



OG 2.1-2.4: γ -RAY ASTRONOMY
DIFFUSE EMISSION, GALACTIC SOURCES,
EXTRAGALACTIC SOURCES + GRBS

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CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS

- **By Section**

- OG 2.1: 8, **OG 2.2: 86, OG 2.3: 58**, OG 2.4: 24

- **By Author**

- GLAST LAT collaboration: 7
- From VHE collaborations: 123 –
 - ARGO-YBJ: 1, **CANGAROO-III: 6**, CASA-MIA: 1, GRAPES-3: 1, **HESS: 42, MAGIC: 24, MILAGRO: 10**, PACT: 2, SHALON: 4, SPASE-2: 1, STACEE: 4, TACTIC: 1, Tibet AS γ : 4, **VERITAS: 15**
- Small groups (mostly theoretical work): 45

- **By Topic**

- AGN: 45, Binaries: 11, Diffuse: 9, Galactic Centre: 6, Galaxy Clusters: 4, GRBs: 22, Pulsars: 7, PWN: 17, SNR: 17, Surveys: 9, Unidentified Sources: 11, Misc: 17

- **Usual Apology**

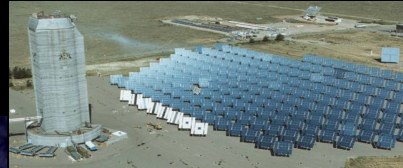
- No time to present all 175 papers, highlights only (98!)
- Bias towards experiment results

VHE INSTRUMENTS

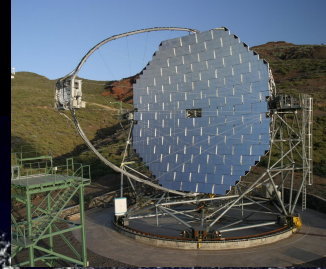
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MAGIC



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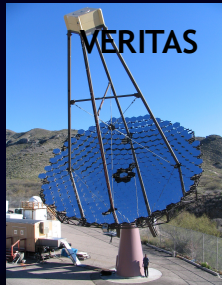
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HESS

CANGAROO III

■ Ongoing
2005

HESS



CANGAROO

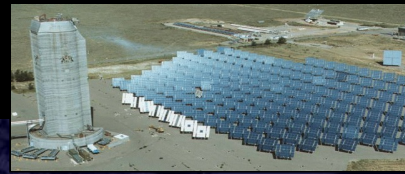


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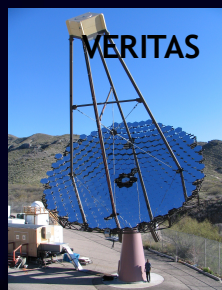
PACT

GRAPES

VERITAS

A truly global effort!

VERITAS



TACTIC

HESS

CANGAROO III

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CANGAROO



A MAJOR NEW INSTRUMENT

- **VERITAS is complete!**
 - First light (full array) April 2007
 - Sensitivity similar to H.E.S.S.
- **Detections presented on**
 - IC 443, LS I +61 303, M 87, 1ES 1218+304, Mrk 421, Mrk 501
- **Survey of the Cygnus region underway**
 - Expect exciting results rather soon!



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE VHE SOURCES

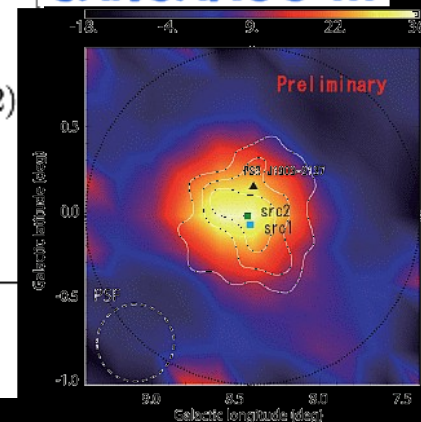
- For the last few years there have been systematic differences between southern hemisphere instruments – these have now been resolved:

Table 1: Summary of TeV source status claimed by CANGAROO compared with H.E.S.S. results.

Mori 166

Object	C-I	C-II	C-III	H.E.S.S.
Crab	Yes	Yes	Yes [2]	Yes
PSR 1706-44	Yes	†	U.L. [1]	U.L.
Vela pulsar	Yes (0.13° offset)	N/A	U.L. [2]	U.L.
Vela X	N/A	N/A	Yes [2]	Yes
SN1006	Yes	†	U.L. [1]	U.L.
RX J1713.7-3946	Yes	Yes	under analysis	Yes
PSR 1509-58	Yes	N/A	under analysis	Yes (MSH15-52)
Mrk 421	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
NGC 253	N/A	Yes	U.L.[4]	U.L.
Galactic center	N/A	Yes	under analysis	Yes
RX J0852.0-4622	N/A	Yes	Yes [3]	Yes

‘C-I’ means CANGAROO-I, etc. ‘Yes’: detection, ‘U.L.’: upper limit, ‘N/A’: not available. † means the result is not published yet.



- Additionally – HESS J1303 and J1804 C-III results presented here – consistent spectra

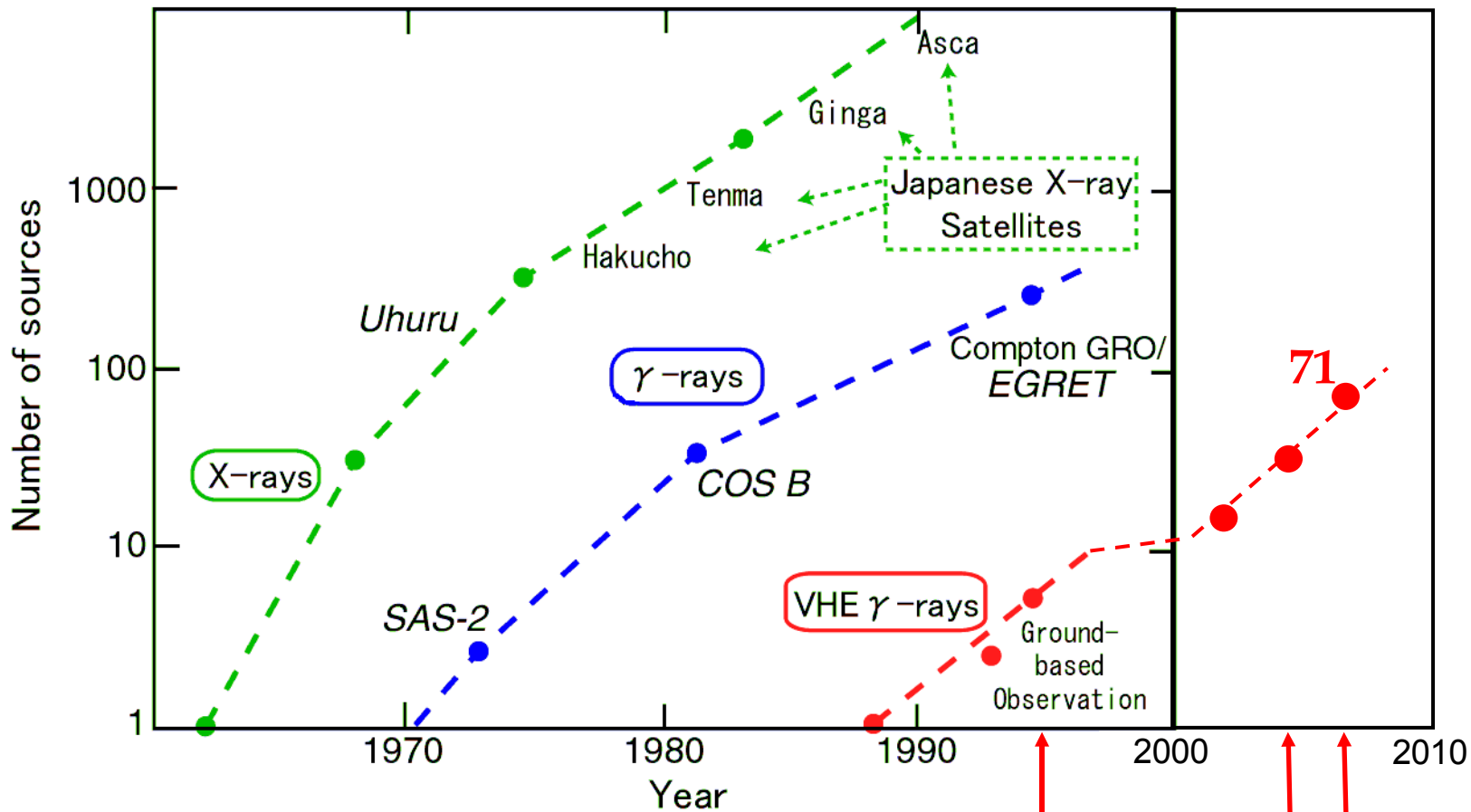
Higasi 477

Kushida 320

VHE SOURCE NUMBERS

Class	2003	2005	2007
<i>PWN</i>	1	6	18
<i>SNR</i>	2	3	7
<i>Binary</i>	0	2	4
<i>Diffuse</i>	0	2	2
<i>AGN</i>	7	11	19
<i>UnId</i>	2	6	21
Total	12	33	71!

KIFUNE PLOT



Source count versus year
[T. Kifune]

Rome

Pune Merida

GeV ACTIVITY

- **Preparations for GLAST (launch Jan 2008)**

- **Understanding the diffuse background**

- really critical for galactic sources

Porter 762, 766

- **Expected science performance**

- **Blazars**

Carson 1211

- **Pulsars (importance of radio ephemerides)**

Guillemot 1286

- **Also IC halos around massive stars**

Orlando 606

- **AGILE**

- **Blazar obs. together with TeV instruments**

Persic 363

- **EGRET reanalysis and interpretation**

- **Catalogue revision (diffuse model change)**

Casandjian 155

- **Excess from the Coma direction**

Davoudifar 507

- **Galactic diffuse emission**

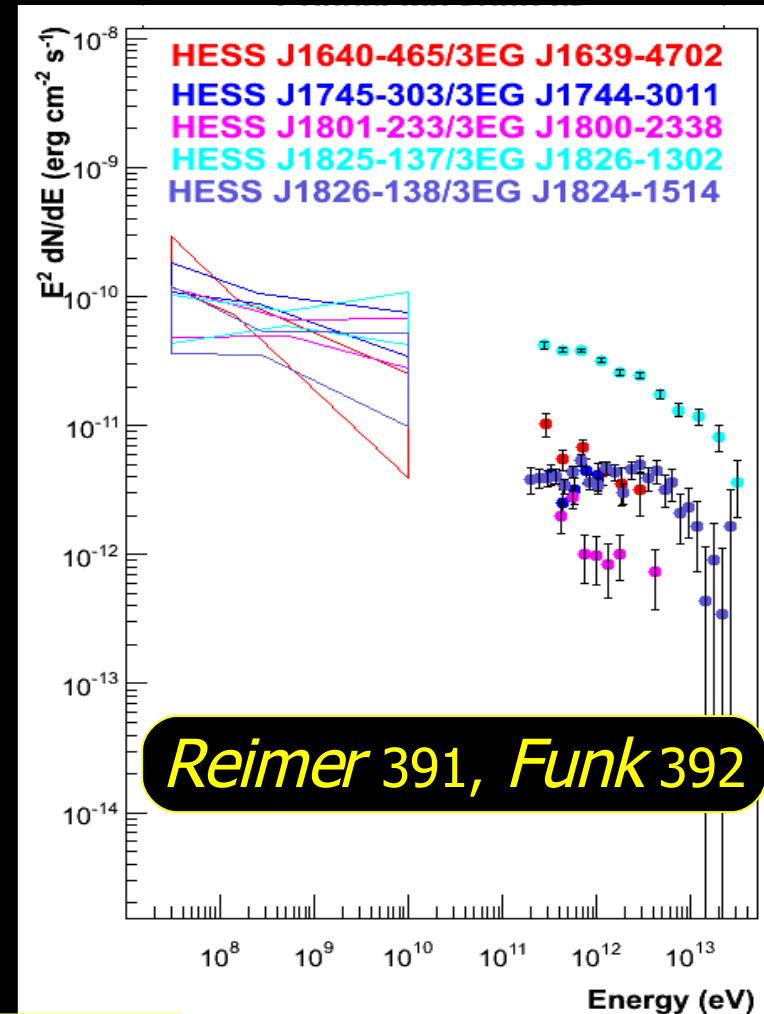
Baughman 1116

- **Studies relating GeV and TeV emission...**



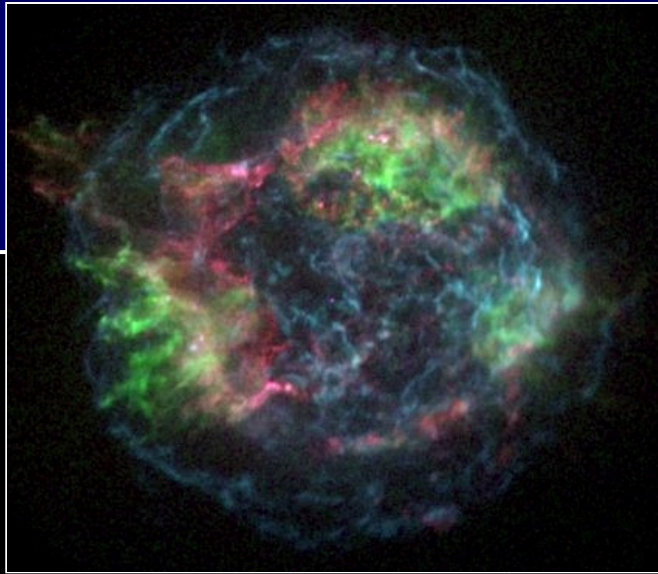
THE GeV/TeV CONNECTION

- Do we see the same source populations in the GeV and TeV domains?
 - Sensitivity mismatch of a factor 60 (EGRET lifetime / 5 h HESS survey)
- Not many EGRET/TeV positional coincidences
 - But those that exist have 'matching' spectra
 - This is expected by chance
- Also MILAGRO/EGRET coincidences seem statistically significant
 - Very extended objects?



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OG 2.1-2.2:
***GALACTIC SOURCES AND
DIFFUSE EMISSION***



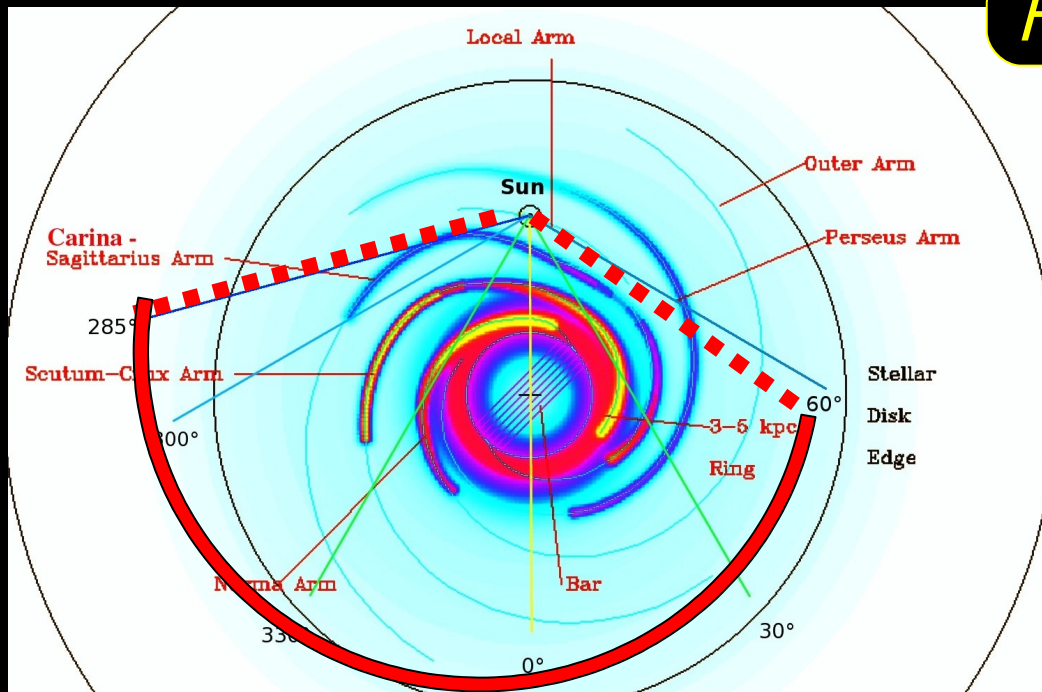
THE NEW GALACTIC VHE γ -RAY SOURCES

Name	Discovered	Class	Contributions (detections)
<i>Cyg X-1?</i>	<i>MAGIC</i>	<i>Binary</i>	<i>MAGIC</i>
LS I +61 303	MAGIC	Binary	MAGIC, VERITAS
RCW 86	HESS	SNR	HESS
IC 443	MAGIC	SNR?	MAGIC, VERITAS
W 28	HESS	SNR?	HESS
Kes 75	HESS	PWN/SNR	HESS
G21.5-0.9	HESS	PWN/SNR	HESS
HESS J1023-575	HESS	Stellar Cluster?	HESS
MGRO J2031+41	Milagro	?	Milagro
MGRO J2019+37	Milagro	?	Milagro, Tibet
MGRO J1908+06	Milagro	?	Milagro, HESS
HESS J0632+057	HESS	Binary?	HESS
HESS J1718-385	HESS	PWN?	HESS
HESS J1809-193	HESS	PWN?	HESS
HESS J1912+102	HESS	PWN?	HESS
HESS J1357-645	HESS	PWN?	HESS
+7 UnId sources!	HESS	?	HESS

Since last ICRC

HESS GALACTIC PLANE SURVEY

Hoppe 269



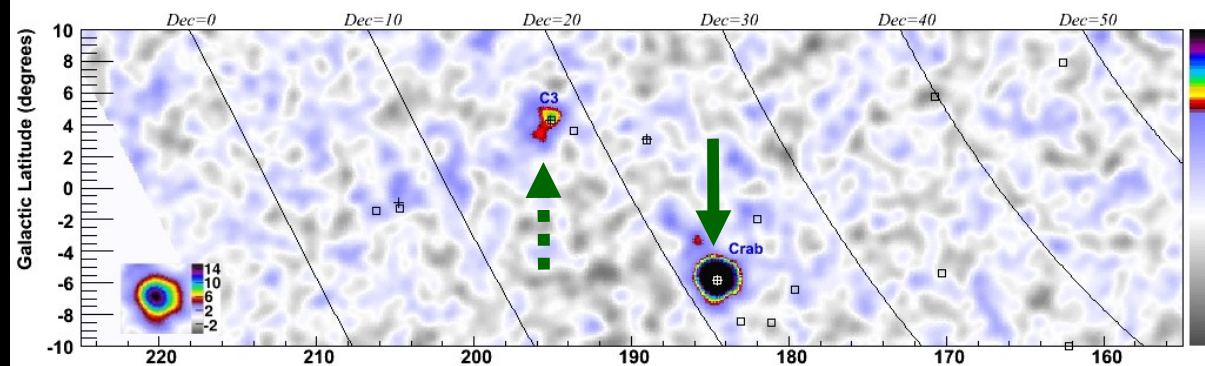
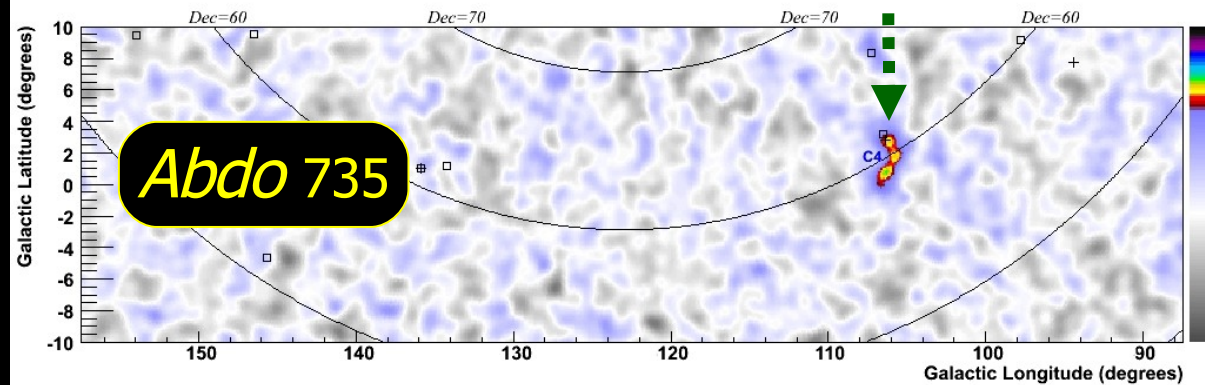
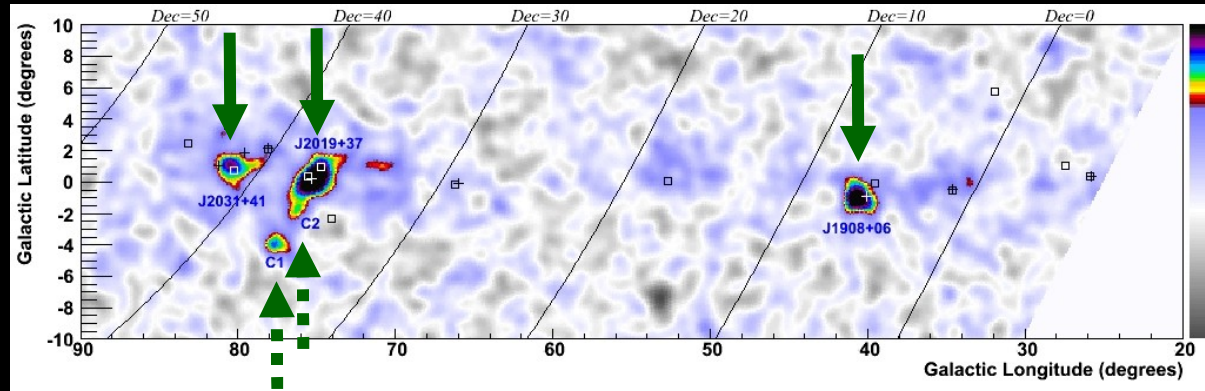
$$-85^\circ < l < 60^\circ$$
$$-2.5^\circ < b < 2.5^\circ$$

pure scan
400 h

Survey region was extended in the years 2005 – 2007 – many new sources!

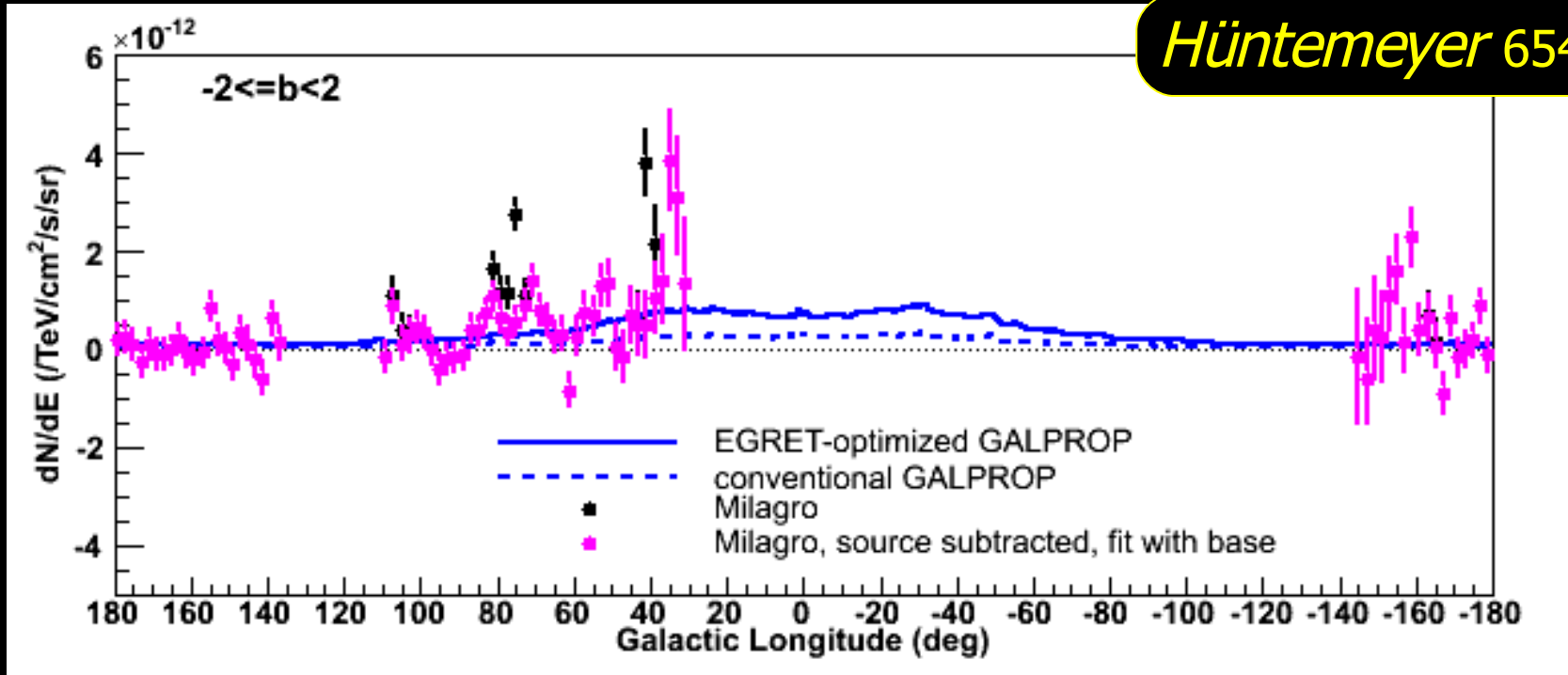
MILAGRO SOURCES AND CANDIDATES

- 7 year map
- γ /hadron cut raises median energy to 20 TeV
- 3 new sources significant post trials
- 4 'hotspots'
- Interesting regime of hard spectrum/extended sources



