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# $\gamma$ ray experiments

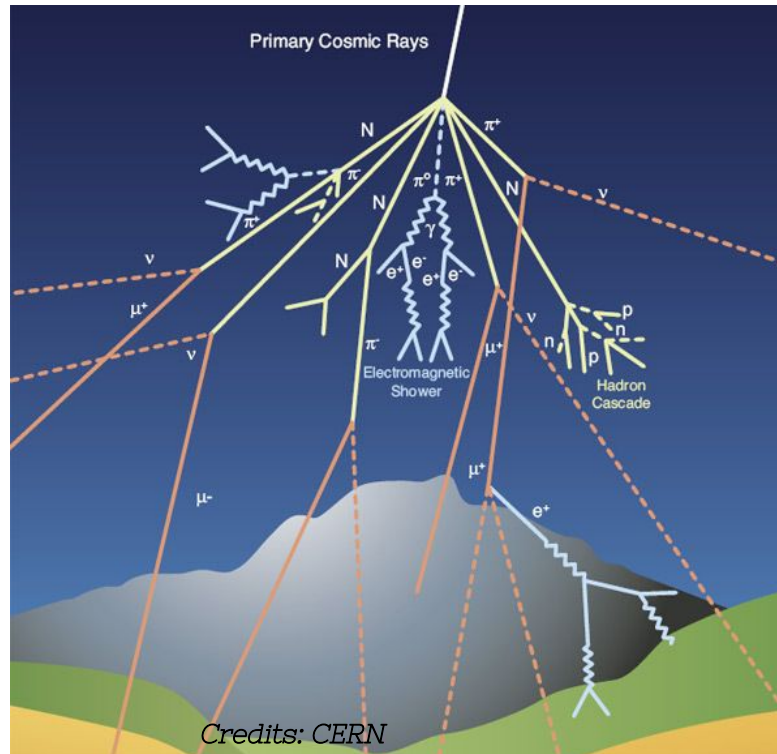
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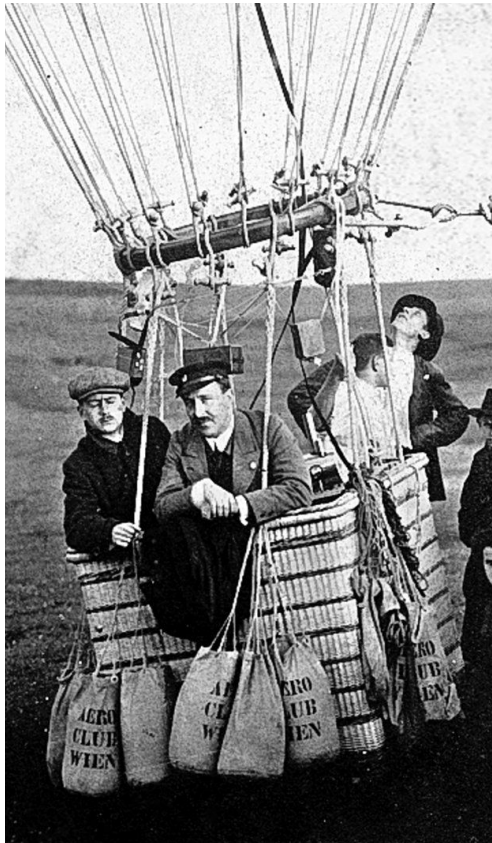
- 87 % protons
- 12 % helium
- 1% other nuclei

## 2% electrons

## < 1% other species

- antiparticles
- neutrinos
- **$\gamma$  rays**

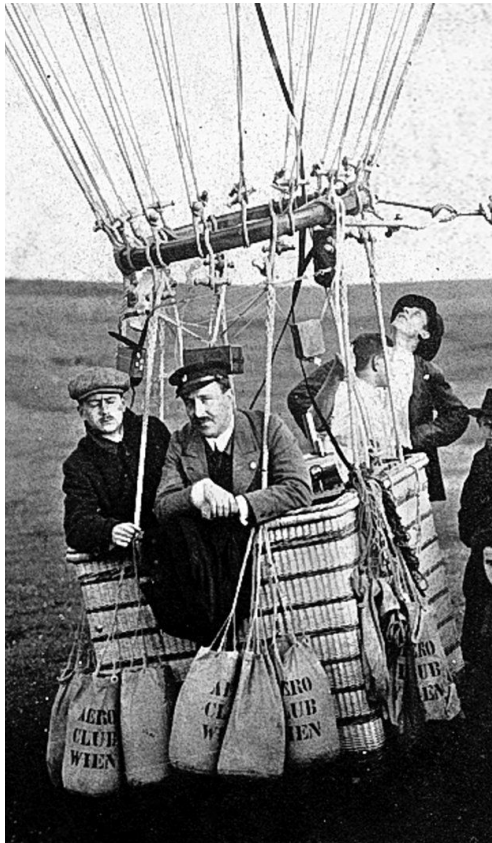
Secondaries:  $e^\pm$ ,  $\mu^\pm$ ,  $K^\pm$  ...



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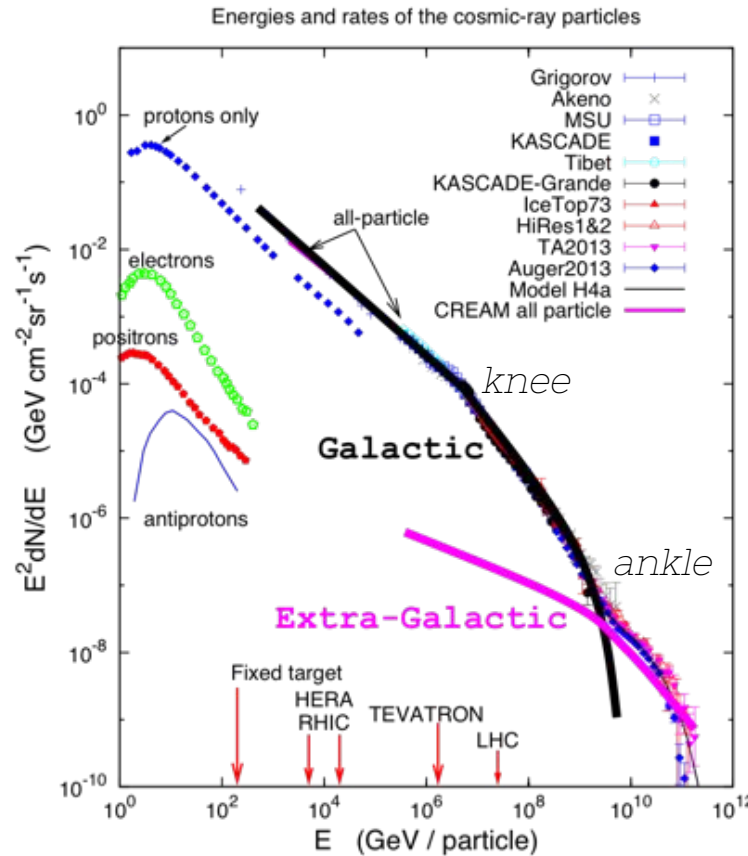
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The origin of galactic cosmic rays  
Astron.Astrophys.Rev, 21, 70 (2013)

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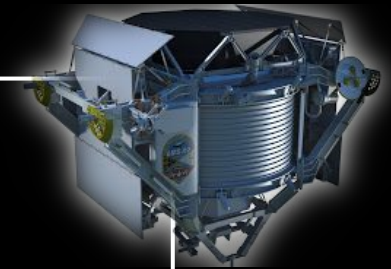
# Cosmic rays & Multi-messenger: current experiments

## Satellites

Fermi-LAT  
DAMPE  
Agile

## ISS

AMS  
CALET  
ISS CREAM



## UHECR / Air shower & hybrid arrays

Telescope Array  
Auger  
ALPACA  
LHAASO

## Water Cherenkov

HAWC  
SWG0



## Neutrinos

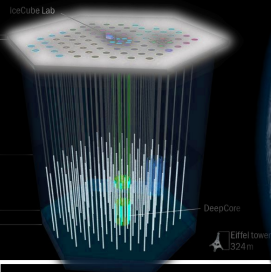
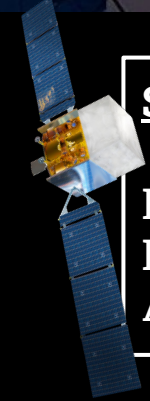
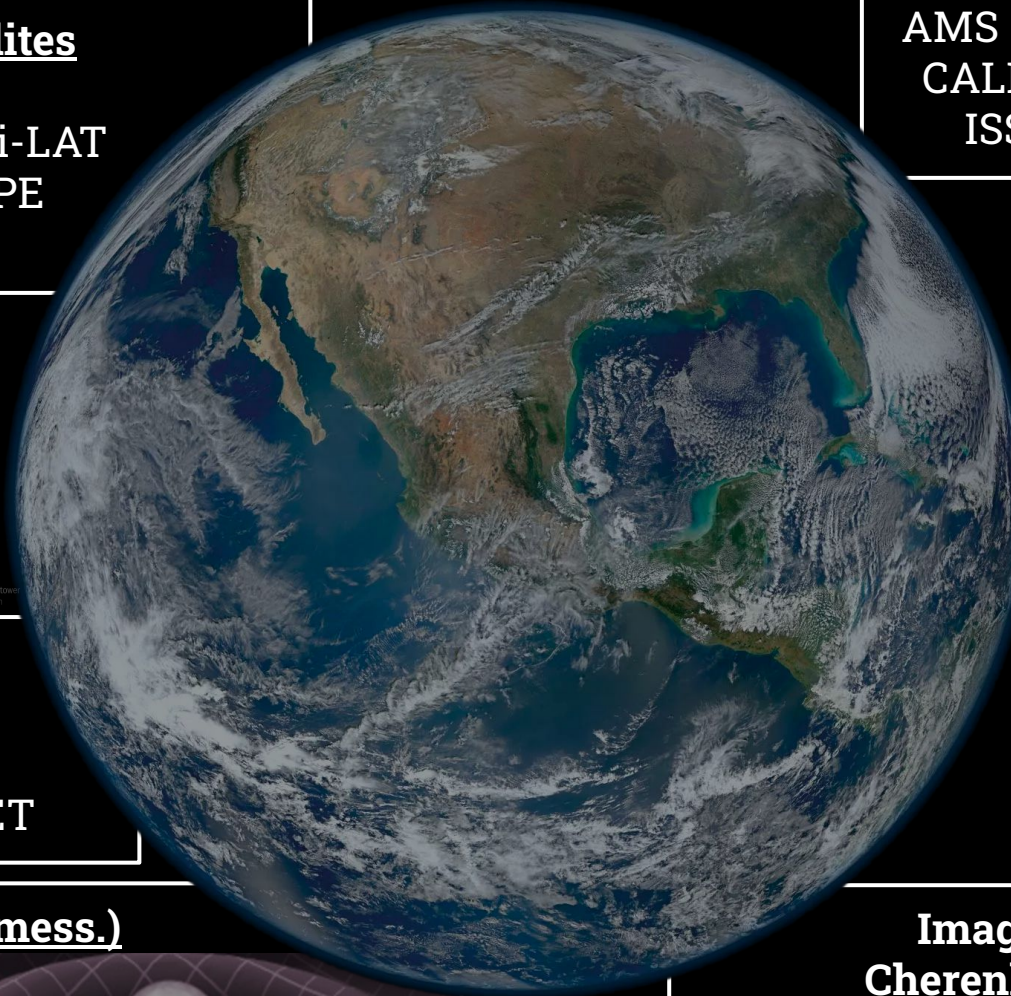
IceCube  
KM3NET

## GW (multi-mess.)

LIGO, VIRGO, KAGRA,  
LISA  
NanoGRAV

## Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope Array

H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS,  
CTA, ASTRI, MAGE ...



# (Ground-based) $\gamma$ -ray telescopes

Whipple Telescope  $\rightarrow$  1968

1968-1976  $\rightarrow$  upper limits

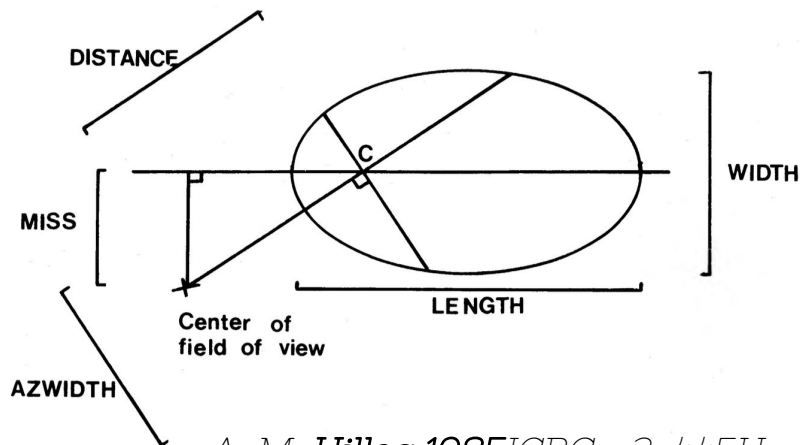
1976-1982  $\rightarrow$  'Dark ages'

*1st multi-PMT camera*  $\rightarrow$  1982 (Whipple)

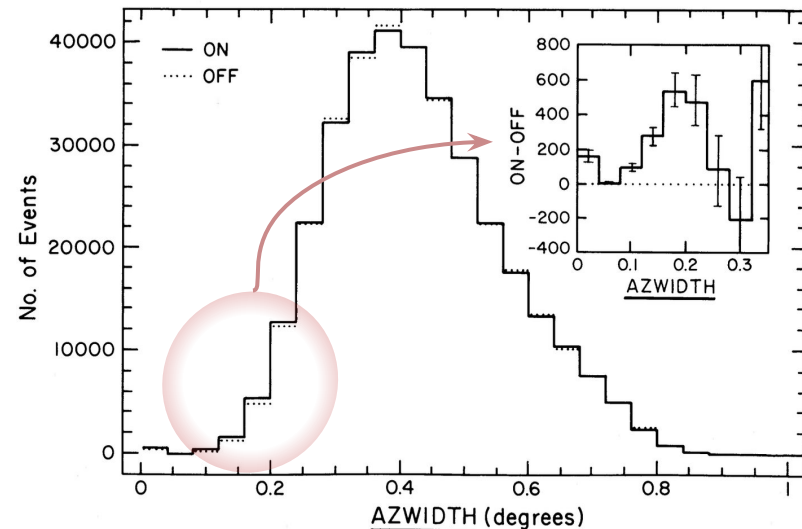
*1st source*  $\rightarrow$  Crab Nebula (Whipple). Announced (1985 ICRC), published: *Weekes et al. ApJ 379 (1989)*

*"Observation of TeV Gamma Rays from the Crab Nebula using the Atmospheric Cherenkov Imaging Technique"*

*1st (hybrid) array*  $\rightarrow$  HEGRA Cherenkov Telescopes CTs. 1995 - 2002

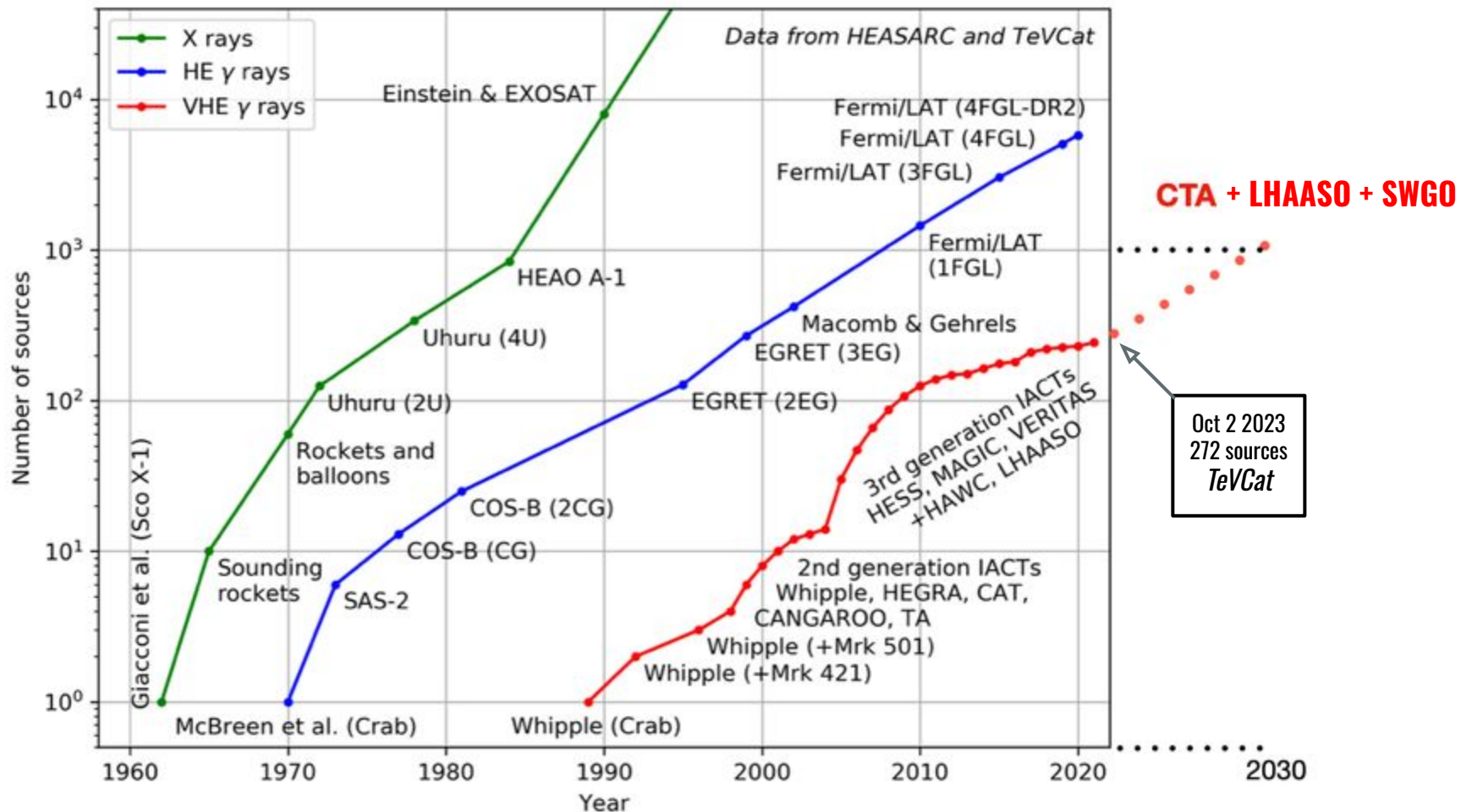


*A. M. Hillas 1985ICRC....3..445H  
(parametrization of shower images)*



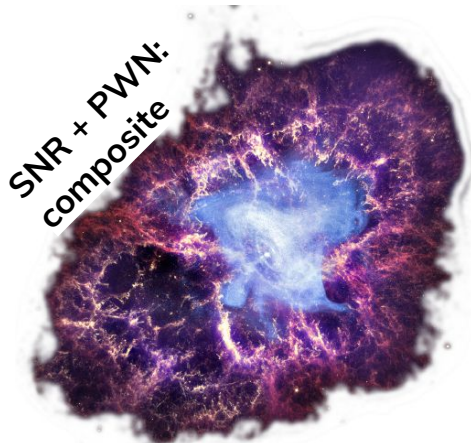
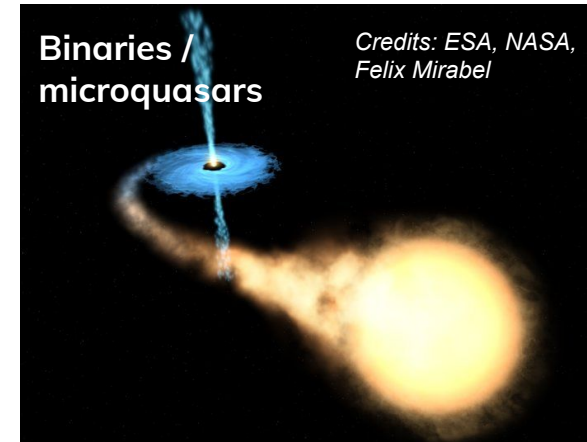
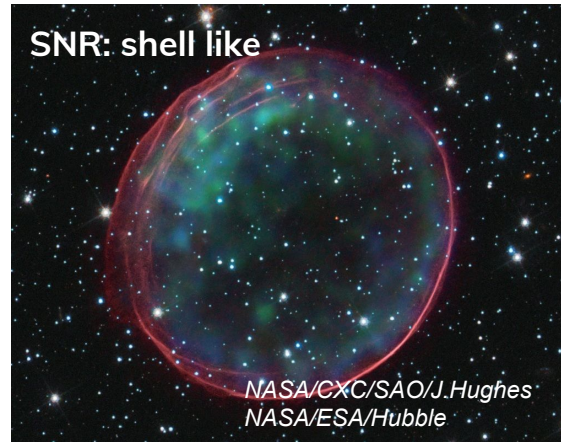
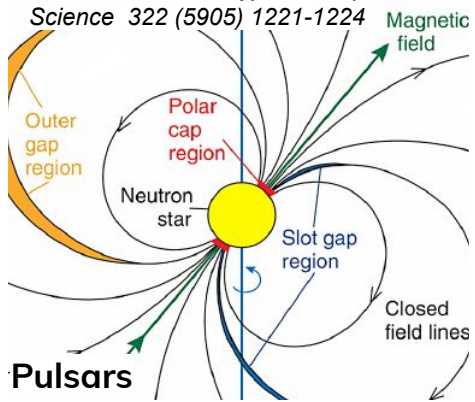
# Many discoveries

Number of detected astronomical sources vs time



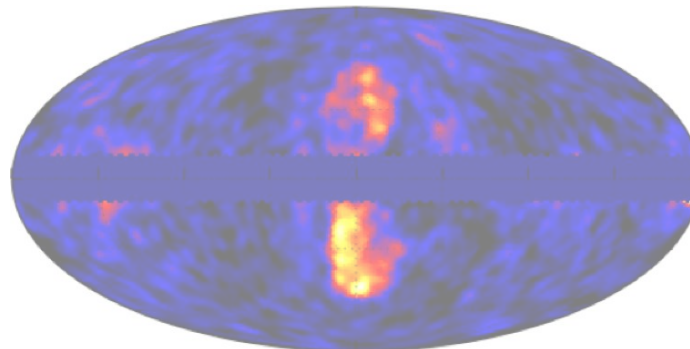
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## Galactic $\gamma$ ray sources



Credits: NASA, ESA, JPL-Caltech

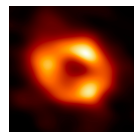
## Fermi bubbles: (Galactic lobes)



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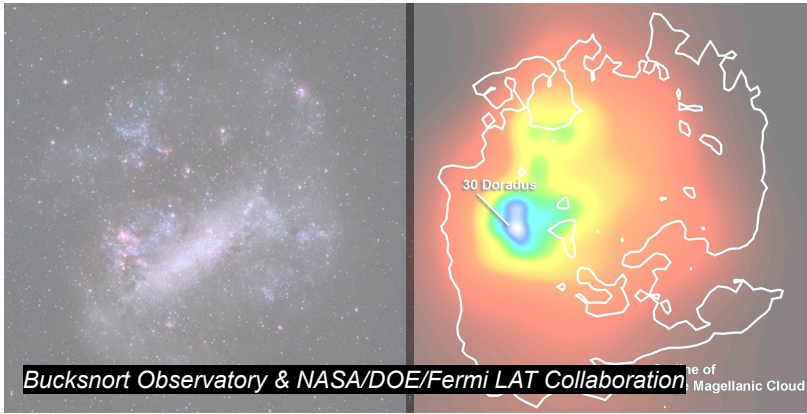


