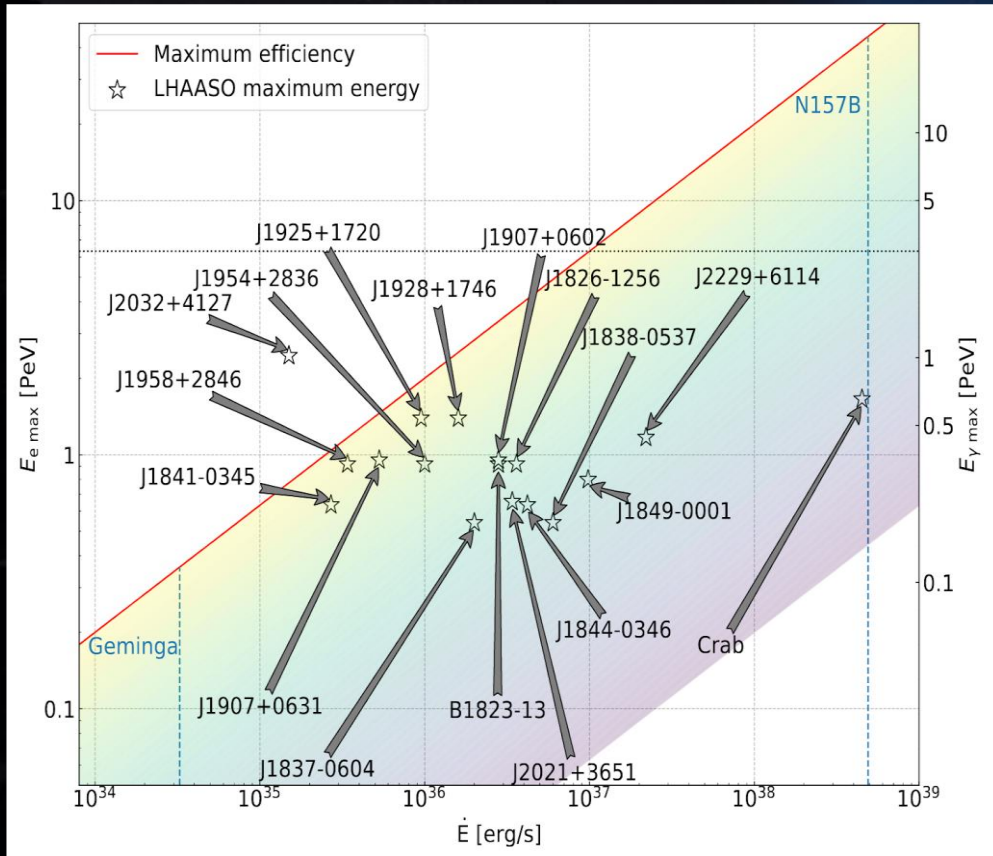
# Pulsar Wind Nebulae

Vercellone+ 2022

Leptonic origin of gamma-rays > 100 TeV is possible

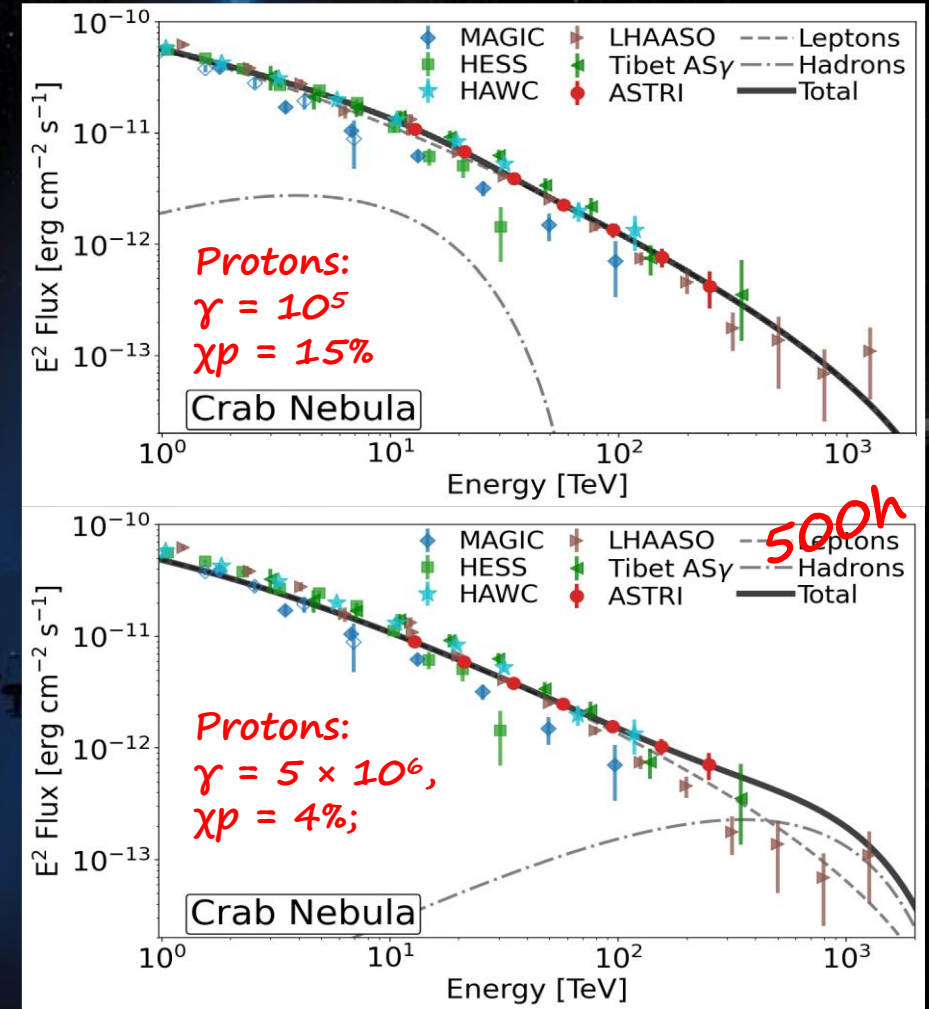
→ IC on BKG photon field (no KN effect due to an increase of the cooling time in radiation dominated environments [low B]) [Breuhaus+ 2022]

