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Progresses in γ -ray Astronomy and Cosmic-ray Research

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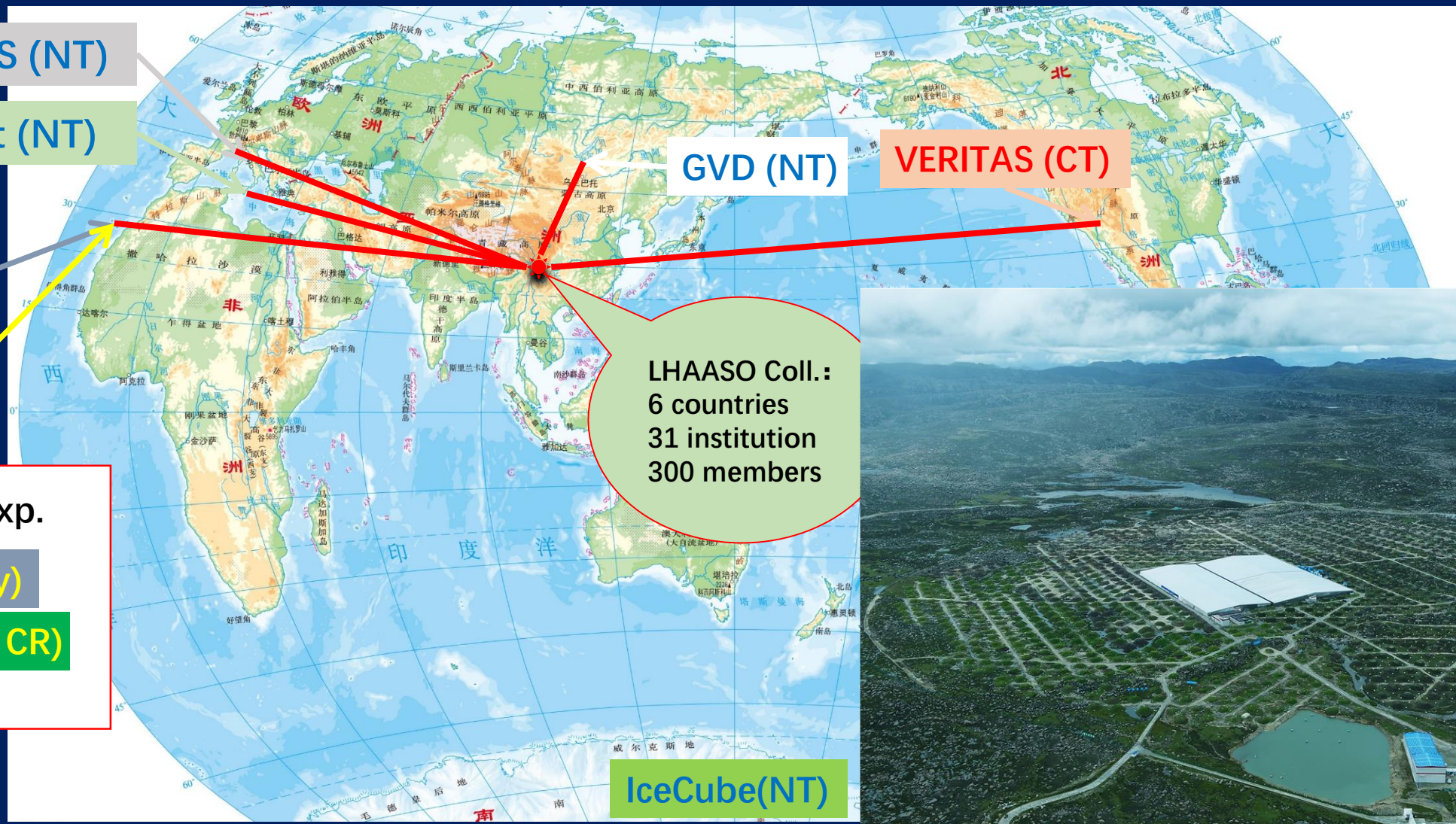
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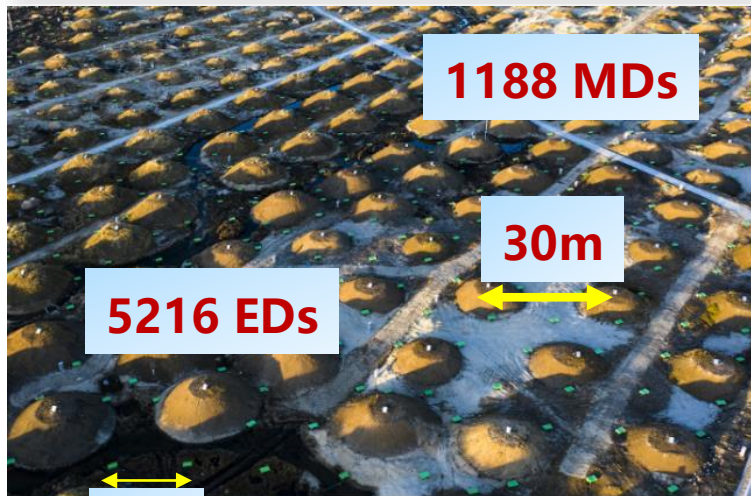
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LHAASO a complex for both γ -astronomy and Cosmic Ray research

The $\frac{1}{2}$ array started operation in 2019 and the full array in 2021

KM2A: Scintillator counters (ED) and muon counters (MD)



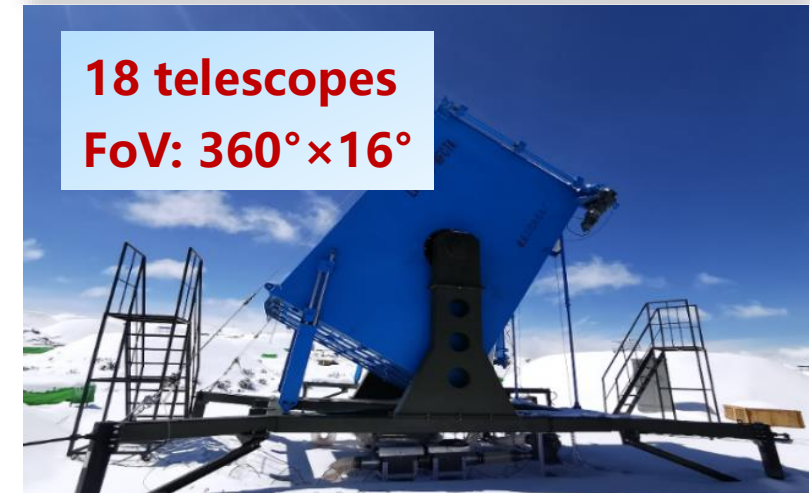
Very sensitive γ -ray telescope above 10 TeV (~15 mCU)

Water Cherenkov Detector Array (78,000 m²)



Very sensitive γ -ray survey telescope above 1 TeV (15 mCU)

Wide FoV Cherenkov Telescope Array



Very unique spectrometer of CR H, He and Fe above 30 TeV

The ultimate goal is to identify origins of CRs

Scientific Goals

γ -ray astronomy:

Survey for sources (above 500 GeV)

PeVatrons (above 100 TeV)

All kind of sources: SNR, PWN, MYC, binary, pulsar, AGN, GRB etc.

Cosmic Ray Physics:

The knees

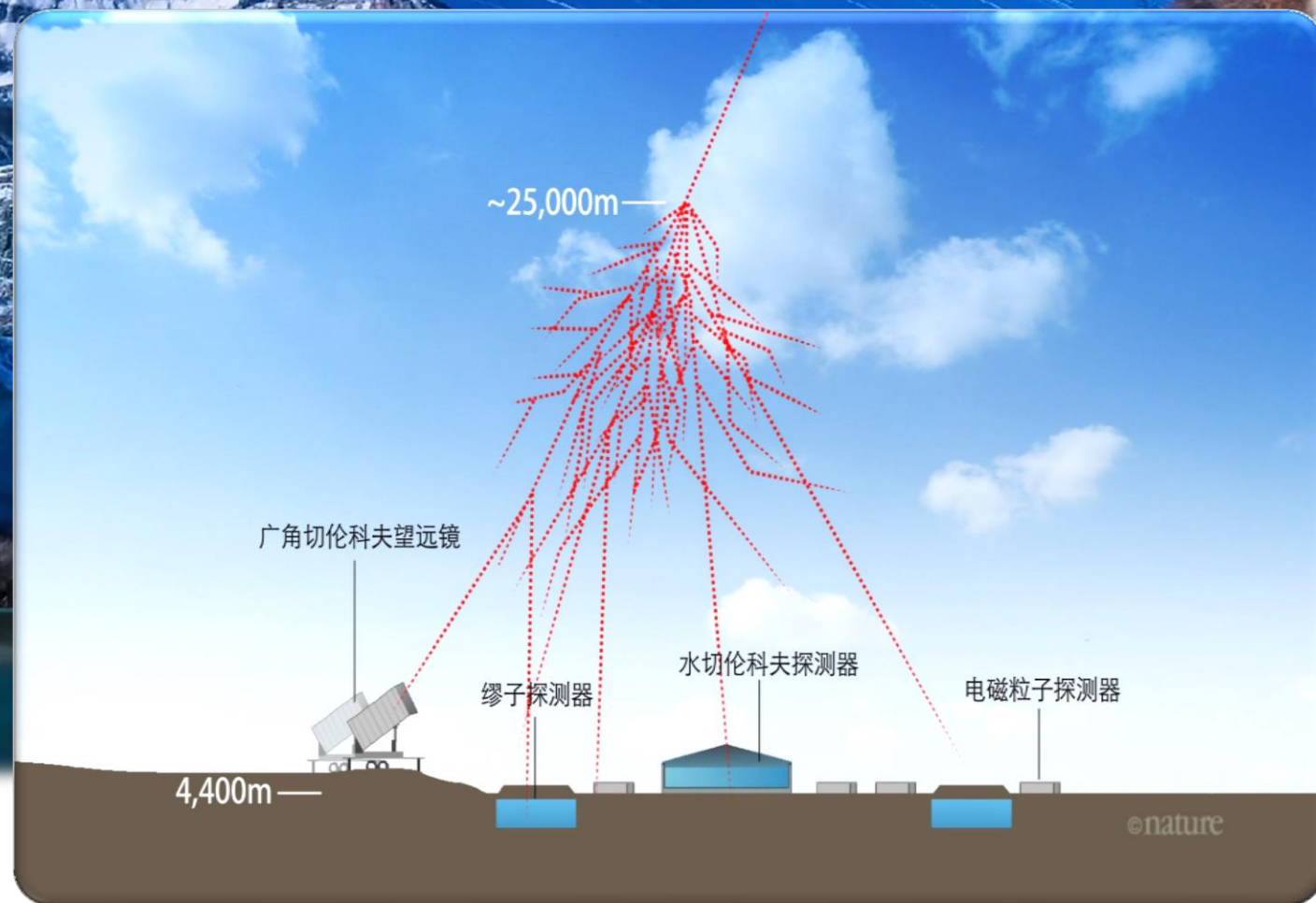
Compositions : individual species H, He and Fe

Anisotropy: (1 TeV to 10 PeV)

New Physics Front: DM, LIV, etc.

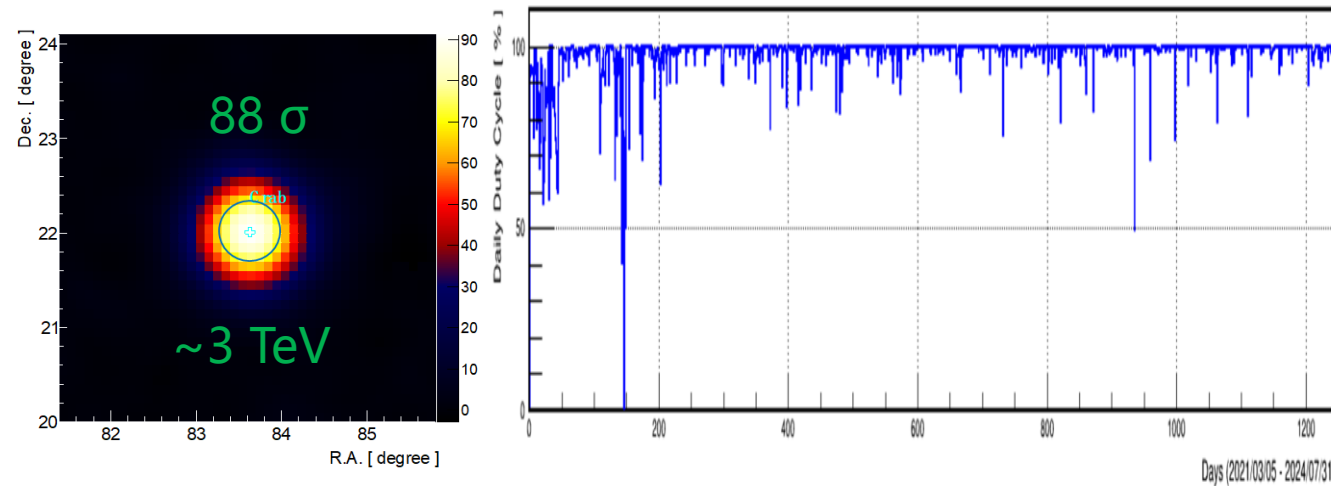
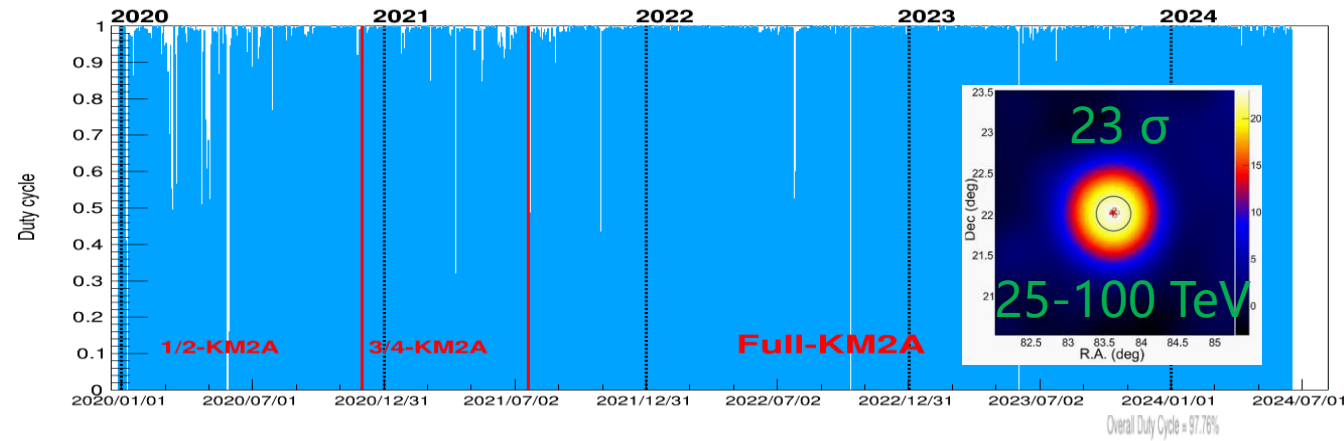
Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory

LHAASO

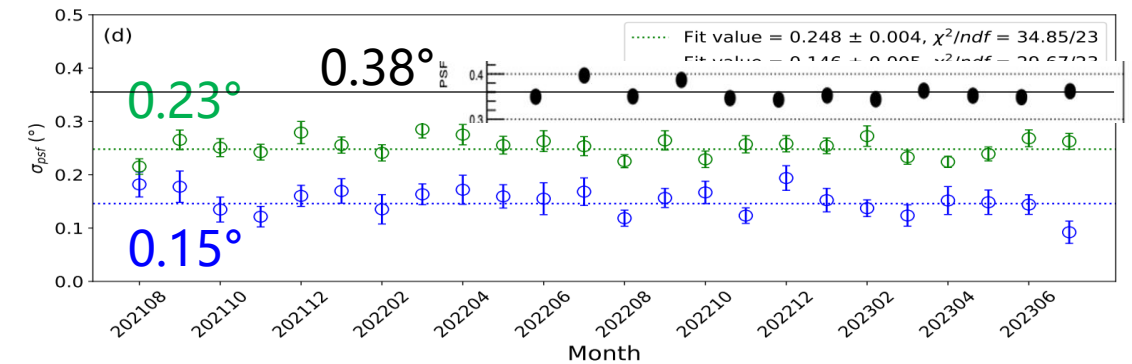
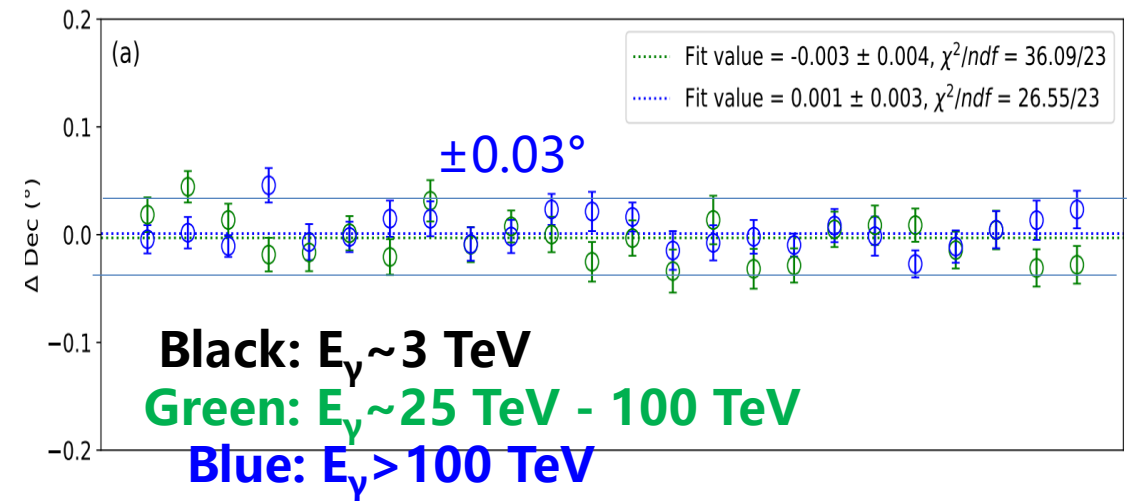


LHAASO Operation: Stable and High Quality

Duty Cycle > 98% with failure rate < 2%



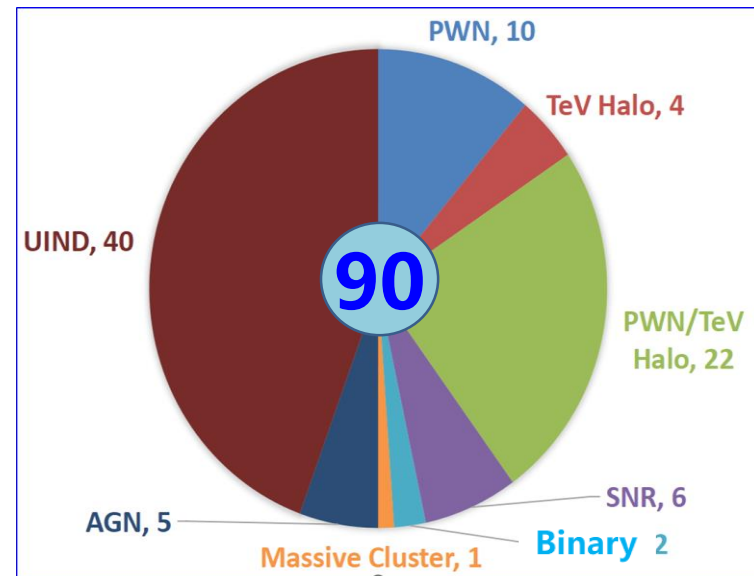
Pointing accuracy and resolution



■ γ -ray Astronomy

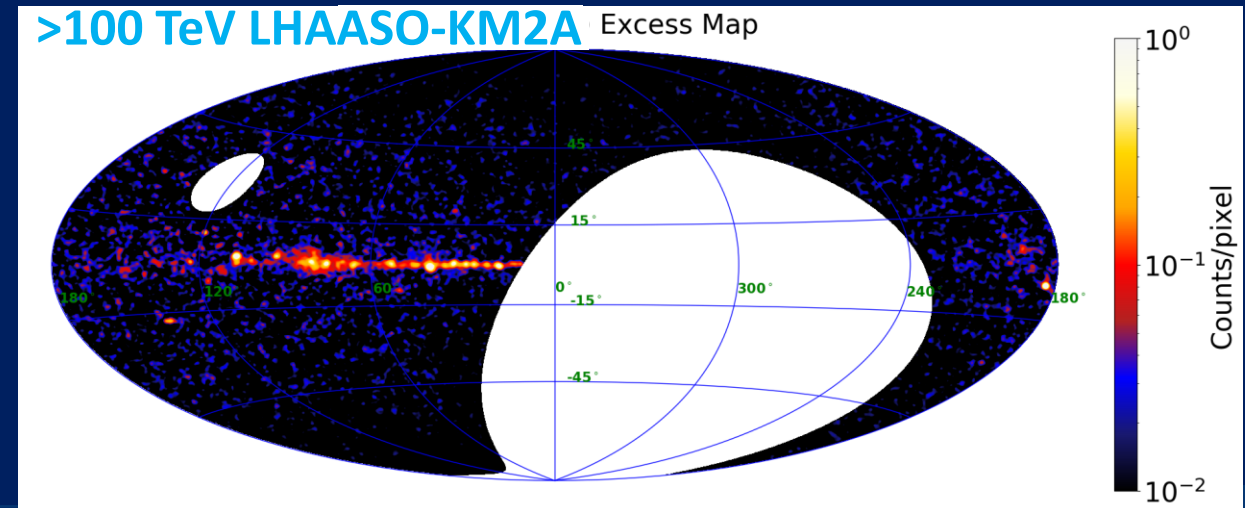
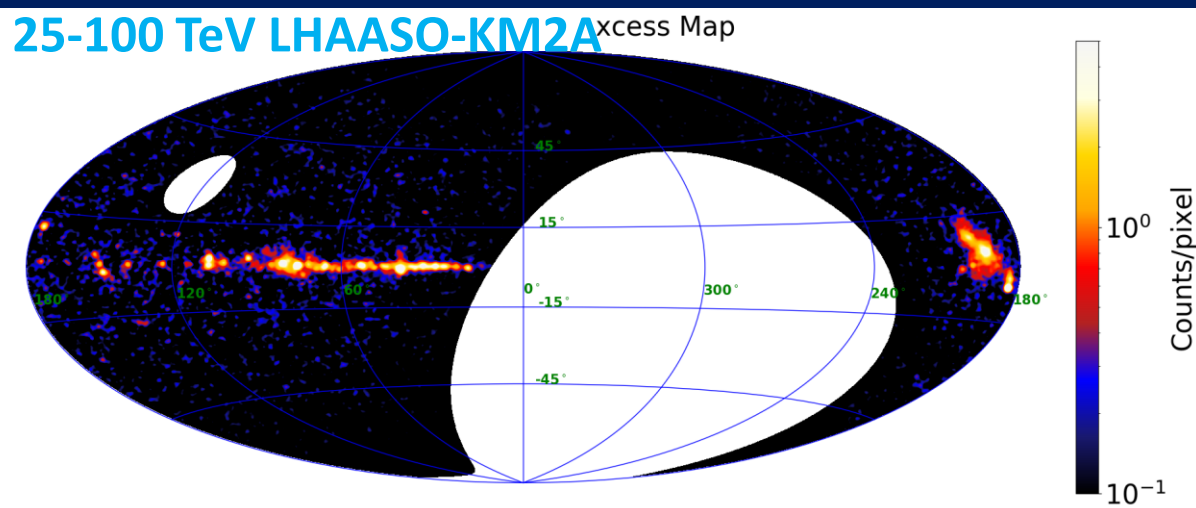
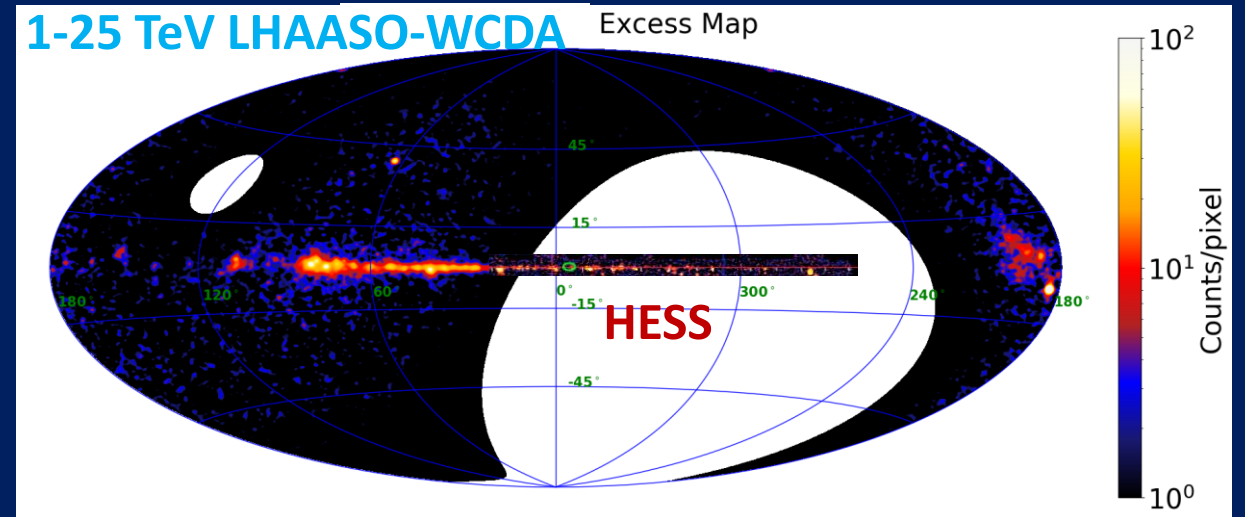
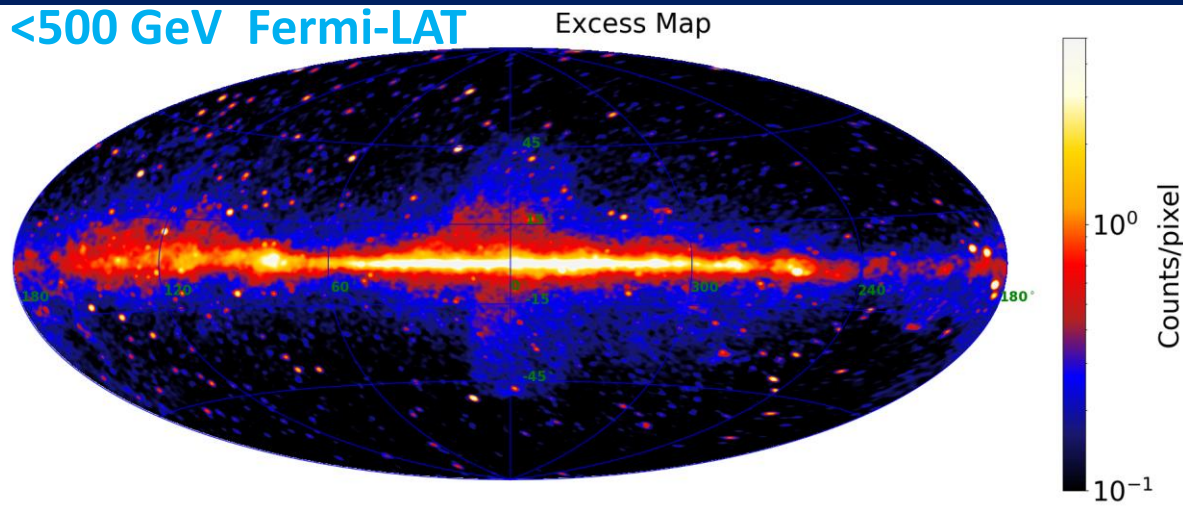
1. AGN, GRB and EBL
2. Microquasars
3. SNRs and Pulsar Halos
4. PWN and YMSC

LHAASO Sources



UHE γ -ray Astronomy: sources and diffuse emission

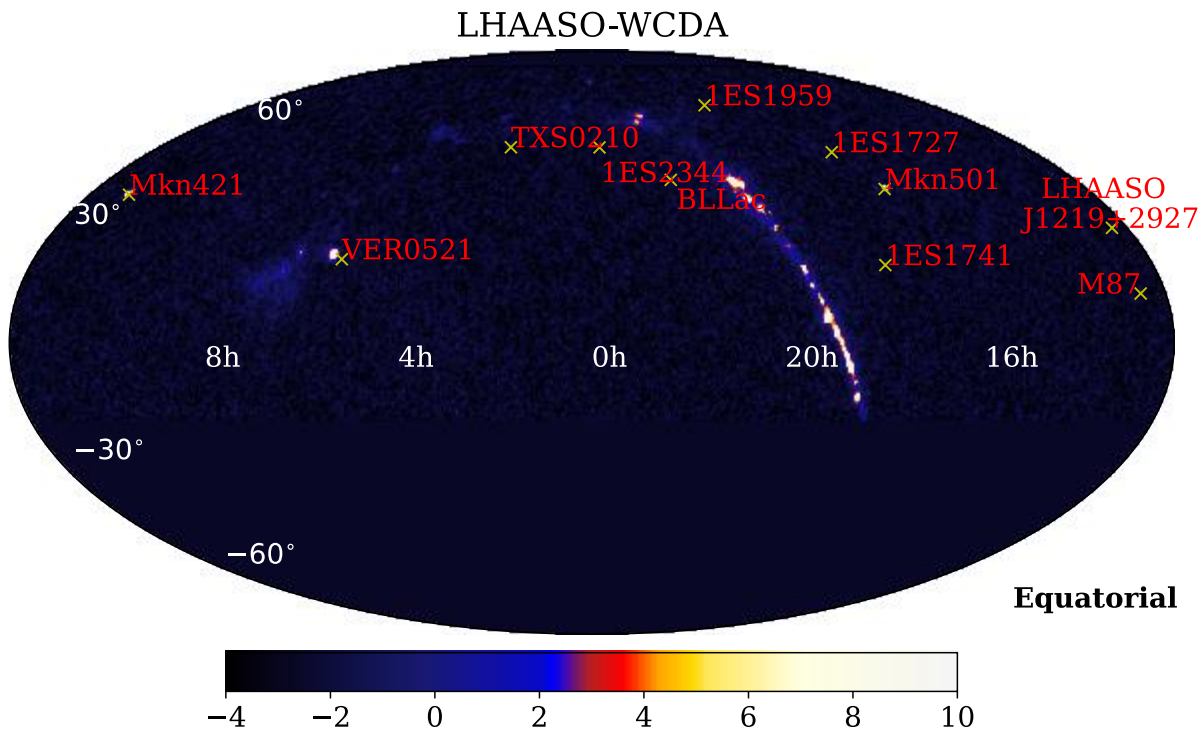
➤ Survey discovered 30+ new sources, 40+ PeVatrons and diffuse γ -ray emission



LHAASO AGNs

5 sources above 6σ are detected.

