

The VHE future

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The Cherenkov Telescope Array

Low energy

4.5° FoV

2000 pixels

~ 0.1

Medium energy

7° FoV

2000 pixels

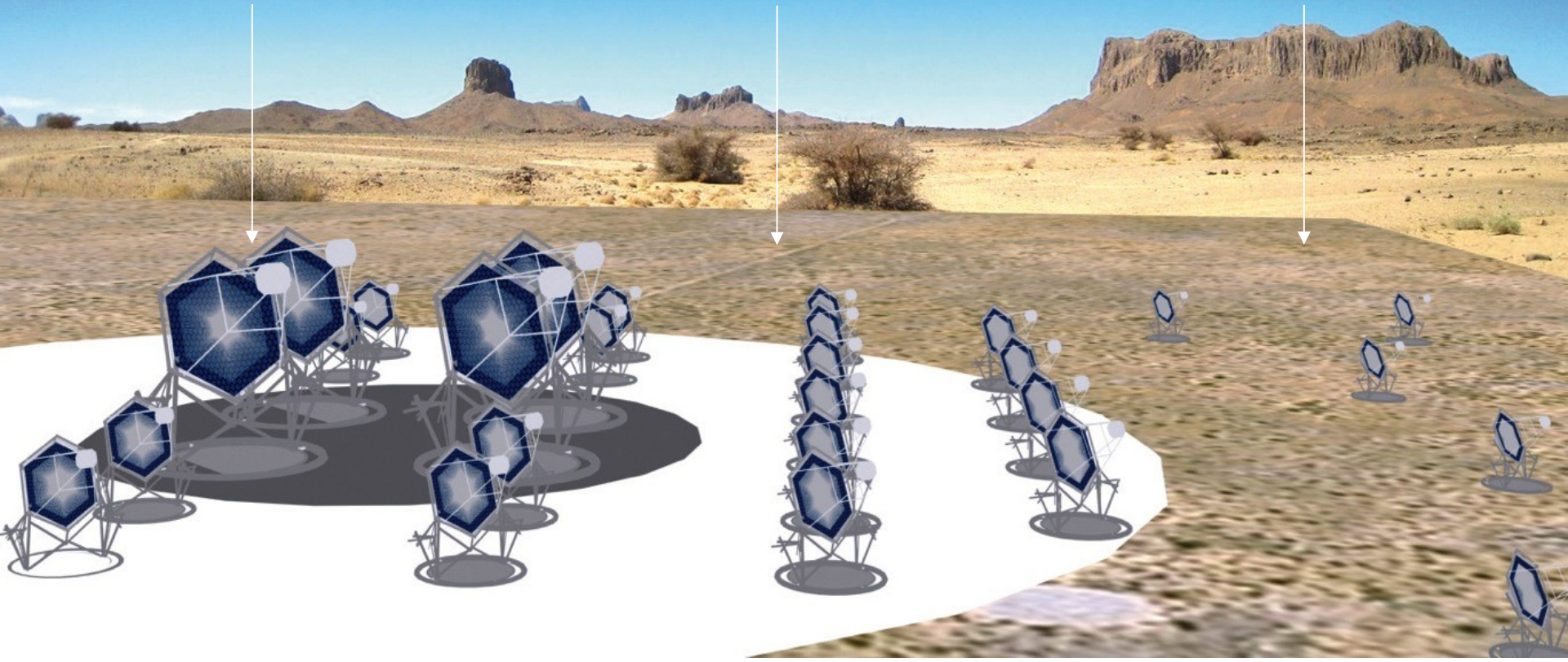
~ 0.18

High energy

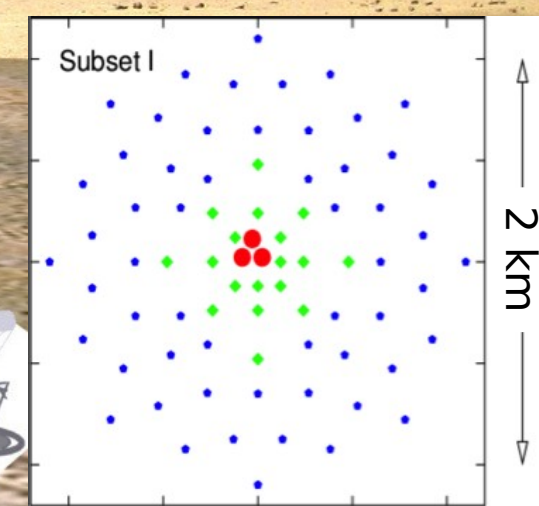
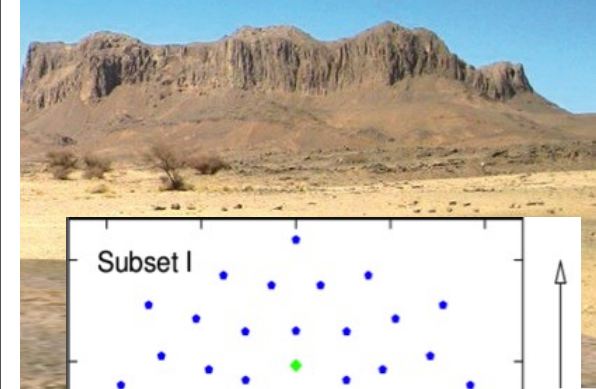
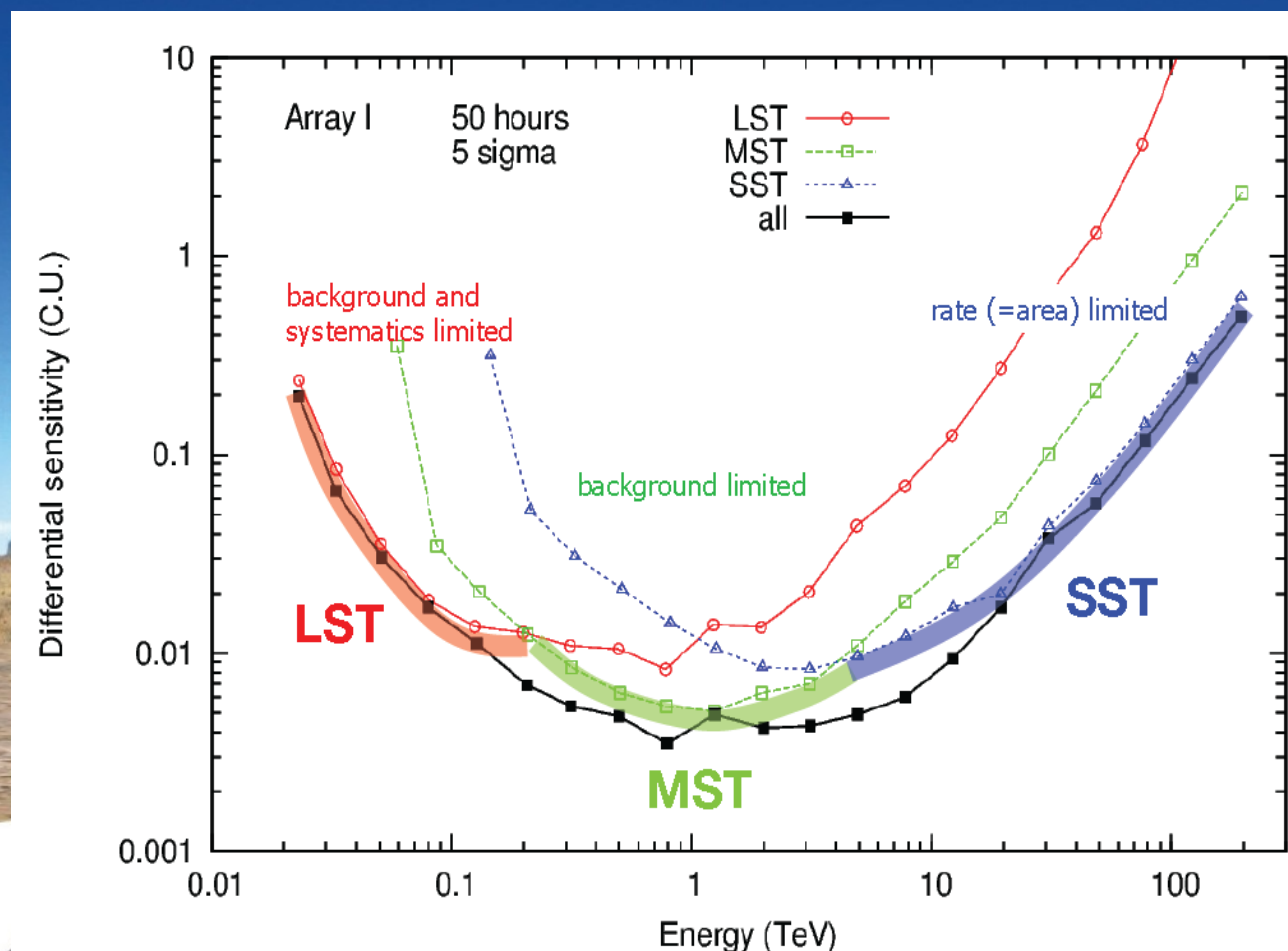
10° FoV

2000 pixels

~ 0.2 - 0.3

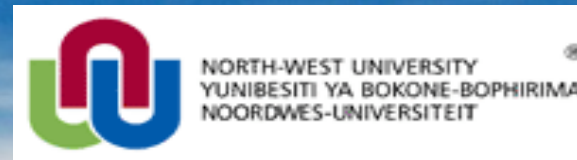


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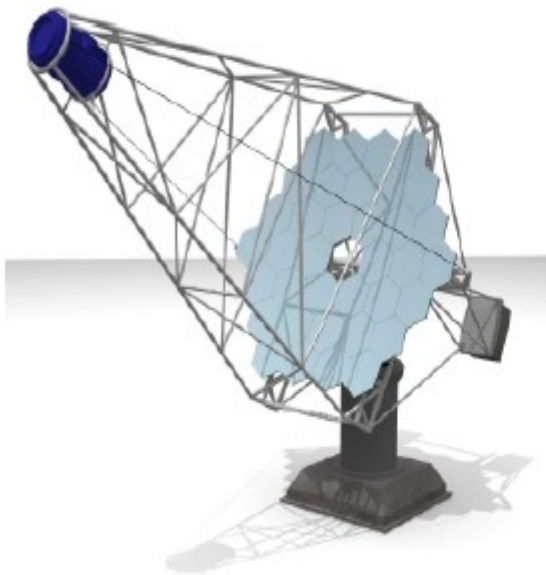


Fig. 5 The Davies-Cotton design.

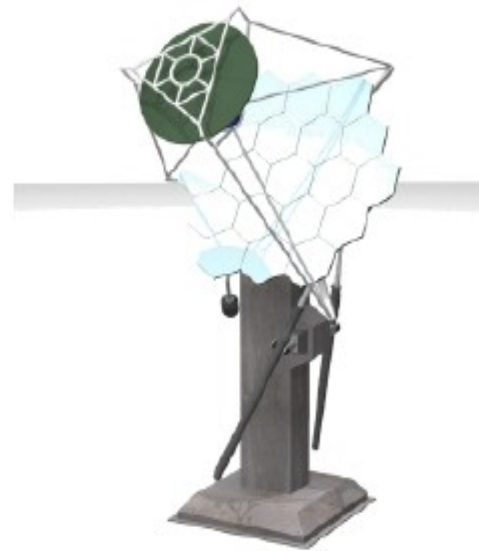
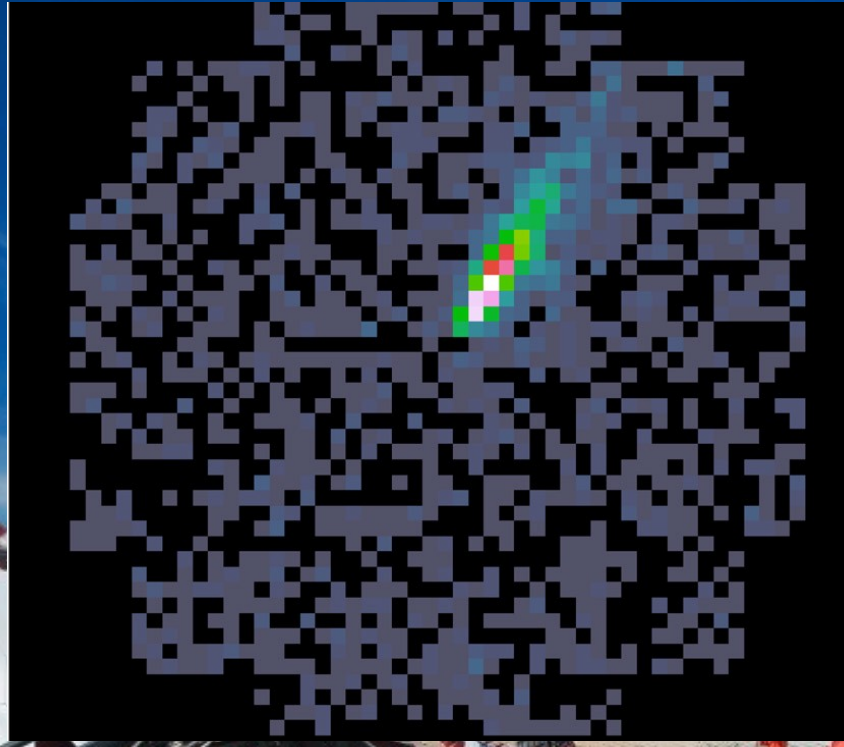


Fig. 6 The Schwarzschild-Couder design.

