

TeV Gamma-Ray Astronomy: Some Recent Highlights (from HESS*) and Future Plans

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Gamma-Ray Astronomy

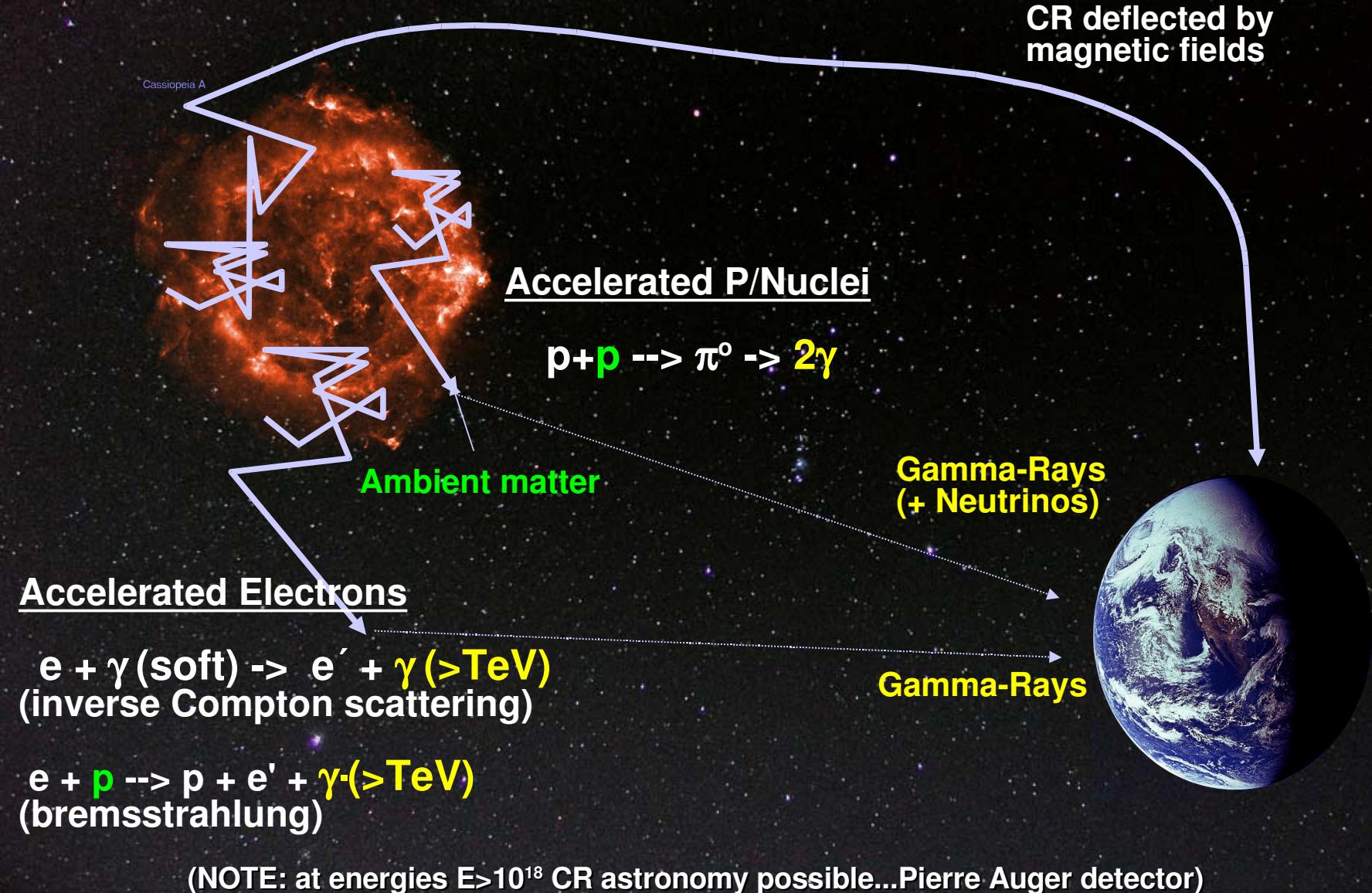
A branch of high energy astrophysics studying the Universe at MeV, GeV, TeV (& above) photon energies.

It provides crucial window in the spectrum of cosmic EM radiation for exploration of nonthermal phenomena in the Universe in their most extreme and violent forms

It is the last window in the spectrum of cosmic EM radiation to be opened....

It is now (partly) opened!

Gamma Rays: Most Accessible Tracer of Particle Acceleration in the Universe.





Major Objectives of TeV Gamma-ray Astronomy

Oldest question
in modern
astrophysics!

Origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays (CRs)

*SNRs, Molecular clouds, Diffuse radiation of the Galactic Disk..
... since the discovery of CRs (Viktor Hess 1912) – still no clear
origin. However we are gathering clues!*

Galactic and Extragalactic Sources with relativistic flows

Pulsars, Pulsar Winds, Microquasars, Small and Large Scale jets of AGN, GRBs

OB Assoc & Stellar Wind Interactions

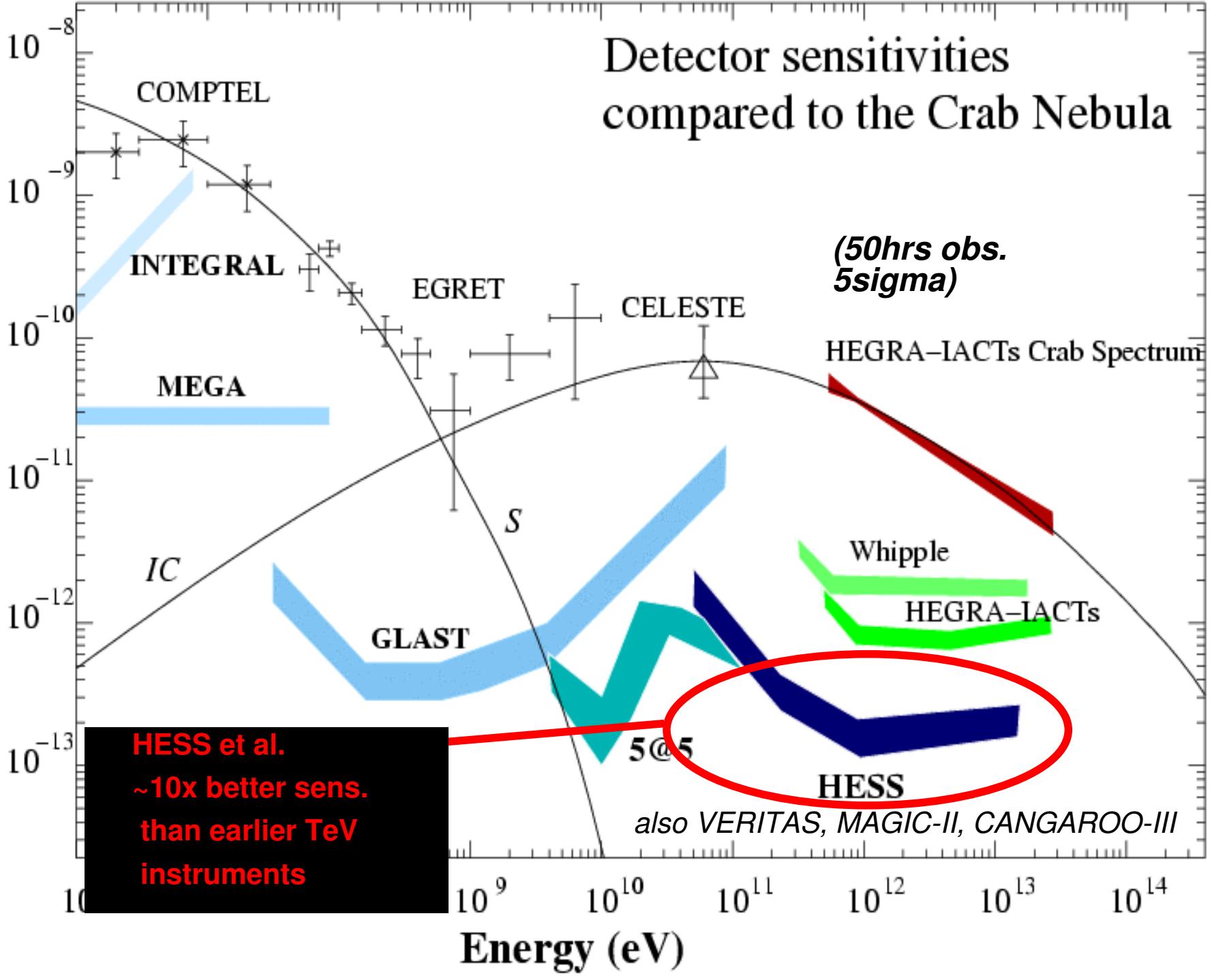
shock accel in wind/wind/ISM interactions, Superbubbles

Observational Gamma Ray Cosmology

*Large Scale Structures (Clusters of Galaxies),
Dark Matter Halos (indirect search)
Diffuse Extragalactic Background radiation (constraints)
Pair Halos*

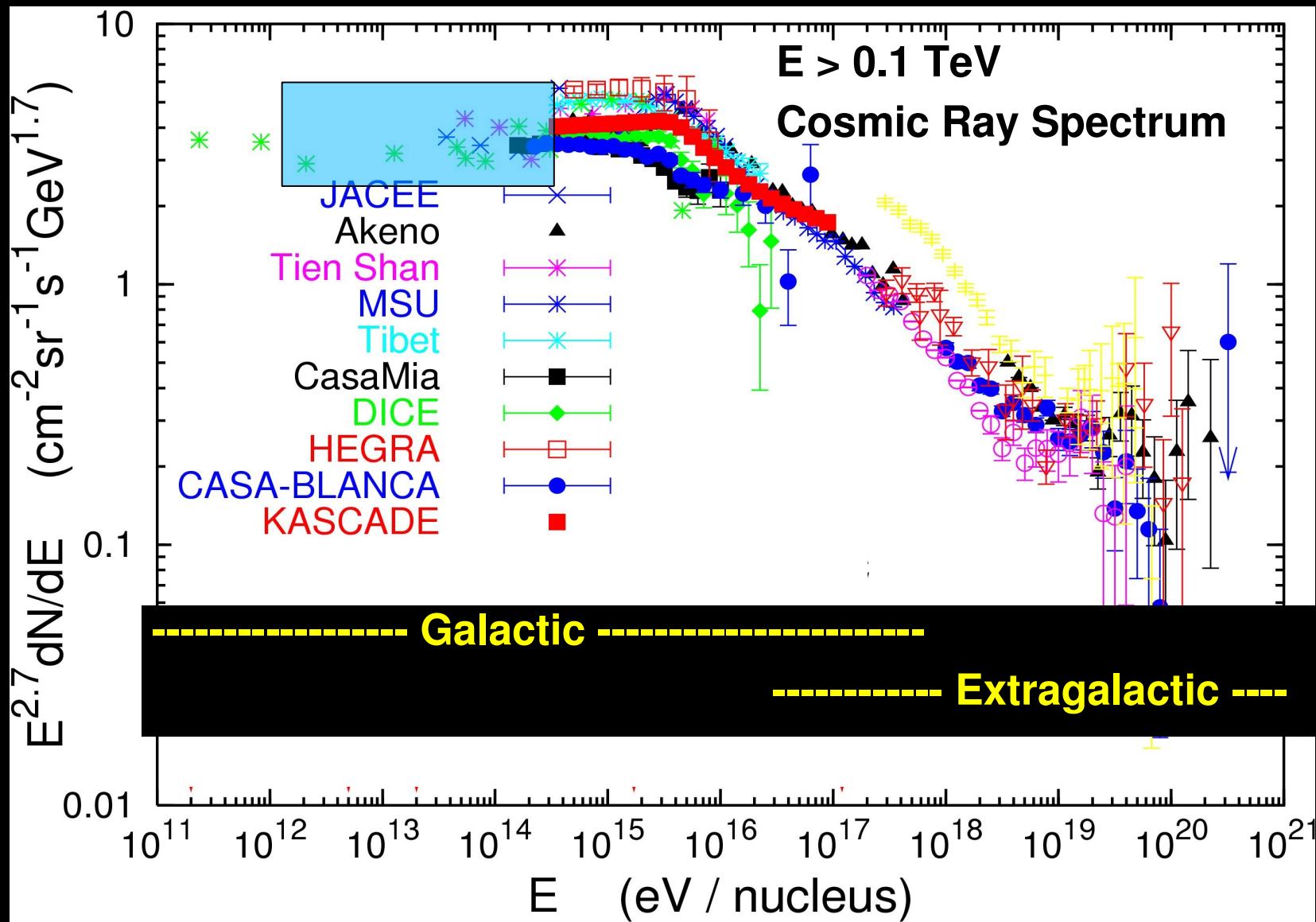
Detector sensitivities compared to the Crab Nebula

Energy Flux (erg/cm²s)





0.1 to ~10 TeV γ -rays: Corresponds to ~1 – 100 TeV Particles

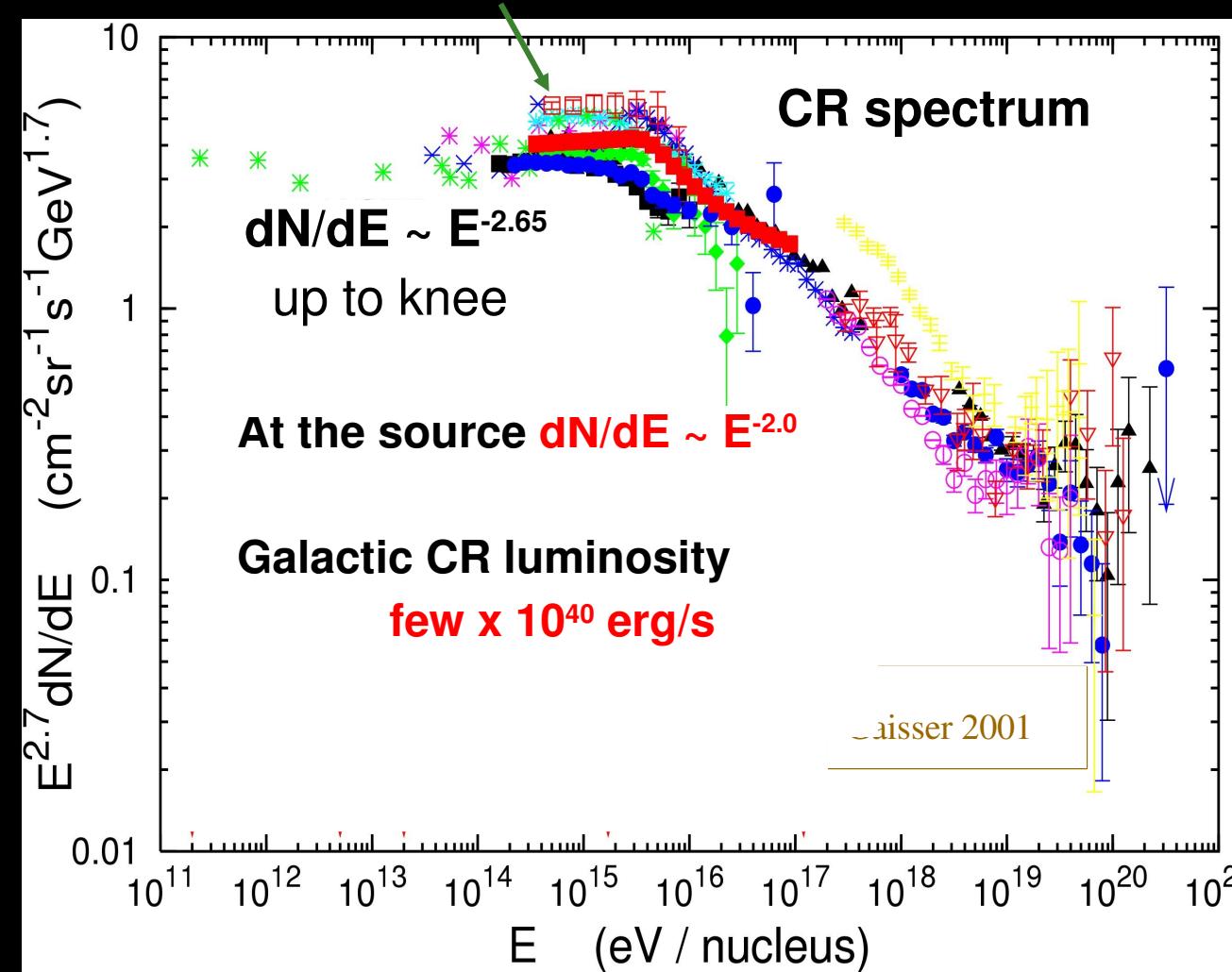




Galactic TeVatrons and PeVatrons

Particle accelerators responsible for Cosmic Rays (CR)

up to the *knee* $\sim 10^{15}$ eV (1 PeV)



Potential CR Accelerators

Shell Type Supernova Remnants?

Pulsar Wind Nebulae?

Pulsars?

WR, O & B stars?

Microquasars?

Galactic Centre?

Mechanism
Diffusive Shock Acceleration



History of Cherenkov Telescopes

Whipple 1968 - 2004

- 1989 Detection of Crab Nebula above 1 TeV
- 1992 First AGN, Mrk 421

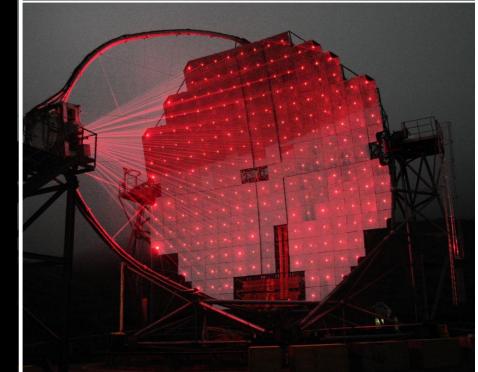
HEGRA 1992 - 2002

- First Stereo system. Cas-A at 1 TeV
- First Unidentified TeV source

CANGAROO 1992 -

- Southern hemisphere. SNR RX J1713

Also Durham Mrk 6, CAT... + non-imaging expts.



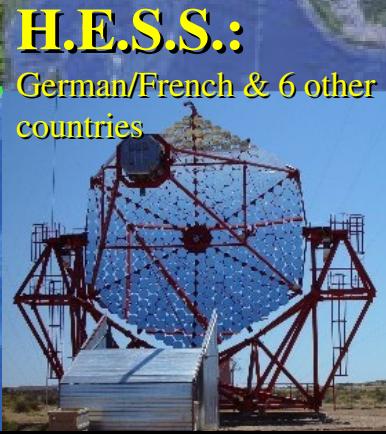
Since 2004: 3rd Generation instruments:

- HESS, MAGIC-II, VERITAS, CANGAROO-III
- Dramatic increase in TeV source catalogue
- Detailed spatial & spectral studies of sources

Third Generation TeV Gamma-Ray Experiments



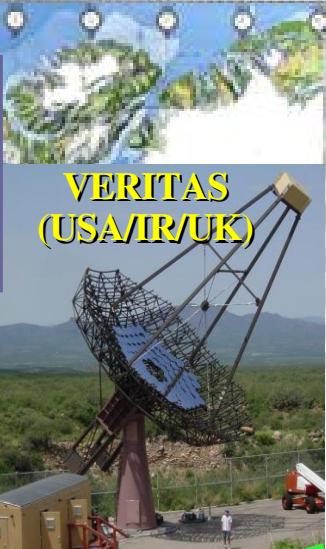
MAGIC
German/Spanish/Ital.
& 6 other countries



H.E.S.S.:
German/French & 6 other
countries



CANGAROO III
(Japan &
Austral.)

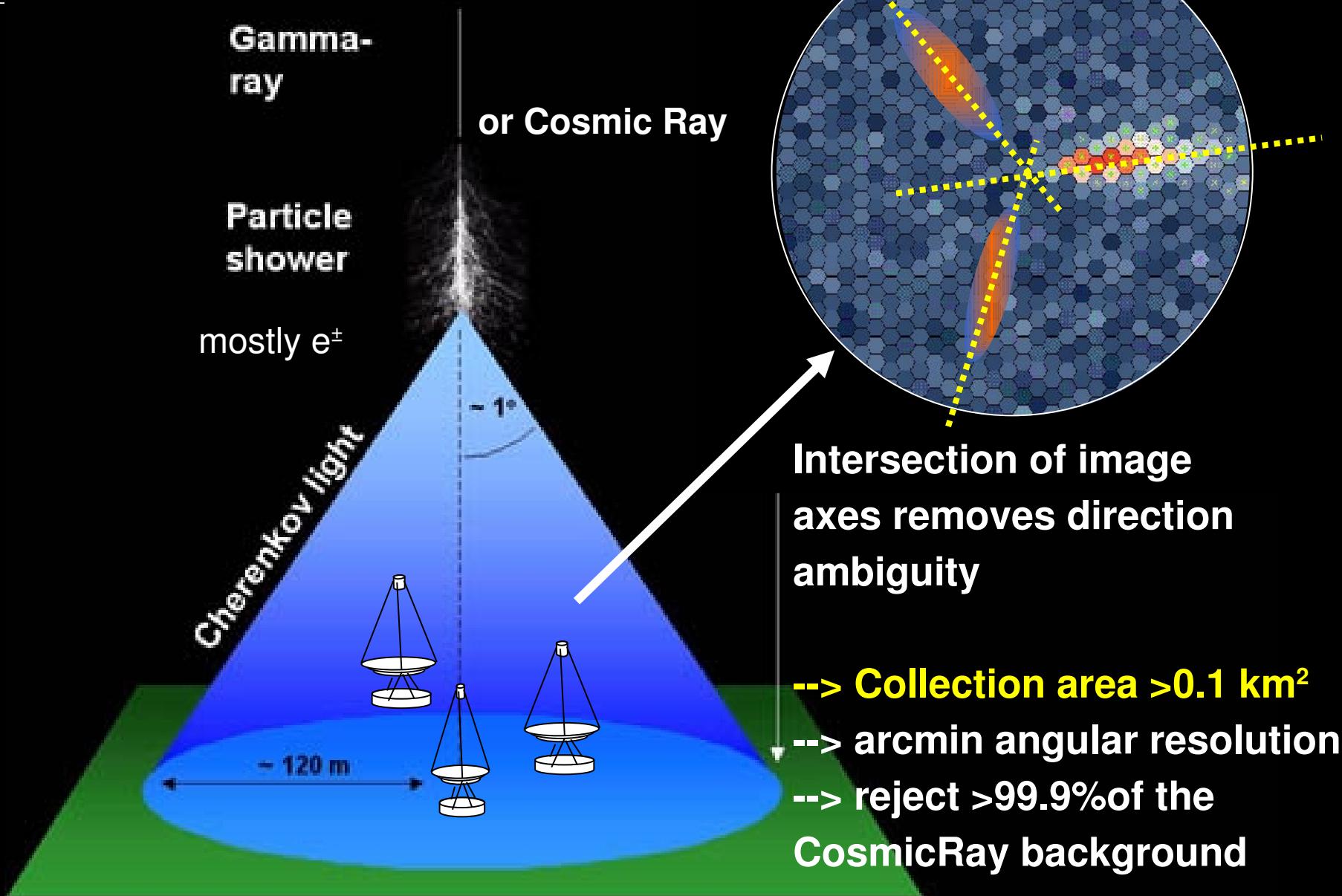


VERITAS
(USA/IR/UK)

