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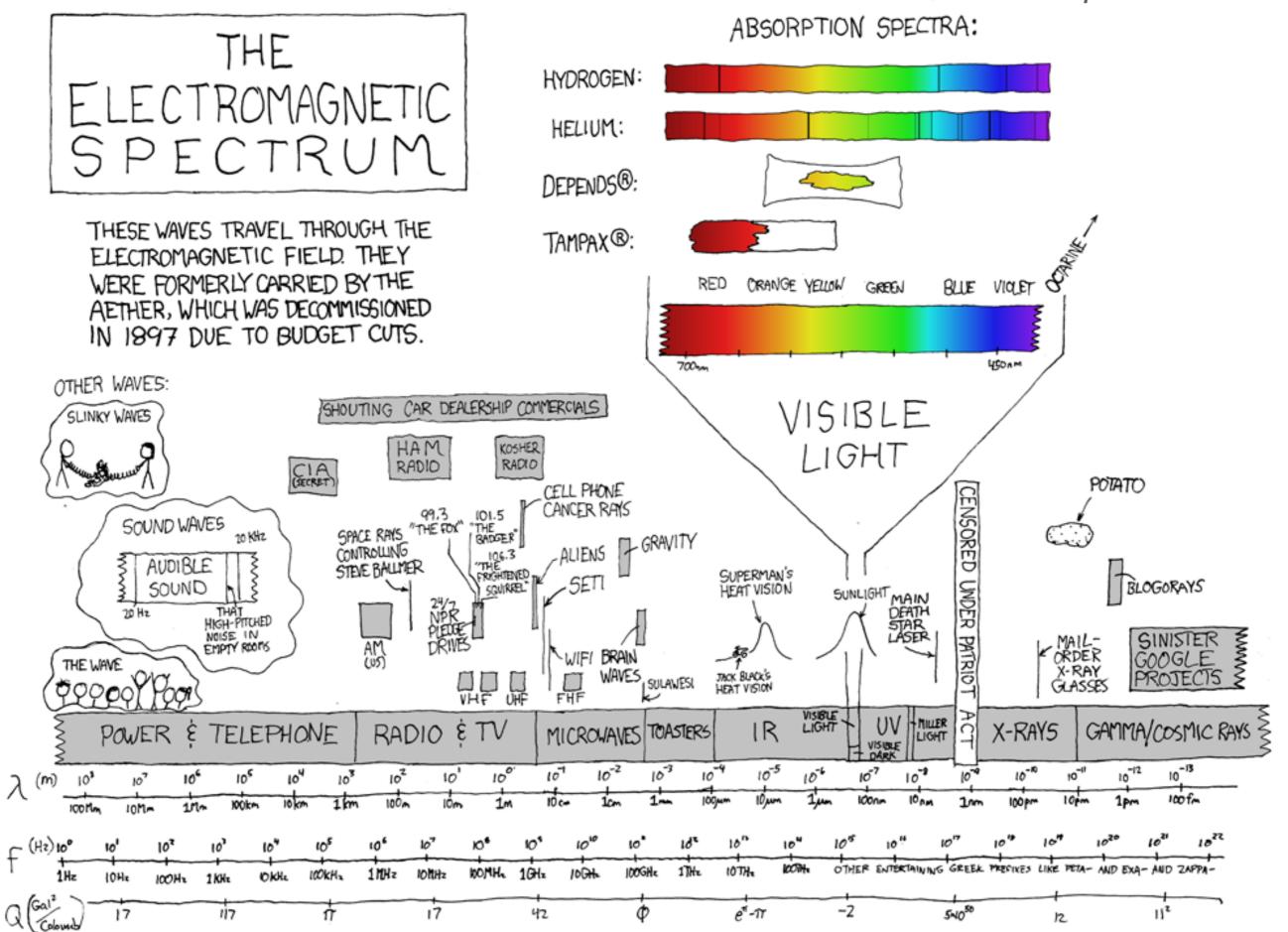
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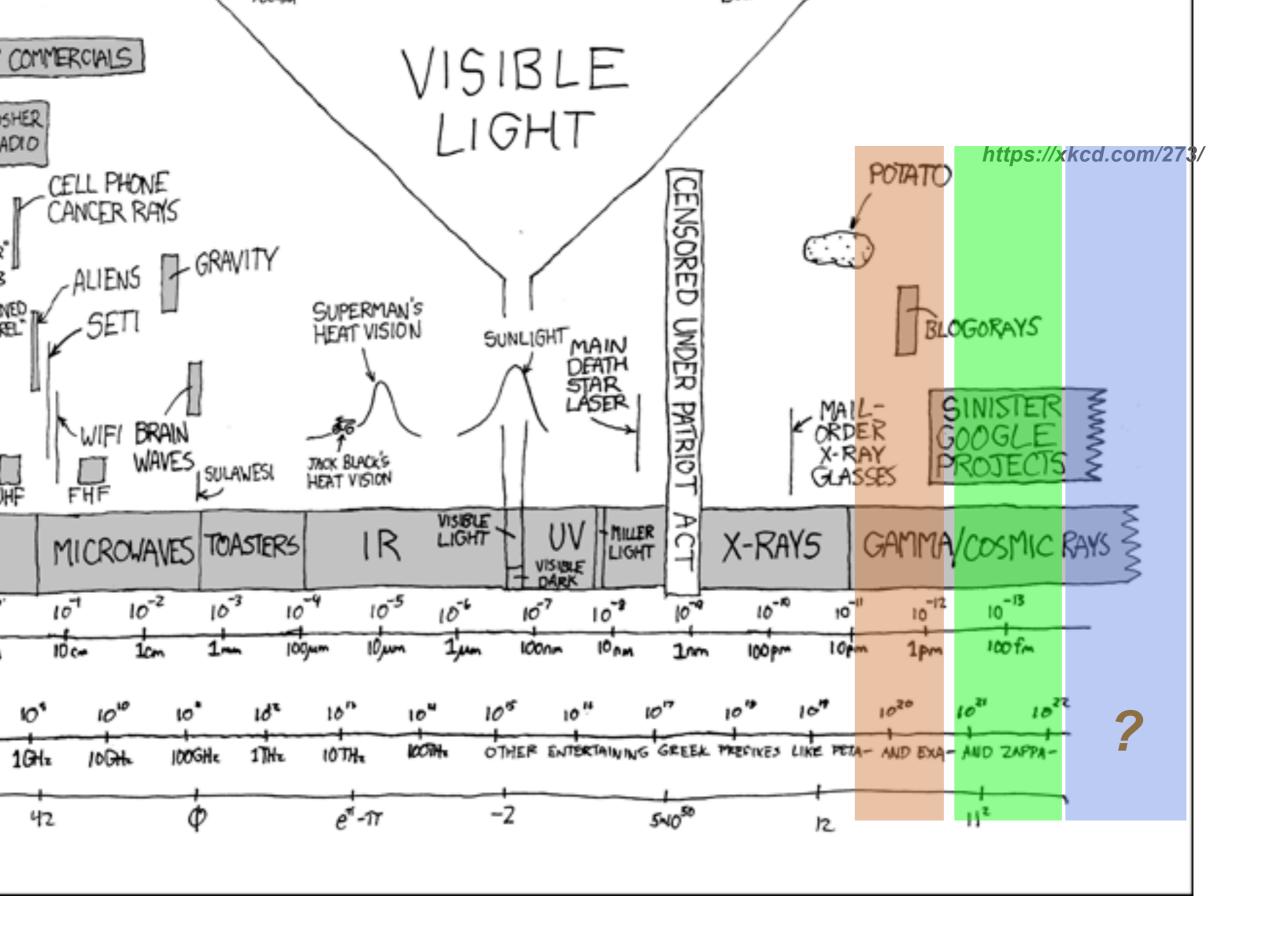
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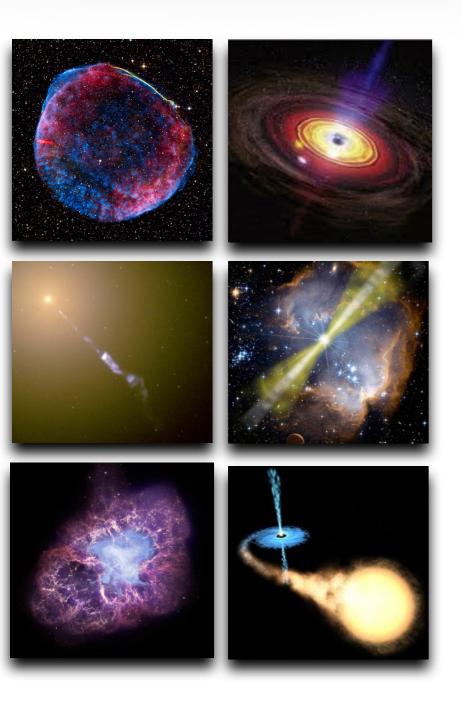
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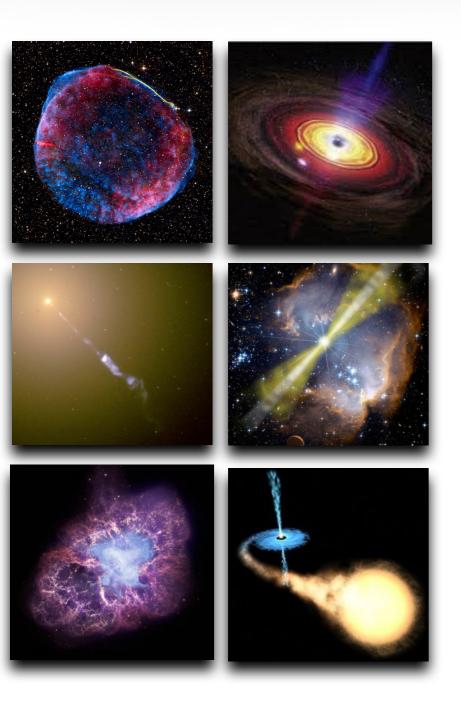
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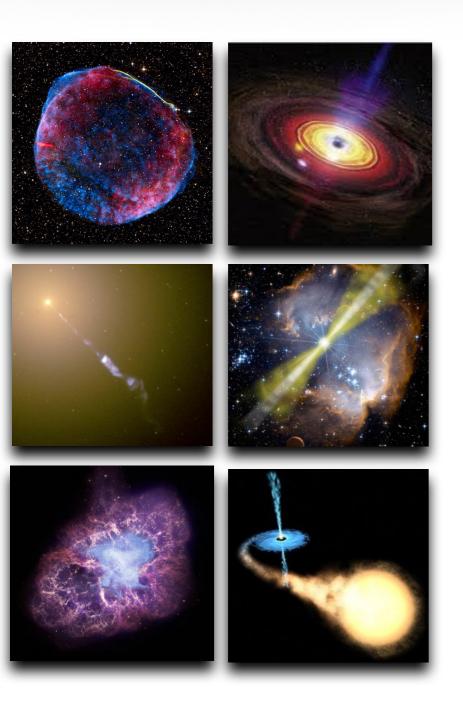


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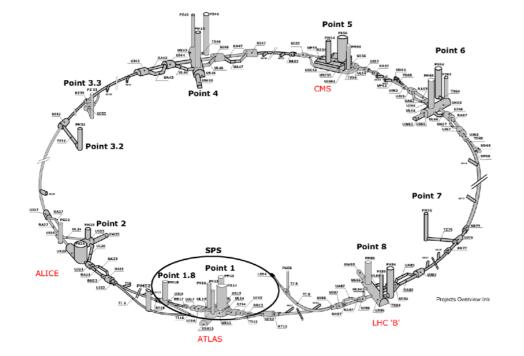
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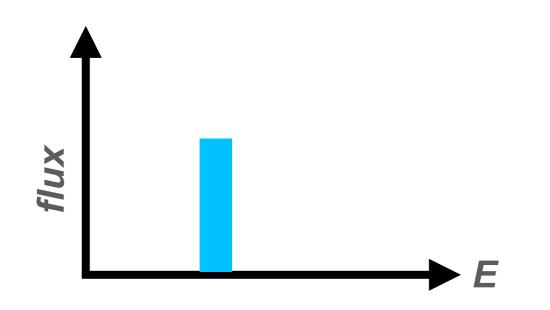
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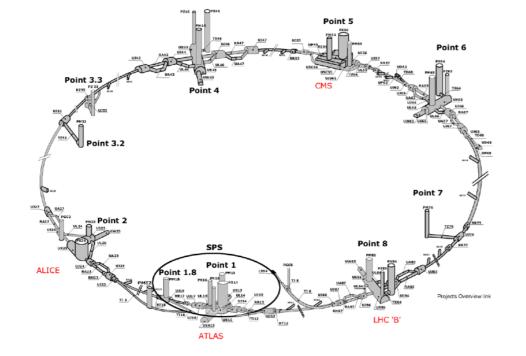
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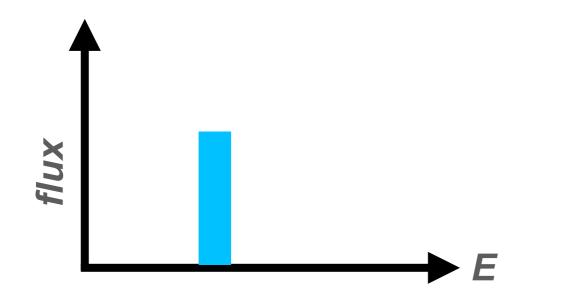




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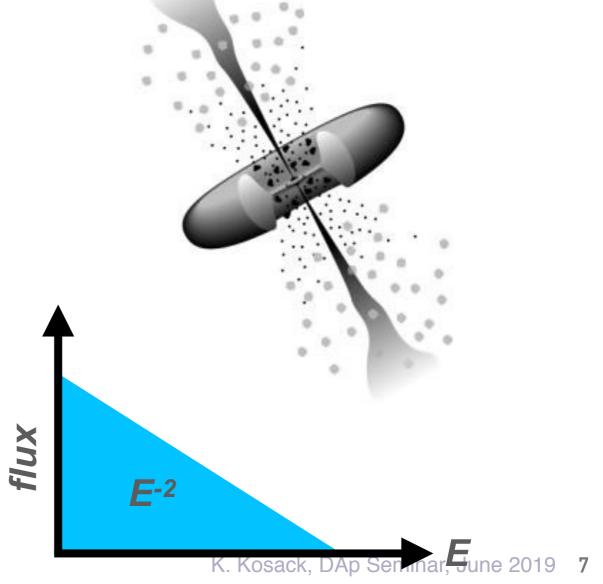
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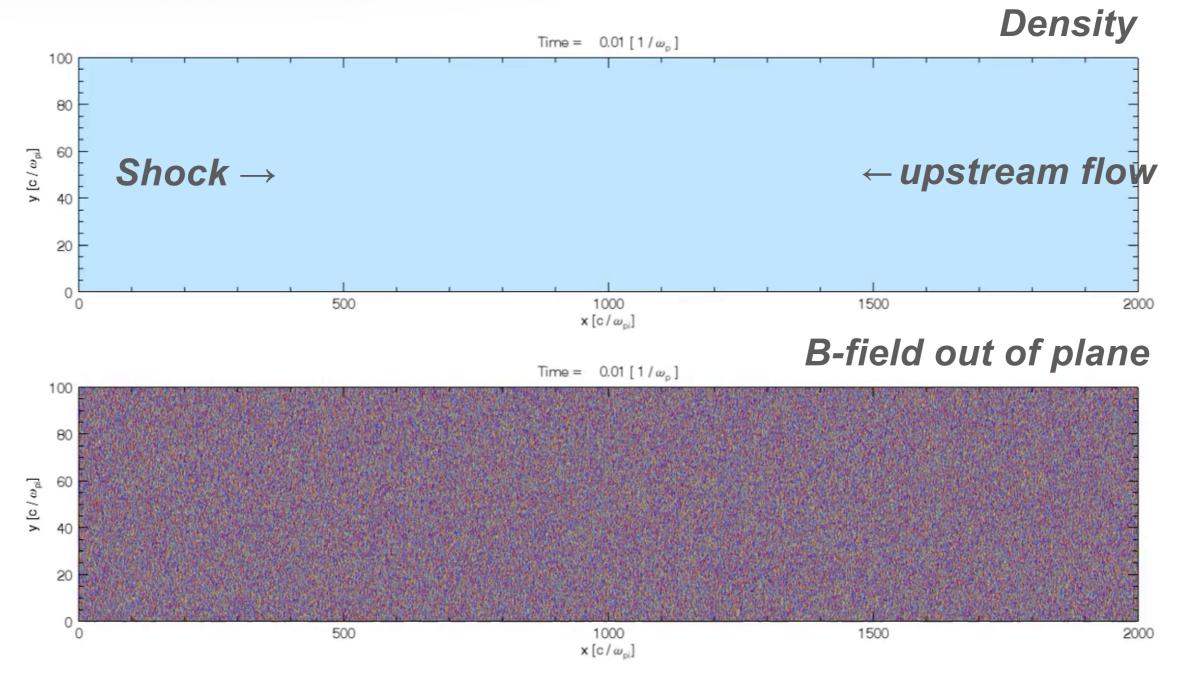
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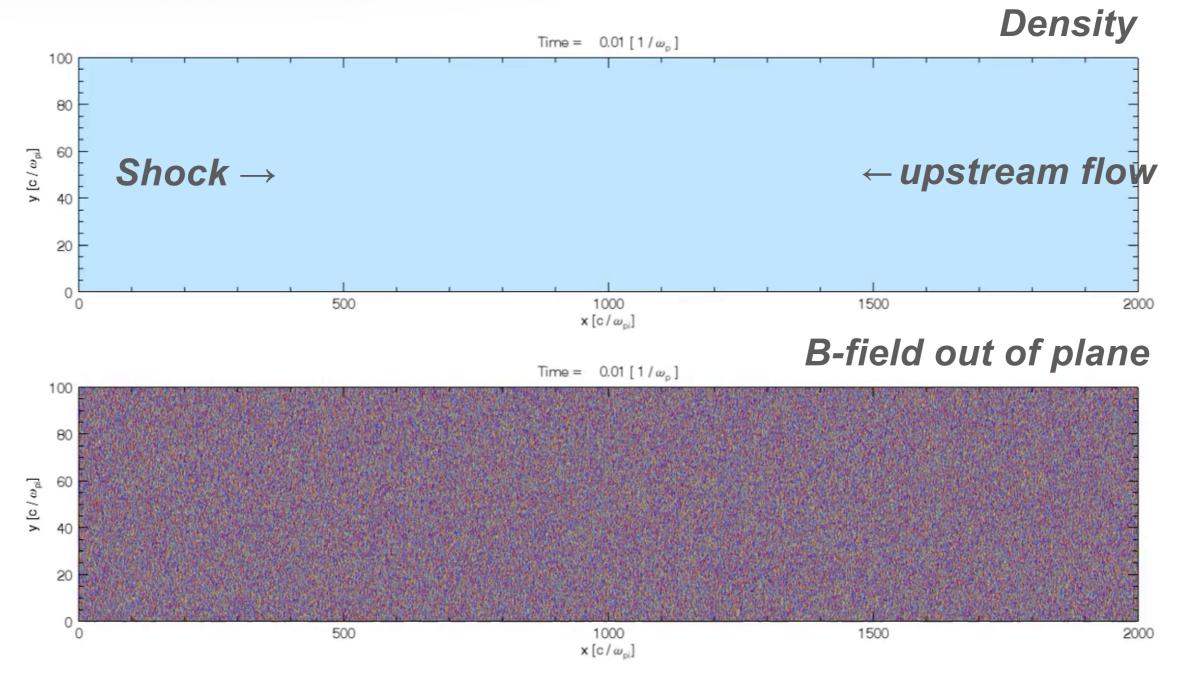
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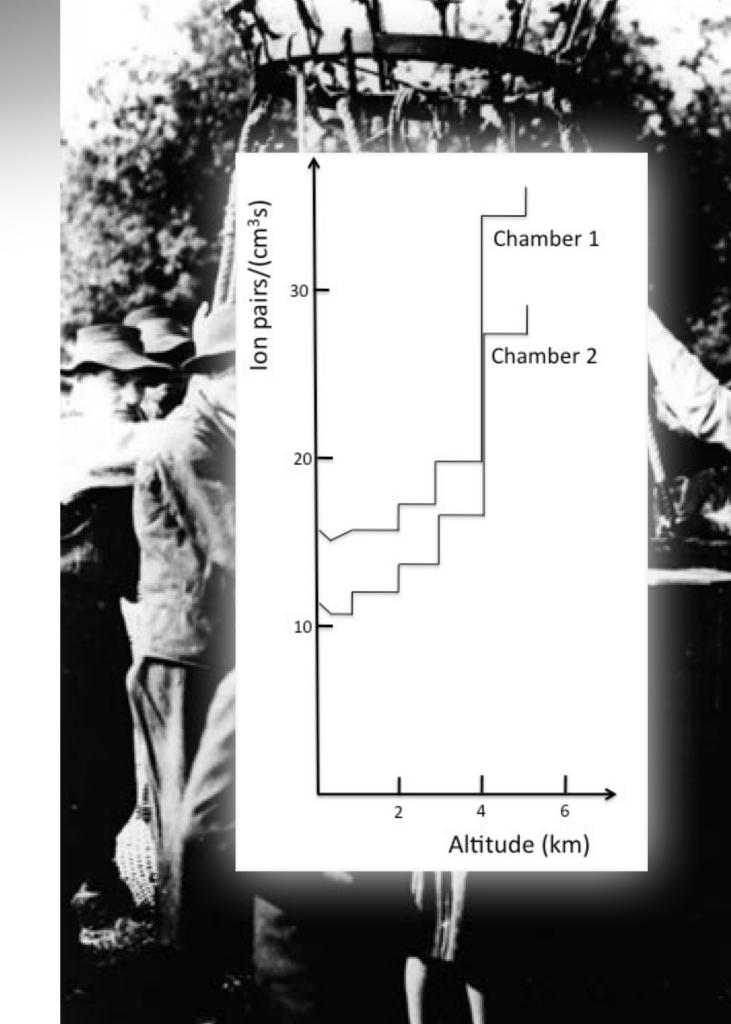
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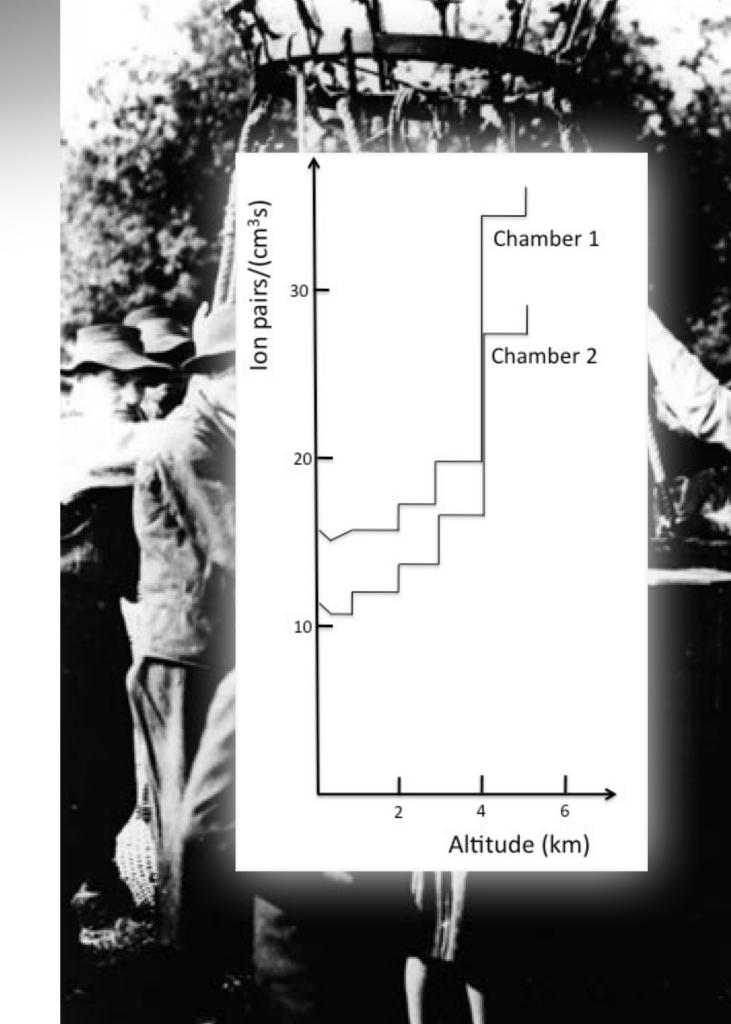


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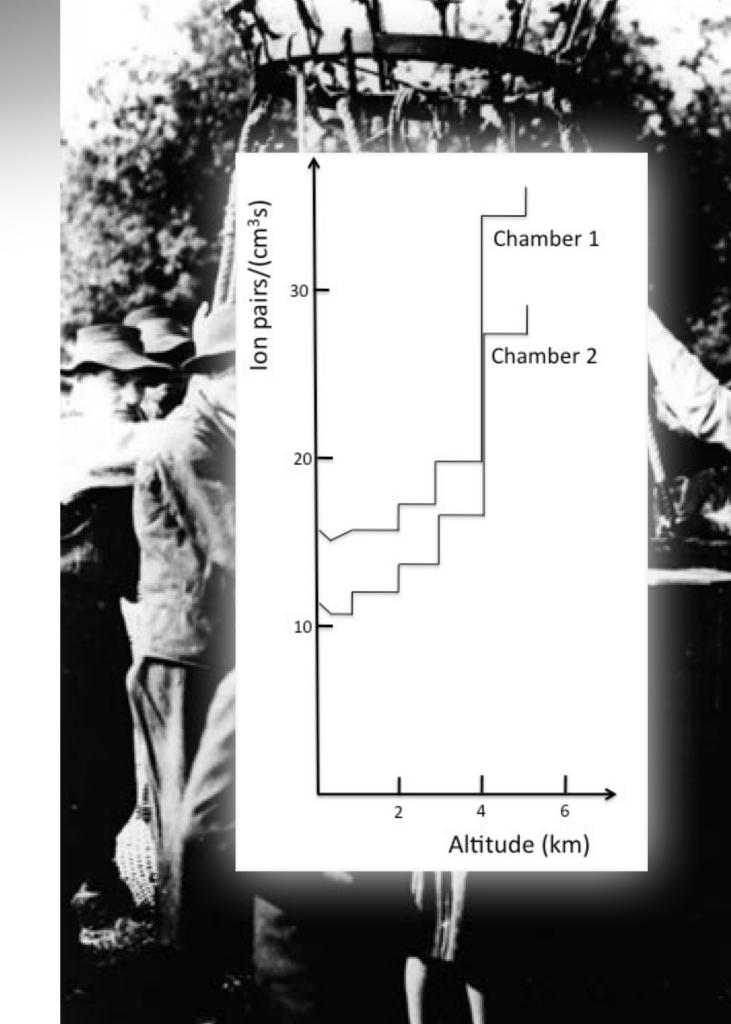


