



PeVatron studies with the Astri Mini-Array

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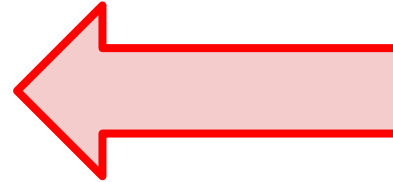
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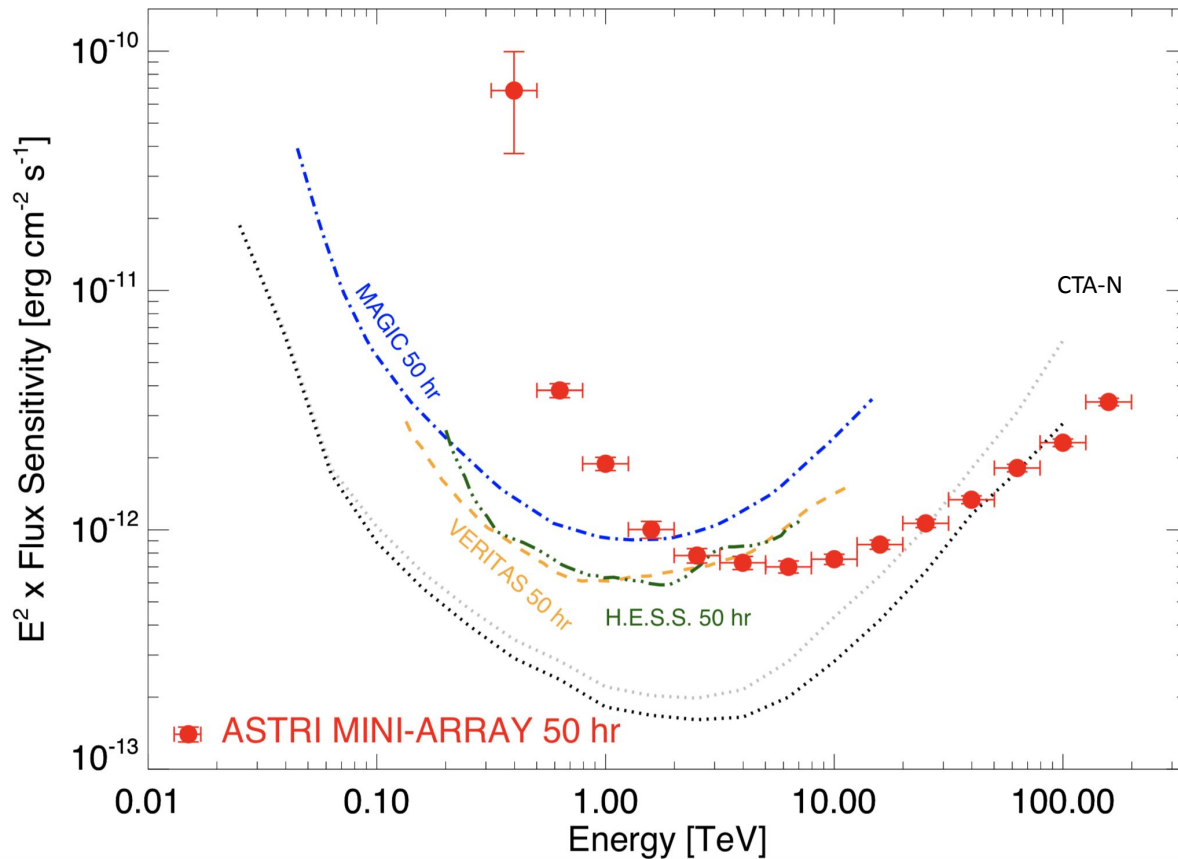
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- Cygnus Region
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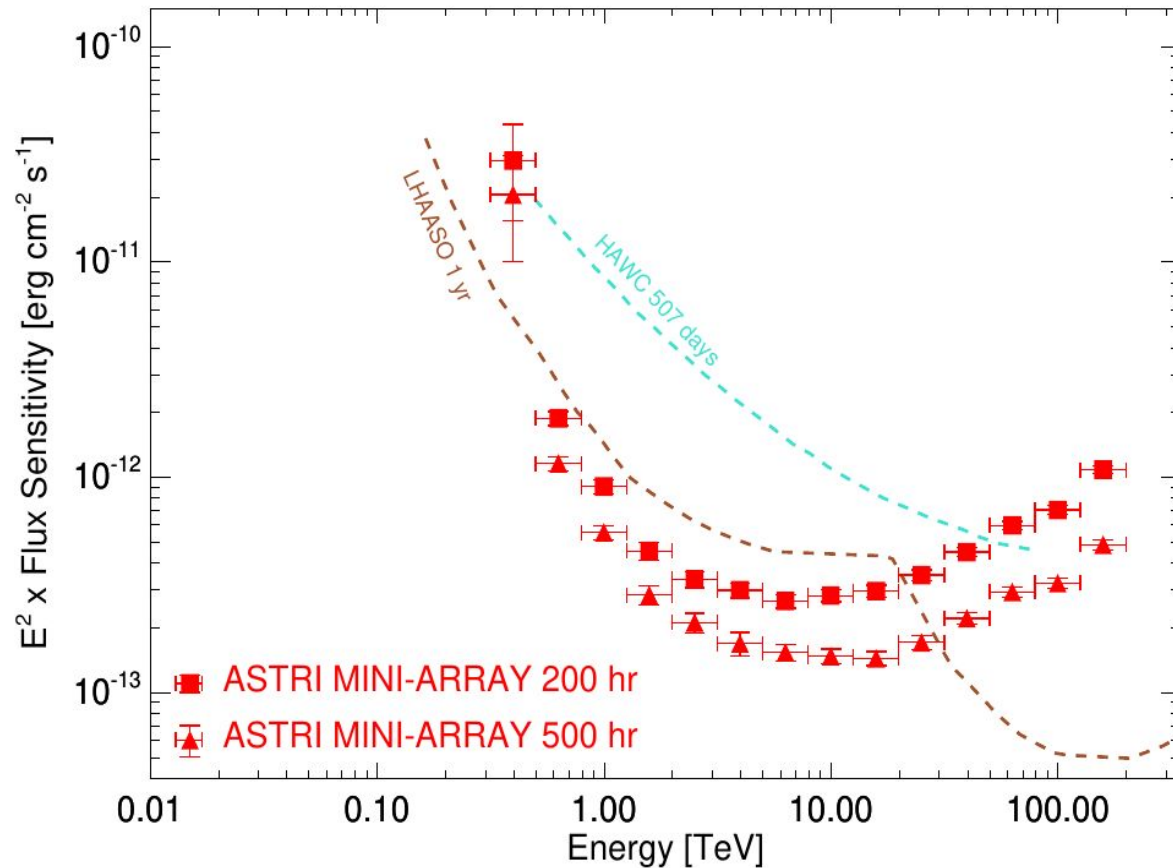
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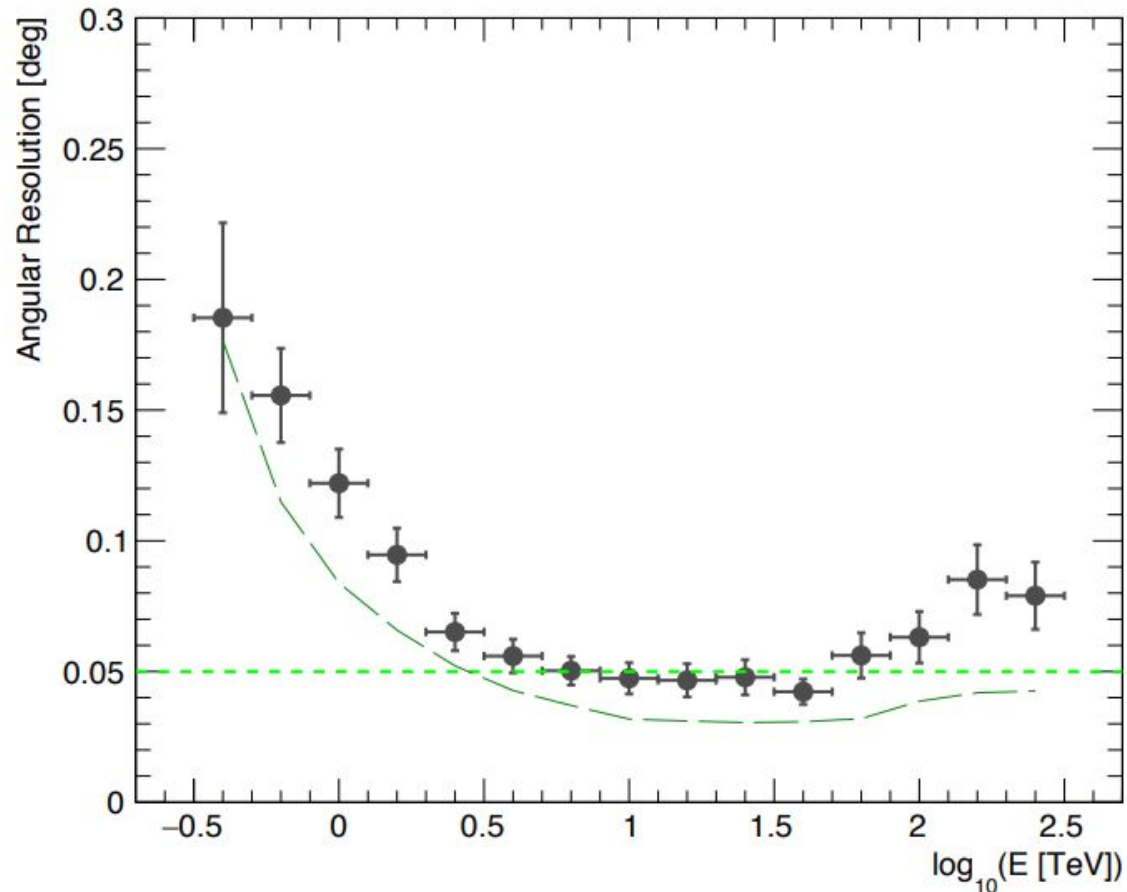
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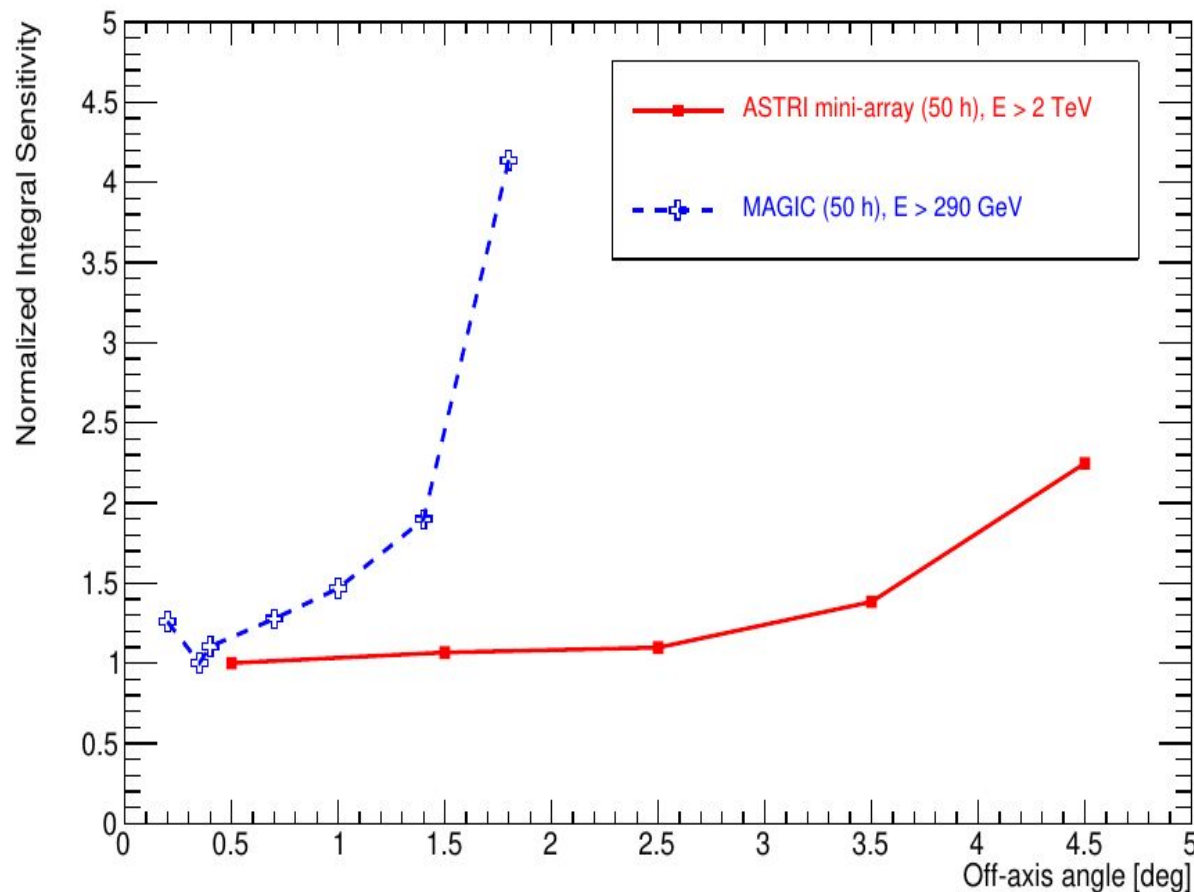
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Wide FoV ($\geq 10^\circ$), with almost homogeneous off-axis acceptance

- Optimal for multi-target fields, surveys, and extended sources
- Enhanced chance for serendipity discoveries

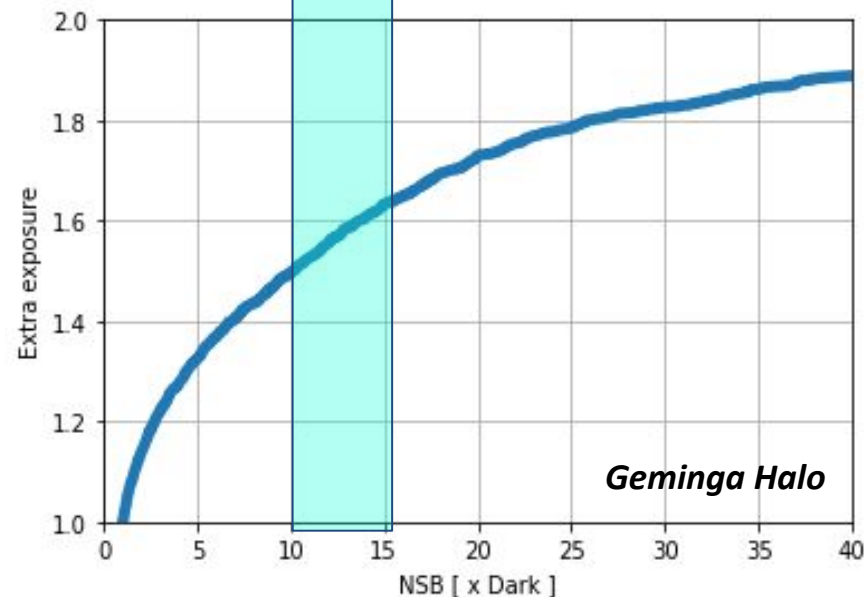
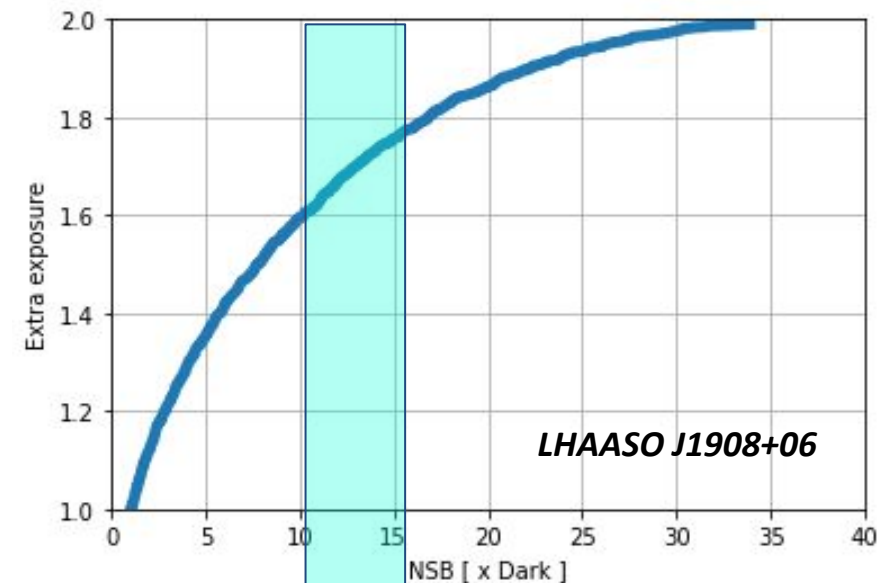
Observing Plan

Strategy :

Focus on few sky fields in order to obtain long exposures

3 aces up the sleeve :

- Large FoV
 - Several sources in the FOV
- Observations with moonlight
 - Increases avail. time ~50-80%
- Large Z.A.
 - Increase A_{eff} @ high energies

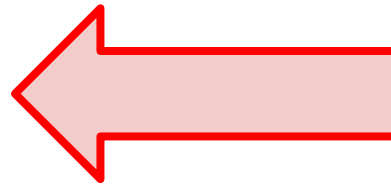


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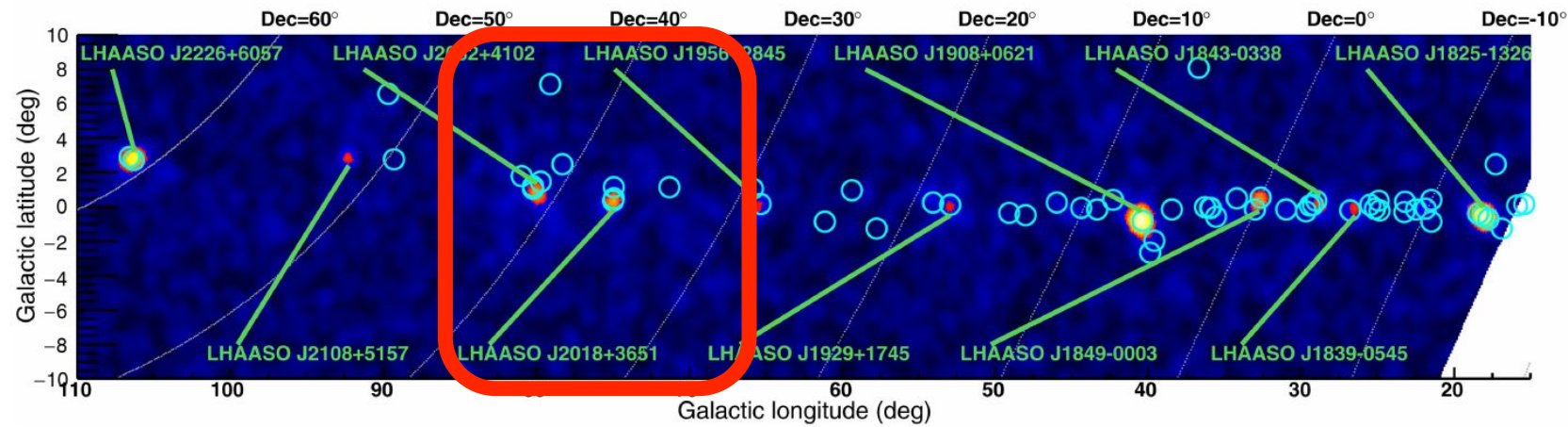
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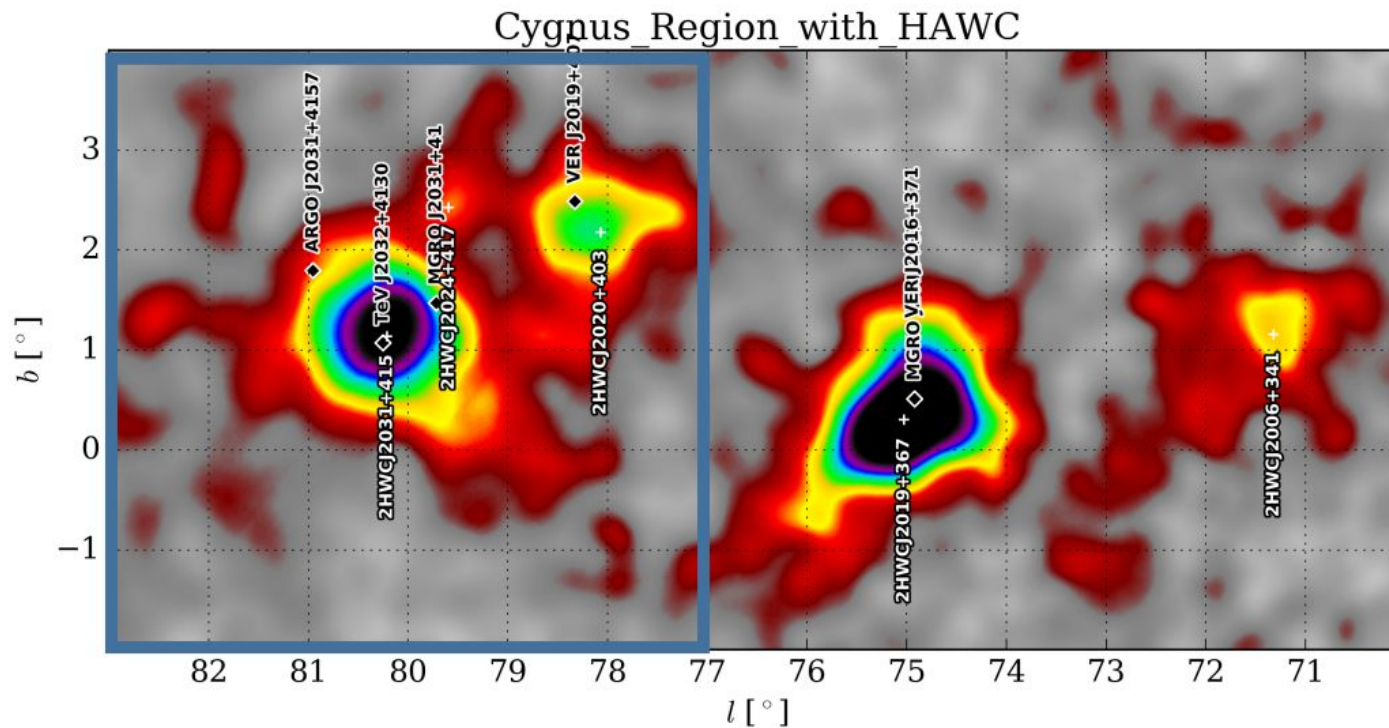


