



# Recent results from H.E.S.S.

and some personal considerations for a  
next generation large FoV instrument

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# The H.E.S.S. experiment



## H.E.S.S. phase I

- four 12m telescopes
- FoV 5deg
- energy threshold ~100GeV
- angular resolution <0.1deg

## H.E.S.S. phase II

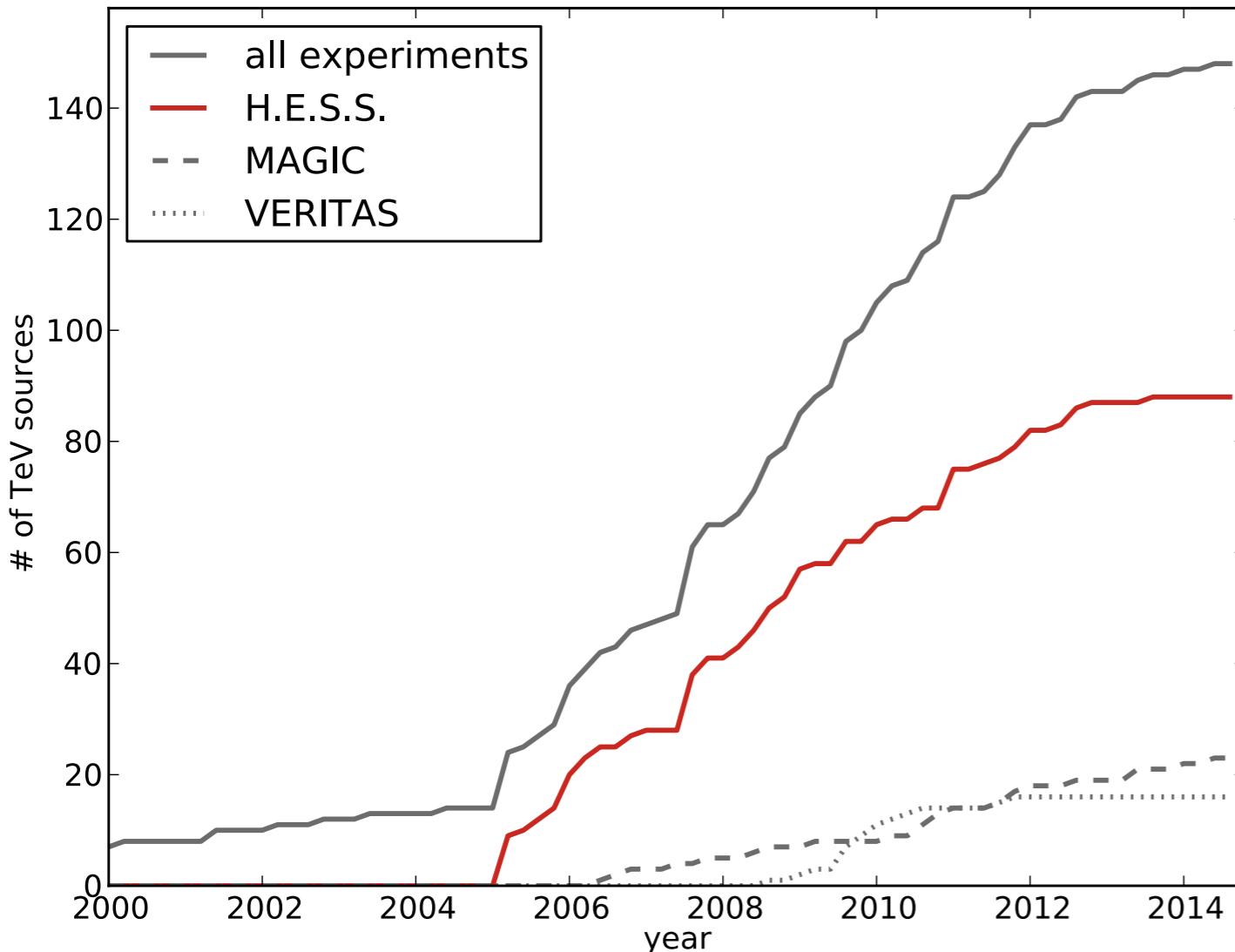
- four 12m telescopes
- one 28m telescope (FoV 3.5deg)
- energy threshold ~30GeV
- angular resolution from 0.4 to less than 0.1deg

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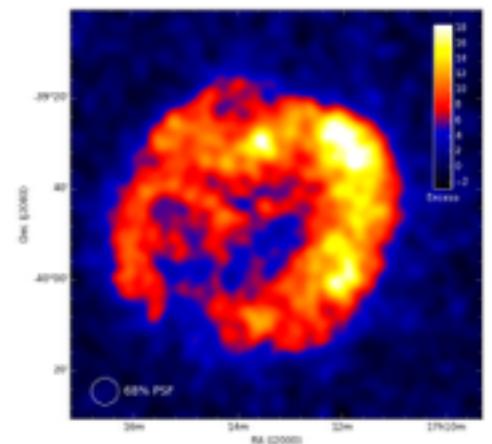
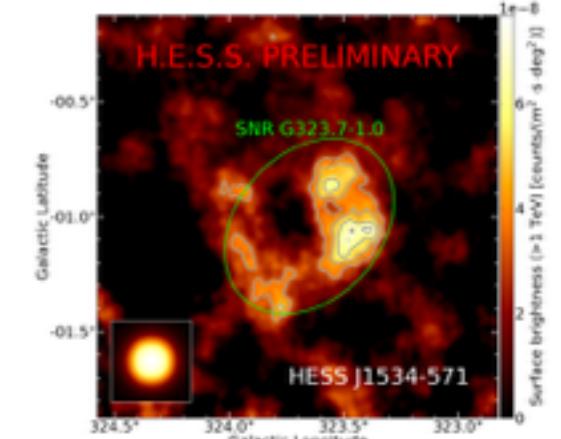
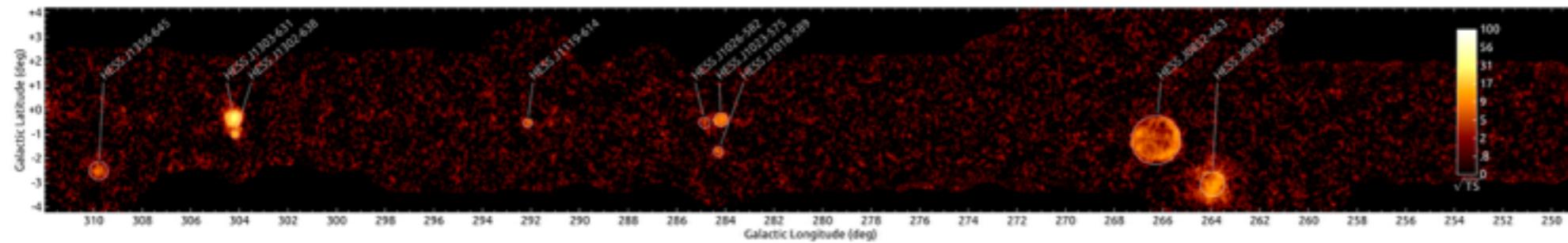
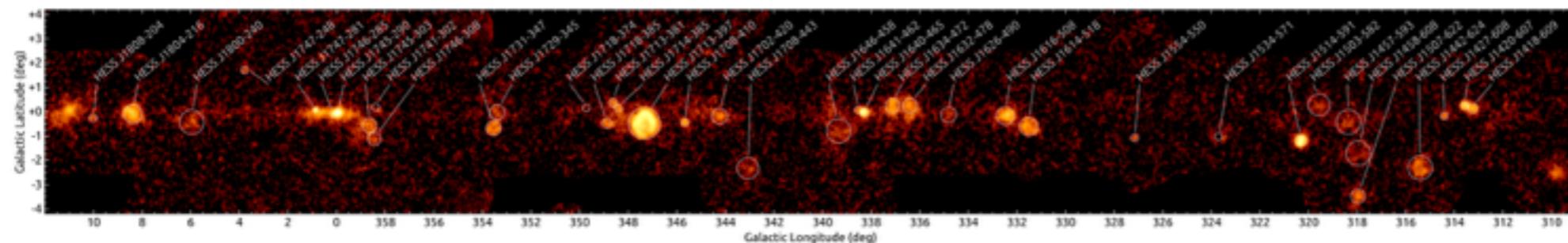
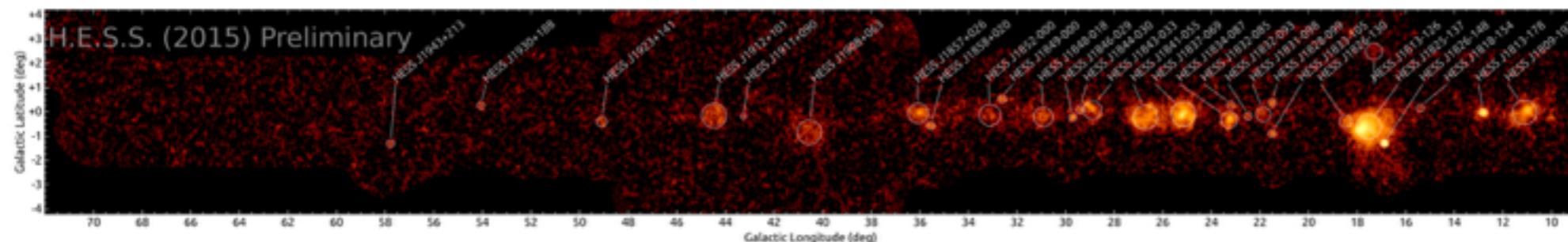
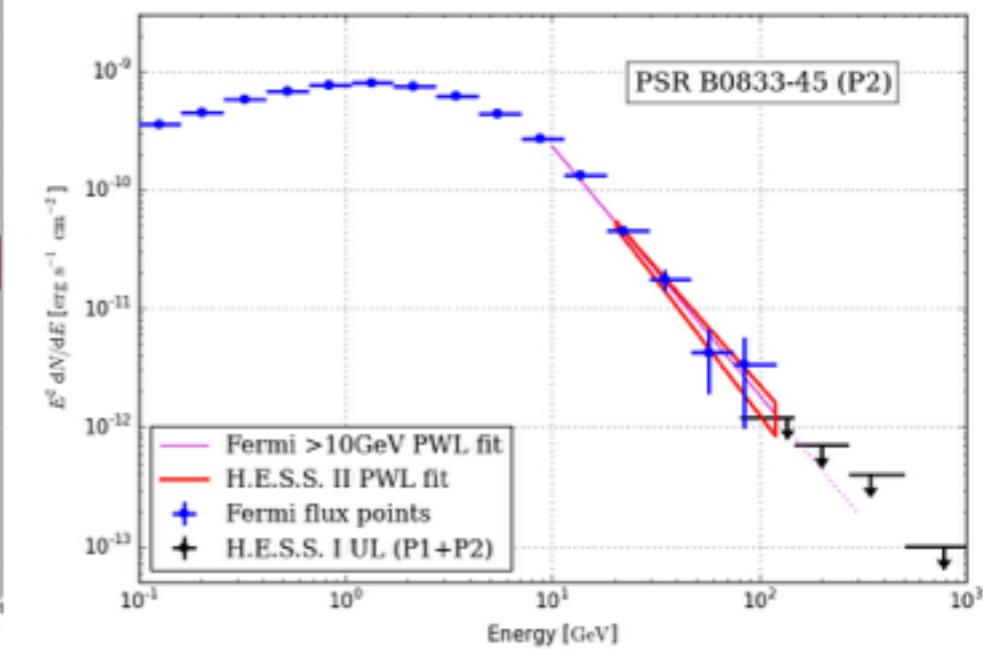
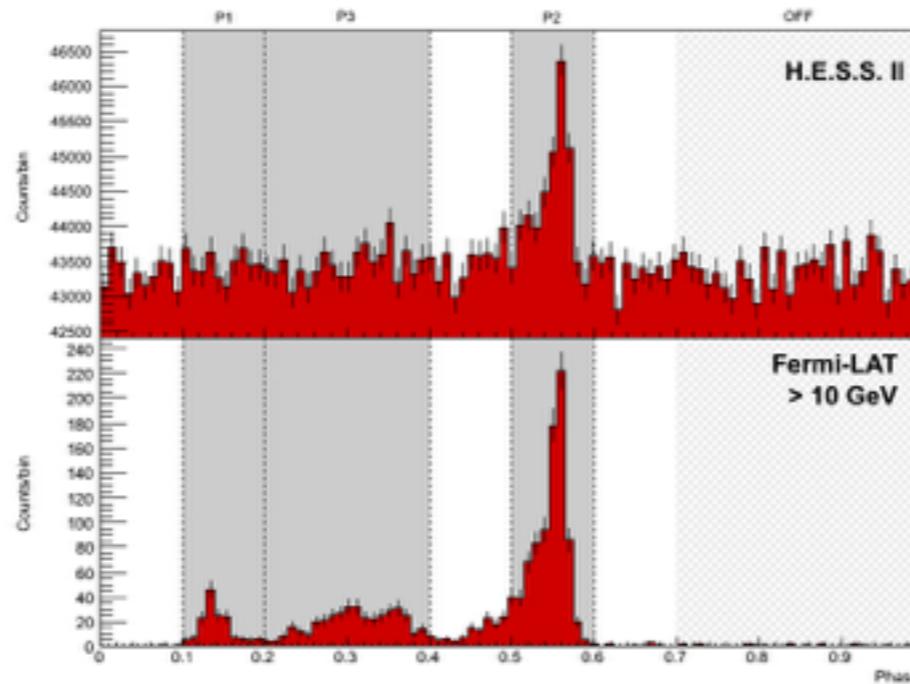
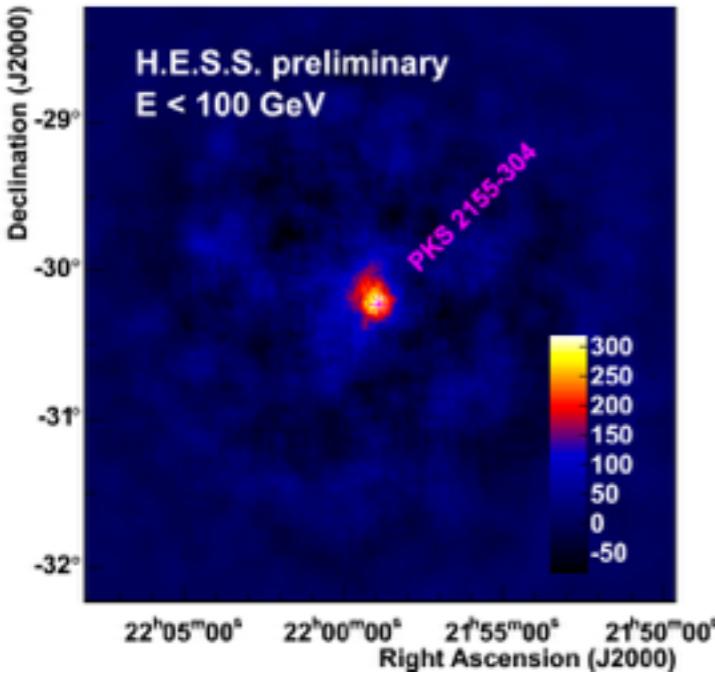
H.E.S.S. phase II

# Status of TeV gamma-ray astronomy



- **H.E.S.S. phase I**
  - more than 10.000 hours of data
  - discovered over 80 new VHE gamma ray sources
- **H.E.S.S. phase II**
  - lower energy threshold (e.g. overlap with Fermi-LAT)
  - rapid response to transients

