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IN THE UNIVERSE

*Summary of Moriond VHEPU 2022:  
a selection*



# About Moriond VHEPU 2022

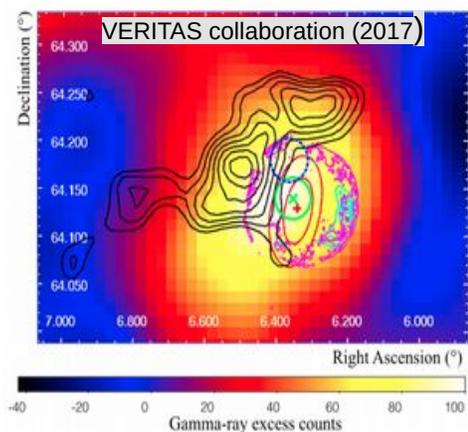
- Moriond VHEPU every 4 years.
- About 60 participants
- Topics :
  - Gamma-ray astronomy
  - Neutrinos
  - Cosmic rays
  - Multi-messenger astronomy
  - Dark Matter
- All contributions available :  
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# GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY

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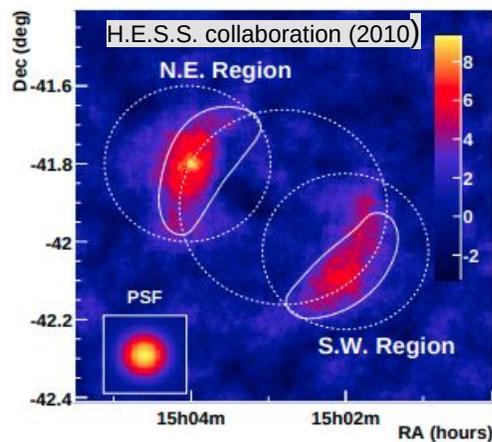
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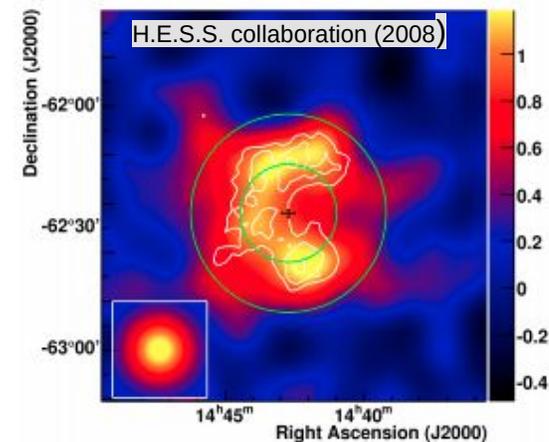
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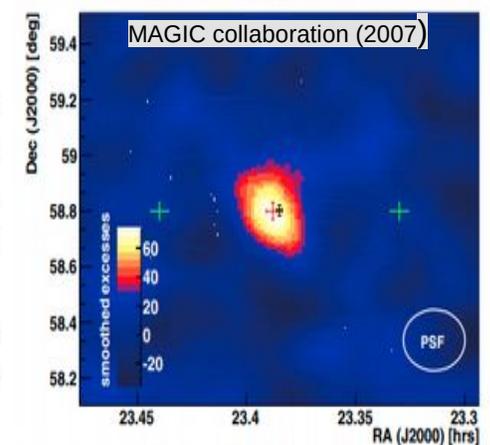
Detected at VHE with H.E.S.S. in 2010 (130 hours)

RCW 86 (SN in 185)



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Cas A (SN around 1680)

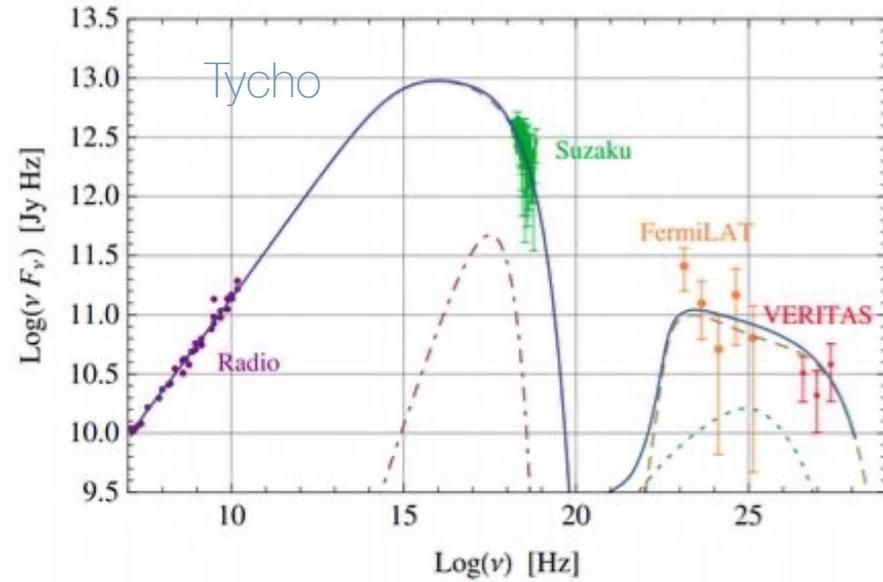
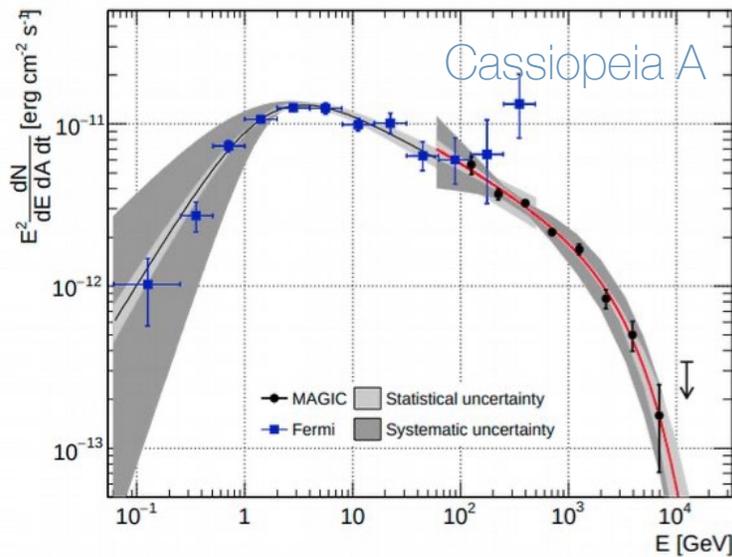
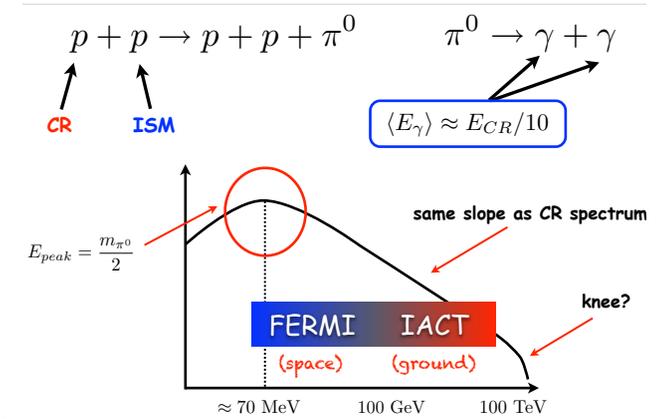


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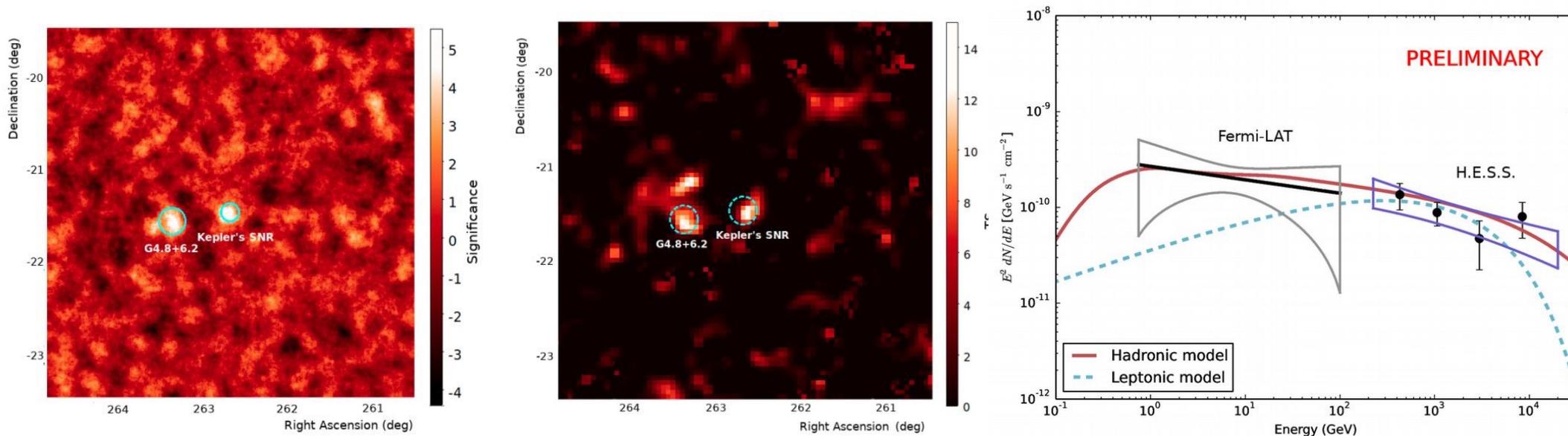
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- Significant softening in the energy spectra at the highest energies  
 → cannot provide enough CR protons at PeV energies

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- TeV detection of the Kepler's SNR (SN 1604) by H.E.S.S.
- 152 hours of high-quality data since 2004

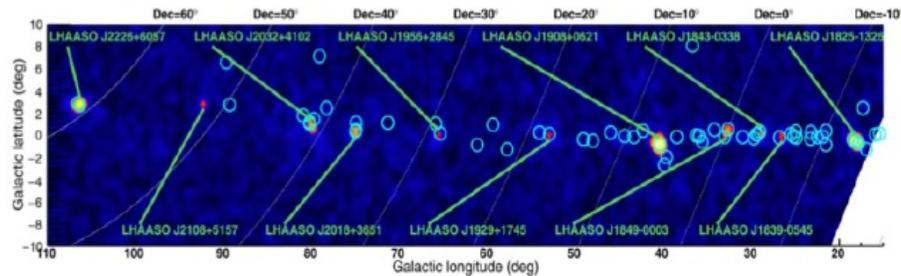


- Hadronic model can well described the data
  - Cosmic-ray proton spectral index, 2.2
  - Exponential cut-off in the cosmic-ray proton spectrum at 100 TeV

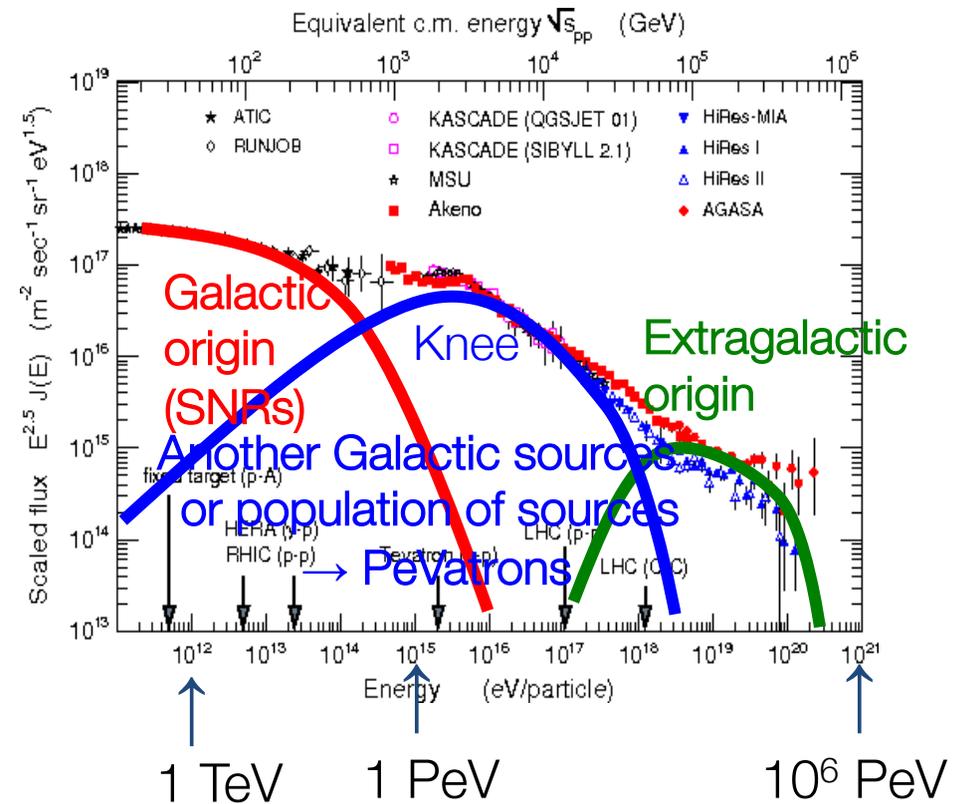
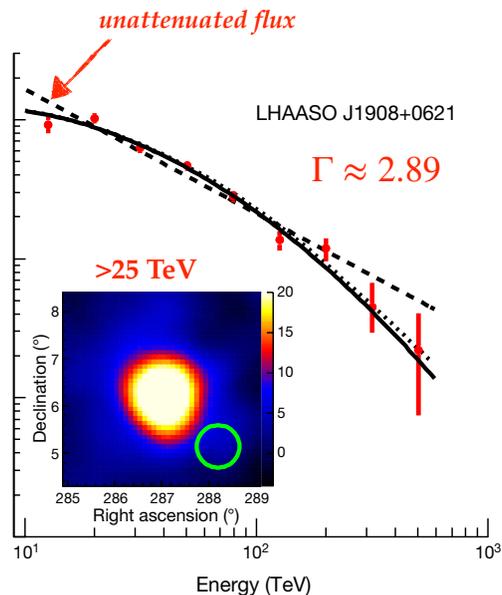
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# LHAASO: gamma-ray sources above 100 TeV

- 12 sources at  $> 0.1$  PeV
- Most of them are unidentified



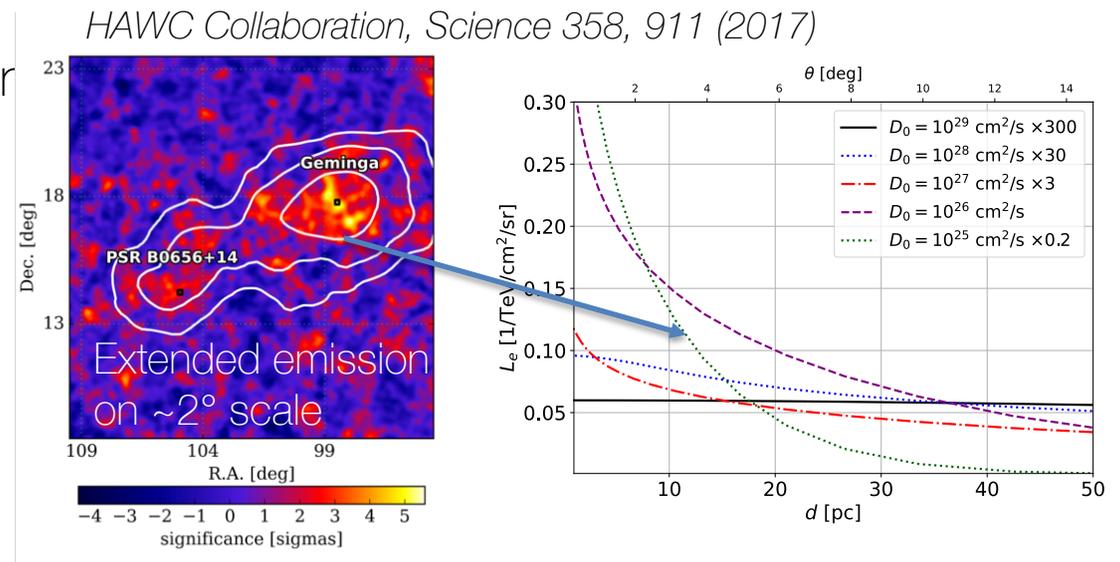
- The first SNR as PeVatron?