LHAASO Sources : Cygnus Region

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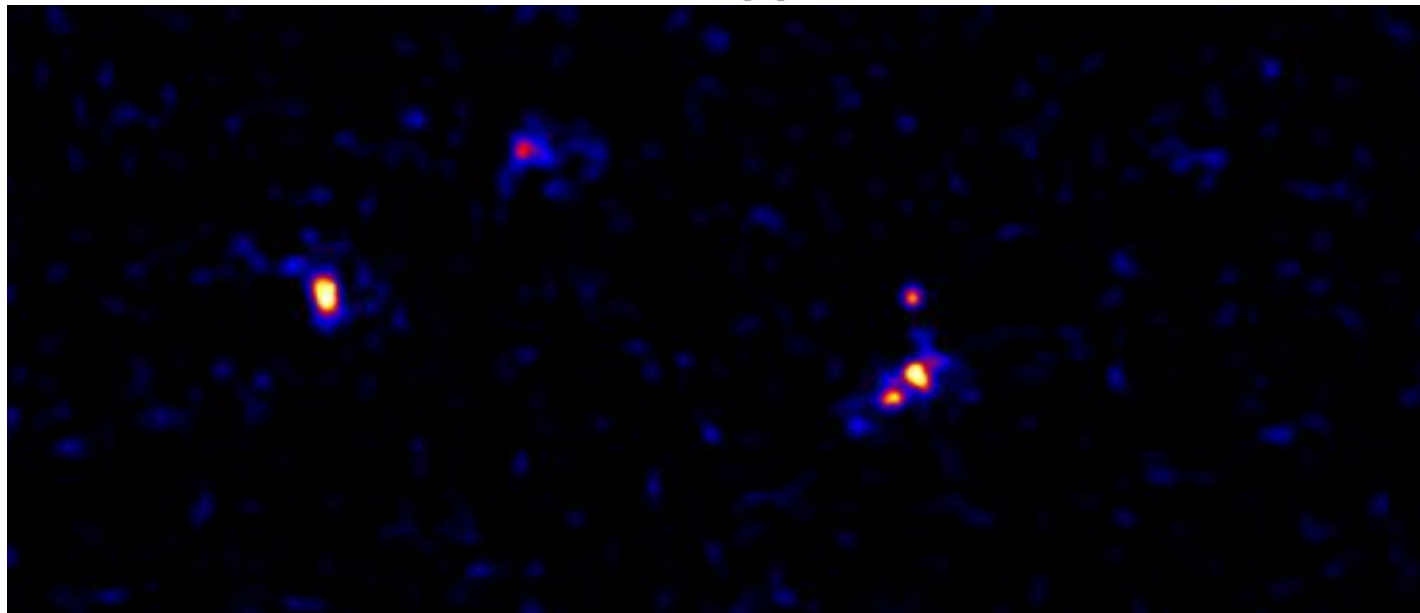
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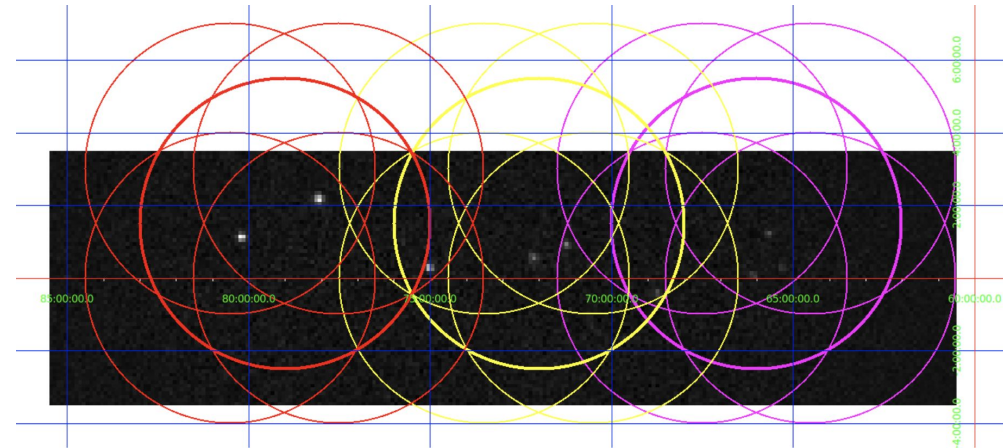
Cygnus Region

seen by HAWC
($E > 8$ TeV)



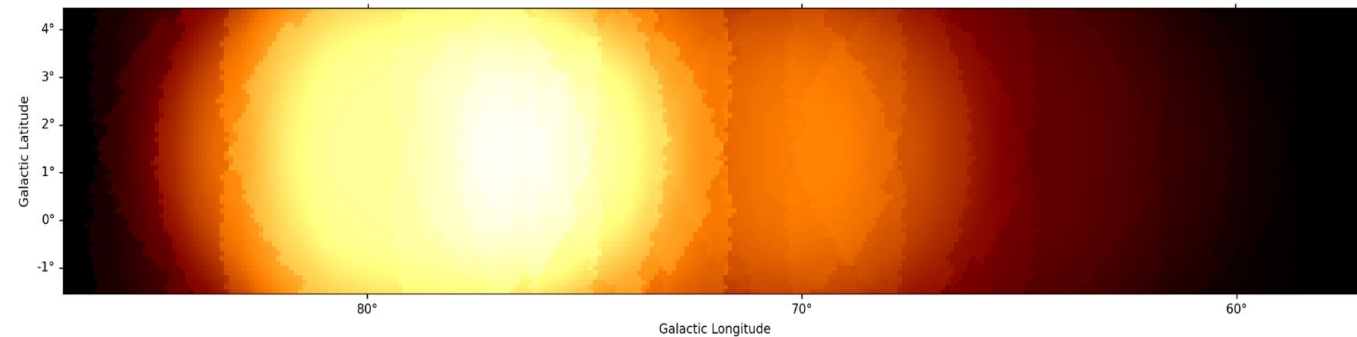
seen by Veritas
($E > 200$ GeV)

The data challenge of the Cygnus region

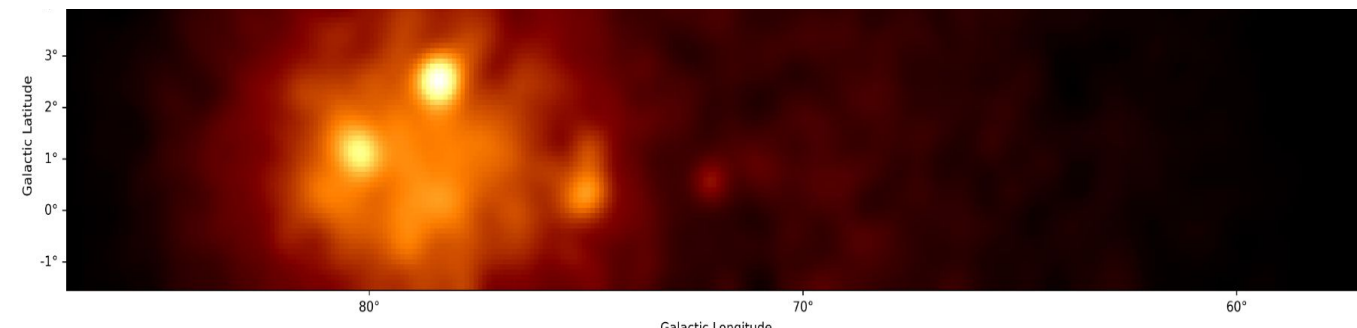


We simulated a survey of the Cygnus region, adopting 15 pointing positions along the Galactic longitude in the [60-85 deg] range.

All the known sources (eg from 3rd HAWC catalogue + LHAASO) and the Galactic diffuse component (from Gaggero et al.) were simulated.

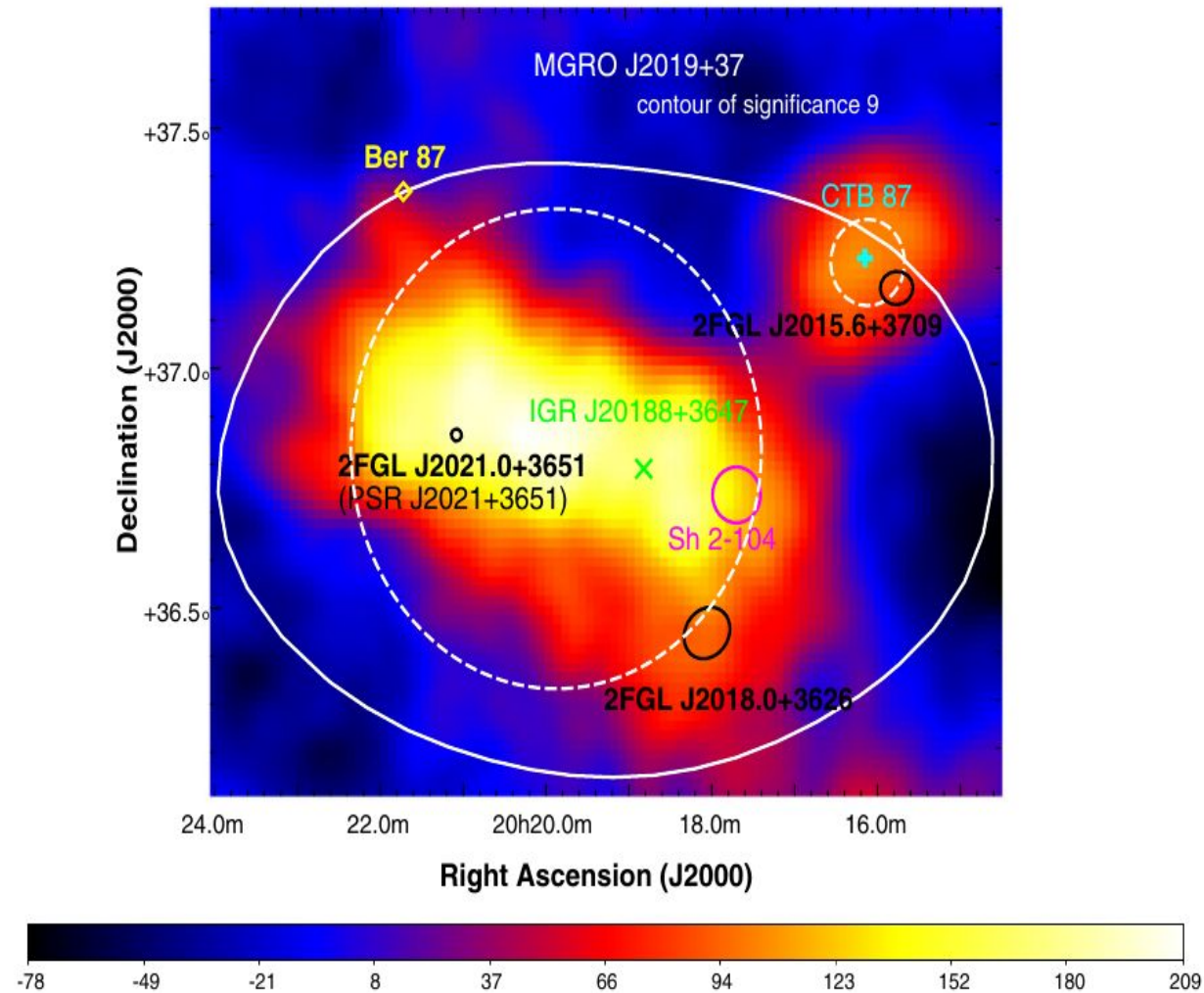


*Background map of the region,
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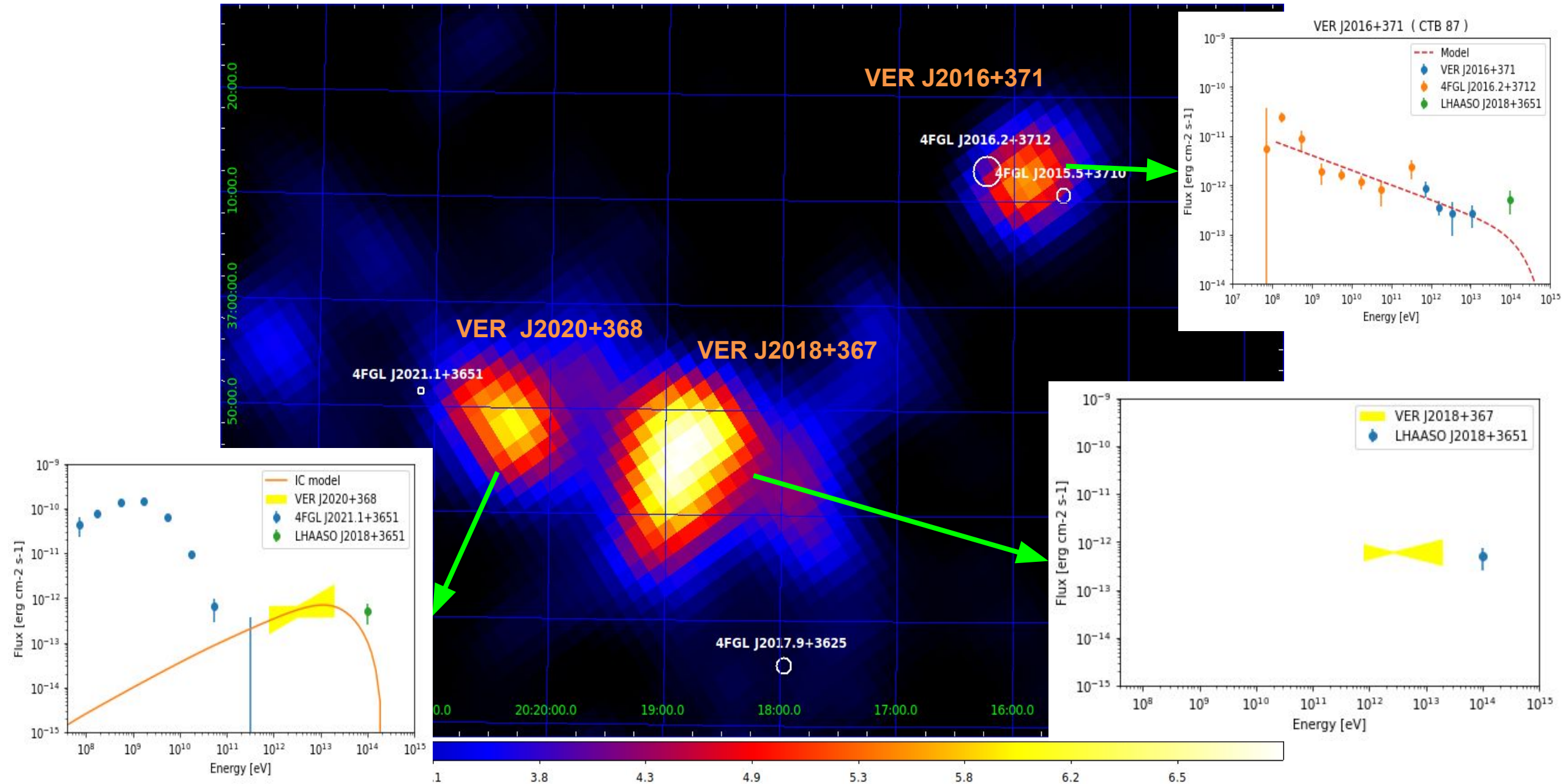
*Excess map of the region,
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LHAASO J2018+3651 - Overview



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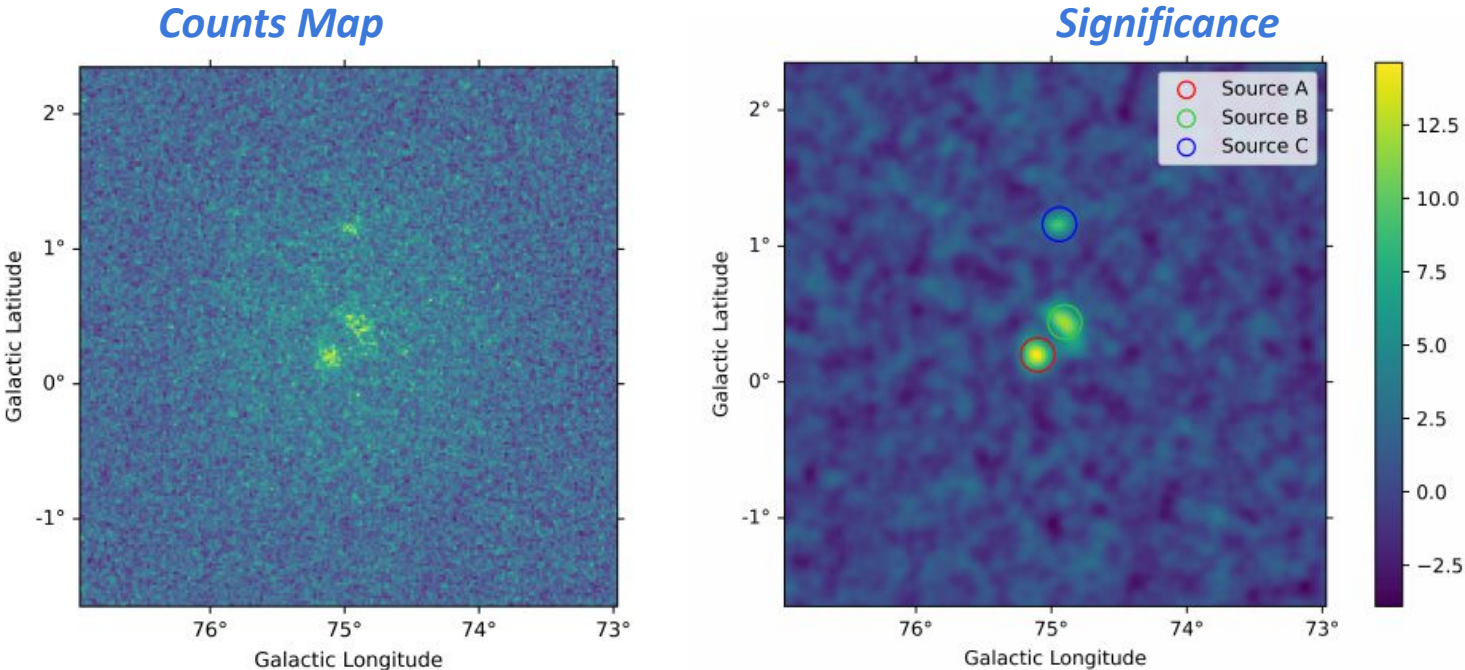
VERITAS Cygnus Region Survey - Abeysekara et al. 2018



LHAASO J2018+3651

ASTRI M.A. observations
Exposure : 200 hrs

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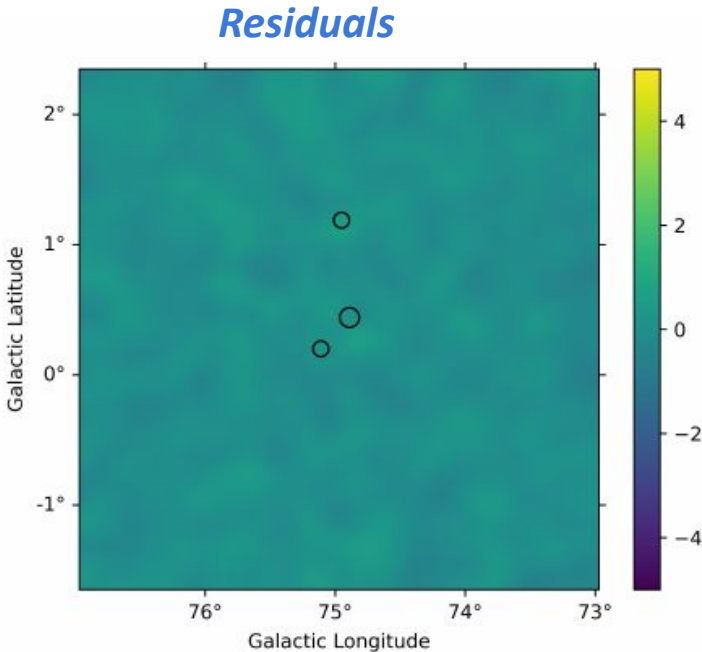
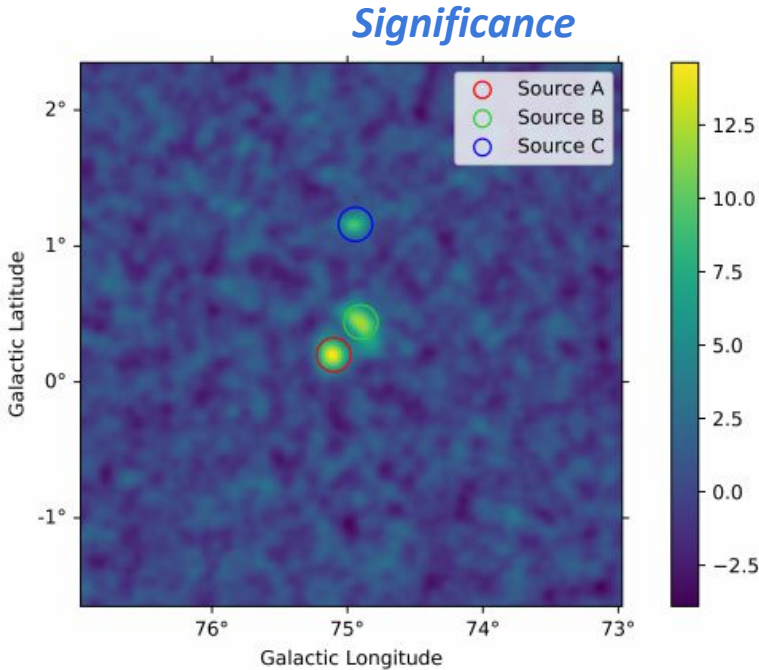
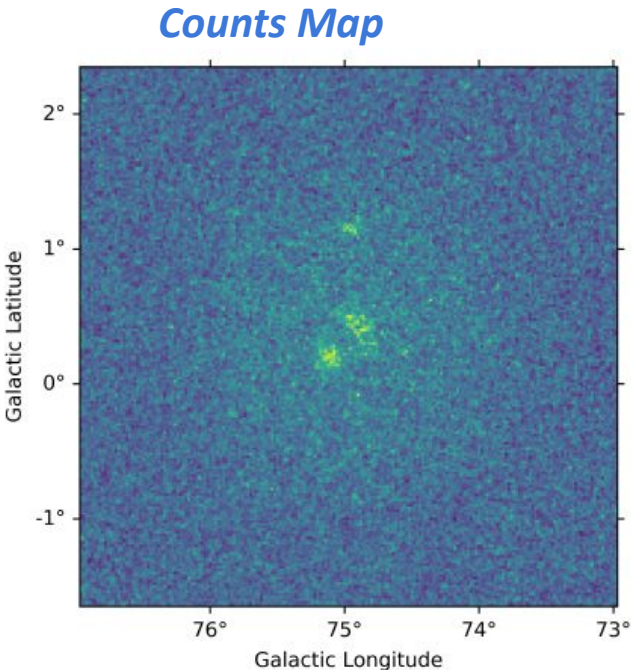