- Reduce the dimension, the weight, and the cost of the camera at the focal plane of the telescope
- Compact and stiffer mechanical structure
- Silicon-based photo-multipliers as light detectors, thanks to the reduced plate-scale. SiPMs allow us to perform observations during Moon-light, increasing the observatory duty-cycle
- Optimal imaging resolution across a wide field of view

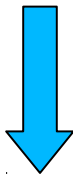


The primary gamma-ray signal had an energy of 10 TeV and a core distance of 142.77m.

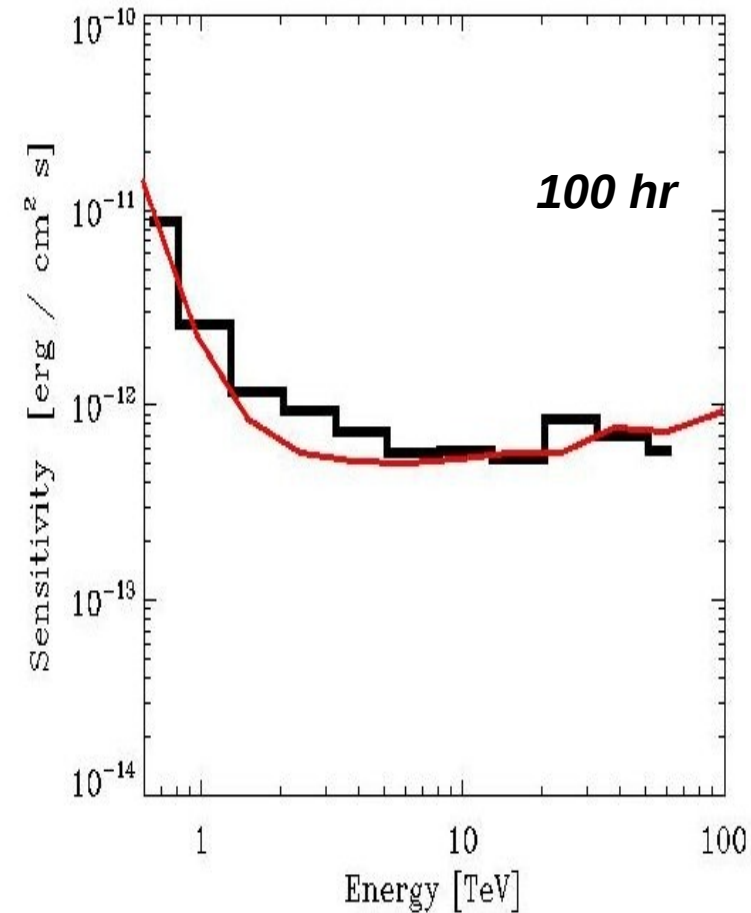
The night sky background is at a level of $1.9 \times 10^{12} \text{ phm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ (about three photoelectrons per pixel).

Color-bar shows number of photoelectrons per pixel.

Good sensitivity for energies greater than 10 TeV



High-Energy end of the source spectra

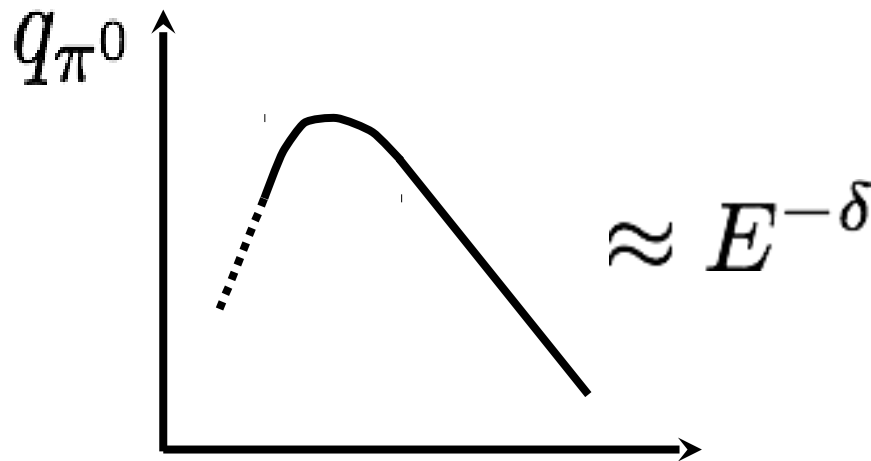


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p-p interactions

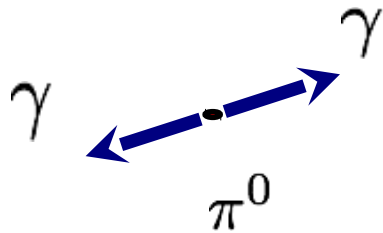
We assume a power law spectrum for CRs: $N_p(E_p) \propto E_p^{-\delta}$

Fraction of proton kinetic energy transferred to pion
(from data): $f_{\pi^0} \approx$



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Pion rest frame:



$$E_{\gamma}^* = \frac{m_{\pi^0}}{2}$$

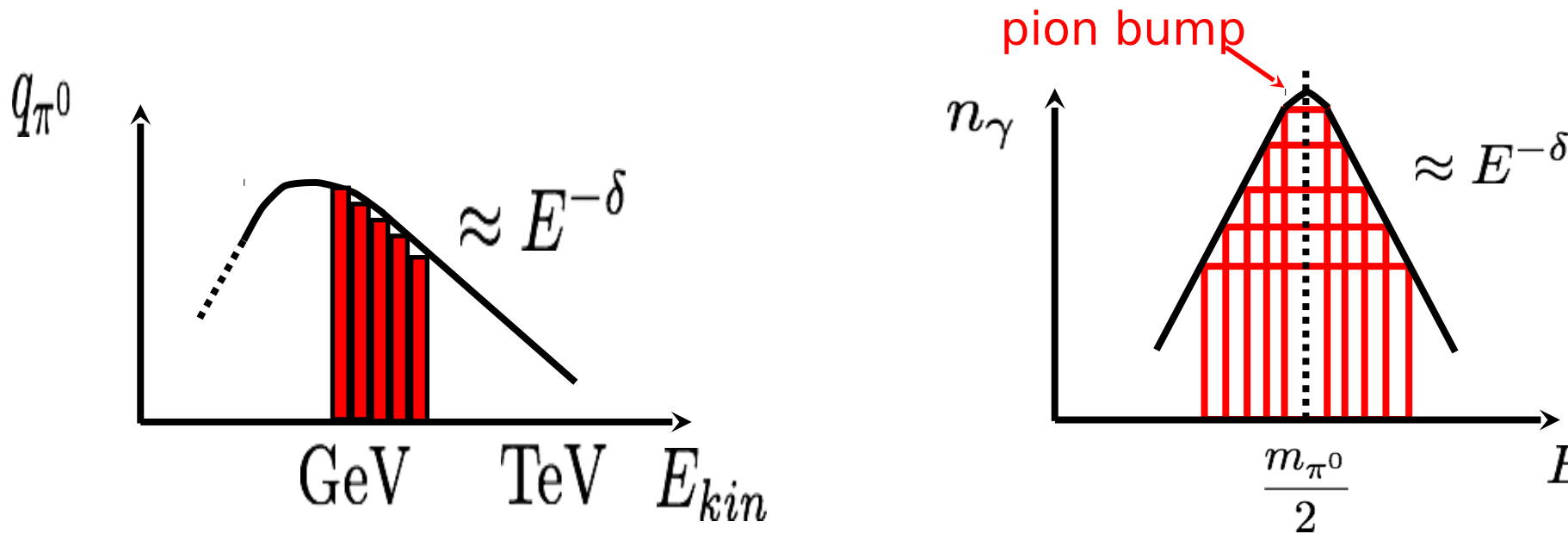
Lab frame:

$$E_{\gamma} = \gamma (E_{\gamma}^* + vp_{\gamma}^* \cos \theta^*)$$

max and min energies $\rightarrow \cos \theta^* =$

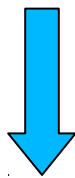
$$\frac{m_{\pi^0}}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} \leq E_{\gamma} \leq \frac{m_{\pi^0}}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}}$$

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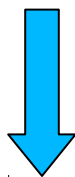


the gamma ray spectrum is symmetric (in log-log) with respect to: $\frac{m_{\pi^0}}{2} \sim 70$

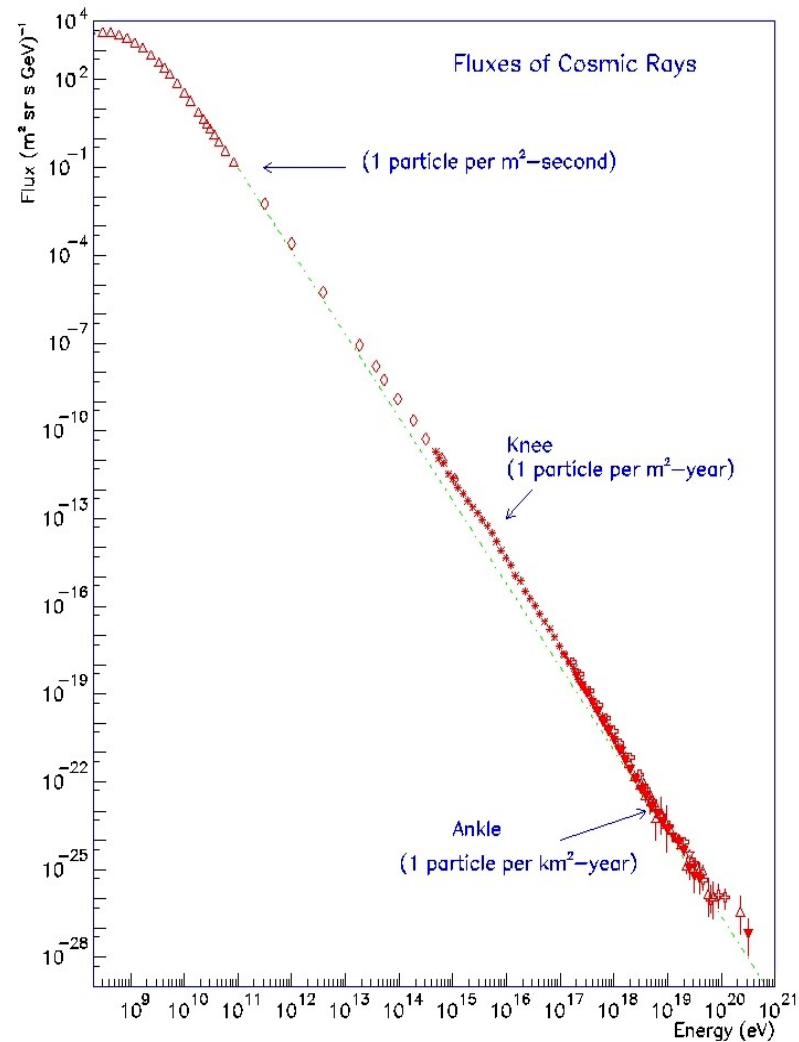
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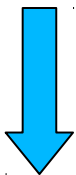
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Particles spectra very near the “knee” energy