+ Sgr A\*

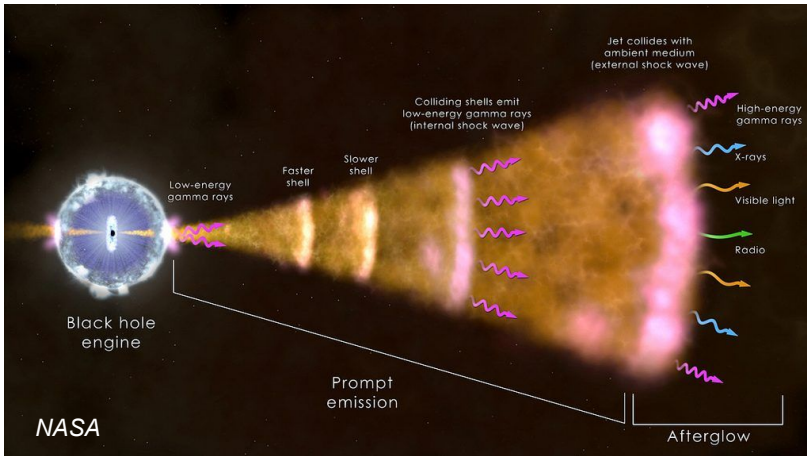


# Many discoveries

## Extragalactic $\gamma$ ray sources

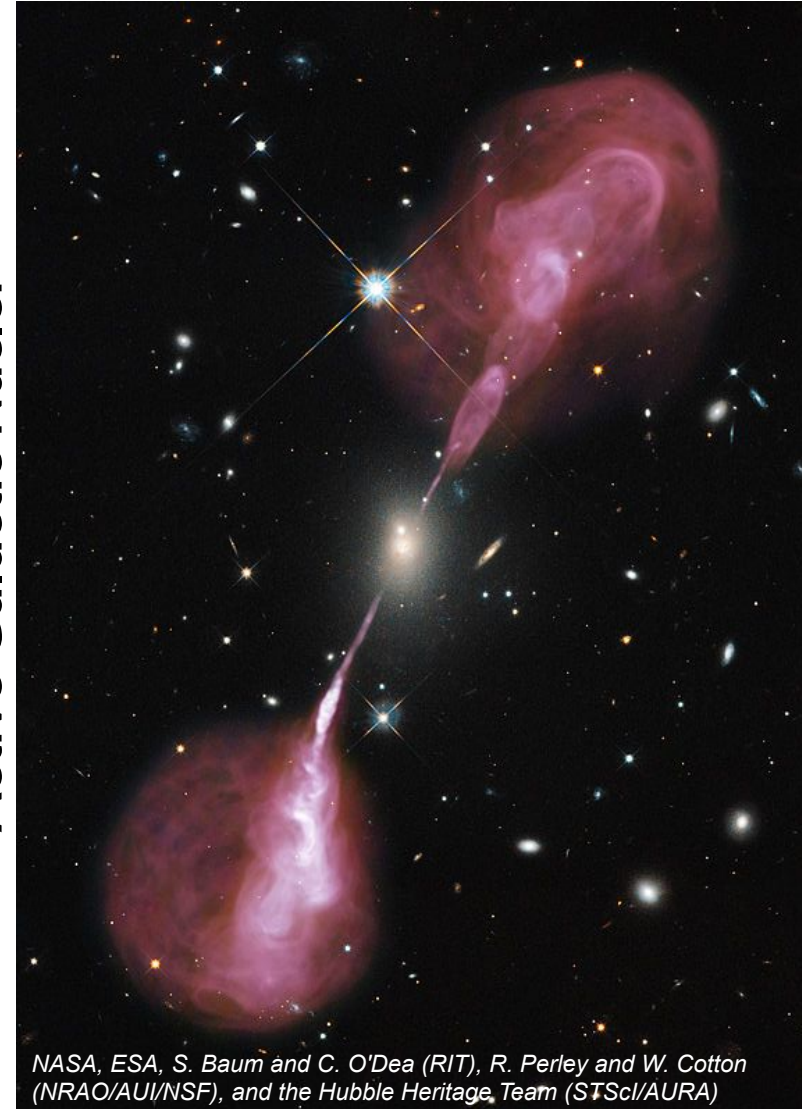


Local galaxies: LMC, SMC, M31 and M33.  
Individual sources in LMC (30 Doradus region)



GRBs: Fireball model. Several detected in VHE

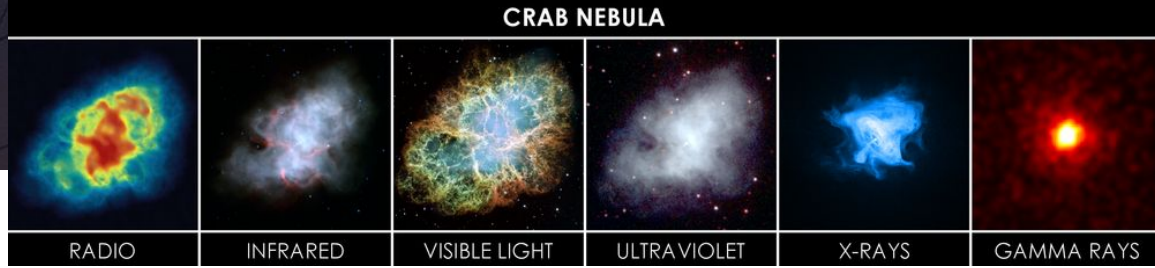
## Active Galactic Nuclei



NASA, ESA, S. Baum and C. O'Dea (RIT), R. Perley and W. Cotton (NRAO/AUI/NSF), and the Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)

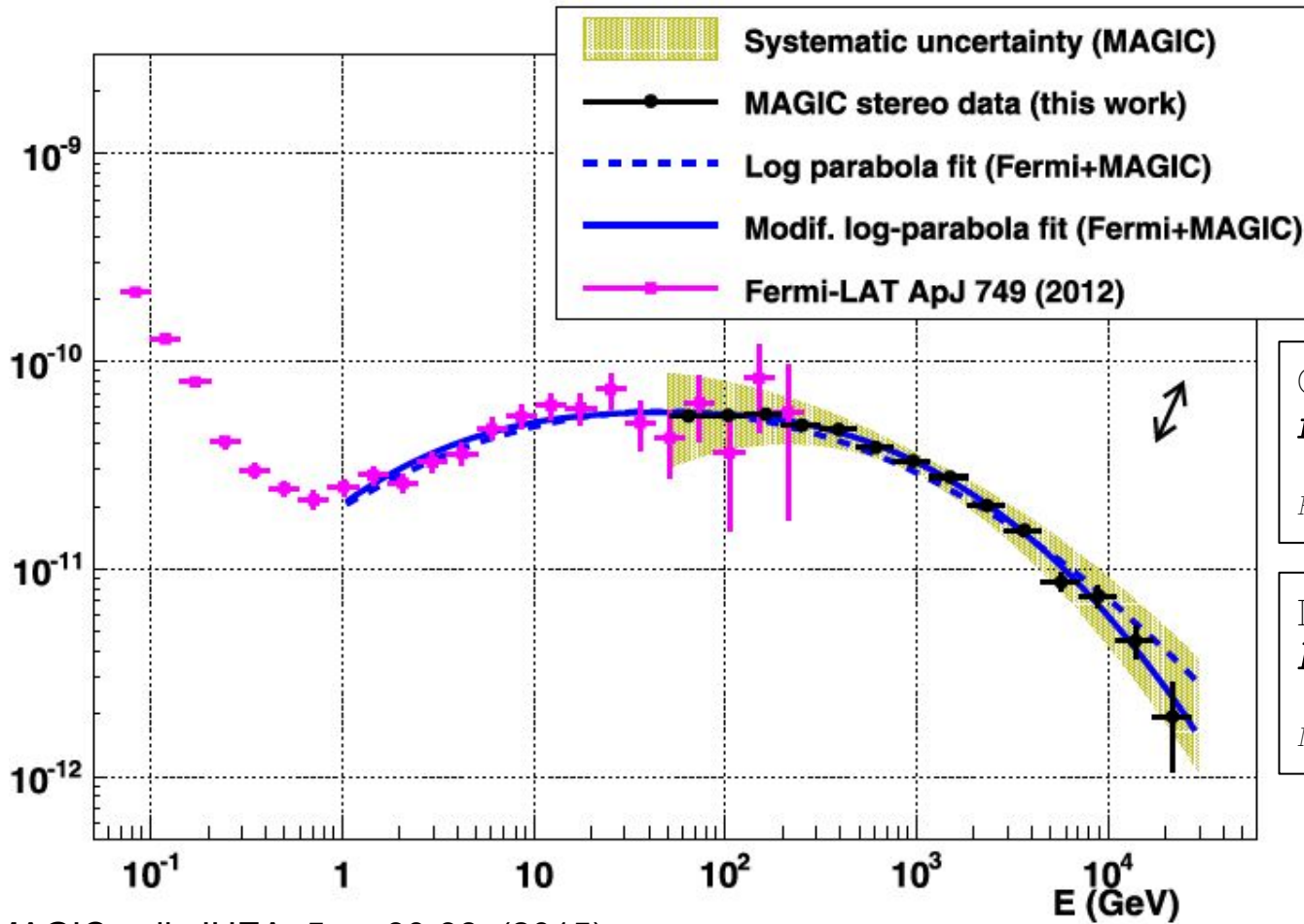


# Many discoveries



## Crab Nebula

'standard candle' and benchmarking tool for VHE instruments



Crab Nebula *spatially resolved* in the TeV band

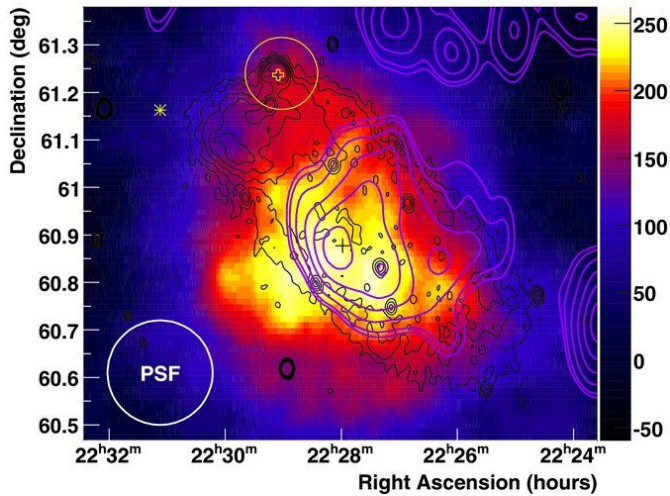
*HESS coll. Nature 4, 167-173 (2020)*

Detection of the *Crab Nebula* up to  $\sim 100$  TeV

*MAGIC coll. A&A, 635, A158 (2020)*

MAGIC coll. JHEA, 5, p. 30-38. (2015)

# Many discoveries

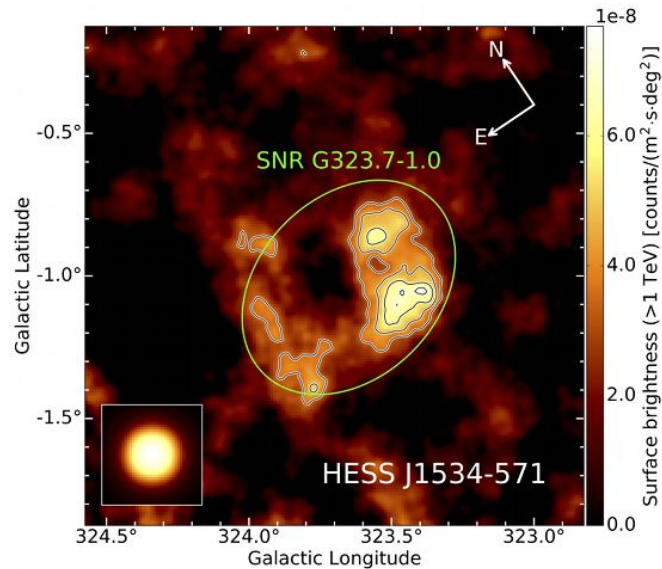


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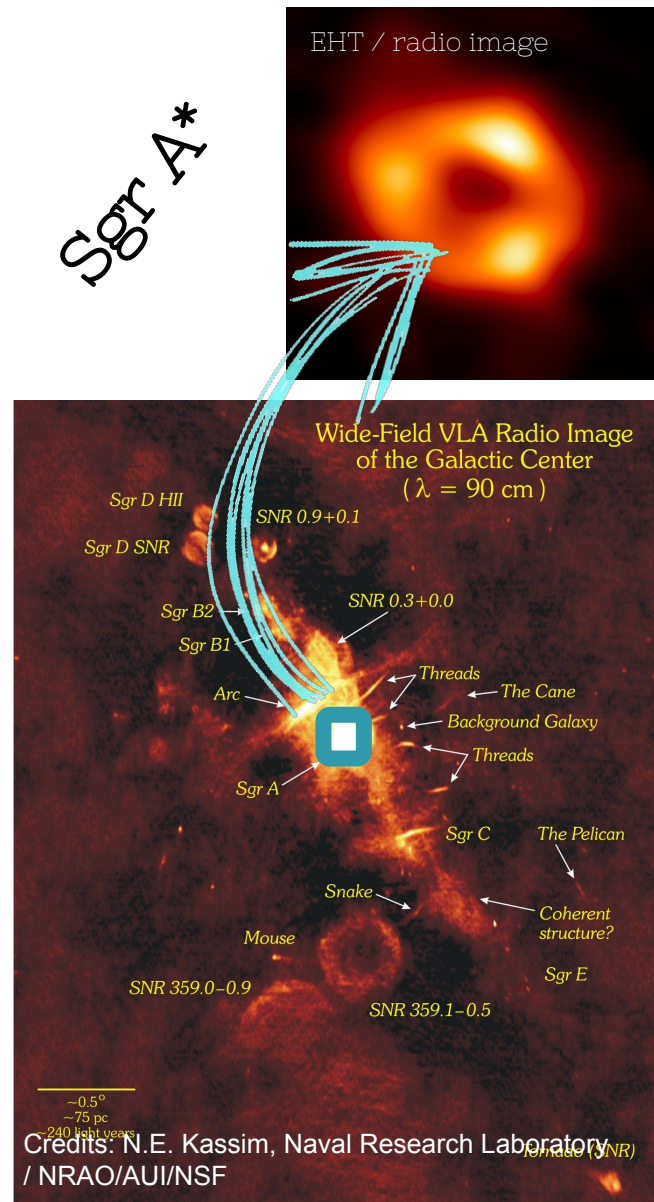
Candidates (emission beyond  $\sim 100$  TeV):

- ☐ Supernova Remnants (SNR):
  - SNR G106.3+2.7 (*NatAst* 5, 460–464) ...



( *LHAASO* has now detected *43 srcs at  $E > 100$  TeV!* )

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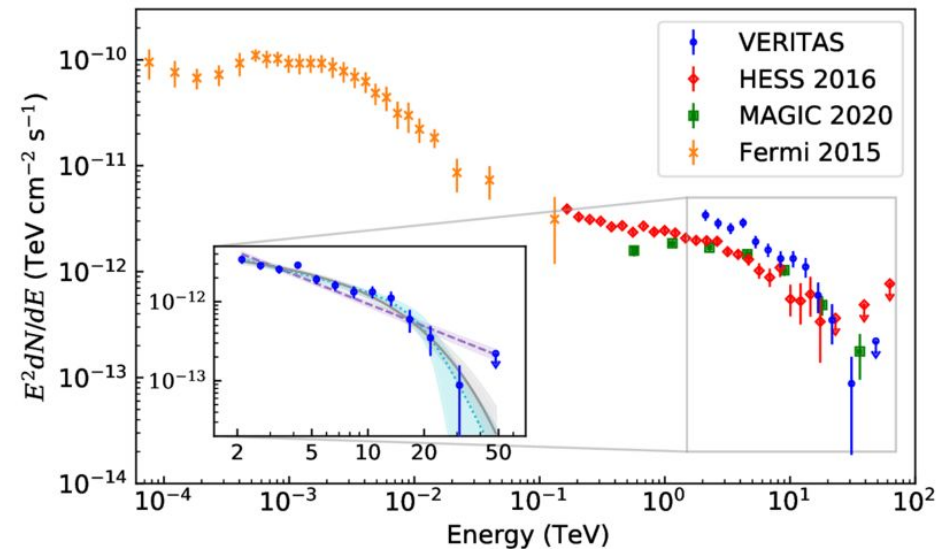


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Candidates (emission beyond  $\sim 100$  TeV):

- Galactic center / Sgr A\* (*JCAP* 4, 37; *Nature* 531, 476-479). Emission up to 50 TeV, from  $\pi^0$  - decay



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*Current*  
 **$\gamma$  ray**  
**instruments**

# High Energy (HE) gamma-rays, $E > 100$ MeV

Predecessor: **EGRET** (onboard *CGRO*)

**Fermi-LAT** (  $\sim 100$  MeV – 100 GeV).

- **Large FOV:** 20% sky instantaneously
- **Survey mode:** full sky every 3 hours.
- **Self-triggers** (LAT, GBM)
- **Small collection areas** ( $< 1$  m<sup>2</sup>)

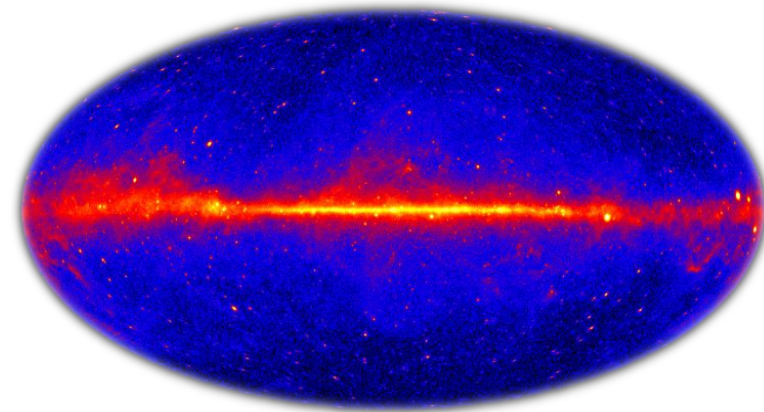
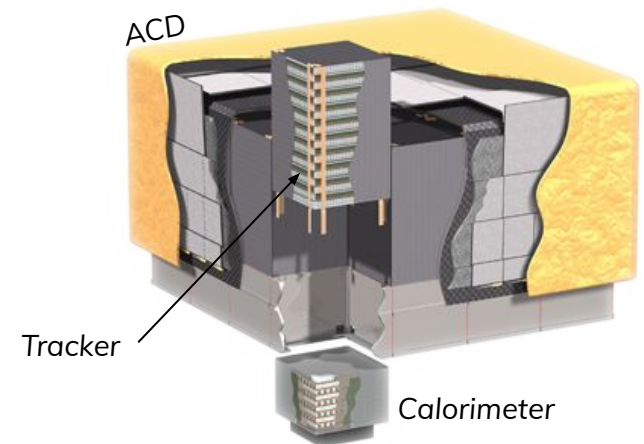
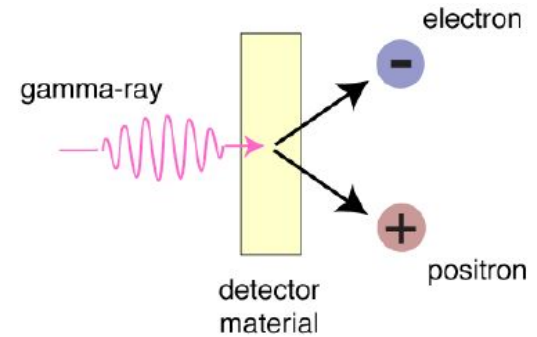
Components:

- Tracker** (direction)
- Calorimeter** (energy)
- ACD** (charged particle veto)

Some LAT catalogs:

- ★ **4FGL:** 7194 sources (DR4, 14 years)
- ★ **4LAC:** 3814 extragalactic sources (DR3, 12y)
- ★ **3FHL:** 1556 sources (above 10 GeV)
- ★ **1FLE:** 187 sources (below 100 MeV)

Public data, used by many.



Credits: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration

# Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs)

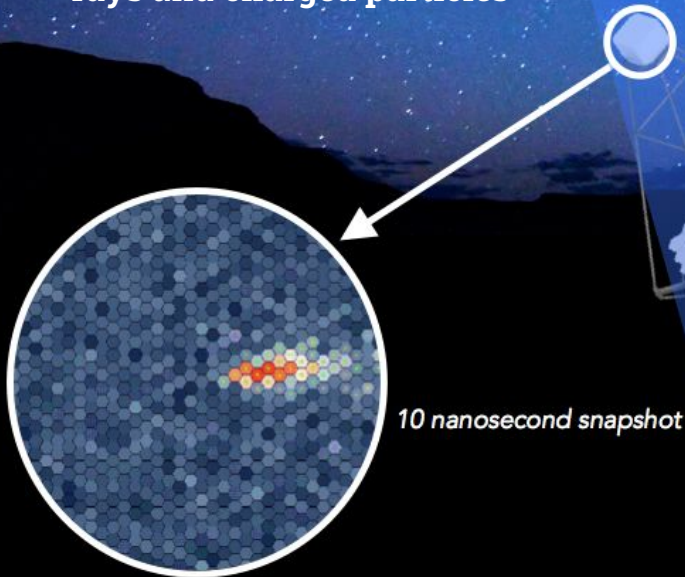
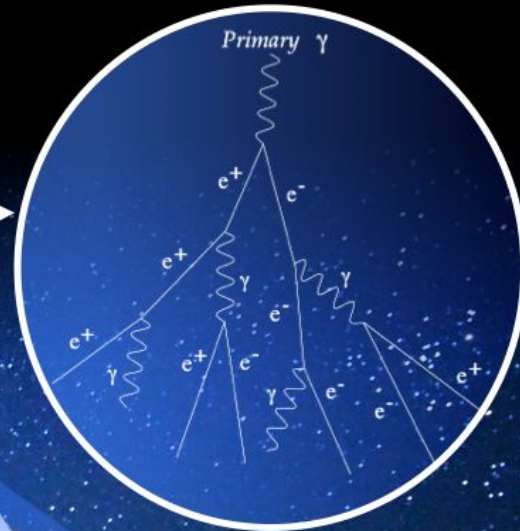
$\gamma$ -ray enters the atmosphere

Electromagnetic cascade

## Cherenkov effect

Passing  $\gamma$  rays and **charged particles** produce atmospheric particle showers and emission of Cherenkov radiation by atmosphere:

- fast flashes ( $\sim 5\text{-}20$  ns duration)
- maximum at  $\sim 10$  km height
- UV-blue color (300 - 500 nm)
- different shower development for  $\gamma$  rays and **charged particles**



10 nanosecond snapshot



0.1 km<sup>2</sup> "light pool", a few photons per m<sup>2</sup>.

Credits R. White (MPIK) / K. Bernlohr (MPIK) / DESY

# IACTs: major instruments

**H.E.S.S.** *Khomas Highland, Namibia*

*Telescopes:* 4 × 12m + 1 × 28m

Since 2004, major upgrade 2015–2016

**MAGIC** *ORM, La Palma, Spain*

*Telescopes:* 2 × 17m

Since 2004, major upgrade in 2011.

**VERITAS** *FLWO, Arizona, US.*

*Telescopes:* 4 × 12m

Since 2007, major upgrade in 2012

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*Arrays of 2–5 telescopes, with ~  
500–1000 PMT pixelized cameras.*

*Effective areas: ~ 10<sup>5</sup> m<sup>2</sup>*

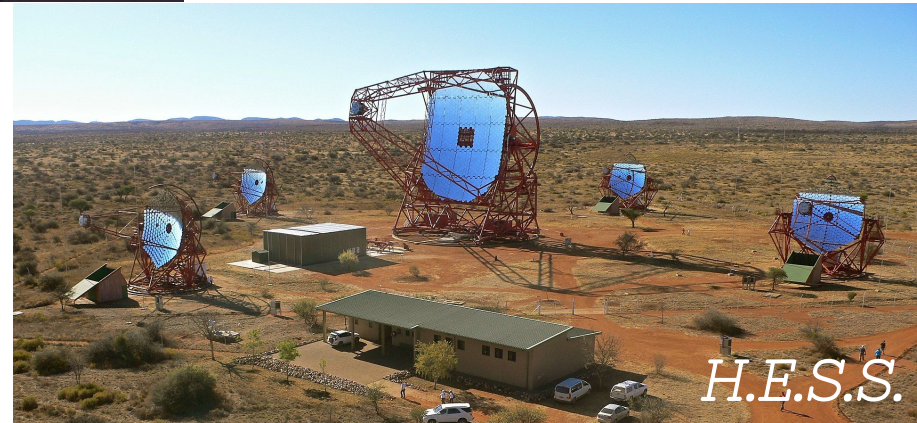
*Sensitivity: < 1% Crab Nebula flux (50h)*

*Field of view: ~ 3–5°*

*Angular resolution: ~ 0.1°*

*Energy resolution: ~ 15%*

*Pointing observation, limited surveys.*



# IACTs: results / Galactic

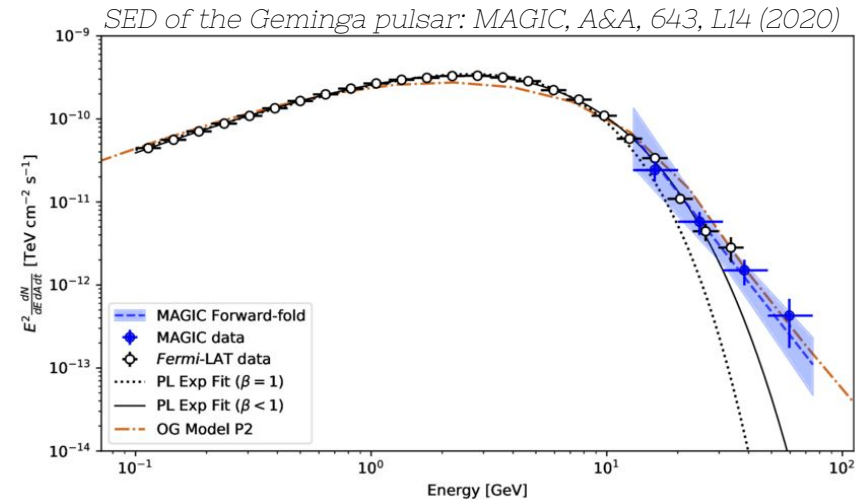
## Pulsars:

- Crab (up to 2 TeV). Vela (HESS), Geminga (MAGIC, LST-1). Cutoff + PWL at VHE.