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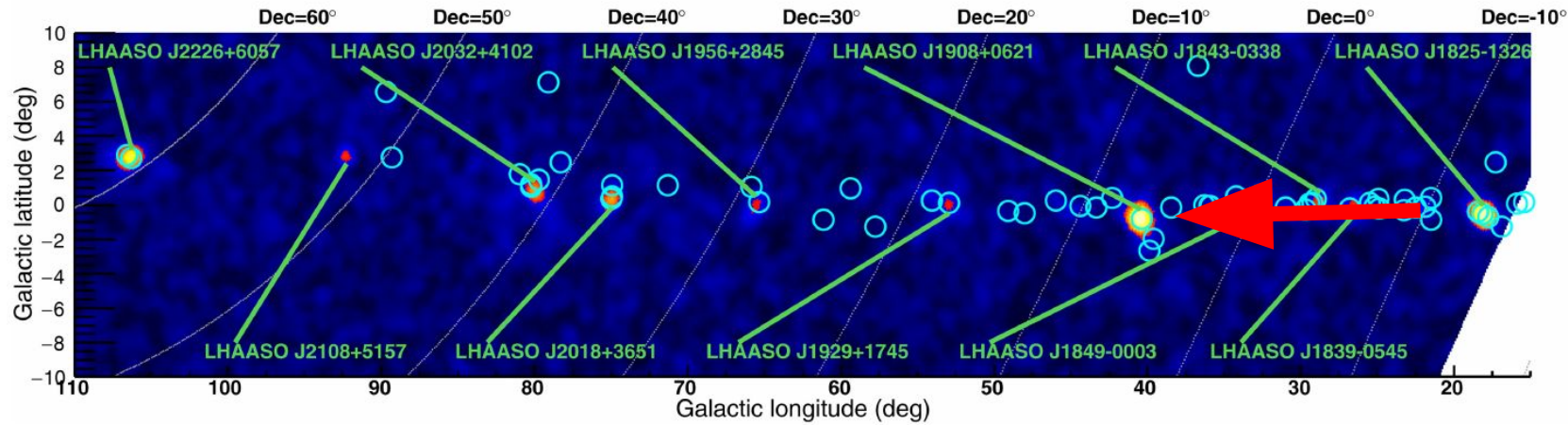
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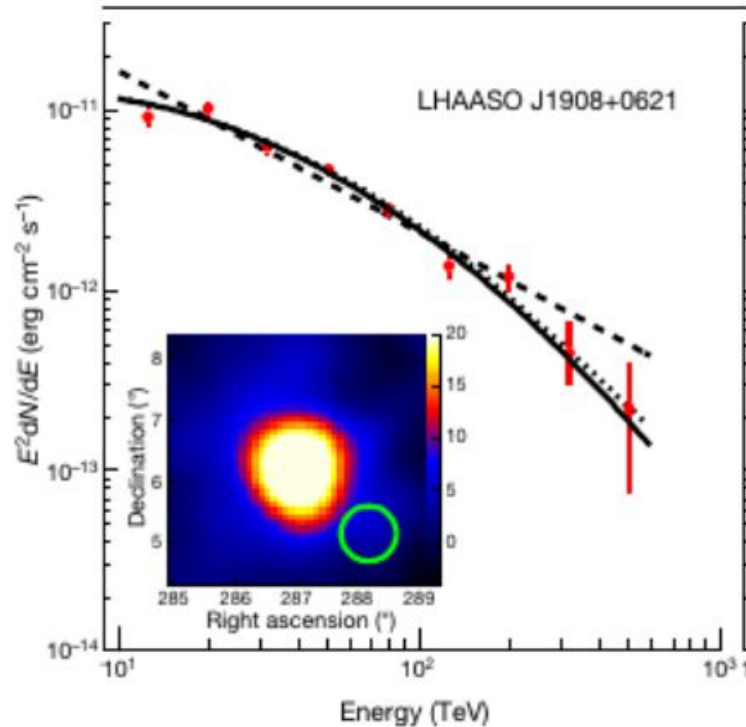
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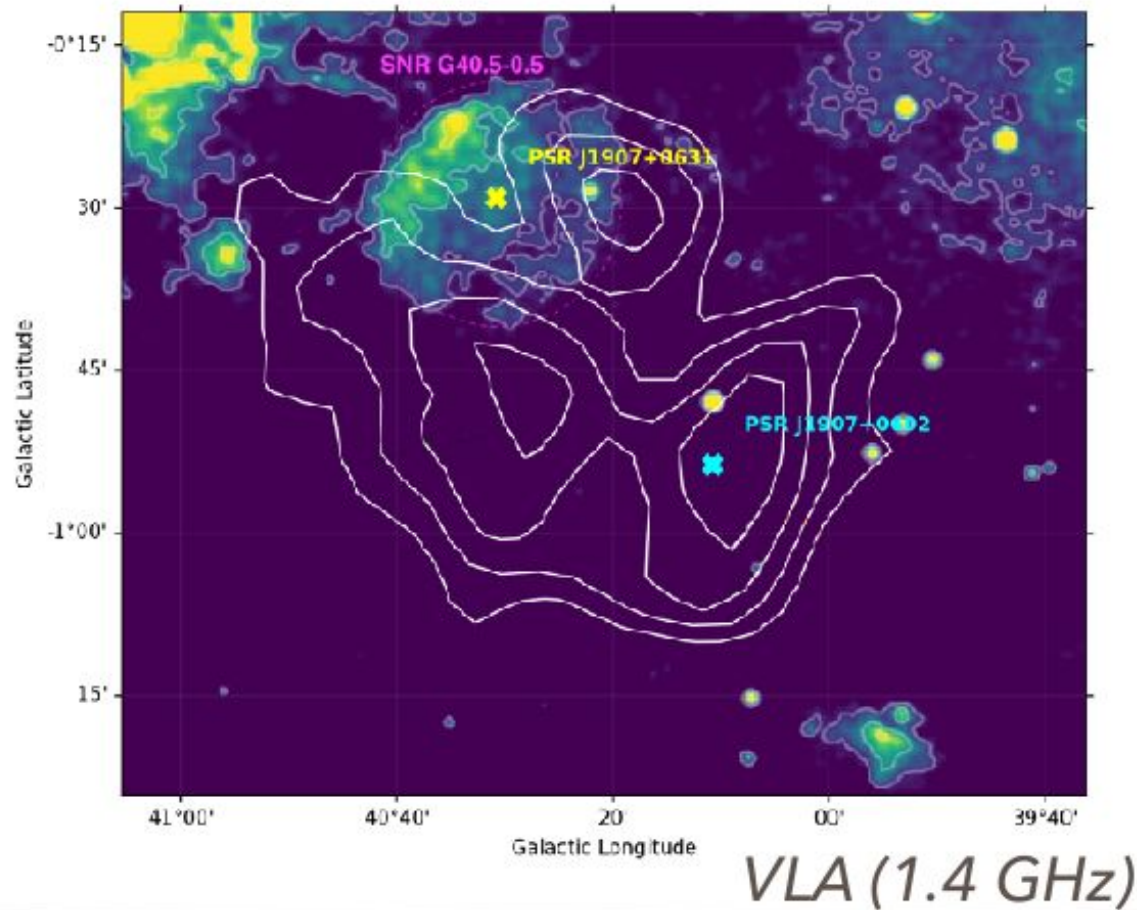


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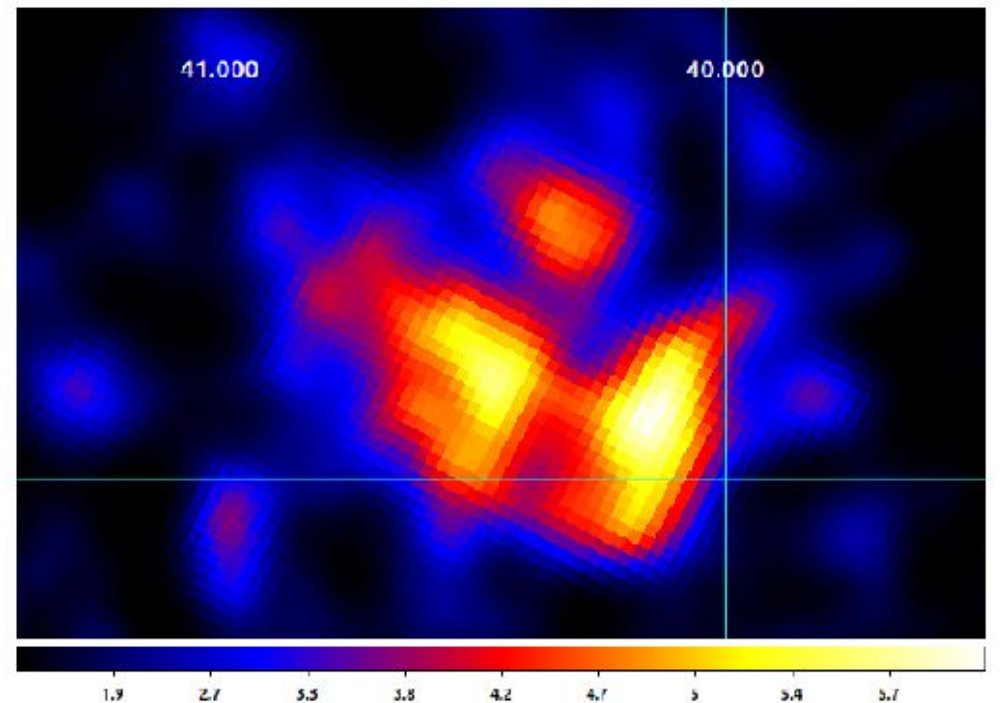
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LHAASO J1908+0621

Source counterparts

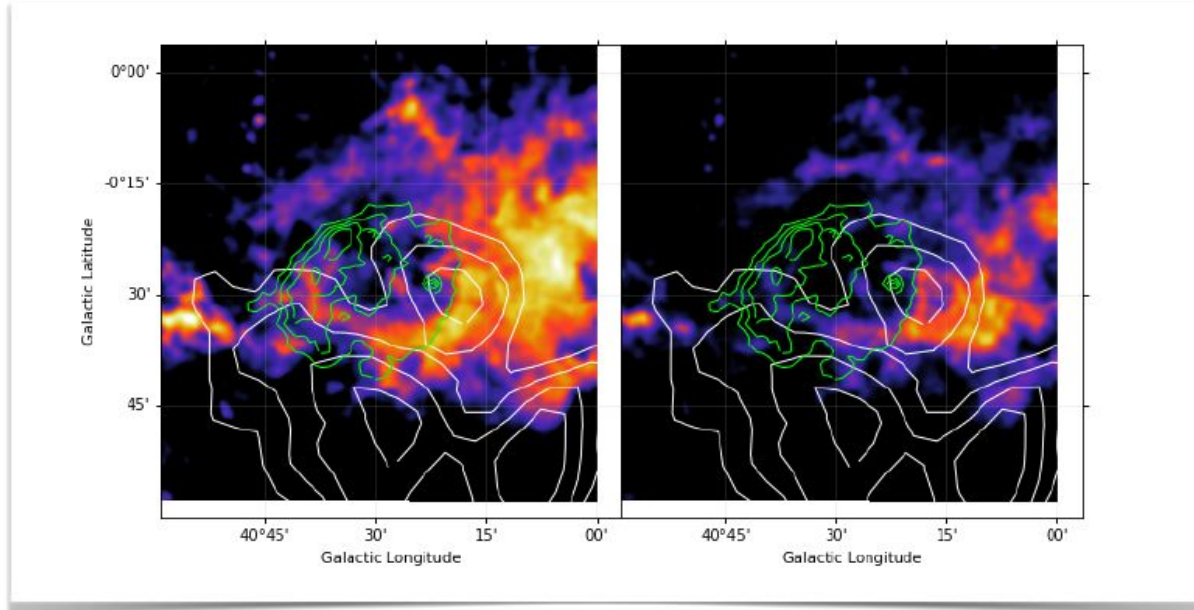


VERITAS ($E > 200$ GeV)



LHAASO J1908+0621

CO emission



Maps of the ^{12}CO (left) and ^{13}CO (right) emission in the region integrated between 58 - 62 km s^{-1}

Crestan et al. MNRAS, 2021

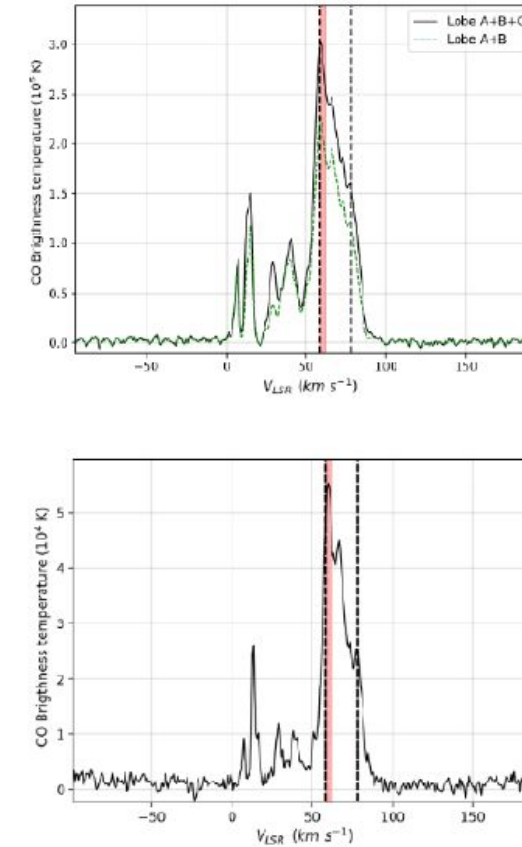
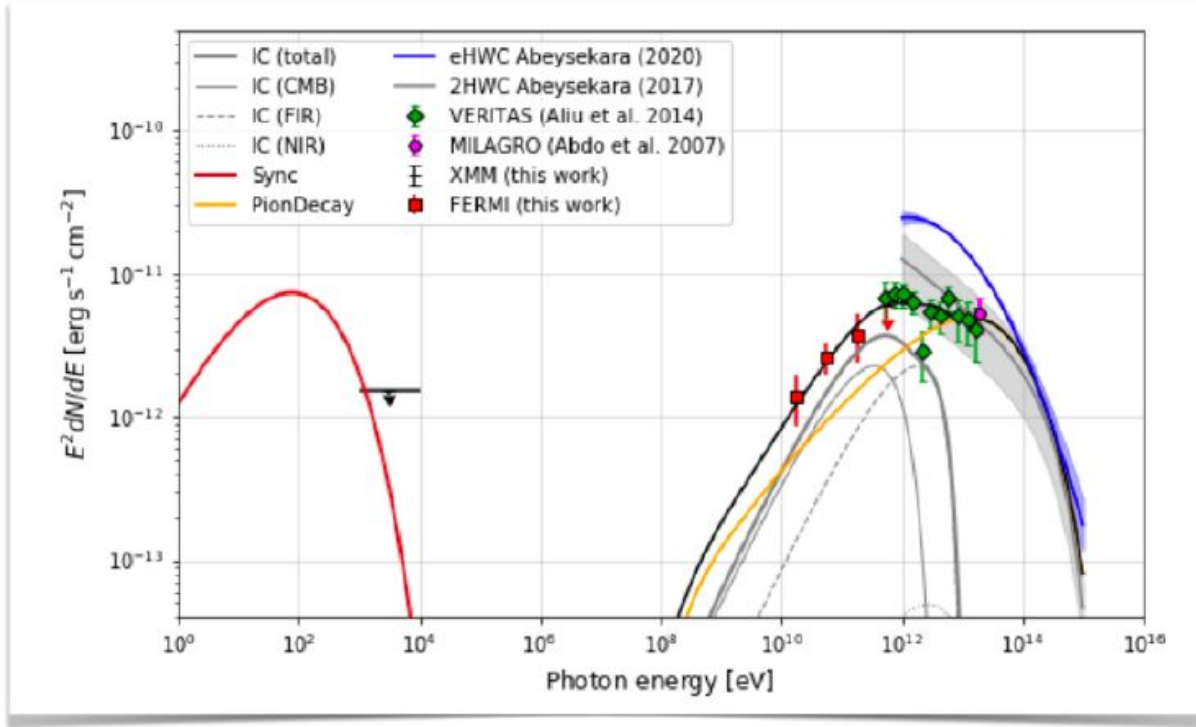


Figure 2. The ^{12}CO (top) and ^{13}CO (bottom) summed spectra in the region of MGRO J1908+06. The velocity interval between the two dashed lines (58–78 km s^{-1}) represents the bulk of the emission, while the red zone marks the velocity range between 58 and 62 km s^{-1} (shown in Fig. 3) that is the velocity range considered for the molecular cloud analysis (section 3.1).

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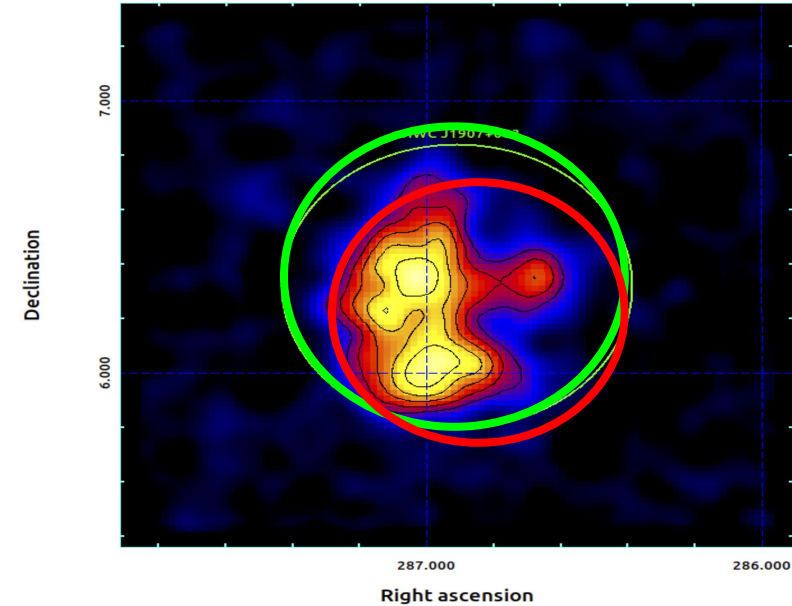
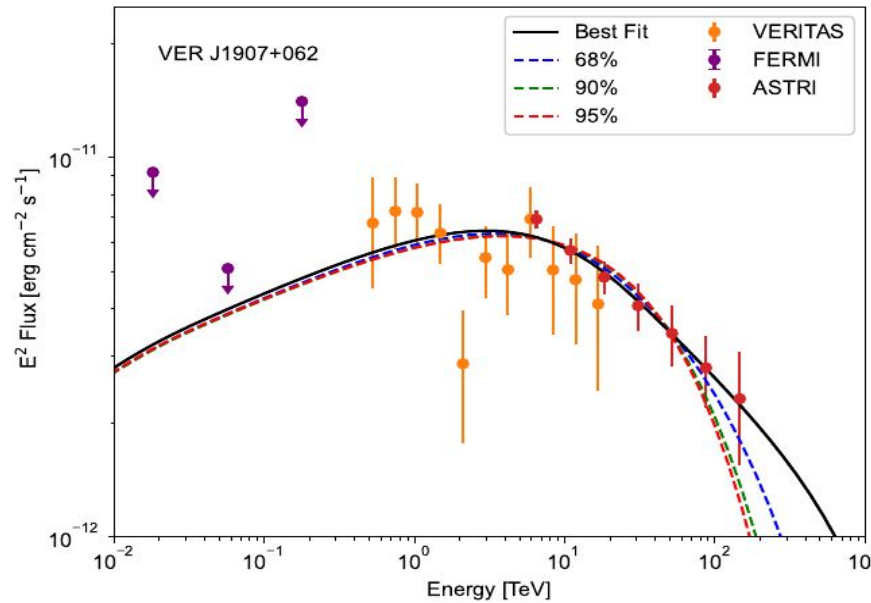


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1-zone	Leptonic	3	1.0 ± 0.4	2.6 ± 0.1	2×10^{47}	10	2.7 ± 0.7	7.1 ± 6.0
1-zone	Hadronic	3	1.0 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.1	7×10^{47}	30	2.8 ± 0.8	3.0 ± 0.9
1-zone	Hadronic	9	1.1 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.1	2×10^{49}	30	3.4 ± 1.2	1.9 ± 0.5
2-component	Leptonic	3	1.2	1.2	9×10^{46}	10	0.2	0.011
	Hadronic	3	1.6	2.0	4×10^{47}	30	200	>1
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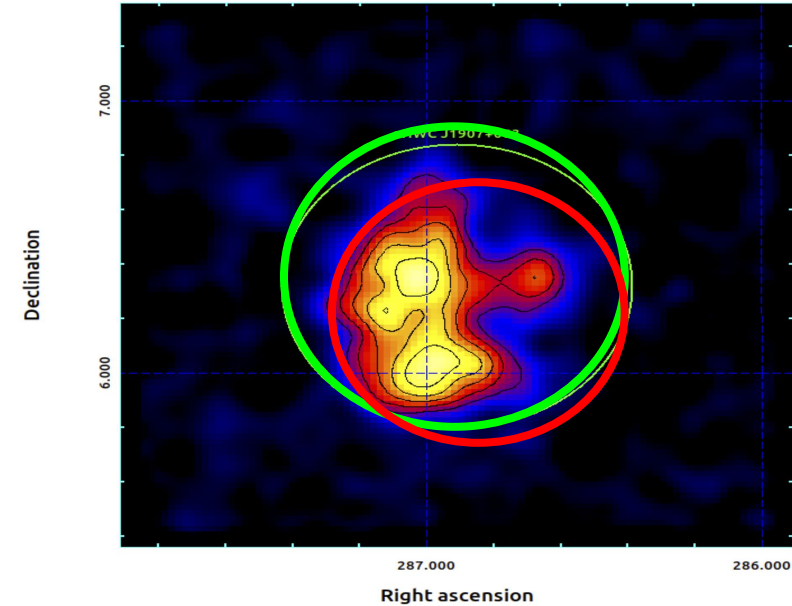
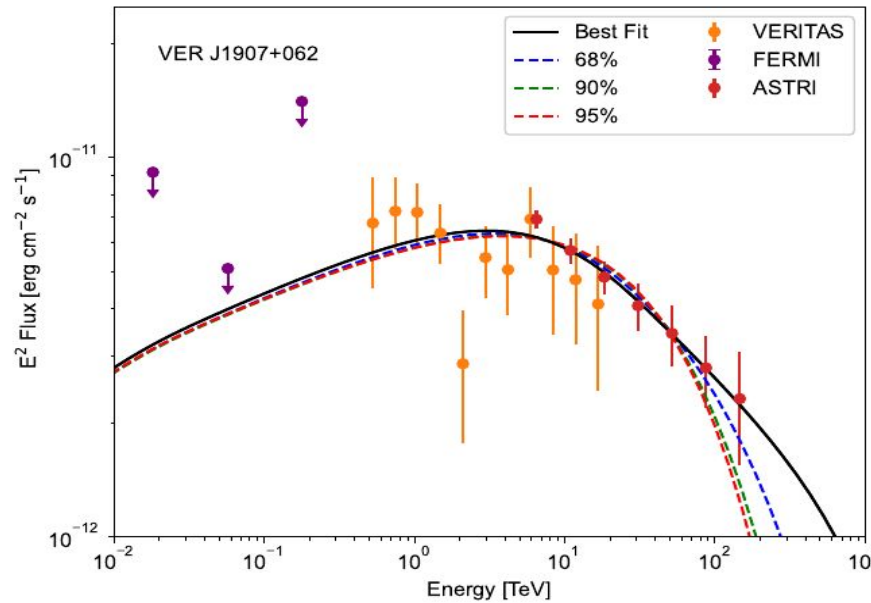
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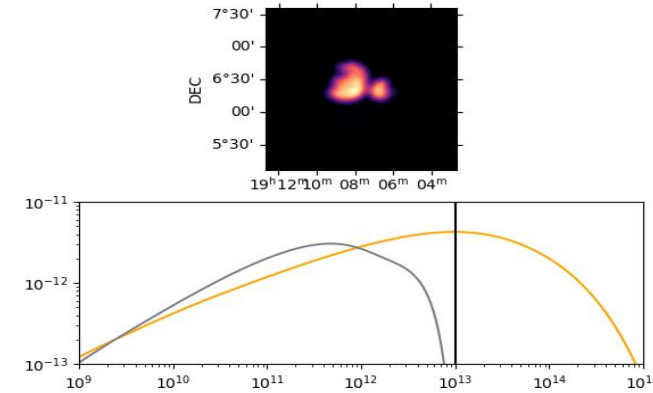
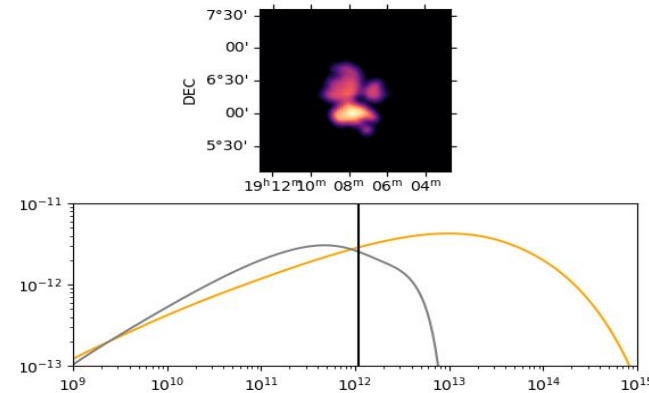
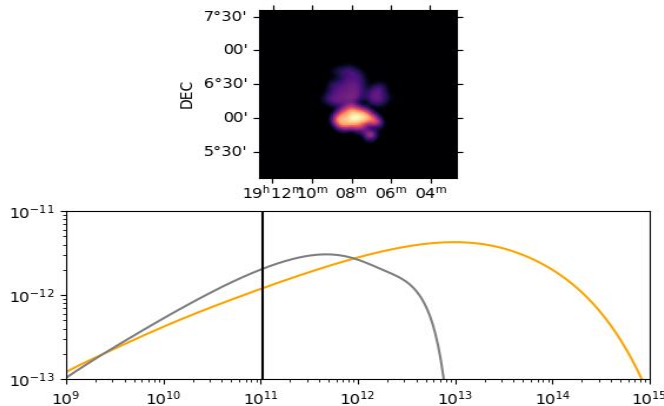