DIFFUSE EMISSION WITH MILAGRO

Hüntemeyer 654

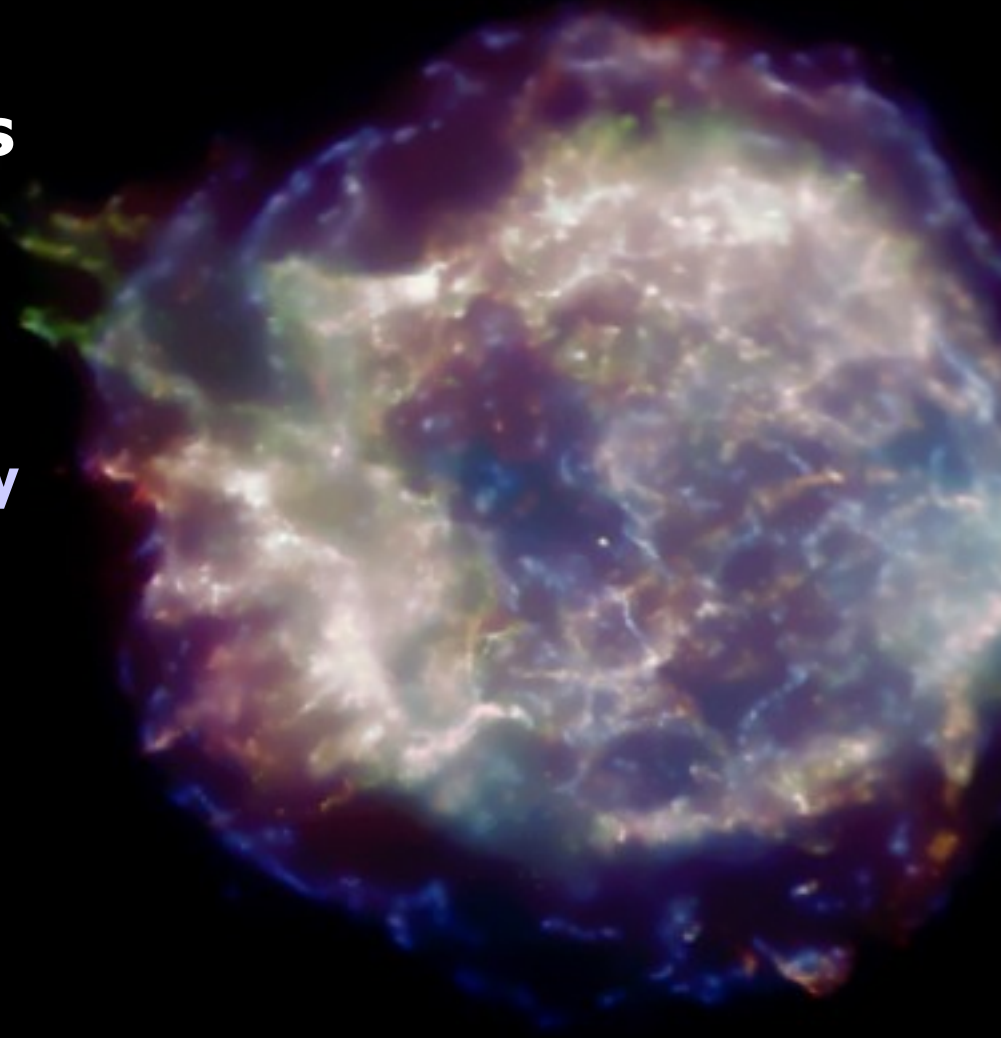


- Galactic plane emission, factor 2 higher than diffuse predictions, seems consistent with $\sim 50\%$ unresolved sources
- Large scale (>10 deg) features seen in 'proton-like' events – interesting, but not gamma-ray astronomy – apparently related to the tail-in anisotropy seen by Tibet

Walker 672

SUPERNOVA REMNANTS

- **Long held to be the likely acceleration sites of the (hadronic) galactic cosmic rays**
 - Diffusive shock acceleration
 - Require $\sim 10\%$ efficiency of kinetic energy to CR acceleration
- **Several young objects well studied in X-ray synchrotron radiation**
 - Thin filaments suggest rapid cooling of electrons: $B_{\text{shock}} \gg B_{\text{ISM}}$

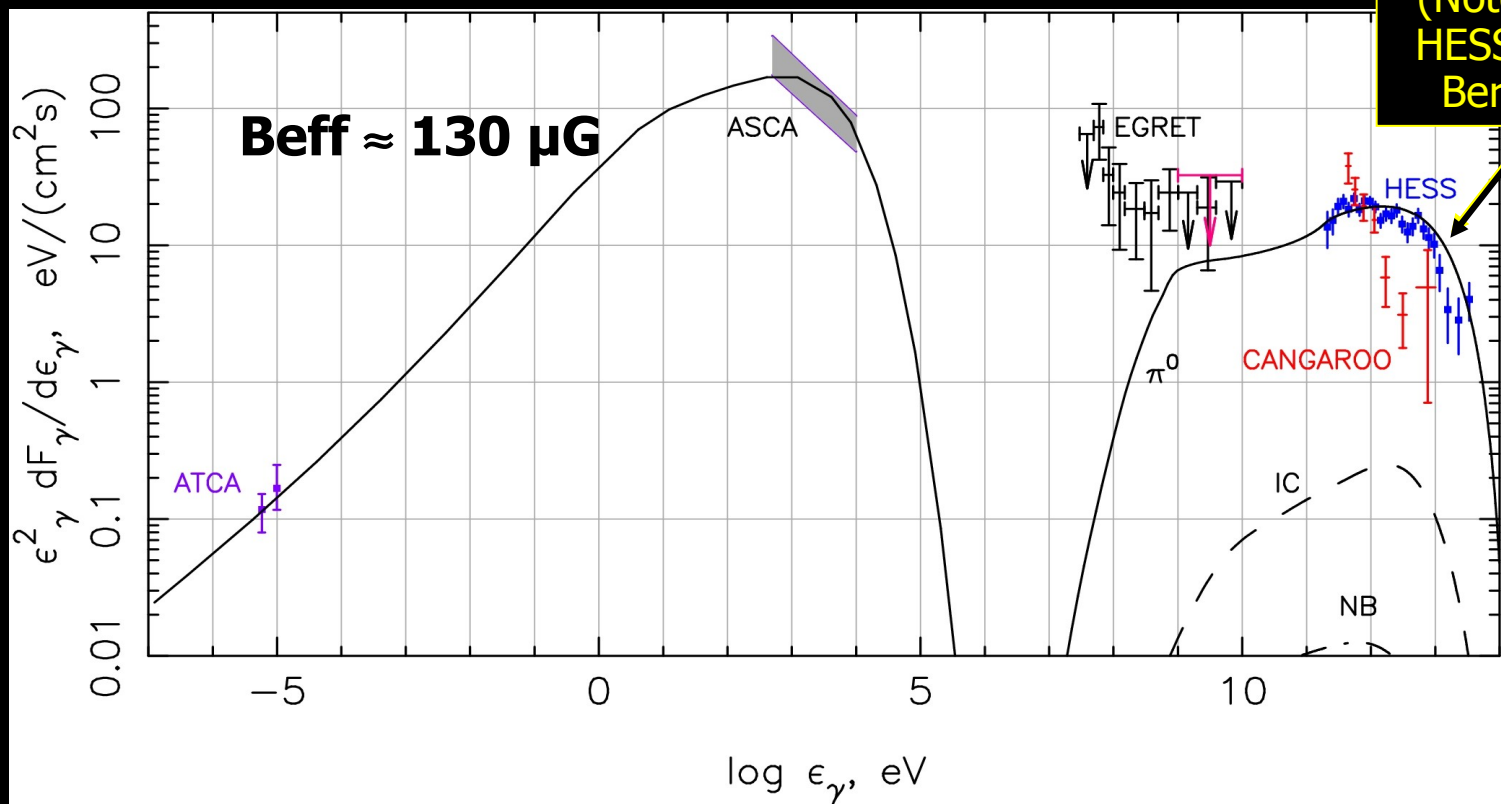


THEORETICAL WORK

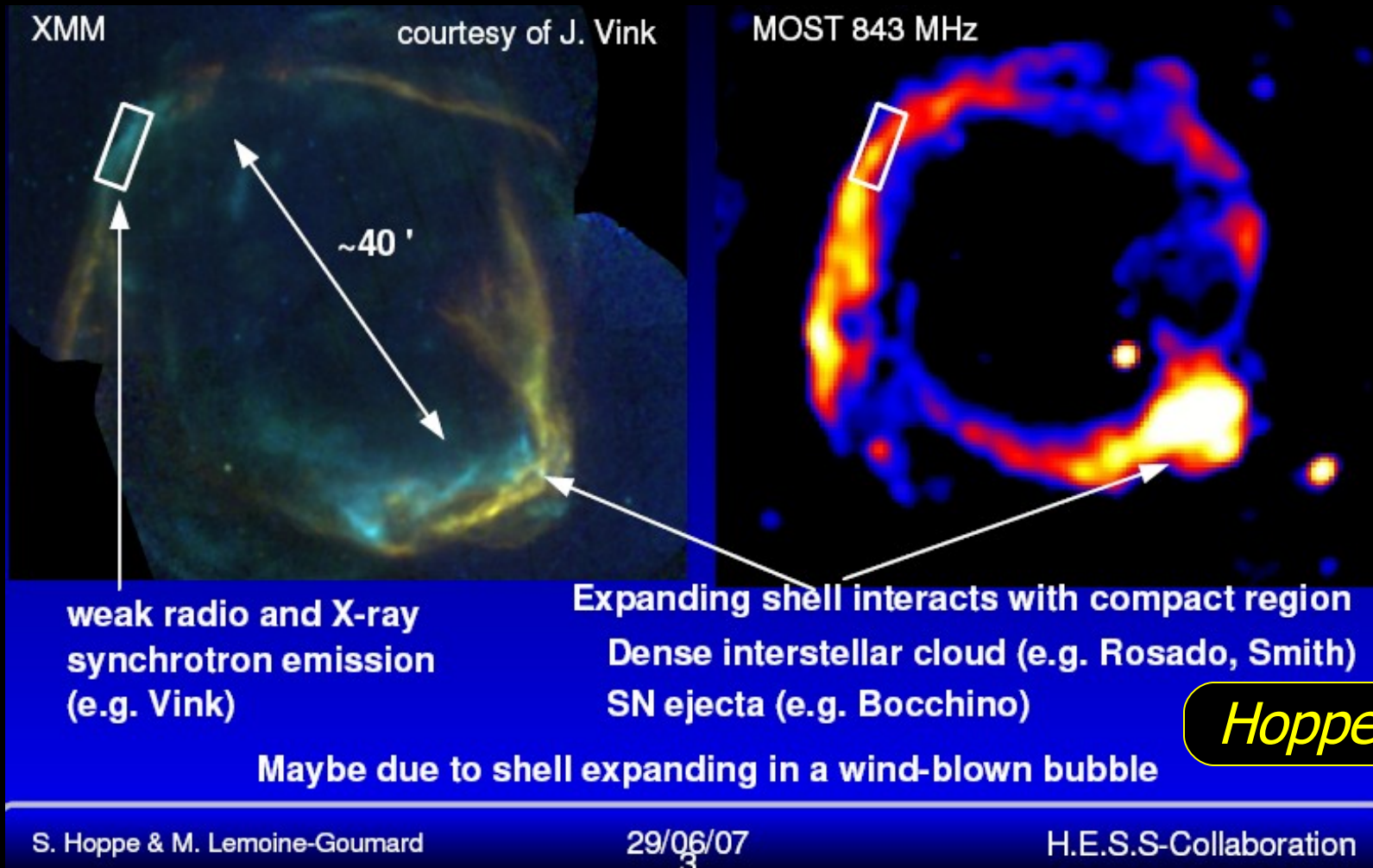
- **Models for hadronic γ -rays and radio-X-ray synchrotron emission from**
 - Tycho (Voelk 127), SN 1987A (Berezhko 125), Kepler (Ksenofontov 126) [Also RX J1713 and Vela Jnr in OG1]
- **Effects of small scale random B-fields in SNR shells**
 - Jitter radiation (Yoshida 1268)
- **Separation of non-thermal brems. / synch. in Cas A**
 - (Allen 1175)
- **Investigation of RX J1713.7–3946 with detailed hadronic interaction model**
 - (Huang 681)
- **Evolution of SNRs in non-uniform media**
 - (Ferreira 1175)

SUPERNOVA REMNANTS

- **Example: Model for RX J1713 from Voelk et al**
 - **Magnetic field amplification assumed to be due to non-linear effects of efficient CR acceleration**
 - **High B-fields suppress IC production**



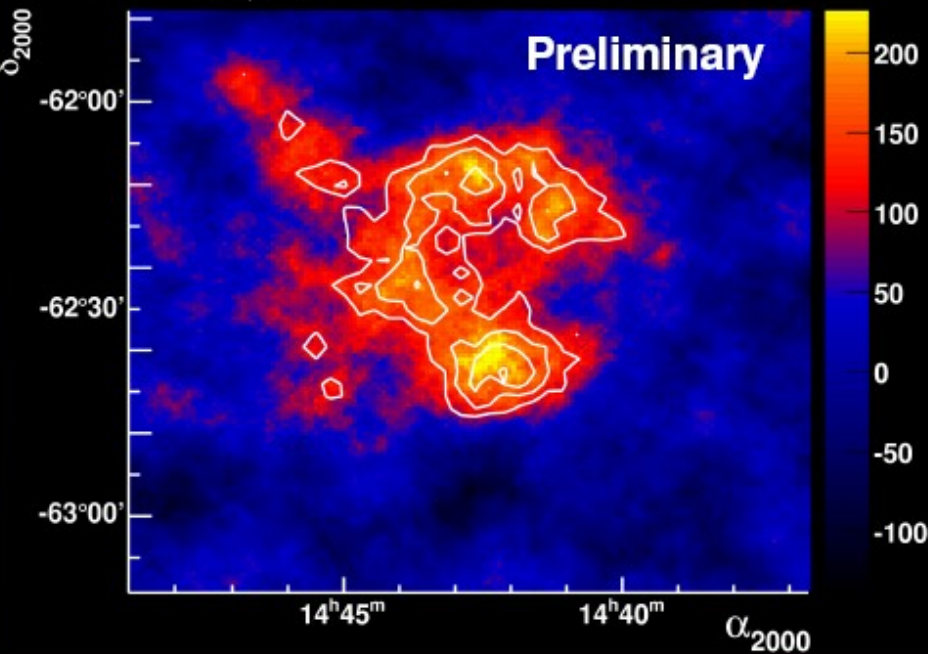
RCW 86



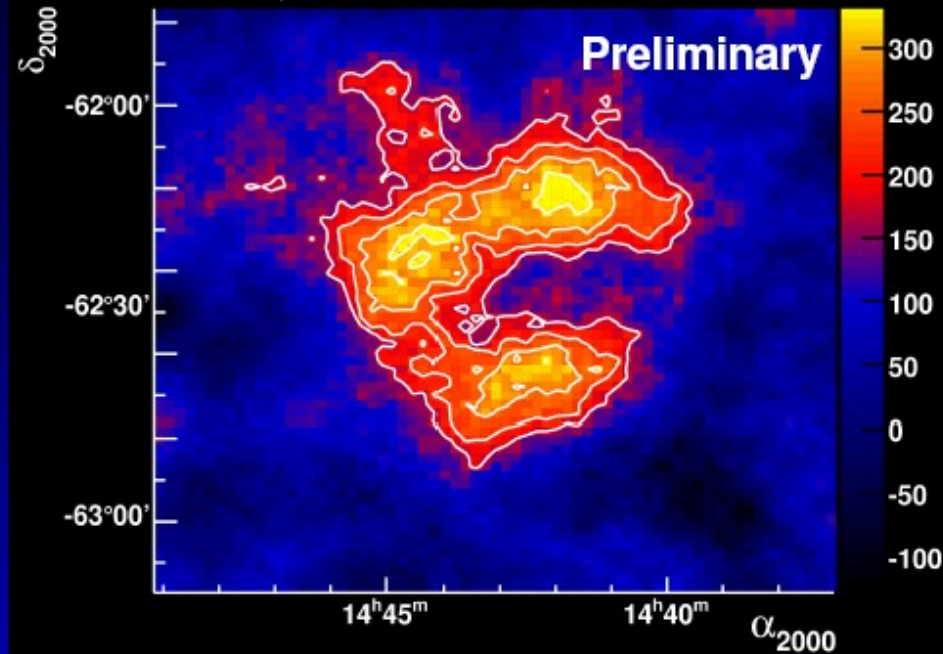
- Well known young (~ 1 ky) shell type SNR

RCW 86

Hillas-analysis



Model-analysis

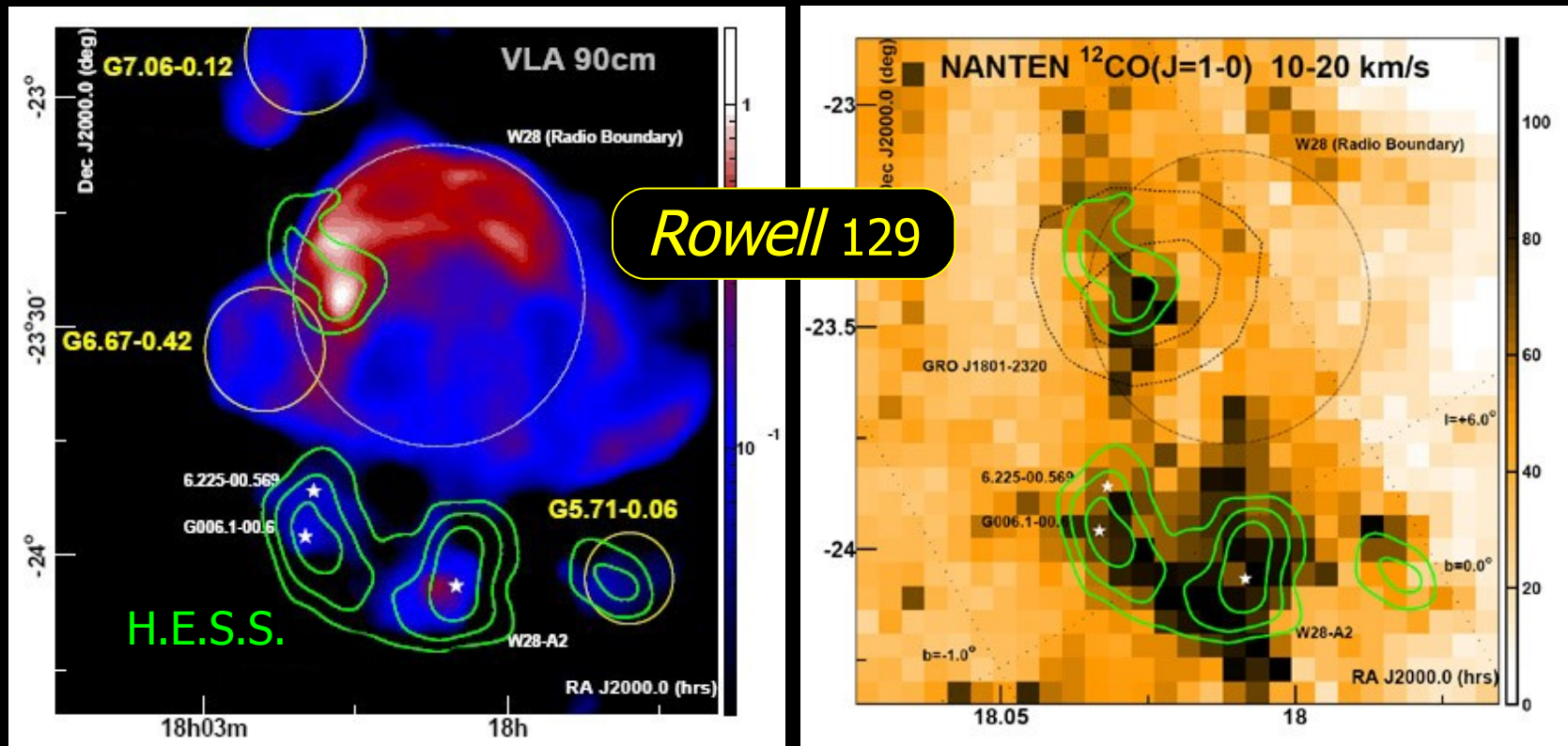


Hoppe 280

Small correlation radius: 0.11°
Contours: 3,4,5,6 σ

- 9.4 σ in 30 hours, $E^{-2.5 \pm 0.1}$ spectrum
- Probably the third TeV SNR *shell*

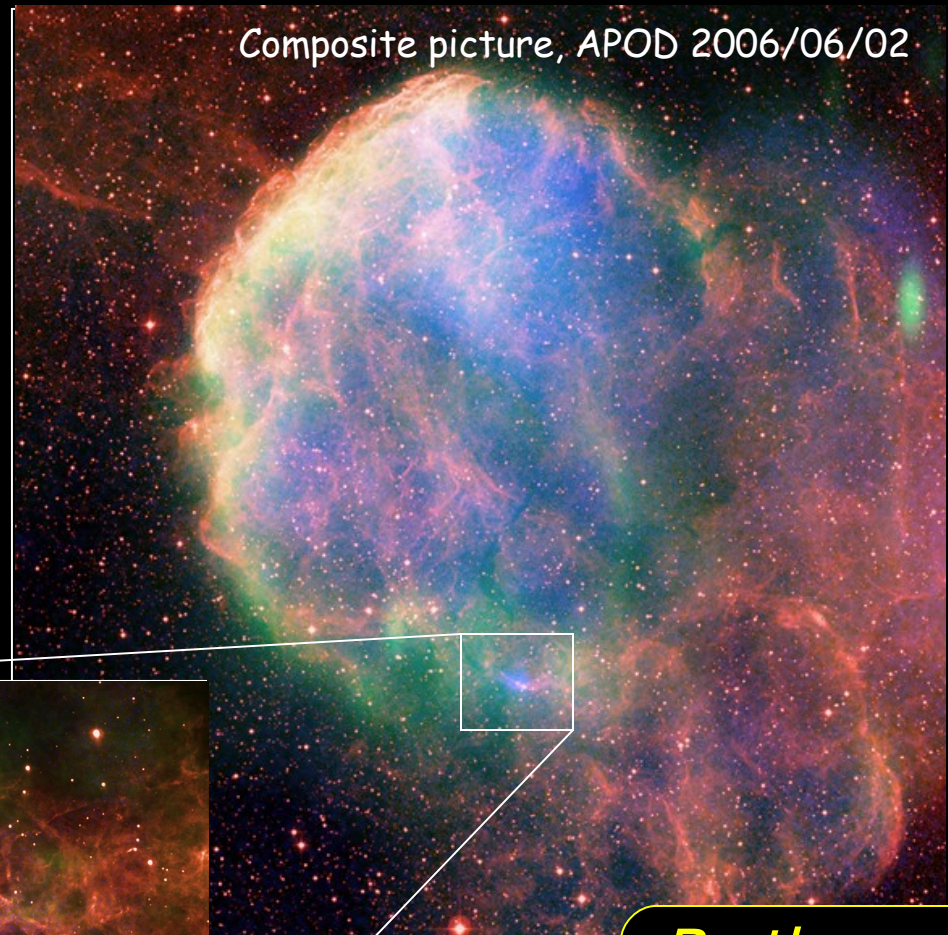
W 28



- TeV emission around old ($>10^4$ year old) SNR – coincident with molecular clouds
- First evidence for p-p in SNR/Cloud interactions
 - See e.g. Aharonian, Drury & Voelk 1996

IC 443

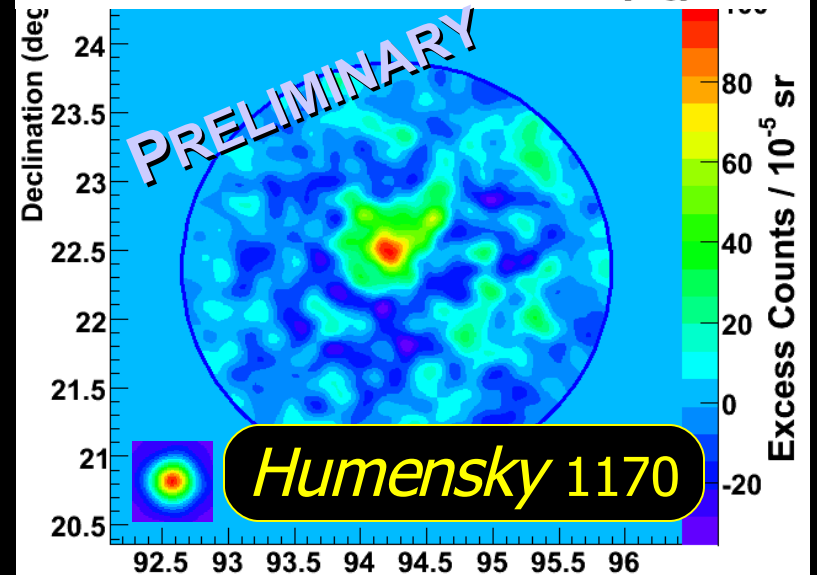
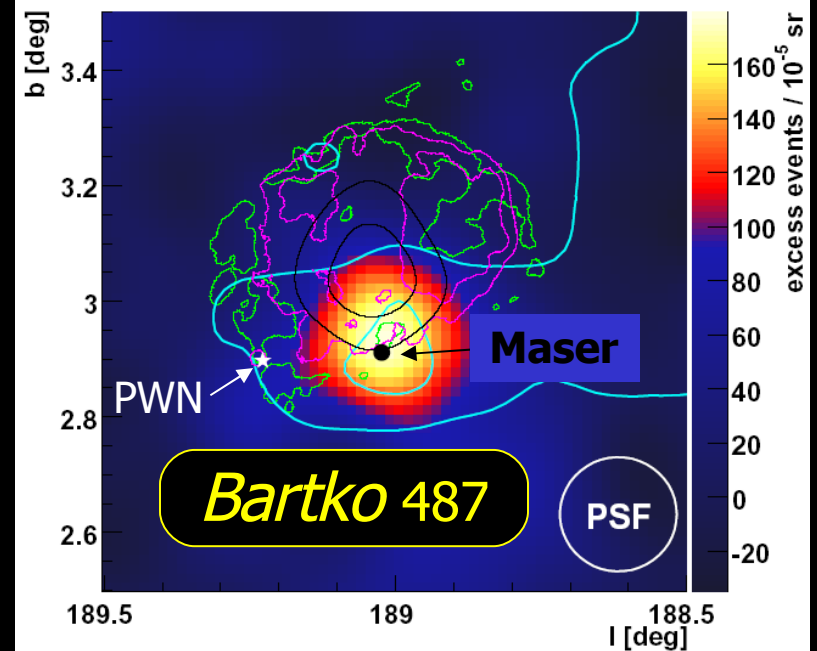
- **Distance ~ 1.5 kpc,
Age $\sim 30,000$ years,
Diameter $45'$**
- **EGRET association?**
- **Maser – shocked
molecular gas**
- **Pulsar wind nebula
at edge of remnant**