Acceleration is limited by the maximum potential drop (not in the Crab)



CARIBELLA talk  
MOHRMANN talk  
GOKSU talk

DeOnaWilhelmi+ 2022



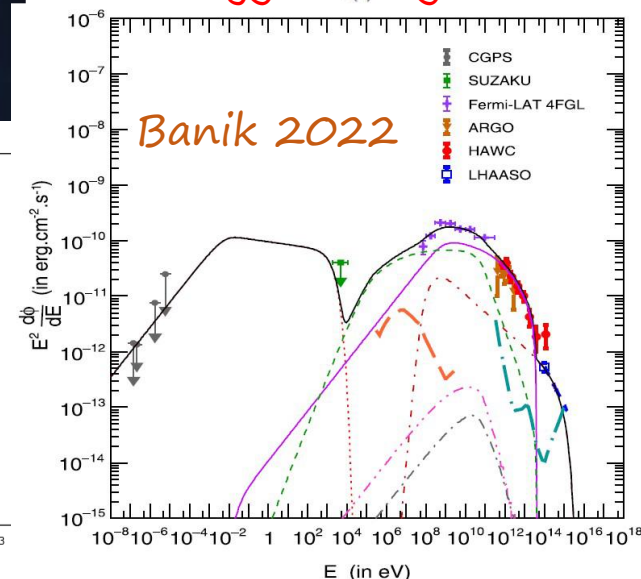
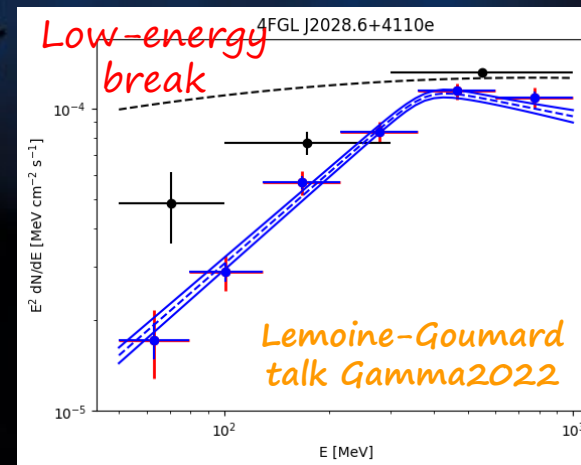
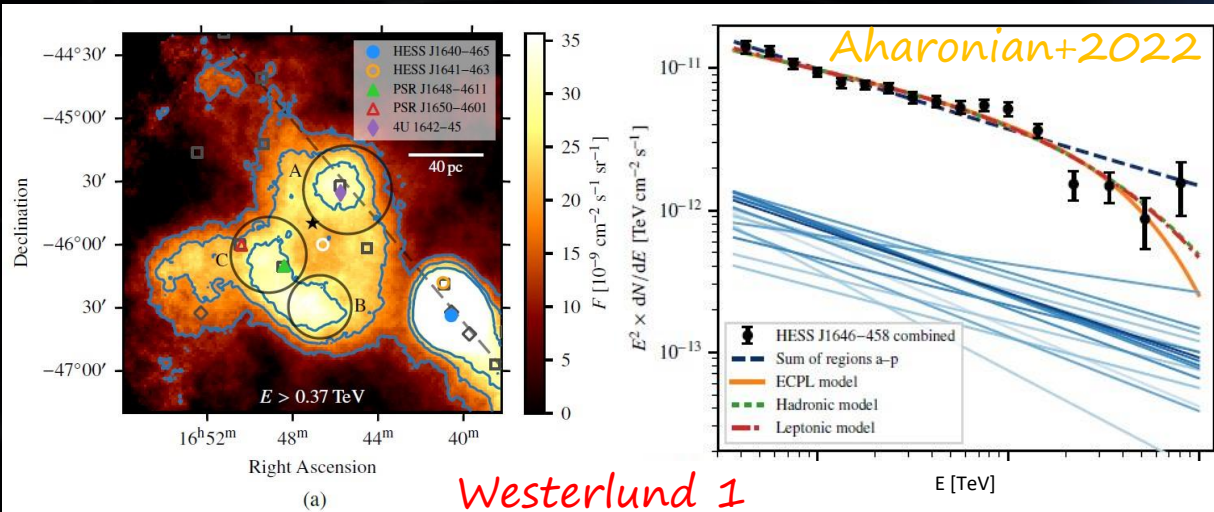
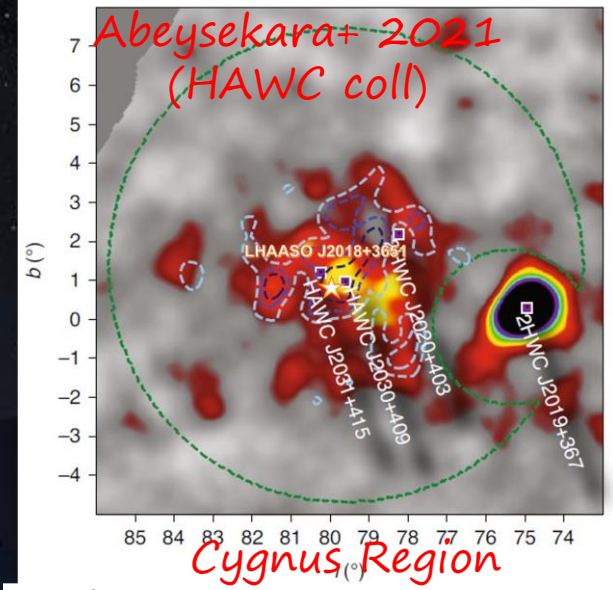
If there are protons (hadrons):