1. A Survey of extra-galactic sources with full-WCDA data (508 days)

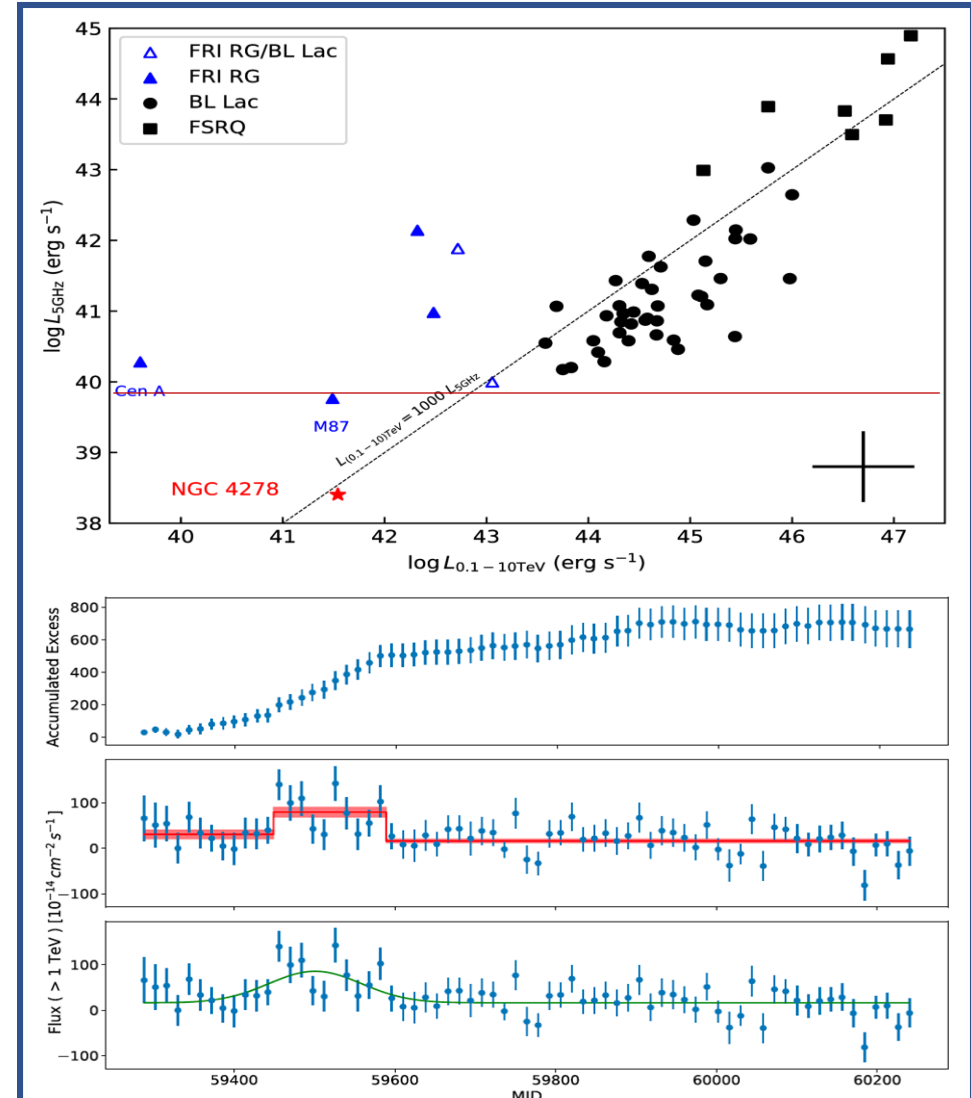
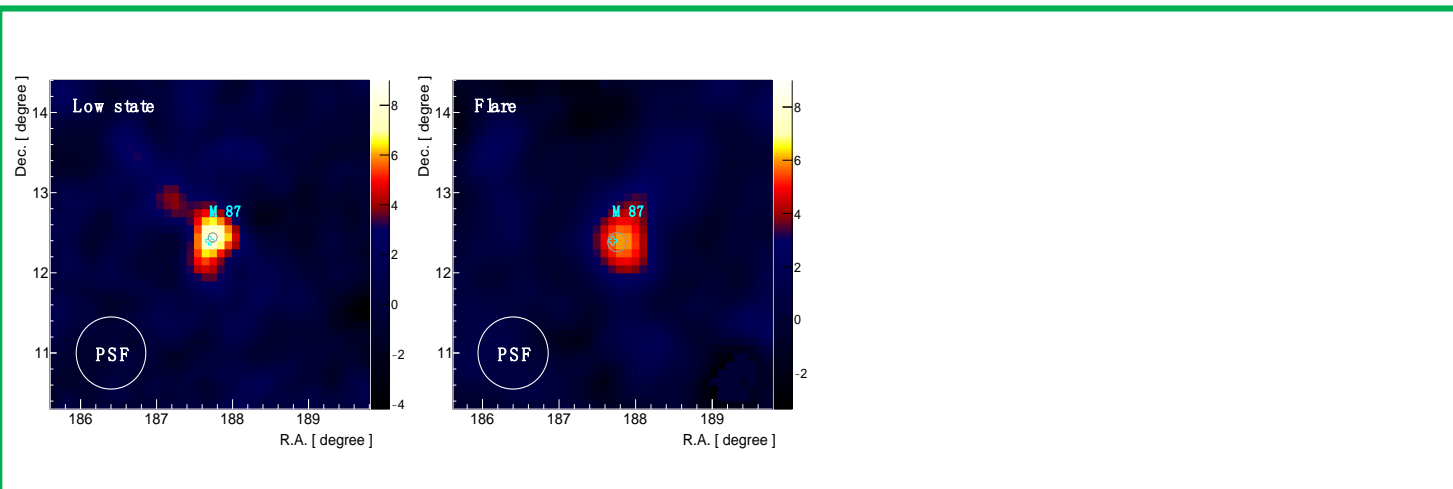


Credit: Min Zha

Name	RA[°]	Dec[°]	Significance[s.d]	Separation[°]
Mkn421	166.05	38.15	70.84	0.05
Mkn501	253.45	39.75	63.97	0.02
1ES2344+514	356.75	51.65	6.76	0.06
LHAASO J1219+2916	184.95	29.25	6.71	x
1ES1727+502	261.95	50.25	6.52	0.09
RXJ0648.7+1516	102.15	15.35	5.10	0.09
M87	187.75	12.45	5.07	0.07
TXS0210+515	33.65	51.75	4.95	0.05
1ES1741+196	265.85	19.55	4.41	0.15
BLLacertae	330.67	42.27	4.38	0.18
VER0521+211	80.55	21.05	4.23	0.19
1ES1959+650	299.65	65.05	4.18	0.18
W Comae	185.35	28.45	4.10	0.22

Active Galactic Nuclei

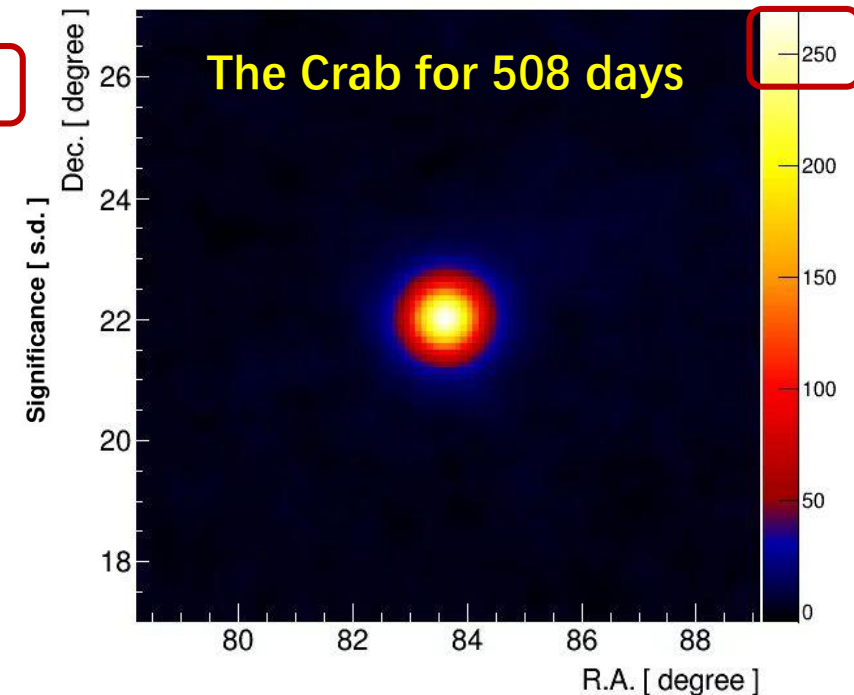
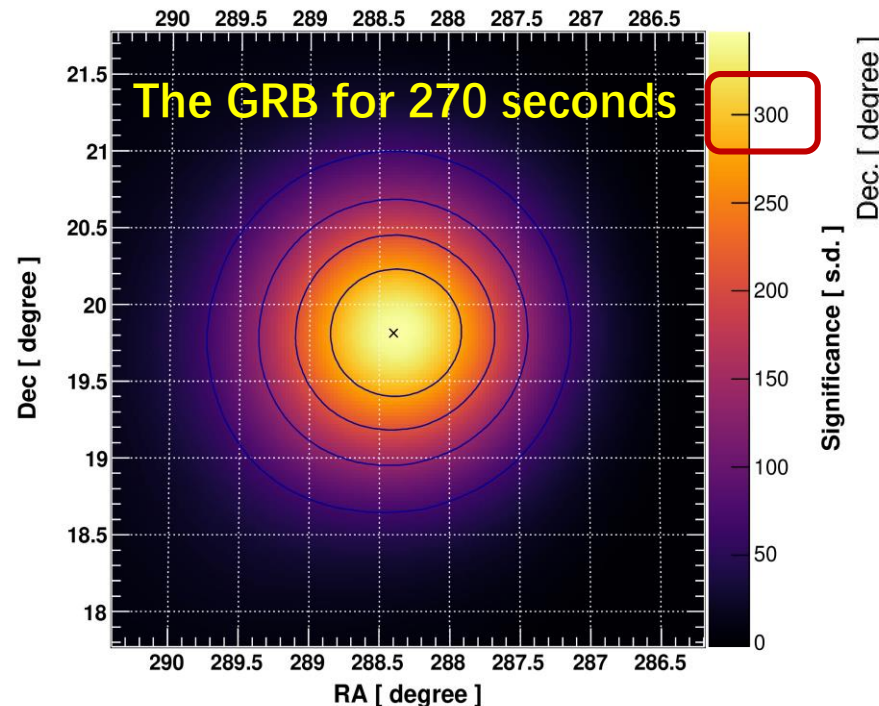
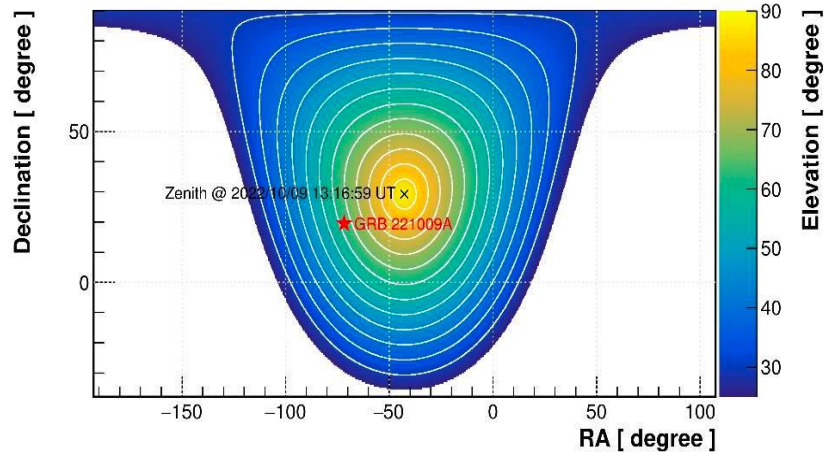
- The 1st Low luminosity AGN @ TeV
NGC 4279
- First time measured the **duty cycle** for
M87 and Mrk 421 etc.
- The size of the TeV emission is \sim few
Schwarzschild radii of SMBHs



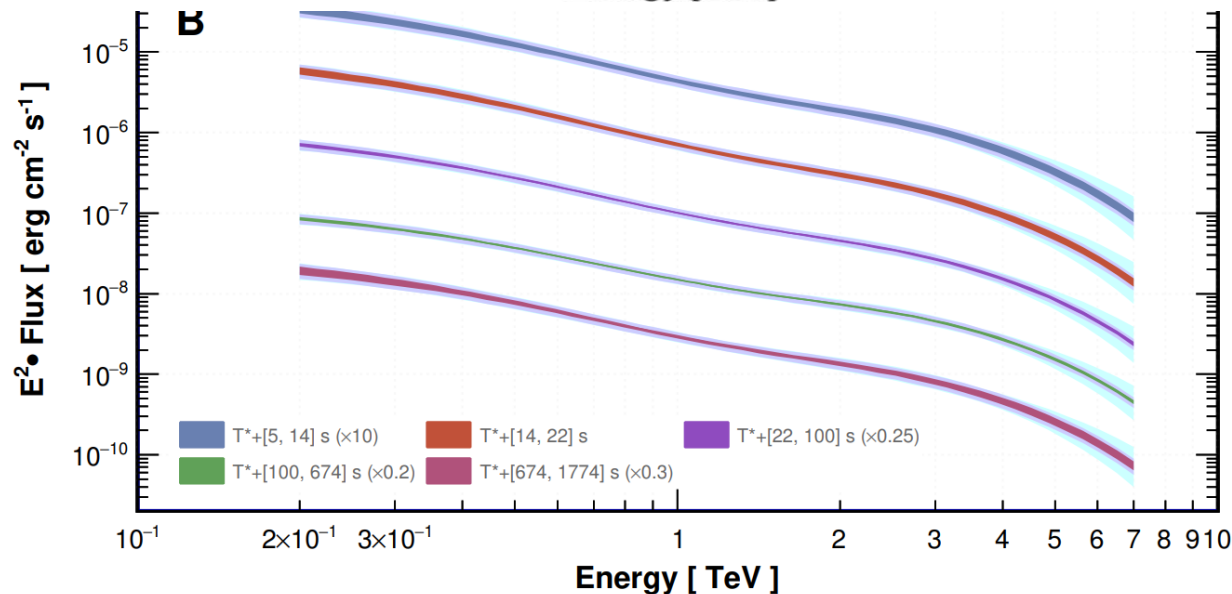
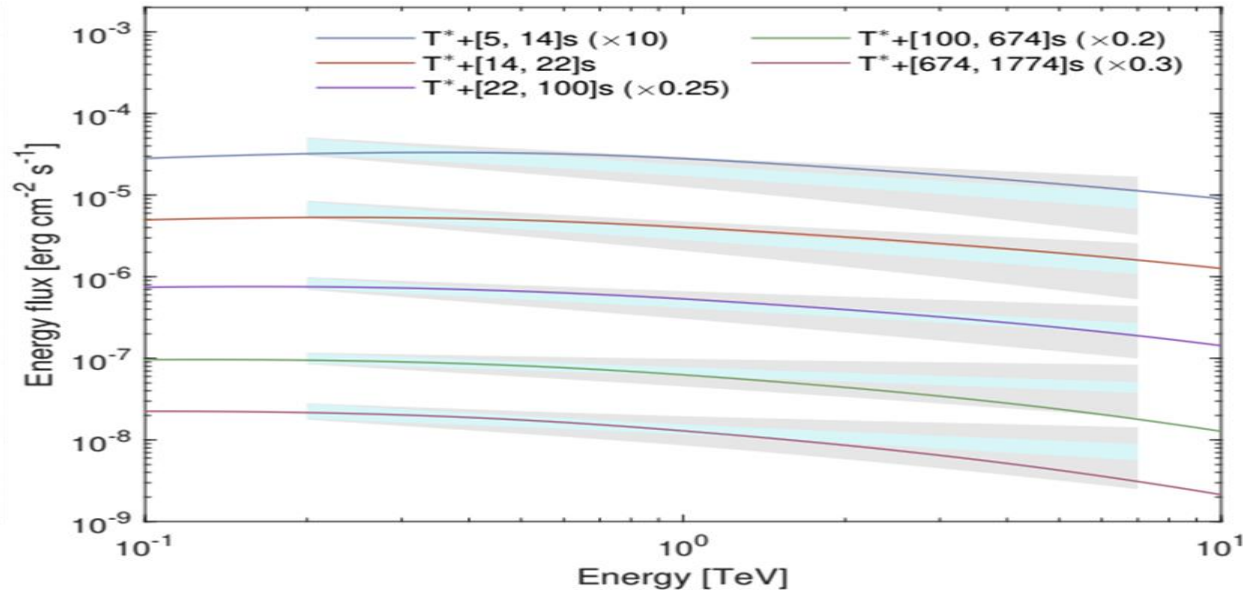
GRB: Even much less chance for it in the middle of FoV of LHAASO

- The burst of 64k photons in **270 seconds** versus the exposure of the Crab for 508 days

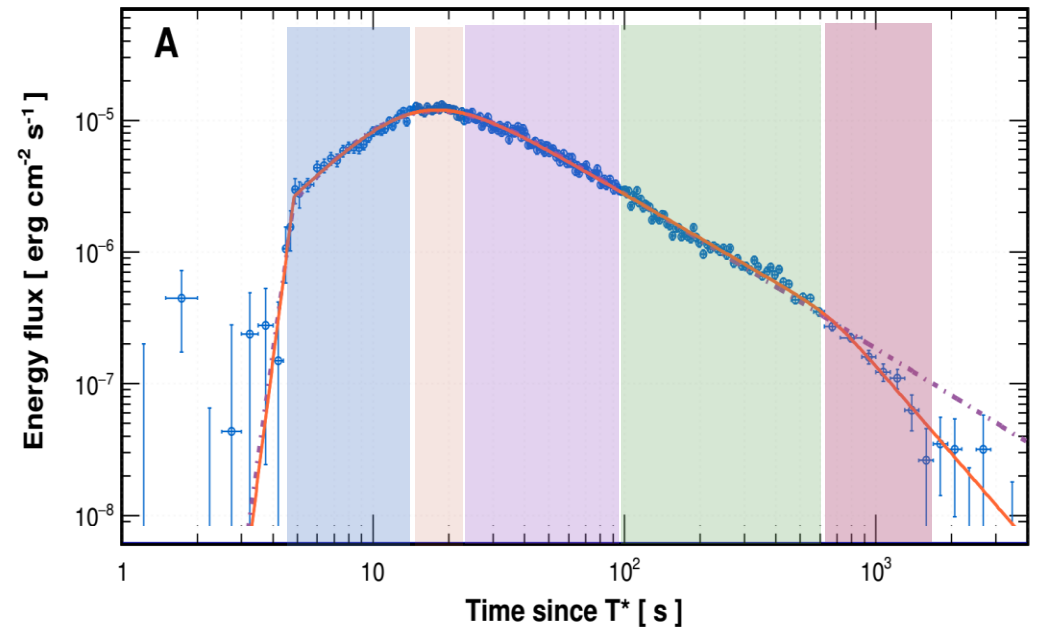
- LHAASO FoV at the GRB started



Light-curve and Time-sliding SEDs:



- $z \sim 0.152$, EBL absorption above 3 TeV
- EBL model: A. Saldana-Lopez et al., Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 507, 5144-5160 (2021)
- Intrinsic SED:
 - Power law: $\sim E^{-2.3}$
 - No hint about cut-off below 10 TeV
 - Moderate spectral evolution is observed

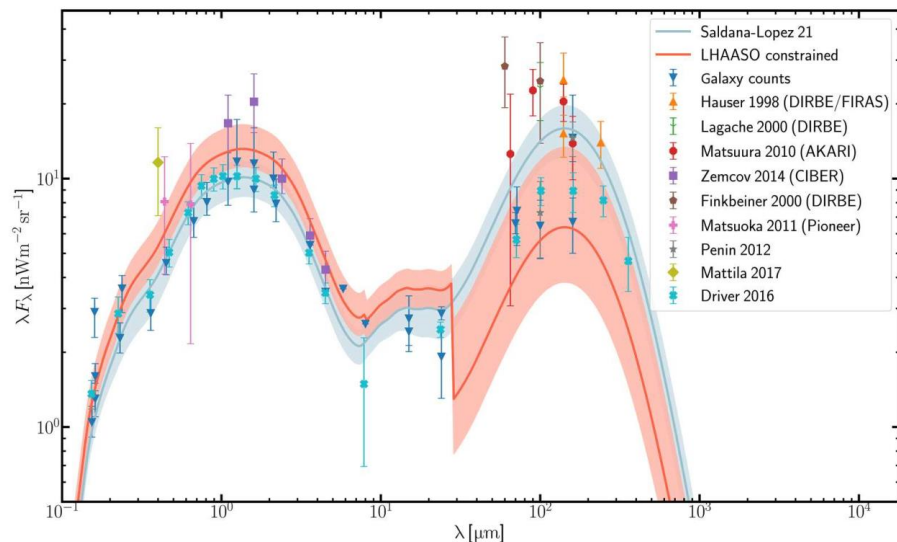


EBL: GRB 221009A ($z \sim 0.152$)

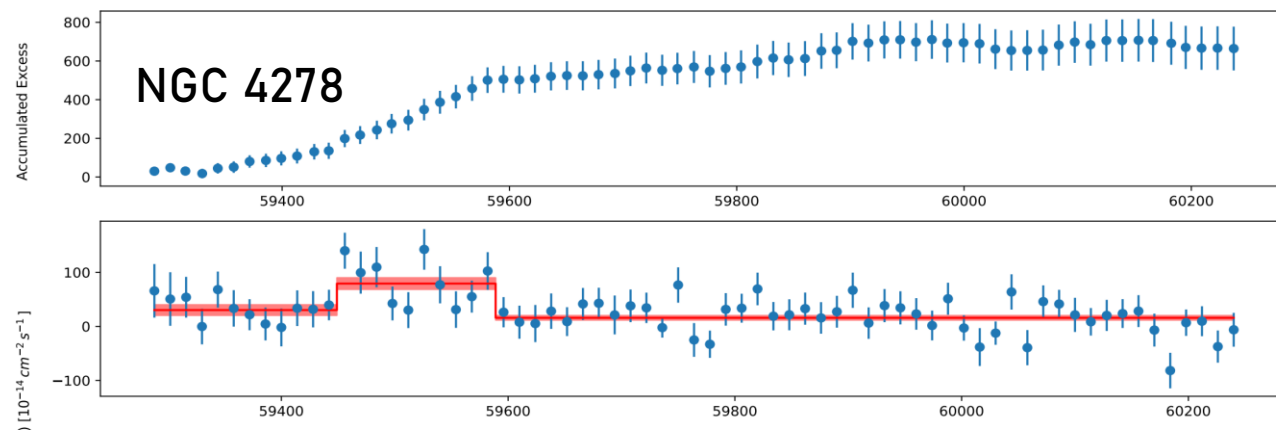
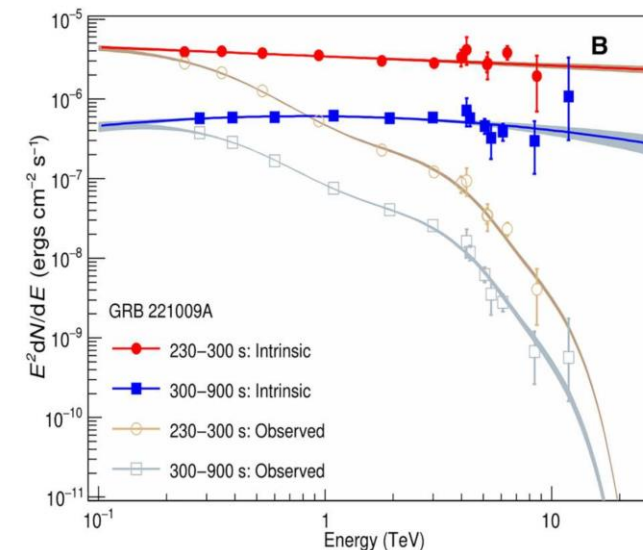
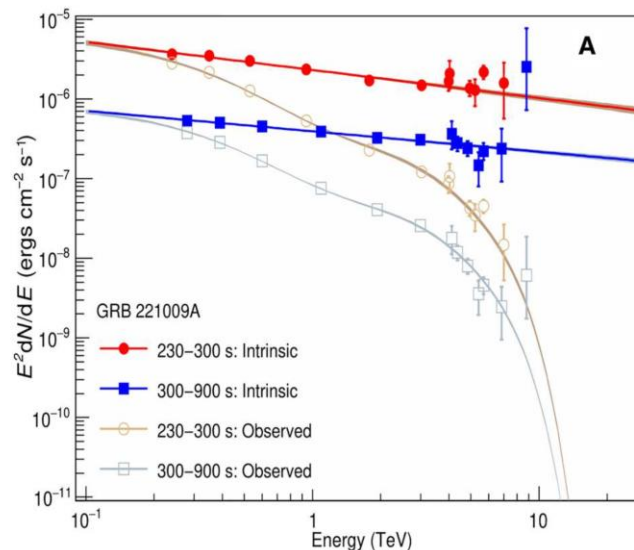
Blazars (130 Mpc), M87/NGC 4278 (~ 16 Mpc)



Extra Background Light

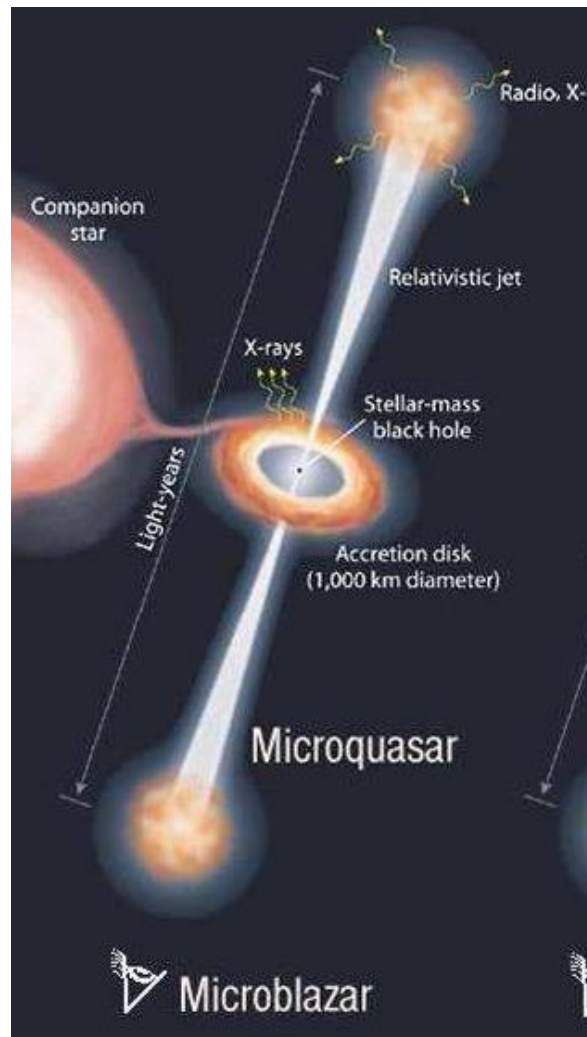


GRB 221009A



Micro-Quasars: UHE γ -emitters?

- About 20 μ -Quasars has been found in the MW
- 9 or 8 μ -Quasars in the FoV of LHAASO
- A systematic survey for the UHE radiation from them is on going



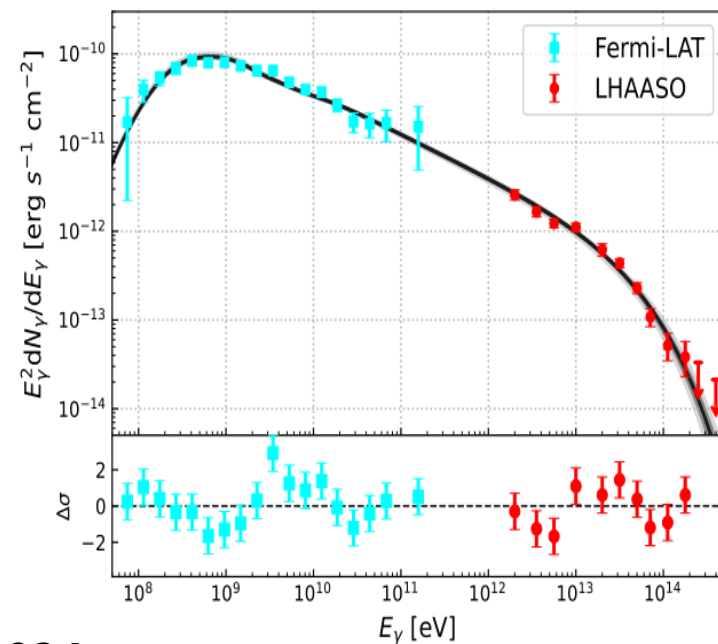
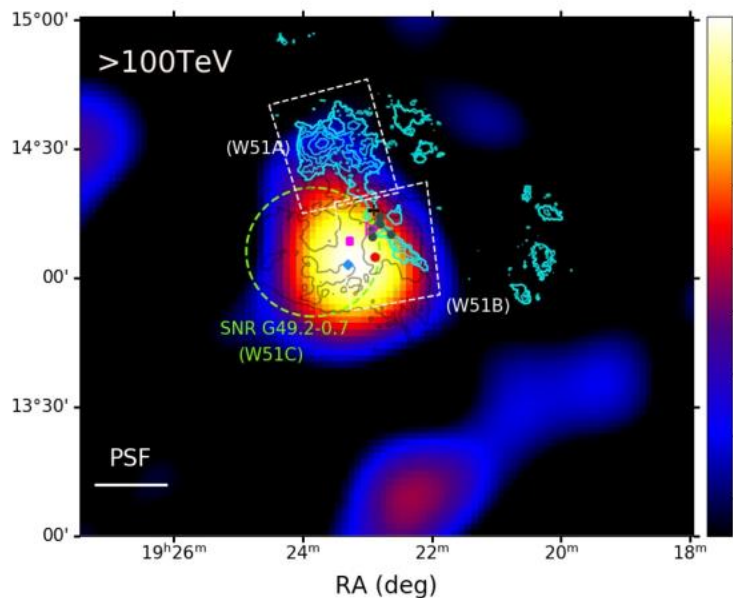
Microquasar	Distance (kpc)
SS 433 E.	4.6 ± 1.3 ⁴⁶
SS 433 W.	4.6 ± 1.3
V4641 Sgr	6.2 ± 0.7 ³⁴
GRS 1915+105	9.4 ± 0.6 ³⁵
Cygnus X-3	8.95 ± 0.96 ³⁵
Cygnus X-1	2.2 ± 0.2 ⁴⁷
XTE J1859+226	4.2 ± 0.5 ²⁷
XTE J1118+480	1.7 ± 0.1 ⁴⁸
CI Cam	$4.1^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$ ⁴⁹
V404 Cygni	2.39 ± 0.14 ⁵⁰

SNRs: W51 and others

- SNR W51 VHE radiation is found coincidence with the interacting region between SNR and Molecule Clouds

- LHAASO measures the cut-off clearly $E_{p,cut} = 385_{-55}^{+65}$ TeV

- SNRs likely not to contribute the CRs above the knee



- γ -Cygni

- G-106

- G-150.3+4.5

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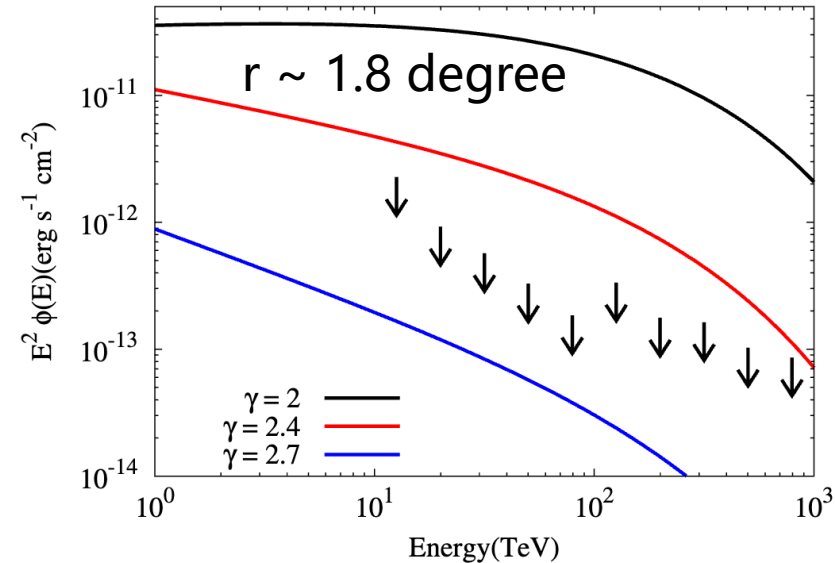
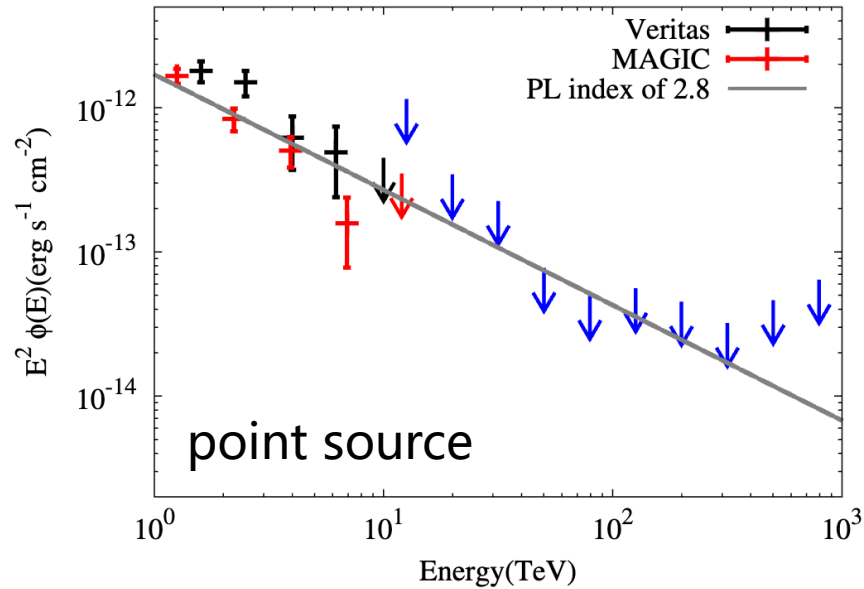
- Young SNRs?

- Cas A

Upper limit on SNR Cas A

Using KM2A upper limit to constrain the total CR injected by Cas A

LHAASO collaboration, ApJL, 961, 43

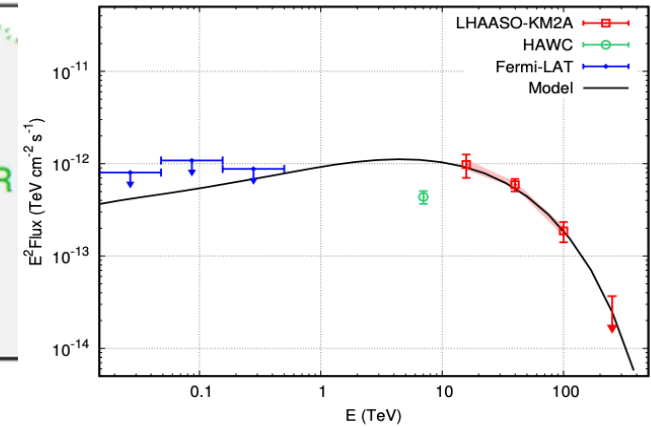
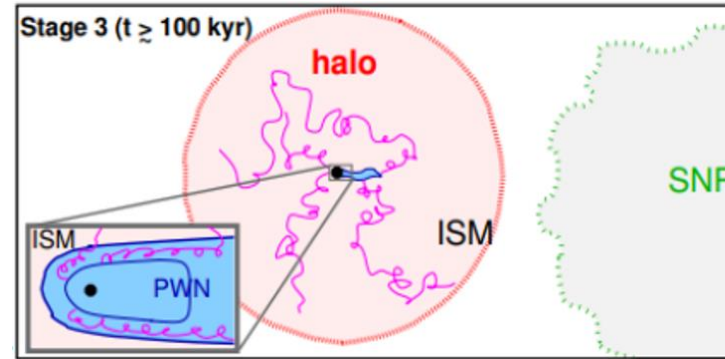


- Stringent upper limit was set for the total VHE CRs injected by Cas A since explosion
- hints for other candidates of PeVatrons

TeV Halo: Pulsars have halos of electrons

- Diffuse coefficient of the electrons is 100 times smaller than that in ISM

- Cut-off structure <100 TeV

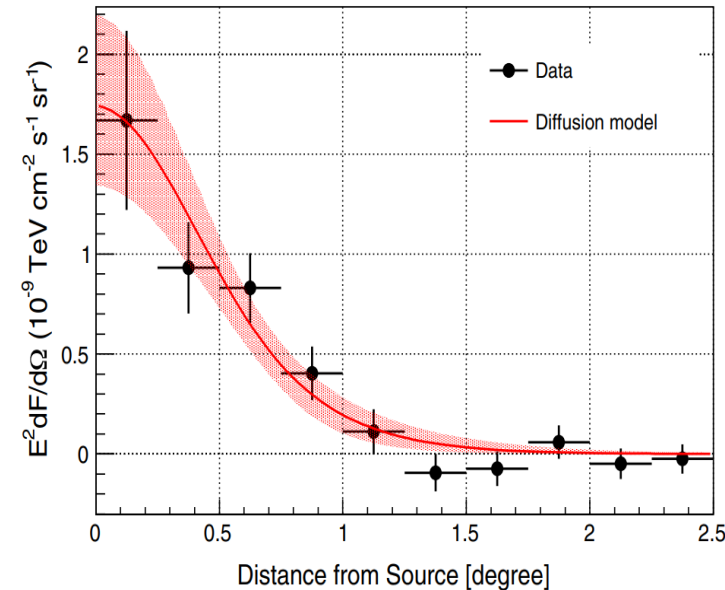
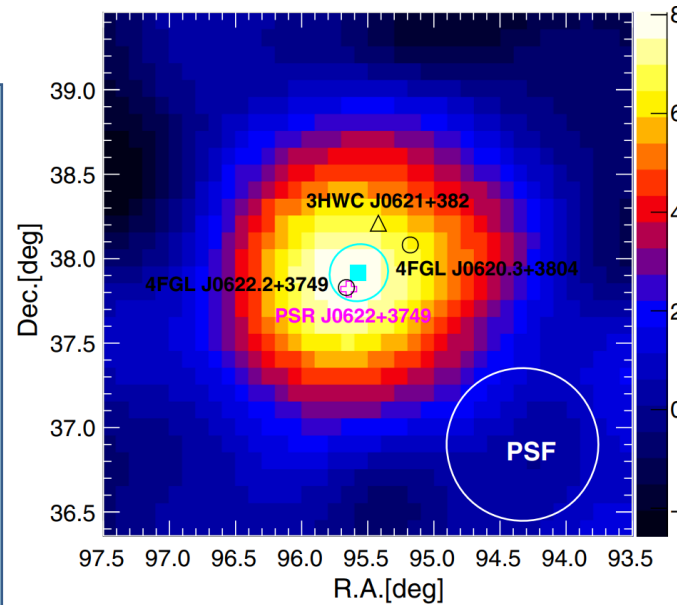


PSR J0622+3749: age~21万年
Distance ~1.6 kpc

$$f(\theta) \propto \frac{1}{\theta_d(\theta + 0.085\theta_d)} \exp[-1.54(\theta/\theta_d)^{1.52}]$$

$$D \approx (8.9_{-3.9}^{+4.5}) \times 10^{27} (d/1.6 \text{ kpc})^2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

