

# Revealing multi-TeV particle accelerators in the Galaxy

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# Primer: The cosmic ray particle spectrum

Energy density ~ starlight ~ 1 eV / cm<sup>3</sup>

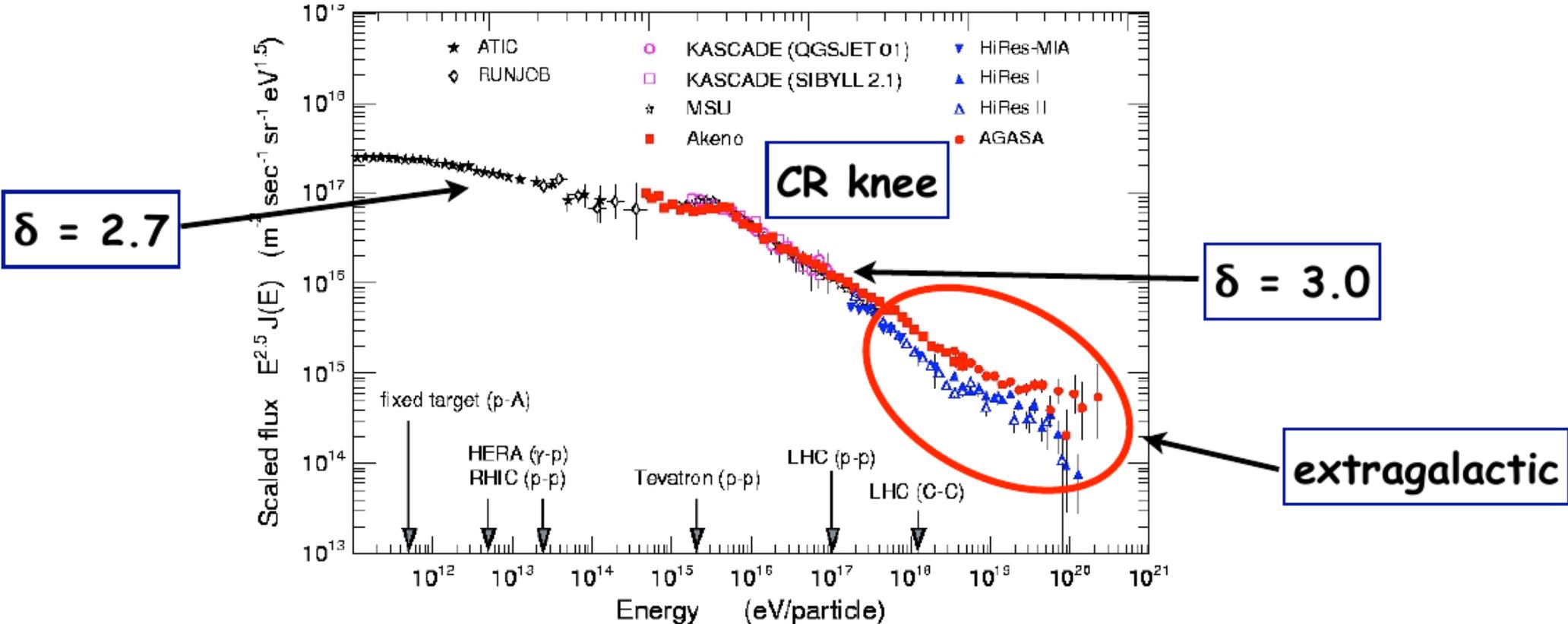
Single power law up to CR knee at a few PeV

Extremely isotropic, magnetic fields

*TeV-PeV hadrons produce GeV-TeV gamma rays via  $p-p \rightarrow$  pion decay*

## Hadronic acceleration in supernova remnants?

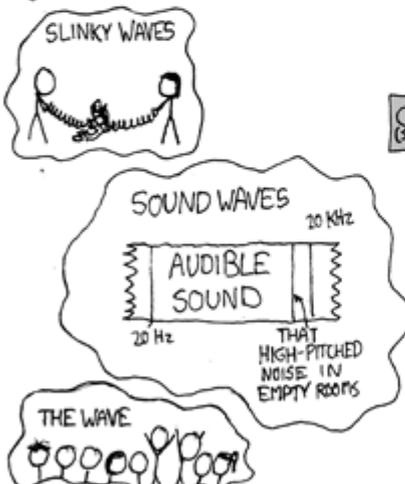
Diffusive shock acceleration predicts correct spectrum



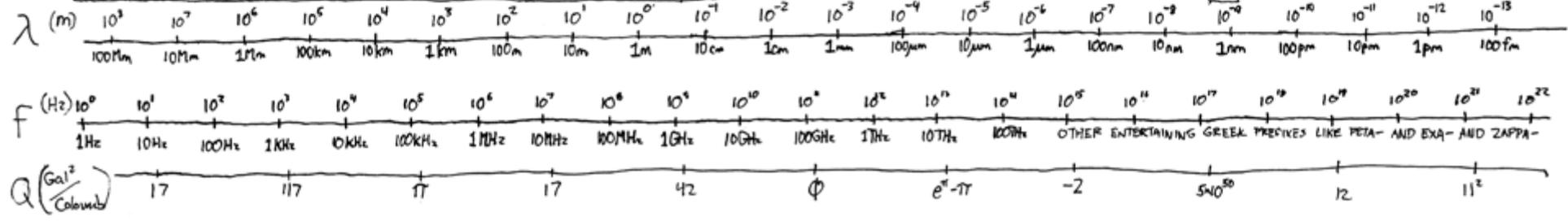
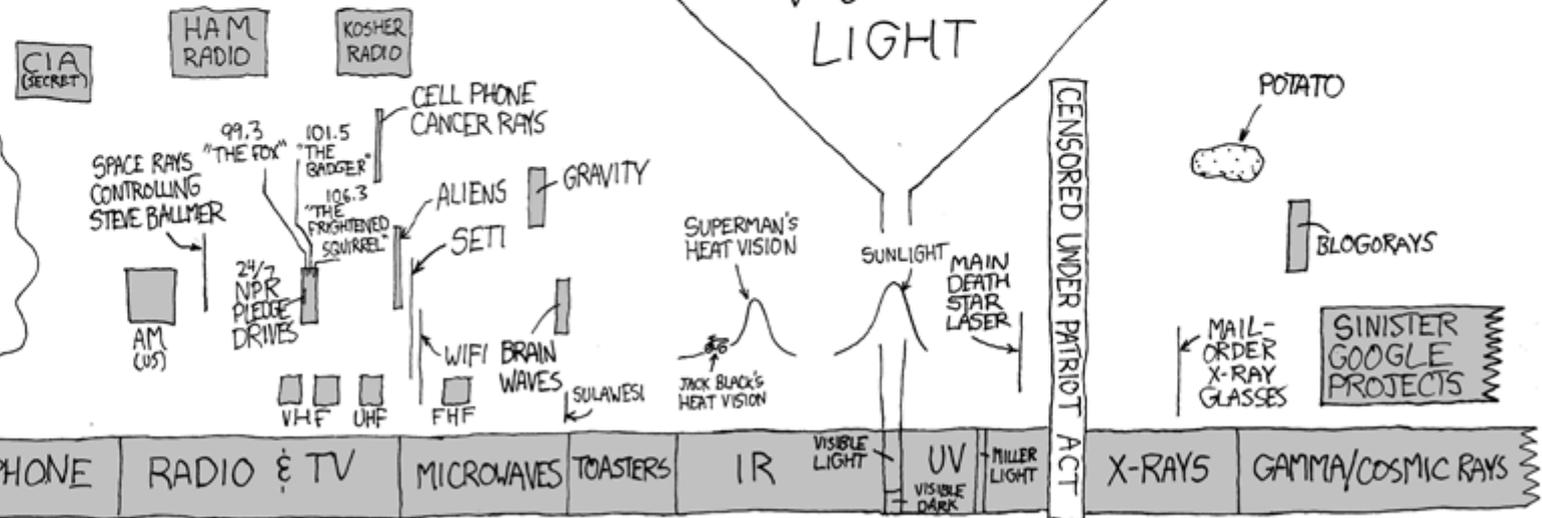
# THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

THESE WAVES TRAVEL THROUGH THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD. THEY WERE FORMERLY CARRIED BY THE AETHER, WHICH WAS DECOMMISSIONED IN 1897 DUE TO BUDGET CUTS.

OTHER WAVES:



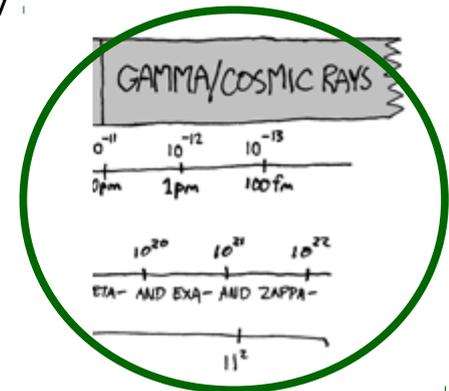
SHOUTING CAR DEALERSHIP COMMERCIALS



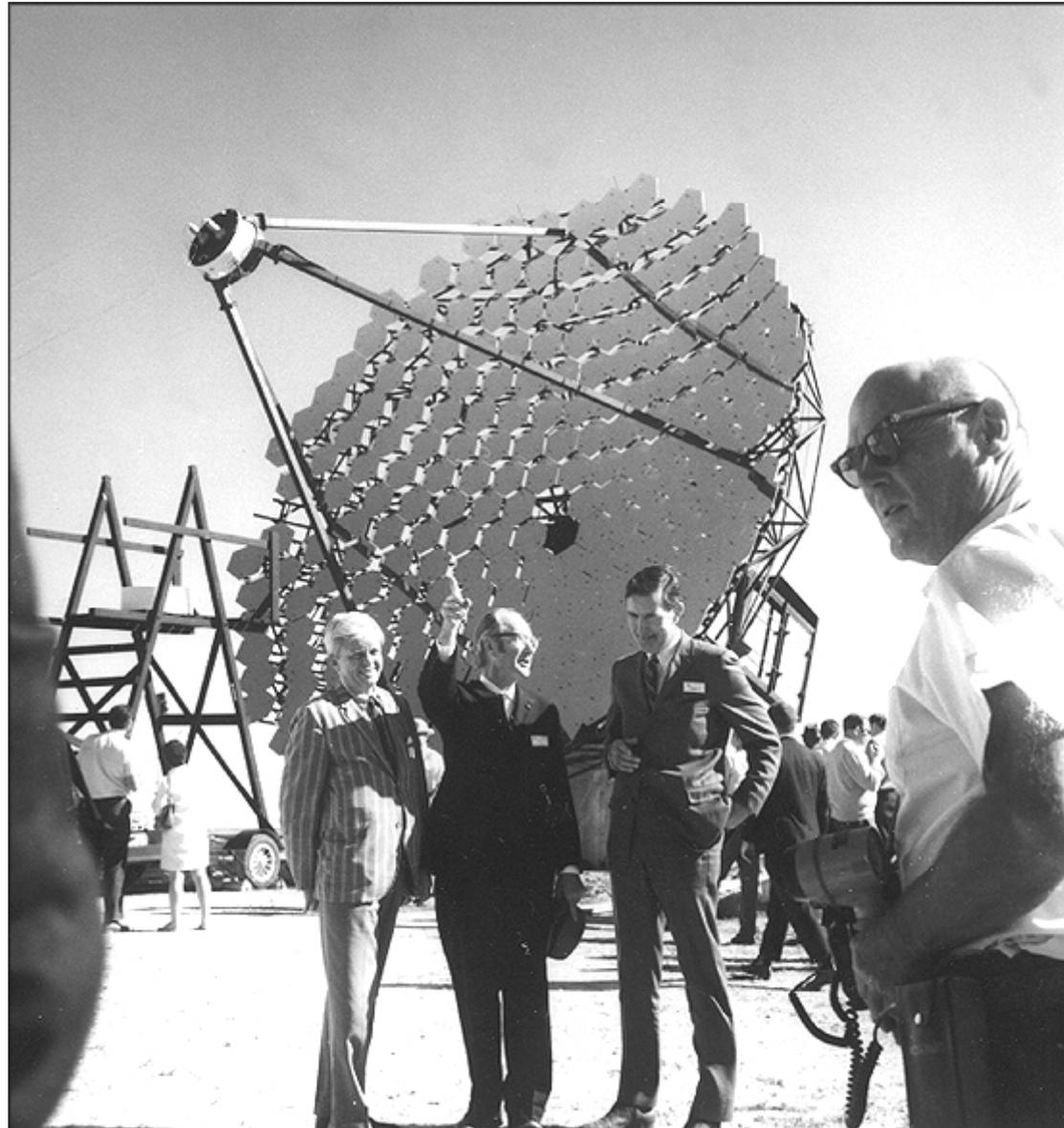
# THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

## *The VHE Domain*

~0.02 TeV → ~200 TeV

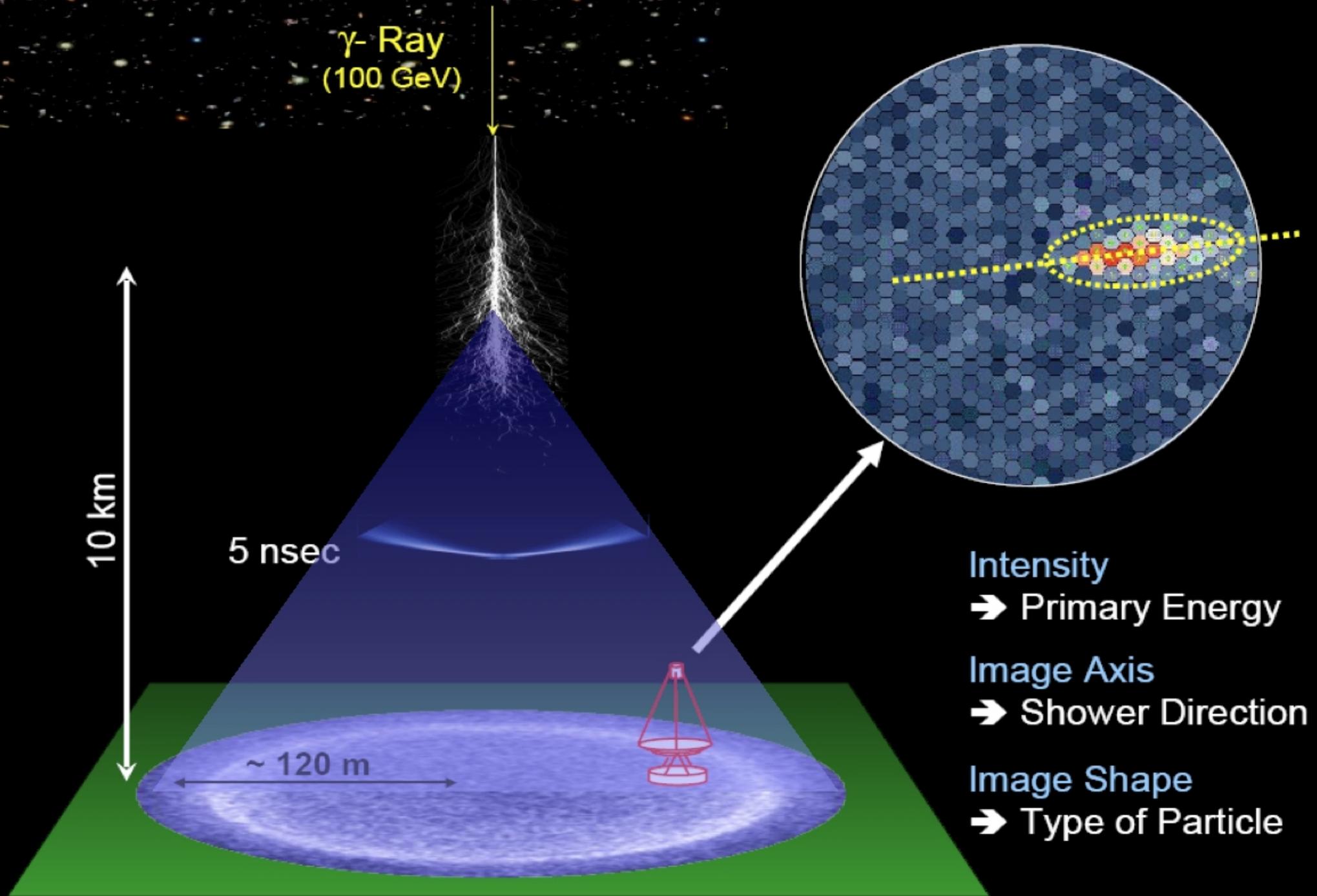


# Cherenkov telescope technique: Probing non-thermal processes at VHE since 1989

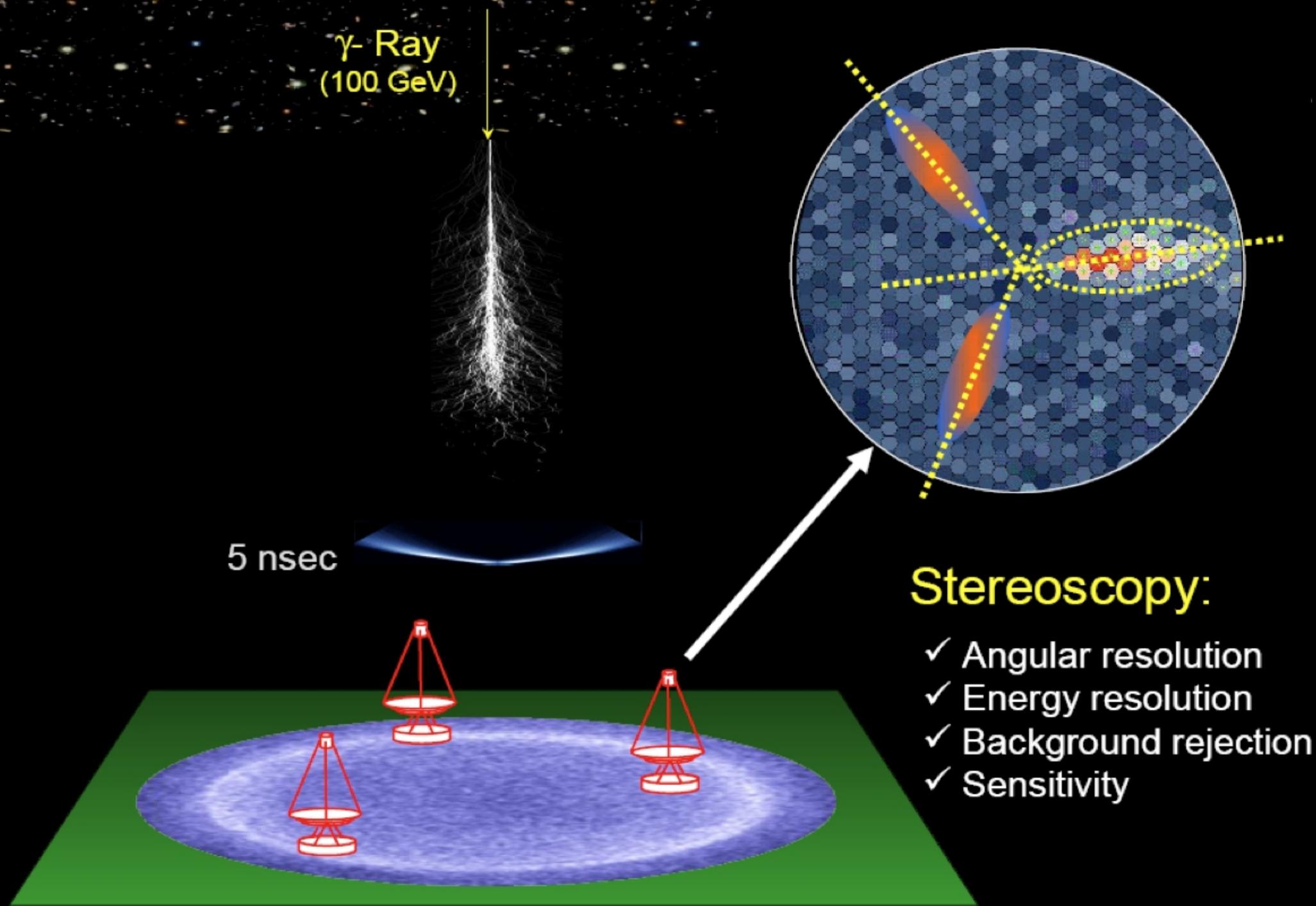


Smithsonian Institution 1968

# The Cherenkov technique in a nutshell



# The *stereo* Cherenkov technique in a nutshell



# H.E.S.S. phase I (2002-2013)



Southern hemisphere (Namibia)

## Technical specs: snapshot

### Telescopes: 4

Mirrors: 12 m diameter

Area: 107 m<sup>2</sup>

**FoV: ~5° diameter**

Camera: 960 pixels (PMTs)

Angular resolution  $\geq 0.06^\circ$  (5')

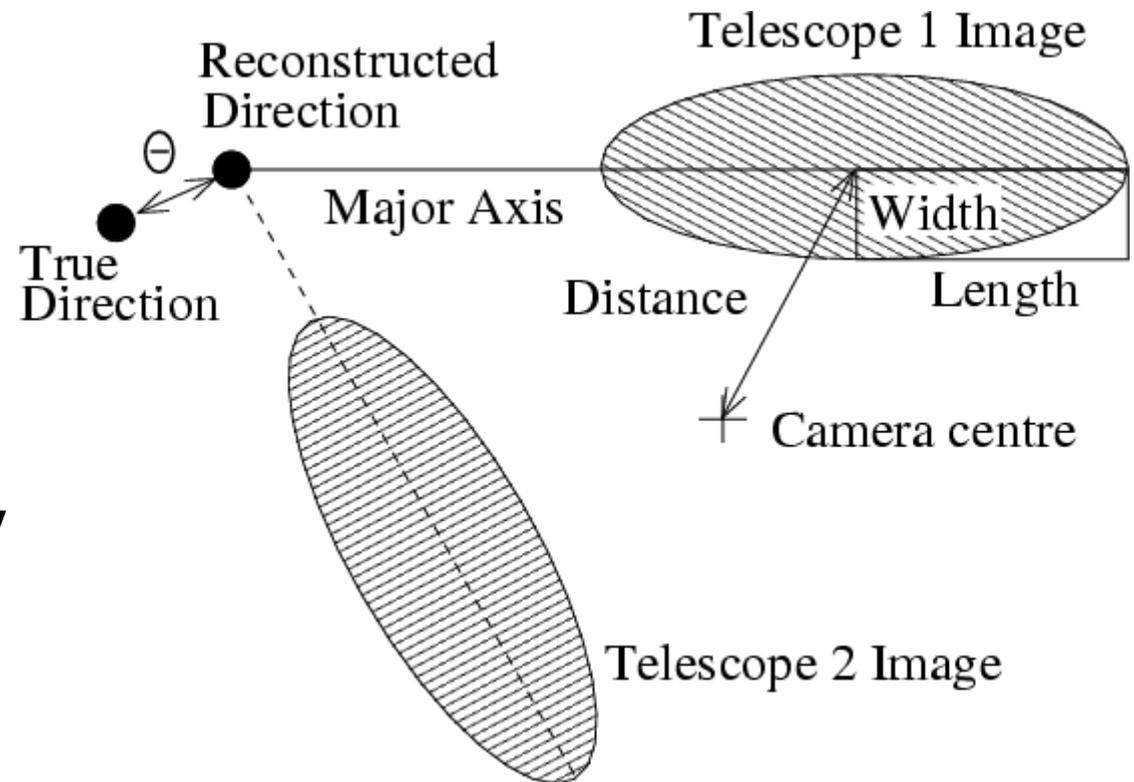
Electronics: fast ~1 ns

Energy range: ~100 GeV to ~**100 TeV**

Energy resolution ~15%

Background rejection > 99%

Duty cycle 10%





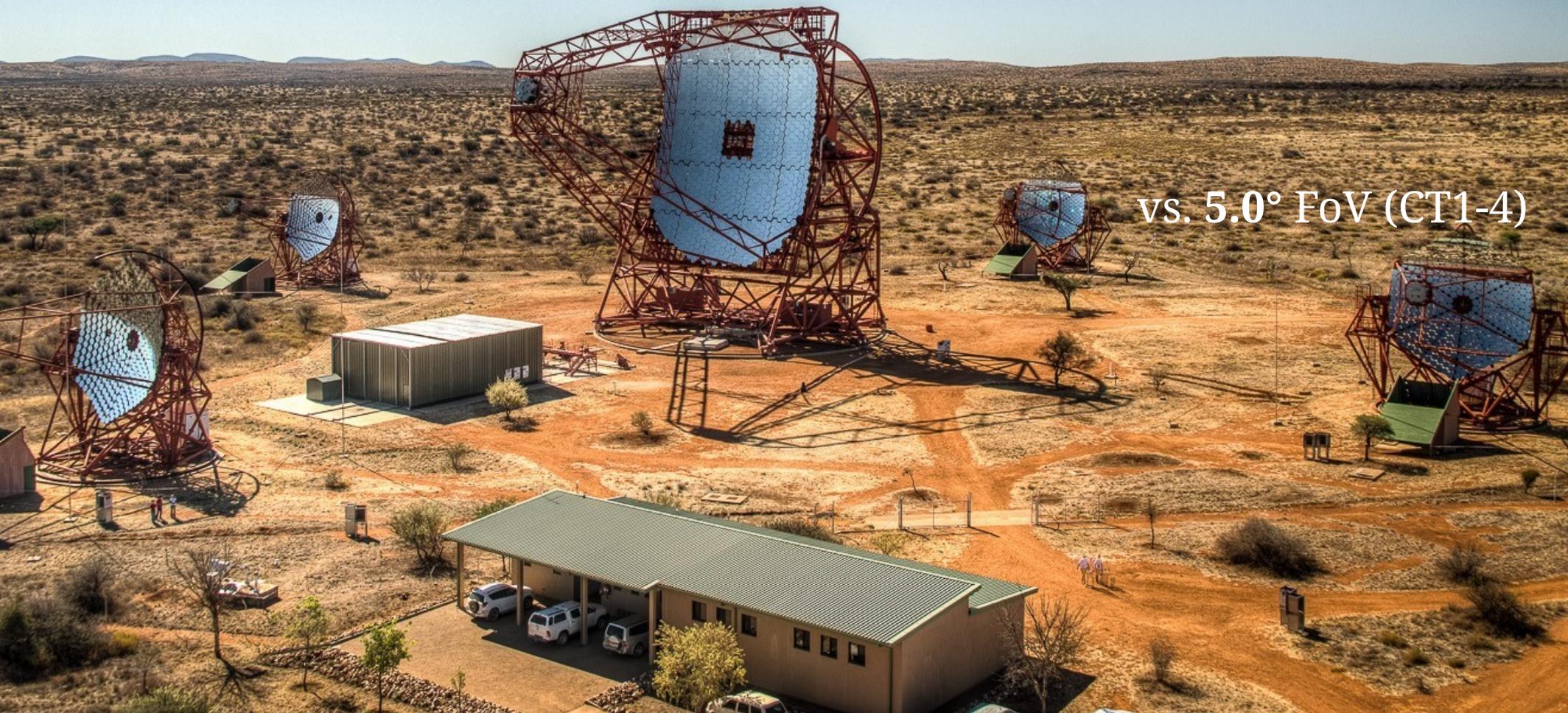


# The 5-tel hybrid Cherenkov telescope array

4 12-m IACTs w/ recoated mirrors + 1 28-m IACT

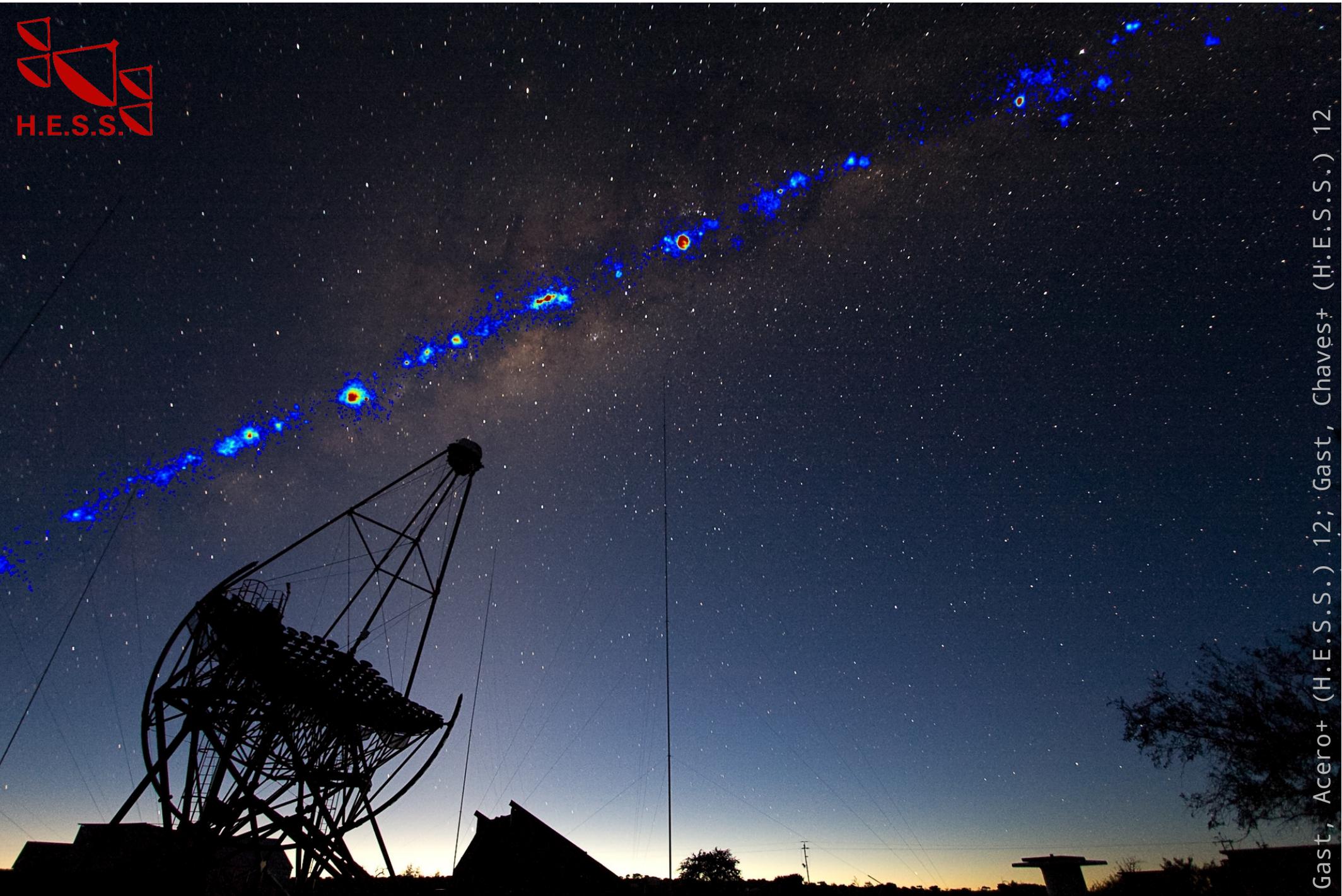
Multiple triggering & pointing schemes available

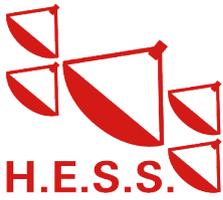
CT5: 2048 PMTs     $614 \text{ m}^2$      $3.2^\circ \text{ FoV}$      $E_{\text{min}} \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$      $f = 38 \text{ m}$



vs.  $5.0^\circ \text{ FoV}$  (CT1-4)

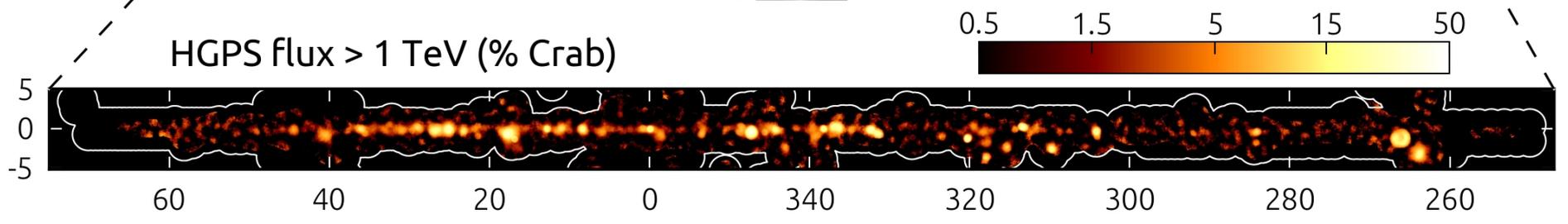
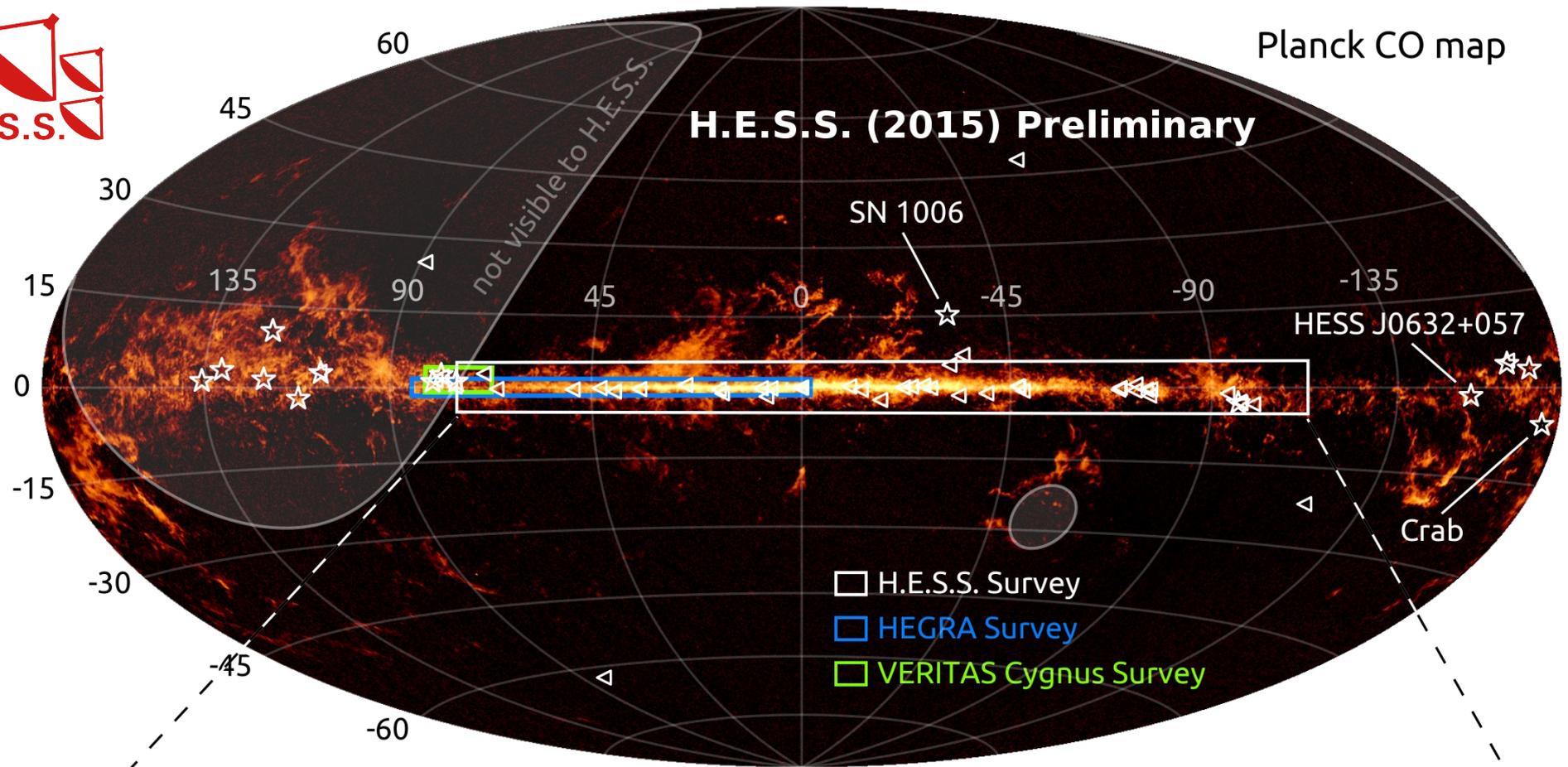
# The TeV Galactic Plane





Planck CO map

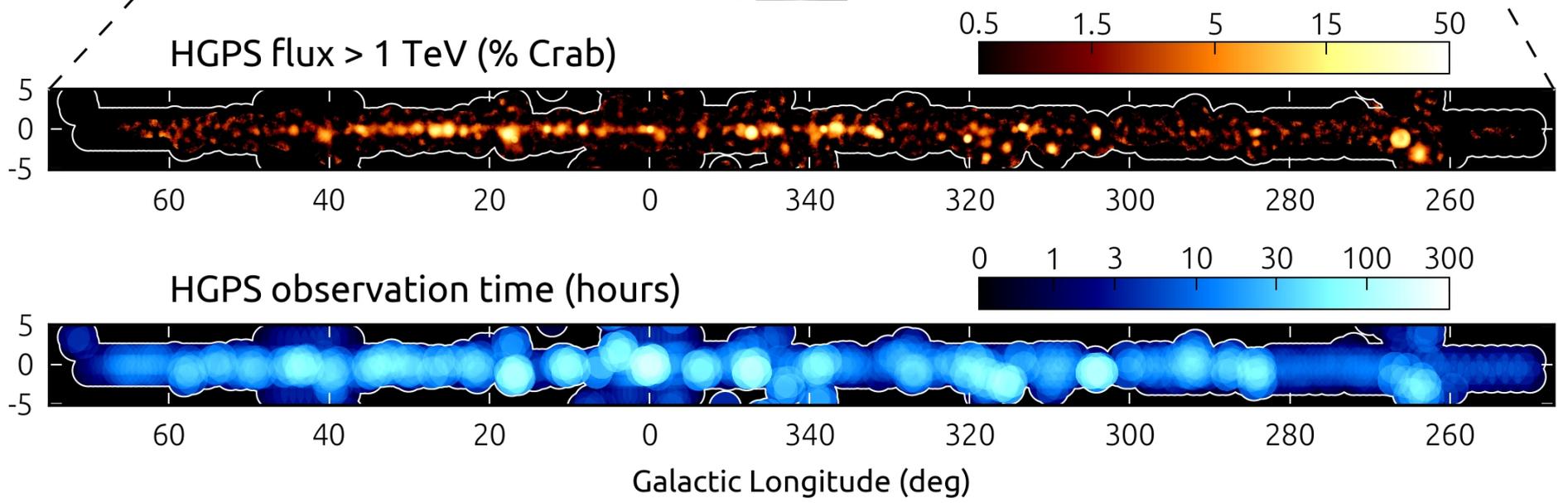
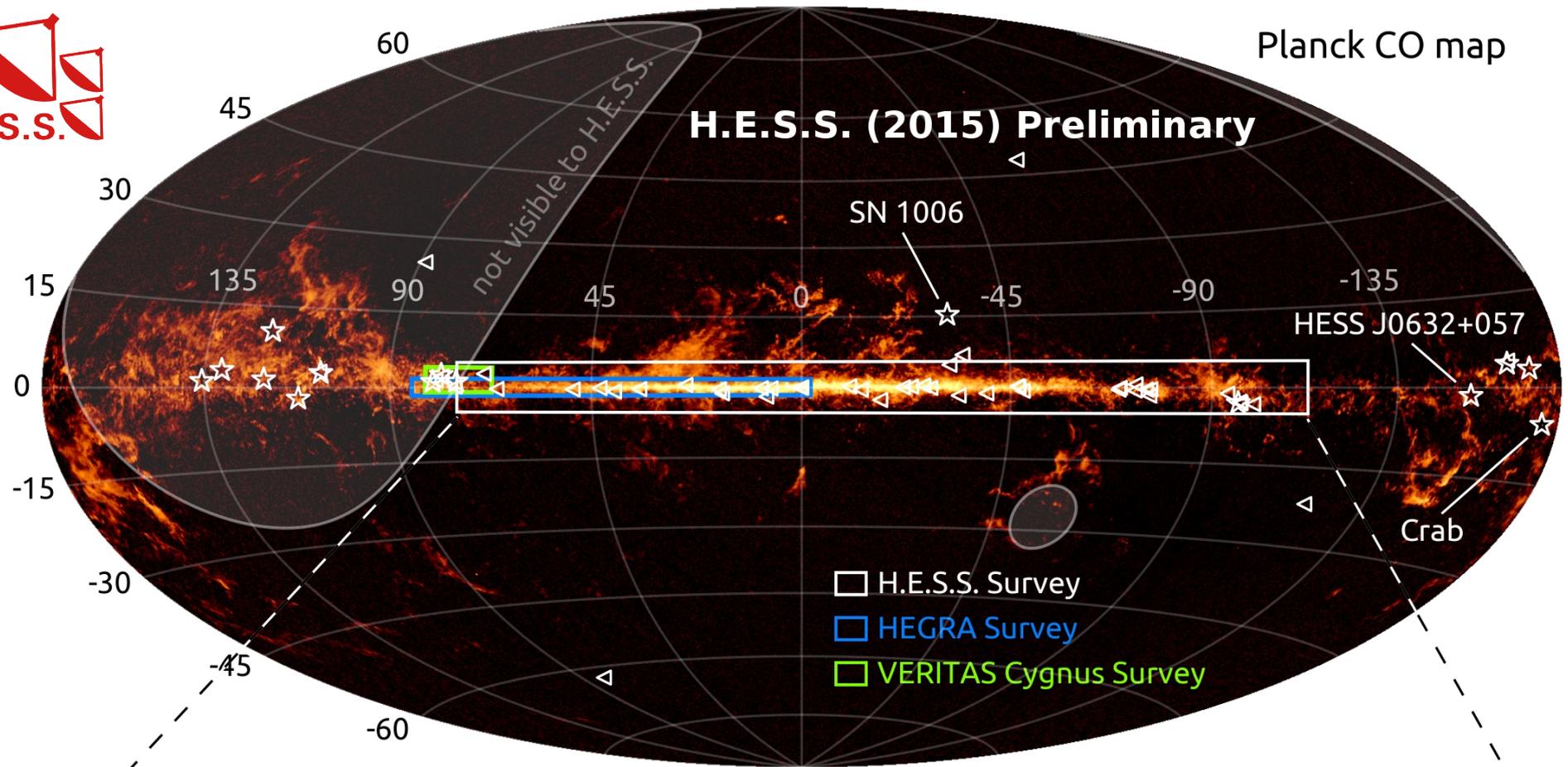
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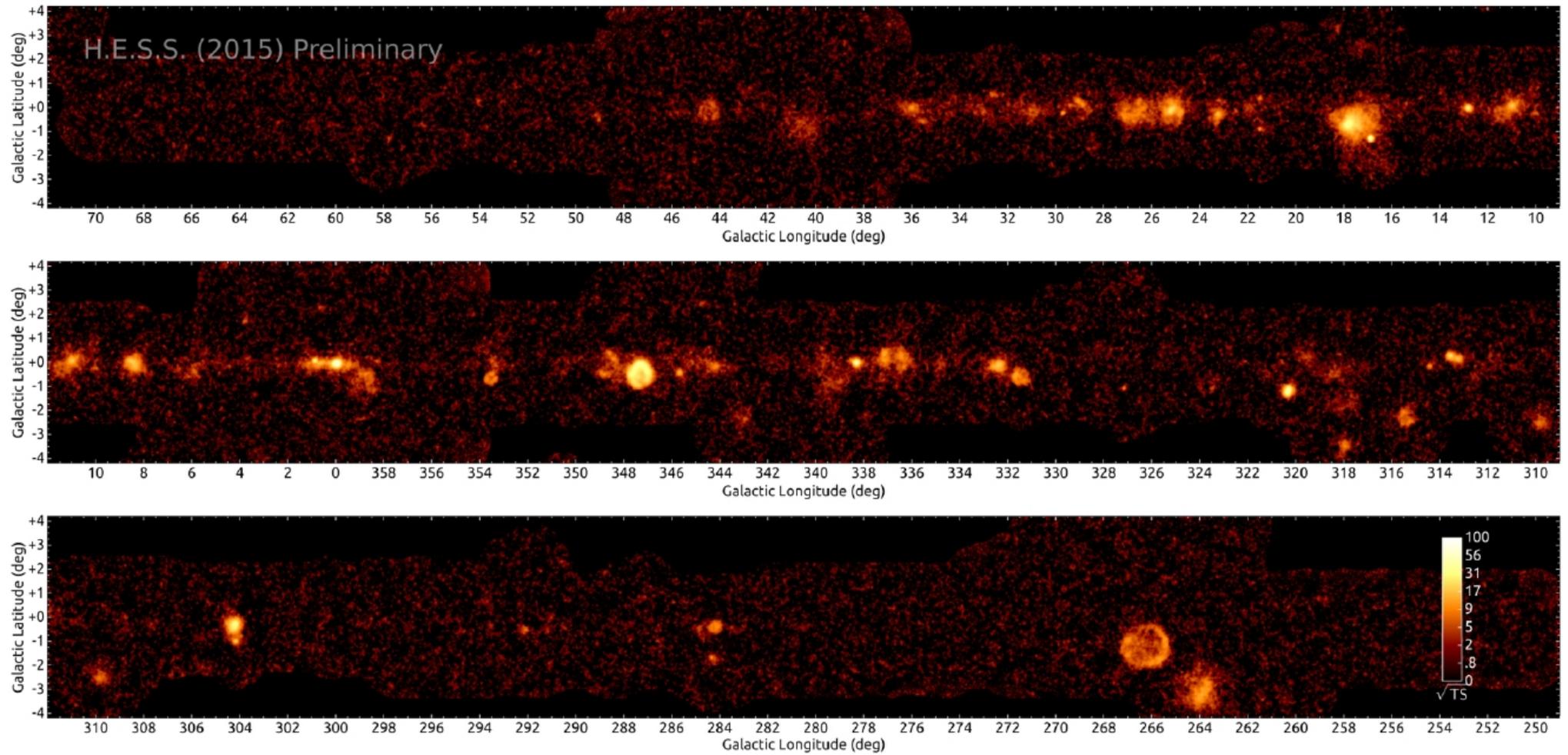