- ~few % of the total energy (Guepin+ (2020))
- pp emission may show up in the high energy tail of IC emission

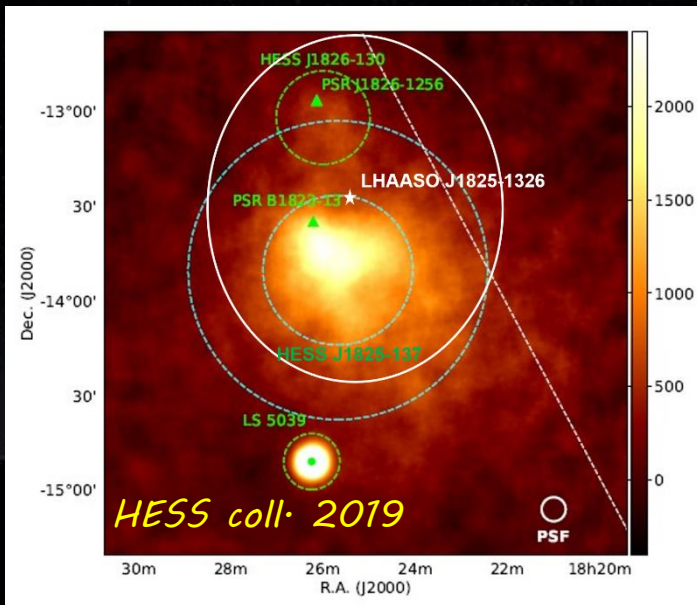
# Young Massive Star Clusters (inside superbubbles)

MOHRMANN talk  
MENCHIARI talk

- Clusters with age < few Myrs that can reach  $M$  up to  $6 \times 10^4$  Solar masses
- Acceleration at 1 PeV possible at Wind Termination Shocks [Morlino 2021, Vieu et al. 2022]
- Collective effects in the most compact clusters (size of a few pc) can generate a collective outflows (right amount of power [Vink 2022])
- Several physical ingredients to a deep analysis (cluster population, stellar population inside, stellar wind, cluster wind, PA model, gas distribution) [Morlino CTAO general meeting]



LHAASO J1825-1326

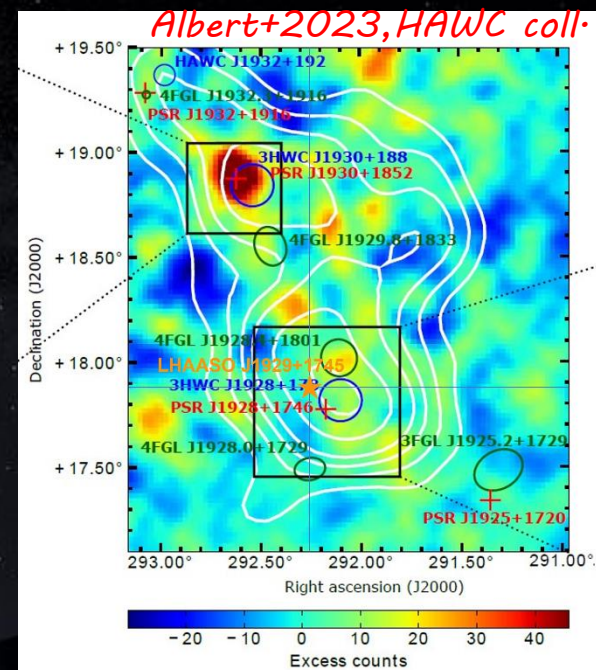


# TeV HALOS

Several  
LHAASO  
sources could be  
TeV halos!

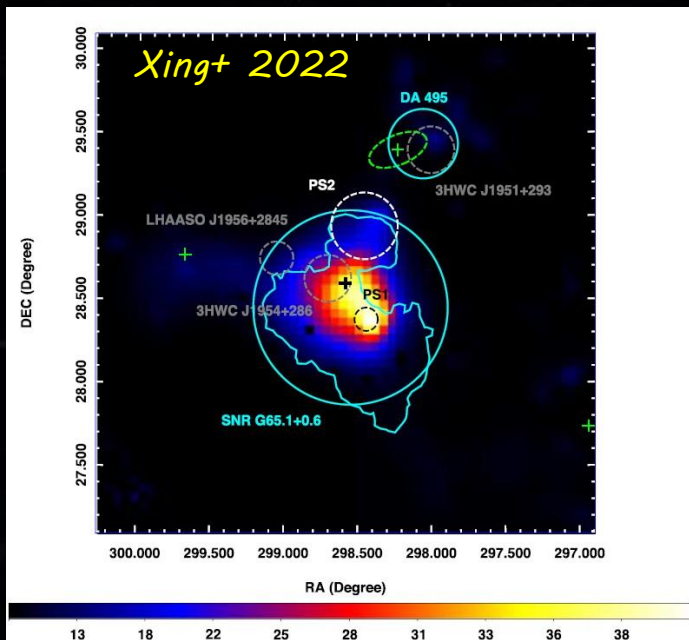
[MC&Giuliani 2023]