- LHAASO J1908+0621 = SNR G40.5-0.5 ?
- Possible association with MGRO J1908+06 that spatially associate with an Icecube hotspot
- Spectrum suggests  $> 2$  PeV protons
- Confirmation of association with SNR G40.5-0.5 would be the first evidence of a SNR operating as a pevatron *#G. Siascio*

# Extended VHE sources: detection of TeV halos

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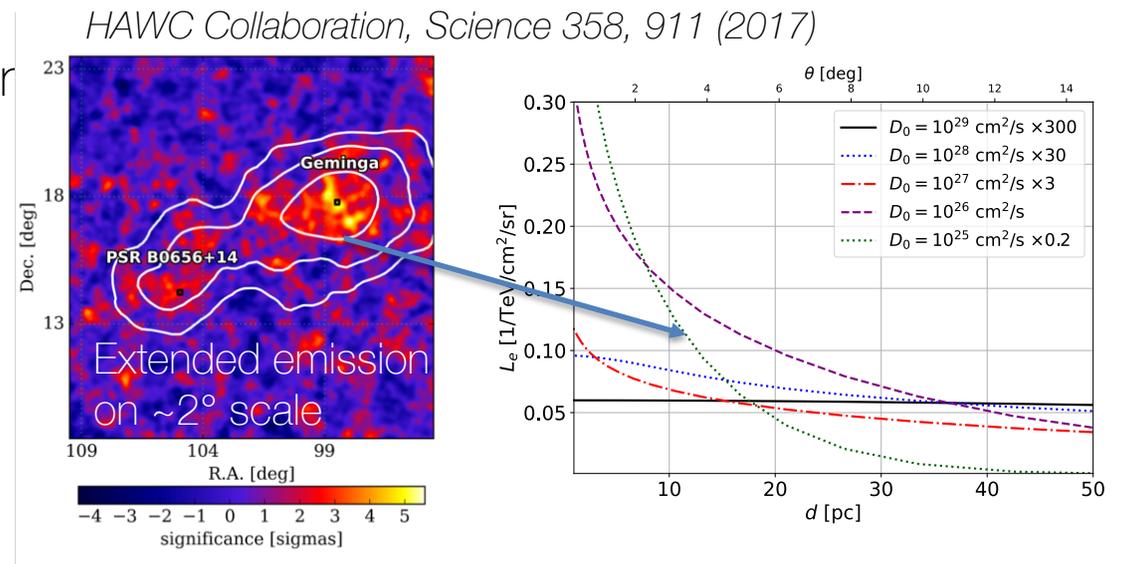


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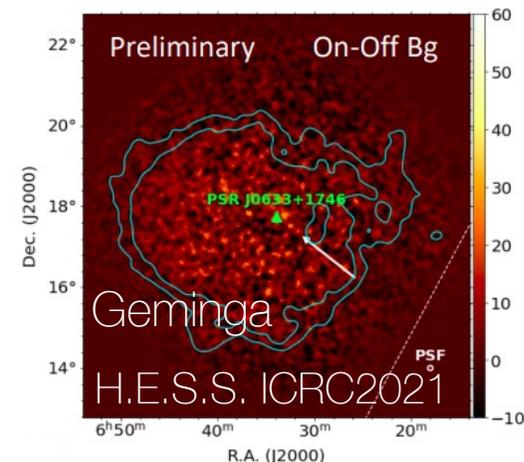
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- Understanding transport of particles in the vicinity of the sources
- Input for understanding the origin of the positrons excess' seen by AMS02

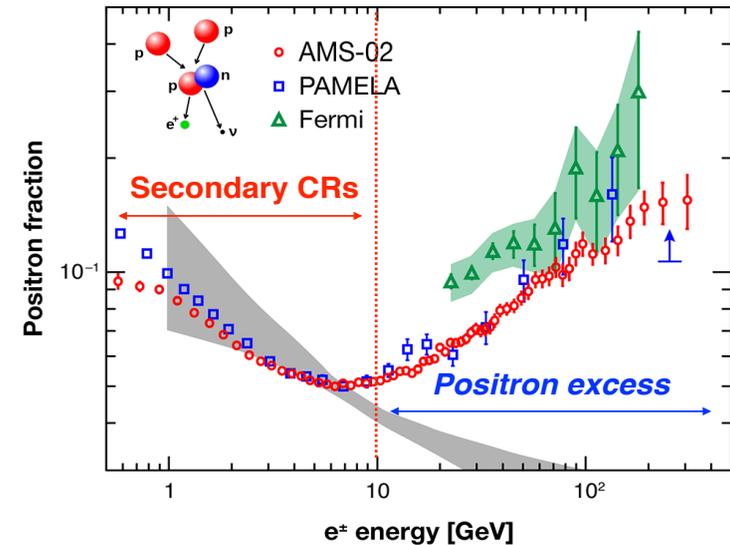


- H.E.S.S observations of Geminga

- More halos candidates seen by LHAASO and TibetAS- $\gamma$

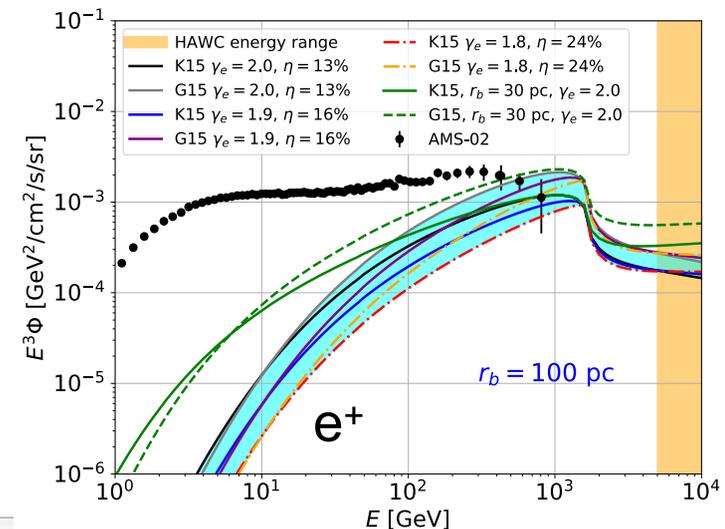
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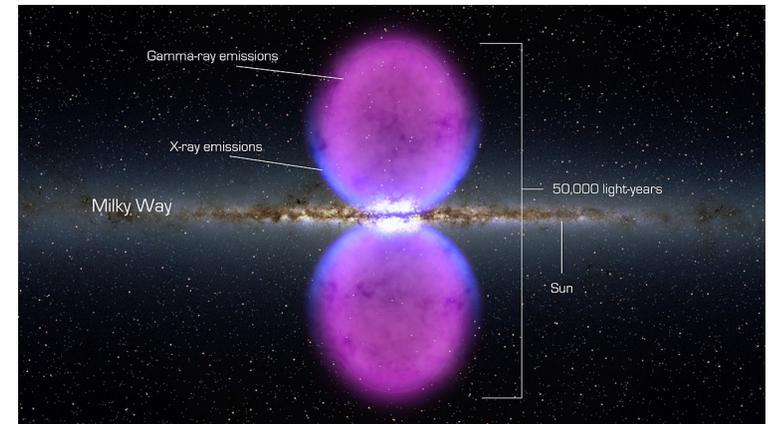
The nearby pulsar Geminga alone could contribute to the entire positron excess around 1 TeV.

- The exact contribution depends on the size of the low-diffusion halo
- Other pulsars could contribute as well



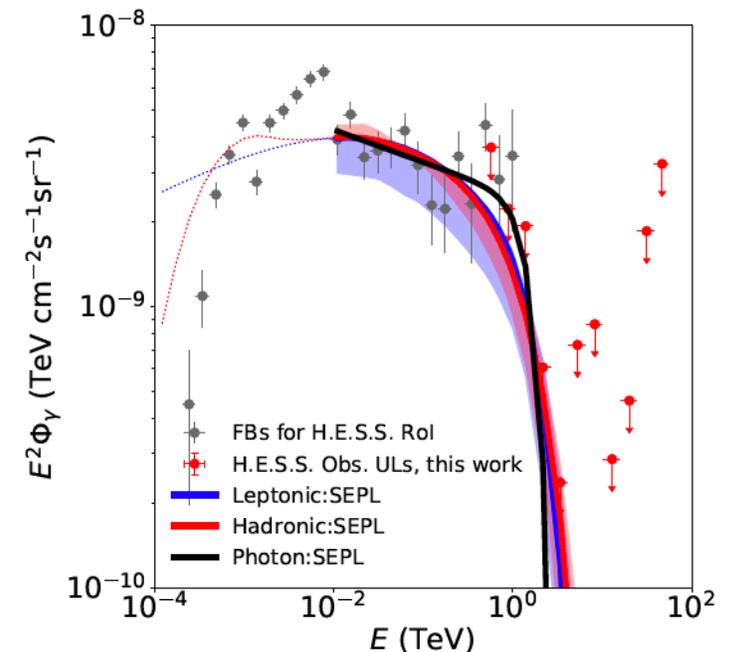
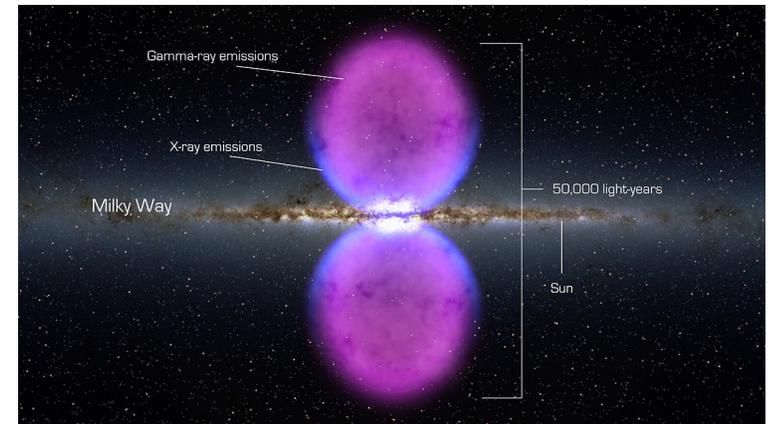
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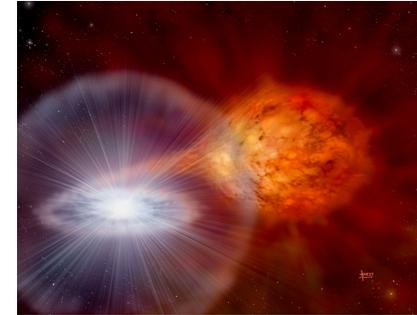
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- H.E.S.S. data analysis of 546 hours of high-quality data
  - Differential flux upper limits 95% C.L. UL in the TeV
  - Constraints on model parameters of the injected particle spectrum in leptonic and hadronic scenarios



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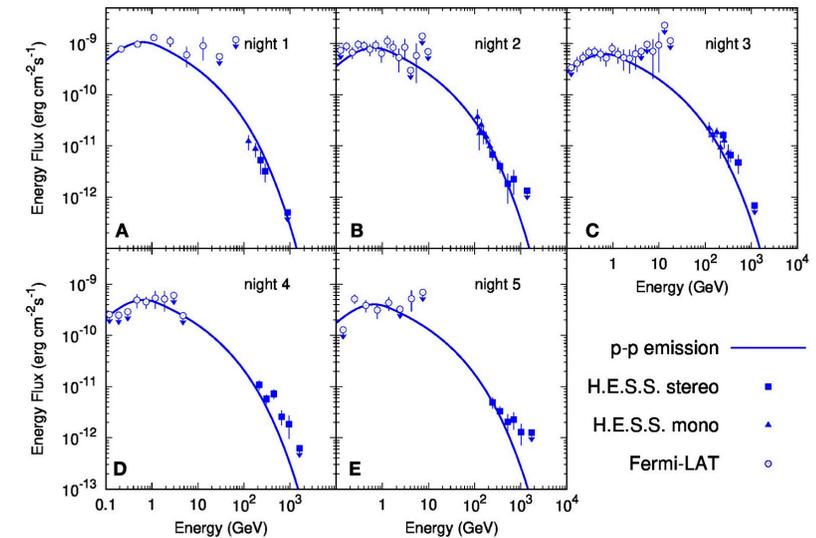
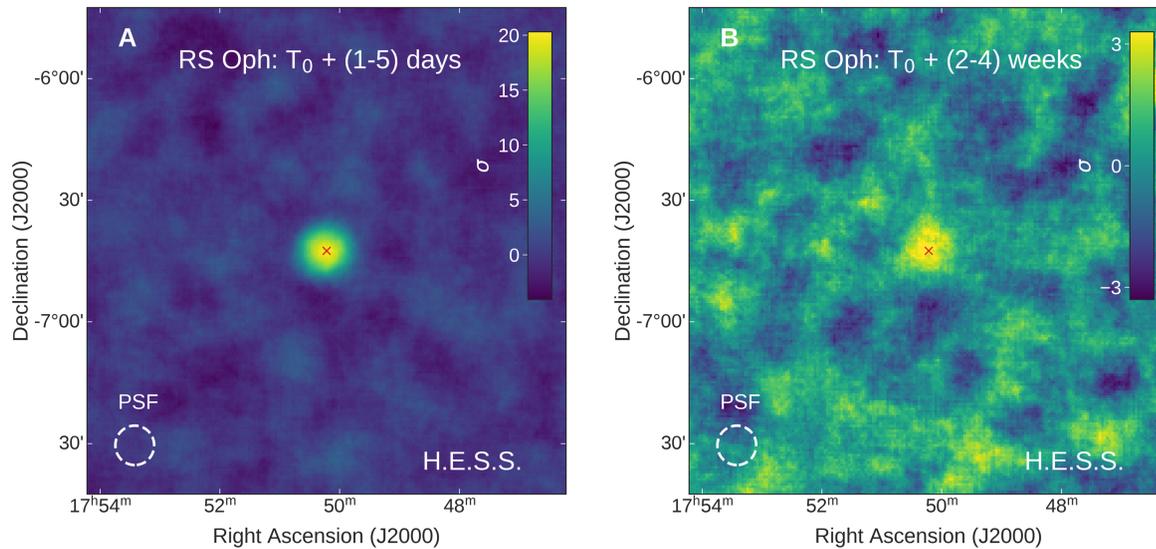
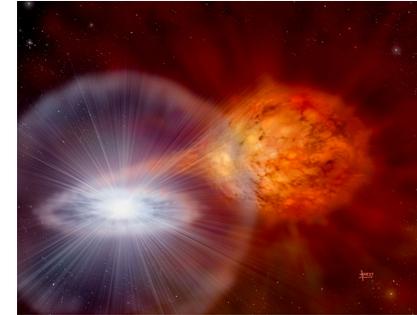
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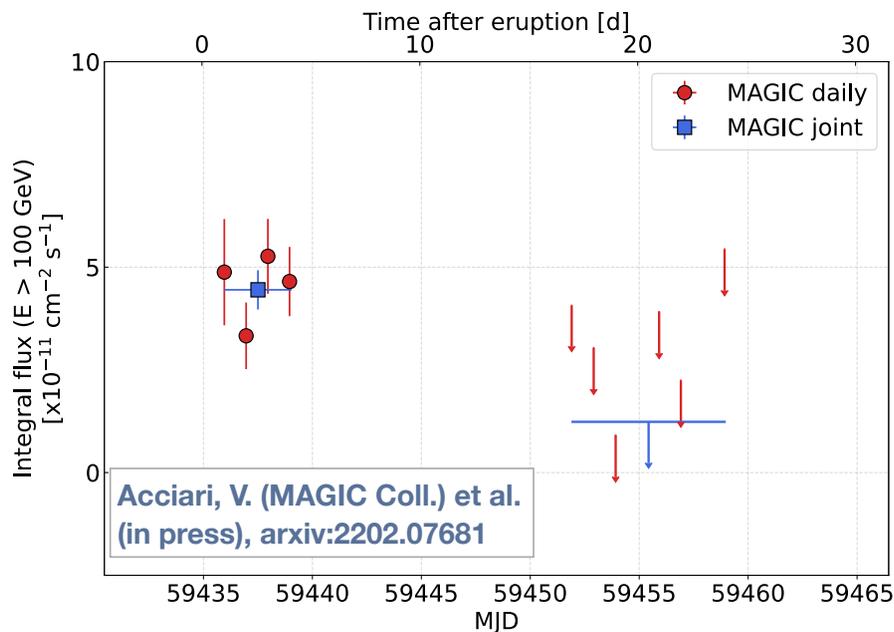
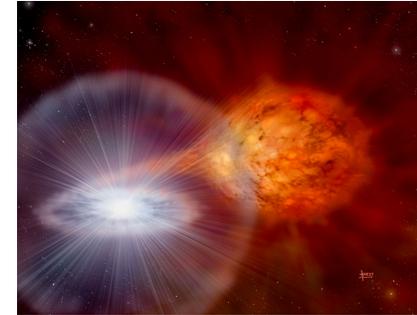


- Detection at  $> 6$  sigma on each night of first five nights
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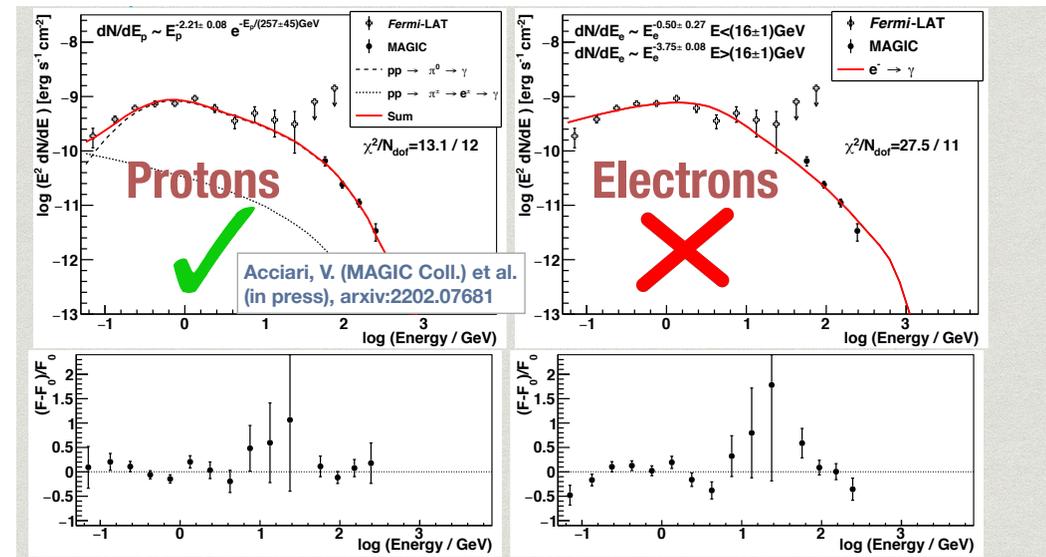
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# COSMIC RAYS

