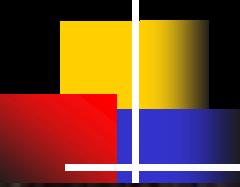


The VHE gamma-ray sky revealed: from H.E.S.S. to CTA

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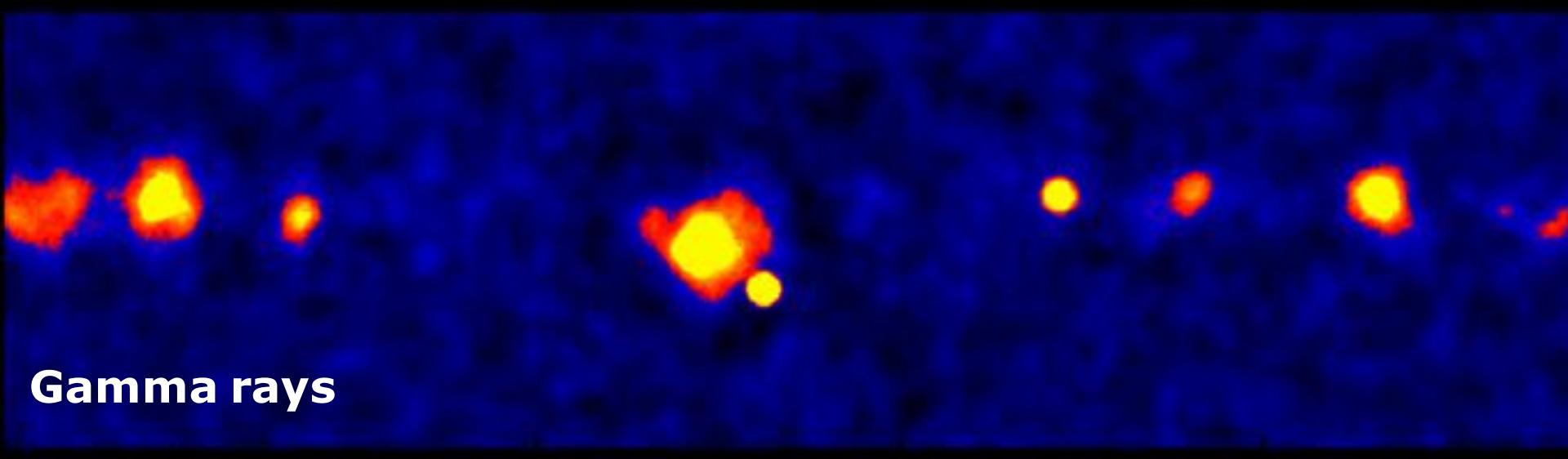


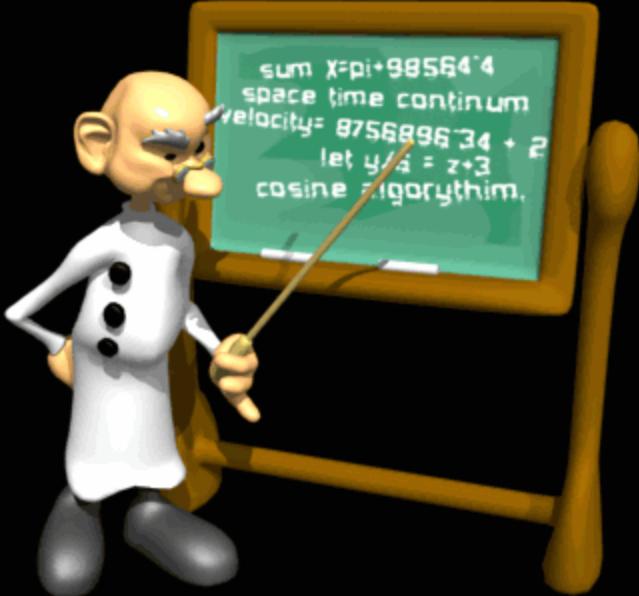
The Milky Way

Optical



Gamma rays



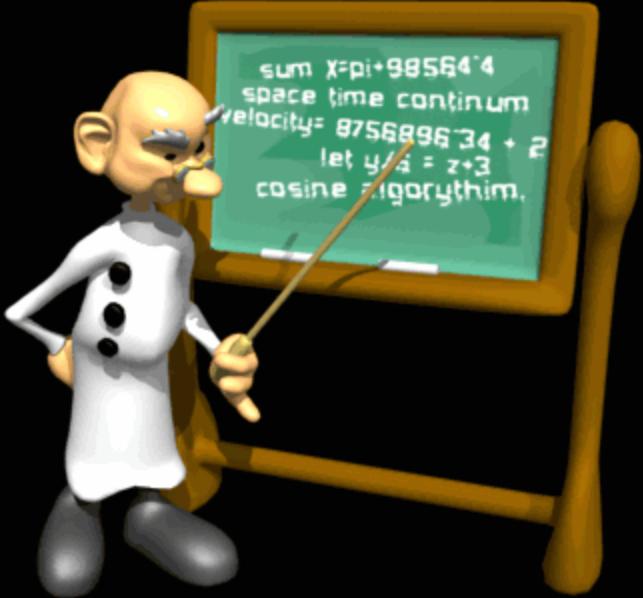


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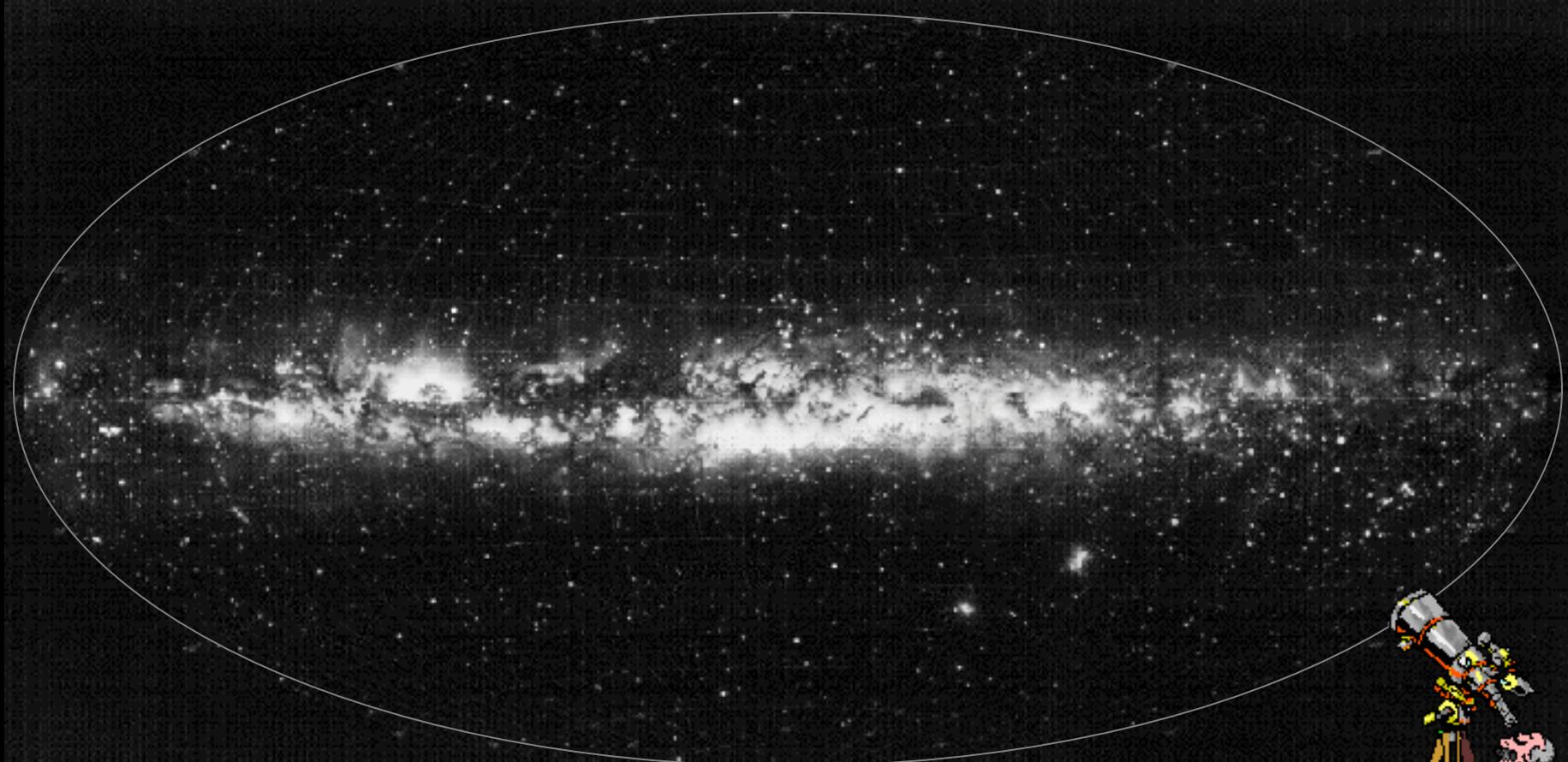
Radio

Infrared

Visible Light
(eV)

X-rays

Gamma rays





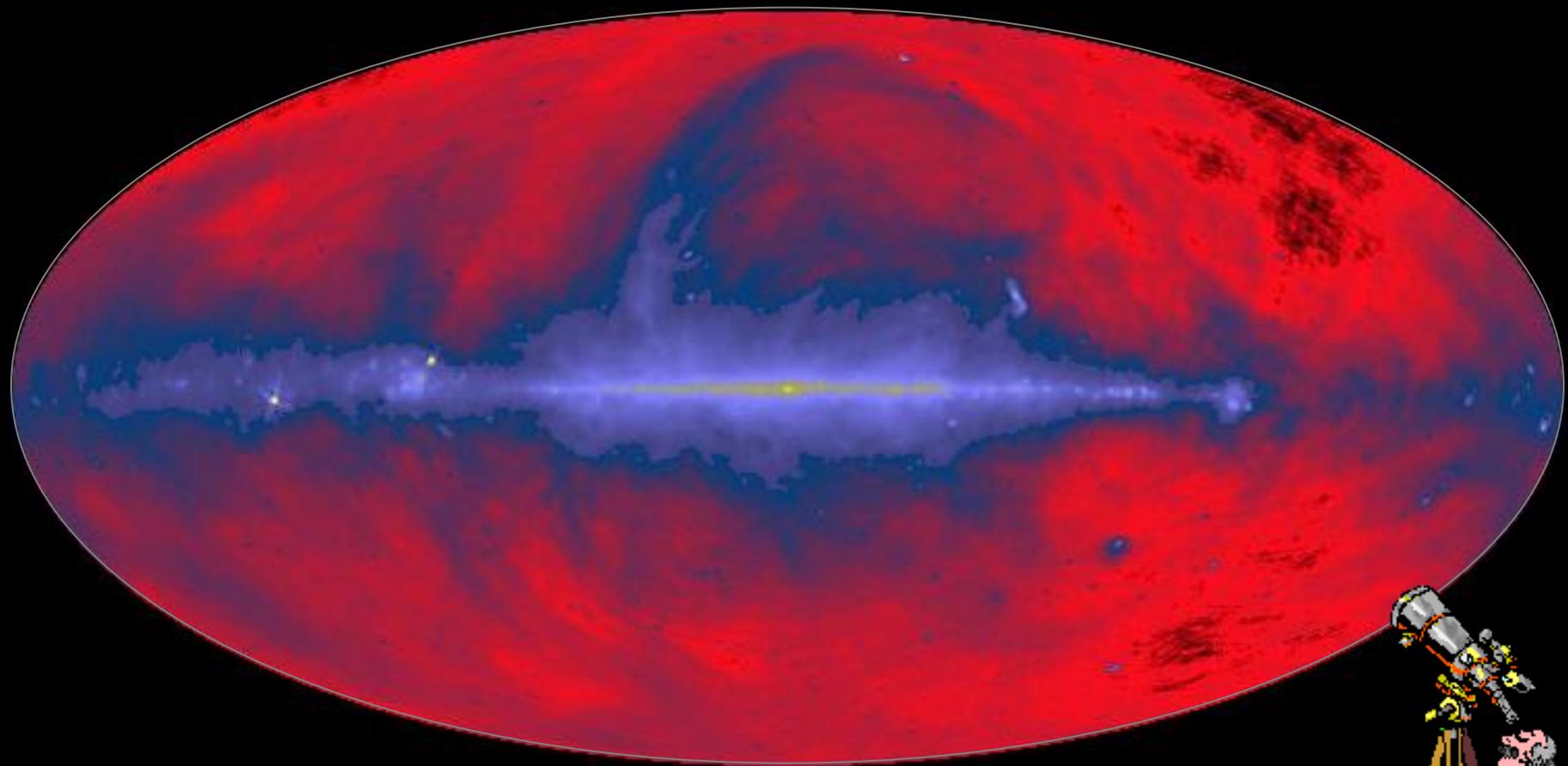
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X-rays

Gamma rays





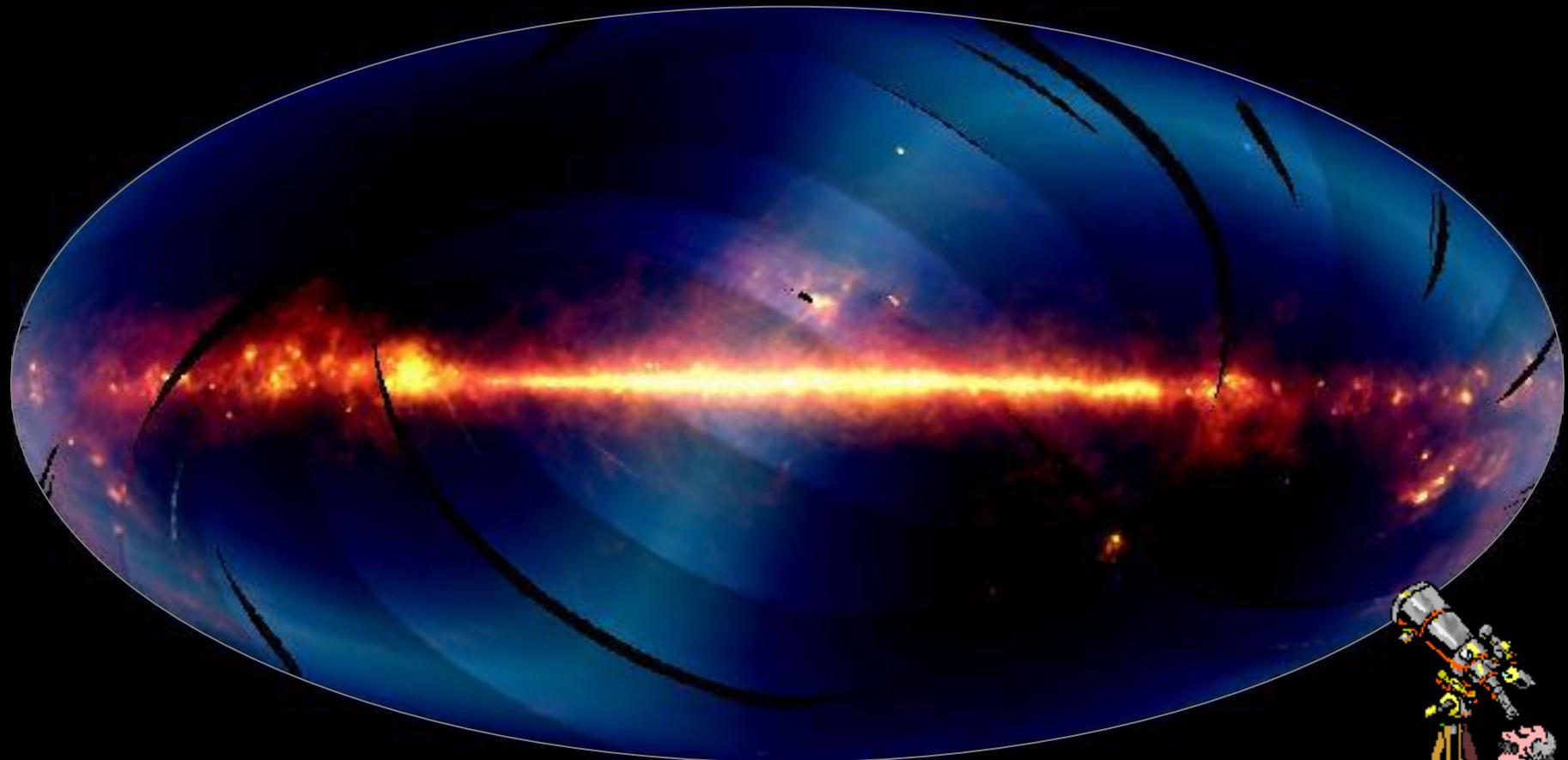
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X-rays

Gamma rays





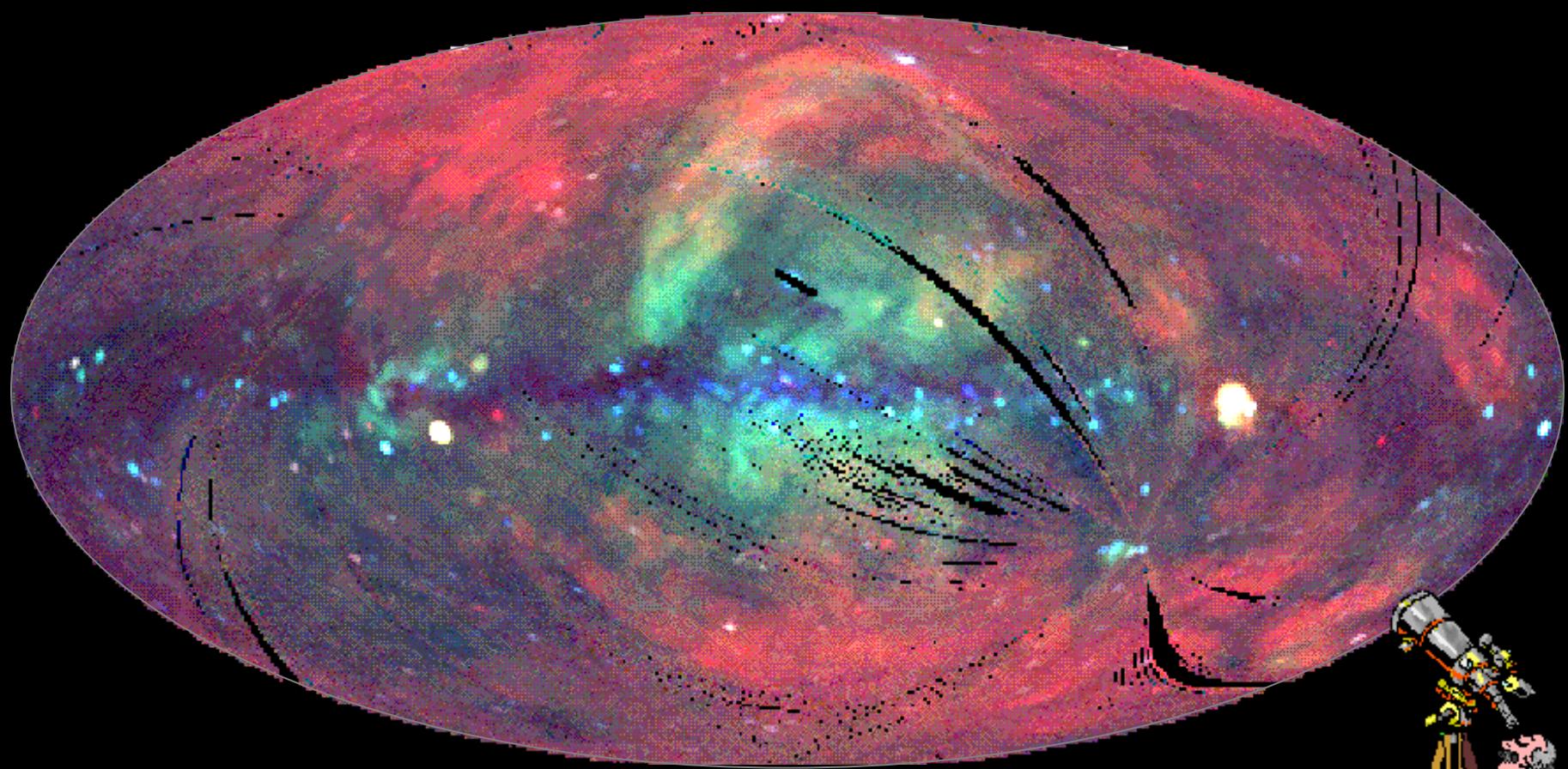
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X-rays
(10^3 eV)

Gamma rays





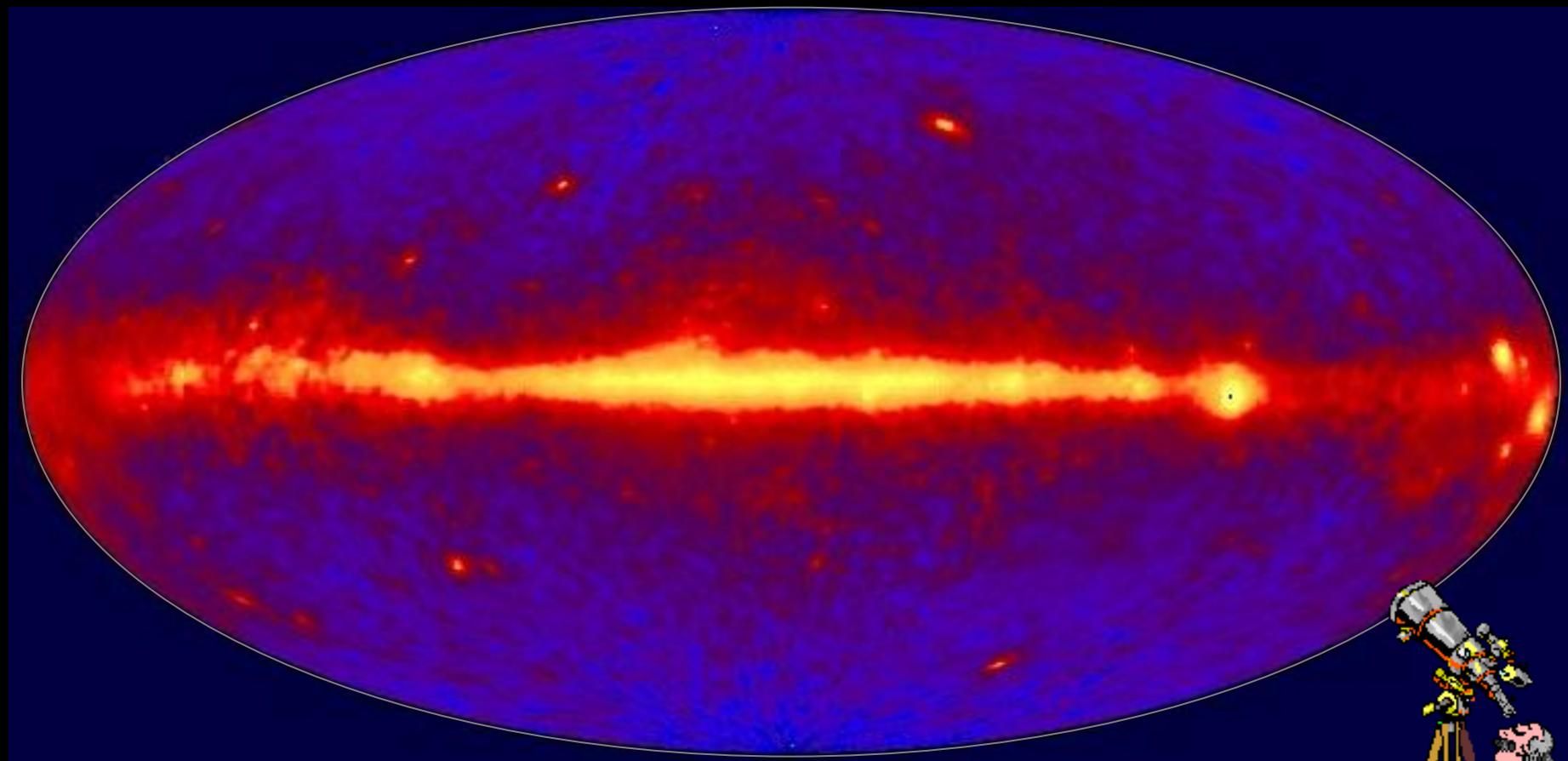
Radio

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Visible Light

X-rays

VHE
gamma rays
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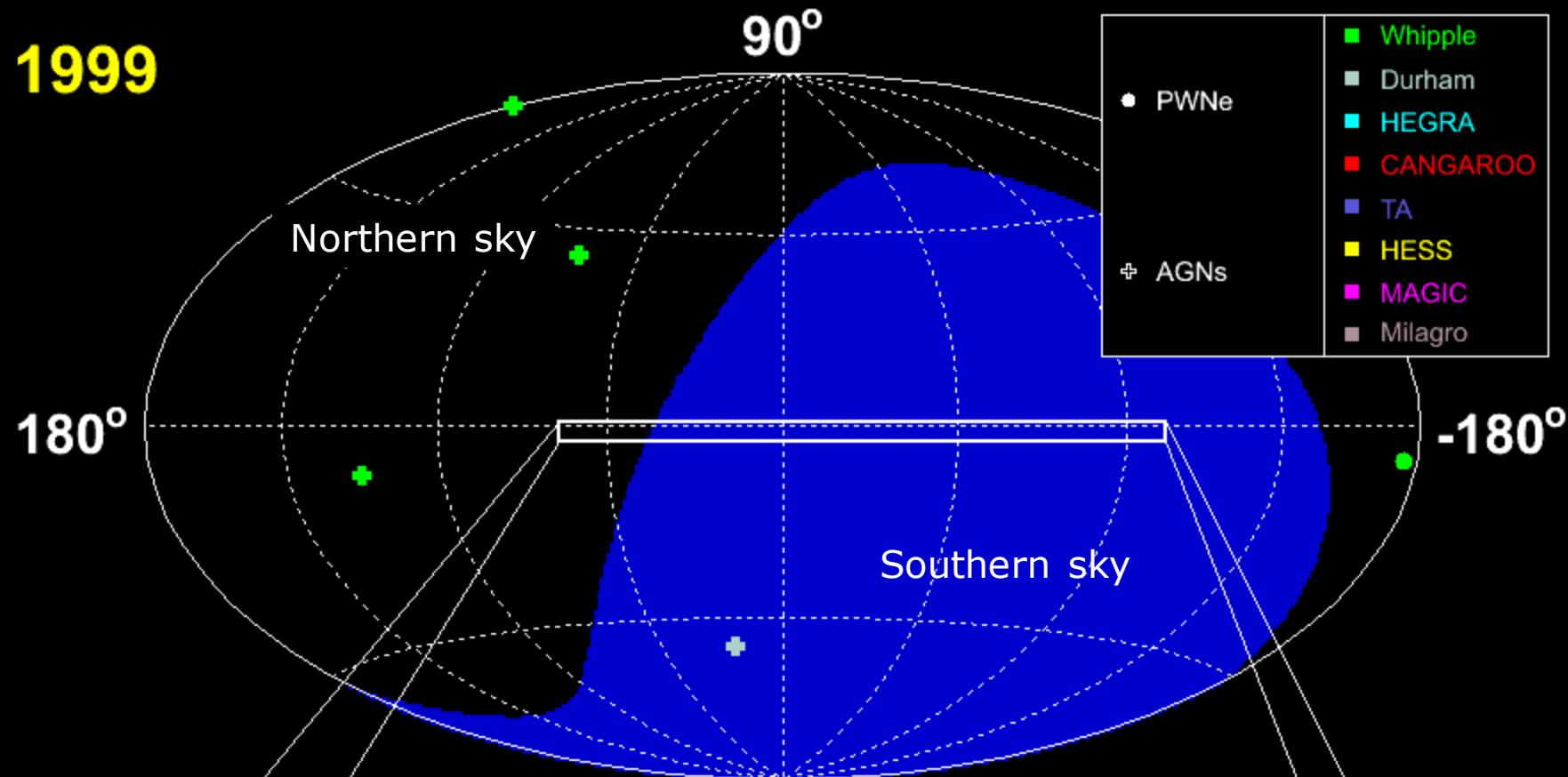
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X-rays

Gamma rays

VHE gamma rays

1999





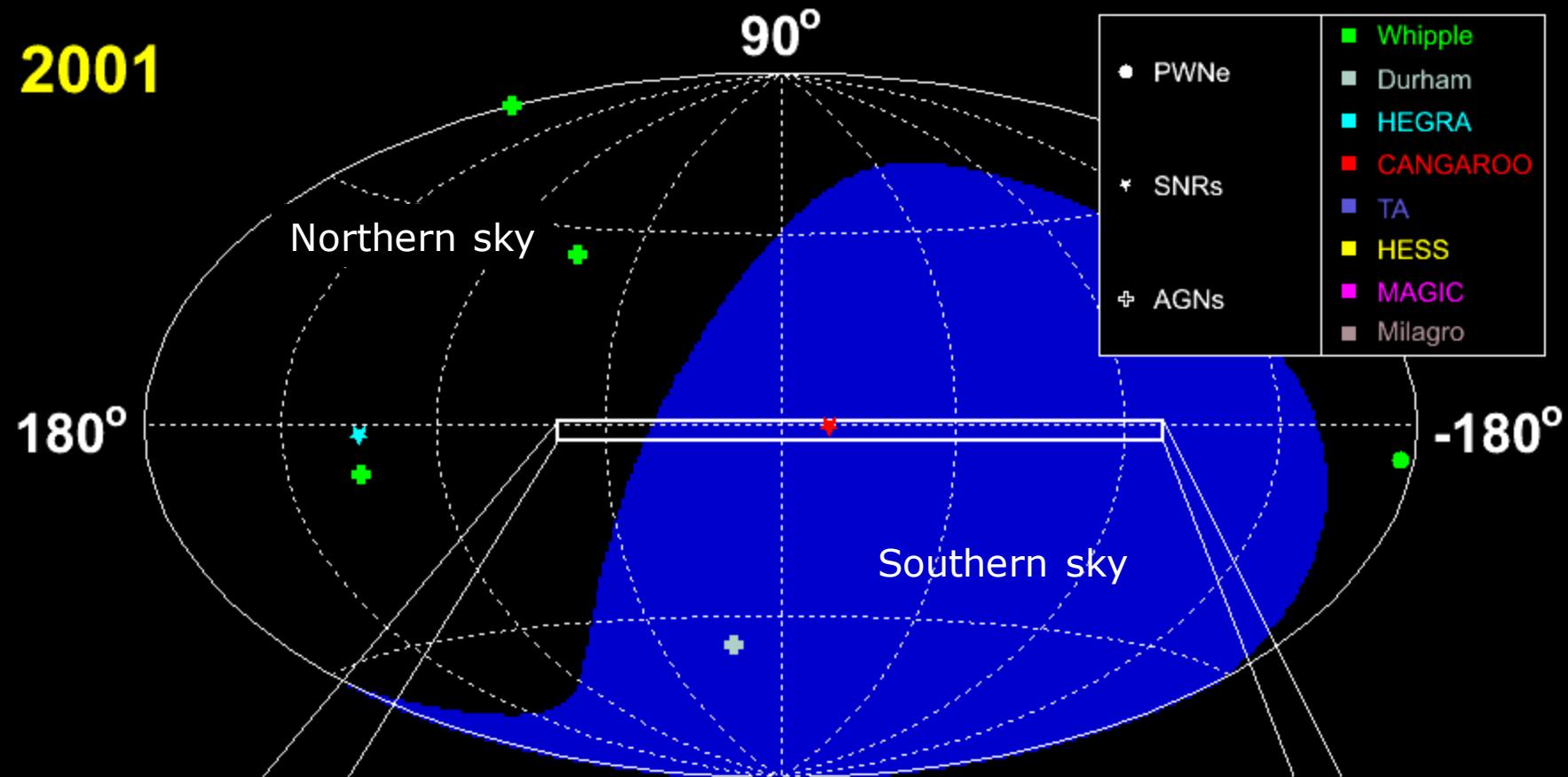
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X-rays

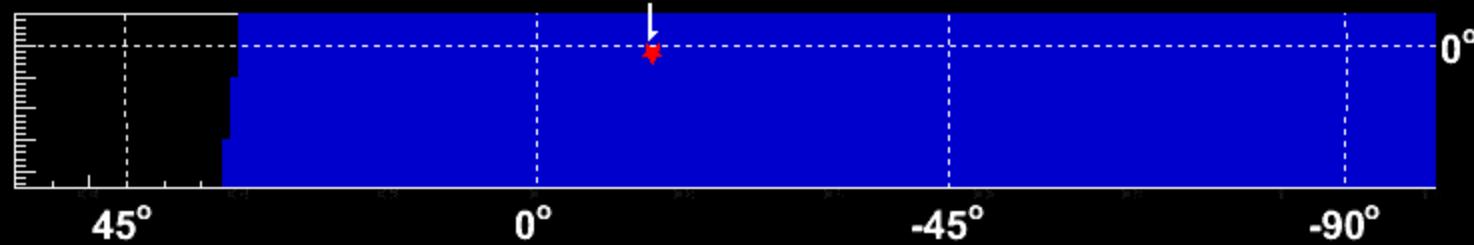
Gamma rays

VHE gamma rays

2001



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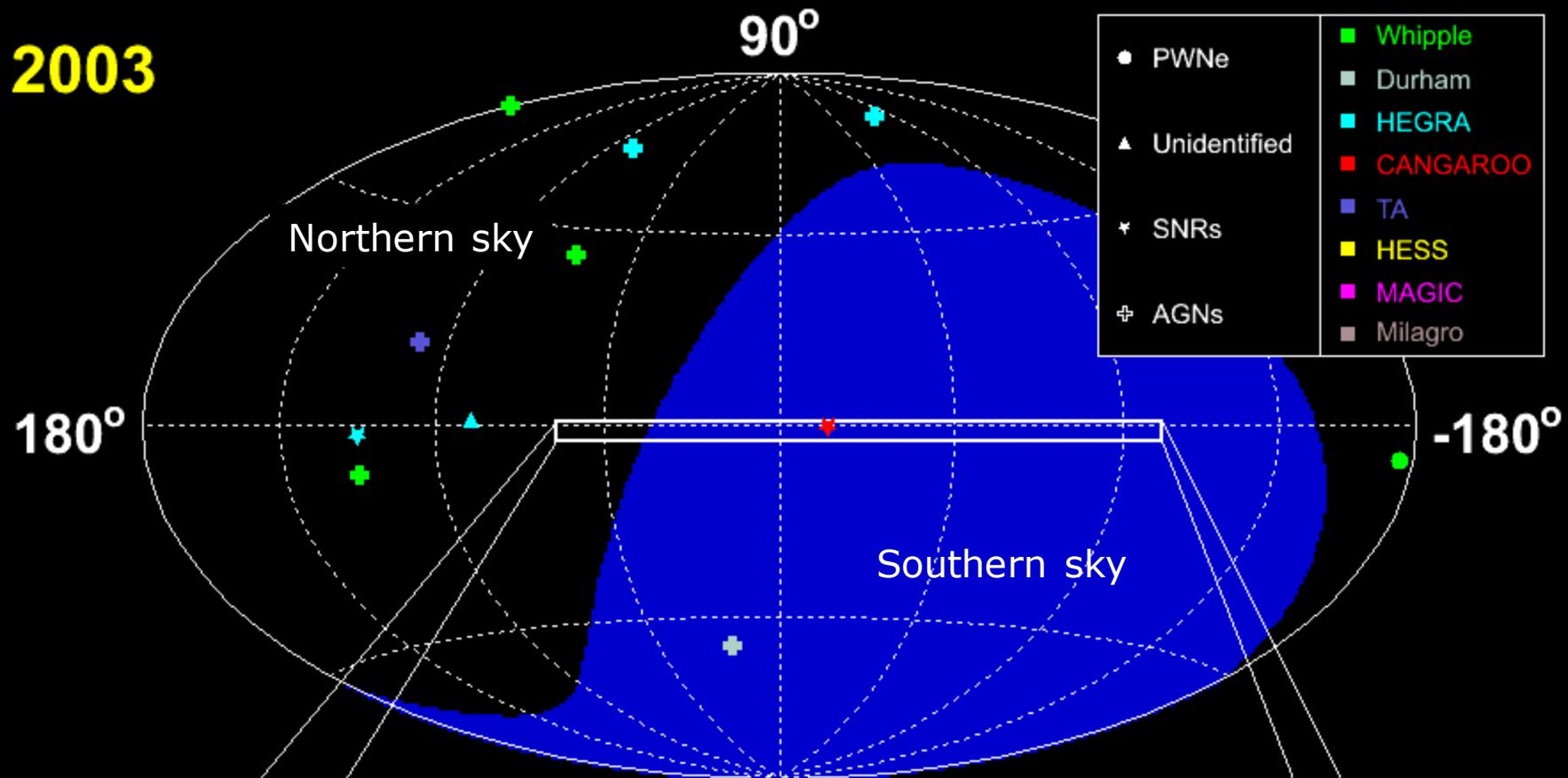
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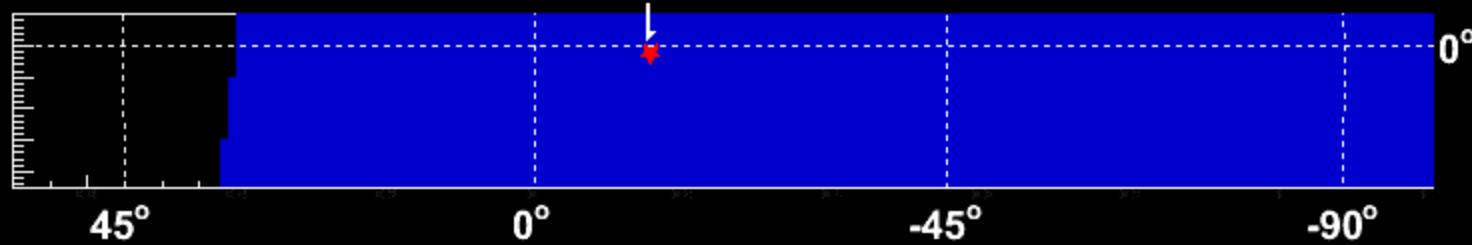
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2003



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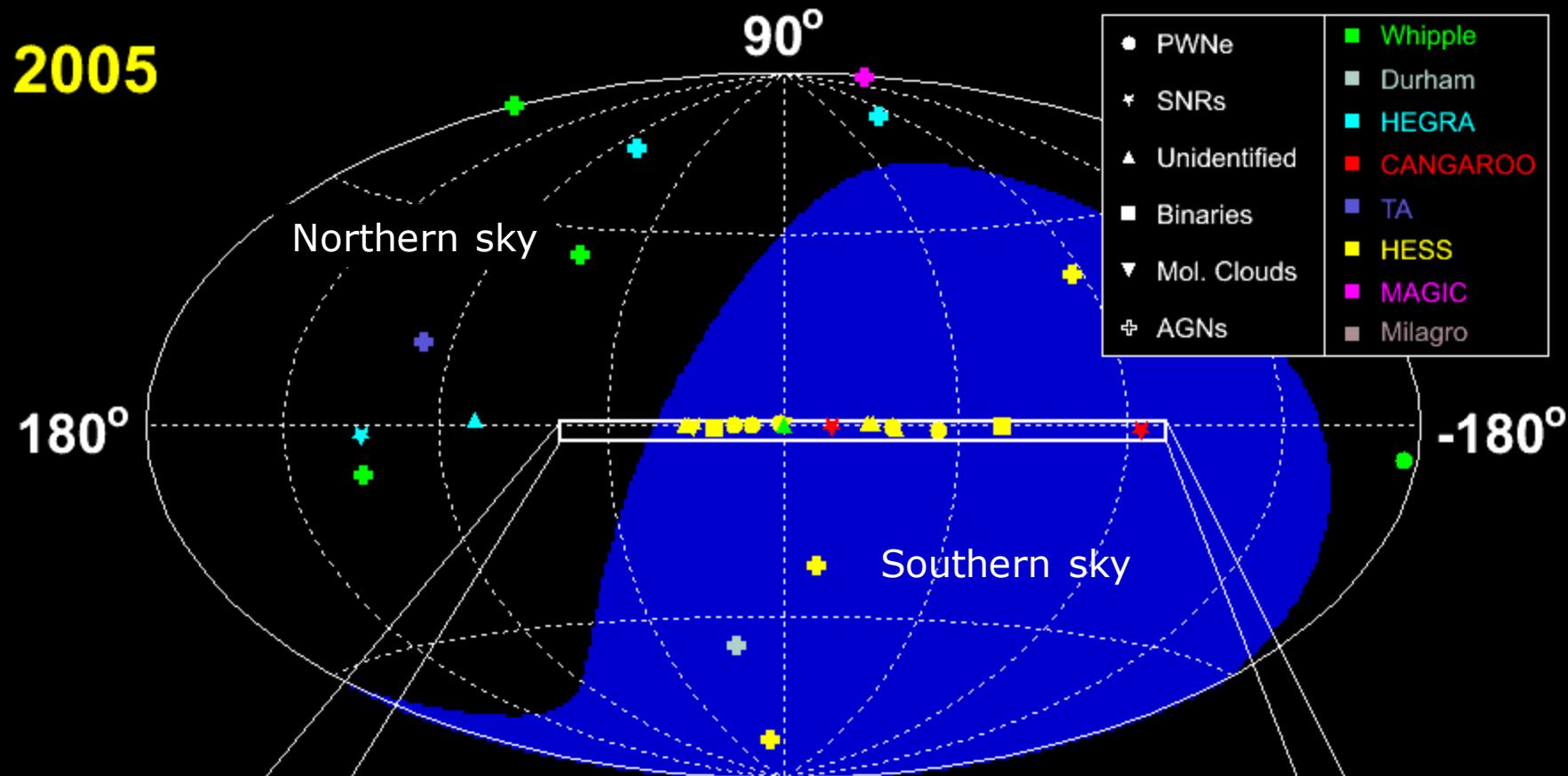
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Gamma rays