LHAASO  
J1929+1745

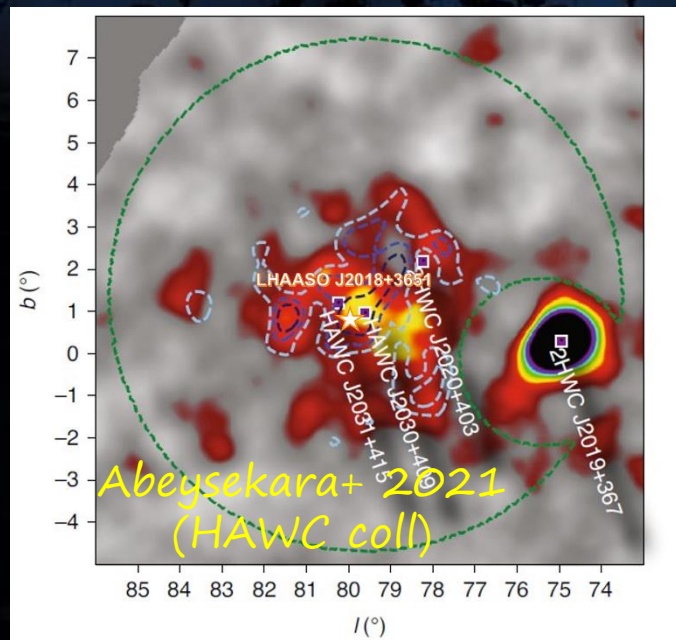


PINETTI talk  
LINDEN talk

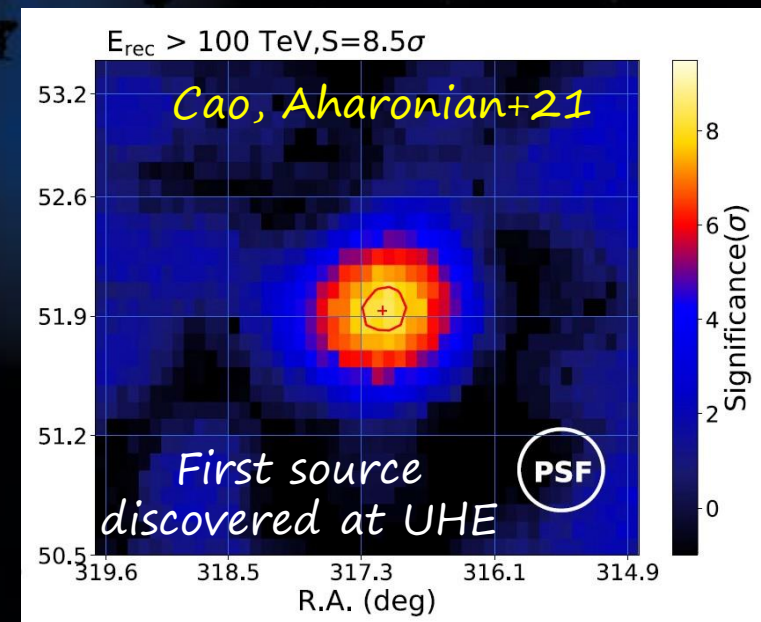
LHAASO J1956+2845



LHAASO J2032+4102



LHAASO J2108+3651

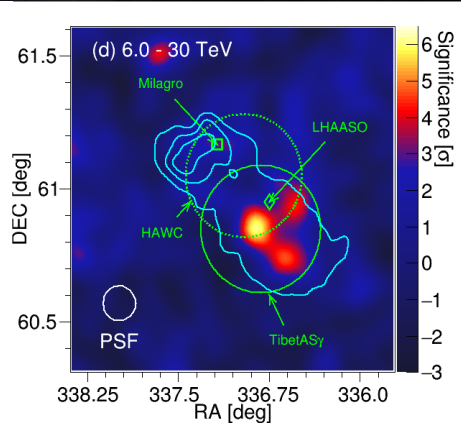
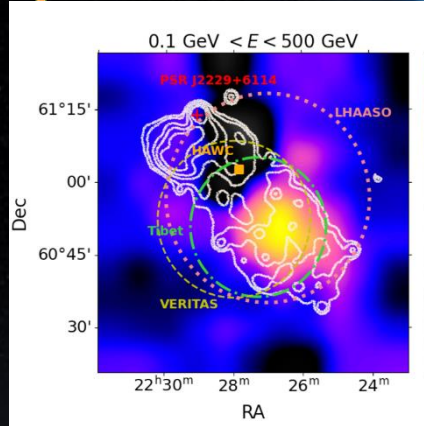
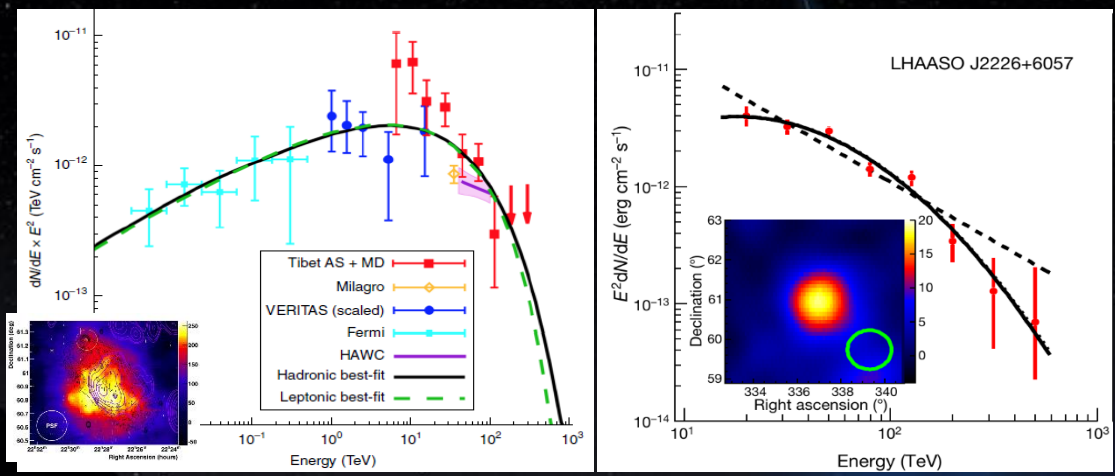


