



Highlights from Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory

180°

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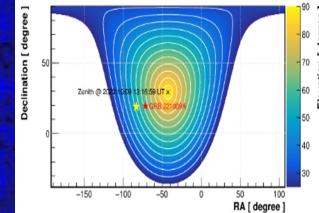
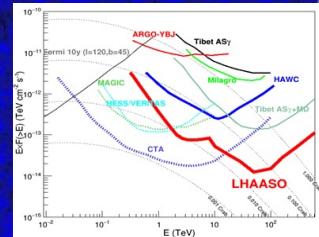
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180°

On behalf of LHAASO collaboration

120°

60°



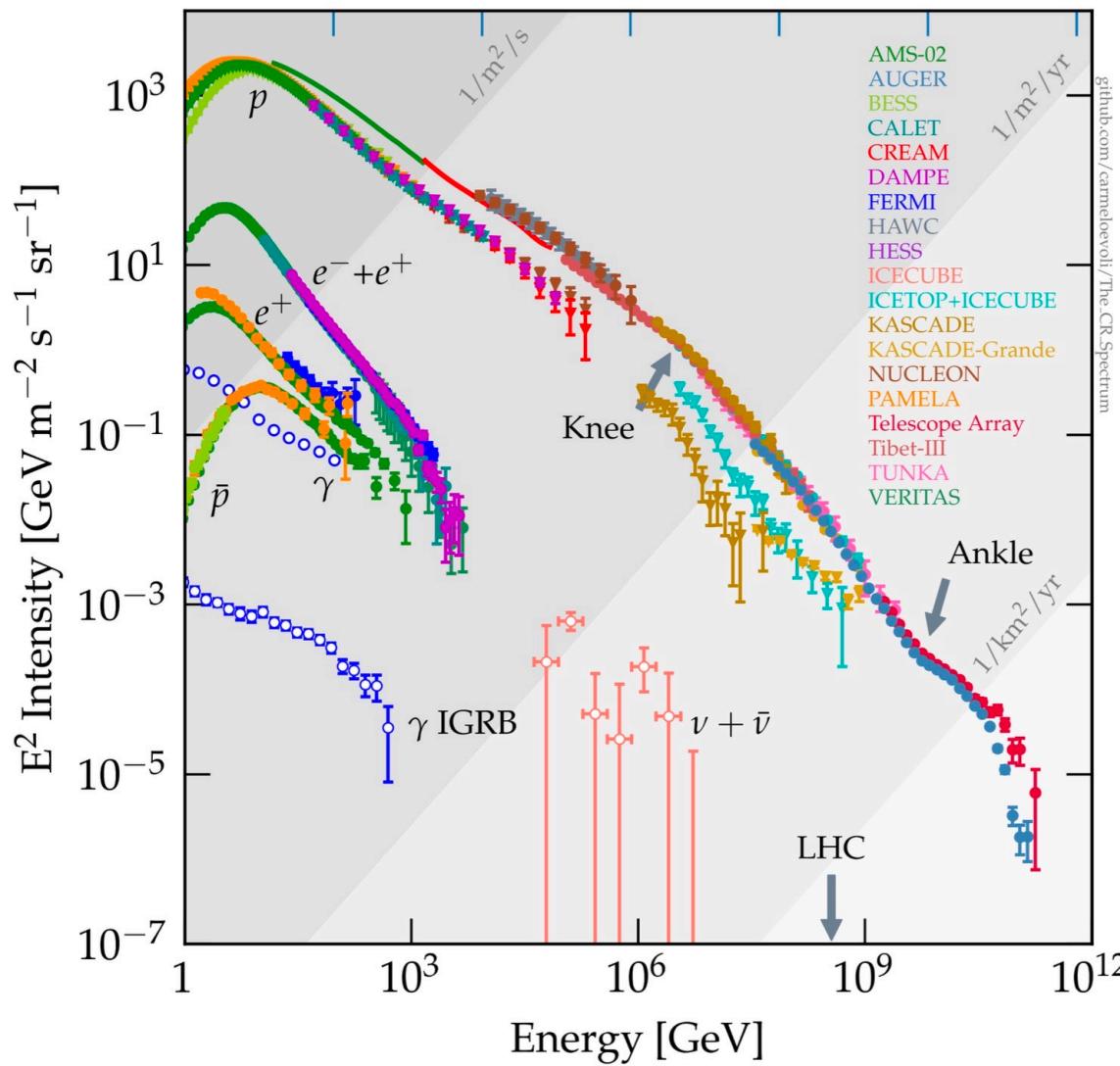
Plan

- Introduction: LHAASO detector
- Cosmic rays at knee
- First LHAASO catalog of gamma-ray sources
- Diffuse gamma-ray emission from Galaxy
- GRB 221009A
- Cygnus region
- Micro-quasars
- Dark matter limits
- Conclusions

Introduction:

LHAASO detector

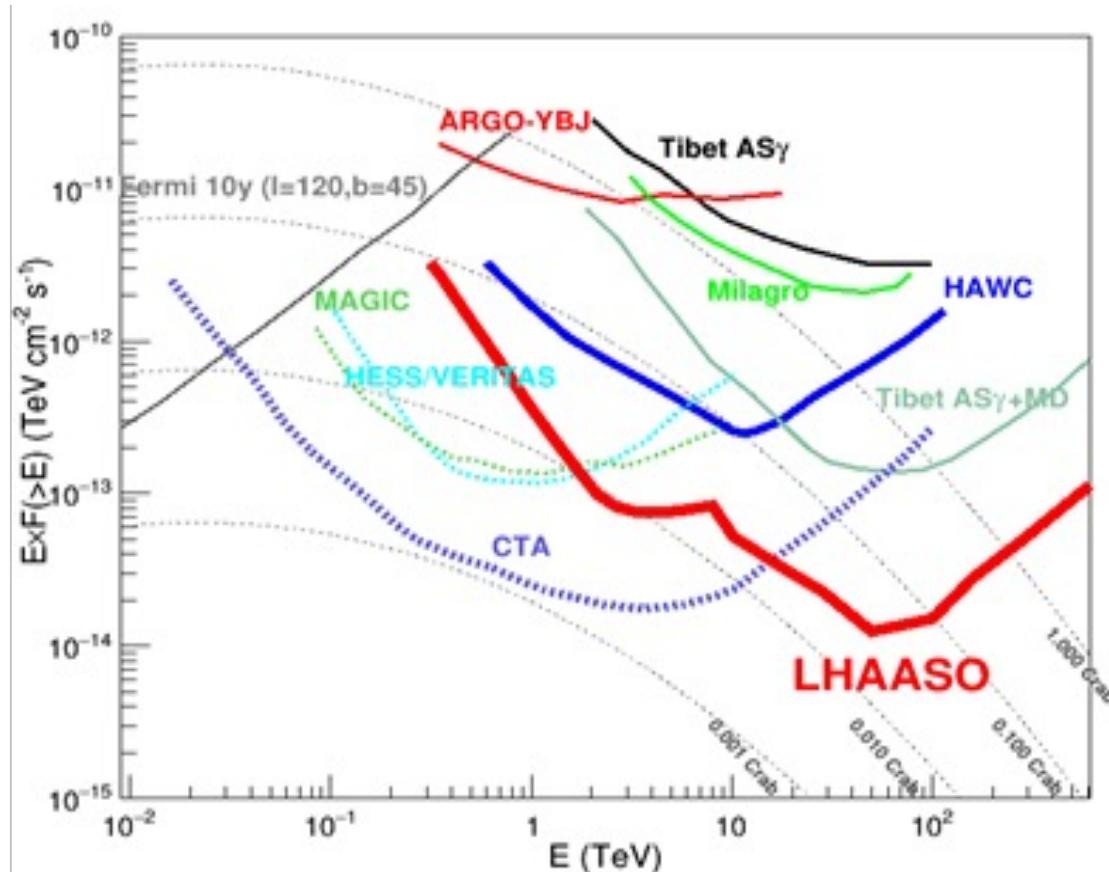
Cosmic ray energy spectrum

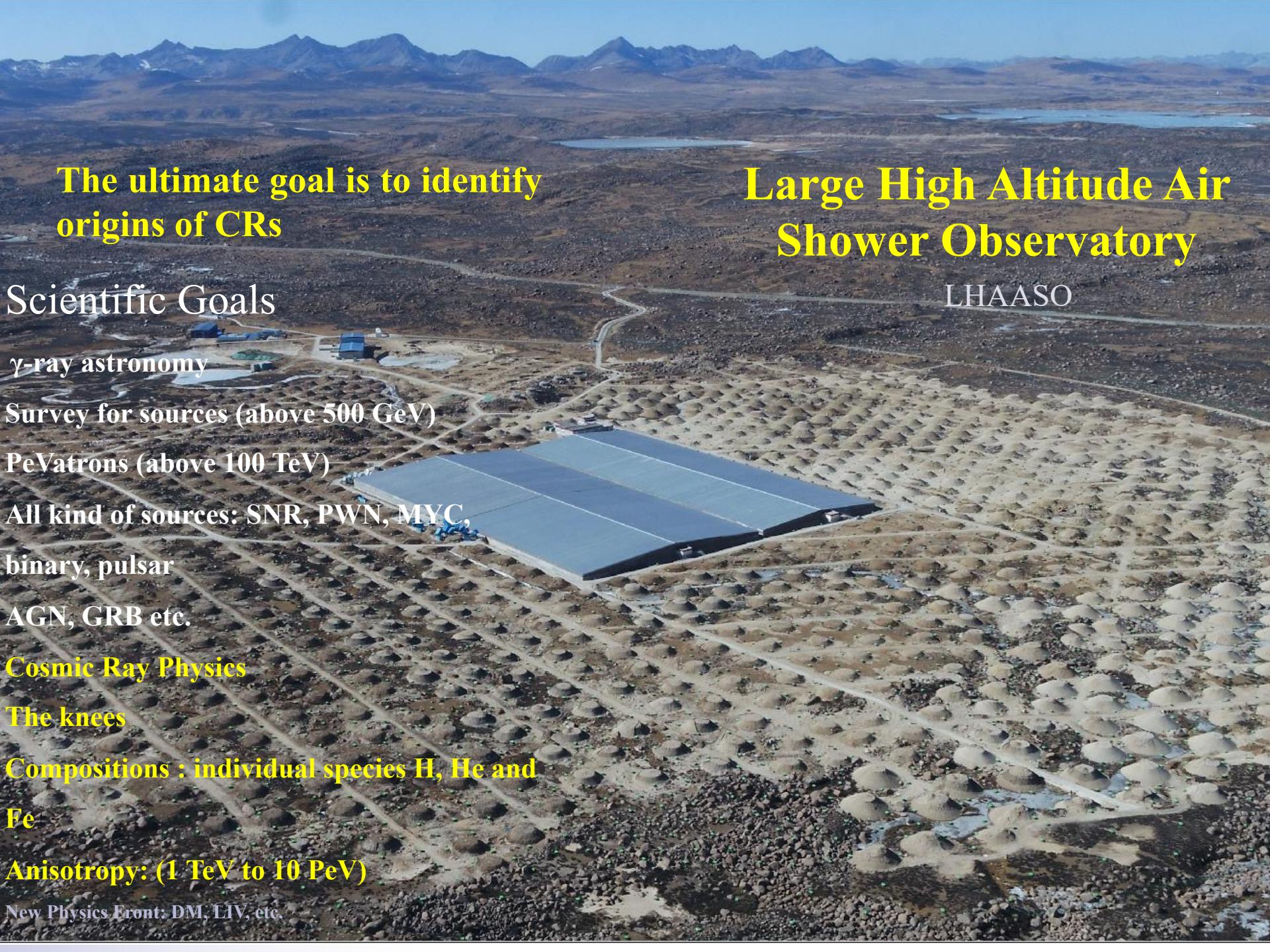


From C.Evoli

LHAASO sensitivity

With large FOV and high sensitivity, LHAASO is an ideal detector for sky survey to search VHE and UHE sources!





The ultimate goal is to identify
origins of CRs

Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory

LHAASO

Scientific Goals

γ -ray astronomy

Survey for sources (above 500 GeV)

PeVatrons (above 100 TeV)

All kind of sources: SNR, PWN, MYC,
binary, pulsar

AGN, GRB etc.

Cosmic Ray Physics

The knees

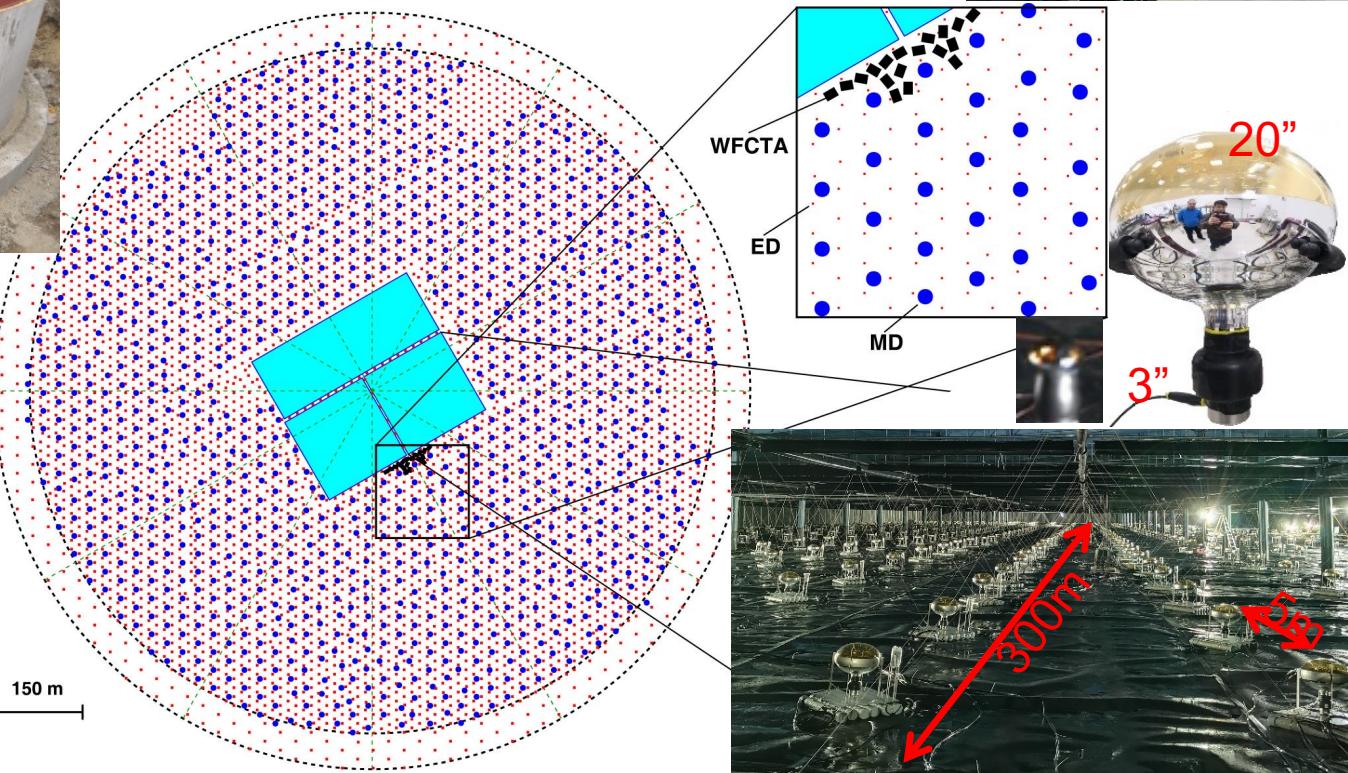
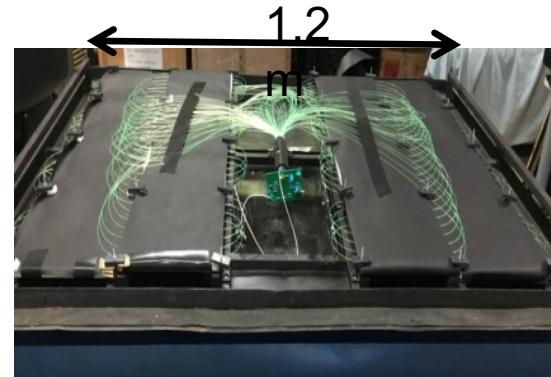
Compositions : individual species H, He and
Fe

Anisotropy: (1 TeV to 10 PeV)

New Physics Front: DM, LiIV, etc.



