



# Highlights from LHAASO

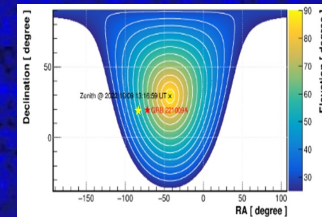
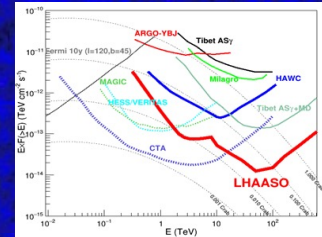
180°

120°

60°

Dmitri Semikoz  
*APC, Paris*

180° 120° 60°  
*Summary of LHAASO results from 2023-2024*



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Zhen Cao, Songzhan Chen, Ruoyu Liu, Siming Liu, Xiangyu Wang,  
Ruizhi Yang, Qiang Yuan

# Plan

- Introduction: LHAASO
- 1 LHAASO catalog of sources
- Diffuse galactic emission
- GRB 221009A (including km2a 2310.08845)
- Cygnus region (2310.10100)
- Cosmic rays: total flux and logA ( 2403.10010)
  
- Conclusions

# *Introduction: LHAASO detector*

*based on talk of  
Zhen Cao*

**The ultimate goal is to identify origins of CRs**

# Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory

LHAASO

## Scientific Goals

$\gamma$ -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

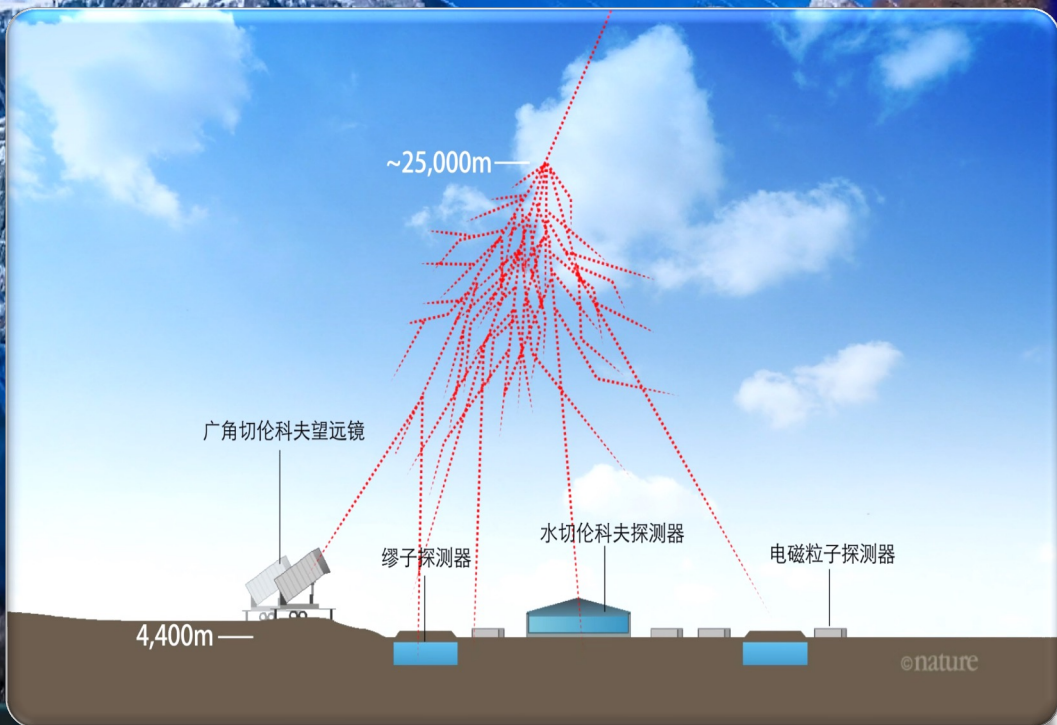
The knees

Compositions : individual species H, He and

Fe

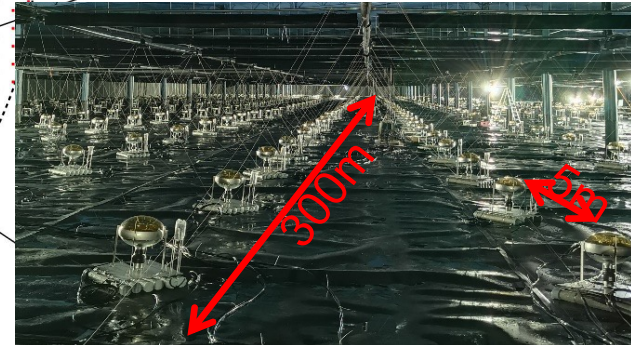
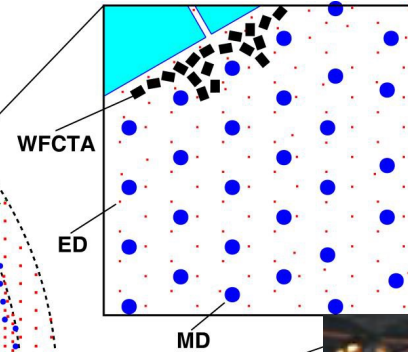
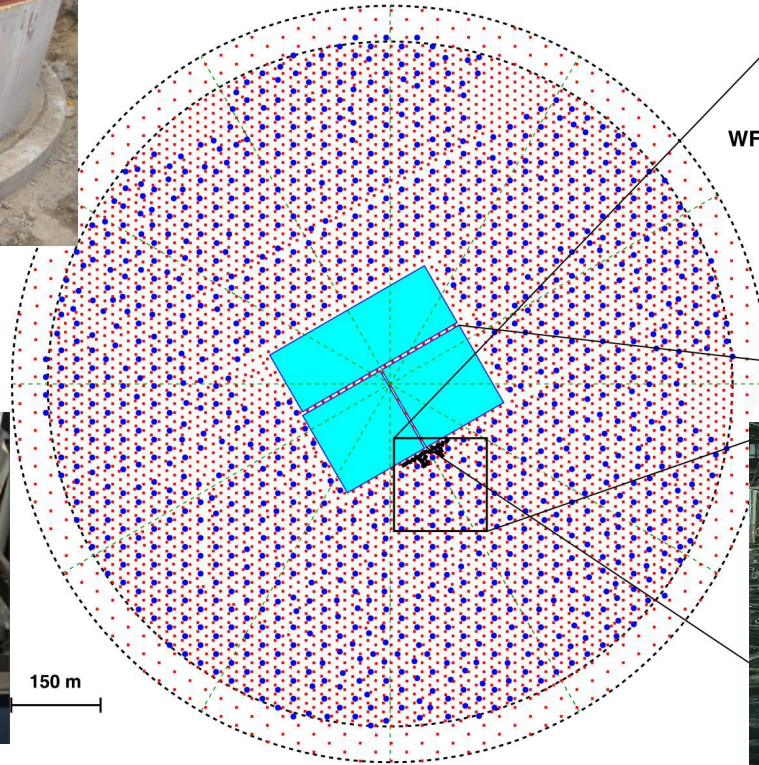
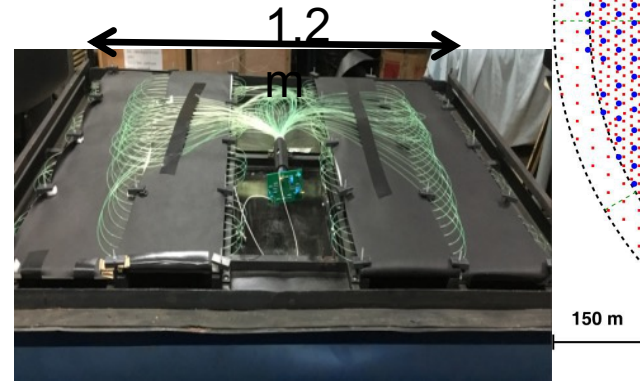
Anisotropy: (1 TeV to 10 PeV)

New Physics Front: DM, LIV, etc.





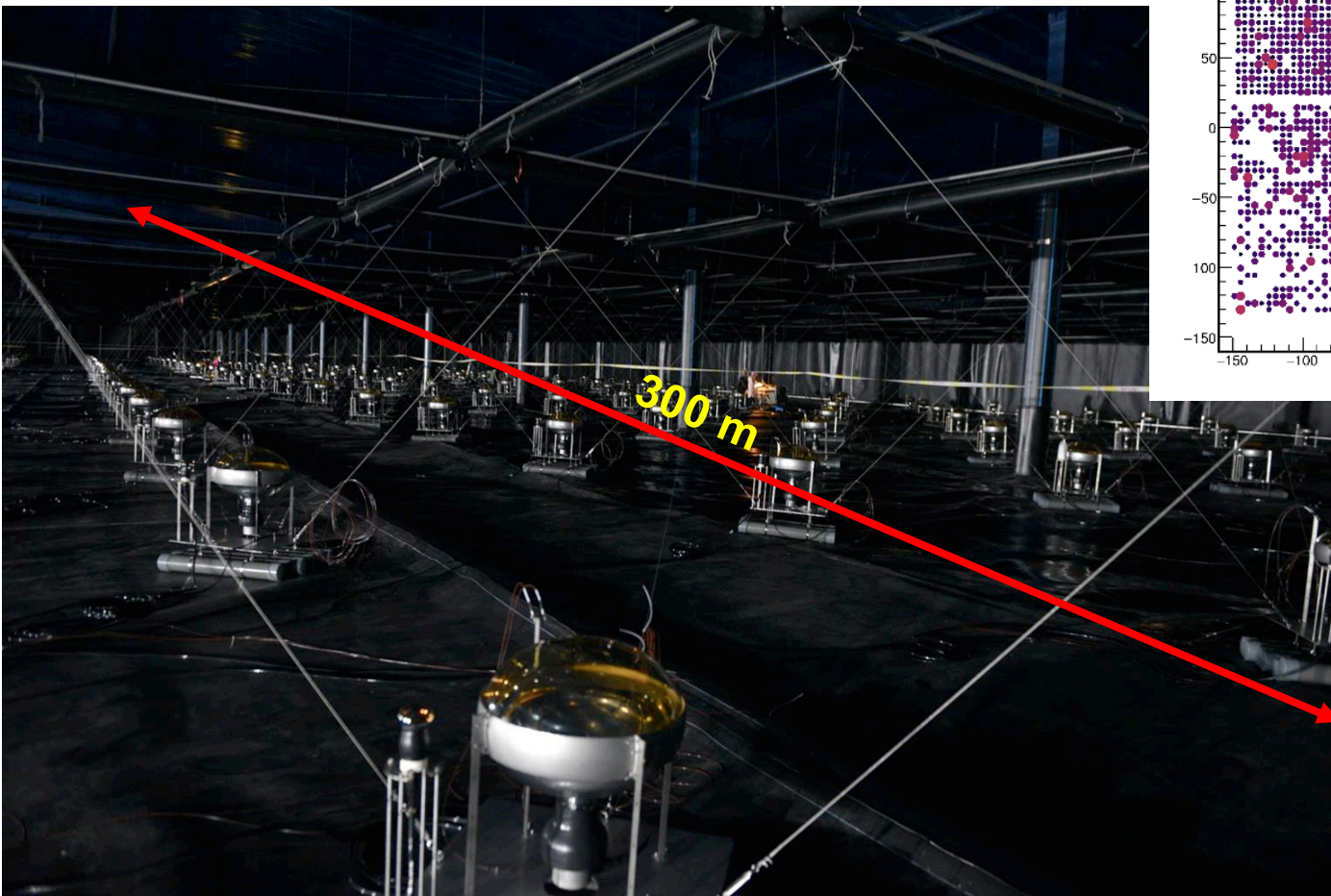
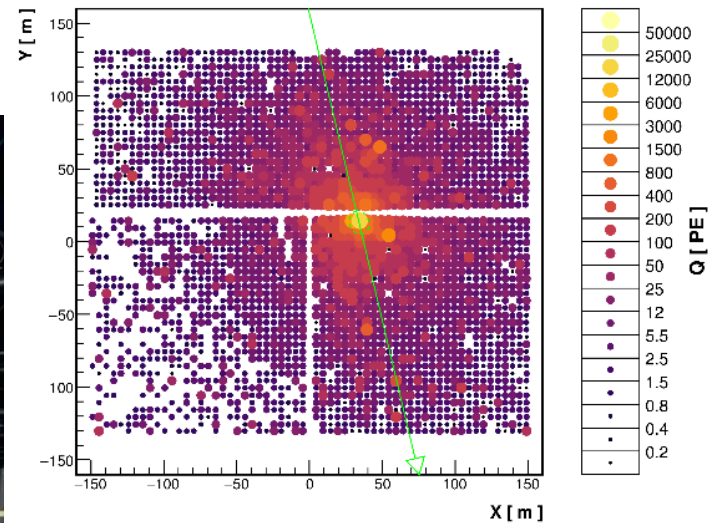
# LHAASO Layout





# LHAASO-WCDA Water Cherenkov Detector Array

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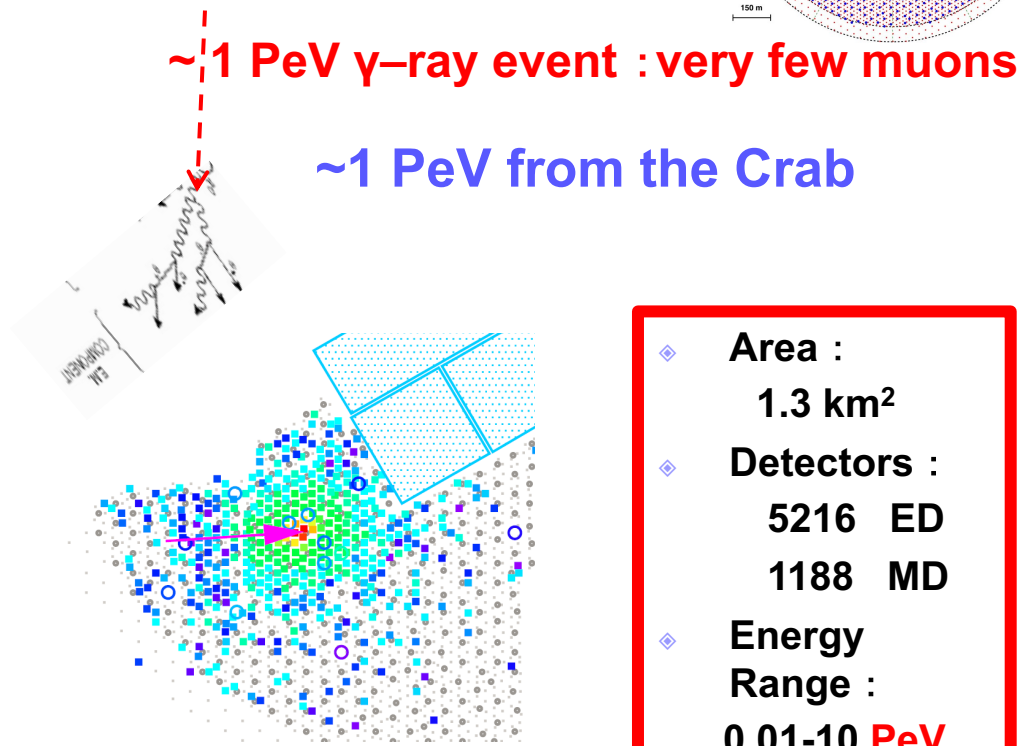
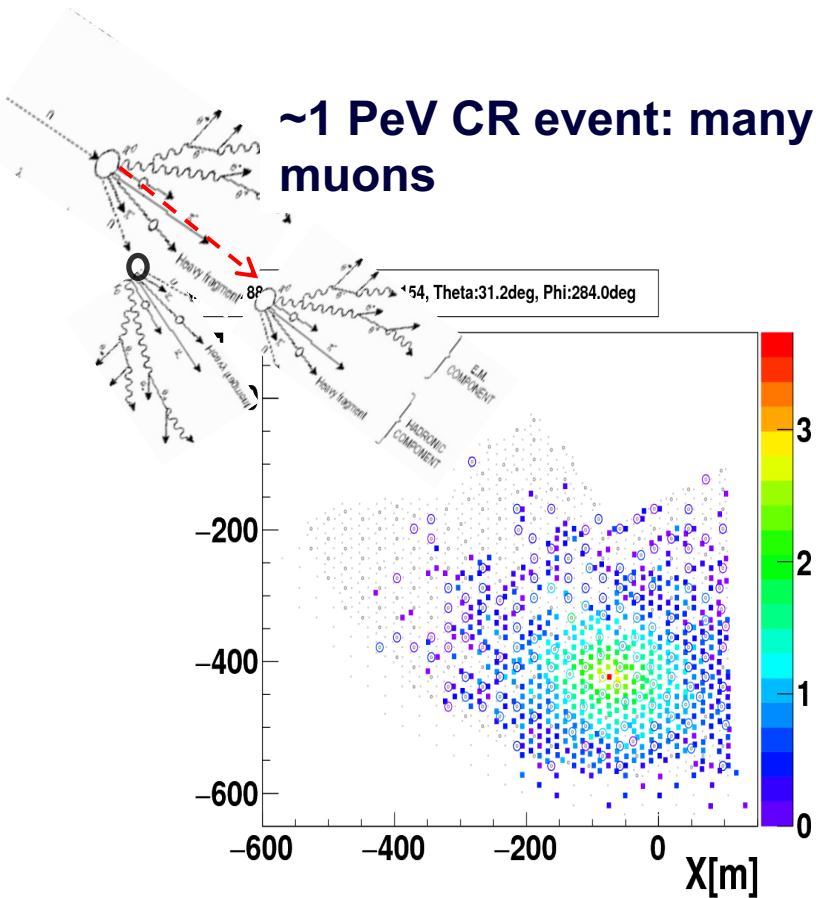
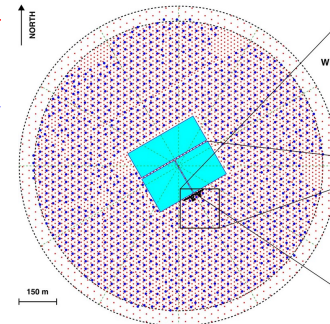
- ◆ Area :  
**78,000 m<sup>2</sup>**
- ◆ Detector units :  
**3120**
- ◆ Energy Range :  
**0.1-10 TeV**



