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# Very High Energy Astrophysics and the search of the lost Pevatrons



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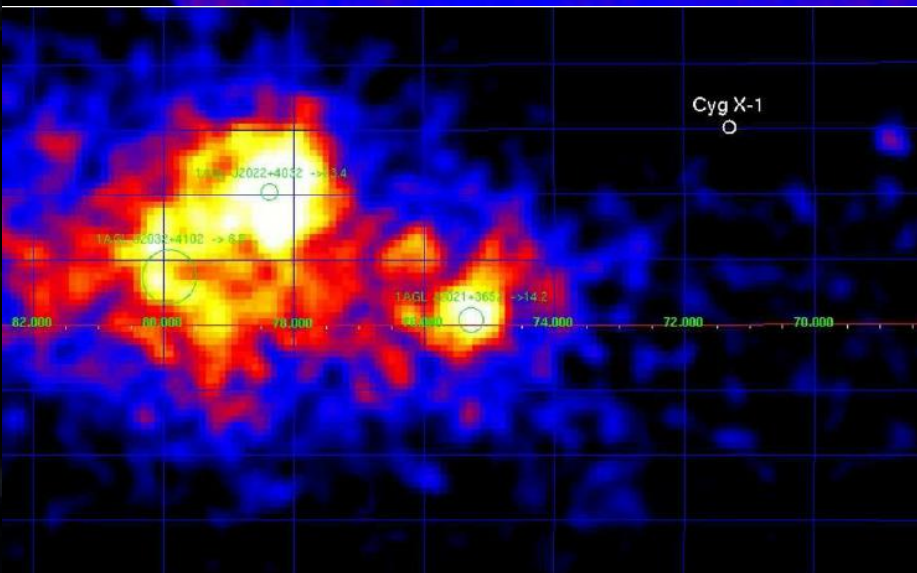
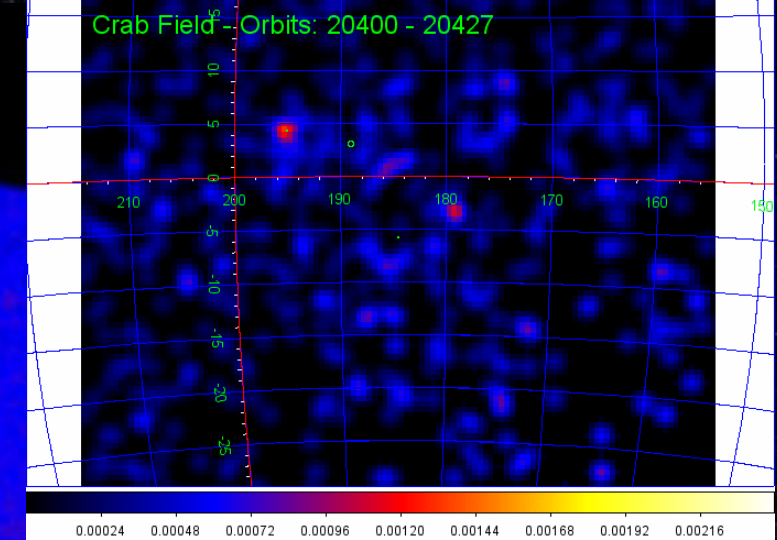
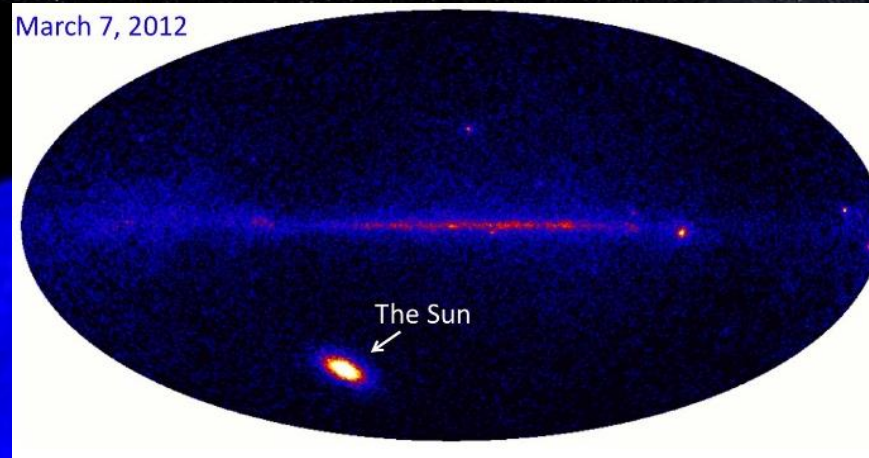
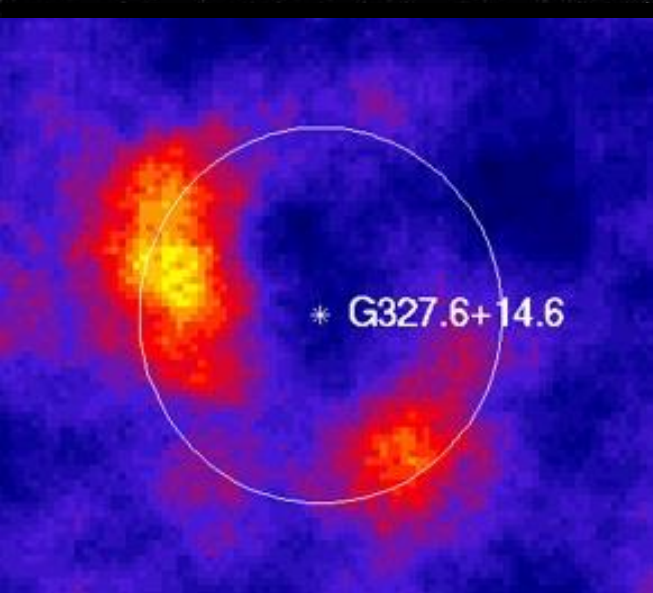
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# AFTER THE TERRIFIC IMAGES OF JWT







WE, GAMMA-RAY SCIENTISTS, NEED A  
MOTIVATIONAL MOMENT



Gamma-ray is fundamental in the  
"hot topic" of the VHE astrophysics



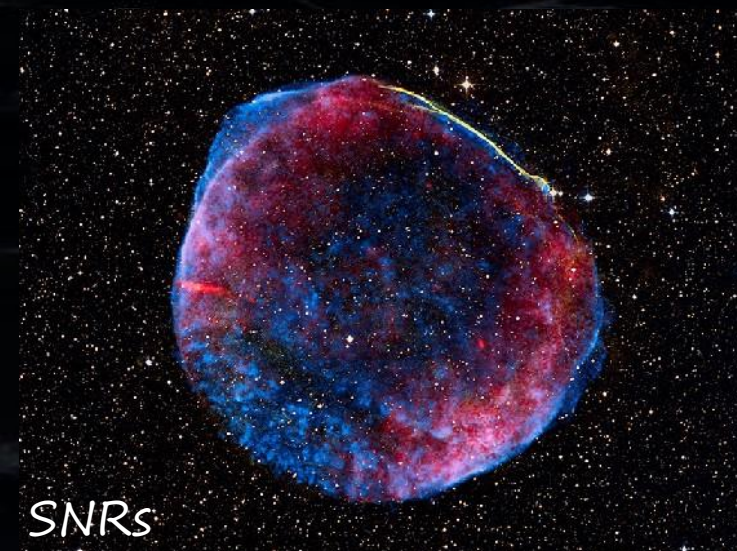
Star Formation Regions



## PARTICLE ACCELERATION



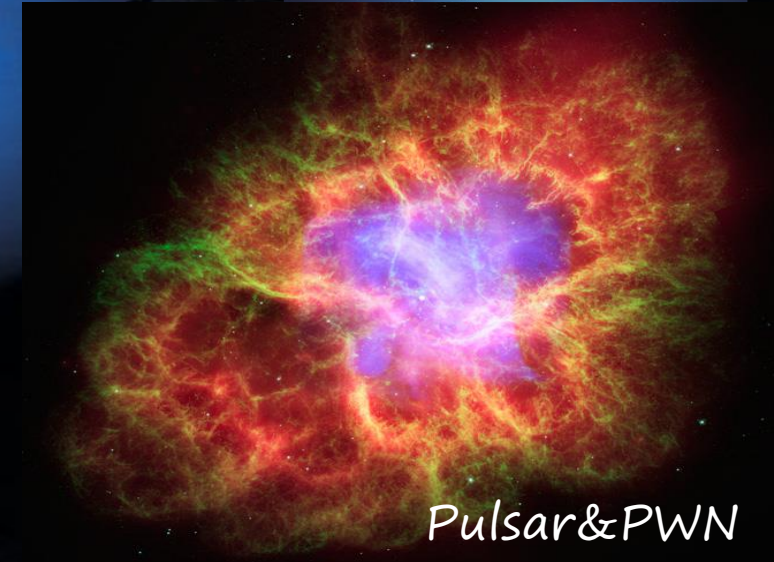
Novae



SNRs



Microquasars



Pulsar & PWN



# Pevatrons

## HIGH-ENERGY ASTROPHYSICS

PEVATRON = an object capable of accelerating PARTICLES (hadrons or leptons) up to the PeV ( $=10^{15}$  eV) range