# And finally... The Supernova Remnants

Almost all the talks in this session

MAGIC coll. 2023

LHAASO J2226+6057

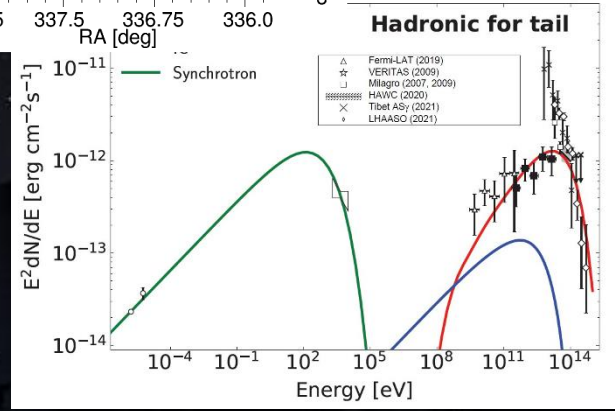


Fang+ 2022

Tibet AS collaboration 2021

Cao+ (LHAASO coll) 2021

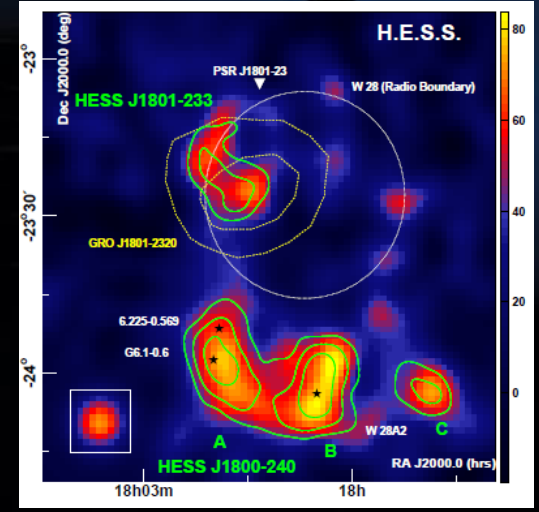
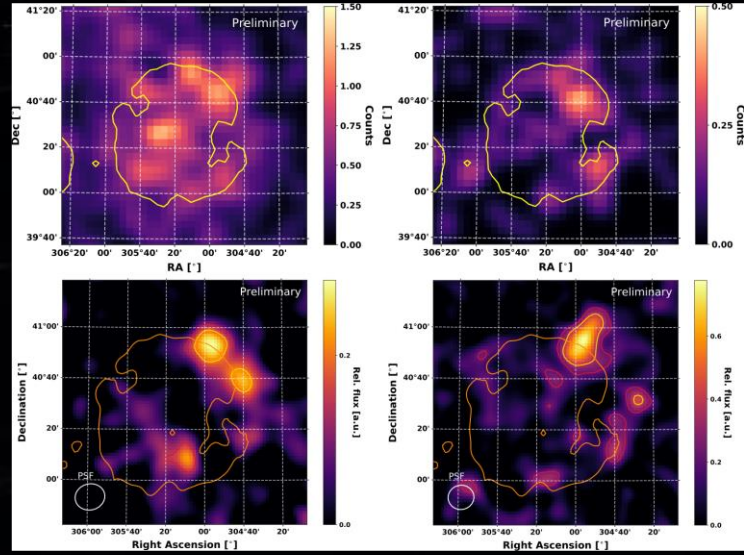
Fermi-LAT and MAGIC detection favoured hadrons from SNR/MC interaction



## Propagation study

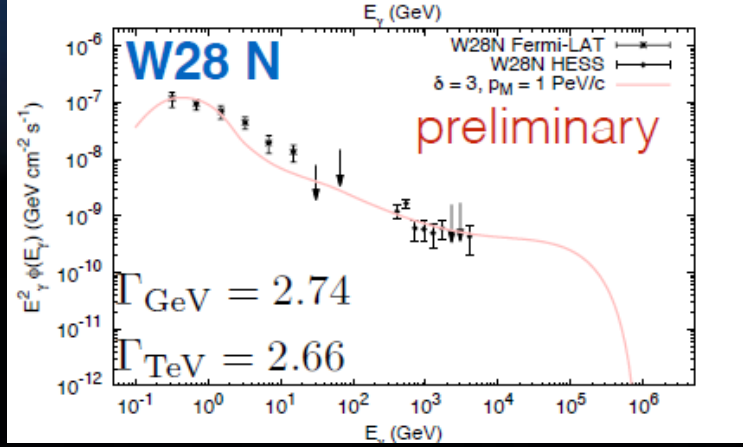


Gamma Cygni (MAGIC collaboration 2019)



