

# LHAASO 科学研究进展

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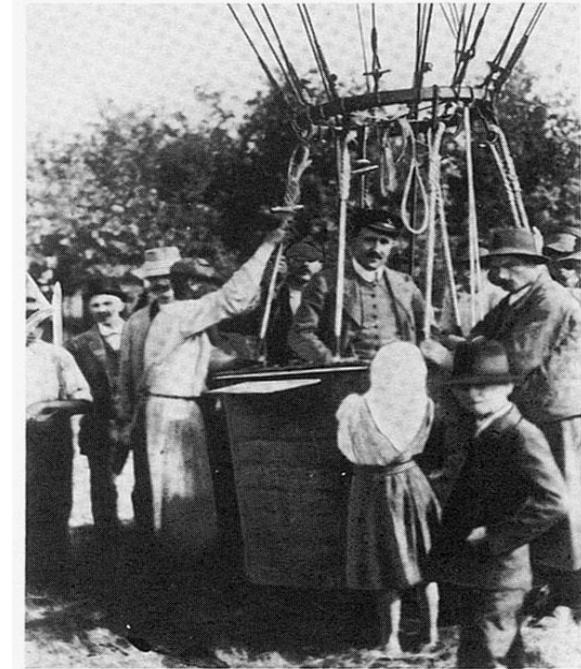
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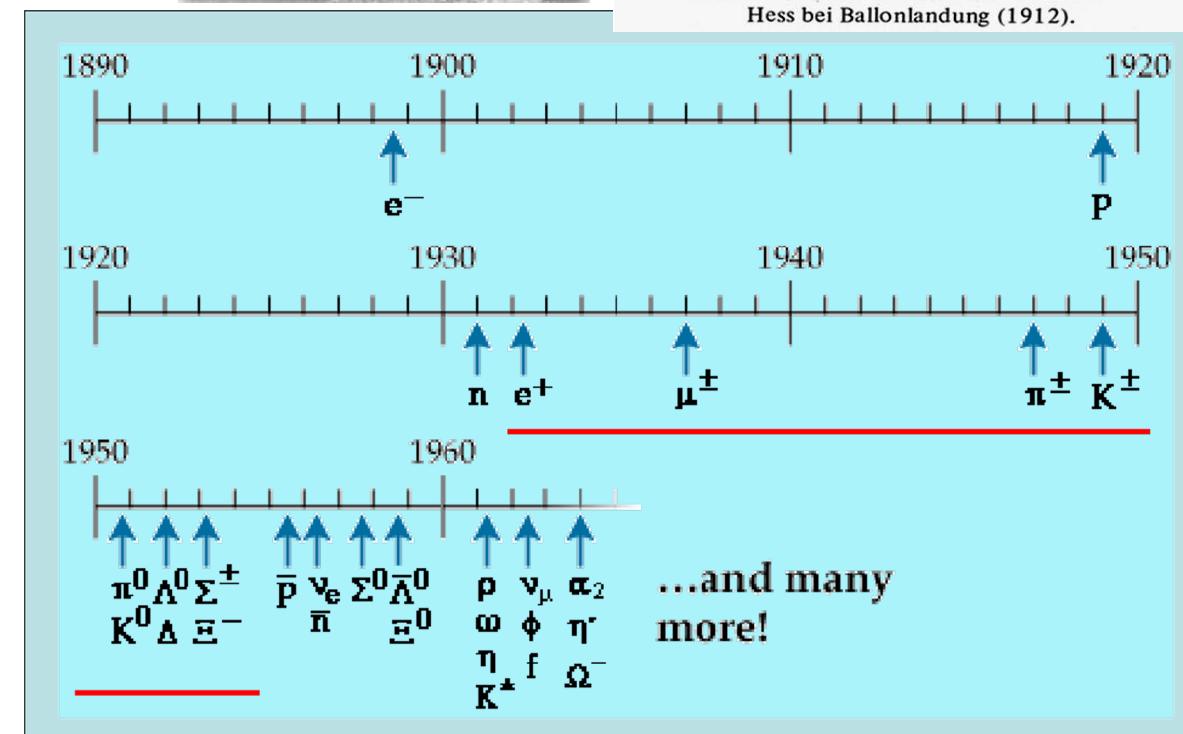
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# Historical review

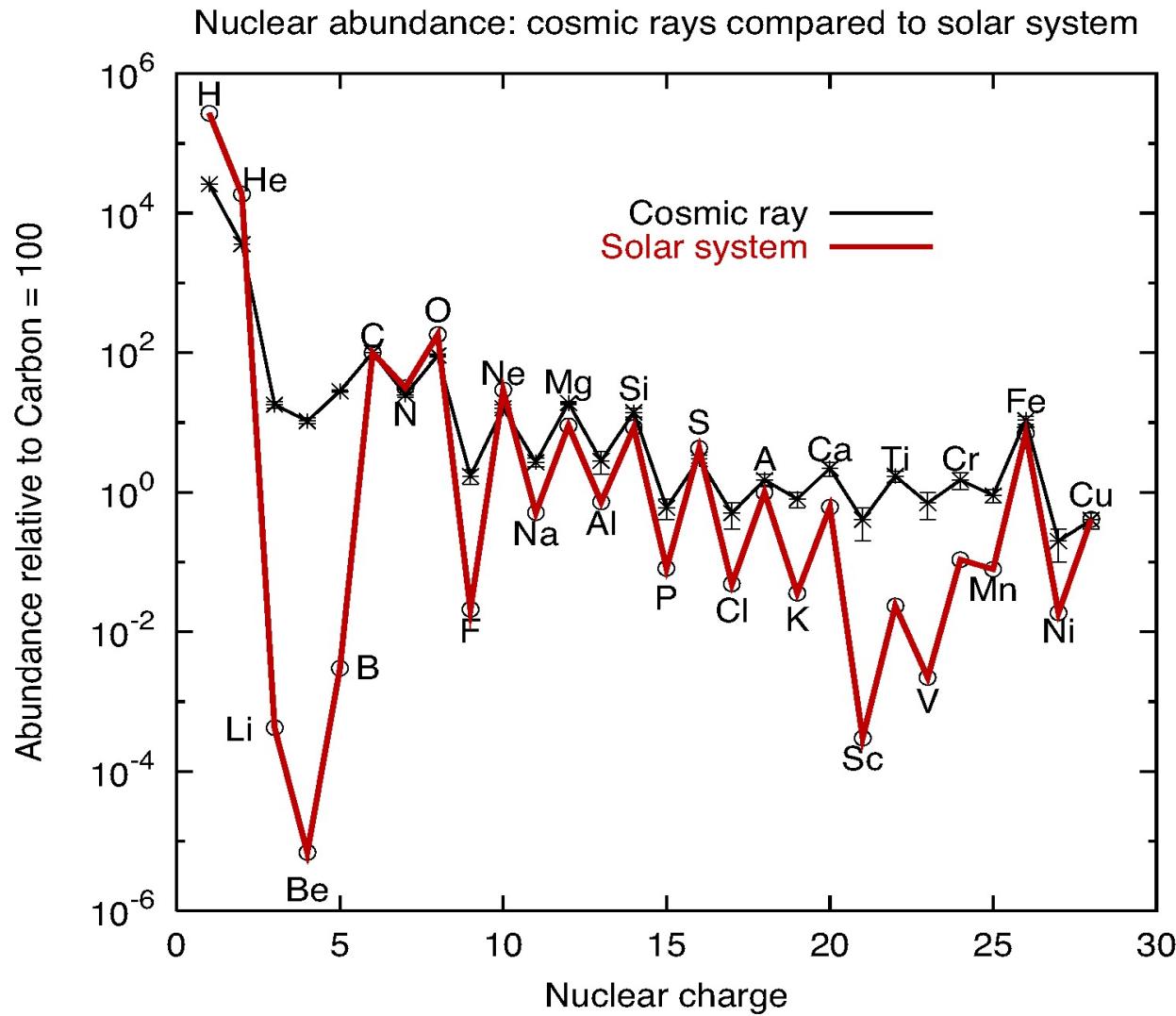
- Cosmic rays were discovered by V. Hess in 1912 by a balloon experiment
- From 1930s to 1950s, cosmic rays observation derives the particle physics development.
- Positron, muon, pion were all revolutionary progresses on human being understanding of the world.



Hess bei Ballonlandung (1912).



# 宇宙线科学

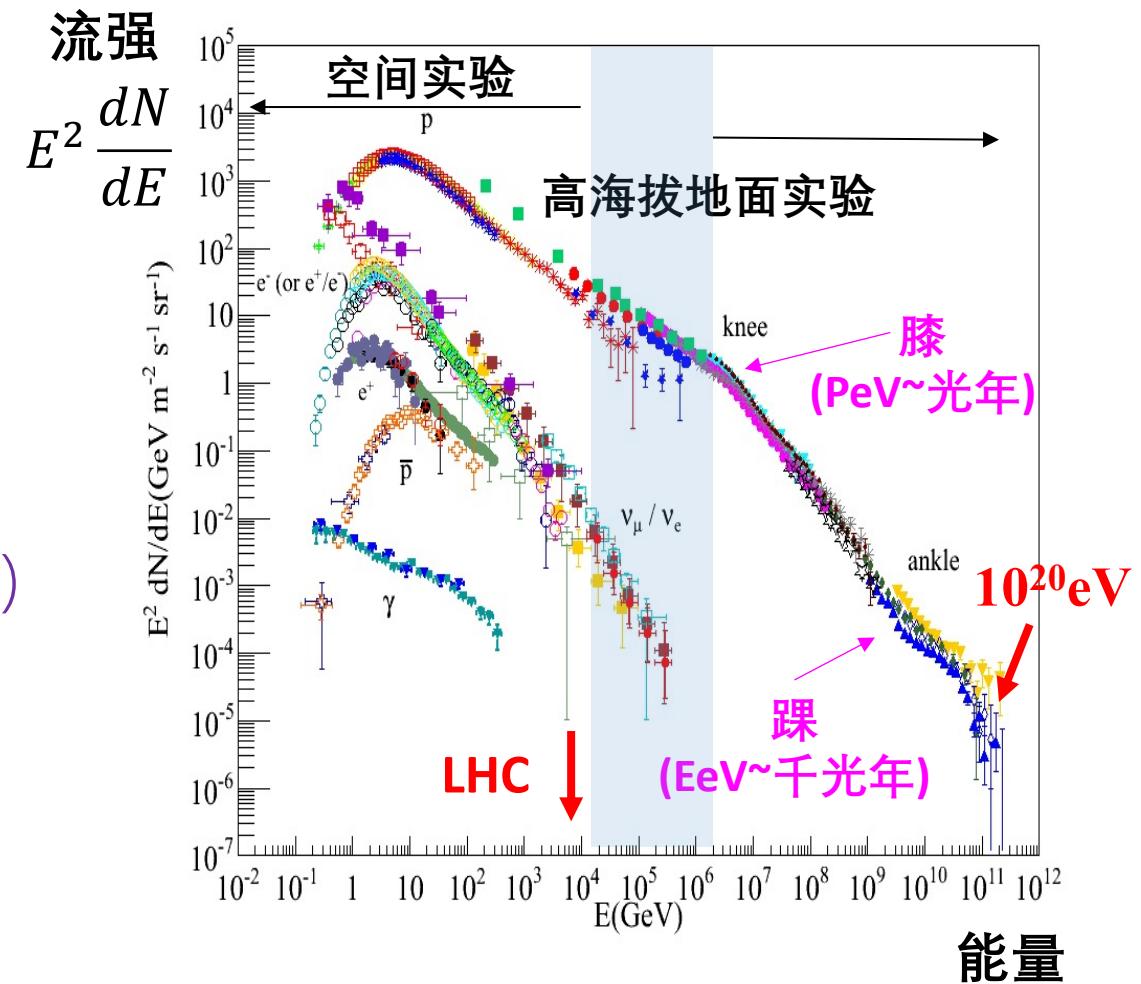


宇宙线中包含地球上发现的几乎所有元素

- {
  - 发现新物理
    - 寻找暗物质
    - 把宇宙线加速到极高能的机制
    - 发现洛伦兹破坏等
  - 天文学
    - 寻找宇宙线加速源
    - 极端条件下物理  
(极高能、高密、强引力等)

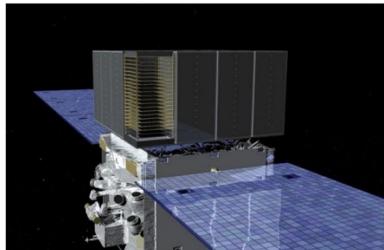
# 宇宙线实验

- 宇宙线实验分空间实验和地面实验
  - 空间实验探测能量低（流量高）
  - 能够区分不同粒子种类
  - 磁谱仪可以区分正反粒子
- 地面实验探测能量高（面积大）
  - 难以区分不同种类的粒子（大气簇射）
- LHAASO面积大、粒子鉴别能力强

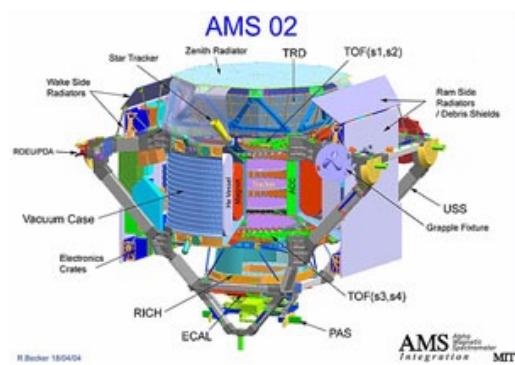


# Recent/ongoing experiments

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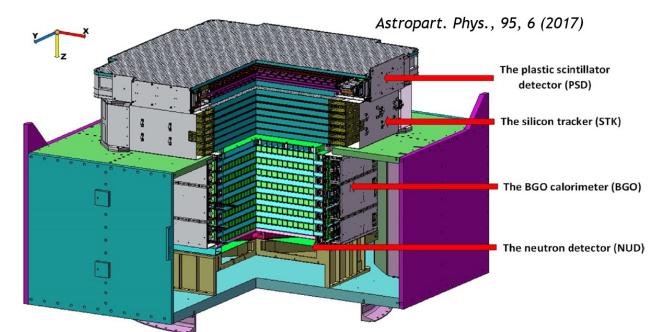
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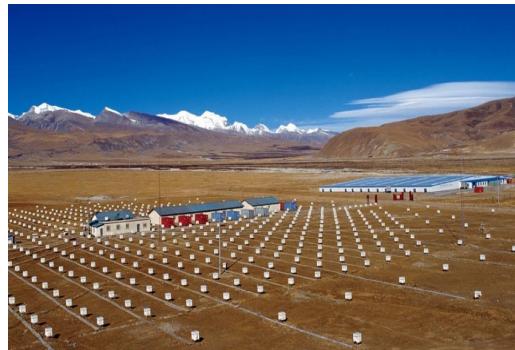
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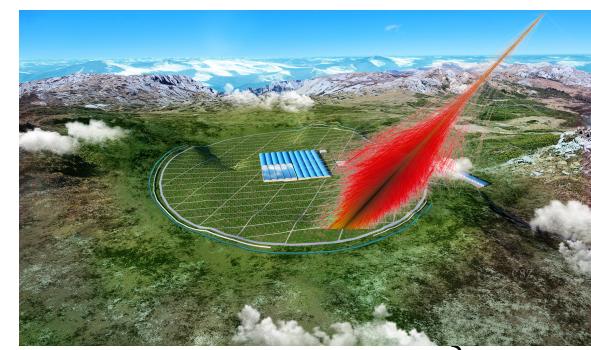
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HESS/MAGIC/VERITAS