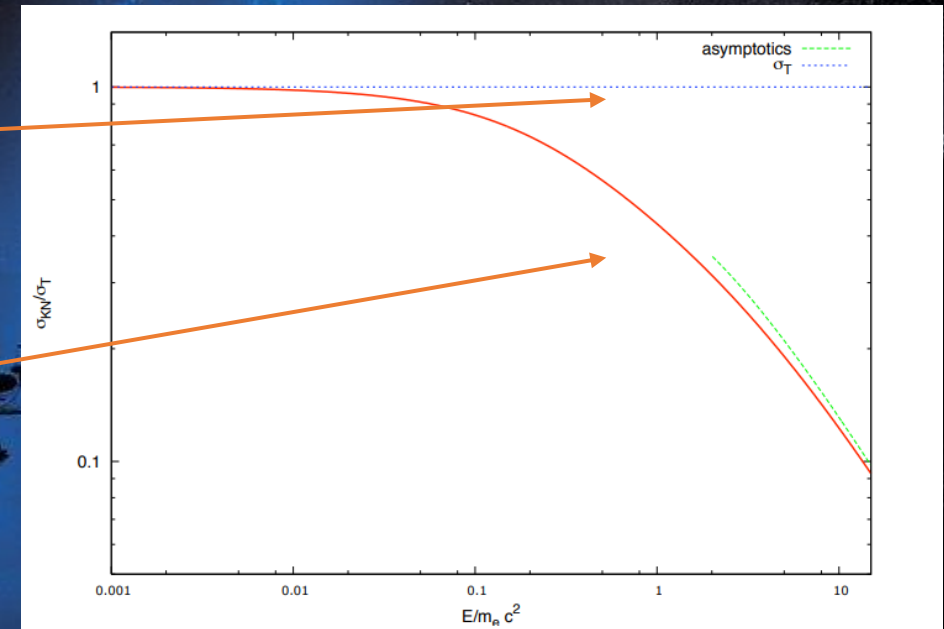
### INVERSE COMPTON (leptonic)

Thomson scattering ( $h\nu_i \ll m_e c^2$ )

- transfer small,
- scattering almost elastic,
- Thomson cross-section applied

Klein-Nishina scattering ( $h\nu_i \gg m_e c^2$ )

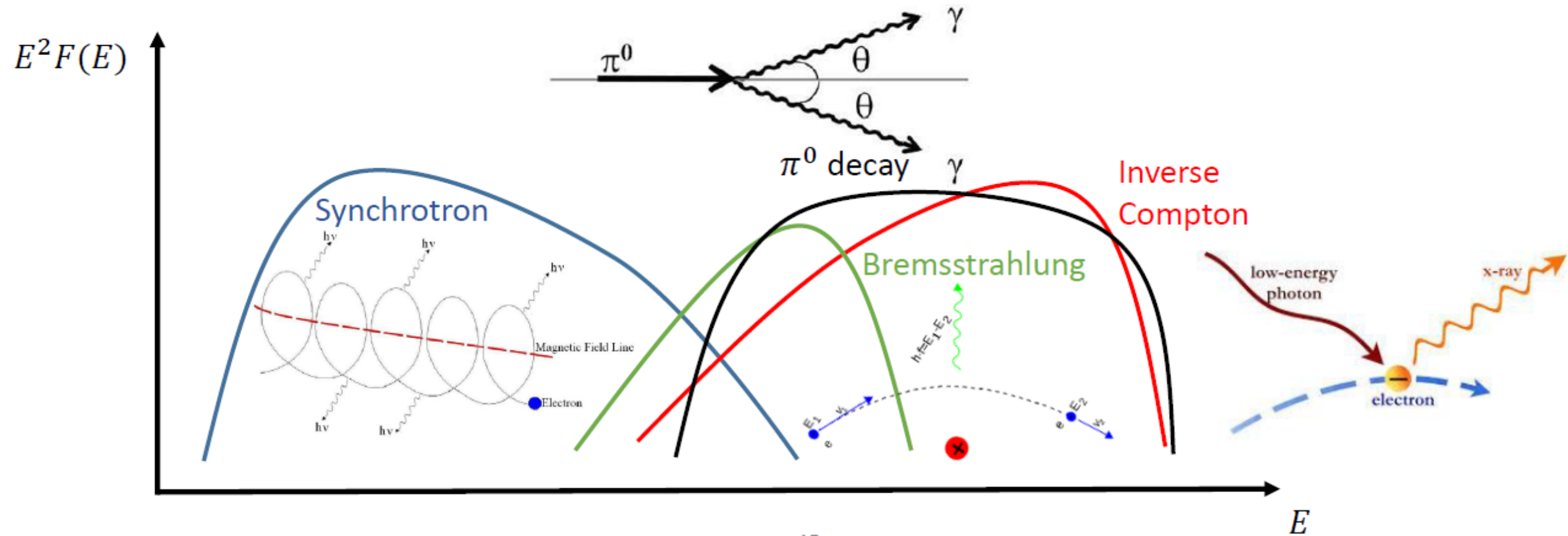
- transfer large,
- scattering deeply inelastic,
- need to use cross-section derived from QED.



## COSMIC RAY CONTEXT

PEVATRON = an object capable of accelerating HADRONS up to the PeV ( $=10^{15}$  eV) range

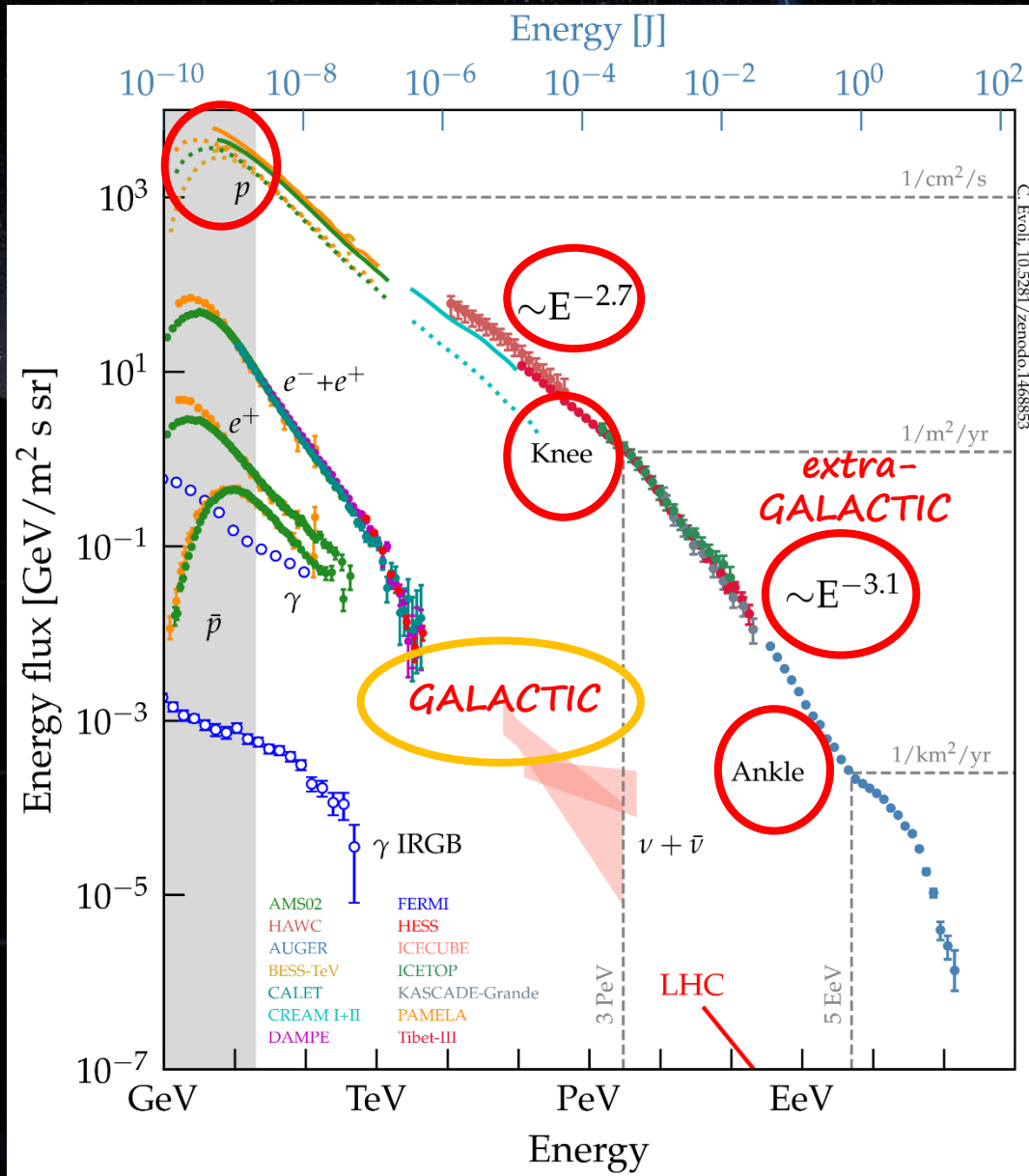
# Radiative processes: very quick look





# Cosmic Ray Overview

Evoli 2021

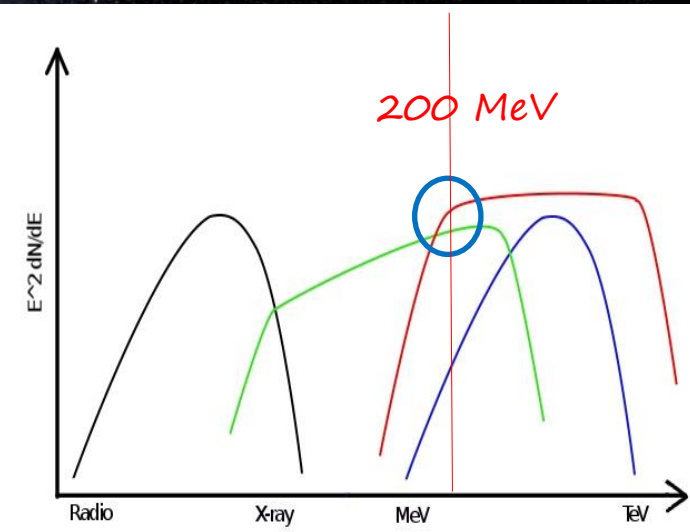
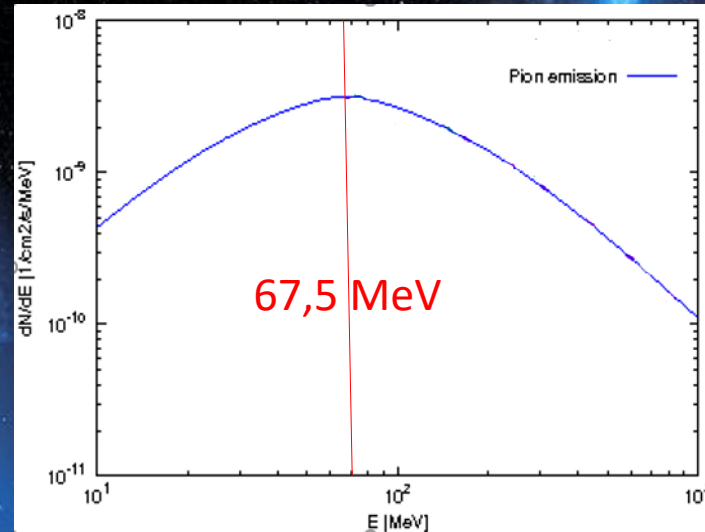