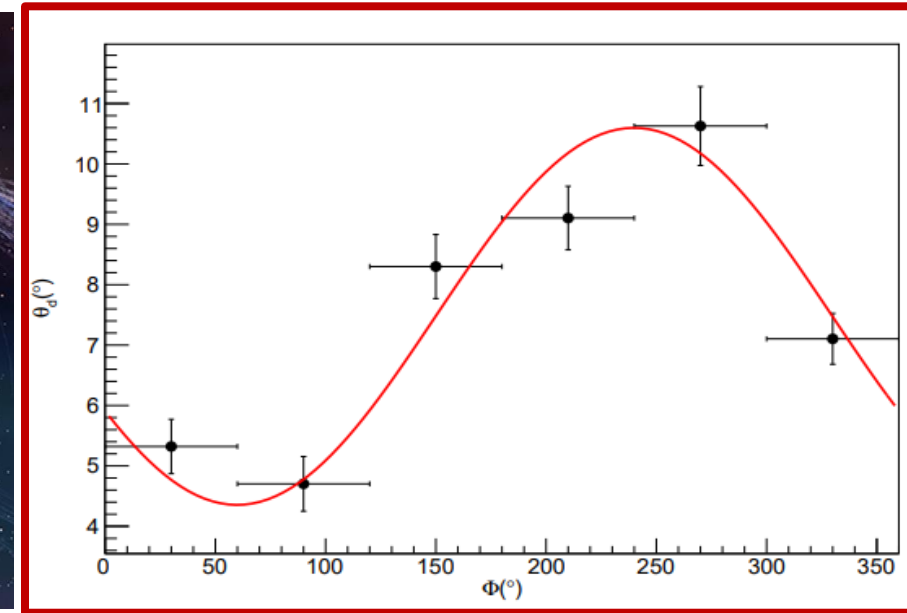
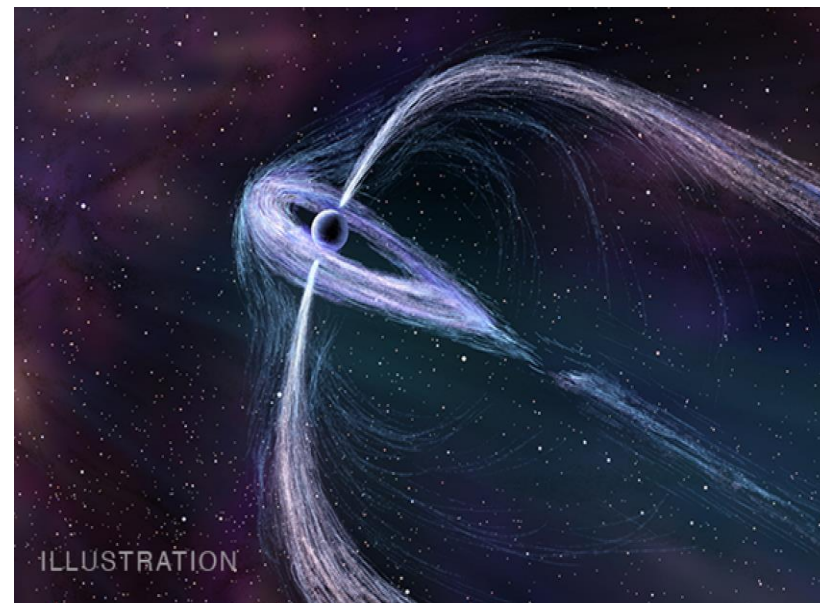
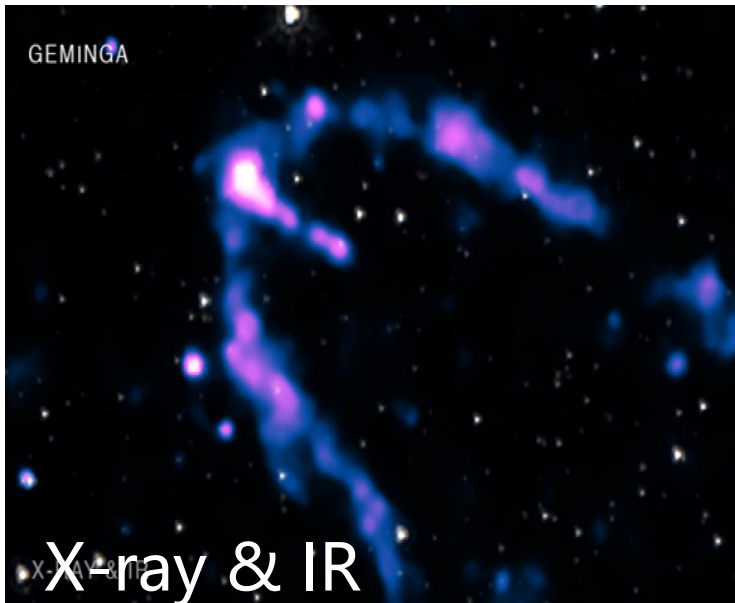
$$E_e \sim 160 \text{ TeV}$$



Asymmetric slow diffusion in TeV Halos

- **Geminga**, age ~ 340 kyr, distance ~ 250 pc
- **Slow diffusion**

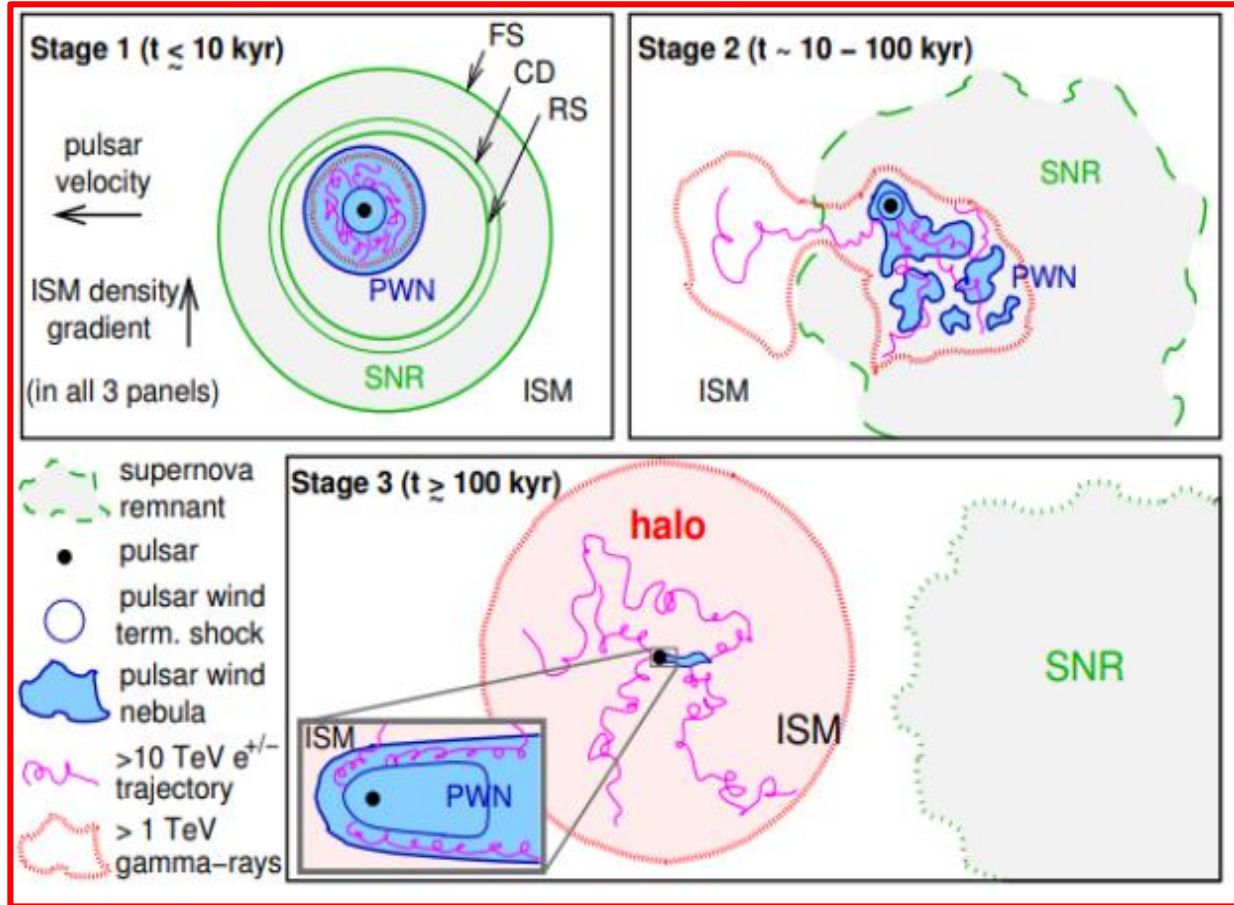
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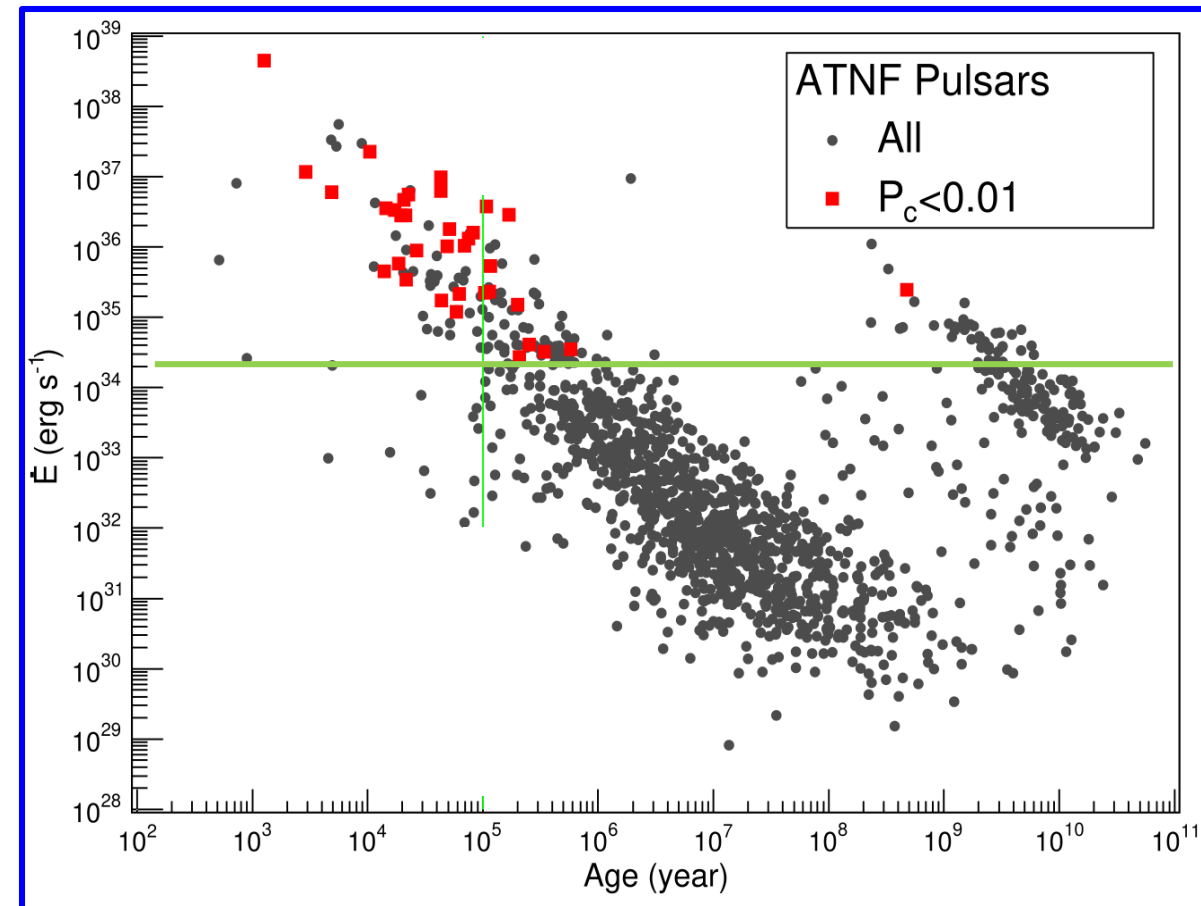
See X.J. Bi's talk on 28th

PWNe: the largest population in LHAASO catalog

Evolution of PWNe



LHAASO PWNe



LHAASO coll., ApJS 271:25(2024)

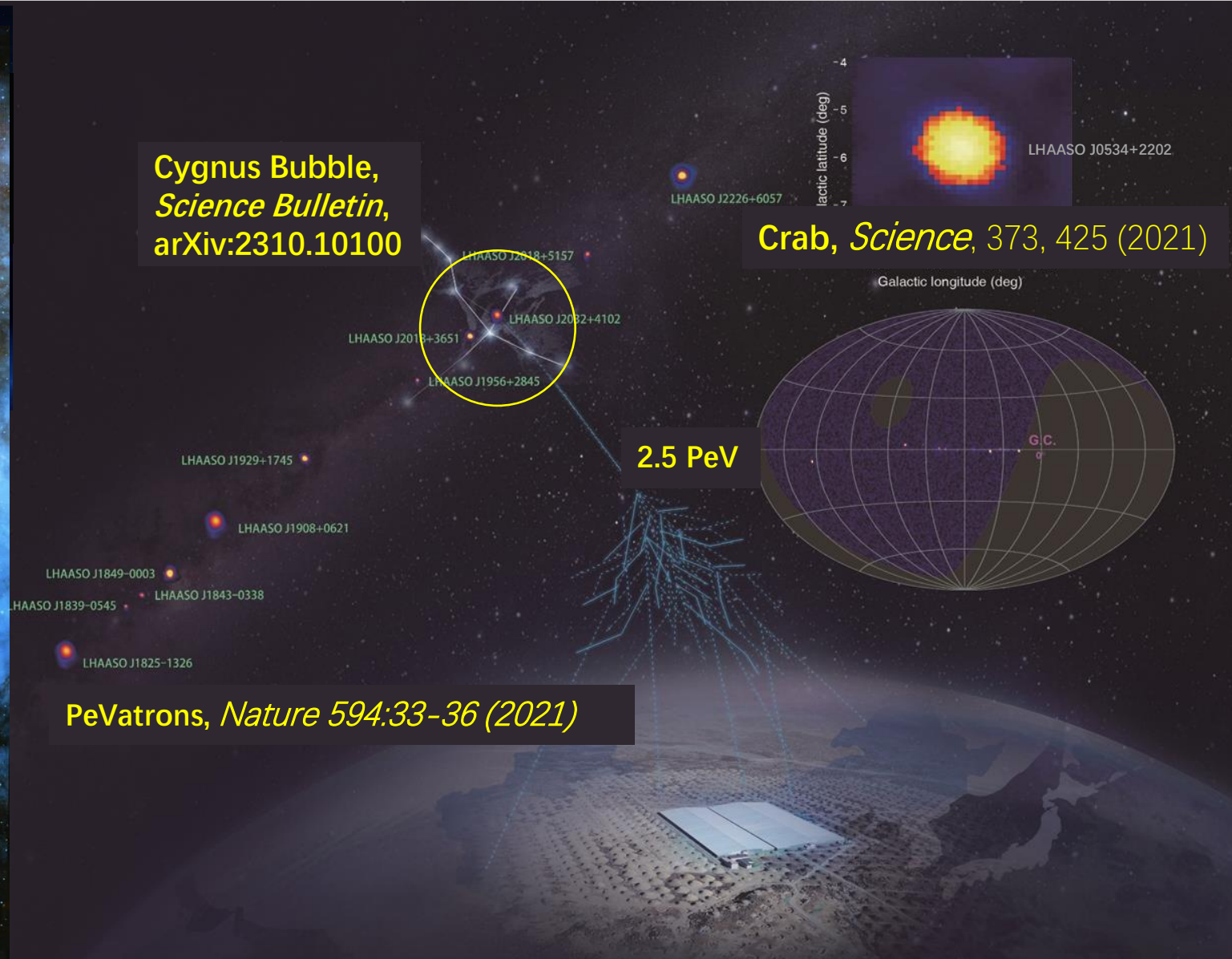
Star Cluster: the 1st CR-Source by



Cyg OB2

Cygnus Bubble,
Science Bulletin,
arXiv:2310.10100

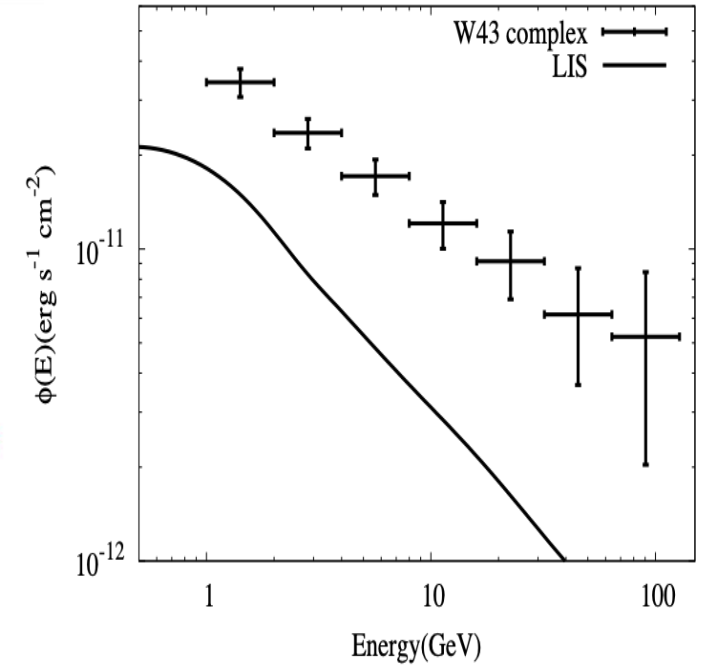
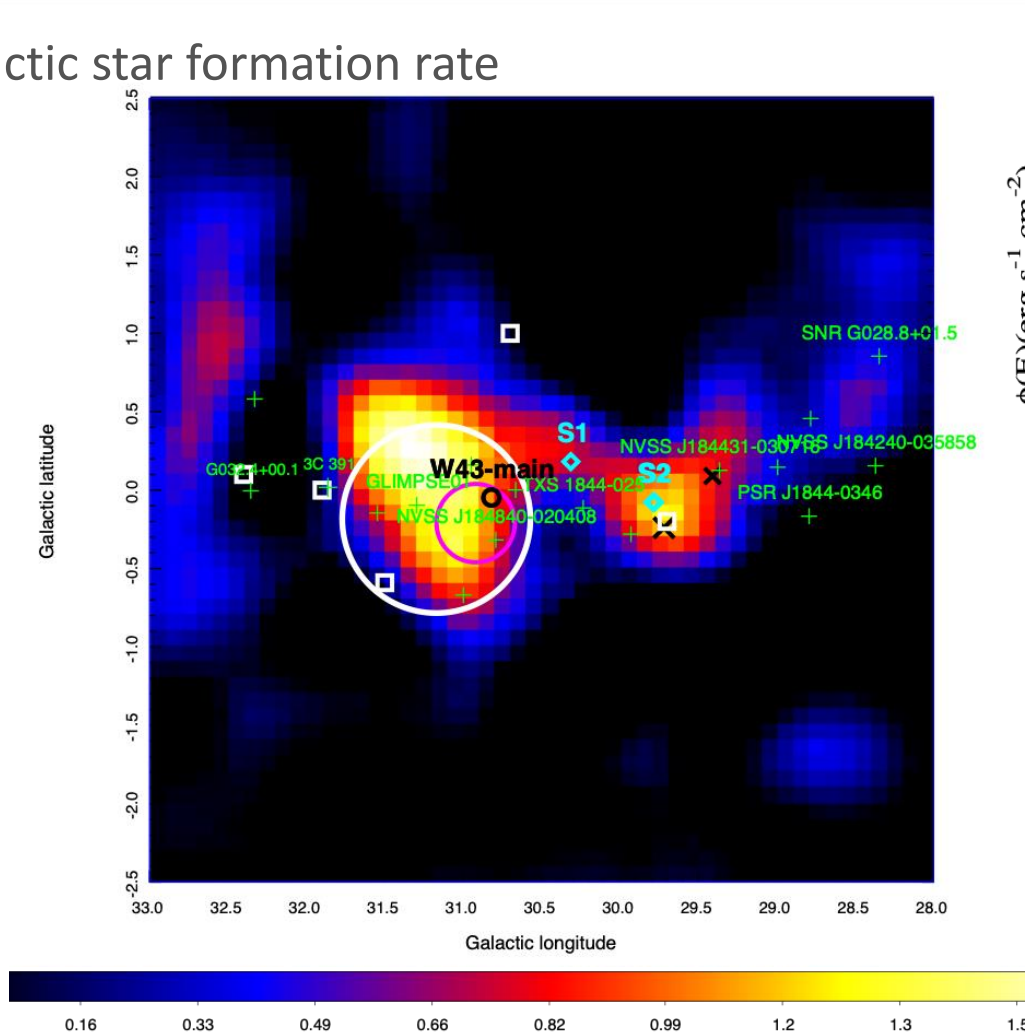
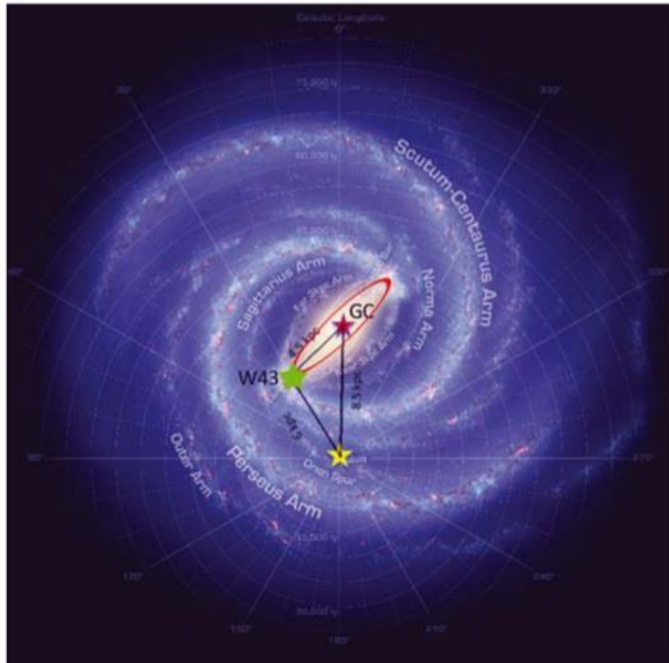
Crab, *Science*, 373, 425 (2021)



PeVatrons, *Nature* 594:33-36 (2021)

Galactic mini starburst W43

- Galactic mini star burst
- Contribute 10% of the Galactic star formation rate
- Huge HII region excited by central WR/OB cluster
- GeV detection




■ Cosmic ray Sources

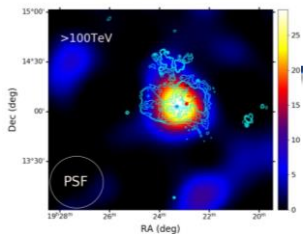
1. W51

2. The Cygnus Bubble 

3. SS 433

4. Extreme accelerators: Crab and others 

Cosmic Ray Source Candidates



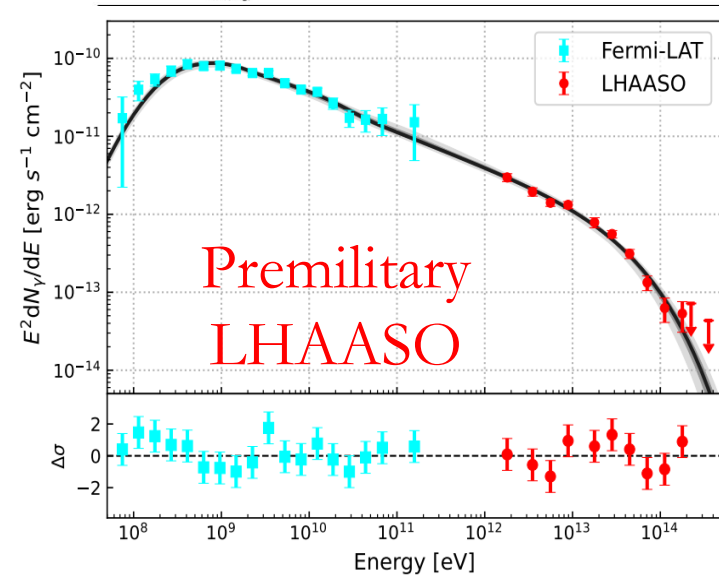
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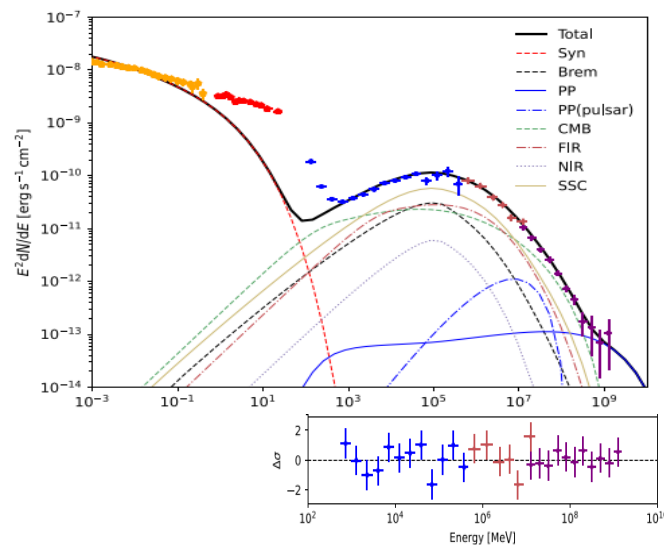
Crab



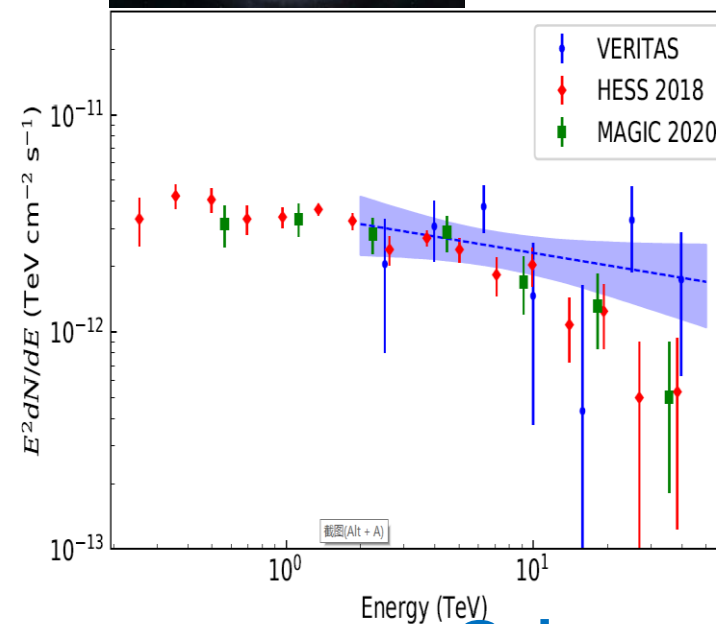
G.C. by IACTs



SNR



PWN

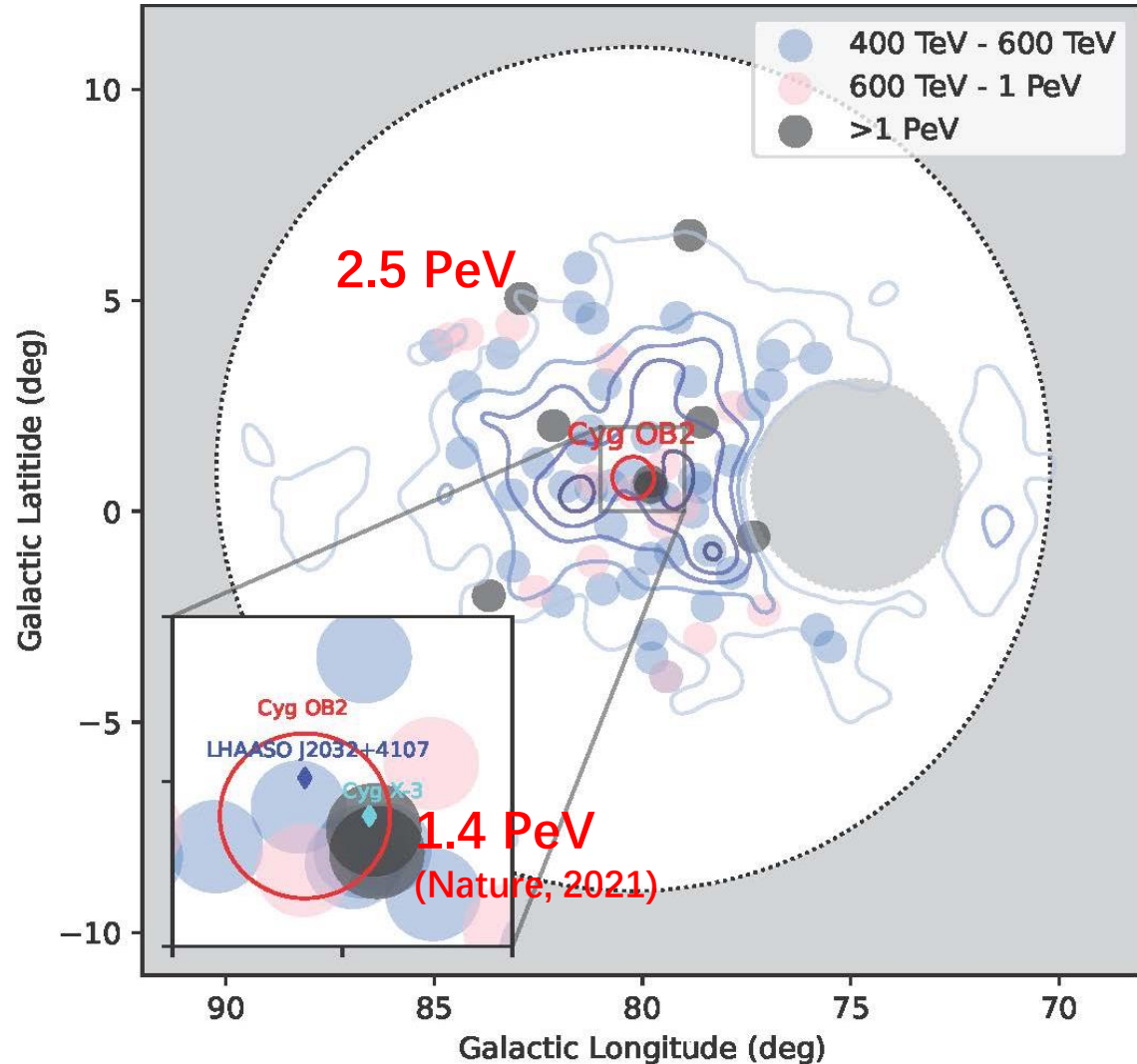


Other sources

Many types of sources have the potential to accelerate particles to 1 PeV and above

A Bubble of UHE γ 's centered at a complex core

Cygnus OB2, binary J2032+4107, Binary X-3



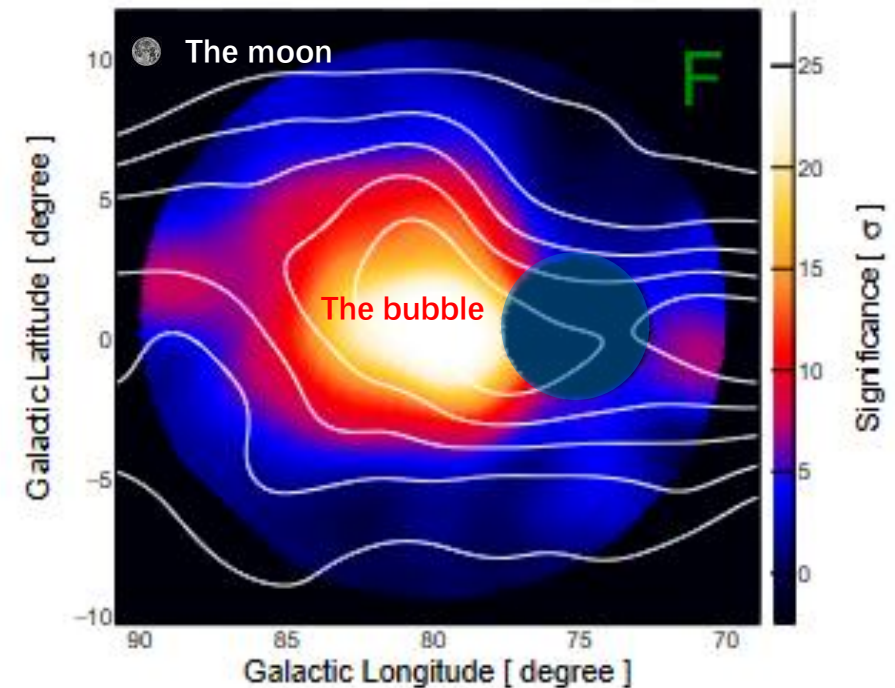
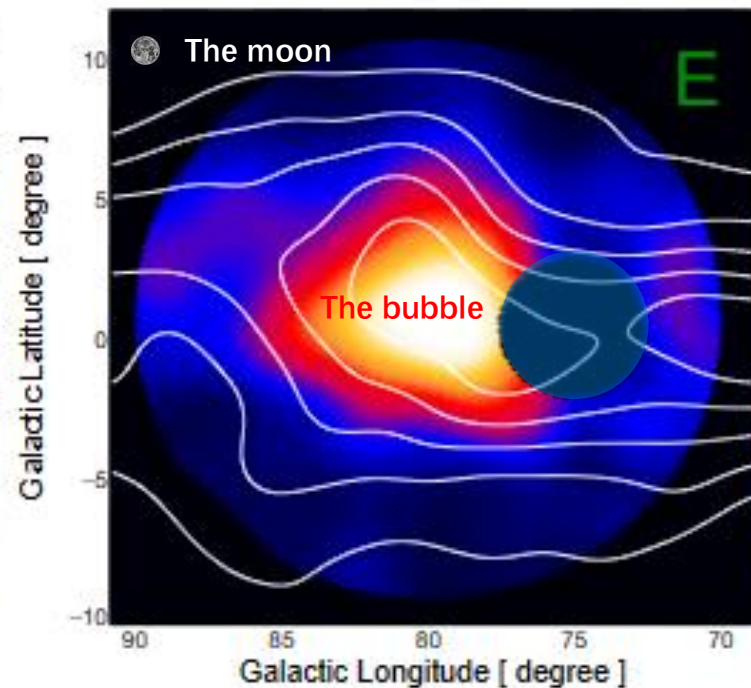
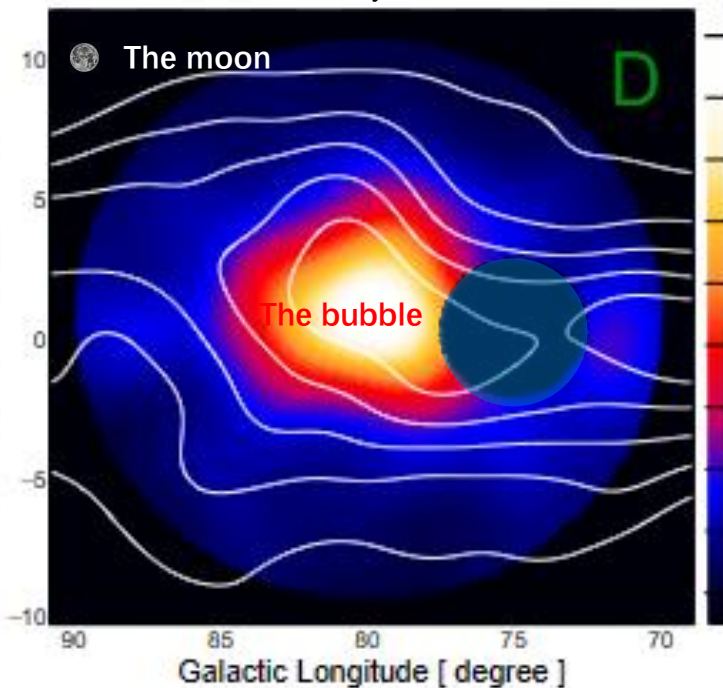
8 γ 's above 1 PeV!