# LHAASO-KM2A

## Selection of $\gamma$ -rays out of CR background

Active Area for Muons vs. Array Area: 4%



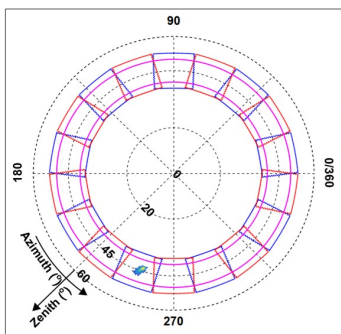
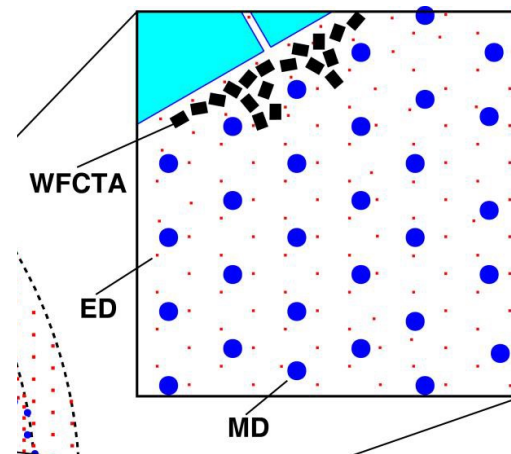
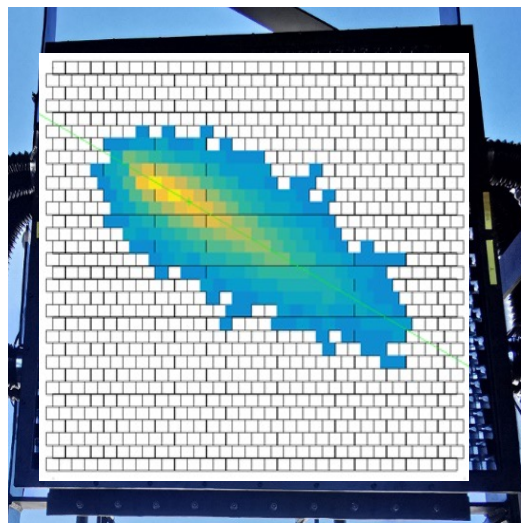
- ◆ Area : 1.3 km<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Detectors : 5216 ED, 1188 MD
- ◆ Energy Range : 0.01-10 PeV



# LHAASO-WFCTA

Separate of individual CR species & measure the knees

~0.1  
PeV  
CR  
event

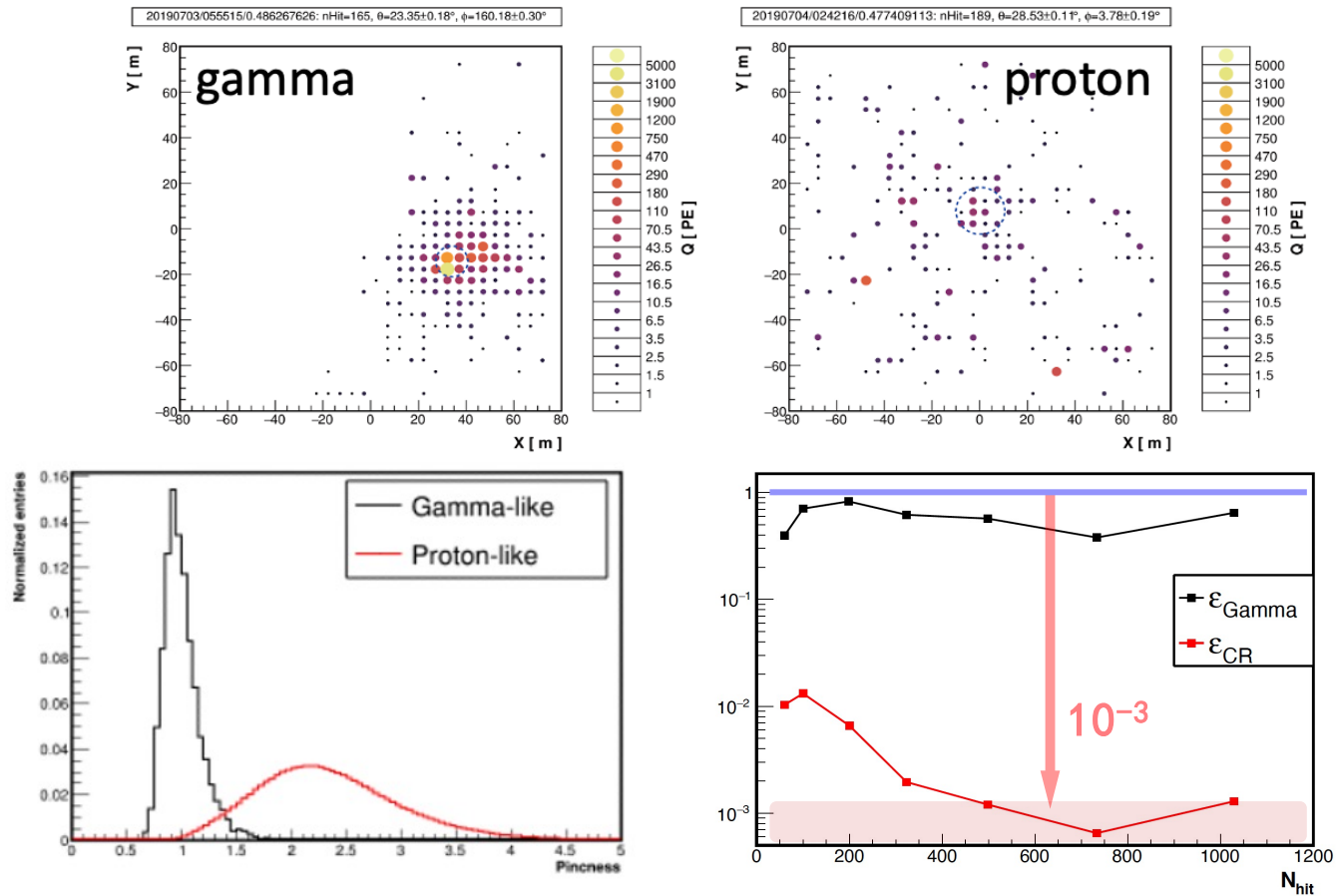


**WFCTA: 18 IACTs**  
Mirror: 5 m<sup>2</sup>  
SiPM camera  
FOV: 16×16°  
Pixel size: 0.5°  
Energy: 0.1-100 PeV



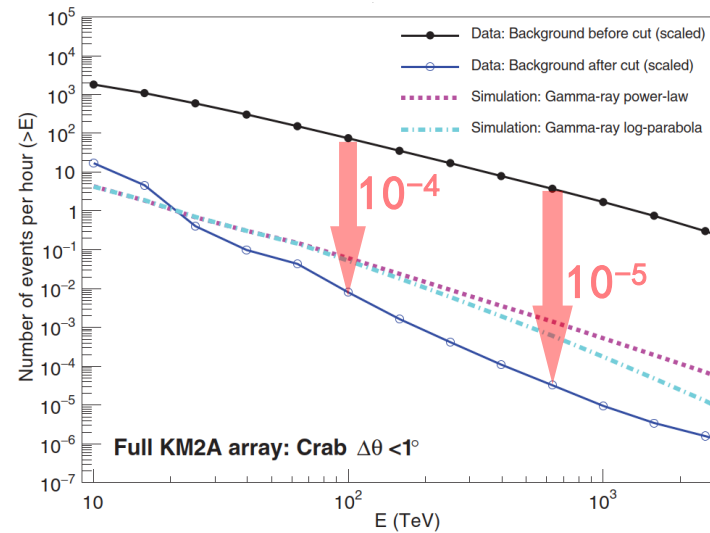
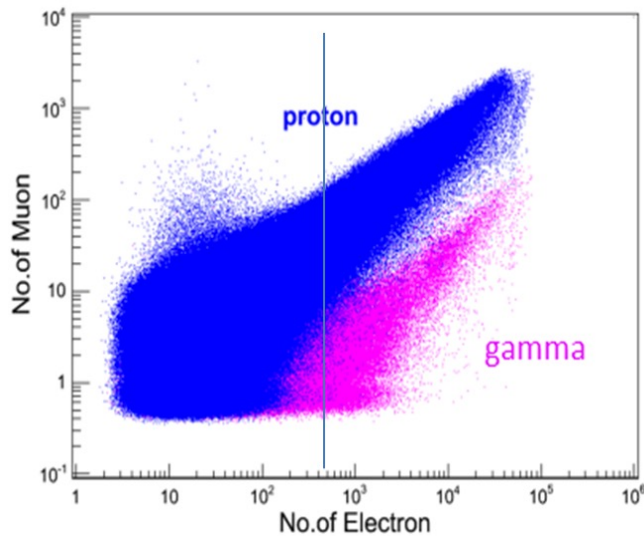


## CR Background rejection in WCDA



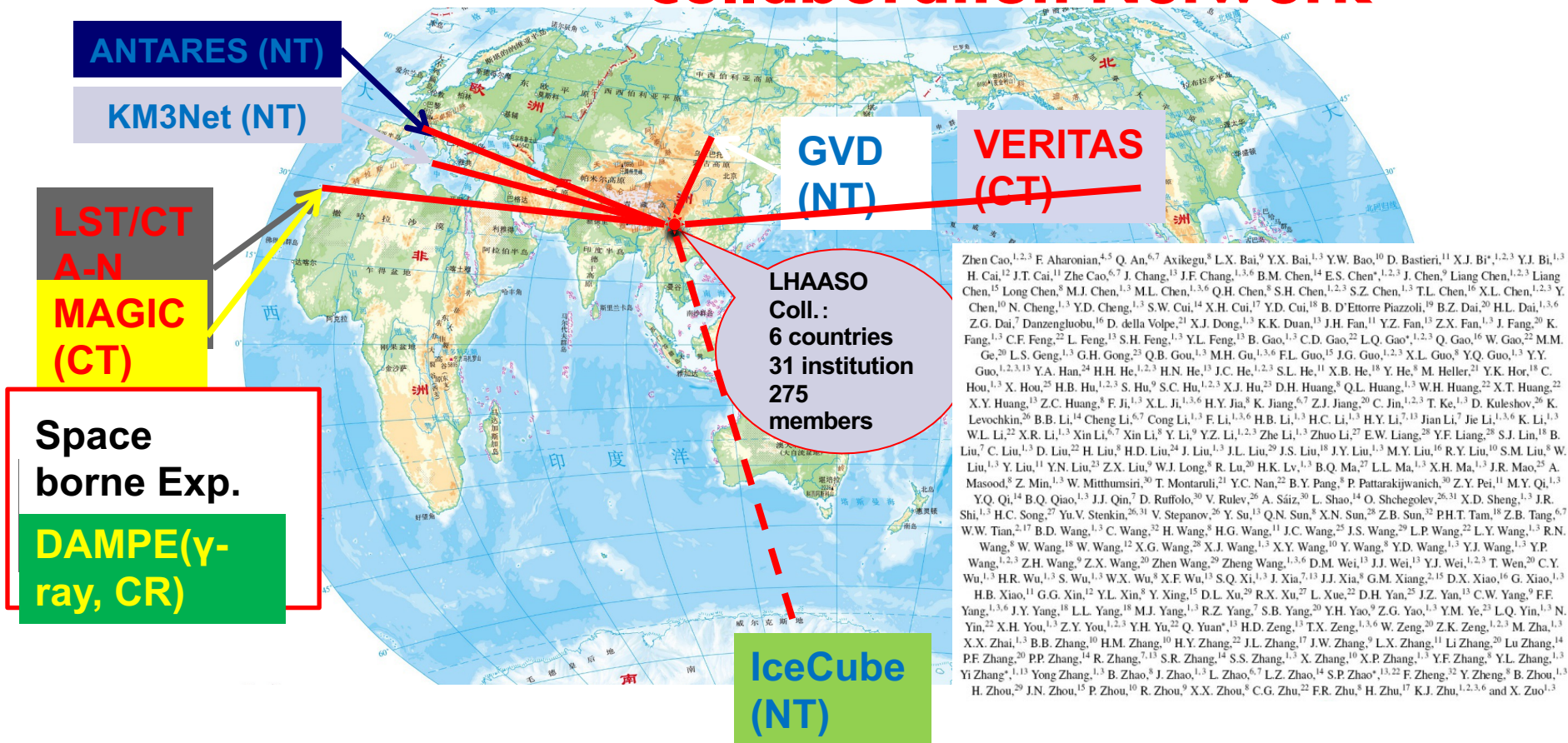
## CR background Rejection in KM2A

- Counting number of measured muons in a shower
- Cutting on ratio  $N_\mu/N_e < 1/230$
- BG-free ( $N_\gamma > 10N_{CR}$ ) Photon Counting  
for showers with  $E > 100$  TeV from the Crab

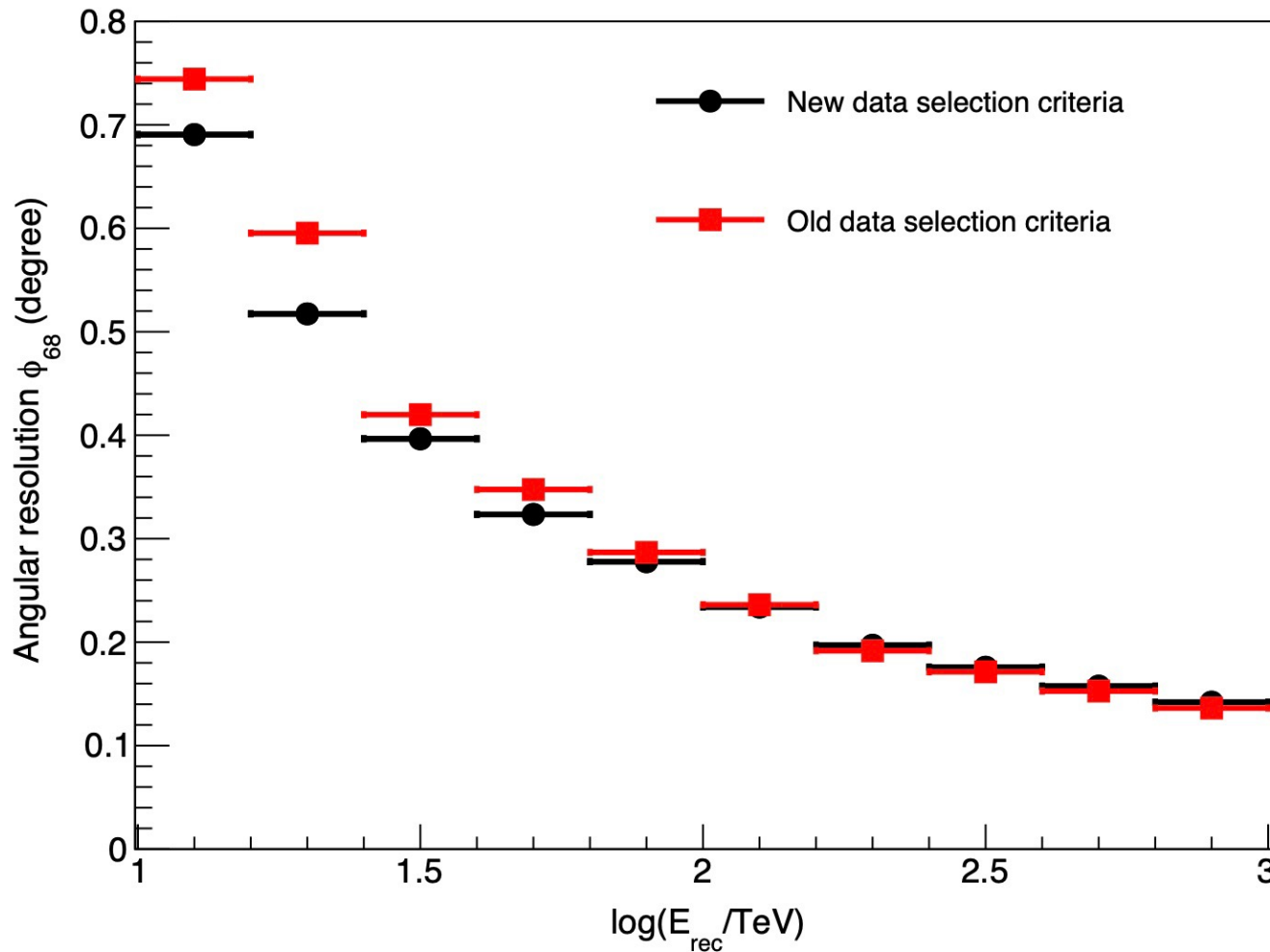


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# Multi-Messenger Collaboration Network