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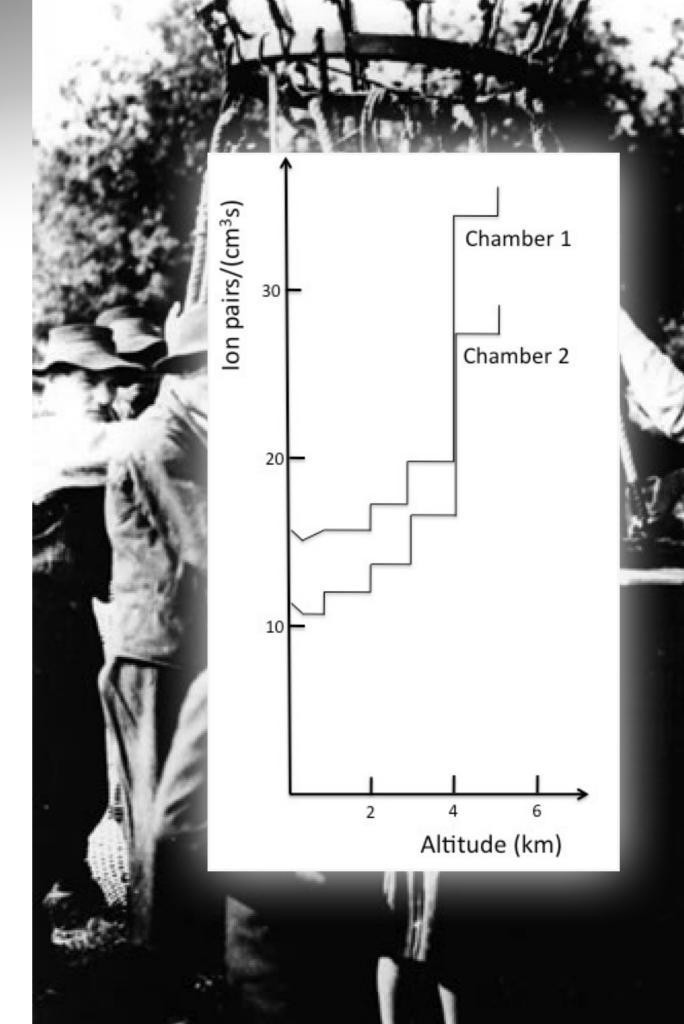
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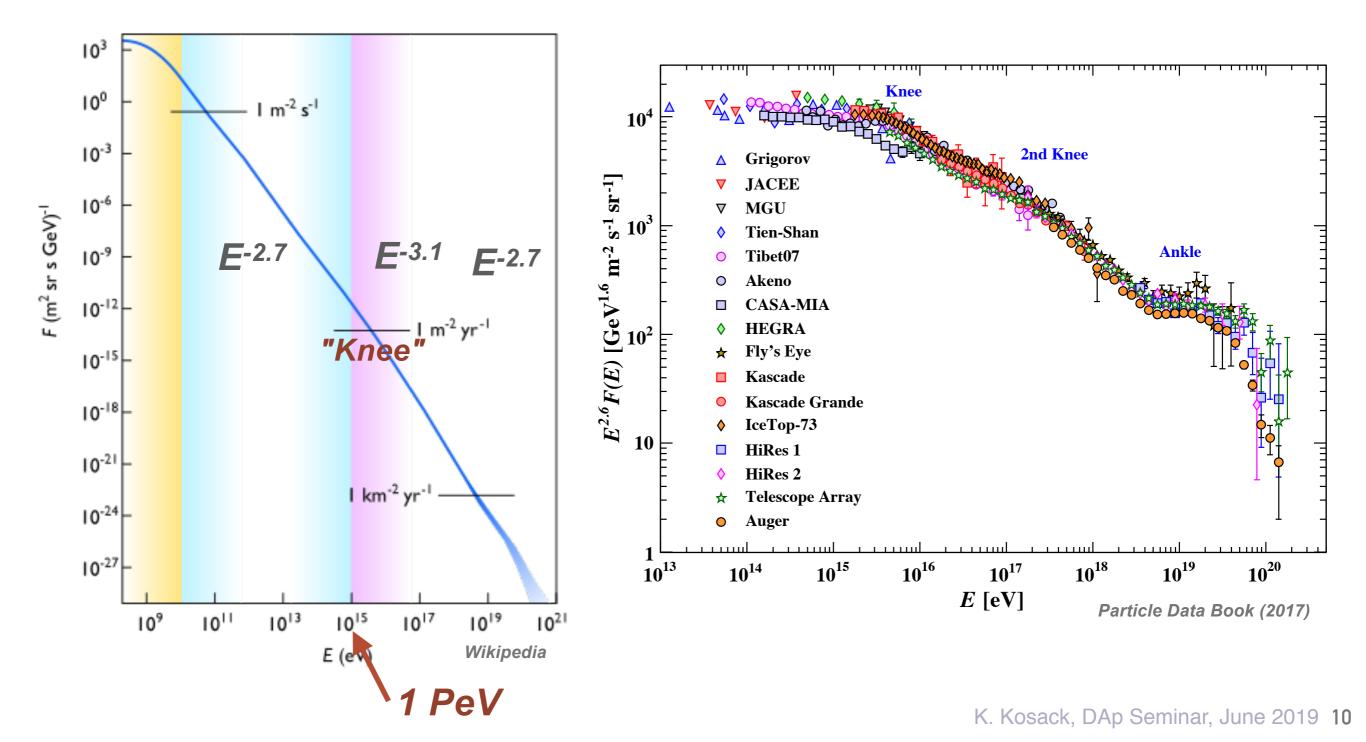
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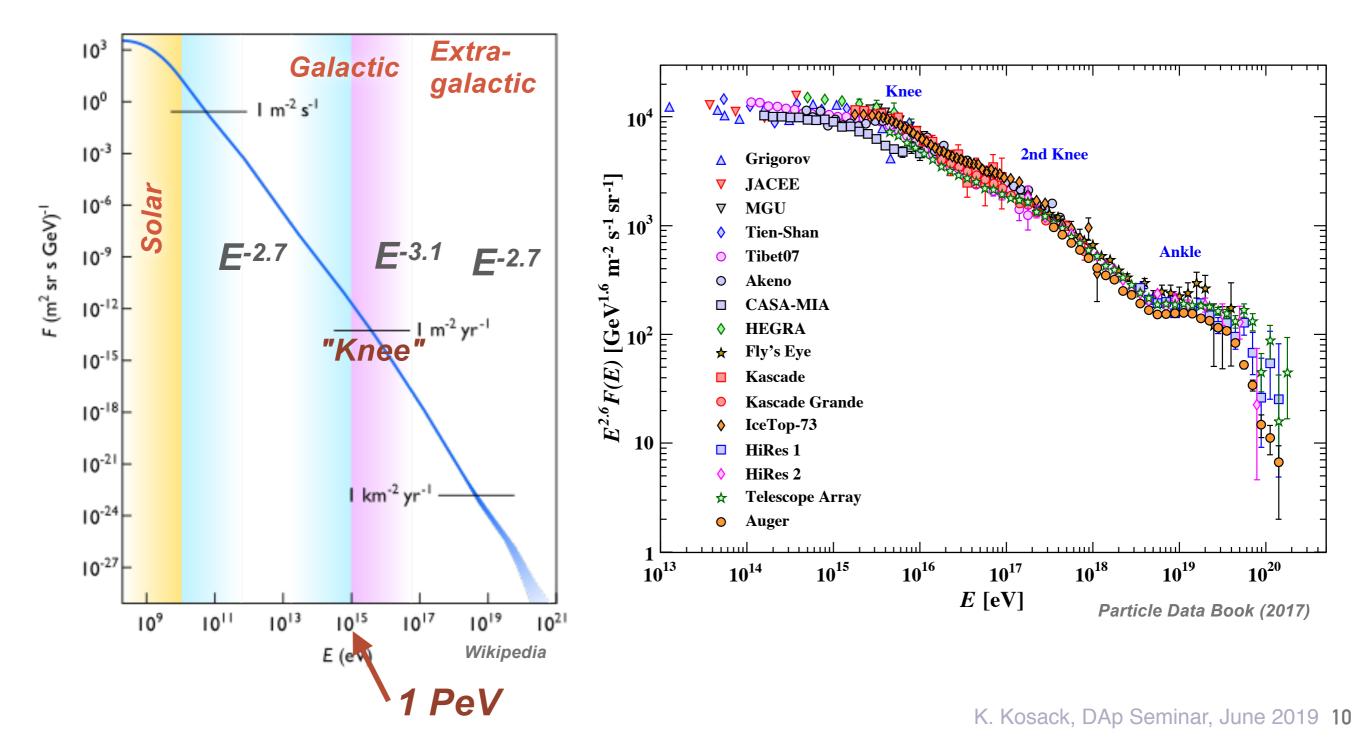
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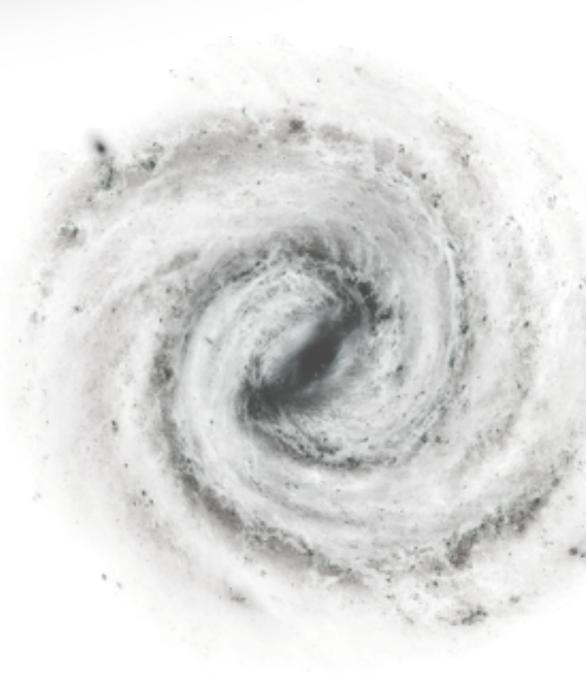
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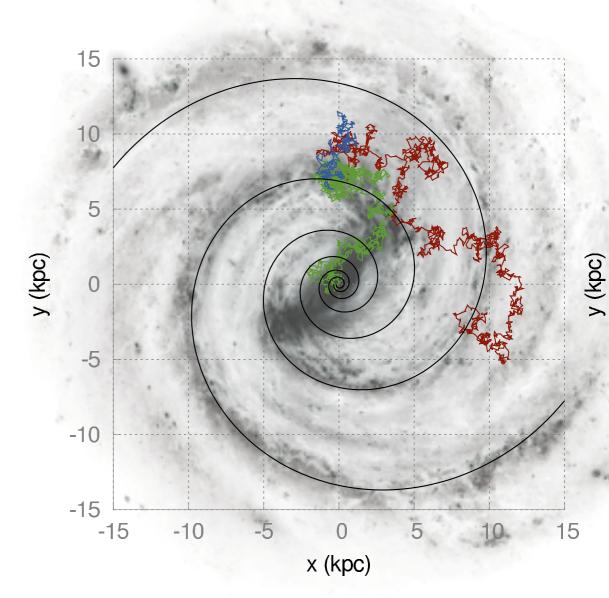
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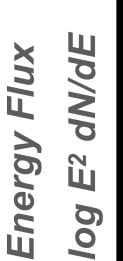
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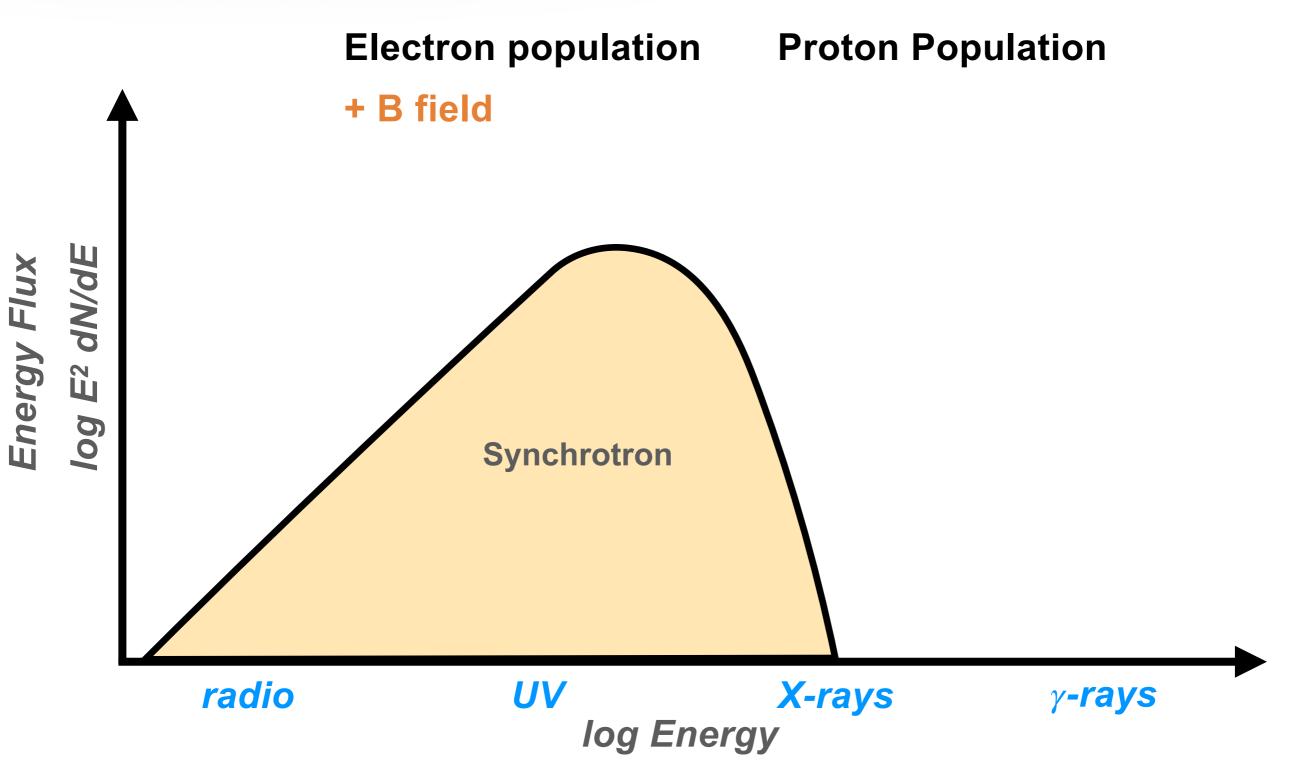
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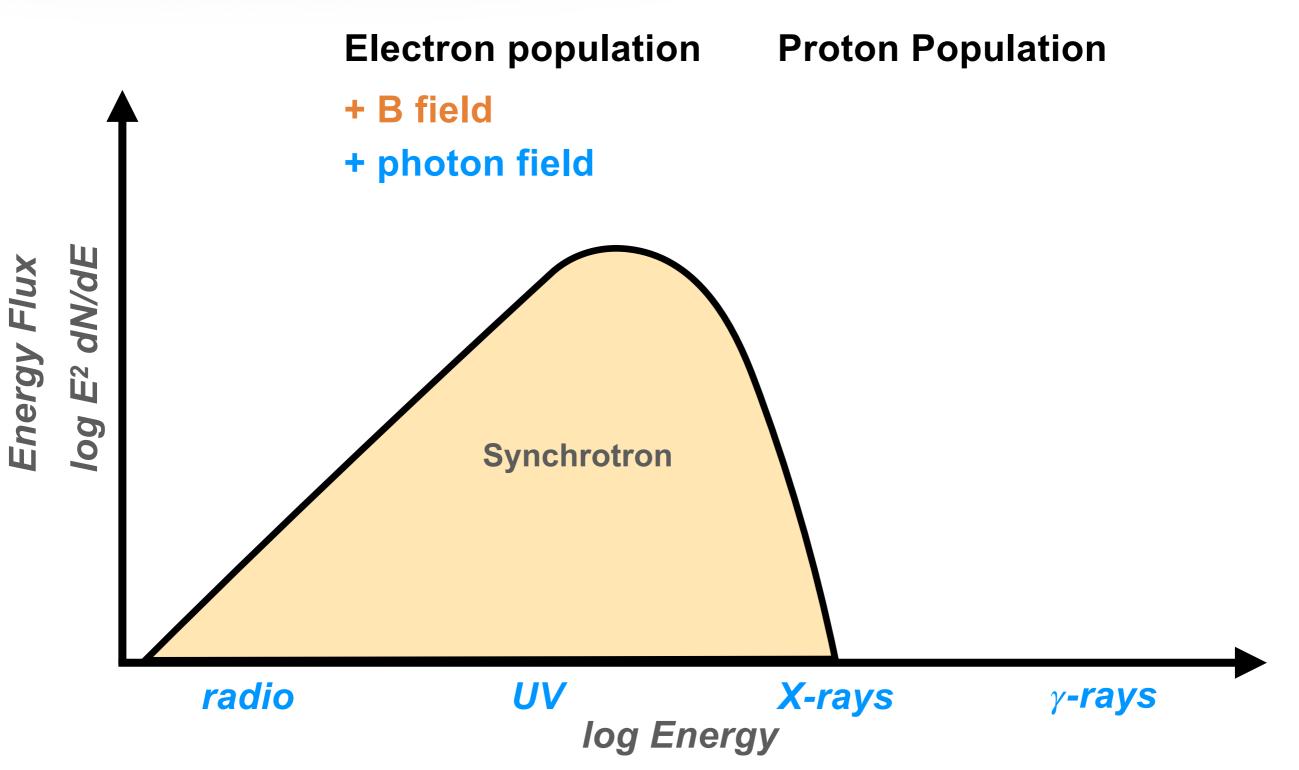
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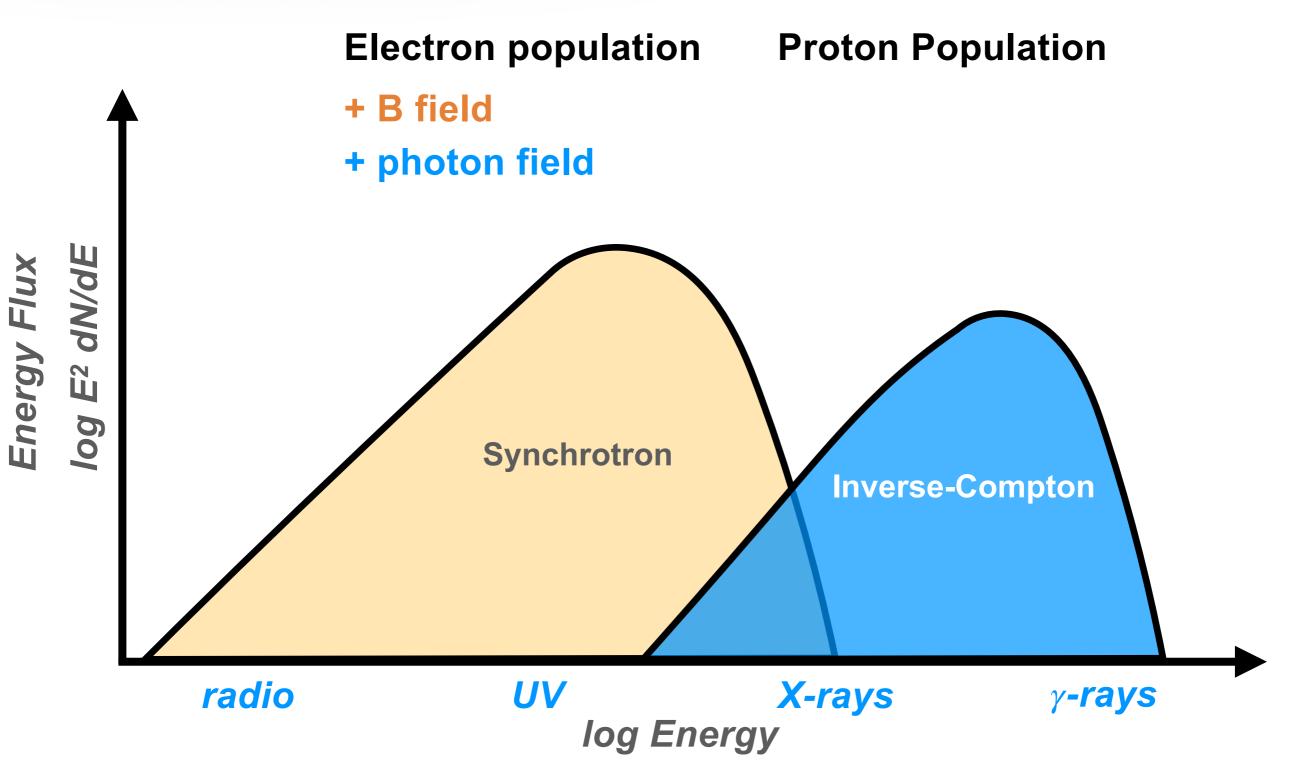
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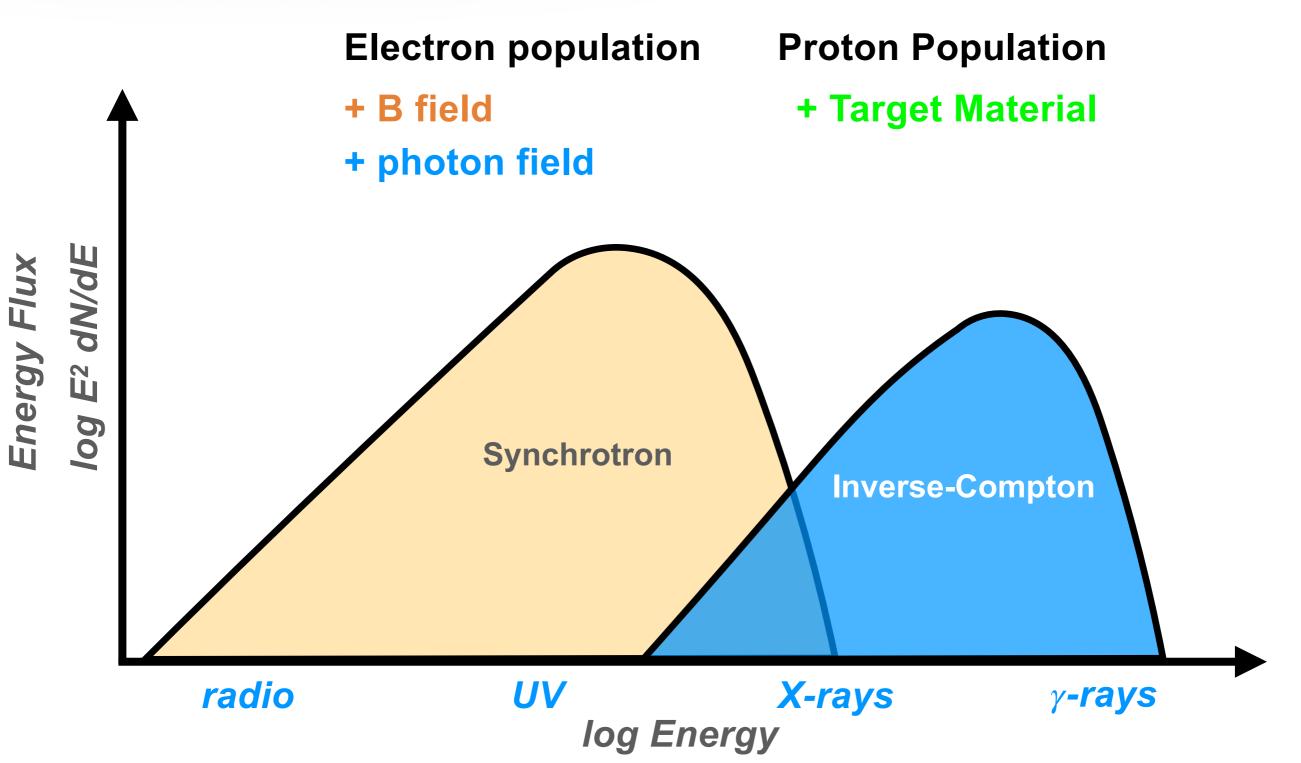
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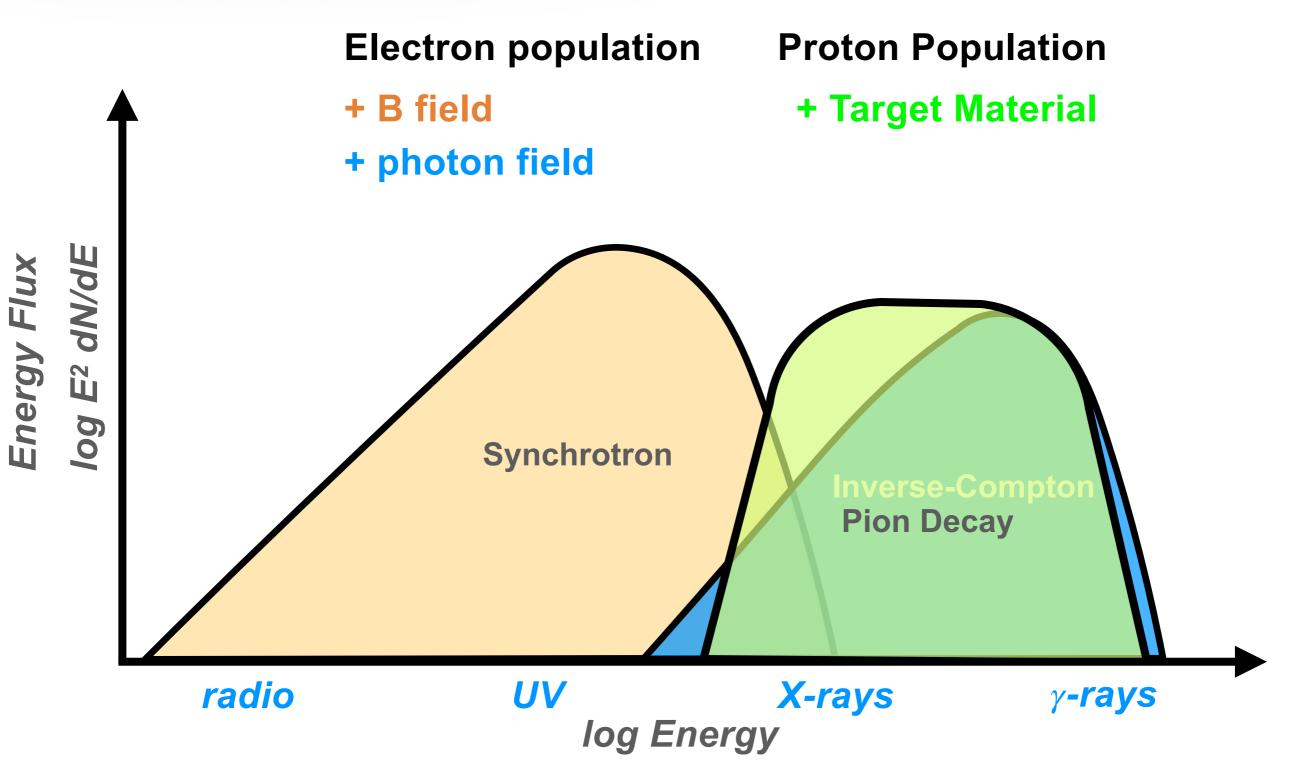
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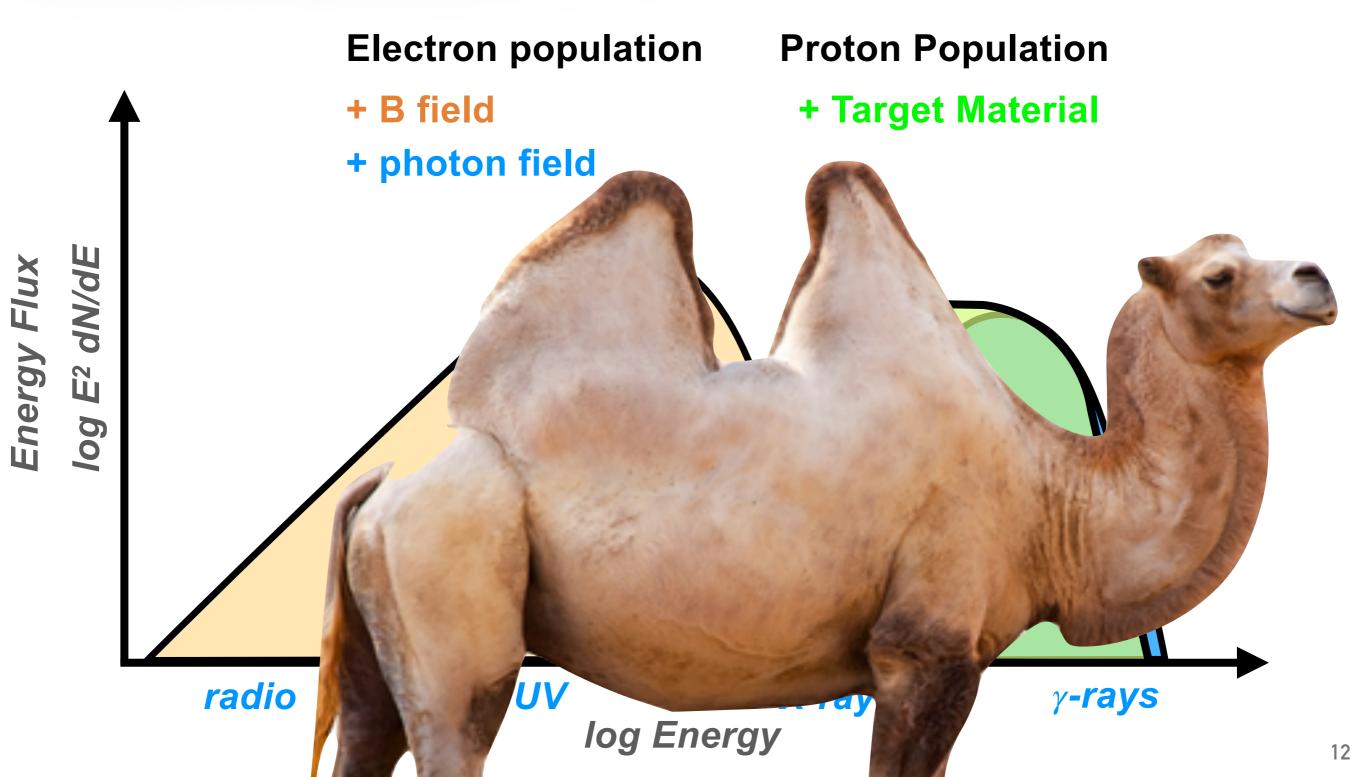


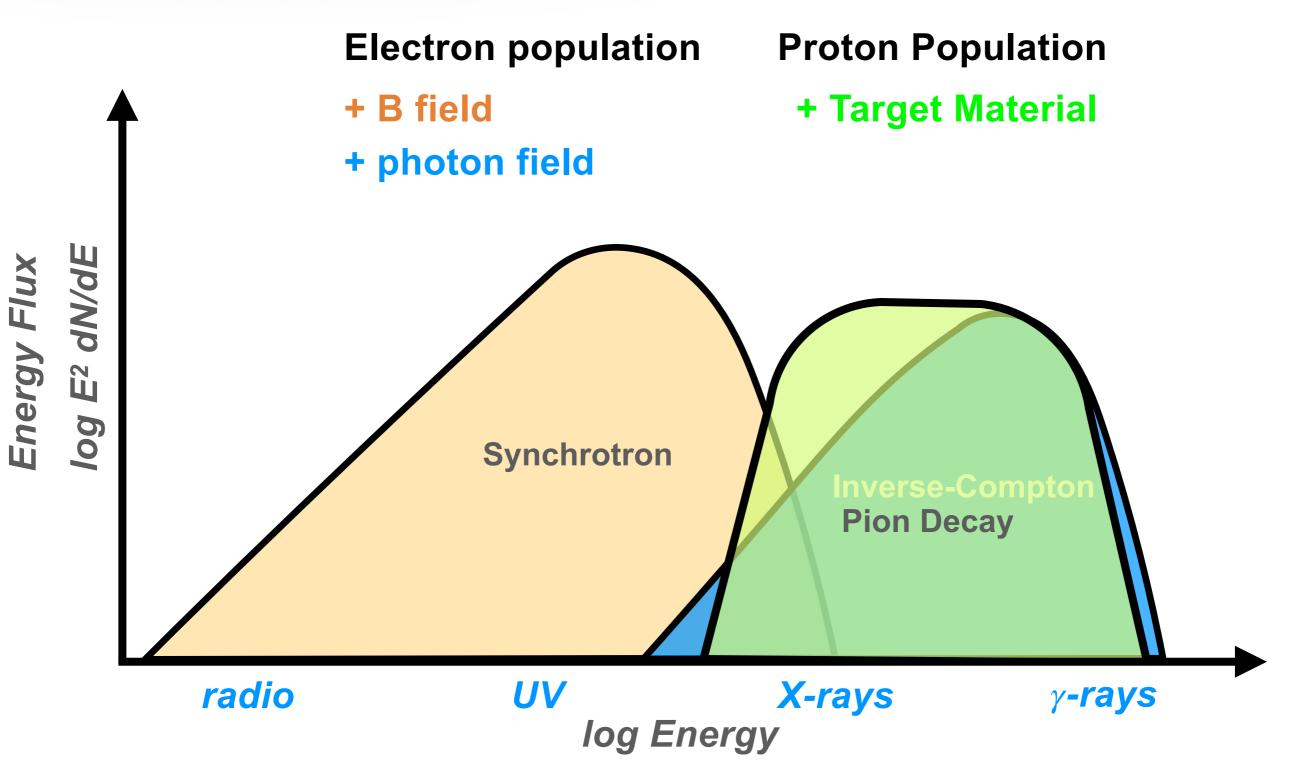


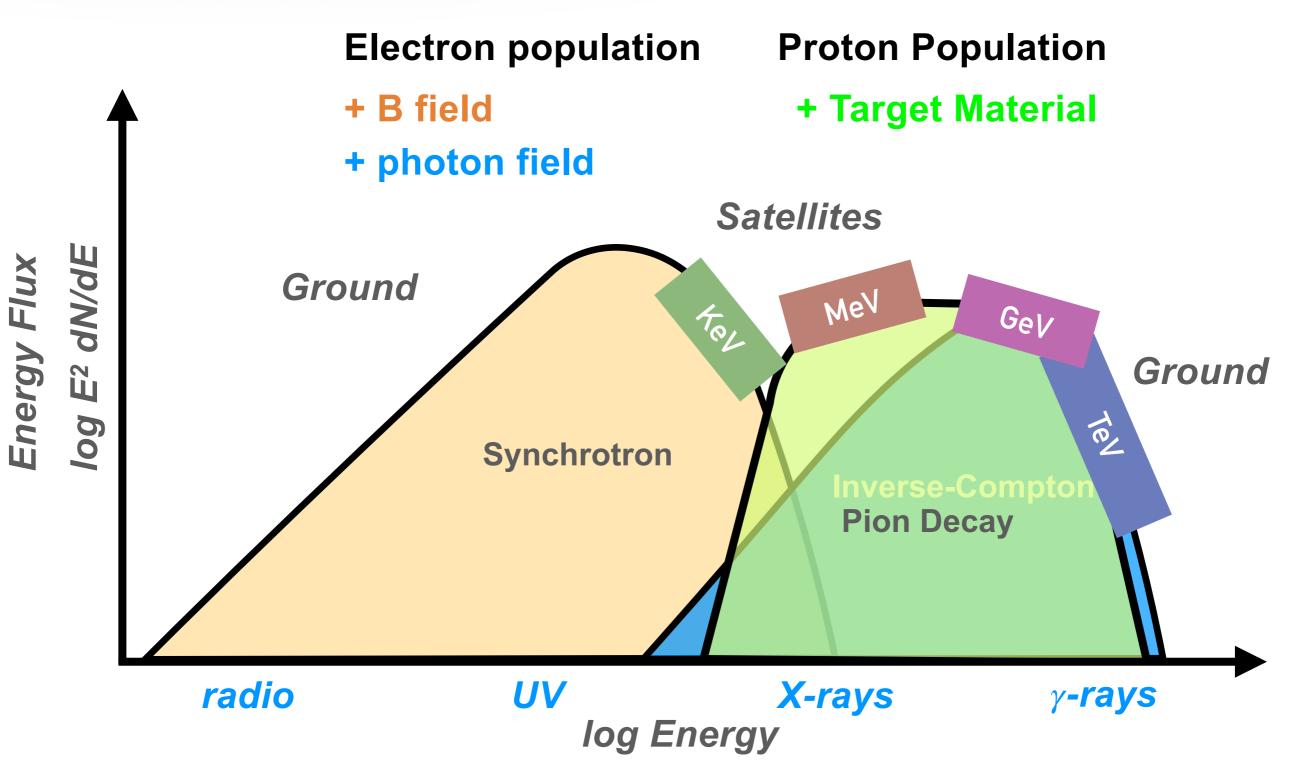










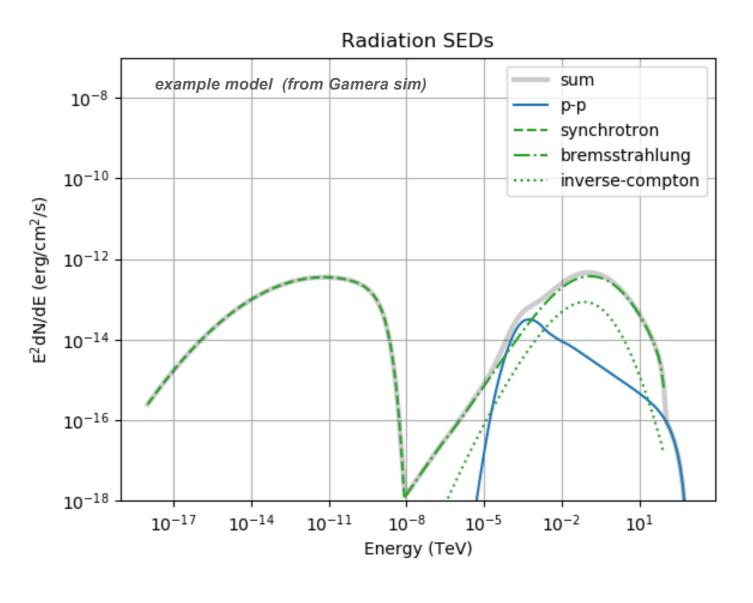


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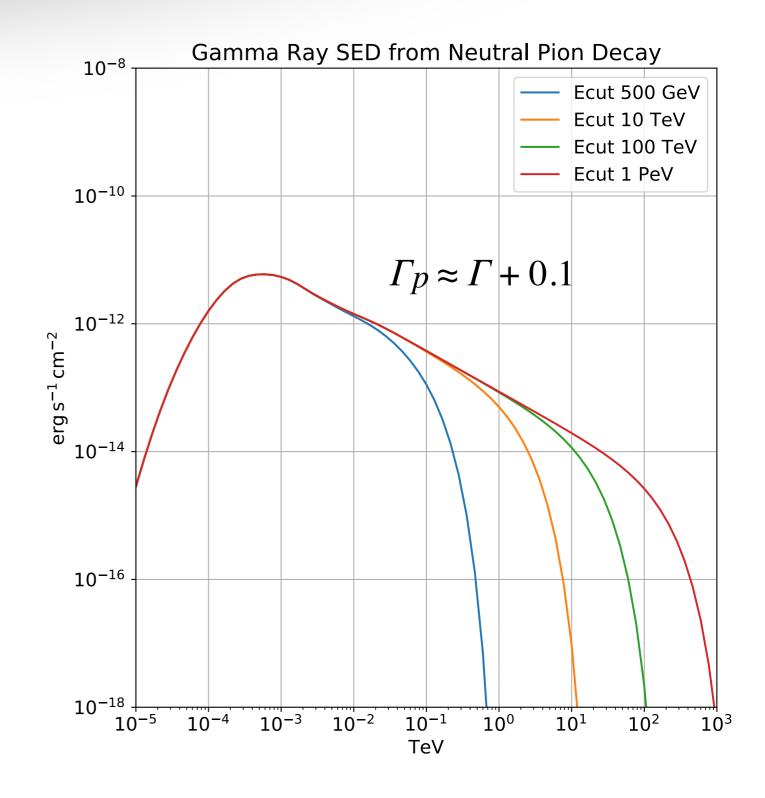