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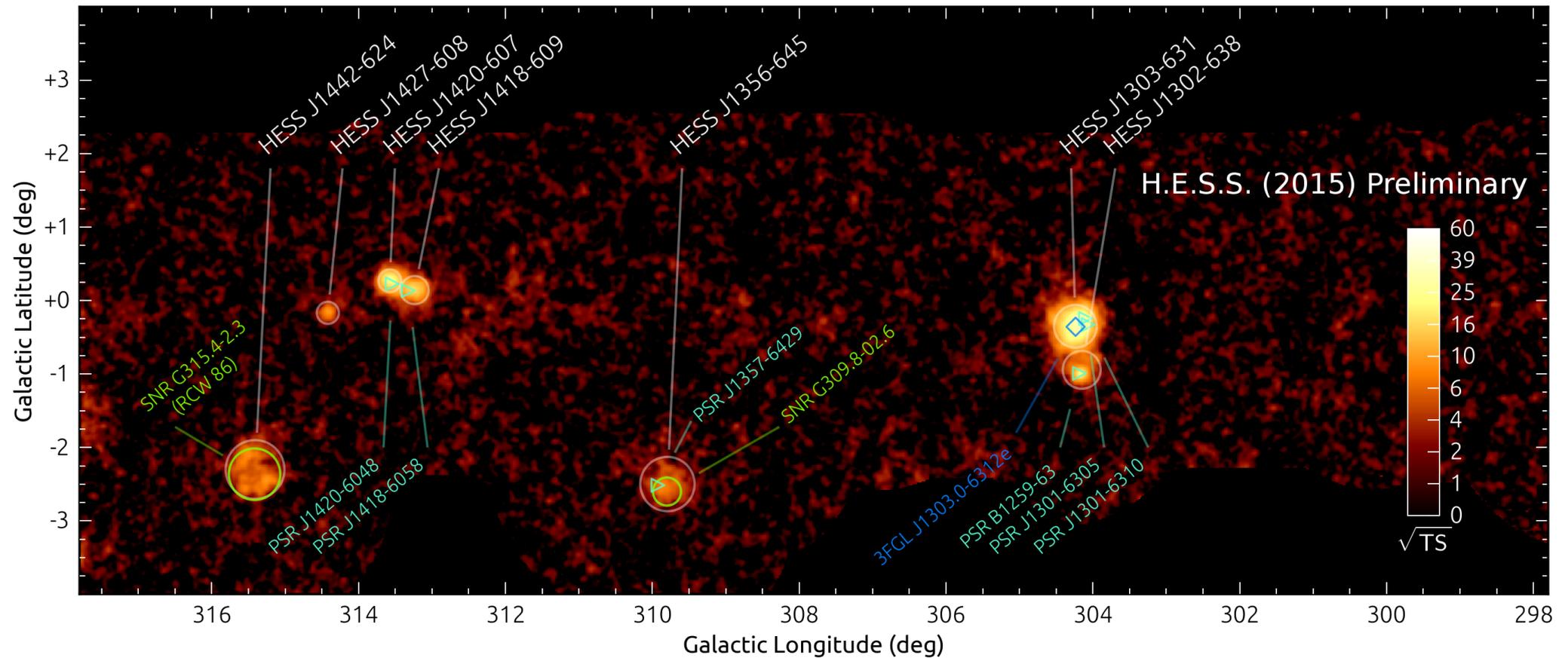
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# Significance, in full detail

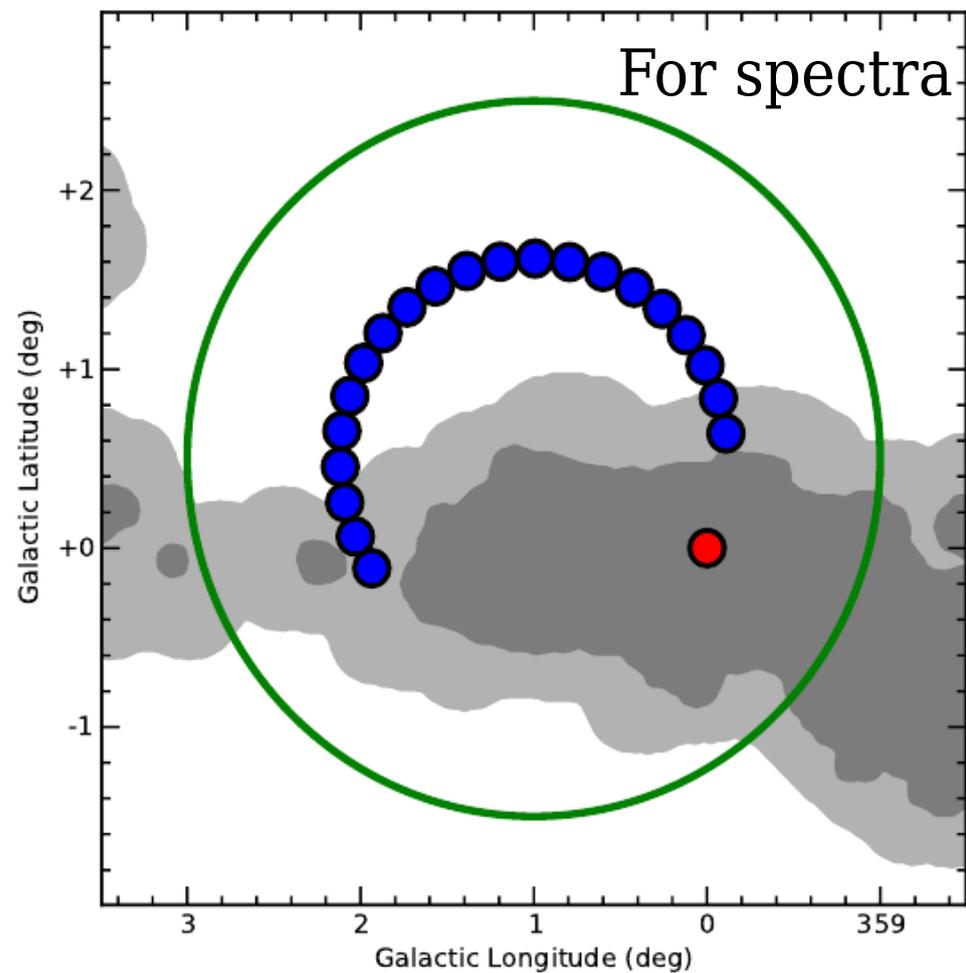
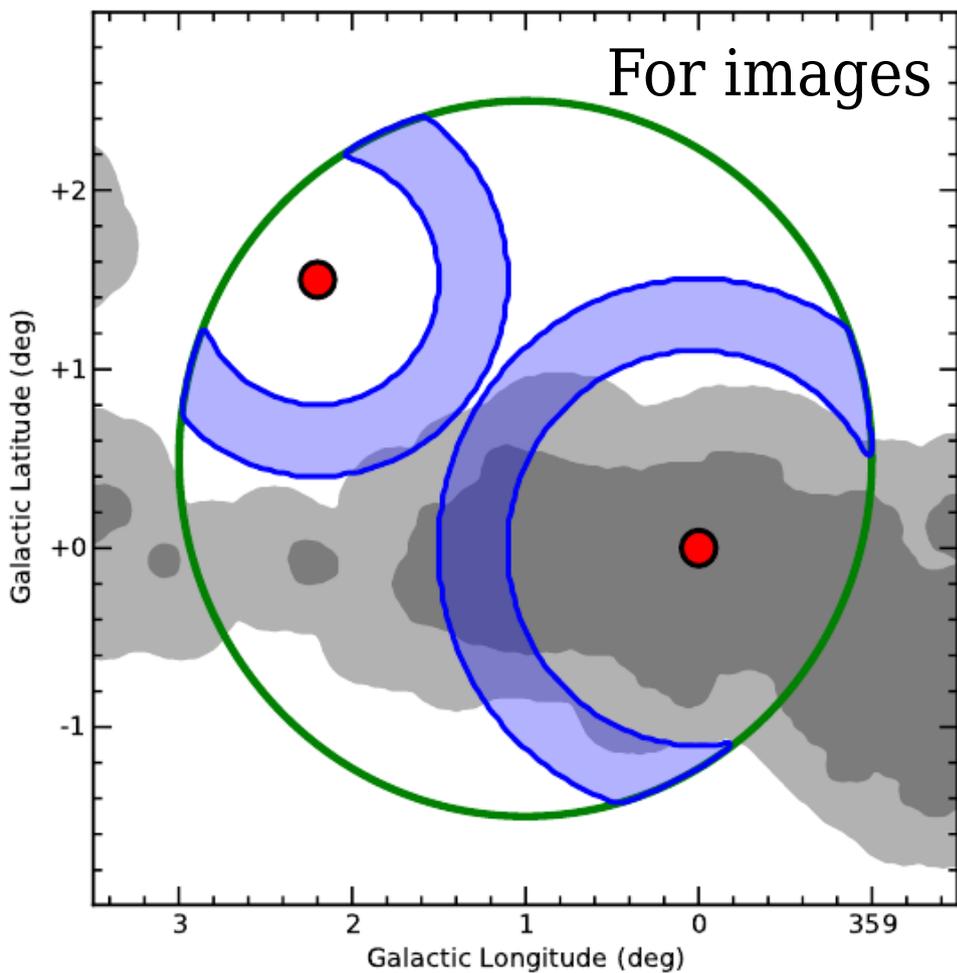


# Zoom-in



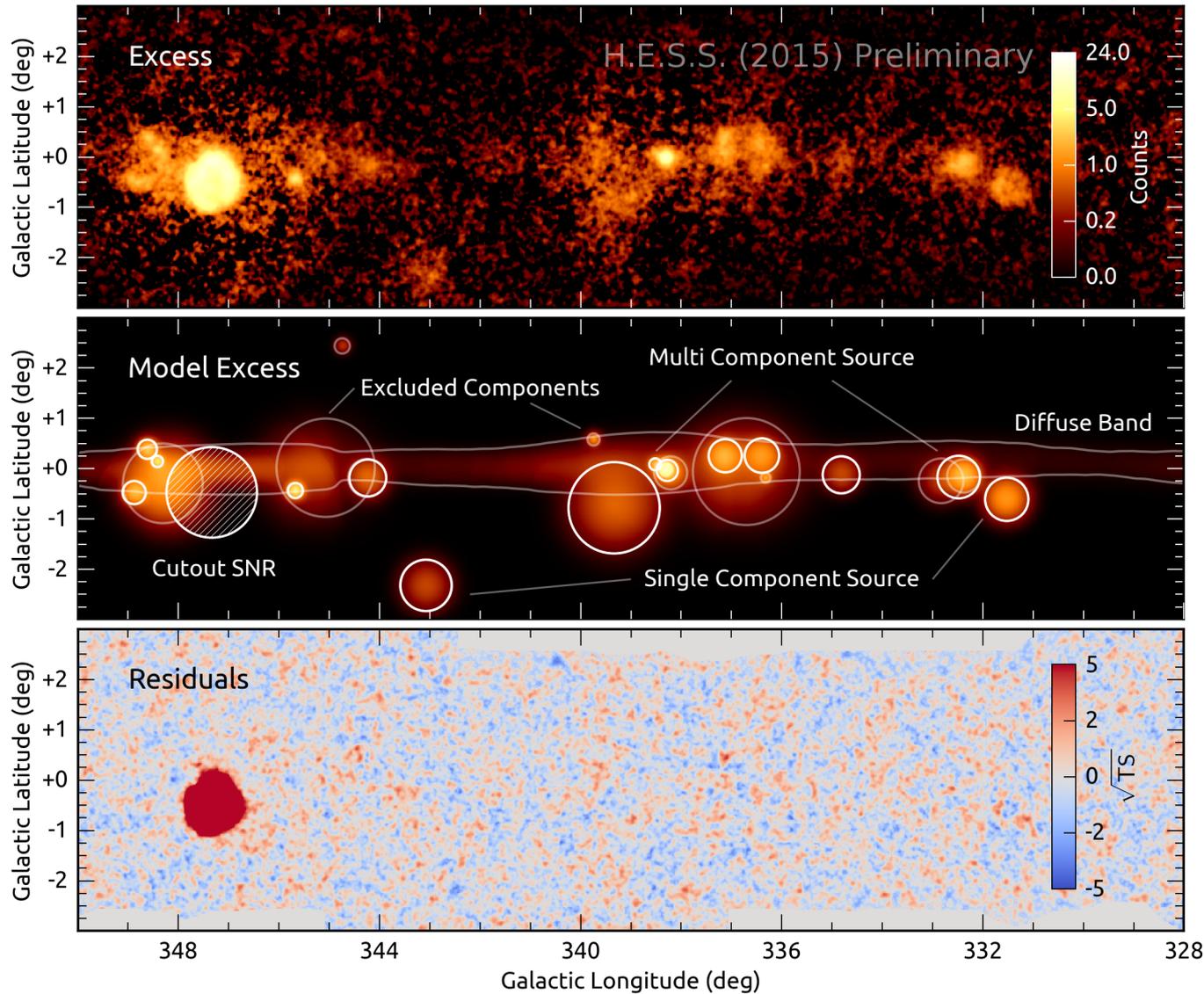
Full detail VHE sky images, catalog, and MWL associations

# Challenges & solutions for analyzing complex source regions



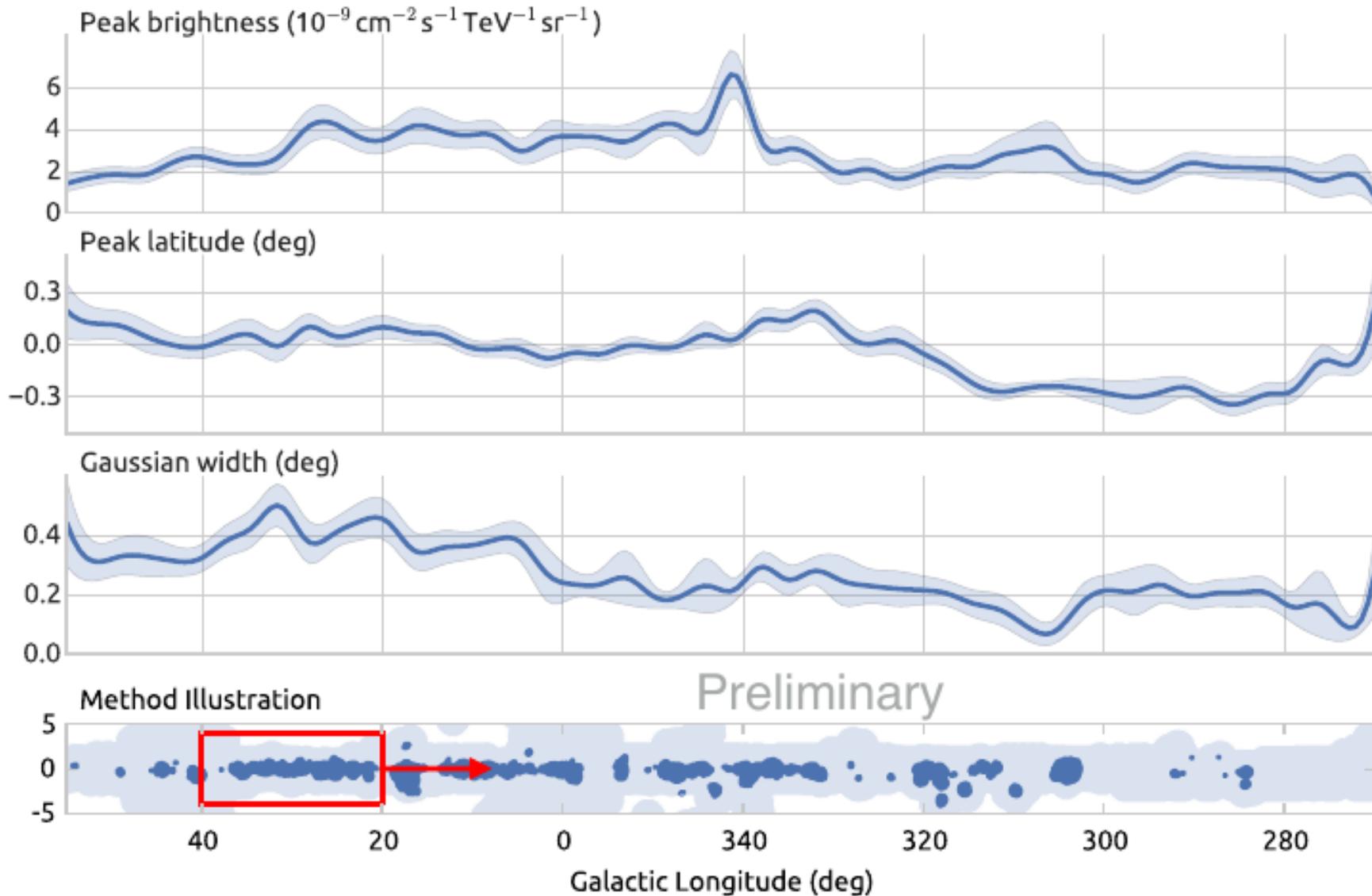
Background estimation with adaptive regions

# Catalog construction



- Adaptive ring background estimation with exclusion region masks
- Semi-automated, MLE-based source detection & morphology fitting
- Model sources as Gaussian plus an underlying “diffuse” component

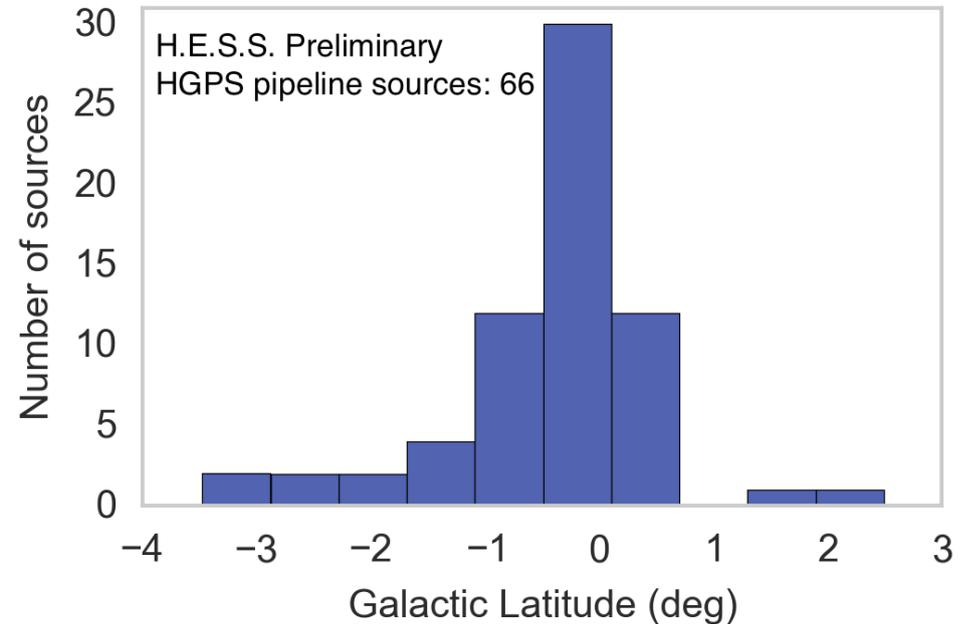
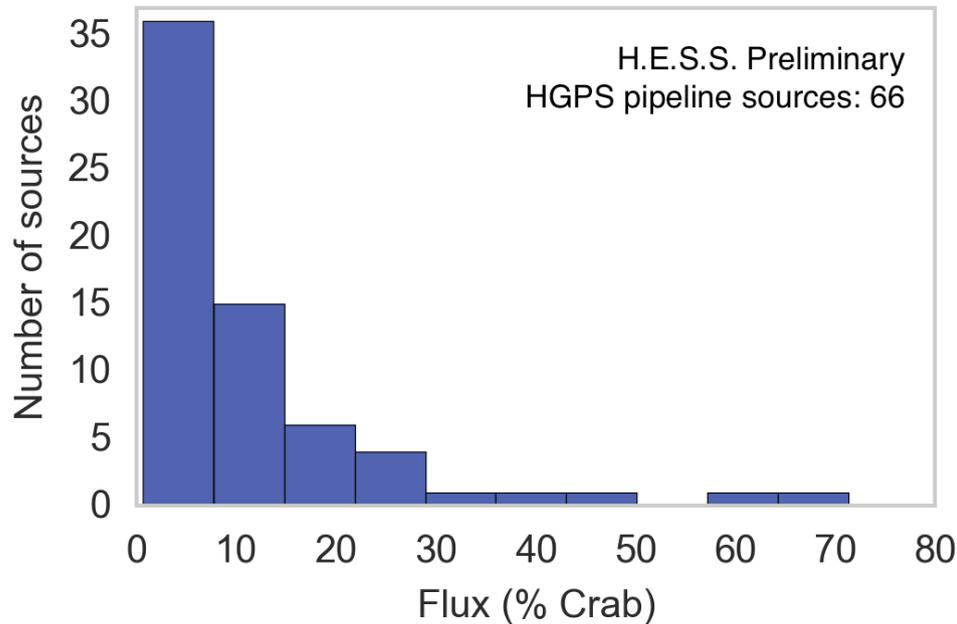
# Handling diffuse emission in the HGPS



*Empirical* not physical model: 20 deg sliding window w/ Gaussian in  $b$



# Galactic TeV sources

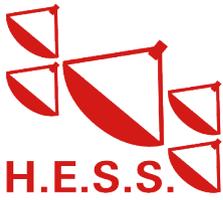


66 HGPS pipeline sources

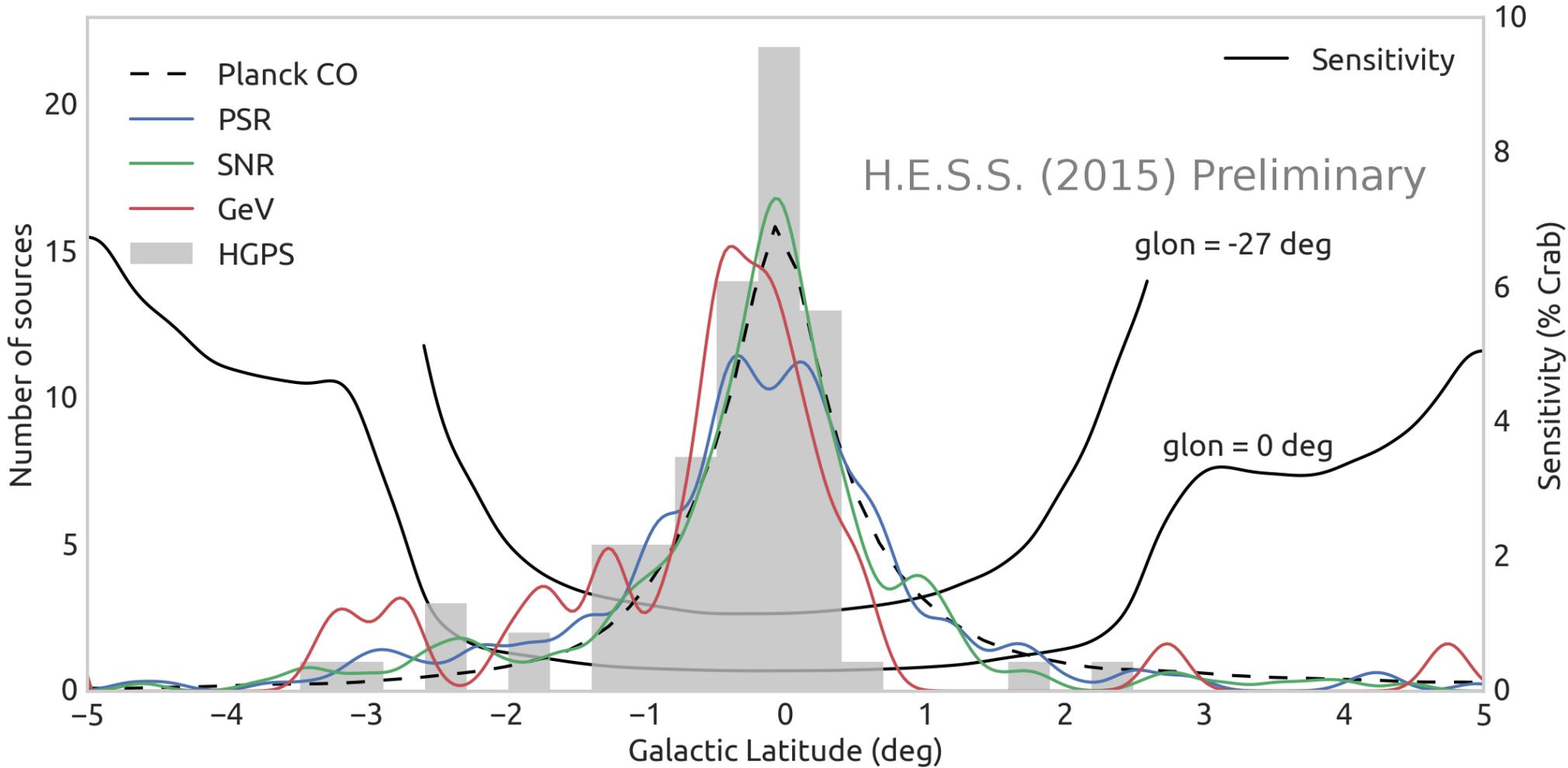
+11 sources treated manually (Galactic center region, TeV shells)

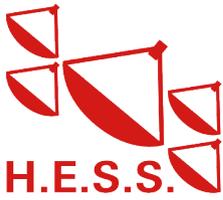
+3 sources outside HGPS region (Crab Nebula, SN 1006, HESS J0632)

=80 Galactic sources detected by H.E.S.S.

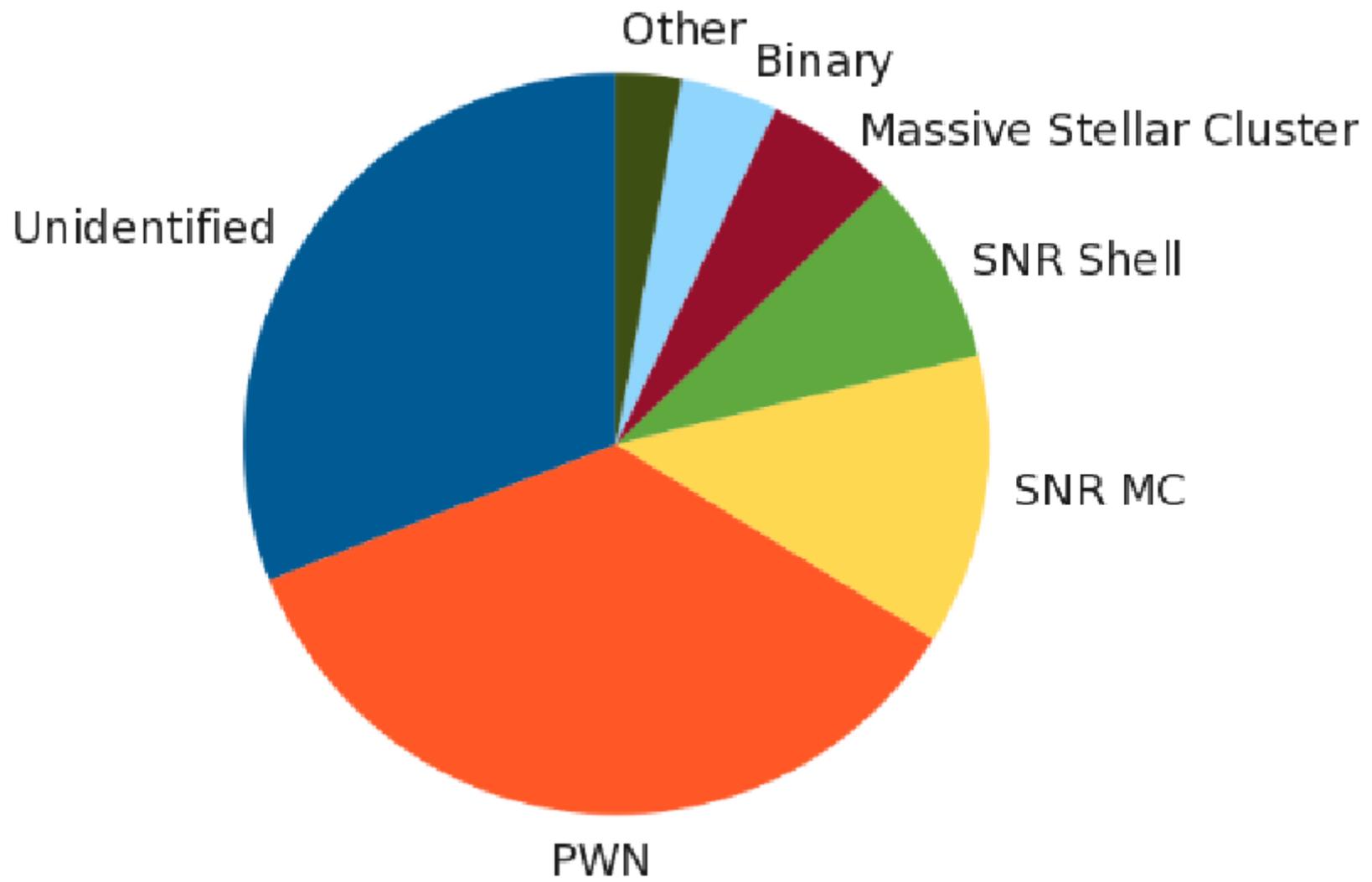


# VHE source distribution



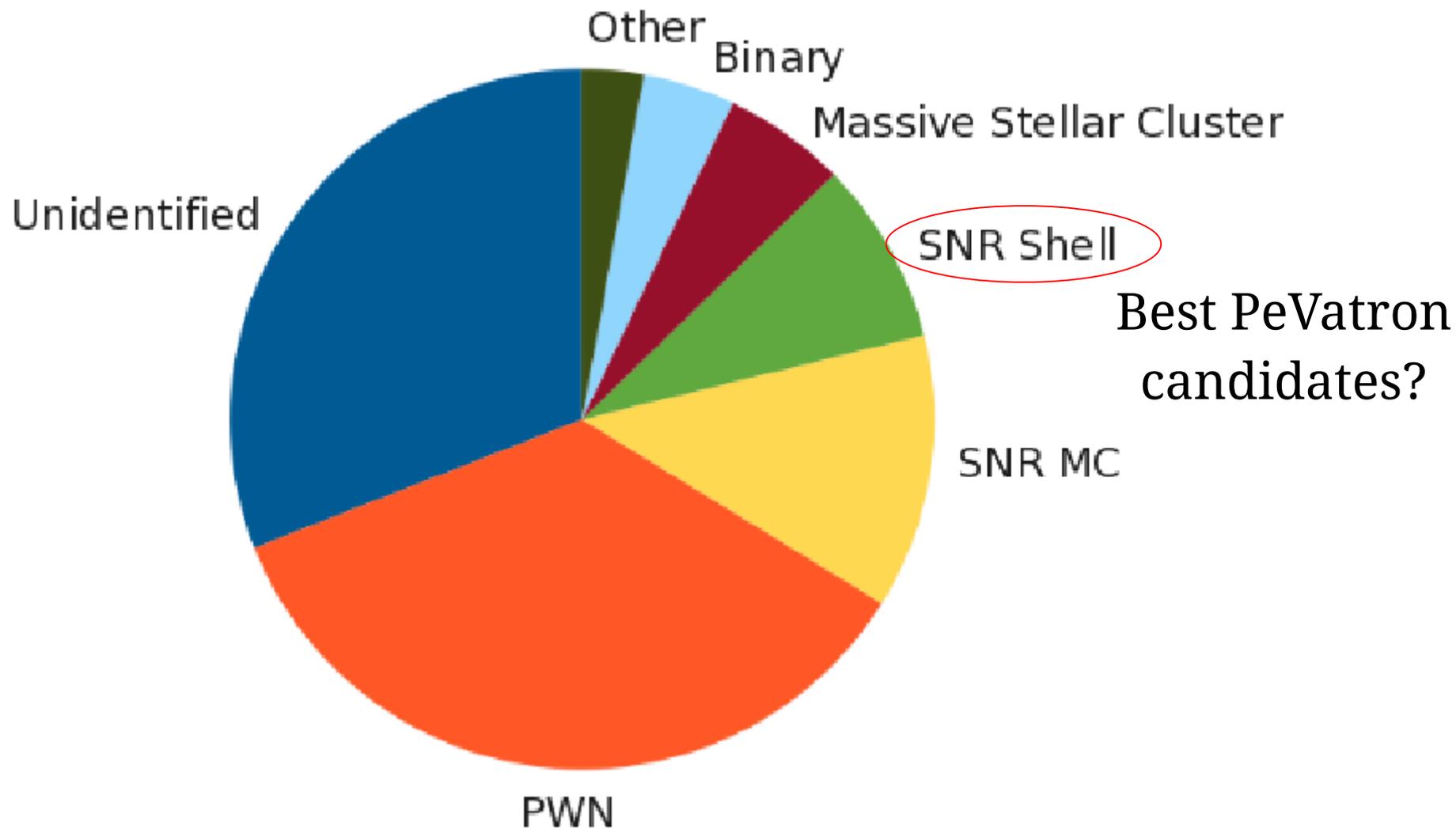


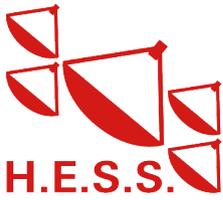
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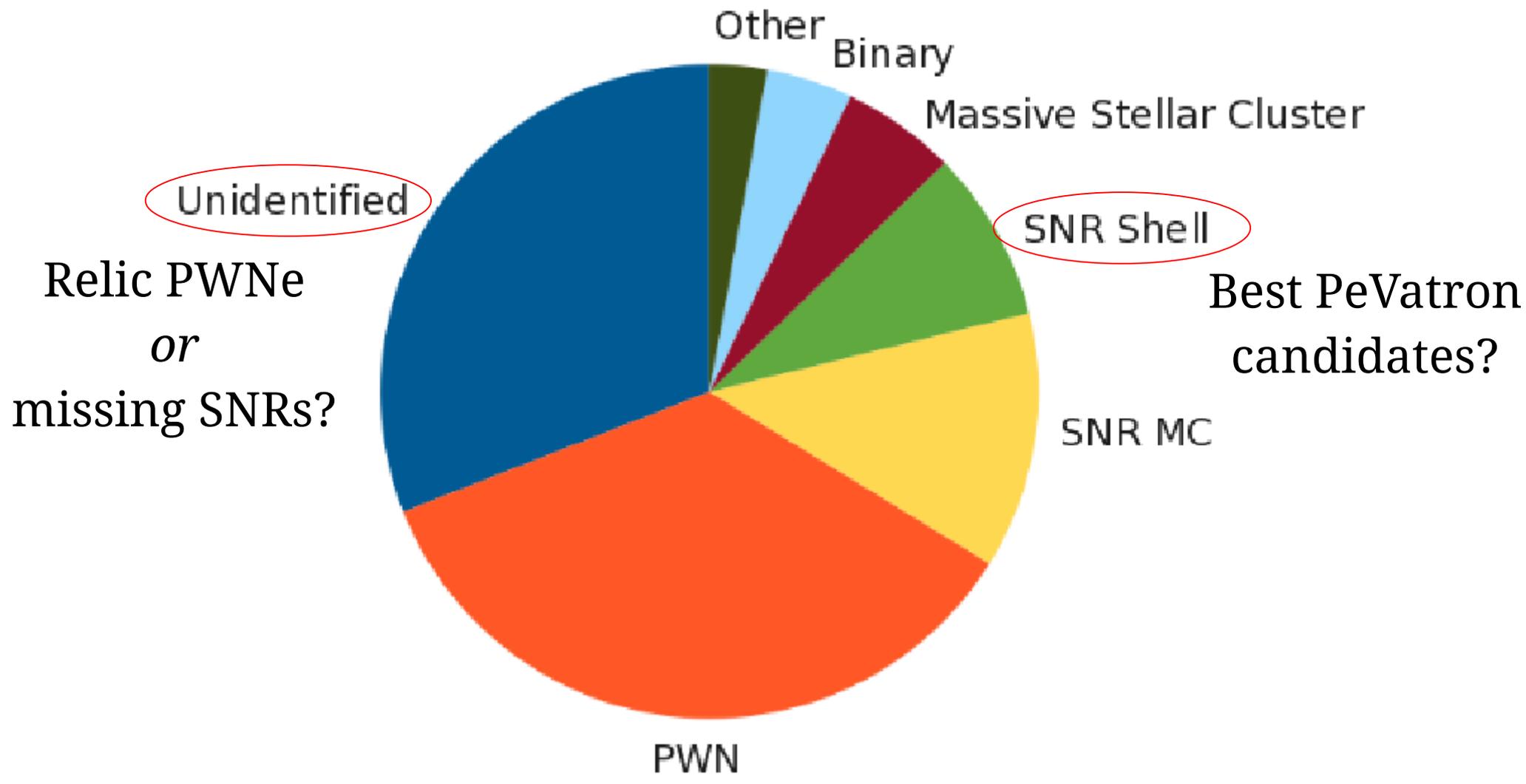


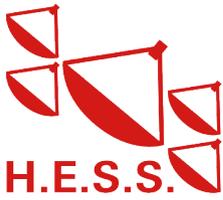
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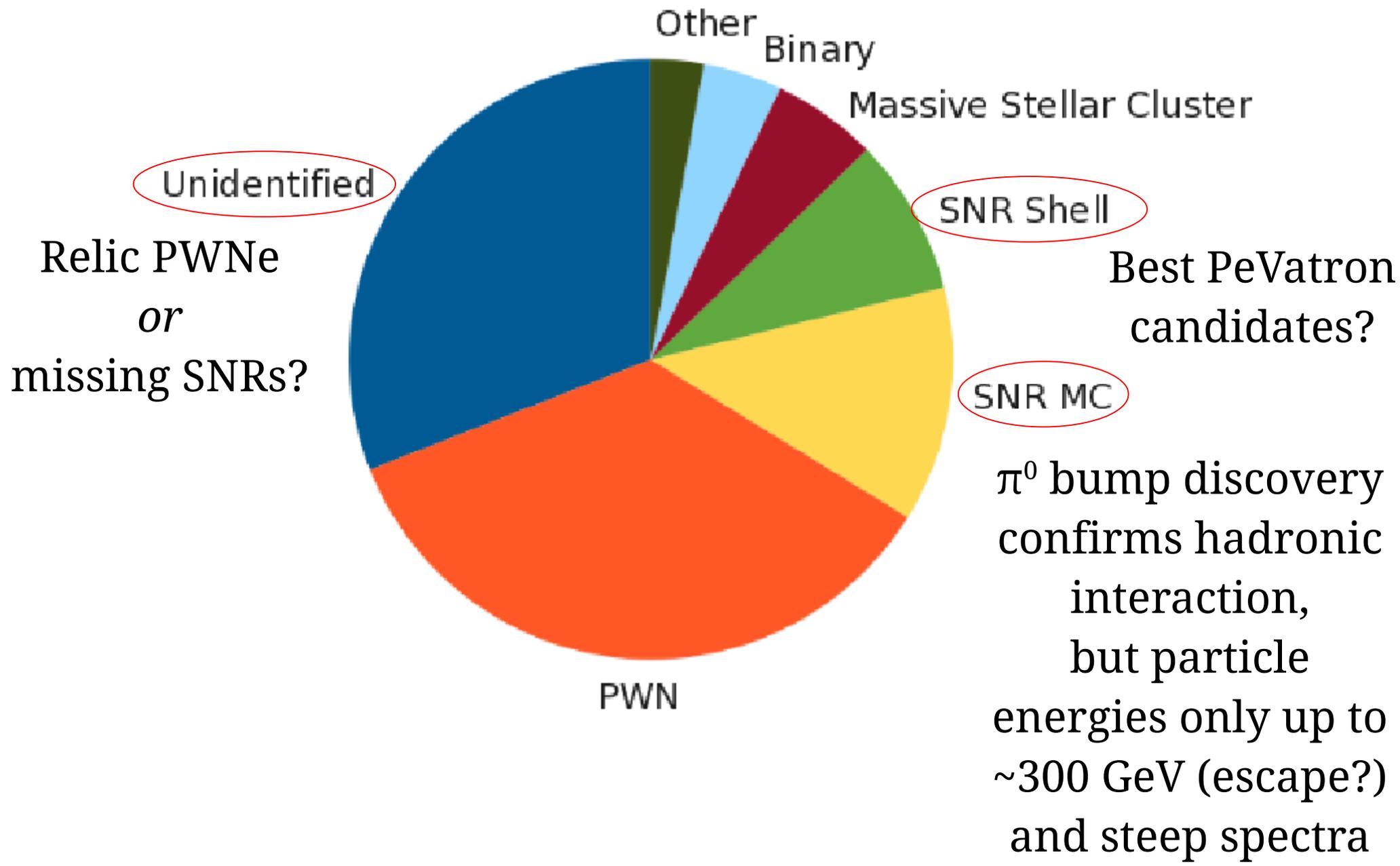


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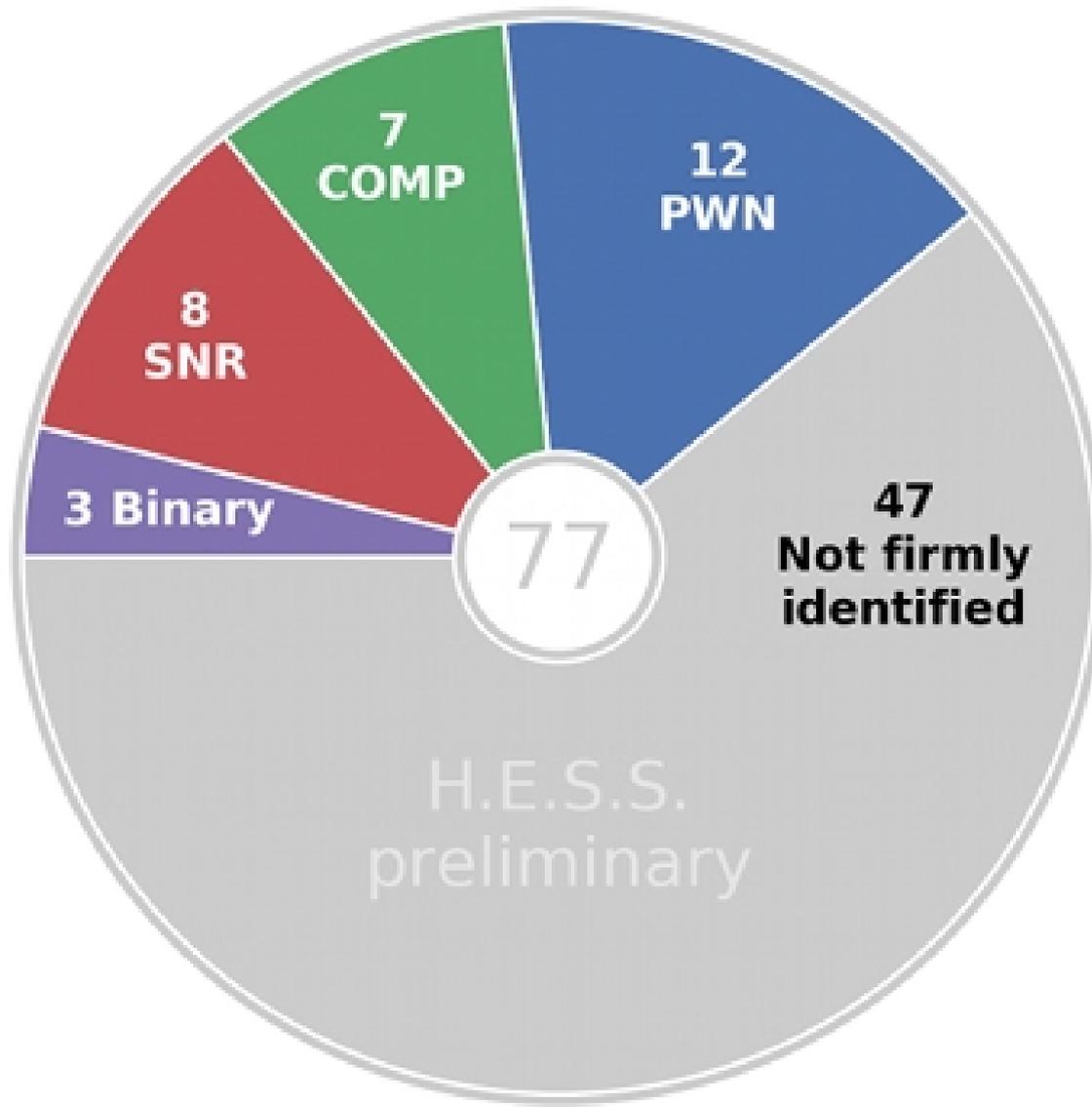


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# Firm identifications



MWL counterparts:

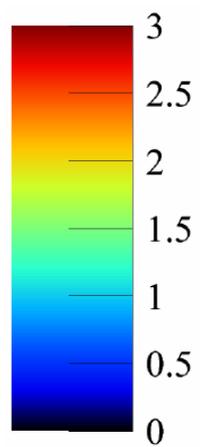
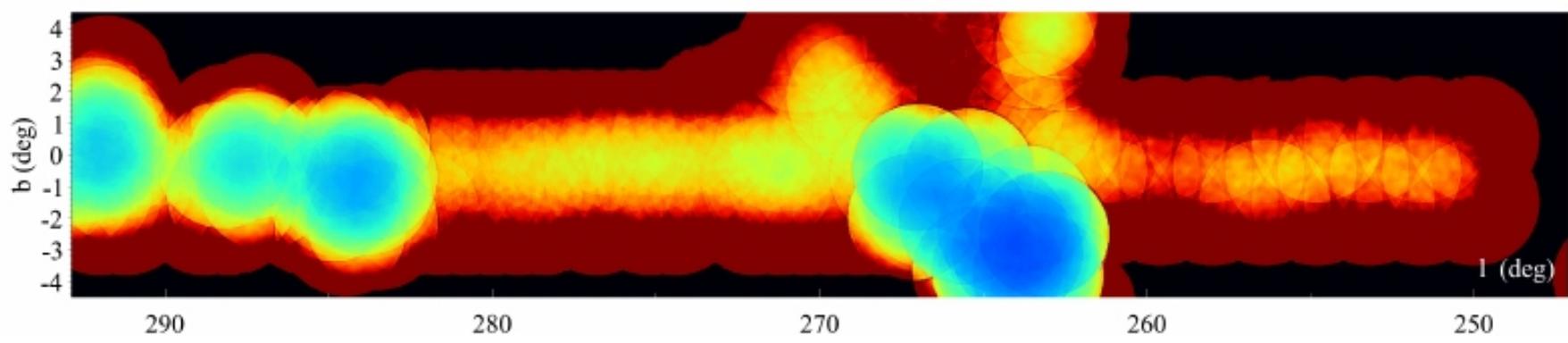
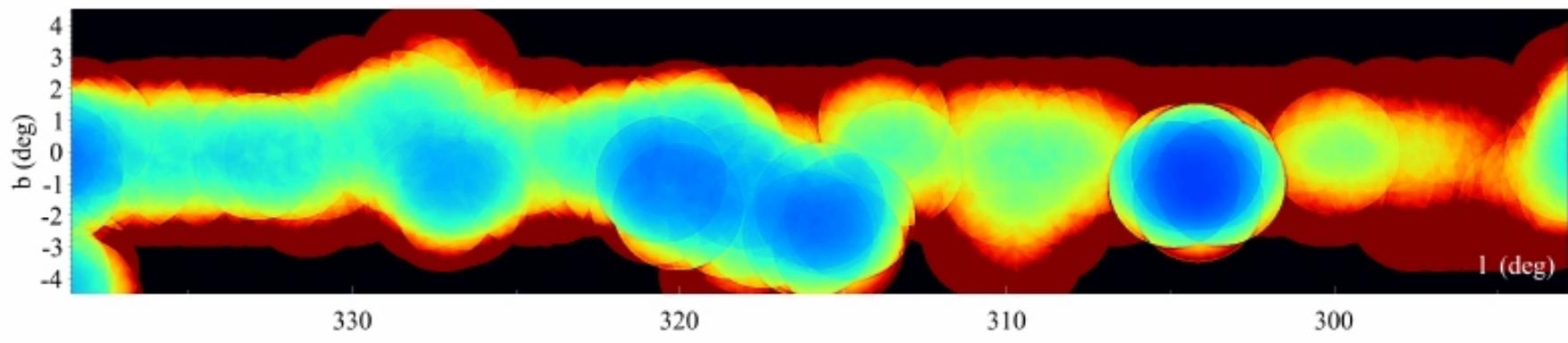
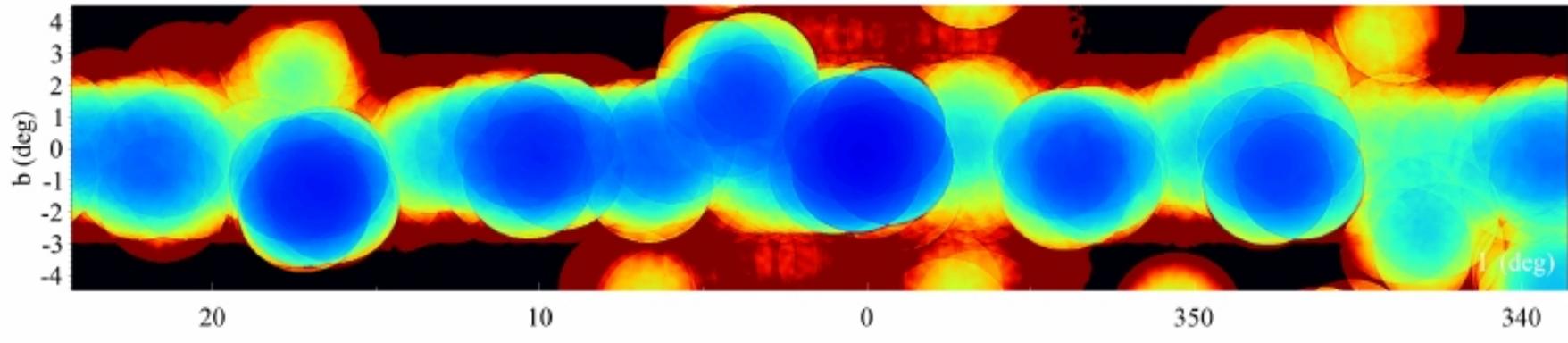
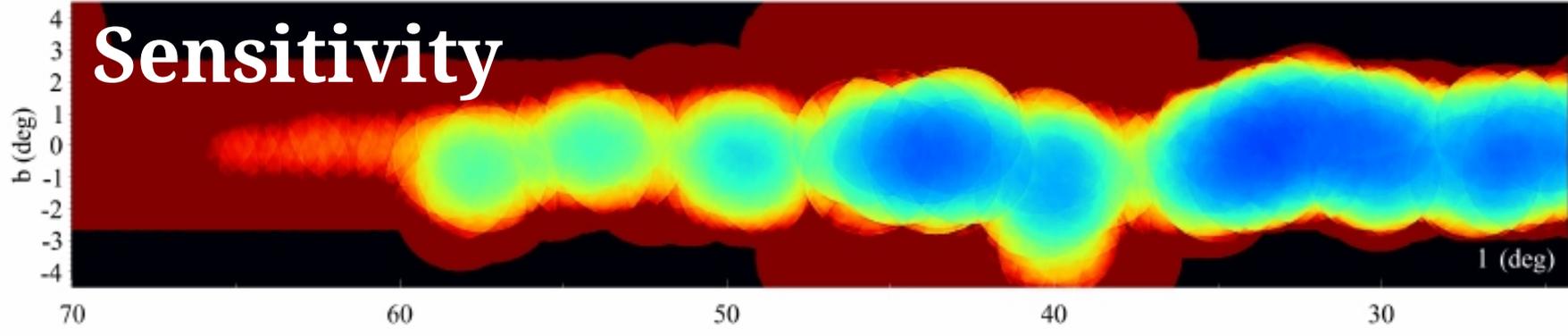
**Pulsars** (ATNF), **PWN** (SNRcat), **SNRs** (SNRcat), **HE sources** (1FHL, 3FGL)

# How complete is the Survey?

*or*

If there is a (bright)           (insert your favorite object here)            
out there in the Galaxy,  
would we have detected it already?

# Sensitivity

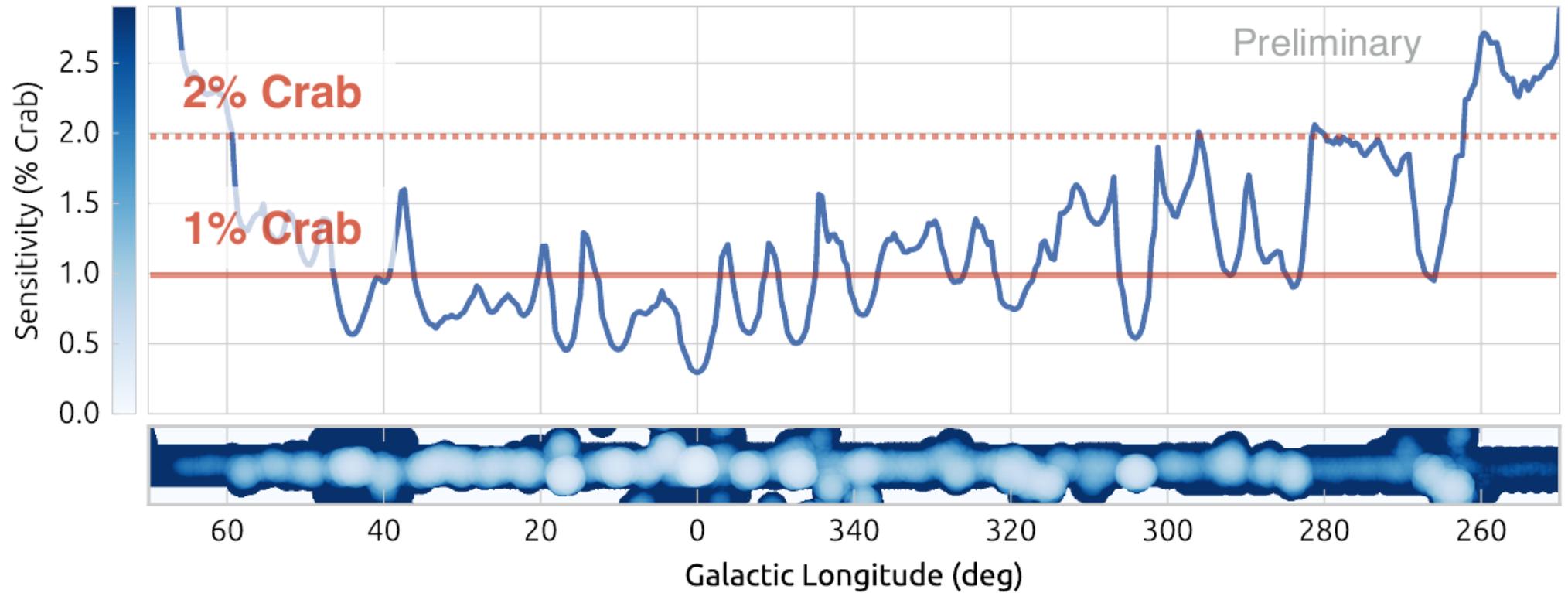


% Crab



# HGPS Sensitivity

along  $b = 0^\circ$  for a  $5\text{-}\sigma$  detection

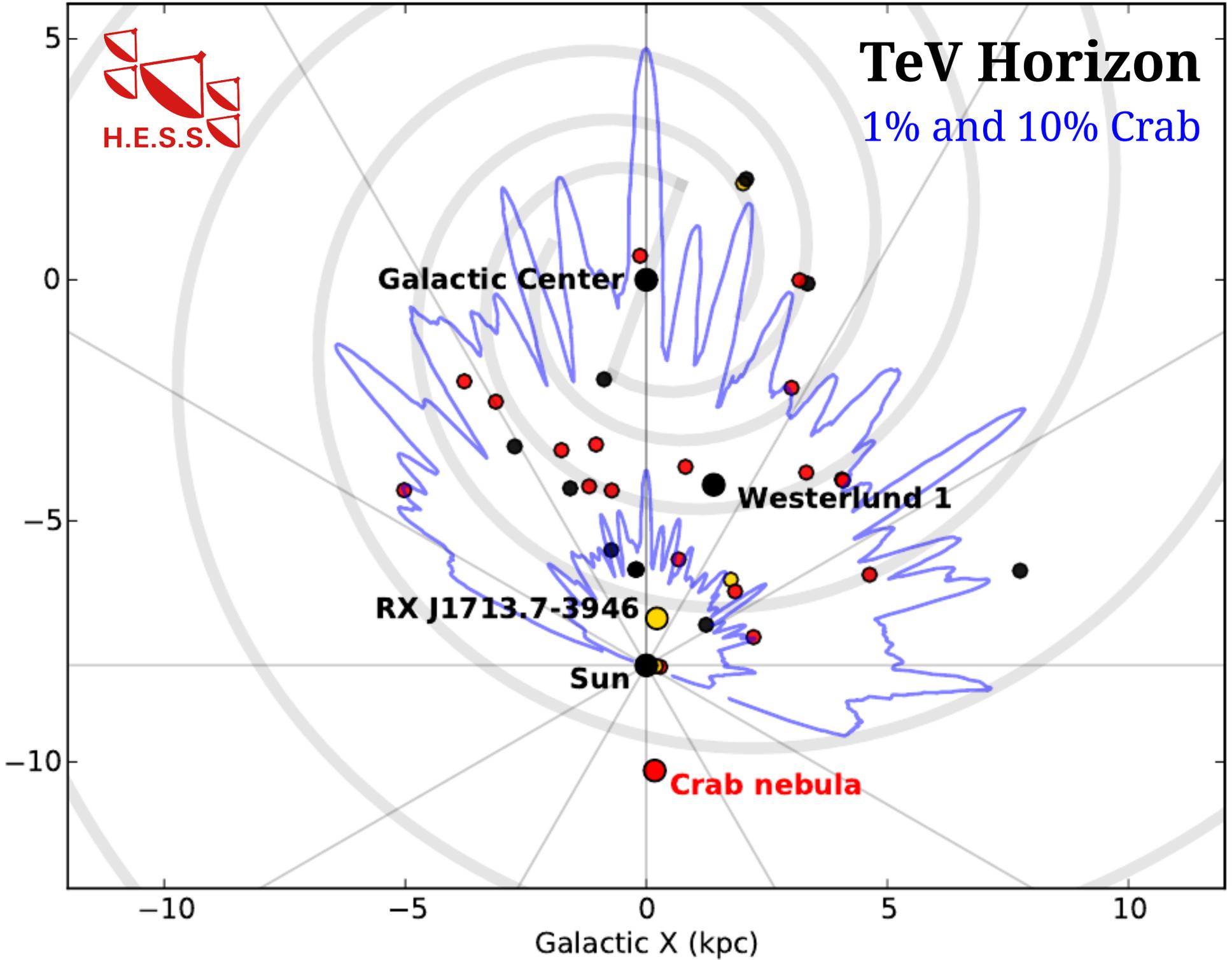




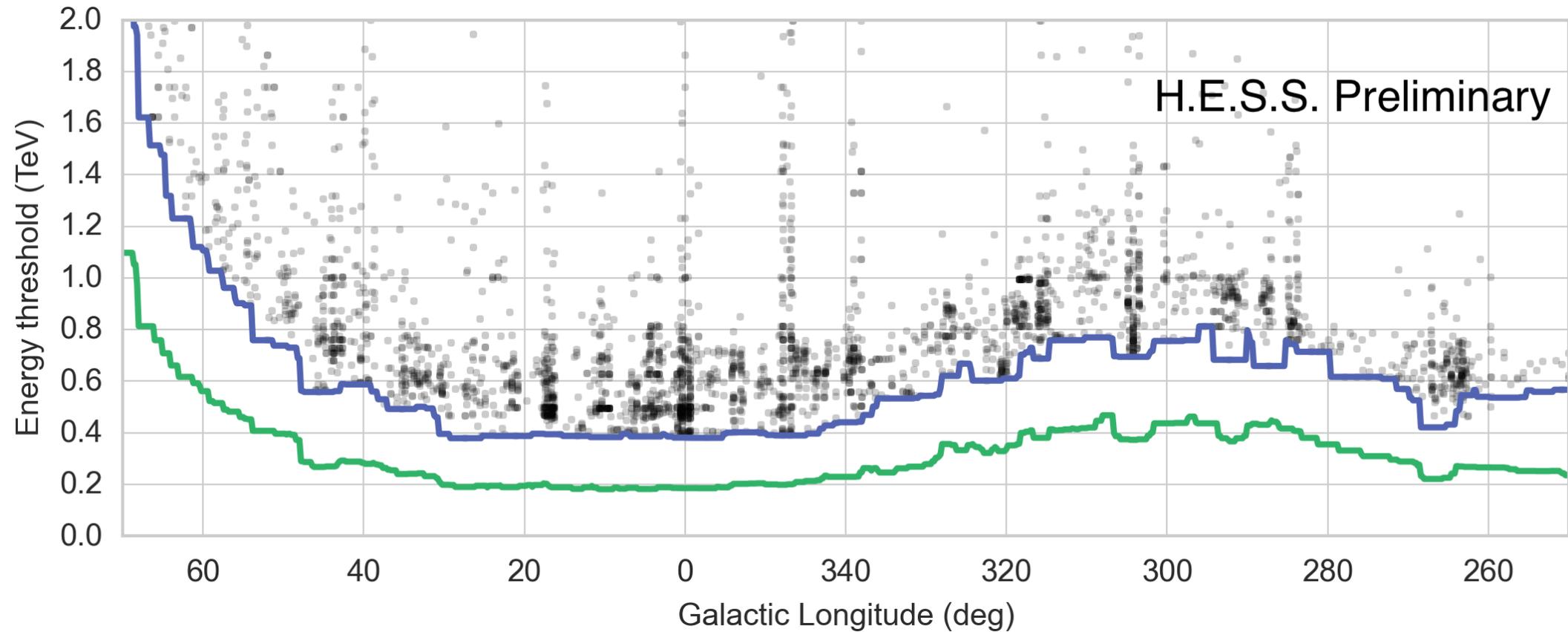
# TeV Horizon

1% and 10% Crab

Galactic Y (kpc)

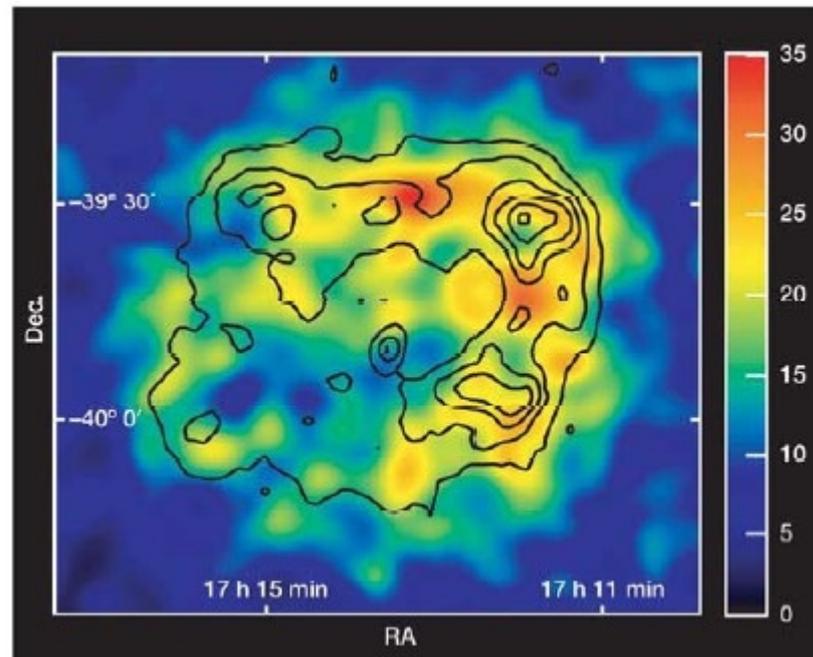


# Energy threshold



Reflects zenith angle longitude dependency  
~6000 observations  $\rightarrow$  ~3000 h dataset

# Revisiting the iconic TeV supernova remnant





RX J1713.7-3946  
H.E.S.S. (2015) Preliminary

Dec (J2000)

-39°20'

40'

-40°00'

20'

Triple the exposure

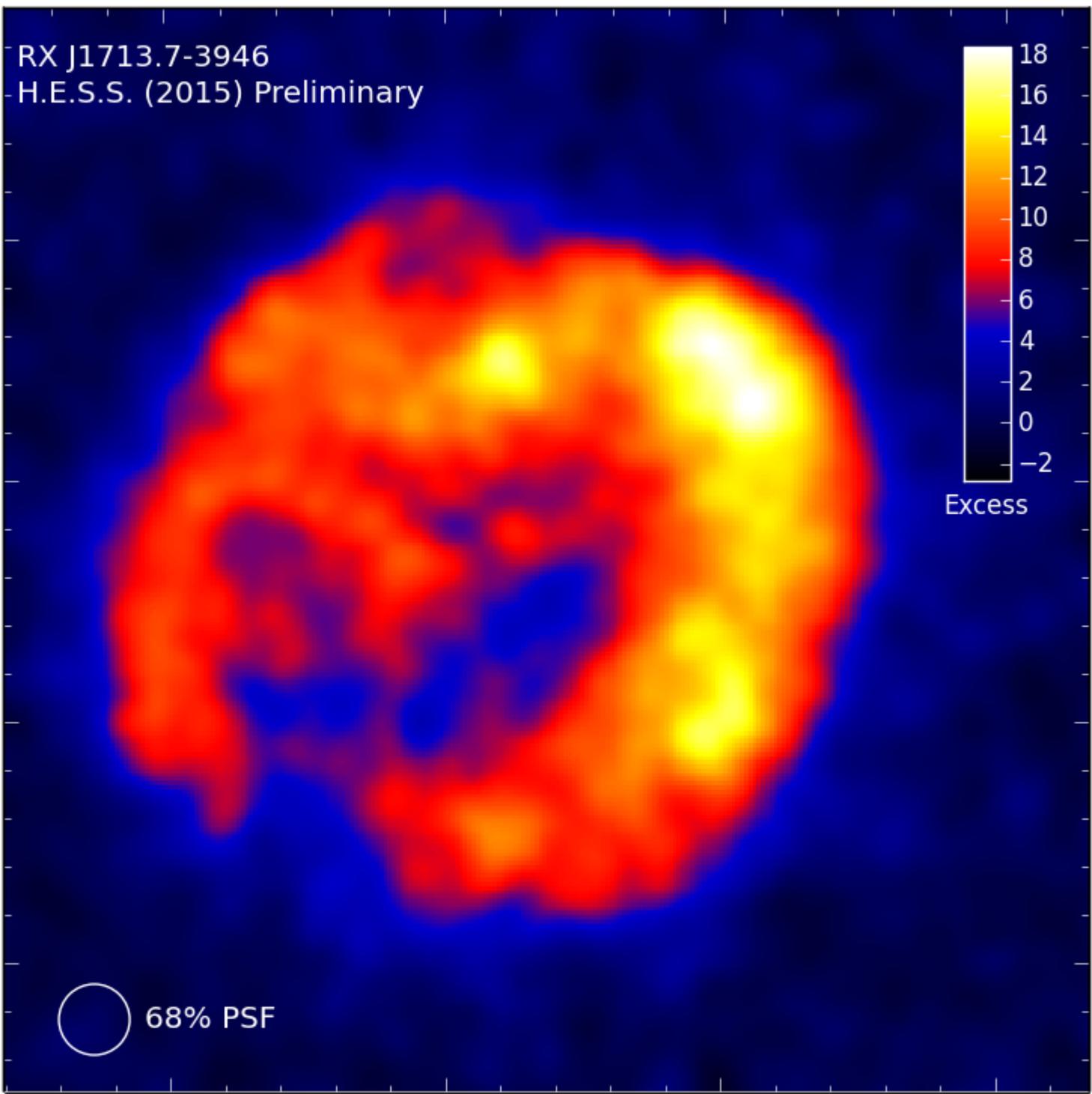
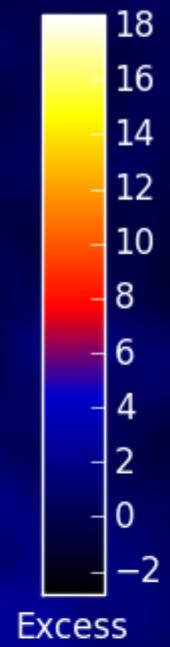
Improved gamma-hadron separation

Improved angular resolution

68% PSF

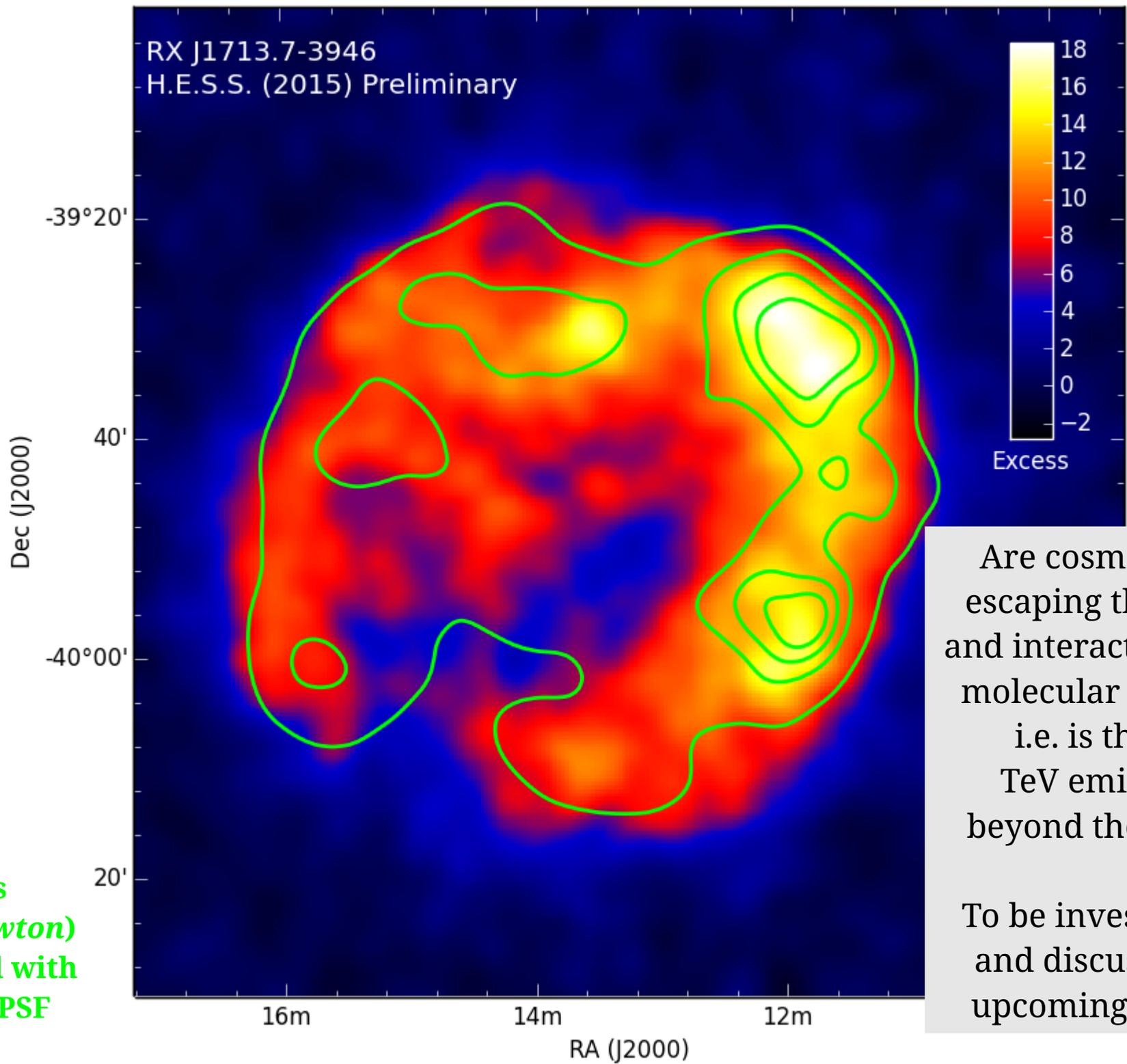
16m 14m 12m 17h10m

RA (J2000)





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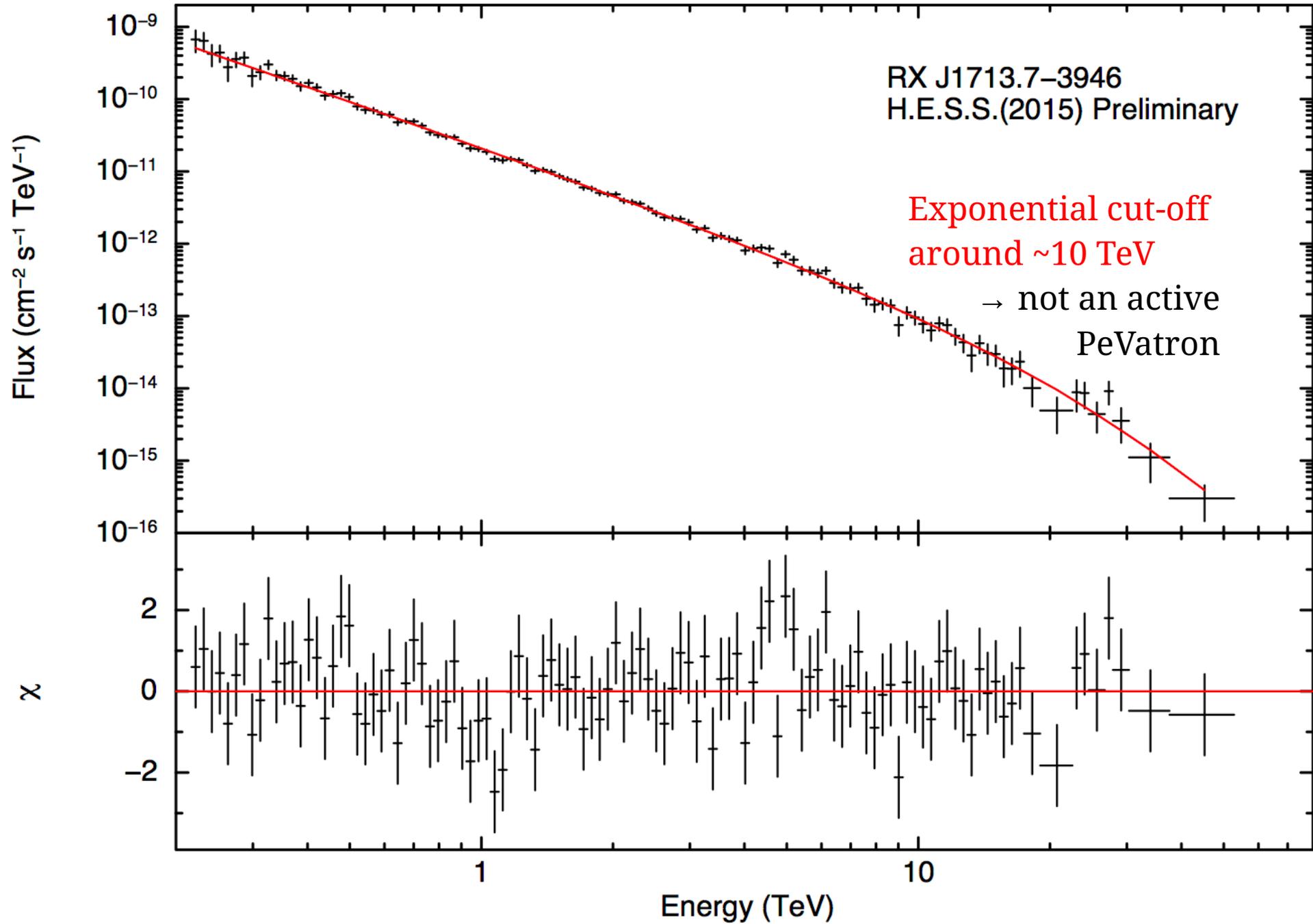
Are cosmic rays escaping the shell and interacting with molecular clouds?  
i.e. is there TeV emission beyond the shell?

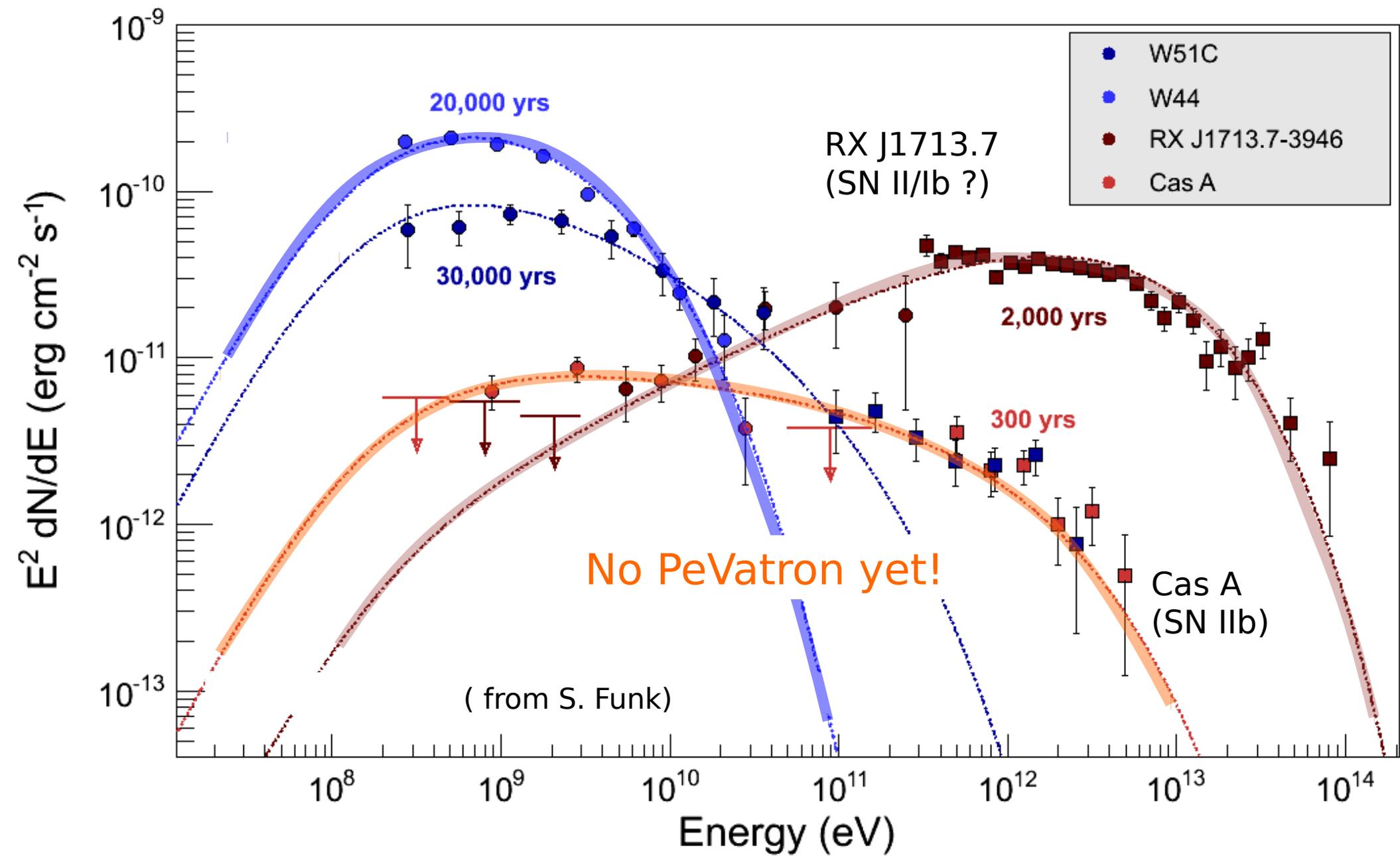
To be investigated and discussed in upcoming paper.

X-rays  
(XMM-Newton)  
convolved with  
H.E.S.S. PSF

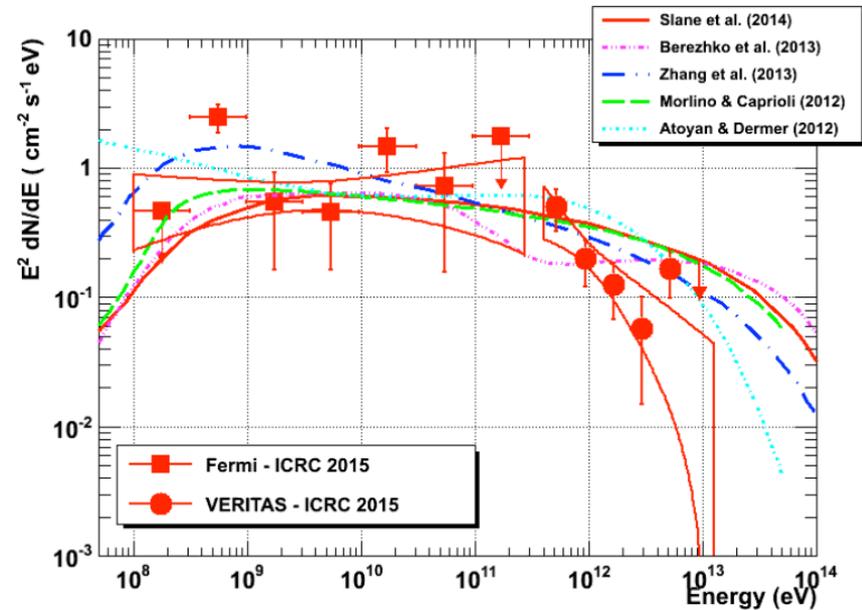
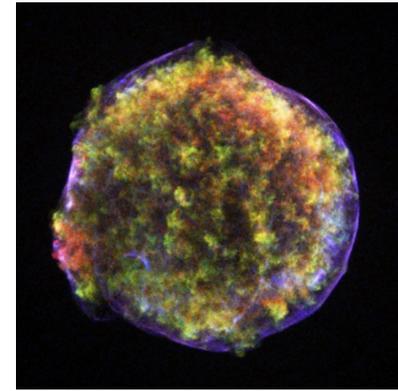
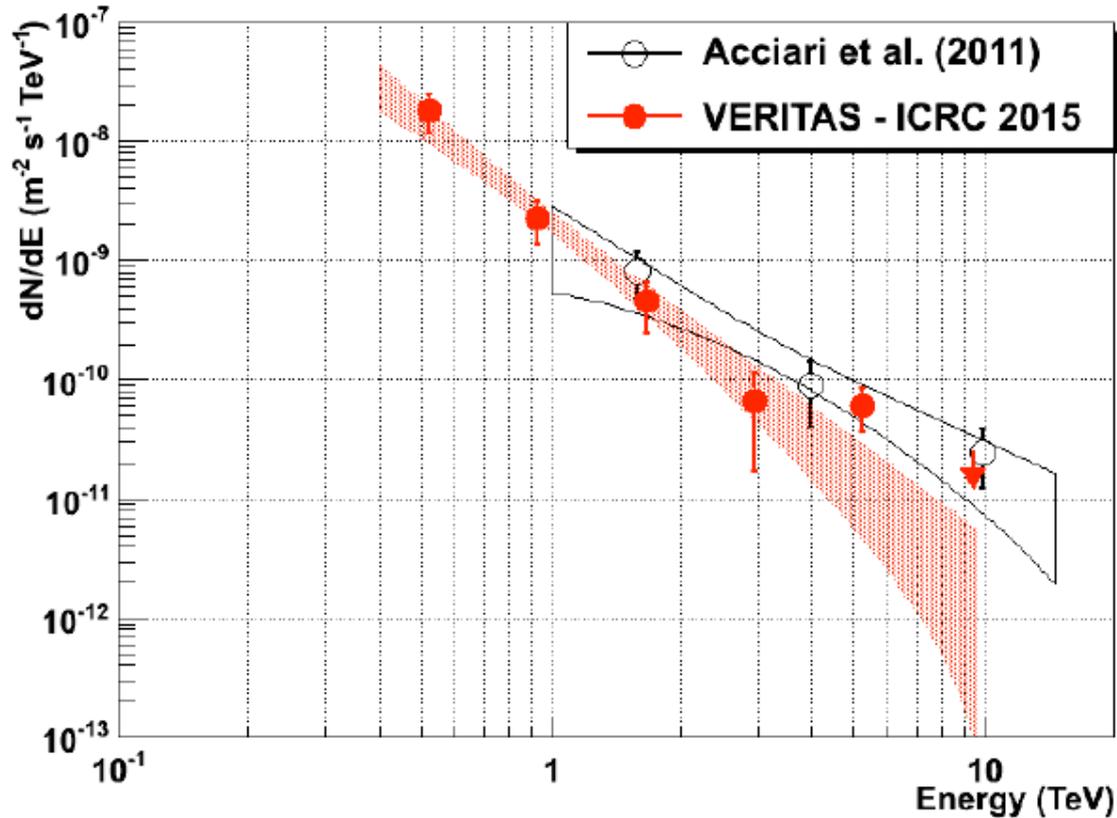