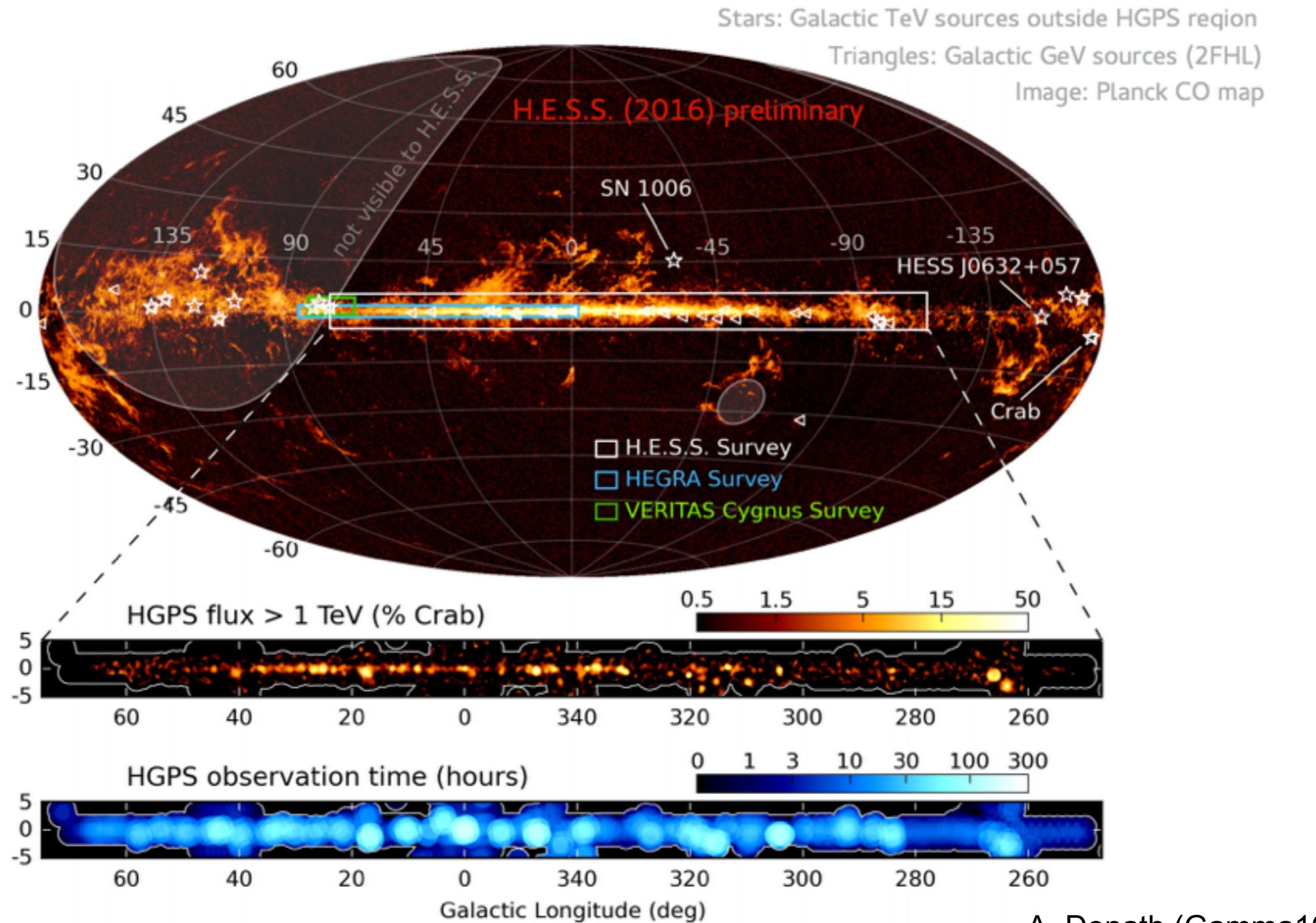
# Recent results



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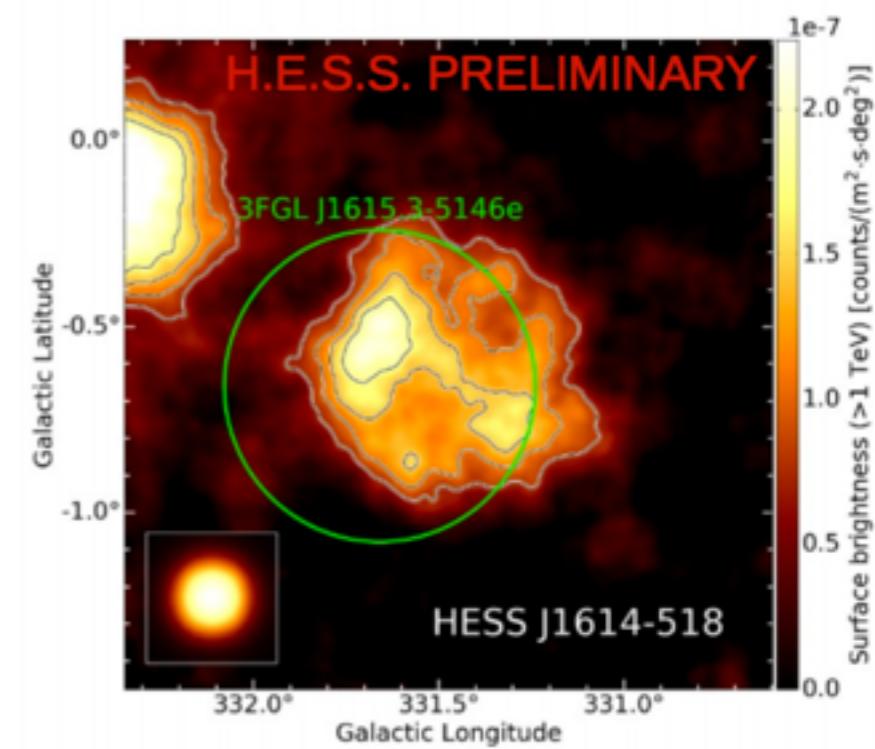
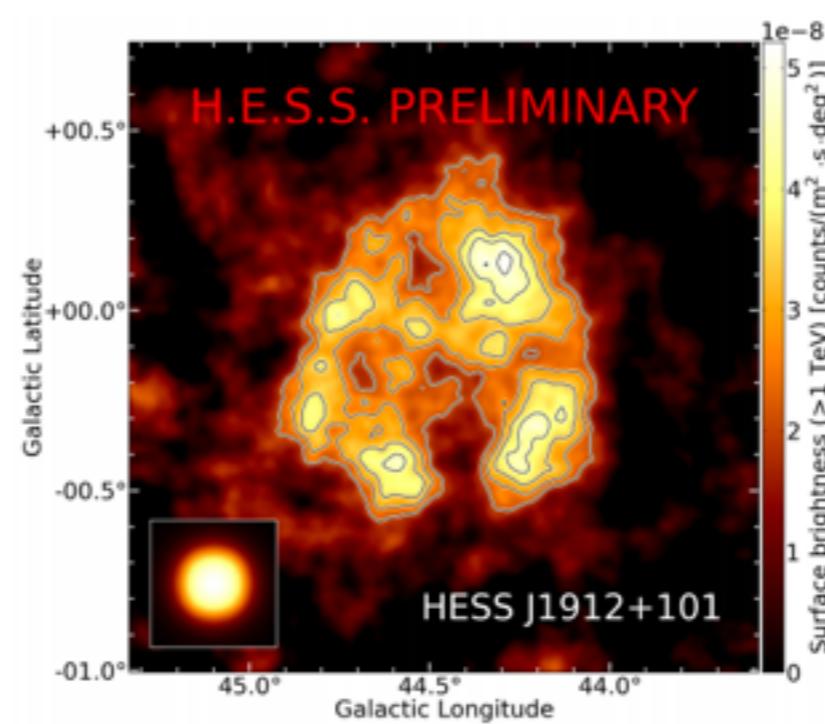
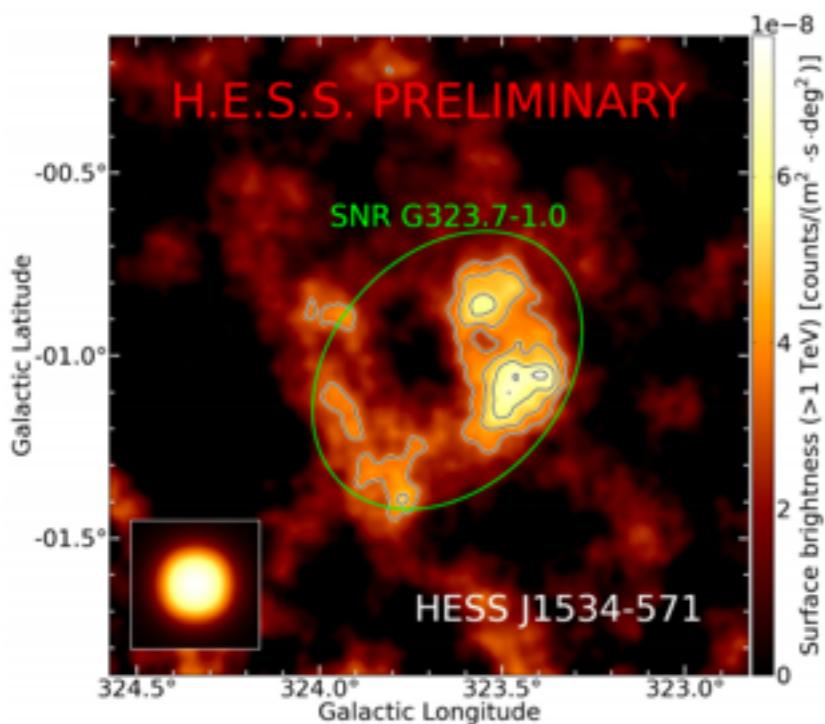
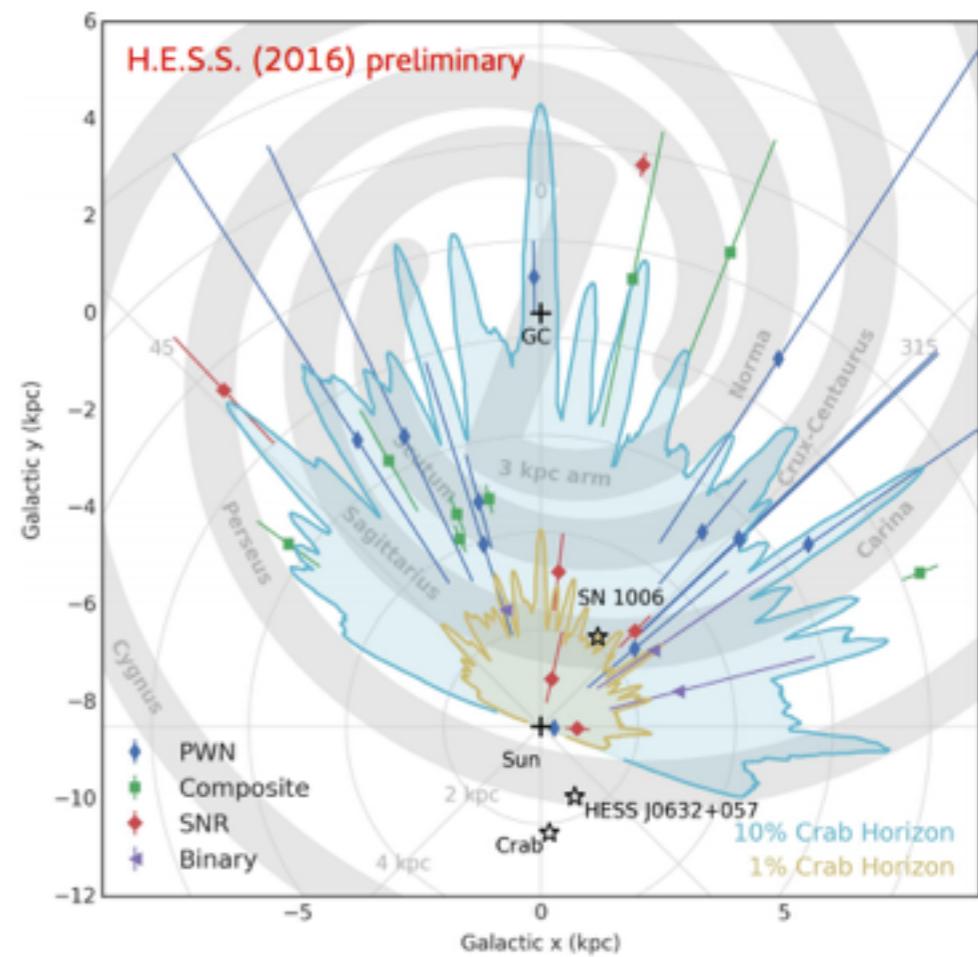
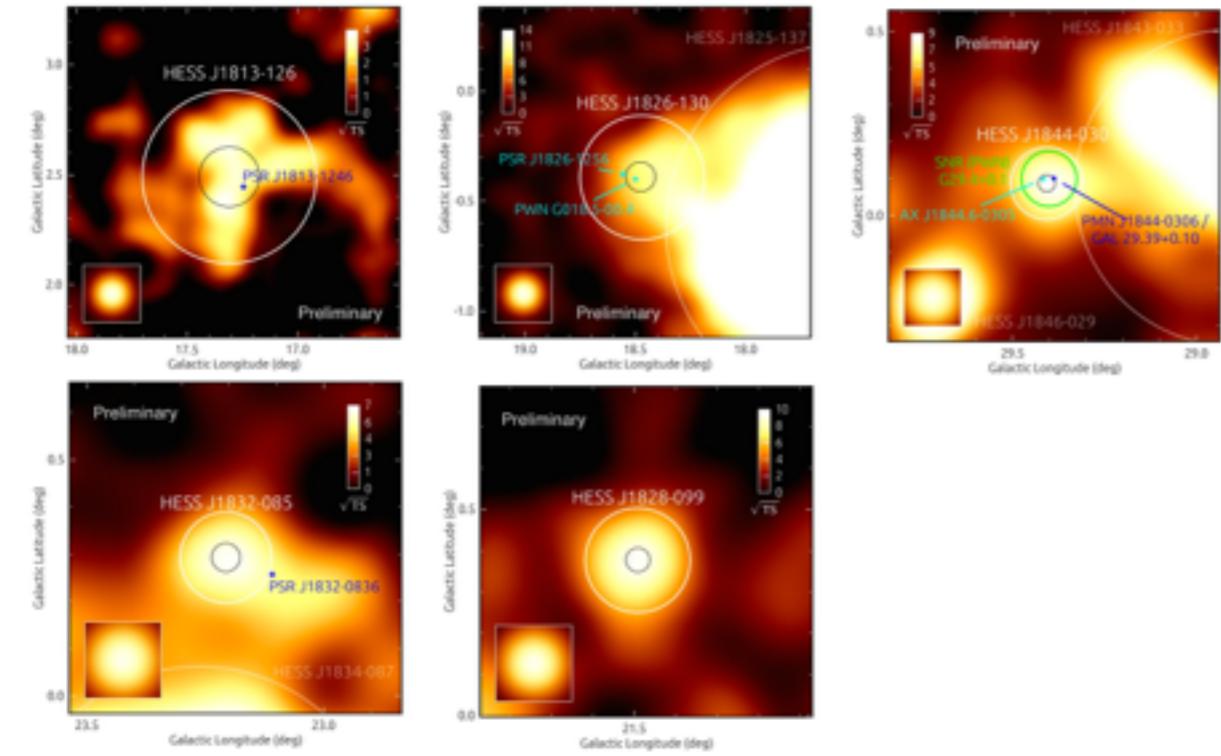
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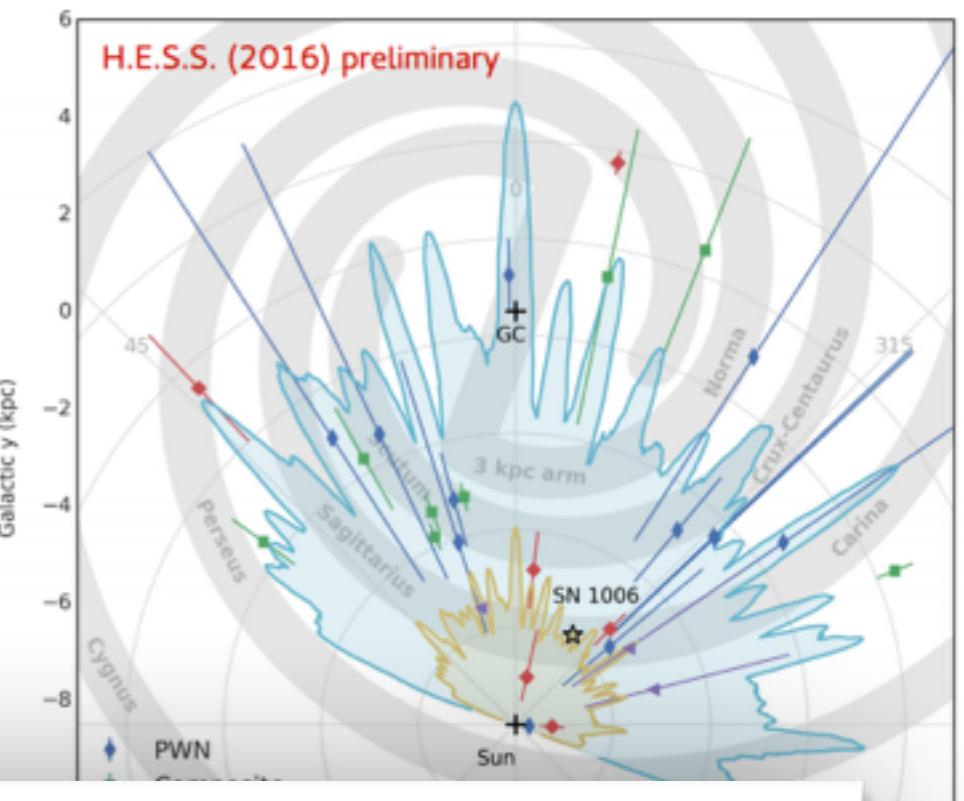
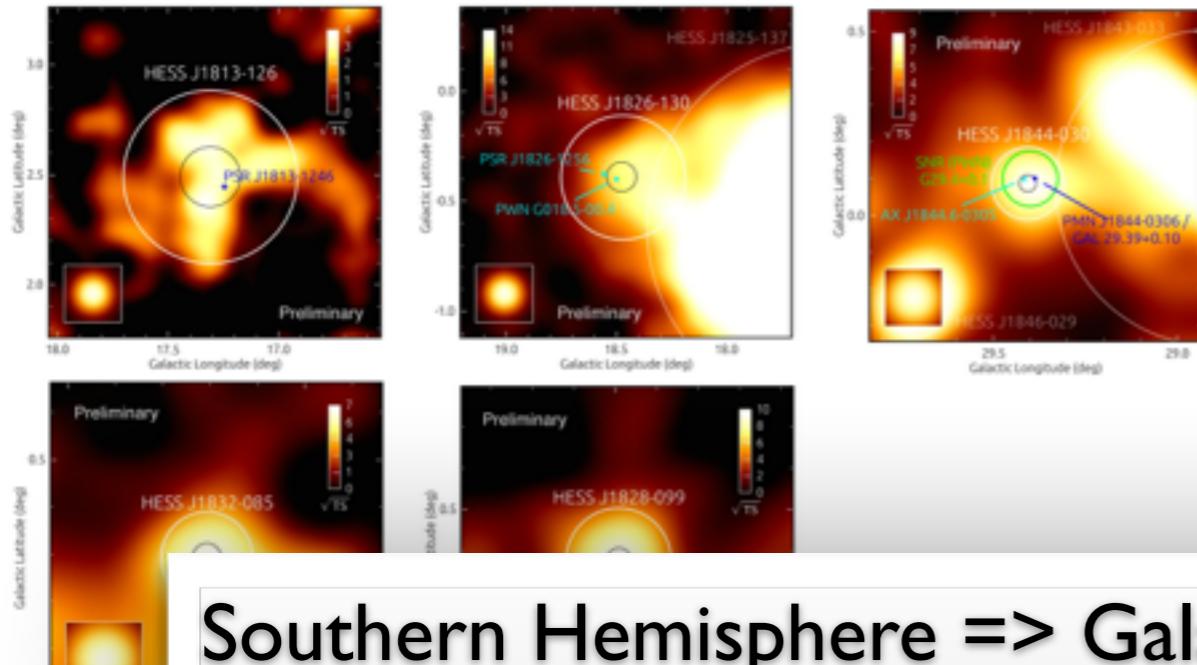
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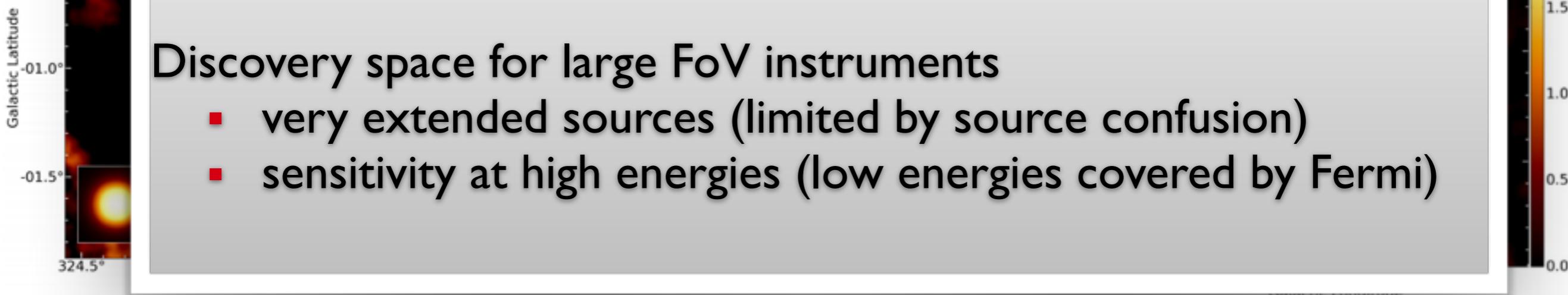
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Southern Hemisphere => Galactic Plane state of the art

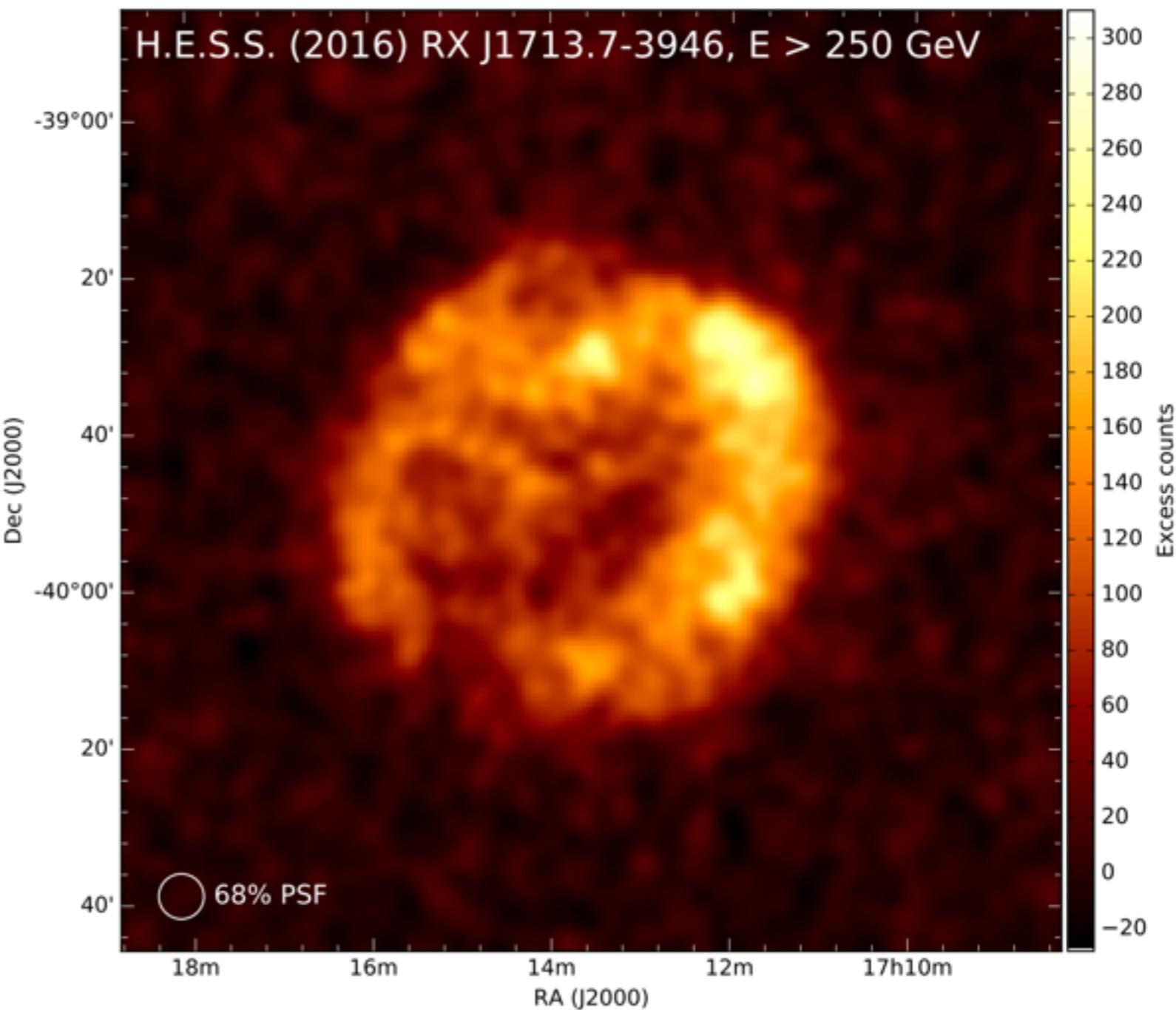
- ~ half of the Galaxy covered down to 10% Crab
- need high angular resolution to avoid source confusion
- CTA will do a Galactic Plane Scan



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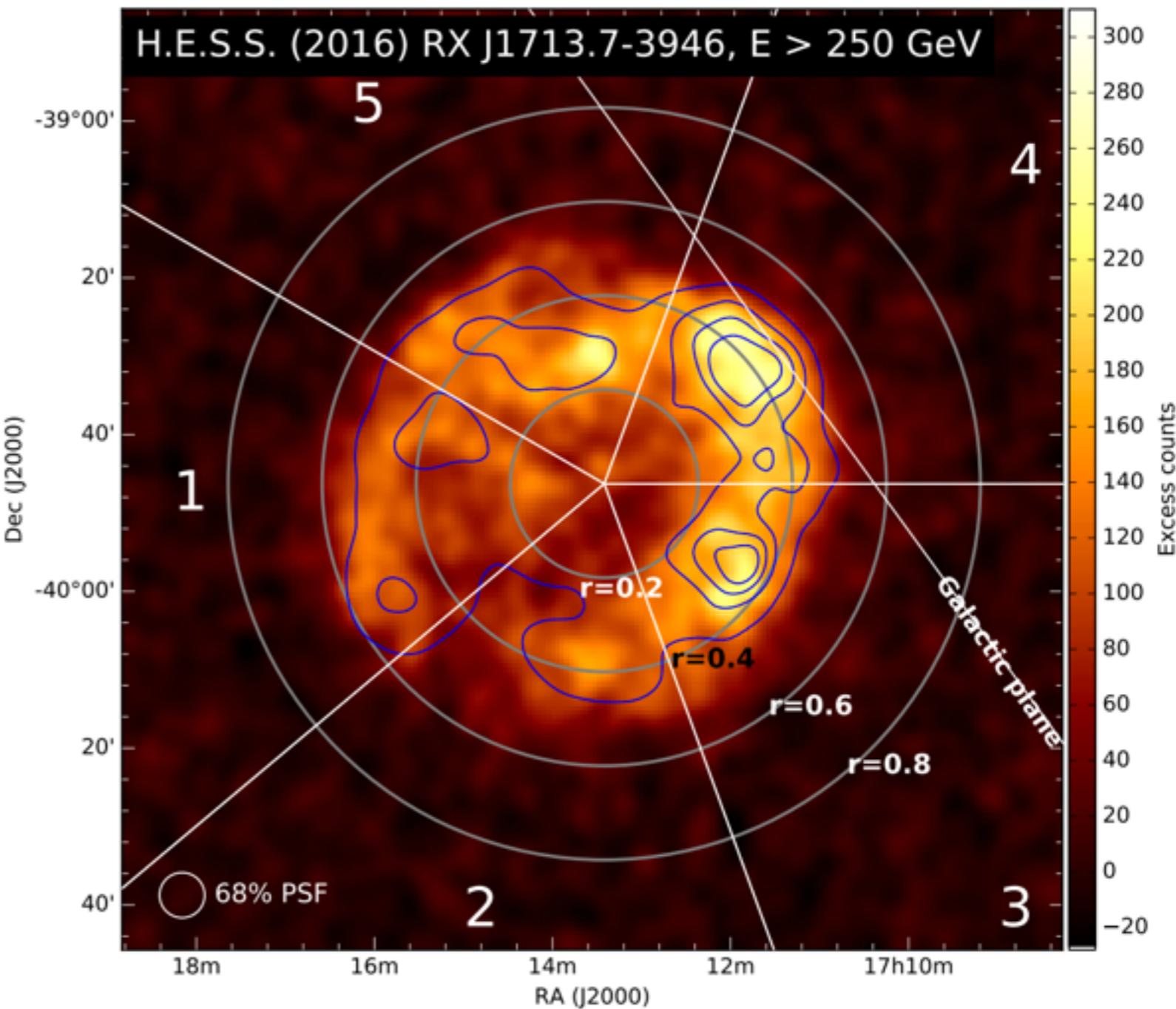
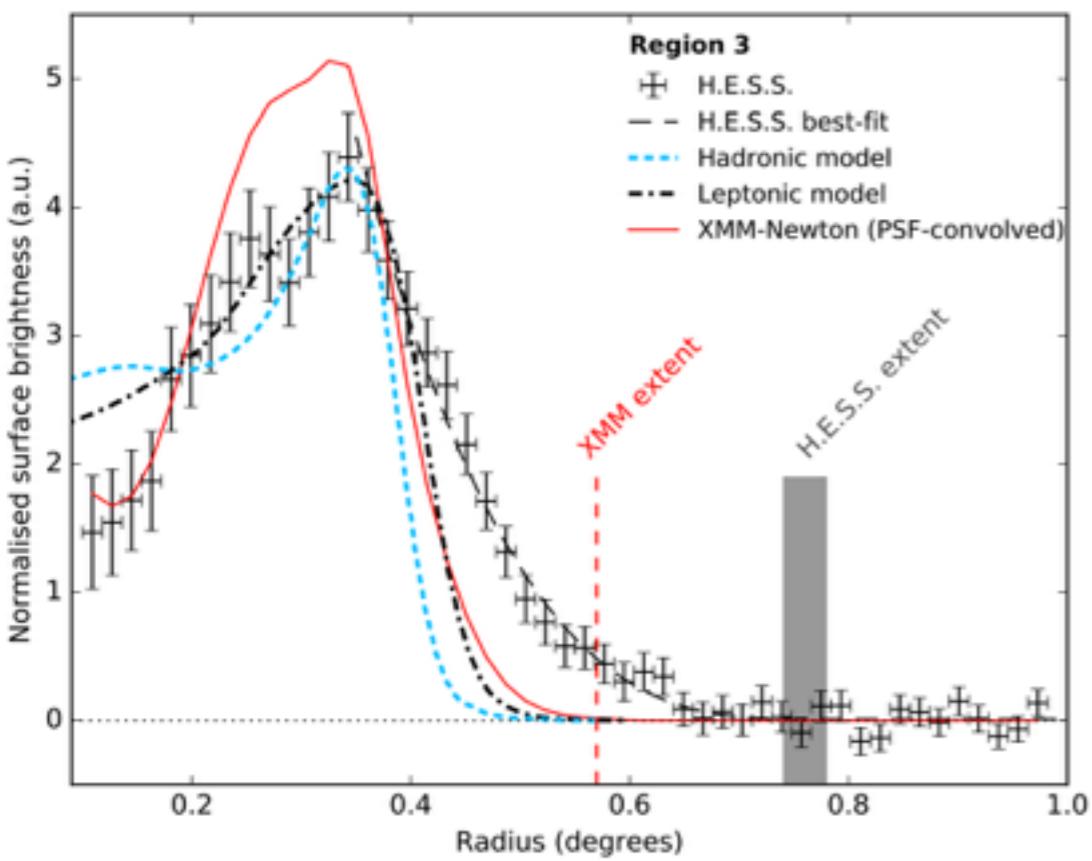