## Binaries:

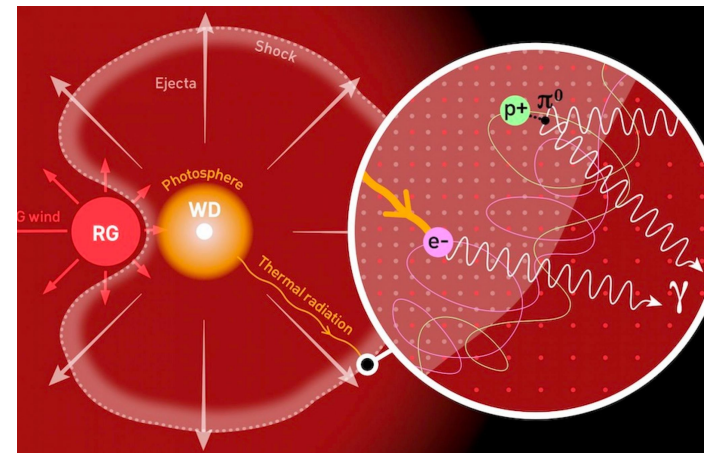
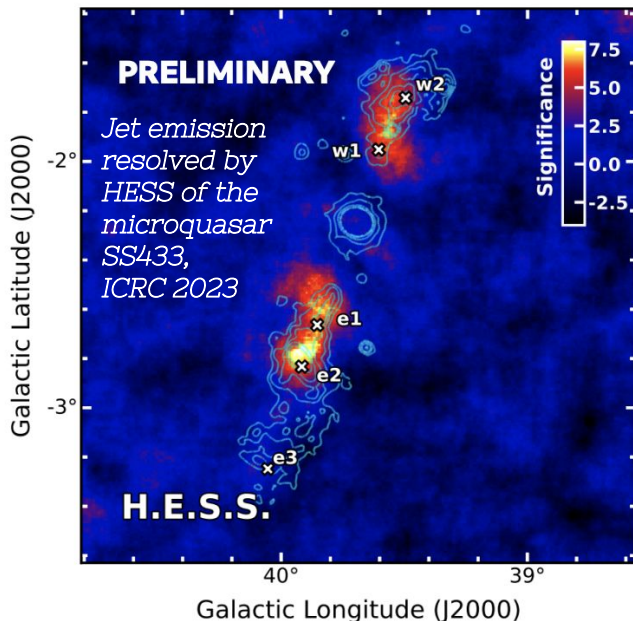
- SS 433: spectral modelling, morphology.
- PSR B1259-63 (binary pulsar)

Galactic center: Dark matter origin?  
PeVatron?



## Novae:

- RS Ophiuchi: symbiotic nova detected in 2021 by HESS, MAGIC, LST-1. Proton acceleration. *Sci* 376, 6588; *NatAst*, 6, 689-697





## Starburst galaxies

- Updated measurements of the emission from **M82** (VERITAS). Integrated emission from PWNe? responsive for the bulk of the extragalactic  $\gamma$  ray background?

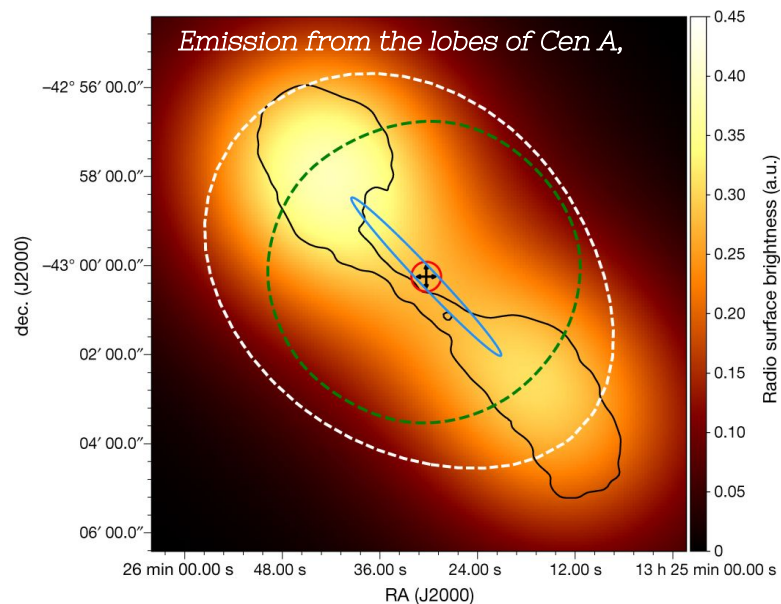
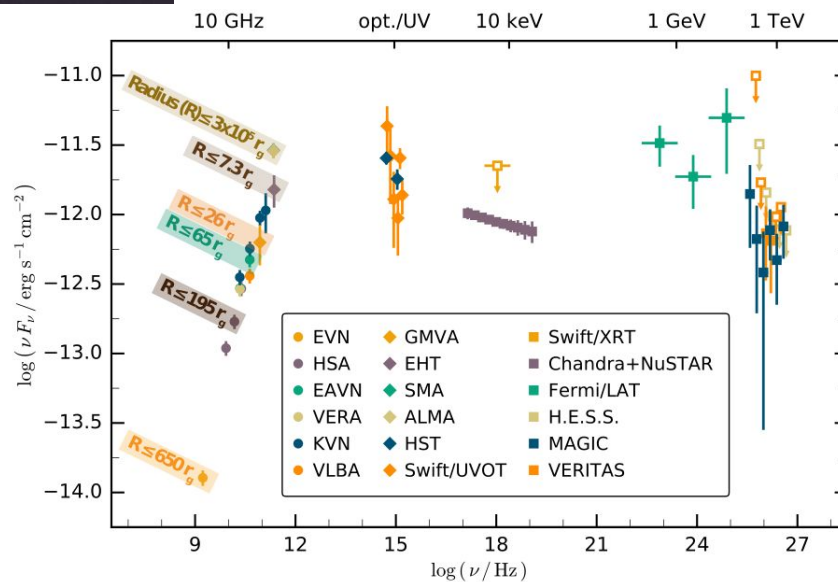
## Active galaxies

New or updated catalogs

- TeVCat: <http://tevcat.uchicago.edu/>
- GammaCAT: <https://gamma-cat.readthedocs.io/>
- STeVECAT (*released in 2023*): <https://zenodo.org/record/8152245>

## Radio galaxies

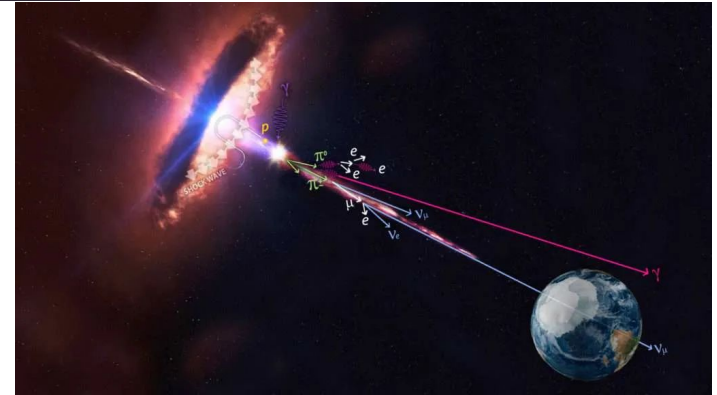
- M87**: deep MWL campaigns following EHT observations.
- Centaurus A**: break in VHE emission. Lower energies from core, Higher energies from lobes  
*Nature*, 582, 7812, p.356–359



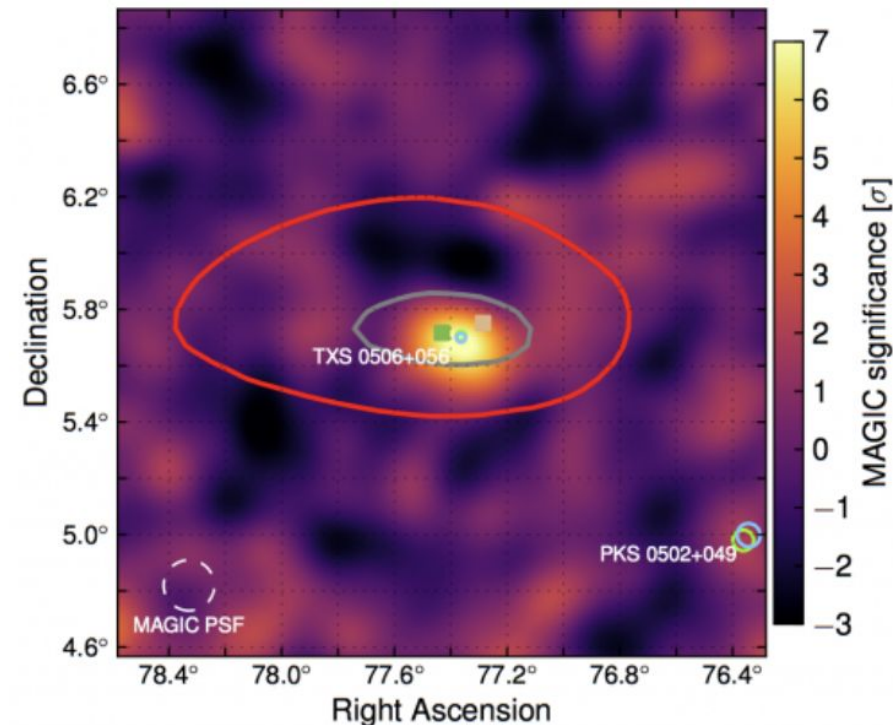
## Blazars

Too many new advances to list here

- ❑ **Theory:** more detailed models and simulations of structured jets, lepto-hadronic, multi-zone and jet-ISM interactions.
- ❑ **~ 85 blazars** detected in VHE. Most are BL Lacs, a few FSRQs.
- ❑ **Hot topics:** extreme blazars, binary systems (e.g. PG 1553+113), etc.
- ❑ **Multi-wavelength & Multi-messenger** are hot topics:  
TXS 0506+056 / IceCube-170922A detection (*Science*, 361, 6398)



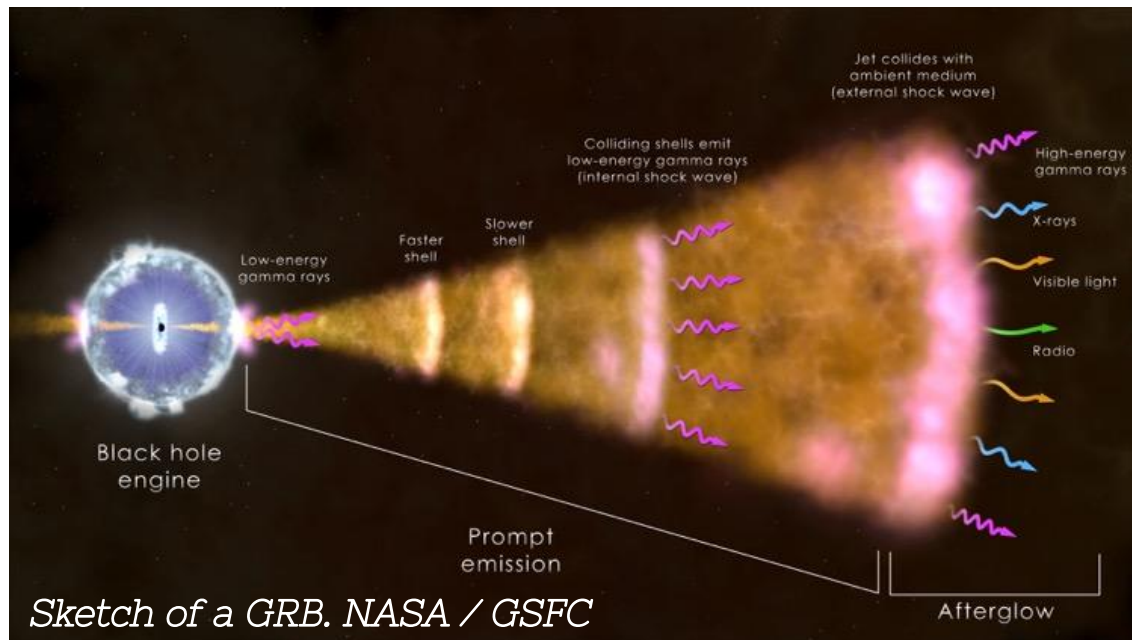
Detection of the blazar TXS 0506+056 coincident with IceCube-170922A



# IACTs: results / Extragalactic

## Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs)

- ❑ New source class in VHE (since 2019).
- ❑ 5 GRBs detected:
  - ❑ GRB 180720B (H.E.S.S.), GRB 190114C (MAGIC), GRB 190829A (H.E.S.S.), GRB 201216C (MAGIC), **GRB 221009A** (LHAASO, **B.O.A.T.**)
- ★ Many open questions: progenitors? afterglow plateau phase? how is the VHE emission produced?

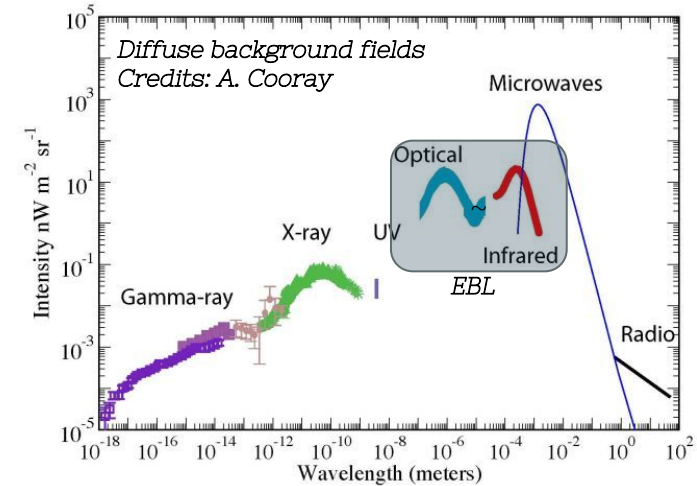


## Extragalactic background light (EBL)

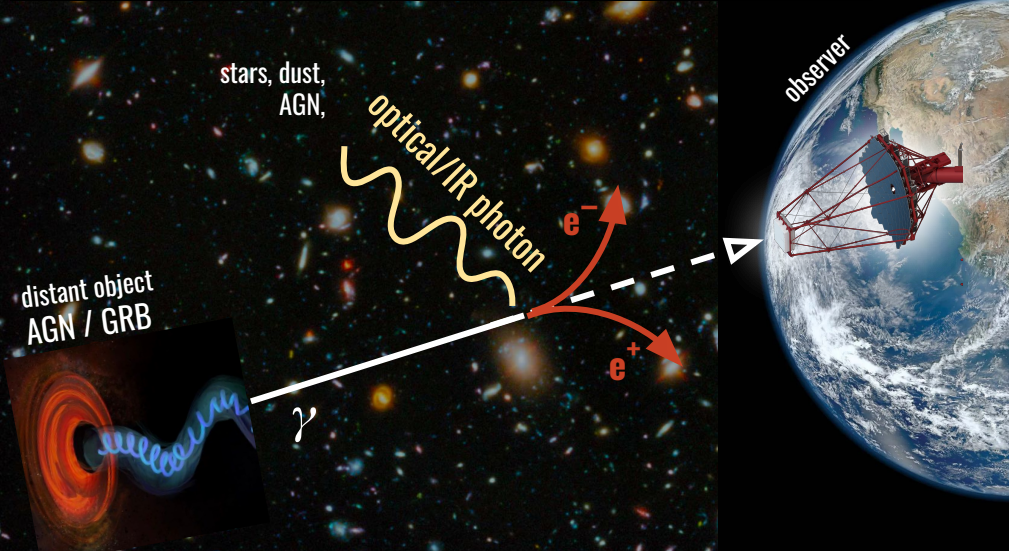
New models: Saldana-Lopez '21, Finke '22, etc.

Updated measurements by the 3 major IACTs:

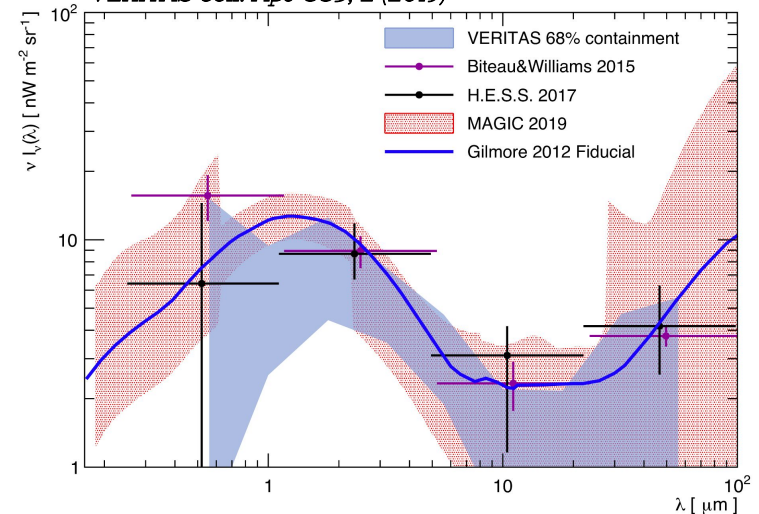
- HESS. A&A 606, A59 (2017)
- MAGIC. MNRAS, 486, 3 (2019)
- VERITAS. ApJ 885, 2, 150 (2019)
- recent projects (*all presented at ICRC 2023*):
  - Anisotropy searches (EBL skymaps)
  - Combining all existing data (better limits)
  - EBL as a tool: blazar distance estimation & cosmology ( $H_0$ ,  $\Omega_M$ )



## Redshift & Energy-dependent absorption of VHE spectra from blazars



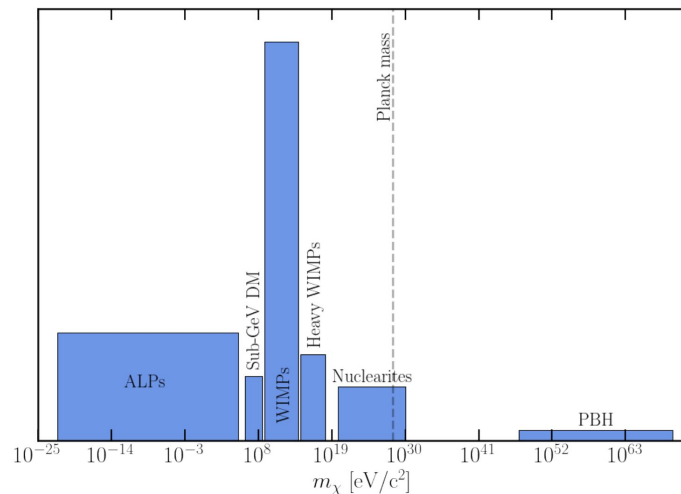
EBL spectrum in the NIR ('the dusty Universe')  
VERITAS coll. ApJ 885, 2 (2019)



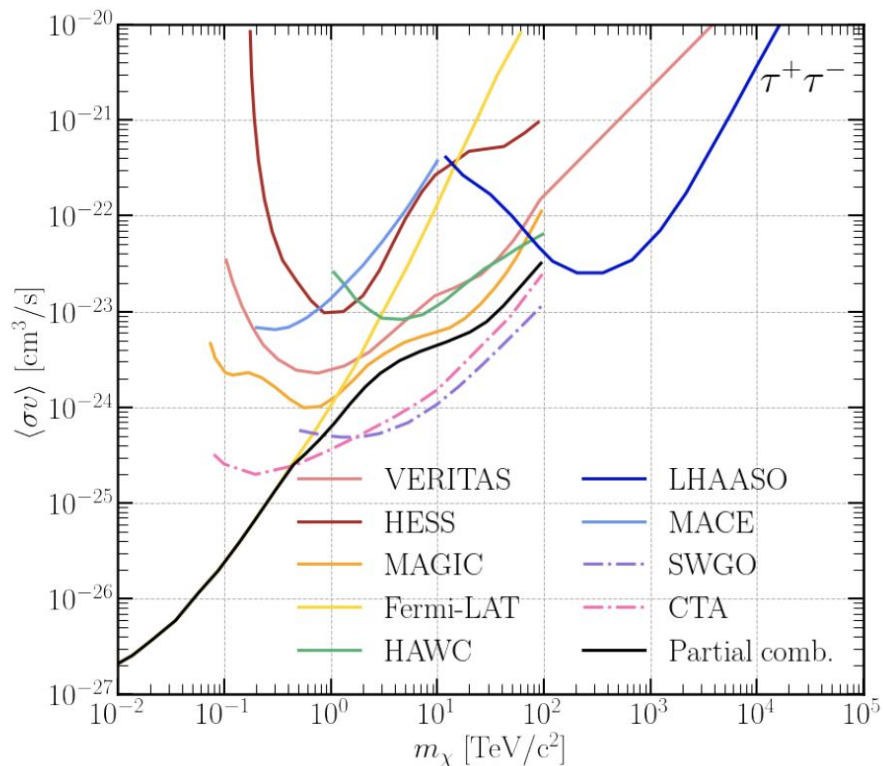
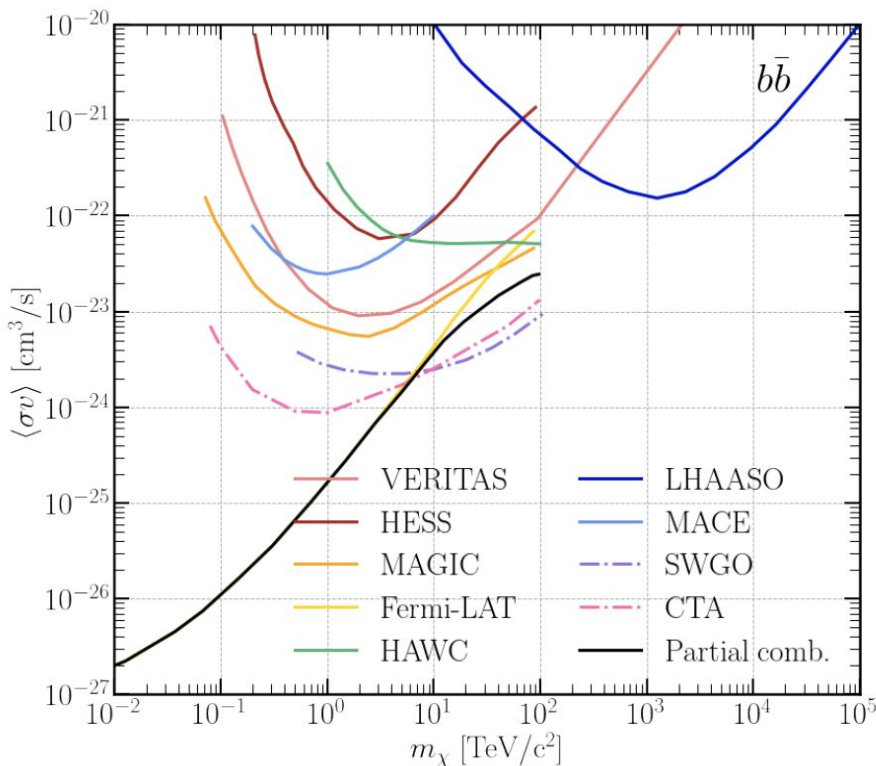
# IACTs: results / Dark Matter

## Targets:

- Galactic centre
- Galactic halo
- galaxy clusters
- Sun and surroundings
- dwarf spheroidals:



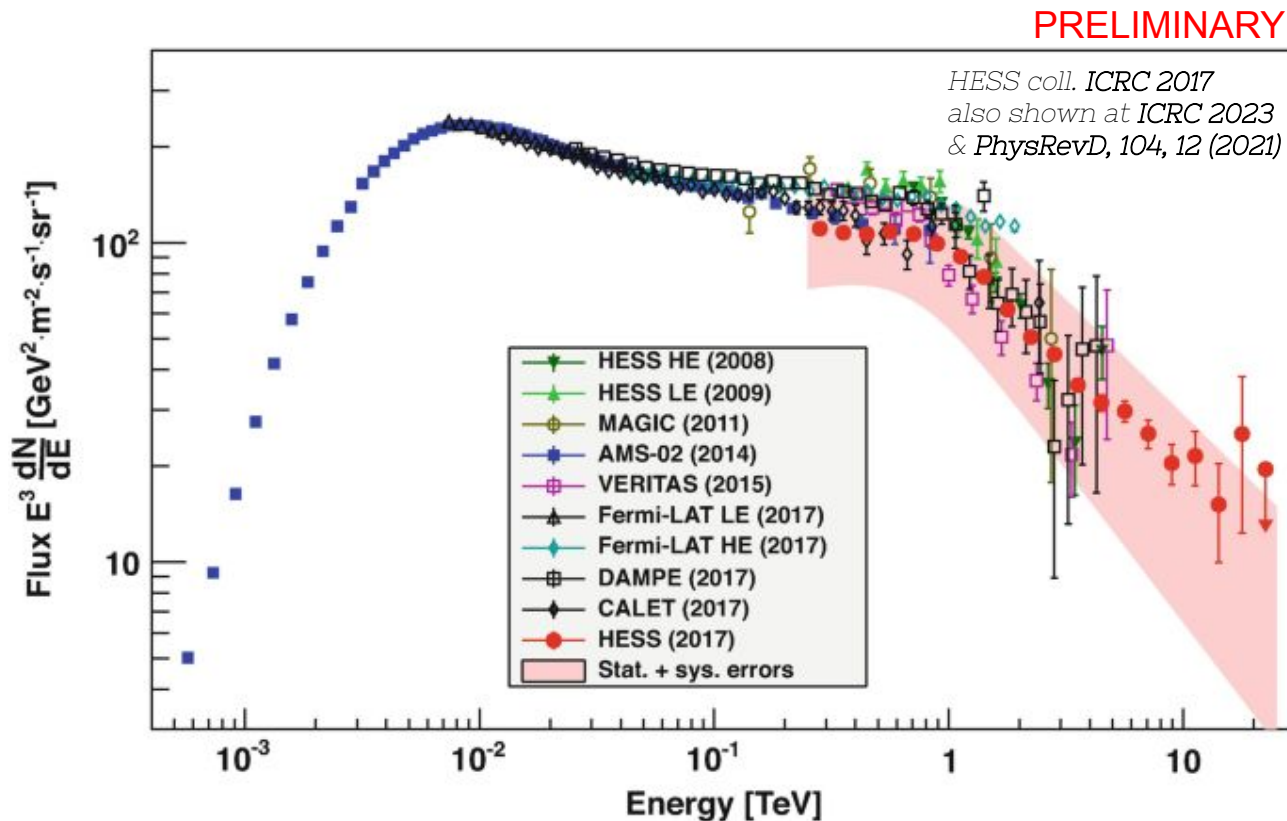
M. J. Zurowski (ICRC 2023)



## Electron spectrum.

Measurement from all 3 major IACTs.

