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High Energy Stereoscopic System

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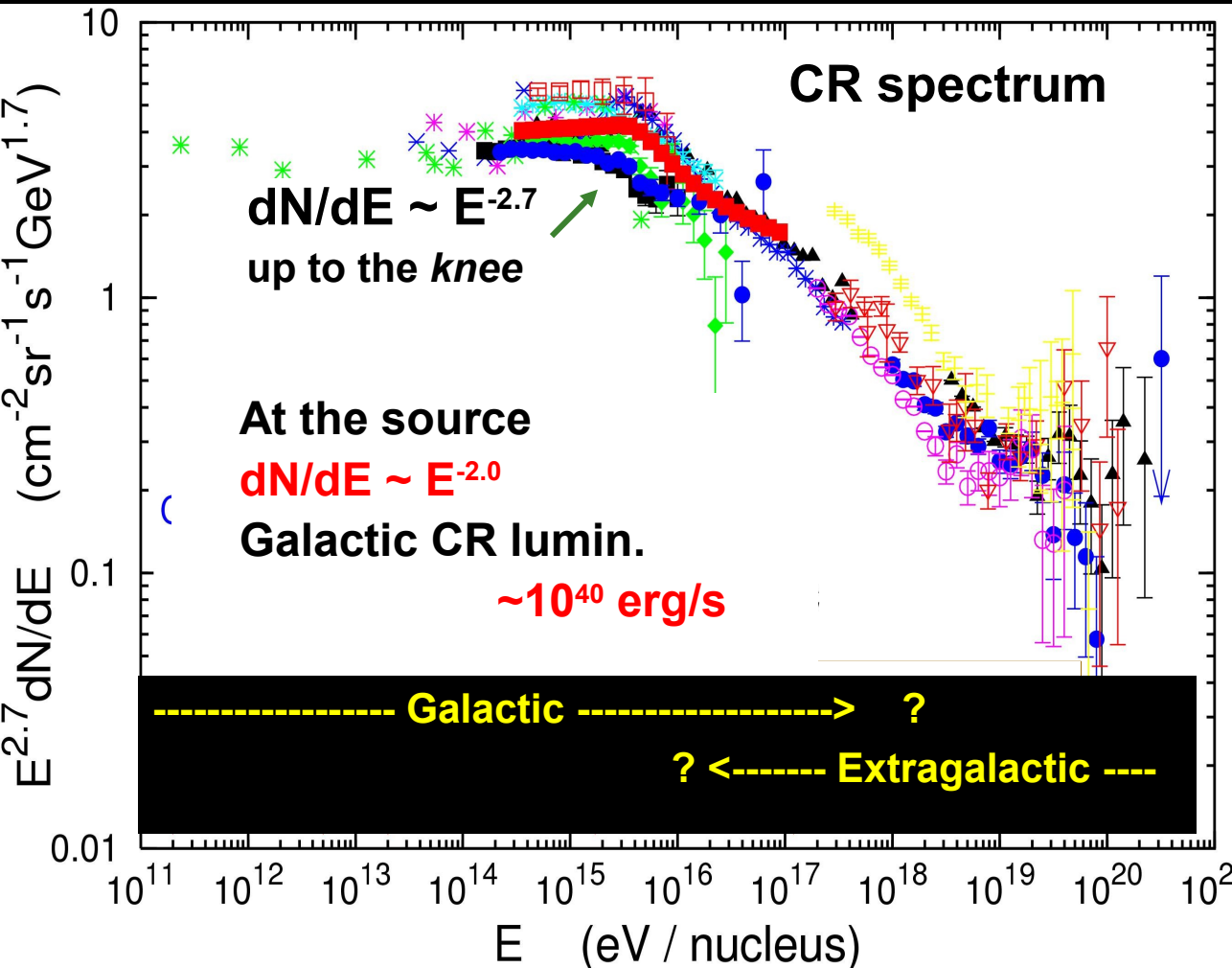
3rd School of Cosmic-Rays, Arequipa, Peru (Aug/Sept 2008)



The Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum

Since discovery (1912, Victor Hess), CR origin still unknown!

CR Acceleration: How? Diffusive Shock Accel.



Krymsky 1977, Axford 1977,

Blandford & Ostriker 1978,

Bell 1978

[following Fermi (1949, 1954)]

$dN/dE \sim E^{-2.0}$ at source

$E_{\max} \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15}$ eV

see review Hillas 2005

CR Origin: Where?

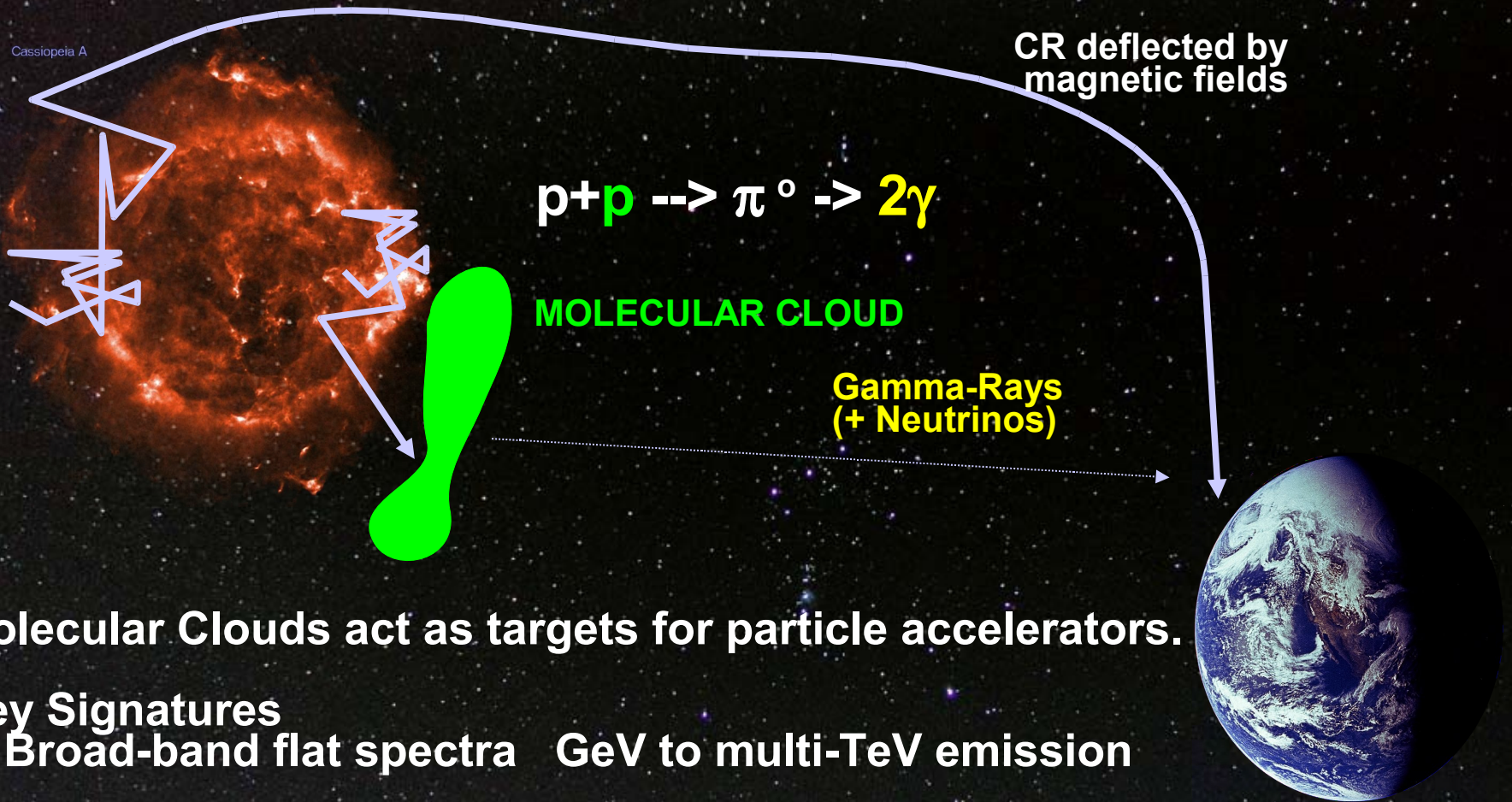
Shell-Type

Supernova Remnants

Ginzburg & Syrovatskii (1964)

$E_{\text{SNR}} \sim 10^{50}$ ergs

Gamma Rays from multi-TeV hadrons (Cosmic-Rays - CRs)



Molecular Clouds act as targets for particle accelerators.

Key Signatures

- Broad-band flat spectra GeV to multi-TeV emission
- TeV gamma + Mol Cloud spatial correlation
--> TeV gamma and arc-min mm-wave observations

We also have! $p+p \rightarrow \pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \nu_\mu (\bar{\nu}_\mu) \rightarrow e^\pm$ secondary
radio to X-ray synchrotron

Gamma Rays from multi-TeV electrons

Cassiopeia A



Accelerated TeV Electrons

$$e + \gamma (\text{soft}) \rightarrow e' + \gamma (\text{TeV})$$

$$e + B (\mu\text{G}) \rightarrow e' + \gamma (\text{keV})$$

(inverse Compton scattering)

(X-ray synchrotron emission)

Accelerated GeV Electrons

$$e + B (\mu\text{G}) \rightarrow e' + \gamma (\sim\text{eV})$$

(Radio - optical synchrotron emission)

see also sync. from 'secondary' electrons



Objectives (a growing list) of TeV Gamma-ray Astronomy

**Oldest question
in modern
astrophysics!**

Origin of (Galactic) Cosmic Rays (CRs)

Shell-SNRs, Molecular clouds, Diffuse radiation of the Galactic Disk..

Particle acceleration/interaction & Photon production/transport.....

Pulsar Wind Nebulae (PWN), Compact Binaries.....

Stellar Clusters & Stellar Wind Interactions

Shock accel in wind/wind/ISM interactions, Superbubbles

Galactic and Extragalactic Sources with relativistic flows

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

Observational Gamma Ray Cosmology

Diffuse Extragalactic Background radiation (constraints),

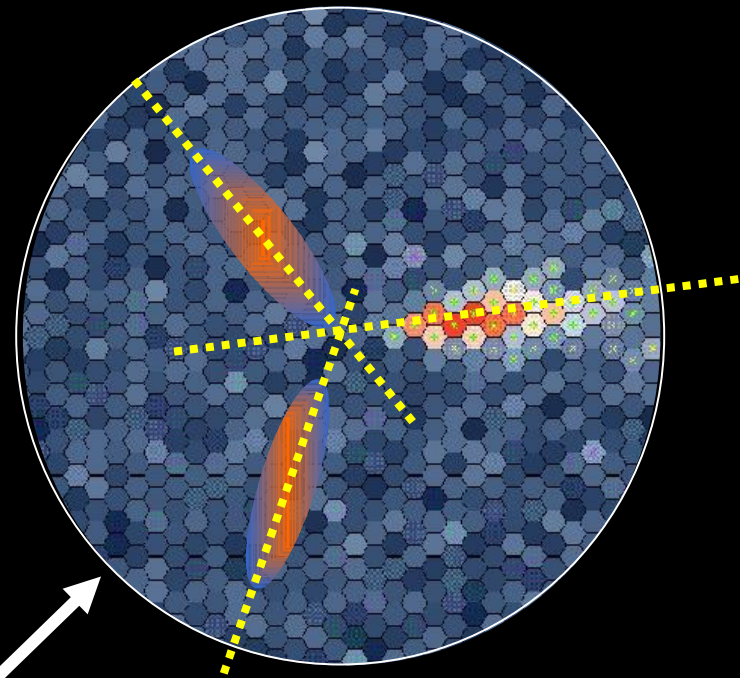
Others

*Large Scale Structure (Clusters of Galaxies), Dark Matter Halos, Pair
Halos*

Ground-Based Gamma-Ray Detection with Stereoscopic Cherenkov Imaging

Extensive air shower from primary gamma-ray or cosmic-ray

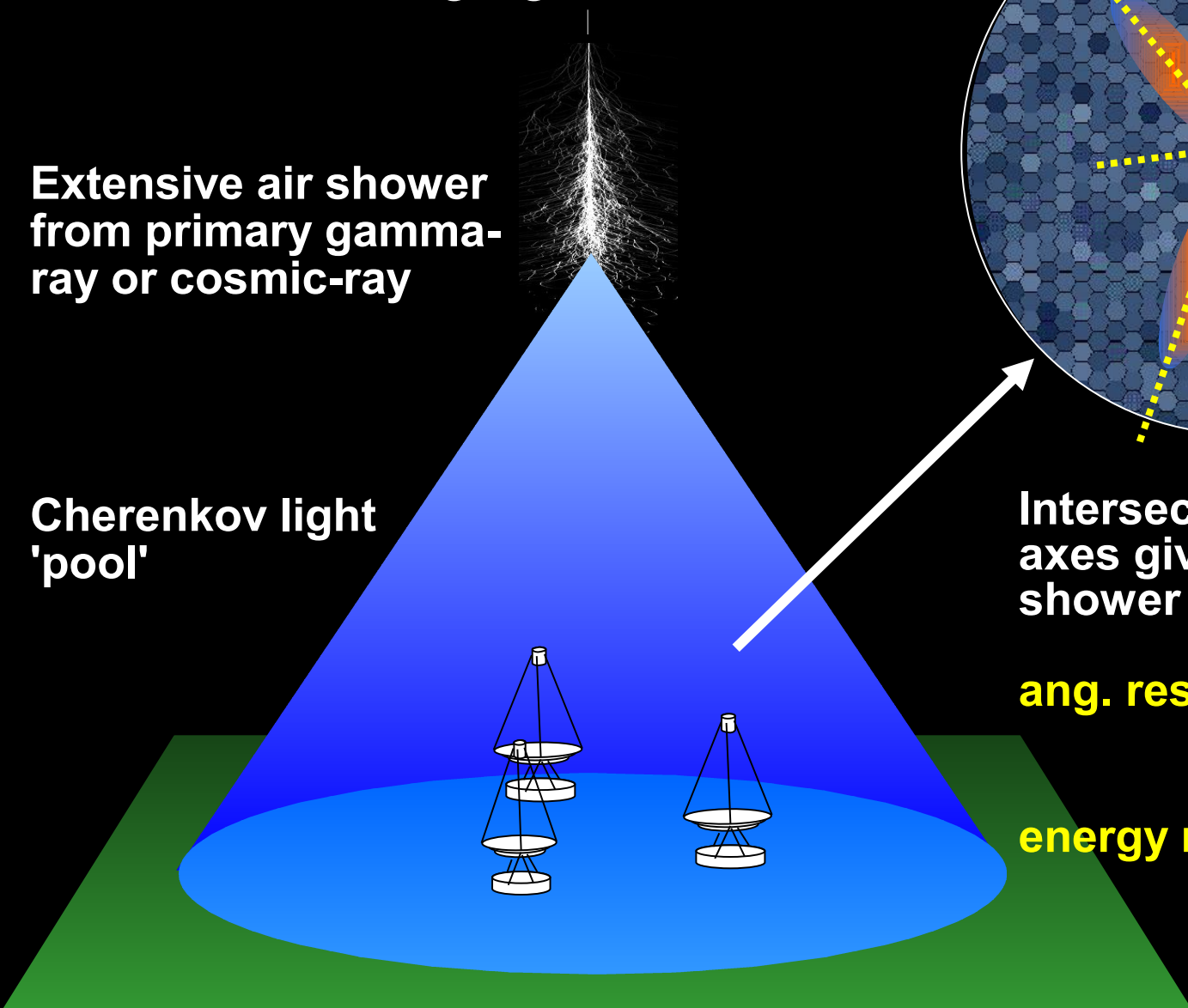
Cherenkov light 'pool'



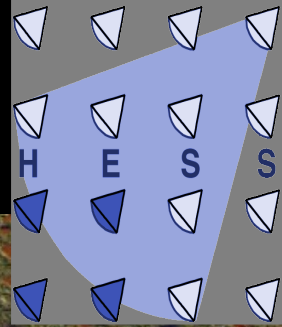
Intersection of image axes gives accurate shower direction

ang. res \sim few arcmins
 $\sim 1/\sqrt{n_{tel}}$

energy res \sim 10-15%



H.E.S.S. Array: 4 x Cherenkov Imaging Telescopes (22° S 1800m a.s.l. Namibia)



4 x 12m diam
dishes

focal-plane cameras
5 deg FoV

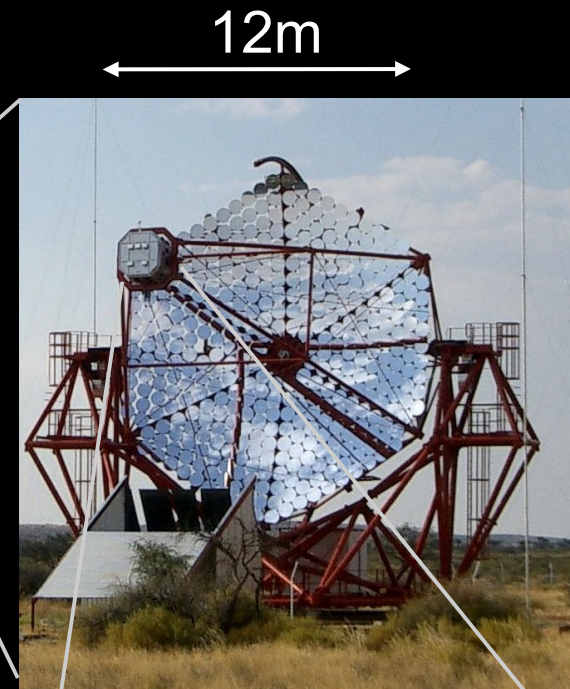
H.E.S.S. >25 Institutions (Europe, Africa, Australia)
<http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS/HESS.htm>
<http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS/public/som/current.htm>
"Source of the Month"

ang. resolution
few arcmins

120 m



The H.E.S.S. Telescopes



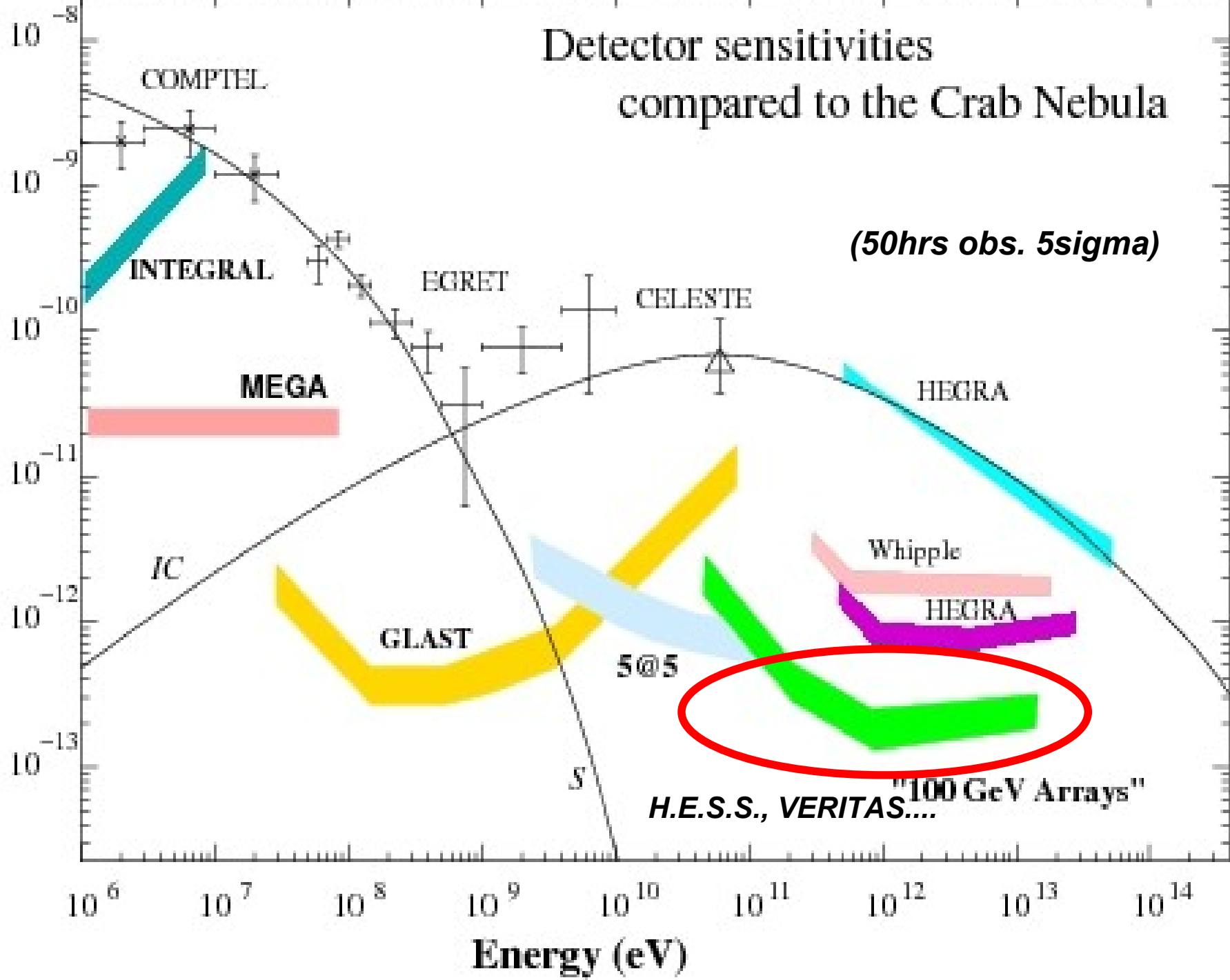
- High Energy Stereoscopic System
- 4 telescopes (in Namibia 23° S) stereoscopic observation mode
- Each telescope: $\sim 107\text{m}^2$ mirror surface, 380 facets
- Photomultiplier camera (ns response) 960 PMTs, **$\sim 5^{\circ}$ field of view (FoV)**
- Sensitive energy range: 0.1 TeV up to ~ 50 TeV
- **Angular resolution: $\sim 0.1^{\circ}$ per event arc-second src location**



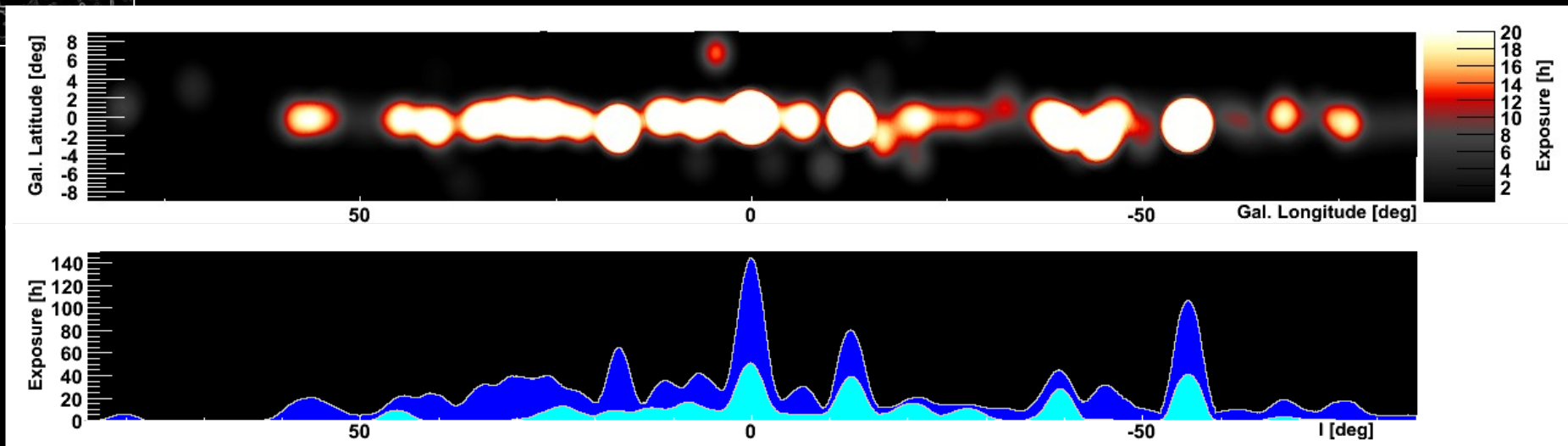
Detector sensitivities compared to the Crab Nebula

Energy Flux (erg/cm² s)

(50hrs obs. 5sigma)