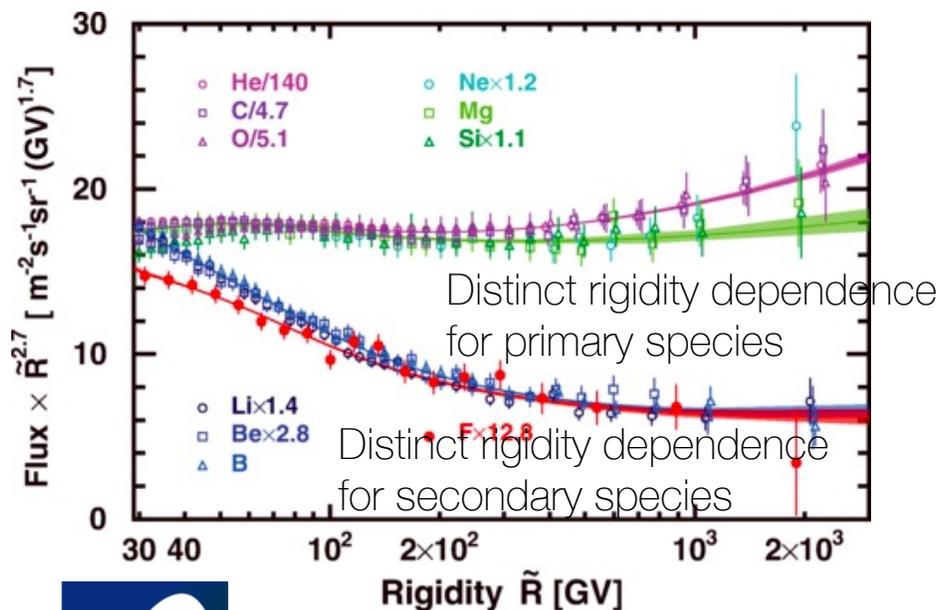
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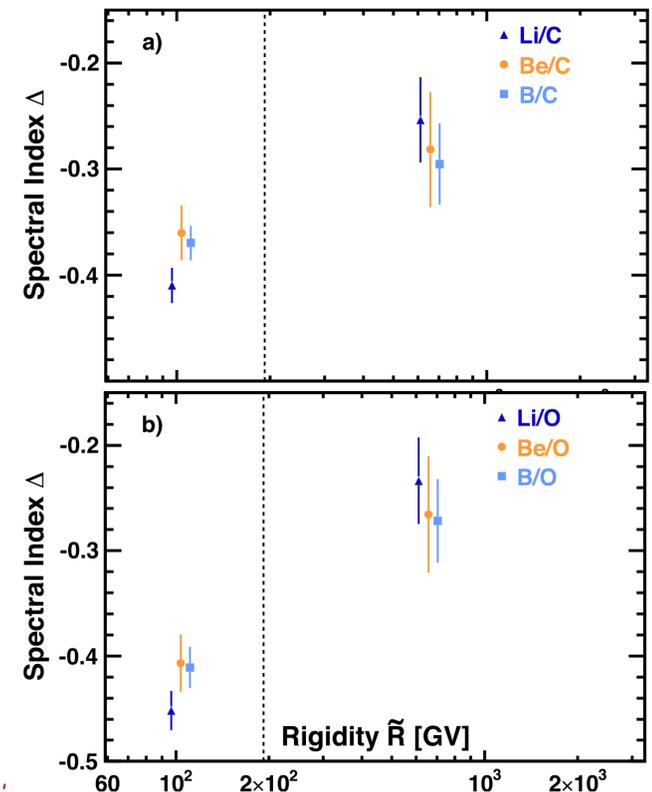
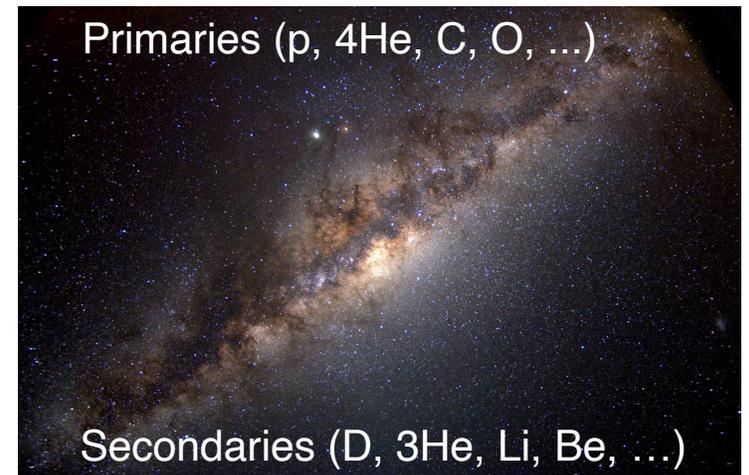
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AMS provides evidence for a break in the B/C



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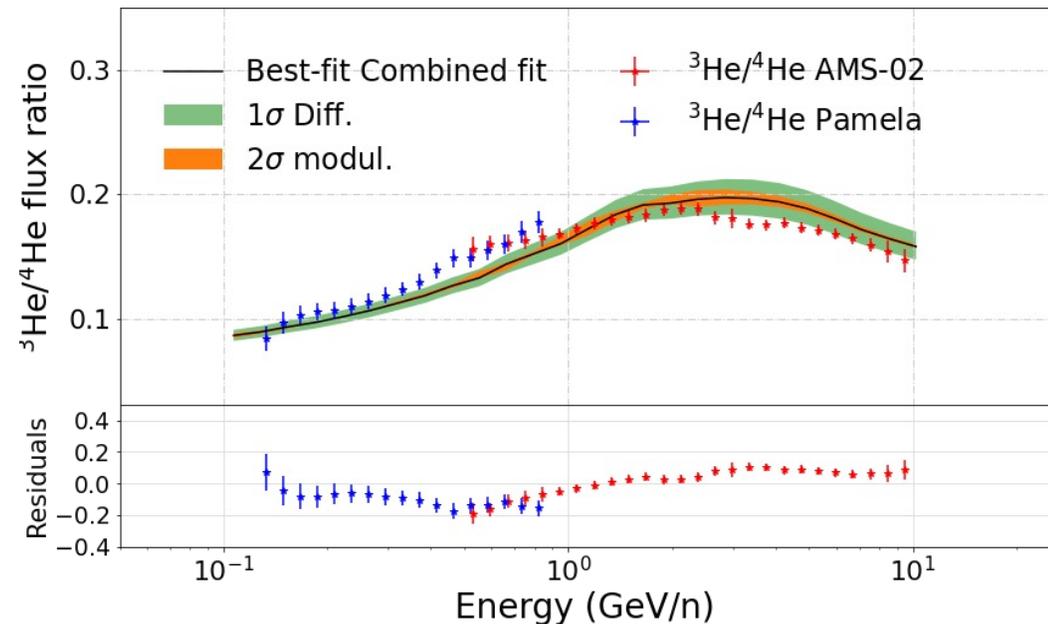
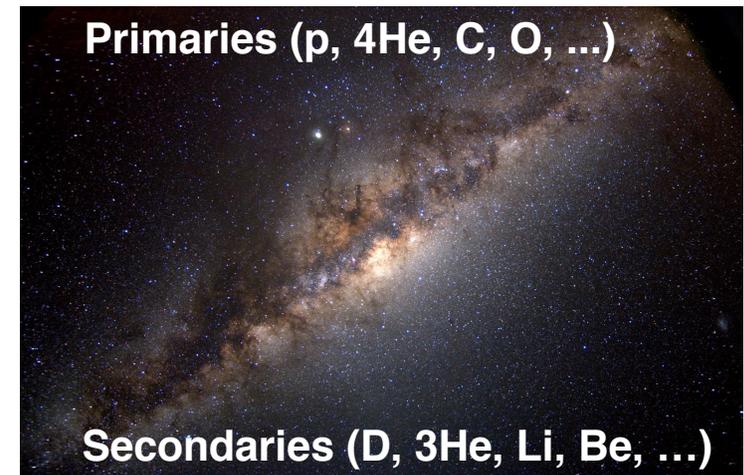
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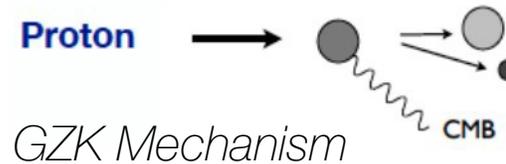
- Computation of cross sections is a limitation for most of the analyses of propagation of charged particles in the Galaxy

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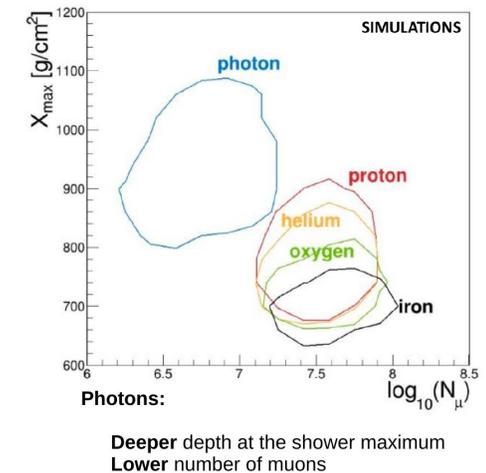


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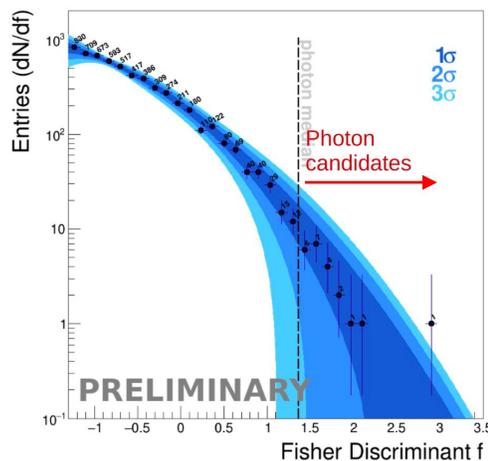
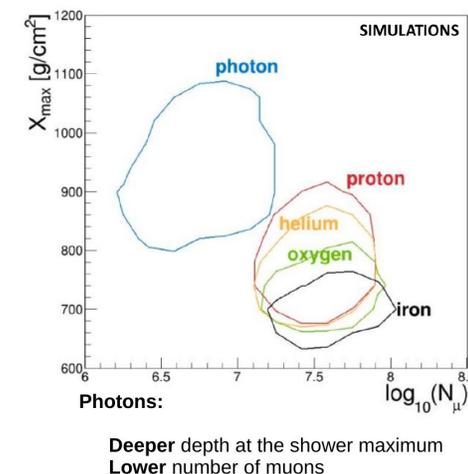
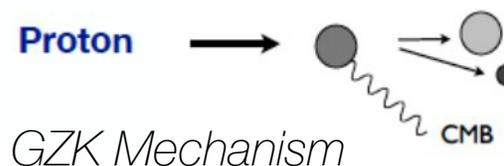


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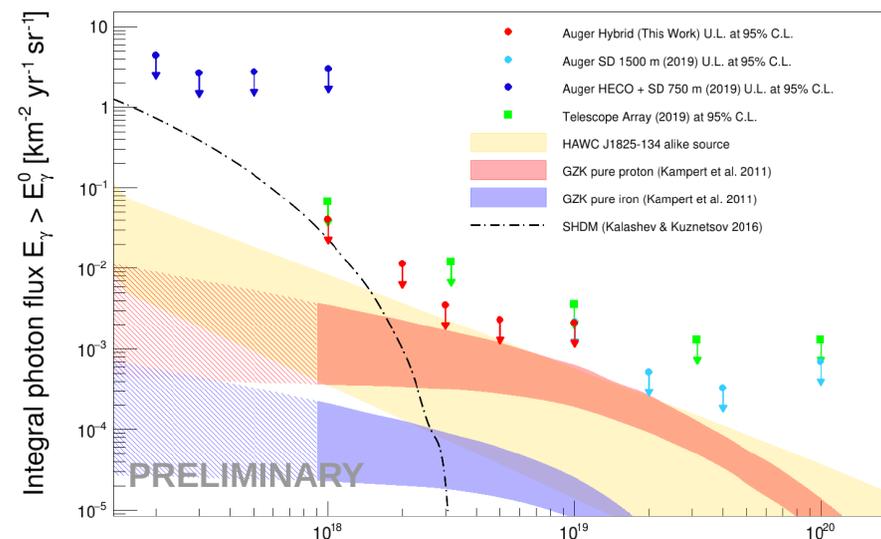


# estimated events above median:  
 $N_{\text{exp}}(E > 10^{18.0} \text{ eV}) = 30 \pm 16$

# Candidates found:  
 $N_{\text{obs}}(E > 18.0 \text{ eV}) = 22$

Median of the photon distribution  
derived as **photon selection cut** from the study of the background extrapolation.

Photons identified as excess with respect to the expected background

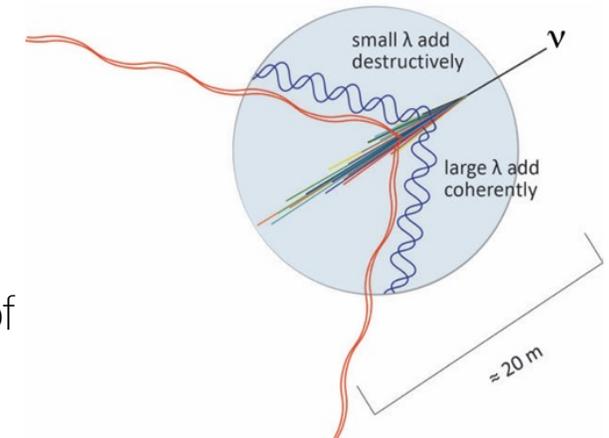


PAO starts constraining the most optimistic models of cosmogenic photon production by protons

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# UHE neutrino search with radio

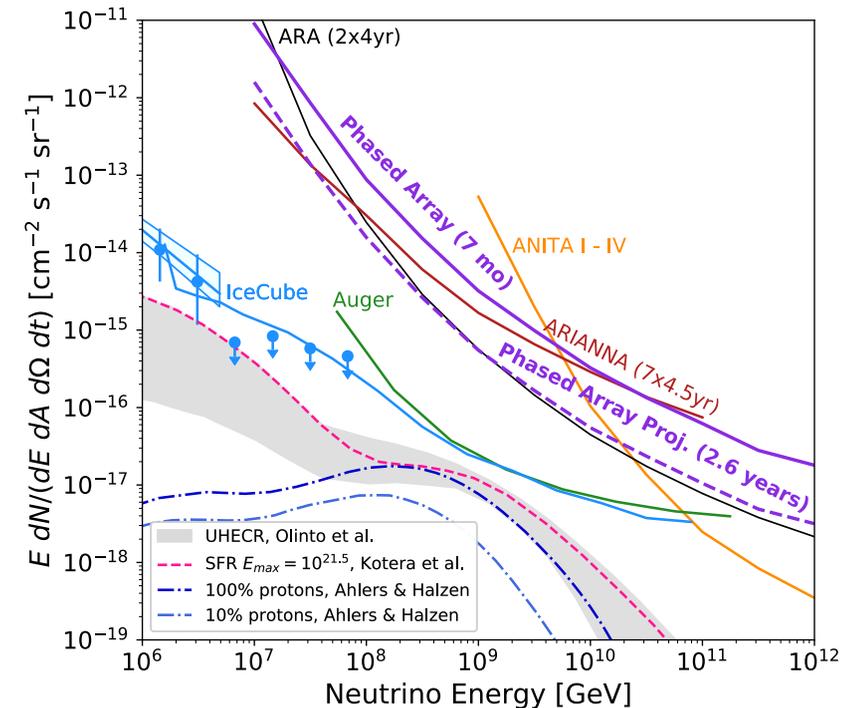
- Askaryan effect: predicted in 1960s and demonstrated in early 2000s
  - particle shower with negative charge excess
  - Cherenkov Radiation: coherent for wavelengths  $>$  lateral width of the shower
  - In ice, this coherent radiation is radio waves!
  - Radio attenuation length in ice is  $\sim 1$  km; detectors can be sparsely instrumented



- The Askaryan Radio Array (ARA)
  - 5 independent stations spaced 2 km apart
  - Located at the South Pole



- 208 days of livetime from 2019

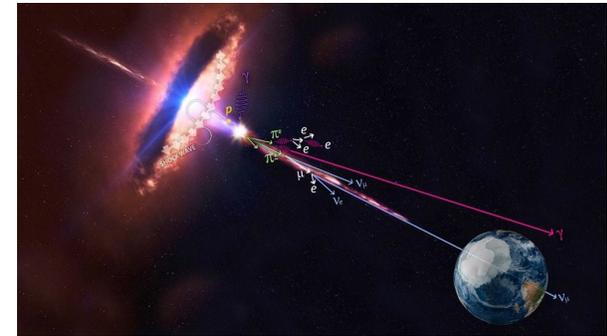


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# MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY

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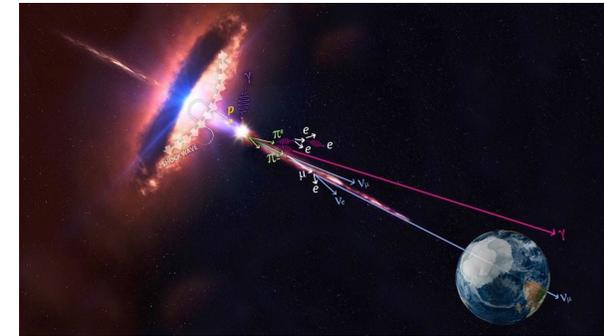
- Space and time correlations would provide "smoking gun" signal for joint emission processes  
=> CR interaction/acceleration
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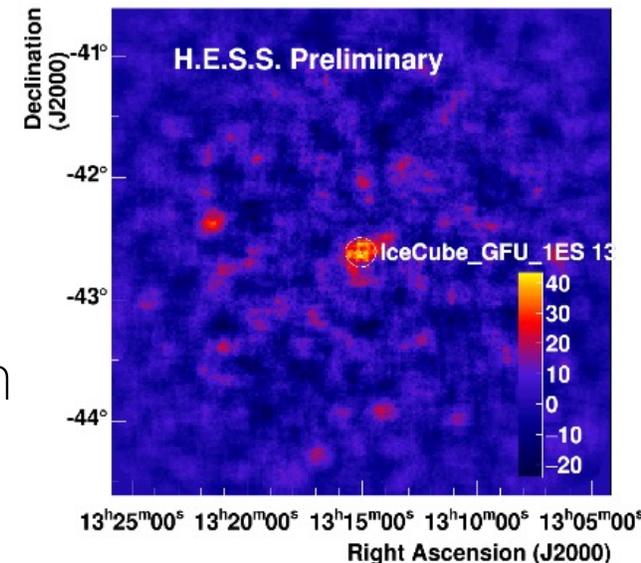
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## ■ Searches for neutrino multiplets (“flares”) in the IC online data stream

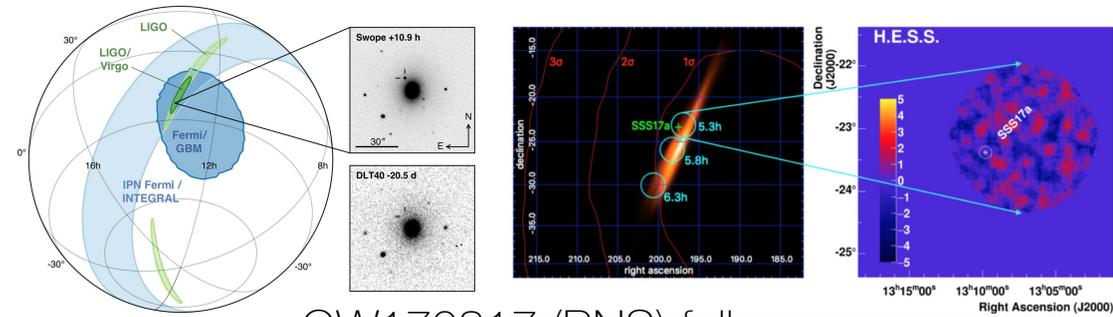
- Neutrino multiplet from 1ES 1312-423
- H.E.S.S. ToO observations => re-detection of the source (~4sigma)
- No significant change in the non-thermal emission during the ToO neutrino multiplet from 1ES 1312-423



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# Gravitational wave follow-up with H.E.S.S.