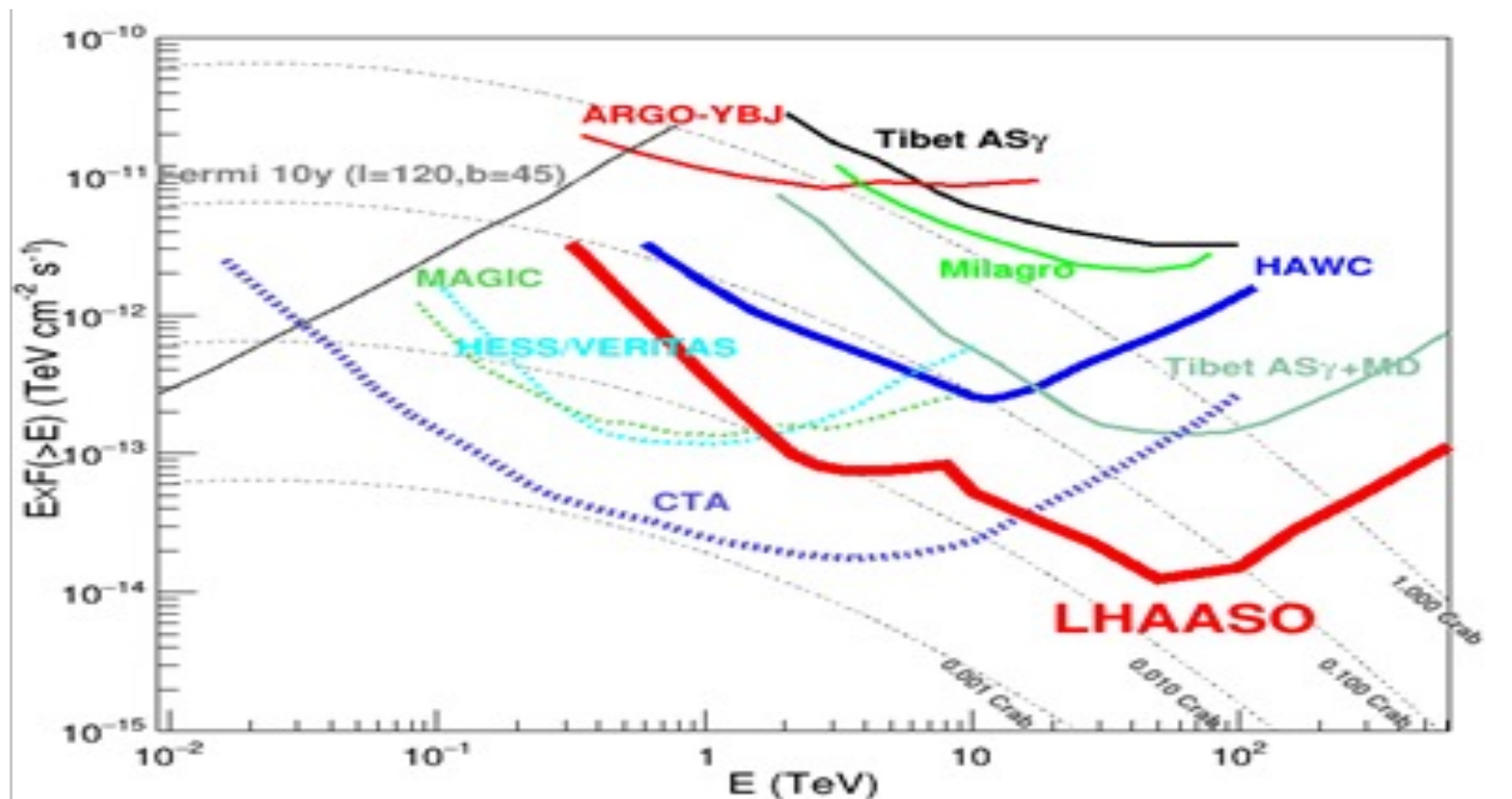


# LHAASO angular resolution



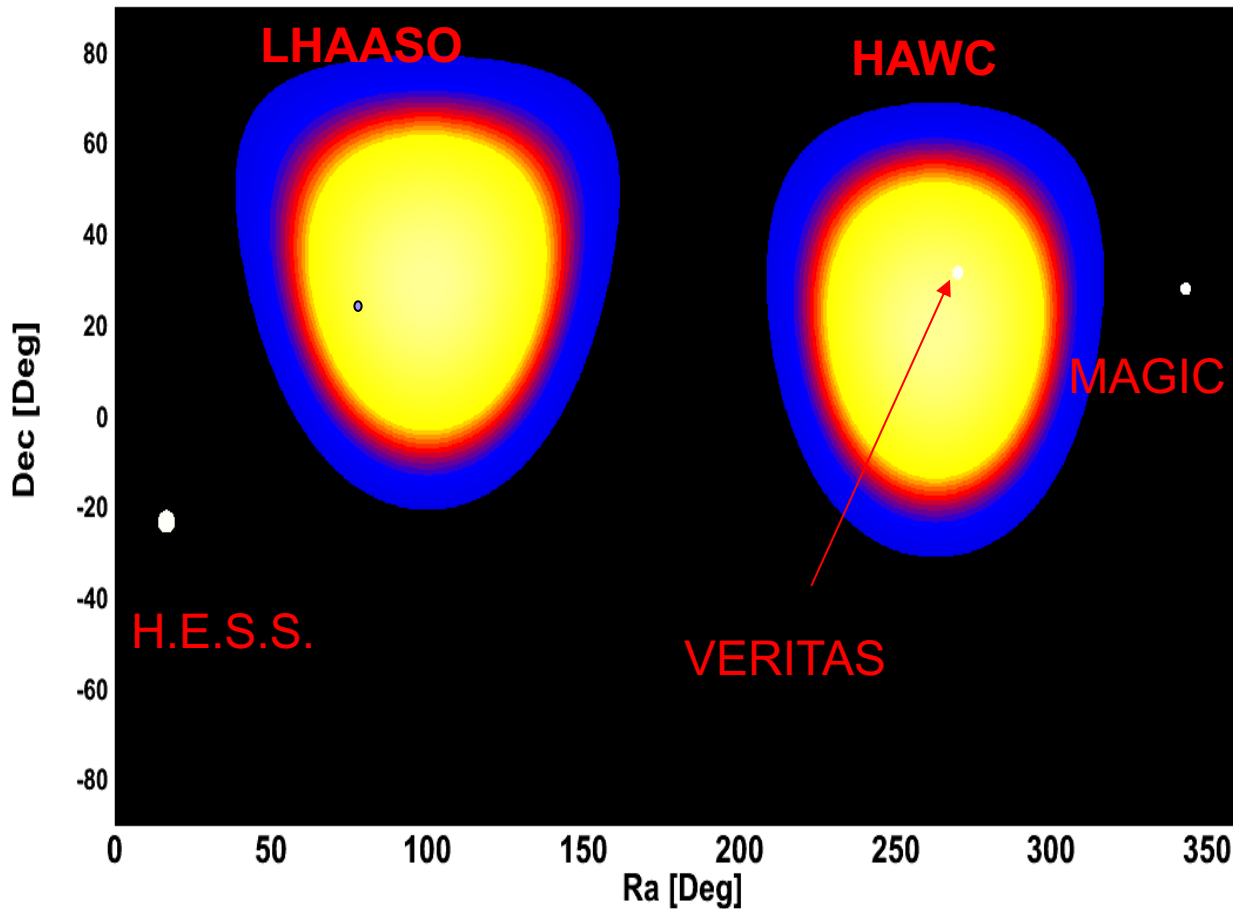
# LHAASO sensitivity

With large FOV and high sensitivity, LHAASO is an ideal detector for sky survey to search VHE and UHE sources!



# Field of view for GRB/TOO

1/7 of the sky at any time



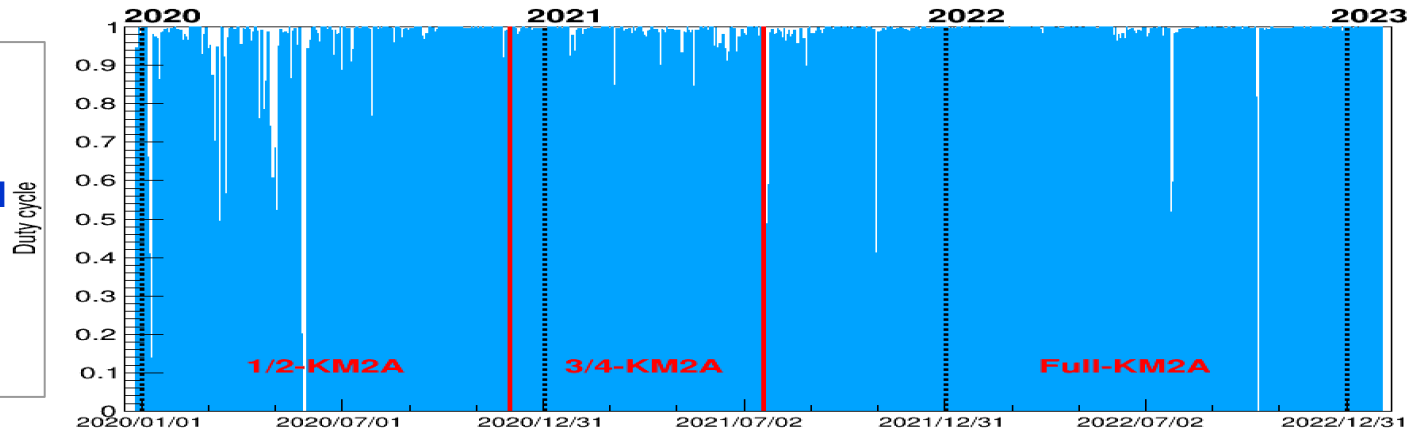
# *1 LHAASO catalog*

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# LHAASO data used for catalog analysis

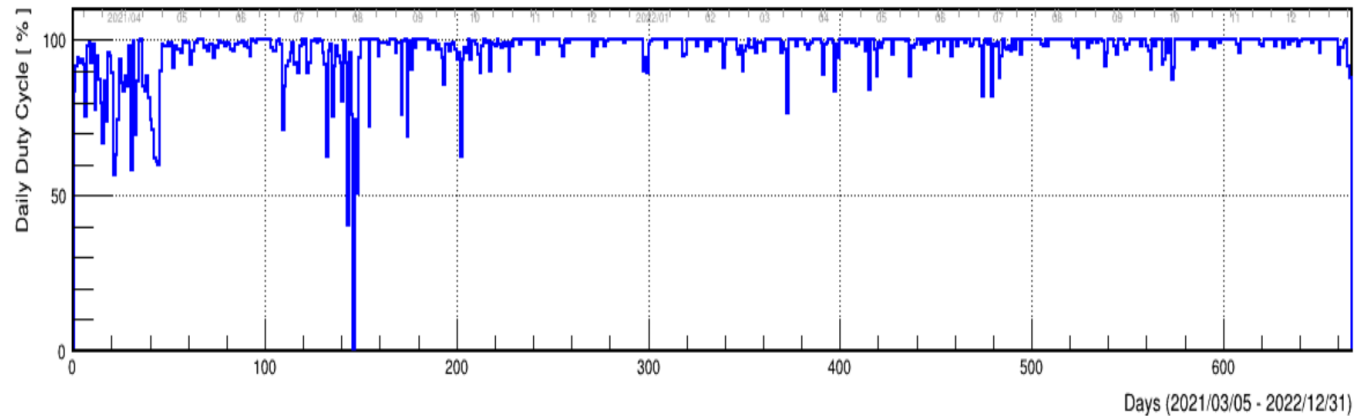
## KM2A

- ◆ 2019-12 to 2022-09
- ◆ 933 days (~730 days full array)
- ◆  $1.3 \times 10^7$  gamma-like events



## WCDA

- ◆ 2021-03 to 2022-09
- ◆ 508 days
- ◆  $1.3 \times 10^9$  gamma-like events



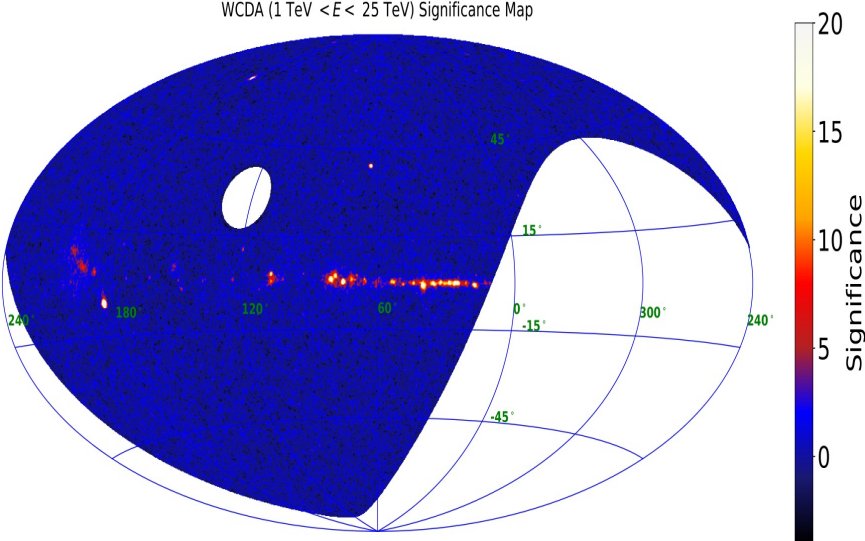


# Point gamma-ray source searching

- The candidates with significance  $>5\sigma$  are used to determine ROI and also as **seeds** for next fitting.