- Break at  $\sim 1$  TeV used for energy-scale calibration !



Other species: early on measurement by HESS of *Iron spectrum* (Bühler, ICRC 2008; *PhysRevD*, 75, 4 2007) and VERITAS (last update *PhysRevD*, 98, 022009, 2018; and of *proton spectrum* (see e.g. D. Jankowsky's thesis).

# High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory (HAWC)



300 water Cherenkov tank, 3 + 1 (central) PMTs each.  
~200,000 liters of water each.

**Predecessor:** Milagro (Los Alamos)

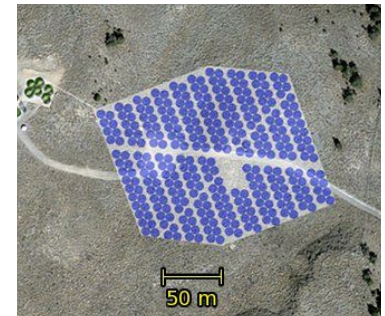
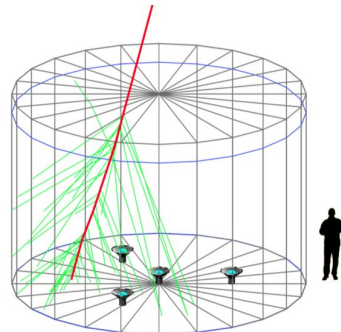
**Location:** base of Sierra Negra volcano, Mexico.

**Collaboration:** Mexican-US

**Outrigger upgrade:** August 2018

## Performance:

- FoV: 15% instantaneous,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the sky each day.
- hadron rejection: >99% (> 3TeV)
- 1 year = unbiased survey at 50 mCrab ( $5\sigma$ )
- effective area:  $\sim 10^{4-5} \text{ m}^2$
- angular resolution:  $\sim 0.1^\circ$  (at >10 TeV)
- energy resolution: < 50% (at >10 TeV)



# HAWC: results



## Surveys:

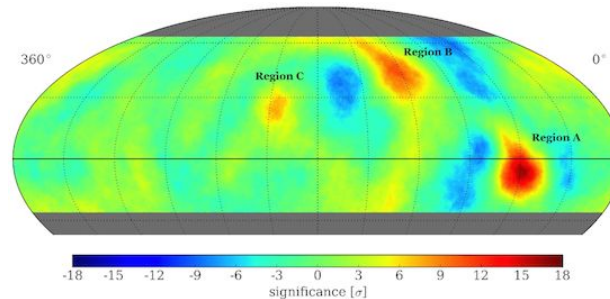
- 3HWC catalog (1523 days, 65 sources, 20 new) *ApJ*,905,76
- Galactic plane survey (e.g. *ApJ*,917,6)
- AGN light curves (Mrk 421, Mrk 501) *ApJ*,841,100

## Galactic sources:

- Detected  $\gamma$  rays from the Sun (*PhysRevLett*.131.051201).
- Geminga / Monogem TeV-halos ('older' pulsars) *2017Sci...358..911A*
- Binary systems / microquasars: MGRO J1908+06 (possible pevatron) and SS 433 lobe detection. *Nature*,562, 82–85

## Cosmic rays & fundamental physics:

- Neutrino searches from the Volcano. *APh*,137, 102670.
- Extragalactic Background light limits
- Anisotropies of CRs above 1 TeV. *ApJ*,865,1
- Dark matter searches (e.g. *ApJ*,945,25) & evaporation of primordial black holes (*JCAP*,4,26)
- Positron excess due to pulsars? *PhysRevD*, 96, 10

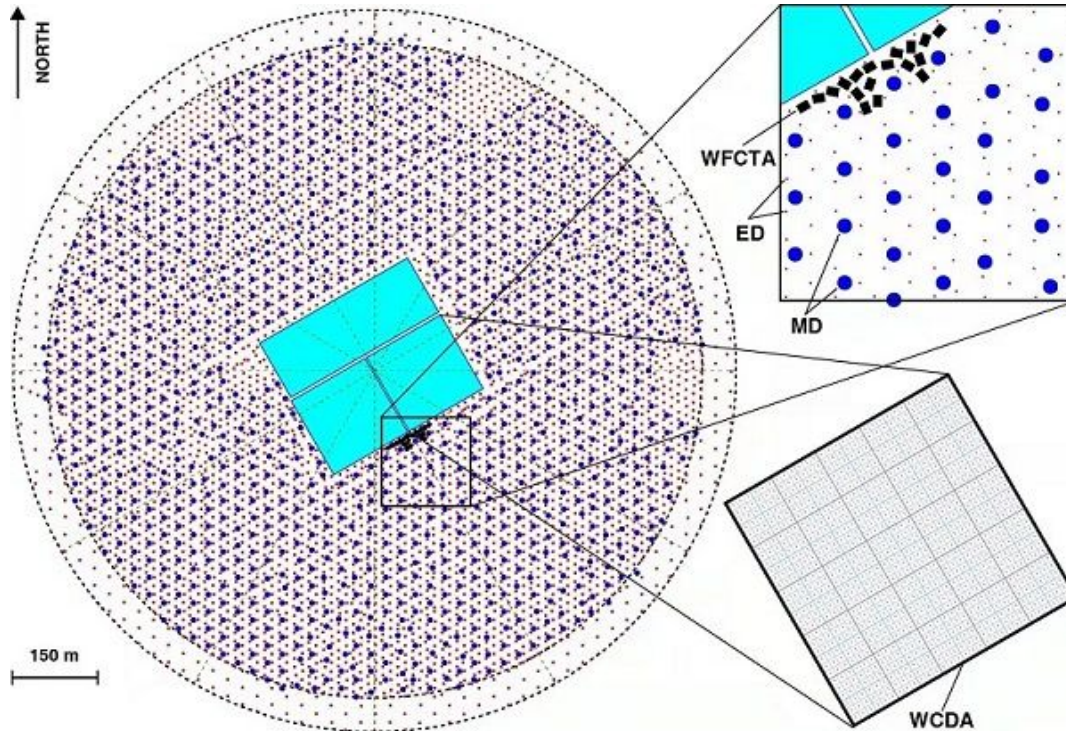




# Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO)

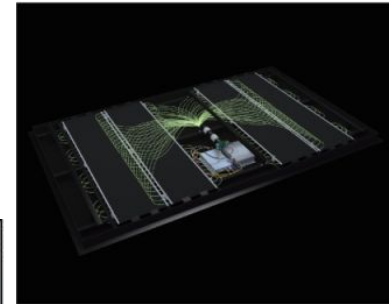


*hybrid* high-altitude (4410m a.s.l, Sichuan, China)  $\gamma$ -ray observatory of several *detector arrays* covering an area of  $1.36 \text{ km}^2$ .



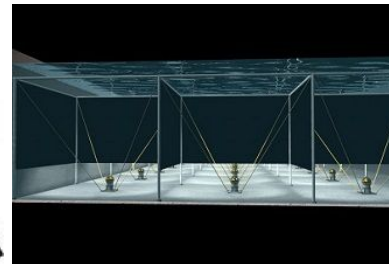
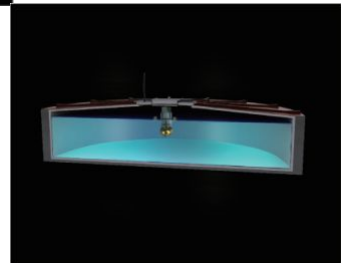
**Subarrays:**

KM2A ( $\sim 1 \text{ km}^2$ ), WCDA ( $\sim 10^5 \text{ m}^2$ ), WFCTA



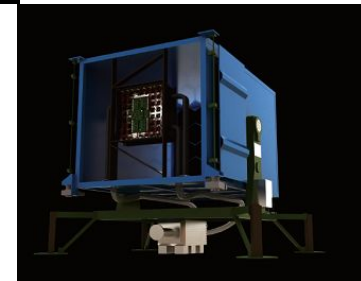
5195 ED (each  $1 \text{ m}^2$ ) secondary particles from the EAS, scintillation light

1188 MD: muon content. Tanks with PMTs measuring water Cherenkov light by muons



WCDA ( $78000 \text{ m}^2$ ): 3 water ponds divided in cells to measure Cherenkov light from charged particles

WFCTA array telescopes of  $5 \text{ m}^2$  mirrors with SiPM ( $\sim 1000$  pixels) and a  $16^\circ \times 16^\circ$  FoV

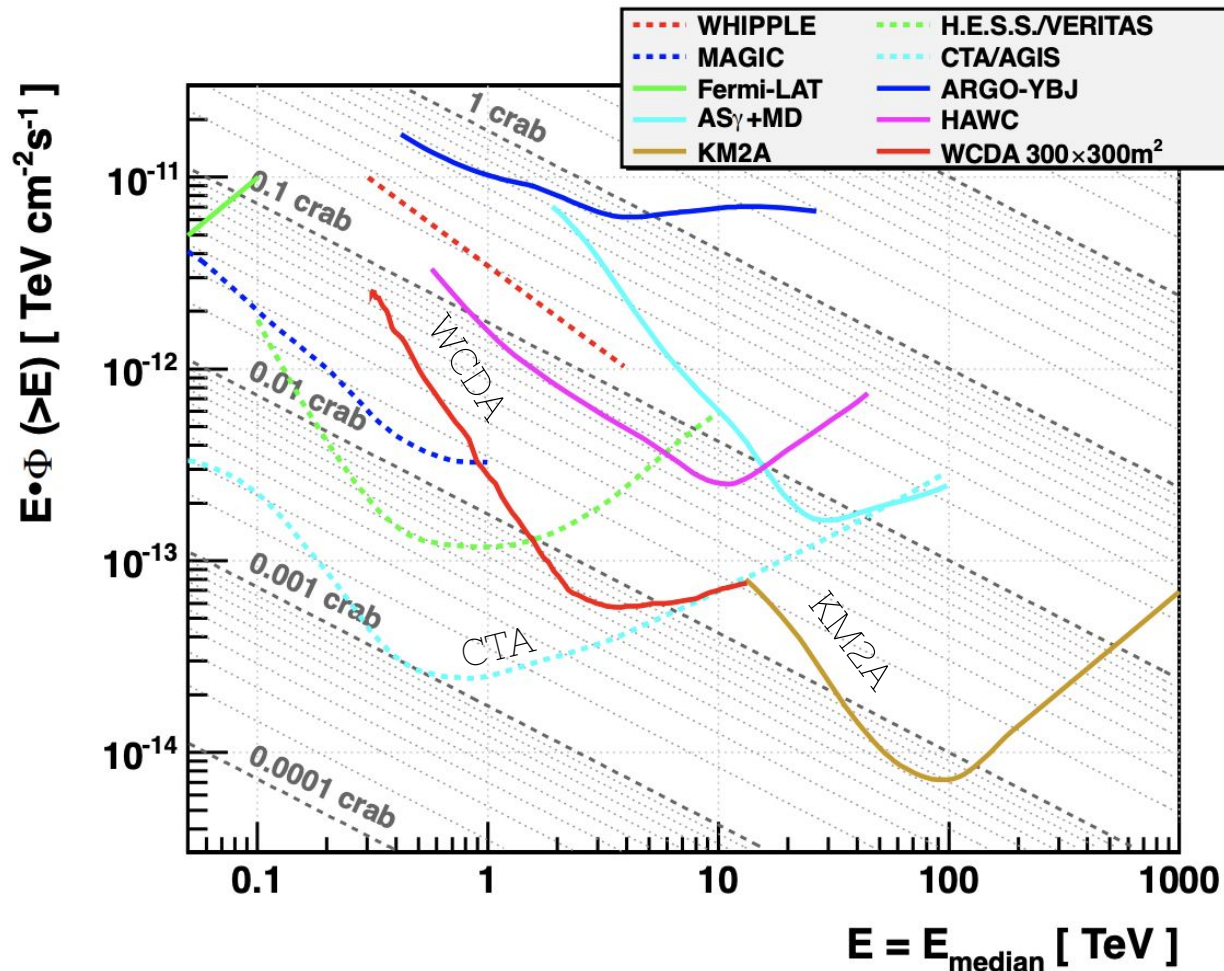


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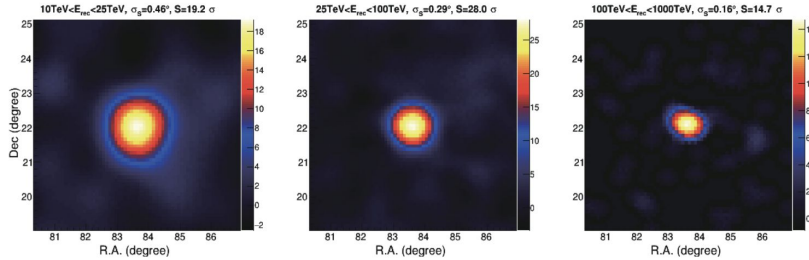
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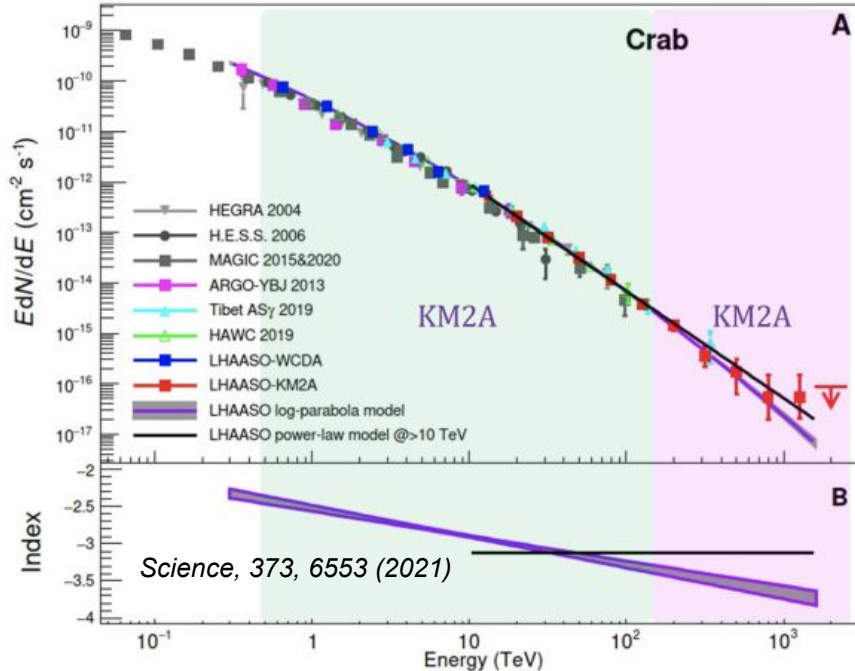
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## Crab Nebula



detected up to 3 PeV with KM2A. Electron accelerator up photon energy of  $E \sim 500$  TeV. Proton-component ( $\sim$  PeV) above that.



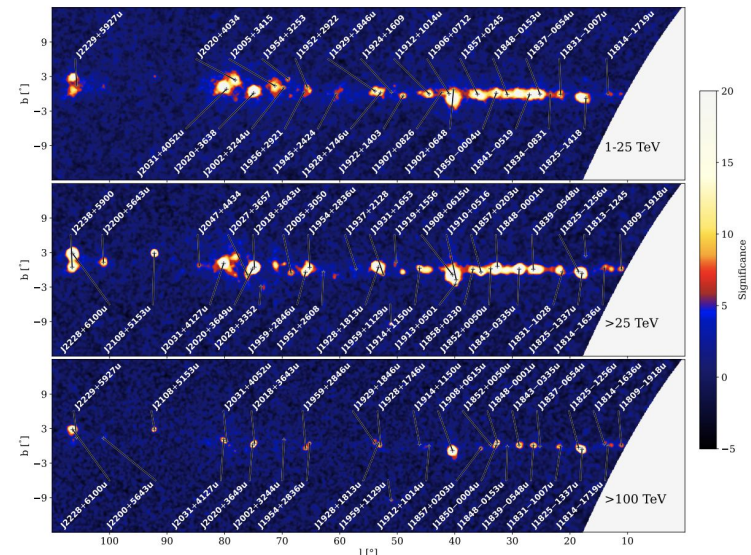
## "Other" PeVatrons

*Nature*, 594, 33–36 (2021)

12 new  $\gamma$ -ray sources discovered in the UHE band  $\rightarrow$  PeV particle accelerators.

- Located in the Galactic plane.
- Discovered with 11-month of 'partially built' KM2A data.
- 11/12 with VHE counterparts.

## Catalog of VHE/UHE $\gamma$ -ray sources (1LHAASO) (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.17030>)



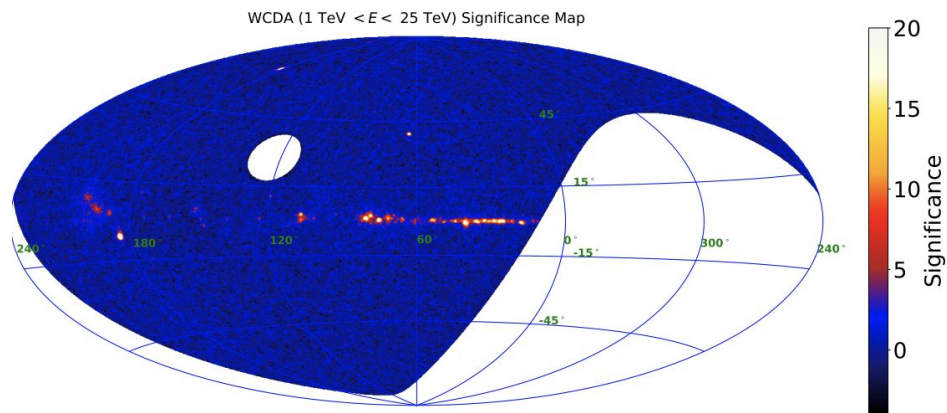
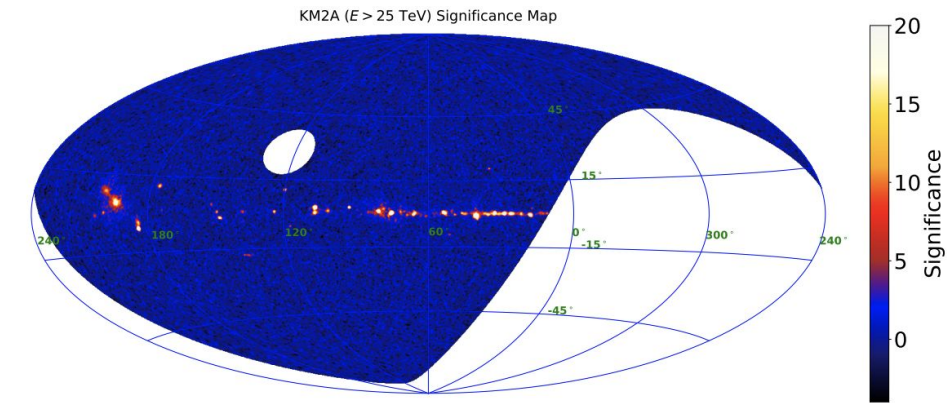
- ❑ 508 days of WCDA data.
- ❑ 933 days of KM2A data.
- ❑  $-20 < \delta < 80$  deg

## Sources

- ❑ 90 VHE sources, of which ...
  - ❑ 32 are new.
  - ❑ 65 are extended
  - ❑ 7 do not have GeV counterparts.
- ❑ 43 sources in the UHE band ( $E > 100$  TeV) at  $> 4\sigma$ . 8 not detected  $< 25$  TeV.
- ❑ 35 associated with pulsars (PWNe or TeV halos).

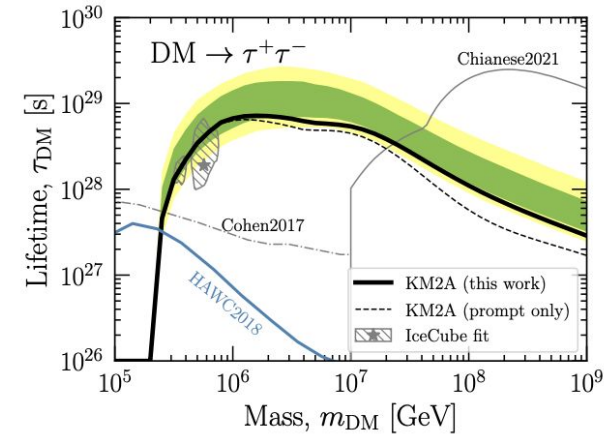
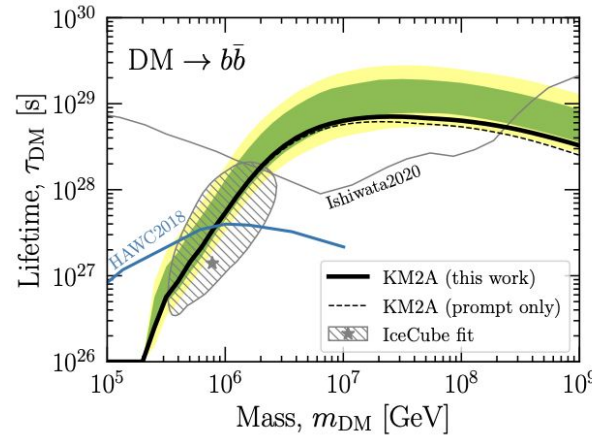
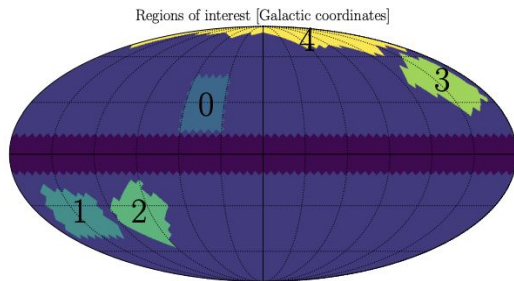
## Data products

- Association (GeV and TeV)
- Source extension (UHE)
- Source spectra



## Dark matter constraints (*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 129, 261103)

- Region 0: close to GC
- Regions 1-4: CRs /control



## Diffuse $\gamma$ -ray emission from the Galactic plane

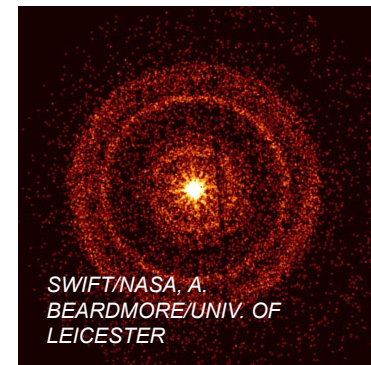
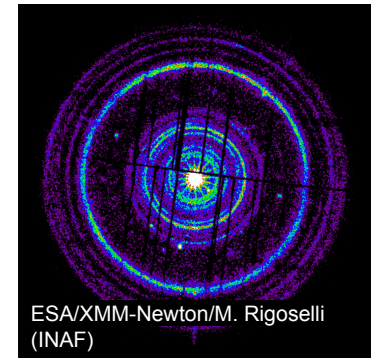
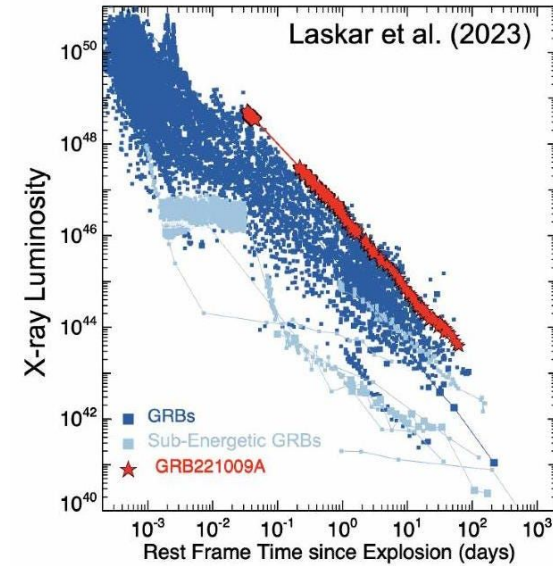
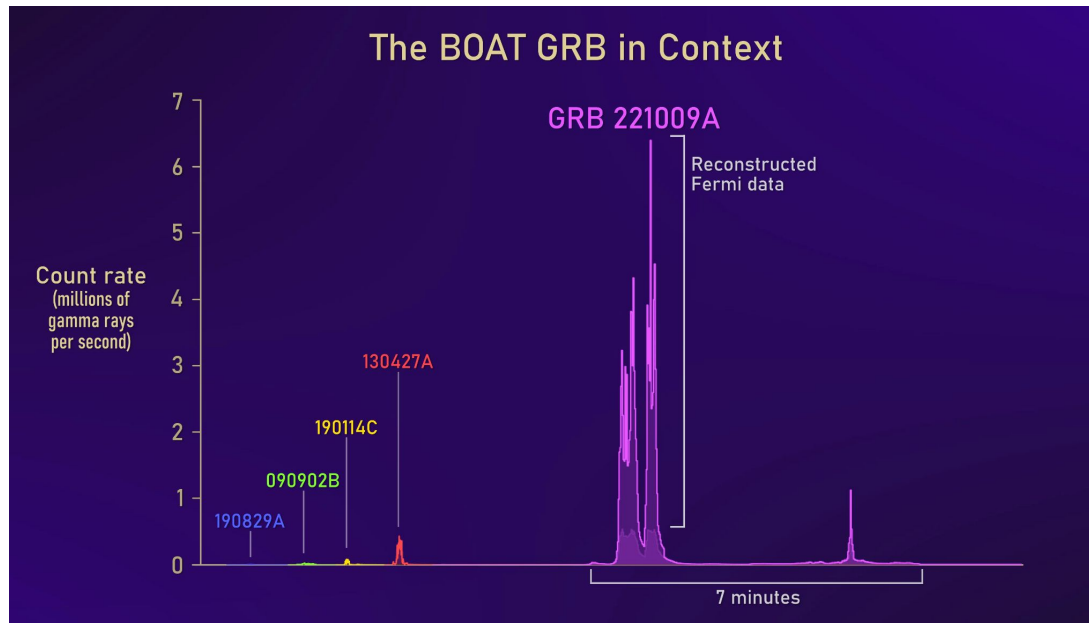
[arXiv/2305.05372](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.05372), accepted in *PhysRevL*

