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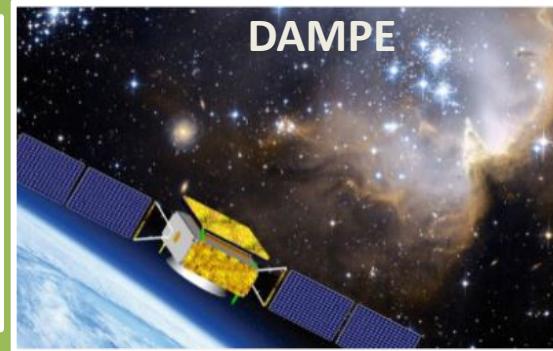
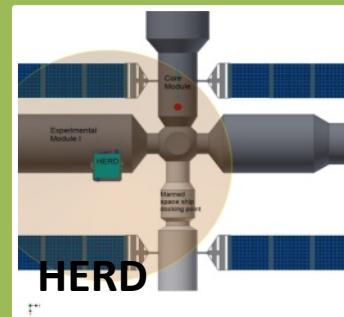
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Gamma Astronomy: a short technical and historical review

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Outline

- 1) Introduction to VHE Gamma Astronomy physics
- 2) Gamma Astronomy in Space
- 3) Gamma Astronomy at ground
- 4) Perspectives

Gamma-ray astronomy: short history

- Prediction of nuclear gamma-rays
[Hayakawa 1952; Morrison 1958](#)
- Ground-based Cherenkov:
[Jelly \(1953\), Chudakov \(1960-\)](#)
- Prediction of emission from the Crab nebula [Cocconi 1959 \[nuclear\]; Gould 1965 \[inverse Compton\]](#)
- Satellites: OSO-3 (1967-68), SAS-2 (1972-73), COS-B (1975-82)
- Compton Gamma Ray Observatory
[EGRET/COMPTEL/OSSE/BATSE \(1991-2000\)](#)
- Imaging Cherenkov:
[Whipple, CANGAROO, HEGRA \(1980's-1990's\)](#)

VHE Cosmic Gamma rays

Originally: Particle Physics domain ($E\gamma >$ few GeV):

- * **INSTRUMENTS:** Particle detectors
- * **TECHNIQUES:** Experimental particle physics analysis
- * **PHYSICS:** Address questions on the frontiers of our fundamental physics knowledge.

VHE Cosmic Gamma rays

Presently: (Still) highest energy messengers detectable from our universe which:

- Are stable particles
 - Interact enough to be “easily” detected
 - Are not deflected by cosmic magnetic fields
- => allow to pinpoint and identify the source

VHE Cosmic Gamma rays

=> Highest energy open window for the observation of our universe

GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY

Gamma-ray emission mechanisms

- ❖ Gamma-rays are produced in inherently *non-thermal* processes!

$e^\pm + B$

Synchrotron Radiation

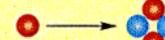
Magnetic-field lines

Gamma ray

Electron

Meson Decay

(1) Proton hits nucleus



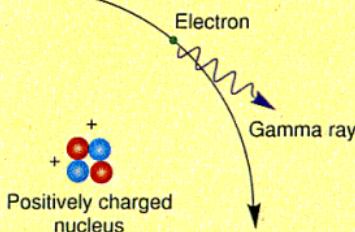
(2) Meson produced



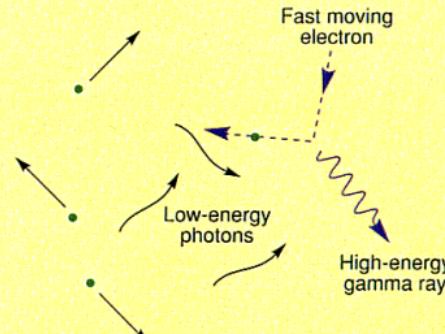
(3) Meson decays into gamma rays

$p + \text{matter}$

$e^\pm + \text{matter}$



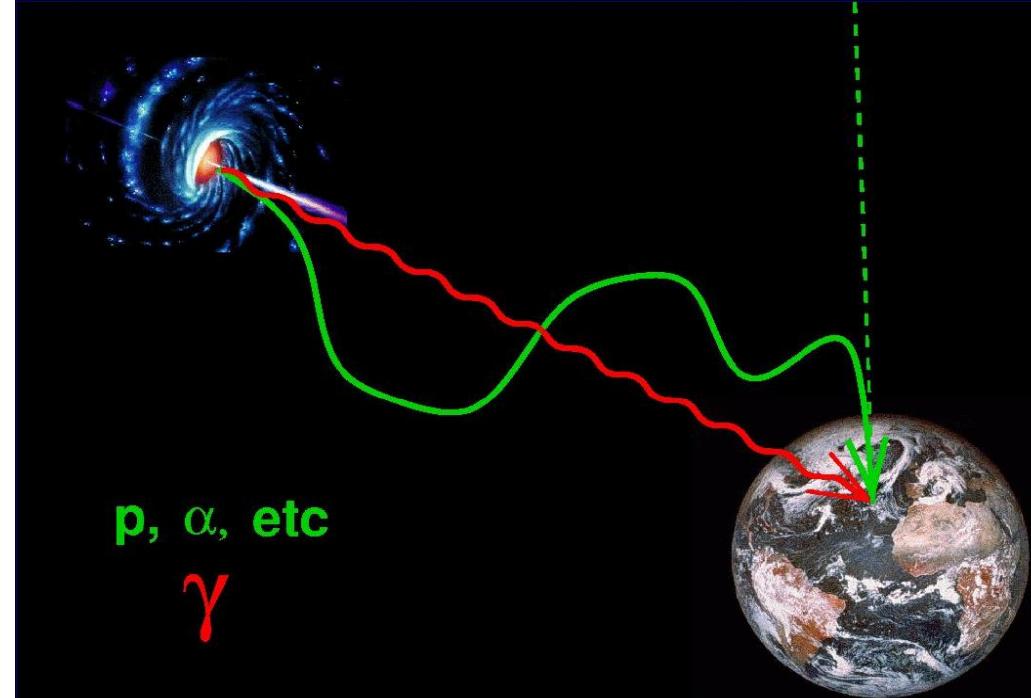
Bremsstrahlung



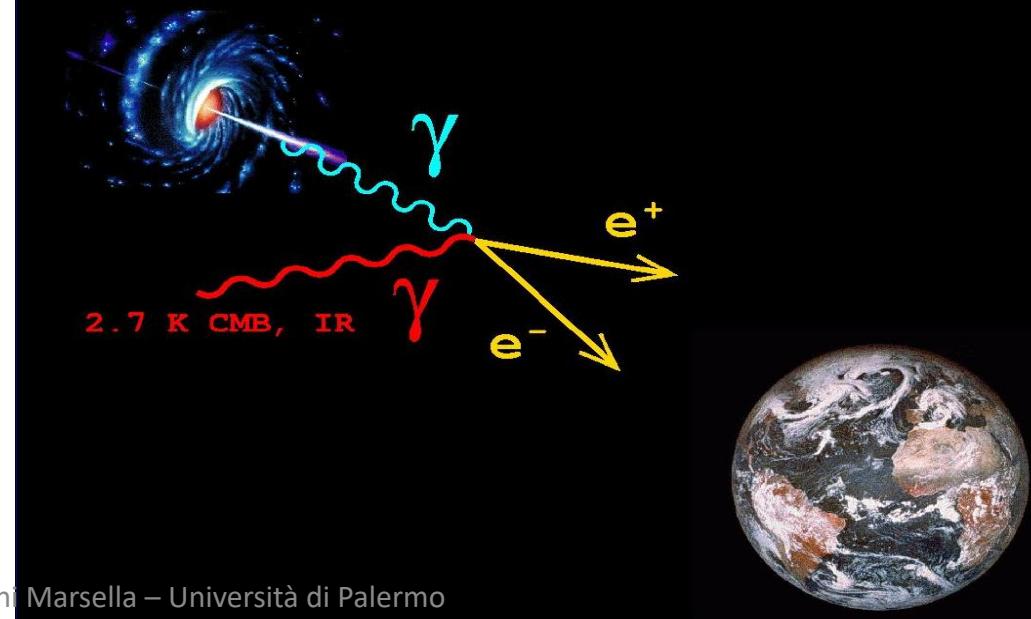
$e^\pm + h\nu$

Inverse Compton Scattering

Source Studies



Propagation Studies

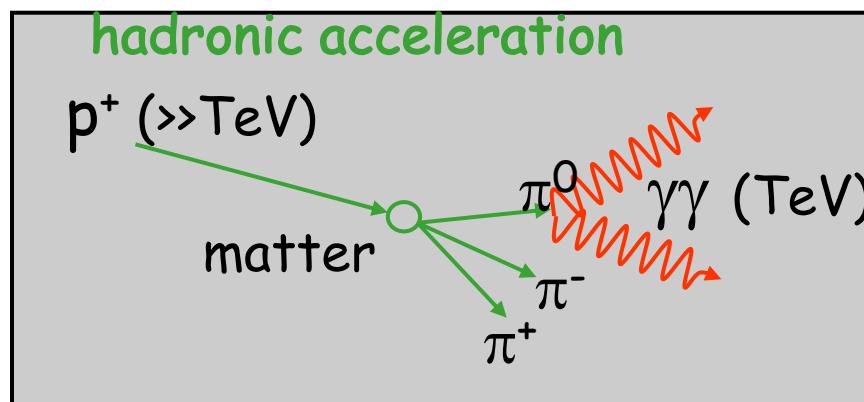


1) Study the source: production mechanisms

VHE gamma rays are produced in the most energetic and violent phenomena in the universe:

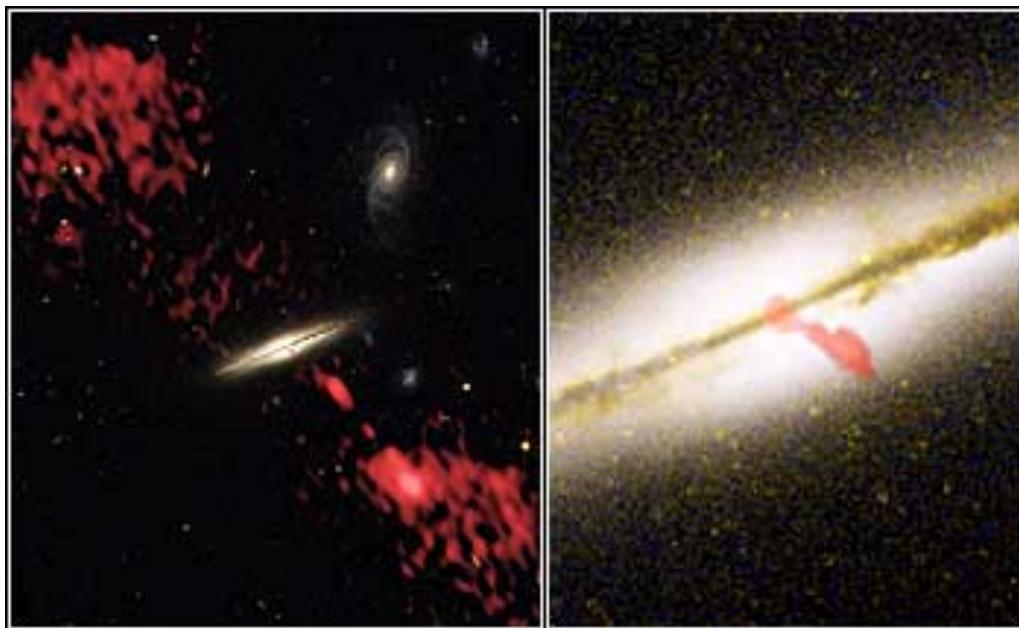
A) COSMIC ACCELERATORS

- Hadron accelerators: $p \times \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \text{gamma}$



1 - Through conversion of the strongest gravitational potential energies into particle accelerations near compact accreting objects (**Black Holes, Neutron Stars,..**)

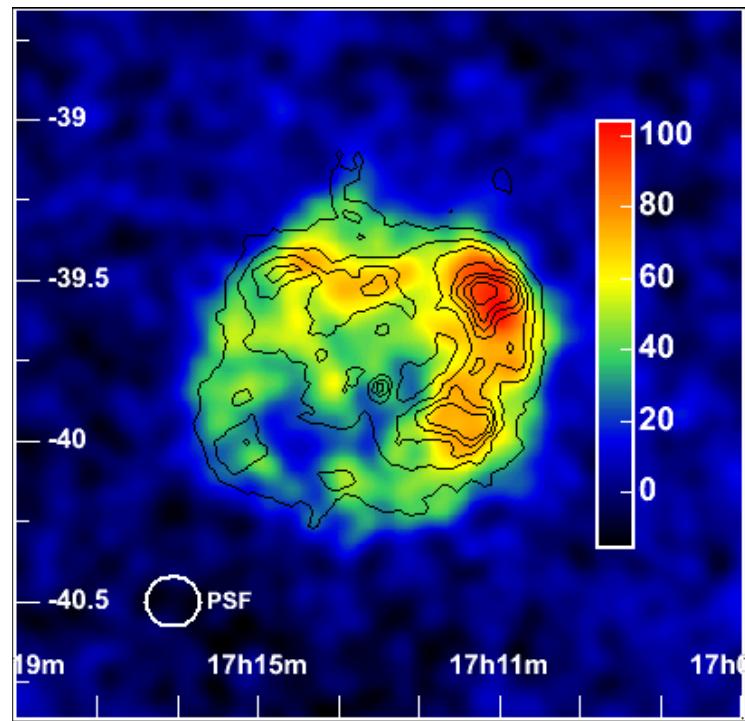
=> Unique LAB to study extreme accreting
GRAVITATIONAL INTERACTION



QUASAR:
Galaxy 0313-192

2 - In shocks due to big explosions in compact object formation (*supernovae, hipernovae, collapses,...*)

=> Acceleration in expanding shock waves



Supernova Remnant:
RX J1713-3946

3 - In interactions of strong plasma winds with magnetic fields or other winds (**plerions, wind shocks, ...**)

=> Acceleration in wind collisions



Pulsar Wind Nebula:
Crab

B) HEAVY PARTICLE ANNIHILATION OR DECAY

Through the annihilation or decay of very massive or energetic objects:

dark matter, very massive particles at unification scales, relics of universe phase transitions, primordial black holes,...

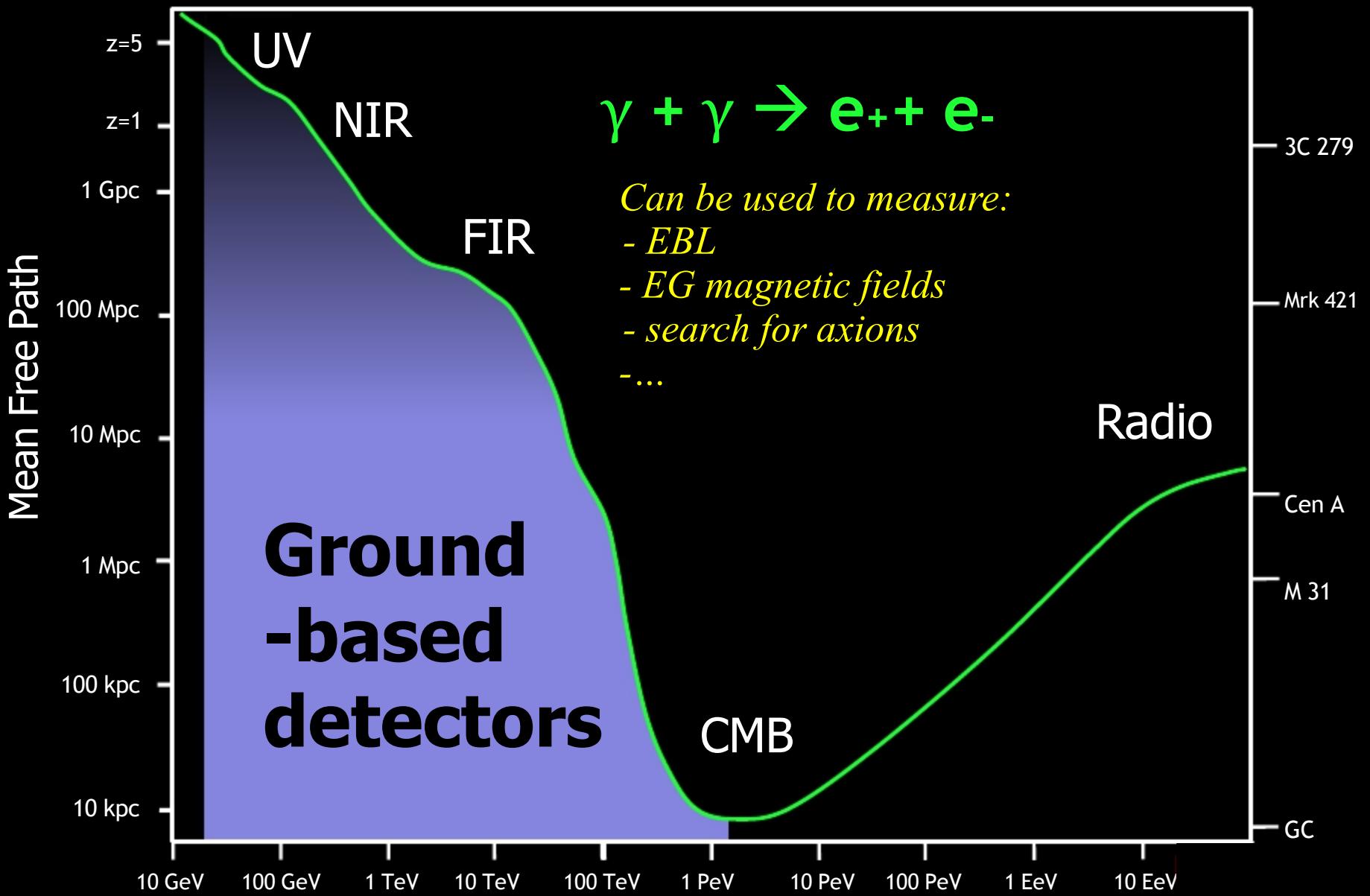
=> Tool to search for new, massive, particles and objects.

2) Study the propagation in the cosmic medium

VHE gamma rays are, so far, the most energetic messengers reaching us through a determinable path:
explore the structure of intergalactic medium:

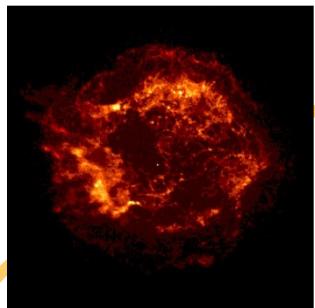
- at long distances: produced in sources at cosmological distances from us: explore relic fields
 - at the shortest distances: probe space-time at the highest energies
- => they allow us to address important questions in fundamental physics and cosmology

The γ Horizon : a nuisance ?



The VHE γ -ray Physics Program

SNRs



A small, faint, purple glow resembling a nebula or a distant galaxy, centered in the upper portion of the frame.

A composite image showing the Sun on the left and a comet on the right against a dark background. The Sun is a large, bright orange sphere with visible solar granulation. A comet is positioned to the right, featuring a long, thin, white-tipped tail extending towards the top right. The comet's nucleus is a small, bright orange oval.

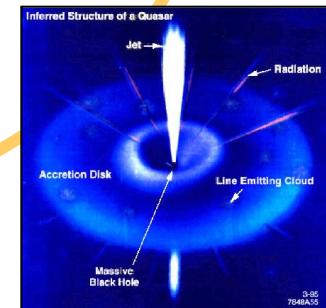
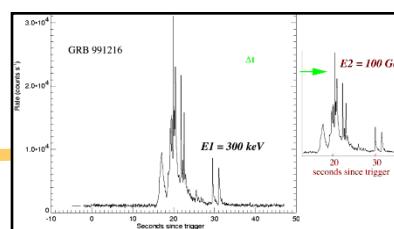
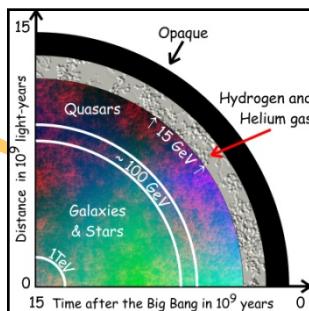
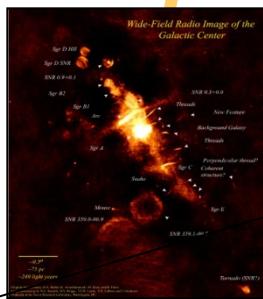
Galactic

~~Binary systems~~

GRBs

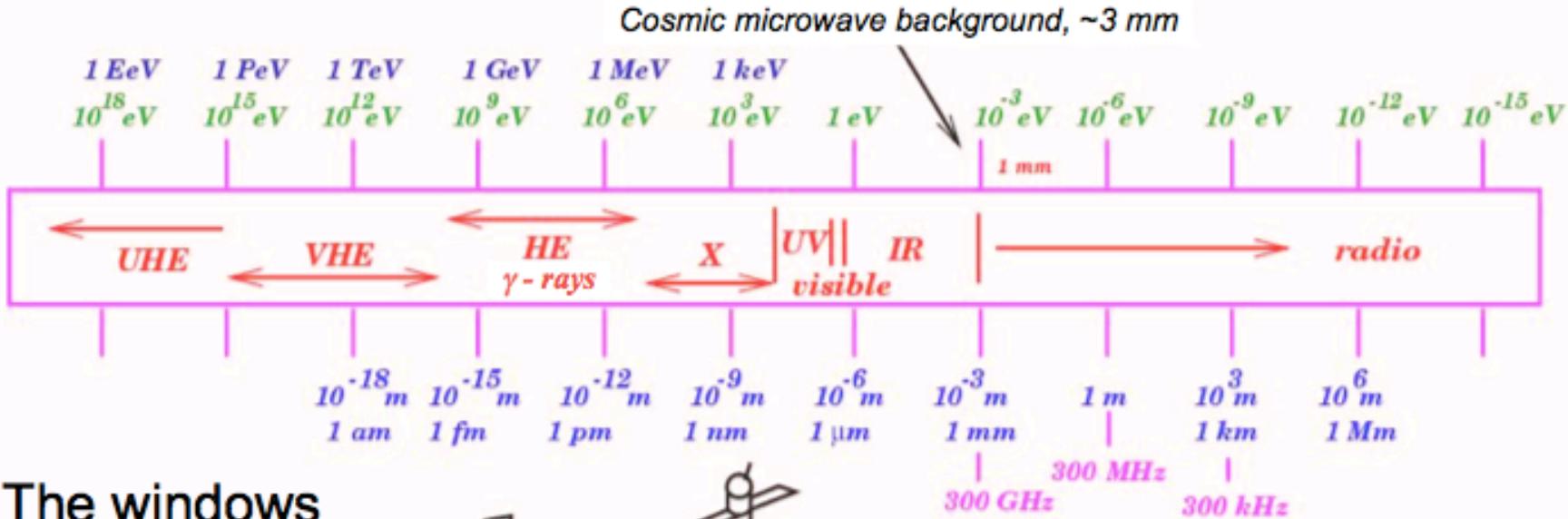
Extragalactic

Cold Dark Matter

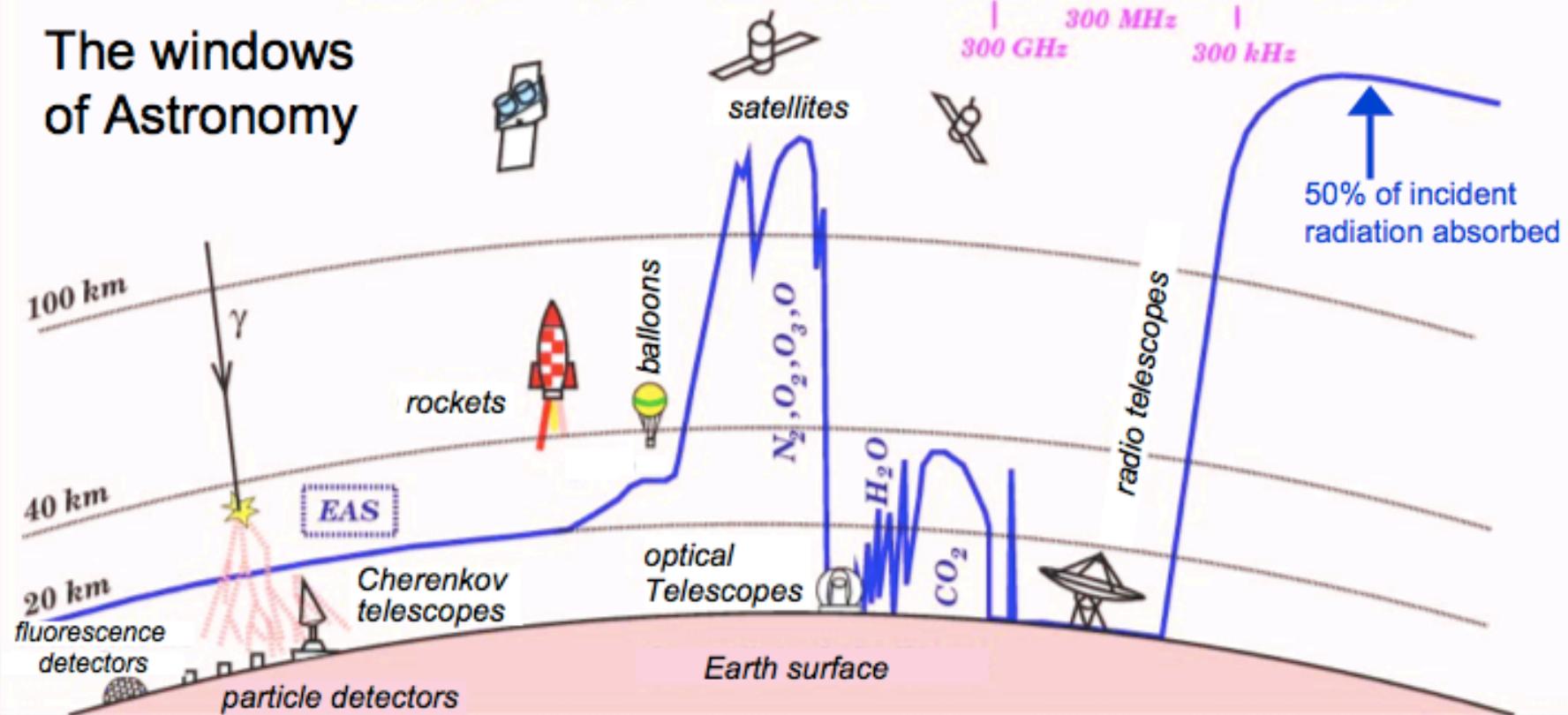


Cosmological γ -Ray Horizon

Test of the speed of light invariance



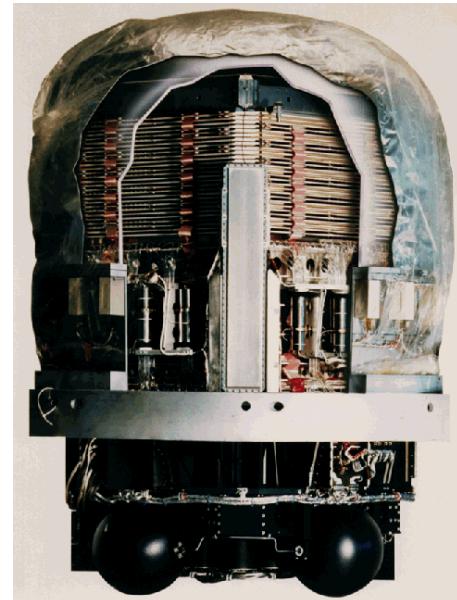
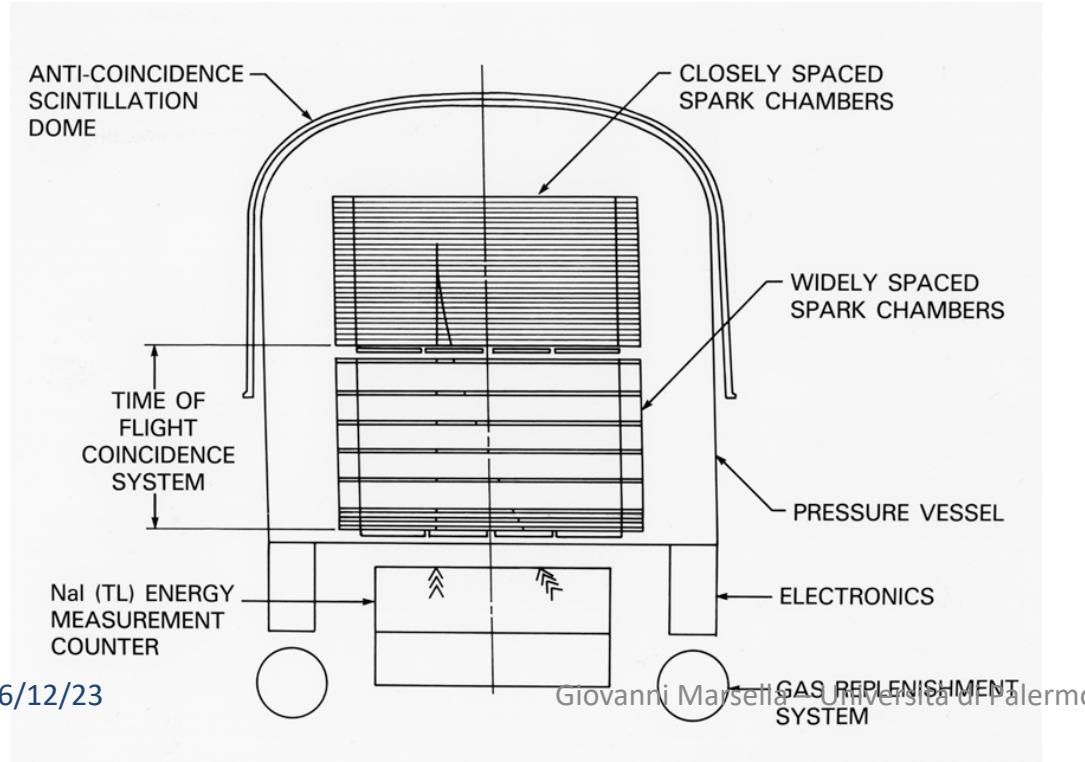
The windows of Astronomy



- Gamma Astronomy in Space

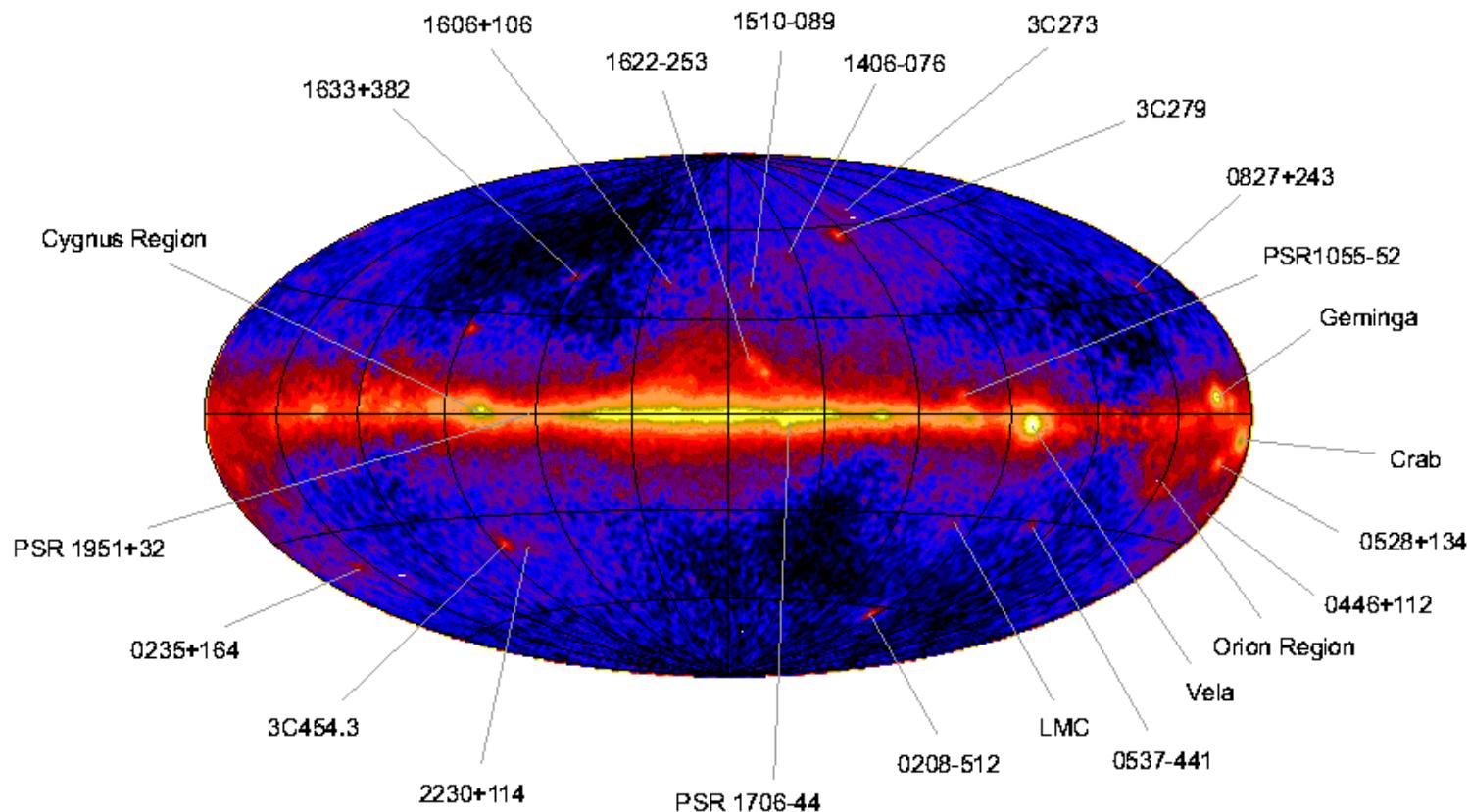
CGRO/EGRET

- Apr 1991 – Jun 2000
- 30 MeV – 30 GeV
- $\theta_{67\%} = 5.85^\circ (100 \text{ MeV}/E)^{0.534}$



EGRET Allsky Map

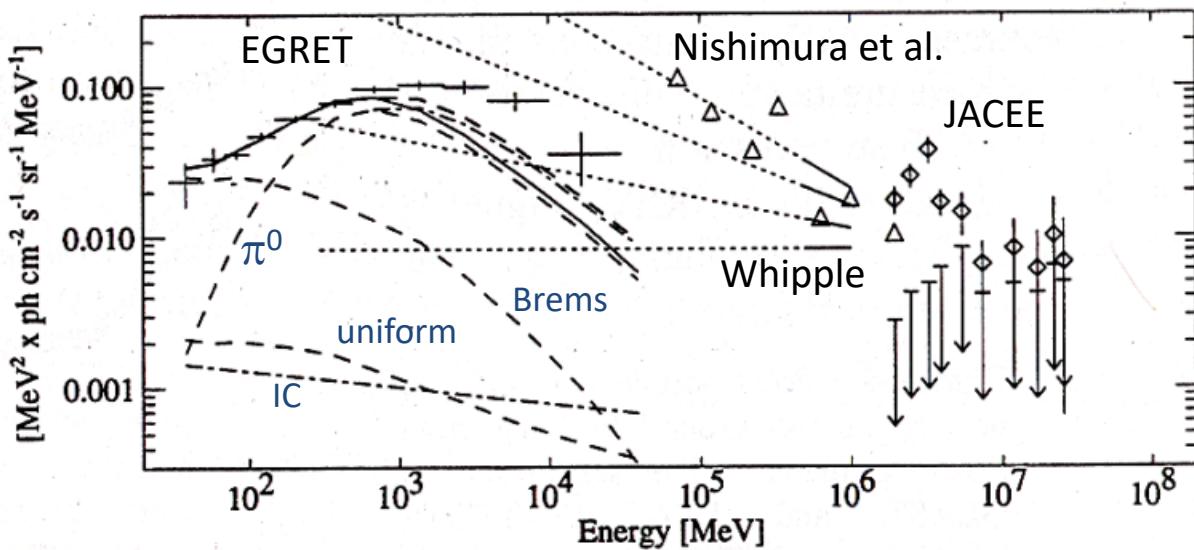
EGRET
Skymap $E > 100$ MeV
Phase 1 - 4



Diffuse gamma-ray spectrum

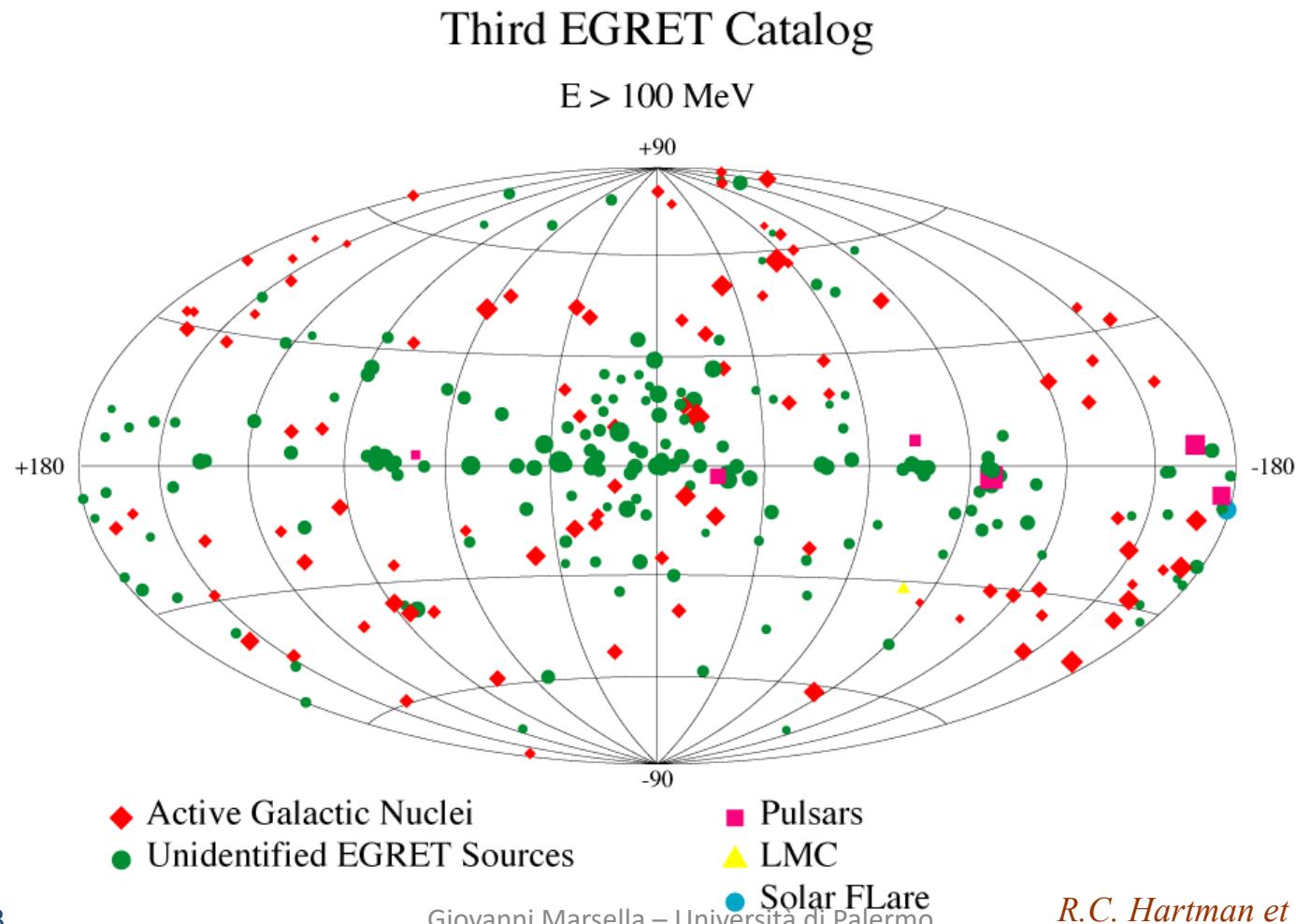
- Flatter than expected ($E^{-2.75}$): why?
⇒ Flatter proton/electron spectrum??

Figure 8. Measurement of the Galactic diffuse emission > 50 GeV with the Whipple telescope [29] extrapolated to the EGRET energy range on the assumption of single power-law spectral indices of 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, and 2.6. The spectral index must be ≤ 2.4



to be consistent with the EGRET observations, shown as $\pm 1 \sigma$ data points. The unpointed balloon results from Nishimura et al. [28] and the JACEE experiment [27], taken at 4 gm/cm^2 and 5.5 gm/cm^2 , shown as triangles and diamonds, respectively, should be treated as upper limits. The JACEE results corrected for the atmospheric contribution are shown as upper limits.

Third EGRET catalog

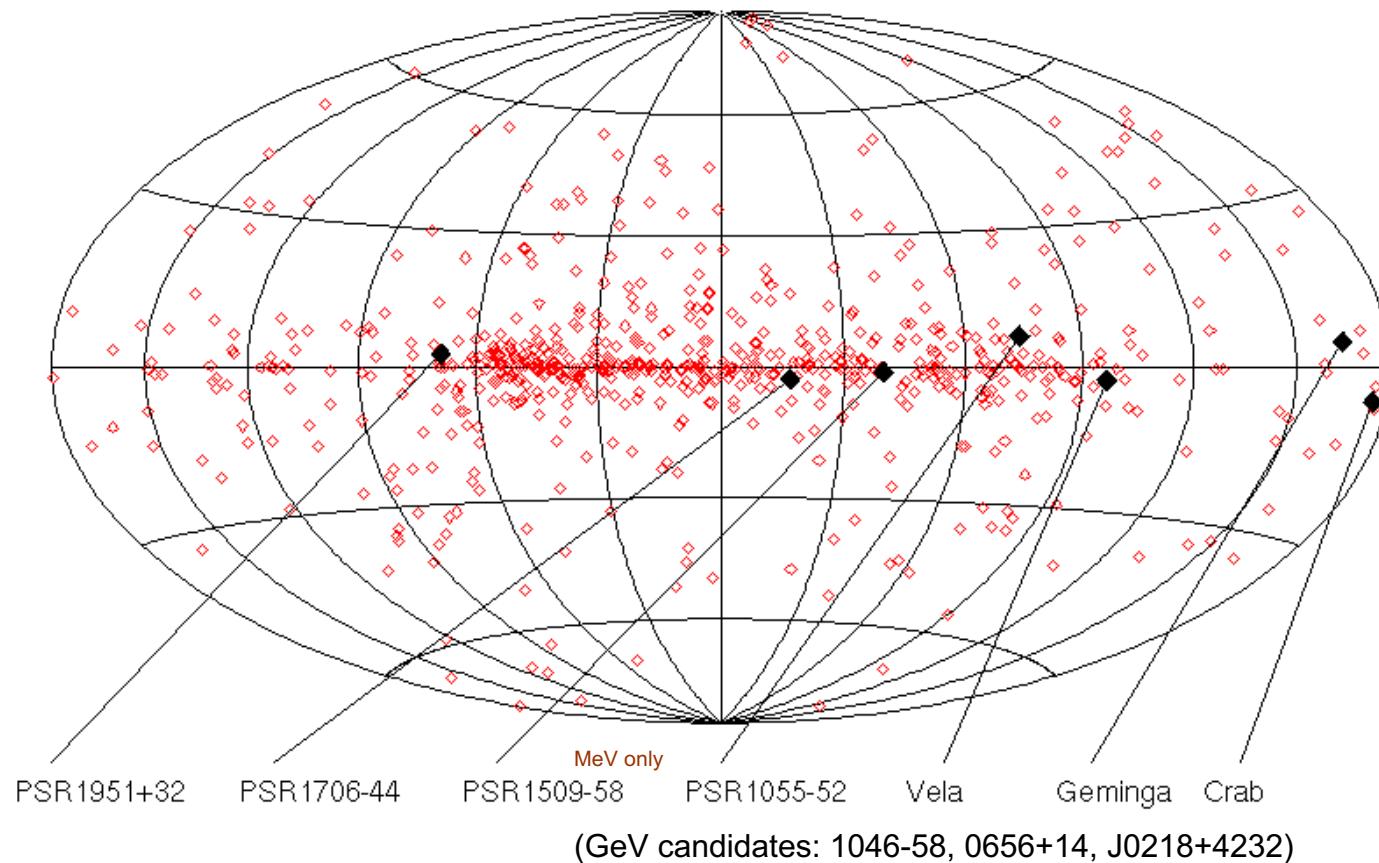


EGRET point source summary

Pulsars	5
AGN (mostly blazars)	66 27 (marginal)
Radio galaxy (Cen A)	1 (marginal)
Unidentified (Some may be SNRs)	170
Large Magellanic Cloud	1
Solar flare	1
<i>Total</i>	271

Pulsars

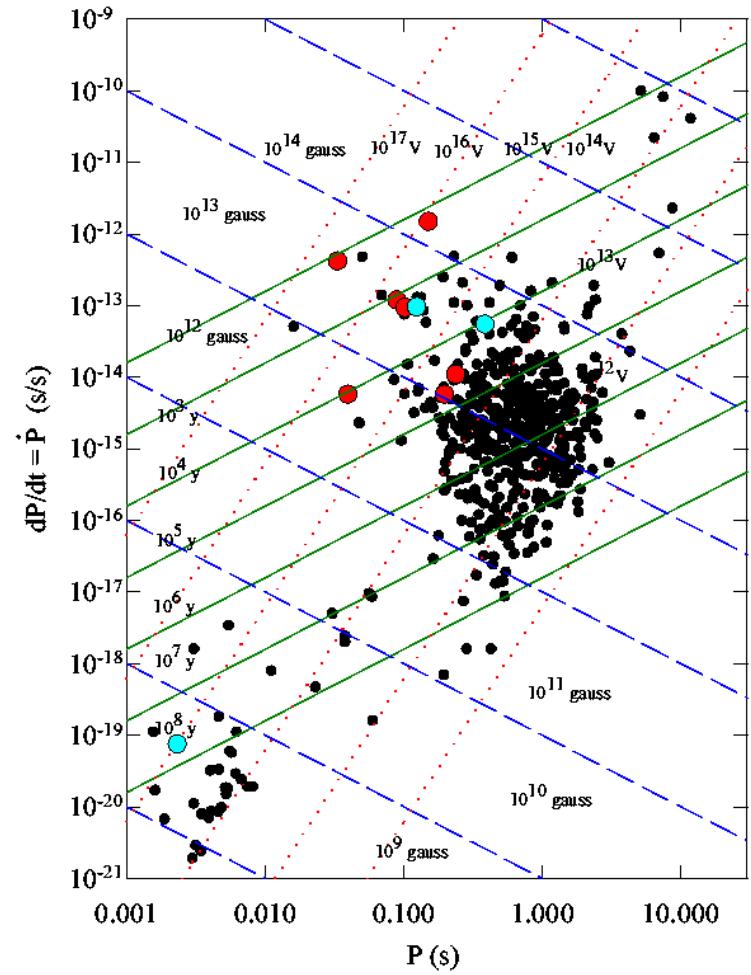
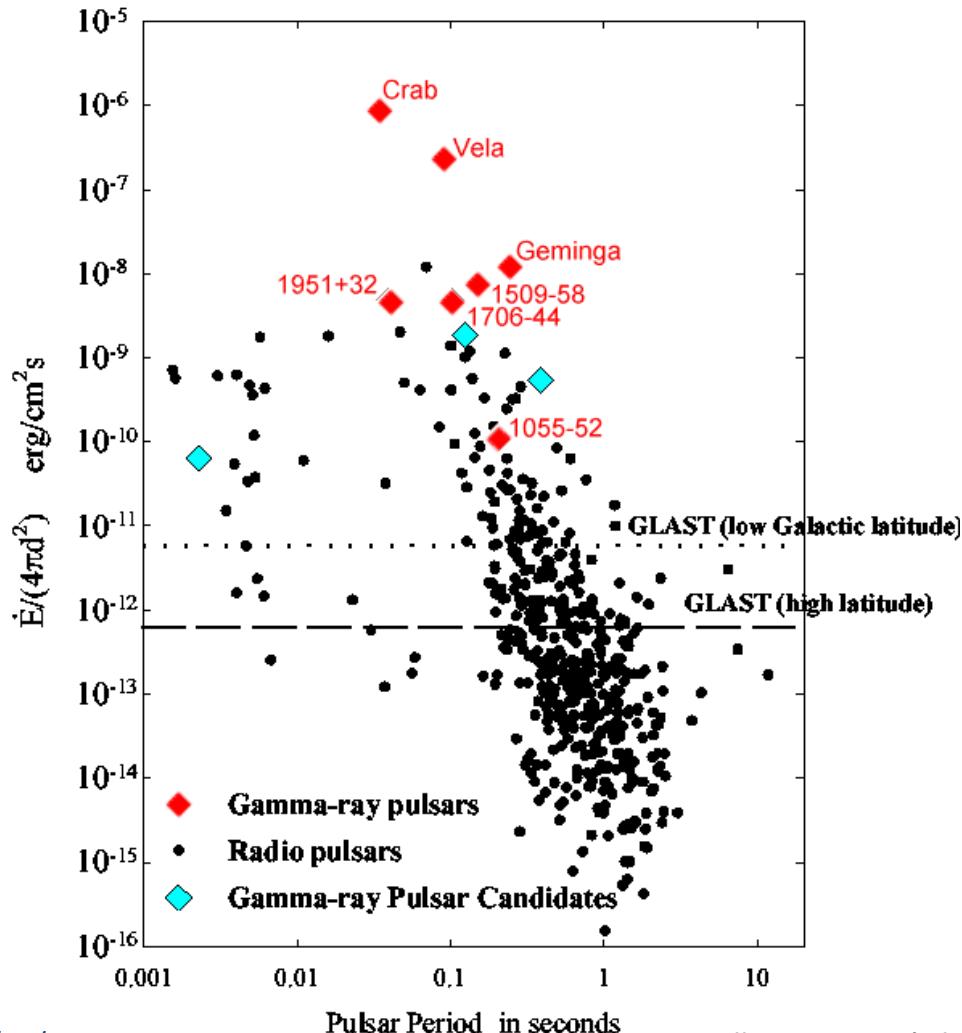
Radio Princeton catalog (706 pulsars), 1995



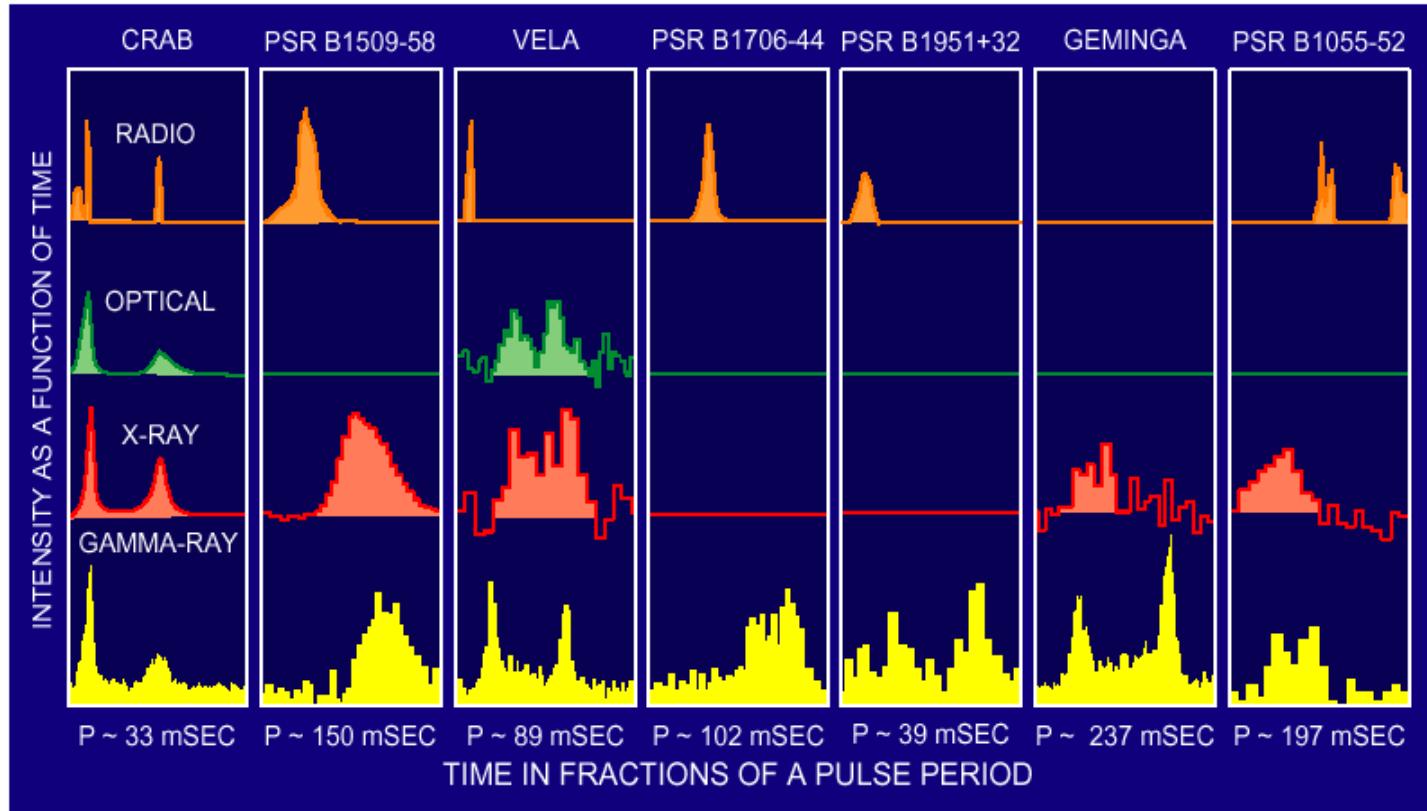
GeV Thompson, Heidelberg WS, 2000

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Pulsars : radio vs gamma-ray



Gamma-ray pulsar light curves

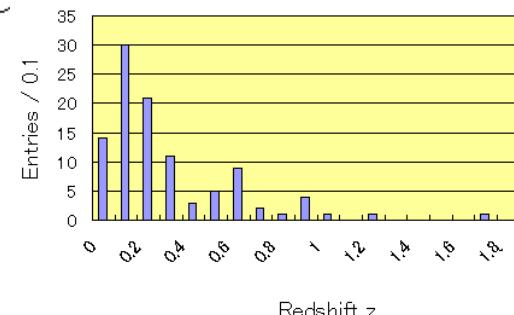
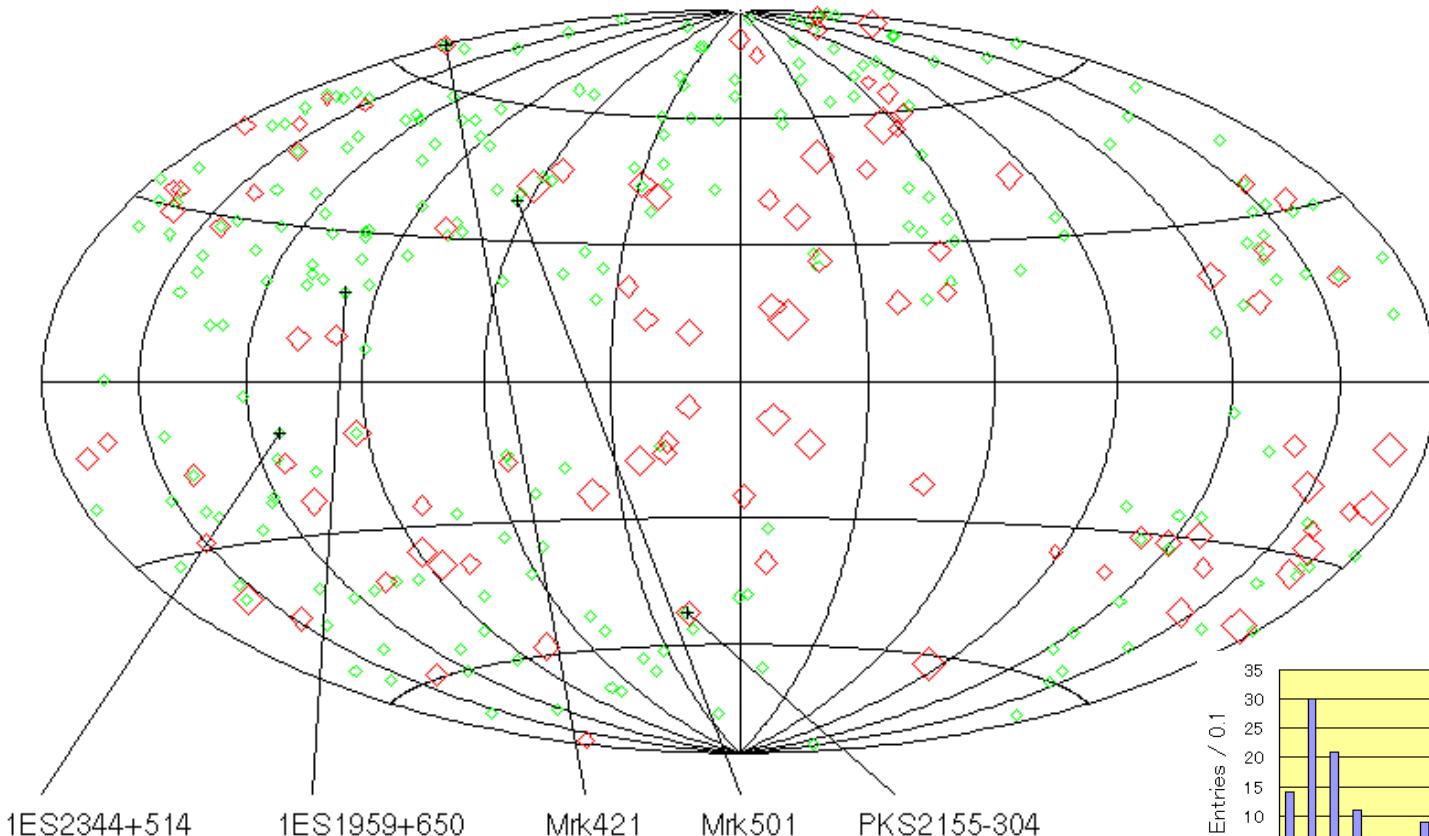


Multiwavelength light curves of the seven pulsars detected with EGRET. A flat line in the radio, optical or X-ray bands means that no such pulsation has been detected. GLAST should provide gamma-ray light curves for several dozen pulsars, which combined with the pulse shapes measured at other energies will severely constrain theoretical models for pulsar emission.