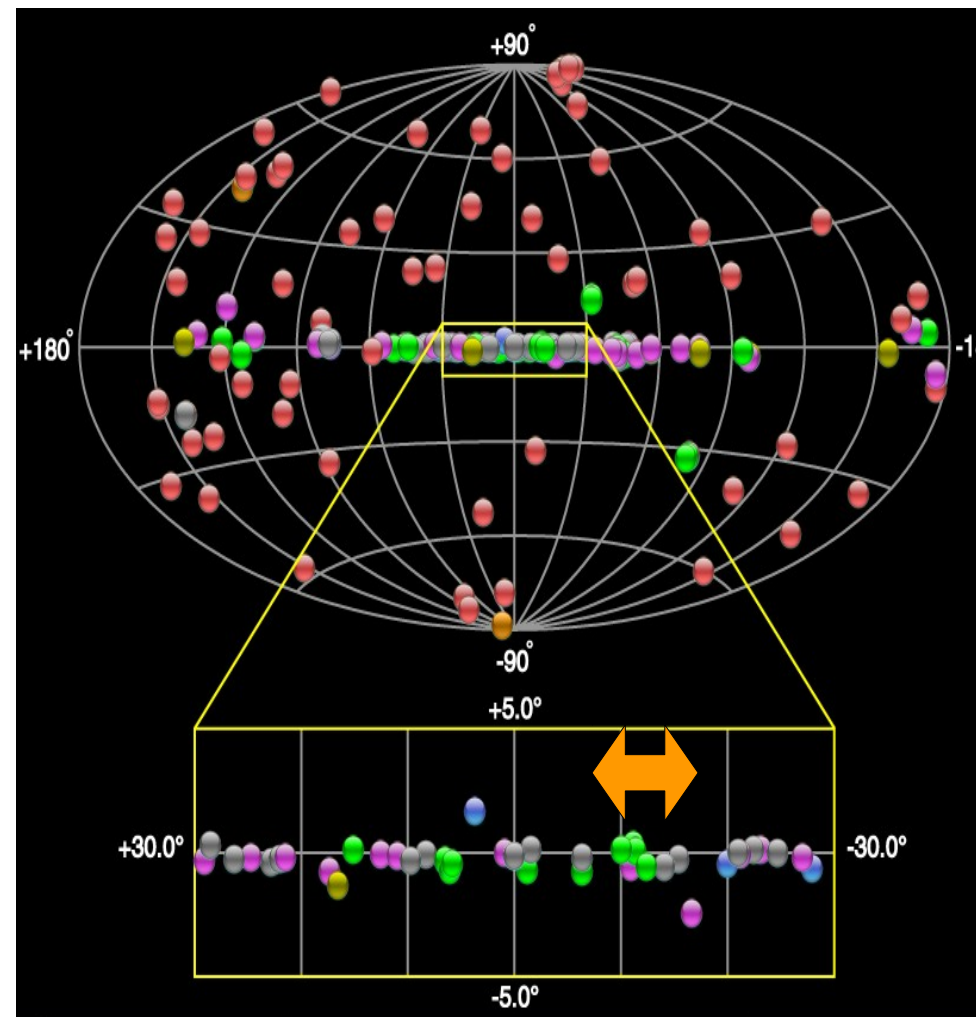
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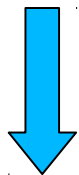
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Multiple source observations

*Transient and serendipitous
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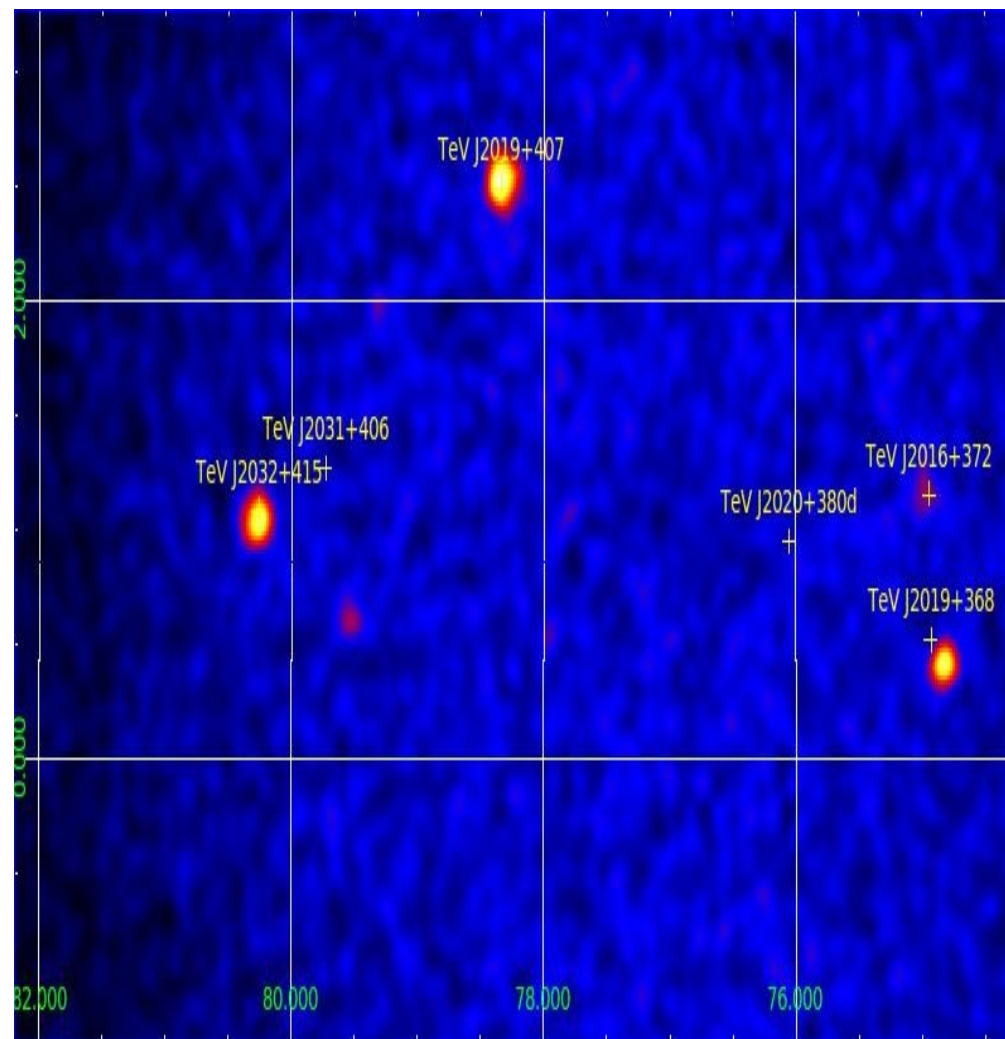
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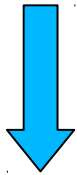
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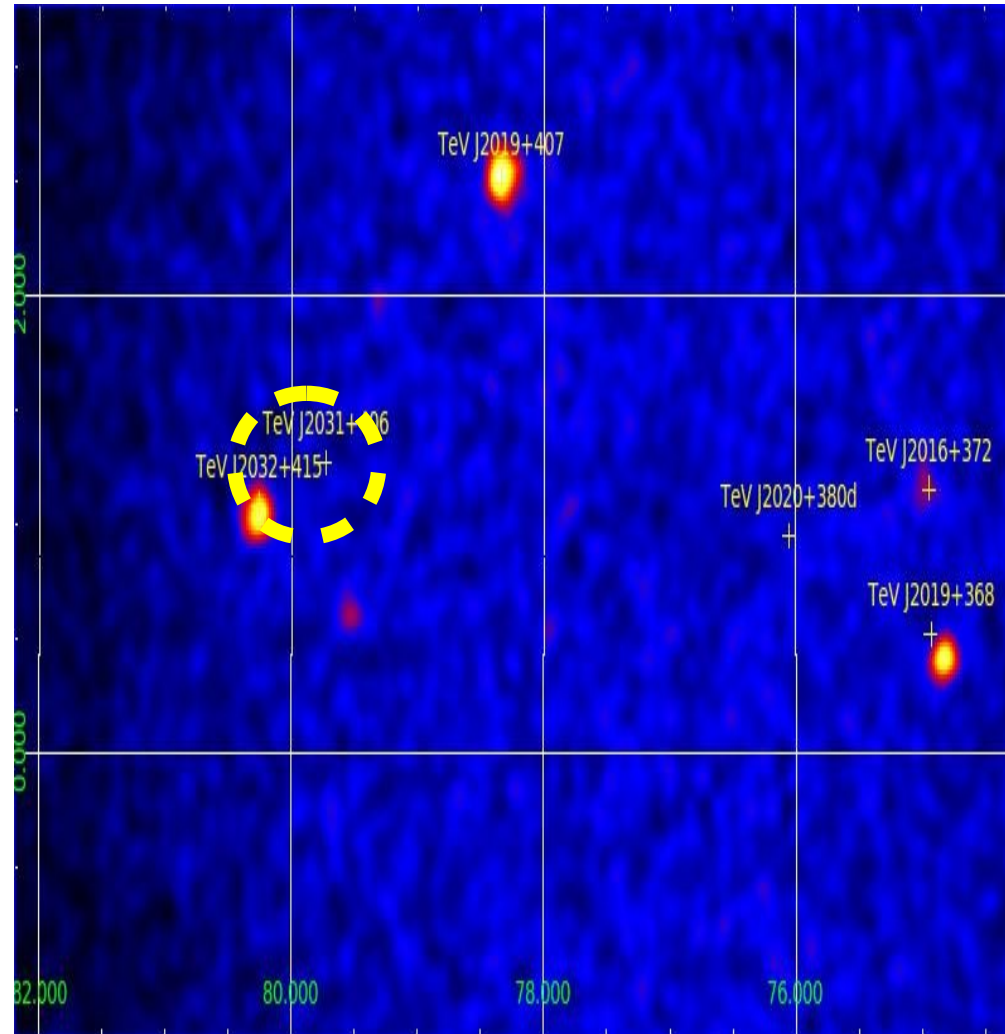
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**Good angular resolution
@ HE**