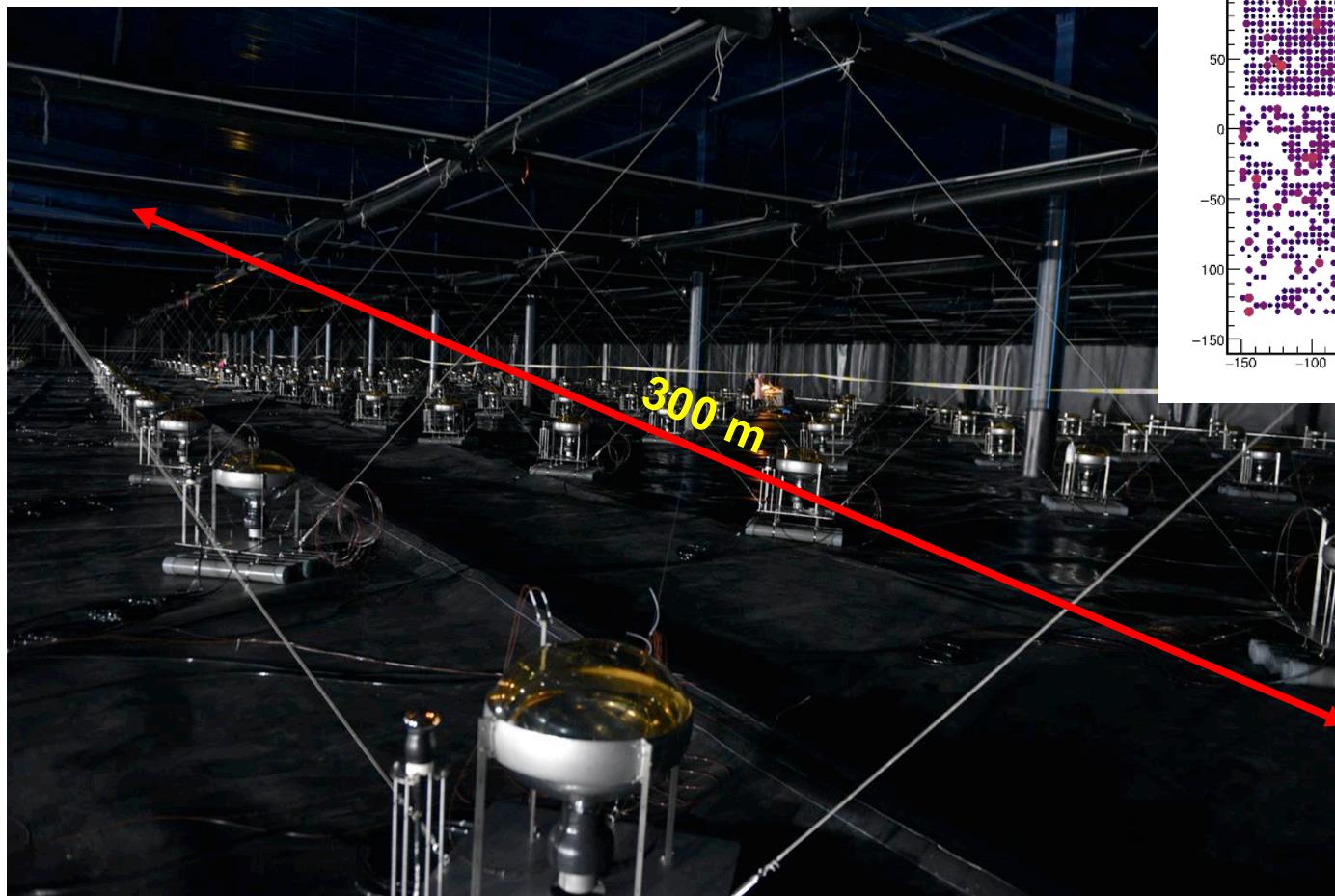
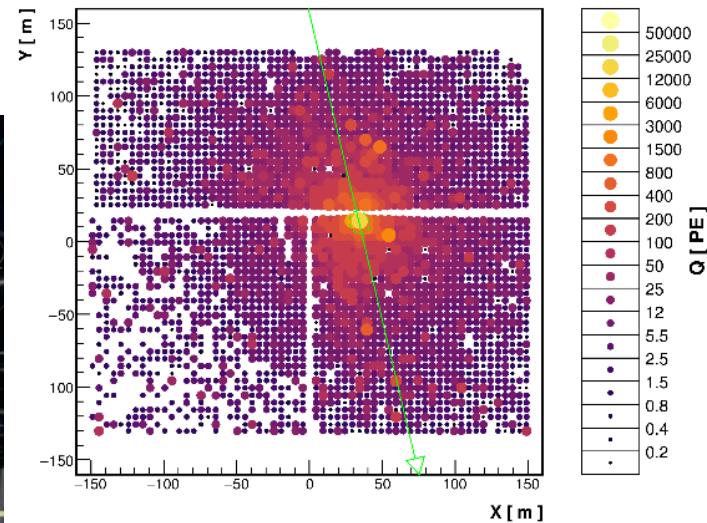
LHAASO Layout





LHAASO-WCDA Water Cherenkov Detector Array

20210511/131236/0.554789897: nTrig=1, 0=37.81±0.02°, ϕ=103.39±0.02°



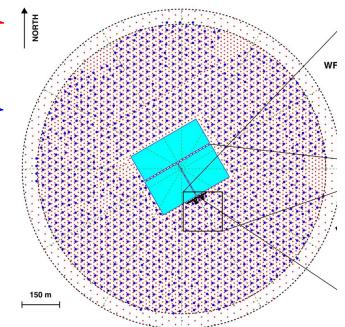
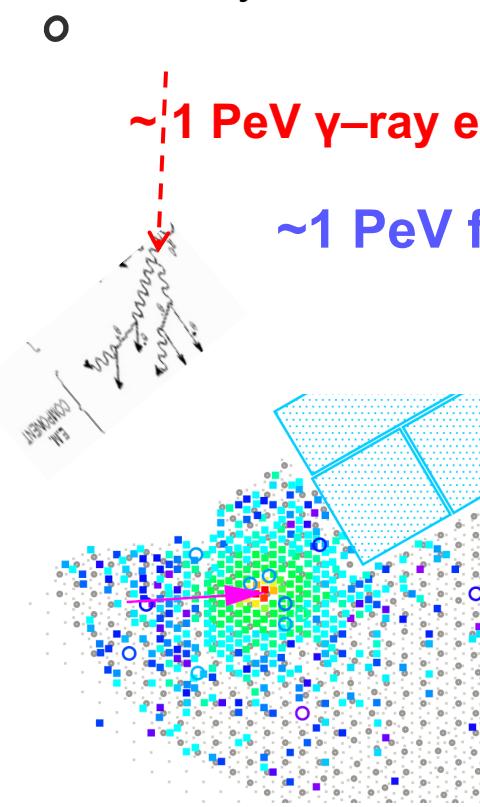
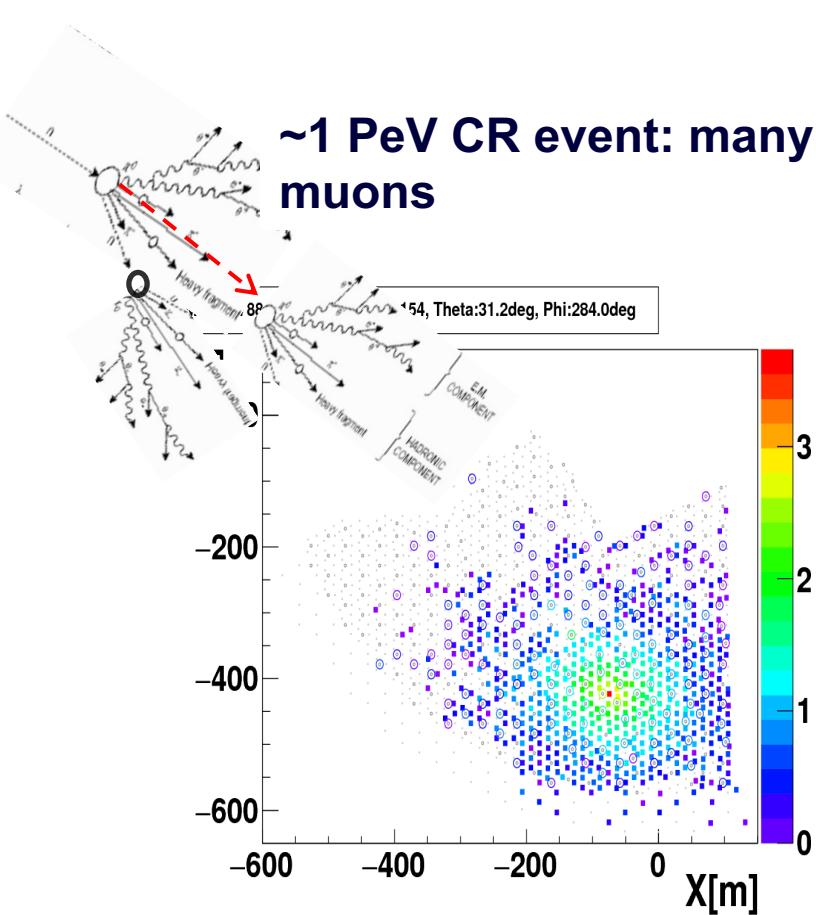
- ❖ Area : **78,000 m²**
- ❖ Detector units : **3120**
- ❖ Energy Range : **0.1-10 TeV**



LHAASO-KM2A

Selection of γ -rays out of CR background

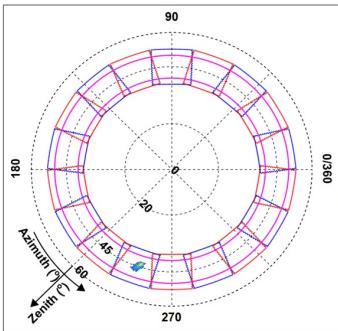
Active Area for Muons vs. Array Area: 4%



- ◊ **Area :**
1.3 km²
- ◊ **Detectors :**
5216 ED
1188 MD
- ◊ **Energy Range :**
0.01-10 PeV

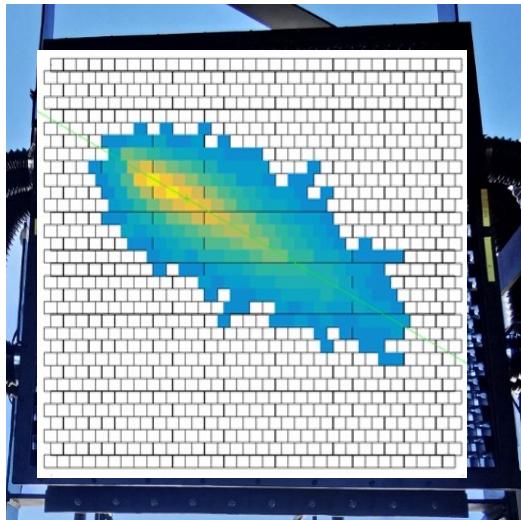


**~0.1
PeV
CR
event**



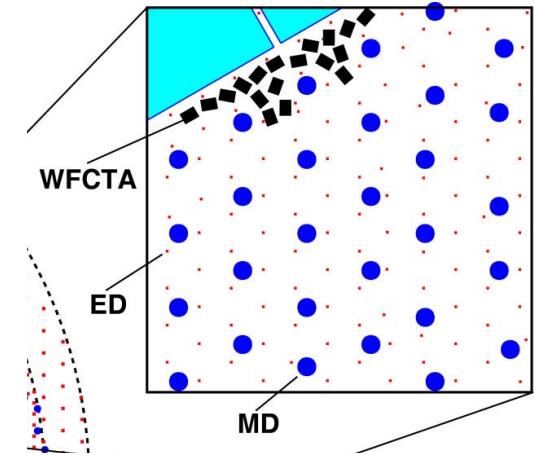
WFCTA: 18 IACTs

Mirror: 5 m²
SiPM camera
FOV: 16×16°
Pixel size: 0.5°
Energy: 0.1-100 PeV

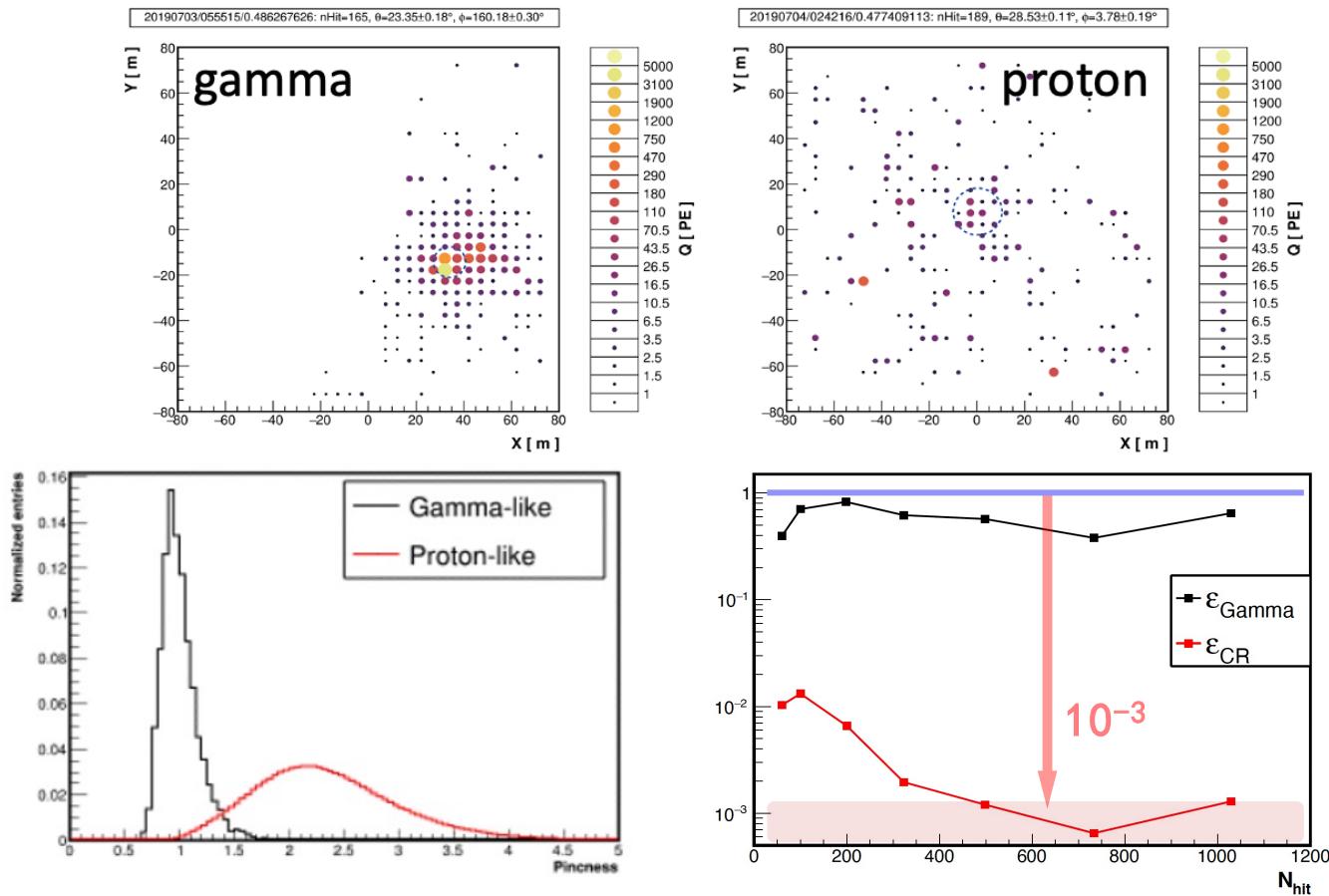


LHAASO-WFCTA

Separate of individual CR species & measure the knees

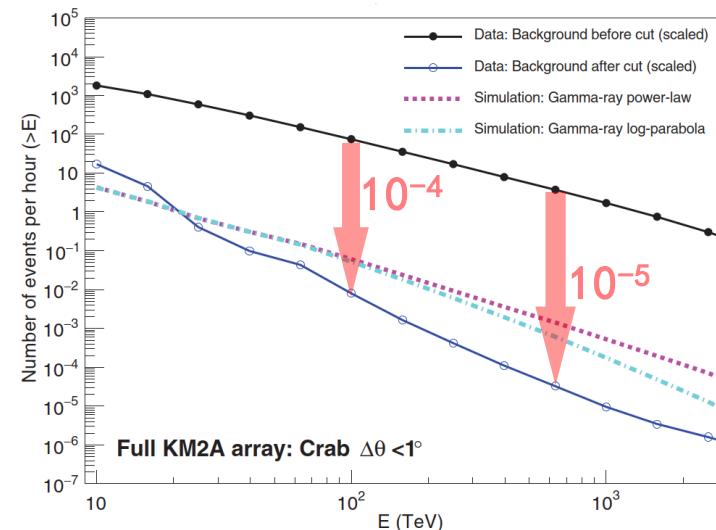
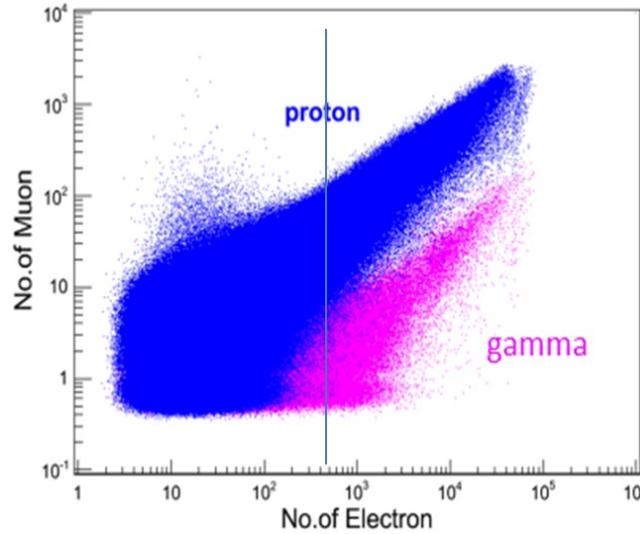