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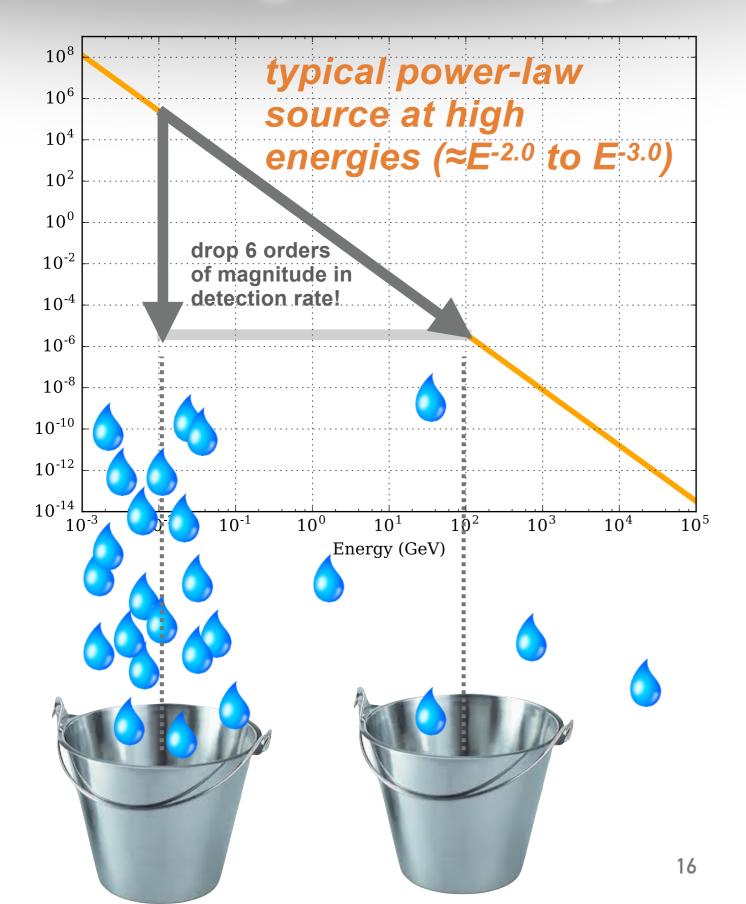


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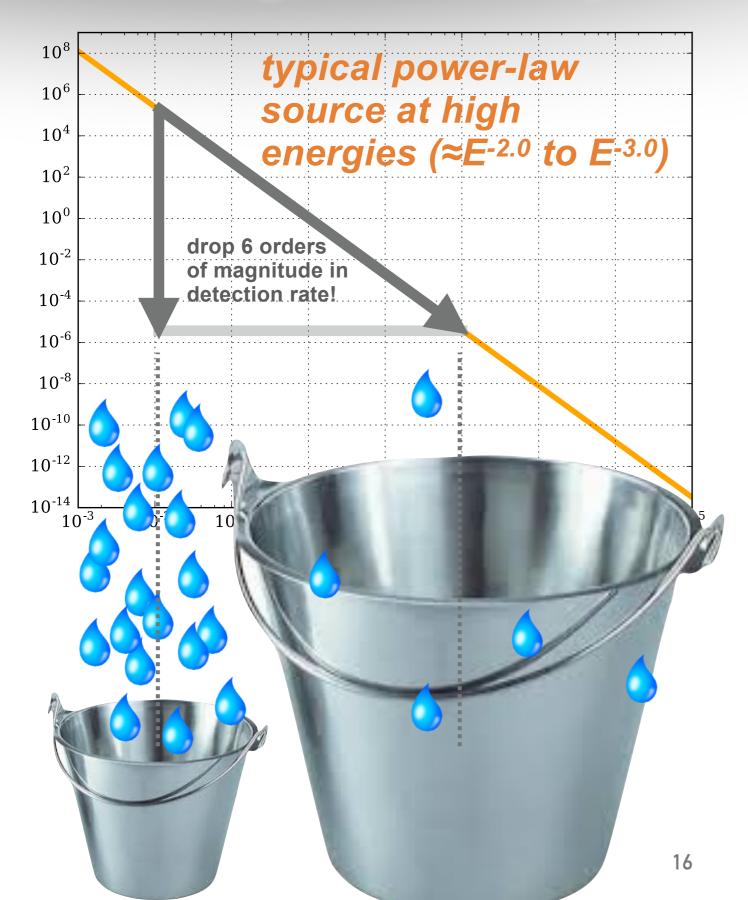
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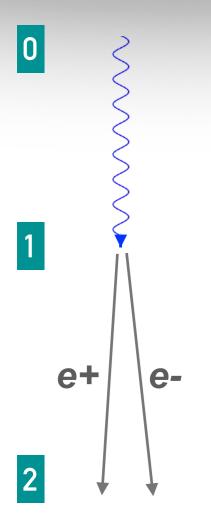
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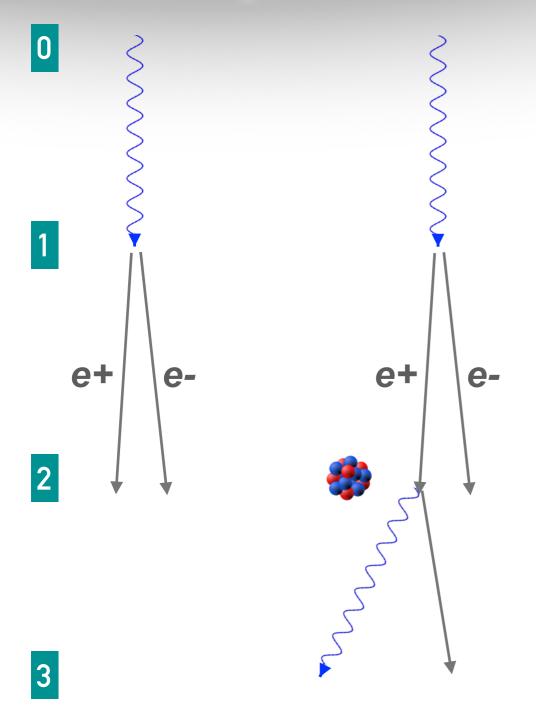




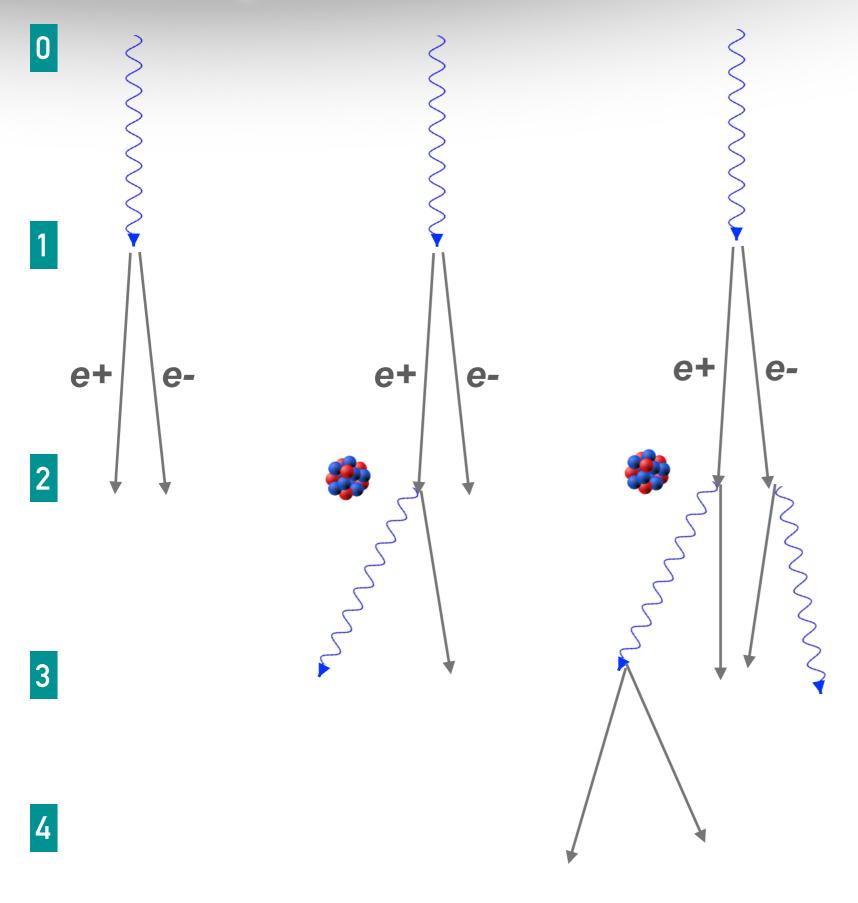
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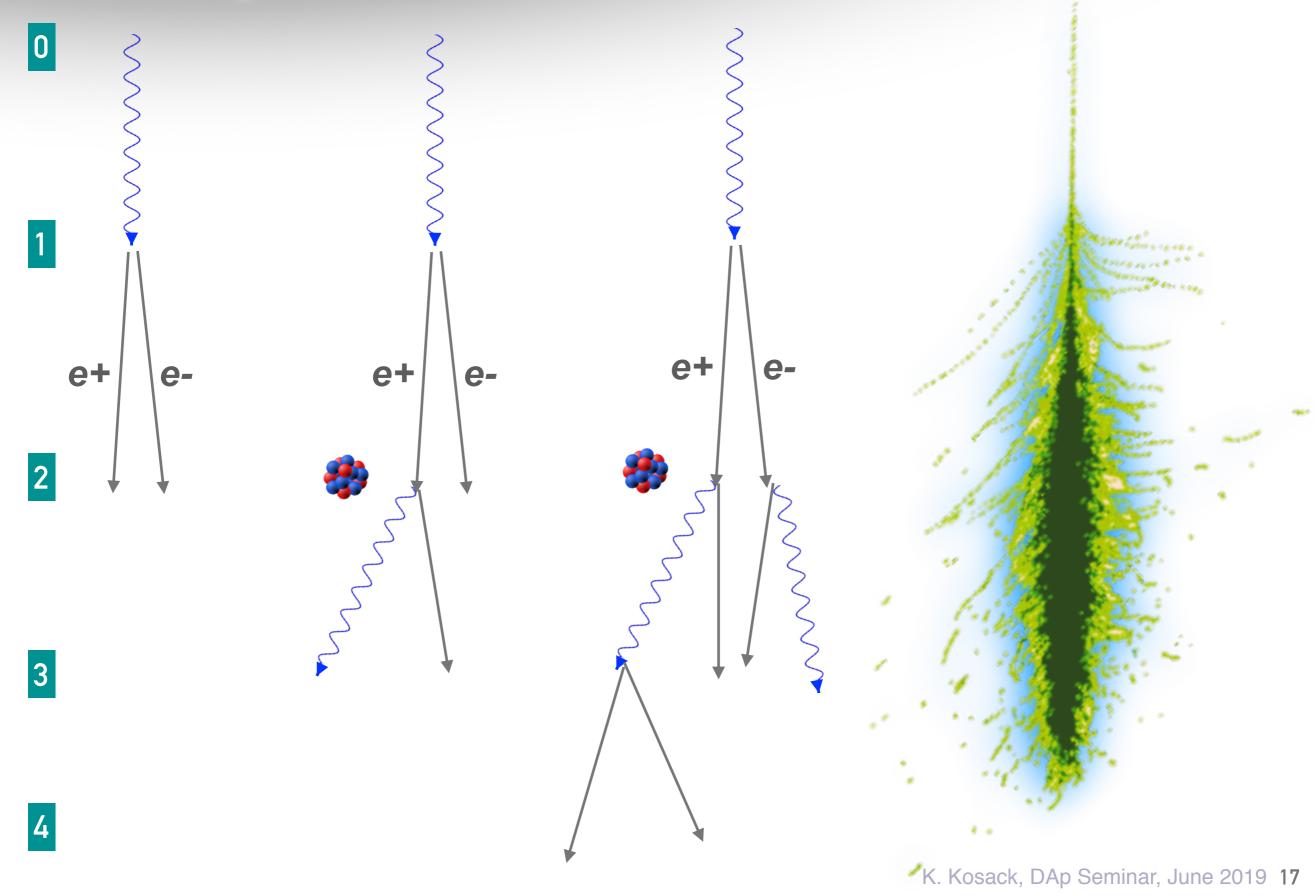






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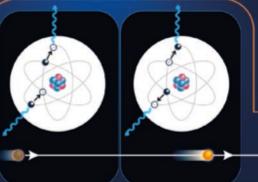
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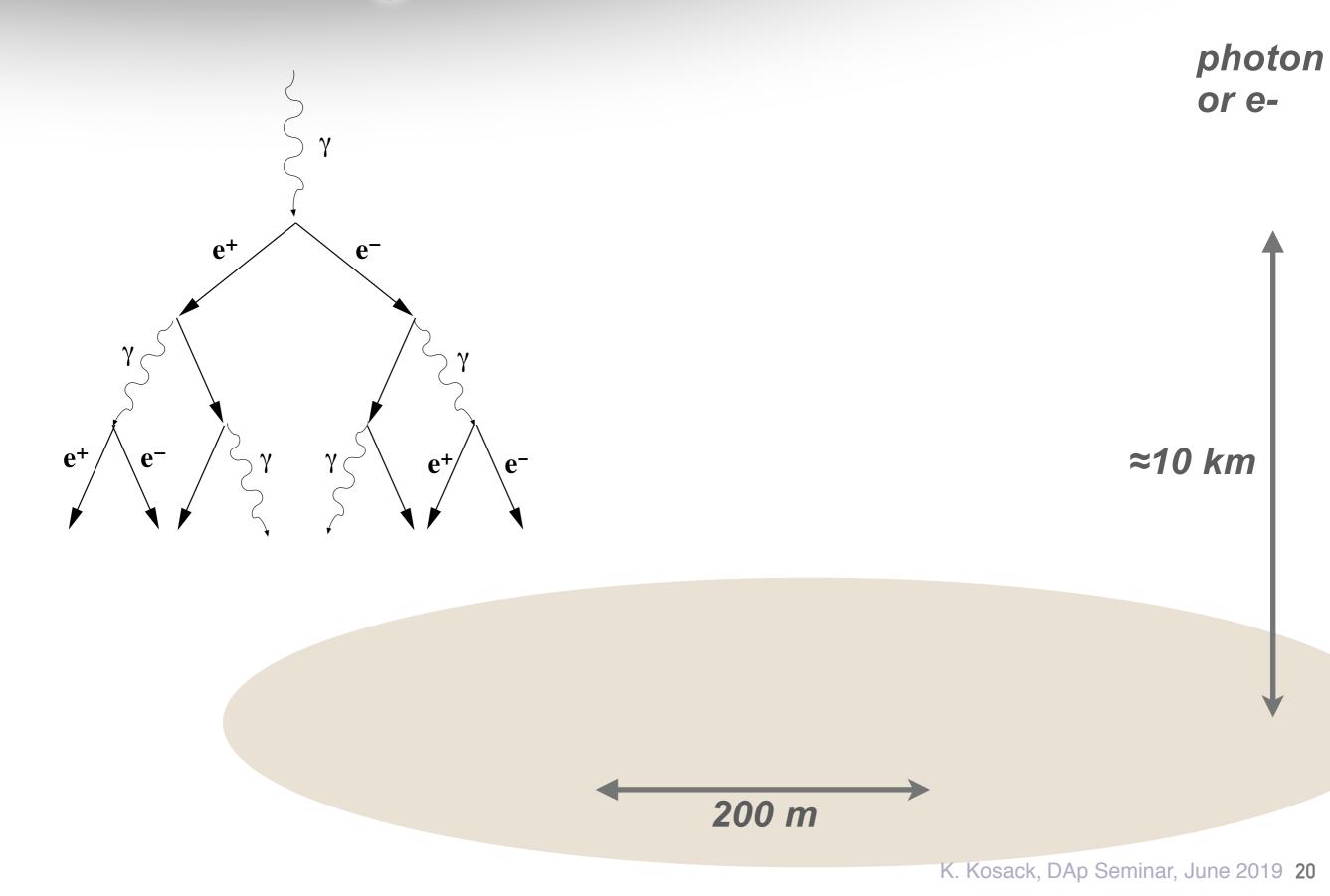
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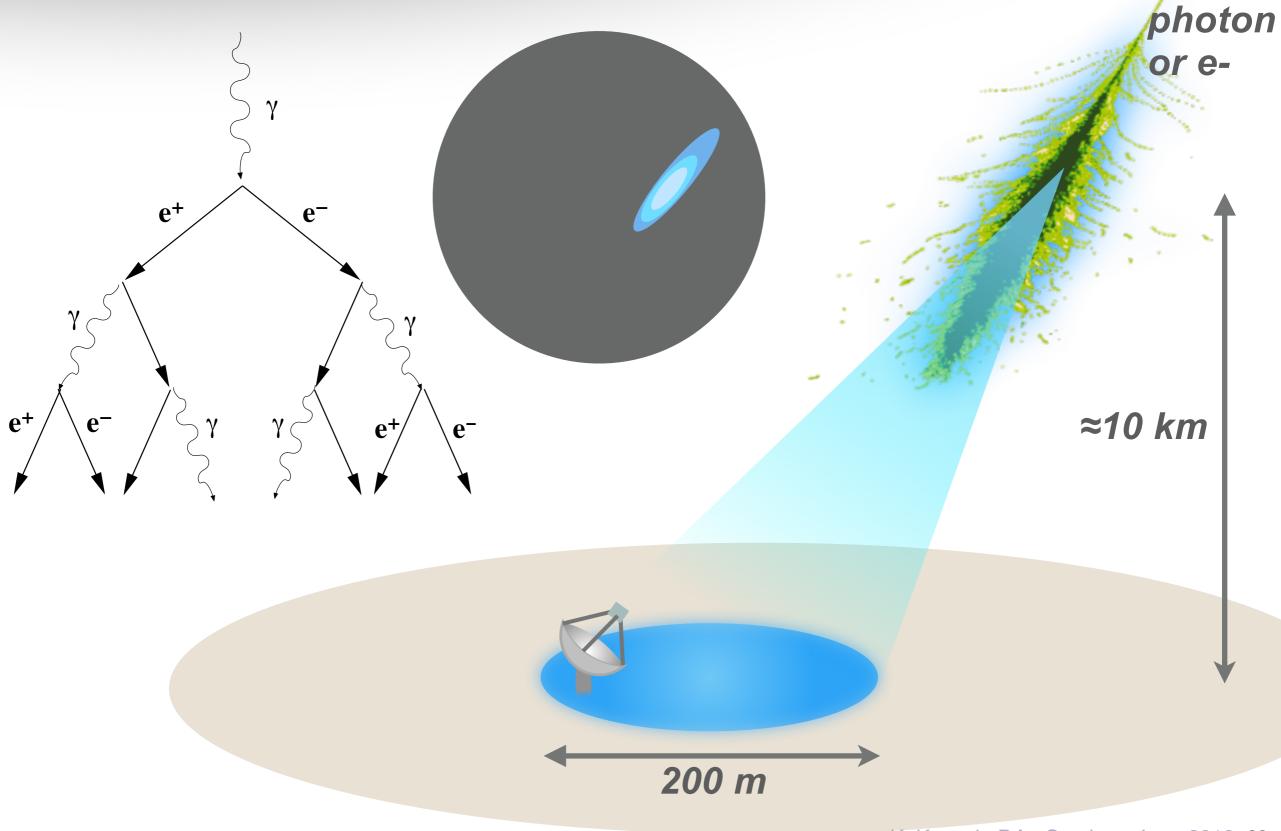
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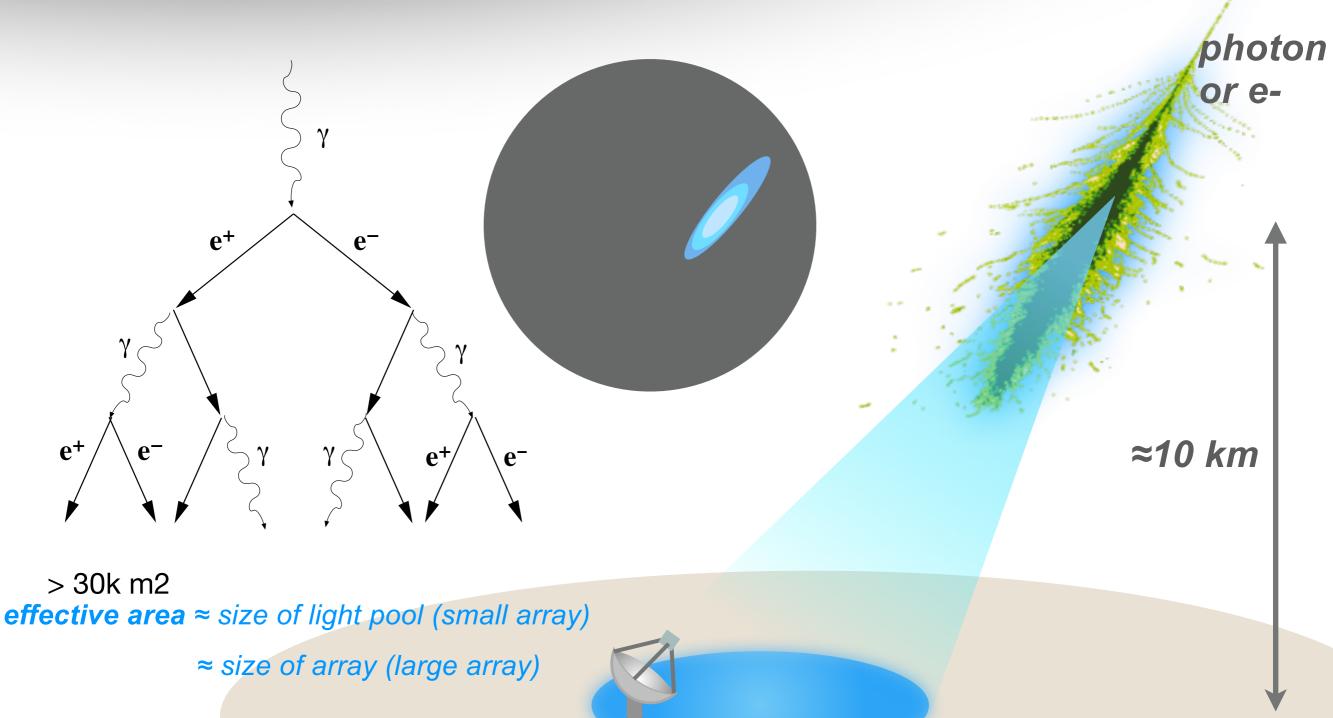


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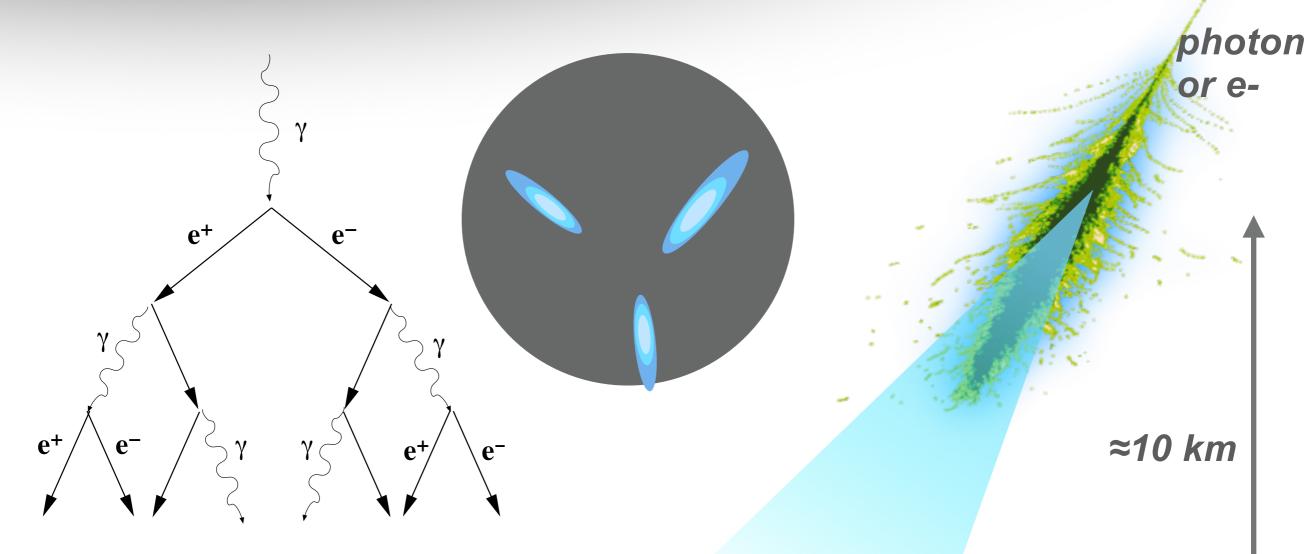
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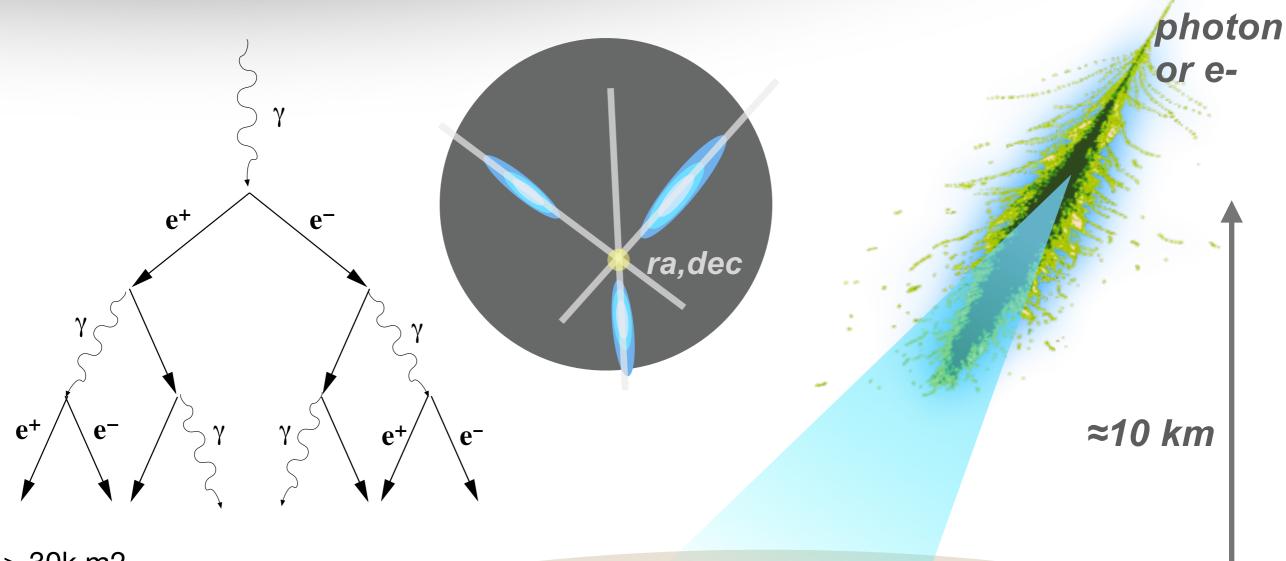
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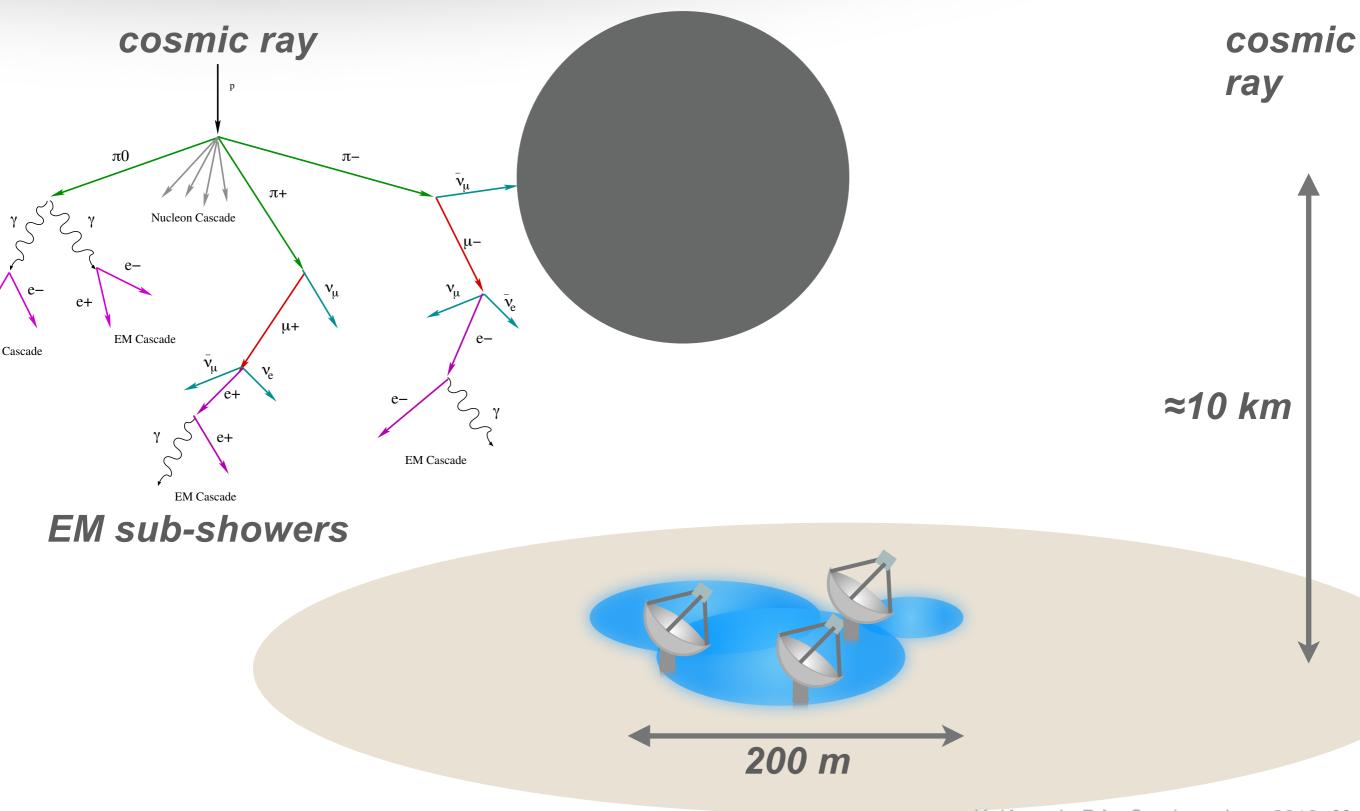
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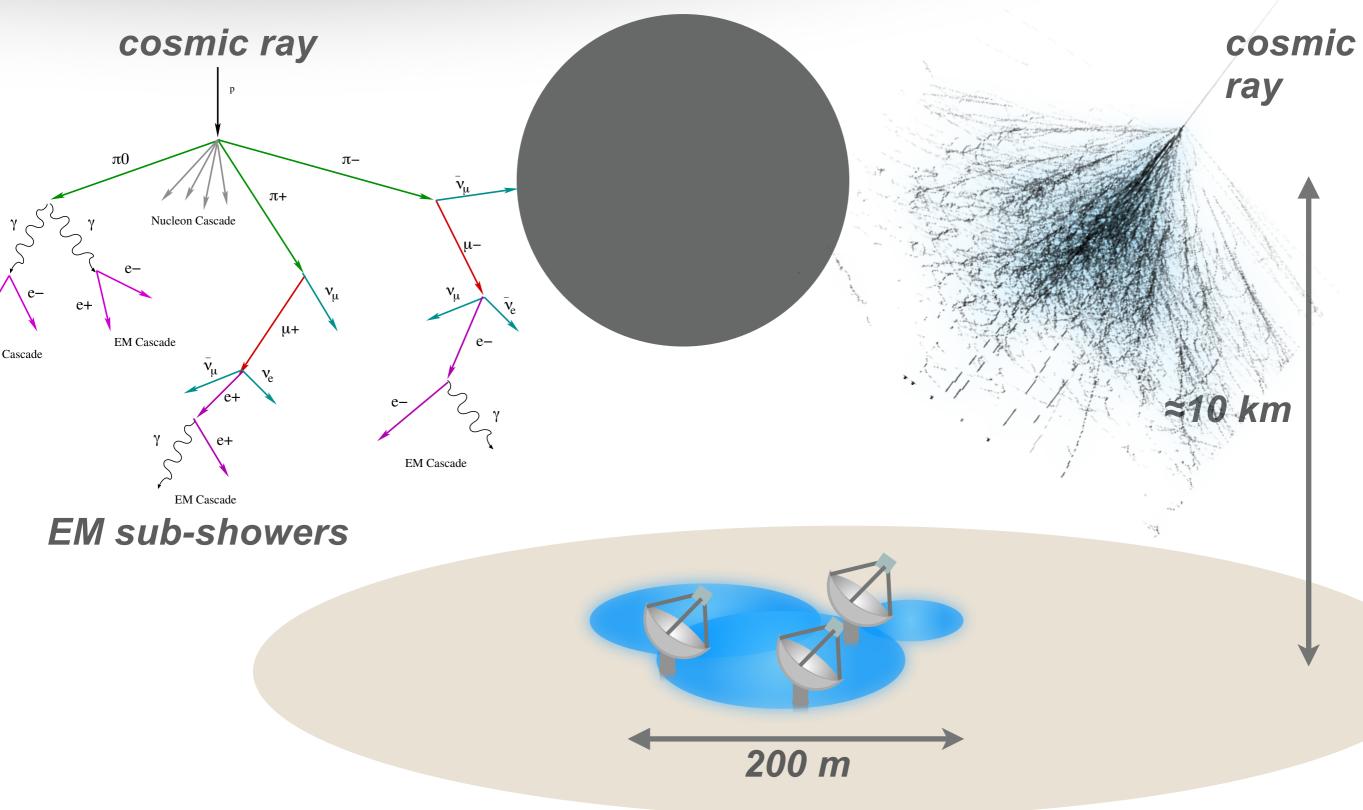