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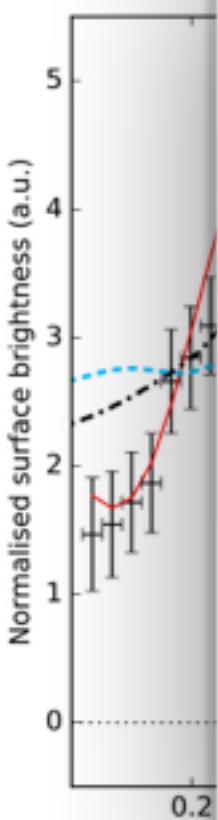
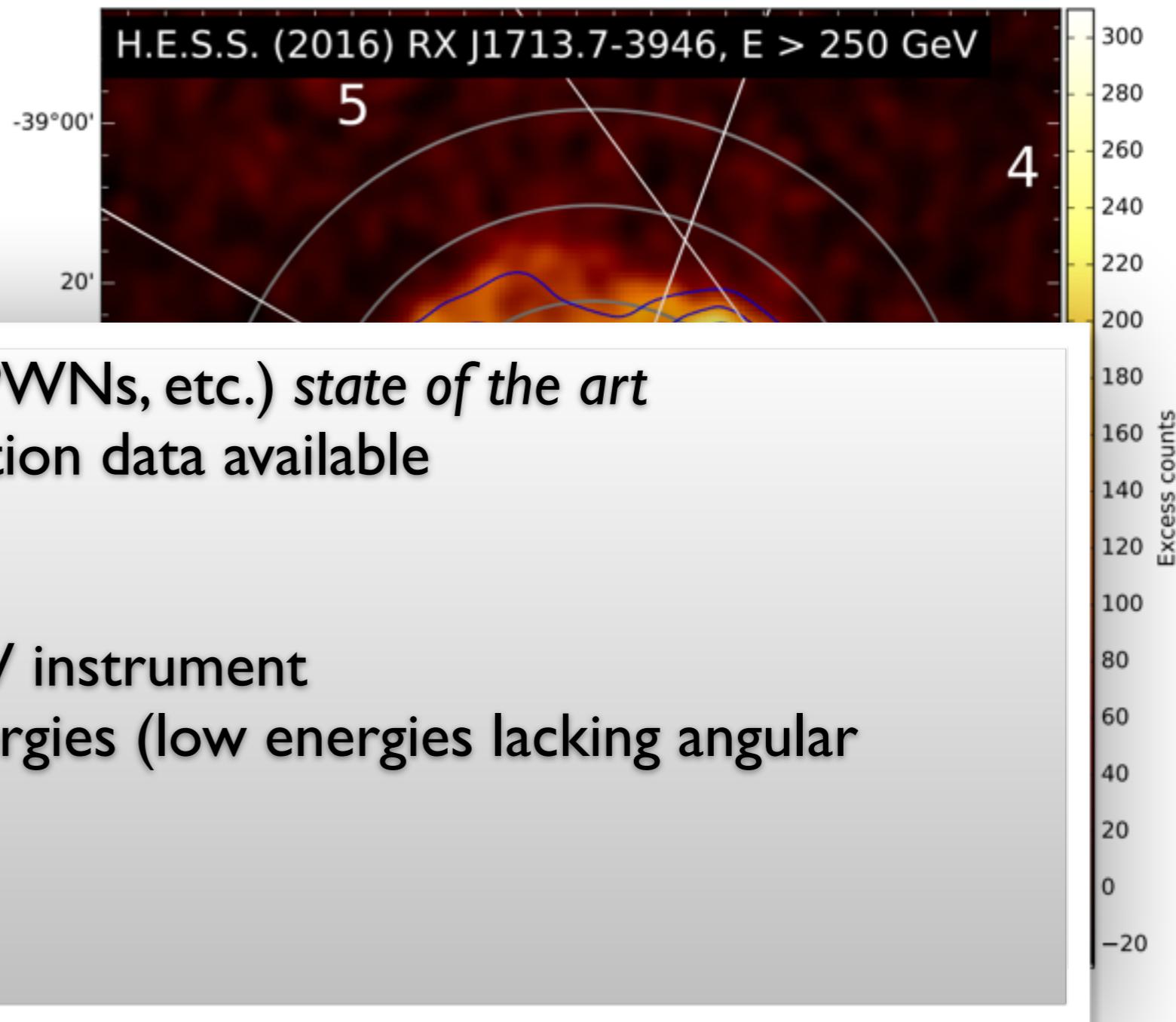
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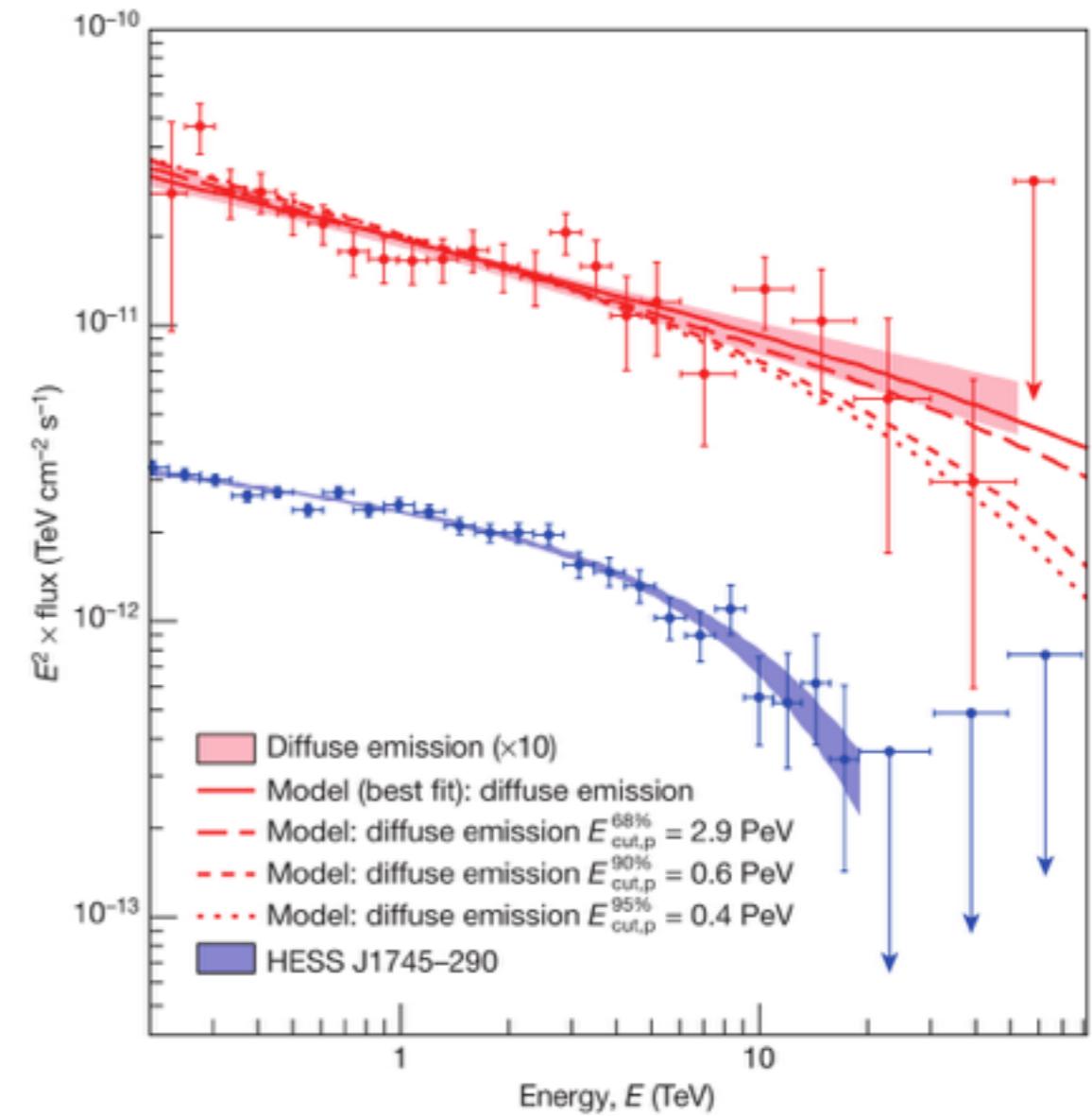
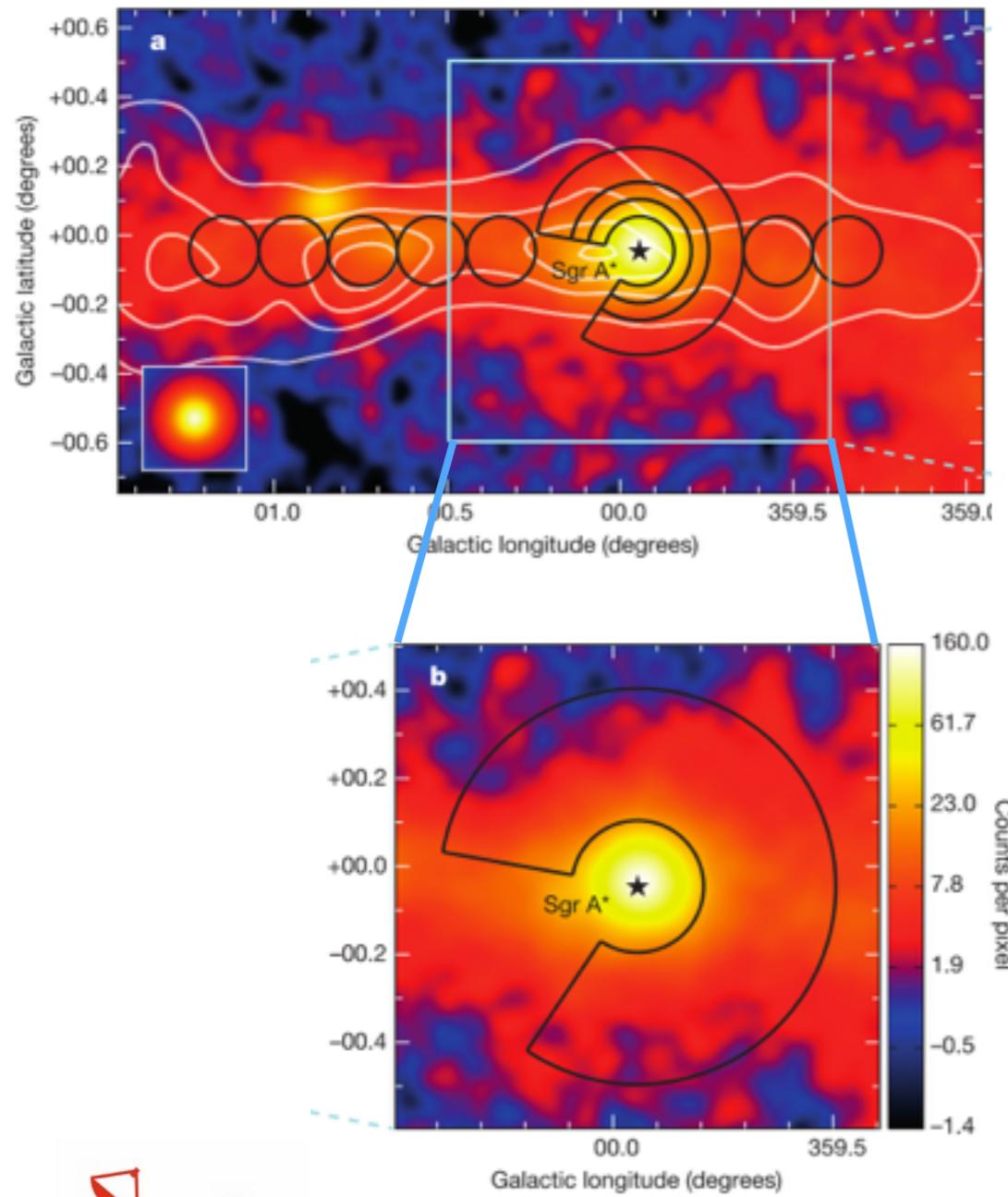
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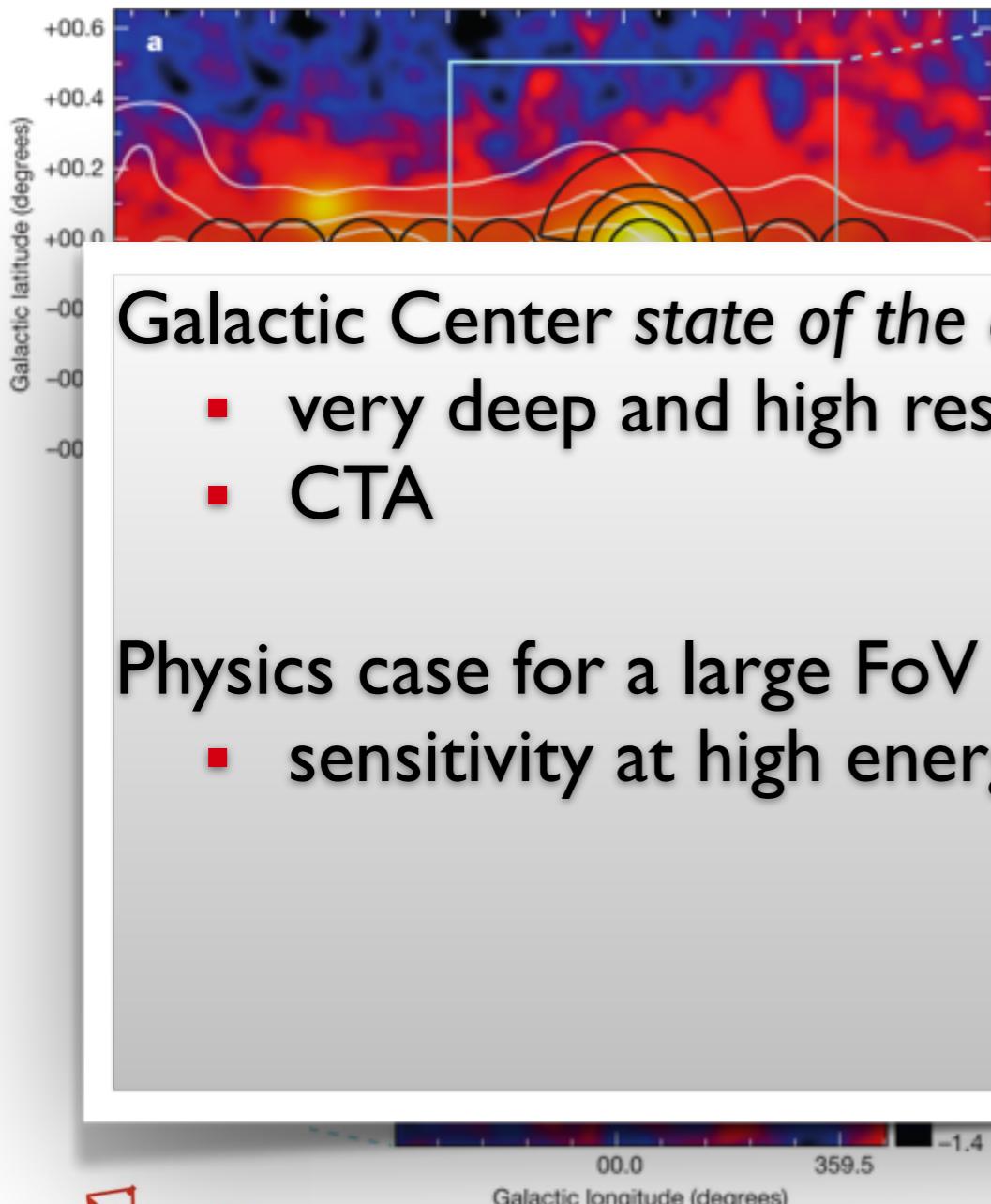
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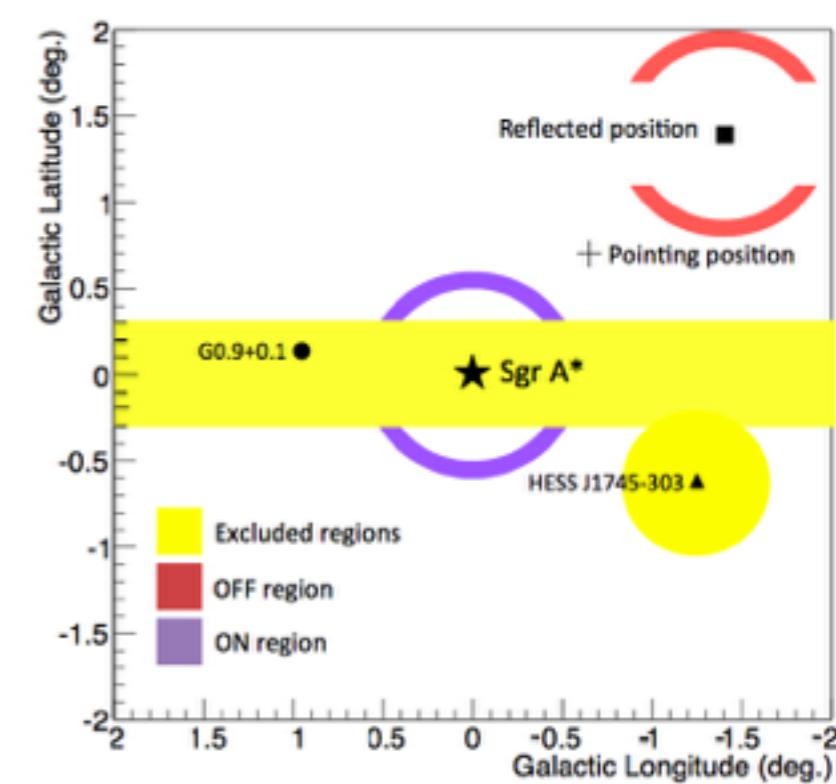
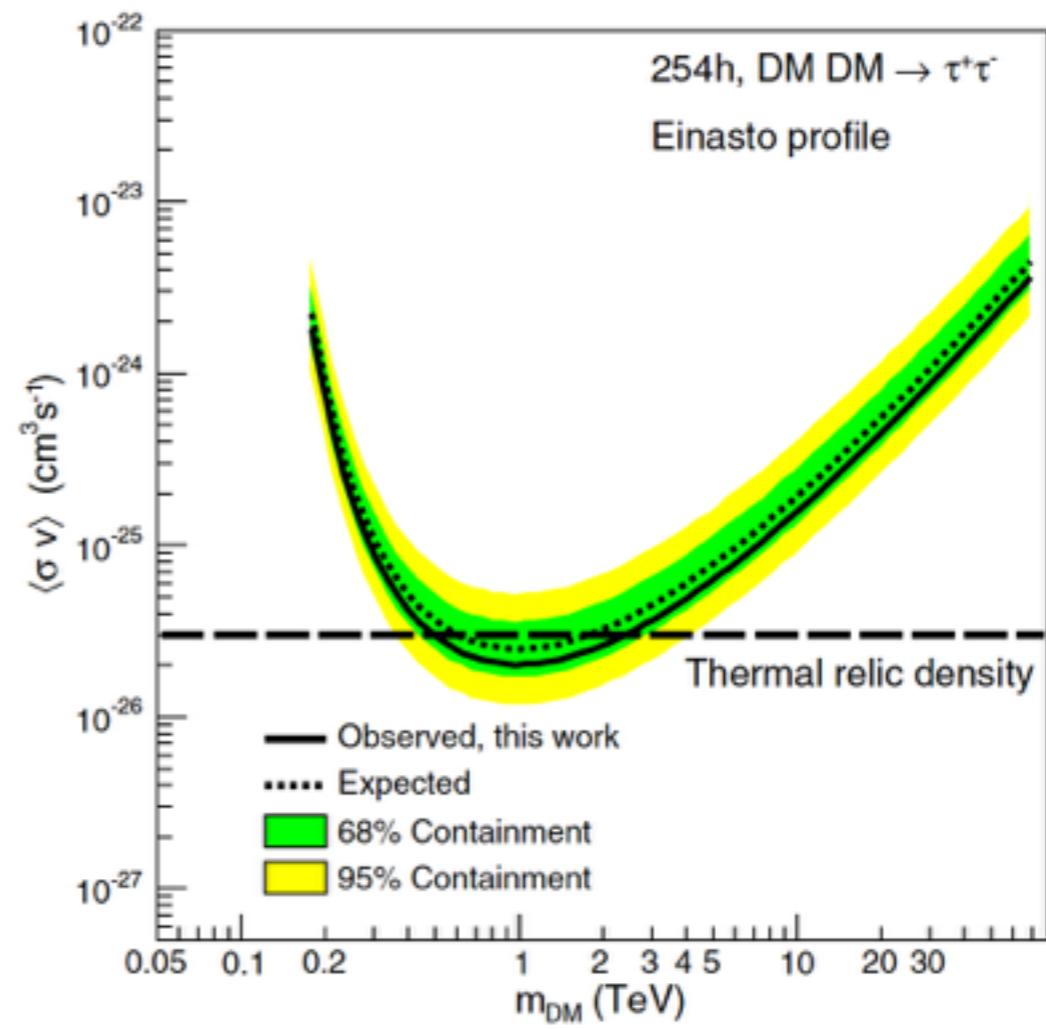
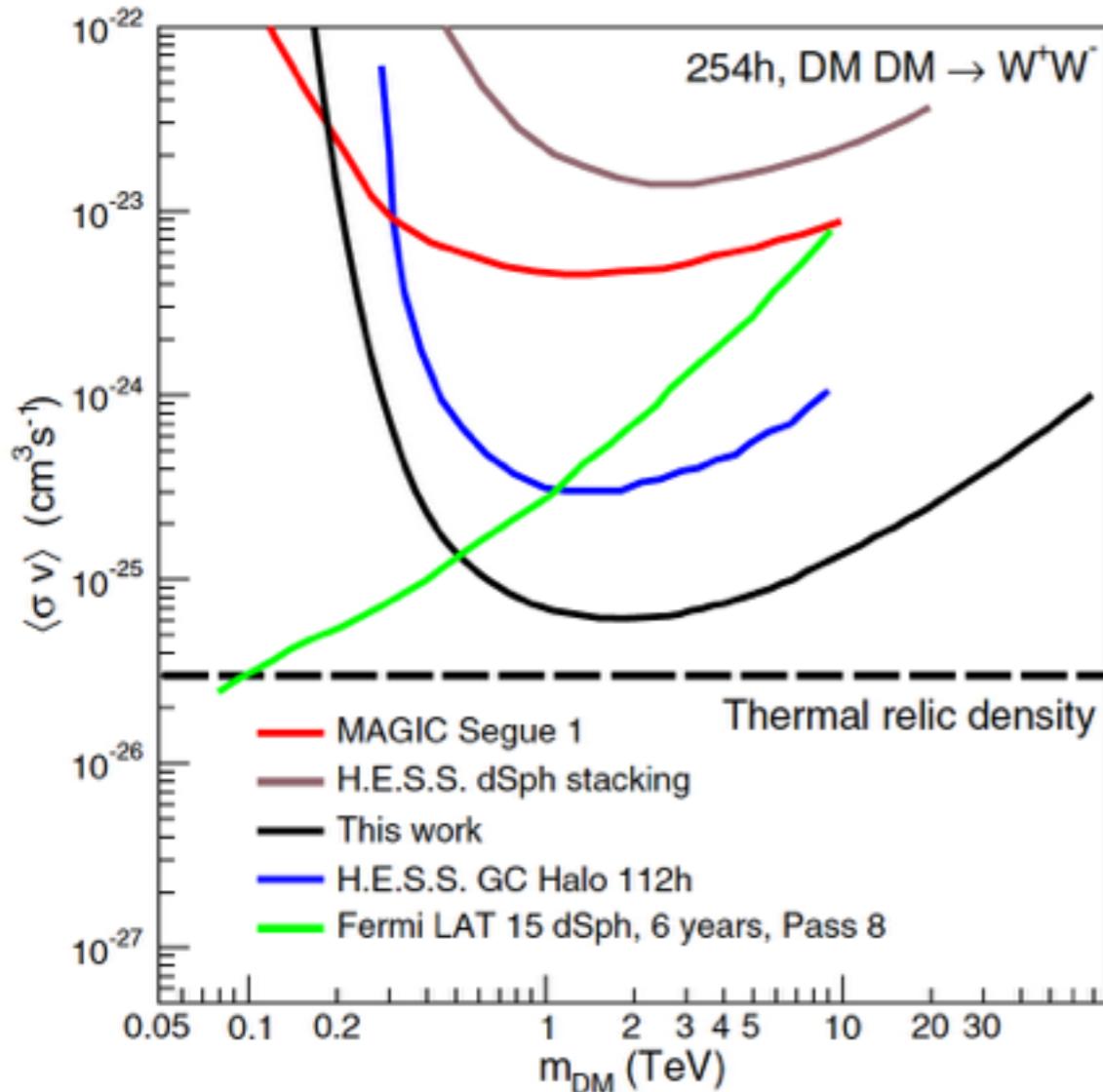
- very deep and high resolution data available
- CTA