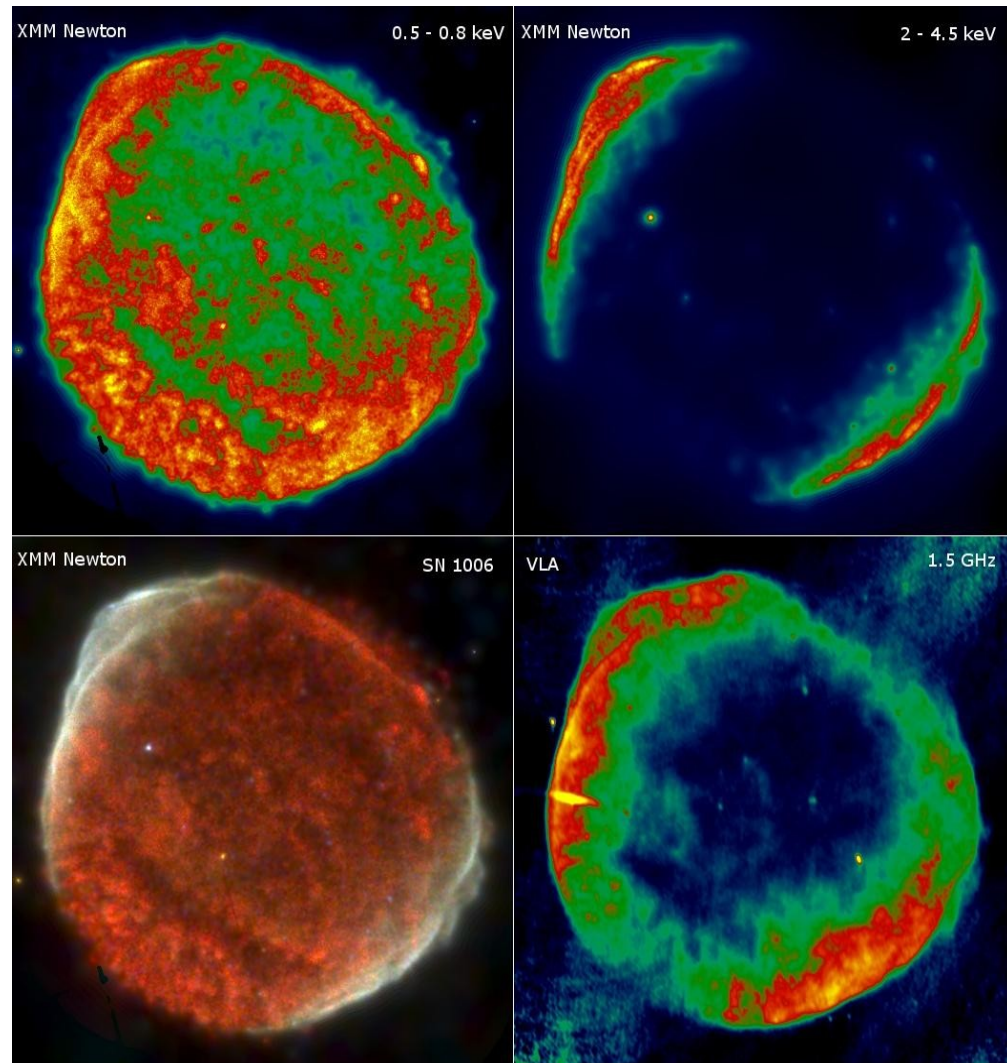


Unidentified Sources



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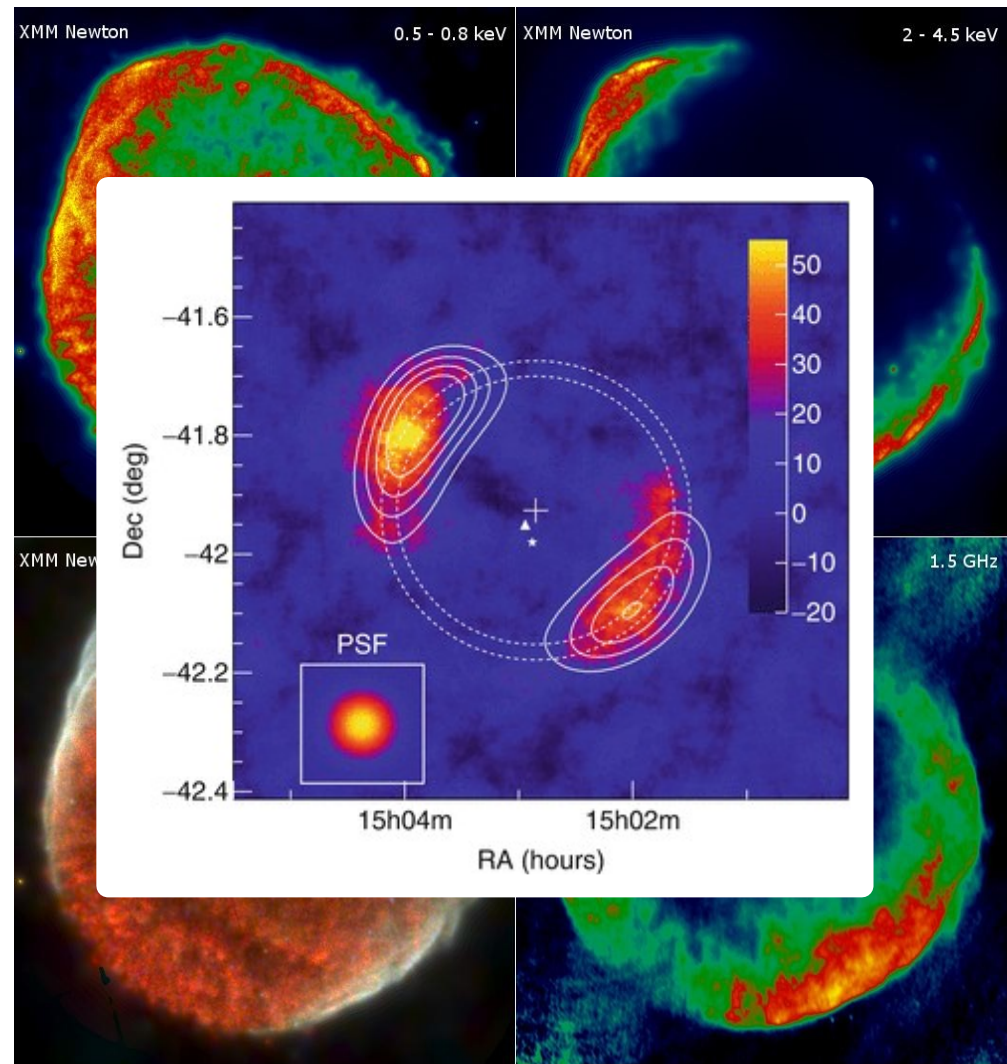


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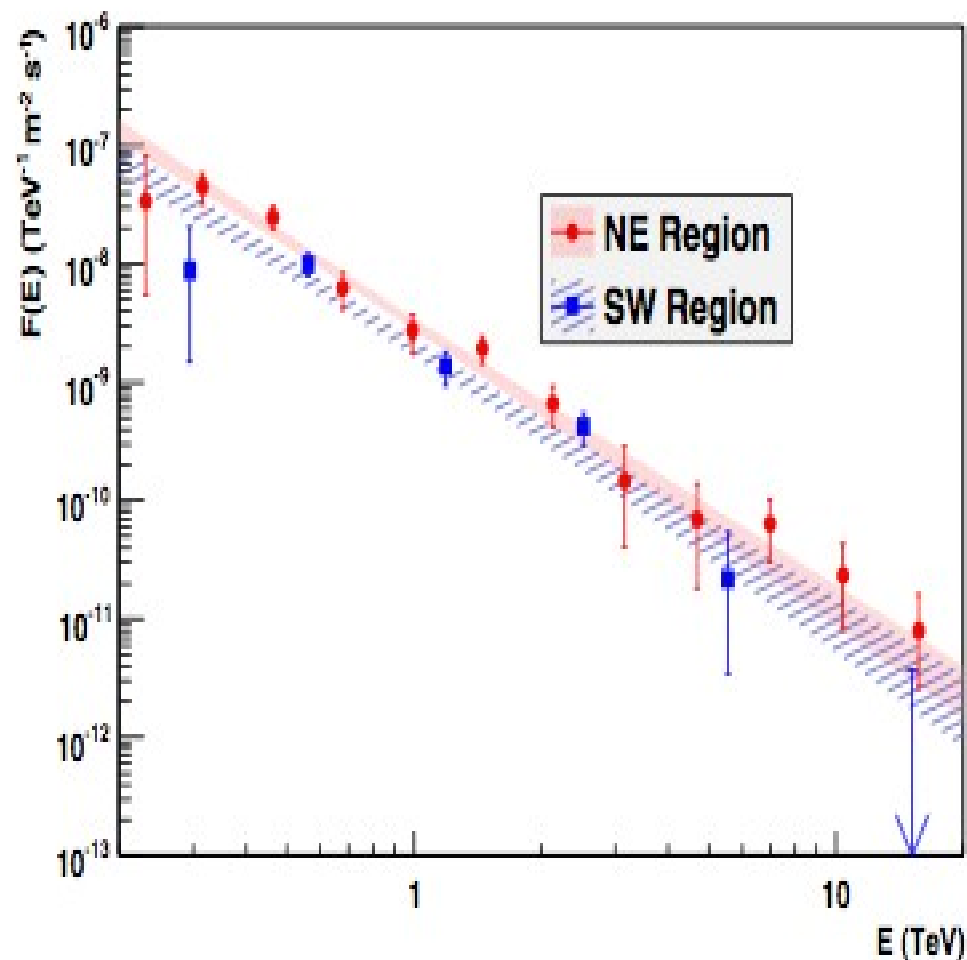
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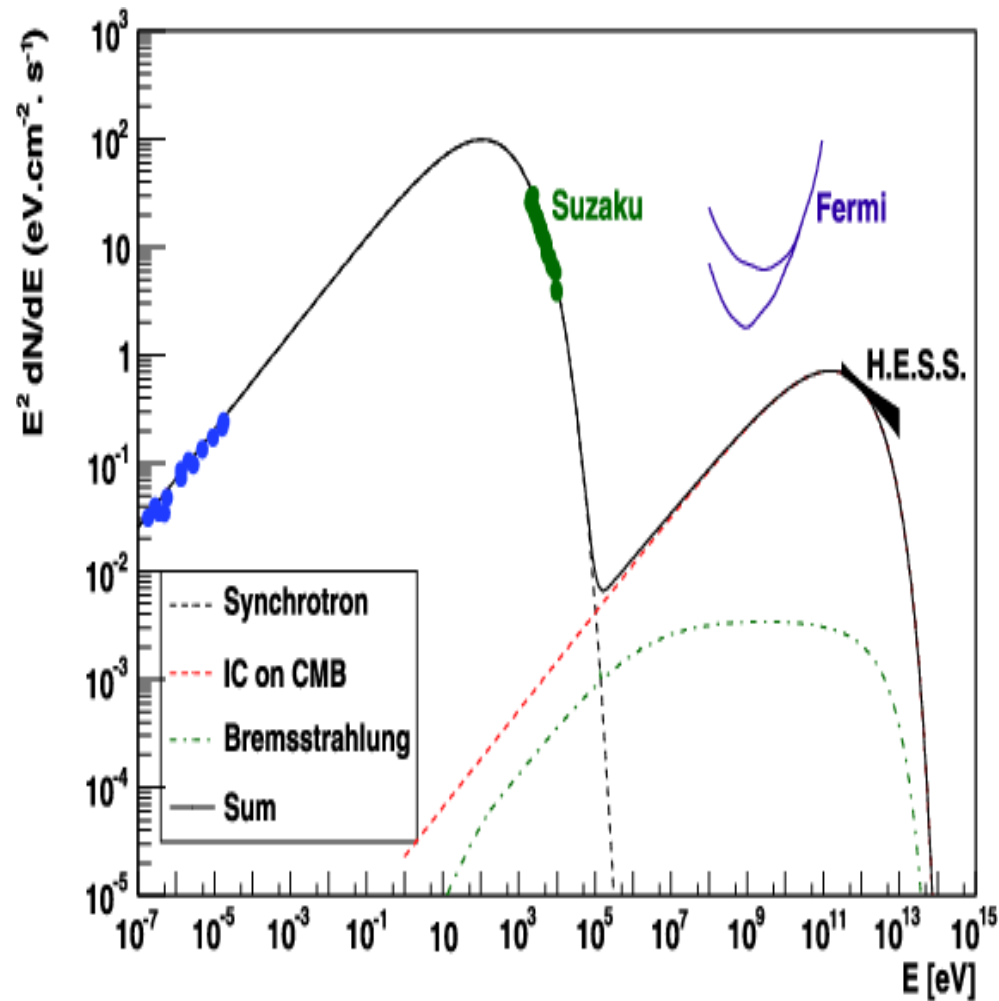
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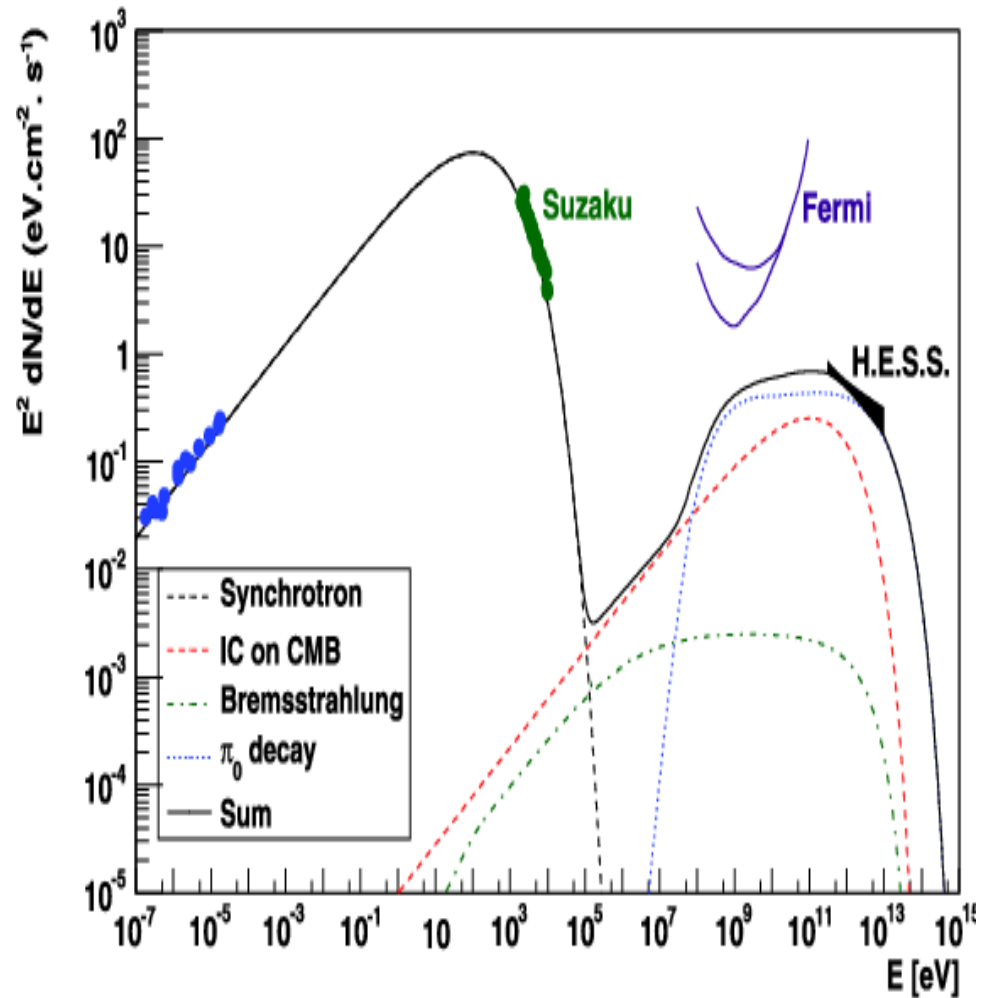
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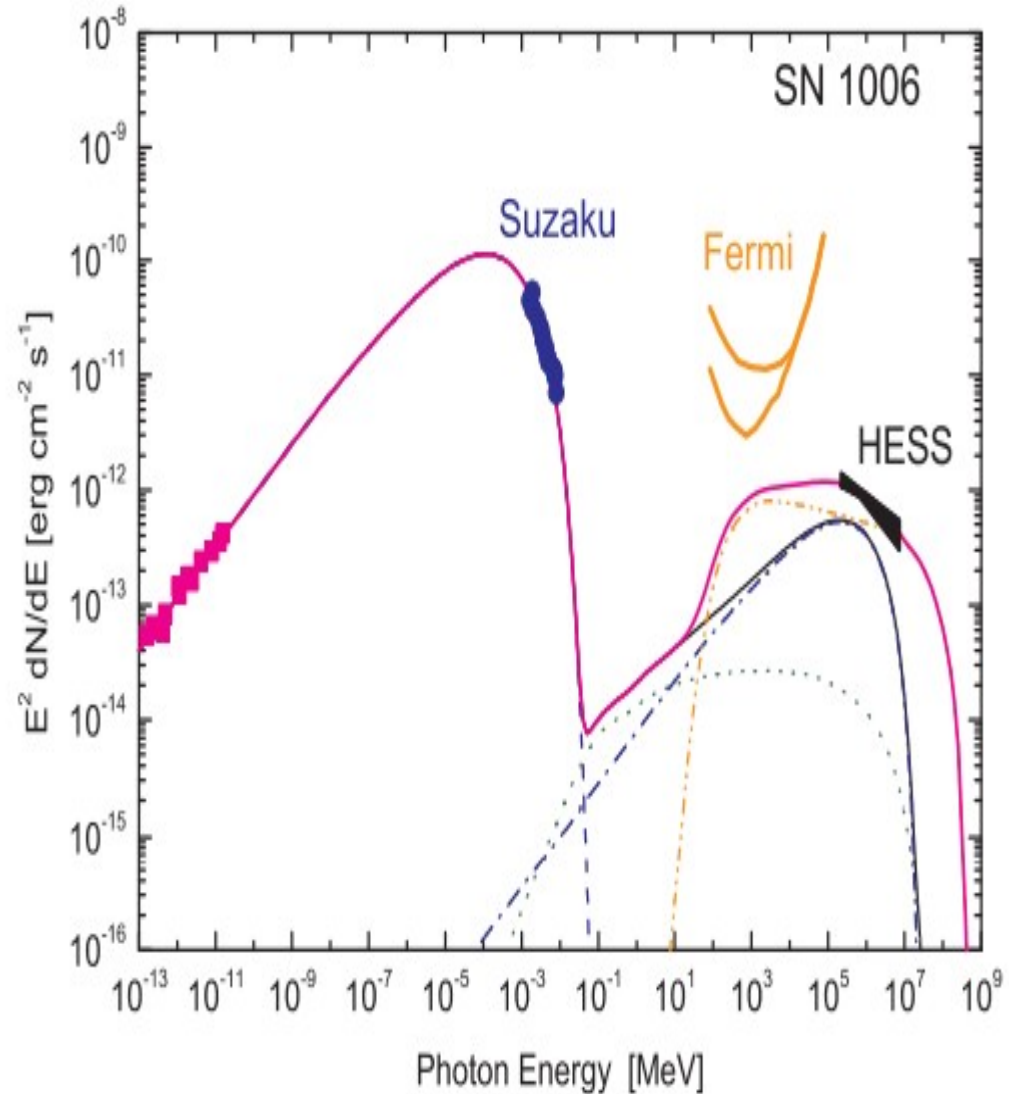
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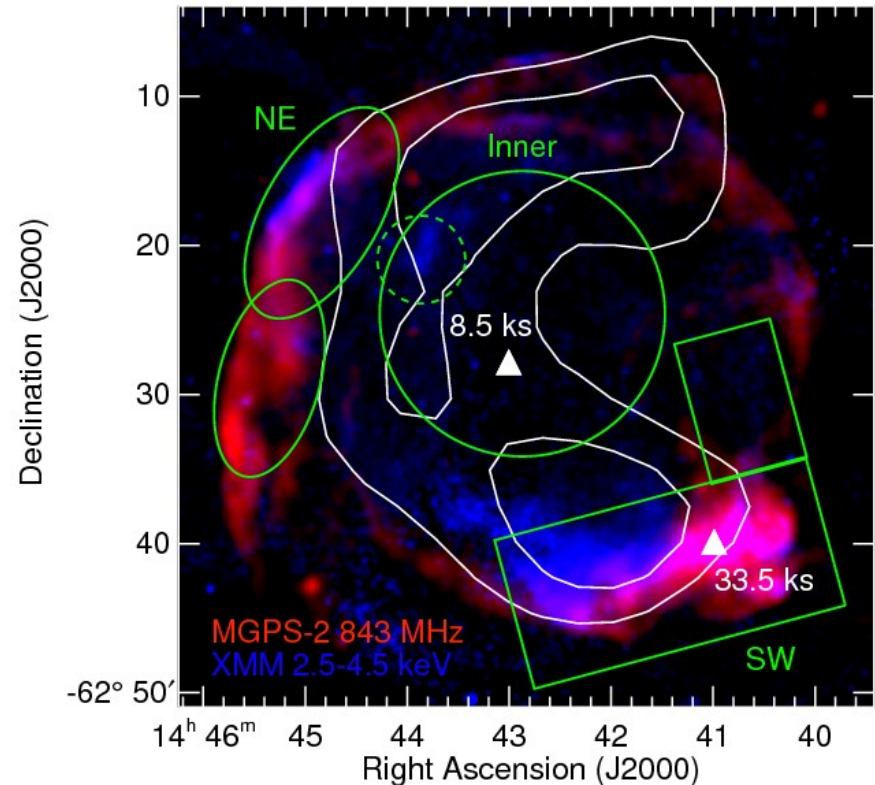
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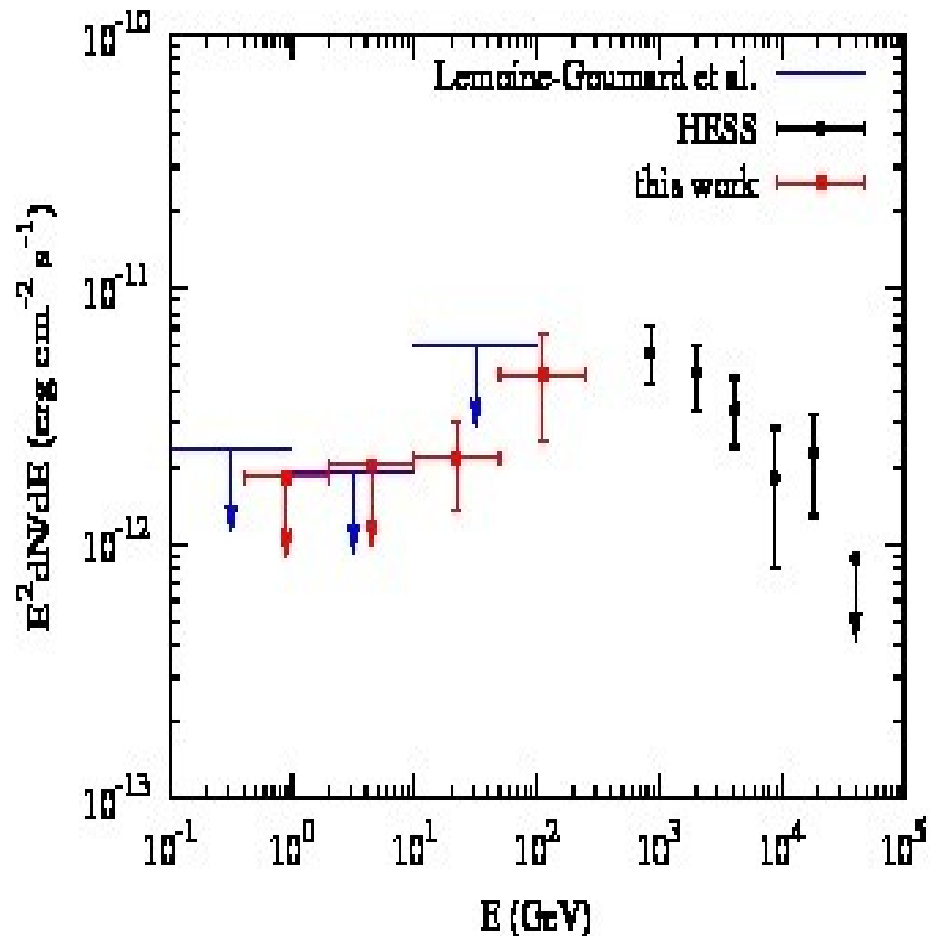