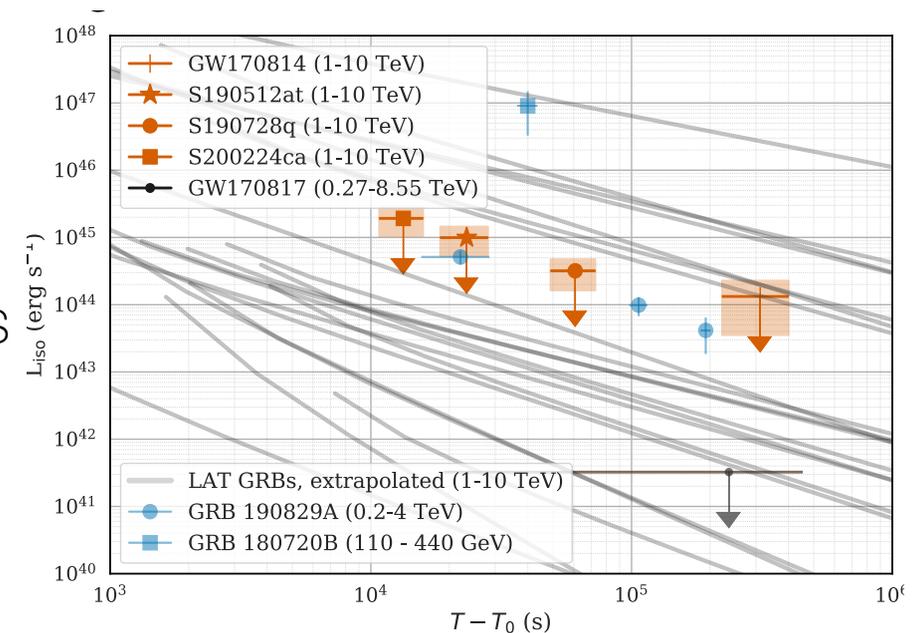
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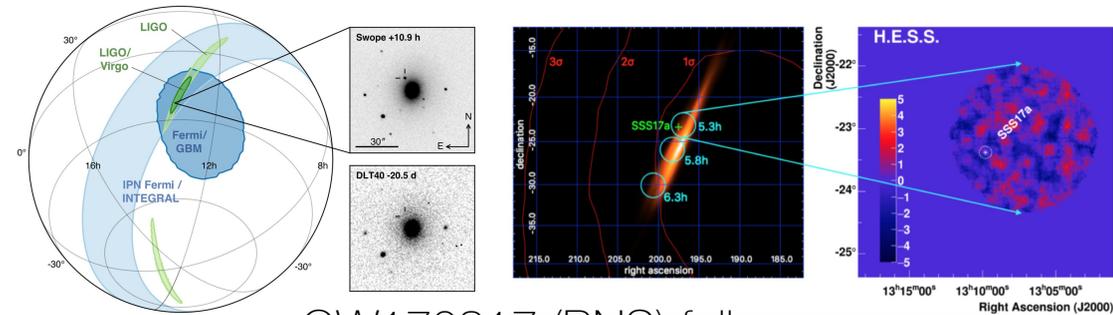
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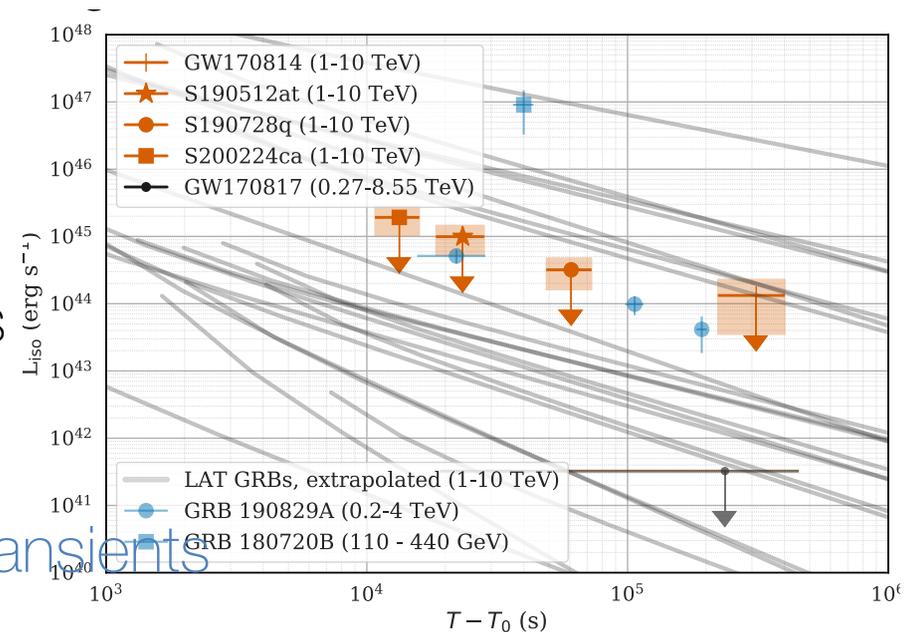


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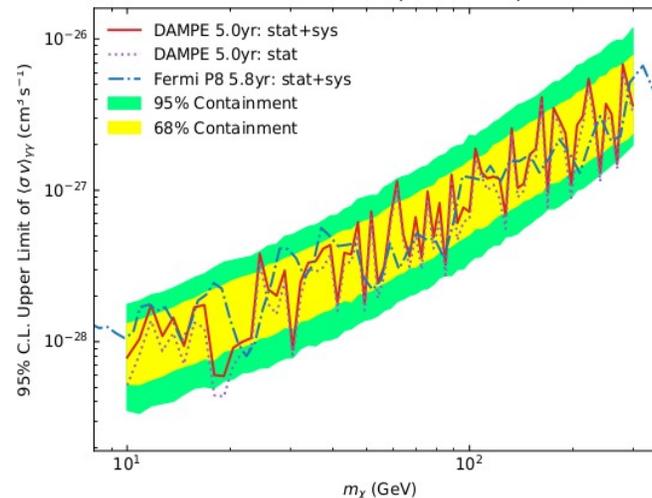
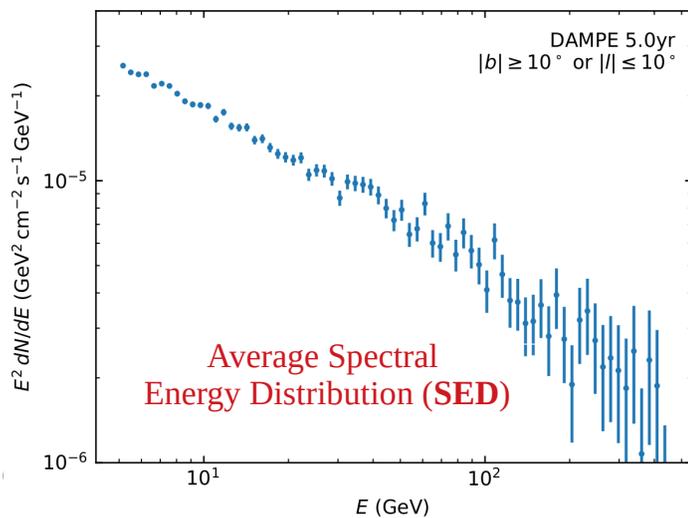


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# DARK MATTER

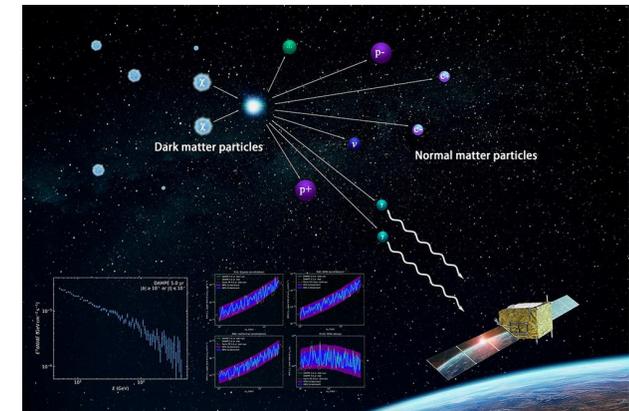
# Dark matter line search with DAMPE

- DAMPE was successfully launched on December 17th 2015 from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center
- 5 years of data: 2016 – 2020, Energy range: [5 – 450] GeV,  $DMDM \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  search

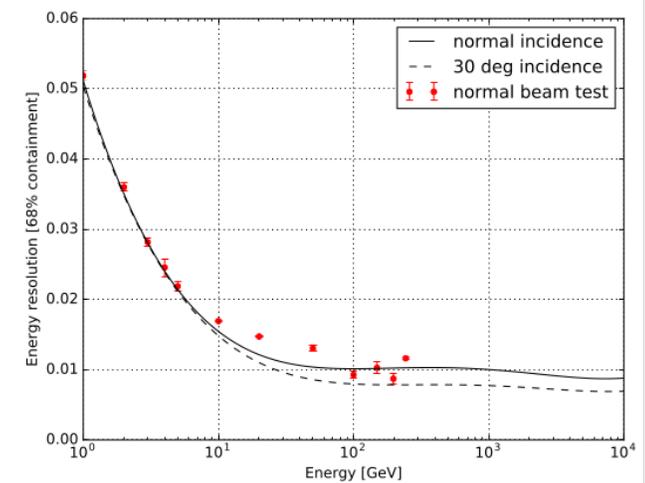


- No obvious line-like structure can be found
- DAMPE 5-year results comparable with 5.8-year results of Fermi-LAT

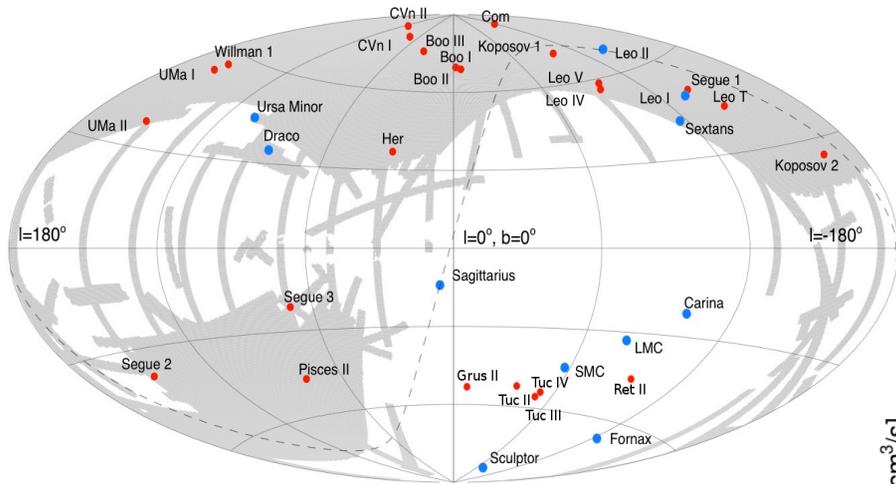
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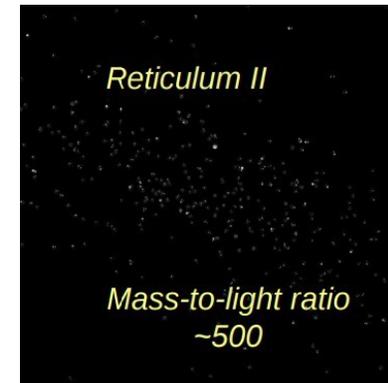
DAMPE energy resolution for photons and electrons/positron  $\sim 1\%$  for  $E > 10$  GeV



# Dwarf galaxy satellites of the Milky Way

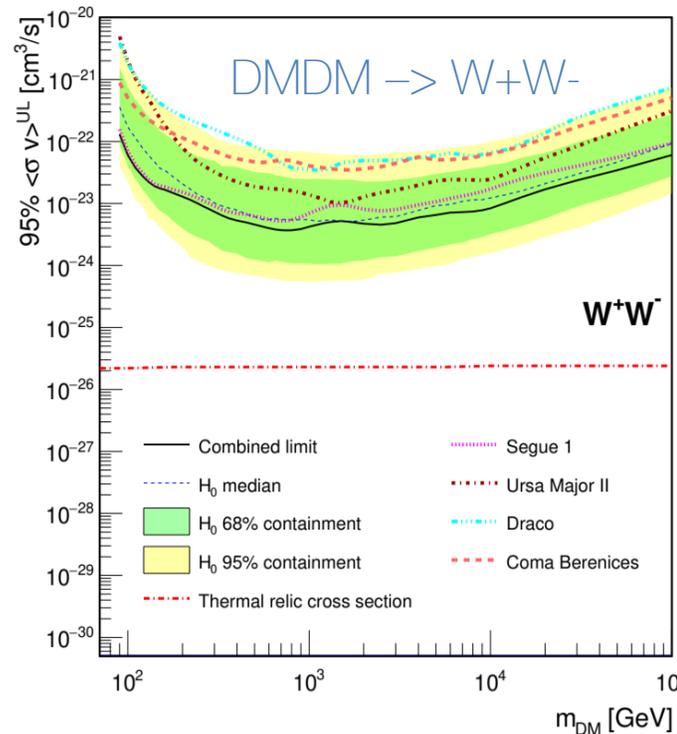


- DM-dominated objects
  - No recent star formation
  - Very low gas amount
- they could give unambiguous detection



## MAGIC combined analysis :

Segue 1 (158 h), Ursa Major II (95 h), Draco (52 h), and Coma Berenices (50h) with a total exposure of 355 h



- Searches on specific DM models, e.g., Wino, Higgsino, branons, ...

- Combined dark matter searches towards dwarf spheroidal galaxies with Fermi-LAT, HAWC, H.E.S.S., MAGIC, and VERITAS

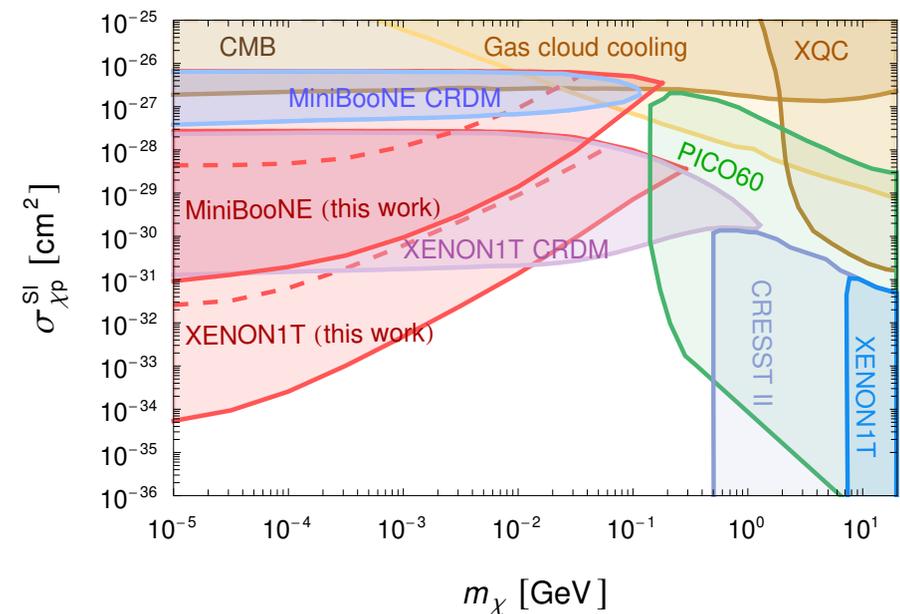
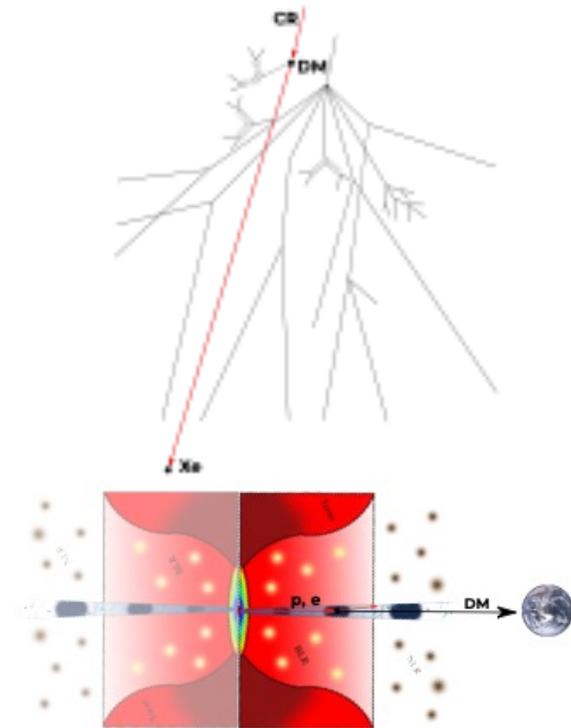
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# Boosted dark matter

- CR-boosted DM scenarios  
e.g., galactic Cosmic Rays (CRs) boosting local DM particle (CRDM scenario)
- Blazar-Boosted Dark Matter (BBDM):  
the possibility of protons and electrons in the jet of a blazar boosting the neighboring DM particles to Earth.  
-> constraints on the DM-proton and DM-electron cross-sections
  - Hadronic model for TXS 0506+056
  - The null detection of BBDM signals at XENON1T gives very competitive constraints on  $\sigma_{\chi-p}$

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*Caveat* : DM distribution around the SMBH of the balzar...