- High-energy particles (mostly protons and nuclei) up to  $10^{21}$  eV
- Bending below 30 GeV due to solar modulation
- Power-law distribution with an index  $\alpha \approx 2.7$  up to PeV energies → No thermal → acceleration
- Two main features:
  - Steepening at PeV energies,  $\alpha \approx 3.1$  (Knee, 1 part/m<sup>2</sup>/yr)
  - Hardening at about  $E=10^{18}$  eV (Ankle, 1 part/km<sup>2</sup>/yr)
- Knee due to rigidity-dependent acceleration mechanism →  $E_{knee,Z} = Z E_{knee,p}$

# CR Acceleration: direct evidences

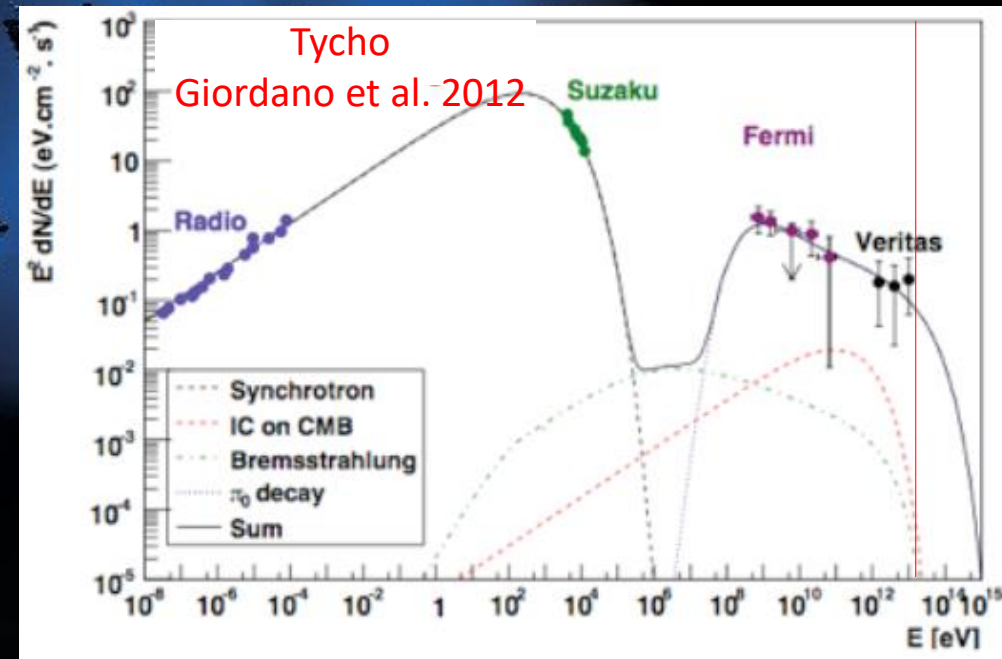
## Low-Energies

→ Pion bump detection:  
distinction leptonic from  
hadronic component only at  
 $E < 200 \text{ MeV}$



## High-Energies

**Pevatrons** → gamma-ray at  
 $E > 100 \text{ TeV}$  can be only of  
hadronic origin  
(theoretically...)





# Pevatrons Shopping list (Hilton seminar 2022):

- ❖ Detected VHE-UHE Emission
- ❖ Spectral curvature
  - Signature of  $E_{\text{max}}$ , KN, spectral breaks
- ❖ Spatially-resolved emission
- ❖ Correlation with target material
  - Not perfect: i.e. emission is convolution of CR distribution with gas
- ❖ Energy-dependent morphology
  - Expected in general due to energy dependence of transport and/or cooling
- ❖ A multi-wavelength counterpart!

HIGHEST  
ENERGY  
SENSITIVITY

WIDE BAND  
SENSITIVITY

GOOD  
ANGULAR  
RESOLUTION

THE RIGHT  
LOCATION



# Current Cherenkov Facilities

From Ribot presentation at Gamma 2022



VERITAS

HAWC



LST  
MAGIC



LHAASO

HESS



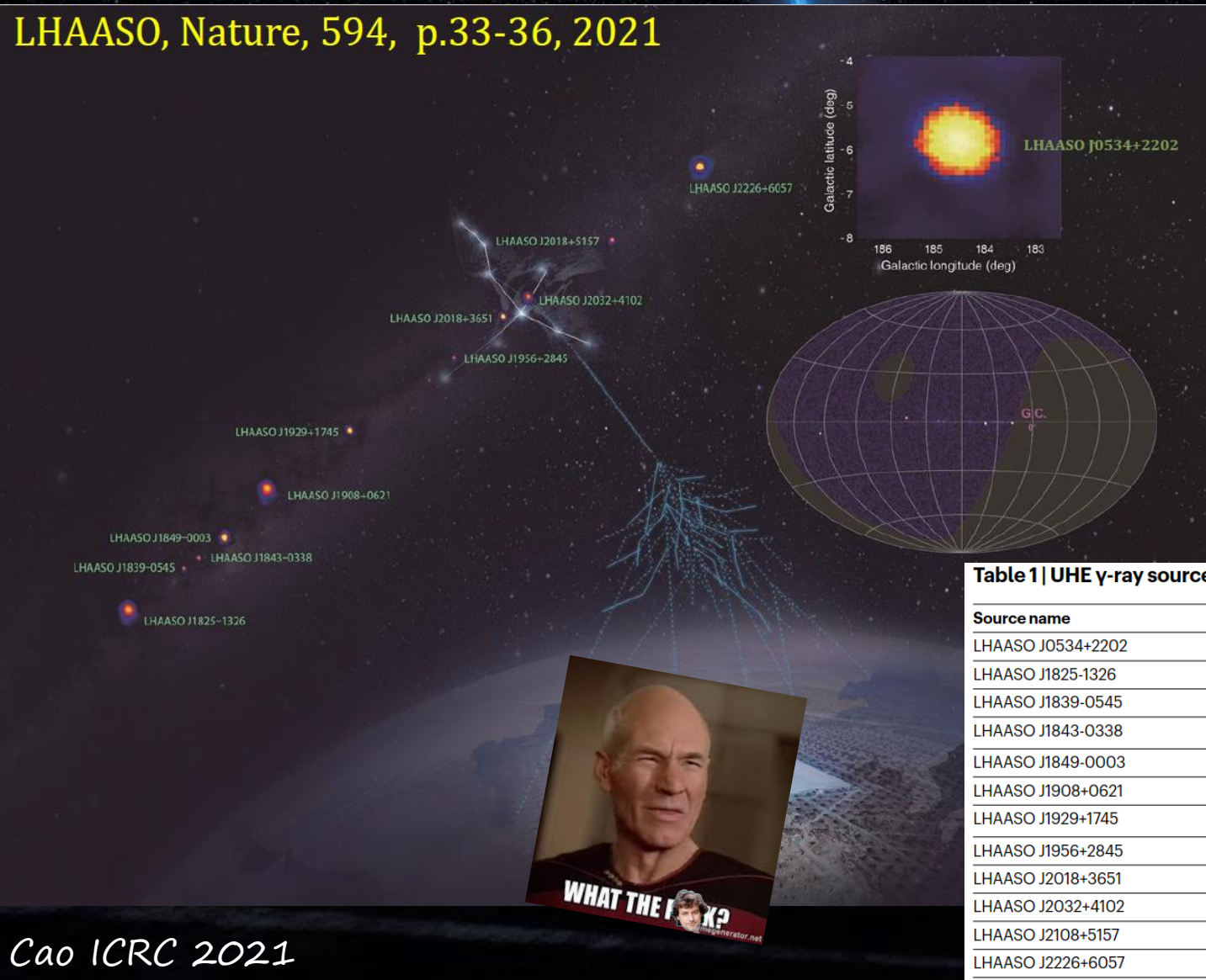
No Pevatron emission up to 2021 when...



# "PeVatrons" storm from LHAASO

## OUR GALAXY IS FULL OF "PEVATRONS"!!!!!!

LHAASO, Nature, 594, p.33-36, 2021



12 "PeVatrons"  
discovered with high  
significance ( $>7$ )!!

LEPTONIC  
Or  
HADRONIC?