## Physics case for a large FoV instrument

- sensitivity at high energies

# Dark matter at the Galactic Center

- 10 years of H.E.S.S. observations
- exclude central source(s)
- 2D-likelihood (spatial + energy)

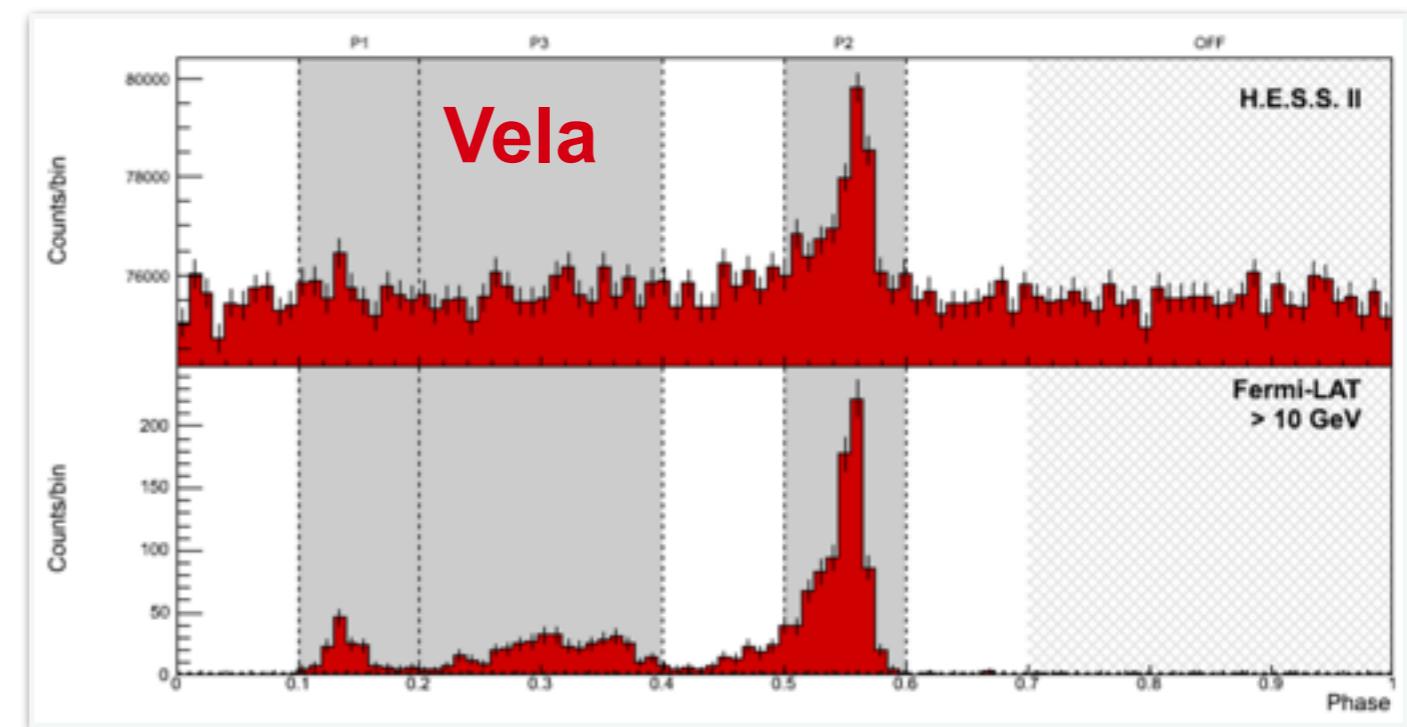
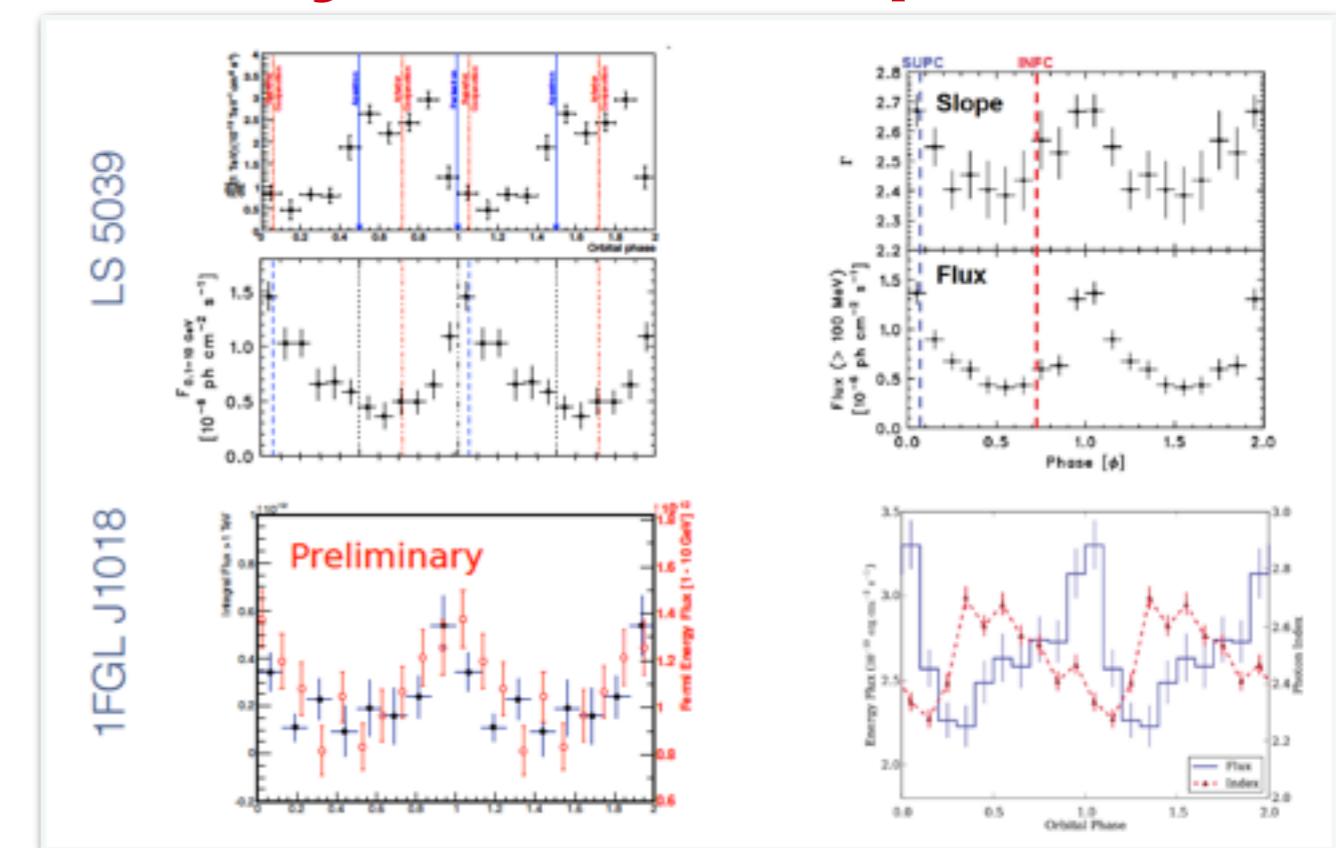
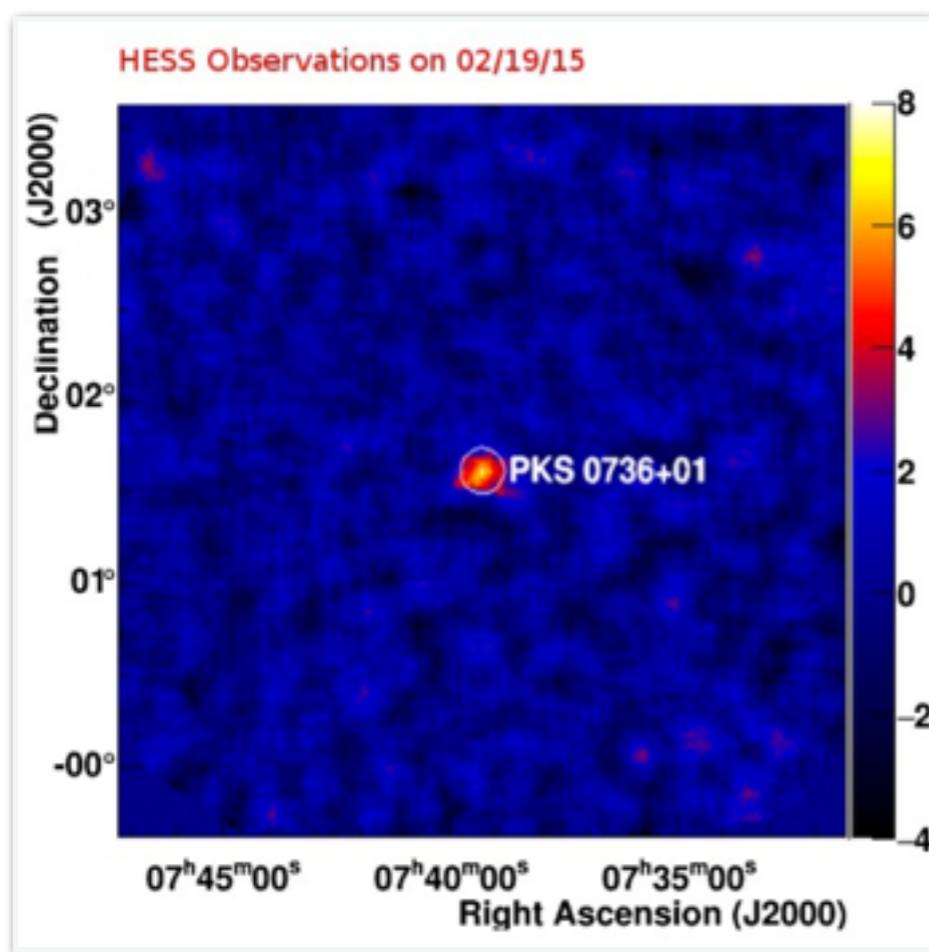


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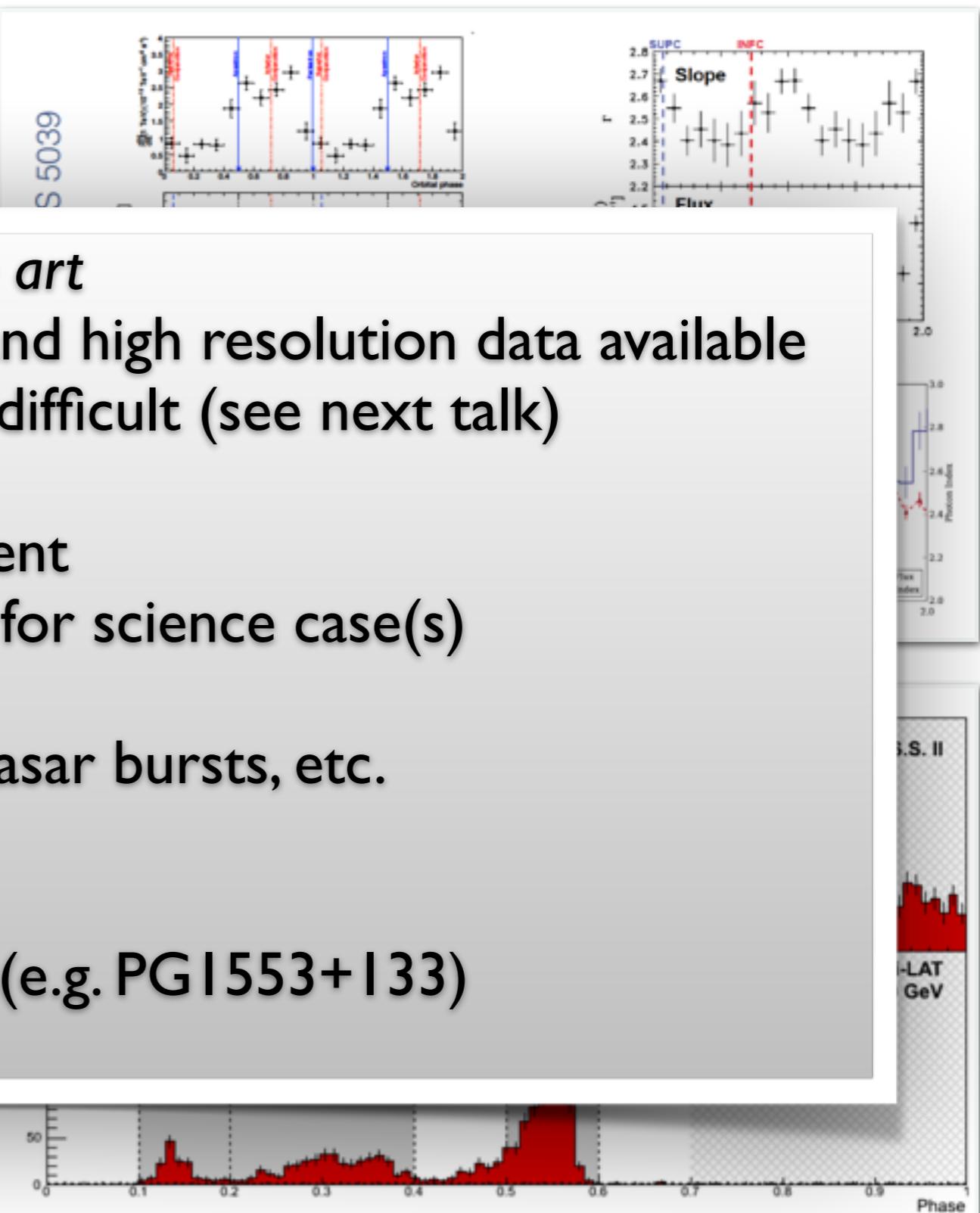
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  - e.g. variable systems like binaries
  - (anti)- correlations between GeV-TeV domains
  - AGN flares



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## Main impact for large FoV instrument

- low energy threshold crucial for science case(s)
- long-term monitoring crucial
  - Galactic: Binaries, microquasar bursts, etc.
  - Extragalactic:
    - AGN flares
    - long-term modulations (e.g. PG1553+133)

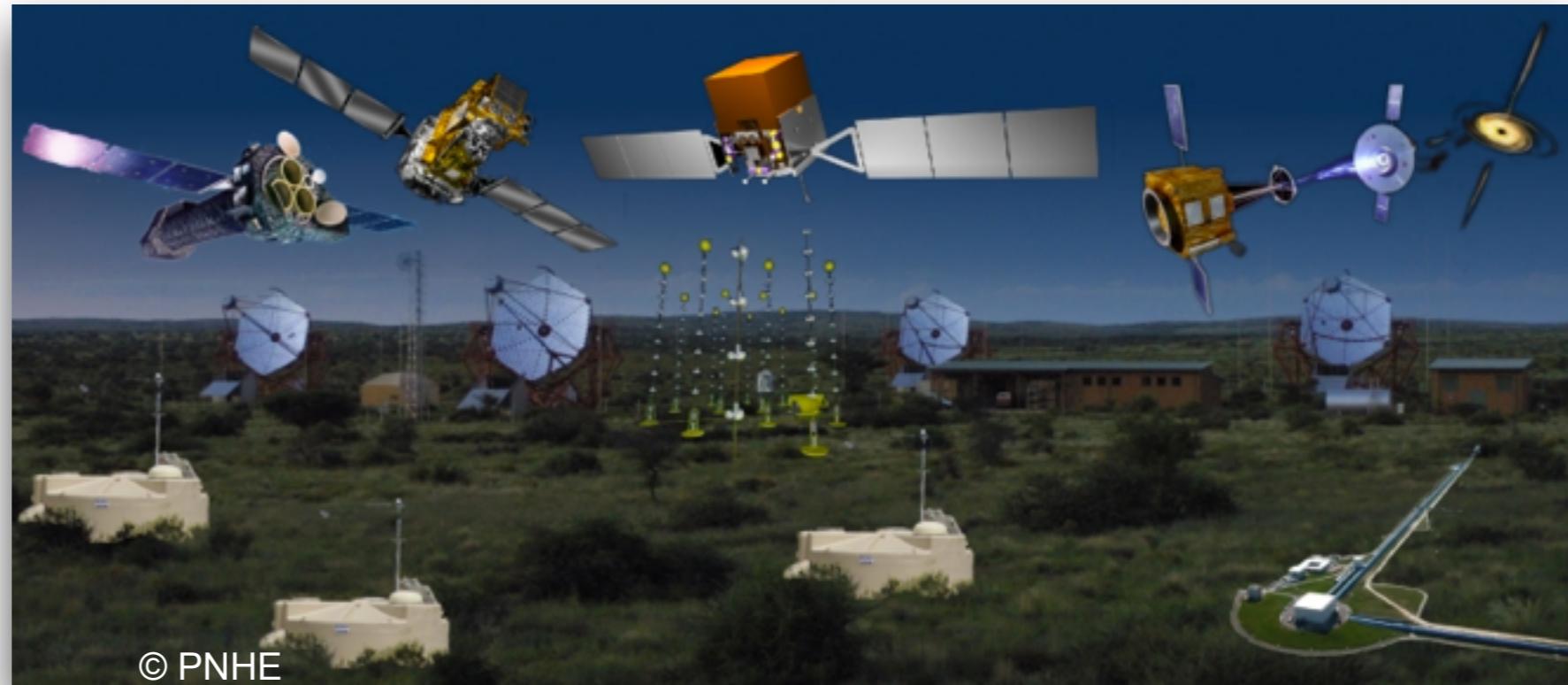
# The H.E.S.S. multi-messenger program

## ■ Gravitational waves

- major breakthrough in 2015 thanks to Advanced Virgo/Ligo
- H.E.S.S. member of the Virgo/Ligo EM follow-up effort since early 2014
- follow-up challenging due to large localization uncertainties
  - important input from additional EM detection, galaxy catalogs, etc.
  - benefit from large FoV

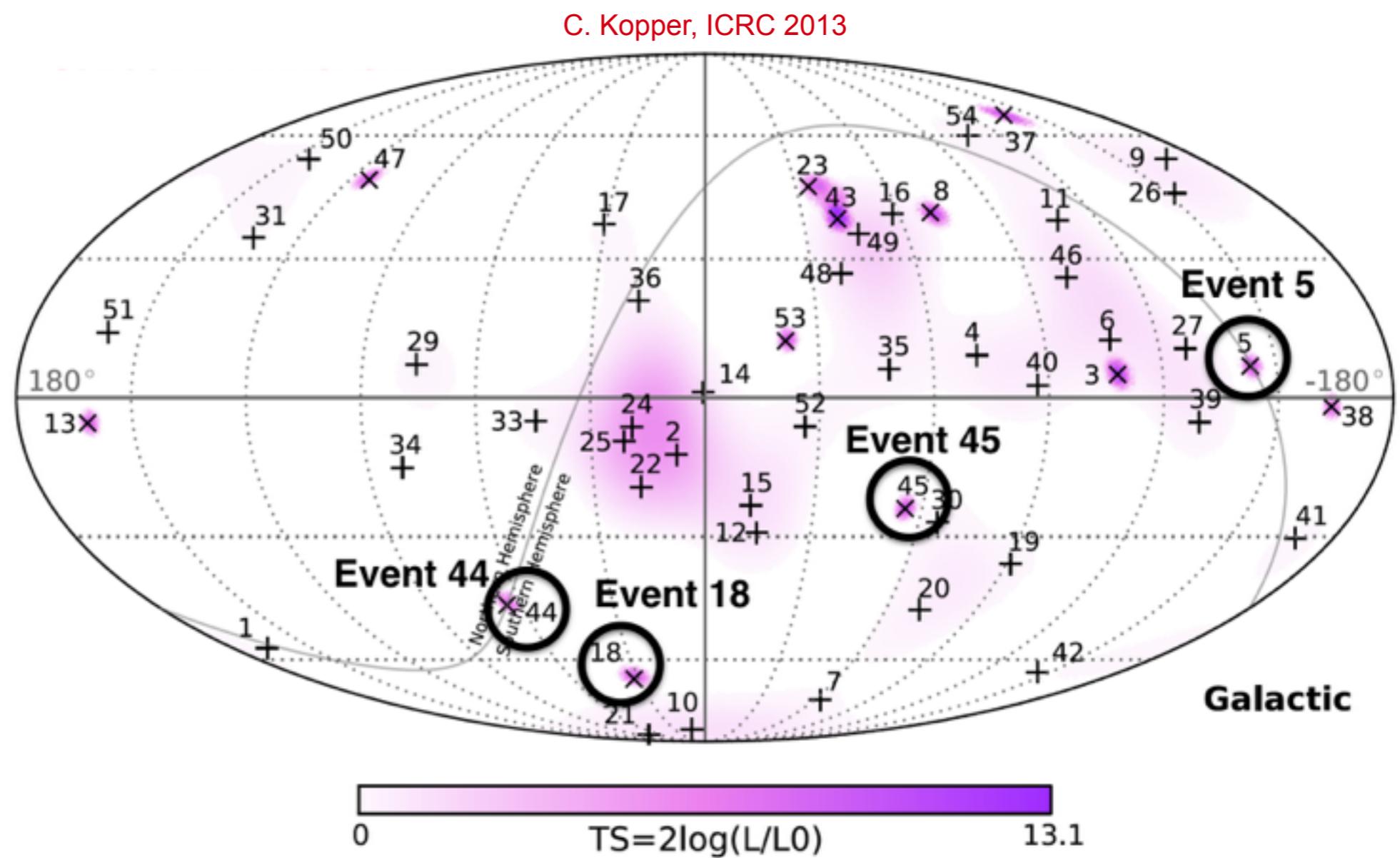
## ■ Neutrinos

- ROIs
  - neutrino hotspots
  - IceCube HESE events
- ToOs



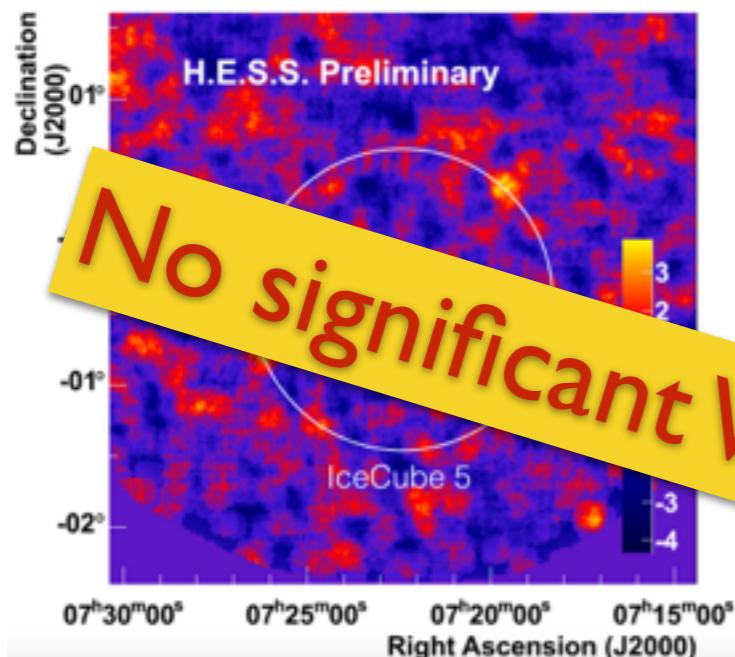
# Multi-messenger program: IceCube HESE tracks

- H.E.S.S. observations of IceCube High Energy Starting Events
  - track like events (angular uncertainty < FoV)
  - H.E.S.S. visibility + constrains by other observations
  - high energy, etc.