Energy (TeV)	Ne	Nu	Theta (deg)	Dr (m)
1087	5904	13	19.4	143
1188	5480	14	34.4	73
1208	6939	13	14.2	131
1350	6938	8	27.1	43
1379	6469	9	17.4	52
1421	6258	7	12.7	57
1784	6665	13	18.0	41
2481	13815	29	33.0	99

- PeV Photons are scattered in the Bubble, and seem not to associate with any small scale sources

Association with HI gas distribution over ~ 200 pc

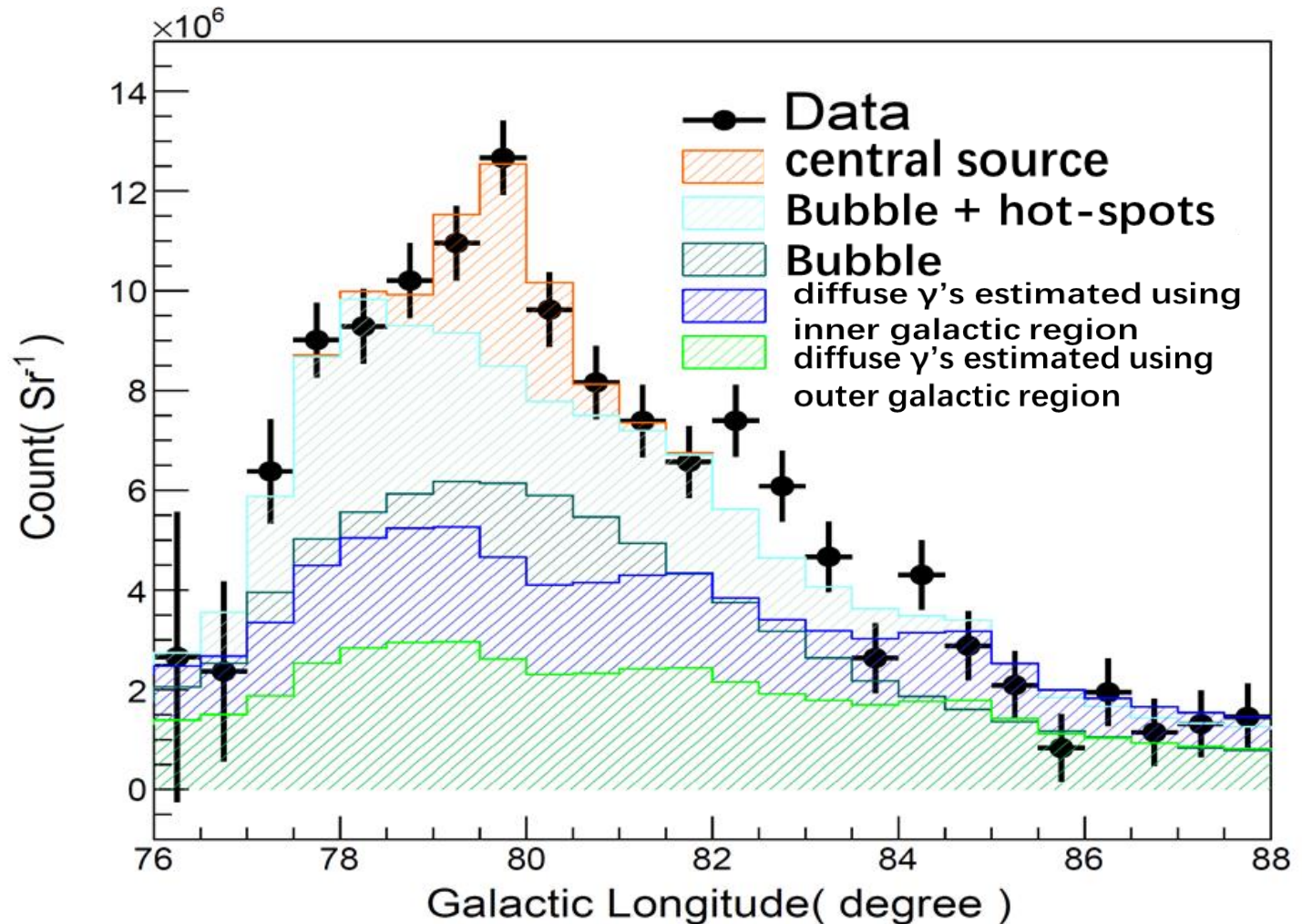
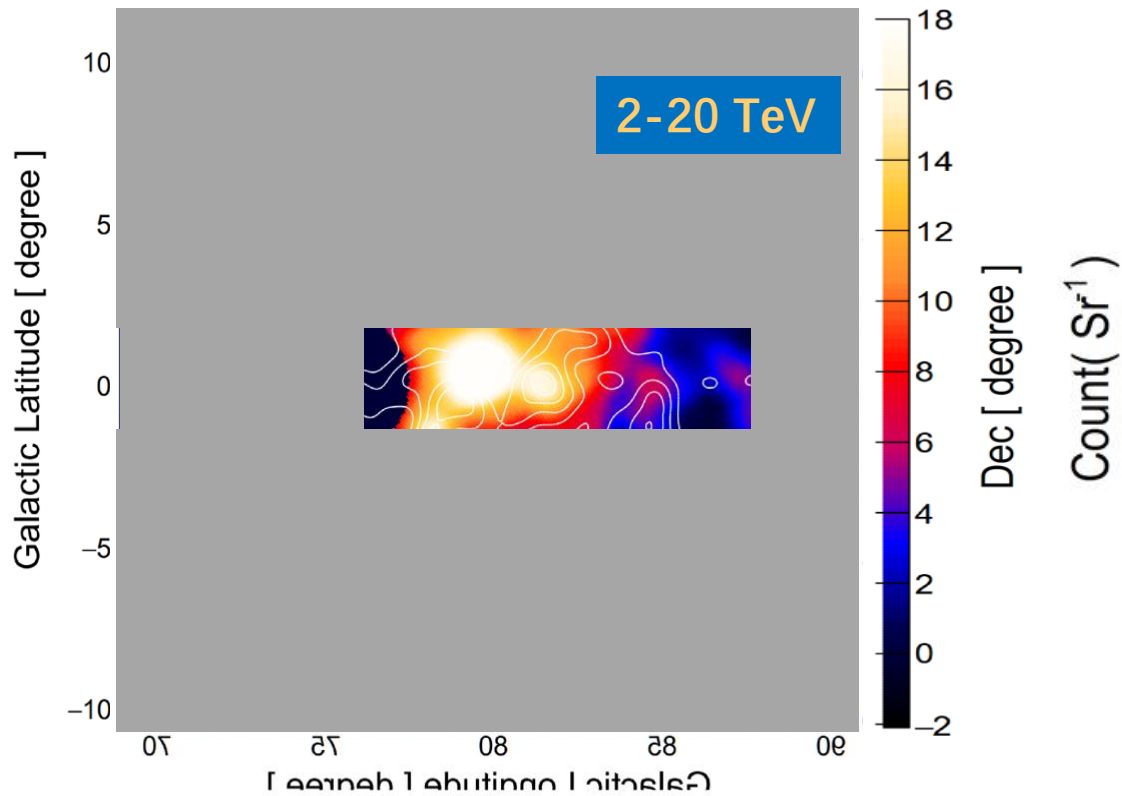
- The significance map is smoothed with a Gaussian kernel= 1.0°
- The contour is from HI4PI 21-cm line survey
- ◆ Clear correlation with gas distribution indicating a hadronic origin of photons in the Bubble
- ◆ The signal is elongated along the disk and extends to 10°



The Bubble at 2-20 TeV by WCDA

1-D Flux in $\pm 2^\circ$

Clumpy structure of the Bubble: hot spots

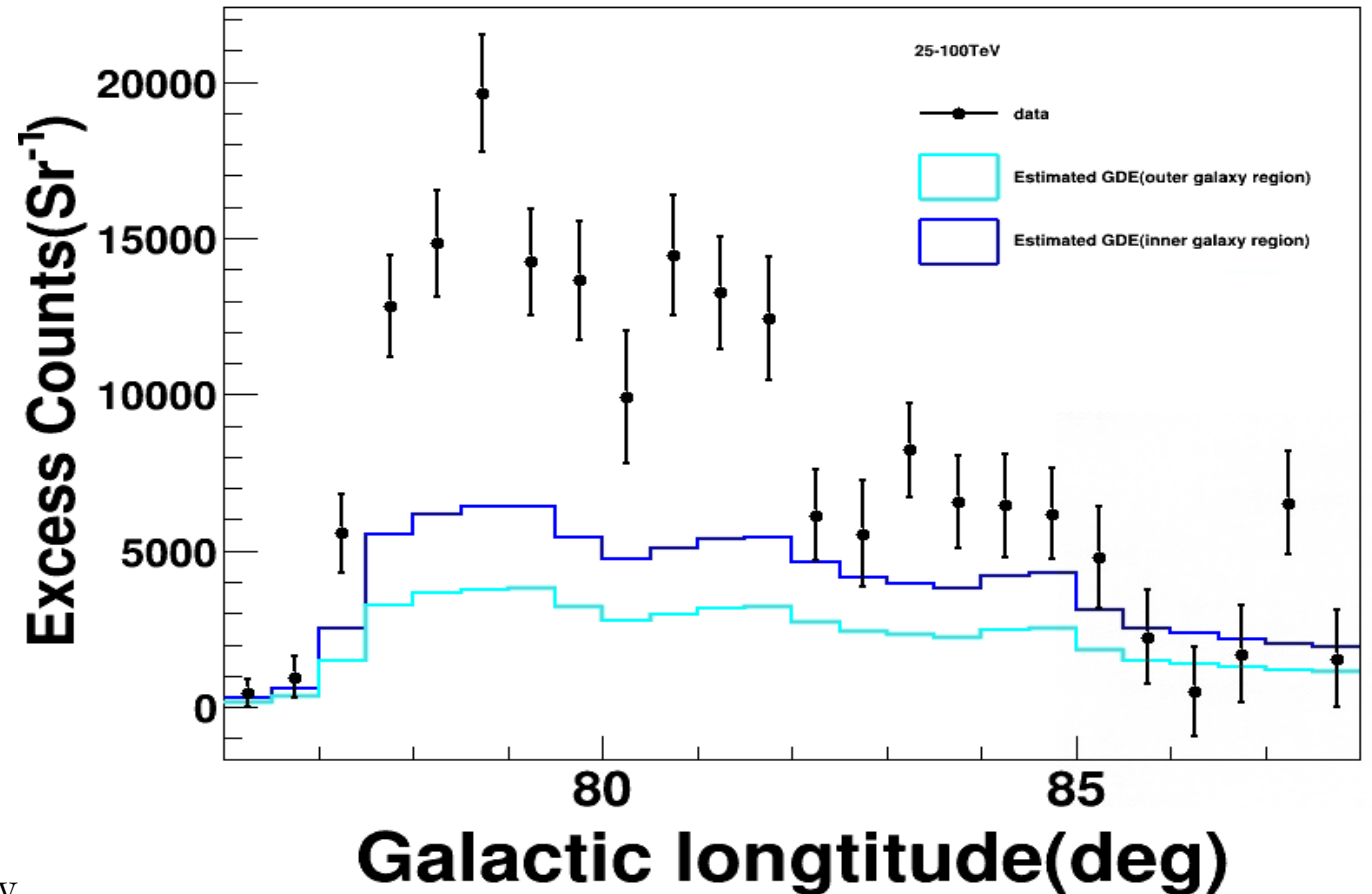
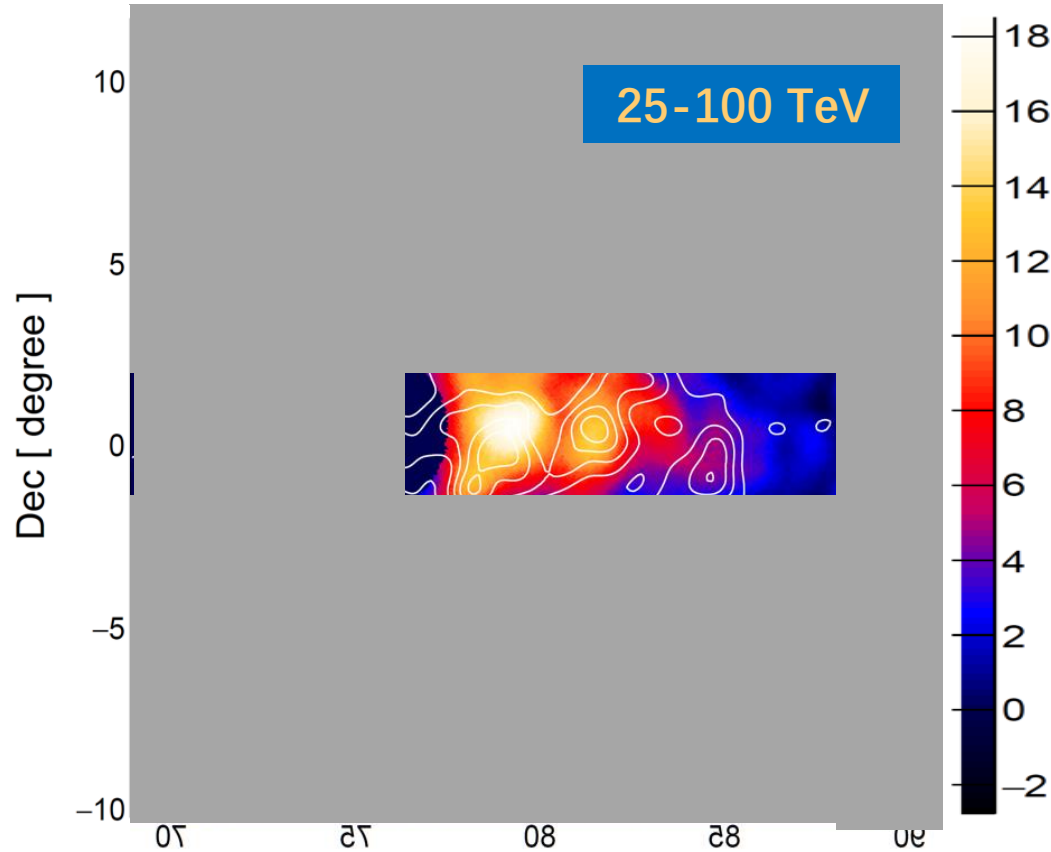


- The contour is from CfA galactic CO survey
- The significance map is smoothed with a Gaussian kernel of $\sigma=0.3^\circ$

The Bubble at 25-100 TeV

by KM2A

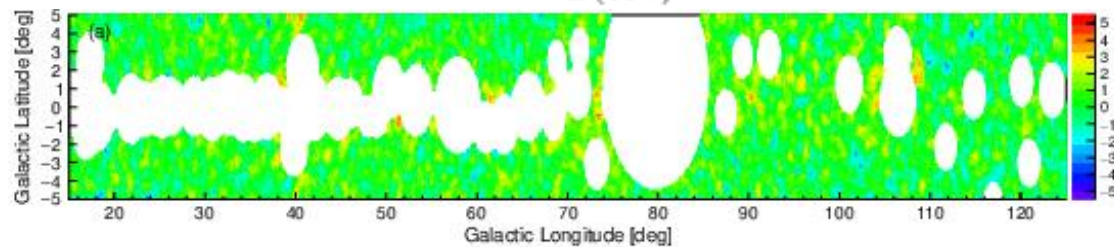
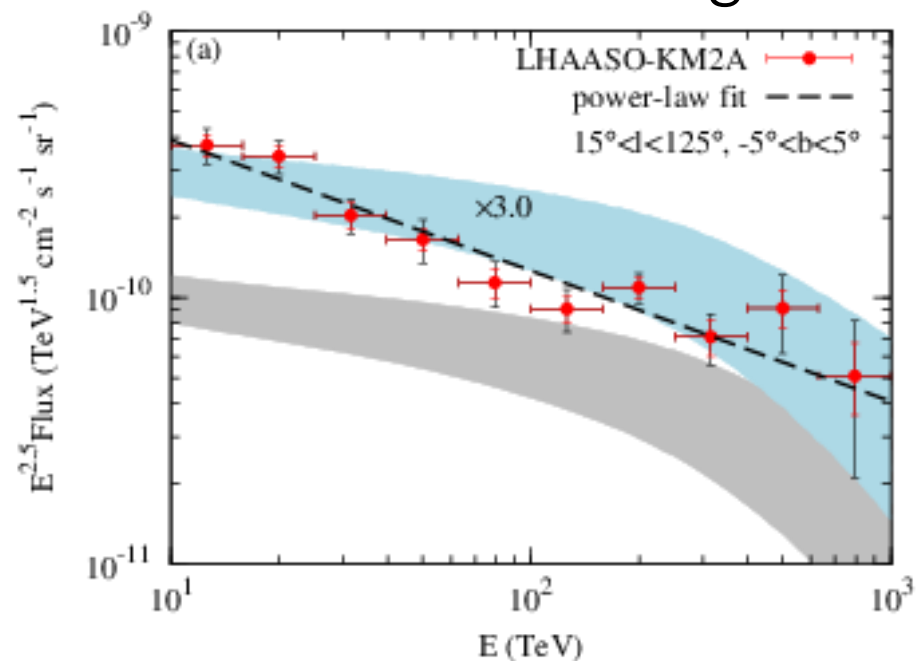
1-D Flux in $\pm 2^\circ$



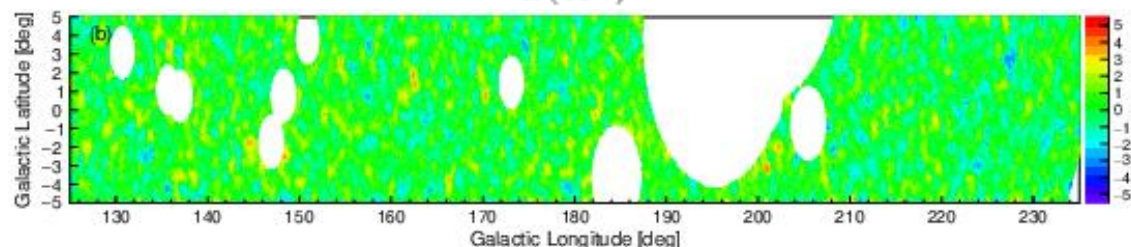
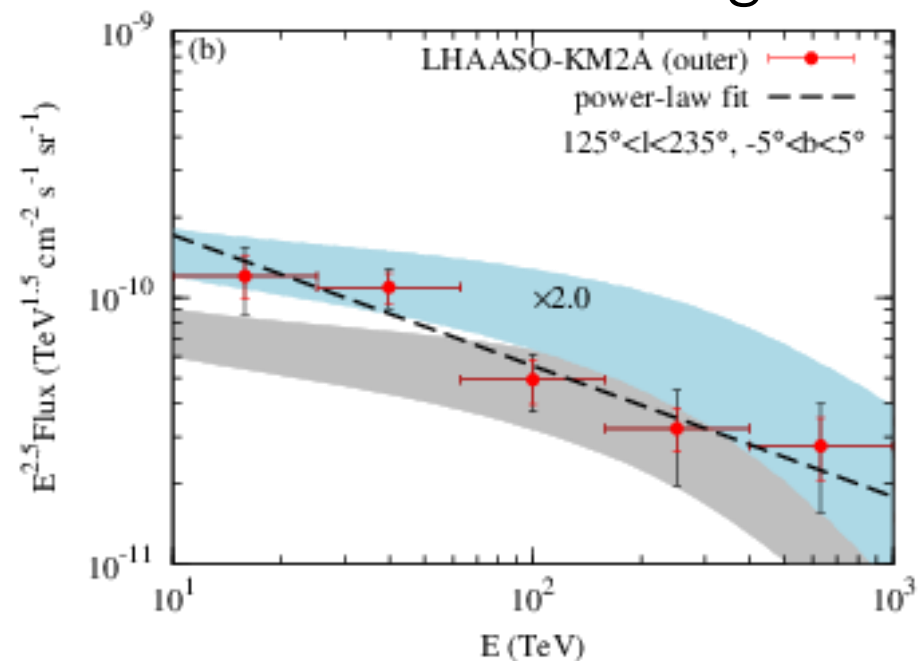
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LHAASO measured the Galactic Diffuse Emission

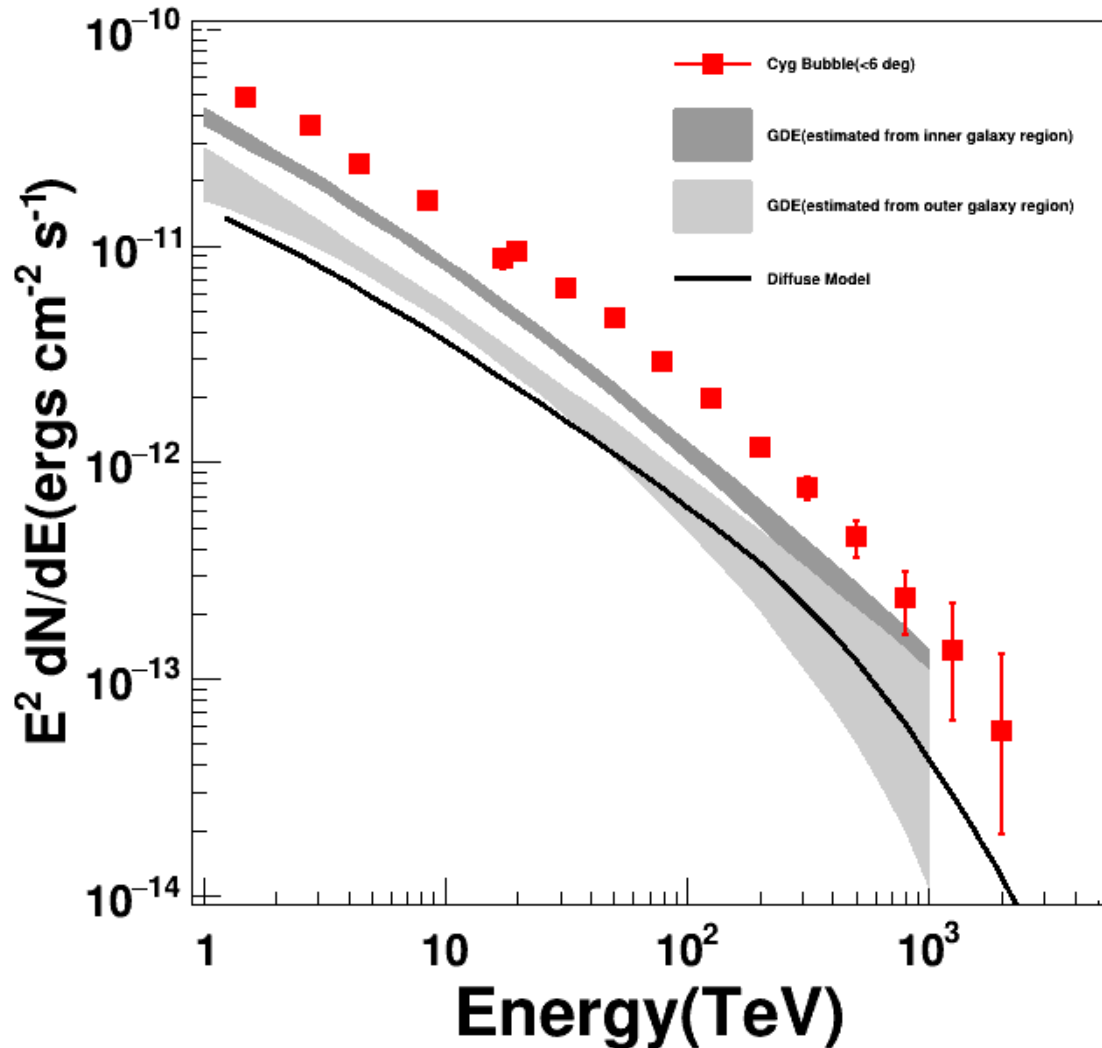
Inner Galactic Region



Outer Galactic Region



Spectral Energy Distribution of the Bubble

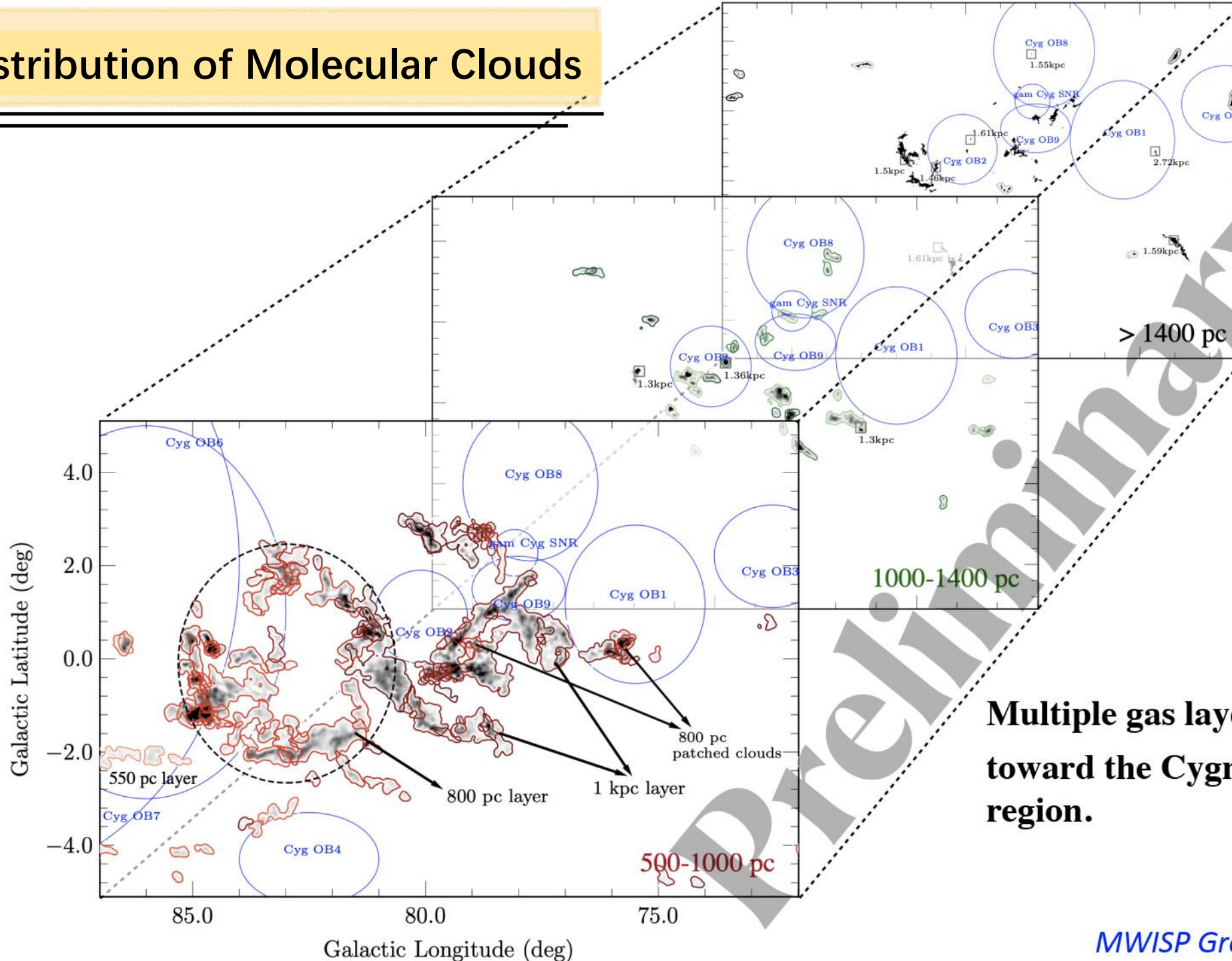


Energy Bin	Non	Nb
400TeV-630TeV	42	6.8
630TeV-1PeV	14	1.9
1PeV-1.6PeV	6	0.6
1.6PeV-2.5PeV	2	0.2

Almost background free

- ◆ The spectrum spans 3 decades up to 2 PeV
- ◆ Spectral index ~ 2.7
- ◆ No indication of cut-off in the spectrum

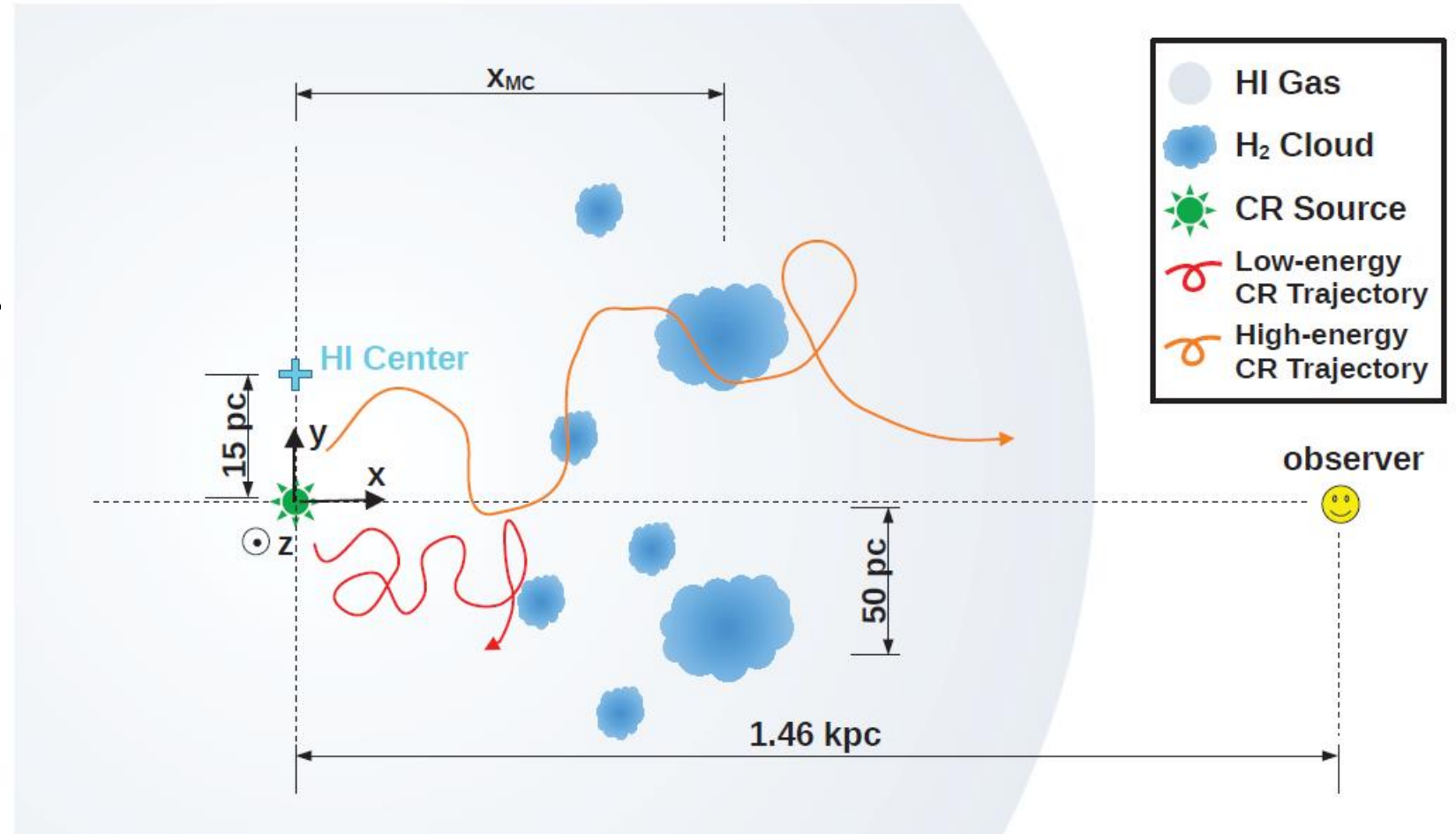
3-D distribution of Molecular Clouds



**Multiple gas layers
toward the Cygnus
region.**

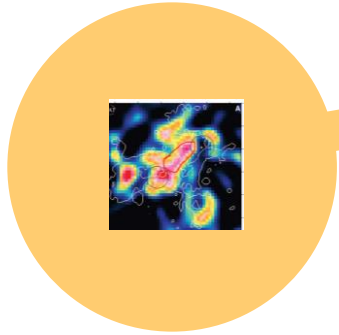
HE Protons injection from the core region

- High energy cosmic rays escape from the accelerator in the core
- Diffusing through the H1 gas and producing γ 's in p-p collisions
- Hitting on clumpy molecular clouds making hot-spots
- Slow diffusion $\sim 1\%DC$ in ISM

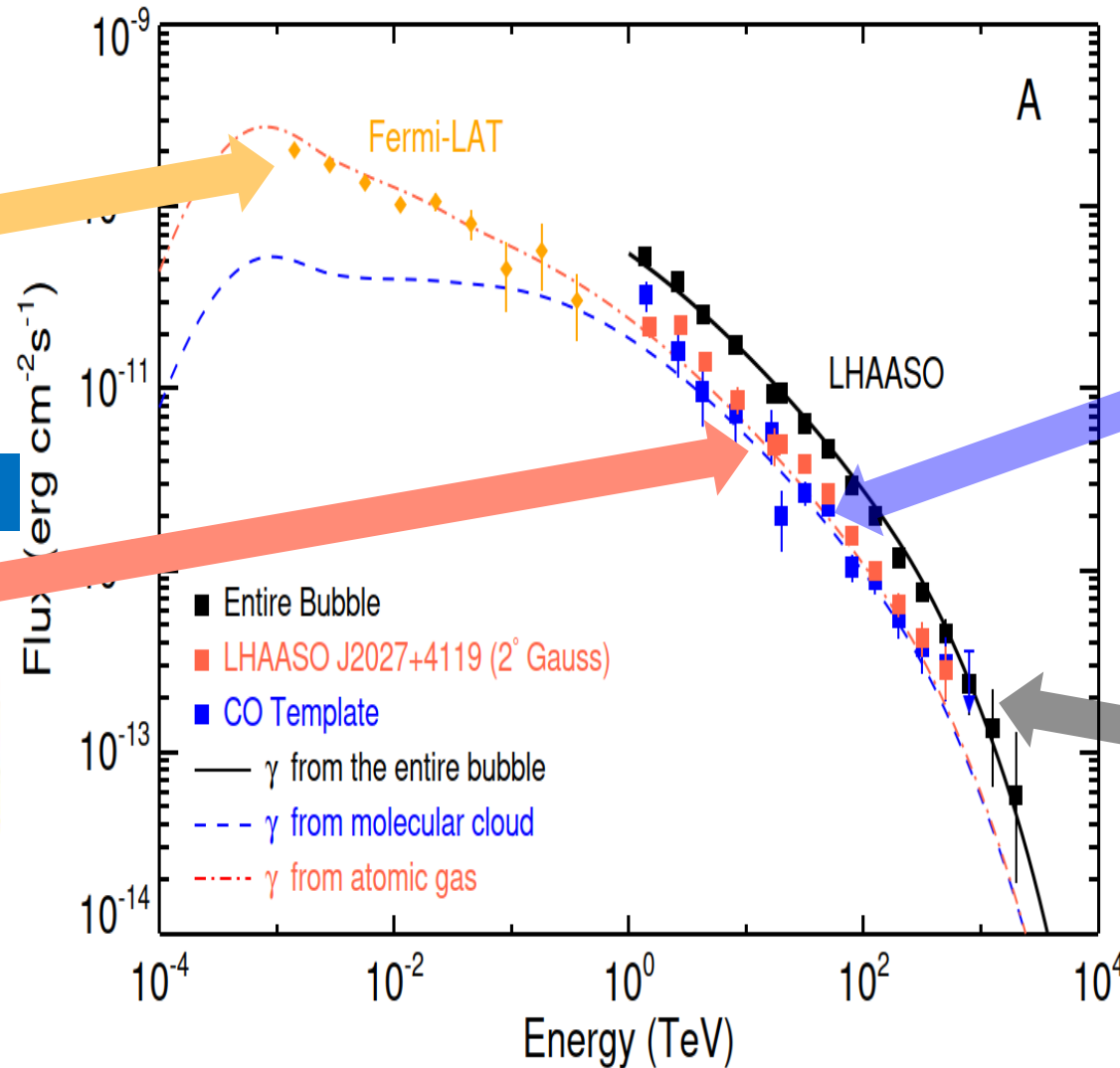
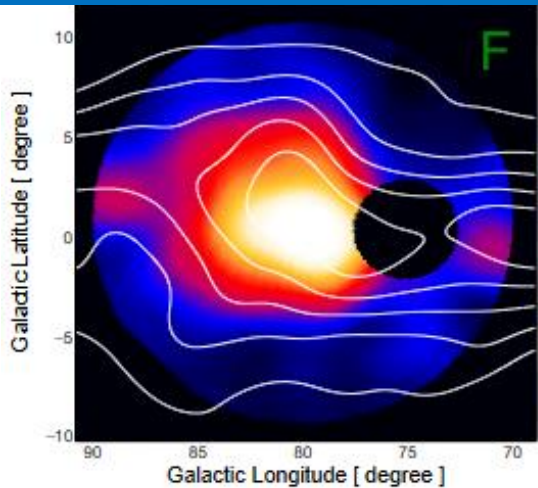