LHAASO



正是广延大气簇射提供给我们另一种探测宇宙线的手段——测量宇宙线和大气相互作用产生的次级粒子，即所谓**间接探测**。

西藏羊八井宇宙线观测站就是利用广延大气簇射对宇宙线进行探测。

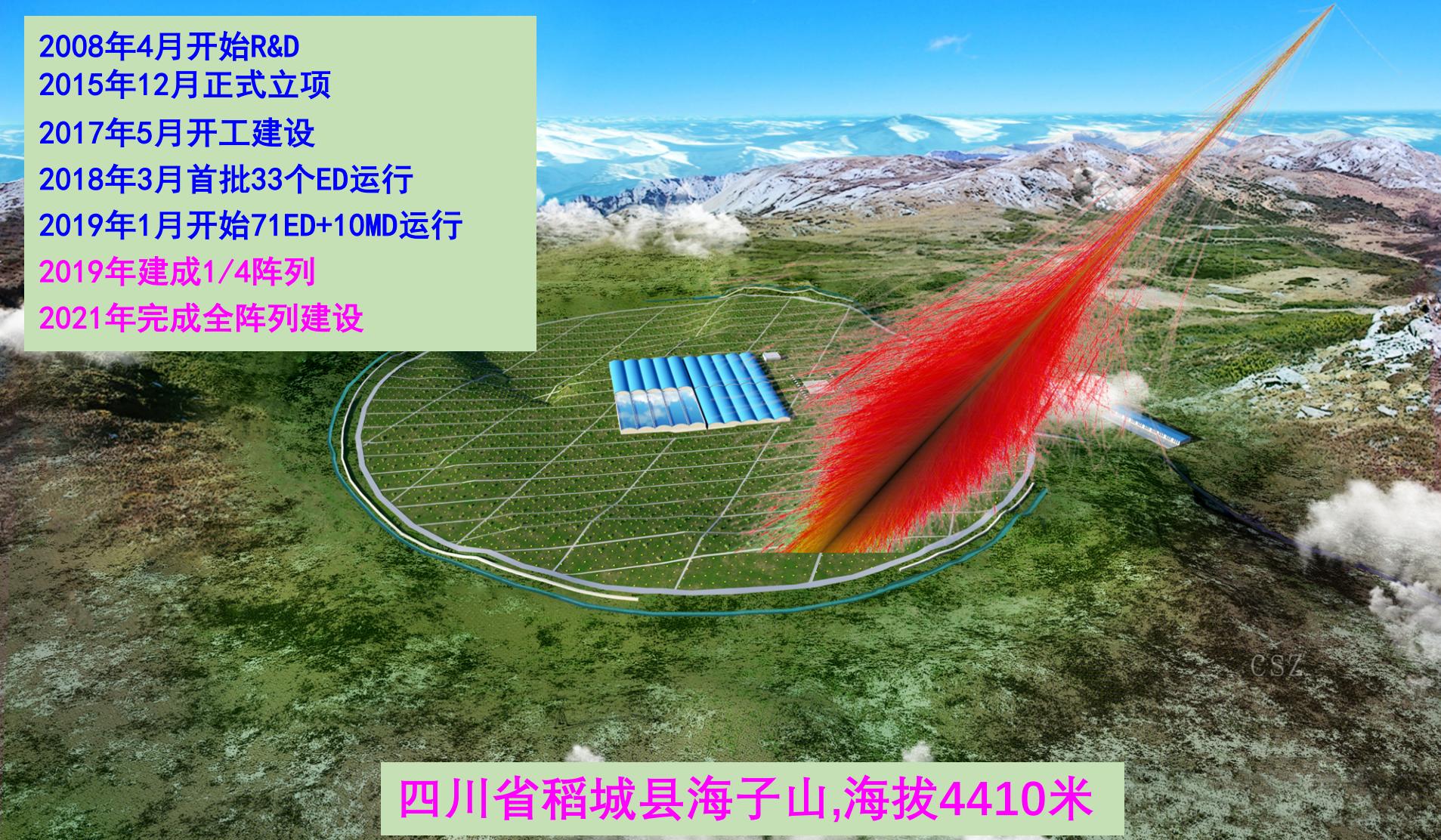
中日AS $\gamma$ 探测阵列



中意ARGO实验大厅

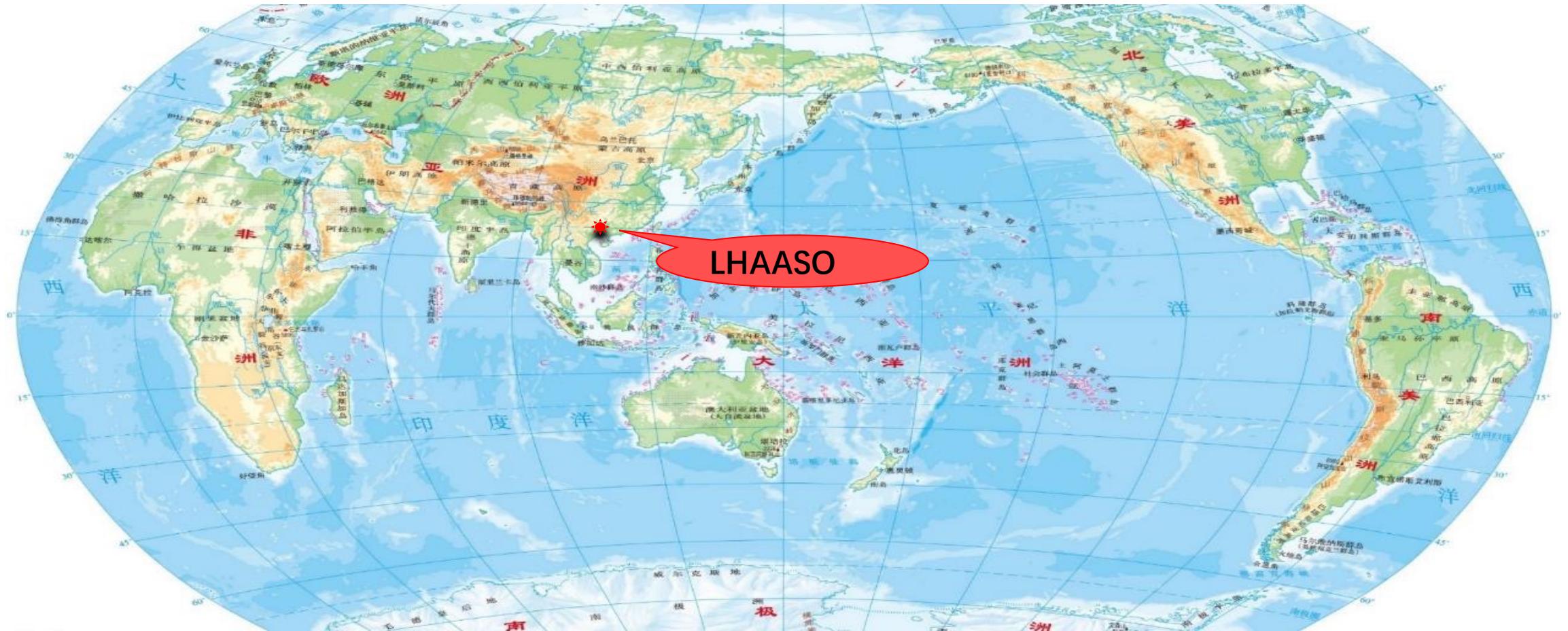
# LHAASO: Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory 高海拔宇宙线观测站

2008年4月开始R&D  
2015年12月正式立项  
2017年5月开工建设  
2018年3月首批33个ED运行  
2019年1月开始71ED+10MD运行  
2019年建成1/4阵列  
2021年完成全阵列建设



# Where is LHAASO?

- Haizi Mountain 4410 m a.s.l. , Sichuan province, China
- Location : 29°21' 27.6" N, 100°08' 19.6" E.

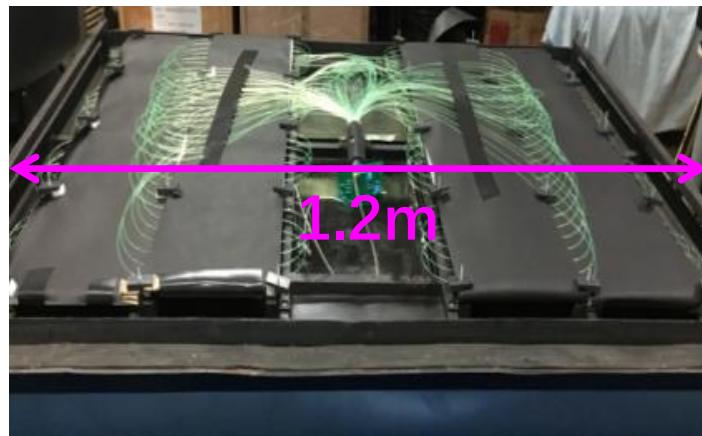


# LHAASO detectors

KM2A

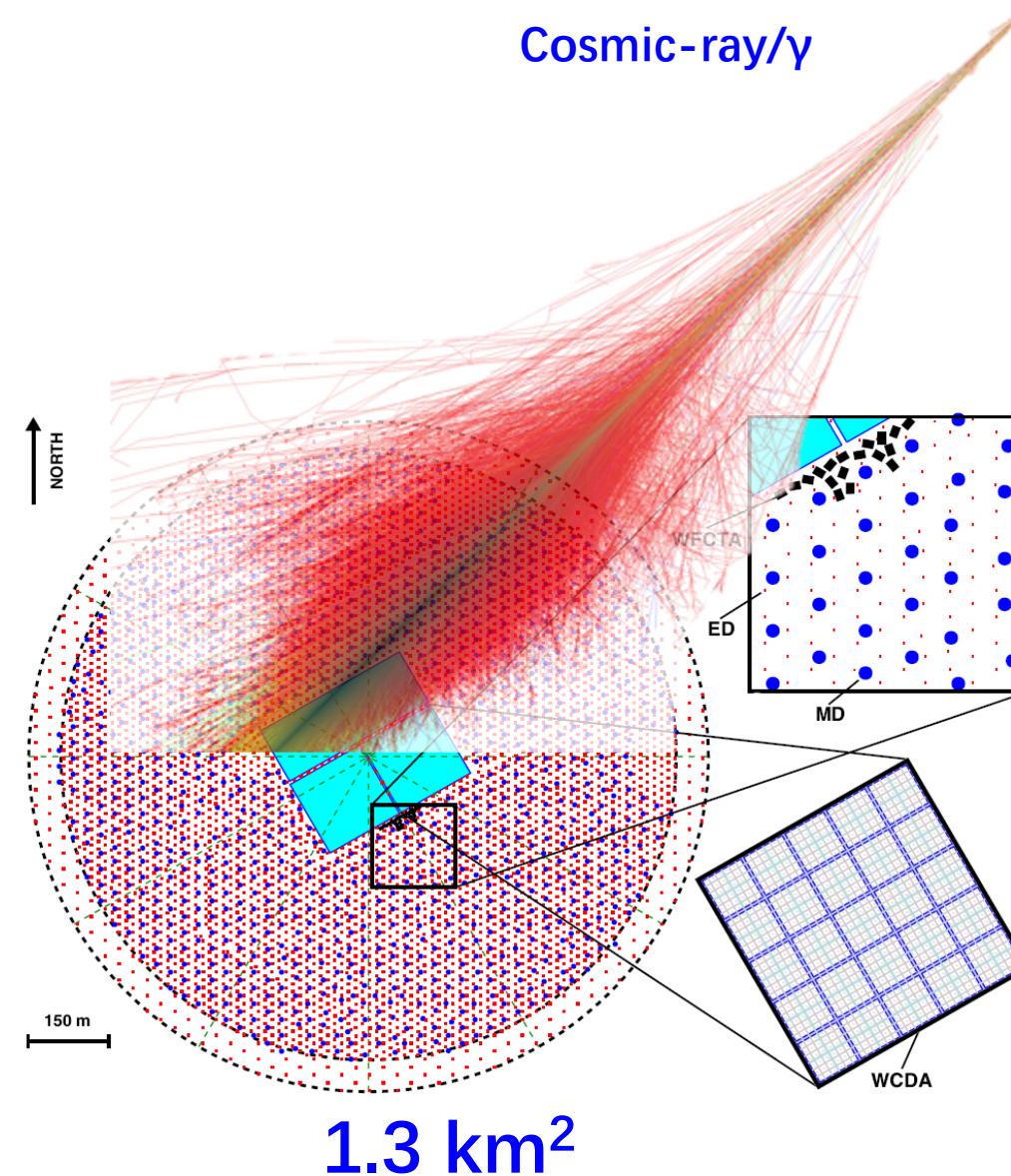


MD:  $1188 \times 36 \text{ m}^2$



ED:  $5216 \times 1 \text{ m}^2$

Cosmic-ray/ $\gamma$



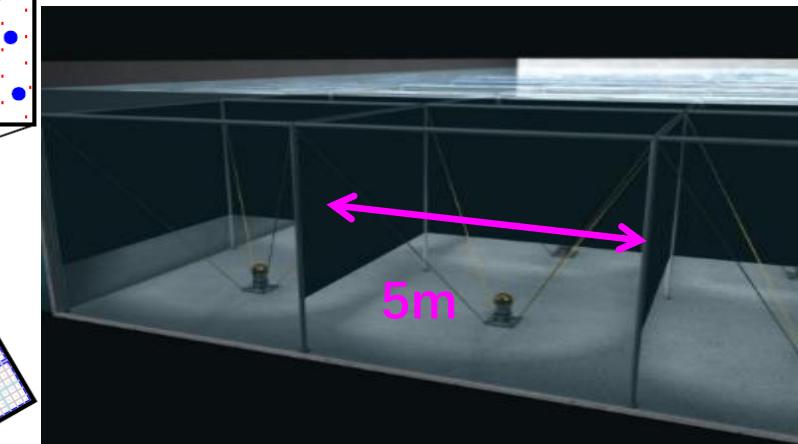
WFCTA

$18 \times 4.7 \text{ m}^2$

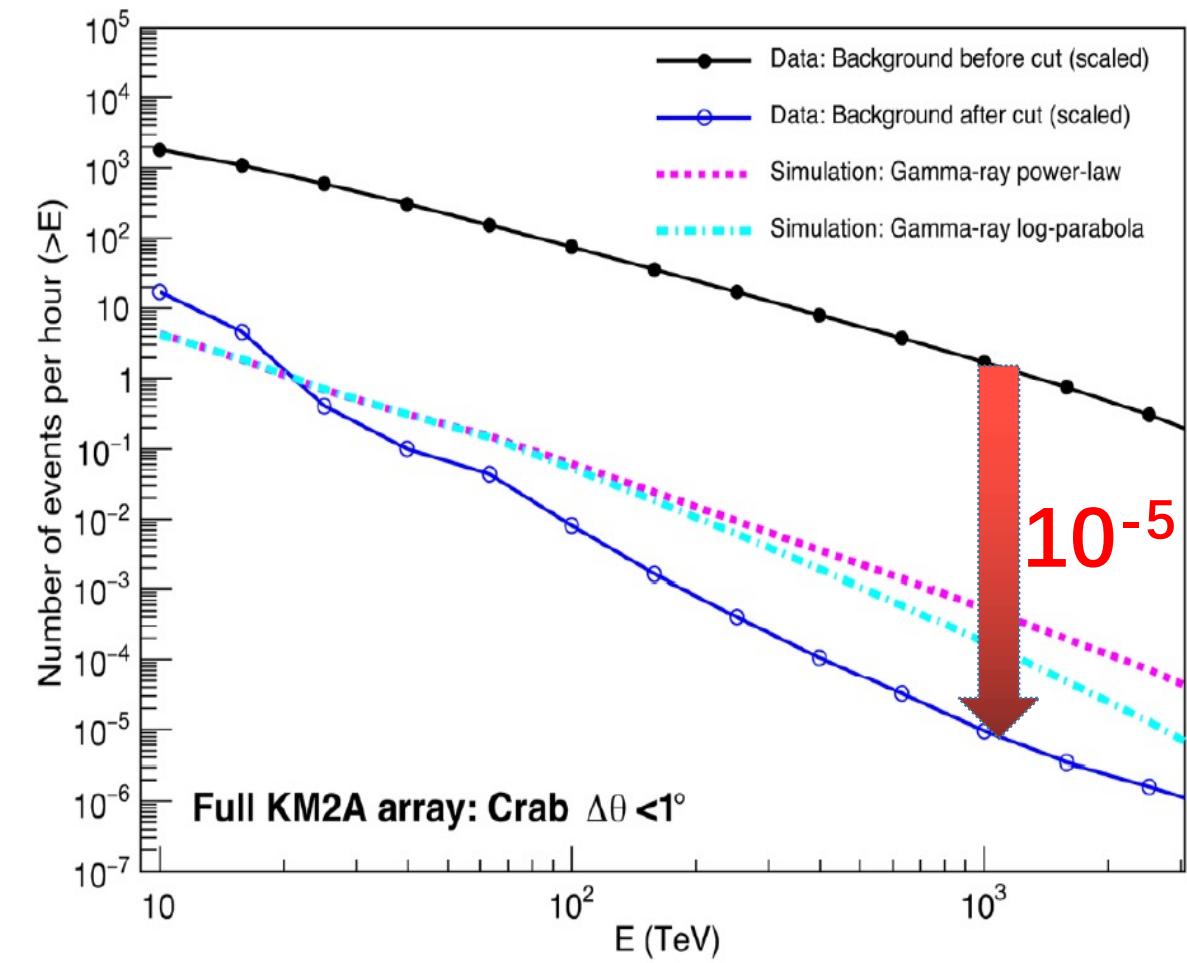


WCDA

$3120 \times 25 \text{ m}^2$

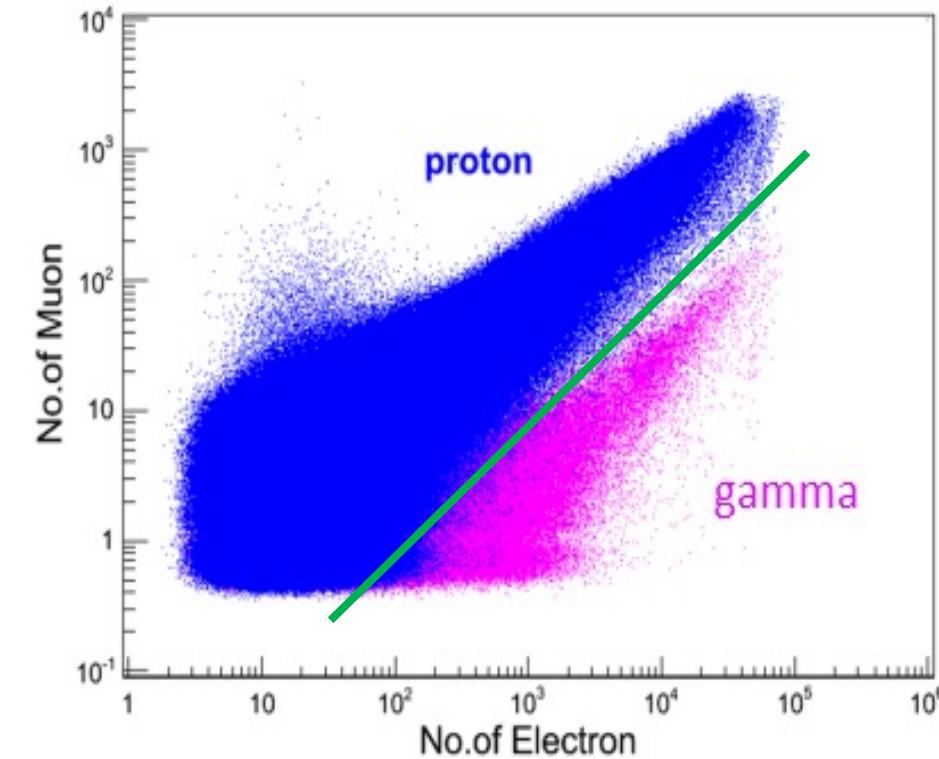


# Gamma-ray/cosmic ray discrimination



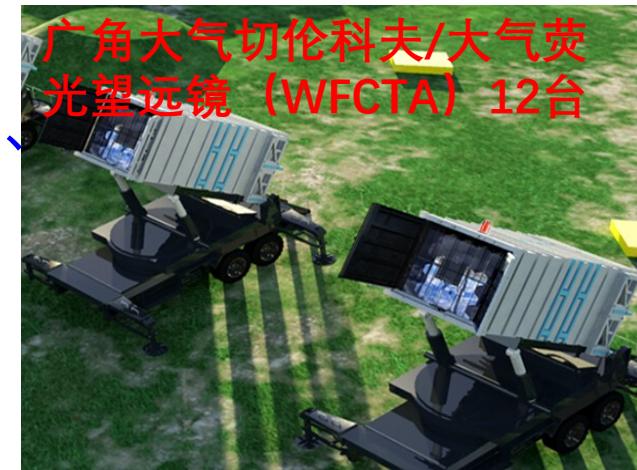
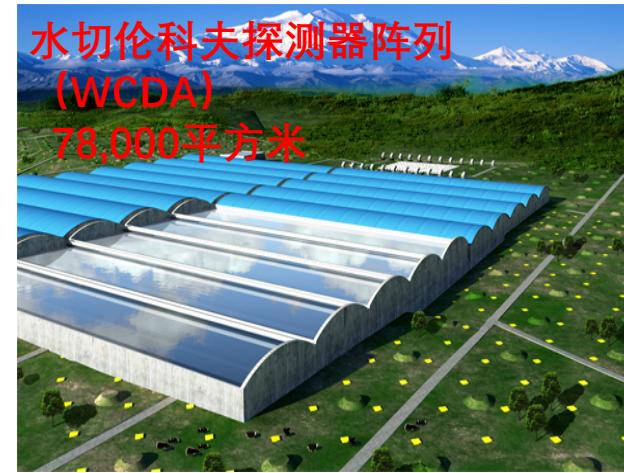
**Before cut:  
CR rate**