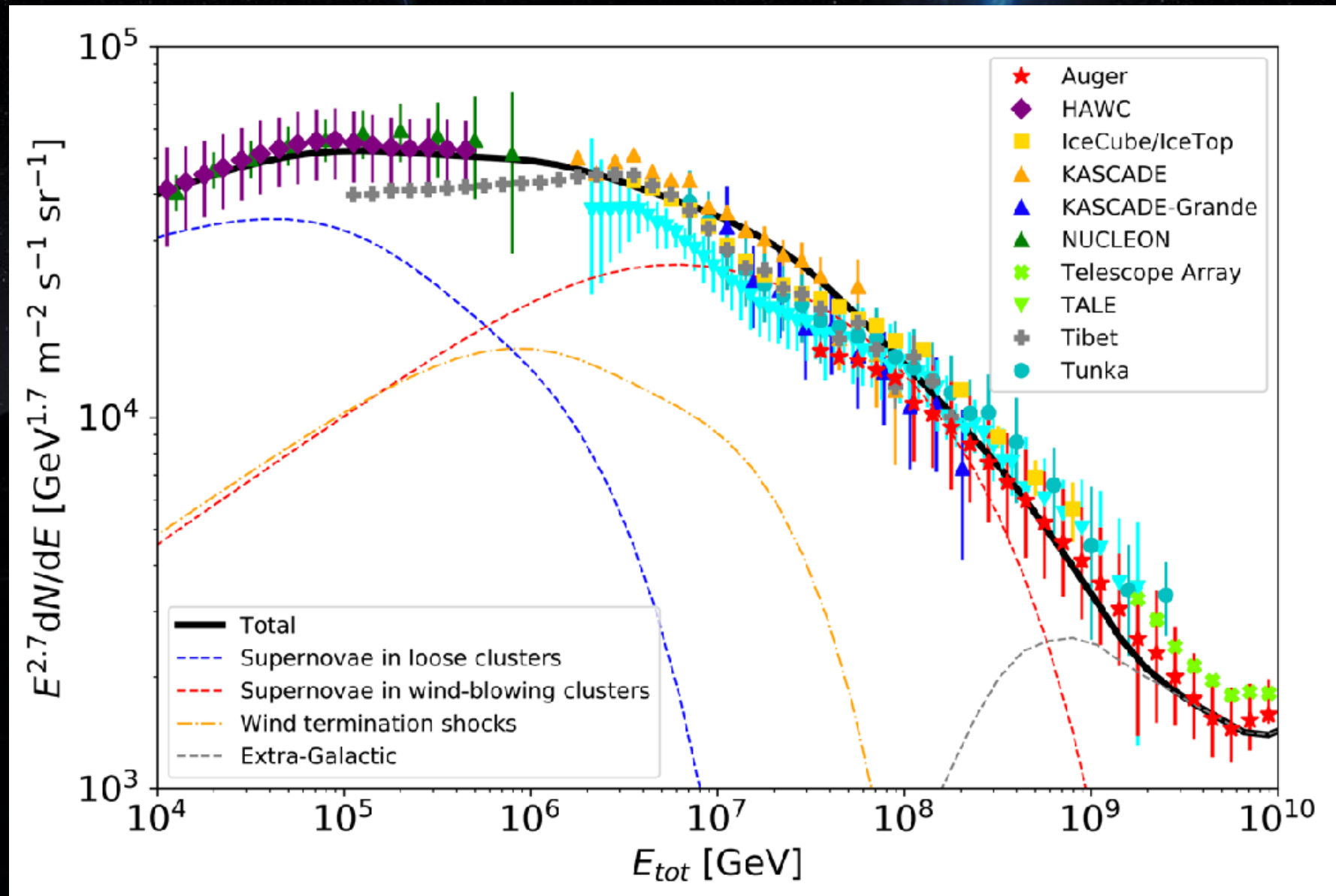
W28 (Aharonian et al. 2008)

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# More kinds of source is better than one



Sources	Ra (°)	Dec (°)	$\sigma$ >100 TeV	E <sub>max</sub> (PeV)	Origin	Neutrino constraints	Favoured model
LHAASO J0341+5258	55.34	52.97	6 at 25 TeV	not defined	not identified	no	few information
LHAASO J0534+2202	83.55	22.05	17.8	0.88 ± 0.11	Crab PWN	yes (Huang+22a,b, Abbasi+23)	Lepto-Hadronic (Nie+22, Vercellone+22)
LHAASO J00621+3755	95.47	37.92	3.1	not defined	TeV halo, PWN	no	challenging
LHAASO J1825-1326	276.45	-13.45	16.4	0.42 ± 0.16	TeV halo, PWN, SNR	yes (Huang+22a)	Leptonic (Burgess+22)
LHAASO J1839-0545	279.95	-5.75	7.7	0.21 ± 0.05	PWN, MSC	no	Hadronic (Banik+21)
LHAASO J1843-0338	280.75	-3.65	8.5	0.26 <sup>+0.16</sup> <sub>-0.20</sub>	PWN, SNR	no	challenging
LHAASO J1849-0003	282.35	-0.05	10.4	0.35 ± 0.07	PWN, MSC	no	challenging
LHAASO J1908+621	287.05	6.35	17.2	0.44 ± 0.05	PWN, SNR	yes (Huang+22a)	Lepto-Hadronic (DeSarkar+22)
LHAASO J1929+1745	292.25	17.75	7.4	0.71 <sup>+0.16</sup> <sub>-0.07</sub>	PWN, TeV halo, SNR	no	challenging
LHAASO J1956+2845	299.05	28.75	7.4	0.42 ± 0.03	PWN, TeV halo, SNR	no	challenging
LHAASO J2018+3651	304.75	36.85	10.4	0.27 ± 0.02	PWN, YMC	no	Leptonic (Yang+23)
LHAASO J2032+4102	308.05	41.05	10.5	1.42 ± 0.13	YMSC, PWN, TeV halo	yes (Banik+22)	Hadronic (Banik+22)
LHAASO J2108+5157	317.15	51.95	8.3	0.43 ± 0.05	TeV halo	yes (Kar+22)	Hadronic (Kar+22)
LHAASO J2226+6057	336.75	60.95	13.6	0.57 ± 0.19	SNR, PWN	no	Hadronic (Fang+22, MAGIC23)