CR Background rejection in WCDA



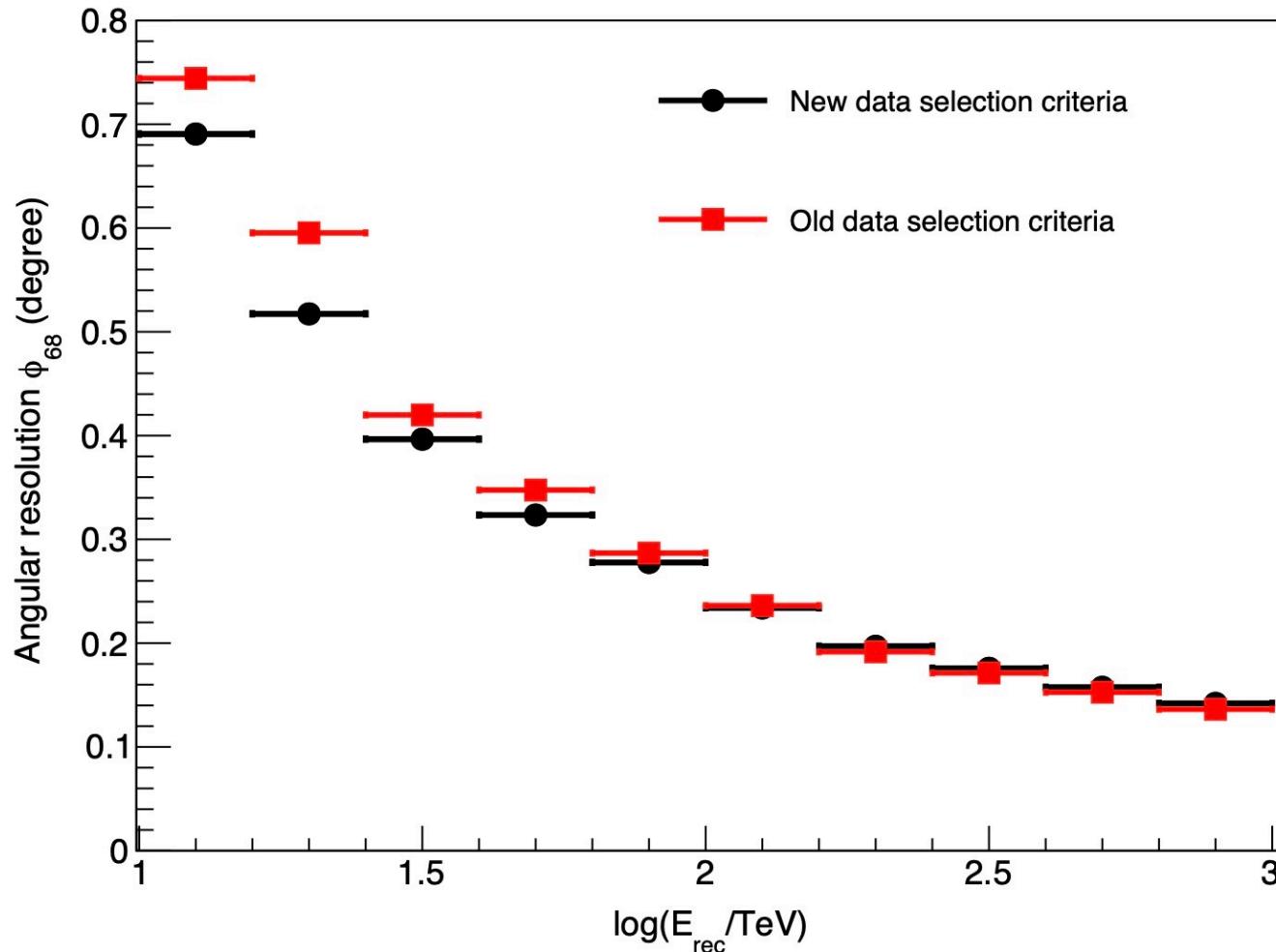
CR background Rejection in KM2A

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



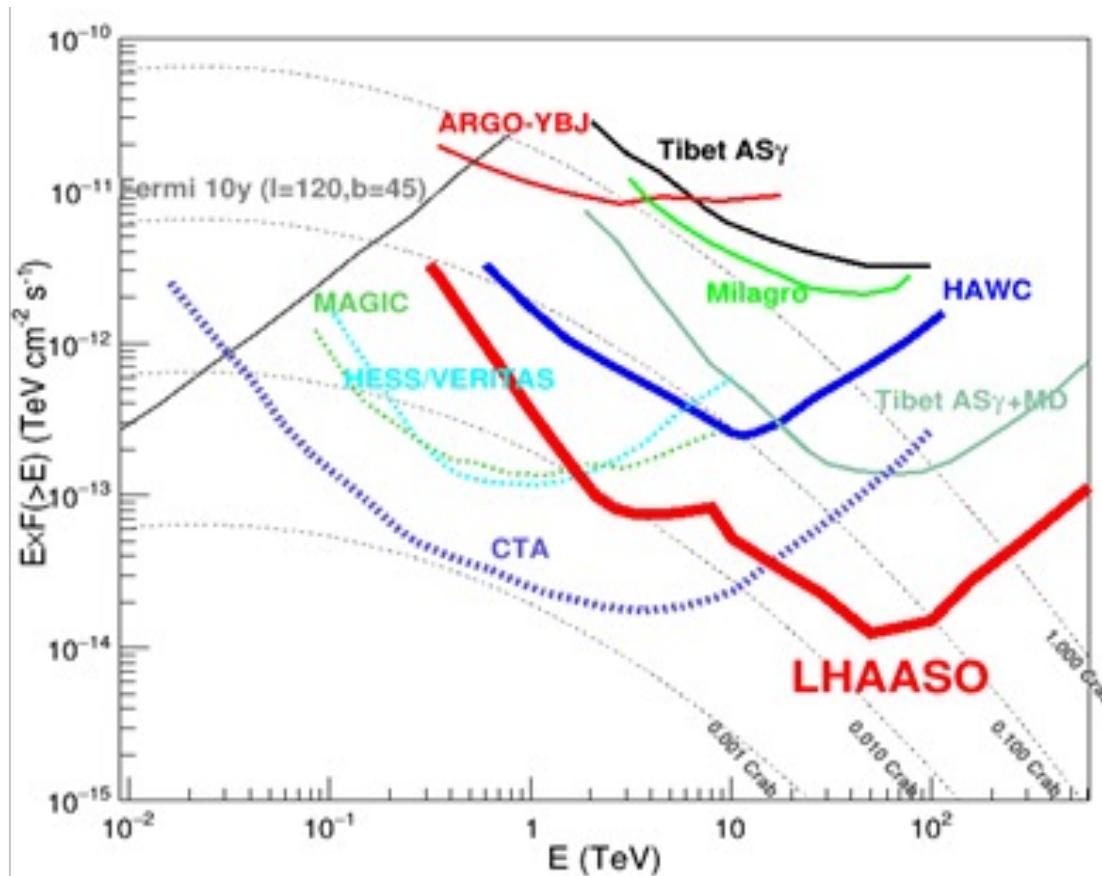
LHAASO Coll., *Science*, 373, 425 (2021)

LHAASO angular resolution



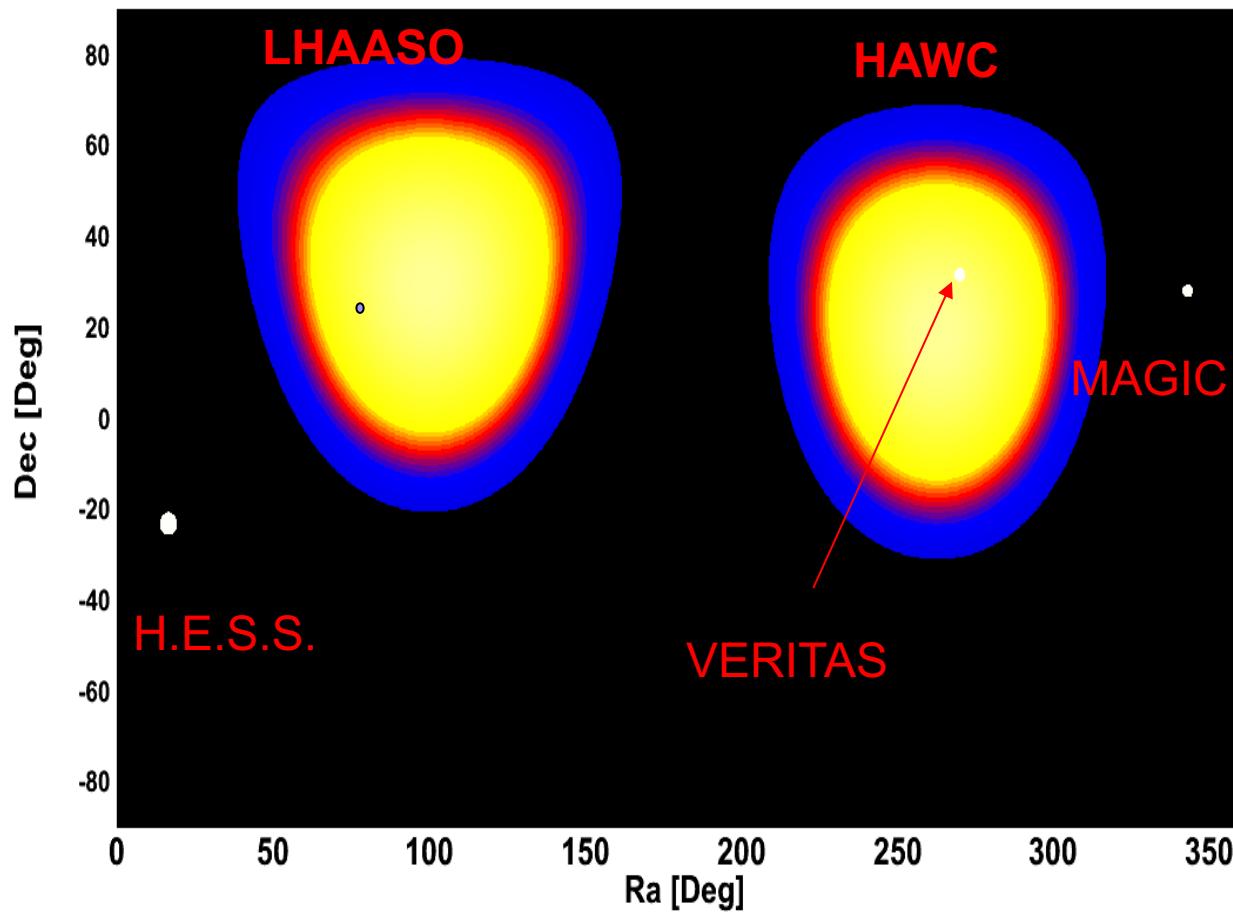
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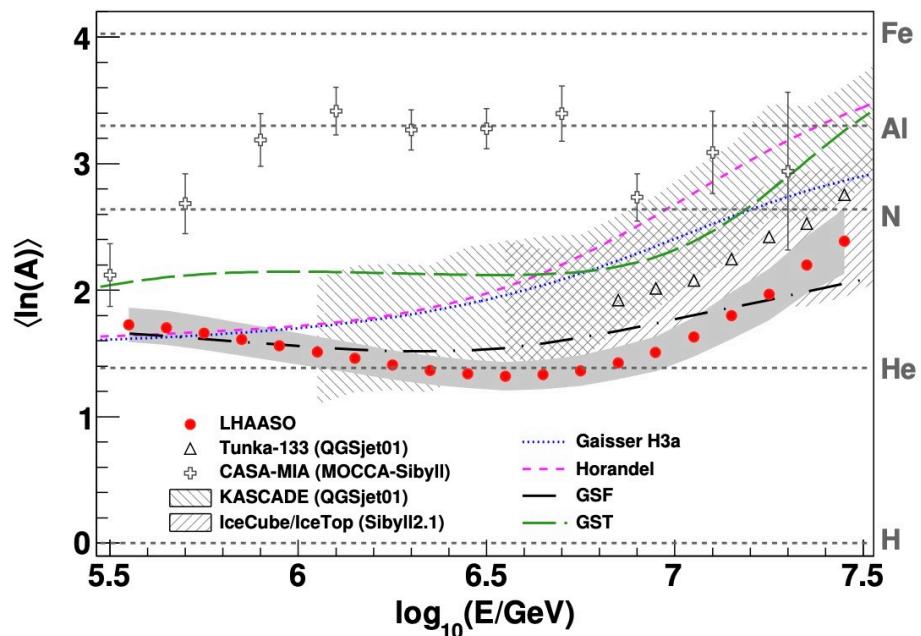
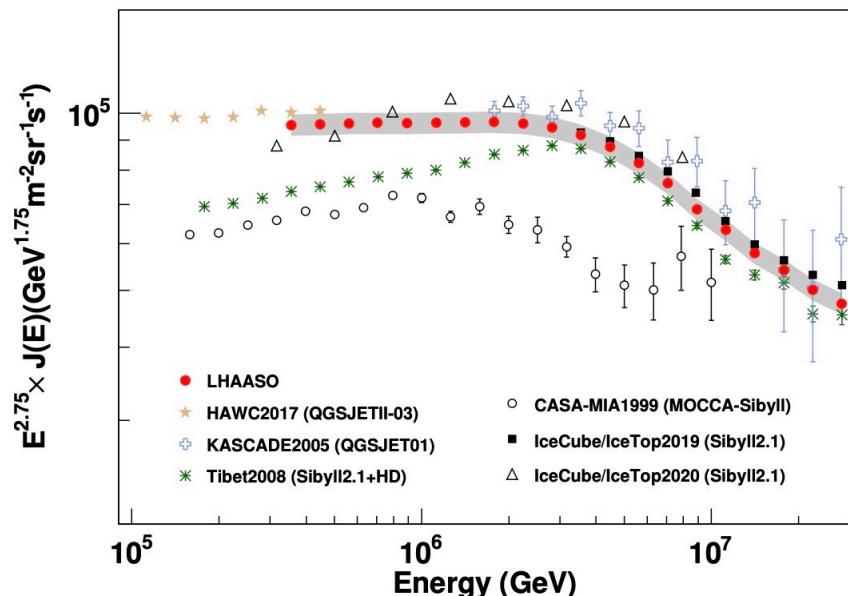
Field of view for GRB/TOO

1/7 of the sky at any time



Cosmic rays at knee with LHAASO

CR spectrum and mass composition



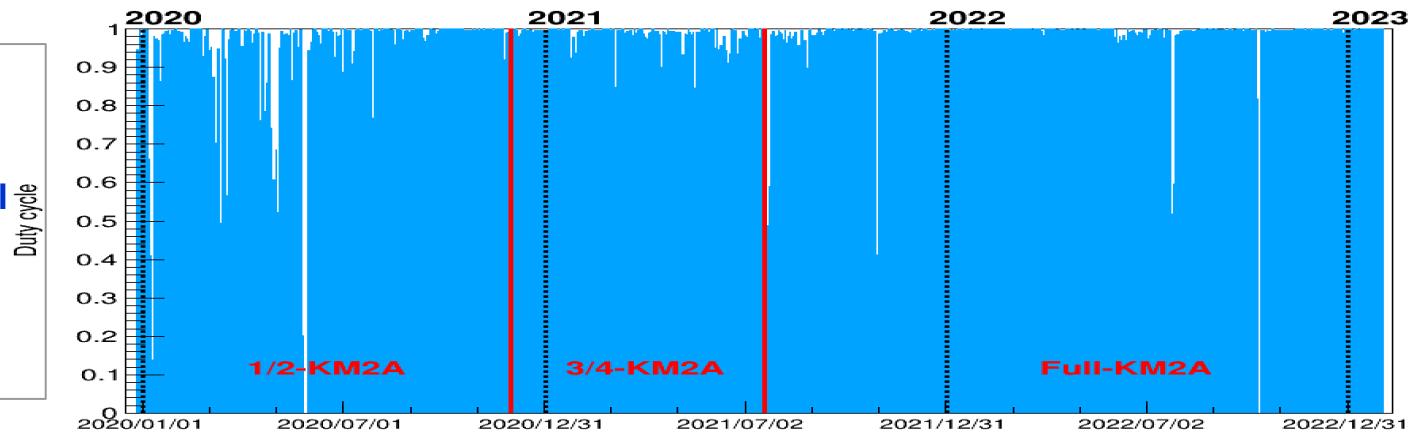
•LHAASO collab., Zh.Cao et al, [2403.10010](#)
Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 (2024) 13, 131002

1 LHAASO catalog

LHAASO data used for catalog analysis

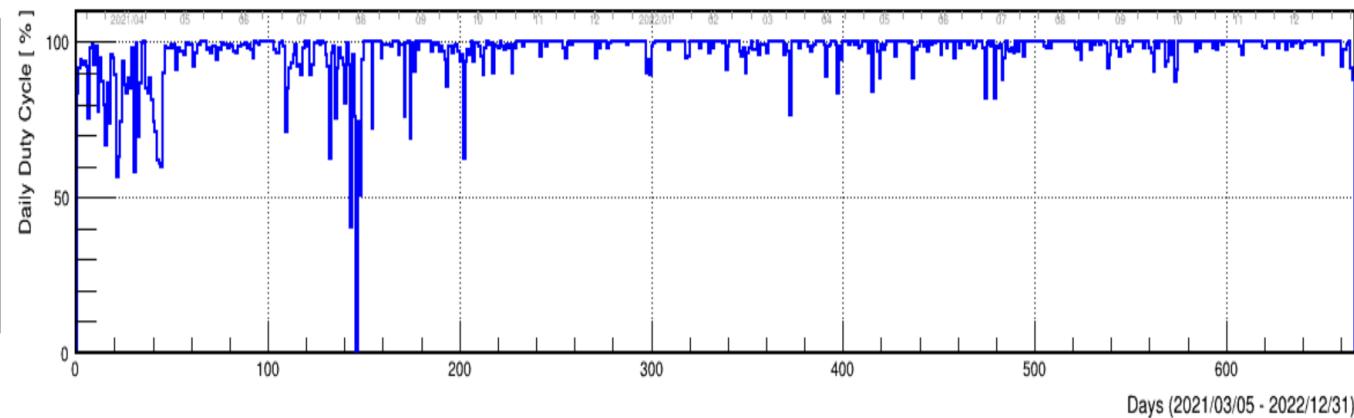
KM2A

- ◆ 2019-12 to 2022-09
- ◆ 933 days (~730 days full array)
- ◆ 1.3×10^7 gamma-like events



WCDA

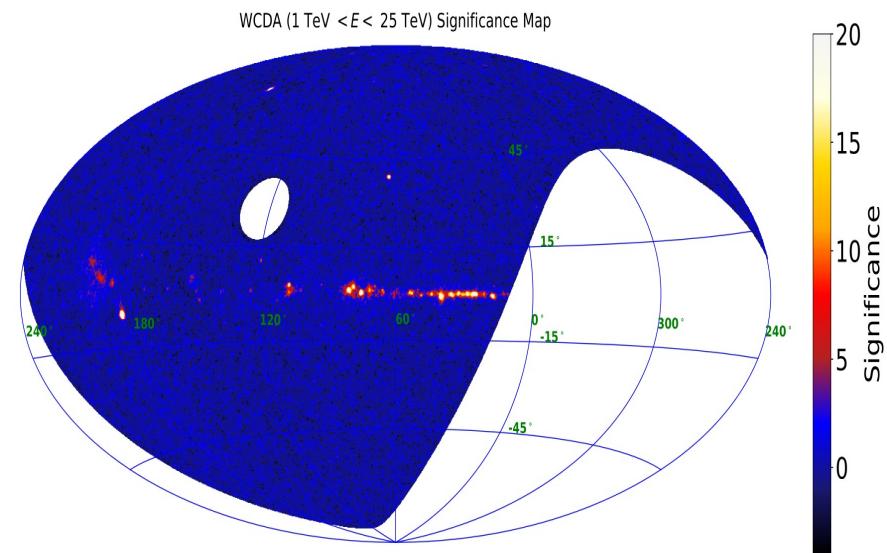
- ◆ 2021-03 to 2022-09
- ◆ 508 days
- ◆ 1.3×10^9 gamma-like events



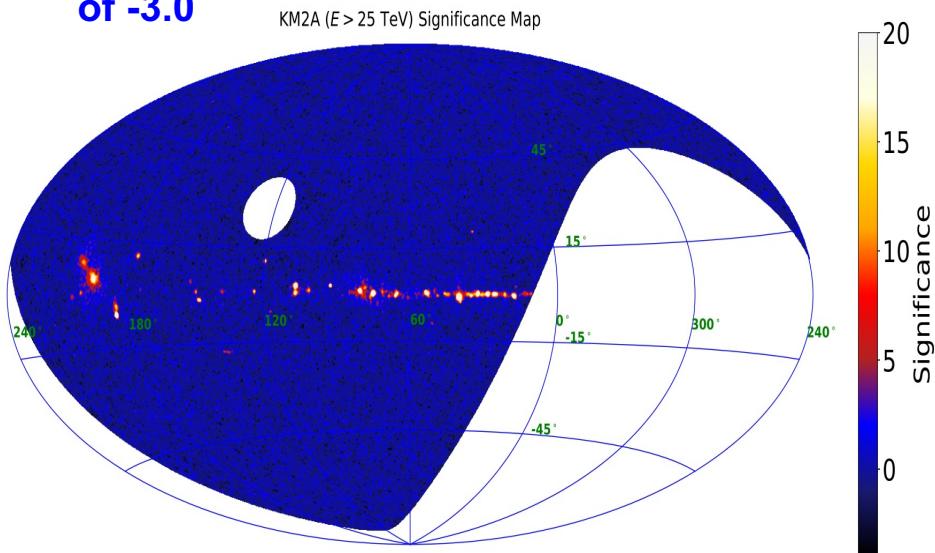
Point gamma-ray source searching

- The candidates with significance $>5\sigma$ are used to determine ROI and also as seeds for next fitting.