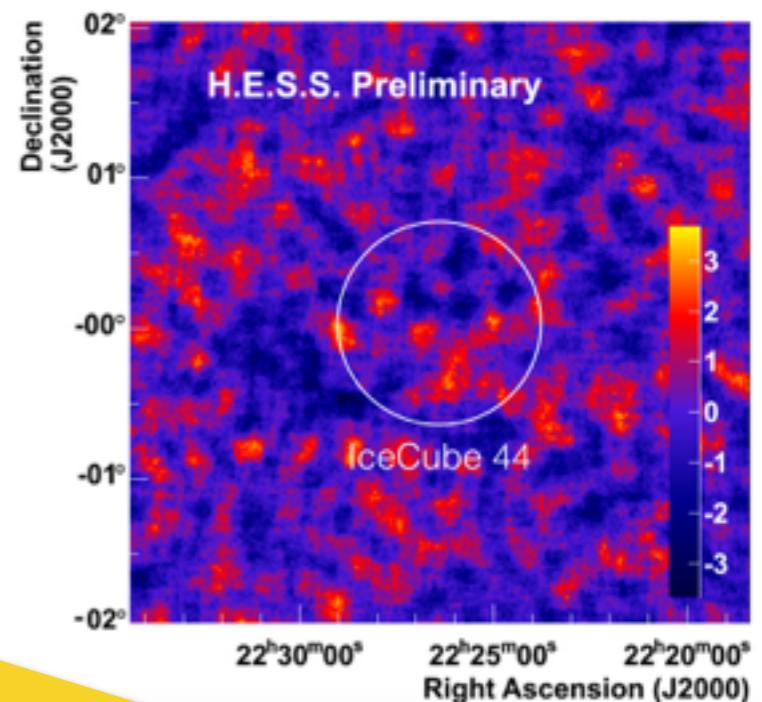


# IceCube HESE tracks: H.E.S.S.

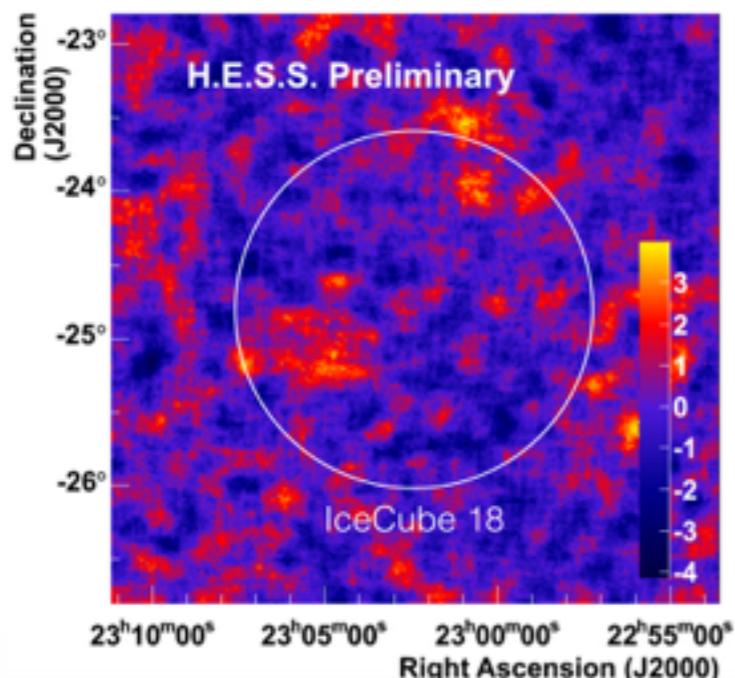
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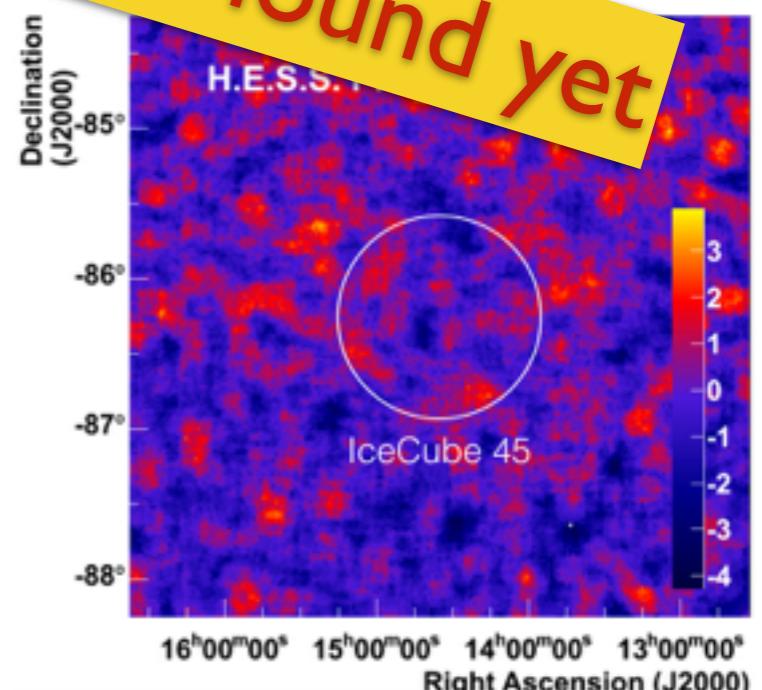
- IceCube 44



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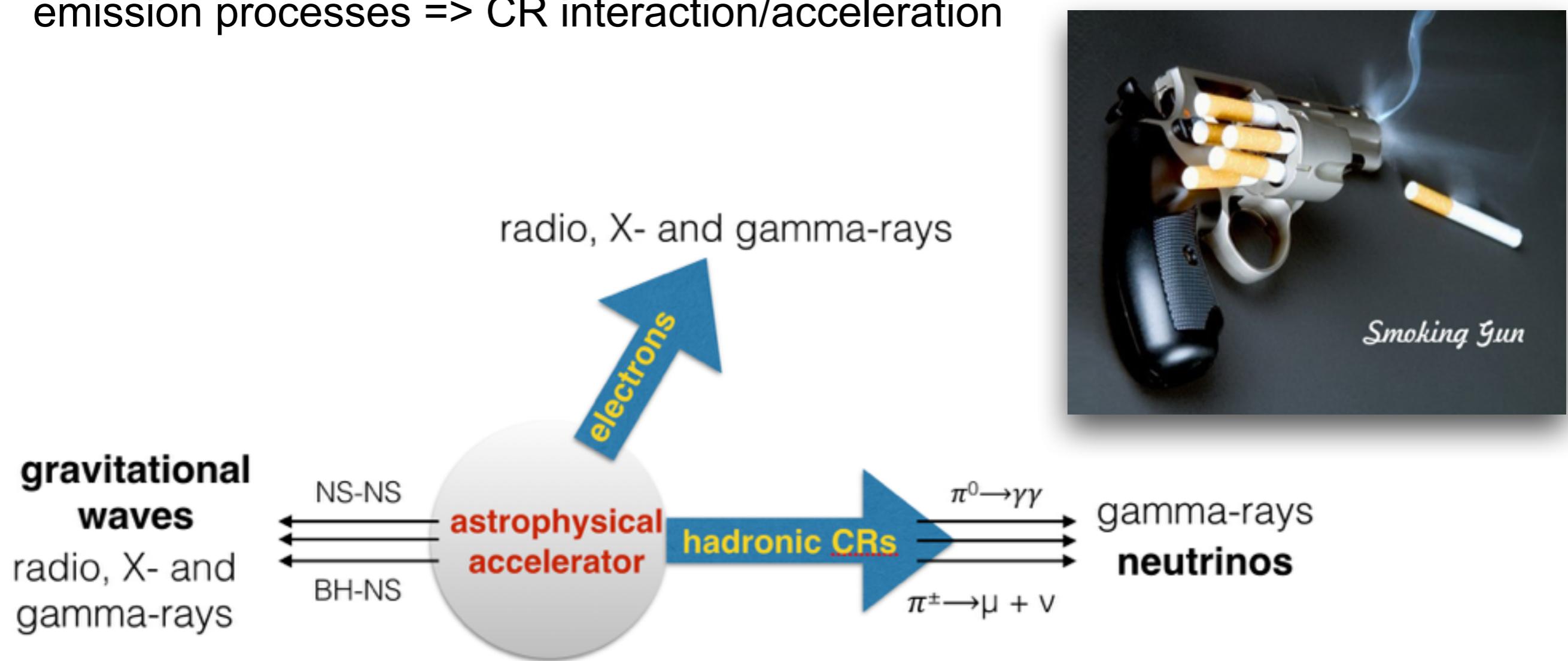


- IceCube 45



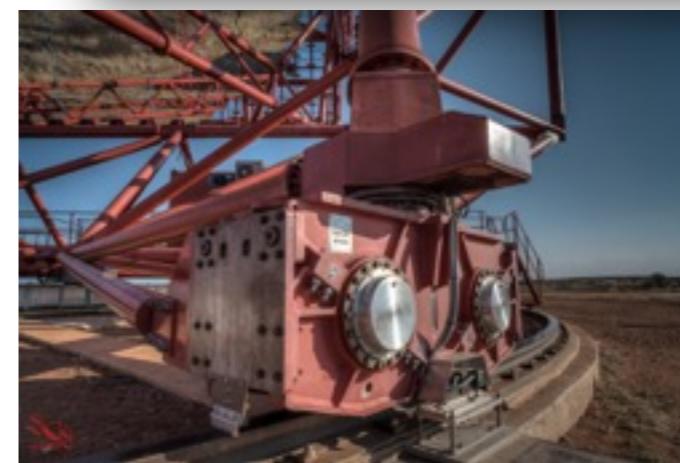
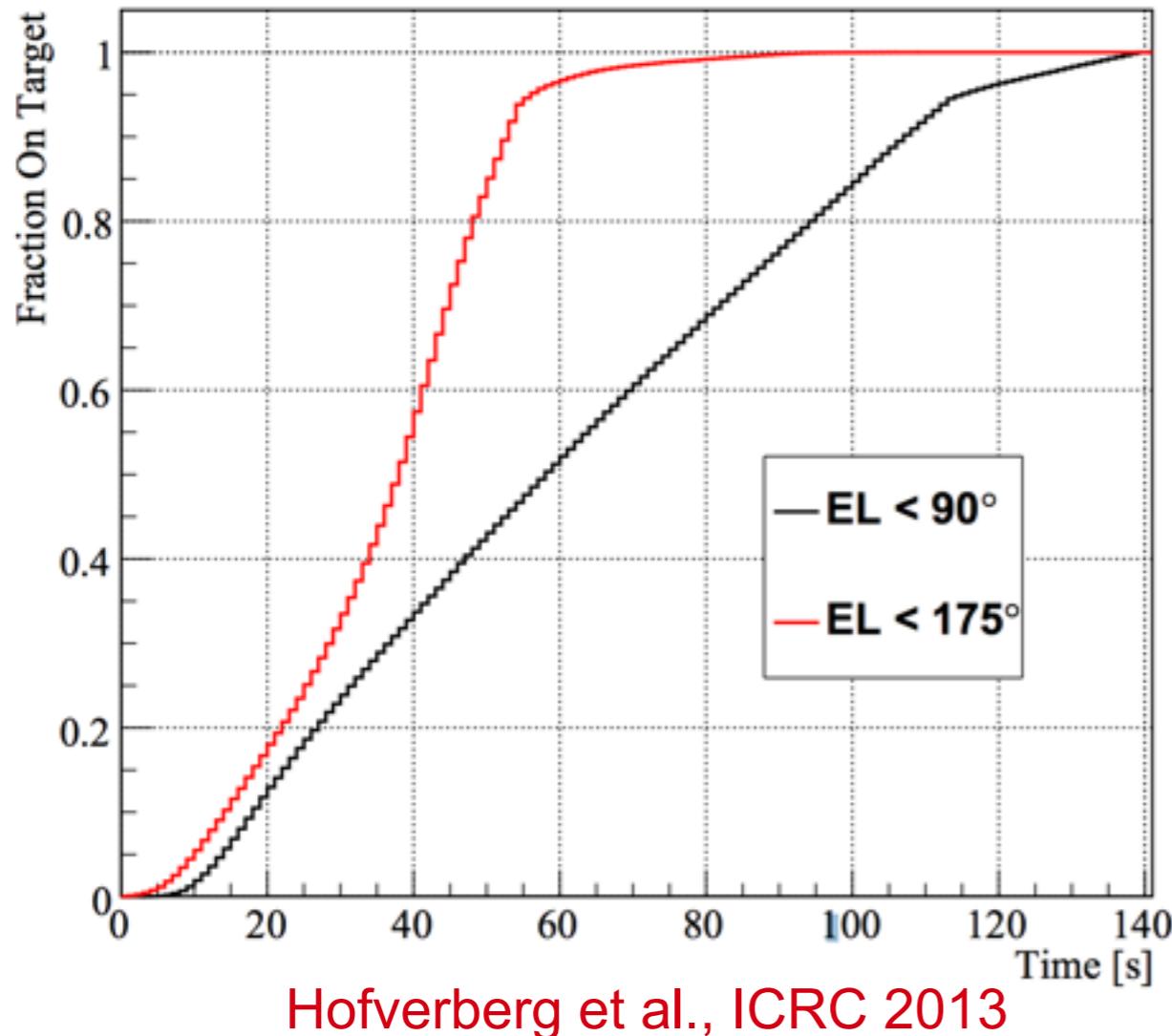
# Future of the H.E.S.S. Multi-messenger program: alerts and ToOs

- Interpretation of potential gamma-ray source within the neutrino error box difficult (has to rely on basic energetics and follow-up observations)
- **Space and time correlations** would provide "smoking gun" signal for joint emission processes => CR interaction/acceleration



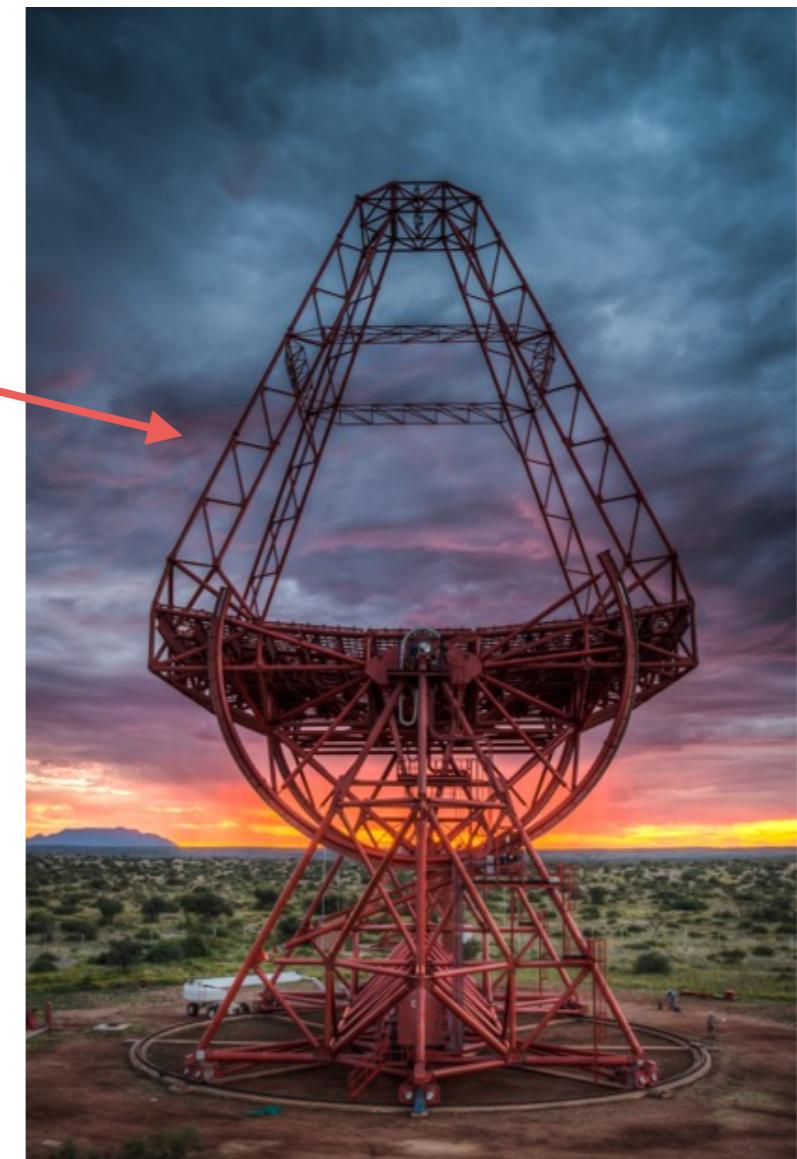
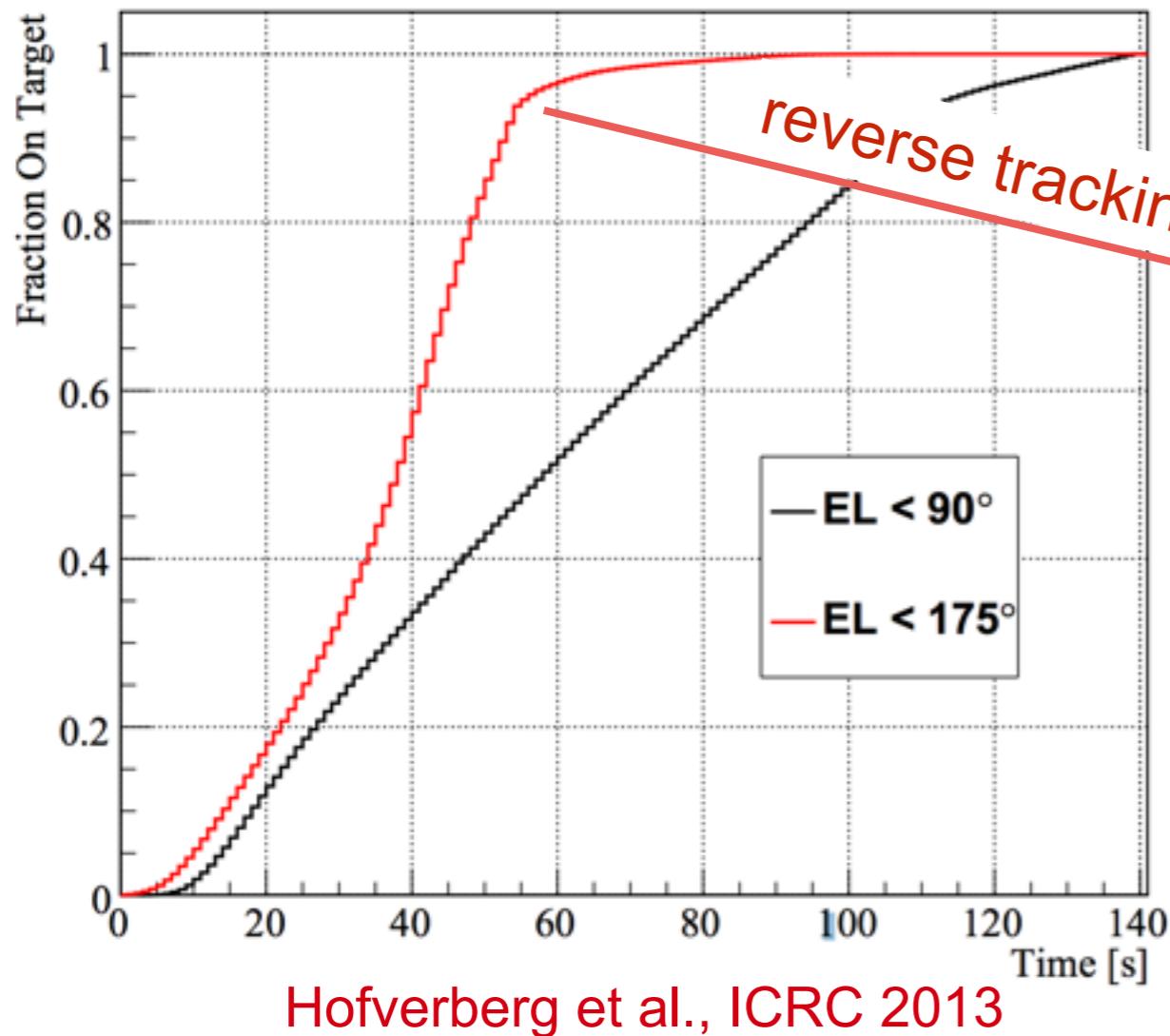
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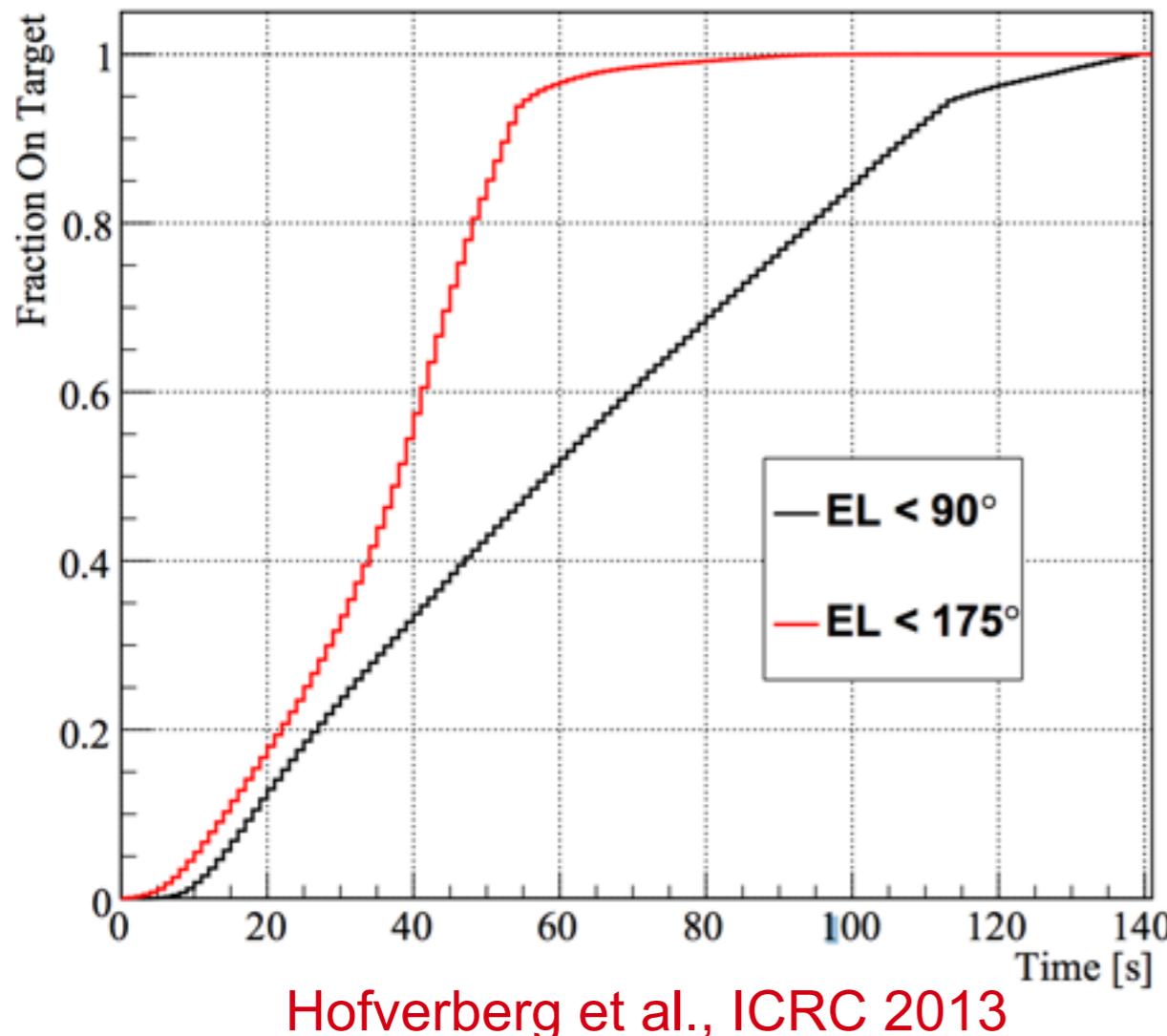
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- ToO+DAQ re-organization in 2014/2015
  - reaction time dominated by slewing: O(60s)