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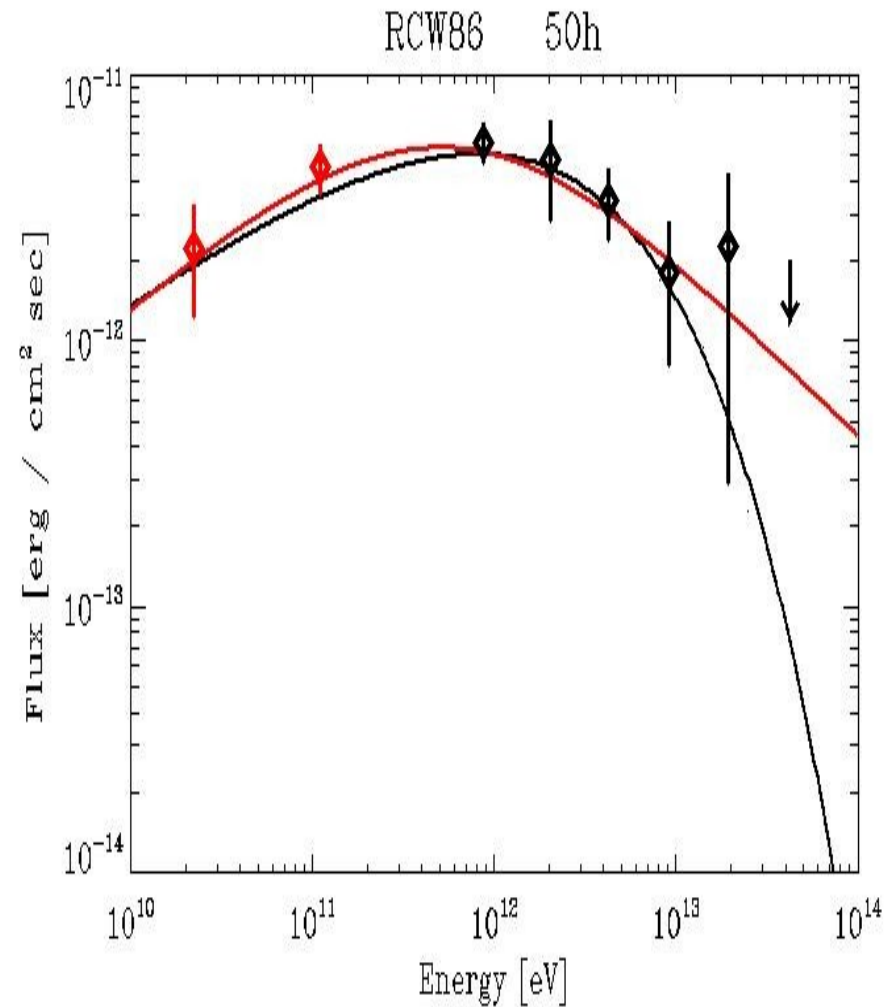
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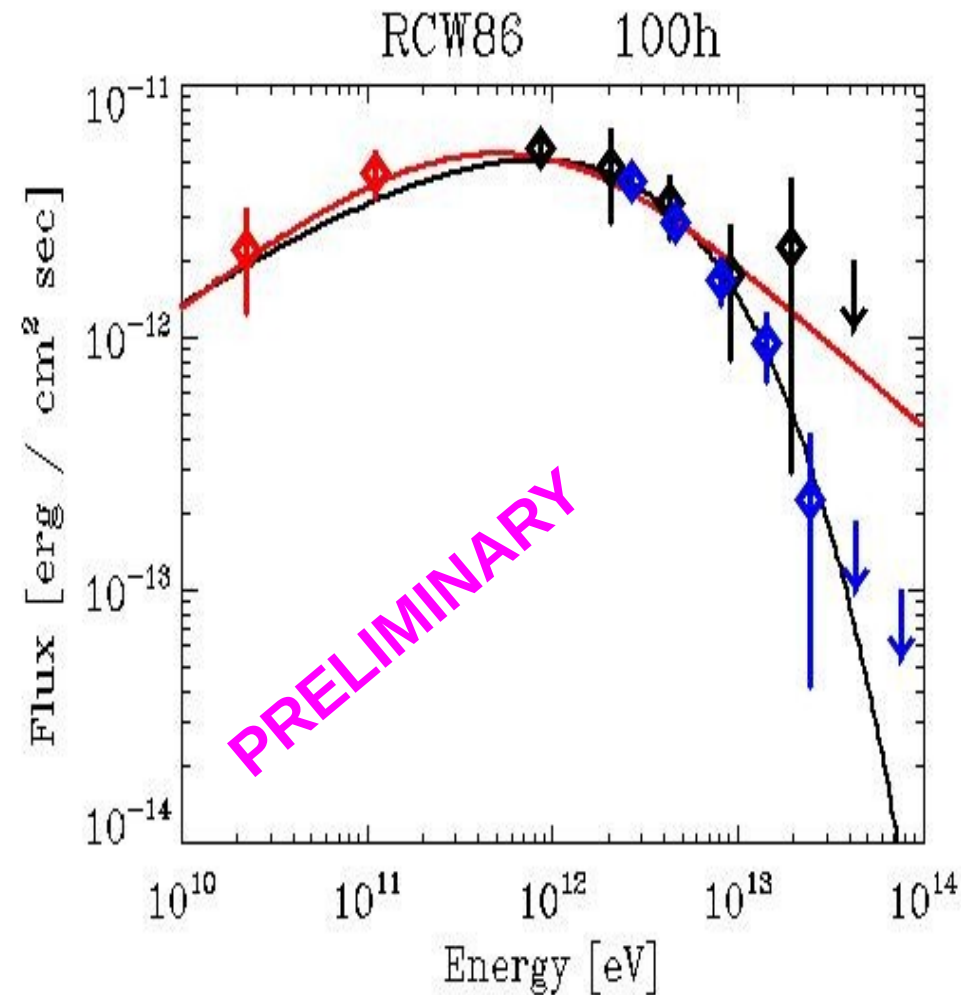
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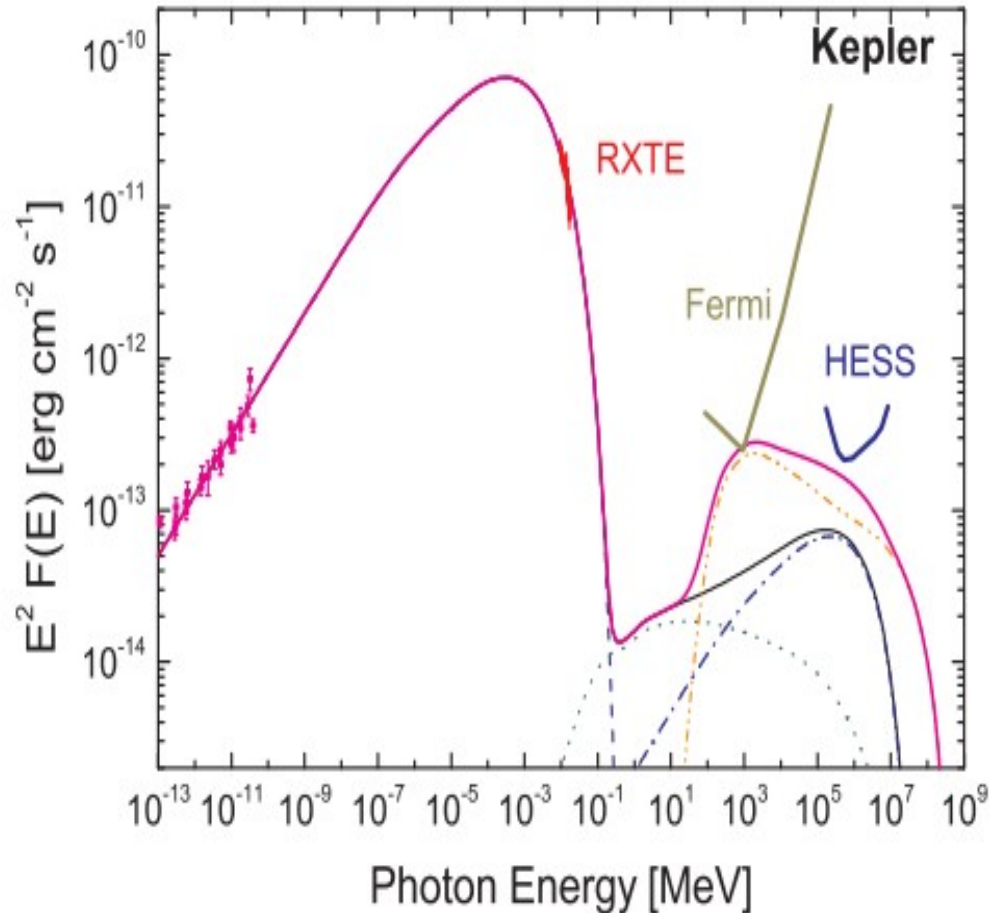