**Gamma-ray rate**  
**After cut: CR rate**



# LHAASO主要科学目标

- TeV伽马巡天 → WCDA (100 GeV-30 TeV)
  - 活动星系核、伽玛暴、双星…
- >20 TeV 伽马巡天→KM2A (10TeV-1PeV)
  - 超新星遗迹、脉冲星风云、 …
- 宇宙线能谱→WFCTA (10TeV to EeV)
  - 联合WCDA和KM2A测量宇宙线成分能谱
- 其它方向:
  - 新物理（暗物质、洛伦兹破缺）、太阳物理、粒子物理…



# **1 First view of the UHE universe**



# LHAASO最新成果

Ultrahigh-energy photons up to 1.4 petaelectronvolts from 12  $\gamma$ -ray Galactic sources

LHAASO Collaboration • Zhen Cao et al. (May 17, 2021)

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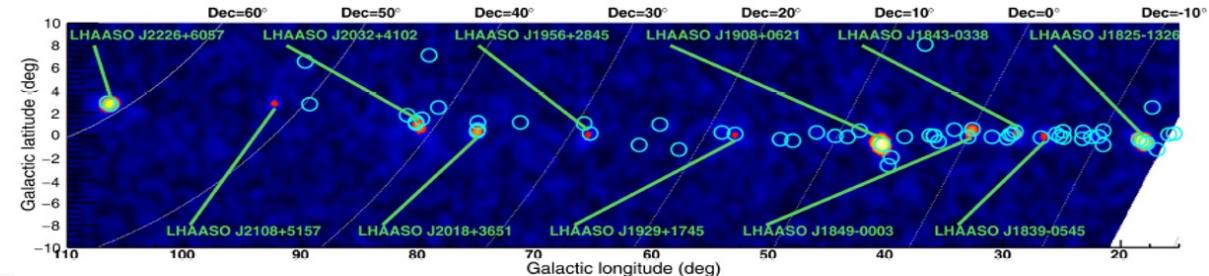
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- 打开伽马射线探测新的能量窗口
- 首次测量到拍电子伏的伽马射线

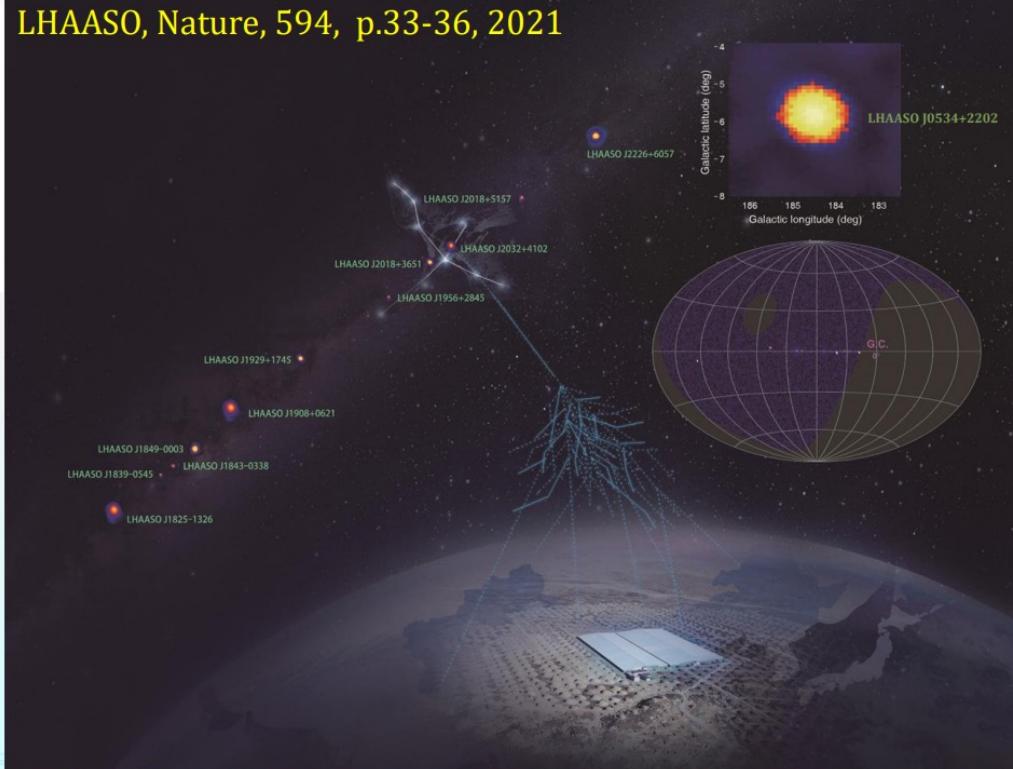
Table 1 | UHE  $\gamma$ -ray sources

Source name	RA (°)	dec. (°)	Significance above 100 TeV ( $\sigma$ )	$E_{\max}$ (PeV)	Flux at 100 TeV (CU)
LHAASO J0534+2202	83.55	22.05	17.8	$0.88 \pm 0.11$	$1.00(0.14)$
LHAASO J1825-1326	276.45	-13.45	16.4	$0.42 \pm 0.16$	$3.57(0.52)$
LHAASO J1839-0545	279.95	-5.75	7.7	$0.21 \pm 0.05$	$0.70(0.18)$
LHAASO J1843-0338	280.75	-3.65	8.5	$0.26 - 0.10^{+0.16}$	$0.73(0.17)$
LHAASO J1849-0003	282.35	-0.05	10.4	$0.35 \pm 0.07$	$0.74(0.15)$
LHAASO J1908+0621	287.05	6.35	17.2	$0.44 \pm 0.05$	$1.36(0.18)$
LHAASO J1929+1745	292.25	17.75	7.4	$0.71 - 0.07^{+0.16}$	$0.38(0.09)$
LHAASO J1956+2845	299.05	28.75	7.4	$0.42 \pm 0.03$	$0.41(0.09)$
LHAASO J2018+3651	304.75	36.85	10.4	$0.27 \pm 0.02$	$0.50(0.10)$
LHAASO J2032+4102	308.05	41.05	10.5	$1.42 \pm 0.13$	$0.54(0.10)$
LHAASO J2108+5157	317.15	51.95	8.3	$0.43 \pm 0.05$	$0.38(0.09)$
LHAASO J2226+6057	336.75	60.95	13.6	$0.57 \pm 0.19$	$1.05(0.16)$

## 12 PeVatrons are discovered

- ◆ High Standard: significance  $>7\sigma$
- ◆ BG-free: Cosmic Ray background rejection rate  $<10^{-4}$
- ◆ High Statistics: 530 UHE photons many more now

LHAASO, *Nature*, 594, p.33-36, 2021



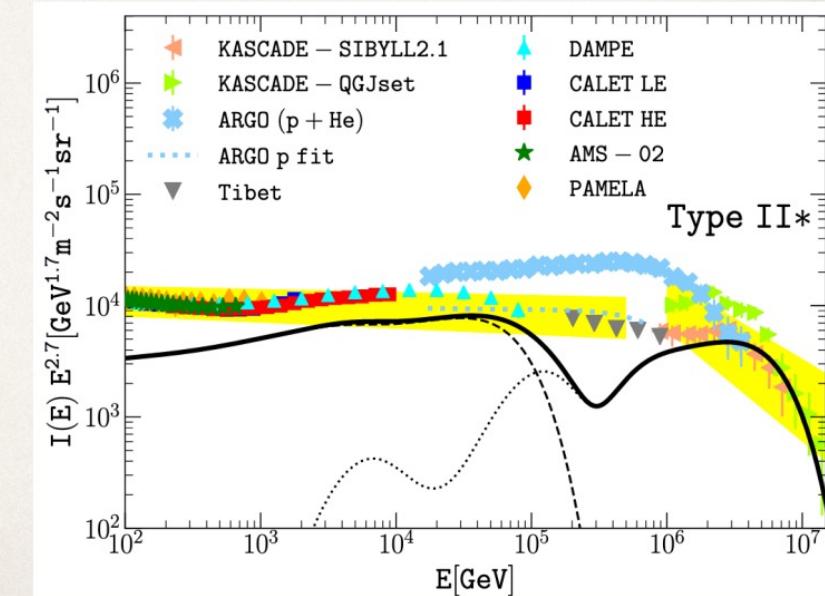
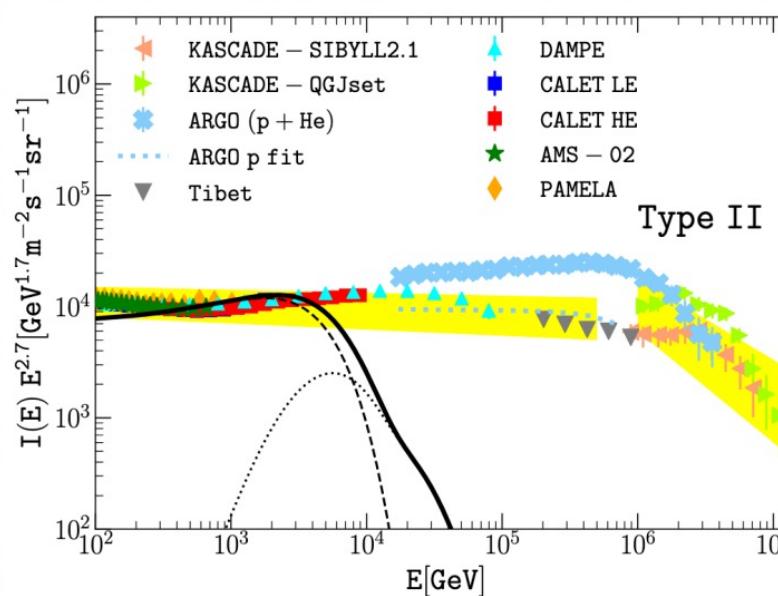
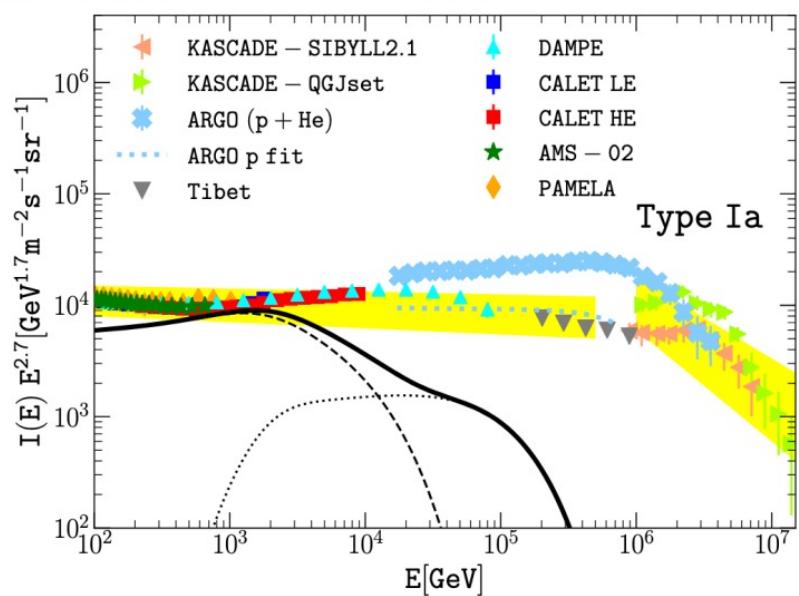
# Application of Bell instability to different type of SNRs: comparison with CR spectrum at Earth

Assumed acceleration efficiency  $\xi_{cr} \approx 0.10$

[Cristofari, Blasi, Amato, APh 2020]

	Type Ia	Type II	Type II*
$E_{SN} [10^{51} \text{ erg}]$	1	1	$5 \div 10$
$\dot{M}_{\text{wind}} [M_{\odot}/\text{yr}]$	--	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-4}$
$M_{ej} [M_{\odot}]$	1.4	10	1.0
$\nu_{SN} [\text{yr}^{-1}]$	$10^{-2}$	$2 \times 10^{-2}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$

Only very rare and powerful events can account for PeV particles

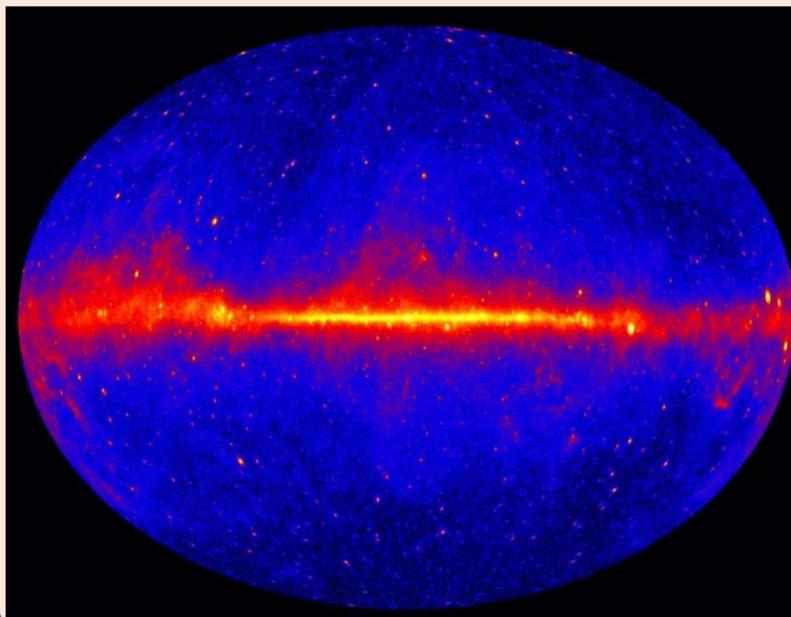


# **2 LHAASO Catalog of new VHE/UHE sources**

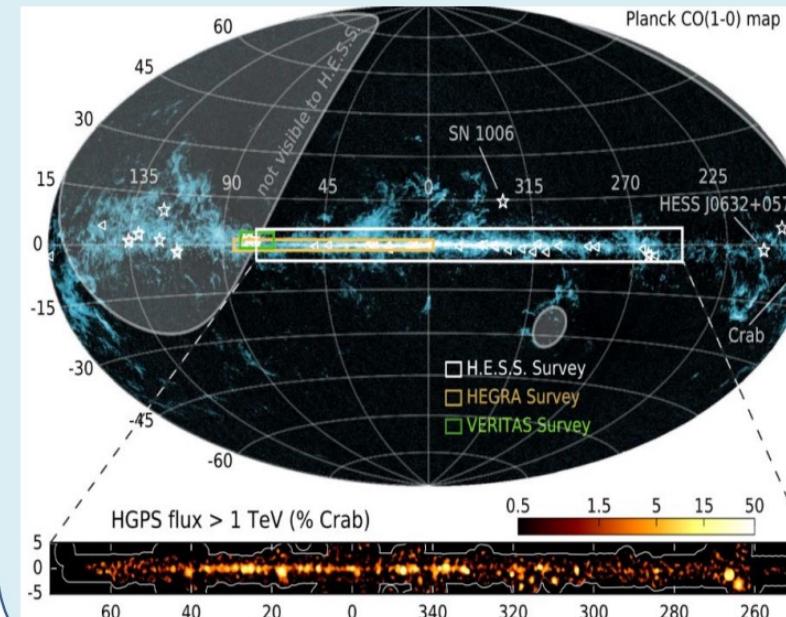


# Impressive Gamma-ray Source Catalogs

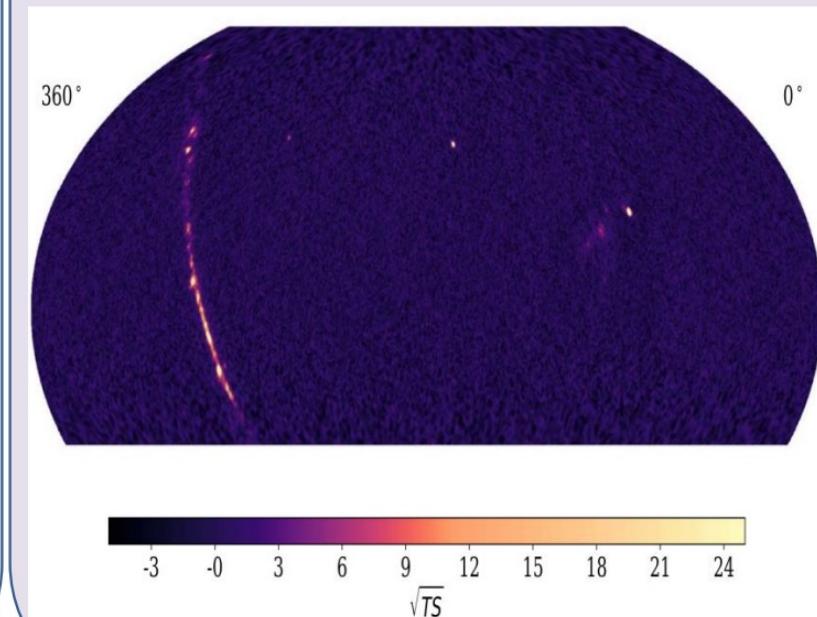
Fermi-LAT  
12ys data  
**6658 sources**  
50 MeV to 1 TeV