All Employ the **Stereoscopic Method**



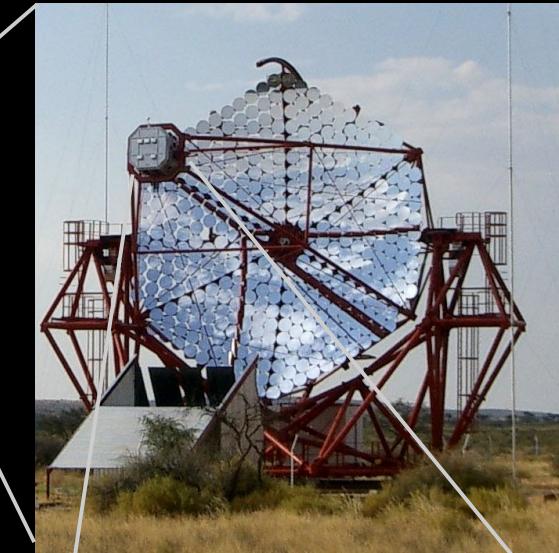
Stereoscopic Imaging





The H.E.S.S. Telescopes

12m



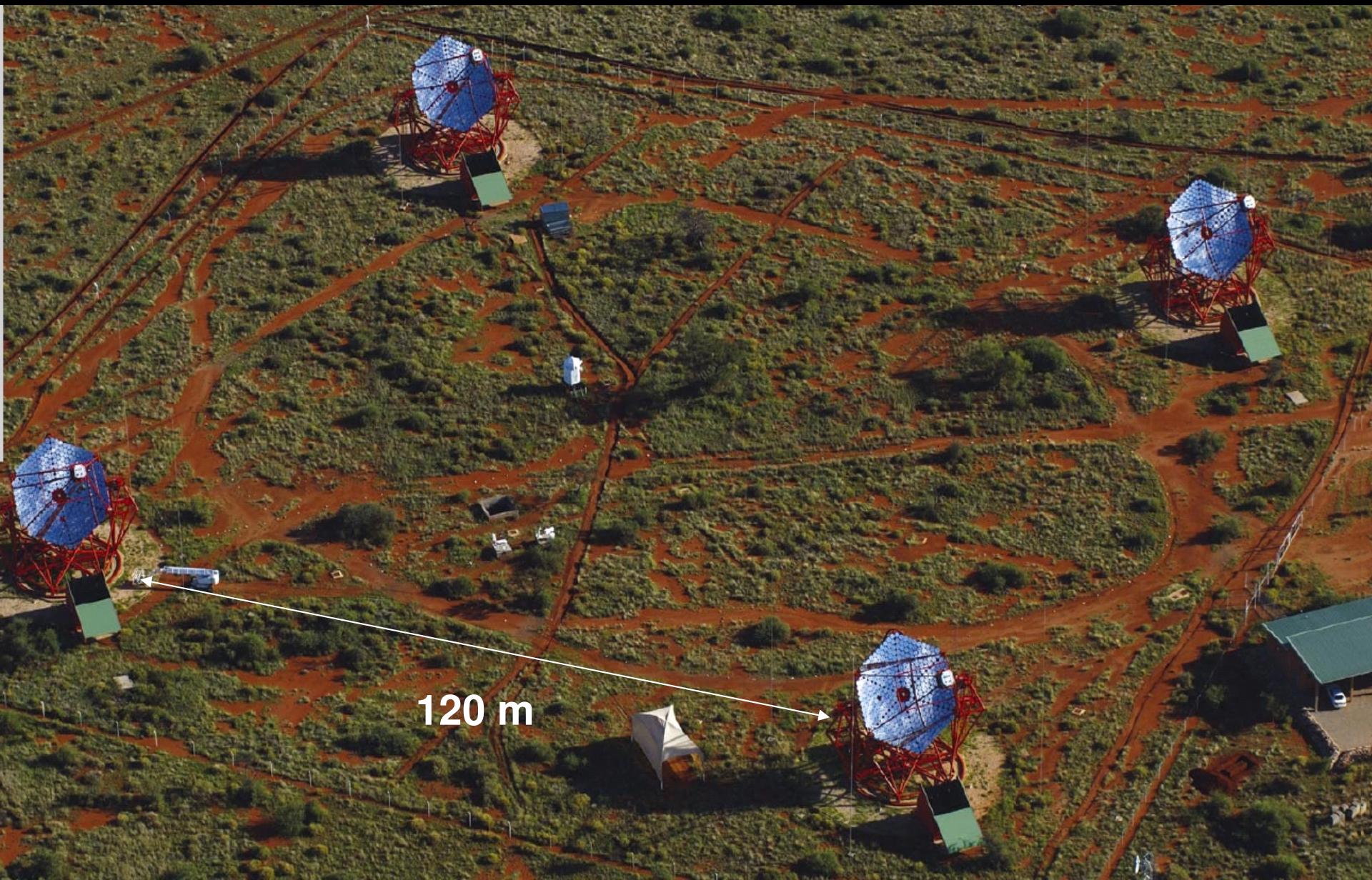
- High Energy Stereoscopic System
- 4 telescopes (in Namibia 23° S) stereoscopic observation mode
- Each telescope: $\sim 107\text{m}^2$ mirror surface, 380 facets
- Photomultiplier camera (ns response)
960 PMTs, $\sim 5^\circ$ **field of view (FoV)**
- Sensitive energy range:
0.1 TeV up to several 10 TeV
- **Angular resolution: $\sim 0.1^\circ$ per event**
 \rightarrow **arc-second src location**

COST ~7-8 M Euro, several 100 kEuro/year

see <http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS.html>



HESS – From above

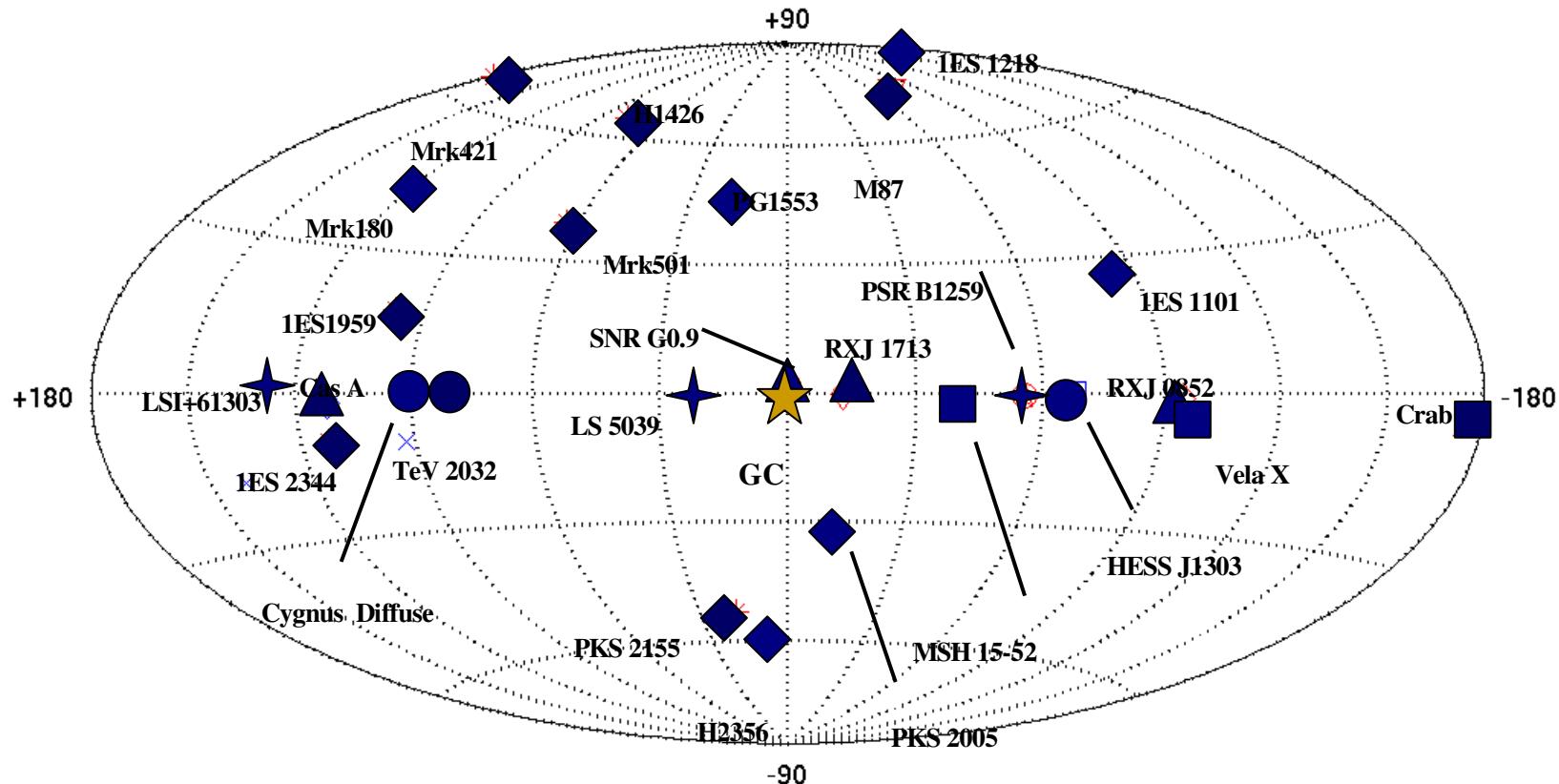


The TeV Gamma Ray Sky – today

Galactic, Extragalactic, GC, plus several unidentified

- many new source discoveries in recent years

- now at least 6-7 source types!



■ Pulsar Nebula

◆ AGN

★ gal. compact

▲ SNR

● gal. unid

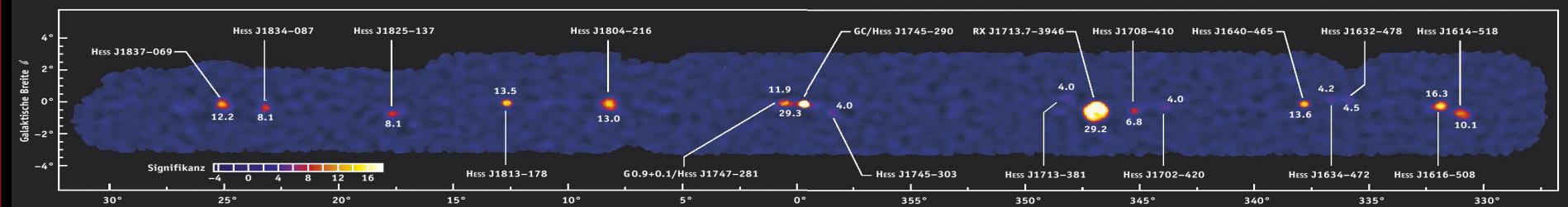
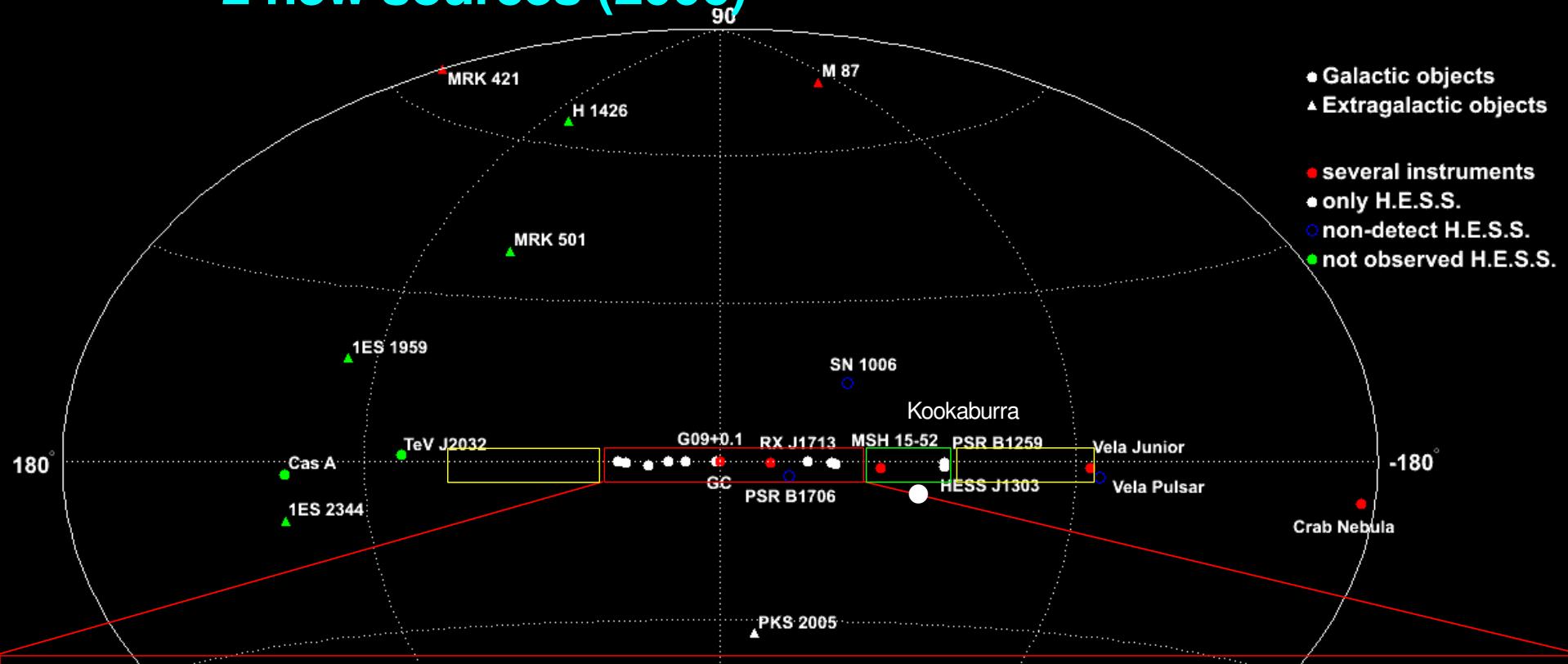
★ Galactic Center
Galactic Ridge Diffuse



H.E.S.S. surveys of the central Galactic Plane

14 new sources (2004) 2 new sources (2005)

2 new sources (2006)



New scan regions 2006 (55° < l < 260°)



TeV Gamma-ray Source Populations (Today) from all TeV experiments

Galactic Objects

- *Shell Type SNRs*
- Giant Molecular Clouds (star formation regions)
- *Pulsar Wind Nebulae (PWN) Plerions*
- several unidentified TeV sources ...

Compact Galactic Sources

- PRB 1259-63 (Binary pulsar)
- LS5039 & LSI +61°303 (*Microquasars*)

Galactic Center

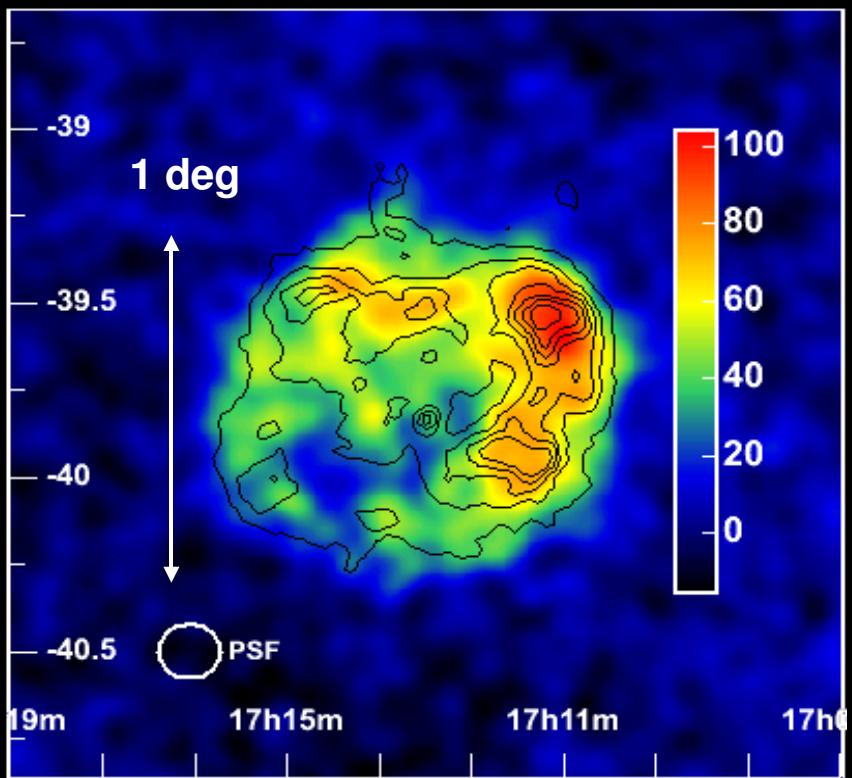
Extragalactic objects

- M87 - a radiogalaxy
- TeV Blazars – with redshift from 0.03 to 0.18

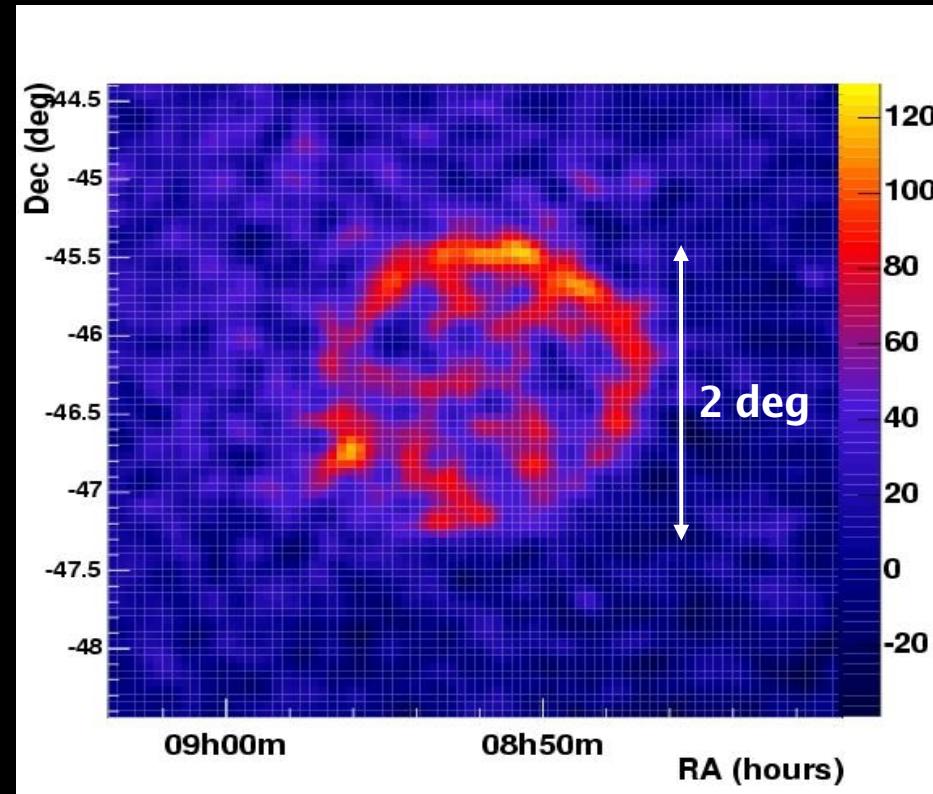


Shell-Type Supernova Remnants (SNRs)

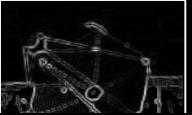
RX J1713.7-3946



RX J0852.0-4622 'Vela Junior'



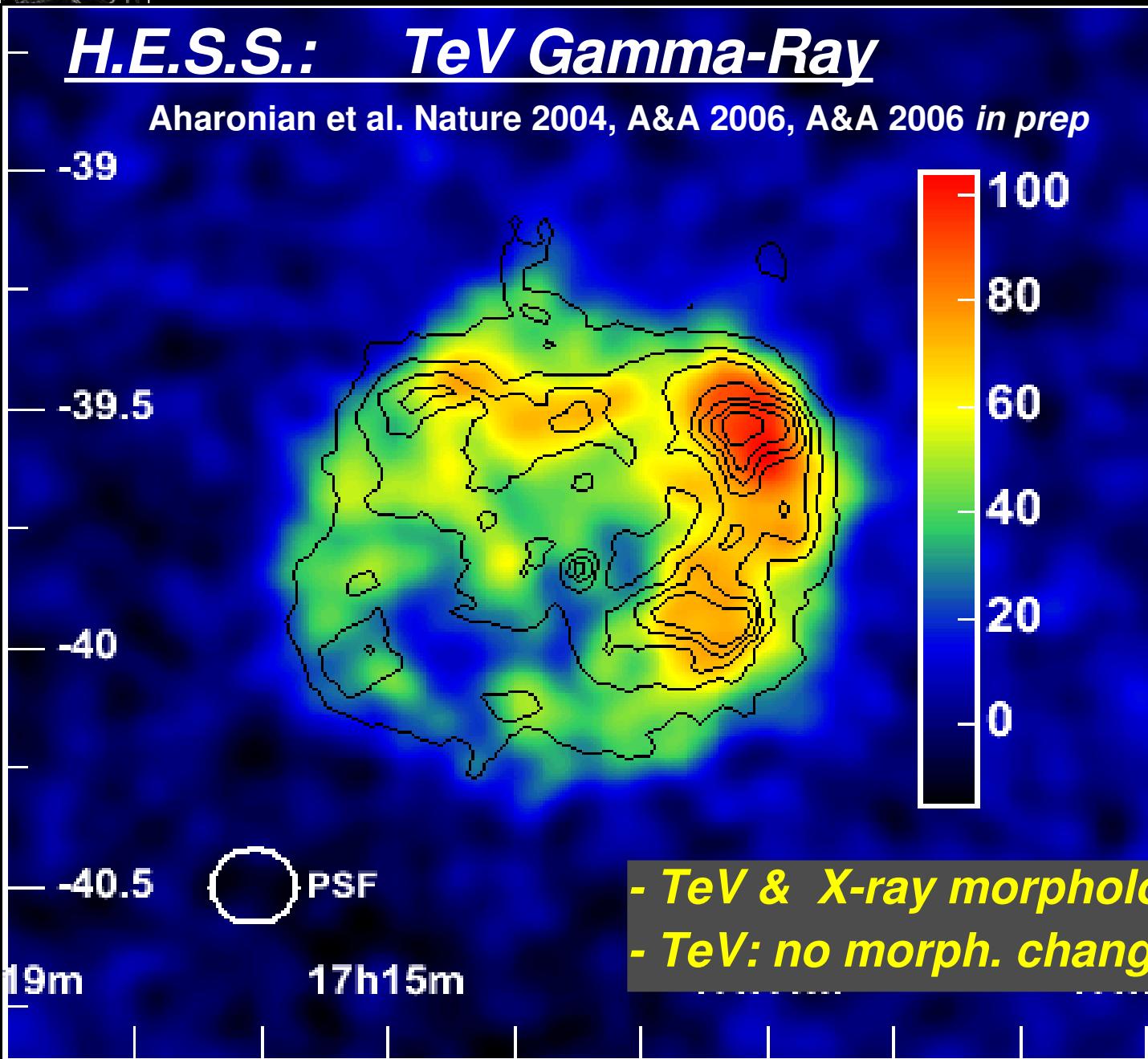
The first images in gamma-ray astronomy.
Now we're doing real Astronomy!