BL Lac's and EGRET AGNs

RED *EGRET 3rd catalog AGNs*

Green *Padovani & Giommi MN 1995*



Gamma-ray blazars

H(igh freq. peaked) BL
 \approx X-ray selected BL

L(low-freq. peaked) BL
 \approx Radio-selected BL

- Mostly FSRQ and BL Lac's

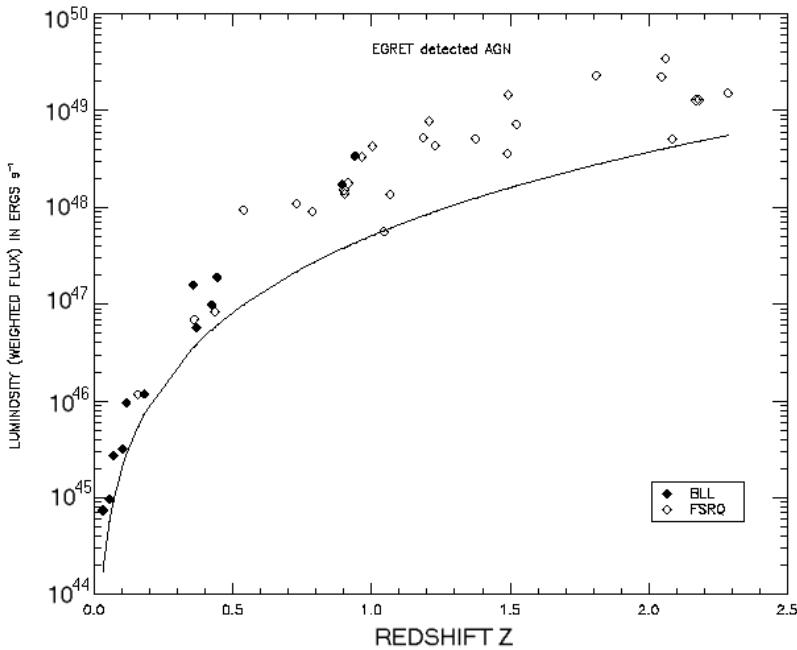


FIG. 7.—Luminosity vs. redshift for blazars detected by EGRET. The BL Lac objects are indicated with filled symbols. The typical detection threshold for EGRET is shown as the solid curve.

Mukherjee et al. ApJ 1997

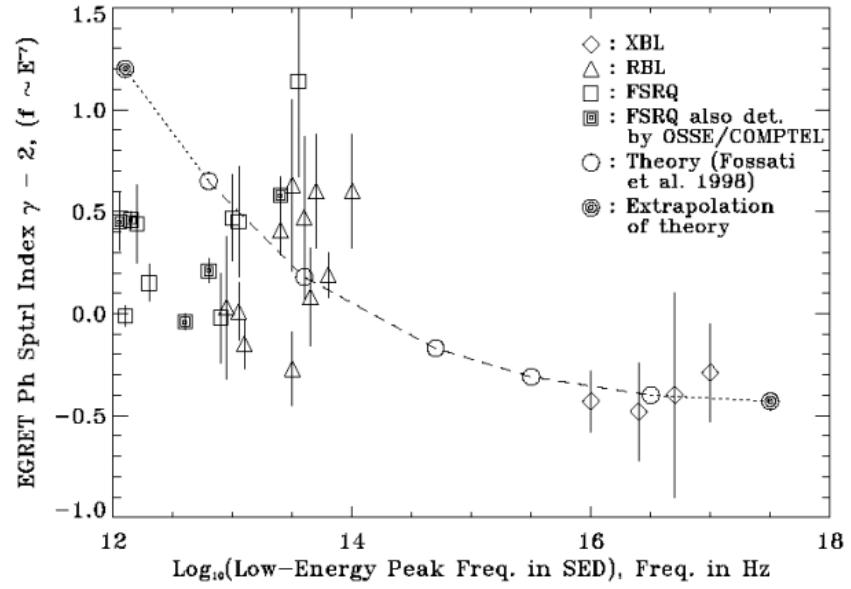
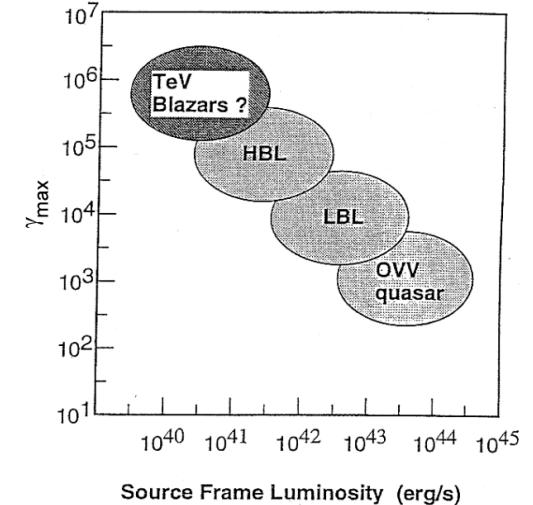


FIG. 1.—EGRET photon spectral index $\gamma - 2$ vs. \log_{10} (low-energy peak frequency in SED) for EGRET-detected blazars.

Lin et al. ApJ 1999

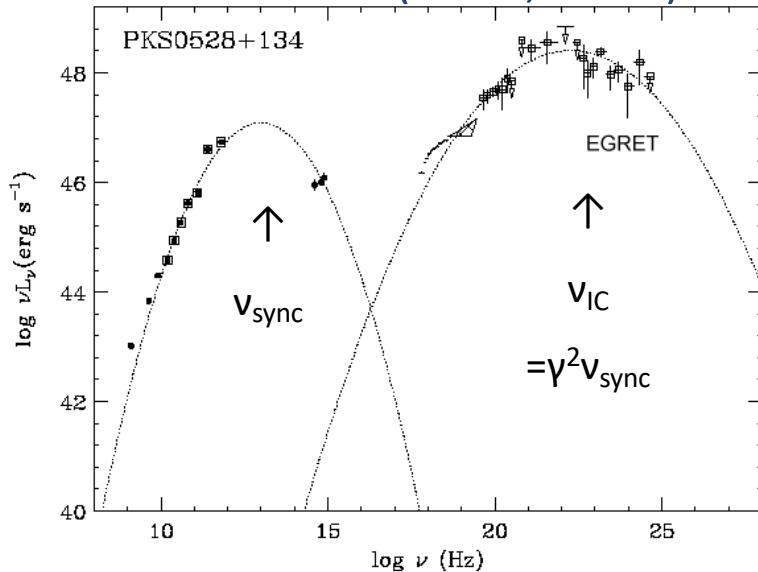
Multiwavelength spectrum of AGNs

- Double-peaked structure
= synchrotron + inverse Compton

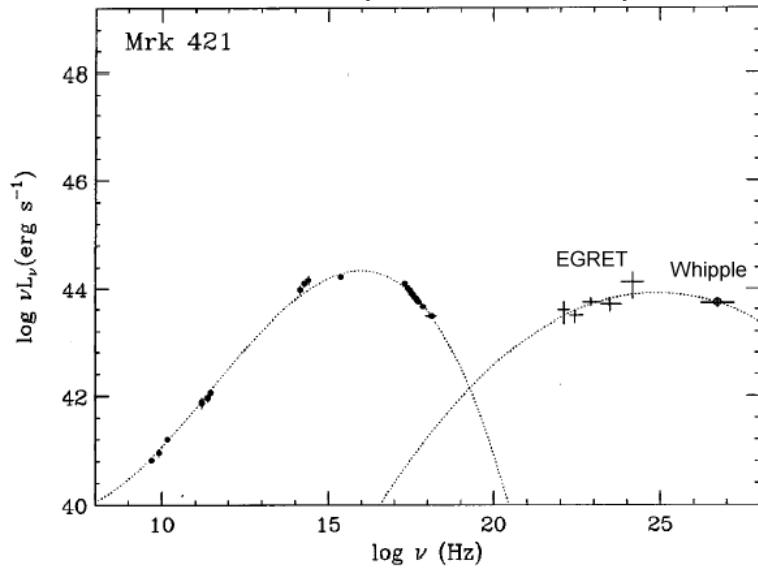


Kataoka, Ph.D 2000

PKS0528+134 (z=2.1, FSRQ)



Mrk 421 (z=0.03, XBL)



EGRET unidentified sources

- Low vs High latitude
 - Persistent vs Variable
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- Geminga-like pulsars?
 - SNRs?
 - OB associations?
 - Gould belt?

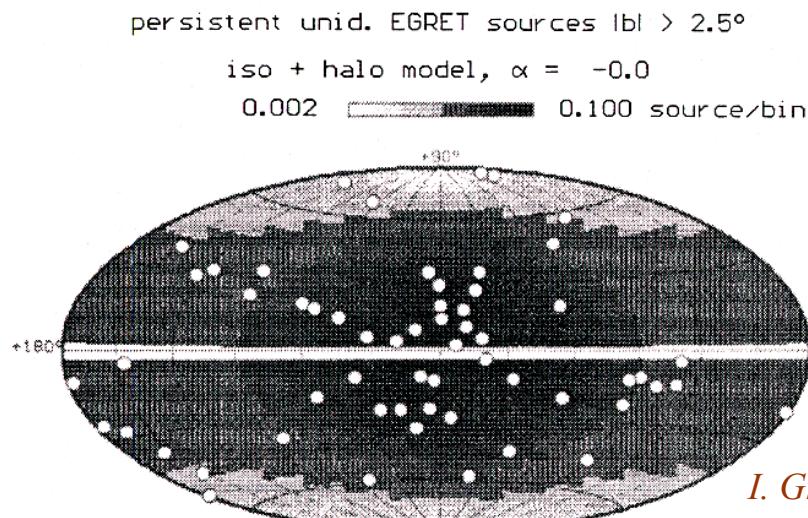
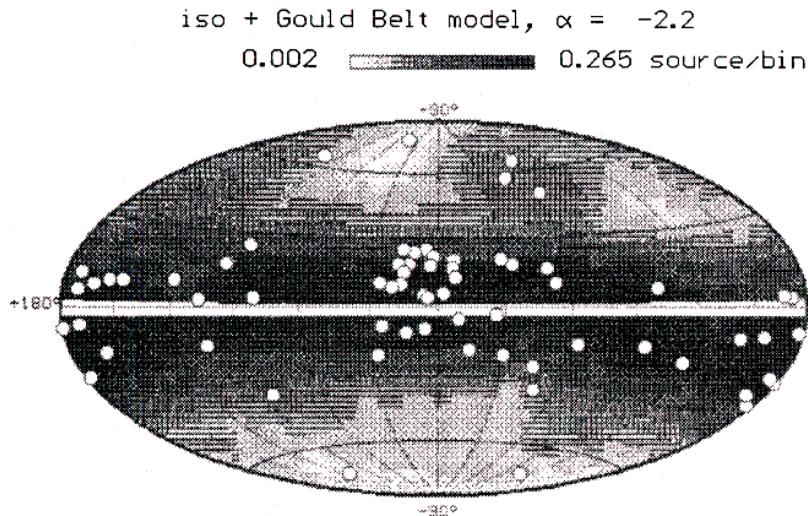
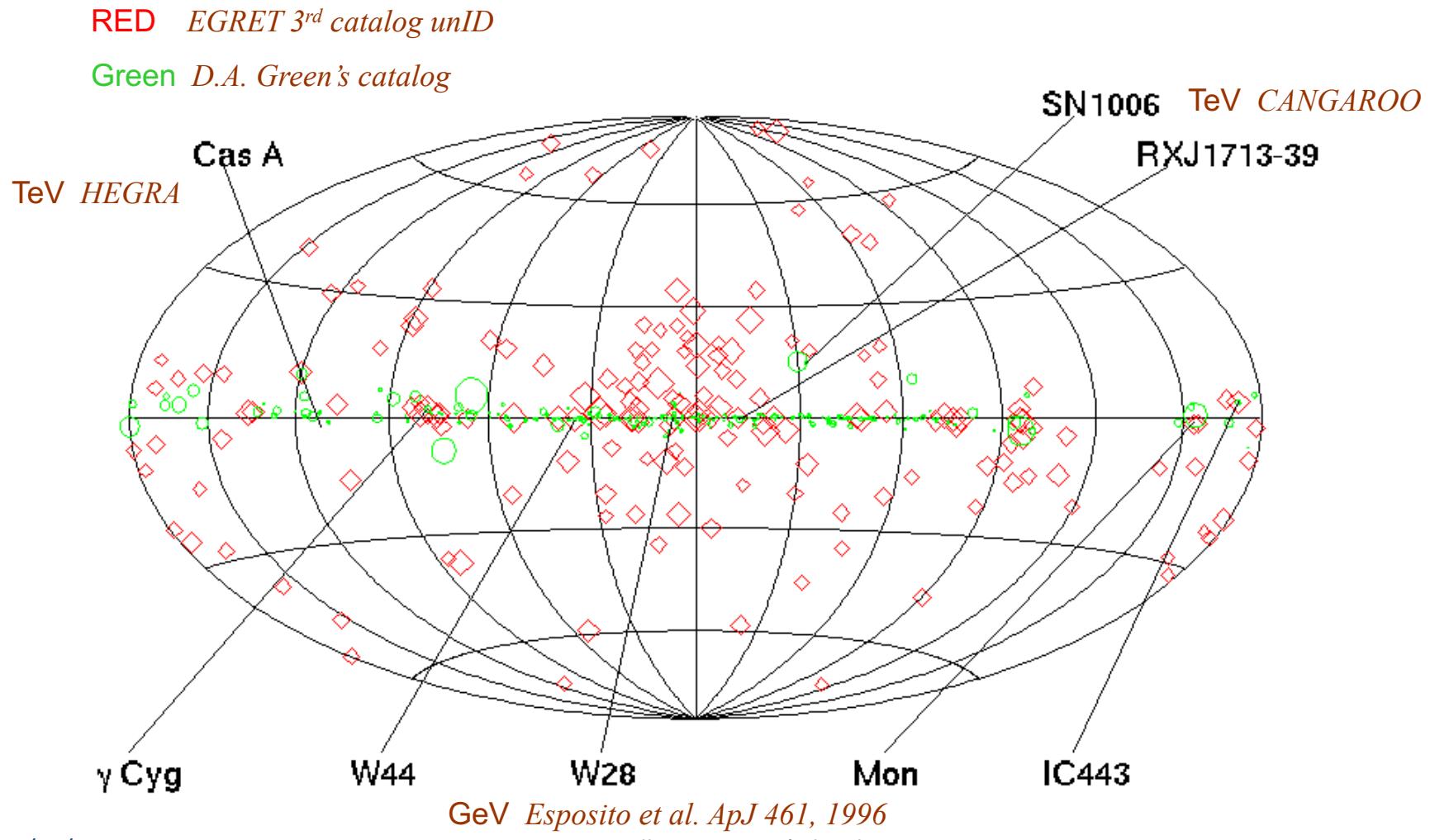


FIGURE 3. (l,b) maps of unidentified EGRET sources (p sources in (a), \bar{p} sources in (b)) and source counts predicted from a combination of an isotropic distribution and (a) a Gould Belt population as traced by its young massive stars, (b) a homogeneous Galactic halo population, 20 kpc in radius. Predicted counts take into account the non-uniform sensitivity of the survey.

I. Grenier, GeV-TeV WS, 1999

EGRET unIDs and SNRs

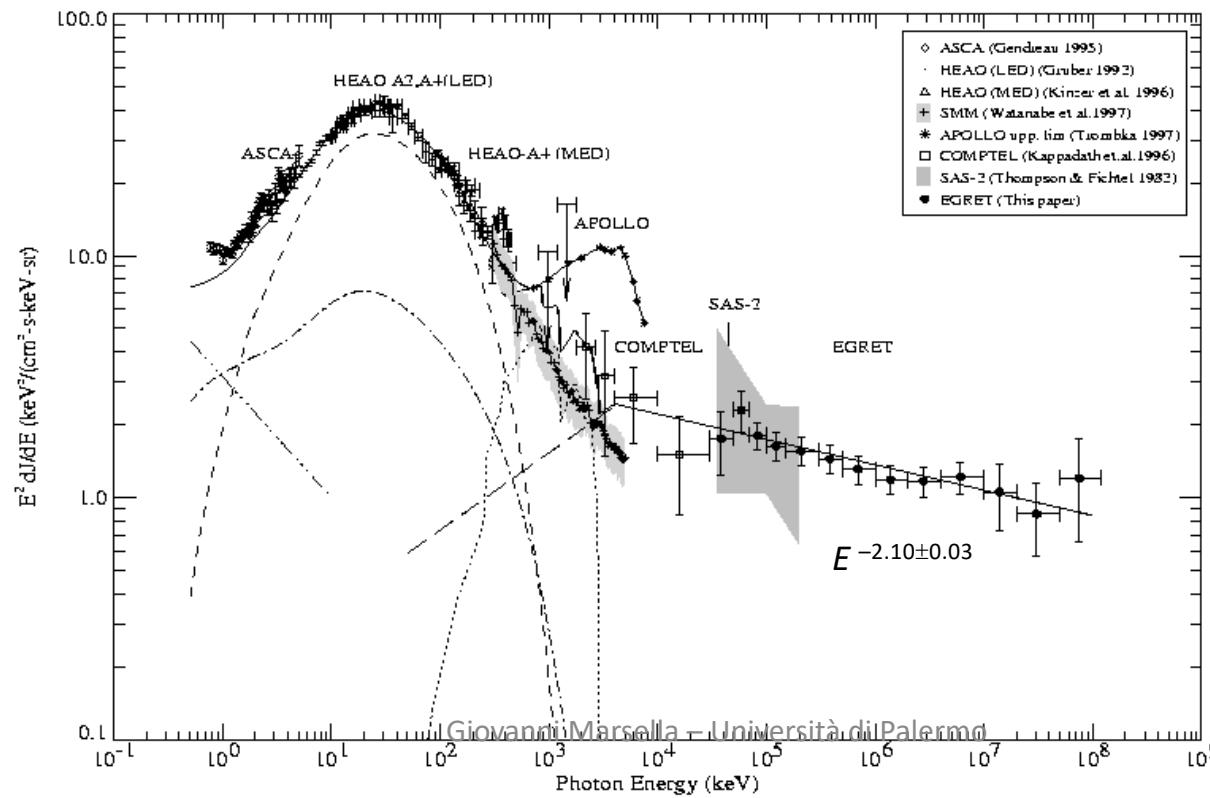


Extragalactic diffuse gamma-rays

- Single power-law $E^{-2.10 \pm 0.03}$ (30 MeV-100 GeV)

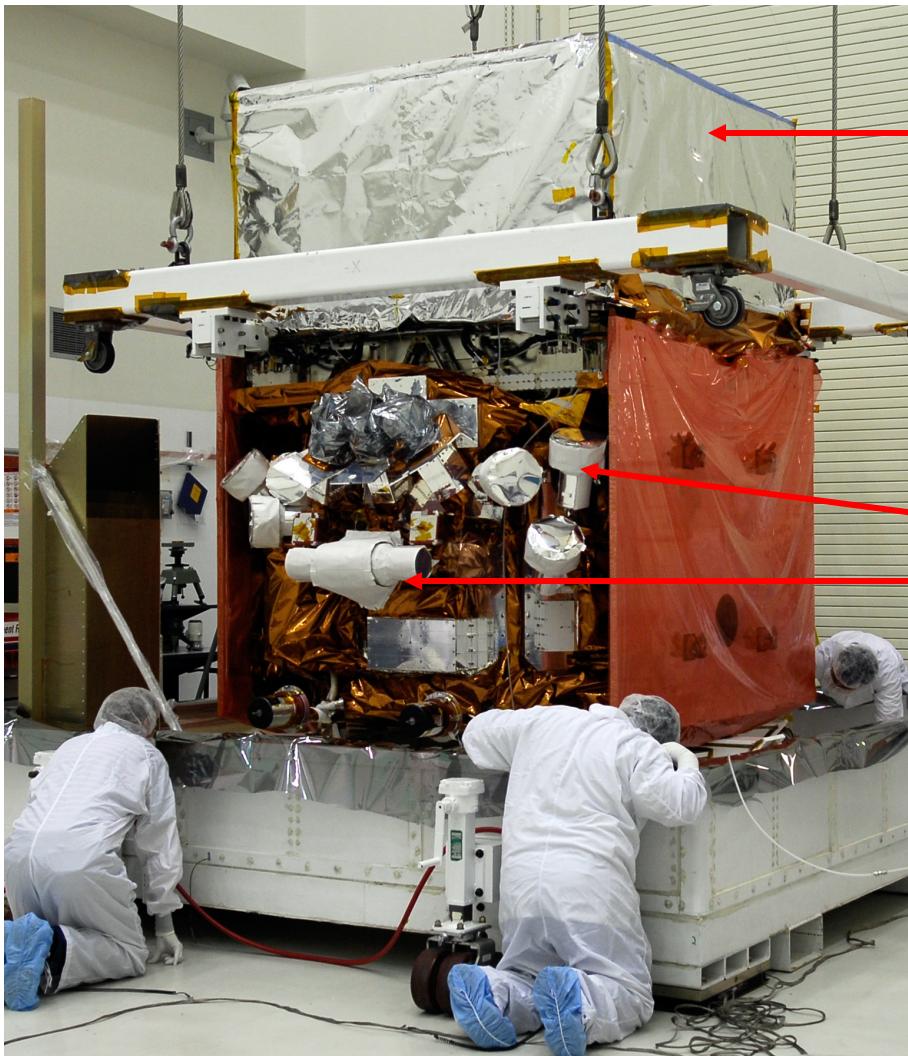


- Unresolved point sources (ex. Blazars etc.)?
Upscattered CMB?



- AFTER EGRET

Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope



Large Area Telescope

LAT

GLAST Burst
Monitor

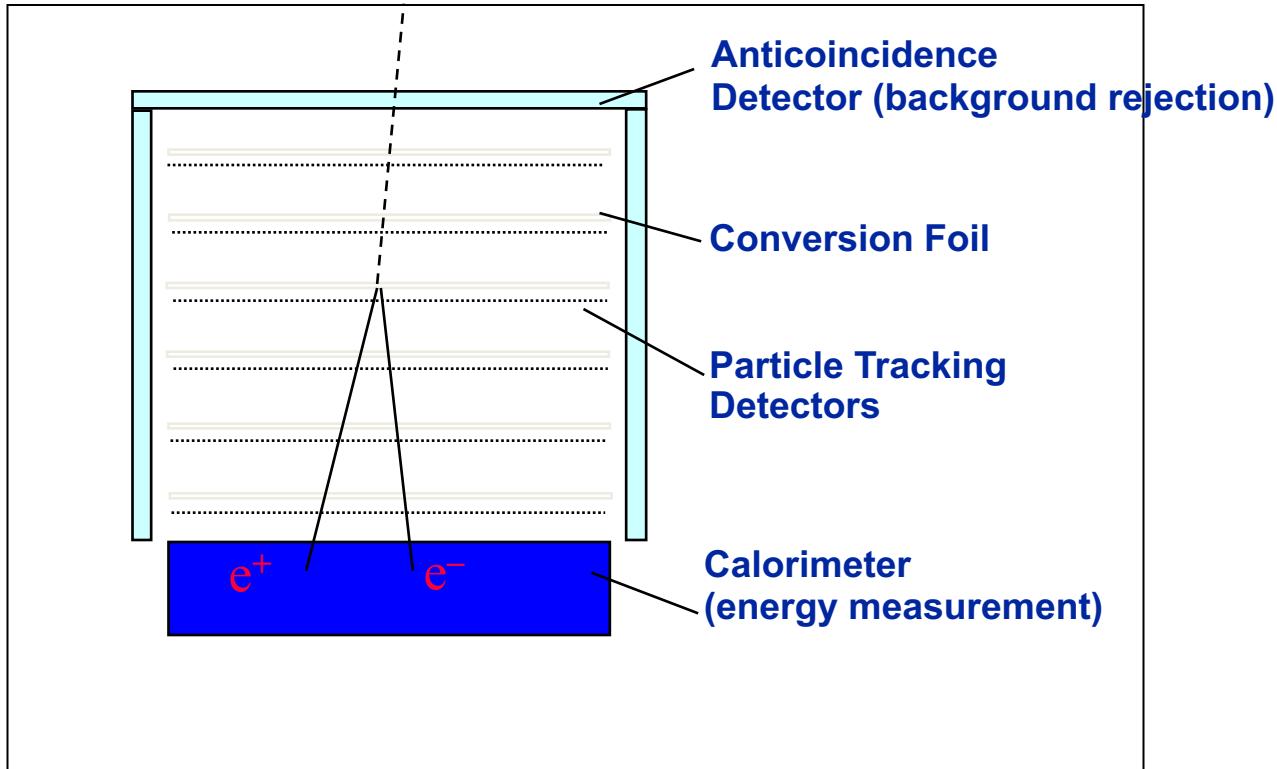
GBM

Successors to EGRET and
BATSE on the Compton
Gamma Ray Observatory

Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT)

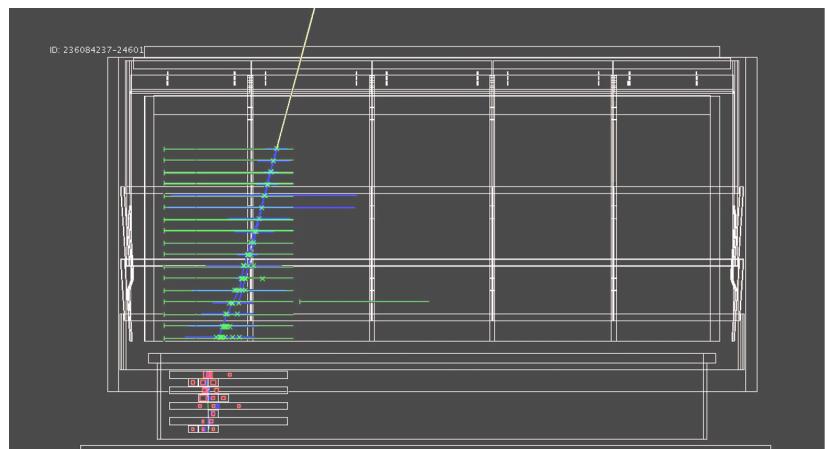
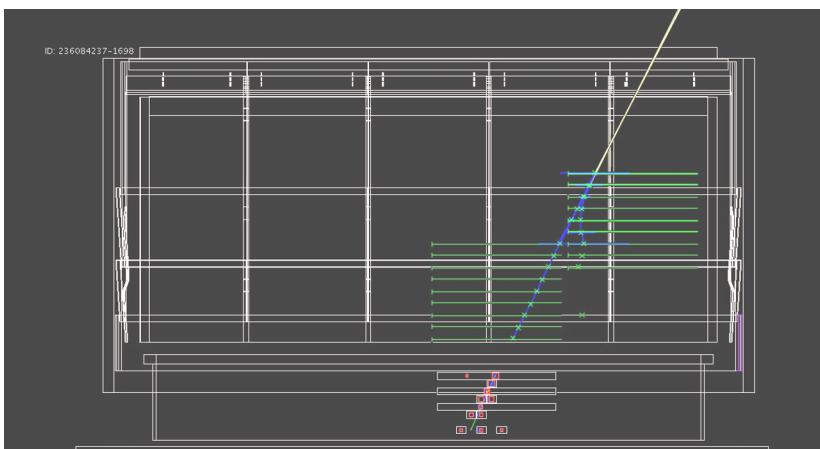
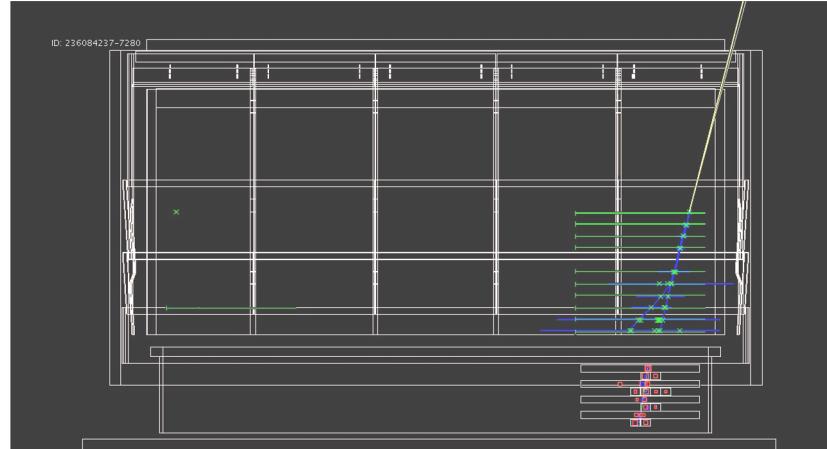
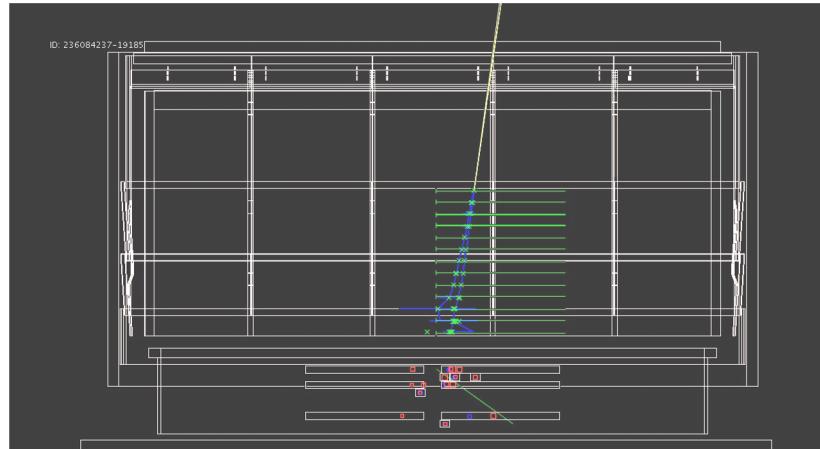
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Pair-Conversion Telescope



- Gamma rays interact by pair production, the conversion of the gamma-ray energy into two particles – an electron and a positron (really an antiparticle); LAT is a particle detector.

LAT Gamma Candidate Events



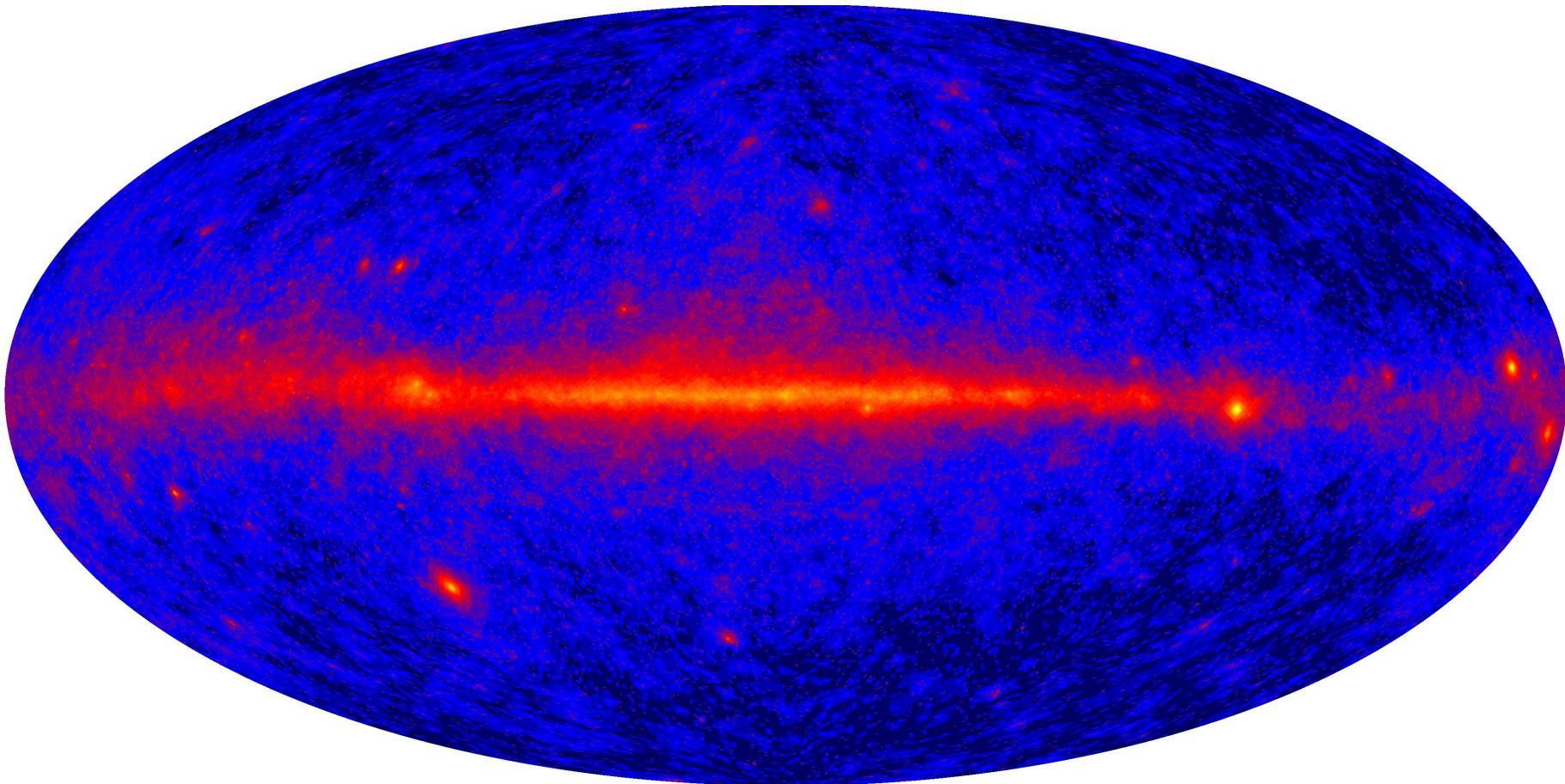
The green crosses show the detected positions of the charged particles, the blue lines show the reconstructed track trajectories, and the yellow line shows the candidate gamma-ray estimated direction. The red crosses show the detected energy depositions in the calorimeter.

What is Fermi seeing?

- A key point - because gamma rays are detected one at a time like particles, the Fermi telescopes do not have high angular resolution like radio, optical or X-ray telescopes. No pretty pictures of individual objects.
- Instead, Fermi trades resolution for field of view. The LAT field of view is 2.4 steradians (about 20% of the sky), and the GBM field of view is over 8 steradians.
- The Fermi satellite is operated in a scanning mode, always looking away from the Earth.
- The combination of huge field of view and scanning means that the LAT and GBM view the entire sky every three hours!

Large Area Telescope First Light!

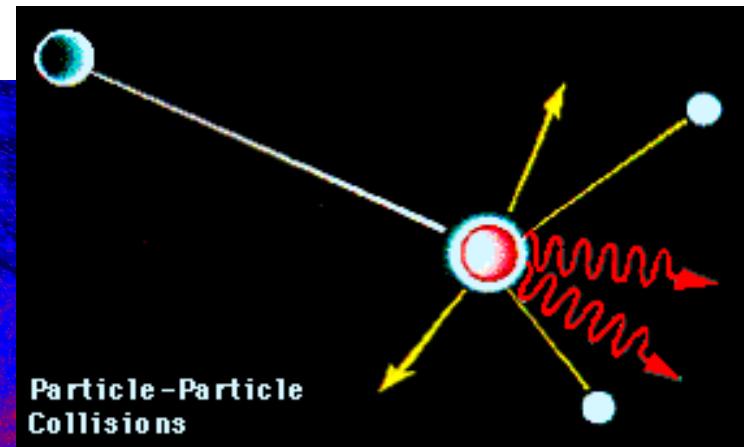
The full gamma-ray sky projected onto a surface - Galactic coordinates



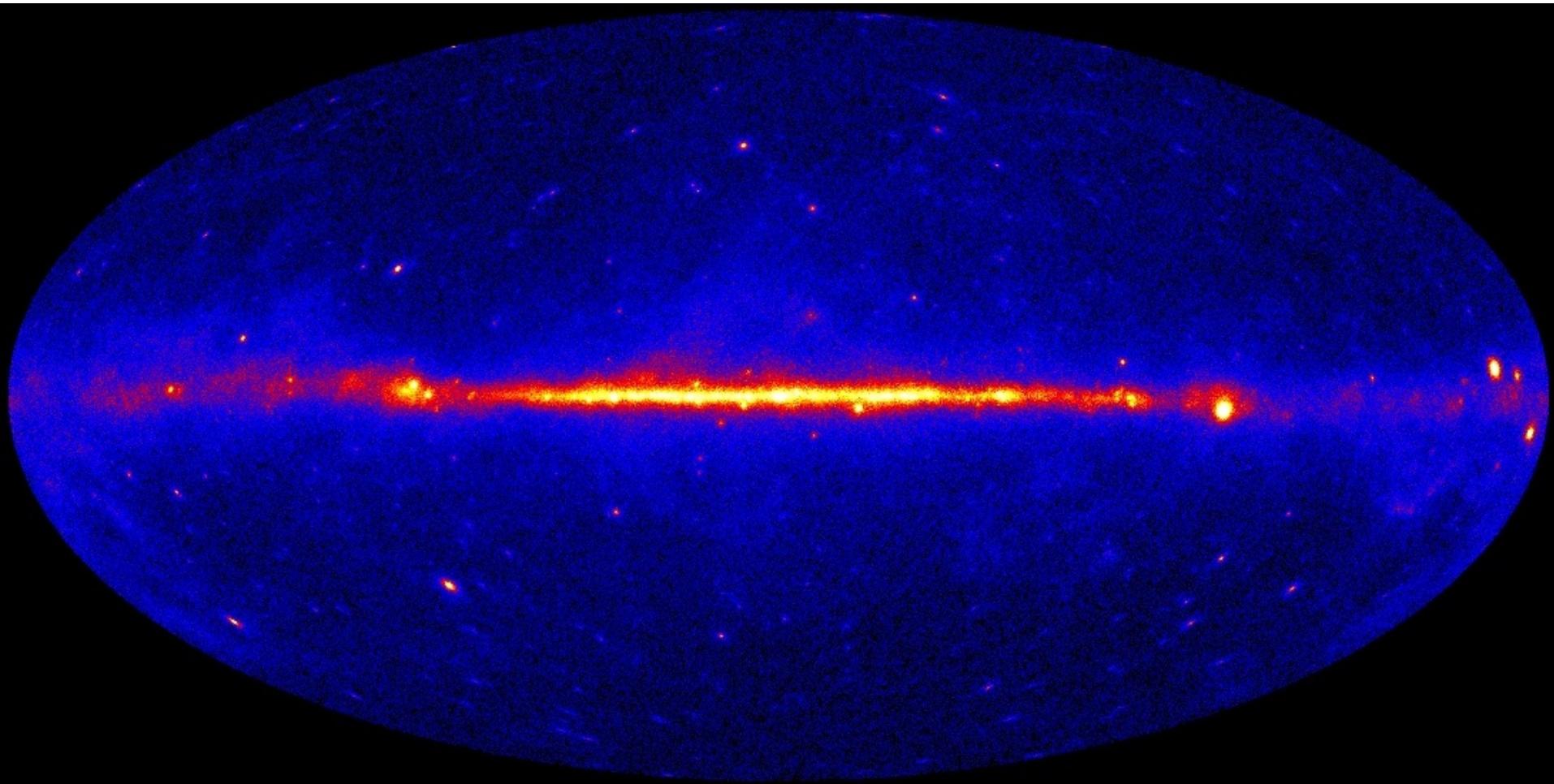
The Fermi Large Area Telescope sees the whole gamma-ray sky every three hours. This is an important feature, because the high-energy sky is constantly changing. This image represents just four days of observations.

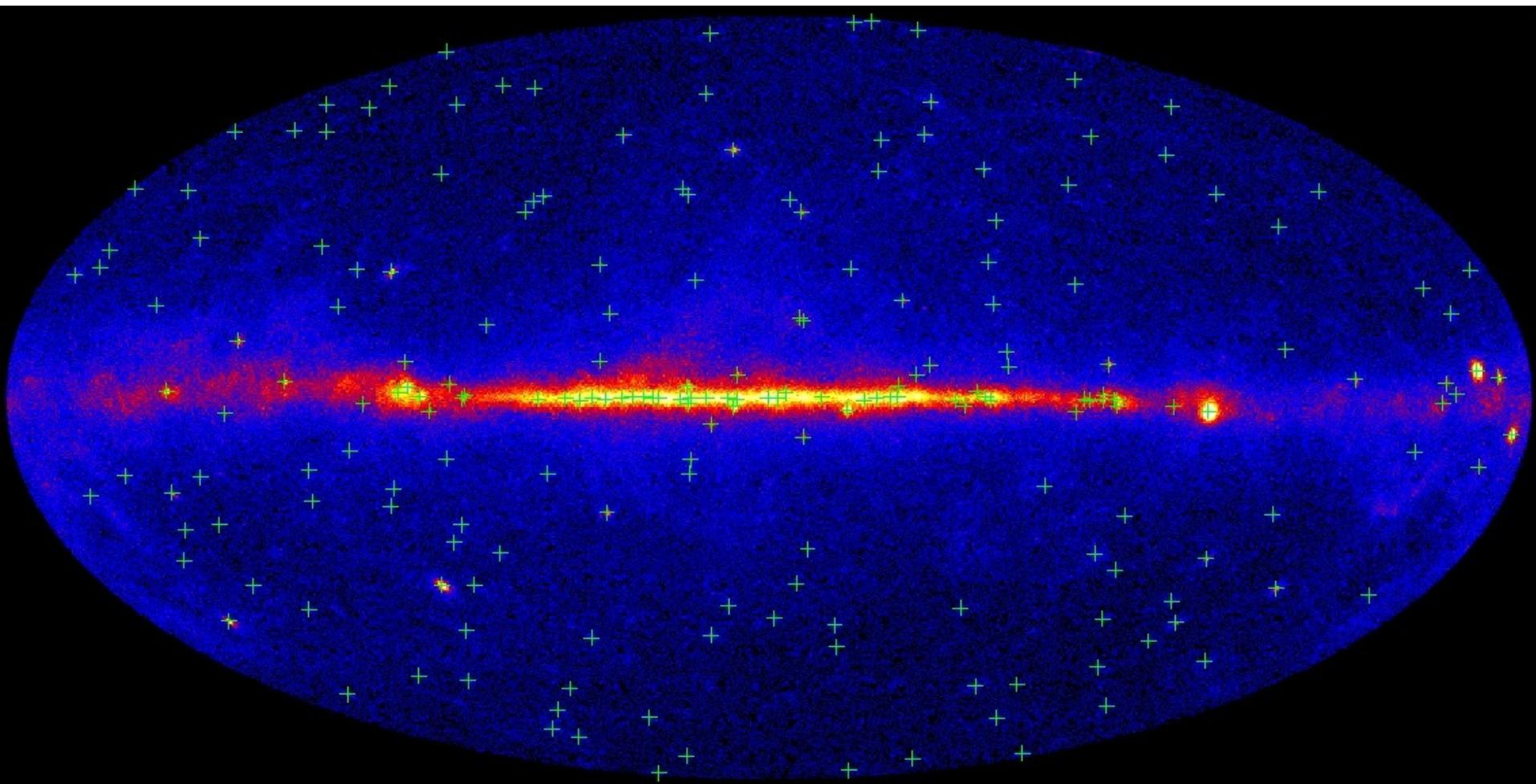
What is going on in the gamma-ray sky?

Milky Way – Gamma rays from powerful cosmic ray particles smashing into the tenuous gas between the stars.

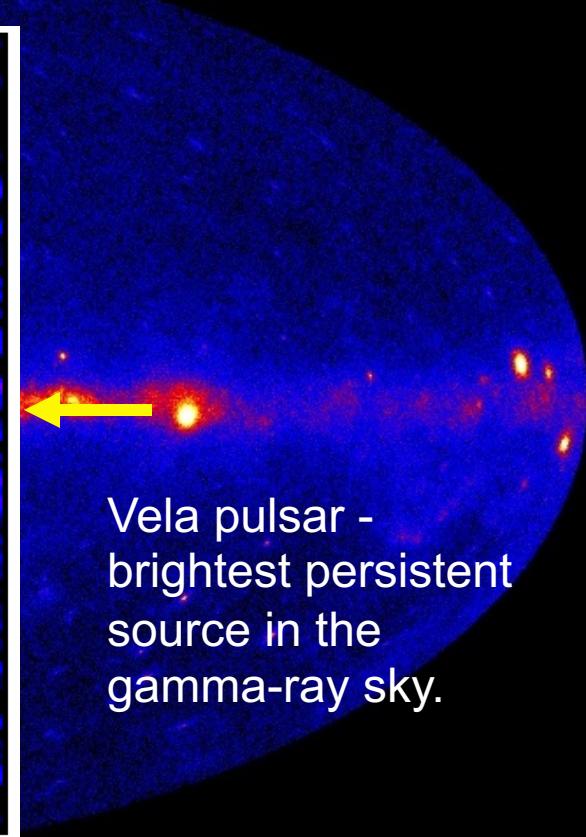
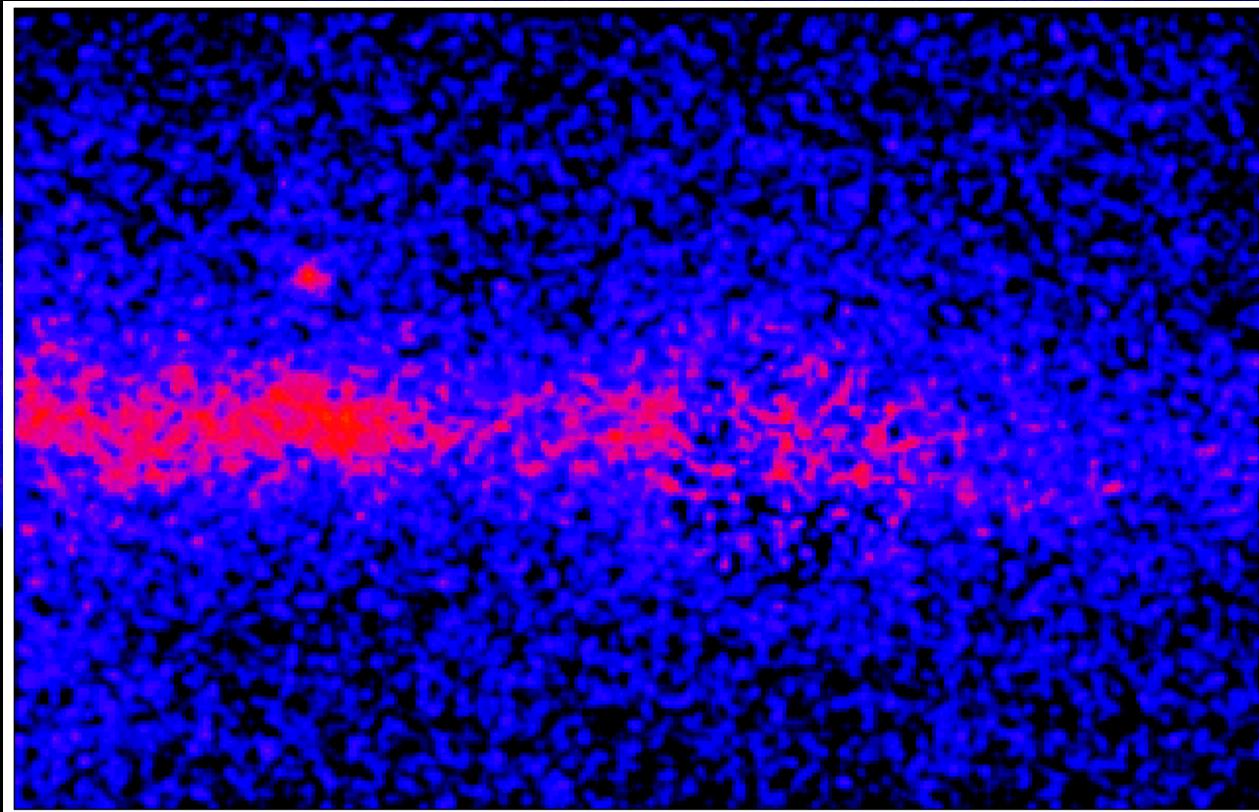


Three months of LAT scanning data



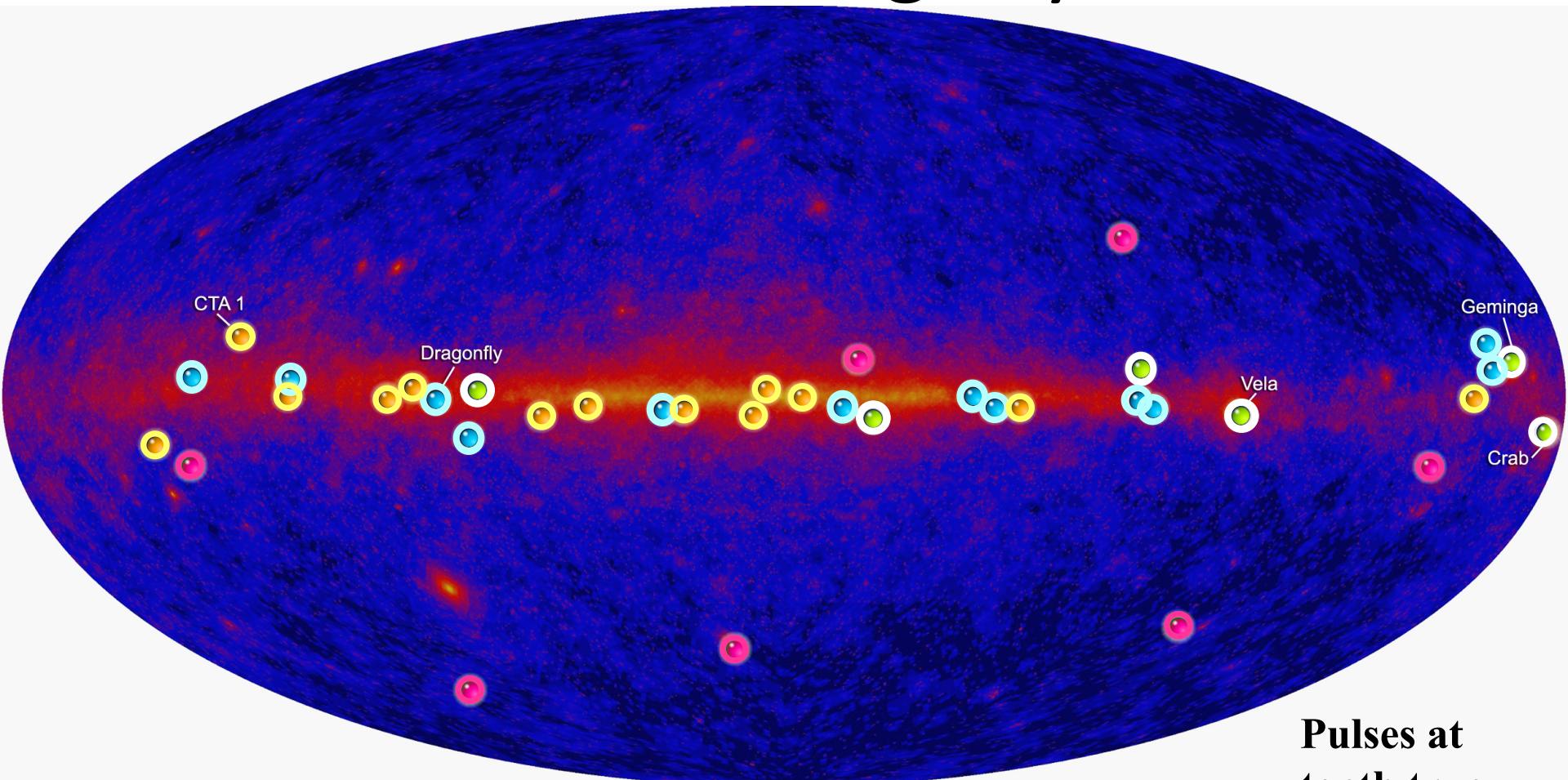


Pulsars - rapidly rotating neutron stars



Vela pulsar -
brightest persistent
source in the
gamma-ray sky.