## Cosmic rays

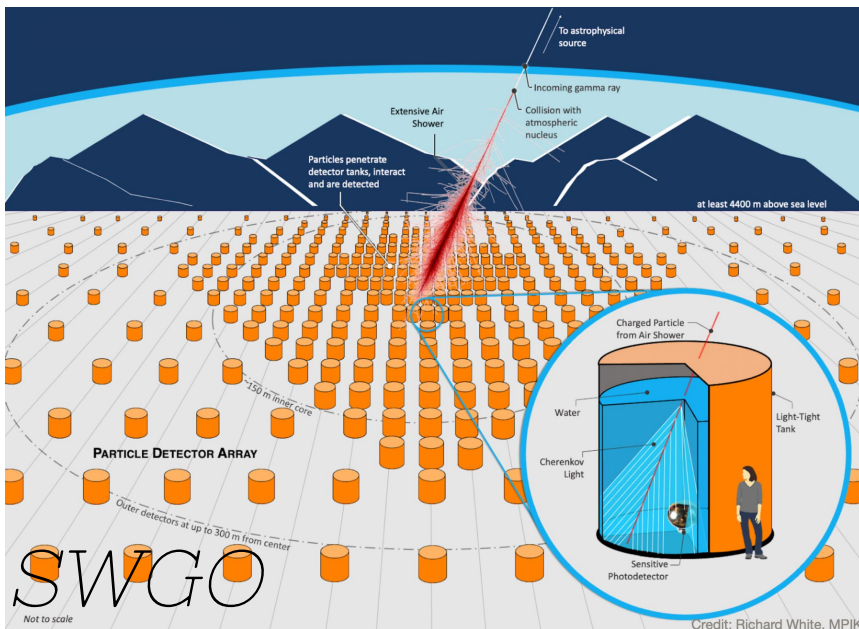
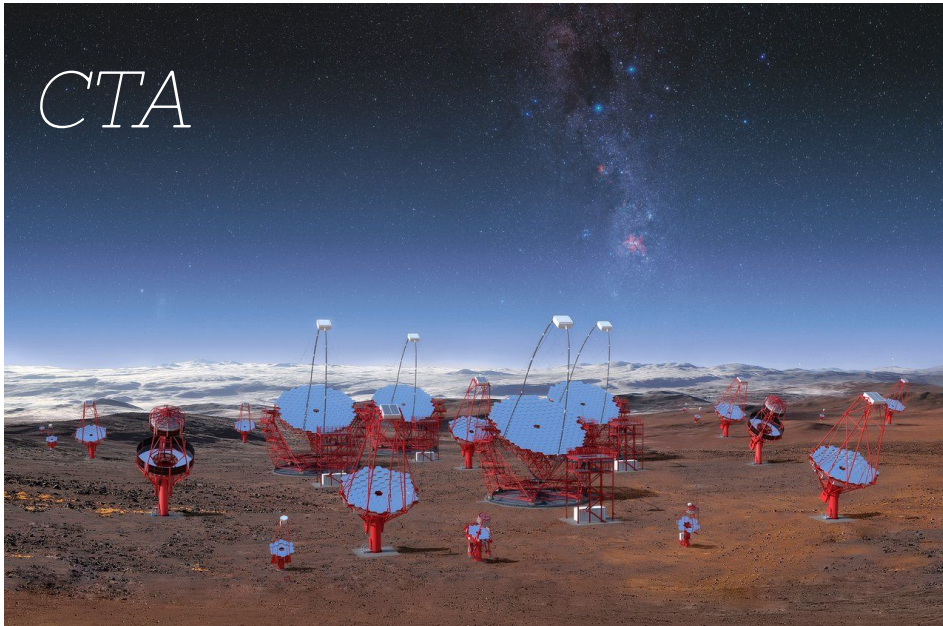
One of the main goals of LHAASO is to measure CR composition and spectra for different group masses.

## The BOAT: GRB 221009A

- ❑ Brightest Of All Times. The highest isotropic energy, highest fluence, highest peak flux, 3rd highest isotropic luminosity.
- ❑  $z = 0.151$ .
- ❑ **7 minutes** duration (*short bursts < 2s, long bursts > 2s*)
- ❑ afterglow: No polarization in X-rays (IXPE)
- ❑ elusive supernova signal following GRB
- ❑ detection by IACTs not claimed yet (strong Moon) but detected by LHAASO: 18 TeV, 100 sigma, 5000 photons !!



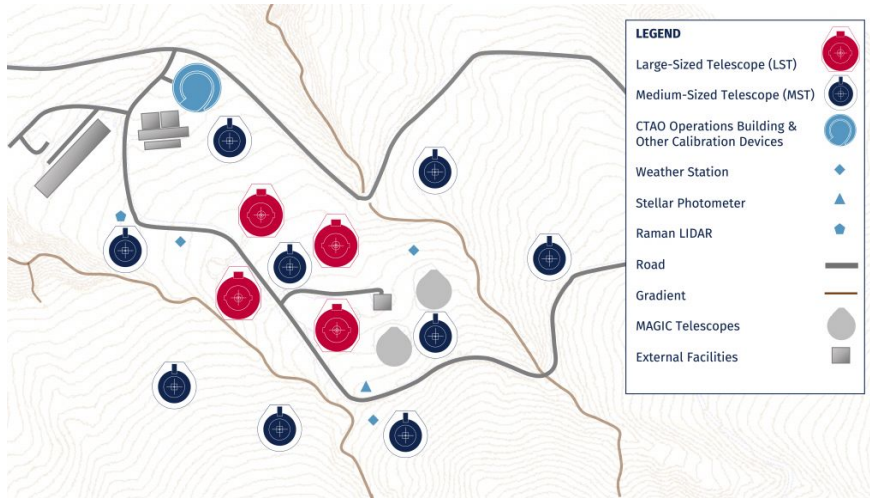
CTA



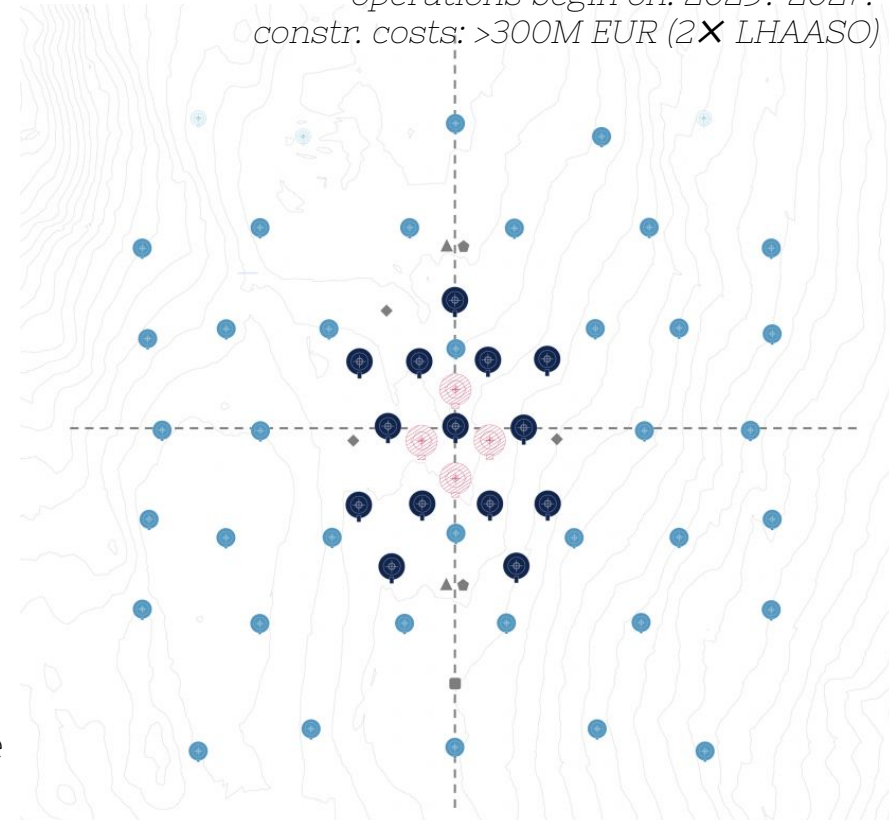
# Future $\gamma$ ray instruments

# Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)

Two sites → full-sky coverage



Science with CTA book: arXiv:1709.07997  
 operations begin on: 2025? 2027?  
 constr. costs: >300M EUR (2× LHAASO)

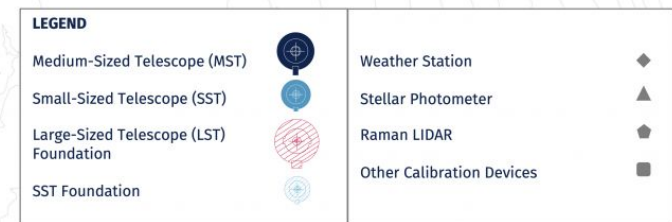


- **CTA-N:** 4 LST + 9 MST. *Focus:* extragalactic science.
- **CTA-S:** up to 4 LST + 14 MST + 37 SST (Alpha Conf.). *Focus:* Galactic science

3 telescope sizes → wide energy range

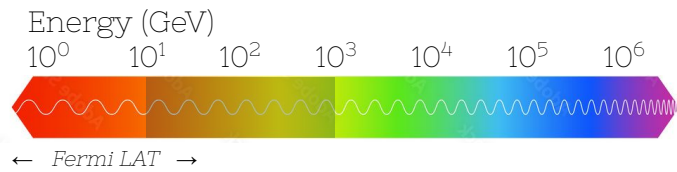
- Large-Sized Telescope (LST): 23-m
- Medium-Sized Telescopes (MST): 12-m
- Small-Sized Telescopes (SST): 4-m

Open observatory and data (~ 50% time)





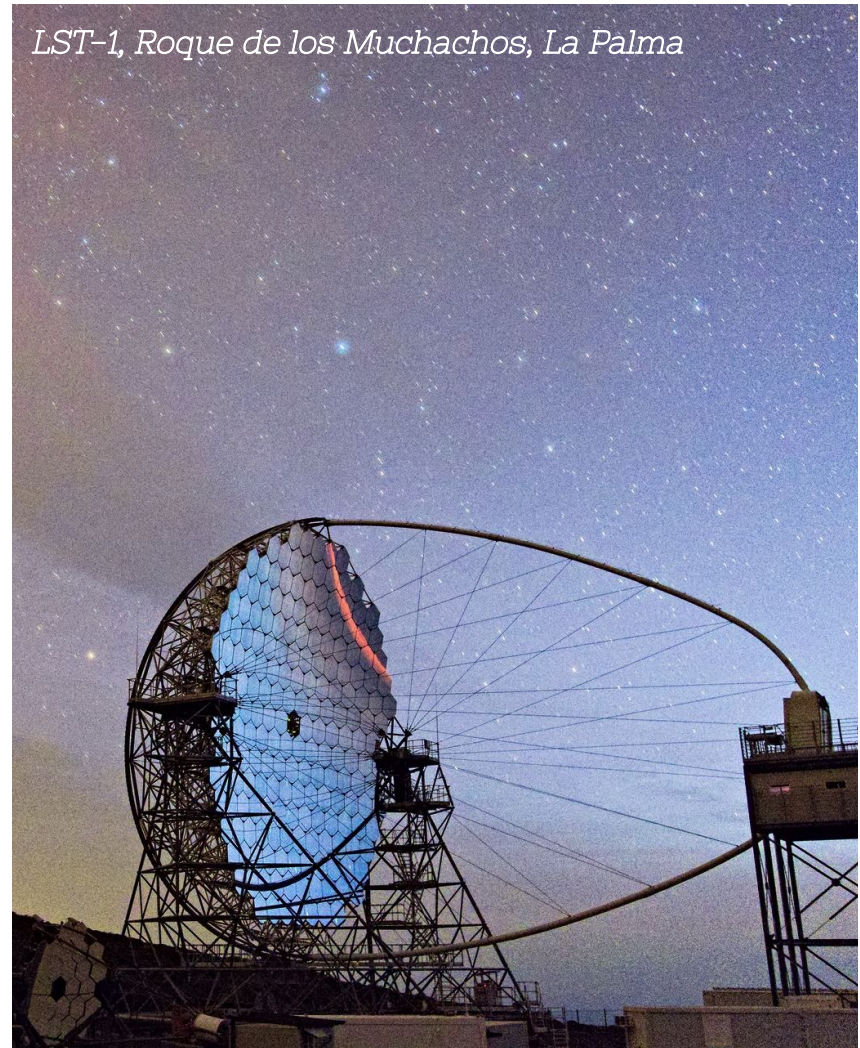
# CTA: Large-Sized Telescope (LST)



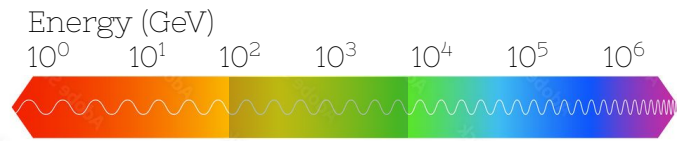
- ❑ 4 × 23-m LST in the North, up to 4 LST in the south.
- ❑ Focus: lowest energies (10 GeV – 1 TeV)
- ❑ First telescope (LST-1, ORM) since 2019.
- ❑ Construction of LST 2-4 ongoing.

## Many scientific results:

- Performance study (LST): *accepted in ApJ*. Performance study of joint LST+MAGIC underway.
- Detection of the *Crab and Geminga pulsars*.
- Constraints on the VHE emission from the *PeVatron candidate LHAASO J2108+5157* [A&A 673, A75 (2023)]
- *Detection of the nova RS Ophiuchi*
- *Detection of several AGNs down to 10 GeV*: Mrk 421, Mrk 501, PG 1553+113, 1ES 1959+650, 1ES 0647+250, BL Lacertae, NGC 1275 ...



# CTA: Medium-Sized Telescope (MST)



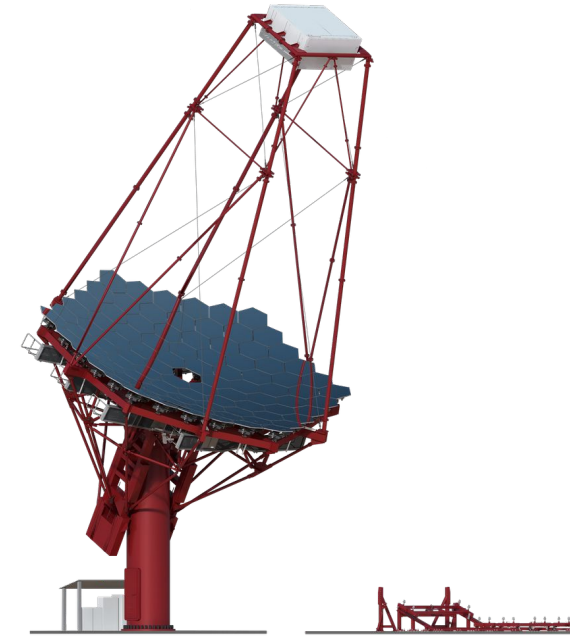
## Single-mirror design

- ❑ CTA workhorses.
- ❑  $9 \times 12$ -m MST in the North, 14 in the South
- ❑ Focus: core energies (150 GeV to 5 TeV)

*Two camera designs* (both using PMTs):

- ❖ *NectarCAM*: ‘analog trigger’, similar to LST.
- ❖ *FlashCAM*: ‘digital trigger’, similar to H.E.S.S. cameras.

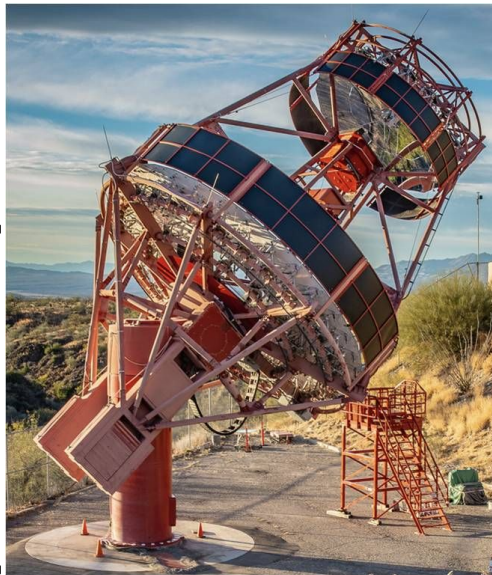
**MST Prototype:** Validation phase (Berlin) from 2012 to 2020 to NectarCAM and FlashCAM tested.



## Schwazschild-Couder Telescope (SCT)

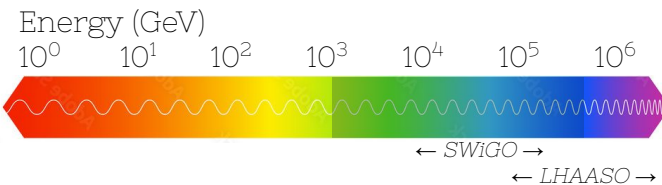
- Mechanical structure (mount) similar to MST.
- SiPM instead of PMTs.
- 10-m primary mirror, 5.4-m secondary.
- 11328 **pixels** (vs  $\sim 1700$ – $1800$  in MST)
- **FoV**:  $7.6^\circ$  (similar to MST)
- **Focus**: smaller PSF, improved off-axis performance, deep learning based analyses.

**SCT prototype (pSCT):** In Tucson (Arizona, US) since Jan 2019.



pSCT (FLWO basecamp, Arizona)

# CTA: Small-Sized Telescope (SST)



- ❑ Modified Schwarzschild-Couder (dual-mirror)
- ❑  $37 \times 4.3$ -m SST in the South
- ❑ **Focus:** highest energies (5 – 300 TeV)
- ❑ **Pixels:** 2048, SiPM.
- ❑ **FoV:**  $8.8^\circ$

## Prototypes and validation:

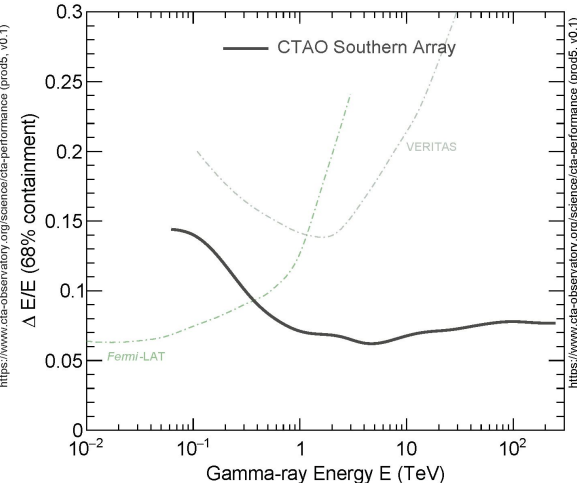
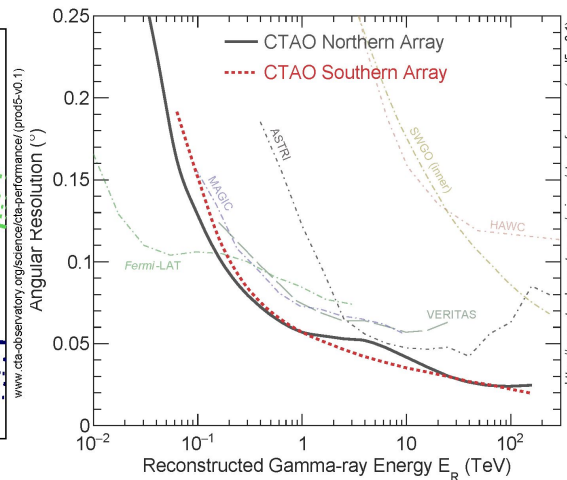
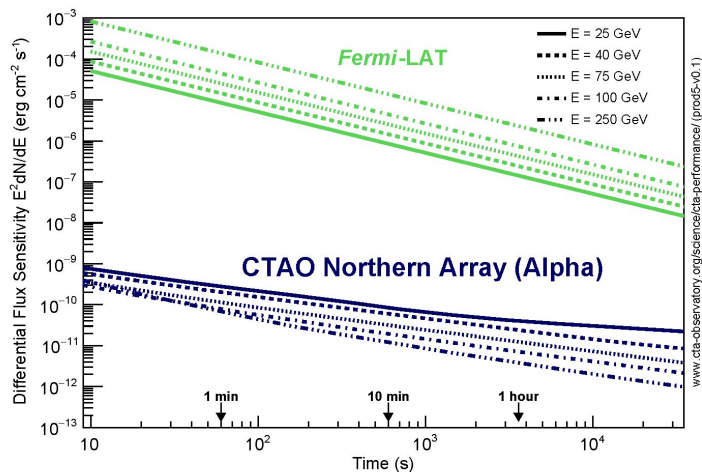
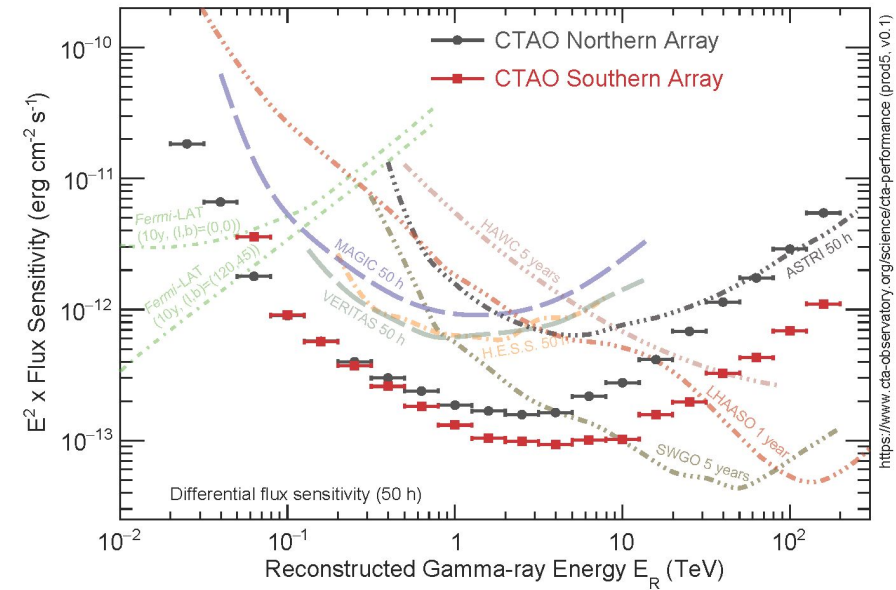
- **Structure:** based on ASTRI-Horn with modifications. Tested within the *ASTRI-mini array*. First telescope in Tenerife, 8 more to come. In commissioning by end 2023.
- **Camera:** SST-CAM, based on CHEC-S (instead of ASTRI-camera)

ASTRI Mini-Array: 9 SST-like telescopes in Tenerife. Complement to CTA-N and LHAASO for  $> 5$  TeV  $\gamma$

Core science paper: JHEA, 35, 2022



- ❑ **Sensitivity:**  $\sim 10\times$  better than current instruments, over 4 decades of energy
- ❑ **Sensitivity vs time:** 3-5 orders of magnitude better than LAT (for 25-250 GeV) + fast repositioning ( $\sim 20$ s for LST).
- ❑ **Angular resolution (68%):** better than current IACTs.  $< 0.05^\circ$  at  $E > 1$  TeV (vs  $\sim 0.1^\circ$  MAGIC, VERITAS, HESS)
- ❑ **Energy resolution ( $\Delta E/E$ ):**  $\sim 5\%$  at  $E > 1$  TeV. Better than current IACTs ( $\sim 15\%$ ).
- ❑ **FoV:**  $\sim 8-10^\circ$  (MST & SST) vs  $3-5^\circ$  (current IACTs)