Table 1 | UHE  $\gamma$ -ray sources

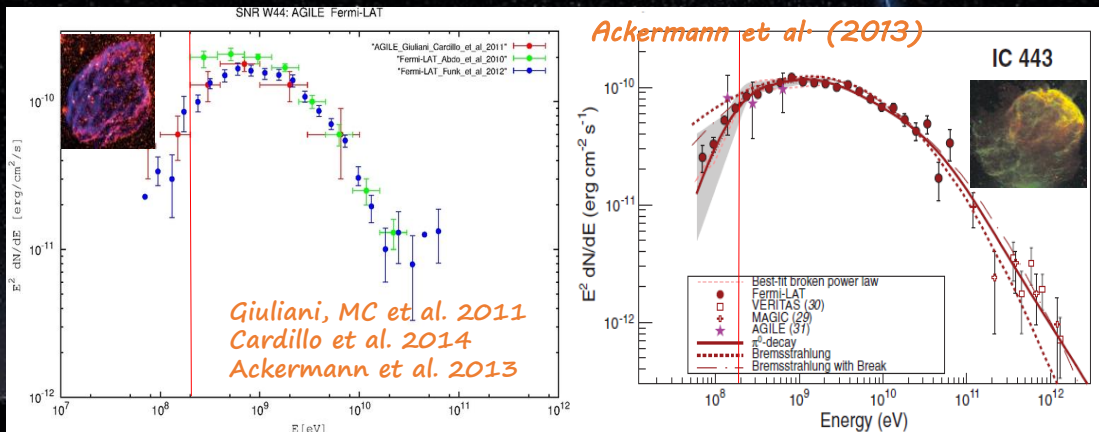
Source name	RA (°)	dec. (°)	Significance above 100 TeV ( $\times\sigma$ )	$E_{\max}$ (PeV)	Flux at 100 TeV (CU)
LHAASO J0534+2202	83.55	22.05	17.8	$0.88 \pm 0.11$	1.00(0.14)
LHAASO J1825-1326	276.45	-13.45	16.4	$0.42 \pm 0.16$	3.57(0.52)
LHAASO J1839-0545	279.95	-5.75	7.7	$0.21 \pm 0.05$	0.70(0.18)
LHAASO J1843-0338	280.75	-3.65	8.5	$0.26 - 0.10^{+0.16}$	0.73(0.17)
LHAASO J1849-0003	282.35	-0.05	10.4	$0.35 \pm 0.07$	0.74(0.15)
LHAASO J1908+0621	287.05	6.35	17.2	$0.44 \pm 0.05$	1.36(0.18)
LHAASO J1929+1745	292.25	17.75	7.4	$0.71 - 0.07^{+0.16}$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J1956+2845	299.05	28.75	7.4	$0.42 \pm 0.03$	0.41(0.09)
LHAASO J2018+3651	304.75	36.85	10.4	$0.27 \pm 0.02$	0.50(0.10)
LHAASO J2032+4102	308.05	41.05	10.5	$1.42 \pm 0.13$	0.54(0.10)
LHAASO J2108+5157	317.15	51.95	8.3	$0.43 \pm 0.05$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J2226+6057	336.75	60.95	13.6	$0.57 \pm 0.19$	1.05(0.16)



See Orlando Talk

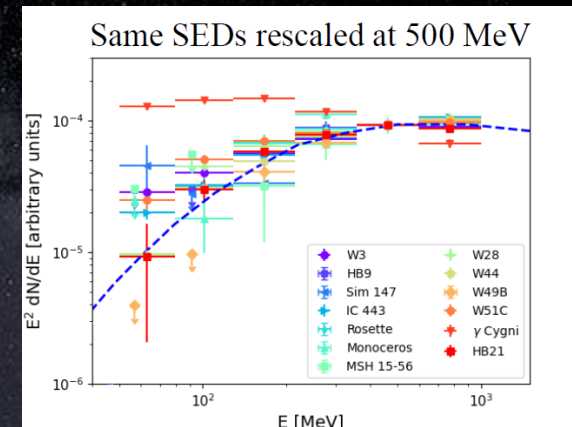
# Supernova Remnants

Lemoine-Goumard talk  
Gamma2022

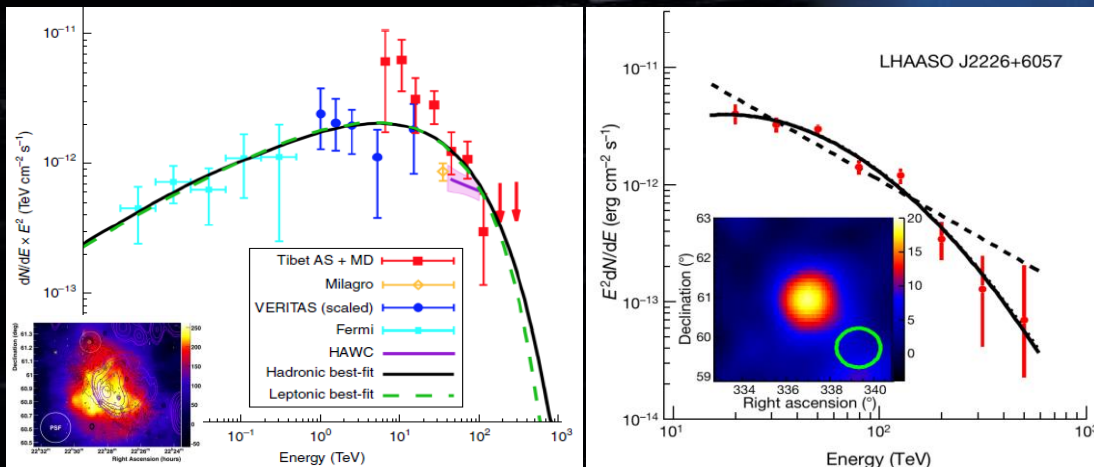


## Low Energies

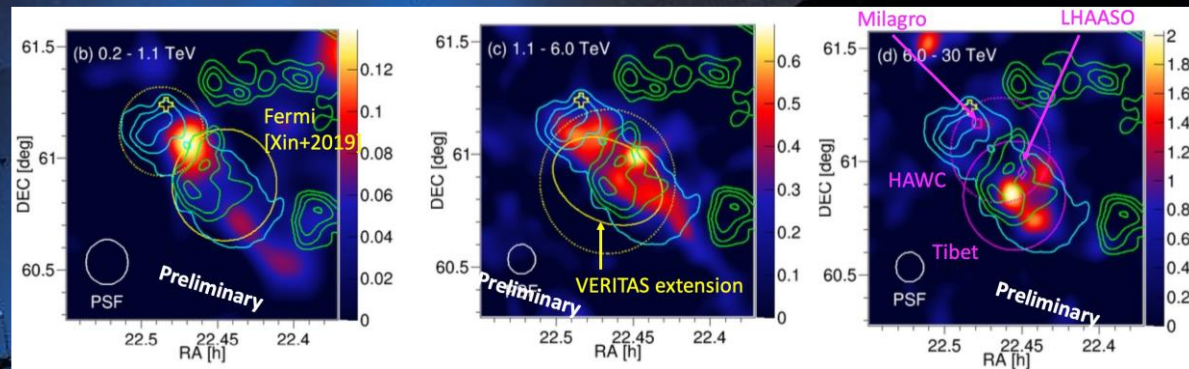
Presence of CRs confirmed but not confirmation of freshly accelerated CRs (likely RE-accelerated)  
[Cardillo et al. 2016, Celli et al. 2019]



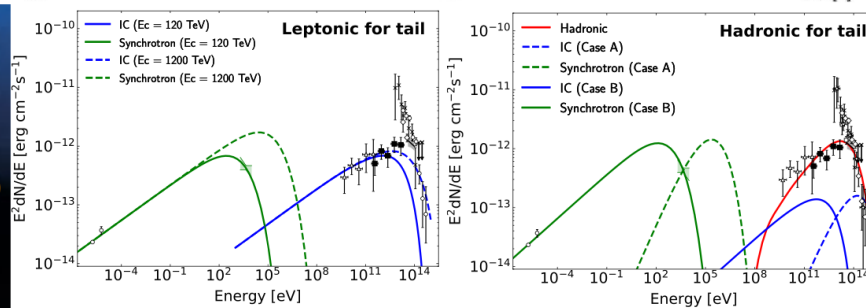
## G106.3+2.7/Boomerang/LHAASO J2226+6057



Tibet AS collaboration 2021 Cao et al. 2021



MAGIC study  
(Saito talk  
Gamma2022)