VHE gamma rays

2005



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45°

0°

-45°

-90°



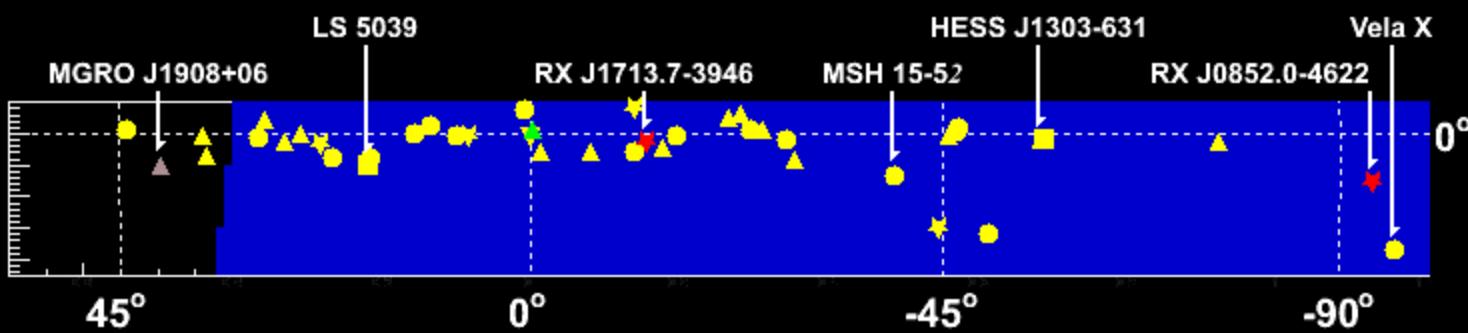
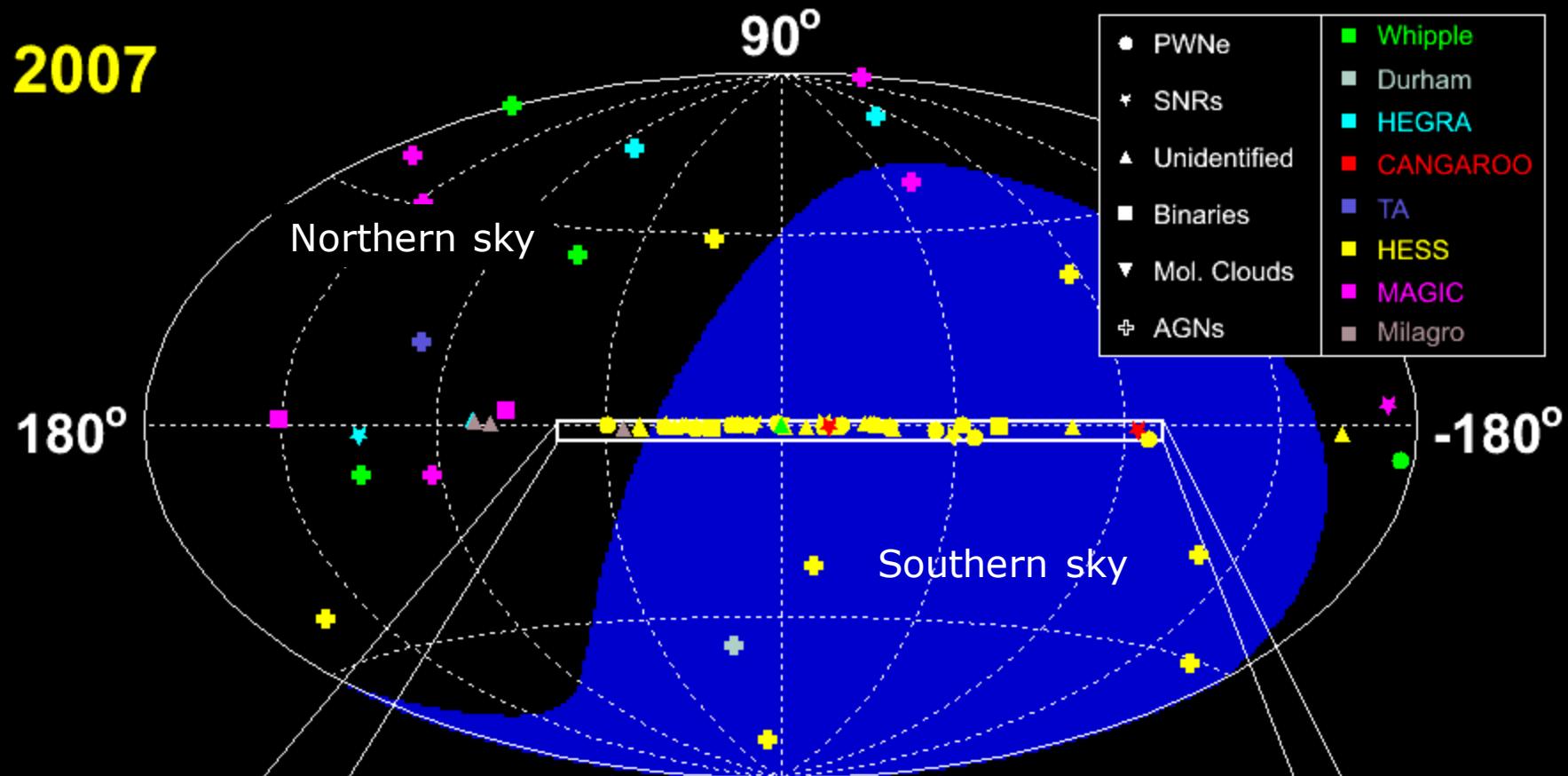
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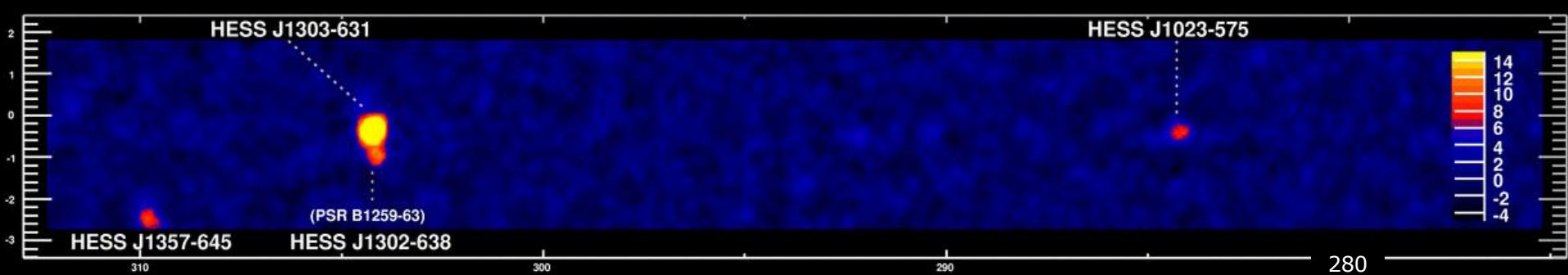
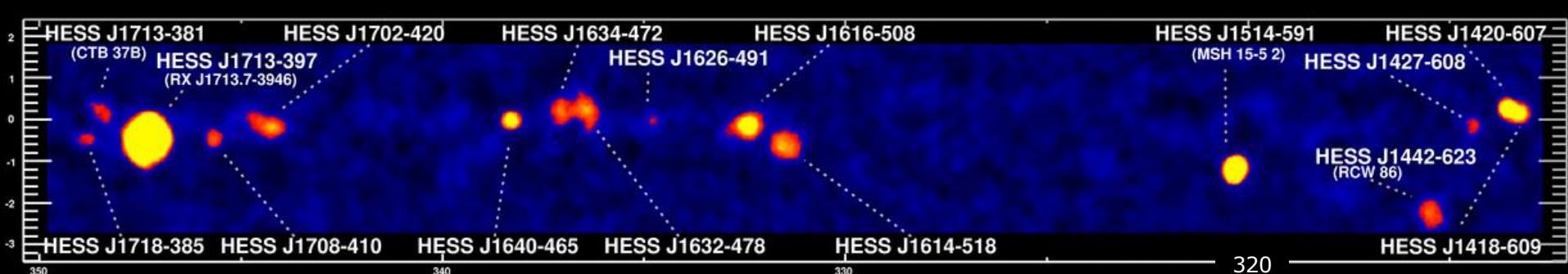
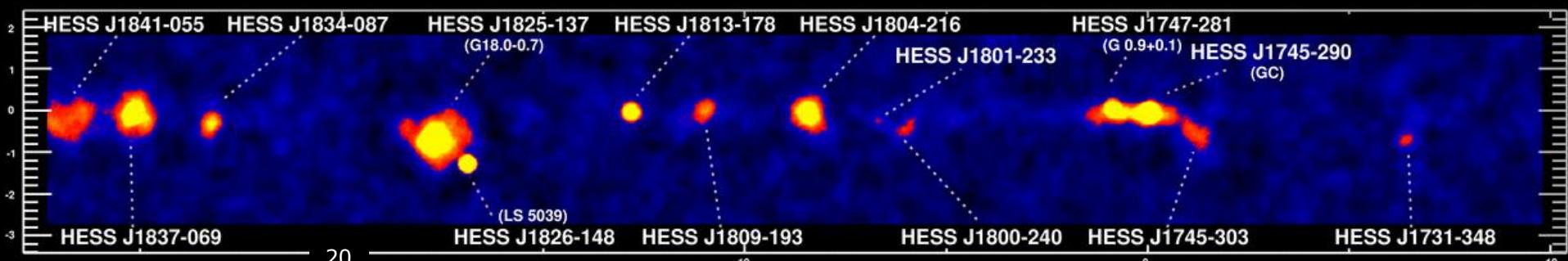
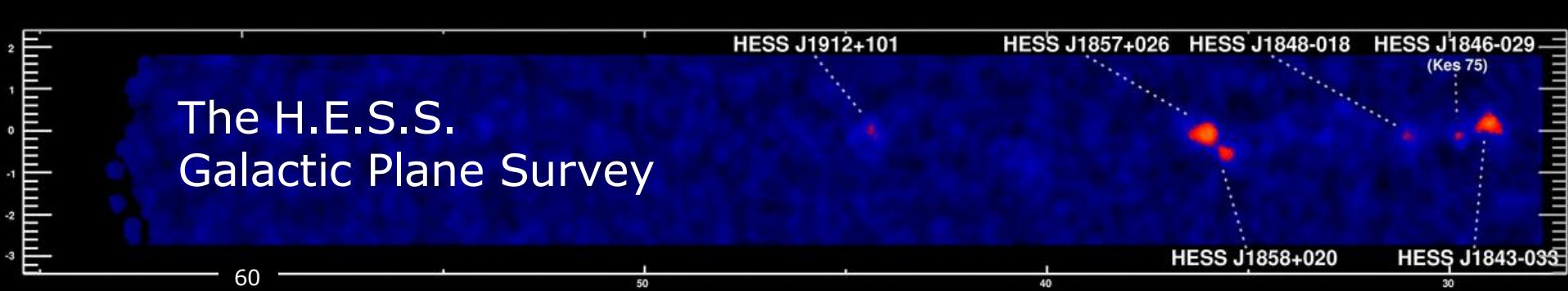
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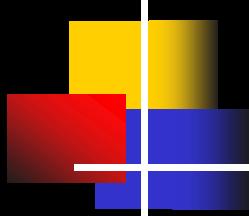
Gamma rays

VHE gamma rays

2007

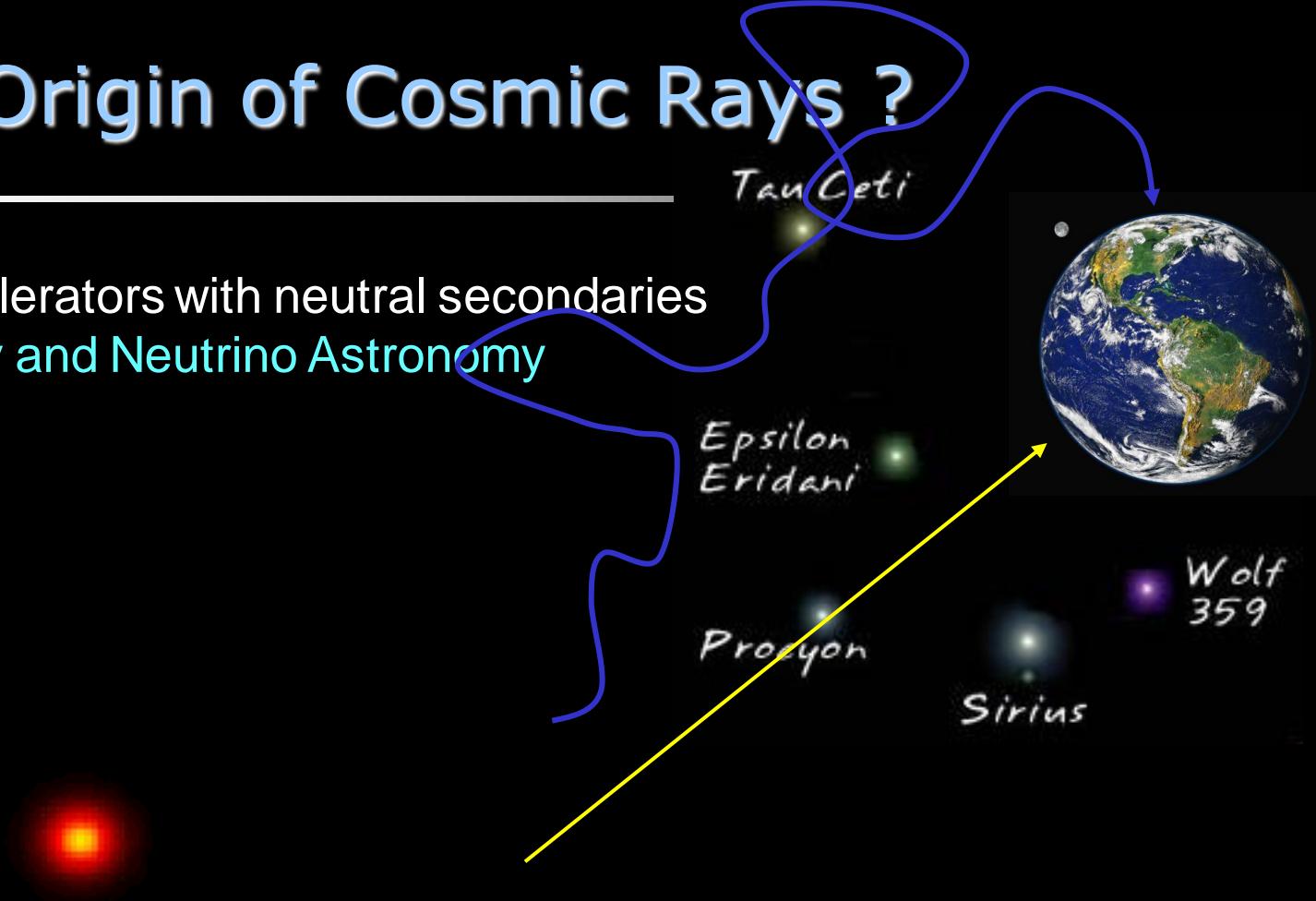






► Origin of Cosmic Rays ?

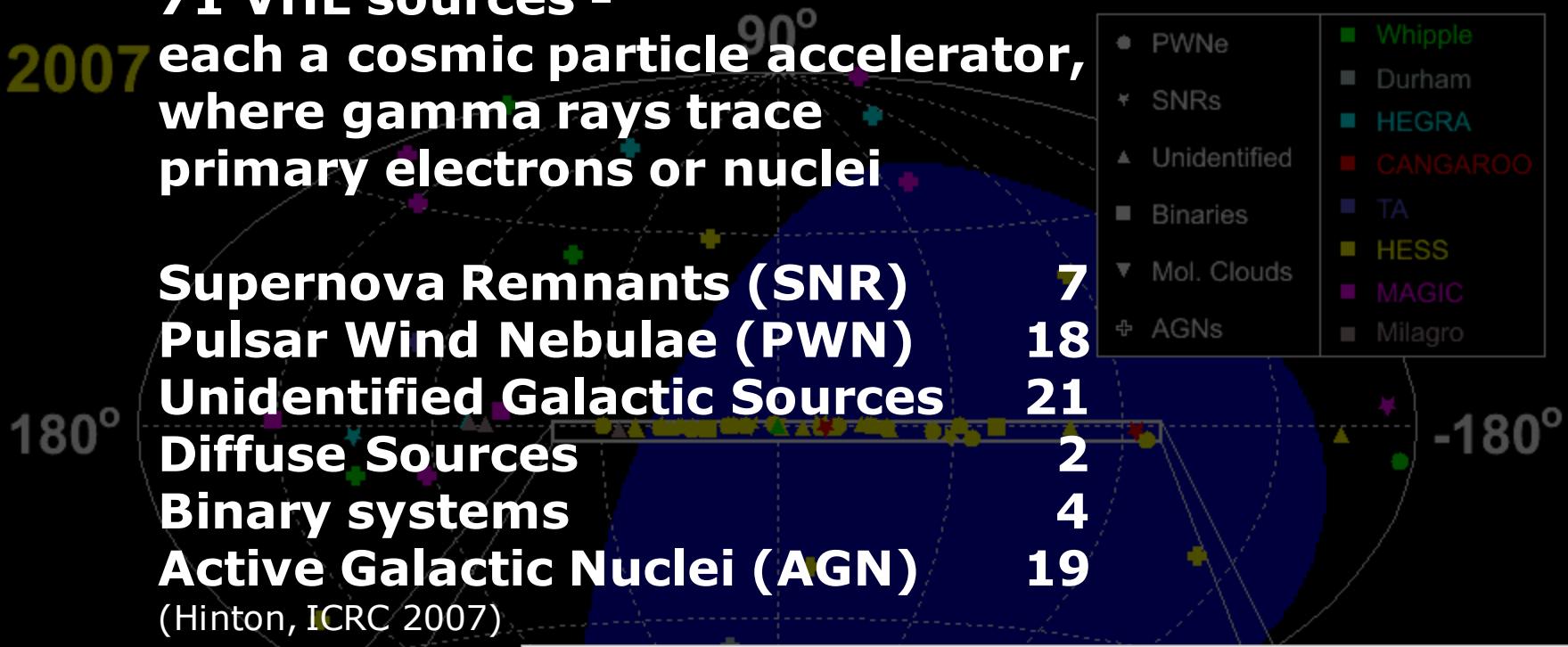
- Image accelerators with neutral secondaries
- Gamma-ray and Neutrino Astronomy



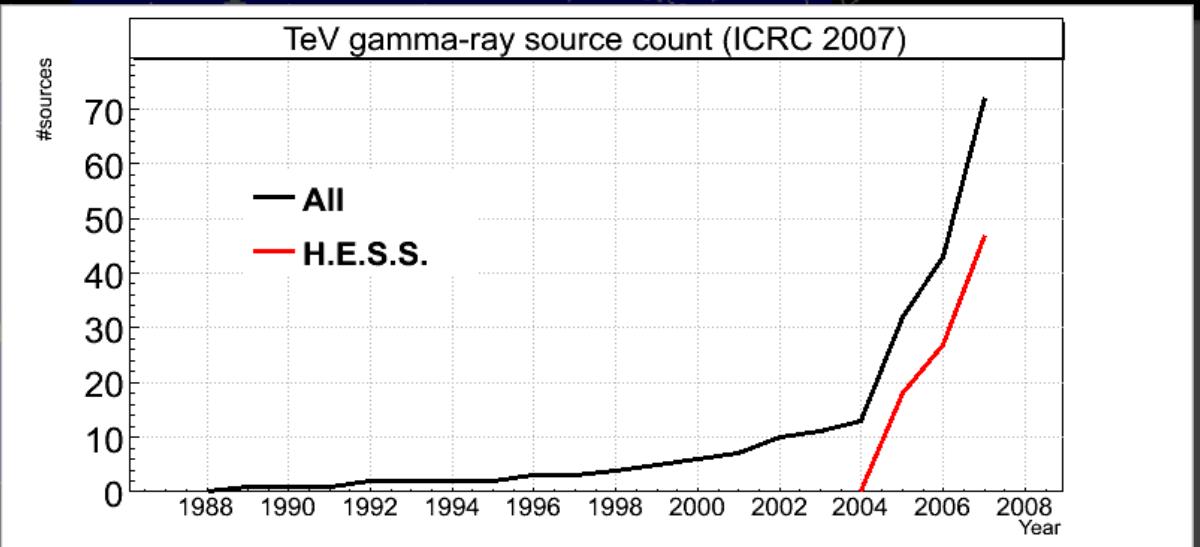
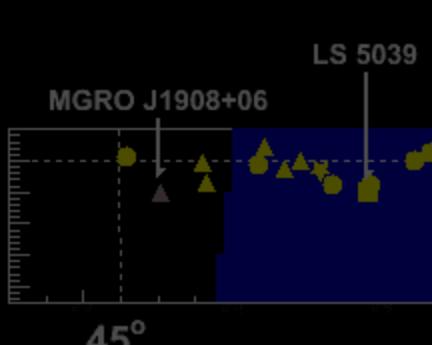
$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu$$

**71 VHE sources -
2007 each a cosmic particle accelerator,
where gamma rays trace
primary electrons or nuclei**



(Hinton, ICRC 2007)





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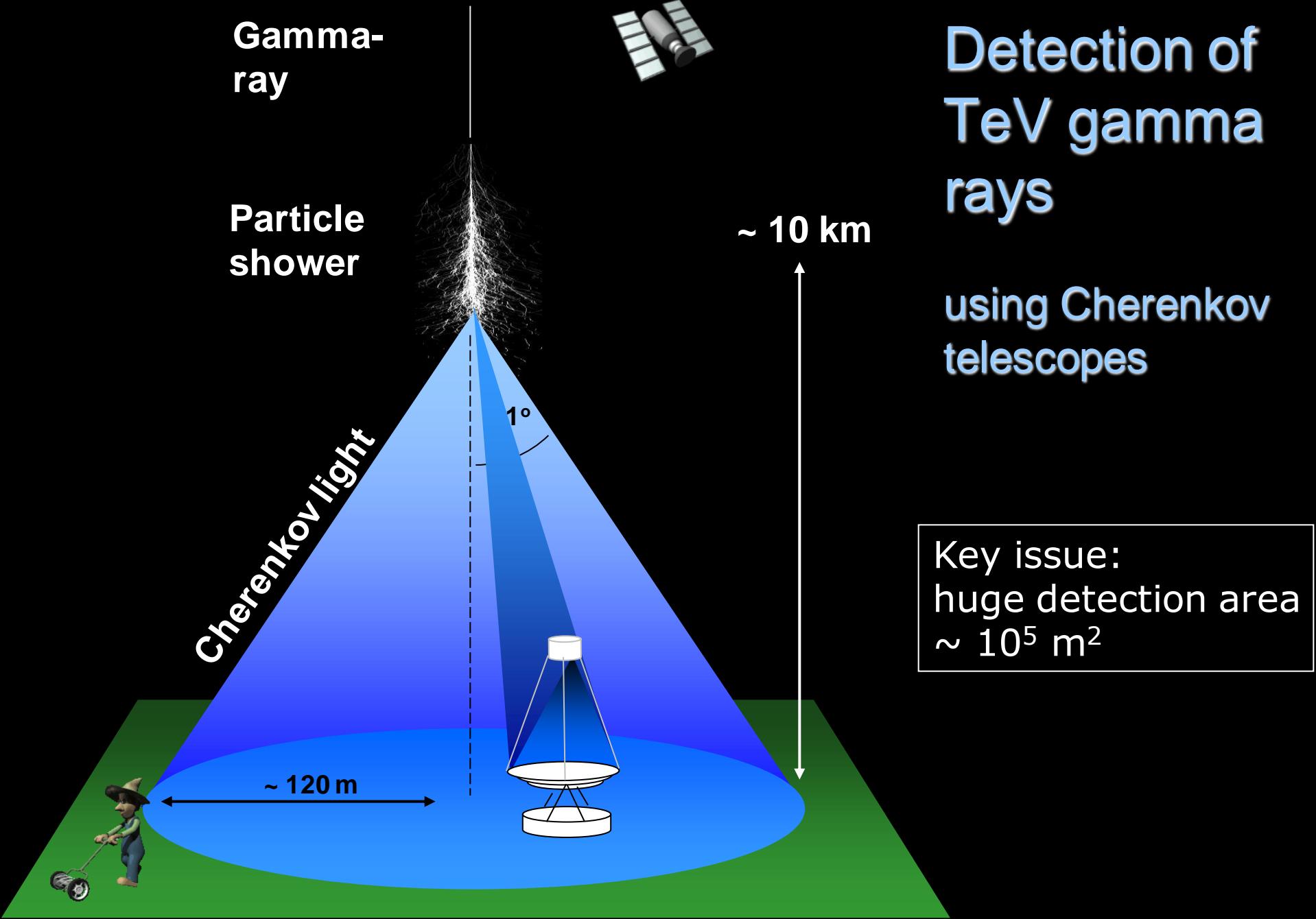
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Detection of TeV gamma rays

using Cherenkov telescopes

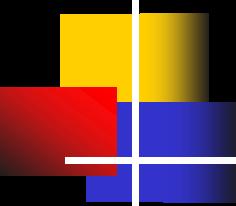


Air showers
look a bit like meteors

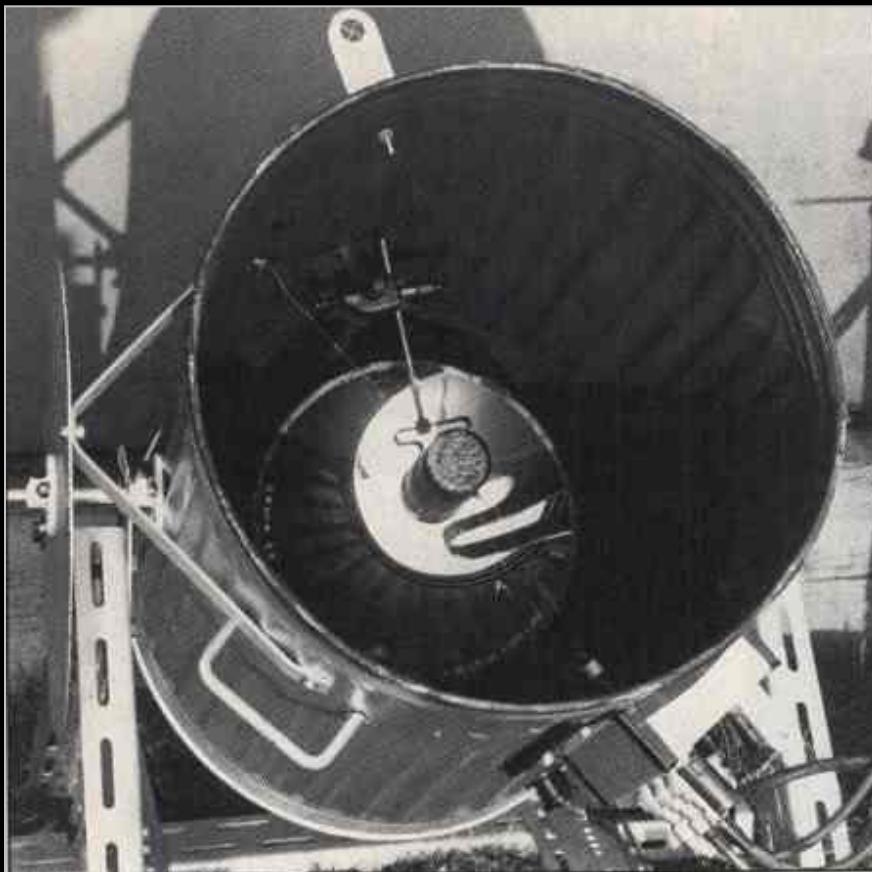


(from Sky & Telescope)

The early days



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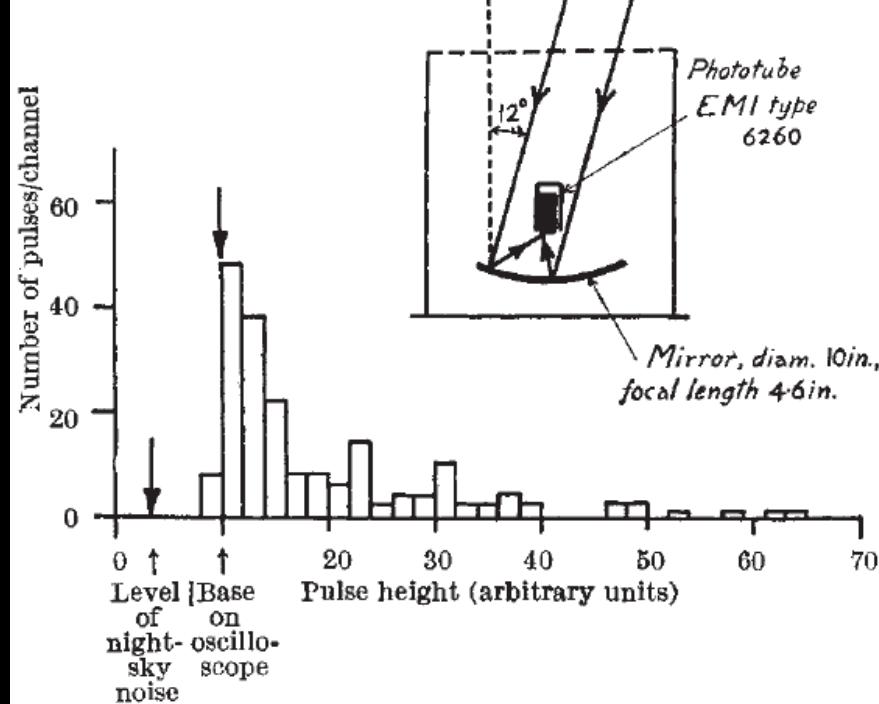
Galbraith and Jelley, 1953

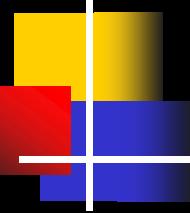
Light Pulses from the Night Sky associated with Cosmic Rays

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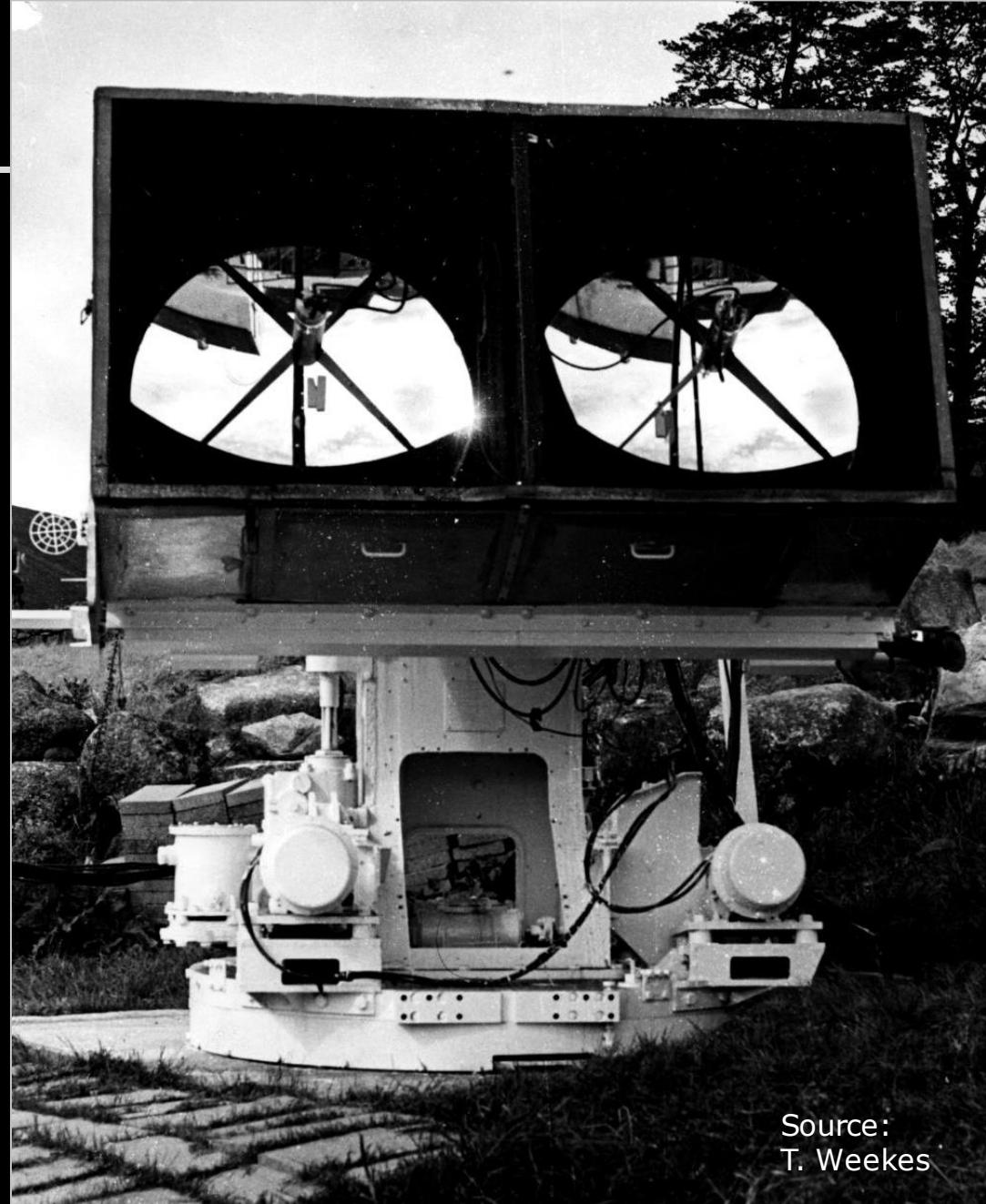
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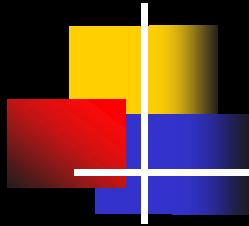




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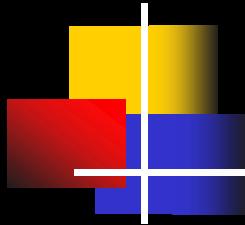
Whipple 1968

Detection of
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50 h observation
time for 5σ signal



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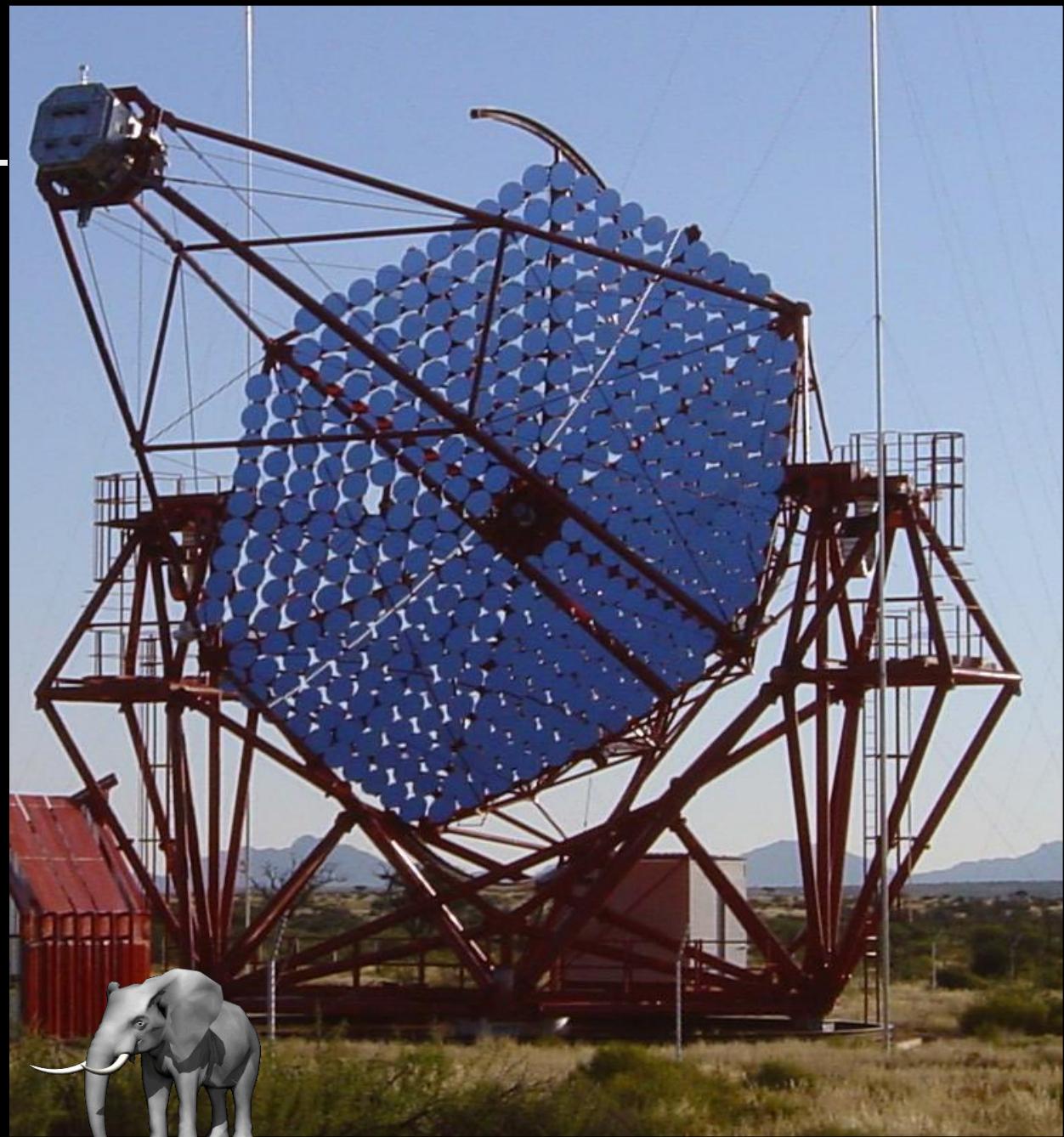


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Detects Crab-like
source in

30 seconds

1% Crab in 25 h



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September 28, 2004:
Inauguration of the H.E.S.S. telescopes



The High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.)

Key Feature of H.E.S.S.: Location in Namibia



Key feature: Wide field of view of 5°



Camera:
960 pixels, 0.16°
5° field of view
Readout electronics
in camera body
1 GHz analog
memory for signal
recording



The H.E.S.S. telescopes

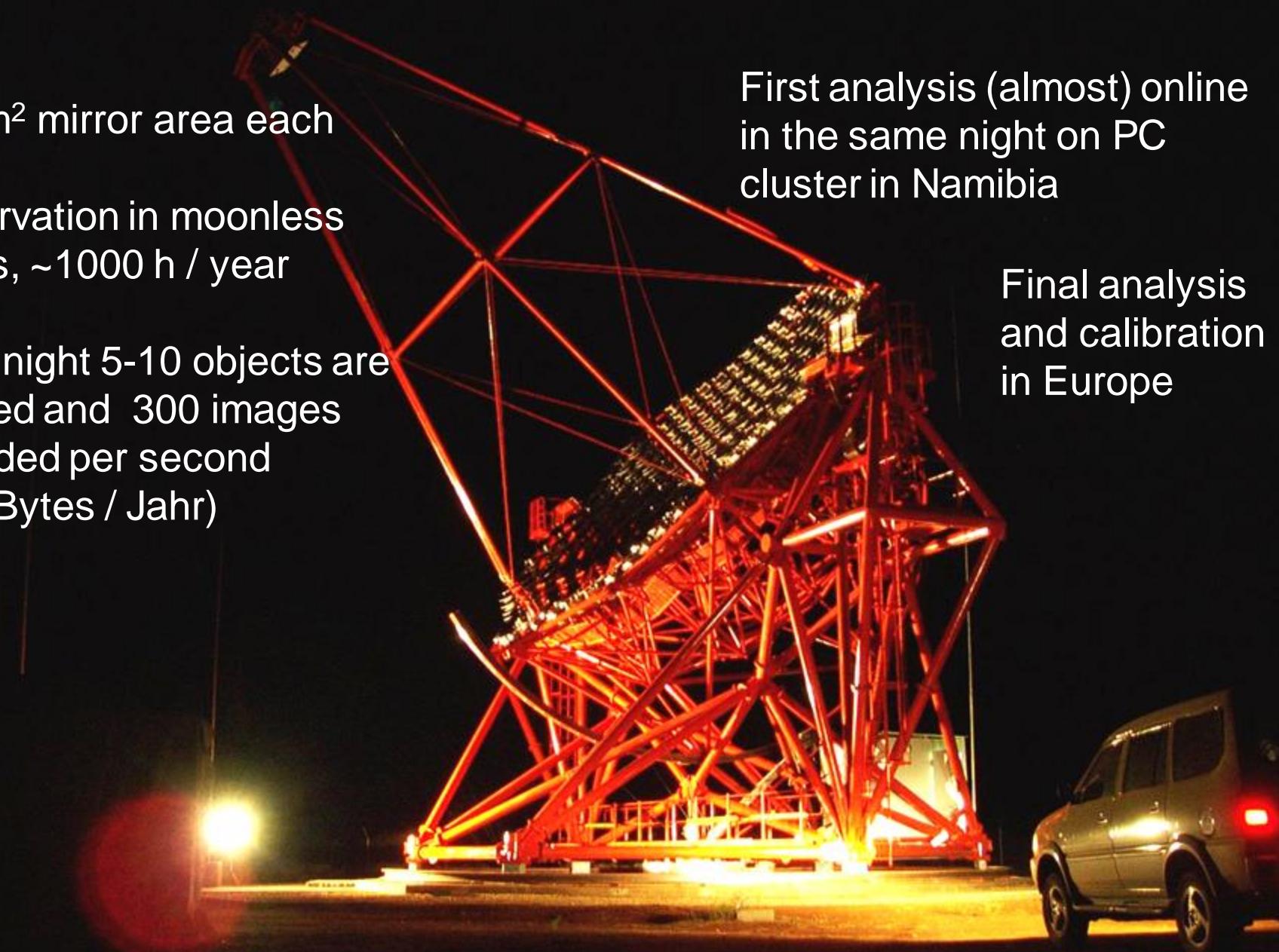
107 m² mirror area each

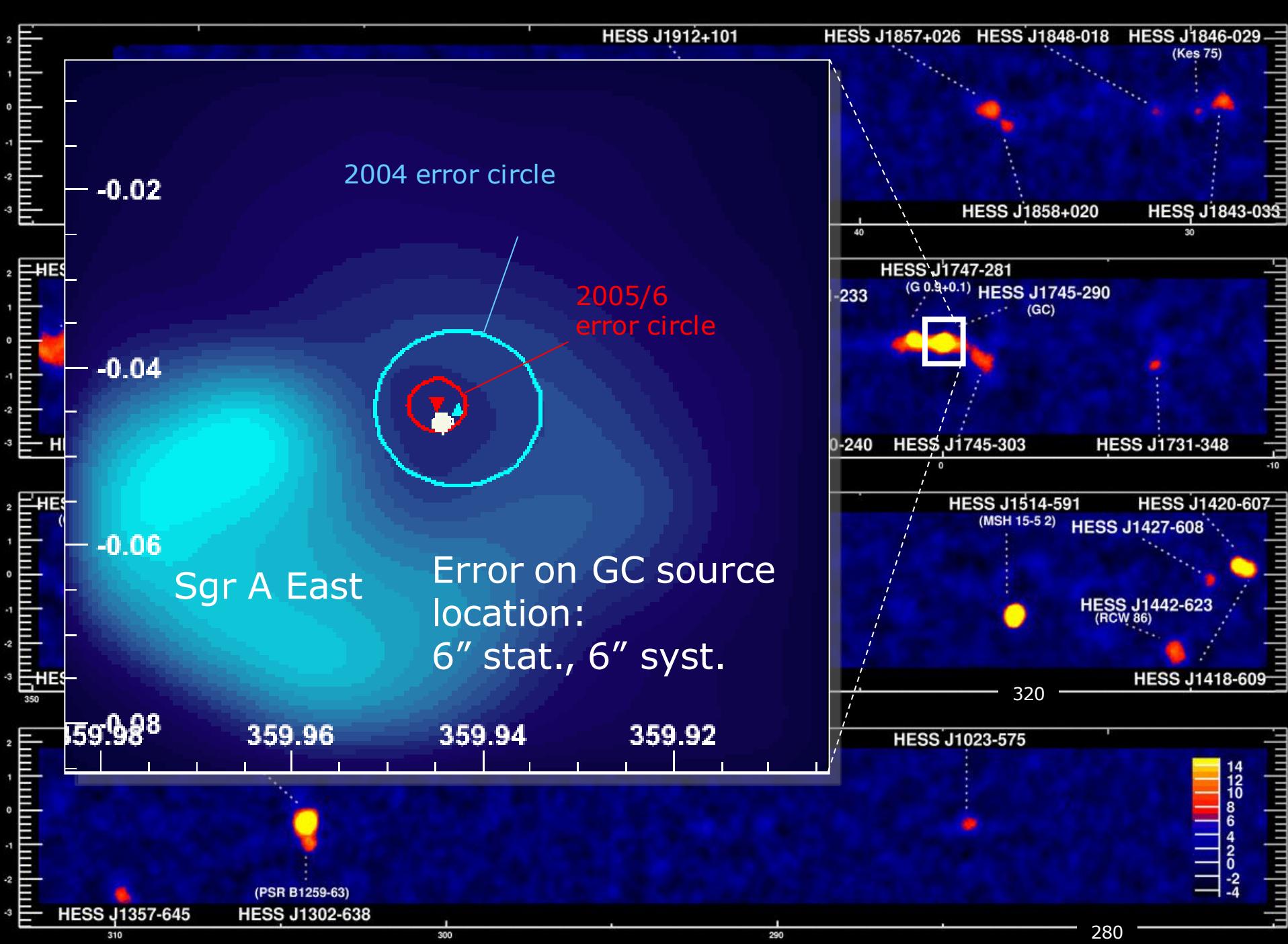
Observation in moonless
nights, ~1000 h / year

Each night 5-10 objects are
tracked and 300 images
recorded per second
(10 TBytes / Jahr)

First analysis (almost) online
in the same night on PC
cluster in Namibia

Final analysis
and calibration
in Europe





Infrared

Optical

VHE γ -rays

A tour of galactic particle accelerators:

- Supernova remnants
- Pulsar wind nebulae
- Binaries
- “Dark sources”

Infrared

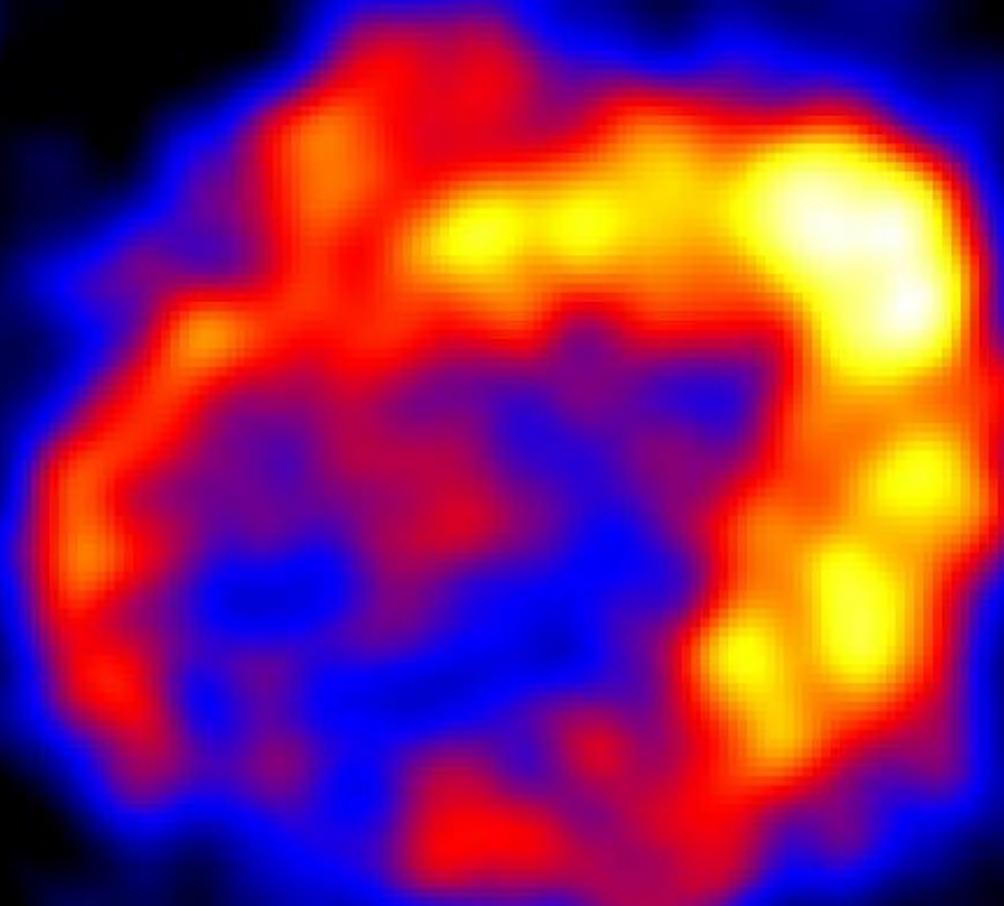
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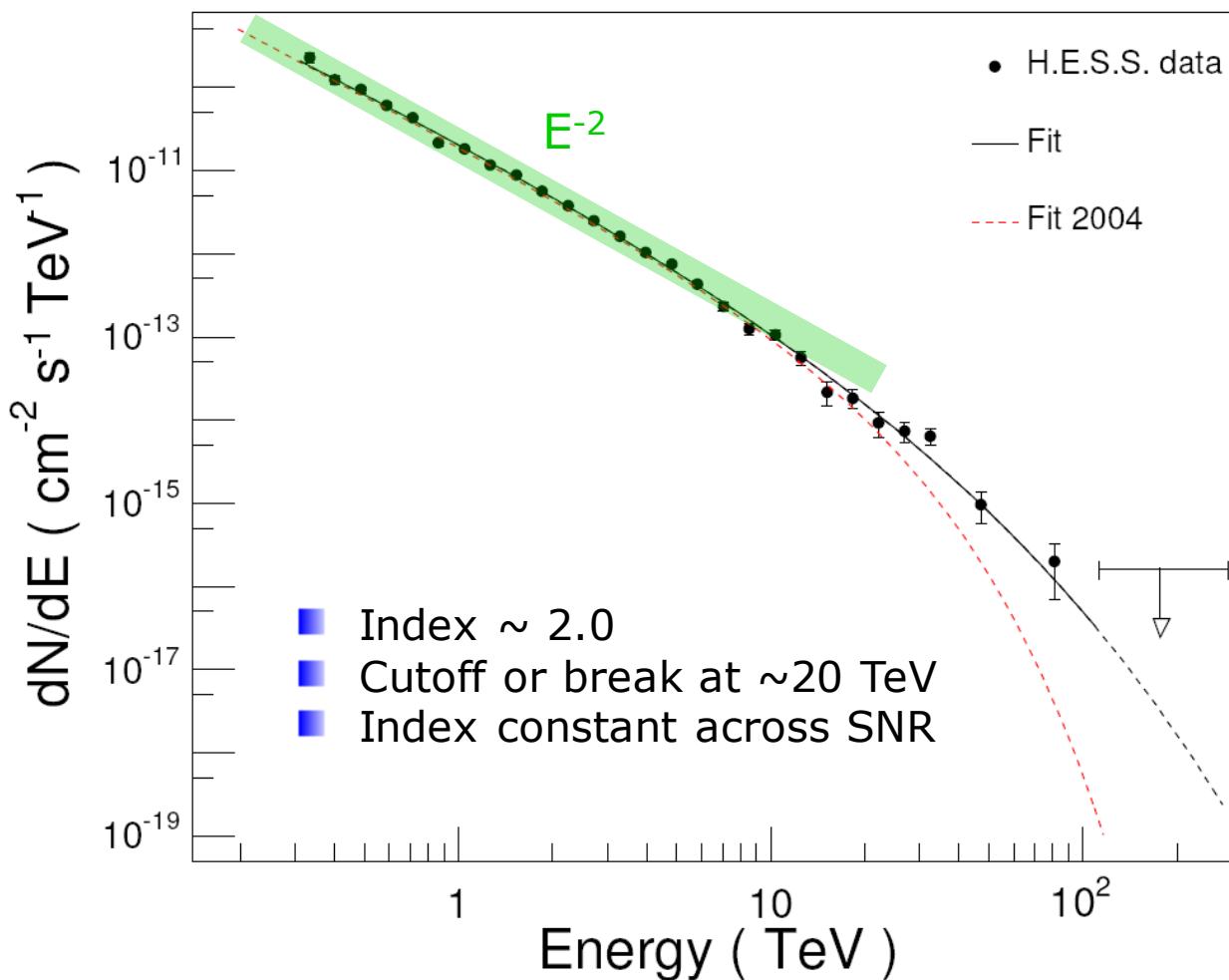
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Supernova remnant shells