Bartko 487

IC 443

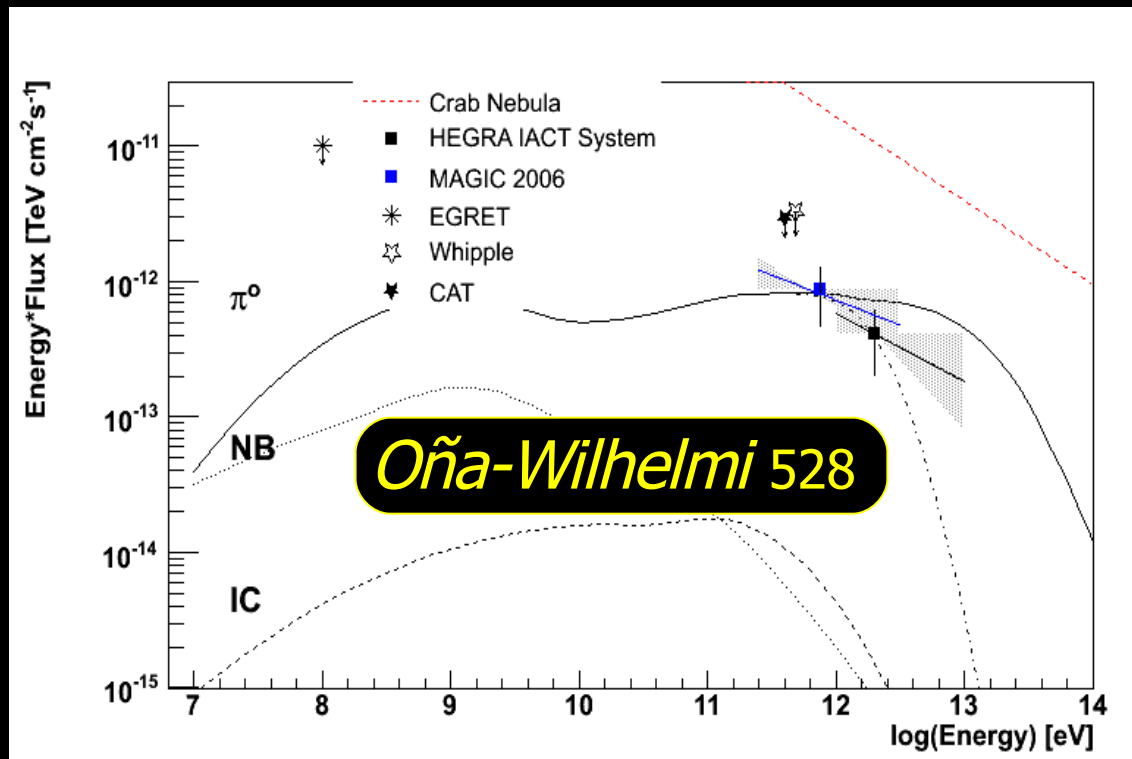
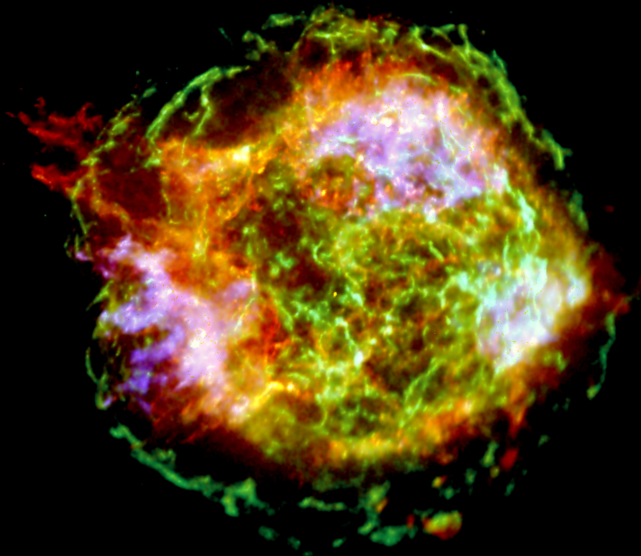
- **MAGIC 5.7 σ in 29 h**
 - Steep spectrum $E^{-3.1 \pm 0.3}$
- **VERITAS 7.1 σ in 16 h**
 - Consistent position
- **Position compatible with dense gas, not PWN, not shell**
 - Interaction of hadrons accelerated in SNR?
 - Morphology may be key to interpretation



CASSIOPEIA A

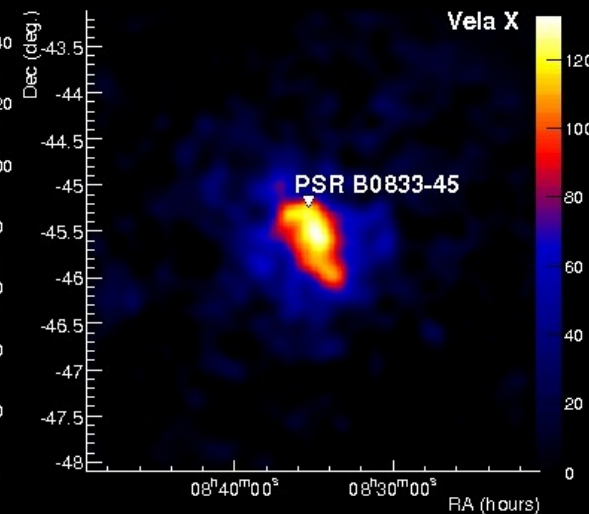
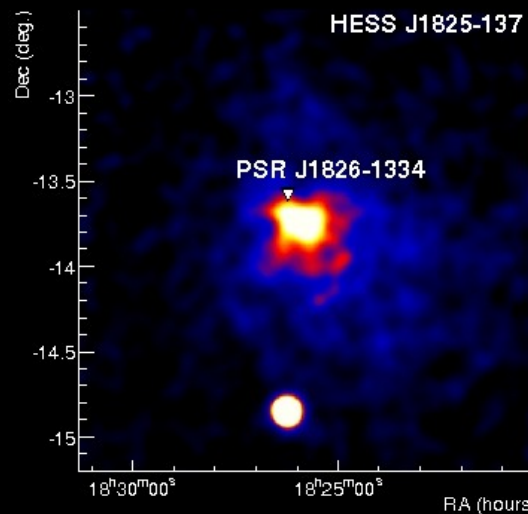
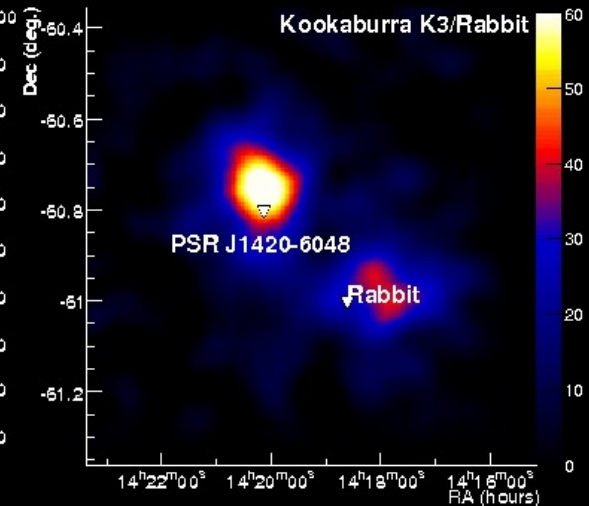
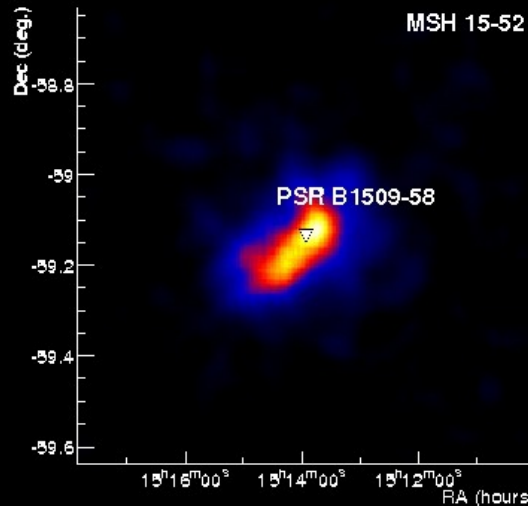
- Young and very bright radio/X-ray SNR shell
- MAGIC detection (5.2σ) in 47 h
- Consistent with HEGRA measurement, $\Gamma = 2.4 \pm 0.2$

Chandra, 1 Ms



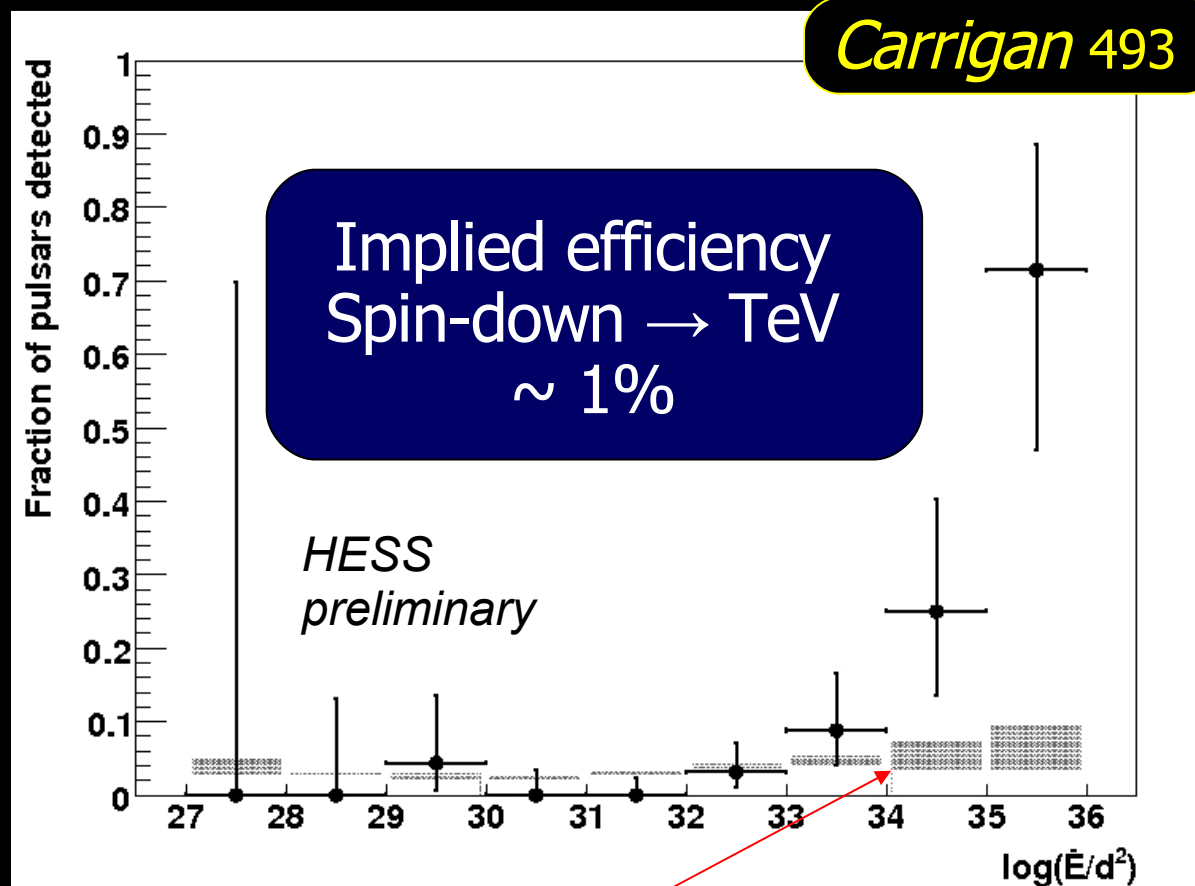
PULSAR WIND NEBULAE

- Major galactic TeV source population
 - Associated with relatively young ($<10^5$ year old) and energetic pulsars
- Generally believed that we see inverse Compton emission of 1-100 TeV electrons



SYSTEMATIC SEARCH FOR PWN

- γ -ray PWN can be large, asymmetric and offset from the pulsar
- Need to assess chance coincidence
- HESS scan analysis shows that 70% of $\dot{E}/d^2 > 10^{35}$ erg/s/kpc² are TeV sources



Random Catalogues

ENERGY DEPENDANT MORPHOLOGY

0.2 - 0.8 TeV
0.8 - 2.5 TeV
Above 2.5 TeV

Funk 389

- **HESS J1825-137 associated with energetic pulsar**
- **Spectral steepening seen away from the pulsar**
- **Very likely this is evidence for cooling of electrons in the Nebula**
 - **Seen in several *X-ray* PWN**
- **A first in gamma-ray astronomy!**

PSR J1826-1334



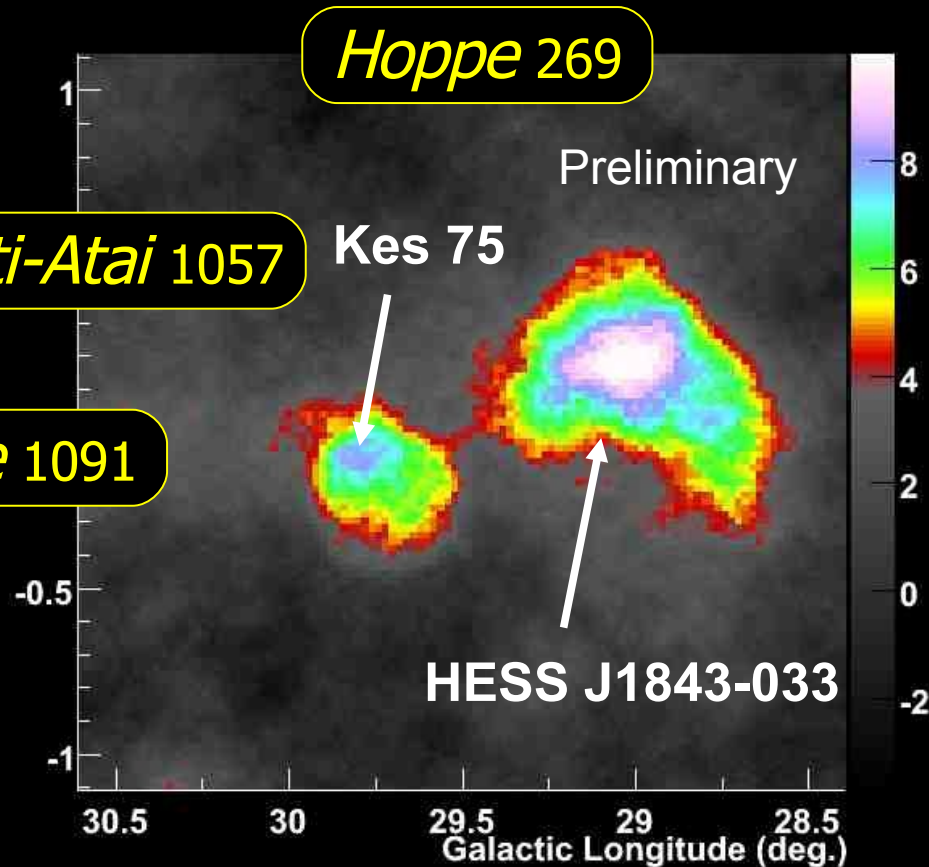
NEW PWN CANDIDATES

- **PSR J1846-0258 in Kes 75**
 - Youngest pulsar in our galaxy
- **G21.5-0.9**
 - Also v. young
- **HESS J1357-645, HESS J1718-385, HESS J1809-193, HESS J1912+102**
 - PWNe of middle aged pulsars
- **Geminga??**
 - C3 'hotspot' from Milagro – $5.1 \rightarrow 2.8 \sigma$
 - 3 degrees across – almost impossible for IACTs...

Djannati-Atai 1057

Lemiere 1091

Abdo 735



THE CRAB NEBULA

- Many results reported

- VERITAS

- 31 σ/\sqrt{h} with 3 tels

Celik 1290

- Whipple

Grube 543

- MAGIC

- 19 σ/\sqrt{h}

- Curvature seen

- Peak: 77 ± 47 GeV



- HESS

- Up to 80 TeV

- Milagro

Khelifi 986

- First

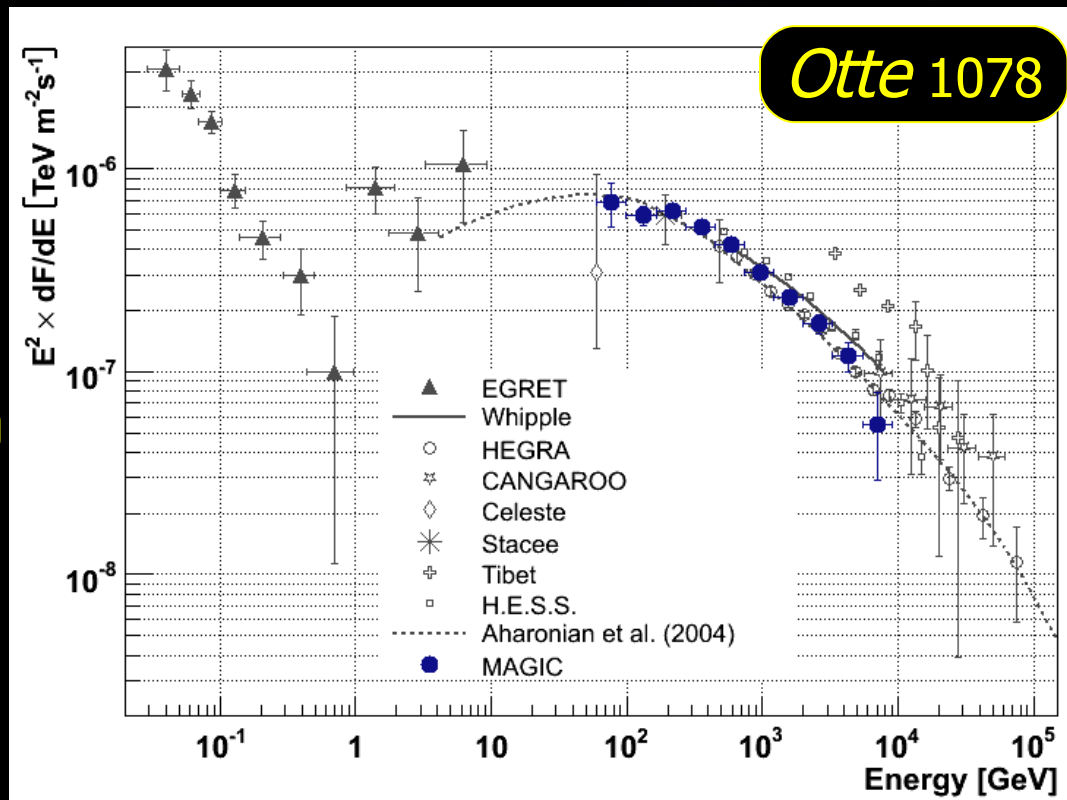
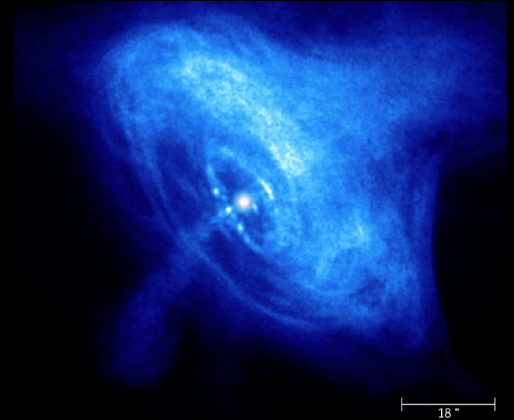
spectrum

Yodh 710

- ARGO YBJ

- 5 σ in 50 days ($\sim 2 \sigma$ in 50 days for Milagro)

Martello OG2.7



PULSED EMISSION

- **Upper limits on pulsed emission from many groups**

- **PACT**

Acharya 517

- **Tibet**

Amenomori 844

- **HESS**

Füssling 572

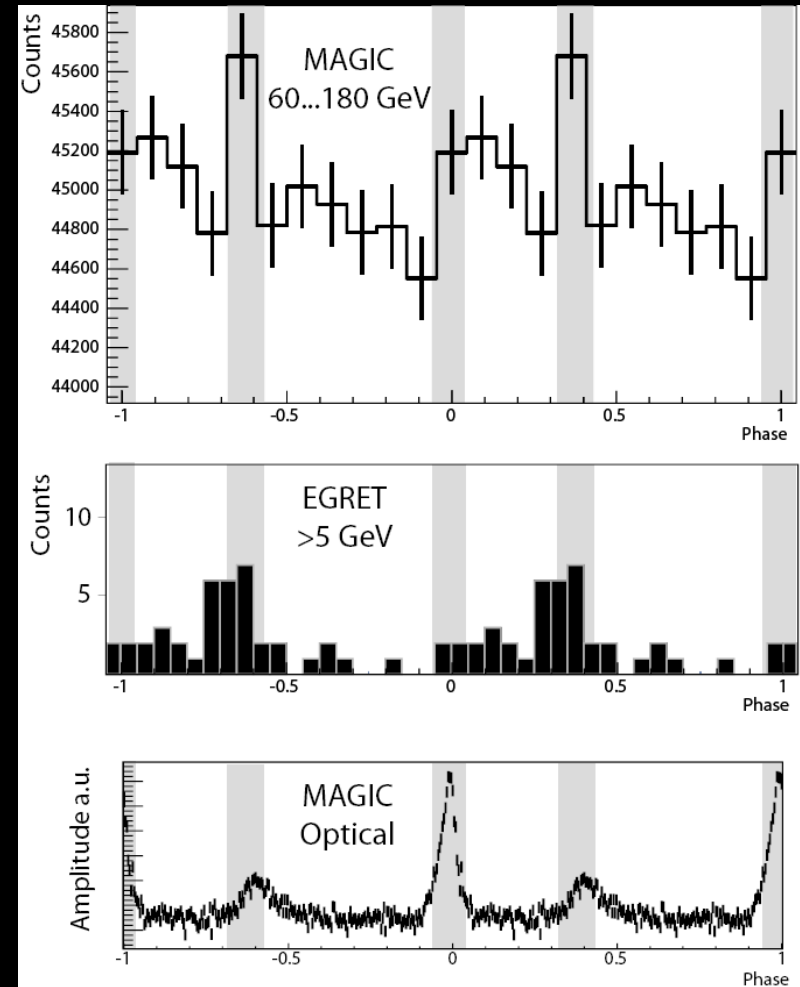
- **STACEE**

Kildea 830

- **Hints for pulsed emission from the Crab pulsar at 60-180 GeV from MAGIC!**

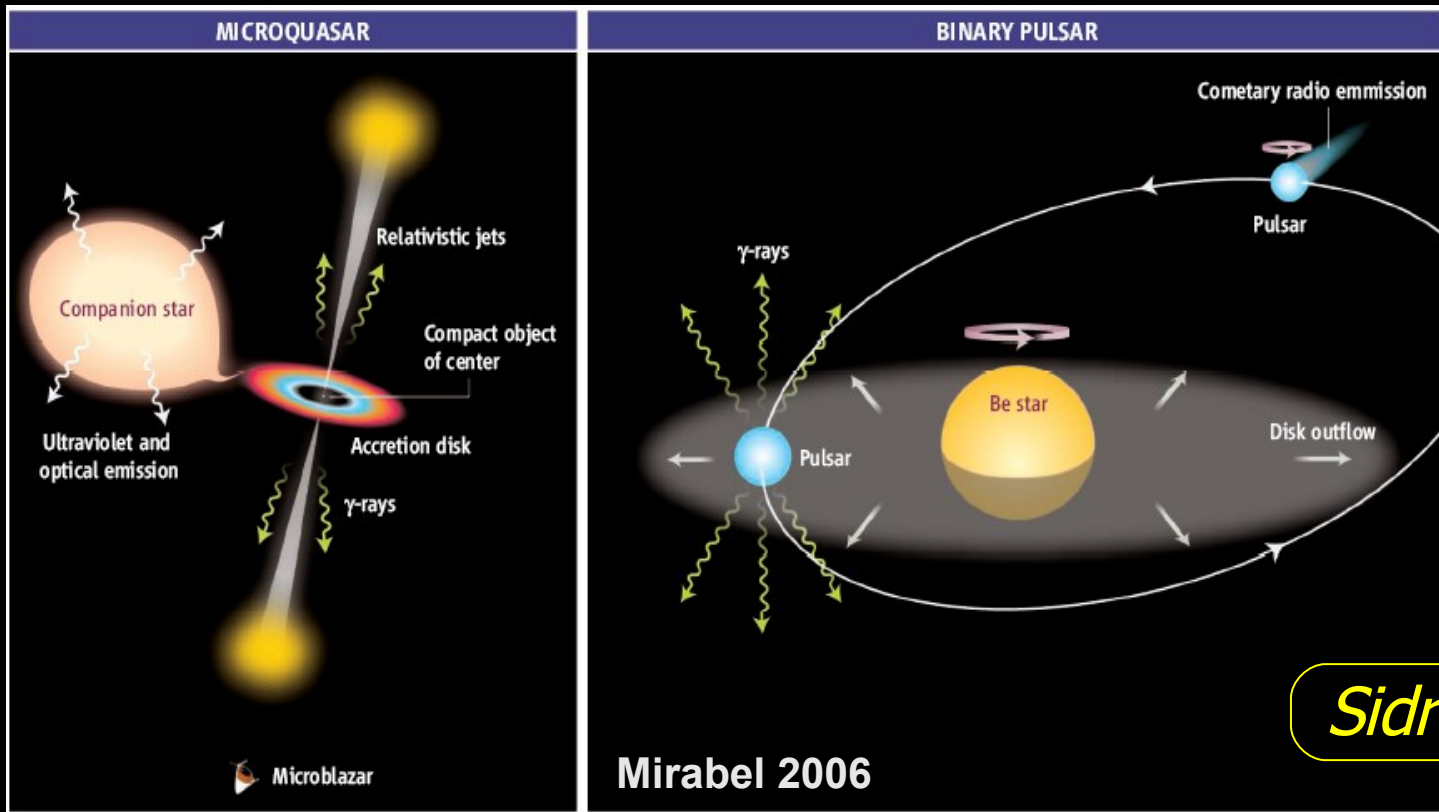
- **2.9 σ in 16 hours of data**

- **Should/could be confirmed very soon...**



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GAMMA-RAY BINARIES

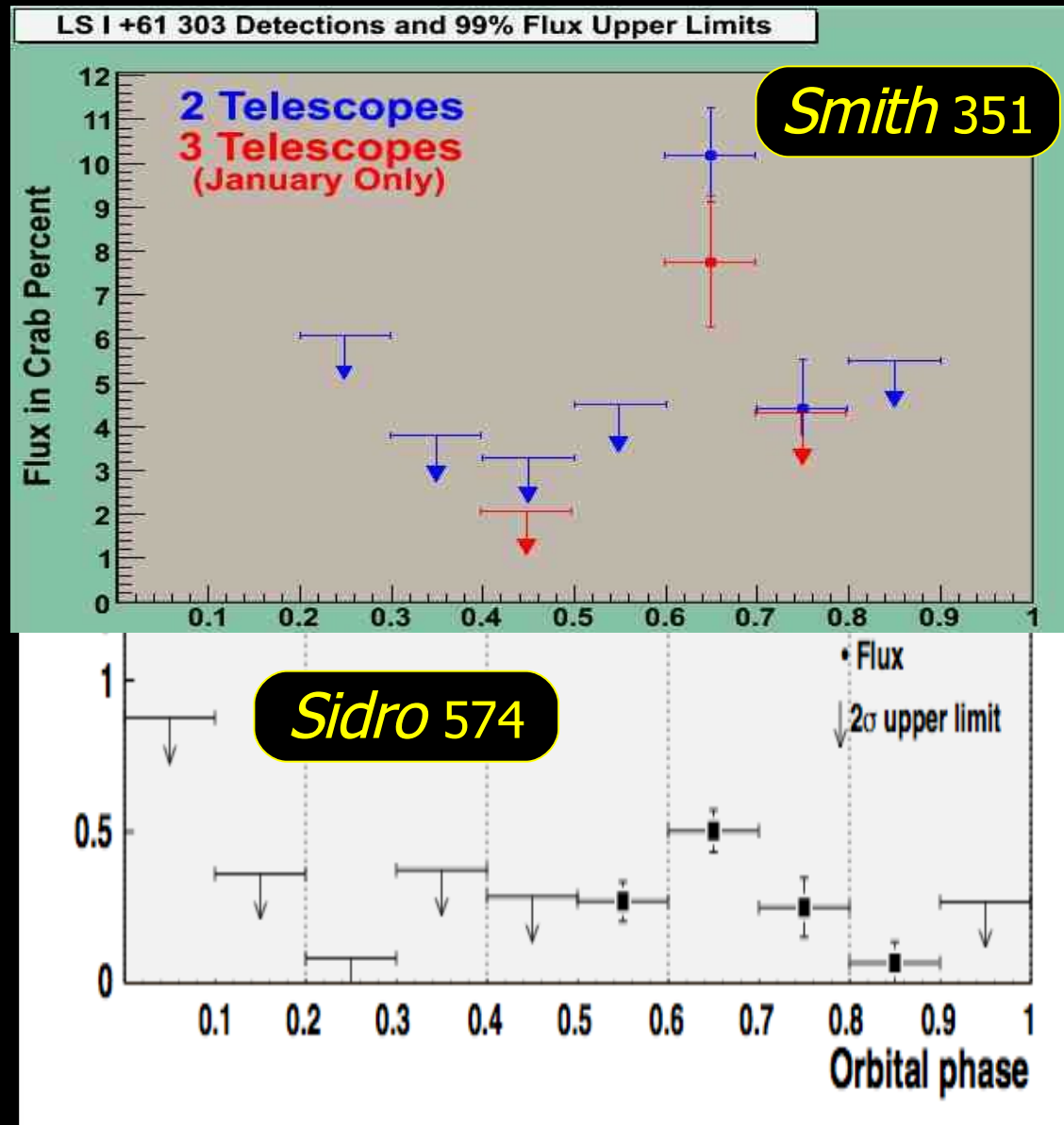


Microquasar: particles (electrons or hadrons) are accelerated in a jet
Bosch-Ramon et al. (2006), Romero et al. (2007)