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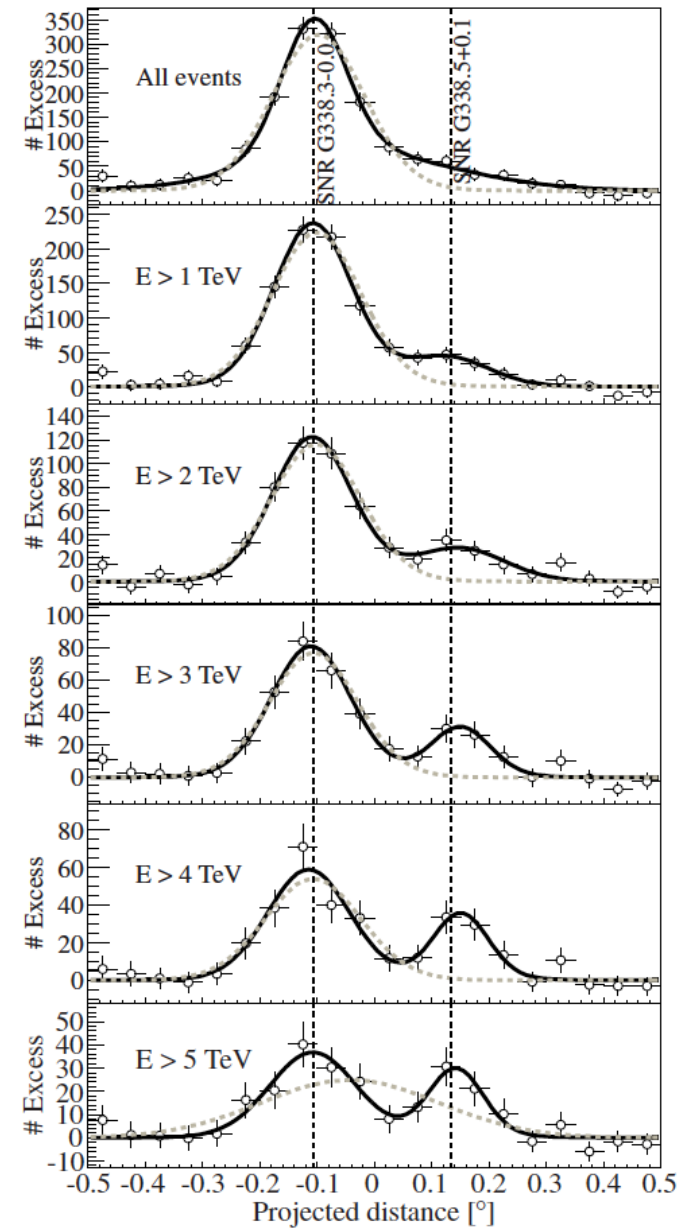
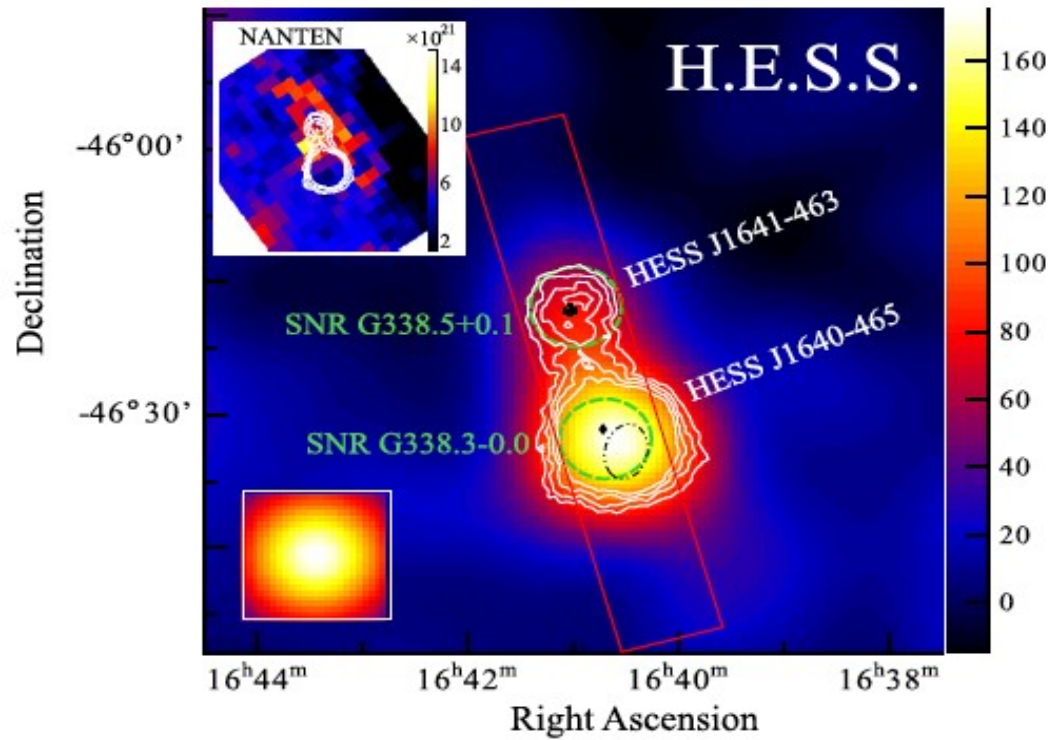


Giuliani et al., ICRC 34, in prep.

- *Kepler SNR*
- *SN 1987A*
- *Not yet observed in gamma-rays*
- *Hard TeV emission expected*