# Precision TeV spectral measurements





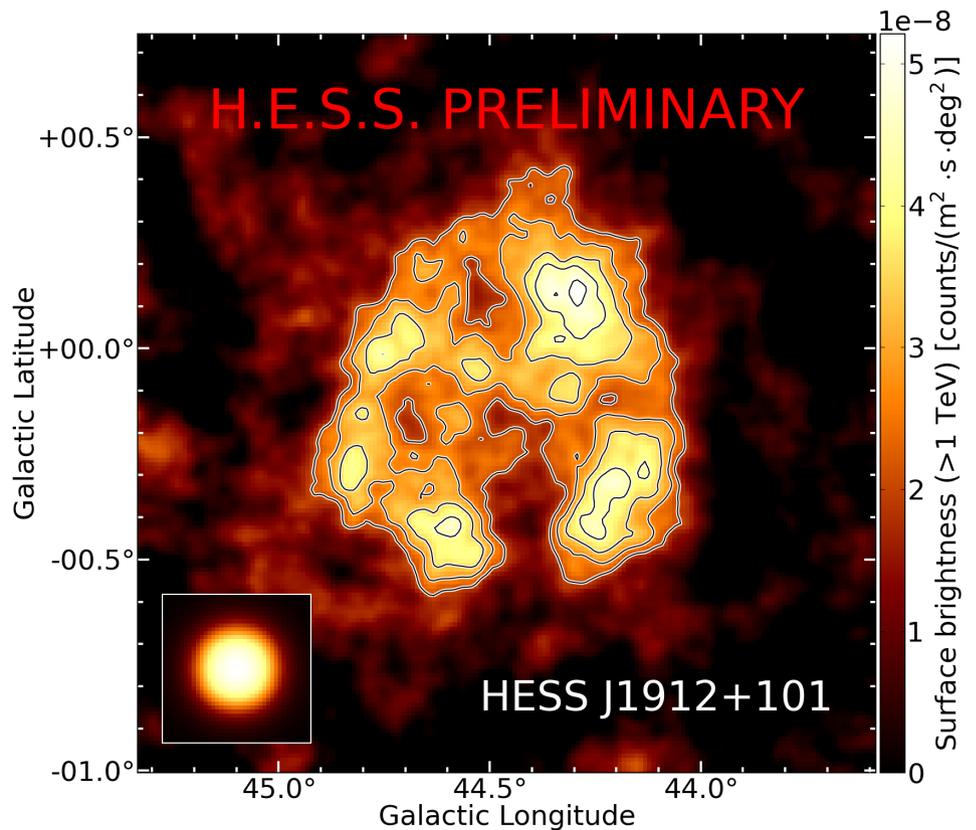
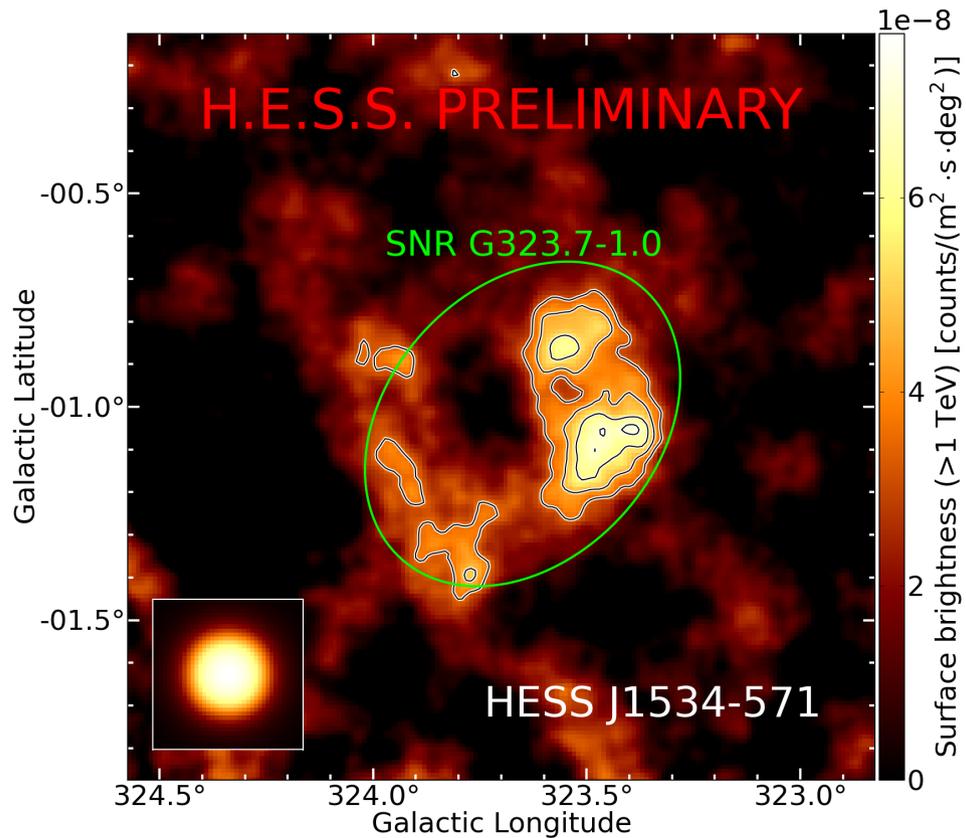
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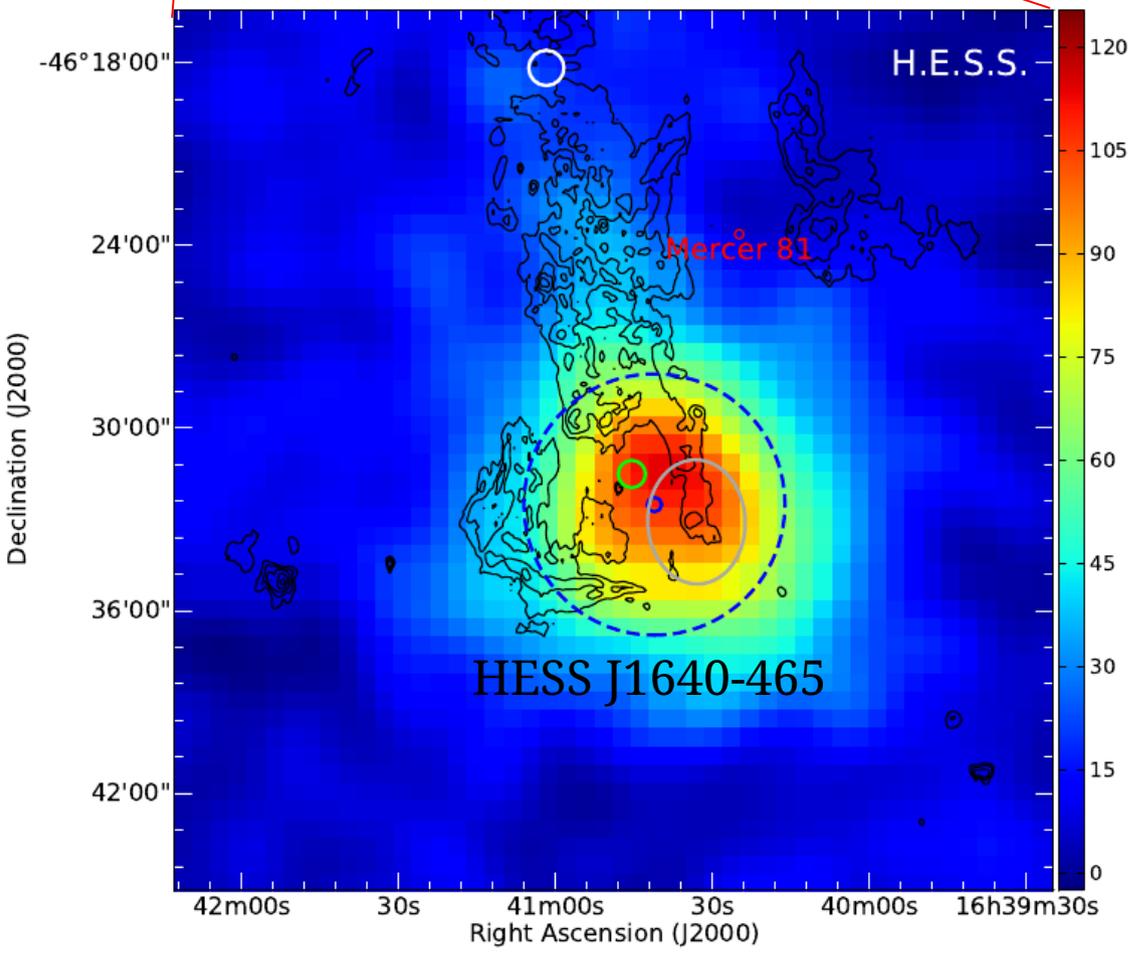
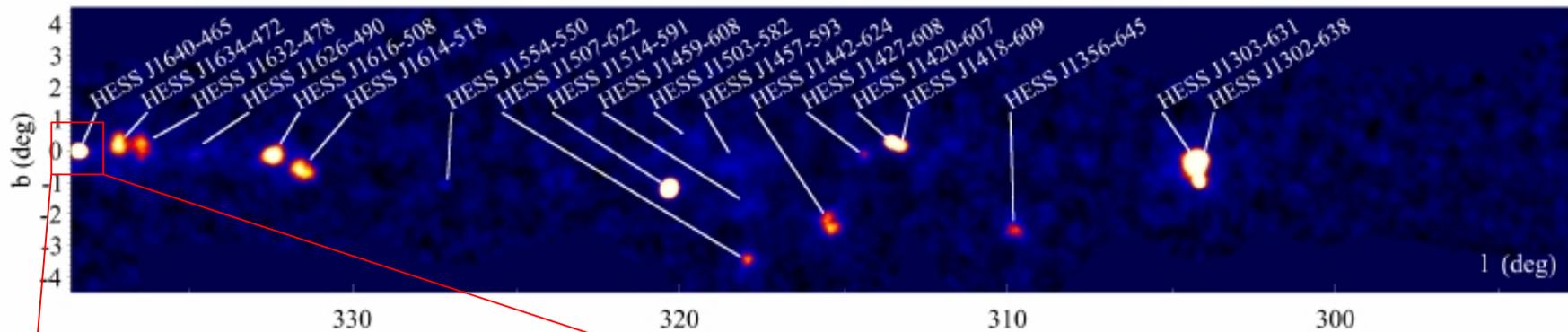
$$\Gamma = 1.95 \pm 0.51_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.30_{\text{syst}} \rightarrow 2.92 \pm 0.42_{\text{stat}}$$

No longer a promising PeVatron candidate

# What about missing SNRs?

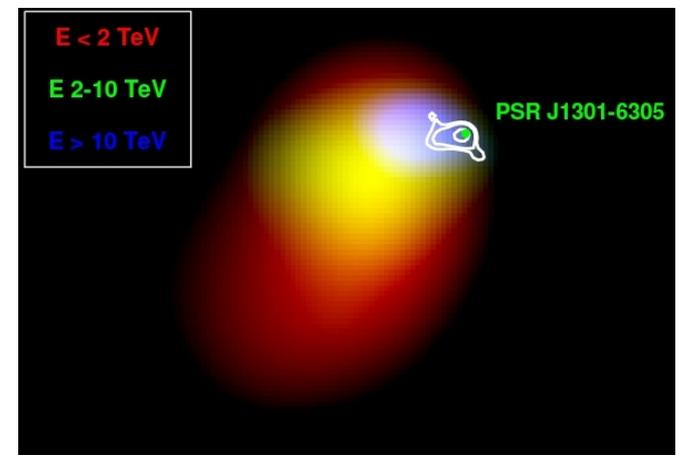
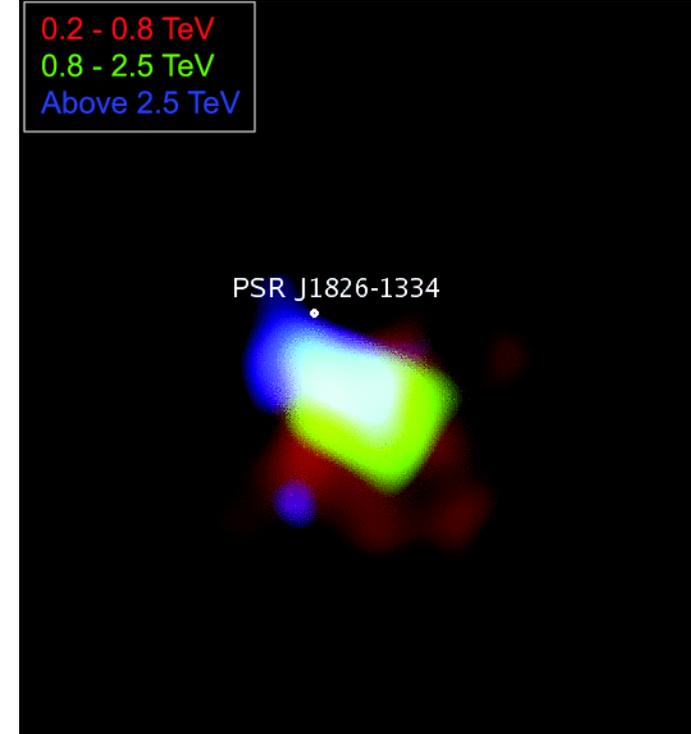
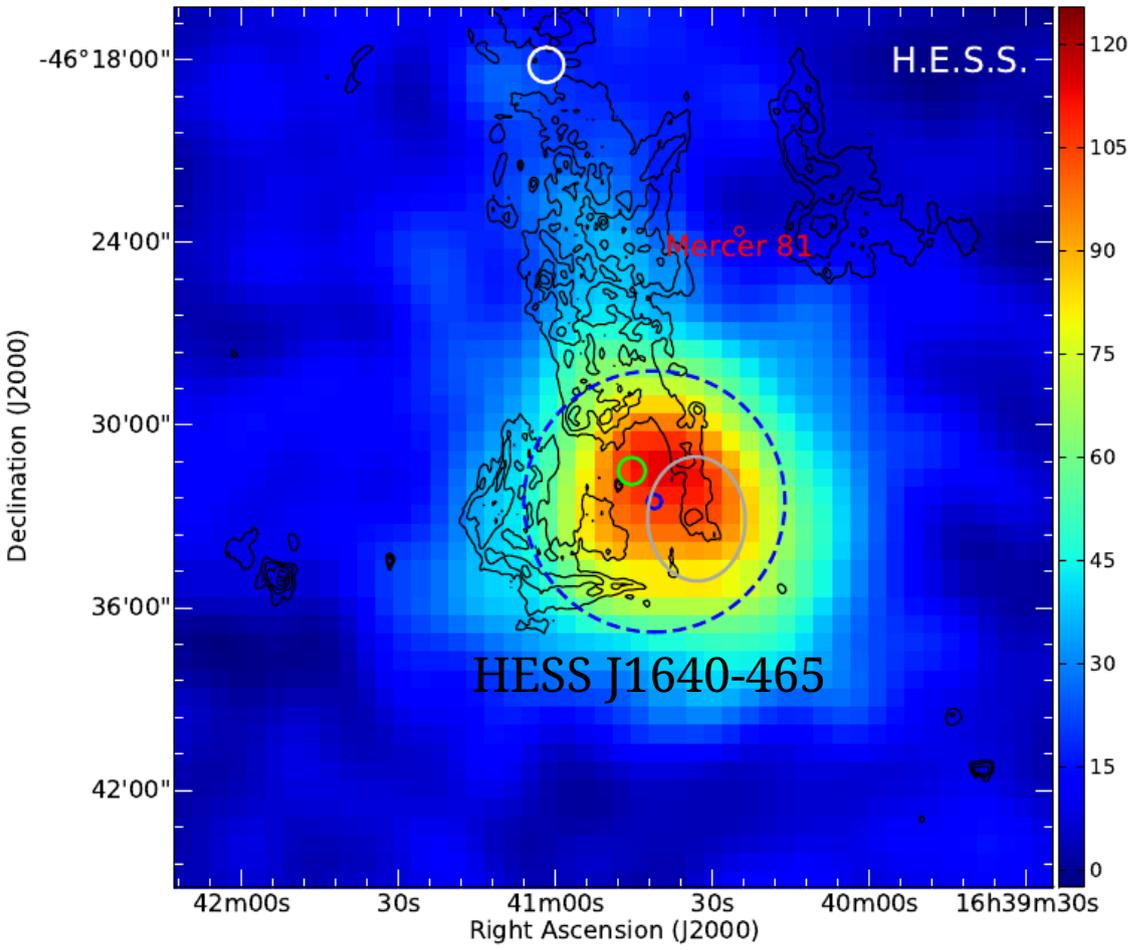


Statistically-significant TeV shell morphology discovered  
More like these hidden in the data?

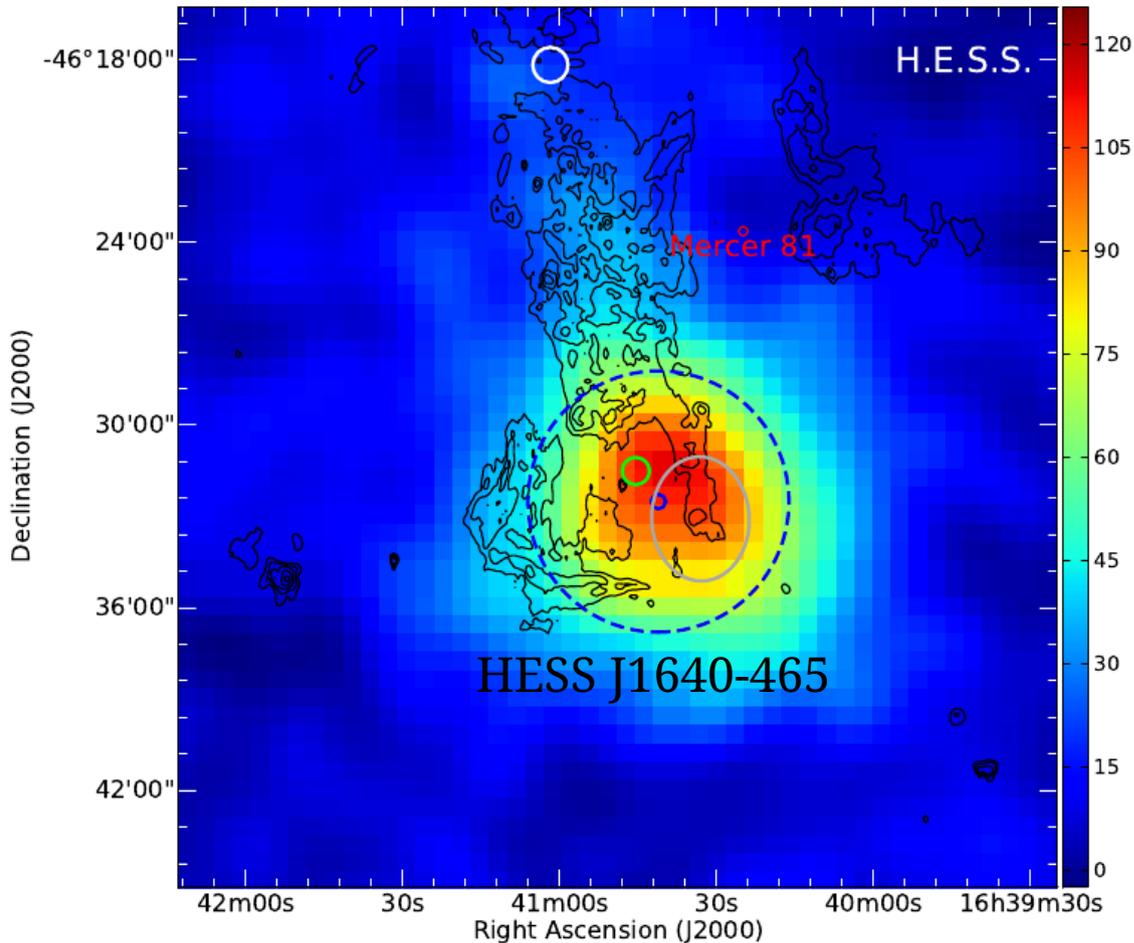
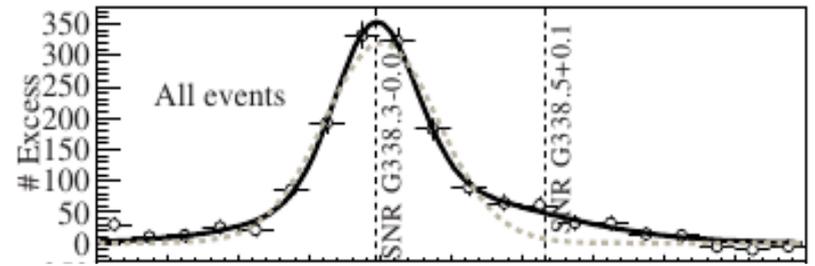


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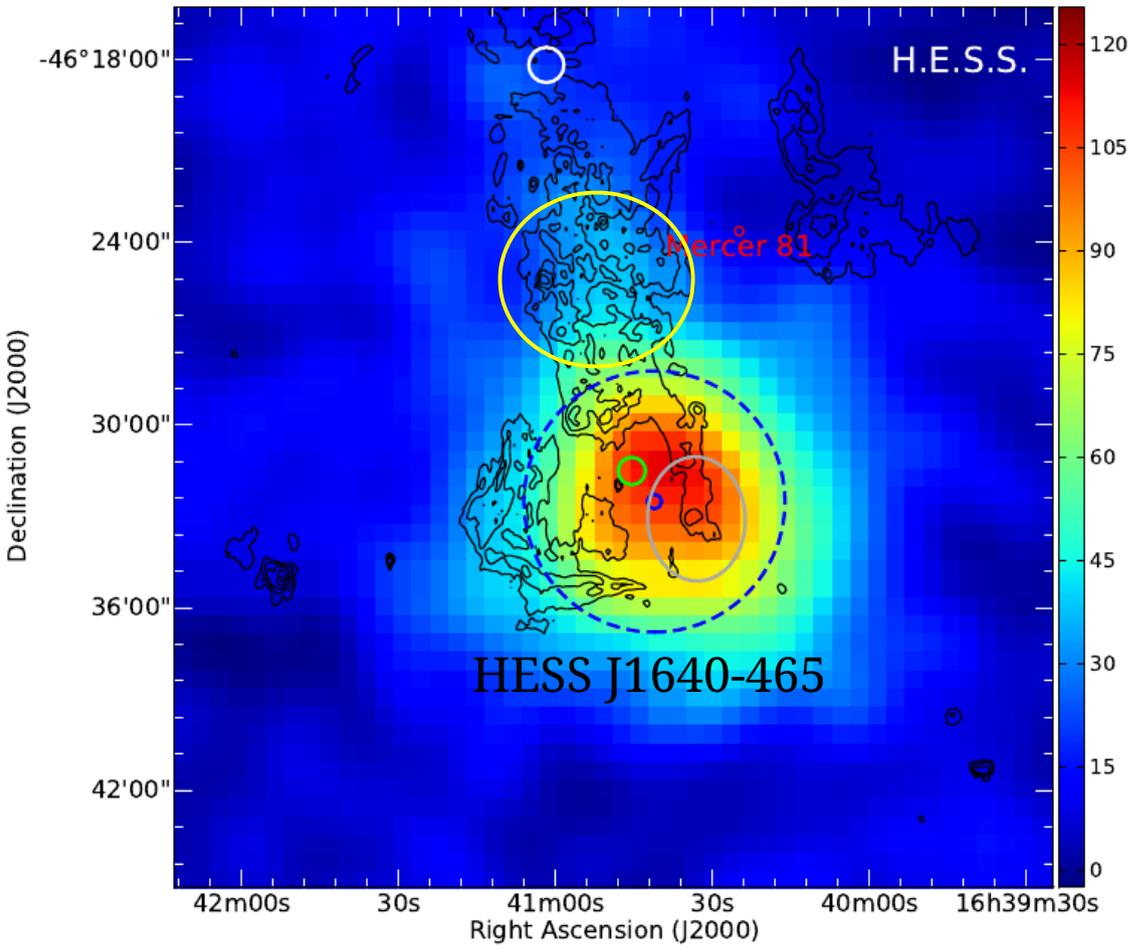
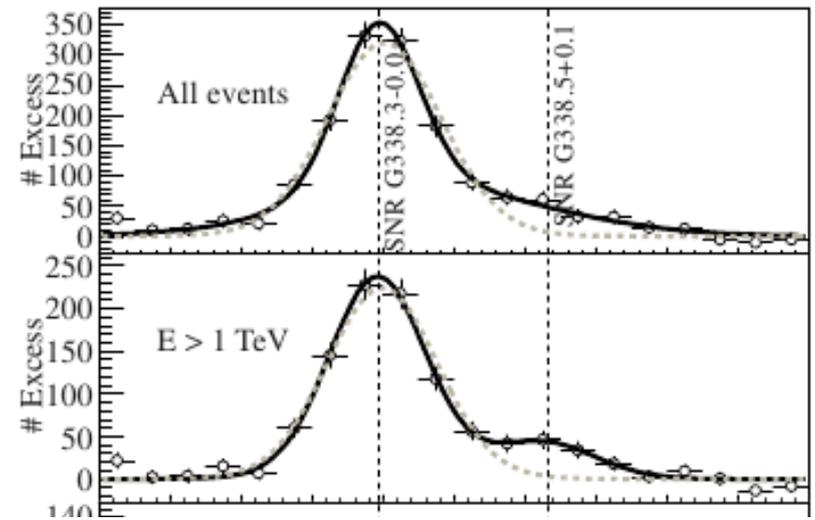
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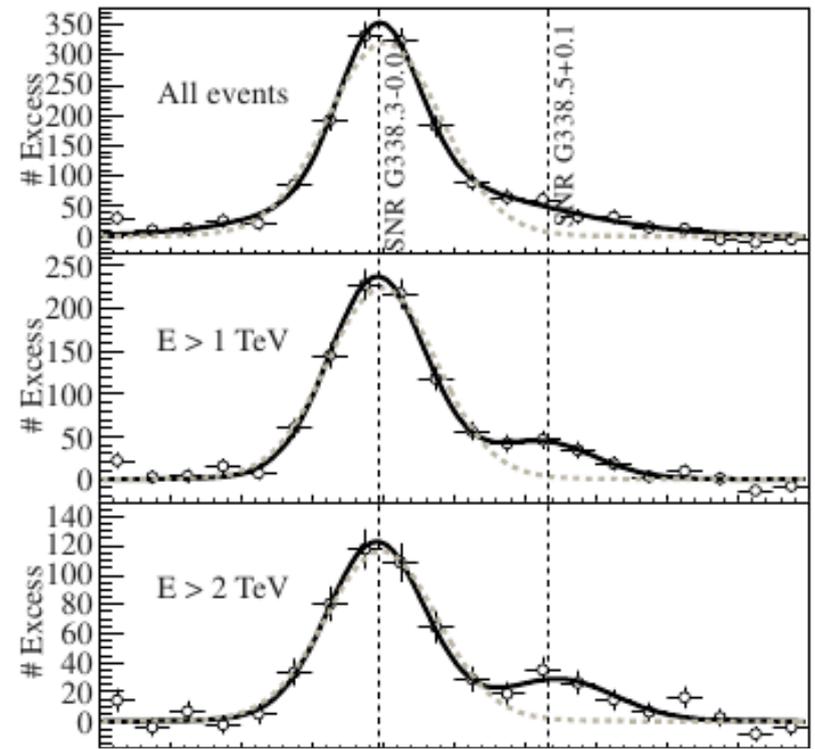
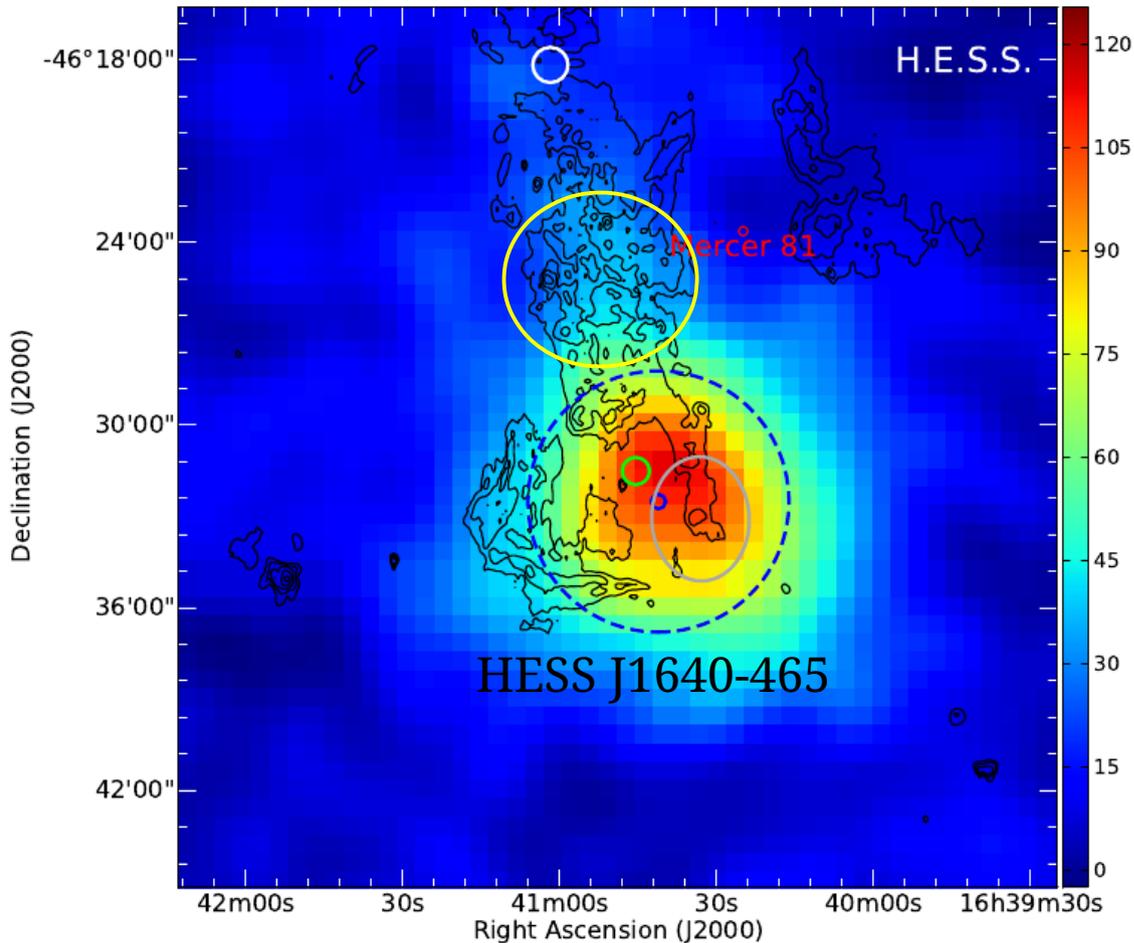
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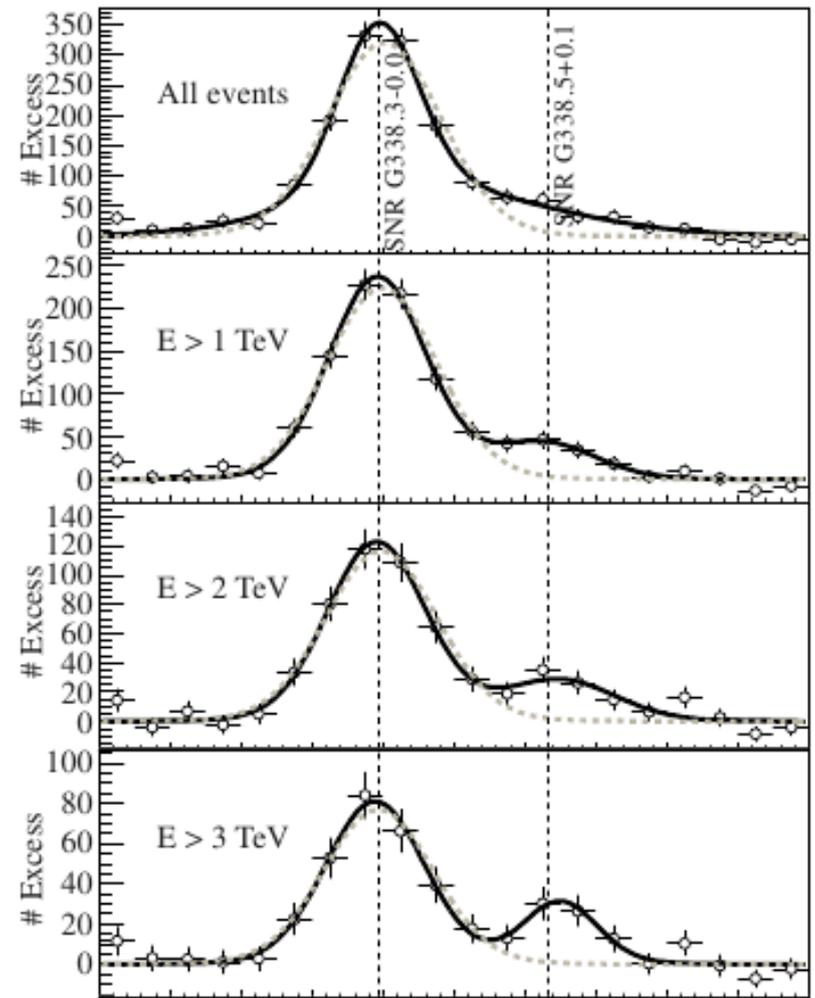
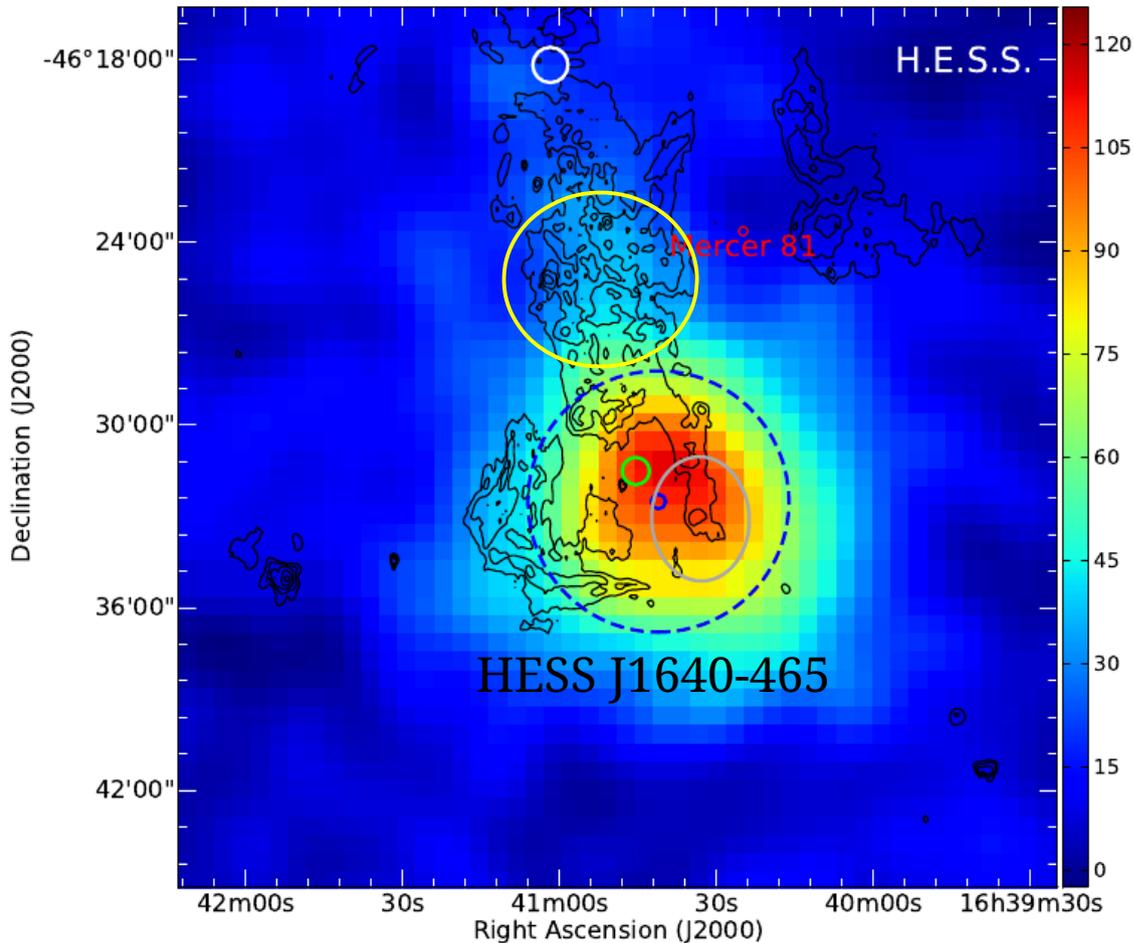
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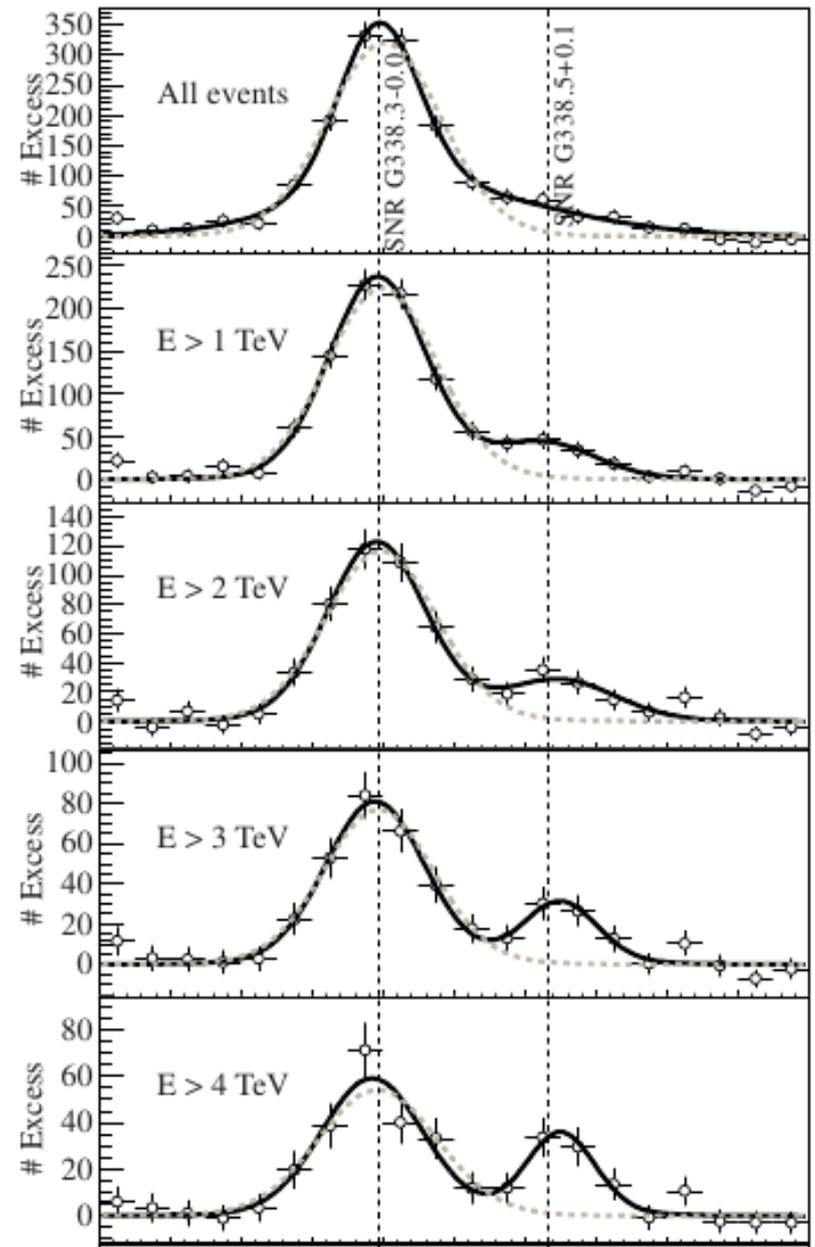
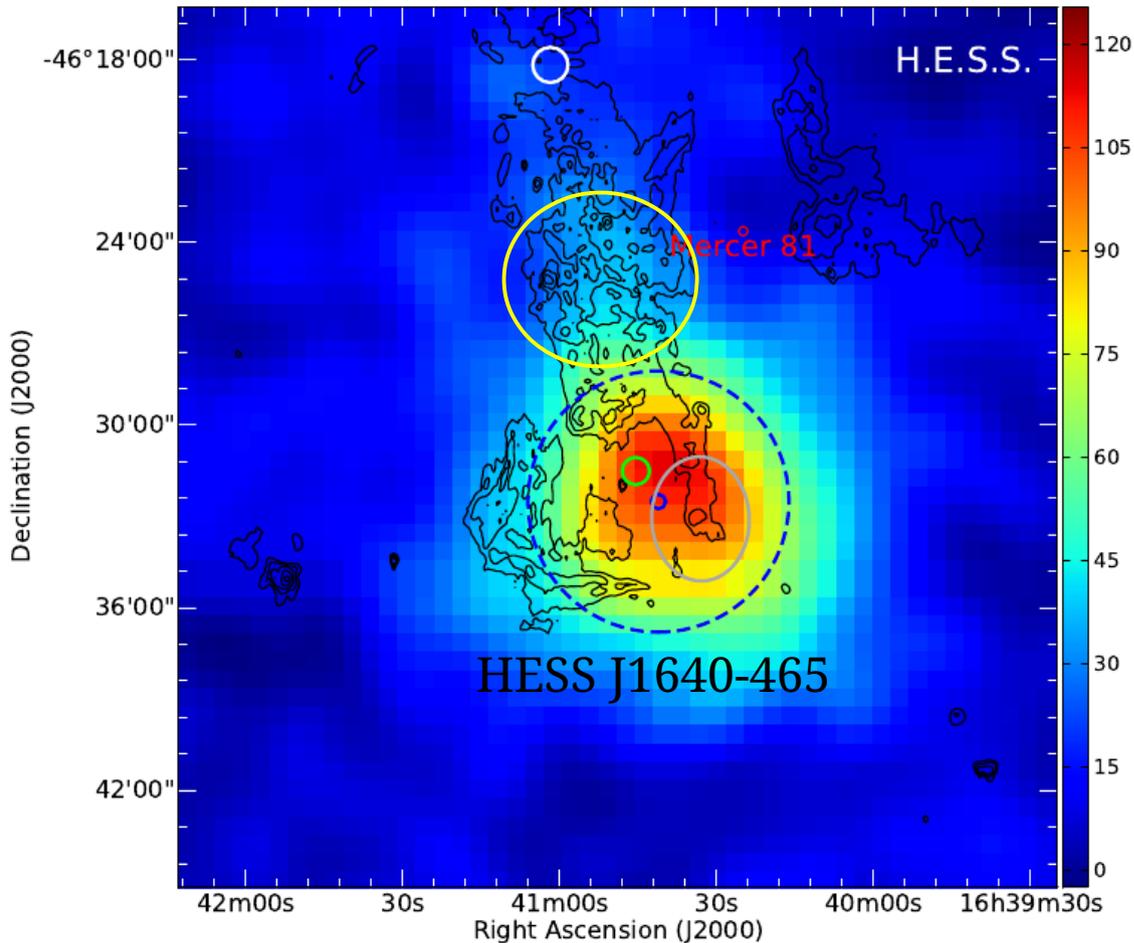
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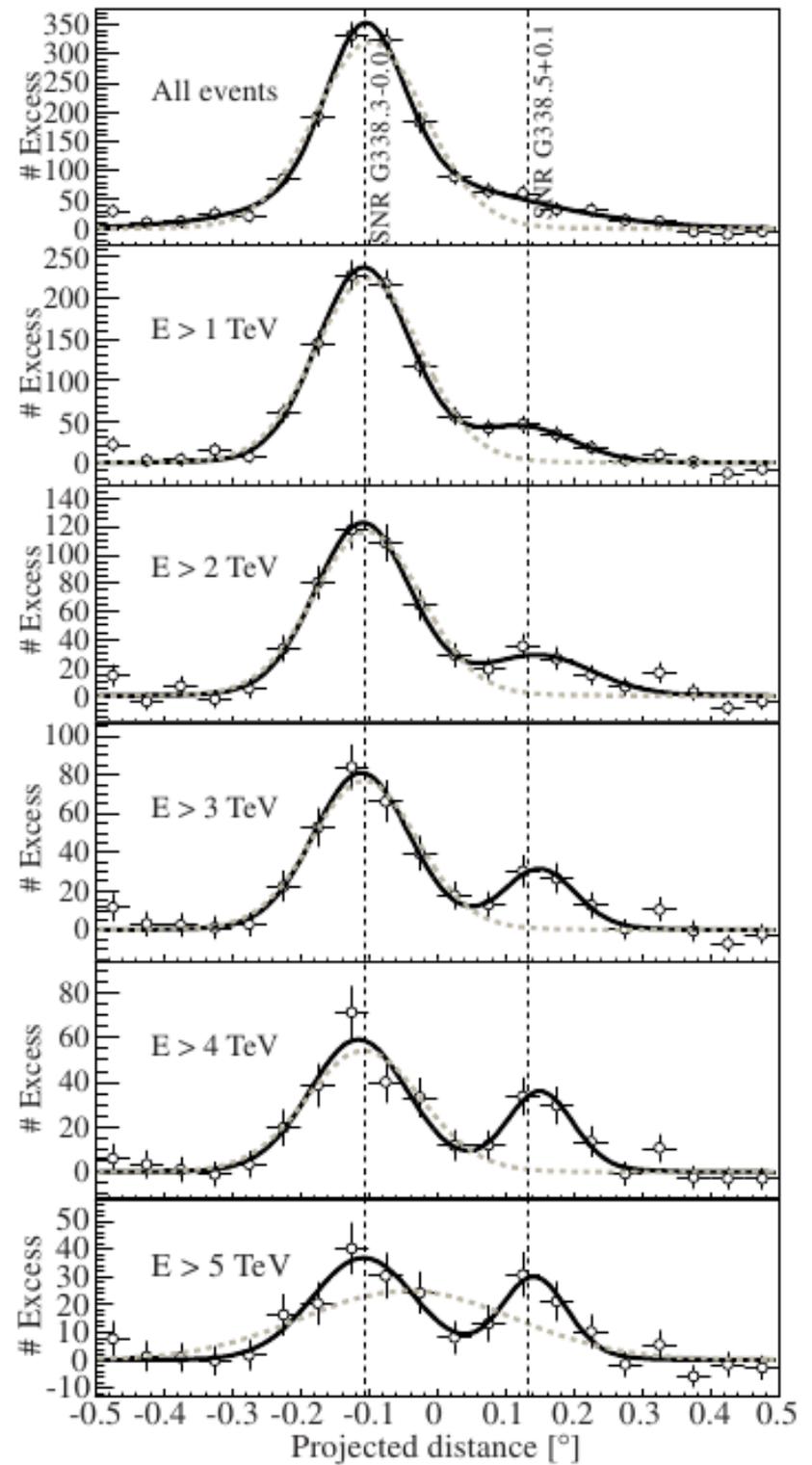
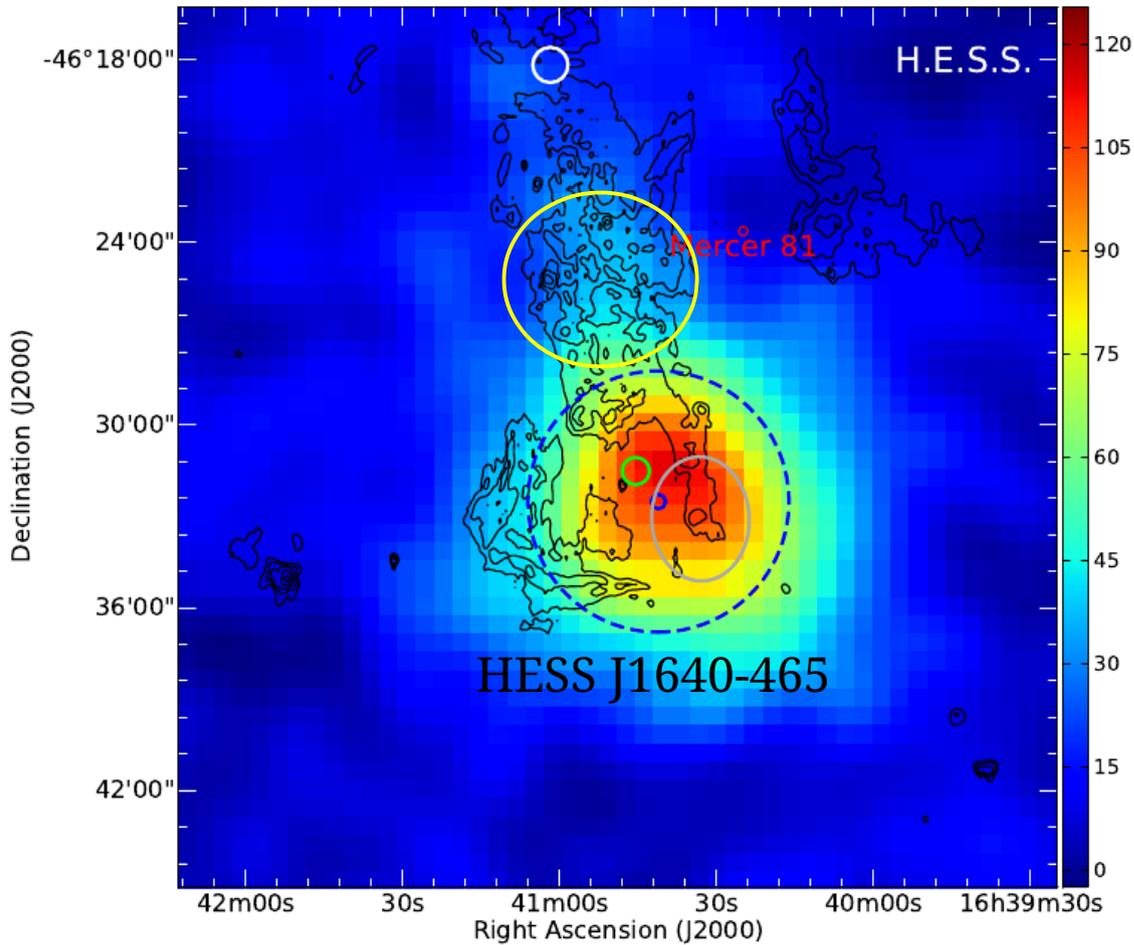


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# HESS J1641-463:

Brand-new,  
serendipitous discovery...