The Pulsing Sky



Fermi Pulsar Detections

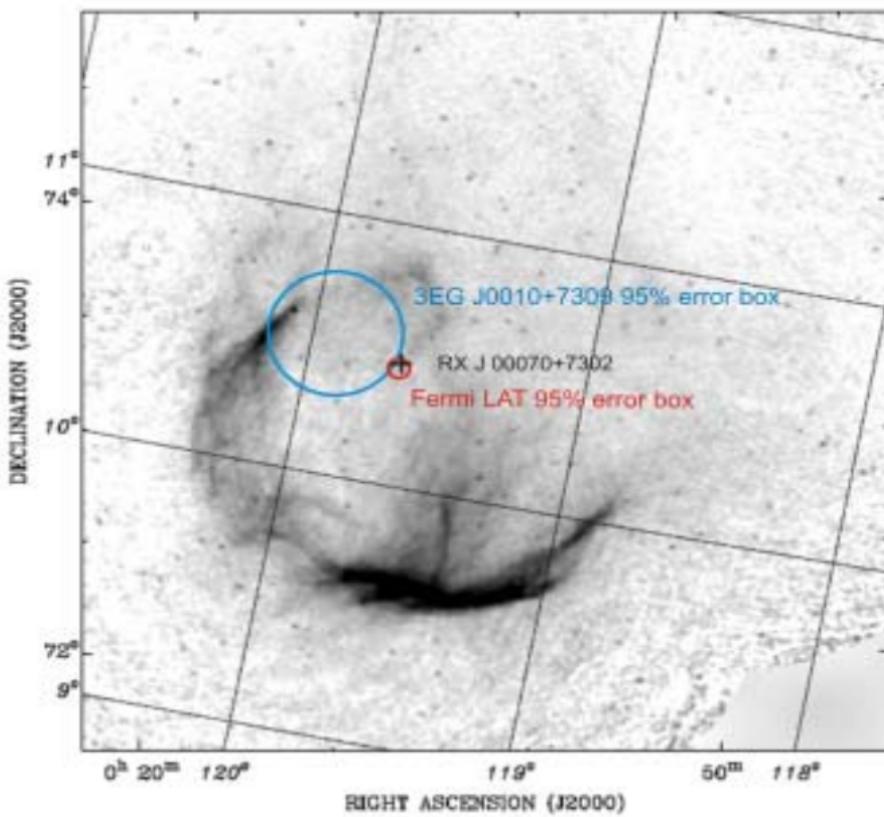
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- New pulsars discovered in a blind search
- Millisecond radio pulsars
- Young radio pulsars
- Confirmed pulsars seen by Compton Observatory EGRET instrument

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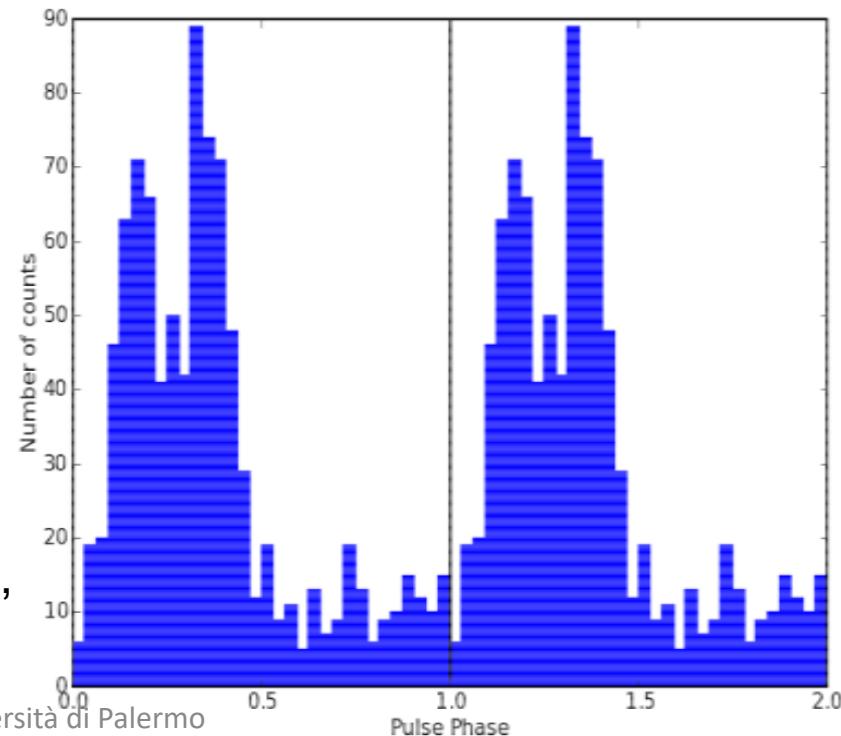
Pulses at
tenth true
rate

LAT discovers a radio-quiet pulsar!



13 pulsars have now been found in blind searches of LAT data.

$P \sim 317$ ms
 $P_{\text{dot}} \sim 3.6\text{E-}13$
Characteristic age $\sim 10,000$ yrs



Location of EGRET source 3EG J0010+7309, the Fermi-LAT source, and the central X-ray source RX J0007.0+7303

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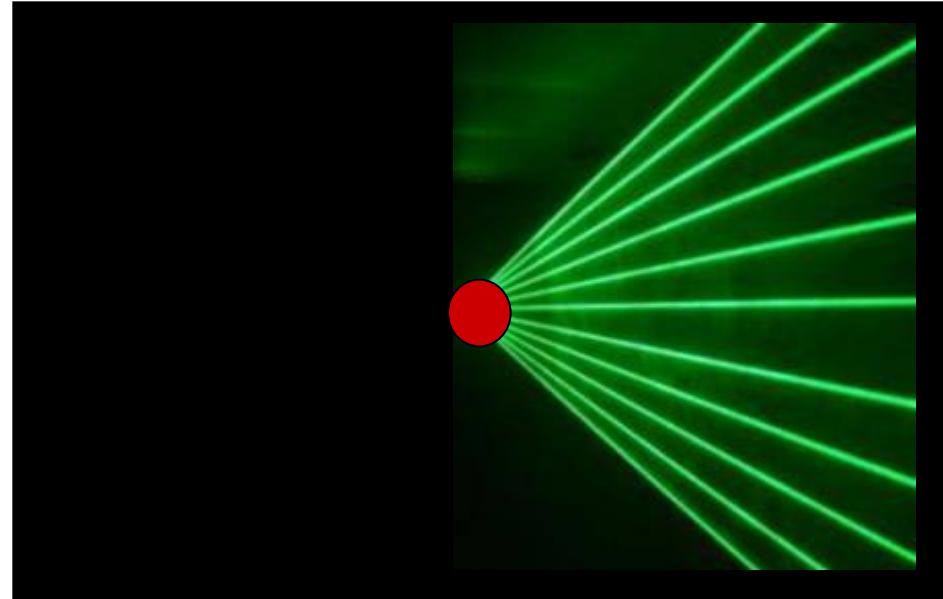
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Gamma-only Pulsars: Beamshape

Traditional ‘Lighthouse’
Beam



Wide ‘Fan beam’



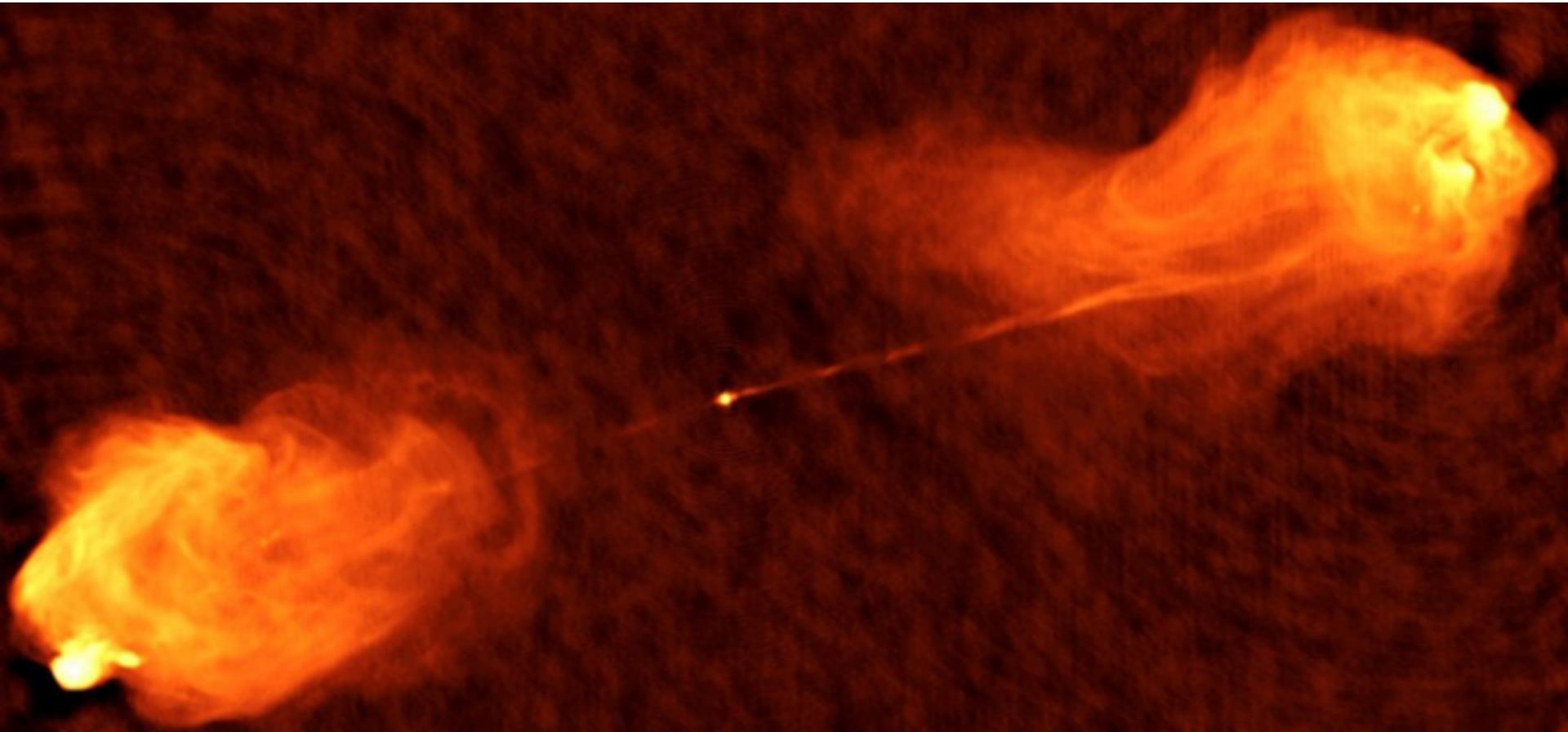
Gamma-ray-only pulsars open a new window on these exotic and powerful objects, helping us learn how they work and how they influence our Galaxy.

Over half the bright sources seen with LAT appear to be associated with Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)

- Power comes from material falling toward a supermassive black hole
- Some of this energy fuels a jet of high-energy particles that travel at nearly the speed of light

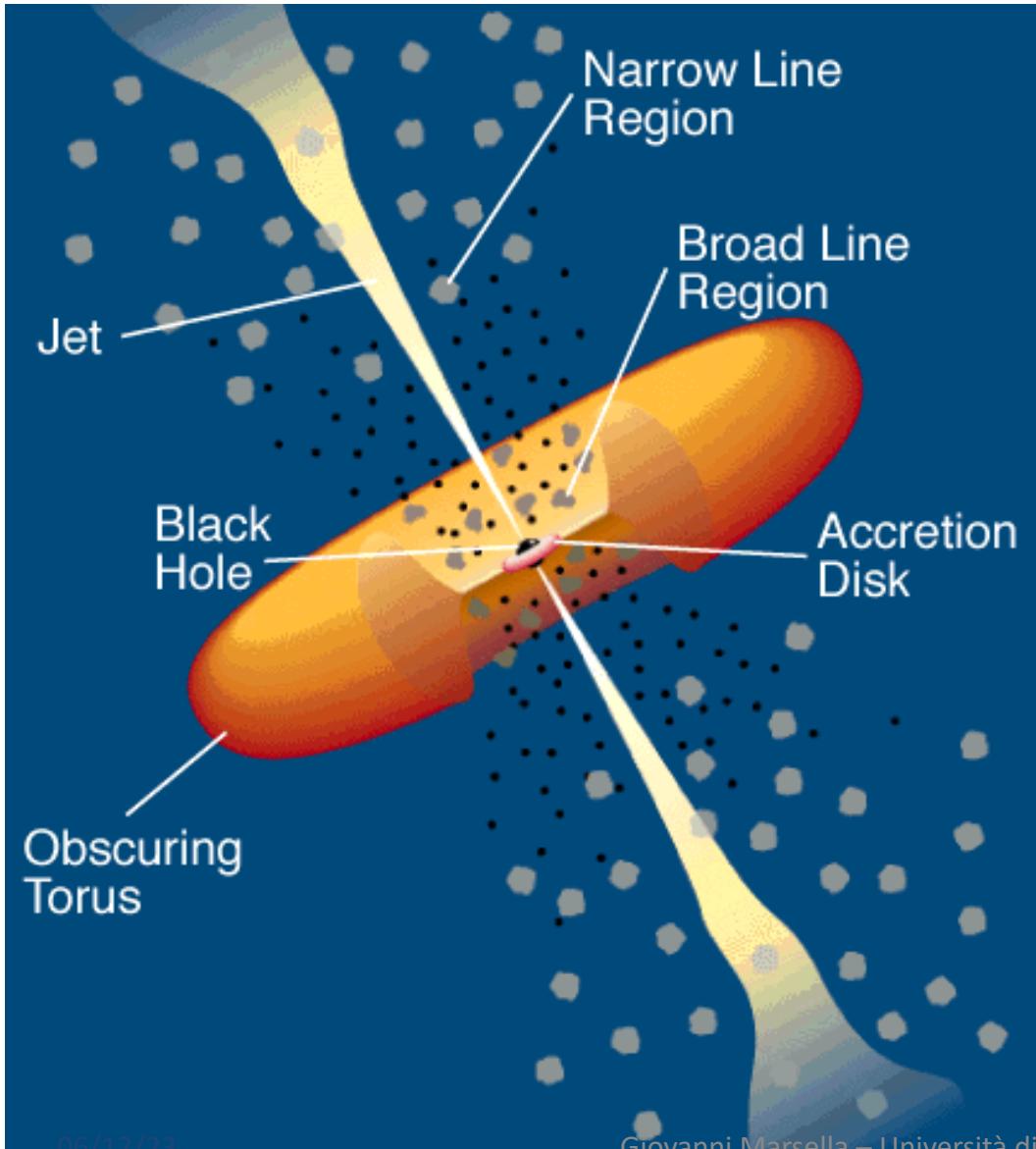
How are the jets produced?

What keeps them tightly collimated over hundreds of thousands of light-years?



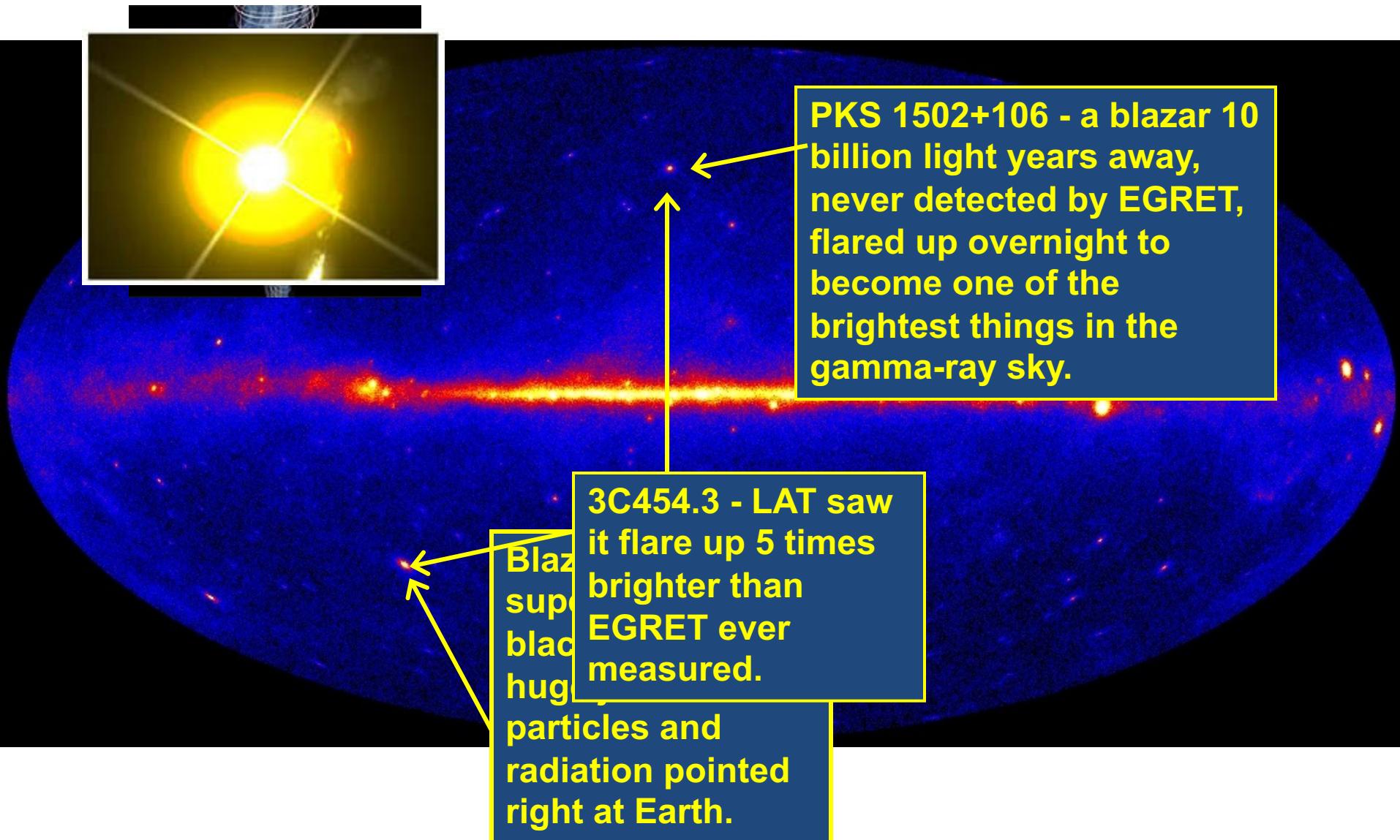
Radio image of Cygnus A

AGN

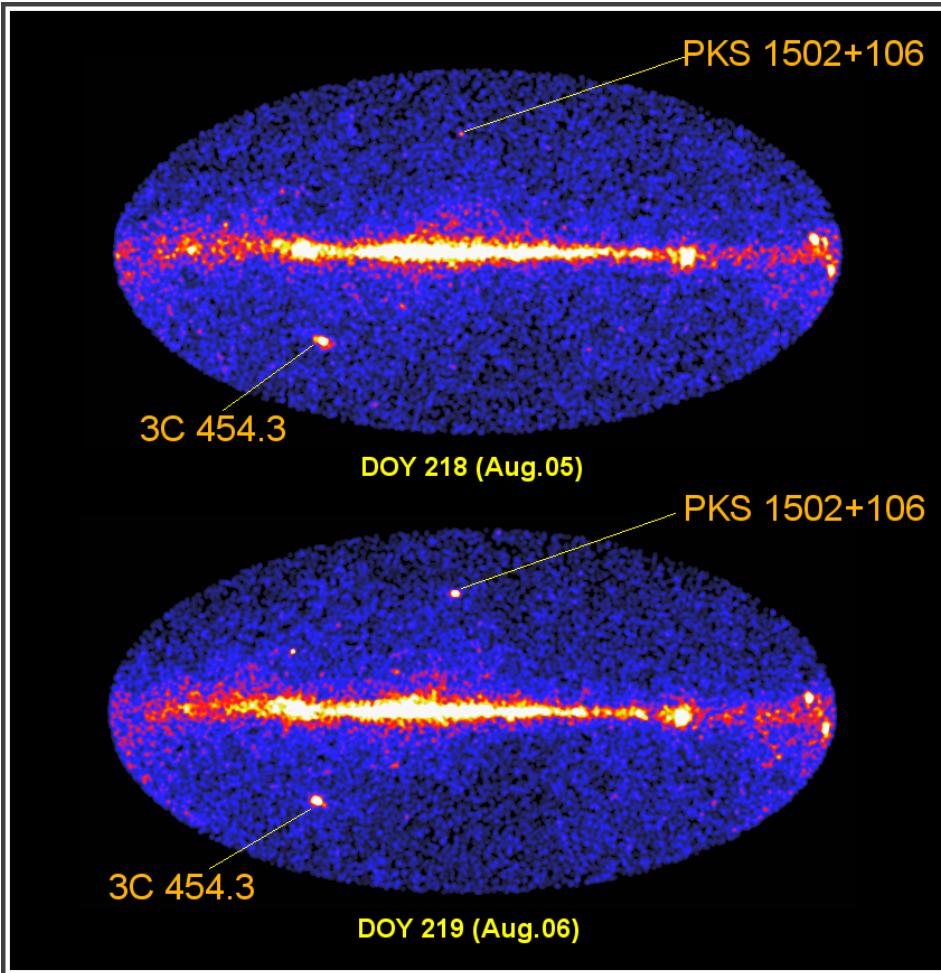


- Unified models of AGN suggest that different types of AGN are really defined by how we see them.
- When such jets are pointed at Earth, we see what is called a *blazar*
- Gamma rays are an important way to learn how these jets operate

Gamma rays from blazars

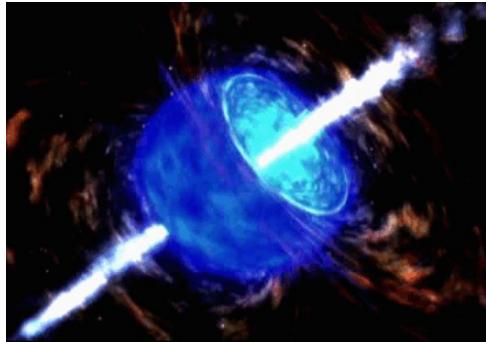


Flaring sources

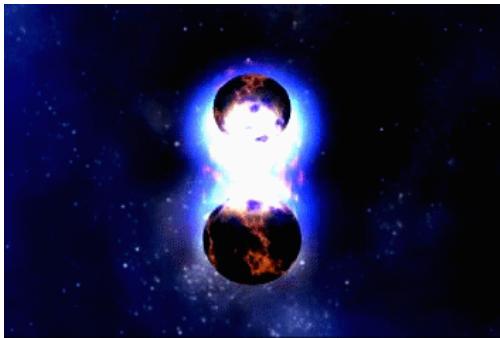


- **Automated search for flaring sources on 6 hour, 1 day and 1 week timescales.**
- **13 Astronomers telegrams**
 - Discovery of new gamma-ray blazars **PKS 1502+106**, **PKS 1454-354**
 - Flares from known gamma-ray blazars: **3C454.3**, **PKS 1510-089**, **3C273**, **AO 0235+164**, **PSK 0208-512**, **3C66A**, **PKS 0537-441**, **3C279**
 - Galactic plane transients: **J0910-5041**, **3EG J0903-3531**

Gamma-ray bursts come in at least three flavors

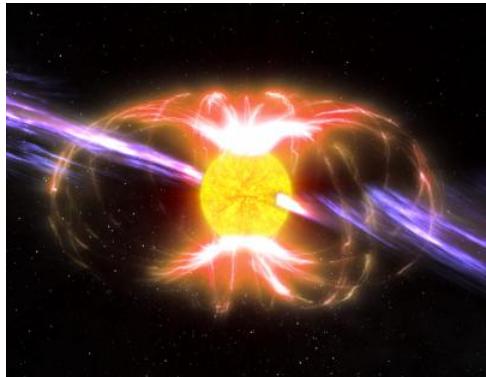


Collapsars: A rapidly spinning stellar core collapses and produces a supernova, along with relativistic jets that can produce long GRBs



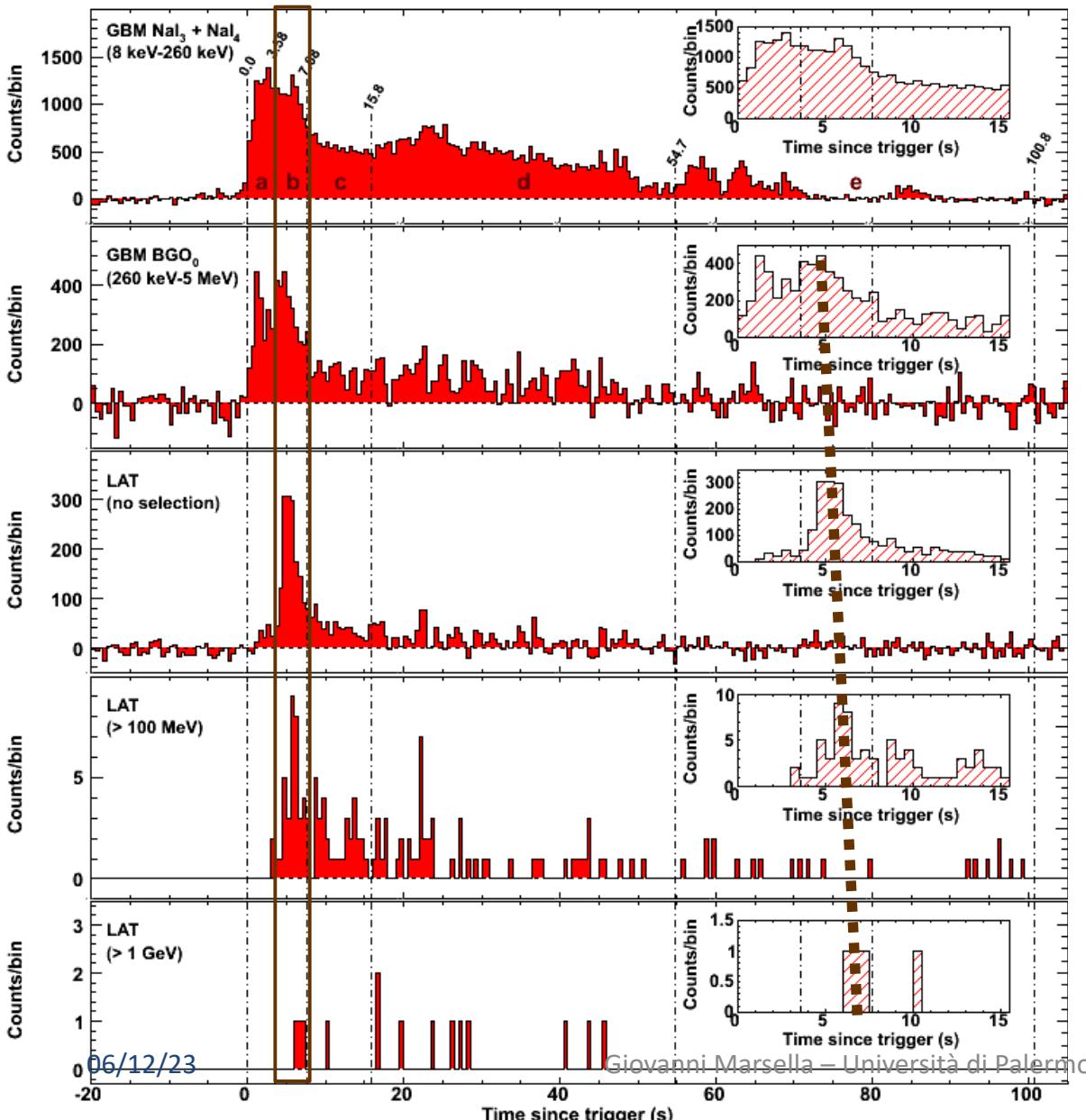
Compact Mergers: Two neutron stars, or a neutron star and a black hole, collide and merge, producing a jet that gives rise to a short GRB

In both these cases, the burst probably produces a black hole.



Magnetars: Neutron stars in our Galaxy or nearby galaxies with extremely strong magnetic fields can give off powerful bursts that resemble short GRBs

Multiple detector light curve



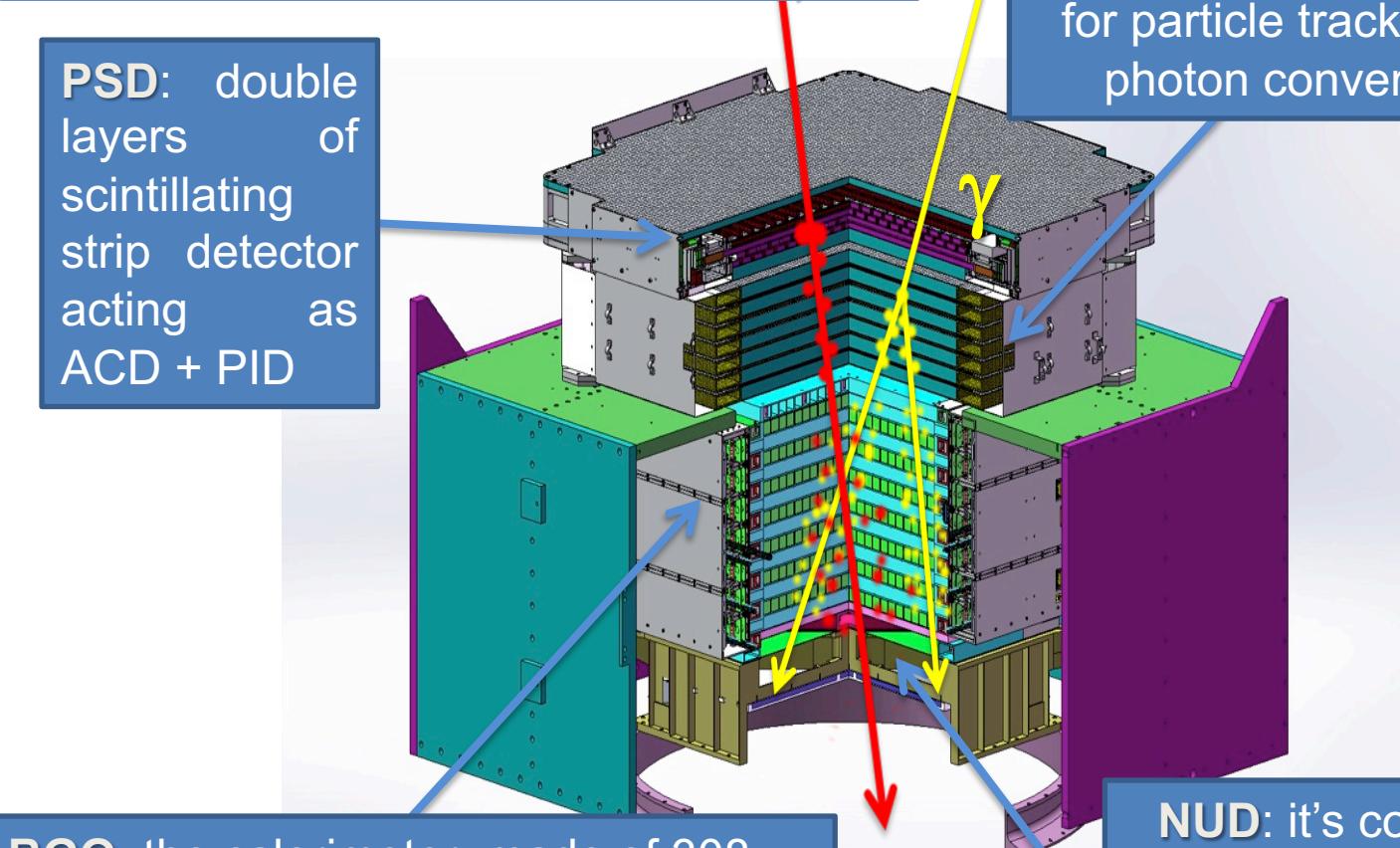
- The bulk of the emission of the 2nd peak is moving toward later times as the energy increases
 - Clear signature of spectral evolution

DAMPE DETECTOR

75k readout channels + temperature sensors

PSD: double layers of scintillating strip detector acting as ACD + PID

STK: 6 tracking double layers + 3 mm tungsten plates. Used for particle track and photon conversion

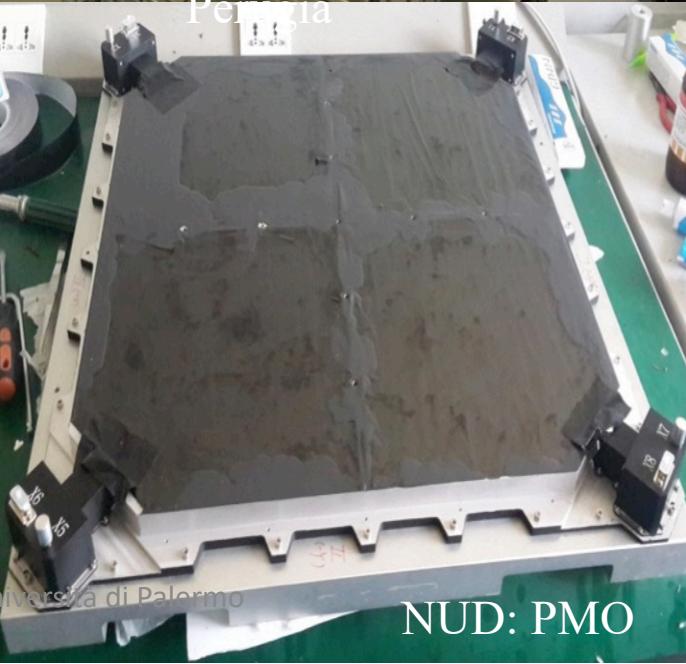
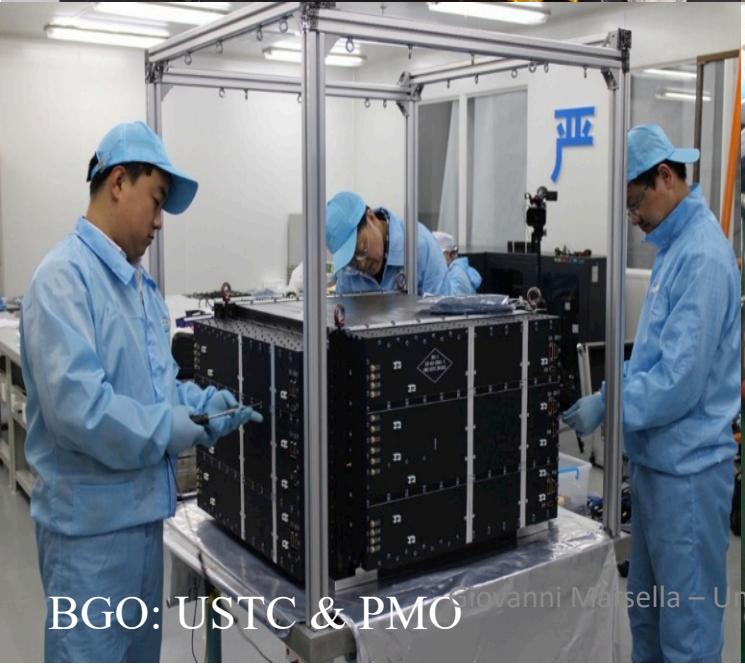


BGO: the calorimeter made of 308 BGO bars in hodoscopic arrangement (~32 radiation lengths). Performs both energy measurements and trigger

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NUD: it's complementary to the BGO by measuring the thermal neutron shower activity. Made up of boron-doped plastic scintillators



Scientific Objectives of DAMPE

- High energy particle detection in space
 - Study of the cosmic e, γ spectra and Search for DM signatures
 - Study of cosmic ray (nuclei) spectrum and composition
 - High energy gamma ray astronomy

Detection of 10 GeV - 10 TeV e/ γ , 100 GeV - 500 TeV CR

Excellent energy resolution and tracking precision

Complementary to Fermi, AMS-02, CALET, ISS-CREAM, ...

- Follow-up mission to both Fermi/LAT and AMS-02
 - Extend the energy reach to the TeV region, providing better resolution
 - Overlap with Fermi on gamma ray astronomy
 - Run in parallel for some time

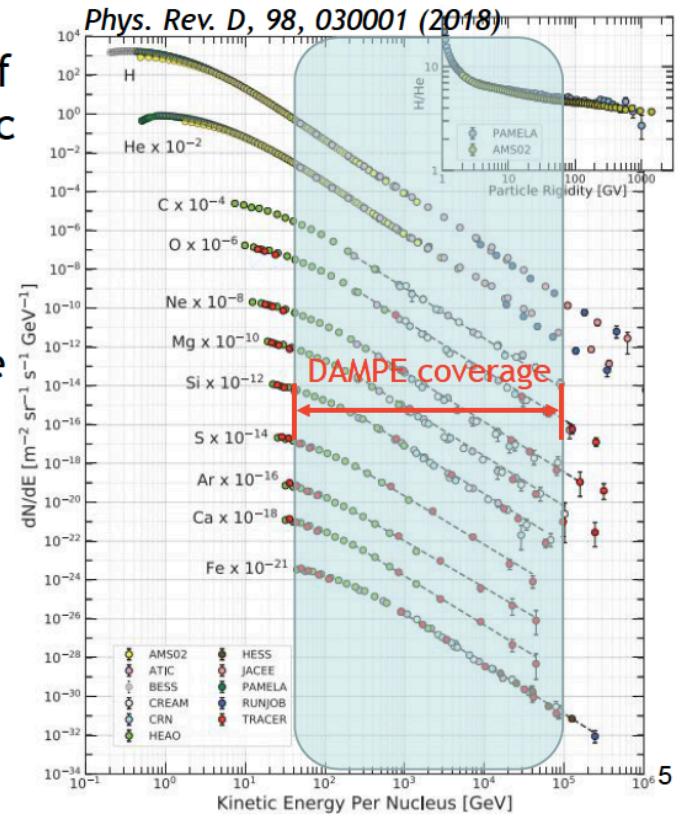
Cosmic Rays



3 Major Scientific goals



- Precision measurements of cosmic ray spectra: cosmic ray origin, acceleration, and propagation
- The spectra above TeV are not well measured due to limited statistics of direct detection experiments



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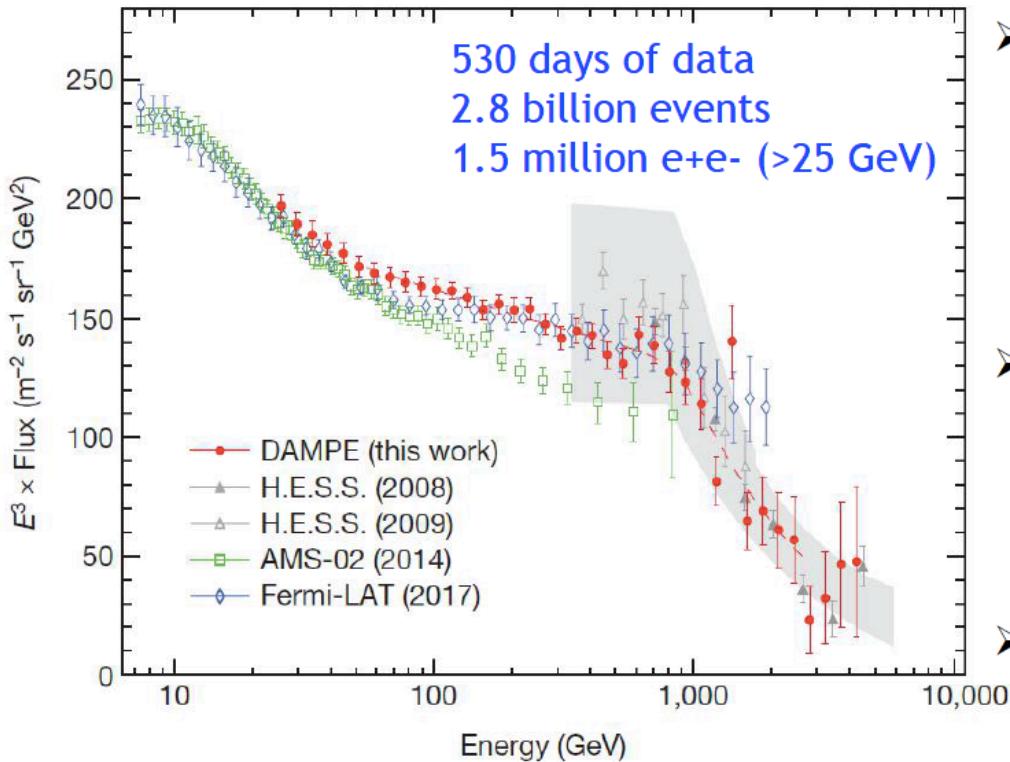
Detector Performance

Table 1: Summary of DAMPE instrument parameters and Expected performance

Parameter	Value
Energy range of γ -rays/electrons	5 GeV–10 TeV
Energy resolution of γ -rays/electrons	$\leq 1.5\%$ at 800 GeV
Energy range of protons/heavy nuclei	50 GeV–100 TeV
Energy resolution of protons	$\leq 40\%$ at 800 GeV
Effective area at normal incidence (γ -rays)	1100 cm ² at 100 GeV
Geometric factor for electrons	0.3 m ² sr above 30 GeV
Photon angular resolution ^a	$\leq 0.2^\circ$ at 100 GeV
Field of View (FoV)	~ 1.0 sr

Note: a. For the 68% containment radius.

e^+e^- Spectrum



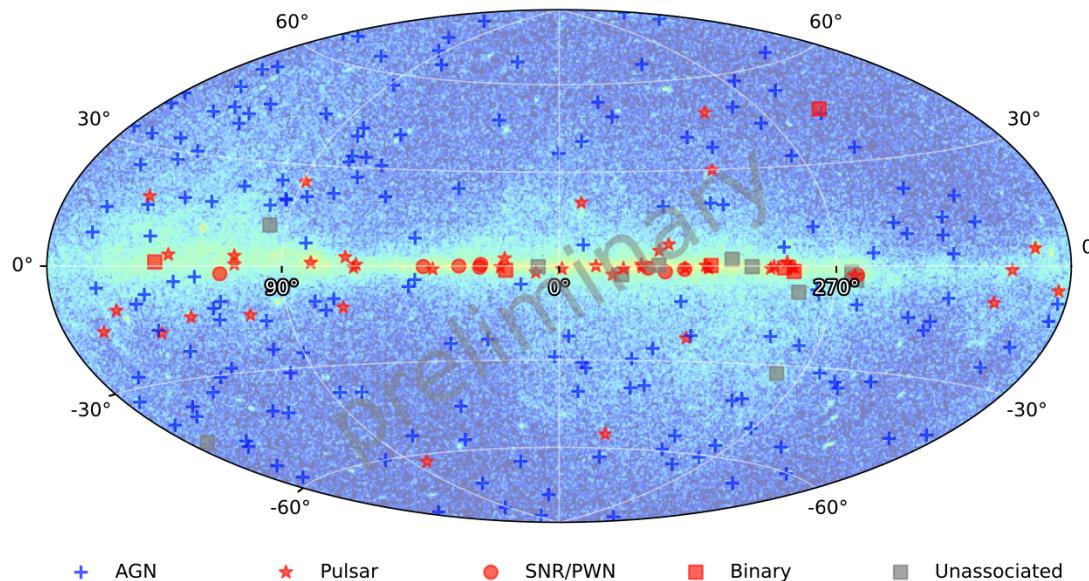
- Three different PID methods give very consistent results on event-by-event level
- Direct detection of a spectral break at ~ 1 TeV with 6.6σ confidence level
- Analysis with new data is on-going

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Gamma-Rays: Sky Map & Sources

~250 point sources detected and studies in 7 years



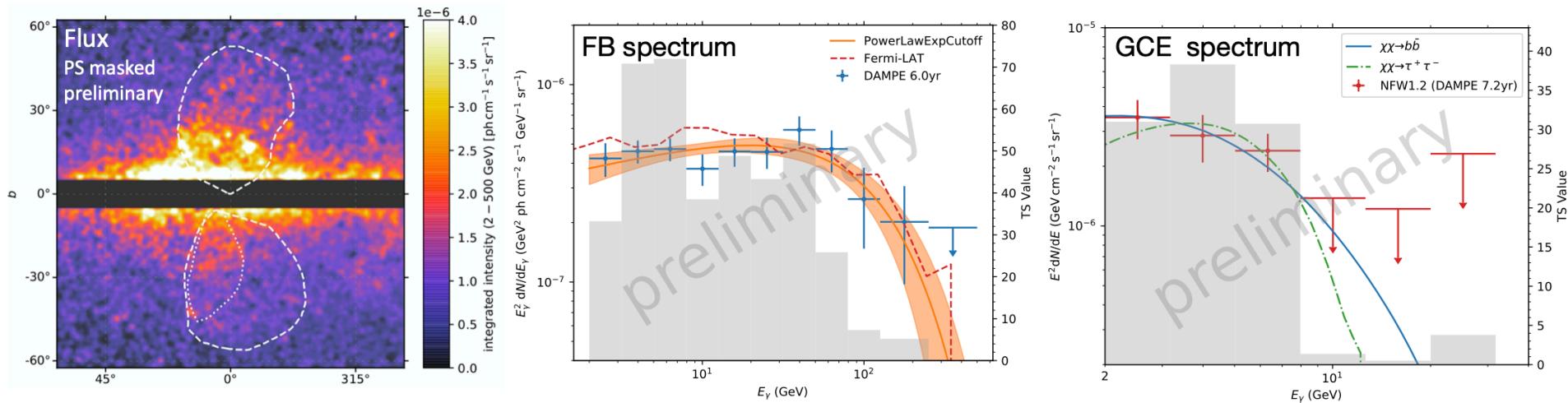
14 times full-sky coverage in 7 years, ~ 300'000 photons total

Source Type	Number
AGN	175
Pulsar	46
SNR/PWN	10
Binary	6
Unassociated	11
Total	248

See talk by Z.-Q. Shen,
poster by K.-K. Duan

Gamma-Rays: Fermi Bubbles, Galactic Center

Fermi Bubbles (FB) — diffuse structures discovered by FERMI LAT, associated with Galactic Centre
(DAMPE FB detection at $\sim 17.8\sigma$)



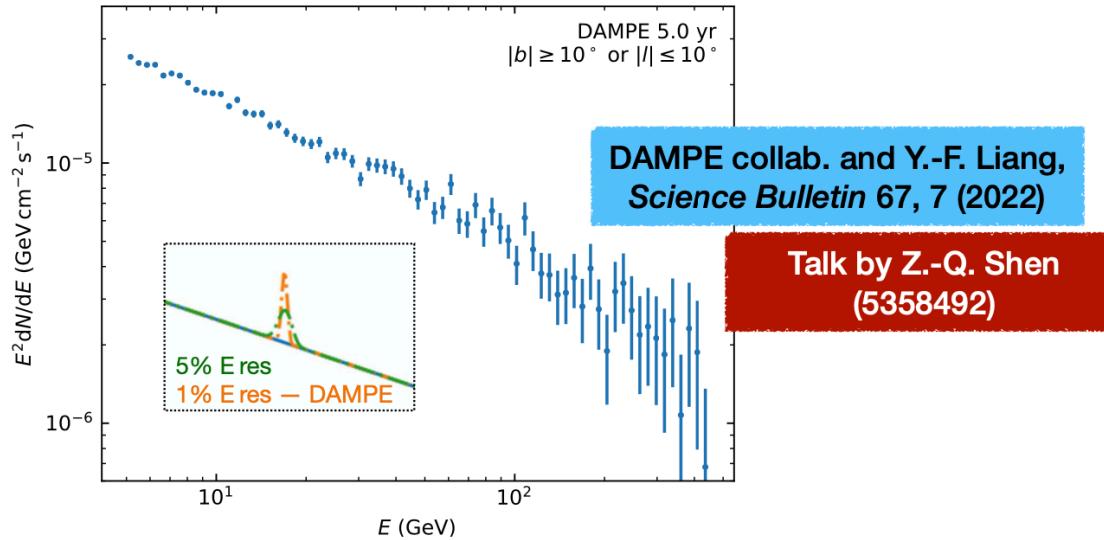
- FB: 6-year spectrum well consistent with FERMI, curved at 3.7σ , weak excess in the Cocoon ($\sim 3.3\sigma$)
- **Galactic Center Excess (GCE)** detected at $\sim 7.9\sigma$, with 7.2 years of DAMPE data

See talk by Z.-Q. Shen, poster by Z.-Q. Shen

Gamma-Rays: Line Search

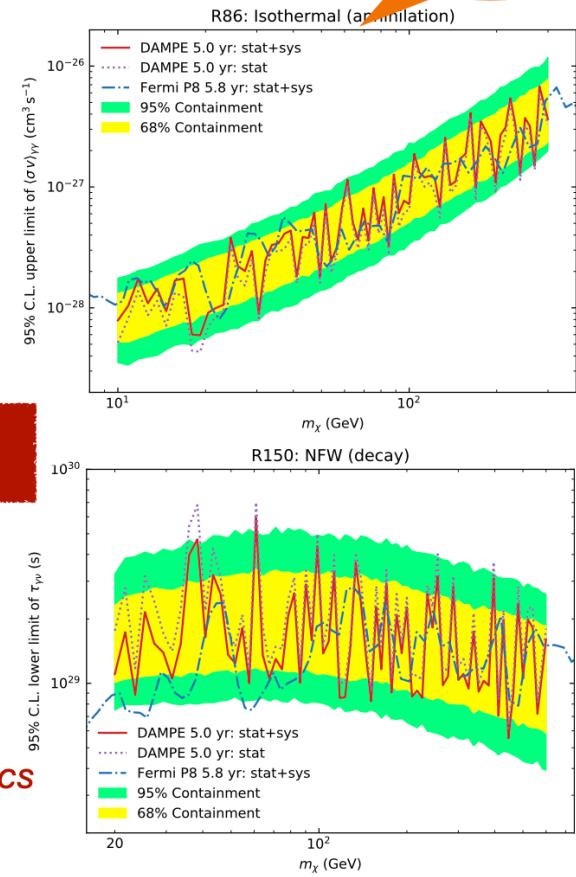
New!

- Excellent energy resolution
- Sensitivity comparable with Fermi LAT
(in spite lower geometrical acceptance)



Most stringent limits on DM decay lifetime with DM mass < 100 GeV

Extending further with higher statistics & better photon ID (in process...)



Andrii Tykhonov

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DAMPE: 7 years in space

Herd- The Detector

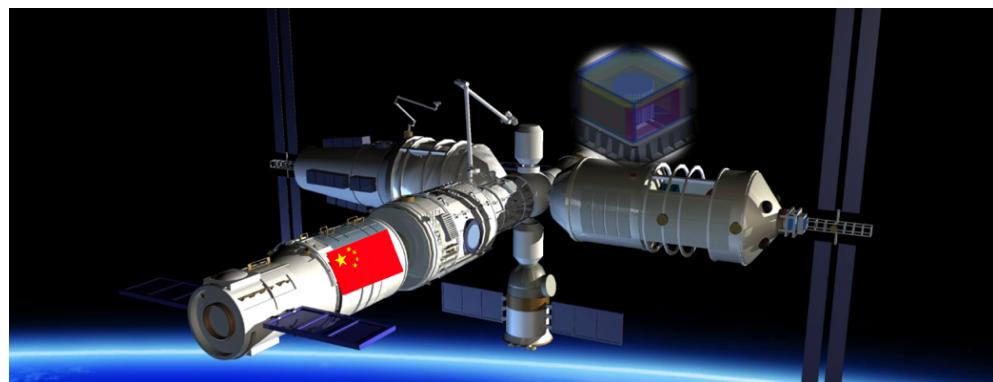
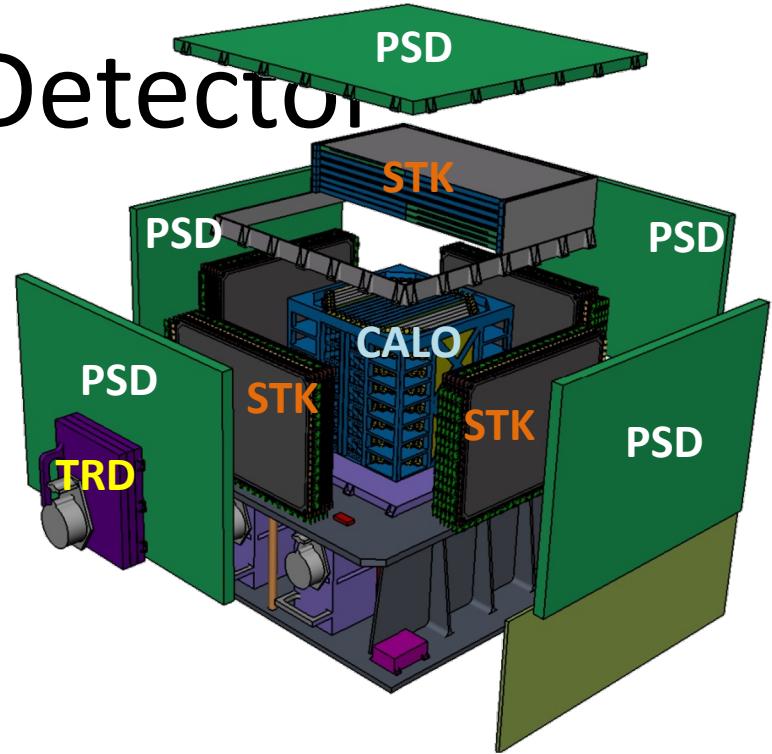
Calorimeter (CALO): 3D,
e/ γ /CR energy, e/p
discrimination

Tracker (5 STK «silicon
tracker» or 1 STK + 4 FIT
«fiber tracker»): particle
trajectory, charge
identification

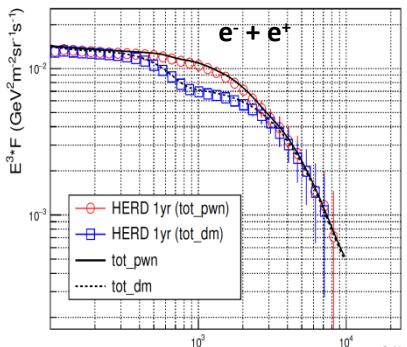
PSD «plastic
scintillator
detector»: 5 sides,
low energy γ , charge
identification

TRD «transition
radiation
detector»: energy
calibration

Mass	< 4 t
Envelope dimensions	$\sim 2.3 \times 2.3 \times 2.6 \text{ m}^3$
Field of View	$\pm 70^\circ$
Power consumption	$\sim 1200 \text{ W}$
Lifetime	> 10 years (with in orbit replacements)



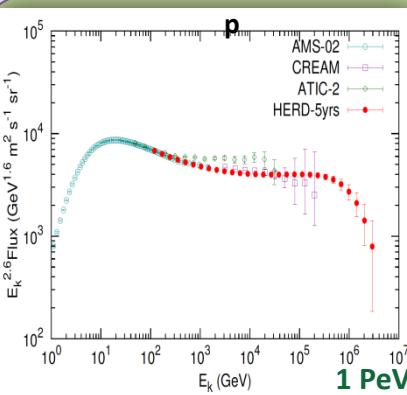
HERD: Obiettivi e performance



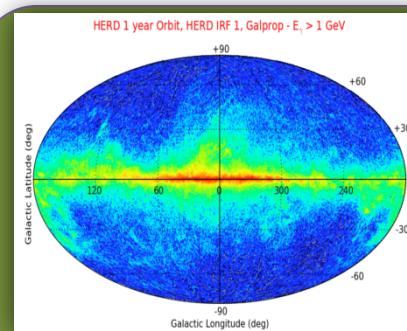
Search for signatures of annihilation/decay products of **dark matter** in

- energy spectrum and anisotropy of high energy electrons (10 GeV – 100 TeV)
- γ -rays (500 MeV – 100 TeV)

10 TeV



Measurements of **energy spectrum and composition** of primary cosmic rays from 30 GeV to PeV.