γ-rays produced in the shock where the wind of the young pulsar and the wind of the Be star collide
Dubus (2006), Dhawan et al. (2006)

LS I +61 303: VERITAS+MAGIC

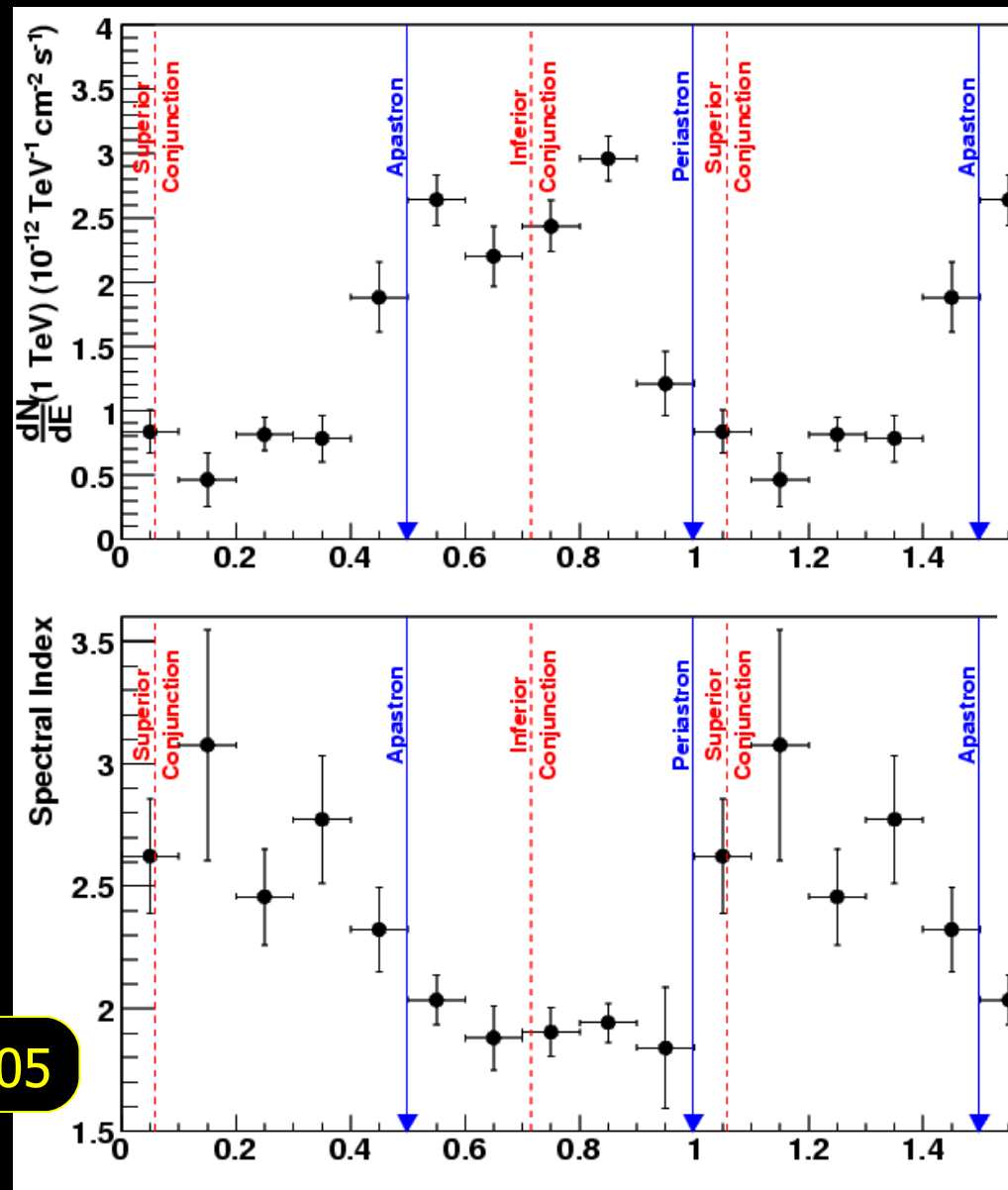
- Variable (flaring) mostly at phase 0.5-0.85 – but not really periodic?
- Overall correlation with X-ray – but many differences
- A real challenge to modellers!



LS 5039 WITH HESS

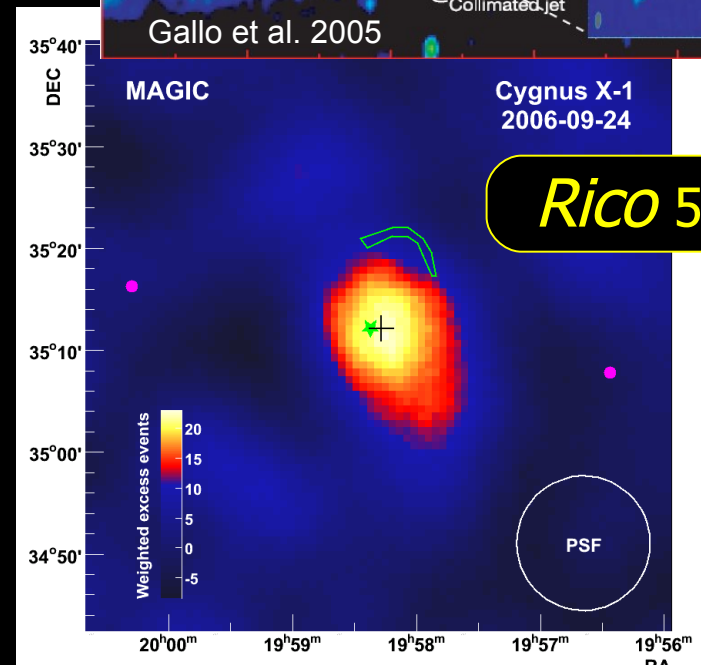
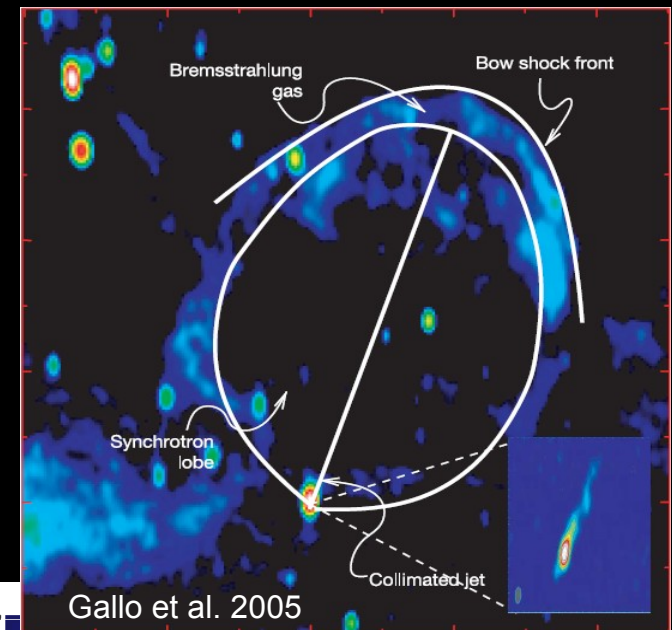
- Strong modulation of flux and spectrum with orbital phase
 - Beautifully measured!
- Maximum is when star lies in front of compact object along the line of sight
- Absorption/ cascading effects?

De Naurois 1305



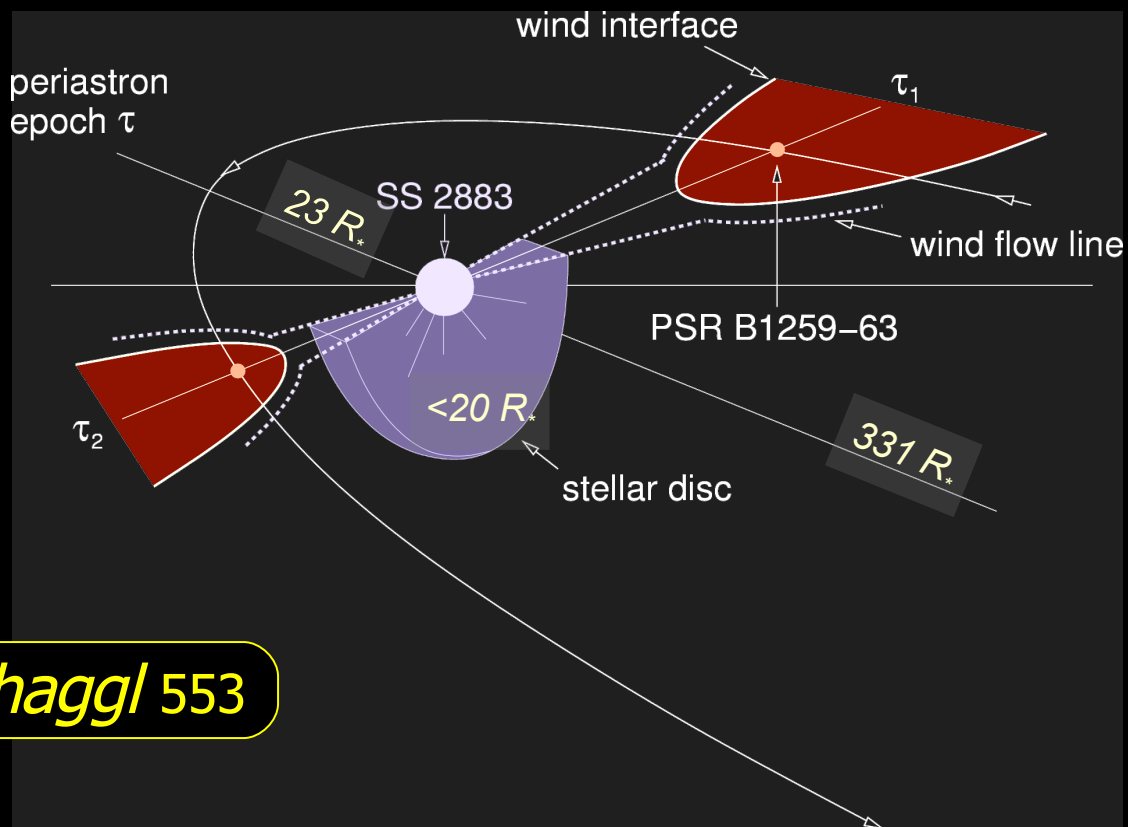
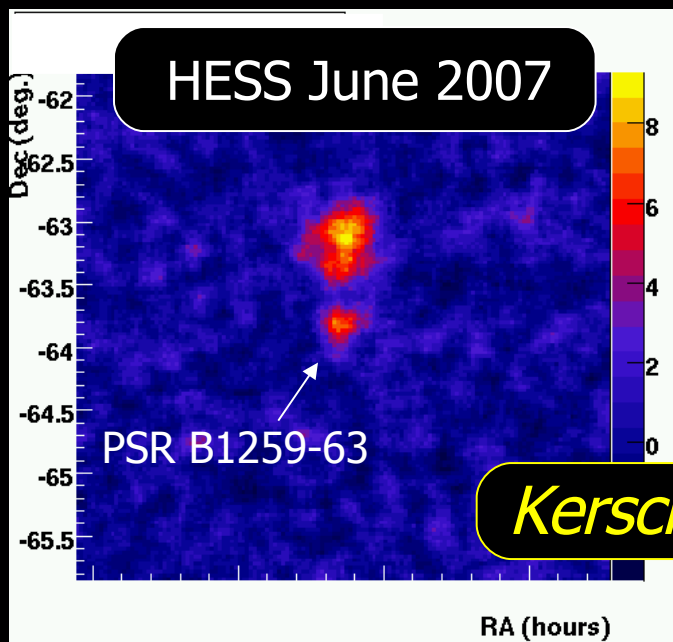
CYGNUS X-1: A VHE EMITTER?

- **Black hole binary**
 $M_{\text{BH}} > 13 M_{\odot}$, $M_{\text{star}} \sim 30 M_{\odot}$
- **Relativistic jet $v > 0.6 c$**
- **40 hours of MAGIC observations**
- **4.9 σ signal seen in one 79 minute time slice**
- **Estimated significance 4.1 σ after correction for statistical trials**
- **Very exciting but not yet firmly established as a VHE source**

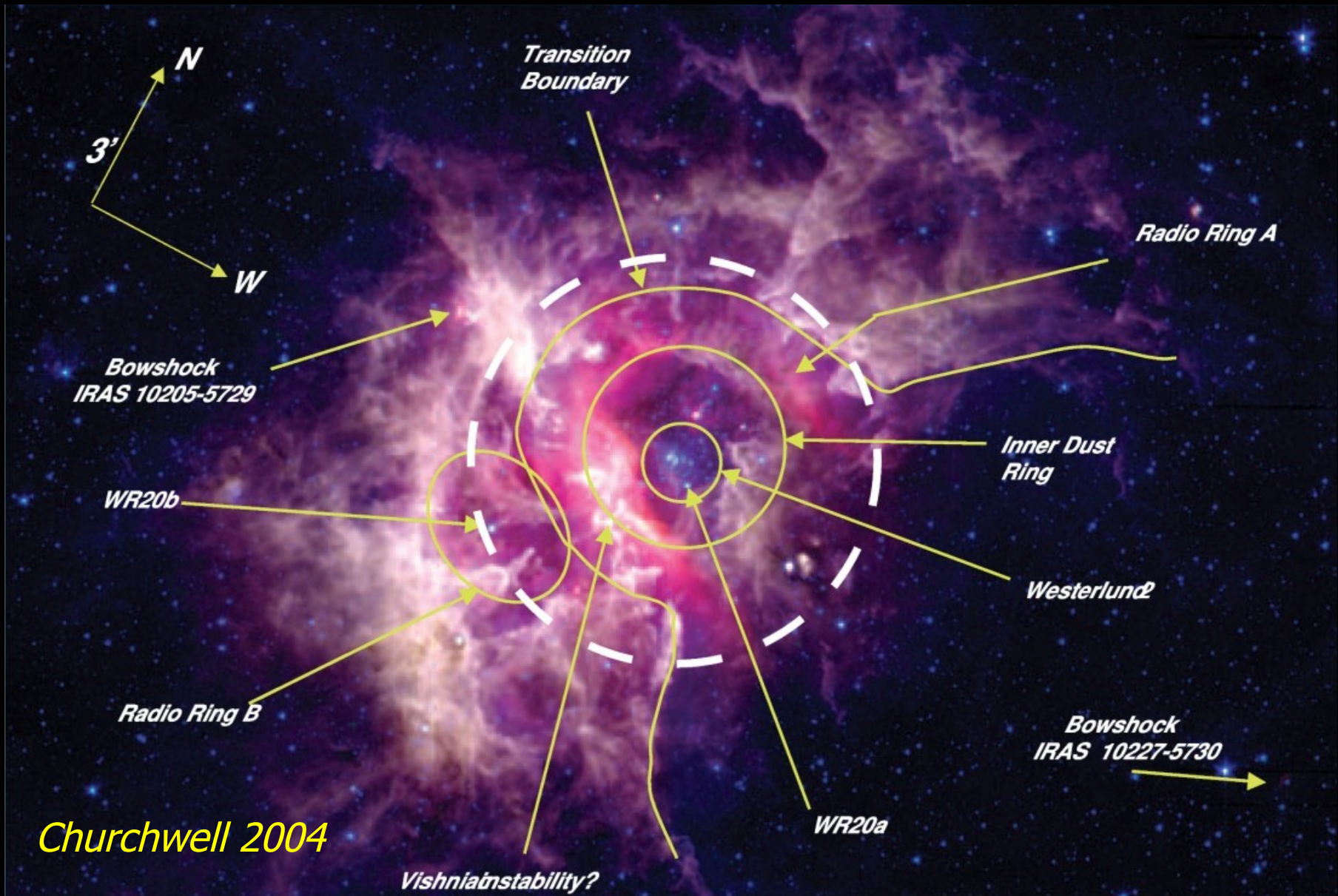


PSR B1259-63 PERIASTRON

- Periastron passage in 16 days! (3.4 year period)
- Extensive MWL campaign
 - HESS – April-August
 - Suzaku - July
 - Chandra - August



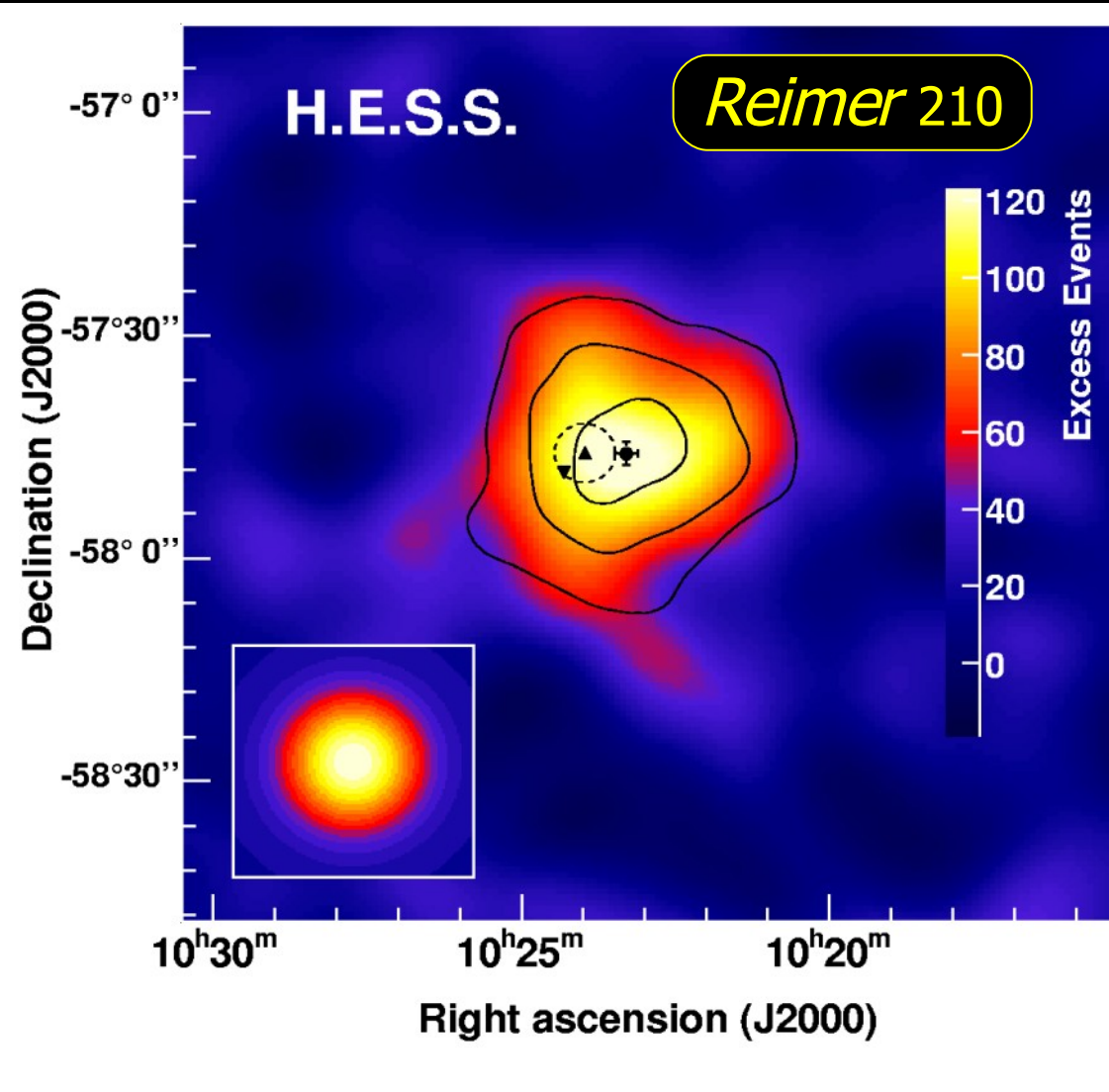
WESTERLUND 2



HESS J1023-575

- Extended gamma-ray emission covering (but offset from) Westerlund 2
- Due to collective effects of stellar winds in the cluster?
- A new source class?
- See also model of

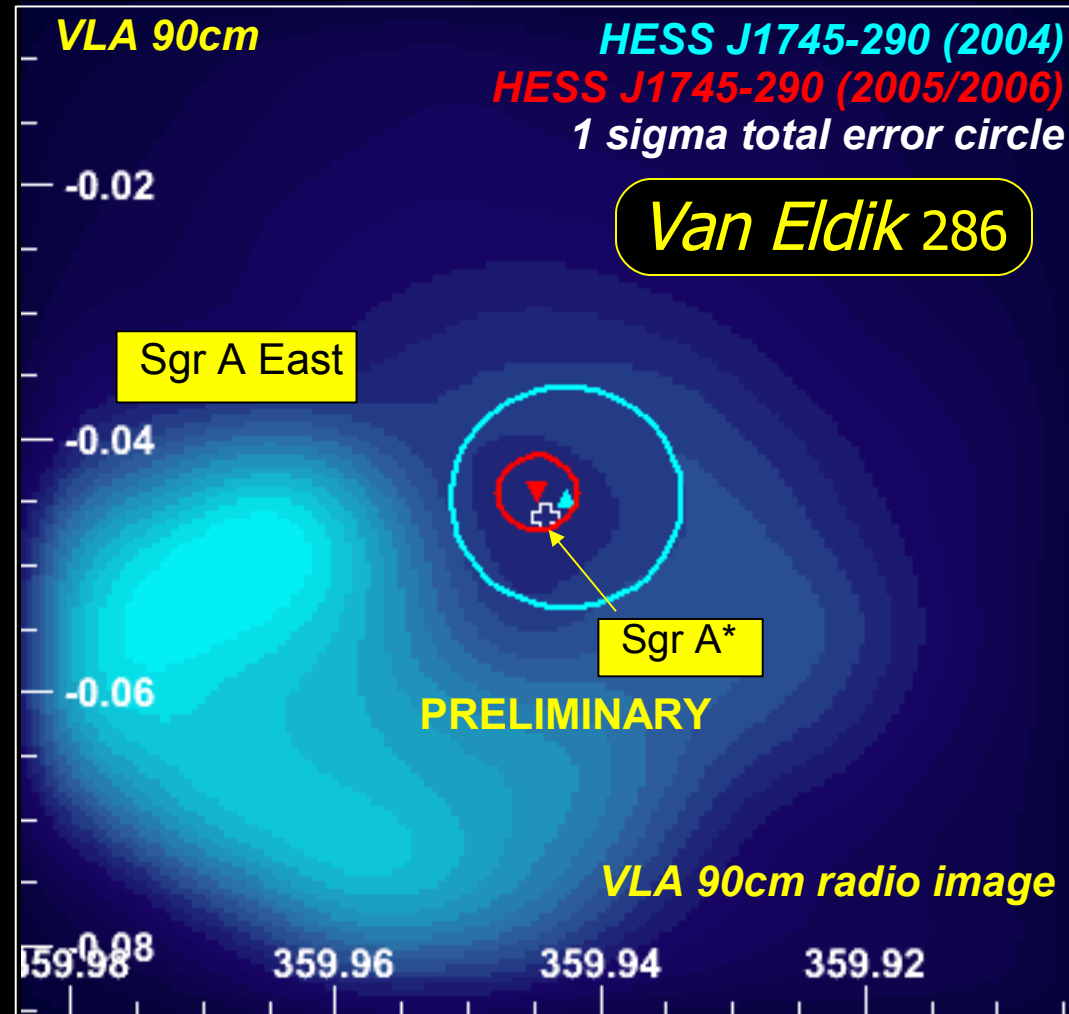
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THE GALACTIC CENTRE