WCDA SED: power-law with a index of -2.5



KM2A SED: power-law with a index of -3.0



Construction of the 1st LHAASO sources

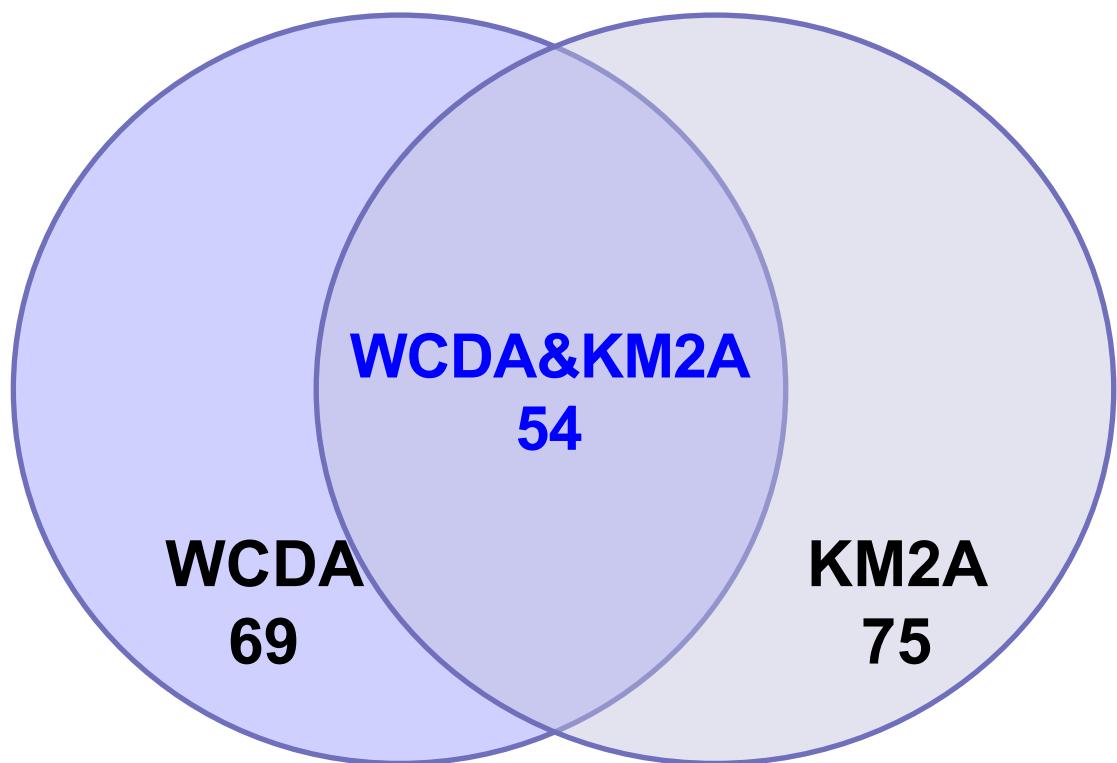
90 1st LHAASO sources

WCDA&KM2A

■ Space Angle

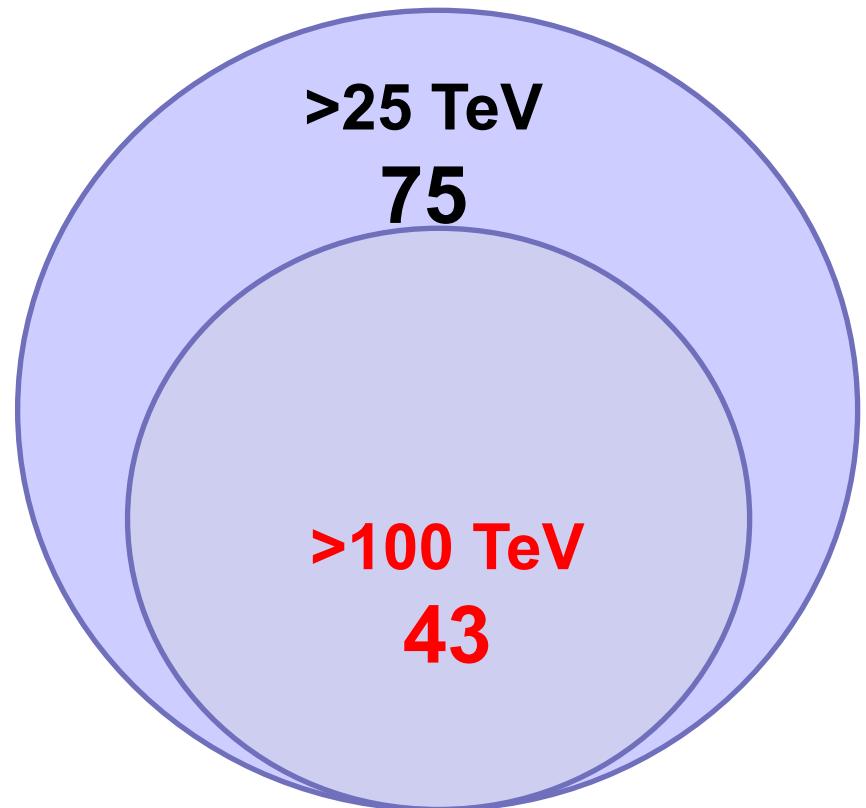
■ Position error

■ Source extension



UHE gamma-ray sources

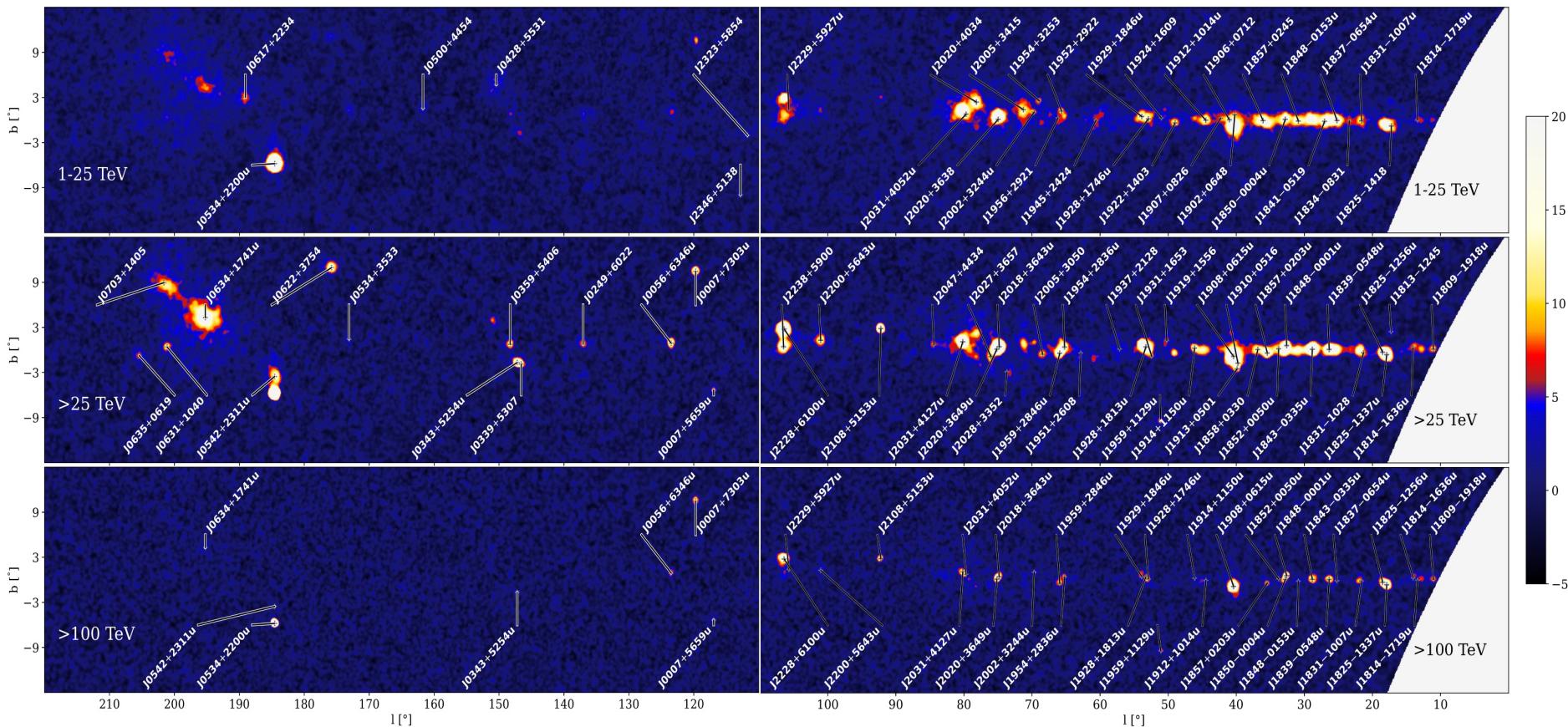
- The position and extension achieved by KM2A at >25 TeV are used.
- Sources with significance $>4\sigma$ at >100 TeV are labeled as UHE sources
- LHAASO: 4 -> 43



1st LHAASO source catalog

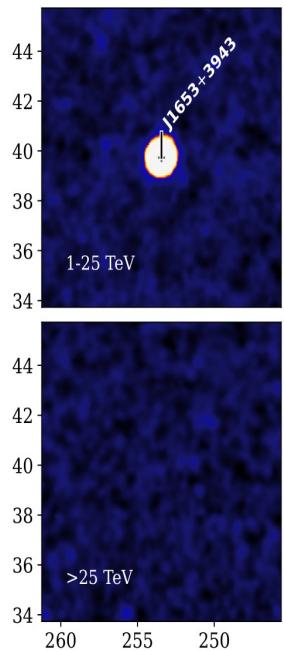
Source name	Components	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	$\sigma_{p,95,stat}$	r_{39}	TS	N_0	Γ	TS ₁₀₀	Asso.(Sep.[°])
1LHAASO J0007+5659u	KM2A	1.86	57.00	0.12	<0.18	86.5	0.33 ± 0.05	3.10 ± 0.20	43.6	CTA 1 (0.12)
	WCDA						<0.27			
1LHAASO J0007+7303u	KM2A	1.91	73.07	0.07	0.17 ± 0.03	361.0	3.41 ± 0.27	3.40 ± 0.12	171.6	CTA 1 (0.12)
	WCDA	1.48	73.15	0.10	<0.22	141.6	5.01 ± 1.11	2.74 ± 0.11		
1LHAASO J0056+6346u	KM2A	14.10	63.77	0.08	0.24 ± 0.03	380.2	1.47 ± 0.10	3.33 ± 0.10	94.1	
	WCDA	13.78	63.96	0.15	0.33 ± 0.07	106.1	1.45 ± 0.41	2.35 ± 0.13		
1LHAASO J0206+4302u	KM2A	31.70	43.05	0.13	<0.27	96.0	0.24 ± 0.03	2.62 ± 0.16	82.8	
	WCDA						<0.09			
1LHAASO J0212+4254u	KM2A	33.01	42.91	0.20	<0.31	38.4	0.12 ± 0.03	2.45 ± 0.23	30.2	
	WCDA						<0.07			
1LHAASO J0216+4237u	KM2A	34.10	42.63	0.10	<0.13	102.0	0.18 ± 0.03	2.58 ± 0.17	65.6	
	WCDA						<0.20			
1LHAASO J0249+6022	KM2A	42.39	60.37	0.16	0.38 ± 0.08	148.8	0.93 ± 0.09	3.82 ± 0.18		LHAASO J0341+5258 (0.37)
	WCDA	41.52	60.49	0.40	0.71 ± 0.10	53.3	1.96 ± 0.51	2.52 ± 0.16		
1LHAASO J0339+5307	KM2A	54.79	53.13	0.11	<0.22	144.0	0.58 ± 0.06	3.64 ± 0.16		LHAASO J0341+5258 (0.28)
	WCDA						<0.21			
1LHAASO J0343+5254u*	KM2A	55.79	52.91	0.08	0.20 ± 0.02	388.1	1.07 ± 0.07	3.53 ± 0.10	20.2	LHAASO J0341+5258 (0.28)
	WCDA	55.34	53.05	0.18	0.33 ± 0.05	94.1	0.29 ± 0.13	1.70 ± 0.19		

82 sources with the Galactic latitude $|b| < 12^\circ$

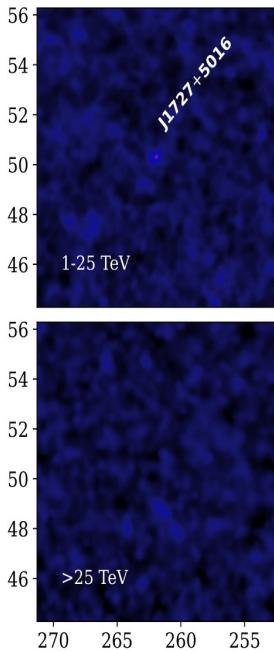


8 sources with the Galactic latitude $|b|>12^\circ$

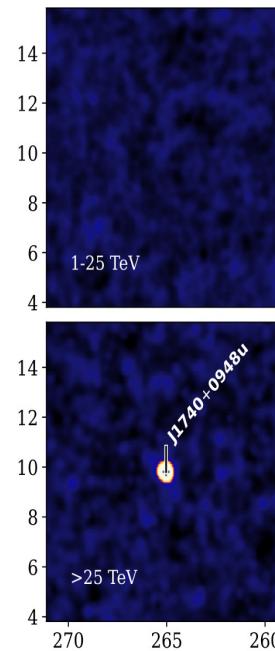
Mrk 421
 $z=0.031$



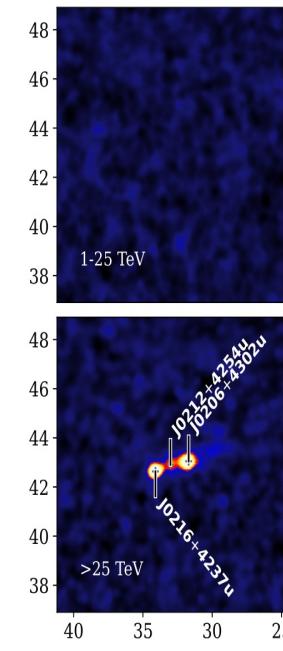
1ES 1727+502
 $z=0.055$



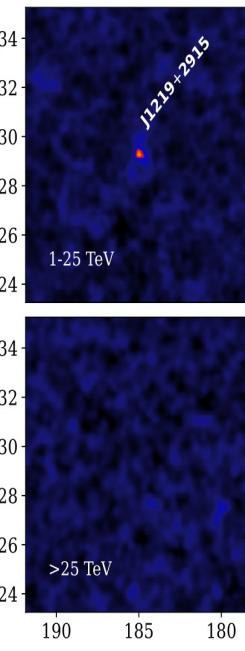
4 AGNs



Mrk 501
 $z=0.034$



NGC 4278
 $z=0.002$

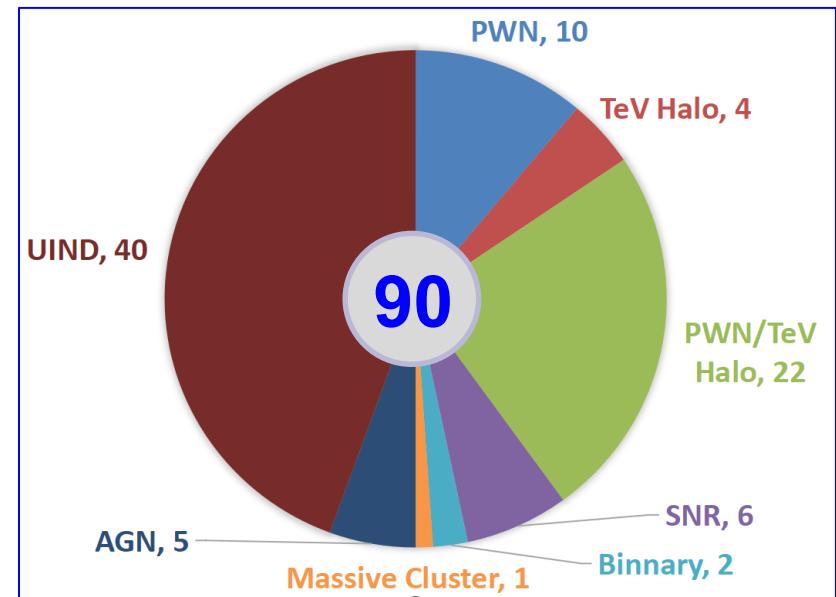
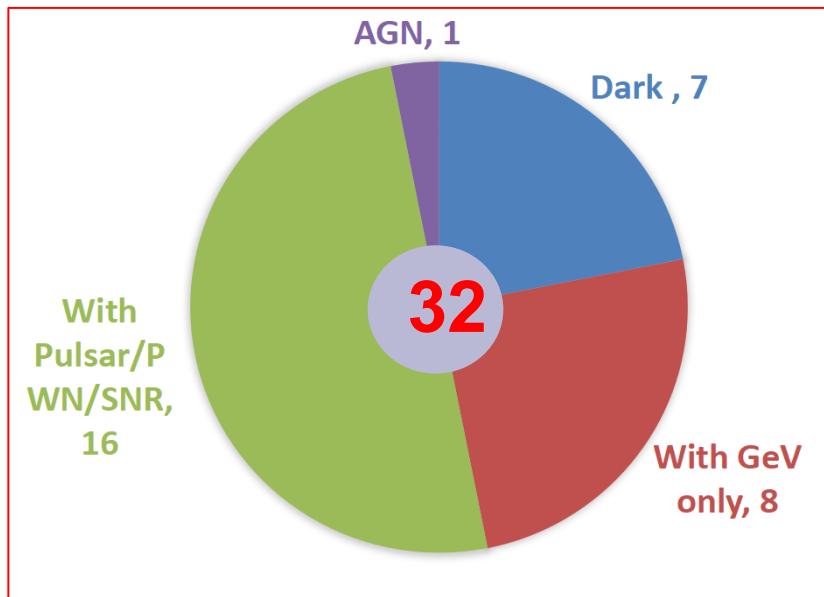


$\alpha_{2000} [^\circ]$

**8 sources with the Galactic latitude
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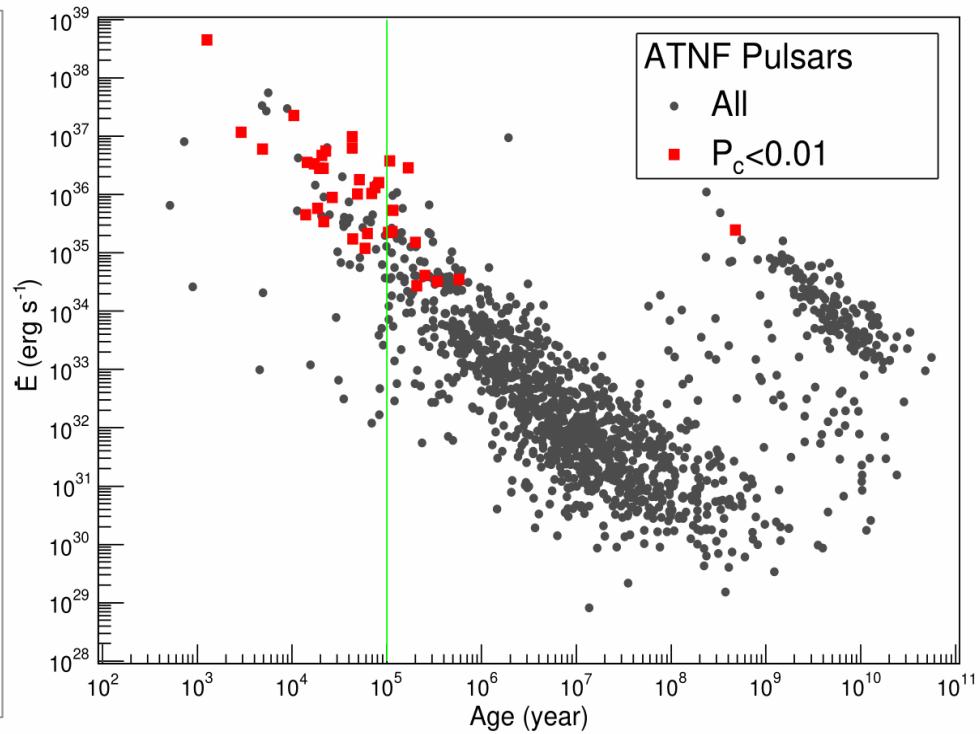
Association with known TeV Sources