HIGHEST  
ENERGY  
SENSITIVITY

WIDE BAND  
SENSITIVITY

GOOD  
ANGULAR  
RESOLUTION

NEUTRINOS

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# Very recent results (especially from ICRC 2023)

Yao talk,  
LHAASO Highlight  
ICRC2023,  
Lemoine-Goumard GA  
highlights ICRC2023

✧ 12 PeVatrons studied with LHAASO-WCDA [Chuangdong ICRC23]

- LHAASO J1908+621 shows a break in the spectrum
- LHAASO J2032+4102 shows a possible Cut-Off

Importance  
to combine  
GeV-TeV  
energies

✧ First LHAASO catalog with a total of 43 candidate PeVatrons!  
(WCDA+KM2A) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.17030>

- LHAASO J2002+3238 coincident with SNR G69.7+1.0 [Hou et al. ICRC23]
- LHAASO J1959+2850 coincident with PSR J1958+2845 and SNR G66.0-0.00 + associated MC [Yu et al. ICRC23]
- LHAASO J1740+1000: could be a bow-shock pulsar tail [Xu et al. ICRC23]
- LHAASO J1922+1403: W51c up to 300 TeV! [Chen et al ICRC2023]
- SNR G150.3+4.5: coincident with 4FGL J0426.5, could be a PWN or a SNR/MC [Zeng et al ICRC23]
- GAMMA CYGNI: KM2A detected PeV emission! [Feng et al. ICRC23]

A lot of SNRs!  
(young but als  
middle aged)



✧ Further studies from the other instruments (see ICRC23 presentations)  
→ the most analysed:

- LHAASO J2108+5157 (VERITAS&HAWC [Kumar et al. ICRC23] and MC [Toledano-Juarez ICRC23])
- LHAASO J2226+6057 (HAWC [Son et al. ICRC23] and VERITAS [Park et al. ICRC23])
- LHAASO J1825-1326 (HAWC [Goksu talk])

Importance  
of cross-  
correlation

# What we need in the next future?

- Wide FoV with almost homogeneous off-axis acceptance
  - ✓ Multi-target fields, surveys, and extended sources (GC, SNRs, TeV halos)
  - ✓ Enhanced chance for serendipitous discoveries
- Sensitivity: better than current IACTs ( $E > 10$  TeV):
  - ✓ Extended spectra for PeVatron confirmation and lepto/hadro origin discerning (SNRs, Micro-quasars, PWN)
  - ✓ Diffusion coefficient constraints (Gamma-Cygni, SNRs, TeV halos)
- Energy/Angular resolution:  $\leq 10\%$  /  $\leq 0.1^\circ$  ( $E \leq 10$  TeV)
  - ✓ Characterize extended sources morphology
    - ✓ Energy dependence
    - ✓ Identification acceleration regions
  - ✓ MW association
  - ✓ Spectral Shape (hadrons vs leptons)

Several Talks in the  
TeVPa neutrino  
sessions

Li et al. ICRC23 (Neutrino/  
LHAASO diffuse emission)  
Burley et al. ICRC23 (Neutrino  
promising target and SNRs)

And we would like also  
a neutrino detection, thanks!