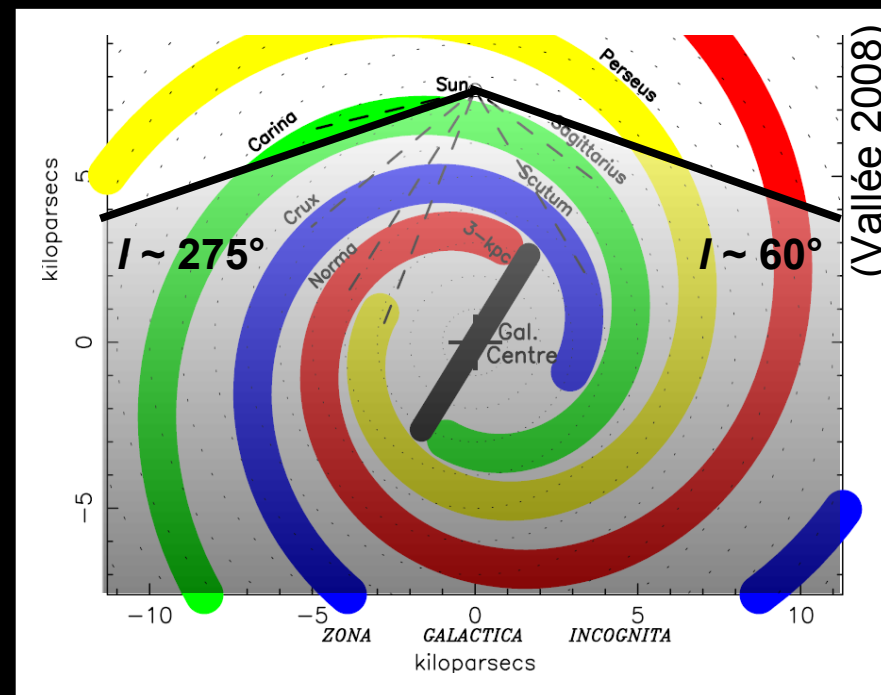


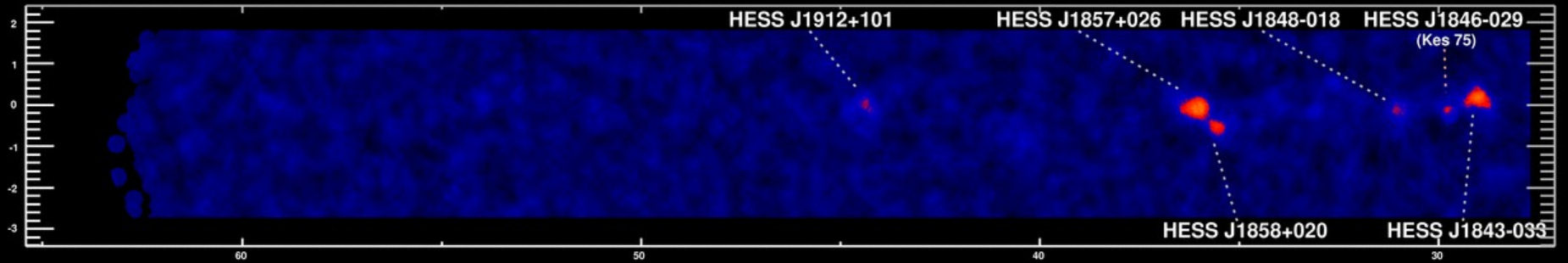
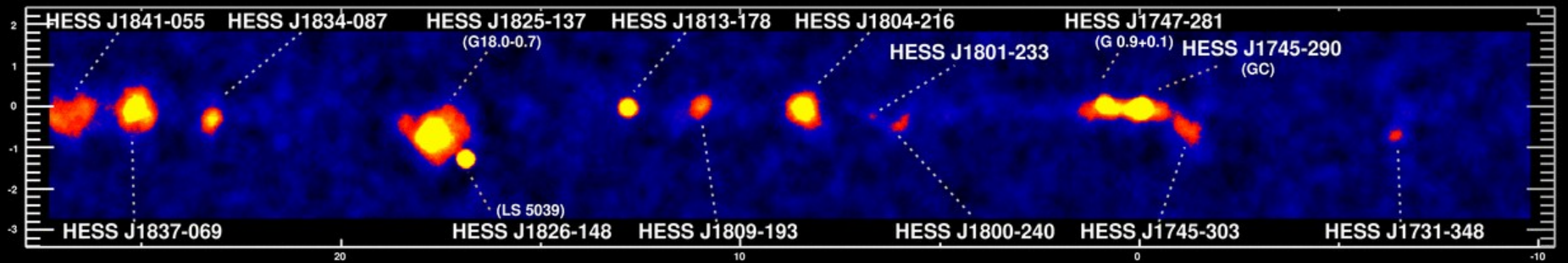
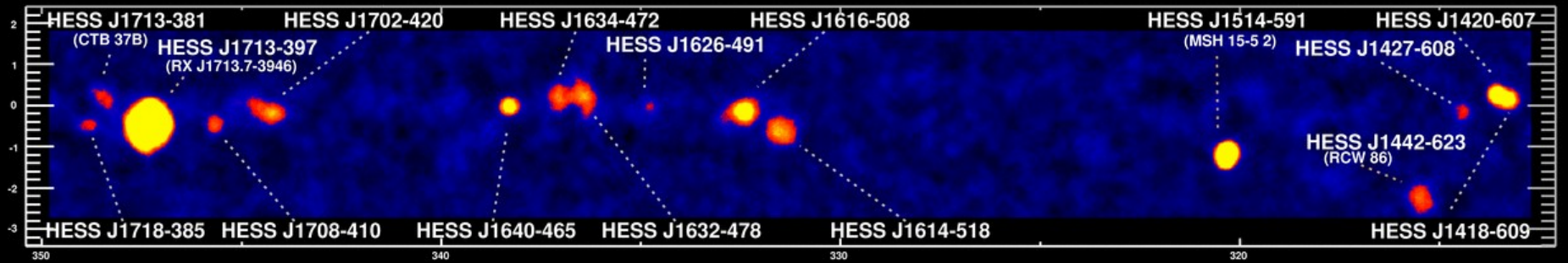
Galactic Plane Scan – up to early 2008

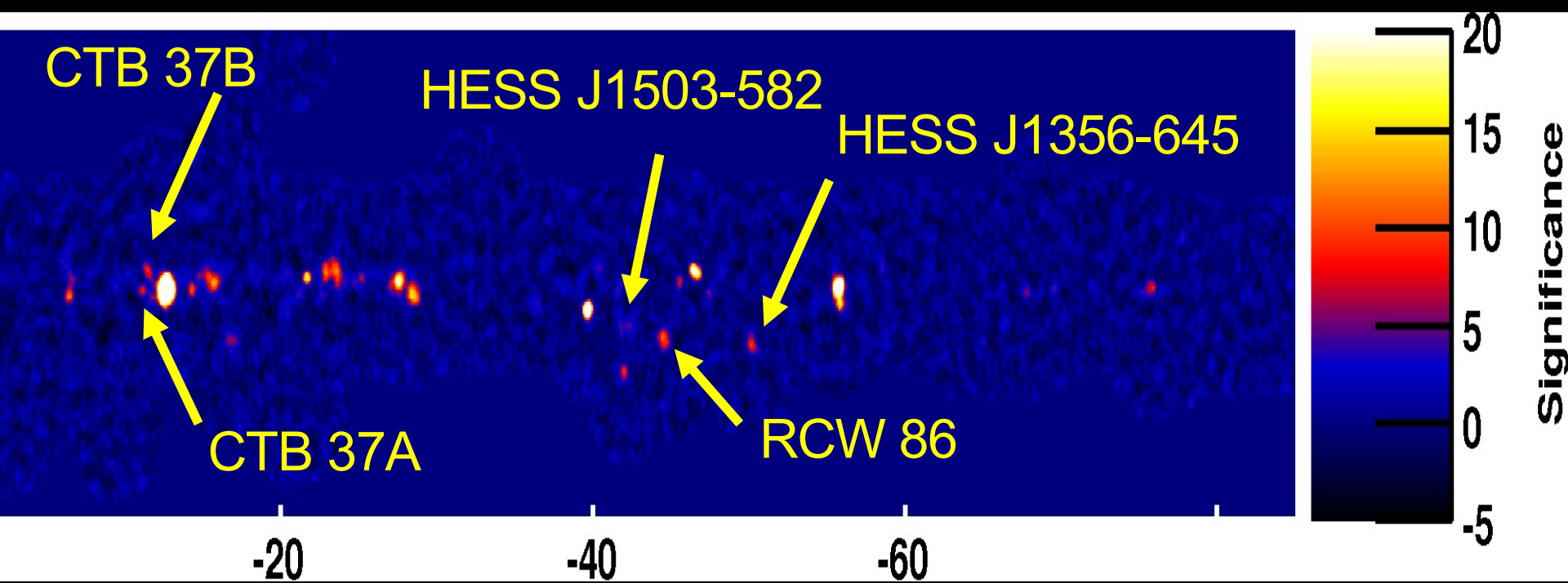
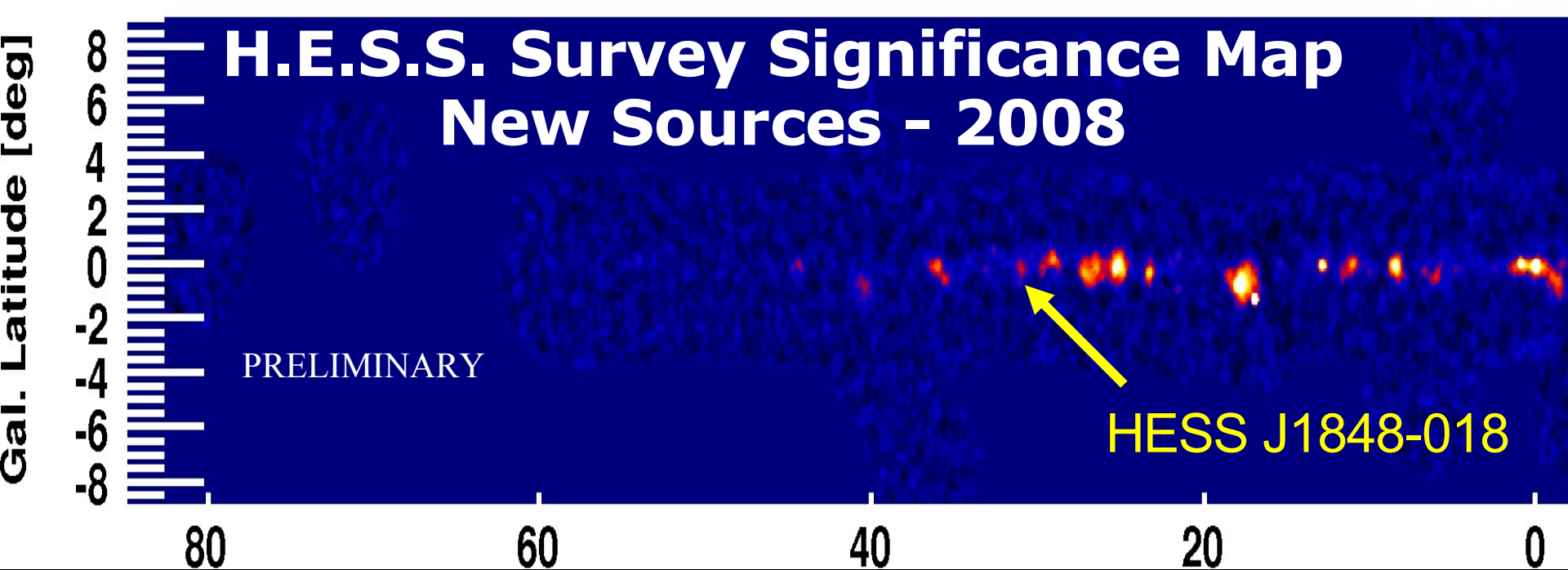


Extended H.E.S.S. GPS

- $-85^\circ < l < 60^\circ$
- $-3^\circ < b < 3^\circ$
- Scan mode: 400 h
- Detected 50+ Galactic sources of VHE gamma-rays
- ICRC 2007, DPG 2008, Gamma08









TeV Source Types

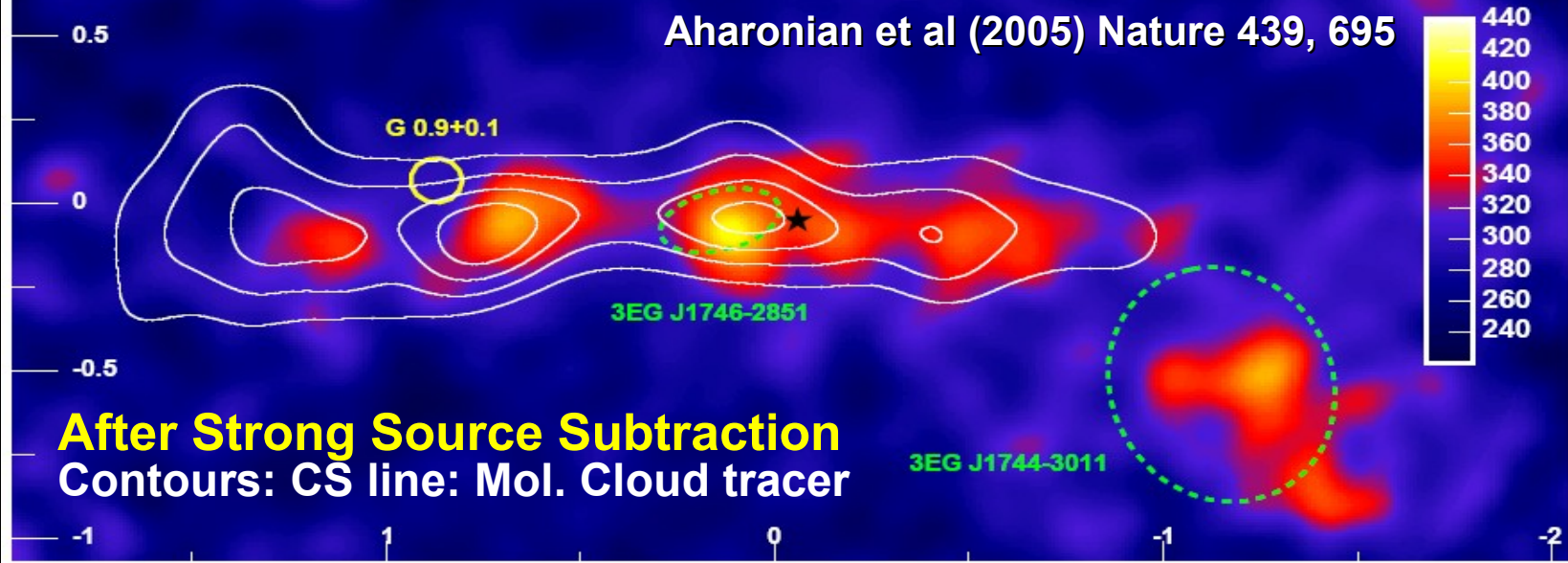
Class	2003	2005	2007	2008
PWN	1	6	18	19
SNR	2	3	7	7
Binaries +		2	4	4
Diffuse		2	2	2
AGN	7	11	19	23
Stellar Cluster *			1	1
UnID	2	6	20	21
TOTAL	12	30	71	77

* Also includes massive high mass loss (eg O, B, WR) stars
+ Binaries – Includes wind/wind accretion, matter accretion and jet-powered



Galactic Centre Region: Diffuse Emission

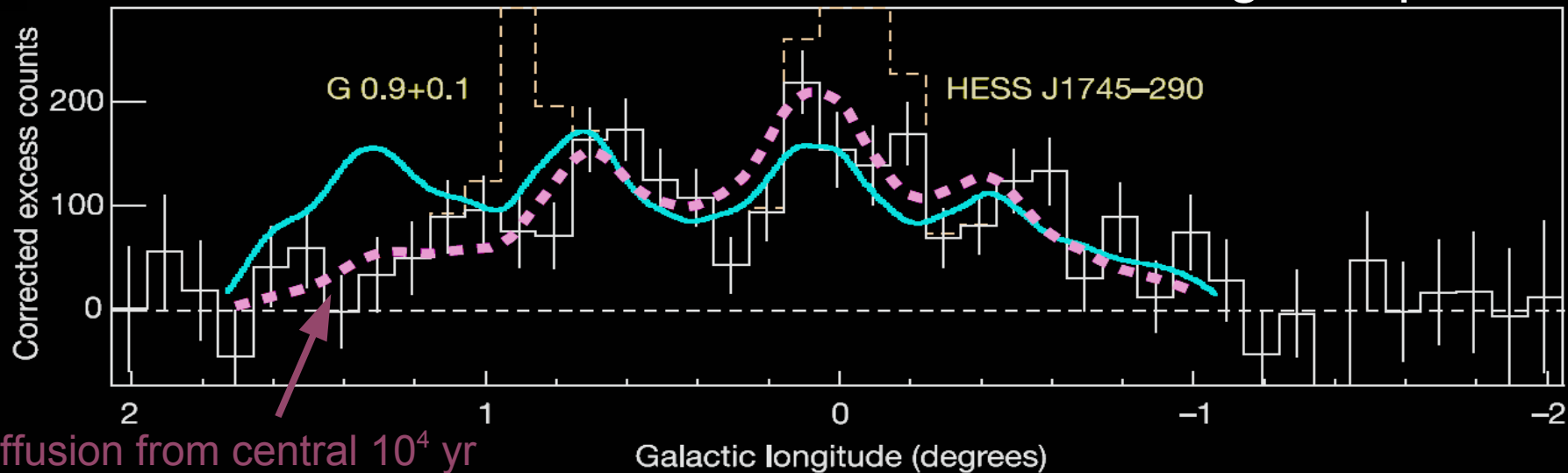
Aharonian et al (2005) Nature 439, 695



-- H.E.S.S.

-- CS Data (Tsuboi et al 1999)

Longitude profile





CR accelerator + Molecular Cloud (passive target)

further discussion see also *Drury et al 1984, Naito et al 1984, Aharonian et al 1986*

TeV Gamma Flux from pi-zero decay above energy E

$$F(\geq E) \sim 3 \times 10^{-13} \left(\frac{E}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{-1.6} k(E) \frac{M_5}{d_{\text{kpc}}^2} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Aharonian (1991) *Ap & SS*. 180, 305

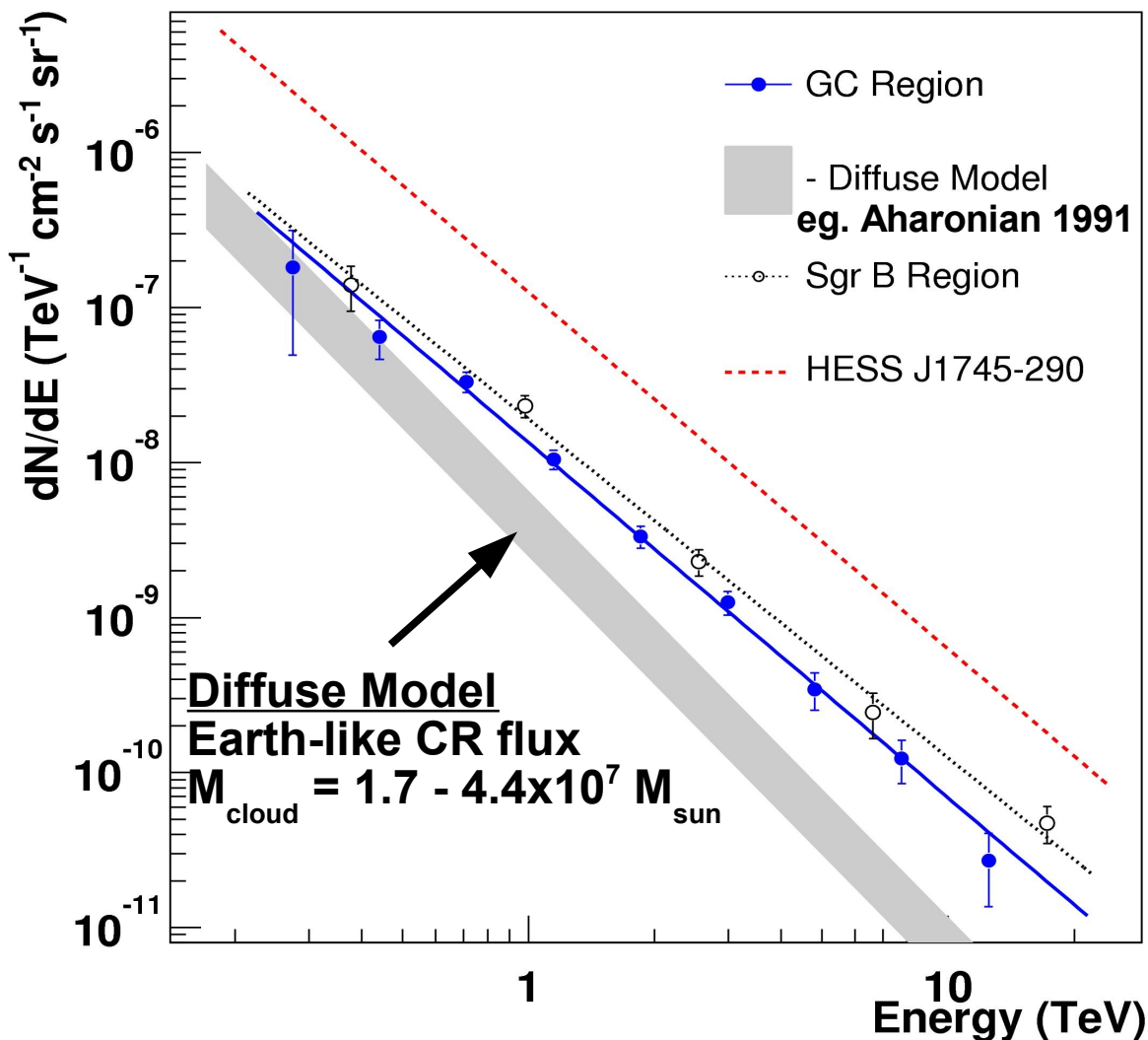
d_{kpc} – distance (kpc)

$k(E)$ – E-dependent scaling factor: For 'Earth-like' CR spectrum $k(E) = 1$

M_5 – Mol. cloud mass (units: $10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$)
from line tracers CO, CS etc.....