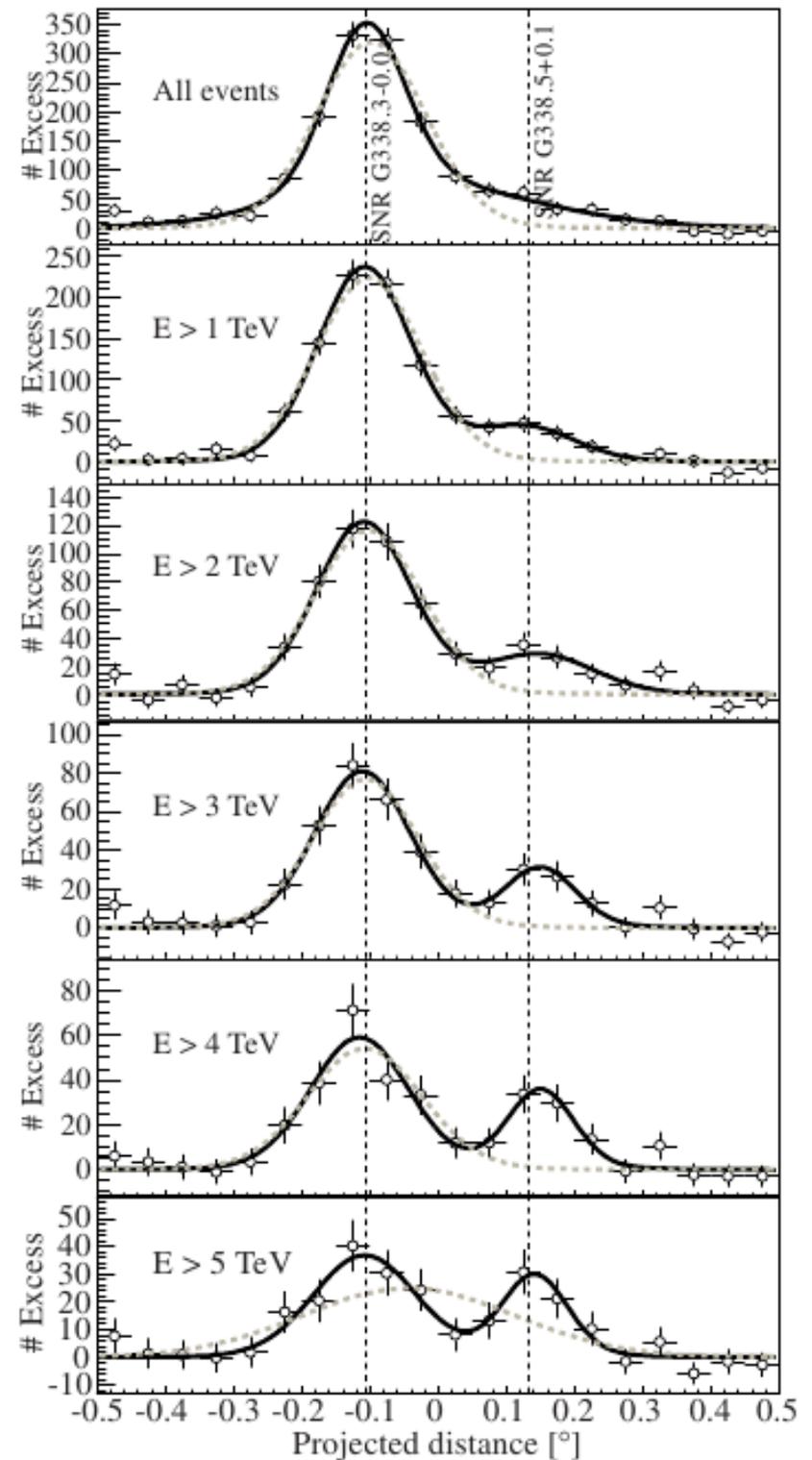


# Deep exposures (72 h)

→ **source confusion**

Side-step issue w/ high E cuts

especially if nearby sources  
have contrasting  $\Gamma$

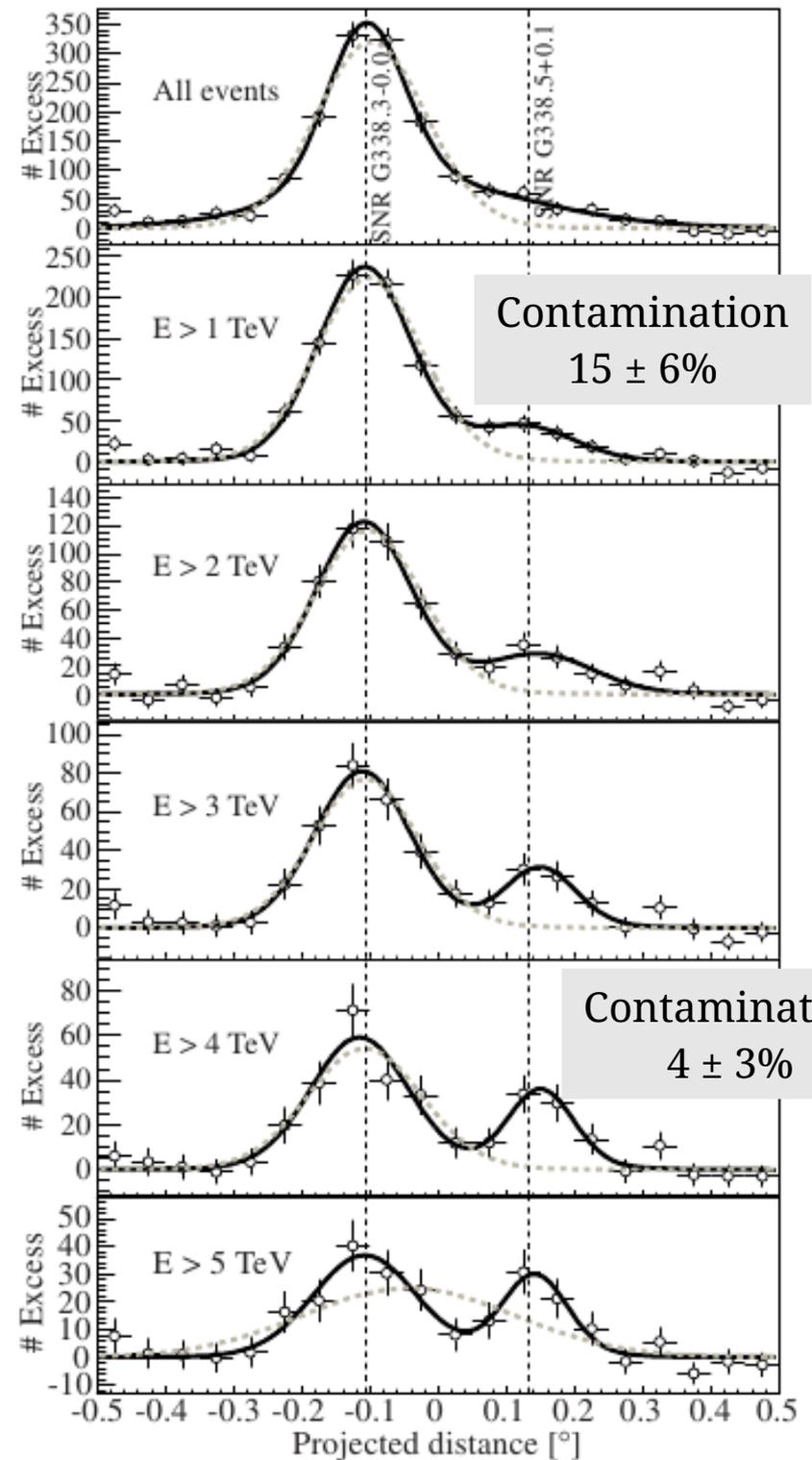


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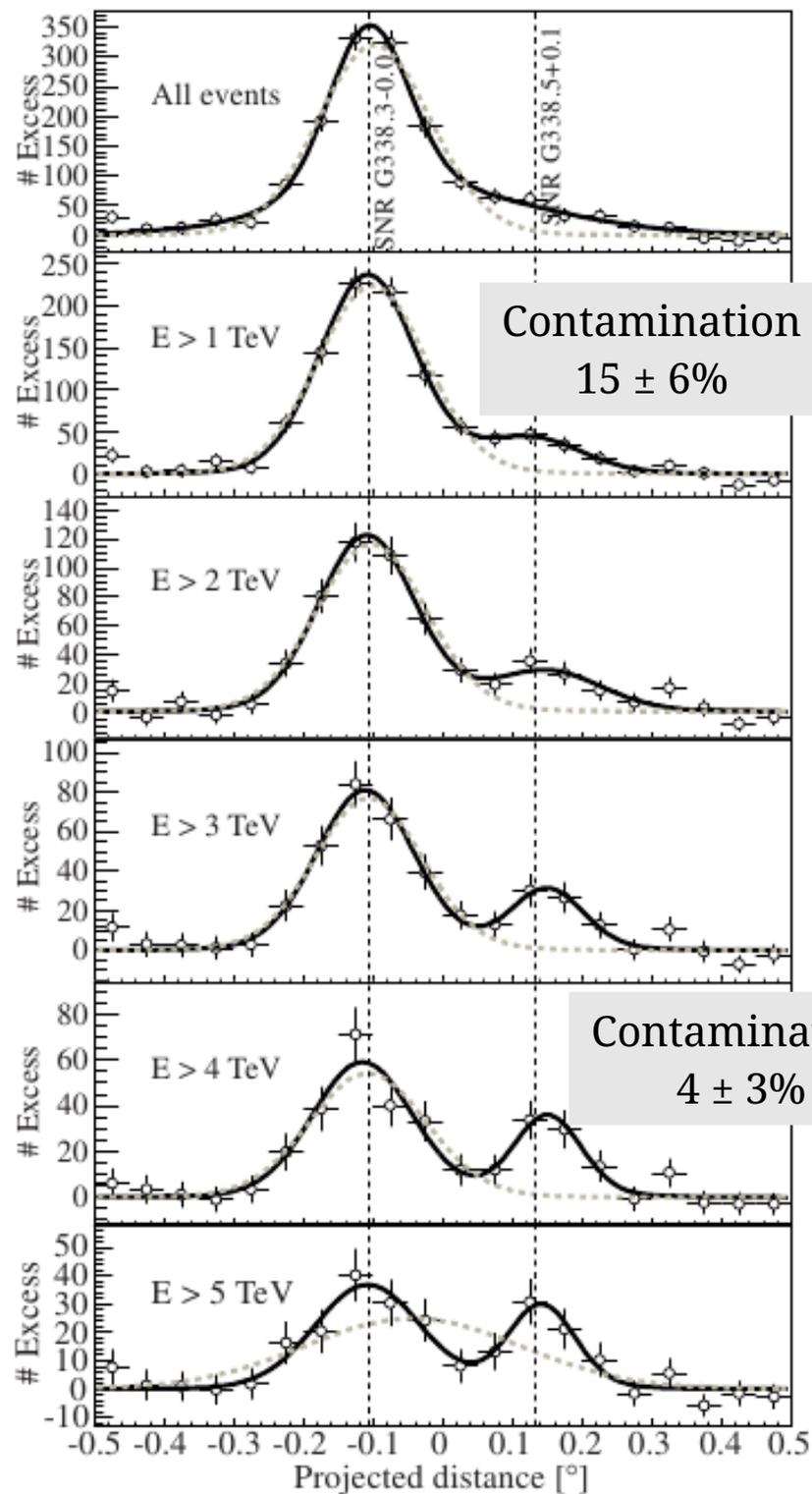
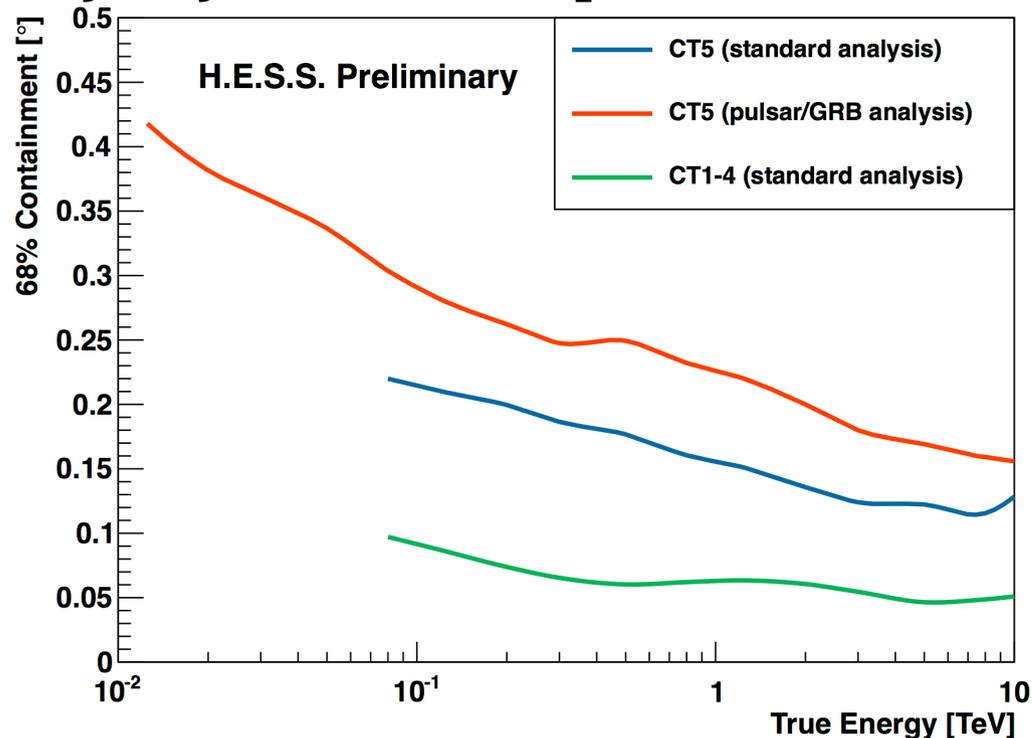
# Deep exposures (72 h)

→ **source confusion**

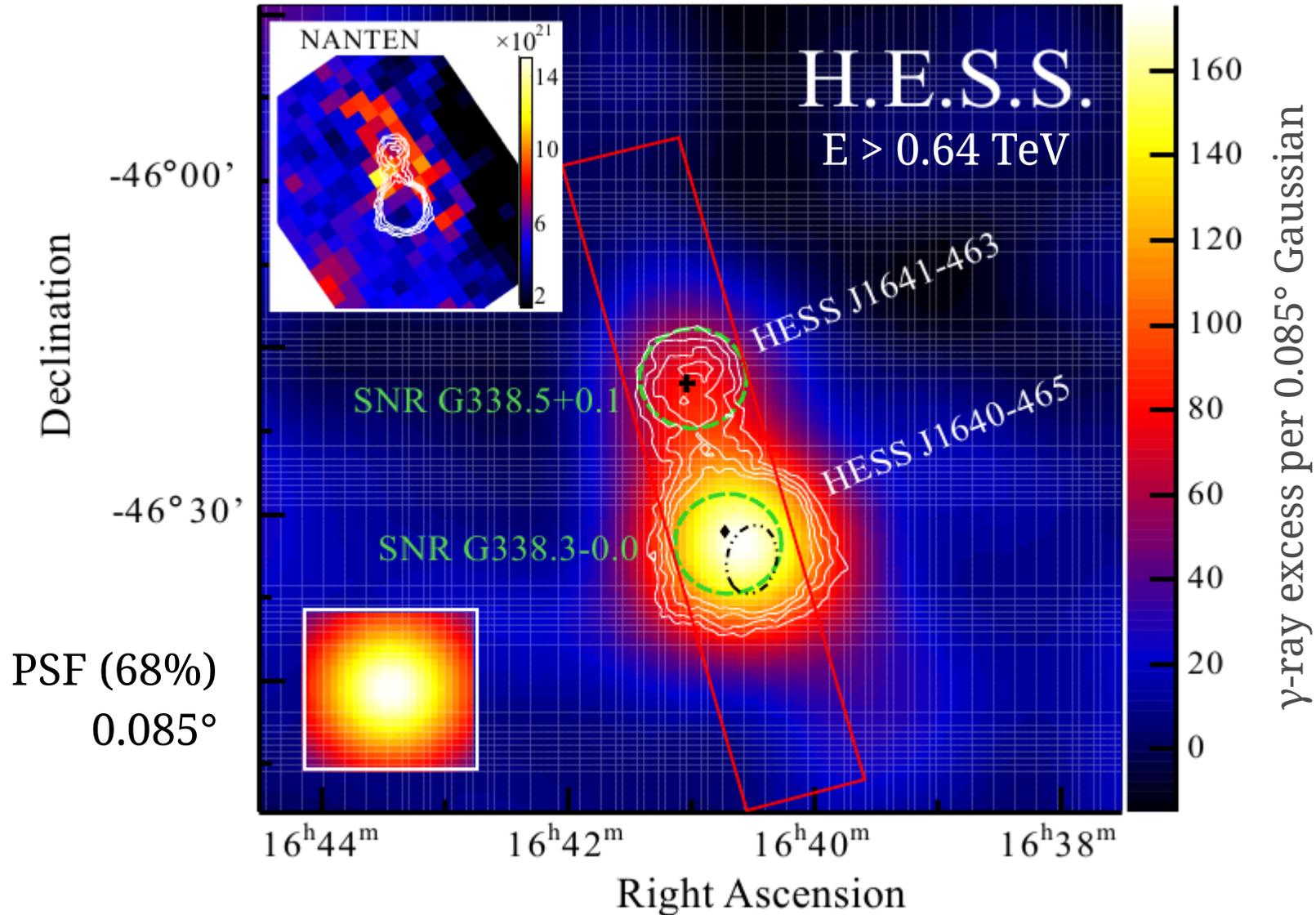
Side-step issue w/ high E cuts

especially if nearby sources  
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Anyway, **PSF** also improves:



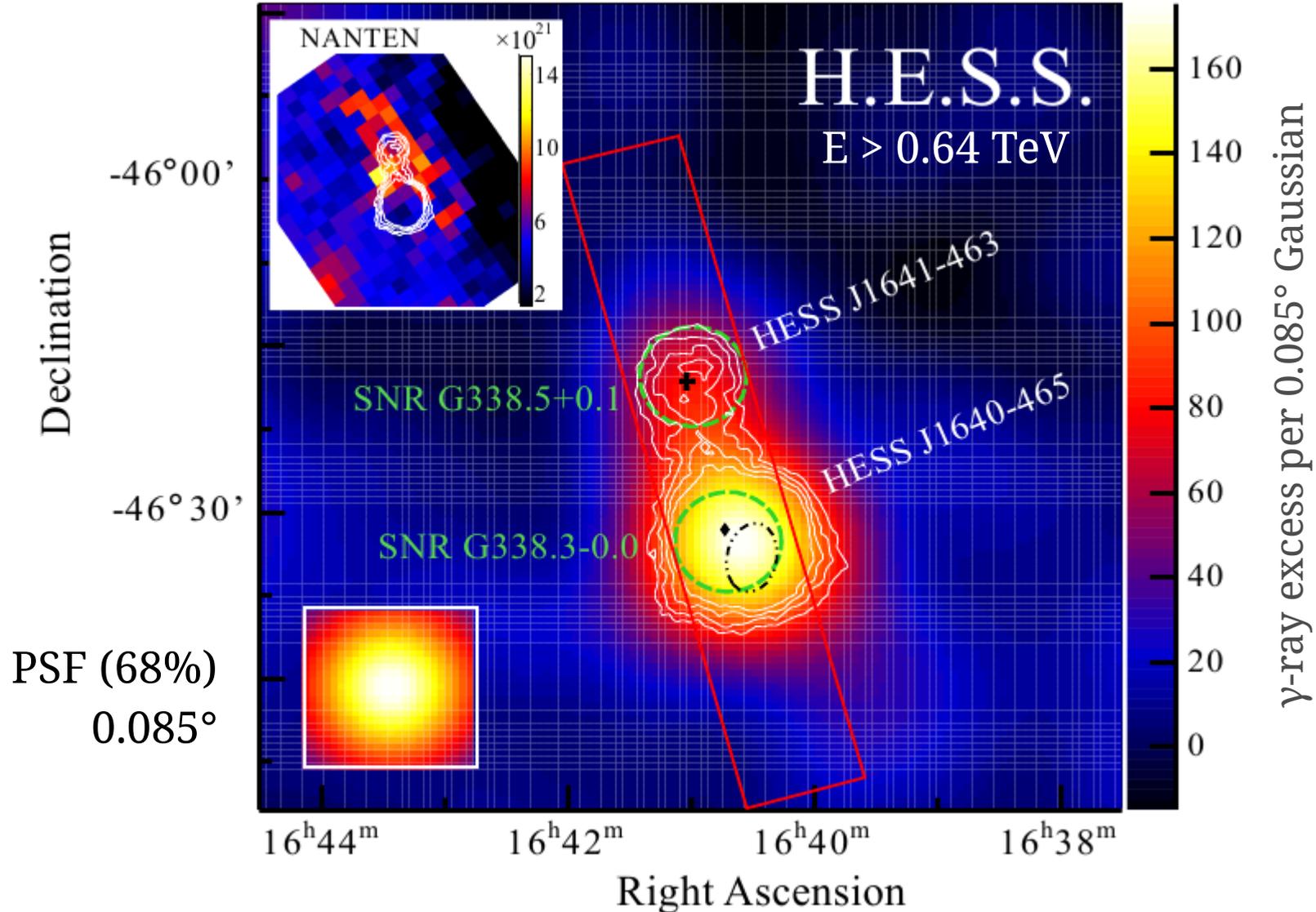
# HESS J1641-463: point-like, or diameter $< 3'$



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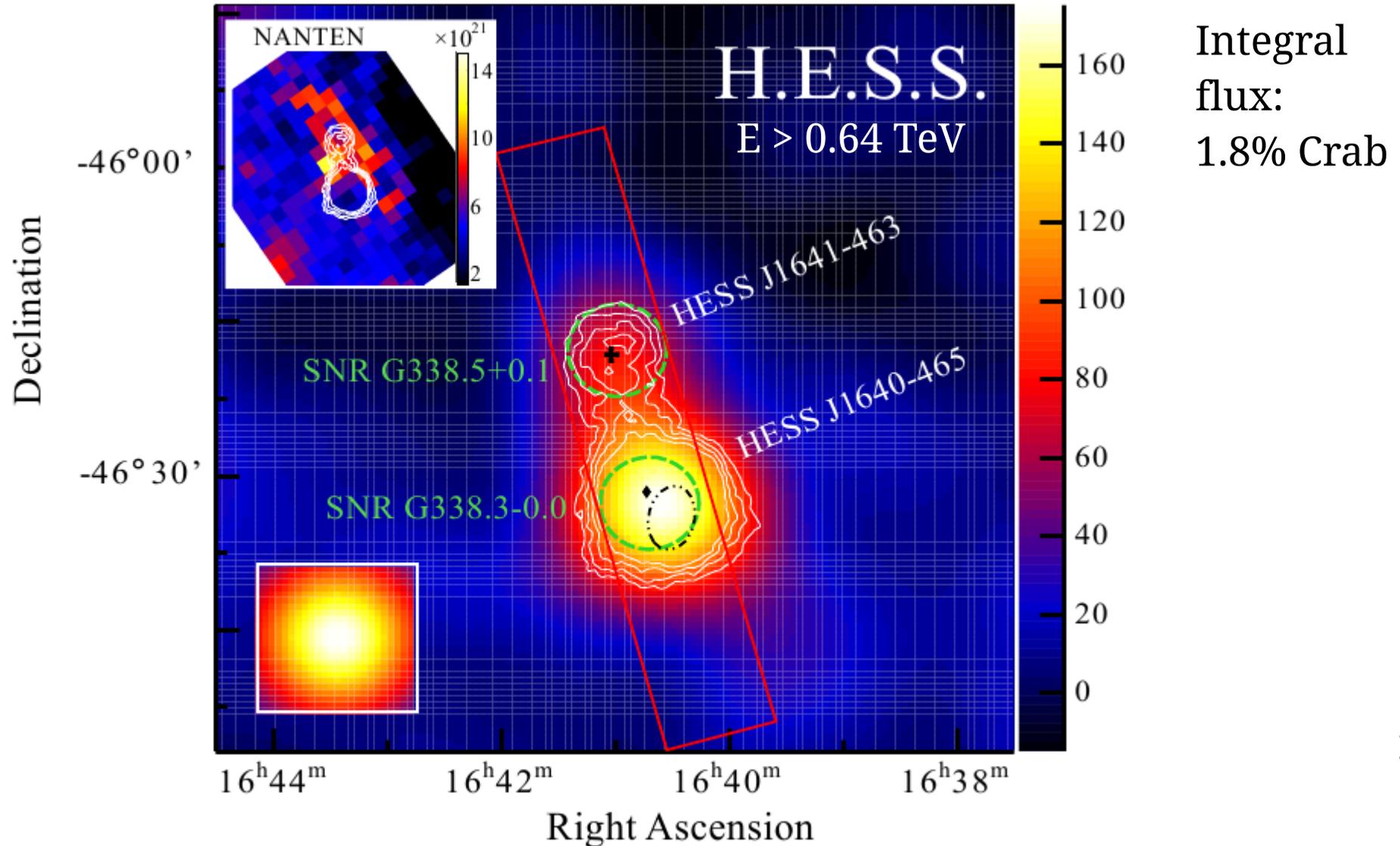
## SNR G338.5+0.1

$d = 11$  kpc,  $d \sim 16$ -30 pc, Sedov age ( $n$ : 1-10  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) 1.1-3.5 kyr - 5-17 kyr



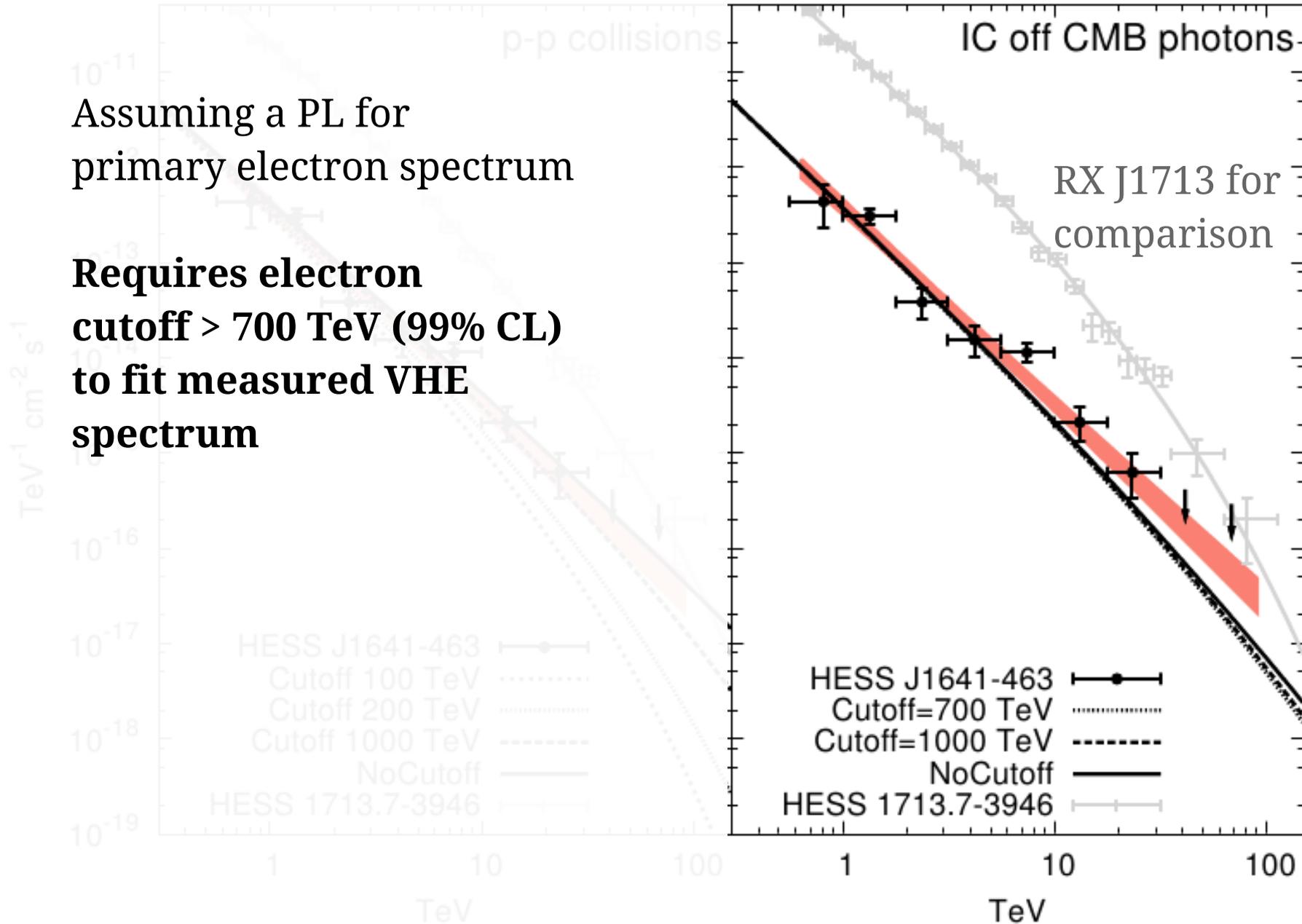
# HESS J1641-463:

Very hard photon spectrum:  $\Gamma = 2.07 \pm 0.11_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.20_{\text{syst}}$



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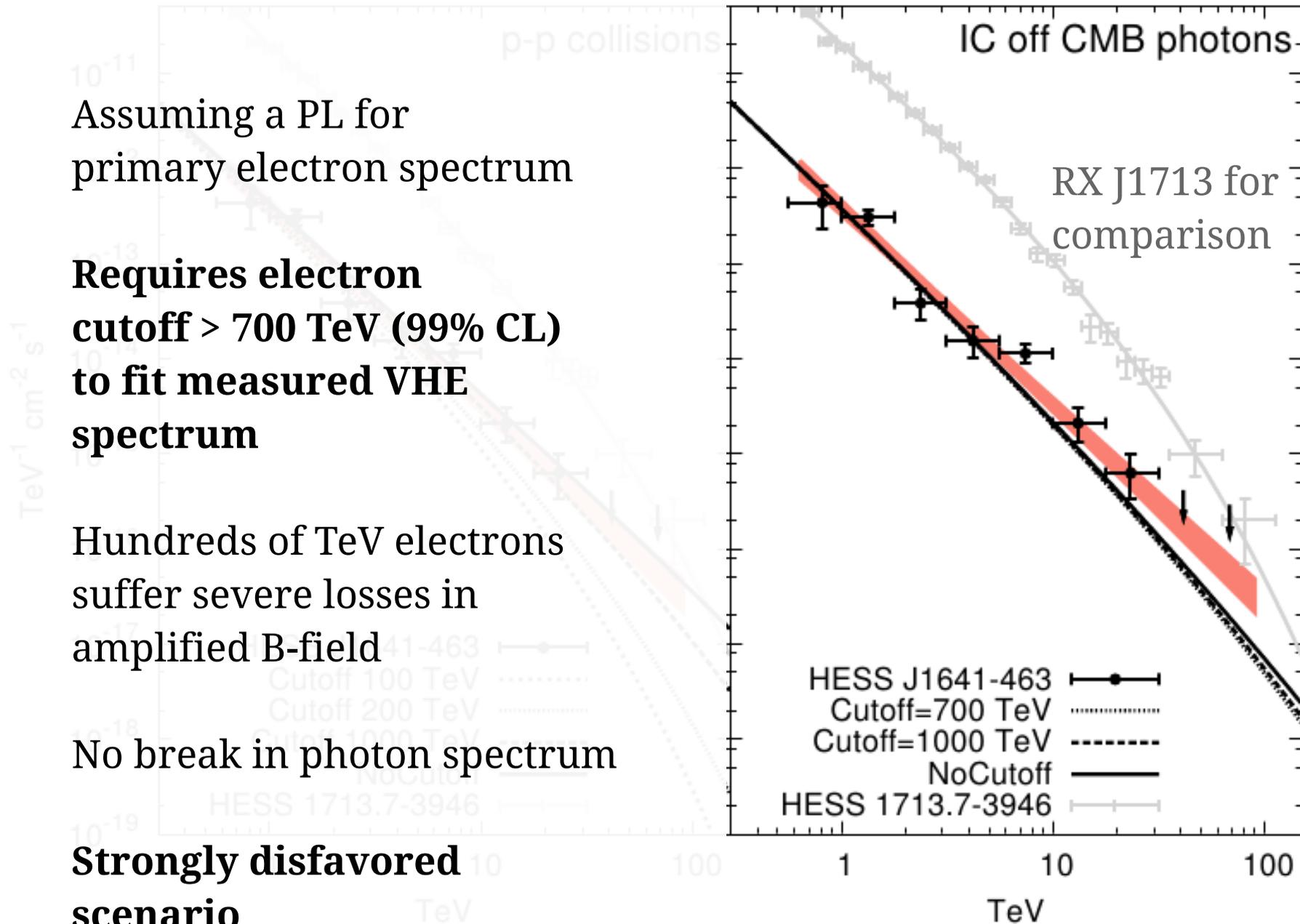
Assuming a PL for  
primary electron spectrum

**Requires electron  
cutoff > 700 TeV (99% CL)  
to fit measured VHE  
spectrum**

Hundreds of TeV electrons  
suffer severe losses in  
amplified B-field

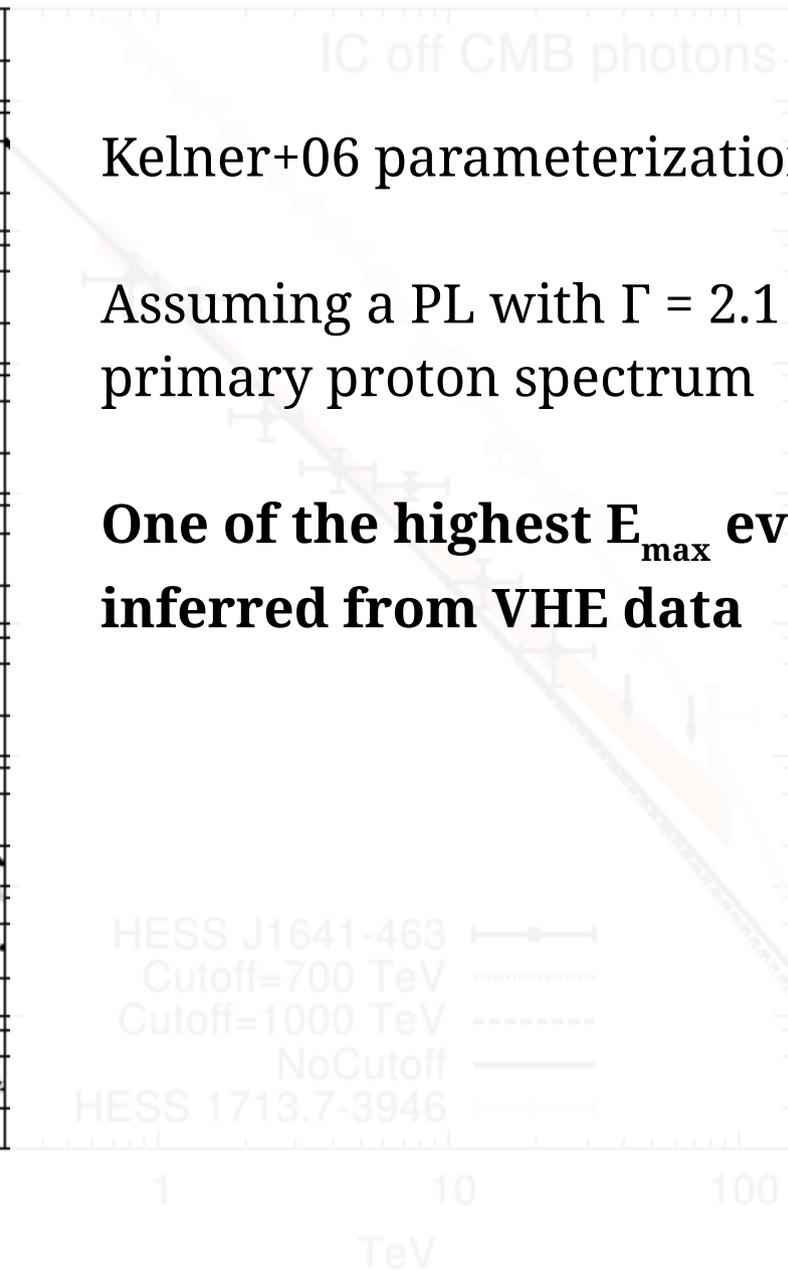
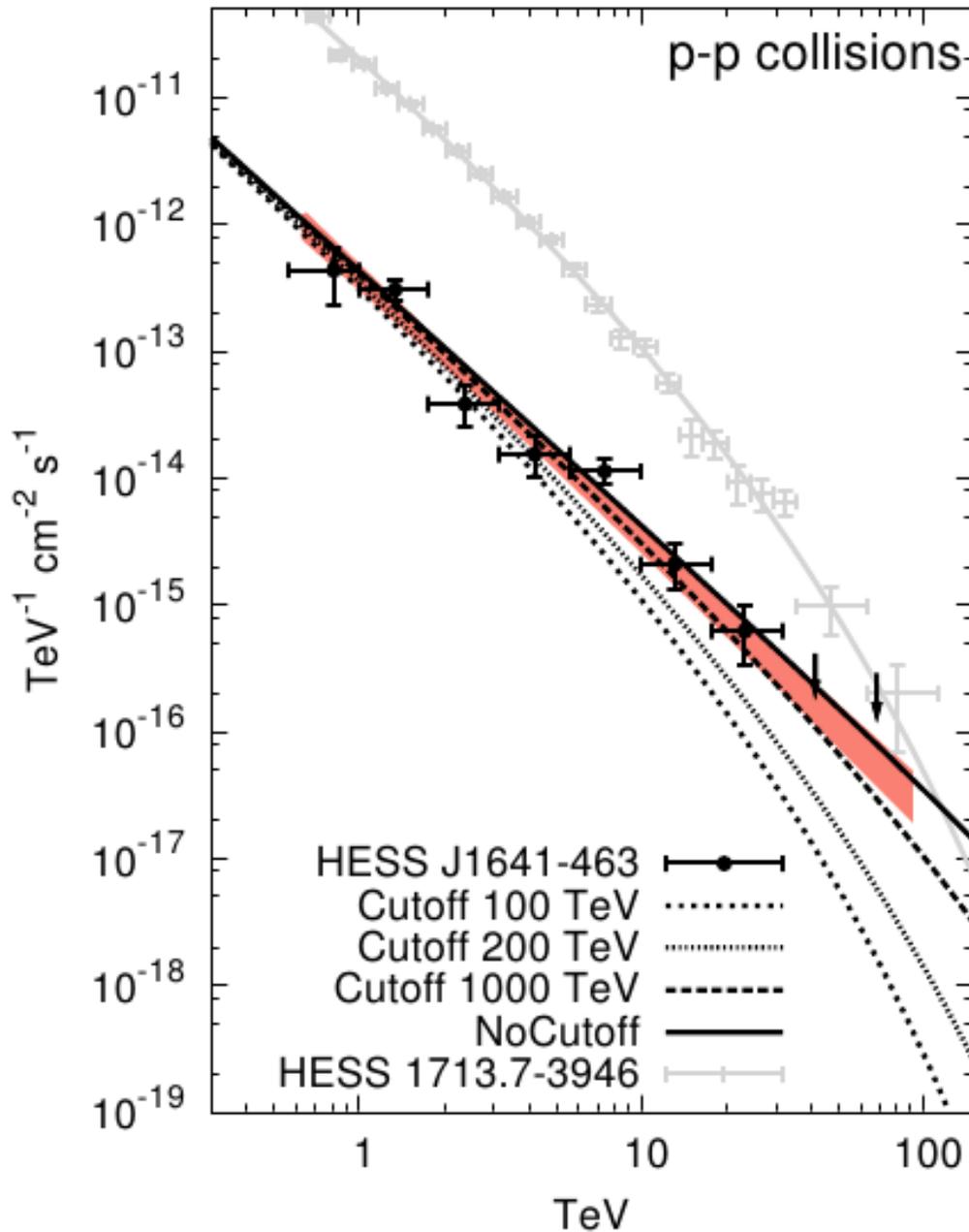
No break in photon spectrum

**Strongly disfavored  
scenario**



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p-p model fits data better  $\rightarrow E_{\text{max}} > 100 \text{ TeV (99\% CL)}$



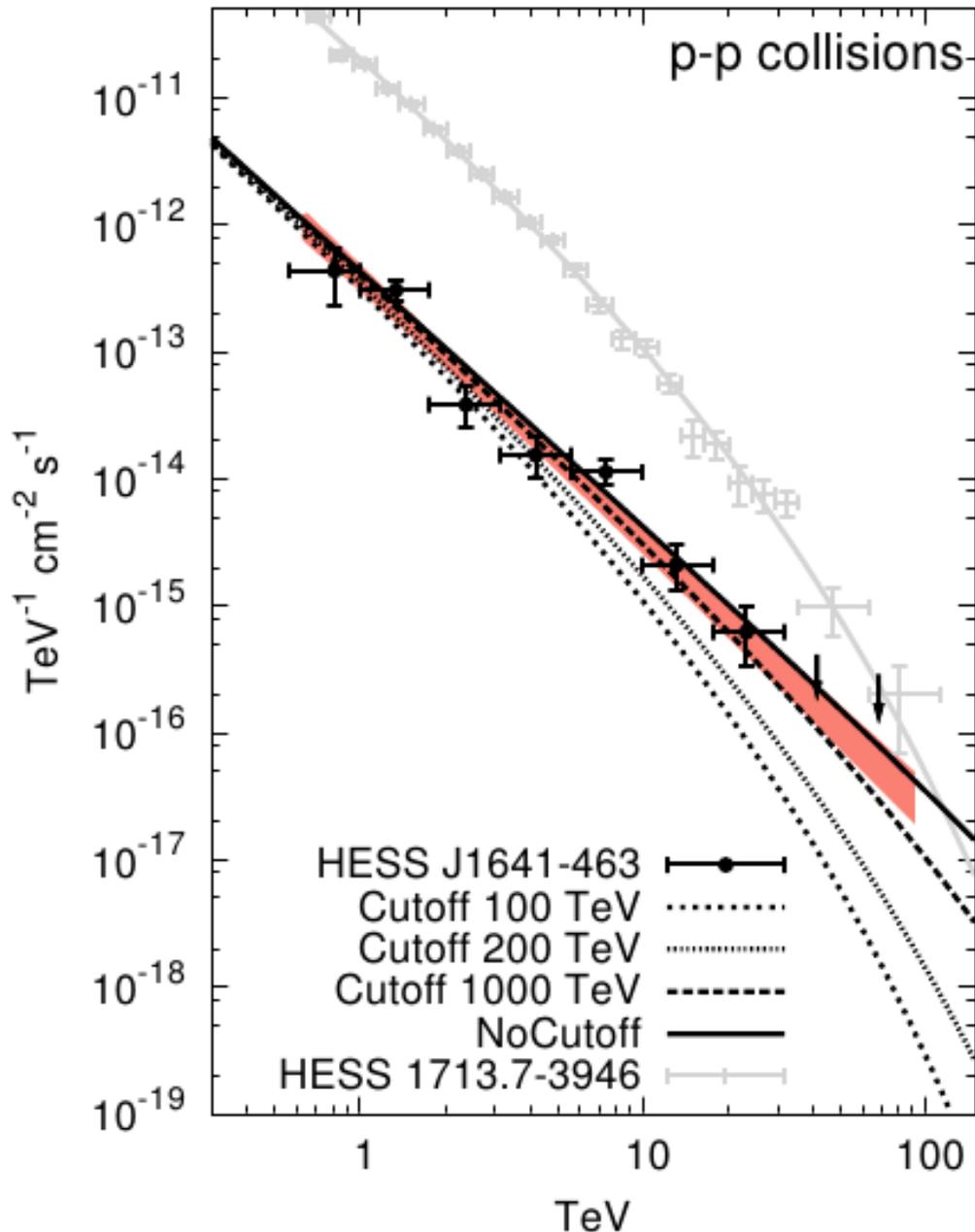
Kelner+06 parameterization

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measured luminosity ( $d = 11 \text{ kpc}$ )