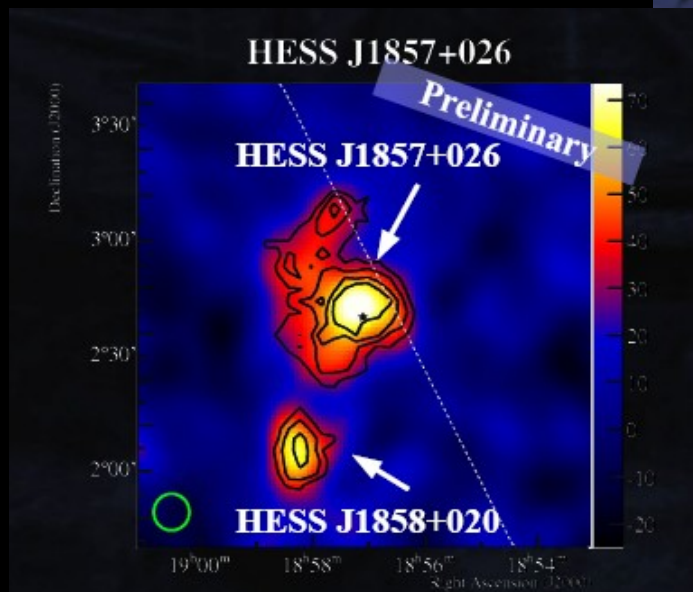
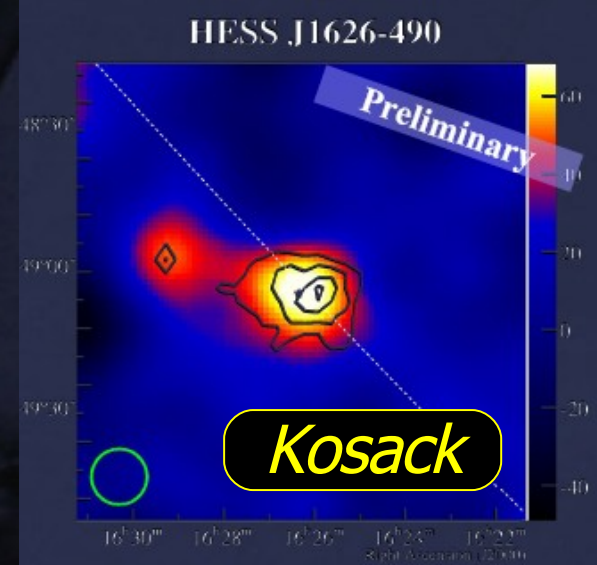
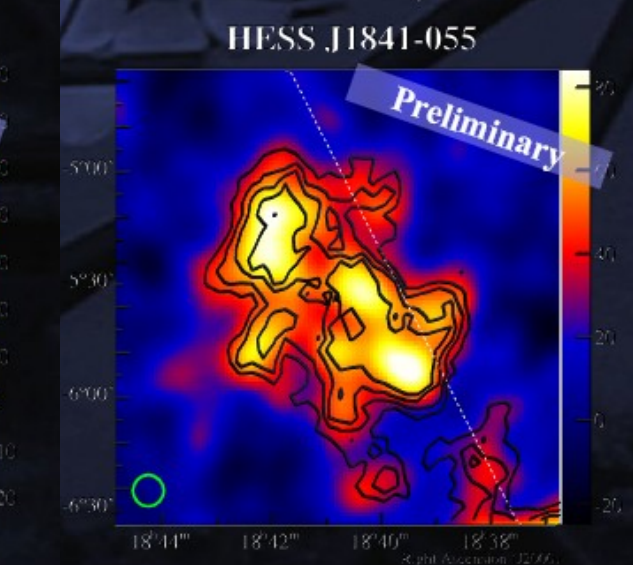
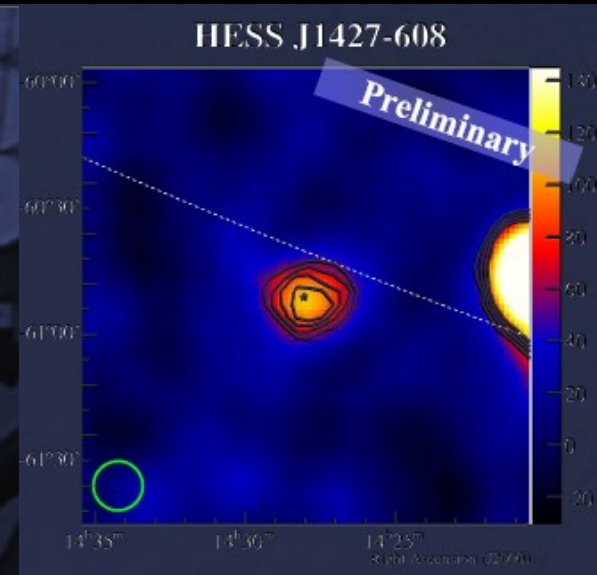
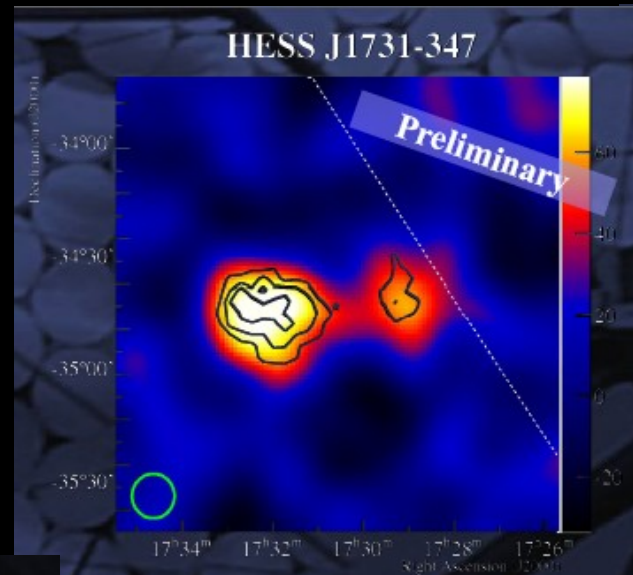
- **Very high precision (6" stat, 6" sys) measurement of GC TeV source location by HESS**
 - Sgr A East excluded as the source
- **Sgr A*?**
 - No increase during X-ray flare
 - No variability or QPO found...

Hinton 463, Vivier 1023



NEW HESS SOURCES WITHOUT COUNTERPART

- 6 new TeV gamma-ray sources
 - none with compelling counterpart
- Relegated to a poster!



MGRO J2019+37

- **MILAGRO**

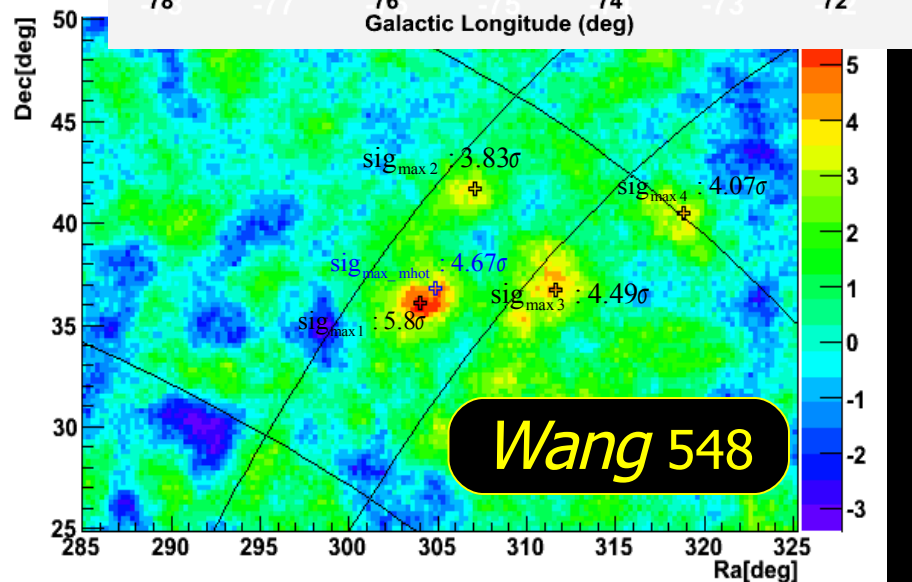
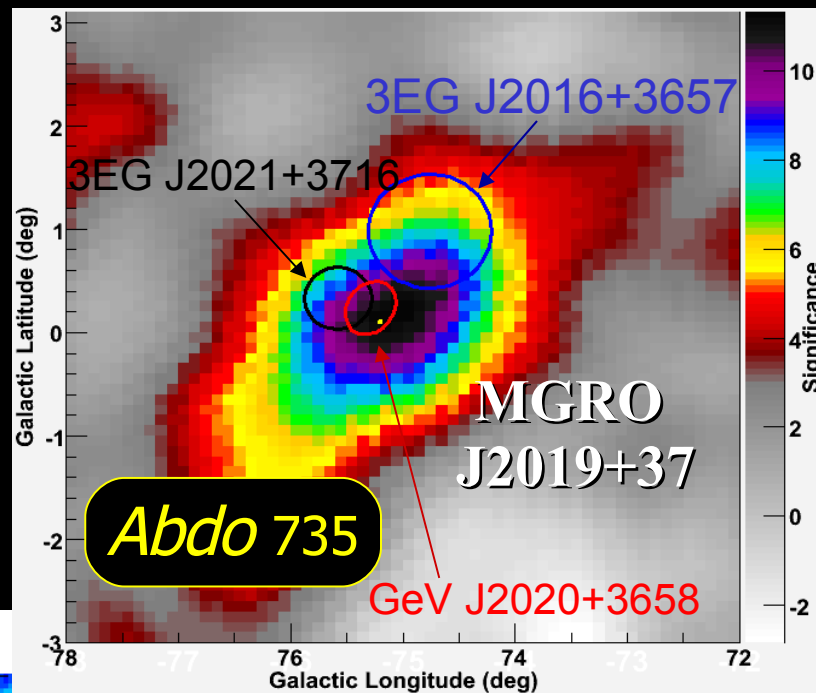
- Bright extended source coincident with GeV source
- $10.4 \sigma \rightarrow 9.3 \sigma$ post-trials

- **Tibet AS γ**

- 5.8σ excess close to MILAGRO position

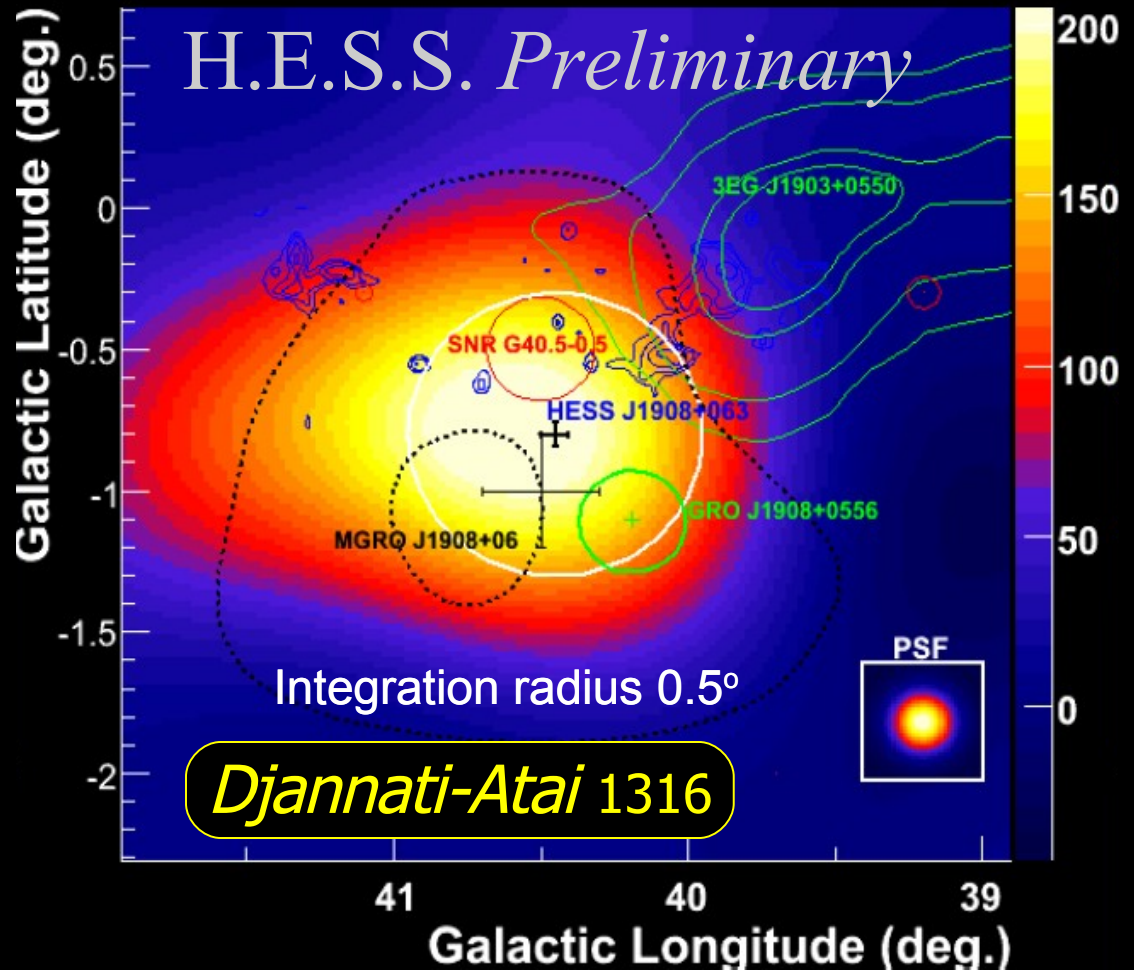
- **Point-source limits from MAGIC + VERITAS**

- No contradiction to MILAGRO flux for hard spec. extended sources

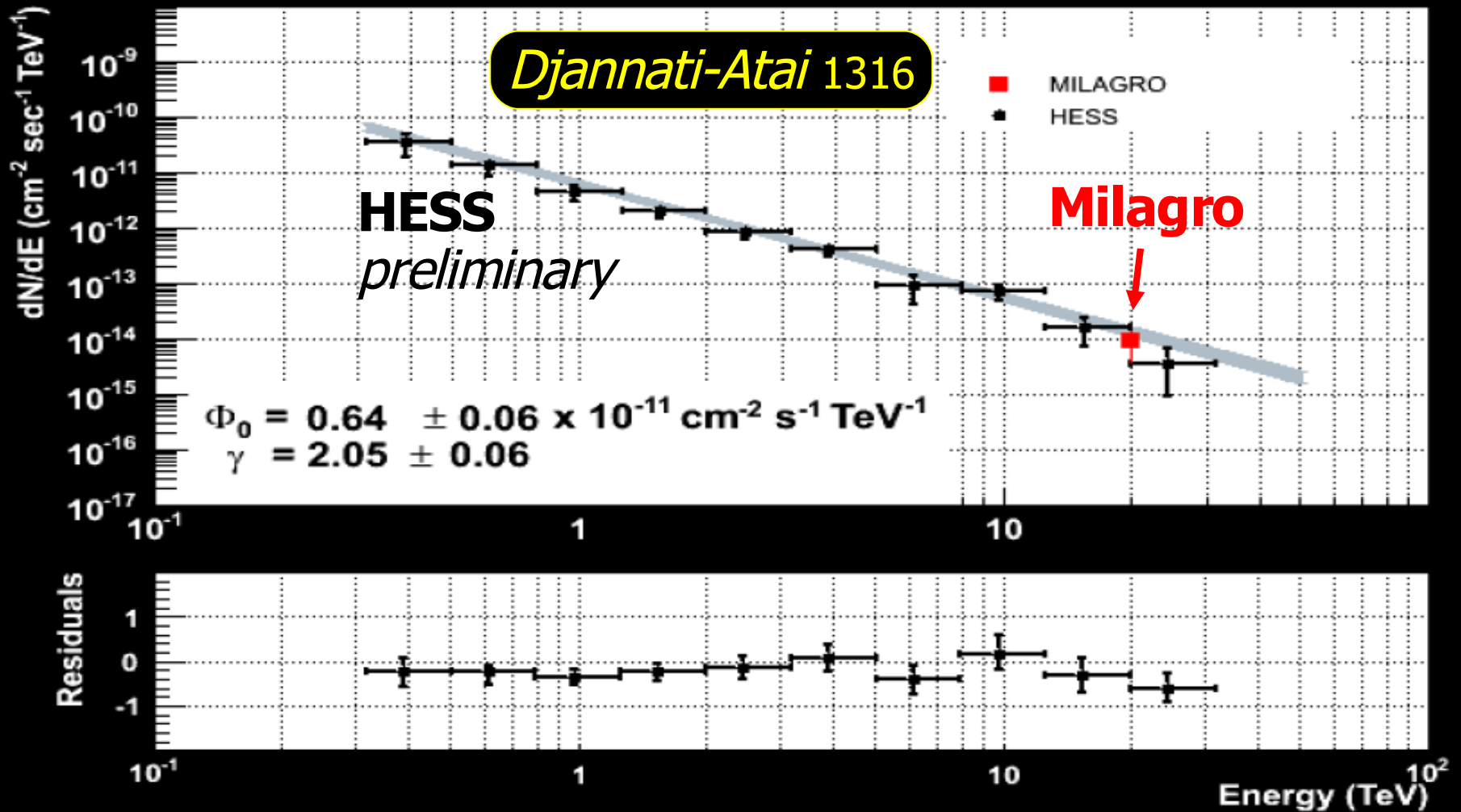


MGRO J1908+06

- **Confirmation of Milagro source by HESS**
 - First confirmed TeV source not detected by an IACT
- **9.4 σ**
- **30% Crab flux > 1 TeV**
- **$E^{-2.05}$ spectrum**
- **$\sigma_{\text{src}} = 0.21^\circ$**



MGRO J1908+06

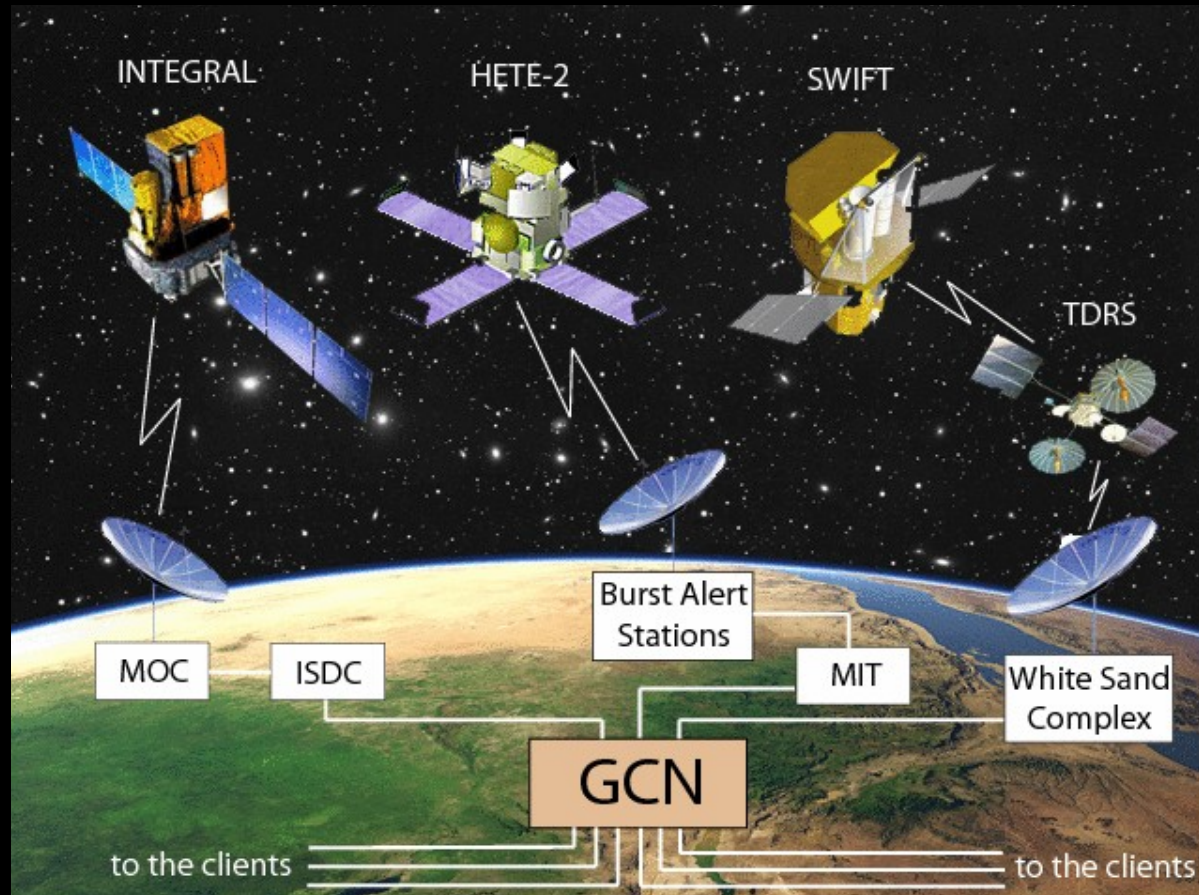


■ Consistent with MILAGRO flux

OG 2.4:
GAMMA-RAY BURSTS

BURST ALERTS

- **Frequent – mostly SWIFT burst alerts provided via GCN**
- **All major IACTs slew rapidly on receiving alerts**



Garczarczyk 566

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

- **Several challenges for VHE GRB observations**
 - **Redshift reach limited by EBL absorption to $\ll 1$**
 - **Roughly one third of GRBs**
 - **Relatively small fraction have measured redshift – without which limits are not meaningful**
 - **IACTS**
 - **Limited duty cycle, small FoV, response time**
 - **Non-Imaging**
 - **Sensitivity (angular resolution, eff. area, threshold)**
- **Many instruments routinely follow GRB triggers**
 - **Whipple, VERITAS, MAGIC, HESS, STACEE,...**
 - **Wide field of view instruments such as Milagro get more bursts with zero delay – but worse sensitivity**
 - **Several years of follow-up observations...**

EXPERIMENTAL WORK: UPPER LIMITS

- **MAGIC**

- 42 second mean repositioning time
- 23 follow-ups of GRBs (8.3% duty cycle)
- GRB050713a, 40 second response, but no z known

Garczarczyk 566

- **VERITAS + Whipple**

- Ongoing program. 3 GRBs obs. with VERITAS so far

Horan 406

- **HESS**

- 17 follow-ups
- 1 prompt GRB obs: GRB060602b !

Tam 466

Tam 464

- **STACEE**

- **MILAGRO**

- VHE band and 1-100 GeV

- **ARGO YBJ**

- **Auger + LAGO + IceCube**

Jarvis 409

Vasileiou 674, Aune 689

Girolamo 1034

Bertou 1042,175

Kappes 1132

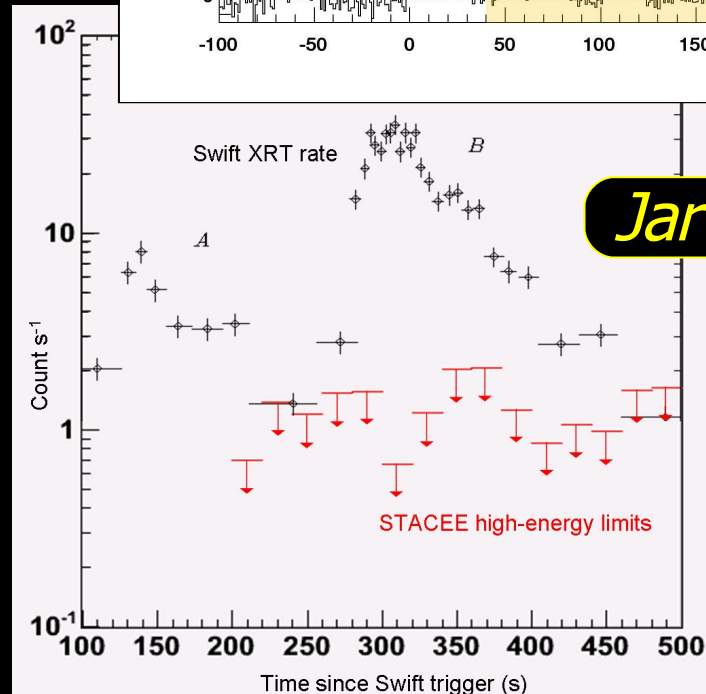
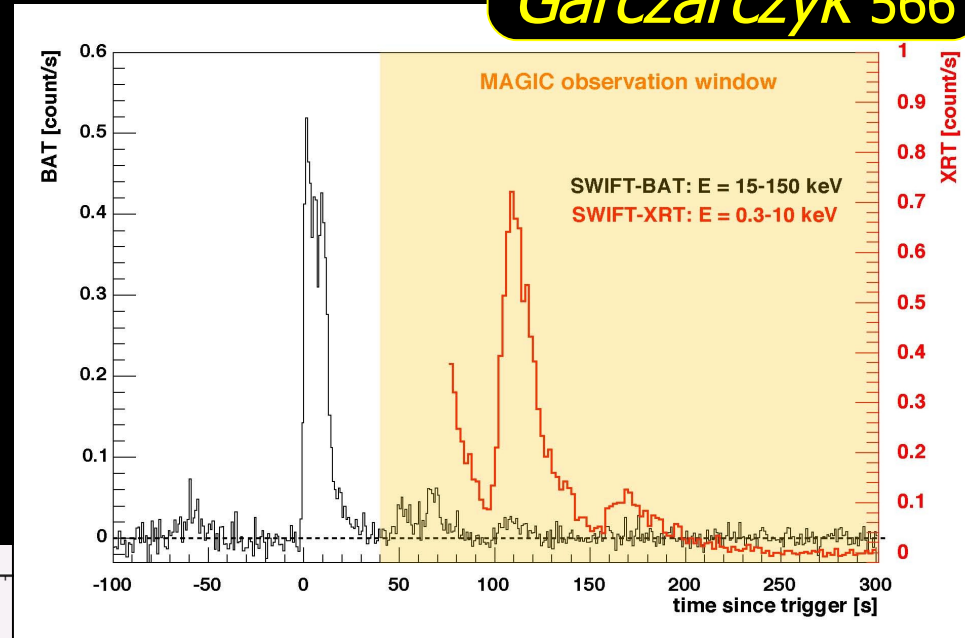
GRB FOLLOW-UP LIMITS

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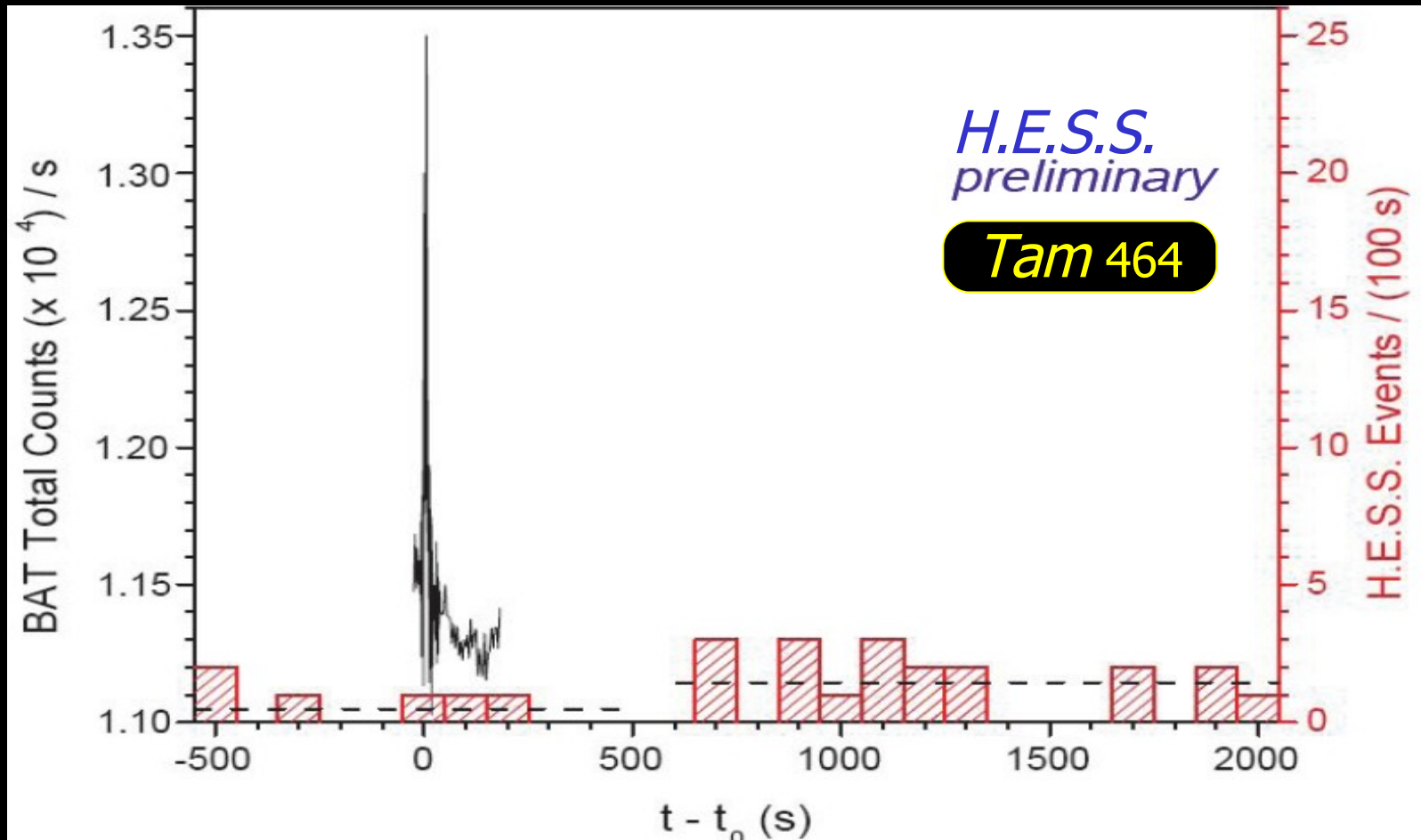
- Observations have taken place during periods of strong X-ray activity, e.g.