RX J1713.7-3946

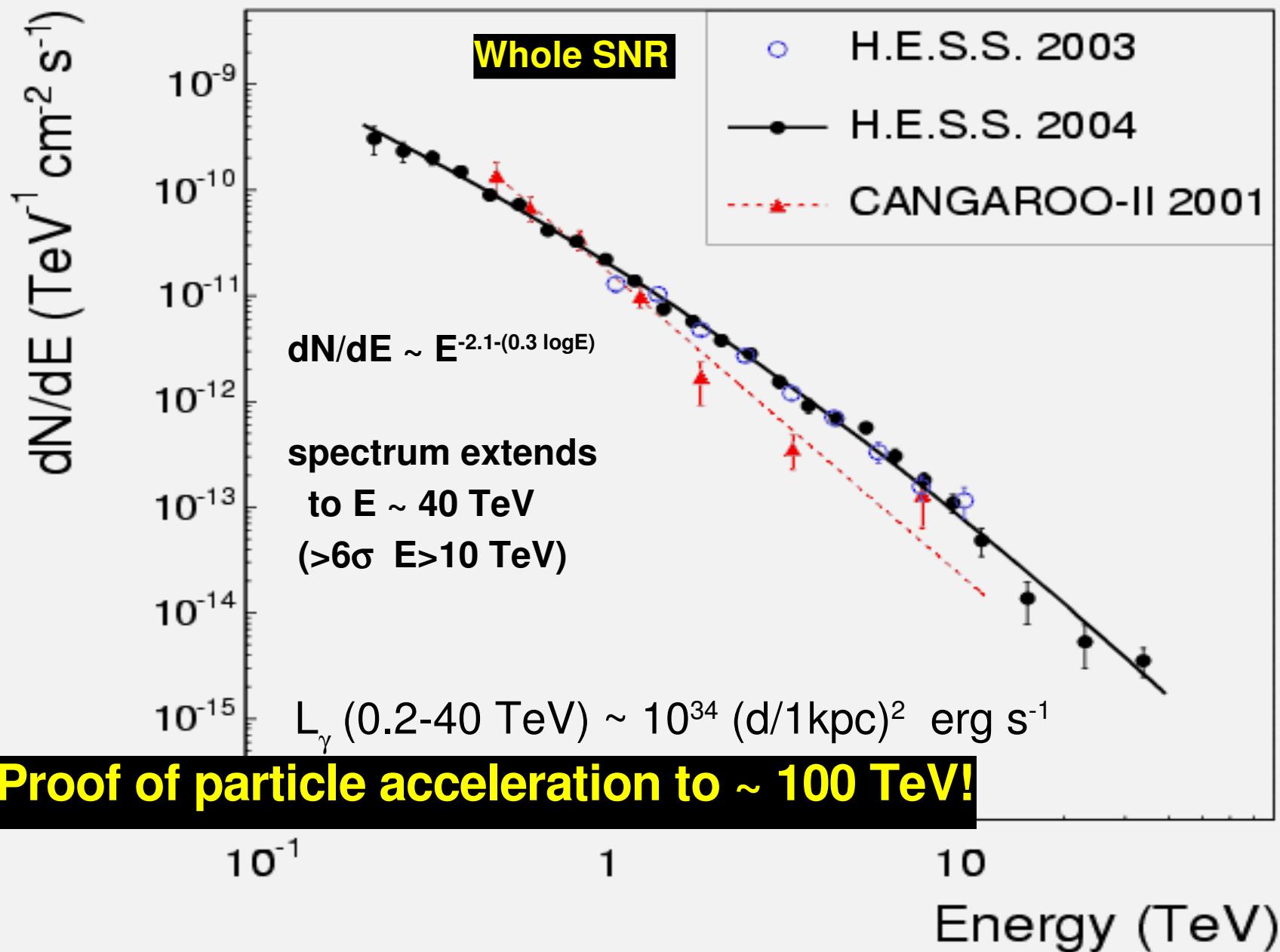
H.E.S.S.: TeV Gamma-Ray

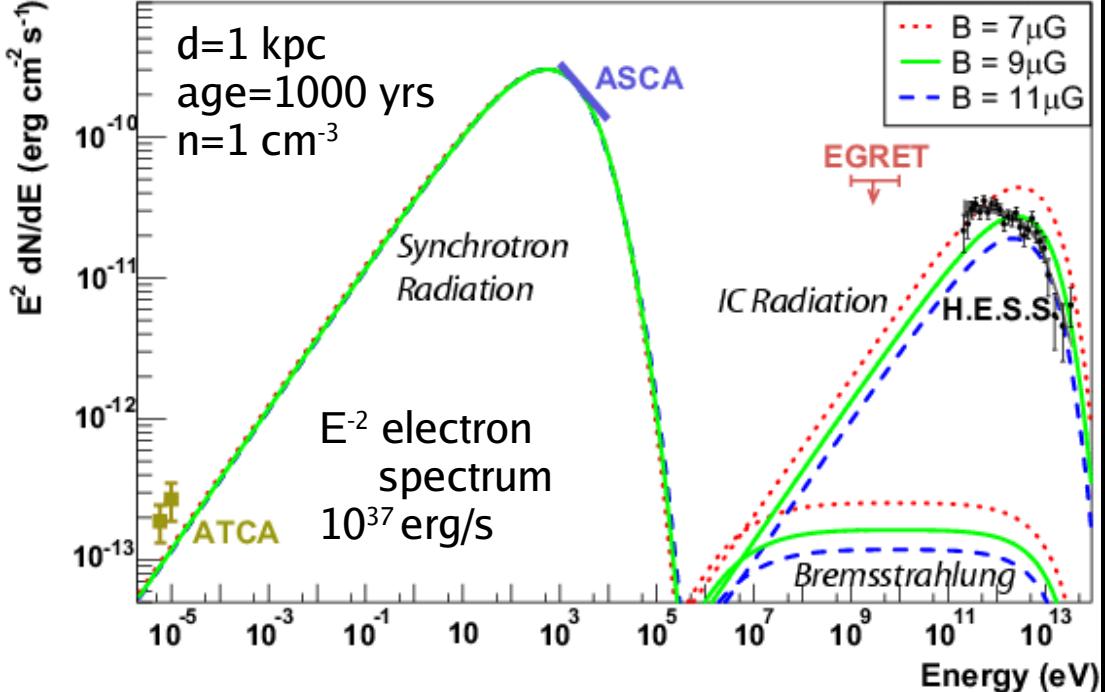
ASCA: X-Ray
1 – 3 keV
Uchiyama 2002





Energy Spectrum 0.2 – 40 TeV





Synchrotron & IC Scenario (One zone)

electrons $dN/dE \sim E^{-2} \exp(-E/E_c)$

IC – CMB + IR photons

Source age ~ 1000 yrs

$n \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (NANTEN $\rightarrow \sim 2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$)

- uncomfortably low B field
- difficult to match IC turnover with simplistic model.

But see Porter et al 2006

Hadronic Scenario

protons $dN/dE \sim E^{-2} \exp(-E/E_c)$

extrapolate to EGRET upper limit

-- > no violation

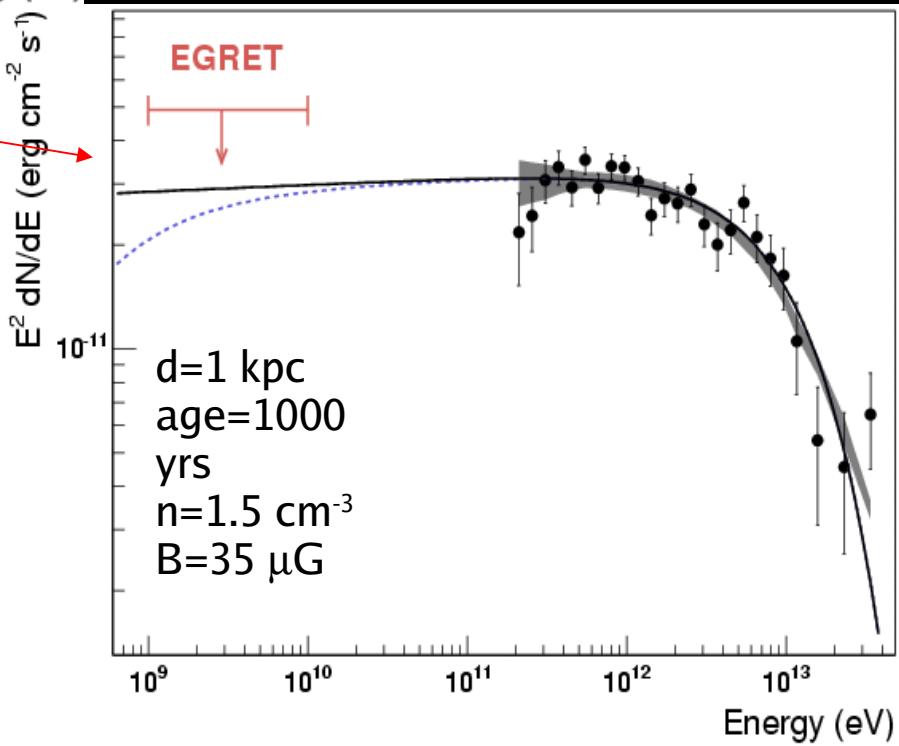
especially when π^0 decay kinematics included

Required proton energetics W_p

$$W_p (2-400 \text{ TeV}) \sim 6 \times 10^{49} \text{ erg } (D/1\text{kpc})^2 \ (n)^{-1}$$

$$W_p (0.001-400 \text{ TeV}) \sim 10^{50} \text{ erg}$$

Hadronic scenario generally favoured





RX J0852.0-4622 'Vela Junior'

TeV discovery CANGAROO
Katagiri et al 2005

2004 & 2005 HESS Obs

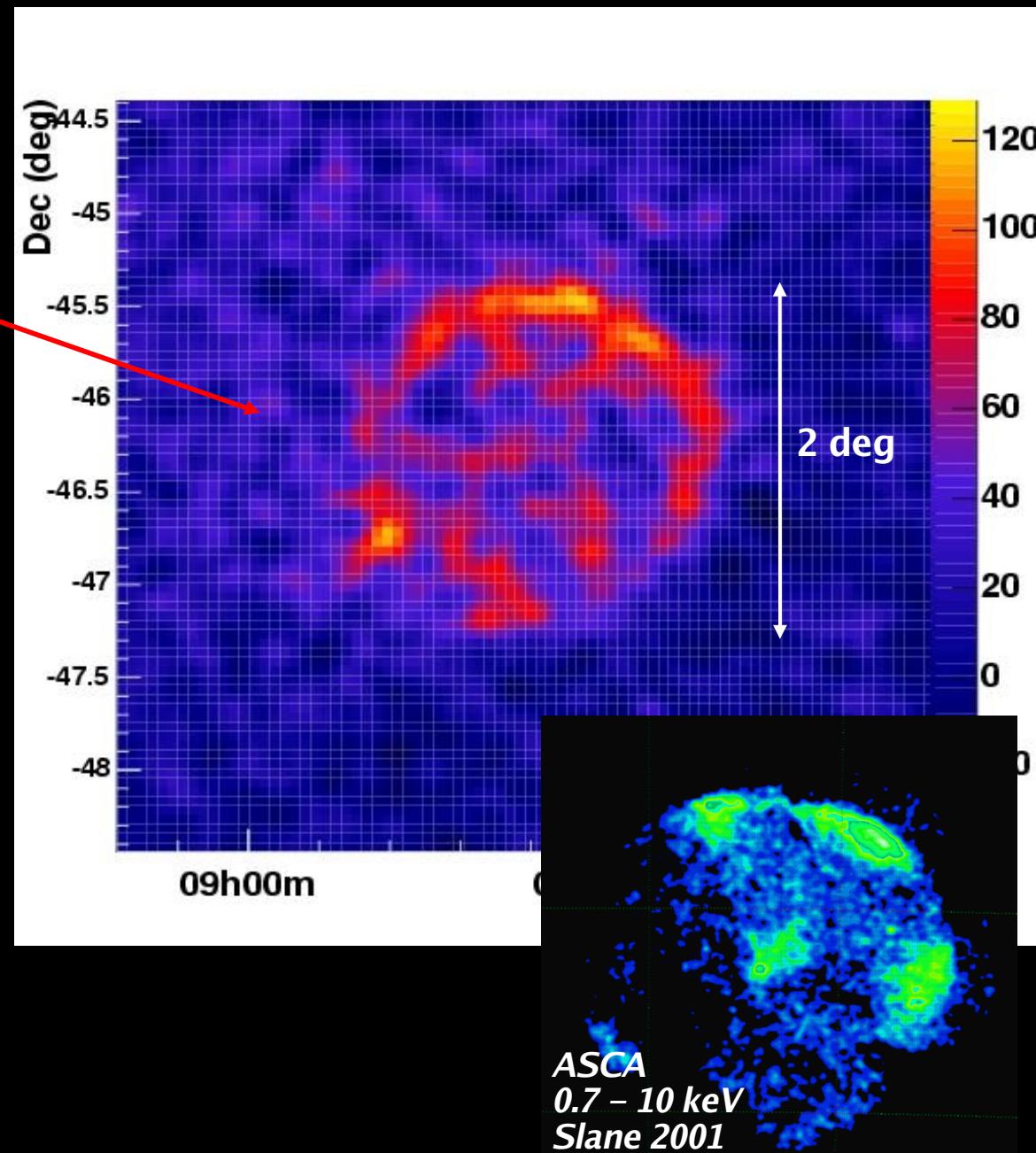
Aharonian et al 2005, 2006 (in prep)

- 20 hr
- ~ 1 Crab flux in total
- 5200 events (19σ)

L_γ (1-10 TeV)
 $\sim 10^{32} (d/200\text{pc})^2 \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

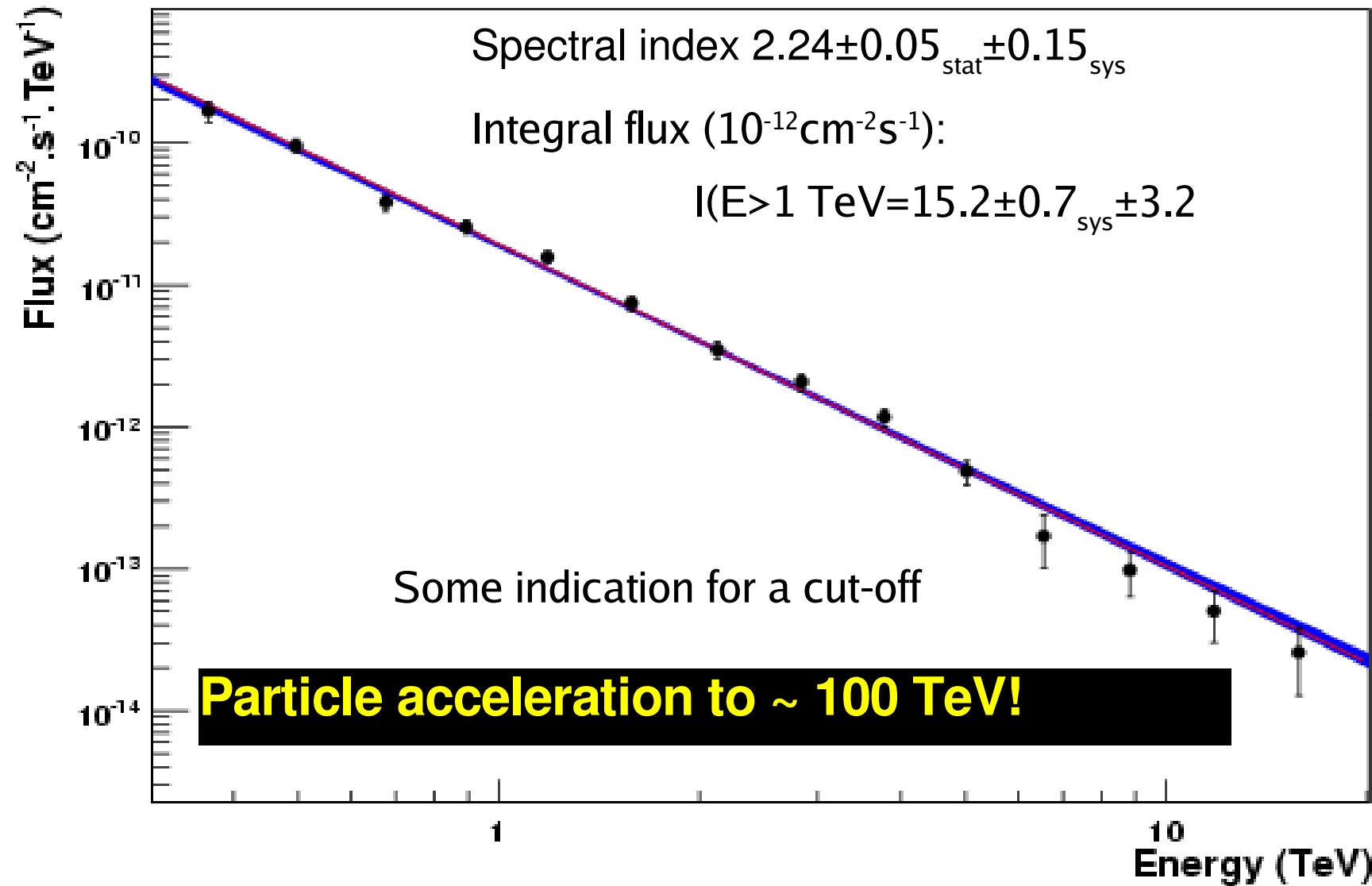
Power Law spectrum

$$\Gamma = 2.23$$



Energy spectrum: 0.3-20 TeV

Power law:

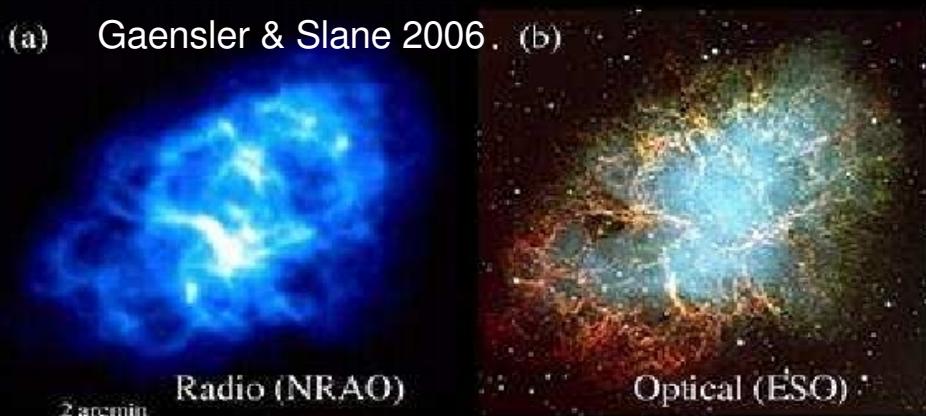




Pulsar wind nebulae

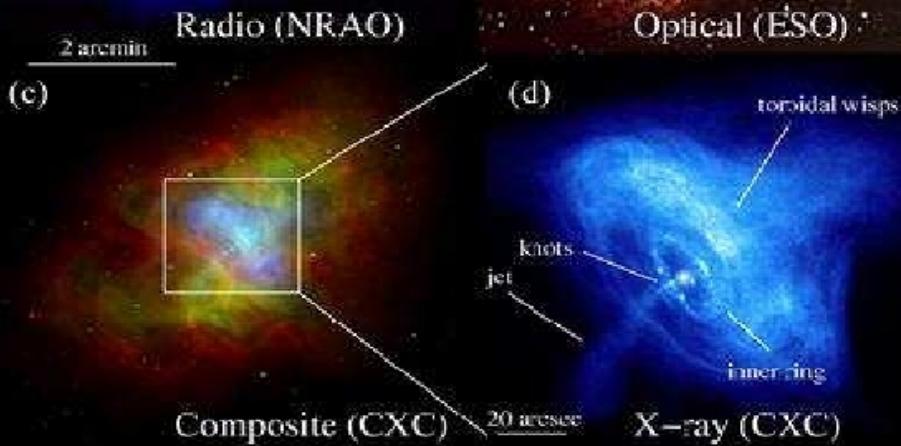
“Classical” Object: The Crab nebula (SN1054)

(a) Gaensler & Slane 2006. (b)



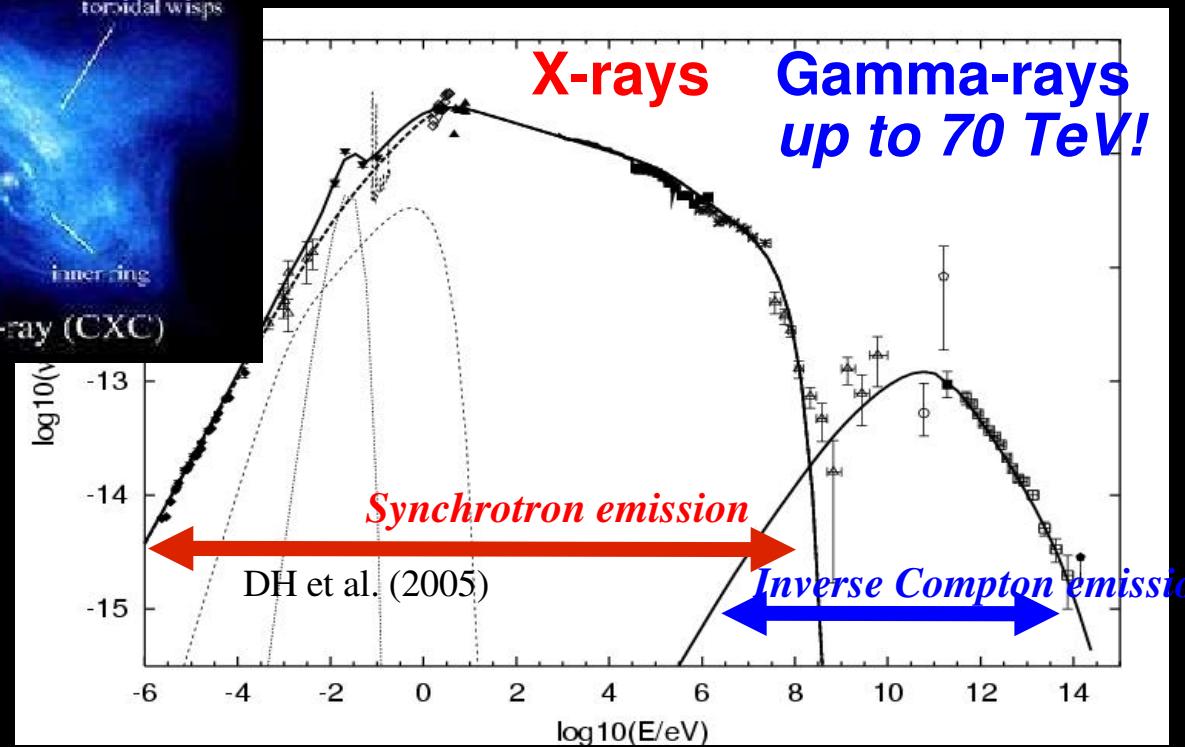
Young, powerful pulsar.
Particle acceleration at pulsar
wind *termination shock*.

Efficiency $\sim 0.01\%$ ($L\gamma / E_{dot}$)



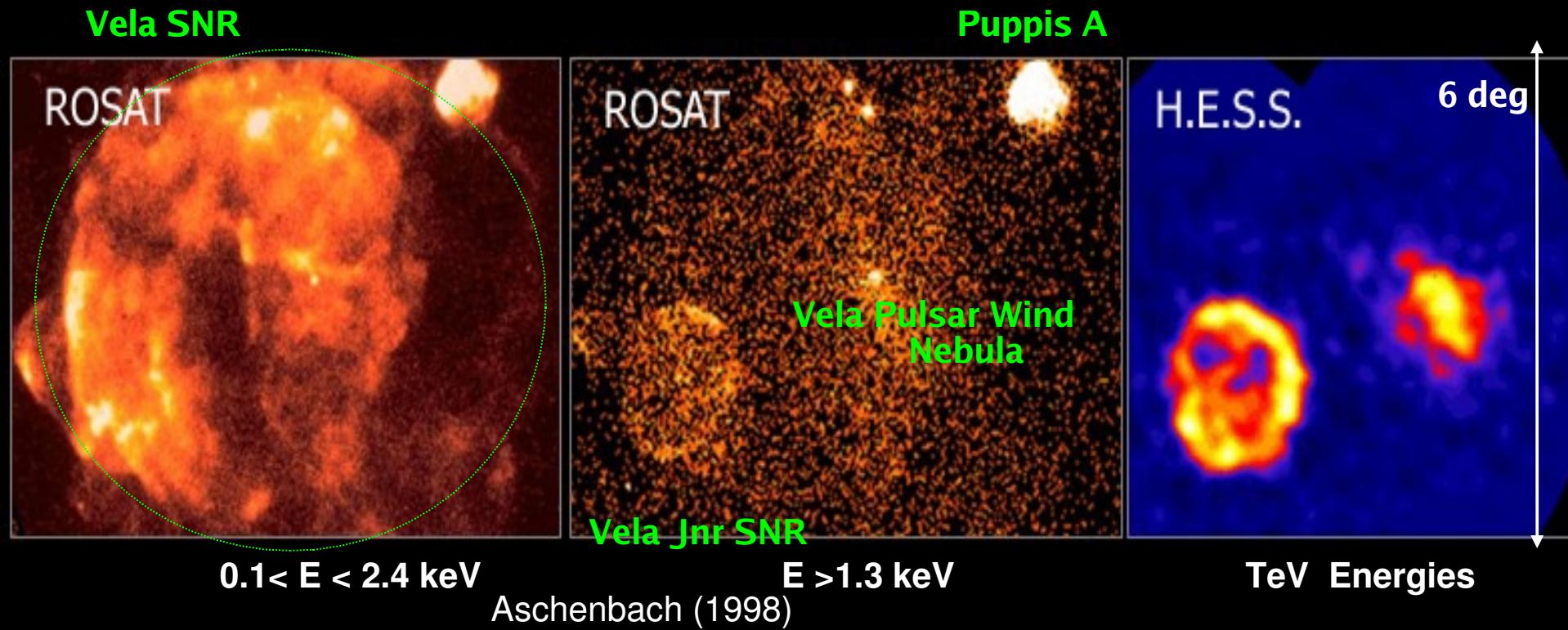
X-ray & Gamma-ray
observations suggest
electron acceleration