- **58 sources with TeVCat+3HAWC association**
- **32 new sources (25+7)**



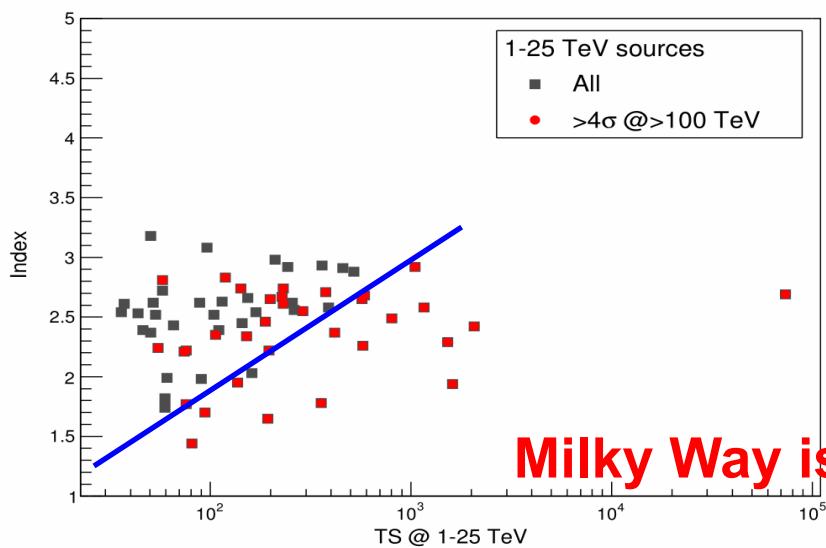
Association with ATNF pulsars

- **65 1LHAASO sources with pulsar nearby <0.5°.**
- **35 associations with chance coincide probability <1%. (13 labeled as PWN or Halo in TeVCat)**
- **22 new possible PWN/TeV Halo**

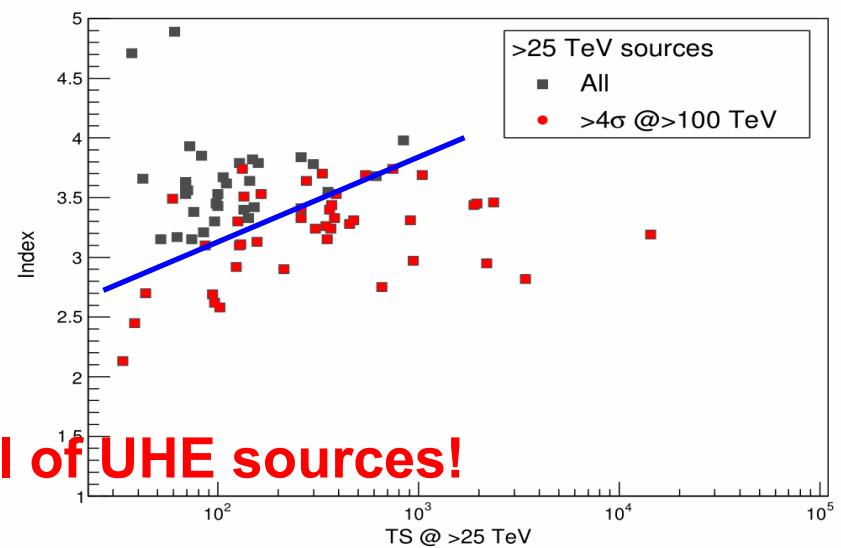


PeVatrons

- **51% (35/69) 1-25TeV sources are UHE sources.**
- **57% (43/75) >25TeV sources are UHE sources.**
- **19% (8/43) UHE sources are not detected at 1-25TeV (new class?).**

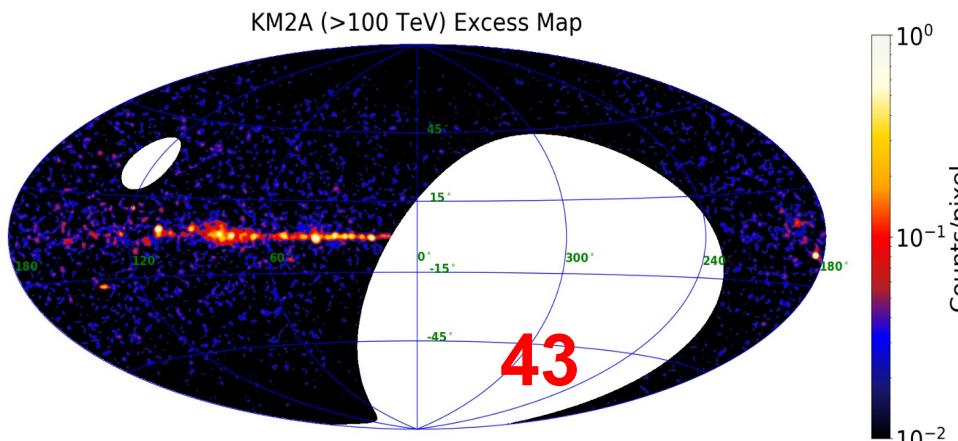
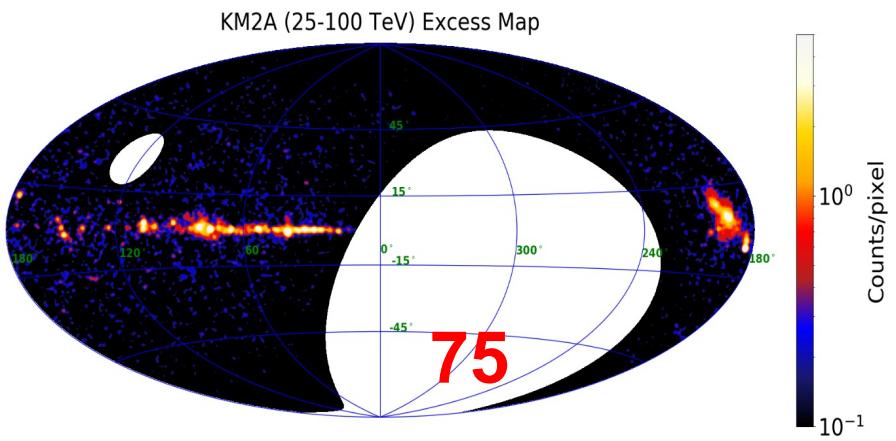
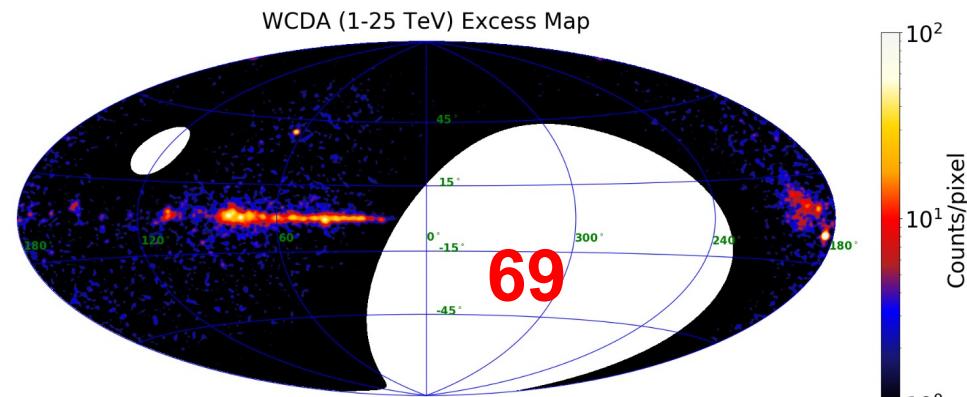


Milky Way is full of UHE sources!



1 LHAASO catalog

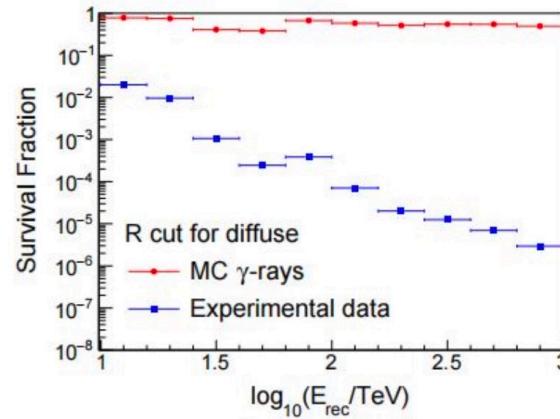
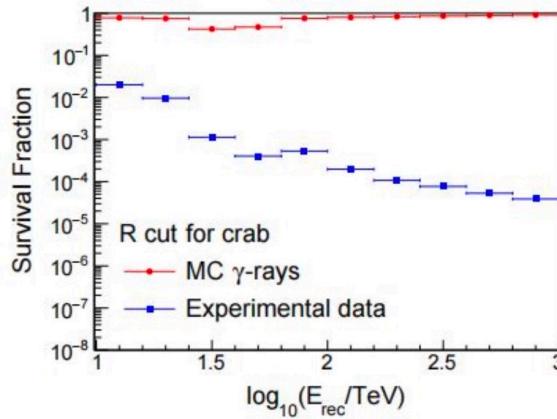
- **90** in 1st LHAASO sources.
- **32** new discoveries
- **43** UHE



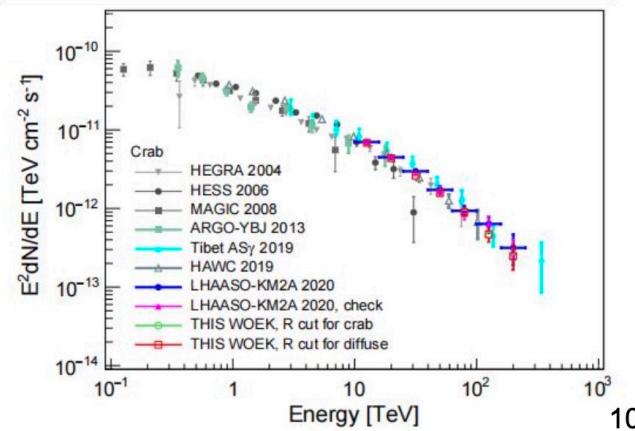
Diffuse gamma-ray emission

Gamma/CR discrimination

$$R = \log \left(\frac{N_\mu + 0.0001}{N_e} \right)$$

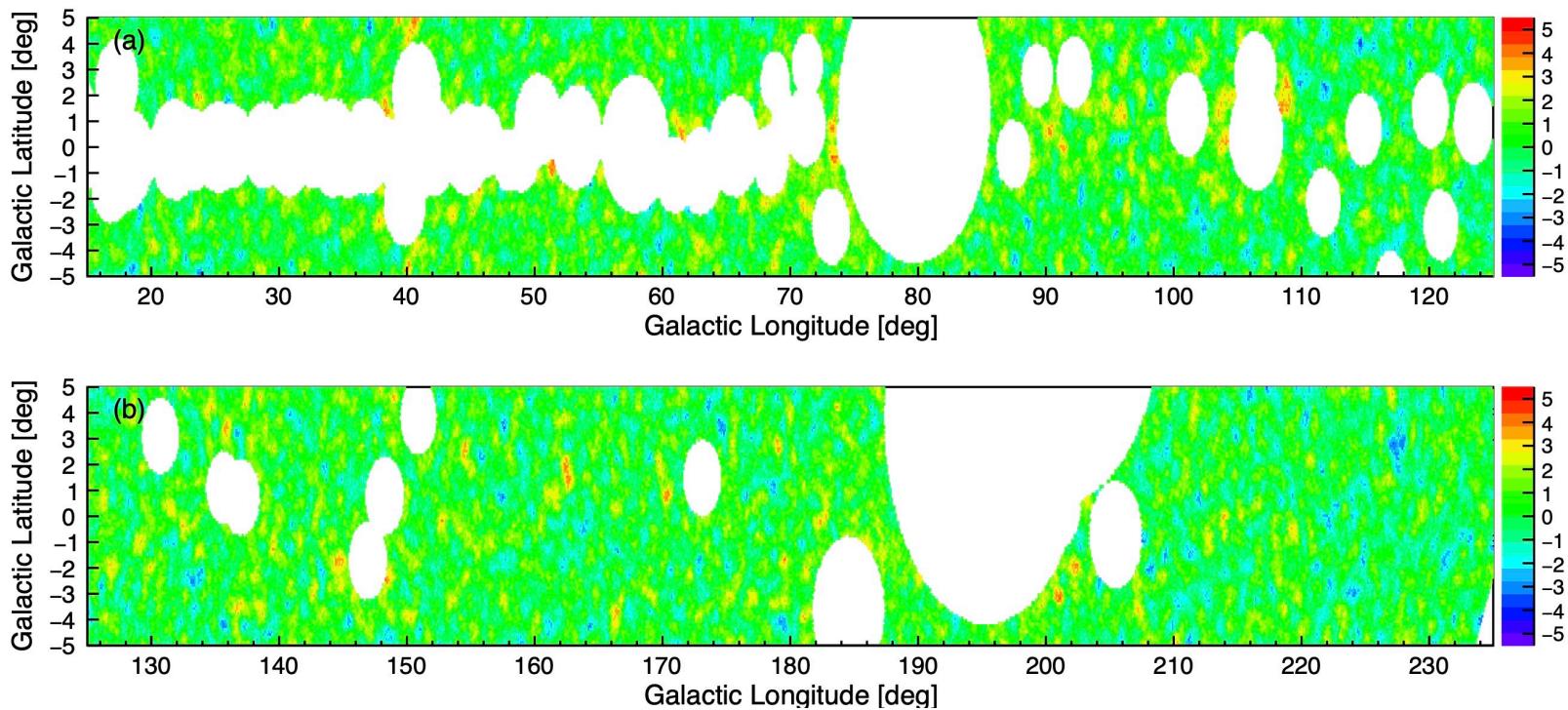


$\log(E_{\text{rec}}/\text{TeV})$	R for crab	R for diffuse
1.0 – 1.2	-5.11	-5.00
1.2 – 1.4	-5.24	-3.20
1.4 – 1.6	-5.95	-5.96
1.6 – 1.8	-6.08	-6.17
1.8 – 2.0	-2.34	-2.50
2.0 – 2.2	-2.35	-2.69
2.2 – 2.4	-2.36	-2.79
2.4 – 2.6	-2.36	-2.74
2.6 – 2.8	-2.36	-2.75
2.8 – 3.0	-2.36	-2.79

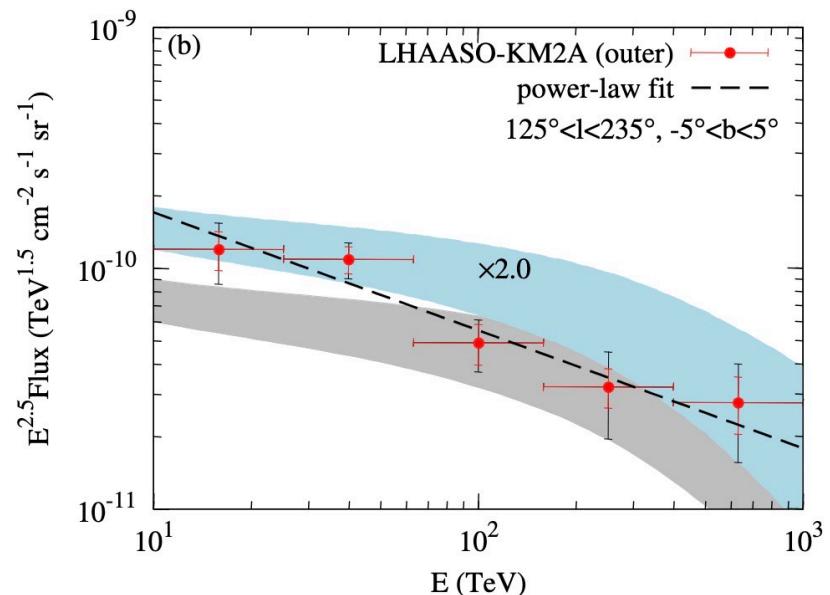
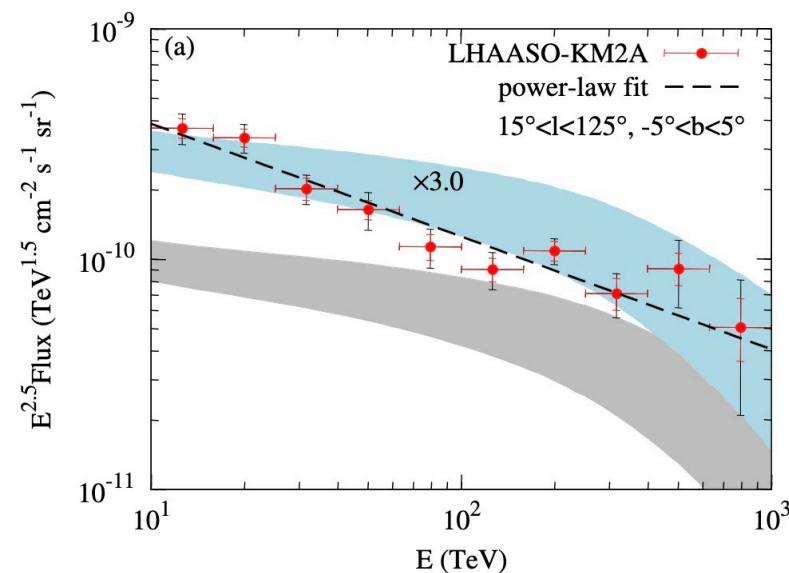


- R cuts adjusted from the Crab analysis to enable a higher Q=S/B^{1/2} factor
- Efficiencies change from ~90% to ~60%