- MAGIC
 - GRB 050713a
- STACEE
 - GRB 050607

- But not yet for bursts with known redshift...

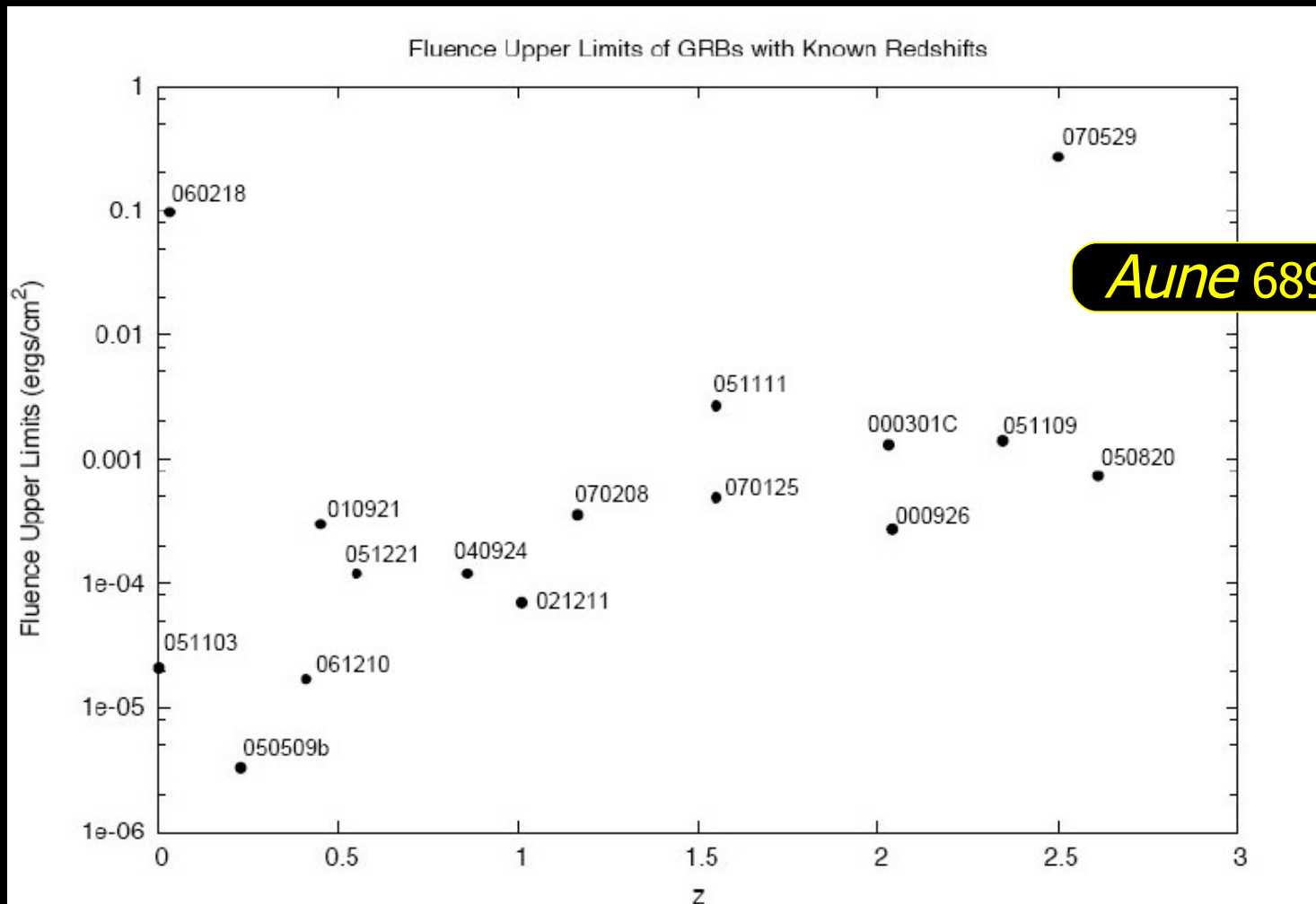


SIMULTANEOUS GRB OBSERVATION



- GRB 060602b – simultaneous observation with HESS by chance (2.5°)!
- But no redshift found – and may have been a galactic X-ray burster

MILAGRO 'SCALER' LIMITS



- Looks as if **bright** 1-100 GeV emission is not common in GRBs

OTHER GRB CONTRIBUTIONS

• Theoretical Work

- Compton dragged supercritical piles
- Synchrotron emission modelling
- Radiation from Internal Shocks in Magnetized Flows
- Opacity build-up

Mastichiadis 1134

Guiriec 1079

Sapountzis 1141

Cohen-Tanugi 1168

• Suzaku WAM Observations

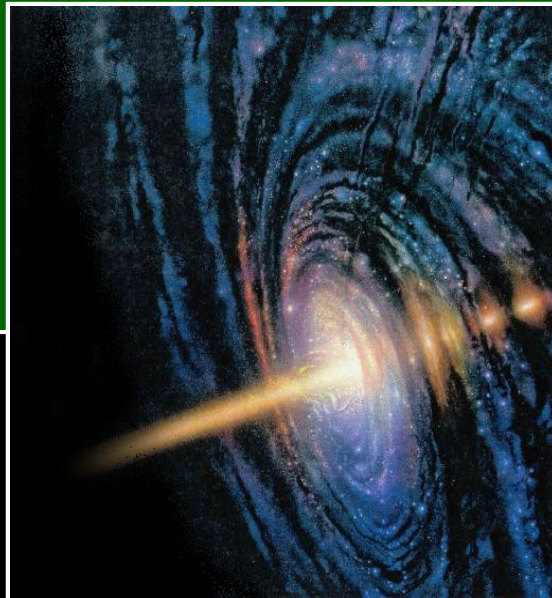
Yamaoka 1010

• Expectations for GLAST GMB/LAT

Piron 1020

- GMB 220 bursts/year
- LAT 40 alerts/year – but only 1/year with sufficient accuracy for IACTs

OG 2.3:
EXTRAGALACTIC SOURCES

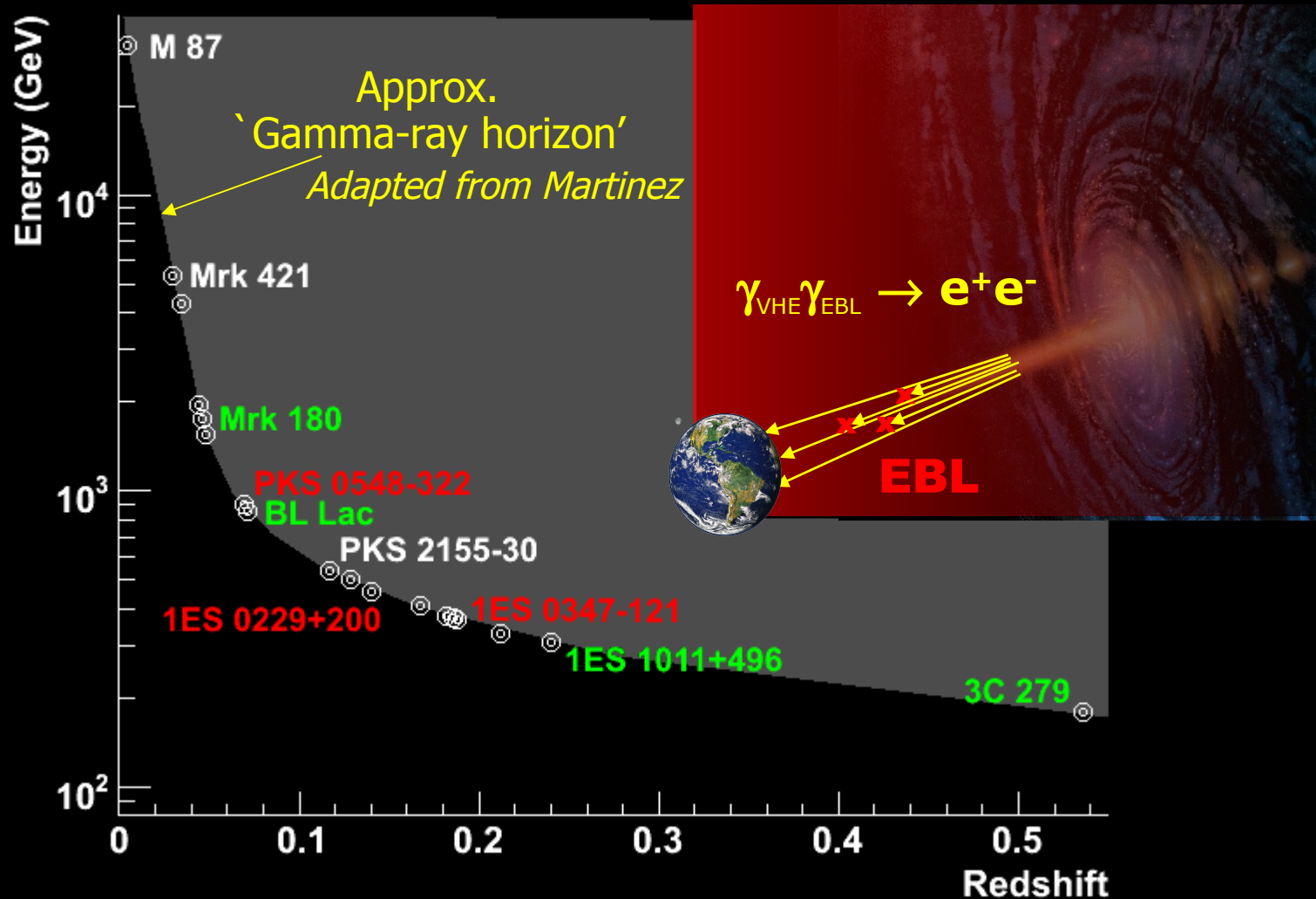


EXTRAGALACTIC VHE GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

Name	Discovered	Year	z	Contributions
M 87	HEGRA	2003	0.004	VERITAS-Colin, HESS-Beilicke, MAGIC-
Mrk 421	Whipple	1992	0.031	MILAGRO-Smith, VERITAS-Fegan, +
Mrk 501	Whipple	1996	0.034	TACTIC-Godambe, MAGIC-Paneque, +
1ES 2344+514	Whipple	1998	0.044	MAGIC-Wagner
→ Mrk 180	MAGIC	2006	0.046	MAGIC-Mazin
1ES 1959+650	TA	2002	0.047	MAGIC-Hayashida
→ BL Lac	MAGIC	2006	0.069	MAGIC-Hayashida
→ PKS 0548-322	HESS	2006	0.069	HESS-Superina
PKS 2005-489	HESS	2005	0.071	HESS-Costamante
PKS 2155-304	Durham	1999	0.116	HESS-Punch, CANGAROO-Sakamoto, +
H 1426+428	Whipple	2002	0.129	VERITAS-Krawczynski
→ 1ES 0229+200	HESS	2007	0.140	HESS-Raue
H 2356-309	HESS	2005	0.165	HESS-Costamante
1ES 1218+304	MAGIC	2005	0.182	MAGIC-Hayashida
1ES 1101-232	HESS	2005	0.186	HESS-Puelhofer
→ 1ES 0347-121	HESS	2007	0.188	HESS-Raue
→ 1ES 1011+496	MAGIC	2007	0.212	MAGIC-Mazin
→ PG 1553+113	HESS/MAGIC	2005	?	MAGIC-Wagner, HESS-Benbow
→ 3C 279	MAGIC	2007	0.536	MAGIC-Teshima

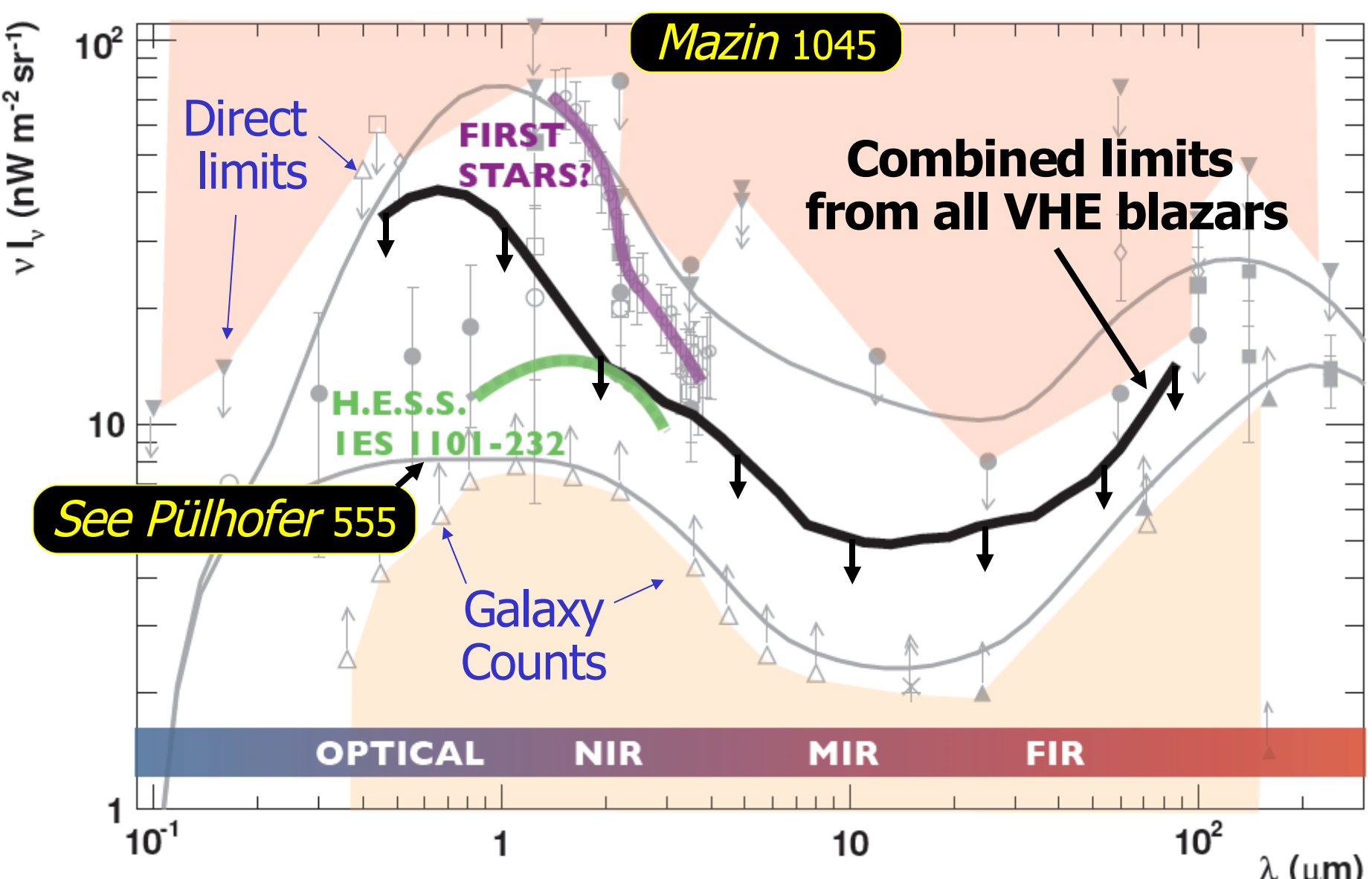
8 new AGN

EXTRAGALACTIC BACKGROUND ABSORPTION

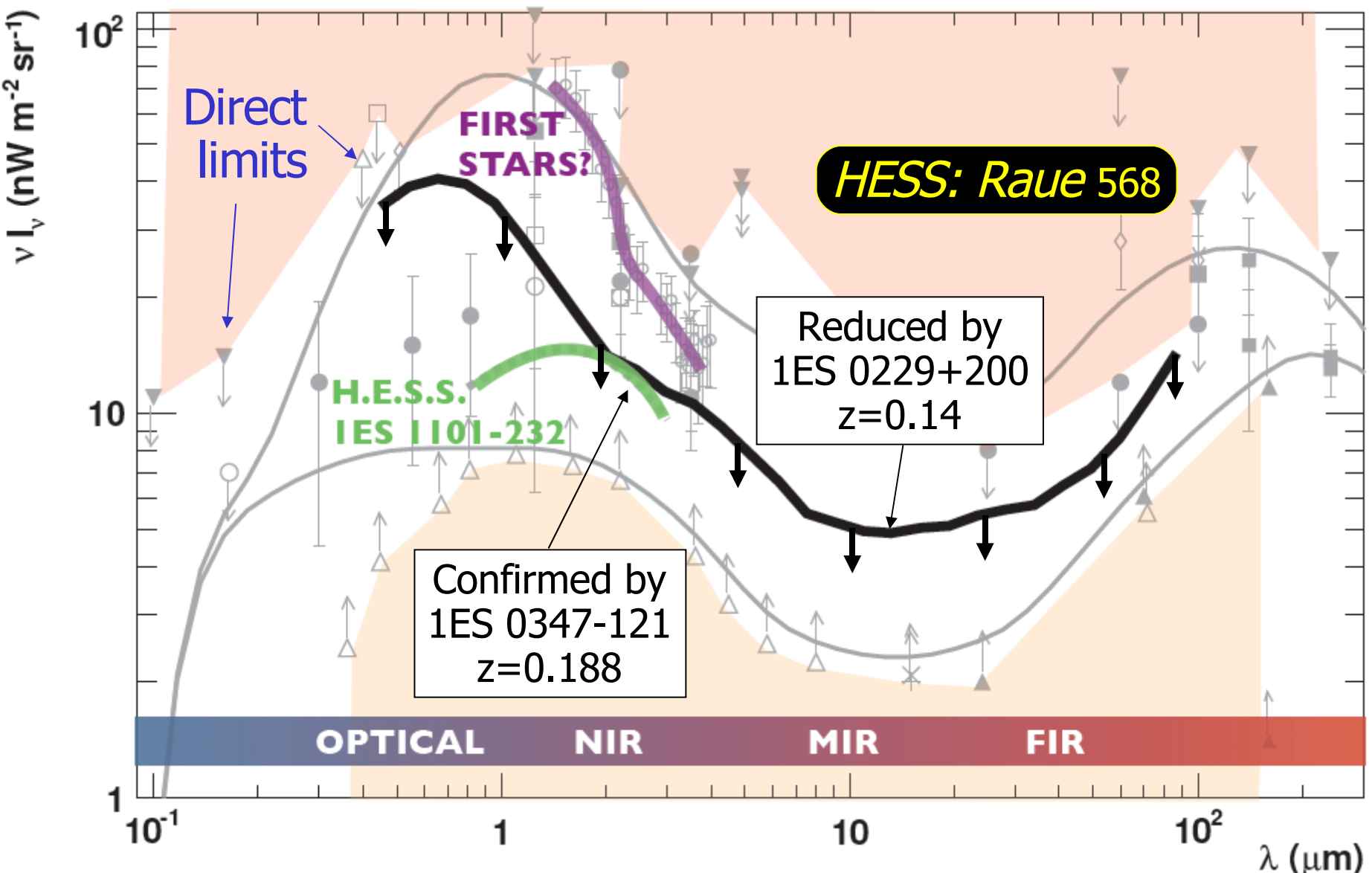


- **100 GeV threshold implies $z < 1$ (but need very luminous sources!)**

EBL LIMITS FROM VHE SPECTRA



EBL LIMITS FROM VHE SPECTRA



THEORETICAL WORK

- **Blazars**
 - time variability
 - Effects of expansion
- **EBL**
 - A unique absorption signature?
 - Combined limits
- **Galaxy Clusters**
 - Giant AGN outbursts
- **Globular clusters**