## High Energies

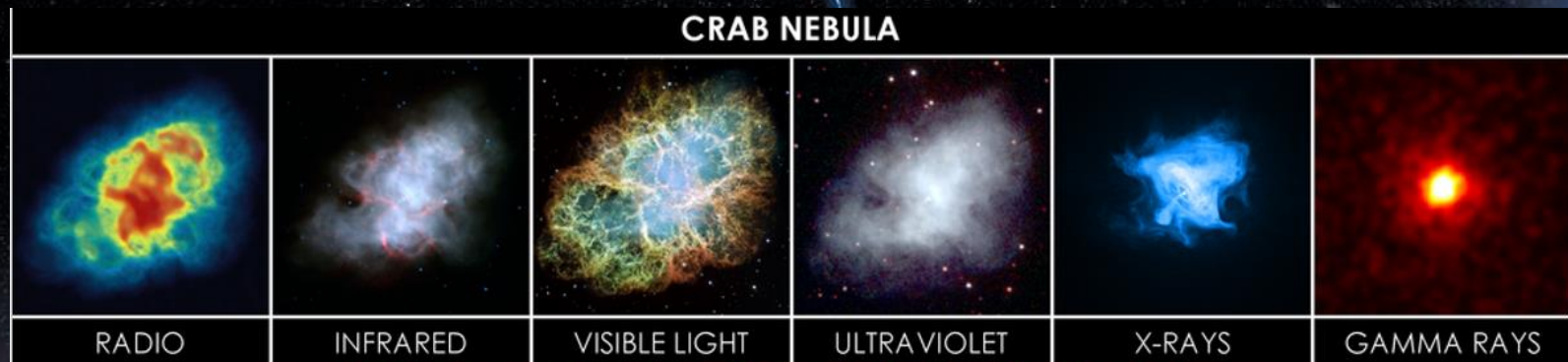
## Propagation study

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for ASTRI performances

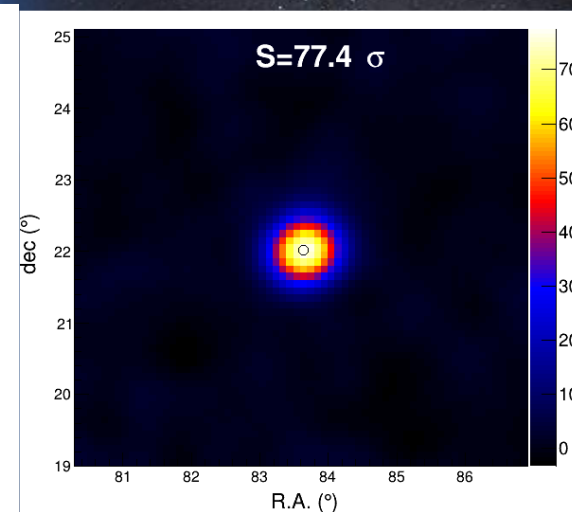
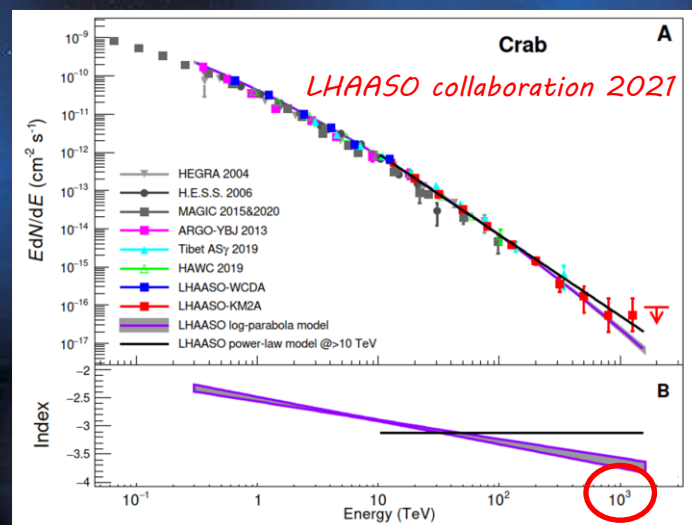
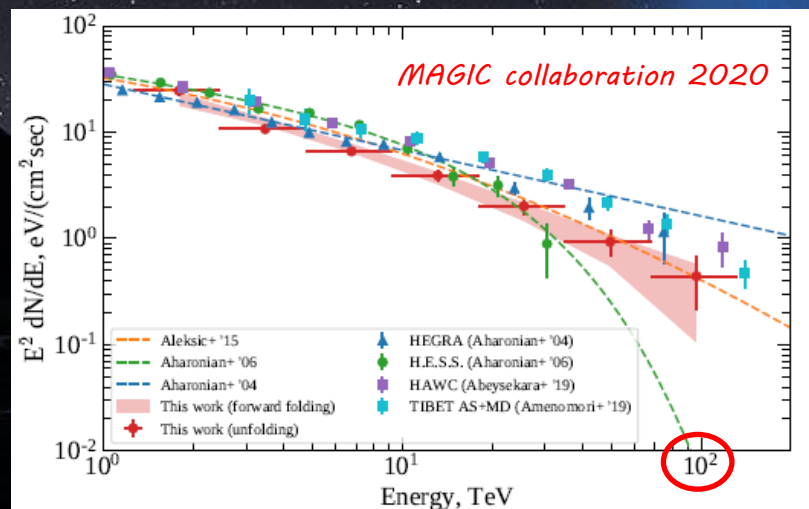




# CRAB NEBULA

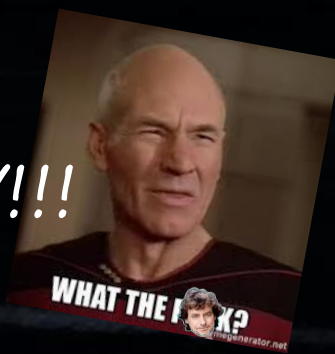


Standard Candle  
for Gamma-ray  
astronomy (when it  
is not flaring)



Detection  
above 1 PeV!!!

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but...

Crab is a  
PWN  
(leptonic source)

So...

Leptons  
Or  
Hadrons?



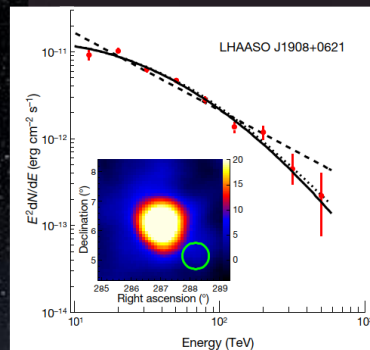
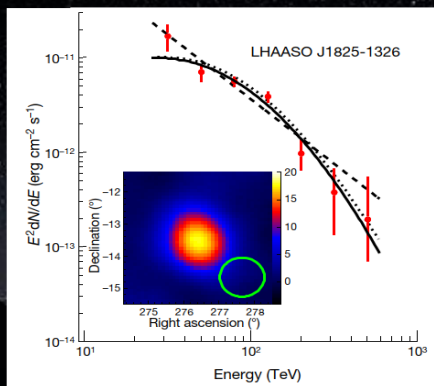
See Amato talk

# Pulsar Wind Nebulae

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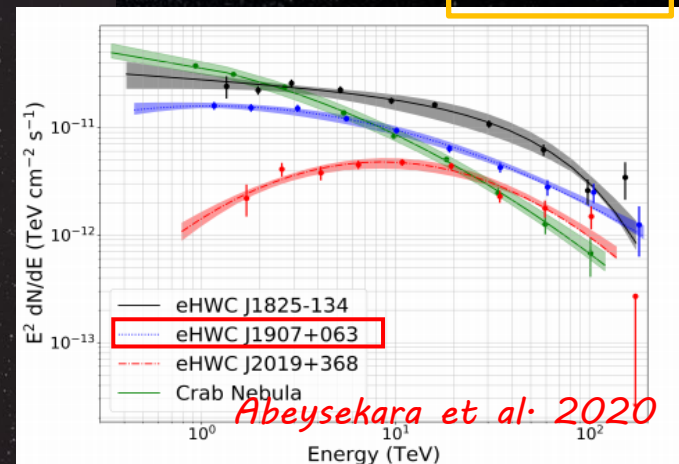
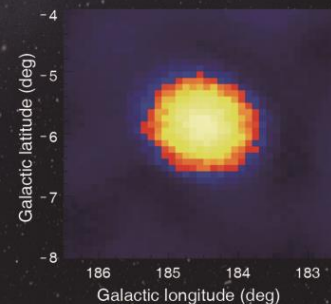
HAWC

Cao et al. 2021



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The majority  
could be PWN!!!

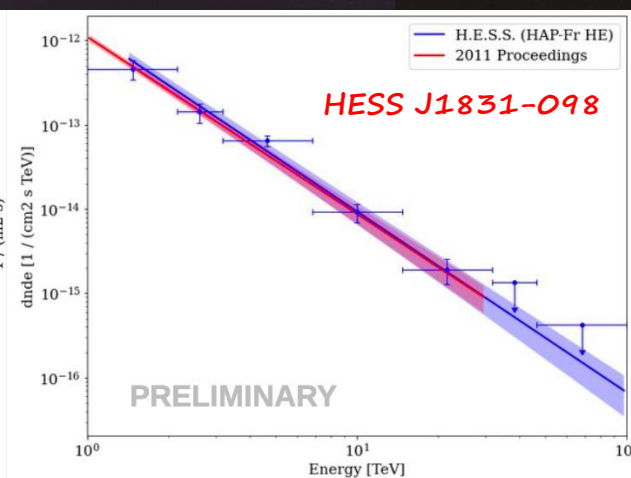
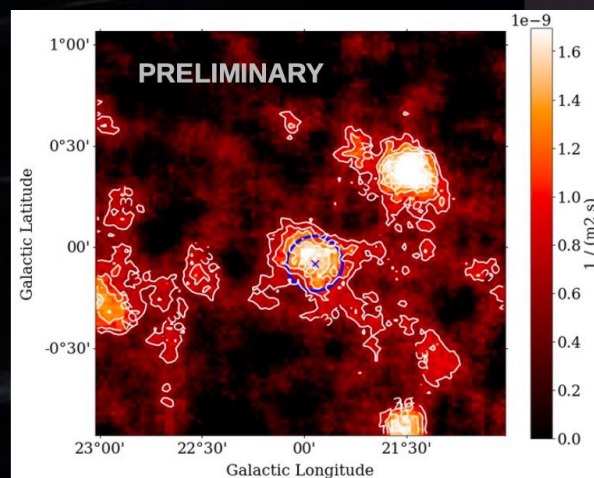


Abeysekara et al. 2020

HESS J1831-098

Several possible associations:  
PWN? SNR?