Key signature: sync+IC
Double Peak





The Vela SNR Region



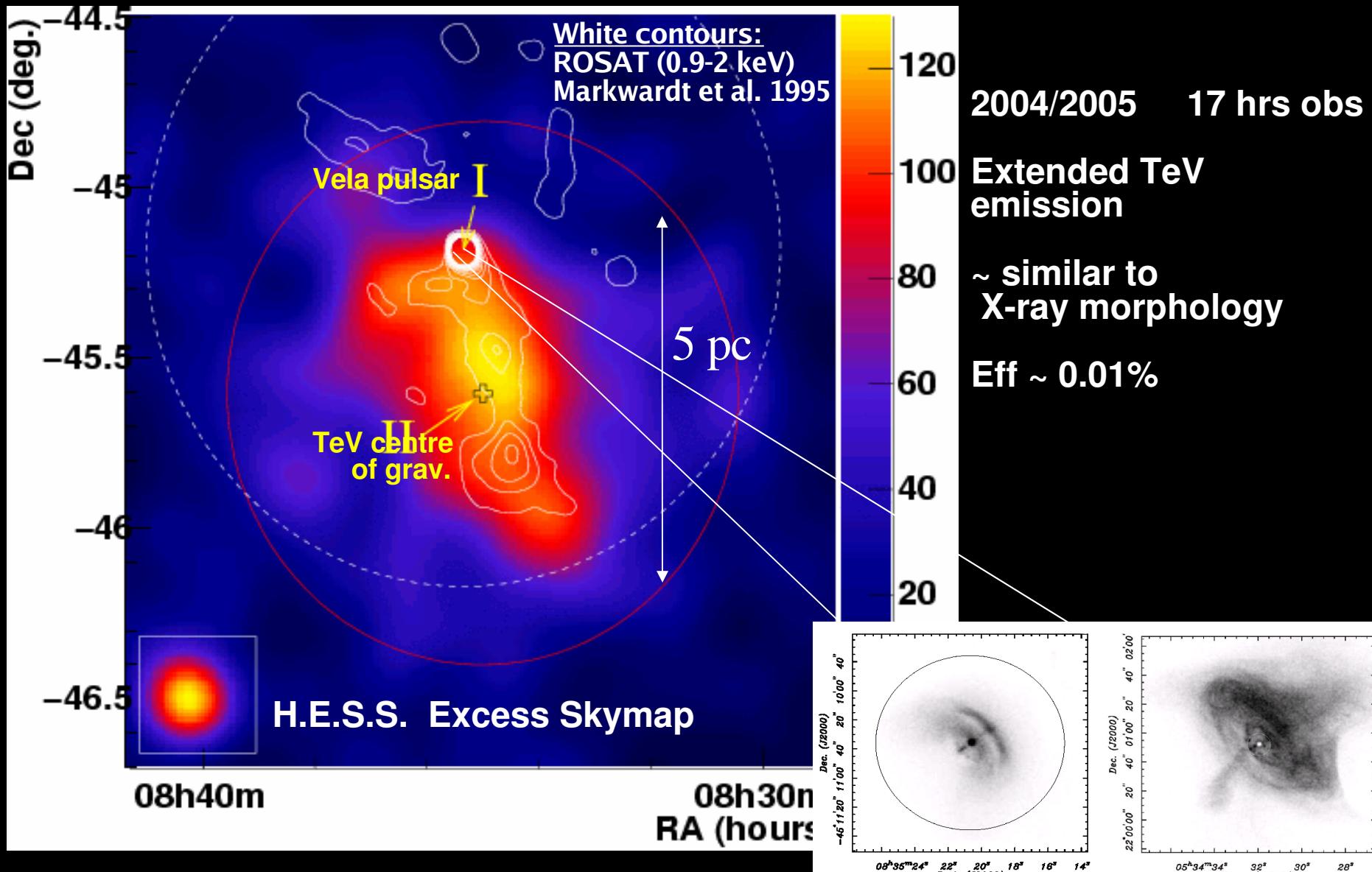
Vela SNR ~ 290 pc distance
age 10 kyr

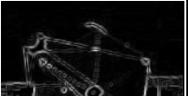
Vela Pulsar PSR B0833-45 (89 ms)
E spin-down ~ $10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
Central PWN in radio & X-rays



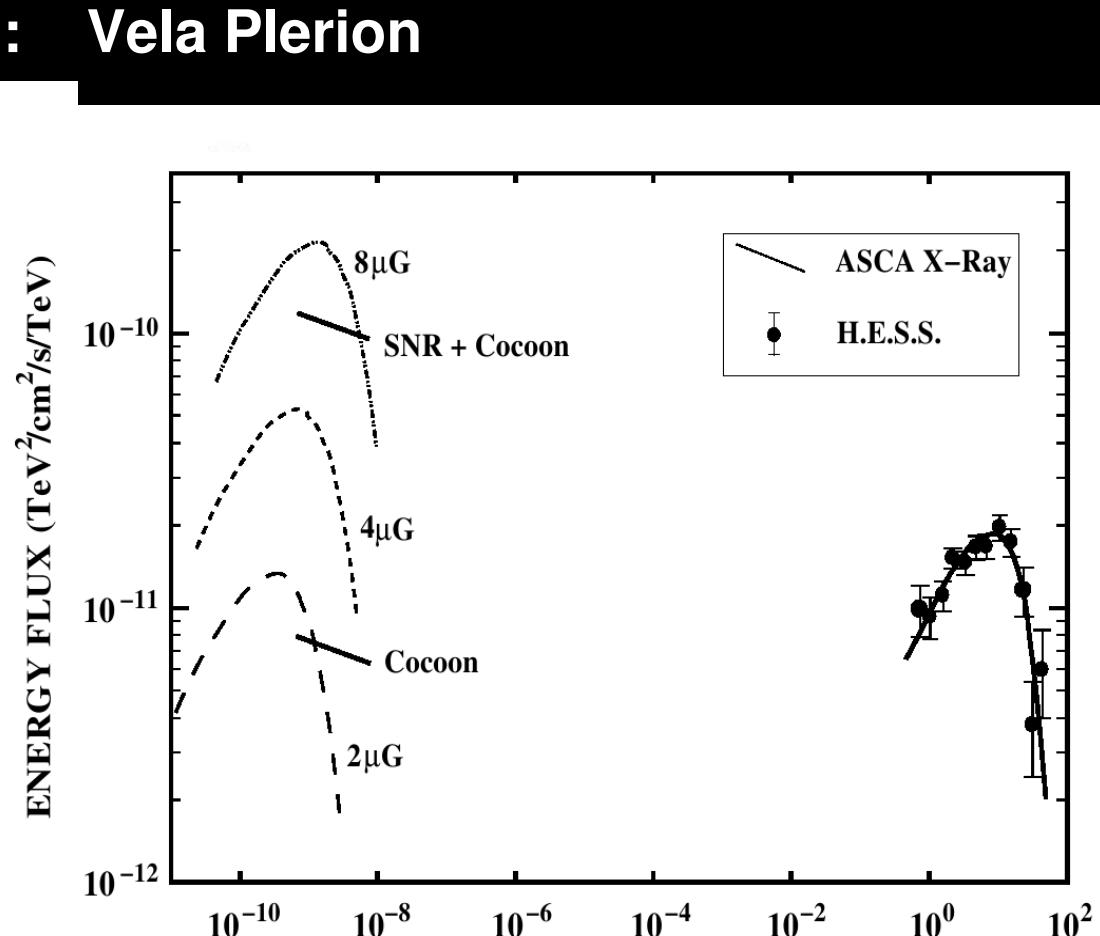
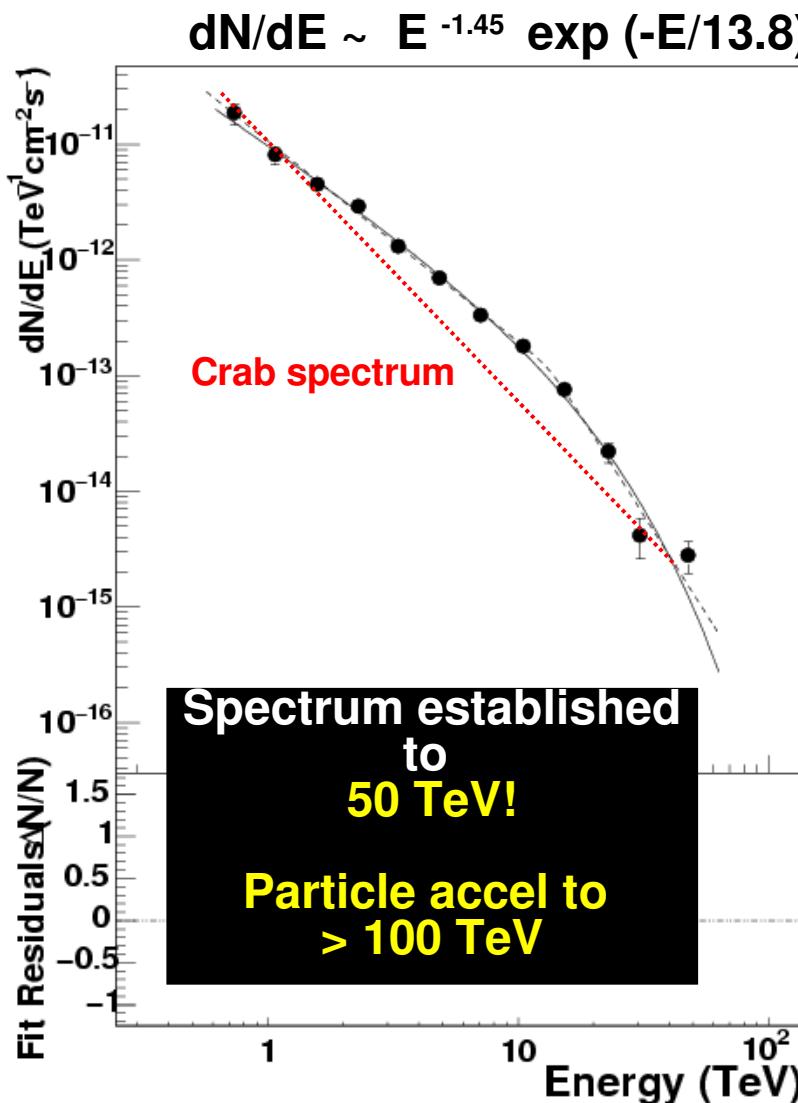
Vela-PWN (G263.9-3.3) Aharonian et al 2006

Asymmetric pulsar wind nebula





TeV Energy spectrum: Vela Plerion



VERY hard power law + exp cutoff

First observation of a νF_ν (energy-flux) peak in a gamma-ray source

One zone IC model --> B-field few μG (uncertainties in size of sync. X-ray nebula)

Hadronic origin considered (Horns et al 2006) $B \sim 10 \mu\text{G}$



The offset PWN: G18.0-0.7 (HESS J1825-137)

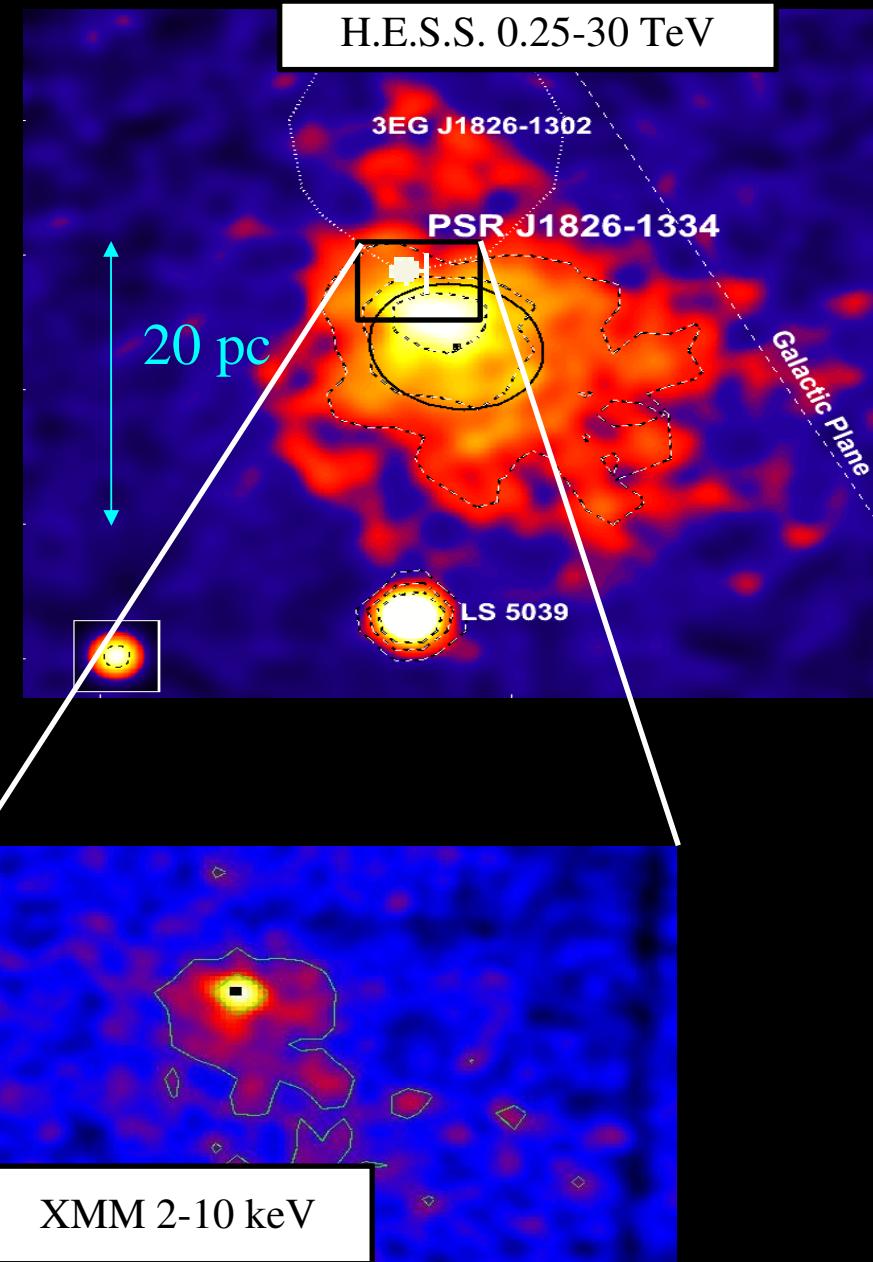
A&A 442, 25 (2005)
astro-ph/0607548, accepted
for publication in A&A

**Middle aged (21 kyr) pulsar
at 4kpc PSR J1826-1334
powers asymmetric X-ray
Synchrotron nebula (arc
min size)**

**TeV Gamma-ray emission
from larger (1°) size and
displaced region with
asymmetric morphology**

Quite high $L_{\gamma} > 10^{35}$ erg/s

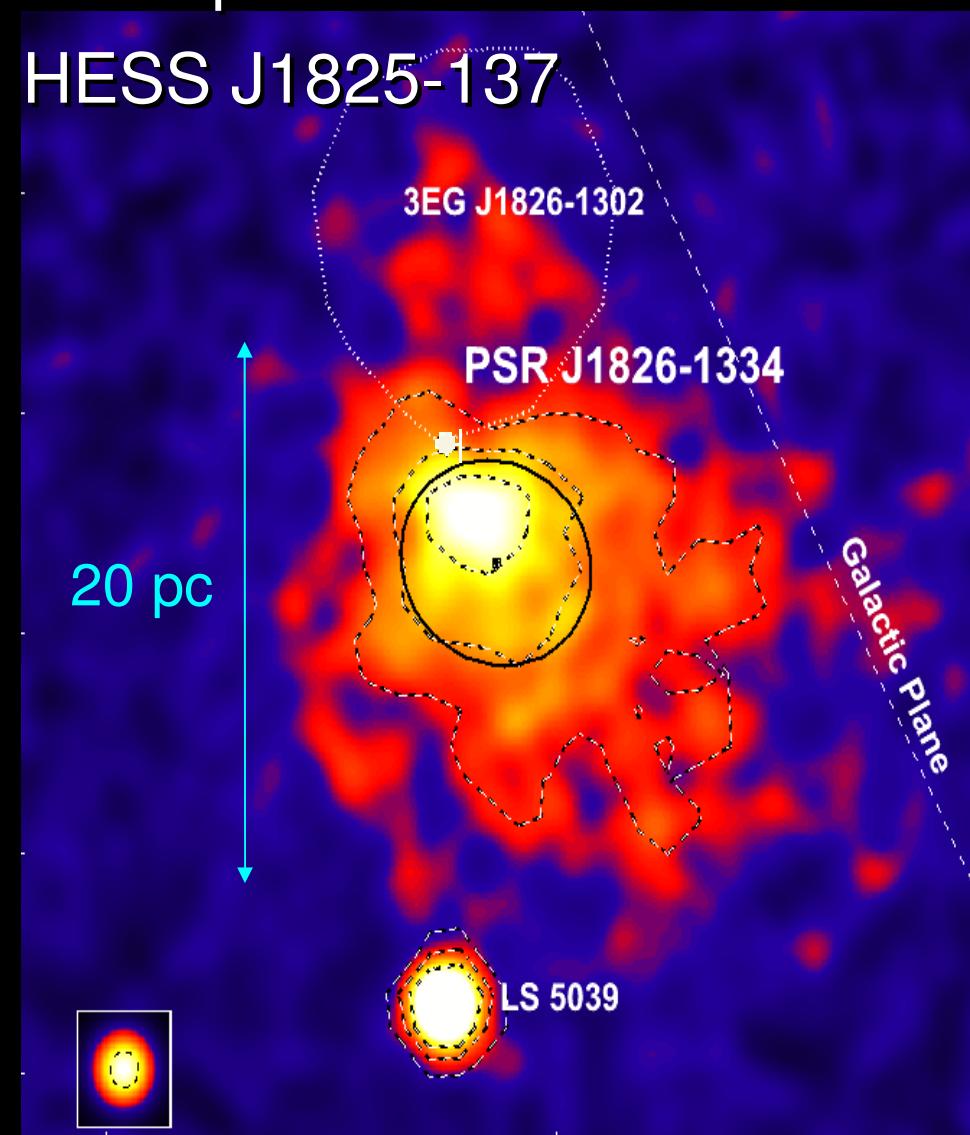
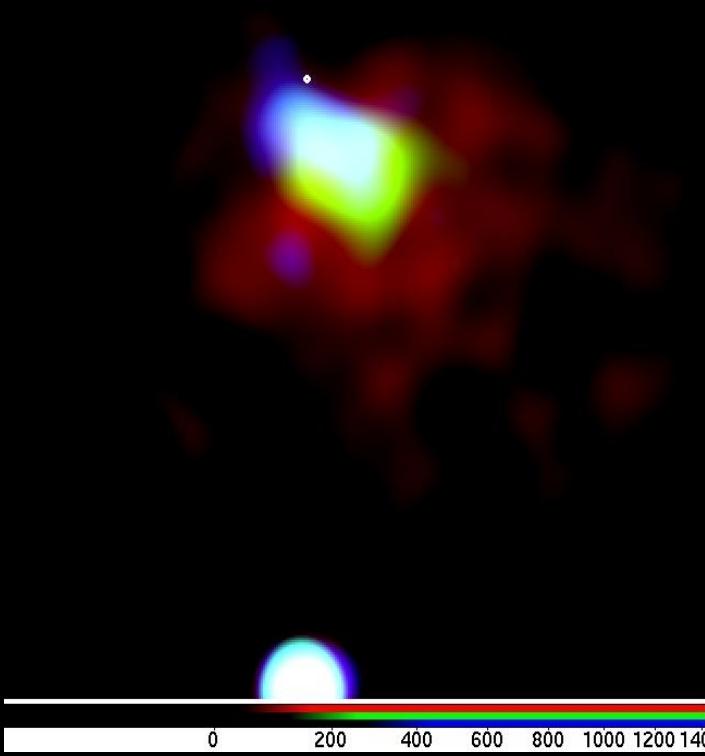
Eff ~ 2%





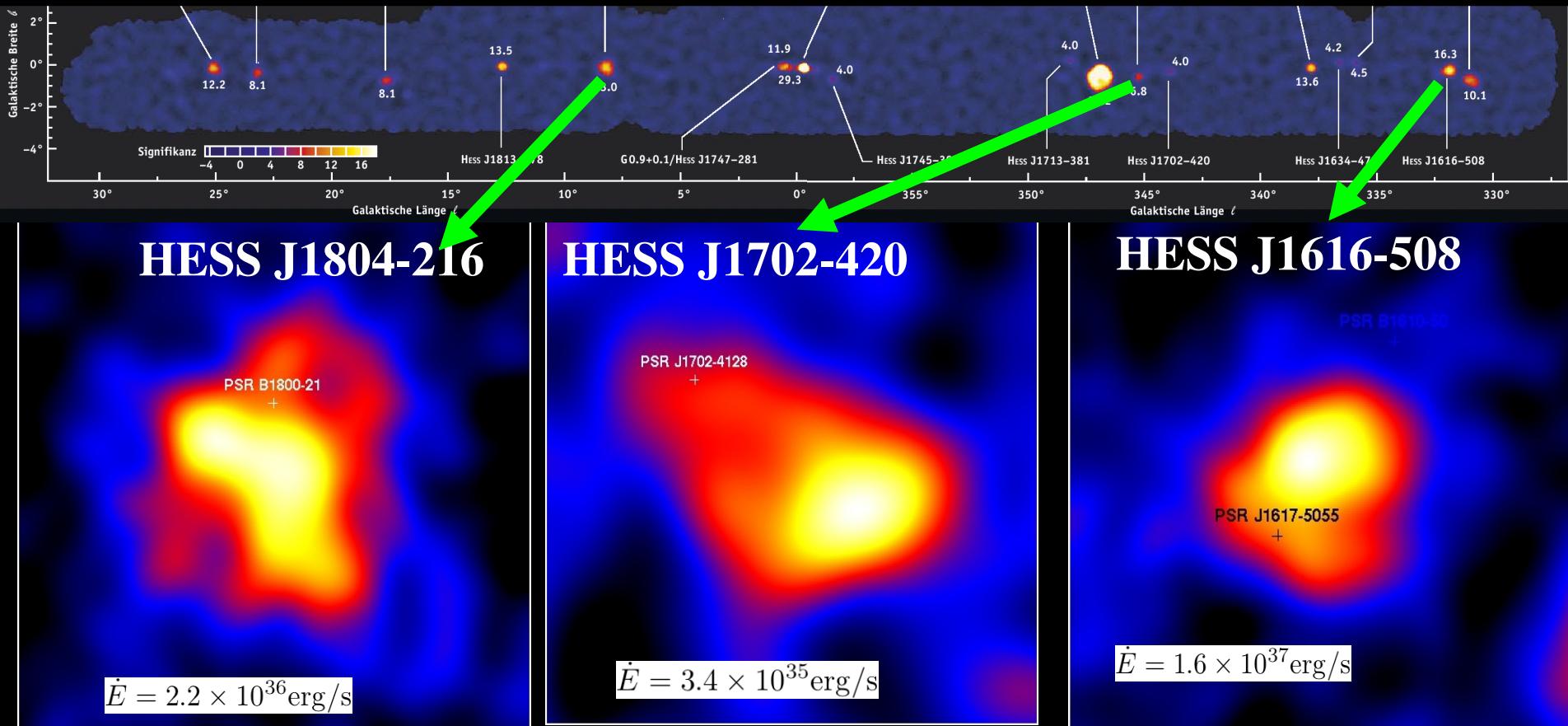
Spatial variation of the TeV spectrum

red – below 0.8 TeV
green – 0.8-2.5 TeV
blue – above 2.5 TeV



**Softening of γ -ray spectrum with distance from the pulsar:
--> evidence in favor of inverse-Compton (electrons) origin of γ -rays!**

More TeV Pulsar Wind Nebulae..