Mask LHAASO



LHAASO diffuse



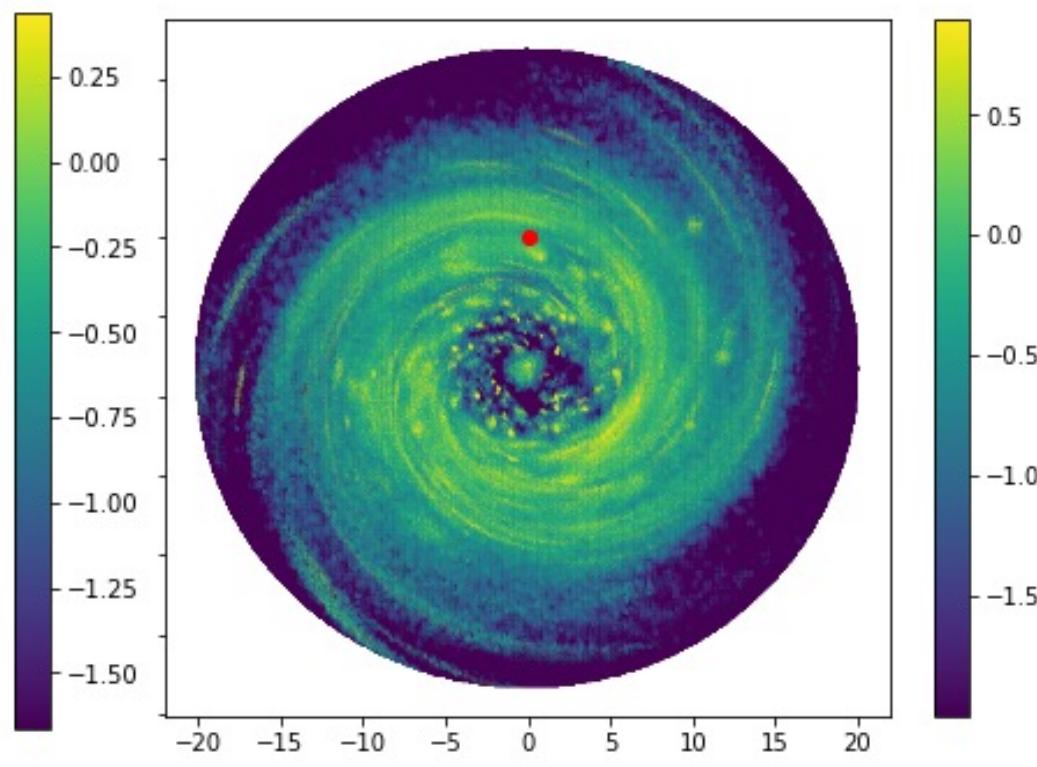
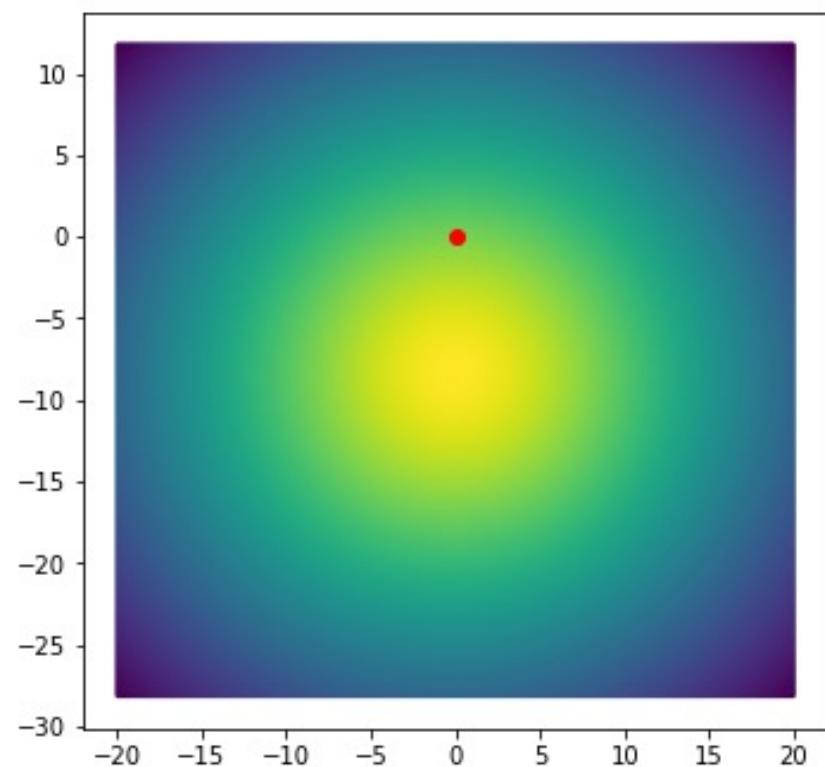
$$\Xi^{A,A'}(E, l, b) = \int_0^\infty ds n_{\text{gas}}^{A'}(\mathbf{x}) I_{\text{CR}}^A(E, \mathbf{x})$$

$$I_\nu(E, l, b) = \sum_{A,A'} \int_E^\infty dE' \Xi^{A,A'}(E', l, b) \frac{d\sigma^{AA' \rightarrow \nu}(E', E)}{dE}$$

1 PeV CR density in the Gal. plane

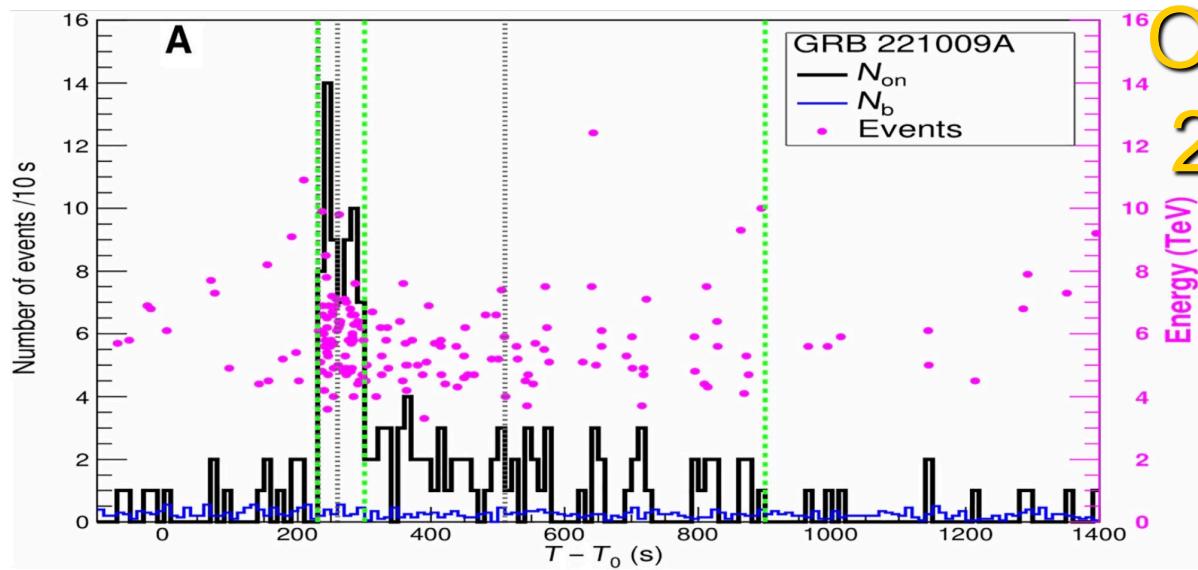
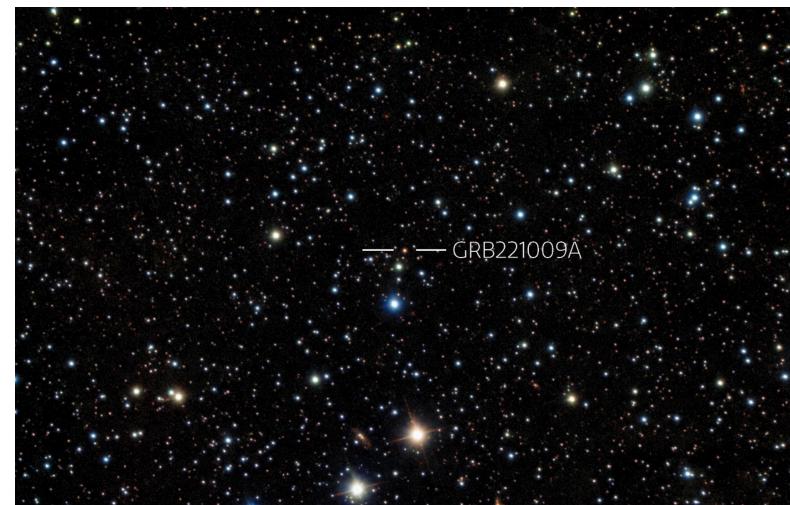
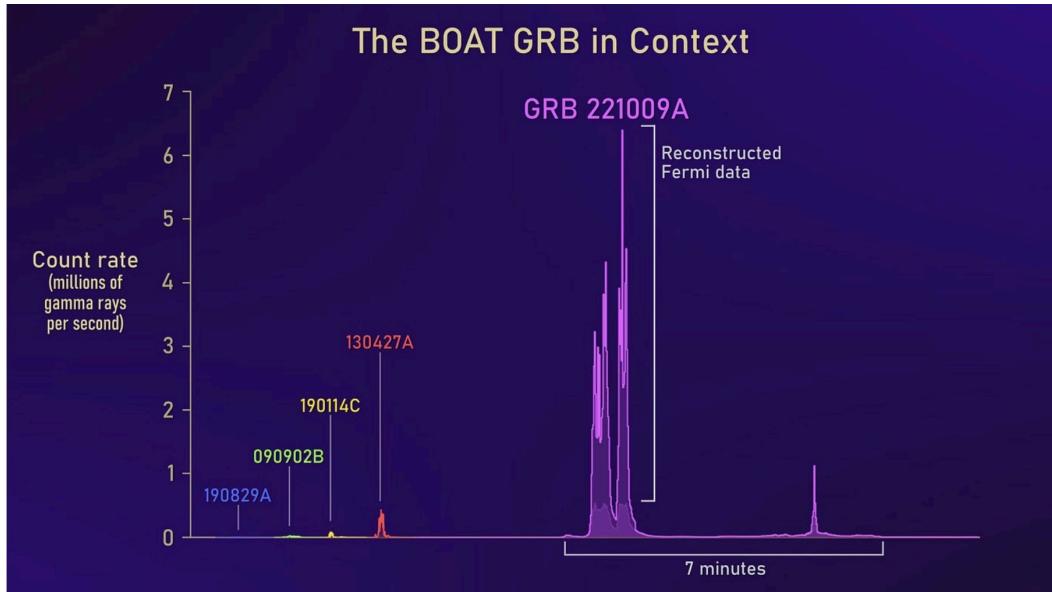
Lipari & Vernetto (2018)

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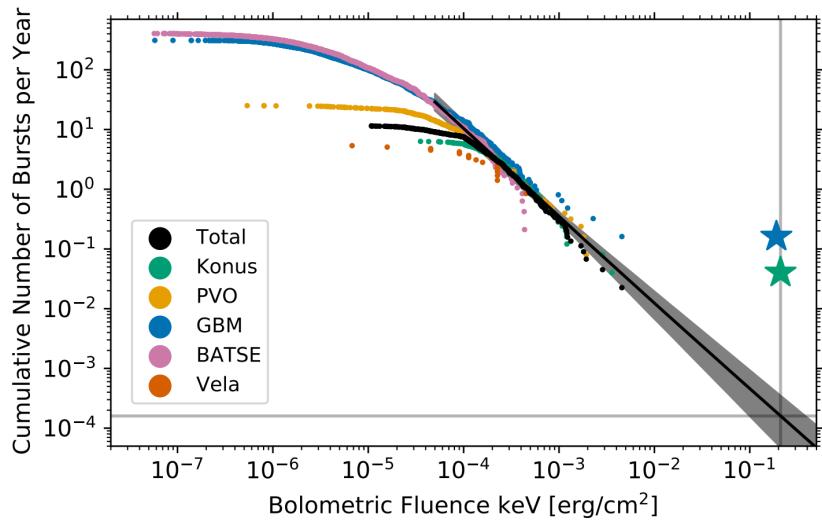
*Detection of GRB
221009A by LHAASO
WCDA and km2a*

Brightest over all time GRB in 57 years



One time in
200-1000 years

GRB 221009A: A very rare event



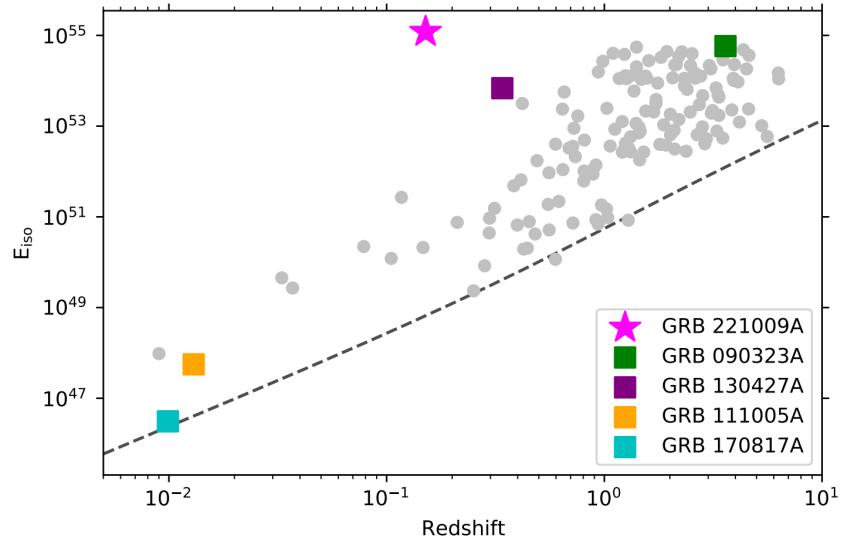
Fluence: $>5 \times 10^{-2}$ erg/cm²

R_GRB $\leq 6.1 \times 10^{-4}$ Gpc⁻³ yr⁻¹

z=0.151 volume ~ 1 Gpc³

R<10⁻³ yr

Redshift

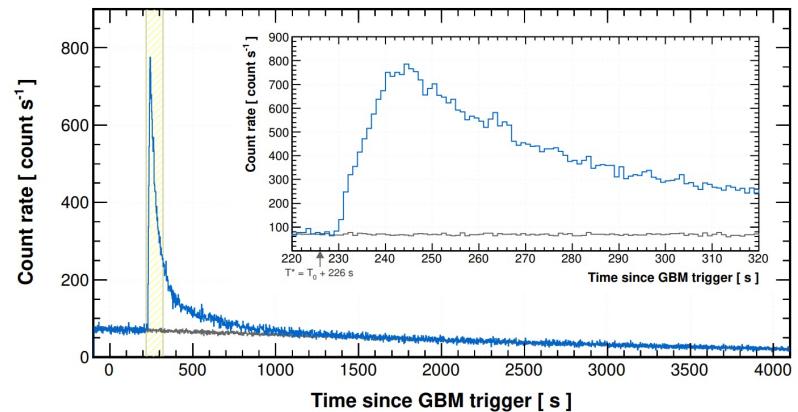


Buns et al. 2023

LHAASO GRB221009A

- LHAASO detection of GRB 221009A: first GRB seen by a extensive air shower detector
- High statistics: >60,000 photons above 0.2TeV (LHAASO-WCDA)
- TeV count rate light curve:
Smooth temporal profile –
external shock origin

First time detection of the TeV afterglow onset !



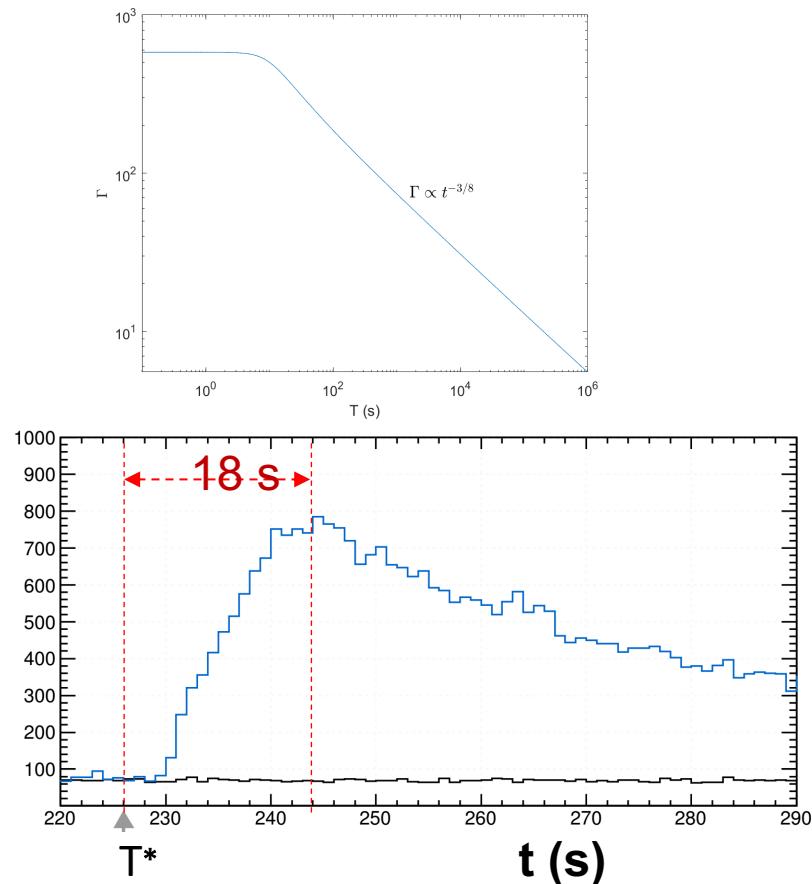
What we've learnt from the GRB 221009A

Initial Lorentz Factor Γ_0

- From T^* to the peak (energy-independent peak time), it takes **~18 s**
- The bulk Lorentz factor is estimated as

$$\Gamma_0 = \left(\frac{3E_k}{32\pi nm_p c^5 t_{\text{peak}}^3} \right)^{1/8} = 440 E_{k,55}^{1/8} n_0^{-1/8} \left(\frac{t_{\text{peak}}}{18 \text{ s}} \right)^{-3/8}$$

it is among the highest values for all GRBs

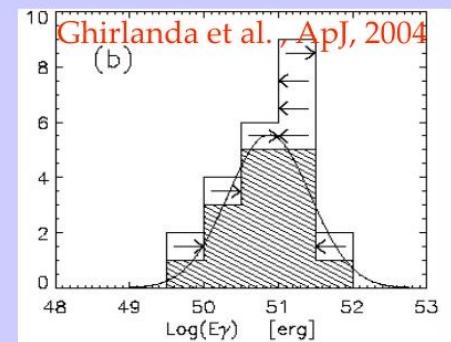
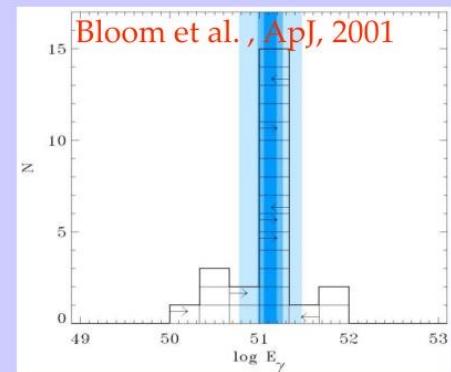
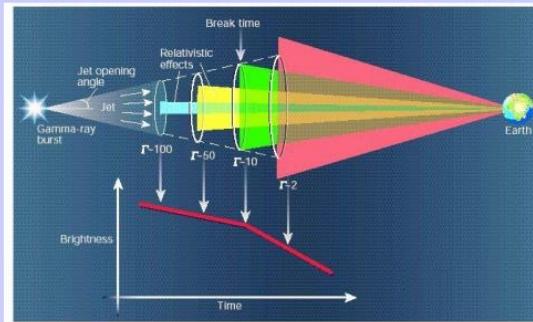


A narrow GRB jet

- Jet breaks have been seen in optical/X-ray bands
- First time seeing a jet break at TeV band
- Helps to understand the total energy of the GRB

$$E_{\gamma,j} = E_{\gamma,\text{iso}} \theta_0^2 / 2 \sim 7.5 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg} E_{\gamma,\text{iso},55} (\theta_0 / 0.7^\circ)^2$$

- assuming jet angles derived from the break time of the optical afterglow light curve, the collimation-corrected radiated energy is clustered around $\sim 10^{51}$ erg.