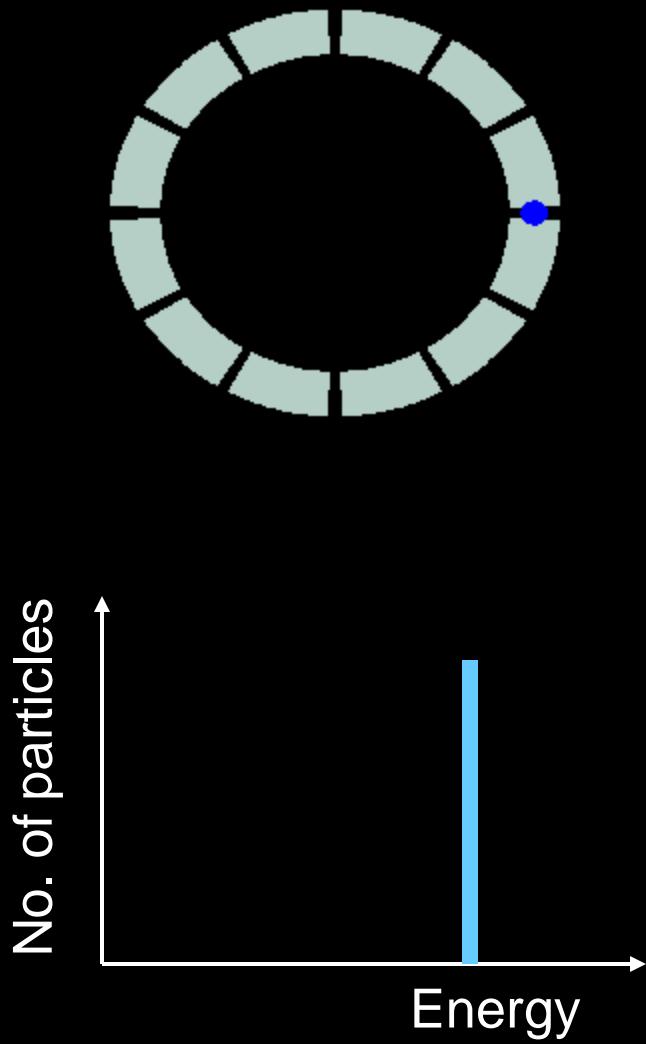
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Proof that supernova shells accelerate particles to 100 TeV and beyond



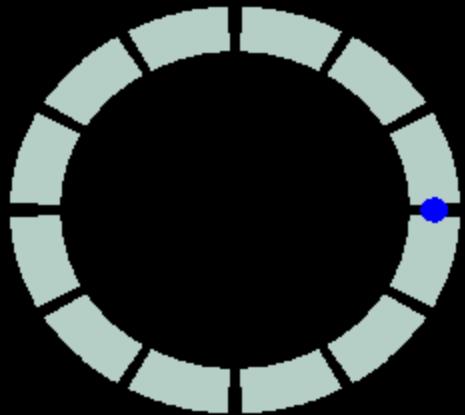
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Man-made accelerators

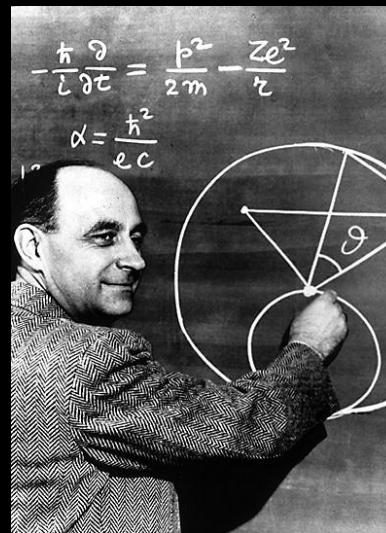


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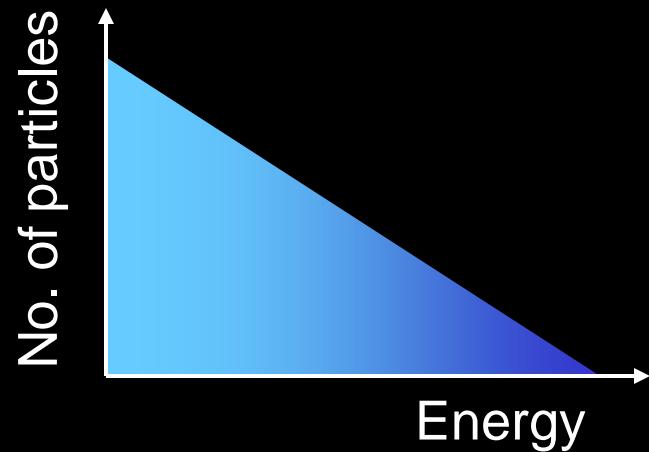
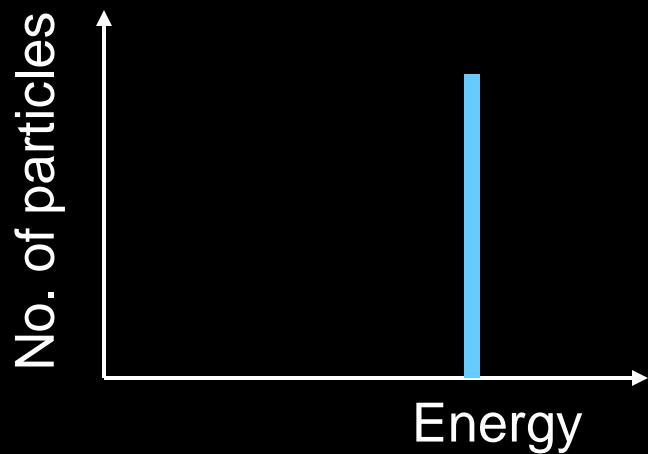
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Nature's accelerators



Enrico
Fermi



How could cosmic accelerators work?

Nature's accelerators

Energy gain / cycle $\Delta E/E \sim \beta_{\text{shock}}$

... many 100 cycles to reach TeV energies ...

... takes several 100 years

Generates power law spectrum $dN/dE \sim E^{-2}$

... at some point, particle escapes ...

... to be precise: $dN/dE \sim E^{-\Gamma}$, $\Gamma = (R+2)/(R-1)$

R = shock compression ratio

For strong shocks (Mach # $\gg 1$): $R = 4 \rightarrow \Gamma = 2$

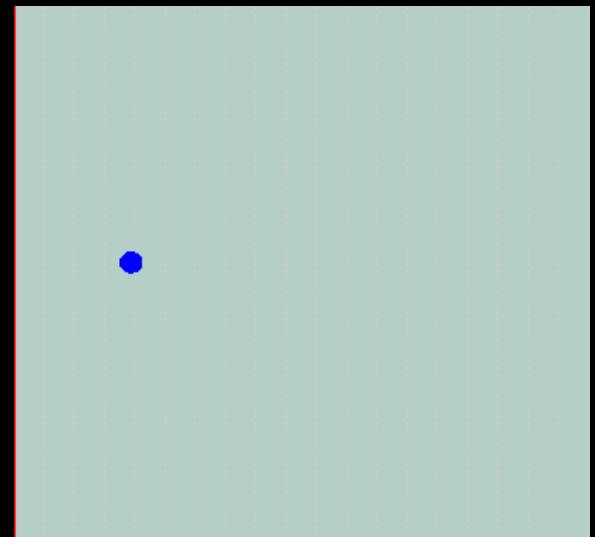
For weaker shocks: $R < 4 \rightarrow \Gamma > 2$

Peak energy $\sim 10^{15}$ eV

... depending on size of shock front ...

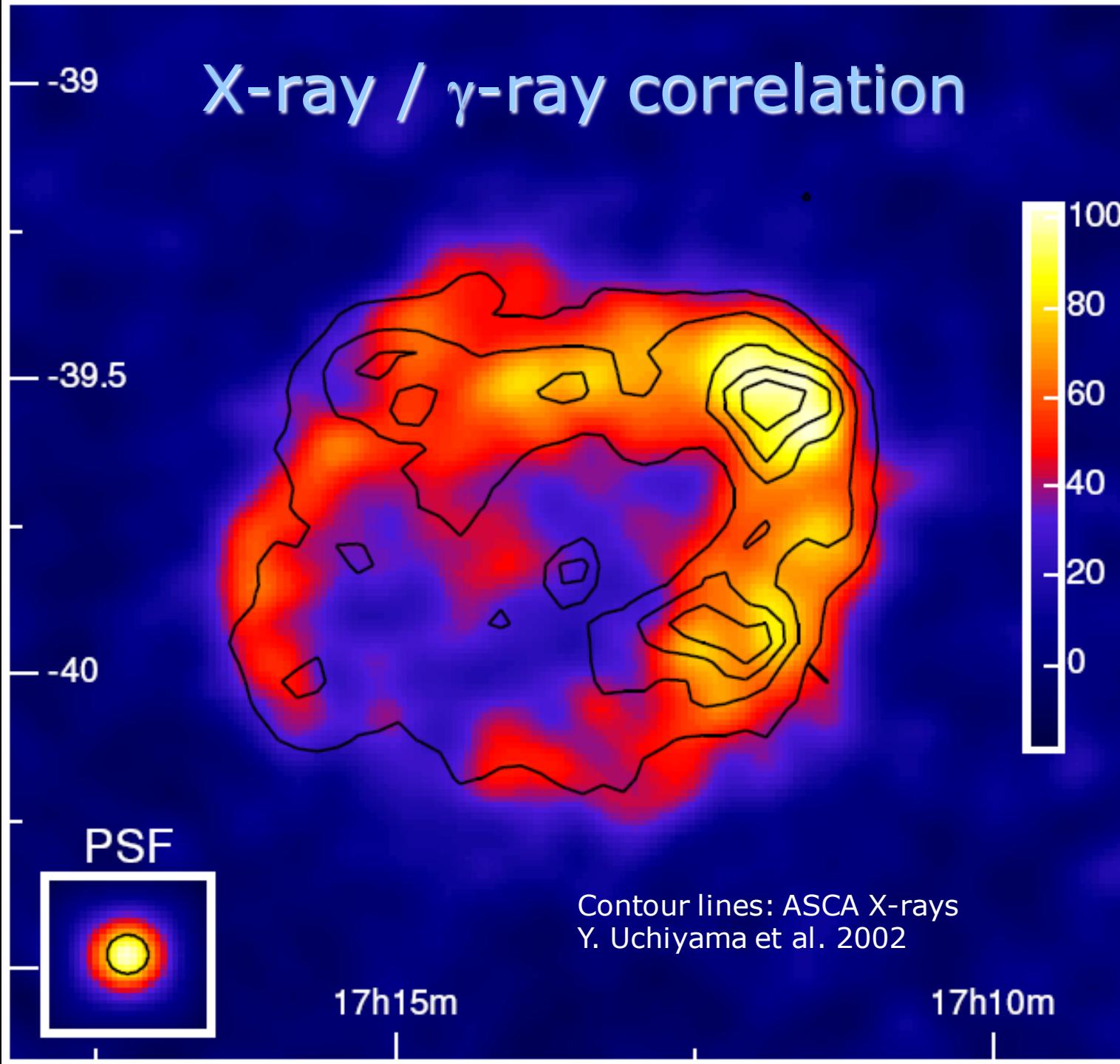
Nonlinear process with efficiency $\sim 50\%$!

... accelerated particles generate plasma waves ...



$\geq 10\%$ required to
generate cosmic rays
from supernovae

X-ray / γ -ray correlation





Radio

Infrared

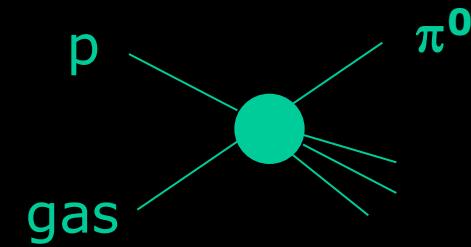
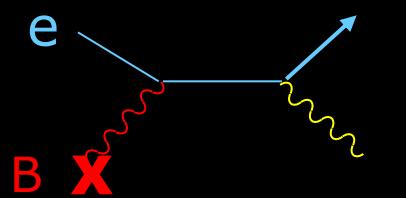
Visible light

X-rays

VHE
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From particles to radiation

Energy flux/Decade
 $E^2 F(E)$



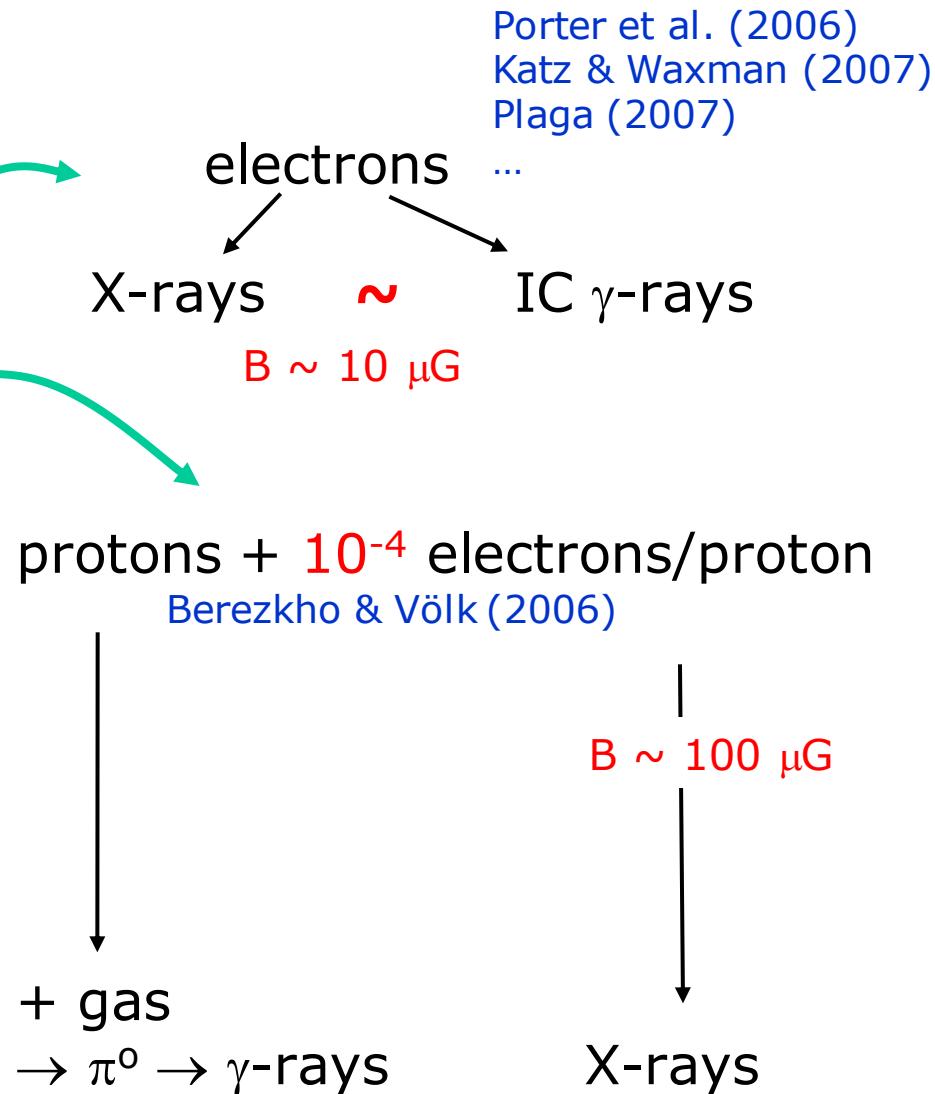
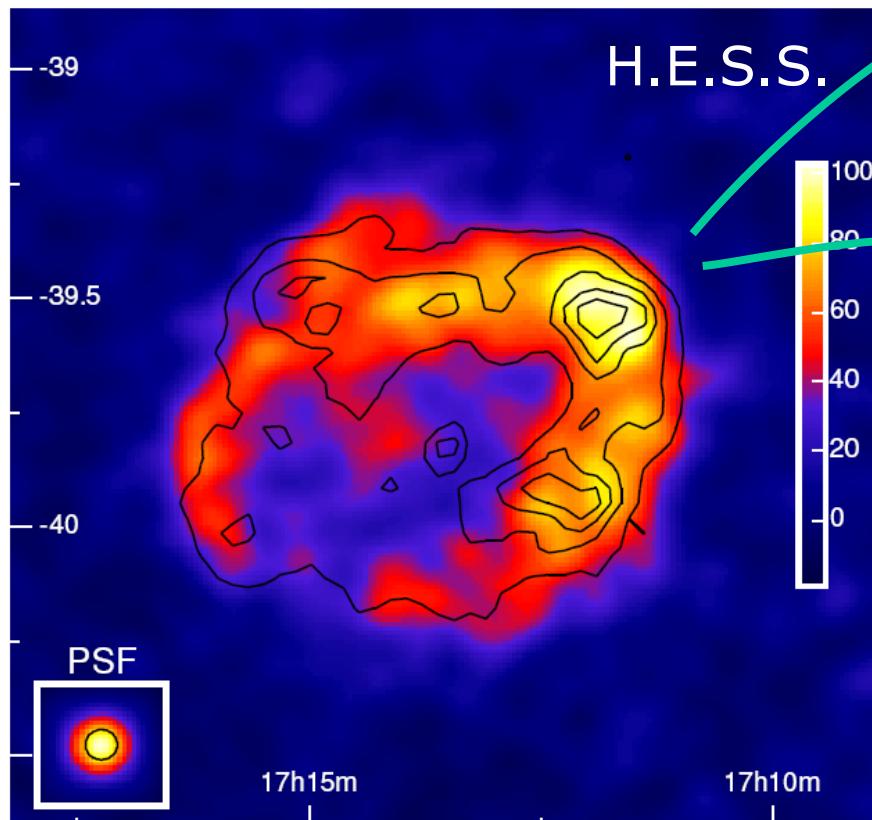
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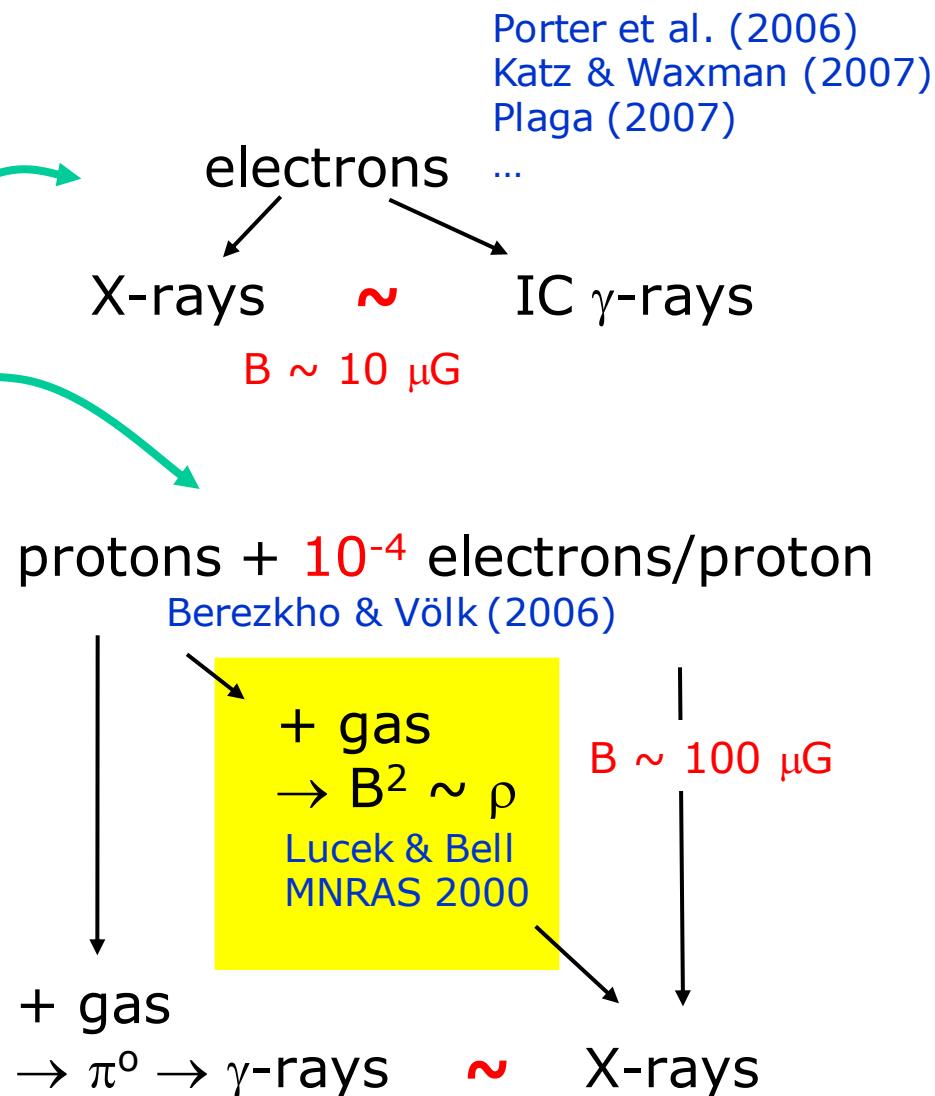
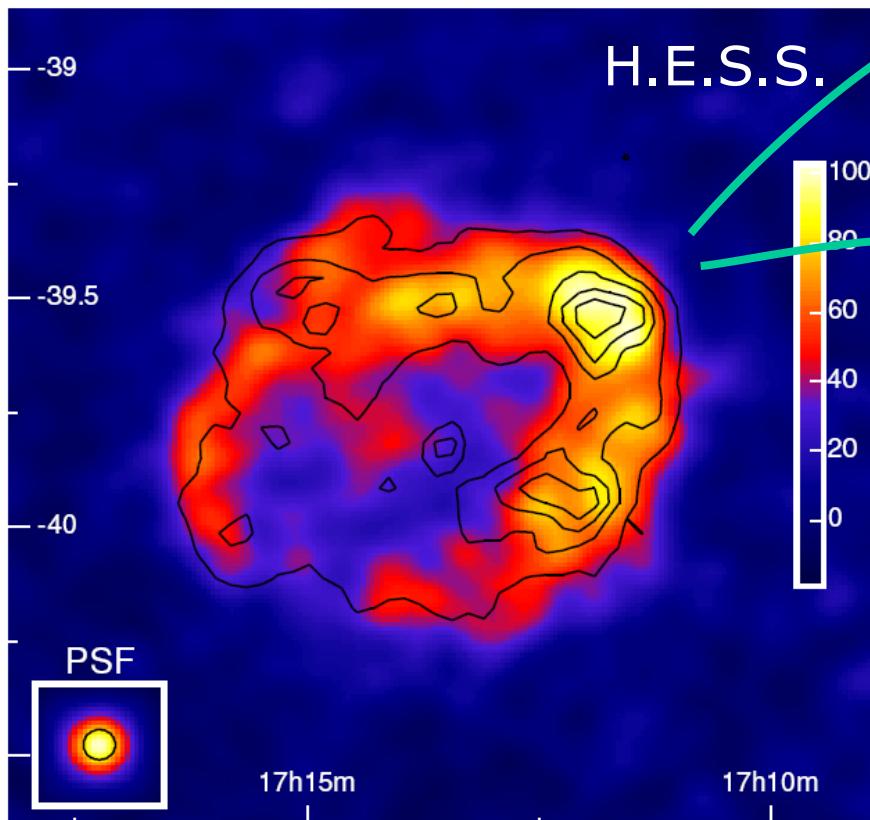
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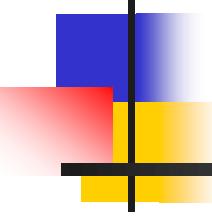
Inverse Compton
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X-ray & gamma ray emission

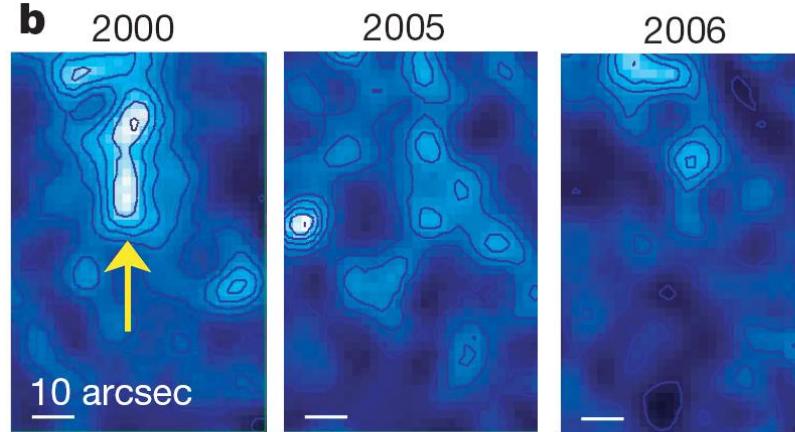
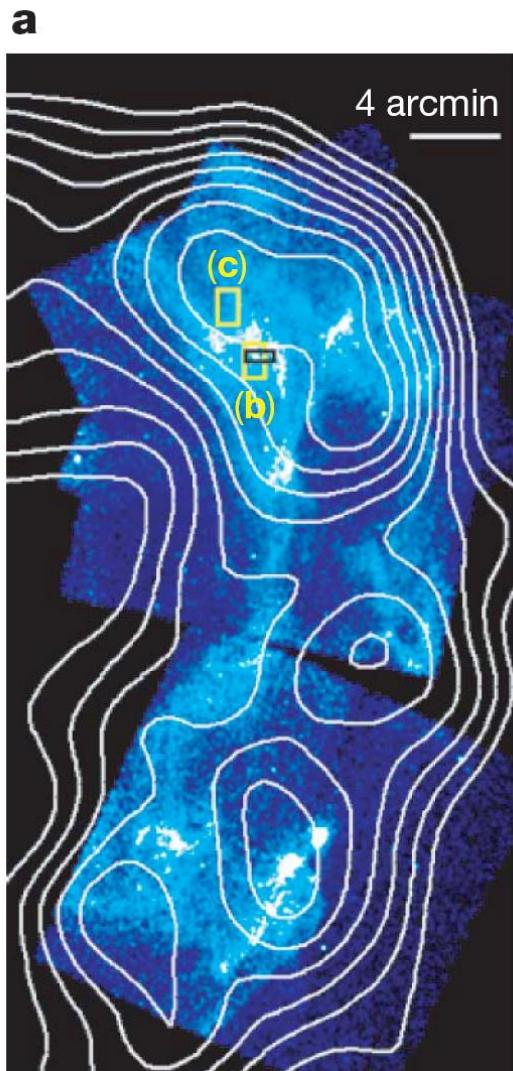


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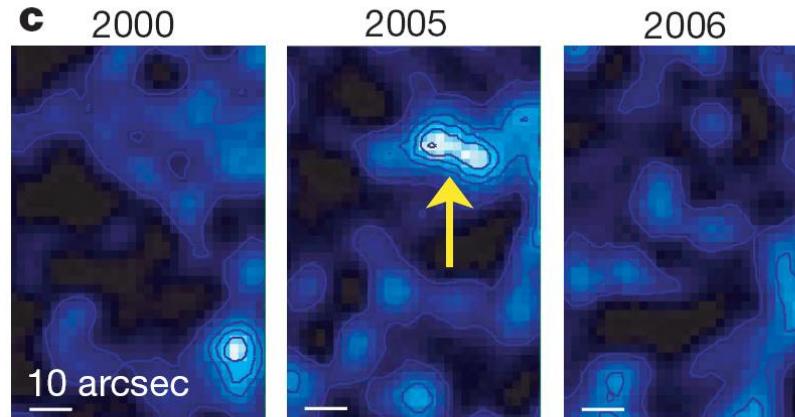


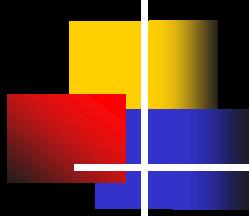
Key issue: High B fields in SNR?



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Need $B > 1$ mG



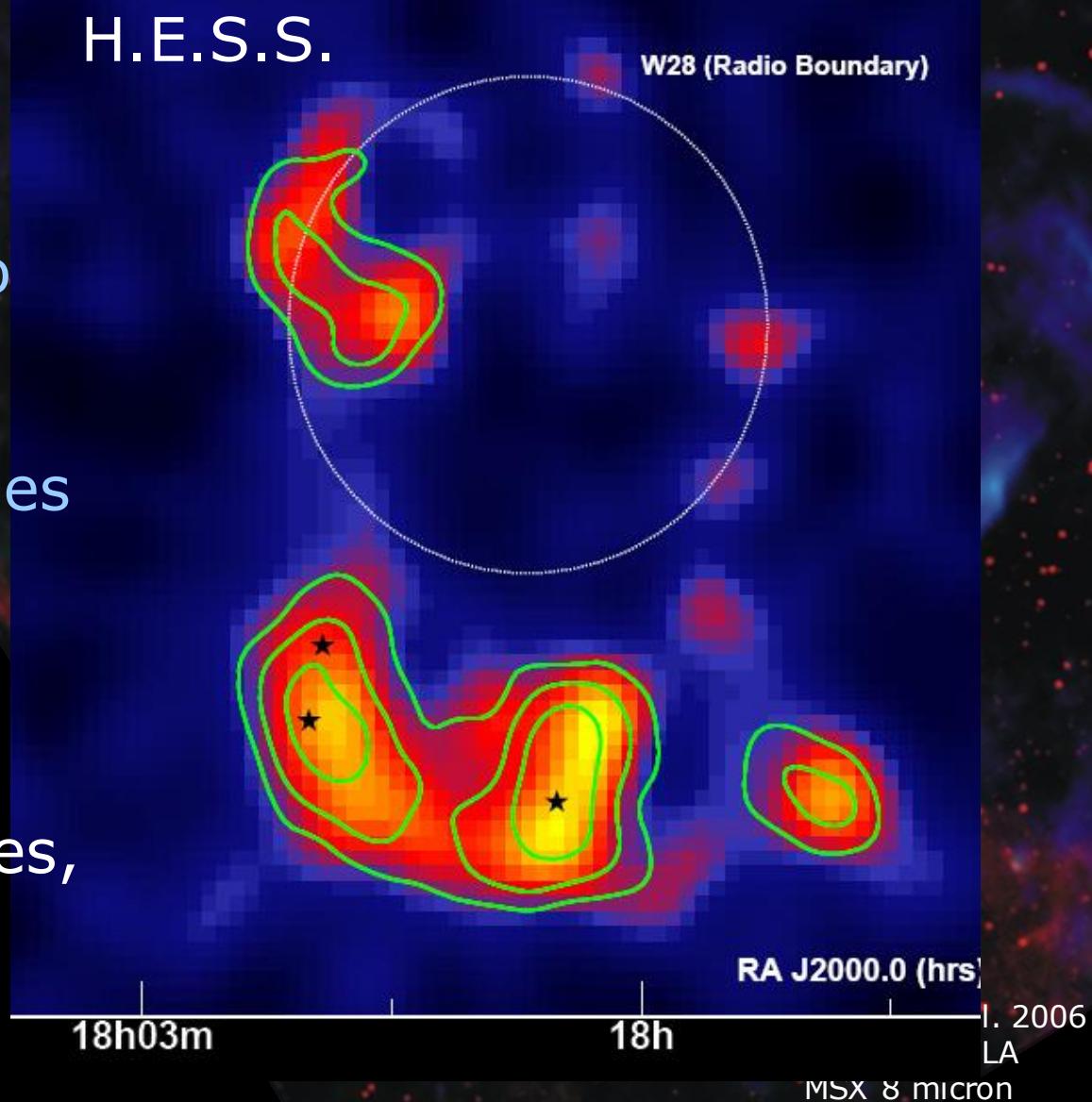


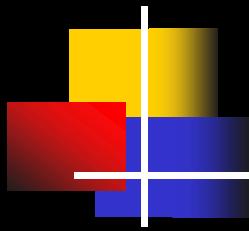
Old SNRs & interacting SNRs

Which fraction of SNR energy goes into cosmic-ray nuclei?

How/when are particles released/

Interacting SNR probe nature of accelerated particles, particle release, and particle propagation



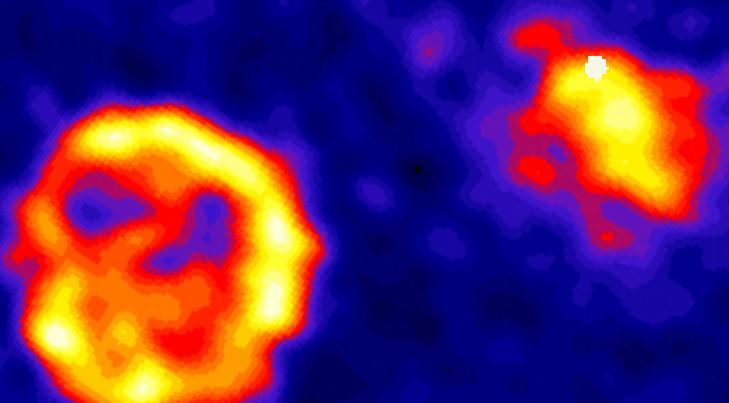


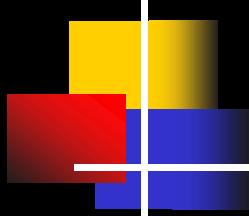
More than SNR: the Vela region

Vela (Rosat)

Vela Junior
 $d \approx 200$ pc

age ≈ 700 y

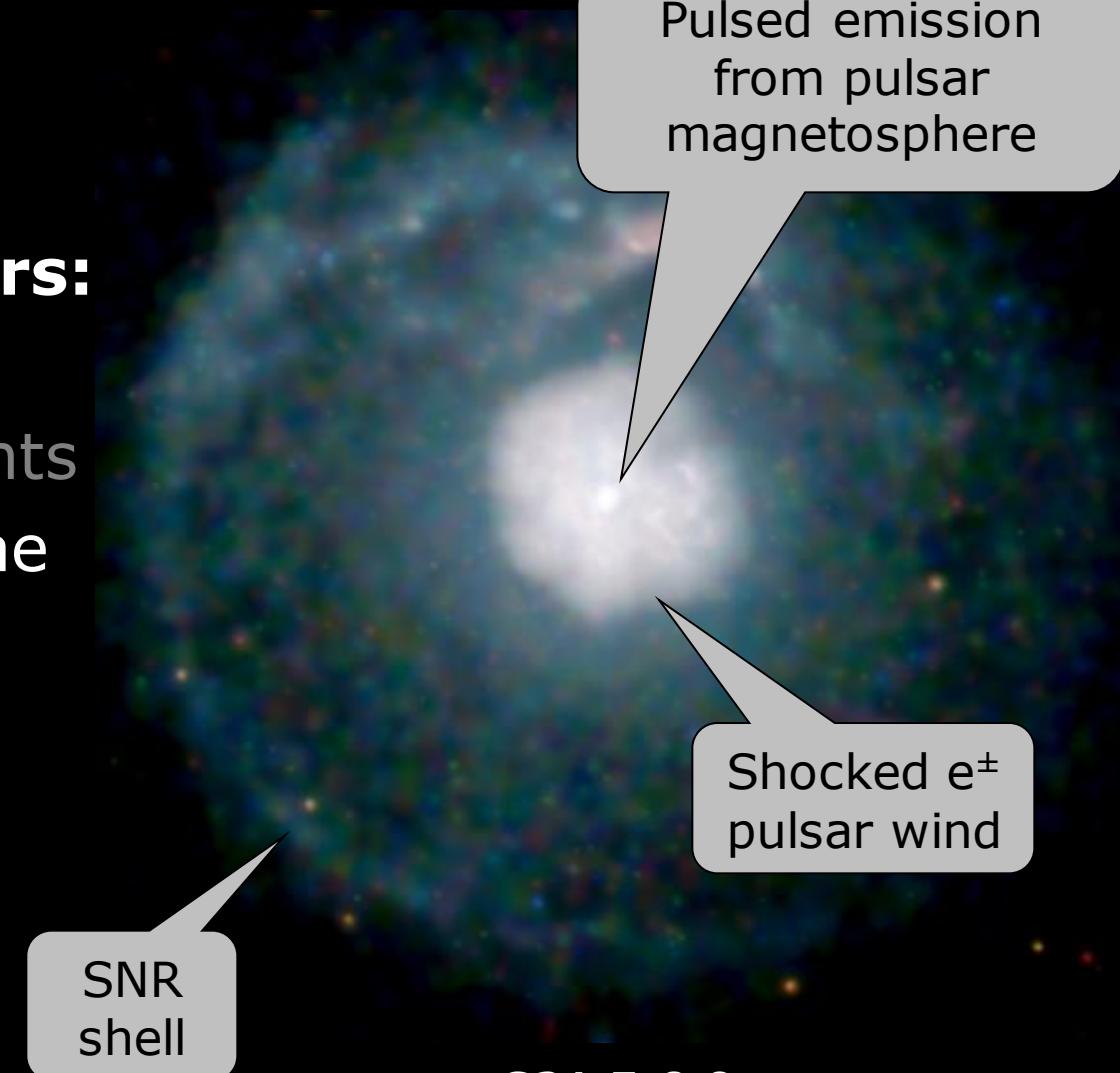




Gamma ray sources & their physics

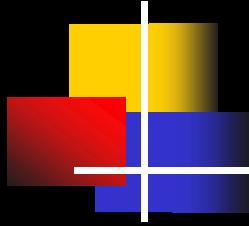
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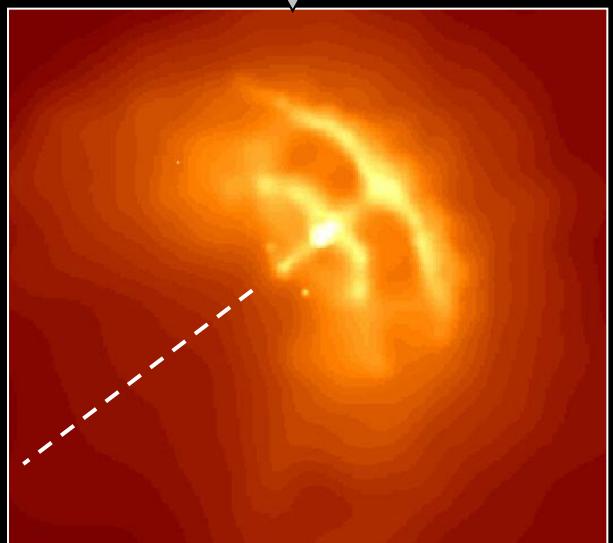
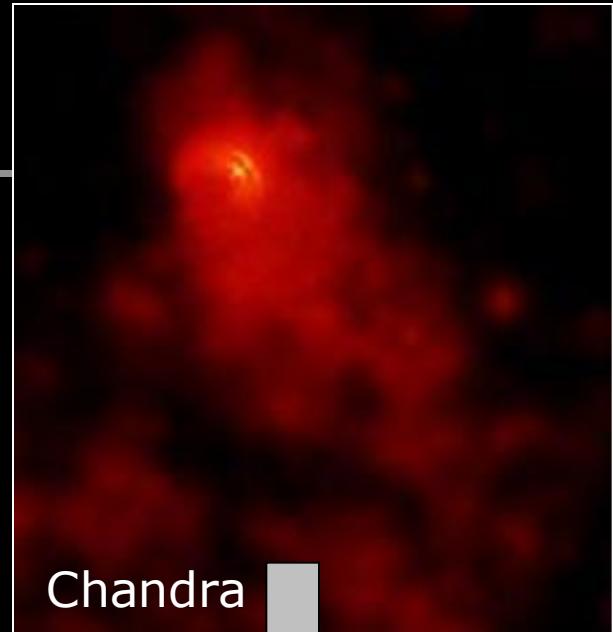
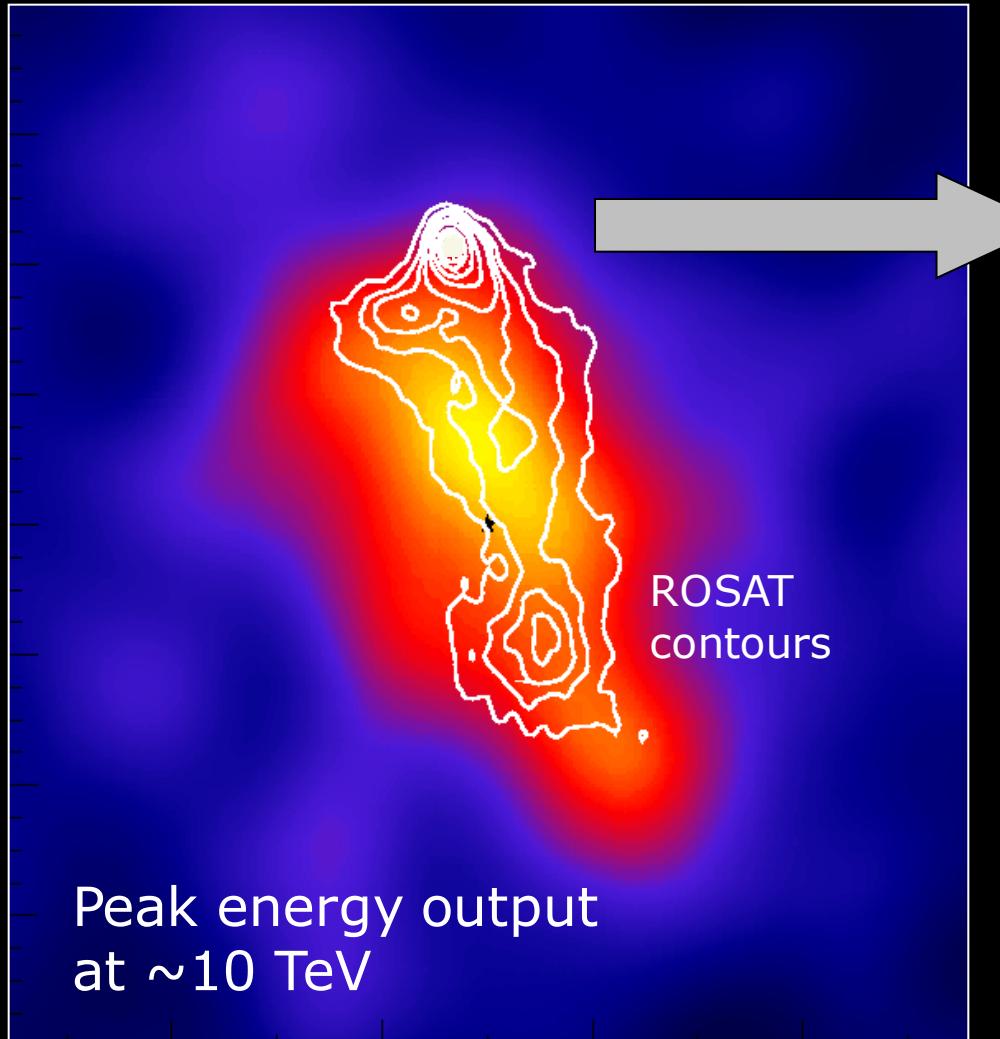