H.E.S.S.  
10ys data  
**78 sources**  
0.2-100 TeV

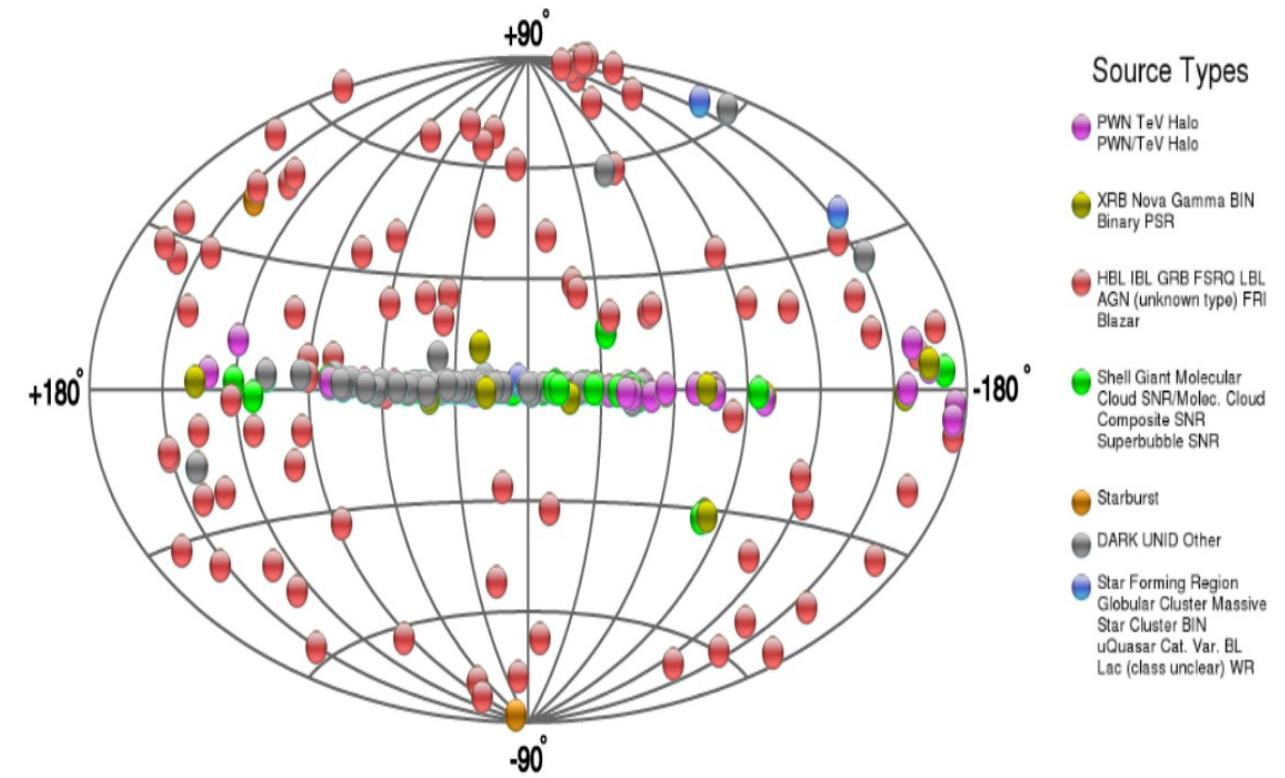
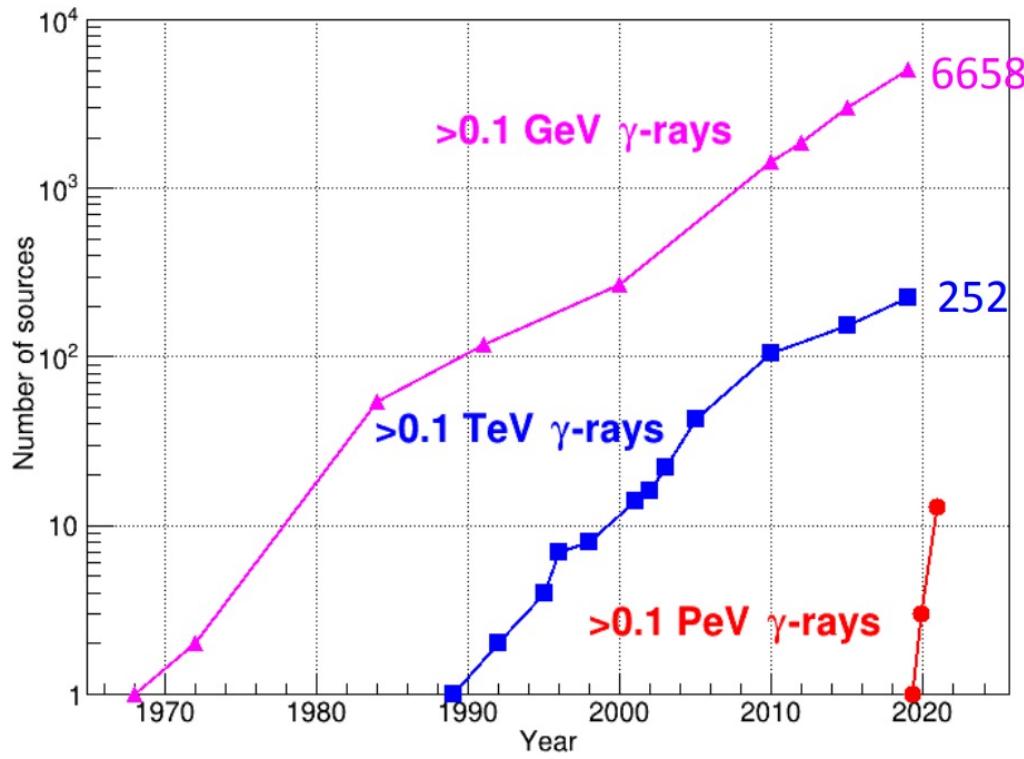


HAWC  
5ys data  
**65 sources**  
1~100 TeV



# Current status of VHE gamma-ray sources

Great progresses are achieved in ground-based VHE gamma-ray astronomy!