## Study themes

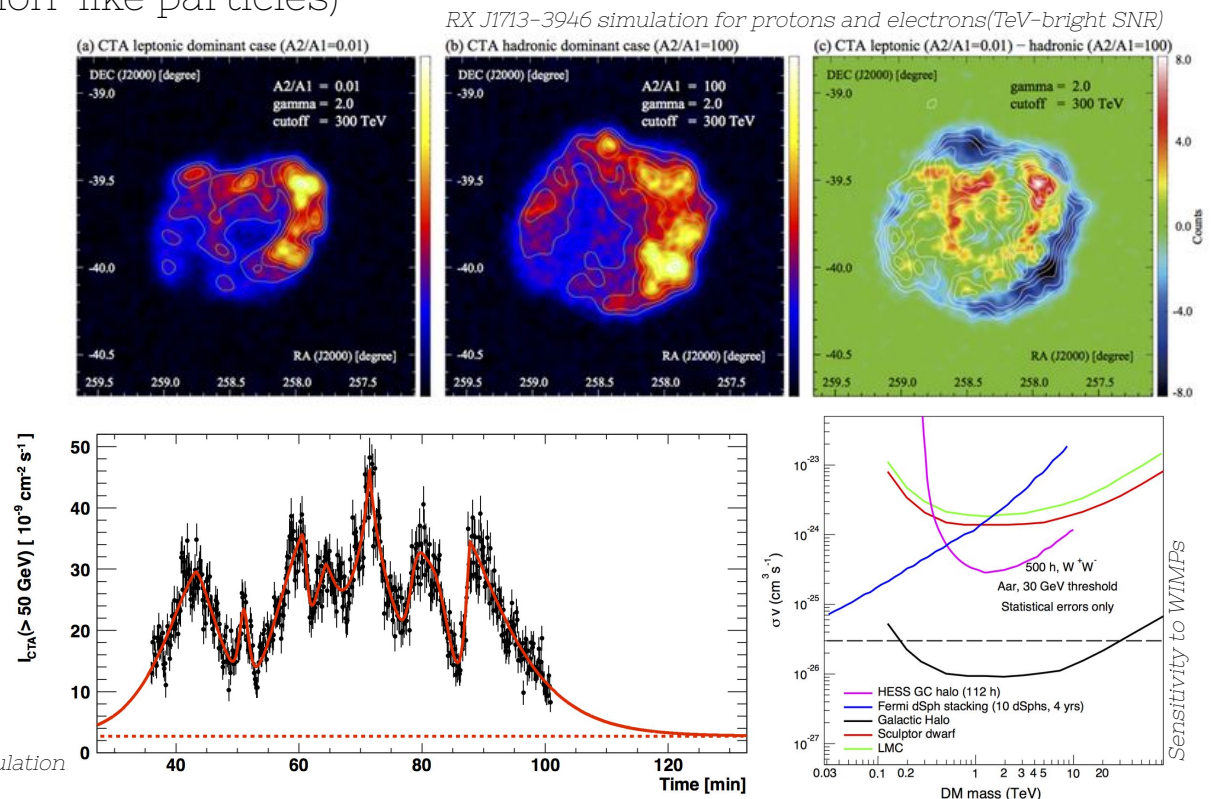
- Understanding the *origin and role of relativistic cosmic particles* (acceleration sites, mechanisms, feedback on star formation and galaxy evolution)
- *Probing extreme environments* (neutron stars, black holes, jets, winds, explosions, cosmic voids)
- Exploring *frontiers in physics* (dark matter, quantum gravitational effects on photon propagation, axion-like particles)

## Key targets

- Galactic Center
- Large Magellanic Cloud
- Galactic Plane
- Galaxy Clusters
- Cosmic Ray PeVatrons
- Star Forming Systems
- Active Galactic Nuclei
- Transient Phenomena

<https://www.cta-observatory.org/science/study-topics/>

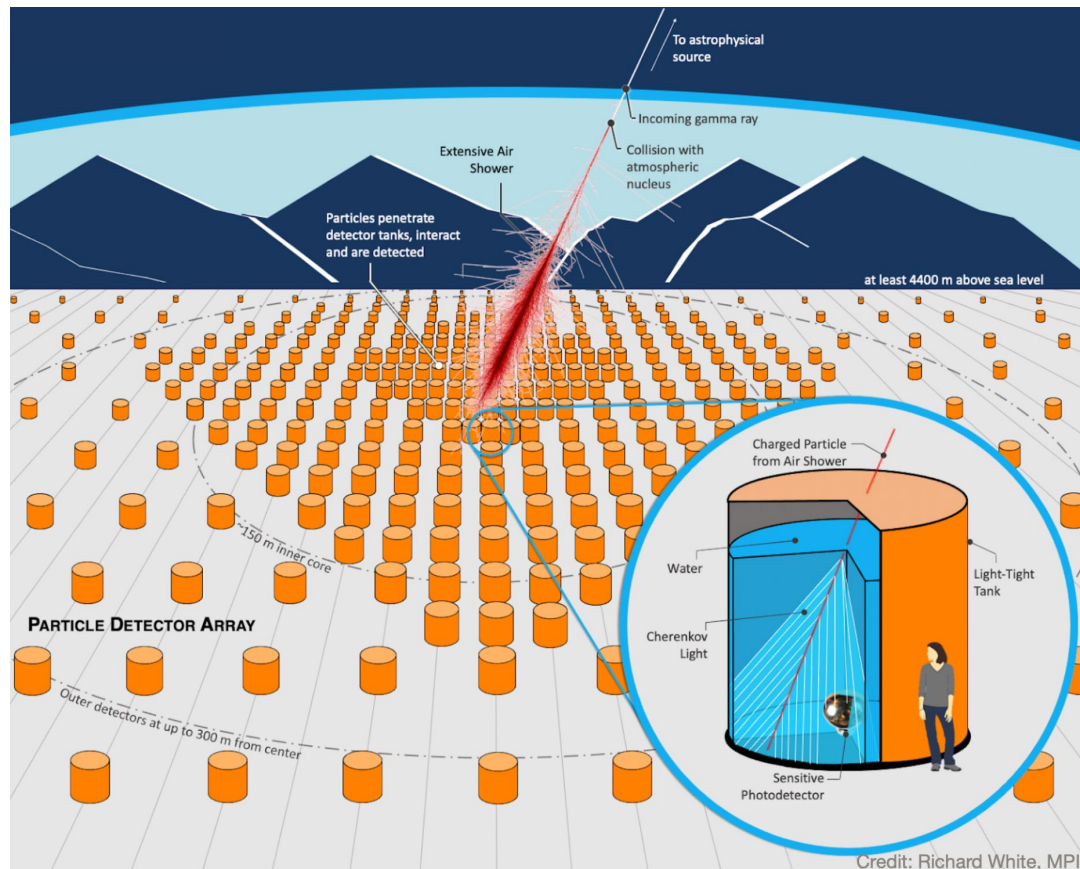
PKS 2155-304: 2006 flare simulation



# Southern Wide-field Gamma-ray (SWGGO)

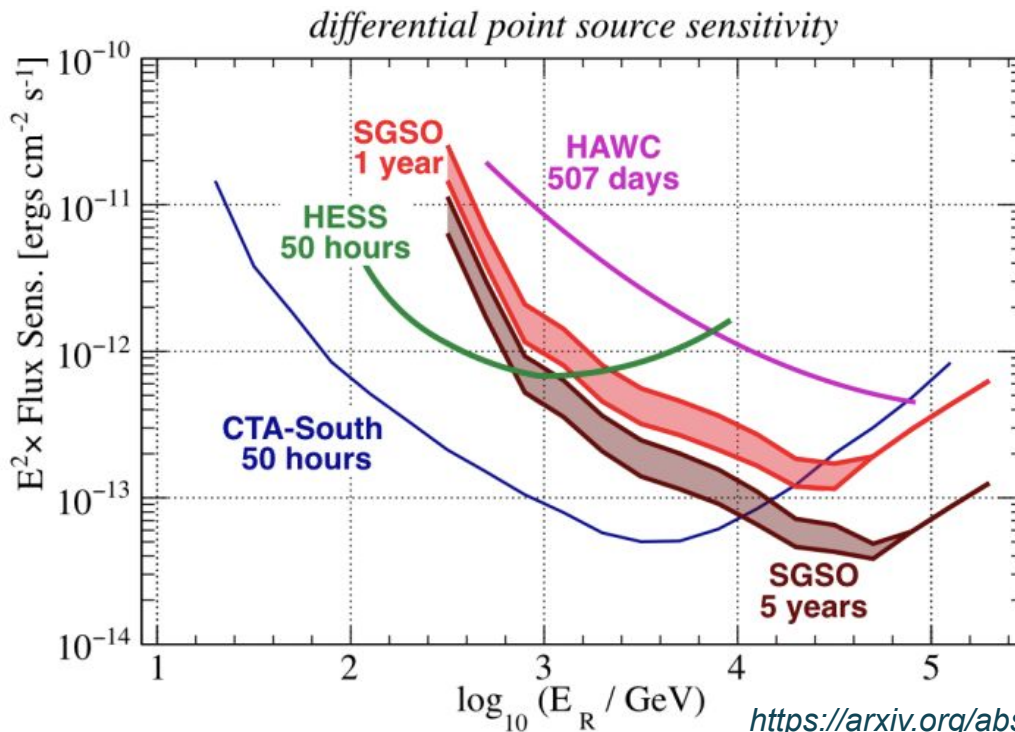
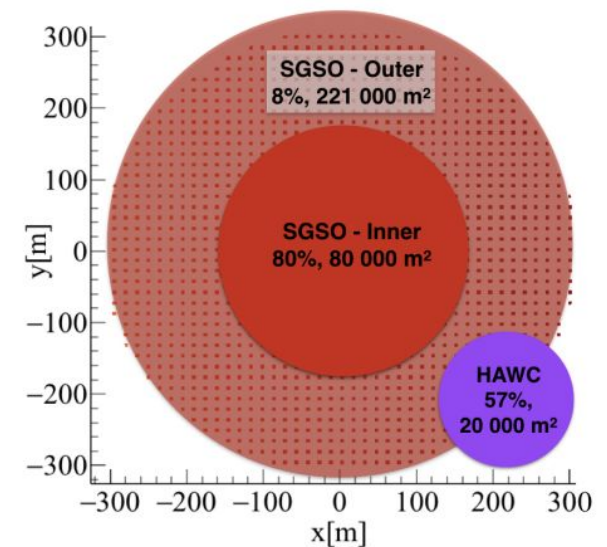
- ❑ high-altitude  $\gamma$ -ray observatory consisting of *water Cherenkov* units.
- ❑ first *wide-field* instrument in the south (Milagro, HAWC and LHAASO in the North).

*original plans*  
beginning of operations: 2026 ?  
construction: 54M USD ?  
operation: 7.5M USD / 5y ?

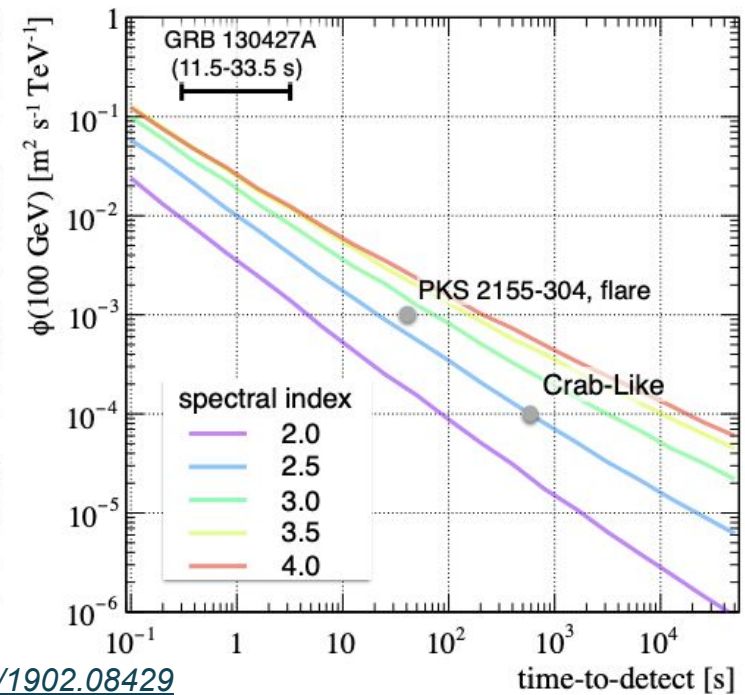


# SWG0: performance ("Strawman layout")

- ❑ *near 100% duty-cycle* (like HAWC, vs 10–30% for IACTs)
- ❑ instrumented area  $\sim 3 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2$  ( $\sim 15\times$  HAWC).
- ❑ Angular resolution: 0.1–0.3°
- ❑ Energy resolution: 10–20 %

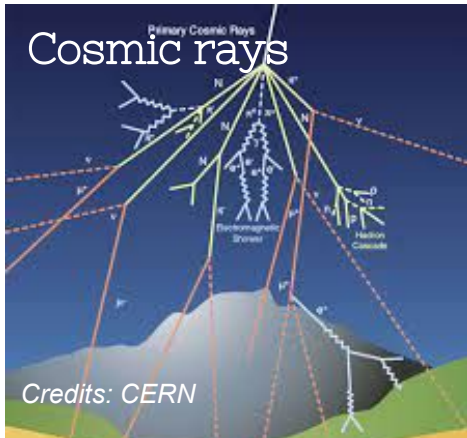


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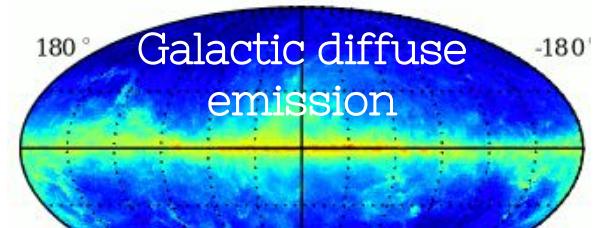


# SWG0: science cases

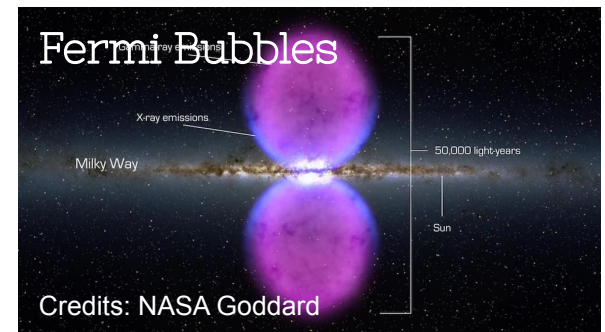
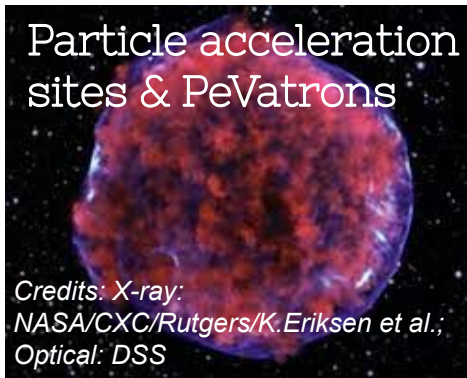
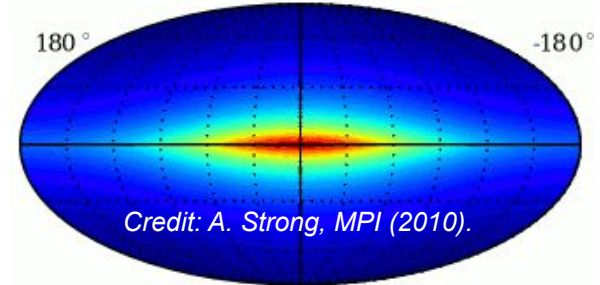
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Emission due to Pion Decay: 1.1 TeV



Emission due to ICS: 1.1 TeV





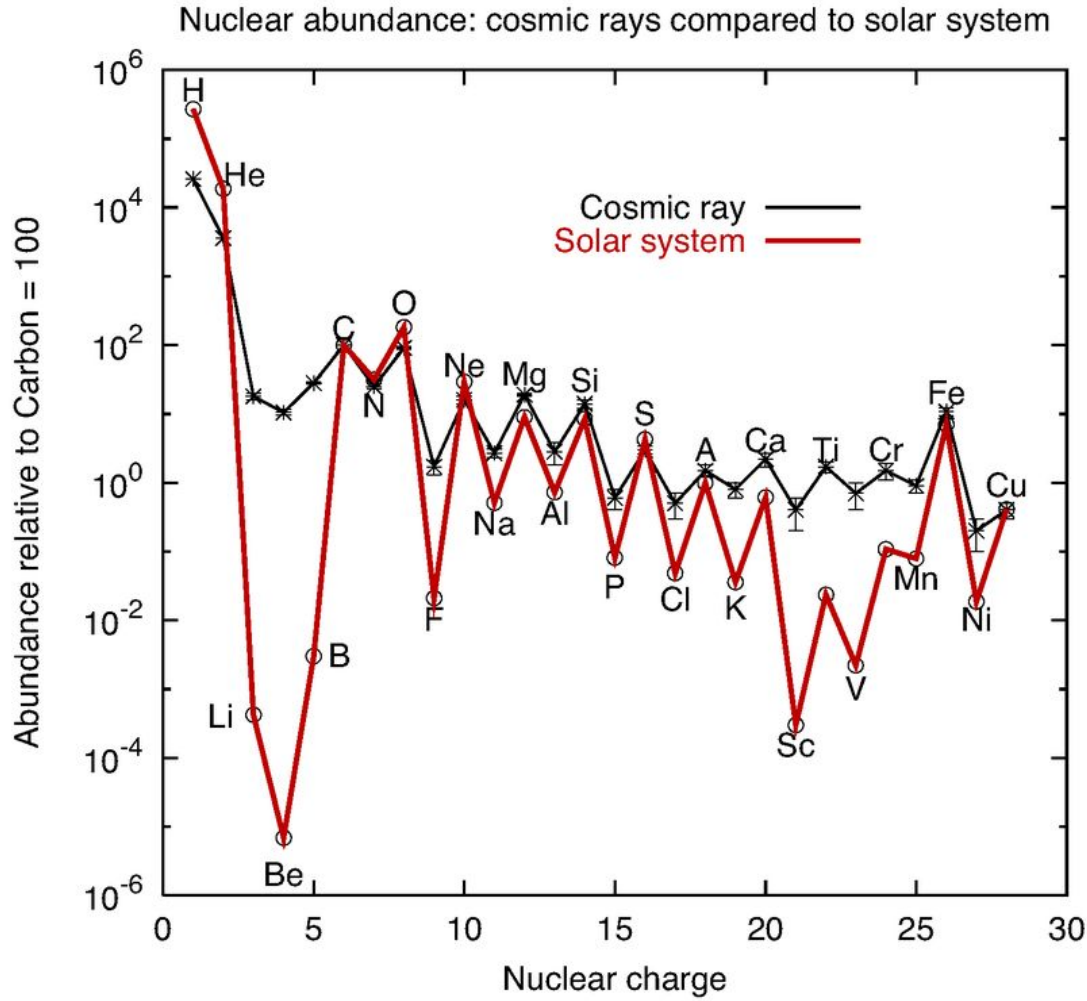
# Conclusions

- ★ Universe as a huge cosmic accelerator: **complement** to (ground) **particle experiments**.
- ★ Continues surprises (e.g. *The BOAT*) leading to worldwide collaborative networks to *never miss a thing*.
- ★ **Astroparticle physics** getting richer:
  - More **frequencies** (HE, VHE, UHE  $\gamma$  rays)
  - More **messengers** ( $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ , GW)
  - More **phenomena** (explosions, mergers, interactions, accretion)
  - More **sources** (GRBs, FRBs, PeVatrons, diffuse fields).
- ★ Astroparticle experiments getting larger, more complex, more mature, combining technologies:
  - LHAASO
  - CTA
  - SWGO
- ★ Race for **DM detection** continues: who will come first?



Backup

# Cosmic rays: composition



98% hadronic

- 87 % protons
- 12 % helium
- 1% other nuclei

2% electrons

< 1% other species

- antiparticles
- neutrinos
- gamma rays

# Cosmic rays: (energy) spectrum

The origin of galactic cosmic rays  
*Astron.Astrophys.Rev, 21, 70 (2013)*

cosmic rays energies extend beyond the maximum covered by particle colliders:

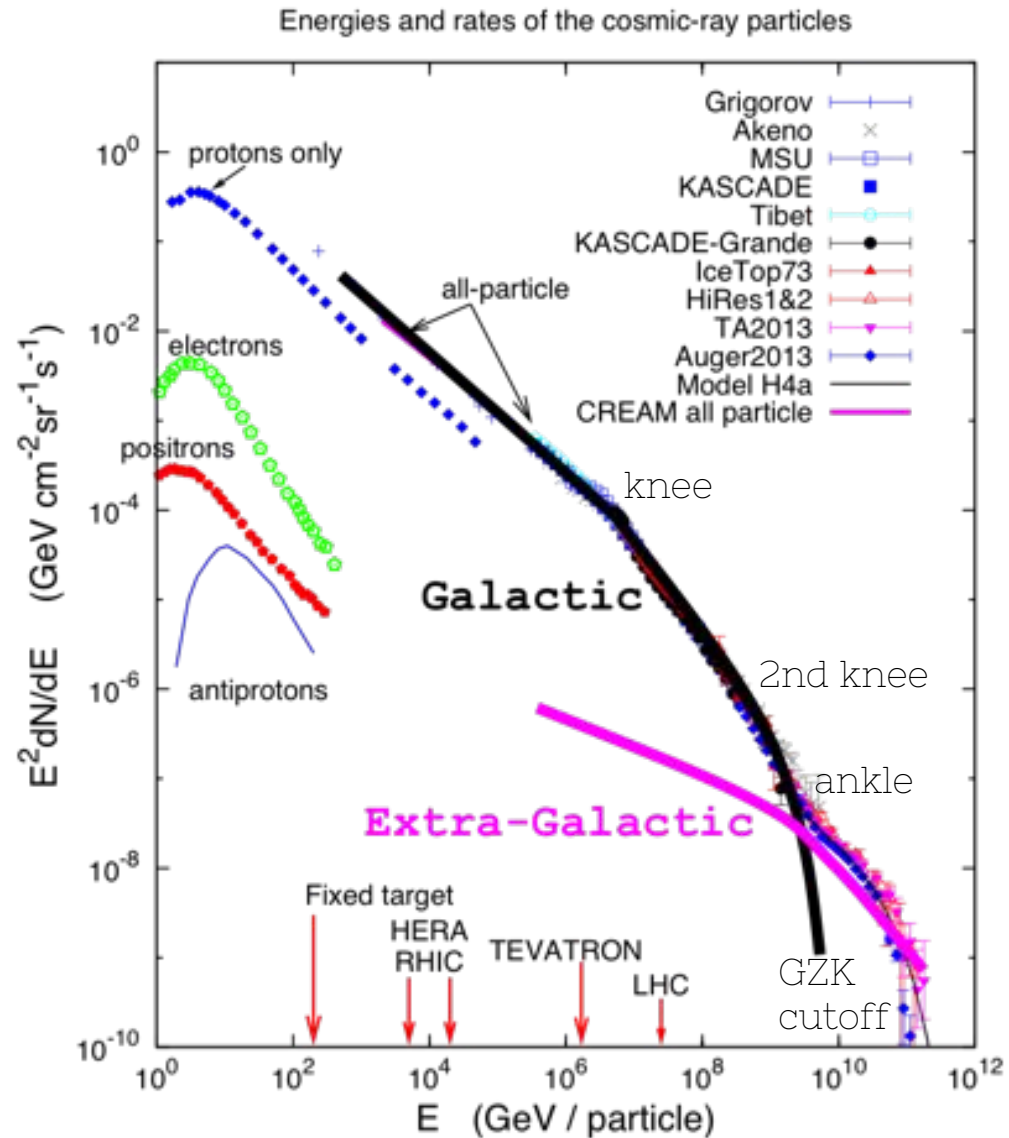
## Cosmic particle accelerator(s)

- Charged particles ( $p, e^\pm$ , nuclei) deflected by intergalactic / interstellar magnetic fields
- Neutral particles ( $\gamma, \nu, g$ ) not affected. Point back to sources.

## Spectral components:

- below the knee: solar CRs
- knee to ankle: galactic CRs.
- above ankle: extragalactic CRs.
- above GZK: CMB interaction.

Gamma rays: *astronomy* of the most violent phenomena in the Universe

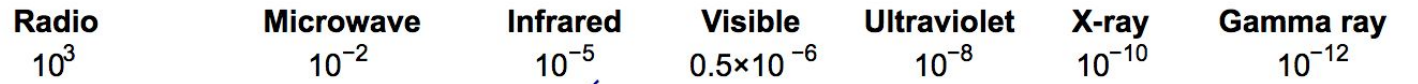


# Atmospheric windows: The electromagnetic spectrum

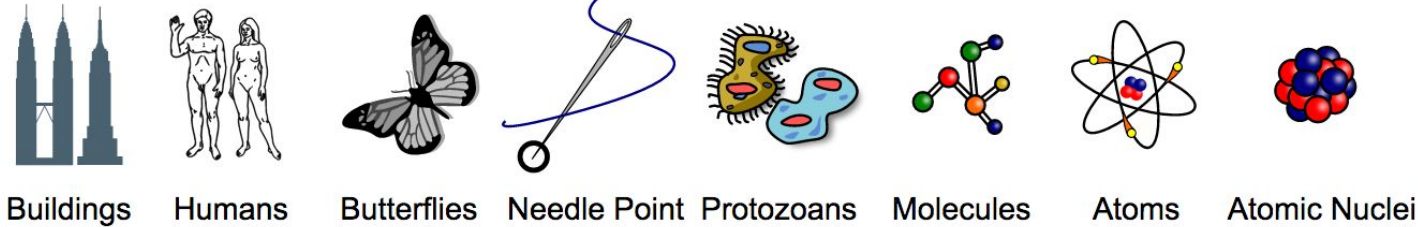
Penetrates Earth's Atmosphere?