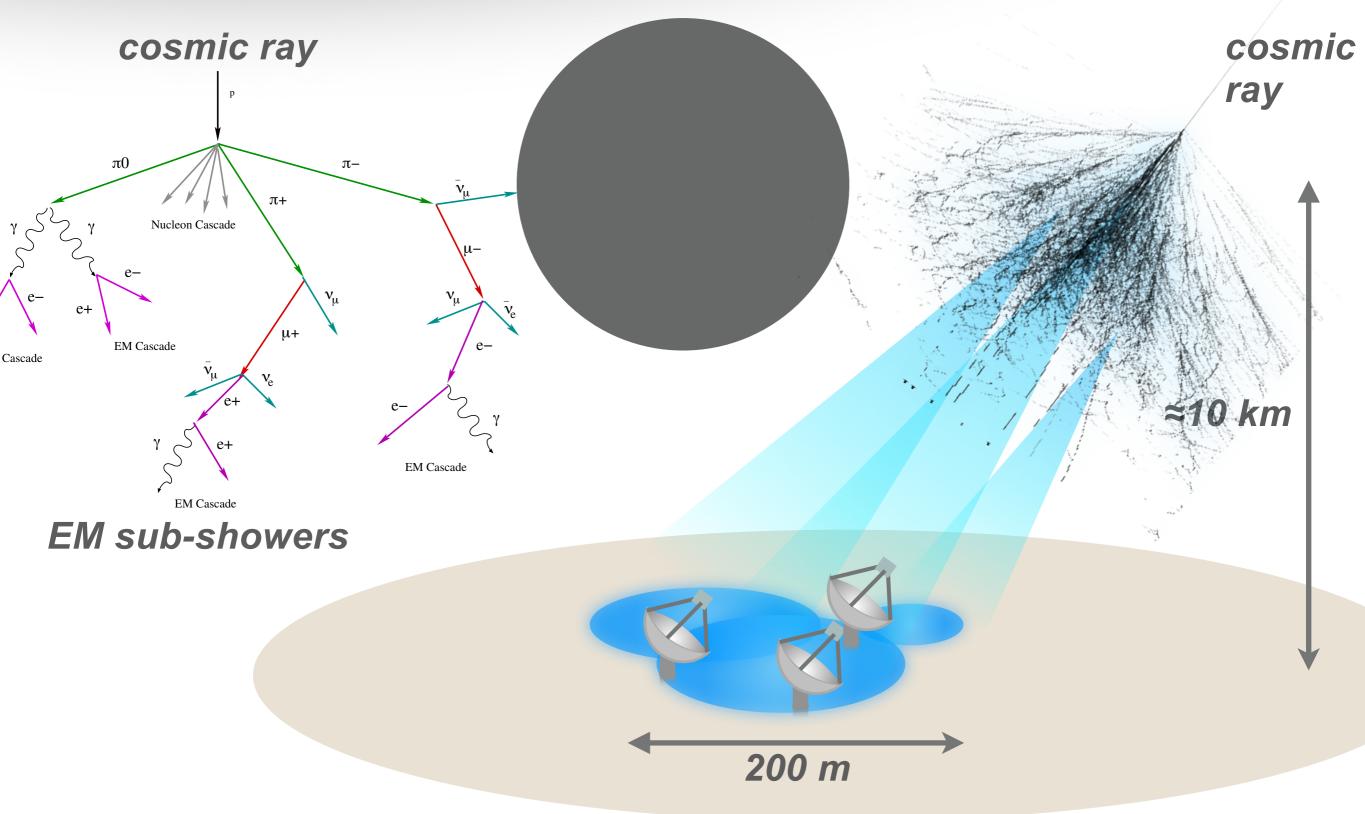
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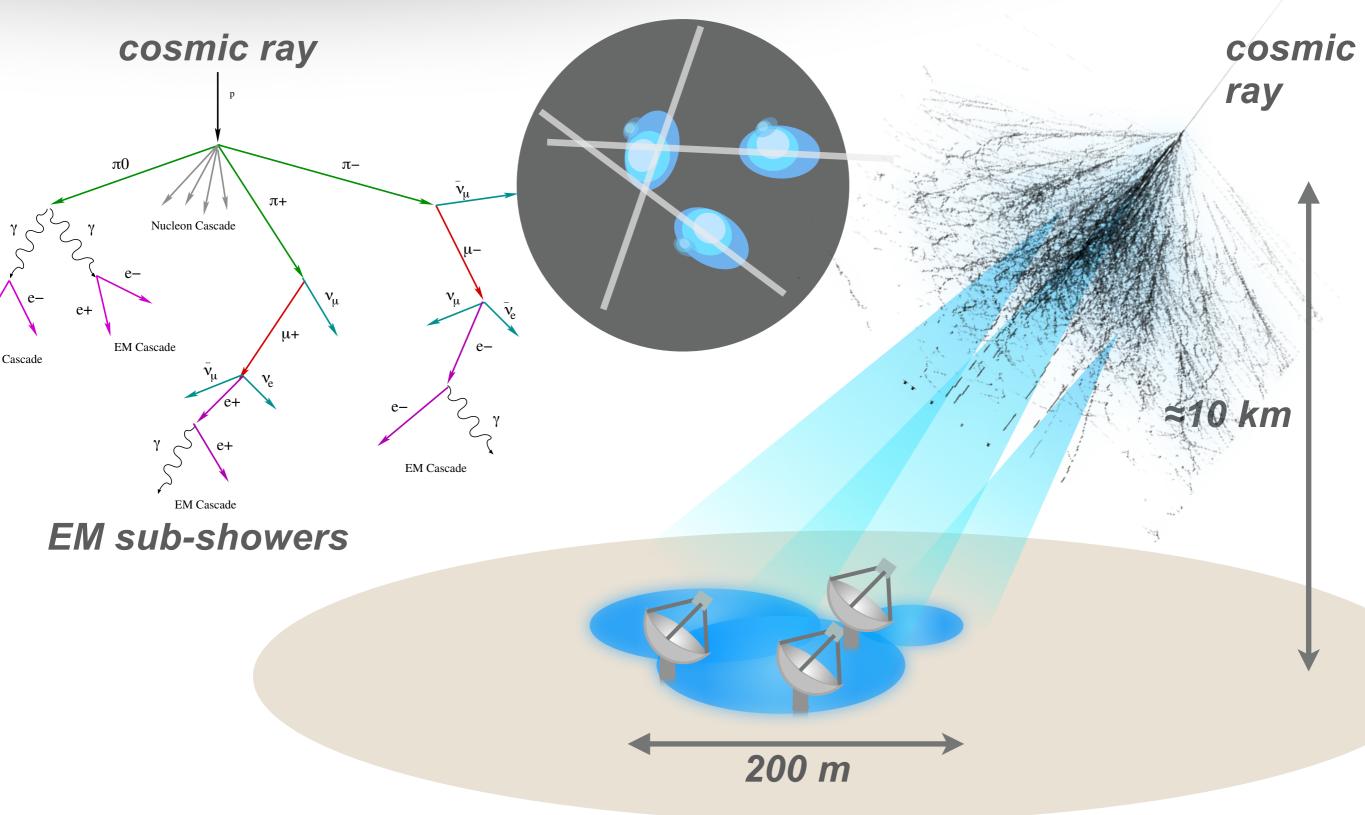
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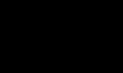








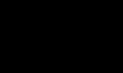
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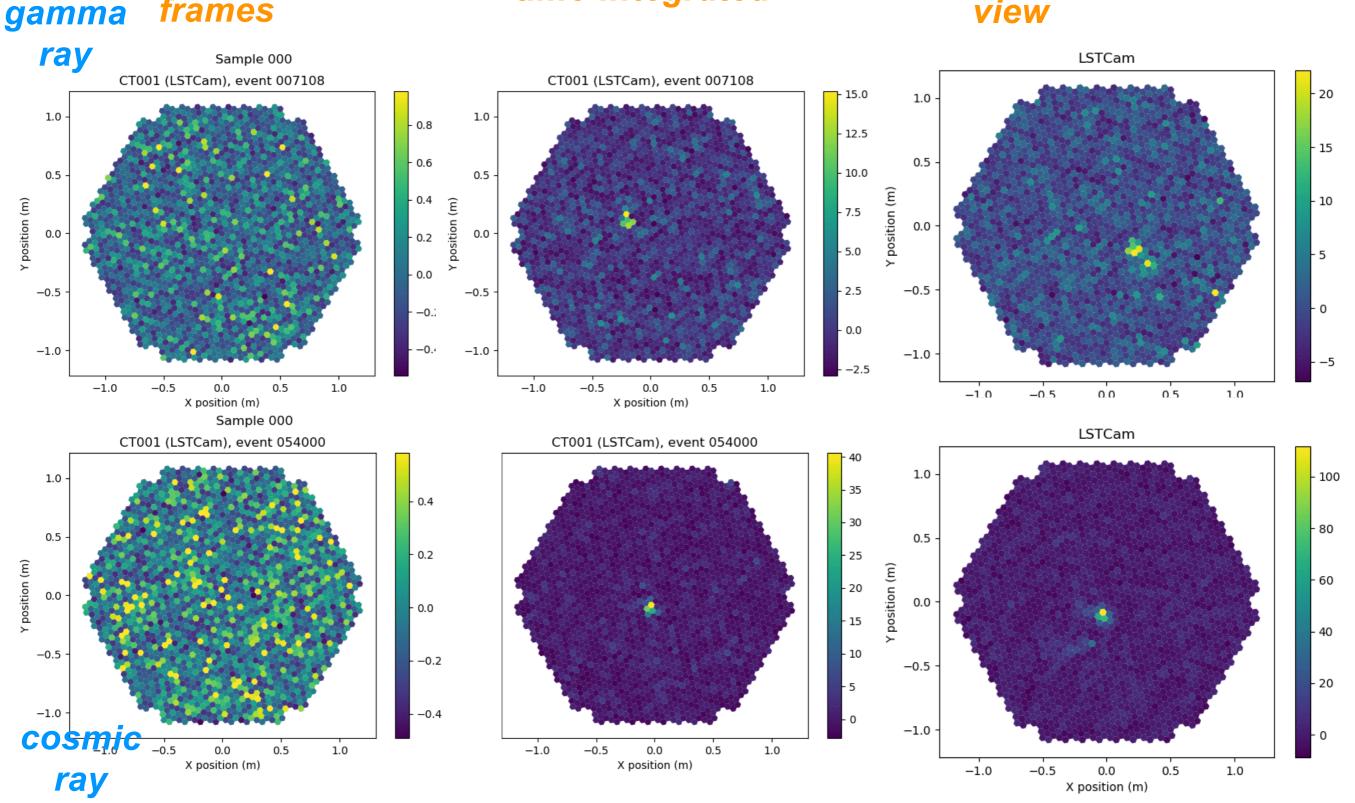
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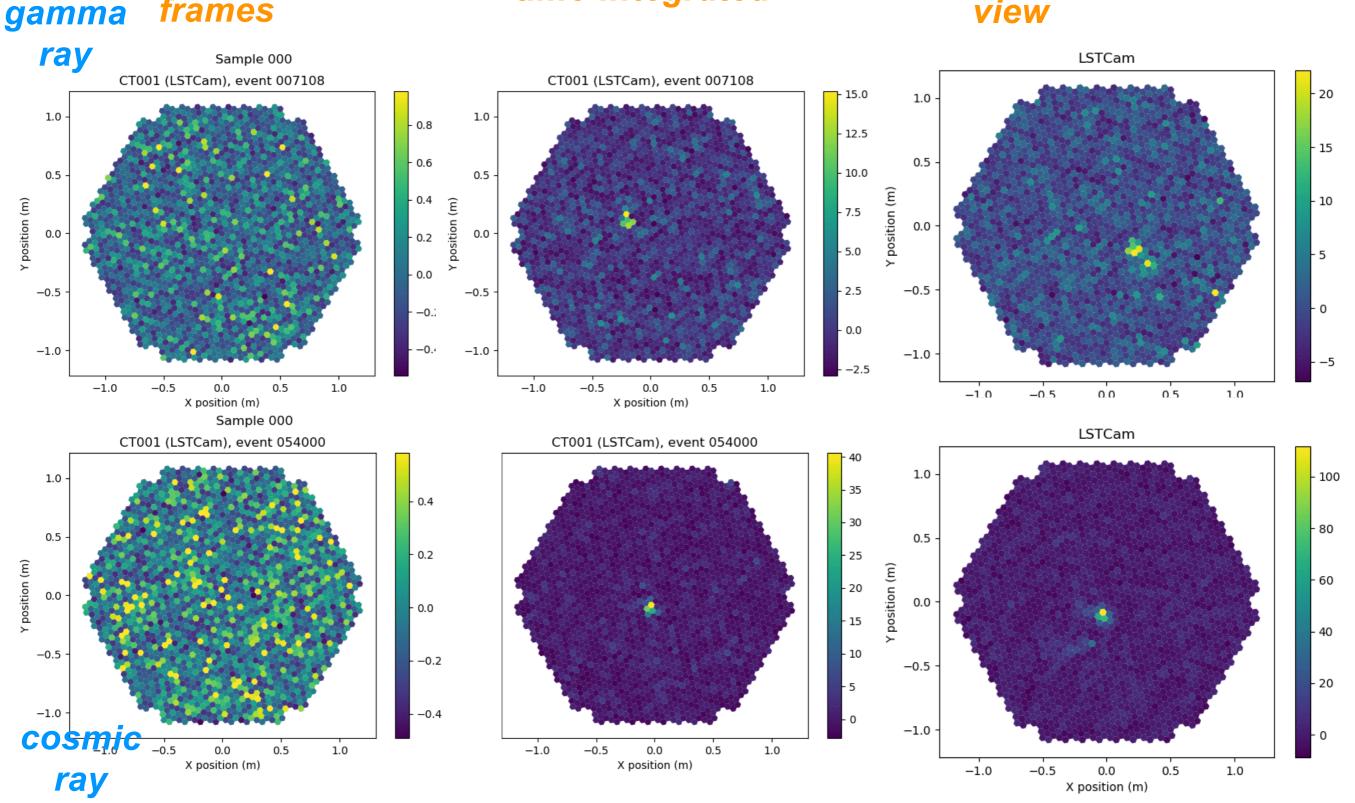
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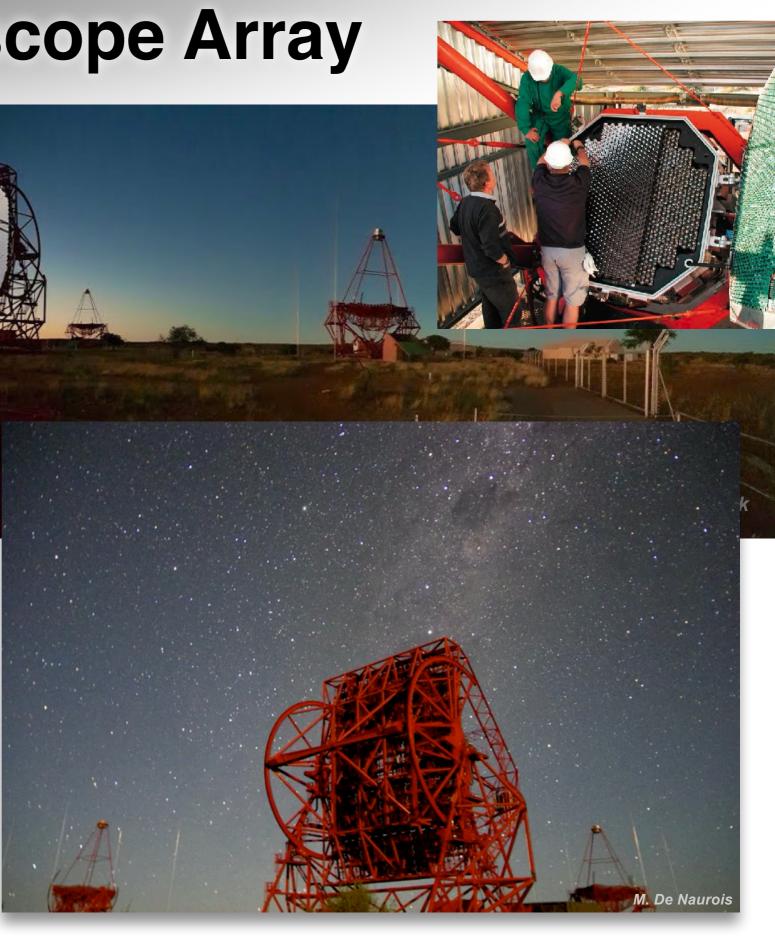
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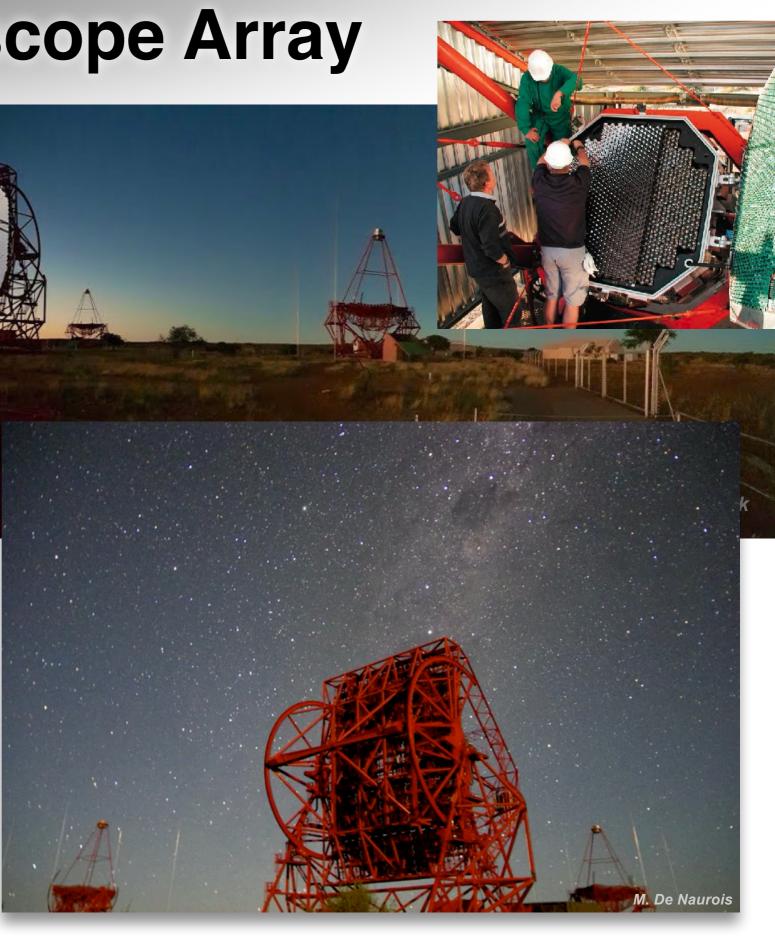
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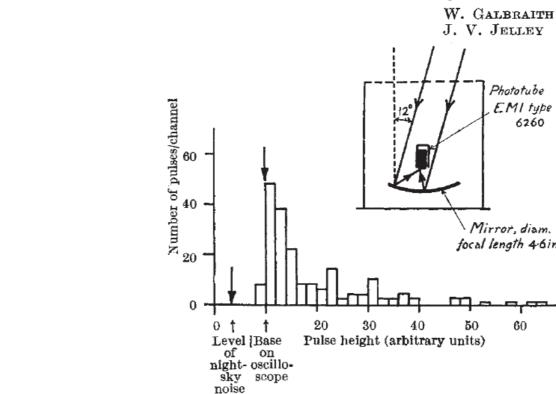
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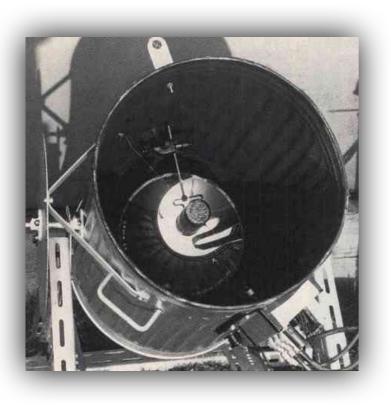
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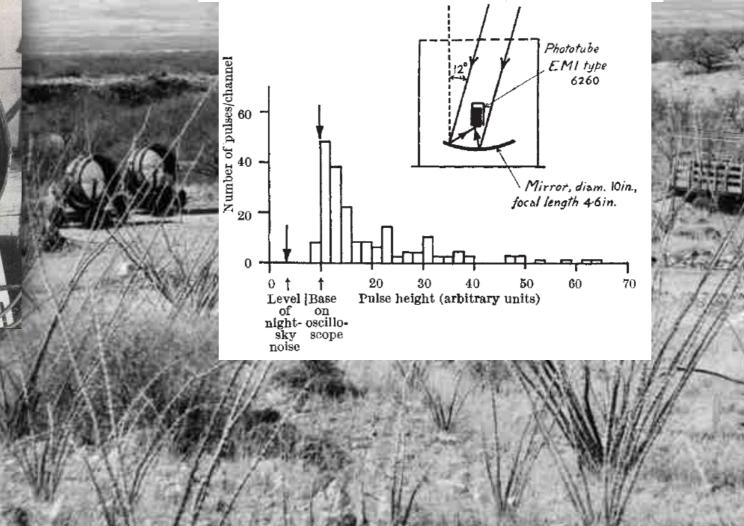
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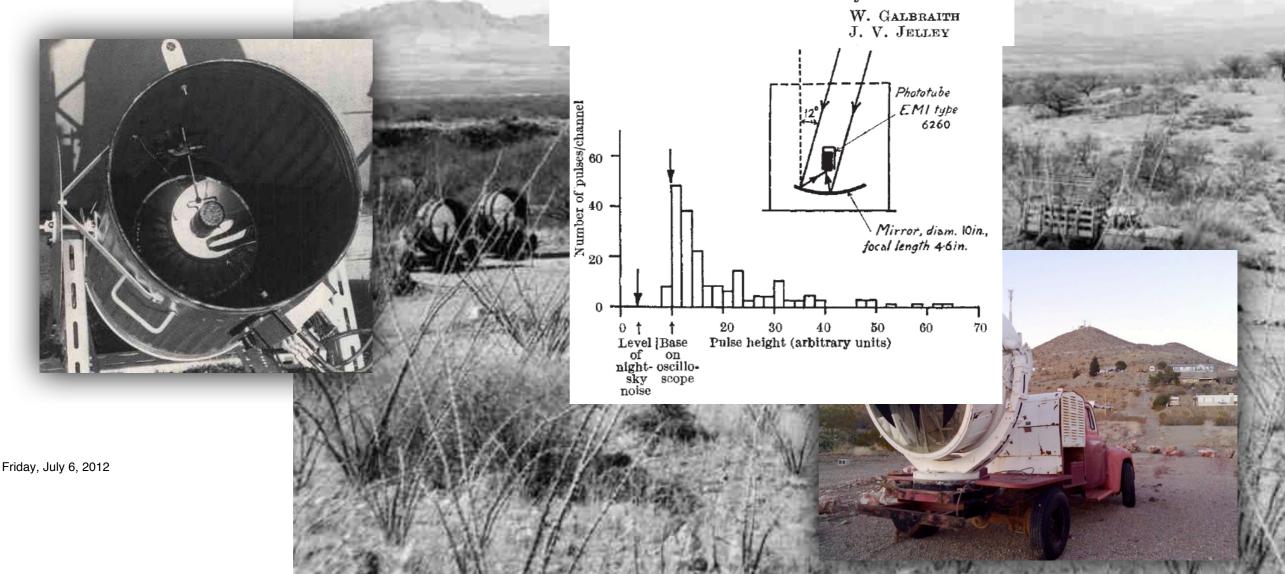
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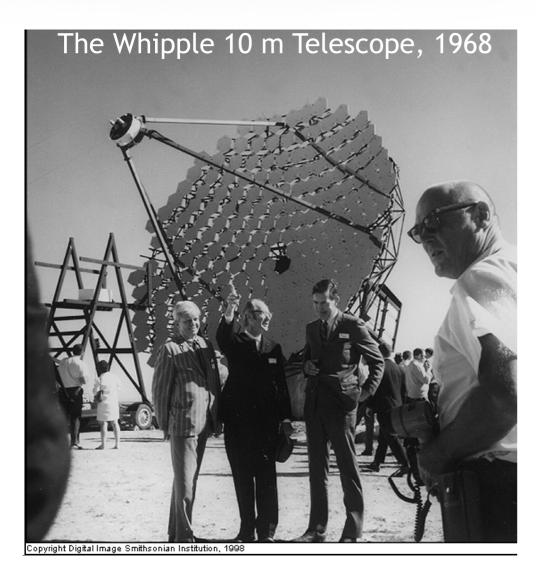
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Some VHE History



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Whipple 10m teleescope

- **1968:** Built, Single-pixel camera
- Breakthrough: multi-pixel camera:
 Shower Imaging
- 1989: First detection of Crab Nebula (at 5 σ)

Many came in between:

- CAT (Pyrenees),
- Durham (Australia)
- HEGRA (Canaries)
- Grace (India)
- CANGAROO (Australia)

Current Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes HESS, VERITAS, MAGIC

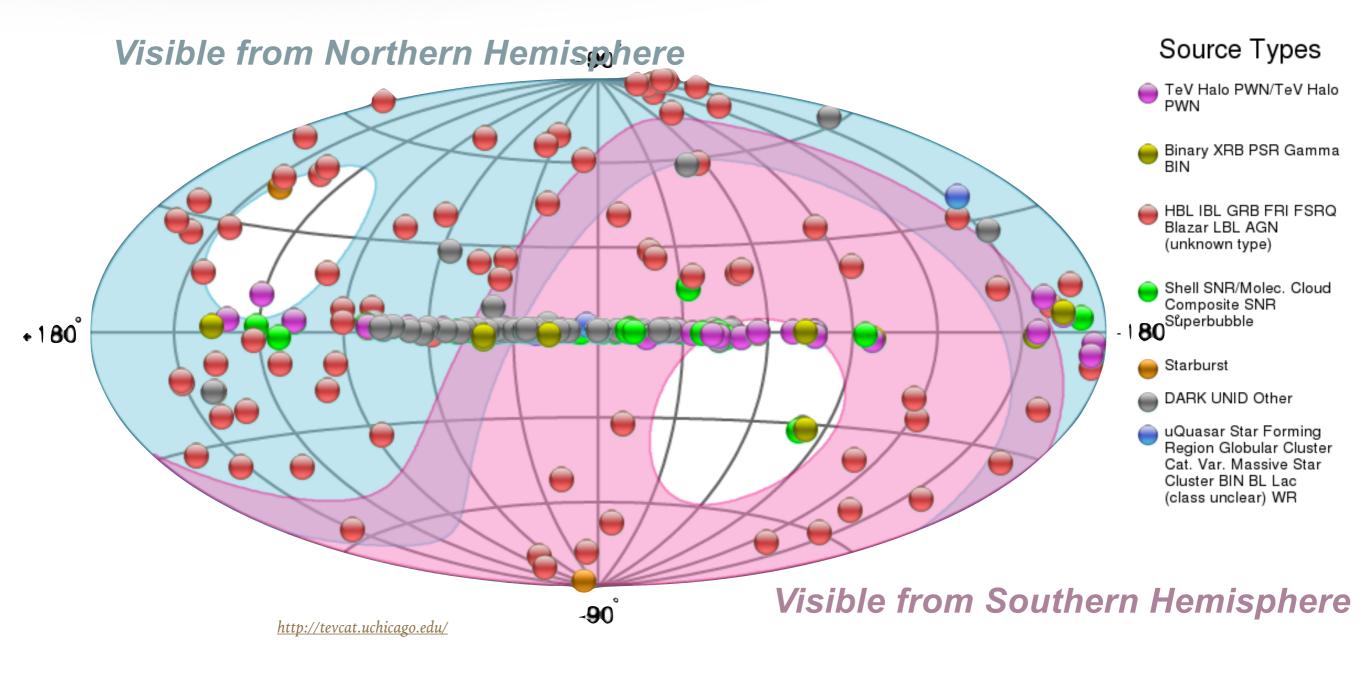
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Ground-based Telescopes: Visibility



≈200 known gamma ray source

Characteristics of the Technique

Advantages:

- Spectra are easy!
 - Energy for each shower (prop to Cherenkov intensity)
 - ► Energy Resolution ≈10%
 - ► E = ≈50 GeV 100 TeV
- Suited for morphology studies and large extended sources:
 - ► FOV is large (\approx 2-5° for current instruments)
 - > Angular resolution is limited (> arcmin, <0.1°)

Drawbacks:

- Duty cycle is low (≈ moonless nights → ≈1000 hours out of 8760 h per year!)
- Pointed (FOV not *that* large → still have to slew)
- Background-dominated
 - residual gamma-like showers from electrons and protons
 - counts of gamma-rays are only statistical (excess events above background, don't know for an individual event if it is signal or background)

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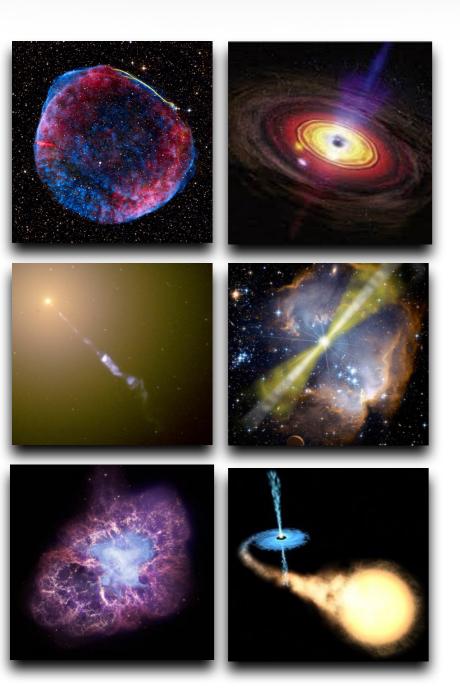