THANKS



# Detection techniques

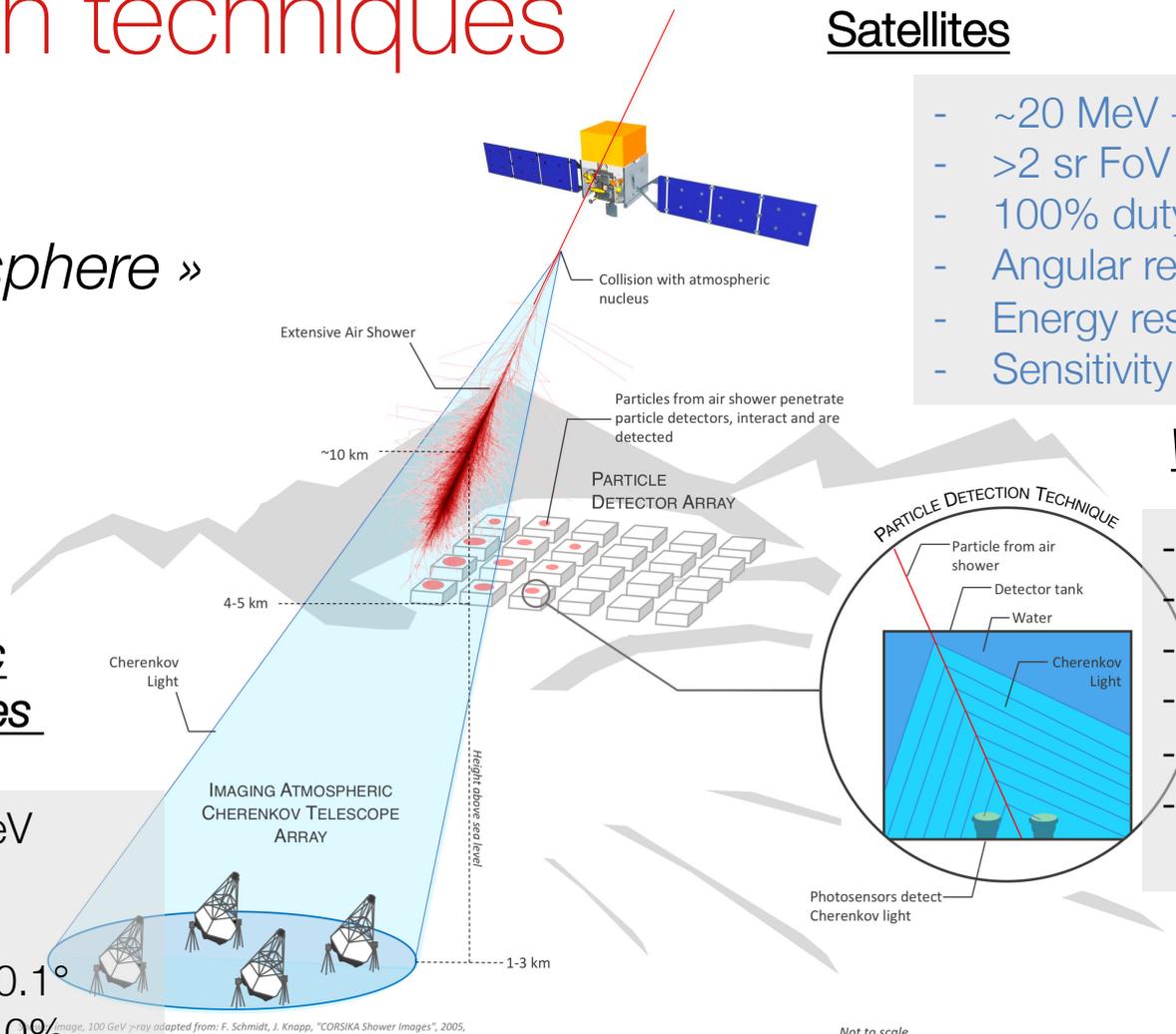
## Satellites

« Blocked by the atmosphere »

- ~20 MeV → 300 GeV
- >2 sr FoV
- 100% duty cycle
- Angular resolution 0.15-3.5°
- Energy resolution ~10%
- Sensitivity a few % Crab flux

## Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes

- ~30 GeV → ~100 TeV
- Small FoV : ~ 5°
- Duty-cycle: 10-15%
- Angular resolution <0.1°
- Energy resolution ~10%
- sensitivity 1% Crab flux



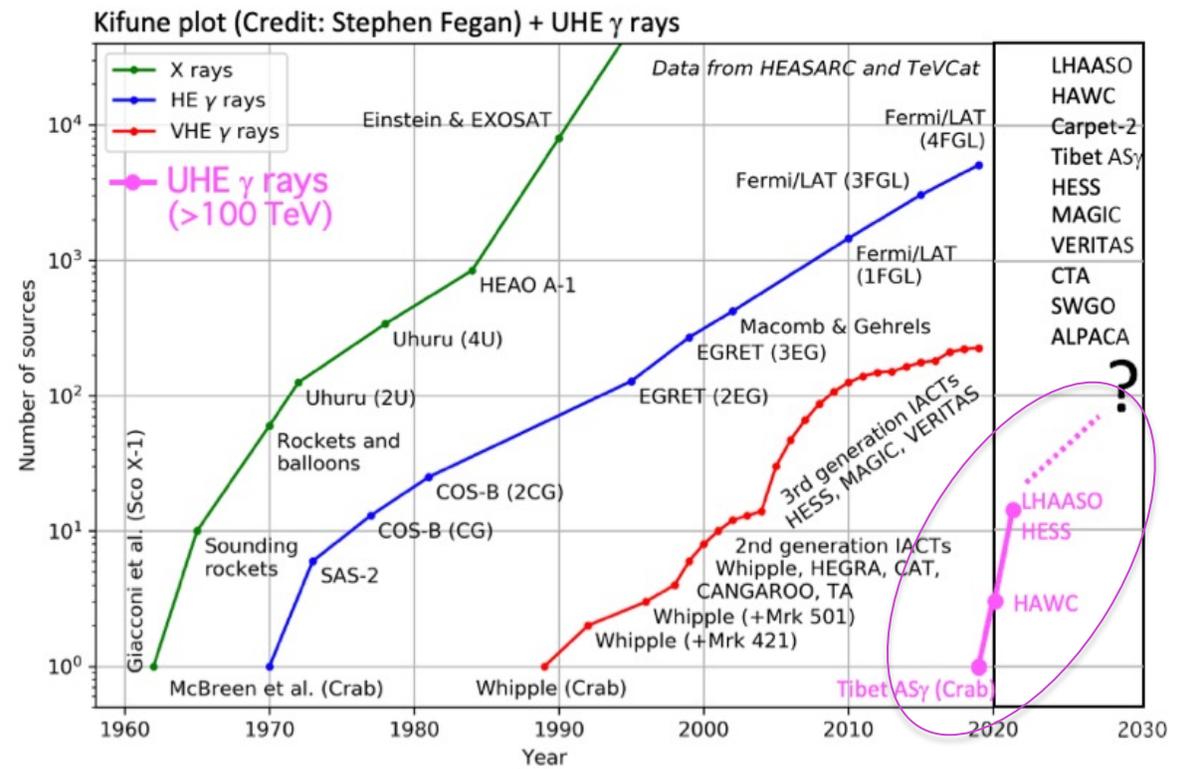
## Water Cherenkov Detectors

- ~100 GeV → 1 PeV
- 90% duty cycle
- ~sr FoV
- angular resolution 0.2 - 0.8°
- energy resolution ~50%
- sensitivity 5-10% Crab flux

# Galactic Pevatrons and VHE gamma rays

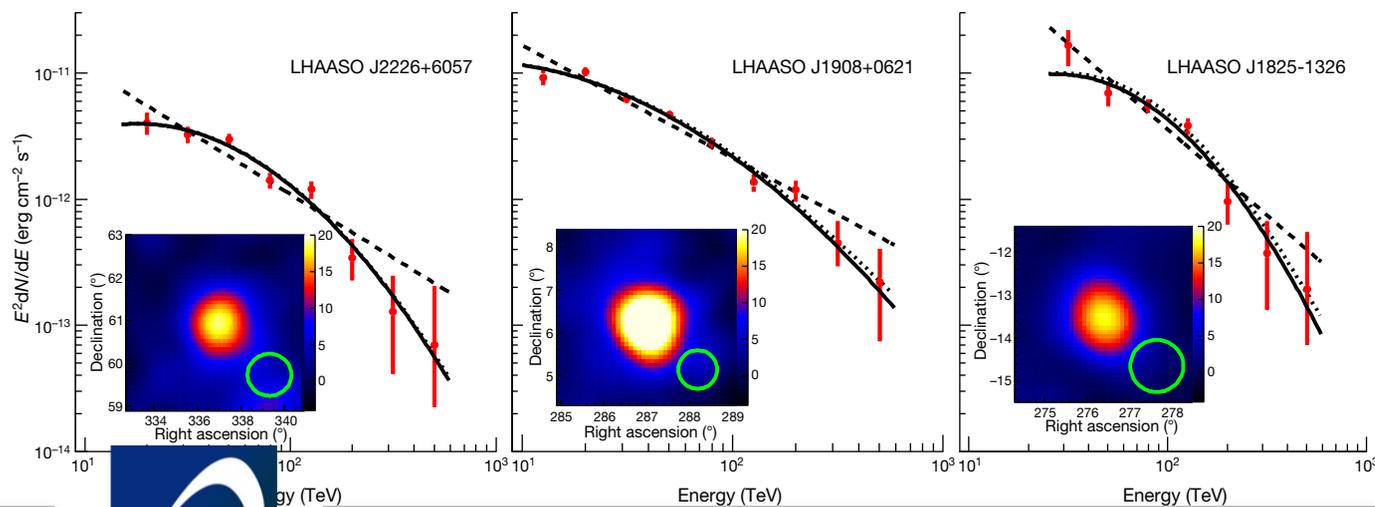
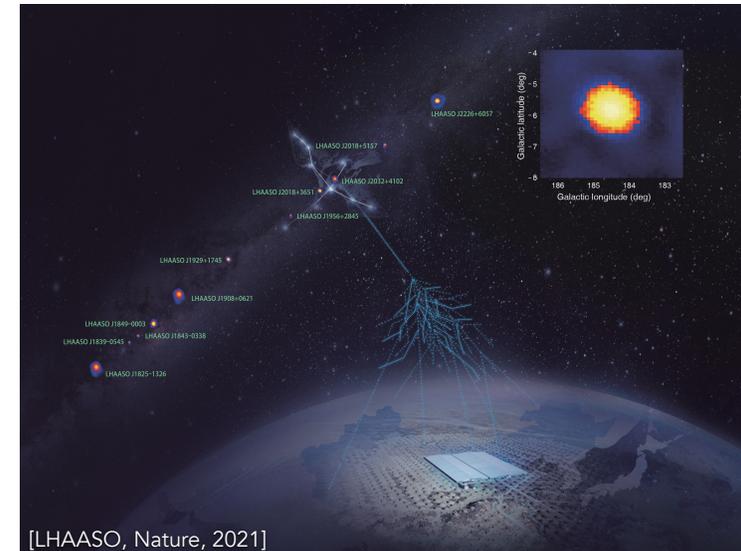
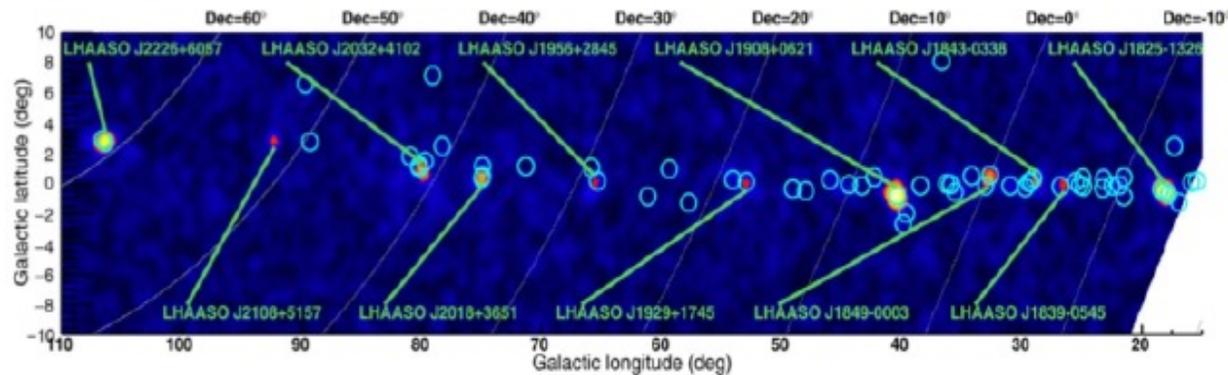
PeVatron - UHE gamma-ray source ( $E_\gamma \gtrsim 100$  TeV)

- What is a PeVatron?
  - Only hadronic accelerators?
  - “Leptonic PeVatrons”?
- When is it no longer a candidate?
  - Clear accelerator
  - Confirmed hadronic
    - Coincident neutrino
- How many PeVatrons do we know so far?



# LHAASO detection of 12 Galactic Pevatrons

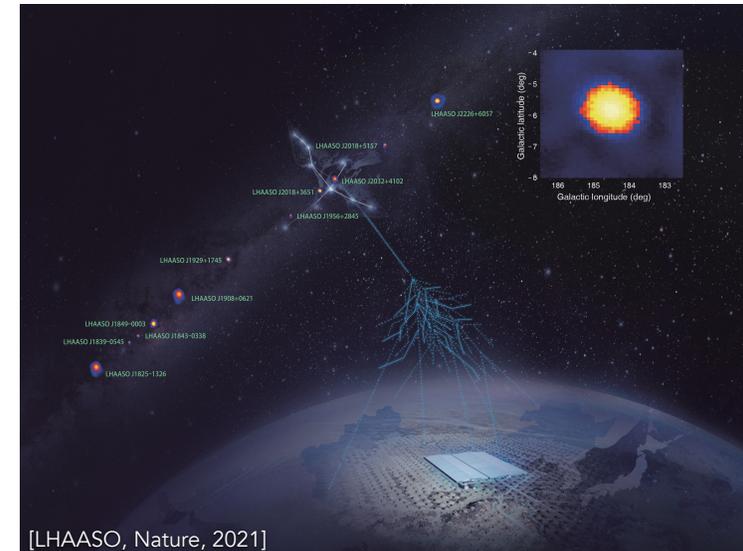
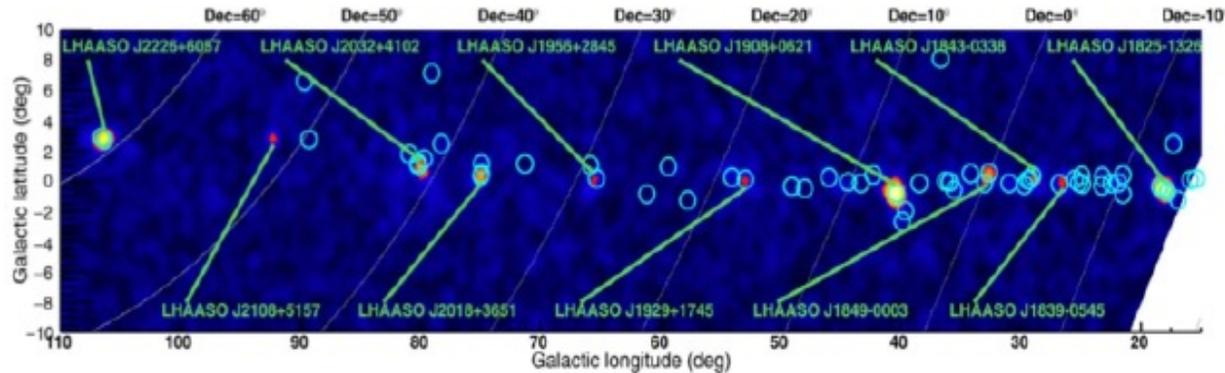
- 12 sources at  $> 0.1$  PeV
  - TeV-PeV gamma rays from unidentified sources
- LHAASO sky map at energies above 100 TeV:



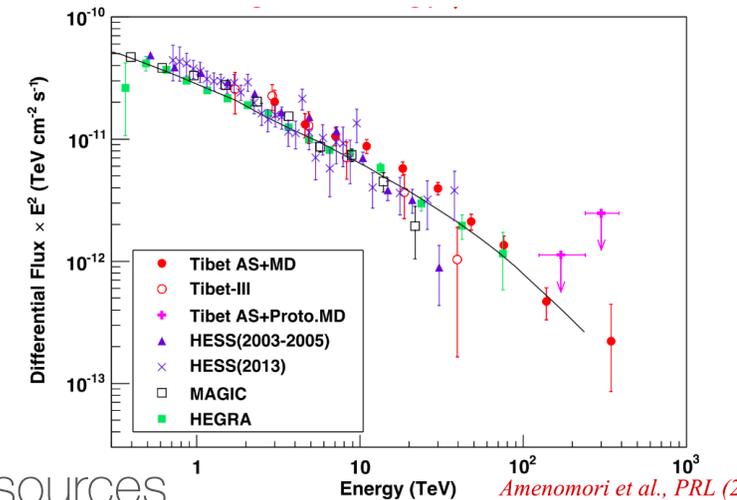
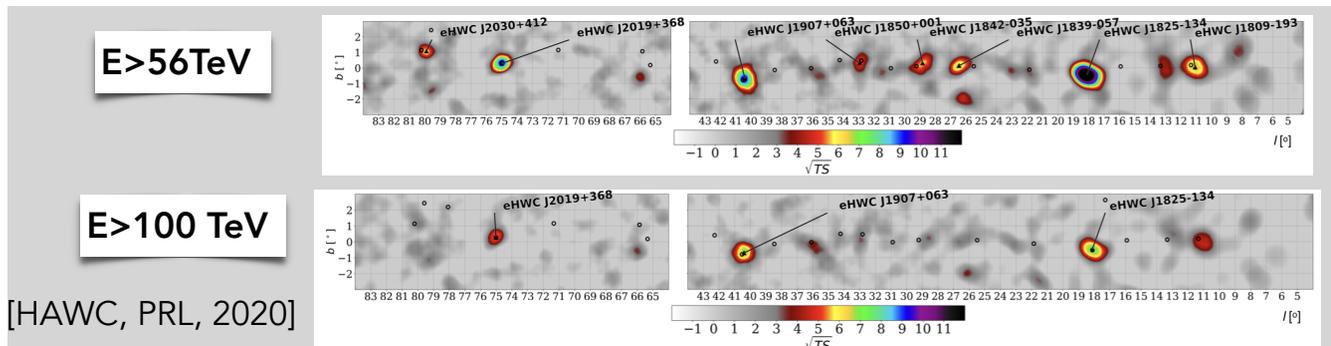
- Three brightest sources show no sign of cut-off – PeVatrons
- Extreme accelerators, proton-vs-electron origin not settled yet