Model w 3 components : SED over 8 decades

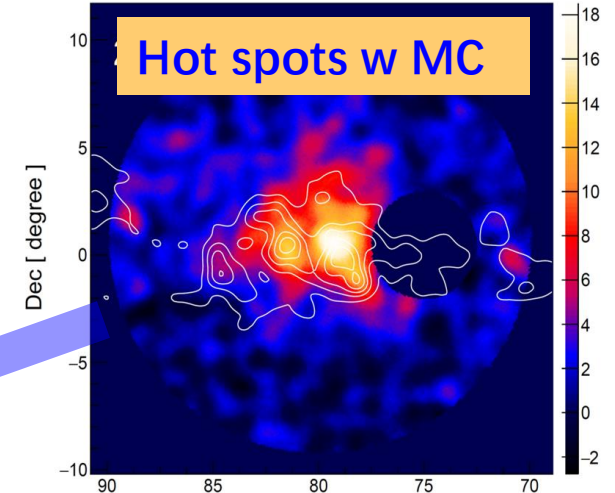
Fermi Cocoon



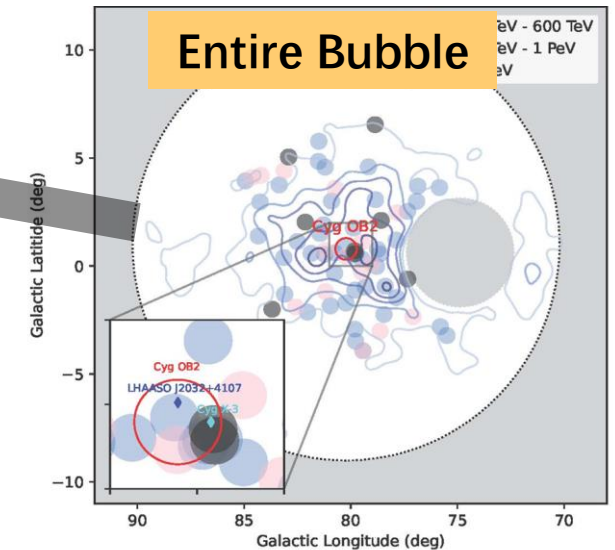
Extended Bubble w HI gas



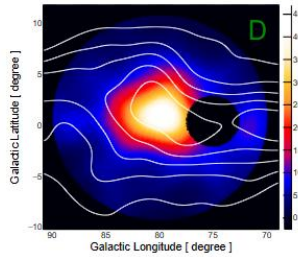
Hot spots w MC



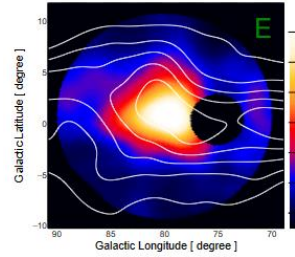
Entire Bubble



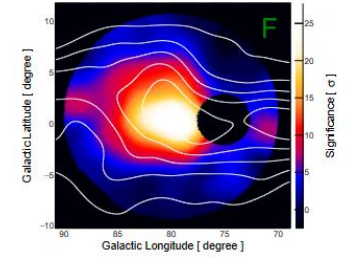
Model: Diffuse CR's generate γ 's Spatial Profile over 10° from the core



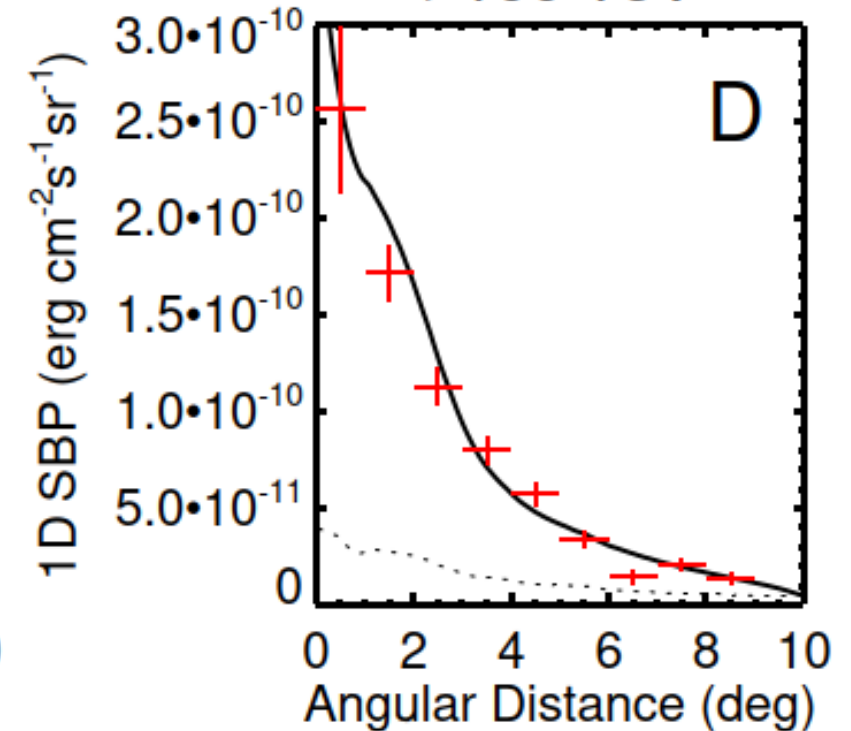
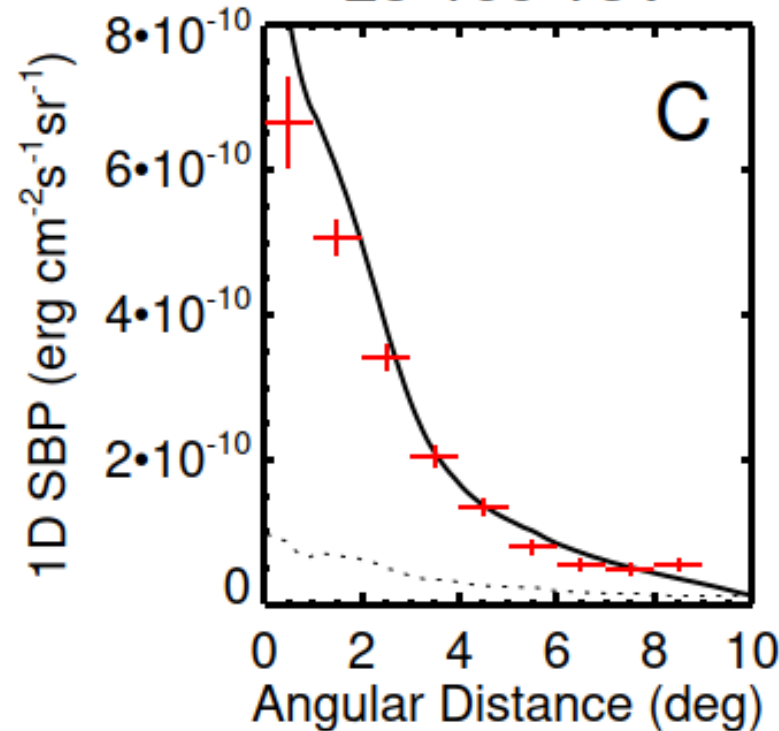
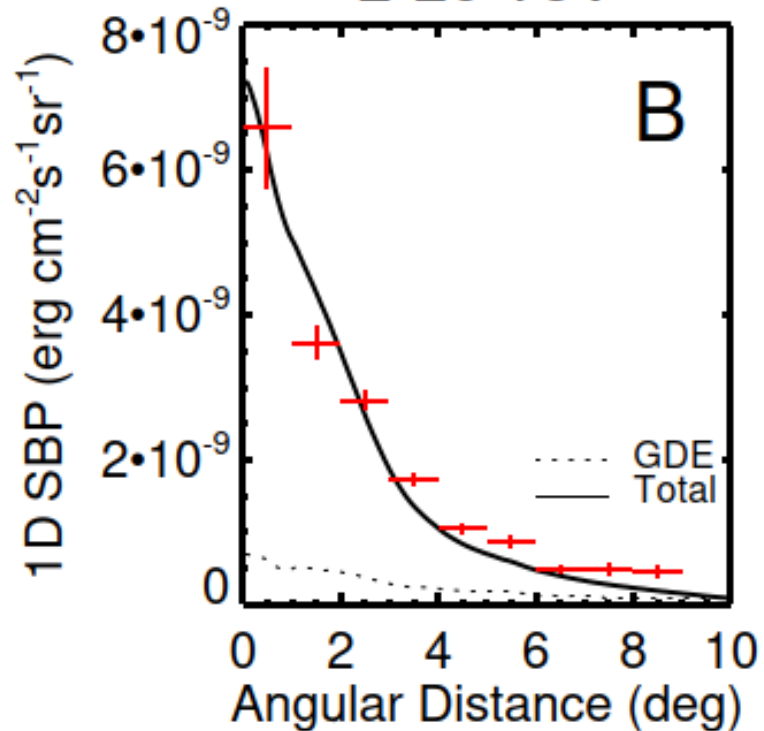
2-20 TeV



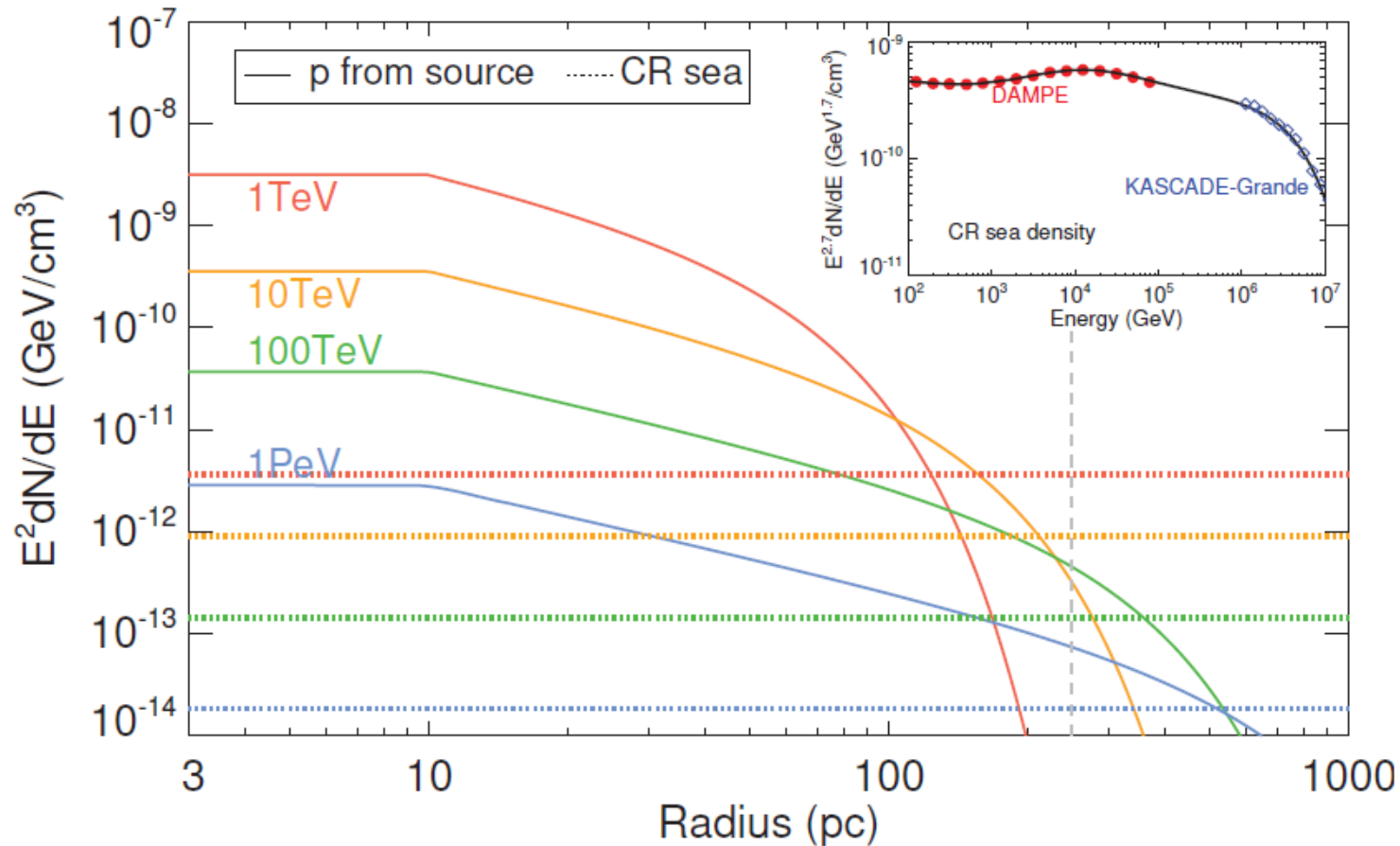
25-100 TeV



>100 TeV

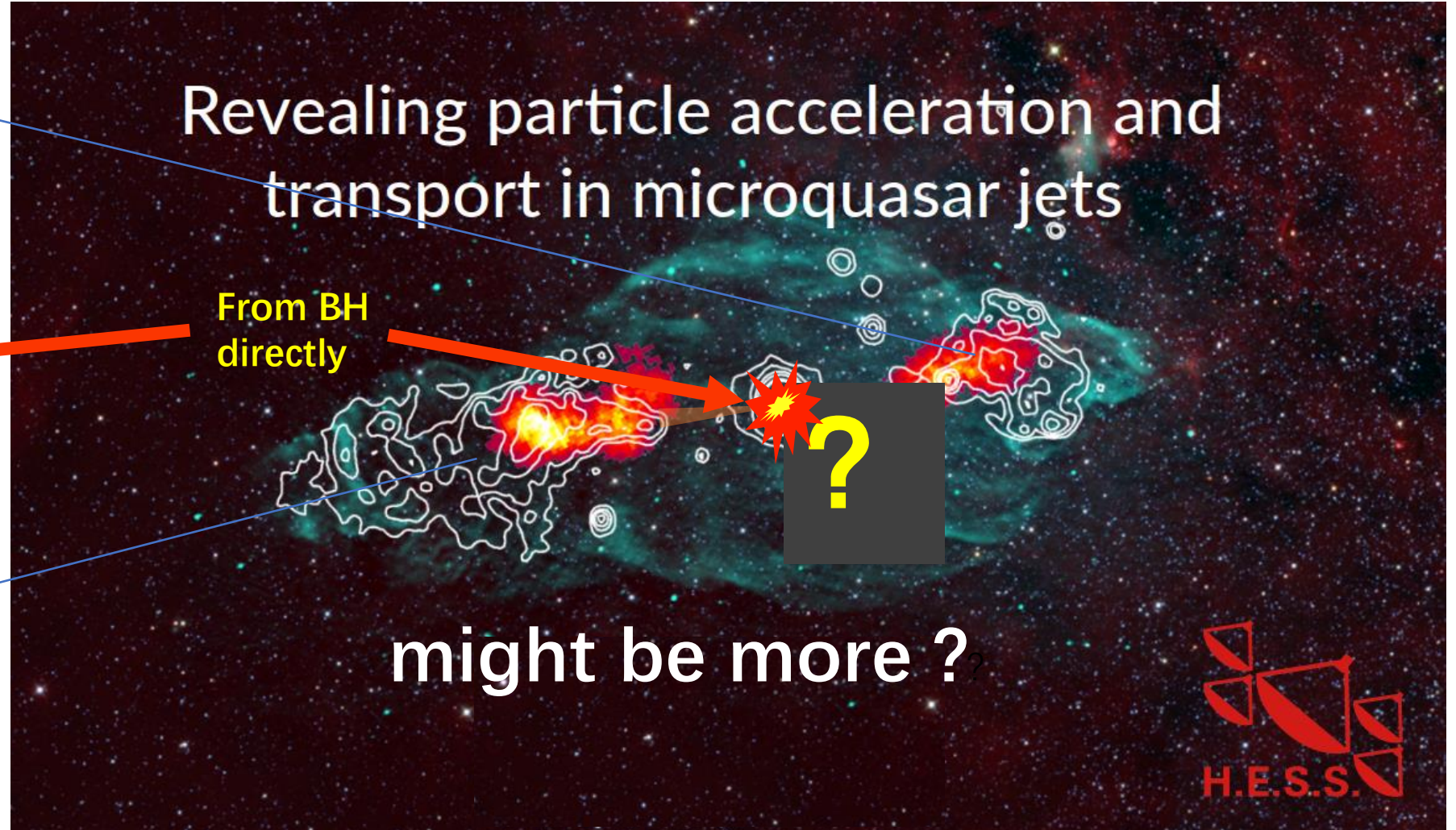
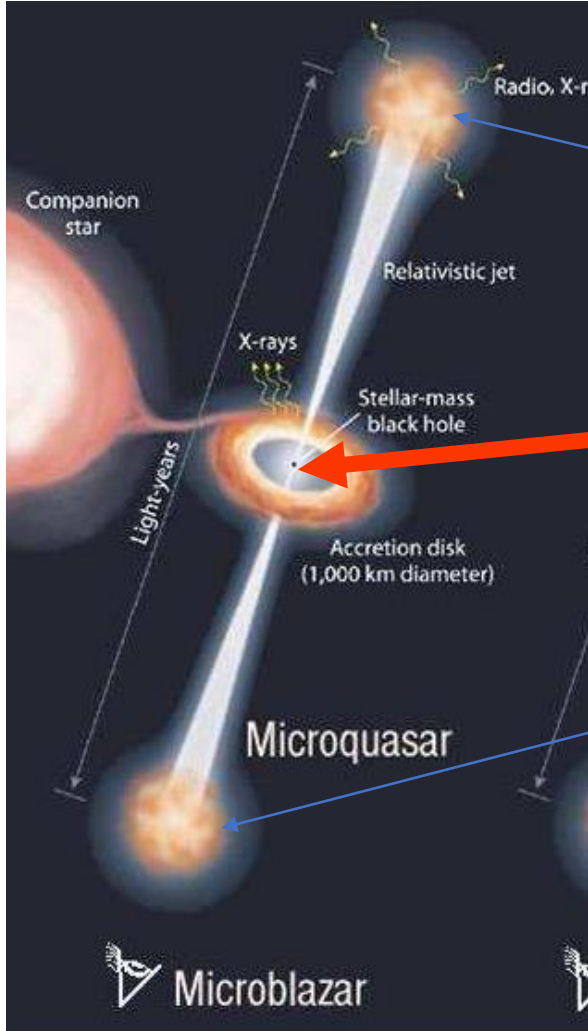


Derived Cosmic Ray bubble over ~ 200 pc



- ◆ There is a large cosmic ray bubble
- ◆ A rather small propagation ecoefficiency around the source
- ◆ The size of the visible bubble depends on the level of diffuse γ -rays

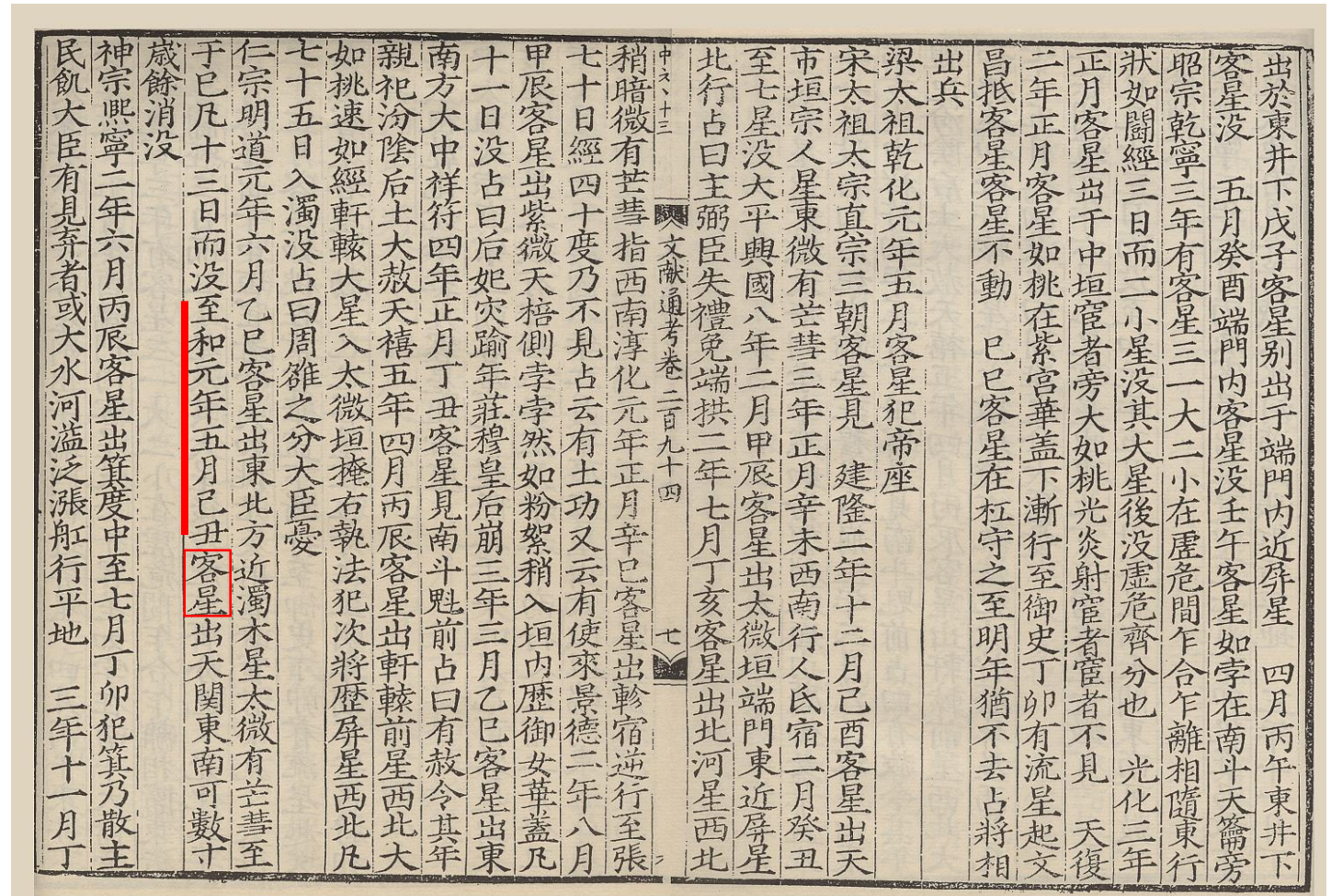
SS 433: UHE γ -emitters?



■ Extreme Accelerators

The First Observation 967 years back

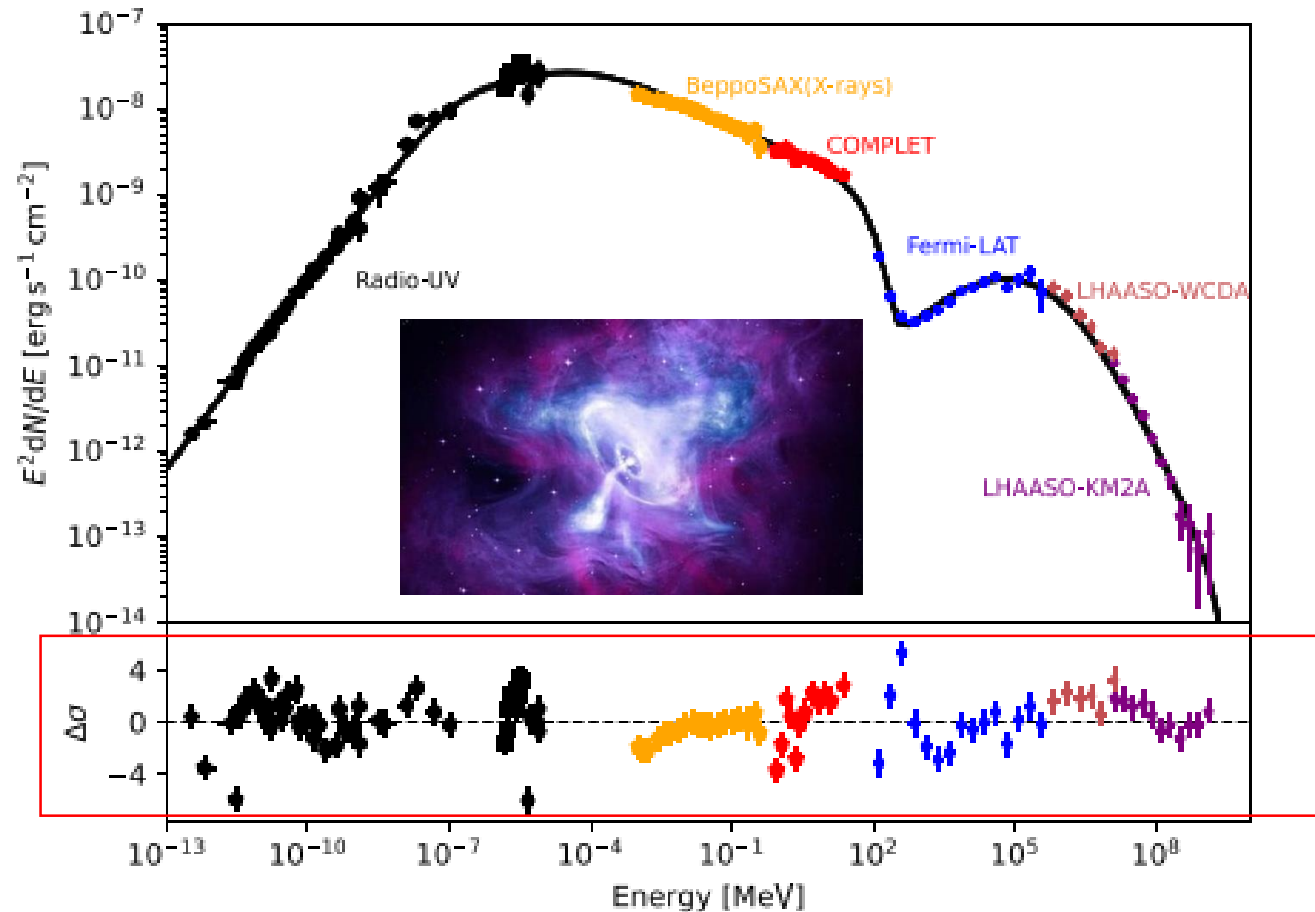
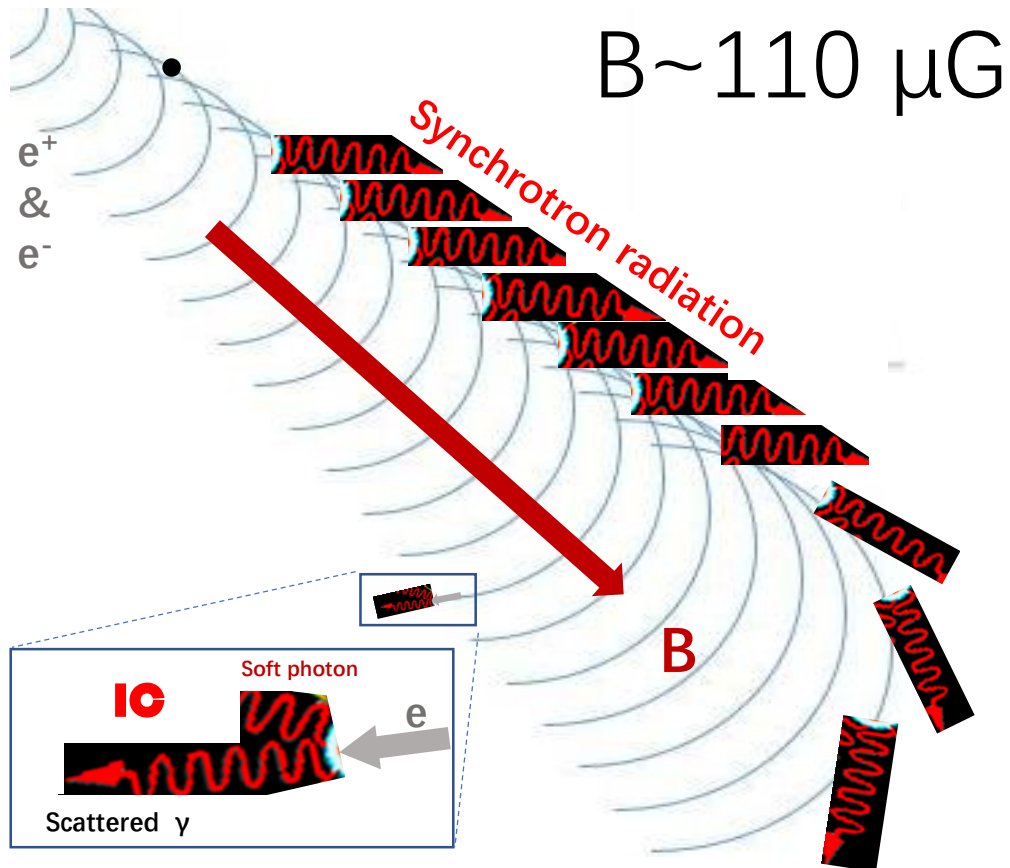
- Song Dynasty Official (司天监) recorded the “guest star”
- The first identified Supernova
- **The accurate occur time:** the night of July, 4th, 1054



“Extreme Electron PeVatron”

- One-zone Leptonic Model: remarkable feature over 22 orders
- The photons above 1 PeV pose challenges to particle accel. Theory

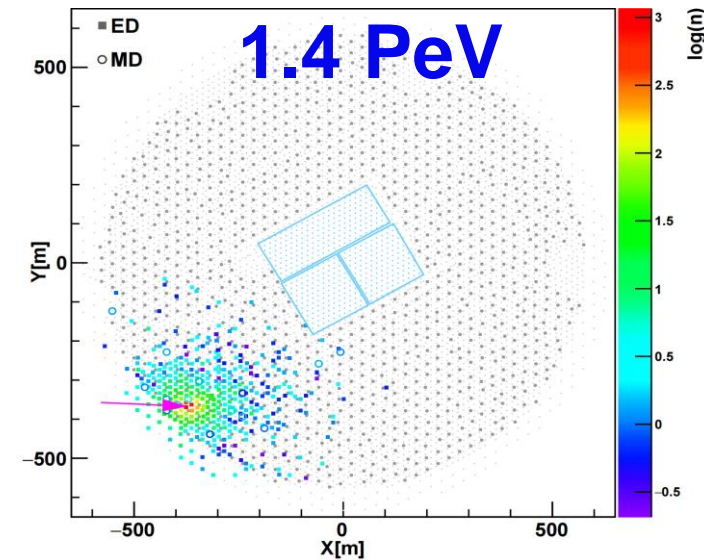
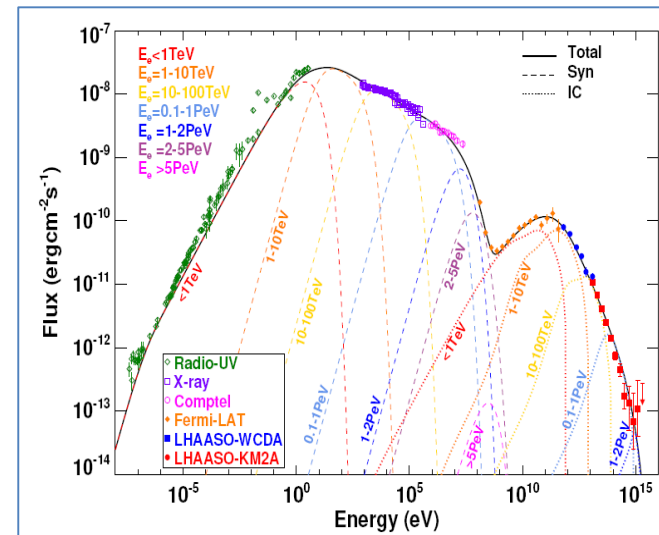
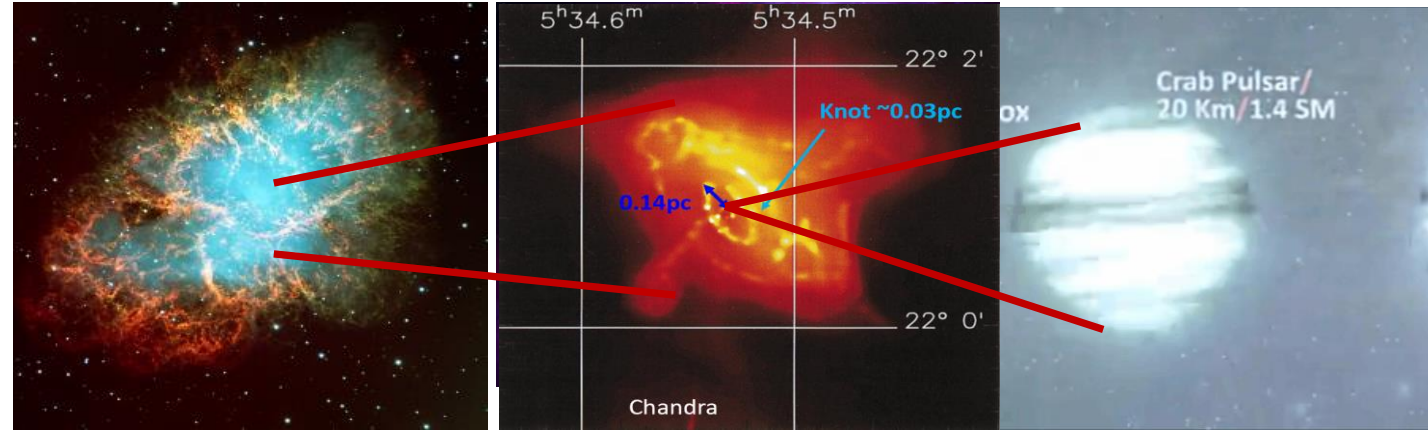
L. Nie et al., ApJ, **924** 42 (2022), [arXiv:2201.03796](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.03796)



The Crab Nebula: emitting photons above 1 PeV

- Electron/positron accelerator in the heart of the nebula
- Acceleration rate approaching the theoretic limit

- Record HE photons $1.1\text{PeV} \rightarrow 1.4\text{PeV}$
- Electron energy must be higher than $2.3\text{PeV} \rightarrow 2.8\text{PeV}$
- Acceleration rate $\eta \approx 0.16 \rightarrow 0.26$
- size of accelerator $R_g = 0.025\text{pc} \rightarrow 0.032\text{pc}$