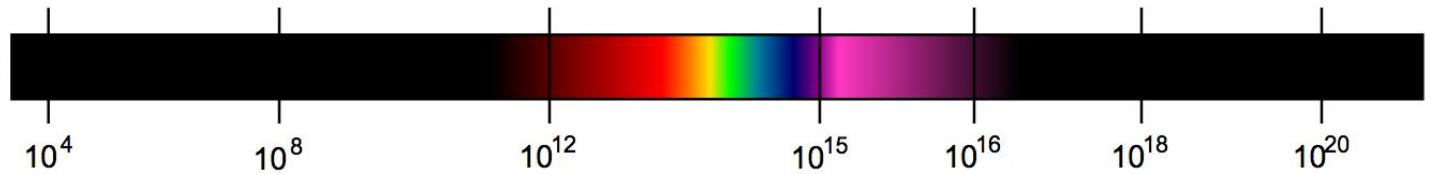
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Wavelength (m)



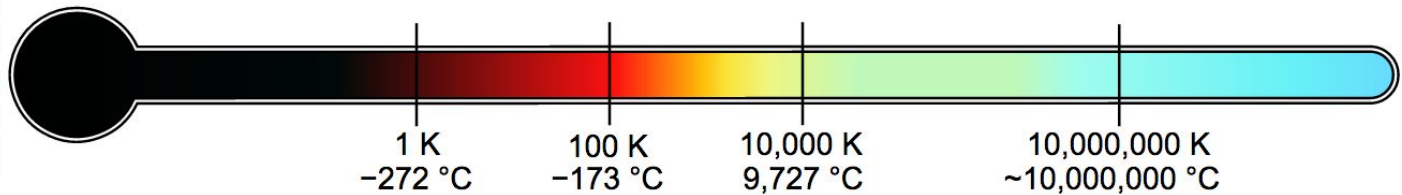
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Frequency (Hz)

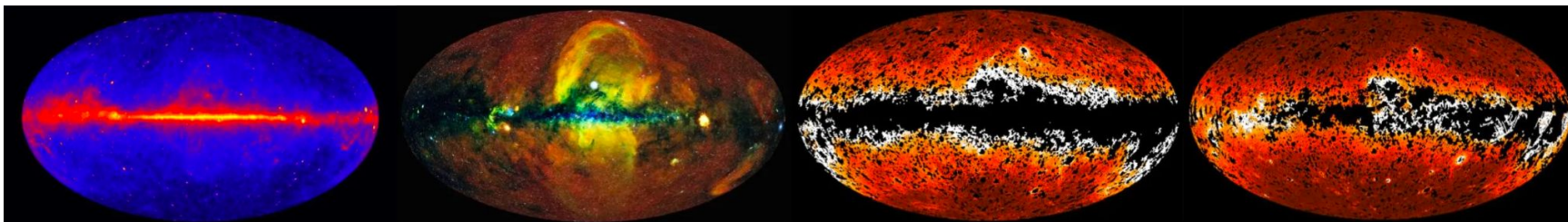


Temperature of  
objects at which  
this radiation is the  
most intense  
wavelength emitted



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# Atmospheric windows: The electromagnetic spectrum

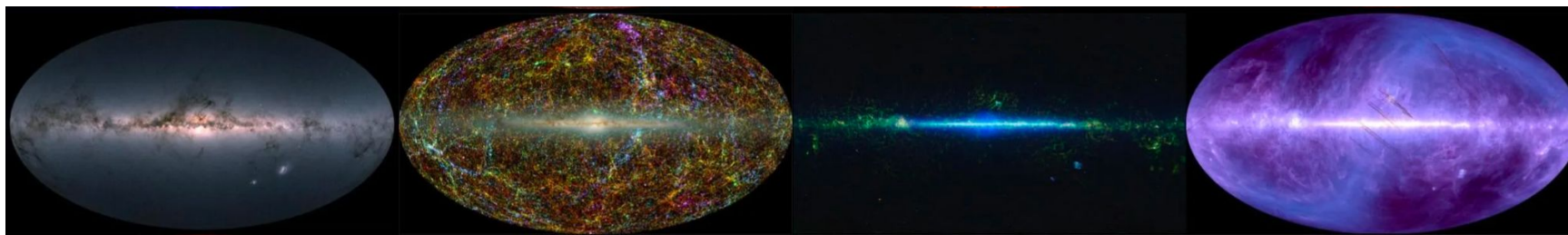


$\gamma$  rays (LAT)

X-rays (eROSITA)

FUV (GALEX)

NUV (GALEX)

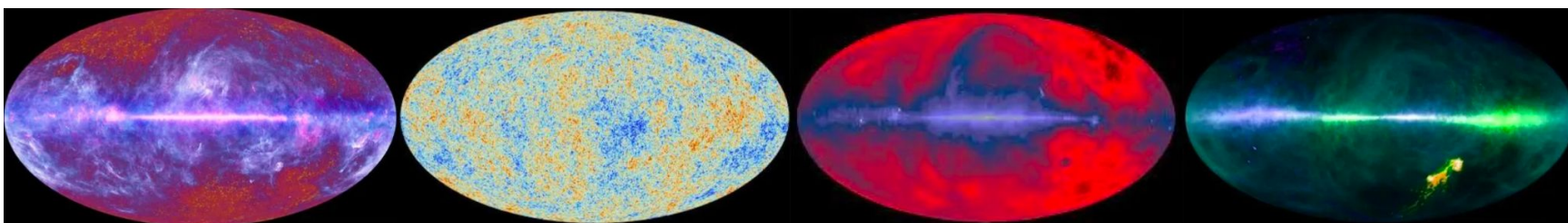


Optical (Gaia)

Near IR (2MASS)

Infrared (WISE)

Far IR (AKARI)



submm/857 GHz  
(Planck)

CMB (Planck)

Radio / 408 MHz  
Jodrell Bank, Effelsberg,  
Parkes

Hydrogen - 21cm  
Effelsberg, Parkes

# High Energy (HE) gamma-rays, $E > 100$ MeV

DAMPE (HE  $\gamma$  rays,  $e^-$ ,  $\sim$  TeV CRs). CAS, **since** Dec. 2015

Results:

- ❑ Direct detection of a break in cosmic  $e^\pm$  (*Nature*, 552, 7683)
- ❑ CR proton spectrum from 40 GeV to 100 TeV (*Science Advances*, vol. 5, issue 9)

CALET (onboard the ISS), JAXA. **since** Aug. 2015

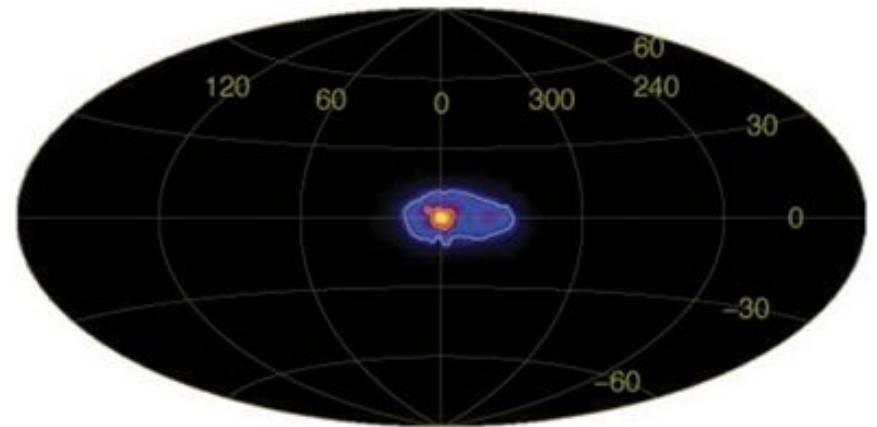
Recent results & developments:

- ❑ CR  $e^\pm$  spectrum (100 GeV to 4.8 TeV, *PhysRevLet* 120, 261102)
- ❑ Improved gamma reconstruction (presented at ICRC '23)

INTEGRAL (low-energy  $\gamma$  rays + X-rays + optical monitor). ESA. **since** 2002 !!

Some results:

- ❑ 700 new hard X-rays.
- ❑ 511 keV large-scale sky map (annihilation) with Galaxy center.

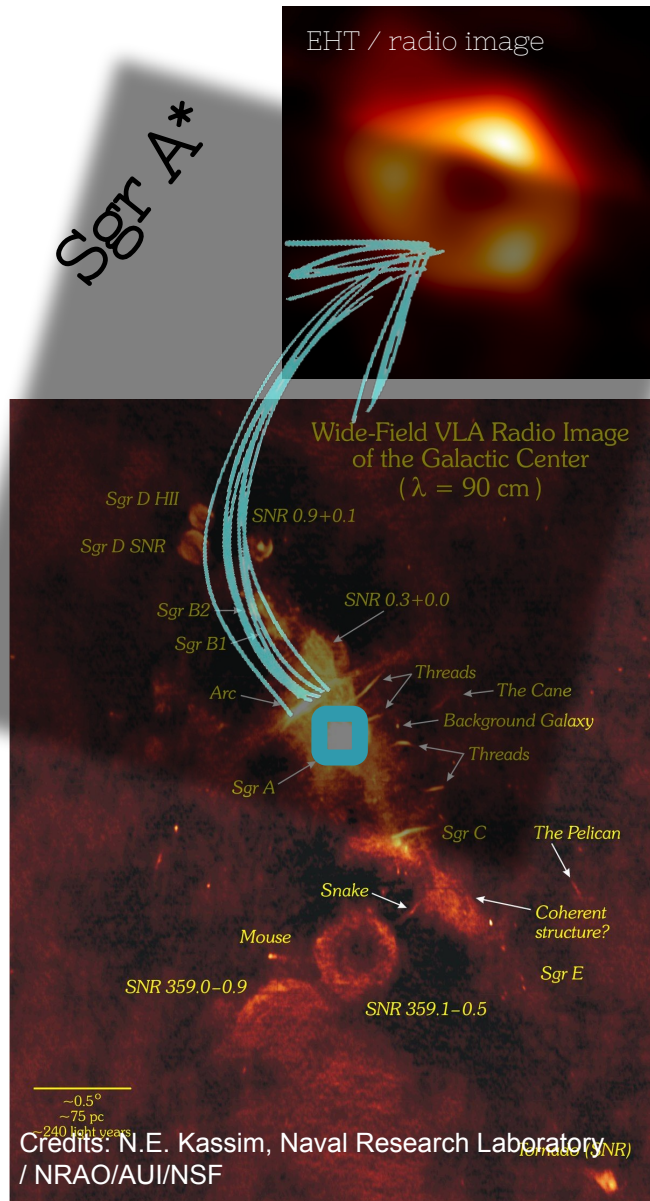


# Many discoveries

CRs up to the knee from Galactic origin, but ... which sources?

Candidates (emission beyond ~100 TeV):

- ❑ Galactic center / Sgr A\* (*JCAP* 4, 37; *Nature* 531, 476–479)
  - Emission up to 50 TeV
  - parent protons with energies ~ 1 PeV (if produced by CRs diffusing away and emitting through  $\pi^0$  - decay from pp interactions),
  - rate not enough to explain the rate of observed galactic CRs,





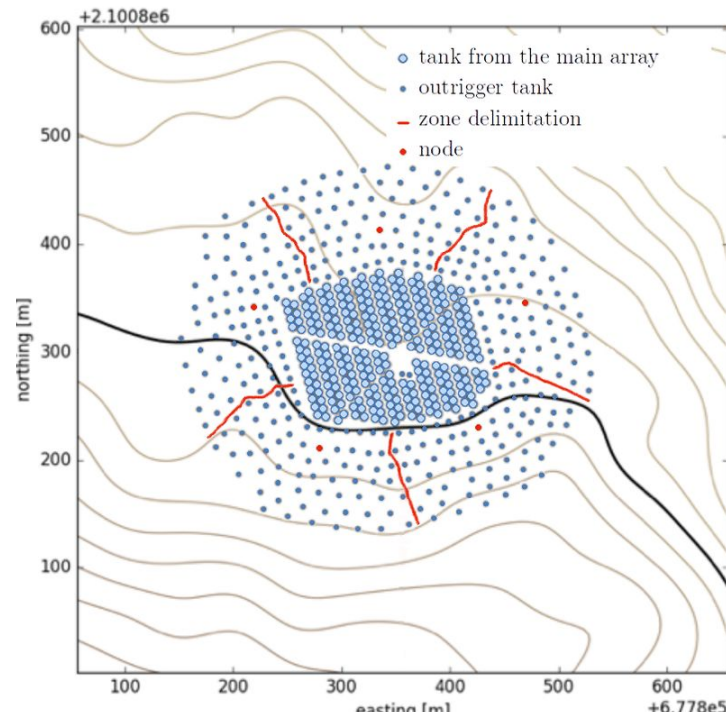
# HAWC: upgrade

## Upgrade

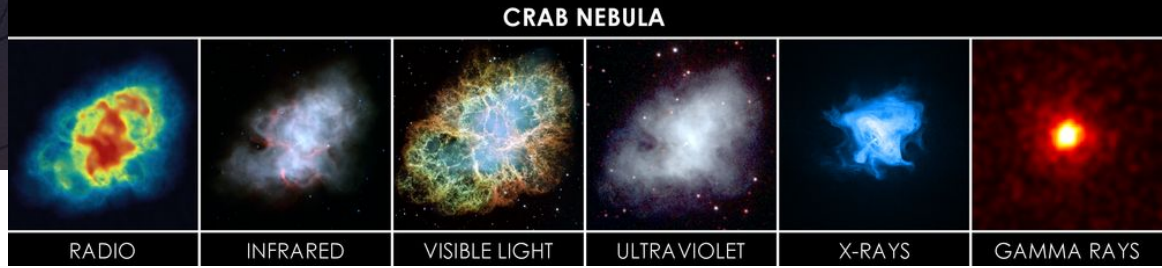
**The problem:** many events above 10 TeV (effective area  $10^5 \text{ m}^2$ ) with cores outside the array  $\rightarrow$  large leakage  $\rightarrow$  bad reconstruction.

**The solution:** Sparse Outrigger Array.  $\sim 200$  small water Cherenkov detectors ( $2.5 \text{ m}^3$  vs  $180 \text{ m}^3$ ) over  $4 \times \sim 20,000 \text{ m}^2$ . Finished in August 2018.

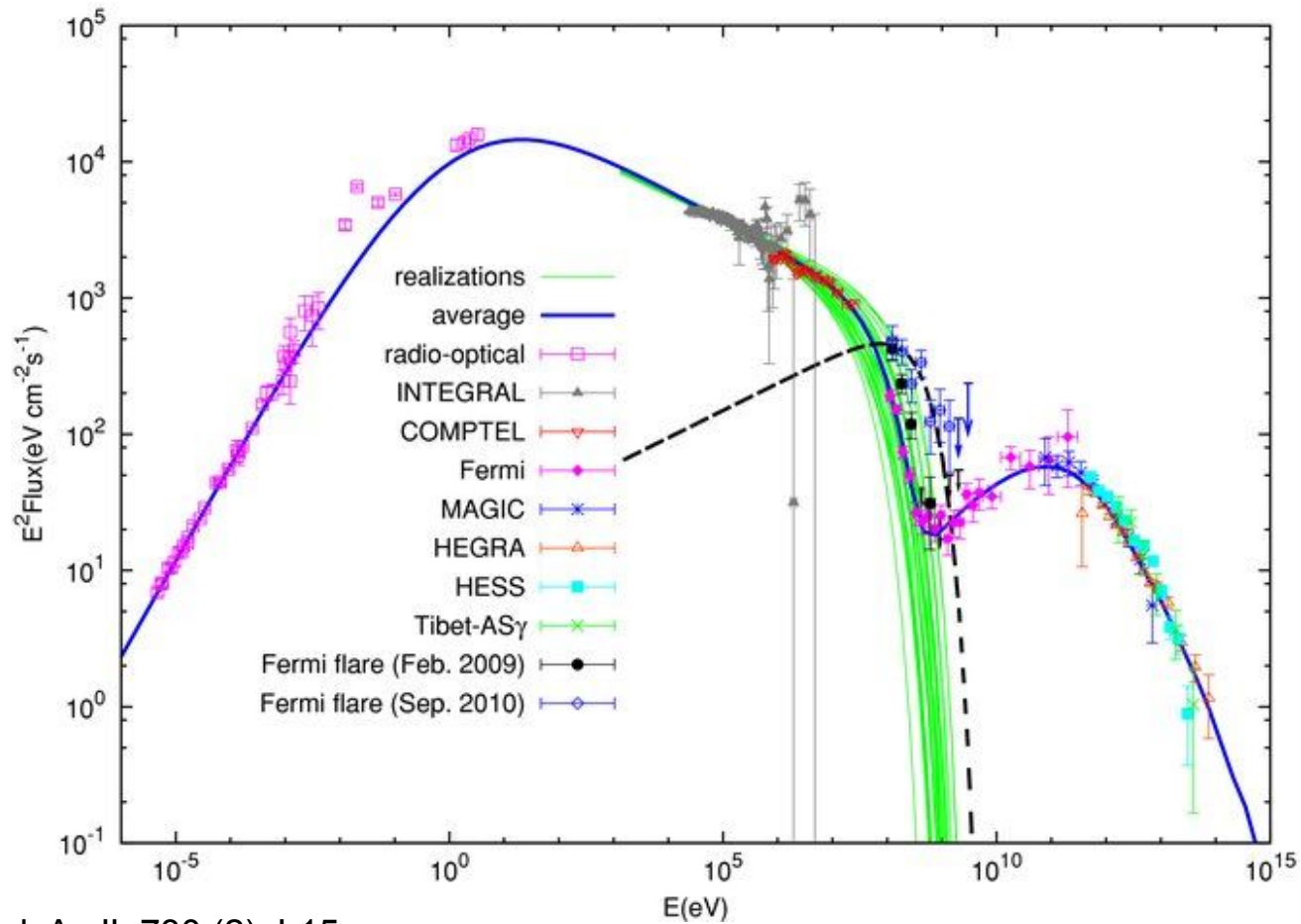
**Improvement:** Increase a factor 3-4 the high energy showers contained in the 'extended' array.



# Crab Nebula



‘Standard candle’. Stable, except when it flares

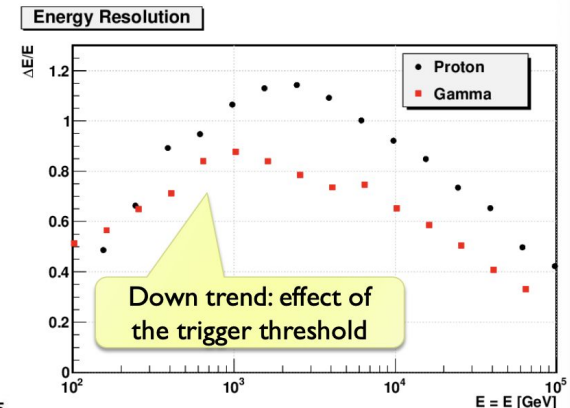
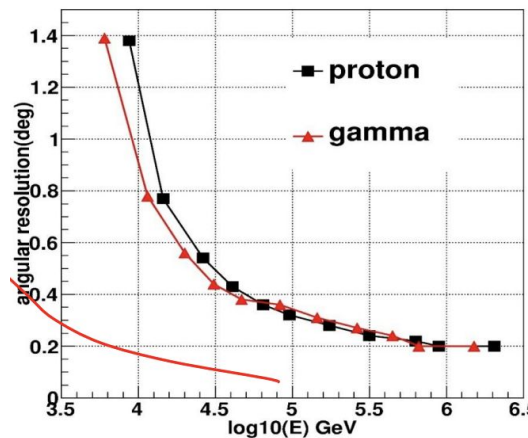
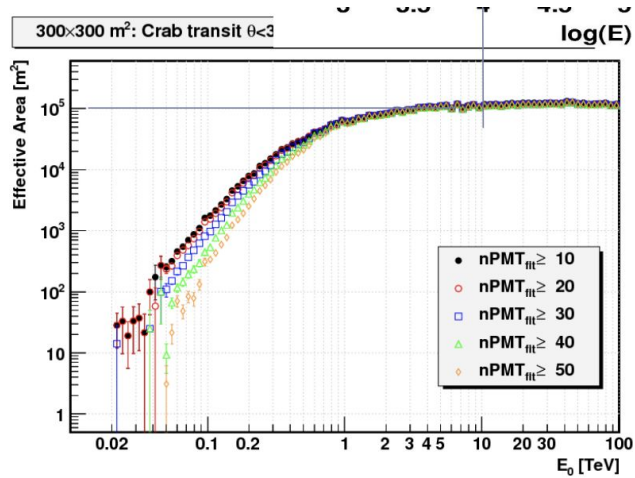
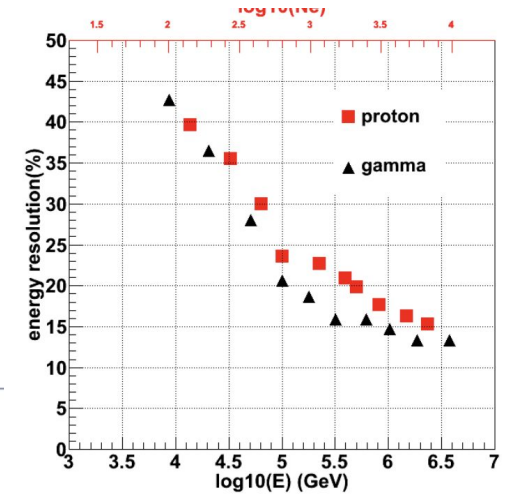
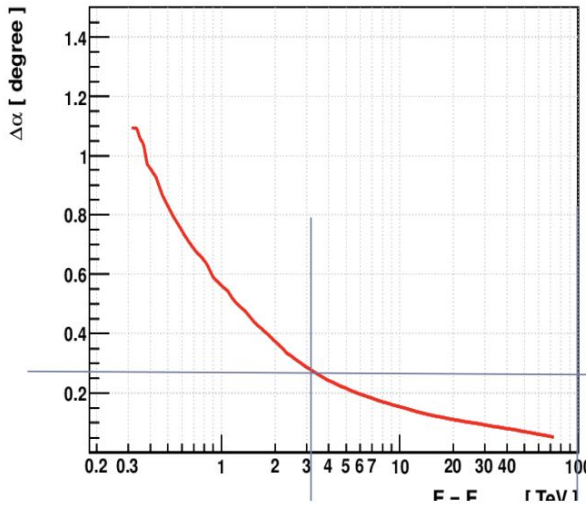
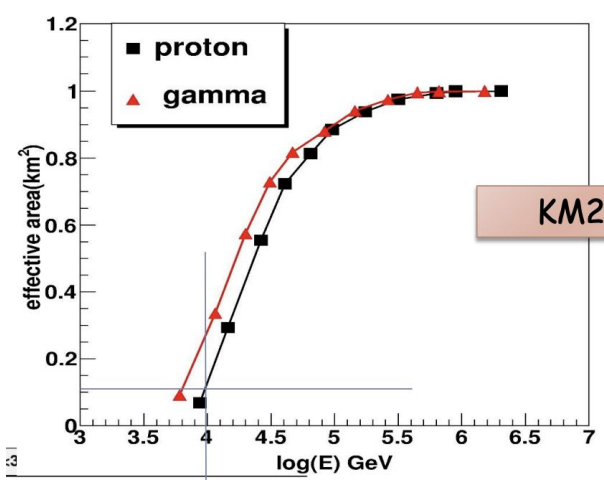


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# LHAASO: performance

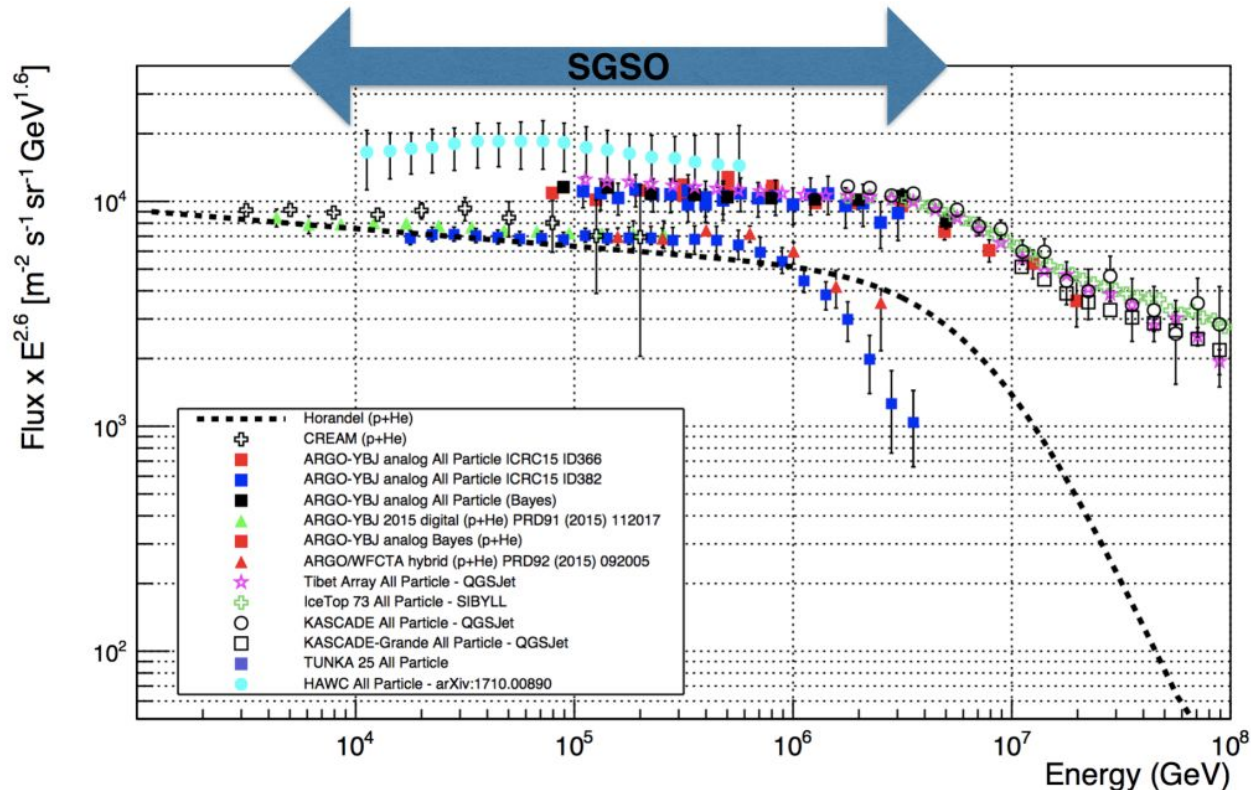


hybrid high-altitude (4410m a.s.l, Sichuan, China)  $\gamma$ -ray observatory of several *detector arrays* covering an area of  $1.36 \text{ km}^2$ .