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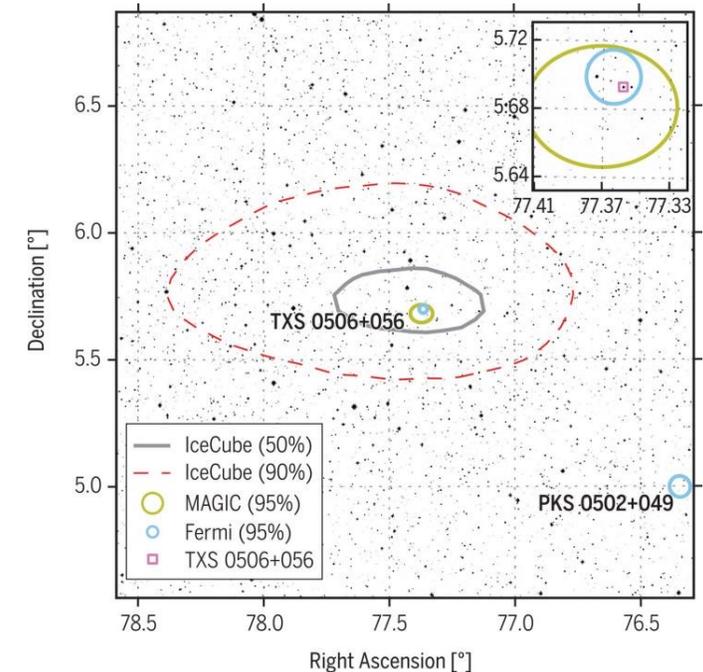
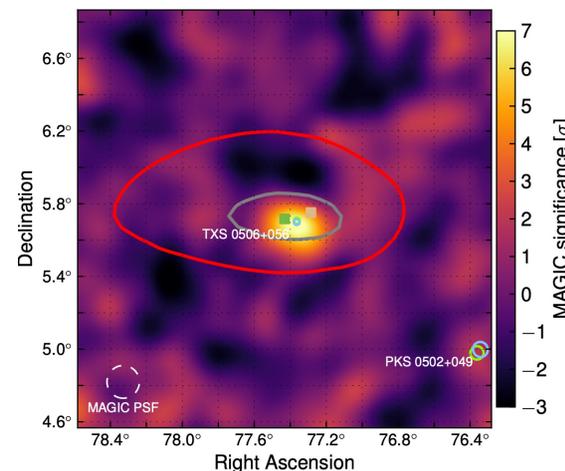
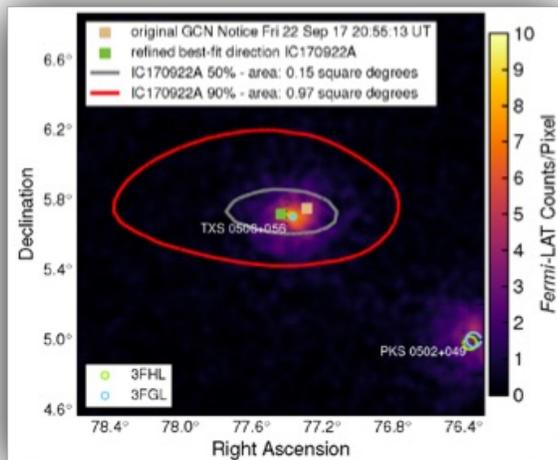
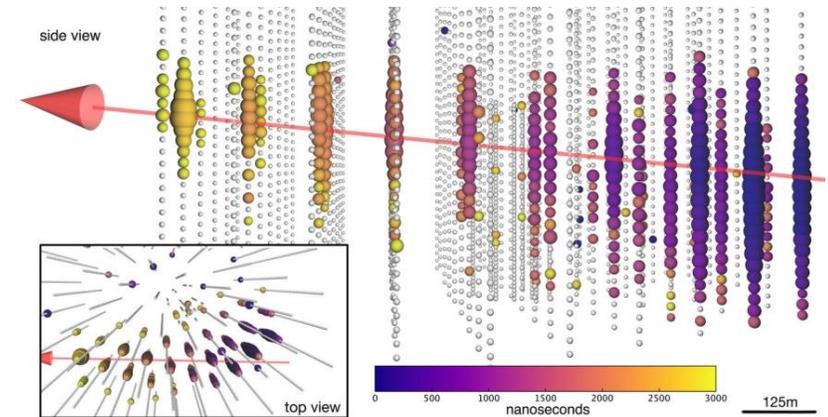
- Gamma rays  $> 100$  TeV also observed by HAWC, Tibet ASg



- 9 Sources seen by Tibet ASg coincident with LHAASO UHE sources

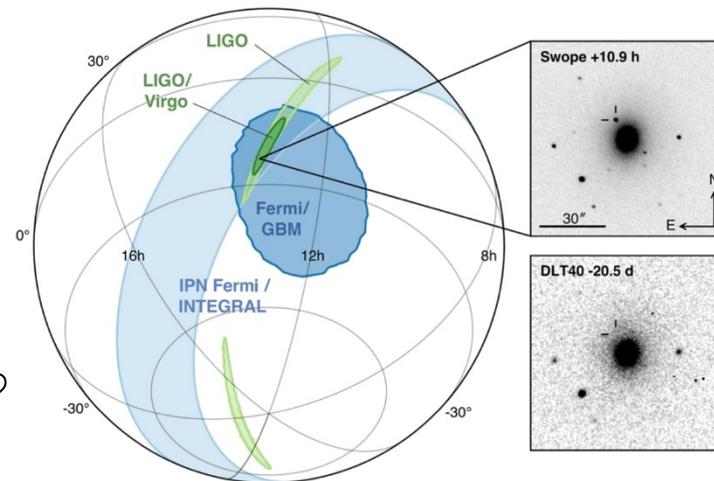
# Multi-messenger extragalactic astronomy

- 2017: a neutrino with energy  $\sim 290$  TeV (IC170922) detected in coincidence with the balzar TXS 0506+056 during enhanced gamma-ray activity
- Follow-up observations by a myriad of instruments: Fermi-LAT, MAGIC, AGILE, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S, INTEGRAL, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverpool telescope, Subaru, Swift/NuSTAR, VERITAS, VLA, ...

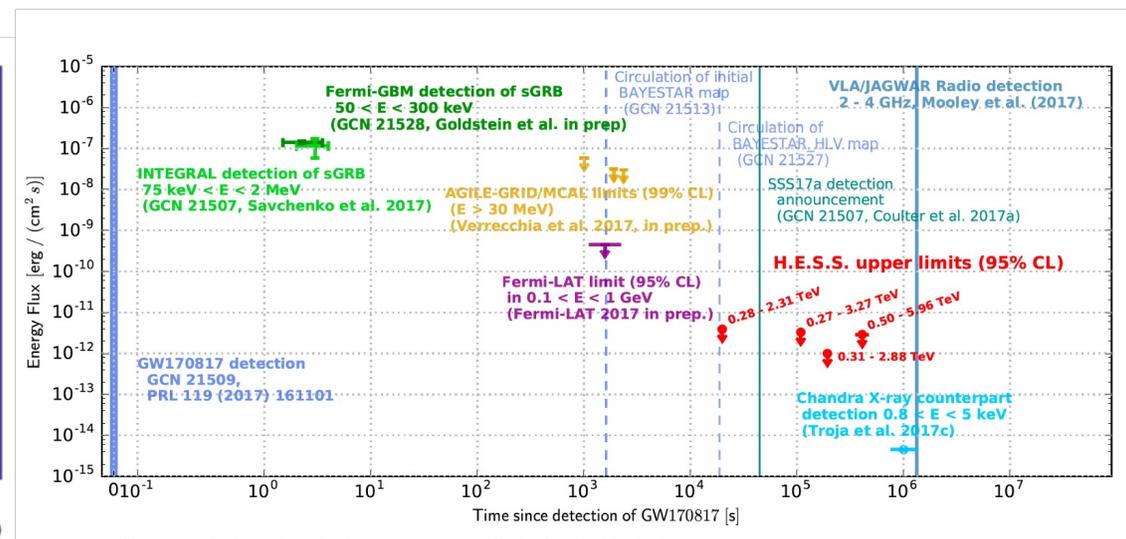
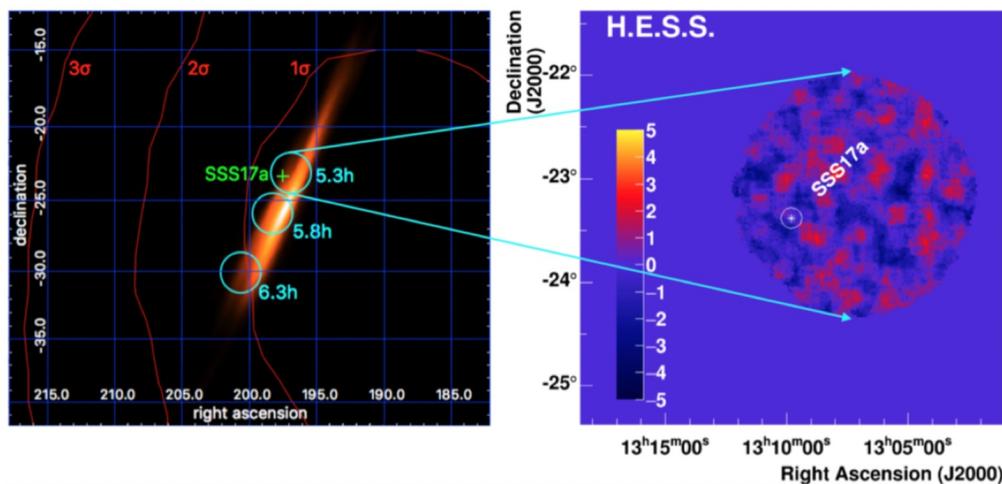


# Compact binary merger follow-up

- LIGO GW170817: smoking gun – relation between GW events (BNS mergers) and short GRBs
  - First joint detection EM and GW
  - Associated with GRB 170817A
  - Possible other EM counterpart : AT2017gfo ?

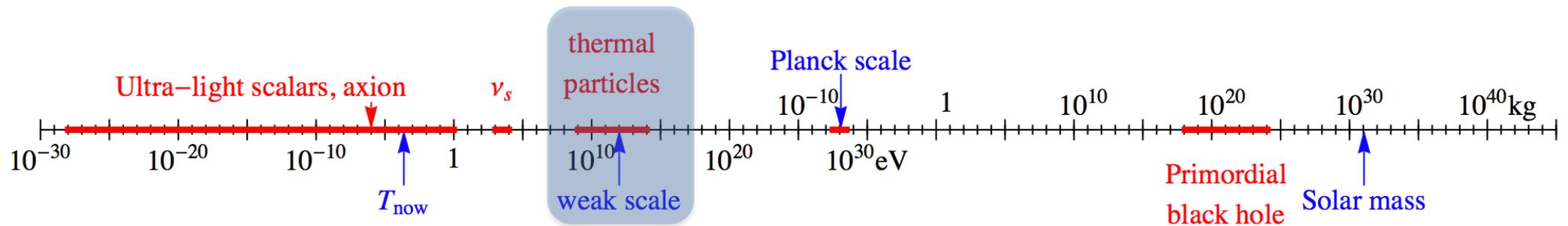
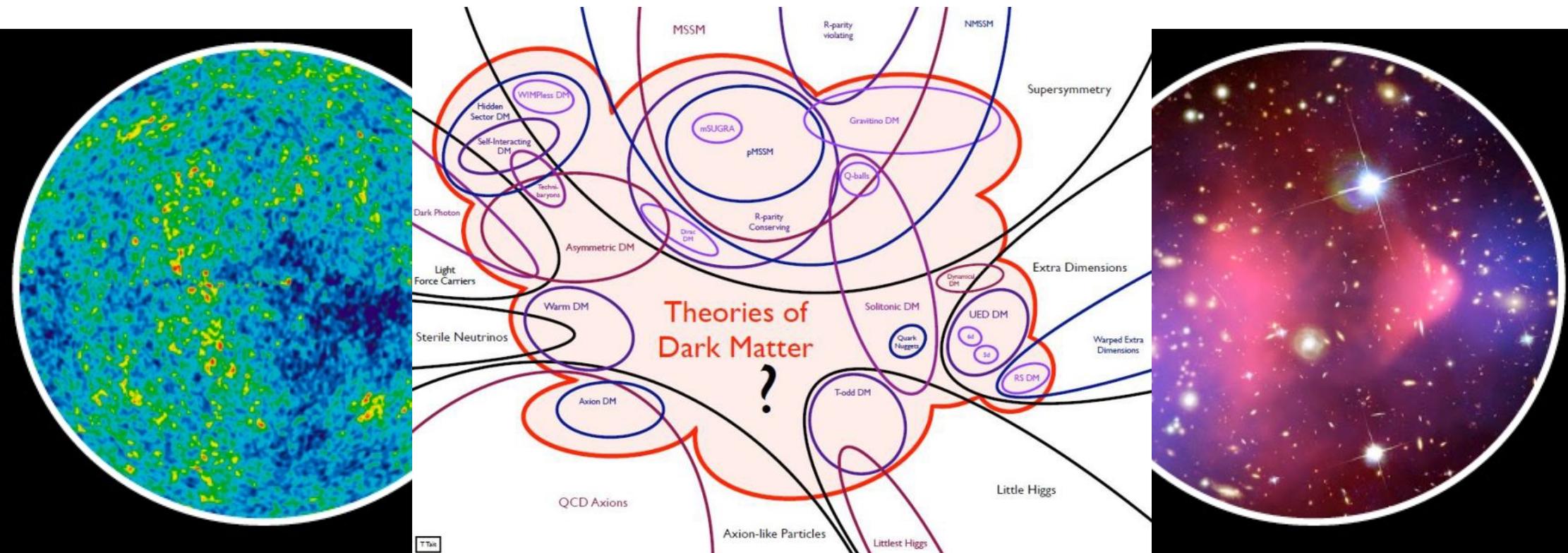


- Short term follow-up: stringent upper limits on the VHE emission from a BNS merger



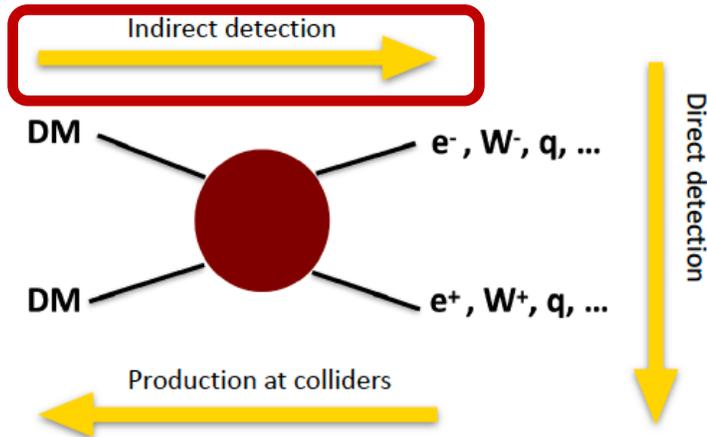
See H. Ashkar talk@VHEPU 2022

# Dark Matter : what we don't know



# Dark Matter - search in VHE gamma rays

- Classical WIMP searches

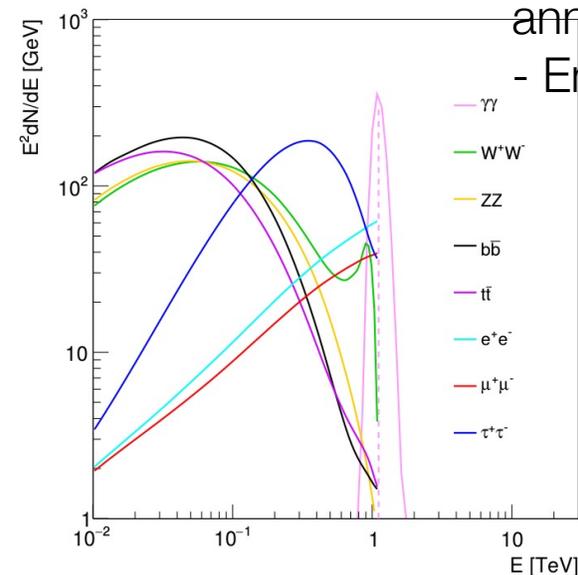


$$\frac{d\Phi(\Delta\Omega, E_\gamma)}{dE_\gamma} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{2m_{DM}^2}}_{\text{Particle physics:}} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} \times \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s} \rho^2(r[s]) ds$$

## Particle physics:

- Cross sections
- Differential photon yield
- DM particle mass

Annihilation spectra for  $m_{DM}=1$  TeV per annihilation  
- Energy cutoff at  $m_{DM}$

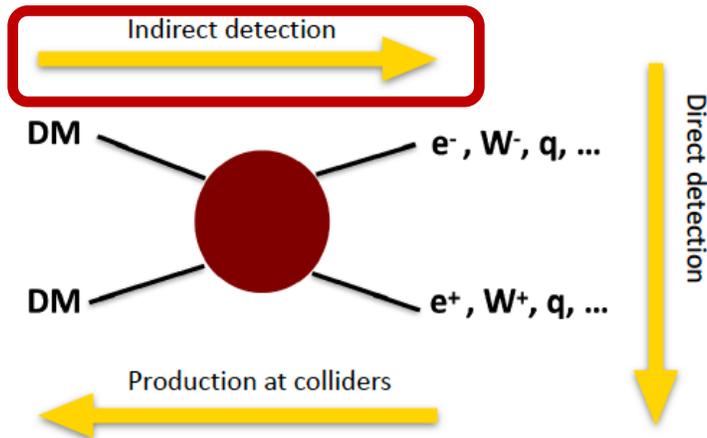


10%  
energy  
resolution

- Many realisations in BSM : Wino, Higgsino, ...
- Look for Standard Model particles - electrons/positrons, photons, neutrinos, protons/antiprotons - produced when DM particles collide or decay.