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

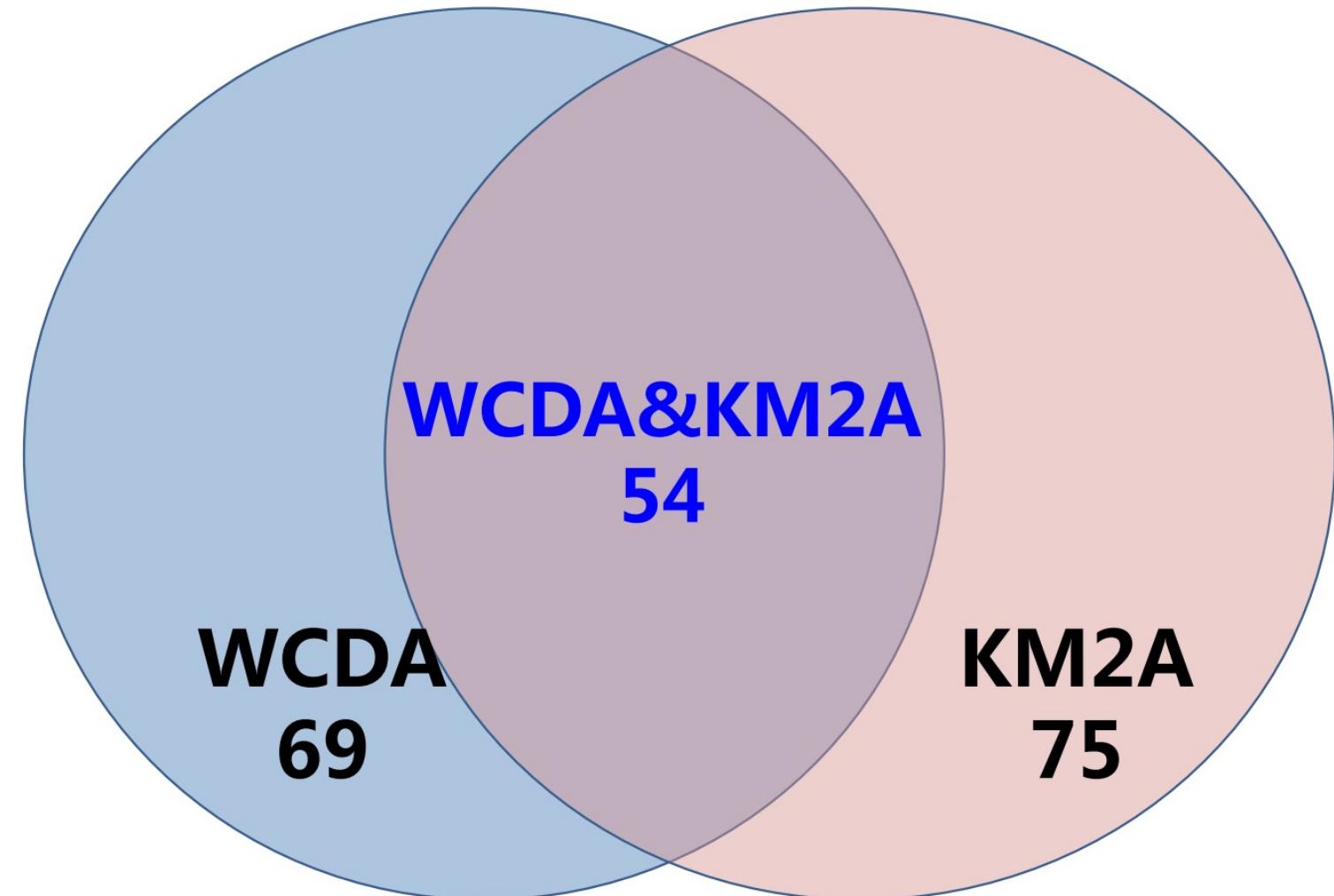
**WCDA&KM2A**

■ **Space Angle**

■ **Position error**

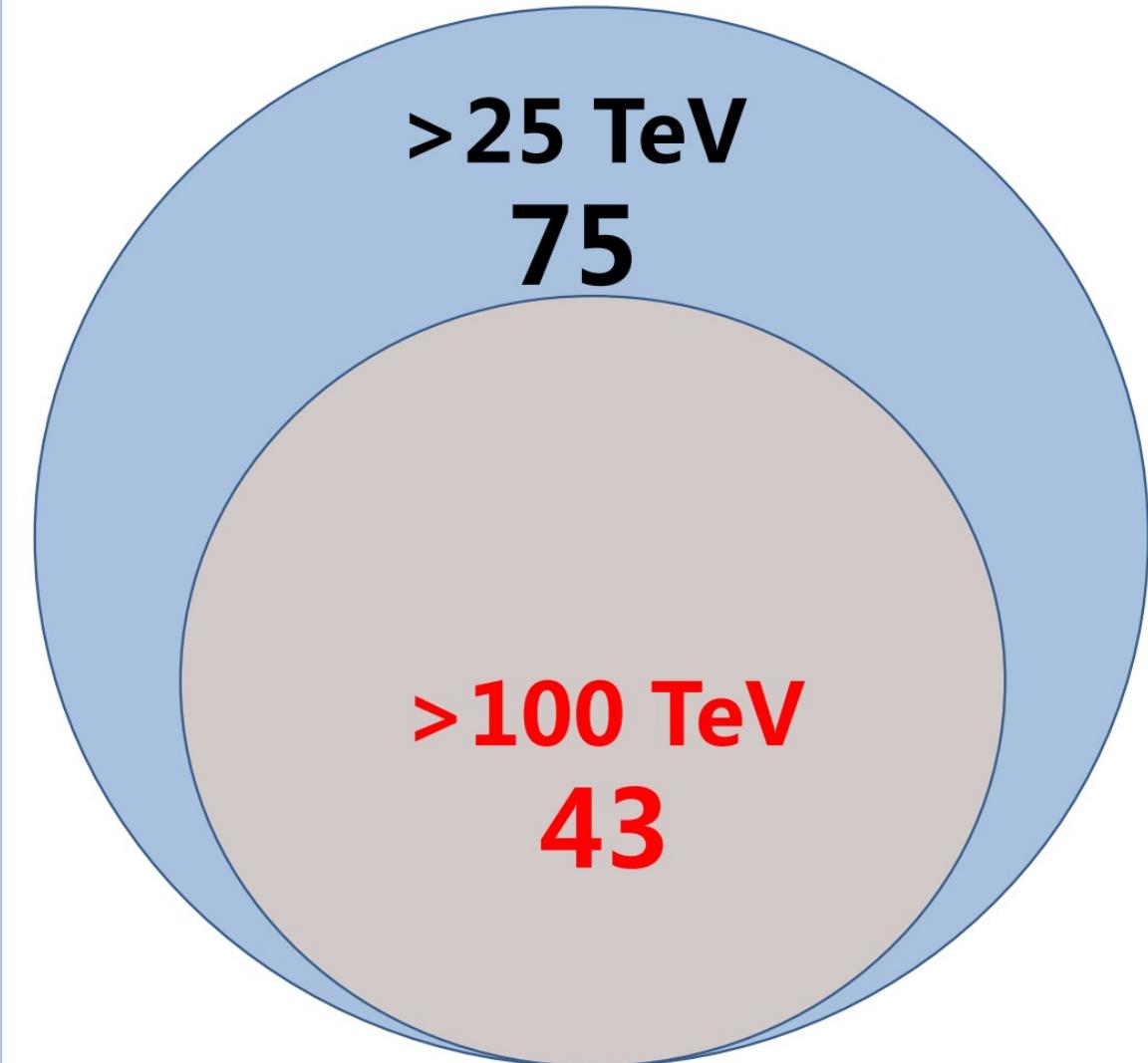
■ **Source extension**

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

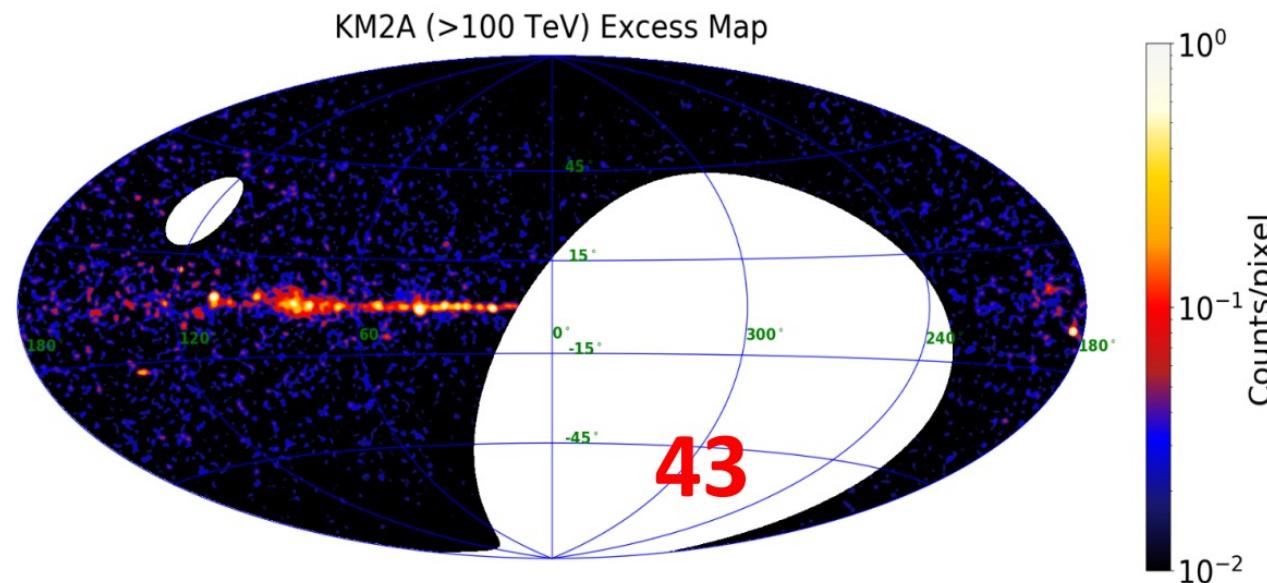
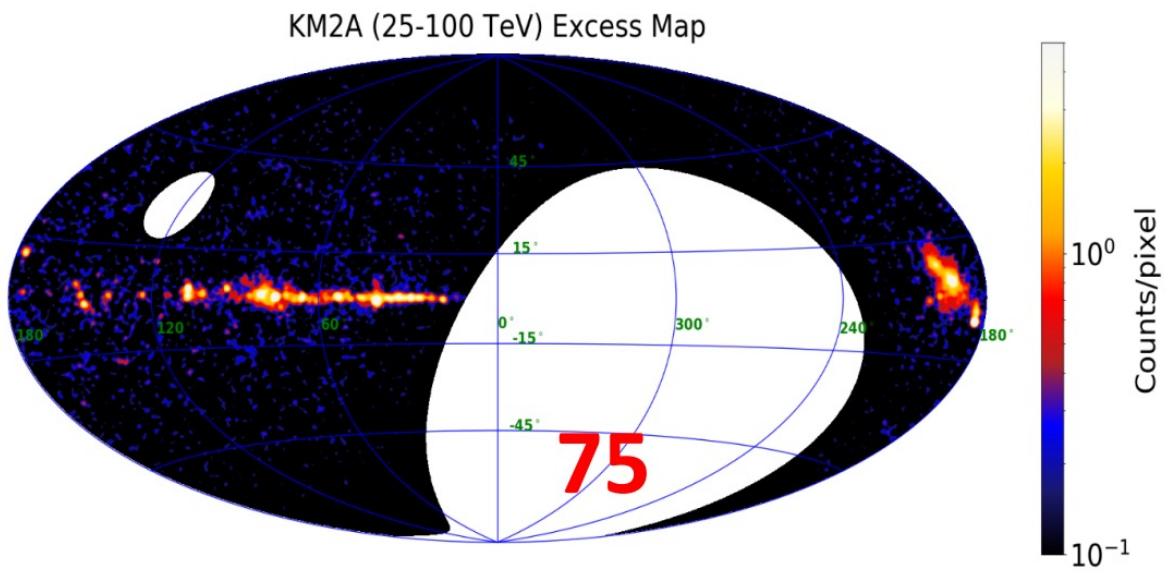
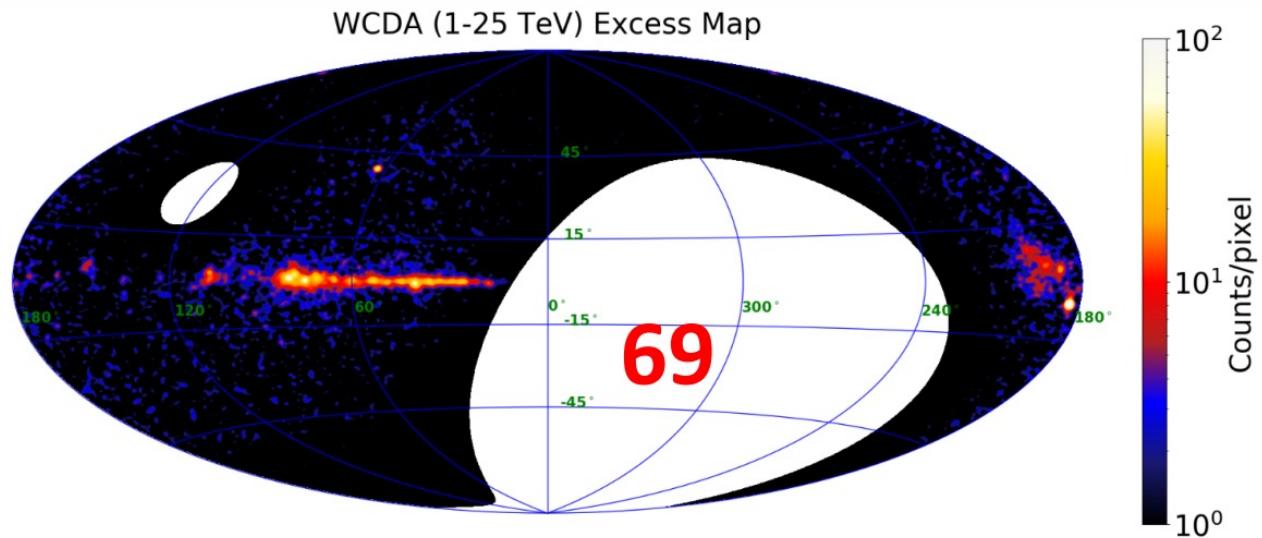


# UHE gamma-ray sources

- 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



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



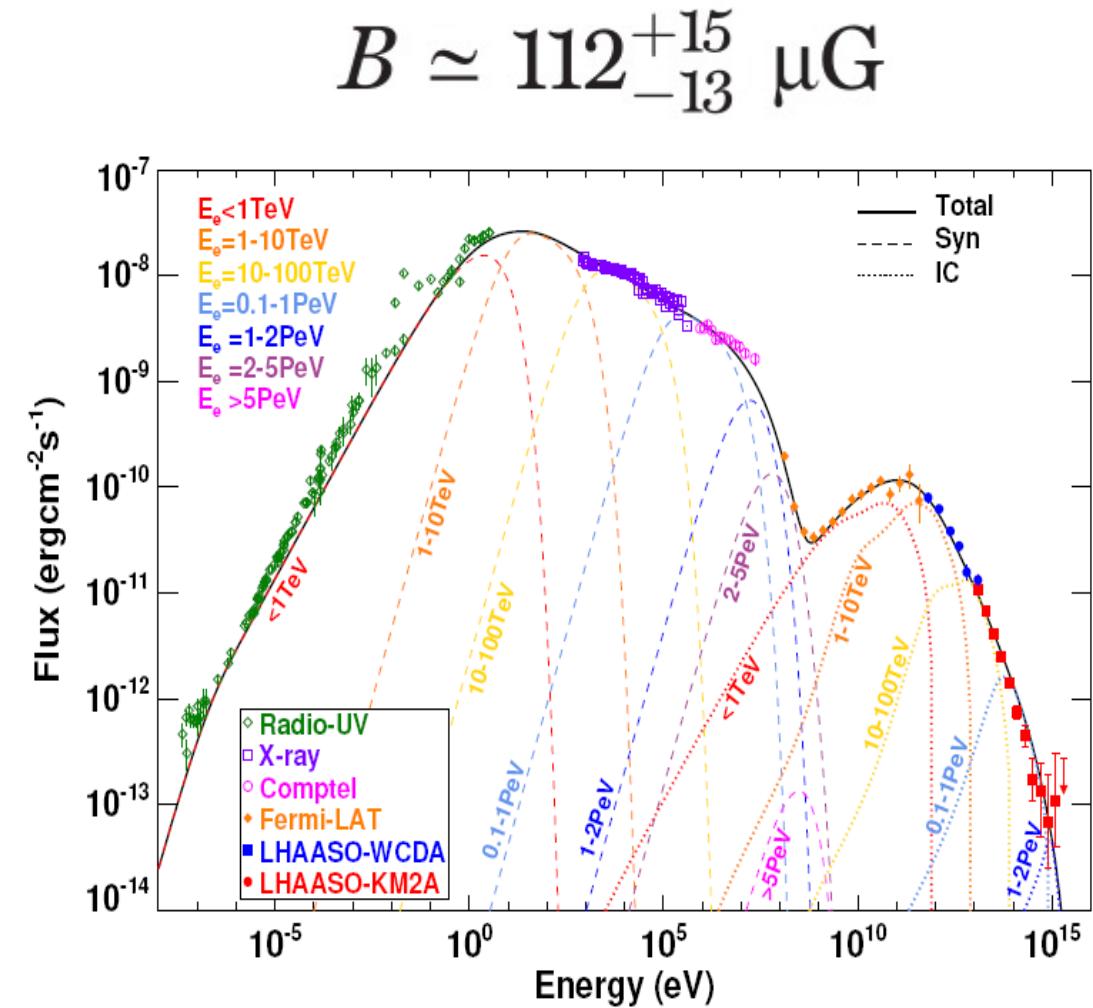
# **3 Innovative measurement of the standard candle Crab Nebula**



# Reveal an extreme e-accelerator

- 0.3-1.1 PeV measured for the first time.
- Maximum photon energy  $1.12 \pm 0.09$  PeV → primary electron energy 2.3 PeV

$$E_e \simeq 2.15 (E_\gamma / 1 \text{ PeV})^{0.77} \text{ PeV}$$

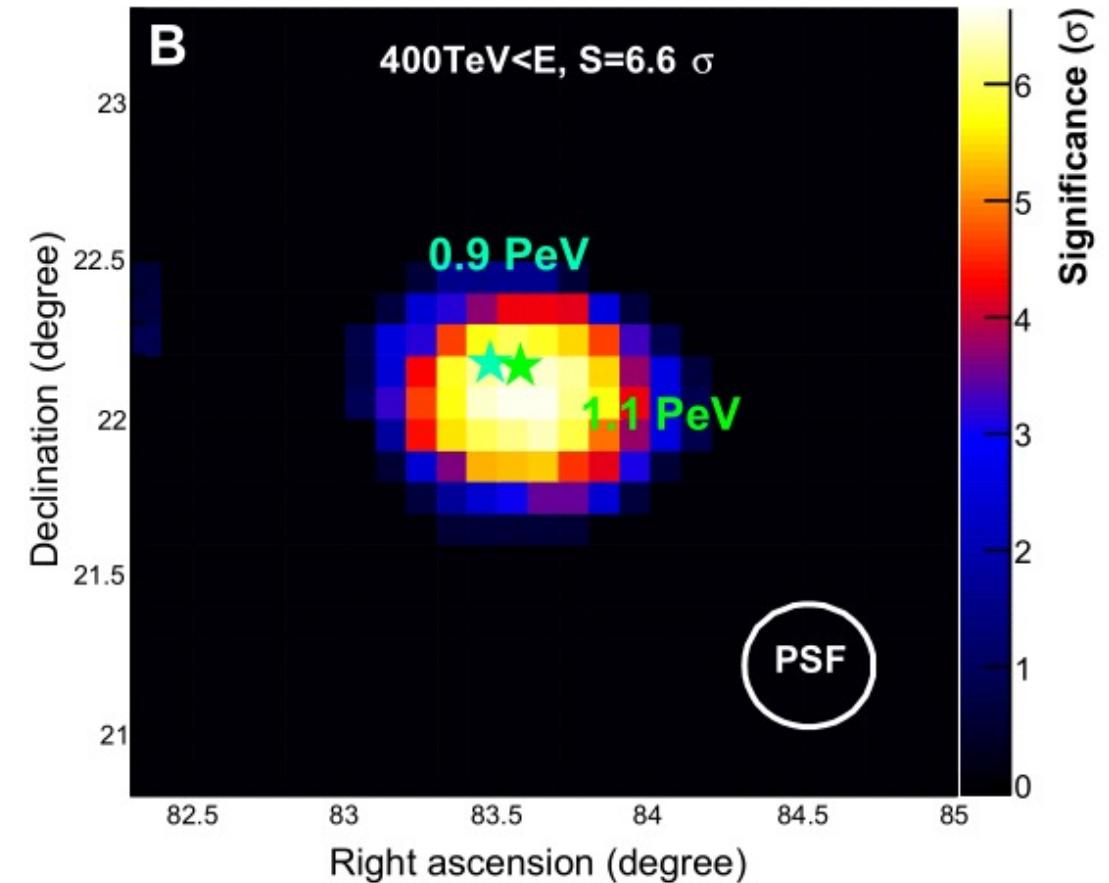


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# New knowledge of the acceleration rate

- $\eta < 1$  according to classical electrodynamics and ideal MHD
- Acceleration rate  $\eta \approx 0.16$  balancing the synchrotron losses rate for maximum energy.
- $1000 \times$ SNR shock acceleration rate

$$\eta = 0.14(B/100 \mu\text{G}) (E_\gamma/1 \text{ PeV})^{1.54}$$

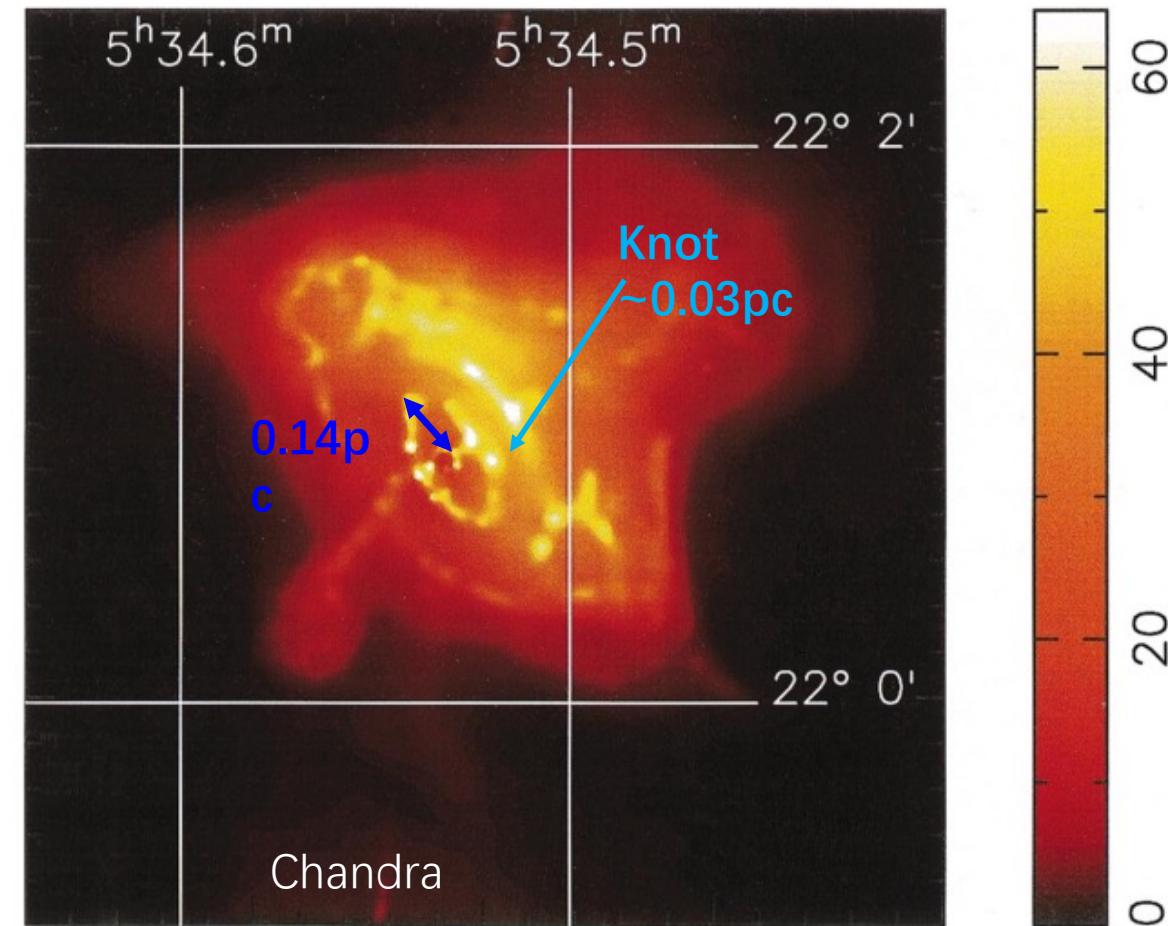


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# New knowledge of the accelerator size