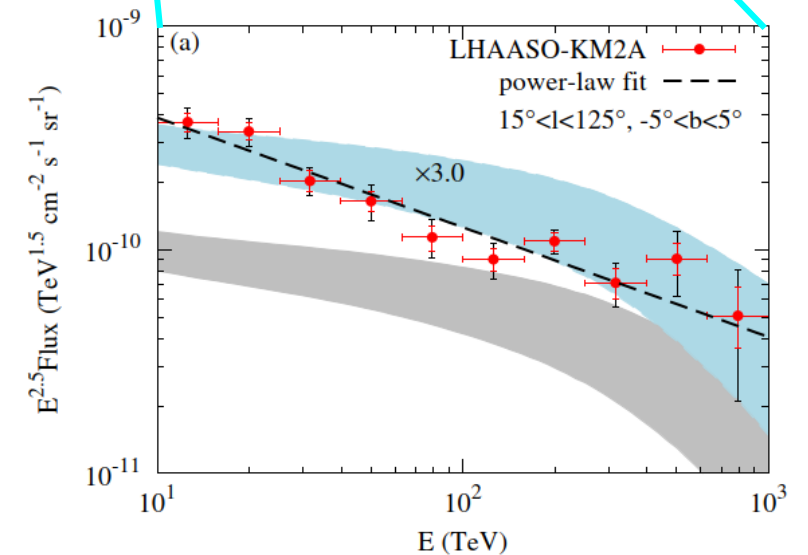
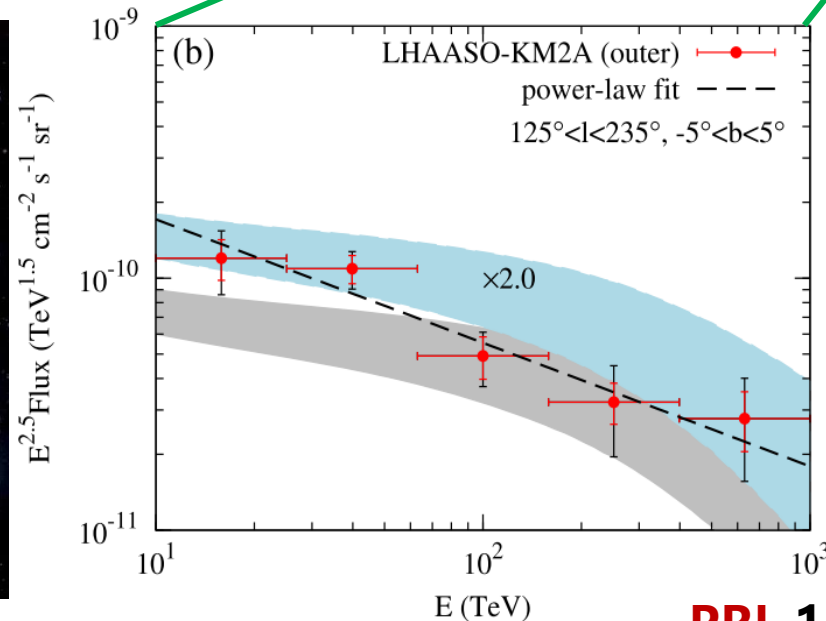
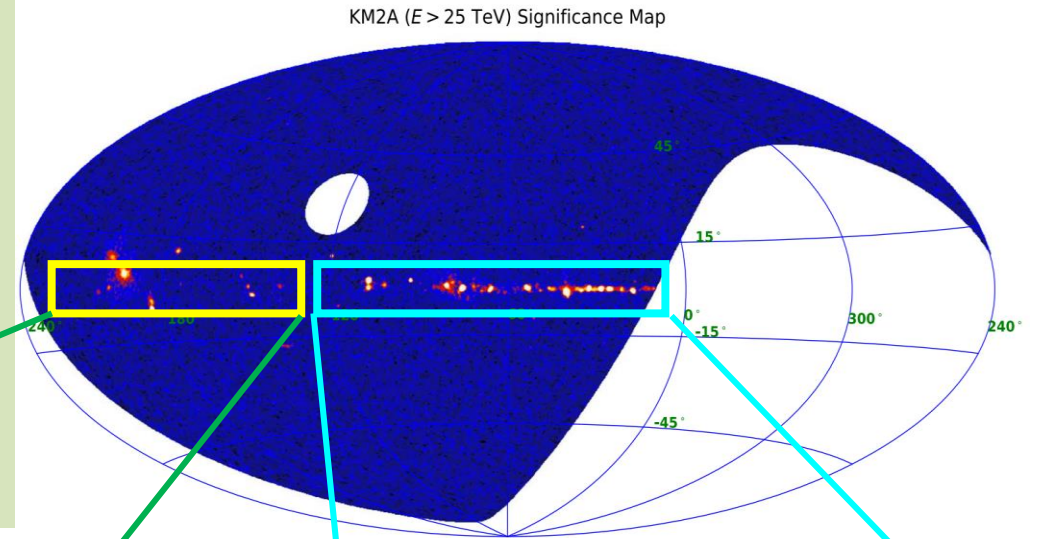


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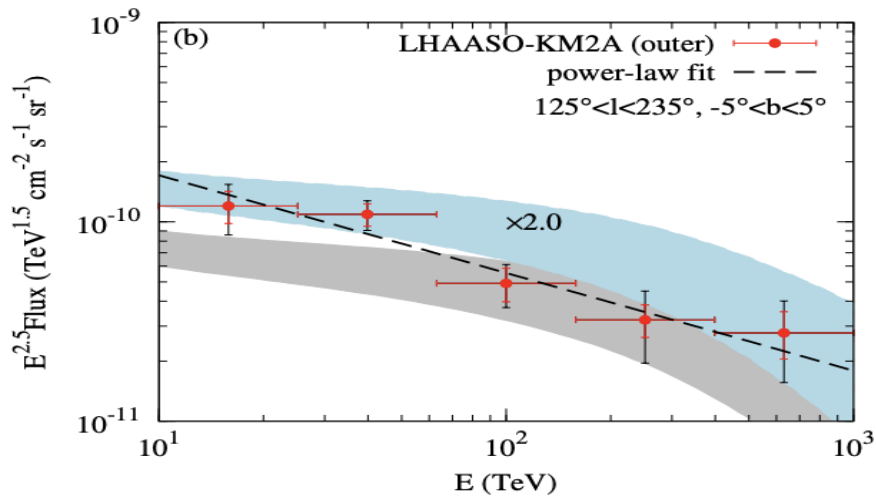
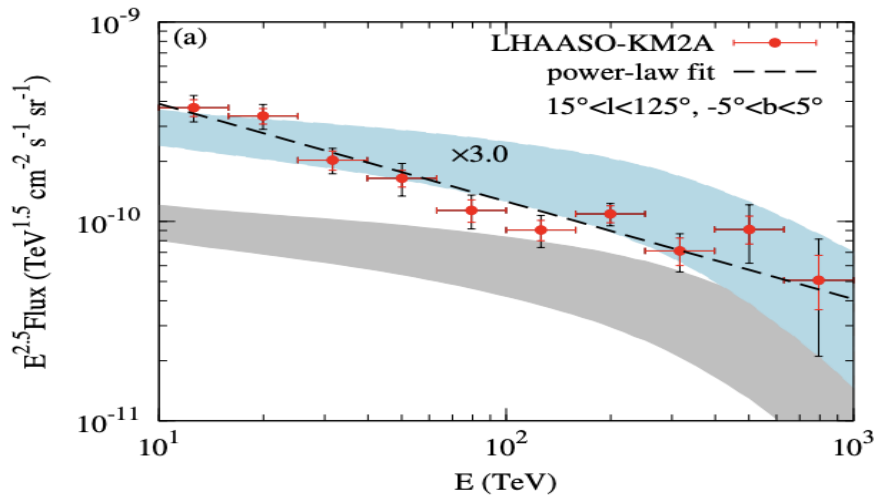
■ Diffuse γ -rays & Cosmic ray Anisotropy

Diffuse γ -rays: trace the propagation of CRs in the MW

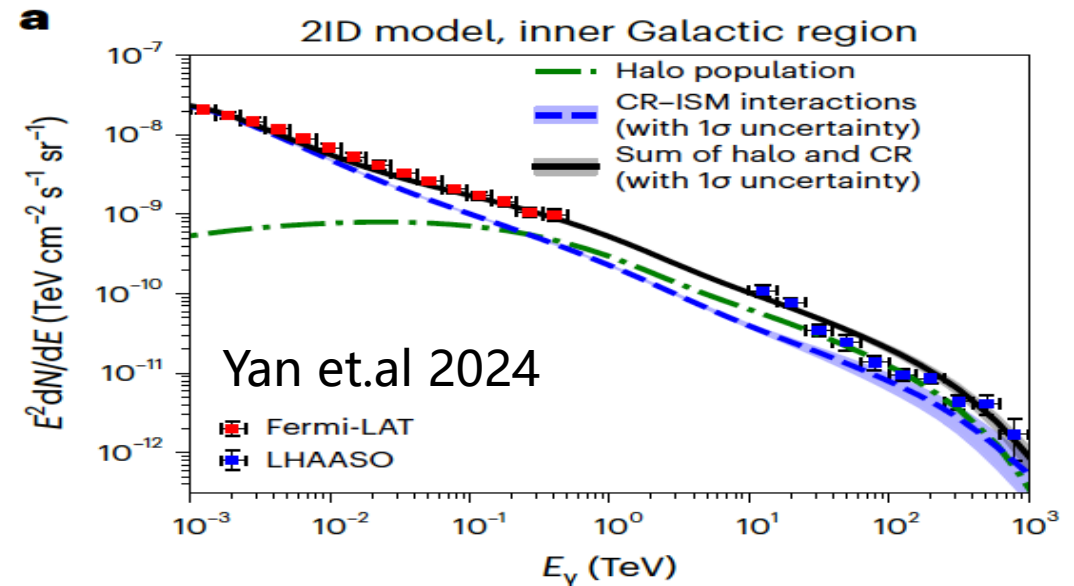
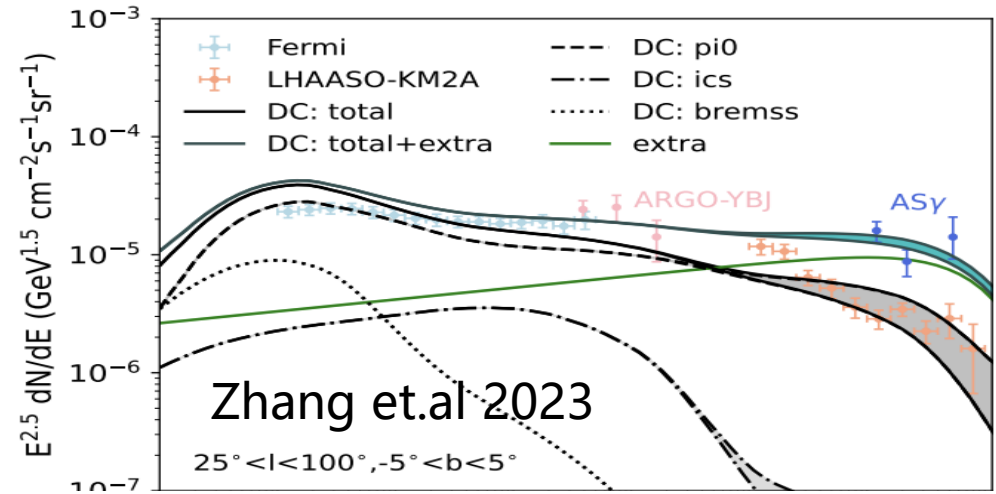
- High precision measurements covering (10 TeV, 1 PeV) with all sources removed
- GDE measured in outer-galaxy for first time
- $\times 3$ of the predicted assuming uniform distribution of CRs in the MW



Diffuse gamma-ray emission



Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 151001 (2023)
'Excess' revealed in multi-TeV band

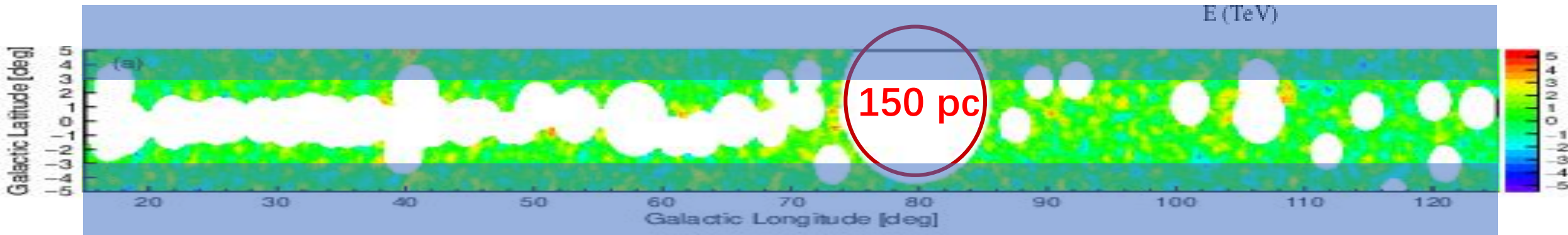
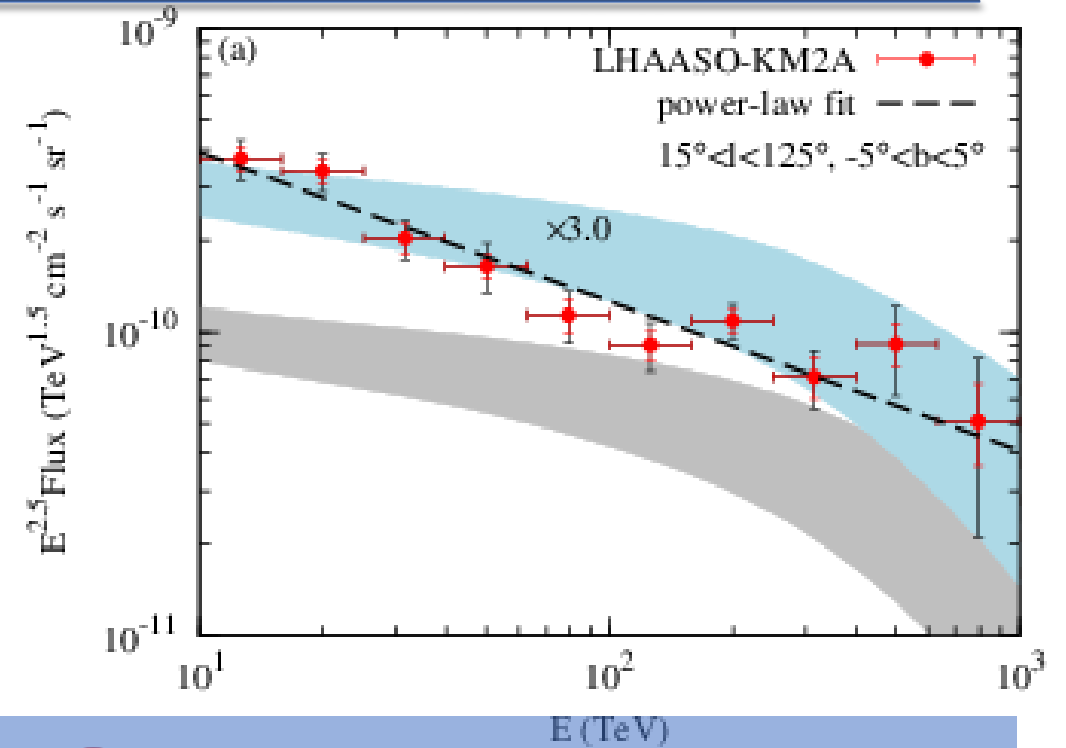


A new component in GDE? From Pulsar halos?

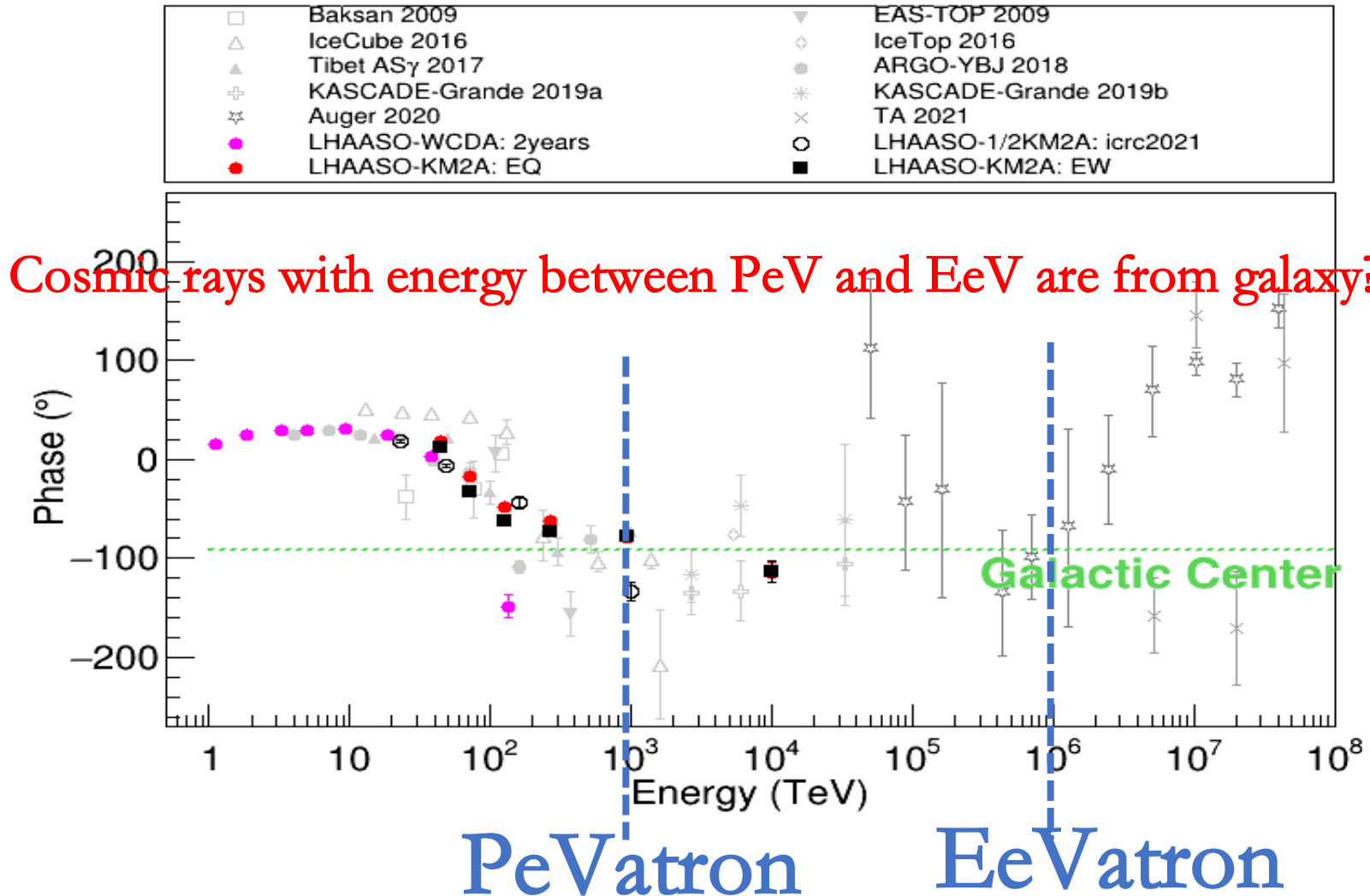
The Galactic Diffuse Emission is X3 higher than the expectation

Inner Galactic Region

- Likely to be the extension of bubbles
- Cygnus bubble is a good example
- **Measurements in belts $|b| > 5^\circ$ or 3° may help to understand better**



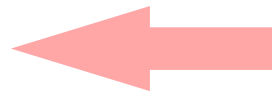
Cosmic ray anisotropy



- ◆ There should be sources in our galaxy can accelerate particles to PeV or even up to EeV from the measurement of CRs at earth.

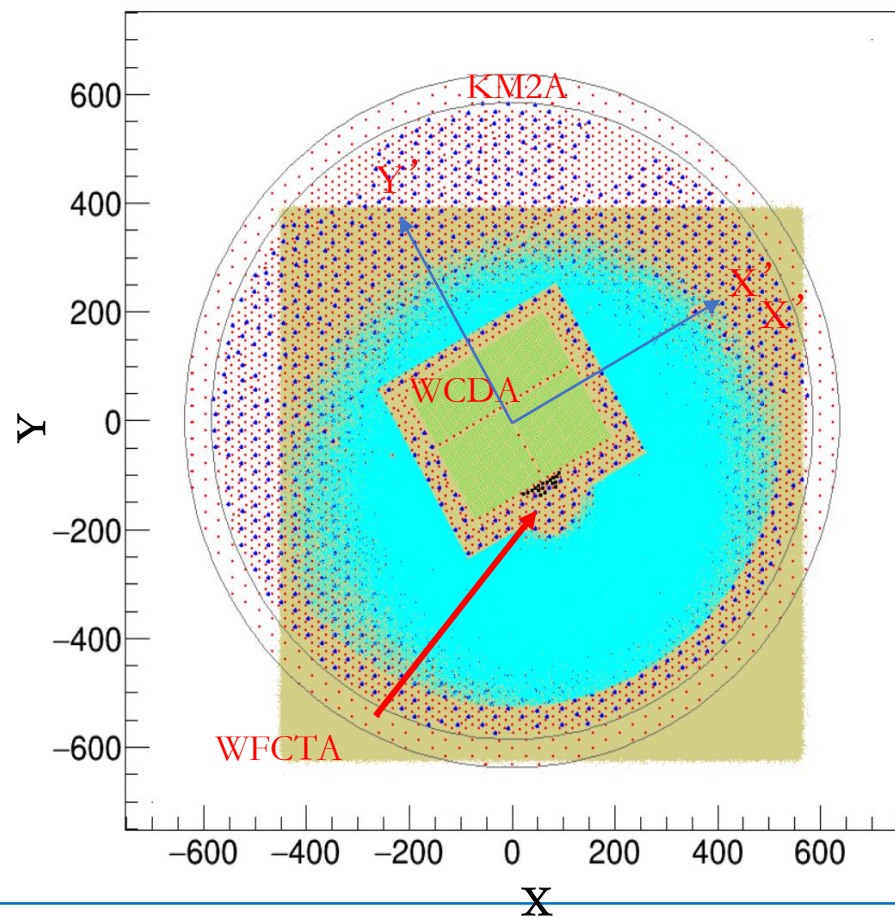
■ Cosmic-ray Spectra around Knees

- Pure Protons
- light component
- All-particle Spectrum



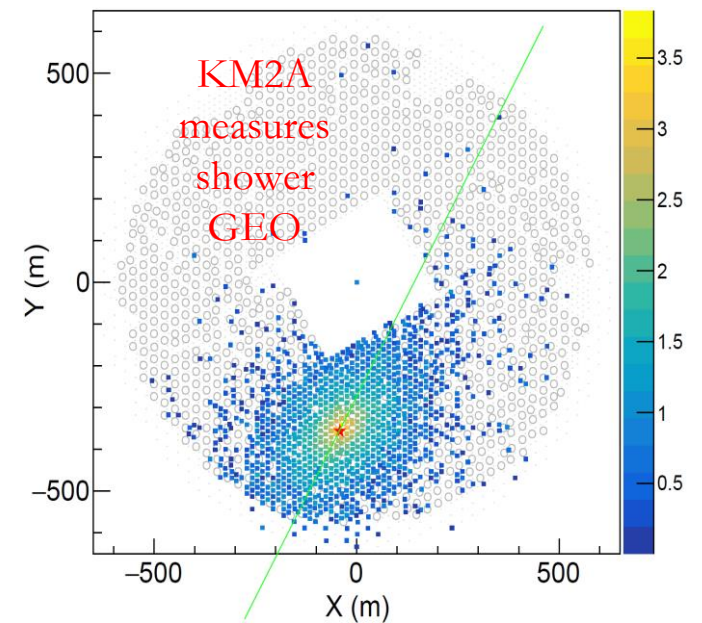
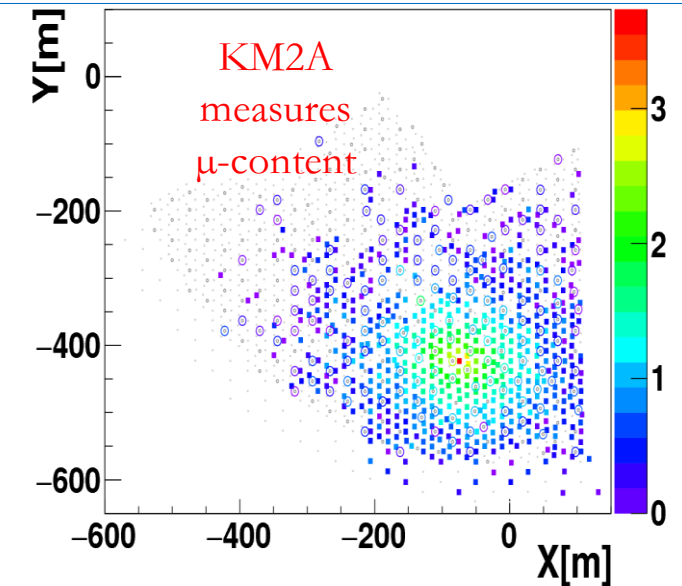
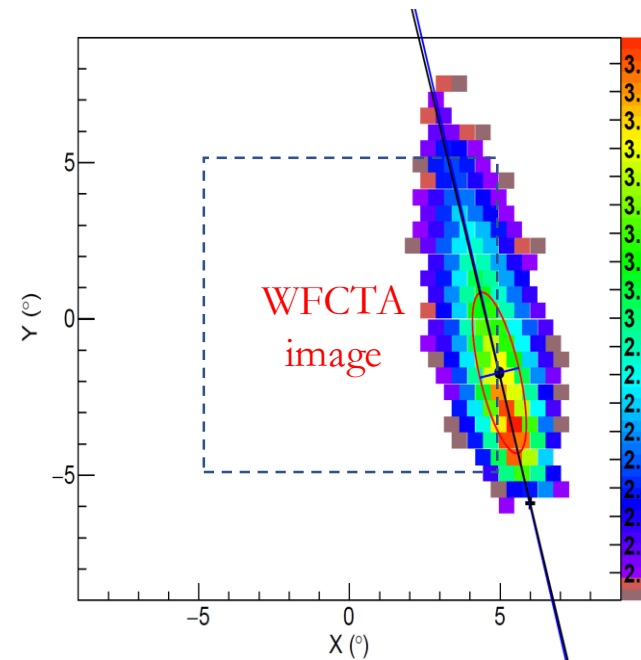
➤ WFCTA:

1. Number of pixels: $N_{\text{pix}} > 6$
2. FoV: $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$ for the centroid of the image
3. R_p : 100 – 300 m



➤ KM2A:

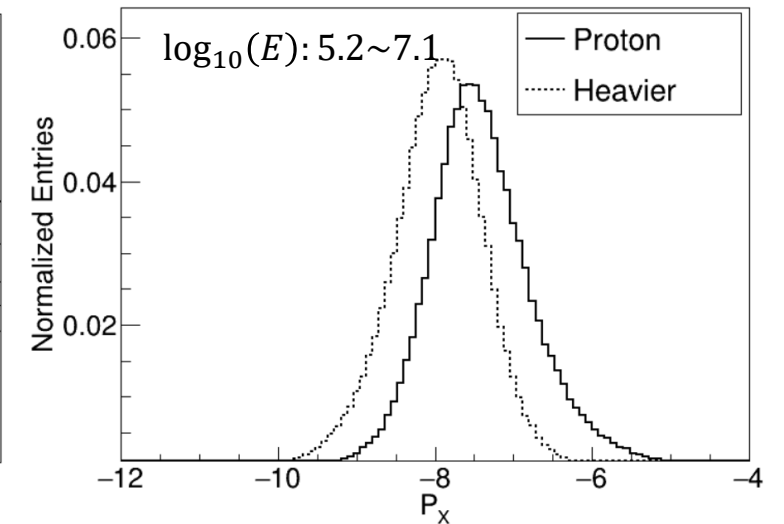
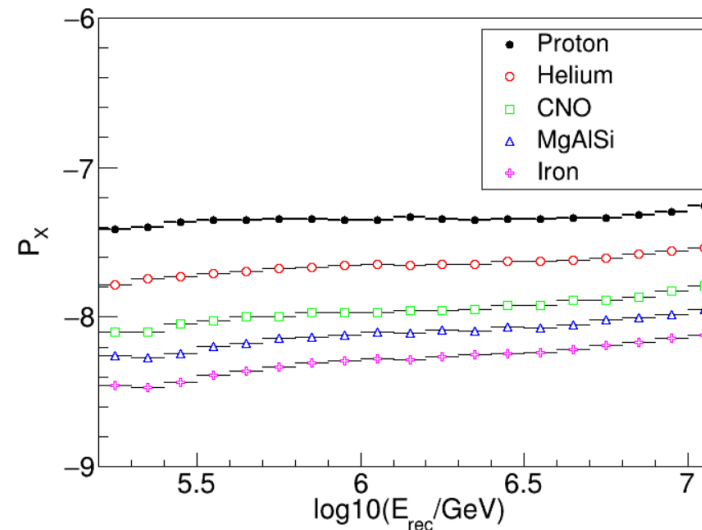
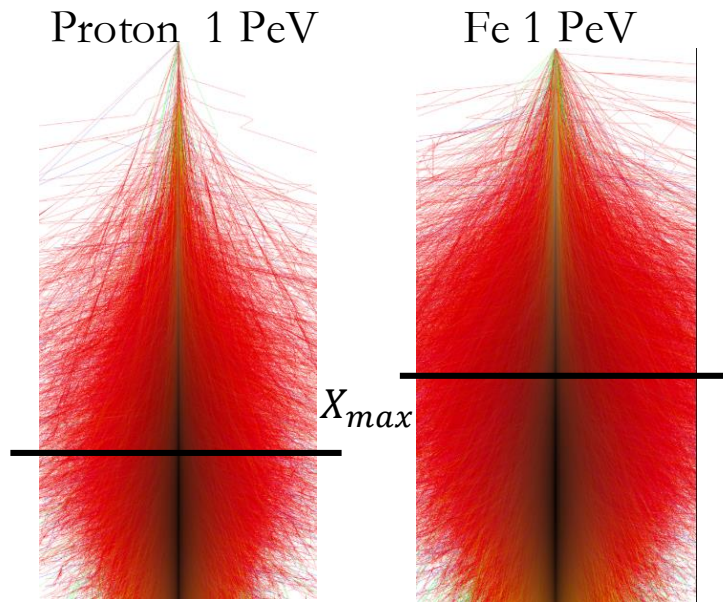
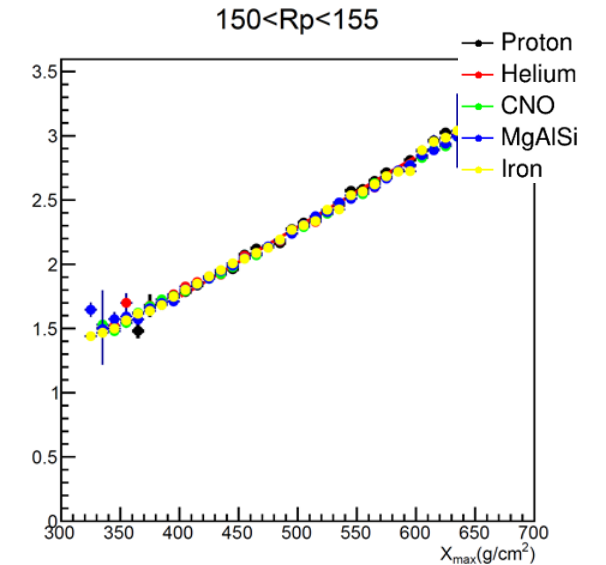
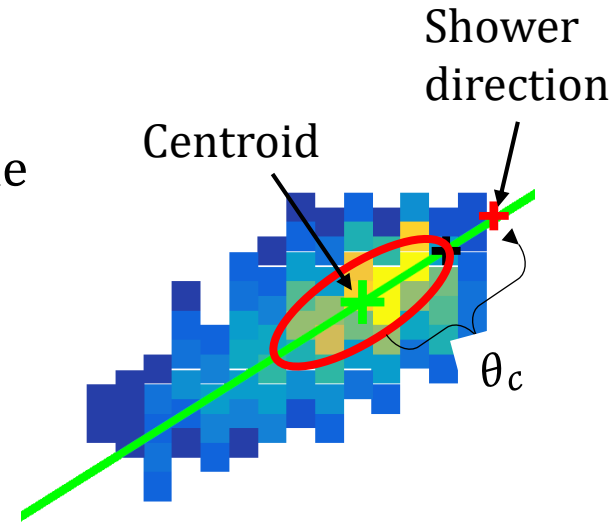
1. Core (x, y)
 - $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < 500 \text{ m}$
 - $!(|x'| < 200 \text{ m} \ \& \ |y'| < 150 \text{ m})$
2. Number of hits in KM2A > 20



EAS maximum at X_{max} : $X_{max}^A = X_{max}^P - \lambda_r \ln A$

Elongation rate : $\Lambda \equiv \frac{dX_{max}}{d\log_{10}E} \approx 58 \text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} / \text{decade}$

- $P_0 = \theta_c / \cos \text{zenith} - 1.32 \times 10^{-2} R_p$
- $P_X = P_0 + 0.13 \times \lg^2 E_{rec} - 2.16 \times \lg E_{rec}$

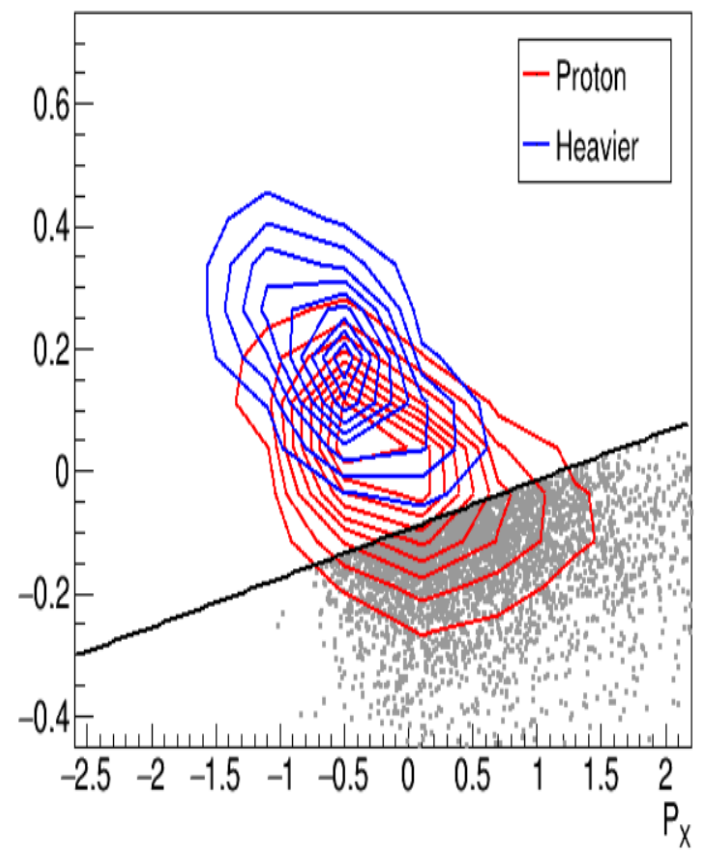
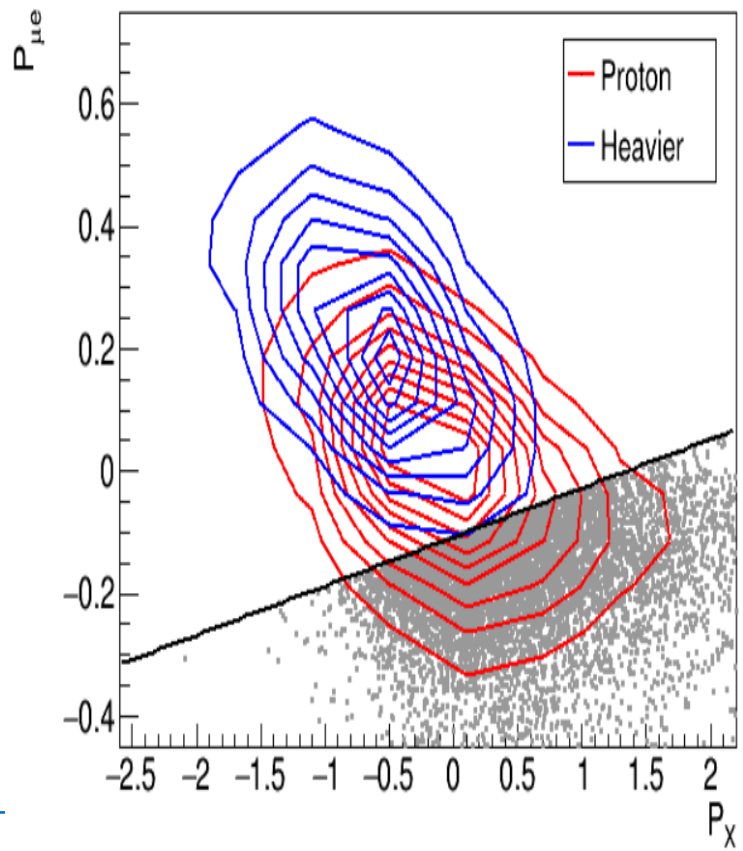