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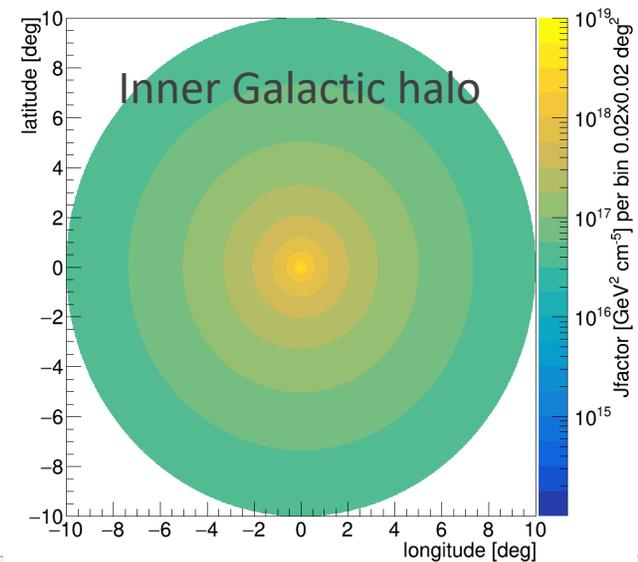
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Astrophysics: J-factor

$$J(\Delta\Omega) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{los} \rho^2(r(s, \theta)) ds d\Omega.$$

depends on the DM density distribution  $\rho$  in the object :

- Look for Standard Model particles - electrons/positrons, photons, neutrinos, protons/antiprotons - produced when DM particles collide or decay.



# Dark Matter targets in VHE gamma rays

← Galaxy satellites of the Milky Way

- Many of them within the 100 kpc from GC
- High M/L
- Low astrophysical background

Substructures in the Galactic halo

- Lower signal
- Cleaner signal (once found)

Galactic Centre

- Proximity (~8kpc)
- Possibly high DM concentration :  
DM profile : core? cusp?
- High astrophysical bck / source confusion

Galactic halo

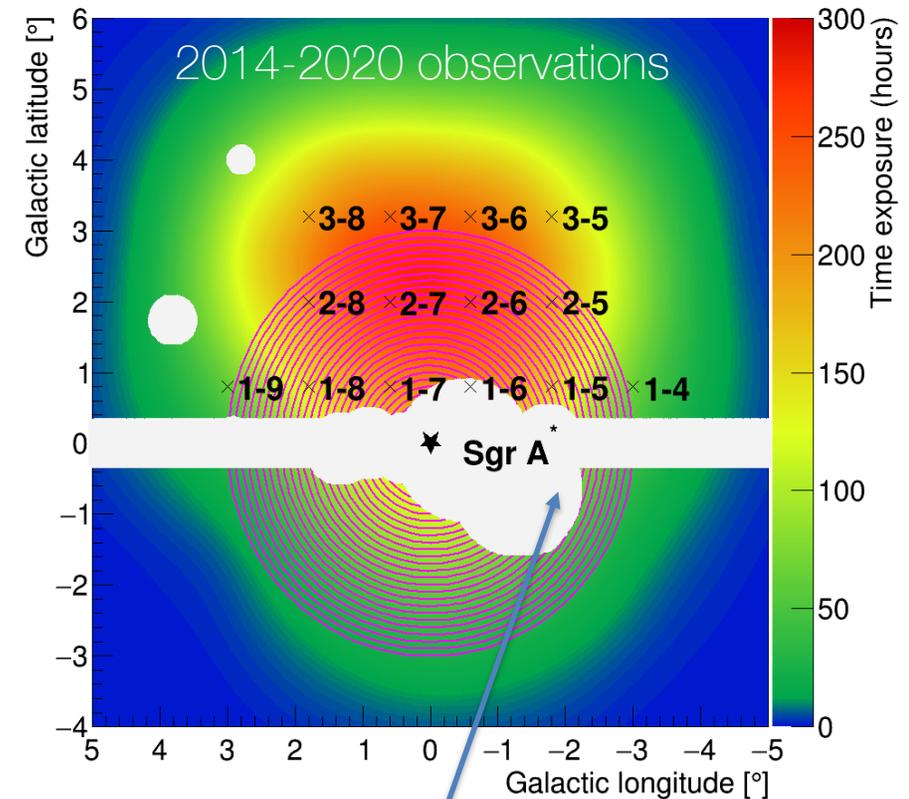
- Large statistics
- Galactic diffuse background

*Aquarius, Springel et al. Nature 2008*

→ Maximize the quantity of DM signal (close distance and large DM density) wrt background (astrophysical sources)

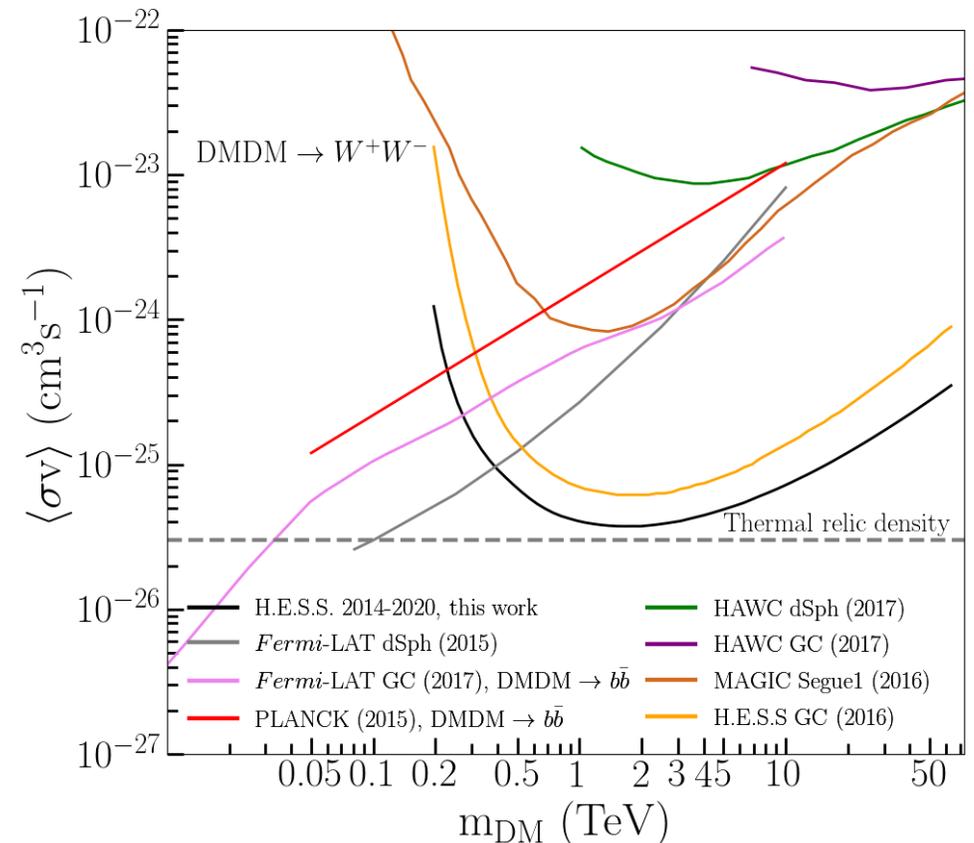
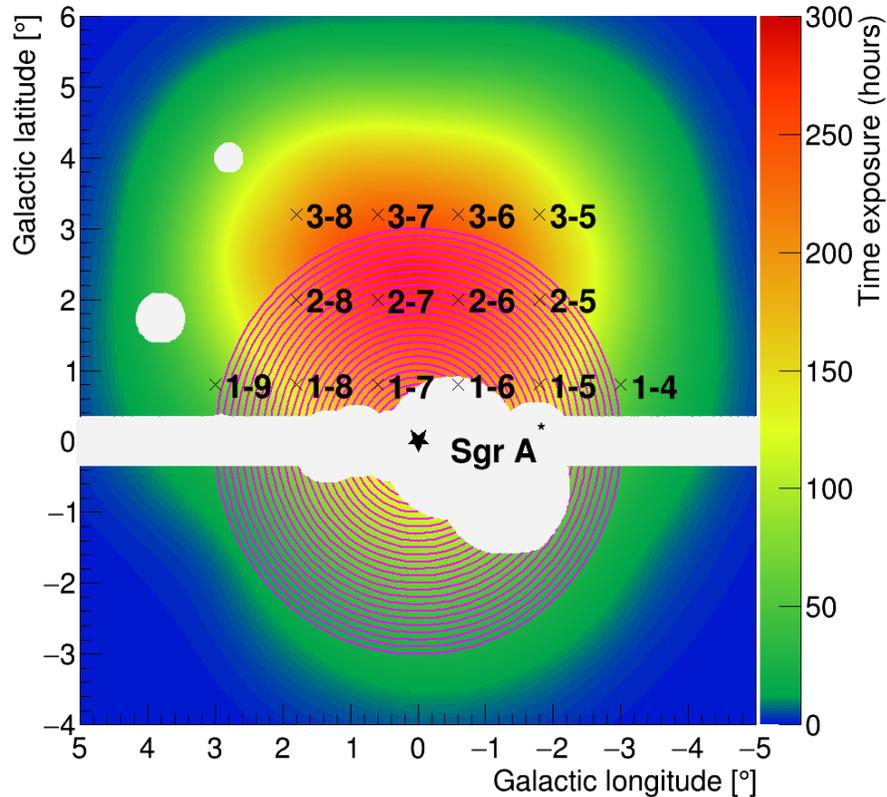
# Central region of the Milky Way

- H.E.S.S. is performing a survey of the inner few degrees of the Galactic Centre region since 2015
  - provide unprecedented sensitivity to dark matter
  - study in greater details the central diffuse emission
  - search for TeV outflows from the Galactic Centre
- The first ever conducted VHE gamma-ray survey of the Galactic Center (GC) region.
- 2014-2020 exposure map with IGS pointing positions: exposure up to  $b \approx 6^\circ$ ;



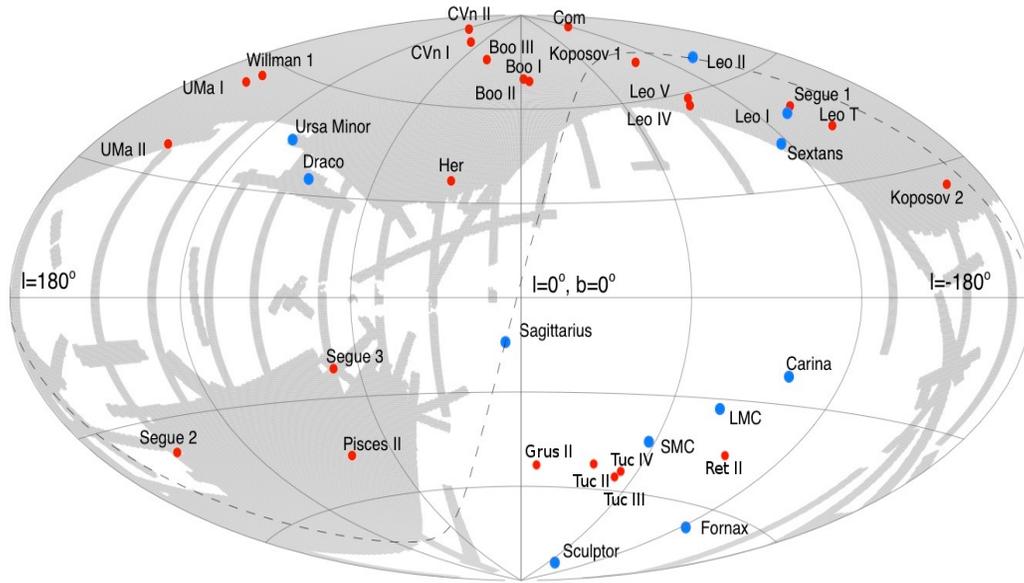
Set of exclusion regions for DM search to mask conventional gamma-ray emission

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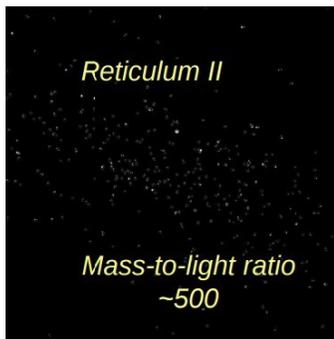


- Comparison with Fermi-LAT dSph and GC, HAWC dSph and GC, MAGIC Segue 1, PLANCK CMB, H.E.S.S. GC (2016) and this work.  
→ Most constraining limits in the TeV-mass range

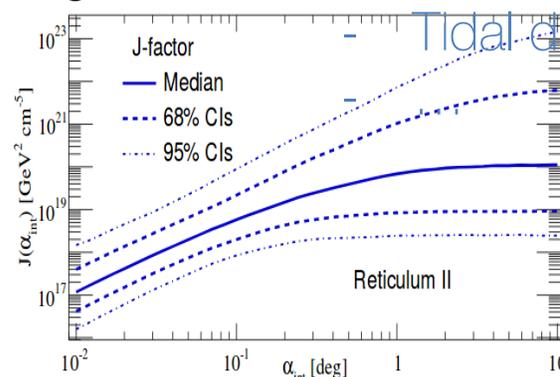
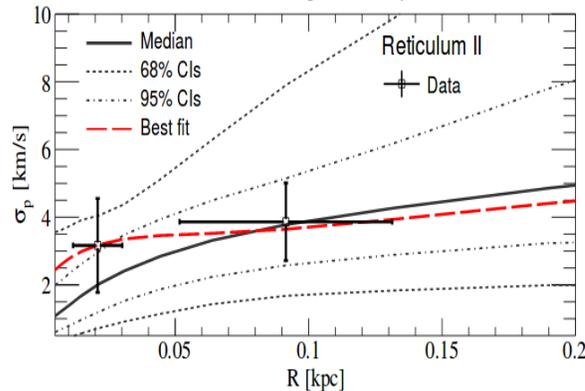
# Dwarf galaxy satellites of the Milky Way



- Determination for the ultra-faint dwarf spheroidal galaxy Reticulum II:



Stellar velocity dispersion  $\rightarrow$  large J-factor

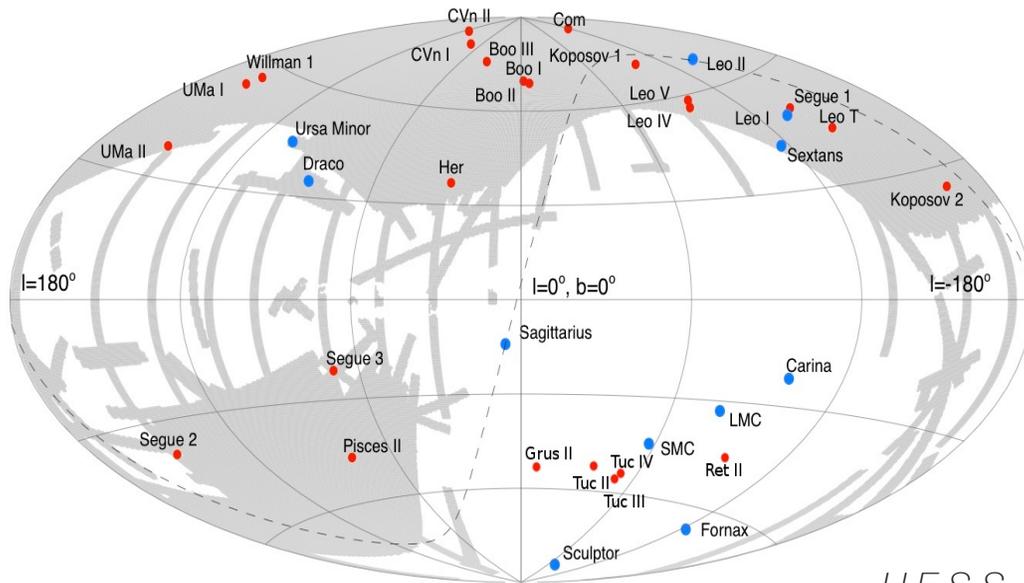


- Modelling of the DM distribution:
  - Pressure-supported systems
  - Use of kinematic tracers of the gravitational potential
  - Works very well in the DM-dominated environments, e.g., dwarf galaxies, via the Jeans equation modelling
- J-values discussion:
  - Impact of triaxiality on halos
  - Stellar membership probability
  - Multiple stellar population

- Tidal disruption

Evans et al., PRD 69, 123501 (2004)

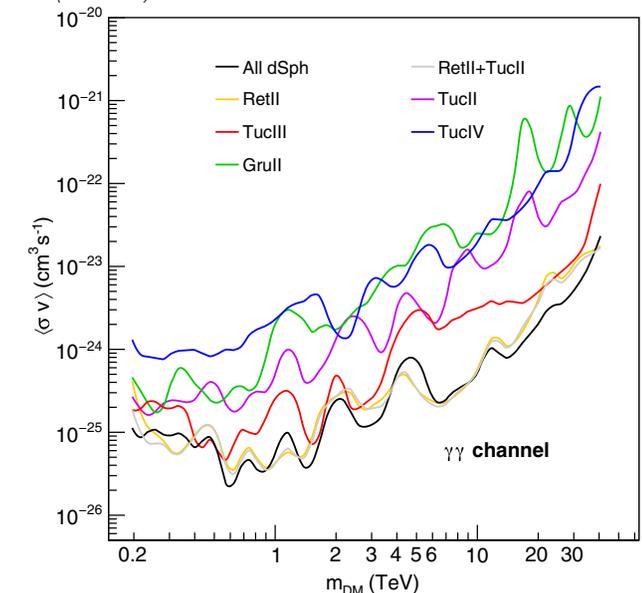
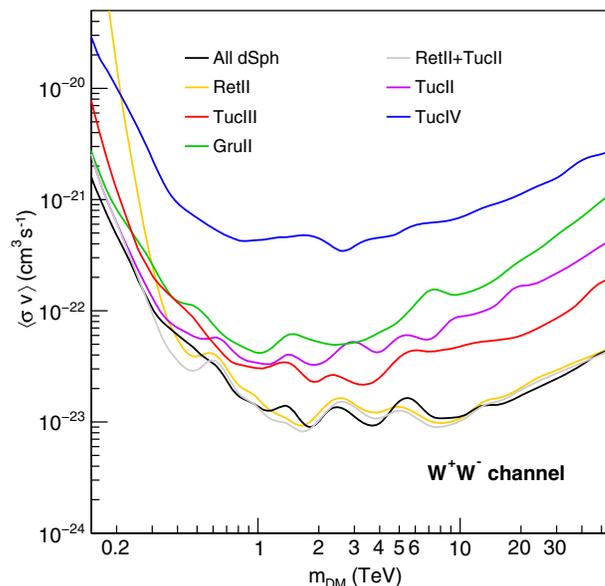
# Dwarf galaxy satellites of the Milky Way