What we've learnt from GRB 221009A

Upper limit in prompt phase

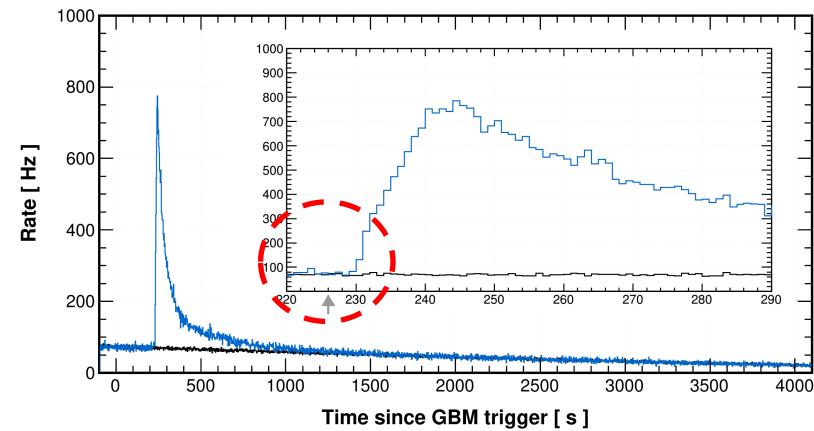
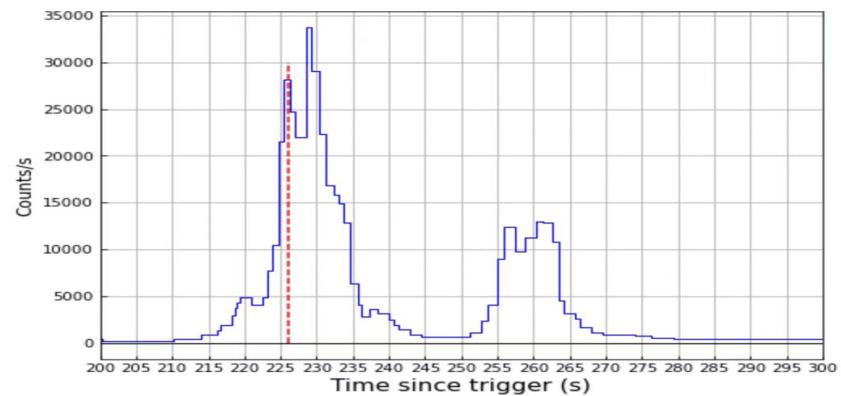
- The most strict limit on the prompt TeV emission

$$R = F_{\text{TeV}} / F_{\text{MeV}} < 2 \times 10^{-5}$$

- A large $\gamma\gamma$ absorption optical depth ?
- Or a magnetized jet?

$$R_{\text{in}} \sim 2\Gamma_0^2 c t_v = 10^{15} \text{ cm} (\Gamma_0/440)^2 (t_v/0.082 \text{ s})$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \sim \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} n'_t \frac{R_{\text{in}}}{\Gamma_0} \sim 190 \left(\frac{R_{\text{in}}}{10^{15} \text{ cm}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\Gamma_0}{440} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t}{h\nu_m} \right)^{\beta_1+1}$$



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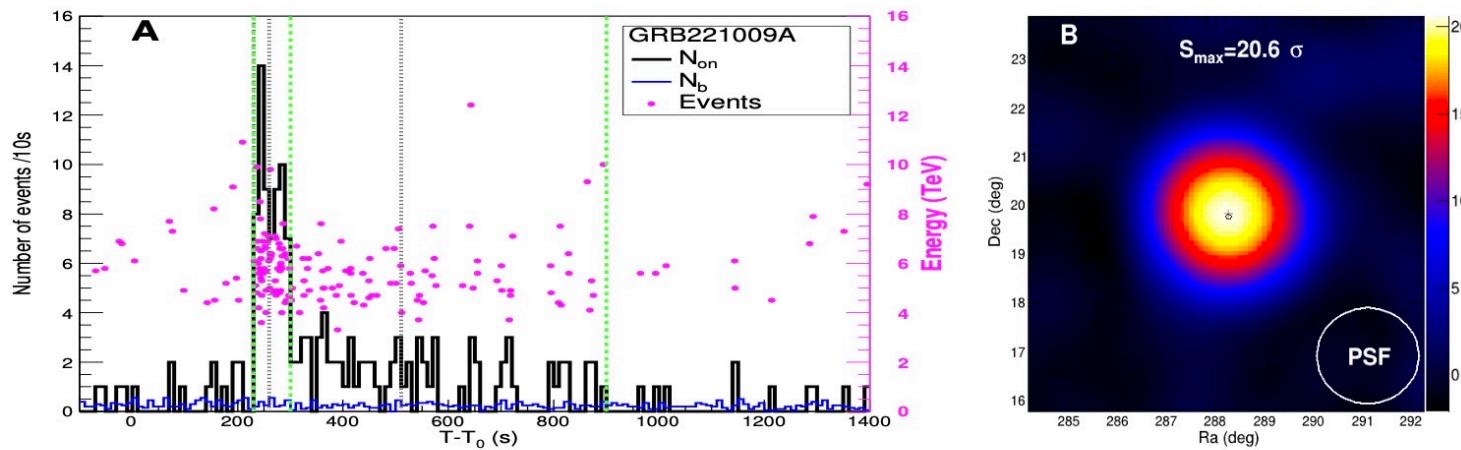


Figure 1: The light curve and significance map of GRB 221009A obtained by KM2A. (A) The gamma-ray-count light curve obtained by KM2A with each time-bin of 10s. The black curve indicates the events from the angular cone centered on the GRB, and the blue curve indicates the number of events due to cosmic ray background estimated from 20 similar angular cones at off-source directions with the same zenith angle. The gray dashed lines indicate the peak times of the multi-pulsed emission observed by GECAM-C (10) in the MeV band. The green dashed lines indicate the times of T_0+230 s, T_0+300 s, and T_0+900 s. The pink points indicate the energy marked by the right label and the arrival time of each event. The energies of each event were reconstructed assuming the spectra shown in panel B of Figure 2. (B) The significance map around GRB 221009A as observed by KM2A. The plus sign and corresponding length denote the position and error determined by KM2A. The black circle denotes the position of the GRB reported by Fermi-LAT. The white circle shows the size of the PSF that contains 68% of the events.

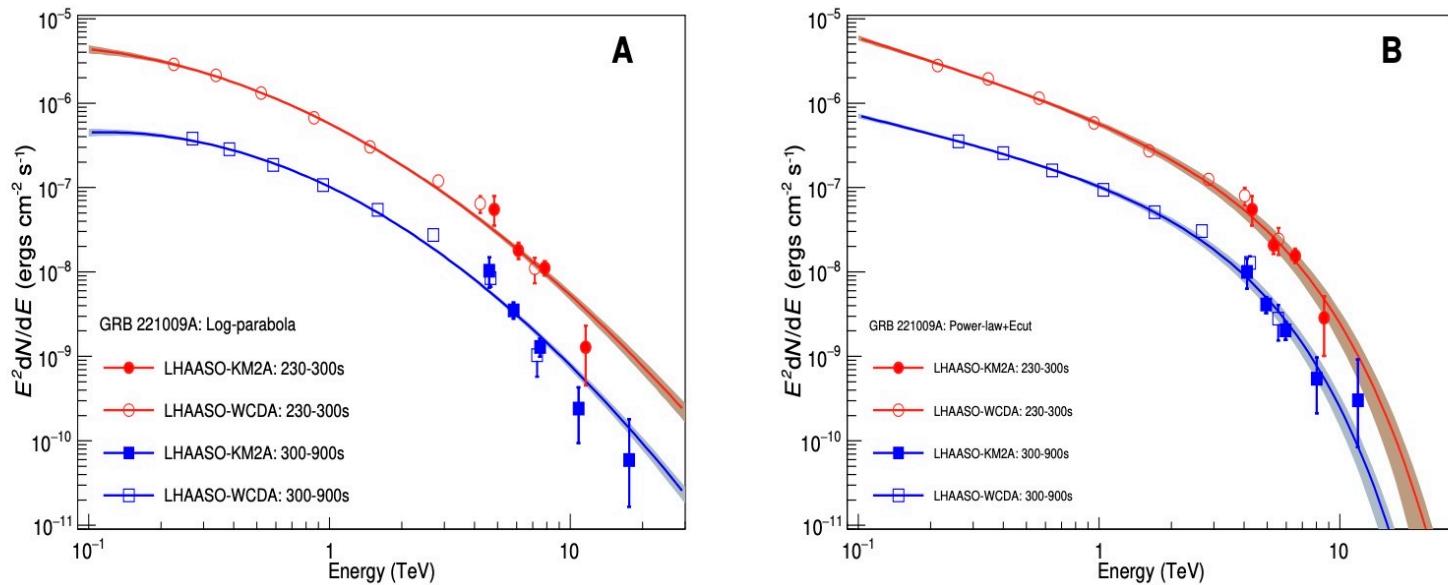
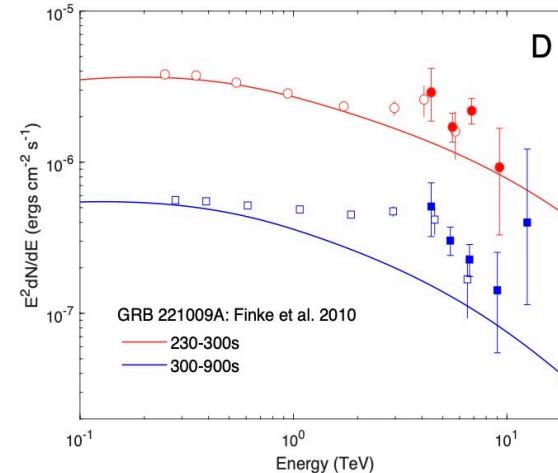
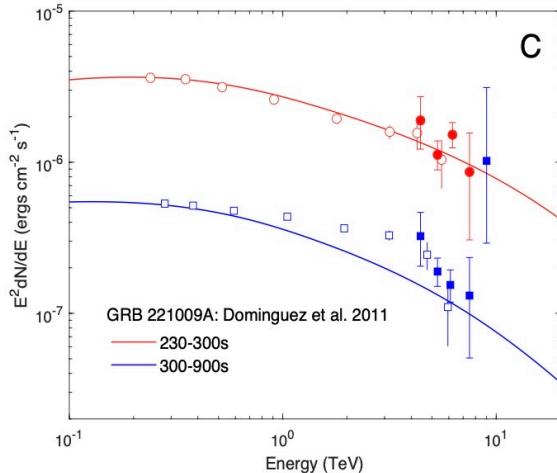
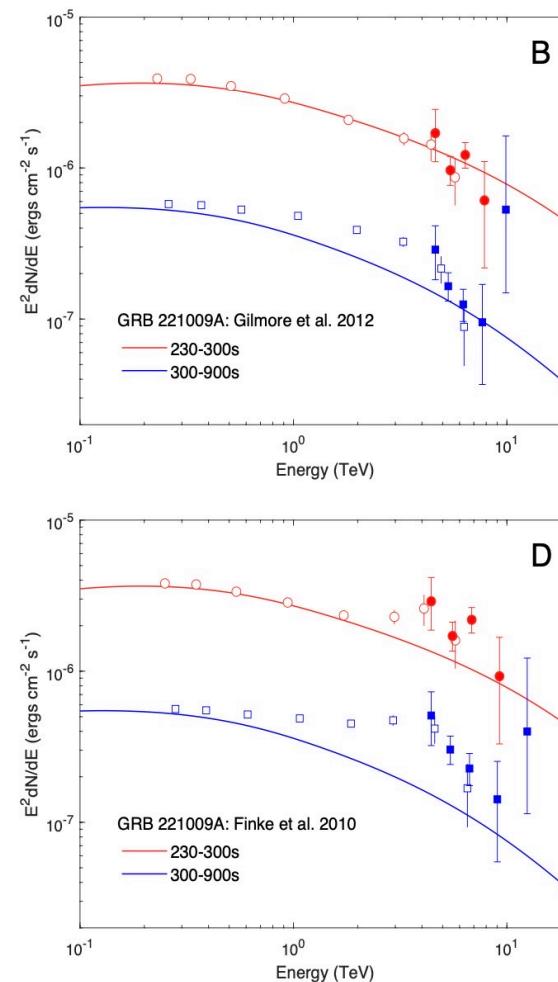
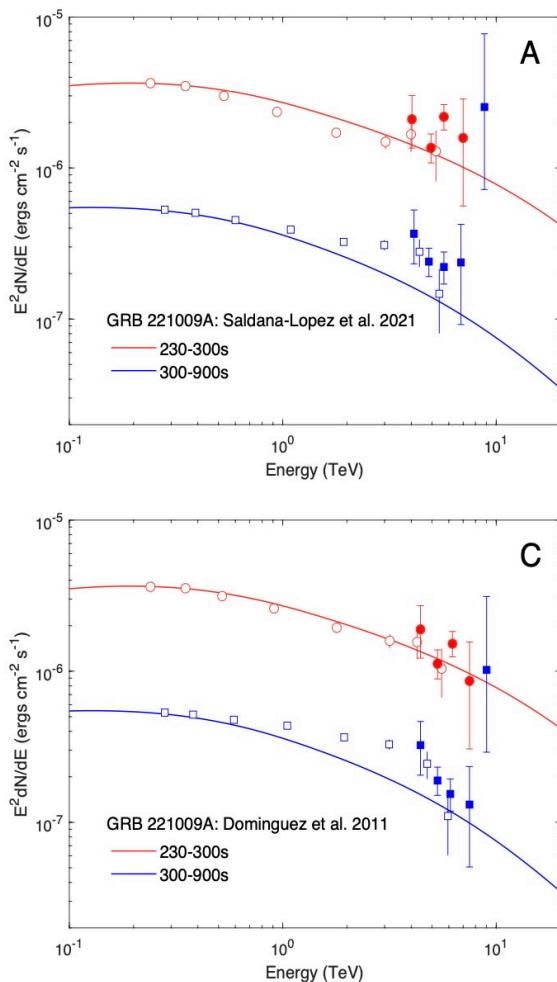
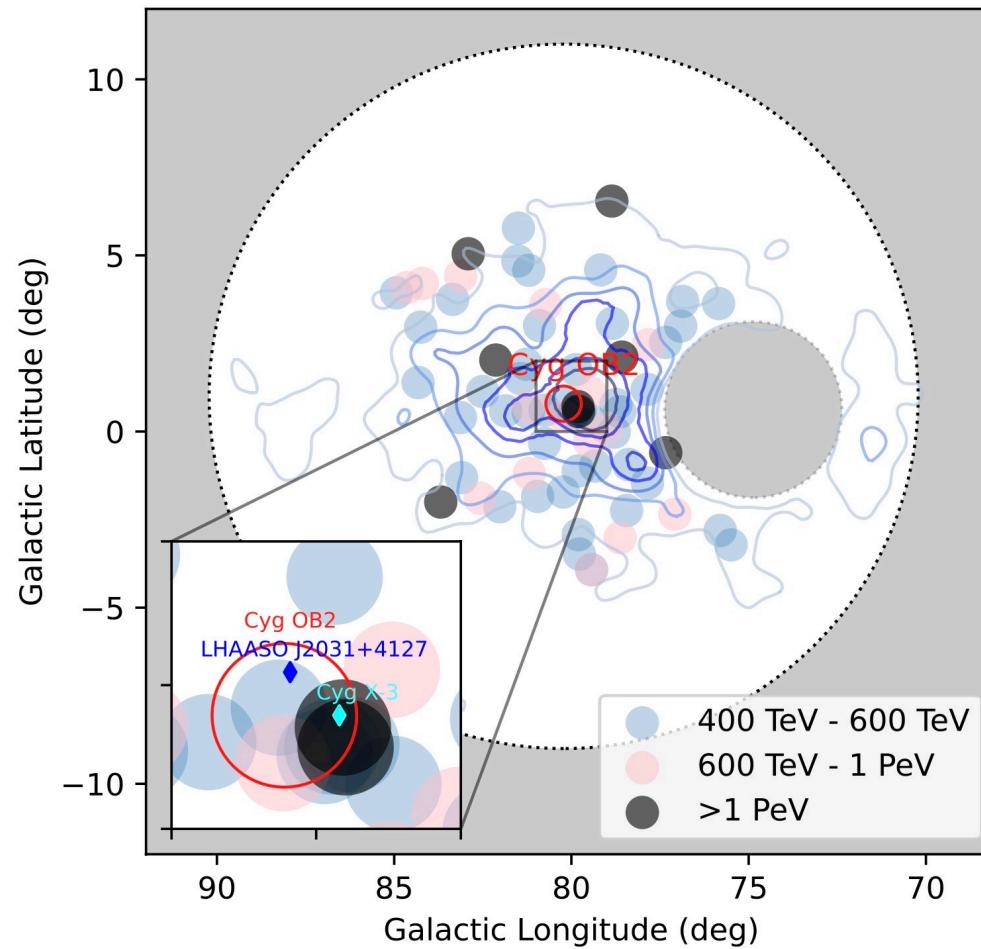
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Figure 2: **Observed VHE spectra of GRB 221009A by LHAASO for the two intervals.** Interval 1 is from T_0+230s to T_0+300s (red points) and interval 2 is from T_0+300s to T_0+900s (blue points). The solid lines indicate the best-fitting results, and the shaded regions indicate the 1-sigma error region. (A) The log-parabola function is used to fit the observational data. (B) The power-law with exponential cutoff function is adopted to fit the observational data.