## Cosmic rays:

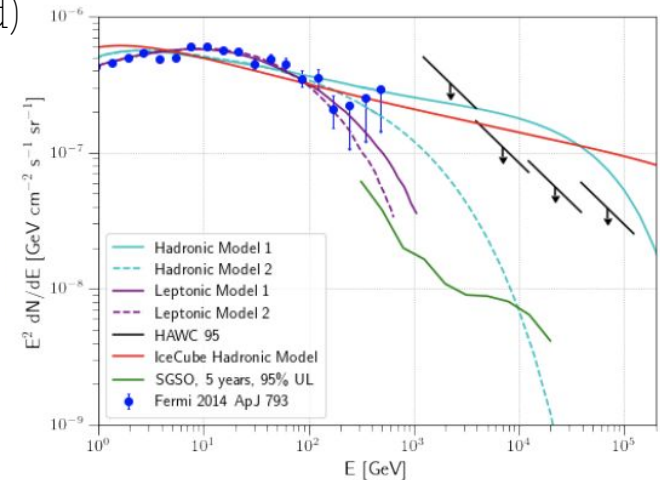
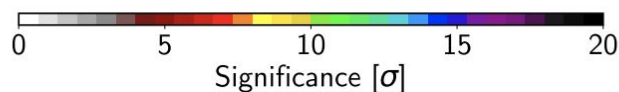
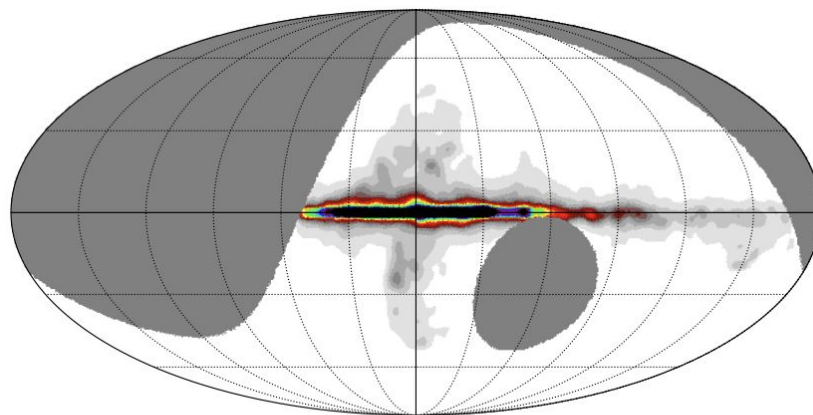
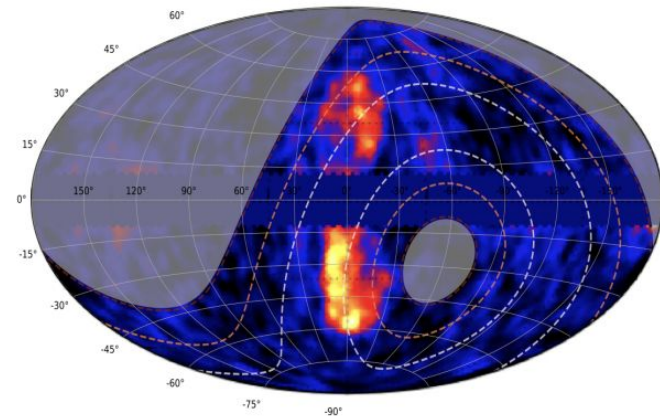
- *Spectrum and composition*: 5 mass groups (p, He, CNO, MgSi, Fe) up to  $10^{17}$  eV.
- *Anisotropy*: first 10 TeV skymap of cosmic ray anisotropy produced with IceCube + HAWC.
- *Electron spectrum and anisotropy*
- *Space weather* / heliospheric physics





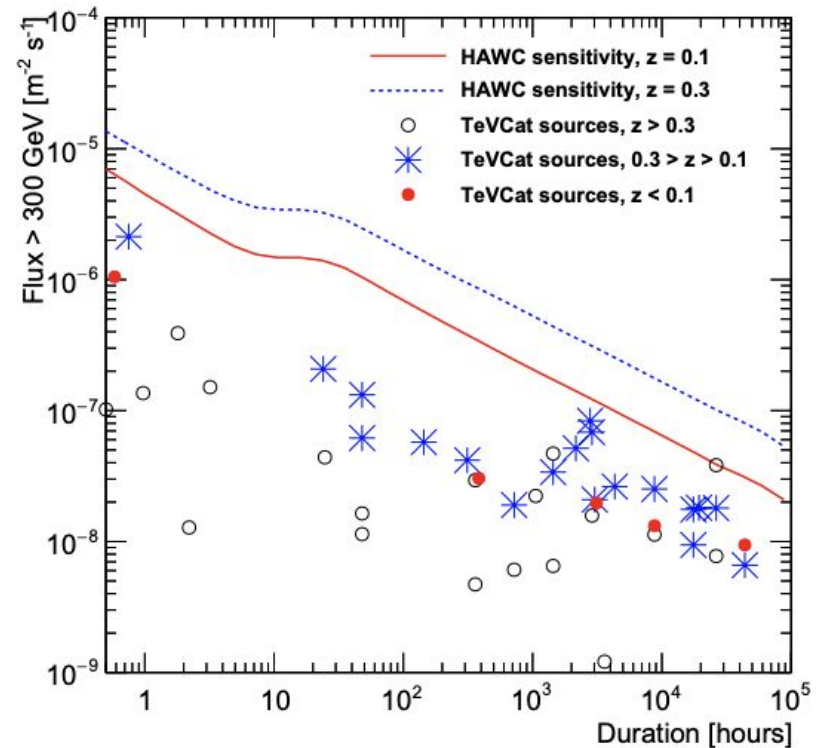
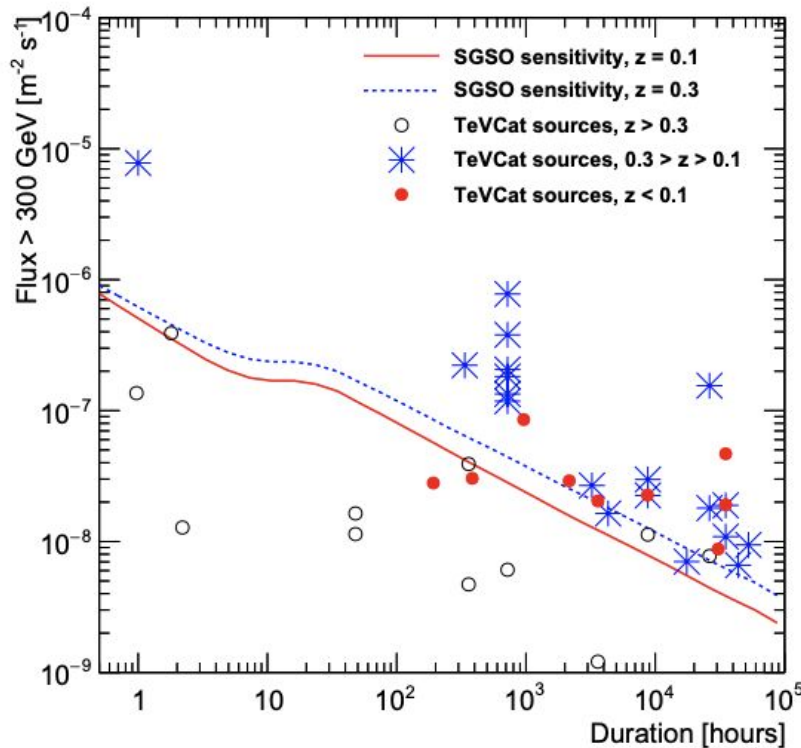
## Particle accelerators:

- *Pulsar emission / halos*: (Geminga-like) origin of positron excess seen by PAMELA & AMS ?
- *Fermi bubbles*: if extending up to  $\sim$  TeV.
- *Pevatrons, SNRs*: SNRs still main candidates for CRs up to the knee (Energy budget and spectrum).
- Unbiased survey of the *Galactic Plane*
- The *Galactic Center*
- Star-forming regions (only a few in the TeV band)
- *Galactic diffuse emission* (needs large FoV and careful background modelling)



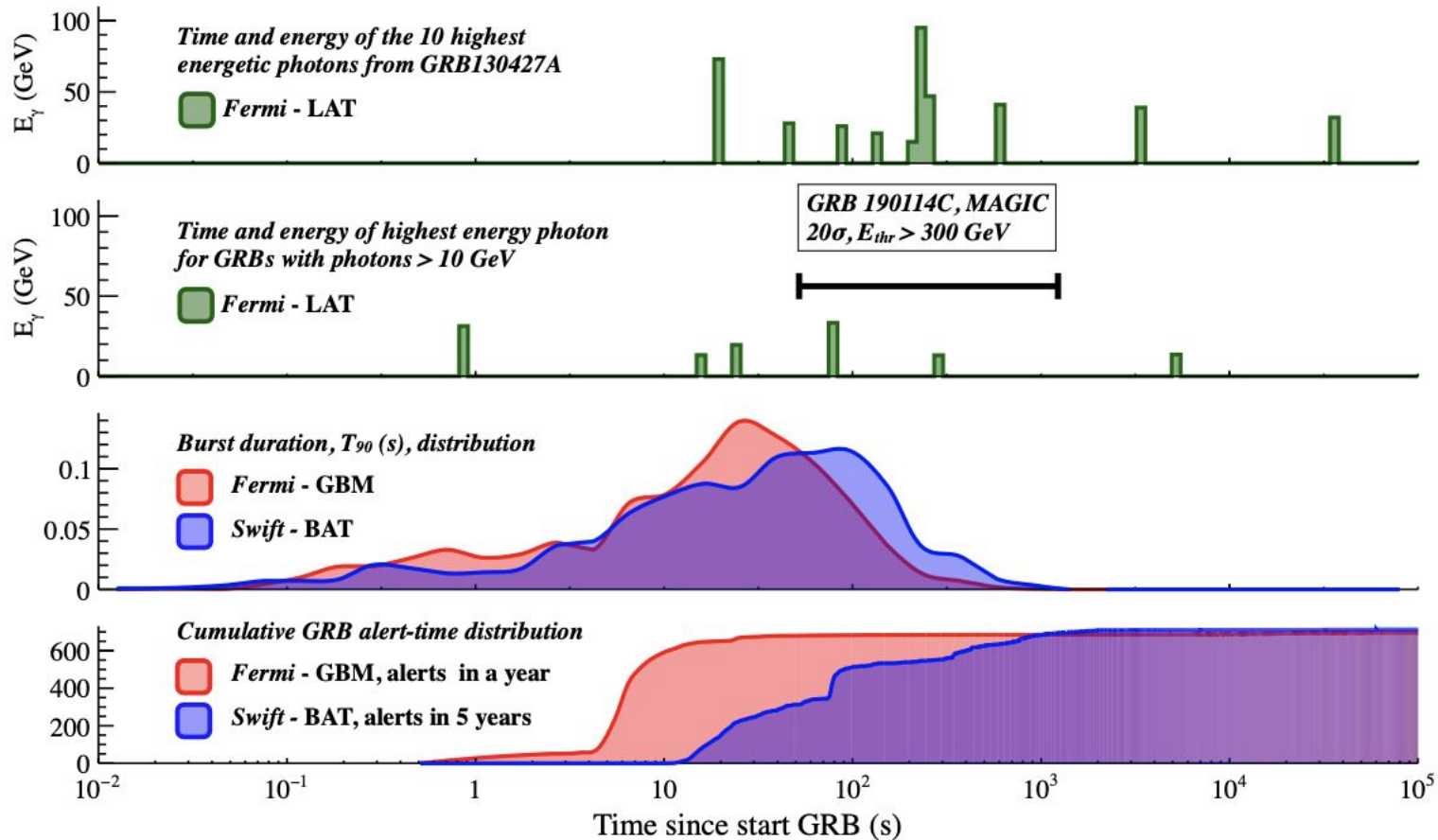
## Transients:

- Active Galactic Nuclei: (extreme) blazars, variability and periodicity (duty cycle).
- Cosmic voids and Intergalactic Magnetic Field (IGMF).



## Gamma-Ray Bursts & GW

- The BOAT missed (in IACTs) because of the Moon. Many other GRBs missed because daytime or weather conditions.
- GW from neutron star mergers to provide additional targets.

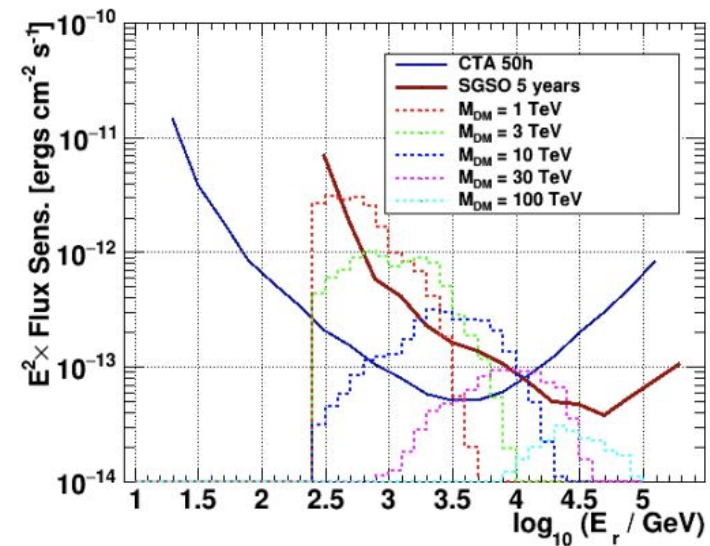
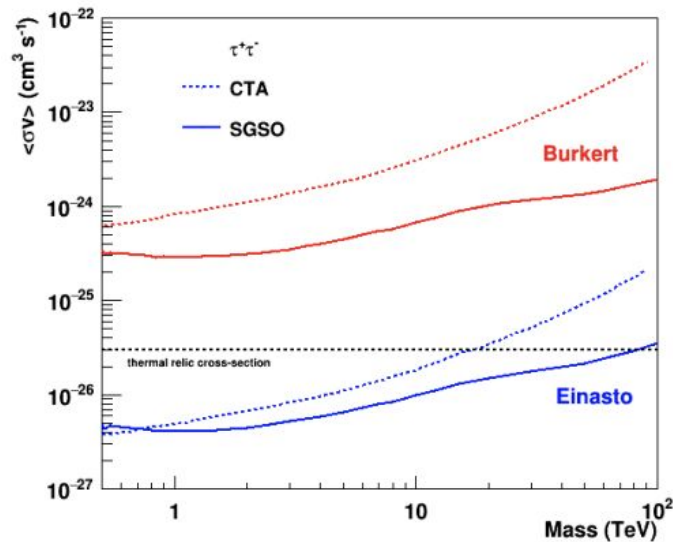


## Dark matter & primordial black hole searches

- Galactic halo
- Dwarf spheroidal (satellite) galaxies
- PBH may evaporate producing high-energy gamma-ray bursts.
- Axion-like particles (ALPs) through the study of the EBL.

## Lorentz invariance violation

- From spectral features
- From variability





# IACTs: results / Galactic

*Hadronic emission from RS Oph novae, MAGIC (NatAst, 6, 689-697, 2021)*

## Pulsars:

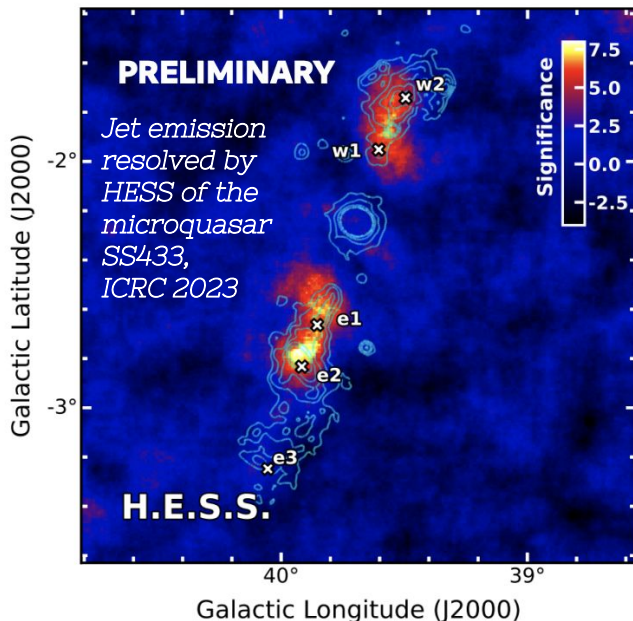
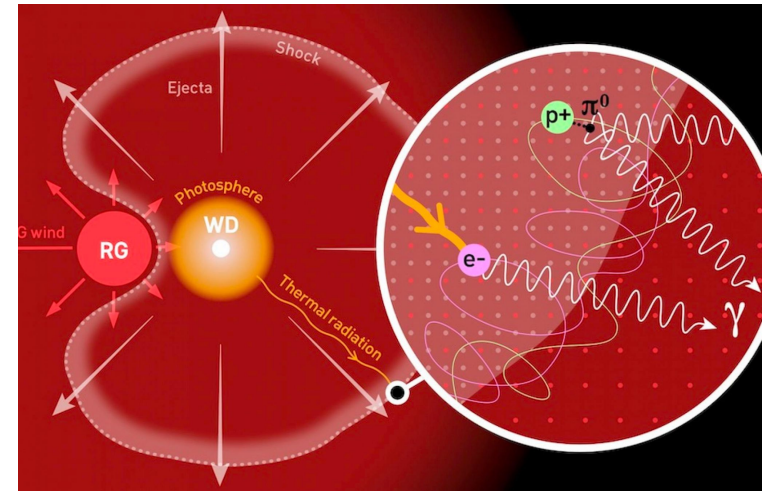
- ❑ Crab (up to 2 TeV). Vela (HESS), Geminga (MAGIC, LST-1). Cutoff + PWL extension to VHE.

## Binaries:

- ❑ SS 433: spectral modelling, morphology.
- ❑ PSR B1259-63 (binary pulsar)

## Galactic center:

Dark matter origin? PeVatron?



## Novae:

- ❑ **RS Ophiuchi:** symbiotic nova detected in 2021 by HESS, MAGIC, LST-1. Proton acceleration. *Sci 376, 6588; NatAst, 6, 689-697*

## Other transients:

- ❑ FRBs, SNe, etc.

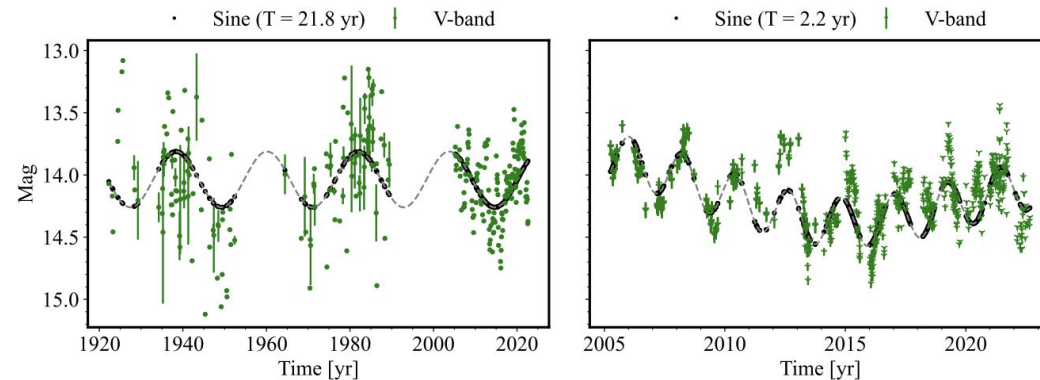
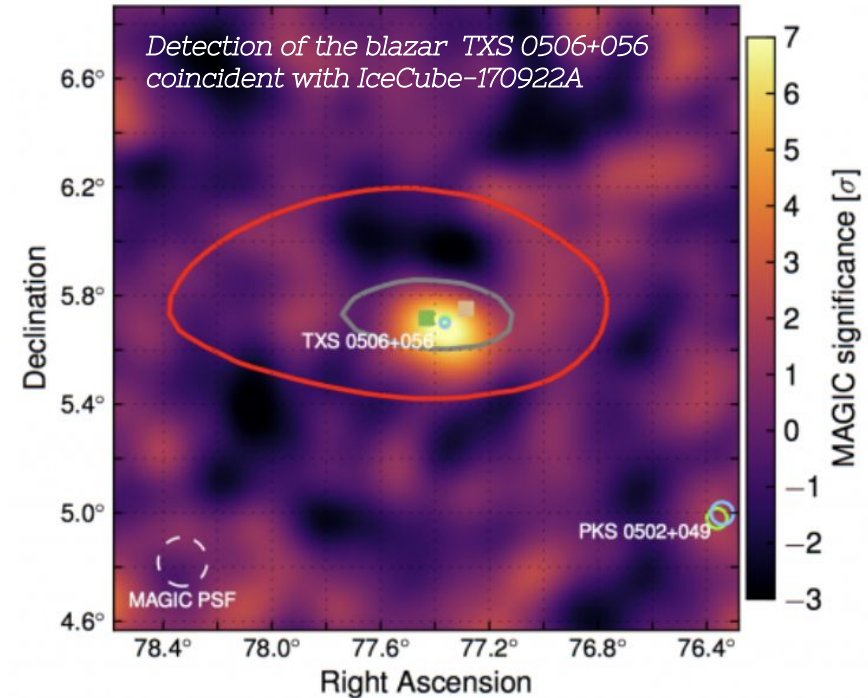
## Extended sources:

- ❑ MGRO J1908+06 (VERITAS)

## Blazars

Too many new advances to list here

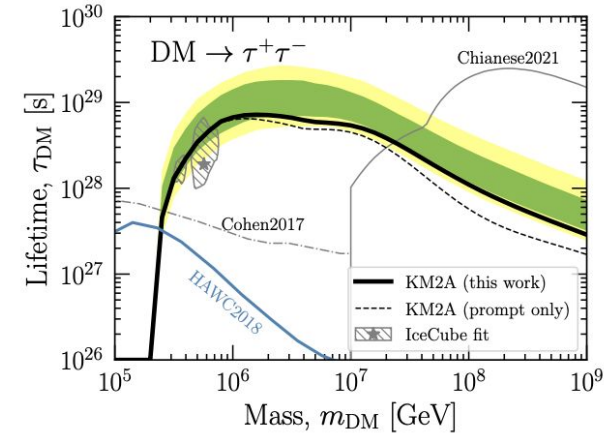
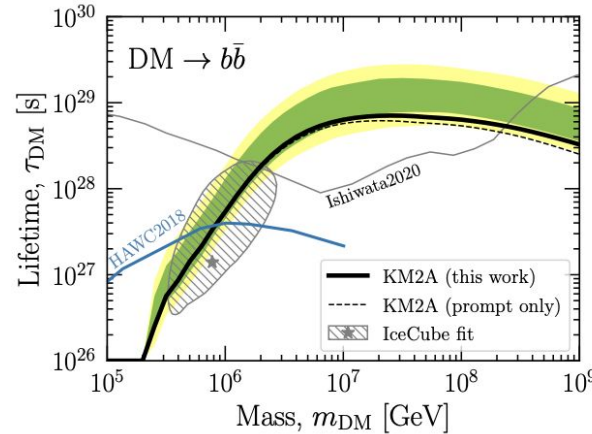
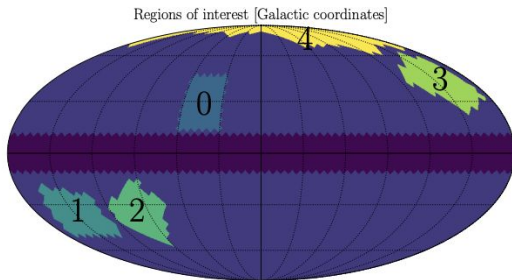
- ❑ **Theory:** more detailed models and simulations of structured jets, lepto-hadronic, multi-zone and jet-ISM interactions.
- ❑ **~ 85 blazars** detected in VHE. Most are BL Lacs, a few FSRQs.
- ❑ **Hot topics:** extreme blazars, binary systems (e.g. PG 1553+113), etc.
- ❑ **Multi-wavelength** observations in most new results.
- ❑ **Multi-messenger** (synergies with IceCube) is a hot topic: TXS 0506+056 / IceCube-170922A *Science*, 361, 6398



*pseudo-periodicity of the (binary BH?) blazar PG 1553+113*

## Dark matter constraints (*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 129, 261103)

- Region 0: close to GC
- Regions 1-4: CRs /control



Diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray emission from the Galactic plane ([arXiv/2305.05372](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.05372), accepted in *PhysRevL*)

## Cosmic rays

One of the main goals of LHAASO is to measure CR composition and spectra for different group masses.