Milovanovic 304

Pohl 682

Imran 683

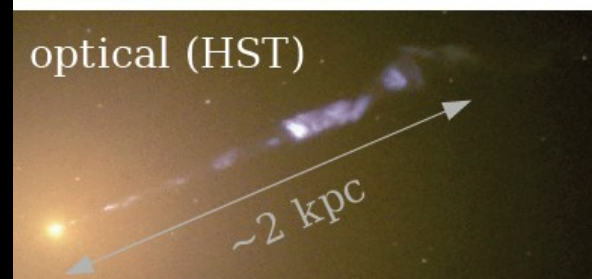
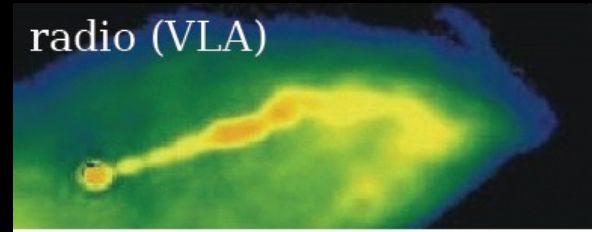
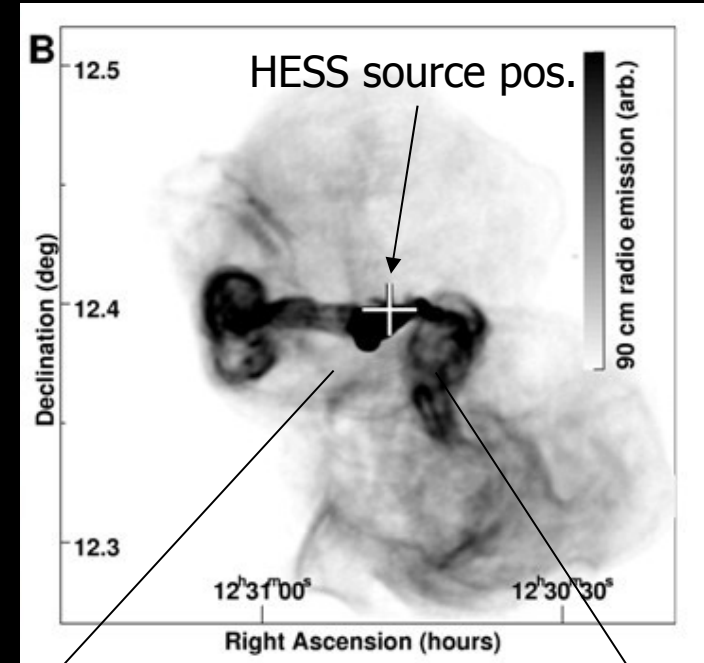
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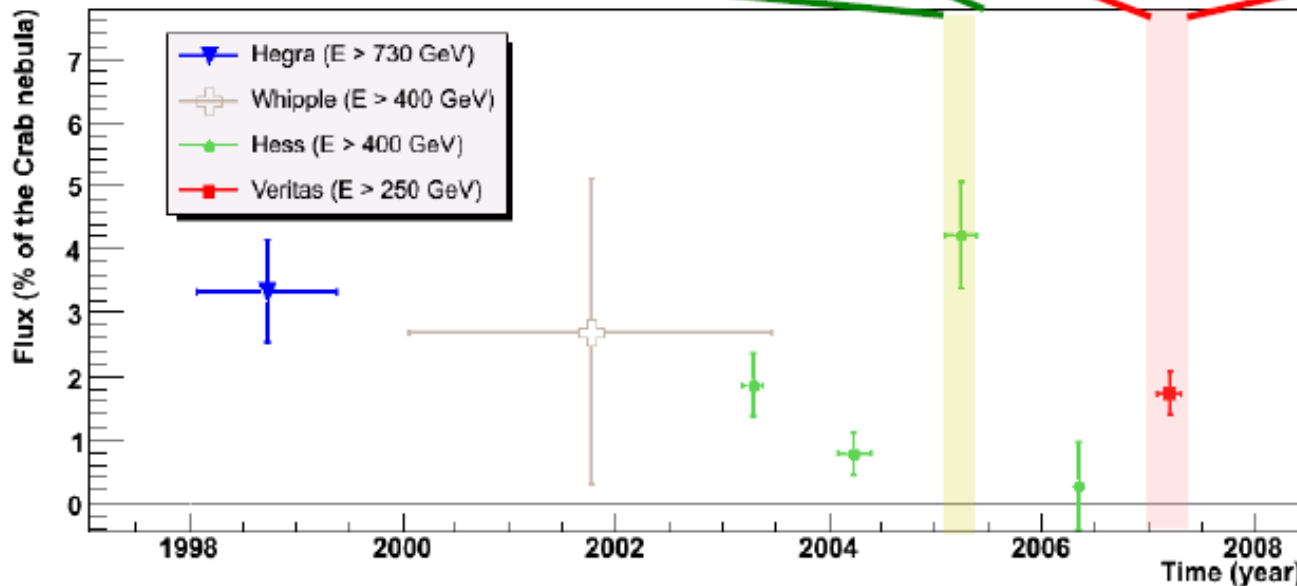
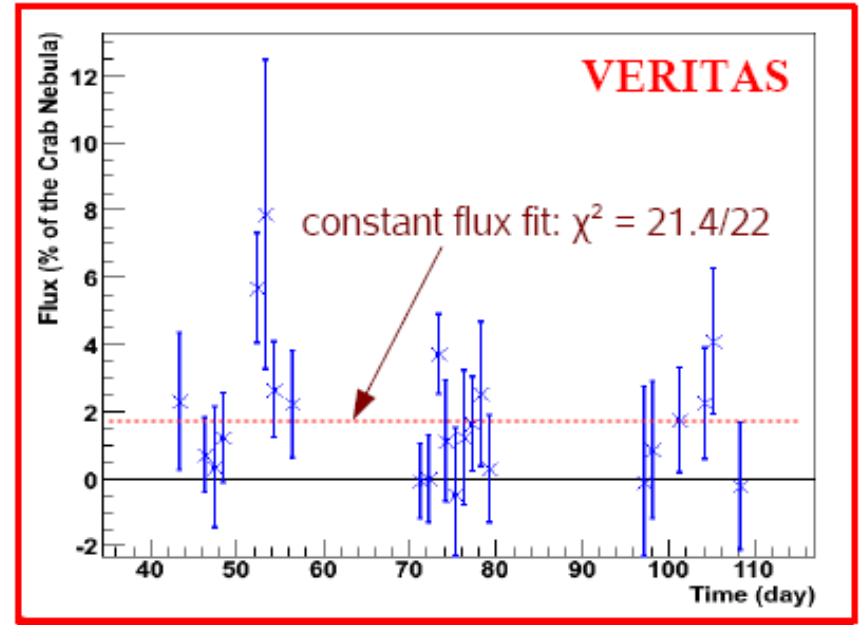
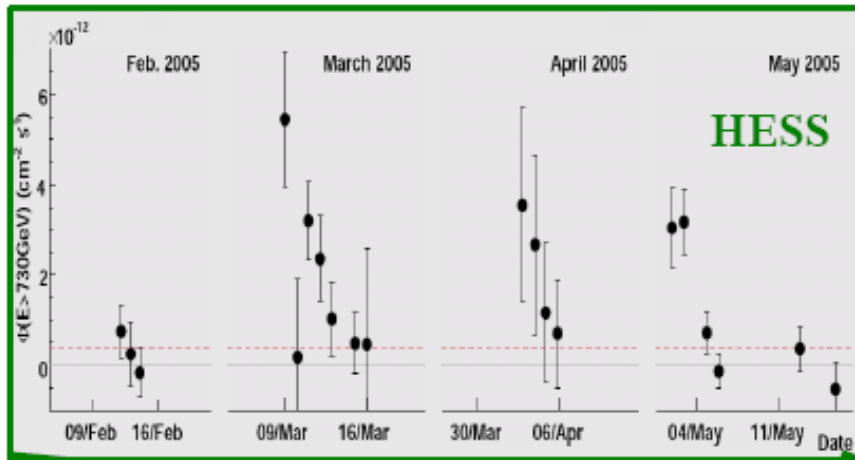
Bednarek 26

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS: M 87

- **Famous nearby radio galaxy**
 - 16 Mpc, Jet angle $\sim 30^\circ$
- **HESS 2 day variability**
 - Emission region *Beilicke 499*
 $< 5 \delta R_s$
- **VERITAS 5.1 σ** *Colin 756*
 - Observations in 2007
- **Emission site?**
 - Knot HST1?
 - Very close to SMBH?
- **Mechanism?**
 - Hard spectrum $\Gamma = 2.2$ is a challenge for 'standard' models



TeV Variability of M87

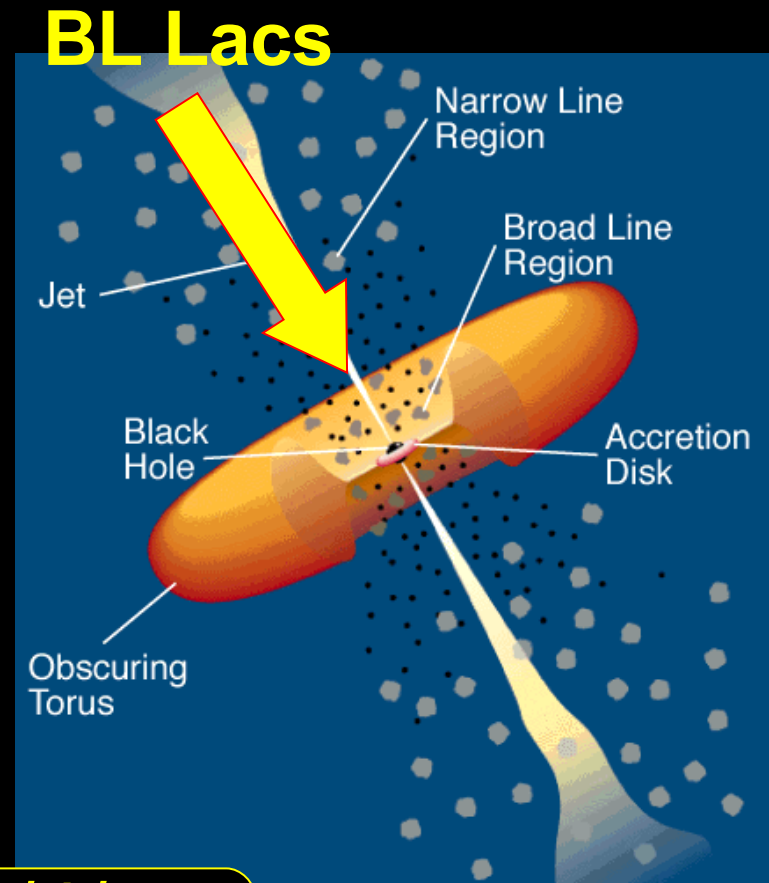
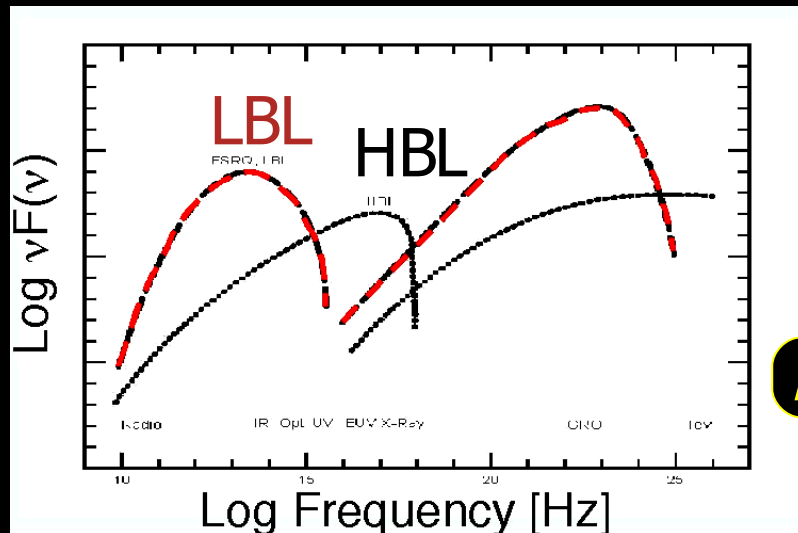


Colin 756

Prime candidate for coordinated VERITAS/HESS/MAGIC + MWL observations in the future

BL LACS

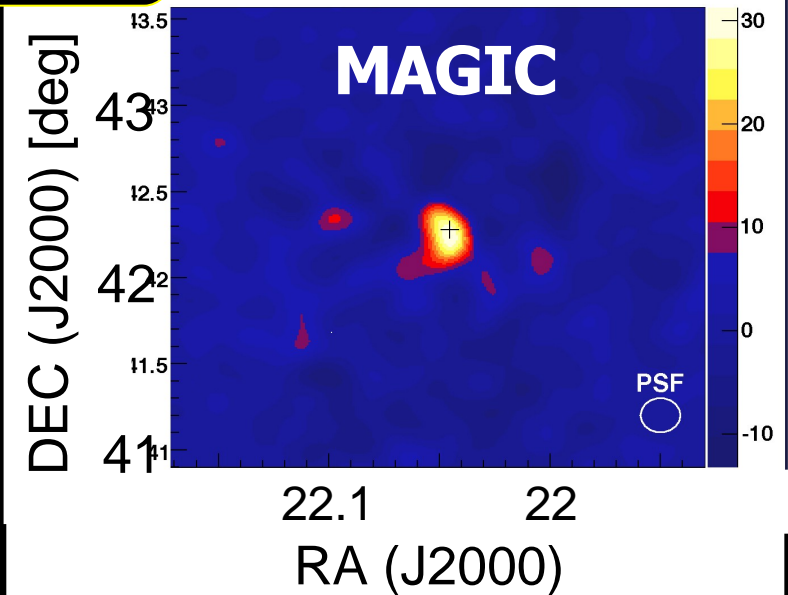
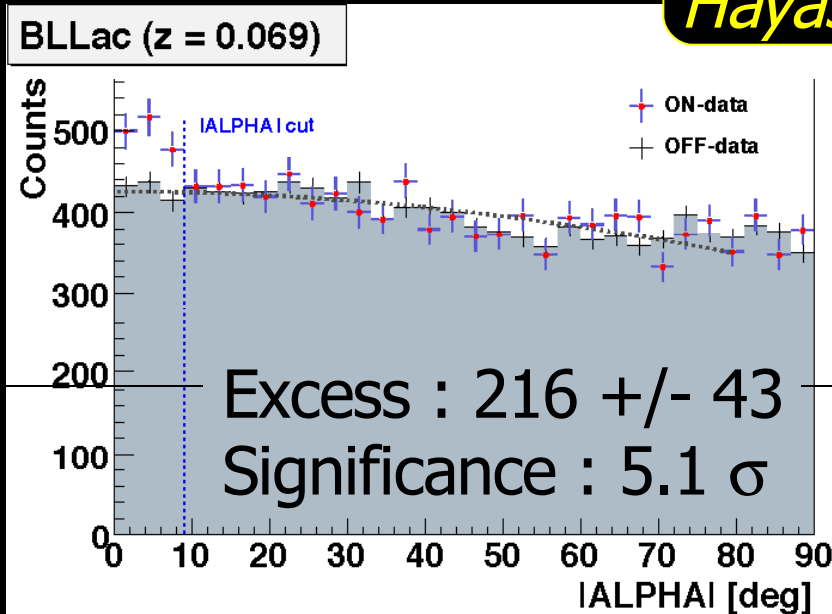
- **Jets aligned very close to line of sight**
 - **Beaming allows us to see very distant objects with modest sensitivity**
- **Characteristic double peaked spectrum**



Hayashida 946

BL LAC

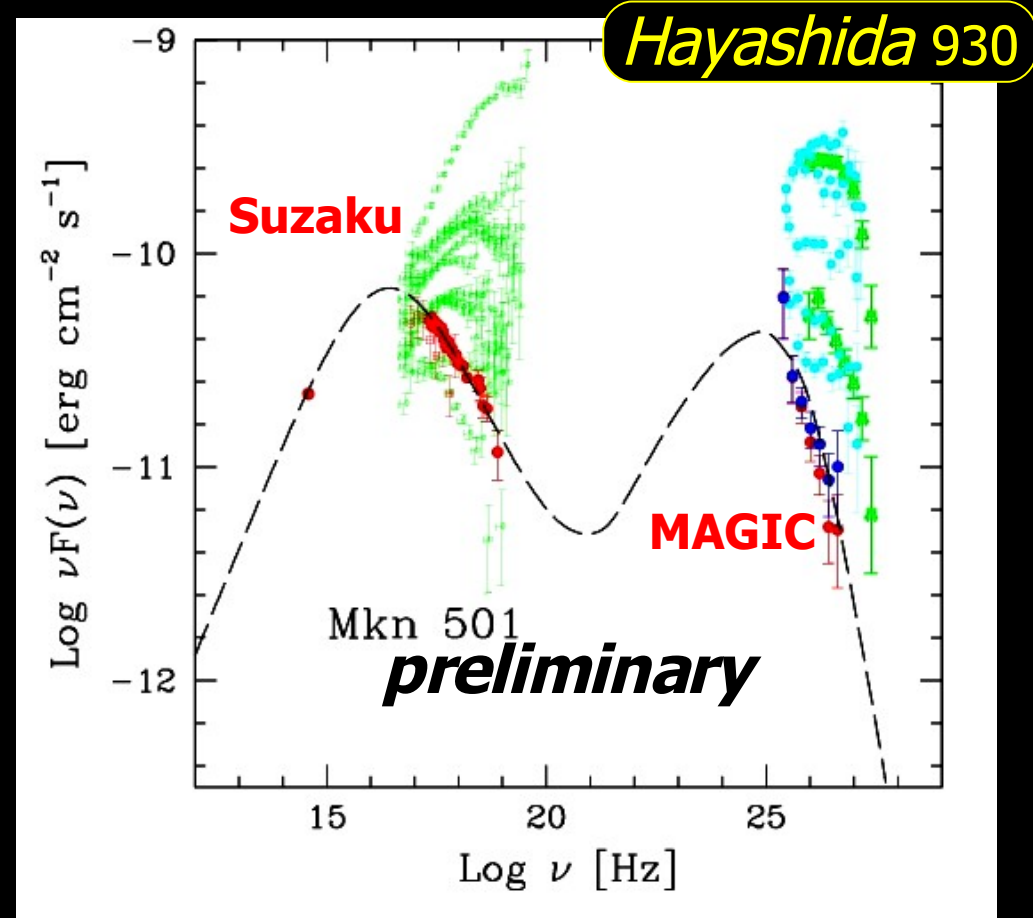
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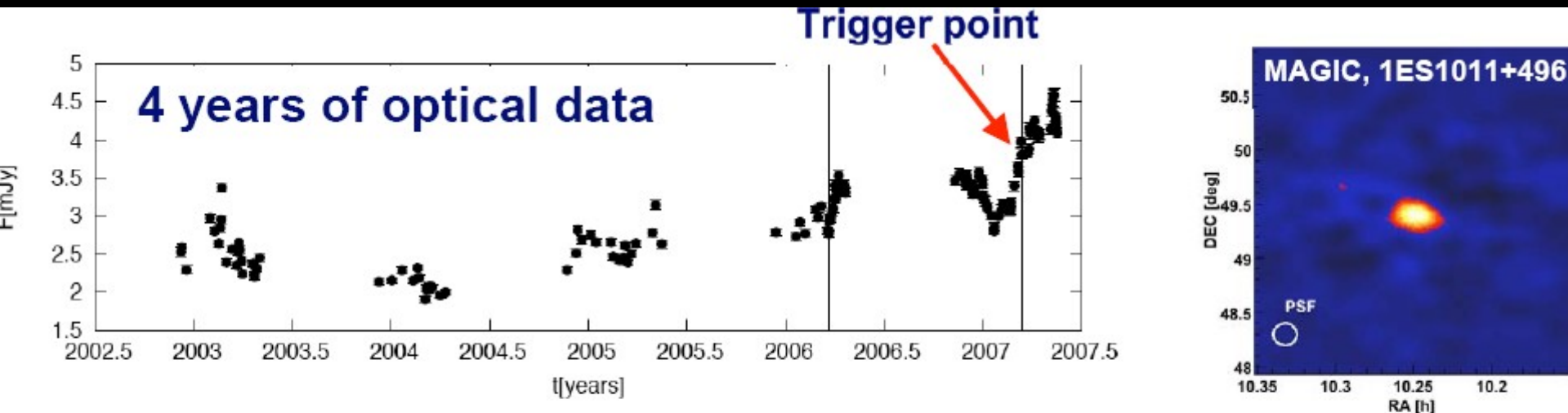
- **First Low energy peaked BL Lac observed at VHE energies**
 - **Steep ($\Gamma = -3.6 \pm 0.5$), not due to absorption – intrinsic low energy peaked source**
 - **There will be many more if we reach lower sensitivity!**

MULTIWAVELENGTH ACTIVITY

- Several campaigns with optical, keV & TeV on were presented
- A wealth of detail for modelers
- Synchrotron self compton models still seem able to explain most HBL observations



OPTICAL TRIGGERS → NEW BLAZARS

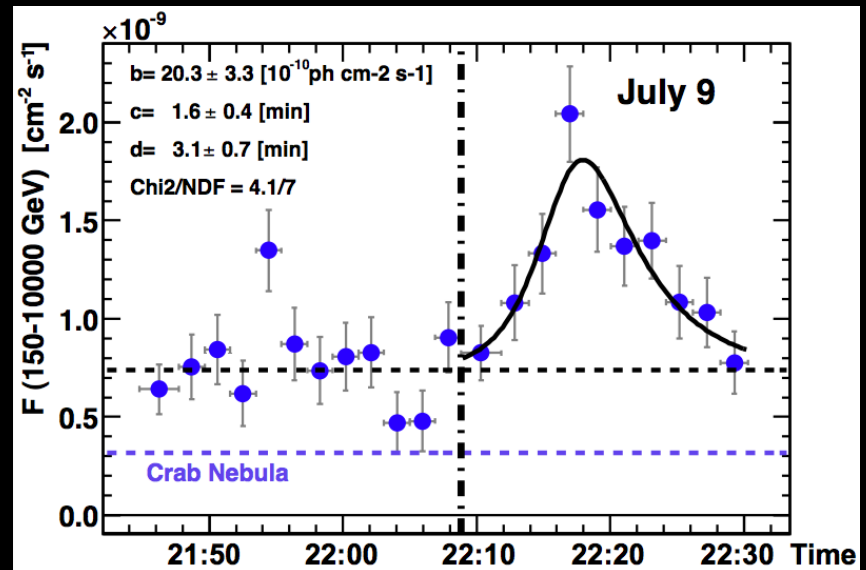
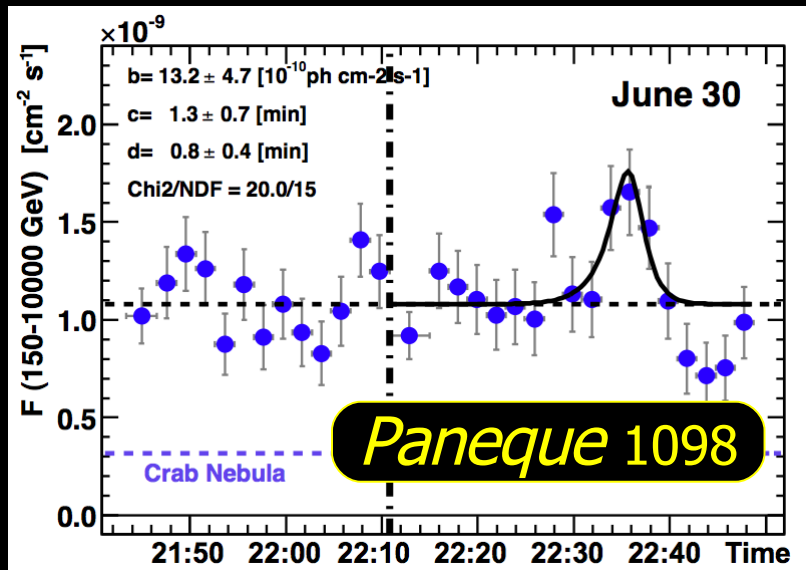


Optical trigger: MAGIC observations in March-May 2007, 18.7h of data, **clear signal (6.2σ): discovery!** ApJL submitted, arXiv:0706.4435

Mazin 936

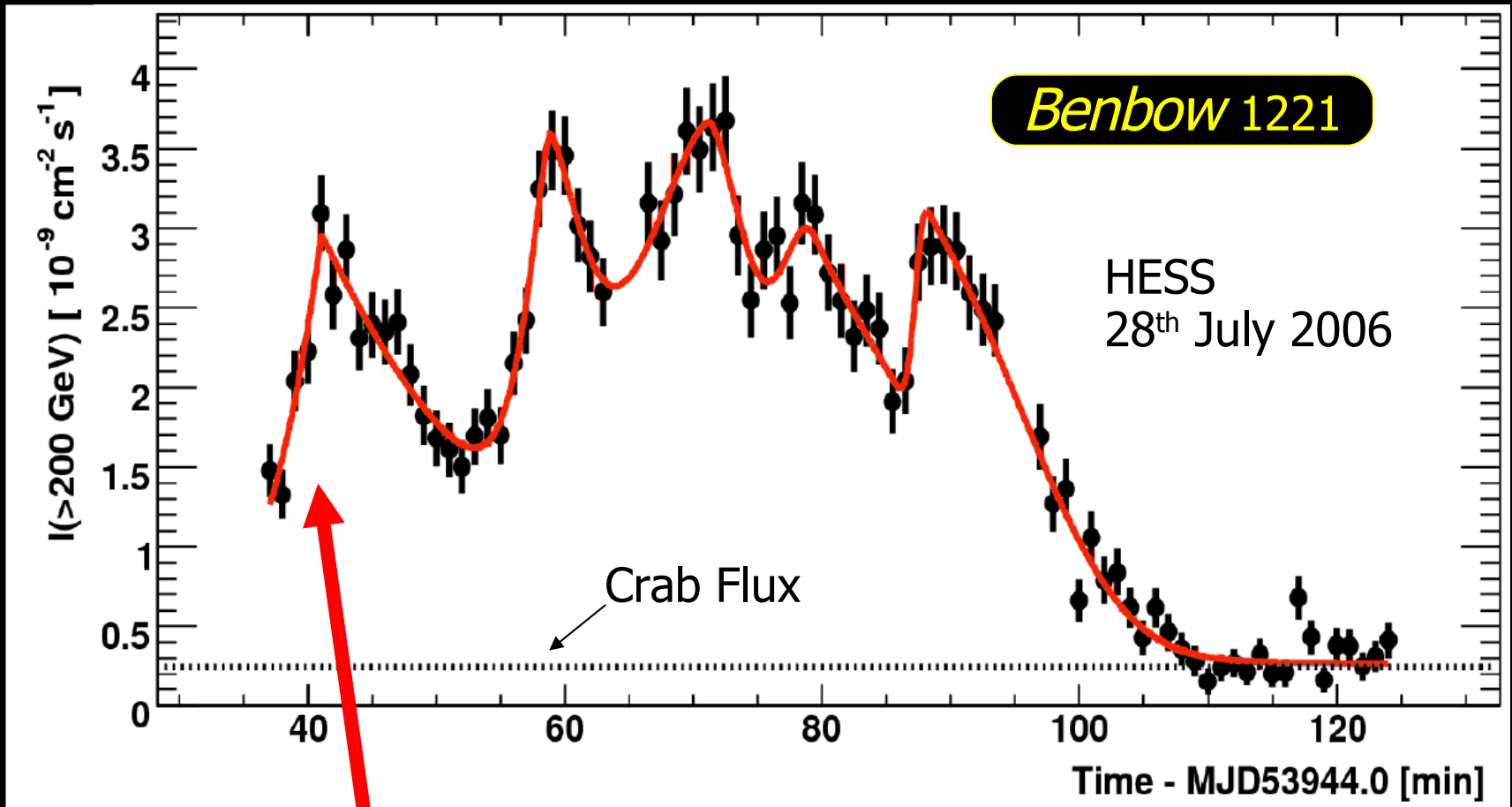
- **Mrk 180** and **1ES1011+496** ($z=0.212!$) discovered at VHE energies by MAGIC following optical triggers
- Optical monitoring of AGN much easier than X-ray, if a connection exists (even on \sim month timescales) then the efficiency of TeV blazar observations can be considerably improved

MRK 501 FLARES



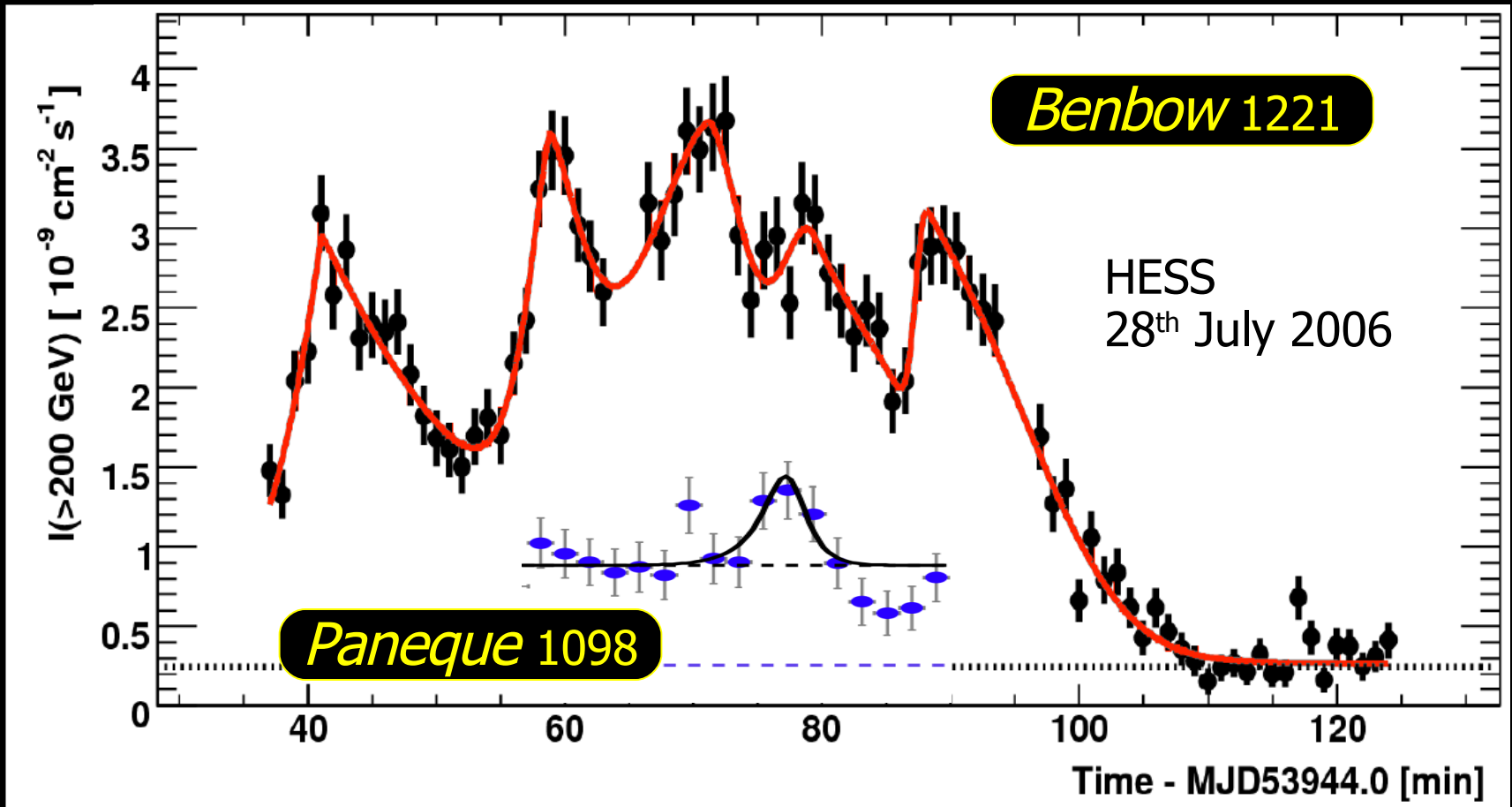
- June 30th flare has ~ 3 minute variability (but is not so strong statistically), July 9th better measured but slower
- First big flare seen by a third generation Cherenkov instrument
- **But...**