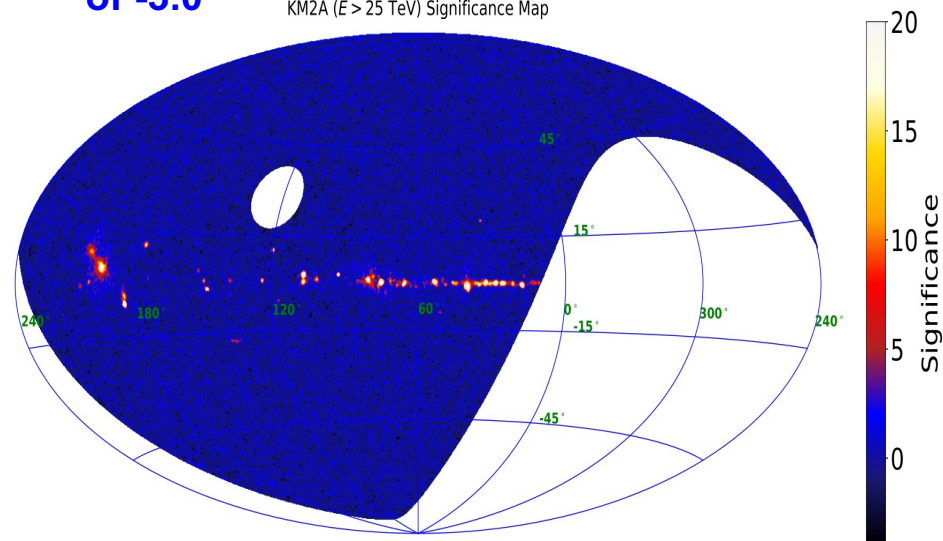
WCDA SED: power-law with a index of

WCDA (1 TeV  $<E < 25$  TeV) Significance Map



KM2A SED: power-law with a index of -3.0

KM2A ( $E > 25$  TeV) Significance Map

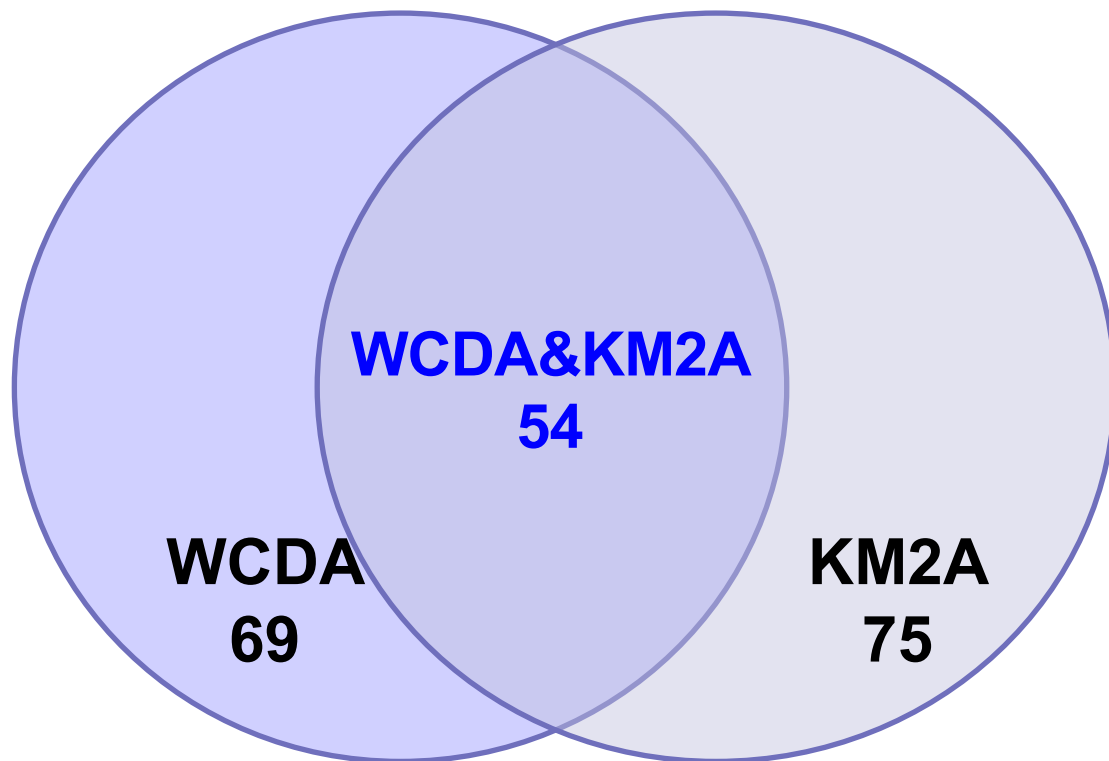


# Construction of the 1<sup>st</sup> LHAASO sources

**90** 1<sup>st</sup> LHAASO sources

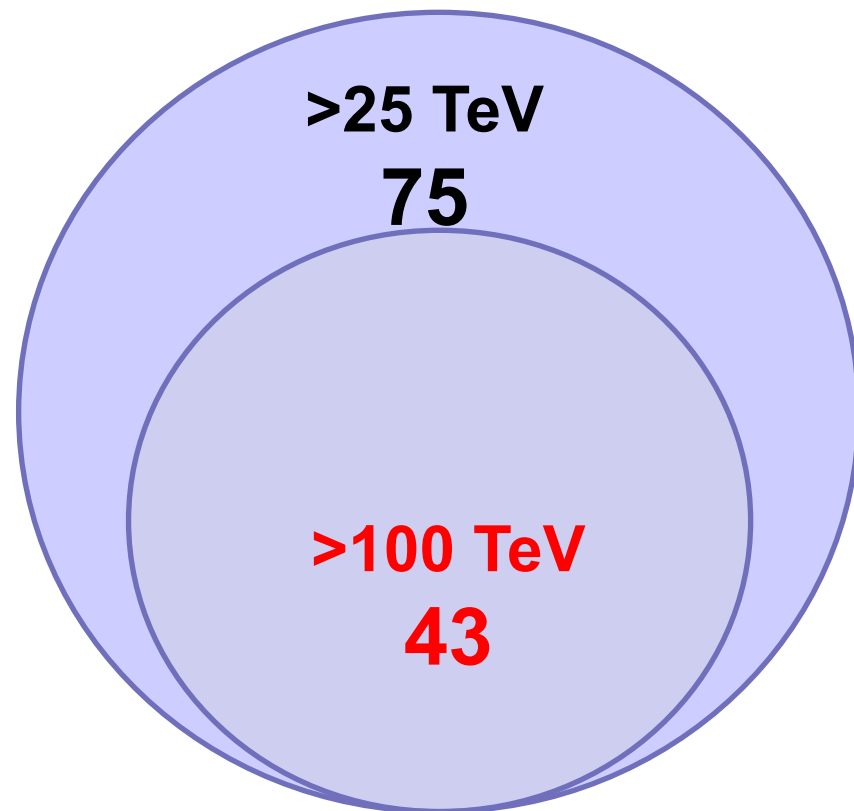
## WCDA&KM2A

- Space Angle
- Position error
- Source extension



## UHE gamma-ray sources

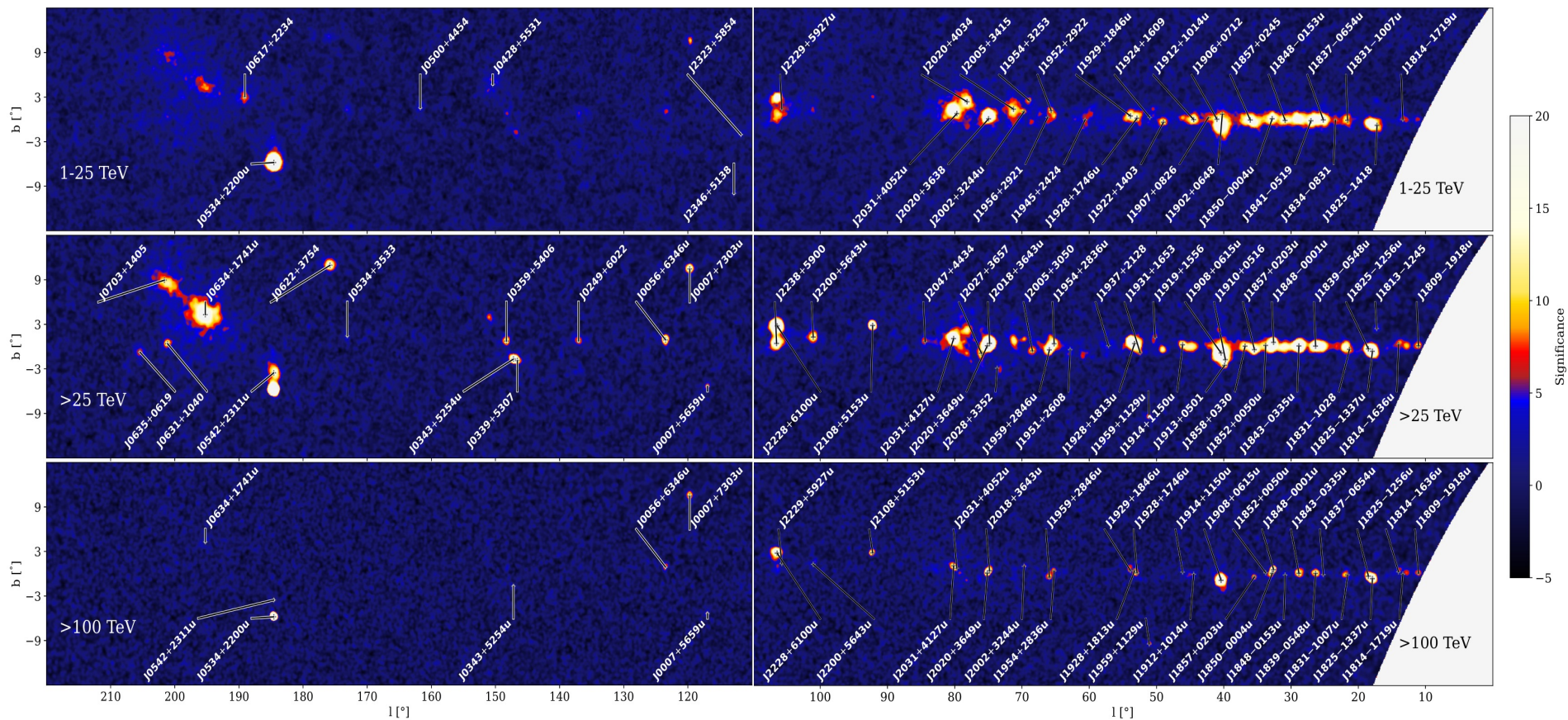
- The position and extension achieved by KM2A at  $>25$  TeV are used.
- Sources with significance  $>4\sigma$  at  $>100$  TeV are labeled as UHE sources



# 1<sup>st</sup> LHAASO source catalog

Source name	Components	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	$\sigma_{p,95,stat}$	$r_{39}$	TS	$N_0$	$\Gamma$	TS <sub>100</sub>	Asso.(Sep.[°])
1LHAASO J0007+5659u	KM2A	1.86	57.00	0.12	<0.18	86.5	0.33±0.05	3.10±0.20	43.6	
	WCDA						<0.27			
1LHAASO J0007+7303u	KM2A	1.91	73.07	0.07	0.17±0.03	361.0	3.41±0.27	3.40±0.12	171.6	CTA 1 (0.12)
	WCDA	1.48	73.15	0.10	<0.22	141.6	5.01±1.11	2.74±0.11		
1LHAASO J0056+6346u	KM2A	14.10	63.77	0.08	0.24±0.03	380.2	1.47±0.10	3.33±0.10	94.1	
	WCDA	13.78	63.96	0.15	0.33±0.07	106.1	1.45±0.41	2.35±0.13		
1LHAASO J0206+4302u	KM2A	31.70	43.05	0.13	<0.27	96.0	0.24±0.03	2.62±0.16	82.8	
	WCDA						<0.09			
1LHAASO J0212+4254u	KM2A	33.01	42.91	0.20	<0.31	38.4	0.12±0.03	2.45±0.23	30.2	
	WCDA						<0.07			
1LHAASO J0216+4237u	KM2A	34.10	42.63	0.10	<0.13	102.0	0.18±0.03	2.58±0.17	65.6	
	WCDA						<0.20			
1LHAASO J0249+6022	KM2A	42.39	60.37	0.16	0.38±0.08	148.8	0.93±0.09	3.82±0.18		
	WCDA	41.52	60.49	0.40	0.71±0.10	53.3	1.96±0.51	2.52±0.16		
1LHAASO J0339+5307	KM2A	54.79	53.13	0.11	<0.22	144.0	0.58±0.06	3.64±0.16		LHAASO J0341+5258 (0.37)
	WCDA						<0.21			
1LHAASO J0343+5254u*	KM2A	55.79	52.91	0.08	0.20±0.02	388.1	1.07±0.07	3.53±0.10	20.2	LHAASO J0341+5258 (0.28)
	WCDA	55.34	53.05	0.18	0.33±0.05	94.1	0.29±0.13	1.70±0.19		

# 82 sources with the Galactic latitude $|b| < 12^\circ$



# 8 sources with the Galactic latitude $|b| > 12^\circ$

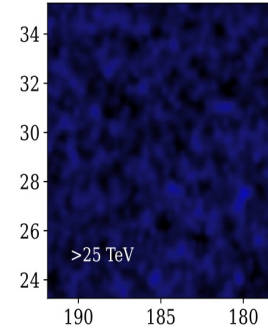
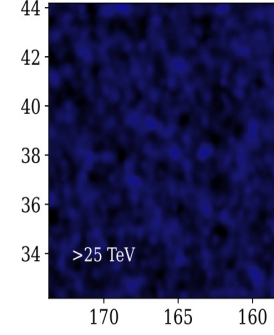
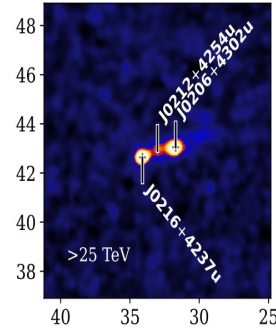
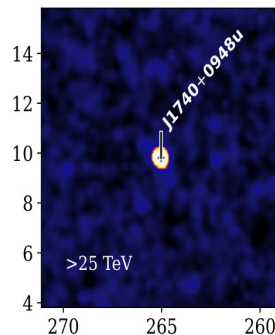
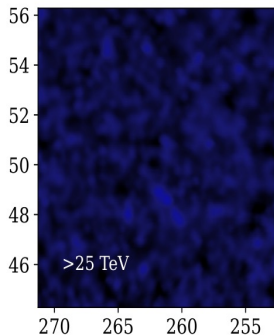
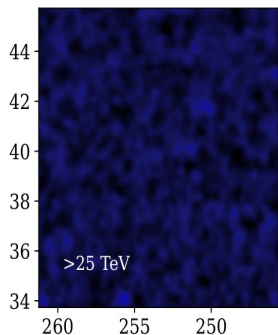
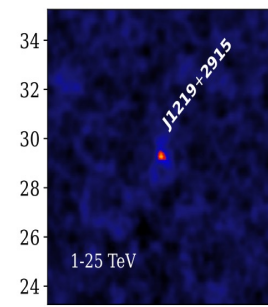
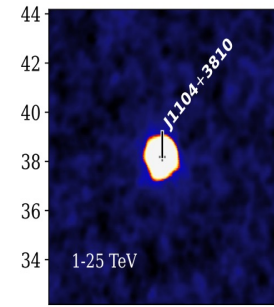
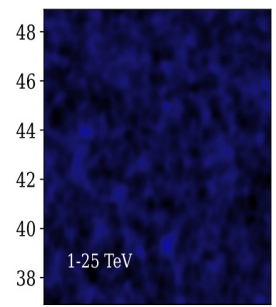
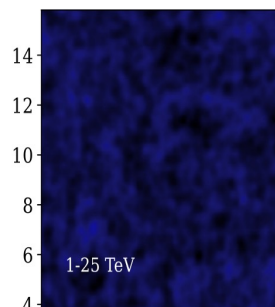
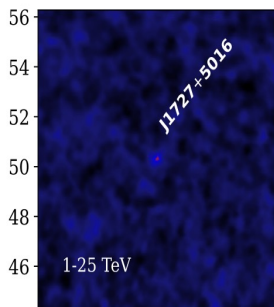
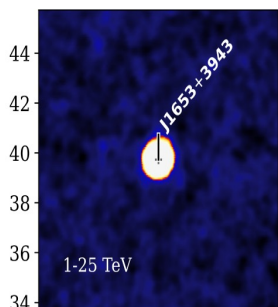
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 $z=0.031$

**1ES 1727+502**  
 $z=0.055$

**4 AGNs**

**Mrk 501**  
 $z=0.034$

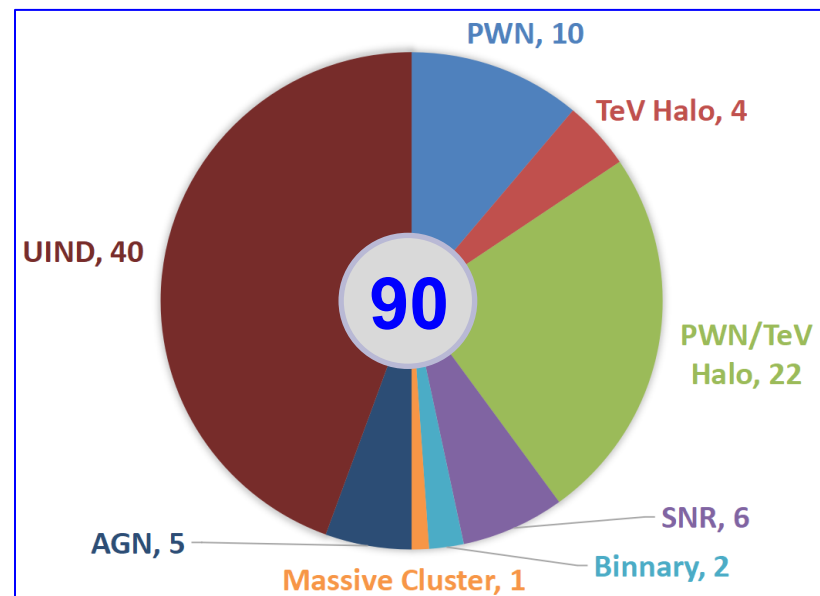
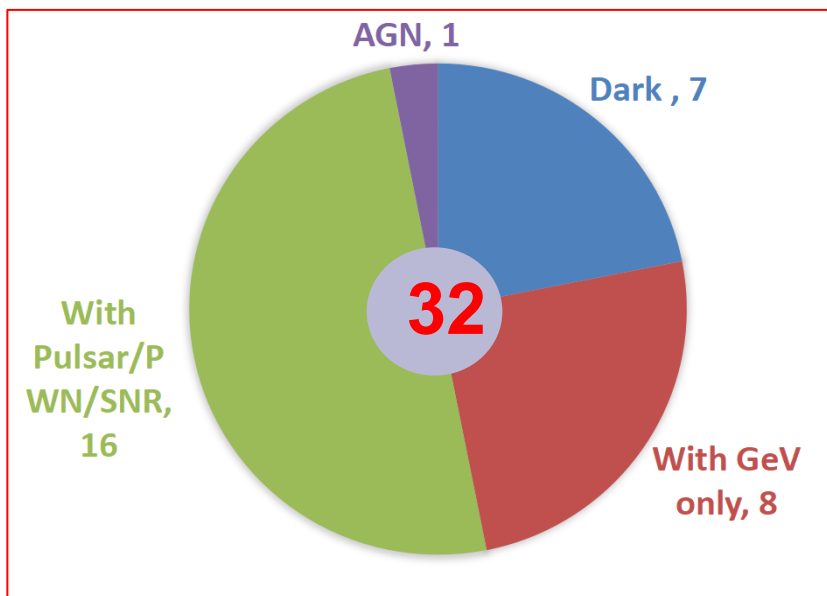
**NGC 4278**  
 $z=0.002$