Wide FOV monitoring of gamma-rays from 500 MeV to study gamma-ray bursts, active galactic nuclei and galactic microquasars.

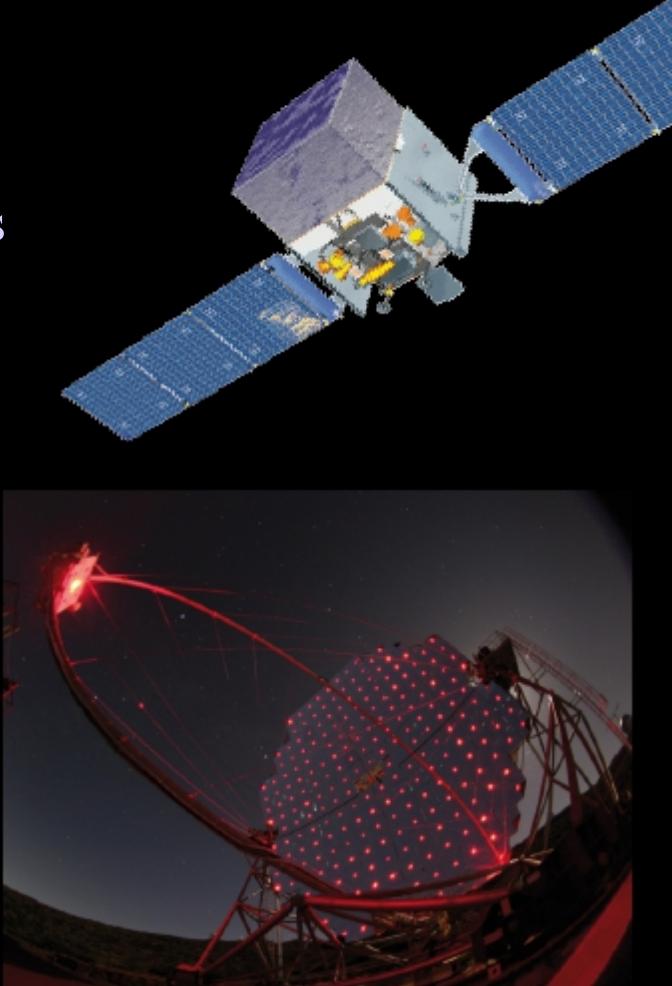
expected performance

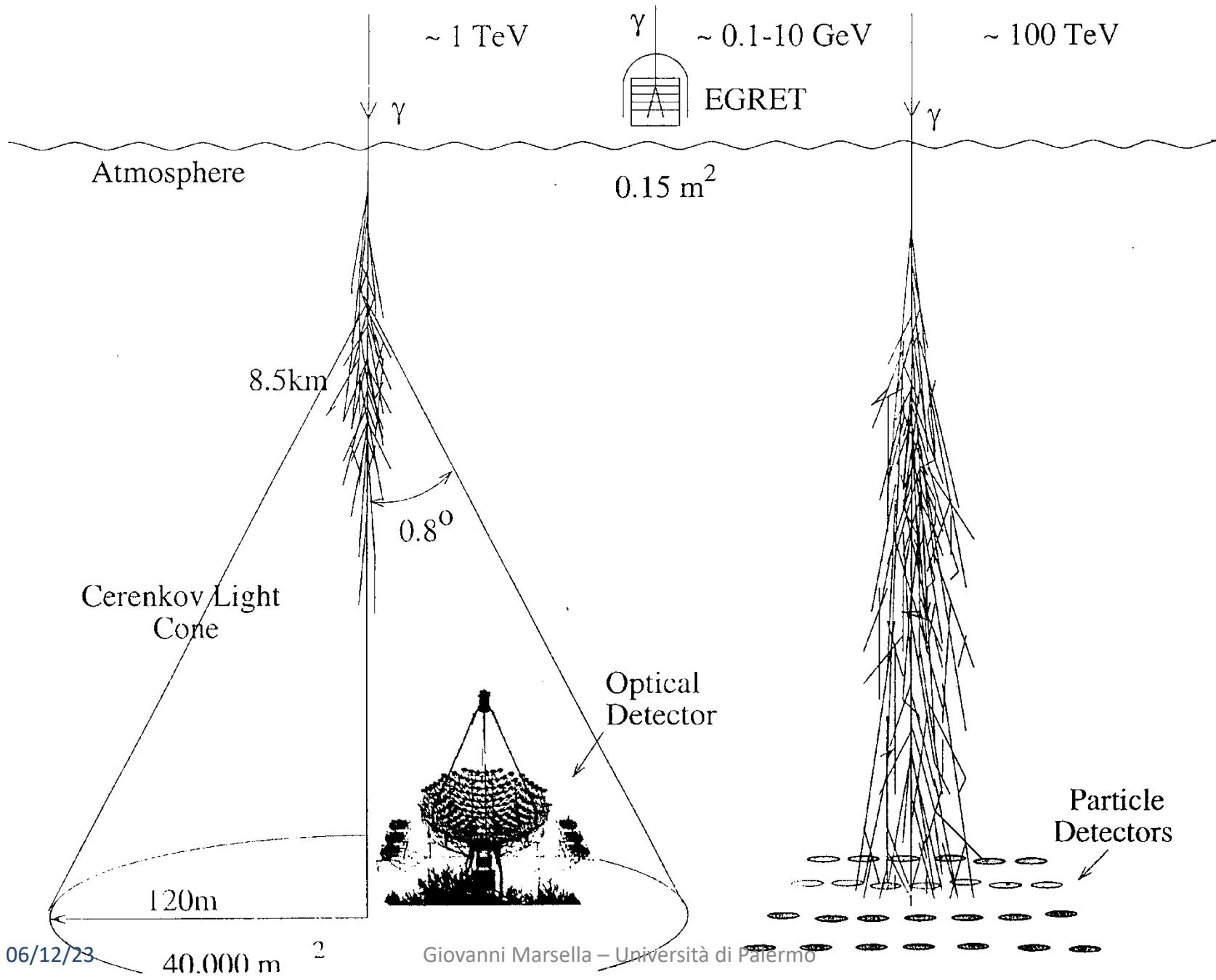
Energy range (e/γ)	10 GeV – 100 TeV
γ low energy range	500 MeV – 10 GeV
Energy range (nuclei)	30 GeV – 3 PeV
Angular resolution (e/γ)	0.1° @10 GeV
Charge resolution (nuclei)	10 % – 15 % for $Z = 1 – 26$
Energy resolution (e/γ)	< 1 % @200 GeV
Energy resolution (p)	20 % @100 GeV - PeV
e/p separation power	$> 10^{-6}$
Geometric factor (e)	$> 3 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ @200 GeV
Geometric factor (p)	$> 2 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ @100 GeV

- Gamma Astronomy at ground

Why (mainly) ground-based?

- High energies
 - » Only way to build sensitive >TeV instruments
- High statistics /short timescales
 - » Large collection areas $O(\text{km}^2)$
- Precision (IACTs)
 - » Superior angular resolution
- Limitations?
 - » IACTs
 - › Smallish duty cycle
 - › Smallish field of view
 - » Ground particle detectors
 - › Modest resolution and background rejection power
 - » Complementary approaches

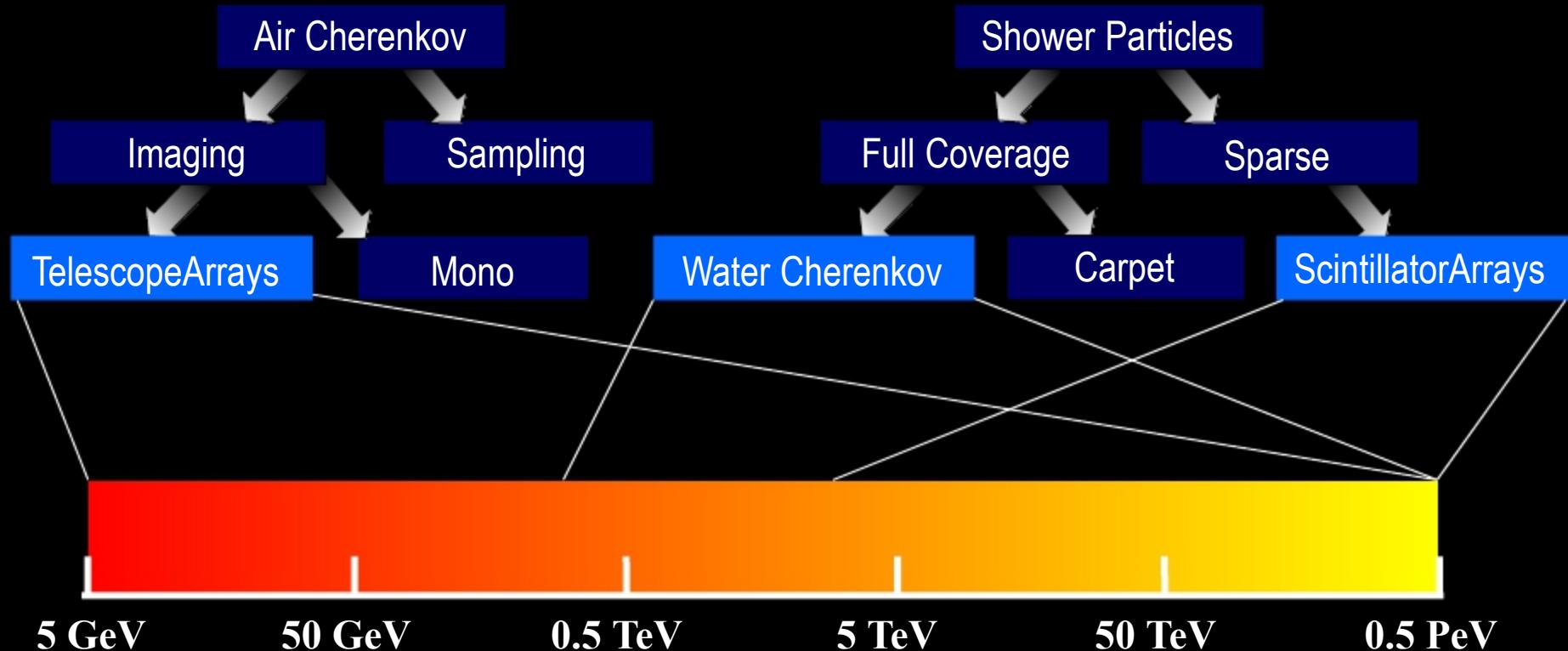




Techniques

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- Many different approaches have been tried
 - Not all have stood the test of time
 - Major projects planned using three of them

Imaging Cherenkov technique

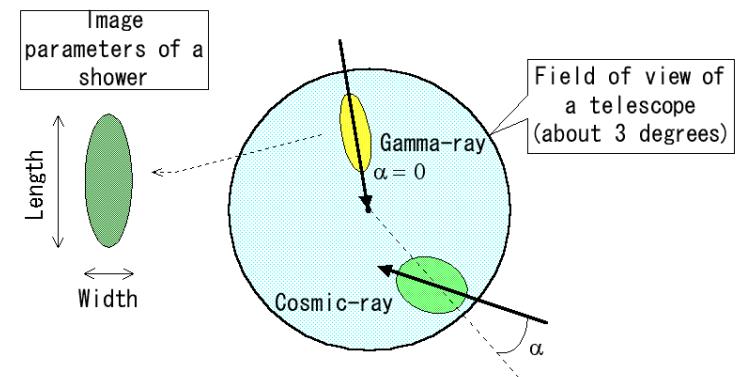
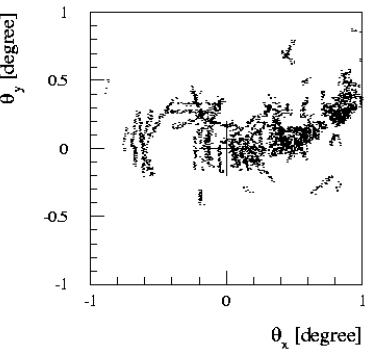
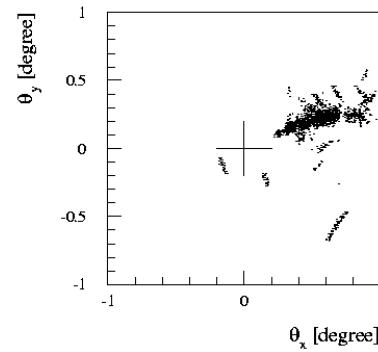
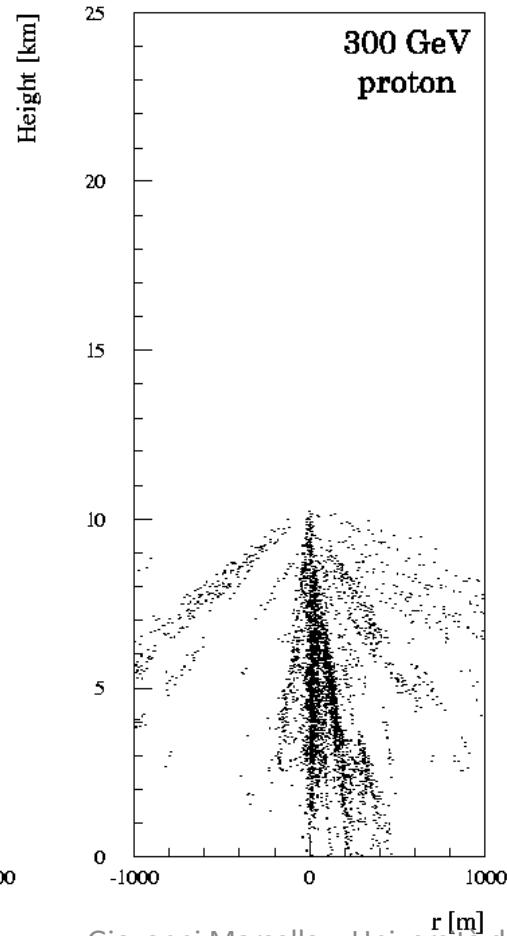
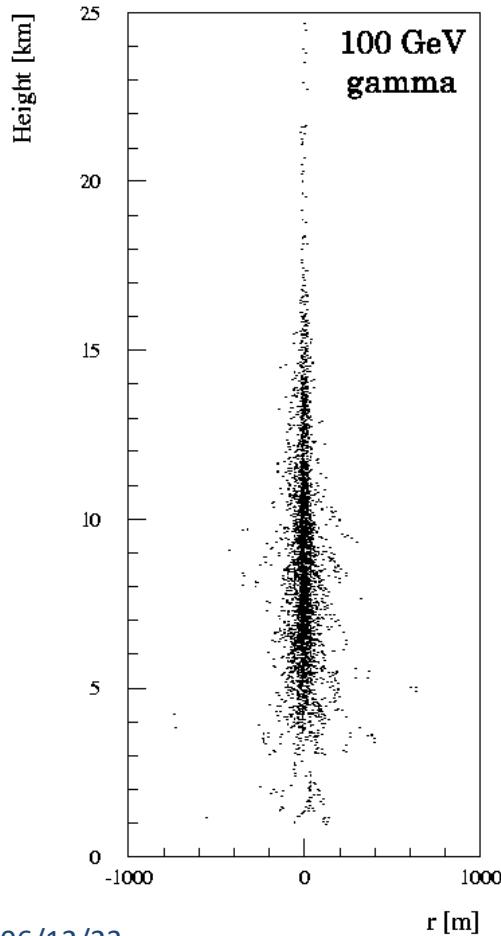
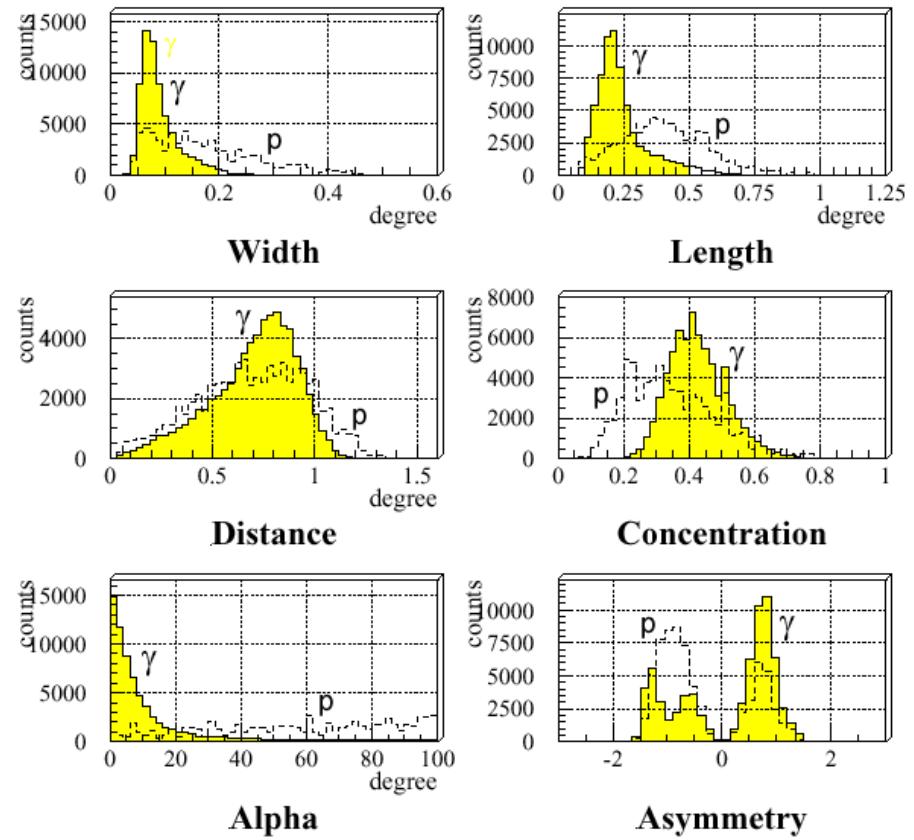
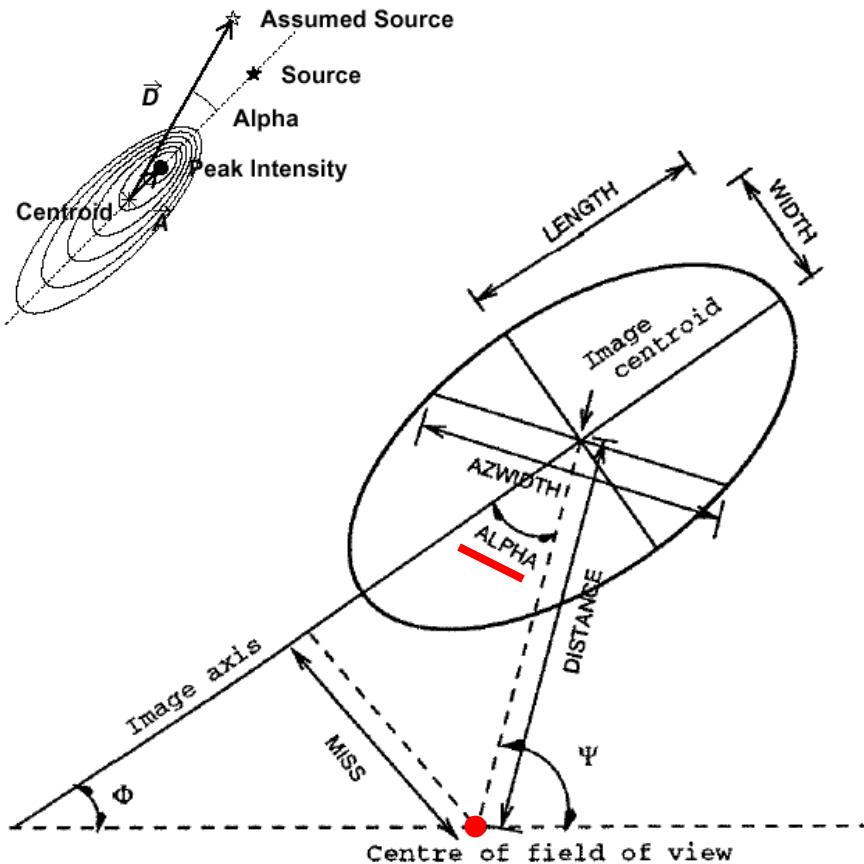


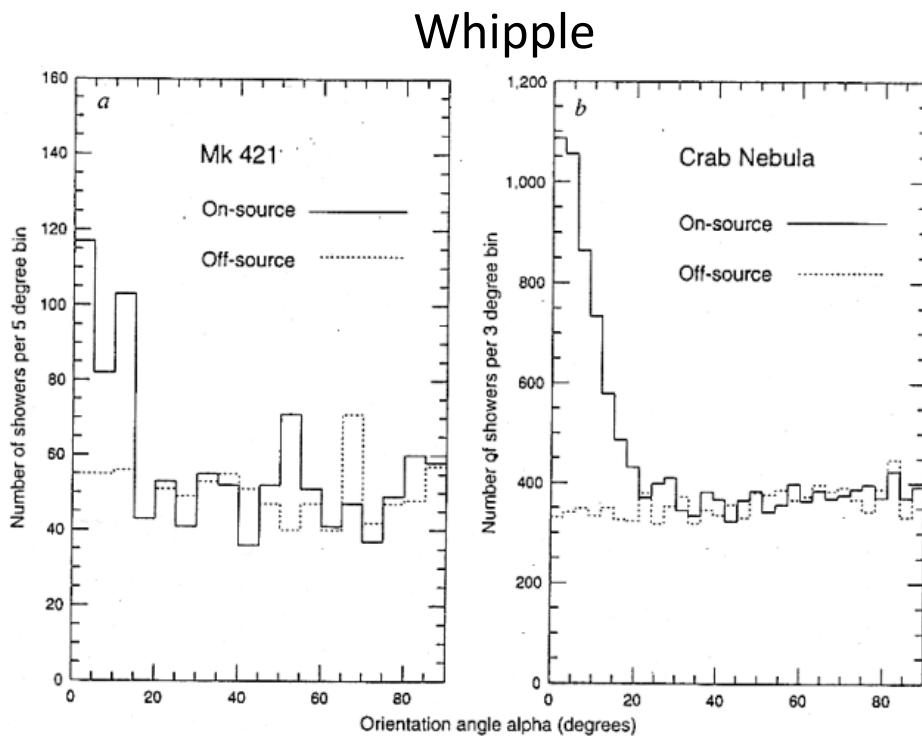
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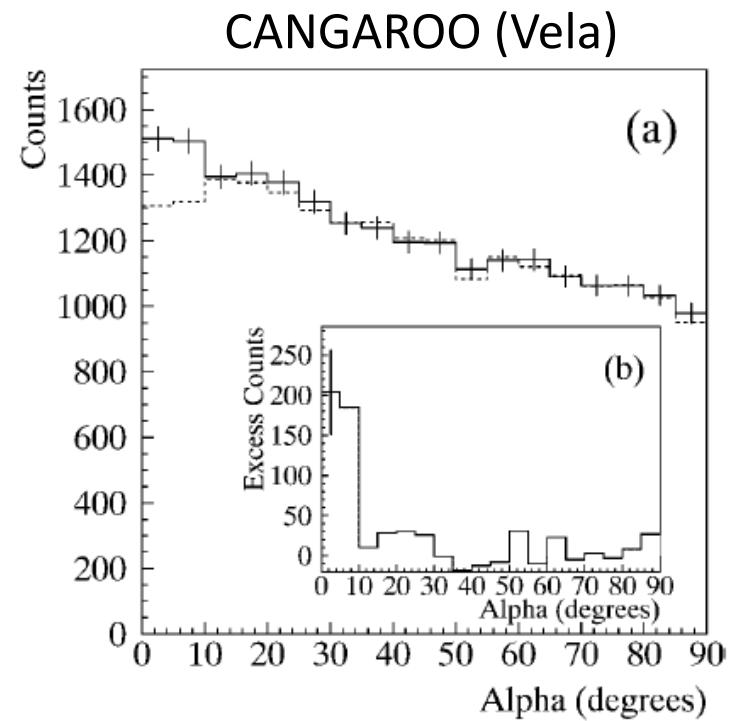
D.J. Fegan, J.Phys.G, 1997

Example of image cut analysis

- Hadron rejection power ~ 100



M. Punch et al., Nature, 1992



T. Yoshikoshi et al., ApJ, 1997

TeV catalog 2000

Classification	Object	Group	Remark
Grade A ($>5\sigma$, multiple)	Crab PSR1706-44 Mrk 421 Mrk 501	Many CANGAROO, Durham Many Many	Plerion Plerion AGN (BL Lac) AGN (BL Lac)
Grade B ($>5\sigma$)	SN1006 Vela RXJ1713.7-3946 PKS2155-304 1ES1959+650 BL Lac	CANGAROO CANGAROO CANGAROO Durham Utah7TA Crimea	SNR Plerion SNR AGN (BL Lac) AGN (BL Lac) AGN (BL Lac)
Grade C (strong but with some qualifications)	Cas A Cen X-3 1ES2344+514 3C66A Geminga B1509-58	HEGRA CT Durham Whipple Crimea Crimea CANGAROO	SNR X-ray binary AGN (BL Lac) AGN ($z=0.44$) Pulsar Plerion

Next generation projects

- Satellites

MeV: **INTEGRAL** 15keV-10MeV, 2002-

ACT (Advanced Compton Telescope) 300keV-20MeV, 2008?

GeV: **AGILE** 30MeV-50GeV, 2003-

GLAST 20MeV-300GeV, 2005?

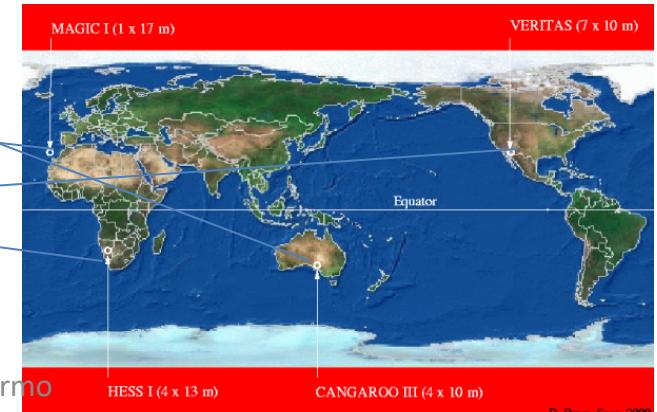
- Ground-based

CANGAROO-III 4×10m, Australia, 2000-2004-

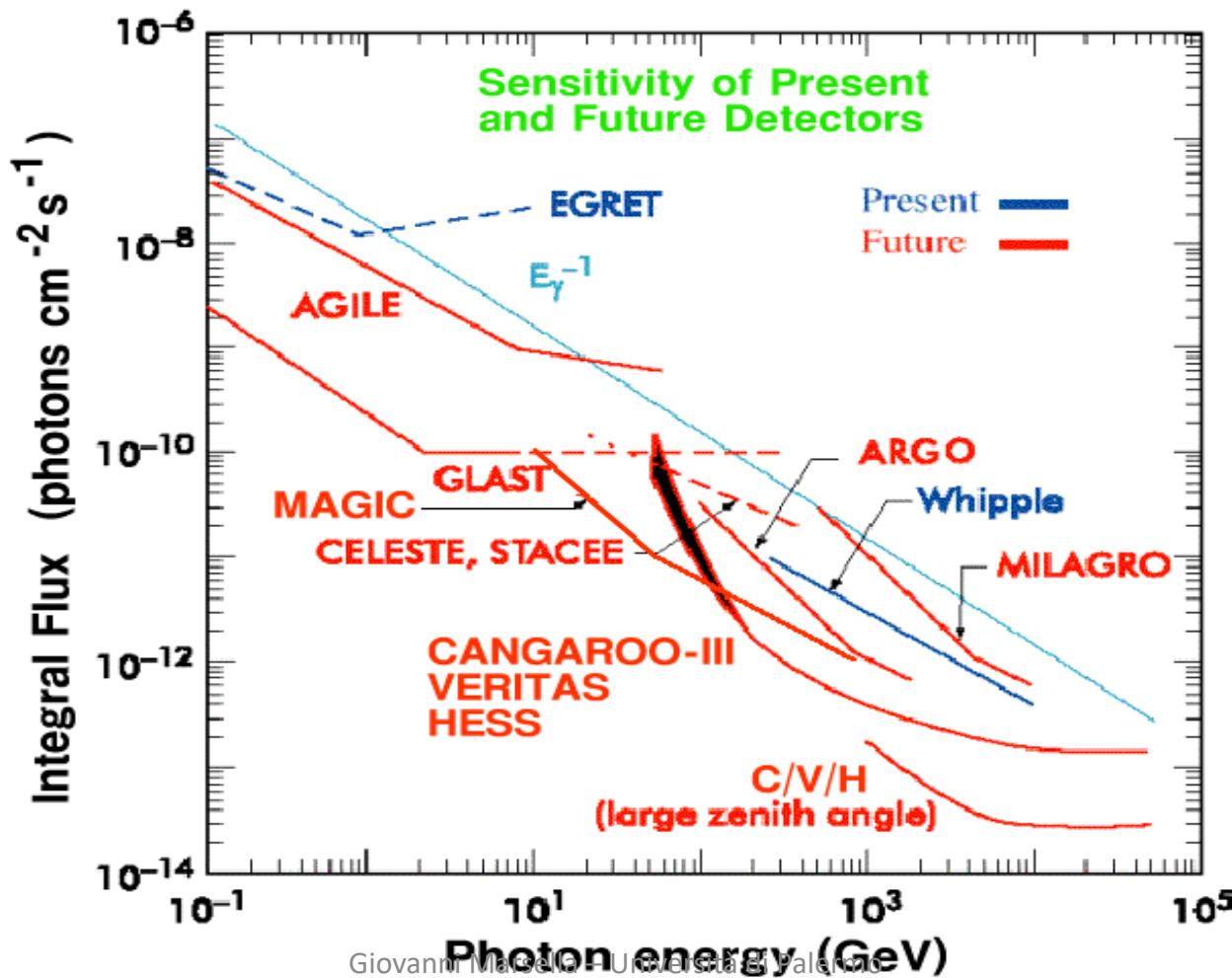
MAGIC 1×17m, Canary Island, 2001-

HESS 4×12m, Namibia, 2002-

VERITAS 7×10m, Arizona, 2004-



Sensitivity of future detectors

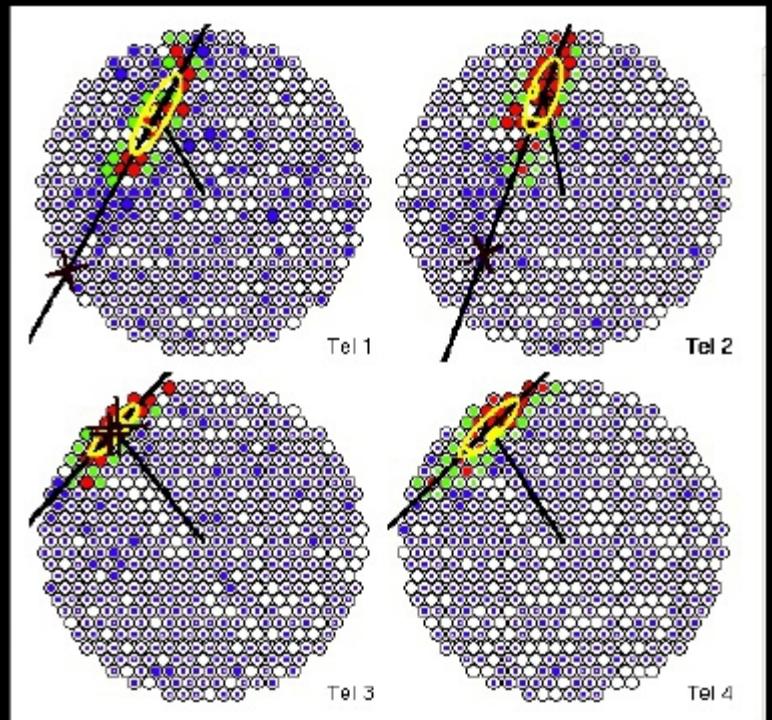
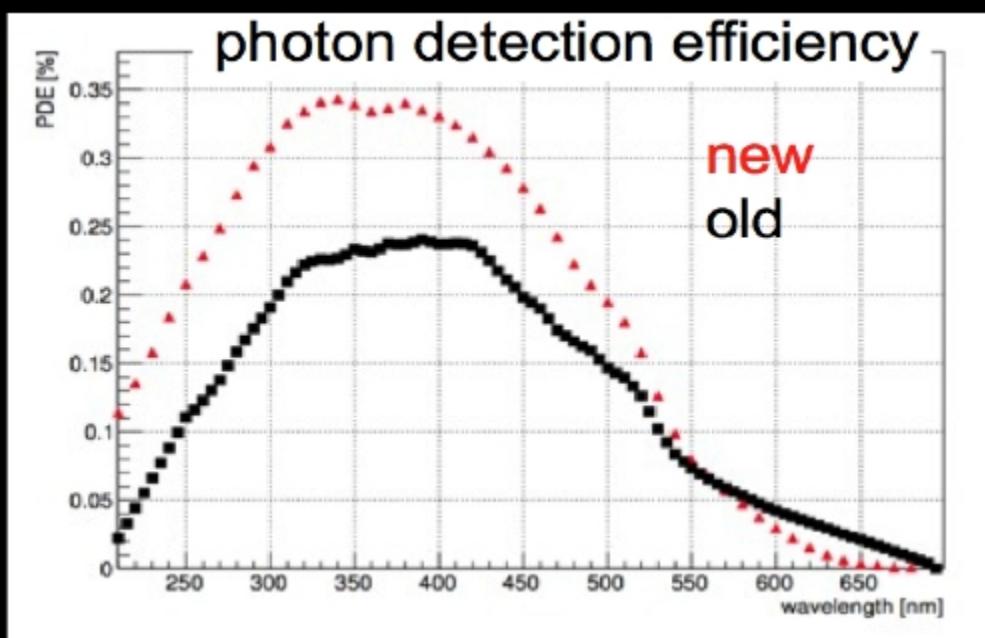


VHE Instruments examples



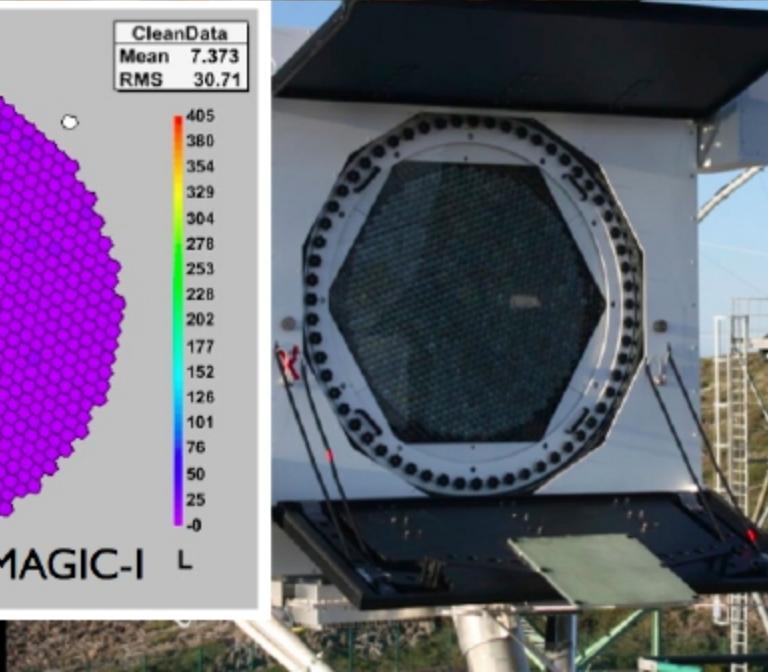
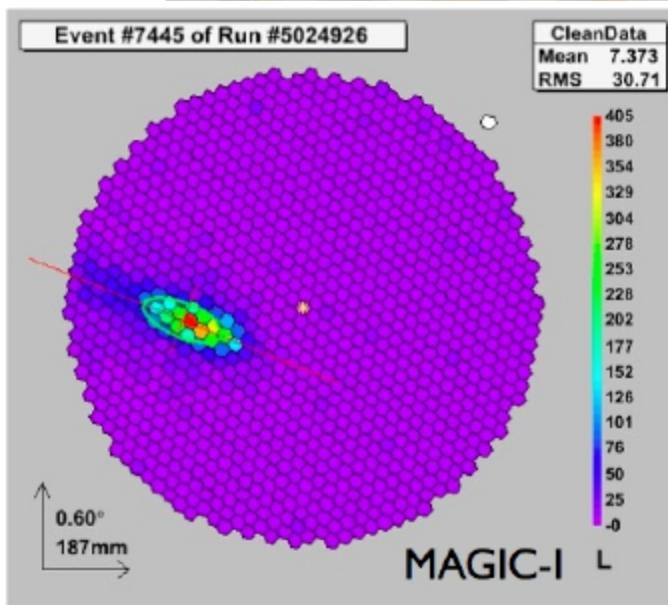
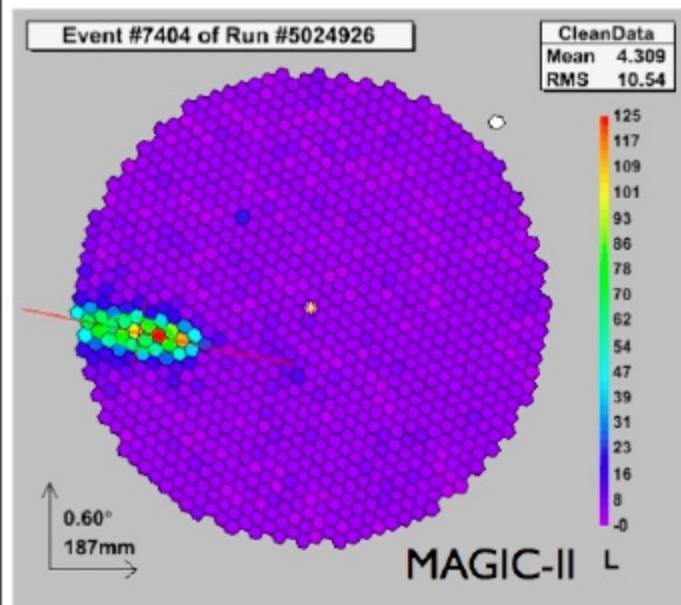
VERITAS

- 4x 12m telescopes in Arizona
- Upgrade completed Sept. 2012
 - New PMs and new trigger system for all four cameras
 - Lower threshold, improved sensitivity



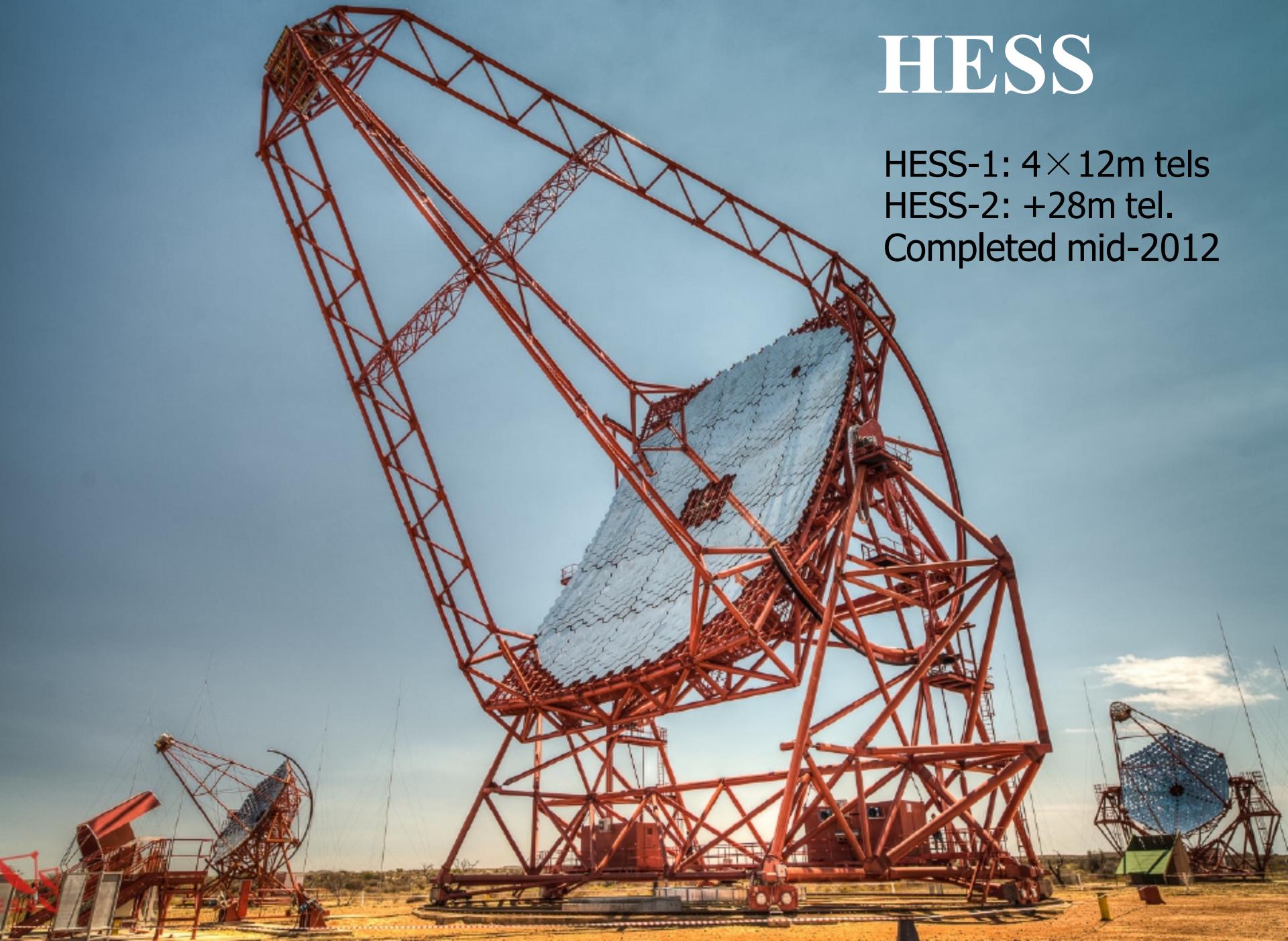
MAGIC

- 2nd 17 m telescope finished 2009
- Upgrade DAQ + new MAGIC-I camera finished fall 2013
 - Both now 1039 pixel, 3.5 degree FoV

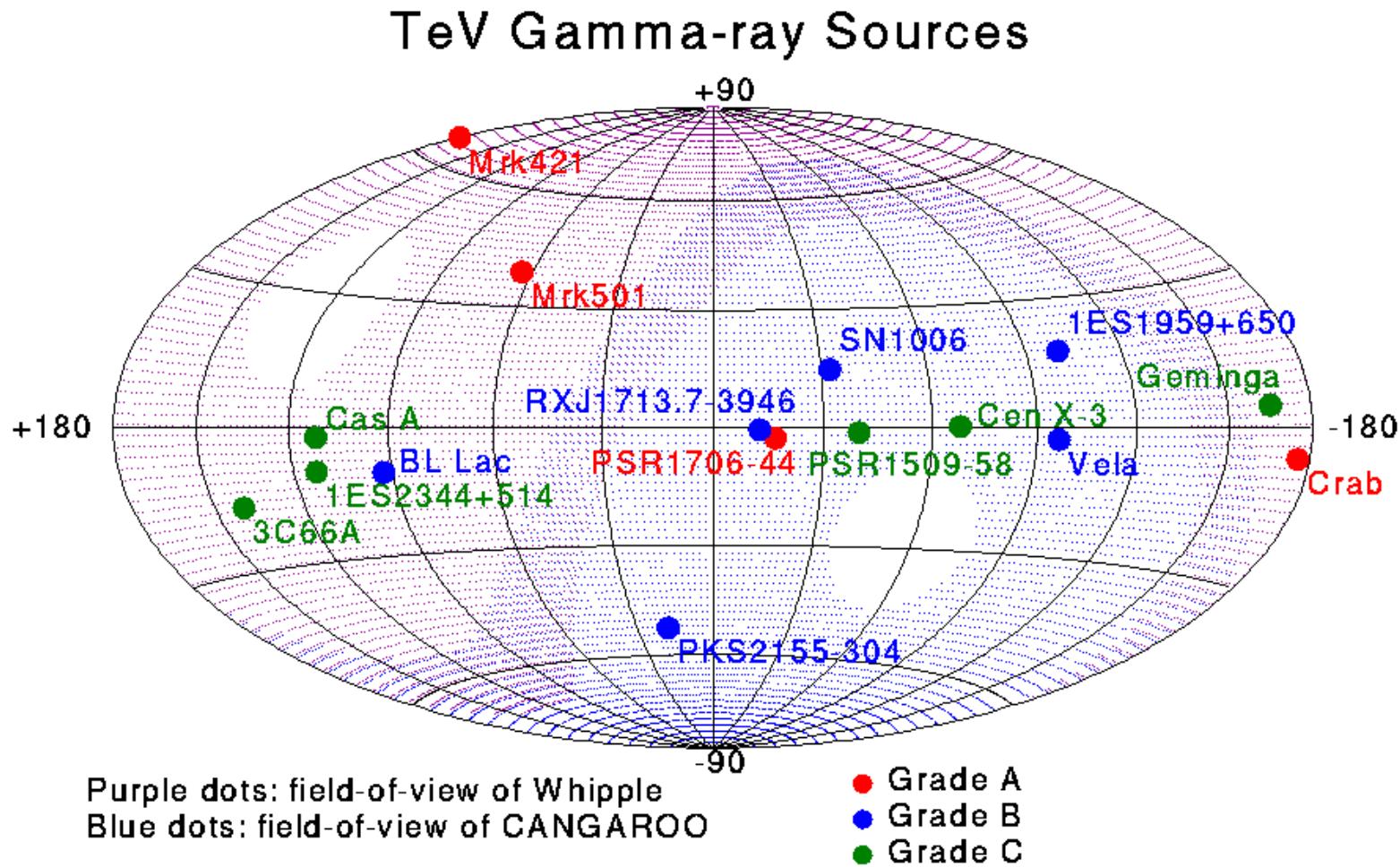


HESS

HESS-1: $4 \times 12\text{m}$ tels
HESS-2: + 28m tel.
Completed mid-2012



TeV sky 2000



TeV observations of Plerions

Table 1 TeV Observations of Plerions

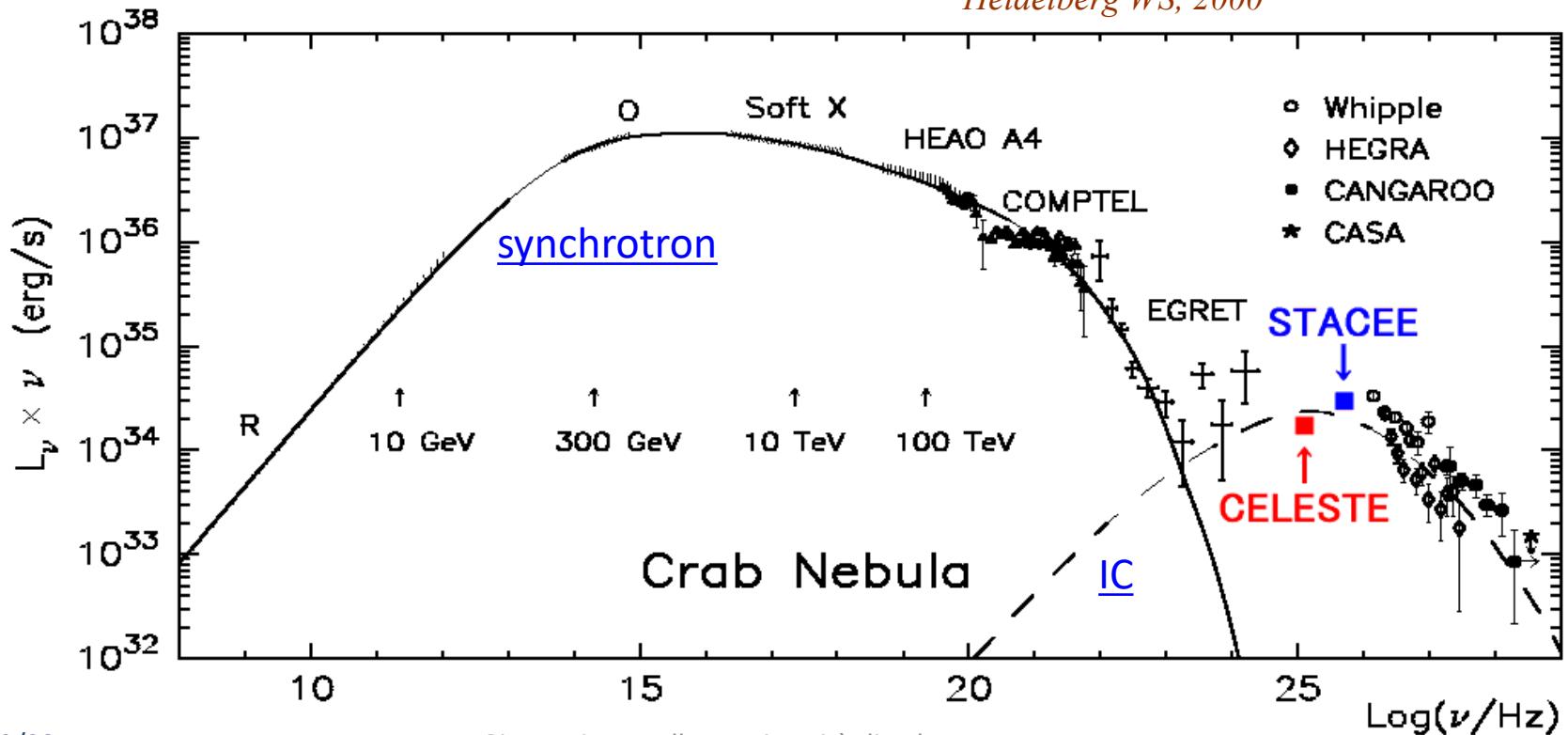
Object Name	Exposure time (hours)	Flux/Upper Limit $\times 10^{-11} cm^{-2}s^{-1}$
<u>EVERYONE</u>		
Crab Nebula	$\rightarrow \infty$	7.0 ($> 400\text{GeV}$)
<u>CANGAROO</u>		
PSR 1706-44	60	0.15 ($> 1\text{TeV}$)
Vela Pulsar	116	$0.26 (E/2\text{ TeV})^{-2.4} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$
<u>Durham</u>		
PSR 1706-44	10	1.2 ($> 300\text{GeV}$)
Vela Pulsar	8.75	$< 5.0 (> 300\text{GeV})$

Crab nebula

- Unpulsed spectrum



Aharonian & Atoyan, astro-ph/9803091 /
Heidelberg WS, 2000



Crab pulsar spectrum: where is the cutoff?