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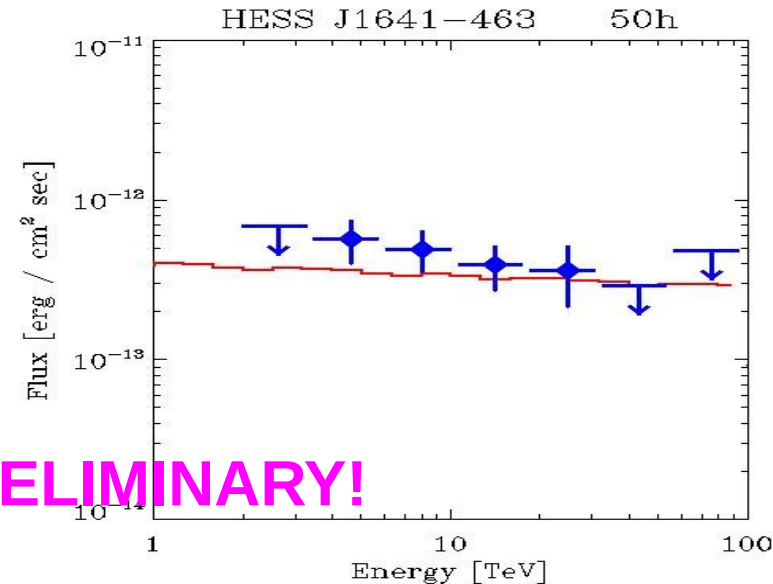
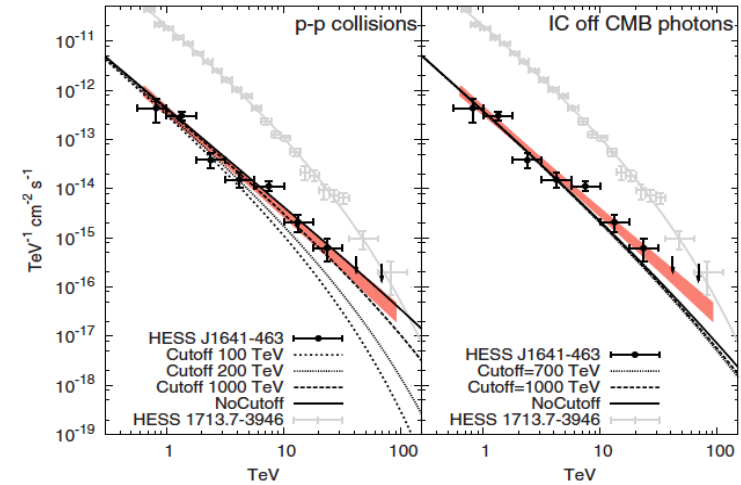
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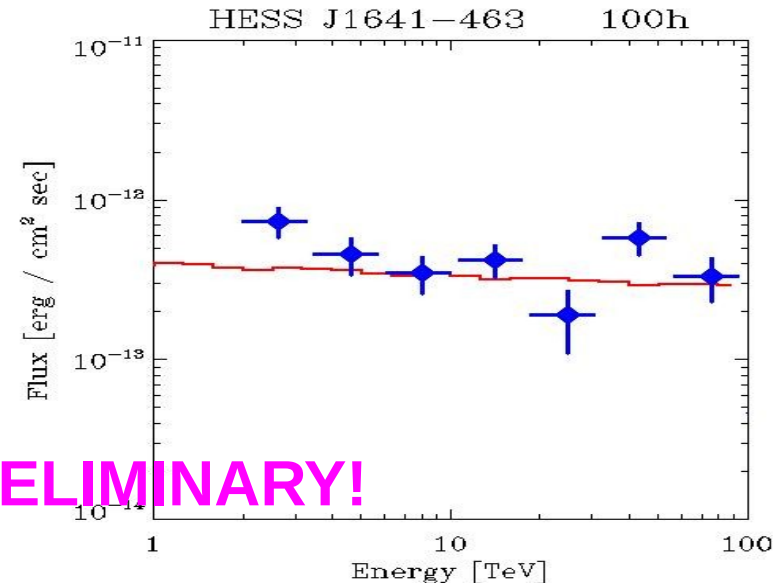
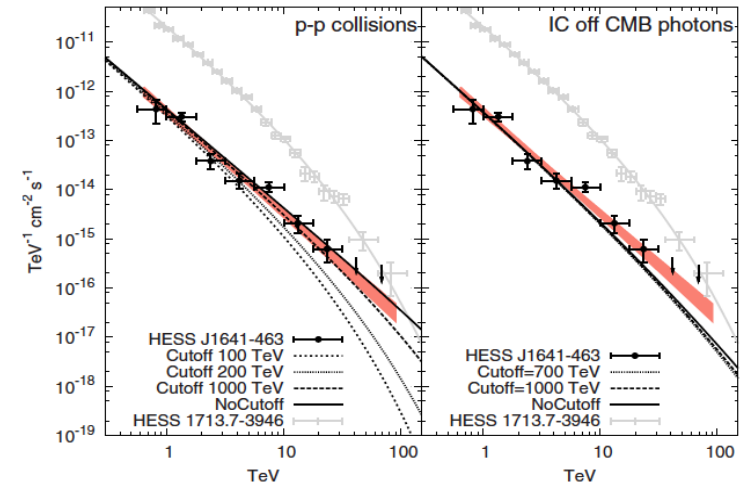
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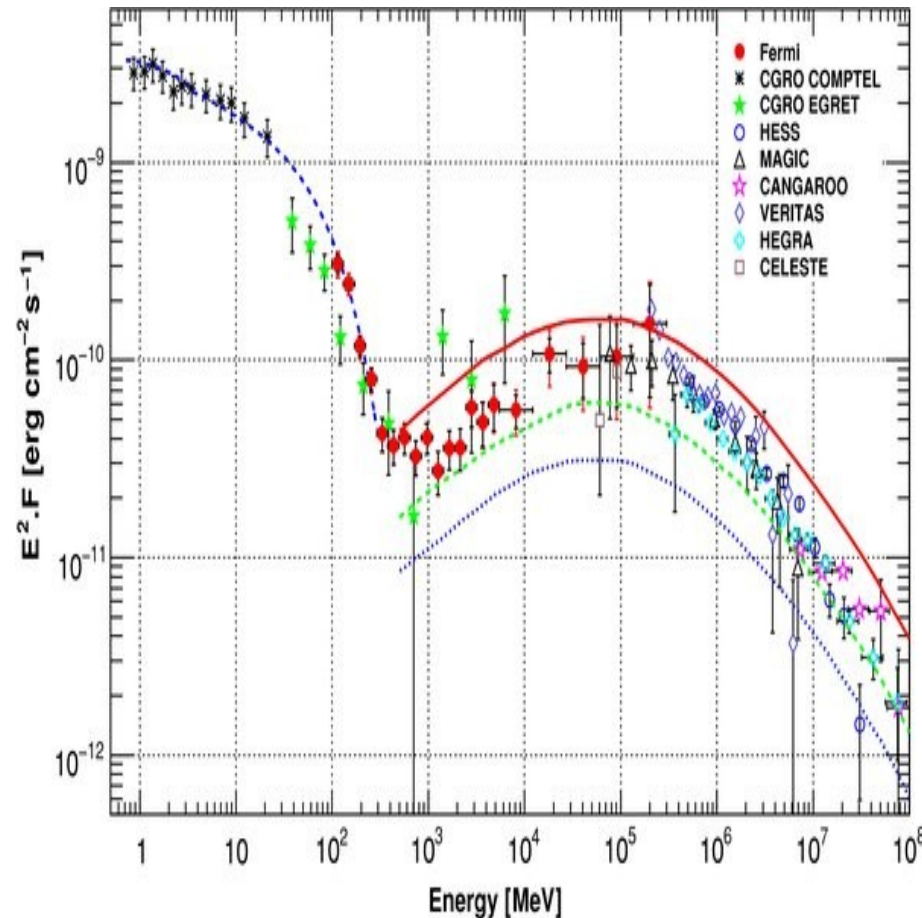
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Features @ HE end of the spectrum

- other not-IC components ?
- $B \rightarrow$ the TeV cut-off location depends on Sync vs IC coolings processes

Variability above 10 TeV

(Electrons ~ 100 TeV
producing sync. flares @ 100 MeV
produce IC @ 10 TeV)



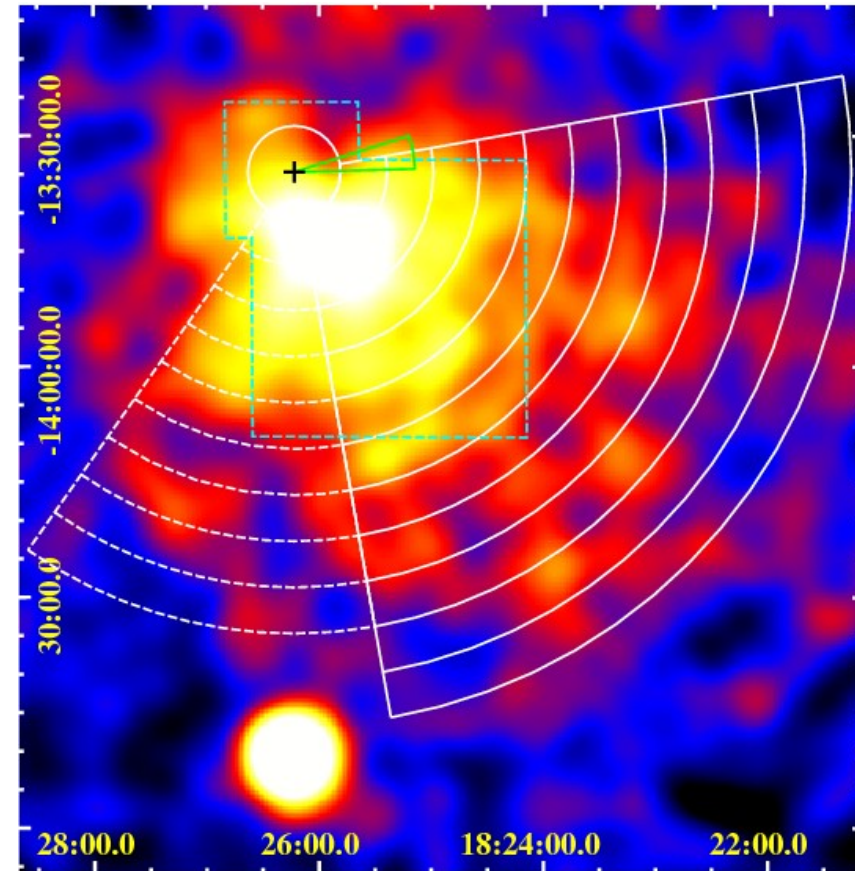
Morphological Studies

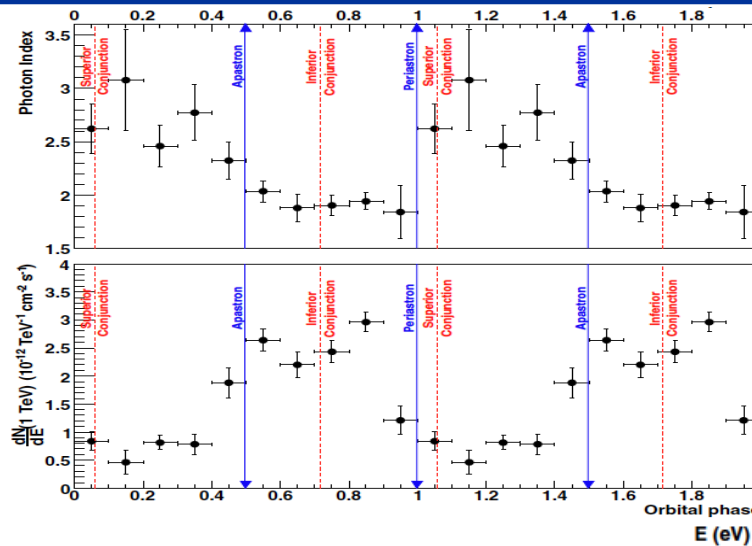
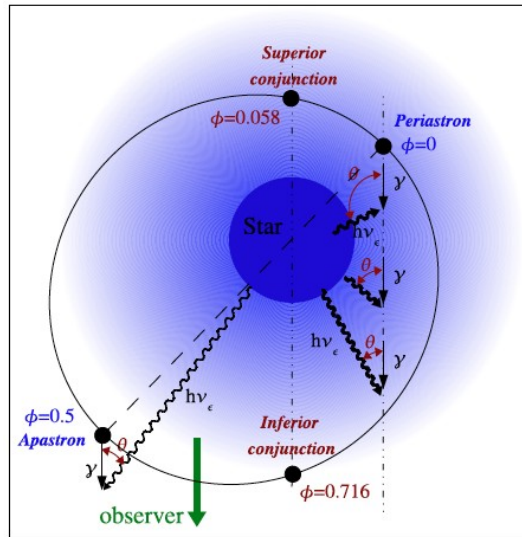
- morphology / size vs energy (HESS 1825-137, Vela X)
- Evolution of the PWNe

HE spectrum:

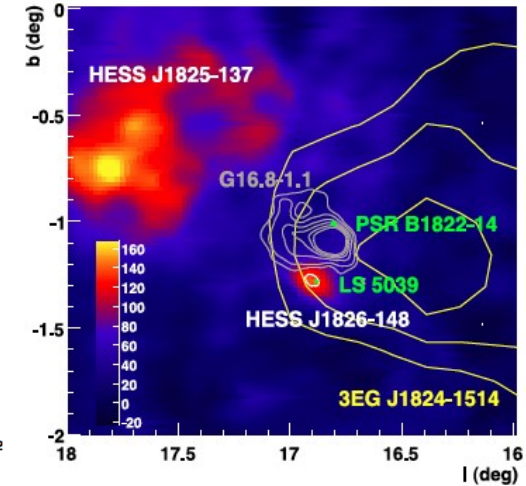
- maximum electron energies
- derive B

PWN in Milagro sources (Geminga)