If F & M_5 known --> can determine CR spectrum
at source

Diffuse Emission from the GC Region



GC & Sgr-B

Spectral index

$$\Gamma = 2.29 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.20$$

Implies harder
CR spectrum than in
solar neighborhood

CR Enhancement
factor $k \sim 3-9$ ($E > 1$ TeV)

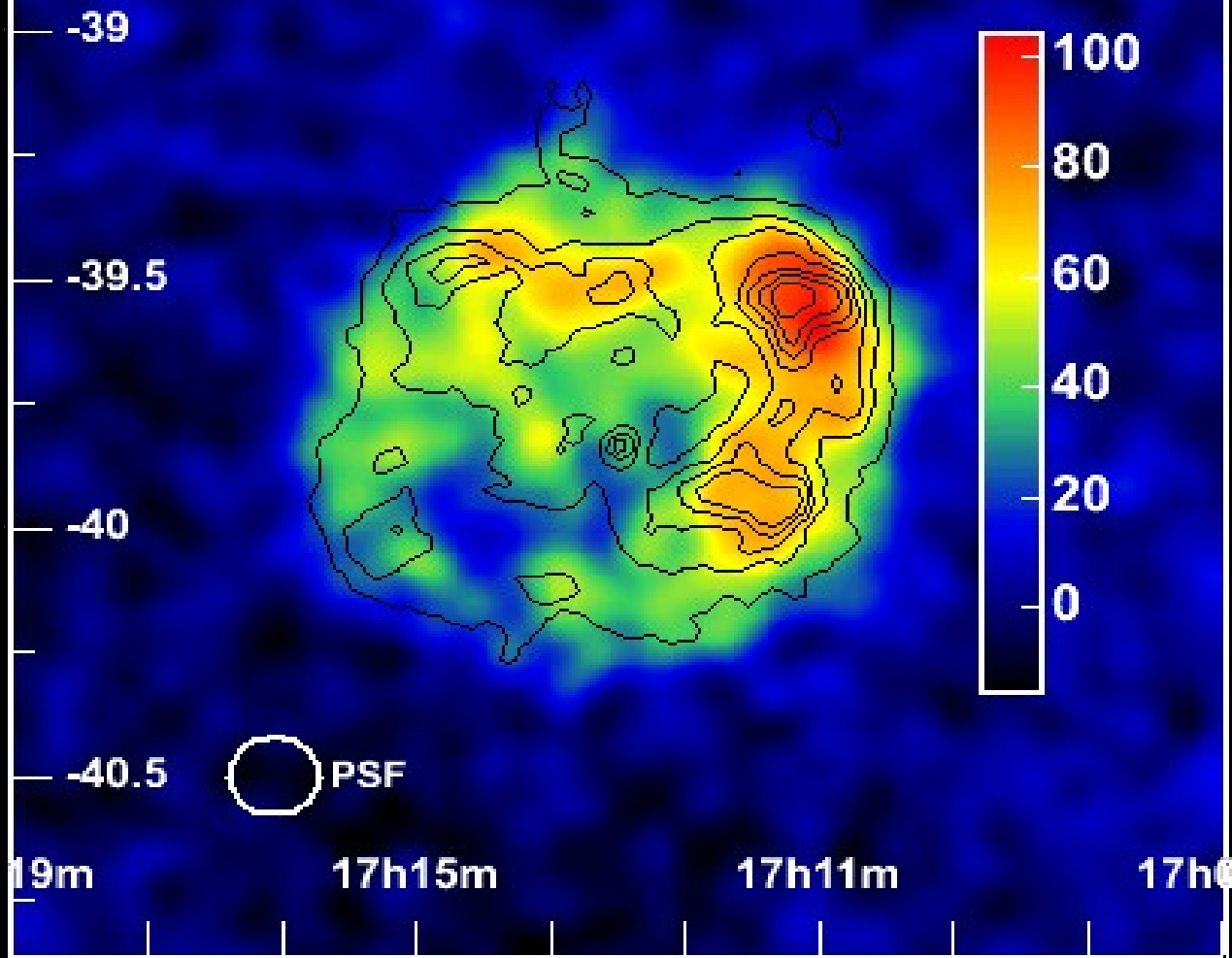
--> Proximity of
accelerator and
Target
(to avoid CR
transport losses)

RX J1713.7-3946

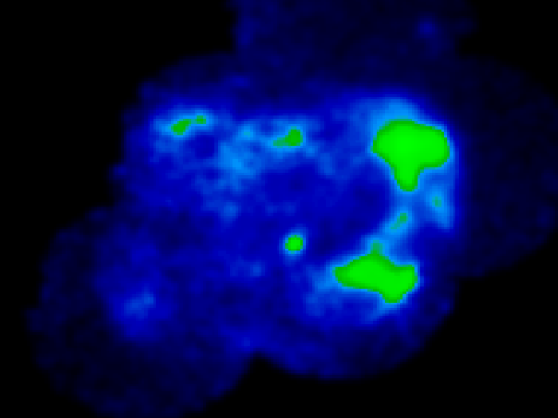
(CANGAROO) Muraishi et al 1999,
Enomoto et al 2002)

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

Aharonian et al. 2004, 2006, 2007



ASCA: *X-Ray*
1 – 3 keV
Uchiyama 2002



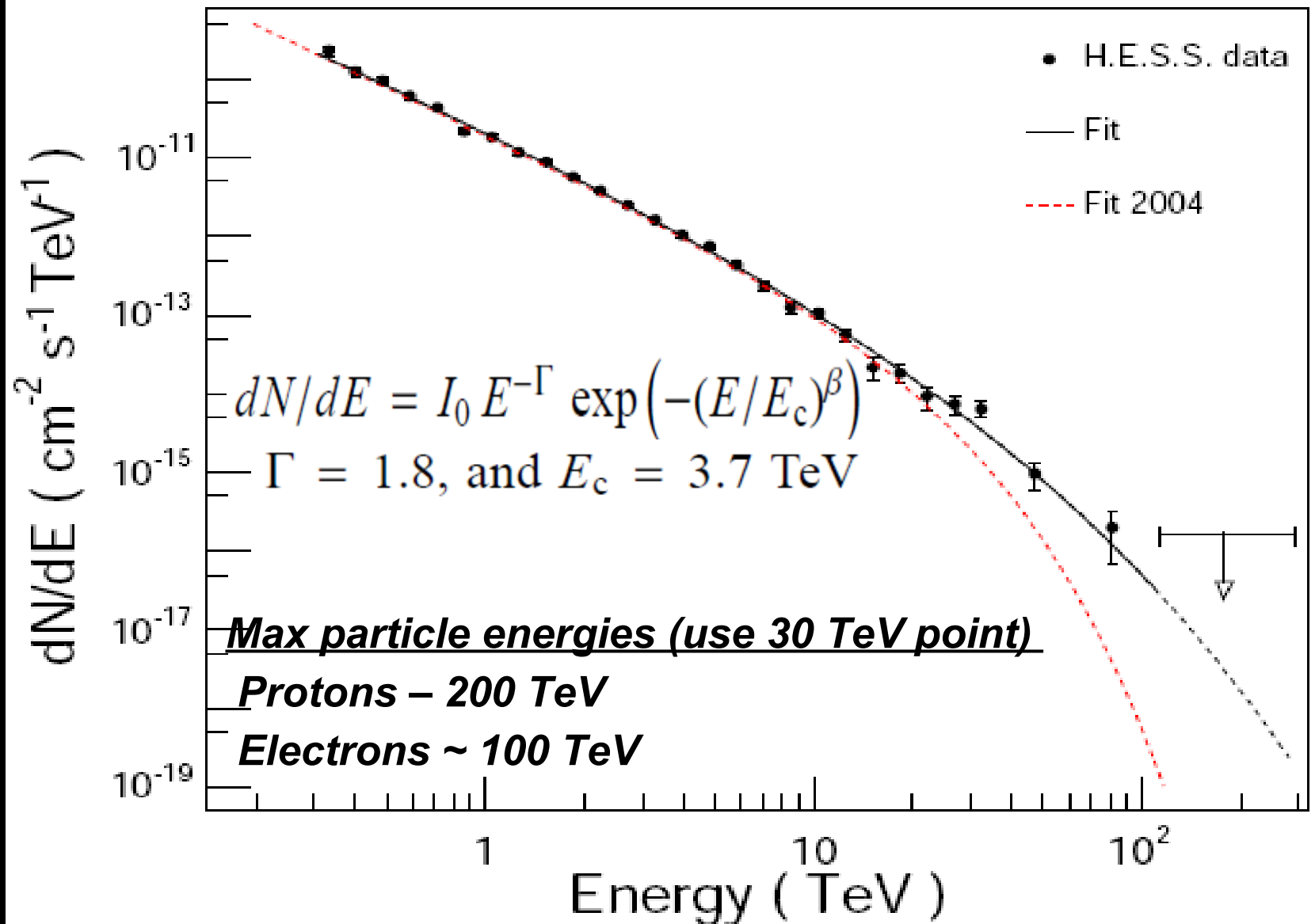
- Gamma-ray & X-ray morphology are very similar.

TeV gamma-ray emission from electrons and/or hadrons??



H.E.S.S. RXJ1713 Spectrum extends to >40 TeV

Aharonian et al 2007



RX J1713.7-3946 – Compare with Models



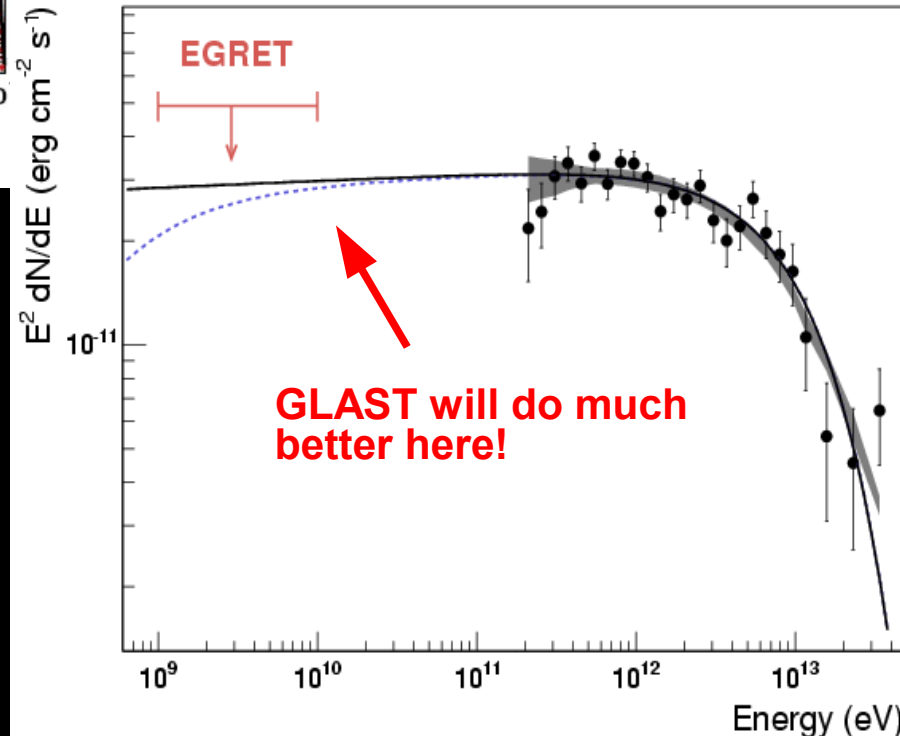
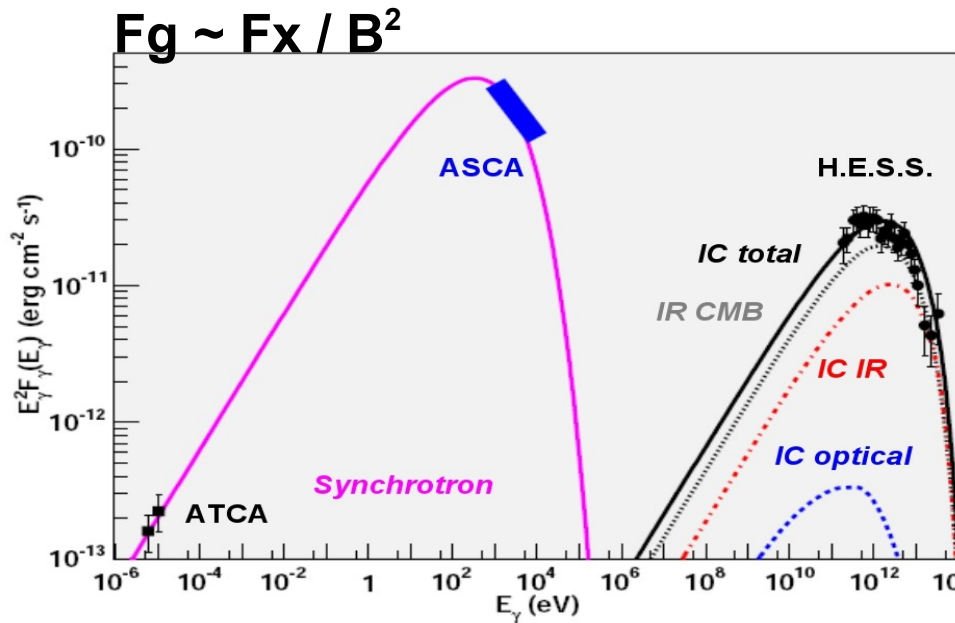
LEPTONIC SCENARIO

Updated IR photon field

Porter et al 2007

$B=12 \mu\text{ G}$; $d=1 \text{ kpc}$;

Electron spectrum
 $dN/dE \sim E^{-2} \exp(-E/25 \text{ TeV})$



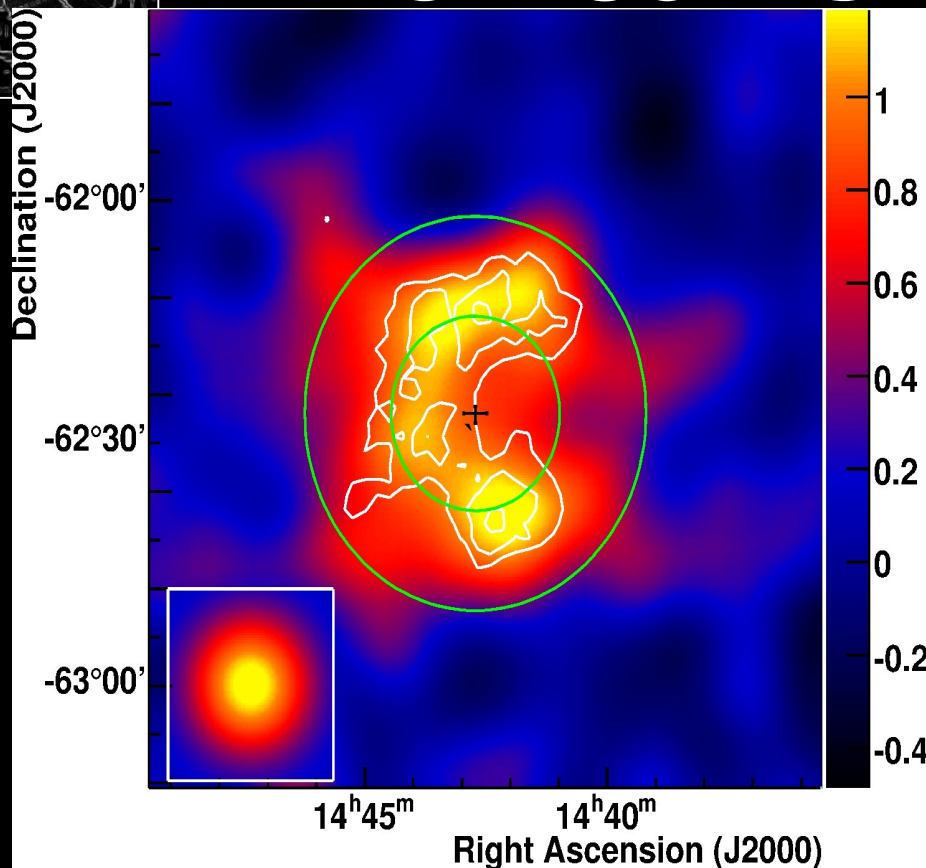
HADRONIC SCENARIO

Aharonian et al 2006

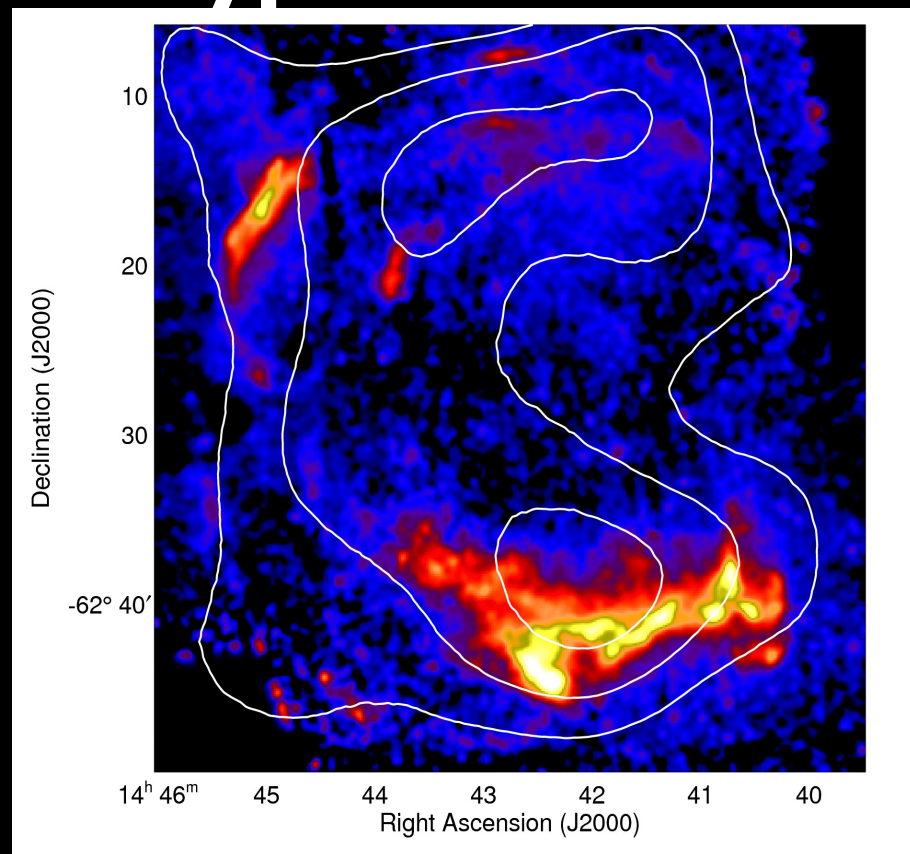
proton spectrum
 $dN/dE \sim E^{-2} \exp(-E/E_c)$

power in protons $\sim 10^{49} \text{ erg}$
 Hadronic scenario: higher B-fields
 $> 100 \mu\text{ G}$ X-ray & TeV correlation
 from similar acceleration sites.

RCW 86 – Shell Type SNR



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XMM X-ray

Distance and age uncertainty:

$d \sim 1$ kpc; age ~ 1600 year; Type Ia (Bocchino, Vink) --> SN185

$d \sim 3$ kpc; age ~ 10000 yrs; Type II assoc with and OB cluster

Spectrum – power law with spectral index $\Gamma = 2.5$

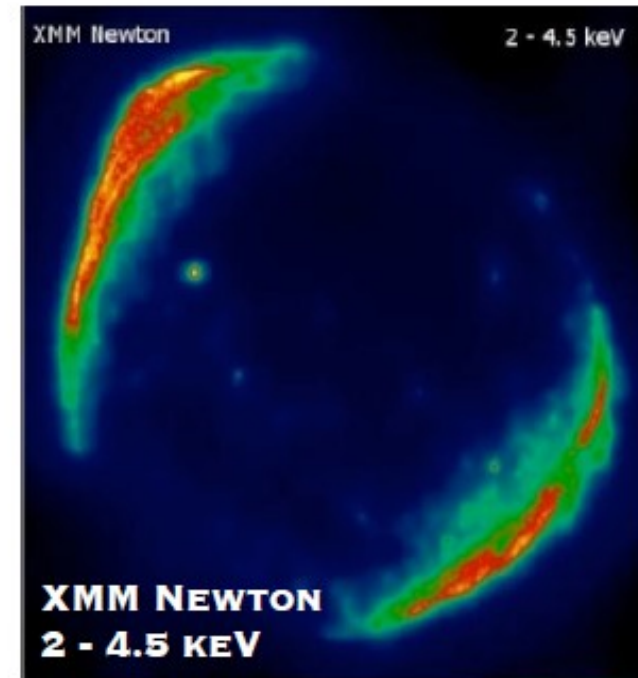


SN 1006: Historic SN

Type Ia
(White Dwarf)

Distance 2.2 kpc

Diameter
0.5 degrees

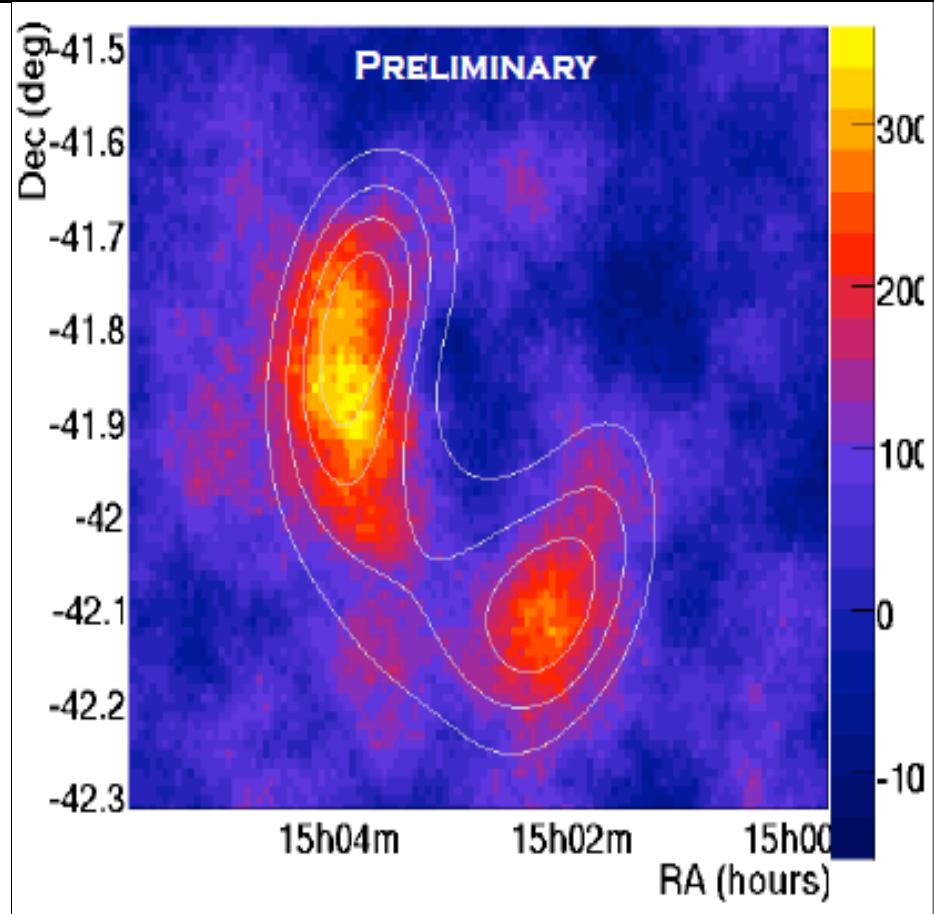
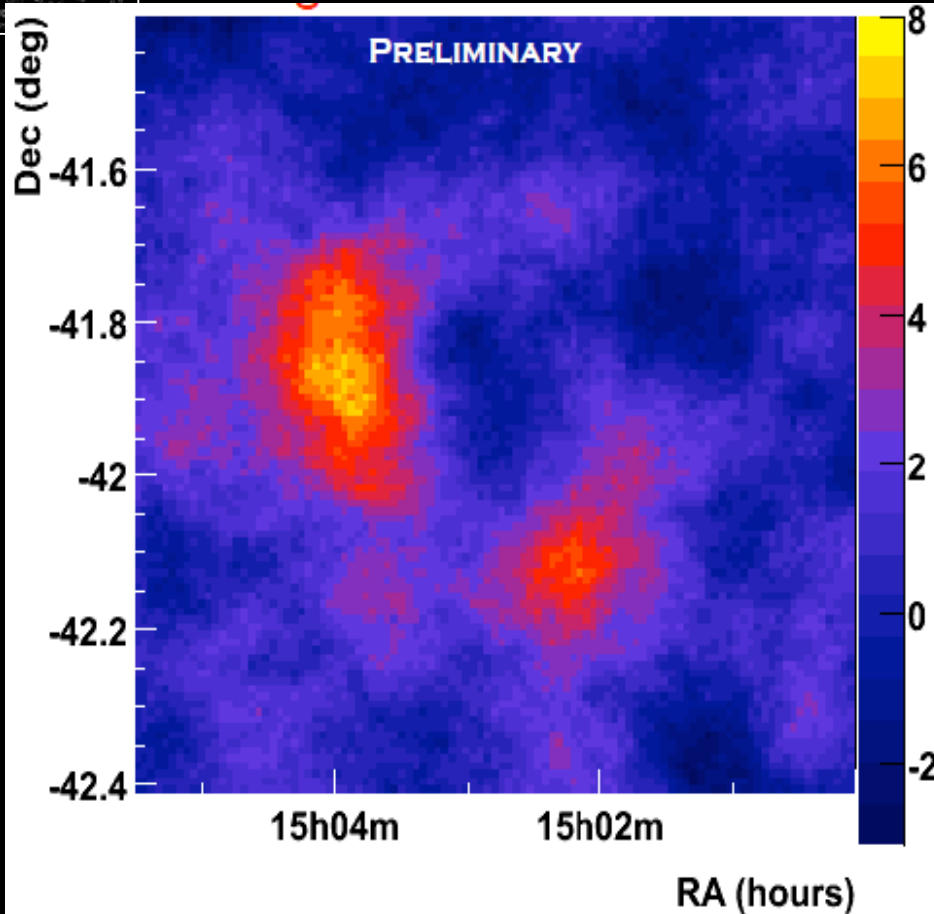


Was earlier detected by CANGAROO (Tanimori et al 1998) but HESS only revealed Upper Limits (Aharonian et al 2005) x10 lower.