PSR B1800-21
 $D = 3.9 \text{ kpc}$
Required efficiency
2.4%

PSR J1702-4128
 $D = 4.8 \text{ kpc}$
Required efficiency
11%

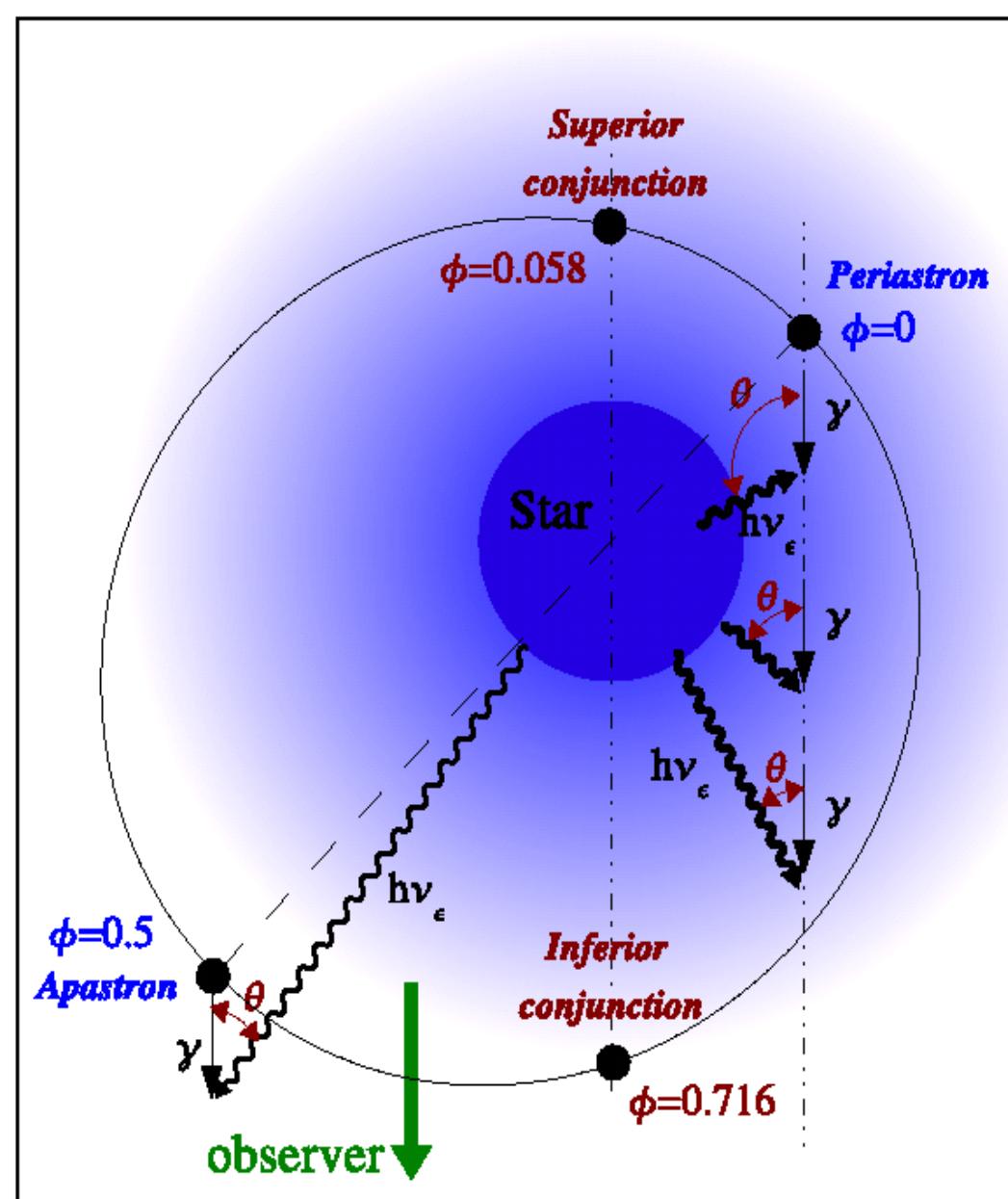
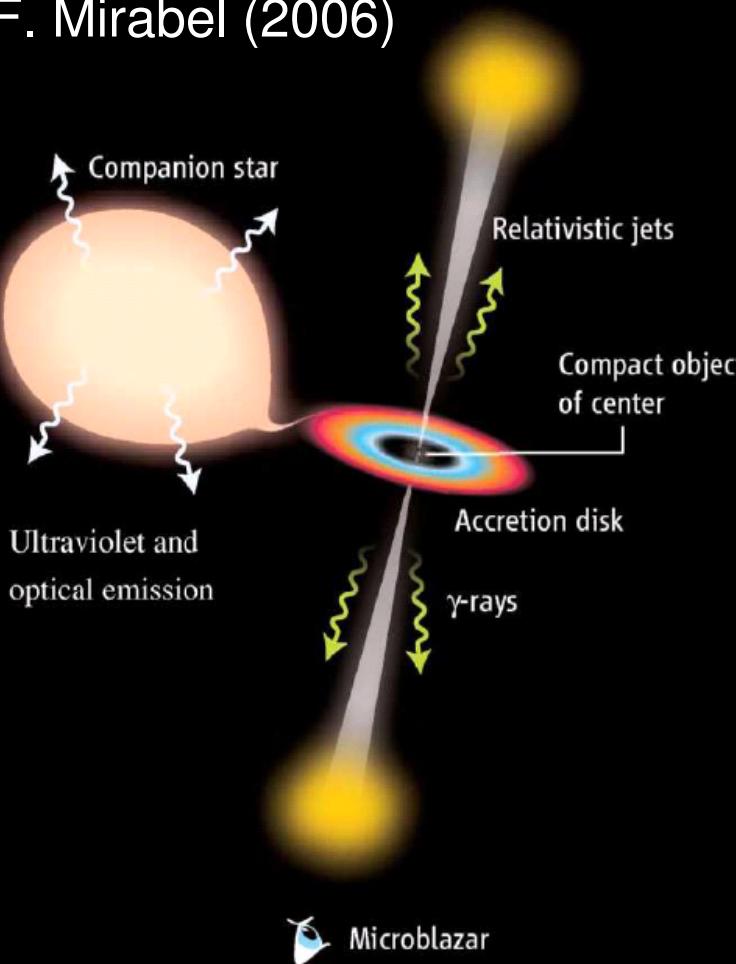
PSR J1617-5055
 $D = 6.8 \text{ kpc}$
Required efficiency
1.3%



Gamma-rays from binary systems: LS 5039

MICROQUASAR

F. Mirabel (2006)





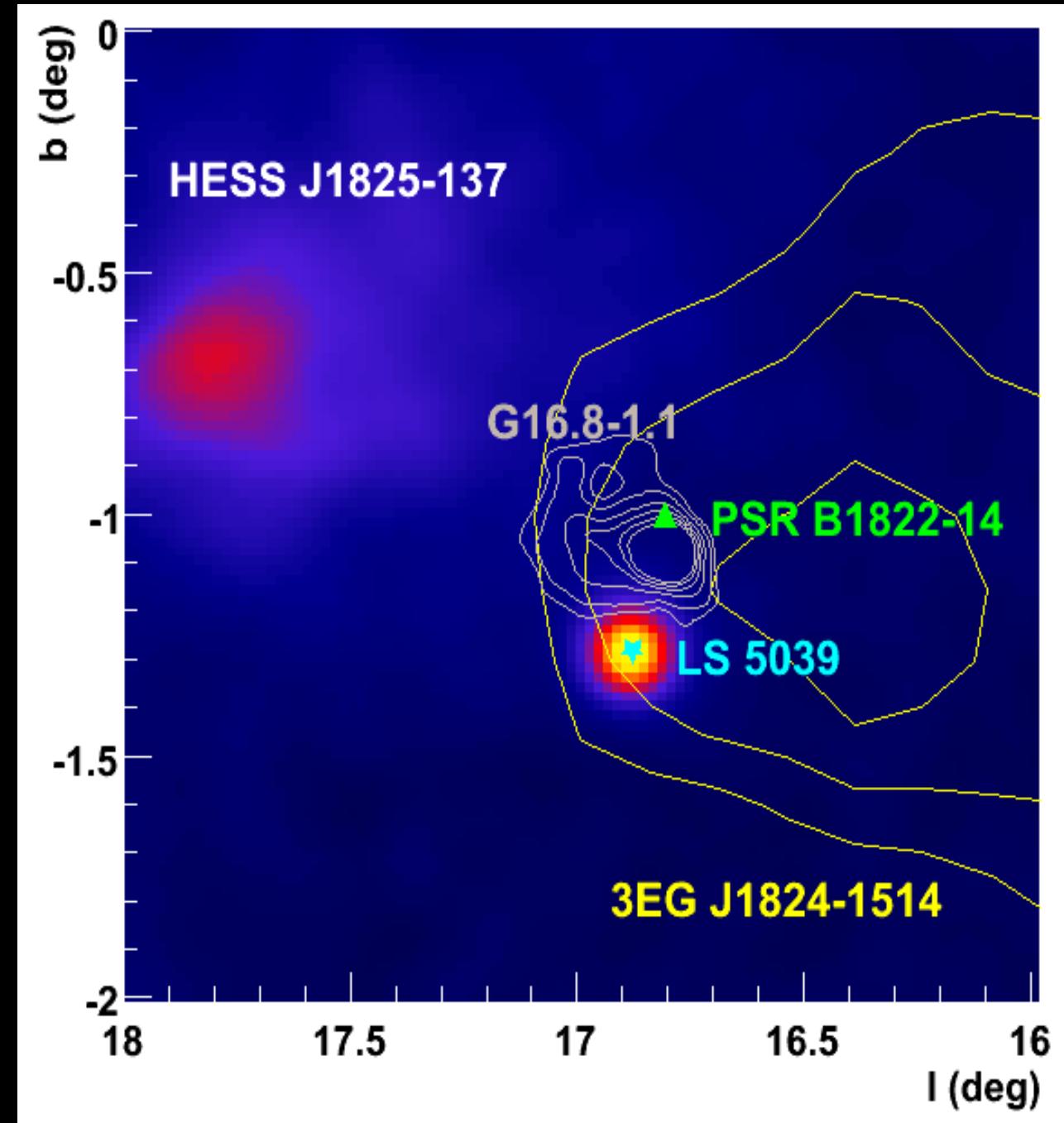
LS5039

HESS 2004 to 2006

~60 hrs
observation

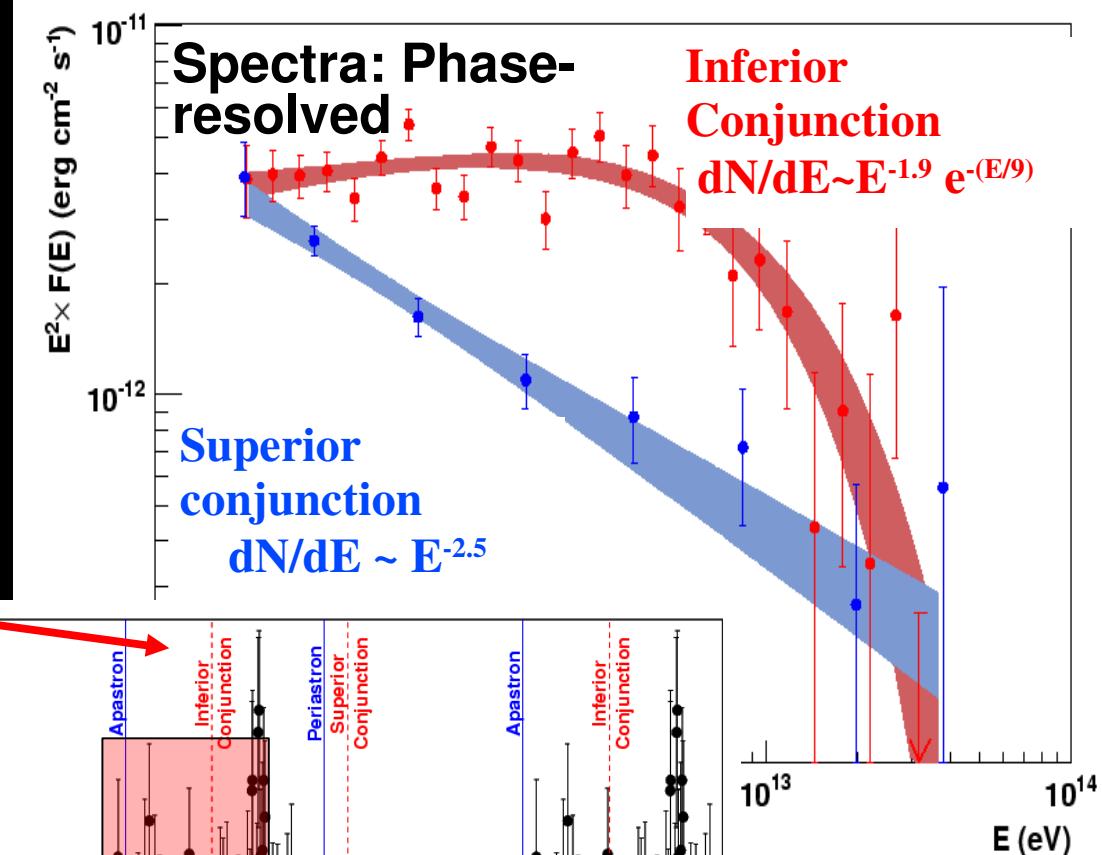
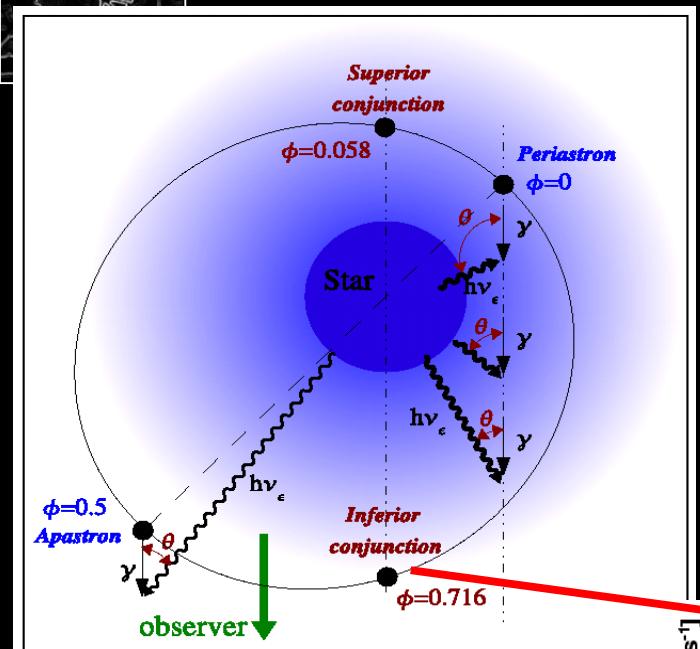
> 40 σ detection

> 2000 gammas





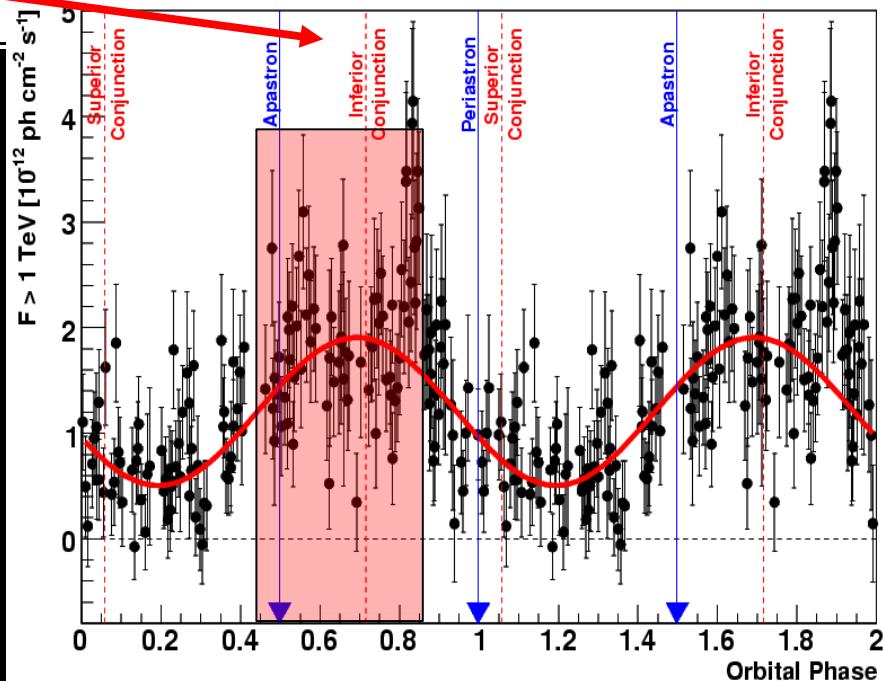
Orbital Phase-Resolved Analysis



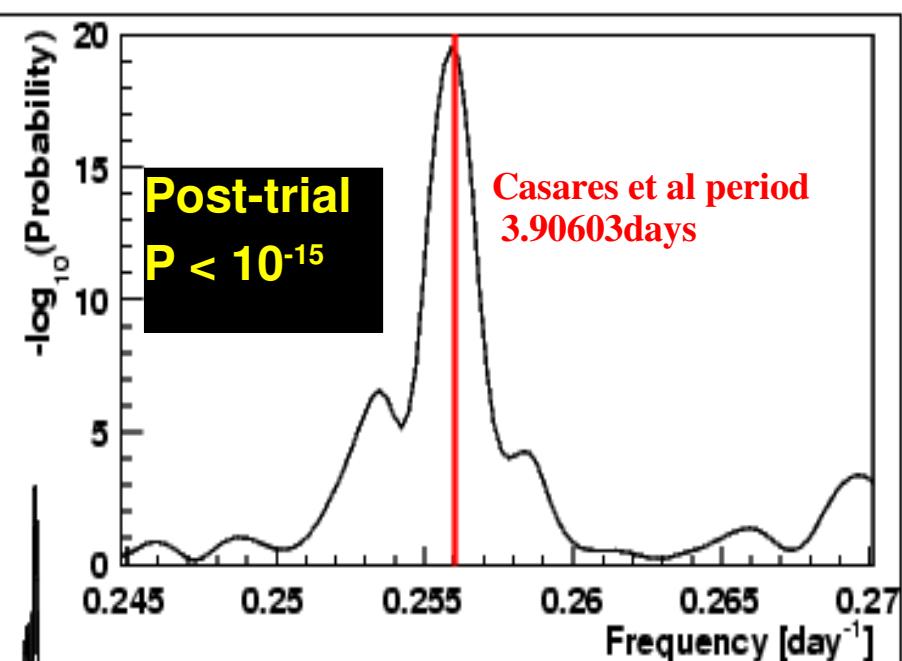
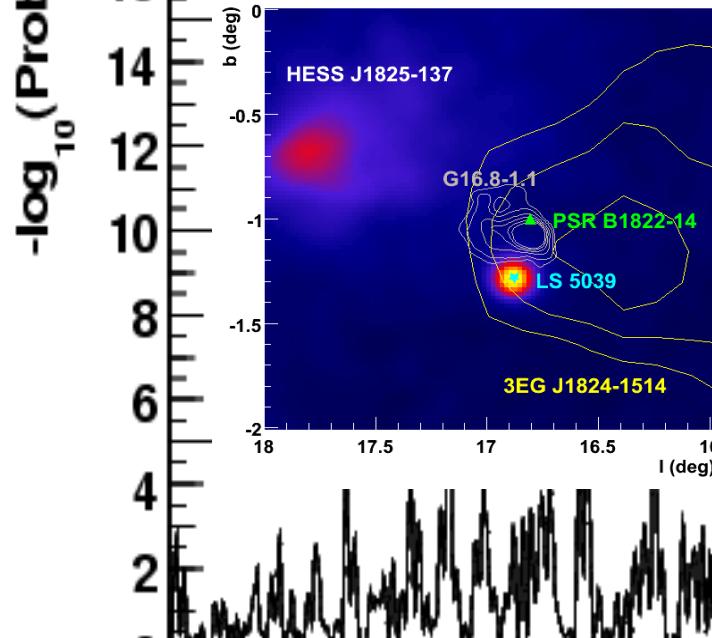
Maximum coinciding with ~inferior conjunction

Minimum around superior conjunction (non-zero!)

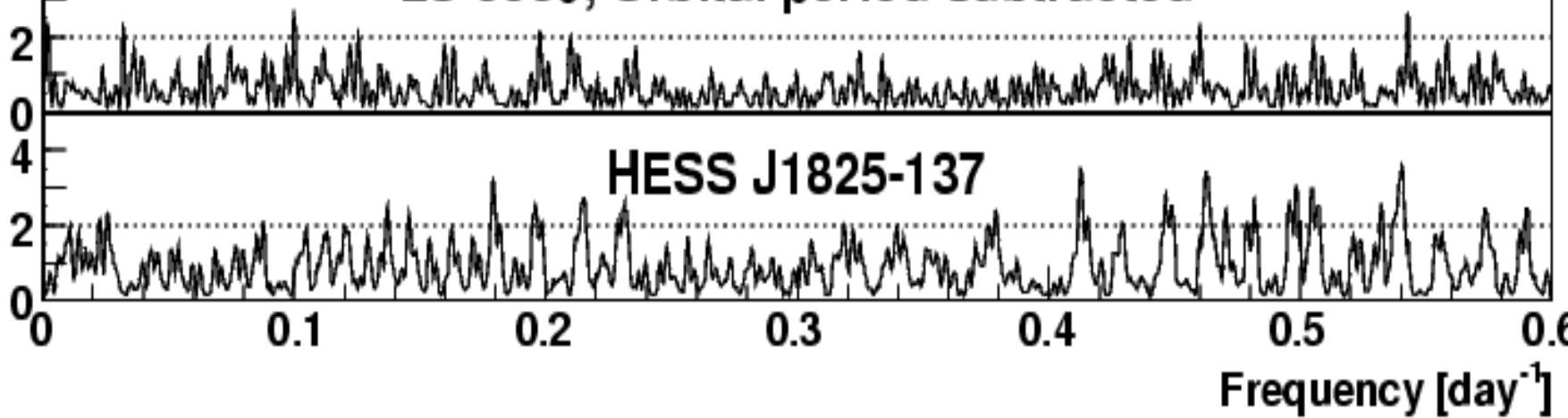
Sufficient statistics for phase-resolved spectroscopy



Periodicty analysis: Lomb-Scargle Test



LS 5039, Orbital period subtracted



Galactic Centre Region: Diffuse Emission

Aharonian et al (2005) Nature 439, 695

Before Source Subtraction

Supernova Remnant G0.9+0.1

HESS J1745-290

After Source Subtraction

Diffuse emission along the galactic plane

Mystery Source HESS J1745-303

After Source Subtraction

Contours: CS line: Mol. Cloud tracer



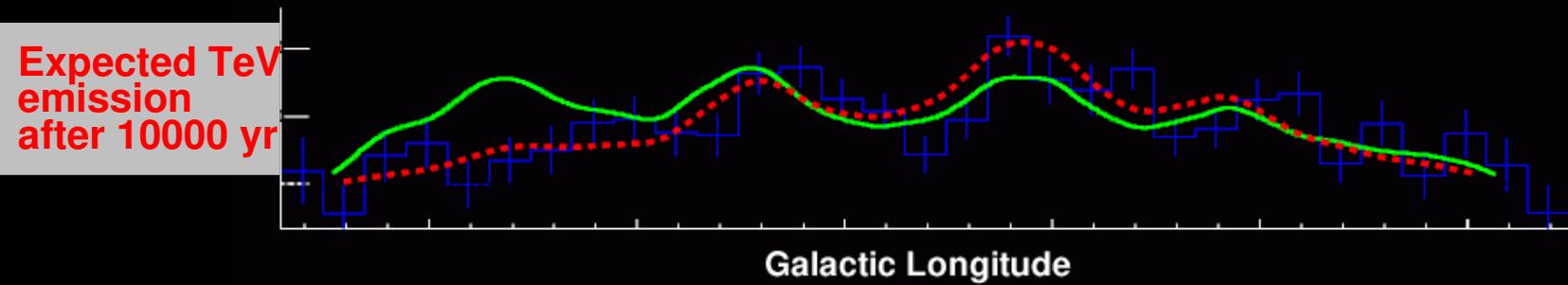
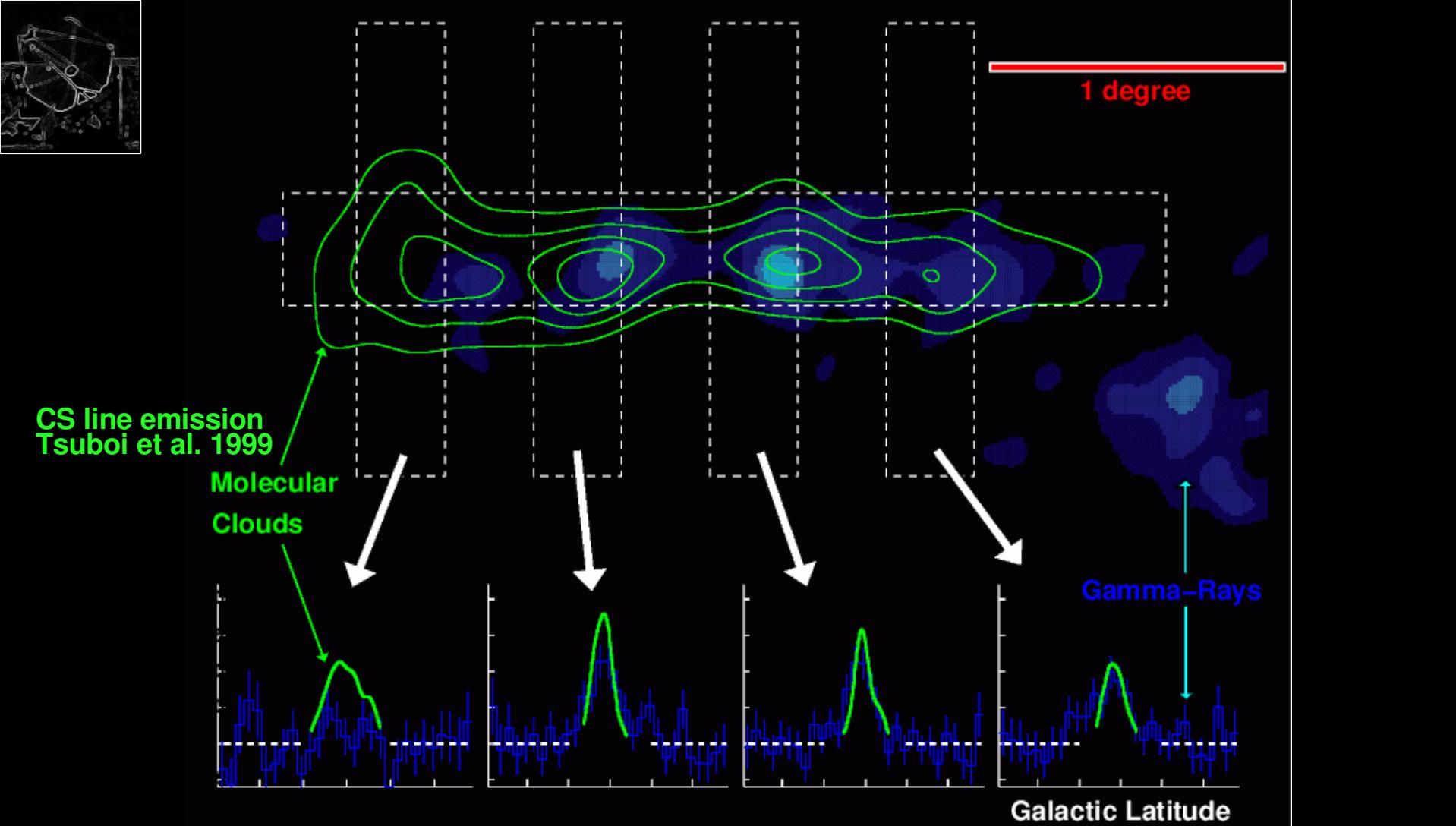
G 0.9+0.1

3EG J1746-2851

3EG J1744-3011

First Time:
TeV & Molecular Cloud
correlation!