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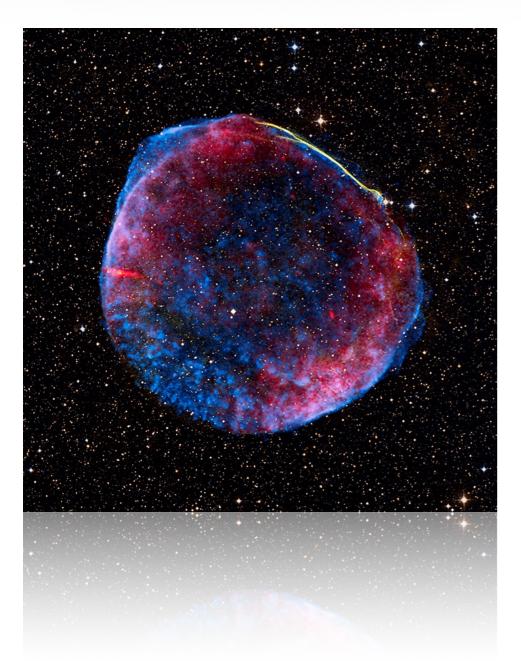
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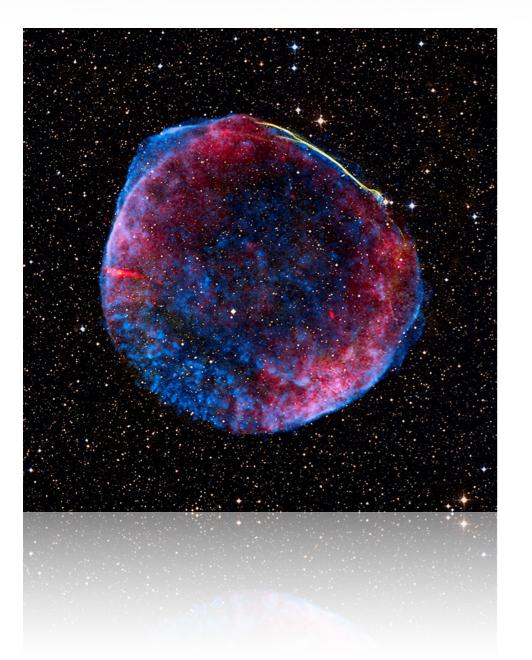


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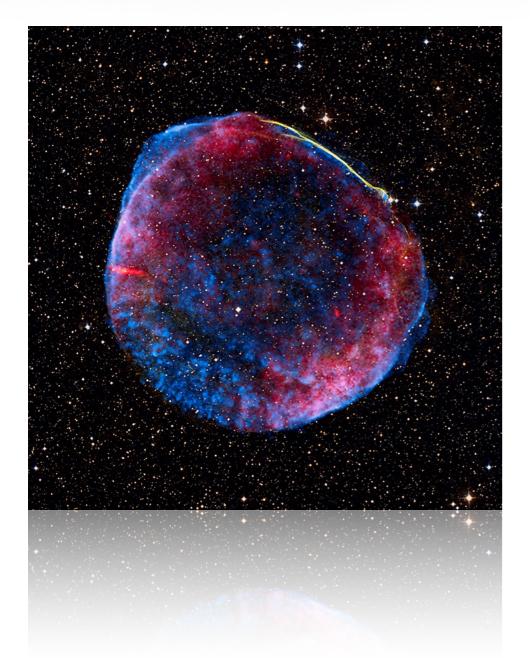


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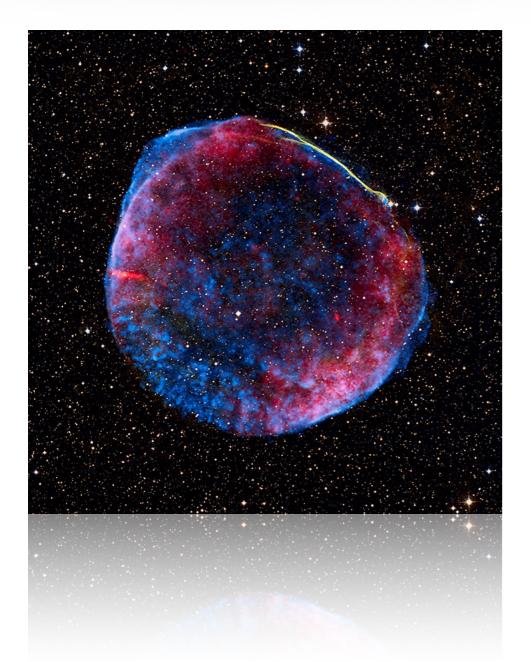
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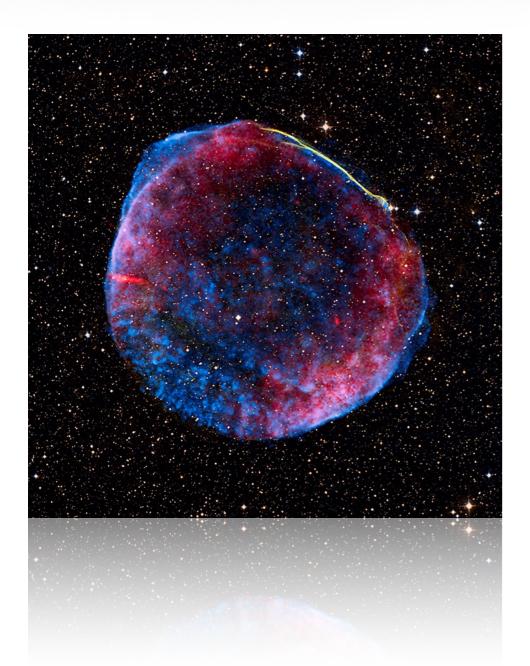
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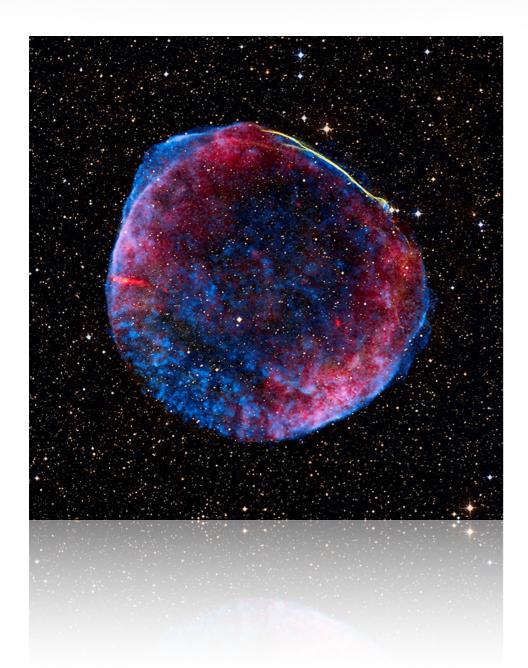
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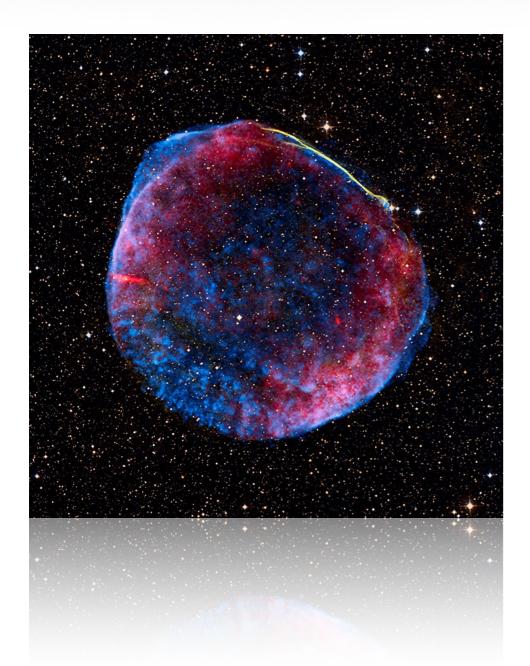
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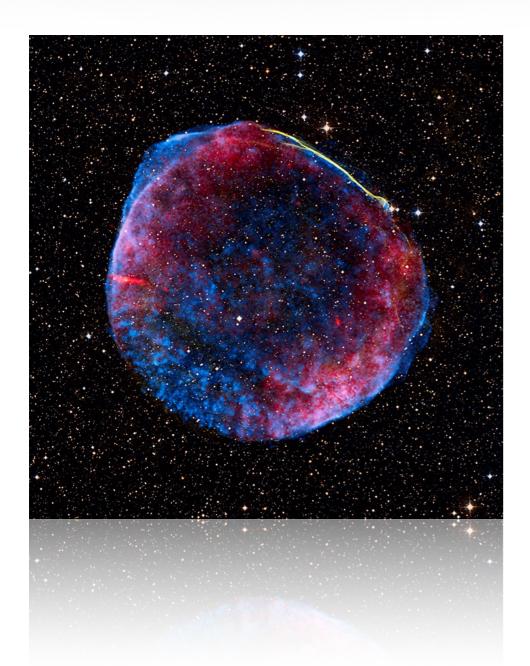
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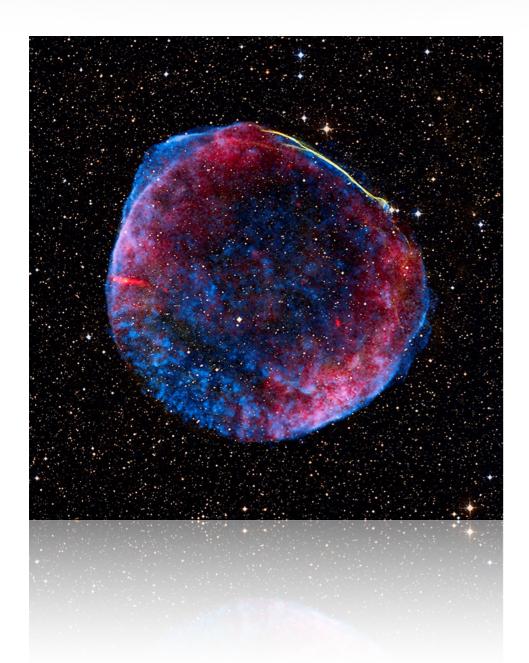
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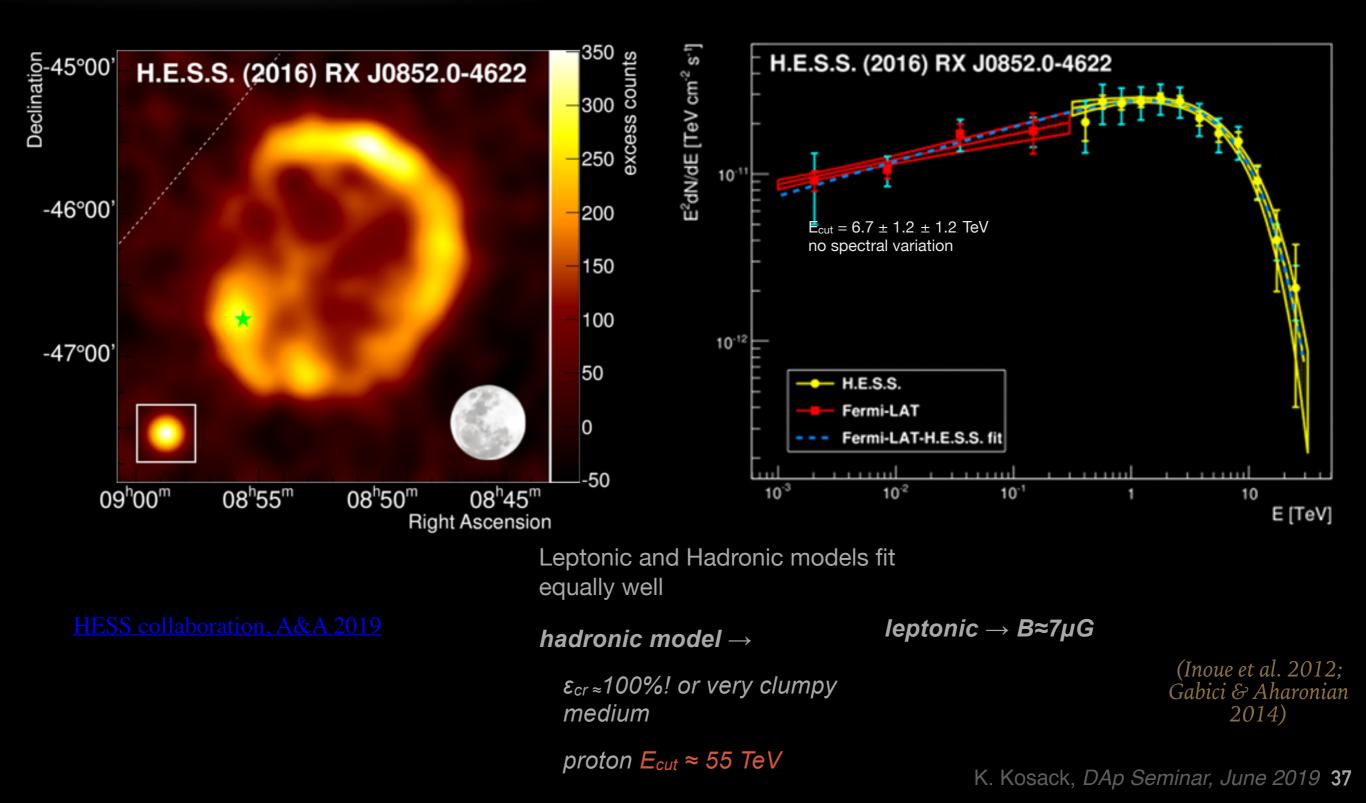


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 → target for accelerated protons → gammas via pion decay

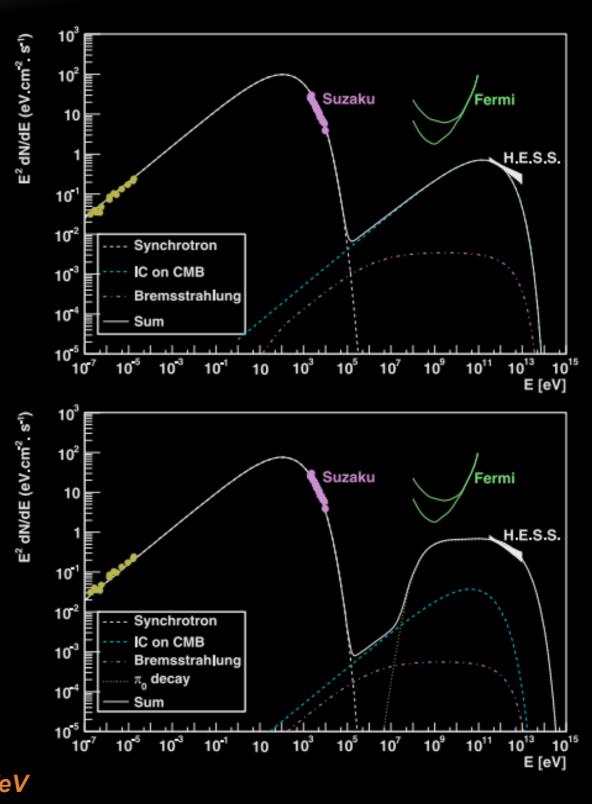
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Vela Jr (also known as RX J0852.0-4622)



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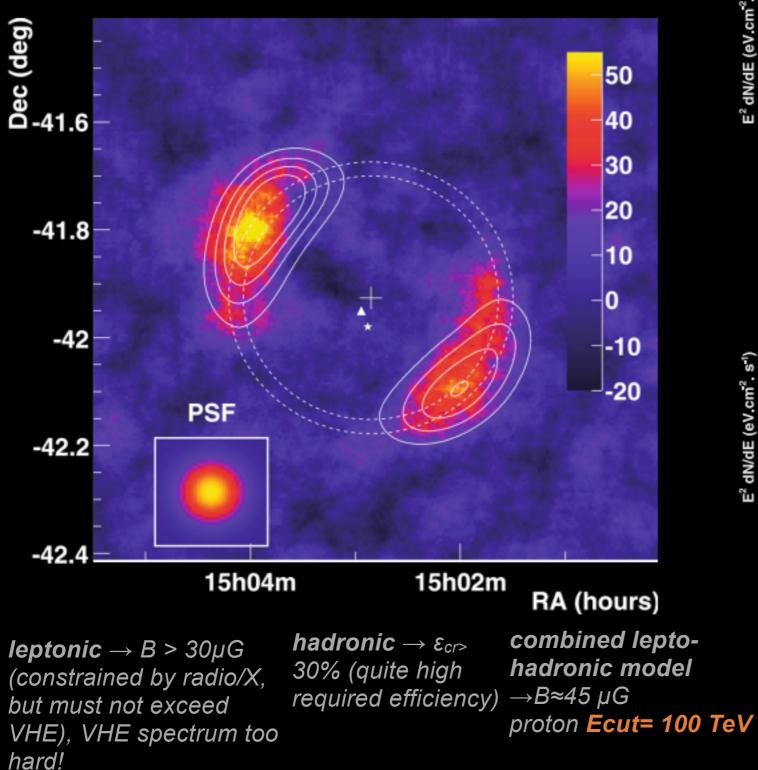


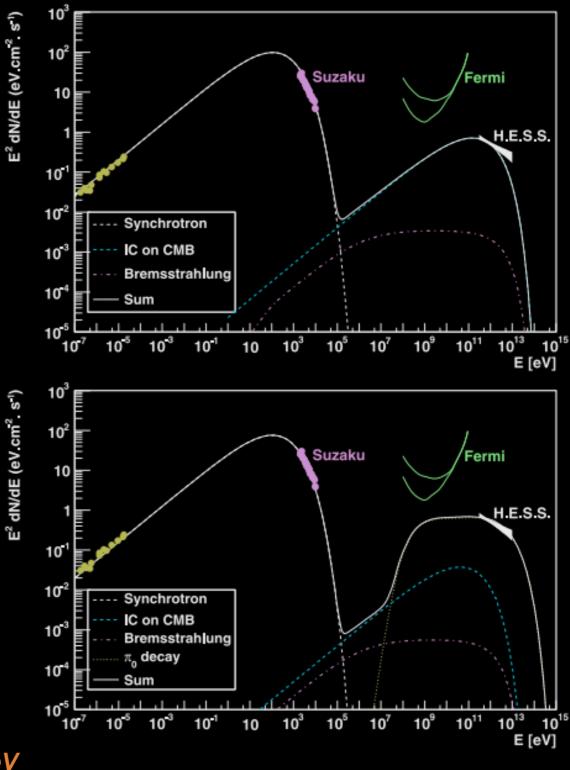
leptonic \rightarrow *B* > 30µ*G* (constrained by radio/X, but must not exceed r VHE), VHE spectrum too hard!

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textit{hadronic} \rightarrow \varepsilon_{cr^{>}} & \textit{combined lepto-} \\ 30\% \ (quite high \\ required efficiency) & \neg B \approx 45 \ \mu G \\ proton \ \textit{Ecut= 100 TeV} \end{array}$

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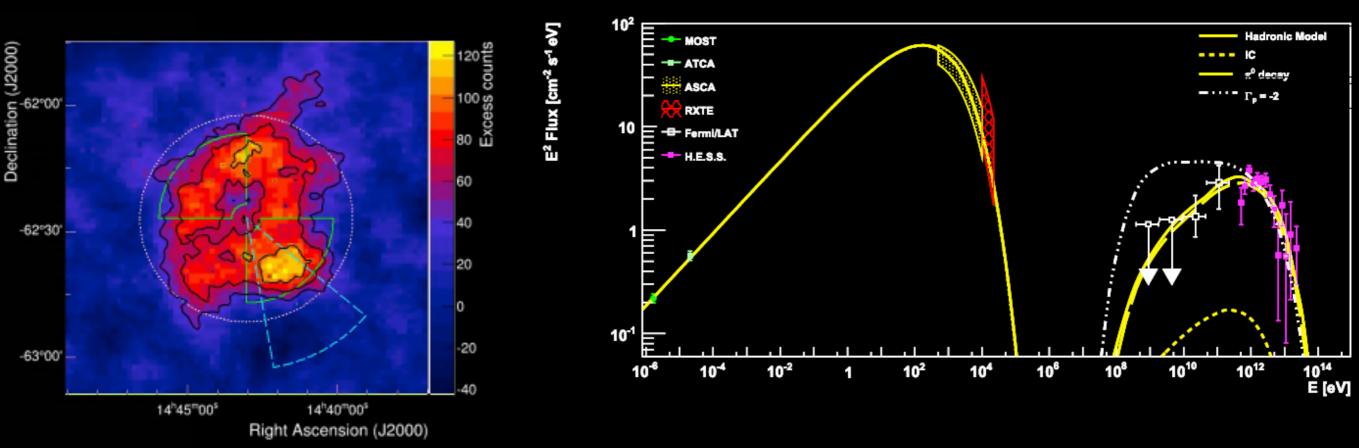
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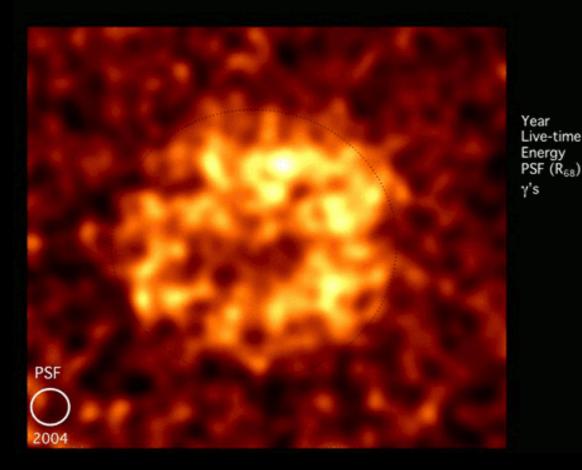
Gamma Rays from Young SNRs RCW 86



hadronic model ruled out by Fermi-LAT data

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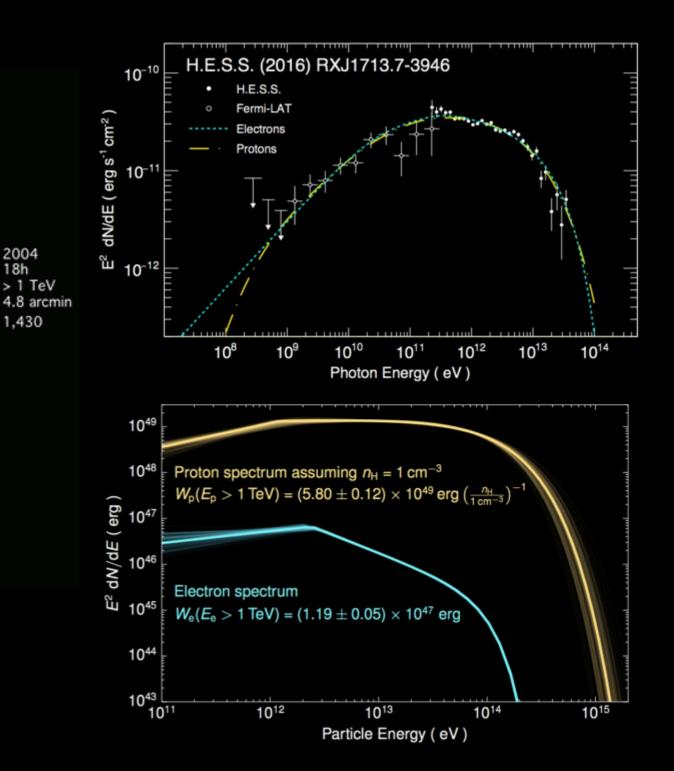


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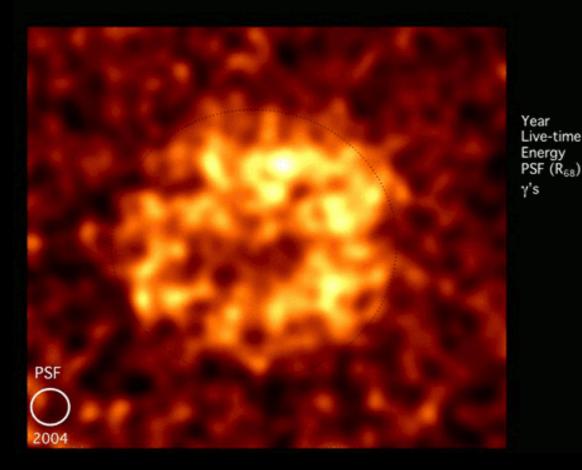
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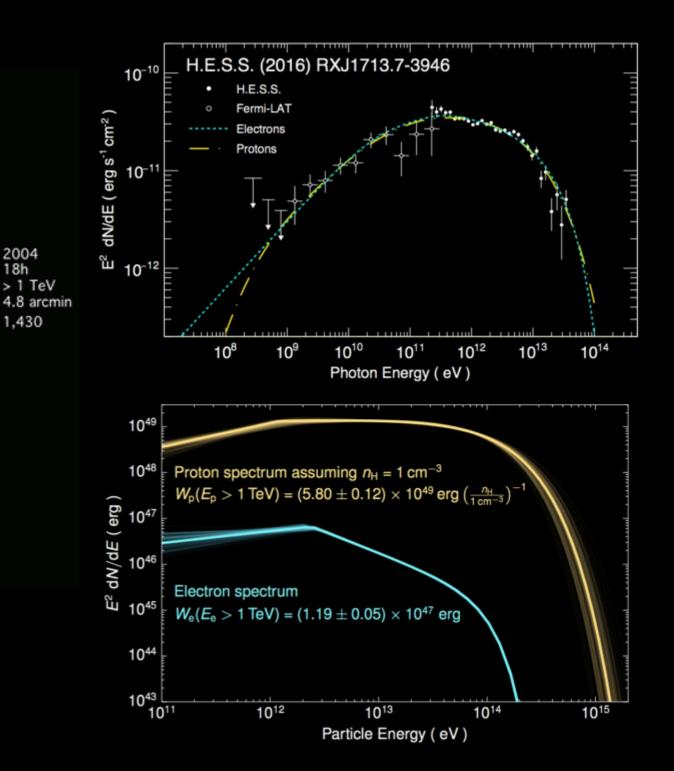


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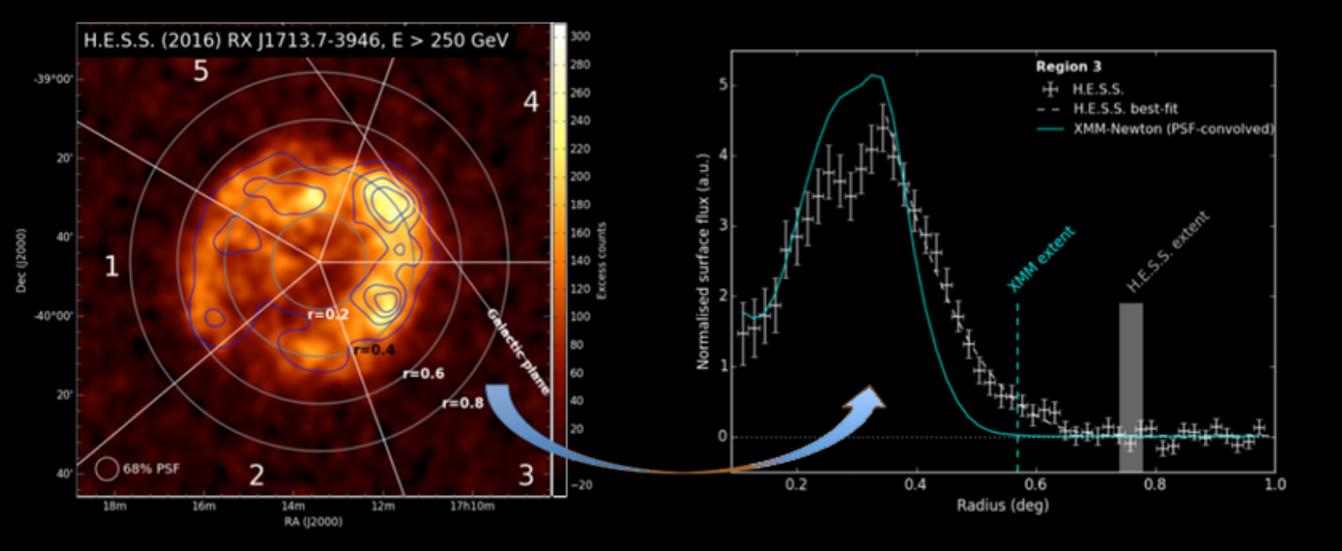
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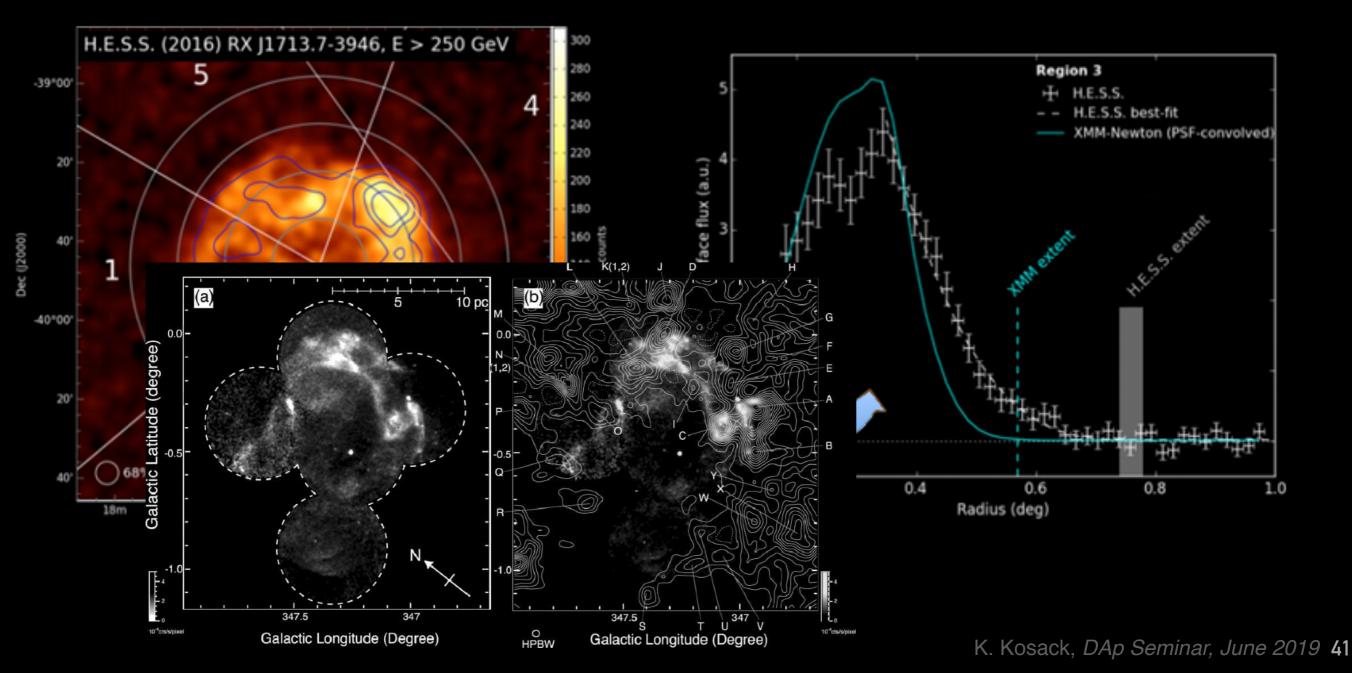
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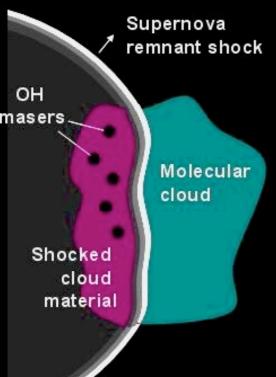


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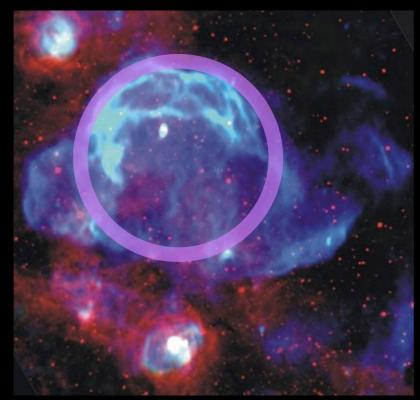


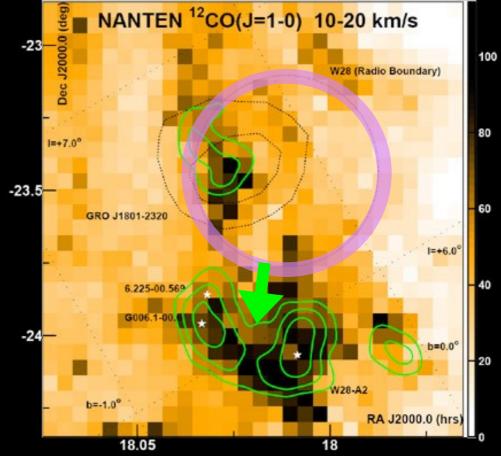
Cosmic Rays and Molecular Clouds Target material for escaping Cosmic rays



 Another way to look for purely hadronic emission!

W28 region: An old SNR interacting with Clouds?