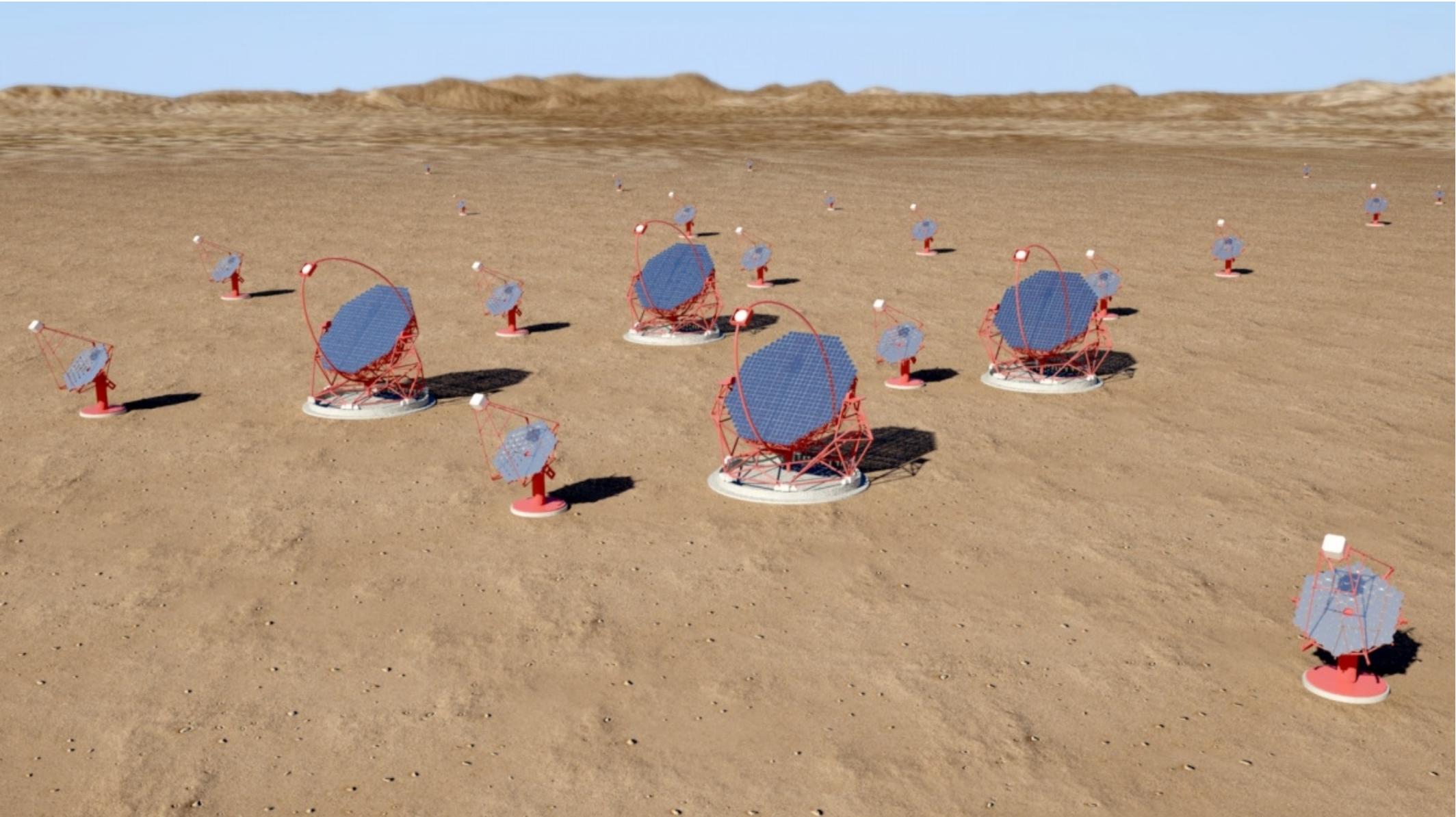
$$L_{\gamma} = 4 \times 10^{34} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

cooling time

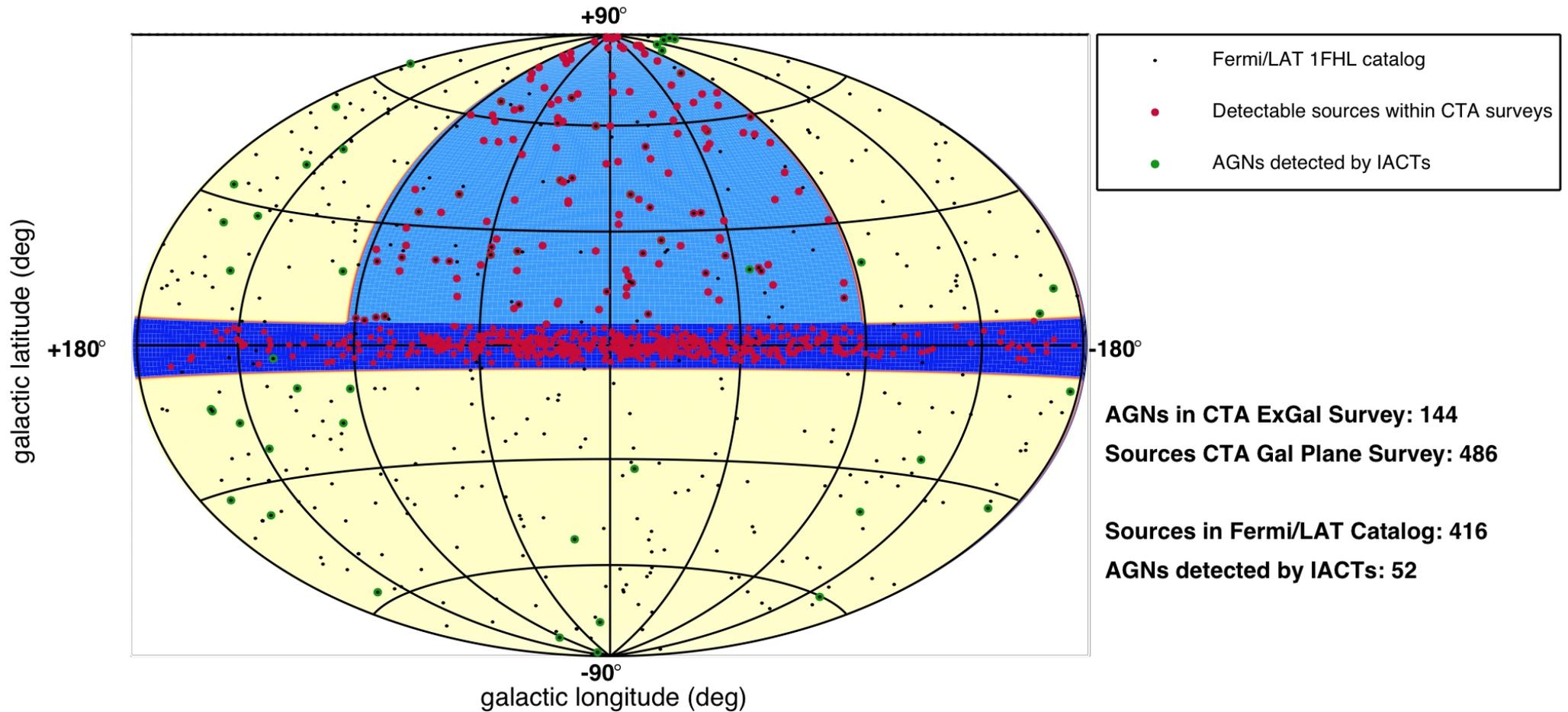
$$t_{\pi 0} \approx 5 \times 10^{15} (n / \text{cm}^{-3})^{-1} \text{ s}$$

total energy SN  $\rightarrow$  hadronic acc.

$$W_p = L_{\gamma} t_{\pi 0} \approx 10^{50} (n / \text{cm}^{-3})^{-1} \text{ erg}$$



# Galactic (& Extragalactic Surveys)



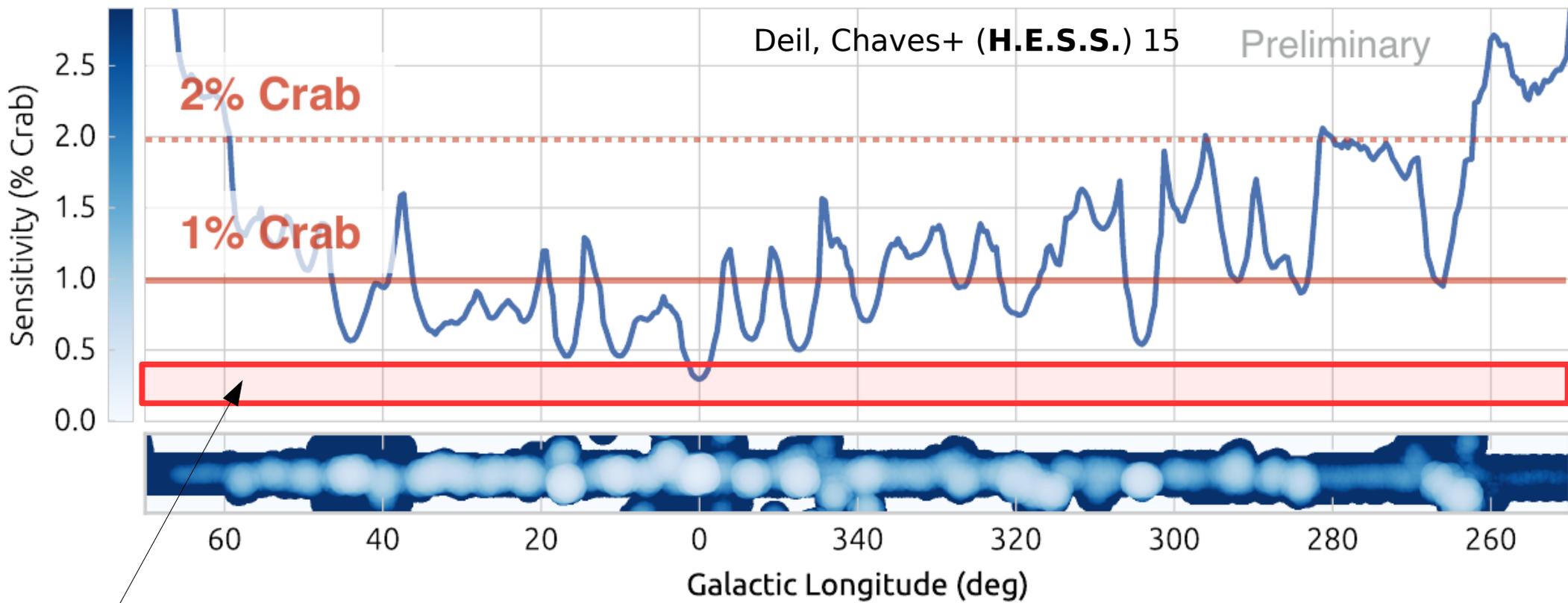
**Target: < 2 mCrab Galactic; ~6 mCrab Extragalactic**

Experiment	Hemisphere	Galactic Plane Coverage	Energy (GeV)	Sensitivity (mCrab)
H.E.S.S.-I	S	$-70^\circ < l < 60^\circ,  b  < 2^\circ$	$> \sim 300$	10 – 30
VERITAS	N	$67^\circ < l < 83^\circ, -1^\circ < b < 4^\circ$	$> \sim 300$	20 – 30
ARGO-YBJ	N	Northern Sky	$> 300$	240 – 1000
HEGRA	N	$-2^\circ < l < 85^\circ,  b  < 1^\circ$	$> 600$	150 – 250
Milagro	N	Northern Sky	$> 10,000$	300 – 500

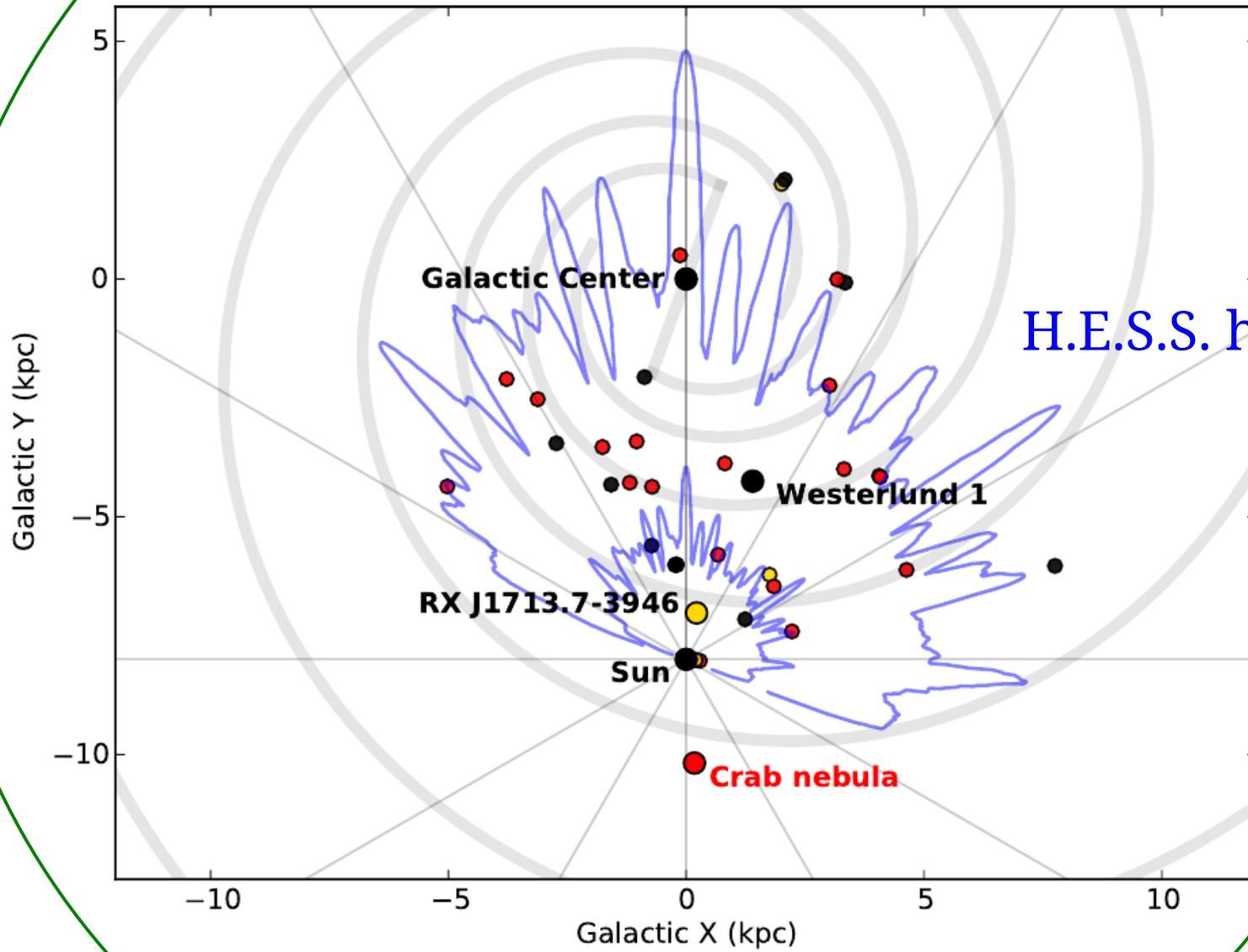
Observatory	Hemisphere	Energy Threshold	Angular Resolution	Pt. Source Sensitivity
CTA	N, S	125 GeV	$\sim 0.10^\circ$ at 300 GeV	2 – 4 mCrab
HAWC	N	2 TeV	$0.30^\circ$	20 mCrab

# GPS IN CONTEXT



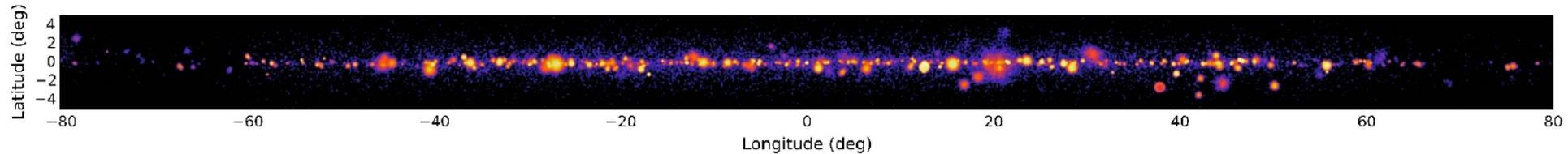
~**mCrab** and uniform sensitivity with **CTA GPS** in just 2 years

**CTA horizon**



**H.E.S.S. horizon**

# GPS SIMULATIONS



Source populations modeled:

- Both **SNRs & PWNe**
- Fitted to known detections (TeVCat)



**Expected diffuse emission:** Both IC &  $\pi^0$  components (GALPROP)

Energy range: 1-10 TeV

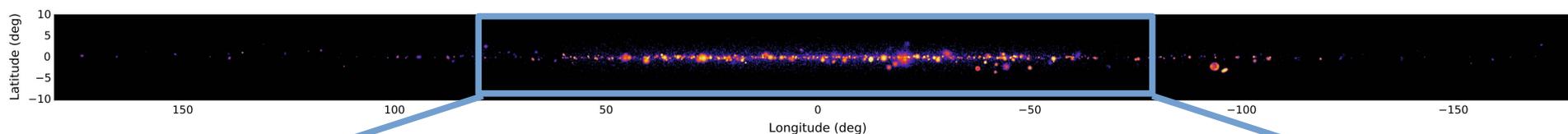
`ctools` open-source software with latest IRFs for North & South arrays

Actual GPS observation scheme (**1620 h**)

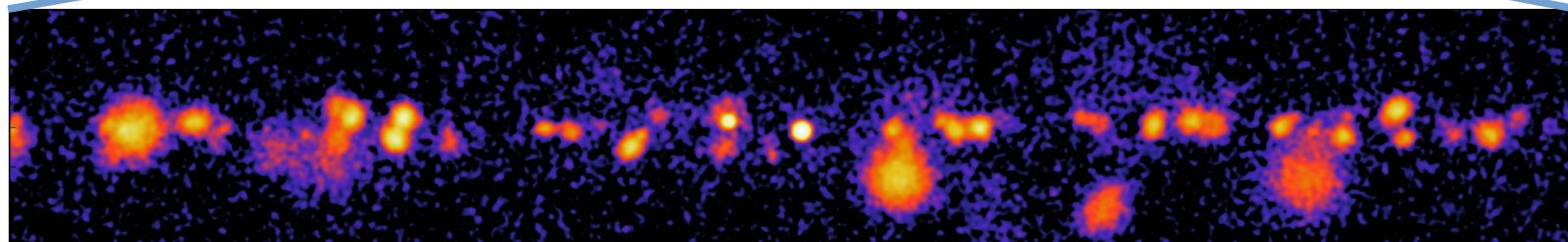
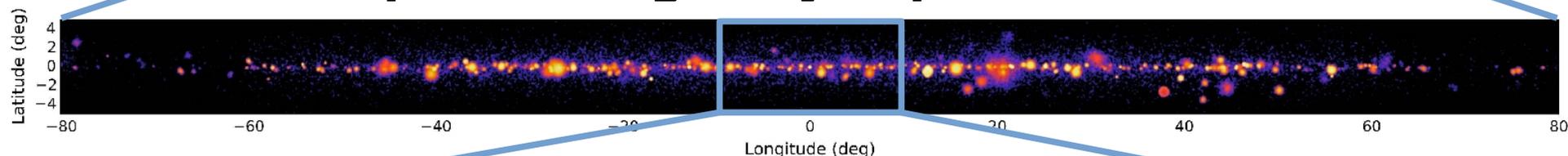
Most realistic simulations to date & work on-going

# GPS SIMULATIONS

**Full-plane coverage:** longitude  $\pm 180^\circ$ , latitude  $b \pm 10^\circ$

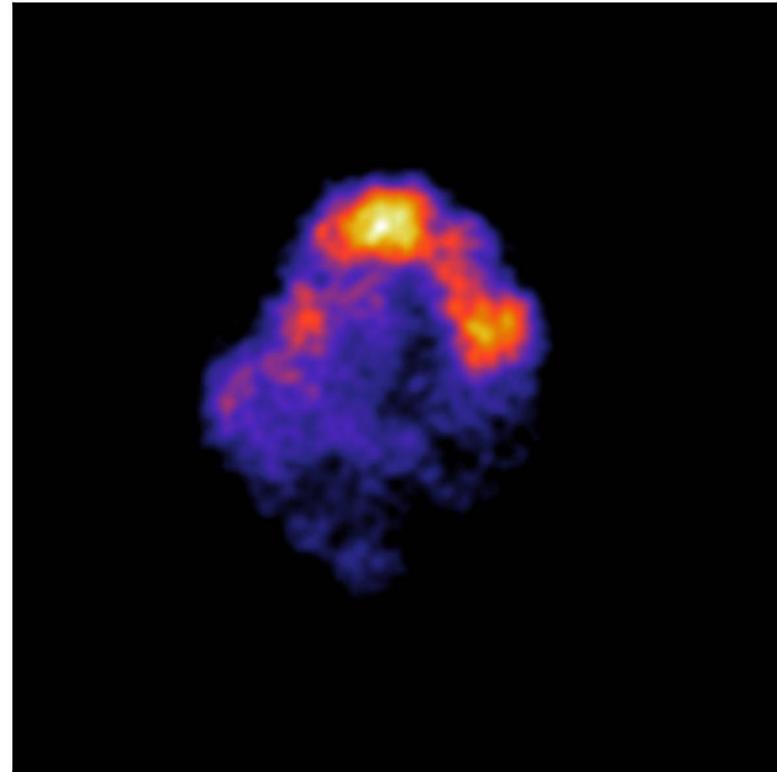
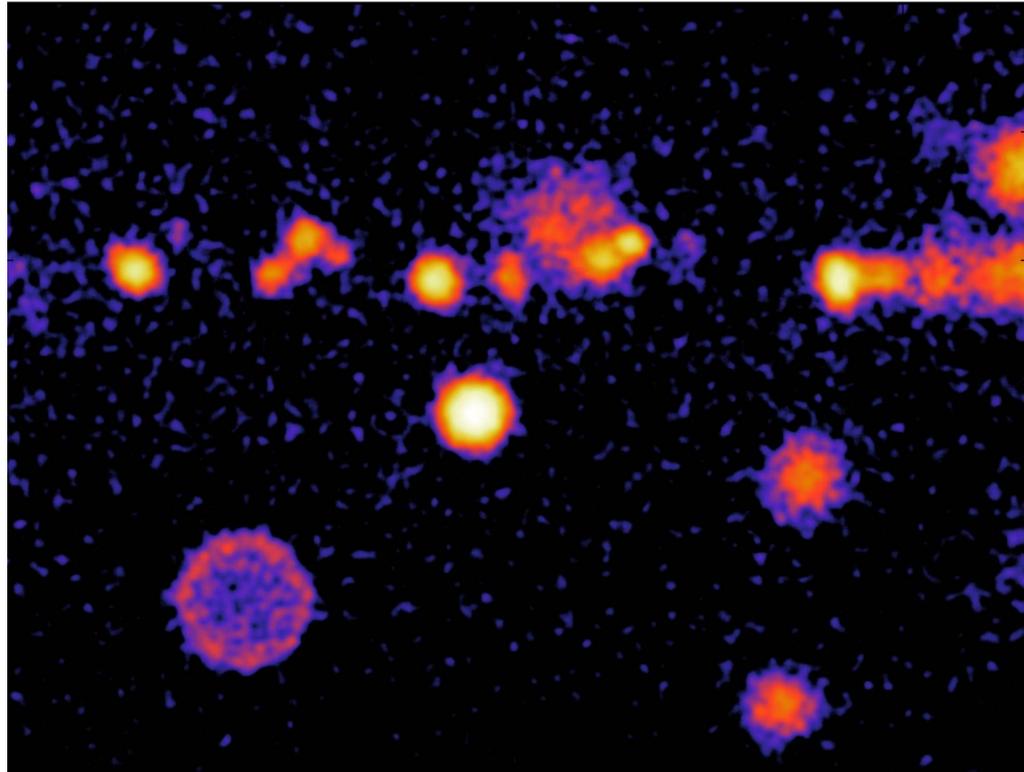
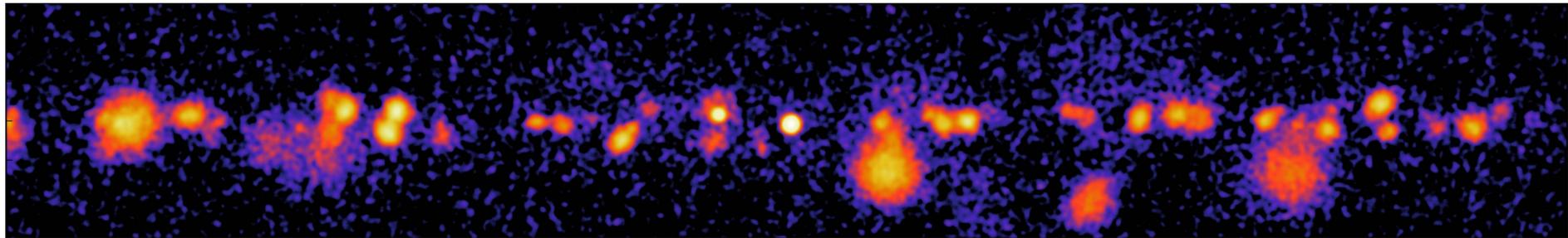


**Deeper inner galaxy exposure:**  $\ell \pm 80^\circ$



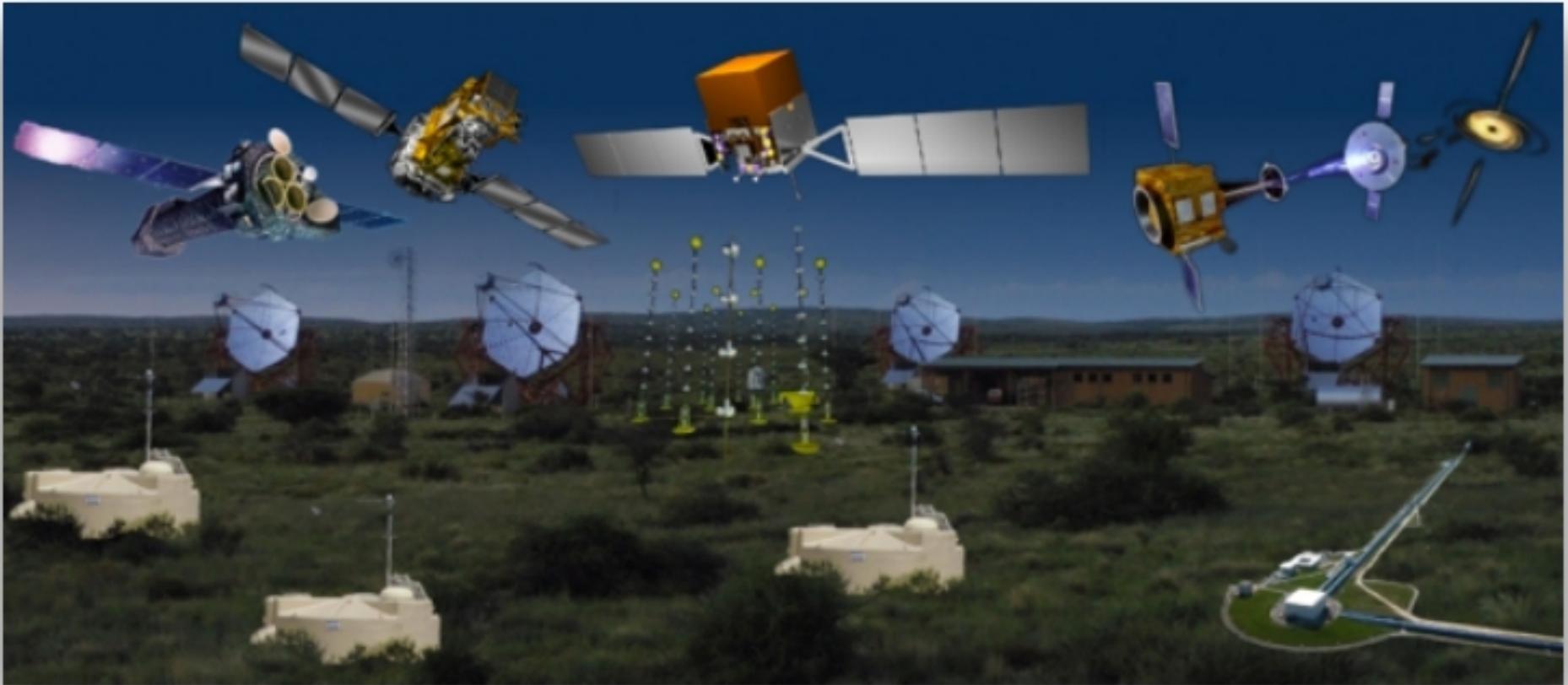
**Fine detail** revealed with  $\sim$ arcmin PSF

# GPS SIMULATIONS: ZOOM





# Multi-messenger efforts

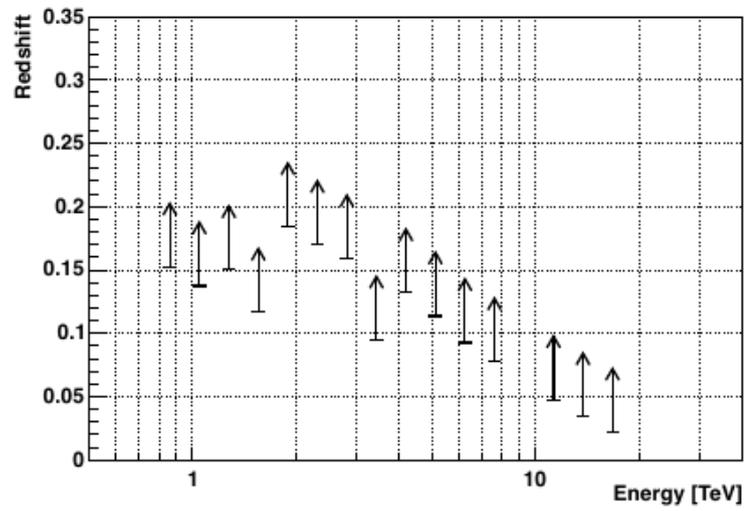
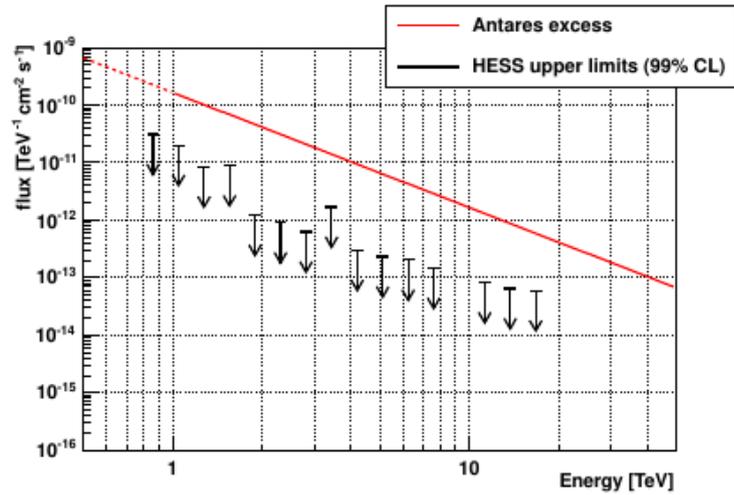
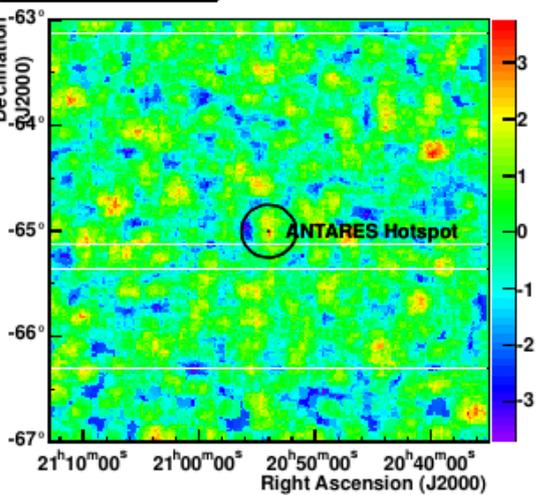




# Neutrinos & gamma-rays

## ANTARES hotspot follow-up

Significance Map



2.2 sigma neutrino signal  
2 h of data during H.E.S.S. follow-up

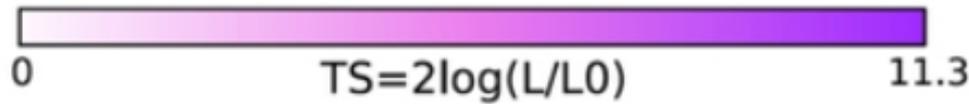
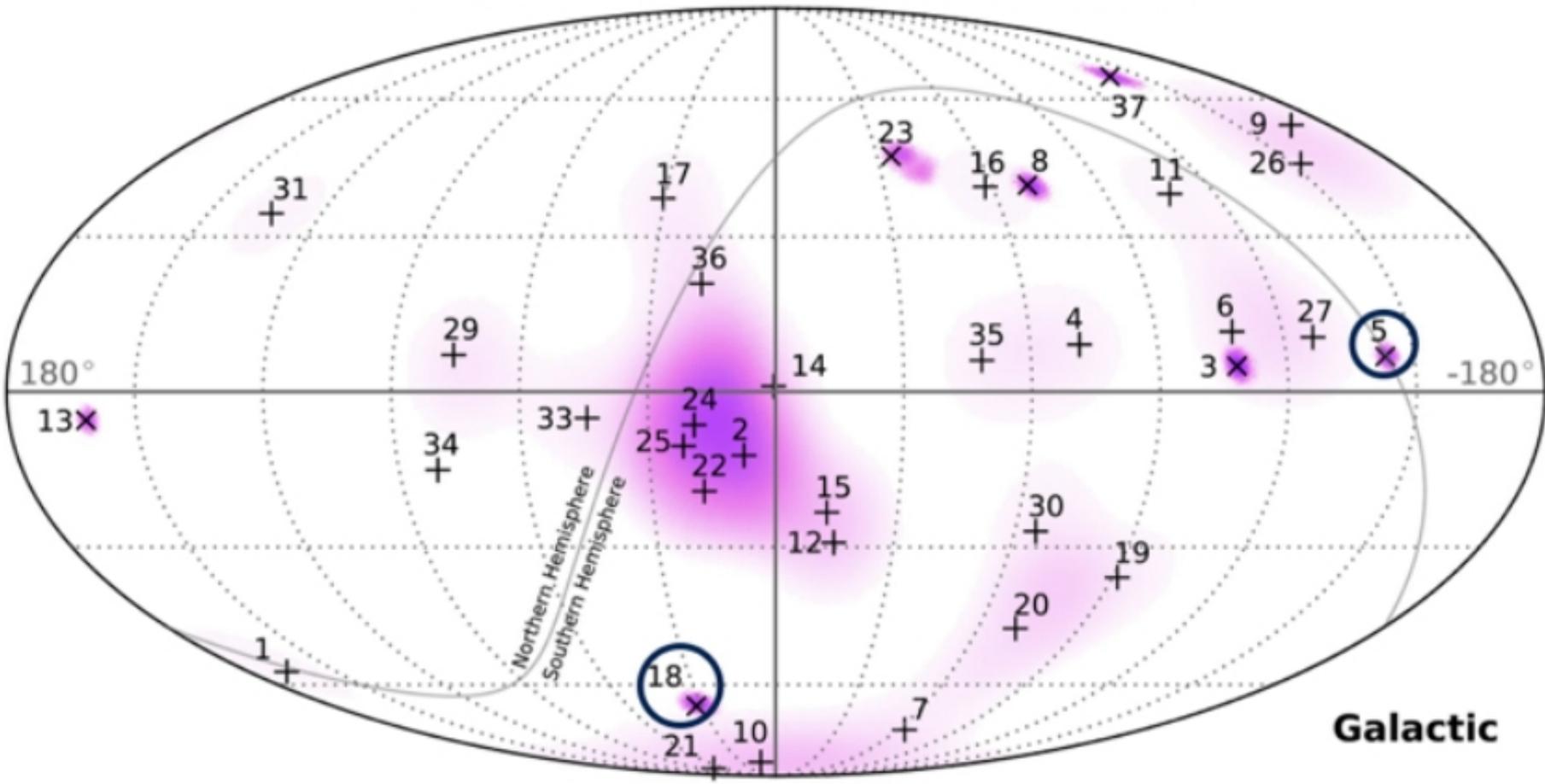
Limits on possible source distance (redshift)



# Neutrinos and gamma-rays

## IceCube HESE hotspot follow-up

M.G. Aartsen et al. (IceCube), PRL 113 (2014) 101101



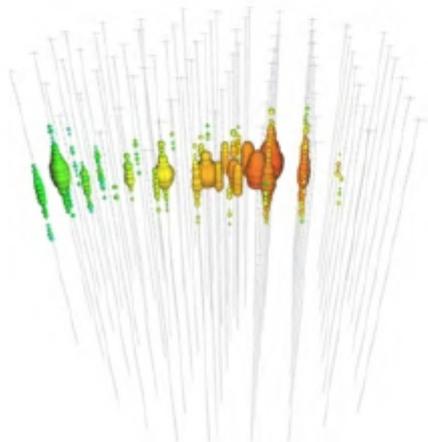
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Dr. Strangepork

## IceCube Event 5

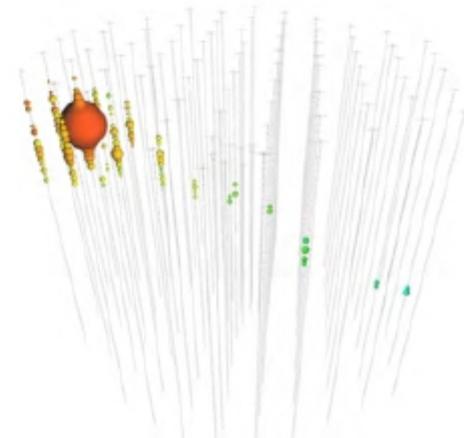
- deposited energy:  $71.4^{+9}_{-9}$  TeV
- Ra=110.6deg / Dec=-0.4deg
- H.E.S.S. observations
  - HESS-II 28m monoscopic mode
  - 0.9h effective livetime (acceptance corrected)



Zoot

## IceCube Event 18

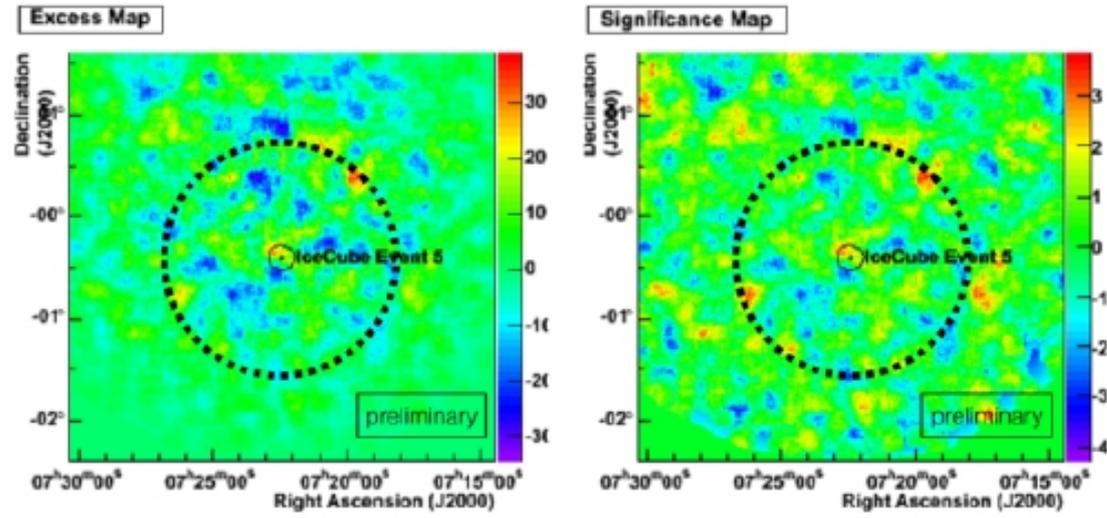
- deposited energy:  $31.5^{+4.6}_{-3.3}$  TeV
- Ra=345.6deg / Dec=-24.8deg
- H.E.S.S. observations:
  - HESS-II observations with full 5-telescope array
  - 9.5h effective lifetime (acceptance corrected)



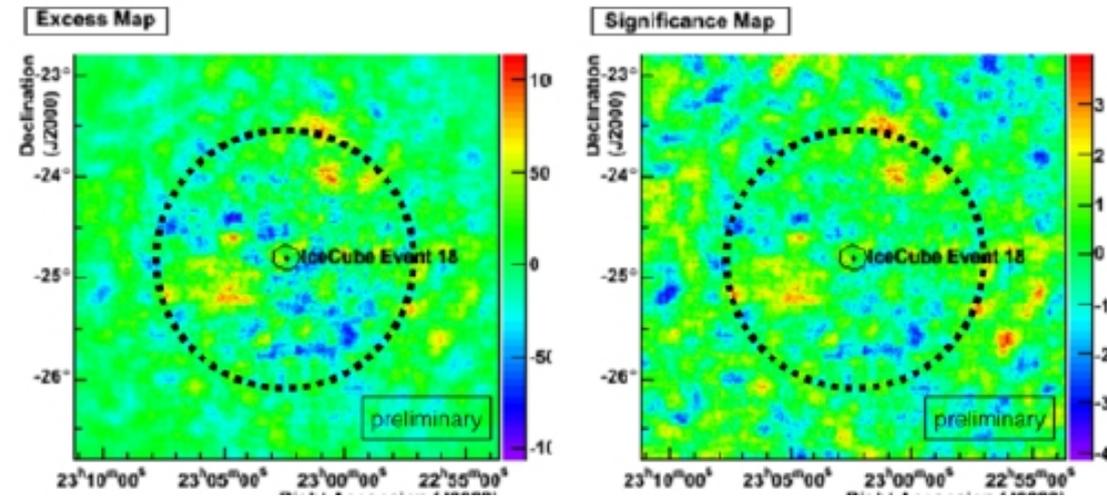


# Neutrinos and gamma-rays

- IceCube 5



- IceCube 18





# Conclusions

Particle physics meets gamma-ray astronomy  
Demonstrated power of imaging atmospheric Cherenkov technique

## **Decade-long H.E.S.S. I Galactic Plane Survey**

Final catalog, high-level data release & new source discoveries  
Paper in preparation (internal review)  
Coupled with population studies on SNRs and PWNe

## **Search for cosmic-ray accelerators (SNRs?) continues**

Data-driven strategy seems most appropriate

## **Follow-up of neutrino hotspots: multi-messenger cooperation**

Complementary approach to discover hadronic accelerators  
Beginning ToO / alert capabilities for rapid response

## **Preparing the way to the next-generation CTA Survey**



# Backup slides



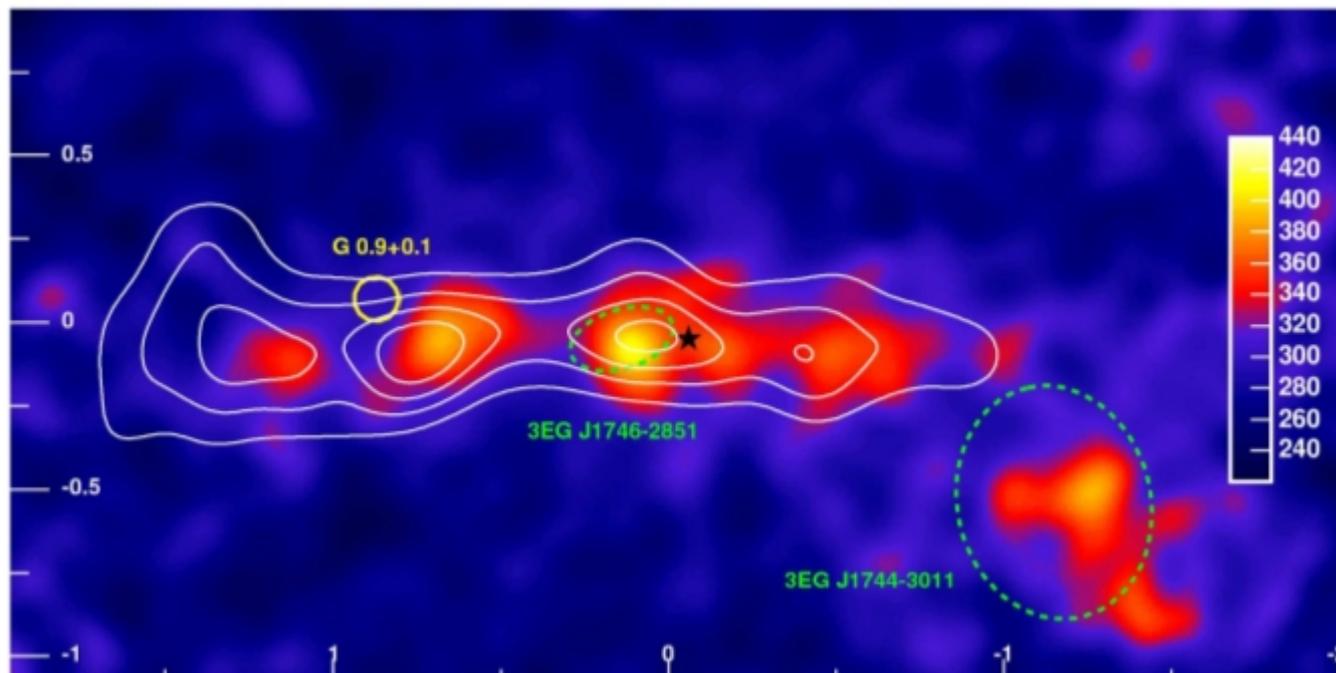
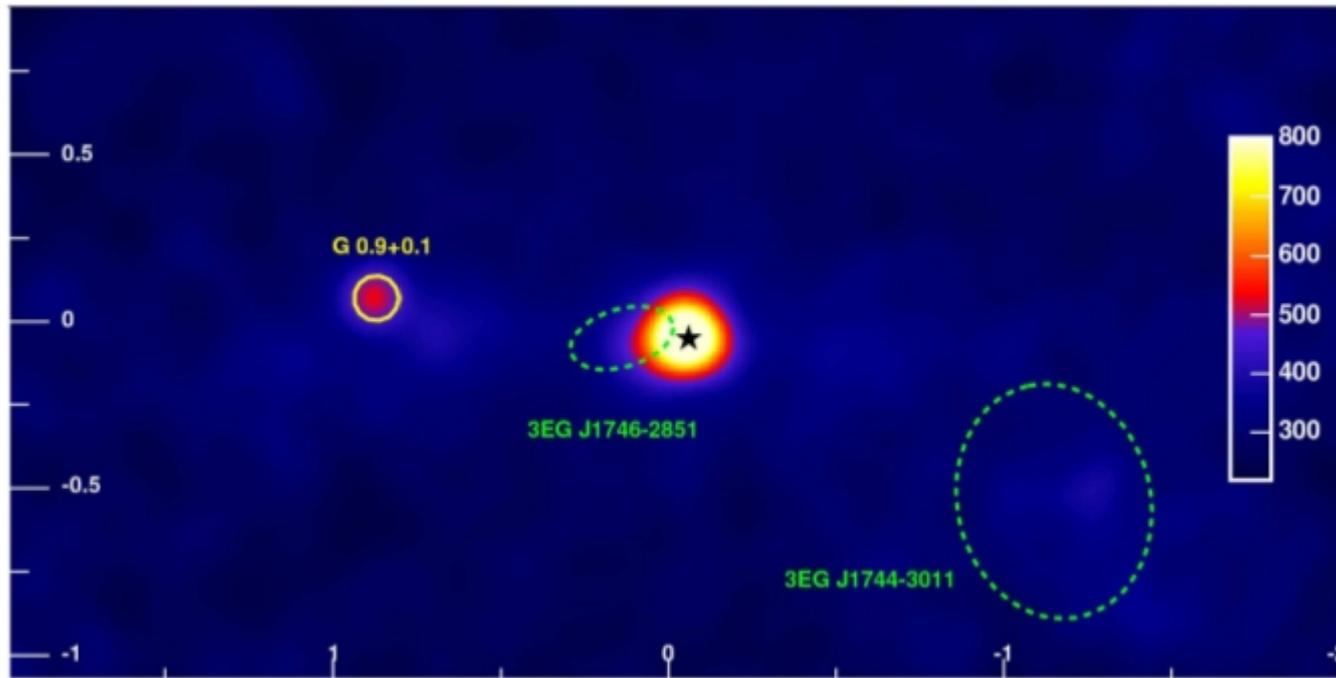
# Towards the next generation

2010-2012: Mirrors re-coated on all 4 telescopes.  
Regained near-original optical efficiency.