HUGE FLARE FROM PKS 2155-304



- Best measured risetime: $173 \pm 28 \text{ s}$
- Two orders of magnitude brighter than typical state

HUGE FLARE FROM PKS 2155-304



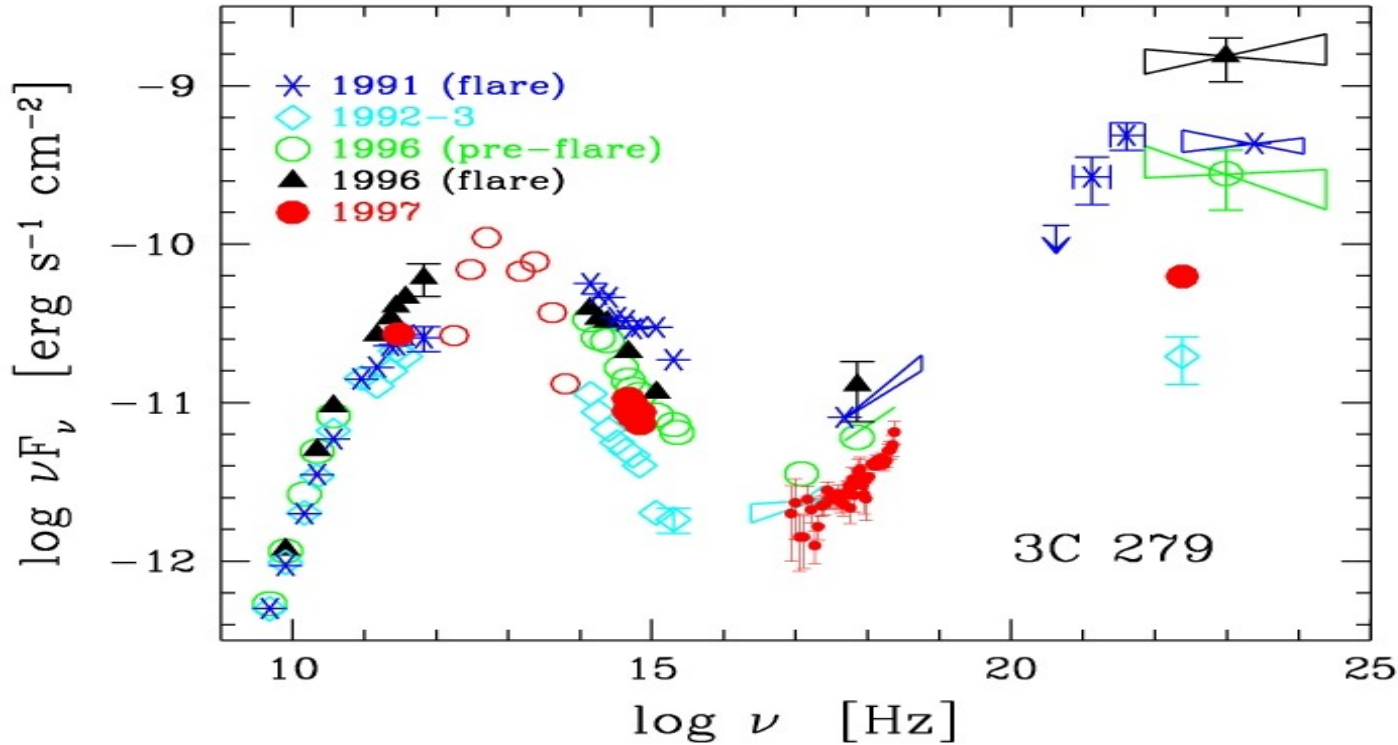
- Comparison of Mrk 501 (MAGIC) and PKS 2155-304 (HESS) flares

3C 279

Teshima

Wehrle et al. 1998

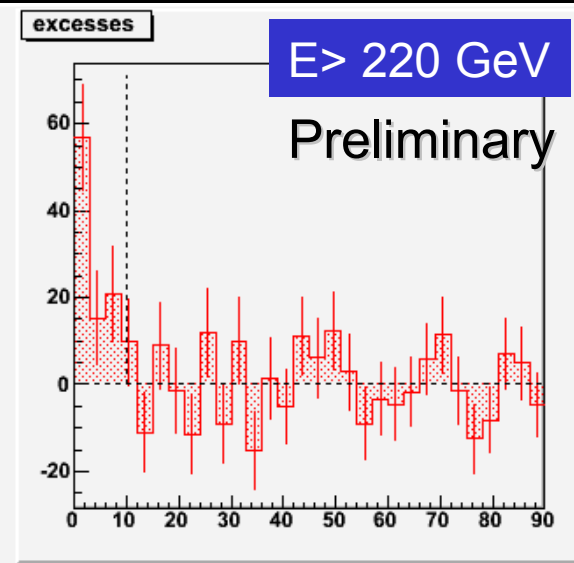
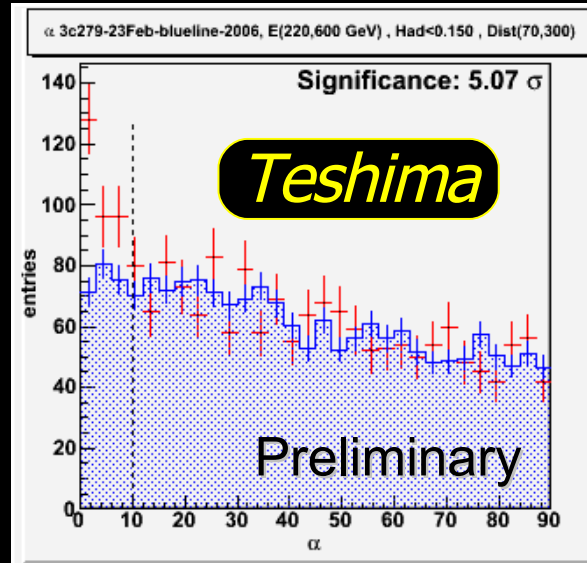
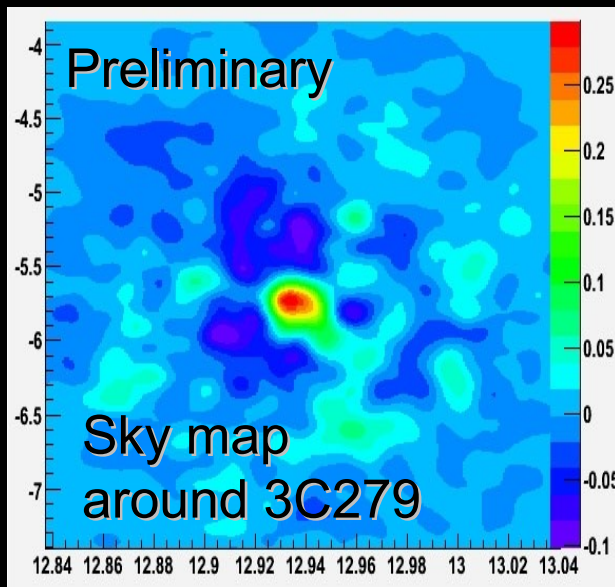
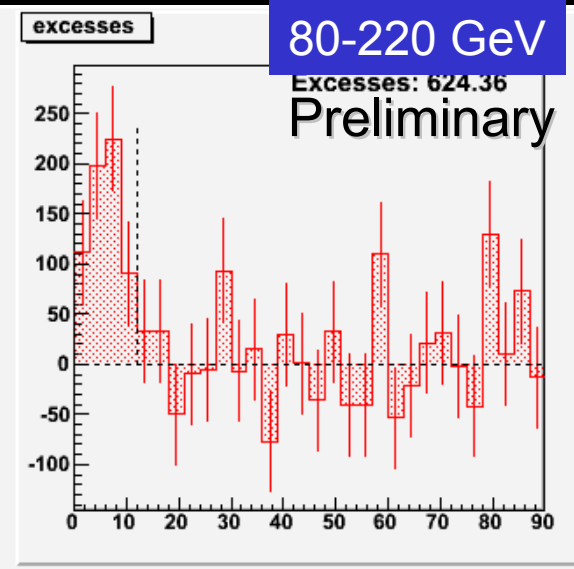
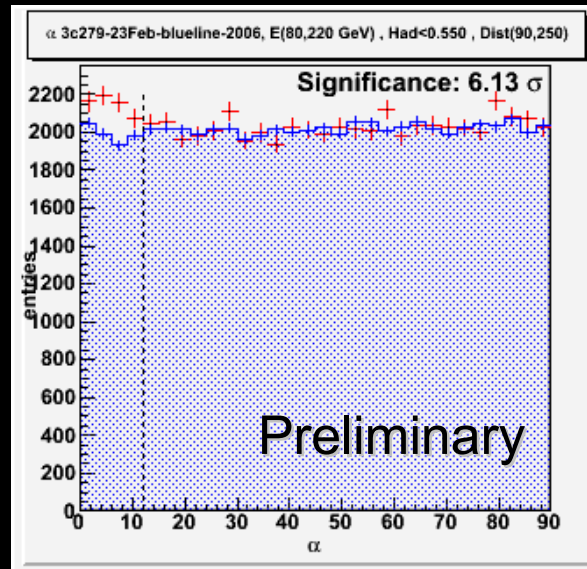
GeV



- **Brightest EGRET AGN, Flat Spectrum Radio Quasar**
- **Redshift of 0.538**

3C 279: ONE NIGHT, 23RD FEB 2006

- **6.1 σ in low Energy band**
 - Post-trails?
- **5.1 σ >220 GeV**
 - Surprising!



UPPER LIMITS ON OTHER OBJECT CLASSES

- **Starburst galaxies**

- HESS: NGC 253 & M 83

Nedbal 468

- **Galaxy clusters**

- CANGAROO-III

Abell 3667 & Abell 4038

Kiuchi 428

- HESS

Abell 496 & Coma

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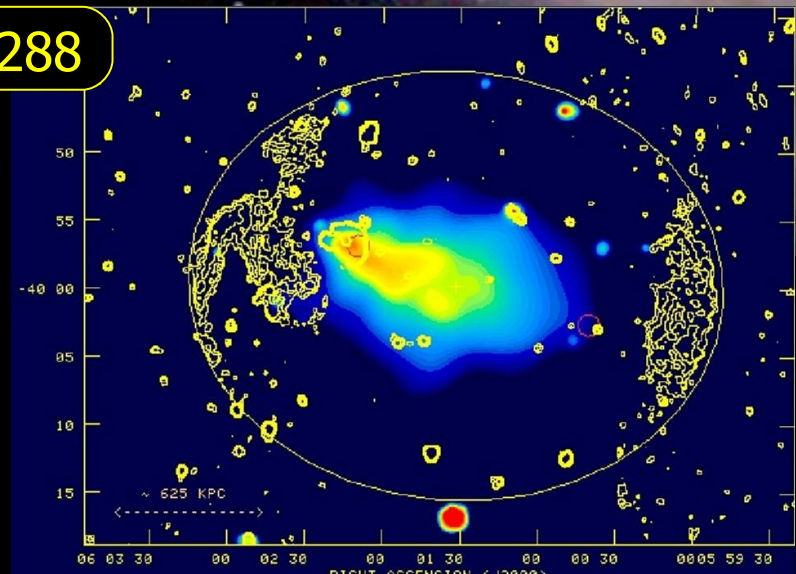
- **Ultra luminous IR galaxies**

- MAGIC Arp 220

Vitale 1288

- ***Non-beamed extragalactic objects may be too dim for current TeV instruments***

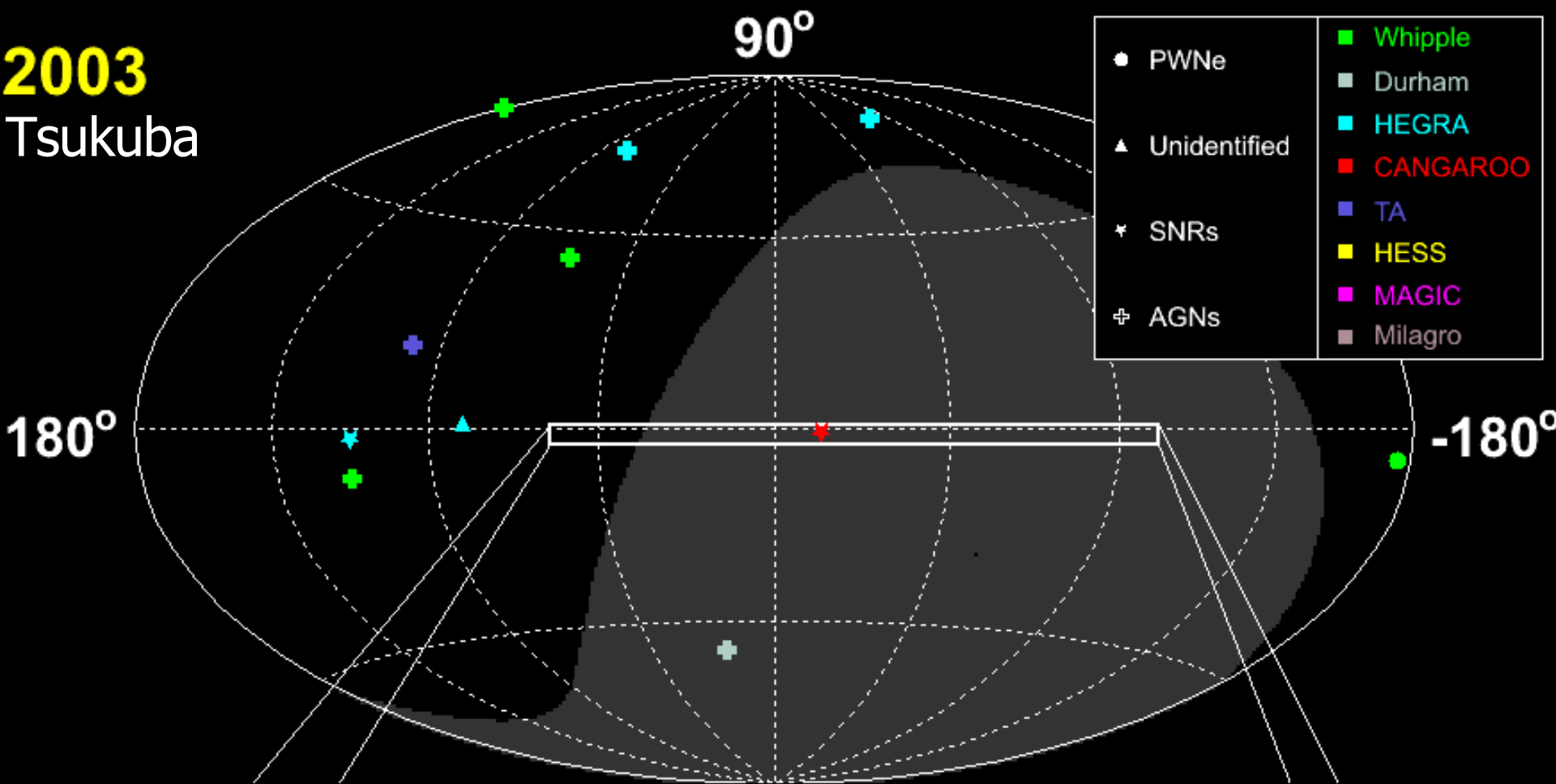
- GLAST may help with target selection



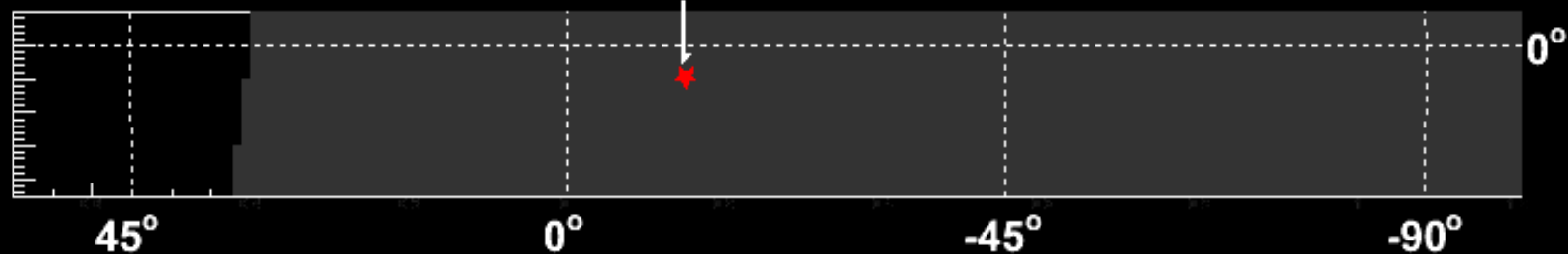
SERIOUS CONCLUSIONS

- **VHE γ -rays is currently a *very* active field**
- **Number of sources is rising rapidly but also the precision with which the bright sources can be measured**
 - E.g. Energy dependant morphology in HESS J1825-137, 6" location acc. at the Galactic Centre with H.E.S.S.
- **The redshift range has been more than doubled!**
 - MAGIC detection of 3C 279
- **Expect >100 VHE sources at the next ICRC**
 - VERITAS is now fully operational
 - First MAGIC-II sources?
- **and >1000 GeV sources from GLAST!**

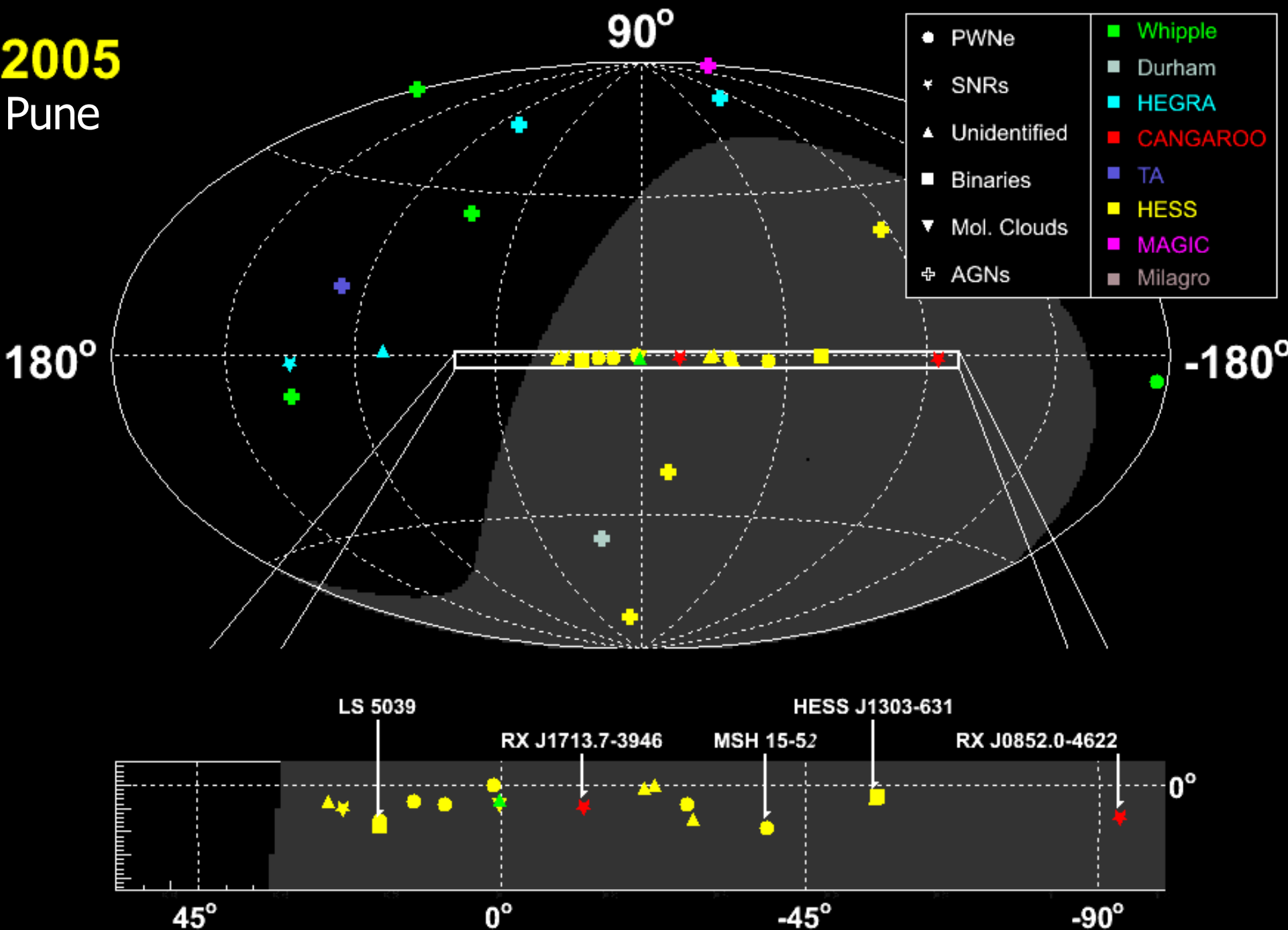
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Tsukuba



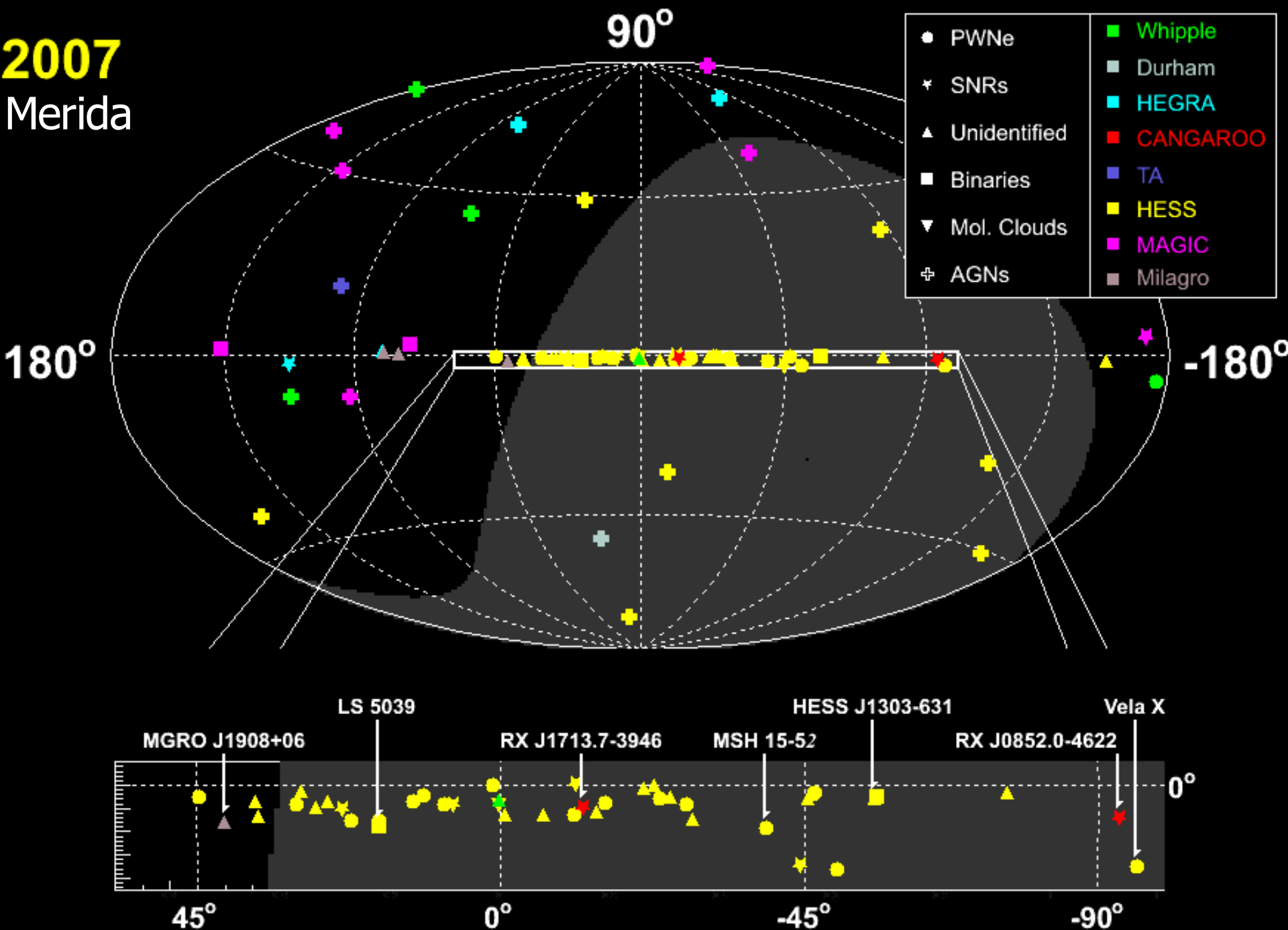
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2005
Pune



2007
Merida



LESS SERIOUS CONCLUSION

- Basically we are all very happy