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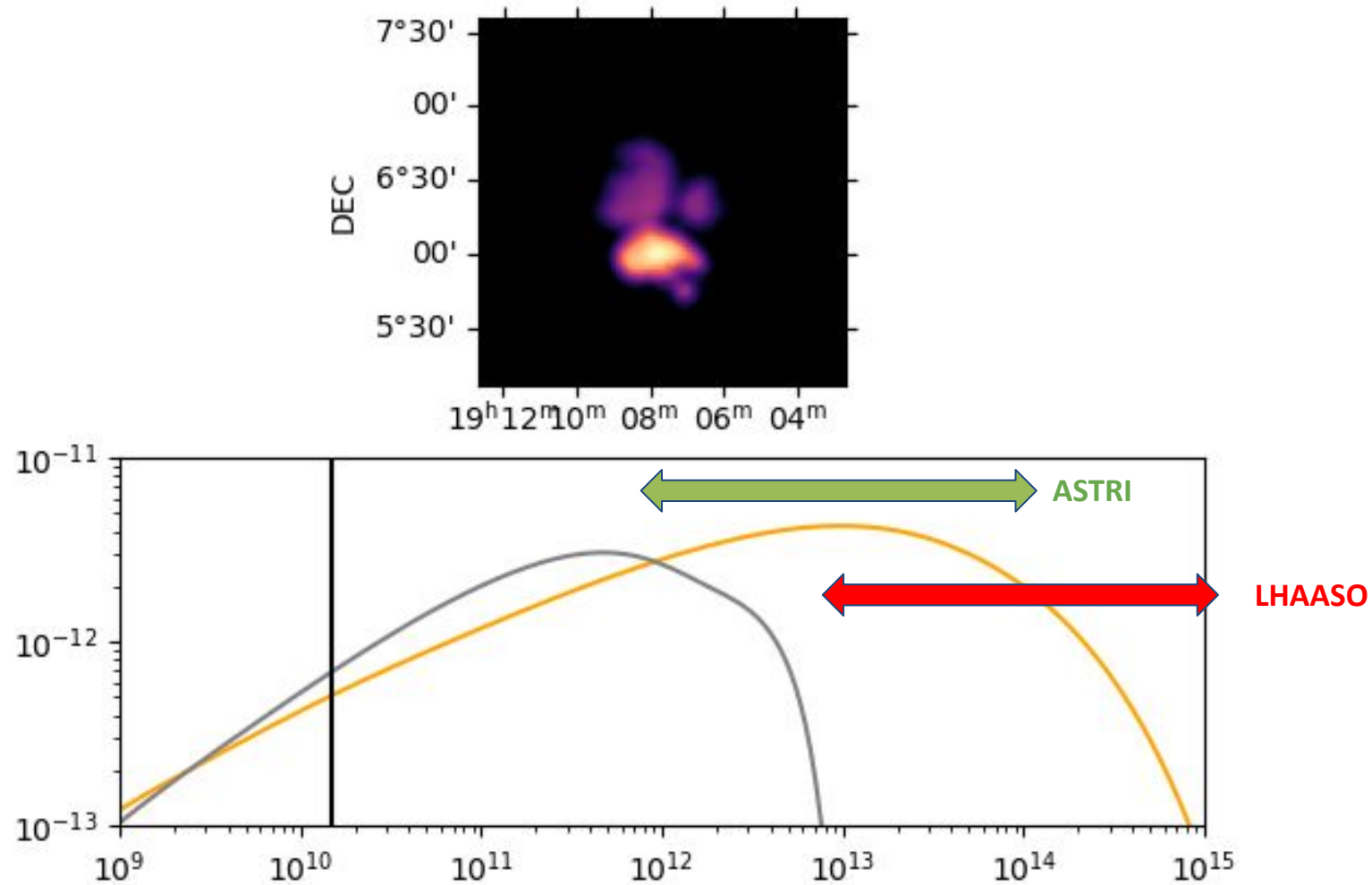


The light green
circle marks the
 $\sim 0.52^\circ$ HAWC
error-box



An Energy-dependent
morphology (2 zone
model)
can be **resolved by the
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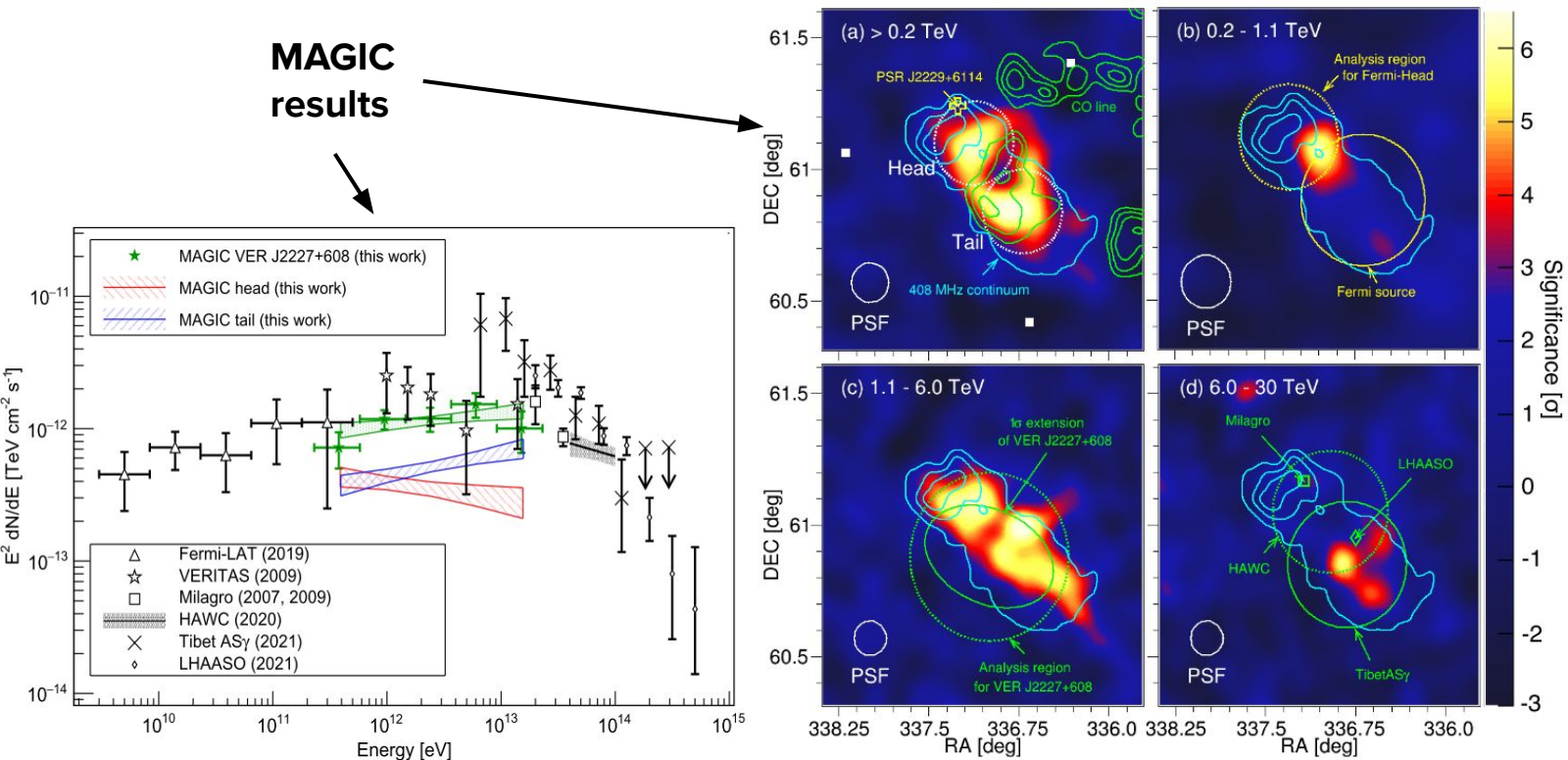
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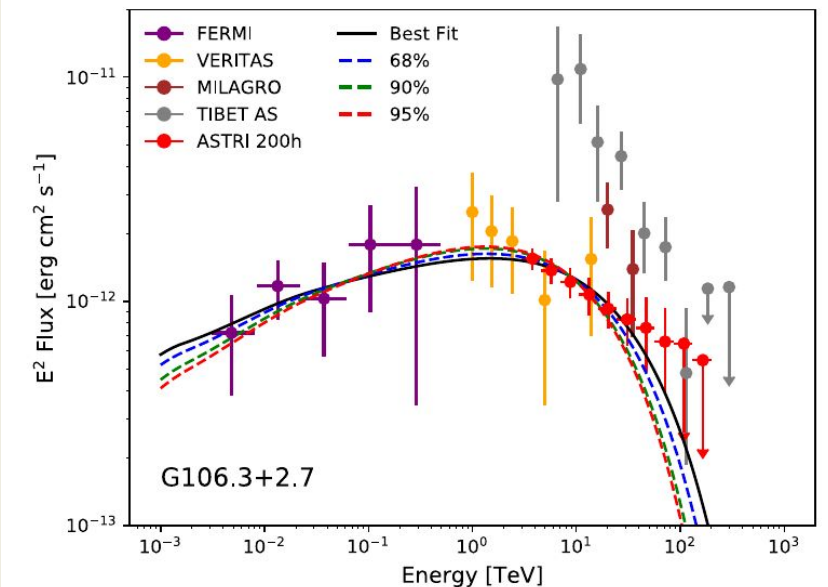
- TeV emission extended (energy dependent)
- 0.4° from PSR J2229+6114
- Detected by FERMI, MAGIC, VERITAS, Milagro, HAWC, Tibet AS- γ , LHAASO
- Overlaps with region of high CO density

MAGIC results



What we did in core science paper:

- Morphology and spectrum from VERITAS
- Ellipse ($0.27^\circ - 0.18^\circ$)
- 5% Crab Flux (>1 TeV)
- Power-law ($\Gamma = 2.29$)



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Astronomical objects in the field :

- PSR J1954+2826 (X-ray unconstraining upp lim, bright in gamma Fermi-LAT)
- PSR J1958 (X-ray Chandra and gamma Fermi-LAT)
- SNR G65.1+0.6 (radio and Fermi-LAT)
- SNR G66.0-0.0 (Halpaa)
- No evidence for X- or gamma-ray PWN

See :

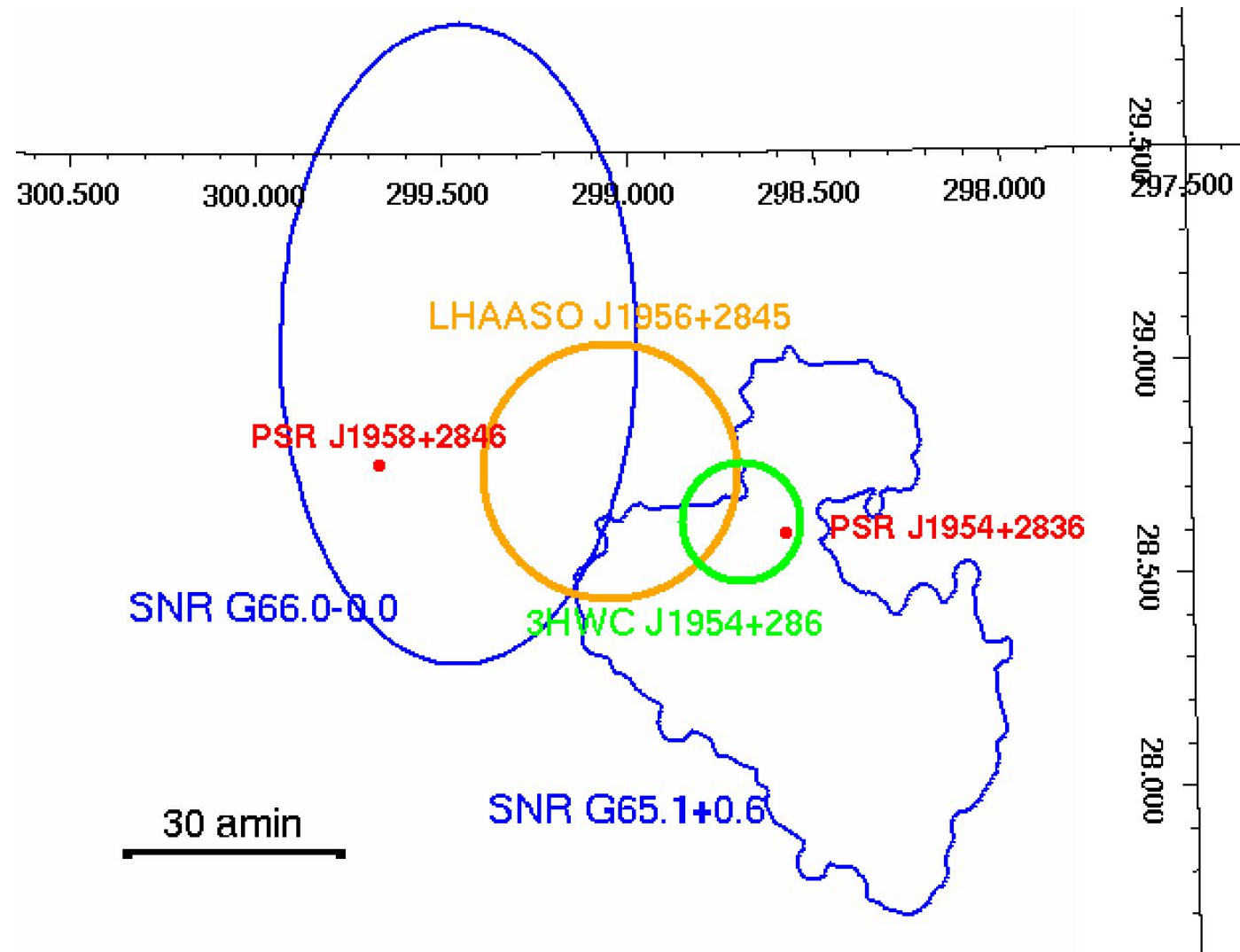
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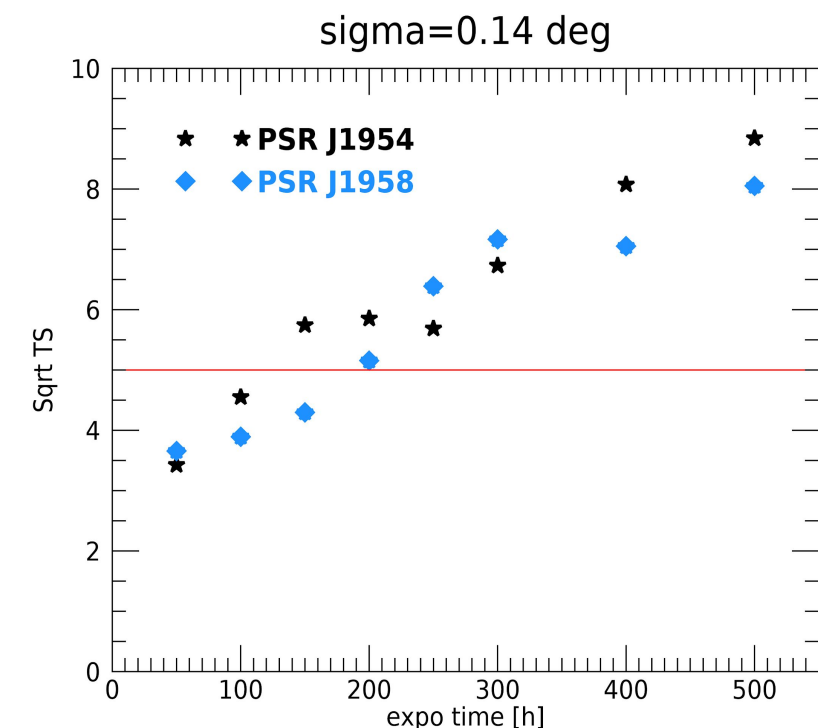
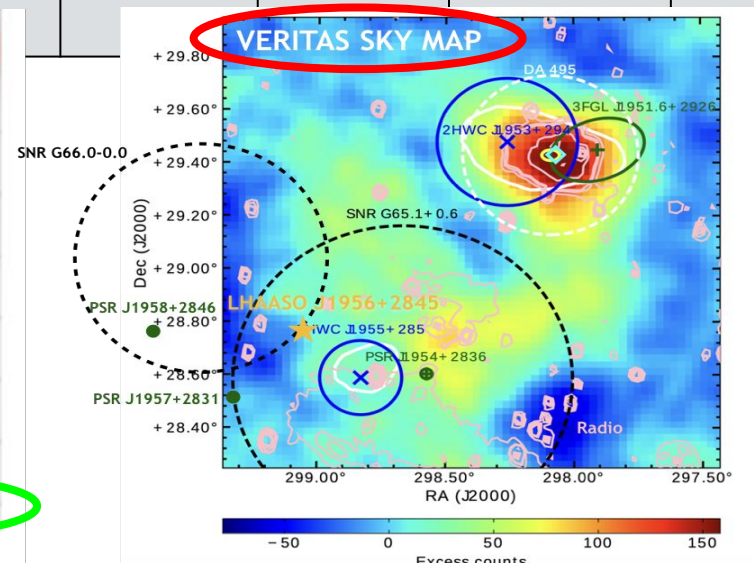
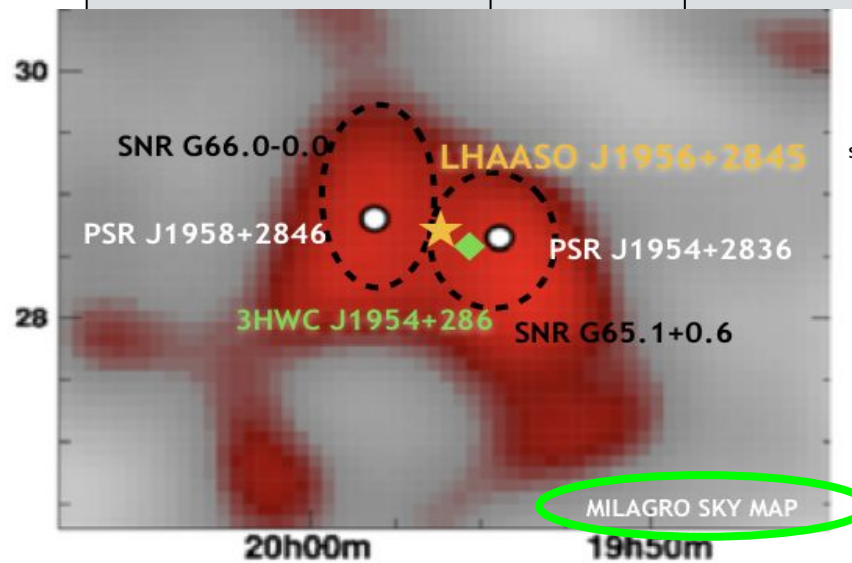
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TeV sources in the field

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	deg	deg		TeV		10^{-13} erg/cm ² /s
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MGRO J1954+28	298.61	28.65	4.3	35		7.3 ± 1.7
MGRO J1958+28	299.53	28.80	4.0	35		6.8 ± 1.7
3HWC J1954+286	298.70	28.63	6.9	4.8-119.7	-2.42 ± 0.12	$6.4 \pm$

In our data challenge, we simulated two distinctive sources, centred in the positions of the two pulsars, with a spatial Gaussian distribution, and a log-parabola spectrum.



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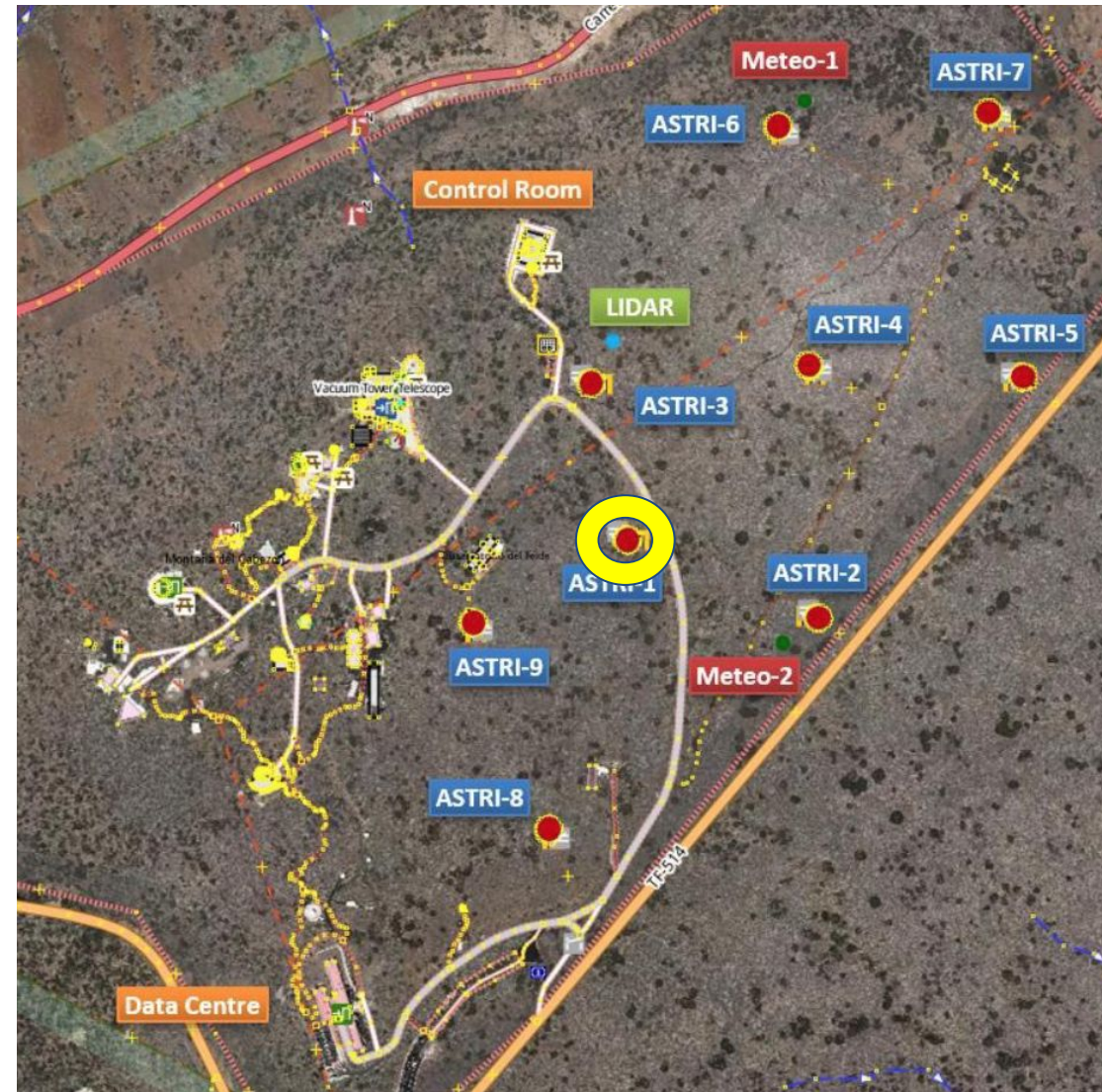


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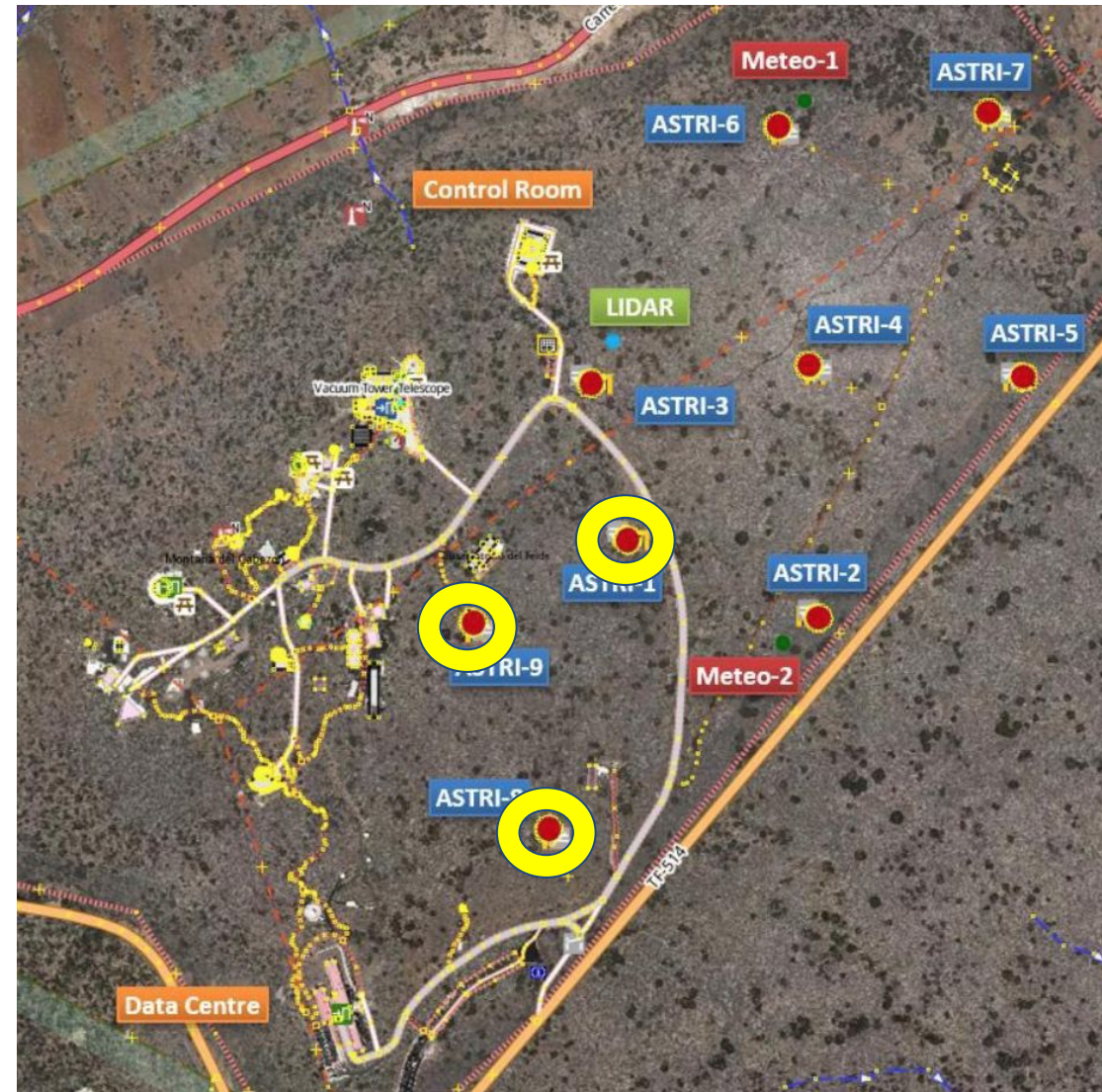
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ASTRI Mini-Array - Schedule