H.E.S.S. observations – 80 hours  
 - A selection of Milky Way ultra-faint satellites by the Dark Energy Survey (DES)  
 - Some without spectroscopic J-values

Stacking datasets of Ret. II, Tuc; II, Tuc; III, Tuc. IV, and Grus II from H.E.S.S. observations

*H.E.S.S. coll. Phys. Rev. D 102, 062001 (2020)*

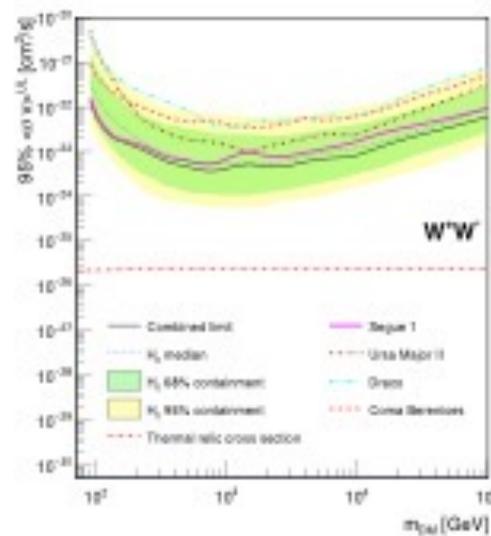


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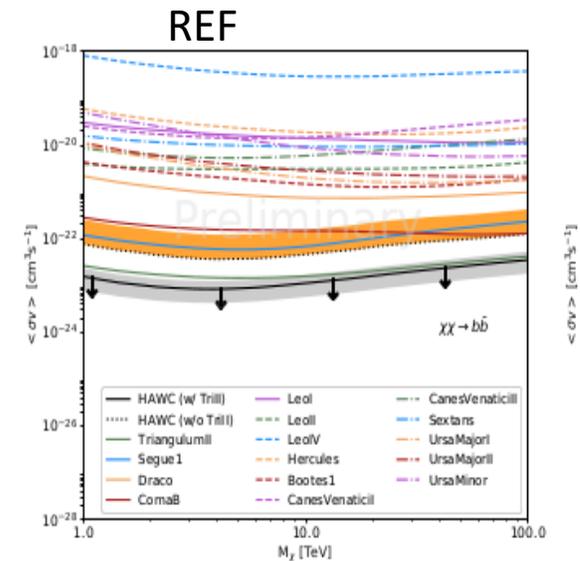
MAGIC observations of 4 dSphs:

Segue 1, Ursa Major II, Draco, Coma Berenices

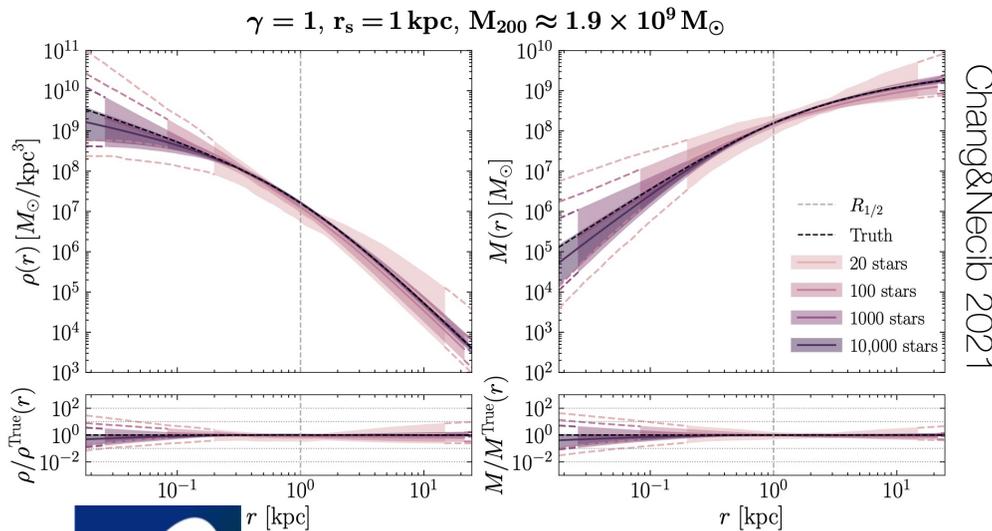
- A combined analysis of 4 dSph datasets for a total of 354.3 h



HAWC observations of 15 dSphs - Combination in a joint likelihood analysis, 507 days of observations



## Core vs. Cusp. DM profiles in dSphs...



Chang&Necib 2021

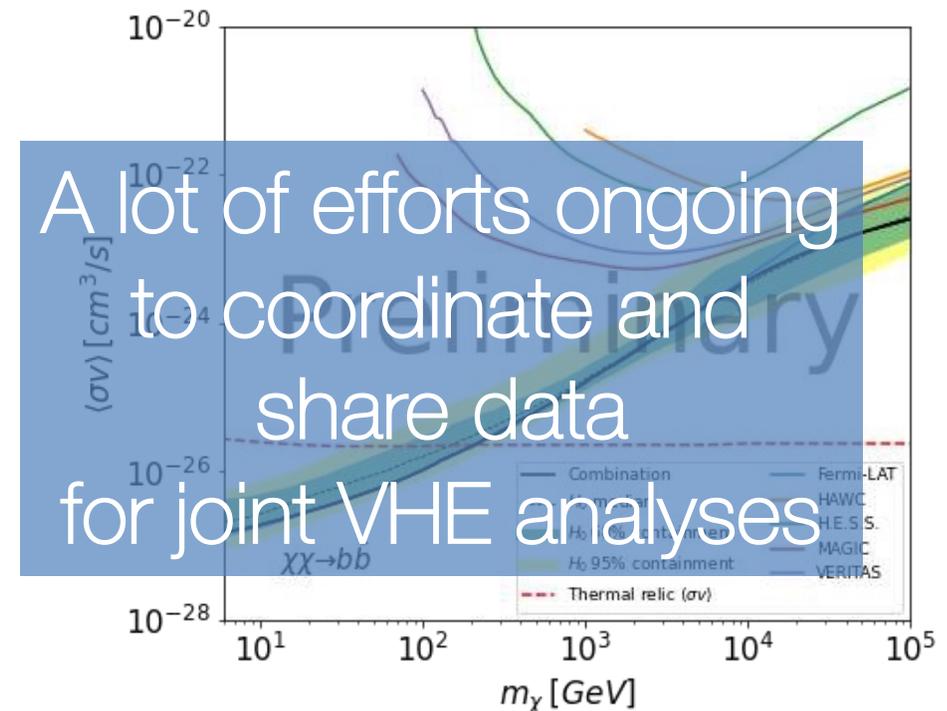
Even for classical dSph galaxies like Fornax. (about thousand stars detected) we may be lacking of data to disentangle. Between core and Cusp profiles



# Combining all dSph observations



- Combination of the observation results towards 20 dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSphs)
  - Significant increase of the statistics -> Increase the sensitivity to potential dark matter signals
  - Cover the widest energy range ever investigated : 20 MeV – 80 TeV
- Common elements :
  - Agreed model parameters
  - Sharable likelihood table formats
  - Joint likelihood test statistic

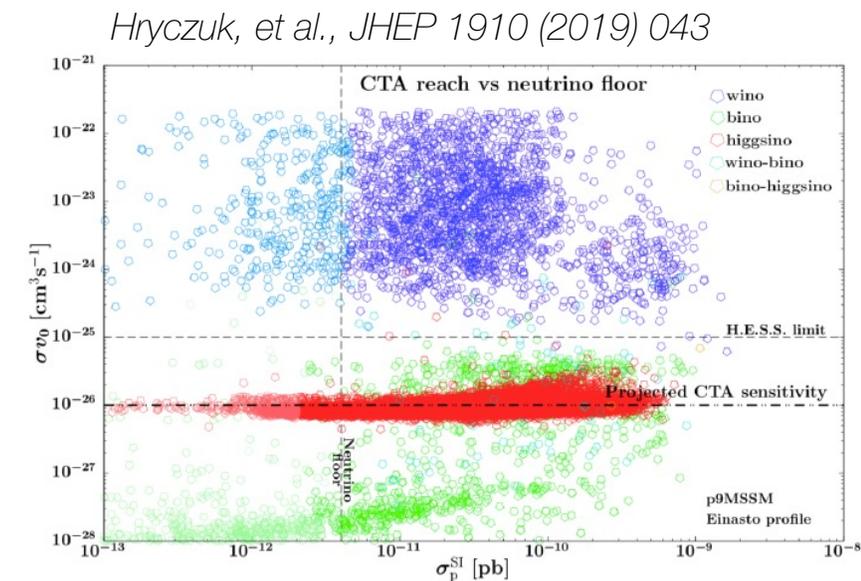
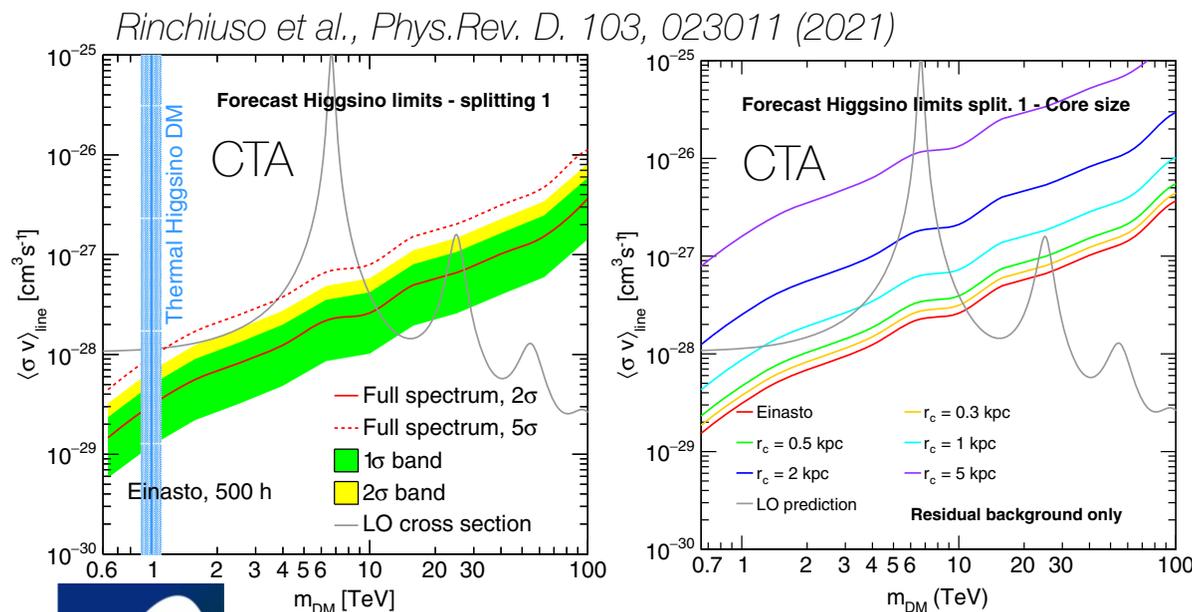


# Prospects for annihilating Dark Matter



- 2 sites: La Palma/ Chile
- A factor  $\sim 10$  increase in flux sensitivity
- Energy coverage 30 GeV – 300 TeV
- Arcminute angular resolution
- Energy resolution up to 5% in the TeVs

- Some of the simplest classic WIMP models remain unconstrained
  - DM could still interact through the W and Z bosons!

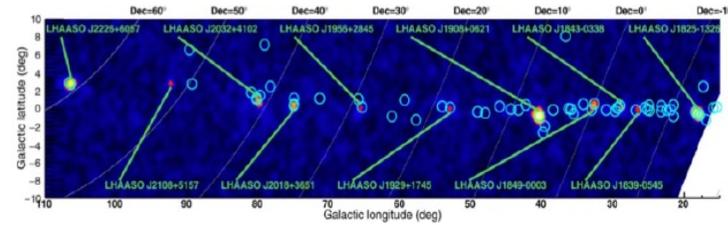


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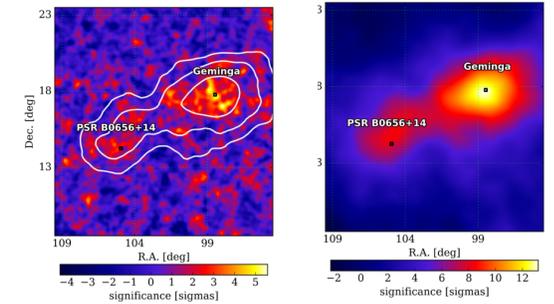
VHE gamma astrophysics is a lively field :  
HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS, HAWC, LHAASSO, ...



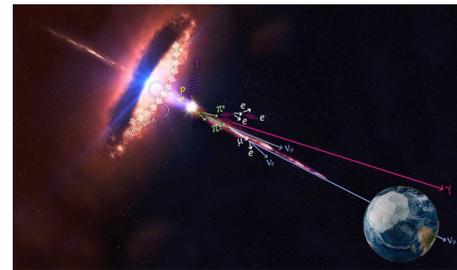
- Many Galactic Pevatrons being detected !



- TeVhalos : probing CR diffusion nearby sources

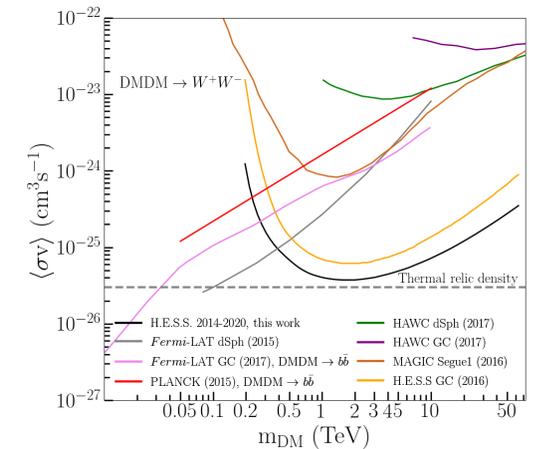


- Novae: a new class of TeV emitters

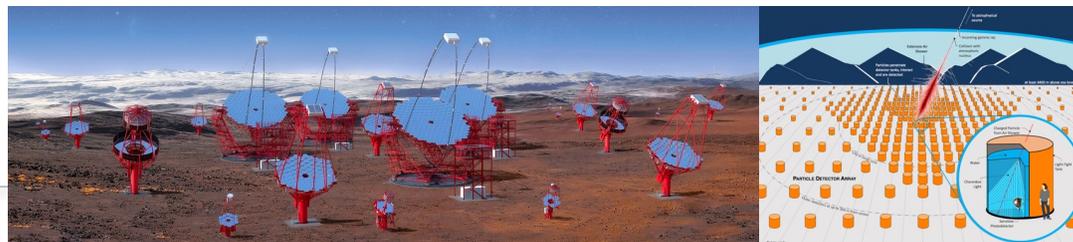


- Birth of multimessenger astronomy :  
n/gamma coincident detection

- TeV WIMP uncharted parameter space being probed



- Stay tuned with upcoming facilities : CTA , SWGO



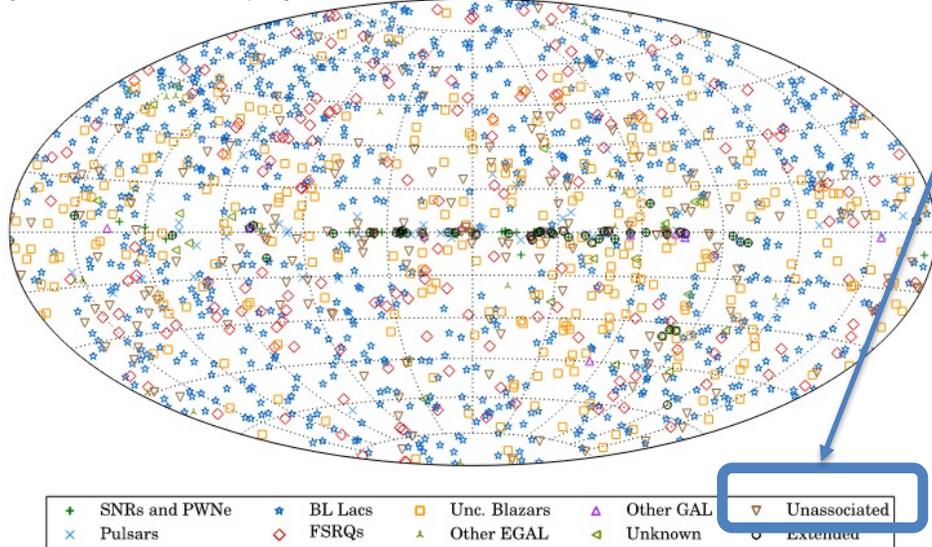
# An alternative: selected Unidentified Fermi-LAT Objects as Dark matter subhalos



Dark Matter subhalos in the Galactic halo

- Lower signal than the GC region
- No astrophysical background
- Location not known ...

Ajello et al., *Astrophys. J. Suppl.* 2017, 232, 18



200 unassociated over 1556 sources in the catalogue;

→ these sources are classified as Unidentified Fermi Objects (UFOs);  
→ Selection through the Third catalog of Hard *Fermi*-LAT sources (3FHL) to obtain the most promising UFOs for the IACT observations.

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