$\alpha_{2000} [^\circ]$

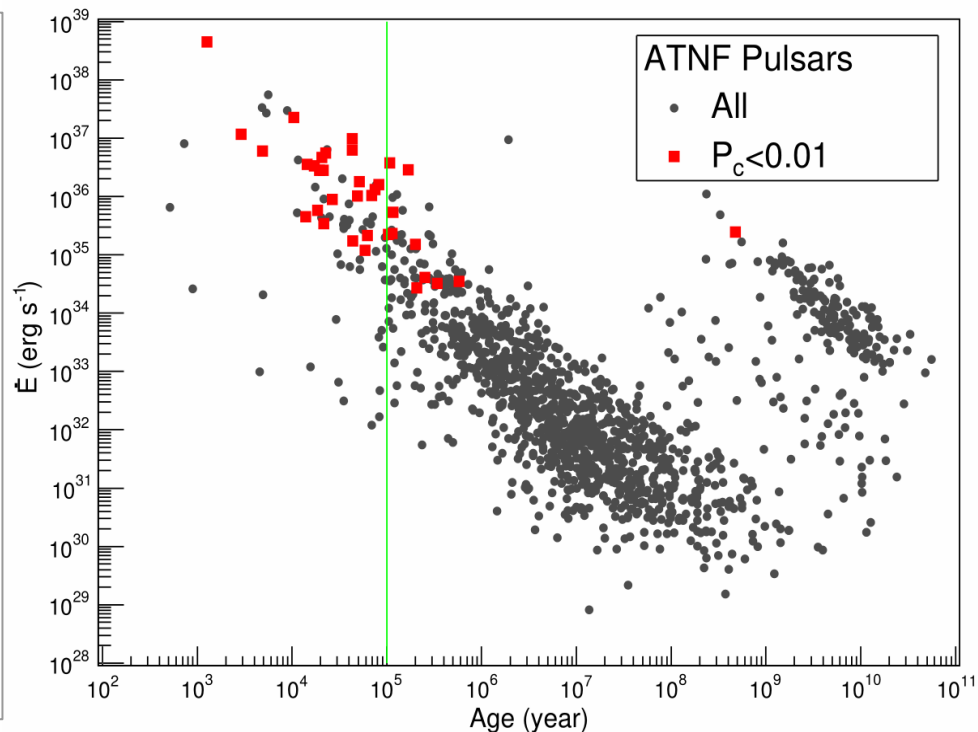
## Association with known TeV Sources

- **58** sources with TeVCat+3HAWC association
- **32** new sources (25+7)



# Association with ATNF pulsars

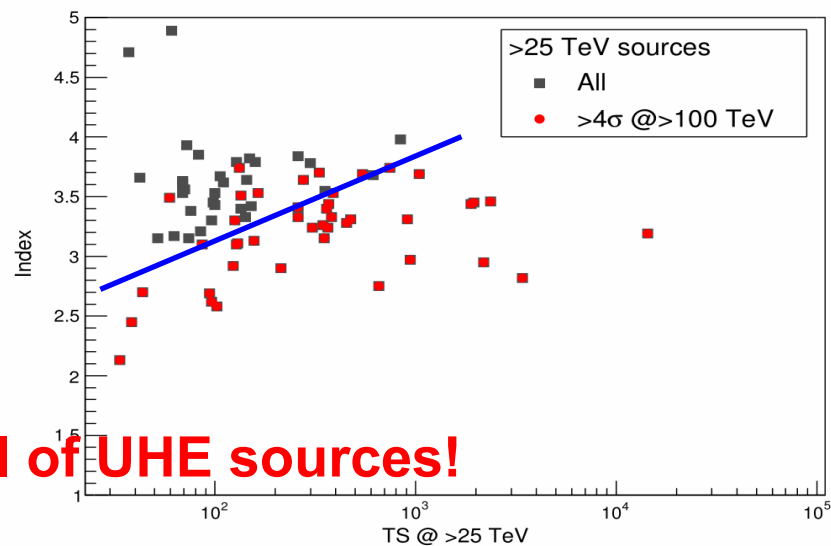
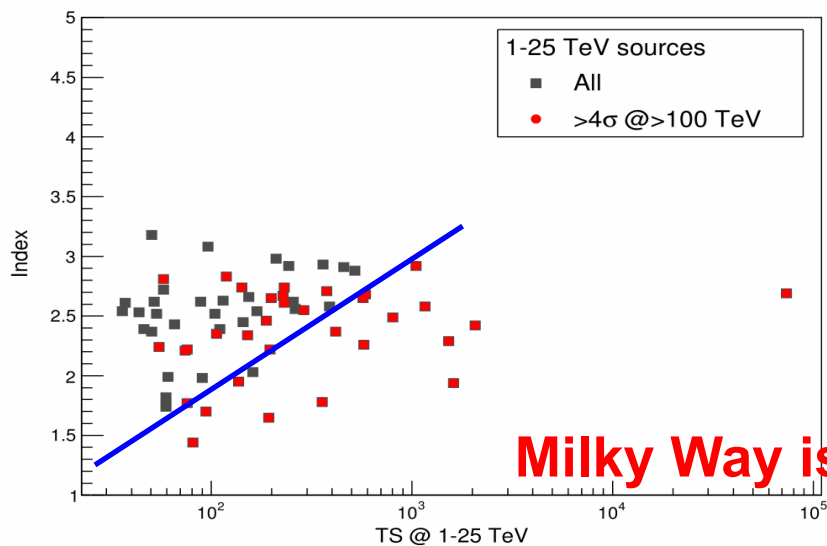
- **65** 1LHAASO sources with pulsar nearby  $<0.5^\circ$ .
- **35** associations with chance coincide probability  $<1\%$ . (13 labeled as PWN or Halo in TeVCat)
- **22** new possible PWN/TeV Halo





# PeVatrons

- **51% (35/69) 1-25TeV sources are UHE sources.**
- **57% (43/75) >25TeV sources are UHE sources.**
- **19% (8/43) UHE sources are not detected at 1-25TeV (new class?).**

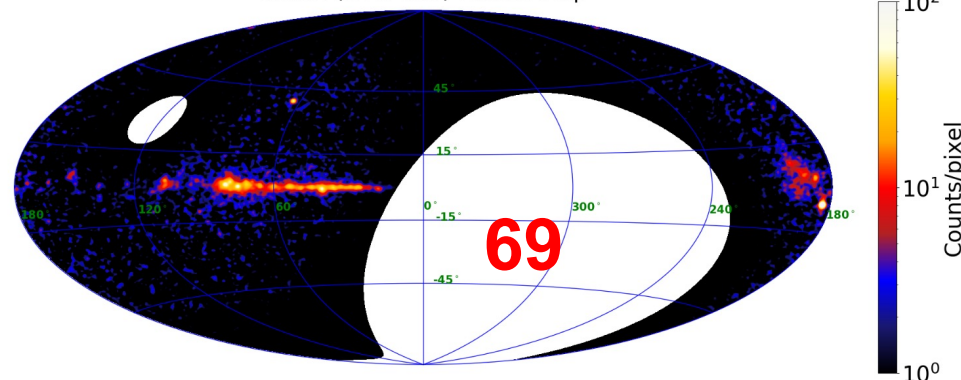


**Milky Way is full of UHE sources!**

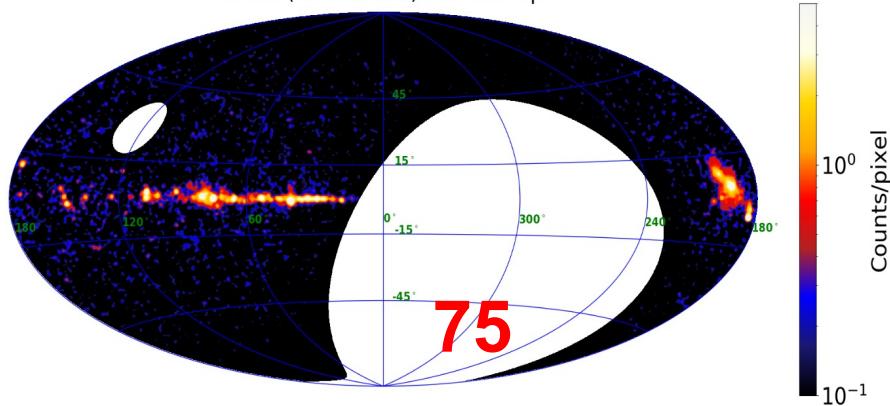
# 1 LHAASO catalog

- **90** in 1<sup>st</sup> LHAASO sources.
- **32** new discoveries
- **43** UHE

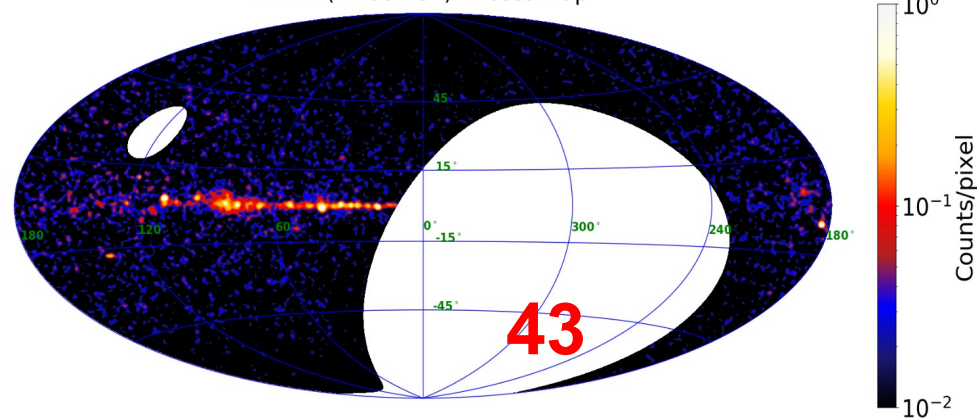
WCDA (1-25 TeV) Excess Map



KM2A (25-100 TeV) Excess Map



KM2A (>100 TeV) Excess Map

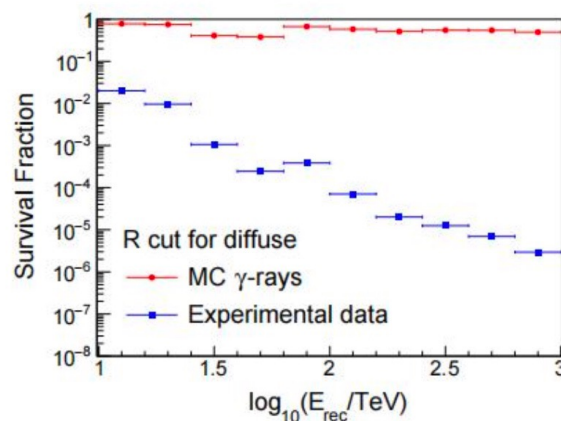
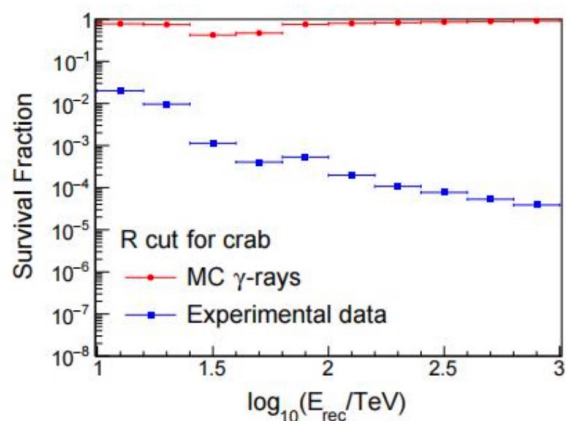


# *Diffuse gamma-ray emission*

*based on talk of  
Qiang Yuan*

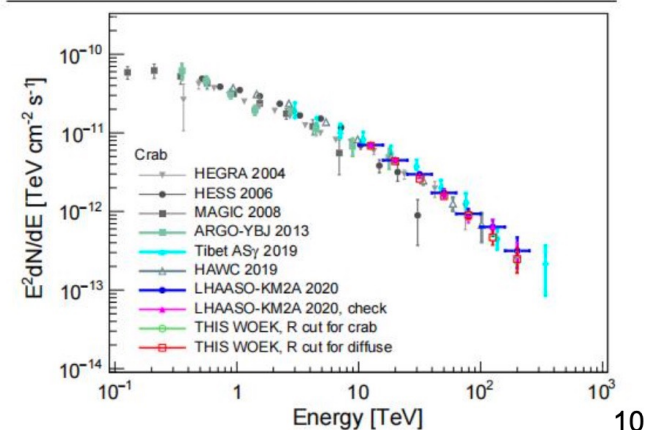
# Gamma/CR discrimination

$$R = \log \left( \frac{N_\mu + 0.0001}{N_e} \right)$$

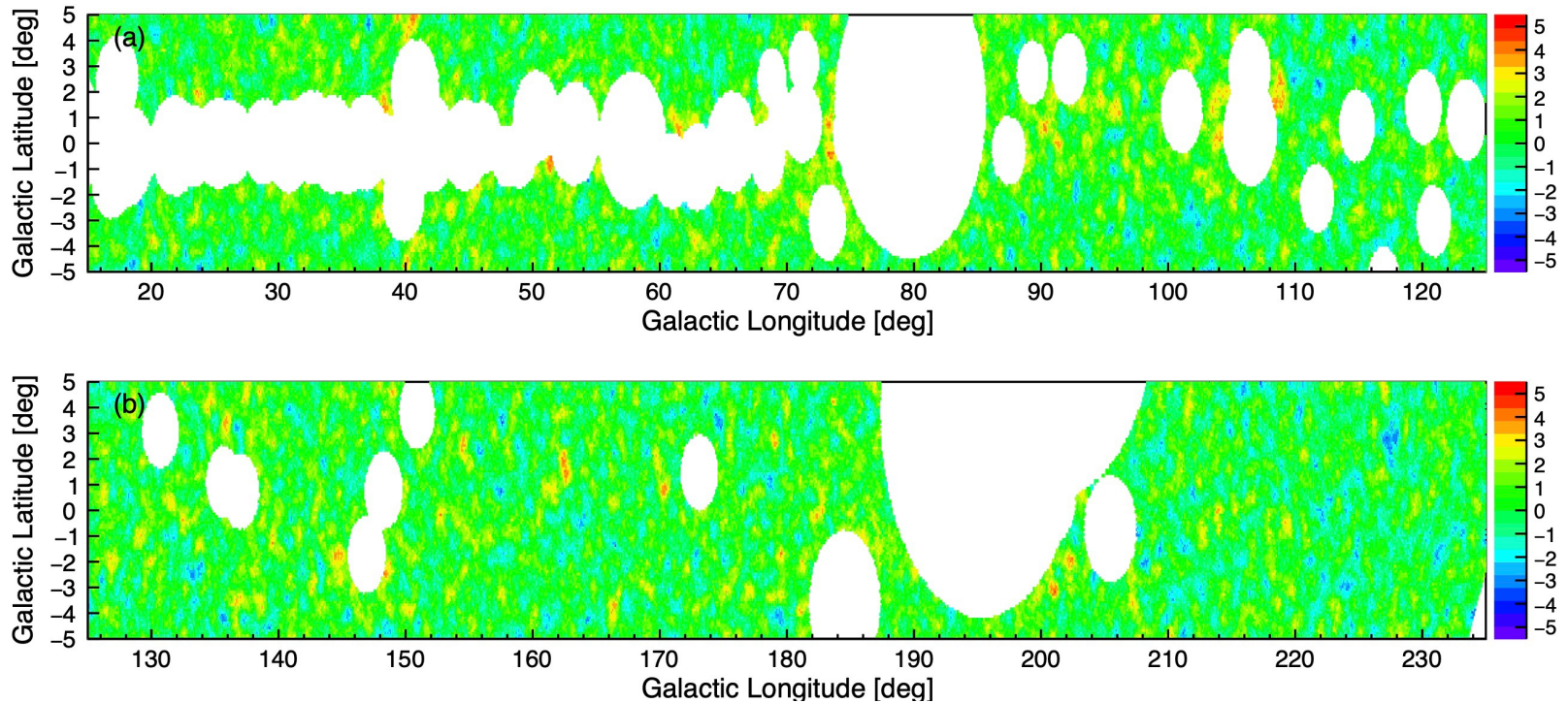


$\log(E_{\text{rec}}/\text{TeV})$	$R$ for crab	$R$ for diffuse
1.0 – 1.2	-5.11	-5.00
1.2 – 1.4	-5.24	-3.20
1.4 – 1.6	-5.95	-5.96
1.6 – 1.8	-6.08	-6.17
1.8 – 2.0	-2.34	-2.50
2.0 – 2.2	-2.35	-2.69
2.2 – 2.4	-2.36	-2.79
2.4 – 2.6	-2.36	-2.74
2.6 – 2.8	-2.36	-2.75
2.8 – 3.0	-2.36	-2.79