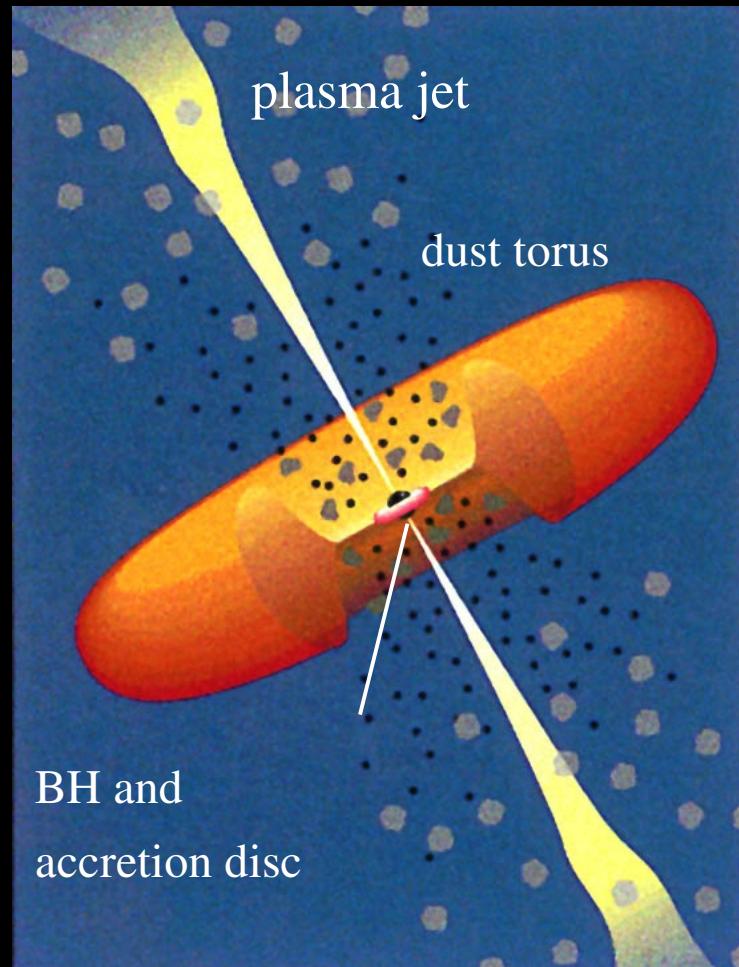
--> v. good case for
hadronic origin





Active galactic nuclei (AGN) and blazars

- **AGN:** Luminous central region of a galaxy (found in ~1% of all galaxies)
- **AGN model:**
 - Central supermassive black hole
 - Matter accretion (thermal emission from radio to X-rays)
 - Relativistic plasma jet
- Observed AGN features depend on viewing angle (unification)
- **Blazar:** viewing angle \sim jet axis
 - Relativistic beaming
 - **Doppler-boosting** $E_{\text{obs}} \sim \delta E_{\text{src}}$
 - **Pointlike TeV emission** (*pair halos)
 - **Extreme variability**



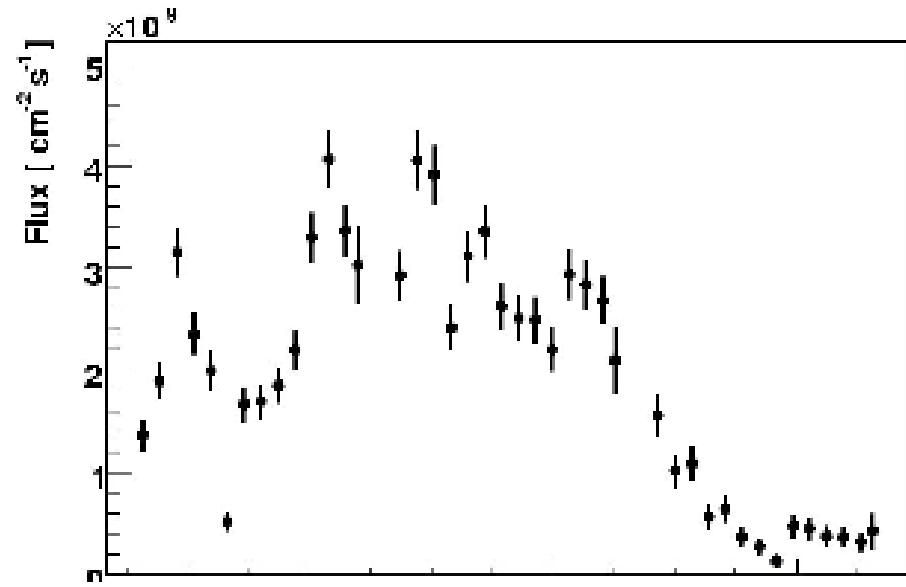
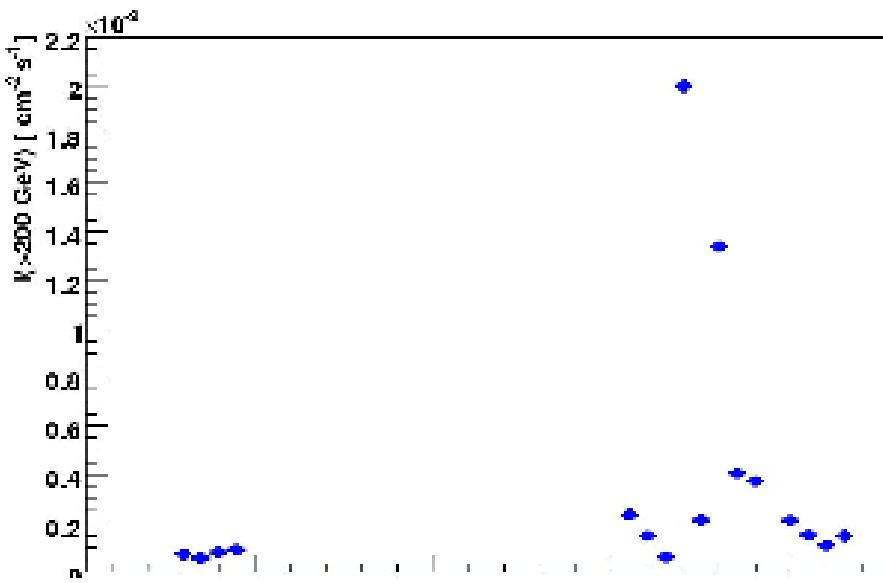


Extragalactic TeV γ -ray sources

Name	redshift	reference	
● M 87	0.004	Aharonian et al, A&A, 403, L1 (2003)	
Markarian 421	0.030	Punch et al., Nature, 358, 477 (1992)	discovered by H.E.S.S.
Markarian 501	0.034	Quinn et al., ApJ, 456, L83 (1996)	
1ES 2344+514	0.044	Catanese et al., ApJ, 501, 616 (1998)	
Markarian 180	0.045	Albert et al., ApJL, submitted (2006)	
1ES 1959+650	0.047	Nishiyama et al., 29 th ICRC, 3, 370 (1999)	
PKS 2005-489	0.071	Aharonian et al, A&A, 436, L17 (2005)	
● PKS 2155-304	0.116	Chadwick et al., ApJ, 513, 161 (1999)	
H 1426+428	0.129	Aharonian et al., ApJ, 571, 753 (2002)	
● H 2356-309	0.165	Aharonian et al, Nature, 440, 1018 (2006)	Provides constraints on the extragalactic background light (EBL)
1ES 1218+304	0.182	Albert et al., ApJ, 642, L119 (2006)	
● 1ES 1101-232	0.186	Aharonian et al, Nature, 440, 1018 (2006)	
PG 1553+113	>0.25?	Aharonian et al, A&A, 448, L19 (2006)	

Except for M87, all extragalactic TeV γ -ray sources are blazars

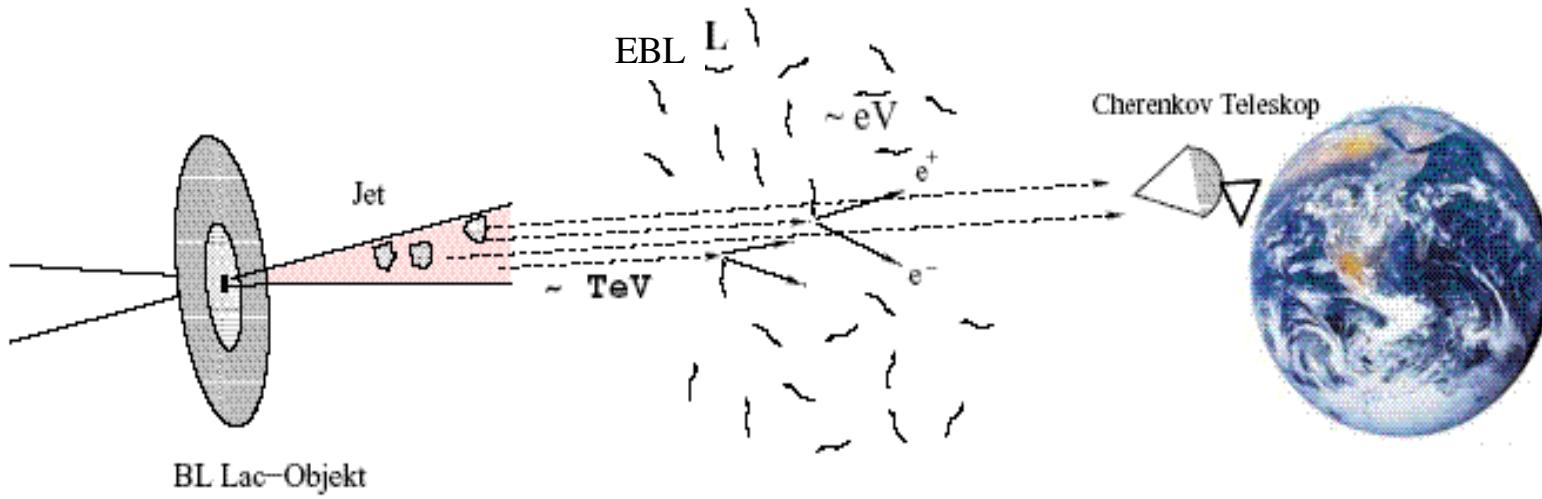
PKS 2155-304: 2006 outburst, VERY PRELIMINARY



- Huge flux level triggered ATel, MWL observations
- 2'-minute lightcurve binning shows doubling timescales at $\approx 5'$
- Complex lightcurve with possibly substructures (to be confirmed with final analysis)
- Simultaneous RXTE, Swift, Chandra, optical observations



Absorption of Gamma-Rays from Distant Extragalactic Sources



**Gamma Rays
are absorbed
via pair production
on soft photon
fields**

Pair Creation: $\gamma + \gamma_{\text{soft}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$

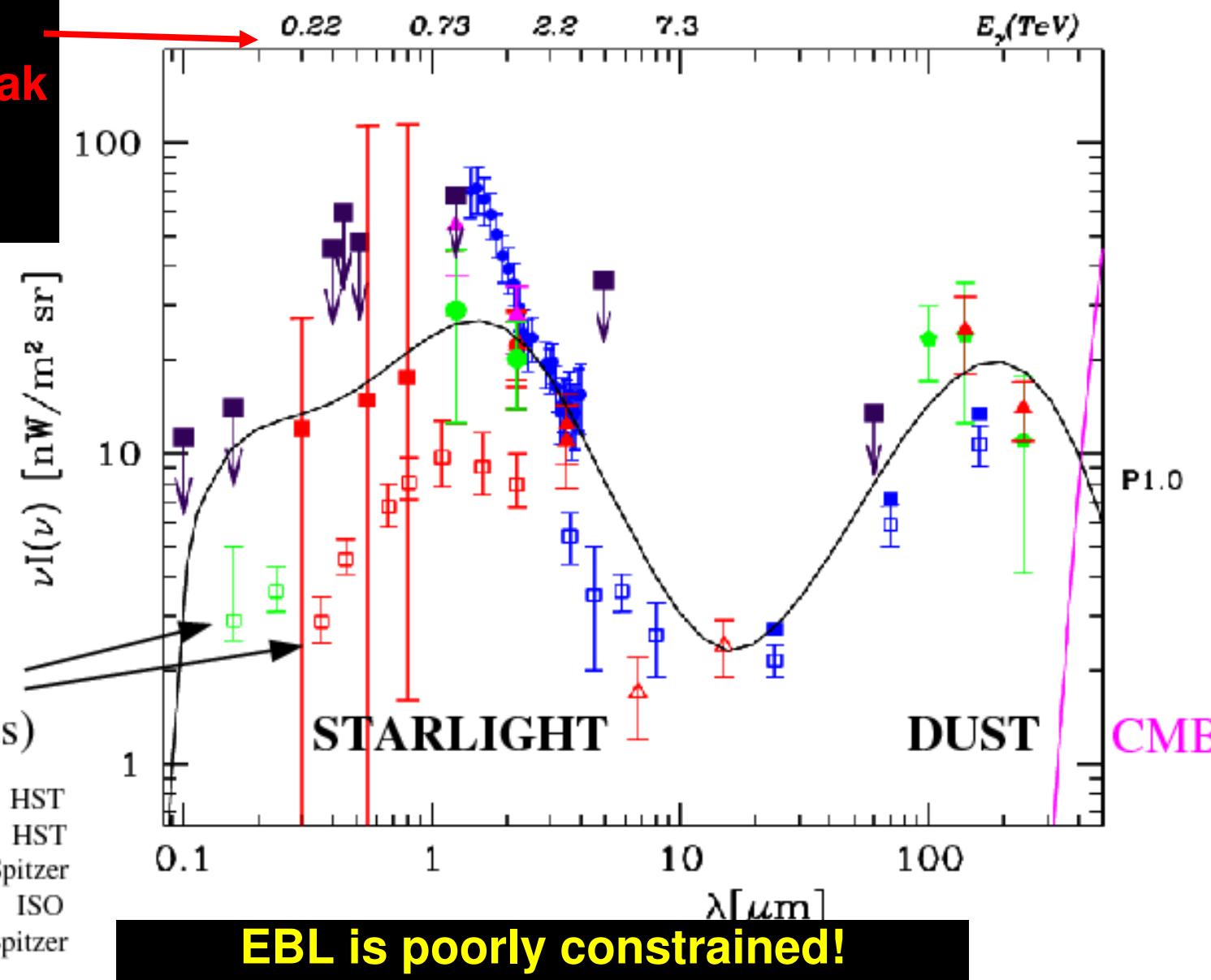
**0.1 to 10 TeV Gammas interact with
0.1 to 10 μm
Extragal. Back. Light (EBL)**

Extragalactic Background Light: the SED

**Gamma Ray
Energy for peak
pair prod.
X-section**

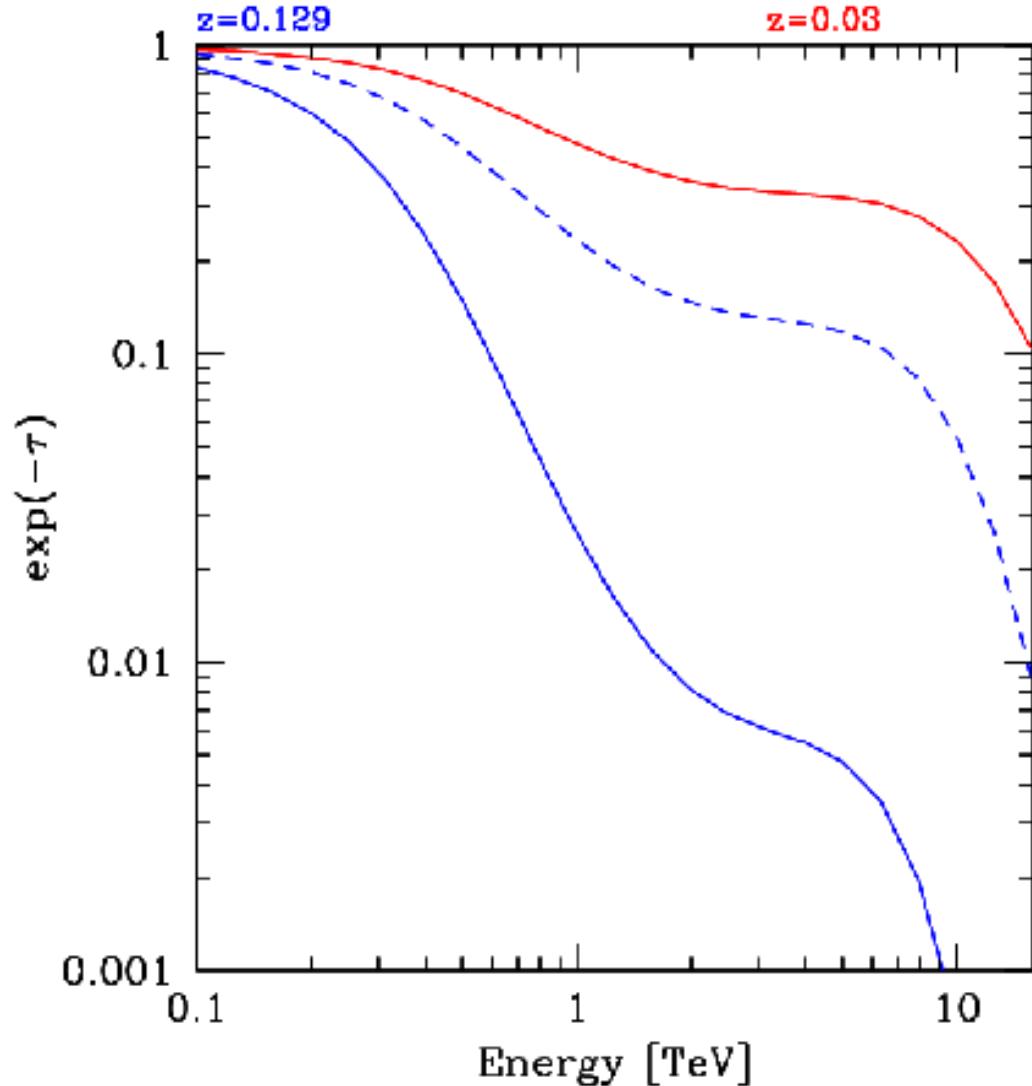
Lower limits
(source counts)

Gardner et al. 2001	HST
Madau & Pozzetti 2000	HST
Fazio et al. 2004	Spitzer
Elbaz et al. 2002	ISO
Dole et al. 2006	Spitzer

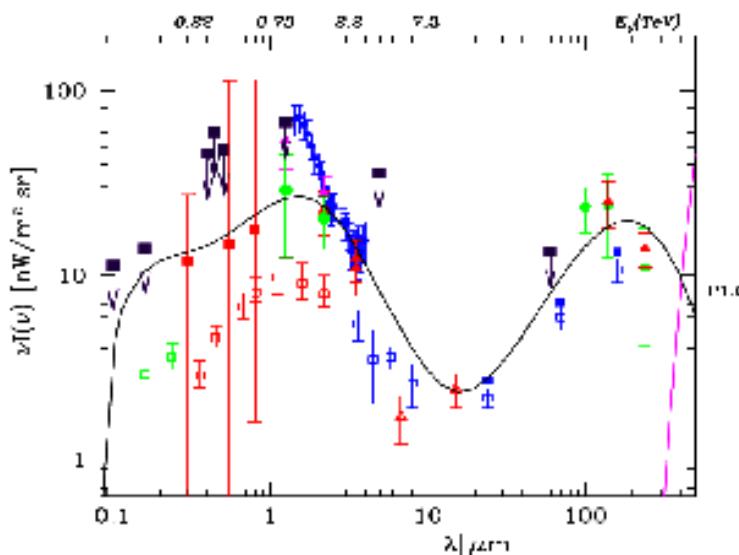


EBL is poorly constrained!