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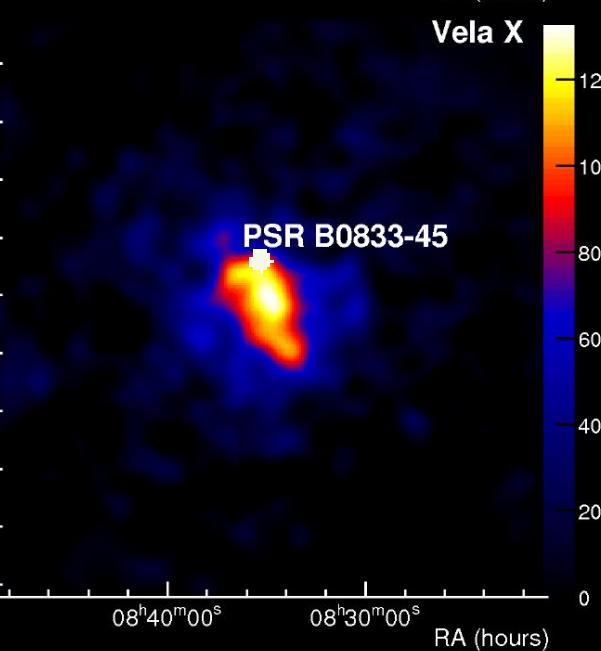
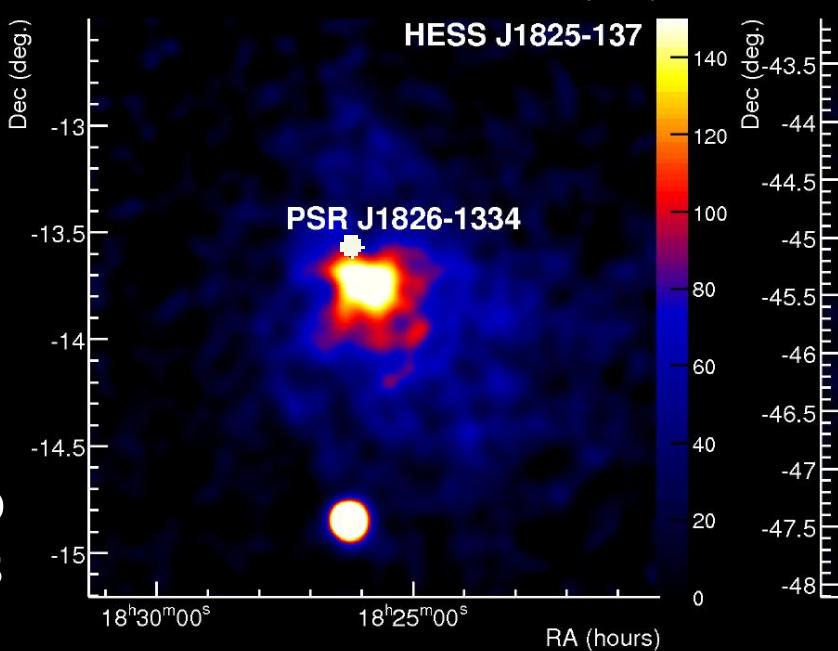
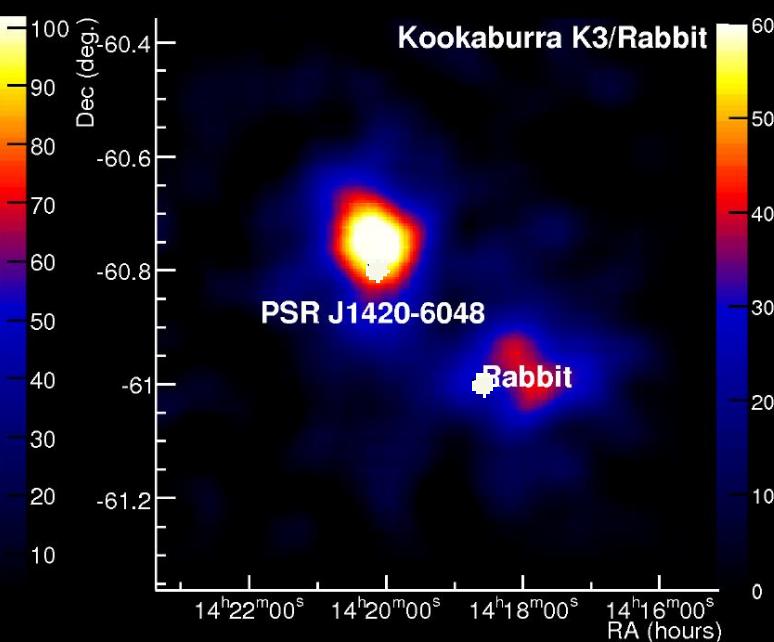
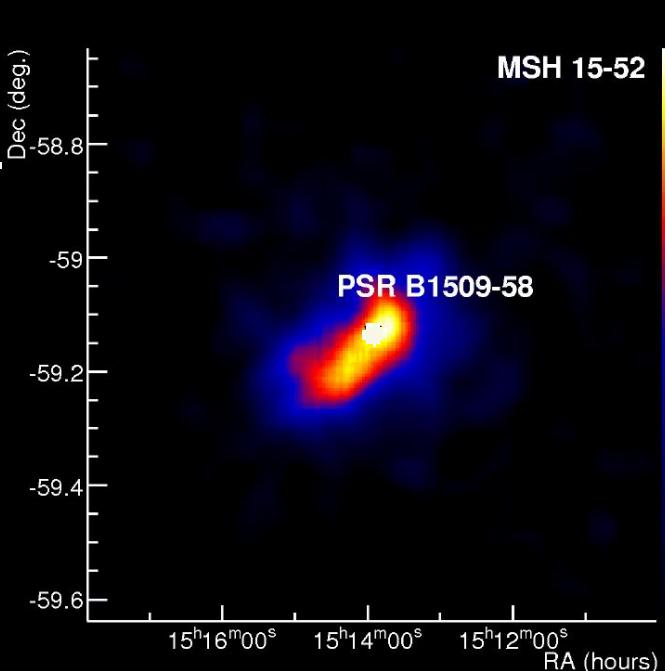
Vela-X

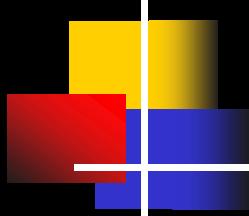


PWN

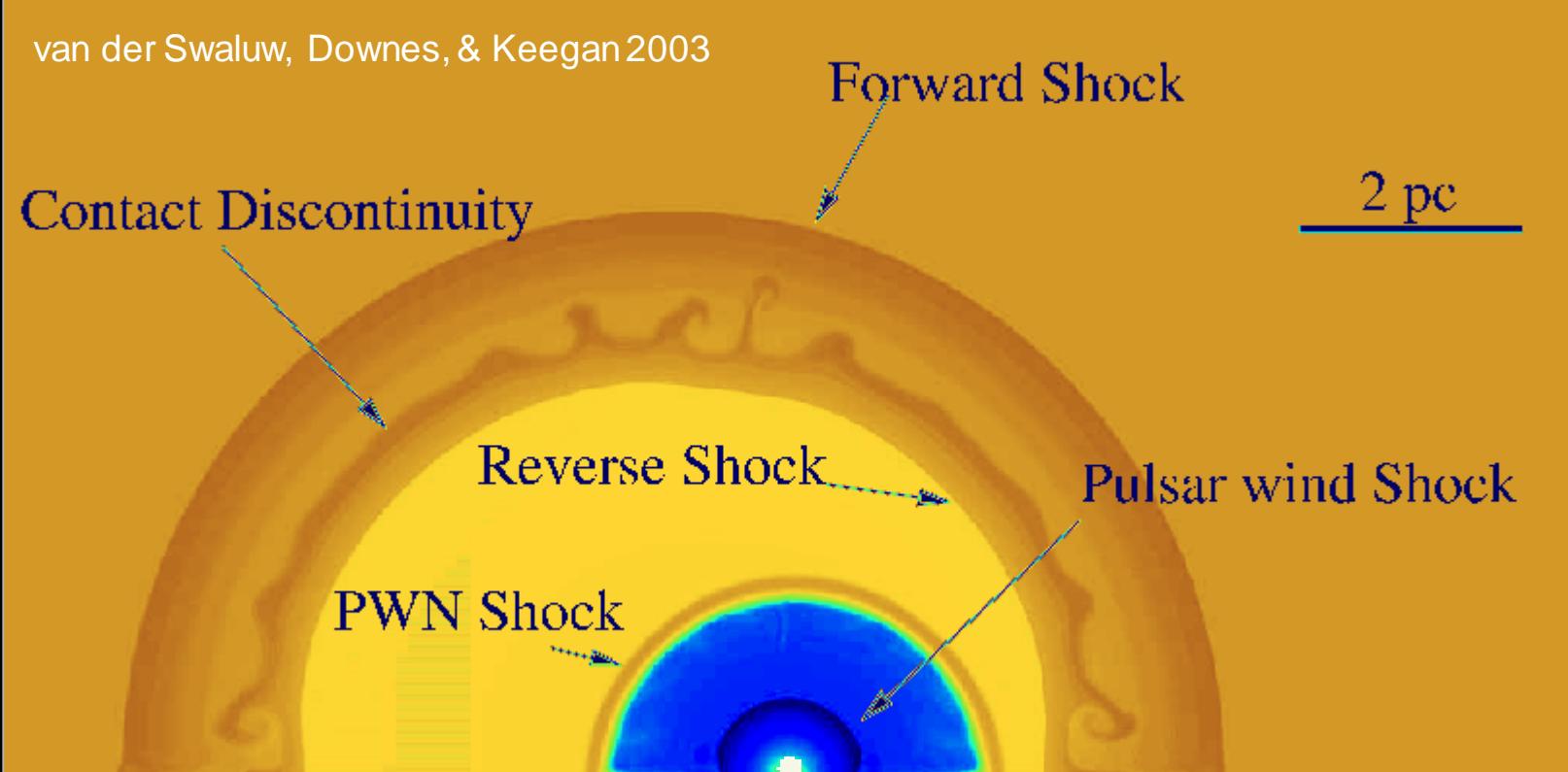
γ -ray sources
are

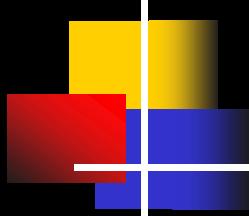
- extended
- displaced from pulsar
- O(1%) of spin-down energy loss converted to gamma rays





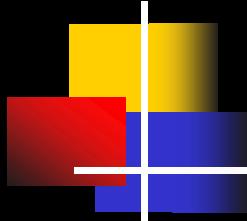
Hydrodynamics simulations: Pulsar “Kick”



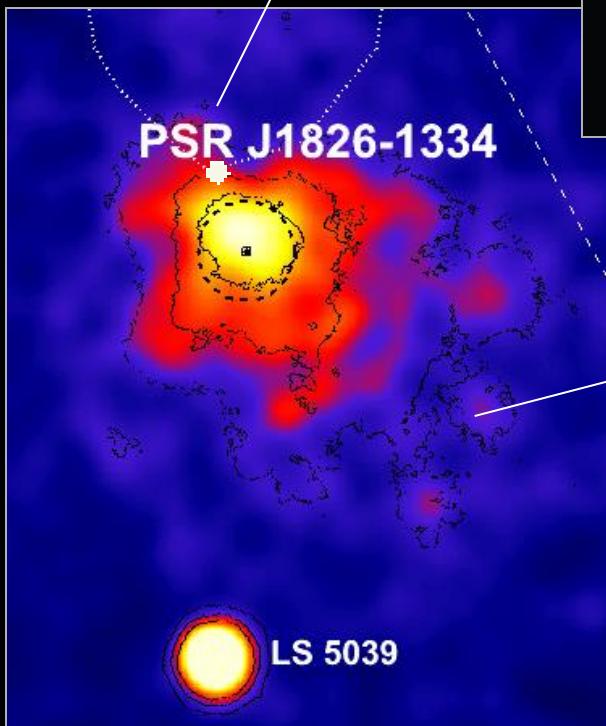


Hydrodynamics simulations: Pulsar “Kick”





Maybe a
chance
coincidence ?

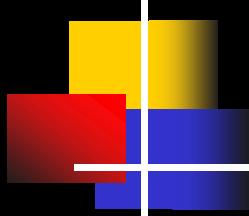


0.2 - 0.8 TeV
0.8 - 2.5 TeV
Above 2.5 TeV

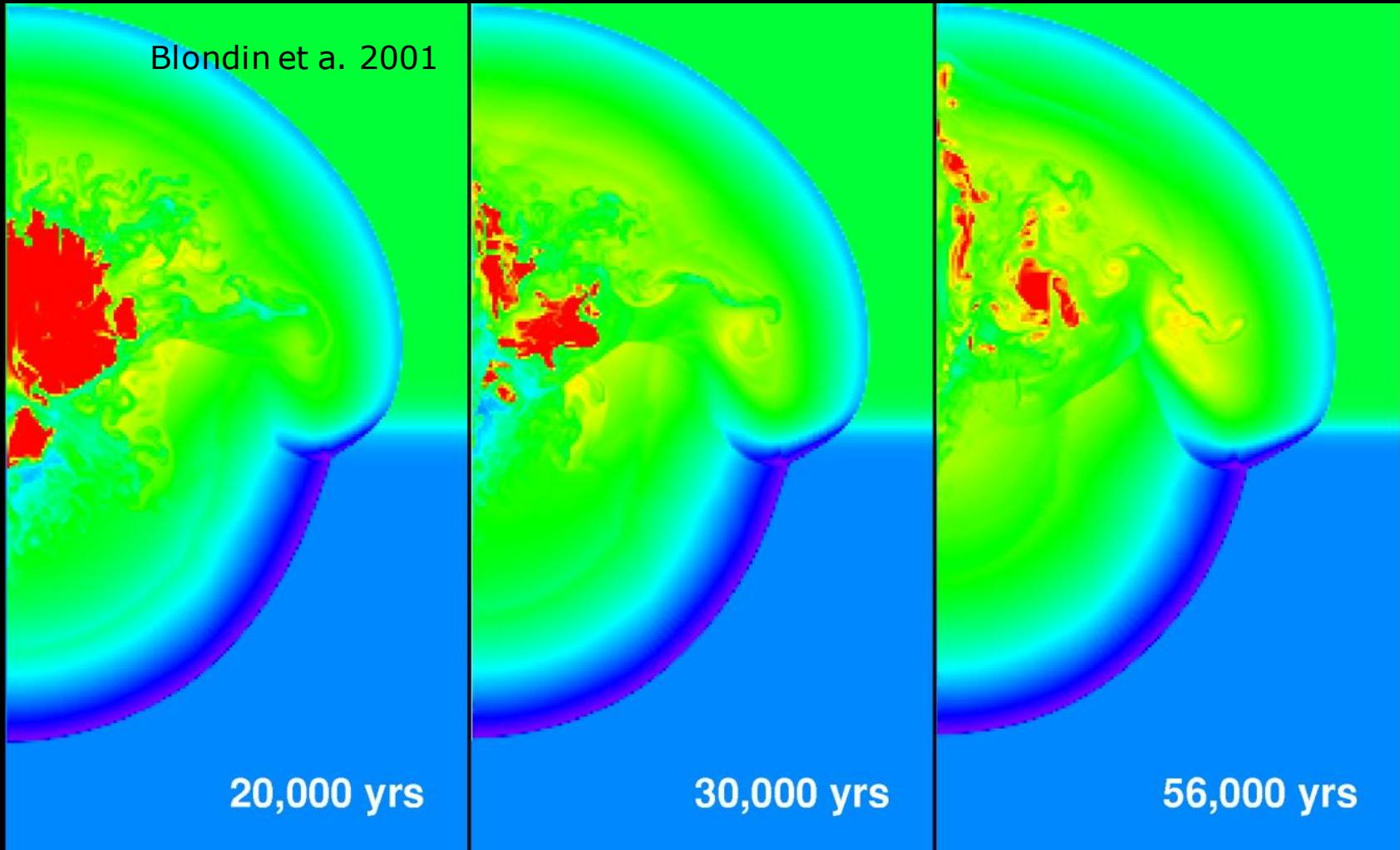
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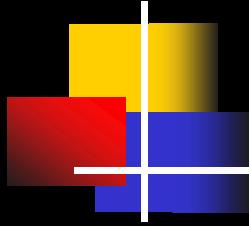
30'

Energy-dependent
morphology in
HESS J1825-137

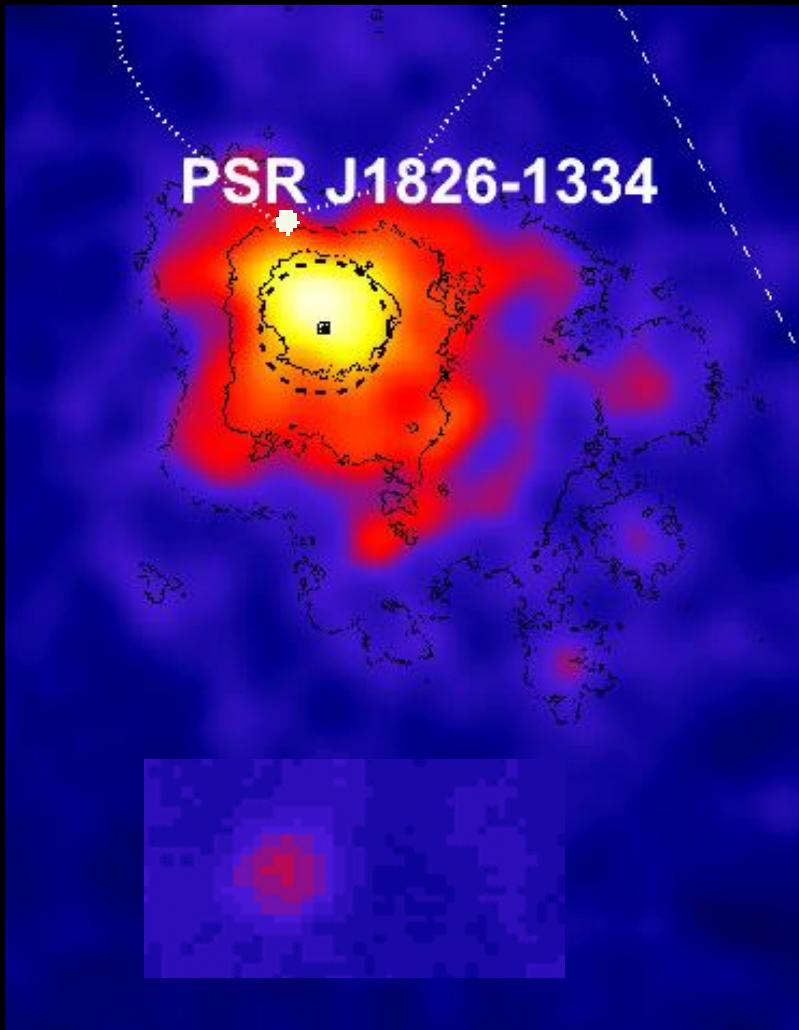


Supernova explosion in inhomogeneous medium?





Gamma ray sources & their physics

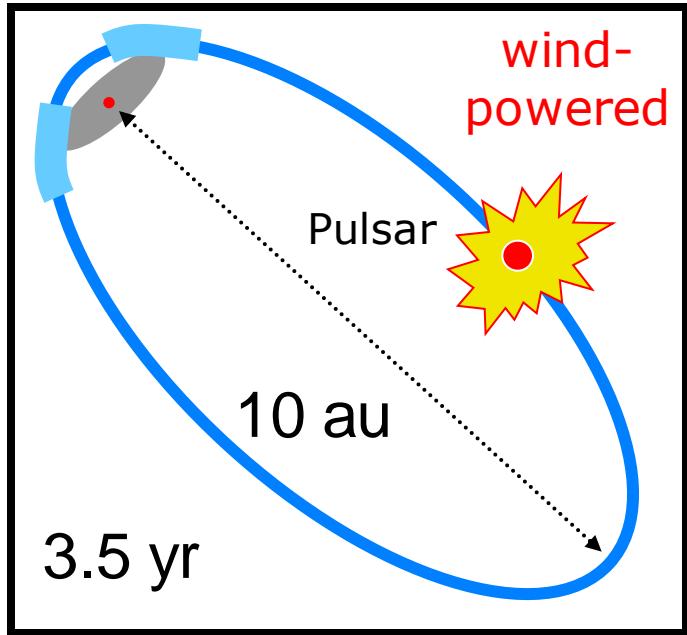


A tour of galactic particle accelerators:

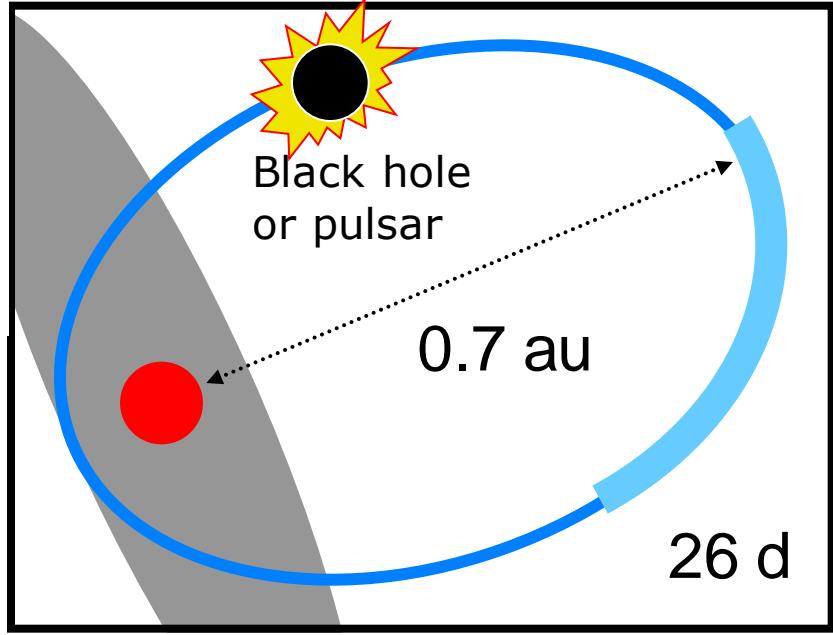
- Supernova remnants
- Pulsar wind nebulae
- Binaries
- “Dark sources”



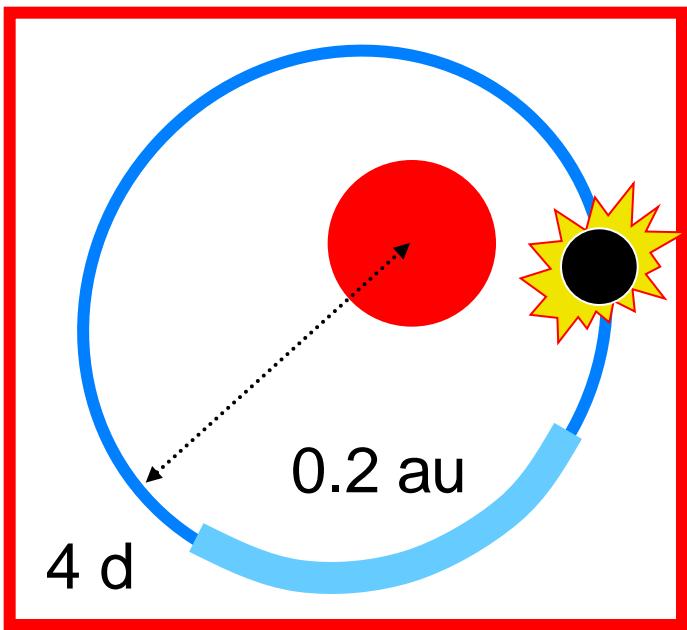
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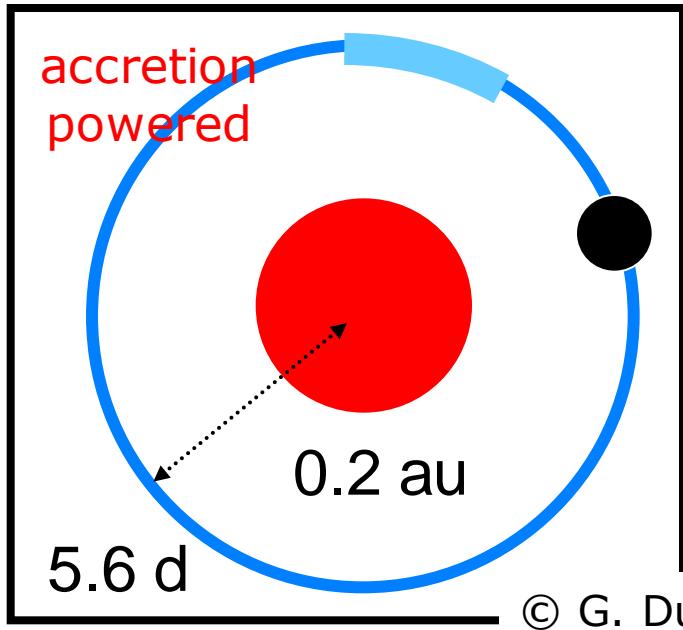
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Black hole
or pulsar

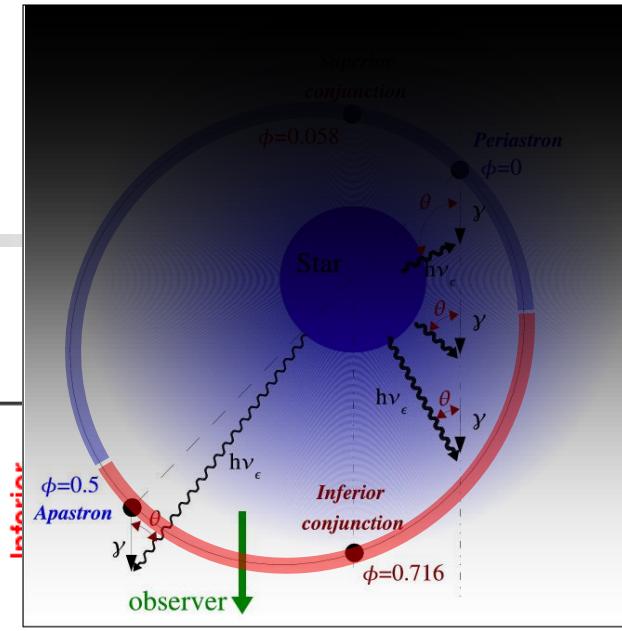
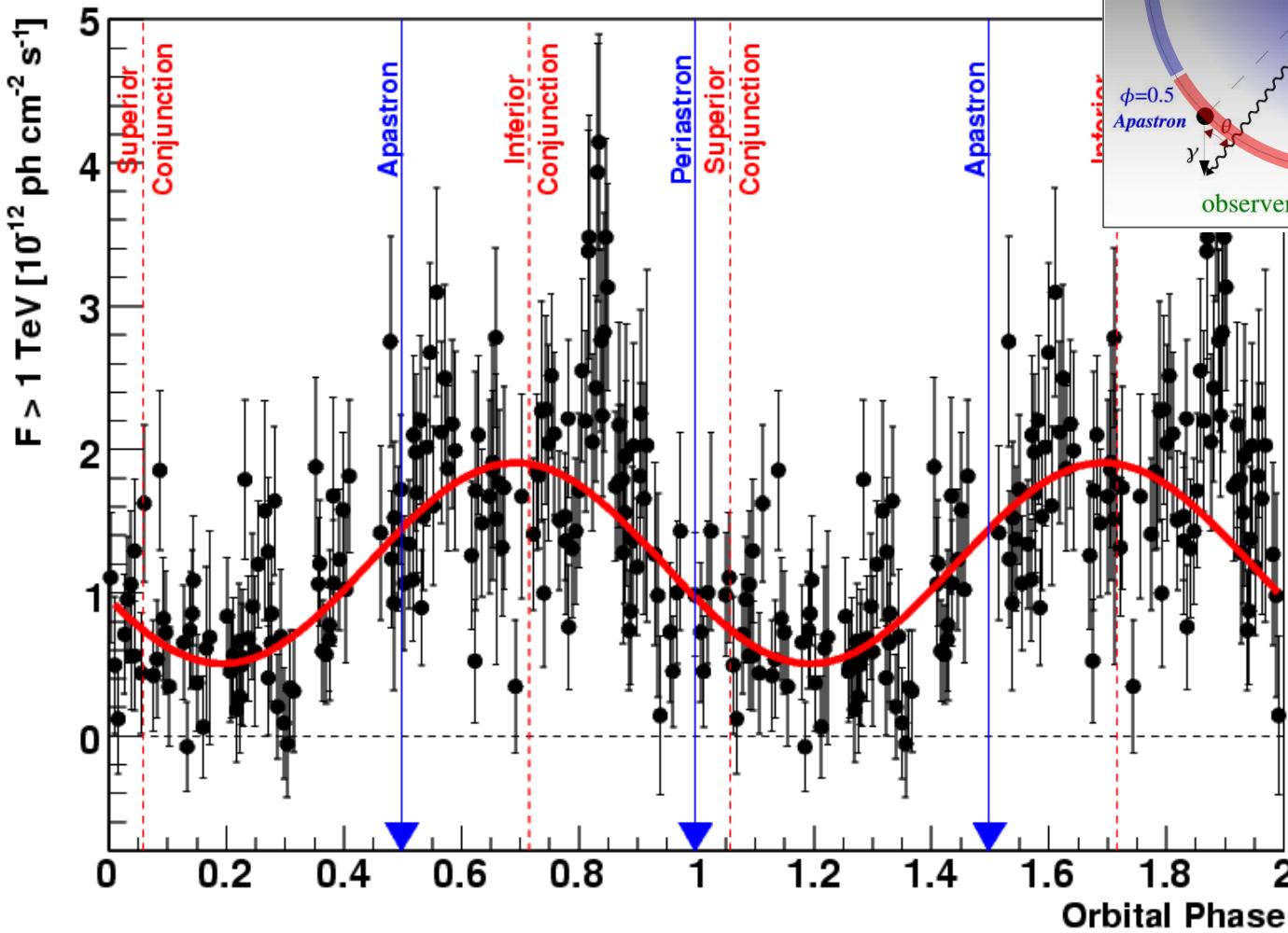
obs.

Cyg X-1



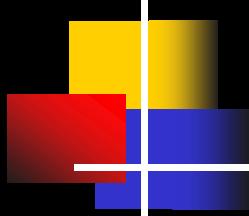
Folded light curve

γ -Period: 3.908 ± 0.002 days



Folded using
optical period

Data repeated
for 2 cycles

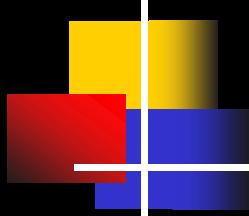


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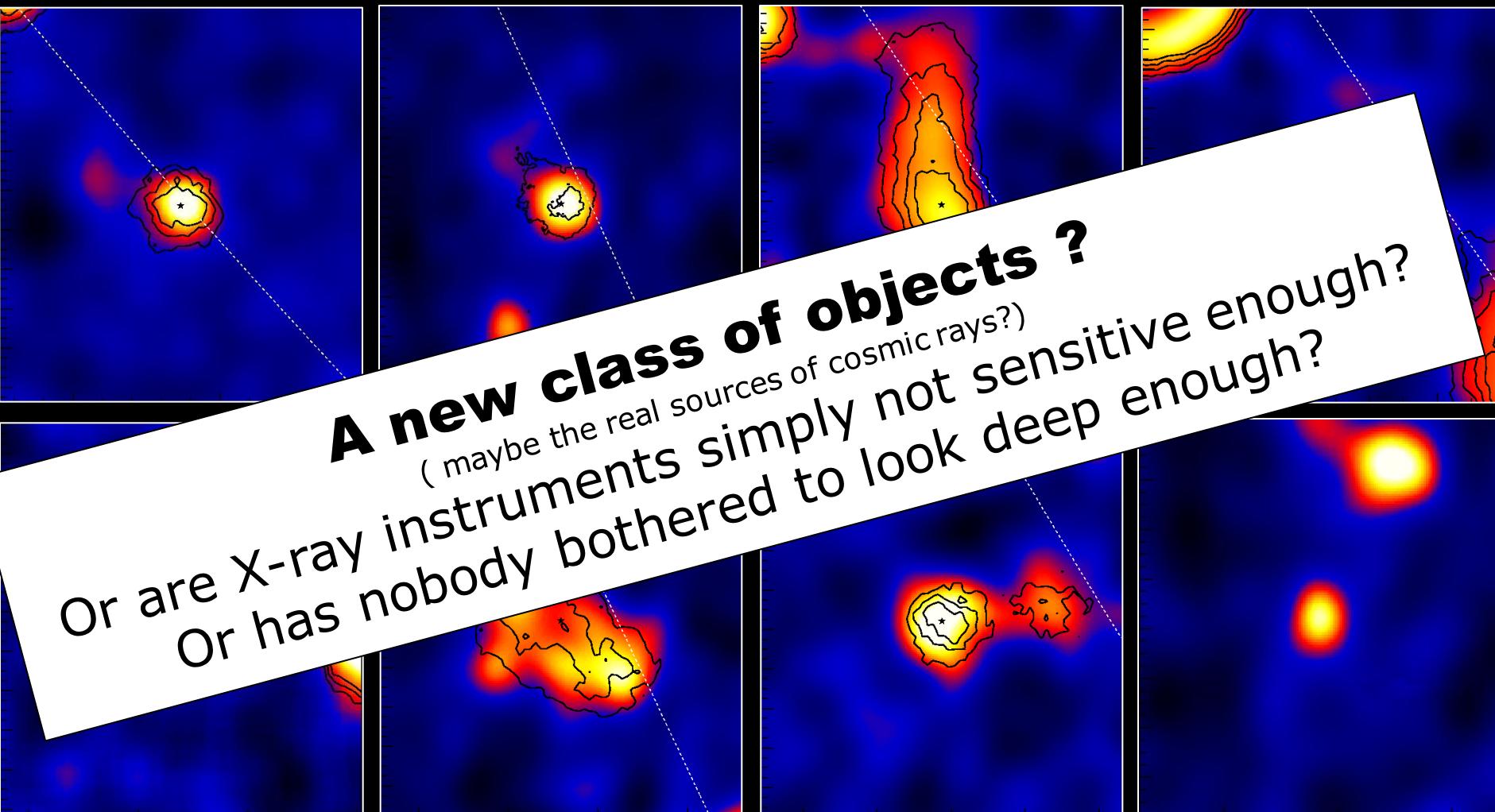
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"Dark" sources: Objects which only shine in gamma rays !

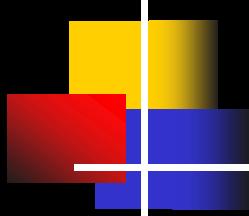
... without plausible counterparts in X-rays, radio, ...



A new class of objects ?

(maybe the real sources of cosmic rays?)

Or are X-ray instruments simply not sensitive enough?
Or has nobody bothered to look deep enough?



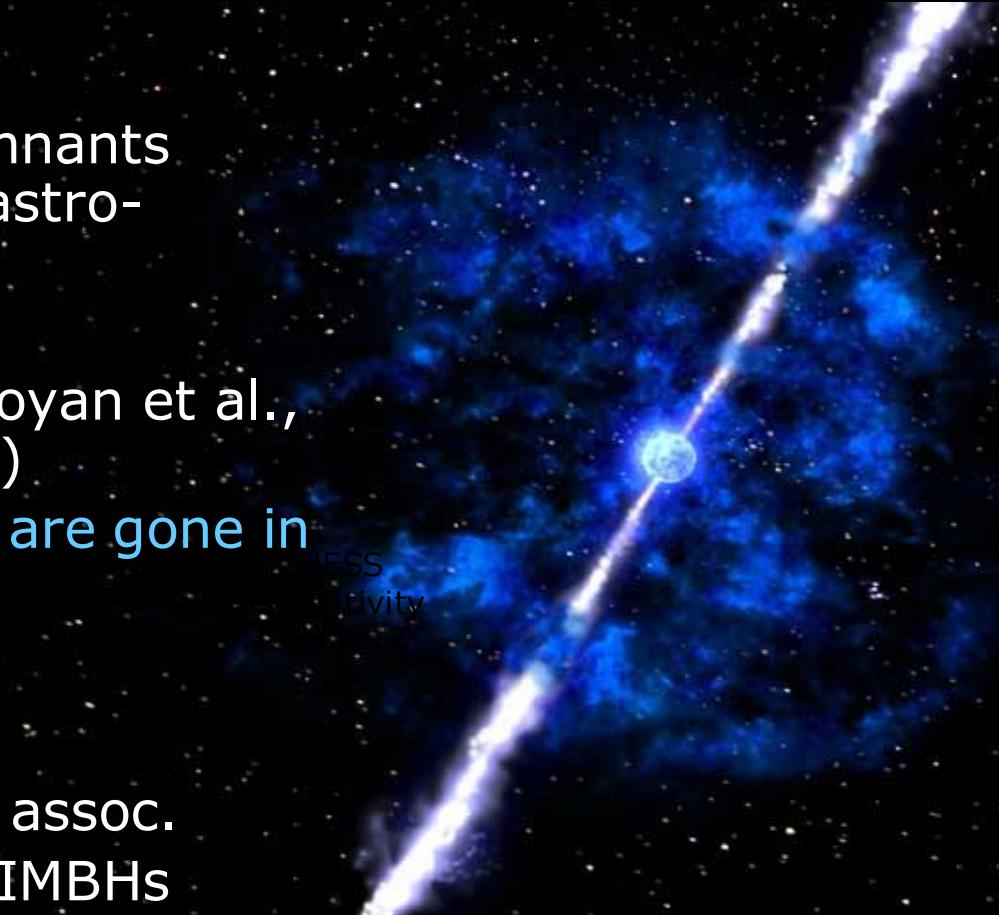
Explanations

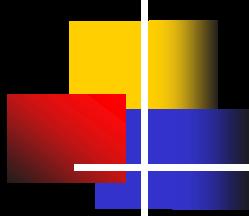
- Old supernova remnants
(Yamazaki et al., astro-ph/0601704)
- Old PWN
- GBR remnants (Atoyan et al., astro-ph/0601704)

Basic idea: electrons are gone in old objects

➔ No X-rays or radio

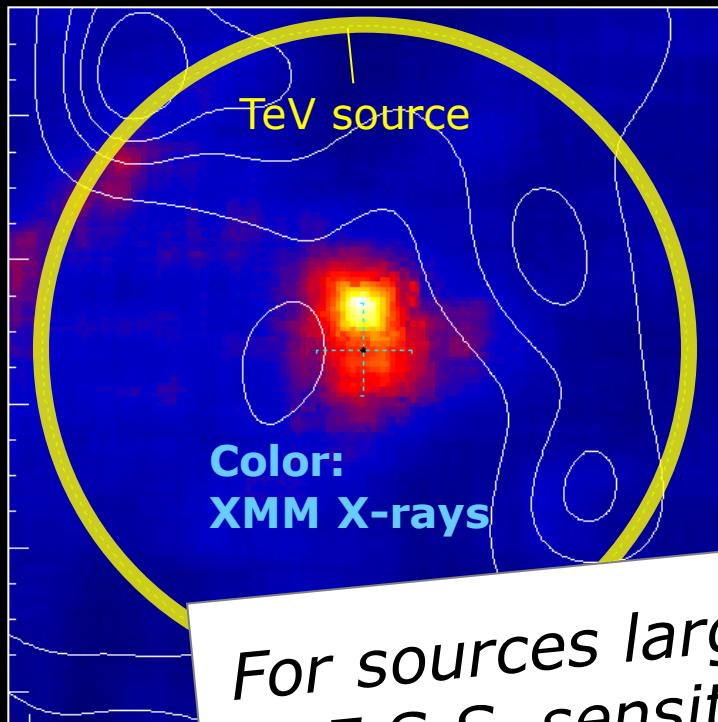
- Stellar winds / OB assoc.
- DM halo objects / IMBHs



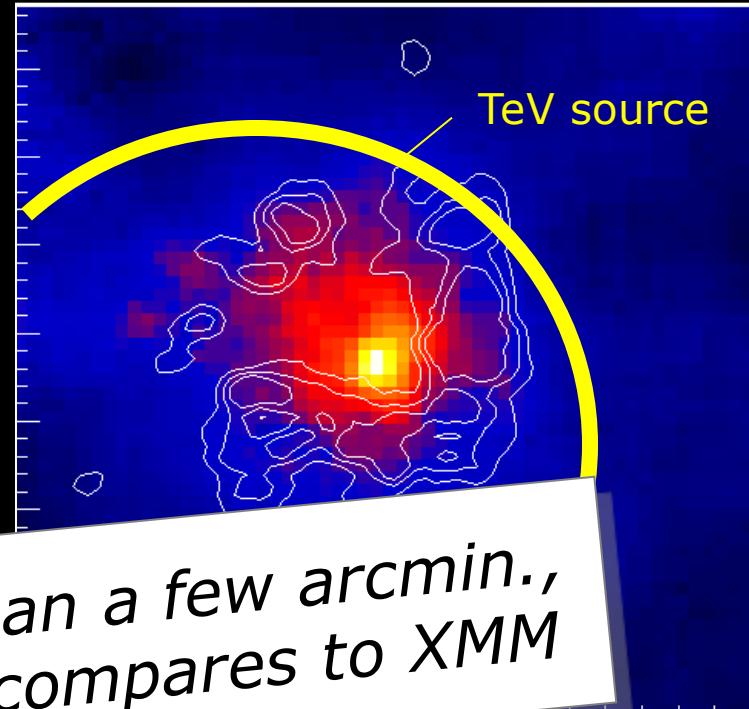


Not all remain dark...

HESS J1640-465
Funk et al., astro-ph/0701166



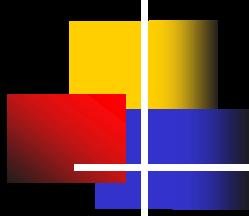
HESS J1813-178
Funk et al., astro-ph/0611646



*For sources larger than a few arcmin.,
H.E.S.S. sensitivity compares to XMM*

radio snell

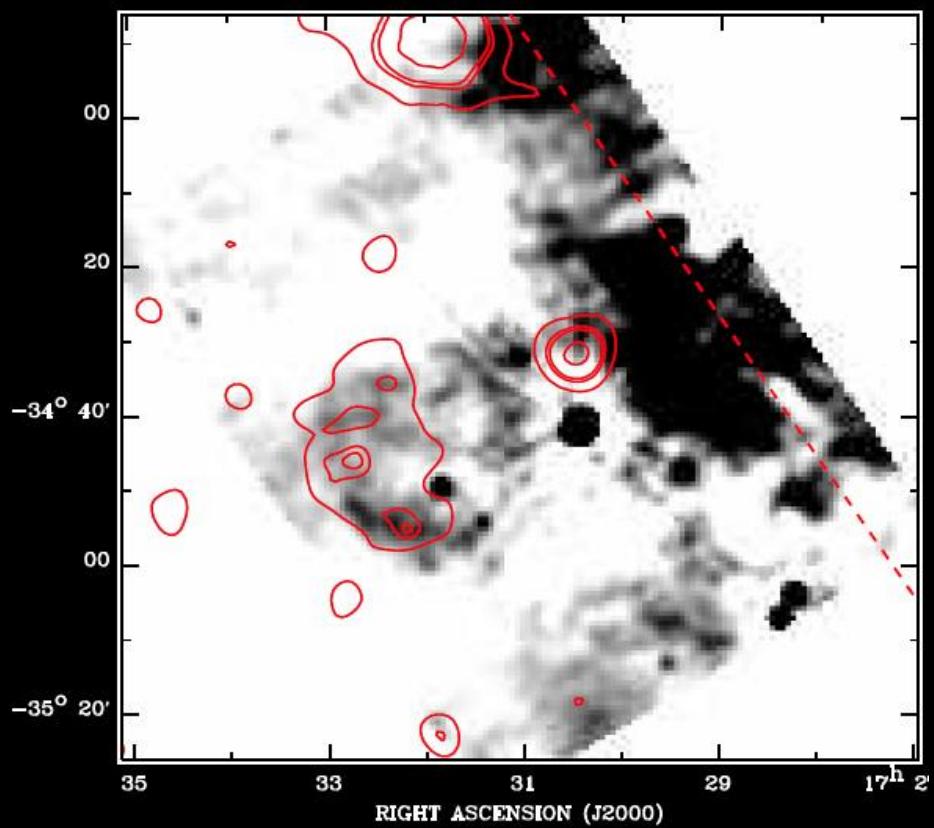
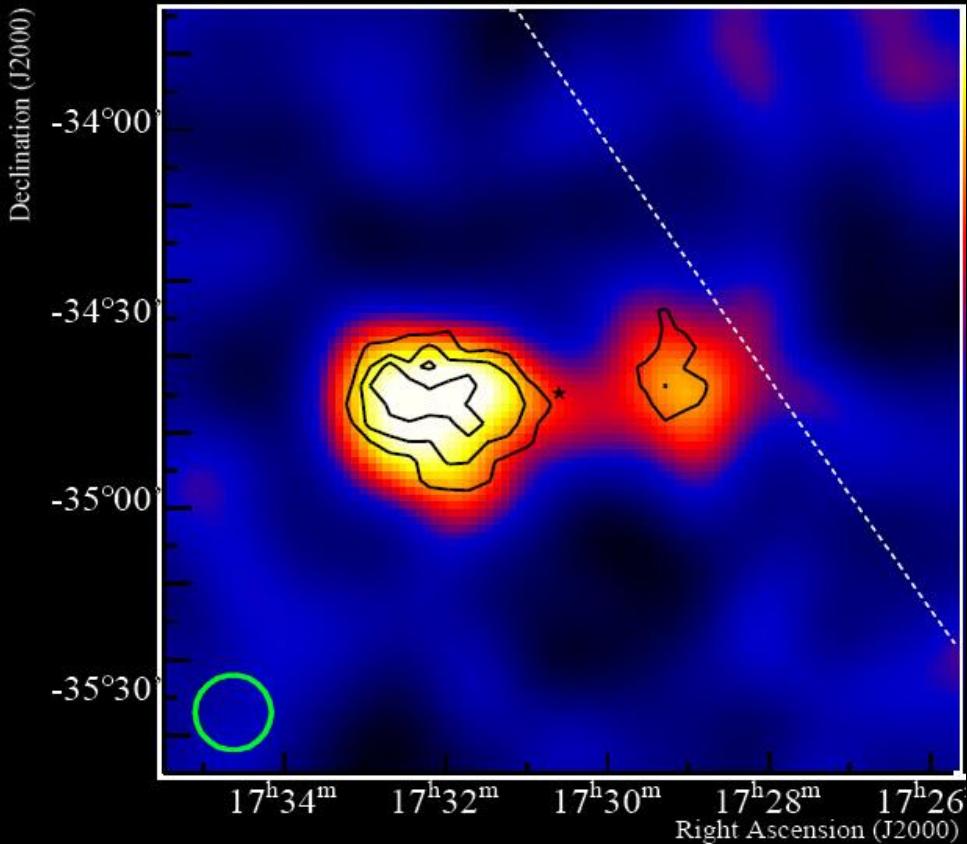
Helfand et al., astro-ph/0505392
Brogan et al., astro-ph/0505145



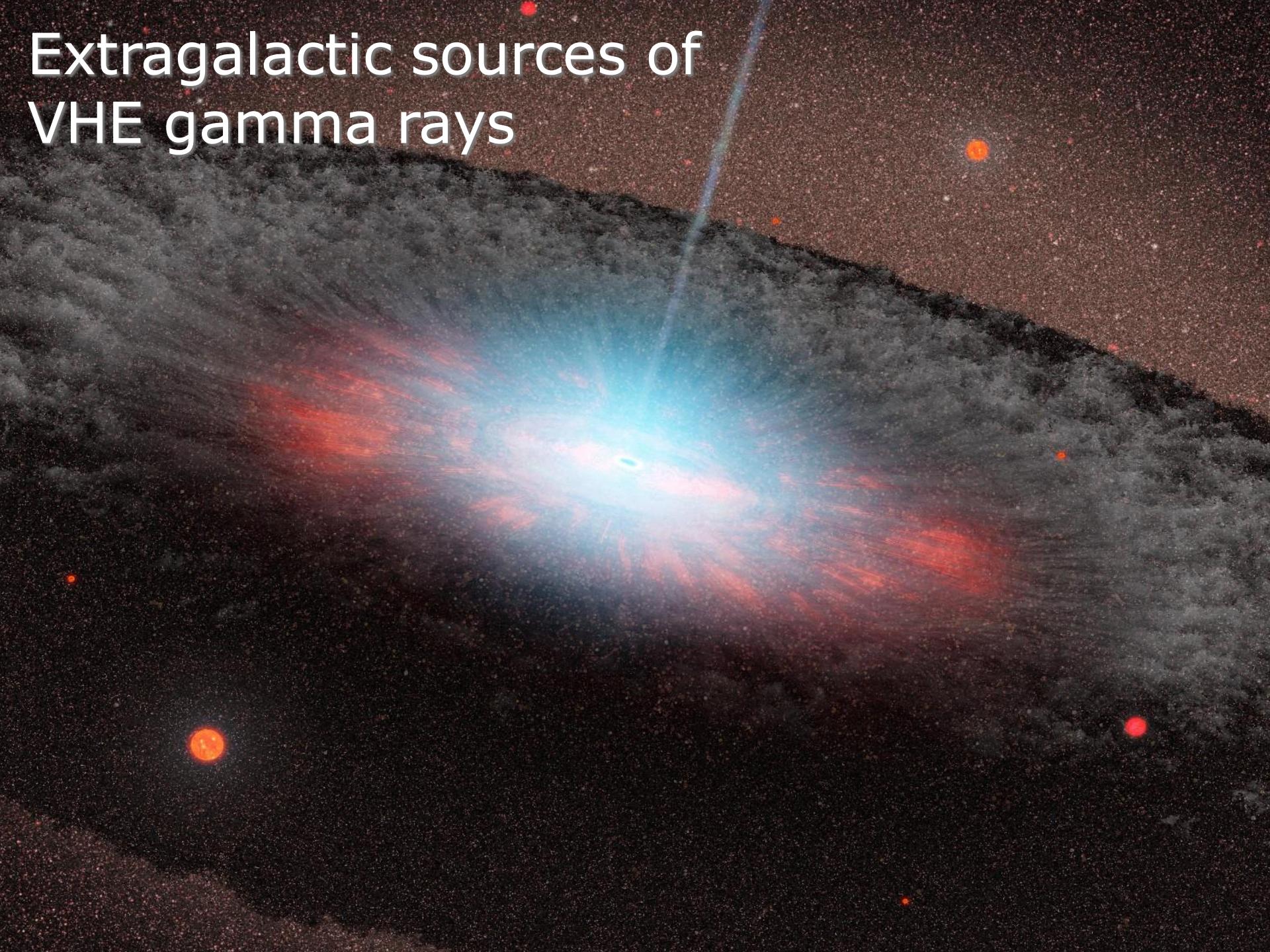
Not all remain dark...