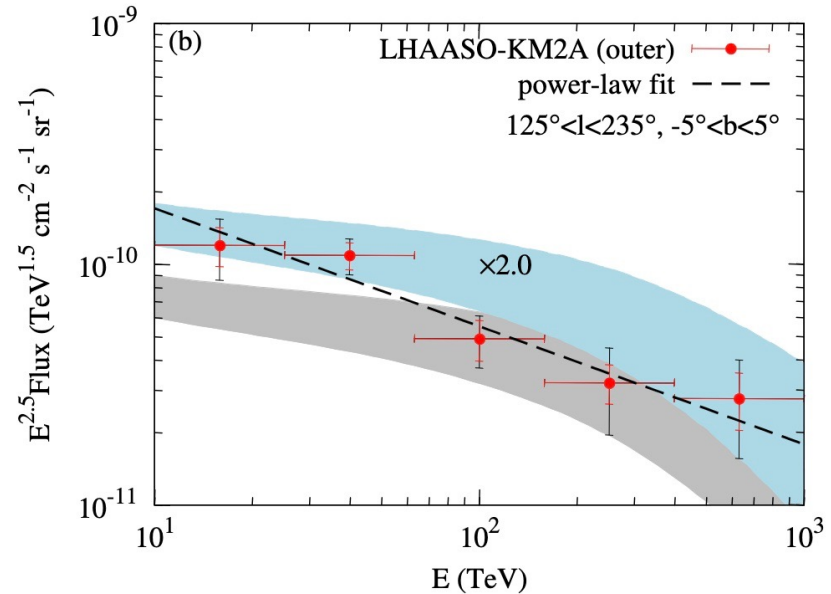
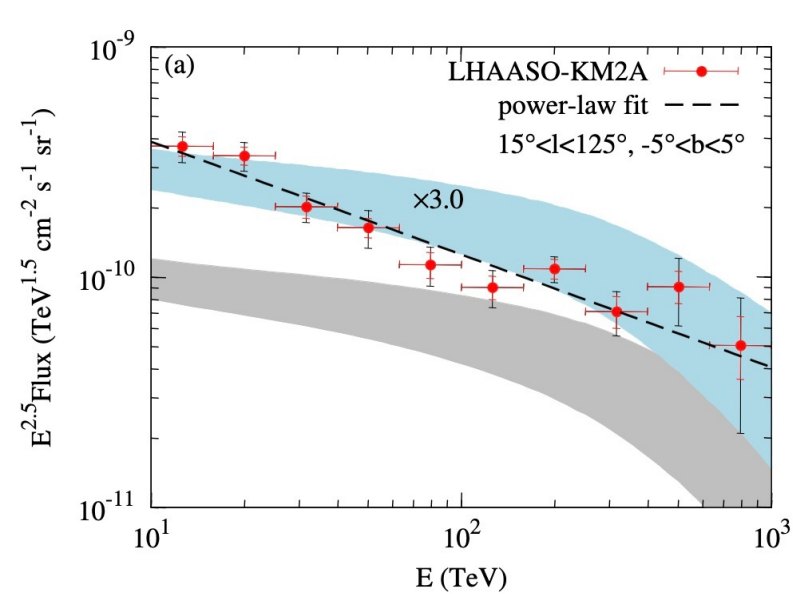
- R cuts adjusted from the Crab analysis to enable a higher  $Q=S/B^{1/2}$  factor
- Efficiencies change from ~90% to ~60%



# Mask LHAASO



# LHAASO diffuse



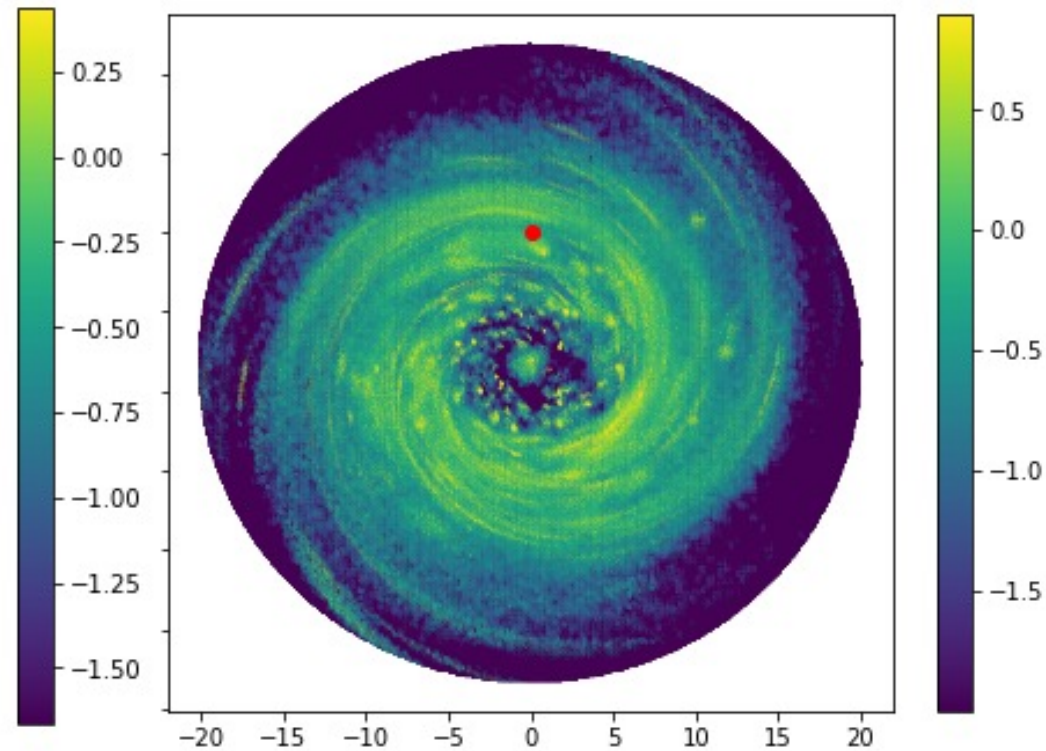
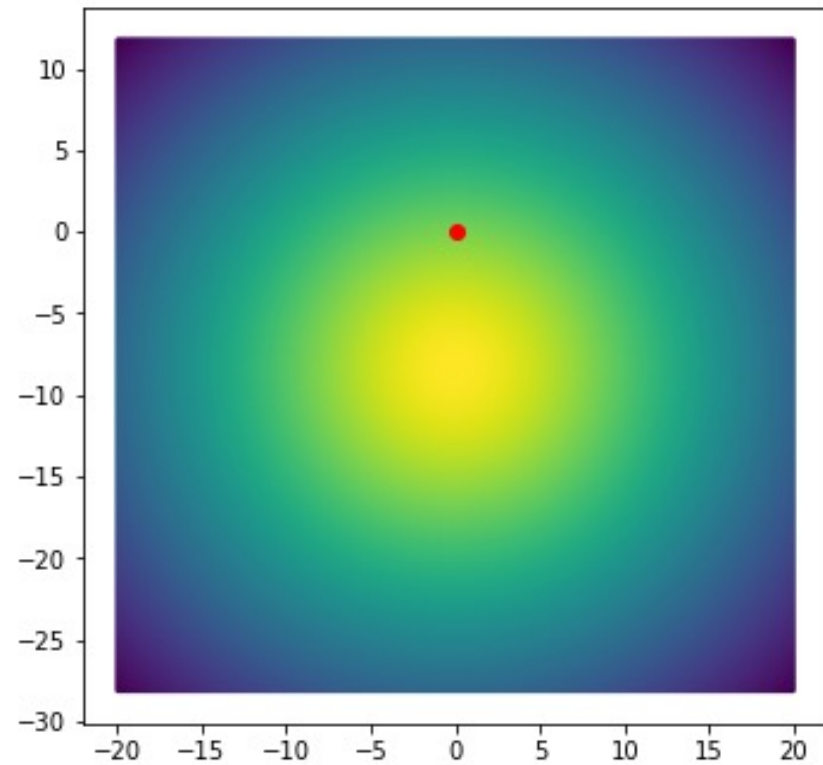
$$\Xi^{A,A'}(E, l, b) = \int_0^\infty ds n_{\text{gas}}^{A'}(\mathbf{x}) I_{\text{CR}}^A(E, \mathbf{x})$$

$$I_\nu(E, l, b) = \sum_{A,A'} \int_E^\infty dE' \Xi^{A,A'}(E', l, b) \frac{d\sigma^{AA' \rightarrow \nu}(E', E)}{dE}$$

# 1 PeV CR density in the Gal. plane

Lipari & Vernetto (2018)

G.Giacinti & D.S., 2305.10251



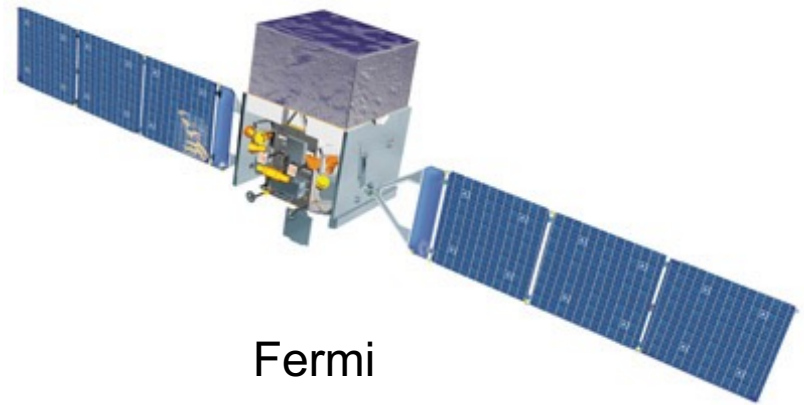
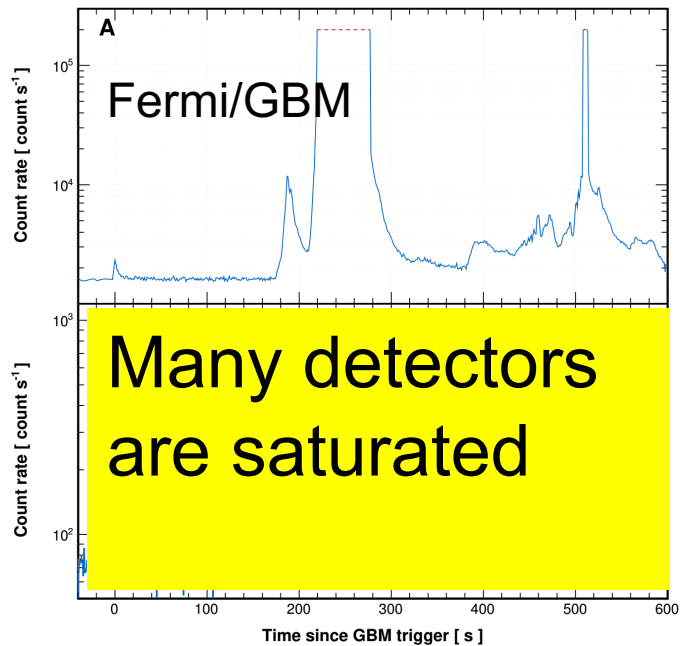
*Detection of GRB  
221009A by LHAASO  
WCDA and km2a*

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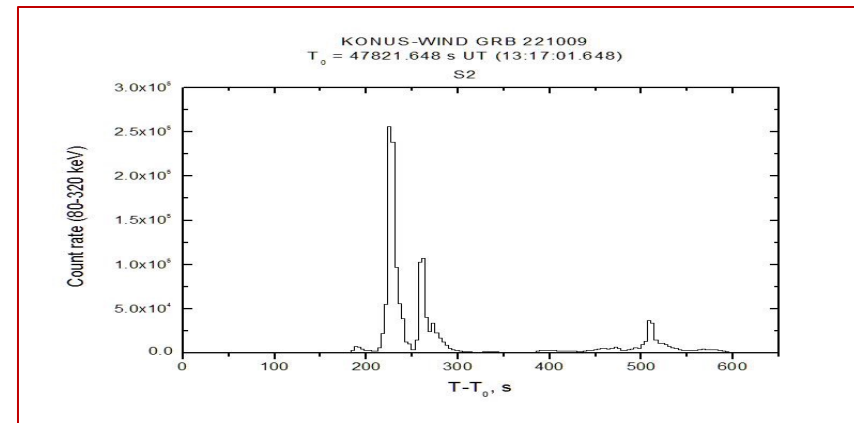
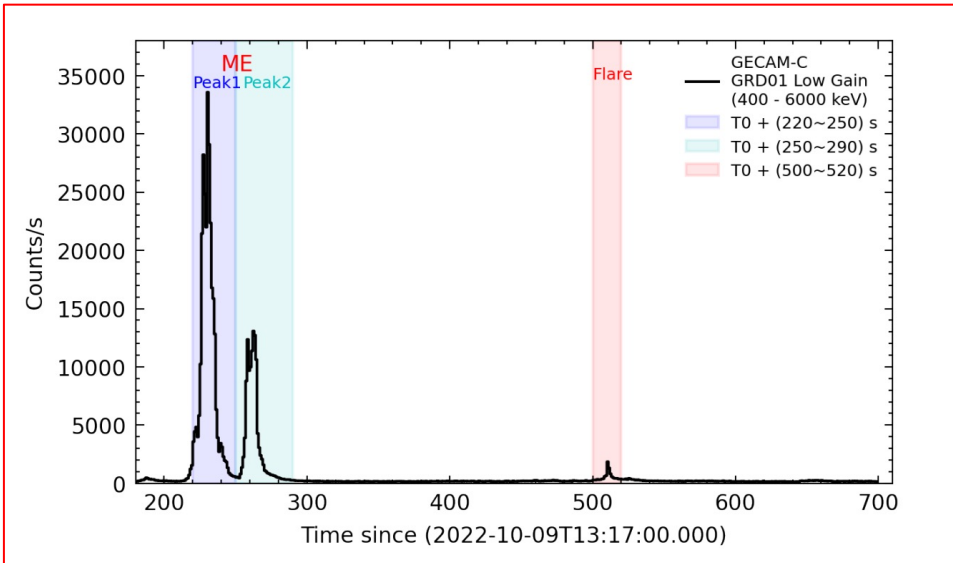


## GRB 221009A: brightest-of-all-time (BOAT) GRB

- Triggered on a weak precursor
- Fluence:  $>5e-2$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup>, low redshift ( $z=0.151$ )
- deriving an enormous energy  $E_{\gamma,iso} \sim 10^{55}$  erg