[Lypova talk Gamma2022]

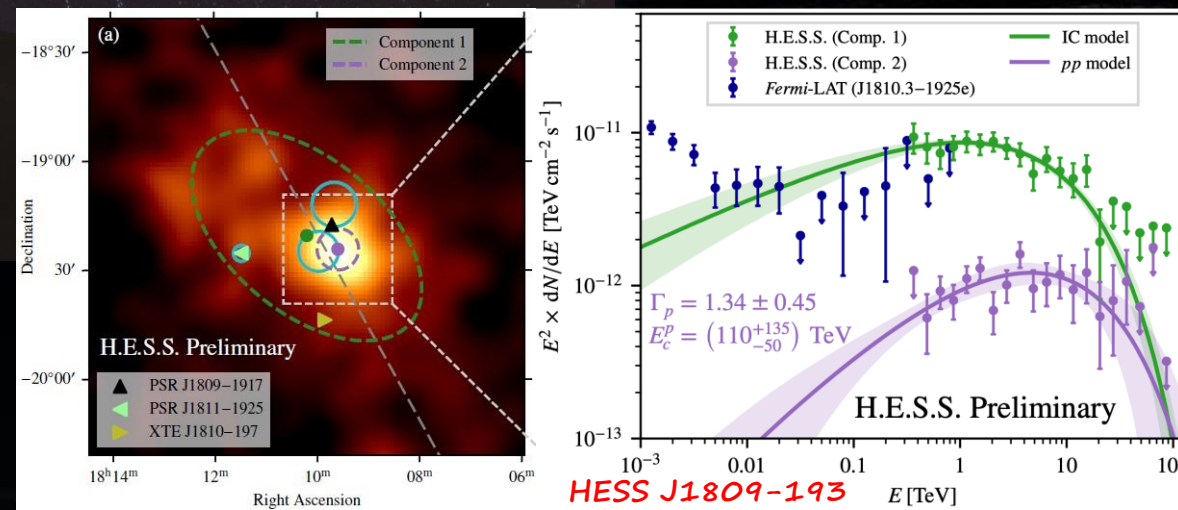


Complex environment

Extended component → PWN or PWN+SNR

Compact Component

[Mohrmann talk Gamma2022]



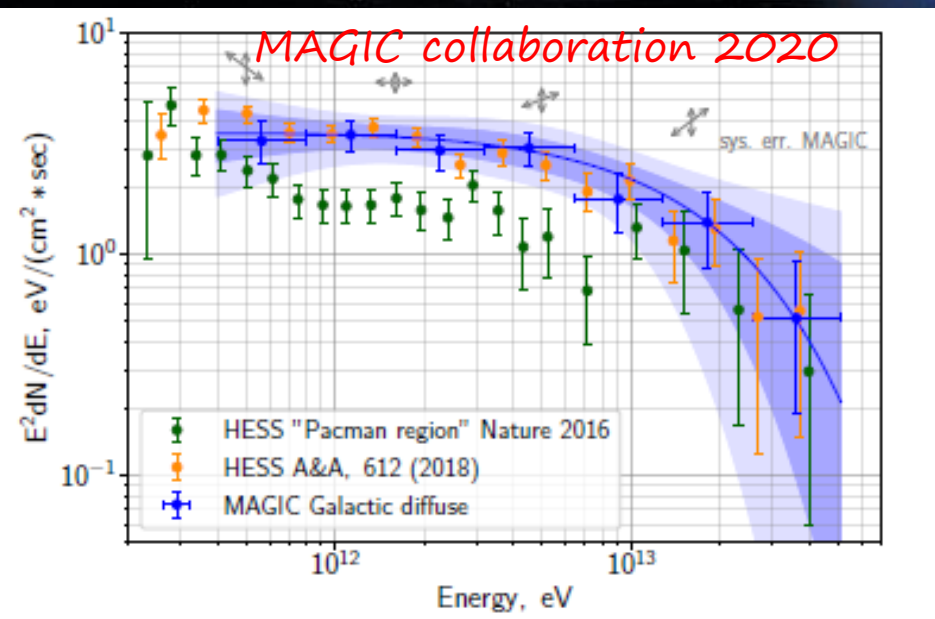
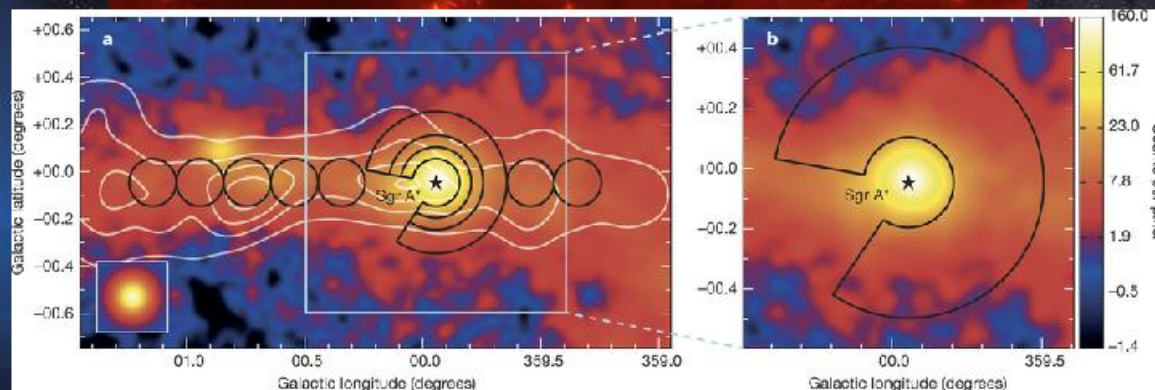
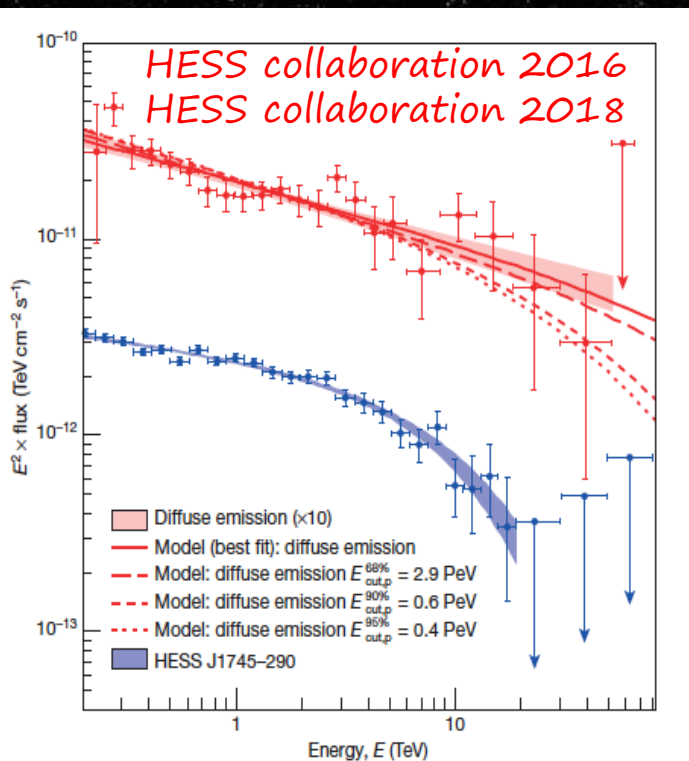


# Galactic Center Region

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APEX+Planck  
: Dust

HESS  
collaboration  
2016

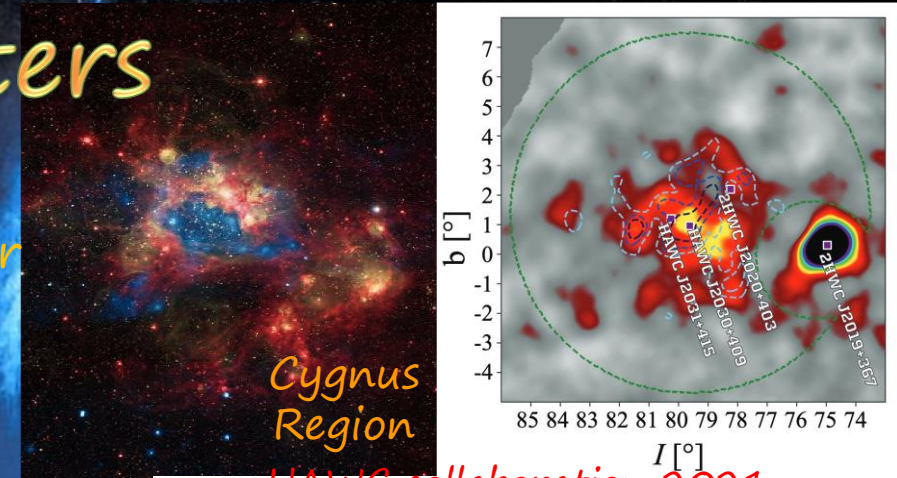


- Perfect correlation between molecular gas distribution and gamma-ray emission seen by HESS
- CR energy density 10 times greater than CR sea
- CR spectrum with and index  $\gamma E = 2.3-2.4$  up to 100 TeV (but with large error bars)
- Spatial distribution with  $1/r$  (continuous injection)
- Maybe from Sgr A\* (Rodríguez-Ramírez et al., 2019)
- First spectro-morphological analysis on-going (Devin talk Gamma 2022)