HESS J1731-347

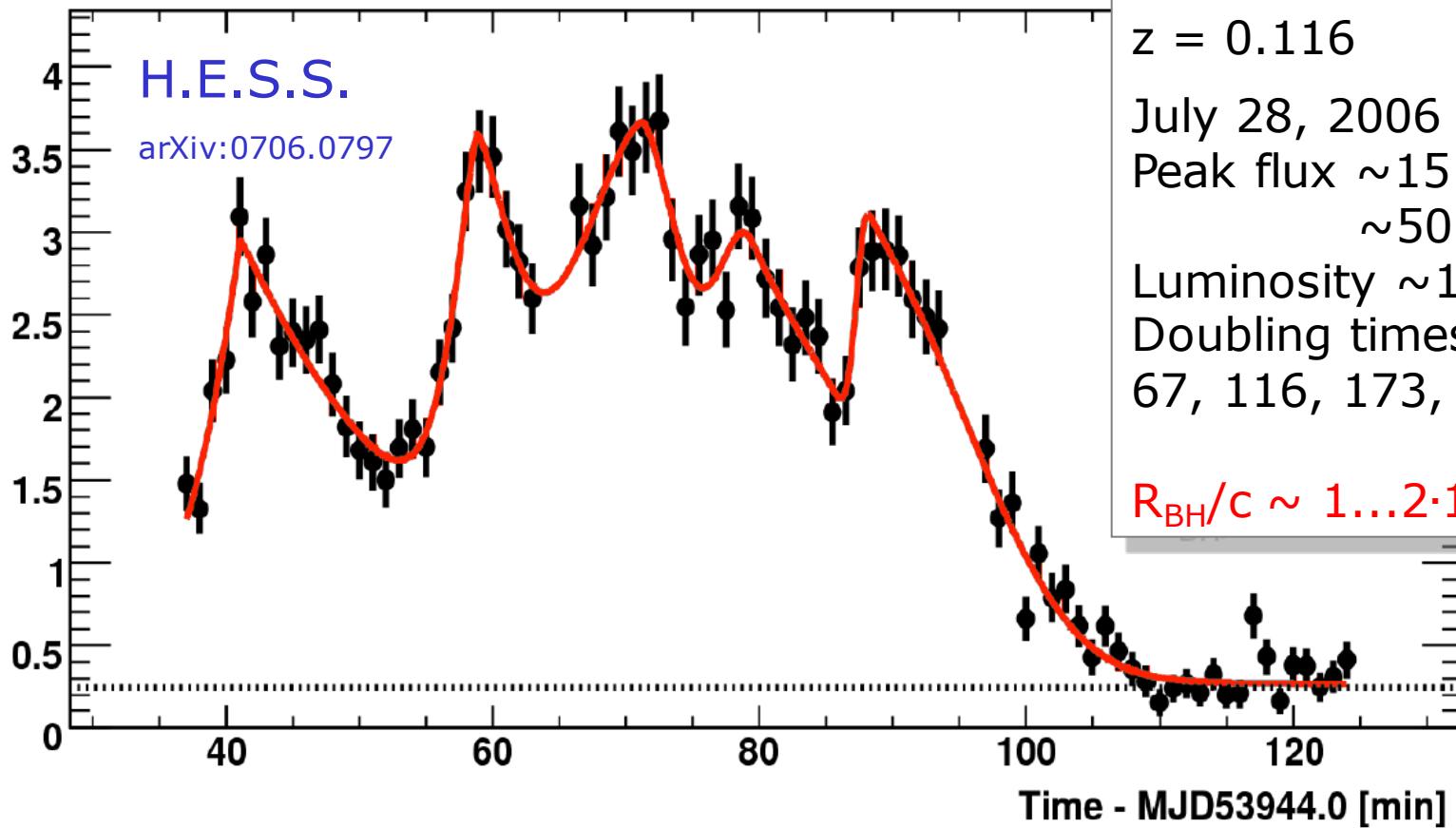
Tian et al., arXiv:0801.3254



Extragalactic sources of VHE gamma rays



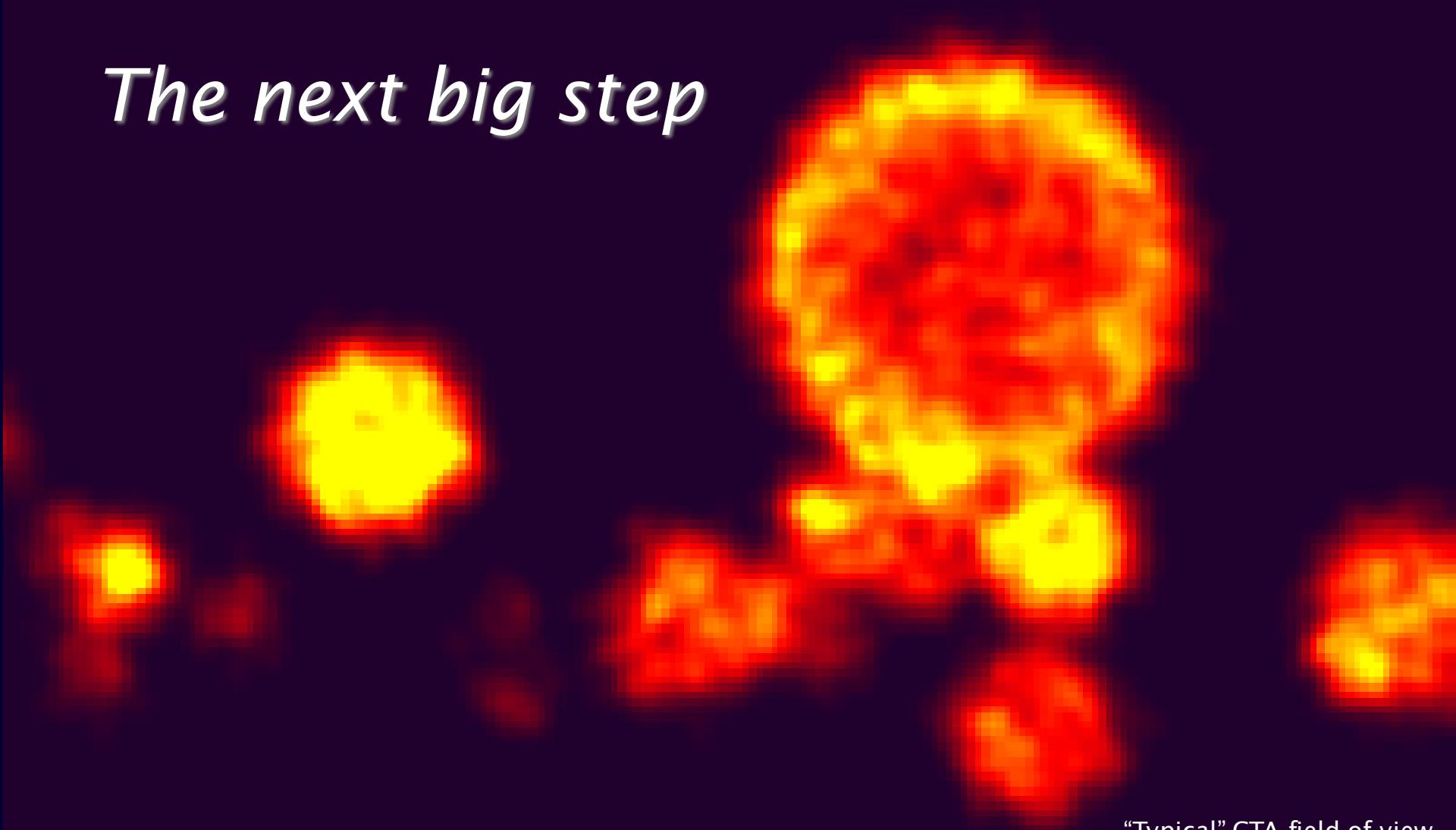
AGN light curves



- Challenge for modelling of processes in and geometry of jets
- Search for effects of quantum gravity at the level of a few % of the Planck scale

*The age of real VHE
gamma ray astronomy has started*

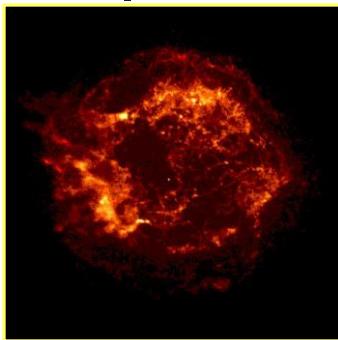
The next big step



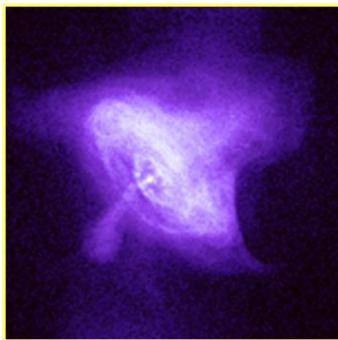
"Typical" CTA field of view

CTA - the Cherenkov Telescope Array
An advanced facility for ground-based gamma-ray astronomy

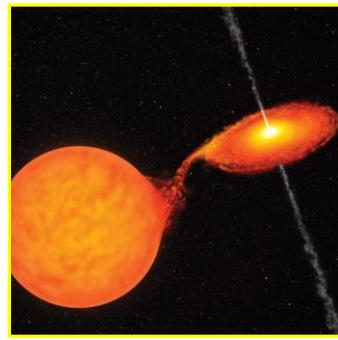
Scientific Objectives



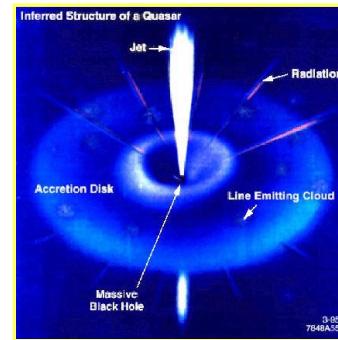
SNRs



Pulsars
and PWN



Micro quasars
X-ray binaries



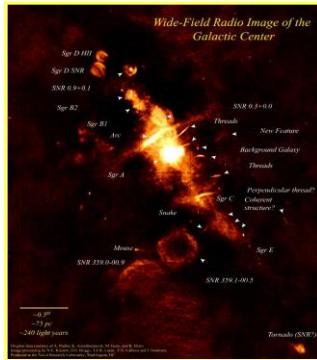
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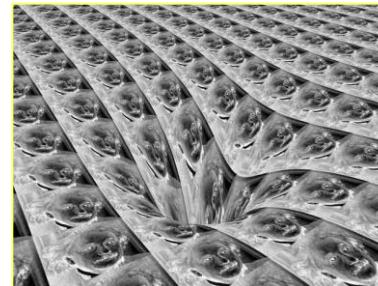
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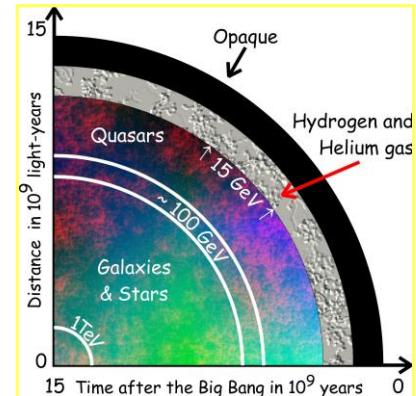
Origin of
cosmic rays



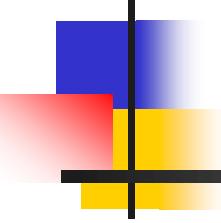
Dark matter



Space-time
& relativity



Cosmology

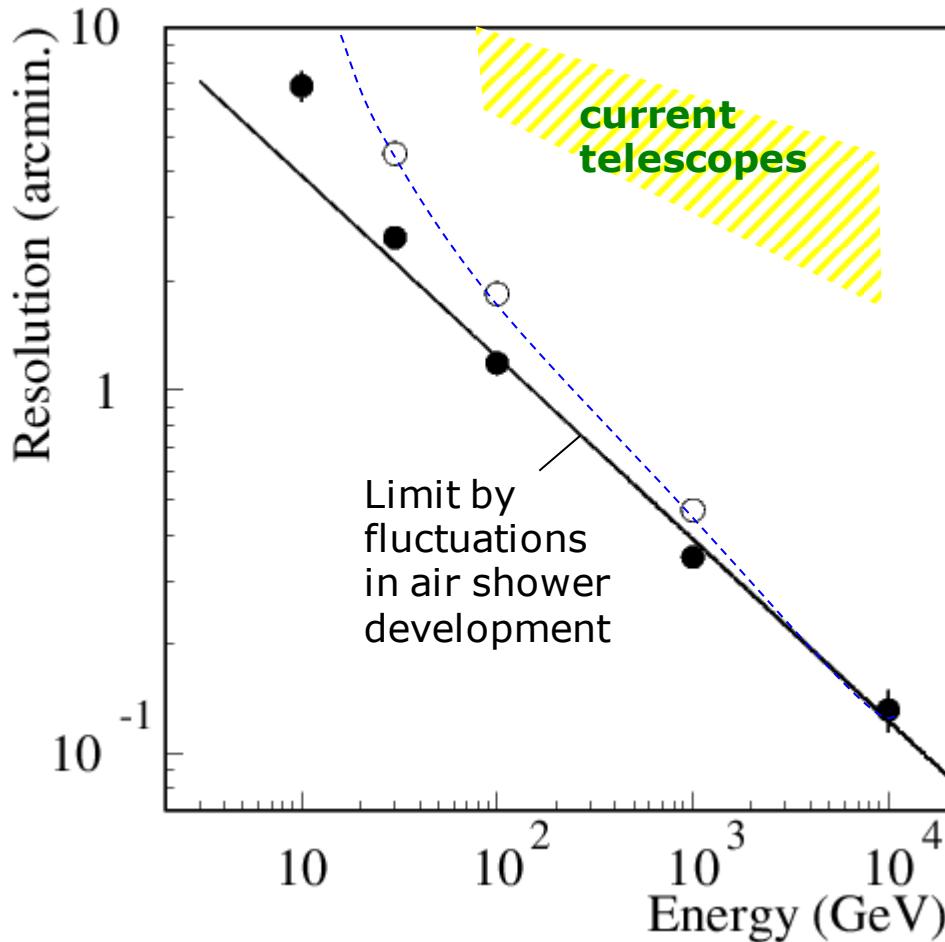


Wish list for CTA

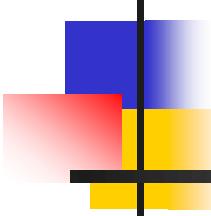
- Higher sensitivity at TeV energies (x 10)
more sources, details in extended sources
- Lower threshold (some 10 GeV)
pulsars, distant AGN, source mechanisms
- Higher energy reach (PeV and beyond)
cutoff region of Galactic accelerators
- Wider field of view
extended sources, surveys
- Improved angular resolution
structure of extended sources
- Higher detection rates
transient phenomena



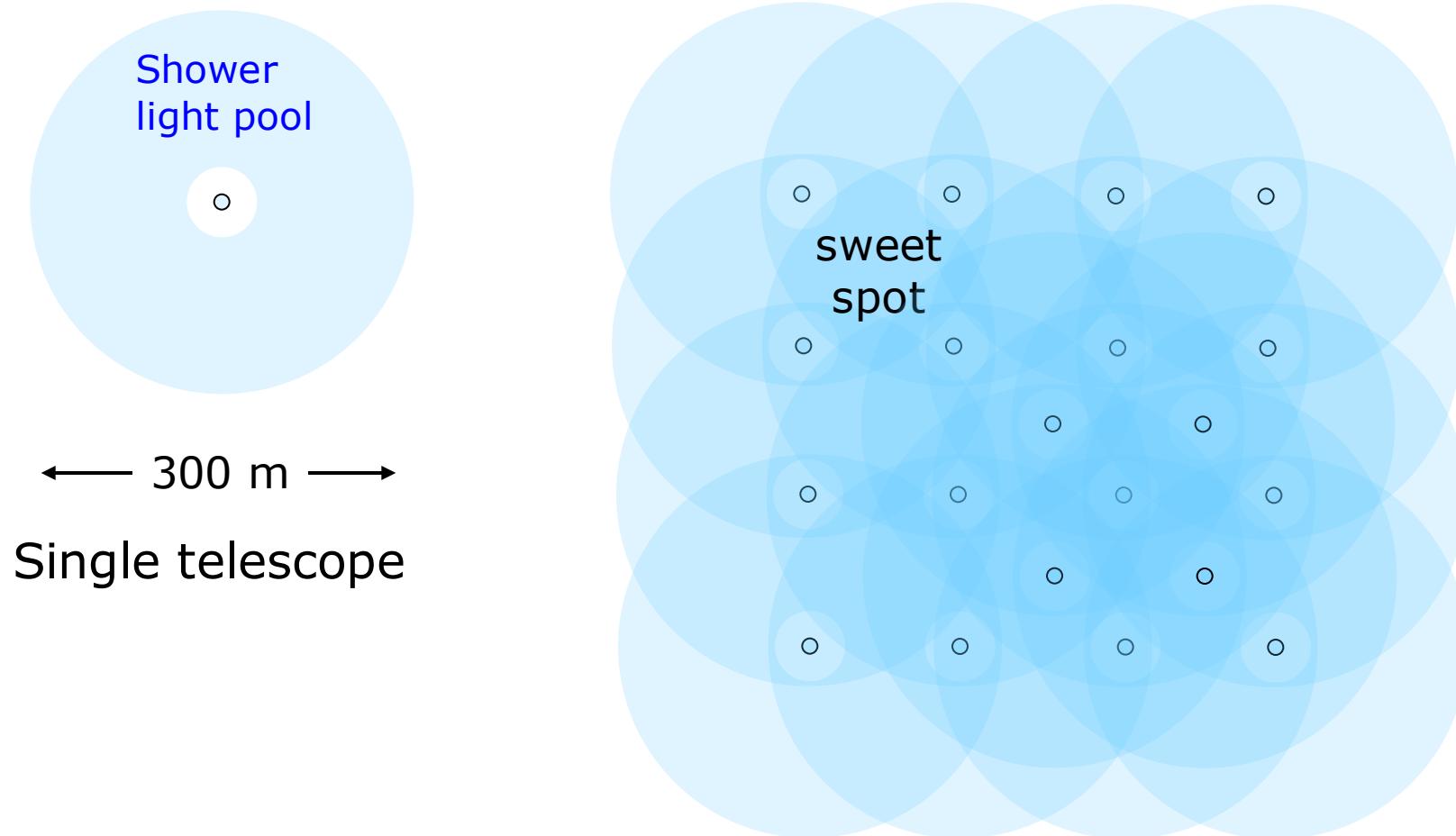
Angular resolution



“ideal” array of telescopes measuring direction and impact point of 1% of all Cherenkov photons



Boosting sensitivity & resolution: Arrays of Cherenkov telescopes

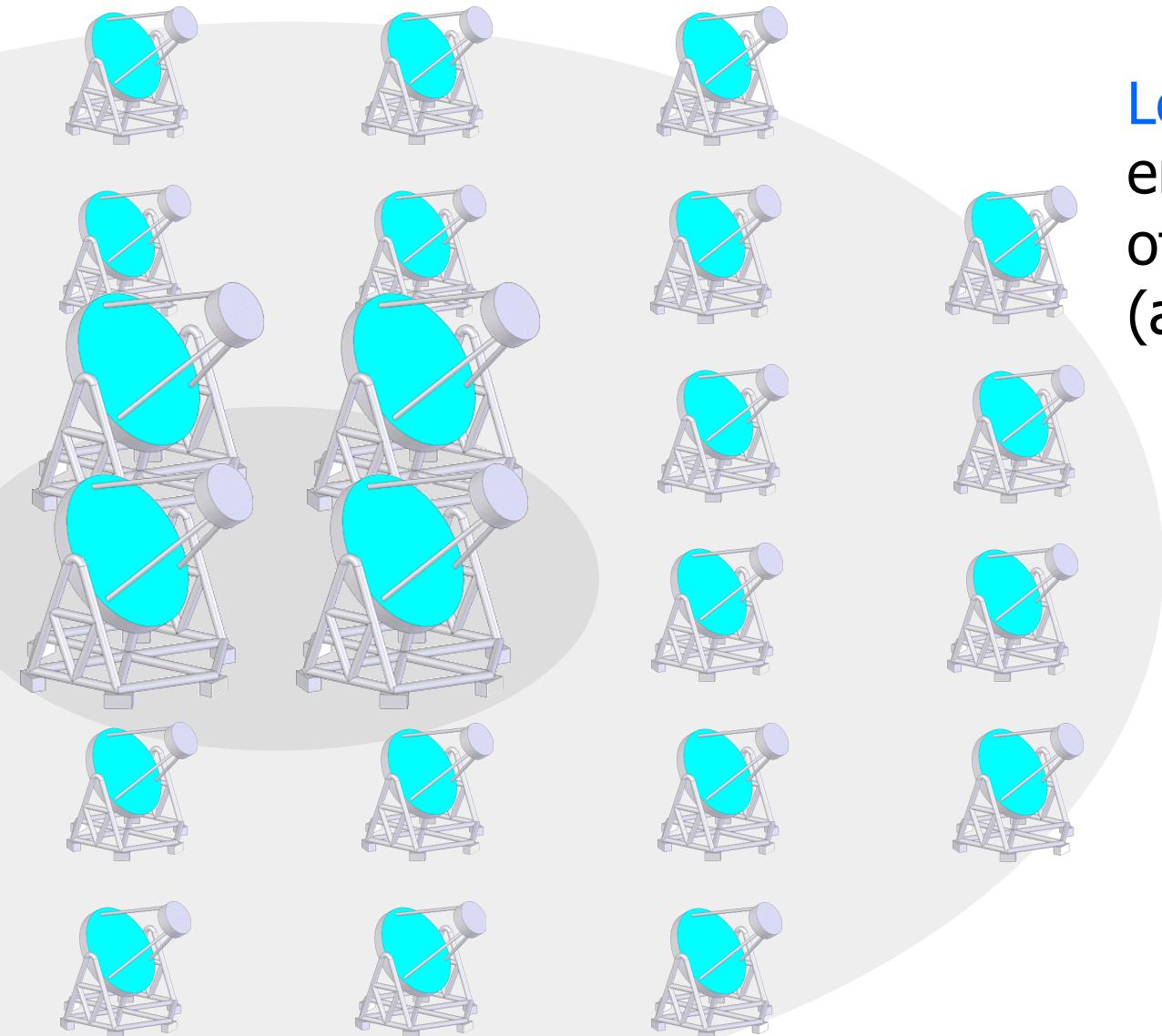


Core array:
mCrab sensitivity
in the 100 GeV–10 TeV
domain

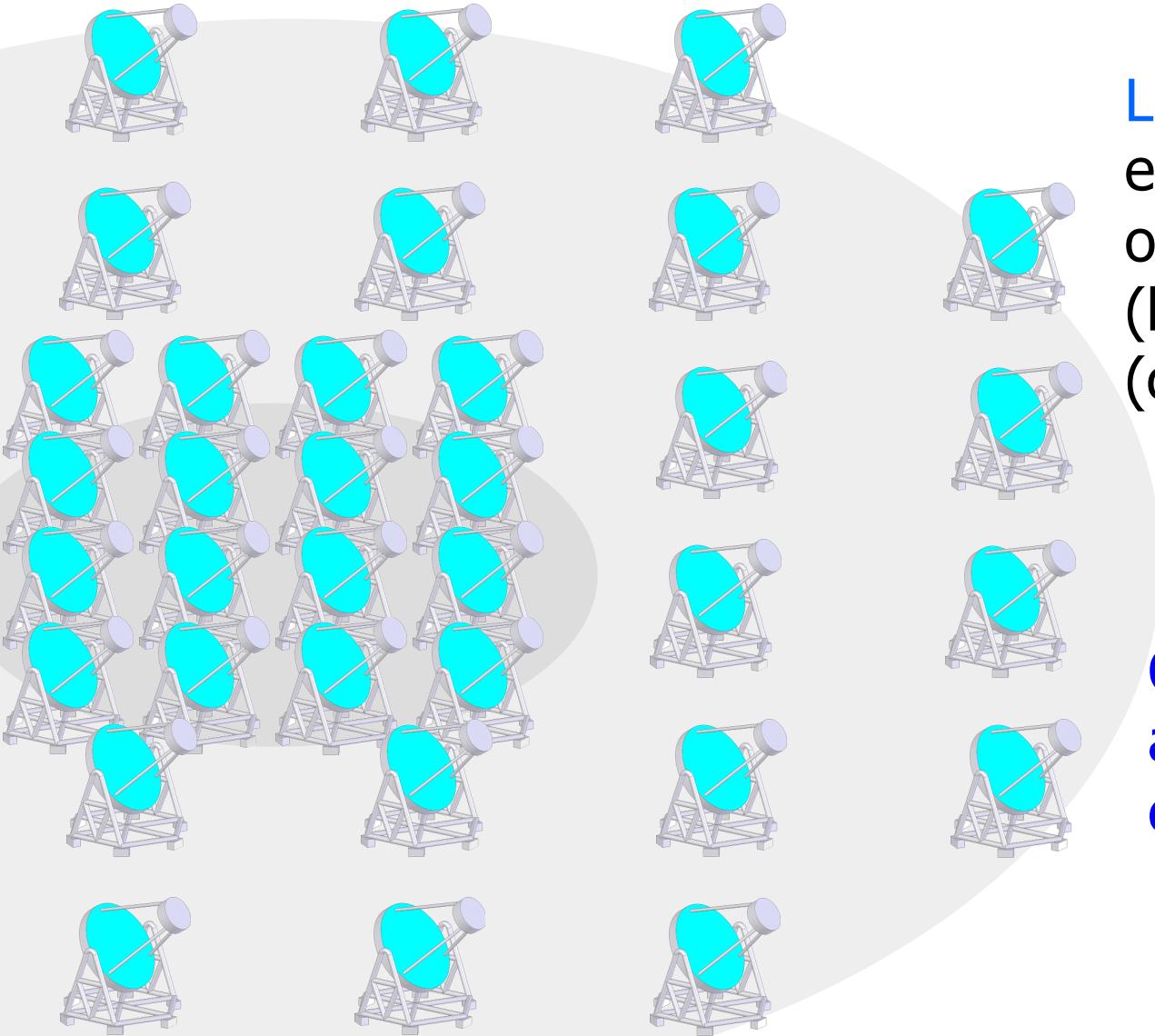


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Low-energy section
energy threshold
of some 10 GeV
(a) bigger dishes or



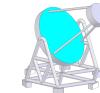
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Low-energy section
energy threshold
of some 10 GeV
(b) dense-pack and/or
(c) high-QE sensors

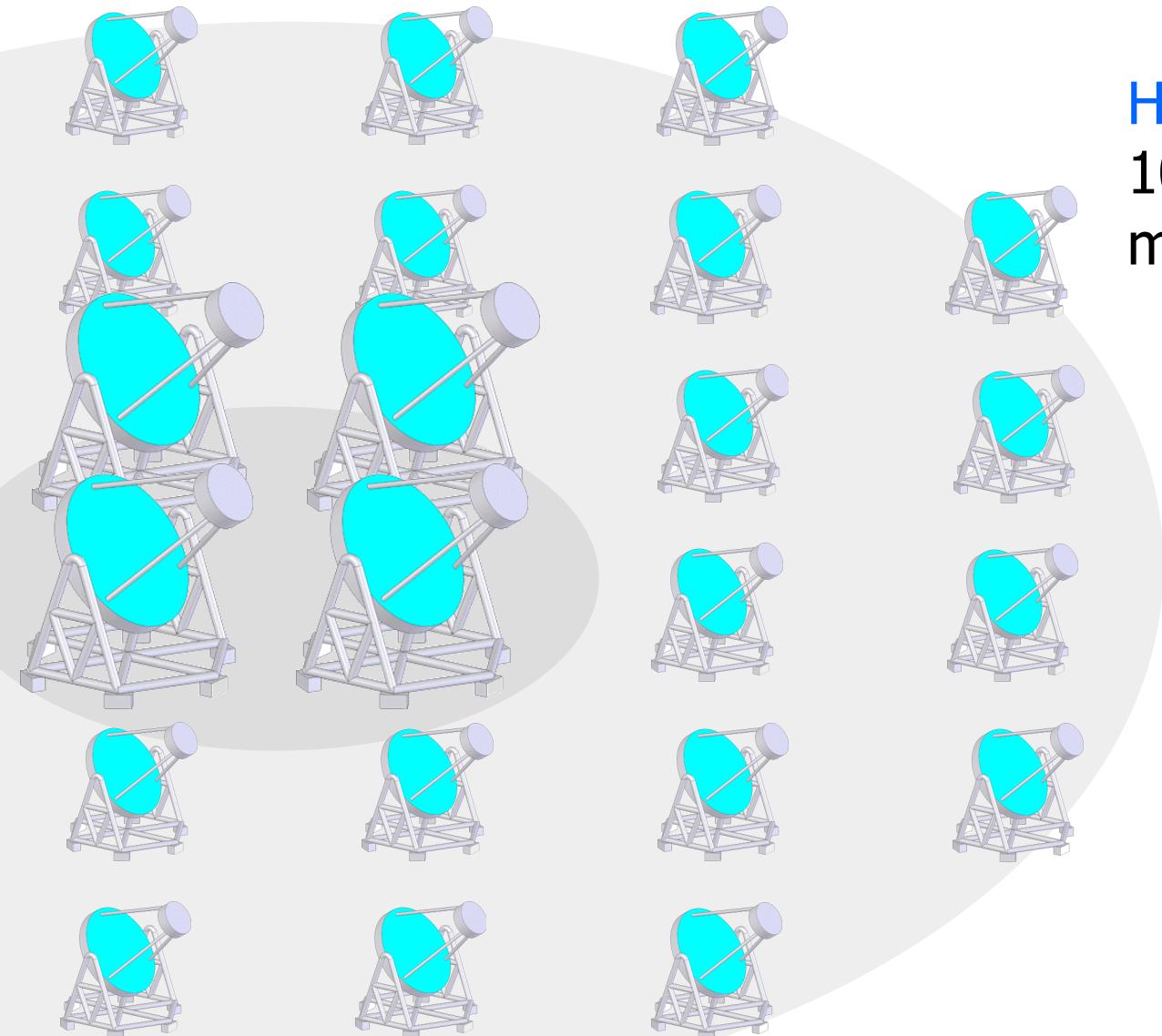
Outer telescope
array serves as
cosmic-ray veto!



High-energy section
10 km² area at
multi-TeV energies



Not to scale !



A photograph of a dark night sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star is positioned above a range of dark, silhouetted mountains. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a luminous, colorful band of light extending across the upper left portion of the frame.

CTA observation modes

The background image shows a dark blue night sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star is positioned above a range of dark, silhouetted mountains. To the left, a portion of the Milky Way galaxy is visible, appearing as a dense, colorful band of light.

CTA observation modes



Very deep field

CTA observation modes

Monitoring
4 telescopes

Monitoring
4 telescope

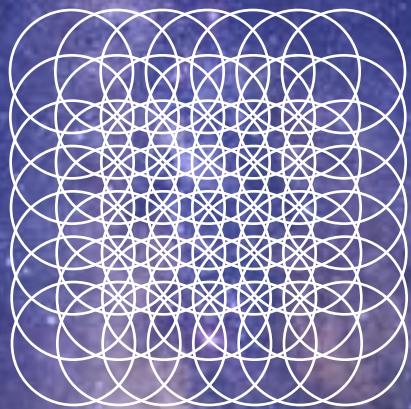
Deep field
~1/2 of telescopes

Monitoring
4 Telescopes

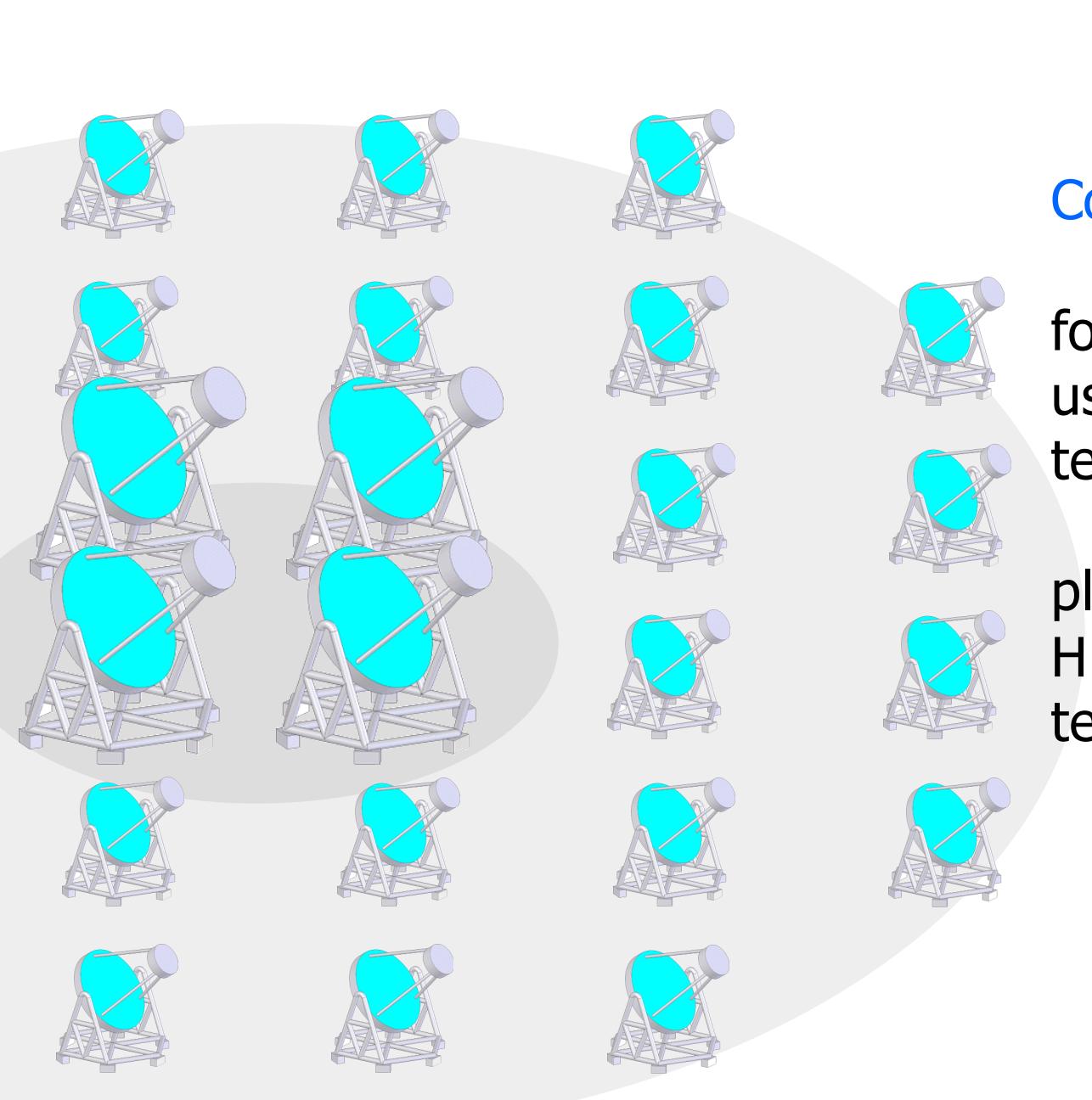
Deep field
~1/3 of telescopes

Monitoring
1 telescope

CTA observation modes



Survey
mode



Not to scale !