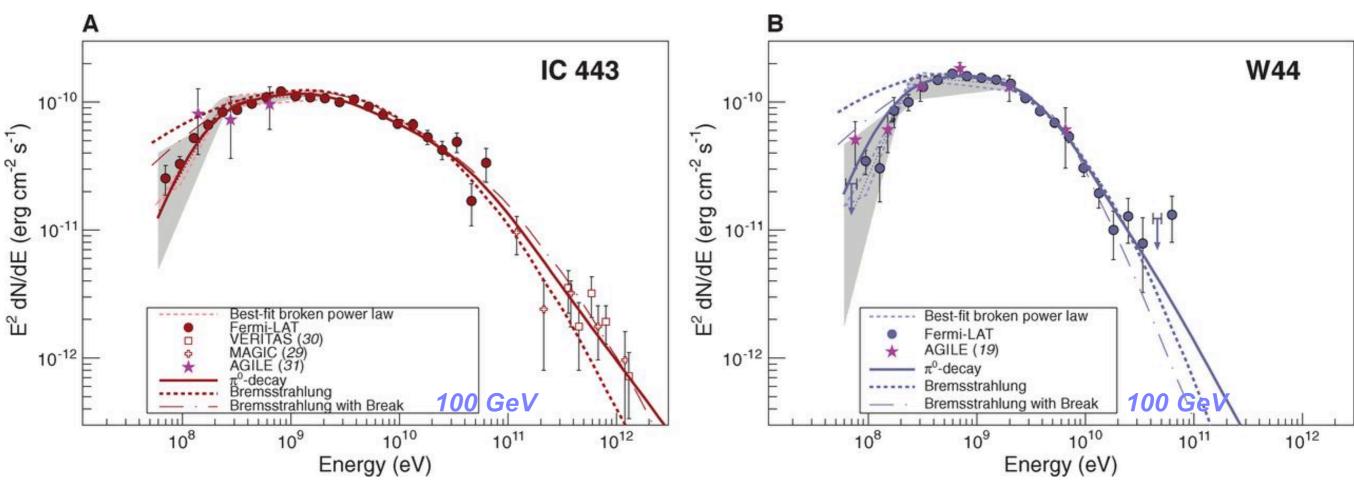




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Detection of Pion Bumps!

Direct evidence that cosmic-ray protons are accelerated in SNRs!



Fermi Collaboration, Science 15 Feb 2013

But...

- *p*_{br} ≈ 240 GeV (IC 443)
- $p_{\rm br} \approx 22 \, {\rm GeV} \, ({\rm W44})$

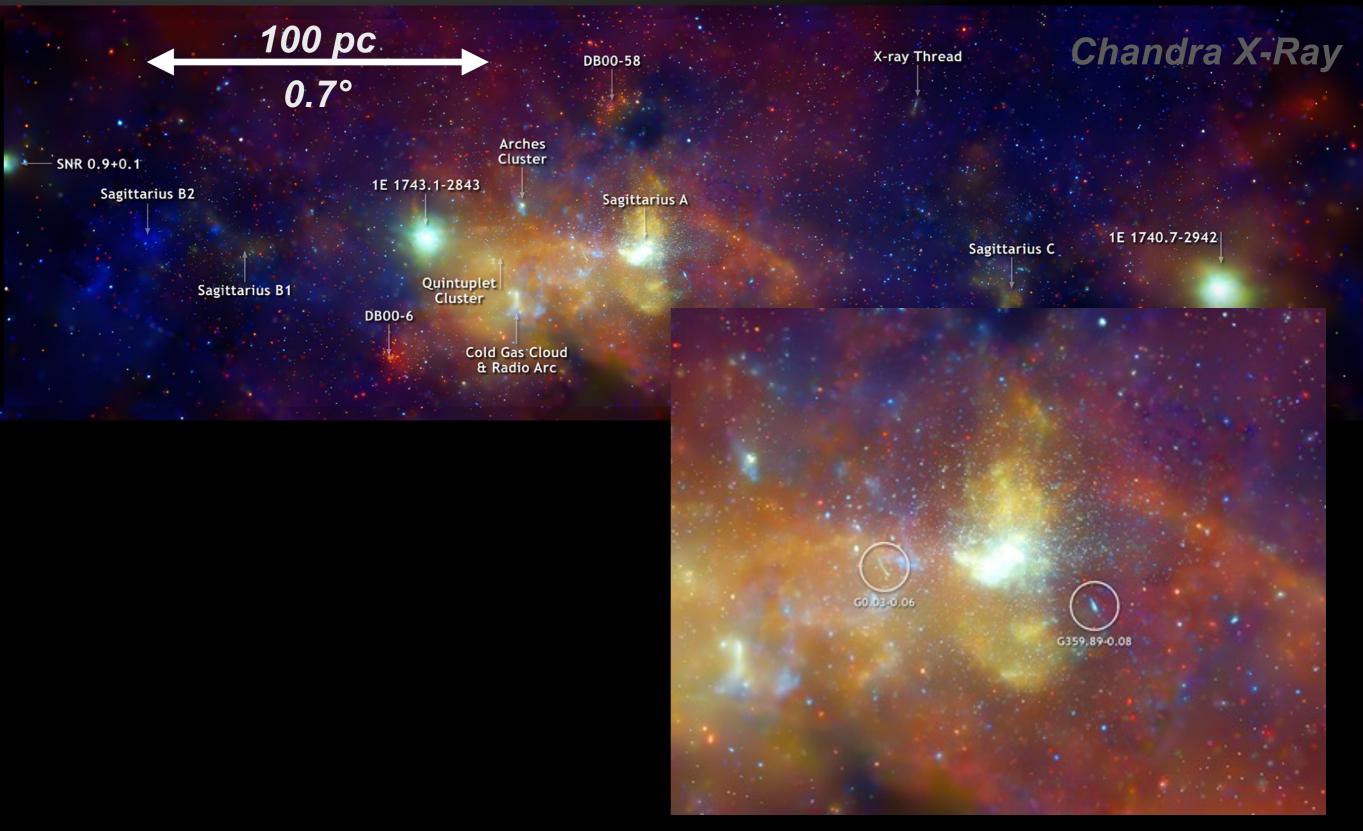
SNRs: Interim conclusion

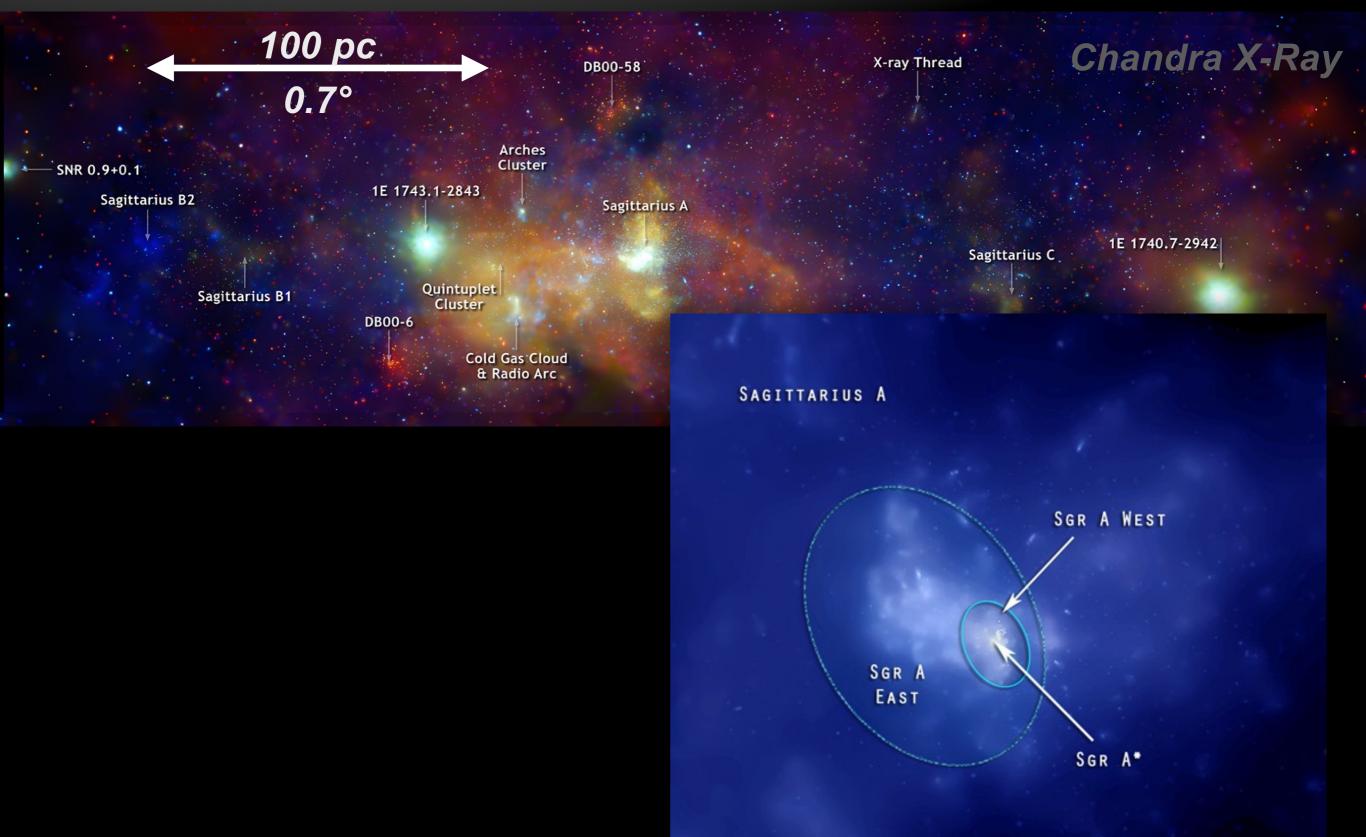
- Young SNRs detected at VHE energies!
- Not always easy to rule out pure leptonic model for gamma-ray emission...
- But: evidence that SNRs do accelerate Cosmic Rays!
 - ► pion bump measurements
 - escaping protons interacting with nearby molecular clouds
 - ► not *currently* PeVatrons, but maybe were in their past... need more objects
 - Theory: SNRs should accelerate up to PeV only when shock speeds are >10,000km/s (early stage of evolution, only lasts a short time in typical case 10-100 years) [e.g. Bell+MNRAS 2013]

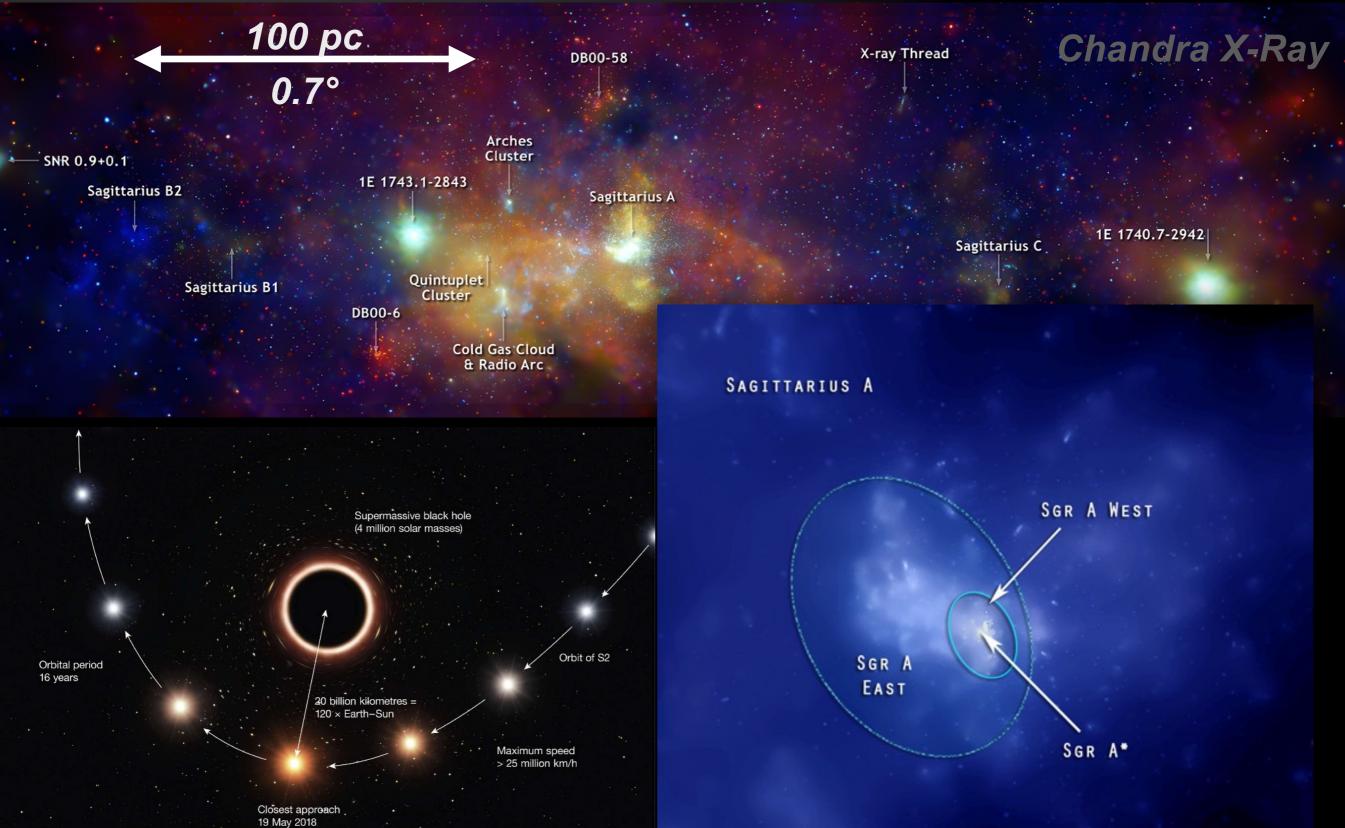
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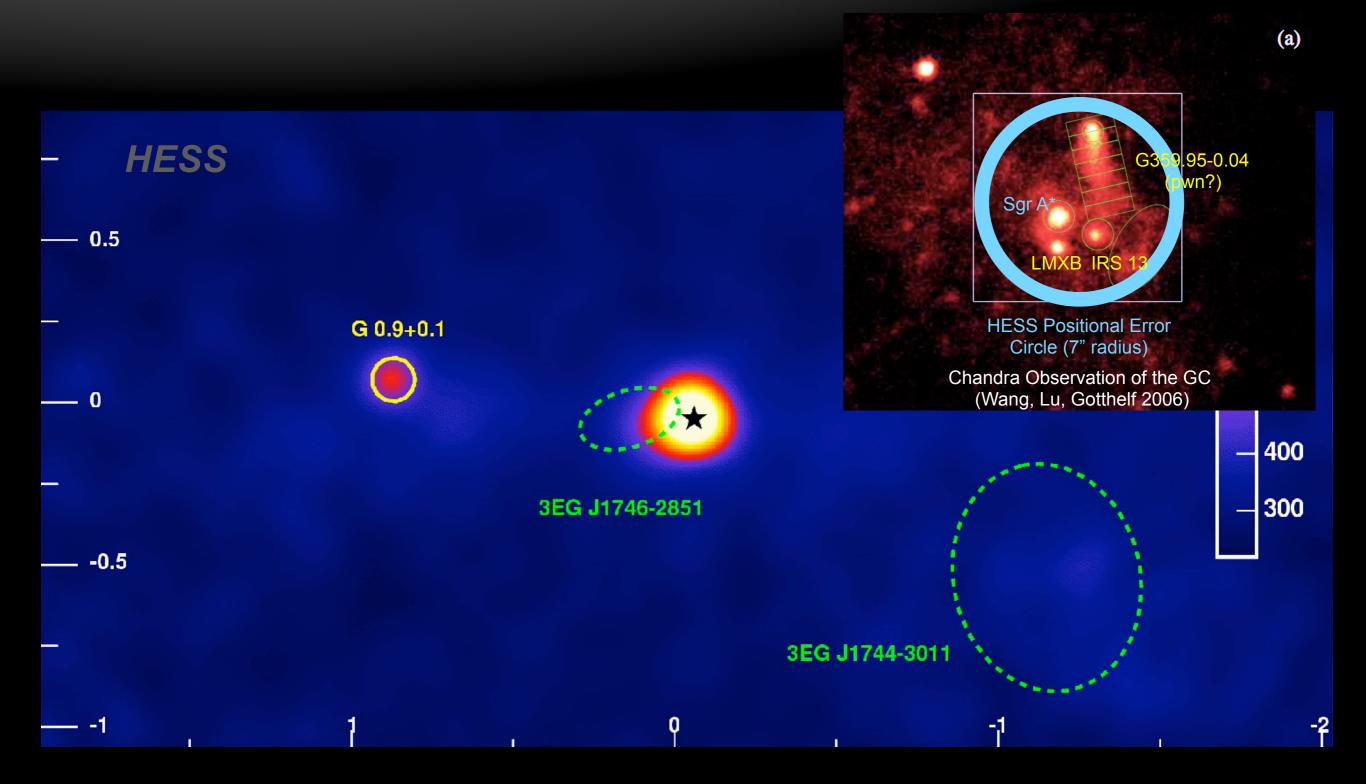






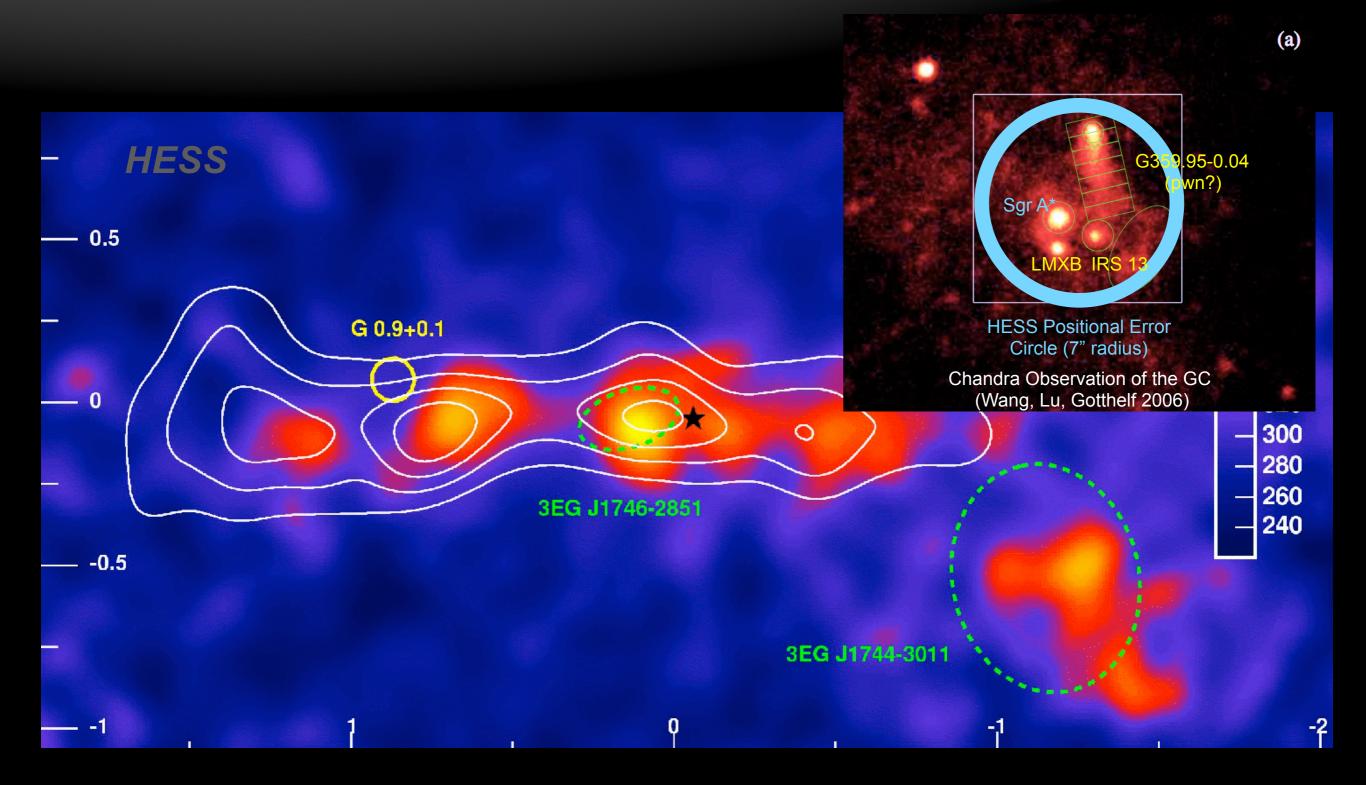


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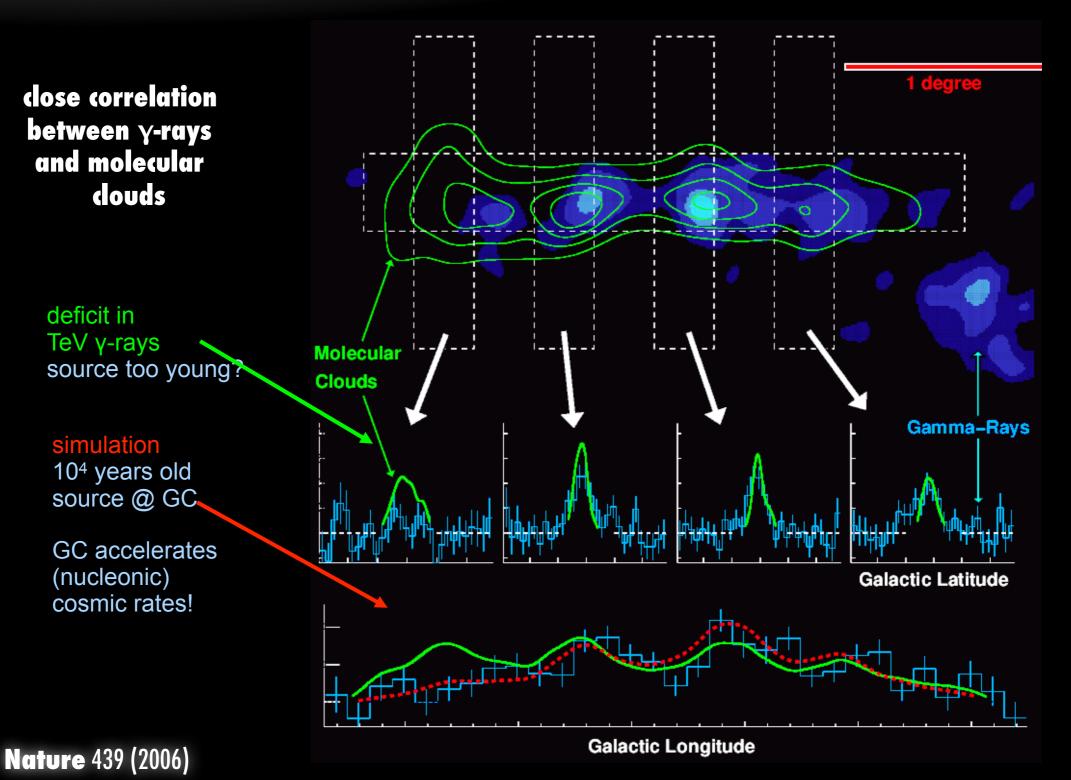
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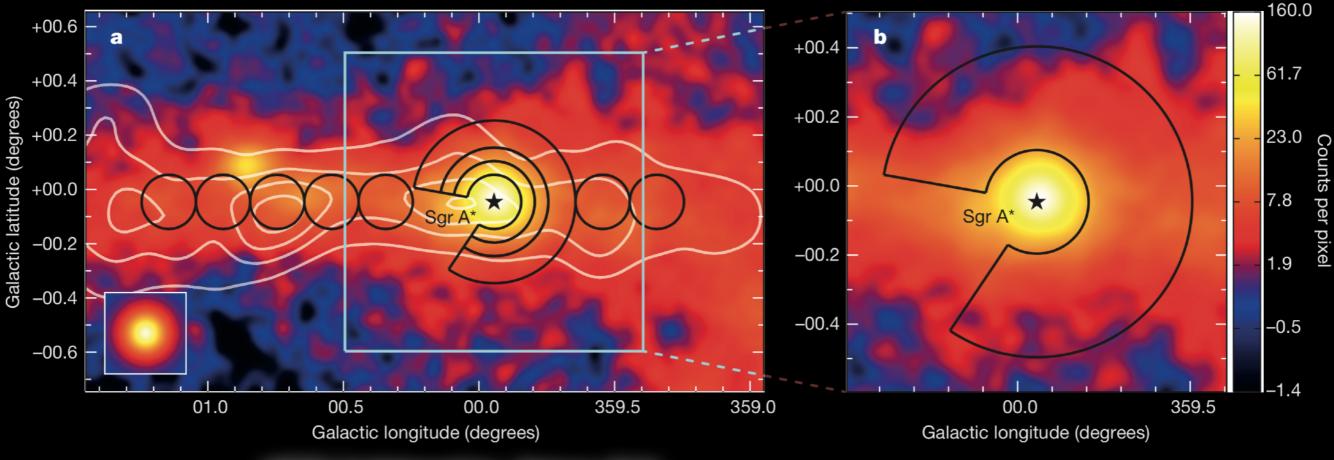
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Galactic Center: PeVatron?

Central Molecular Zone with HESS

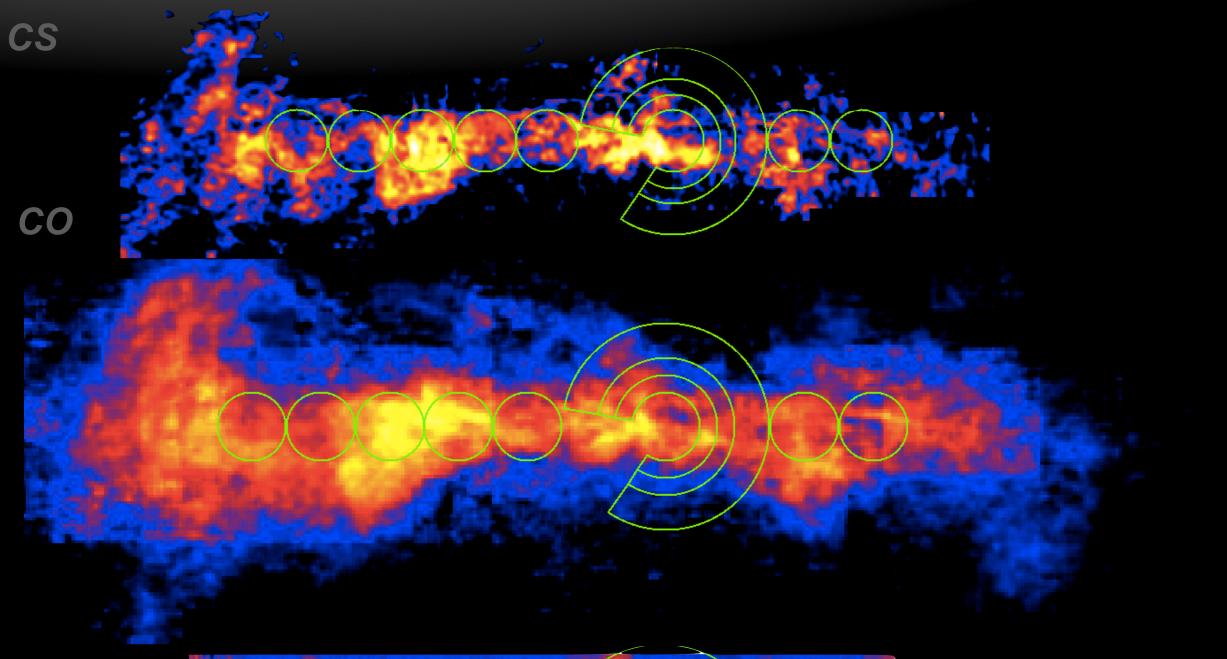
10 years of data taking



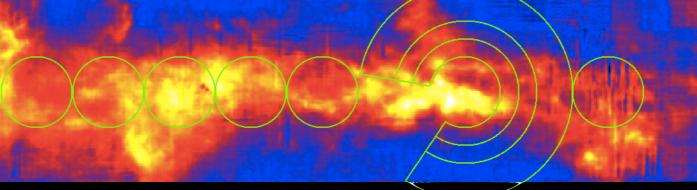
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Gas Tracers

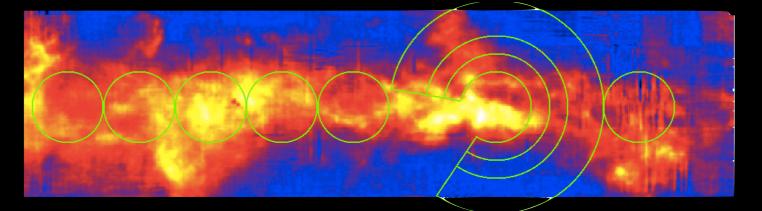


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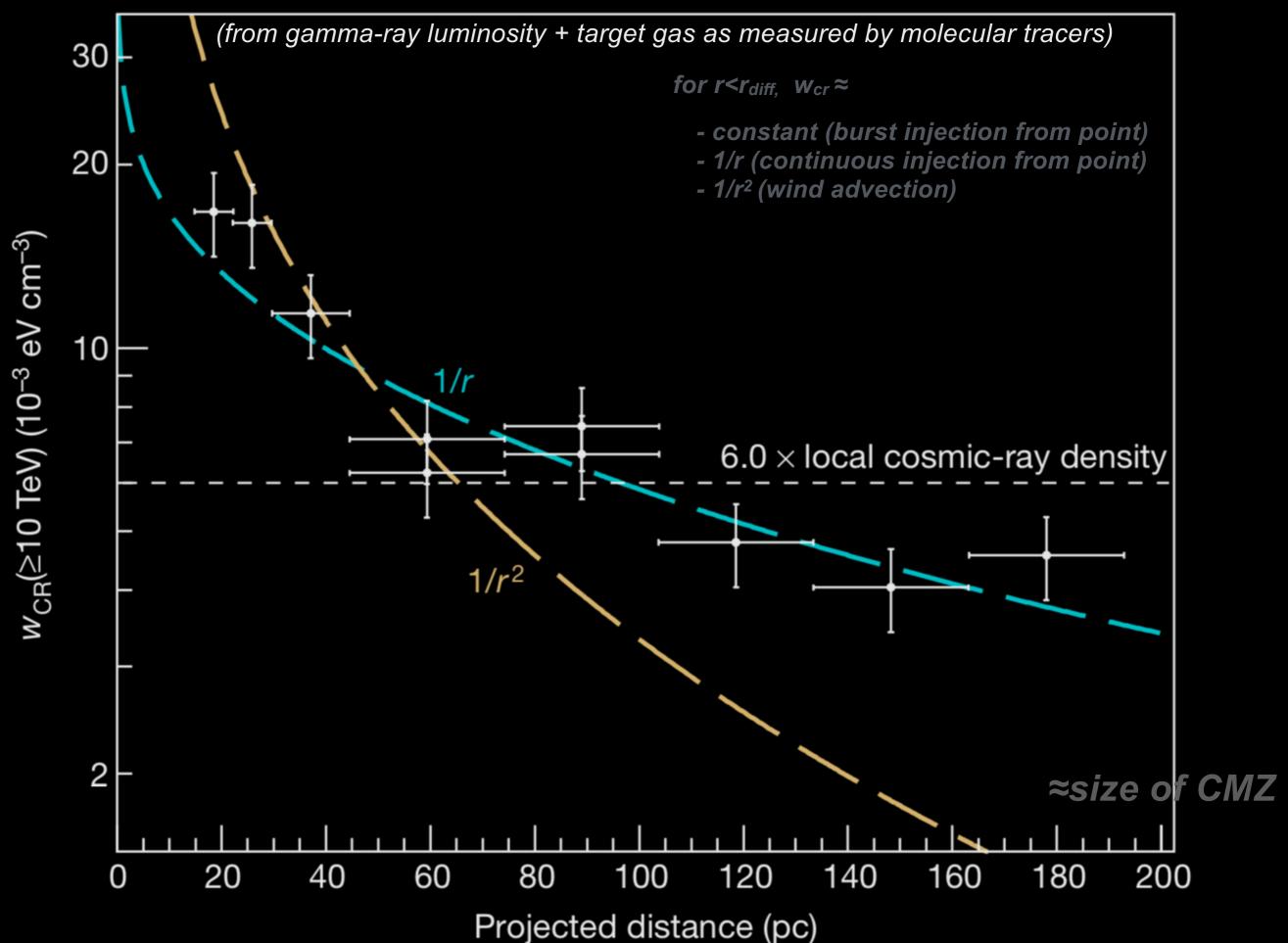


Gas Tracers CS CO Mass [M] 10⁶ 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 Projected distance [pc] 0