Proton Shower Selection: shower maximum depth & μ -content

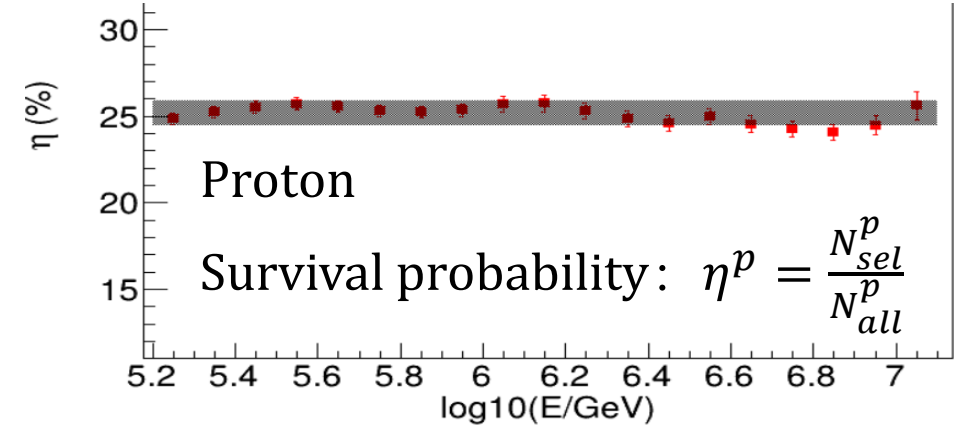
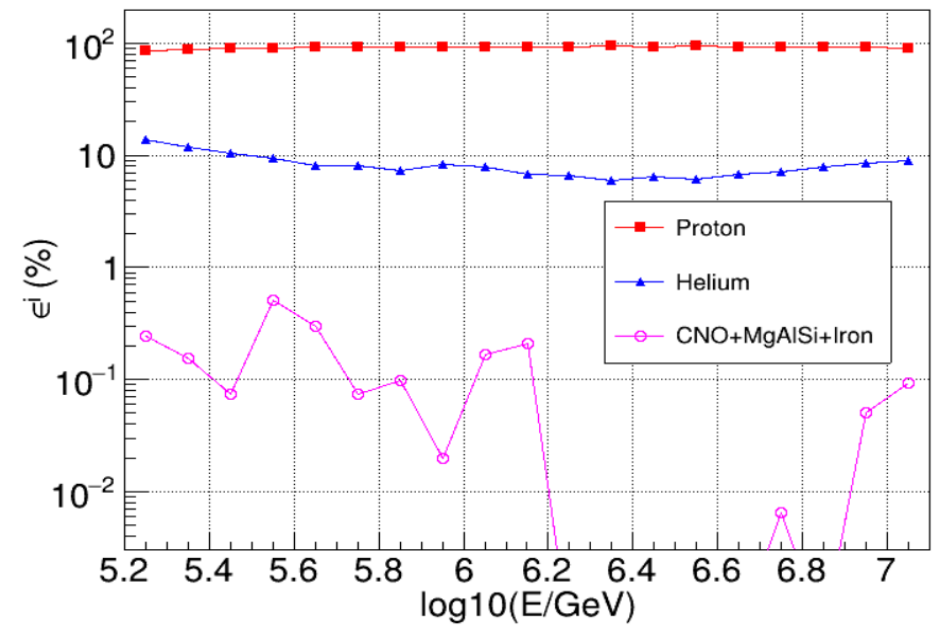
Proton Purity: $\epsilon^p = \frac{N_{sel}^p}{N_{sel}^{MC}} > 90\%$
(for $E_{proton} > 300\text{TeV}$)

$\log_{10}(E): 5.50 \sim 5.60$

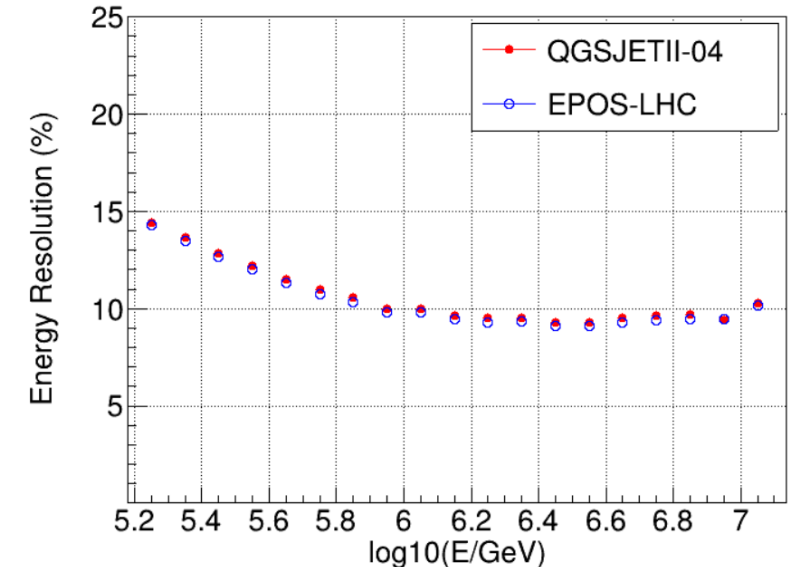
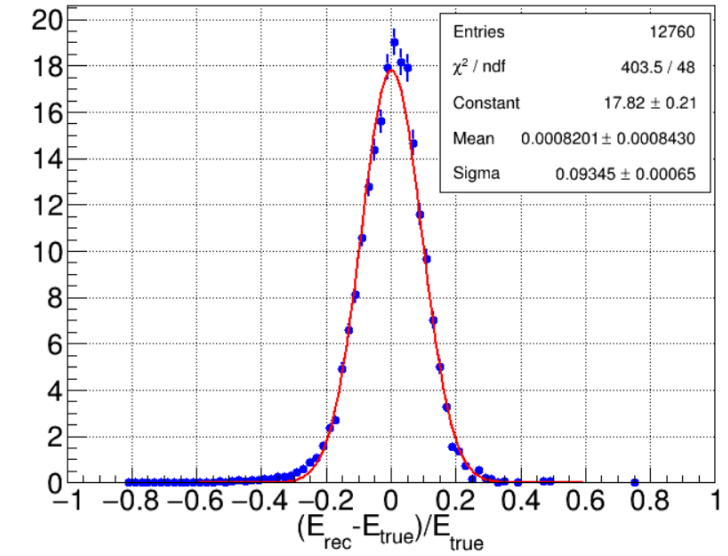
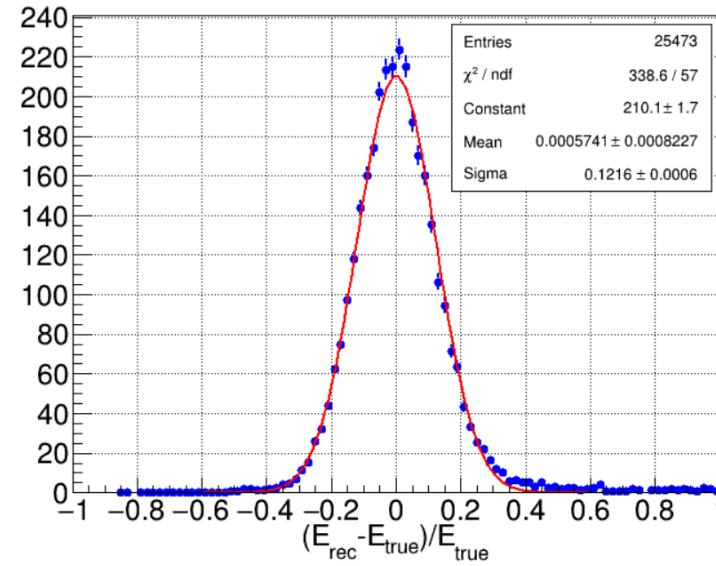
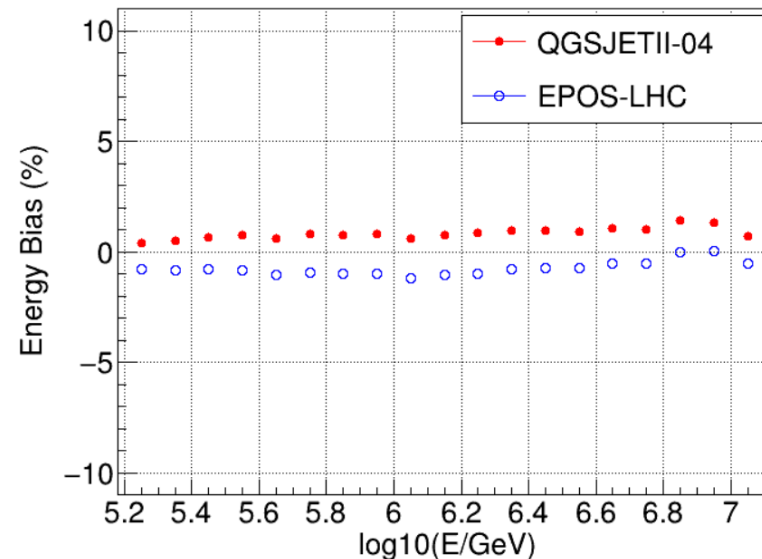
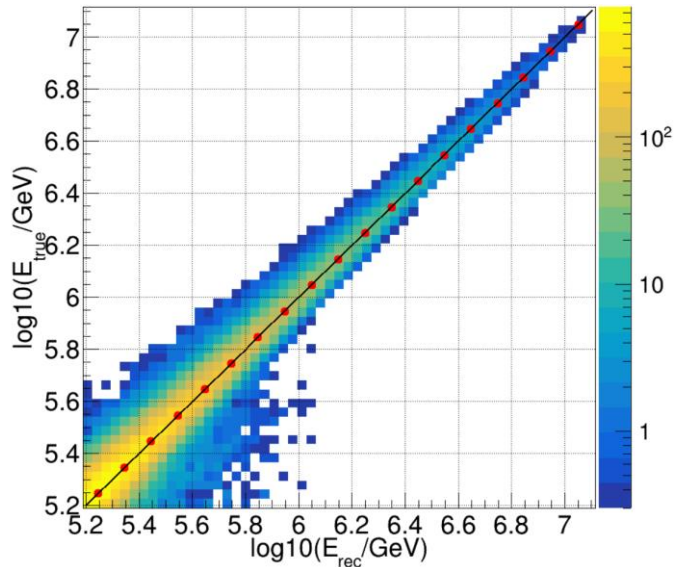
$\log_{10}(E): 6.00 \sim 6.10$



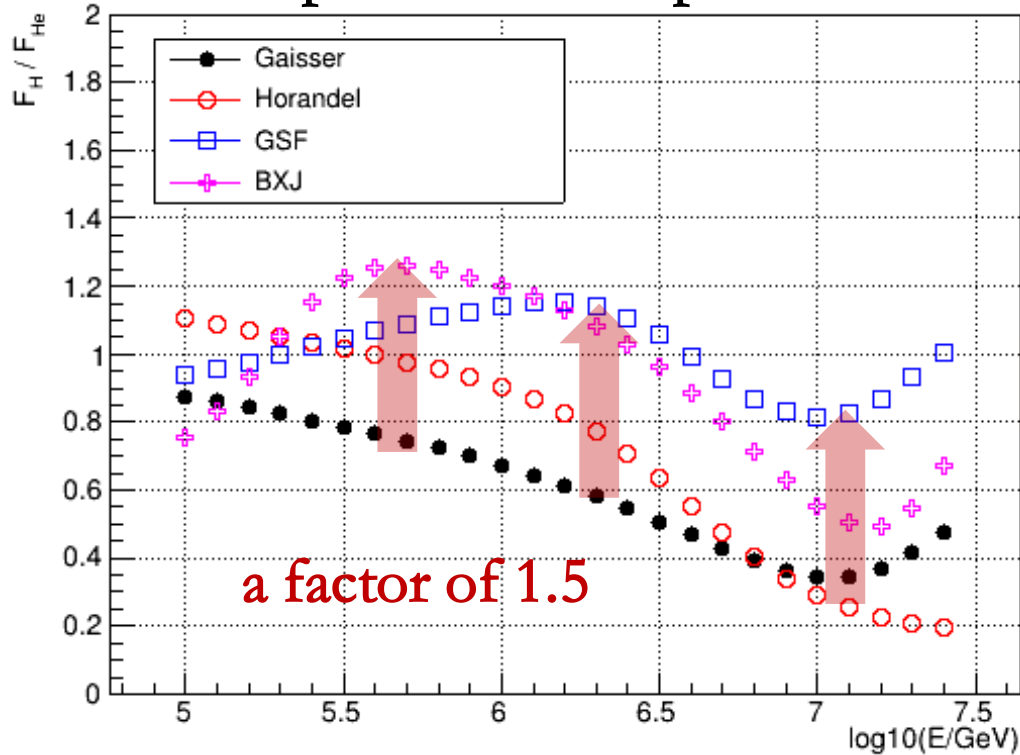
Composition: $\epsilon^i = \frac{N_{sel}^i}{\sum N_{sel}^i}$ $i = \text{H, He, Other}$
(After selection)



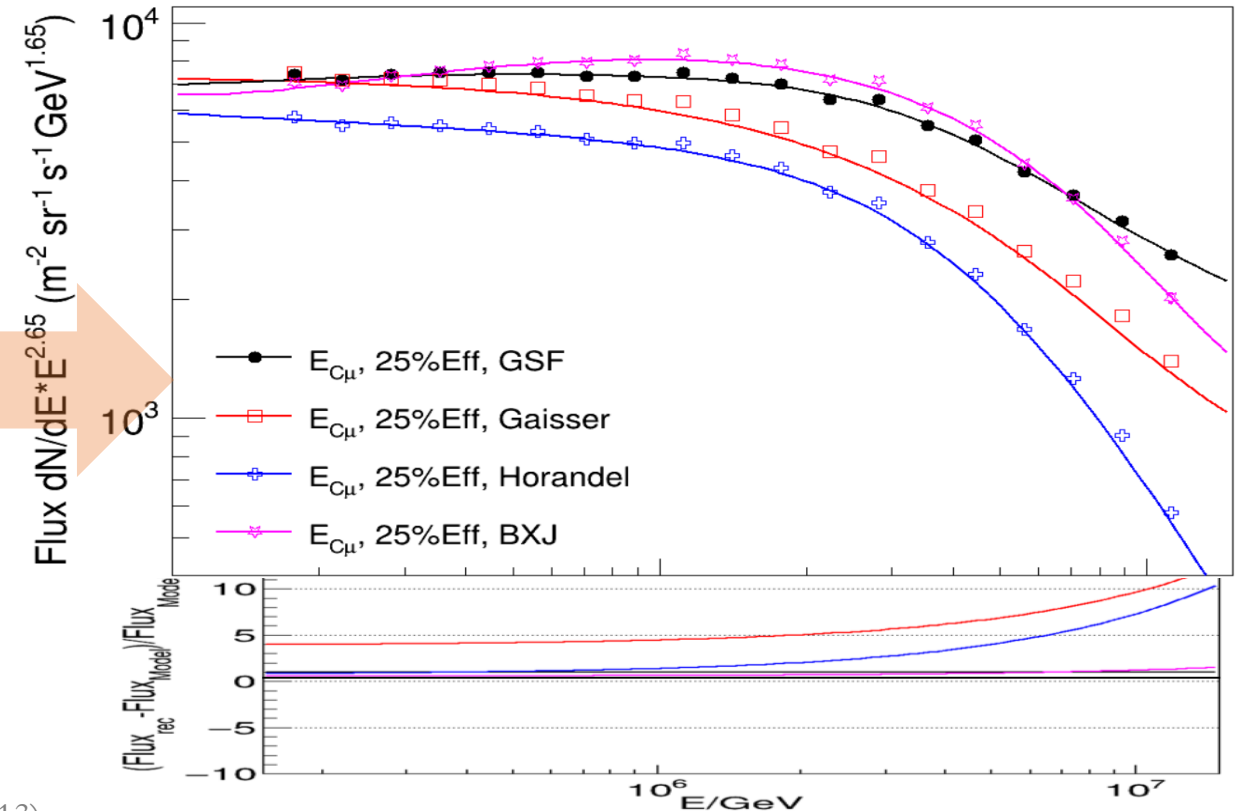
- Energy Resolution: $<15\%$
- Systematic Bias: $<2\%$
(independent of shower energy)
- Uncertainty mainly due to **hadronic interaction models**: $\sim 1.4\%$



Ratio of proton vs Helium nuclei in composition assumptions



re-produced pure-proton spectra under 4 assumption of composition mixtures



Gaisser Model: Gaisser, T.K., Stanev, T. & Tilav, S. Front. Phys. 8, 748 – 758 (2013)

Horandel Model: Horandel J R. Astroparticle Physics, 2003, 19(2):193 – 220

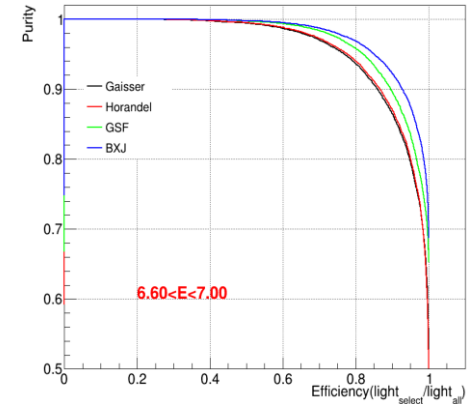
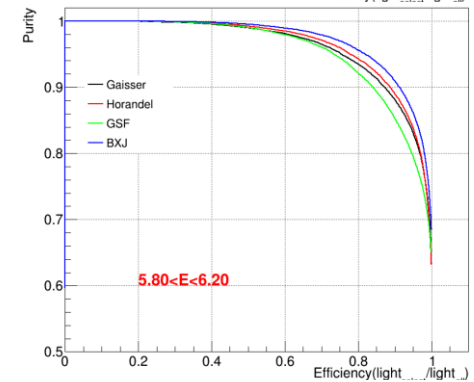
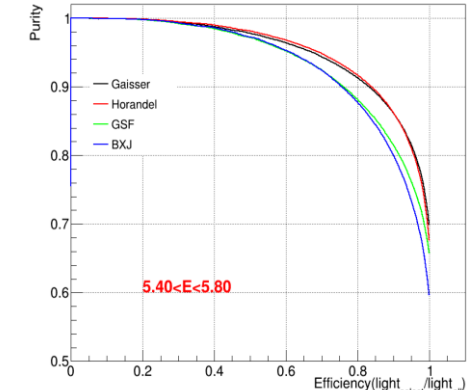
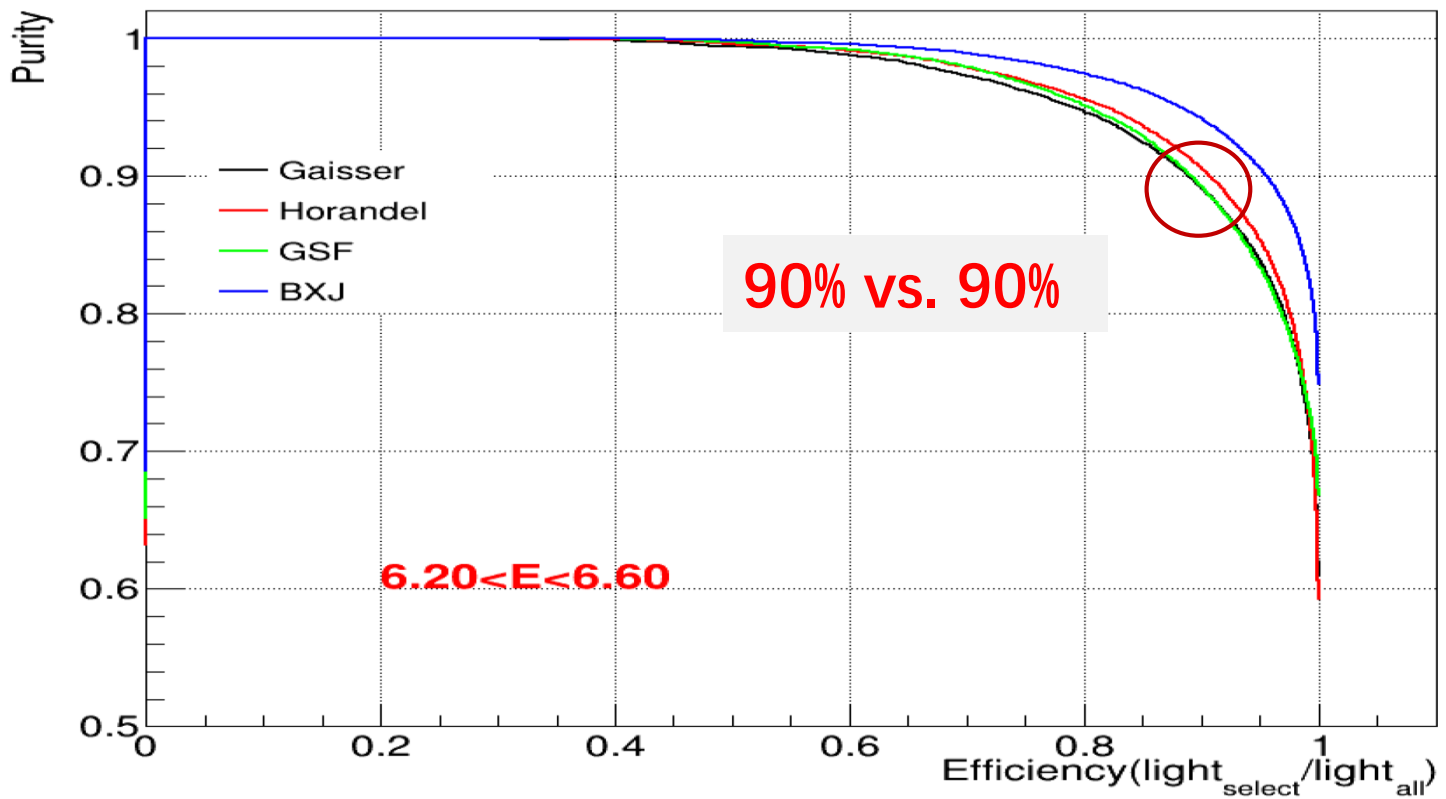
GSF Model: H. P. Dembinski, R. Engel, A. Fedynitch, T. Gaisser, F. Riehn, and T. Stanev, PoS ICRC2017, 533 (2018)

BXJ Model: Lv X.-J., Bi X.-J., Fang K., et al. , arXiv:2403.11832. (2024)

Light Component Spectrum ➔ Helium Spectrum

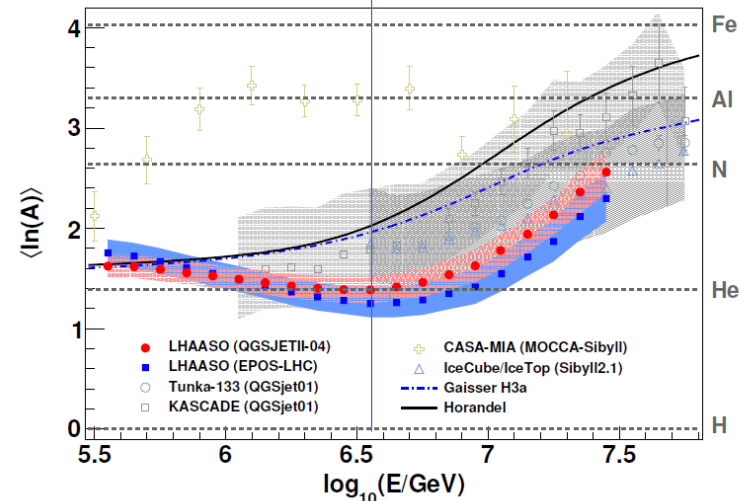
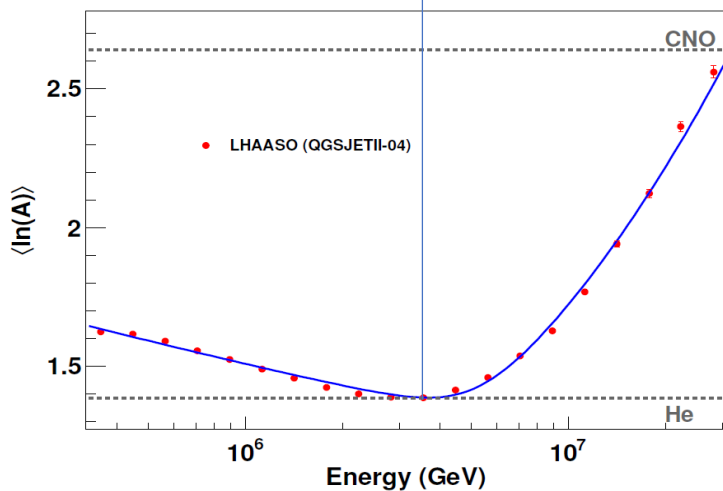
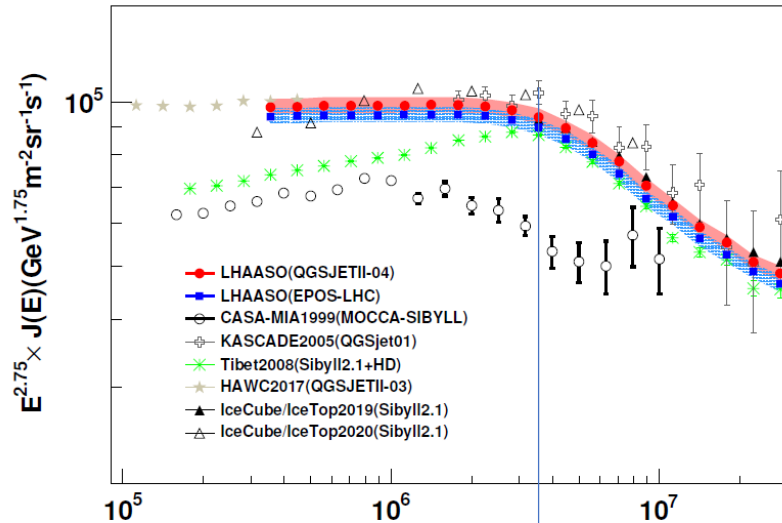
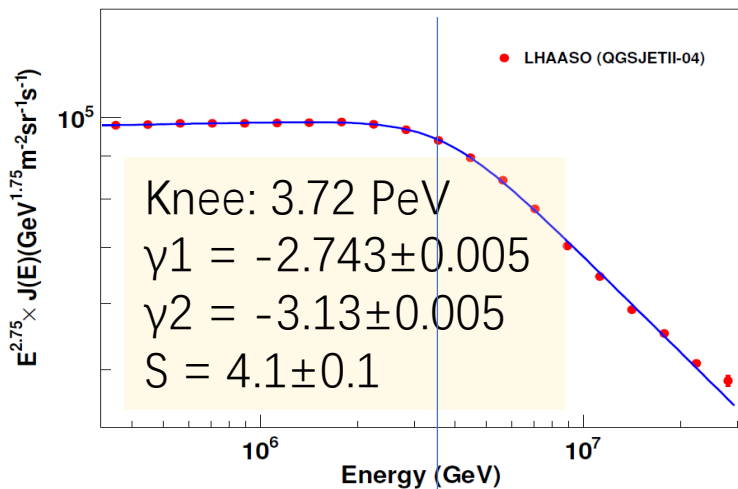
$$P_{\mu} = \log_{10} \frac{\rho_{\mu}}{\rho_e^{0.83}}$$

ρ_{μ} : muon density in the ring between 40m and 200m from the core
 ρ_e : EM – particle density in the ring between 40m and 200m



All-particle energy spectrum & composition by LHAASO

(from 0.3 to 30 PeV)

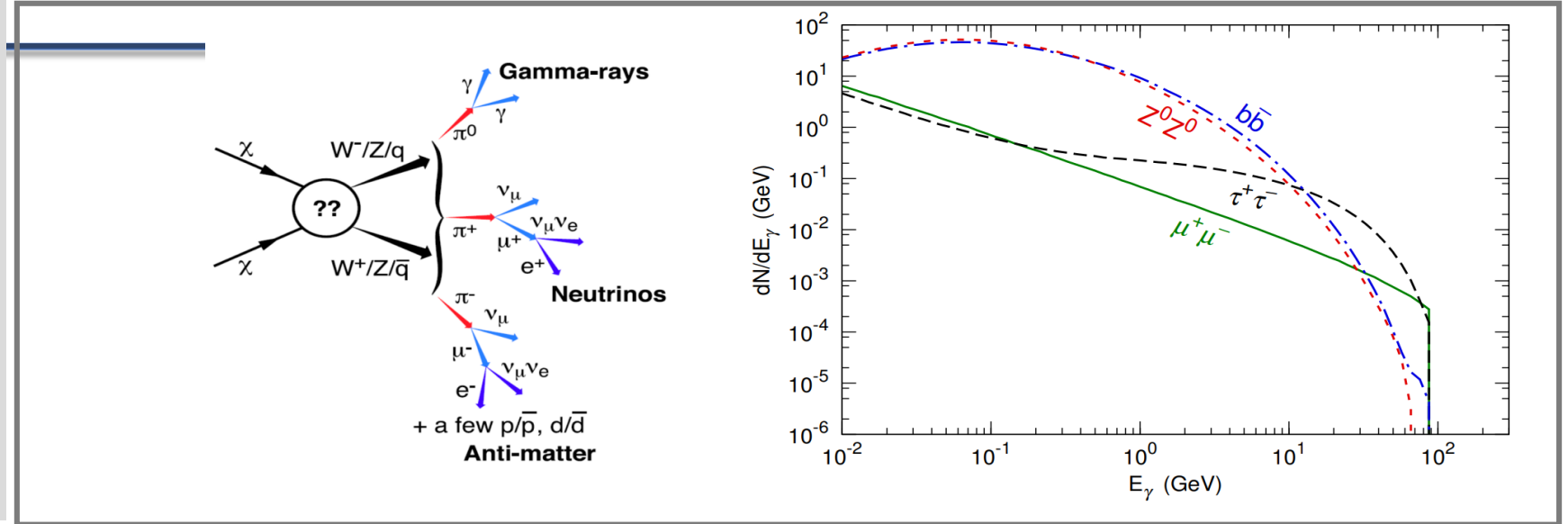


- Systematic uncertainties are sufficiently small
- This unveils a clear correlation between the flux and the composition at the knee

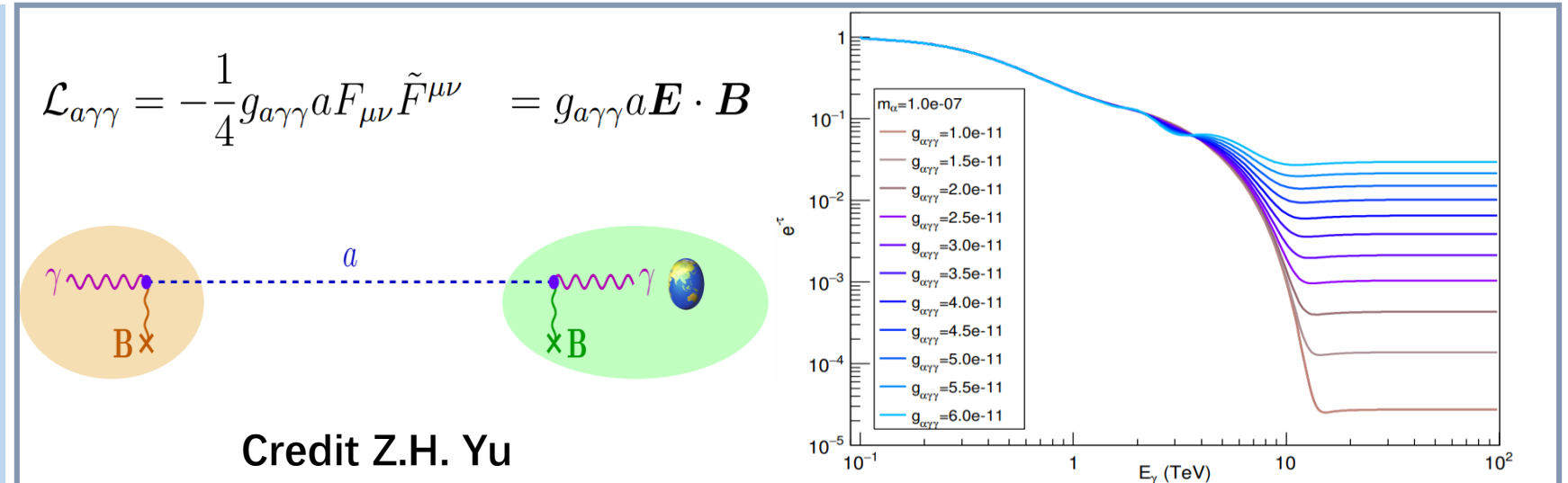
■ Search for new Physics

Indirect search of the Dark Mater

- Decay into γ 's
- Annihilation: γ 's in final states
- Oscillation between axions and photons



- Searching in
 - Dwarf Galaxies
 - Galactic Halo
 - G.C.