Could start building:

for example,
use ~100 H.E.S.S. I
telescopes

plus a handful of
H.E.S.S. II or MAGIC
telescopes

MAGIC



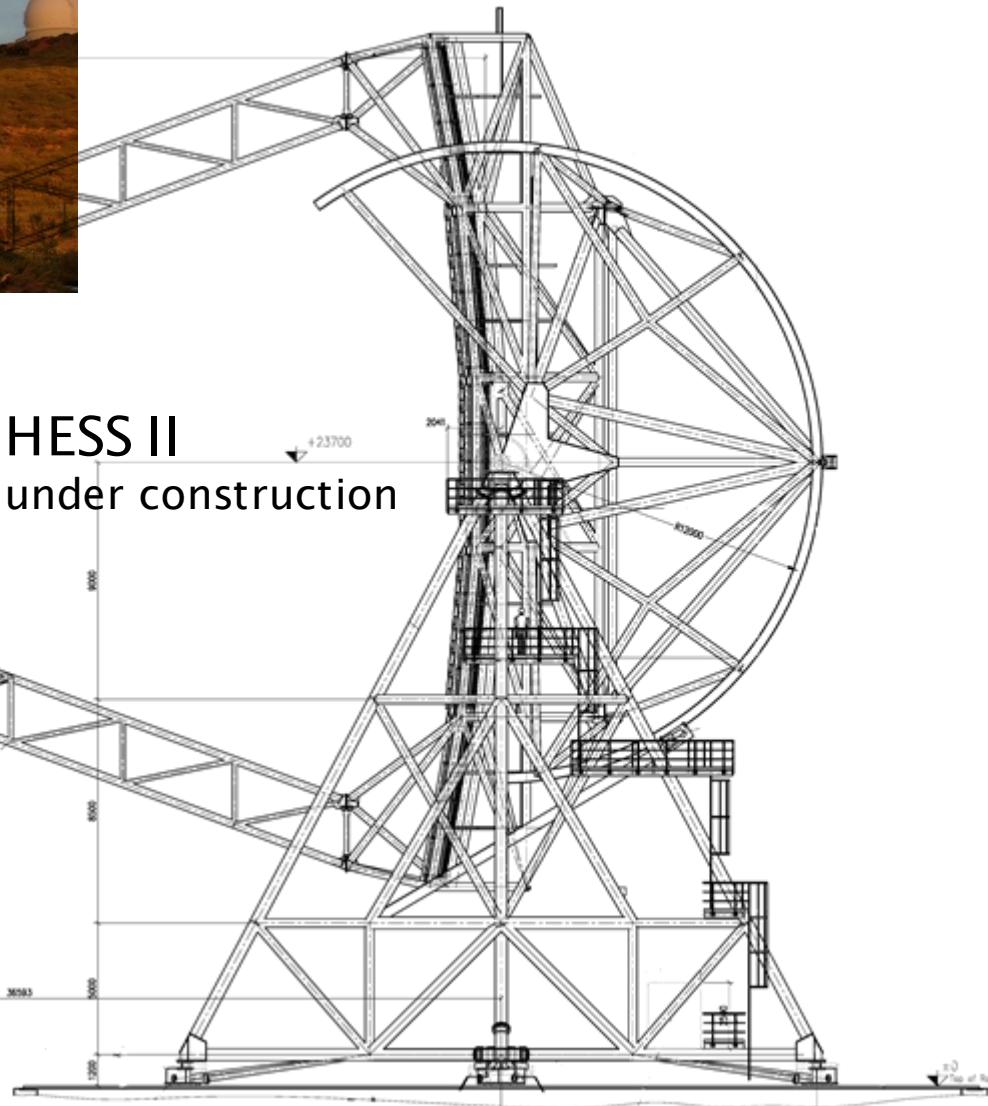
Building blocks

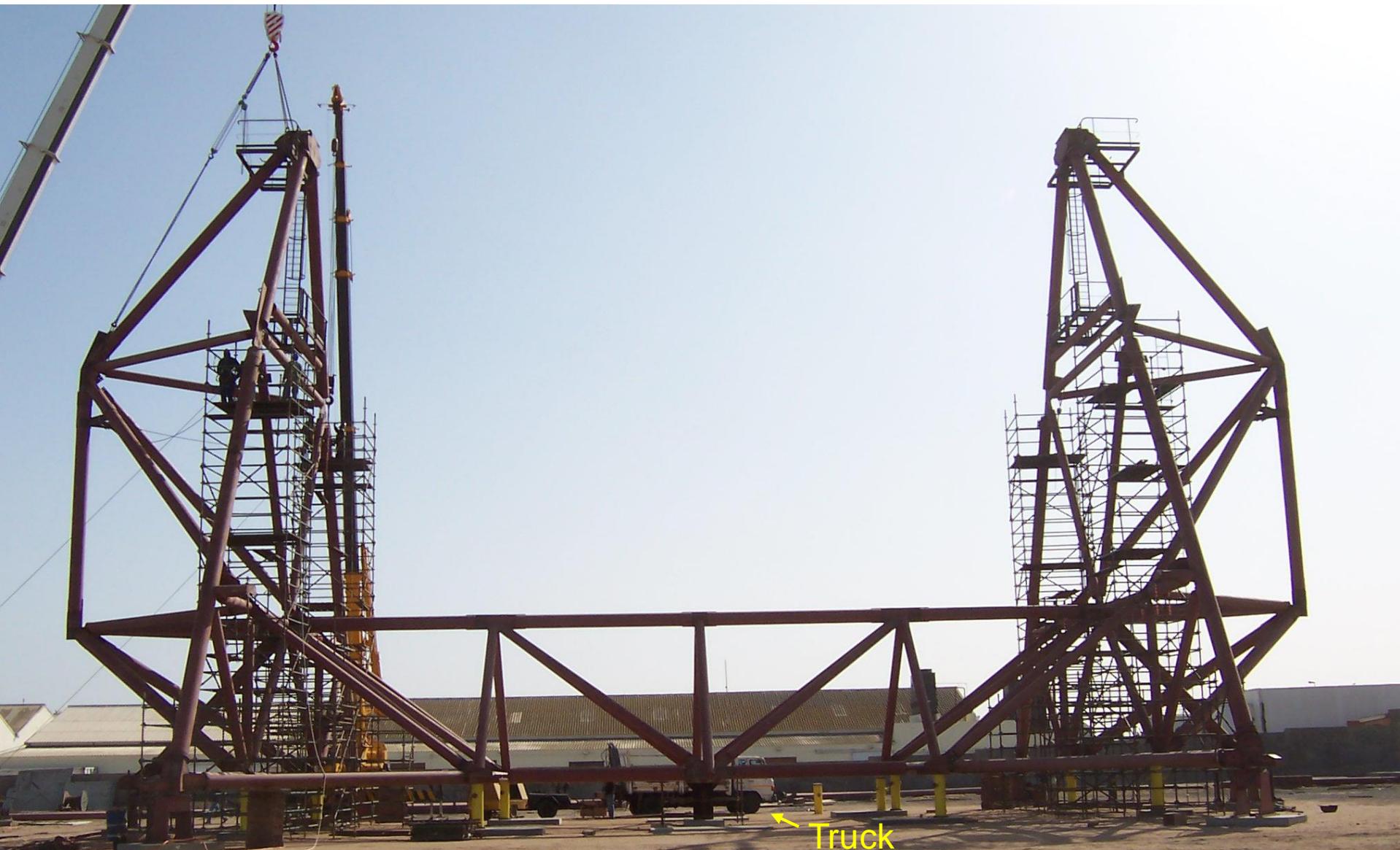
identical
scale

HESS I



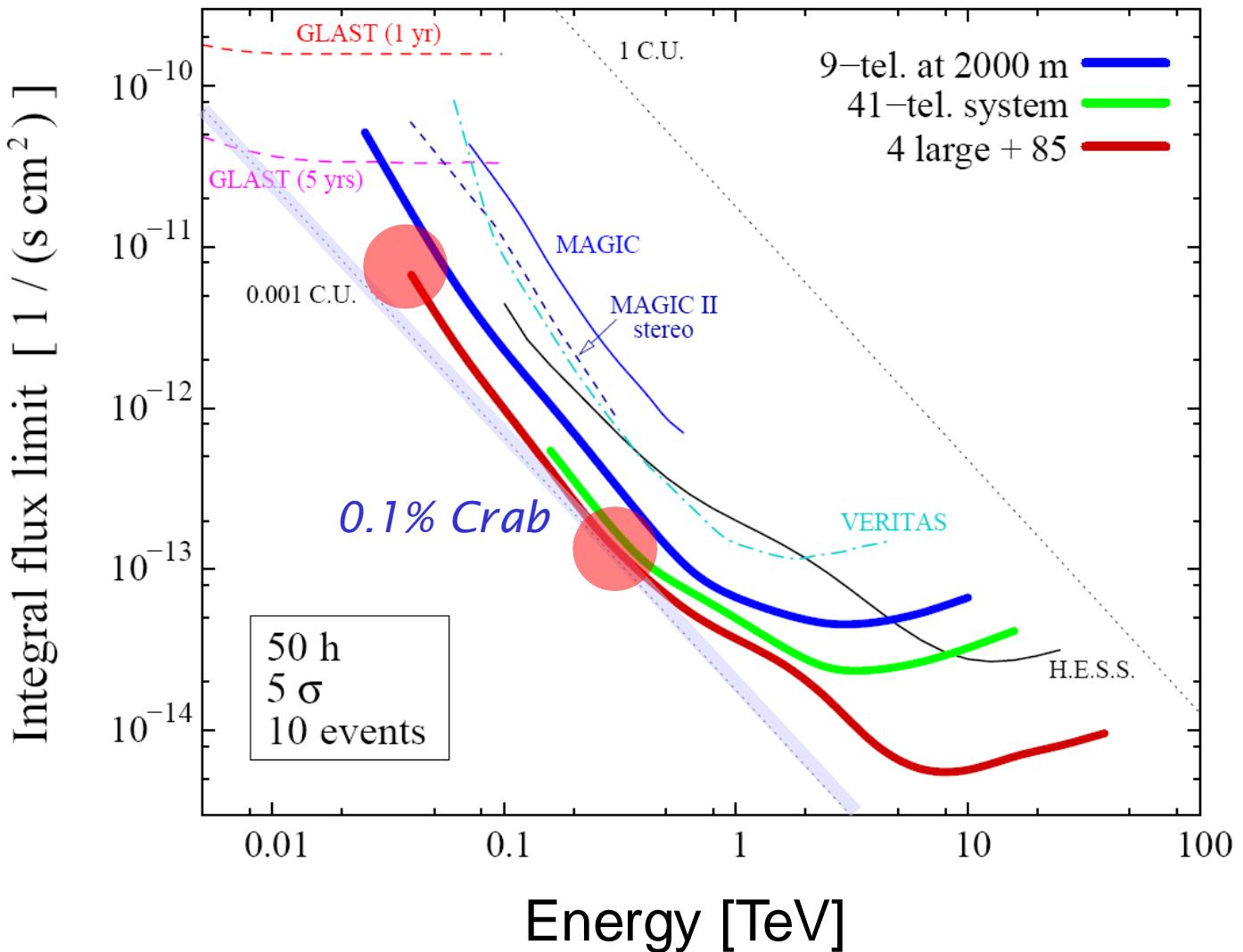
HESS II
under construction

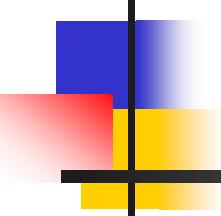




Yellow
Truck

We know that it works



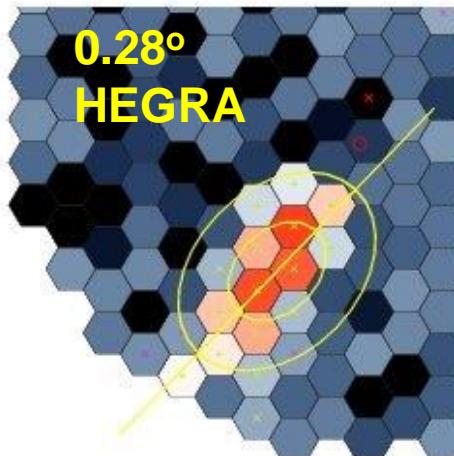
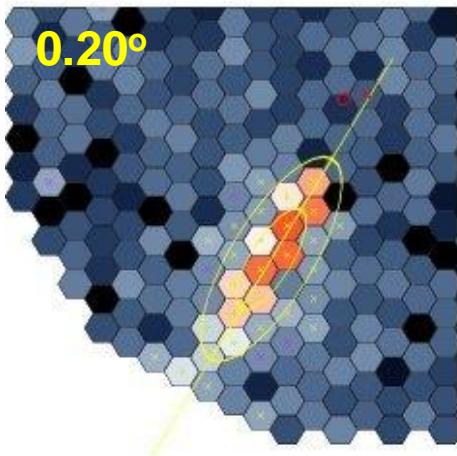
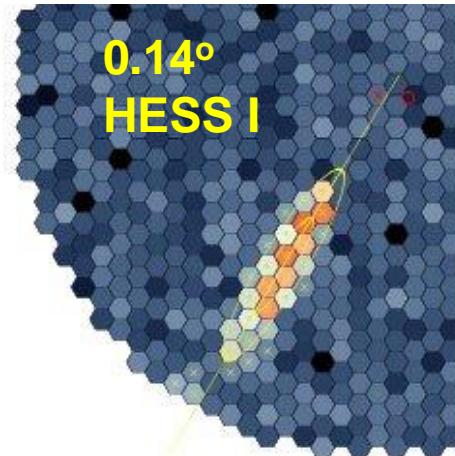
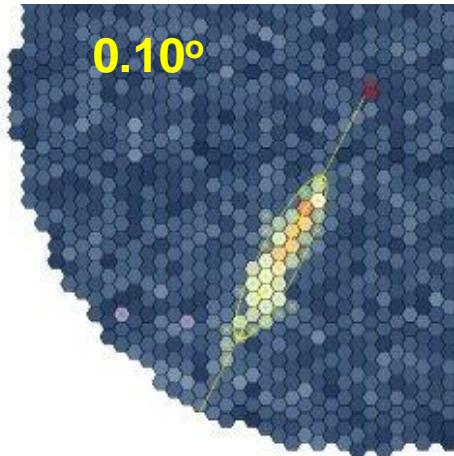
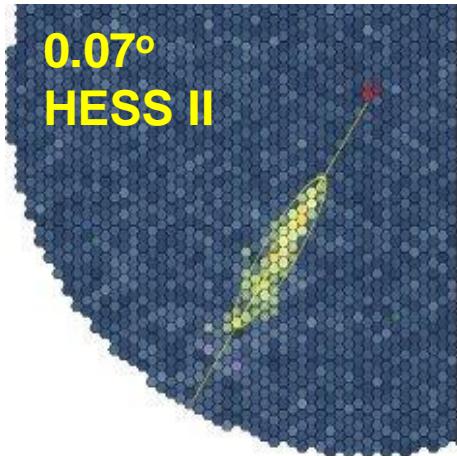


... but ...

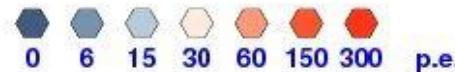
- Cost would exceed target cost by factor 1.5 to 2
 - H.E.S.S. I telescope ~1.5 M€
 - H.E.S.S. II telescope ~ 11 M€
 - MAGIC telescope ~5 M€
- Instrument reliability needs to increase by an order of magnitude (at least)
 - to provide high data quality
 - to limit operating effort
- We believe we can build even better telescopes
 - wider field of view
 - improved photo sensors
 - improved electronics
- Lacking tools to operate a user facility and to handle data
 - Observation scheduling and system control
 - Science data center and data access tools

*significant effort
to required
optimize design*

Example: Pixel size - How much is really needed?



- + pixel above threshold
- yellow pixel in image
- x marginal / isolated signal
- red simulated direction
- pink reconstructed direction
- second moments ellipse (*1/*2)



non-trivial: right balance



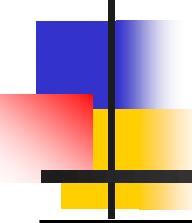
reliable,
but modest
performance and
limited comfort



too fancy,
not for daily use



Looking
for something
like this

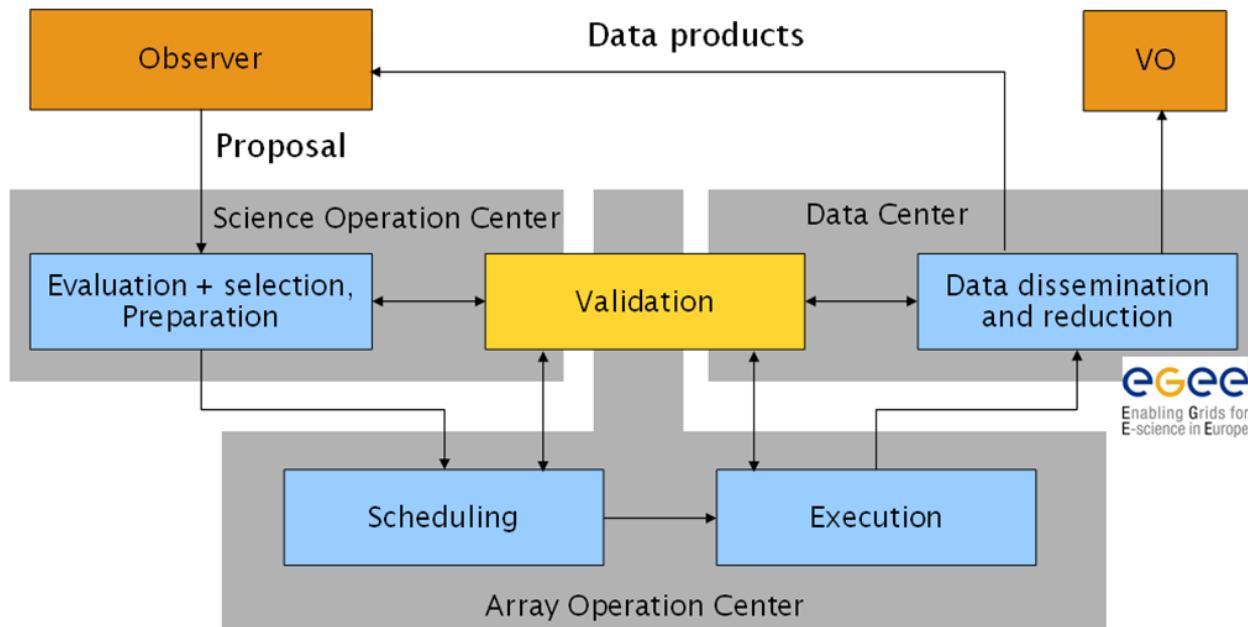


CTA Design Study

Armenia (H.E.S.S.)	Yerevan
Czech Republic (H.E.S.S.)	Prague
Germany (H.E.S.S., MAGIC, +)	HU Berlin, Bochum, DESY, Dortmund, Erlangen, Hamburg, MPI Heidelberg, U. Heidelberg, MPI Munich, Tübingen, Würzburg
Finland (MAGIC)	Turku
France (H.E.S.S.)	Annecy, Grenoble, Montpellier, LLR Palaiseau, APC Paris, Obs. Paris-Meudon, U. Paris VI-VII, CEA Saclay, Toulouse
Italy (MAGIC, +)	INFN Padova, Pavia, Pisa, Trieste, Rome, Siena, INAF Rome, Brera, Bologna, Padova, Palermo, Torino, ...
Ireland (H.E.S.S., VERITAS)	DIAS Dublin, ...
Japan (CANGAROO)	ICRC + Universities
Namibia (H.E.S.S.)	U. Namibia
Poland (H.E.S.S., MAGIC)	Cracow, NCAC Warsaw, U. Warsaw, Lodz
Spain (MAGIC)	IFAE, IEEC, UAB, UB Barcelona, UCM Madrid
South Africa (H.E.S.S.)	Northwest-Univ.
Switzerland (MAGIC +)	ETH Zurich, U. Zurich, Geneva, PSI
UK (H.E.S.S., VERITAS, +)	Leeds, Durham, ...
more interested	Argentina, Sweden, ...

The CTA facility

- expected large number of detectable objects – $O(1000)$
 - motivates operation as open observatory, with appropriate tools for data dissemination and data analysis
- expect (500+) users from astronomy, astroparticle physics, plasma physics, particle physics (DM), cosmology



European Coordination

Status and Perspective
of Astroparticle Physics in Europe



CTA is given very
high priority in
ASPERA roadmap

Astroparticle Physics Roadmap Phase I

Strategy Forum
Infrastructure



TOWARDS A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EUROPEAN ASTRONOMY

*A Science Vision for
European Astronomy*

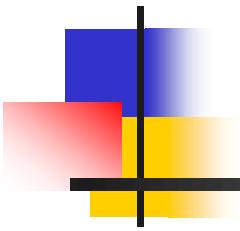
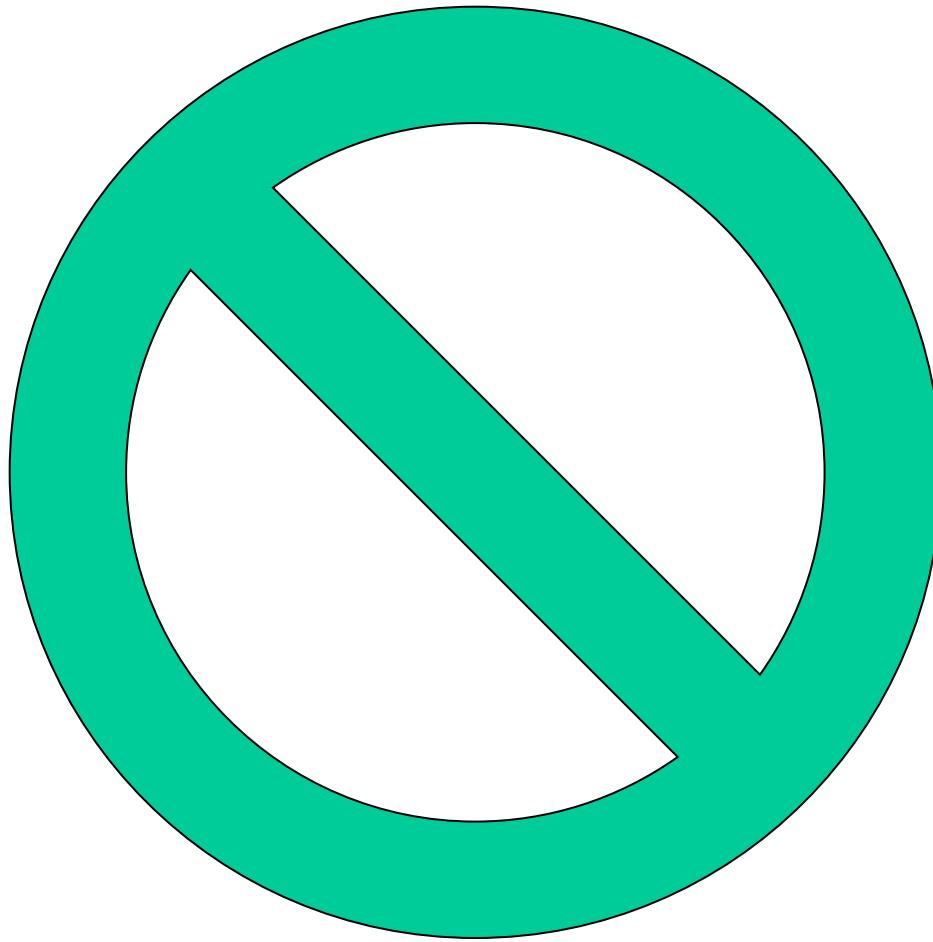
Strong statement
expected for coming
ASTRONET roadmap

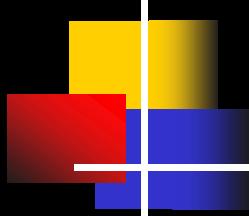
*What is the origin and
evolution of stars and planets?*

How do galaxies form and evolve?

*Do we understand the
extremes of the Universe?*

How do we fit in?



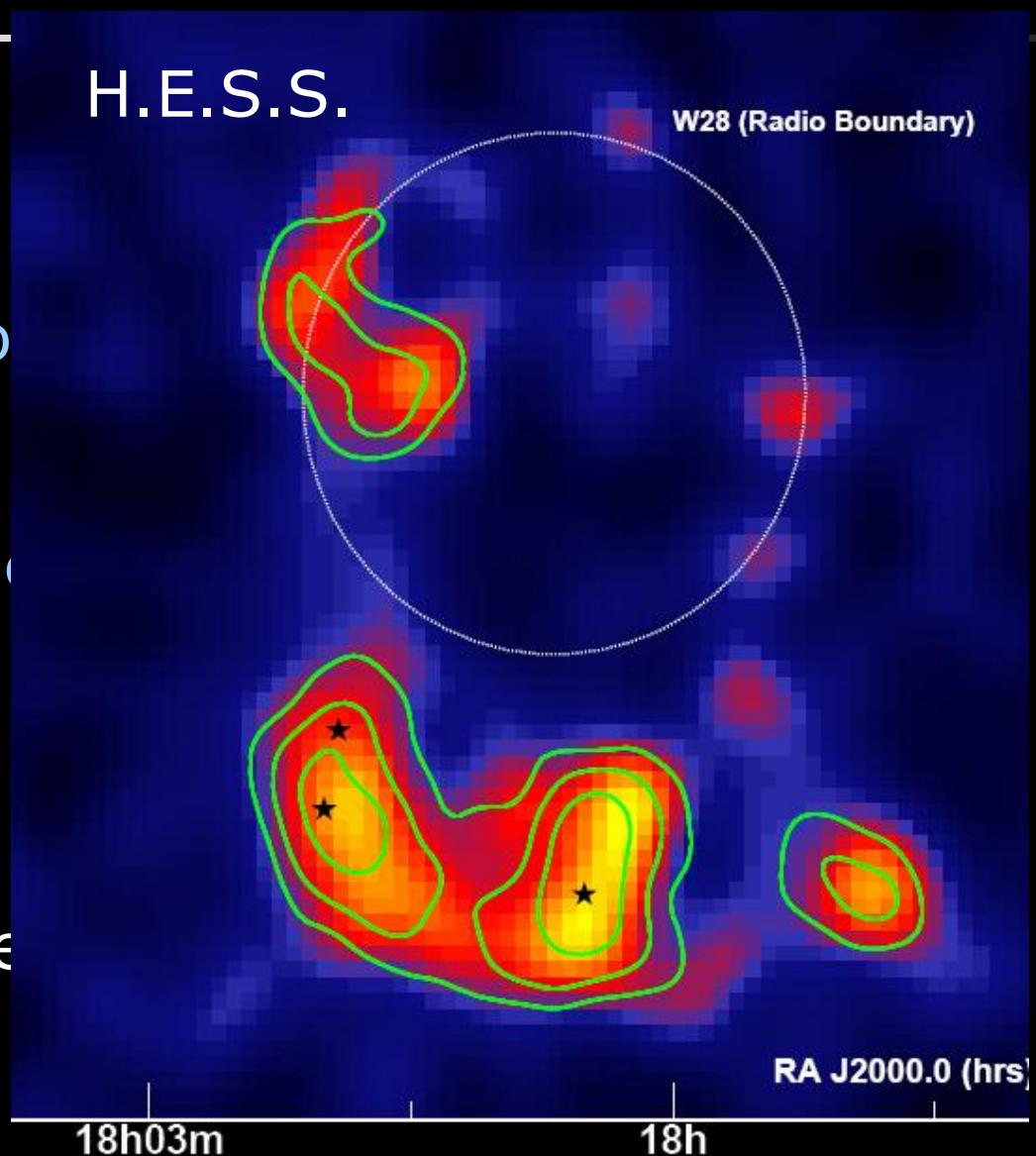


Old SNRs & interacting SNRs

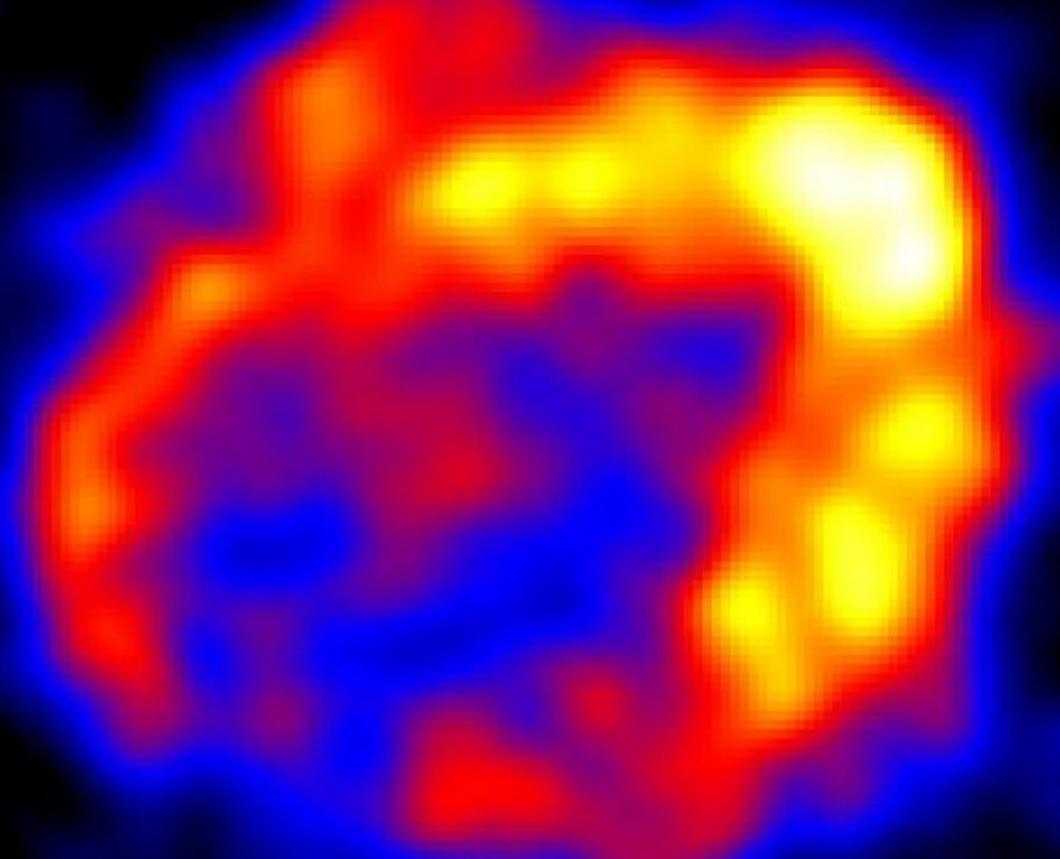
Which fraction of SNR energy goes into cosmic-ray nuclei?

How/when are particles released/

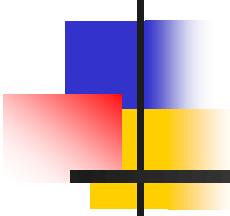
Interacting SNR probe nature of accelerated particle particle release, and particle propagation



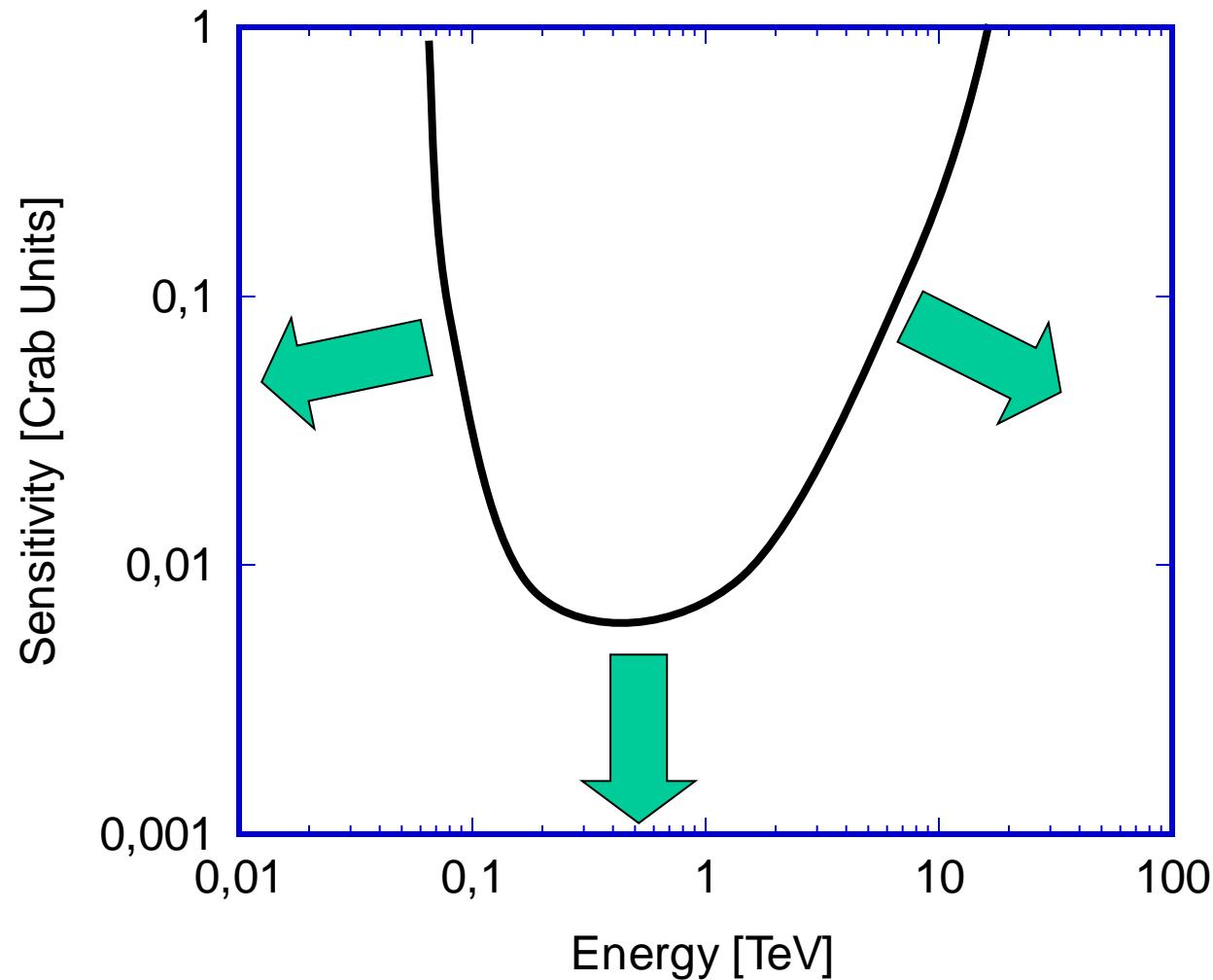
The next big step



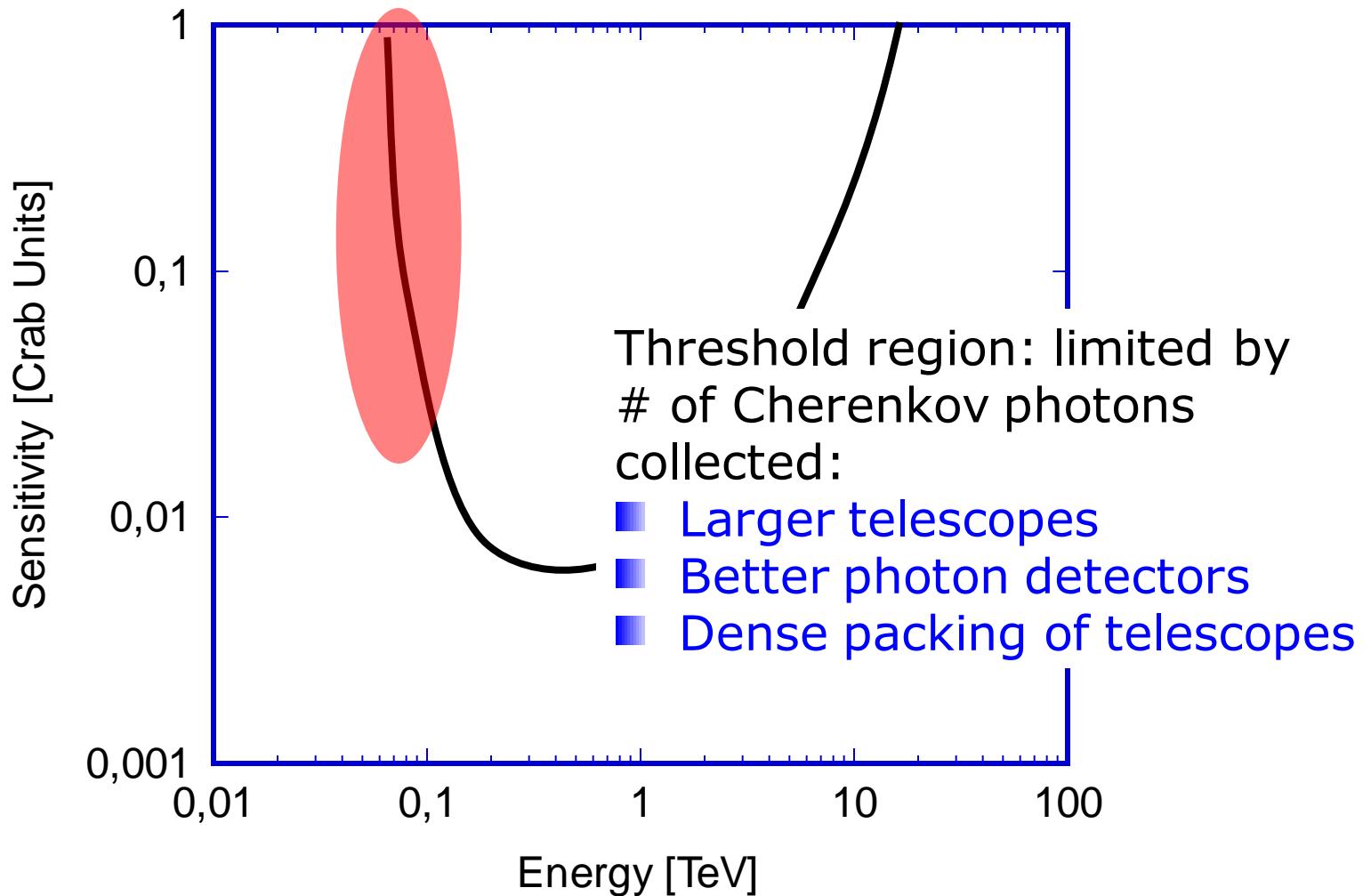
CTA - the Cherenkov Telescope Array
An advanced facility for ground-based gamma-ray astronomy



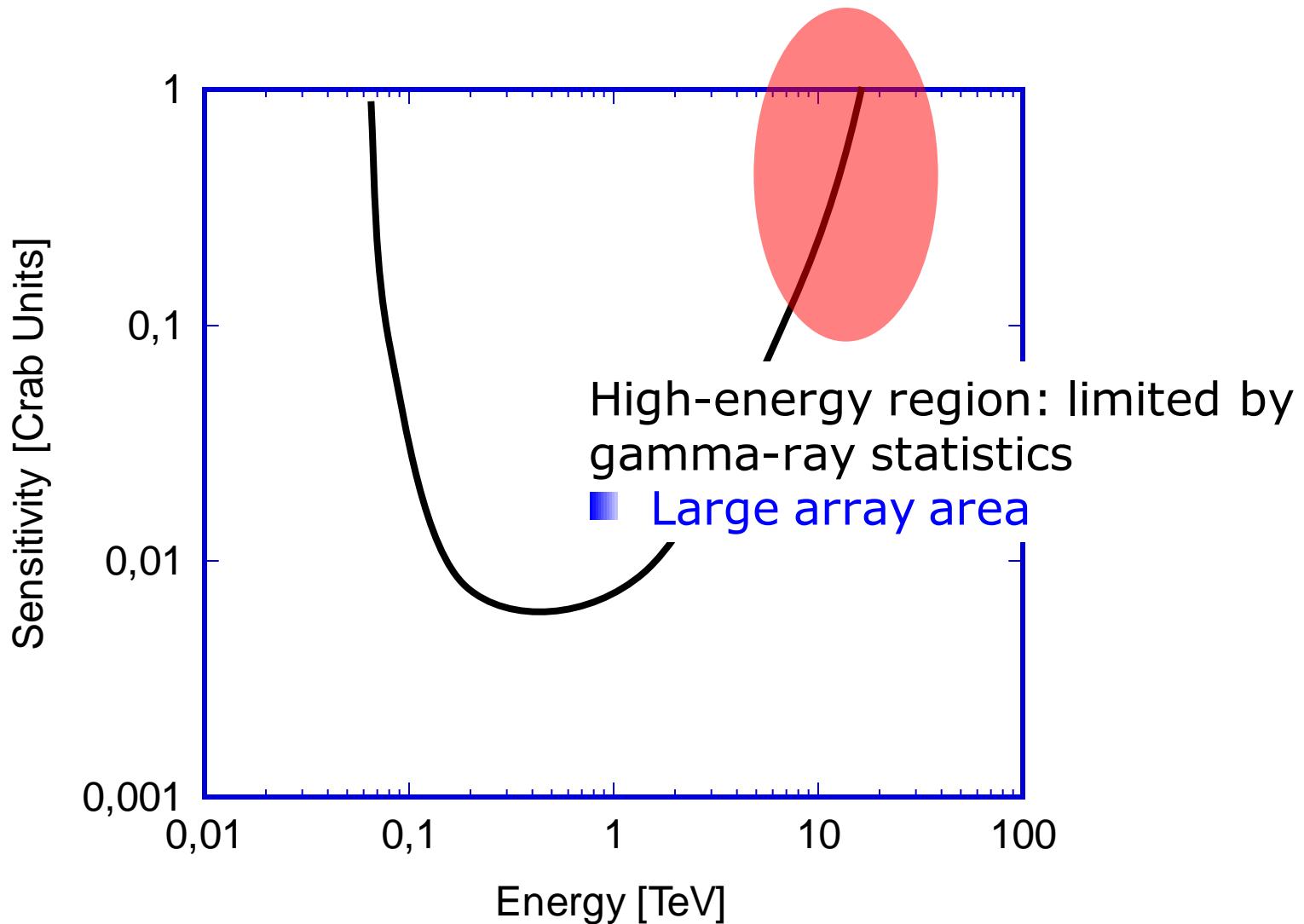
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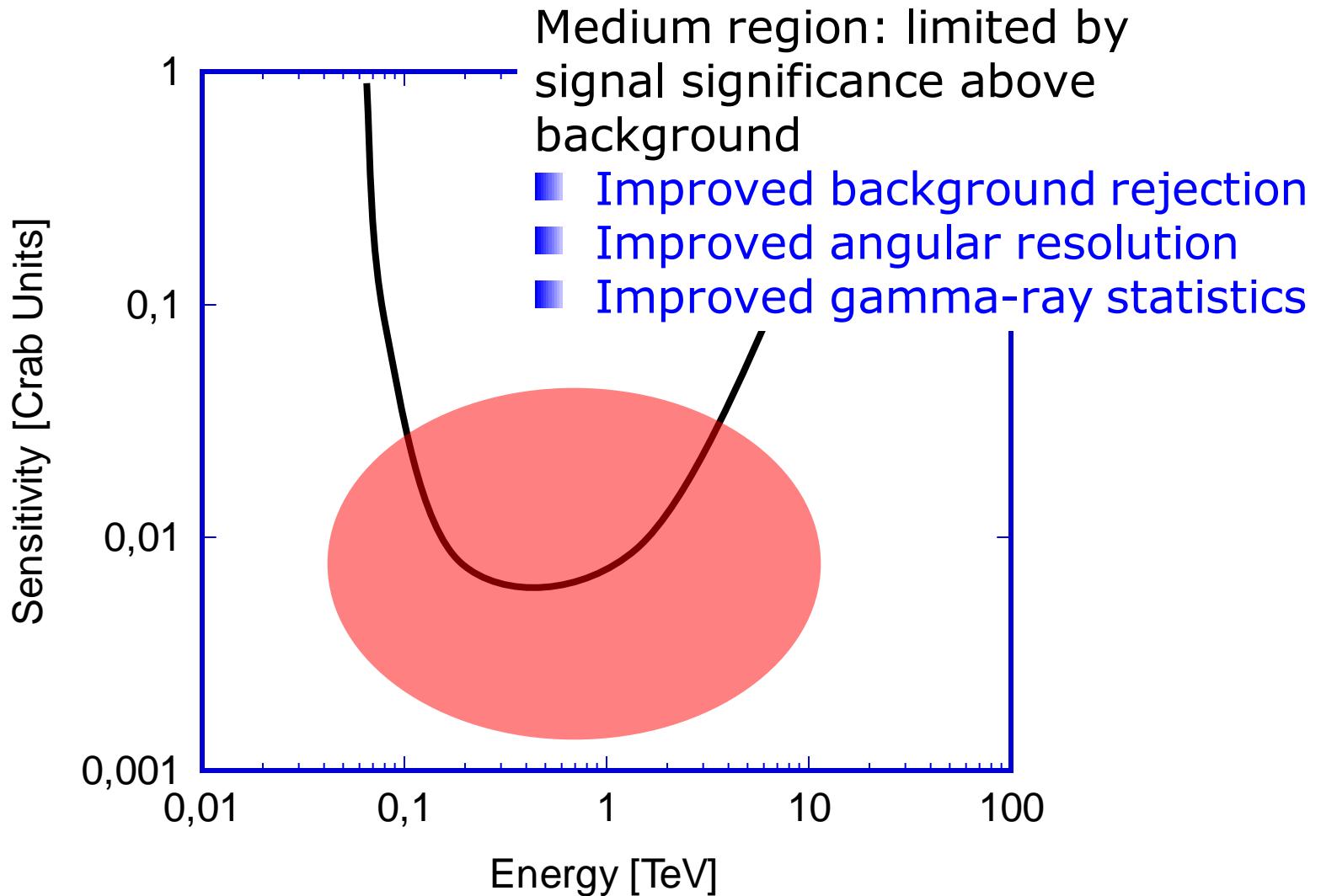
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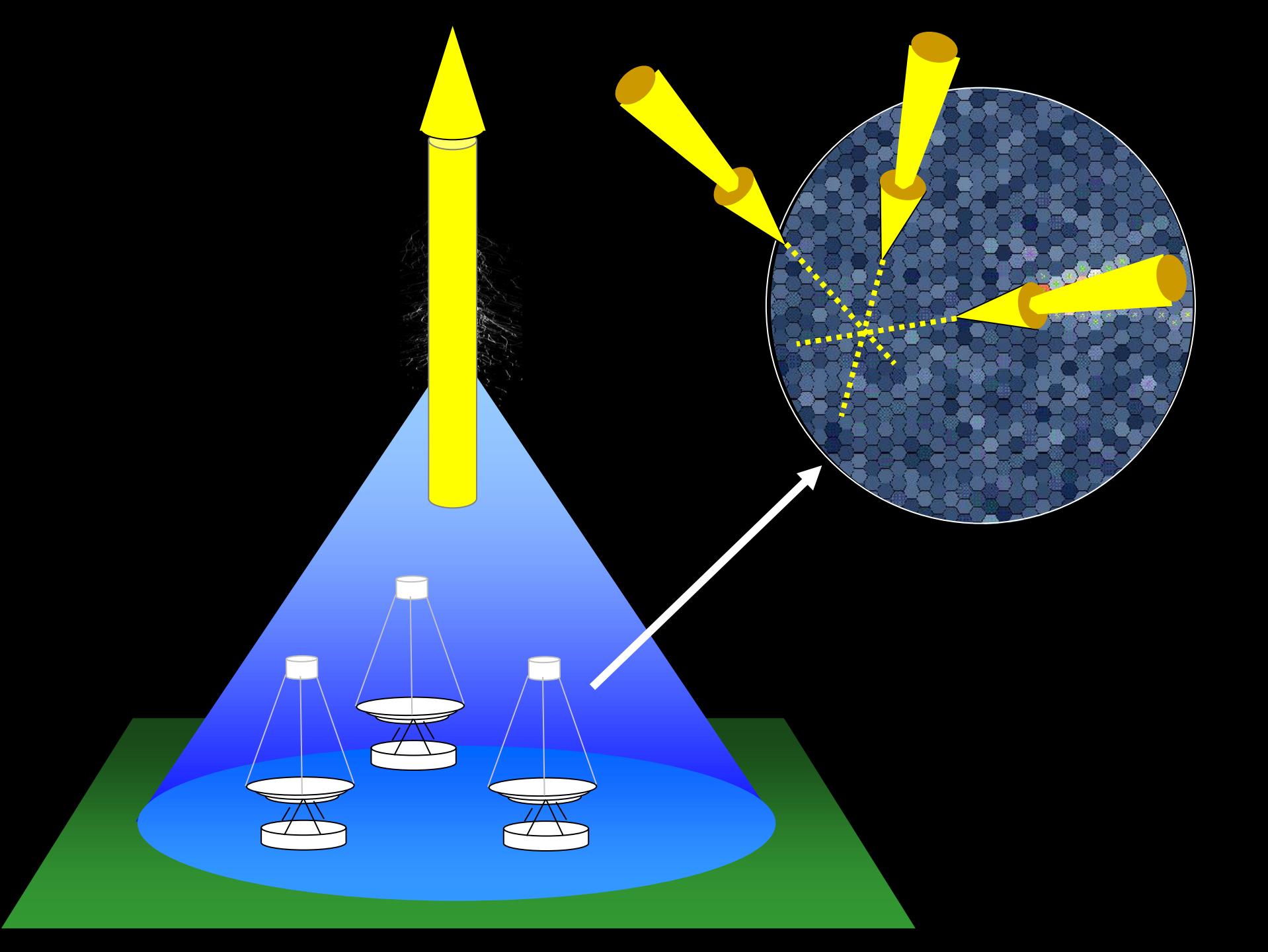


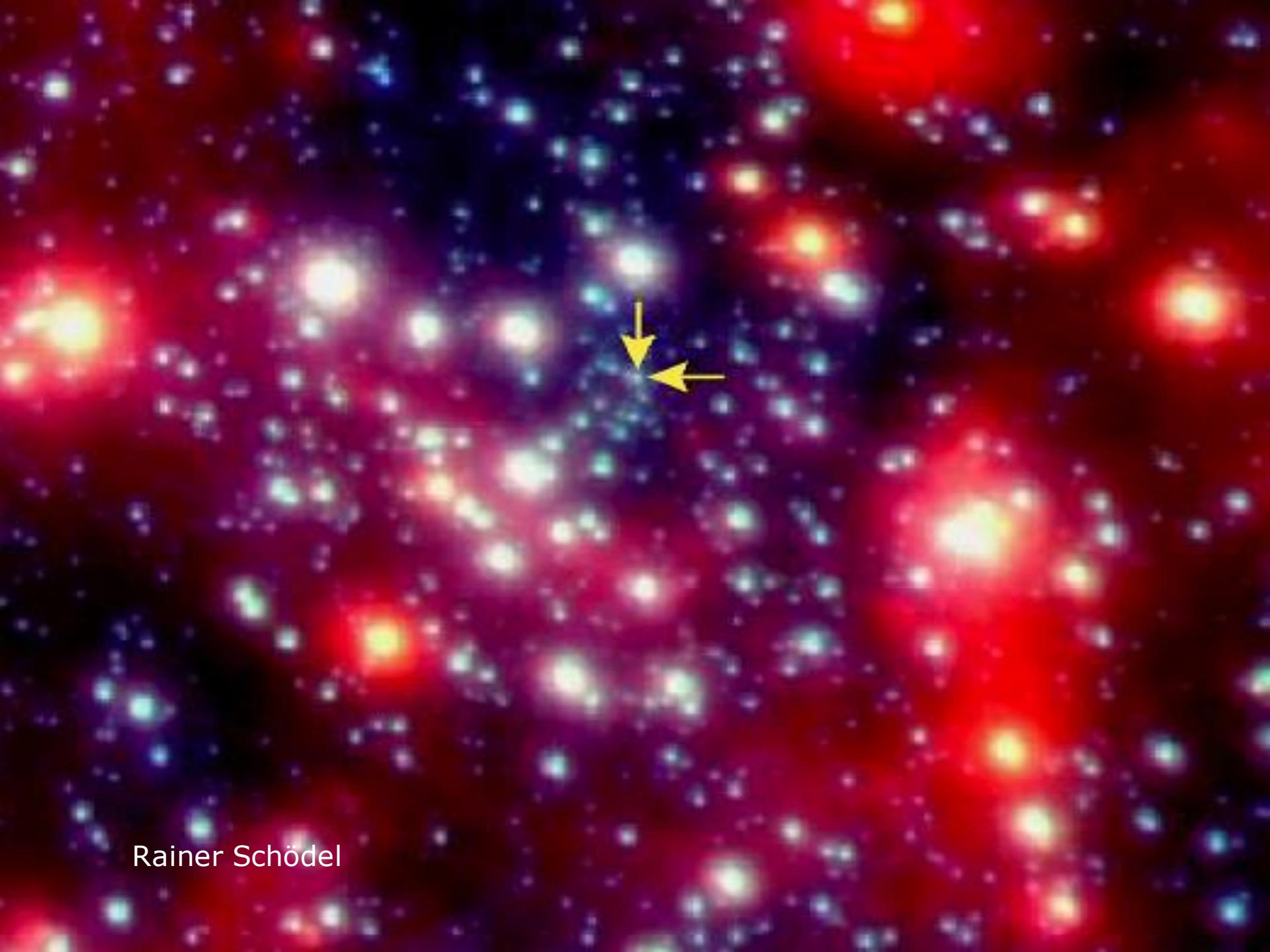
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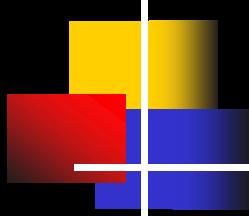
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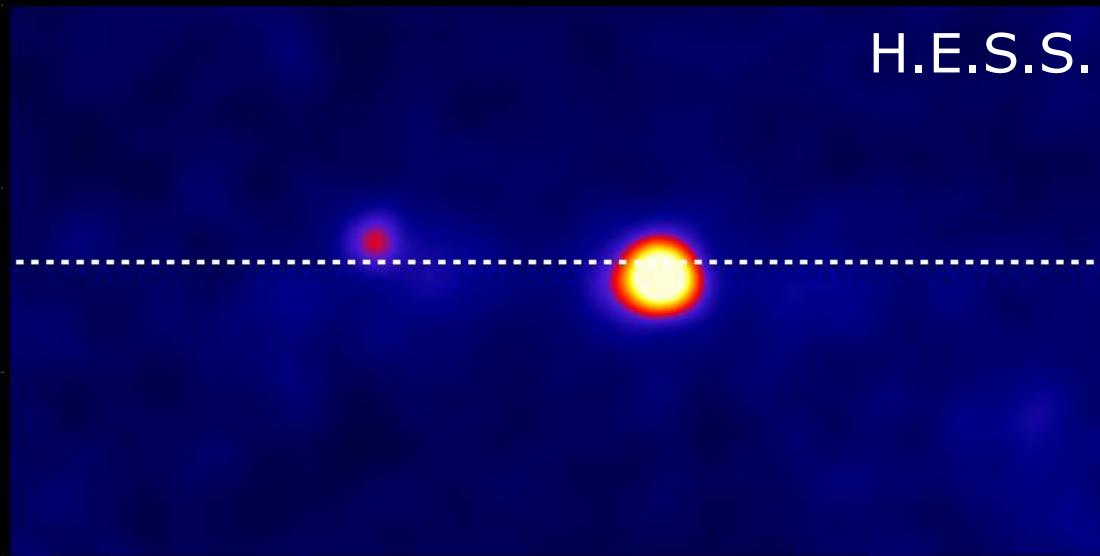




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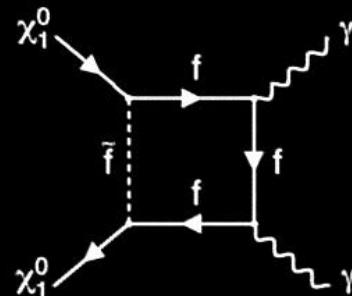


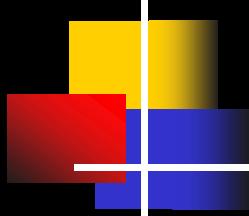
The center of our Galaxy



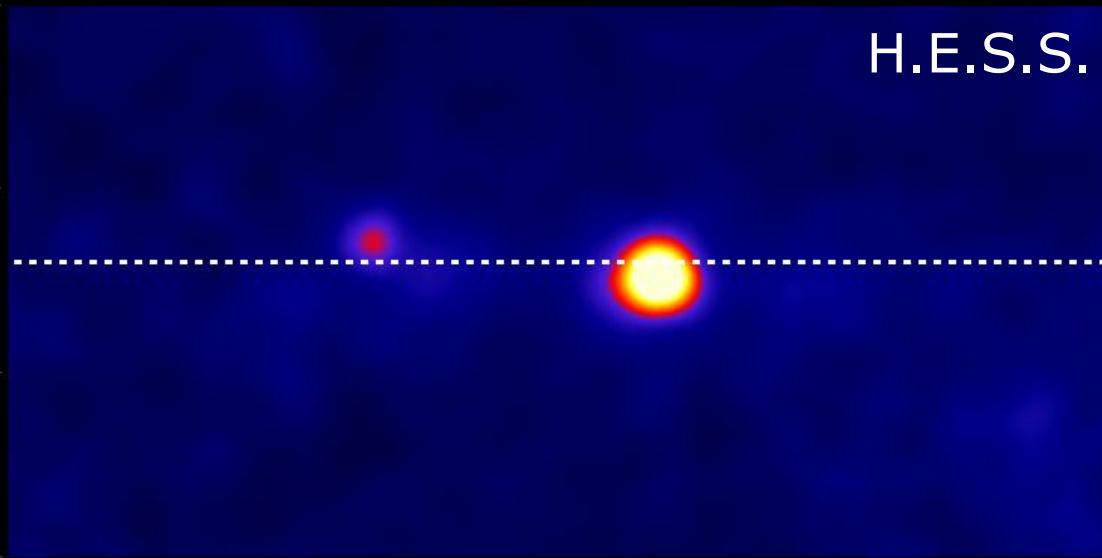
What is it: Sgr A East SRN, Sgr A* BH, DM, ... ?