VoEvent alert system

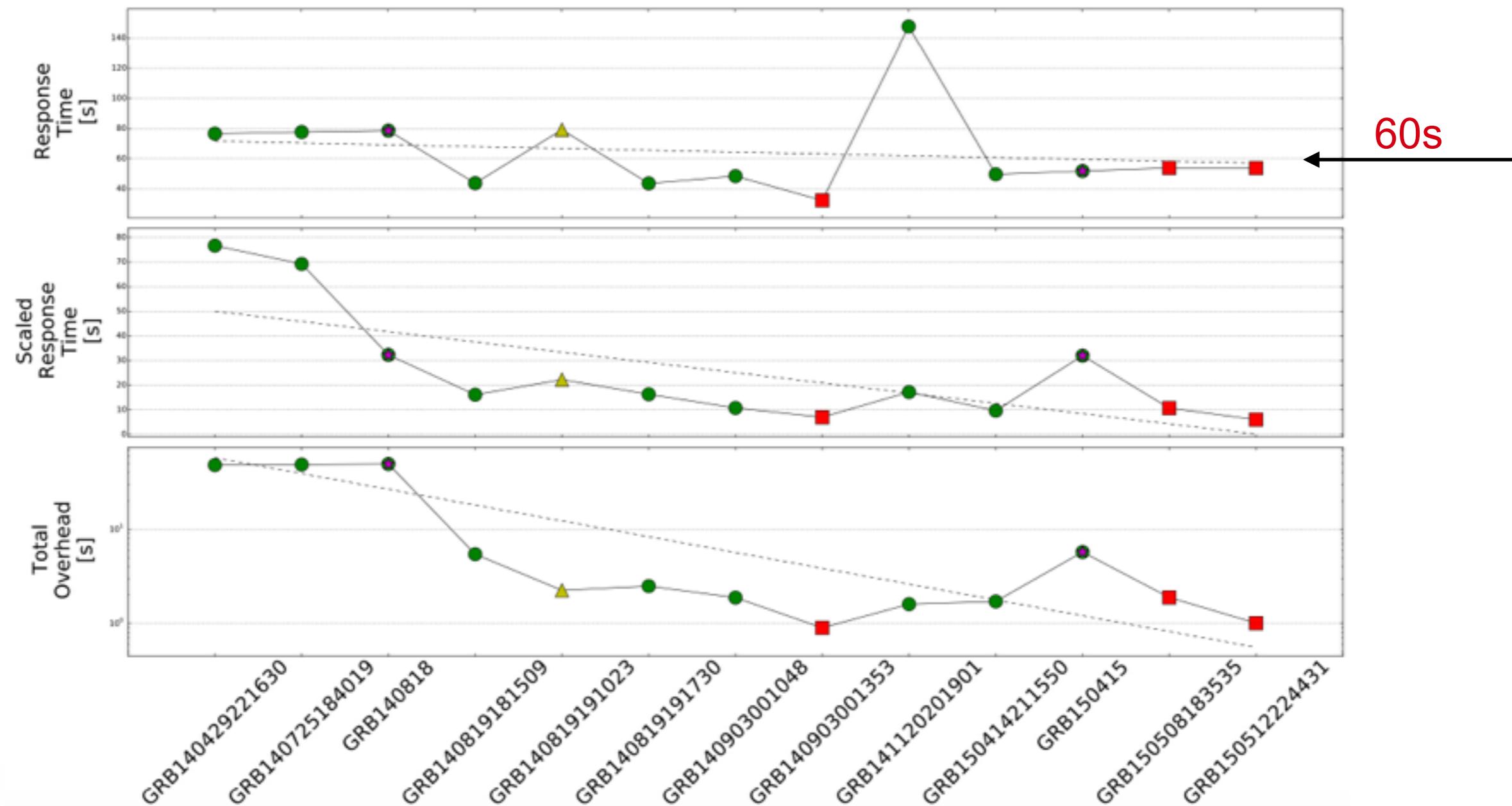


# H.E.S.S. reaction to Multi-messenger alerts and ToOs

- Neutrino telescopes (IceCube + ANTARES)
  - real-time alerts on HESE + EHE events: e.g. ATEL #9301
  - delays before alert emission: O(sec - min)
- Gamma-ray Bursts
  - extensive follow-up program during H.E.S.S. phase I (e.g. A&A 495, 505-512 (2009))
  - follow-up speed significantly increased with H.E.S.S. II
    - rapid slewing speed
    - fully automatic repositioning after the reception of a GCN alert
    - dedicated operation mode (e.g. data taking starts as soon as source enters the FoV)
    - GRBs have highest ToO priority (following all accessible alerts)
- many other ToOs
  - Fast Radio Bursts (e.g. SUPERB@Parkes)
  - SGR/AXPs
  - ...

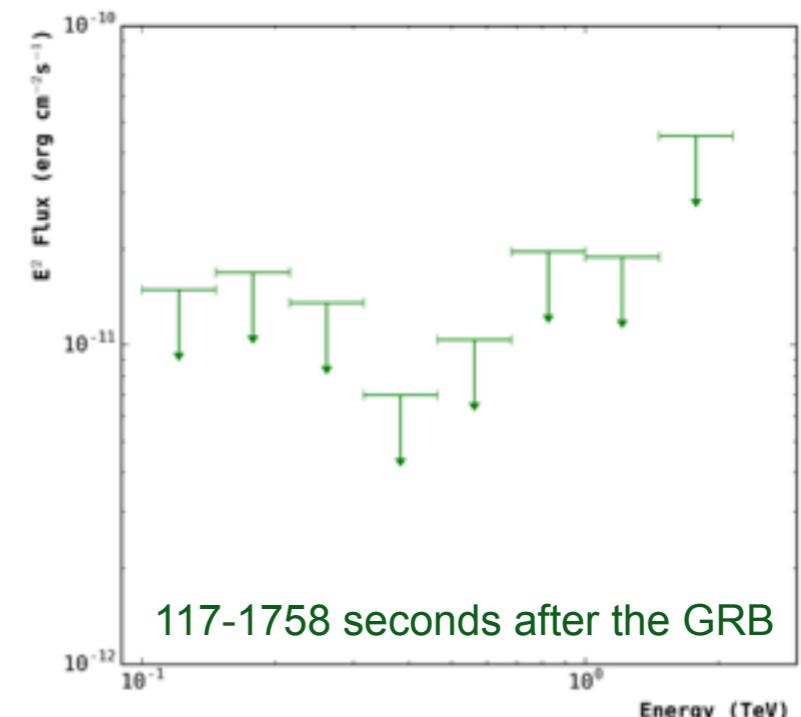
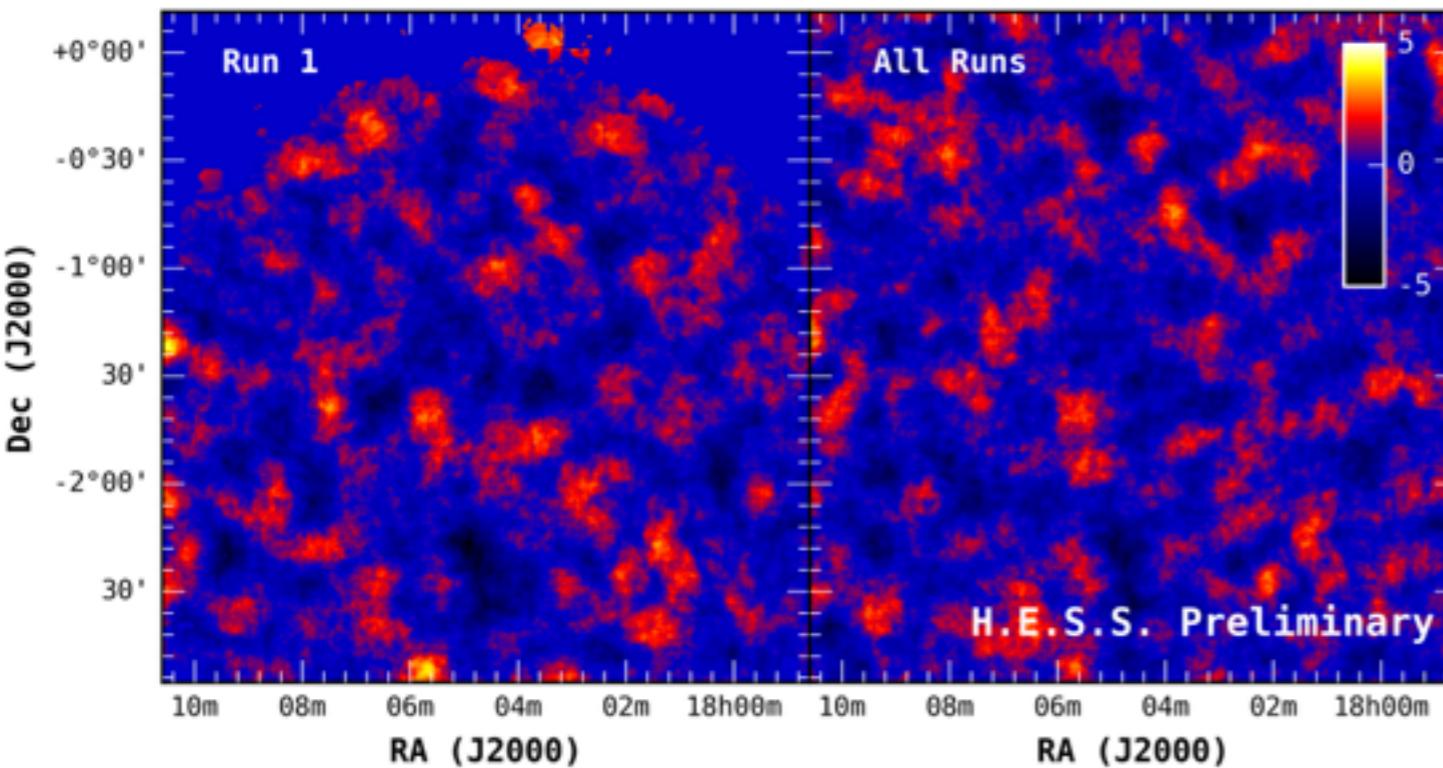
# GRB follow-up: performance

- DAQ re-organisation led to significant improvement of the response time
- continuous monitoring via "fake GRBs": end-to-end tests of the full chain



# GRB follow-up: first results

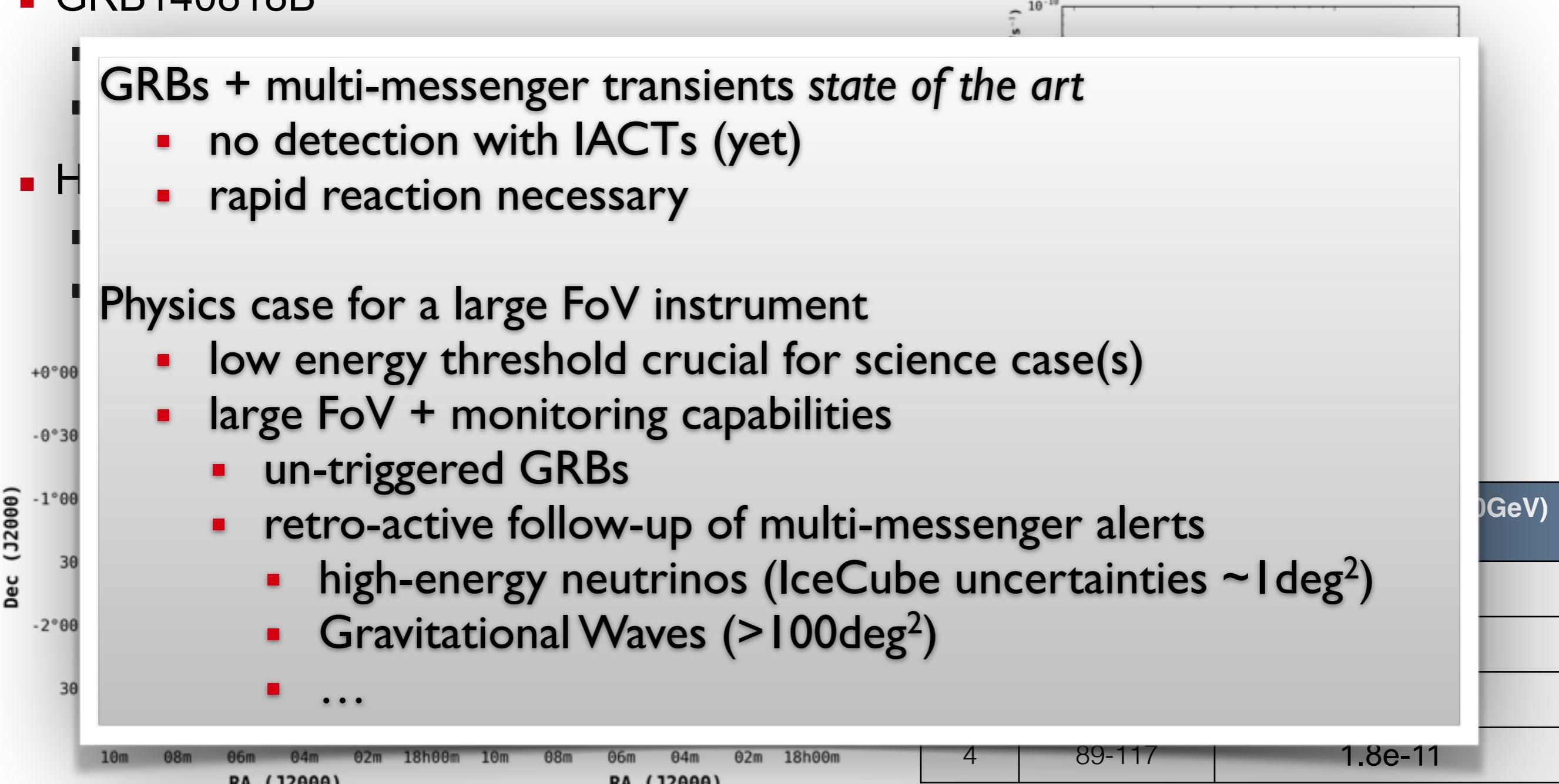
- strict data blinding procedure fixing reconstruction, cuts, analysis strategy, etc.
- GRB140818B
  - RA= +18h 04m 35s ; Dec=-01d 21' 40" (J2000)
  - T0: 18:44:16 UTC
- H.E.S.S. observations
  - starting 18:45:42 UT (<2min after the GRB)
  - mono* analysis optimized for low energies



Run	Time since T0 [min]	Integral Flux ( $E > 100\text{GeV}$ ) [ $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]
1	2-30	3.9e-11
2	31-59	2.6e-11
3	60-88	5.1e-11
4	89-117	1.8e-11

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# Summary and outlook

- H.E.S.S. phase I: extensive legacy dataset (e.g. HGPS, SNRs, etc.)
- H.E.S.S. phase II: lower energy threshold and rapid response
  - First physics results (e.g. AGNs, DM lines, etc.)
  - Multi-messenger program (neutrinos, GWs, Fast Radio Bursts, etc.)
  - Follow-up of alerts and ToOs
    - GRBs
      - improved performance: response time < 1min
      - highest priority observations
- Upgrade of H.E.S.S. phase I camera electronics
  - improved reliability
  - lower dead time matching H.E.S.S. 28m

# Some thoughts on a next generation large FoV instrument in the Southern hemisphere

- monitoring of transient phenomena

- Galactic: microquasars, binaries, etc.
- Extragalactic: AGNs, GRBs, multi-messengers, etc.
- requires high sensitivity and low energy threshold

- low energy threshold: opens extragalactic sky (EBL absorption) => transients!!

- large discovery space (no extensive surveys yet, CTA: 1/4 of the sky)
- deep follow-up of new sources with CTA if necessary

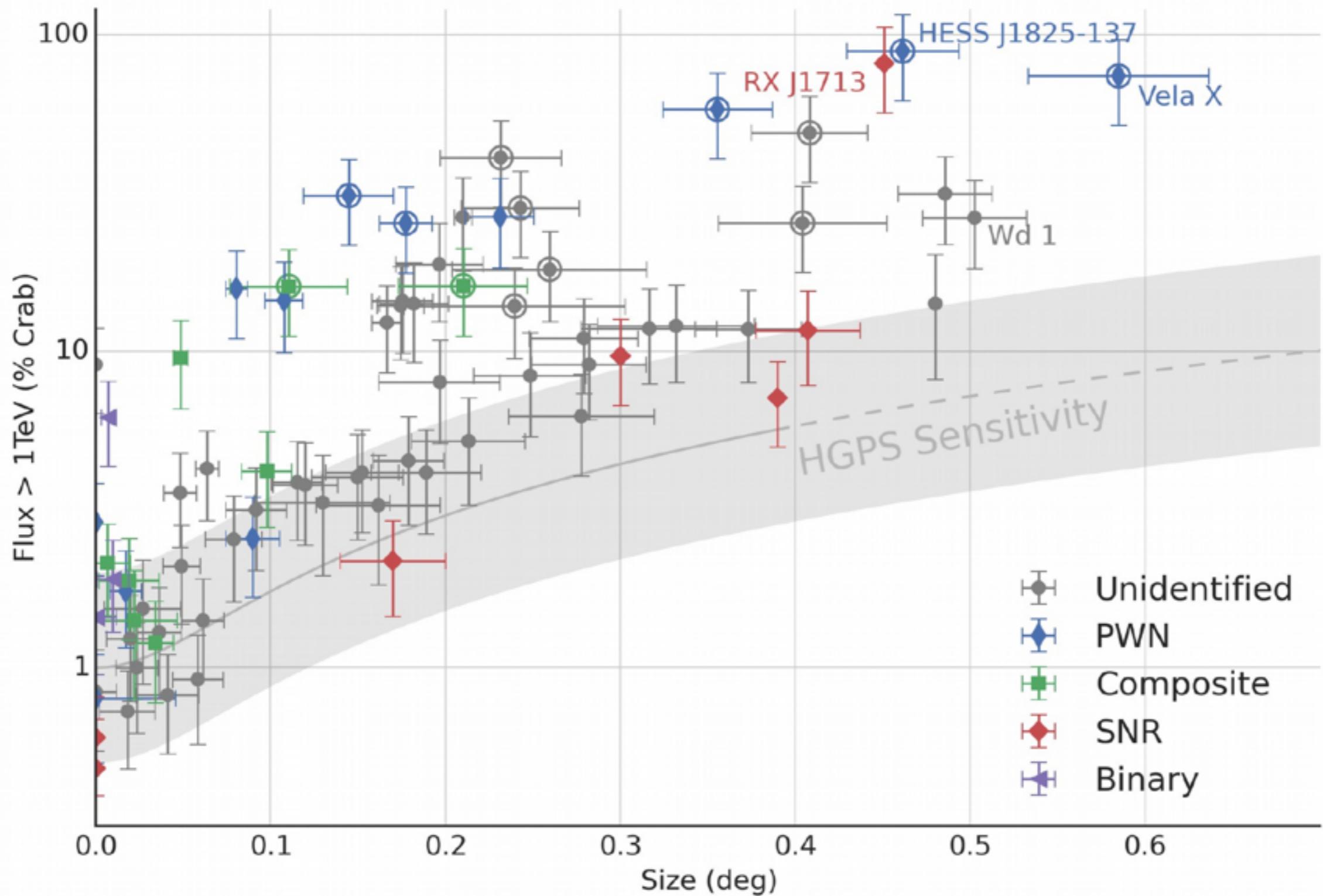
- sensitivity at high energies: largely uncharted territory, Galactic Pevatron(s)