- Accelerator size  $\gg$  electron gyro radius  $R_g = 0.025 \text{ pc}$  (according to the 1.1 PeV photon)

$$R_g = E_e / eB$$

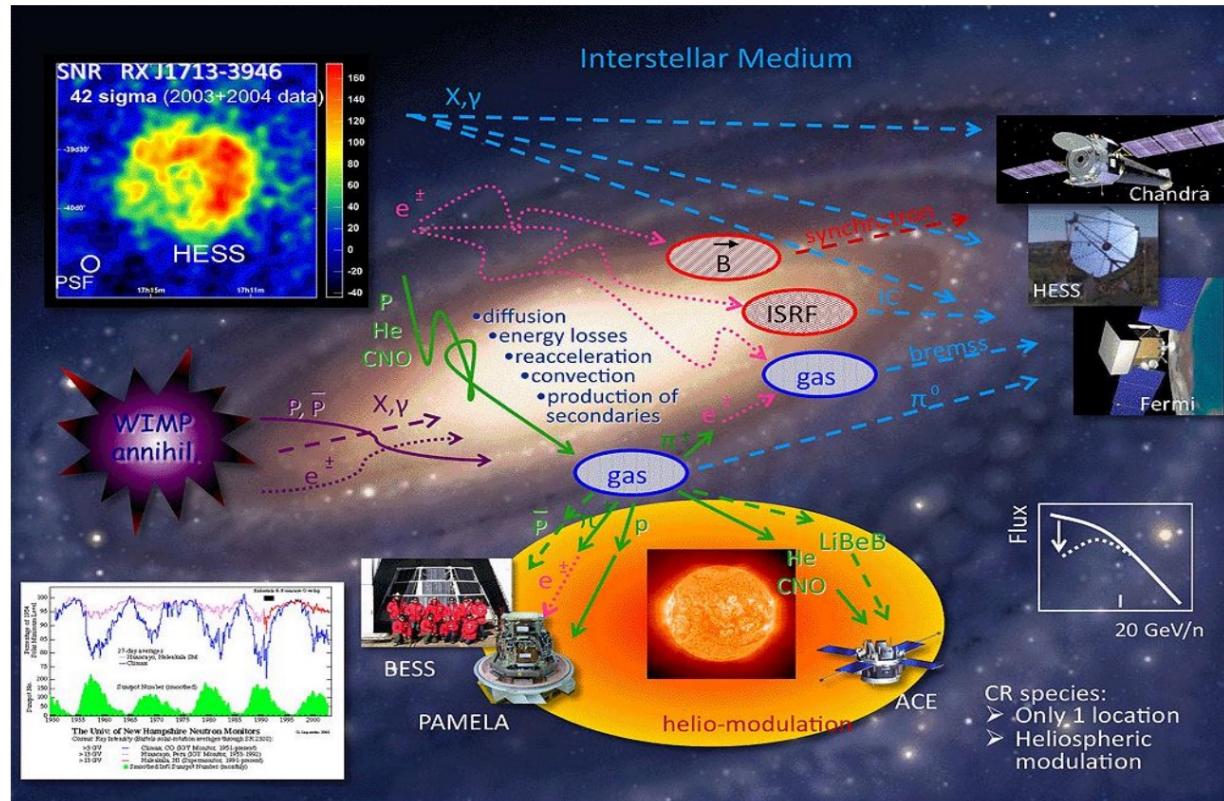


## **4 Diffuse gamma rays of the Milky Way**



# General picture of Galactic cosmic rays

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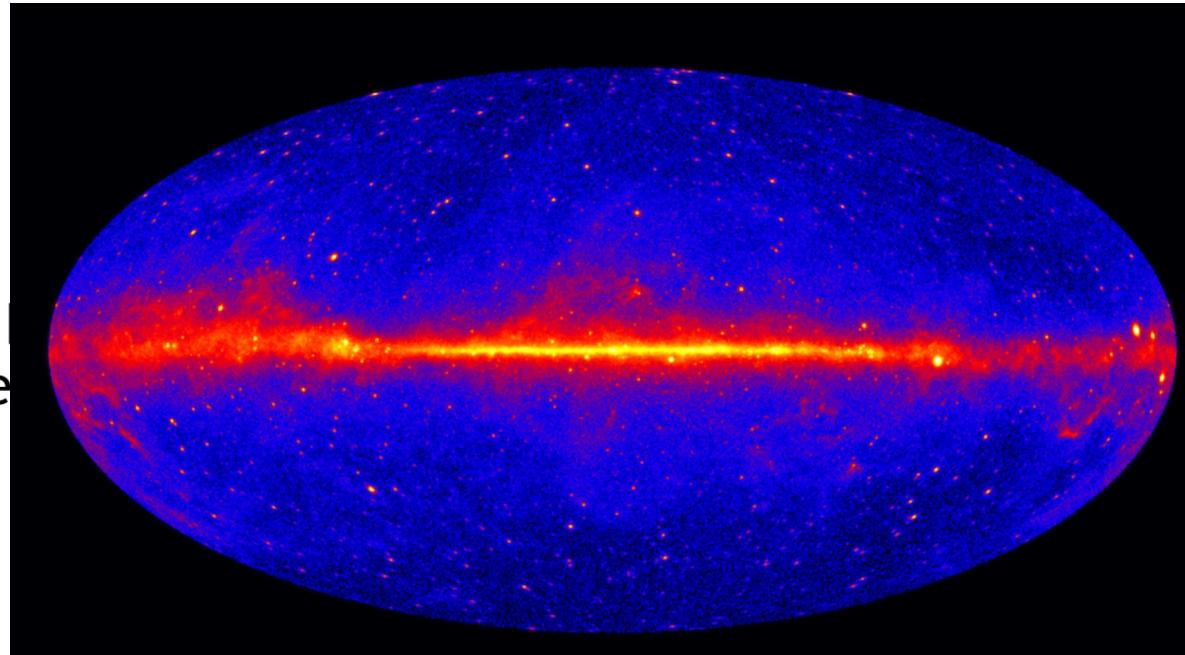


Diffuse  $\gamma$  rays are expected *a priori* to be produced by propagation, and are thus powerful probe

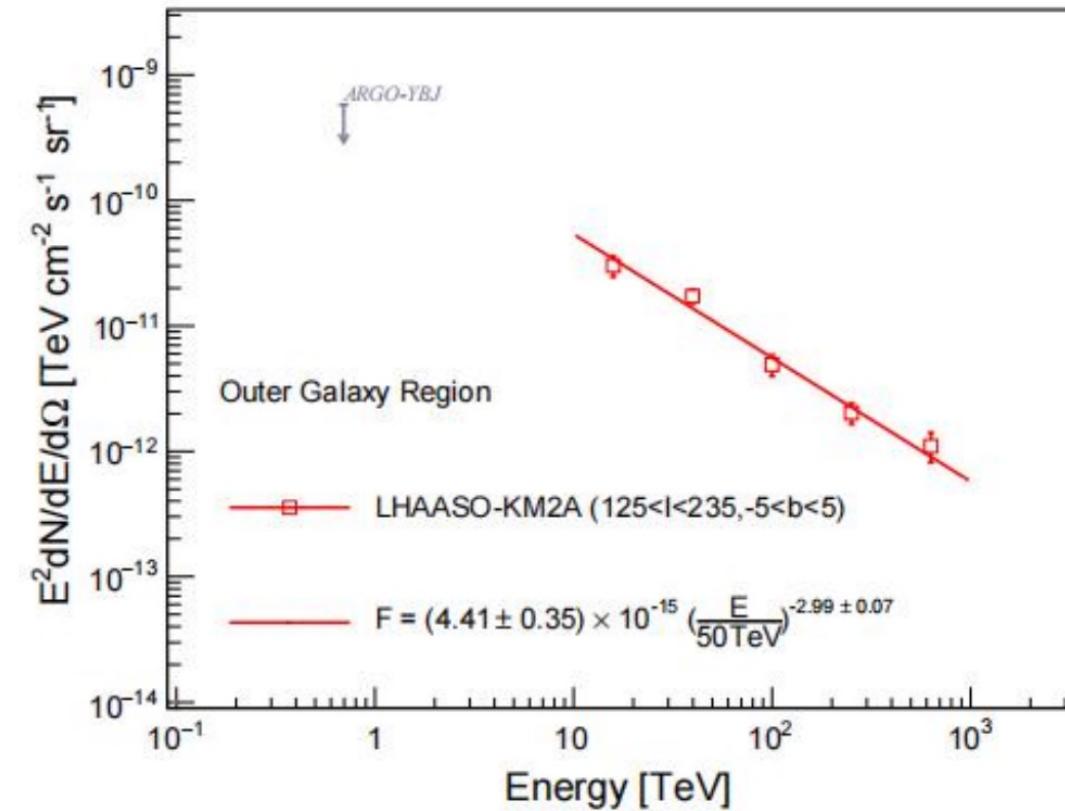
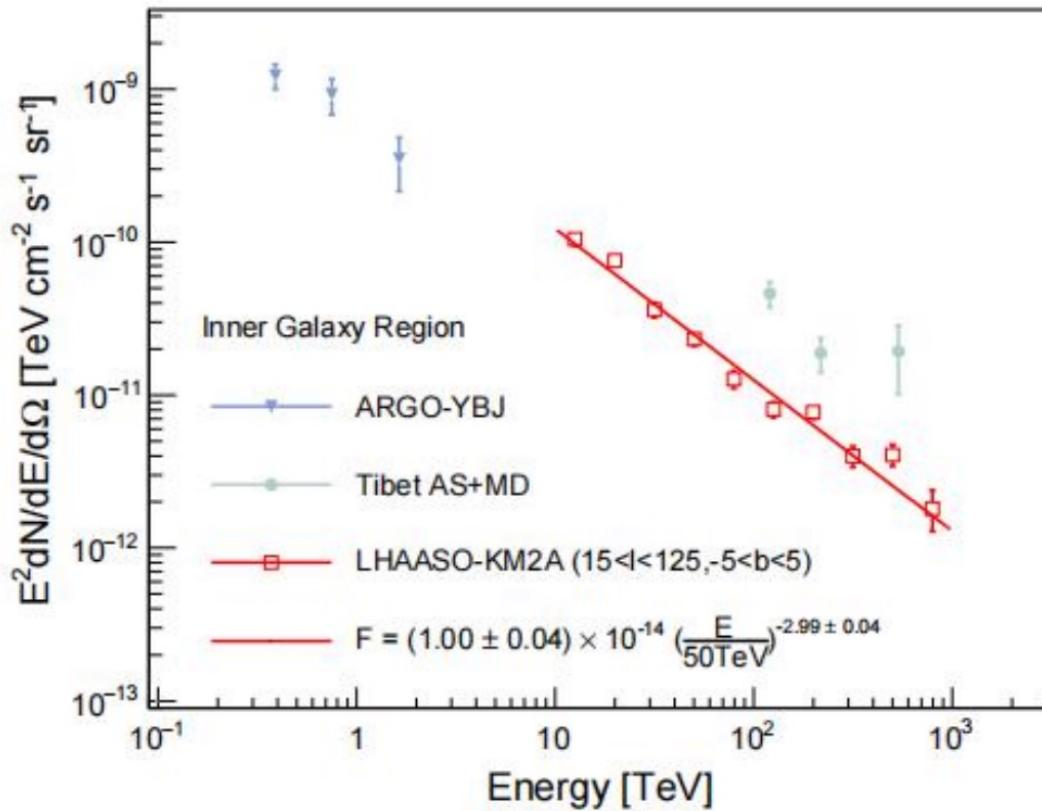
Acceleration at source

Diffusion and Interaction

Helio-sphere propagation

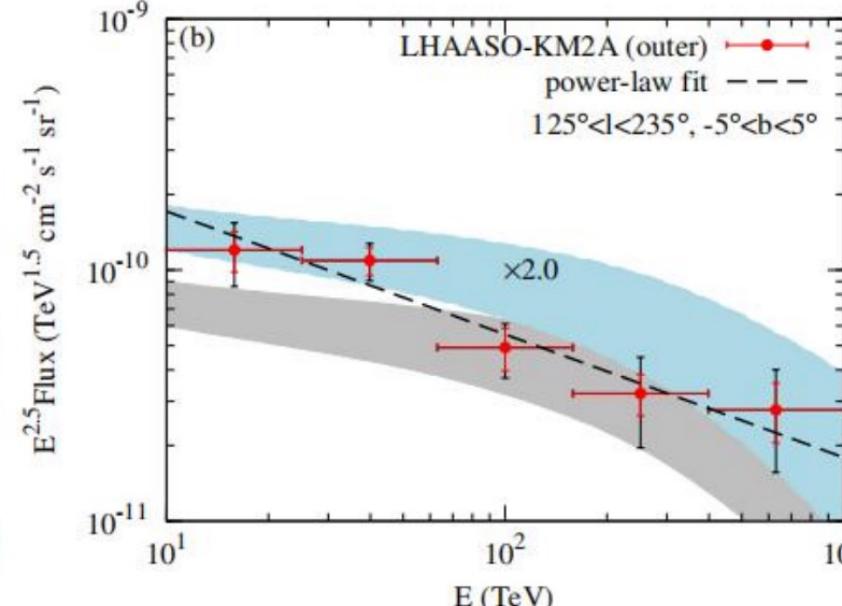
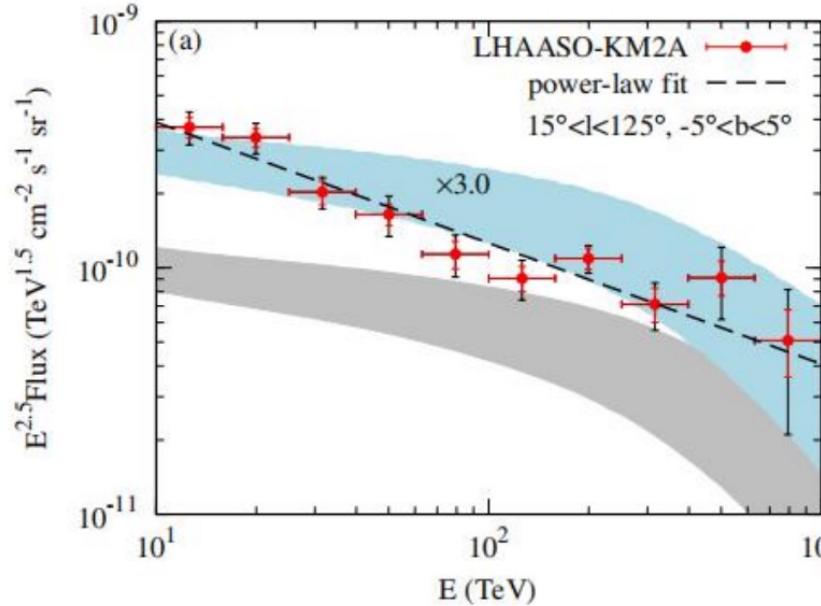
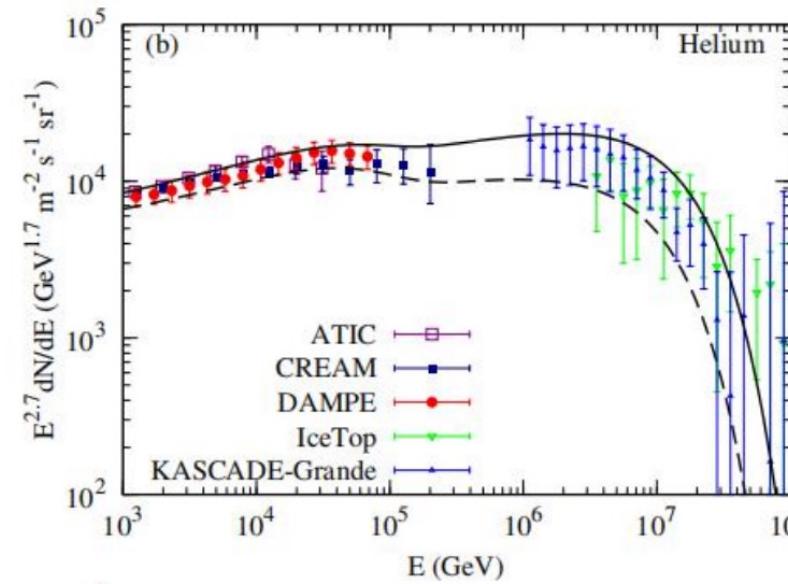
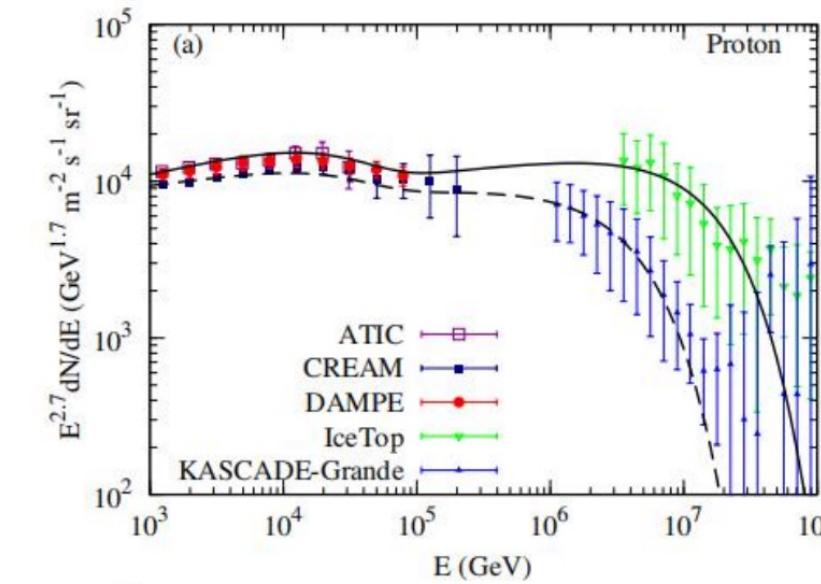


# LHAASO diffuse results



- First detection of VHE diffuse emission from outer Galactic plane
- Spectra follow power-law forms with an index of  $\sim 3$