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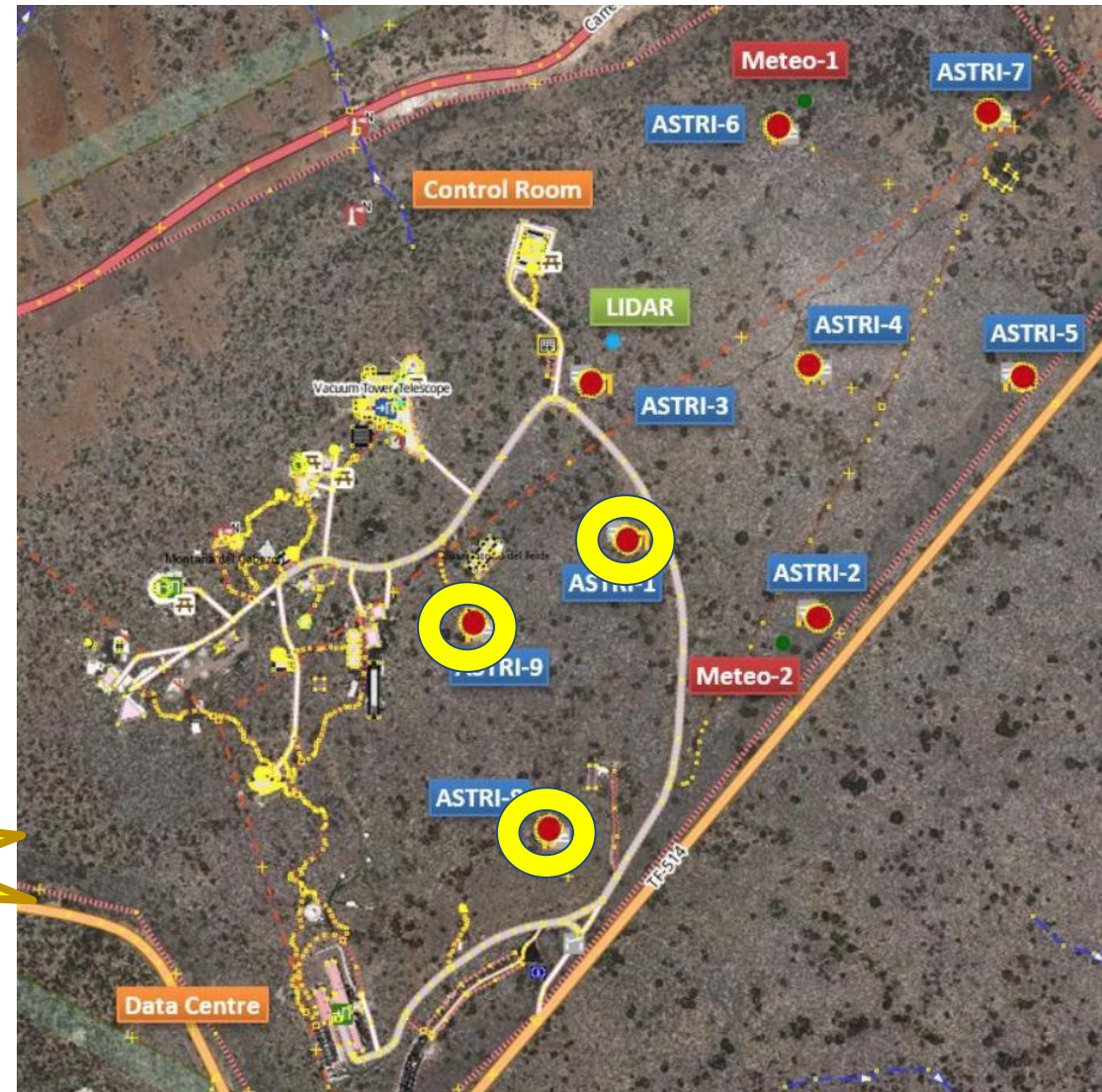
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Phase 2

- 3 Telescope Structures + Cameras

Late 2024

Early observations



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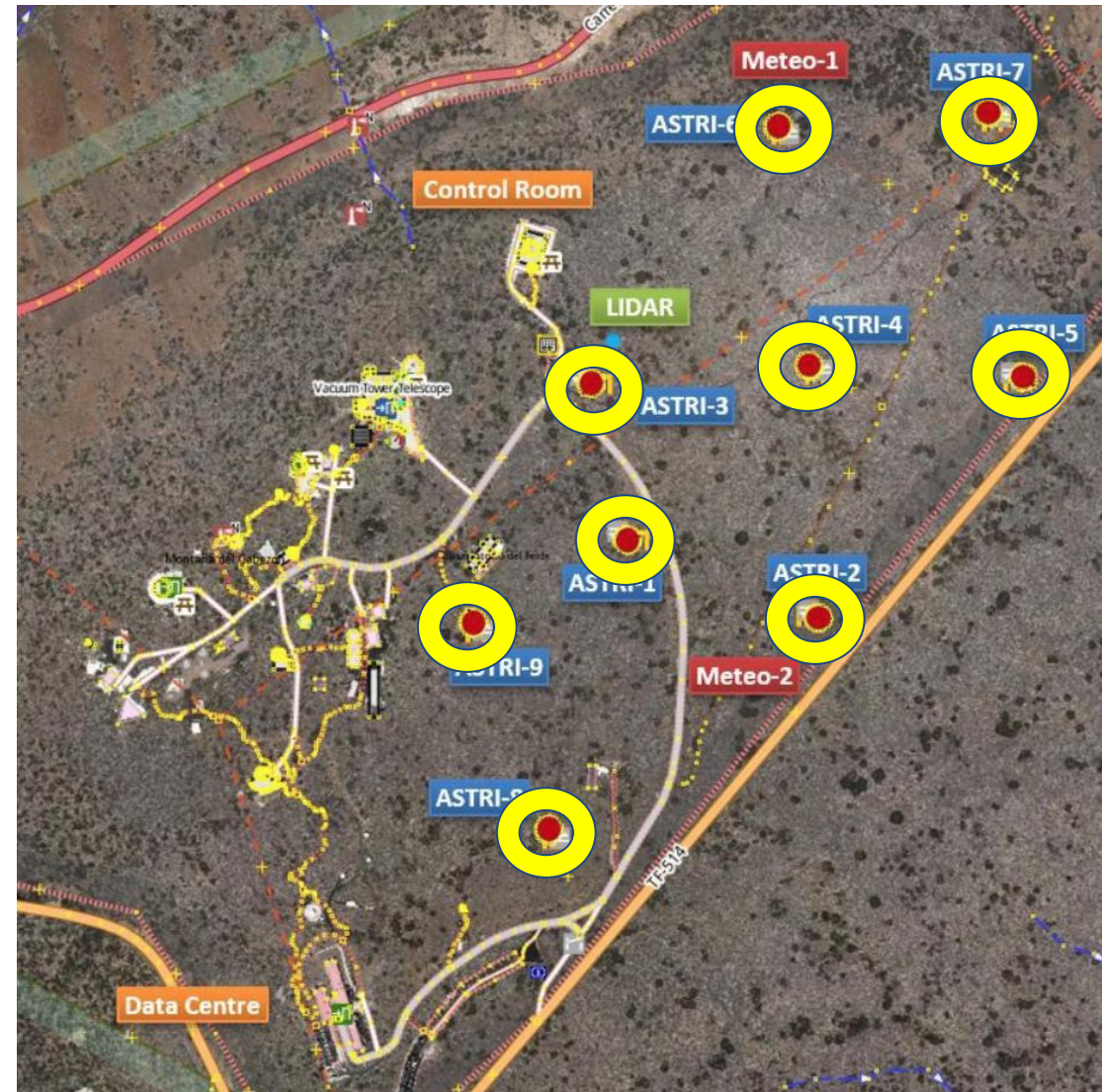
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Late 2024

Phase 3

- Full Array

Mid 2025



Conclusions

The observing plan will be focused on few (8-12) sky fields :

- *Large exposures (hundreds of hrs) on the selected sources*
- *On the Galactic plane we expect many field sources*
- *observing with half-moon is possible (!) increasing the available time by a factor 1.5*

The ASTRI Mini-Array will investigate with good angular and energetic resolution the most promising PeVatrons candidates

The cygnus region, LHAASO J1908, SNR G106, and other LHAASO sources will be crucial targets in the ASTRI Mini-Array observing strategy

Backup Slides

ASTRI Mini-Array @ Teide Observatory



- Under construction at the Observatorio del Teide (Tenerife), in collaboration with IAC
- Being **developed in all its aspects**, from design/implementation of all HW/SW components to dissemination of final scientific products
- Unprecedented performance and wide FoV for observations at **multi-TeV energy scale**
- **Core Science Program** in the first 3 years
- **Important synergies** with other Northern ground-based gamma-ray facilities (LHAASO, HAWC, MAGIC, VERITAS, CTAO-N)



“Pillar” Sources

from Vercellone et al.

Pillar 1 Origin of CRs

- PeVatrons
- CRs Propagation
- Pulsar Wind Nebulae

Name	Type	Exposure (Hrs)
Tycho Snr	SNR	400
Gal. Center	Diffuse	260
VER J1907	SNR+PWN	500
G106.3+2.7	SNR	200
γ-Cygni	SNR	500
W28	SNR/MC	500
M82	Starburst	400
Crab	PWN	300
Geminga	PWN	500

Pillar 2 Cosmology and Fund. Physics

IC 310	Radio gal	10-500
M87	Radio gal	10-500
Mkn 501	Blazar	5-500
1ES 0229+200	Blazar	200-250

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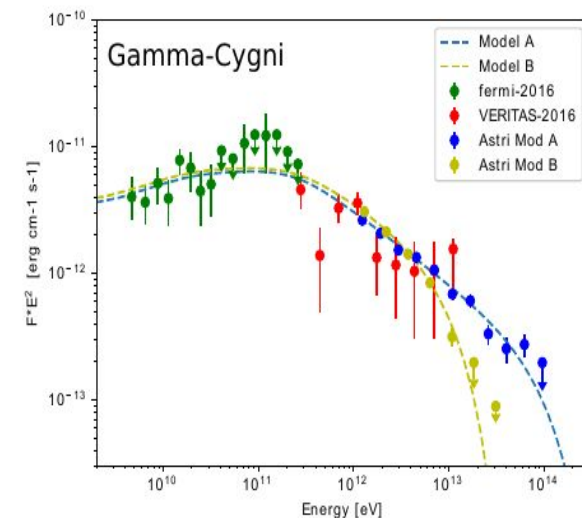


Figure 15: γ -ray spectrum of γ -Cygni. Data are from Fermi-LAT and VERITAS while theoretical models A and B (described in the text) are showed with dashed curves. Blue and yellow dots show the ASTRI Mini-Array simulations for model A and B, respectively, for 500 hr of exposure.

Observing Plan : an example

Per year :

Moonless Night Hours	1565
Fraction of clear nights (<20% cloud)	0,79
Loss due to bad weather	0,04
Loss due to "Calima"	0,07
Average Annual Observation Time	1100

Availability: 91%

Uptime: 1000 h

Downtime 100 h

Mean Dead Time: 20 h

5 Failures at system level per year

Duty Cycle: 13% defined as AAOT/Hours yr

*on 3 years : 3300 -3000 hours
(moonless)*

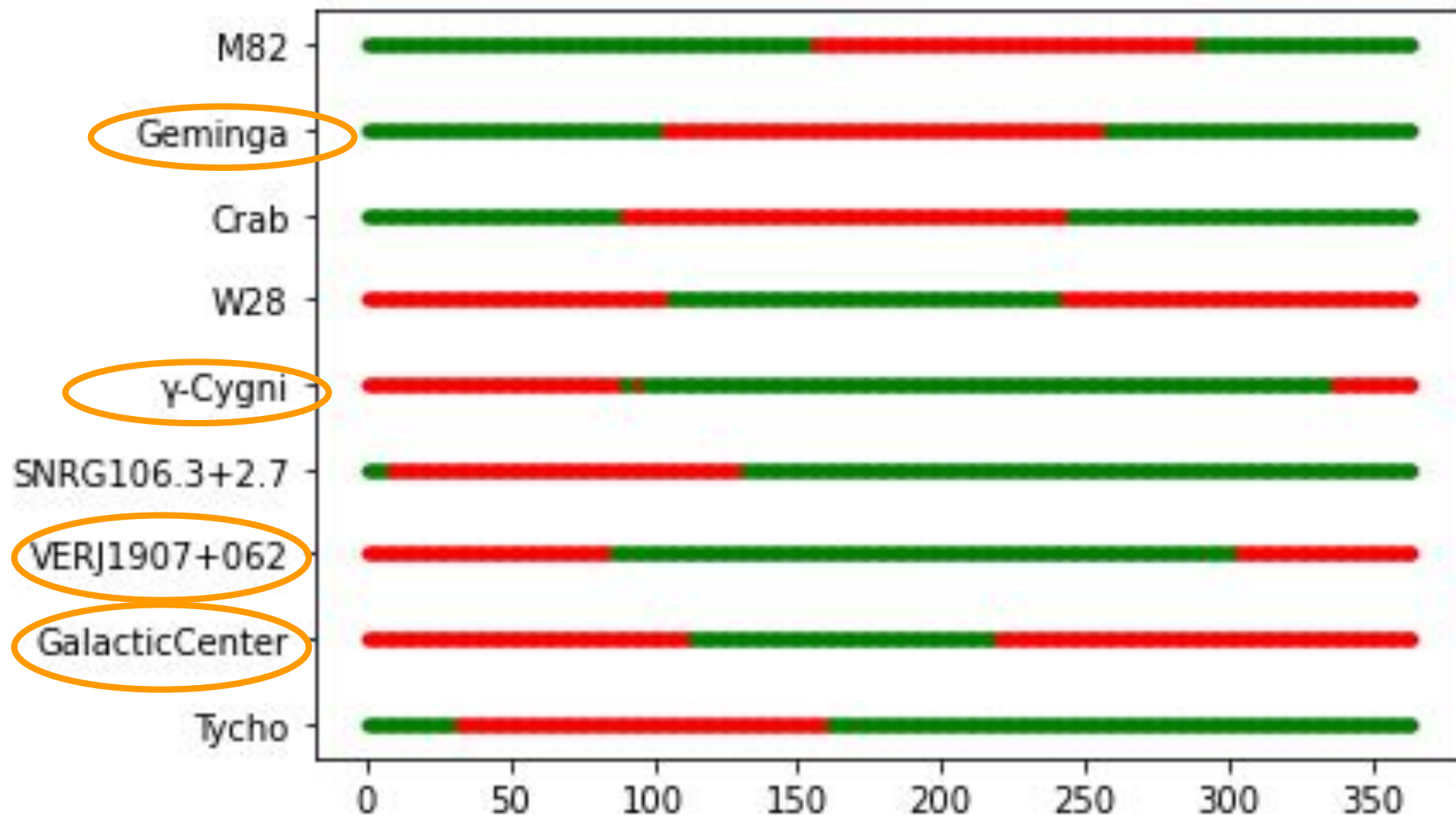
Time budget (Hrs):

Pillar 1 2000

- Pevatrons 1000
- CRs diffusion 500
- PWNe 500

Pillar 2 1300

Observing Plan : an example

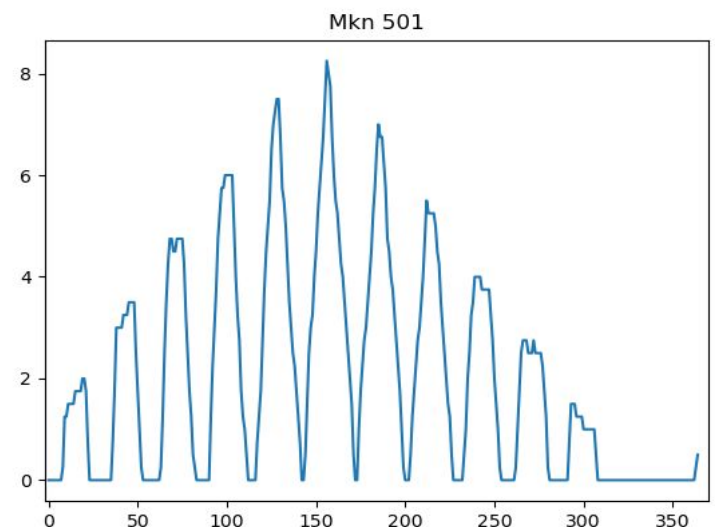
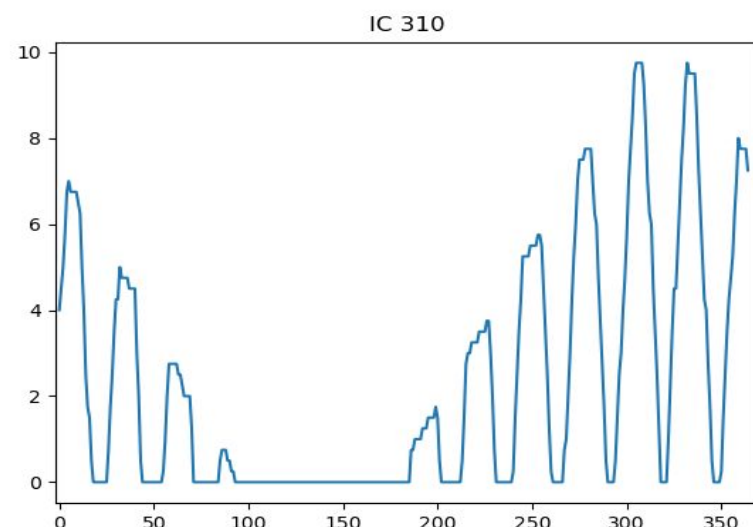
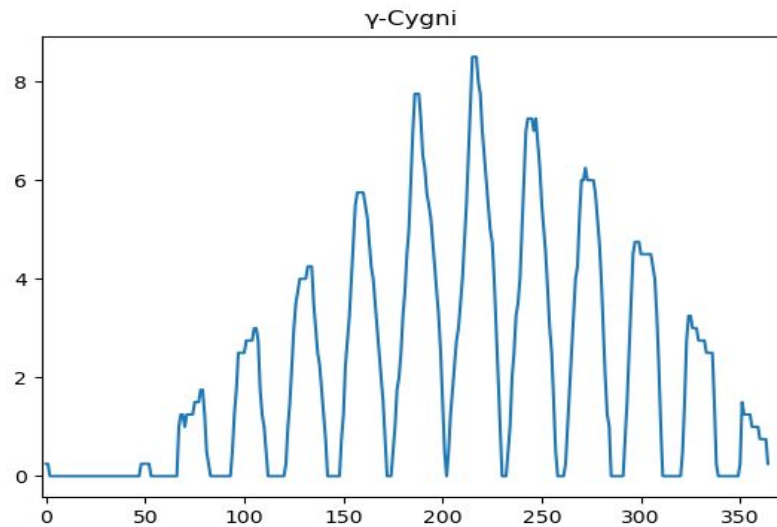
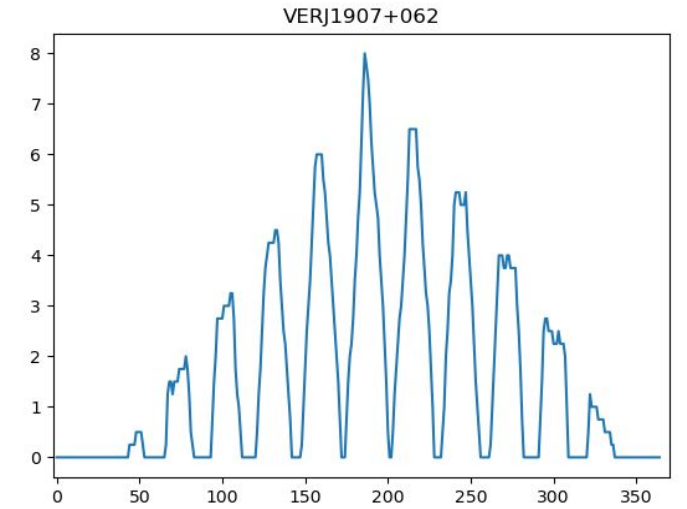
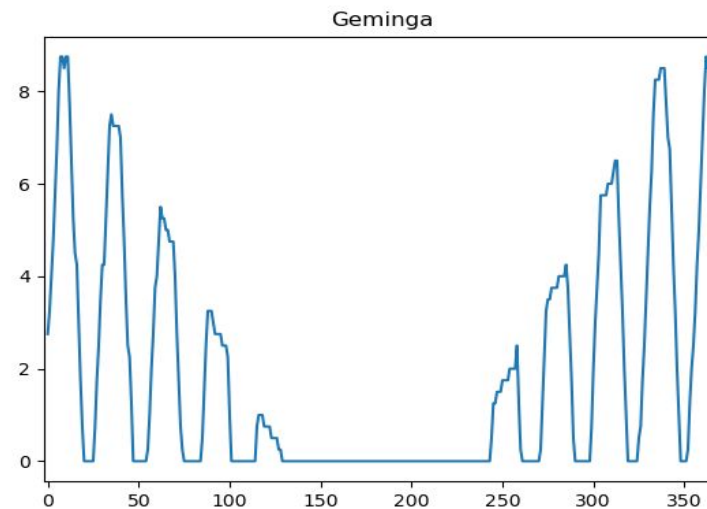
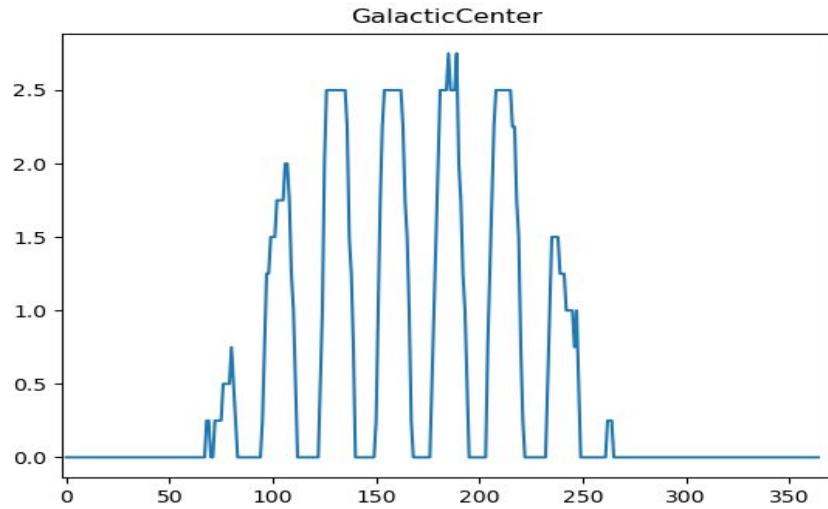


plus :

IC 310

Mrk 501

Observing Plan . Visibility in 2024



Observing Plan

Hours per year (2024) :

<i>Geminga</i> :	148.25
<i>Mkn 501</i> :	144.5
<i>g-Cygni (1)</i> :	26.75
<i>Gal Center</i> :	138.0
<i>VER J1907+062</i> :	142.5
<i>g-Cygni (2)</i> :	91.75
<i>IC 310</i> :	180.0

Over 3 years :