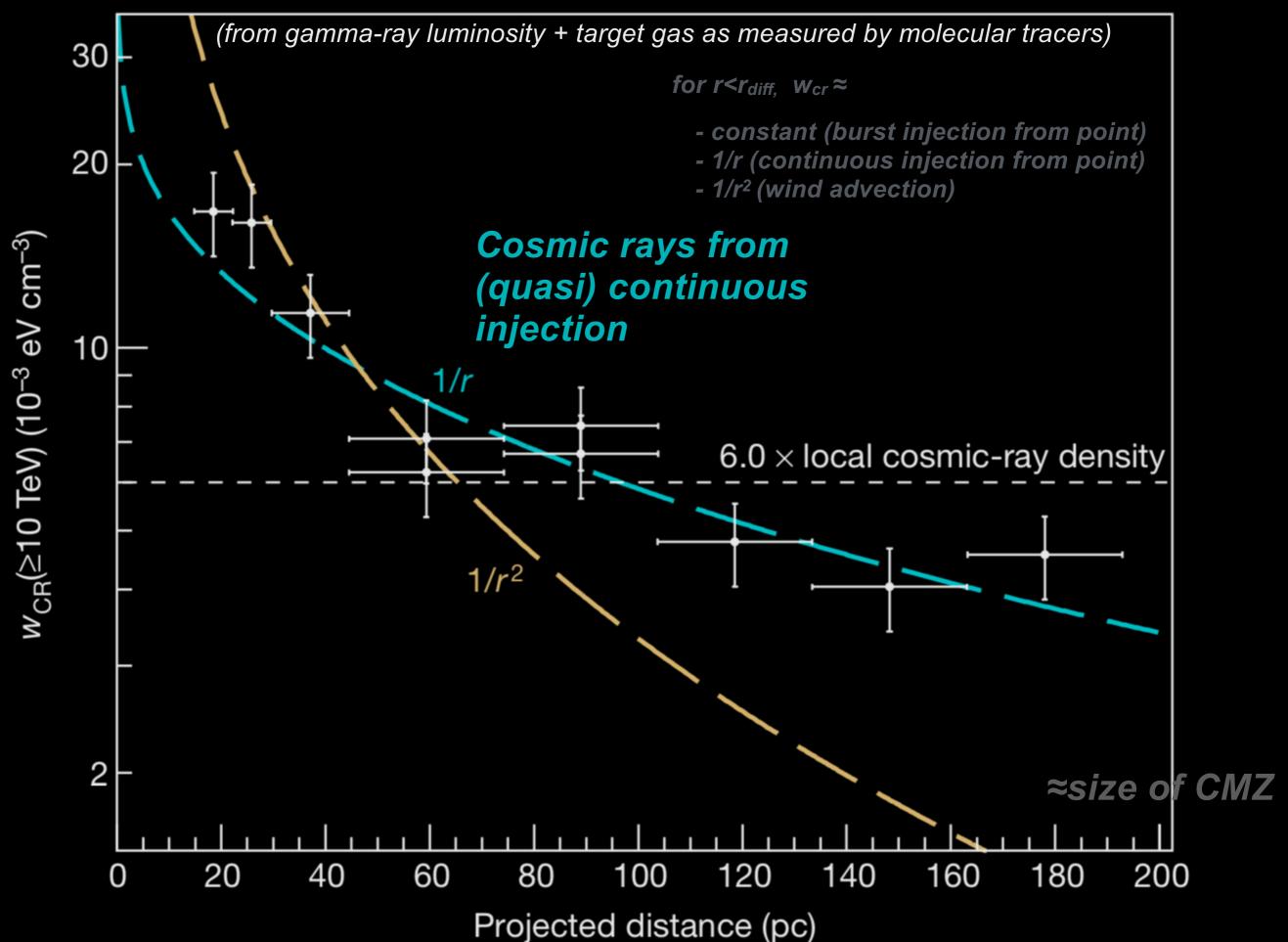
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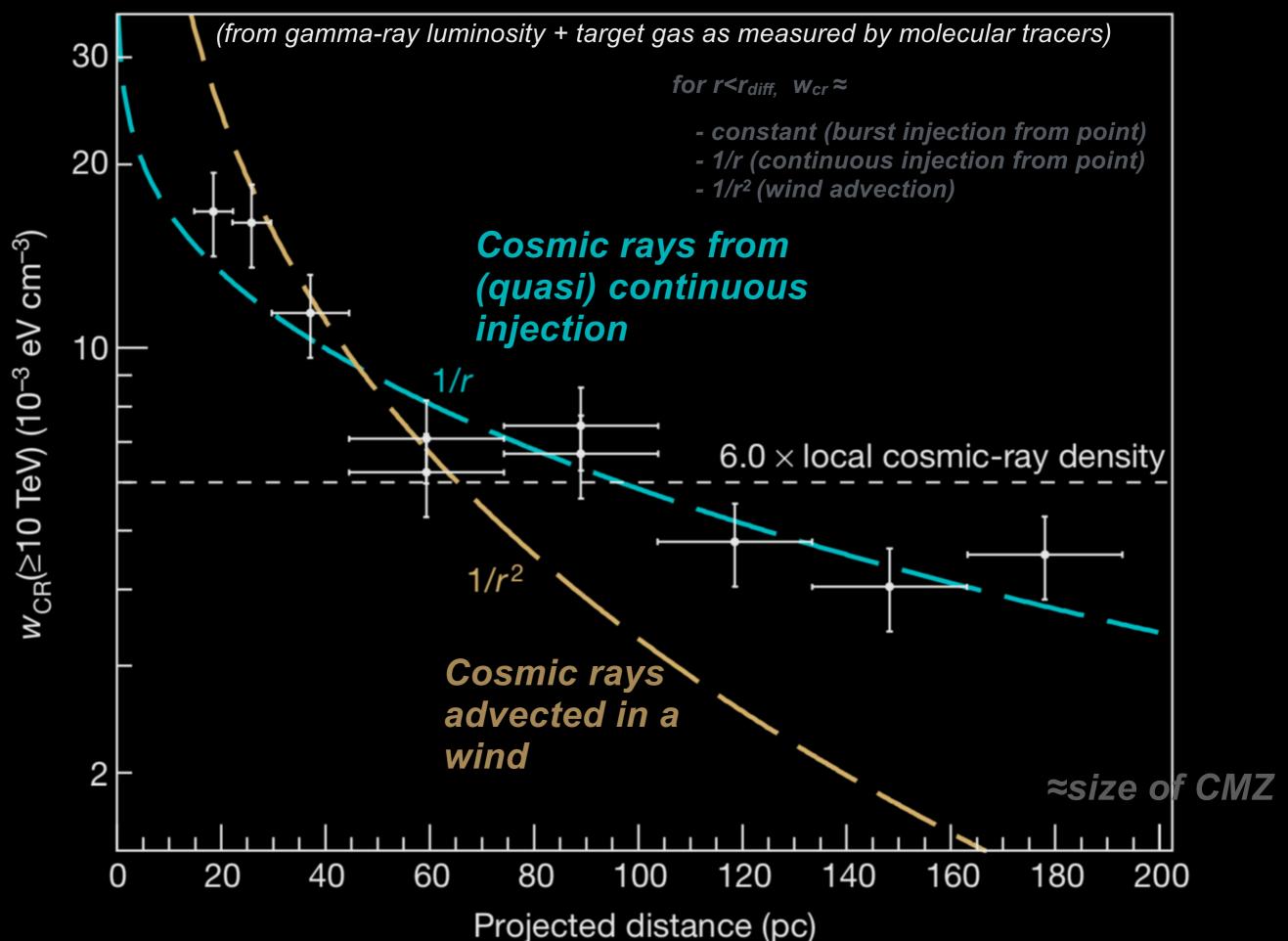
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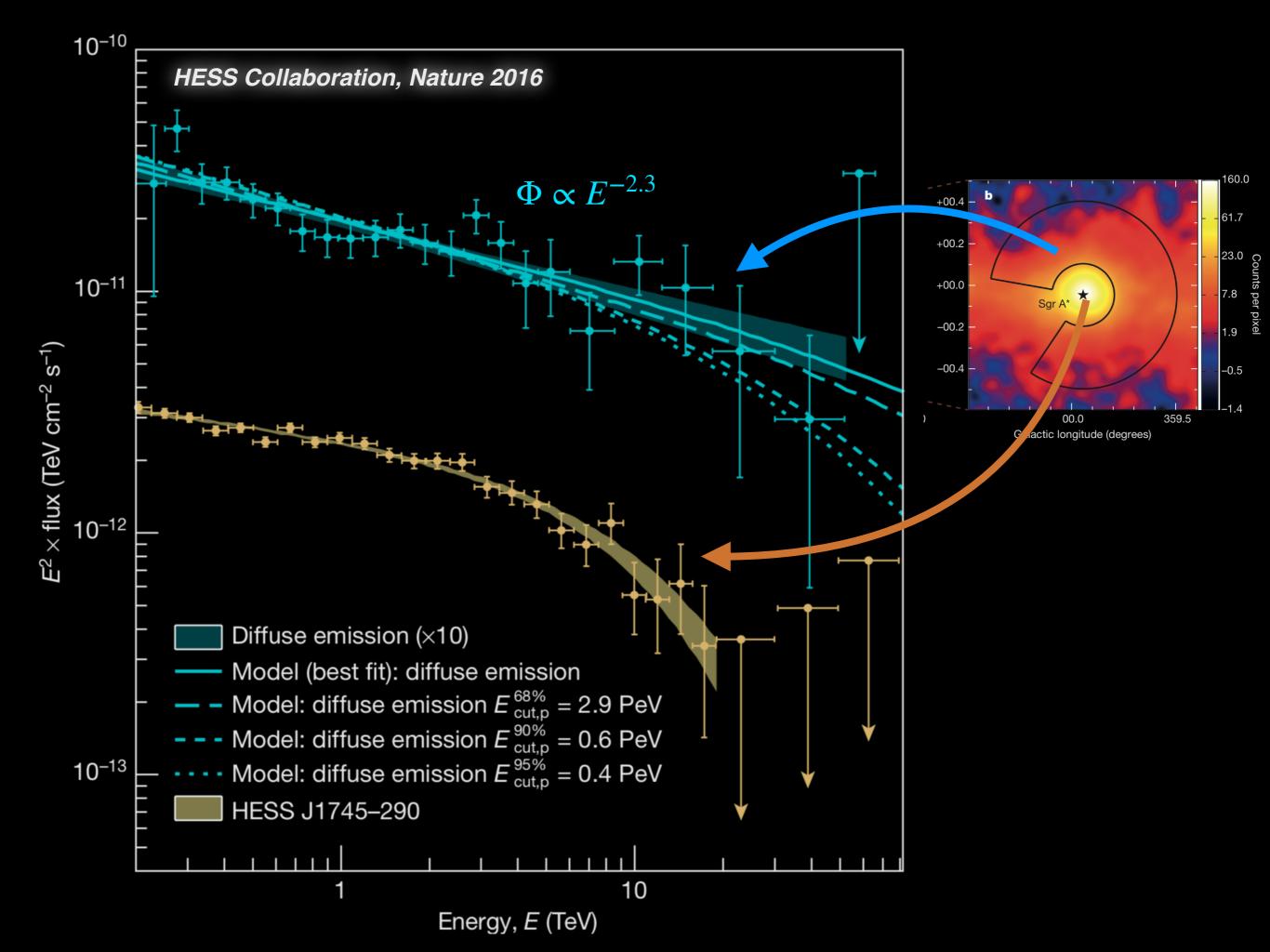


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Implications

$t_{\rm diff} \simeq 2 \times 10^3 (R/200 {\rm pc})^2 (D/10^{30})$ years

leptonic gamma-ray emission scenario is unlikely

- e- radiative losses \rightarrow size << central molecular zone
- to get to 100 TeV e-, need "Extreme accelerator", low B-field, and very high diffusion coefficient
- wouldn't show correlation between gamma-ray emission and gas cloud density

Hadronic model implies:

- Source is within 10 pc of Sgr A*
- Source injected cosmic rays continuously over ≈1000 yr timescale
- Source must accelerate particles above 1 PeV

What is the acceleration site?

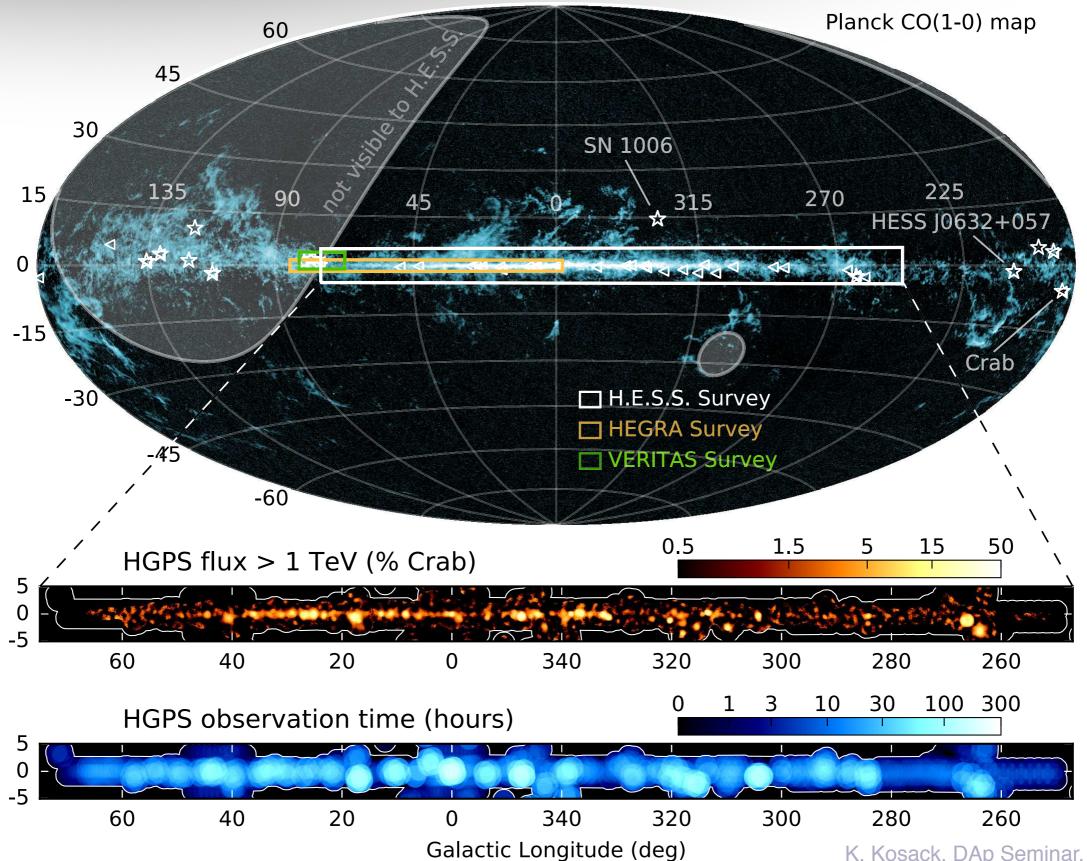
Sgr A*?

- bolometric luminosity is 100-1000x too small to explain this emission
- Perhaps past (higher) activity?
 - ➤ Need 10⁶-10⁷ years at 10³⁹ erg/s acceleration to fully explain the CRs up to the "knee" → not ruled out!

Other stuff in the Central Molecular Zone?

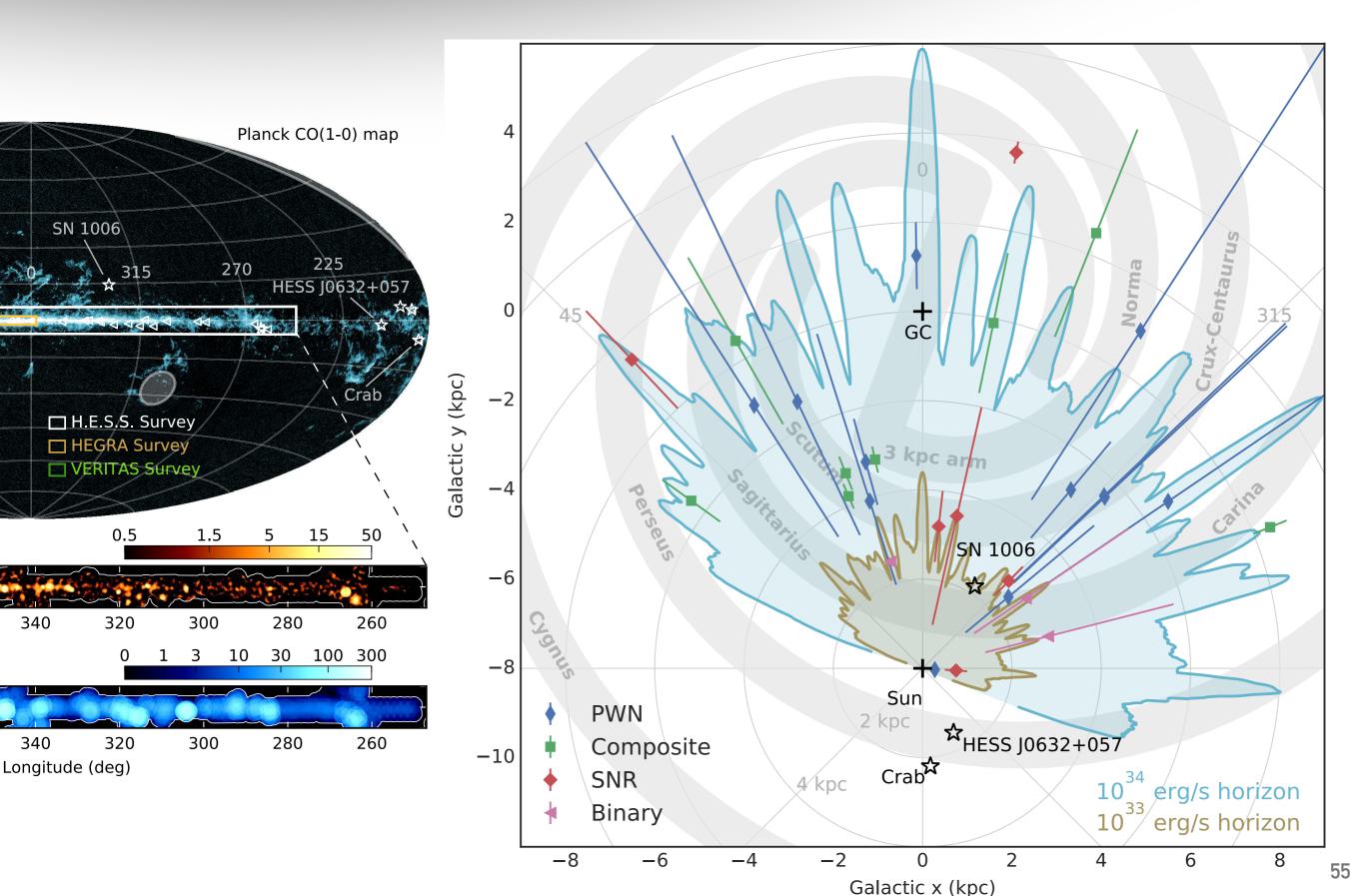
- ► unseen SNRs?
 - ➤ only accelerate for ≈10-100 years → would need 10s of them within 1000 years (quite high SNR rate...)
- ► Stellar Clusters (3 are in the region)
 - ➤ produce collective winds, but would need motion in excess of 10k m/s → SNRs
 - ► > 10pc from acceleration region
- Radio Filaments accelerating electrons via brehmsstrahlung?
 - ➤ Would follow distribution of filiments, not consistent with "centralized" source

Where else to look? The HESS GPS

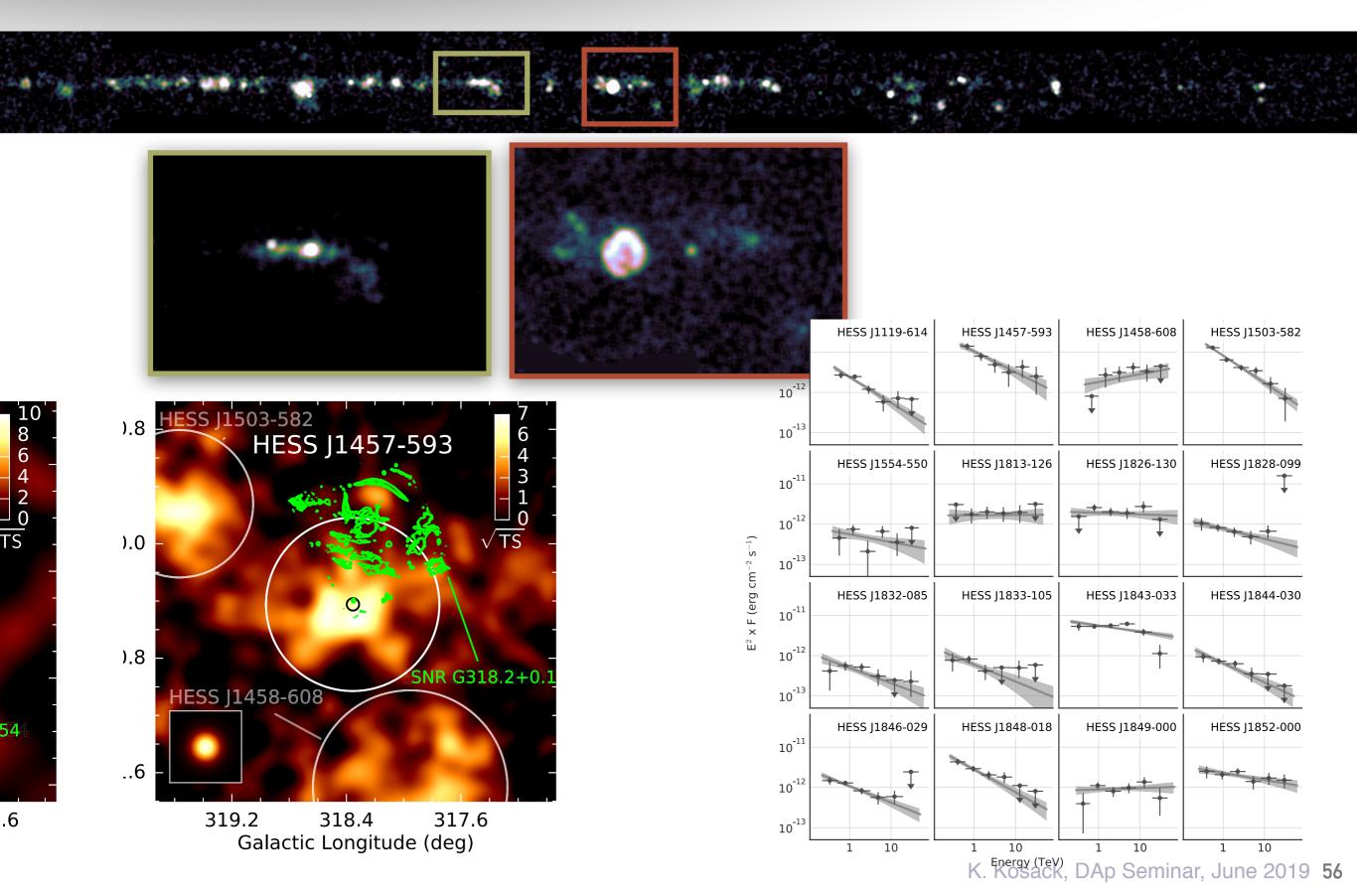


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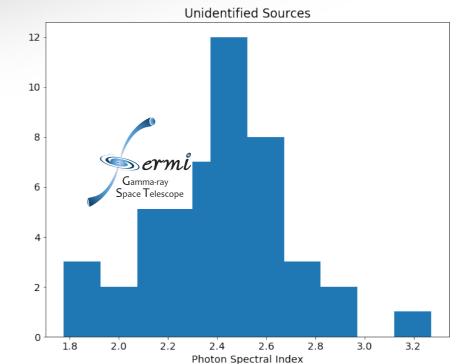


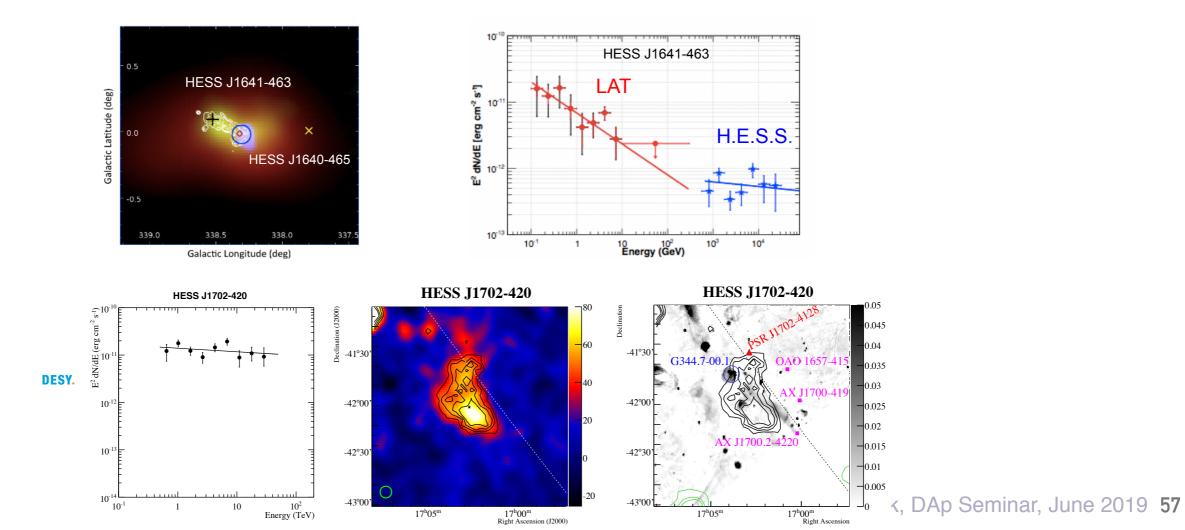
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Unidentified VHE Sources

- 47 unidentified sources in the HESS catalog!
- Search for cutoff energy...
- Many have deeper observations since original publications
- HAWC also sees sources > 50 TeV (but with poor spectral resolution)





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Introduction to High Energy Astrophysics

Detecting Gamma Rays

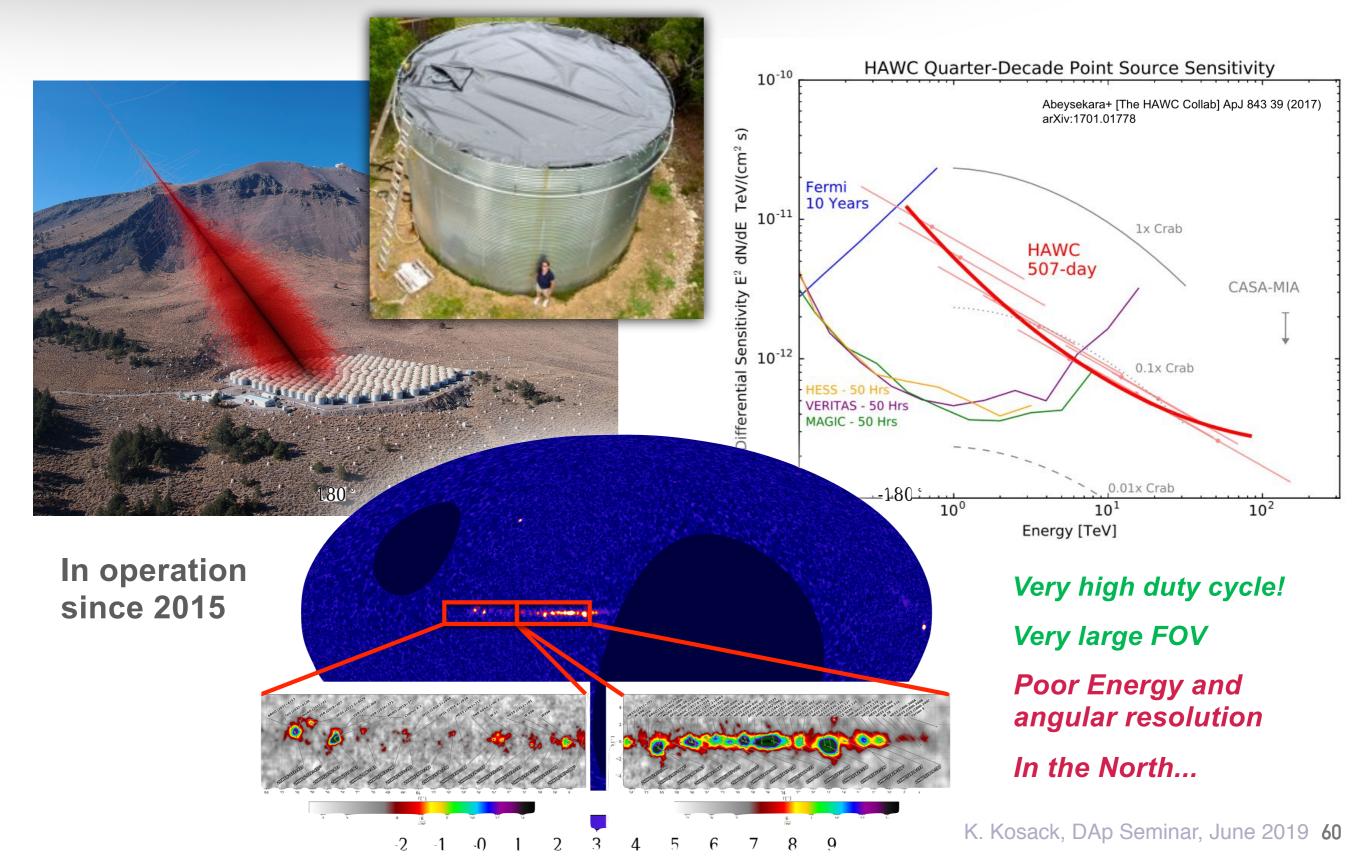
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Future Prospects

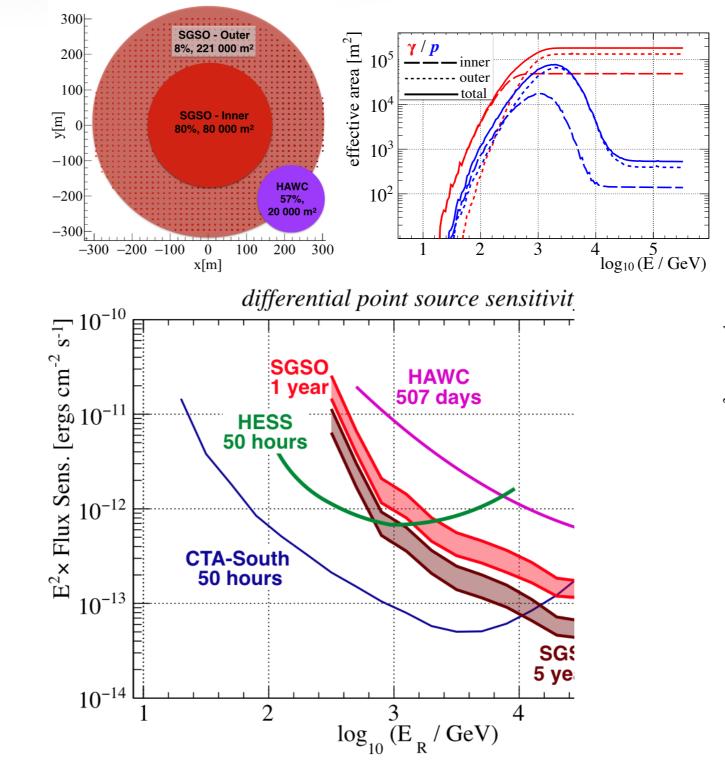
What could be improved?

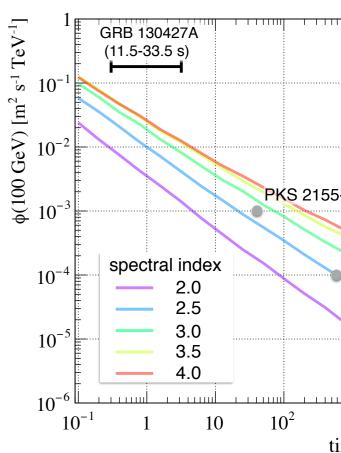
- More sensitivity above 10 TeV
- Deeper observations
- Higher Angular Resolution to disentangle emission zones
- Southern Hemisphere for optimal coverage of the Galaxy

HAWC *High Energy Water-Cherenkov Observatory*



SGSO Southern Gamma Ray Survey Observatory Put a HAWC in the South!