- Location
- Size / morphology
- Spectrum

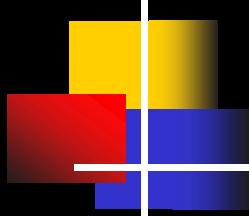




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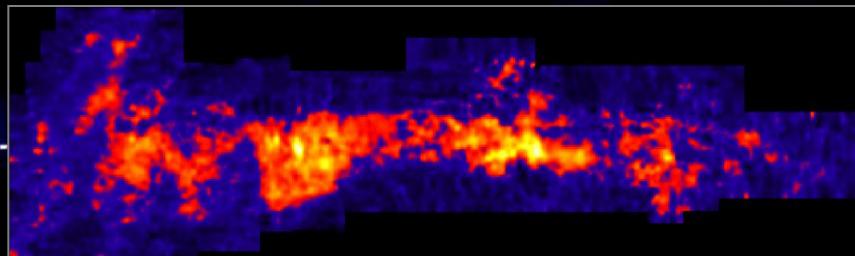


Galactic plane



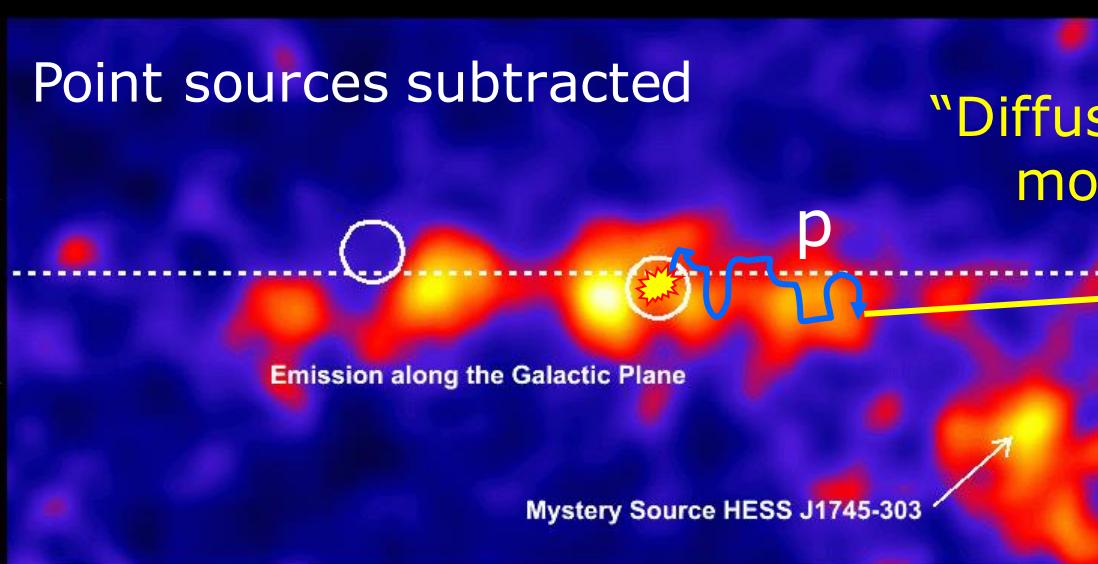
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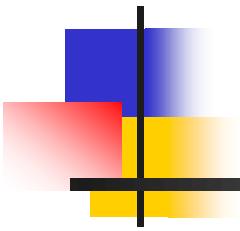
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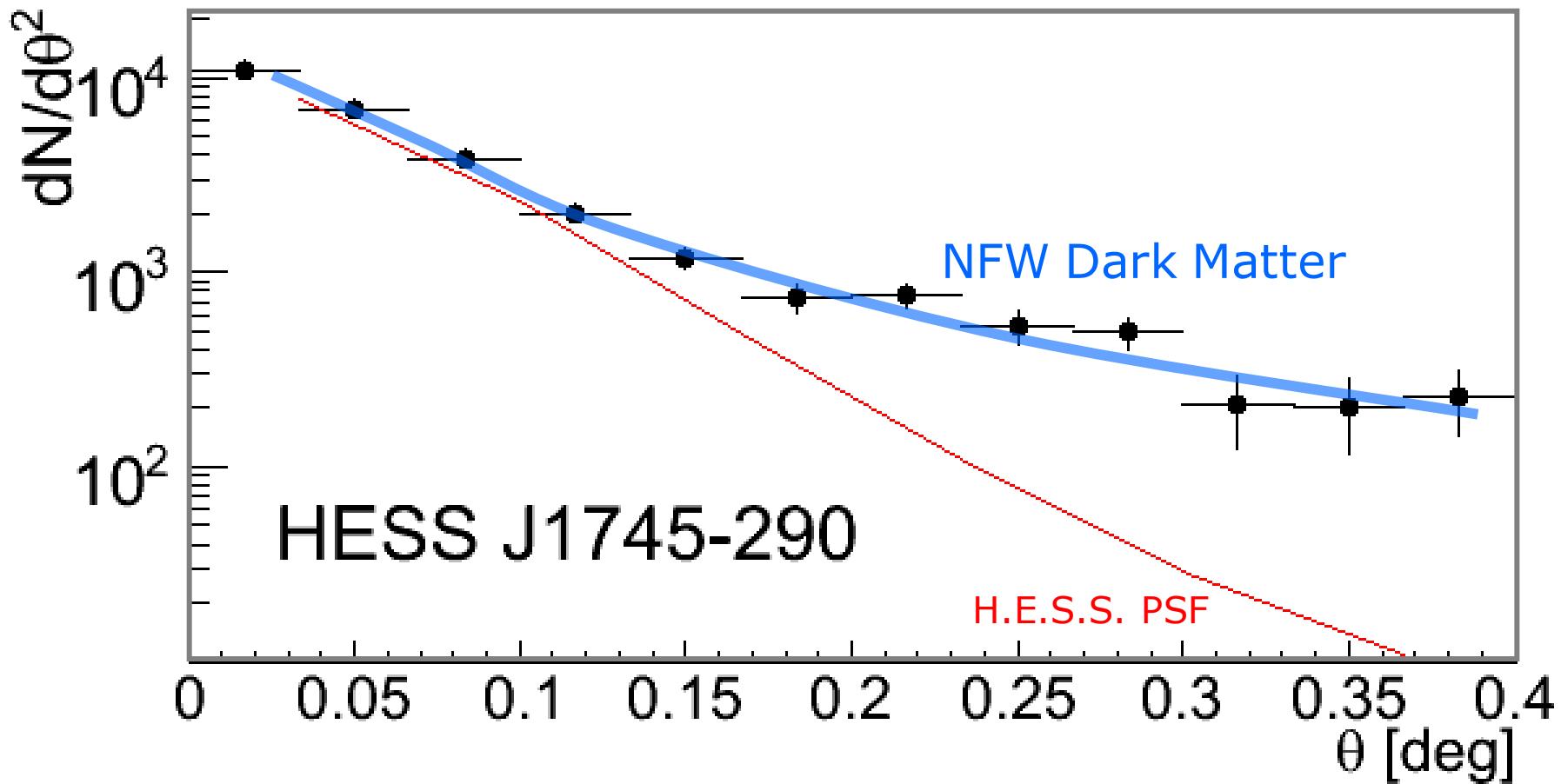
GC molecular clouds
Tsuboi et al. 1999

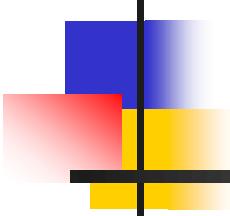
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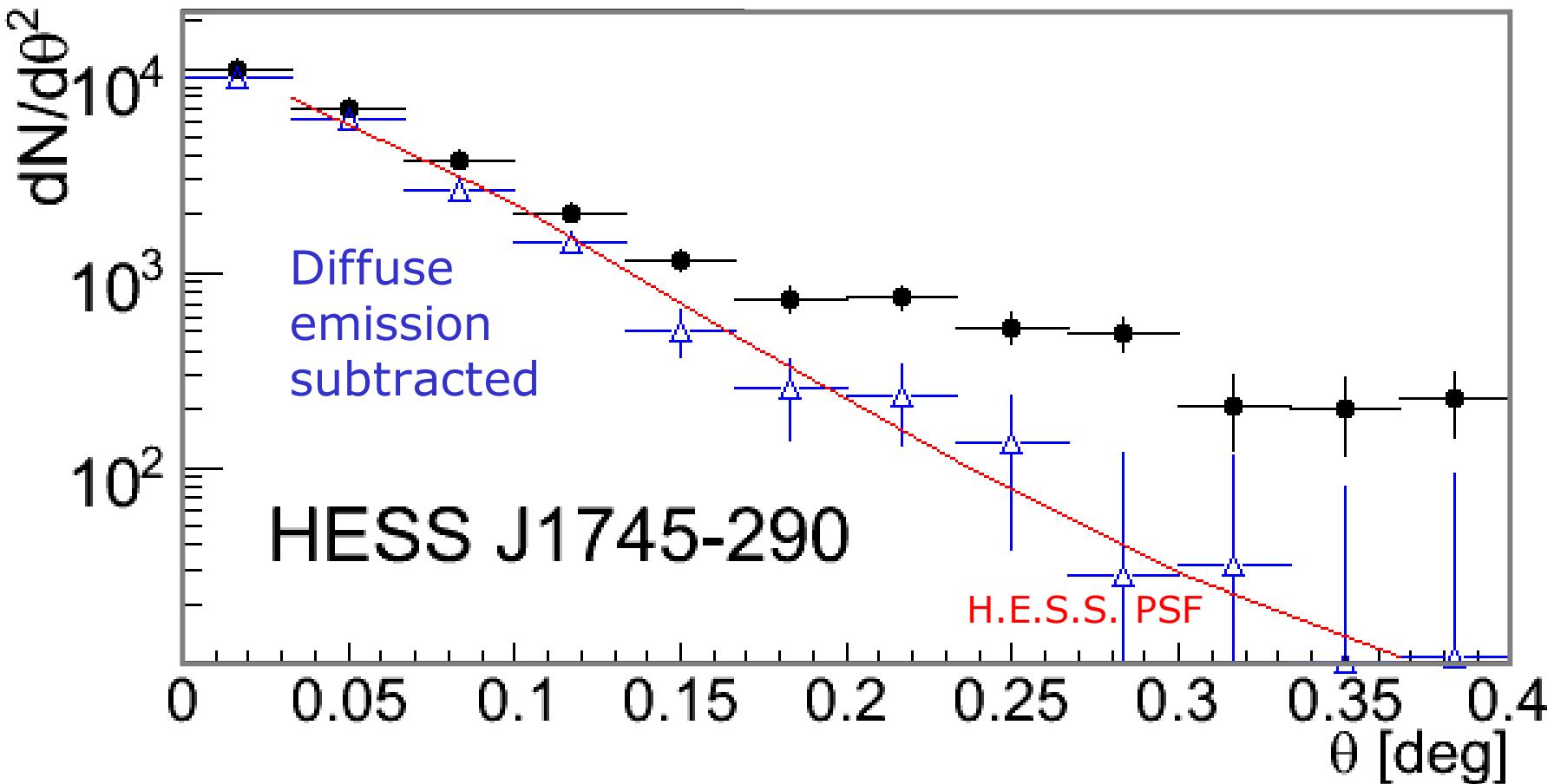


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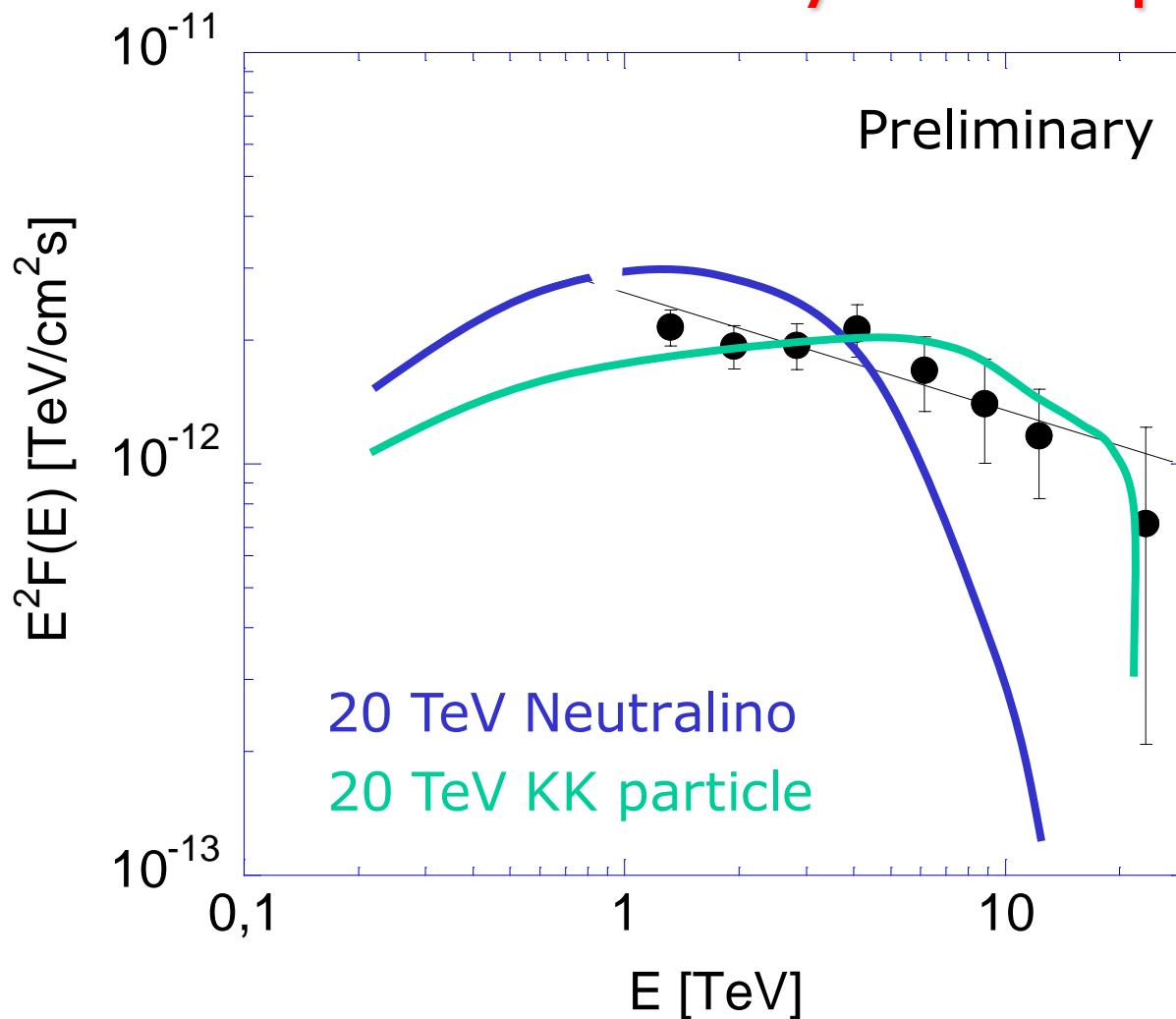


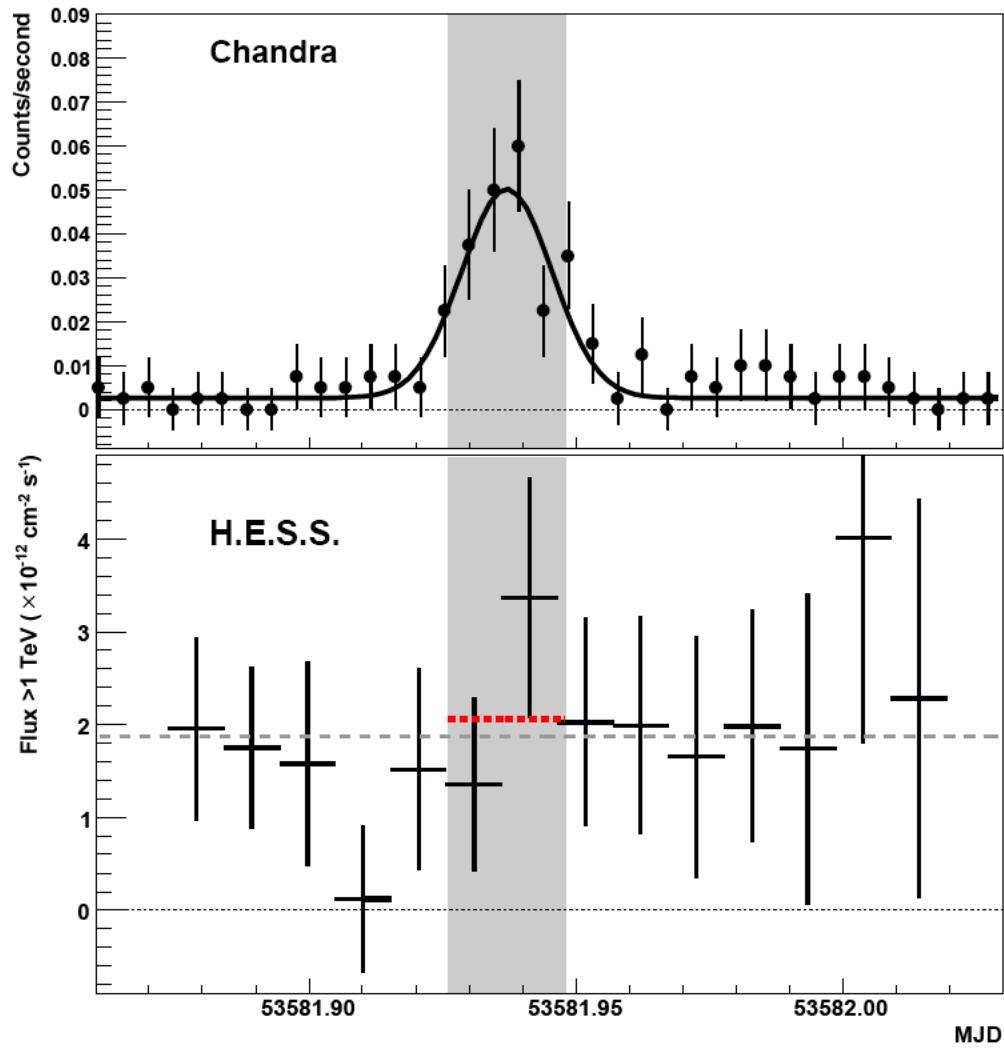
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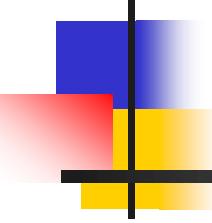


Is it DM? ► Spectrum

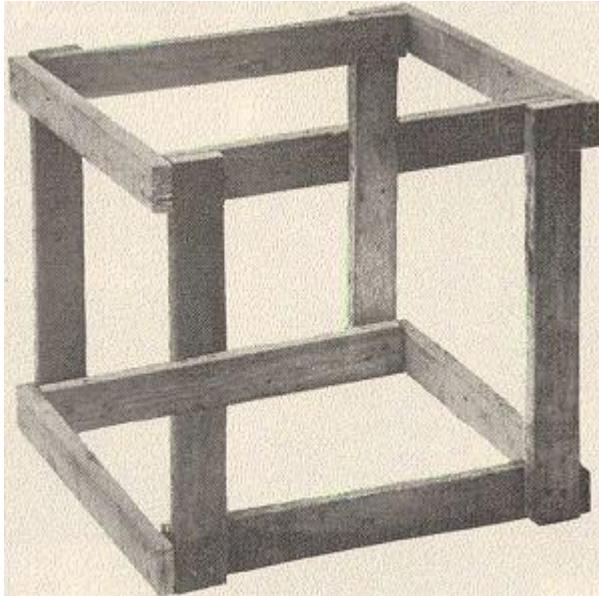
► “only” astrophysics!



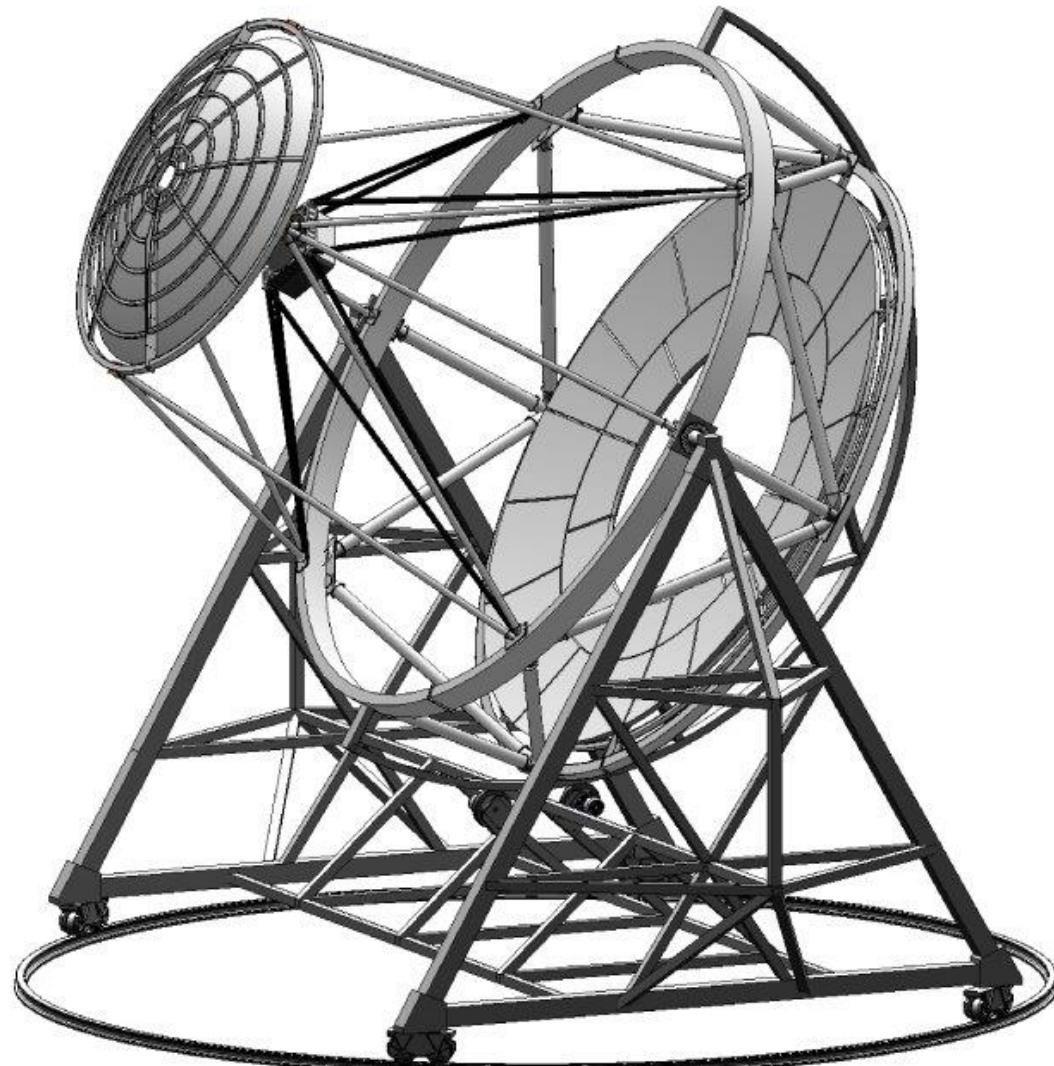




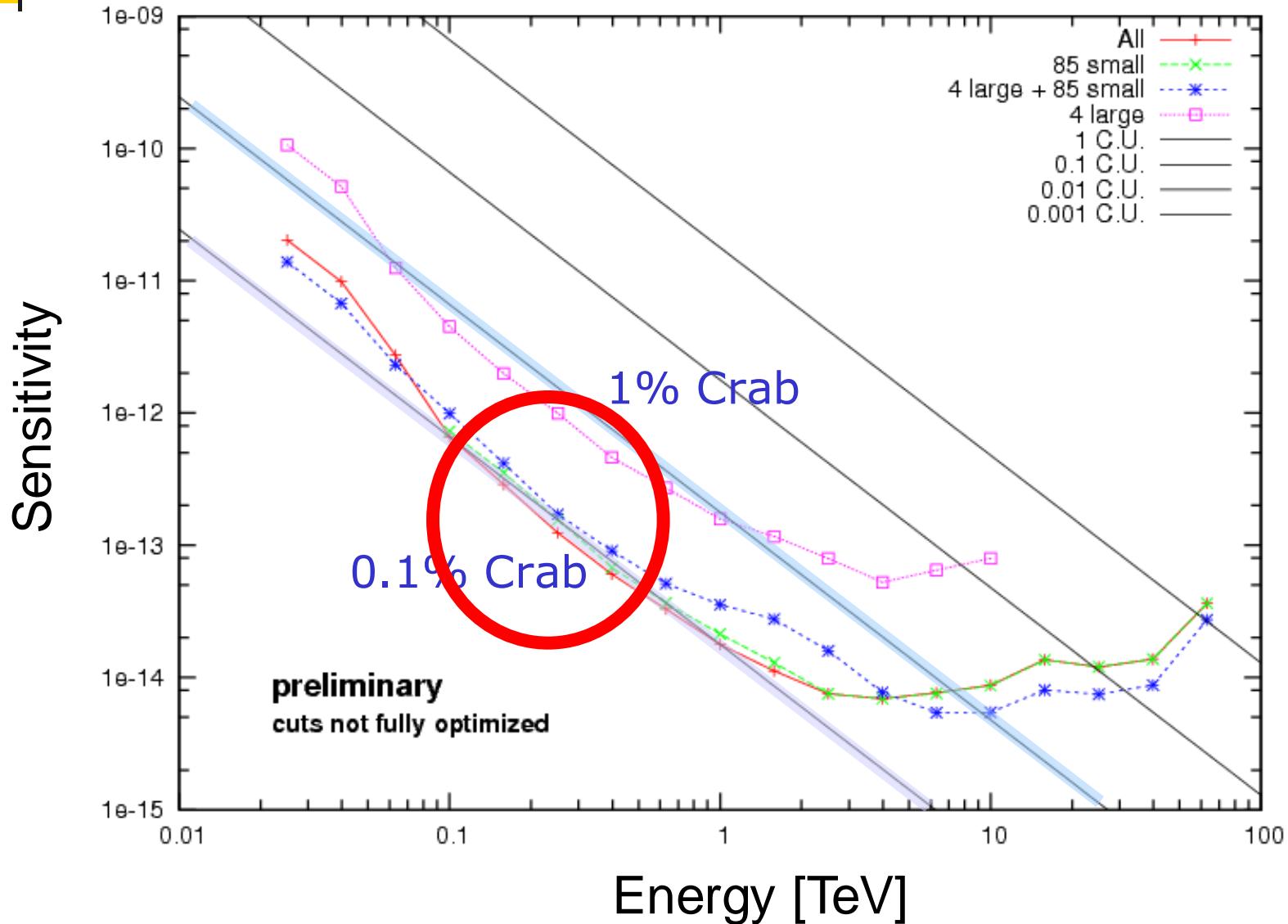
non-trivial: right balance



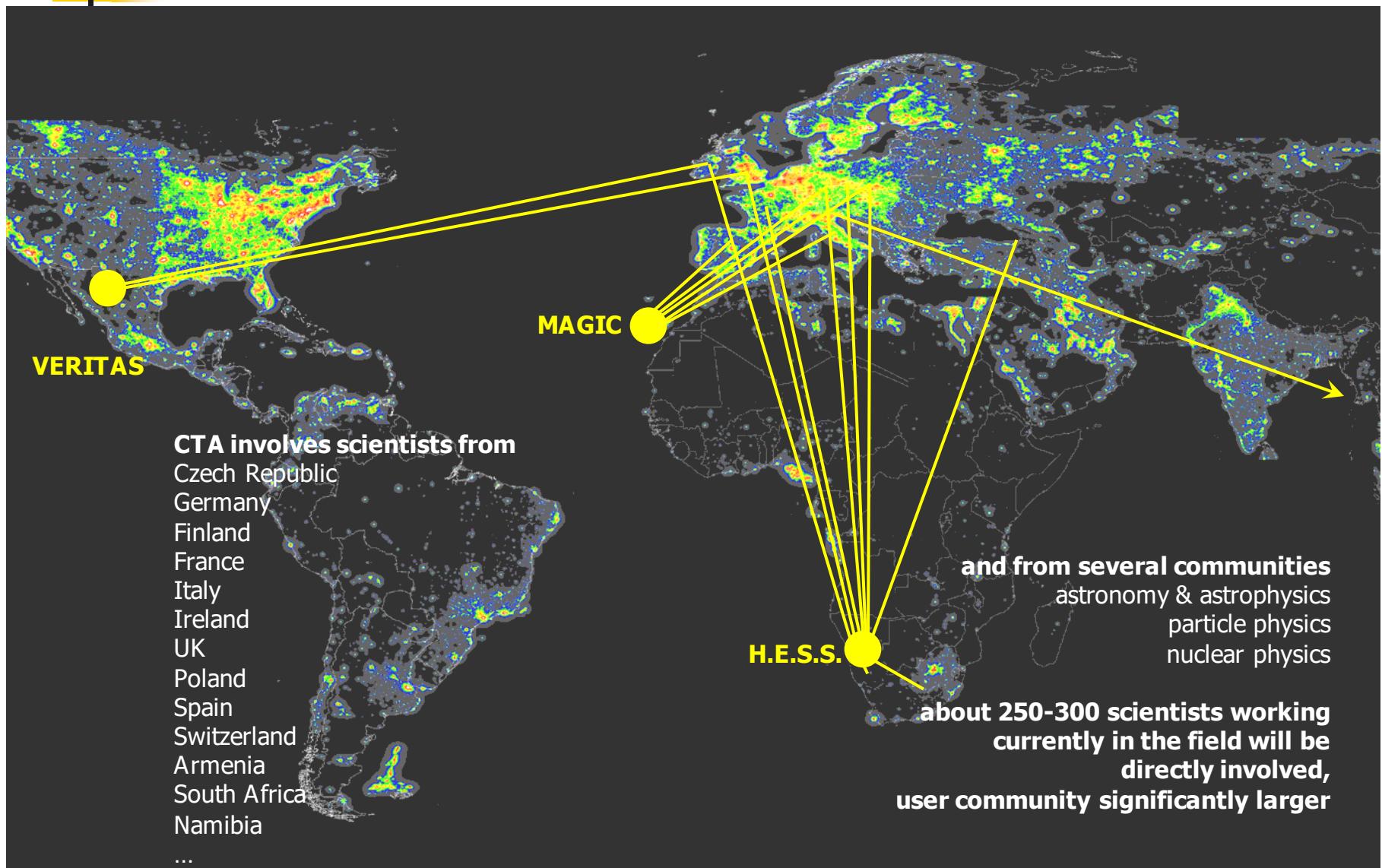
... some designs
are very powerful
but difficult to realize...

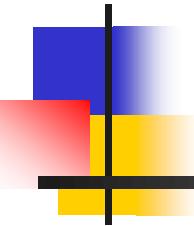


Toy array performance: 85 "small" + 4 big telescopes



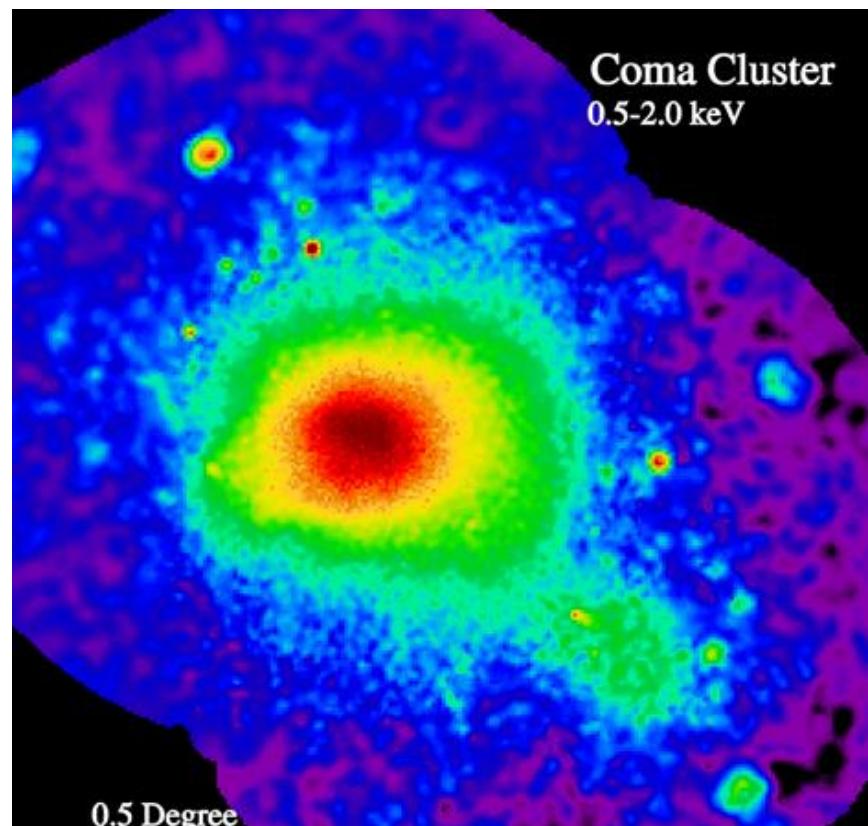
An international effort

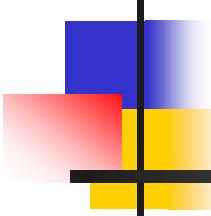




- Many highly interesting source types just (?) below current sensitivity

- Starburst galaxies
- Clusters of galaxies
- UHECR sources
- GRBs
- ...