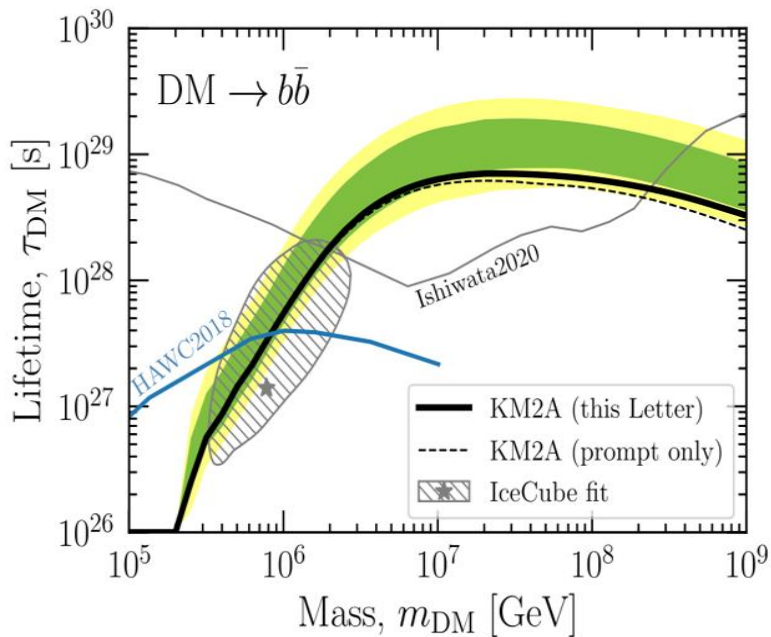


LHAASO searches for DM



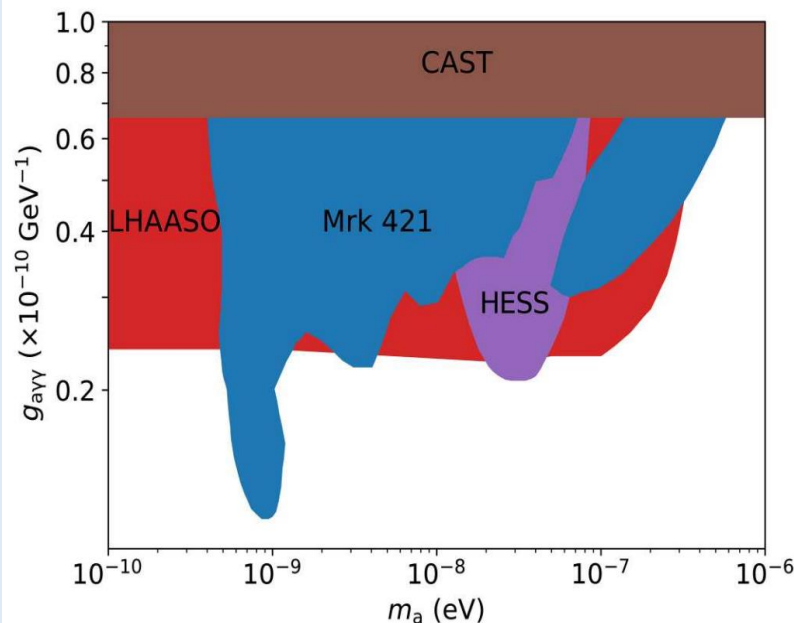
In the halo, for decay signals
The most strict constraint in massive DM : life time

$$\tau > 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$



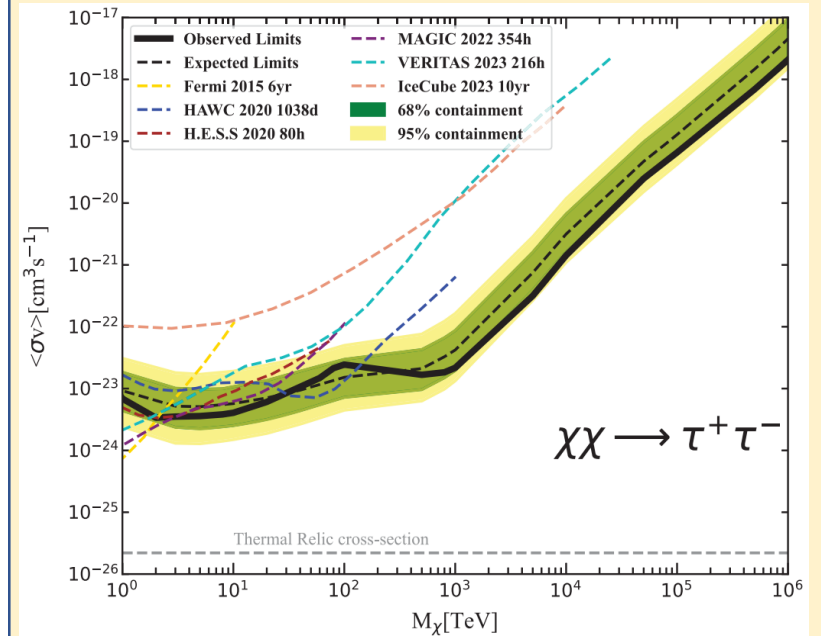
PRL 129:261103(2022)

EBL absorption of 10 TeV photons from remote GRB (z=0.152) puts constraint in coupling between axion and photons



Science Advances 9:eadj2778 (2023)

In dwarf galaxies, for annihilation signals
The most strict constraint in massive DM



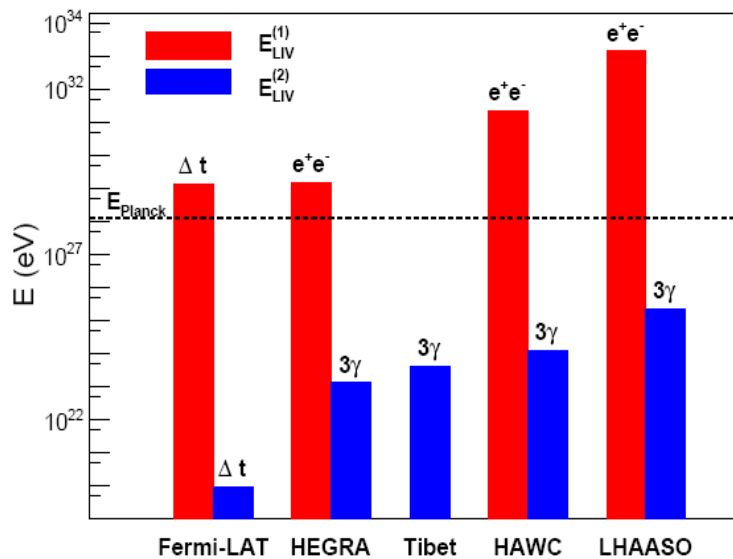
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LHAASO on Lorentz Invariance Violation (LIV)



Decay of PeV photons from remote sources

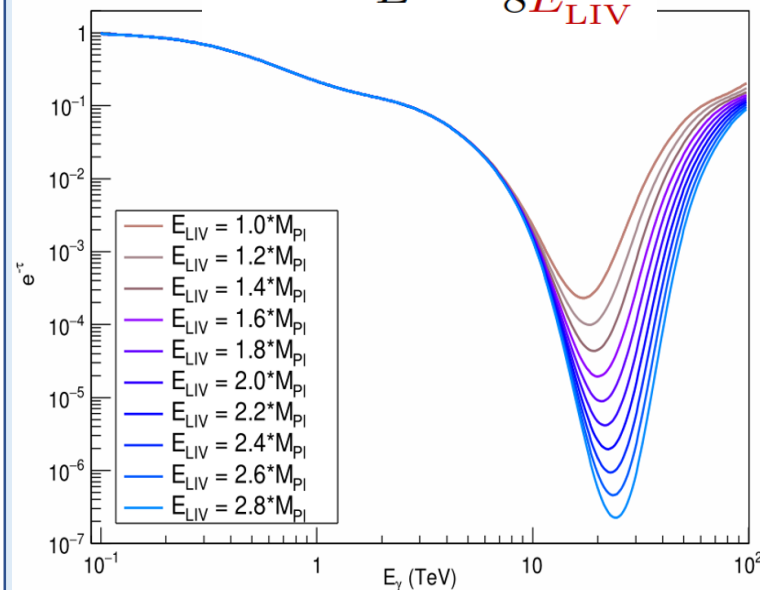
$$E_\gamma^2 - p_\gamma^2 = \pm |\alpha_n| p_\gamma^{n+2}$$



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EBL absorption of 10 TeV photons from remote GRB (z=0.152)

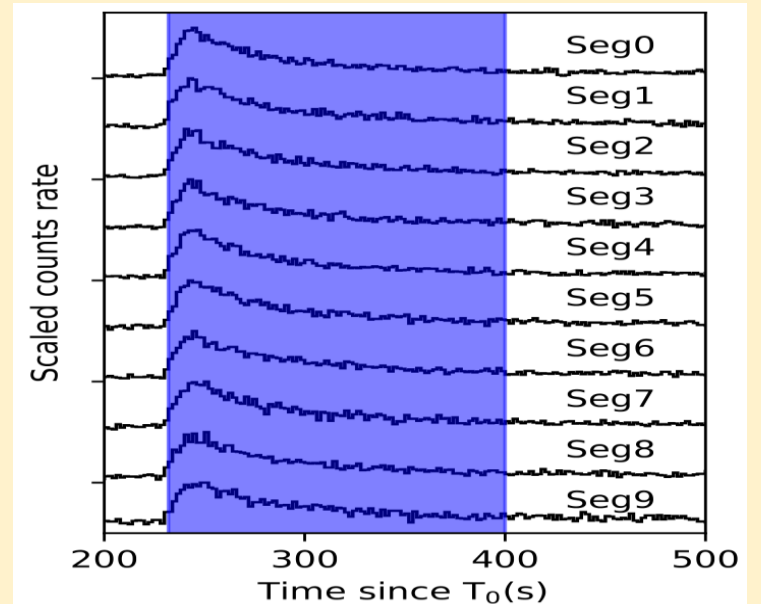
$$\epsilon_{thr} = \frac{m_e^2}{E} + \frac{E^2}{8E_{LIV}^{(1)}}$$



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Energy dependence of the Speed of light

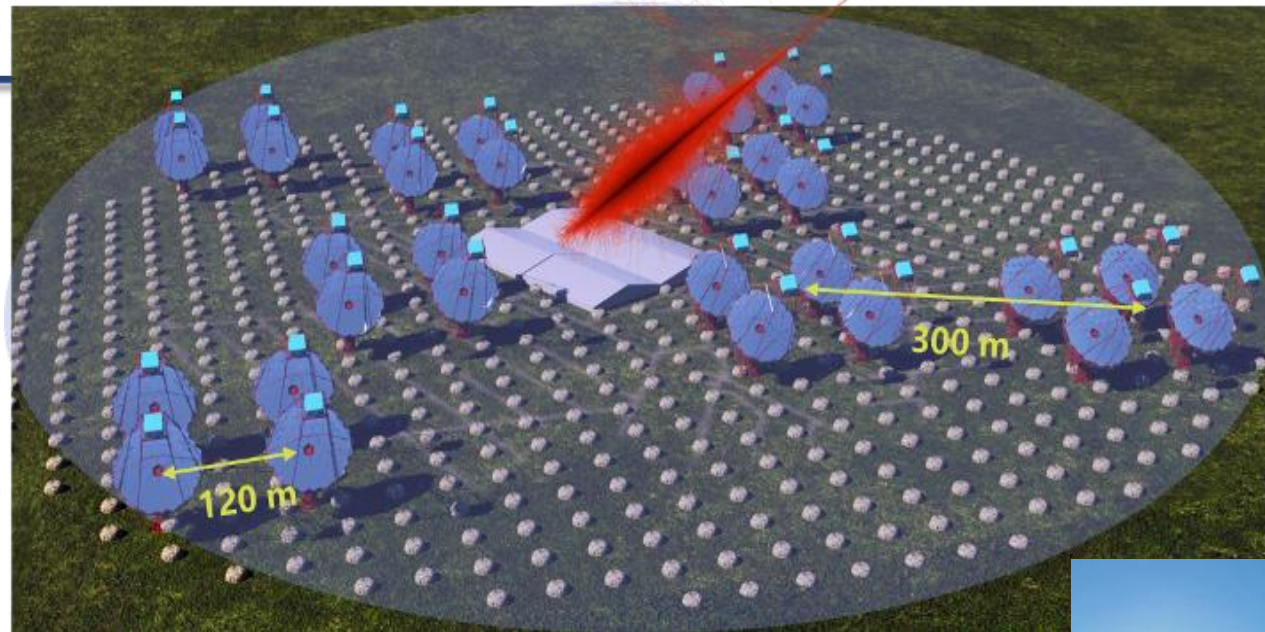
$$\Delta t_{LIV} = s \frac{n+1}{2} \frac{E_h^n - E_l^n}{E_{QG,n}^n} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n}{H(z')} dz'$$



PRL in press, arXiv:2402.06009

■ Prospects

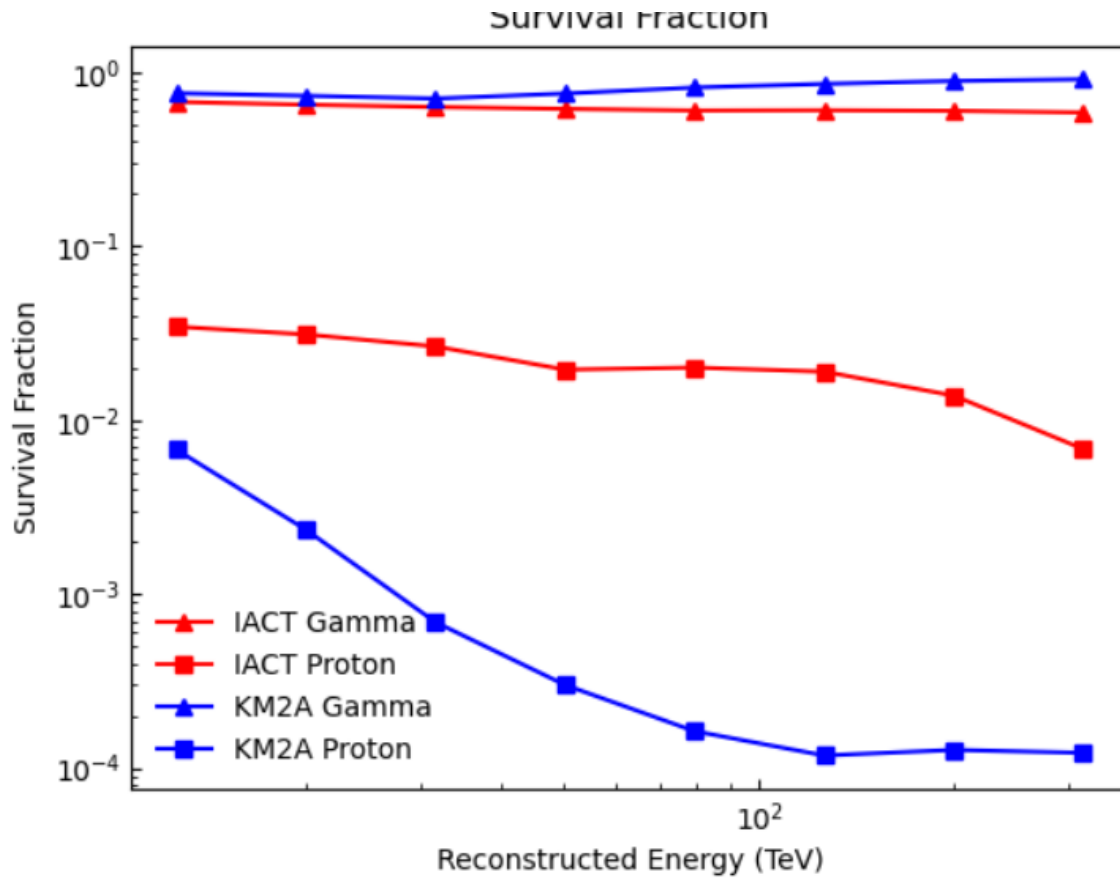
LACT : an IACT array in LHAASO



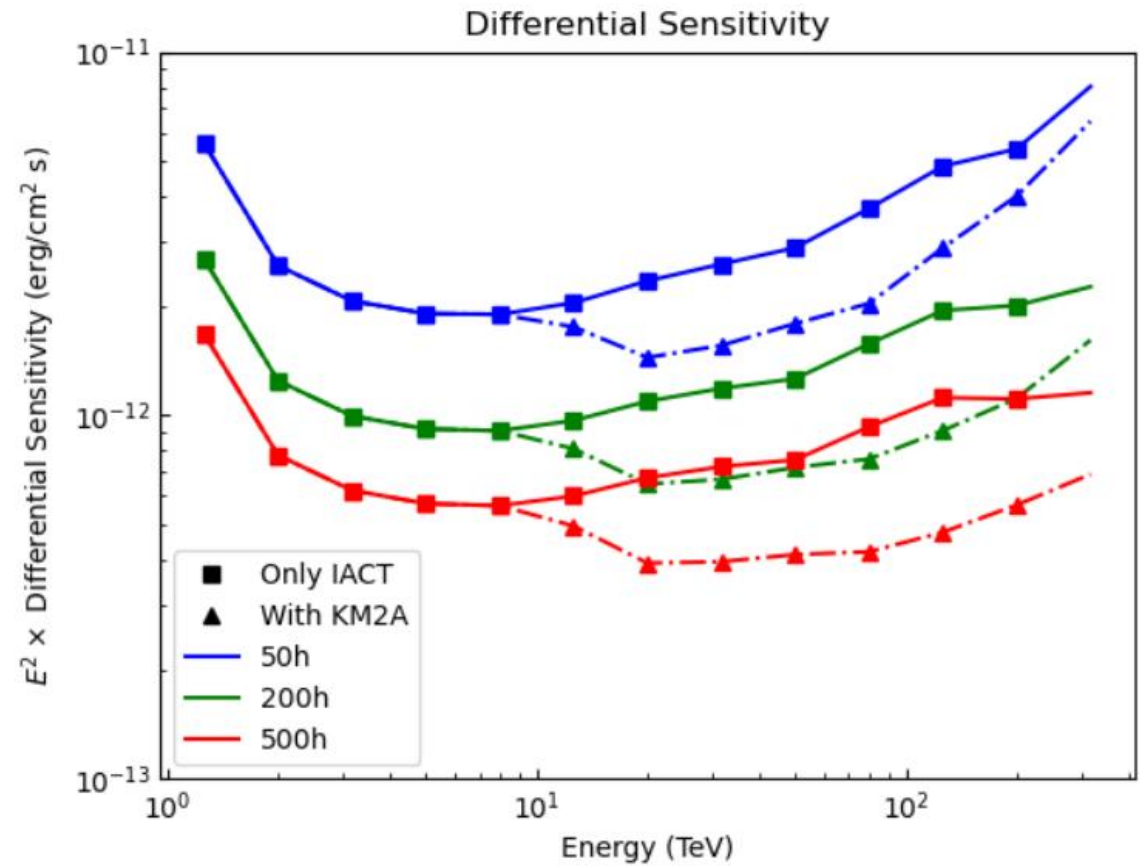
- Funded
- 8X4 array at LHAASO site
- 6-m telescopes
- two proto type telescopes
- First light soon in next year!



Synergy with LHAASO-KM2A

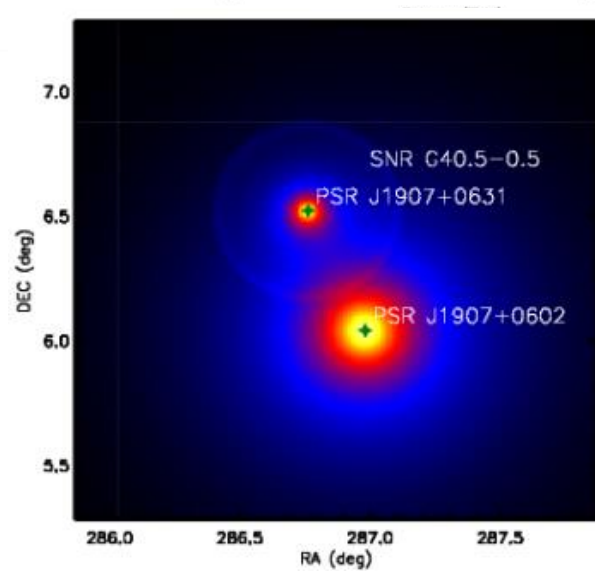
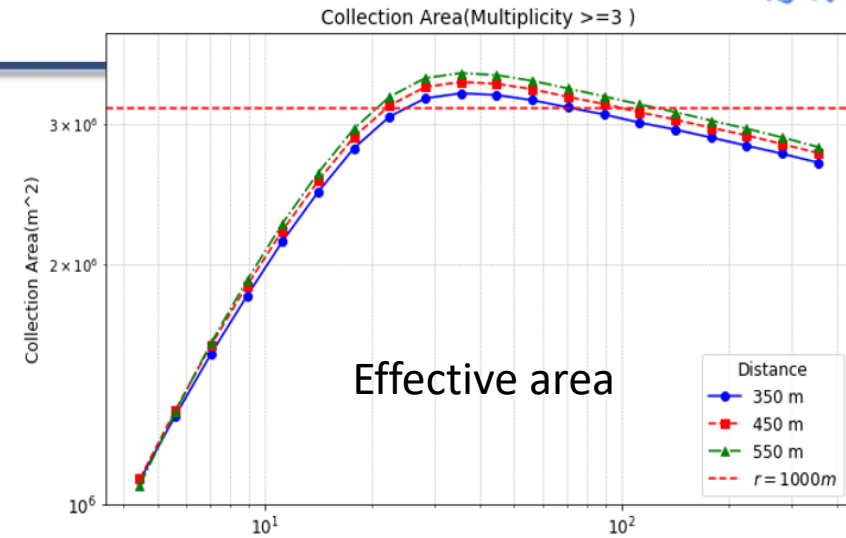
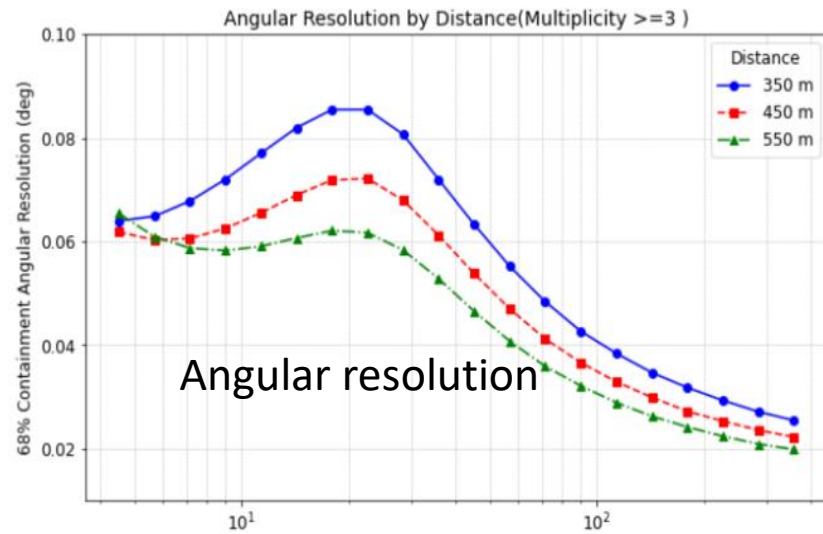


Using KM2A for γ/p separation

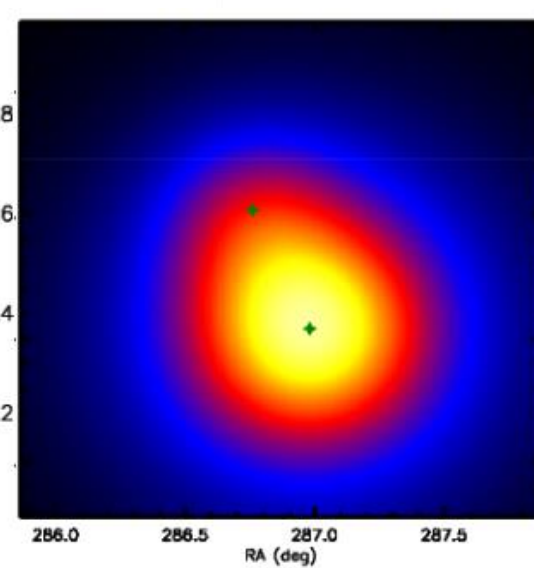


Sensitivity of LACT can be significantly improved above 10 TeV

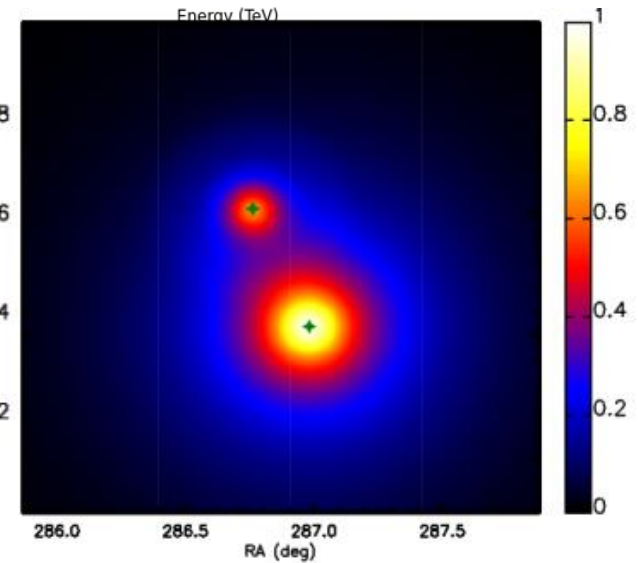
Expected performance



Intrinsic distributions

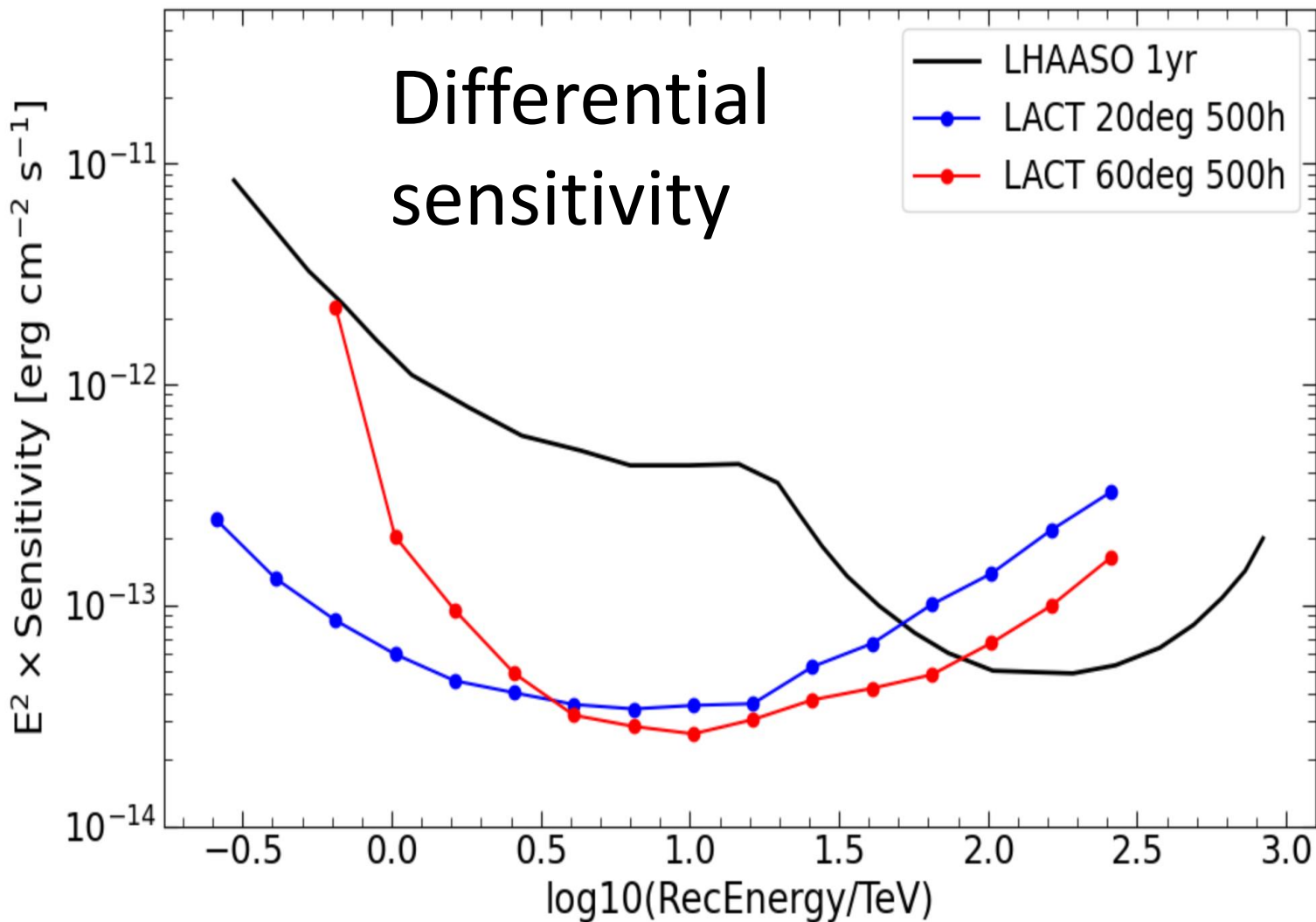


Observation by LHAASO



Observation of IACTs

Expectations

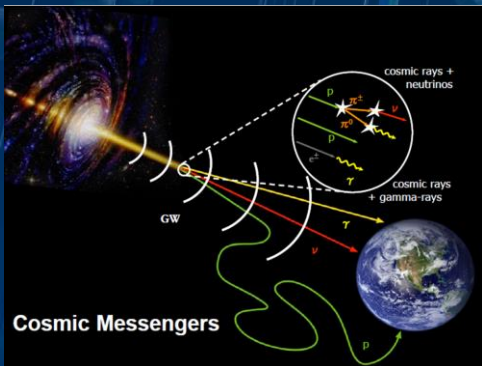


Construct Schedule

	LACT progresses				
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
First telescope	11 months				
¼ array		10 months			
½ array			11 Moths		
32 telescopes				22 months	
Test running					6 months

High-energy Underwater Neutrino Telescope

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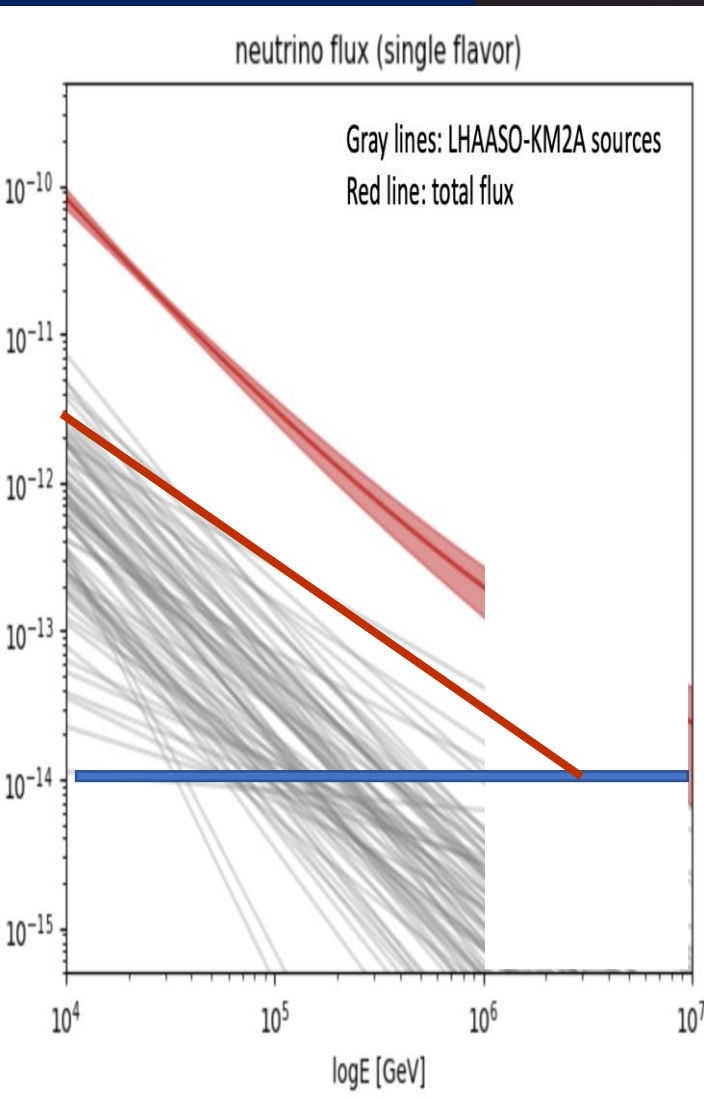
- Resolution $\sim 0.1^\circ$ (tracks), $< 3^\circ$ (cascades)
- Energy resolution: $\Delta \log E \sim 0.3$ (tracks)
 $\Delta E \sim 10-30\%$ (cascades).
- Discovering Neu sources (> 100 TeV) at the level of 5σ within several years

36 m

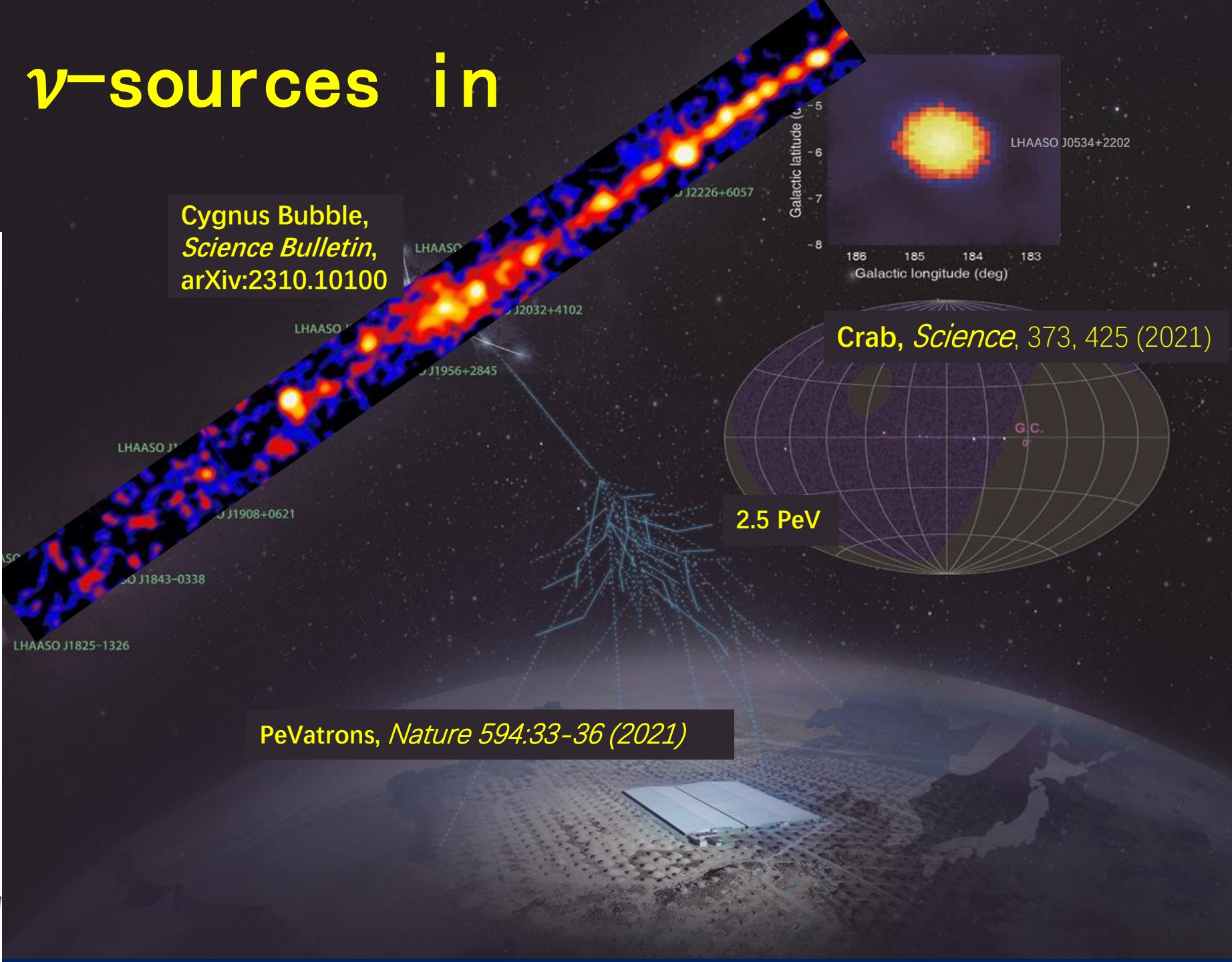
- Volume: $6 \times 6 = 36 \text{ km}^2$, $\sim 30 \text{ km}^3$
- Separations of strings: $D_{\text{string}} \sim 130 \text{ m}$
- Separation of optical modules : DOM $\sim 36 \text{ m}$
- Length of each string: $\sim 860 \text{ m}$
- $\sim 2,300$ strings, 24 OMs in each string, 55000 OMs in total

130 m

Guaranteed ν -sources in our galaxy



Cygnus Bubble, *Science Bulletin*, arXiv:2310.10100



Summary



- LHAASO has been stably operating since 2021
- Progresses in both γ -ray astronomy and CR researches
 - RG, Blazars and GRB observations provide insight of AGN radiation mechanisms and useful way to constrain **EBL**
 - Many new discoveries in galactic sources for deep investigations of their features
 - Discovering galactic **Sources of Cosmic Rays** above the knee is particular exciting
 - Diffuse photon flux is found a factor **2 or 3 higher than expectation**, a big issue!
 - Measuring CR **Spectra of Individual Species** around knees is a big step towards understanding the knee feature
- Progresses in New Physics Search: massive DM, axion DM and LIV
- Future
 - Better resolution (3') in UHE γ -observation in short term
 - Neutrinos from PeVatrons is the goal for a long run