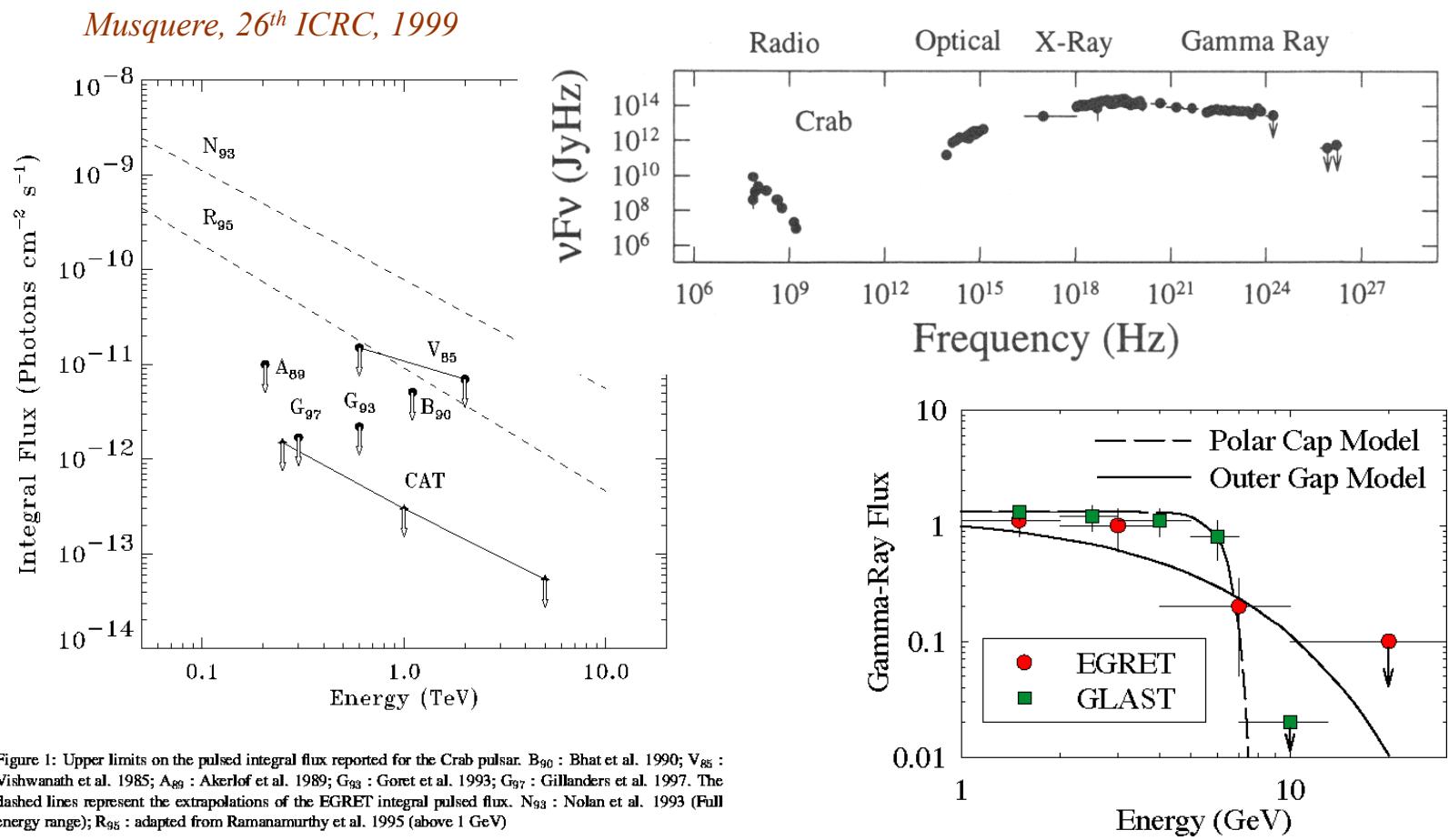


Figure 1: Upper limits on the pulsed integral flux reported for the Crab pulsar. B₉₀ : Bhat et al. 1990; V₈₅ : Vishwanath et al. 1985; A₈₉ : Akerlof et al. 1989; G₉₃ : Goret et al. 1993; G₉₇ : Gillanders et al. 1997. The dashed lines represent the extrapolations of the EGRET integral pulsed flux. N₉₃ : Nolan et al. 1993 (Full energy range); R₉₅ : adapted from Ramanamurthy et al. 1995 (above 1 GeV)

TeV observations of shell-type SNRs

Table 2 TeV Observations of Shell-type SNR

Object Name	Exposure time (hours)	Flux/Upper Limit $\times 10^{-11} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
CANGAROO		
RXJ 1713.7-3946	66	0.53 (≥ 1.8 TeV)
SN1006	34	0.46 (≥ 1.7 TeV)
W28	58	<0.88 (> 5 TeV ^a)
HEGRA		
Cas A	232	0.058 (> 1 TeV) ^b
γ -Cygni	47	<1.1 (> 500 GeV) ^c
Durham		
SN1006	41	<1.7 (> 300 GeV)
Whipple		
Monoceros	13.1	<4.8 (> 500 GeV)
Cas A	6.9	<0.66 (> 500 GeV)
W44	6	<3.0 (> 300 GeV)
W51	7.8	<3.6 (> 300 GeV)
γ -Cygni	9.3	<2.2 (> 300 GeV)
W63	2.3	<6.4 (> 300 GeV)
Tycho	14.5	<0.8 (> 300 GeV)
CAT		
CasA	24.4	<0.74 (> 400 GeV)

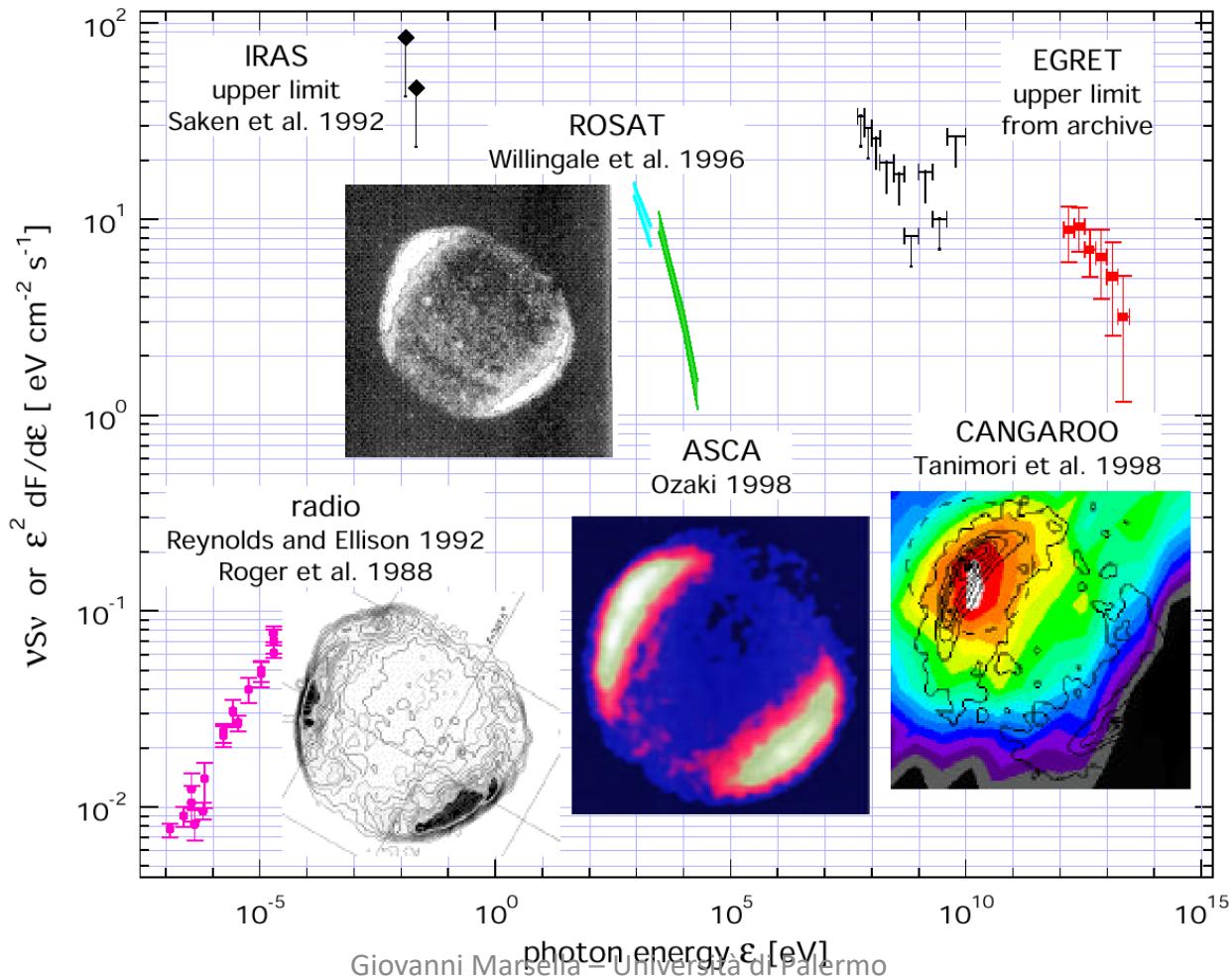
^aA different definition of Energy Threshold is used

^bEvidence for emission at the 4.9 σ level (Pühlhofer et al. 2001)

^cLimits converted from Crab units using flux of Hillas et al. 1998

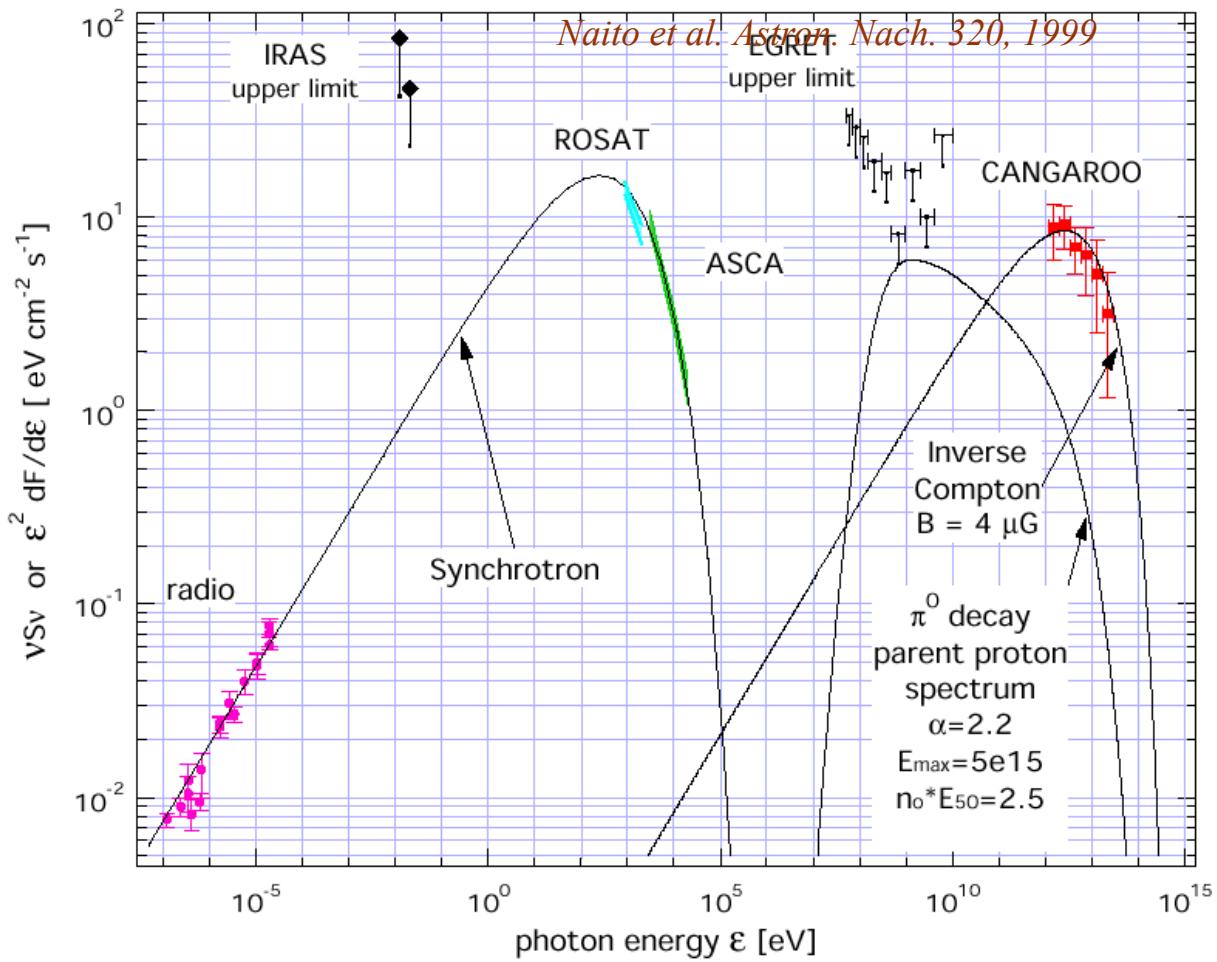
Supernova remnant: SN1006

T. Naito



SNR: SN1006 - interpretation

- Synch+IC
- Only IC?
- No protons?



TeV observations of AGNs

Source	Energy (GeV)	Flux ($\times 10^{-11} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)	Group	EGRET source
Blazars: XBL				
Markarian 421 $z = 0.031$	260	variable	Whipple, HEGRA, CAT	yes
Blazars: RBL				
Markarian 501 $z = 0.034$	260	variable	Whipple, HEGRA, CAT, TA	no
1ES2344+514 $z = 0.044$	300	variable	Whipple	no
PKS2155-304 $z = 0.116$	300	variable	Durham	yes
1ES1959+650 $z = 0.048$	600	variable	TA	no
3C66A $z = 0.44$	900	variable	Crimea	yes

(Detection of 1ES1426+428 ($z=0.13$) is claimed by Whipple but not published)

AGN: Mrk 421 variability

- Time scale < a few hours
- Correlation with X-ray flux

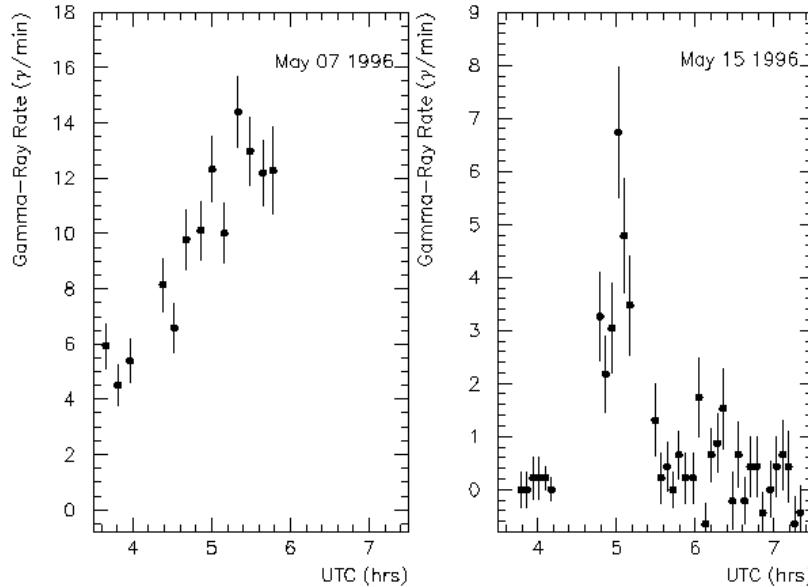
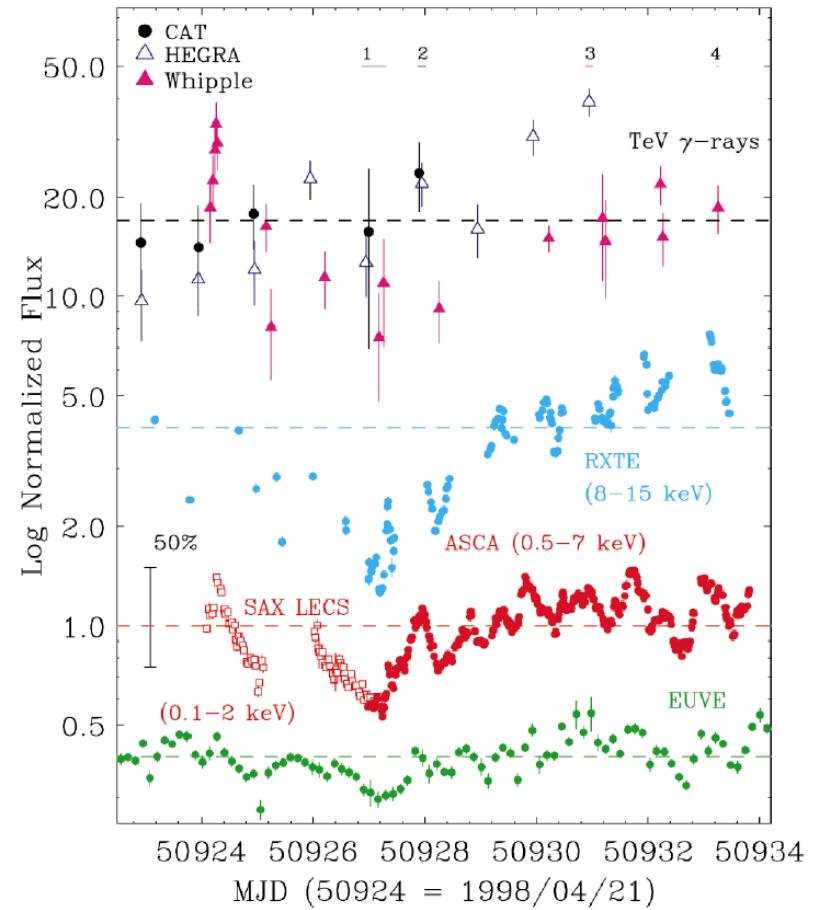


Figure 4. Flux of TeV photons from Mrk 421 as a function of time for two separate flares, indicating variability on the time scale < few hours [35]



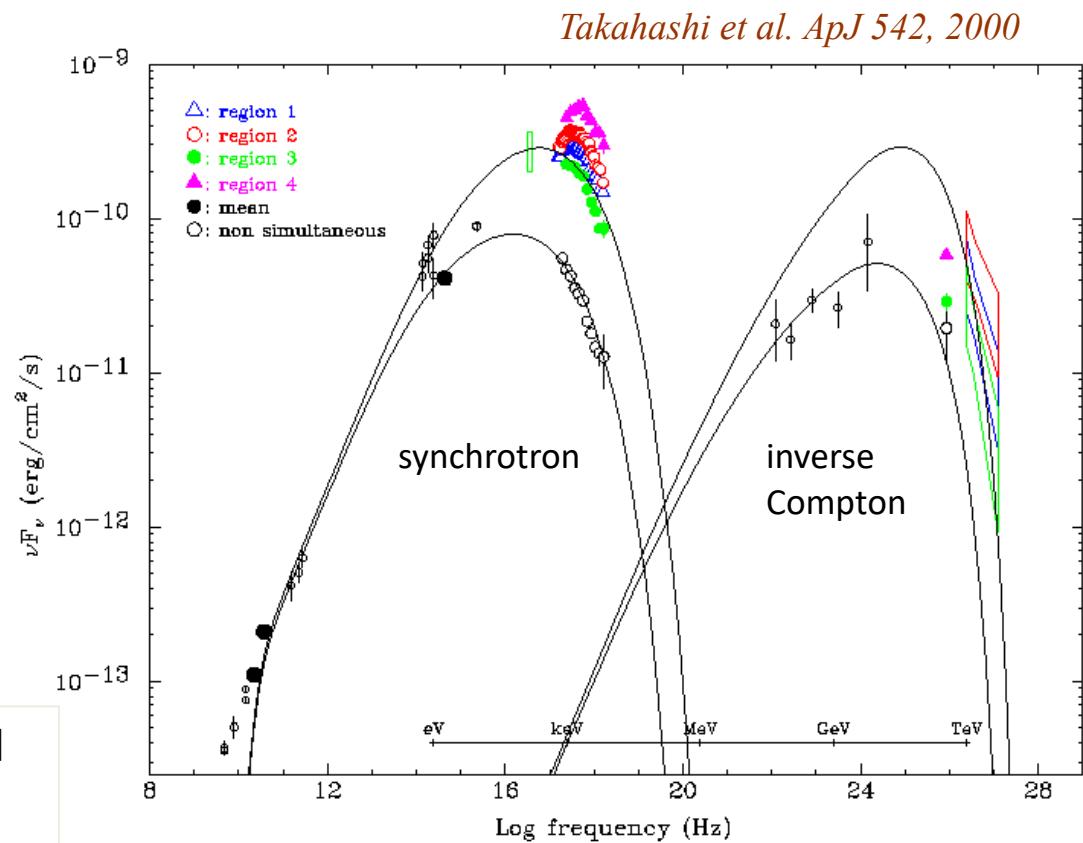
AGN: Mrk 421 spectrum

$z=0.031$

- Synchrotron + inverse Compton model works well
 $\Rightarrow e^\pm$ origin
- Proton model still possible

One-zone SSC model

$\delta=14$, $B=0.14G$



AGN: TeV gamma-ray absorption by IR background

IR Background

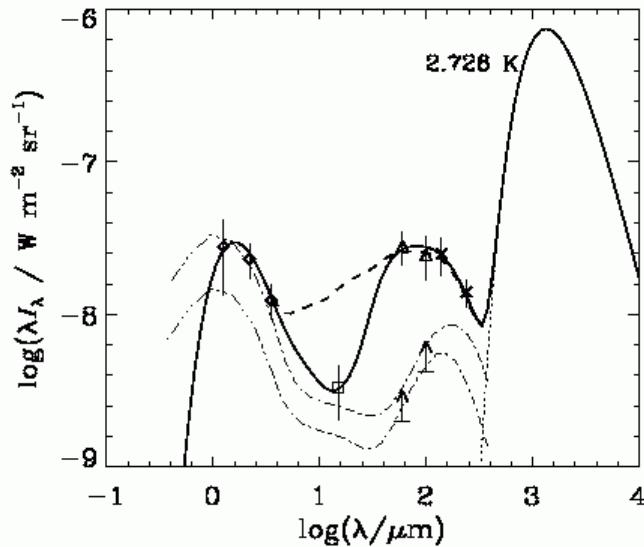


Figure 1: Infrared background radiation field. Recent determinations from DIRBE [6] (diamonds), ISOCAM[7] (square), DIRBE[8] (triangles), and FIRAS[9] (crosses) are compared with the models of Malkan and Stecker[2] (dot-dash curves; the dot-dot-dot dash curves are an extrapolation of the Malkan and Stecker models used in ref. [20]. The lower limits are from ref. [10]. In this paper we model the IR background by the solid curve; thick dashed curve is allowed if the ISOCAM point is considered a lower limit.

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

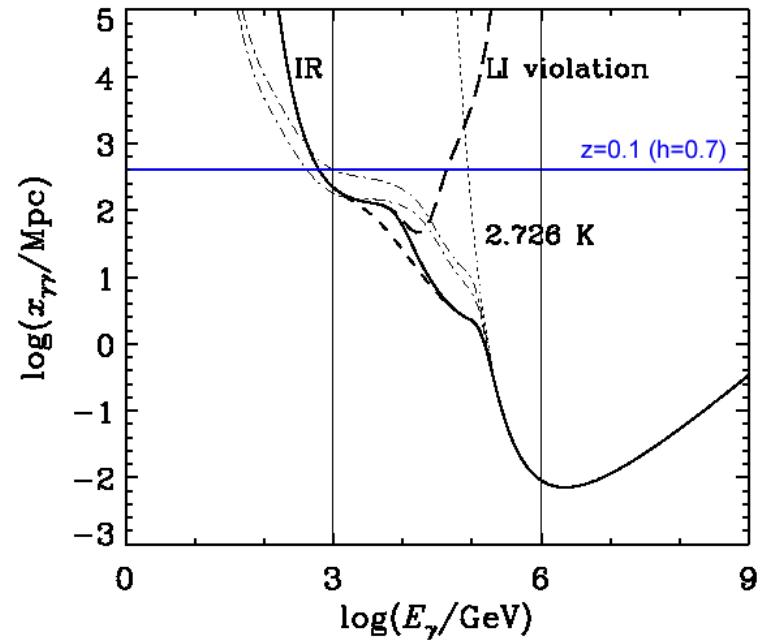


Figure 2: Mean free path for photon-photon pair production in the infrared-microwave background radiation. The curves correspond to those in Fig. 1 except that the effect of Lorentz Invariance violation discussed in Section 4 is shown by the long dashed curve.

Protheroe et al. astro-ph/0005349

AGN: Mrk 501 spectrum

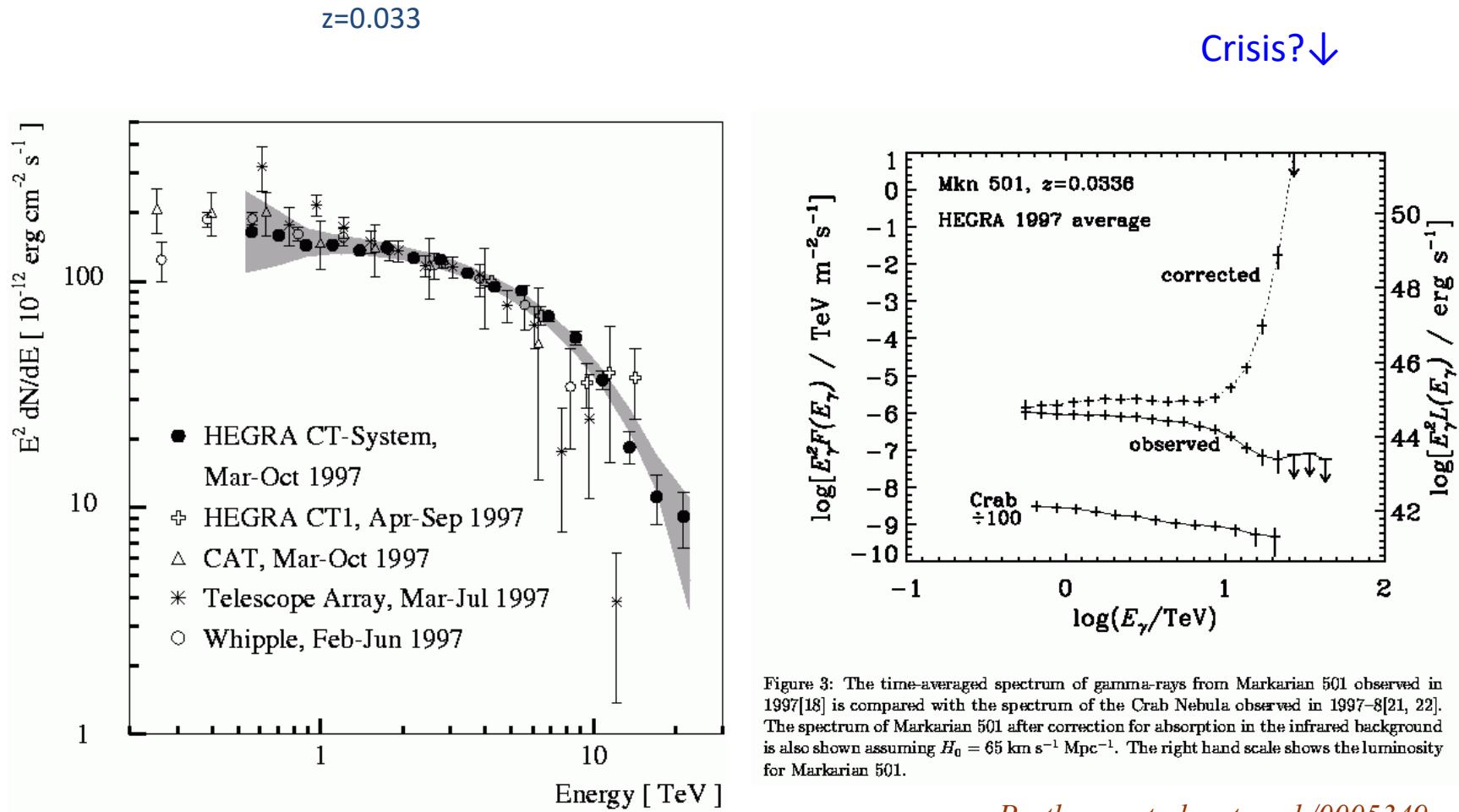
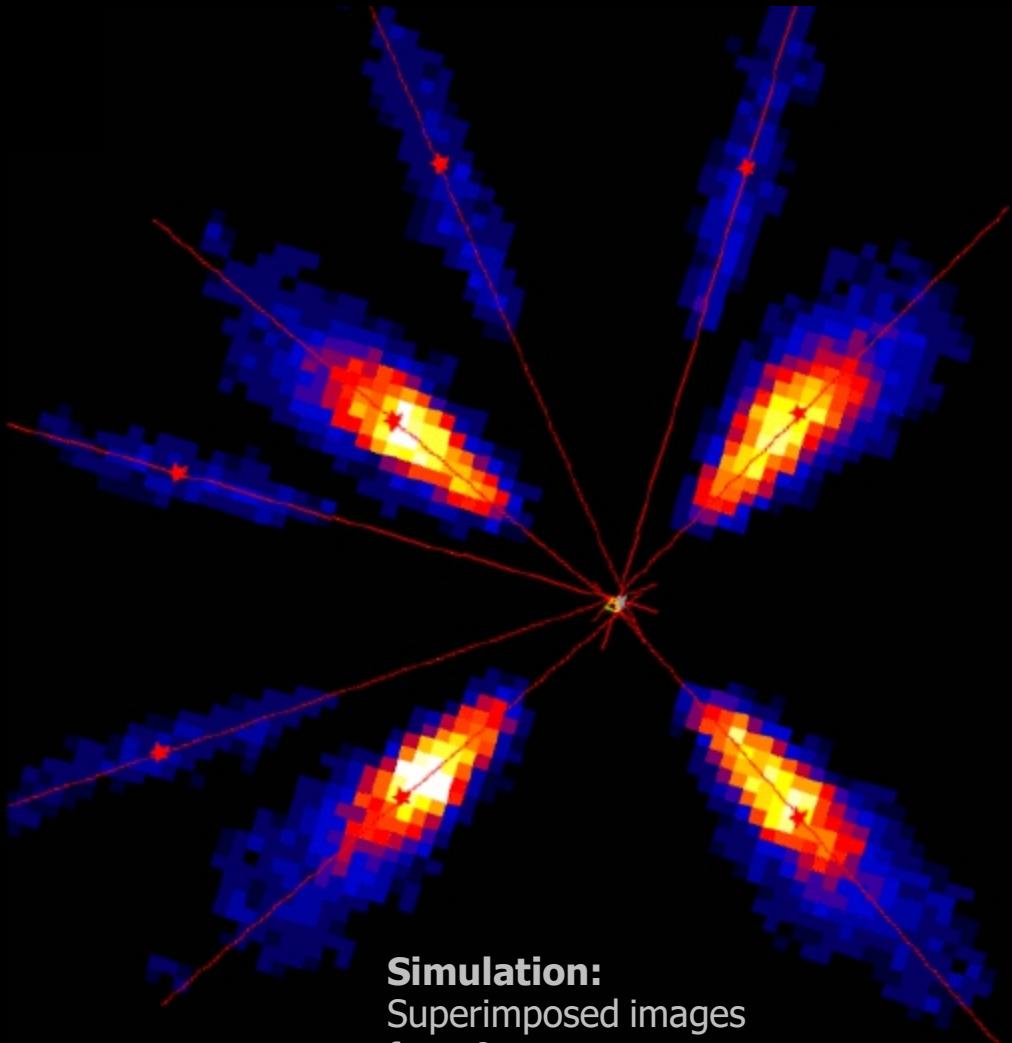


Fig. 12. The Time-averaged spectrum of Mrk 501 during 1997,
Aharonian et al. A&Ap 349, 1999

Protheroe et al. astro-ph/0005349

How to do better with IACT arrays?

- More events
 - ▶▶ More photons = better spectra, images, fainter sources
 - › Larger collection area for gamma-rays
- Better events
 - ▶▶ More precise measurements of atmospheric cascades and hence primary gammas
 - › Improved angular resolution
 - › Improved background rejection power
- ➥ More telescopes !



CTA Consortium

A world map highlighting the locations of the CTA Consortium. A green box on the left side of the map contains a photograph of several large blue and white radio telescopes on a hillside. Another red box at the bottom left contains a photograph of similar telescopes in a field. The map shows the following information:

- Aug 2018**
- 31 countries**
- 93 parties**
- 200 institutes**
- 1500 scientists**
- Leadership:**
 - Spokesperson: [Werner Hofmann](#)
 - Co-Spokesperson: [Rene Ong](#)
- Science Data Management Center:** DESY Zeuthen (Germany)
- Headquarters:** Bologna (Italy)
- Chair, CTA Consortium Board:** [Jürgen Knölseder](#)
- Consortium Science Coordinator:** [Emma de Oña Wilhelmi](#)
- Consortium Deputy Science Coordinator:** [Jamie Holder](#)
- Chair, SAPO:** [Vitor de Souza](#)
- Vice-Chair, SAPO:** [Igor Oya](#)
- North Site:** La Palma (Spain, IAC)
- South Site:** Paranal (Chile, negotiations with ESO signed on Dec 2018)

CTA Design

Science Optimization under budget constraints

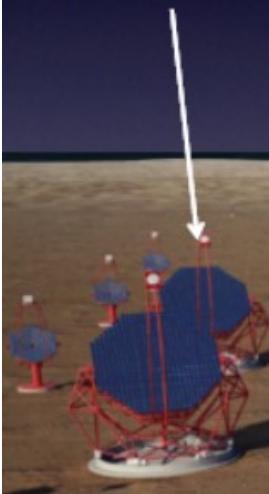
Low energies

Energy threshold 20-30 GeV

23 m diameter

4 telescopes

(LST's)



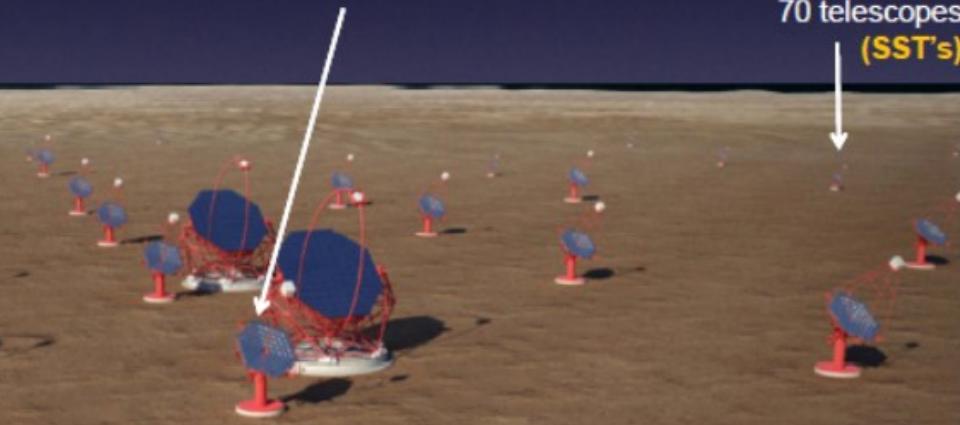
Medium energies

100 GeV – 10 TeV

9.7 to 12 m diameter

25 telescopes

(MST's/SCTs)



High energies

Up to > 300 TeV

10 km² eff. area @ 10 TeV

4m diameter

70 telescopes

(SST's)



CLUE (Cherenkov Light Ultraviolet Experiment)



Michele Giunta



- Site: La Palma (Canarian Islands), 2200 m a.s.l.
- 9 mirrors F1 1.8 m diameter, 45 m spaced.
- Experiment sensible to UV light: detects the Cherenkov photons produced by the charged components of VHE showers in the lower part of atmosphere, near the observation level.
- Advantage: no NSB.
- Disadvantage: not many photons.
- On focal planes there are MWPC chambers with TMAE as photoconverter gas and with quartz window.

CLUE



The idea was to detect UV Cherenkov Light form CR showers in atmosphere

Personal contribution:

Built and tested the MWPC

Installed The telescopes in La Palma
DAQ and data analysis

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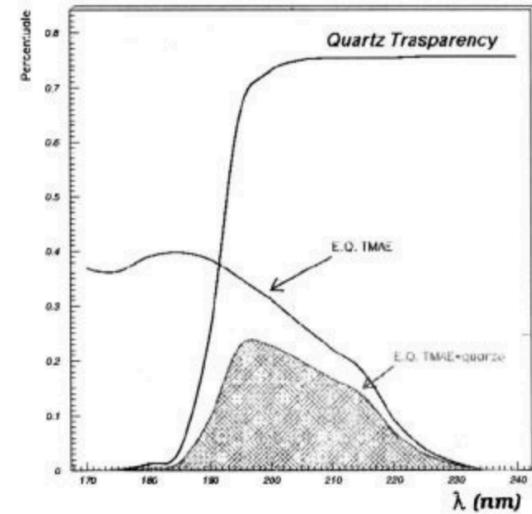


Figure 1: Quantum efficiency of TMAE and quartz transmittance.

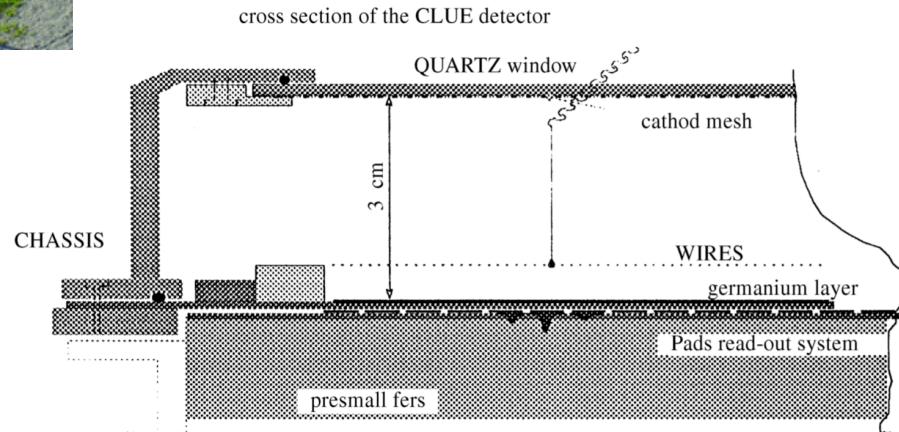
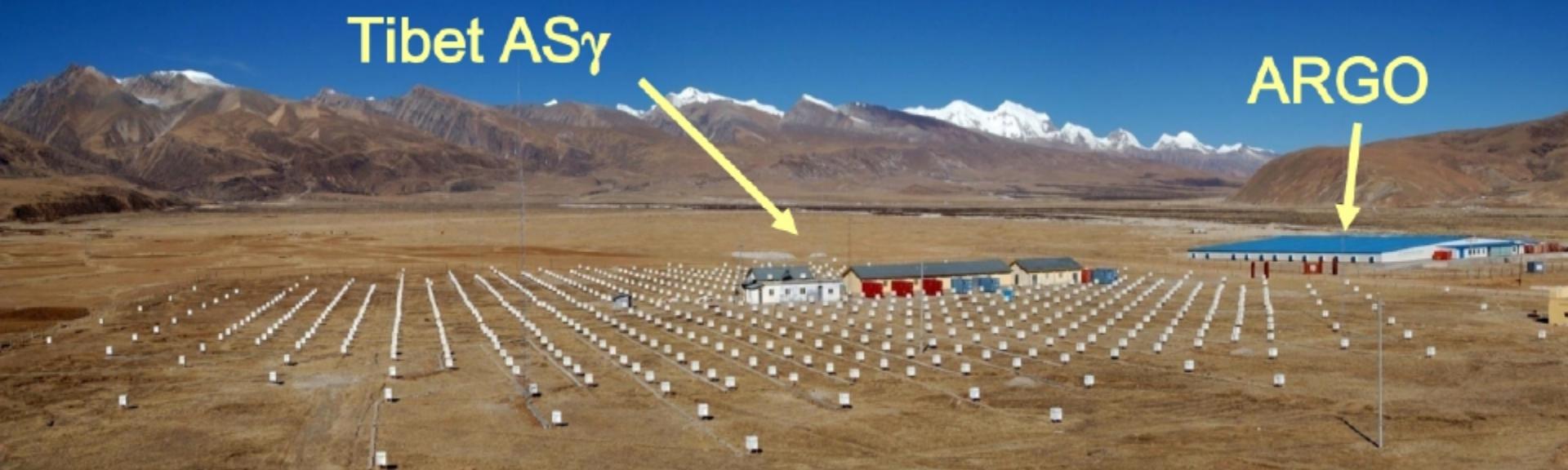
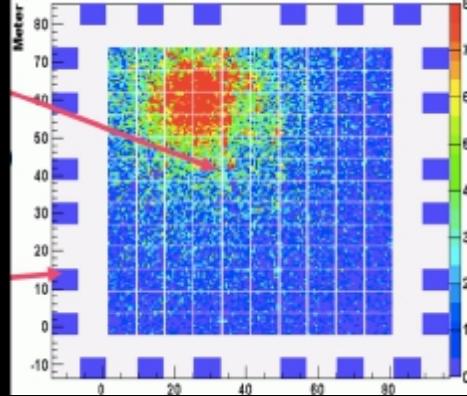


Fig. 1. Cross section of the last MWPC used in the CLUE experiment.

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Tibet AS γ and ARGO

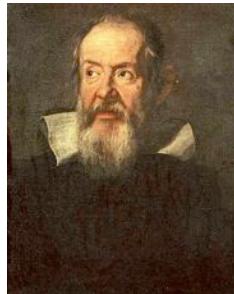
- Tibet air-shower array
 - High altitude – 4300 m a.s.l.
- Muon detector expansion underway for AS γ
- ARGO-YBJ: Resistive Plate Chamber Carpet
 - \sim 100 m x \sim 100 m , \sim 1 TeV threshold for gammas
 - Interesting results from 5 year northern sky survey



The ARGO-YBJ experiment

Collaboration Institutes:

- ✓ Chinese Academy of Science (CAS)
- ✓ Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN)



INFN and Dpt. di Fisica e Ing. Dell'Innovazione Università, Lecce

INFN and Dpt. di Fisica Universita', Napoli

INFN and Dpt. di Fisica Universita', Pavia

INFN and Dpt di Fisica Università "Roma Tre", Roma

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INAF/IFSI and INFN, Torino

INAF/IASF, Palermo and INFN, Catania

IHEP, Beijing

Shandong University, Jinan

South West Jiaotong University, Chengdu

Tibet University, Lhasa

Yunnan University, Kunming

Hebei Normal University, Shijiazhuang

The basic concepts

...for an unconventional air shower detector

- **HIGH ALTITUDE SITE**

- Tibet, 4300 m a.s.l, $\sim 600 \text{ g/cm}^2$

- **FULL COVERAGE**

- technology, 92% covering factor)

- **HIGH SEGMENTATION OF THE READOUT**

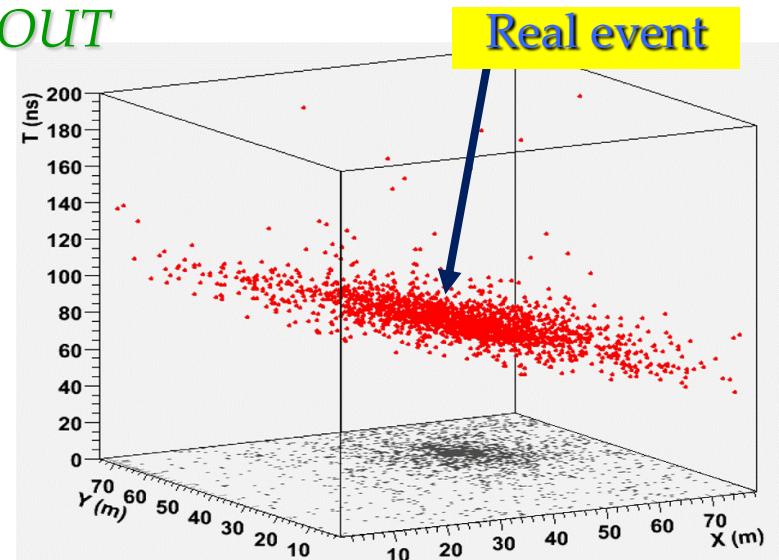
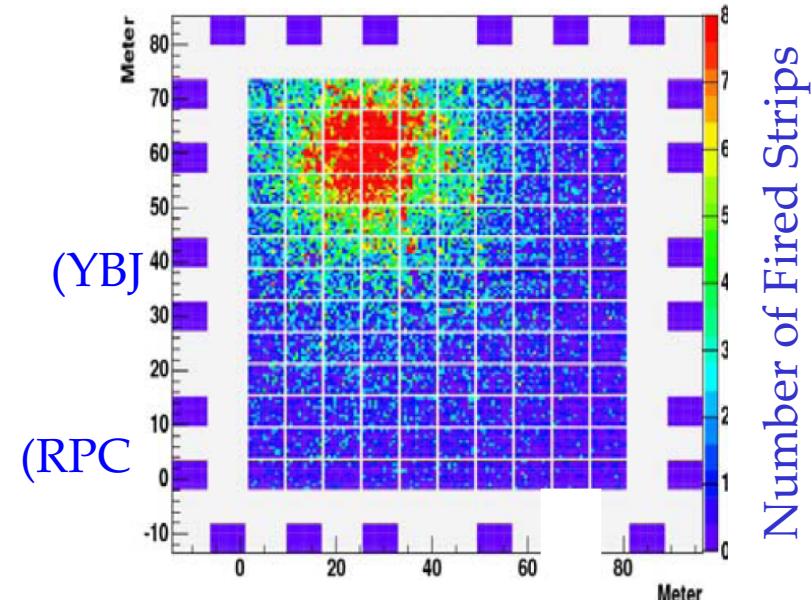
- (small space-time pixels)

- Space pixels: 146,880 strips ($7 \times 62 \text{ cm}^2$)

- Time pixels: 18,360 pads ($56 \times 62 \text{ cm}^2$)

... in order to:

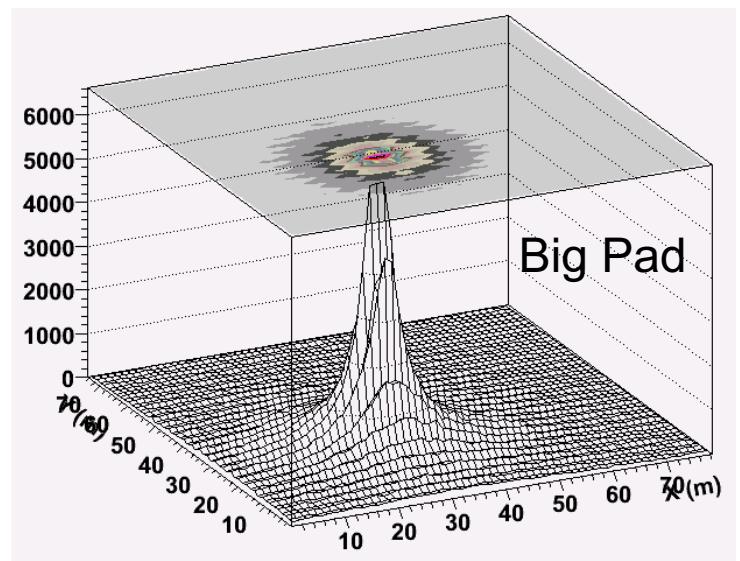
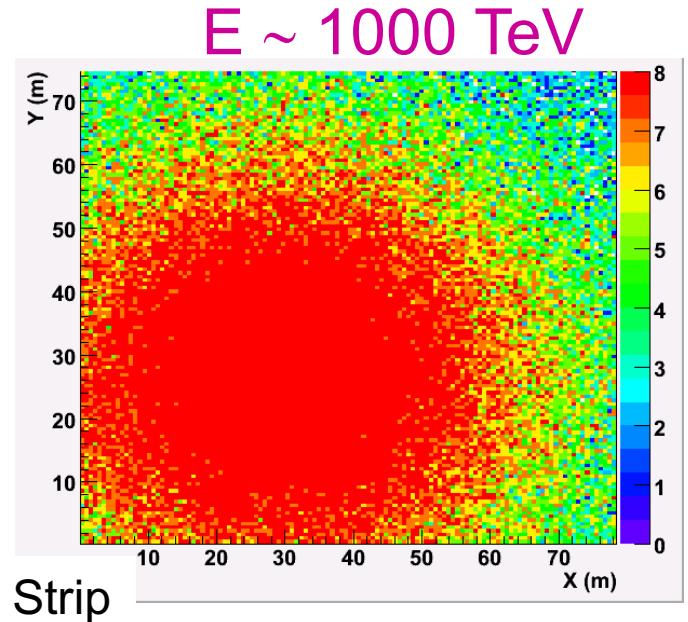
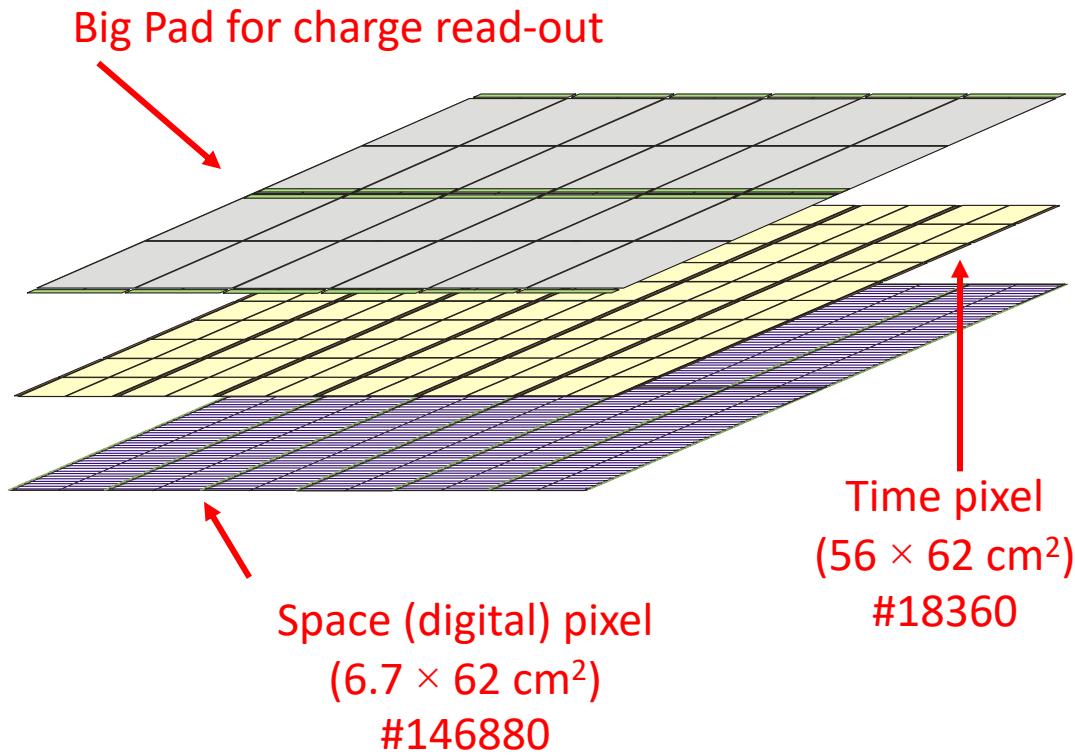
- image the shower front
- get an energy threshold of a few hundreds of GeV



The basic concepts

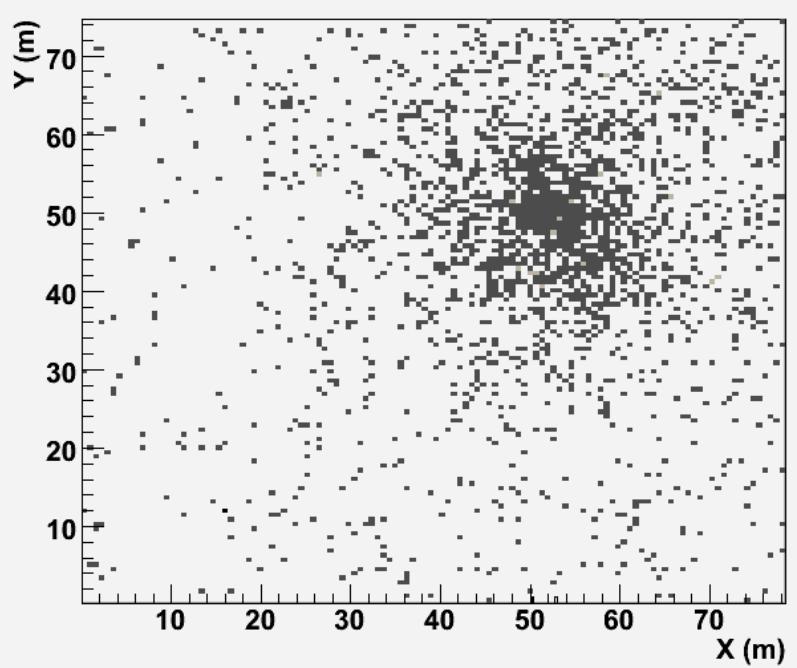
...extending the dynamical range

- ANALOG READ-OUT → PeV (3672
 $1.40 \times 1.25 \text{ m}^2$ "big pads")

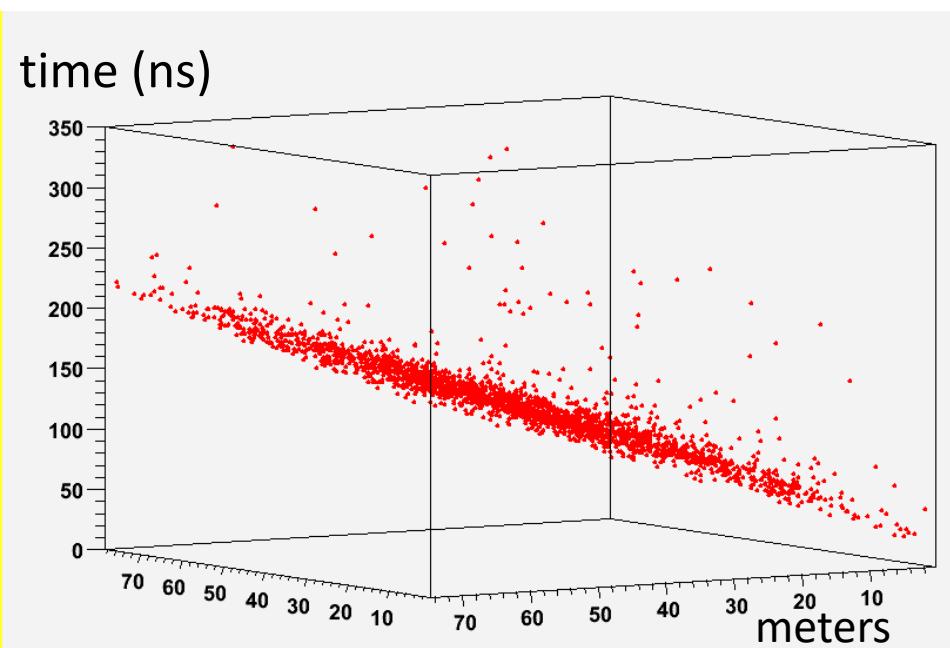


Shower reconstruction

Fired pads on the carpet



Arrival time vs position



Arrival direction measurement:

- Core reconstruction: Maximum Likelihood Method applied to the lateral density profile of the shower
- Fit of the shower front with a conical shape

ARGO-YBJ: a multi purpose experiment

- Sky survey $-20^\circ \leq \delta \leq 80^\circ$ above 300 GeV (γ -sources)
- High exposure for flaring activity (γ -sources, GRBs, solar flares)
- CR physics $1 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow 10^4 \text{ TeV}$
 - (p + He) spectrum at low energies
 - Knee region
 - p-air and p-p cross sections
 - Anisotropies
 - Multicore events
- CR \bar{p}/p flux ratio at TeV energies
- Solar and heliospheric physics

Physics with EAS

Gamma-ray astronomy

- large field of view (~ 2 sr)
- duty cycle ~100%
- energy threshold: few hundreds of GeV .