Deep observations by HESS since 2003 – 103 hrs

Motivated by 'clean' ISM environment making it 'simpler' to model (eg. Berezhko et al). *SN1006 is ~15deg from the Galactic plane.*

SN 1006: Discovery by HESS



**HESS TeV Image
+5.9sigma**

**Chandra X-ray contours
(white) over TeV image**

proton energetics $\sim 10^{51}$ erg



W28: SNR & Molecular Cloud Interaction

NE region

SNR shock + mol. cloud interaction

**- 1720 MHz OH
Masers
Claussen et al 1999**

**$^{12}\text{CO}(J=3-2)$
($J=1-0$)
eg. Arikawa et al 1999**

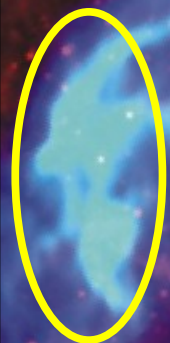
see also Reach et al 2005

Radio/IR image

W28 mixed-morphology SNR

d ~ 2-3 kpc

35 – 150 kyr age



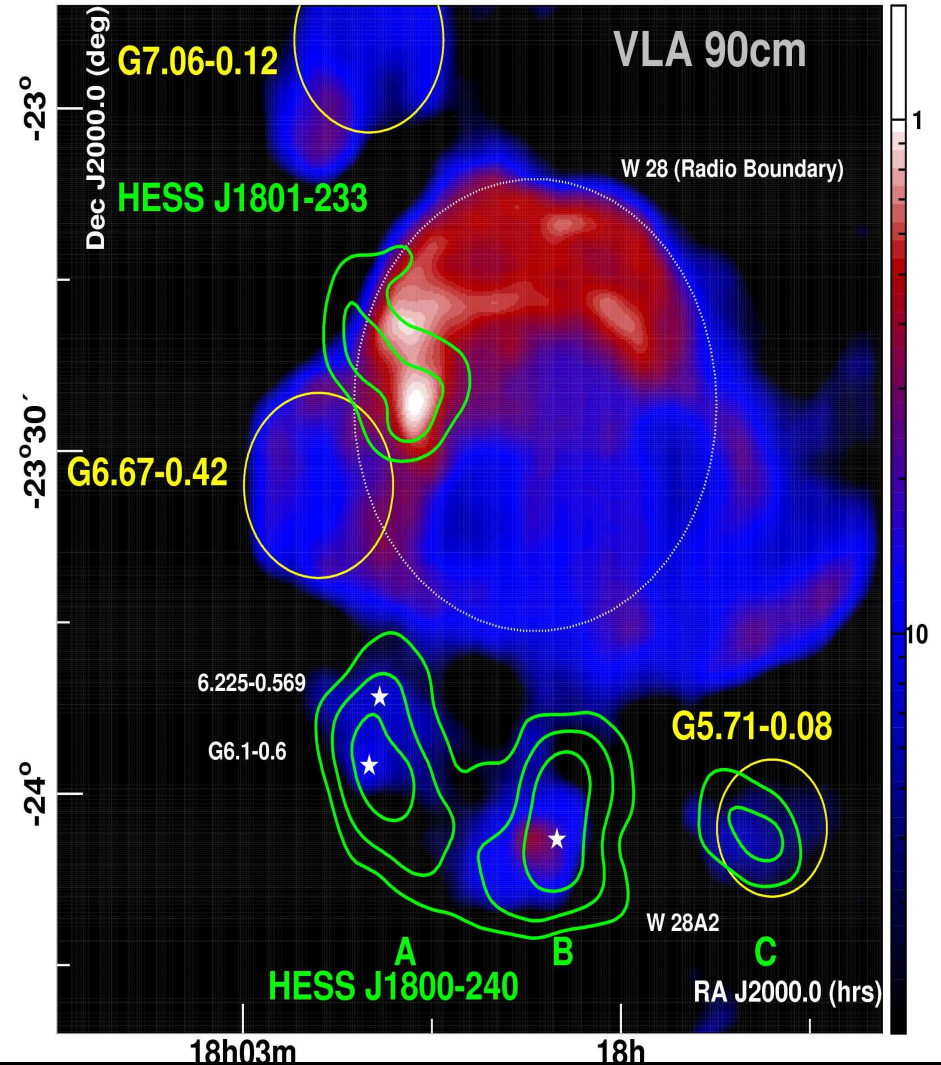
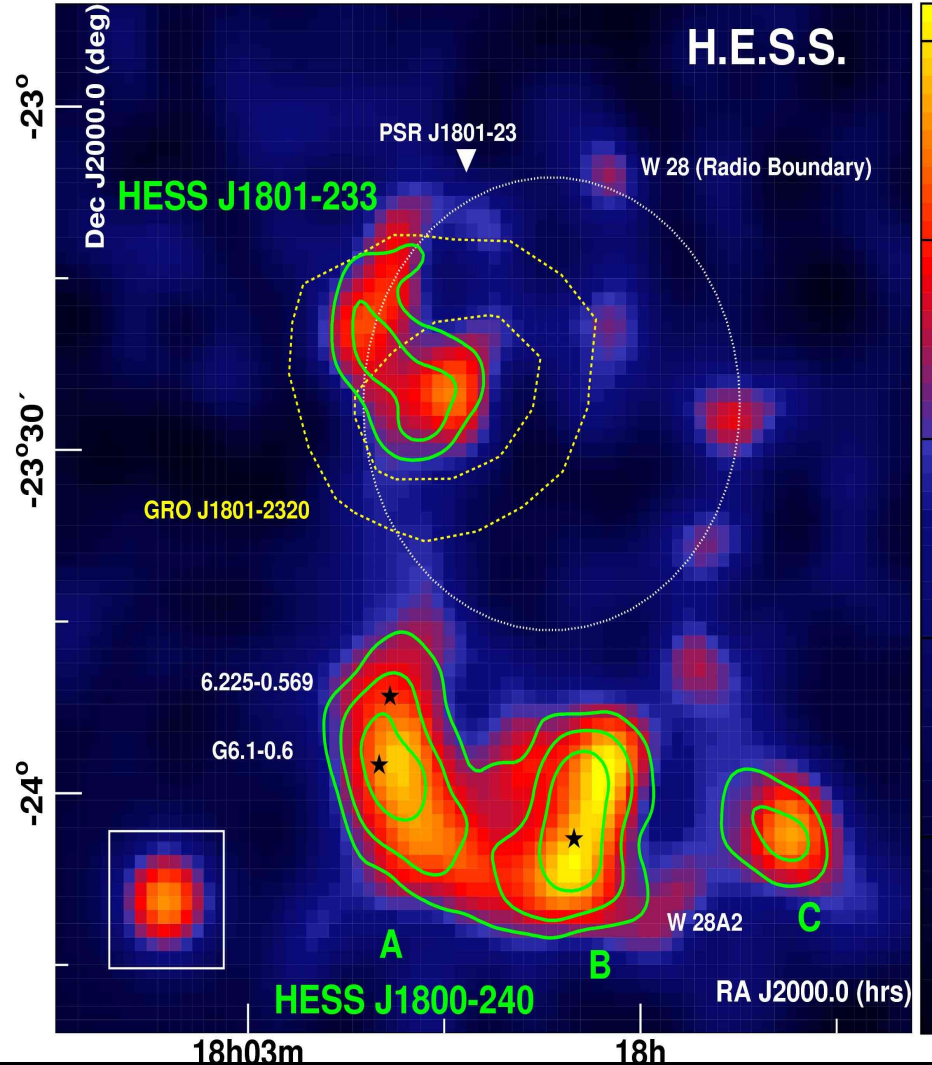
Brogan et al. 2006

20/90 cm VLA

MSX 8 micron

H II regions

W28-A2

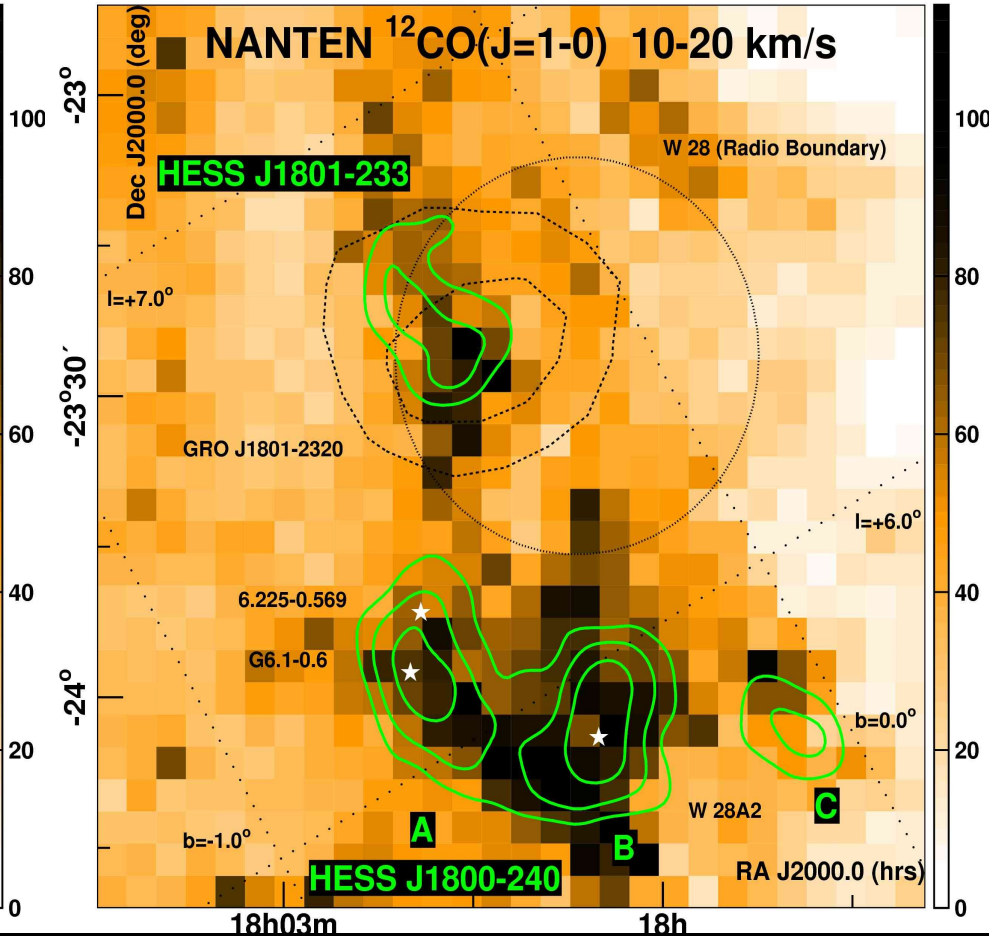
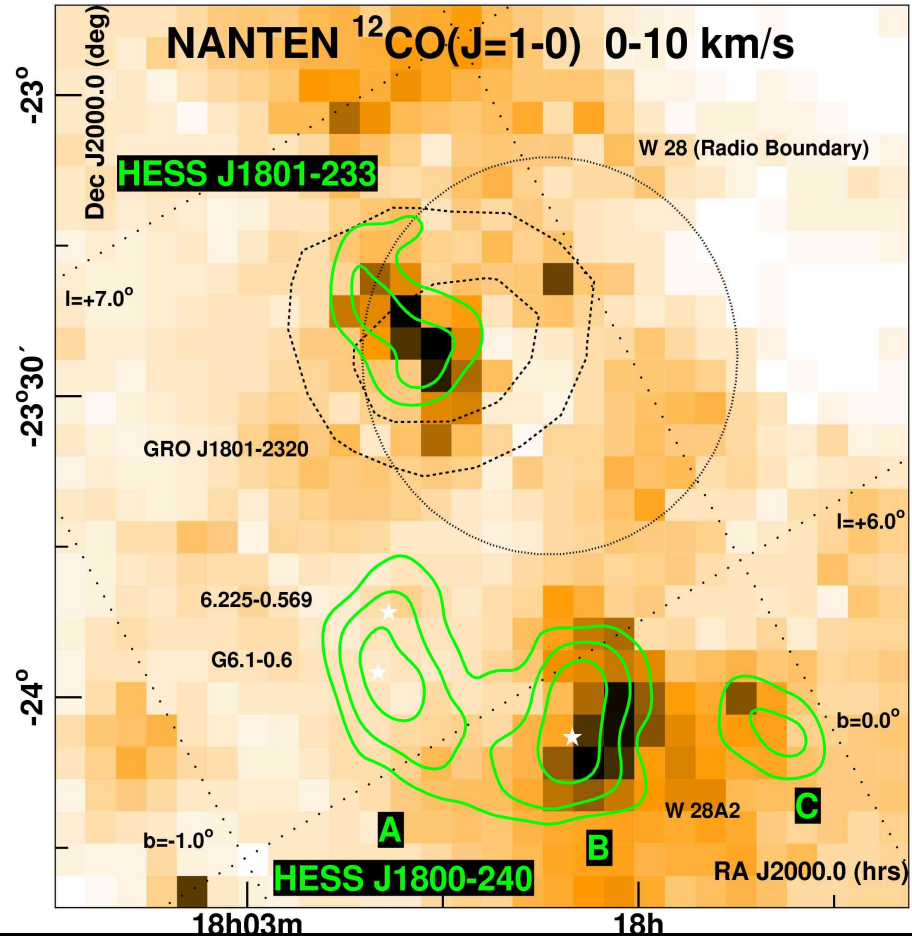


H.E.S.S. 4,5,6 sigma contours

VLA - Brogan et al. 2006

TeV emission towards NE rim of W28 and 0.5 deg S

Aharonian et al 2008



d ~ 0 to 2.5 kpc

d~2.5 to 4 kpc

V. good TeV & CO spatial association --> indication for hadronic origin

However, several cloud velocity components present.

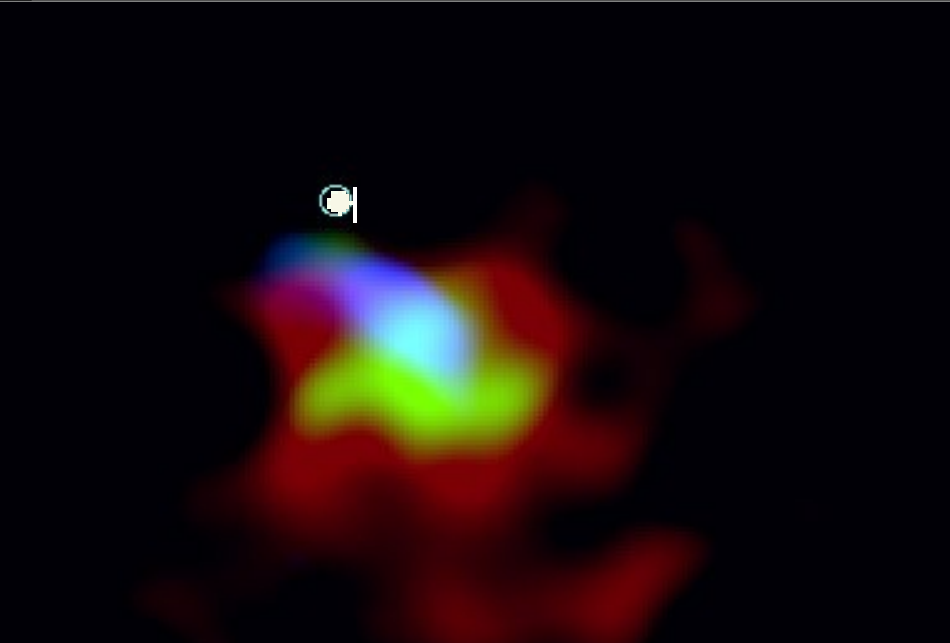
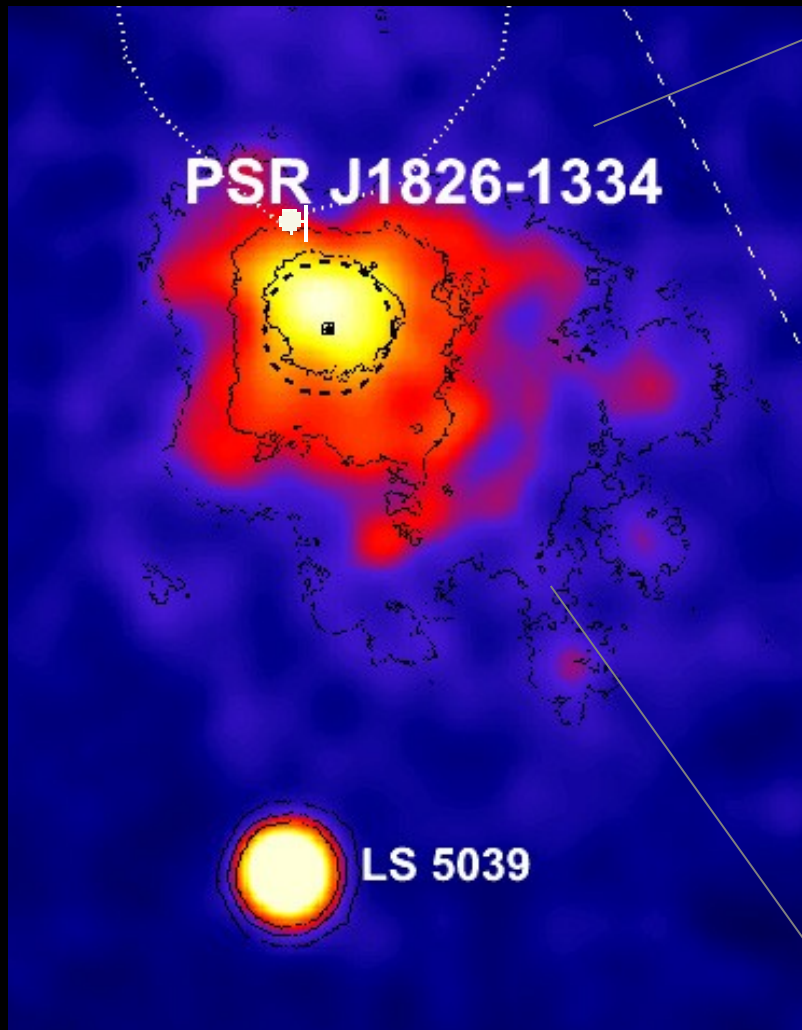
Are clouds connected or just projection effects?

Compare TeV flux with cloud masses: CR density ~10-35 x local value



HESS J1825-137: An asymmetric pulsar wind nebula (PWN):

Aharonian et al 2006 A&A



> 2.5 TeV **1 – 2.5 TeV**
< 1 TeV - behavior
consistent with leptonic
origin due to synchrotron
& IC losses



HESS J1825-137 & NANTEN CO¹²(J=1-0)

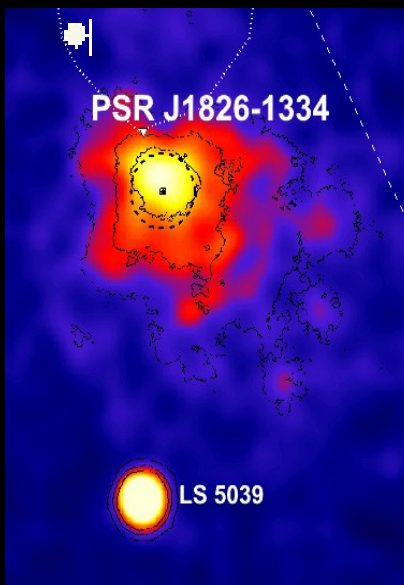
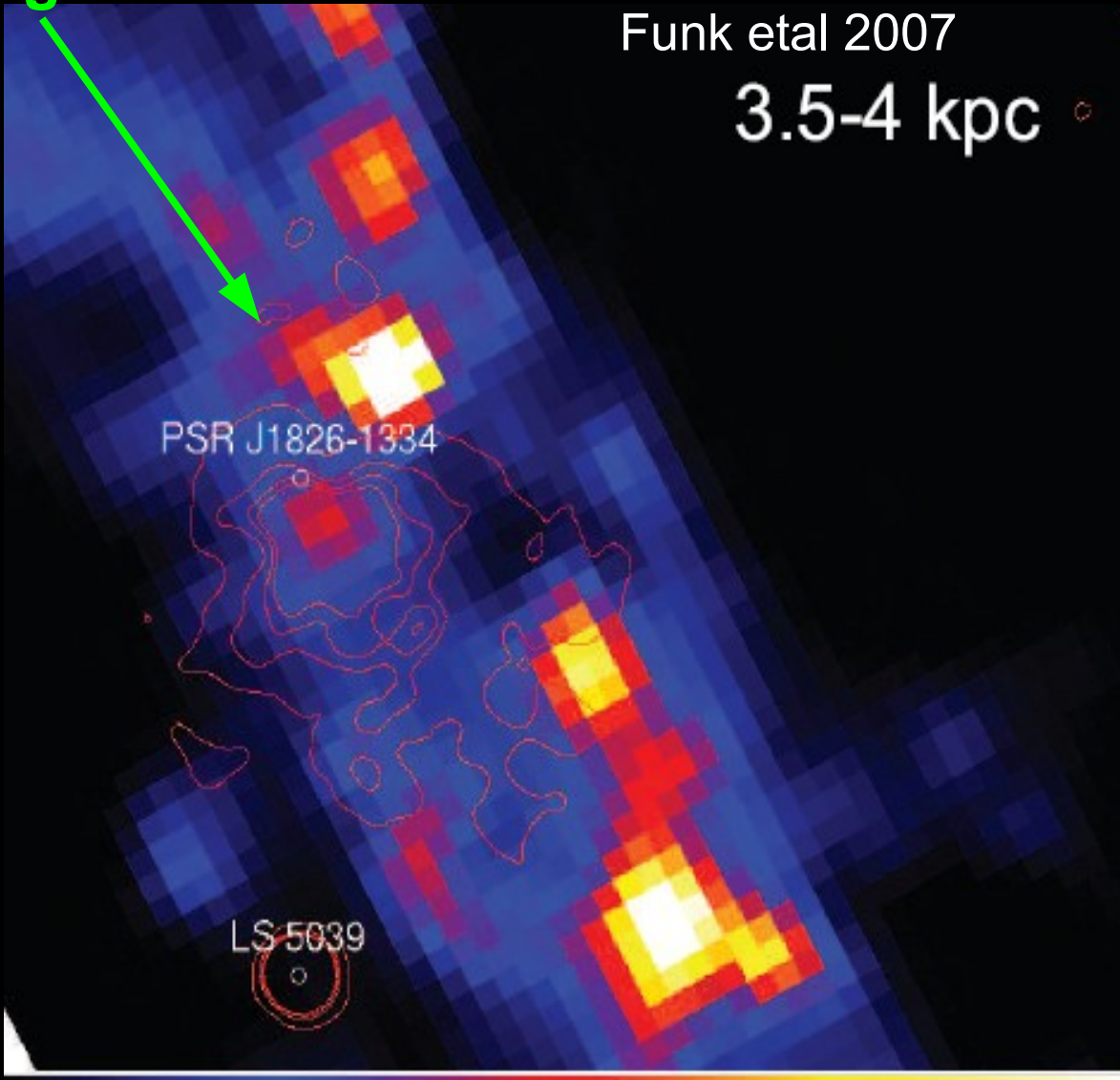
Why asymmetric? Answer:

Dense mol. cloud at N edge.