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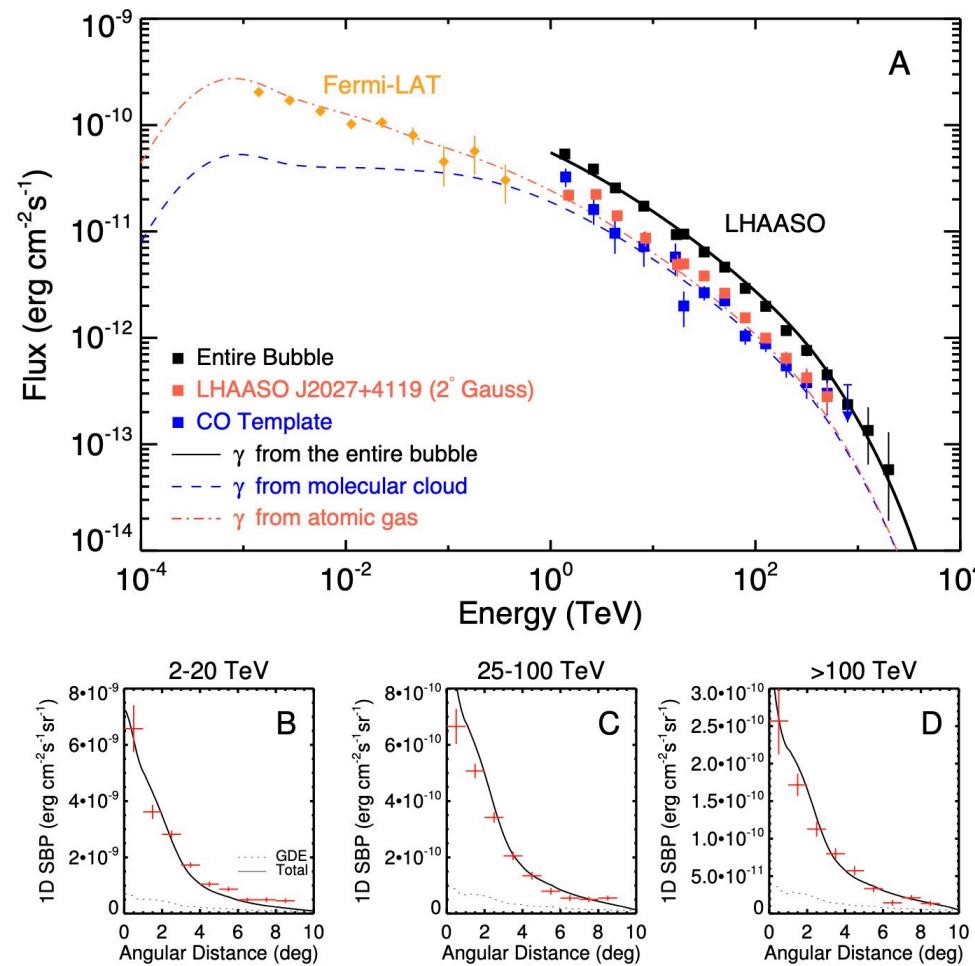
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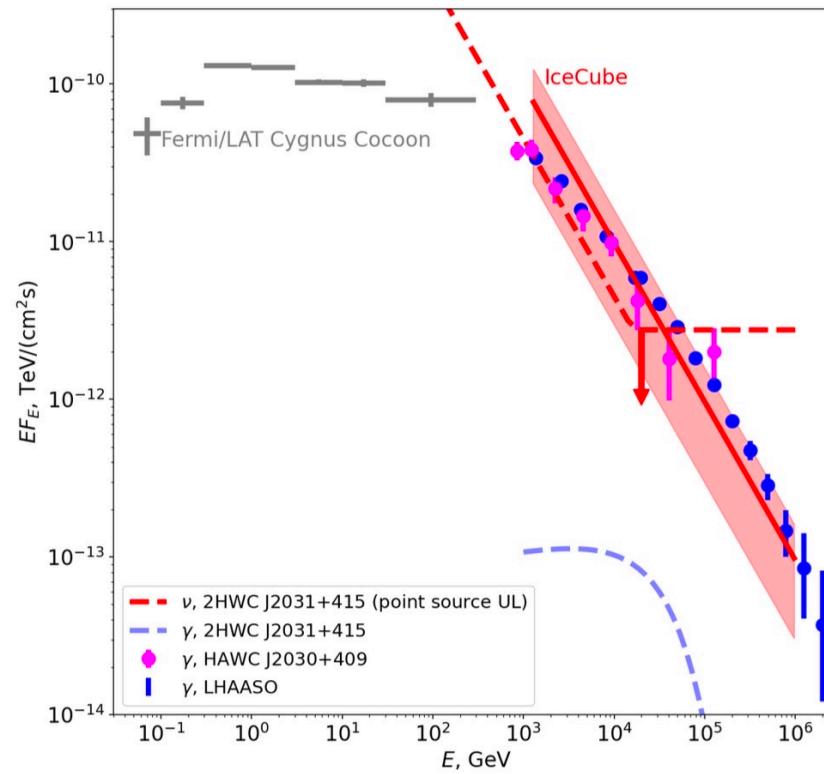
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Neutrinos from Cygnus region



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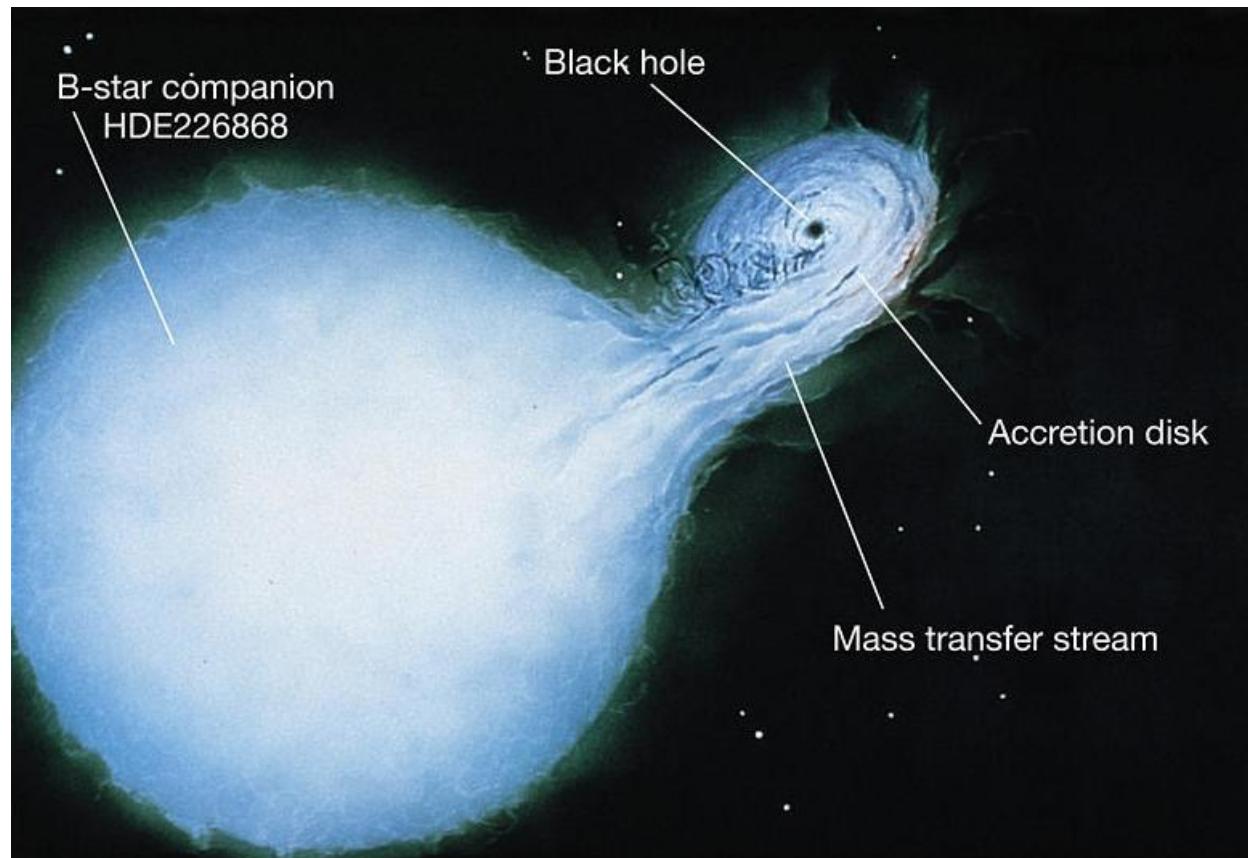
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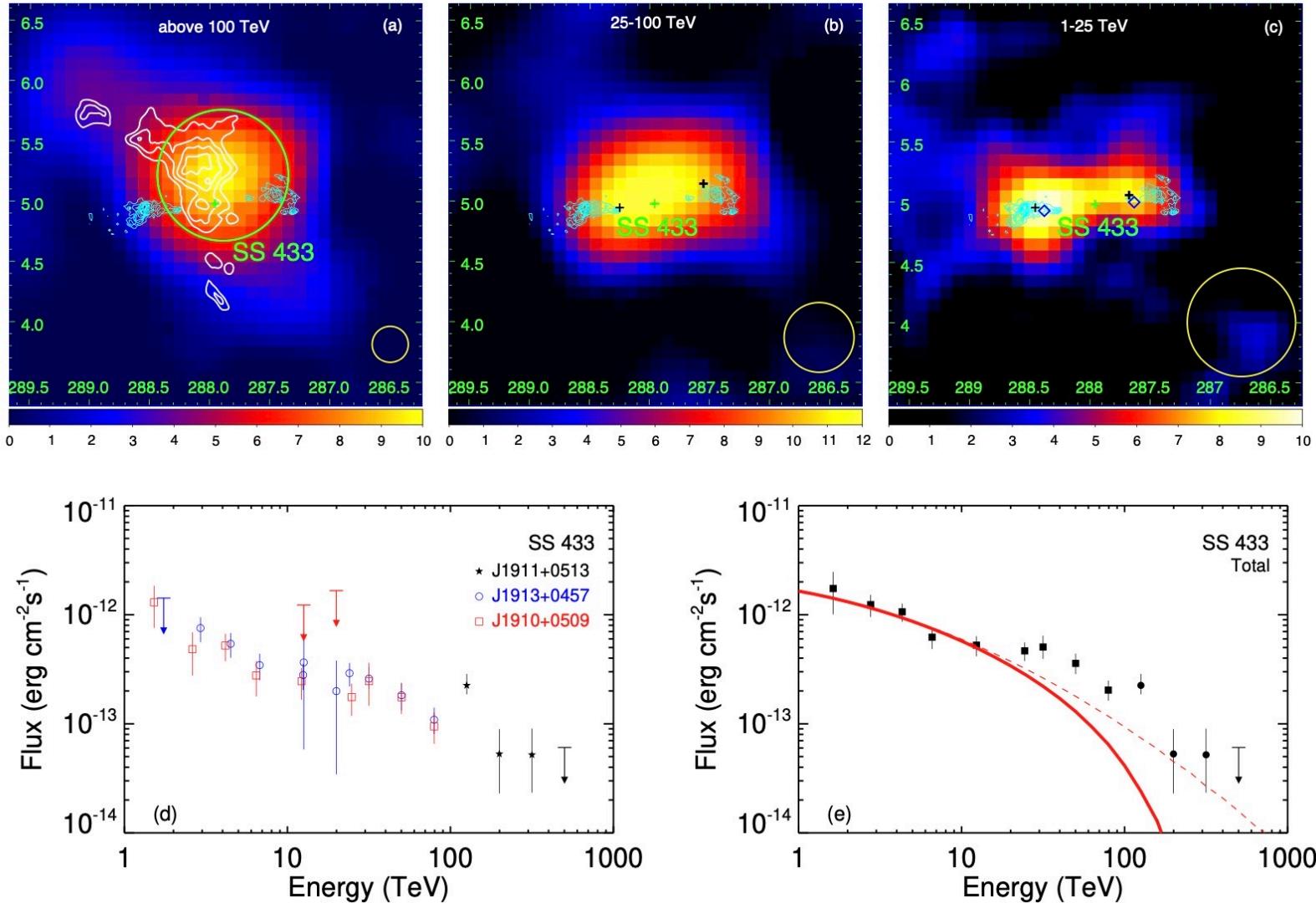
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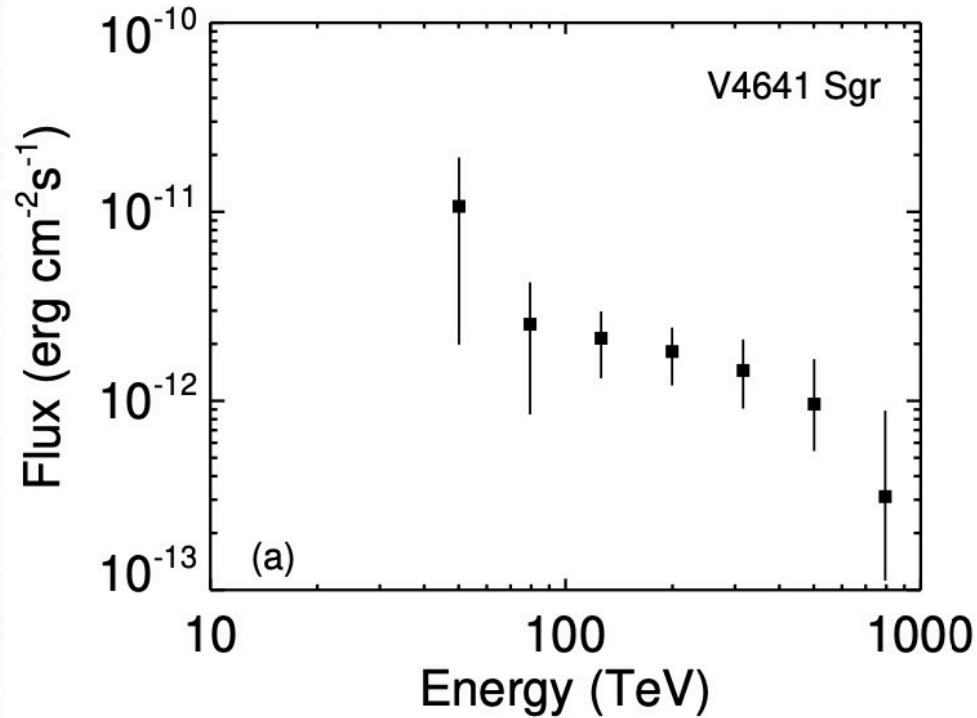
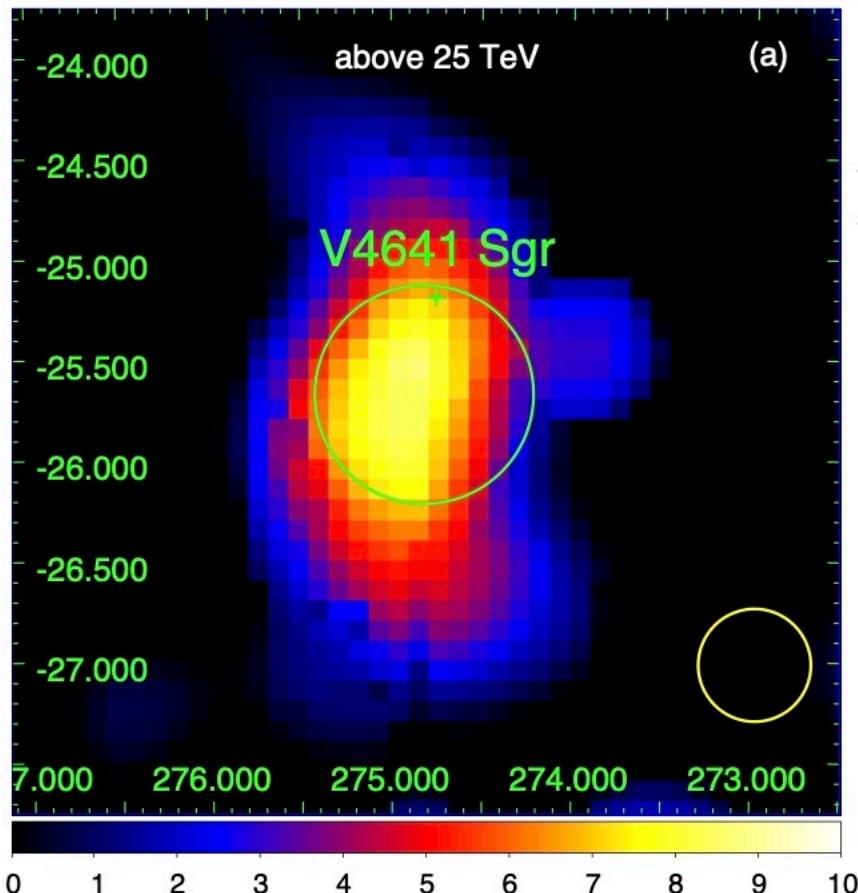
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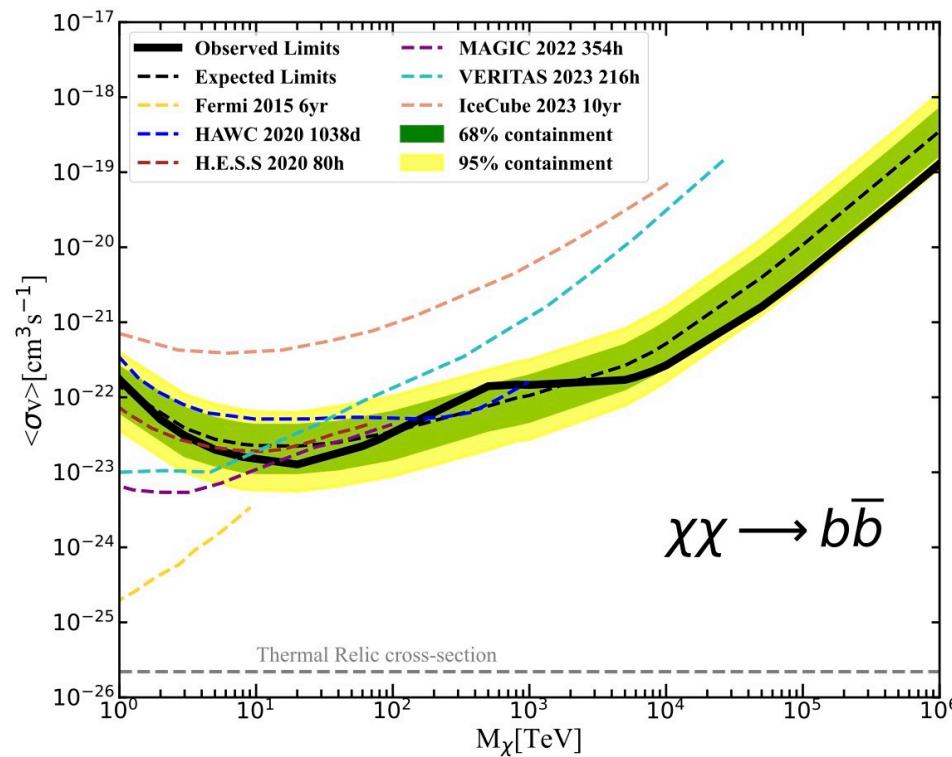


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DM limits by LHAASO

DM limits from dwarf galaxies by LHAASO



LHAASO collaboration, [2406.08698](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.08698)

Summary

- Construction of LHAASO finished in July 2021. LHAASO operates with almost 100% duty cycle. Its one year sensitivity is better compared to 50 hours for present Cherenkov telescopes above few TeV. Above 20 TeV it is better as compared to future CTA.
- First results on logA of cosmic rays are very promising.
- LHAASO presented first catalog of 90 gamma-ray sources from about 2 first years of observation. 32 are new sources. Number of UHE gamma-ray sources above 100 TeV increased from 4 to 43 by LHAASO observations
 - 35 sources are PWN. Crab, Geminga, millisecond pulsar
 - 7 SNR, gamma-Cygni can not be explained by leptons
 - Micro-quasars 4 detected, 2 hadronic
 - Star clusters Cygnus, w43
- Diffuse emission from Galaxy: new models required
- GRB 221009A: detailed properties of GRB afterglow from 65000 photons in LHAASO WCDA. No new physics in KM2a, but constraints on EBL models/intrinsic spectrum from 10 TeV photons
- Cygnus region: hadronic Pevatron source in central part.
- Dark Matter: limits from dwarf Galaxies improved by 2 orders of magnitude for $M_{DM}=1\text{-}10 \text{ PeV}$