Cosmic ray physics

- Proton-air cross section measurement
- Anti-p /p ratio at energy \approx TeV with the Moon shadow
- Spectrum and composition up to $\approx 10^3$ TeV
- Anisotropy
- Sun shadow studies
- Atmospheric effects on showers (thunderstorms)

Scaler data

Countings of each cluster recorded every **0.5 s**

for 4 levels of coincidence: $n \geq 1, 2, 3, 4$

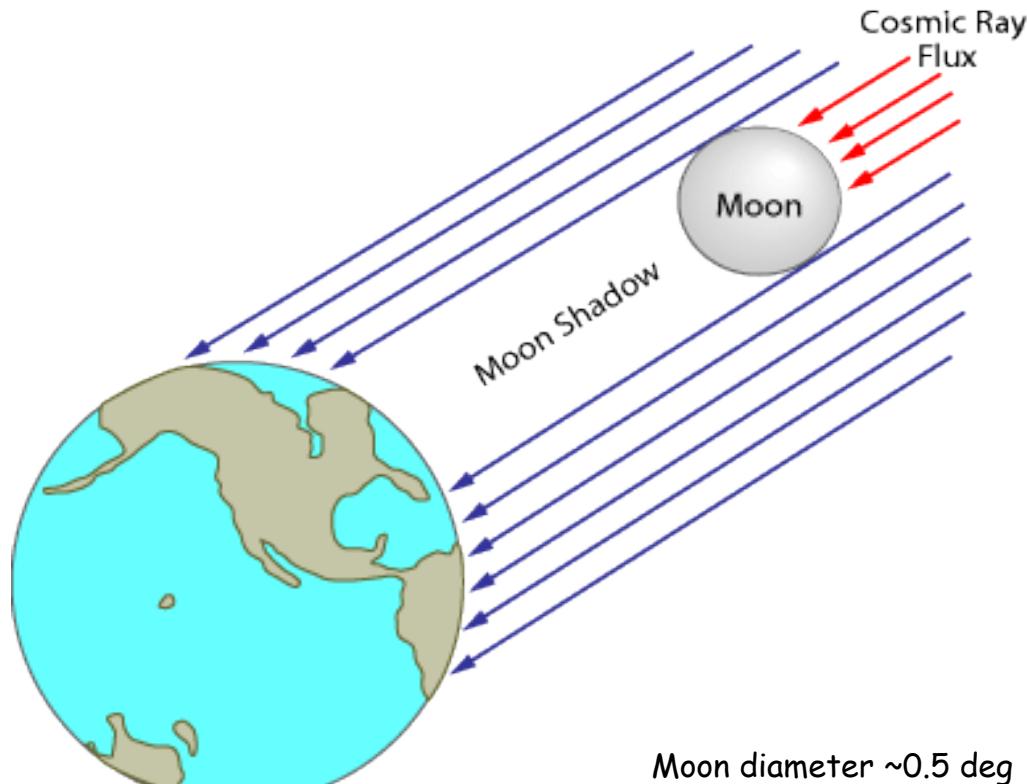
NO event reconstruction - **NO primary direction**

Physics: study of transient phenomena

- **Gamma Ray Bursts** in the 1-100 GeV energy range
- **Sun and Heliosphere physics** (solar flares, GLE...)
- **Atmospheric effects on cosmic rays** (thunderstorm)
- **Environmental studies** (Radon monitor)

AND detector monitoring

The Moon shadow



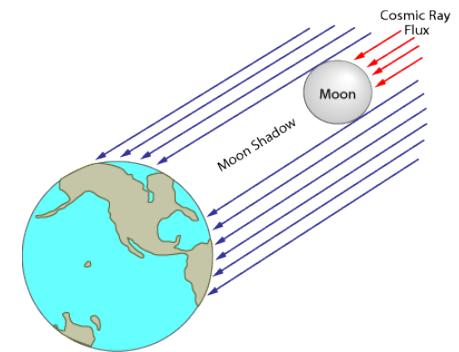
Deficit of cosmic rays in the Moon direction

The Moon shadow

An important tool to check the detector performances

- Size of the deficit \Rightarrow angular resolution
- Position \Rightarrow pointing accuracy
- West displacement \Rightarrow Energy calibration

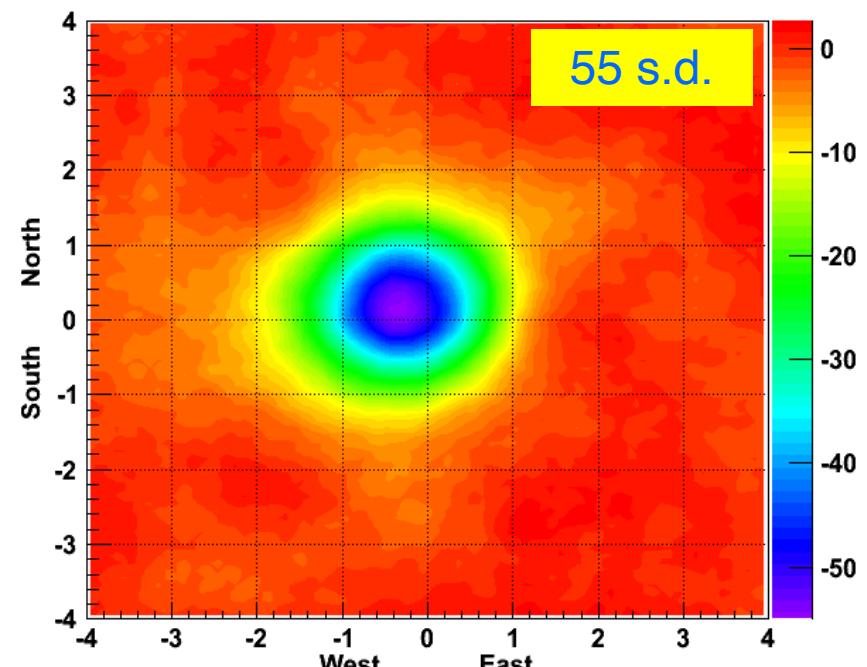
$$\text{Geomagnetic bending} \approx 1.57^\circ Z / E (\text{TeV})$$



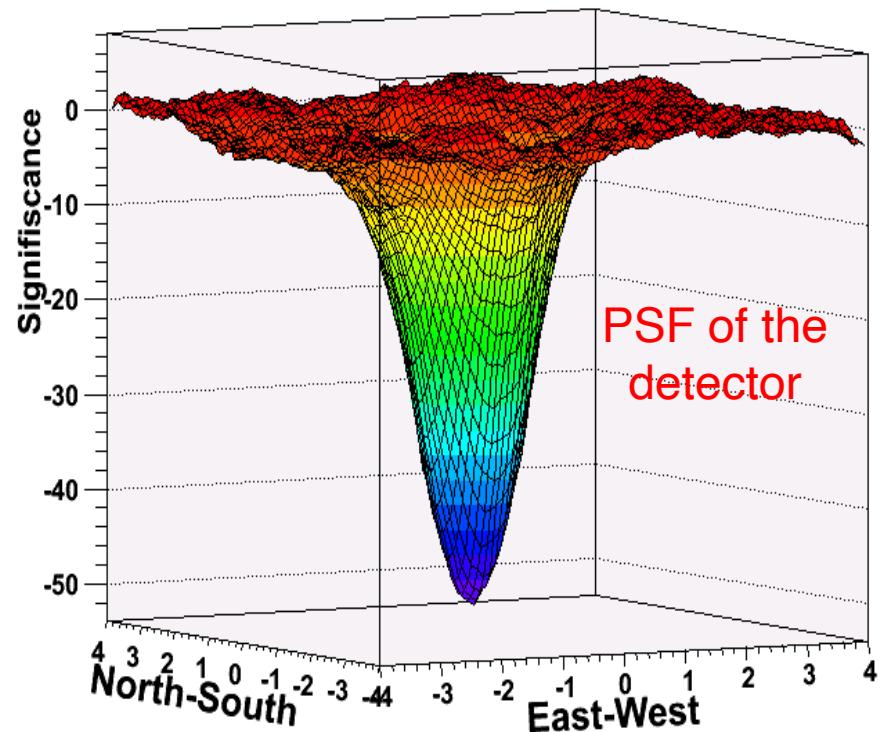
Physics: antiproton / proton ratio in cosmic rays (P.Camarri talk)

The Moon shadow

Data 2006 - 2009
3200 hours on-source

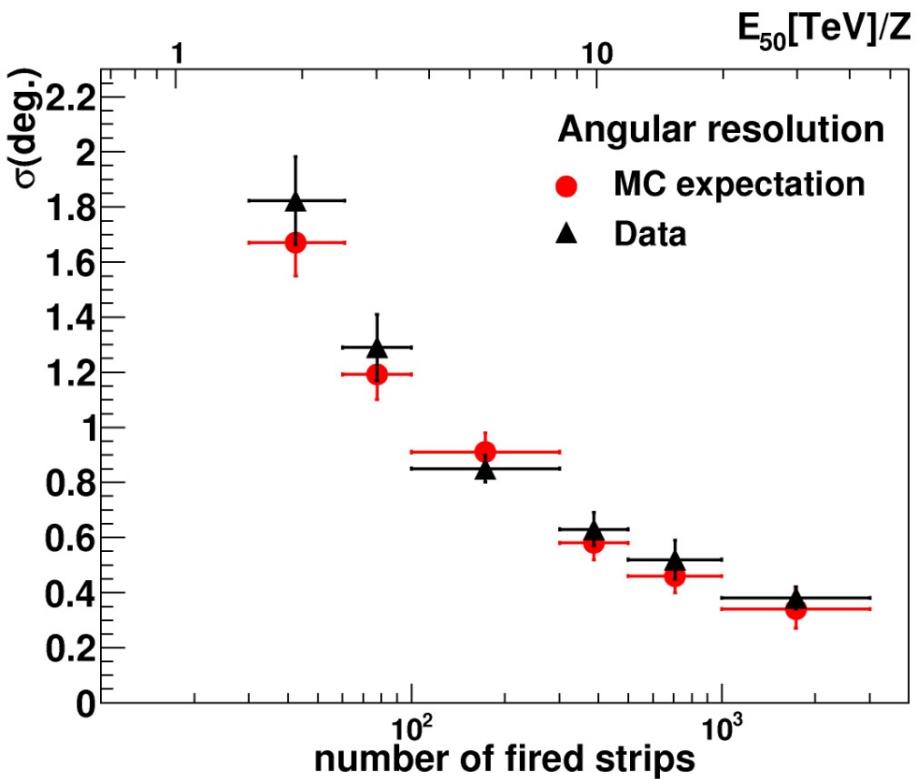


$N_{\text{hit}} > 100$

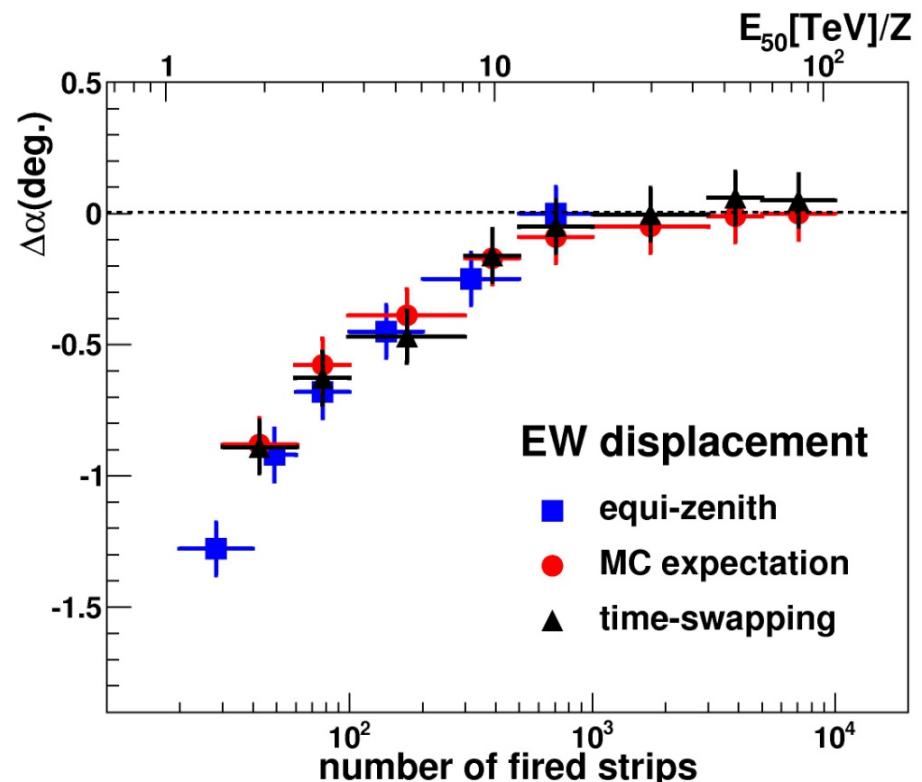


≈ 10 standard deviations /month

Angular Resolution



West displacement of the
Moon shadow caused by the
Geomagnetic field



Gamma Ray Astronomy

- Blazar Mrk421: 3 years of monitoring
- Galactic source MGRO J1908+06 : puzzling high flux
- Crab Nebula: flare in September 2010
- GRBs at GeV energies



Gamma ray astronomy

$N_{\text{hit}} > 40$ Very small showers !

$E_{\text{med}} \approx 1 \text{ TeV}$ for a spectrum slope 2.6

No gamma/hadron discrimination

Cosmic ray background determination:

- 1) Time swapping method
- 2) Equi-zenith method

Mrk421

3 years of monitoring

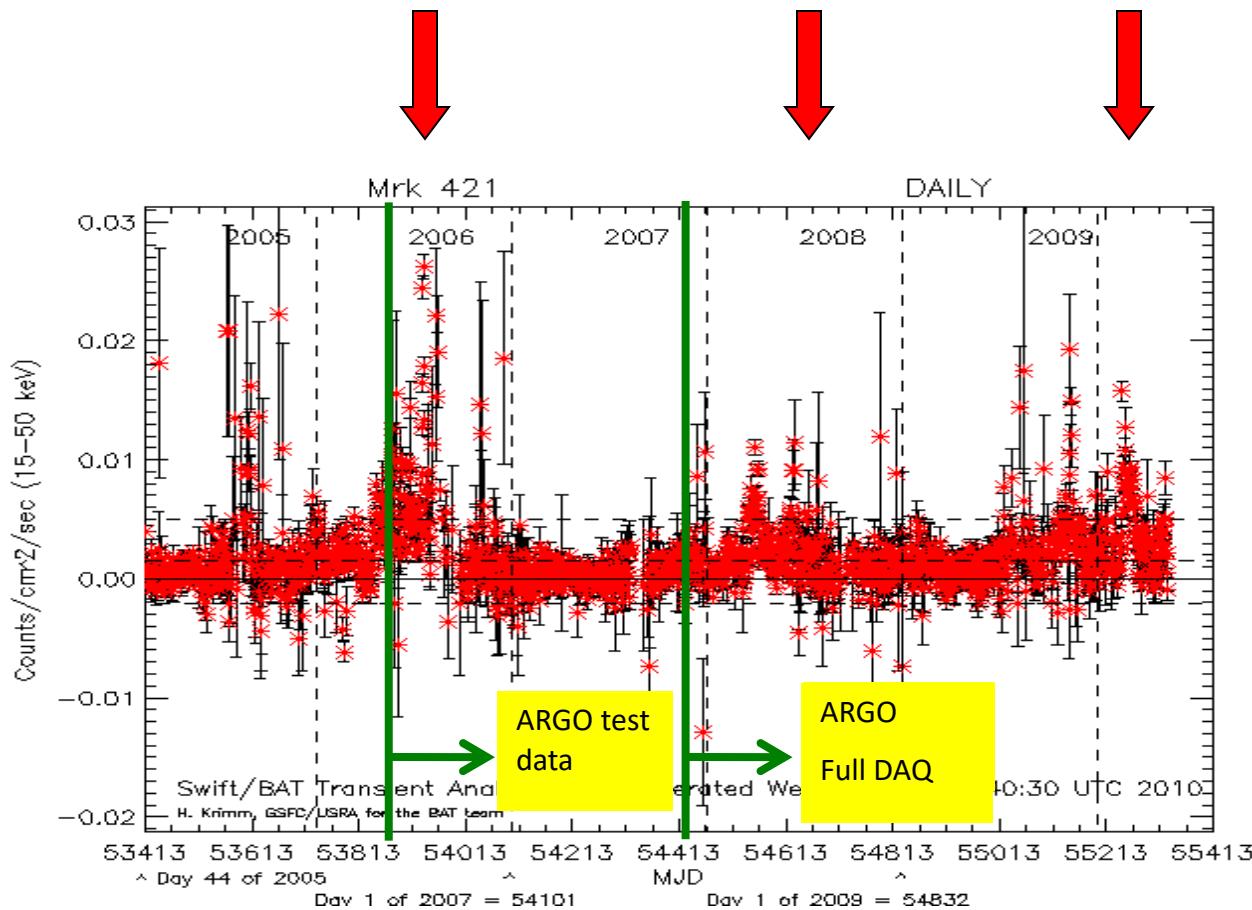
Mrk421 flaring activity

FLARES

July 2006

June 2008

Feb 2010

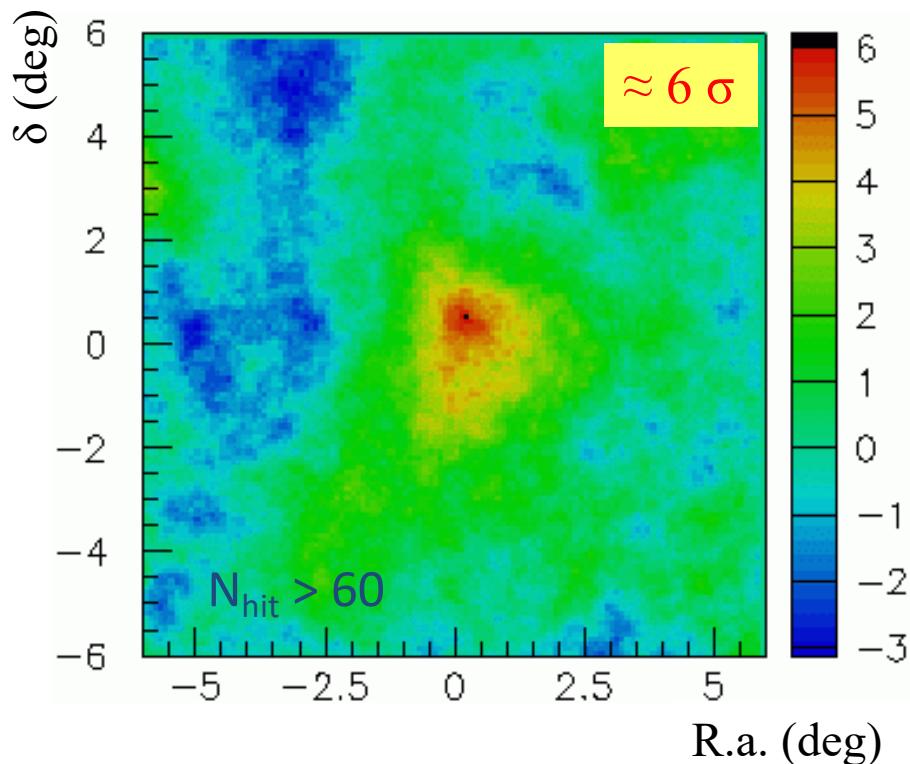


SWIFT
X-rays
(15-50 keV)

Mrk 421

the first source observed by ARGO

July 2006 flare



ARGO Test Data

2006 days 187-245 (110 hours)

Flux \approx 3-4 Crab

NO Cerenkov measurements at
that time

Mrk421

June 2008 flare from optical to TeV energies

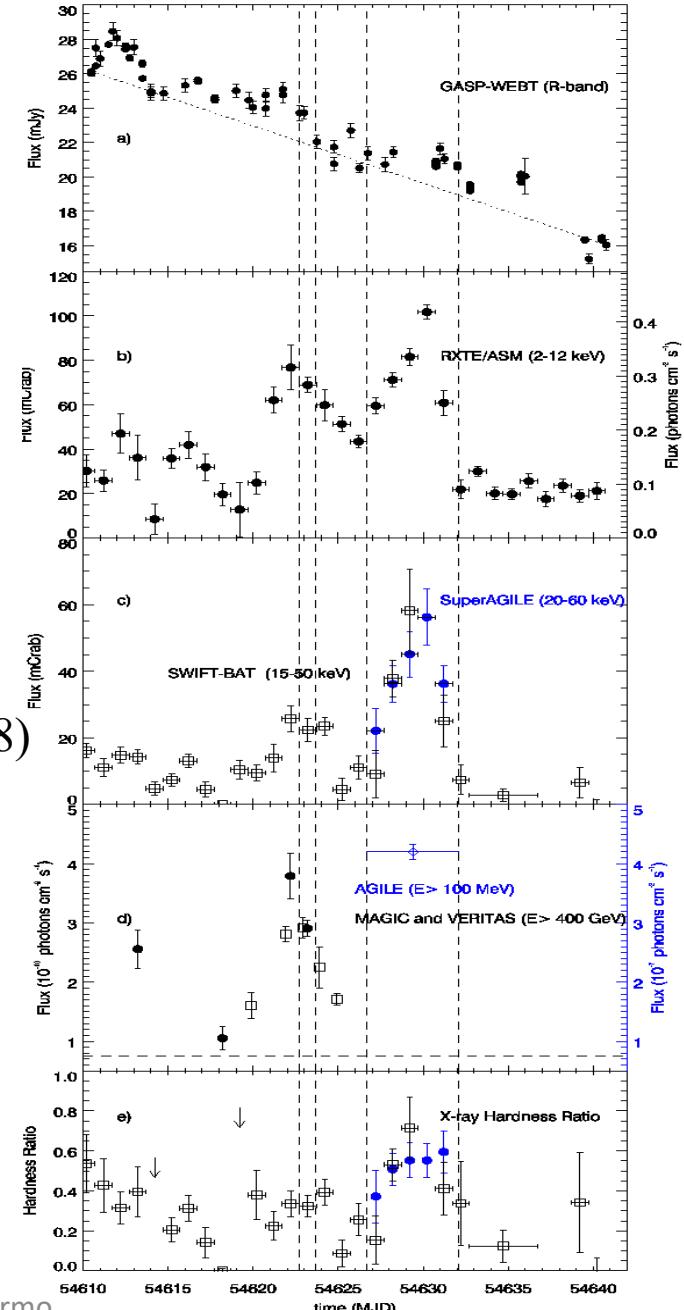
data from:

- GASP-WEBT (R-band)
- Rossi RXTE/ASM (2-12 keV)
- Swift/BAT (15-50 keV)
- SWIFT (UVOT & XRT; June 12-13)
- AGILE (E > 100 MeV; June 9-15)
- MAGIC and VERITAS (E > 400 GeV; May 27 - June 8)

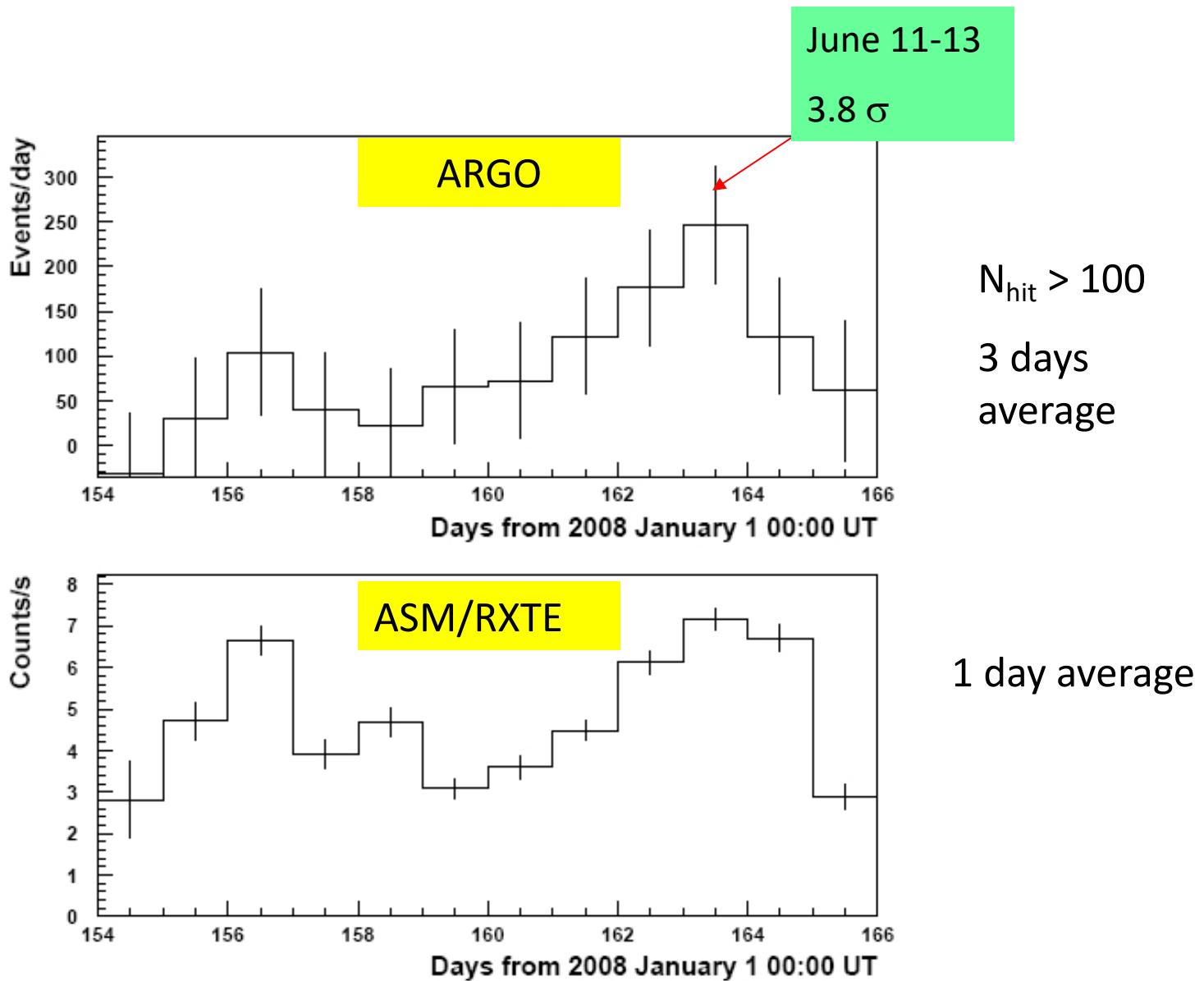
2 flaring episodes: June 3-8 and June 9-15

No Cherenkov data after June 8

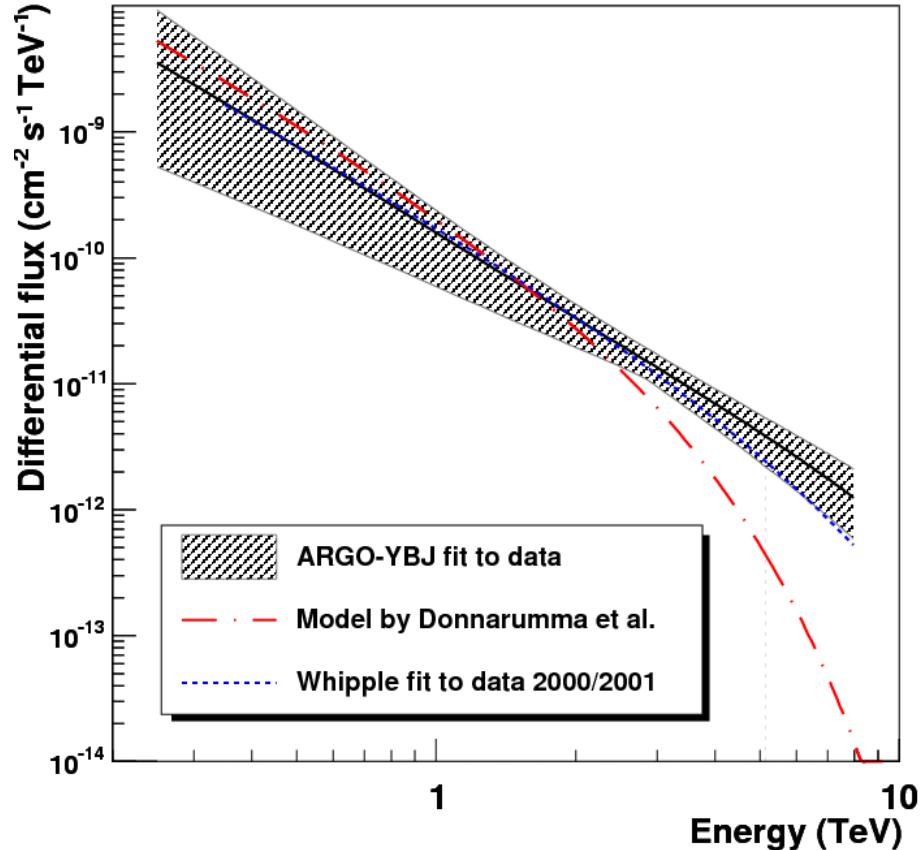
the moonlight hampered the Cherenkov telescopes measurements



Mrk 421 - June 2008 flare



Mrk421 11-13 June 2008 flare



The spectrum slope is consistent with that measured by Whipple in 2000/2001 observing a similar flare

Flux ($E > 1 \text{ TeV}$) $\sim 6 \text{ Crab}$

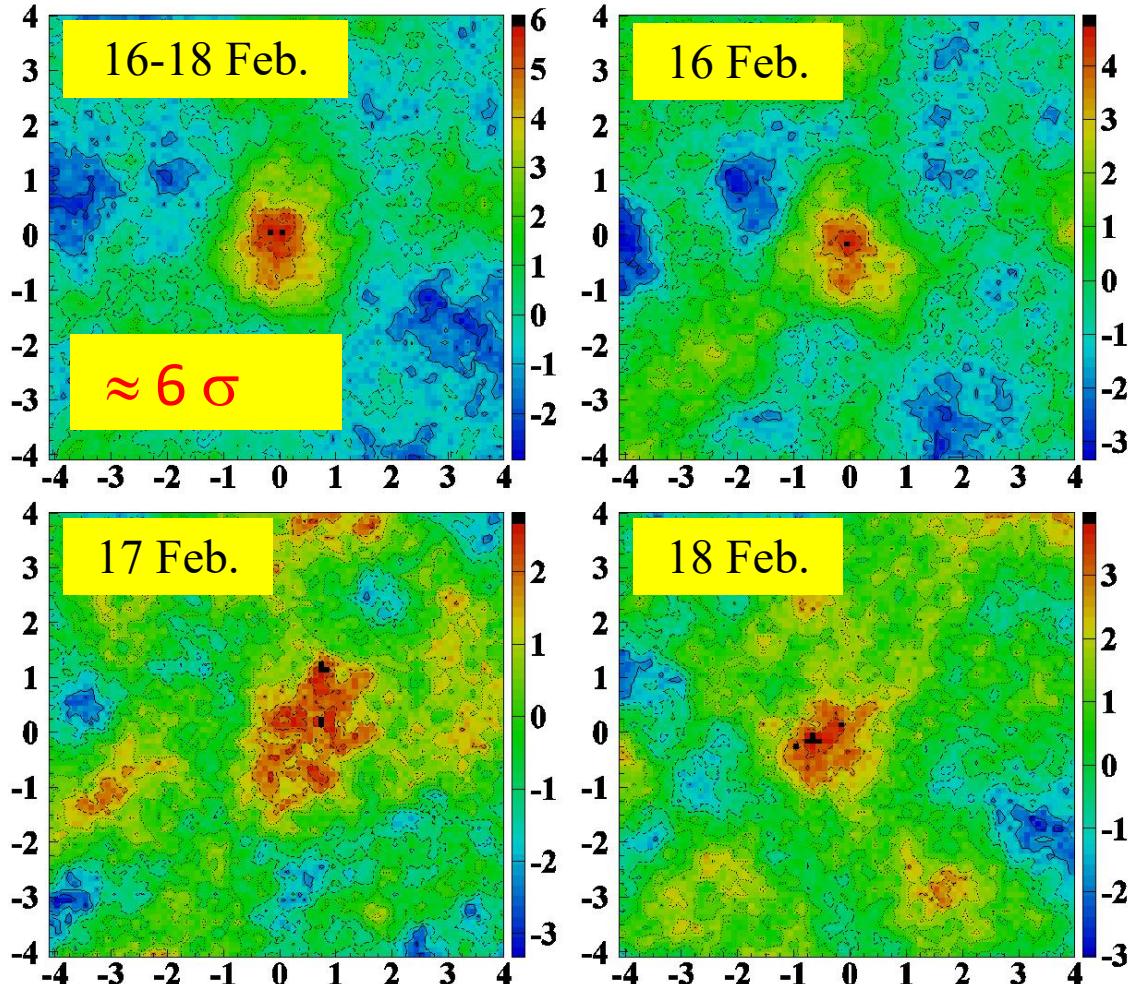
G. Aielli et al. – ApJL 714 (2010) L208

Power law spectrum + EBL absorption :

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = (3.2 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{-11} (E/2.5)^{-2.1 \pm 0.7} e^{-\tau(E)} \text{ ev cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

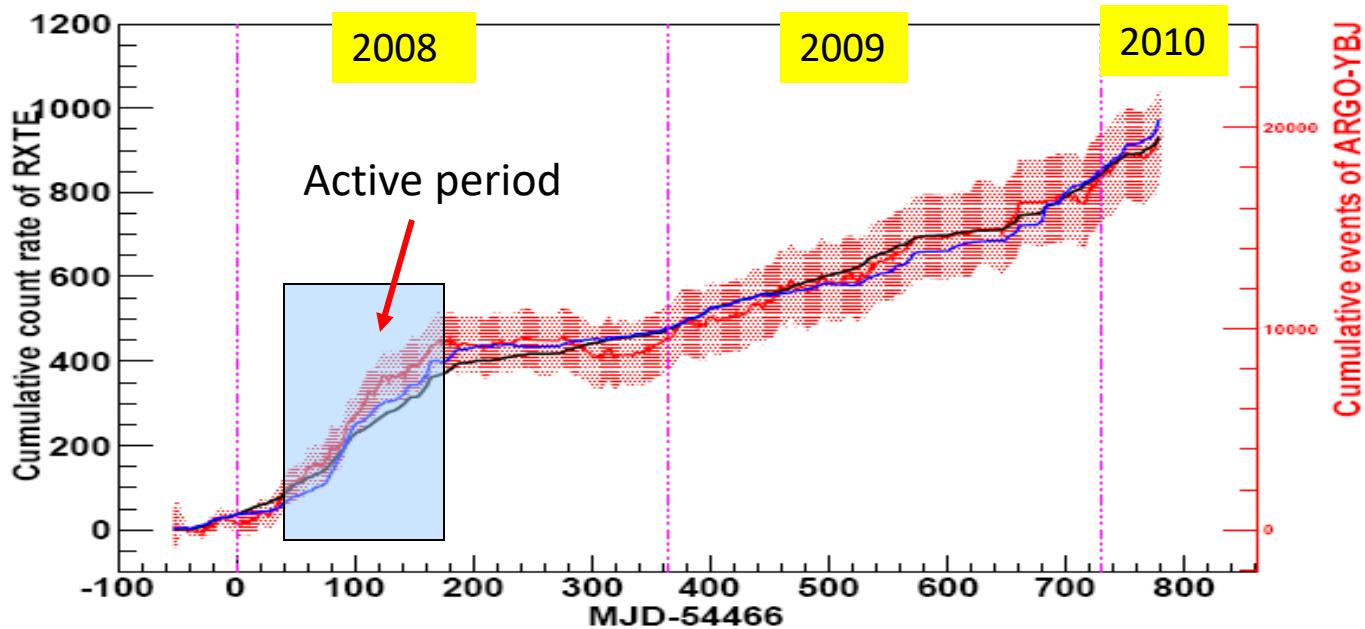
Mrk421 16-18 Feb 2010

- ARGO observed a strong flare on 16-18 Feb. at 6 s.d.
- Flux > 3 Crab
- Peak flux (16 Feb) > 10 Crab
- For the first time an EAS-array observed a TeV flare at $4-5\sigma$ on a daily basis.
- VERITAS reported similar observation in Atel #2443.



Mrk421 - Correlation with X-rays

Integral counting rate



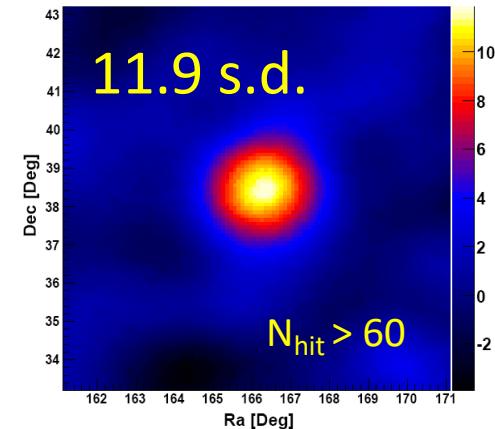
— TeV γ rays ARGO

— X- rays 2-12 KeV RXTE/AMS

— X –rays 15-30 KeV SWIFT/BAT

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Data sample:

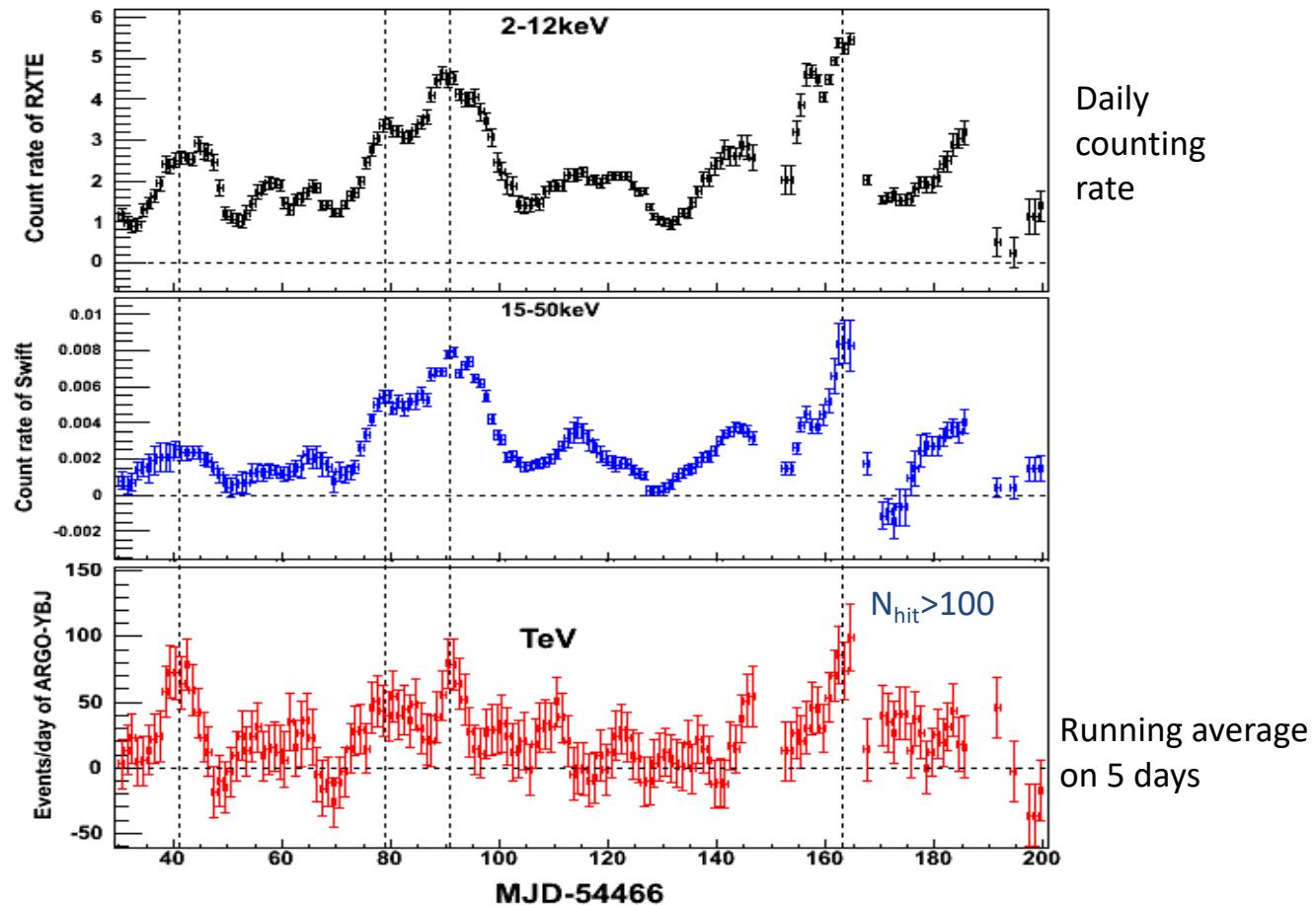
- Nov 2007 – Feb 2010
- effective time: 676 days

Ligh curve during the 2008 active period

RXTE

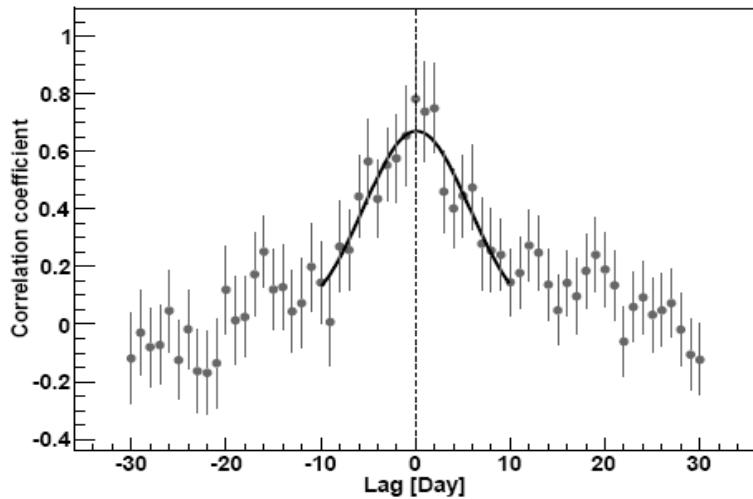
SWIFT

ARGO



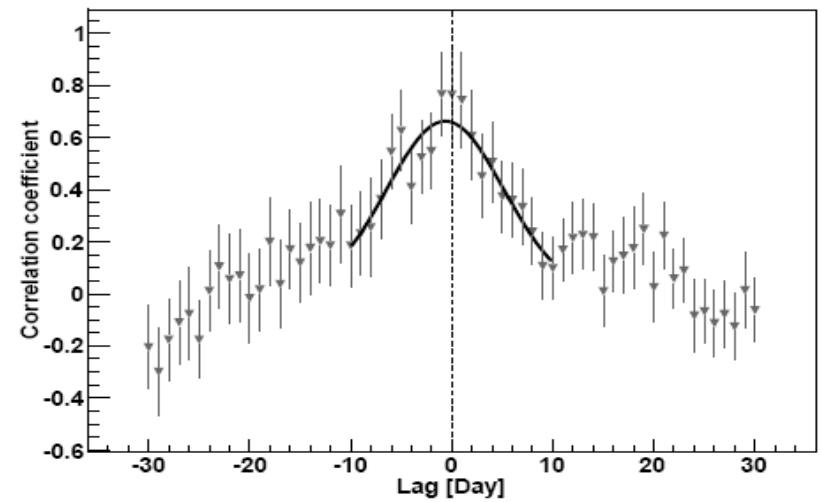
Correlation between X-rays and gamma rays

Correlation coefficient vs. time lag



RXTE & ARGO

Time lag = 0.11 ± 0.55 days

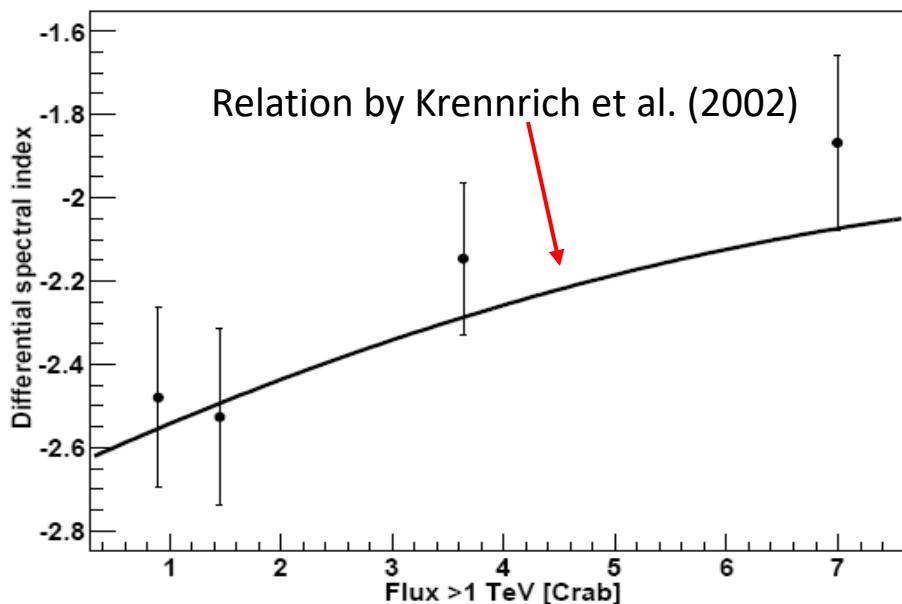


Swift & ARGO

Time lag = -0.65 ± 0.61 days

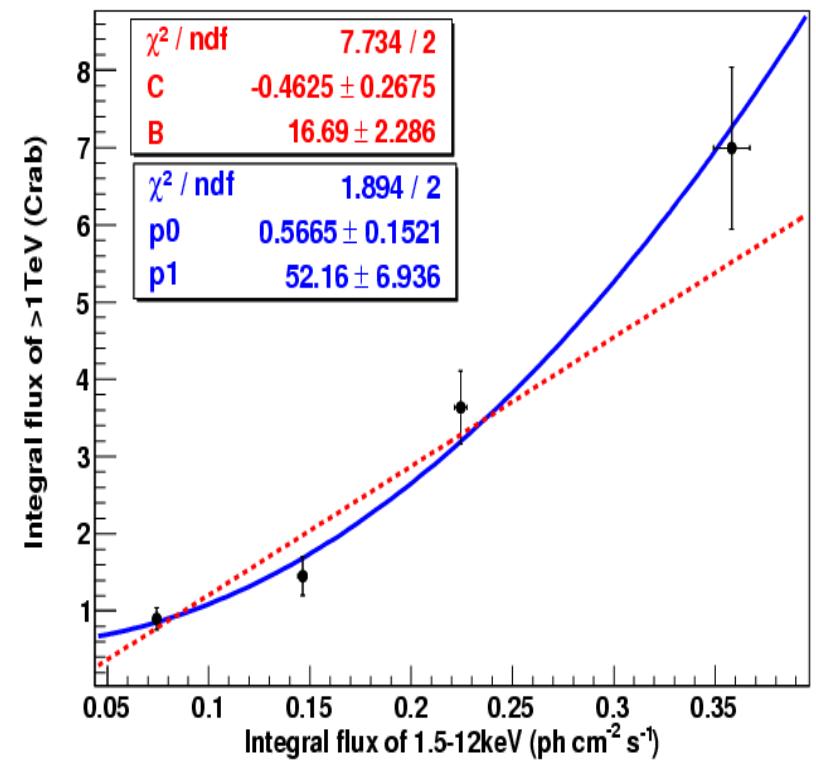
General spectral features

Spectral index vs. flux



The TeV spectrum hardens increasing the flux

TeV flux vs. X-ray flux

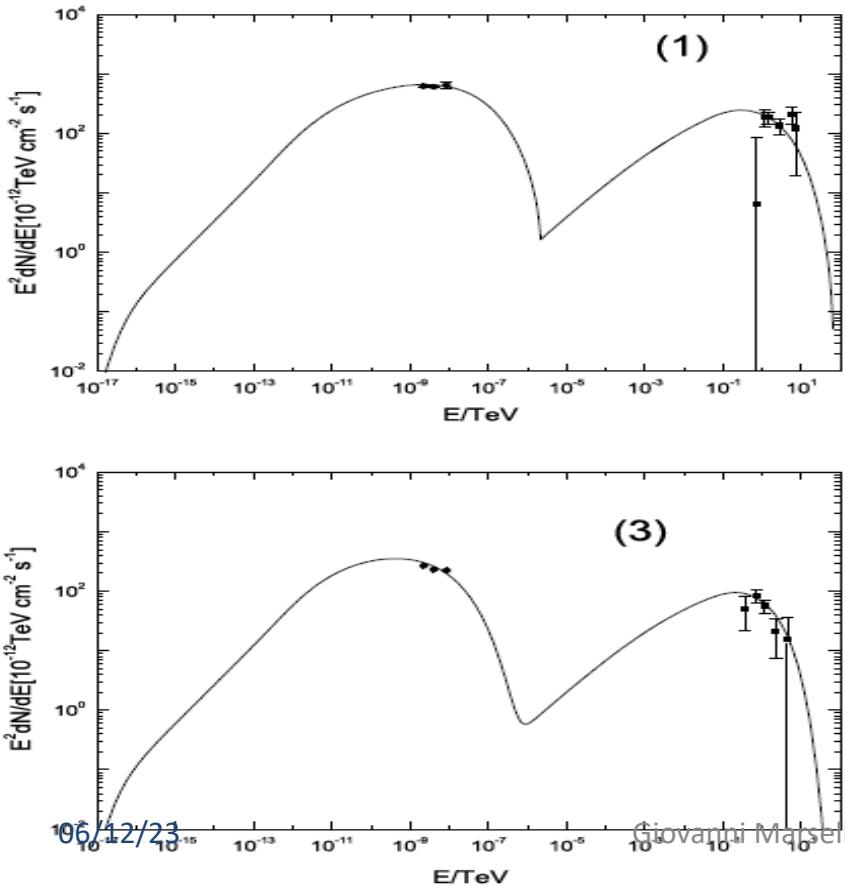


The relation between TeV and X-ray fluxes seems to be quadratic

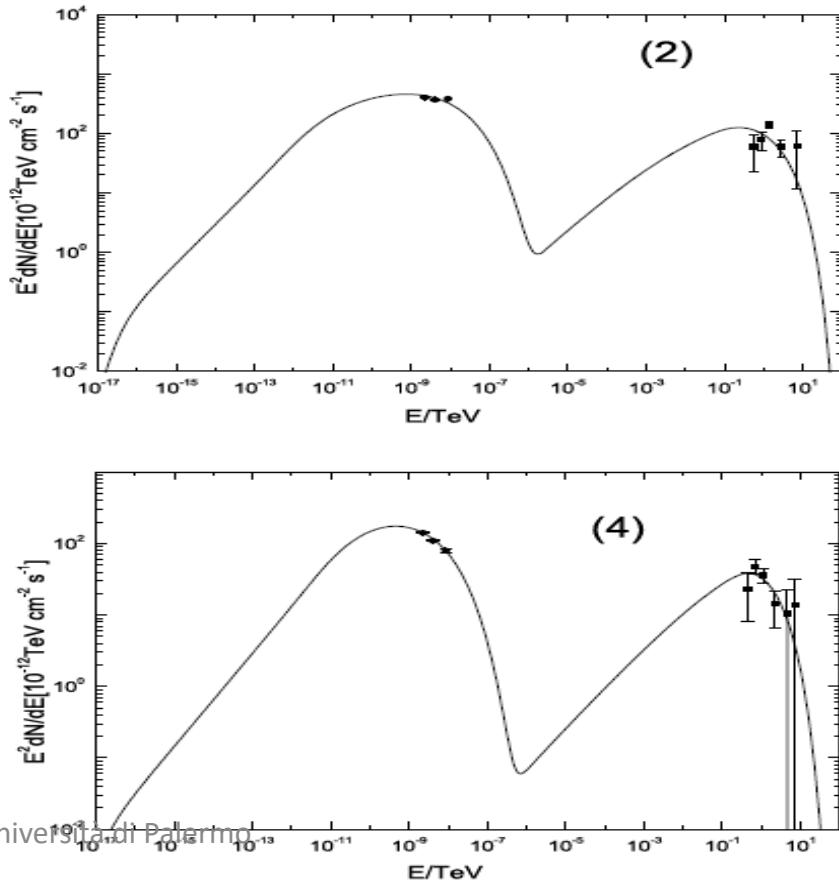
Spectral Modeling

One-zone SSC model

(Mastichiadis & Kirk, 1997, Yang et al., 2008)



flux level	γ_{max}	L_e	B (G)	R (cm)	δ	α
1	2×10^6	1.4×10^{-5}	0.15	5×10^{16}	15	1.7
2	1×10^6	1×10^{-5}	0.15	5×10^{16}	15	1.7
3	7×10^5	1×10^{-5}	0.15	5×10^{16}	15	1.7
4	7×10^5	6×10^{-6}	0.08	5×10^{16}	16	1.7



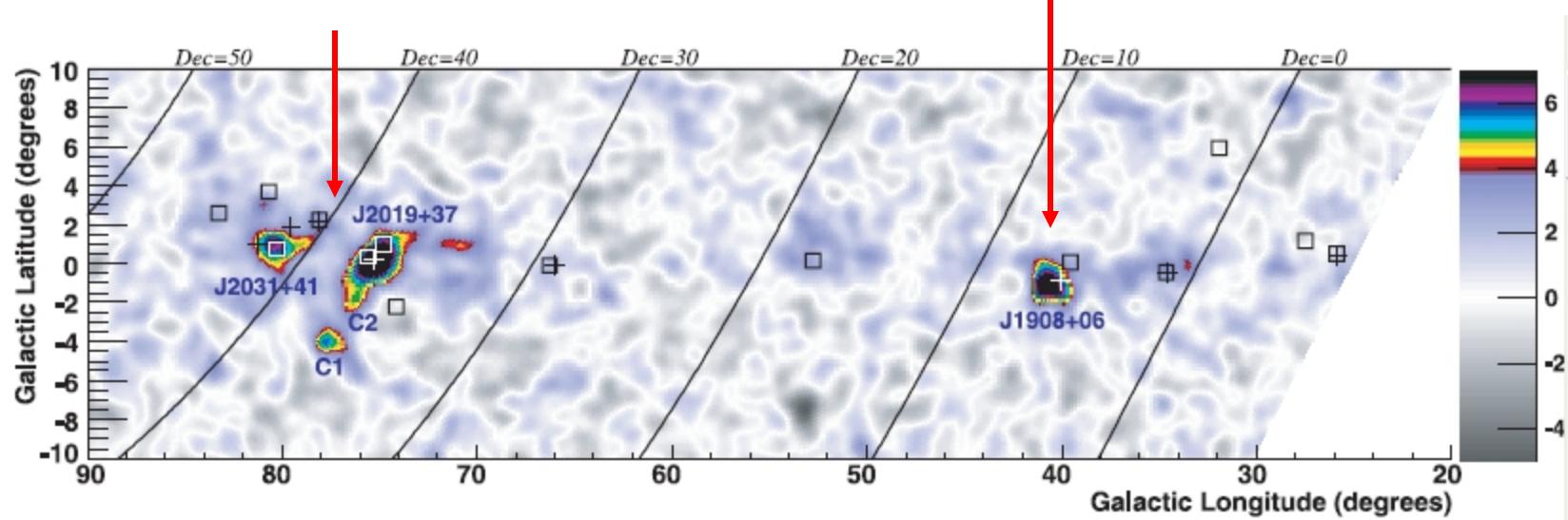
A puzzling source

MGRO J1908+06

MILAGRO galactic plane survey

Cygnus region

MGRO J1908+06



2000-2006 data

Abdo et al., 2007

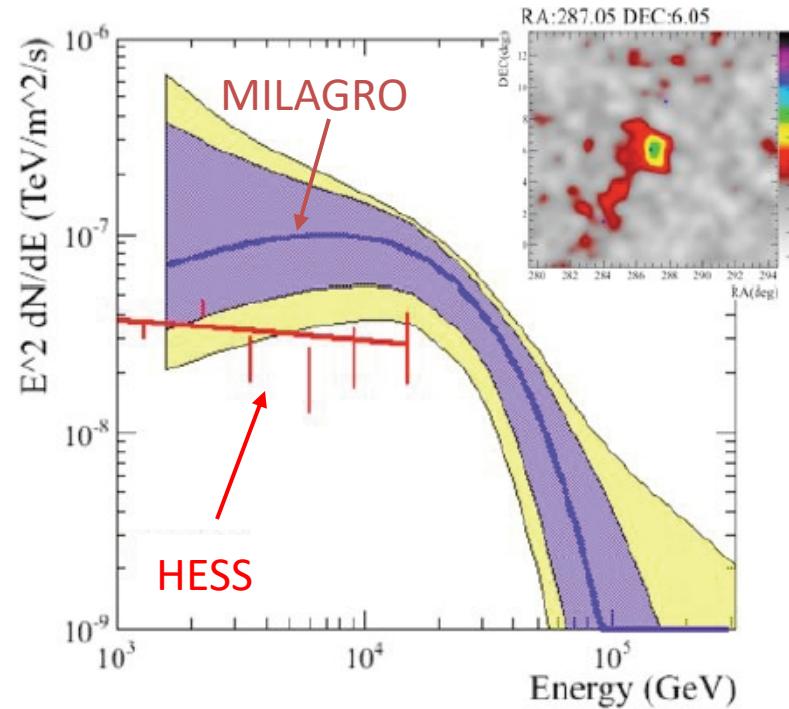
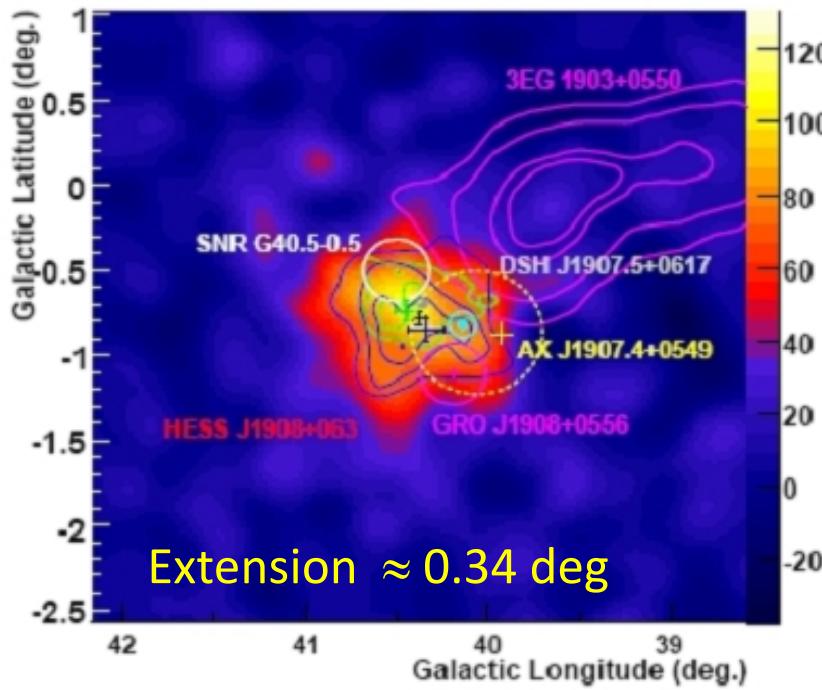
Median energy \approx 20 TeV

Extended source: extension < 2.6 deg

Flux \approx 80% Crab

MGRO J1908+06 confirmed by HESS (2009)

Inside the nebula FERMI detected a pulsar with period 106.6 ms



HESS spectrum:

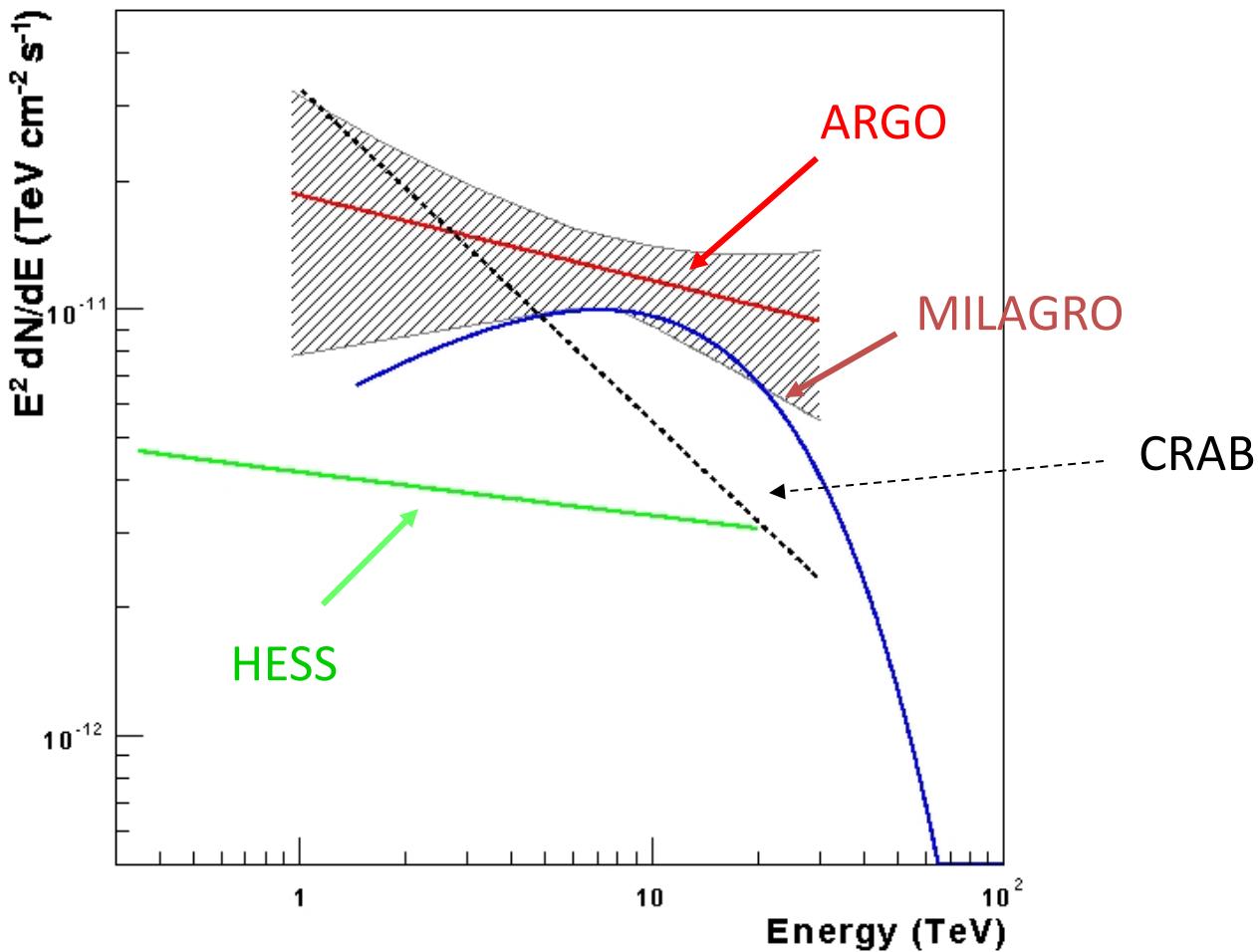
$$dN/dE = 4.14 \cdot 10^{-12} E^{-2.1} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

Milagro spectrum:

$$dN/dE = 6.2 \cdot 10^{-12} E^{-1.5} \exp(-E/14.1) \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

Energy spectrum

Assumed a power law spectrum



$$dN/dE = (3.6 \pm 0.8) \cdot 10^{-13} (E/6 \text{ TeV})^{-2.2 \pm 0.3} \text{ ph sec}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

How to interpret this result ?