PWN 'crushed' /distorted
by SNR reverse shock
after interaction with
mol. cloud. see eg.
Blondin etal 2001
Gaensler etal 2003
van derSwaluw etal 2004

Funk etal 2007

3.5-4 kpc





HESS J1813-178

Funk et al 2007

assoc. with
SNR G12.82-0.02
radio shell
X-ray core

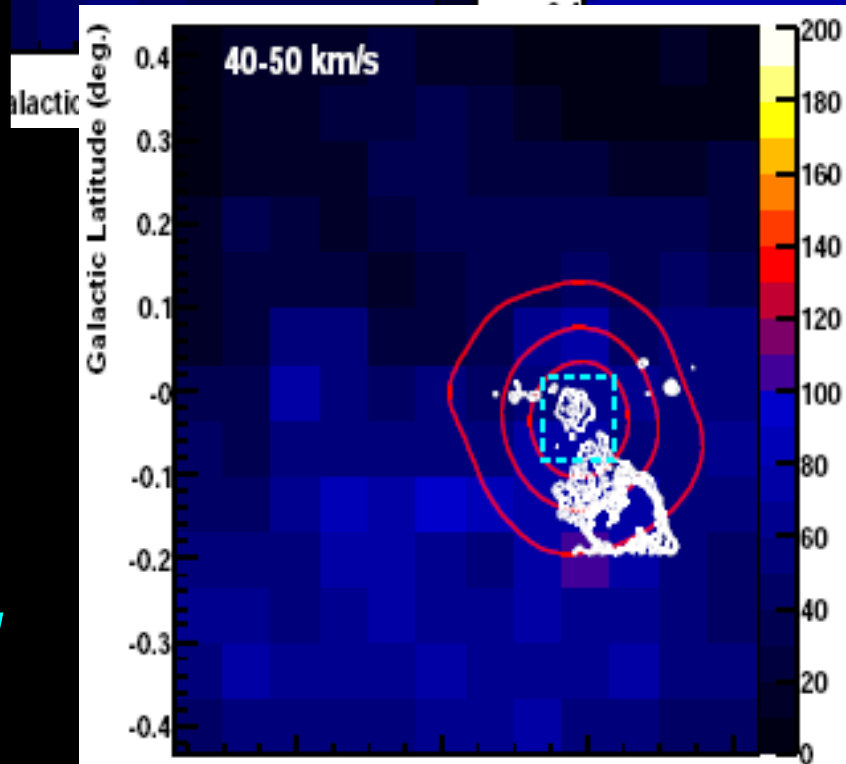
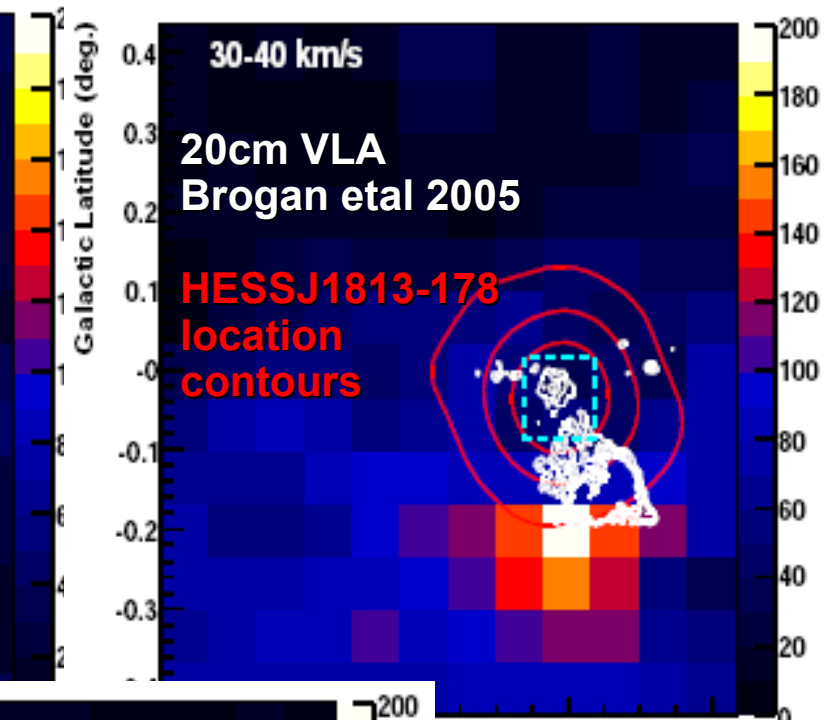
W33 HII region to
south

NANTEN CO

$$M_{\text{cloud}} \sim 2.5 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$$

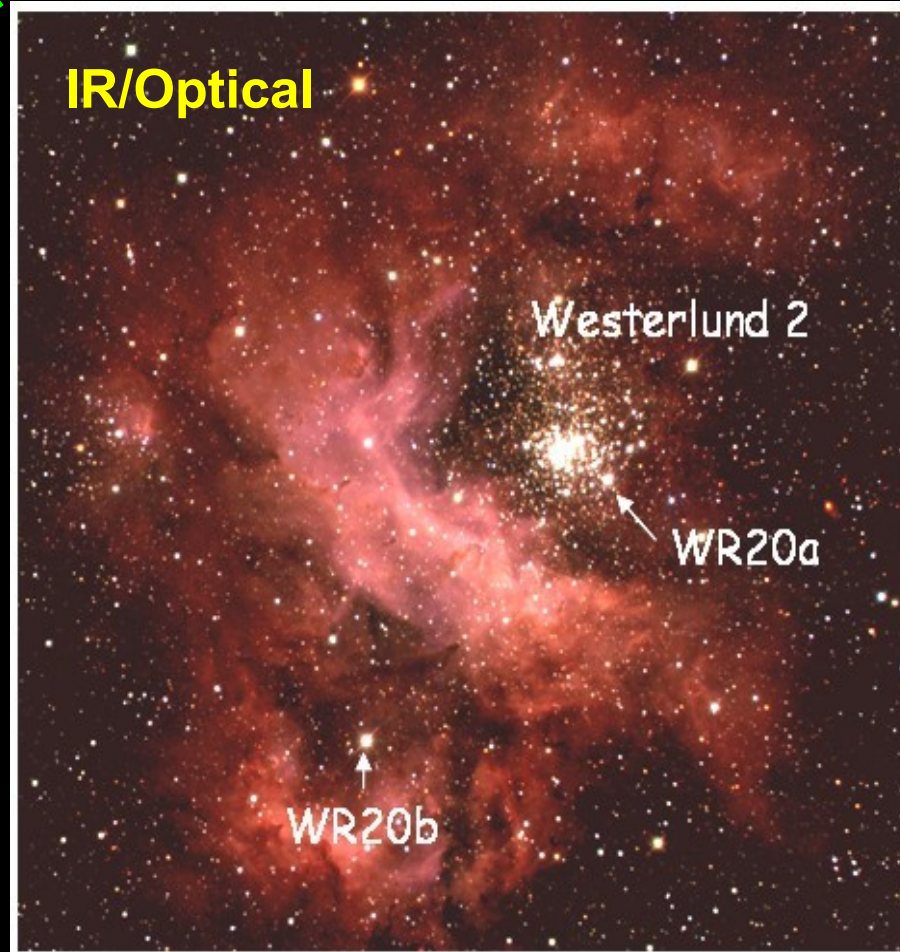
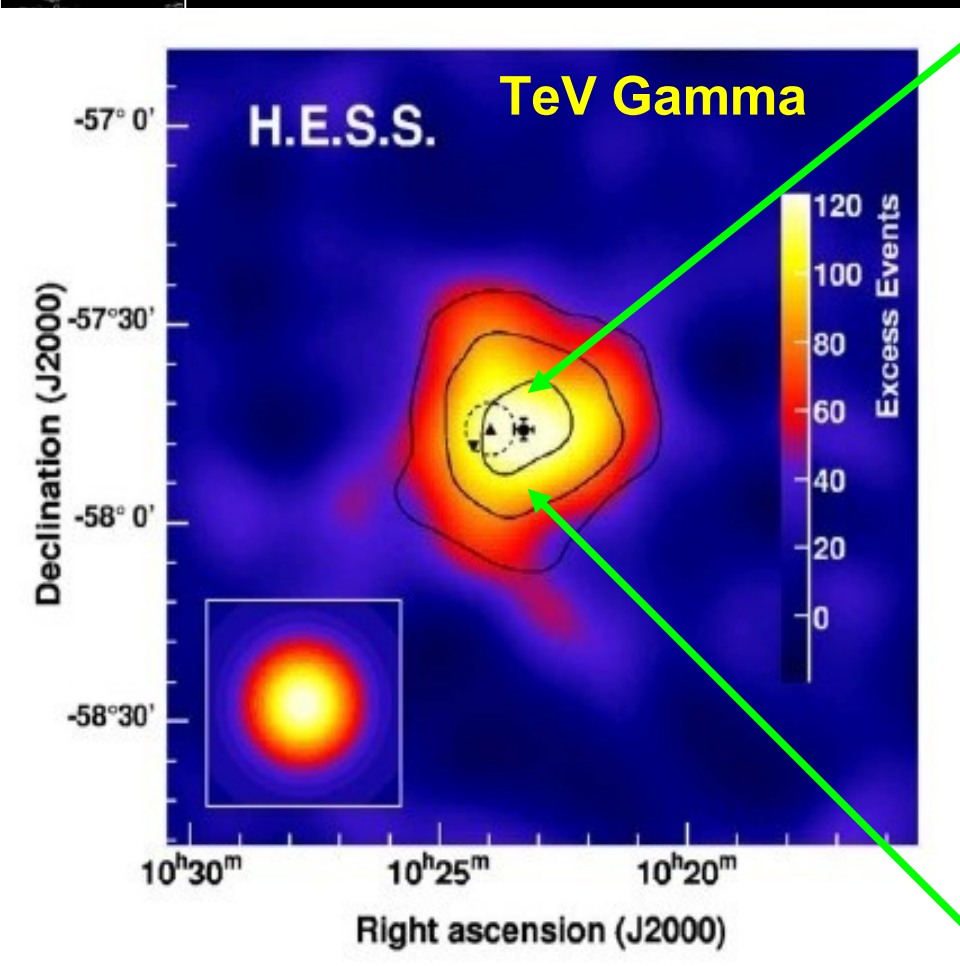
$$V_{\text{lsr}} = 30\text{-}40 \text{ km/s}$$
$$d \sim 4 \text{ kpc}$$

*Mol. Cloud has influenced
G12.82-0.02 development*





HESSJ1023-575 : A new type of (A&A 2007) CR accelerator? Young open cluster



Westerlund2 – Young open cluster with two Wolf-Rayet stars
(v.high stellar wind vel. & mass loss rate) WR20a is a binary
CR acceleration in colliding wind shocks? Similar to TeVJ2032+4130?

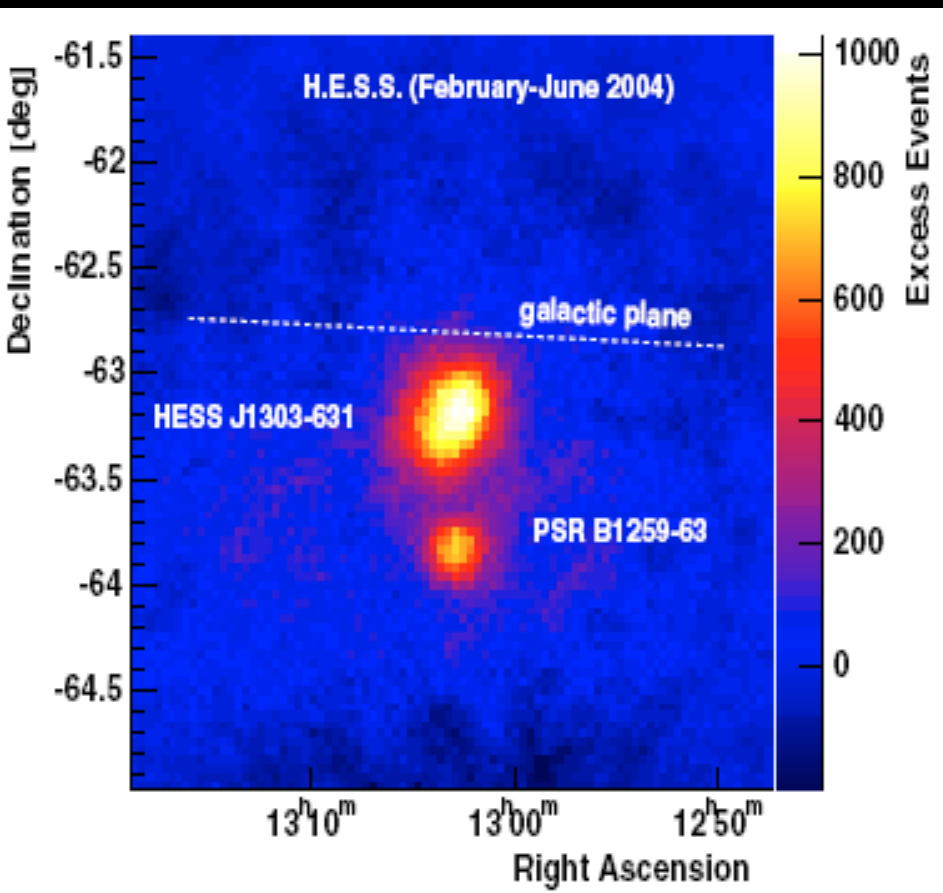


Unidentified TeV Sources: **No obvious counterparts** **A major subset of Galactic TeV sources**

The brightest H.E.S.S. examples...

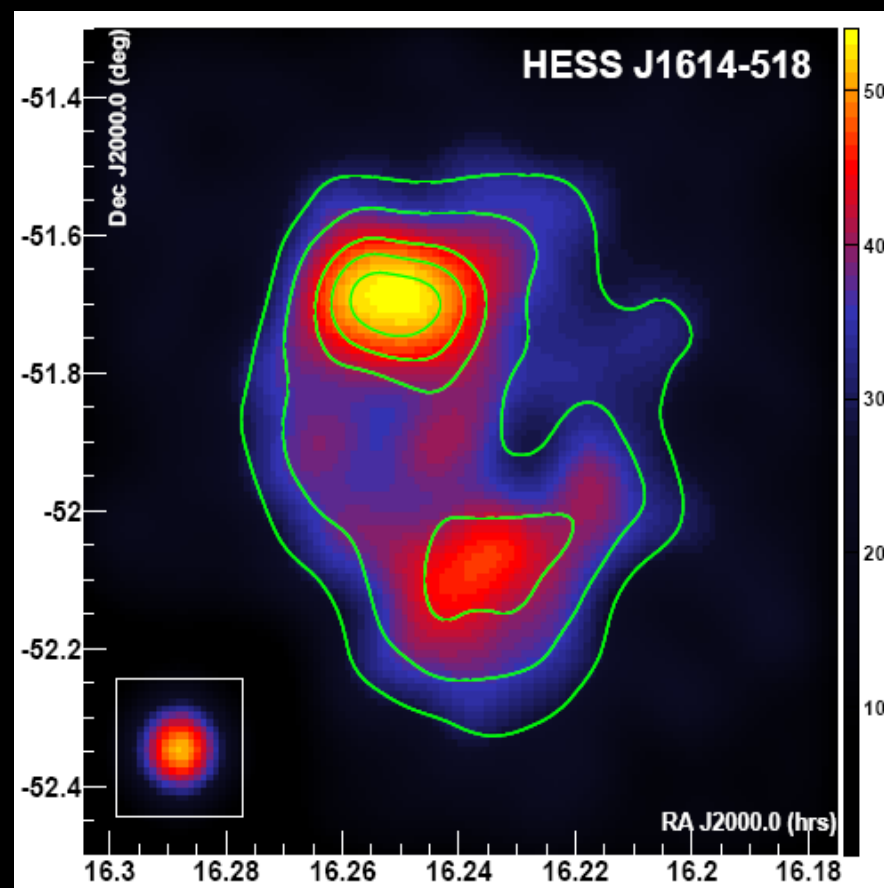
HESS J1303-631

Aharonian et al 2005

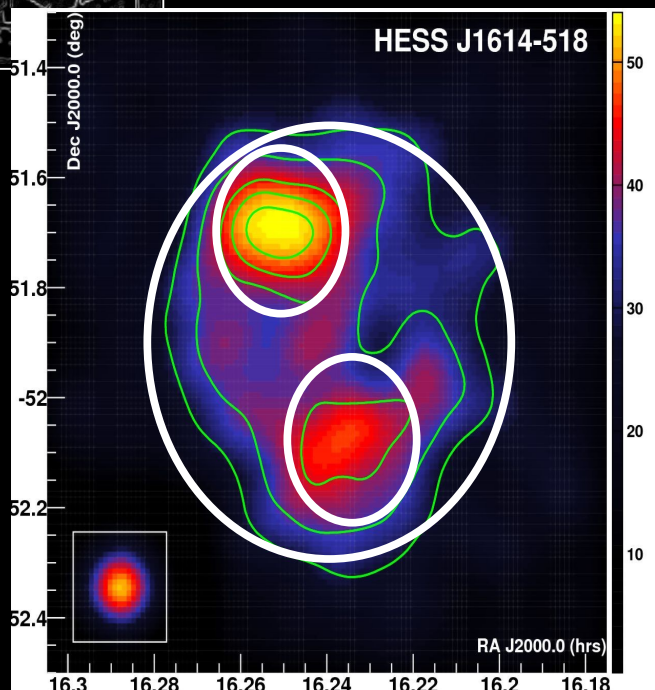


HESS J1614-518

Aharonian et al 2005,2006, Rowell et al 2008



HESSJ1614-518: Spectra from Several Regions



HESS J1614-518

Entire source rad = 0.4deg

HESS J1614-518N

Northern hotspot rad=0.15deg

HESS J1614-518S

Southern hotspot rad=0.15deg

HESS J1614-518P

'Plateau' region

= Entire source minus
hotspot regions of
rad=0.17deg.

Region	Position (J2000.0)		Spectral analysis			
	R.A. [hr]	Dec [deg]	σ_{region} [deg]	2S [σ] (evts)	3k	$^3\Gamma$
HESS J1614-158	16.235	-51.90	0.40	+19.1 (670)	$7.83 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.80$	$2.26 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06$
HESS J1614-518N	16.250	-51.70	0.15	+11.1 (150)	$1.71 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.04$	$2.08 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04$
HESS J1614-518S	16.232	-52.07	0.15	+8.7 (106)	$1.43 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.20$	$2.07 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.08$
HESS J1614-518P	16.235	-51.90	$^10.40$	+12.5 (348)	$4.00 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.50$	$2.18 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.09$

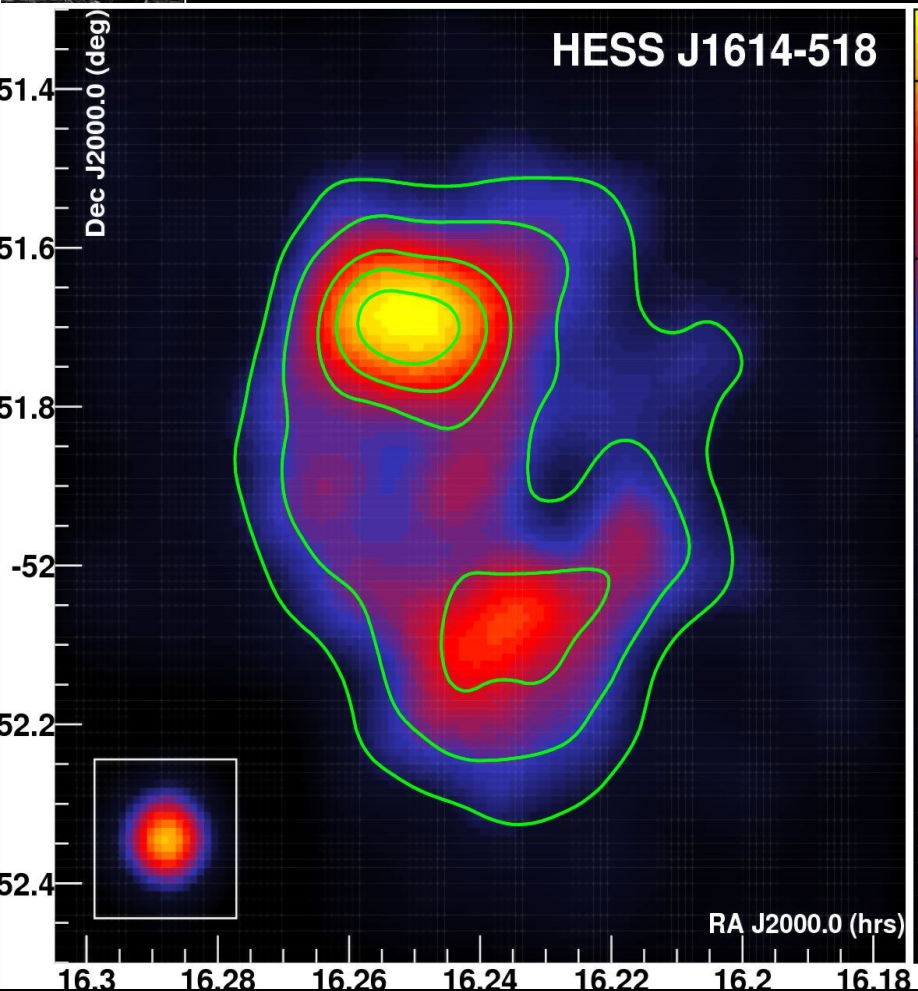
1. Plateau region excluding HESS J1614-518N and HESS J1614-518S each within a circular region of radii 0.17°

2. Statistical significance (using Li & Ma 1983) and excess events in brackets. The background is estimated from reflected and near-tracking regions.

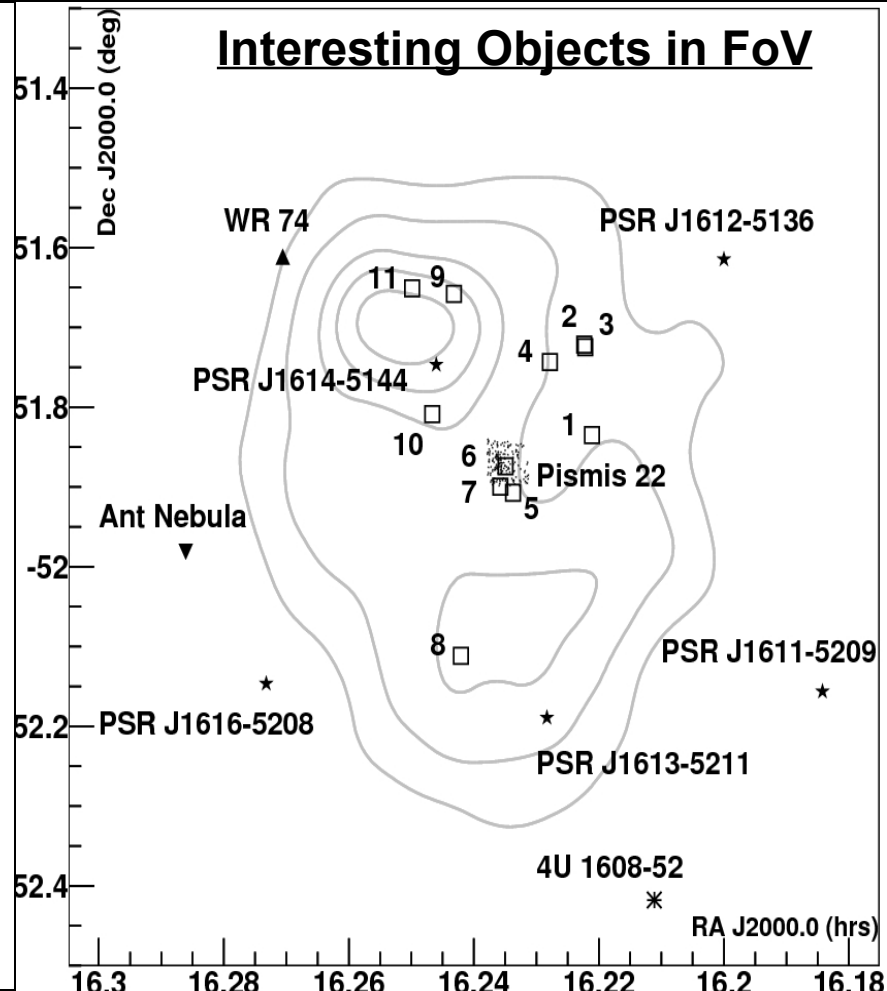
3. Power law fit to photon spectrum: $dN/dE = k(E/1 \text{ TeV})^{-\Gamma} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ with k in units $\times 10^{-12} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ at 1 TeV (with statistical and systematic errors)

Systematics errors in k and Γ are estimated from the range of values obtained from *hard* and *std* cuts.

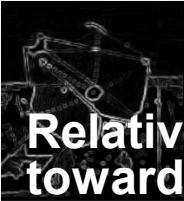
HESS J1614-518 : Counterpart Search



Significance contours
+3,5,7,8,9 sigma



- Pulsars
- WR star
- Bipolar planetary neb. (Ant nebula)
- X-ray sources – open squares
- LMXRB 4U1608-52
- Open cluster Pismis 22 (C1609-517)
Stellar wind energetics sufficient



Open Cluster: Pismis 22 (C1609-517)

Relatively young open cluster towards the centre of HESSJ1614.

age ~ 40 Myr

but sufficiently old to generate supernovae..

d ~ 1 kpc

Piatti et al 2000 A&A360, 529

Not well-studied and due to strong reddening $E(B-V) \sim 2.0$, cluster size may be underestimated.

2MASS image:
Strong extinction to the north. **See XMM results for this region.**

No spectral measurements of individual stars at present but O and B type stars (or even WR) are likely present.