How absorption deforms original TeV spectra



- 0.2-2 TeV: steepening
- 2-5 TeV : flattening
(partial recover of original spectrum:
 $n(\epsilon) \sim \epsilon^{-1} \rightarrow \tau(E) \sim E^0 \sim \text{constant}$)
- >6 TeV: cut-off



from L. Costamante



1ES 1101-232 (z=0.186) & H2356-309 (z=0.165): Two New Distant Blazars

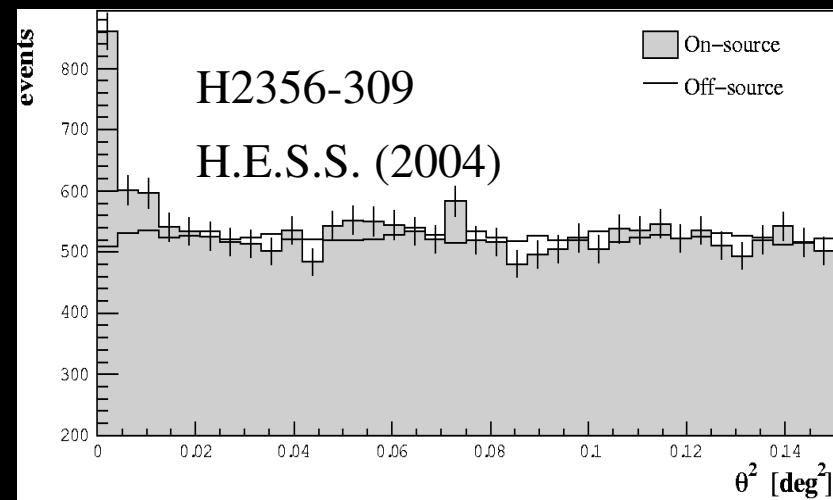
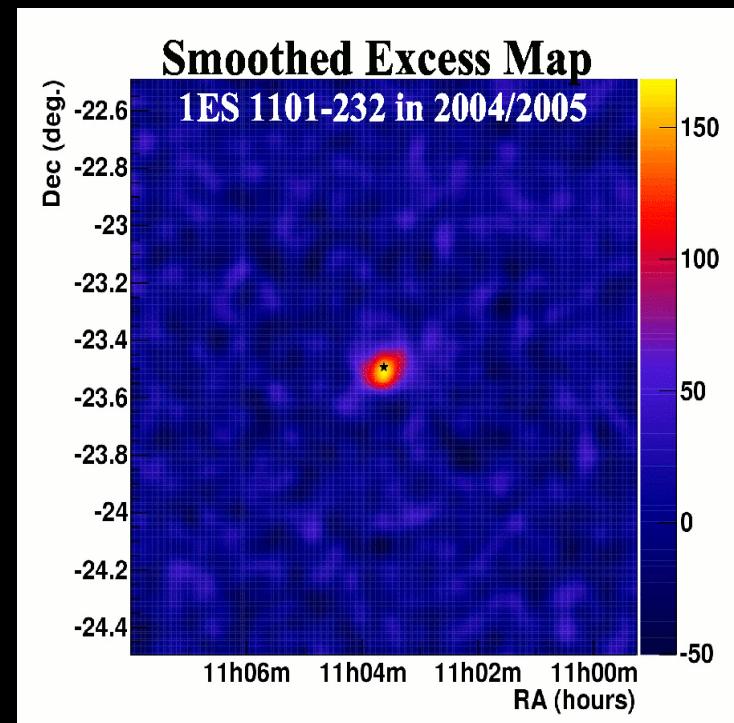
Discovered by H.E.S.S. in 2004
~40h of observations, ($>10\sigma$)

Energy spectra both are steep power laws

1ES1101: $\Gamma = 2.88 \pm 0.17$

H2356-309: $\Gamma = 3.06 \pm 0.2$

Expect γ absorption from EBL
→ strong implications on EBL



1ES1101-232

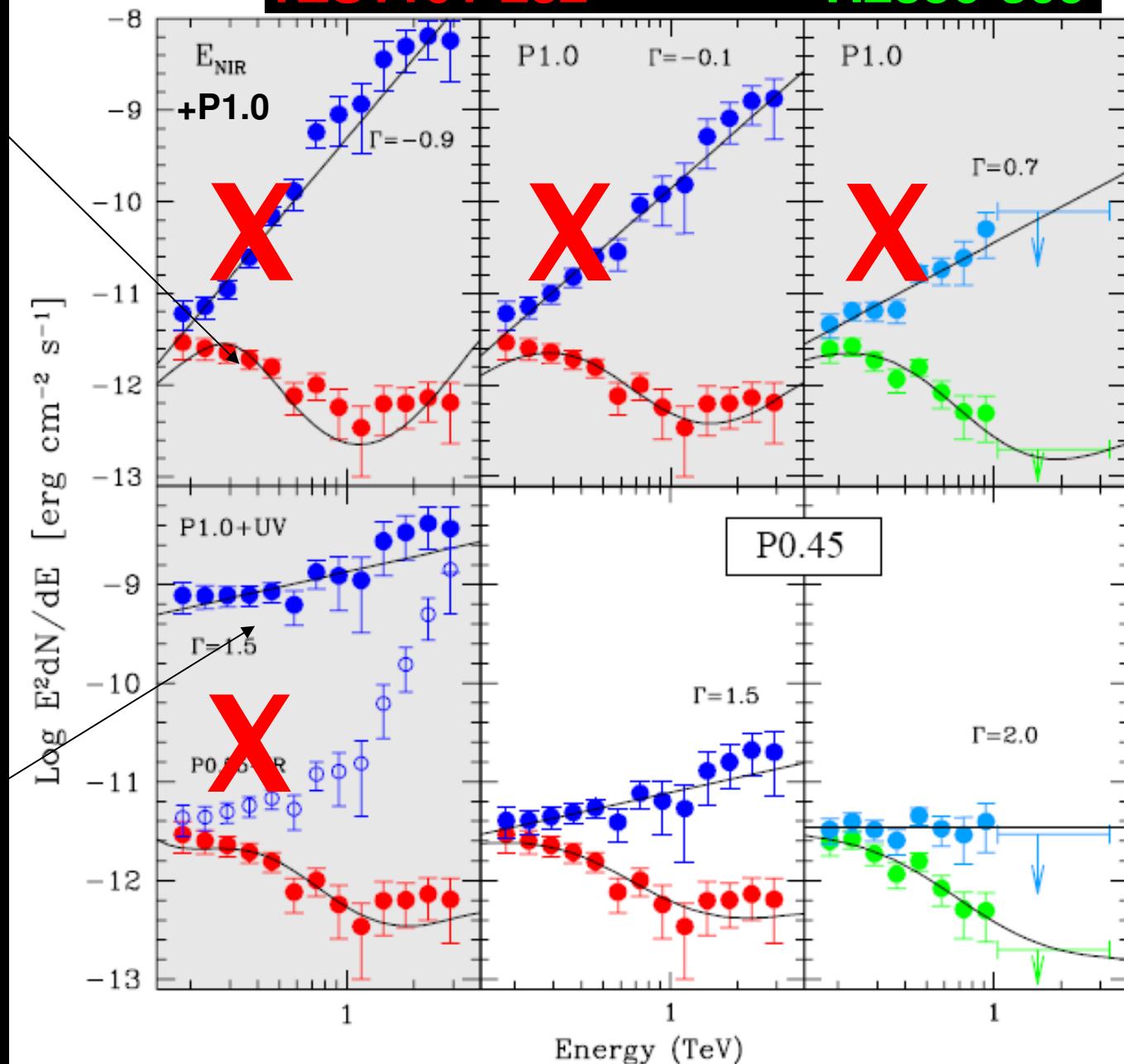
H2356-309

Observed spectra
(lower curves)

Look at various
combinations of
EBL scaling and
other components
on
intrinsic spectra.

Intrinsic
spectra
(upper curves)

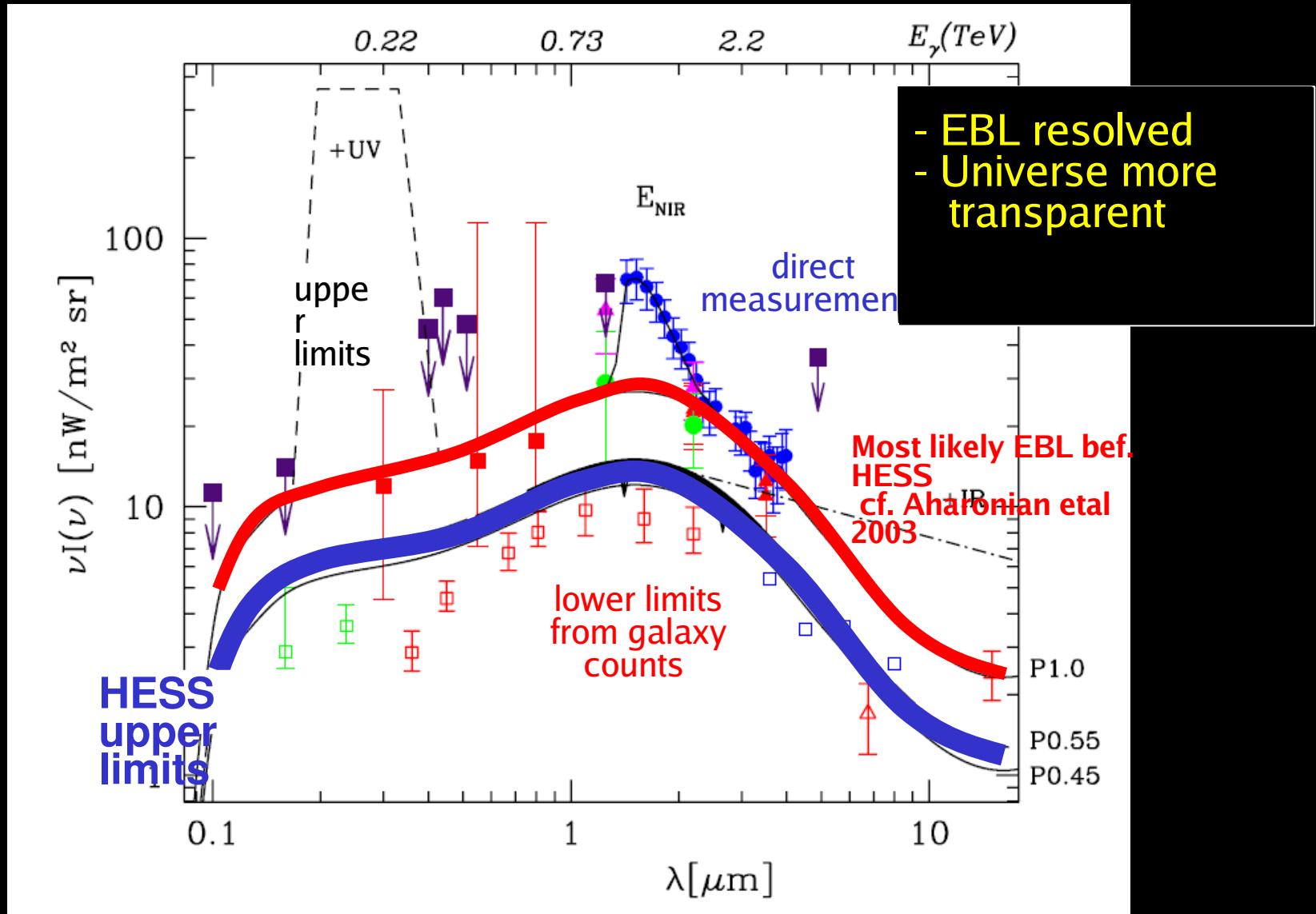
Constraints from
condition
intrinsic $\Gamma > 1.5$





Spectra & E_{xtragalactic}B_{ackground}L_{ight}

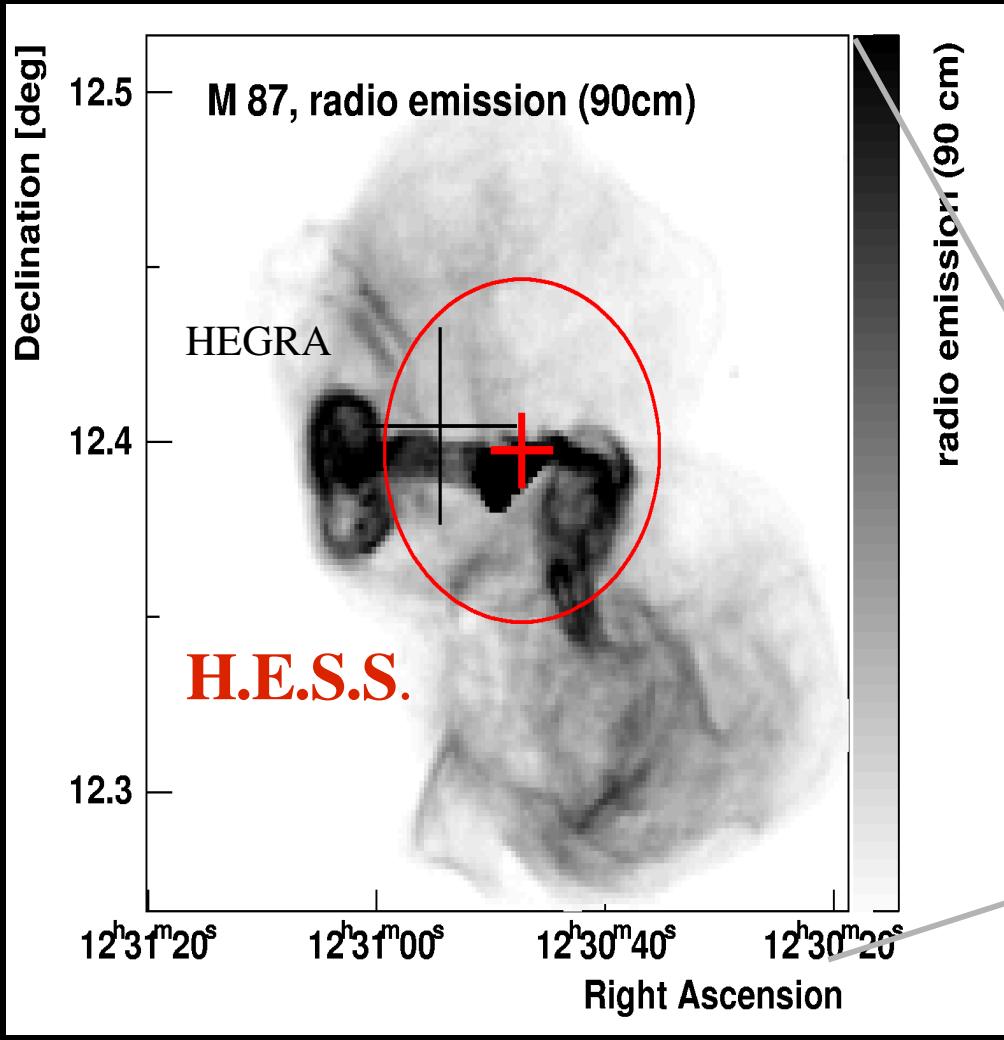
See Aharonian et al. (2005) Nature 440, 1018



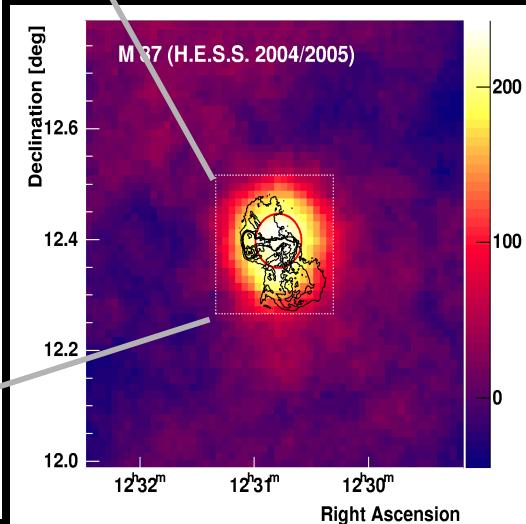


M87: TeV γ -ray source – HEGRA & H.E.S.S.

Dist: ~16 Mpc (z=0.00436)

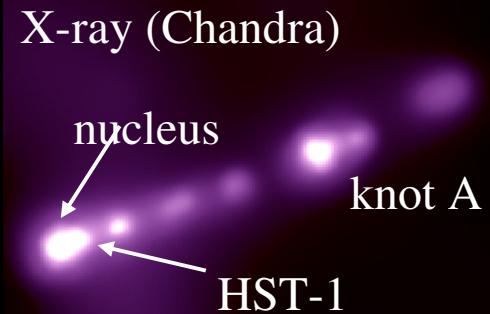
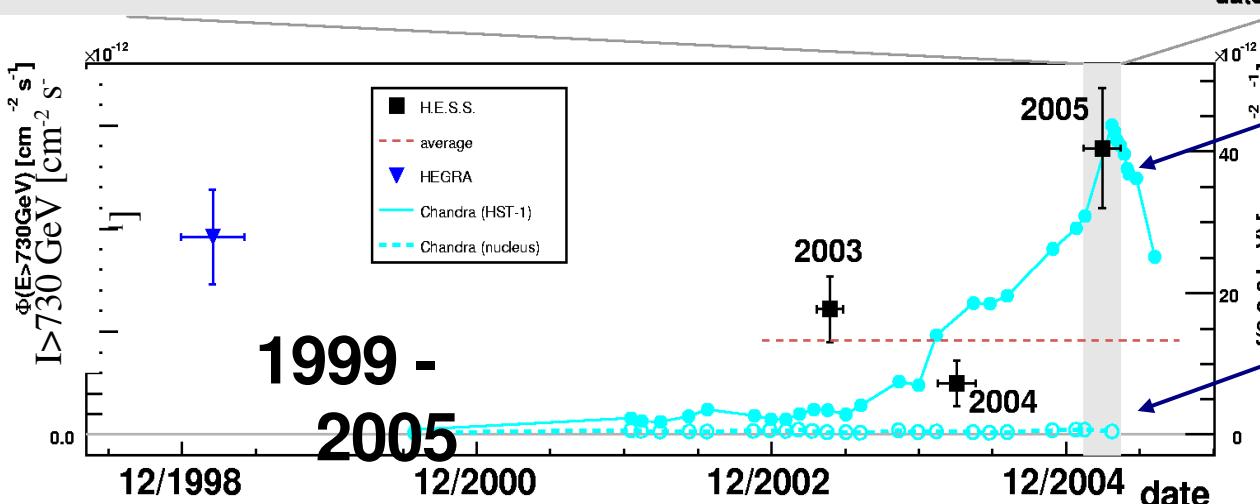
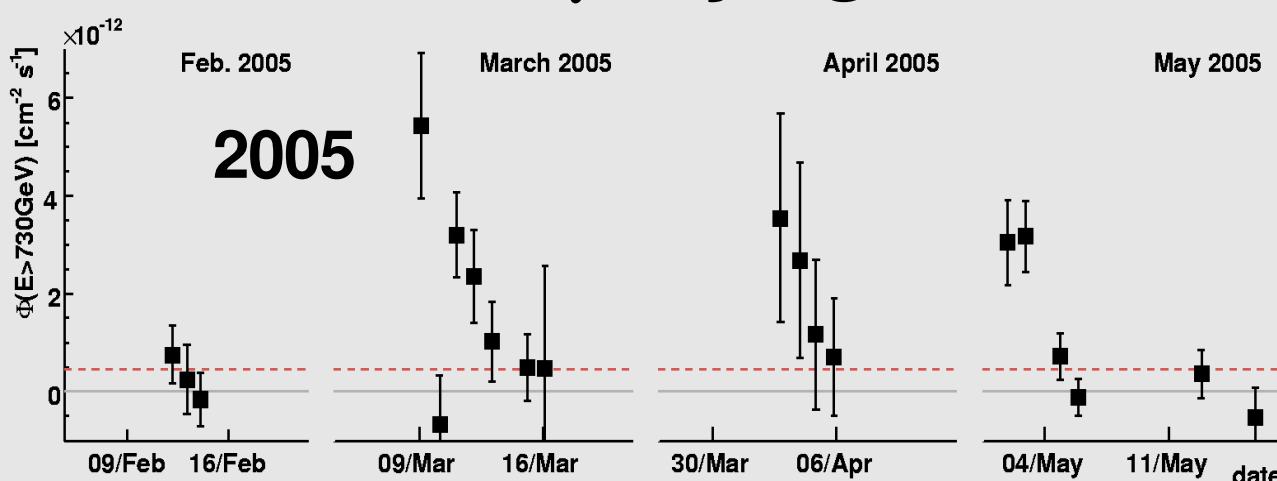


- H.E.S.S: 2003 to 2005
→ 2003 (19 h) 2005 (52h)
- Point-source, position compatible with M87 nucleus
- Upper limit for extension (99.9% c.l.): 3 arcmin



First extragalactic non-blazar TeV γ -ray source

M87: TeV γ -ray light curve and variability



X-ray emission:

- knot HST-1**
[Harris et al. (2005),
ApJ, 640, 211]
- nucleus**
Courtesy to D.Harris
(priv. communication)

Variability: Constrain size of emission region: $R \sim 5 \times 10^{15} \delta \text{ cm}$

No X-ray/TeV correlation: Require further MWL observations



Conclusions & Lessons from HESS et al.

- Hard spectra (harder than $E^{-2.4}$) for the majority of Galactic TeV sources.
- No clear sign of cutoffs above 10 TeV so far in many sources
- Require > 50 hrs observation to reach >50 TeV gamma energies
- Present instruments reach gamma-ray energies few $\times 10$ TeV
ie few $\times 100$ TeV Cosmic Rays
- Still want to search for Particle PeVatrons (the knee and beyond)
- PeV CR Acceleration much less well understood cf. Multi-TeV energies
but present results are providing clues.

Along with current future efforts to lower the energy threshold and improve the sensitivity of instruments (eg. HESS-II, MAGIC-II, CTA....)

There is great potential for Gamma Ray telescopes optimised for the $E > 10$ TeV regime.



Acceleration of Cosmic Rays above the knee ($10^{15} \sim 10^{18}$ eV)

A Major Mystery in High Energy Astrophysics...

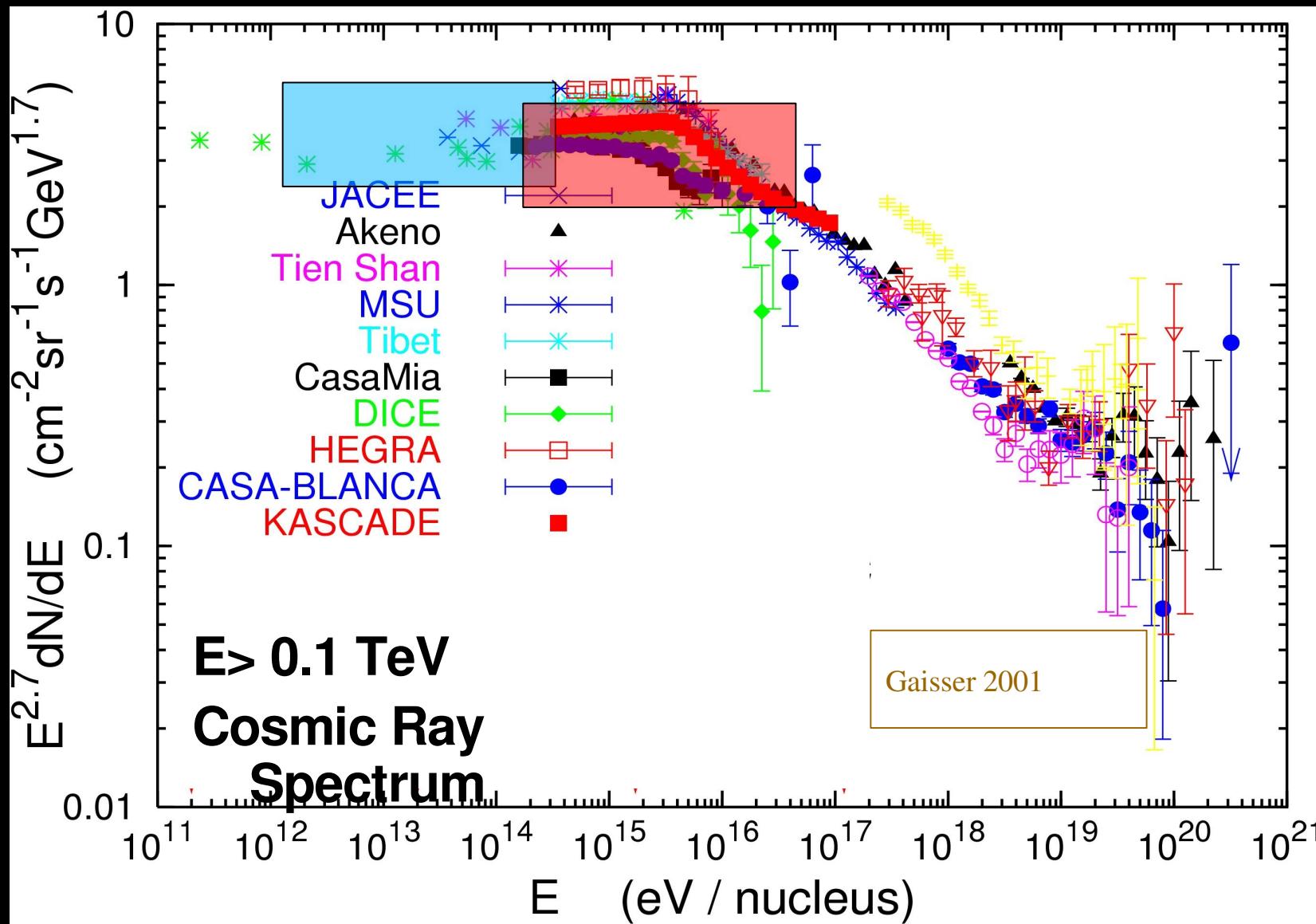
- Diffusive Shock Acceleration Theory $E_{max} \sim \text{few} \times 10^{15}$ eV
(Drury 1983, Lagage & Cesarsky 1983, Hillas 2006 for review)

Some ideas..... eg.