- 1) ARGO and Milagro integrate over a larger solid angle and detect something more than HESS
- 2) The source is variable

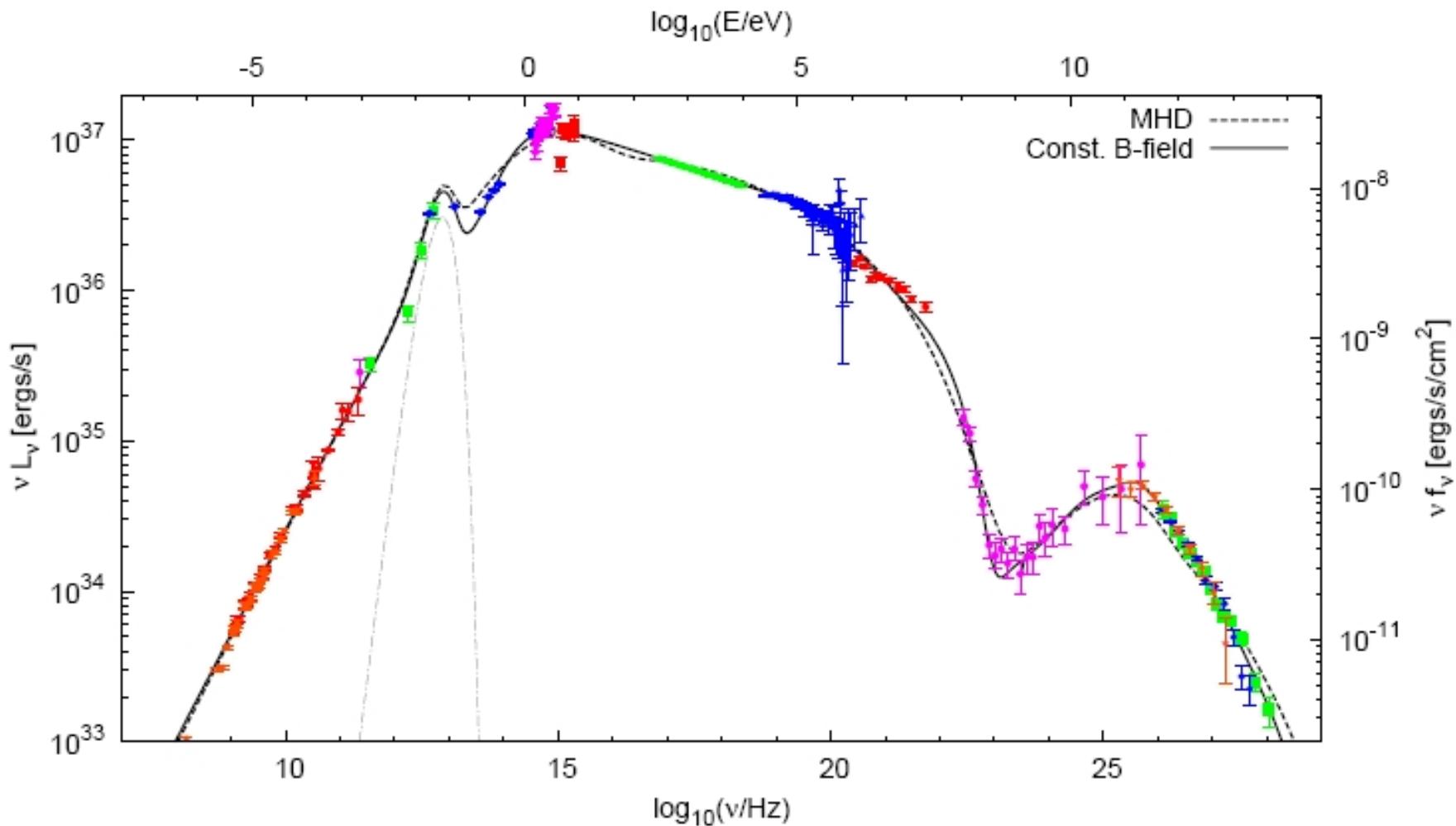
Crab Nebula

still a standard candle ?

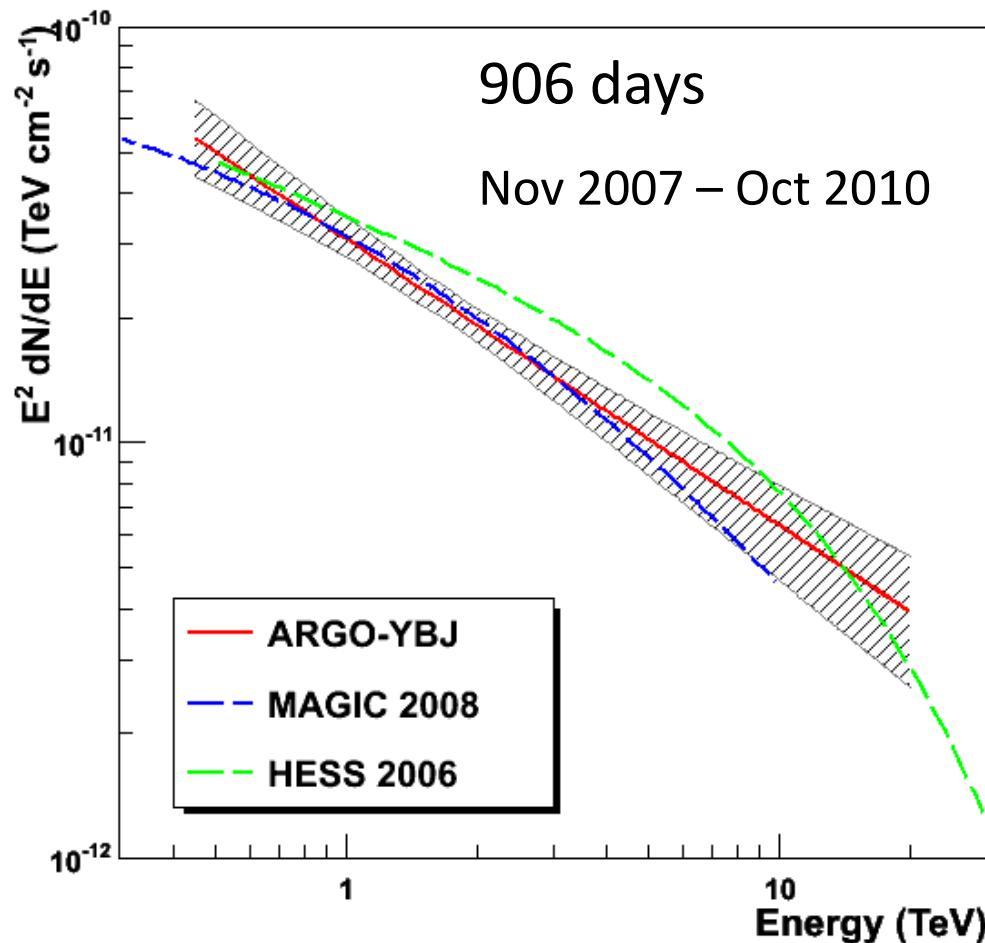


HST

Multiwavelenght Crab Nebula SED



Crab Nebula



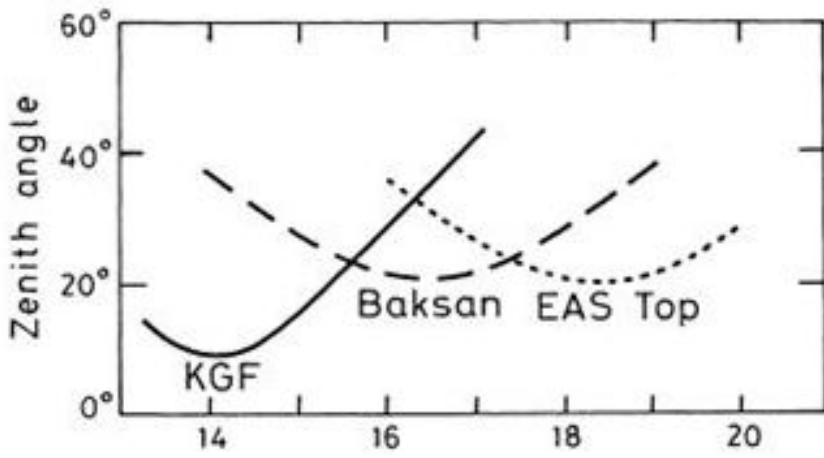
ARGO observes the Crab Nebula for ≈ 5 hours/day in average

$\approx 4 \sigma$ in 750 h

$$dN/dE = 3.1 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-11} E^{-2.7 \pm 0.14} \text{ ev cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

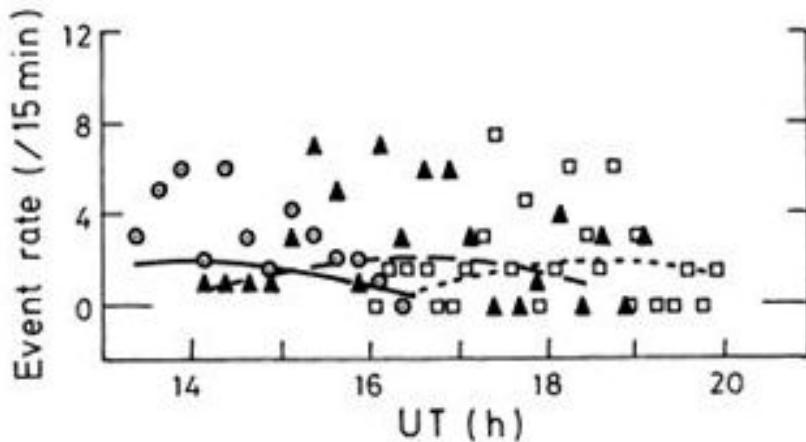
Crab Nebula flare at 100 TeV ?

23 February 1989



- KGF (India) 3.4σ
- Baksan (USSR) $3-4 \sigma$
- EASTOP (Italy) 2.3σ

chance probability $\approx 10^{-5} - 10^{-7}$



KGF flux (> 100 TeV) =

$1.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ } 10^{-11} \text{ ev cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$!!!!

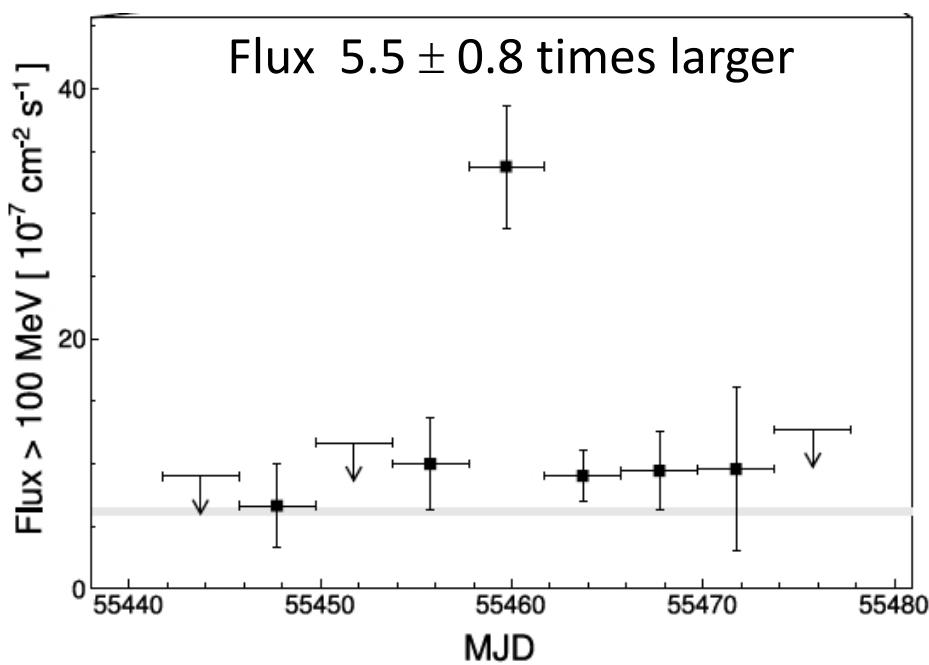
Flare duration ≈ 7 h

Flare on September 19th

Detected by AGILE duration 2-3 days 4.8σ (ATel #2855)

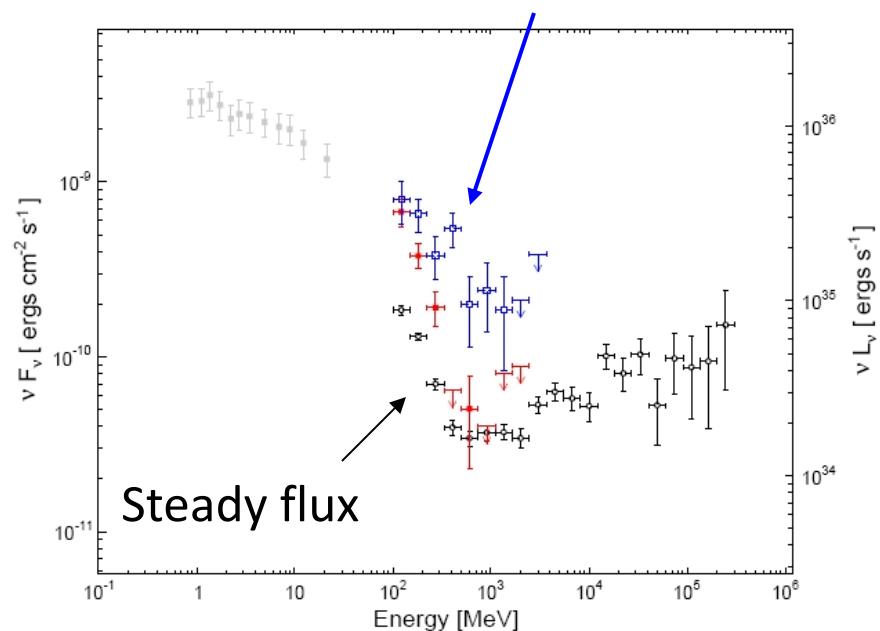
Confirmed by Fermi duration 4 days $> 10\sigma$ (ATel #2861)

Fermi Light Curve $E > 100$ MeV



Abdo et al. 2010
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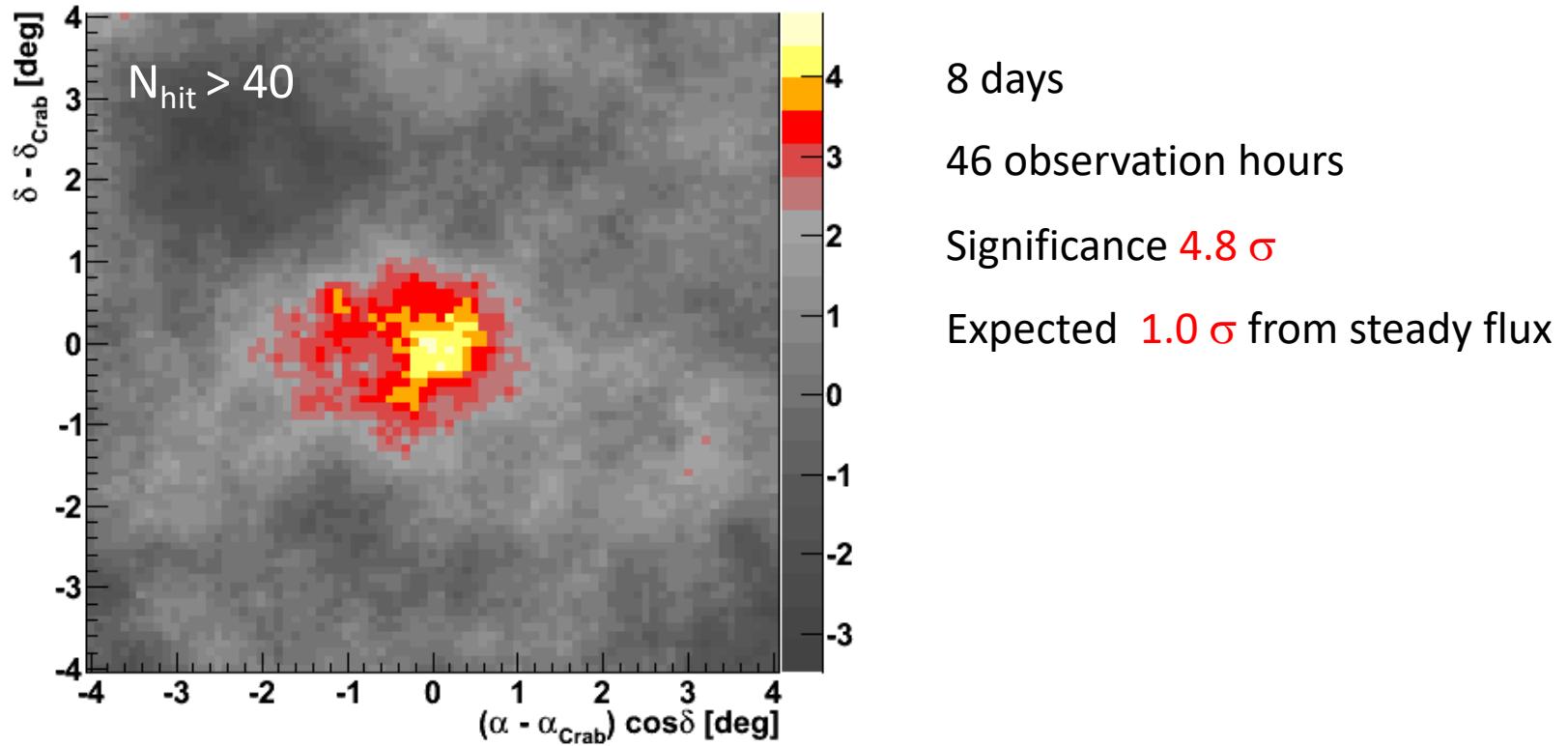
Fermi SED



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Fermi flare spectrum $\propto E^{-2.7 \pm 0.2}$

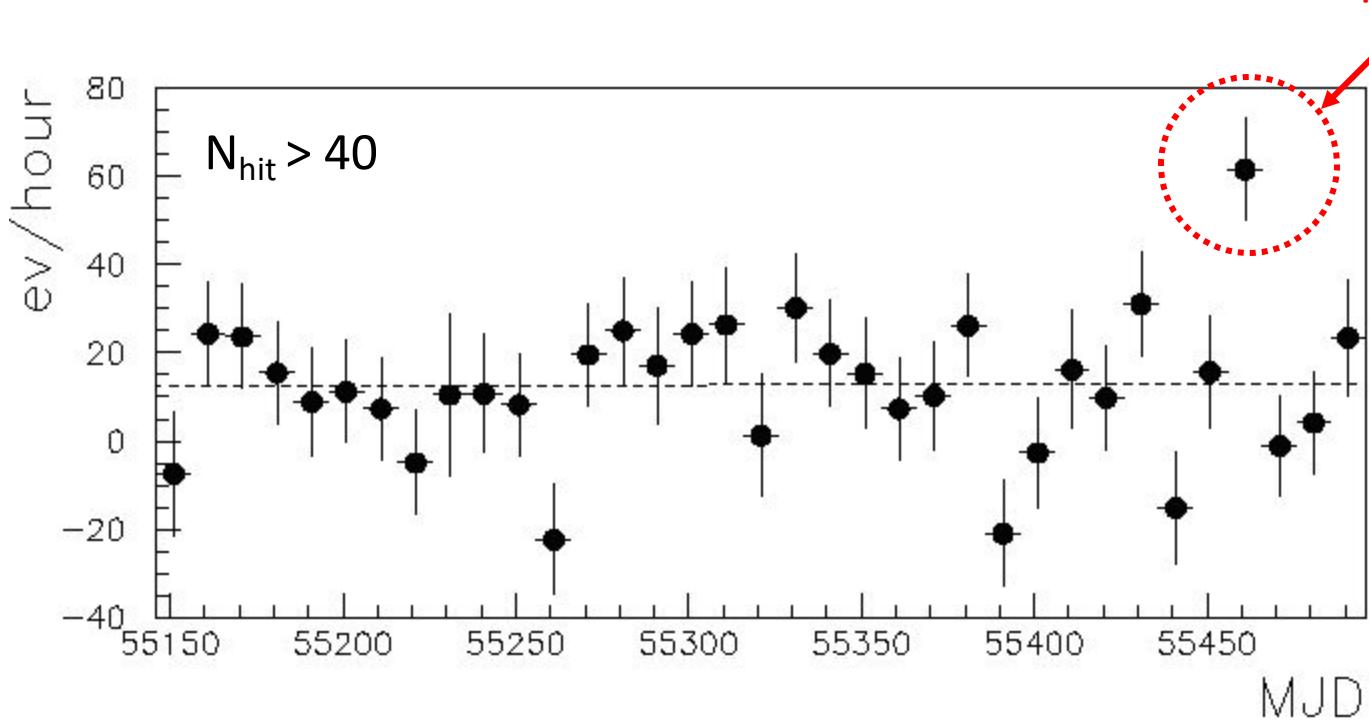
Crab Nebula 19-26 September



Chance probability: $p = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$

Crab light curve - 10 days bin

September 17-26



In 10 days: 61 ± 11 ev/h

Significance 5.4σ (expected 1.1σ)

Chance probability $p = 7.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Observation by Cherenkov telescopes

Magic 58 min on Sept. 20 (ATel #2967)

Veritas 6×20 min on Sept 17-20 (ATel #2968)

No flux enhancement observed

After Sept 20 no Cherenkov observations because of the Moon

These observations do not overlap ARGO measurements due to the different longitudes of the 3 detectors

2 ways to interpret the results

- 1) The ARGO excess is an unlucky fluctuation with a chance probability $p = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
- 2) The temporal structure of the flare is very complex

In case 2, there is job for theorists....

GRBs

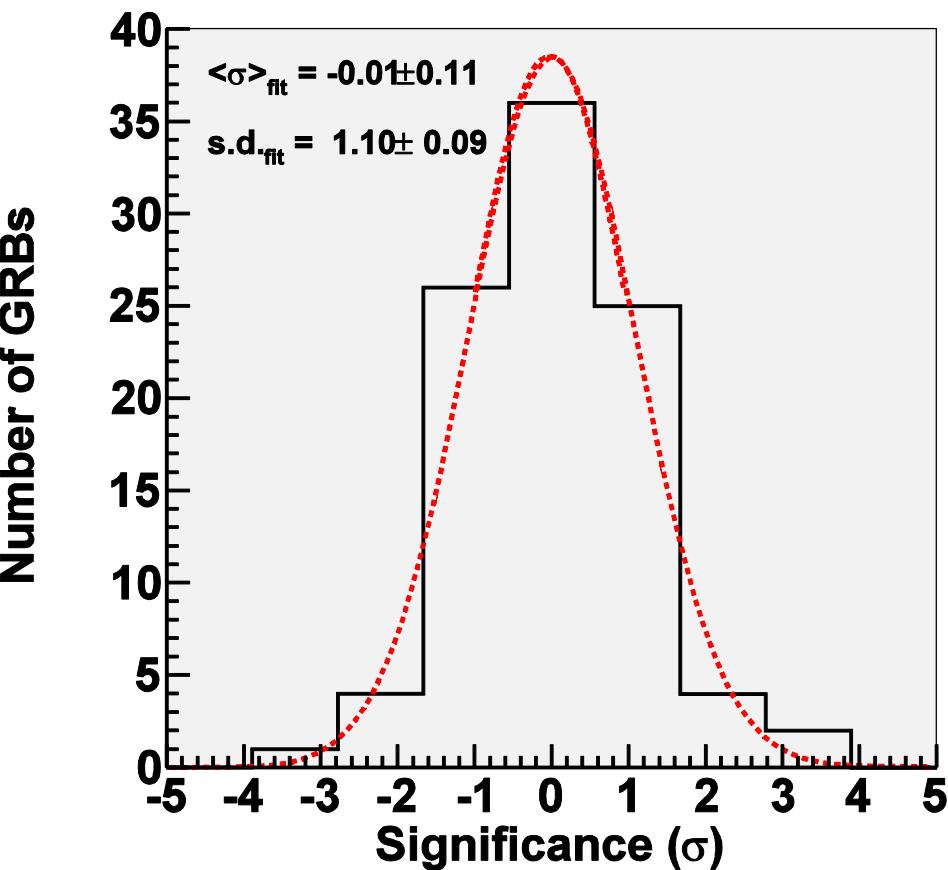
at $E \approx 1\text{-}100 \text{ GeV}$

GRB Sample

Dec 2004 – Oct 2010

- GRBs analyzed ($\theta < 45^\circ$): 98 (Swift & Fermi)
- With known redshift: 16
- Long duration GRBs (> 2s): 87
- Short duration GRBs ($\leq 2s$): 11

Significance distribution

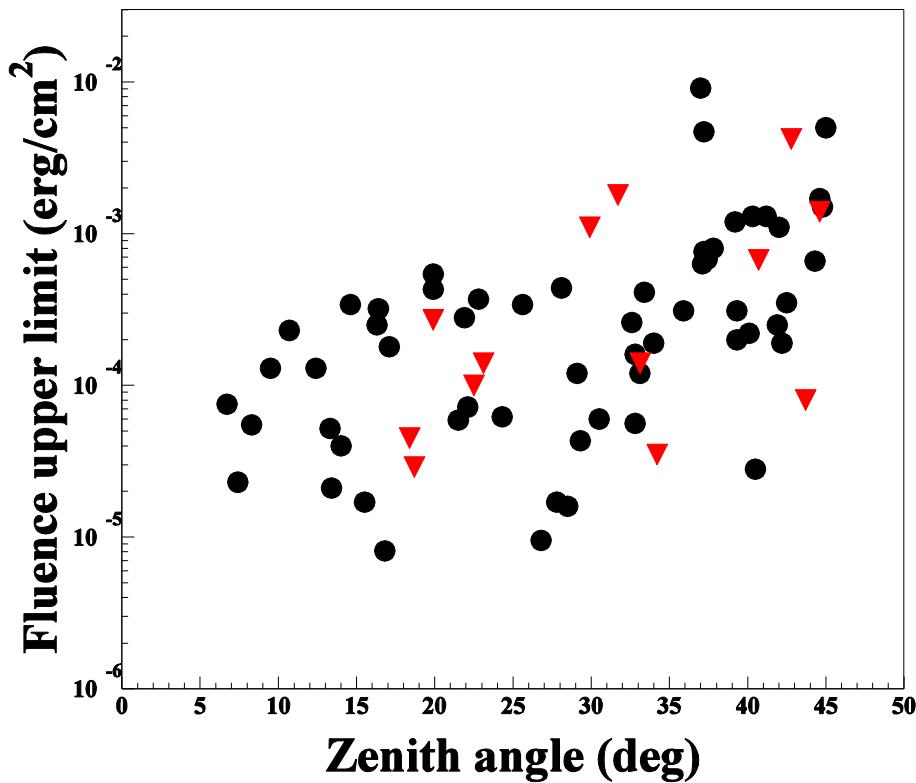


mean $\sigma = -0.01 \pm 0.11$
r.m.s = 1.1 ± 0.09

$\sigma_{\text{max}} = 3.52$ s.d.

2.2% chance
probability

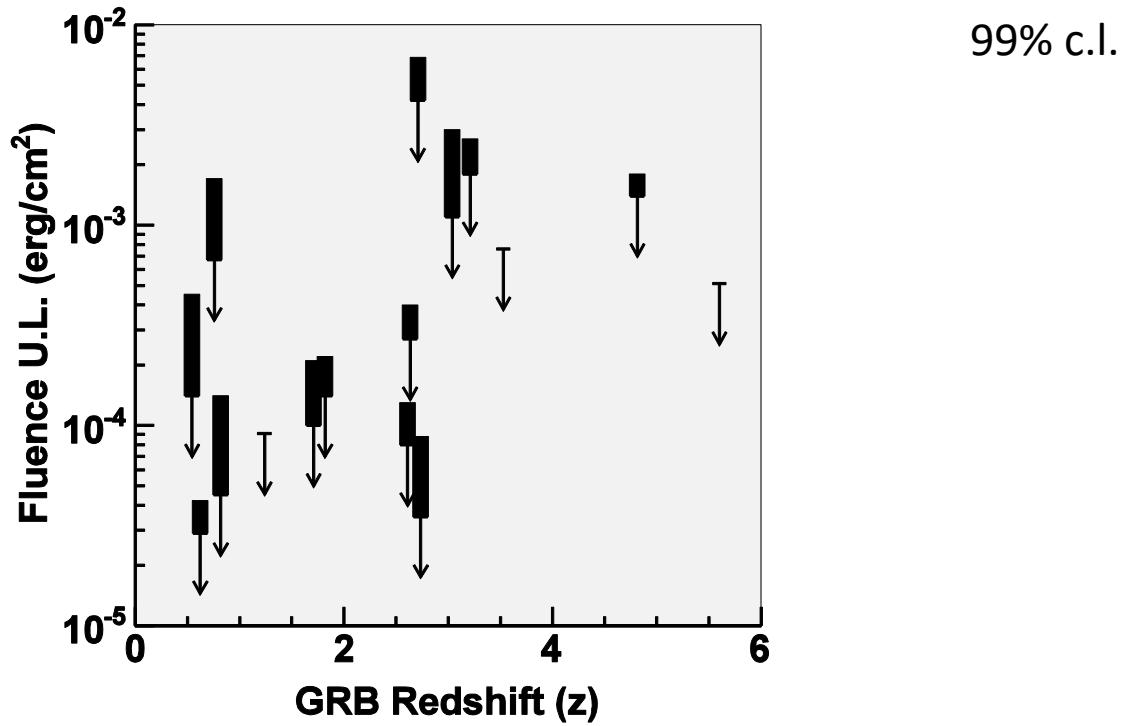
Fluence Upper Limits in the 1–100 GeV range



Fluence upper limits
(99% c.l.) obtained
extrapolating the power
law spectra measured
by satellites

Red triangles: GRBs with
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or $z = 1$ is assumed to
consider extragalactic
absorption (Kneiske et al.
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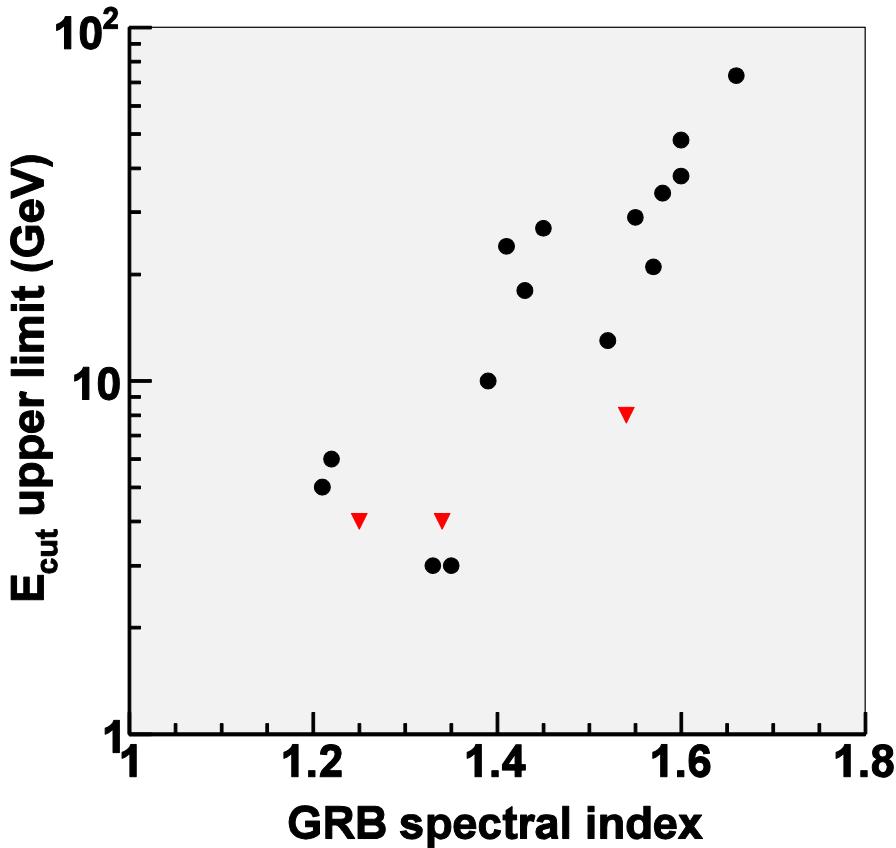
Fluence upper limits in the 1–100 GeV range for GRBs with known redshift



Assumption: power law spectra with indexes ranging from the value measured by satellites to 2.5
(only this latter case is considered for Cutoff Power Law spectra)

Upper limits to the cutoff energy

99% c.l.



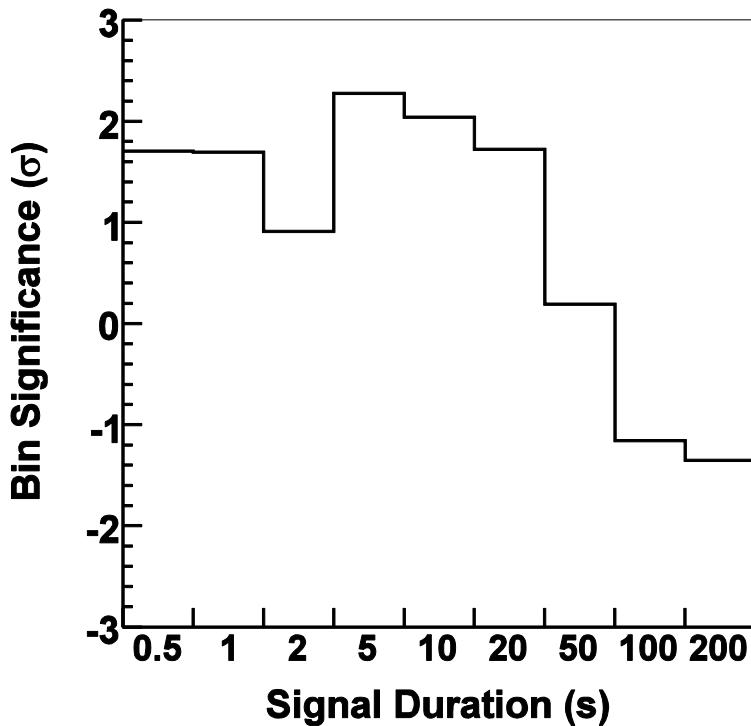
Assumption: power law spectra with the same index measured by satellites, up to E_{cut}

red triangles: GRBs with known redshift

GRBs stacked in time

The data of the first Δt seconds for all the GRBs have been added

$\Delta t = 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200$



no evidence of emission for
any Δt

Total significance: -0.68σ

(taking into account that the 9 bins
are non independent)

Results

ARGO has been taking data since Dec 2007 with duty cycle > 90%

- **Crab Nebula** : spectrum in agreement with other experiments
possible flare detected in coincidence with Agile & Fermi
- **Mrk421** : - continuously monitored
 - VHE flux correlated with X-rays
 - observed flares in 2006, 2008, 2010
 - flare in February 2010 detected in only one day
- **MGRO J1908+06** : measured extension and spectrum
 - observed flux larger than HESS one

GRBs: upper limits obtained for 98 events at energy 1-100 GeV

- Studies to increase the sensitivity are in progress
- Sky survey going on



HAWC

High Altitude Water Cherenkov
Gamma-Ray Observatory

Water Cherenkov Detector
Wide field, very high duty cycle
Sierra Negra, Mexico
(19° north, 4100m alt.)
300 water Cherenkov tanks
 $\sim 22,000\text{m}^2$ detection area
 $\sim 15x$ more sensitive than Milagro!

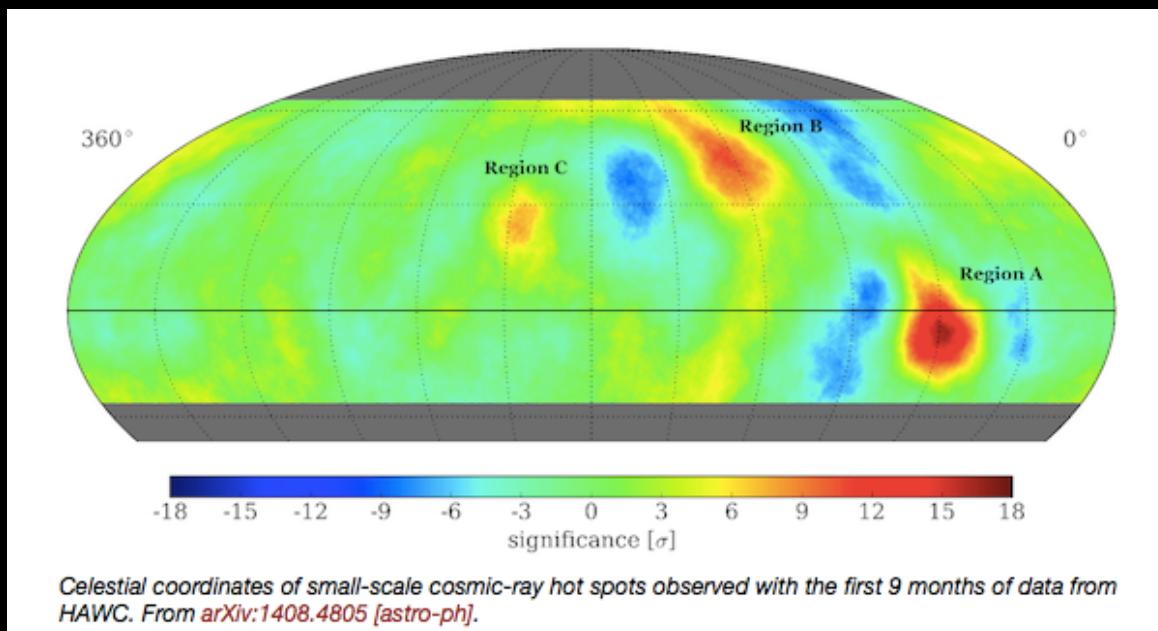


HAWC

- Instrument completion end 2014
- Physics already started:
 - ▶ Moon shadow and CR anisotropy
 - ▶ Narrow miss with GRB 130427A ($z=0.34$)



X01, the 300th HAWC tank to be deployed at Sierra Negra, is completed on Dec. 15, 2014 (see breaking news).



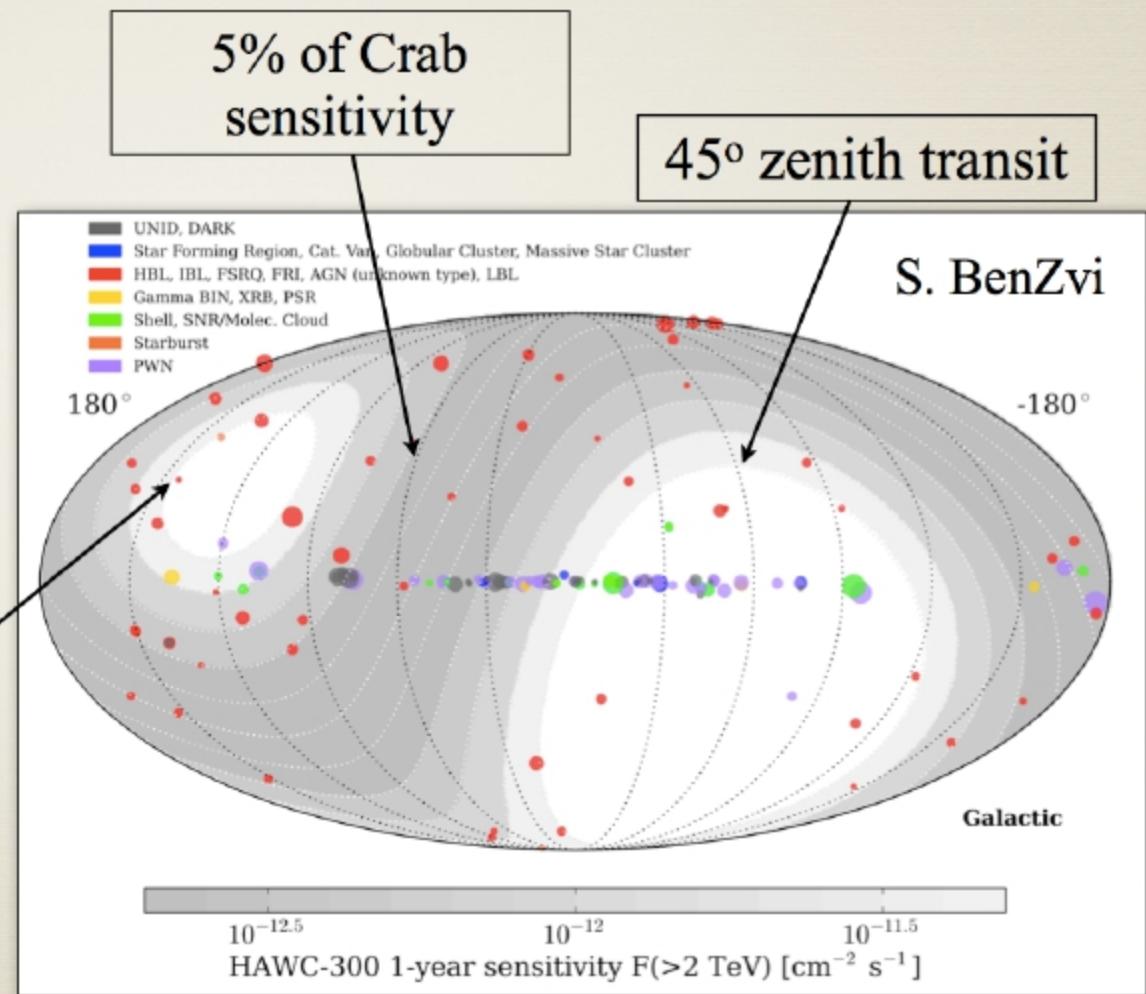
HAWC Sky Coverage

- Same sky viewed by IceCube
- Simultaneous sky with VERITAS
- Crab Nebula overhead
- Galactic center visible ($\sim 45^\circ$ transit)

Declination 75°

5% of Crab sensitivity

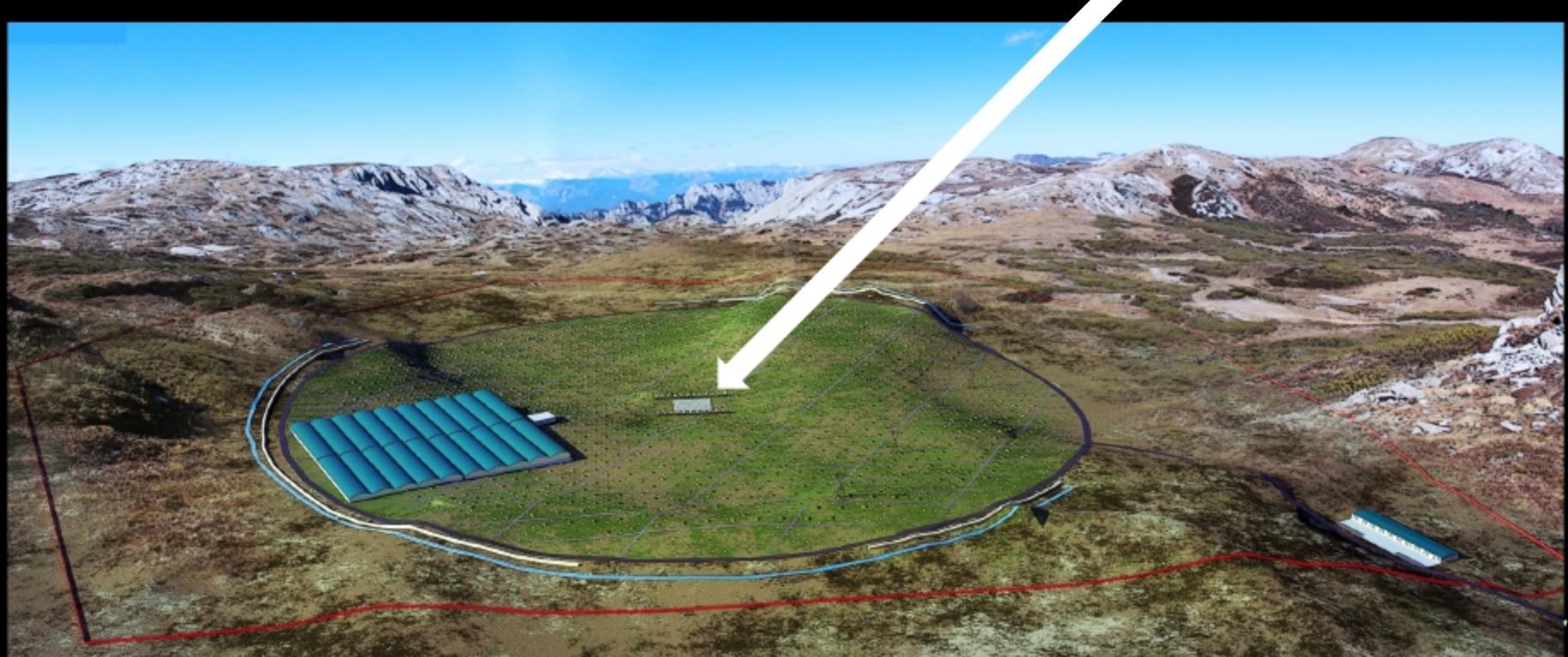
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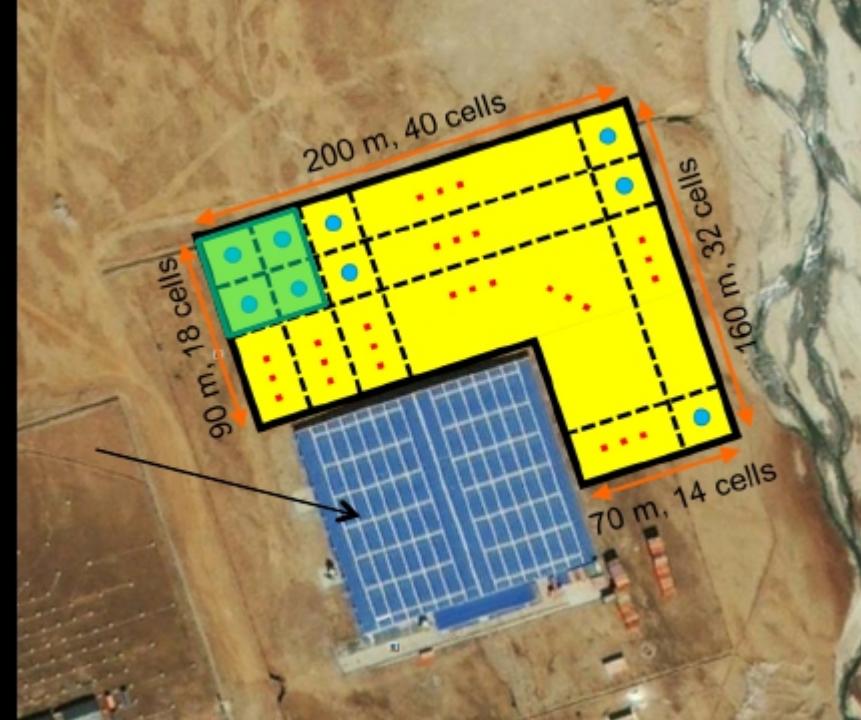
Gamma-ray surveys &
Cosmic ray studies

90k m² Water Cherenkov dets
1 km² Surface EAS detector array
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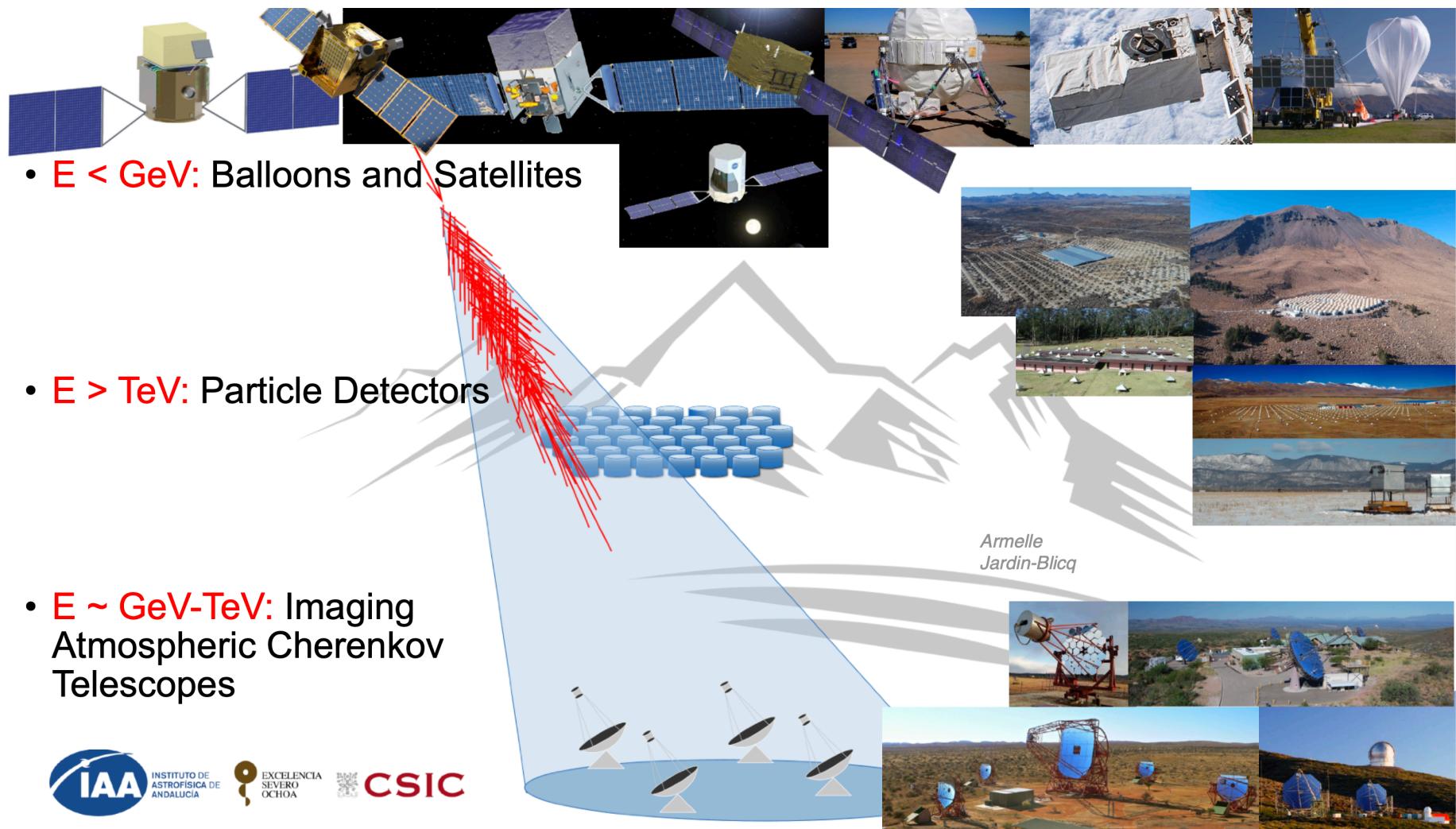
- Phase-0: Large Area Water Cherenkov Array (LAWCA)
 - ▶ YangBaJing, Tibet: around the ARGO detector
 - ▶ Completion end 2014
 - ▶ HAWC-like, but with access to somewhat lower energies
- Phase-1
 - ▶ Final site: Shangri-La
 - ▶ 4.3 km altitude
 - ▶ Sensitivity?
 - ▶ Will depend on background rejection power achieved in practice, but will be a **very** powerful instrument