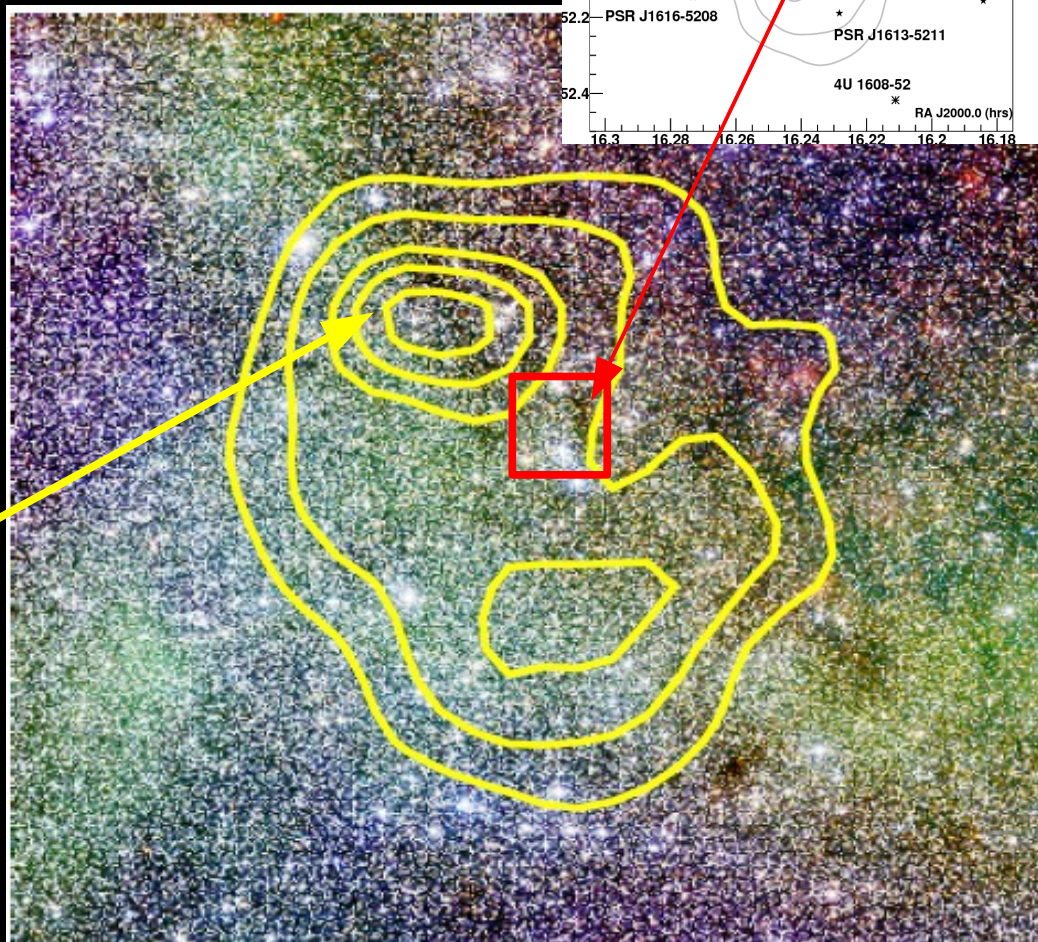
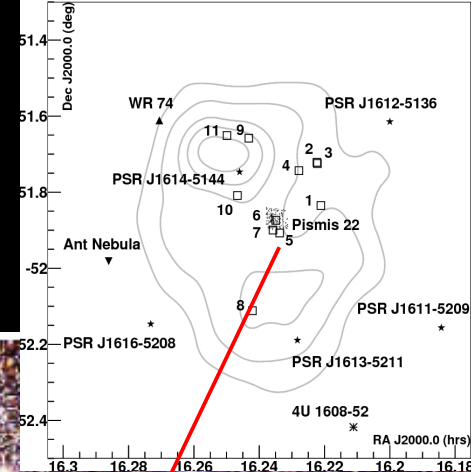
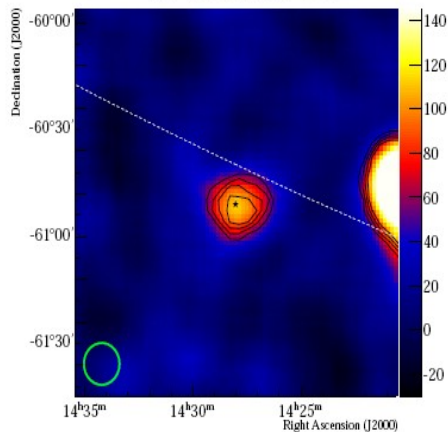
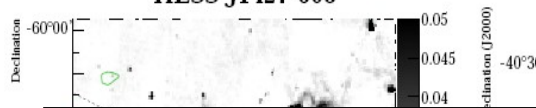


Fig. 6. Three colour 2MASS image of the HESS J1614–518 field ($1.2^\circ \times 1.2^\circ$) – blue (J band $1.25\mu\text{m}$) – green (H band $1.65\mu\text{m}$) – red (K band $2.17\mu\text{m}$). VHE significance contours (solid yellow lines - 3,5,7,8,9 σ) of HESS J1614–518 are overlaid.

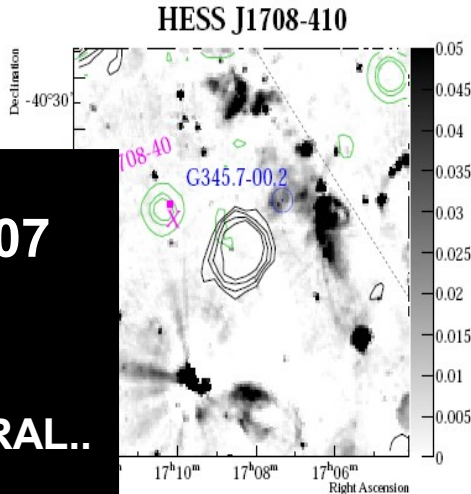
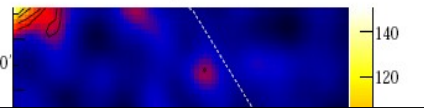
HESS J1427-608



HESS J1427-608



HESS J1708-410

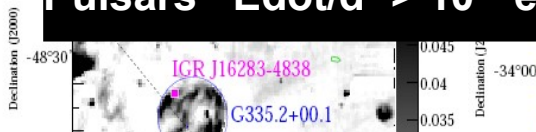
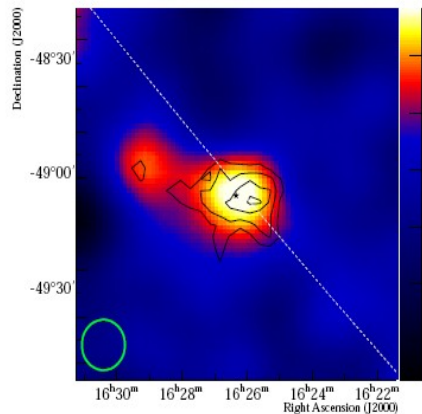


Quite a few more....
Kosack etal 2007, Aharonian etal 2007

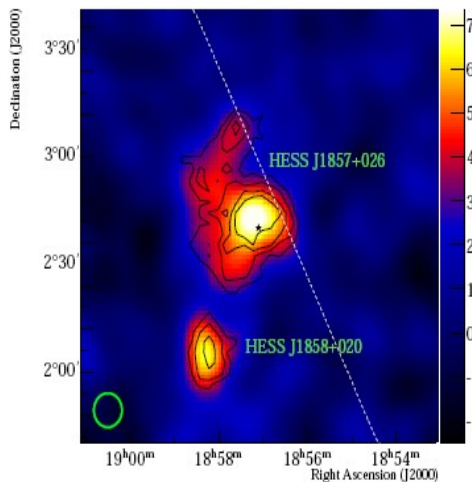
Grey scale – Radio (Molongolo, VLA)
Green – X-ray (ROSAT, ASCA)
Plus catalogues: SNR, ATNF-Pulsars, INTEGRAL..

Pulsars $\dot{E} > 10^{33}$ erg/s/kpc²

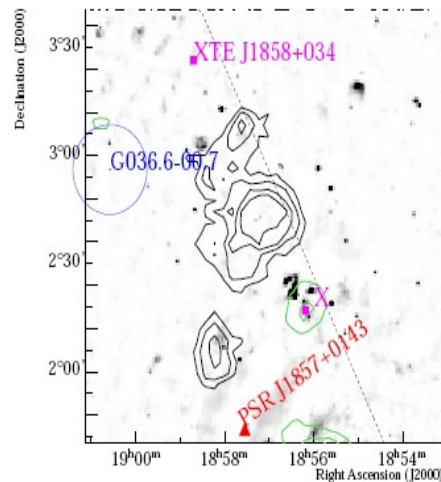
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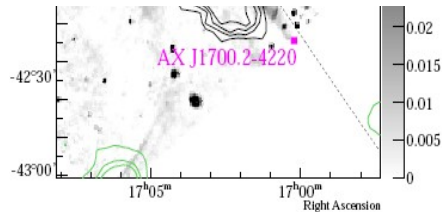
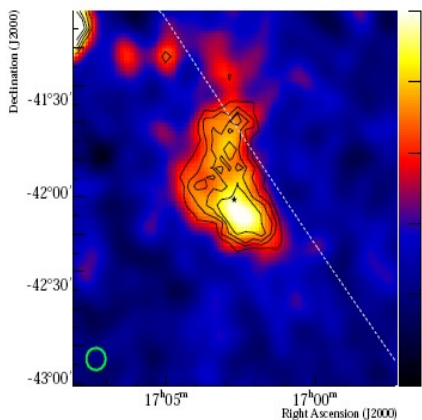
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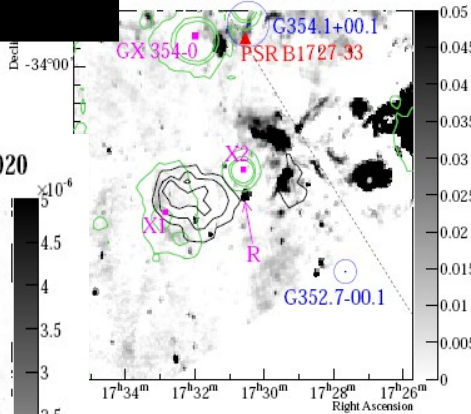
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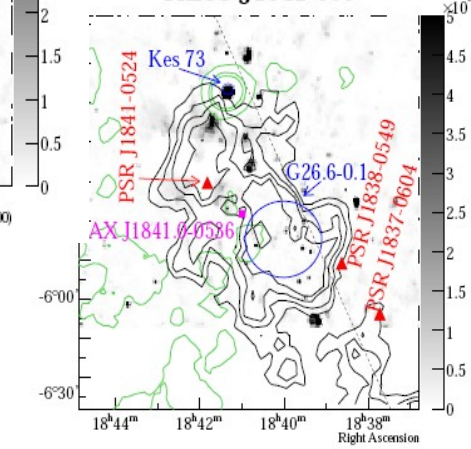
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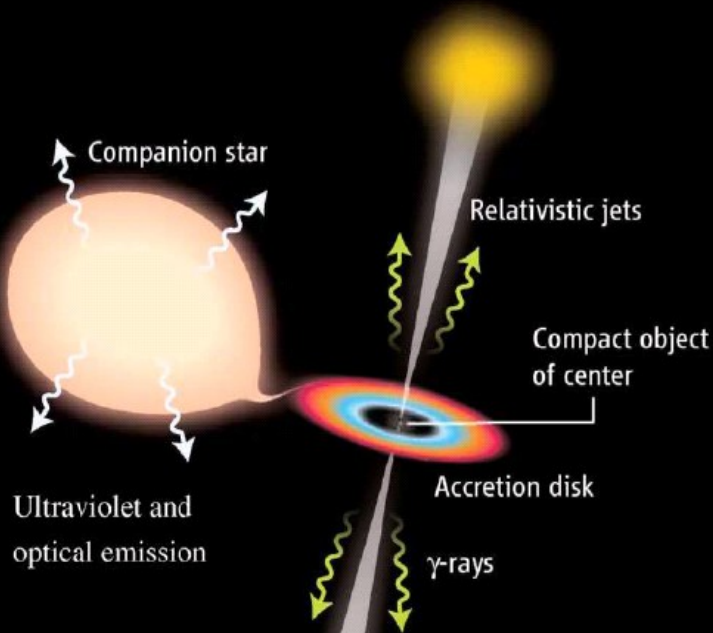
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Gamma-rays from binary systems

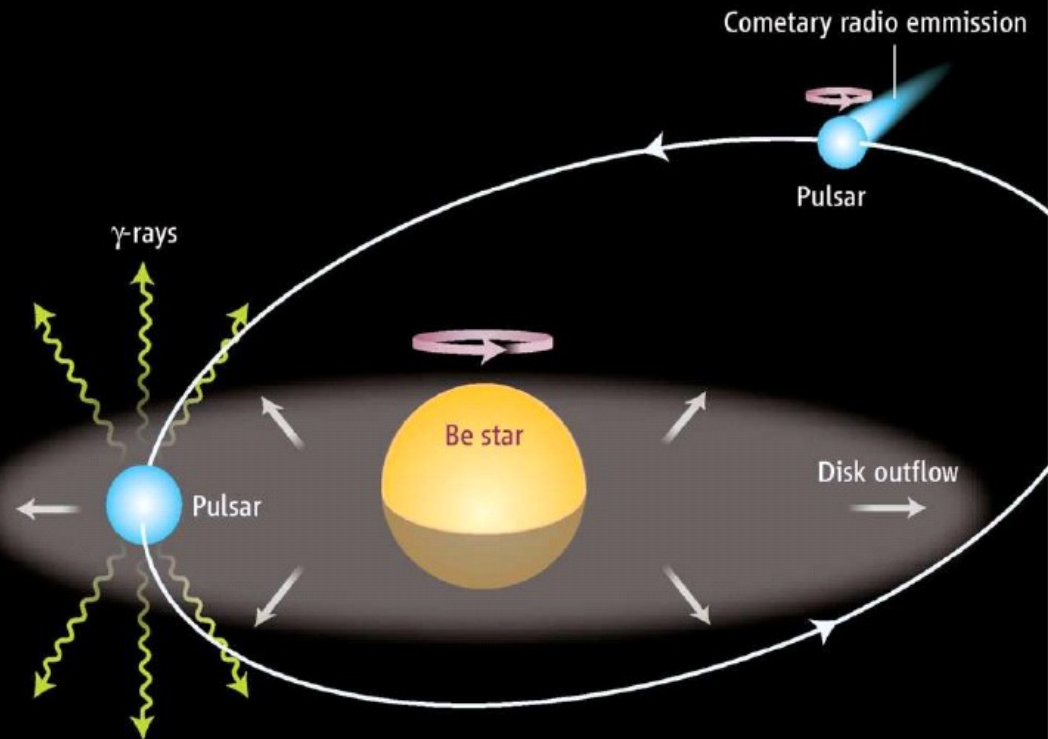
MICROQUASAR



Mirabel
(2006)

 Microblazar

BINARY PULSAR





LS 5039

(see also LSI+61 303 by Albert et al 2006, Maier et al 2008)

Science 2005, A&A 2006

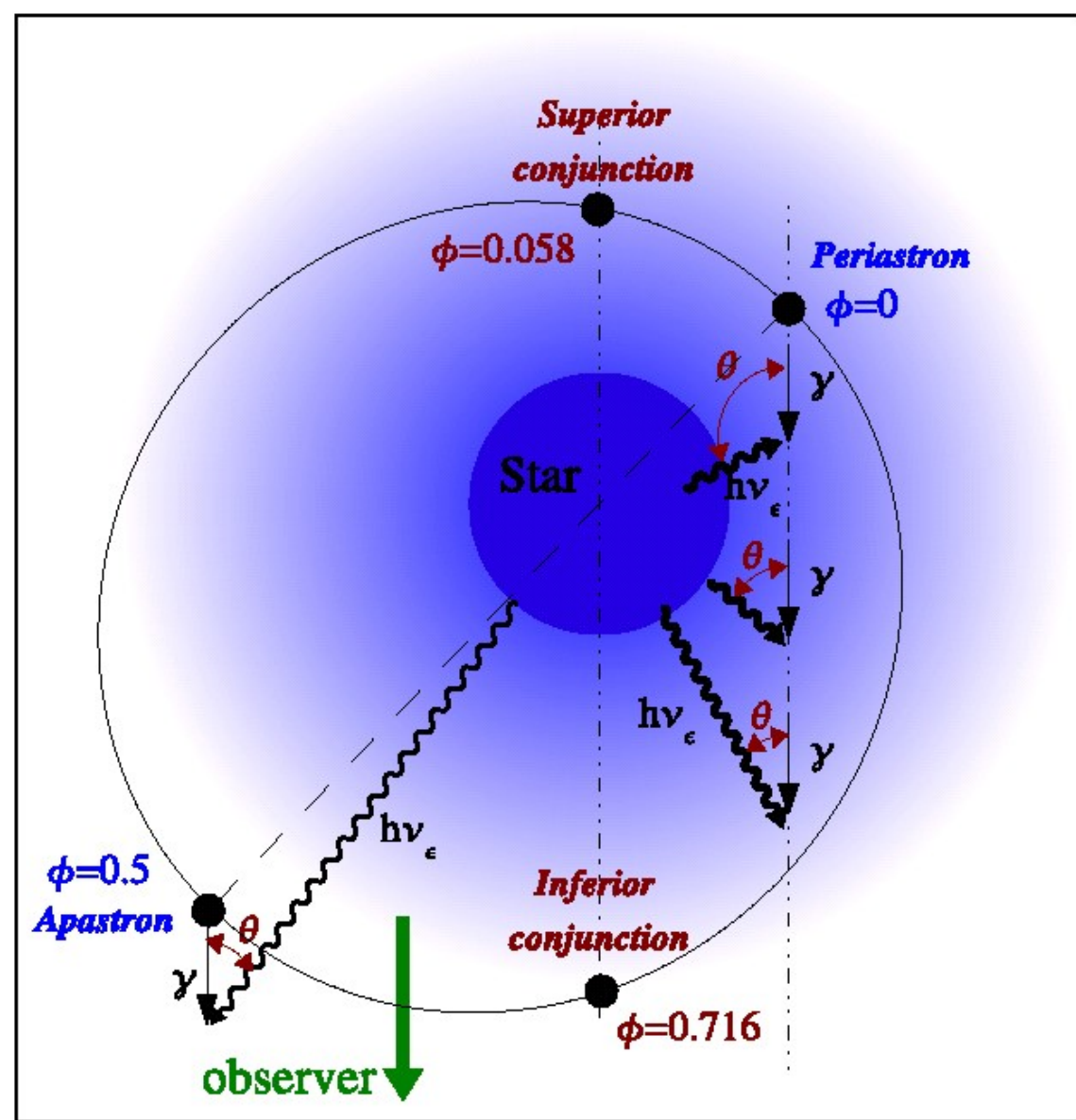
**Massive O6.5V star
~20 Msun**

**Compact Object 1.5 to
5 Msun**

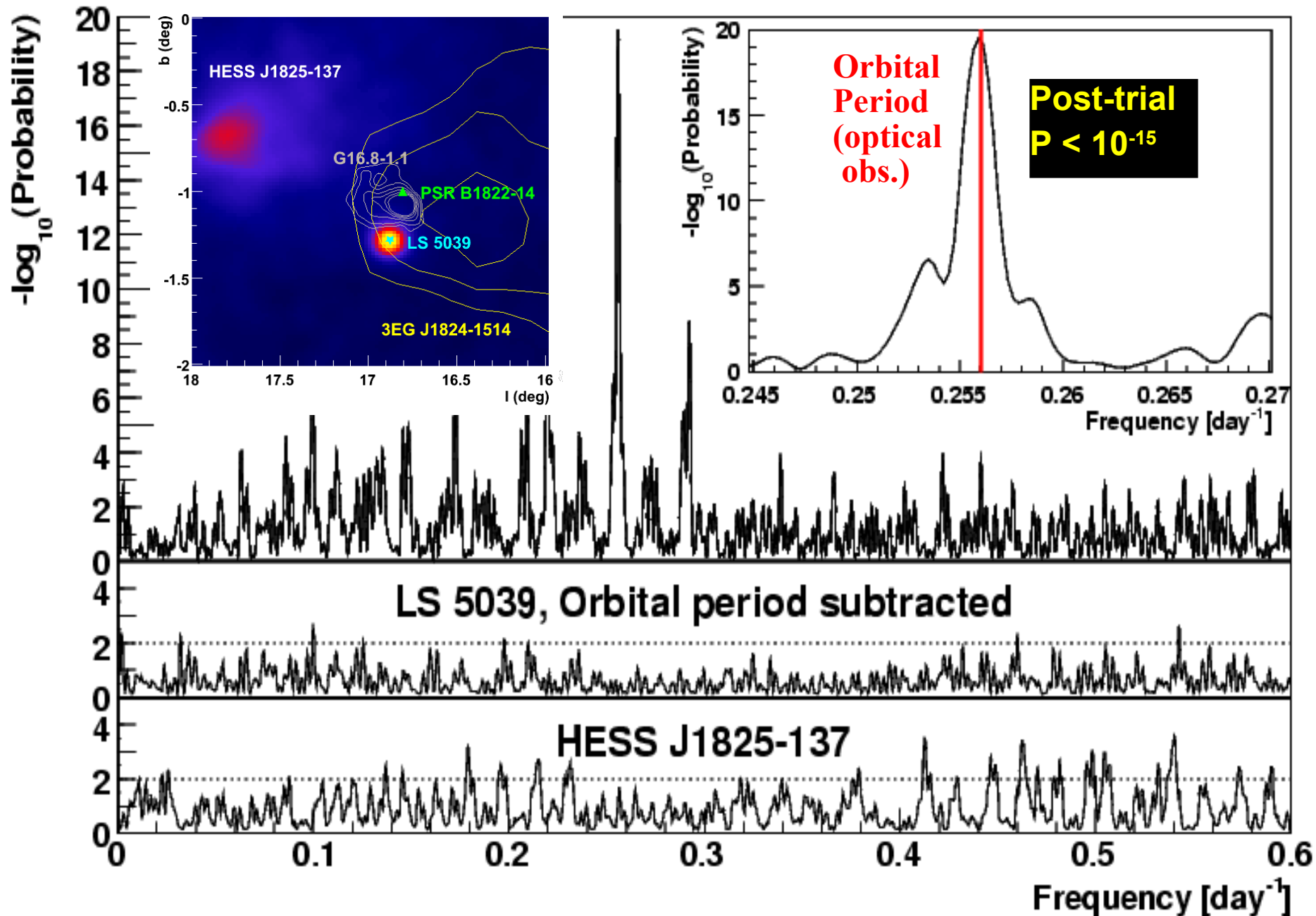
**(neutron star or black
hole)**

**Orbital Period
3.90603 days
Casares et al 2003**

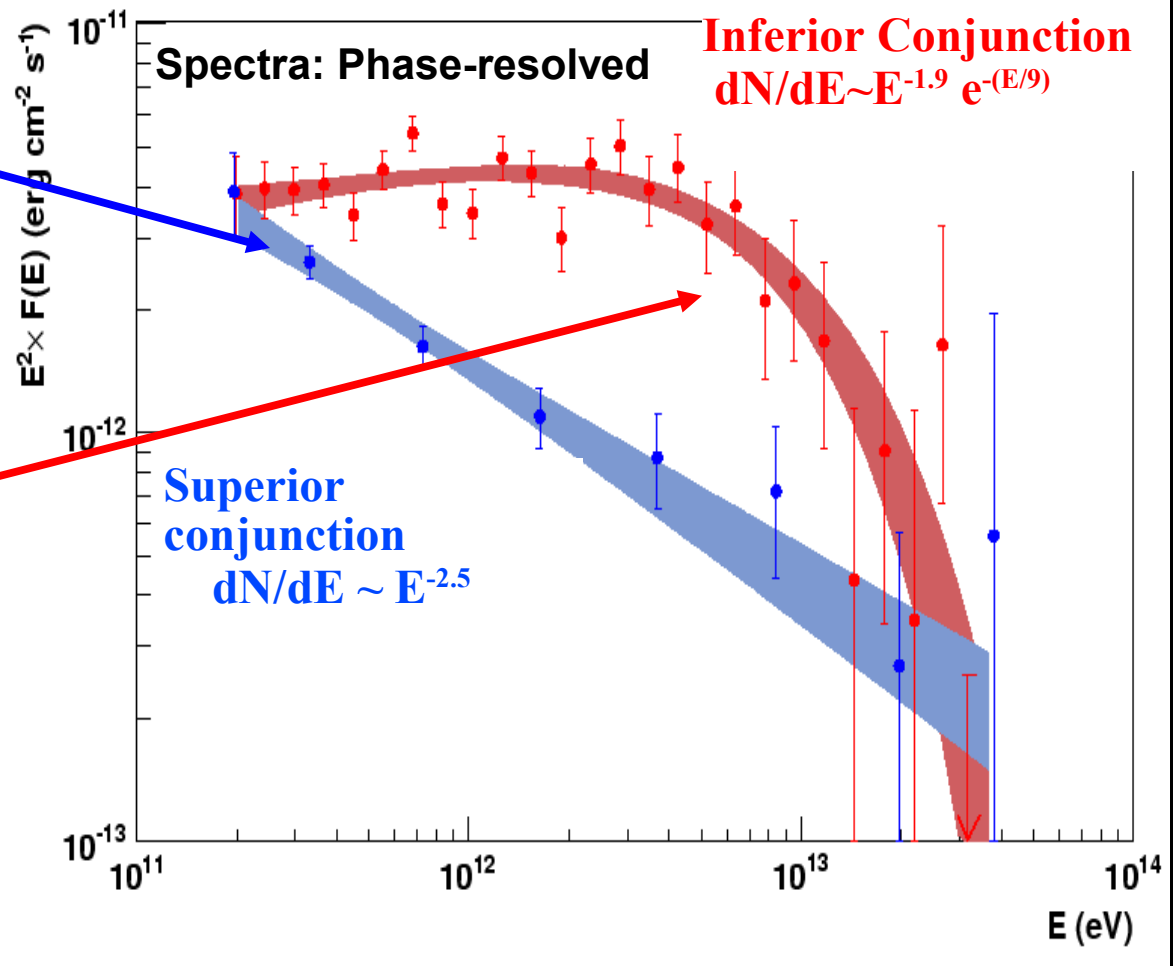
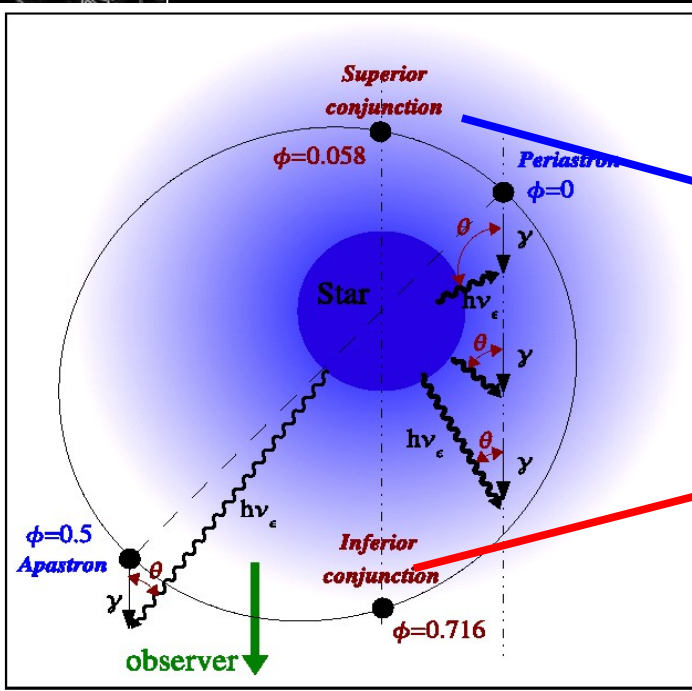
**Orbital Inclination 15
to 65deg (limits from
lack of X-ray eclipse)**