Aharonian et al, 2006



Dubus, 2013

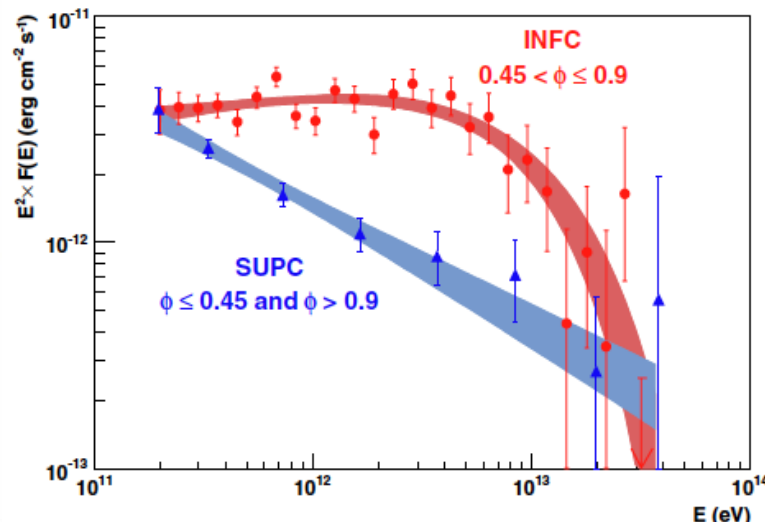
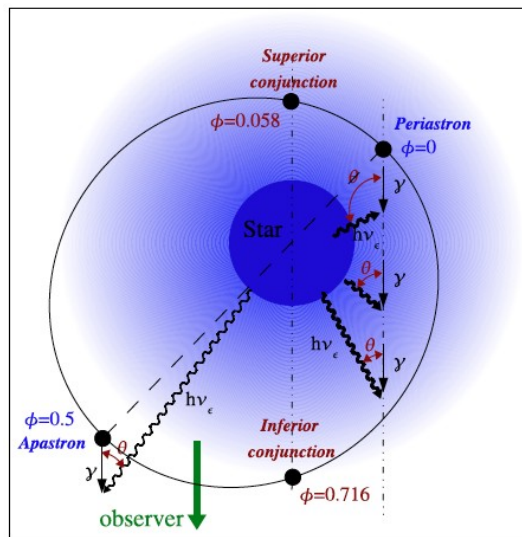
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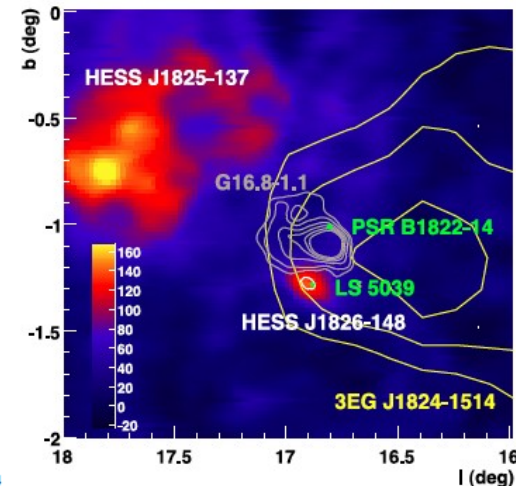
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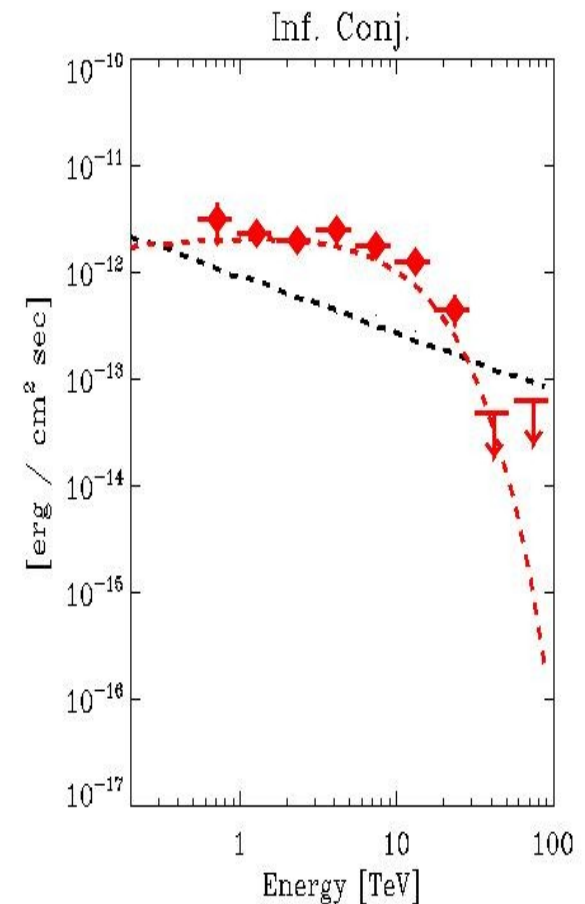
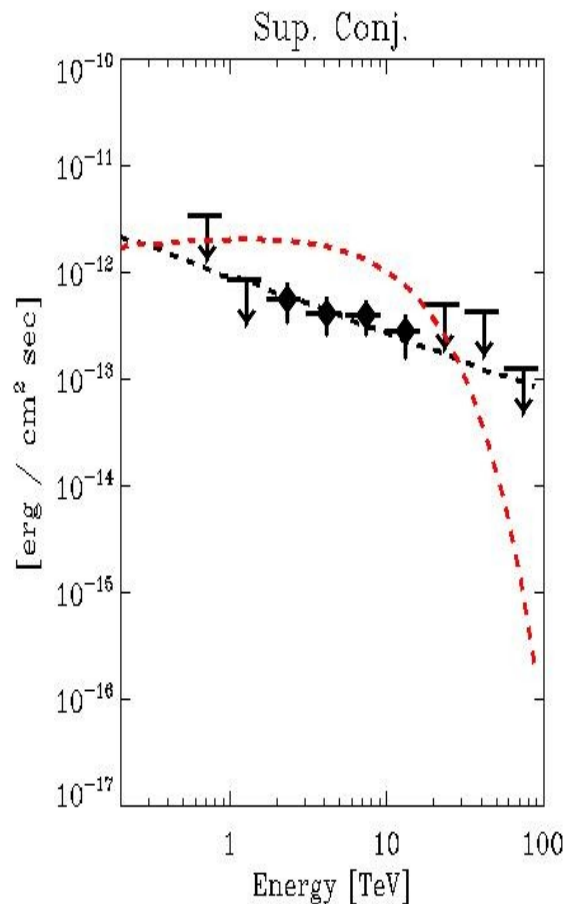
ASTRI/CTA Mini-array, 7 units.

ASTRIsim 100 hr simulation

- 50 hr INFC
- 50 hr SUPC

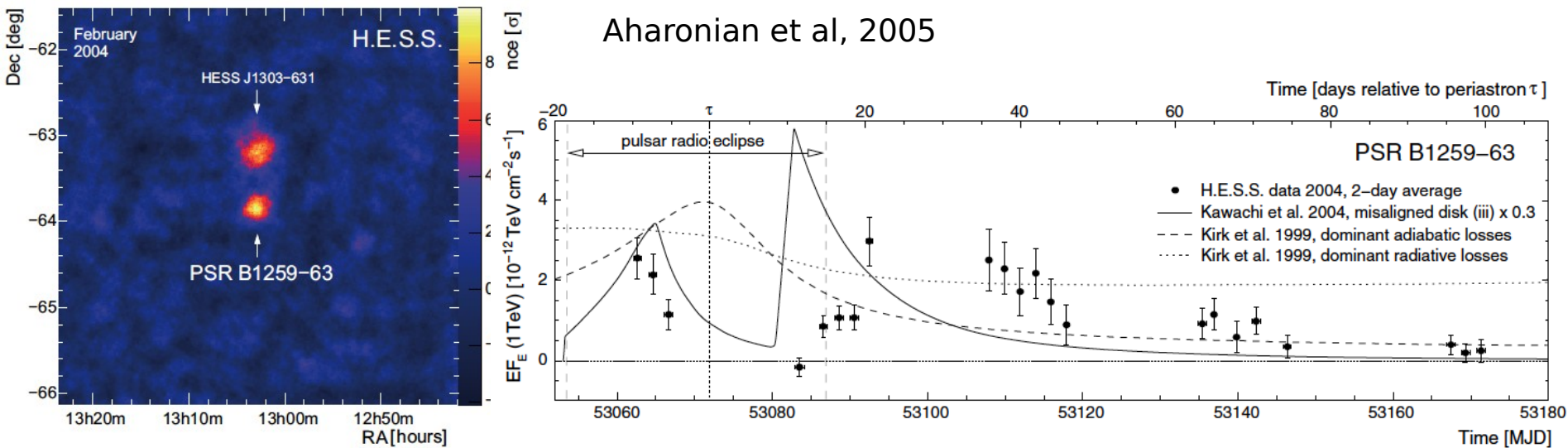
Next step:

Simulation of the detection performance at different orbital phases.



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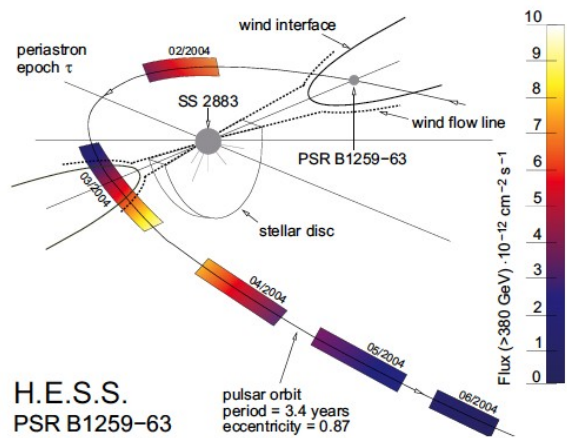


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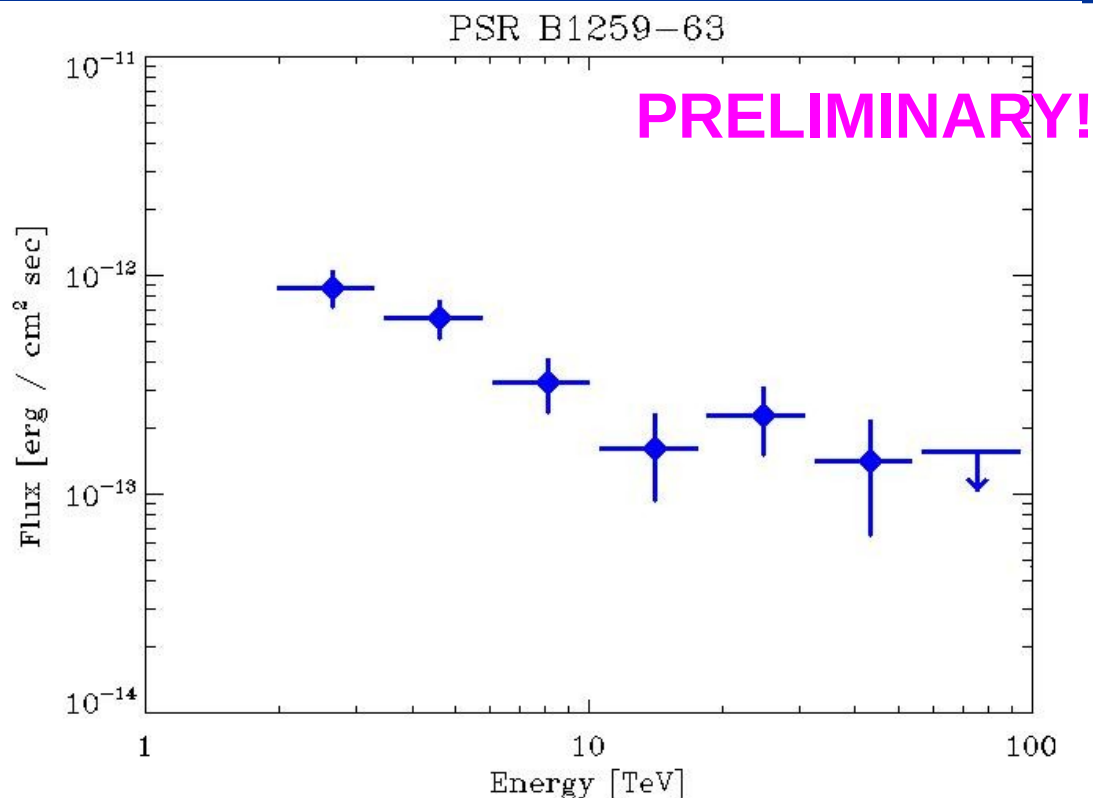
H.E.S.S. spectrum accumulated in 50 hr $P_{orb} \sim 1236.72$ d (~ 3.4 yr). A few points above a few TeV

It can be monitored [Jan. - Jun, $ZA < 35$ deg] for more than 150 hr. It can be studied simultaneously with PWN HESS J1303-631.

We can investigate [next periastron passage: $\sim 2017-09-21$]: phase-dependent gamma-ray flux, probing different theoretical emission models (peak and dim around periastron, is it periodic?)



Aharonian et al, 2005



ASTRI/CTA mini-array, 7-units.

ASTRIsim 100 hr simulation of the average spectrum.

Next step:

simulation of the possible flux evolution as a function of the time relative to the periastron passage in order to possibly discriminate different emission scenarios.

Conclusion :

***We will have a lot of fun with the
ASTRI-CTA mini-array !***

Thanks !