# Confront LHAASO fluxes with a toy model

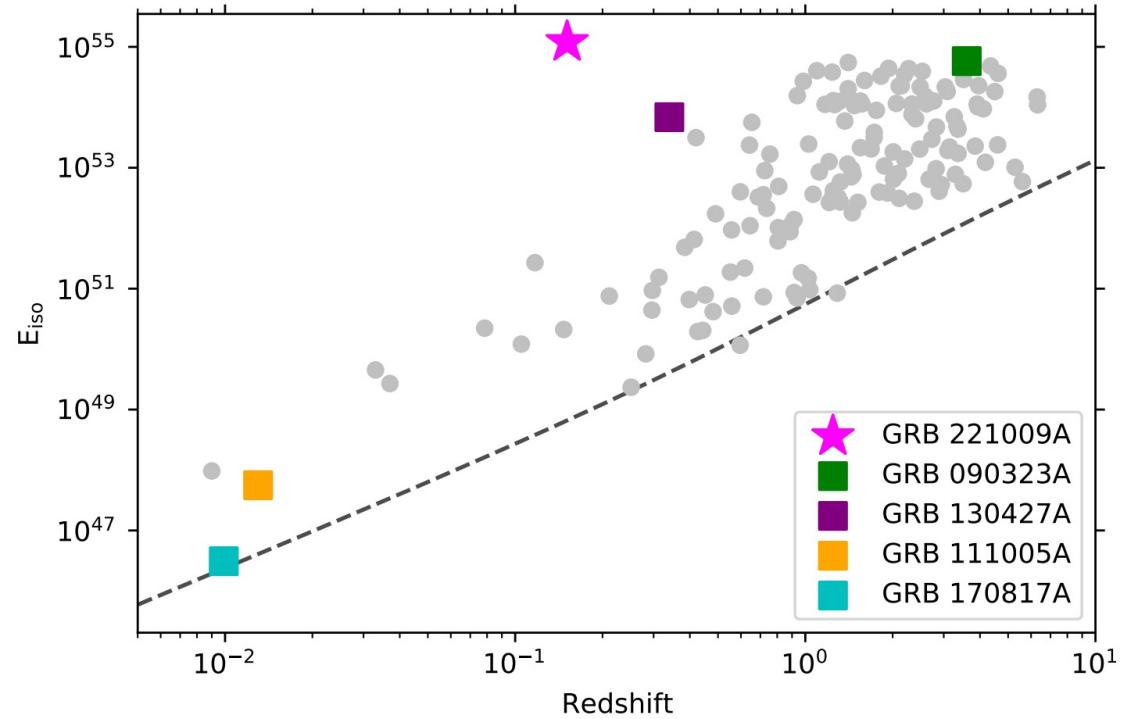
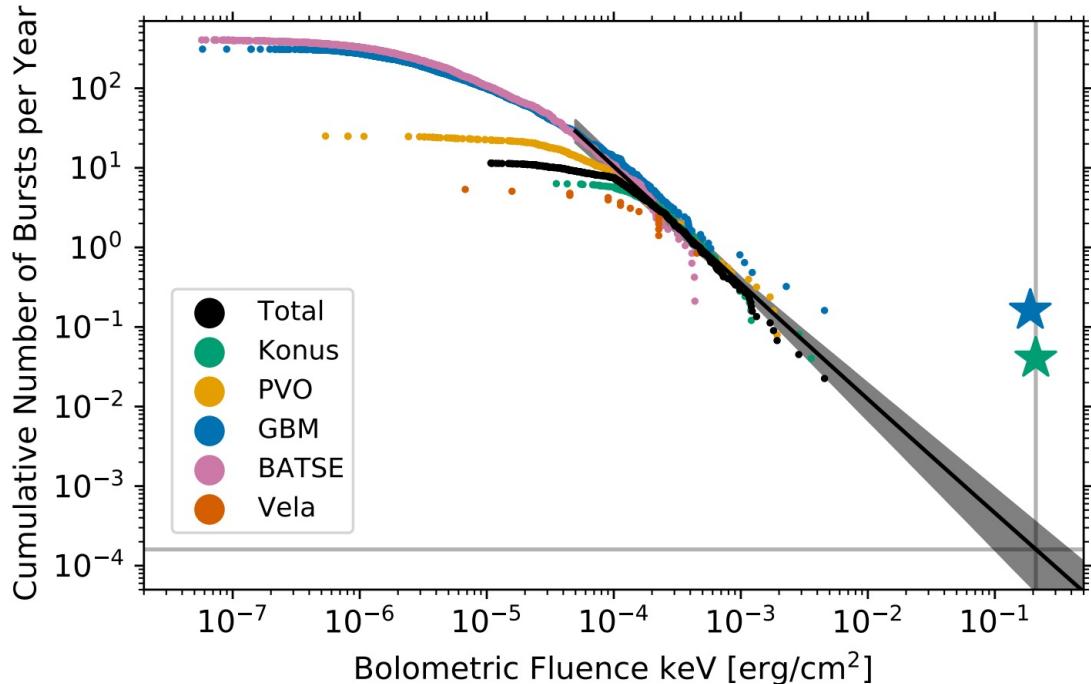


- Toy model prediction:  
local CR  $\times$  gas column  
(PLANCK dust opacity)
- Measured fluxes are  
higher by a factor of  
2~3 than predictions:  
unresolved sources or  
propagation effect?

# **5 Brightest GRB**



# GRB 221009A: A very rate 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  $\sim 1 \text{ Gpc}^3$

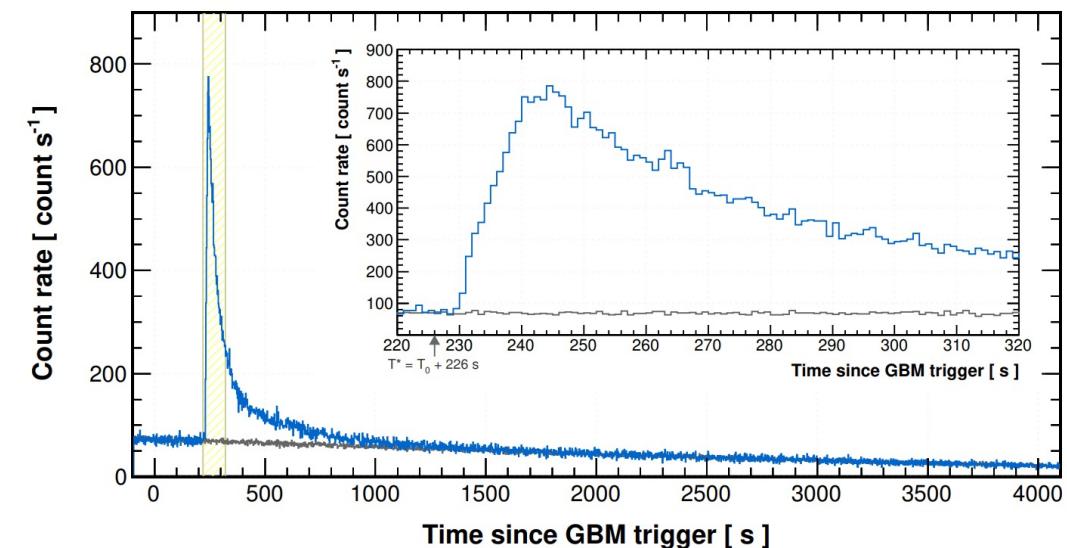
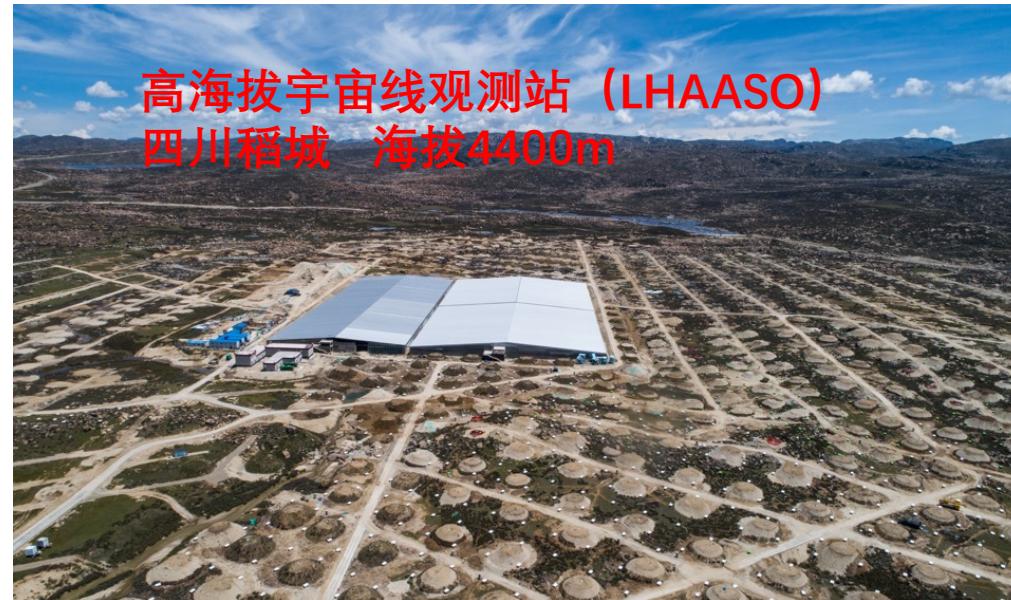
$R < 10^{-3} \text{ yr}$

Buns et al. 2023

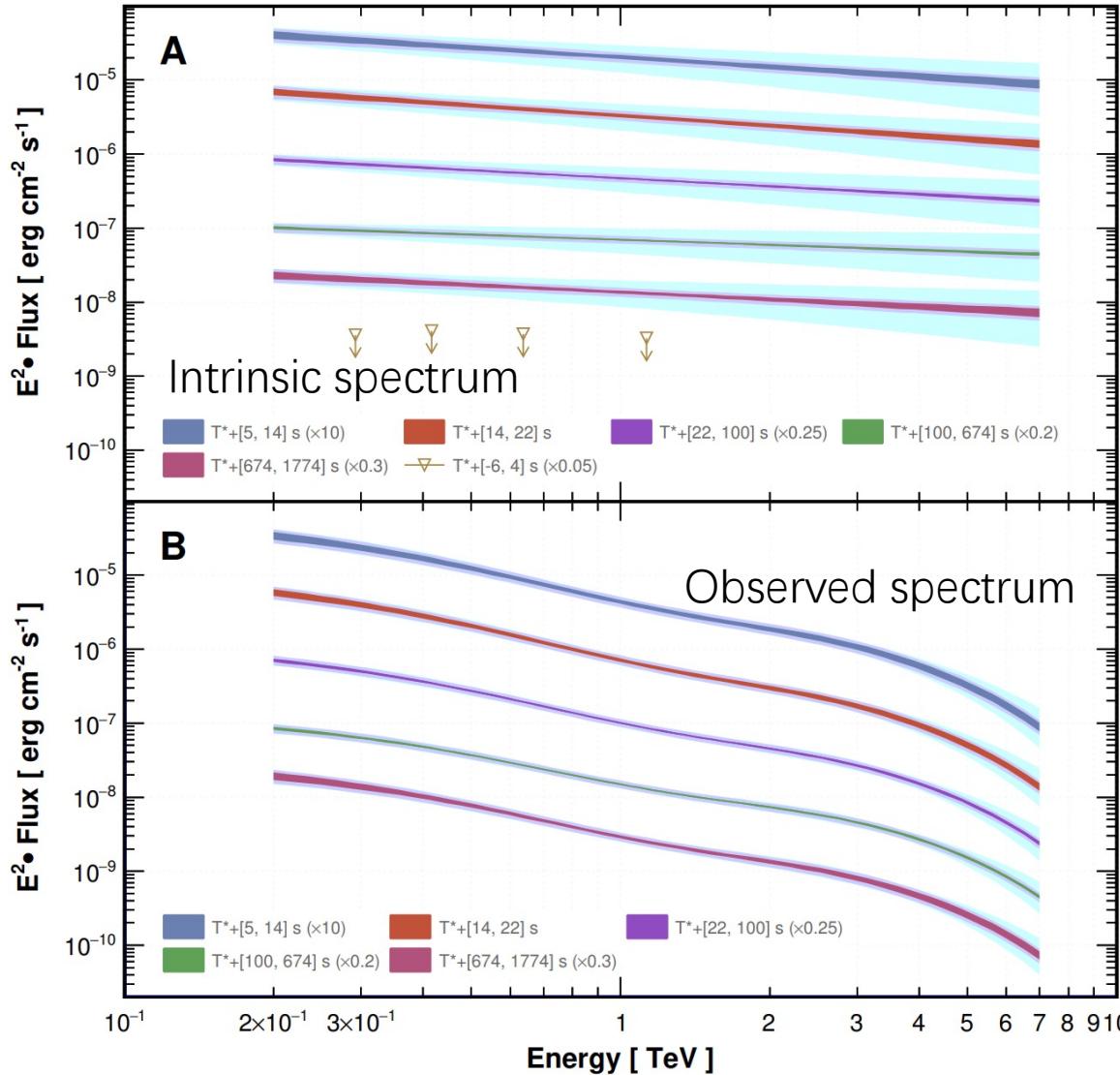
# LHAASO对GRB221009A的探测

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

First time detection of the TeV afterglow onset !



# SED measured by LHAASO-WCDA



- .EBL model: A. Saldana-Lopez et al. (2021)

Time interval (seconds after $T_0$ )	$A$ ( $10^{-8} \text{ TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	$\gamma$	$E_{\text{cut}}$ TeV	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$
Observed spectrum				
231–240	$42.9 \pm 2.7$	$2.983 \pm 0.061$	3.14 (fixed)	4.6/6
240–248	$70.1 \pm 3.8$	$3.006 \pm 0.052$	3.14 (fixed)	8.0/6
248–326	$39.9 \pm 1.0$	$2.911 \pm 0.028$	3.14 (fixed)	14.8/6
326–900	$7.35 \pm 0.16$	$2.788 \pm 0.026$	3.14 (fixed)	8.9/6
900–2000	$0.959 \pm 0.043$	$2.880 \pm 0.067$	3.14 (fixed)	2.9/5
Intrinsic spectrum, standard EBL				
231–240	$127.3 \pm 7.9$	$2.429 \pm 0.062$	\	3.1/6
240–248	$208 \pm 11$	$2.455 \pm 0.054$	\	6.5/6
248–326	$117.8 \pm 3.0$	$2.359 \pm 0.028$	\	8.7/6
326–900	$21.77 \pm 0.47$	$2.231 \pm 0.026$	\	3.4/6
900–2000	$2.84 \pm 0.13$	$2.324 \pm 0.065$	\	2.2/5

# A narrow GRB jet

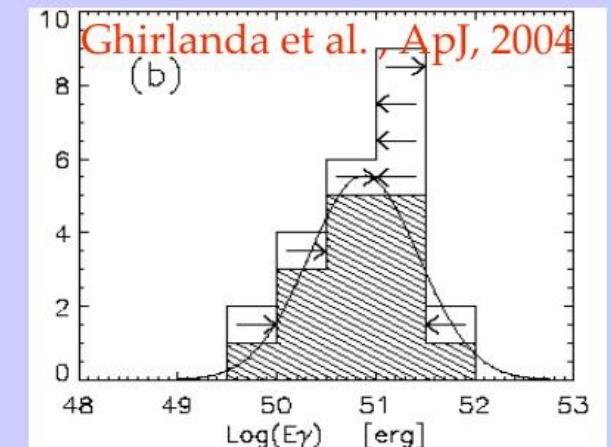
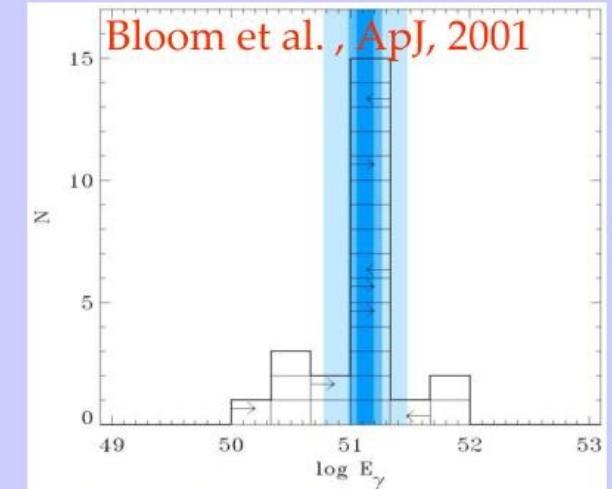
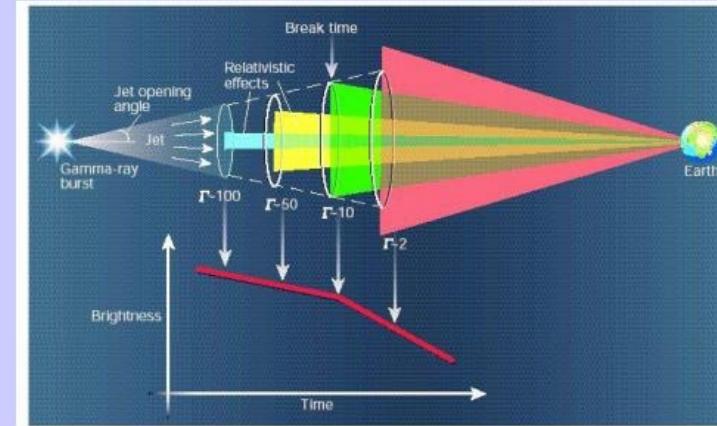
LHAASO coll. 2023 (Science accepted)

- 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 GRB

$$\theta_0 \sim 0.6^\circ E_{k,55}^{-1/8} n_0^{1/8} \left( \frac{t_{b,2}}{670 \text{ s}} \right)^{3/8}$$

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

- 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.