- Current and Future

(thanks To Ruben Lopez Coto, ICRC Gamma
Rapporteur Talk)

Current and Future Instruments



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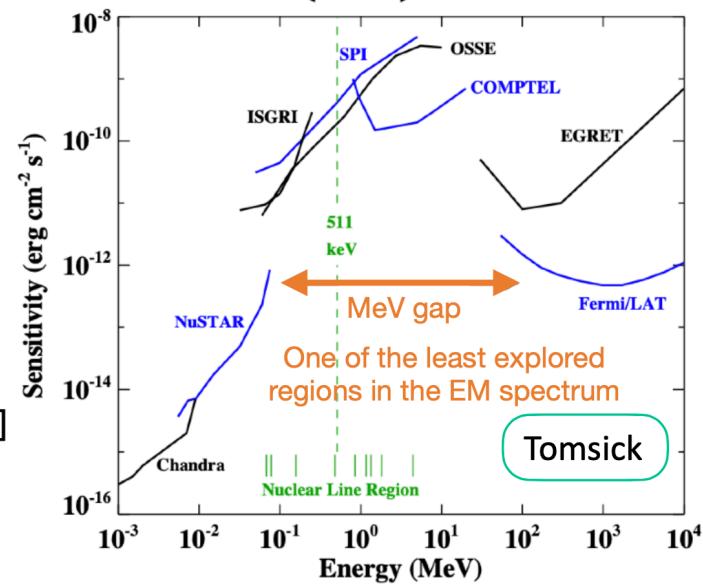


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Positron annihilation, nuclear lines, polarization

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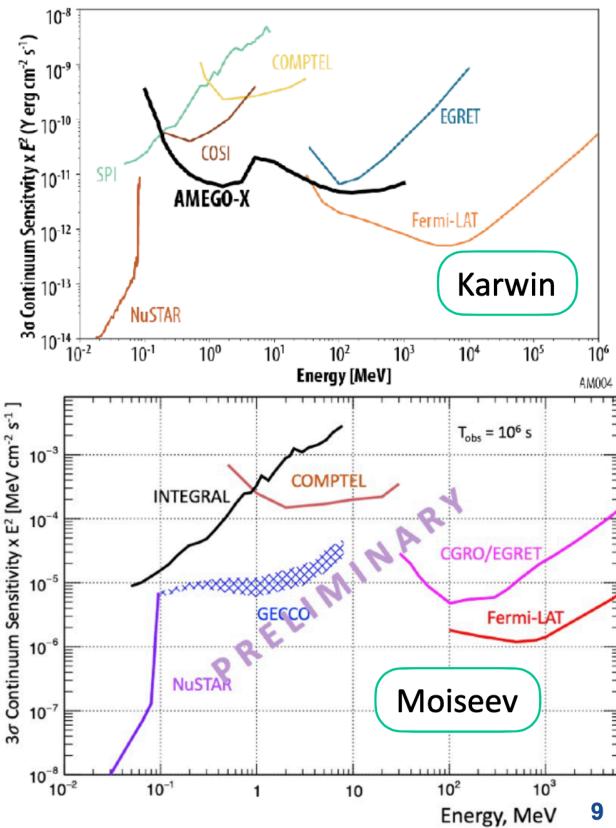
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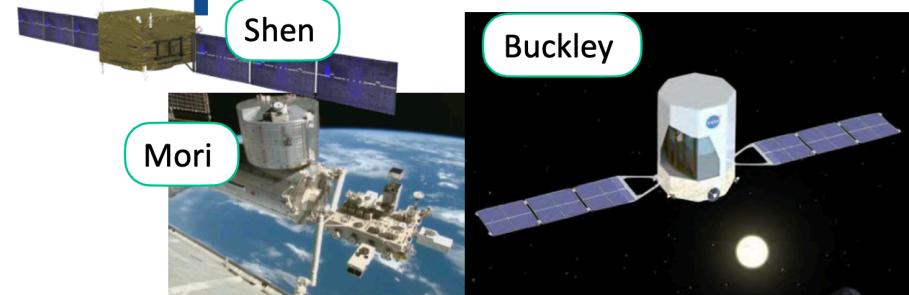
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Present and future experiments: GeV

point sources, large scale emission

- **Fermi-LAT** Polarimetry [Laviron]
- **CALET** satellite at the ISS [Mori]
- **DAMPE** satellite [Shen]
- **GRAINE** Balloon with emulsion film => last flight in 2023 [Takahashi]
 - Several Technical developments [810, 811, 825, 829, 832, 883, 901, 915, 933]
- **ADAPT** balloon with a final goal of a super-*Fermi* satellite [Buckley].
 - Electronics [Sudvarg], simulations [Chen, Sudvarg]
- **HERD** proposed satellite for the CSS [Lucchetta]
- **VLAST** proposed satellite [Zhang]



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Present and Future Experiments: GeV

morphology, point sources, spectral precision

- **MAGIC:** 20 years - 200 papers [Paneque]



- The **ASTRI Mini-Array** project [Giuliani]

- ASTRI-HORN Crab Nebula [Lombardi], different NSB [Saturni], data processing [Lombardi], new observing season for ASTRI-Horn [lovenitti], mirrors [Leto], event builder [Germani], calibration [Mineo, Contino, Mollica], follow-up observations [Giuliani], transient prospects [Carosi]

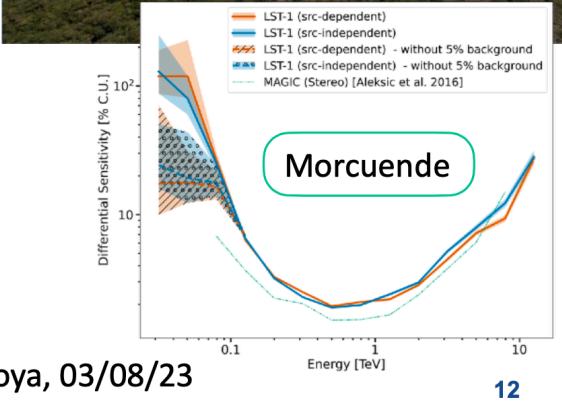
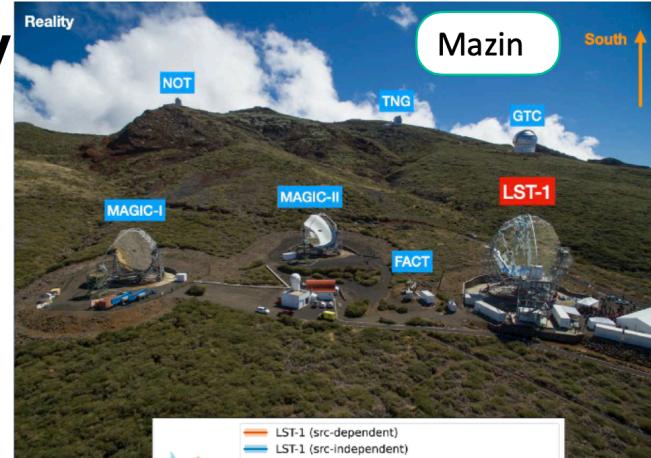


- **HADAR** refracting atmospheric Cherenkov telescope [Qian]

Present and future experiments: TeV

The Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory

- **Large-Sized Telescope** first scientific results [Mazin]
 - Performance of LST1 [Morcuende] => meeting expectations
 - Joint performance with MAGIC [Di Pierro], Real Time Analysis [Caroff]
- **Medium-Sized Telescope** [Bradascio]
 - Mirrors [Niemiec], NectarCAM [Rueda] and its calibration [Patel]
- **Schwarzschild-Couder Telescope** [Kieda]
 - Electronics [Di Venere], optics [Shang]
- **Small-Sized Telescope** [Trois]
 - Camera [Depaoli], mirror area [Okumura], commissioning data [Tavernier], performance of the two SST-1M telescope prototypes [Jurysek]
- **CTA+** [Antonelli]



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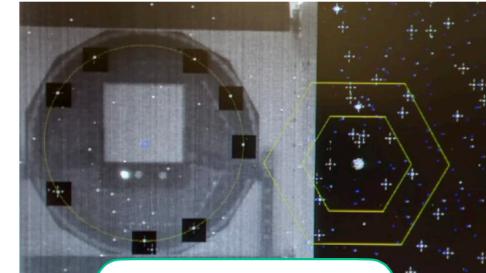
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New developments: TeV

- **Stellar intensity interferometry**
 - VERITAS [Kieda] and MAGIC [Jiménez-Martínez]
- **Divergent pointing:** increasing IACT field of view [Donini]
- **HaST:** MAGIC+LST1 hardware trigger [Baxter]
- **LACT:** Array of imaging atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes for LHAASO [Zhang]
 - Simulations [Zhang], mirrors [Li]
- **SiPM cameras for LSTs** [Heller]
 - Detector development and simulations [Saito, Loporchio, Okumura]



Jiménez-Martínez

Present and future experiments: PeV

PeVatrons, extended emission

- **HAWC** [Mostafa]
- **LHAASO** status WCDA [Gao] and development of the detector [Zha, Zhang, Yao]
- **Tibet AS- γ** [Kato]
 - TASG J1844-038 up to sub-PeV energies
- **GRAPES-3** gamma-rays above 50 TeV [Pattanaik] and [Pant]
- **TAIGA-IACT** telescopes for Multi-Messenger observations [Ravdandorj]
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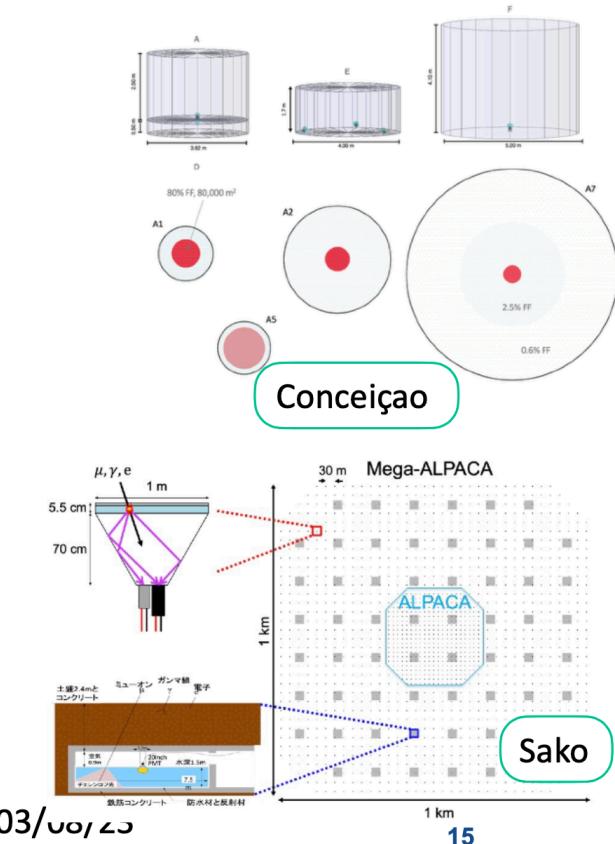


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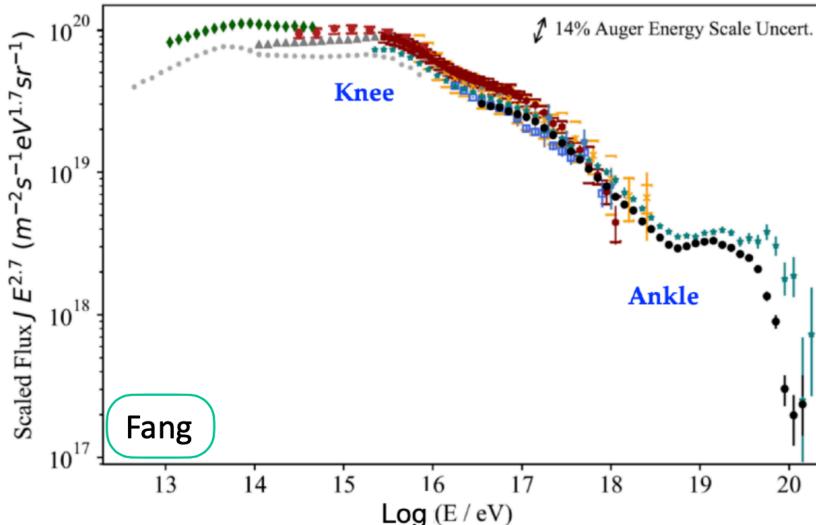


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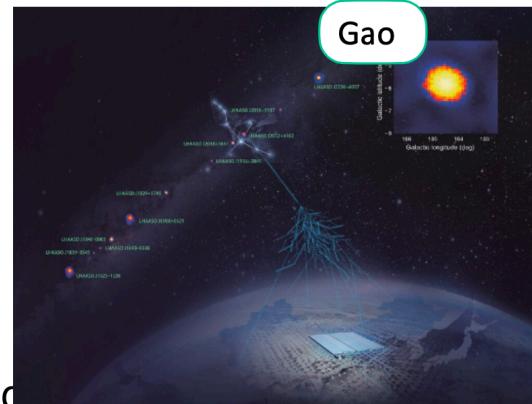
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PeVatrons in the Galaxy

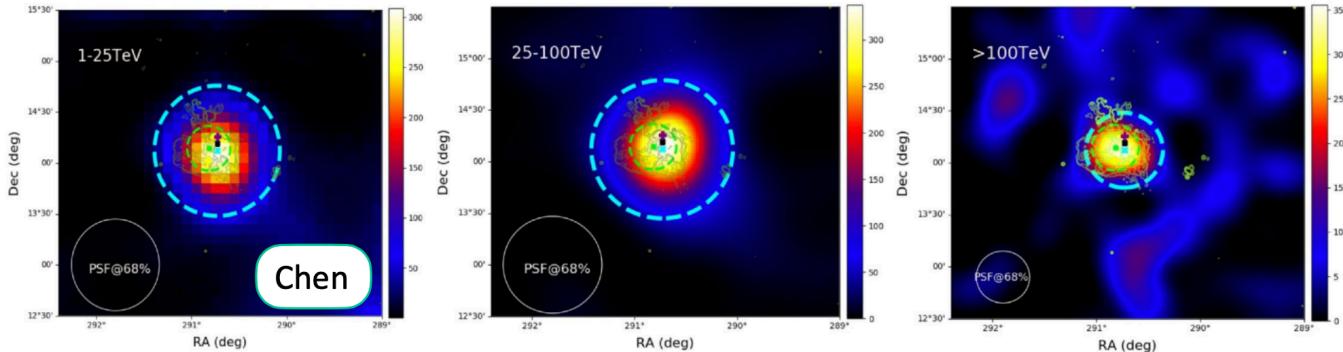
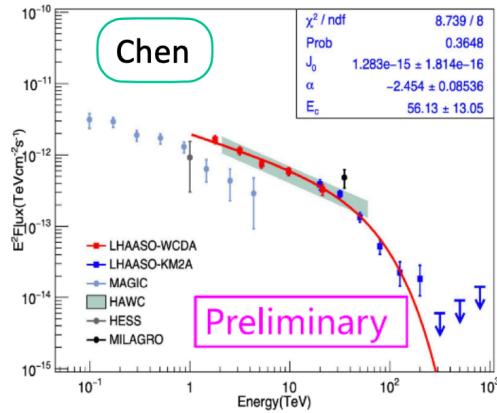


- Zoo of different sources modeled to accelerate particles up to PeV [Fang]
 - Measurements of gamma rays beyond PeV imply that these sources must be accelerating them [Wu]
 - Are they protons or electrons?



PeV acceleration? Supernova Remnants

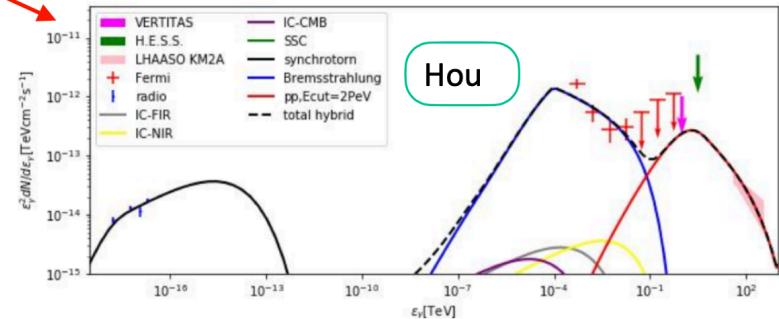
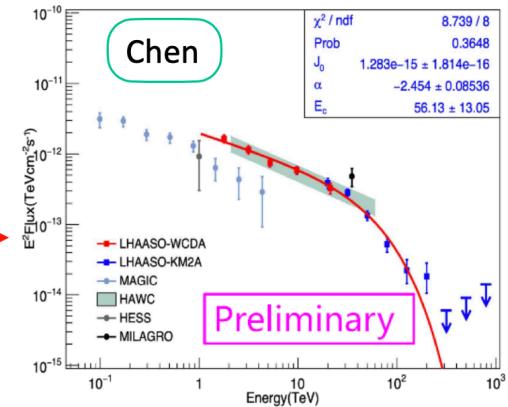
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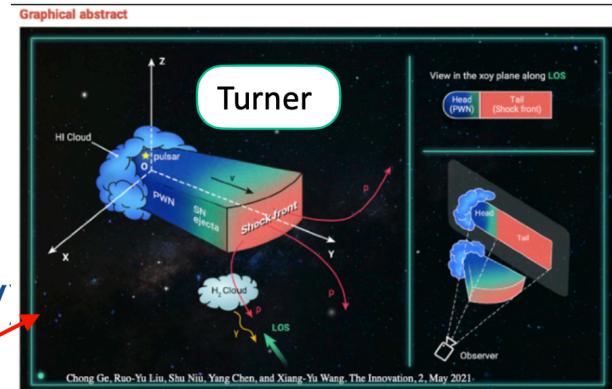
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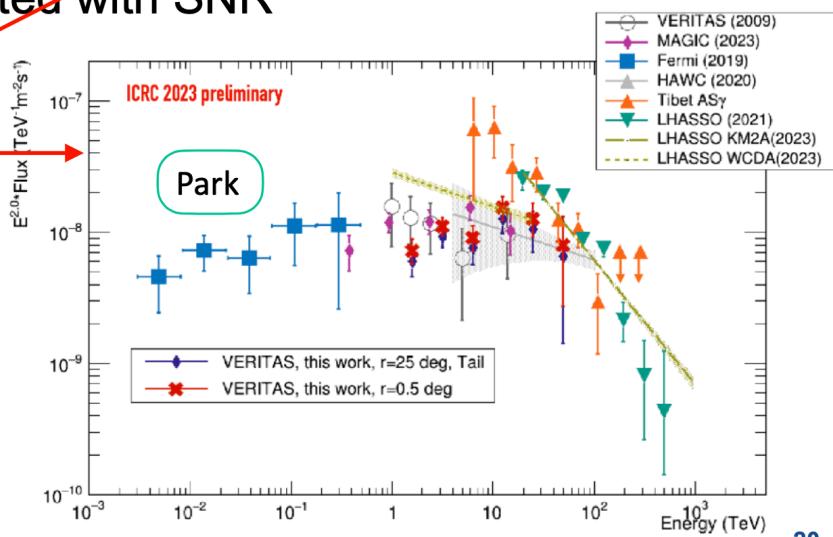


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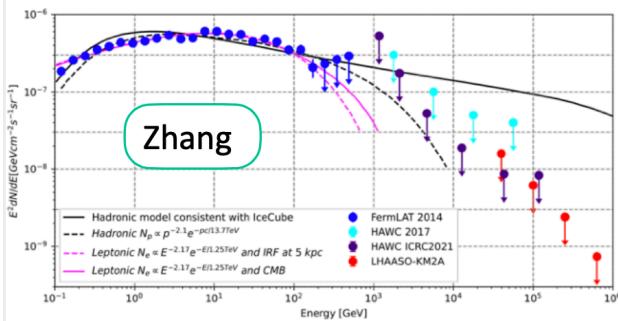
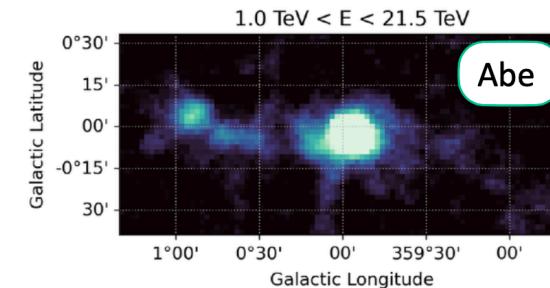
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- **SNR G106.3+2.7 (Boomerang)**
 - HAWC [Turner], VERITAS [Park], MAGIC [Strzys]
 - Spectrum up to 500 TeV. Origin unclear
 - X-ray modeling [Liang]
 - predictions for ASTRI Mini-Array [Cardillo]



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PeV acceleration? Galactic Center



- Revisiting the Galactic Center observations with LST-1 and MAGIC [Abe]
- 3D modeling of the gamma-ray emission [Dörner]
- Dark matter origin?
 - The Galactic center “excess” with DAMPE [Shen]
 - VERITAS Dark Matter search in the Galactic Center Halo [Ryan]
- North Fermi Bubble upper limit [Zhang]

We are working on it

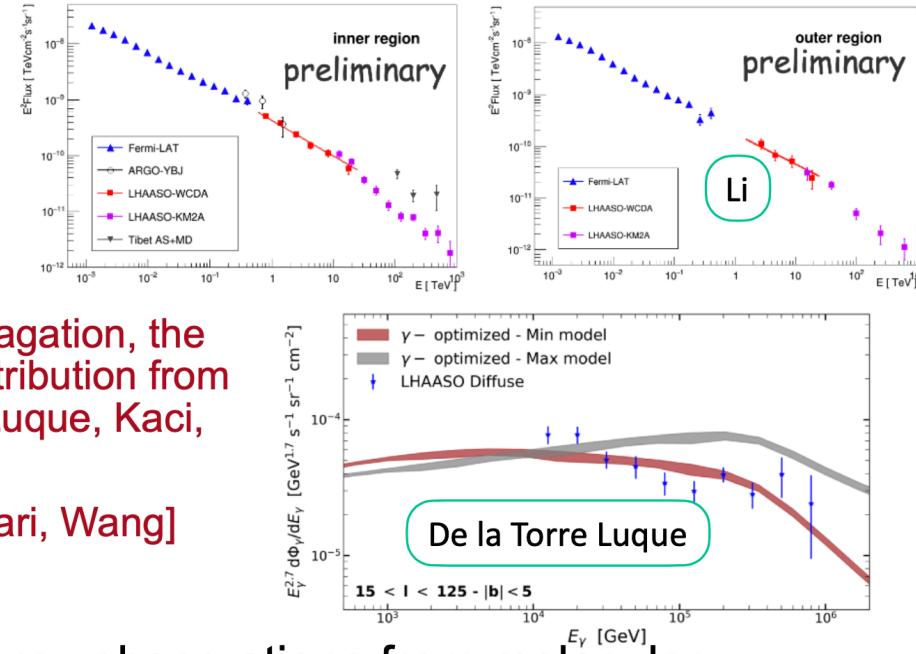
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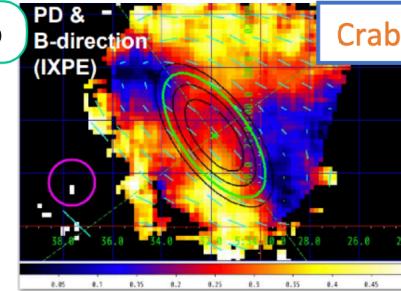
- LHAASO measurement
 - Diffuse gamma-ray measurements by LHAASO claimed to be difficult to be explained with only CR propagation [Li, Zhang]
 - Depending on the parameters of the propagation, the emission from the CR sea or with the contribution from sources may be the answer [De la Torre Luque, Kaci, Semikoz, Stall, Zhang, Abounnasr]
 - Contribution from Stellar clusters [Menchiari, Wang]
 - or even PWNe [Villante]
- Cosmic-ray measurements using gamma-ray observations from molecular clouds [Peron, Kamal Youssef]



PeV acceleration Pulsar Wind Nebulae

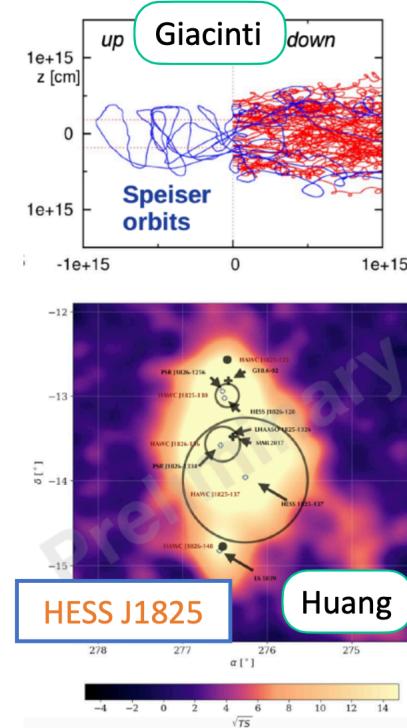
- **Crab Nebula**

- X-ray polarization by IXPE [Mizuno]
- e- or e+ acceleration depending on pulsar polarity up to E > PeV [Giacinti]
- GeV flares not driven by a single mechanism [Tsirou]
- Possibility of hadronic contribution to the VHE gamma-ray spectra? [Spencer]



- **HESS J1825:**

- LHAASO [You] and HAWC [Huang] view of the source:
 - Measured above 200 TeV showing an extended morphology



- Magnetar Wind Nebula around **Swift J1834.9-0846** [Li]

- claimed to be the first magnetar wind nebula powered by the internal magnetar energy of the central source

- **HAWC J2031+415:** HAWC morphological studies do not show any energy-dependence [Herzog]
 - More data are needed to support the PWN scenario



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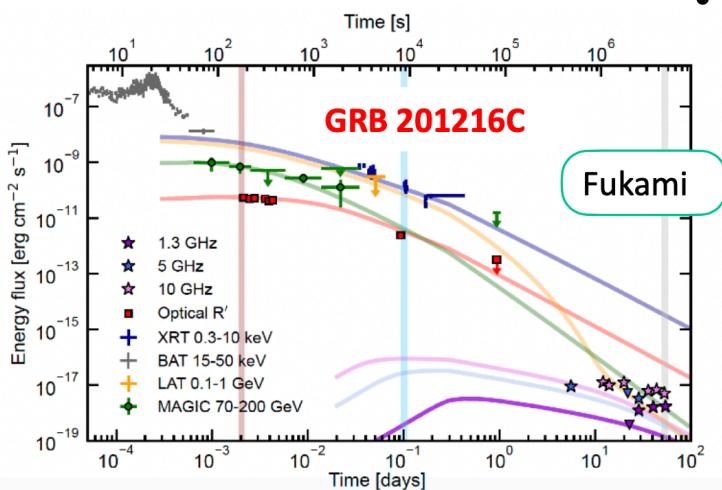
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GRBs

- A lot of interesting results in the past from the sub-GeV band
 - We didn't have any at TeV energies (why? answer: [Ashkar]), now we have several!

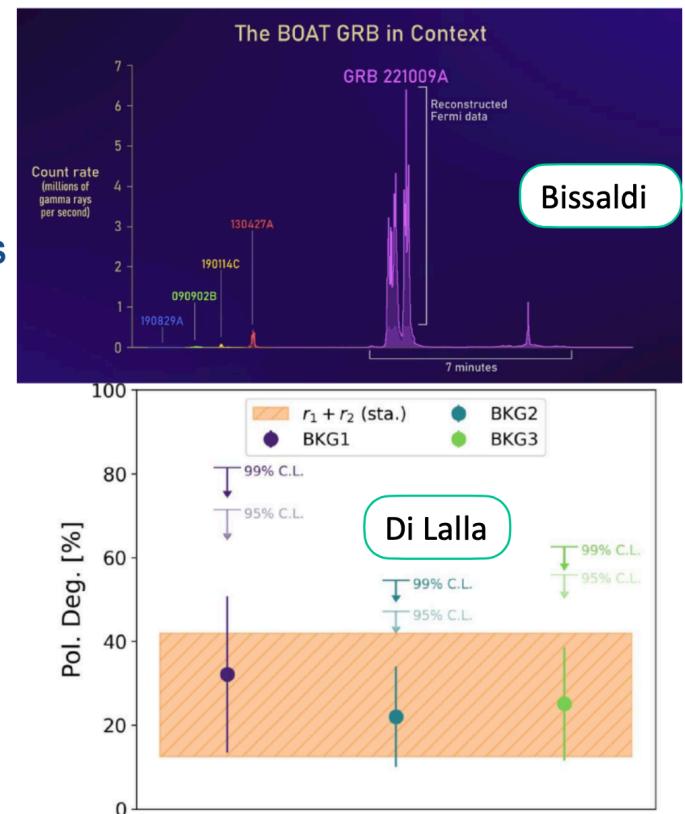
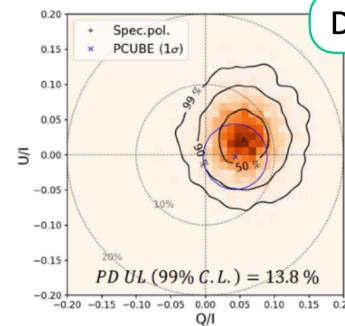
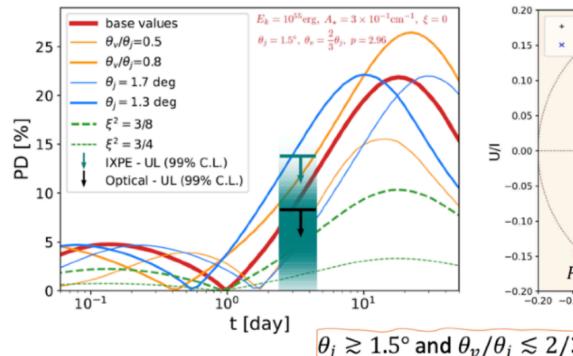


- So far 5 GRBs have been detected at very high energy (VHE, > 50 GeV) gamma rays.
 - GRB 180720B (H.E.S.S.), GRB 190114C (MAGIC), GRB 190829A (H.E.S.S.), GRB 201216C (MAGIC), GRB 221009A (LHAASO)
 - All long GRBs (duration T90 > 2 sec)
 - detection of the afterglow emission
 - SSC by relativistic electrons in the forward shock as an explanation for the VHE emission

The BOAT: GRB 221009A

X-rays

- Brightest of all times GRB located at $z = 0.151$
- IXPE did not measure any polarization [Di Lalla]
 - Random magnetic fields or Compton drag models with a viewing angle close to the jet edge disfavored from IXPE afterglow observation
 - Synchrotron emission in an ordered, toroidal magnetic field configuration

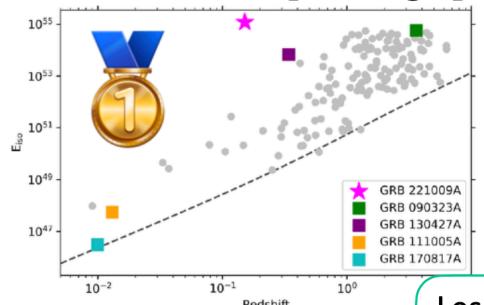


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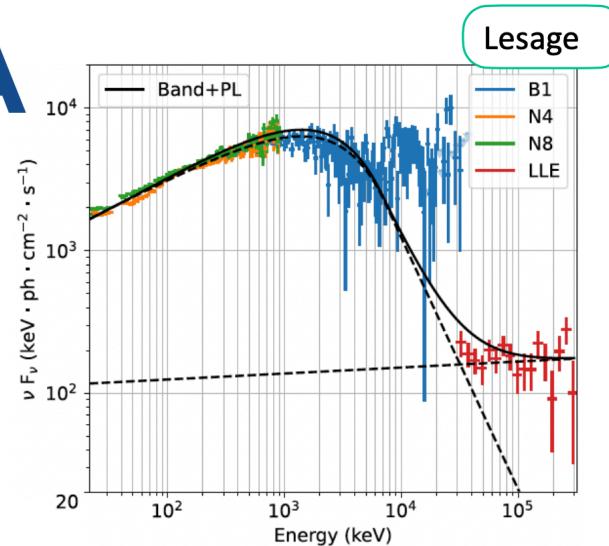
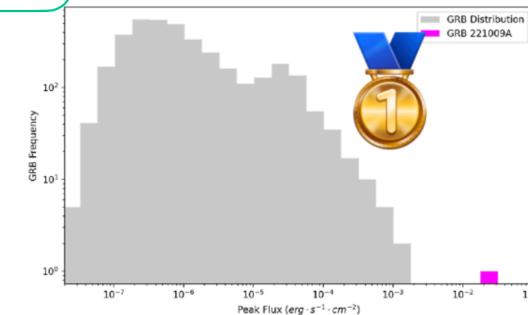
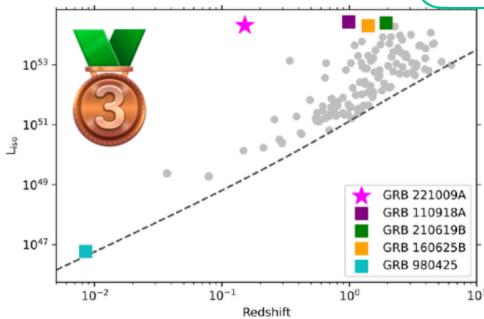
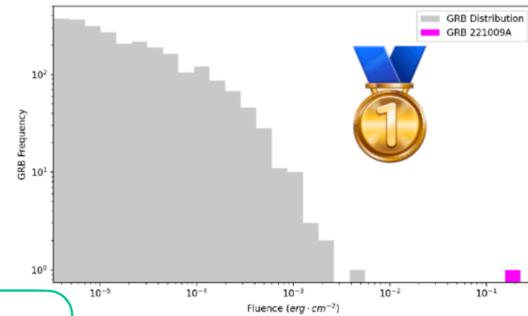
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Gamma rays

- Fermi-GBM [Lesage]



Lesage



- The one with the highest isotropic energy
- the highest fluence
- the highest peak flux
- the 3rd highest isotropic intrinsic luminosity



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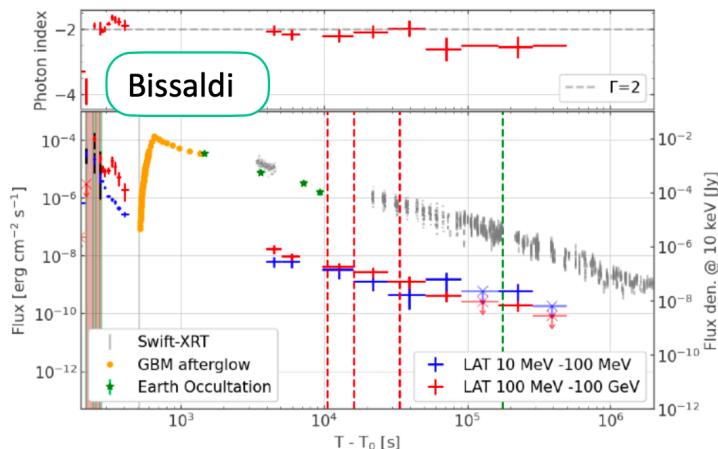
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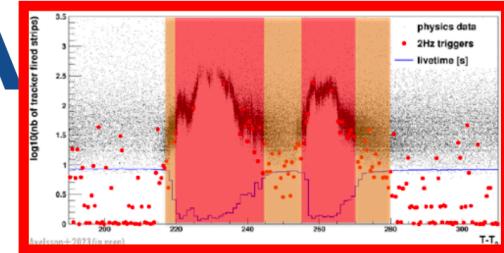
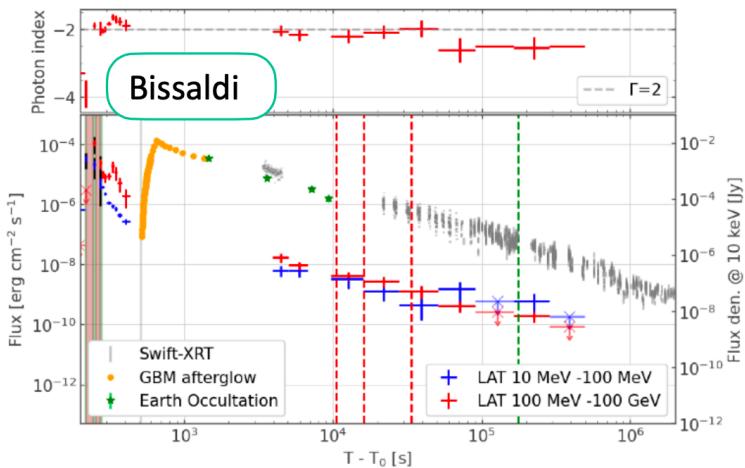


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Every instrument has its
limitations!

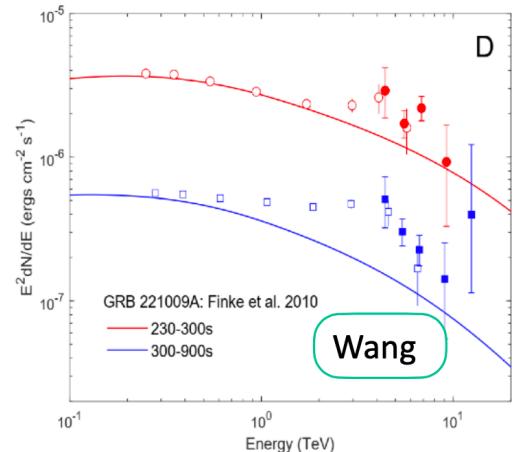


This GRB is too bright
please switch some
strips off

The BOAT: GRB 221009A

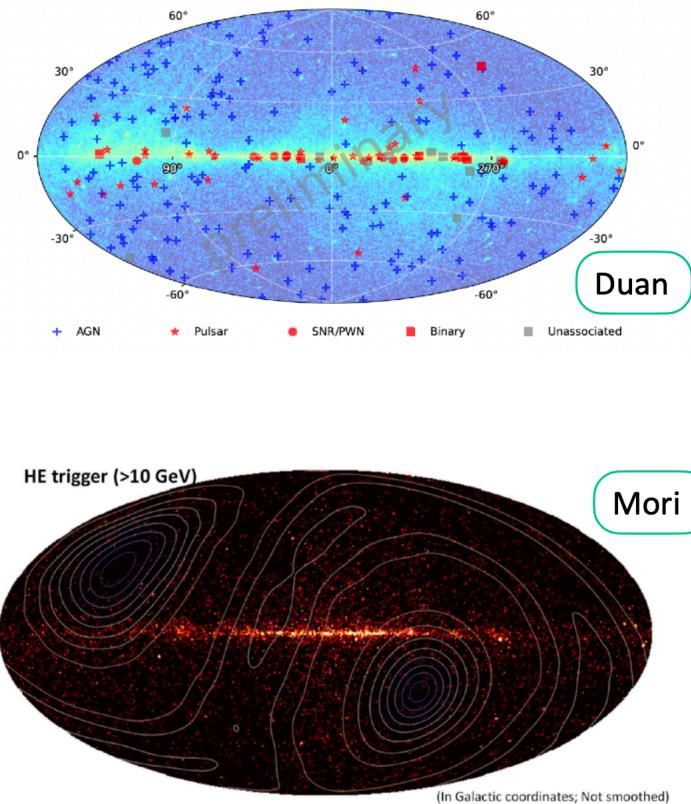
TeV gamma rays

- LHAASO detected photons up to 13 TeV from the afterglow [Wang]
 - Most stringent limits on the prompt TeV emission (emission detected only 230 s after the alert)
 - no SSC or too high absorption?
 - Data above 3 TeV hints to an additional component
 - can GRBs produce UHECRs? strong constraints from other GRBs [Zhang]
 - Difficult to explain ≥ 10 TeV leptonic emission due to SSC [Das]
- No IACT detection [Mbarubucyeye]
- Limits derived:
 - intergalactic magnetic field $> 10^{-18}$ G [Huang] or 4×10^{-17} G [Xia]
 - even dark matter! [González]



Surveys

- INTEGRAL, COMPTEL and *Fermi*-LAT [Orlando]
- DAMPE [Duan]: 248 sources
CALET [Mori]: Improved gamma reco.
- H.E.S.S. [Remi]: 2nd H.E.S.S. Galactic Plane Survey catalogue
- HAWC: 2nd Ultra-high-energy catalog [Harding]
- LHAASO [Gao]: 12 UHE sources
 - E <25 TeV [Hu]: 69 sources
 - E >25 TeV [Xi]: 75 sources



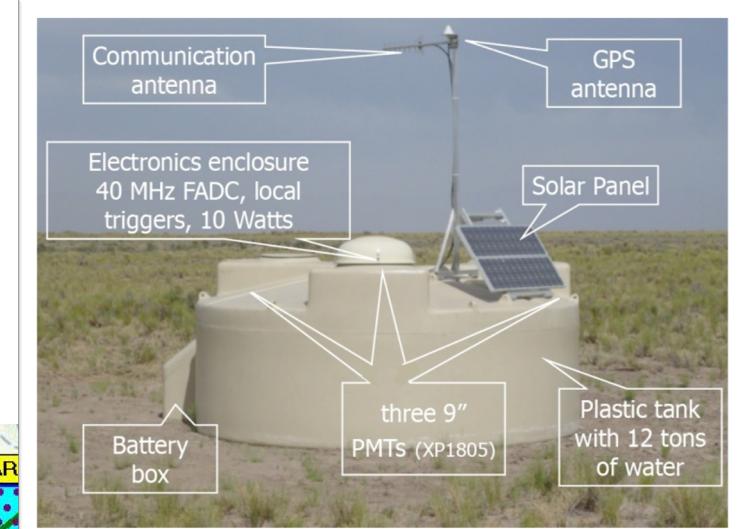
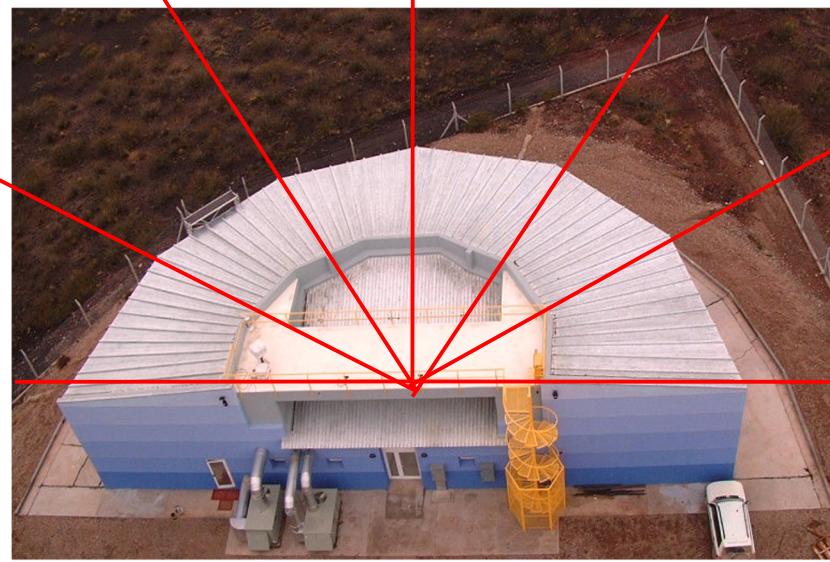
Thanks



The Pierre Auger Observatory

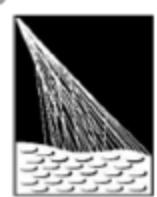
Rivelatore di Superficie

1661 rivelatori Cherenkov a distanza di 1.5 km
per una superficie totale di 3000 km²



Rivelatore di Fluorescenza

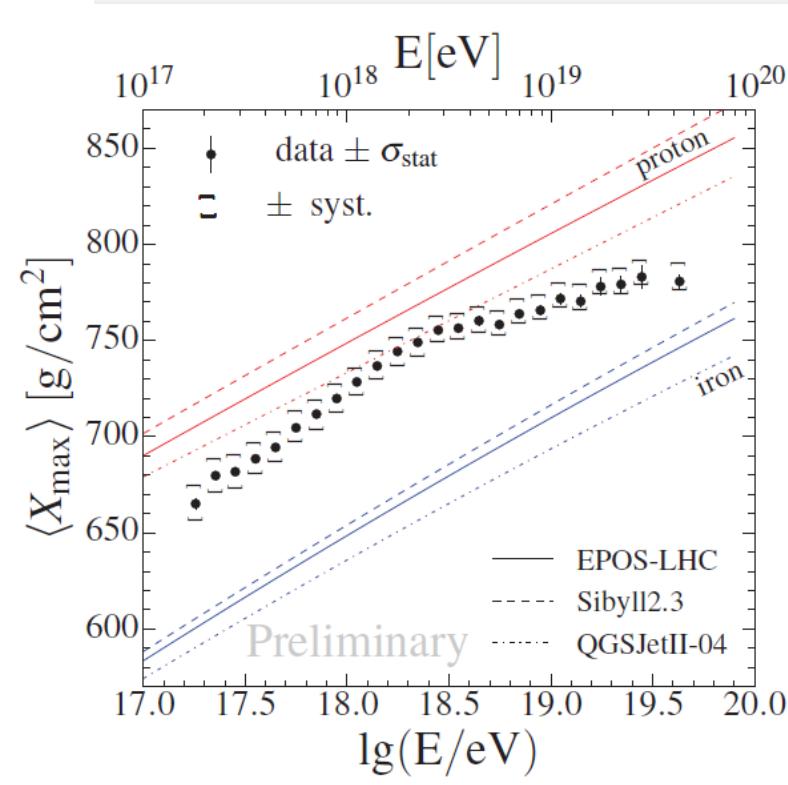
24 telescopi, in quattro edifici ognuno con FOV
 $30^\circ \times 30^\circ$



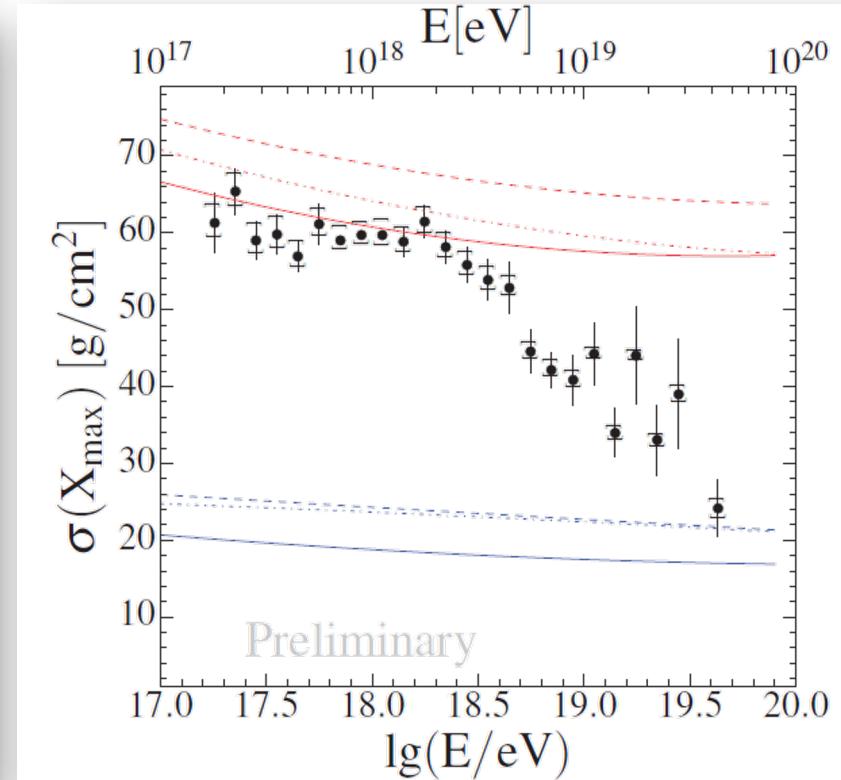
Mass Composition.

Proceedings: UHECR 2018

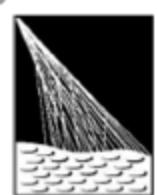
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Andamento di X_{\max} misurato confrontato con MonteCarlo basati su diversi modelli di interazione



Andamento di $\text{RMS}(X_{\max})$ misurato confrontato con MonteCarlo basati su diversi modelli di interazione



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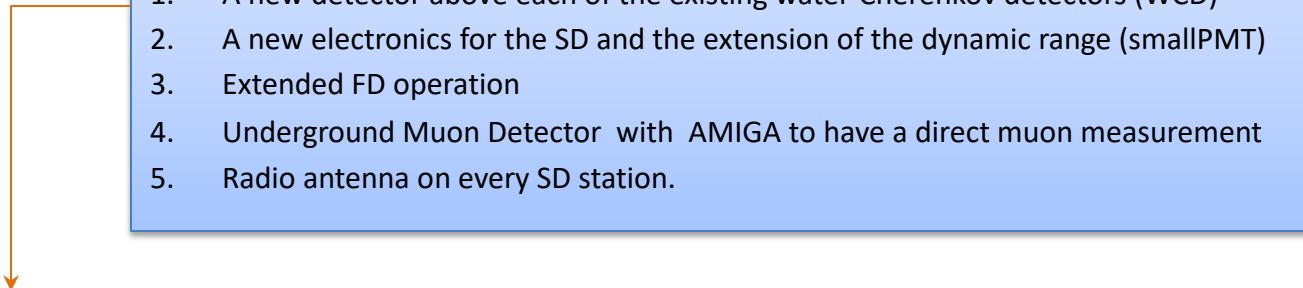
From Auger to AugerPRIME

Extension of operation of the Pierre Auger Observatory.

(MOUs have been signed in Nov 2015)

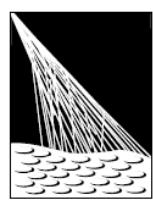
Main improvements:

1. A new detector above each of the existing water-Cherenkov detectors (WCD)
2. A new electronics for the SD and the extension of the dynamic range (smallPMT)
3. Extended FD operation
4. Underground Muon Detector with AMIGA to have a direct muon measurement
5. Radio antenna on every SD station.



100% duty cycle

Complementarity of particle response used
to discriminate electromagnetic and
muonic components of air showers



SSD: The detector

WLS fibers+routers

Extruded Scintillator bars with 2 holes



1cm

5cm

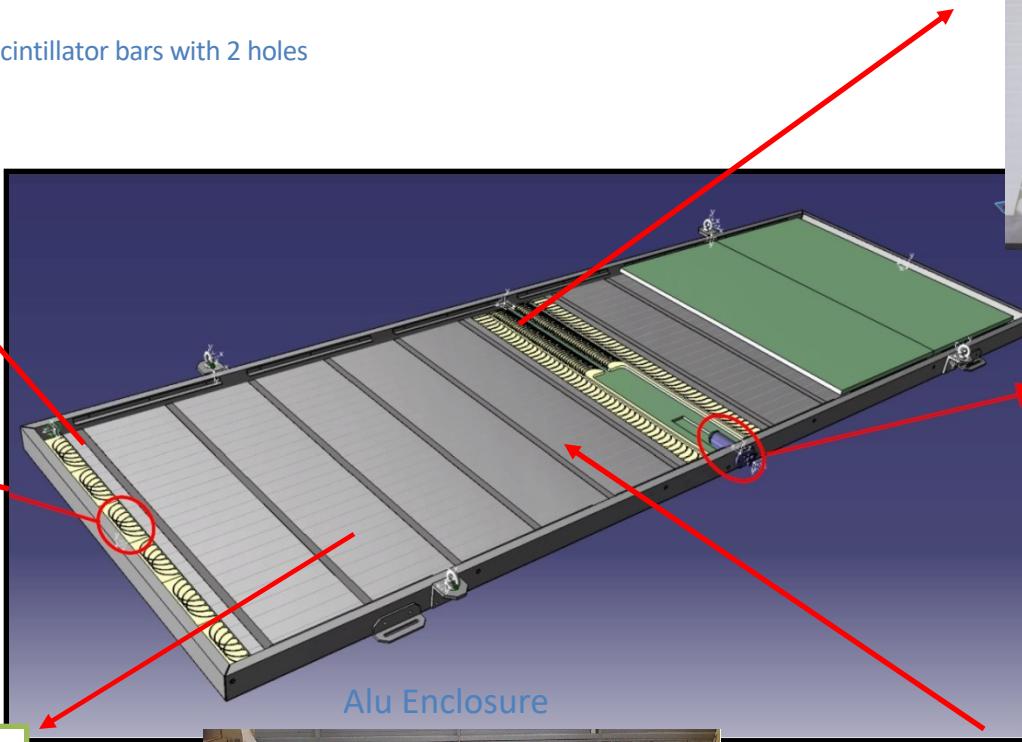


WLS
fibers+routers

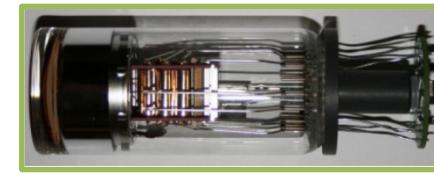
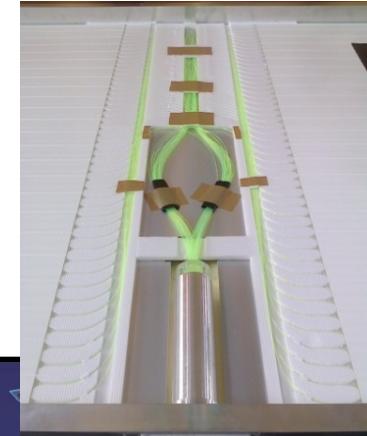
Extruded scintillator bars
160cm long



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PMT

Scintillator 3.8 m^2