Discovery of 3.9 day orbital period: Lomb-Scargle Test



Phase-Resolved Energy Spectra



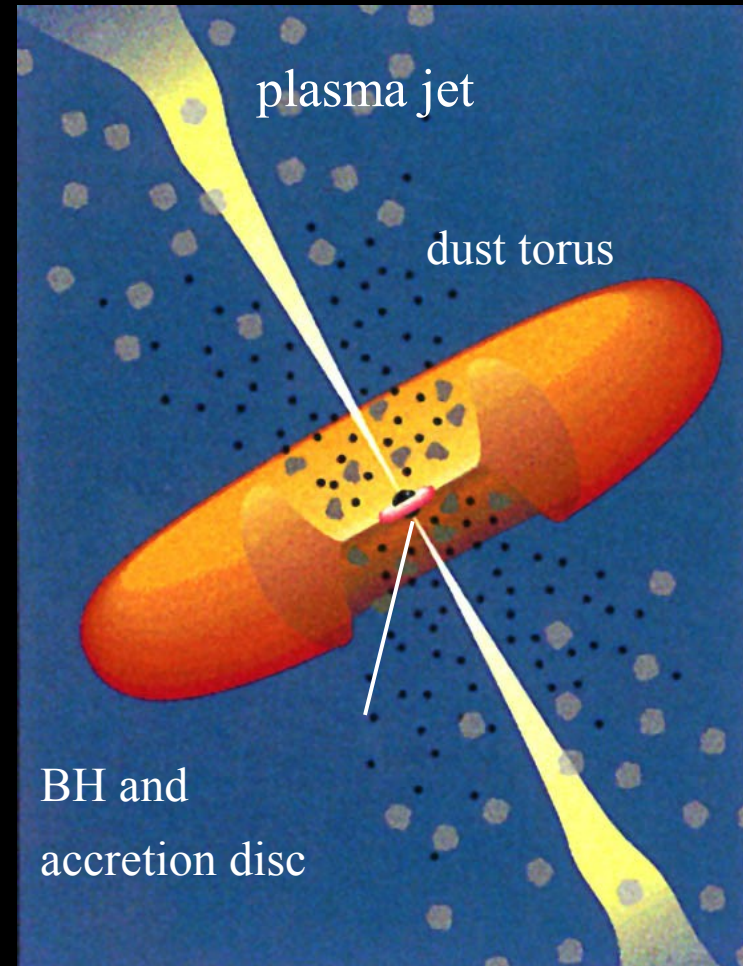
Maximum coinciding with ~inferior conjunction

Minimum around superior conjunction (non-zero!)

- > Gamma absorption in UV field plays a role (pair prod X-section vs. angle)
- > other physics issues also: anisotropic inverse Compton
- > Max electron energies (B field changes)

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 ~ jet axis
 - Relativistic beaming
 - **Doppler-boosting** $E_{\text{obs}} \sim \delta E_{\text{src}}$
 - **Pointlike TeV emission** (*pair halos)
 - **Extreme variability**



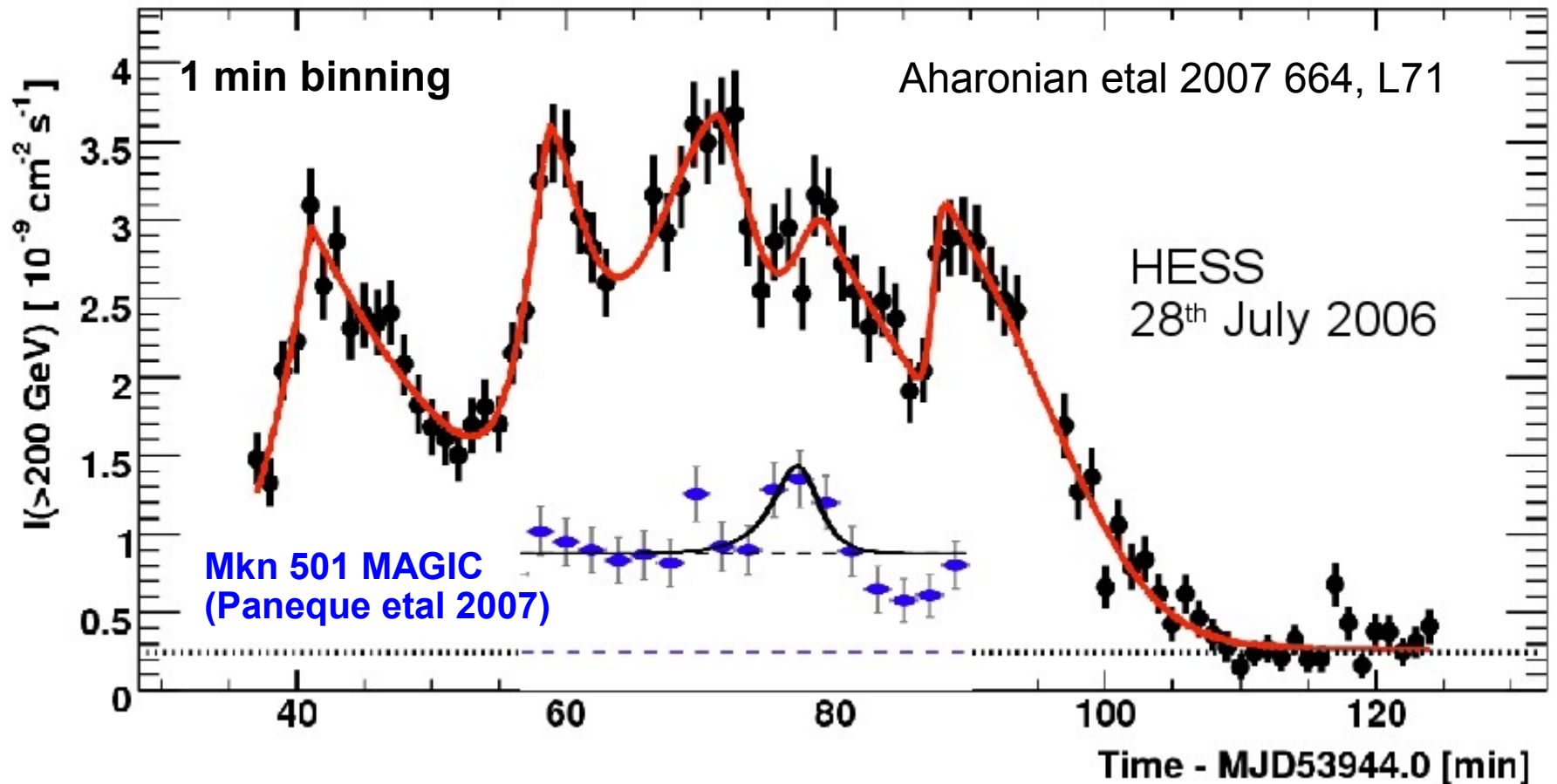
**TeV AGN
Sources:
Mid-2007**

Name	Type	Redshift	Signif.	Discovered
			***: >10	
M 87	FR I	0.004	***	HEGRA
Mrk 421	BL Lac	0.031	***	Whipple
Mrk 501	BL Lac	0.034	***	Whipple
1ES 2344+514	BL Lac	0.044	***	Whipple
Mrk 180	BL Lac	0.046	5.5	MAGIC
1ES 1959+650	BL Lac	0.047	***	TA
BL Lac	BL Lac	0.069	5.1	MAGIC
PKS 0548-322	BL Lac	0.069	5.8	HESS
PKS 2005-489	BL Lac	0.071	***	HESS
PKS 2155-304	BL Lac	0.116	***	Durham
H 1426+428	BL Lac	0.129	7.5 / 5	Whipple
1ES 0229+200	BL Lac	0.14	6.6	HESS
H 2356-309	BL Lac	0.165	***	HESS
1ES 1218+304	BL Lac	0.182	9 / 6.4	MAGIC
1ES 1101-232	BL Lac	0.186	***	HESS
1ES 0347-121	BL Lac	0.188	***	HESS
1ES 1011+496	BL Lac	0.212	***	MAGIC
PG 1553+113	BL Lac	?	***	HESS/MAGIC
3C 279	FSRQ	0.536	~8 (trials?)	MAGIC

Mid-2008

S5 0716+714 z=0.31 +7sig BL-Lac (LBL) MAGIC ATEL #1500
W Comae z= 0.102 +6sig BL-Lac (IBL) VERITAS ATEL #1422
1ES 0806+524 z=0.138 +7sig BL-Lac (HBL) VERITAS ATEL #1415
RGB J0152+017 z=0.080 +7sig BL-Lac (HBL) HESS A&A 2008

PKS2155-304 (z=0.116) : Huge Flare



Peak flux ~ 15 Crab; $L_{\gamma} \sim 10^{12}$ Crab

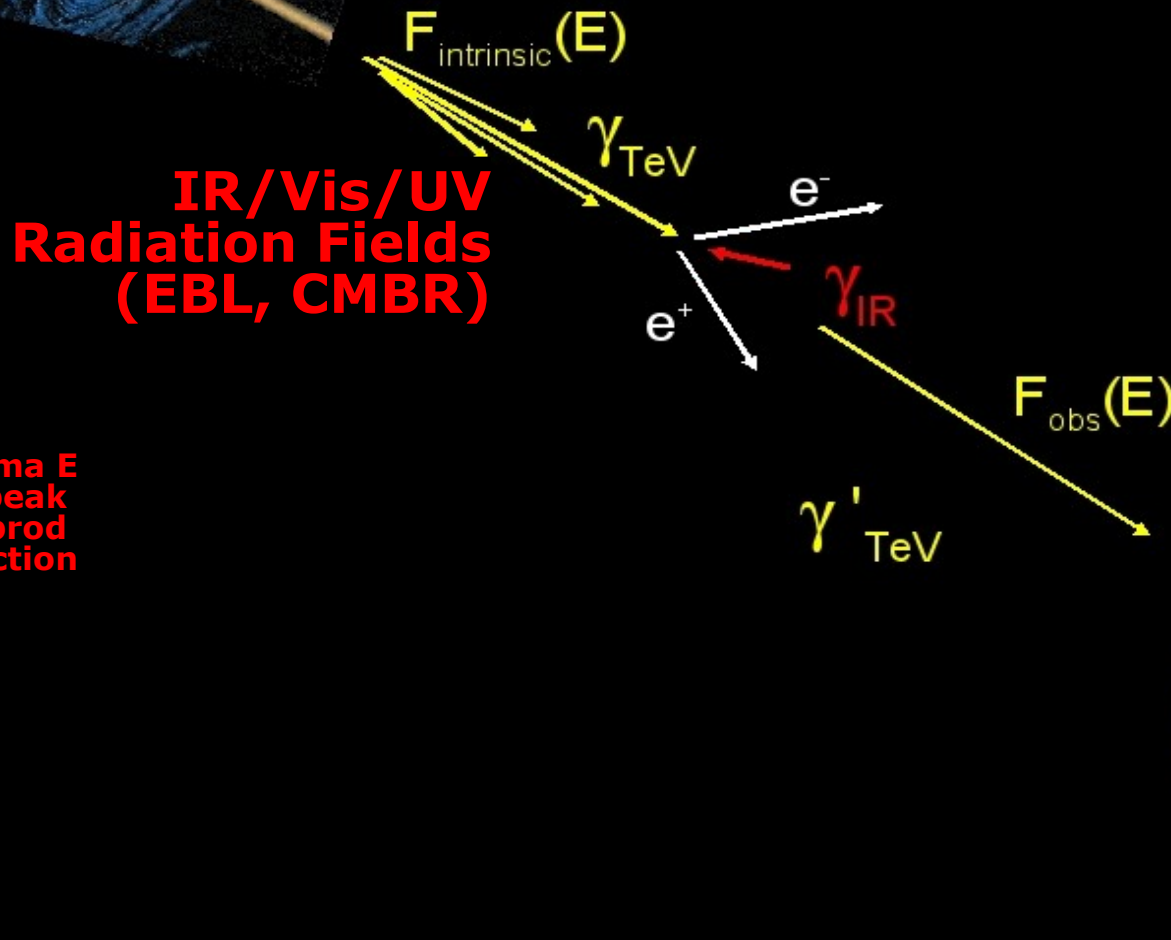
Minimum variability timescale $\Delta t \sim 173$ s

Causality: constrain source size $R_{\text{src}} < c \Delta t \delta / (1+z)$

For Black Hole $\delta \sim 60$ to 100 !

Gamma absorption on soft photon fields

$$F_{\text{obs}}(E) = F_{\text{intrinsic}}(E) \cdot e^{-\tau(E,z)}$$



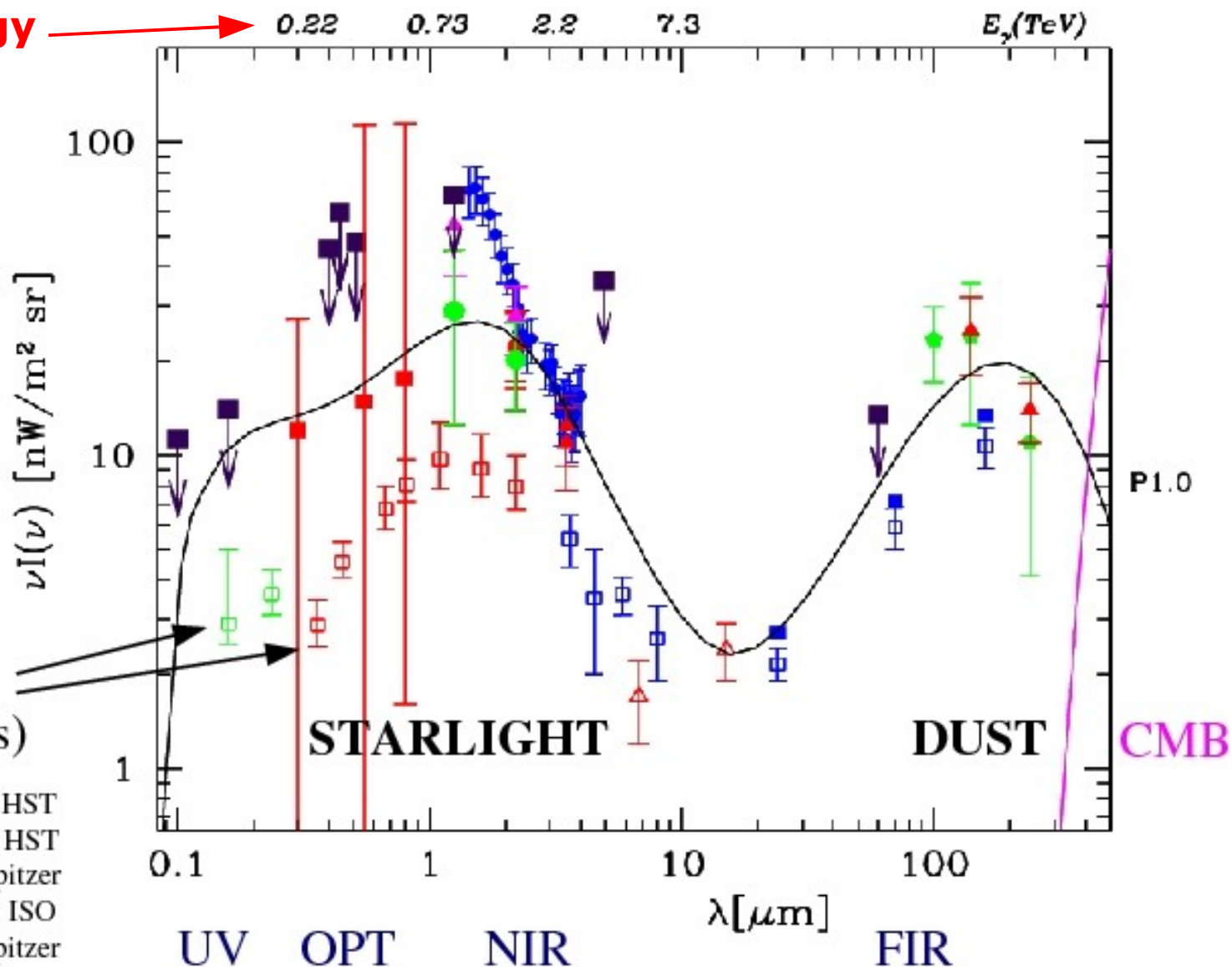
**IR/Vis/UV
Radiation Fields
(EBL, CMBR)**

**Gamma E
for peak
pair-prod
X-section**



Extragalactic Background Light: the SED

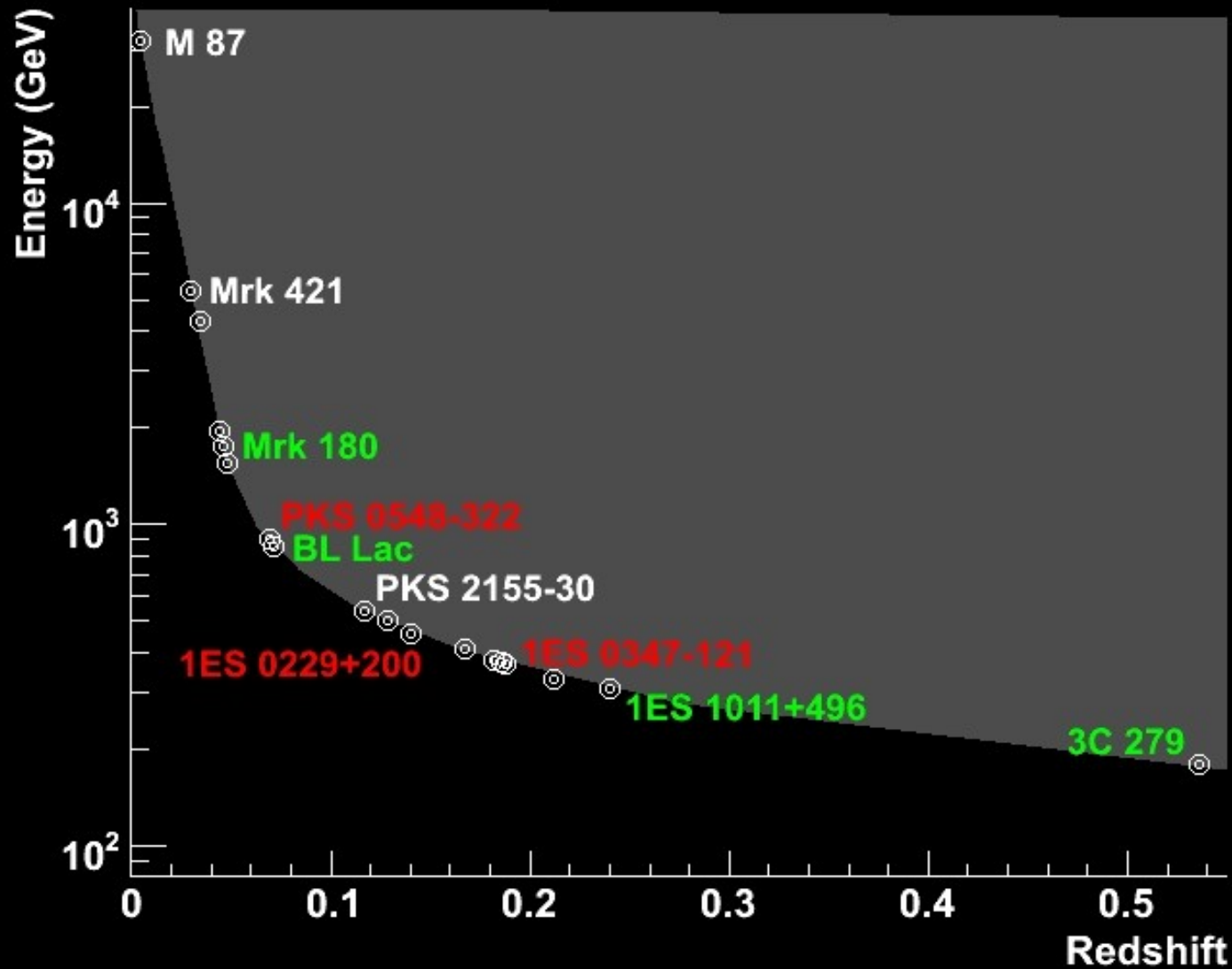
**Gamma Energy
for peak pair
production
X-section**



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



Gamma horizon $\tau(E,z) = 1$

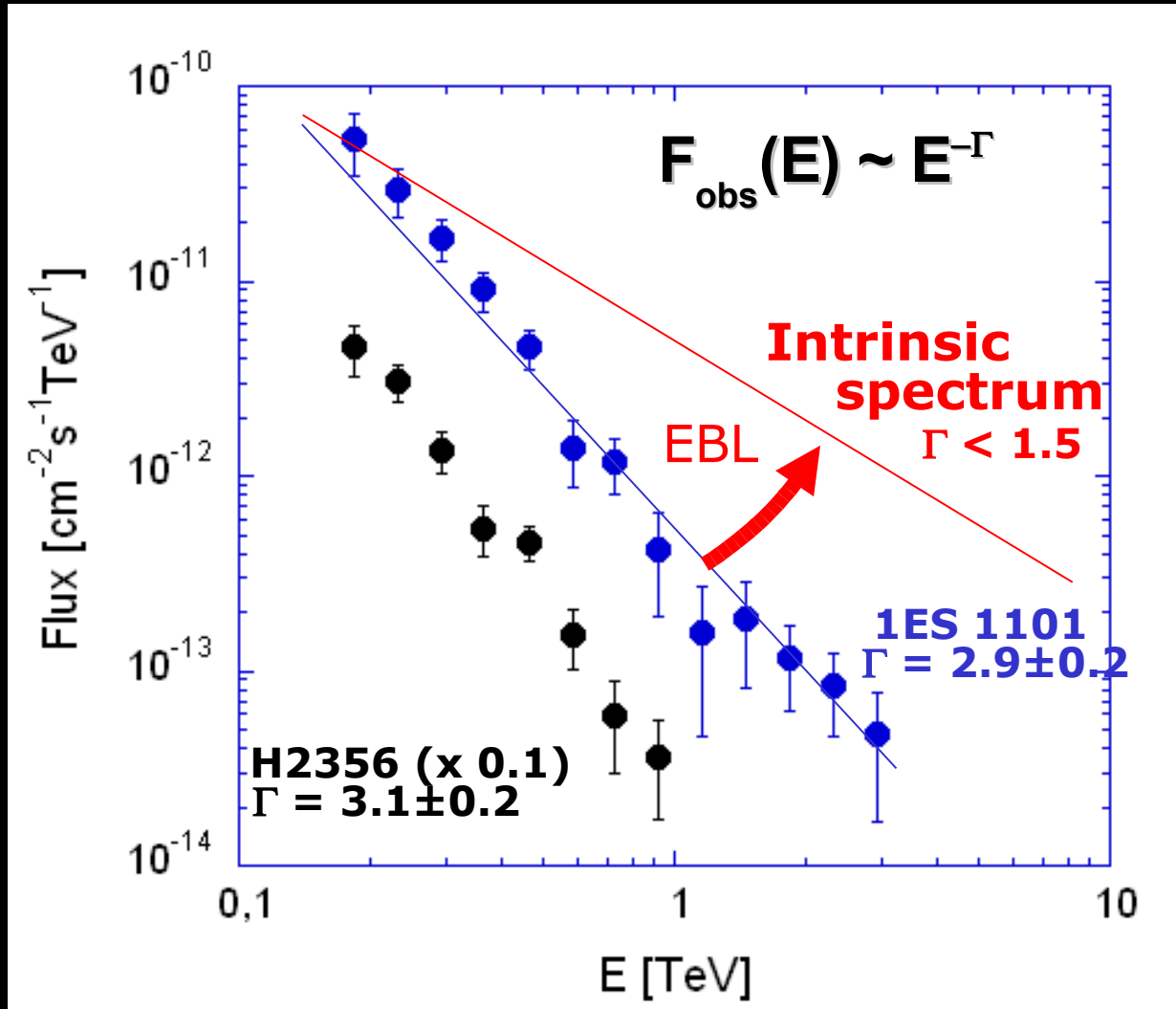


from Blanch, Martinez etal 2005



TeV Spectra & $E_{\text{extragalactic Background Light}}$

We can de-absorb the observed TeV spectra to estimate the intrinsic spectra



But intrinsic spectrum should not be too hard!