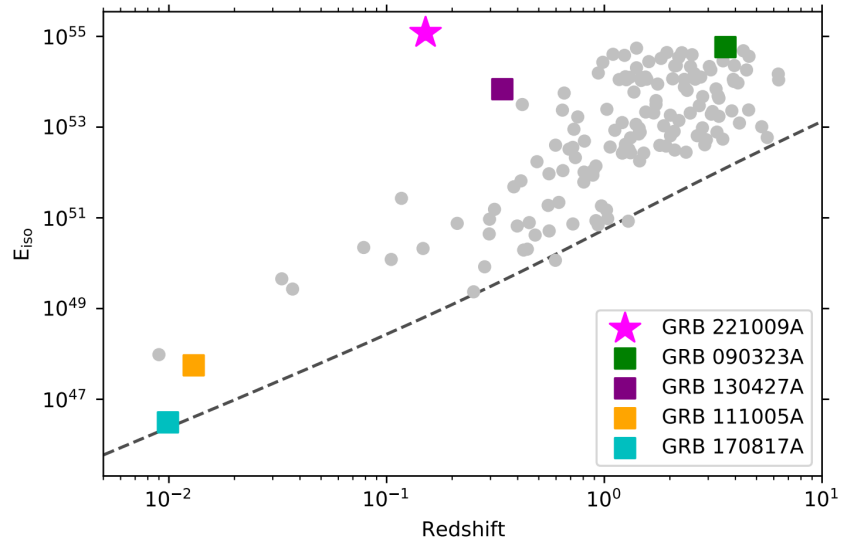
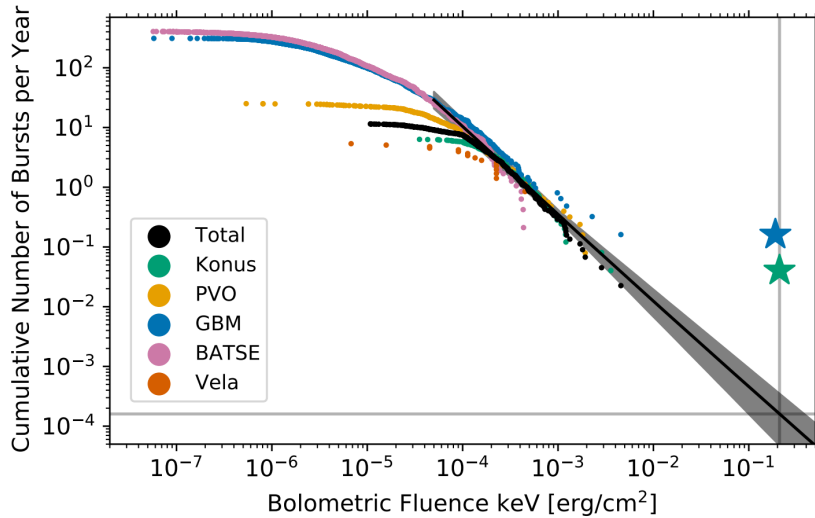
## GECAM/Konus-Wind Observations of GRB 221009A



$E_{\text{iso}} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{55}$  erg

Main peak 1 lasts  $\sim 10$  s

# GRB 221009A: A very rare event



Fluence:  $>5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ erg/cm}^2$

$R_{\text{GRB}} \leq 6.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

$z=0.151$  volume  $\sim 1 \text{ Gpc}^3$

$R < 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

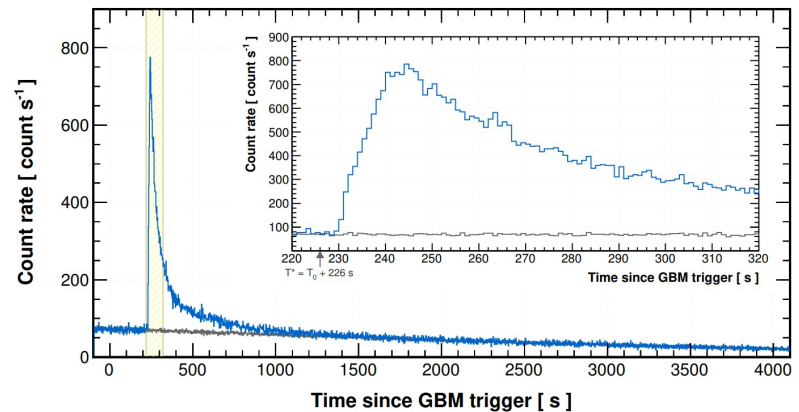
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## LHAASO GRB221009A

- LHAASO detection of GRB 221009A: first GRB seen by an extensive air shower detector
- High statistics: >60,000 photons above 0.2 TeV (LHAASO-WCDA)
- TeV count rate light curve: Smooth temporal profile – **external shock origin**



First time detection of the TeV  
afterglow onset!



# What we've learnt from the GRB 221009A

## Initial Lorentz Factor $\Gamma_0$

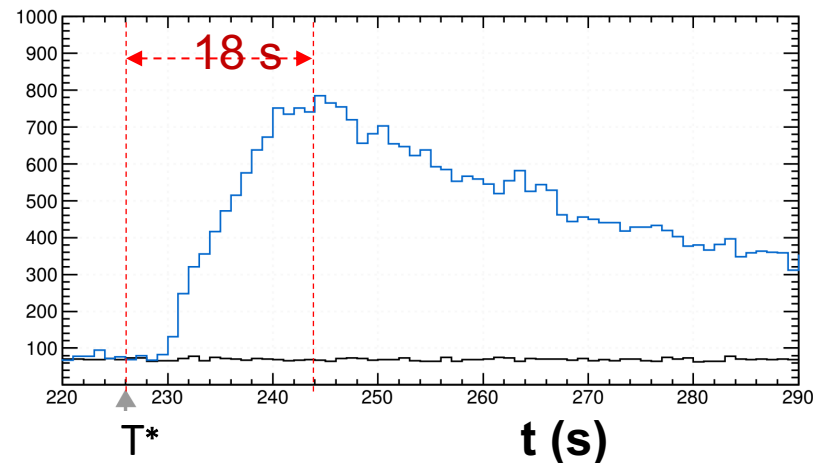
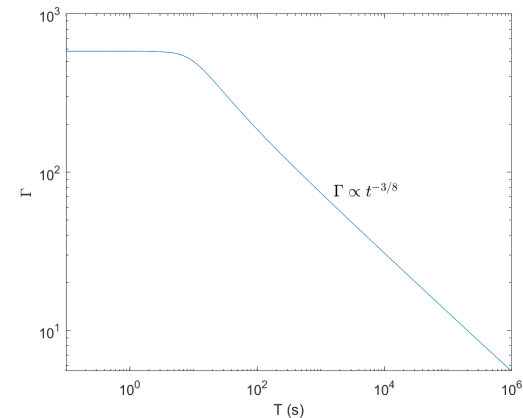
- From  $T^*$  to the peak (energy-independent peak time), it takes

**~18 s**

- The bulk Lorentz factor is estimated as

$$\Gamma_0 = \left( \frac{3E_k}{32\pi n m_p c^5 t_{\text{peak}}^3} \right)^{1/8} = 440 E_{k,55}^{1/8} n_0^{-1/8} \left( \frac{t_{\text{peak}}}{18 \text{ s}} \right)^{-3/8}$$

it is among the highest values for all GRBs

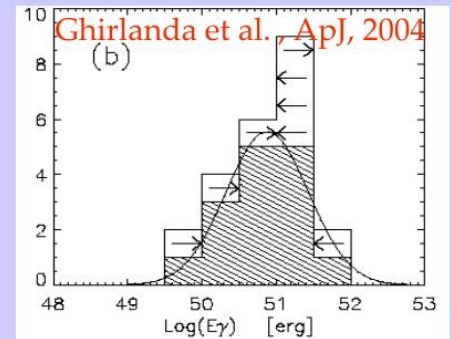
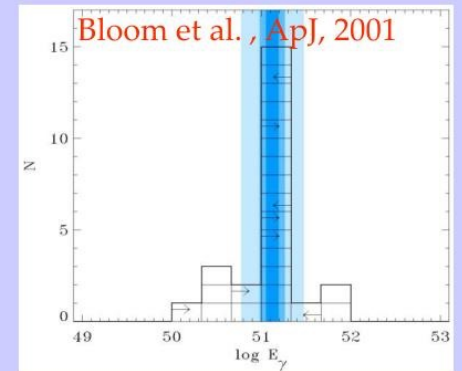
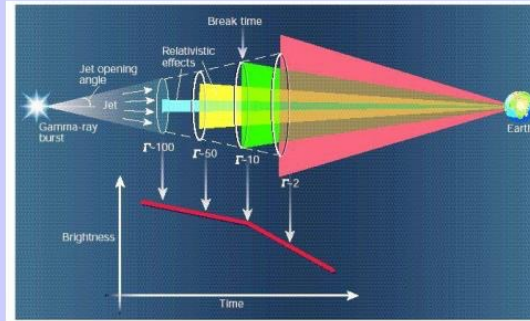


## A narrow GRB jet

- Jet breaks have been seen in optical/X-ray bands
- First time seeing a jet break at TeV band
- Helps to understand the total energy of the

$$E_{\gamma,j} = E_{\gamma,iso} \theta_0^2 / 2 \sim 7.5 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg} E_{\gamma,iso,55} (\theta_0 / 0.7^\circ)^2$$

- assuming jet angles derived from the break time of the optical afterglow light curve, the collimation-corrected radiated energy is clustered around  $\sim 10^{51}$  erg.



## What we've learnt from GRB 221009A

# Upper limit in prompt phase

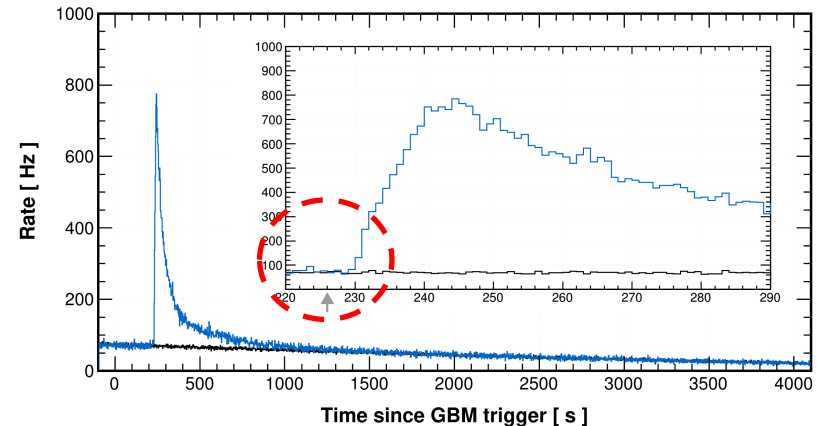
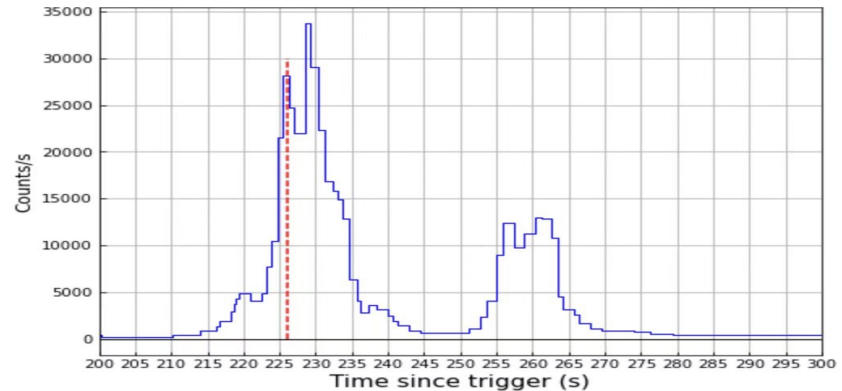
- The most strict limit on the prompt TeV emission

$$R = F_{\text{TeV}} / F_{\text{MeV}} < 2 \times 10^{-5}$$

1. A large  $\gamma\gamma$  absorption optical depth ?
2. Or a magnetized jet?

$$R_{\text{in}} \sim 2\Gamma_0^2 ct_v = 10^{15} \text{ cm } (\Gamma_0/440)^2 (t_v/0.082 \text{ s})$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \sim \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} n'_t \frac{R_{\text{in}}}{\Gamma_0} \sim 190 \left( \frac{R_{\text{in}}}{10^{15} \text{ cm}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{440} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_t}{h\nu_m} \right)^{\beta_1+1}$$



## GRB 221009A $\text{km}^2\text{a}$

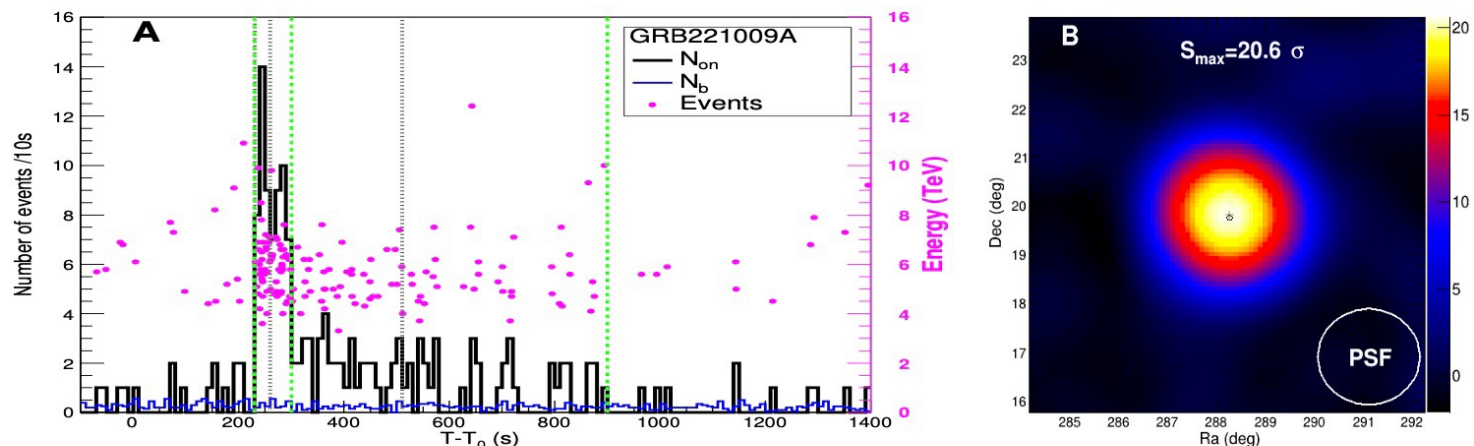


Figure 1: **The light curve and significance map of GRB 221009A obtained by KM2A.** (A) The gamma-ray-count light curve obtained by KM2A with each time-bin of 10s. The black curve indicates the events from the angular cone centered on the GRB, and the blue curve indicates the number of events due to cosmic ray background estimated from 20 similar angular cones at off-source directions with the same zenith angle. The gray dashed lines indicate the peak times of the multi-pulsed emission observed by GECAM-C (10) in the MeV band. The green dashed lines indicate the times of  $T_0+230\text{s}$ ,  $T_0+300\text{s}$ , and  $T_0+900\text{s}$ . The pink points indicate the energy marked by the right label and the arrival time of each event. The energies of each event were reconstructed assuming the spectra shown in panel B of Figure 2. (B) The significance map around GRB 221009A as observed by KM2A. The plus sign and corresponding length denote the position and error determined by KM2A. The black circle denotes the position of the GRB reported by Fermi-LAT. The white circle shows the size of the PSF that contains 68% of the events.