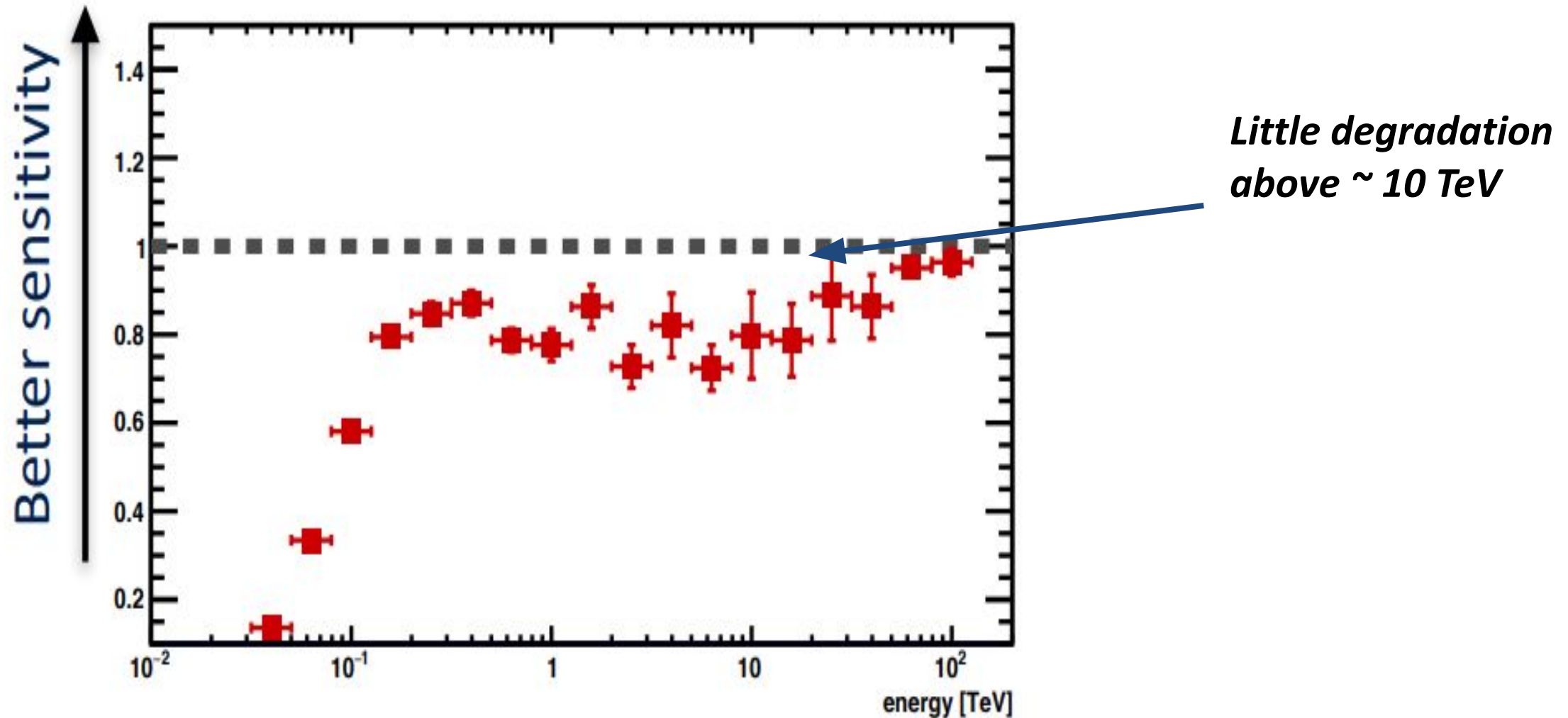
P1 :	1641.75
Pevatrons :	841.5
CRs diffusion :	355.5
PWNe :	444.75
P2 :	973.5

Time budget :

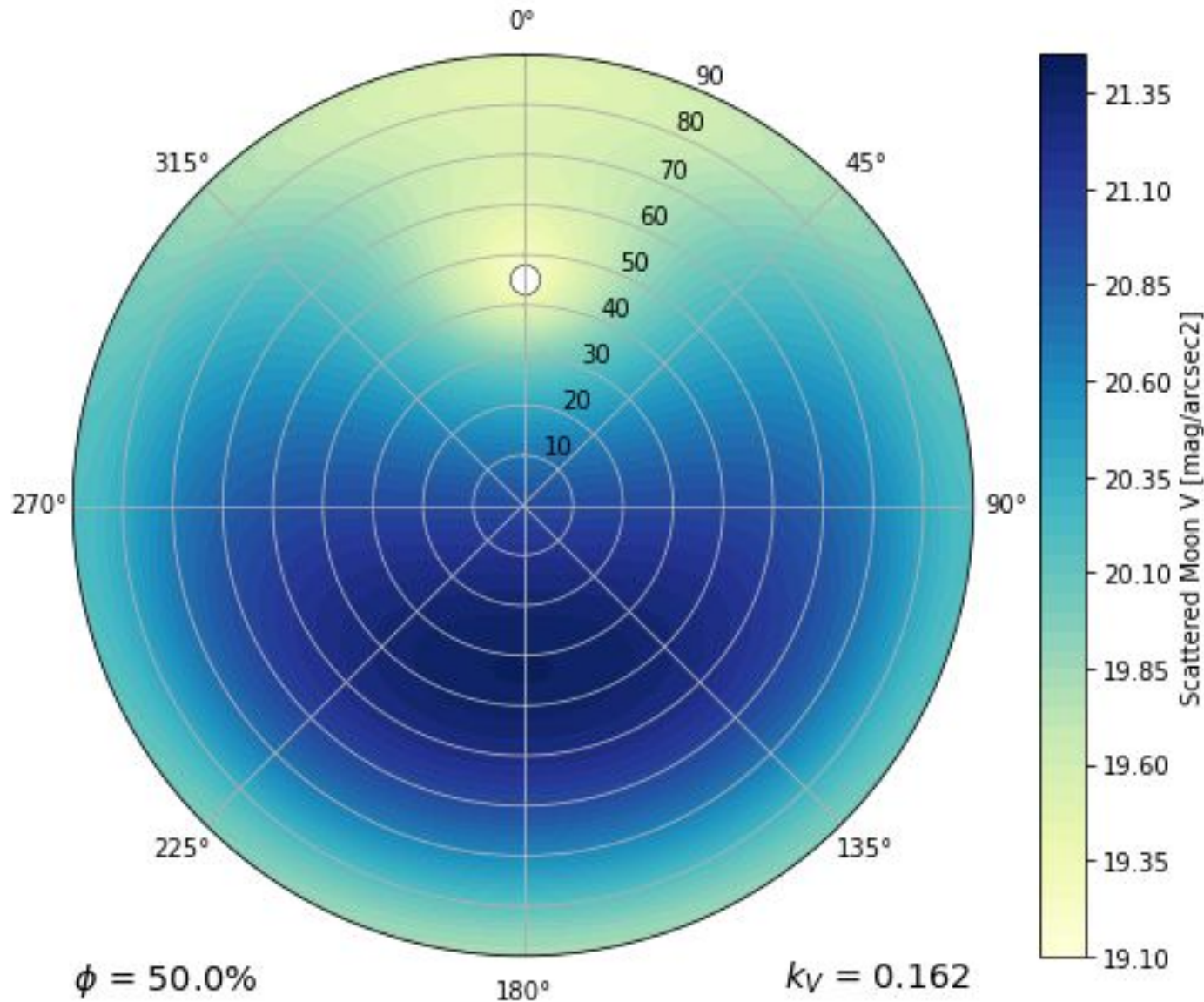
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- Pevatroni	1000
- CRs diffusion	500
- PWNe	500

Pillar 2	1300
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Observing Plan - MoonLight (CTA)



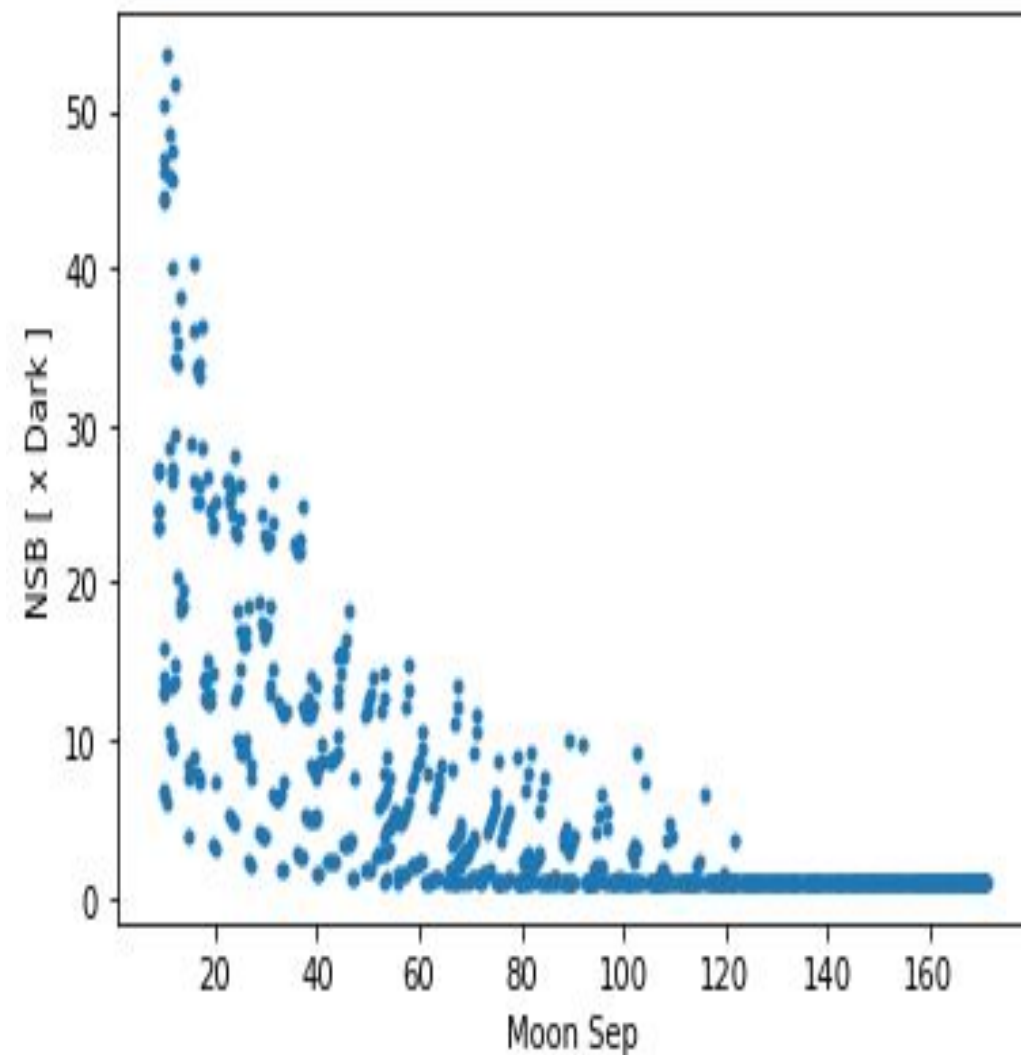
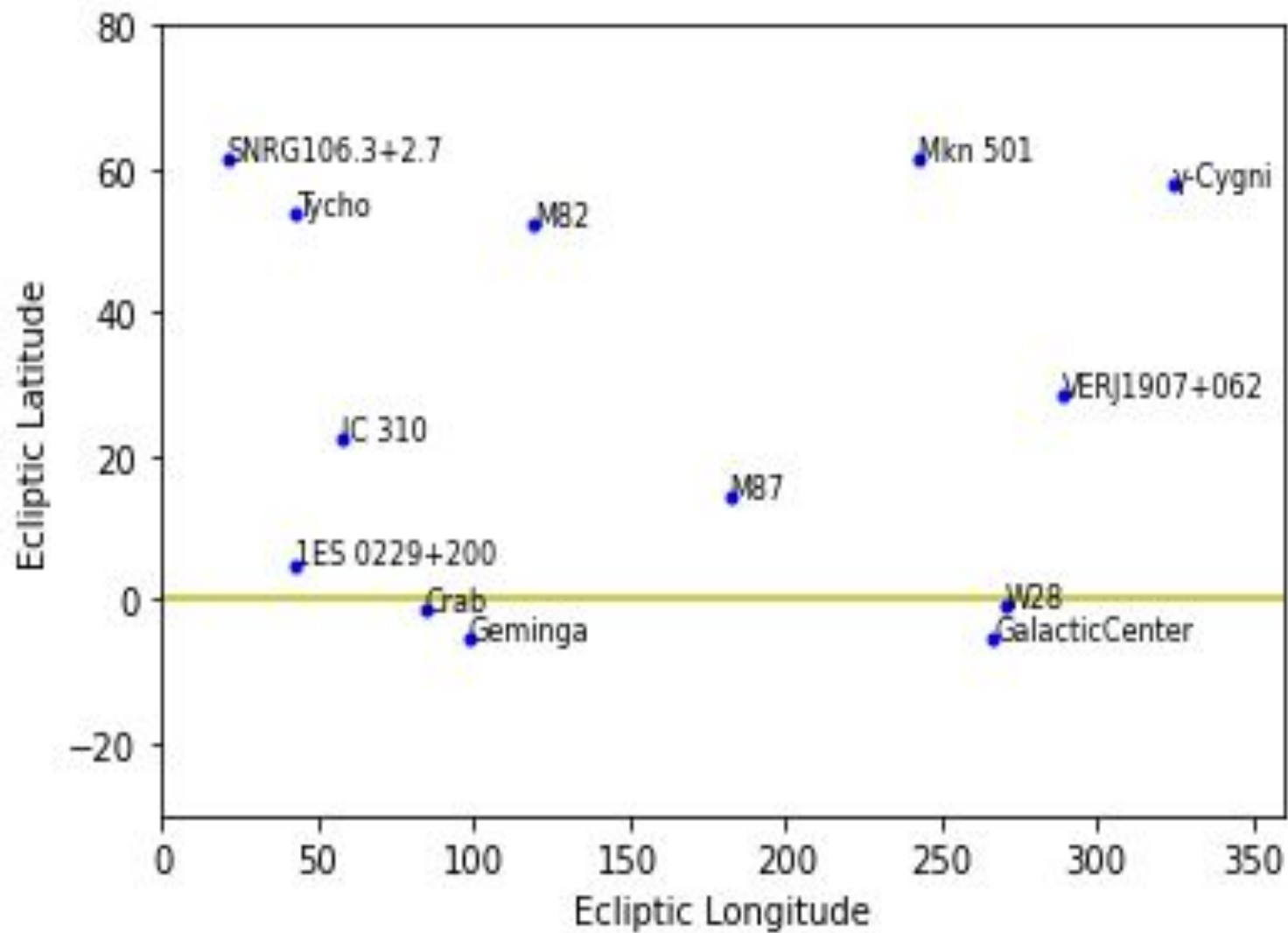
MoonLight



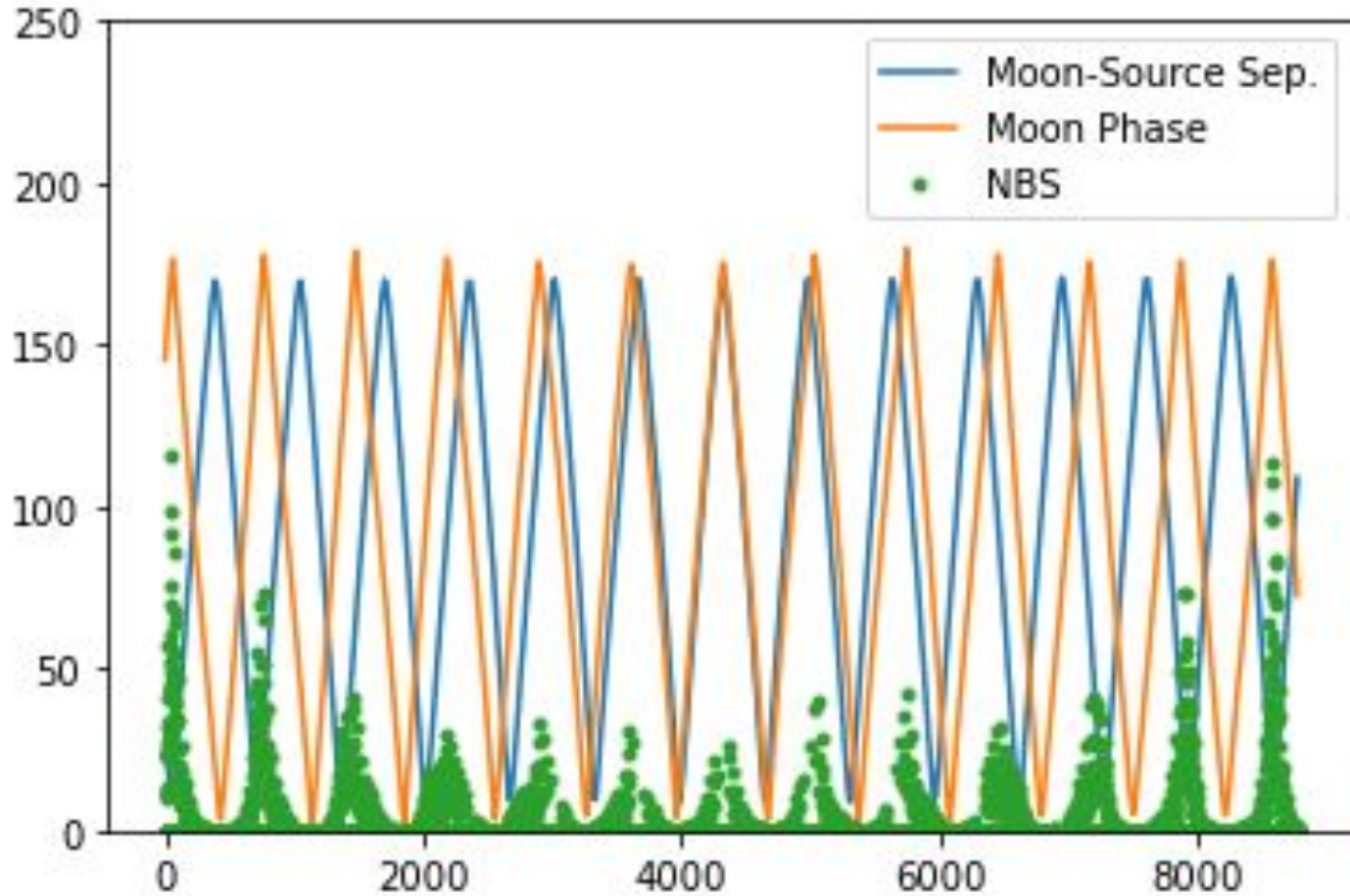
- SpecSim
(<https://specsime.readthedocs.io>)
- Based on the model by **Krisciunas&Schaefer**

Brightness in V [mag/arcsec ²]			
	SkyCalc	SpecSim	diff Fluxes
<i>halfmoon_sep20</i>	20.04	20.03	0.9 %
<i>halfmoon_sep40</i>	20.47	20.52	4.7 %
<i>halfmoon_sep60</i>	20.68	20.75	6.7 %
<i>fullmoon_sep40</i>	18.33	18.30	2.8 %

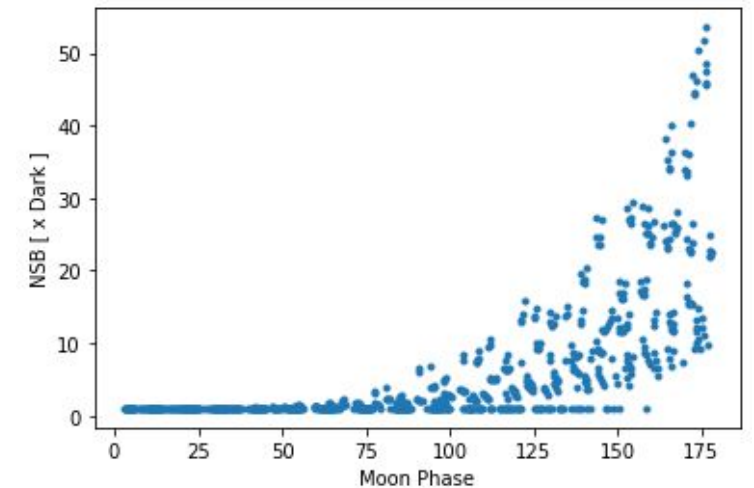
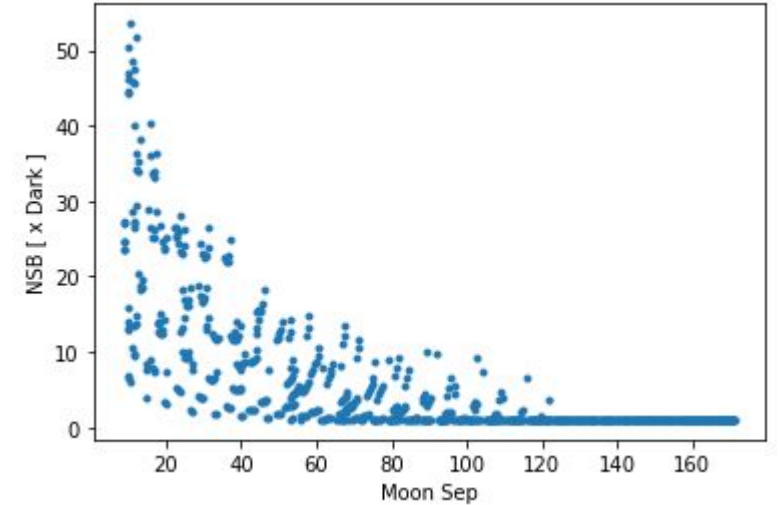
Observing under MoonLight