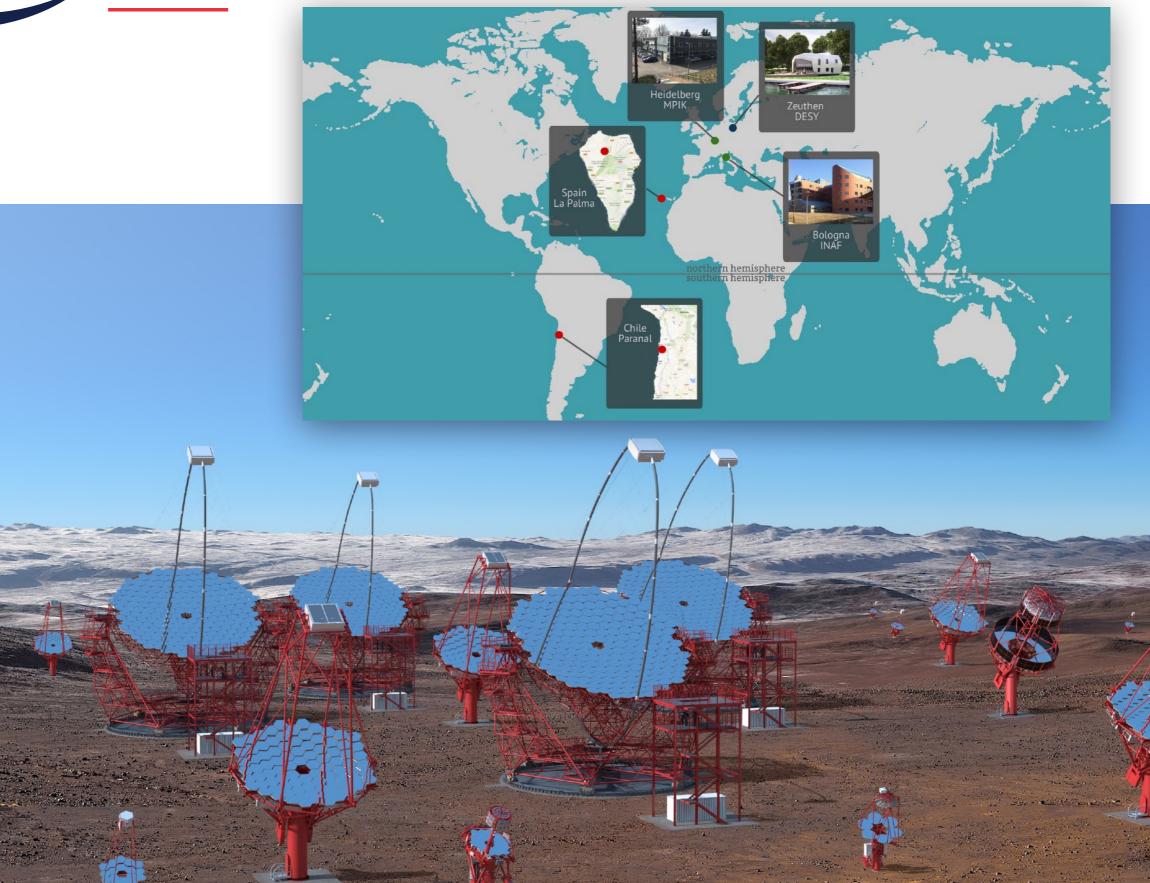






cherenkov telescope array

the observatory for ground-based gamma-ray astronomy



CTA-South: 99 telescopes, Paranal Chile

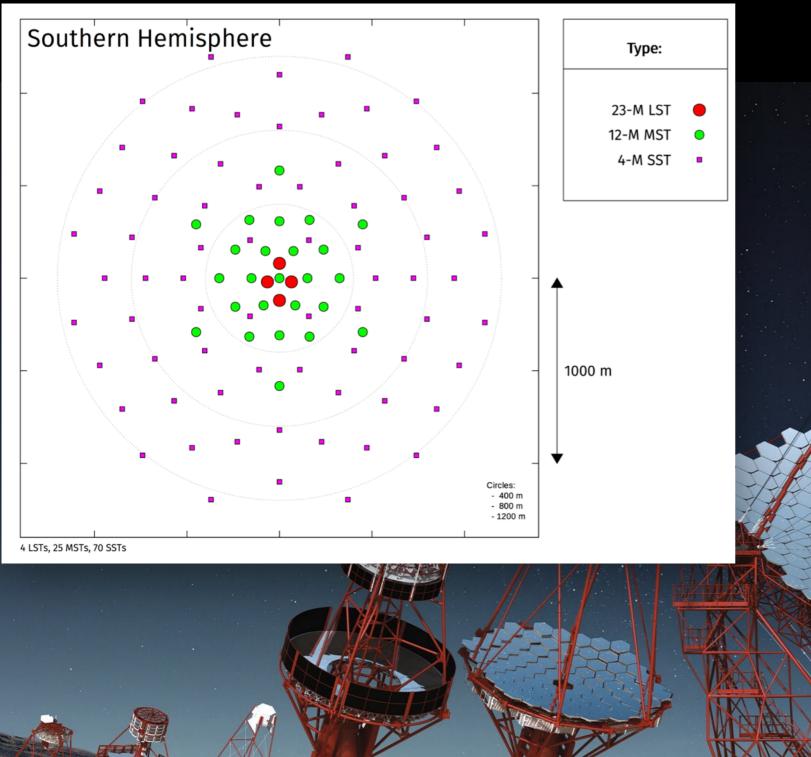
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Large

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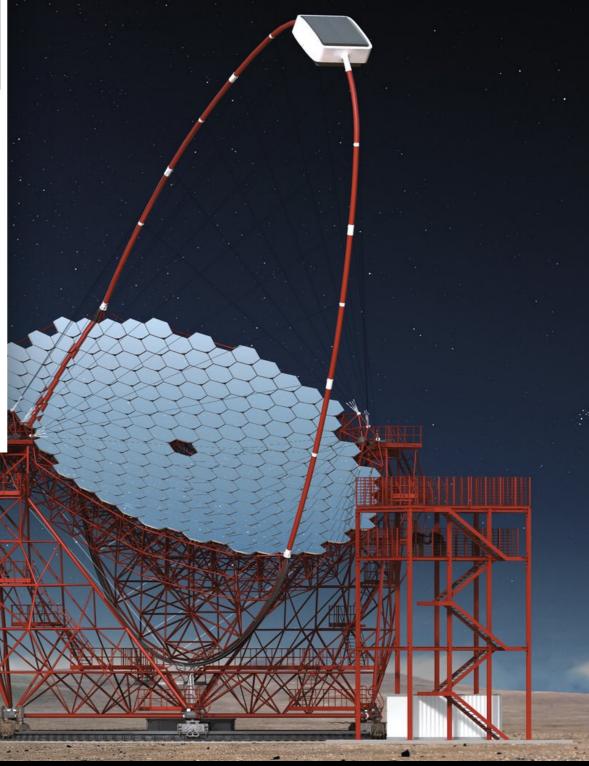
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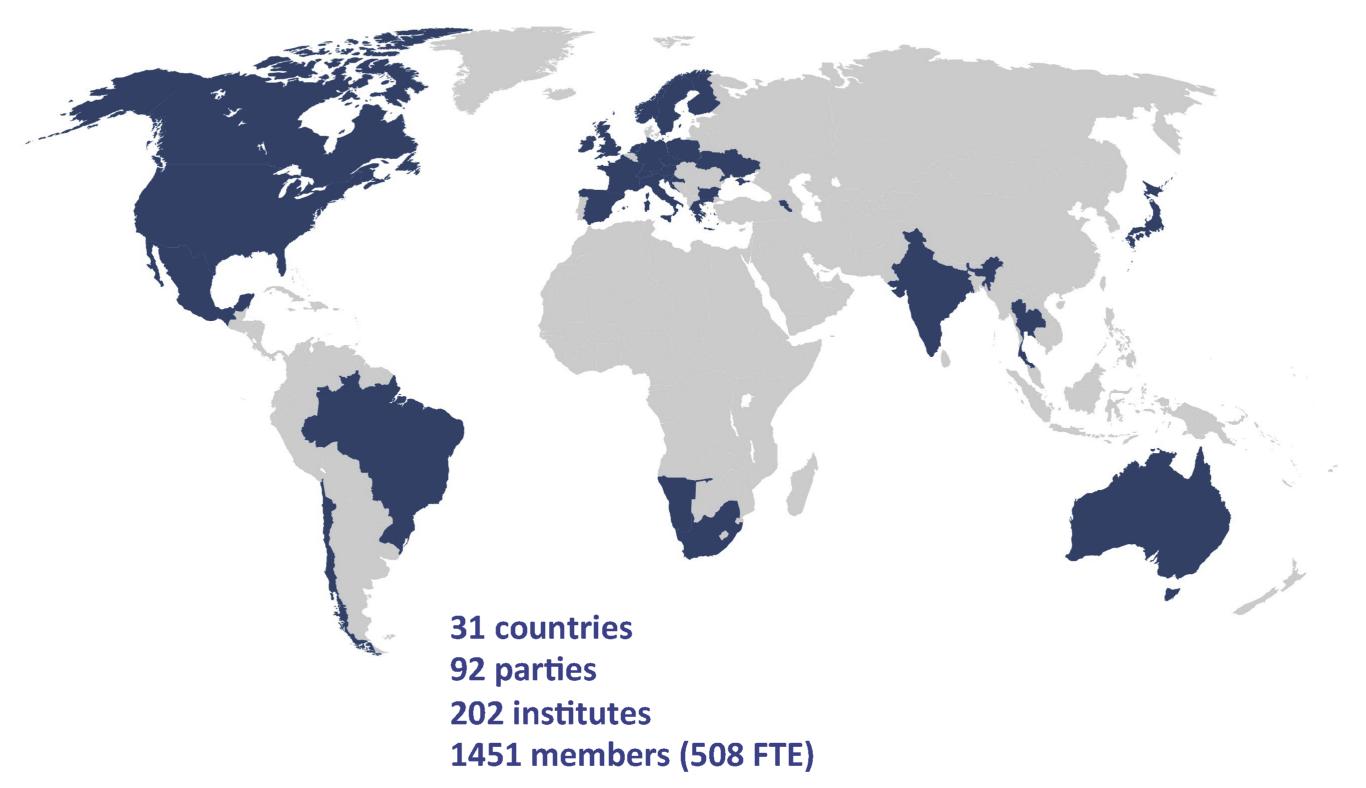
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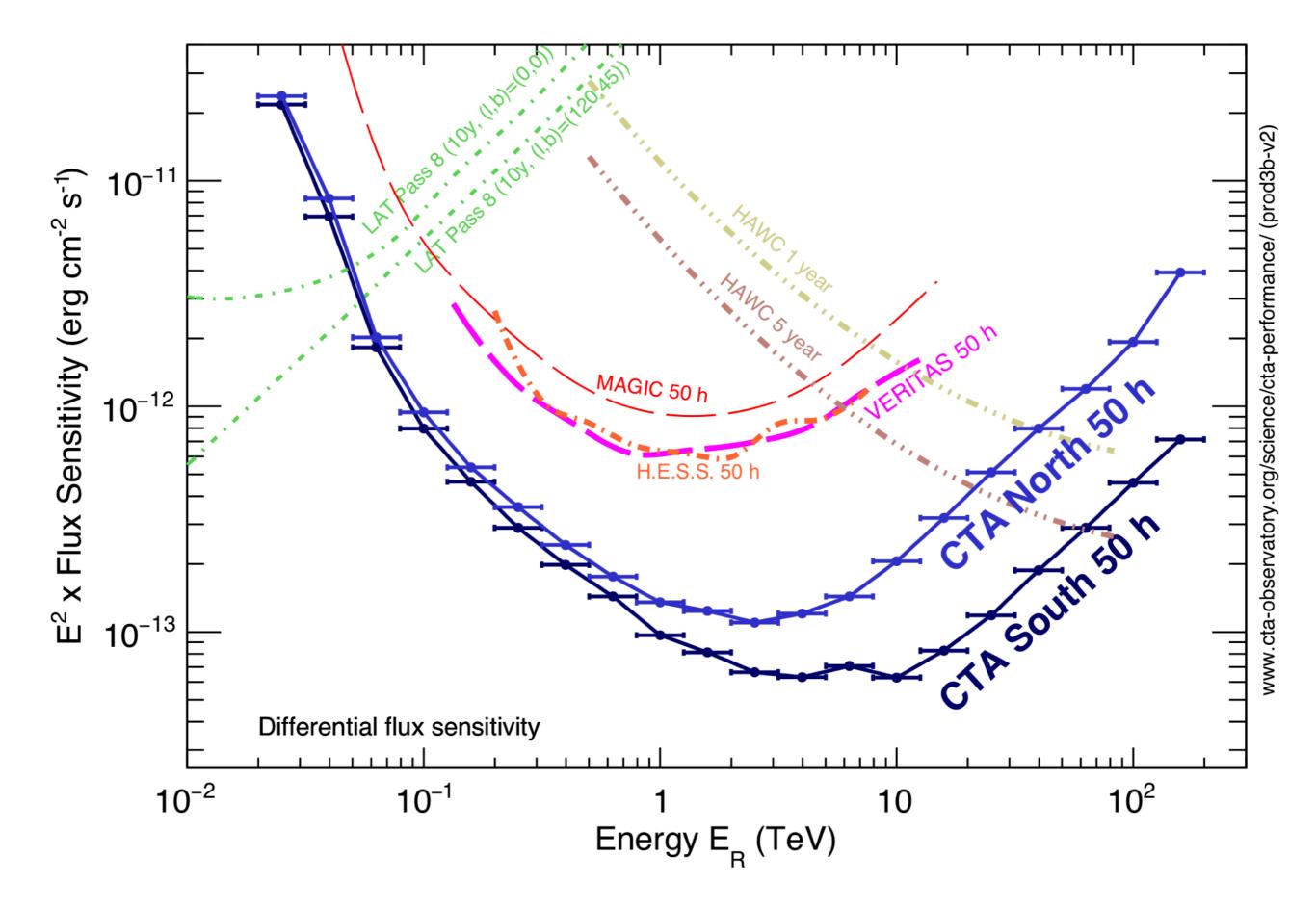
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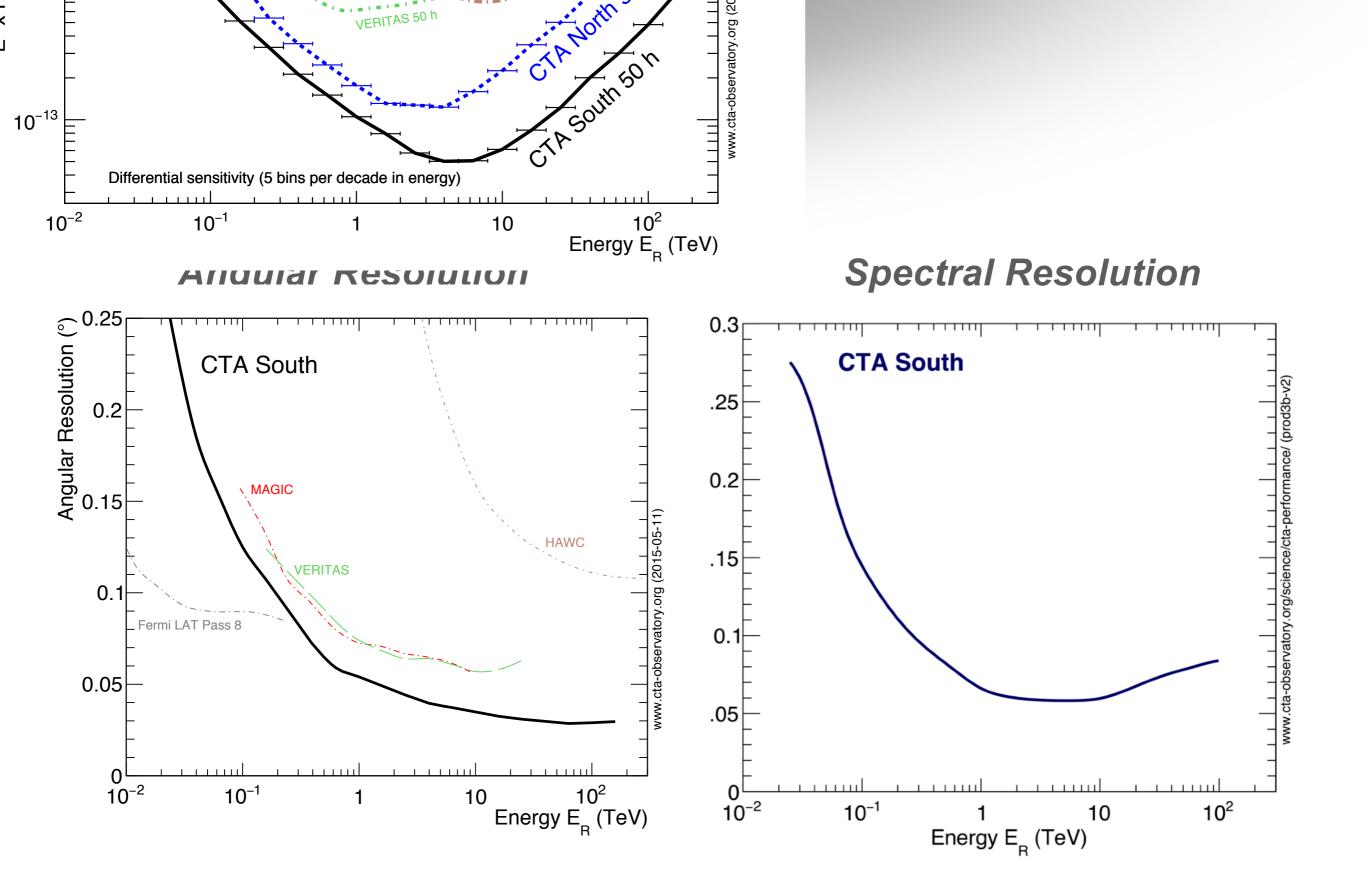


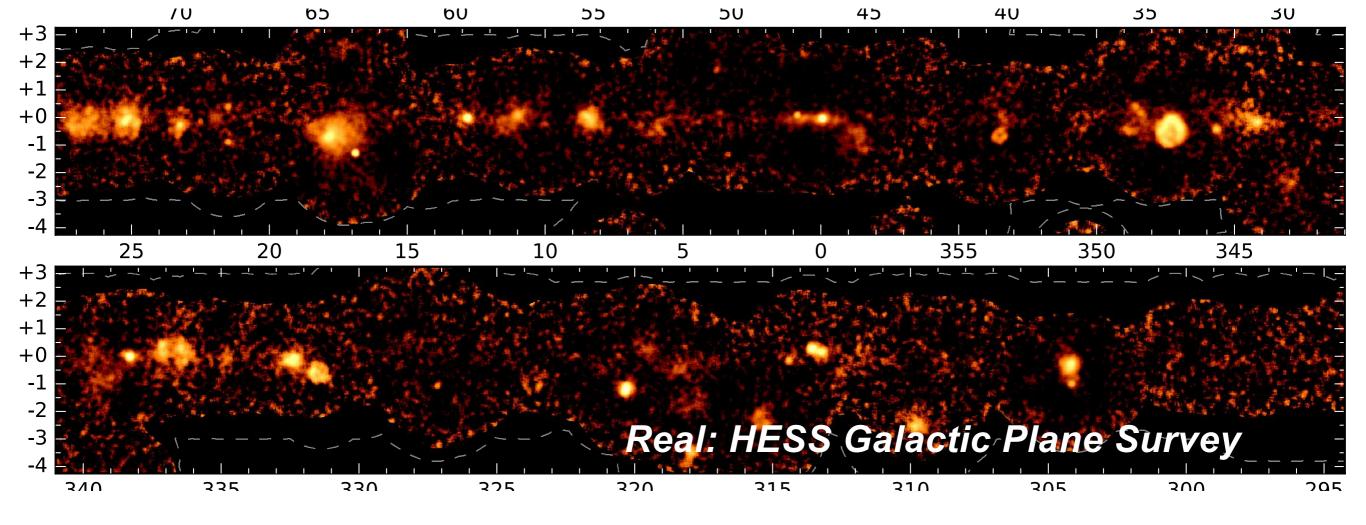


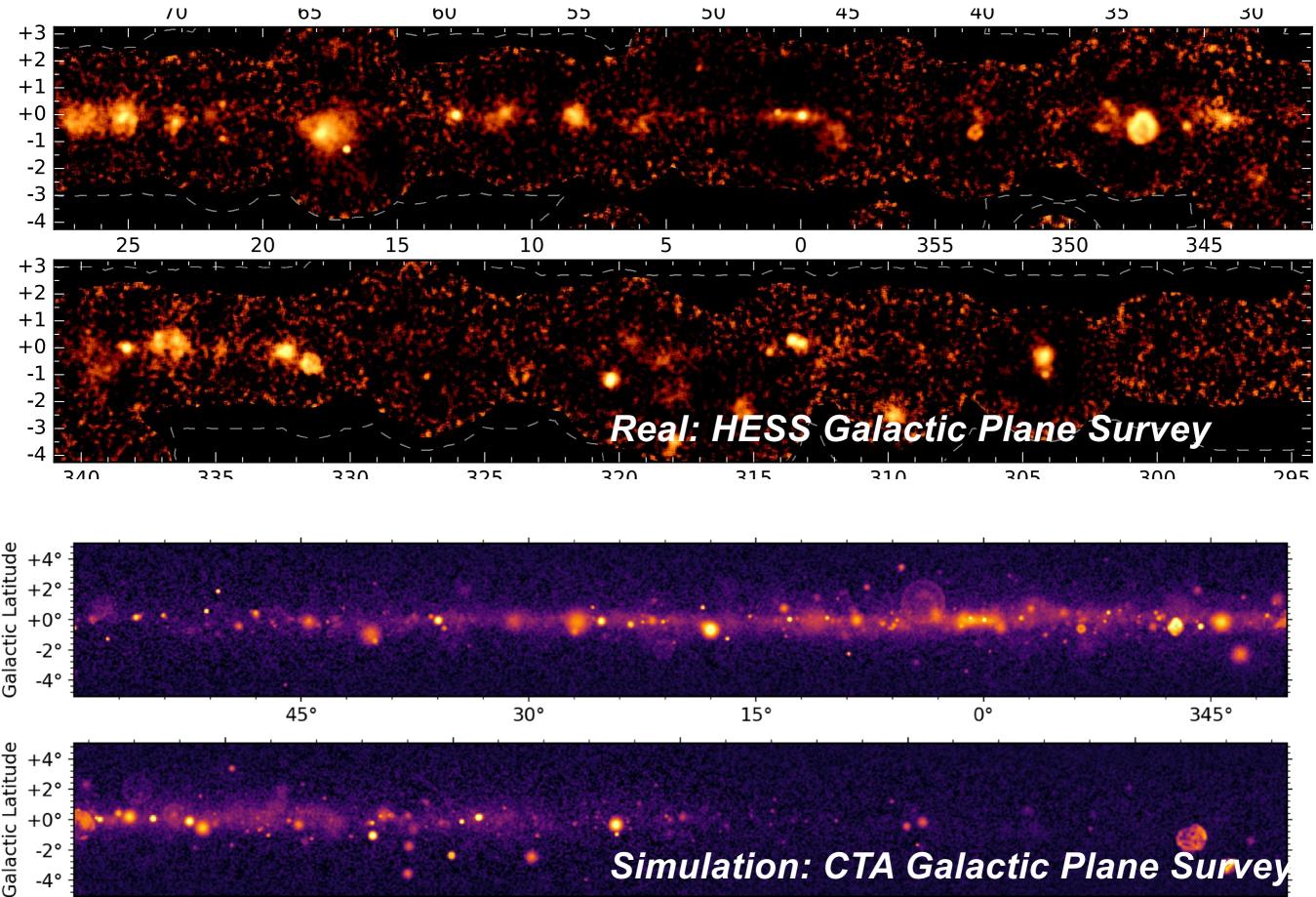
CTA group at DAp heavily involved! data processing pipeline + science!









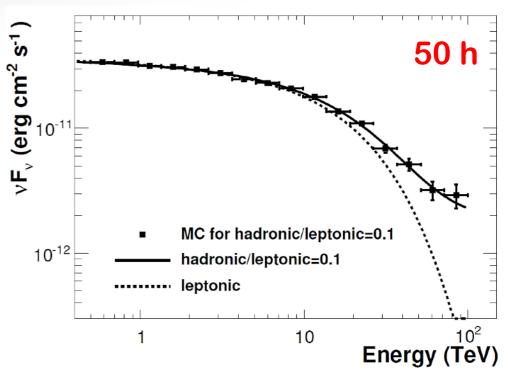


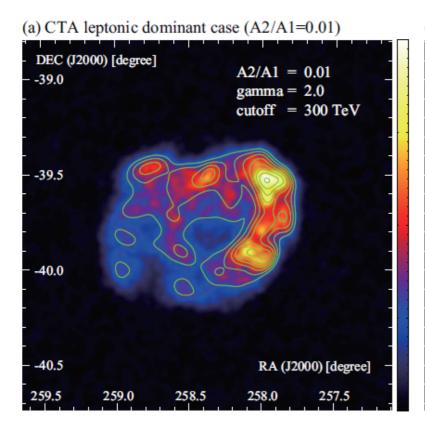
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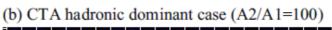
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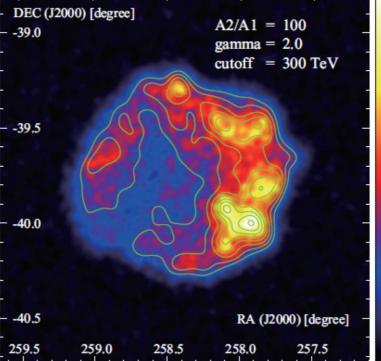
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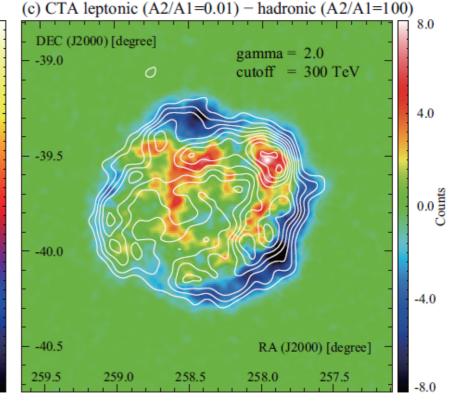
- Simulation of what CTA might see
 - ► XMM → Inv. Compton π°
 - ► $HI + CO \rightarrow \pi^{\circ}\gamma's$





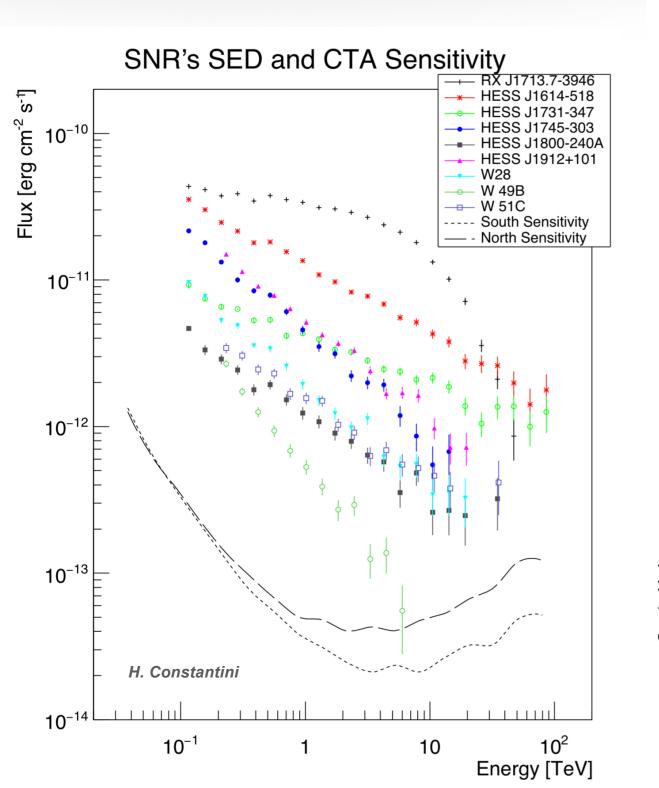


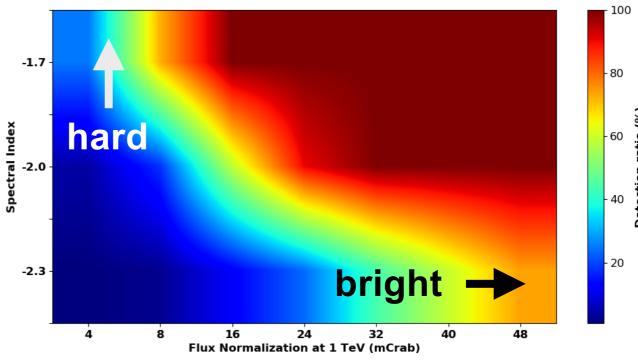




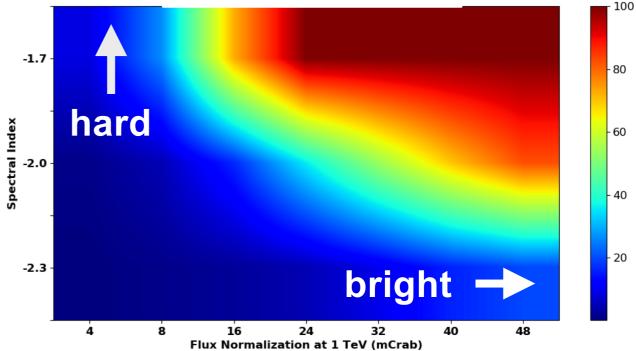
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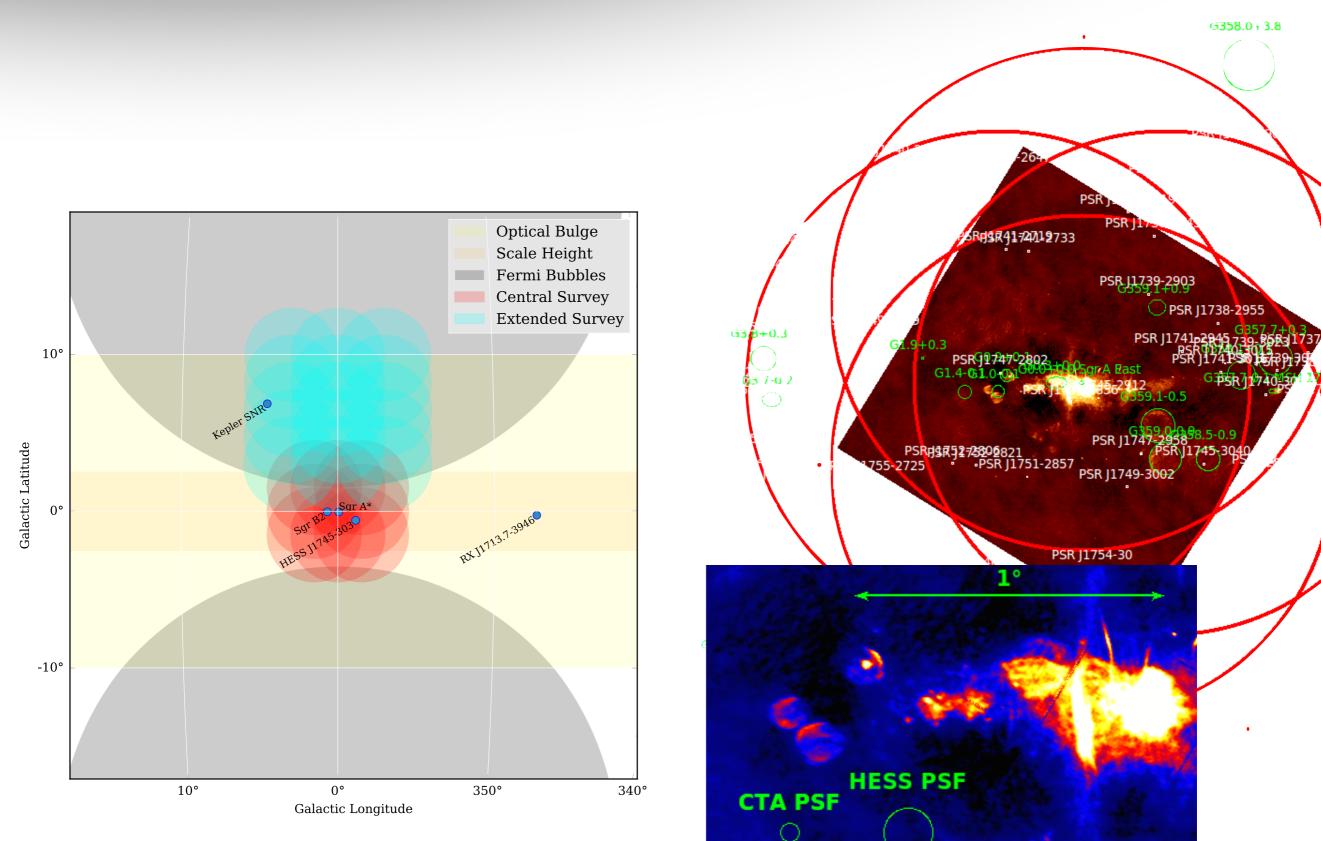


$gamma E_c = 100 TeV$



ratio (%

PeVatrons with CTA: Galactic Center





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Bologna, Italy, 2019

Thank You!



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HESS Galactic Plane Survey Data Release

- www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/ HESS/hgps/
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- the only "true" catalog (all identical analysis methodology, single publication), so only exposure bias
- Image data (flux, etc) as FITS images

ASIDE:

THE HESS GPS AND YOU!