## GRB 221009A $\kappa$ M2a

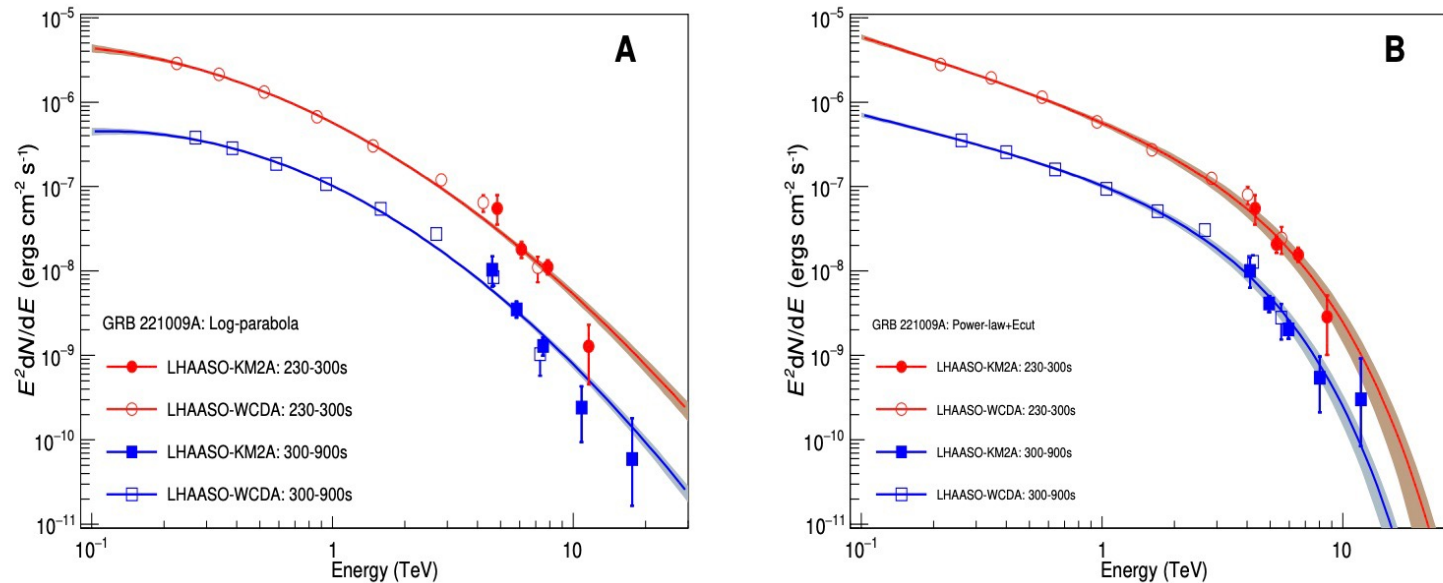
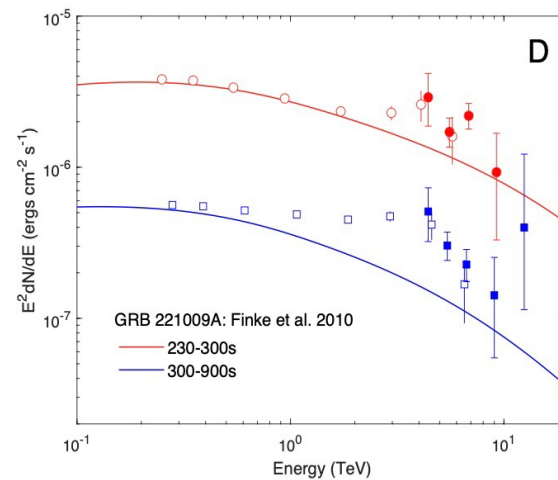
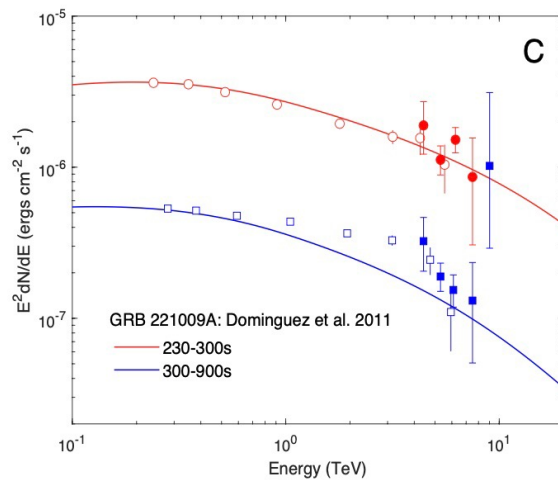
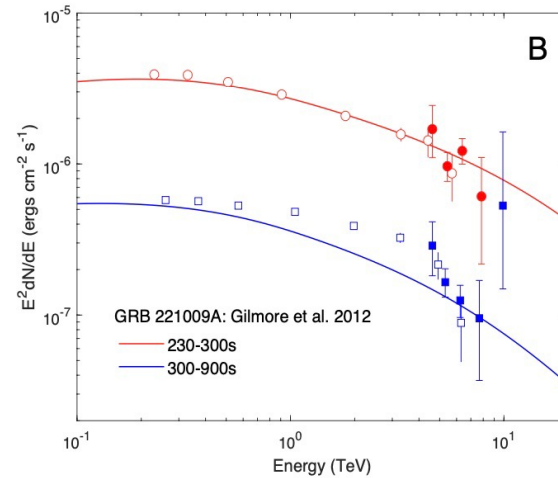
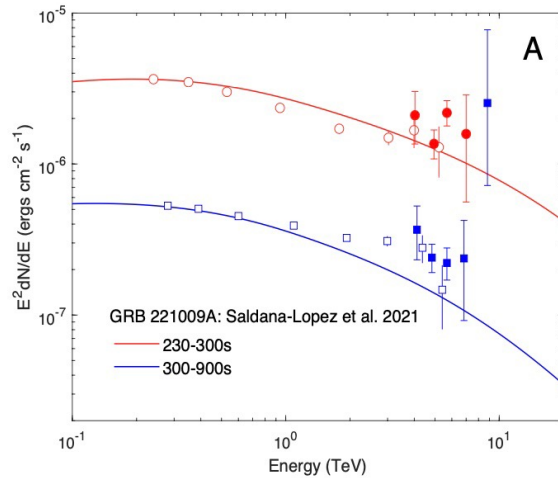


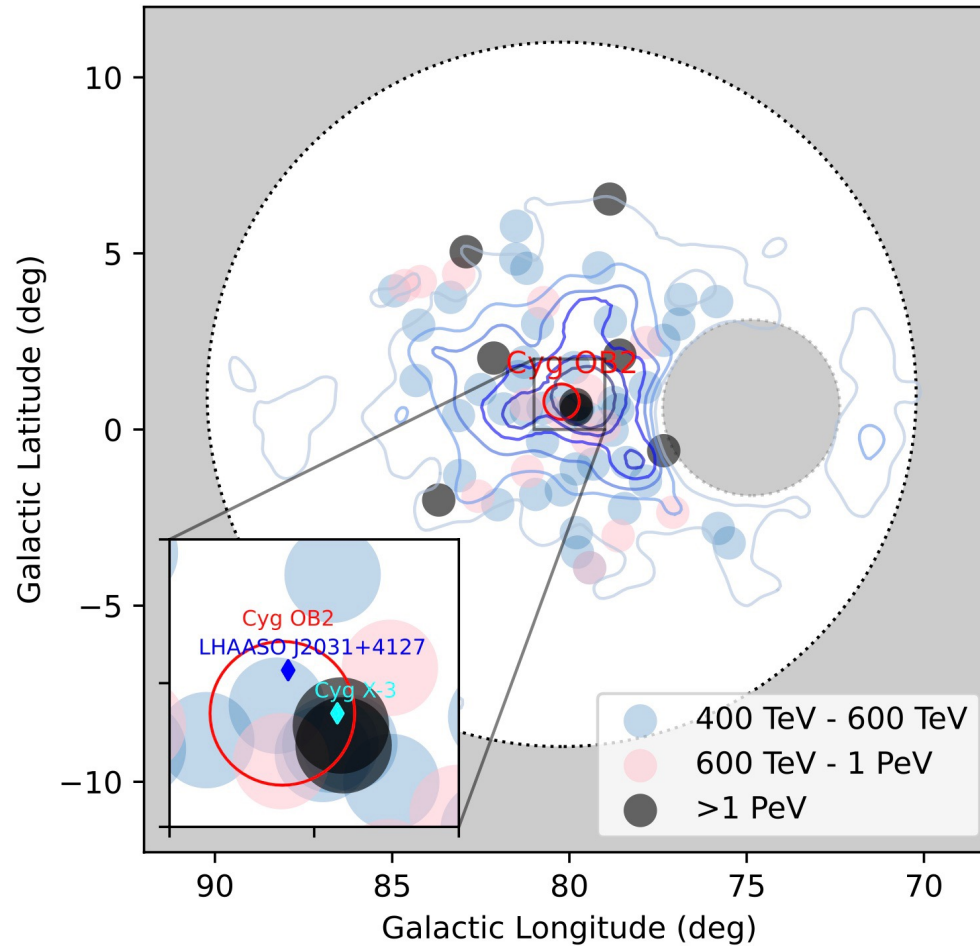
Figure 2: **Observed VHE spectra of GRB 221009A by LHAASO for the two intervals.** Interval 1 is from  $T_0+230\text{s}$  to  $T_0+300\text{s}$  (red points) and interval 2 is from  $T_0+300\text{s}$  to  $T_0+900\text{s}$  (blue points). The solid lines indicate the best-fitting results, and the shaded regions indicate the 1-sigma error region. (A) The log-parabola function is used to fit the observational data. (B) The power-law with exponential cutoff function is adopted to fit the observational data.

# GRB 221009A $\kappa$ M2a



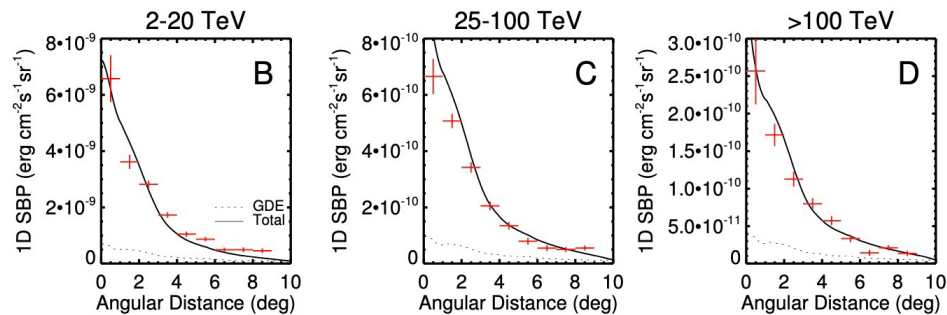
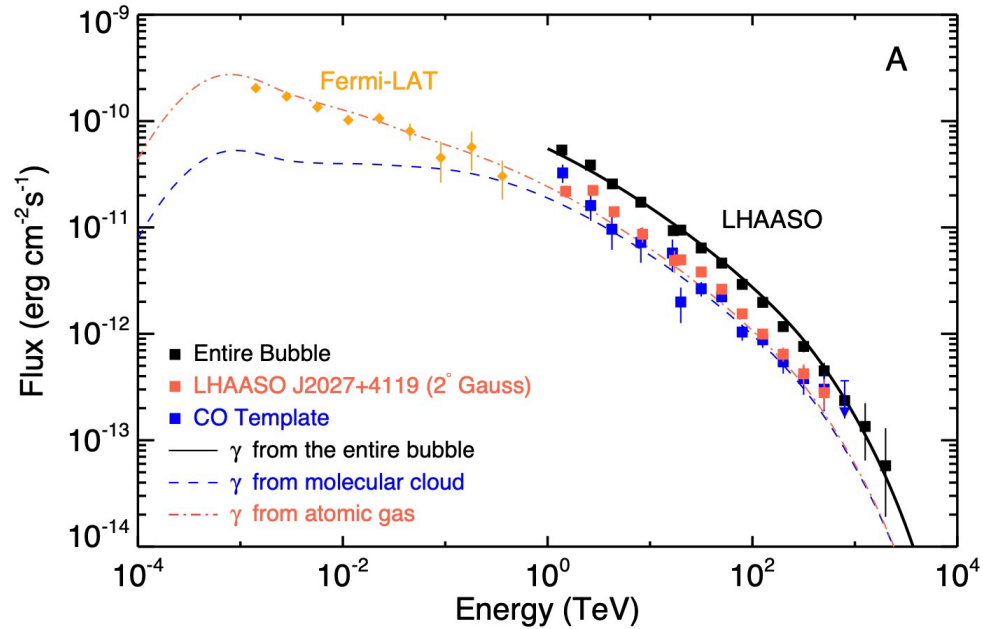
# *Cygnus region with LHAASO*

## Cygnus region



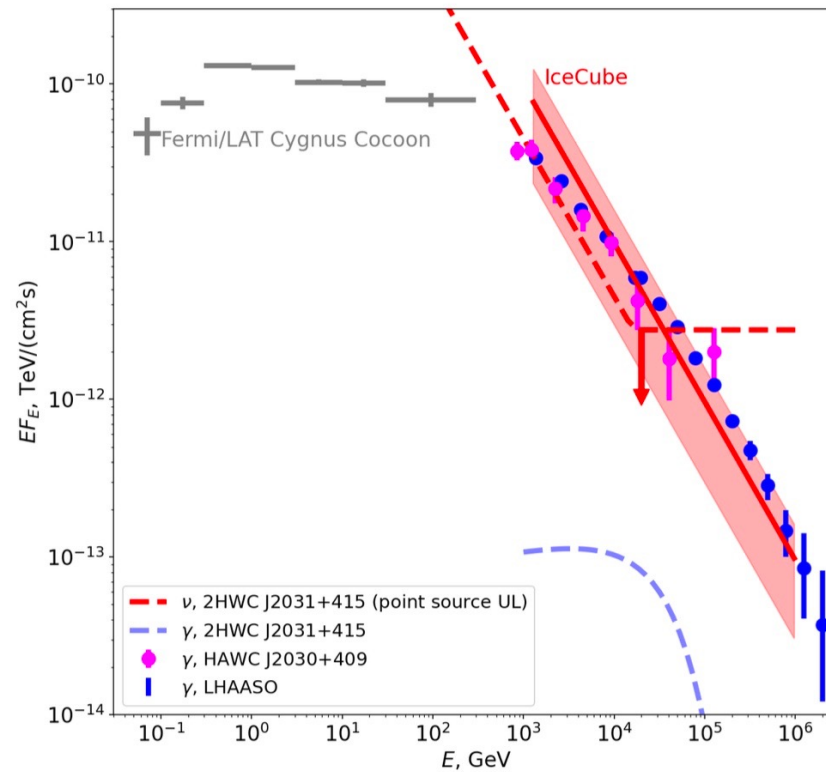
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## Cygnus region



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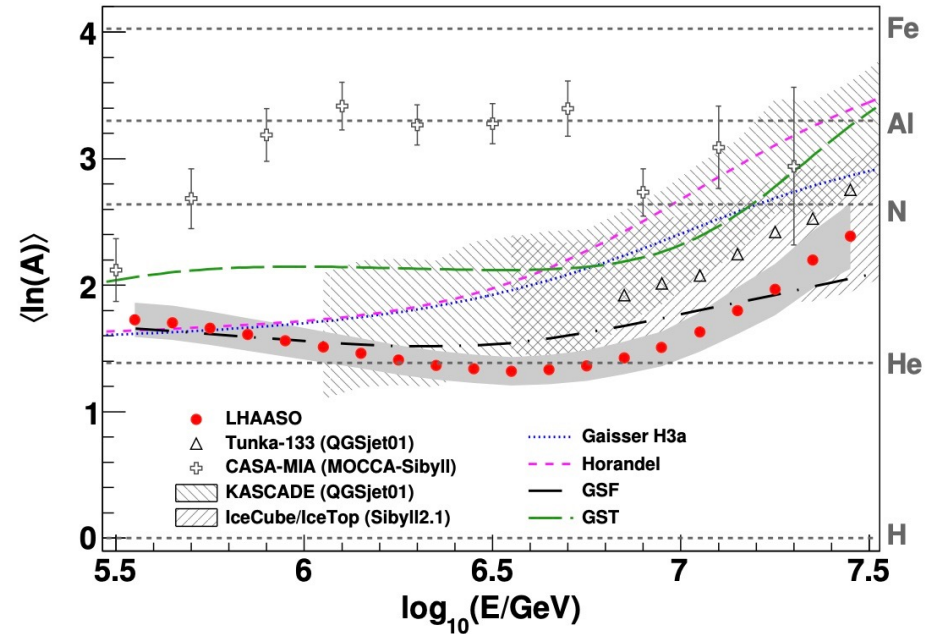
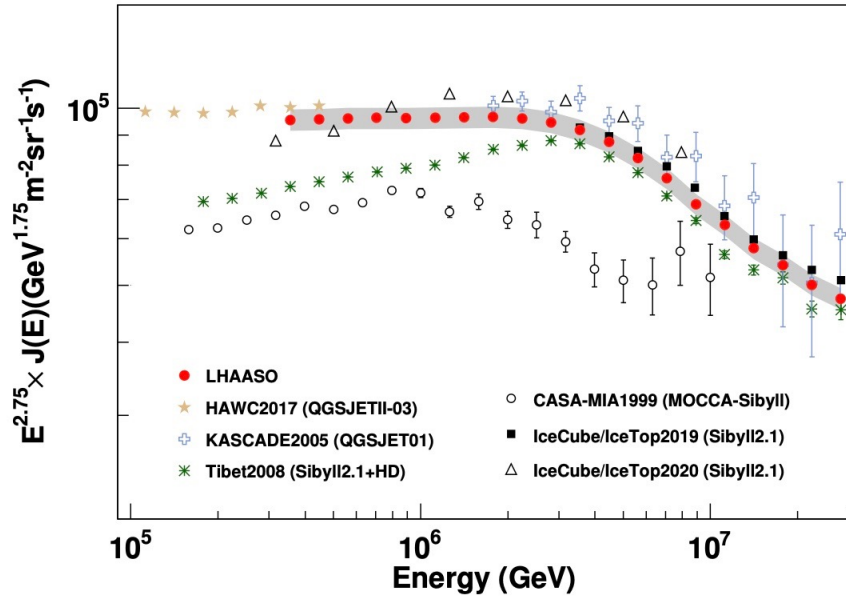
# Neutrinos from Cygnus region



# *Cosmic rays*

- *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 132 (2024) 13, 131002  
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## CR spectrum and mass composition



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# Summary

- Construction of LHAASO finished in July 2021. LHAASO operates with almost 100% duty cycle. Its one year sensitivity is better compared to 50 hours for present Cherenkov telescopes above few TeV. Above 20 TeV it is better as compared to future CTA.
- LHAASO presented first catalog of 90 sources from about 2 first years of observation. 32 are new sources. Number of UHE gamma-ray sources above 100 TeV increased from 4 to 43 by LHAASO observations
  - 35 sources are PWN. Crab, Geminga, millisecond pulsar
  - 7 SNR, gamma-Cygni can not be explained by leptons
  - Star clusters Cygnus, w43
- Diffuse emission from Galaxy: new models required
- GRB 221009A: detailed properties of GRB afterglow from 60000 photons in LHAASO WCDA and no new physics in KM2a, but constraints on EBL models/intrinsic spectrum
- Cygnus region: hadronic Pevatron source in central part.
- Cosmic rays: Best to date measurement of total flux and  $\log A$  in the knee region. Mass composition dominated by light (p+He) elements at knee