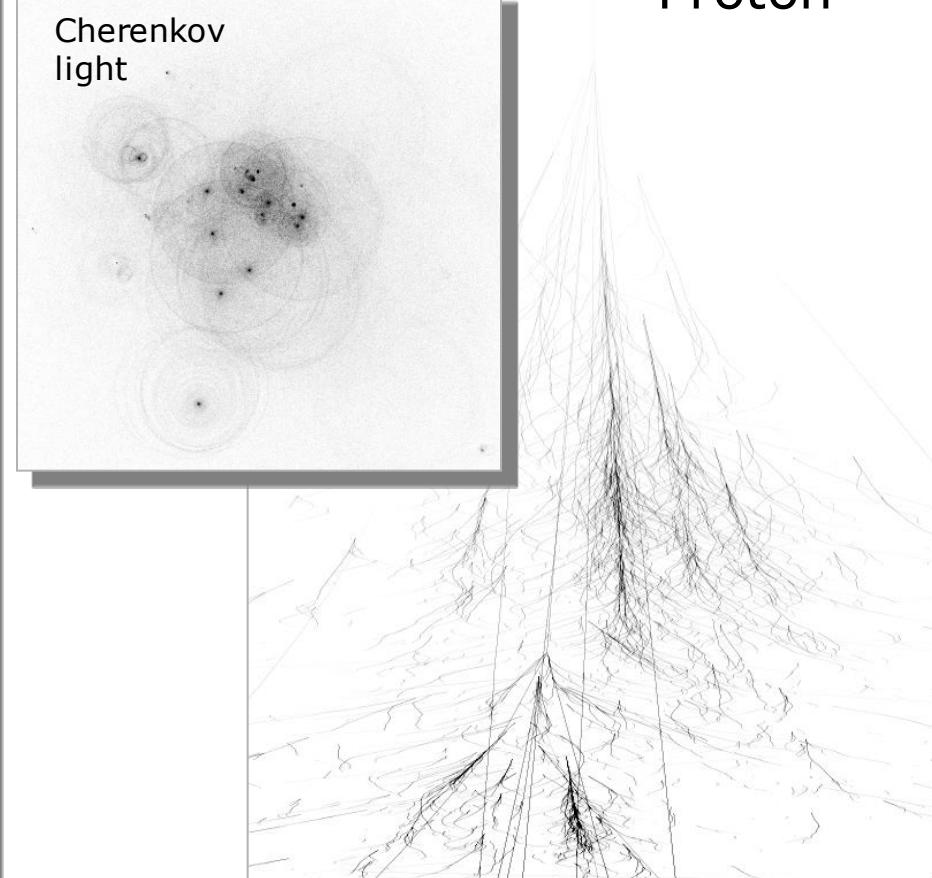
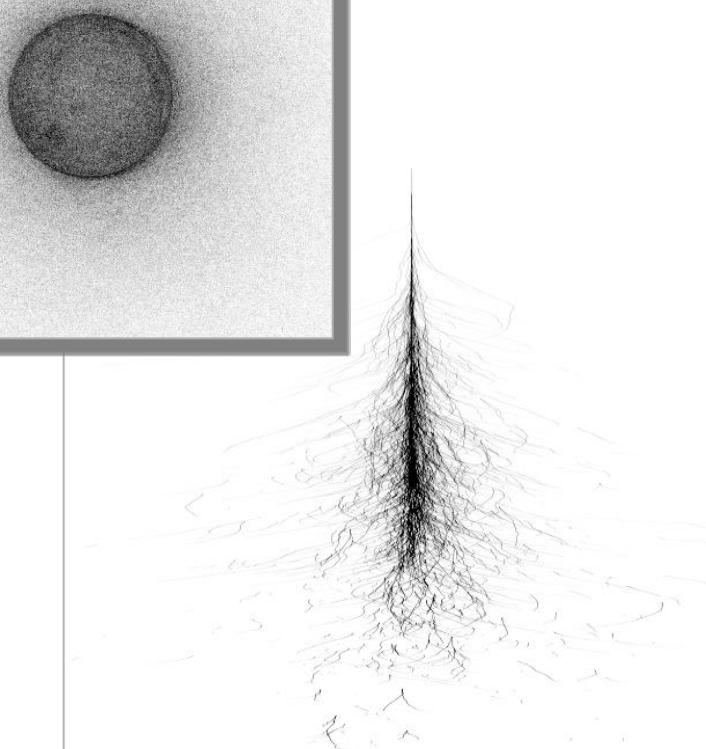
Intermediate energies: cosmic ray background

Cherenkov
light

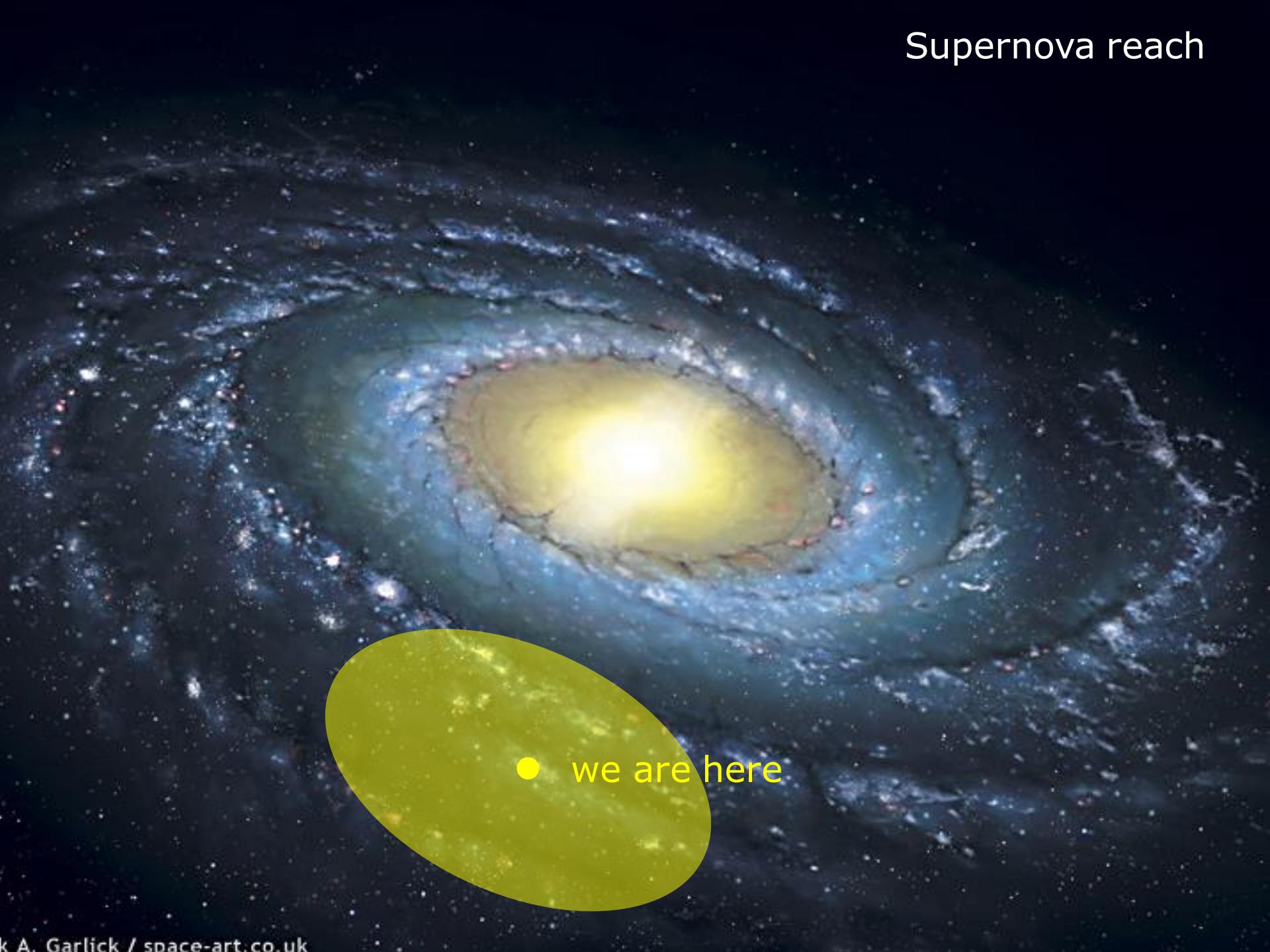
Gamma

Cherenkov
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Proton



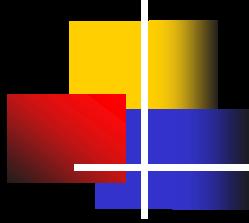
Supernova reach



• we are here

The future: H.E.S.S. II

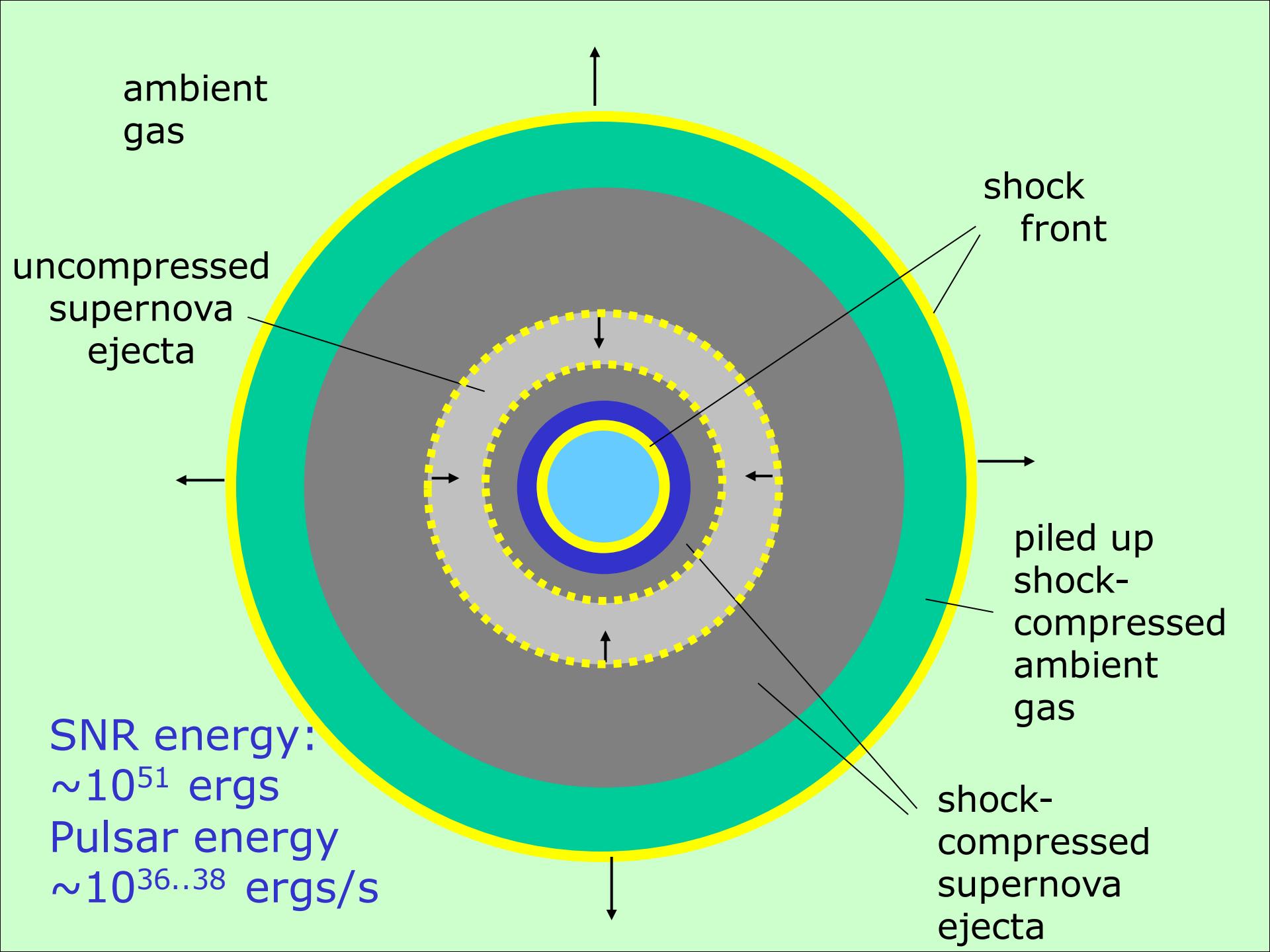




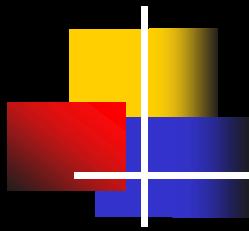
H.E.S.S. II



- Enhanced sensitivity above ~ 70 GeV in stereo mode
- Further reduction of threshold in mono mode

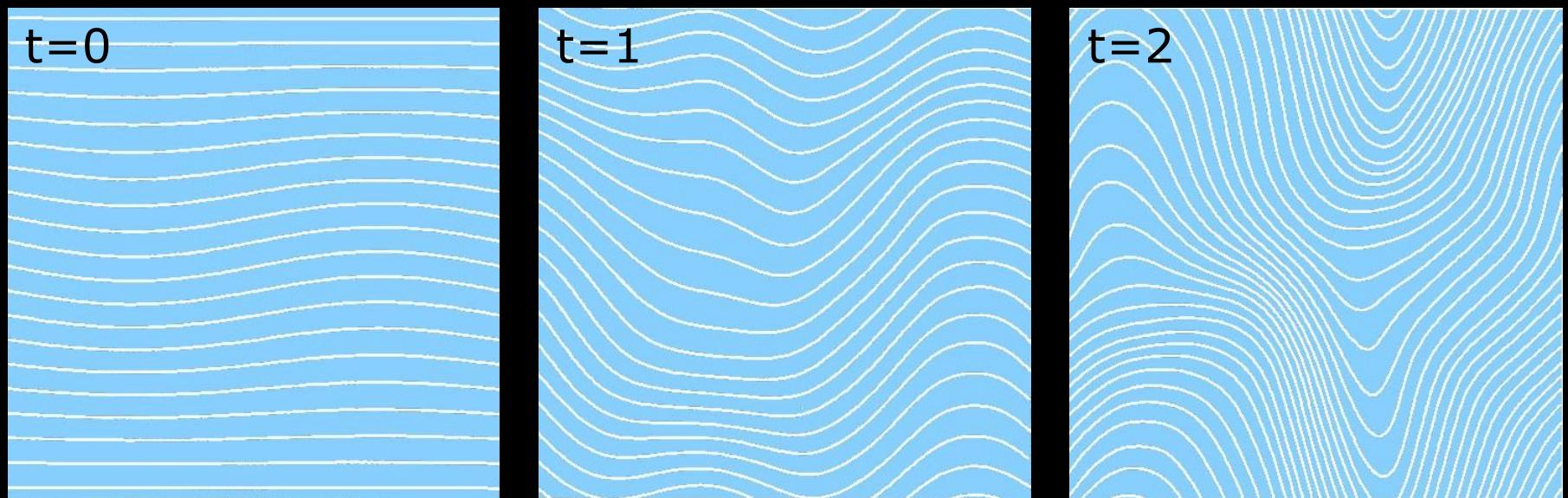






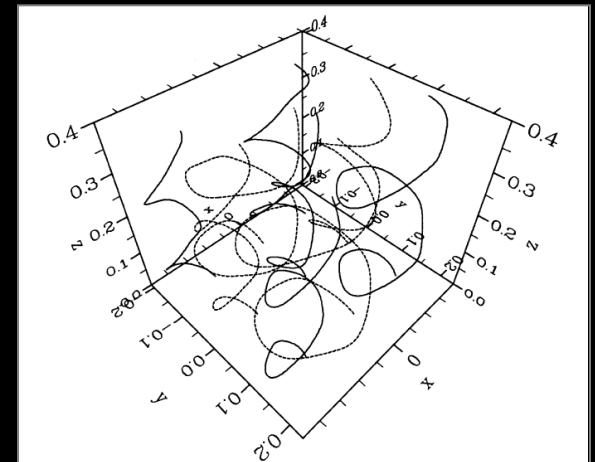
Field amplification by streaming CRs

S.G. Lucek, A.R. Bell, MNRAS 314 (2000) 65



RMS B field amplified by factor up to 30
A.R. Bell, MNRAS 353 (2004) 550

Amplification factor $\sim n_{\text{electr.}} \sim \rho_{\text{ion}}$

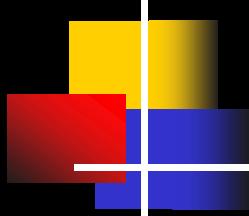


X-rays

Proton
accelerator

Gamma rays

Electron
Accelerator

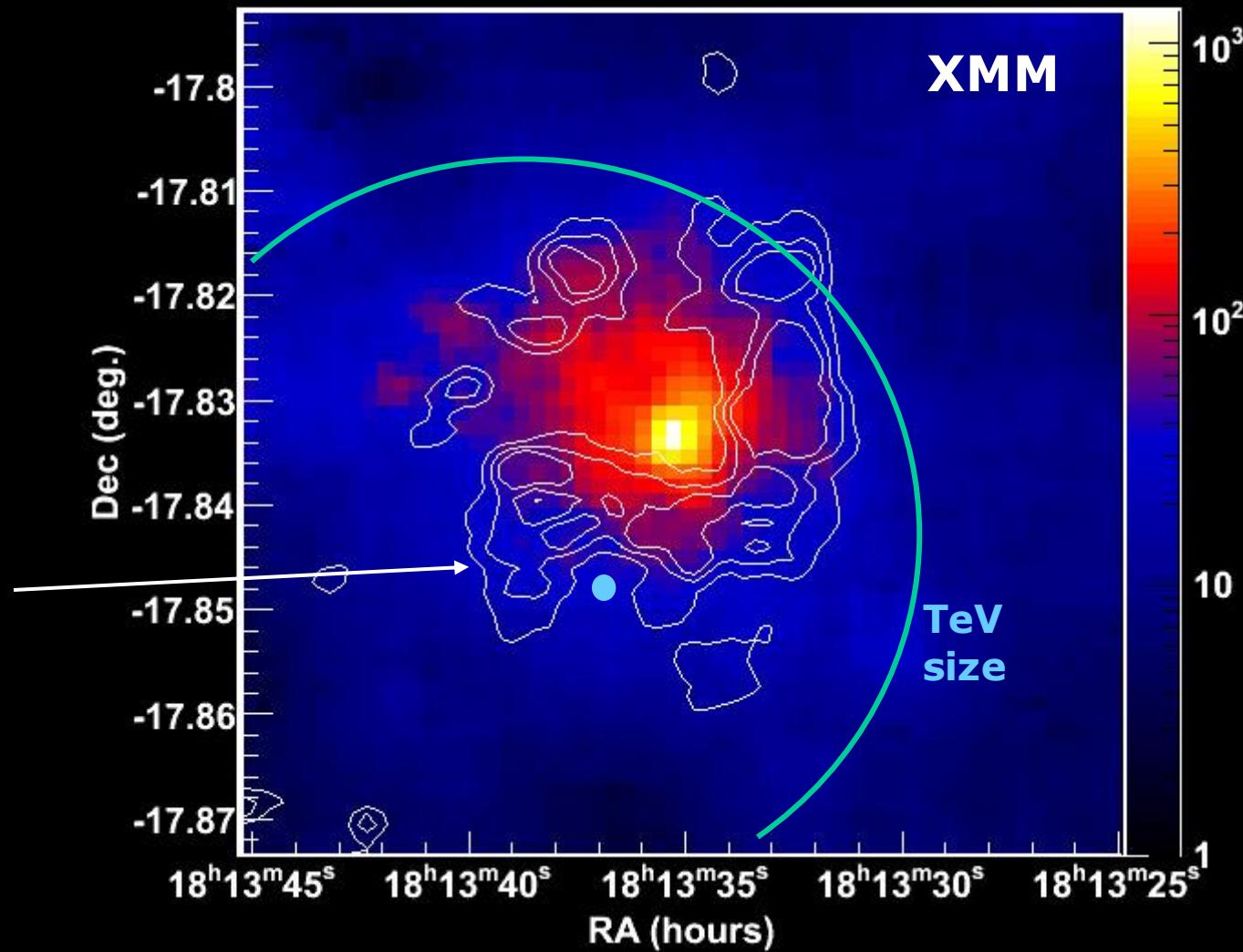


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S. Funk et al., astro-ph/0611646

Radio Supernova shell

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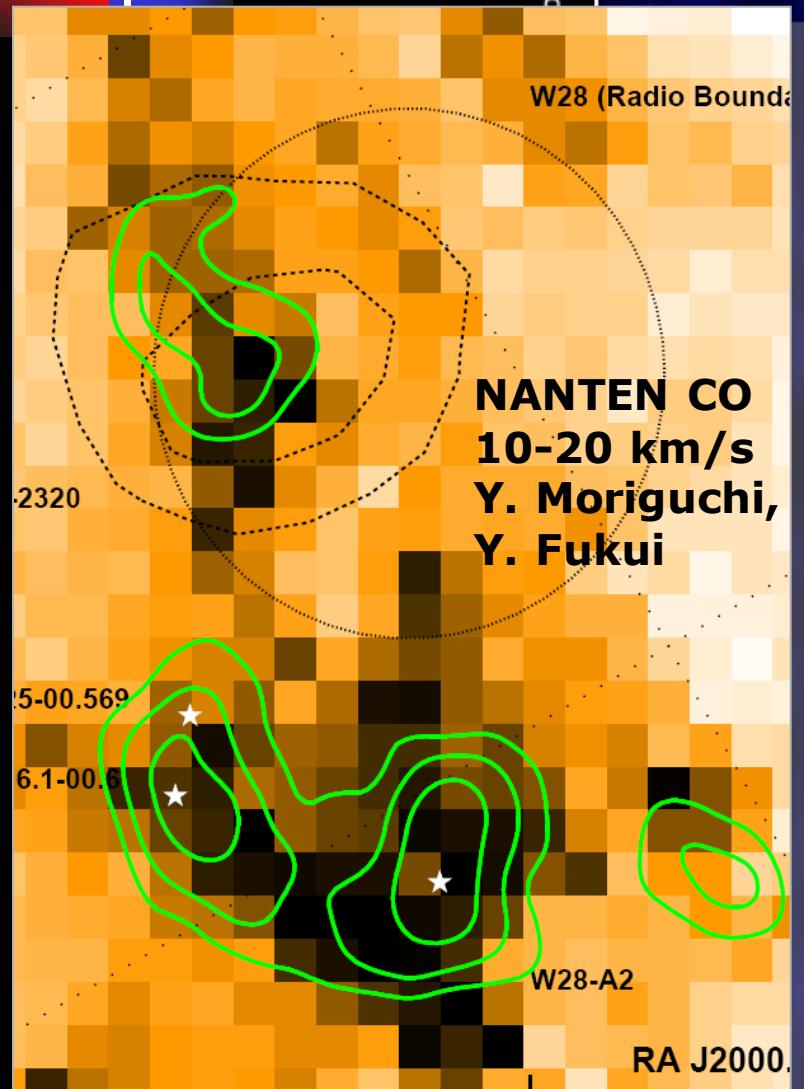


Galactic Plane Survey

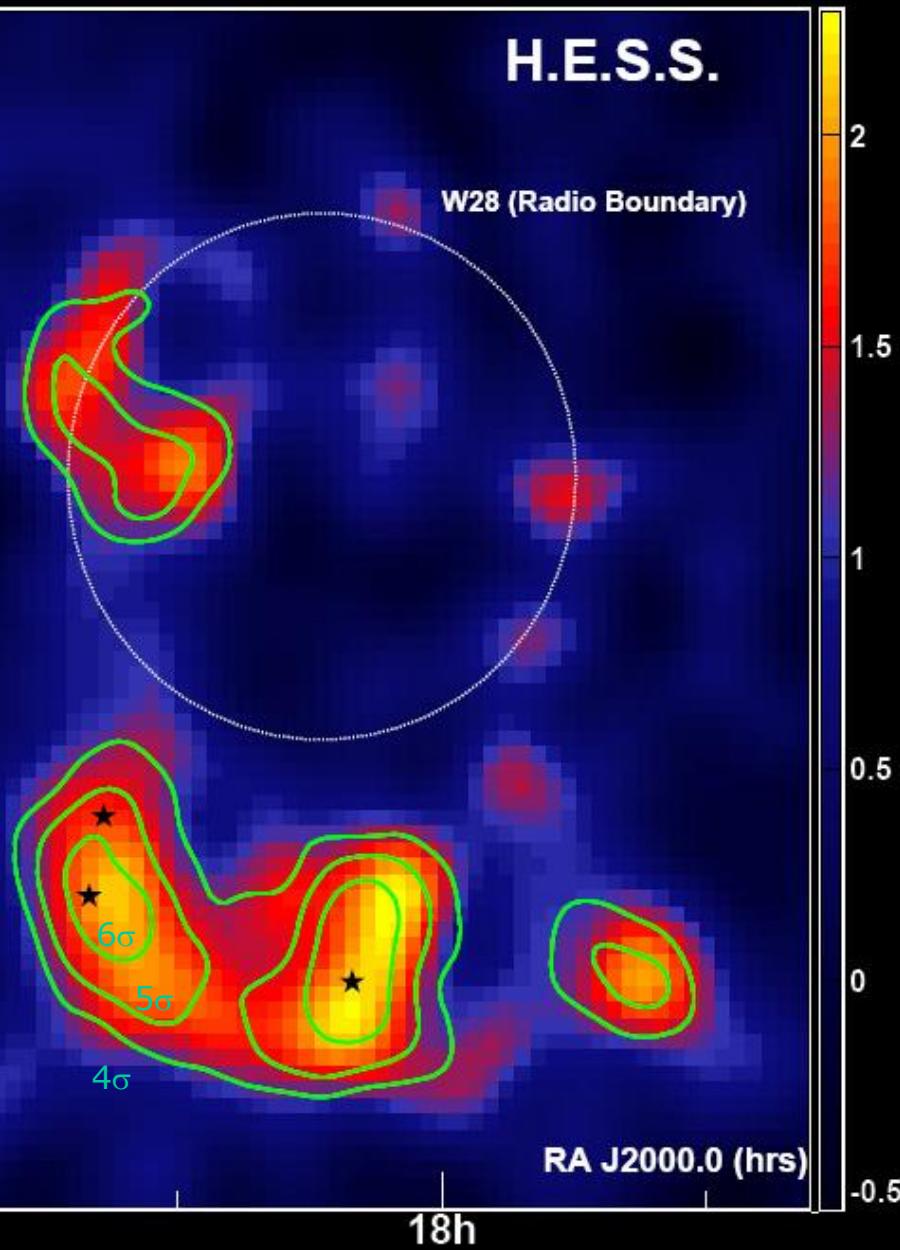




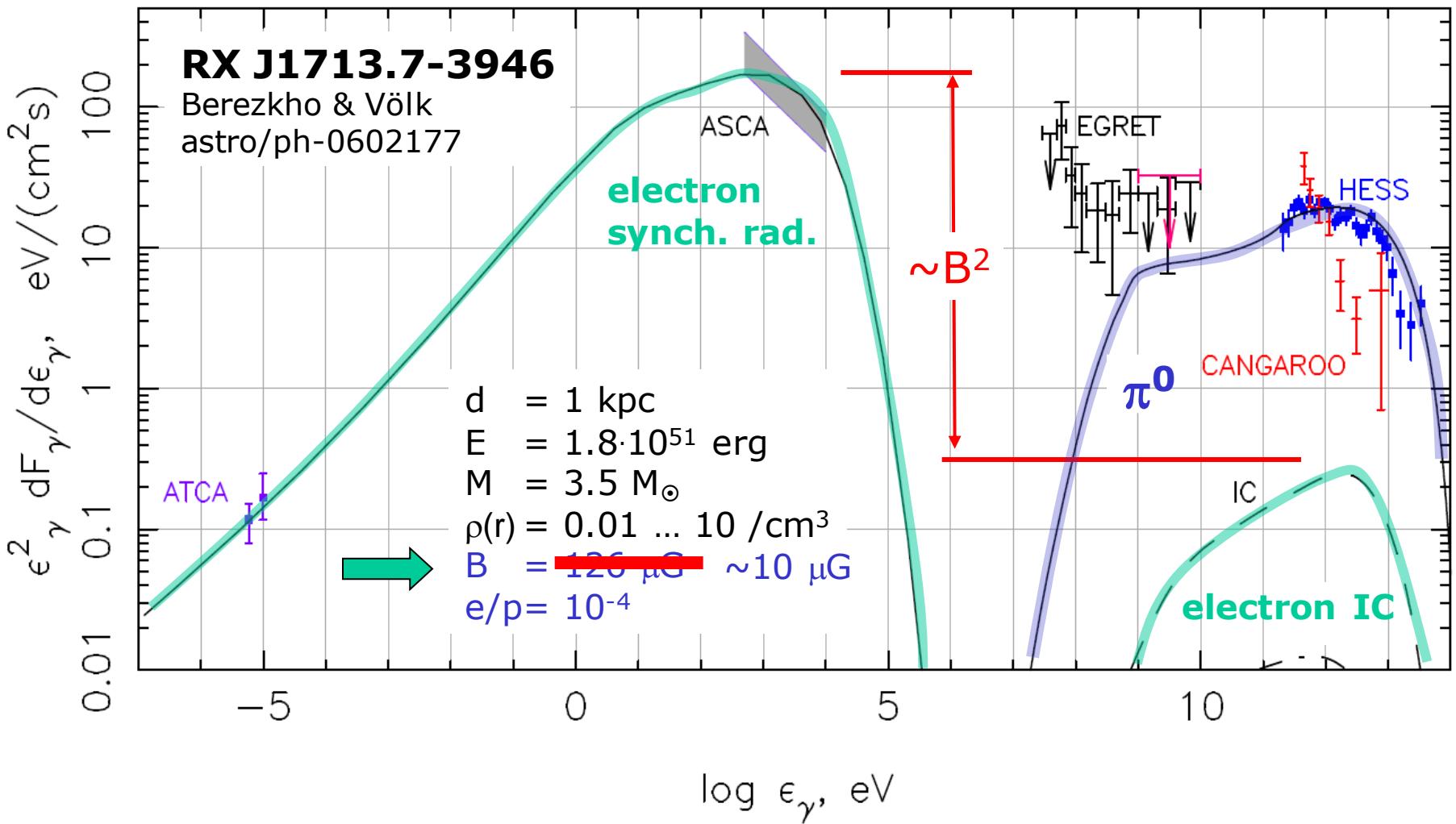
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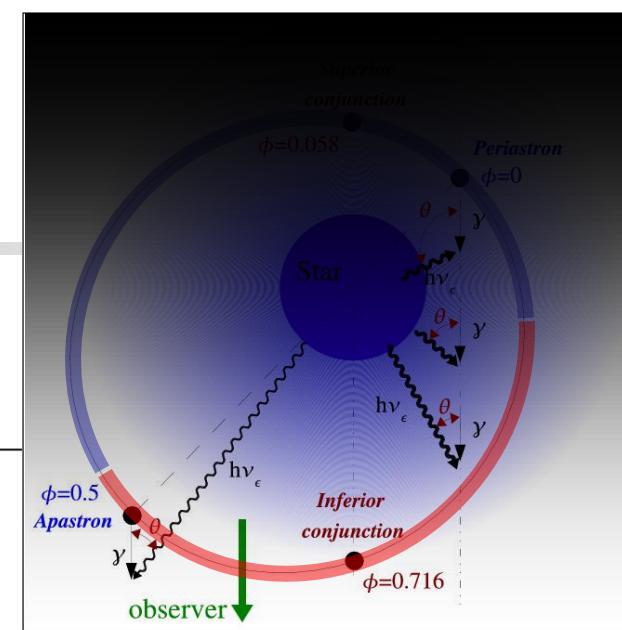
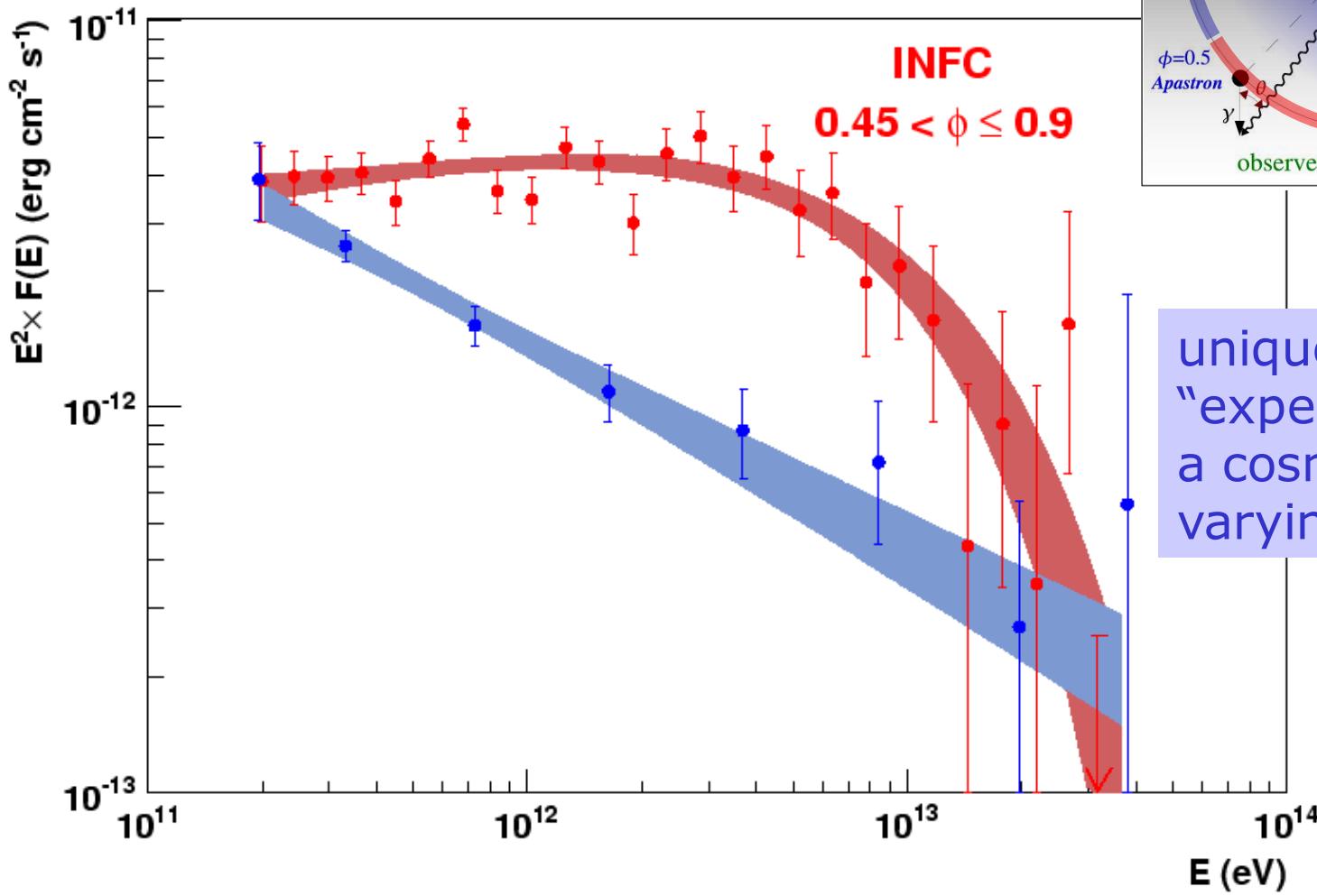
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X-ray & gamma ray emission

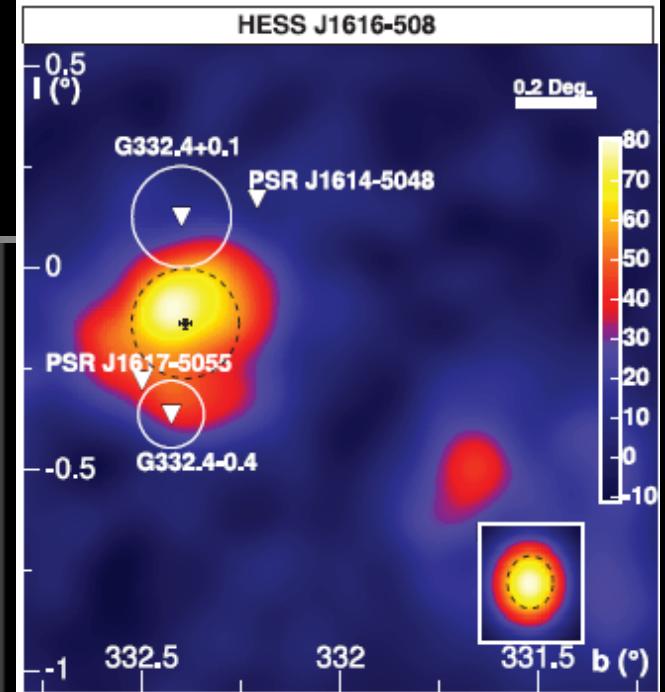
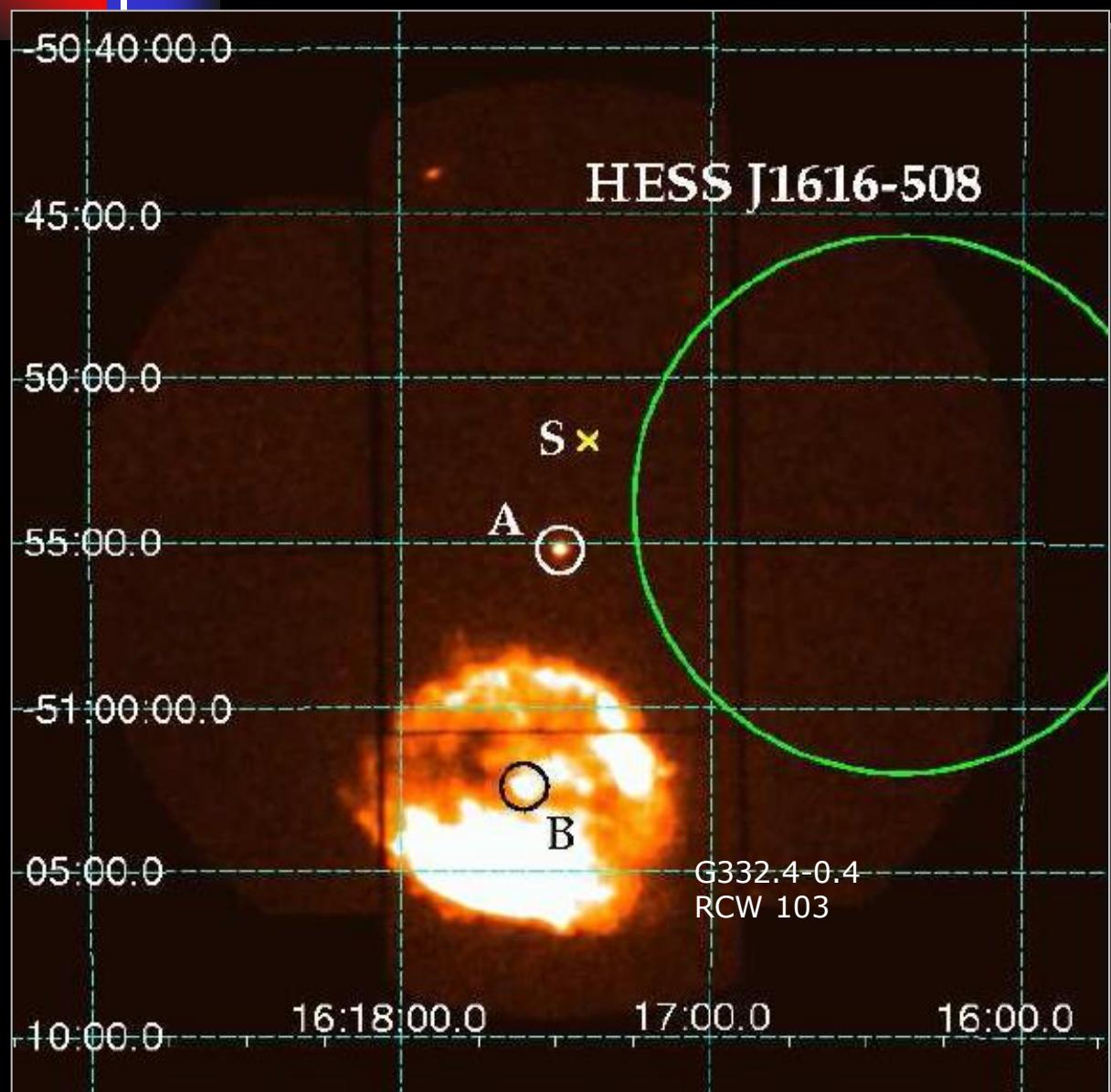


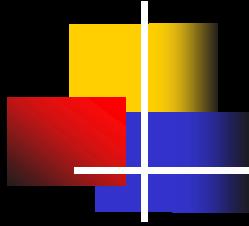
Spectral variation



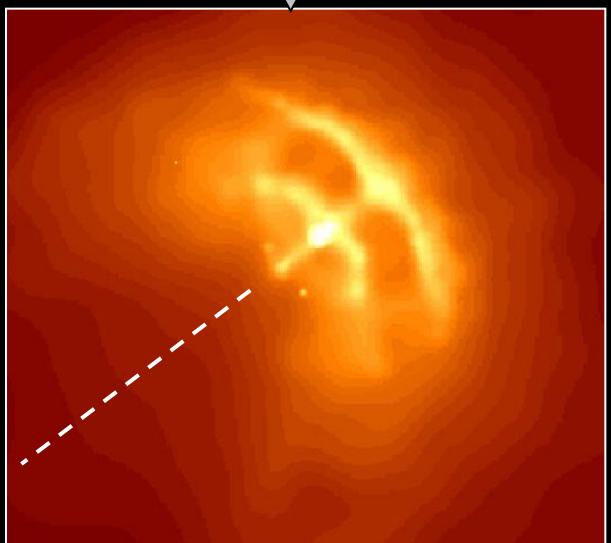
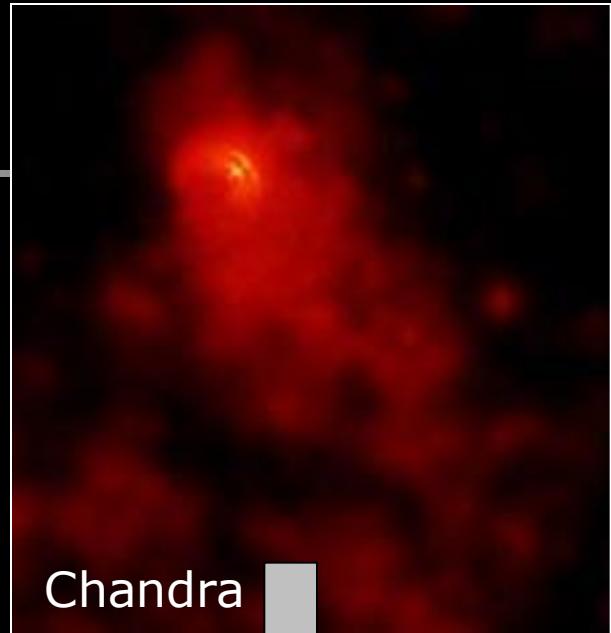
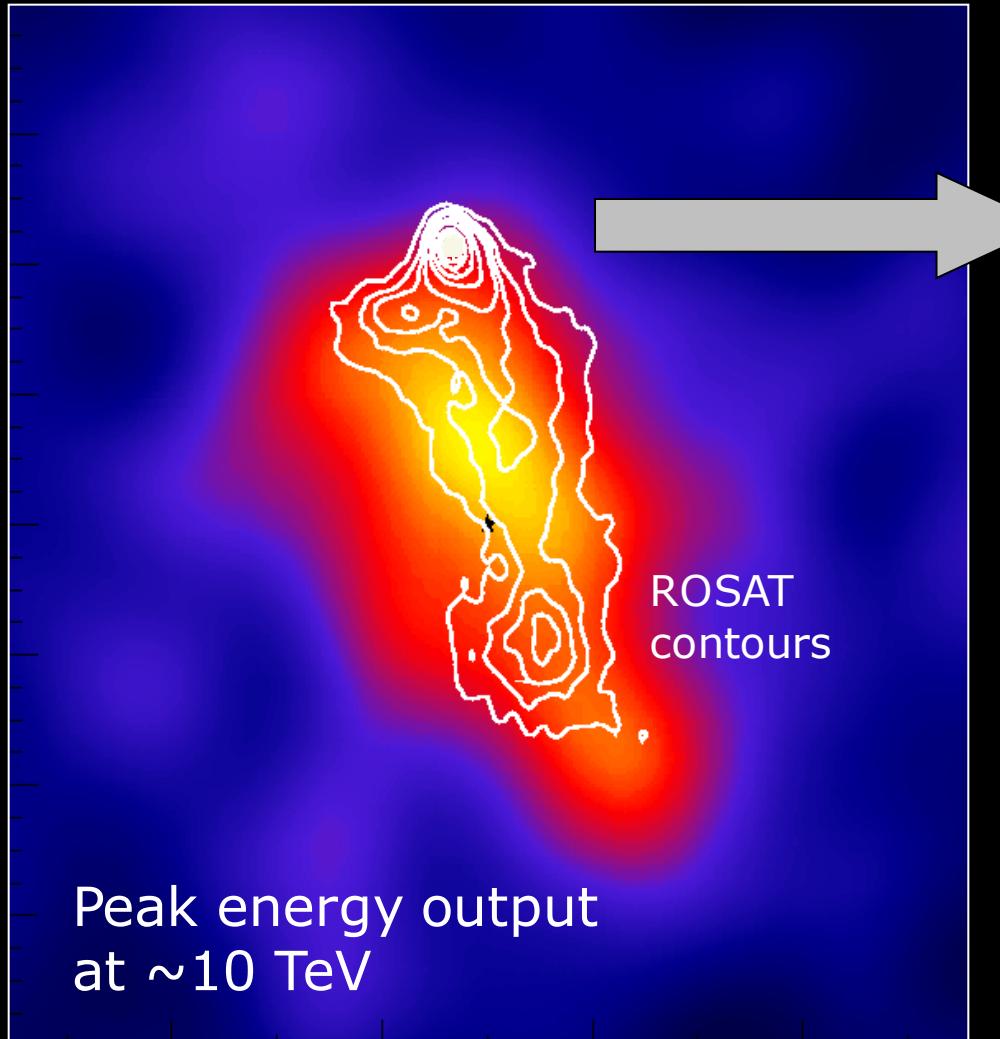
unique chance to
“experiment” with
a cosmic source by
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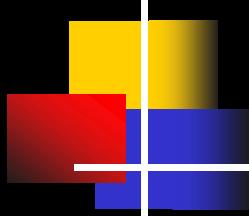
... but some do ...



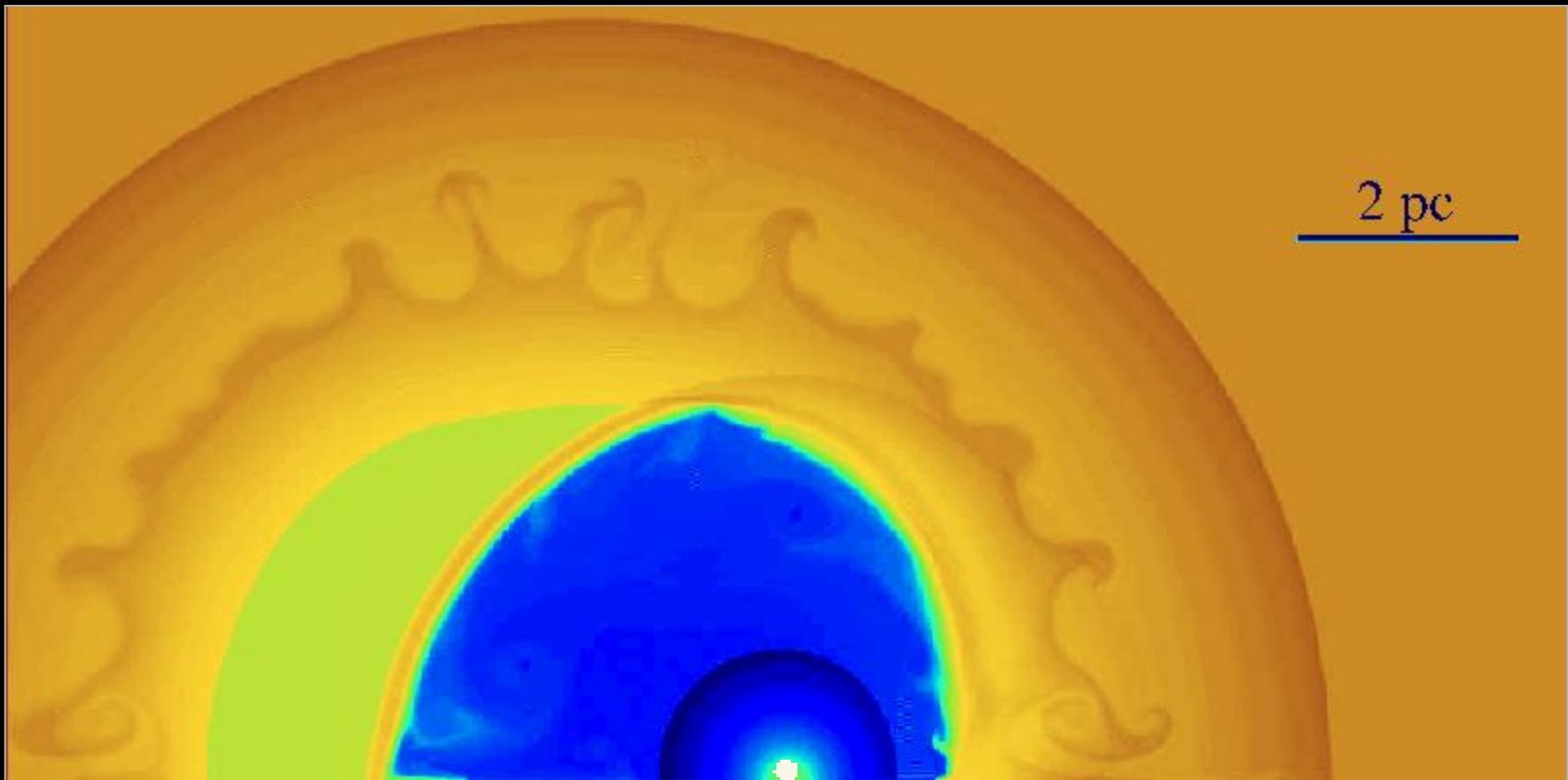


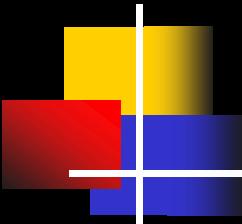
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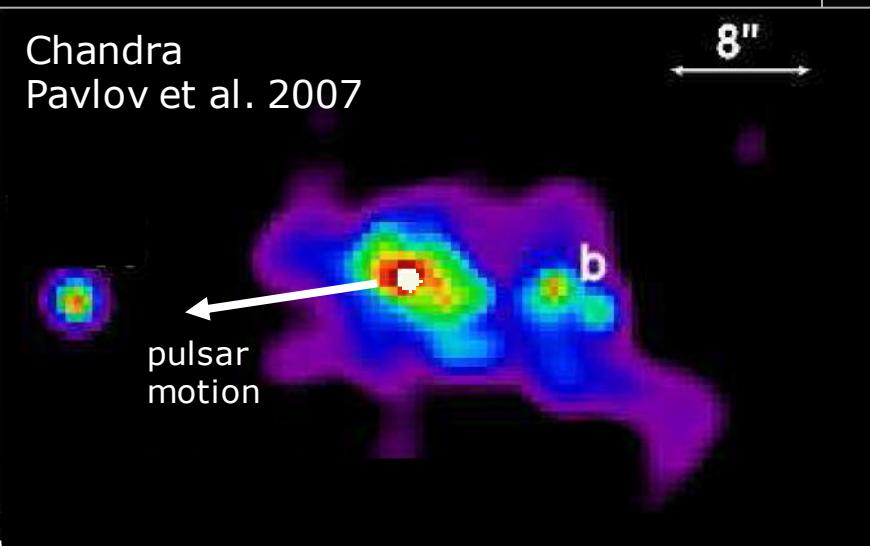


Hydrodynamics simulations: Pulsar “Kick”





Chandra
Pavlov et al. 2007



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