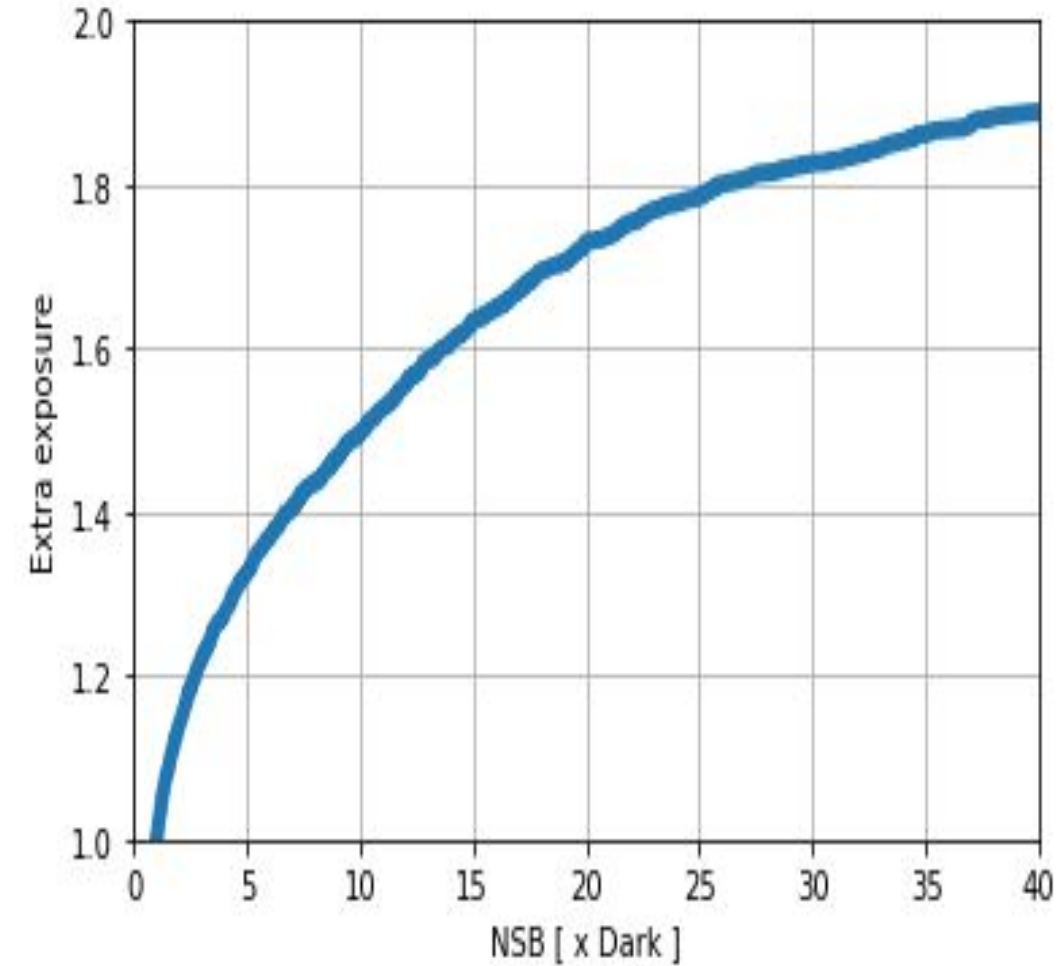
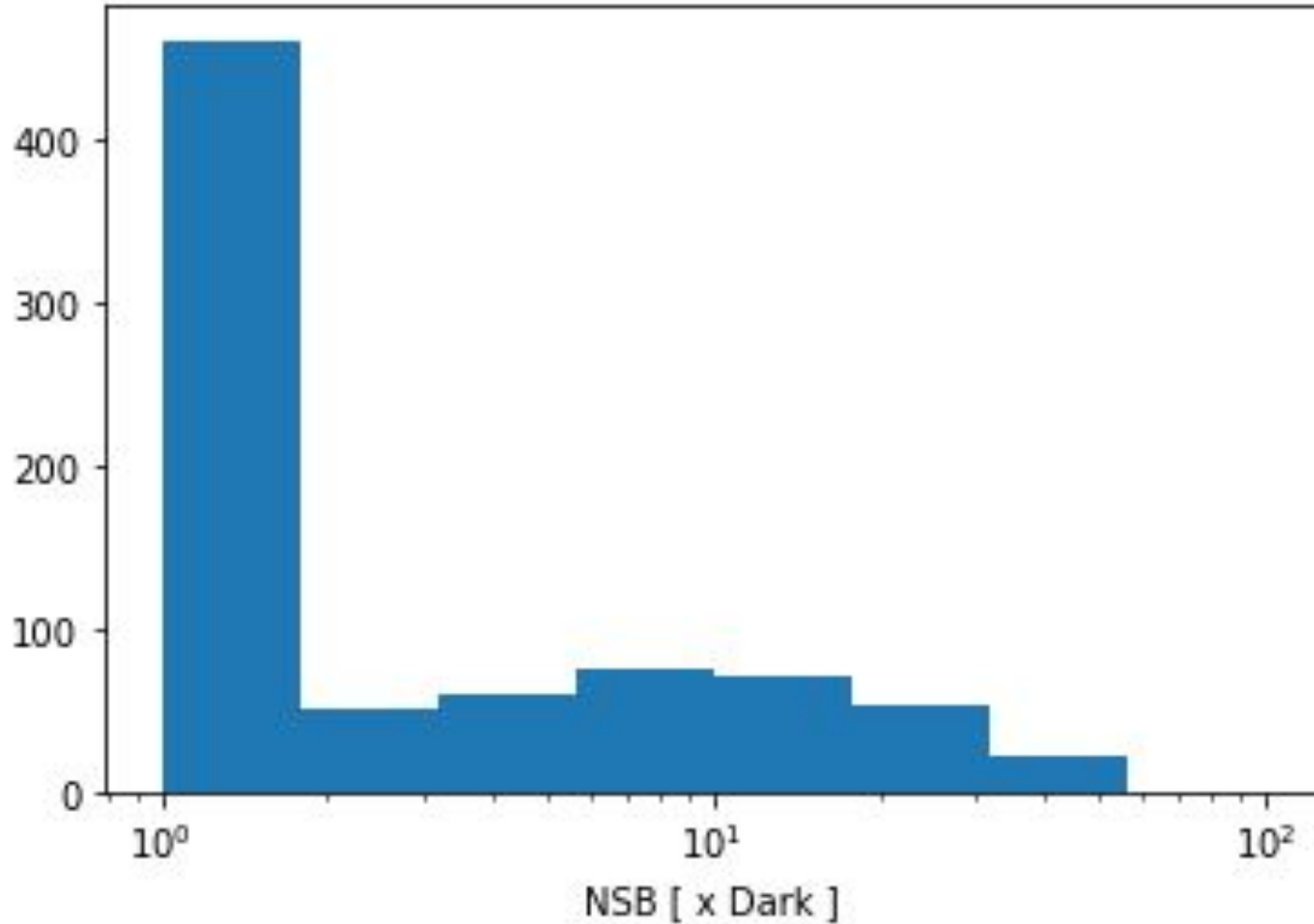
Observing Plan - MoonLight - Geminga Halo



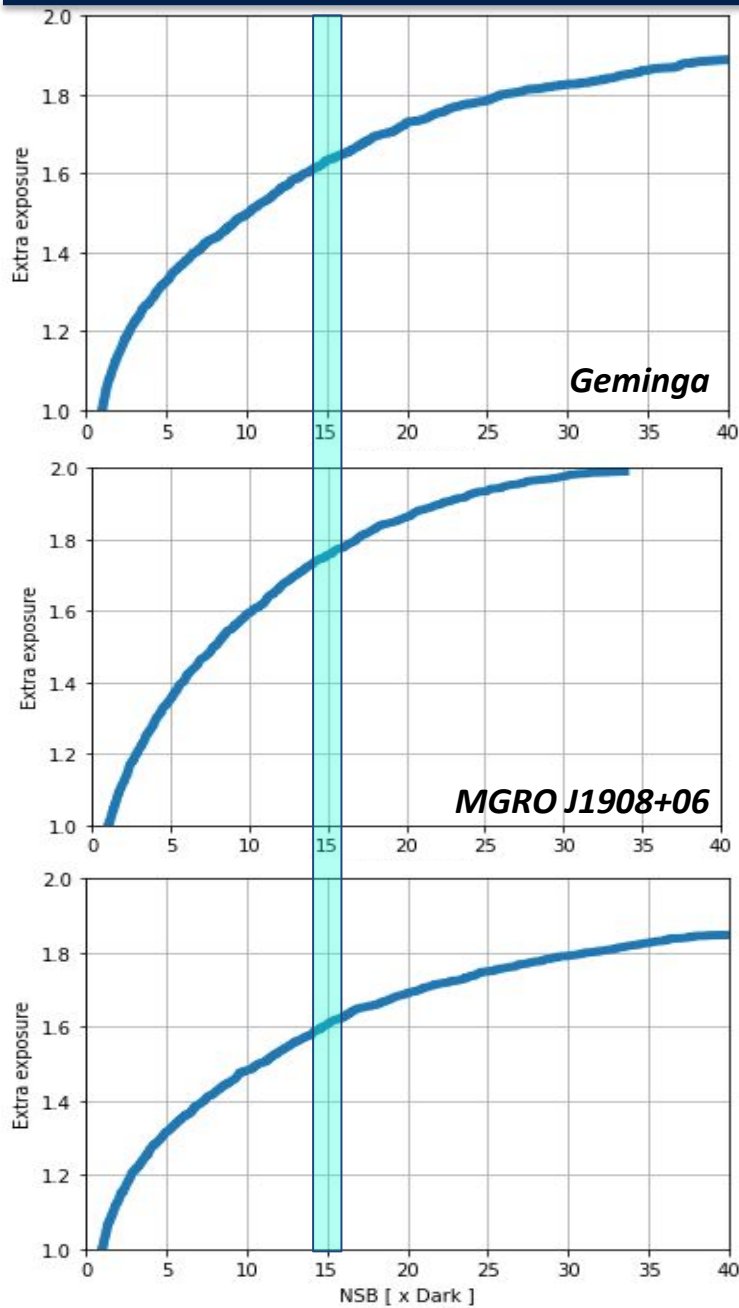
- For year 2026
- Dark : $m_V = 21.55$



Observing Plan - MoonLight - Geringa Halo



Observing under MoonLight



Dark NSB : **0.24** *ph / cm² ns sr*

in the band 300-650 nm

15 x Dark NSB : **3.6** *ph / cm² ns sr*

corresponding to : **~ 1 GHz** *on one camera pixel*

~ 50-70 %

Observing Plan - Large FOV → sec. targets

Lot of TeV sources in the Observing-Plan fields, for example :

GC	SNR G0.9+0.
VERJ1907	W 49B, SS 433, 2HWC J1902+048
gamma-Cygni	2HWC J2024+417
Geminga	IC 443

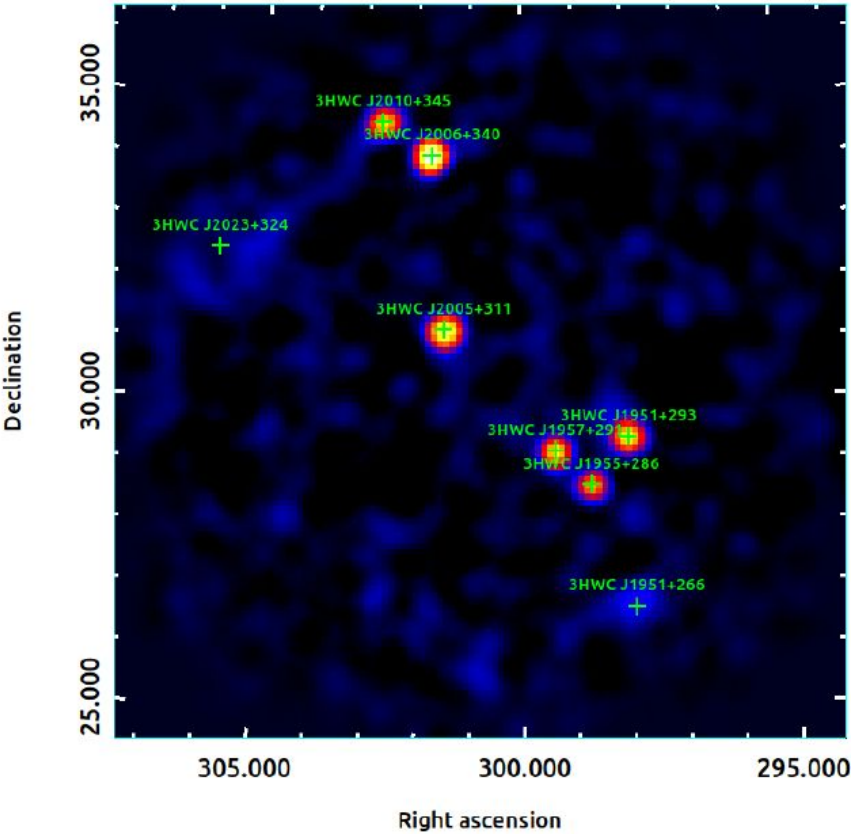


Figure 13: ASTRI Mini-Array 200 hr simulation of the Cygnus Region. Green crosses mark the positions of the 3HWC sources in a 10° × 10° field of view (see text for details).

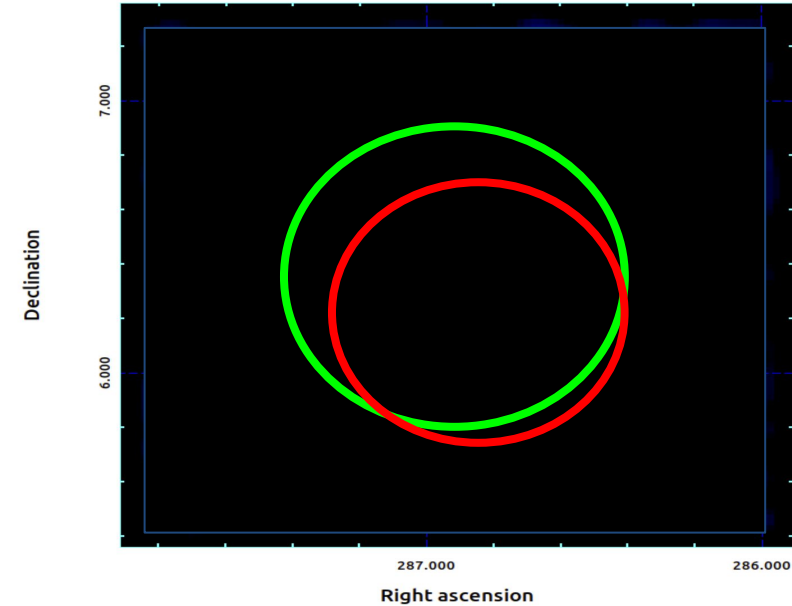
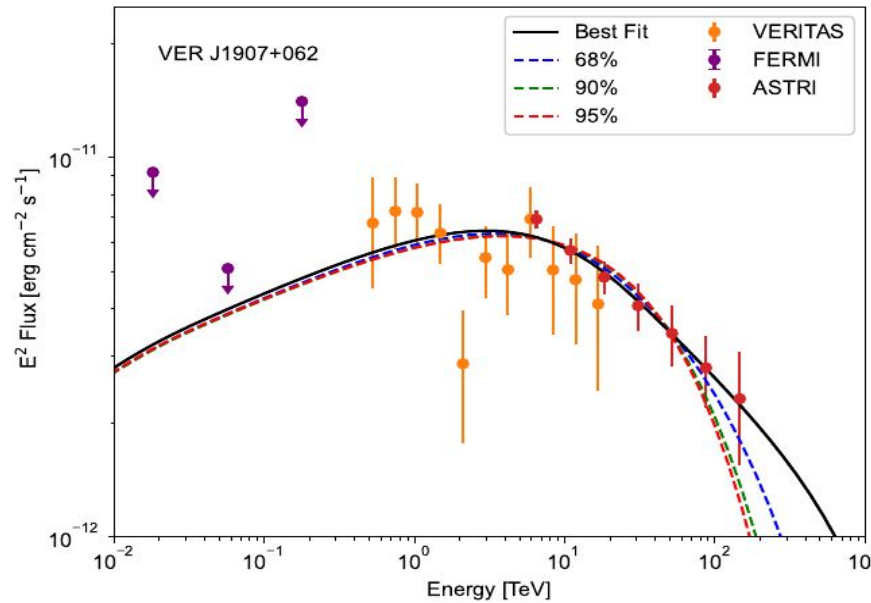
ASTRI - LHAASO synergies

ASTRI will be able to characterize the LHAASO sources with good angular and spectral resolution

LHAASO observations can help ASTRI to choose the best targets on the sky to observe with deep exposures

Follow up of LHAASO sources : the case of J1908+0621

ASTRI Mini-Array 200
hr simulation (up to
 $E \sim 200$ TeV)
of [2HWC J1908+063](#)



The light green
circle marks the
 $\sim 0.52^\circ$ HAWC
error-box

VER 2016+361 -

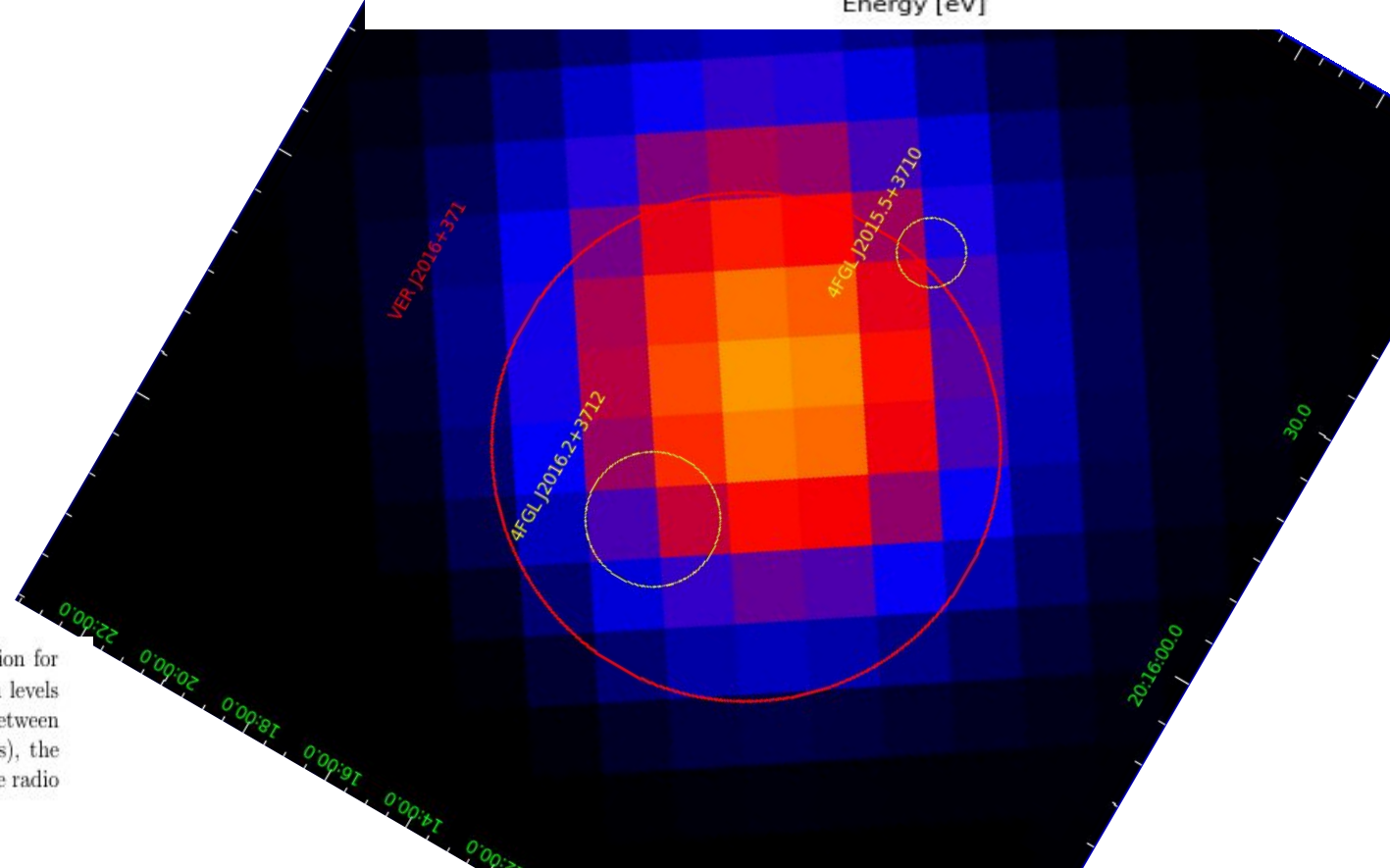
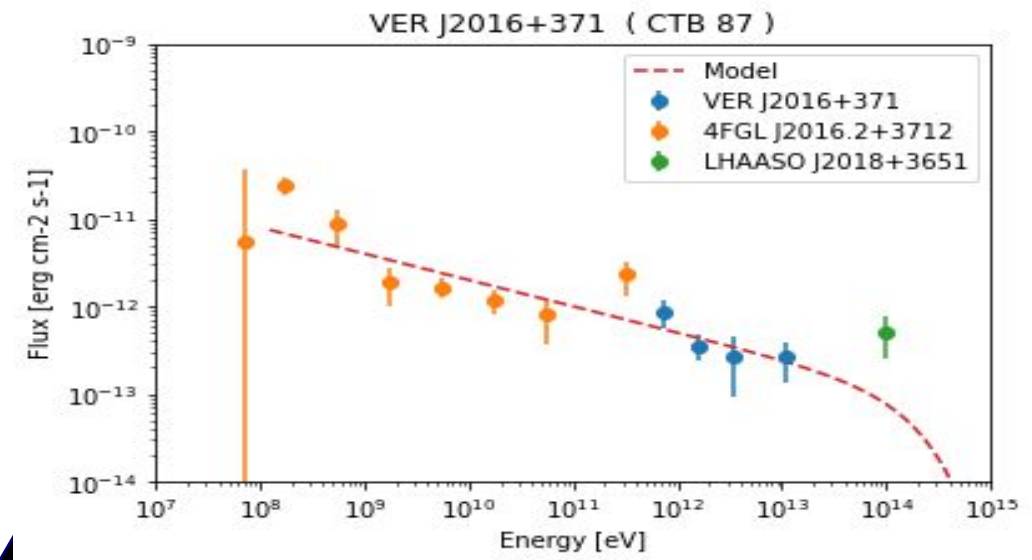
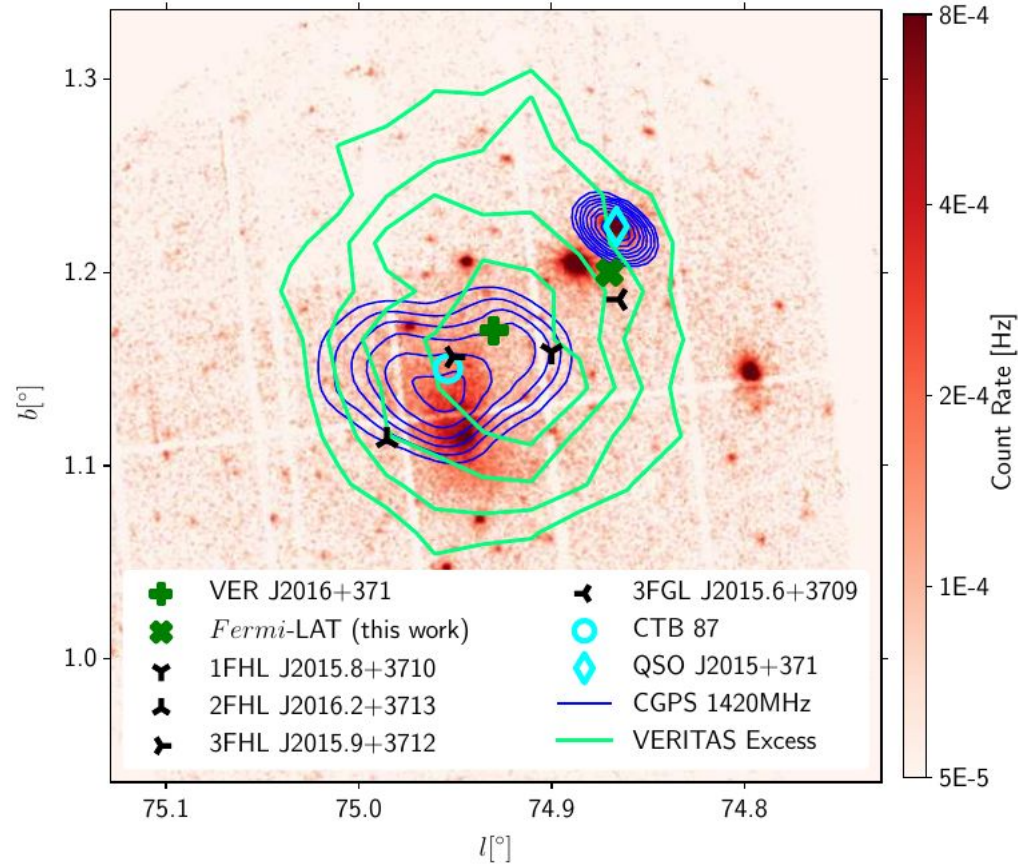
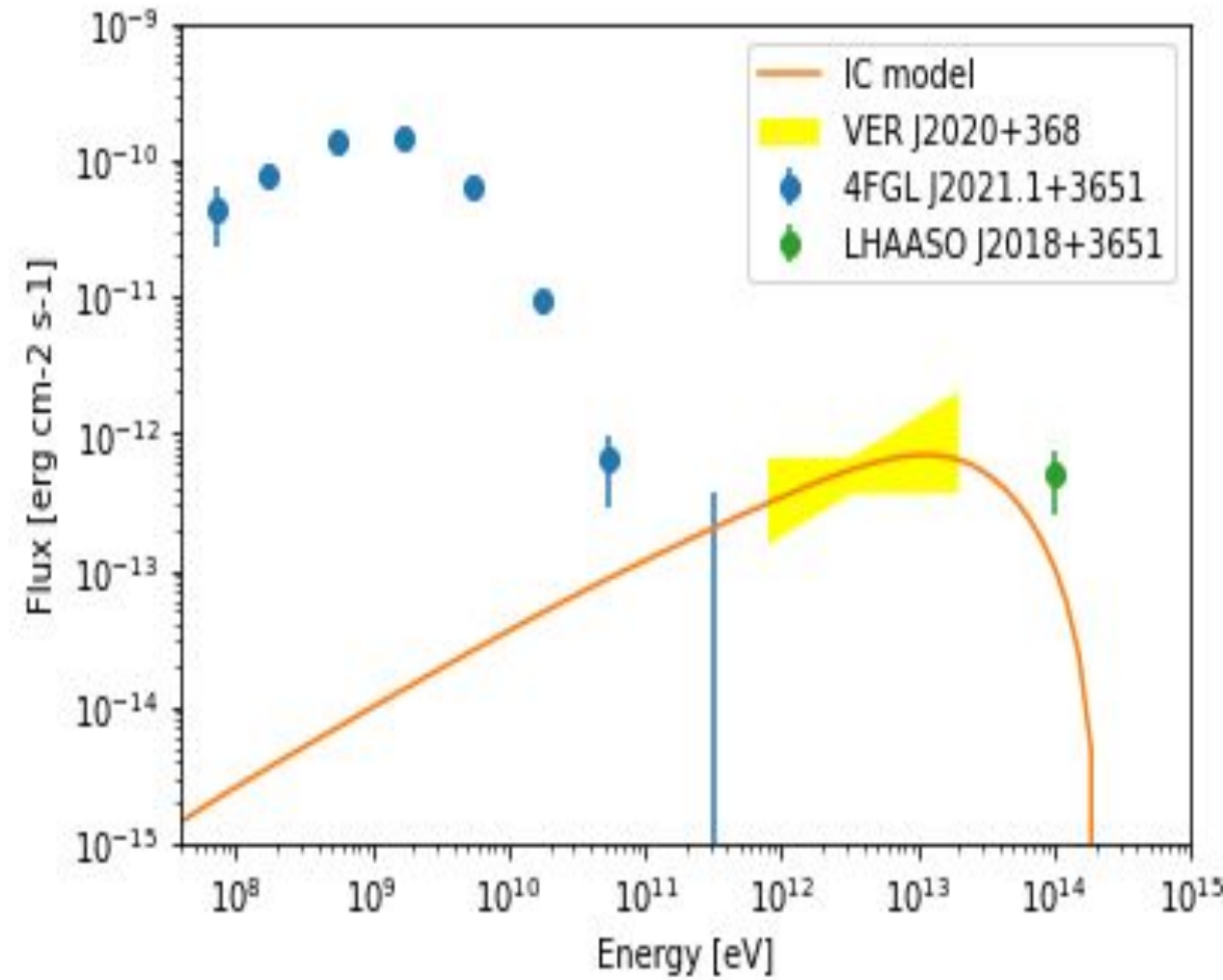
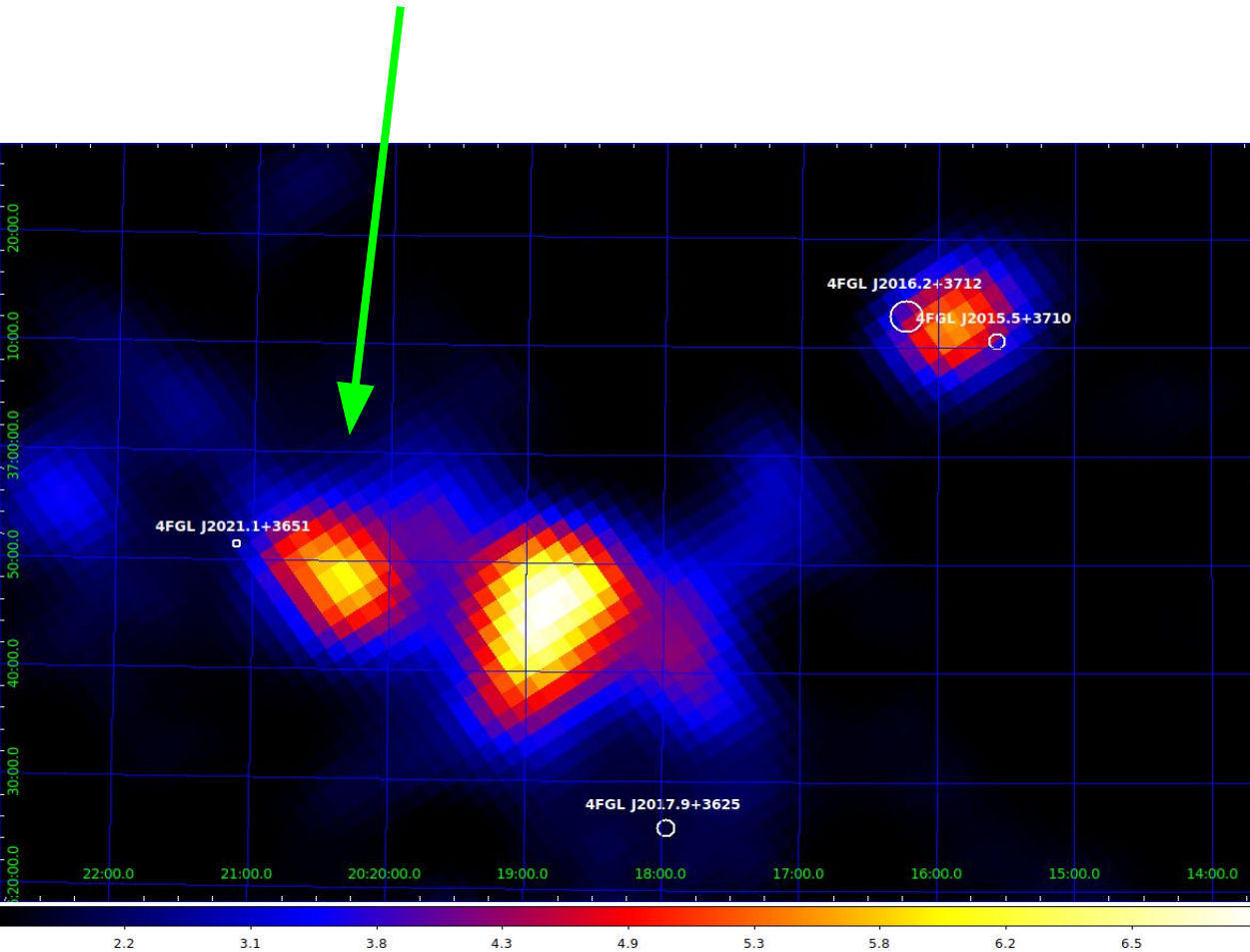