- Magnetic field modification (Bell & Lucek 2001)
- Re-acceleration of Galactic Cosmic Rays (Jokipii & Morphill 1985, Voelk & Zirakashvili 2001)
- Acceleration by Galactic GRBs (Wick, Dermer, Atoyan 2004)
- Large-scale galactic shocks from Superbubbles via multi SNR, multi stellar winds from OB assoc.
(Drury 2001, Bykov 2001, Parizot 2004)



10 - 100 TeV γ -Rays: Corresponds to ~100 TeV to multi-PeV Particles





The *TenTen* Project: (Adelaide group + others) E > 10 TeV Gamma Ray Astronomy

Requirements (compared to HESS) Based on simulation studies

Plyasheshnikov et al. (2000)

Each telescope:

- Smaller mirror area/size ($\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$) HESS $\sim 100 \text{ m}^2$
- Larger camera field of view (6° - 10°) HESS 5°
- Larger telescope spacing ($L > 200 \text{ m}$) HESS 120 m

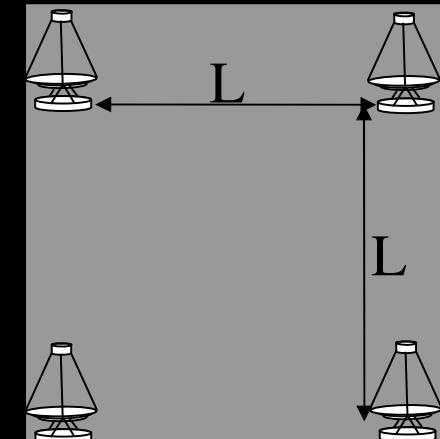


Desired Effective collecting area:

10 km² at 10 TeV \rightarrow **'TenTen' project**

Telescope Cell

- Multi-telescope array (stereoscopy also) combining several telescope *Cells*
Total 25 to 50 telescopes



Sites: Sea-level altitude maybe favourable

--> Australian sites. Under investigation.



The *TenTen* Project:

Guaranteed Success:

- Technical

No challenging innovation required. Can employ the same stereoscopic technique developed by HEGRA and HESS.

- Astrophysics

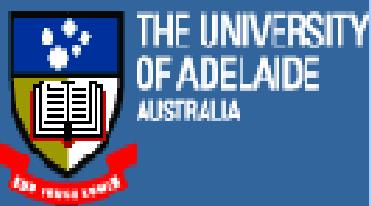
TenTen will study the growing number of existing TeV gamma ray sources but at higher energies. Greater chance of separating electronic & hadronic components (electron cooling).

- Workshop to discuss science goals & identify interested groups

Dec 6 - 8 Adelaide

Rough Cost: Shared with International Partners

~\$0.5M to \$1M per telescope --> under \$50M total array



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Locating PeV Cosmic-Ray Accelerators: Future Detectors in Multi-TeV Gamma-Ray Astronomy

Adelaide 6 - 8 December 2006



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Images of TeV Gamma-Ray and X-Ray sources (from H.E.S.S. and ROSAT); Images available from the [H.E.S.S. Collaboration](#) website.

Workshop Agenda

- Motivations for E>10 TeV Gamma-Ray and PeV Cosmic-Ray Astrophysics
- Status Reports in TeV Gamma-Ray, Cosmic-Ray, Neutrino and X-Ray Astronomies
- Current Activities in E>10 TeV Gamma-Ray Astronomy
- New Array of E>10 TeV Cherenkov Imaging Telescopes



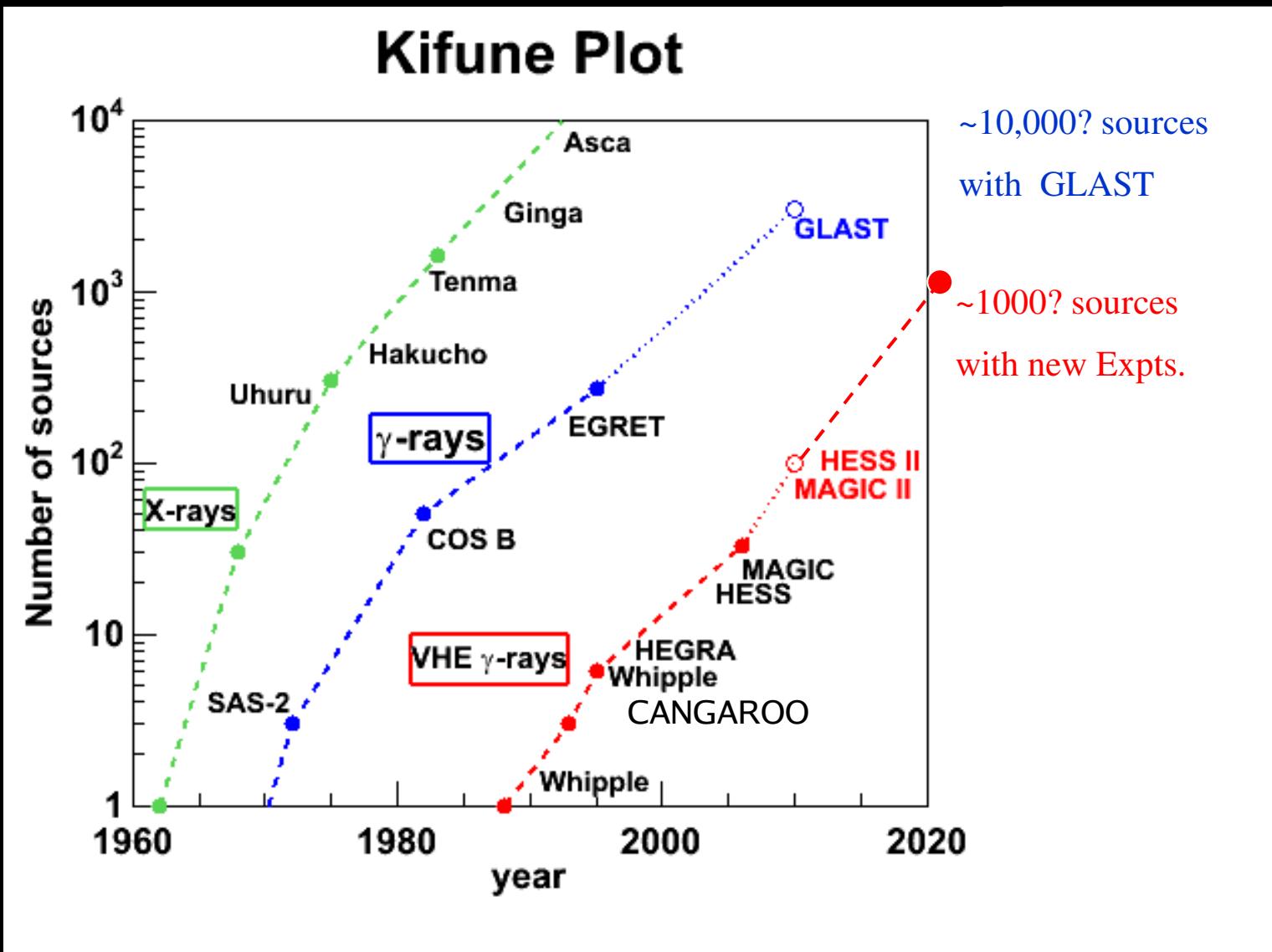
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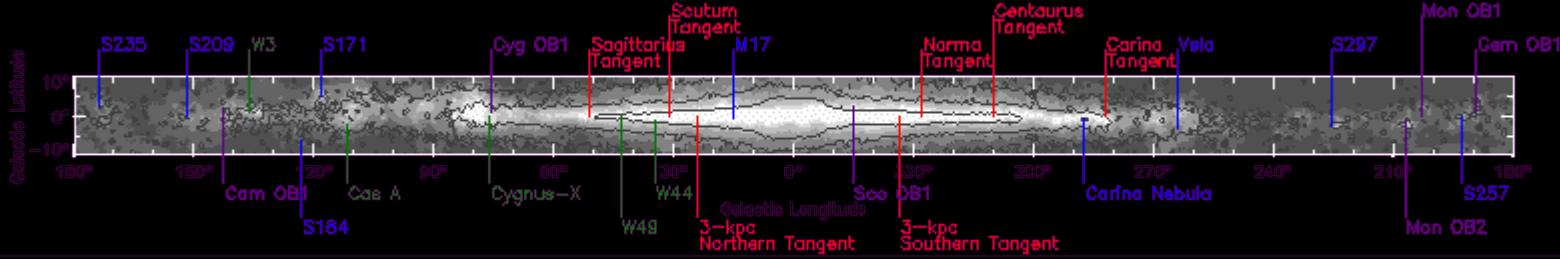
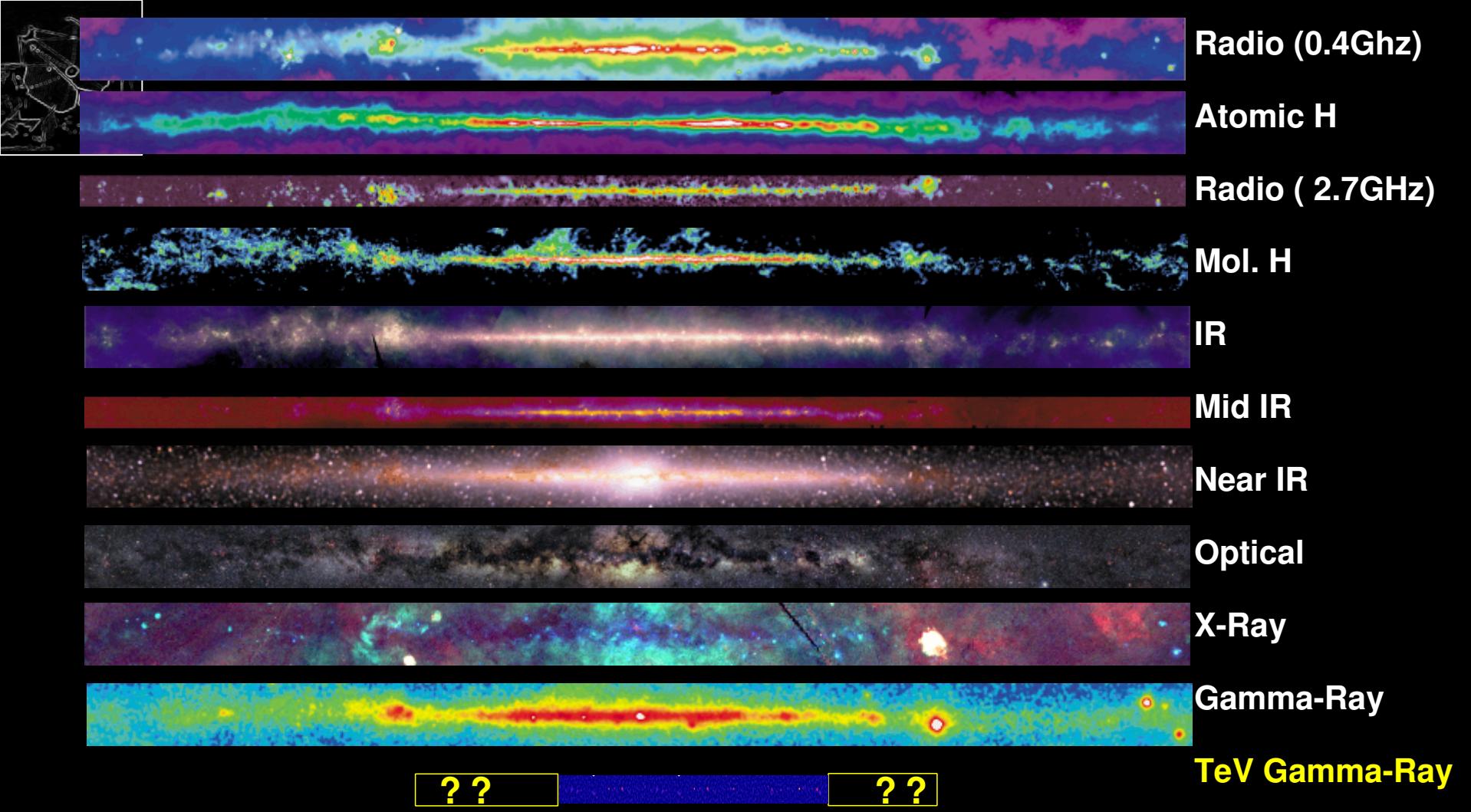
- A growing TeV Gamma Ray catalogue due to HESS et al.
 - now *TeV astronomy (mainstream discipline)*
 - can study Astrophysical sources in detail
 - Detailed TeV gamma-ray studies of Shell-SNR and a growing number of pulsar-wind-nebulae (PWN)
 - (emission up to 50 TeV in some cases)
 - > particle acceleration above 100 TeV!!
 - Shell SNRs: Hadronic &/or leptonic accelerators
few $\times 10^{49}$ erg necessary in protons
 - Pulsar Wind Nebulae: Spectral evolution in HESSJ1825-137
Asymmetric morphology is often seen.
 - Compact Binaries: TeV Orbital modulation
 - Extragalactic jet sources: Sites of multi TeV particle production: fast variable down to minute timescales
-
- Clear need for E>10 TeV Gamma Ray instruments *TenTen*
guaranteed technical & scientific success
(complimentary to *GLAST* & km^3 neutrino experiments)
 - > *bright prospects for the future of the field*



The 'Kifune' Plot

(Tadashi Kifune – founder of CANGAROO)







Pulsar Ensemble Studies

Carrigan et al 2006

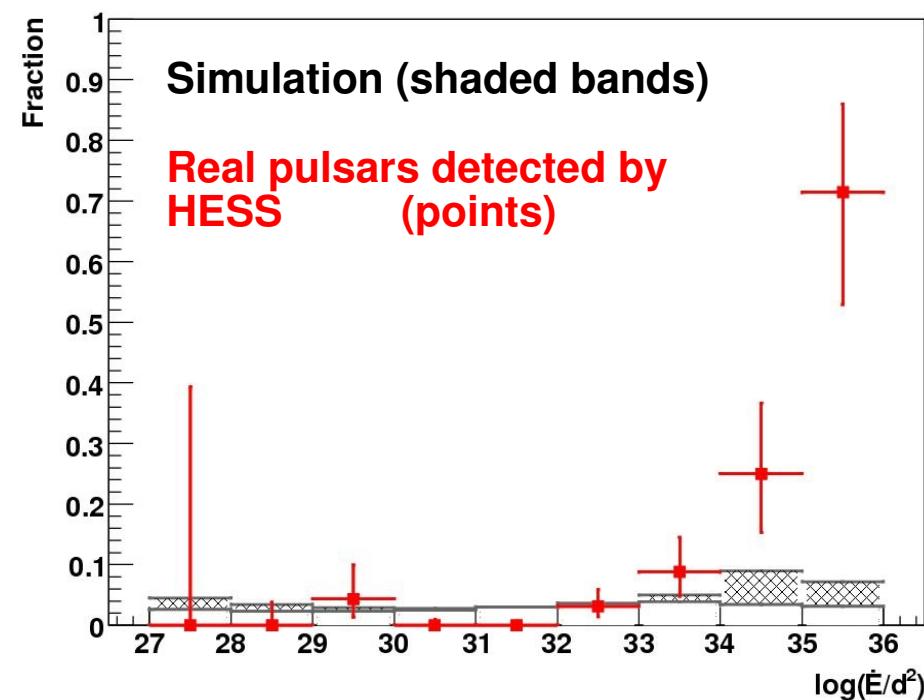
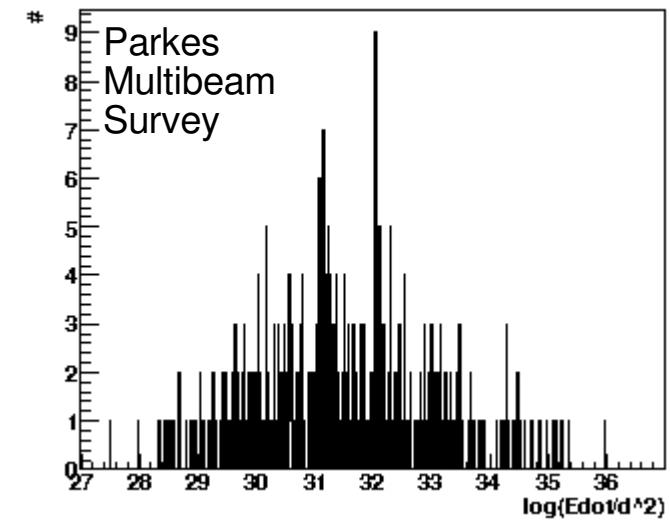
Aharonian et al 2006 in prep

**Sample from pulsar distribution
(Parkes Multibeam Survey
Camillo et al 2002)**

Galactic long, lat, & \dot{E}/d^2

--> Simulate chance
probability of random
occurrence

**High \dot{E}/d^2 pulsars/PWN
are a distinct population
of TeV gamma ray
sources**





the last EM window....

LE or MeV : 0.1 -100 MeV (0.1 -10 + 10 -100*)

HE or GeV : 0.1 -100 GeV (0.1 -10 + 10 -100*)

VHE or TeV : 0.1 -100 TeV (0.1 -10 + 10 -100*)

UHE or PeV : 0.1 -100 PeV

EHE or EeV : 0.1 -100 EeV

the window is opened in MeV, GeV, and TeV bands:

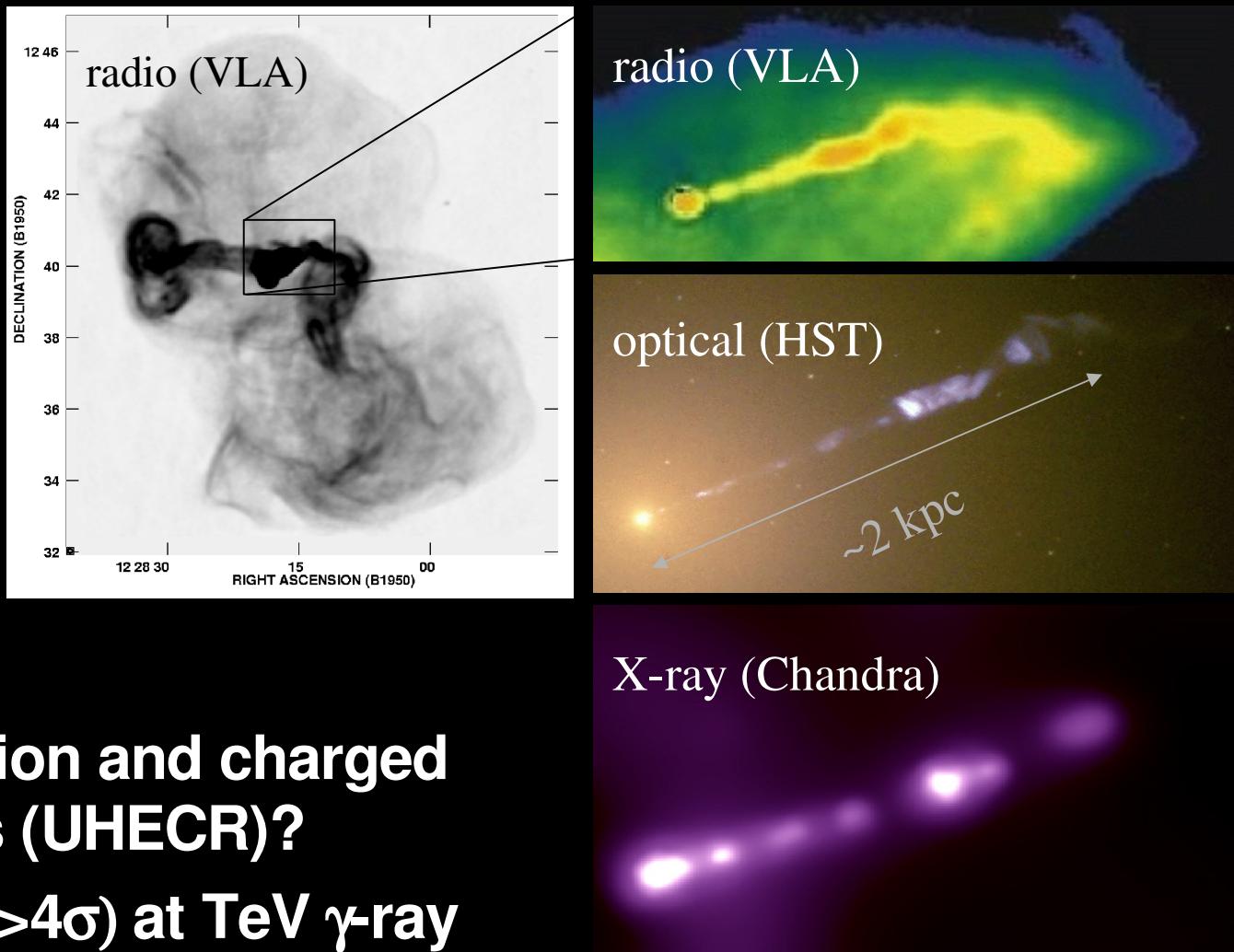
LE,HE domain of space-based astronomy

VHE + domain of ground-based astronomy



The giant elliptical radiogalaxy M87

- V. prominent in Virgo gal. cluster.
- Dist: ~16 Mpc ($z=0.00436$)
- Central BH: $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 3 \cdot 10^9 M_{\odot}$
- Jet angle: $\sim 30^\circ$
⇒ not a blazar!
- TeV γ -ray emission and charged 10^{20} eV particles (UHECR)?
- First detection ($>4\sigma$) at TeV γ -ray energies by HEGRA in 1998/99



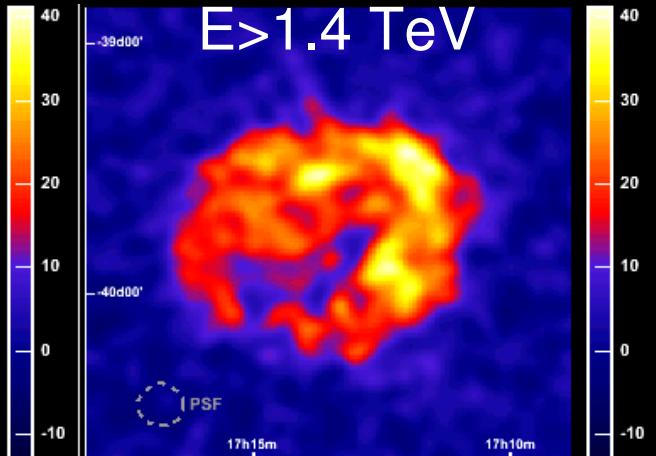
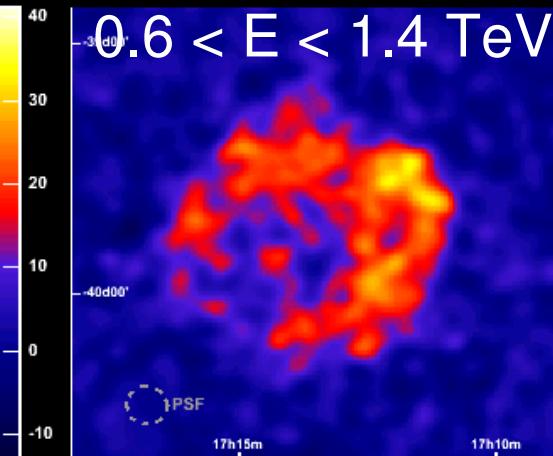
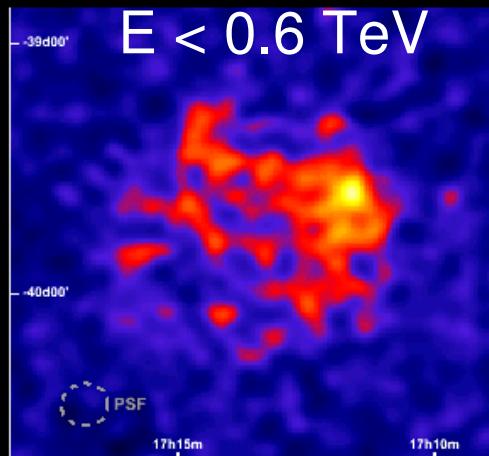
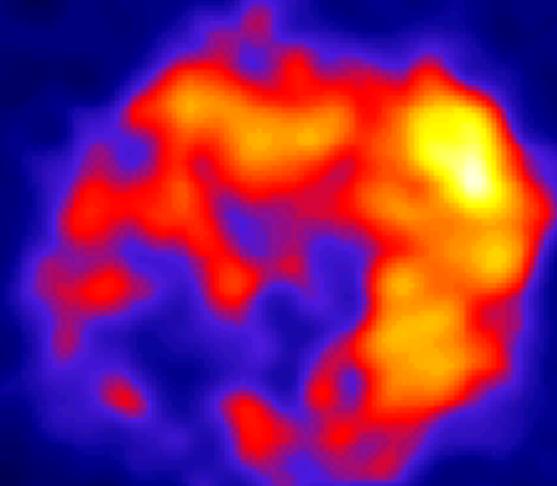
[Aharonian et al. (2003), A&A, 403, L1]



Energy dependence of the Morphology

As opposed to X-rays, TeV morphology doesn't change significantly with energy

All energies



Crab Nebula – The First TeV γ Source & the Standard Candle

Broad-band SED covering 20 decades up to \sim 70 TeV!