- challenging due to limited angular resolution compared to IACTS

# Backup



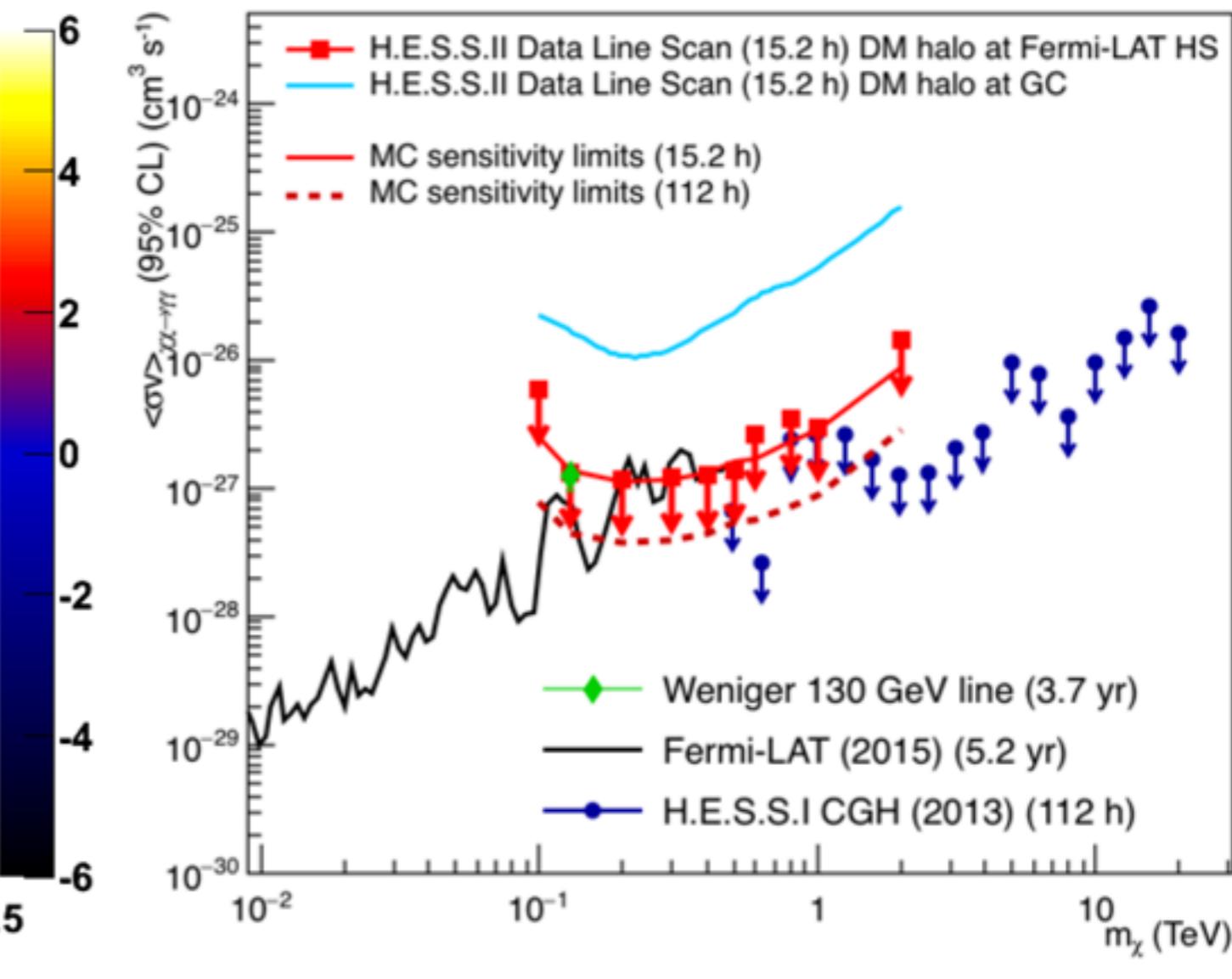
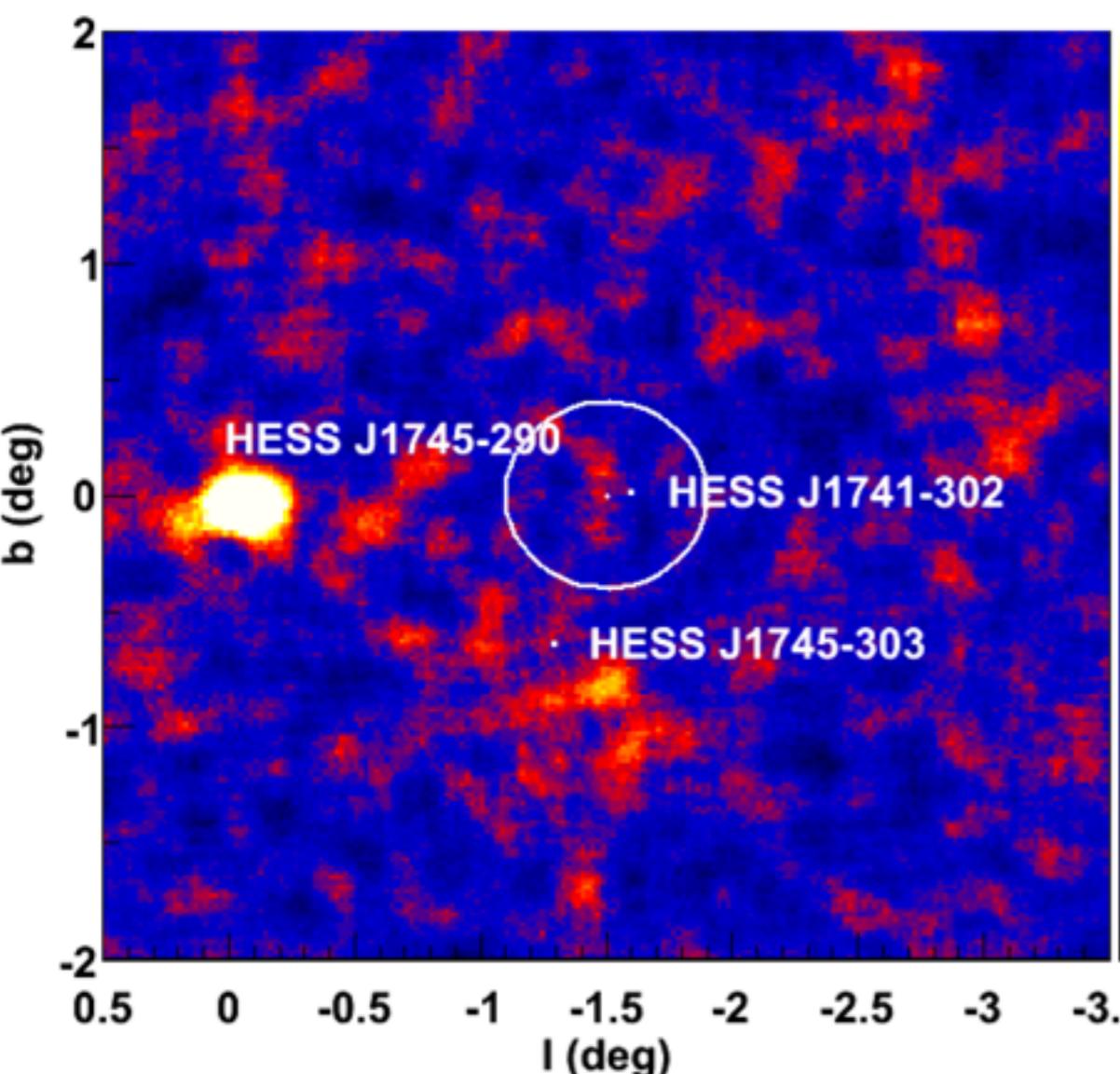
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# Upper Limits on the 130 GeV Fermi Line

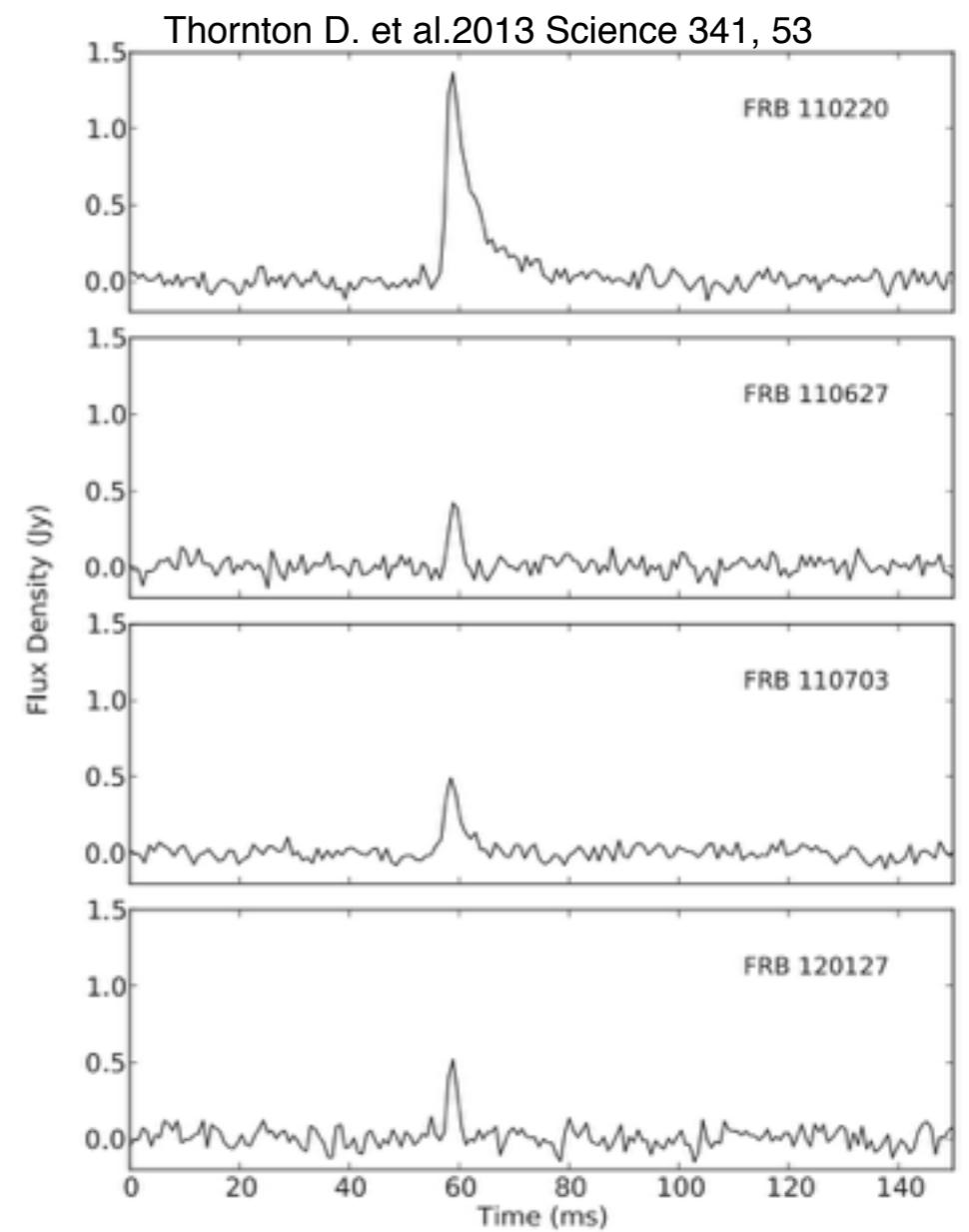
Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 151302

- HESS II stereo analysis shows no evidence of 130 GeV excess at the Fermi hotspot position
- Upper limits derived from H.E.S.S. II stereo analysis
- Exclude the 130 GeV line at 95% C.L.



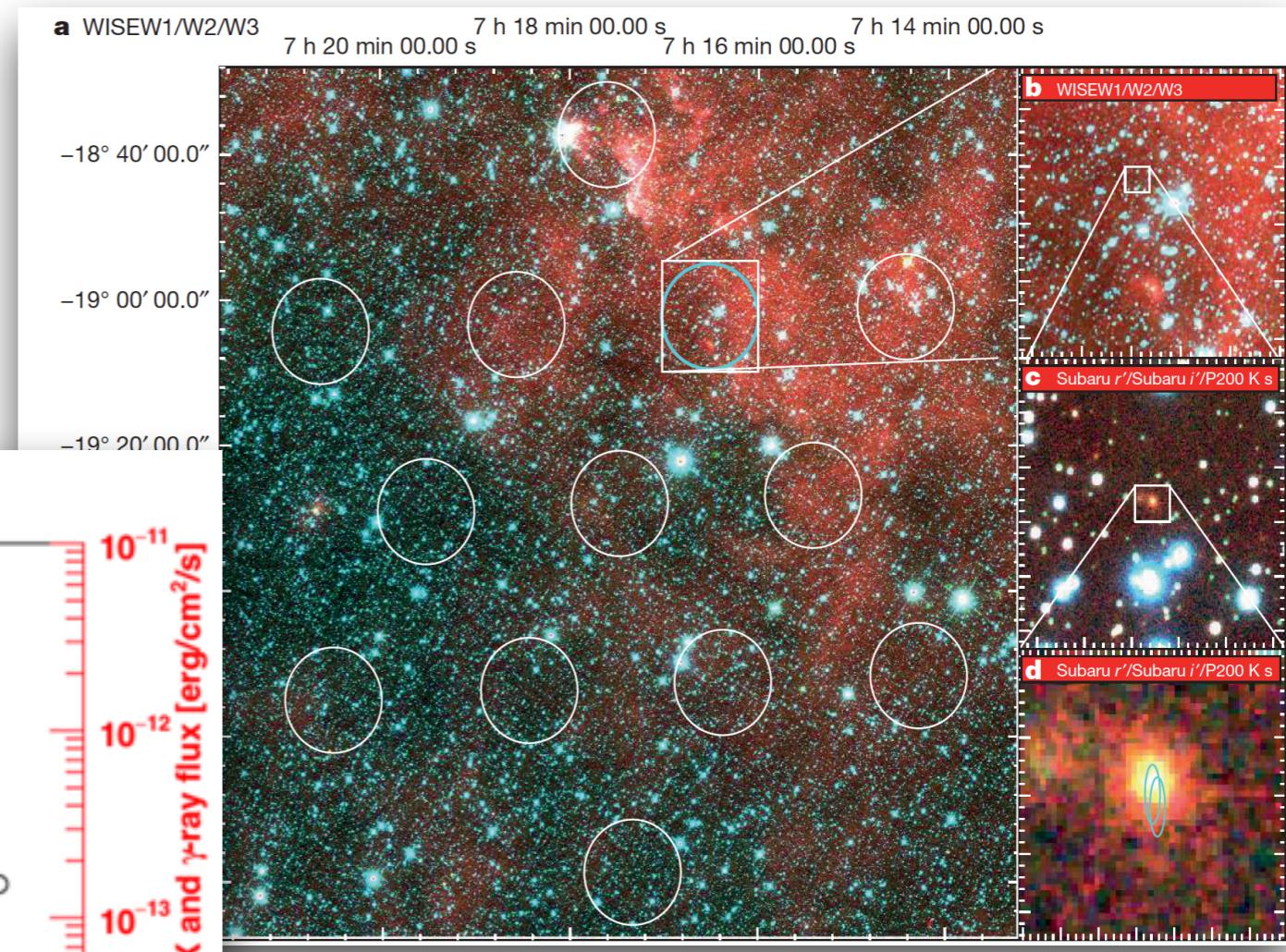
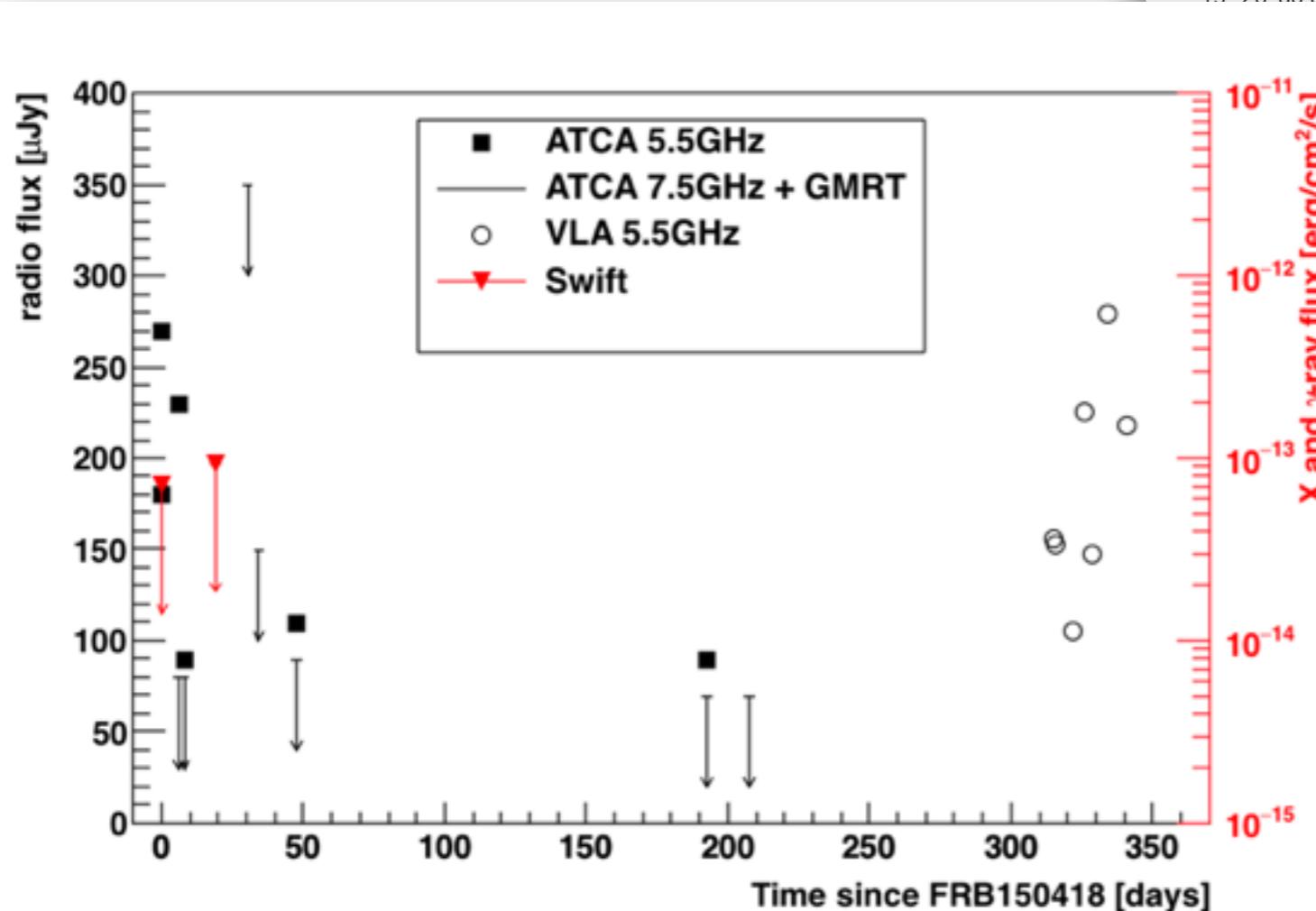
# Fast Radio Bursts

- strong, millisecond radio burst of possibly extragalactic origin
- H.E.S.S. takes part in the SUPERB project @ Parkes
  - online searches for FRBs and other radio transients



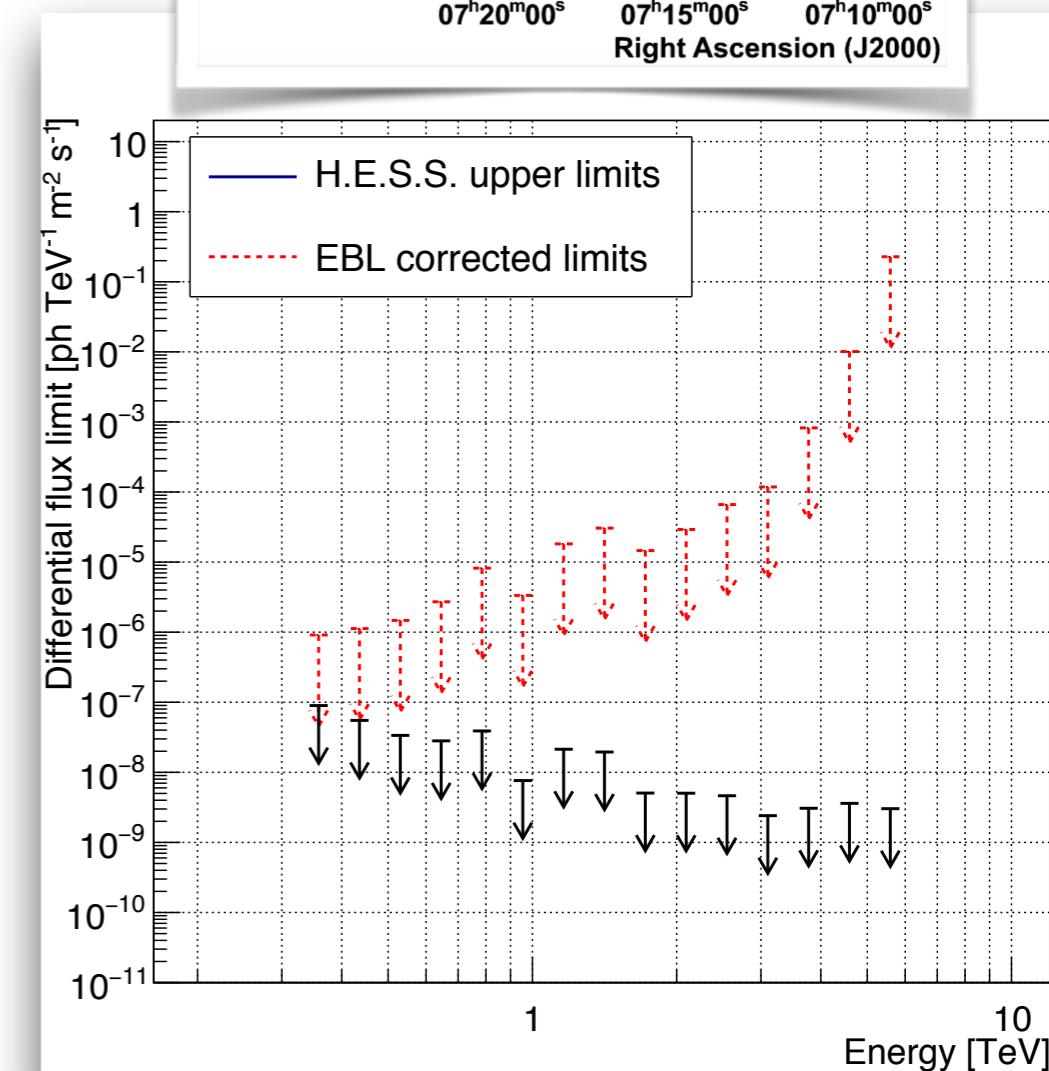
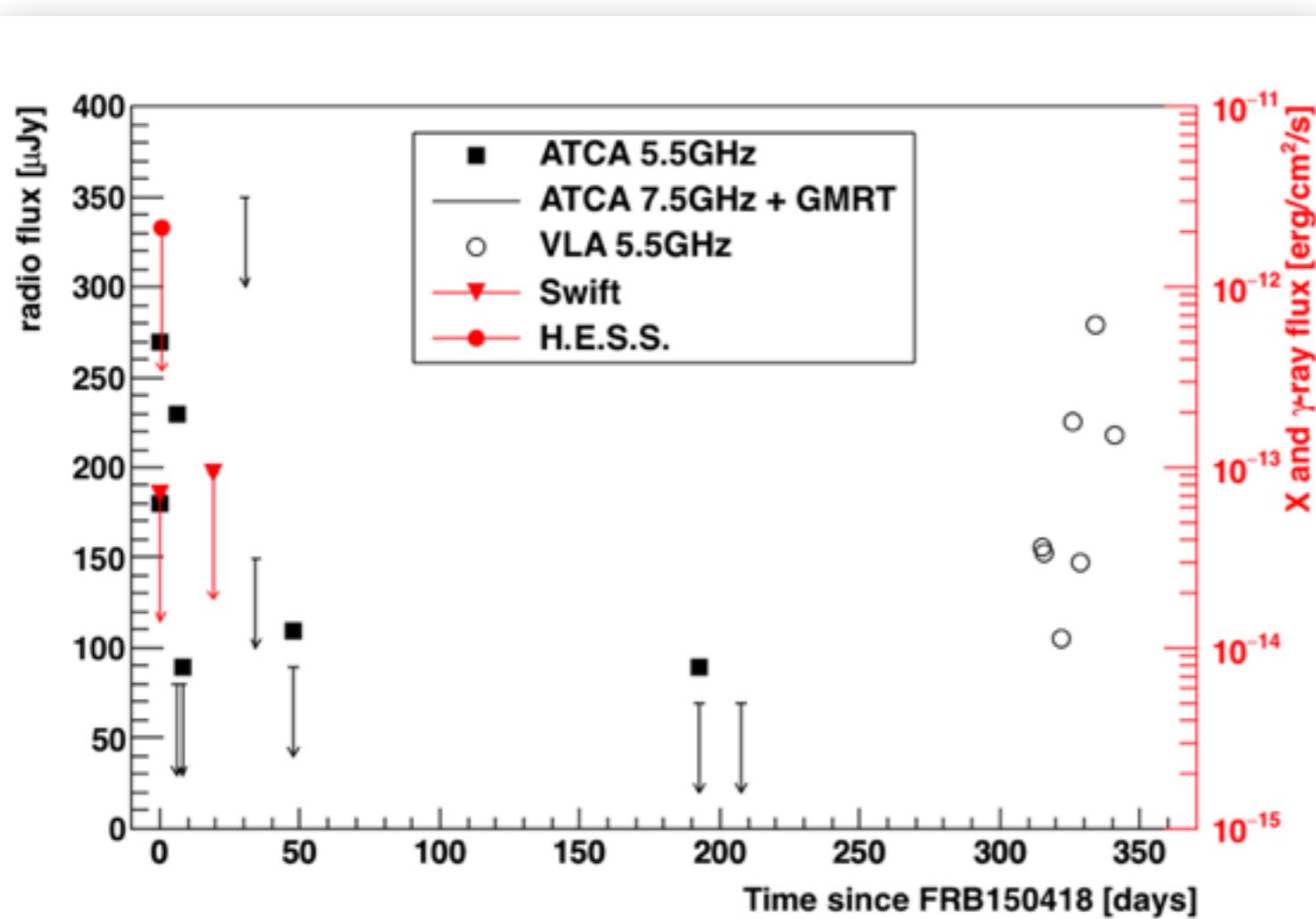
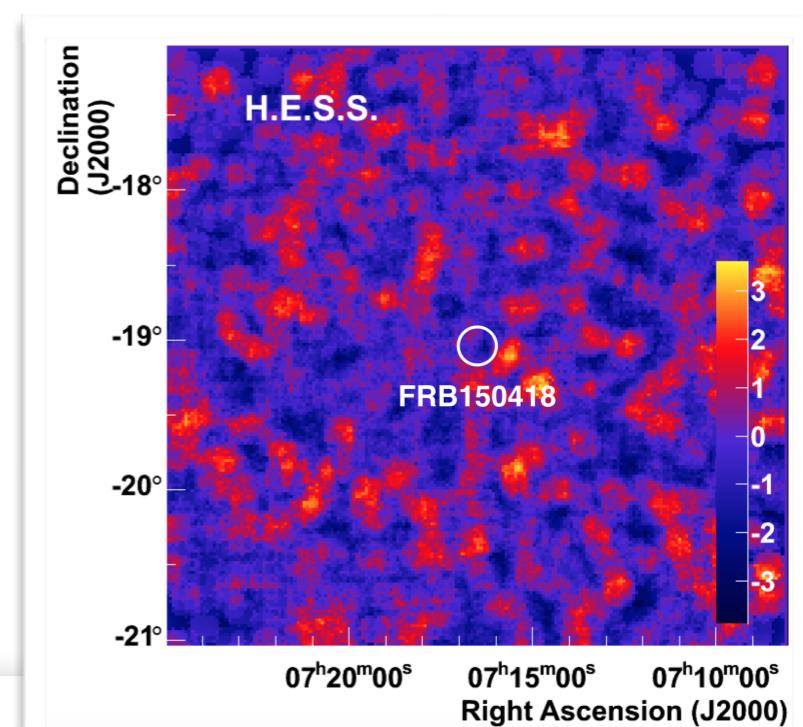
# FRB150418