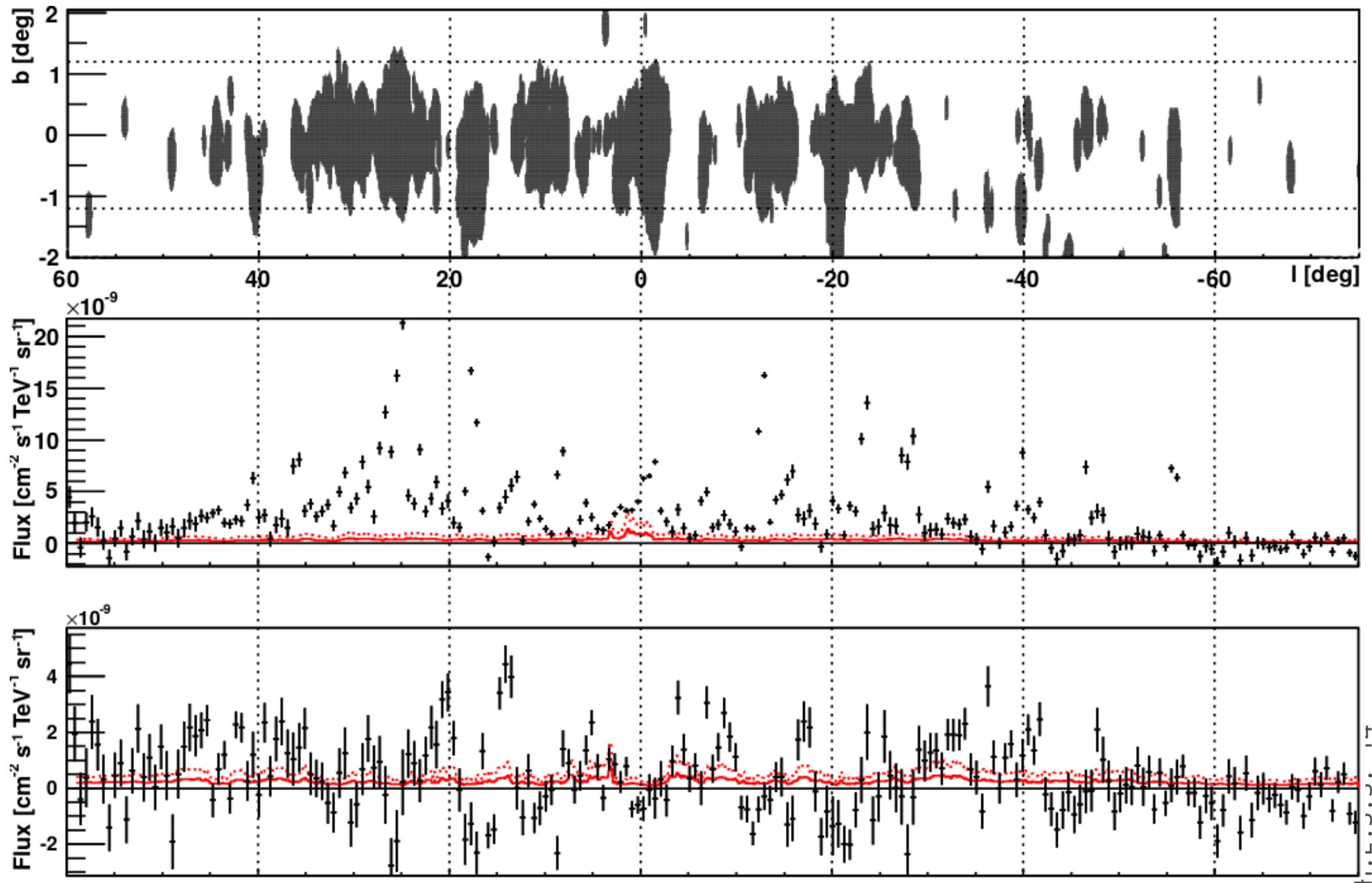
2013: H.E.S.S.-II First Light  
First hybrid IACT array. First LST.  
Access down to  $\sim 30$  GeV.  
Increased effective area. Improved angular resolution.

2014-15: H.E.S.S.-I camera electronics upgrade  
Reduce deadtime. Increase robustness.  
Greater integration.  
Testbed for CTA tech (e.g. NectarCAM).

# The Galactic Center & diffuse TeV emission

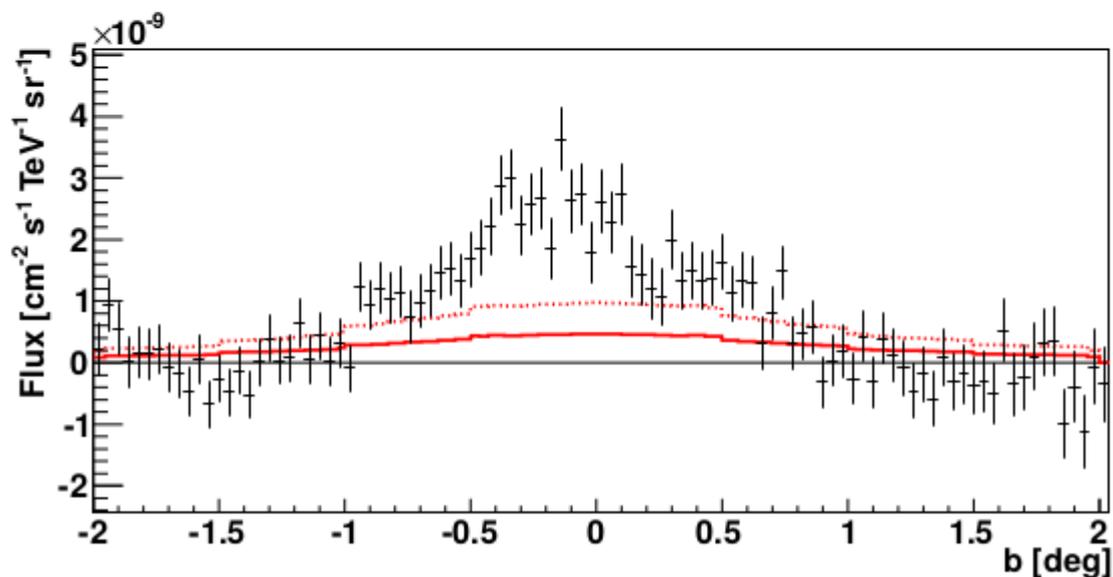
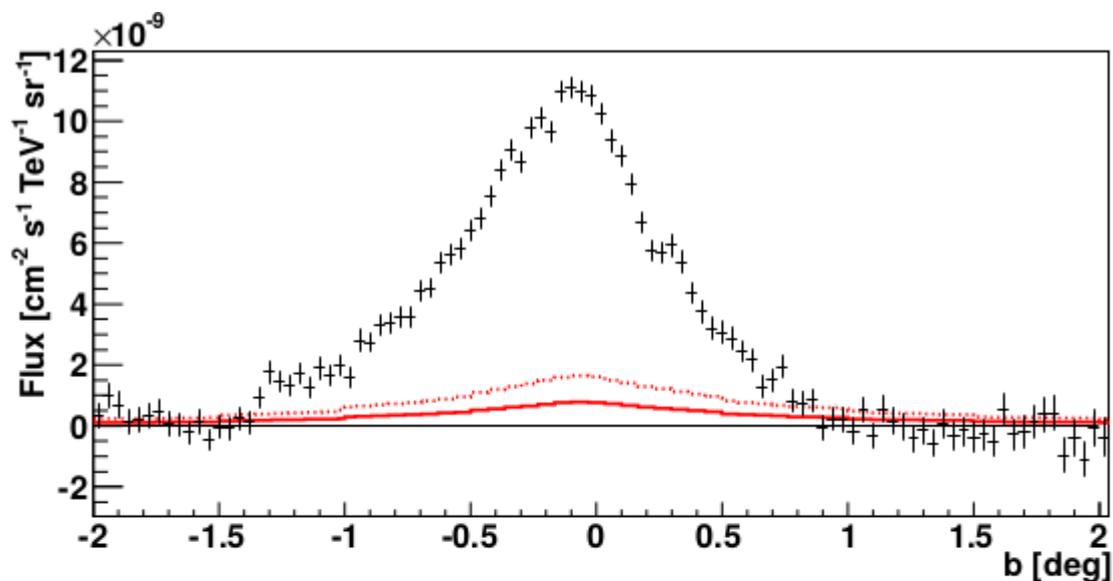


# Diffuse TeV emission along the Galactic plane



# Diffuse TeV emission along the Galactic plane

Significant fraction (~50%) from  
hadronic  
p-p collisions  
( $\pi^0$  decay)



Additional contributions expected from inverse Compton & unresolved srcs (possibly accounts for difference in profile widths)

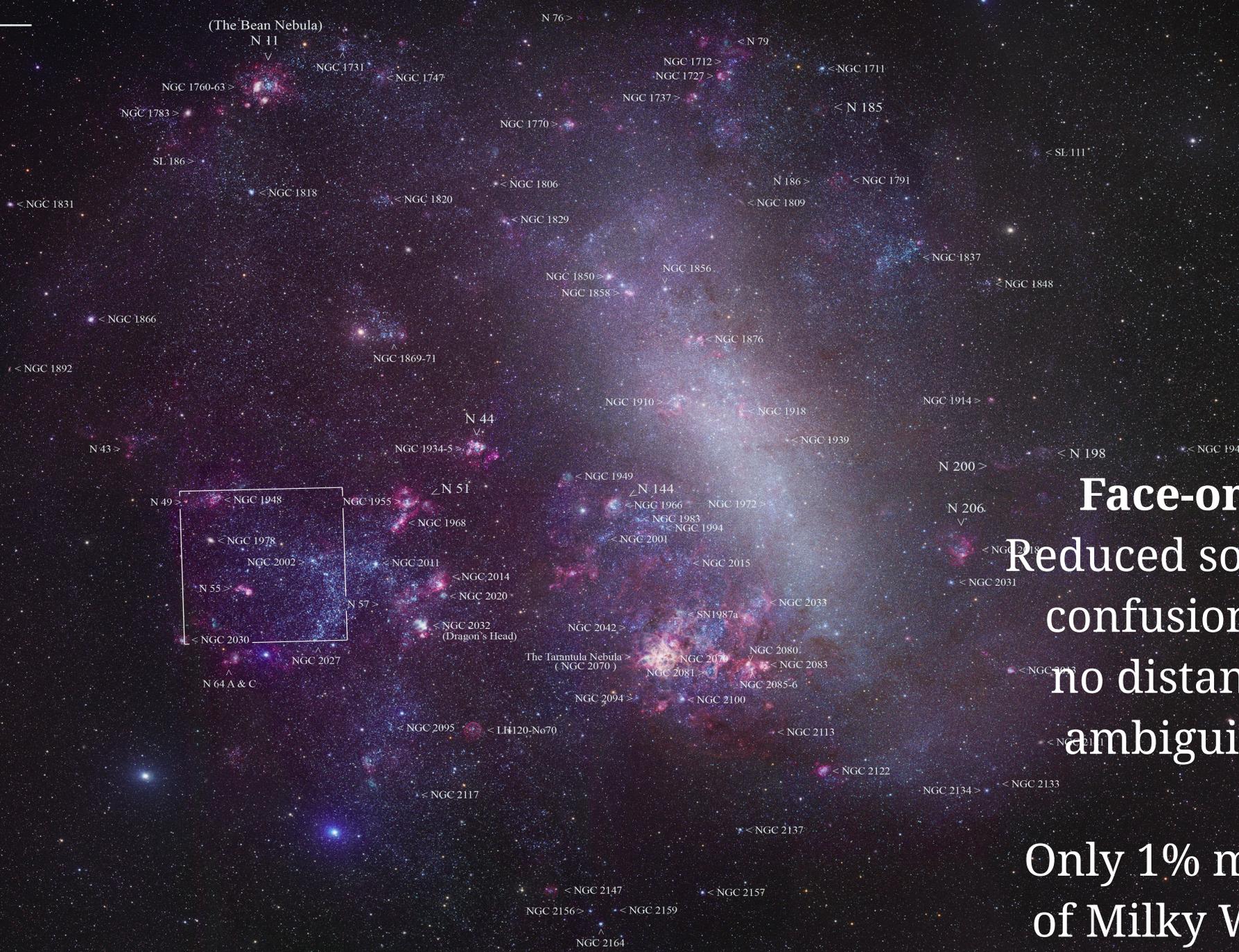
Detected on a large scale for the first time.

**The other big H.E.S.S. survey**  
you might not have heard about (yet)

# The Large Magellanic Cloud



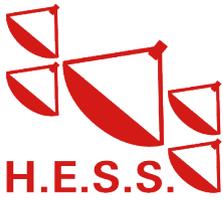
# The Large Magellanic Cloud



**Face-on:**  
Reduced source  
confusion &  
no distance  
ambiguity

Only 1% mass  
of Milky Way  
but

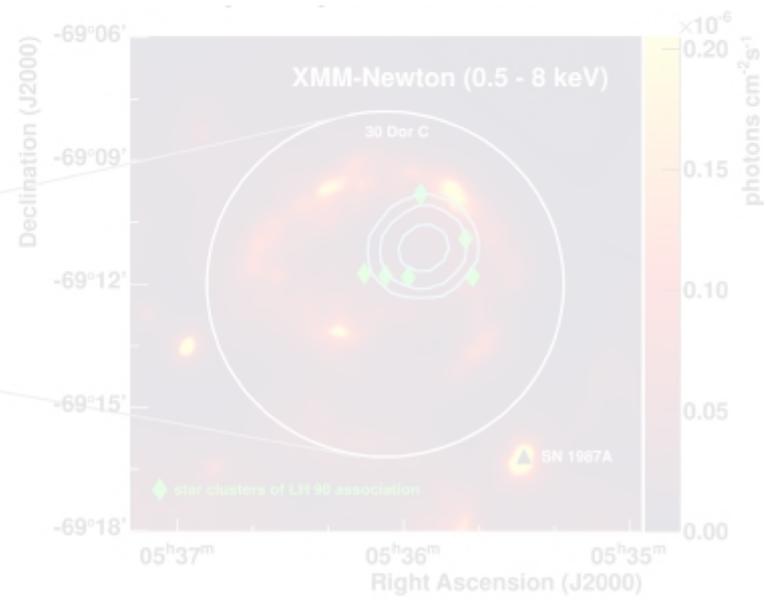
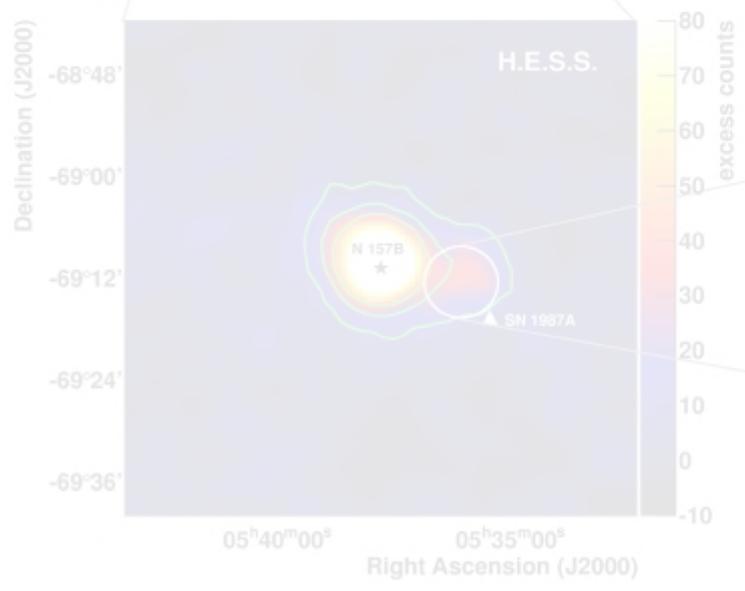
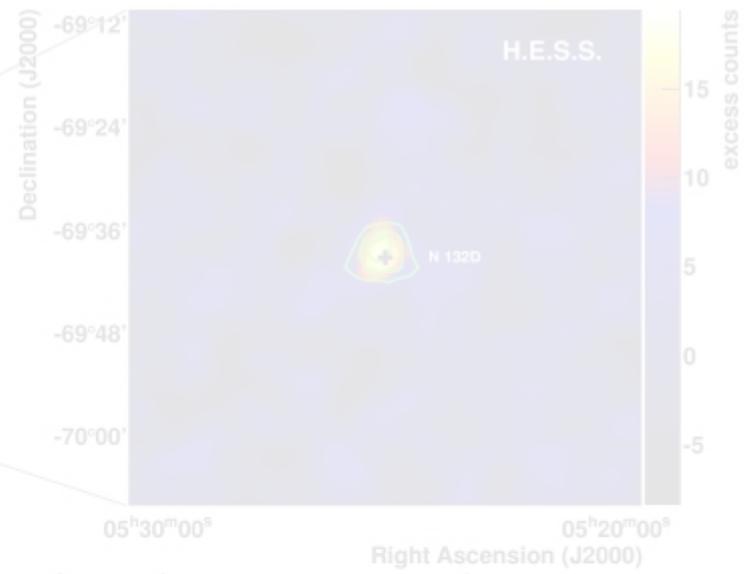
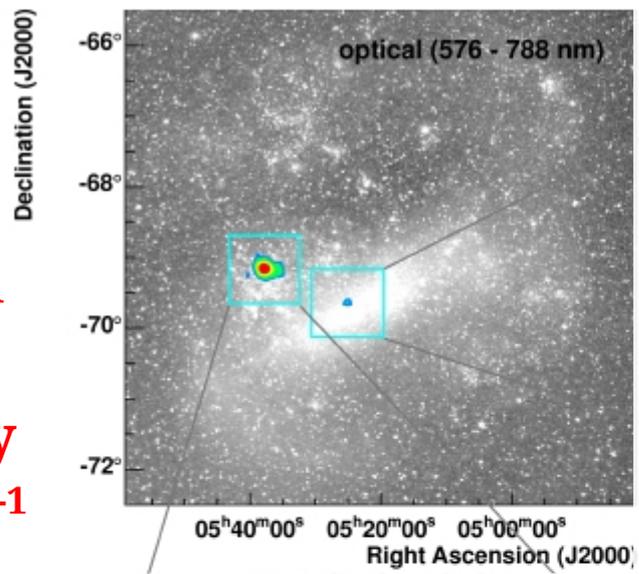




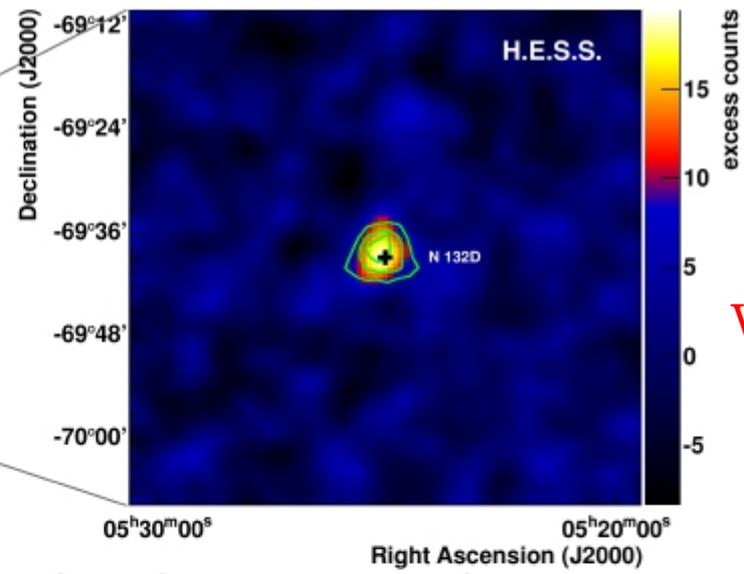
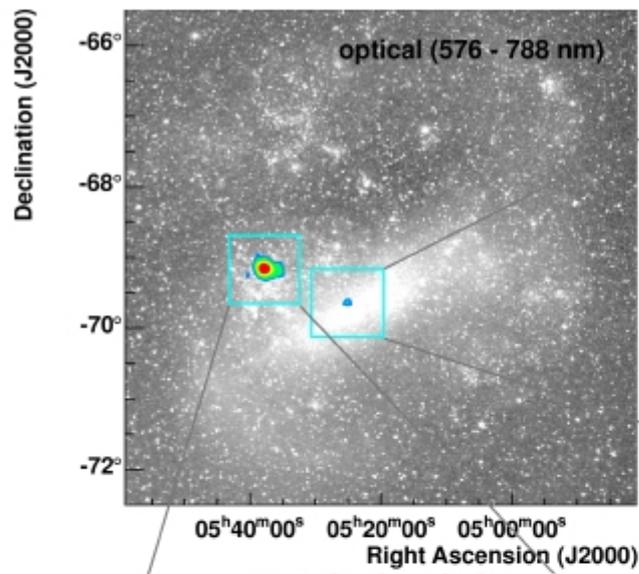
# The Large Magellanic Cloud

0.05° ~ 3'  
angular  
resolution

sensitivity  
~10<sup>35</sup> erg s<sup>-1</sup>

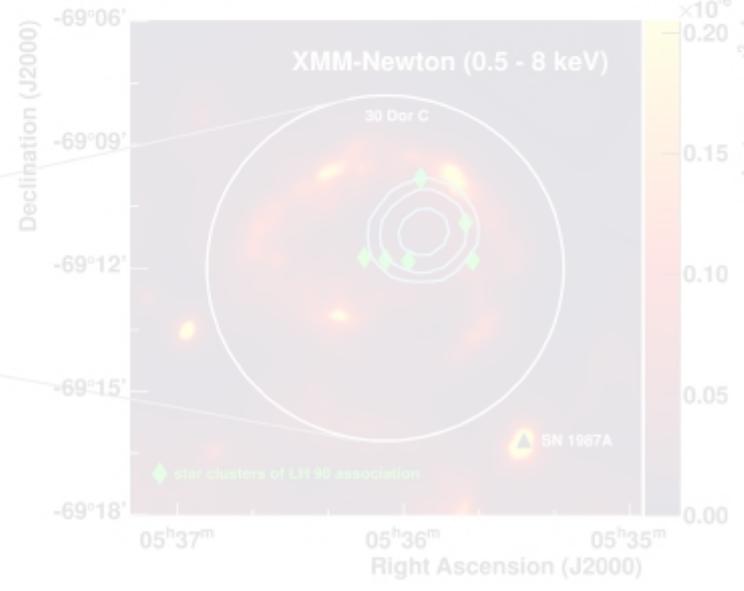
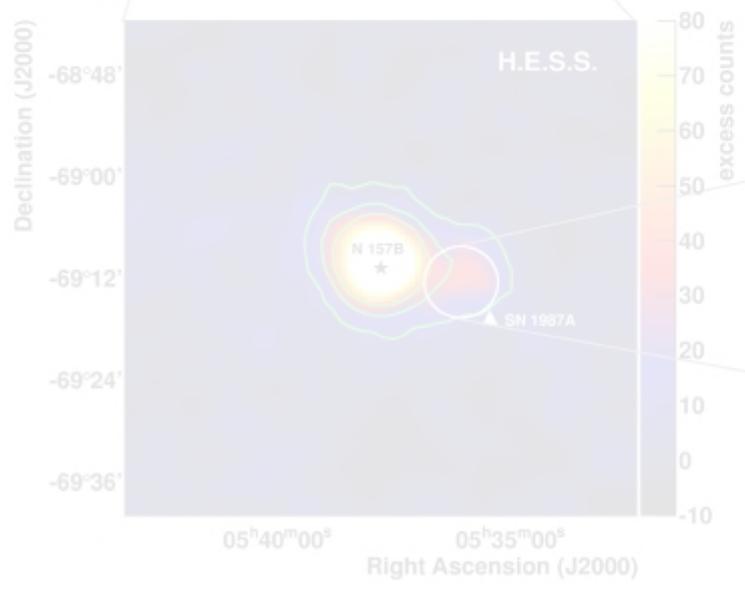


# N 132D: A radio-loud middle-aged SNR

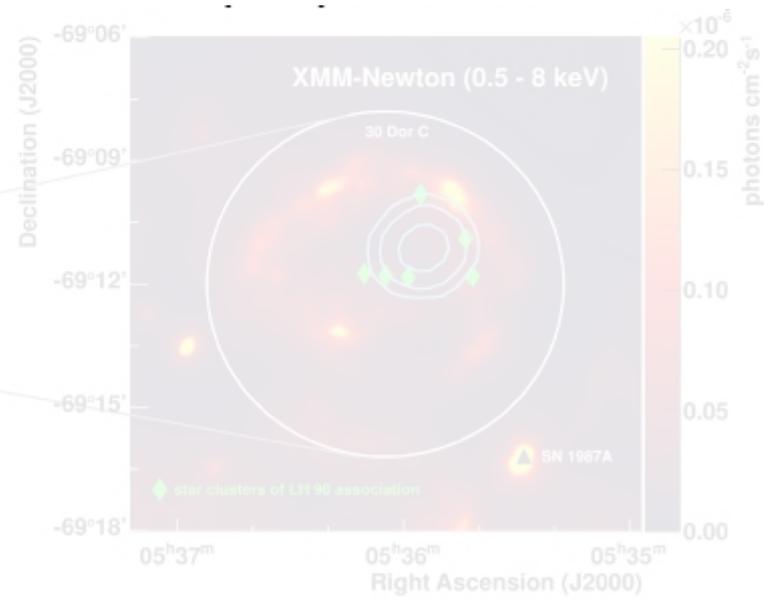
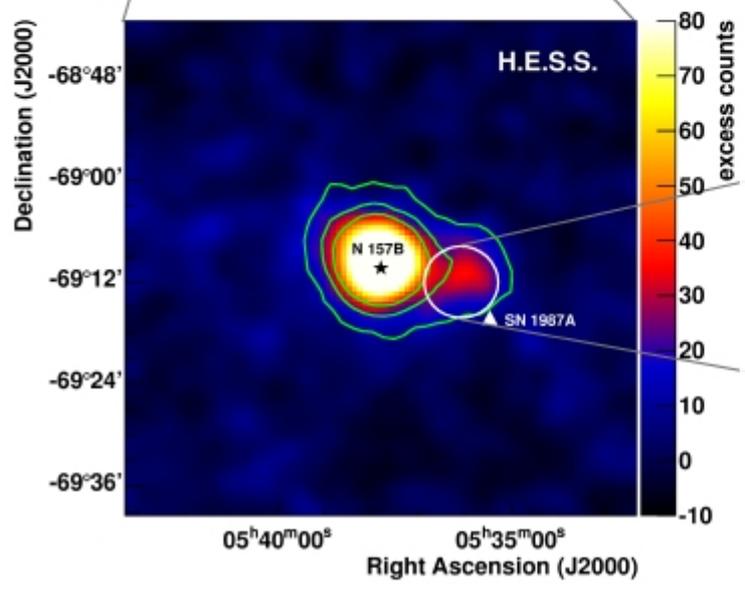
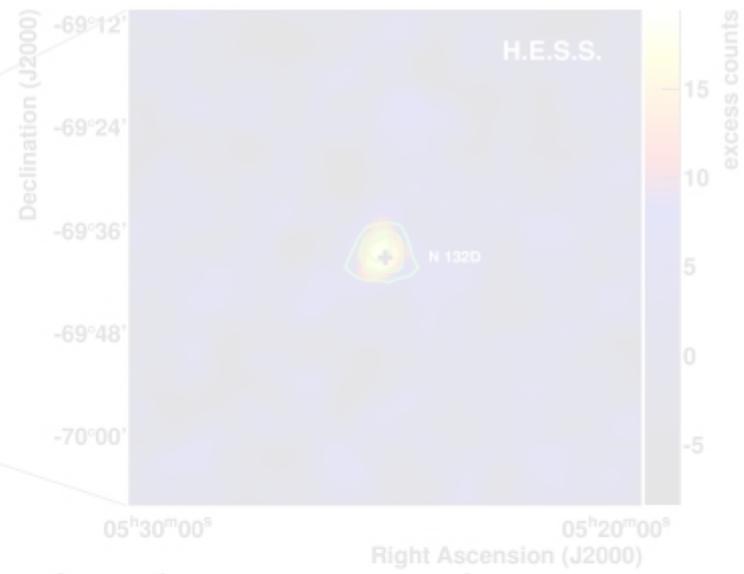
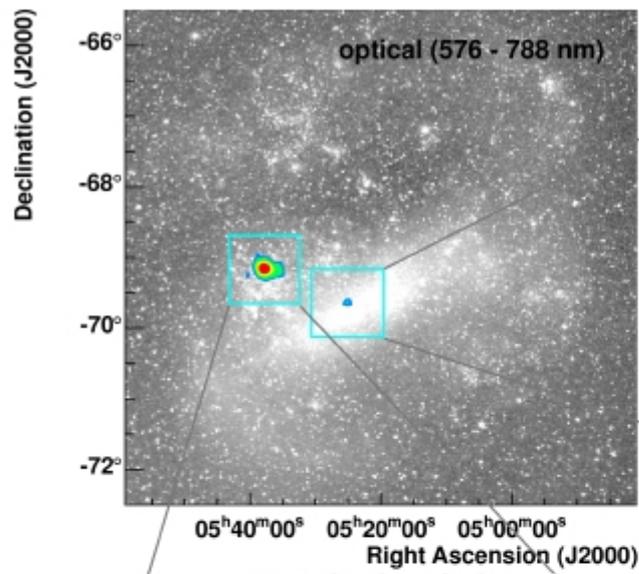


50%  $L_{\text{radio}}$   
of Cas A

Not quite  
VHE detection  
 $\sim 5 \sigma$

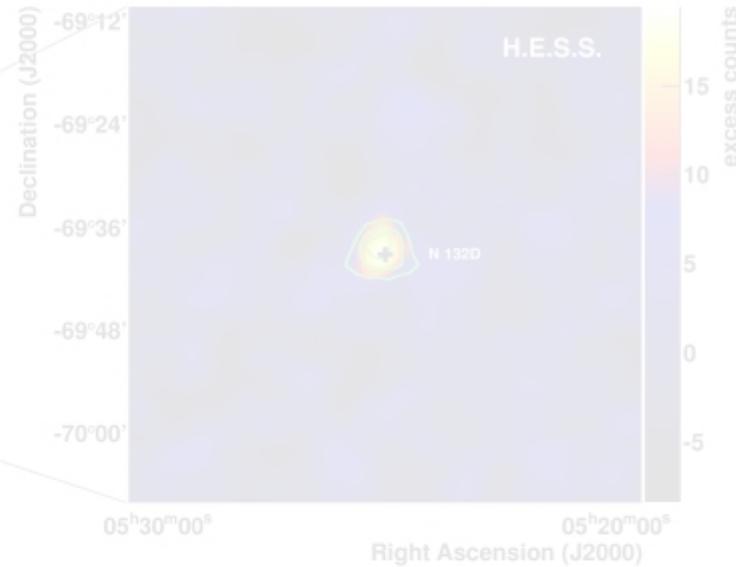
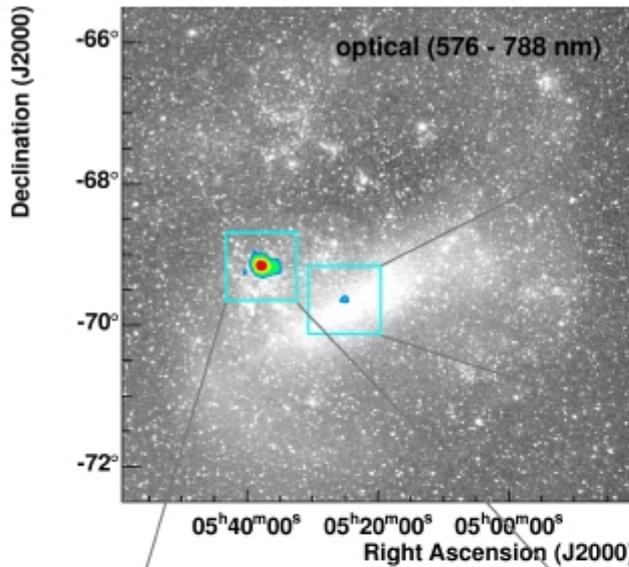


# N 157B: The Crab Nebula's twin



Pulsar has  
largest  
known  
 $\dot{E} \sim 4.8 \times 10^{38} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

# 30 Dor C: A TeV superbubble



Largest SFR in Local Group

Largest X-ray synchrotron shell known (47 pc)

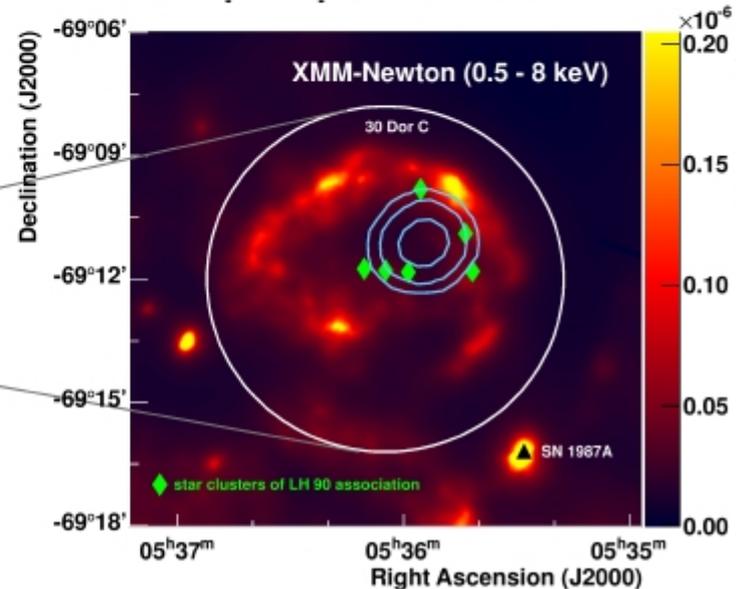
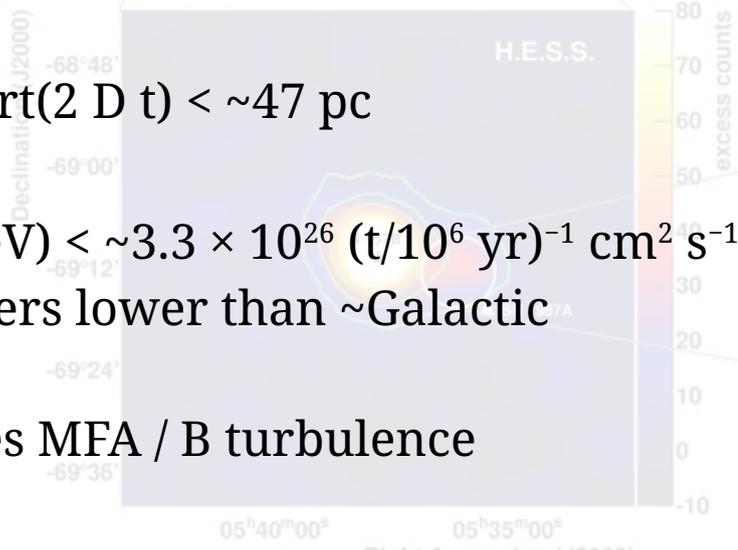
$$l_{\text{diff}} = \text{sqrt}(2 D t) < \sim 47 \text{ pc}$$

$$D(10 \text{ TeV}) < \sim 3.3 \times 10^{26} (t/10^6 \text{ yr})^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

2-3 orders lower than  $\sim$ Galactic

requires MFA / B turbulence

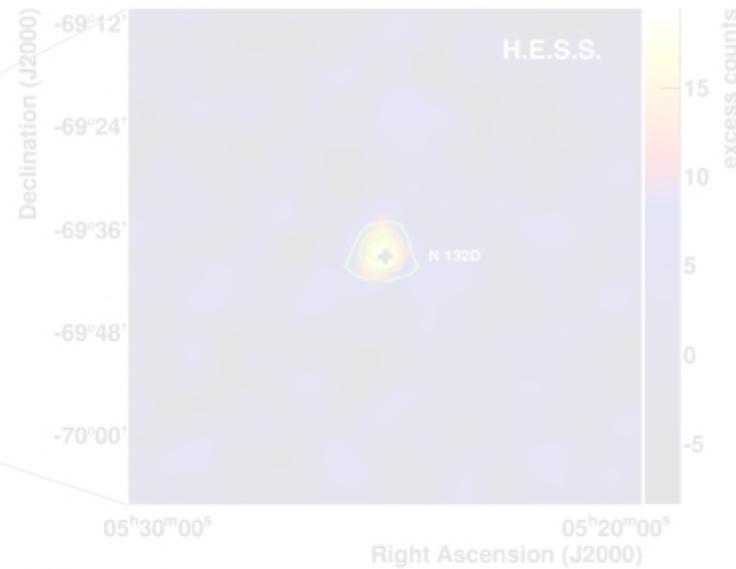
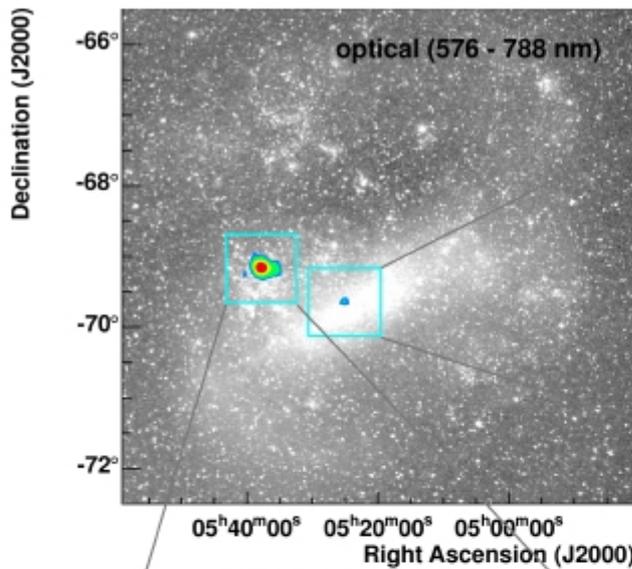
still open question: leptonic vs. hadronic



10x as bright as SN 1006

Powered by stellar winds & SN explosions of LH 90,

# SN 1987A: The youngest SNR



High shock speed  
High ambient density  
**Hadronic?**

Upper limit only for now, but more observations planned & **emission predicted to increase in time**

**Predicted:**

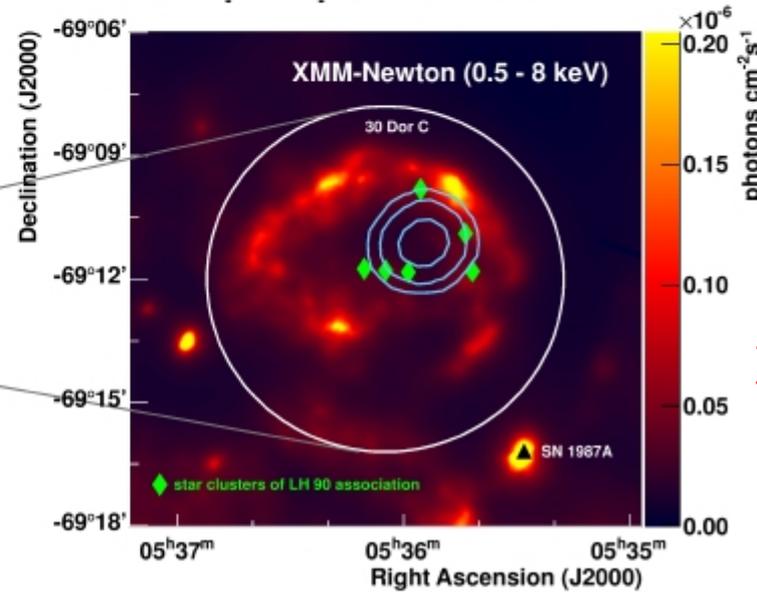
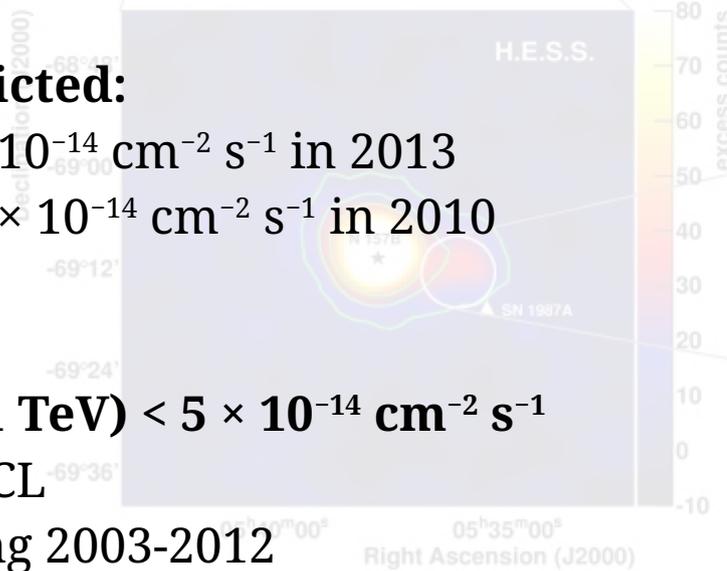
$\sim 8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in 2013