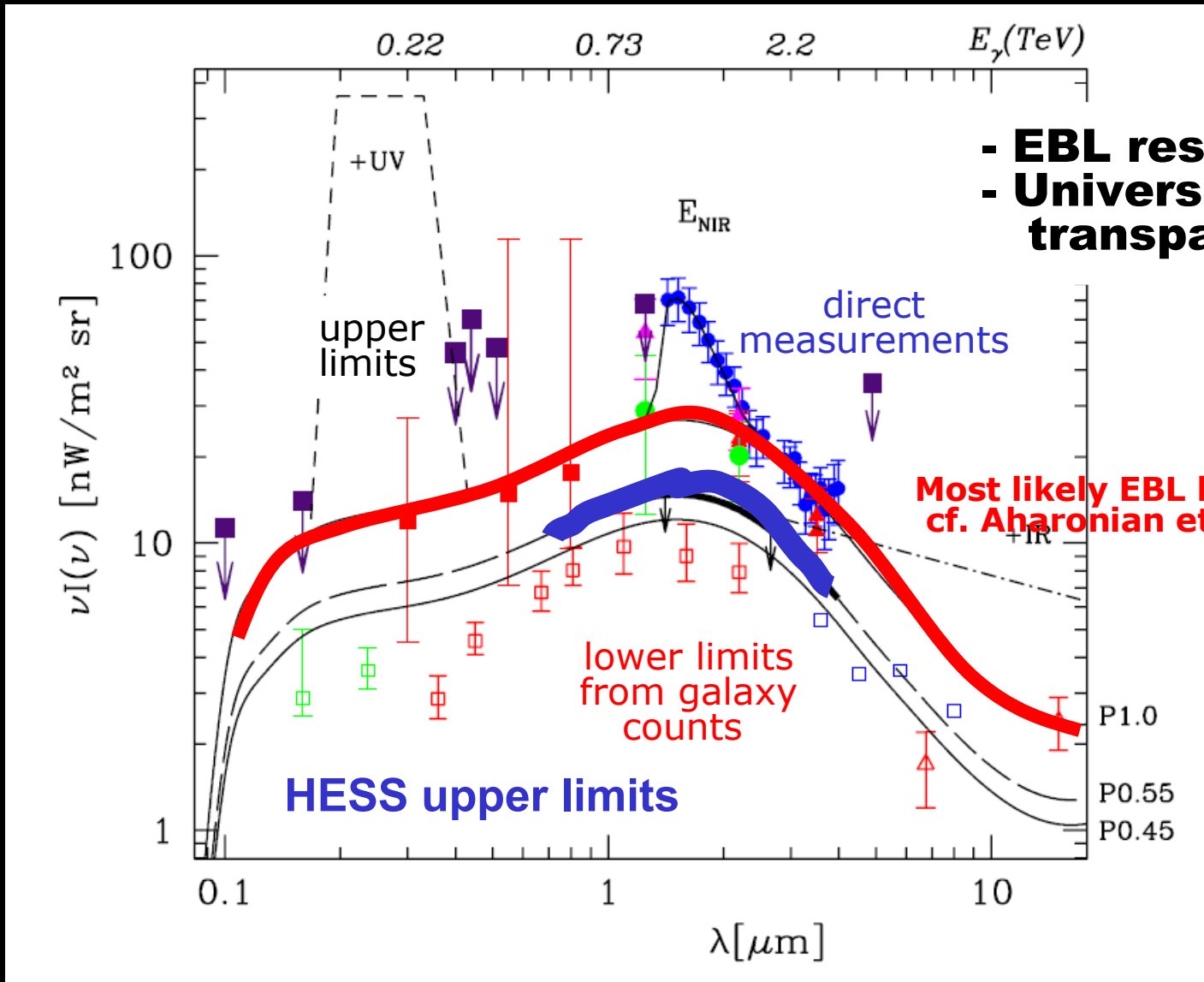
$$\Gamma < 1.5$$

Due to Inverse-Compton limit Thompson regime



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

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

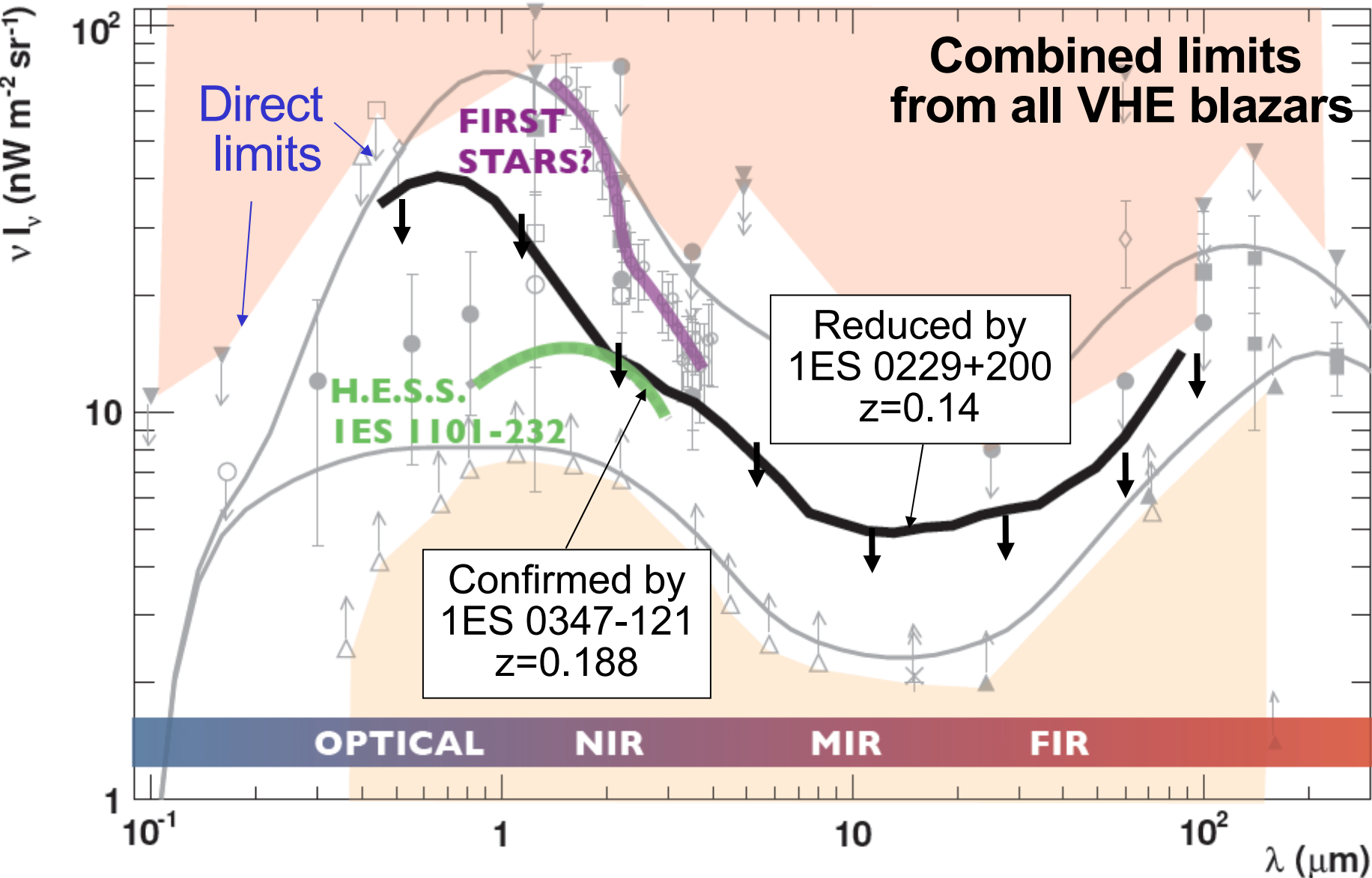


- EBL resolved
- Universe more transparent

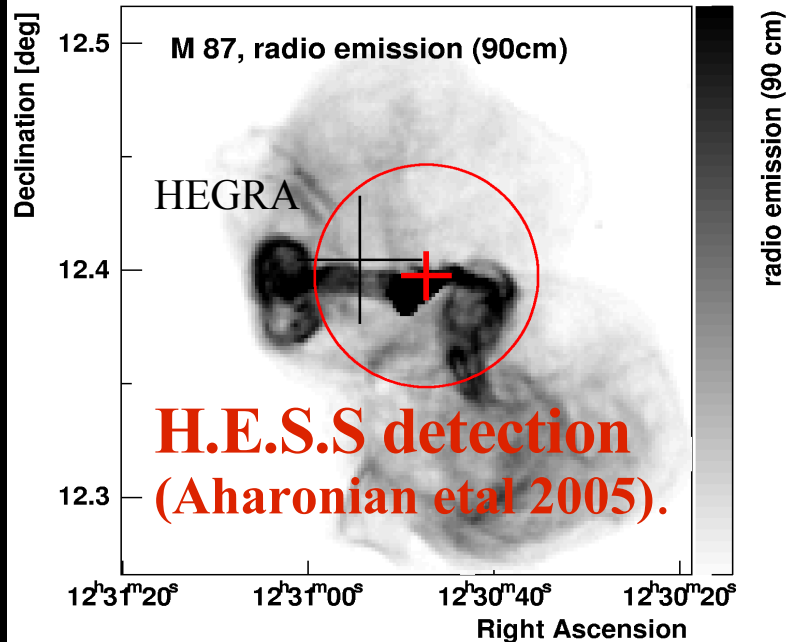
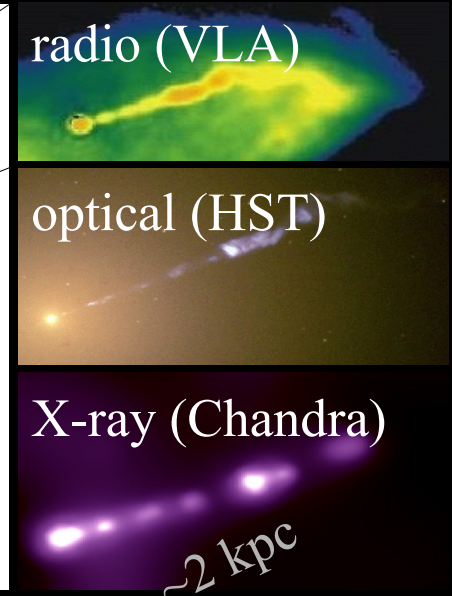
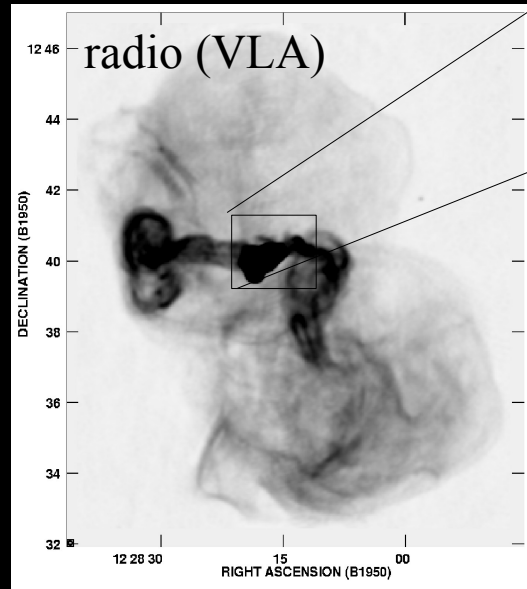
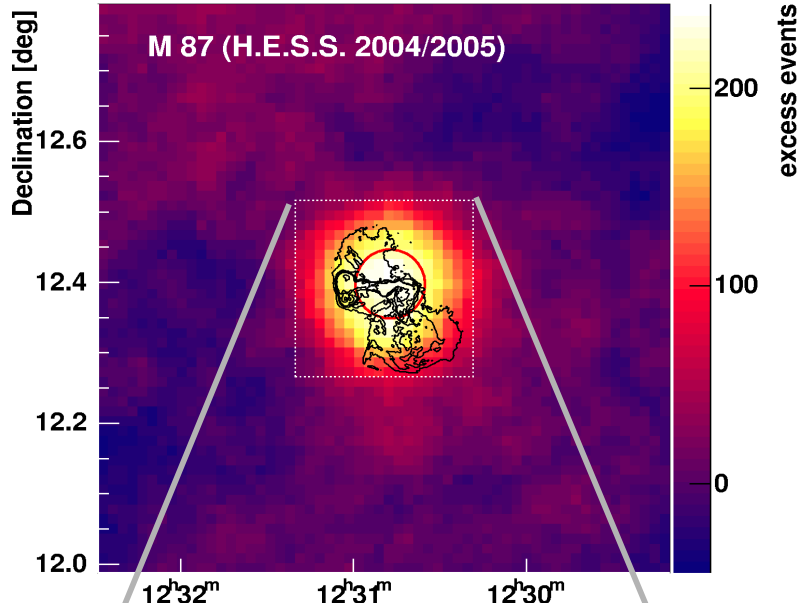
Most likely EBL bef. HESS cf. Aharonian et al 2003

Updated EBL Limits from new TeV Spectra

Raue et al, Mazin et al, Puehlhofer et al 2007



The Giant Radiogalaxy M87



Distance: ~16 Mpc ($z=0.00436$)

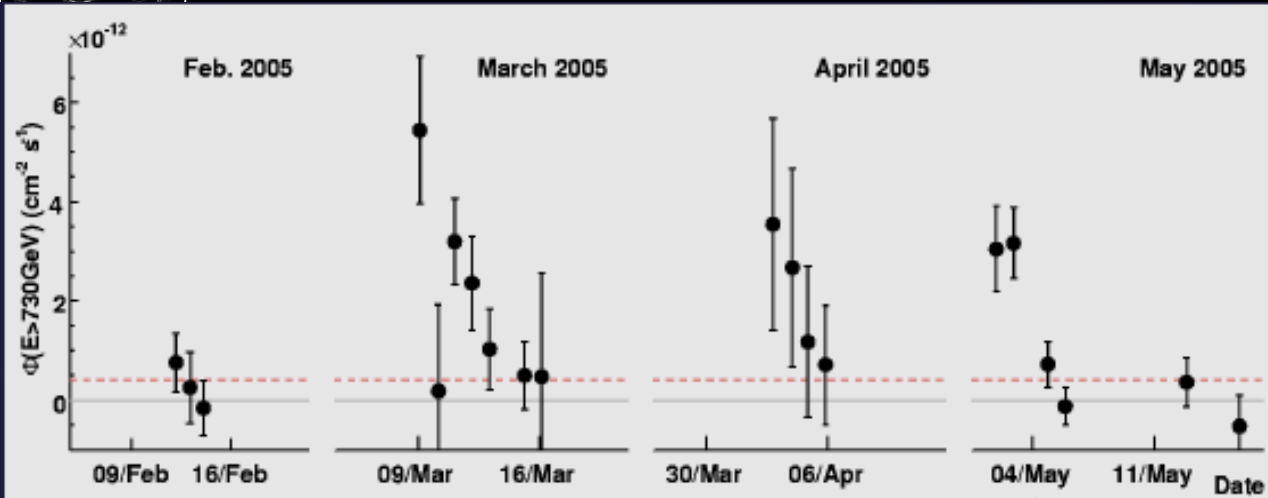
Central BH: $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 3 \cdot 10^9 M_{\odot}$

Jet angle: $\sim 30^{\circ} \Rightarrow$ not a blazar!

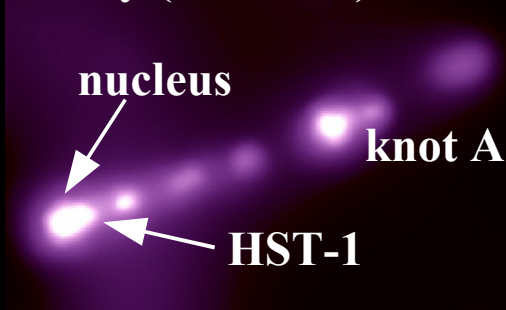
Predictions of TeV emission and 10^{20} eV particles (UHECR)

First TeV detection ($>4\sigma$) by HEGRA in 1998/99 (Aharonian et al 2003)

M87: A variable Source



X-ray (Chandra)

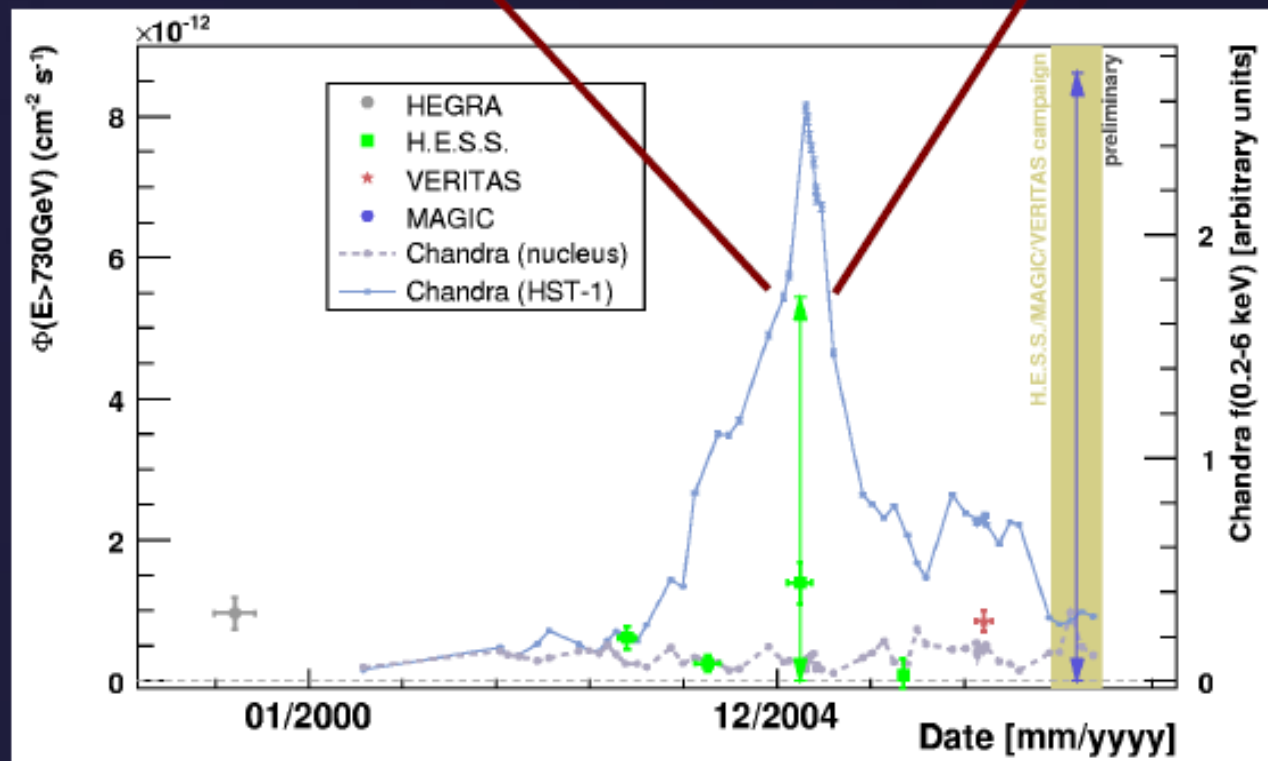


HESS 2-day variability
constrain source size to
 $< 5 \delta R_s$

(Aharonian et al 2005)

TeV location:
HST-1 X-ray knot or
Central Black Hole?

HESS/MAGIC/VERITAS
Campaign 2008
(Beilicke et al 2008)

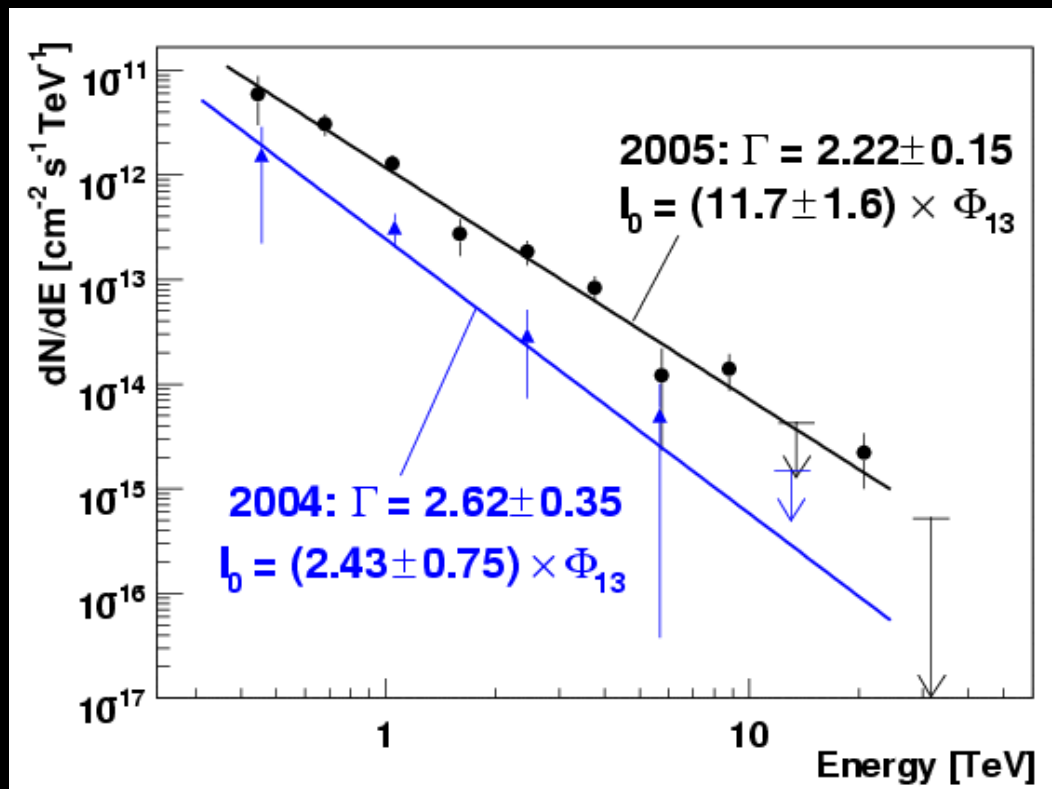




M87: energy spectra

- Separate energy spectra
2004 ($\sim 5\sigma$)
2005 ($\sim 10\sigma$)
- Spectra well described by
pure power-laws:

M87 energy spectrum



$$\Phi_{13} = 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

Comparison of 2004 vs. 2005:
Photon indices Γ compatible, but different flux levels



H.E.S.S. II

H.E.S.S. II 30 metre diameter Cherenkov telescope
under construction

--> push energy threshold to < 50 GeV
reaching to GLAST's upper energy limit (few x 10's GeV)





HESS II
Foundation completed

Dish construction
underway
(status early 2008)





Summary

- **A growing TeV Gamma Ray catalogue due to HESS**

- **Shell SNRs: Shell in TeV gammas: Hadronic &/or leptonic accelerators. $\sim 10^{49}$ erg necessary in protons.**

**Some cases for TeV/Molecular-Cloud overlap
--> strong hint for hadronic origin**

- **In many TeV Galactic Sources **emission up to >30 TeV**
--> **particle acceleration above 100 TeV.****

- **Pulsar Wind Nebulae: Spectral evolution; Asymmetric morphology. Electronic origin.**

- **Open Clusters & Massive Stars: New CR accelerators?**

- **Compact Binaries: orbital modulation**

- **Unidentified TeV Sources – a growing mystery**

- **Extragalactic sources: Sites of multi TeV particle production: probe background radiation, fast variability to minute timescales**

- **HESS II is coming < 100 GeV studies: AGN, XRB, GRBs....**

- ***Additional Topics (not discussed): Pulsar power population studies; Galaxy clusters; Dark matter searches***