- detected 2015 April 18 04:29:07.056 UTC at SUPERB@Parkes
- ATCA: fading radio afterglow during  $\sim$ 6days
  - optical identification of galaxy at  $z=0.492$



# FRB150418

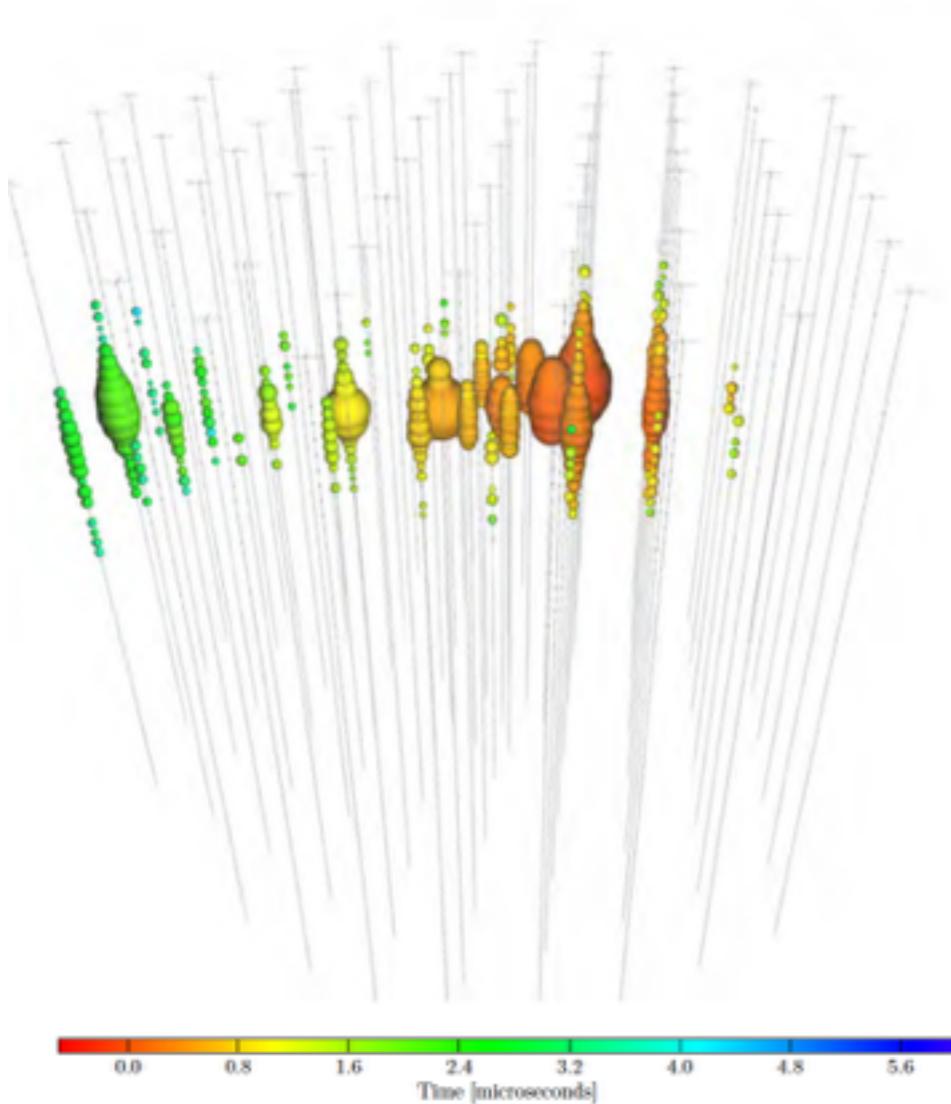
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- H.E.S.S. observations the night after the burst
  - delay:  $\sim$ 14.5h
  - no VHE afterglow detected
  - $\Phi(E>350\text{GeV}) < 1.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $E^{-2}$ , 99% C.L.)



# IceCube events: examples

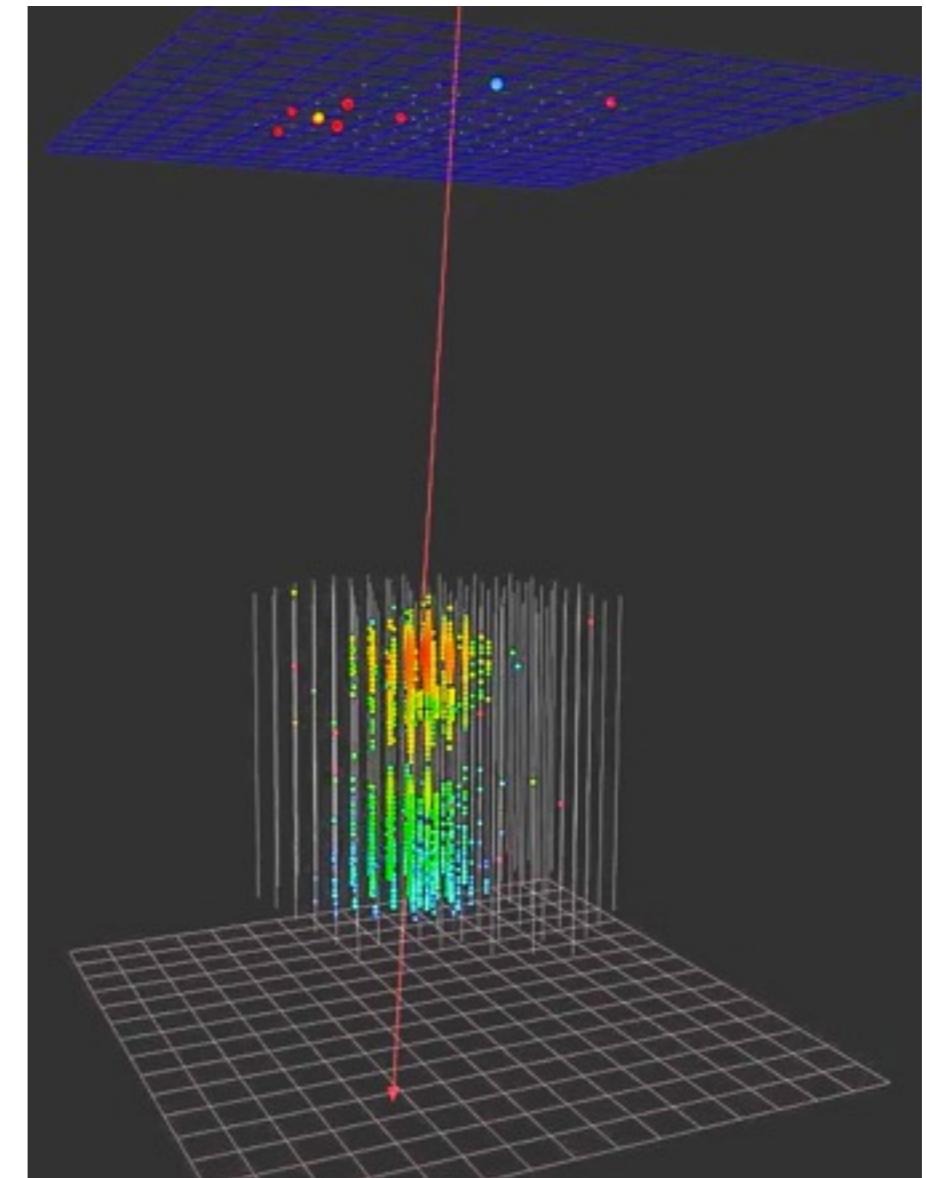
## IceCube Event 5

- deposited energy:  $71.4^{+9}_{-9}$  TeV
- Ra=110.6deg / Dec=-0.4deg



## IceCube Event 45

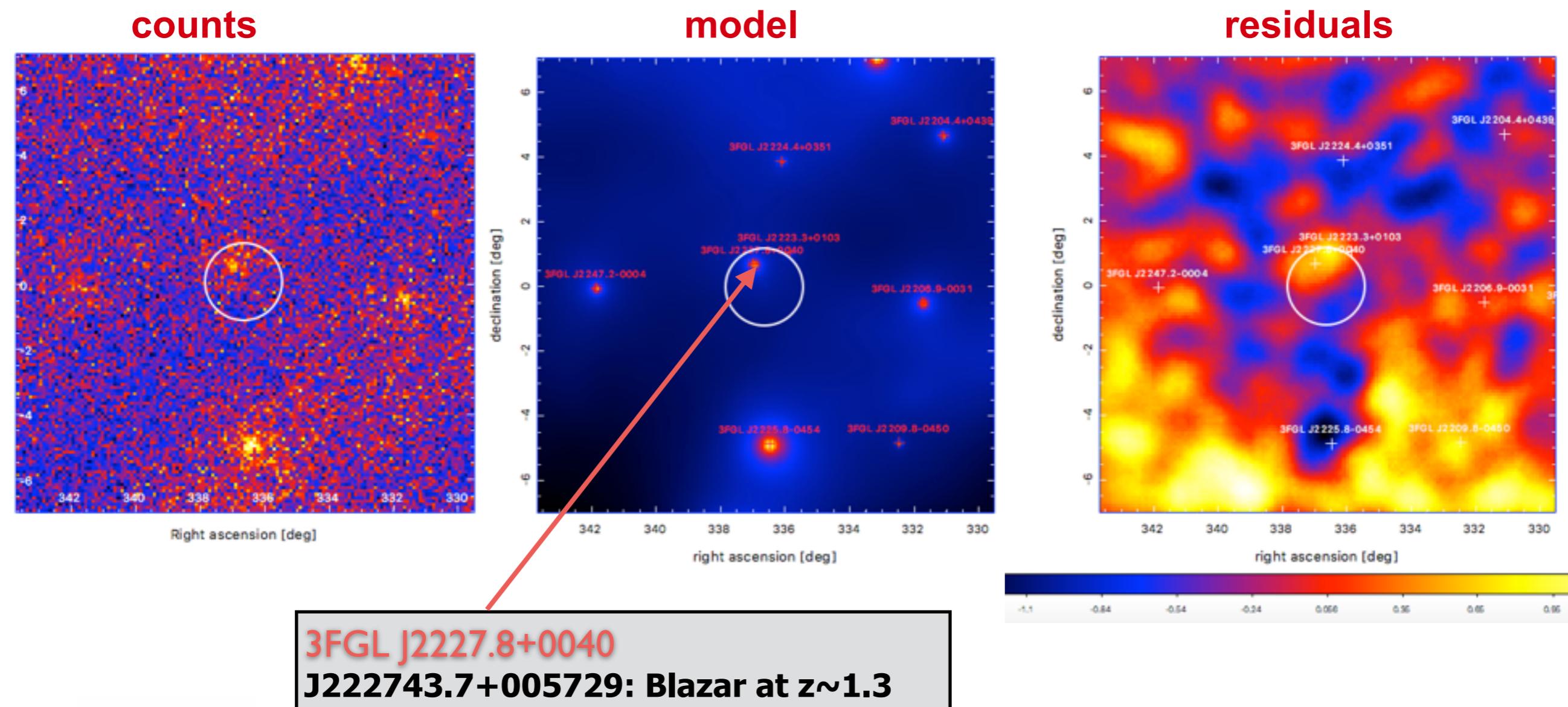
- deposited energy:  $429.9^{+57.4}_{-49.1}$  TeV
- Ra=219deg / Dec=-86.3deg



# IceCube HESE tracks: Fermi-LAT

- Event 5 + 18: period 08/2008-05/2015; P7Rep, 100MeV-300GeV
- Event 44 + 45: period 08/2008-05/2016; Pass8, 100MeV-300GeV

Example: Event 44



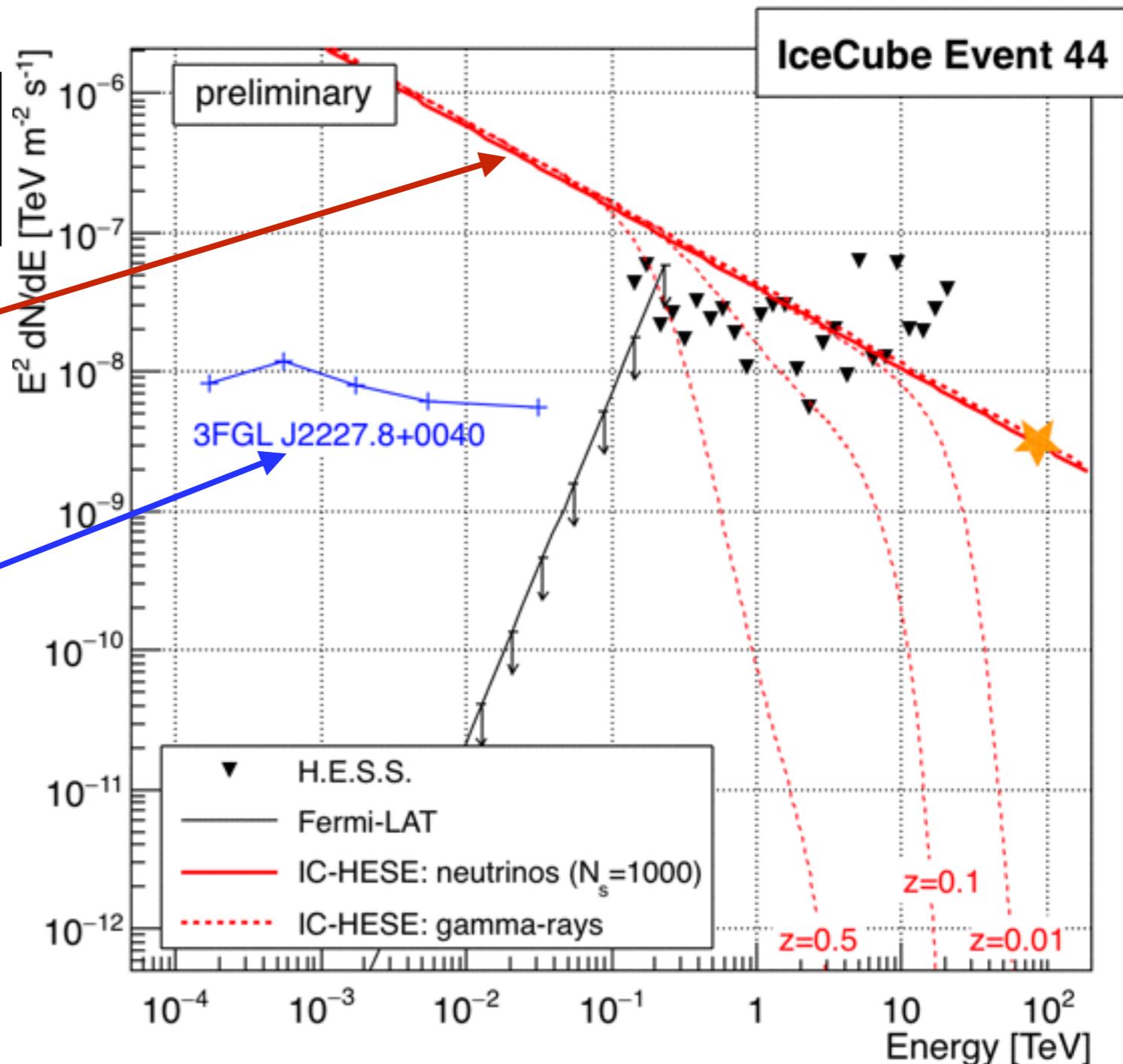
# IceCube HESE tracks: Limits

- Example: Event 44

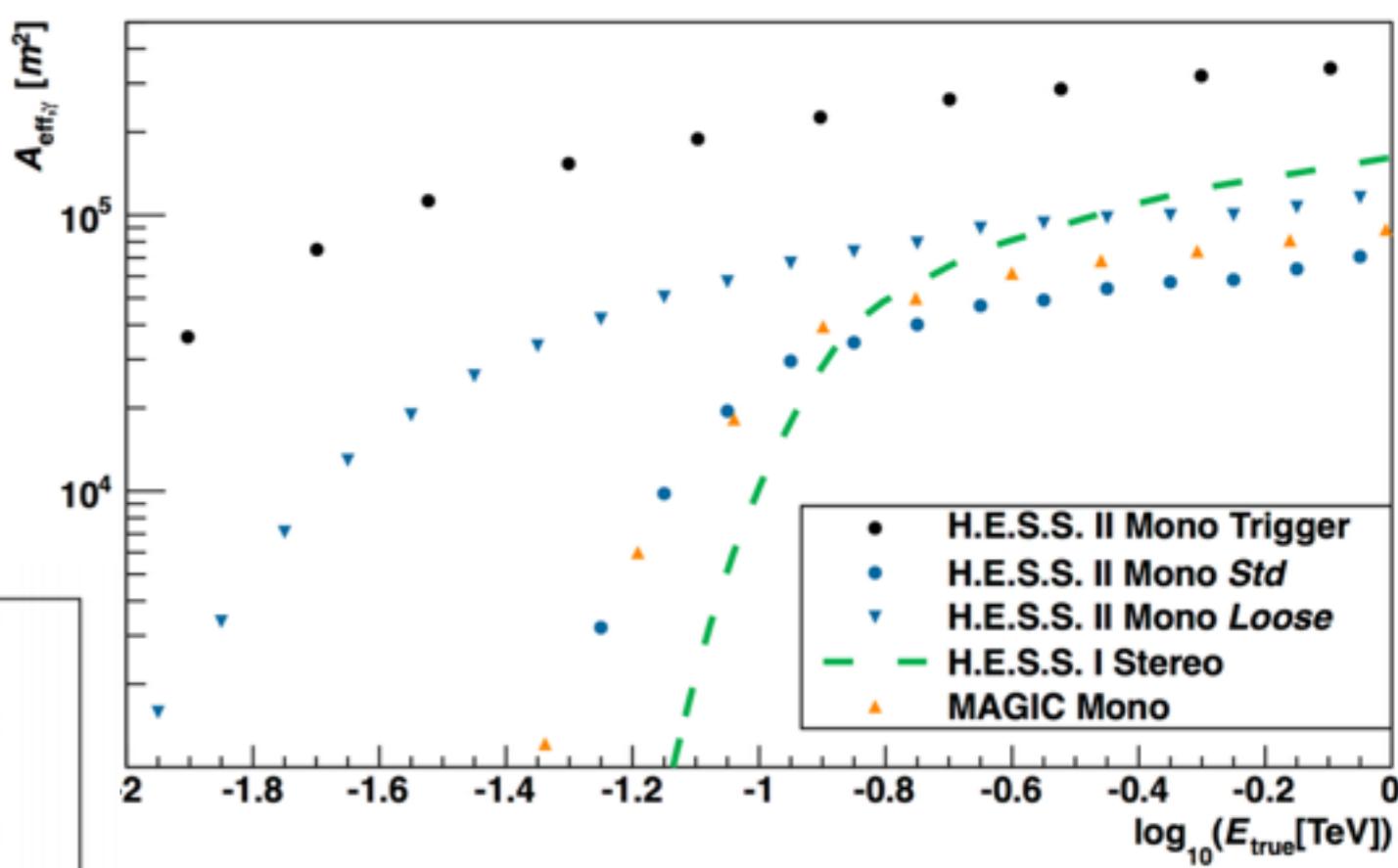
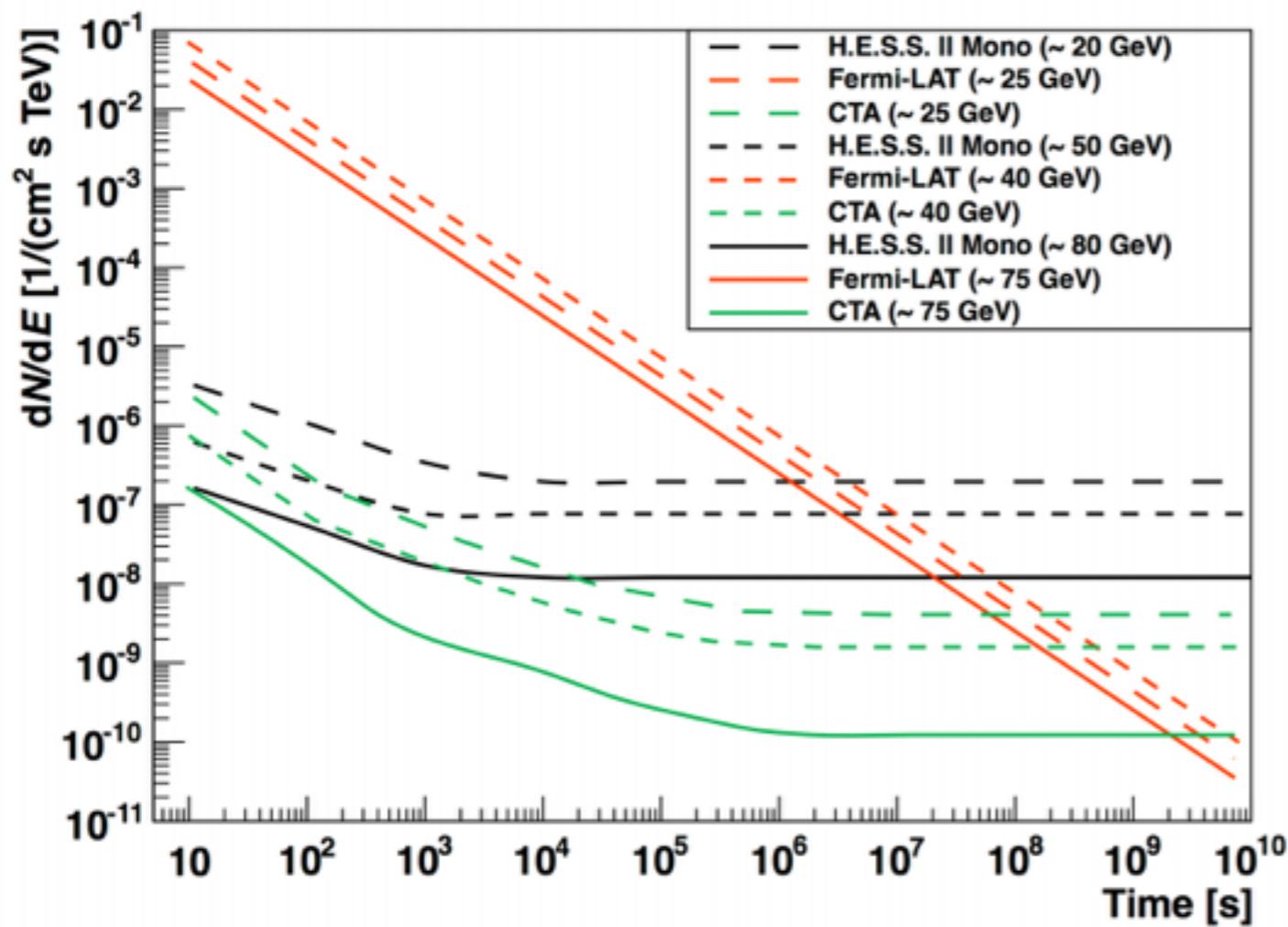
H.E.S.S. + Fermi-LAT limits  
for point-source in the ROI center  
(acceptance smooth => representative for ROI)

diffuse IceCube flux:  
 $\varphi(E) = 2.2 \times 10^{-8} E^{-2.58} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$   
 assuming 1000 sources

3FGL "candidate" source  
within IceCube ROI



# GRB follow-up: sensitivity



- rapid response + best sensitivity
- waiting for the first detection ;-)