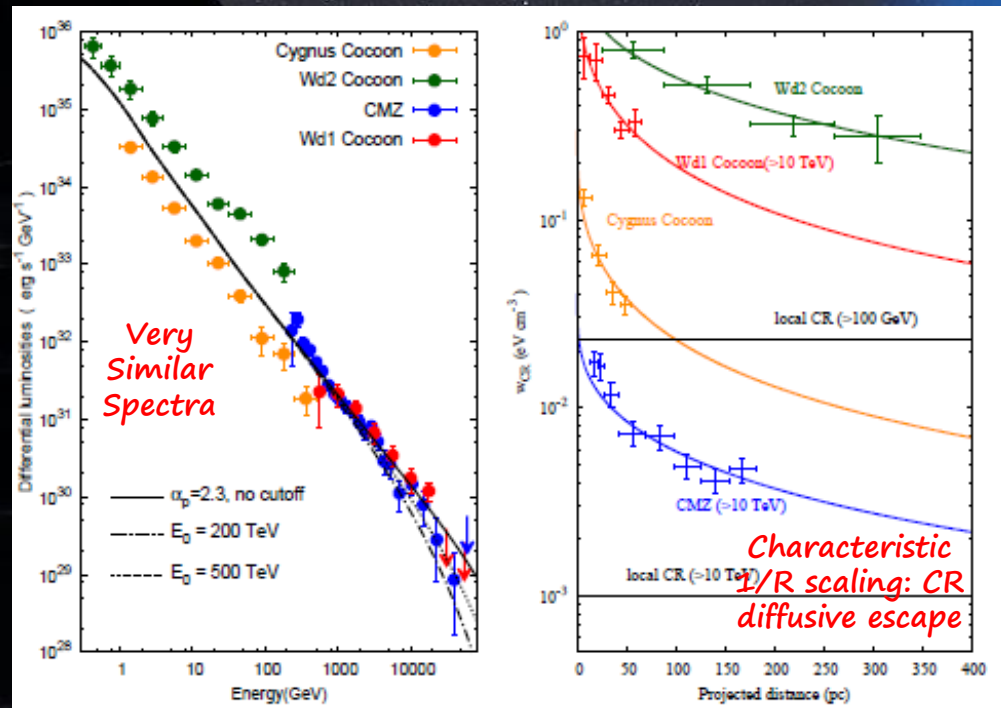


# Massive Star Clusters

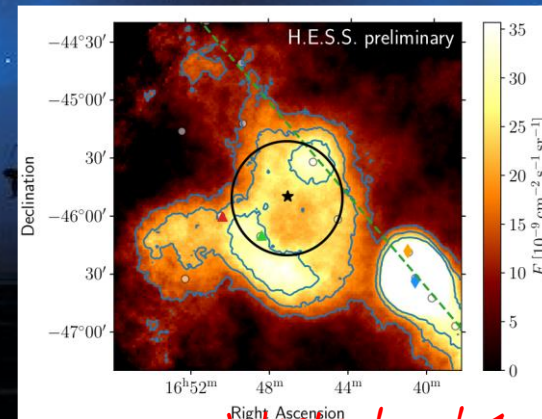
- Multiple shocks and winds → enhanced turbulence and acceleration
- No radiative phase → larger acceleration efficiency
- Low-energy spectrum slope similar to the one measured by Voyager
- Explanation of some CR composition anomalies → Be abundances [Tatischeff 2018]
- Spatial and spectral behavior similar to the GC one [Aharonian 2018]
- Acceleration at 1 PeV possible at Wind Termination Shocks [Vieu talk & Gabici talk Gamma2022, Vieu et al. 2022]



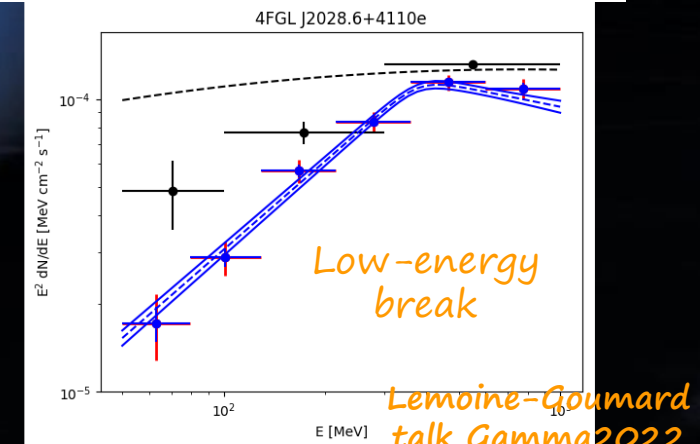
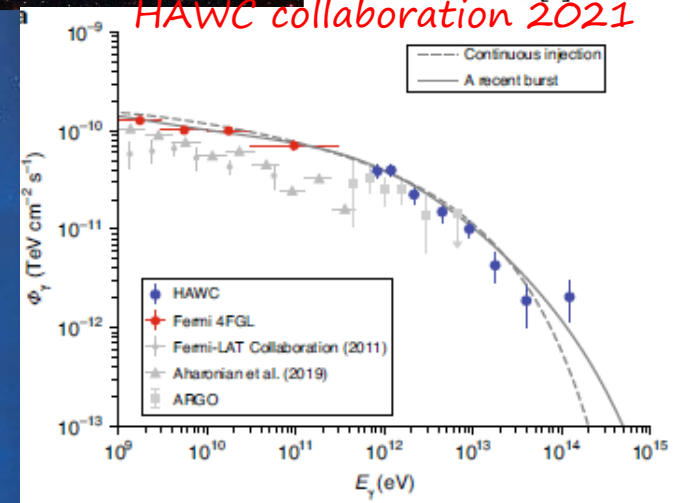
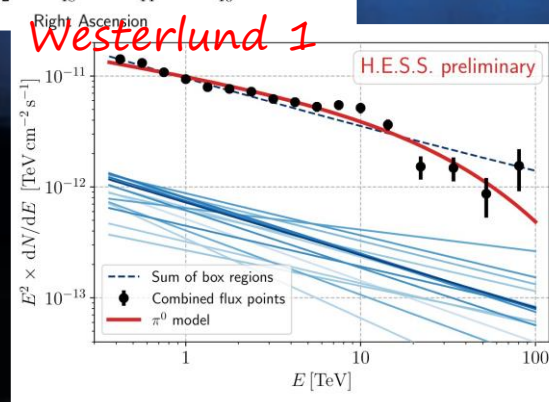
HAWC collaboration 2021



Aharonian et al. 2018



Harer poster & Vieu talk Gamma 2022





# Gamma-ray binaries example: Microquasars

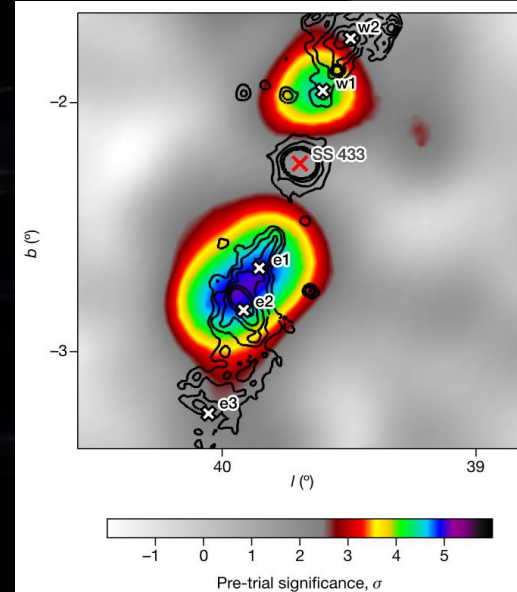
Binary stellar systems (BS/BH+Companion)

Cyg X-1, Cyg X-3 and **SS 433** (emitting X-rays) show HE emission up to GeV.

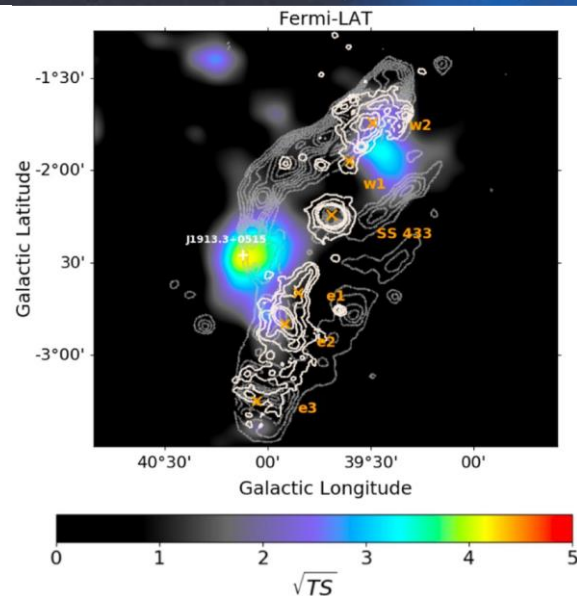
See Egron Talk

SS 433

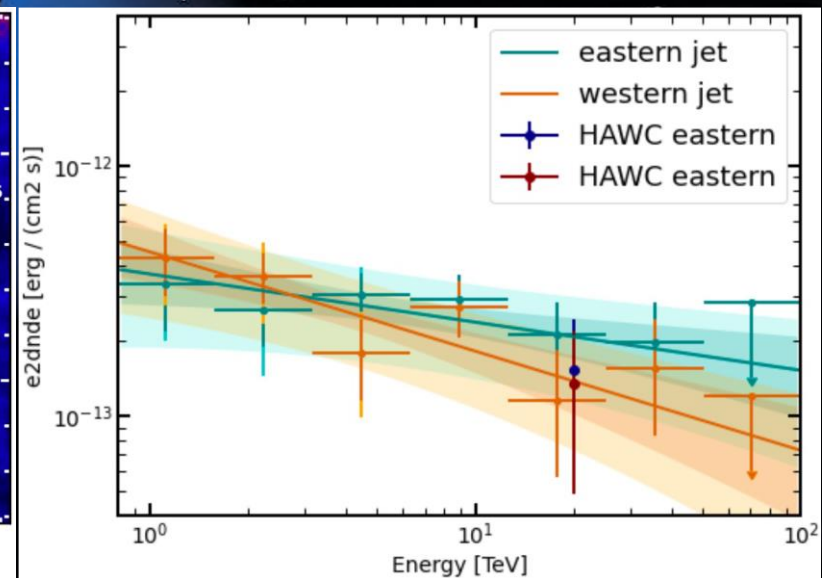
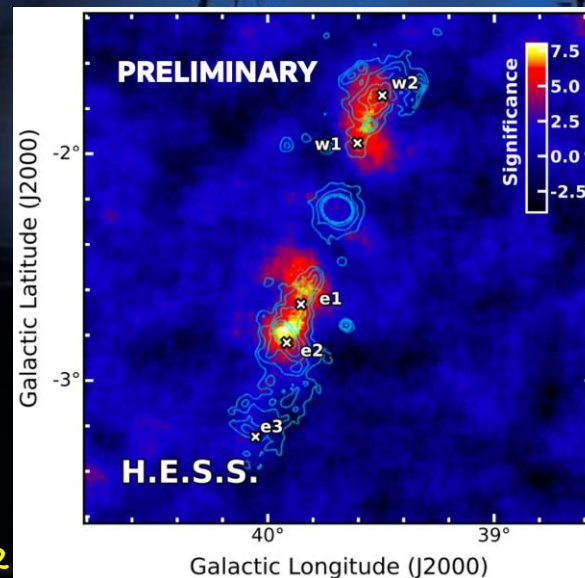
HAWC (HAWC2018)