Figure 17. XMM-Newton counts (red color scale, observation id. 0744640101, no background subtraction nor correction for variation in exposure across the FoV has been applied). VERITAS excess with the *Point* integration region is shown in levels of ten counts starting at 30 (bright green) along with CGPS 1420 MHz contours (eight logarithmically spaced levels between brightness temperatures 20 and 150 K (Taylor et al. 2003), dark blue). The locations of VER J2016+371 (green plus), the Fermi-LAT position from this work (green cross) and the positions from the different catalogs (black tri symbols) and the radio locations of CTB 87 (cyan o) and QSO J2015+371 (cyan diamond) are shown for comparison.

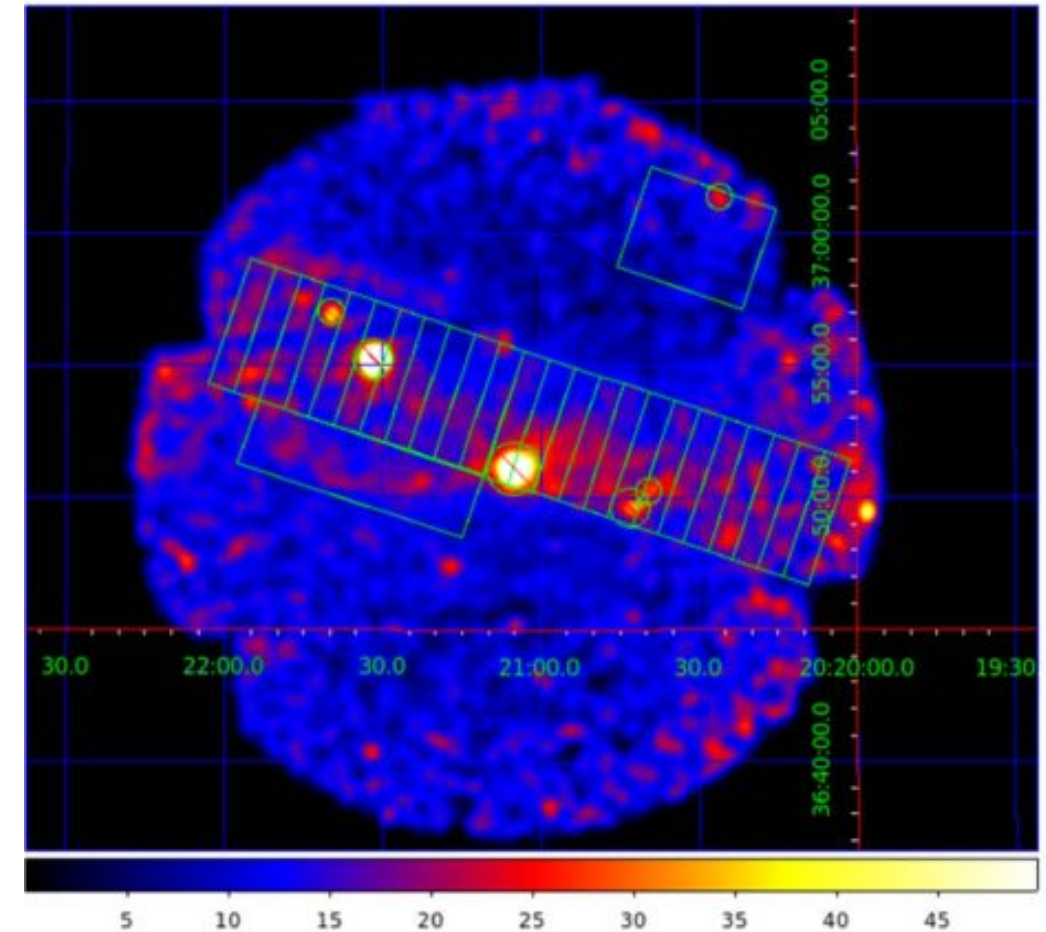
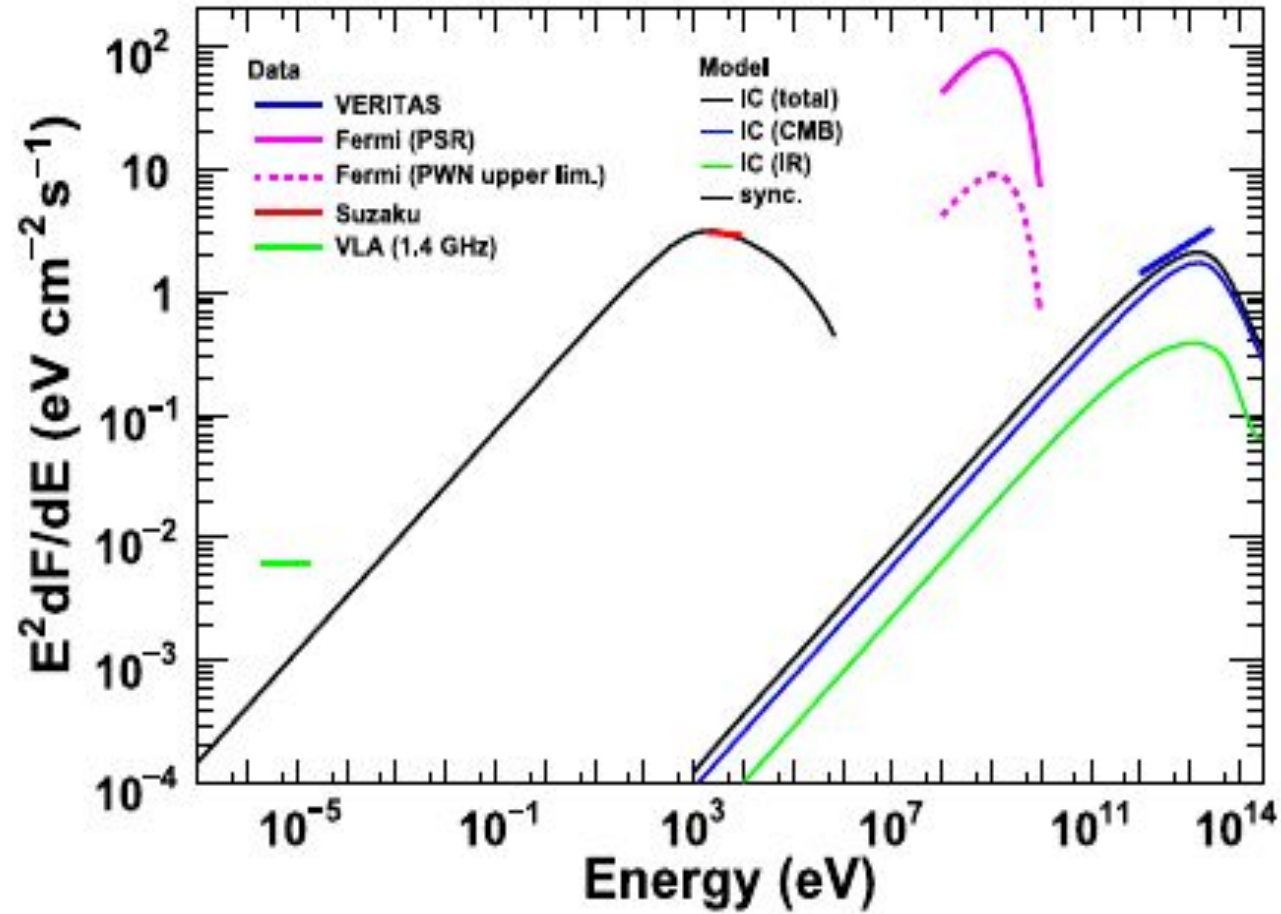
VER 2020+368



VER 2020+368

Mizuno et al.

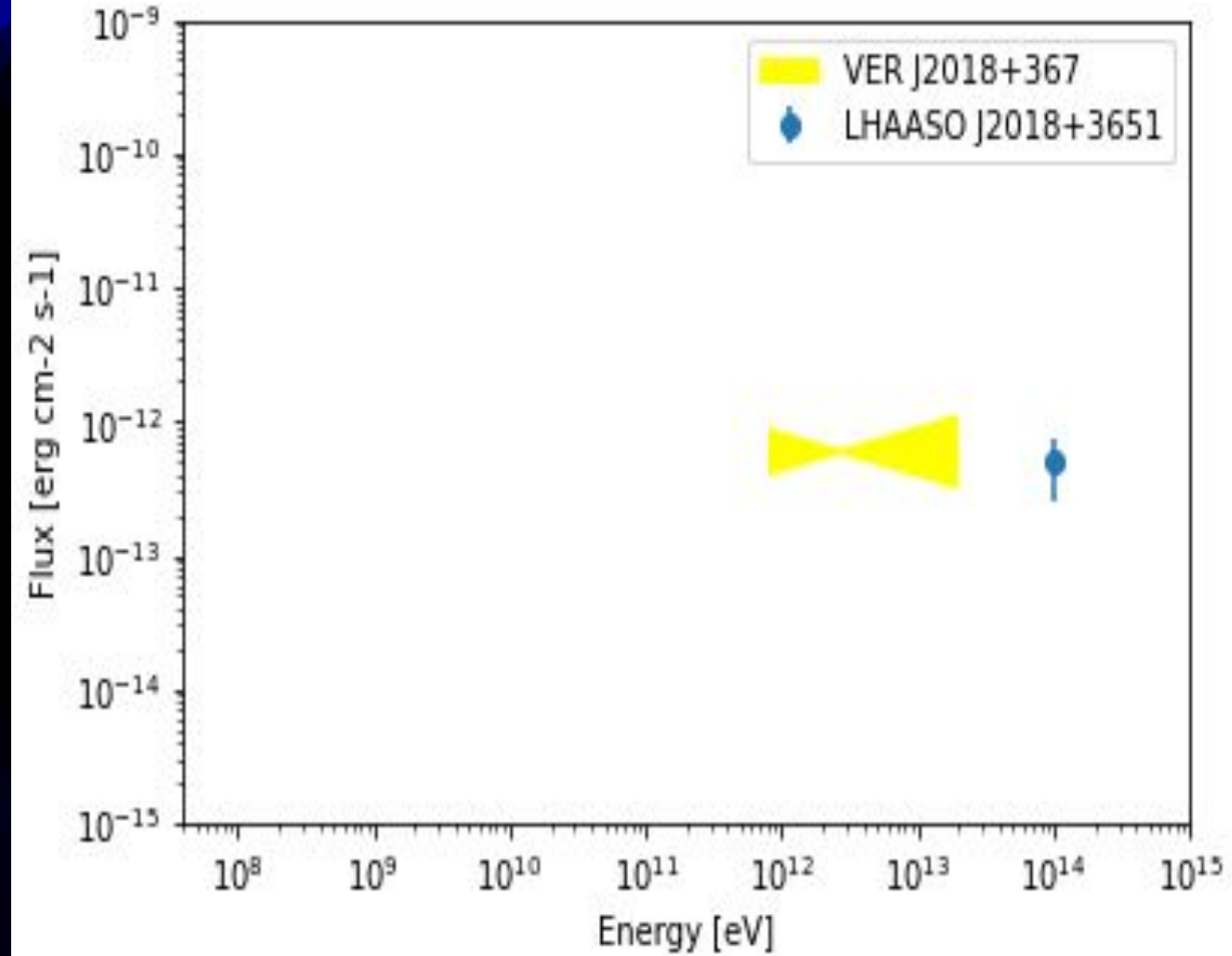
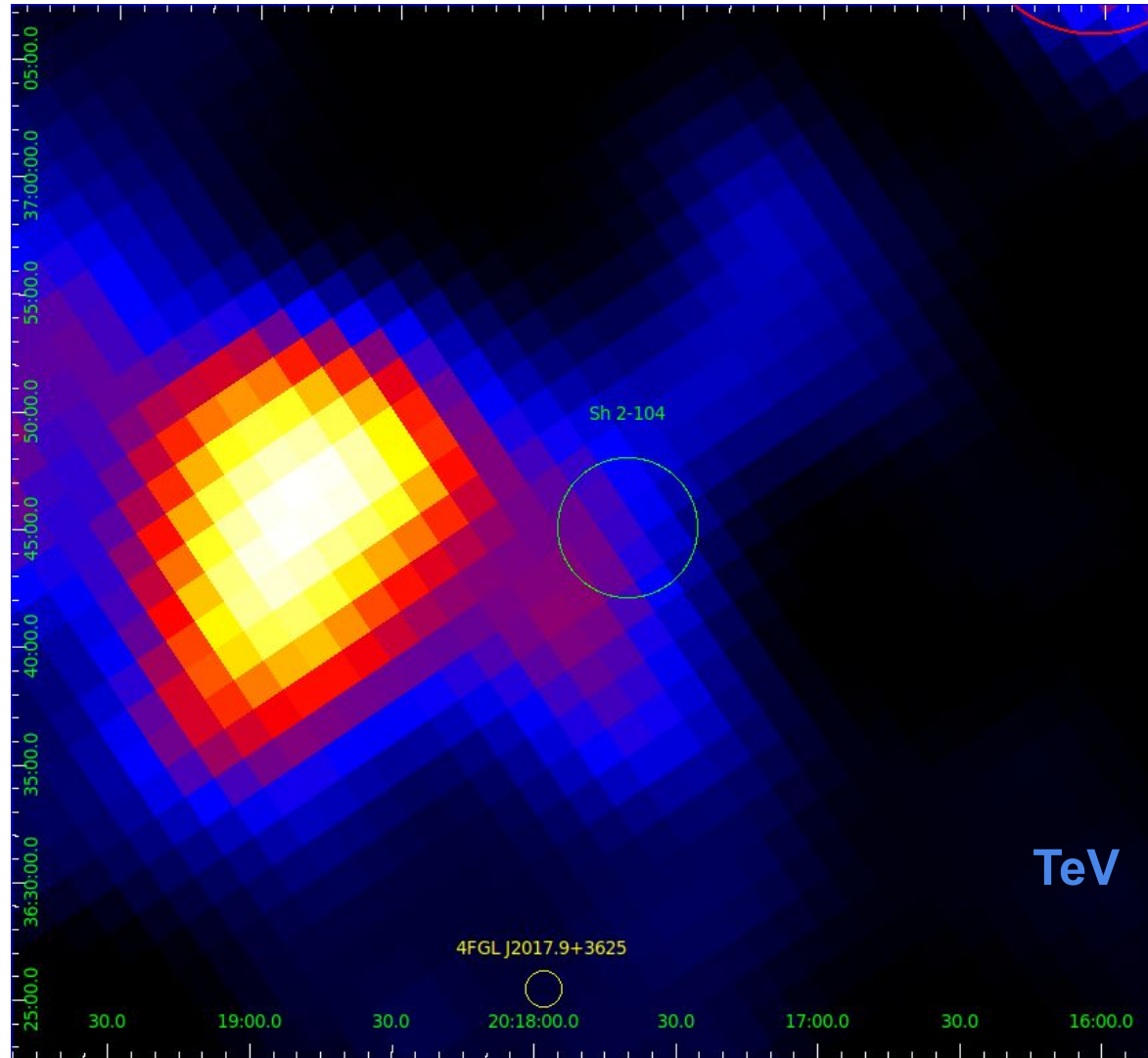
THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 841:104 (14pp), 2017 June 1



Da aggiornare :

- VERITAS : e' lo spettro vecchio (2014) sovrastimato
- u.l. fermi
- radio VLA ?

VER 2018+367



VER 2018+367

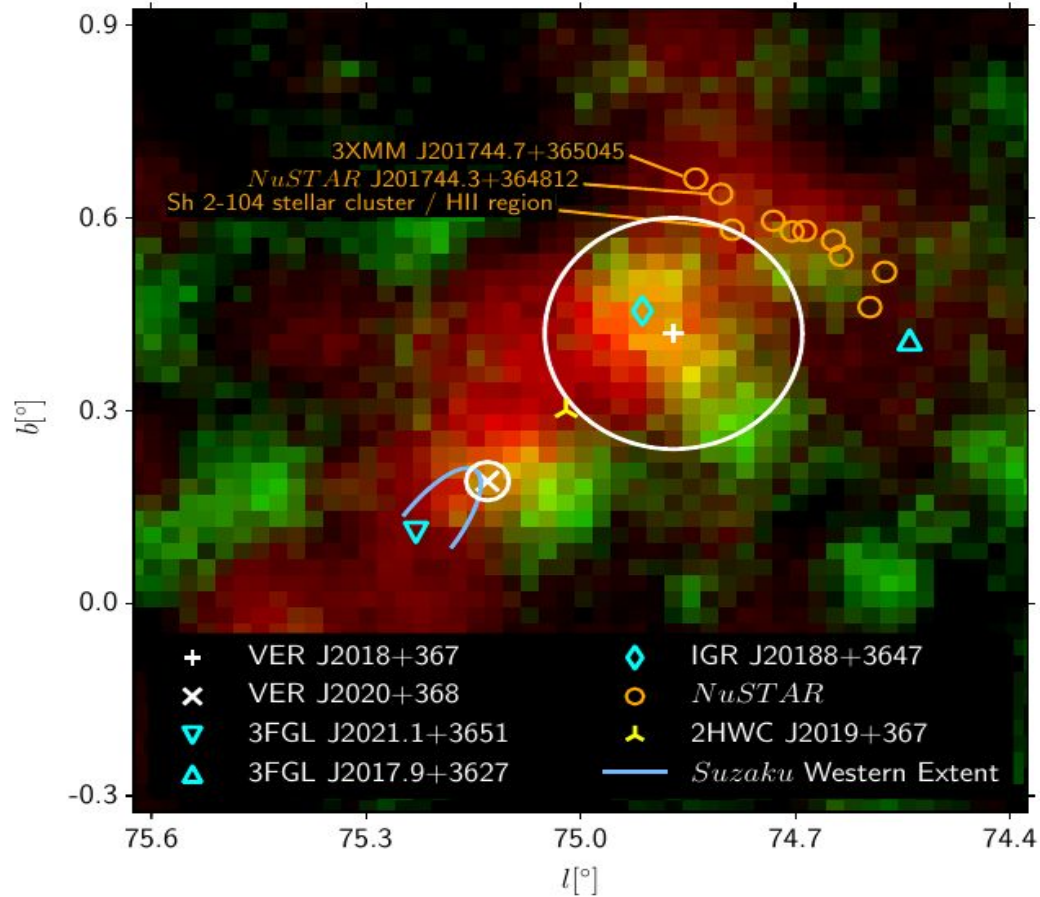


Figure 14. Energy dependent excess map at >1000 GeV (red) and <1000 GeV (green) for the region around VER J2019+368 produced using the *Point* integration region, the transition from black to color is an excess ≥ 0 with a maximum excess >1000 GeV of 70 counts and a maximum excess <1000 GeV of 30 counts. Unlike Aliu et al. (2014b) there is no evidence of a region of lower energy emission to the south of the extended emission from VER J2019+368. This is either due to the higher energy threshold employed in this analysis reducing the sensitivity to low energy emission in this region or the earlier result was a statistical fluctuation which has diminished with the increased data. VER J2018+367* and VER J2020+368* are shown with the 1σ extents (solid white lines) and are located at regions which show enhanced emission below 1000 GeV. Also shown are the locations of 2HWC J2019+367 (yellow, with the 1σ error on its position), IGR J20188+3647 (cyan diamond), the two *Fermi*-LAT pulsars (3FGL J2021.1+3651 and 3FGL J2017.9+3627 (cyan triangles)), and the *NuSTAR* sources from Gotthelf et al. (2016). The sky blue arc approximately traces the region with > 50 photons $\text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}$ in the 2-10 keV energy range from Mizuno et al. (2017).