$\sim 2.5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in 2010

$F (> 1 \text{ TeV}) < 5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

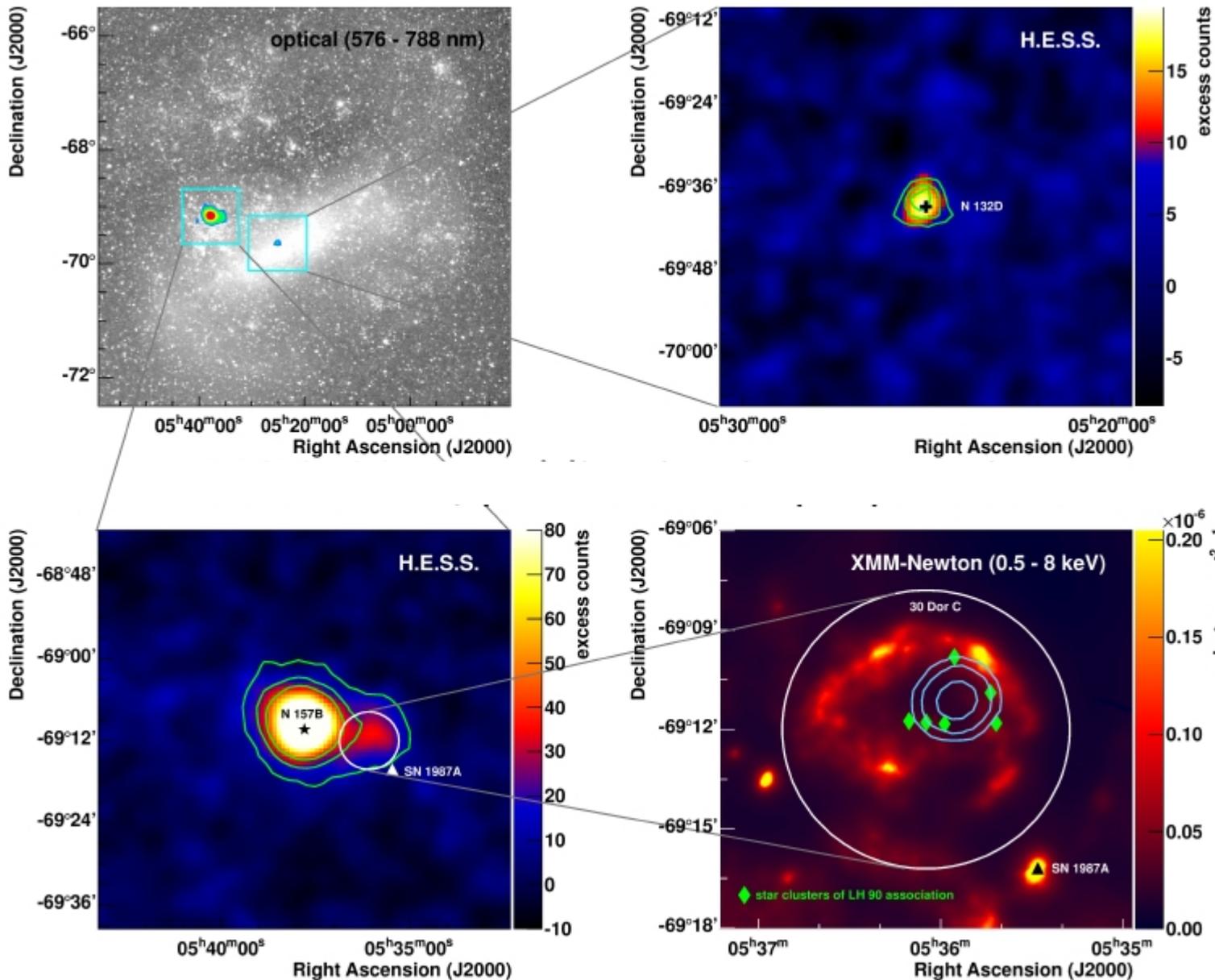
99% CL

during 2003-2012

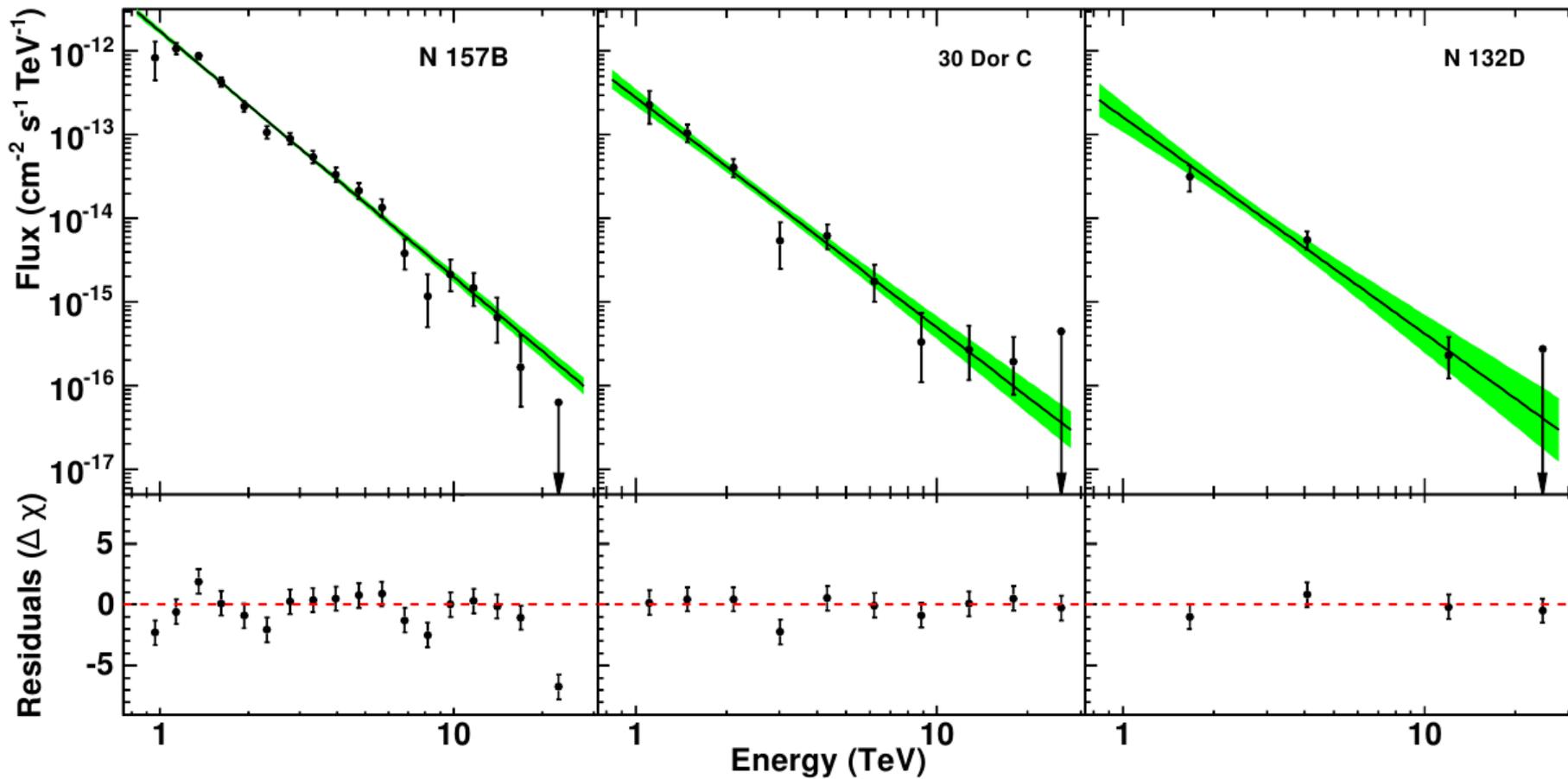


Already can

# The LMC in VHE $\gamma$ -rays: Recap



# The LMC in VHE $\gamma$ -rays: Spectra



Source	N 157B	30 Dor C	N 132D
H.E.S.S. Identifier	HESS J0537–691	HESS J0535–691	HESS J0525–696
Exposure Time	181 h	183 h	148 h
$\gamma$ rays	613	74	43
Significance	$33.0 \sigma$	$8.8 \sigma$	$4.7 \sigma$
Photon Index $\Gamma$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	$2.6 \pm 0.2$	$2.4 \pm 0.3$
$\Phi(1 \text{ TeV}) [10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}]$	$1.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.16 \pm 0.04$	$0.13 \pm 0.05$
$L_\gamma(1 - 10 \text{ TeV}) [10^{35} \text{ erg s}^{-1}]$	$6.8 \pm 0.3$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$



# The LMC in VHE $\gamma$ -rays

50-kpc-distant face-on satellite galaxy

**First detection of individual accelerators in an external Galaxy**

**Discovery of a new VHE source class:**

superbubble (*N.B.* a candidate source of Galactic CRs)

**Observing the extreme tip of the VHE population:**

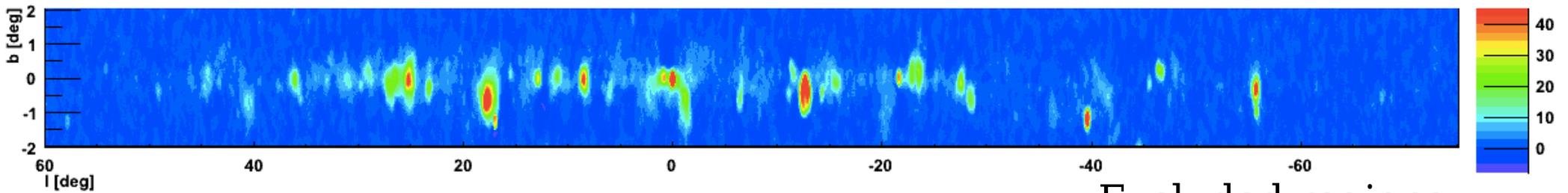
two powerful sources: a Crab-like PWN and a unique SNR

**Upper limit on the youngest known SNR:**

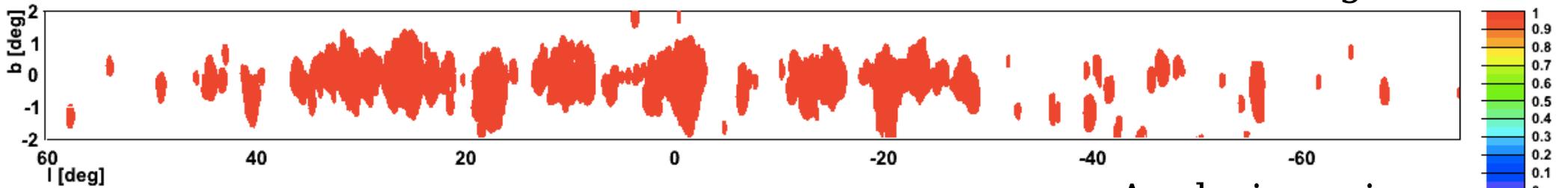
SN 1987A

# Extracting a clean signal to search for diffuse TeV emission

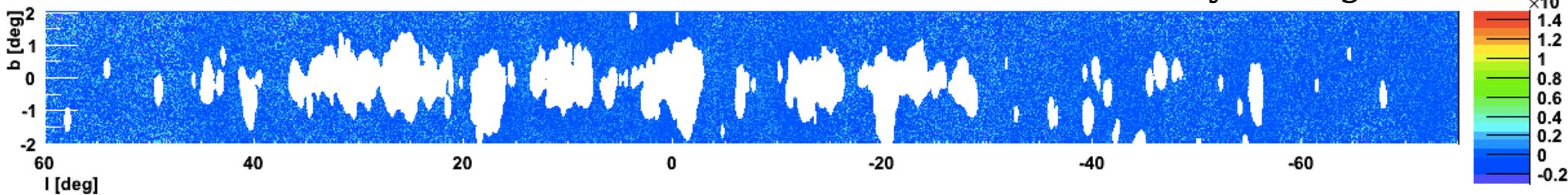
Significance



Excluded regions

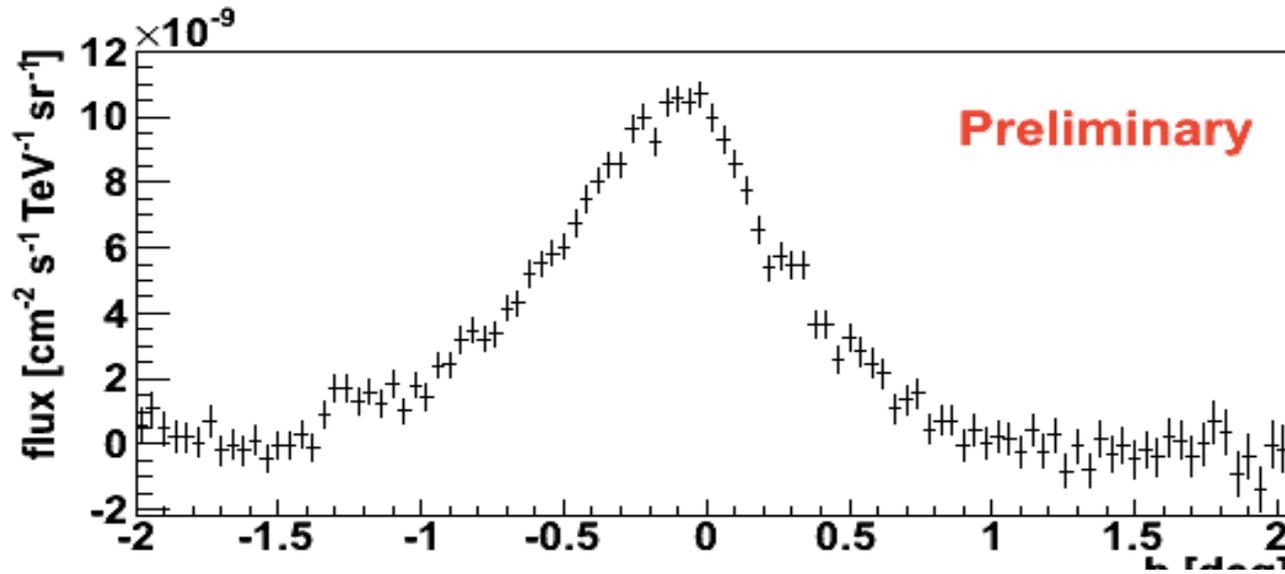


Analysis regions

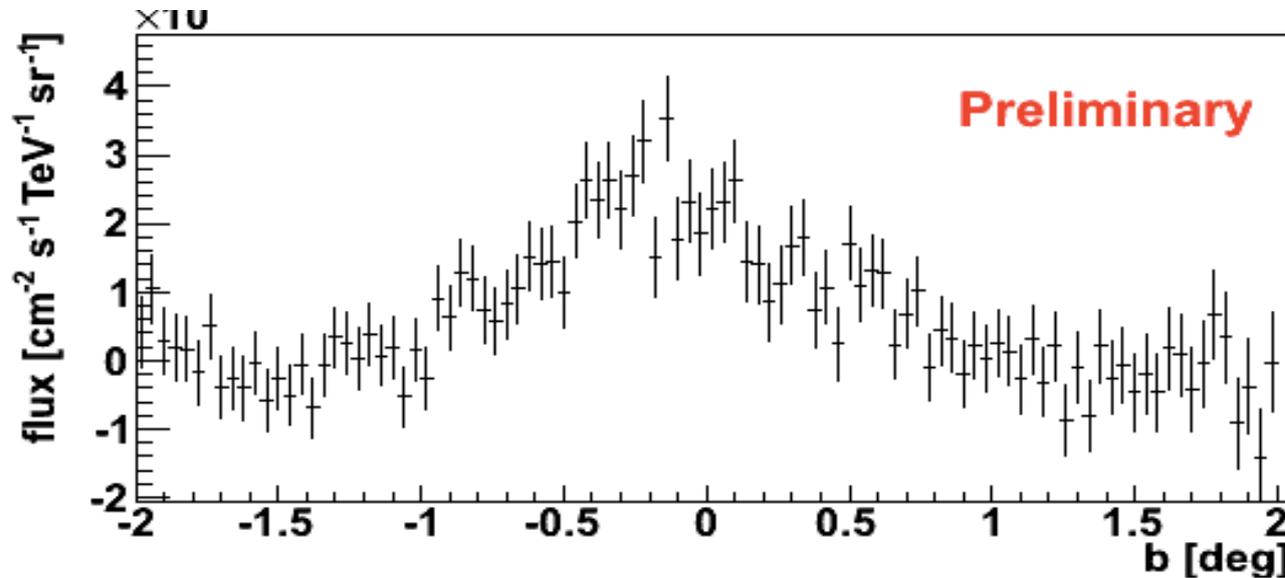


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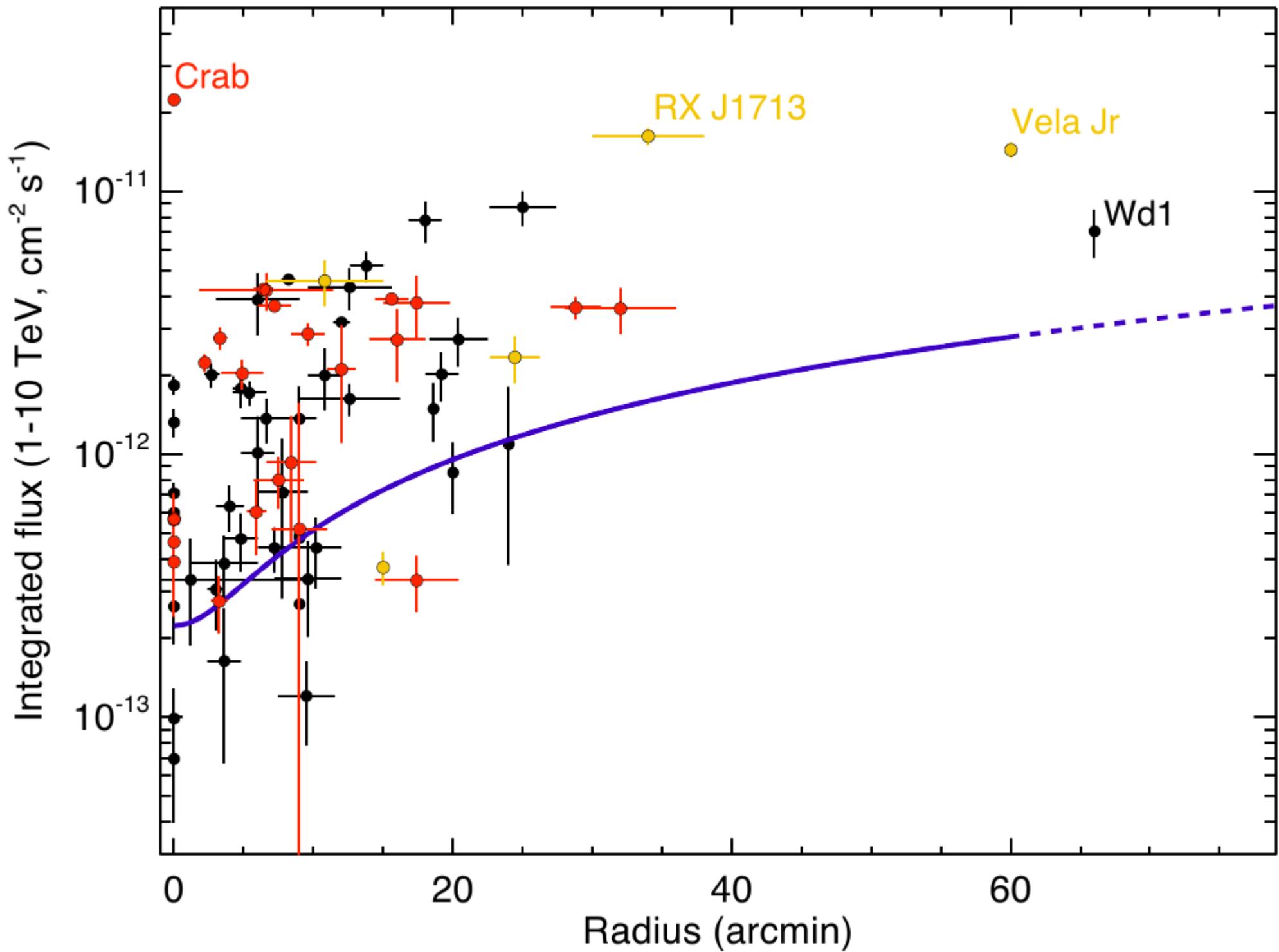
Diffuse flux



# HESS J1640-465

## Challenges for a PWN scenario

- No visible IC peak in GeV – TeV range:
  - a) Very old lepton population, steep injection spectrum;
    - likely multiple emission zones
    - varying magnetic field within emission region
    - Complex spectra expected (i.e. Vela X, Hinton et al. 2011)
  - b) Fine-tuned multi-component injection spectrum to mimic powerlaw:  
i.e. Relativistic Maxwell + powerlaw tail (Slane et al., 2010)
- Overlap of PWN IC emission with SNR shell
  - a) Not observed for any other composite SNR so far
  - b) Requires relic PWN and old system?



# PeVatrons short lived... unfortunate

## But how to get to the *knee*?

Young, fast (20,000 km s<sup>-1</sup>) SNR shock in dense wind (CSM)  
from a Type II SN & RSG progenitor

e.g. Cas A, but:

- Cas A photon spectrum cuts off at 20 TeV ( $\rightarrow E_{\text{max}} \sim 300 \text{ TeV}$ )
- $\Gamma = -2.6 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}$
- Tycho similar and Type Ia

NRH instability quenched after  $\sim 1000$  yrs

$E_{\text{max}} \sim \text{PeV}$  for only  $\sim 50$  yrs or less

*Observation strategy for Cherenkov telescopes?*

Hidden in the existing data but confused/obscured?

Just need more statistics / better sensitivity at multi-TeV E?

# GRBs at VHE

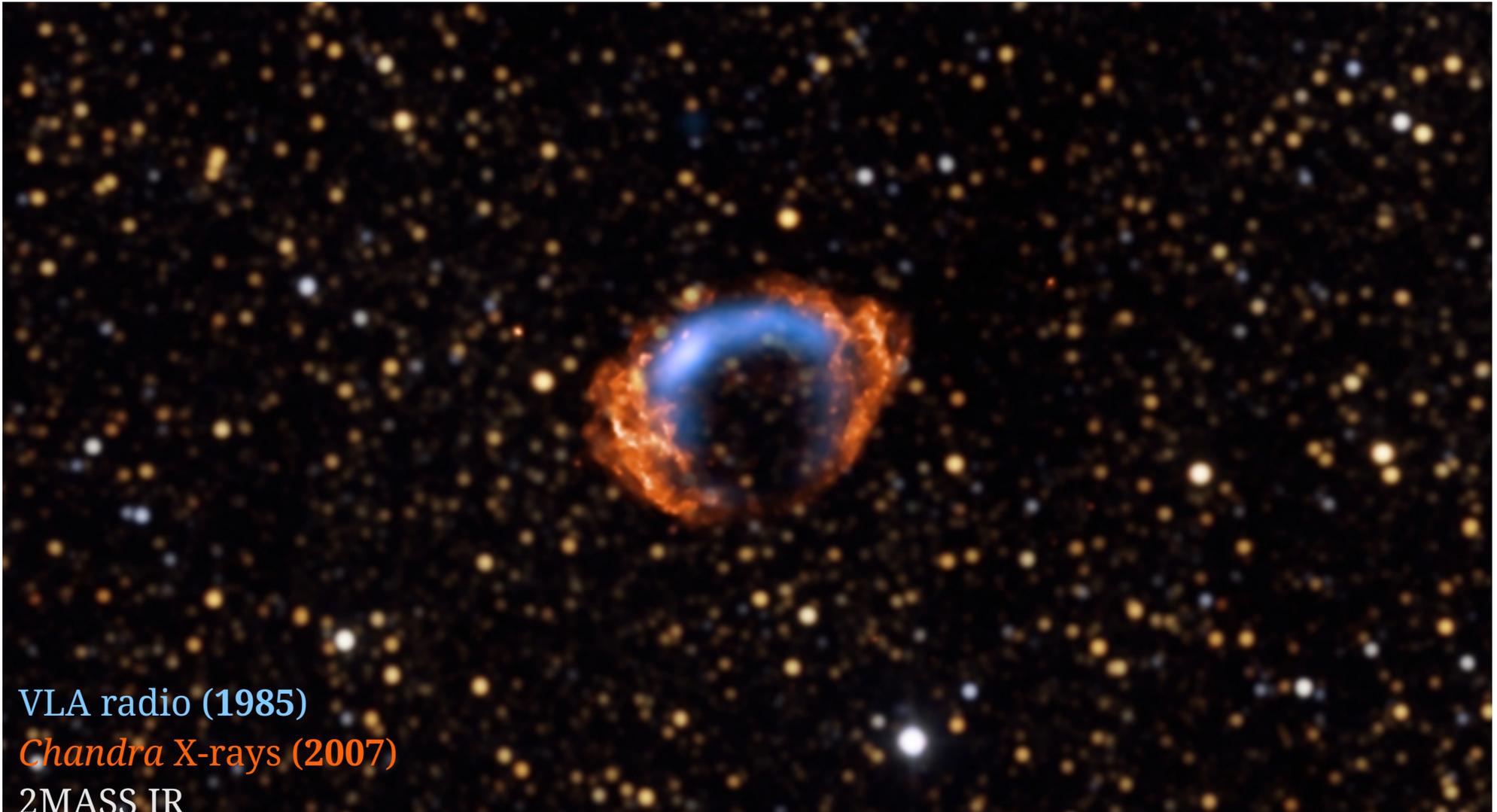
Typical re-pointing time  $< 1$  min

Fully automated GCN triggering & observations; highest priority

Currently observing  $\sim 5$  GRBs/yr

# SNR G1.9+0.3:

Youngest in the Galaxy, ultra-fast shock speed,  
close to Galactic Center, ... *PeVatron*?



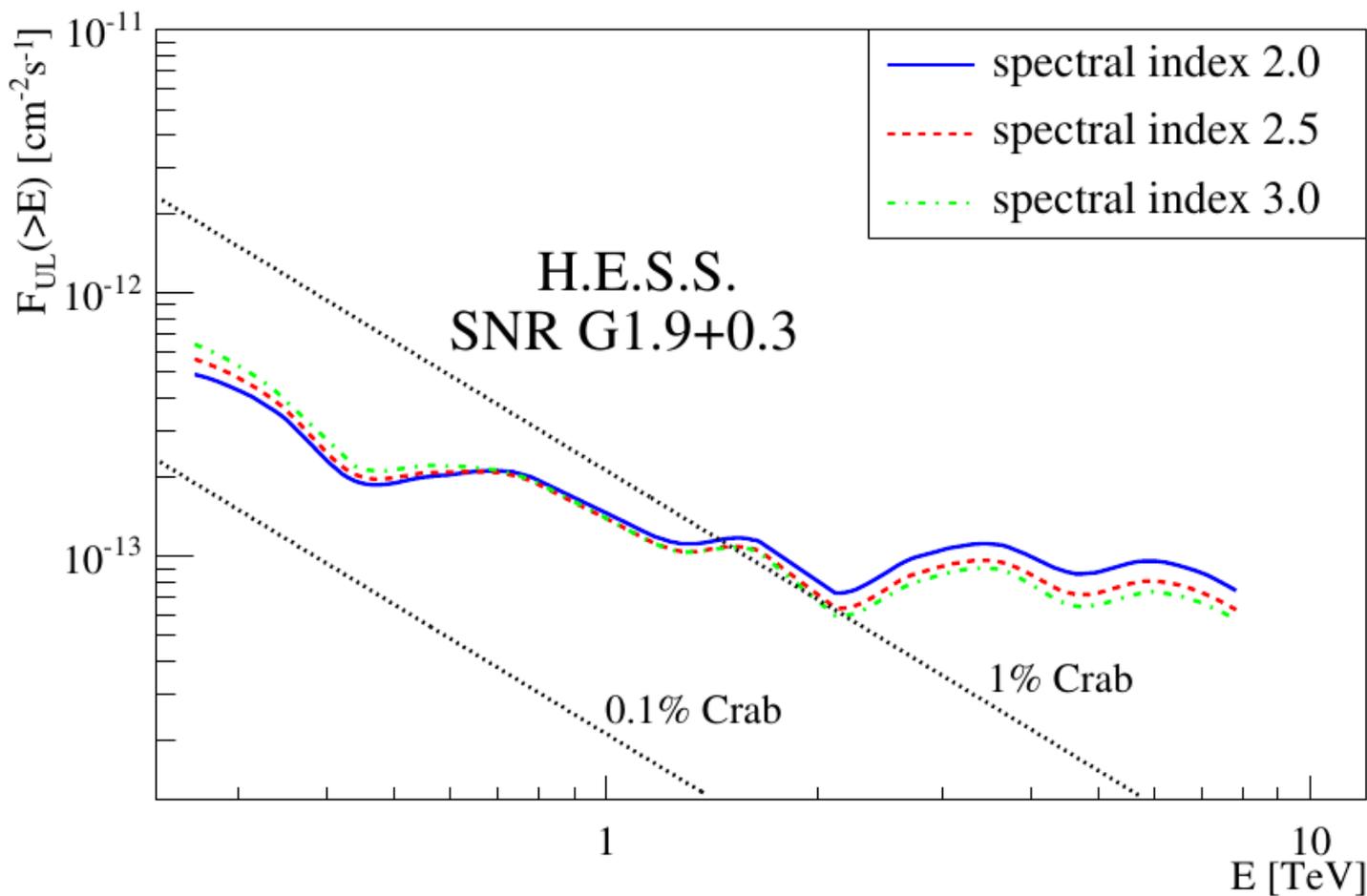
VLA radio (1985)

*Chandra X-rays (2007)*

2MASS IR

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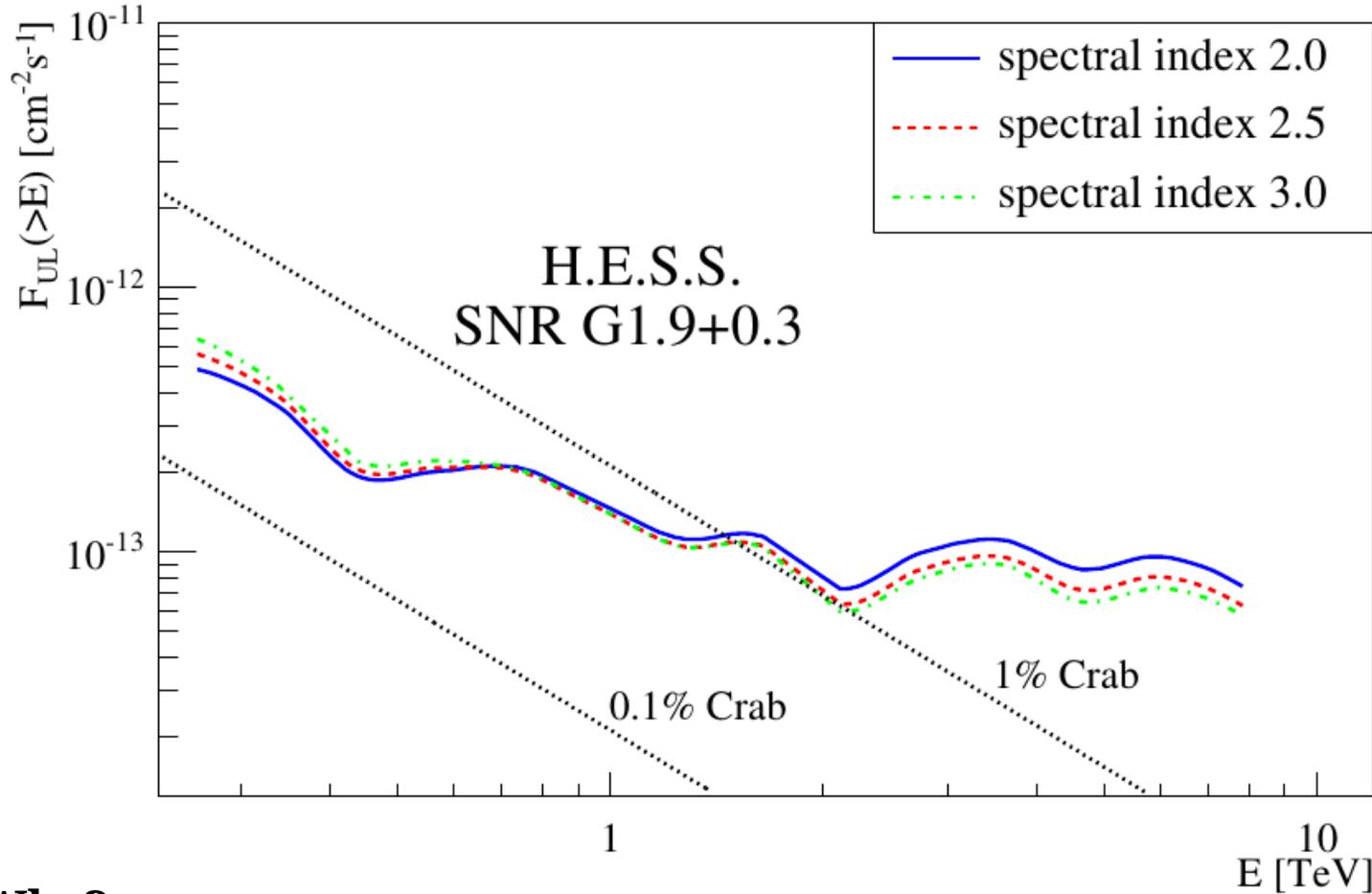
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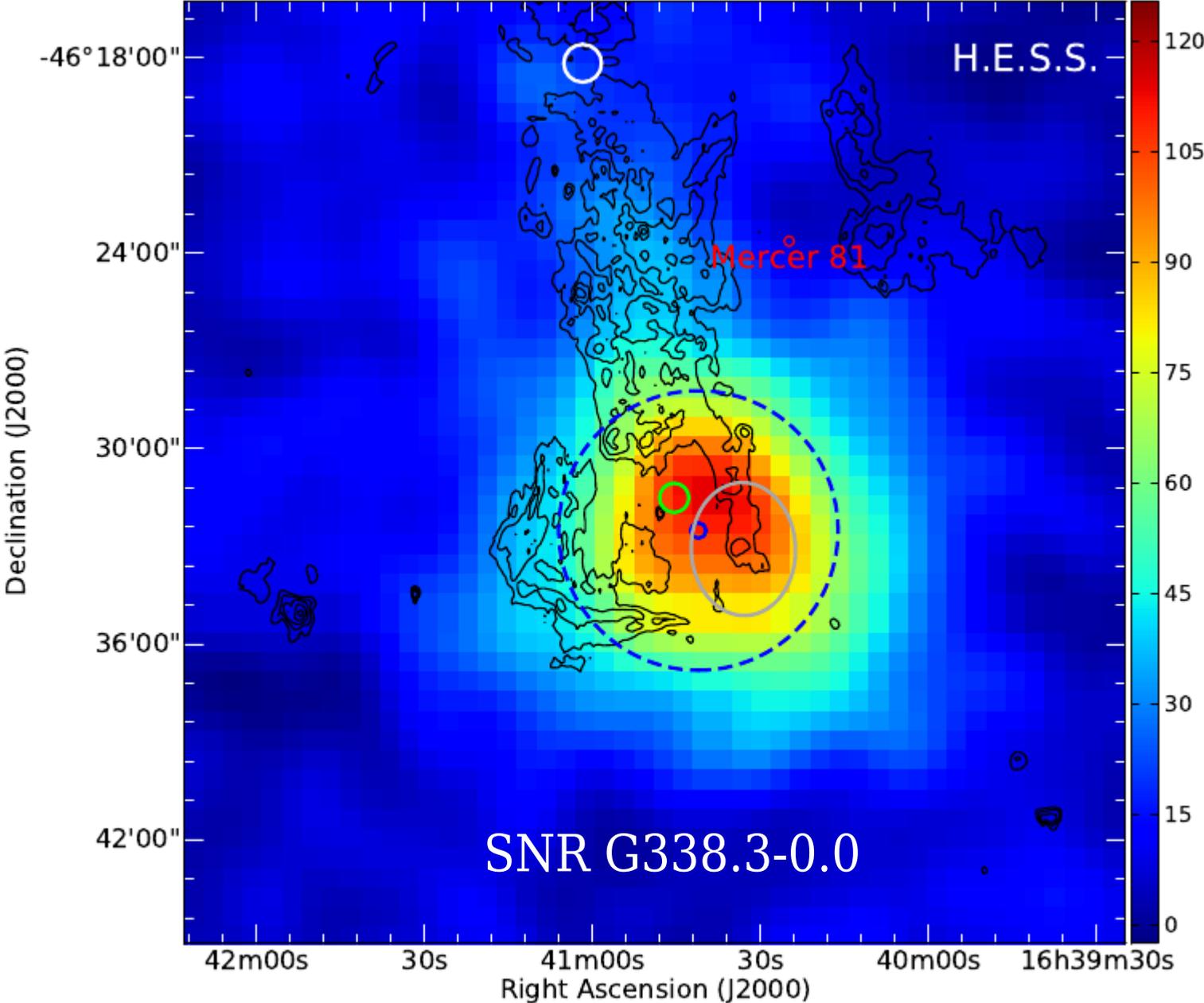
Circumstellar density expected to be low:

Estimated  $\sim 0.04 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (Reynolds+ 08). Constrained by VHE limits to  $< 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  if  $\theta = 0.1$

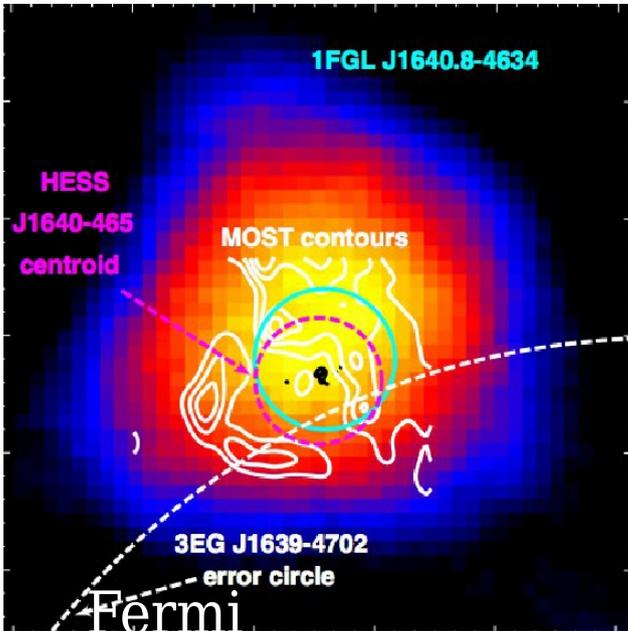
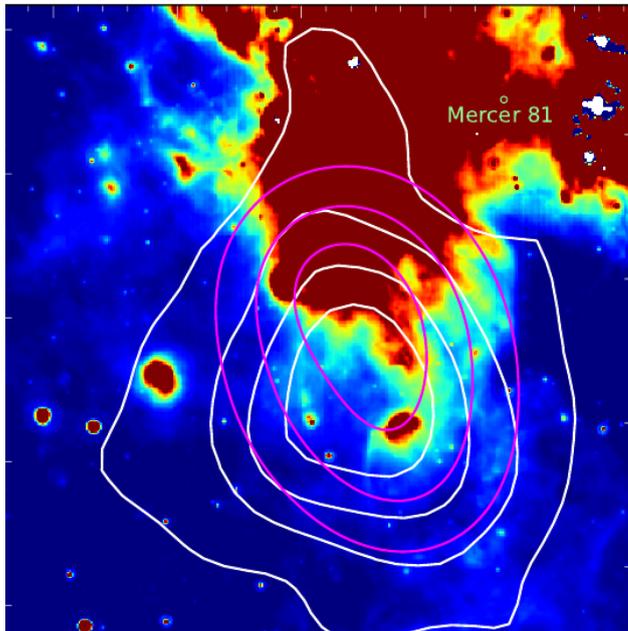
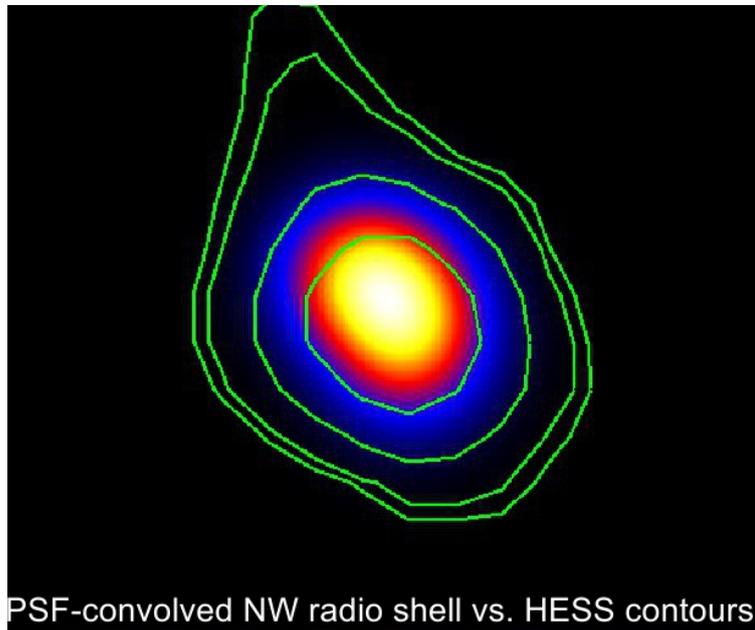
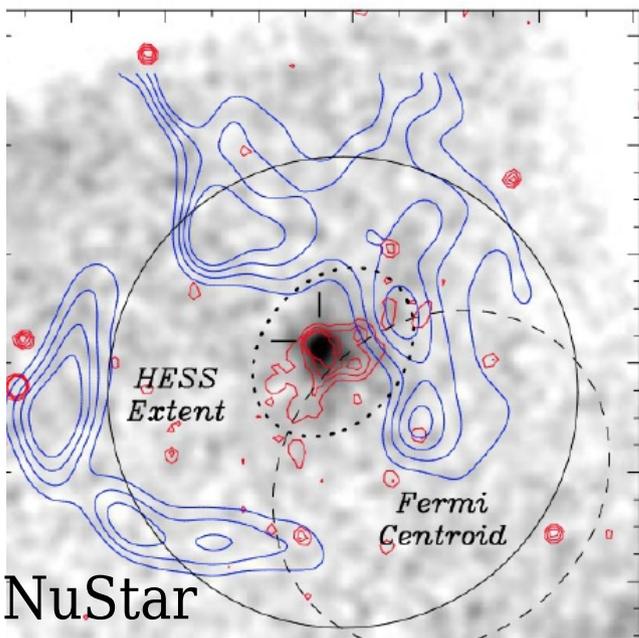
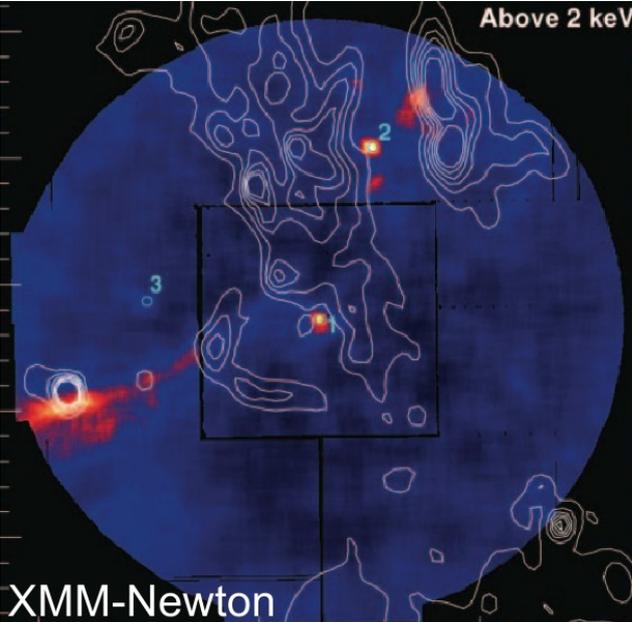
Measured flux increase in radio/Xrays → not evolving in dense stellar wind.

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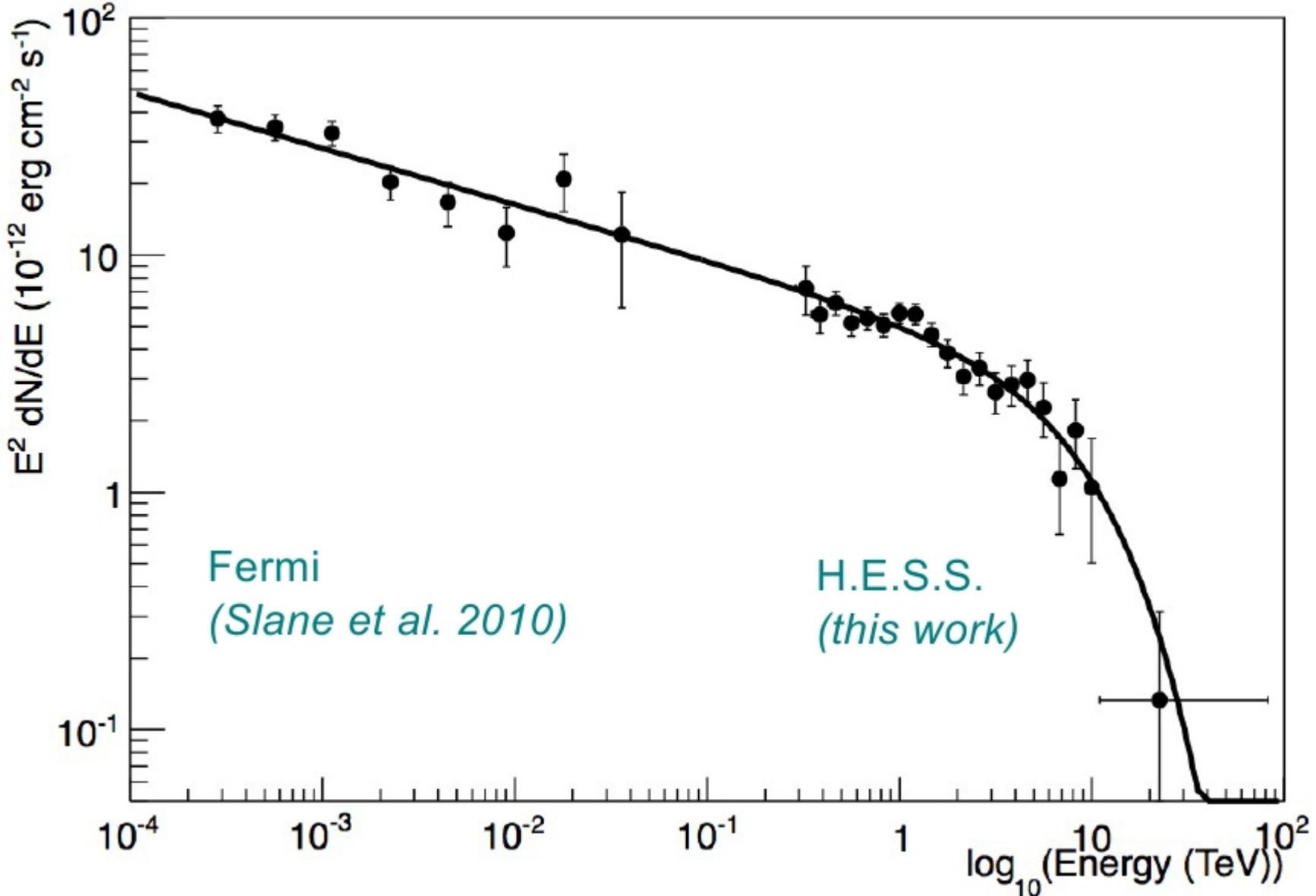


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Challenging the previous PWN interpretation w/ new hadronic interpretation