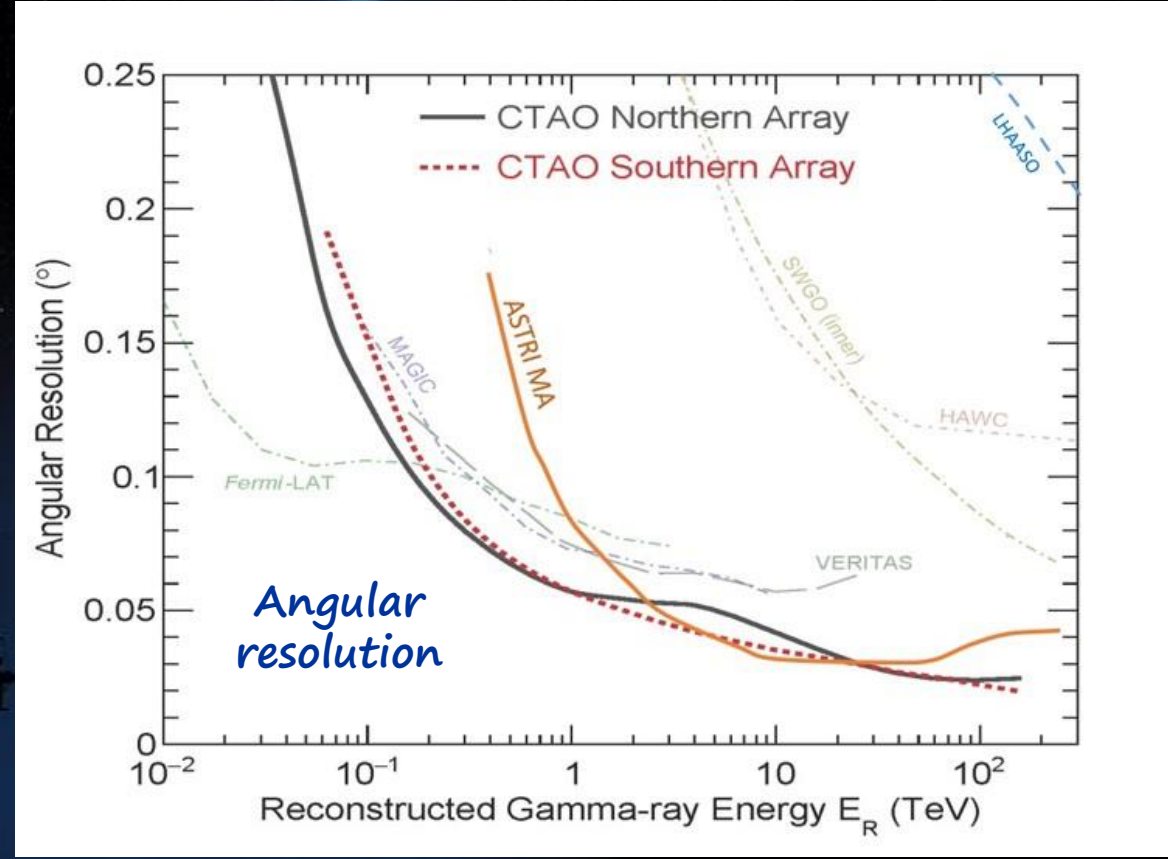
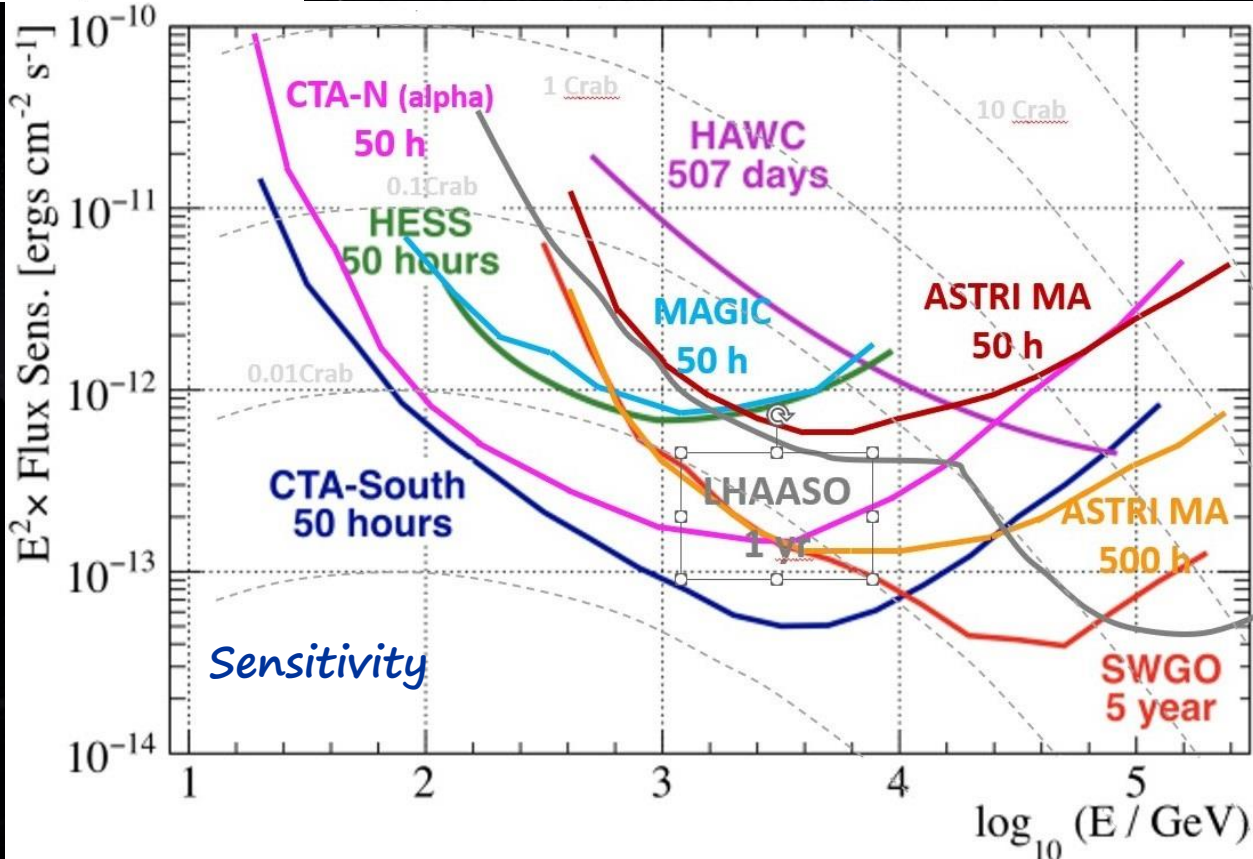
# ASTRI Mini-Array and CTA



cherenkov  
telescope  
array

the observatory for  
ground-based  
gamma-ray astronomy

Mini-Array



- **Sensitivity: better than current IACTs ( $E > 10$  TeV):**
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Vercellone+ 2022,  
Scuderi+ 2022,  
CTA website,  
MC&Giuliani 2023

Tutone talk

# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- ❖ Cosmic-ray origin: a Very Hot Topic since 1912!!
- ❖ The three main candidate hadronic PeVatrons are Pulsar Wind Nebulae, Supernova Remnants and Massive Star Clusters
- ❖ The future in the VHE domain is related to LHAASO, ASTRI-MA and CTA and their synergy with other instruments
- ❖ The collaboration between gamma-ray and neutrino communities will be fundamental in order to solve the CR origin issue → importance of VODF (Very-high-energy Open Data Format [Khelifi+2023 ICRC23 proc., Unbenhaum+23])
- ❖ Look at the ICRC2023 and TeVPeV presentations and proceedings with a lot of new observations and modeling of PeVatron candidate sources
- ❖ A lot of work to do: from simulation and software to data analysis to theoretical interpretation



Thank you  
very much!