Fermi-LAT (Fang+2020)



HESS



Olivera-Nieto Gamma2022



# What we need in the next future?

- Wide FoV with almost homogeneous off-axis acceptance
  - ✓ Multi-target fields, surveys, and extended sources (GC, SNRs, TeV halos)
  - ✓ Enhanced chance for serendipitous discoveries
- Sensitivity: better than current IACTs ( $E > 10$  TeV):
  - ✓ Extended spectra for PeVatron confirmation and lepto/hadro origin discerning (SNRs, Micro-quasars, PWN)
  - ✓ Diffusion coefficient constraints (Gamma-Cygni, SNRs, TeV halos)
- Energy/Angular resolution:  $\leq 10\%$  /  $\leq 0.1^\circ$  ( $E \leq 10$  TeV)
  - ✓ Characterize extended sources morphology and MW association (Jets, SNRs, GC, TeV halos)

And we would like also  
a neutrino detection, thanks!







Serra La Nave  
(Sicily)



Teide Observatory  
(Tenerife)

*Giuliani Talk*



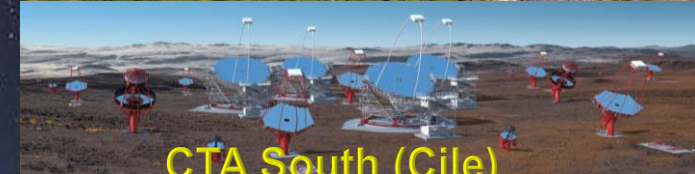
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array

the observatory for  
ground-based  
gamma-ray astronomy

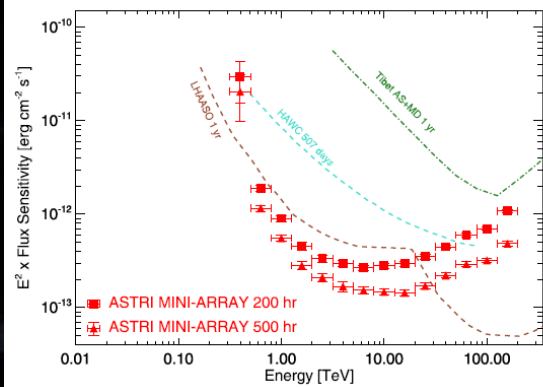
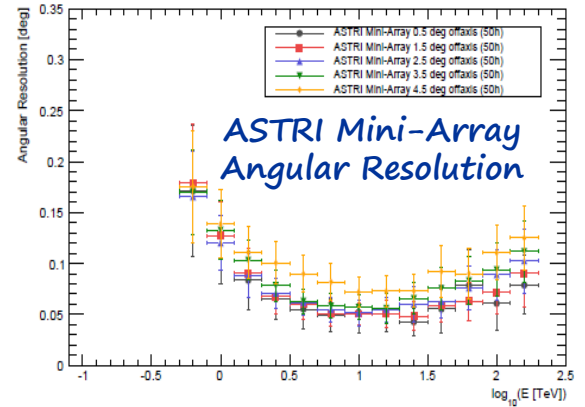
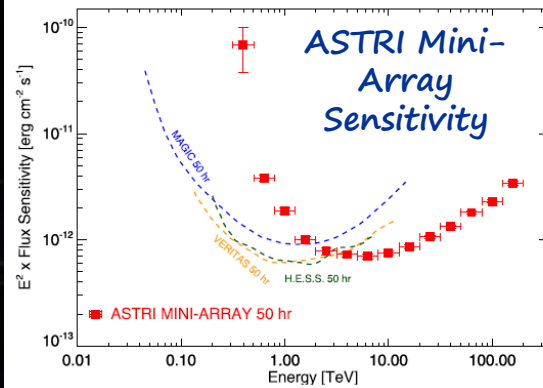
*Cappi Talk*



CTA North (La Palma)



CTA South (Cile)

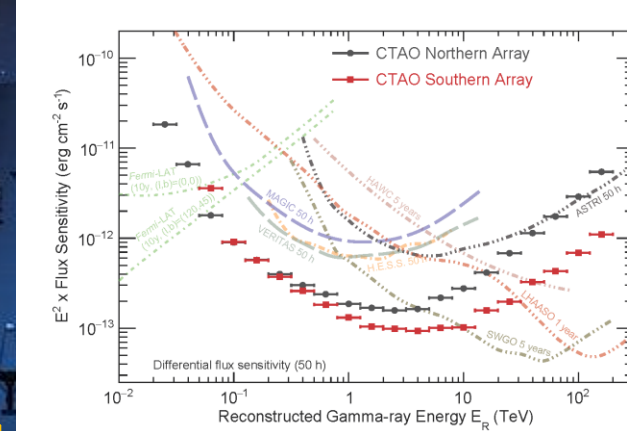


1 telescope operative → early 2023 (already on-site!!)

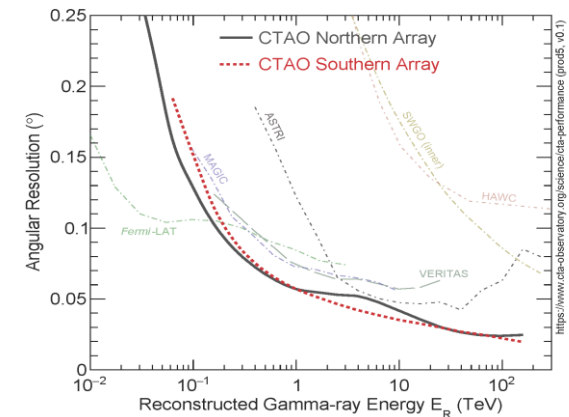
3 telescopes operative → by 2023

Complete Array → by the end of 2024

- Scuderi et al. 2022, JHEAP, 35, 52
- Vercellone et al., 2022, JHEAP, 35, 1-42
- D'Ai et al., 2022, JHEAP, 35, 139



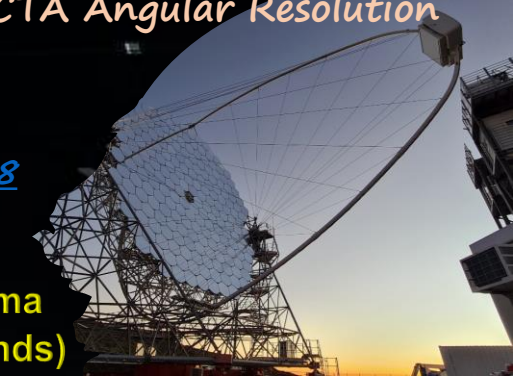
CTA Sensitivity



CTA Angular Resolution

CTA website (<https://www.cta-observatory.org/science/ctao-performance/#147256315764891558872-faf1>)

LST1, La Palma  
(Canarian Islands)





# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- ✧ One of the "hot" topic of the High Energy Astrophysics is "Particle Acceleration" and, in particular, the search of hadronic Pevatrons (**Origin of Cosmic Rays!!!!**)
- ✧ A very brilliant future with **ASTRI Mini-Array** and **CTA** and synergy with current VHE instruments
- ✧ **Multiwavelength** work will be fundamental
- ✧ **A lot of work to do**: from simulation and software to data analysis to theoretical interpretation

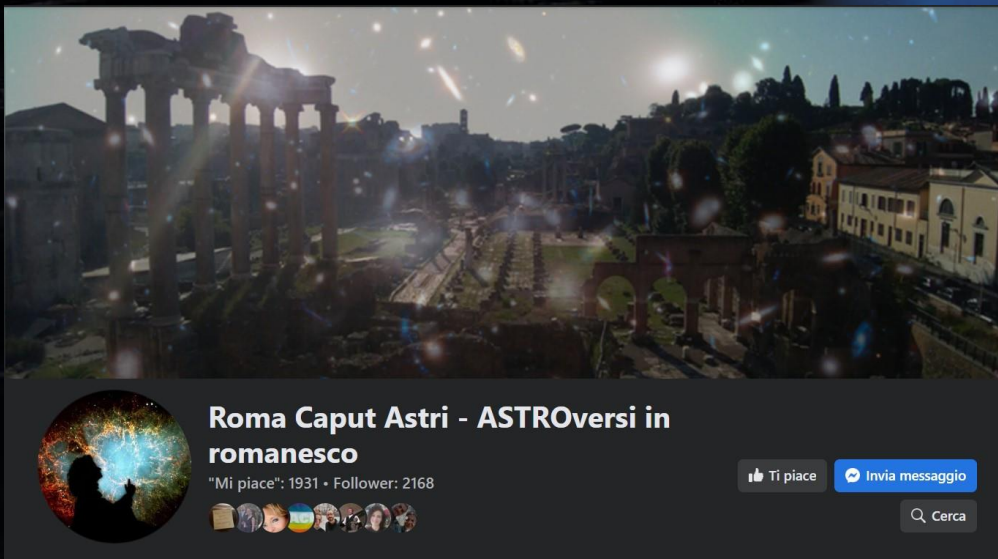
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Rubrica "Bolle spaziali"



Divulgazione fatta  
col cuore...



"A Spazio  
Con  
Marty"



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Grazie  
a tutti voi!