# **6 Constraints on Lorentz Invariance**

**violation**

# Lorentz invariance violation (LIV)

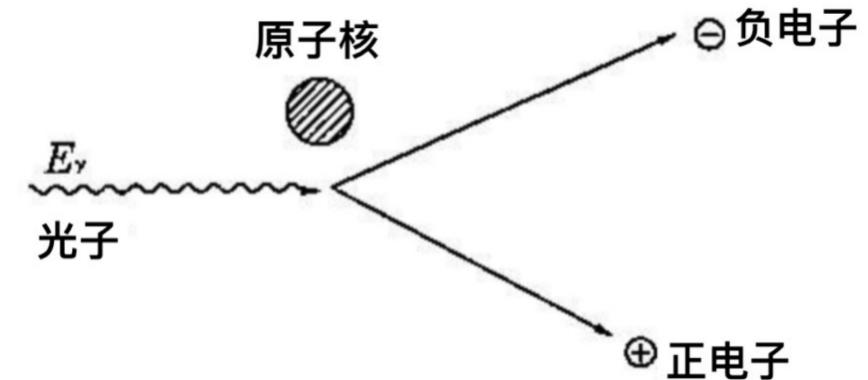
- For the case of Lorentz invariance a free particle satisfies the dispersion relation:  $E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2$
- For some quantum gravity theories, Lorentz invariance may be violated at Planck scale, which leads to modification of the dispersion relation at low energies.
- The dispersion relation at low energies,  $E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2 * (1 + a_1(p c / M_{pl} c^2) + a_2(p c / M_{pl} c^2)^2 + \dots)$
- $a_1, a_2 \dots$  are model parameters of LIV
- LIV effect is suppressed at low energy by  $M_{pl} c^2$
- Many exotic phenomena may take place in the LIV scenario which are forbidden in LI

# Energy dependent speed of light at LIV

- From the LIV DR,  $E^2 = p^2 c^2 * (1 + a_1(p c / M_{pl} c^2) + a_2(p c / M_{pl} c^2)^2 + \dots)$
- Group velocity  $v(E) = \partial\omega / \partial k = \partial E / \partial p$ 
$$\approx c[1 + \frac{1+n}{2} a_n (pc / M_{pl} c^2)^n] \approx c[1 \pm \frac{1+n}{2} (E/E_{LIV,n})^n]$$
- $v(E)$  is not a constant and can be superluminal or subluminal depending on the sign of  $a_n$ , for  $n=1,2$  the first and second order of LIV
- As  $(E/E_{LIV,n})$  is highly suppressed for  $E \ll E_{LIV,n}$ , it is generally very hard to observe the effect
- It is the great advantages for astrophysical probe: the highest energy possibly achieved in the universe; or long distance propagation from the source may accumulated the tiny effect to be observable.
- Constraints on LIV by time decay of photons from GRBs have been set

# Decay of a free photon

- A free photon in vacuum is stable in L1
- For LIV,  $E_\gamma^2 - p_\gamma^2 = \frac{p^{n+2}}{E_{LIV}^n} = m_{\gamma,eff}^2$
- When the effective mass > a pair of e+e-, the photon decay into e+e- very fast and leads to a sharp cutoff at the SED
- If no such decay the LIV energy scale is constrained as  $E_{LIV}^{(n)} > \left(\frac{E_\gamma^n(E_\gamma^2 - 4m_e^2)}{4m_e^2}\right)^{1/n}$
- For n=1,2, we have
$$E_{LIV}^{(1)} \gtrsim 9.57 \times 10^{23} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}}\right)^3,$$
$$E_{LIV}^{(2)} \gtrsim 9.78 \times 10^{17} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2.$$
- The constraints are very sensitive to the highest energy of gamma



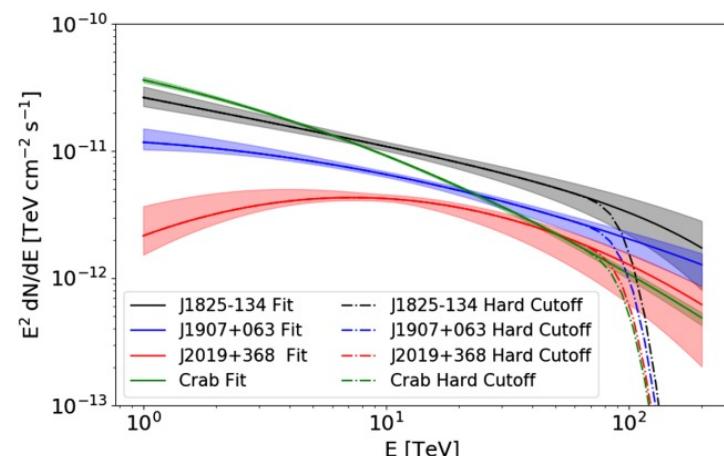
# Photon splitting

- LIV also leads to a photon splitting to 3 photons

分裂过程:  $\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma} = 5 \times 10^{-14} \frac{E_\gamma^{19}}{m_e^8 E_{LIV}^{(2)10}},$$
$$E_{LIV}^{(2)} > 3.33 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV} \left( \frac{L}{\text{kpc}} \right)^{0.1} \left( \frac{E_\gamma}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{1.9}.$$

- LIV decay or splitting leads to a sharp cutoff at the high energy end of the spectrum
- We analyze the LHAASO data of gamma ray SED to look for the LIV cutoff



# LHAASO发现的大于100 TeV的源

Z. Cao, et al., Nature 594, 33 (2021)

source name	R.A.	dec	Significance	$E_{Max}$	Flux ( $\pm$ error)
	( $^{\circ}$ )	( $^{\circ}$ )	( $\sigma$ )	(PeV)	(CU)
above 100 TeV					at 100 TeV
LHAASO J0534+2202	83.55	22.05	17.8	$0.88 \pm 0.11$	1.00(0.14)
LHAASO J1825-1326	276.45	-13.45	16.4	$0.42 \pm 0.16$	3.57(0.52)
LHAASO J1839-0545	279.95	-5.75	7.7	$0.21 \pm 0.05$	0.70(0.18)
LHAASO J1843-0338	280.75	-3.65	8.5	$0.26^{+0.16}_{-0.10}$	0.73(0.17)
LHAASO J1849-0003	282.35	-0.05	10.4	$0.35 \pm 0.07$	0.74(0.15)
LHAASO J1908+0621	287.05	6.35	17.2	$0.44 \pm 0.05$	1.36(0.18)
LHAASO J1929+1745	292.25	17.75	7.4	$0.71^{+0.16}_{-0.07}$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J1956+2845	299.05	28.75	7.4	$0.42 \pm 0.03$	0.41(0.09)
LHAASO J2018+3651	304.75	36.85	10.4	$0.27 \pm 0.02$	0.50(0.10)
LHAASO J2032+4102	308.05	41.05	10.5	$1.42 \pm 0.13$	0.54(0.10)
LHAASO J2108+5157	317.15	51.95	8.3	$0.43 \pm 0.05$	0.38(0.09)
LHAASO J2226+6057	336.75	60.95	13.6	$0.57 \pm 0.19$	1.05(0.16)

# The result

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Process:  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

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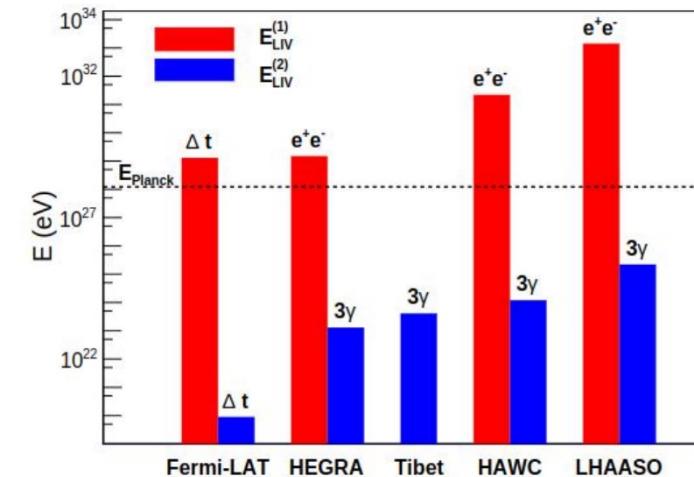
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Source	$L$ (kpc)	$E_{\max}$ (PeV)	$E_{\text{cut}}^{95\%}$ (PeV)	$E_{LIV}^{(1)}$ (eV) $\times 10^{32}$	$E_{LIV}^{(2)}$ (eV) $\times 10^{23}$	$E_{LIV}^{(2)} (3\gamma)$ (eV) $\times 10^{25}$
Crab Nebula	2.0	$0.88 \pm 0.11$	$0.75^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$4.04^{+0.69}_{-0.62}$	$5.5^{+0.61}_{-0.58}$	$1.04^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$
J2032+4102	1.4	$1.42 \pm 0.13$	$1.14^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$14.2^{+2.42}_{-2.18}$	$12.7^{+1.41}_{-1.34}$	$2.21^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$

$$E_{\text{Planck}} = 1.22 * 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

$$10^5 E_{\text{Planck}}$$

$$0.1\% E_{\text{Planck}}$$



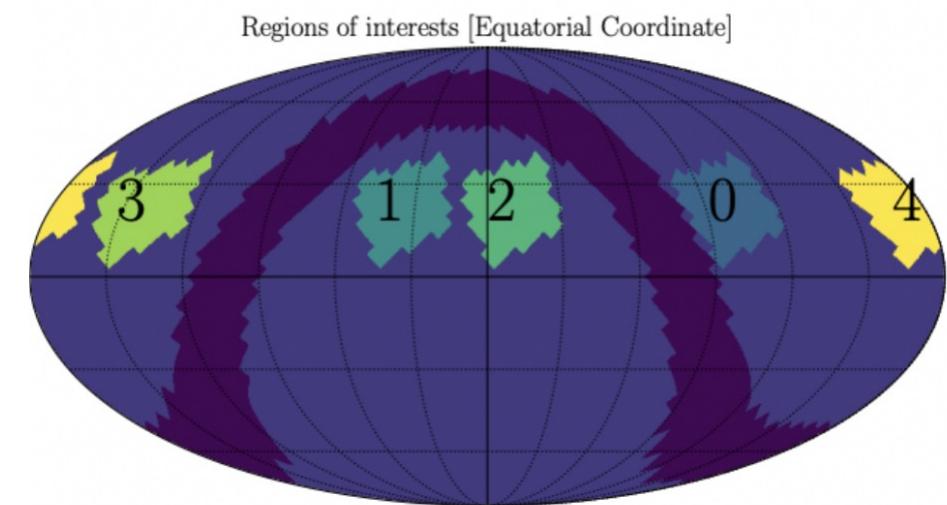
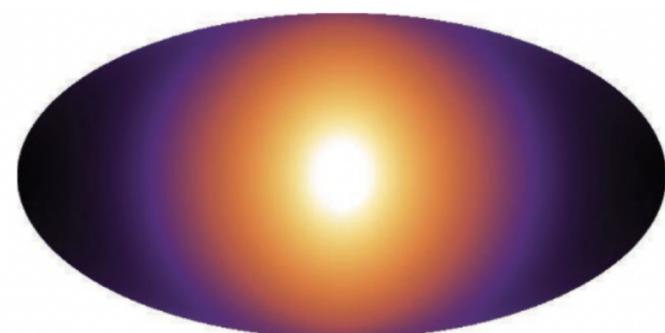
$E_{LIV}^{(1)}$  和  $E_{LIV}^{(2)}$  限制提高了一个量级

## 7 Dark matter searches



# Carefully selected regions for DM decay

- The signal region is chosen  $\text{ROI}_0$ , around  $15^\circ \leq \bar{b} \leq 45^\circ$  and  $30^\circ \leq \ell \leq 60^\circ$ 
  - Away from Galactic plane and Fermi bubble
  - Close to the GC as possible
- 4 control regions  $\text{ROI}_1 - \text{ROI}_4$  by shifting  $\text{ROI}_0$  along the RA direction by  $90^\circ, 135^\circ, 240^\circ, 285^\circ$  respectively
  - Same declination and same detector performance
  - For accurate estimate the bkg and eliminate systematics

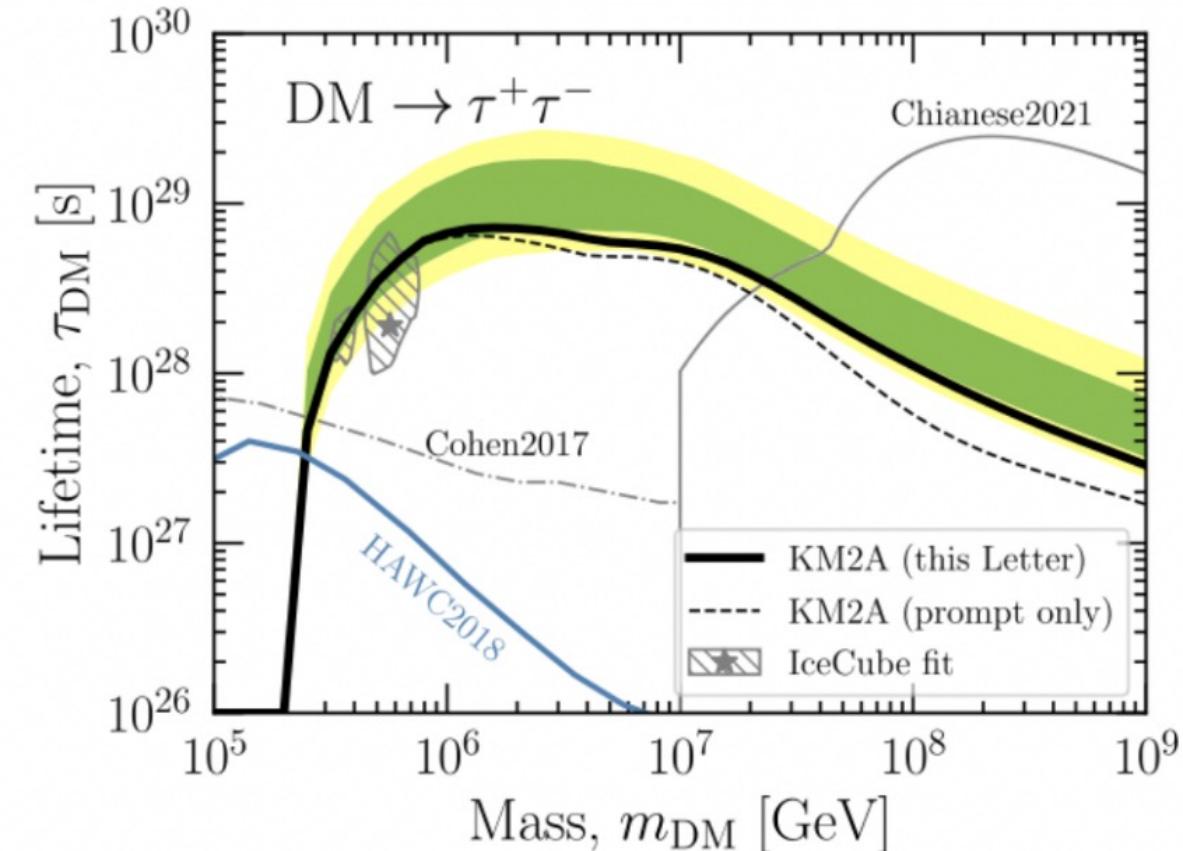
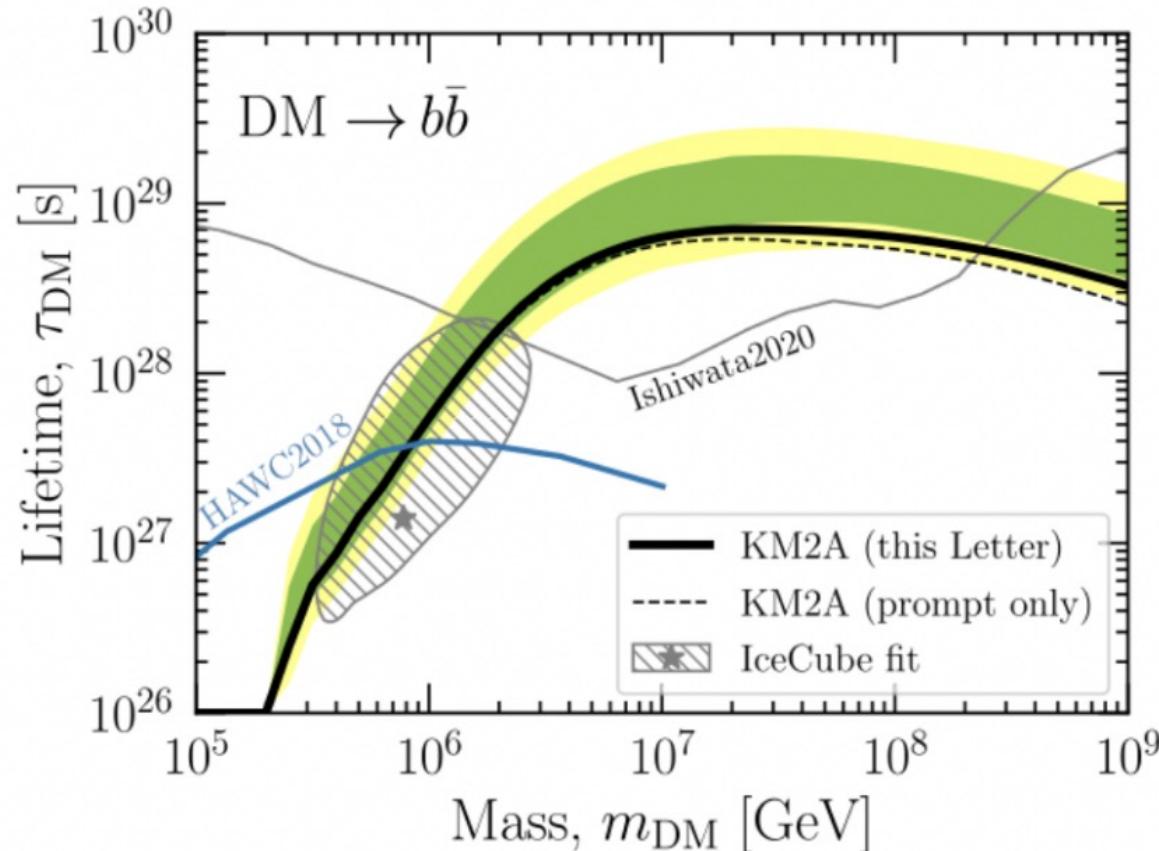


# Likelihood analysis

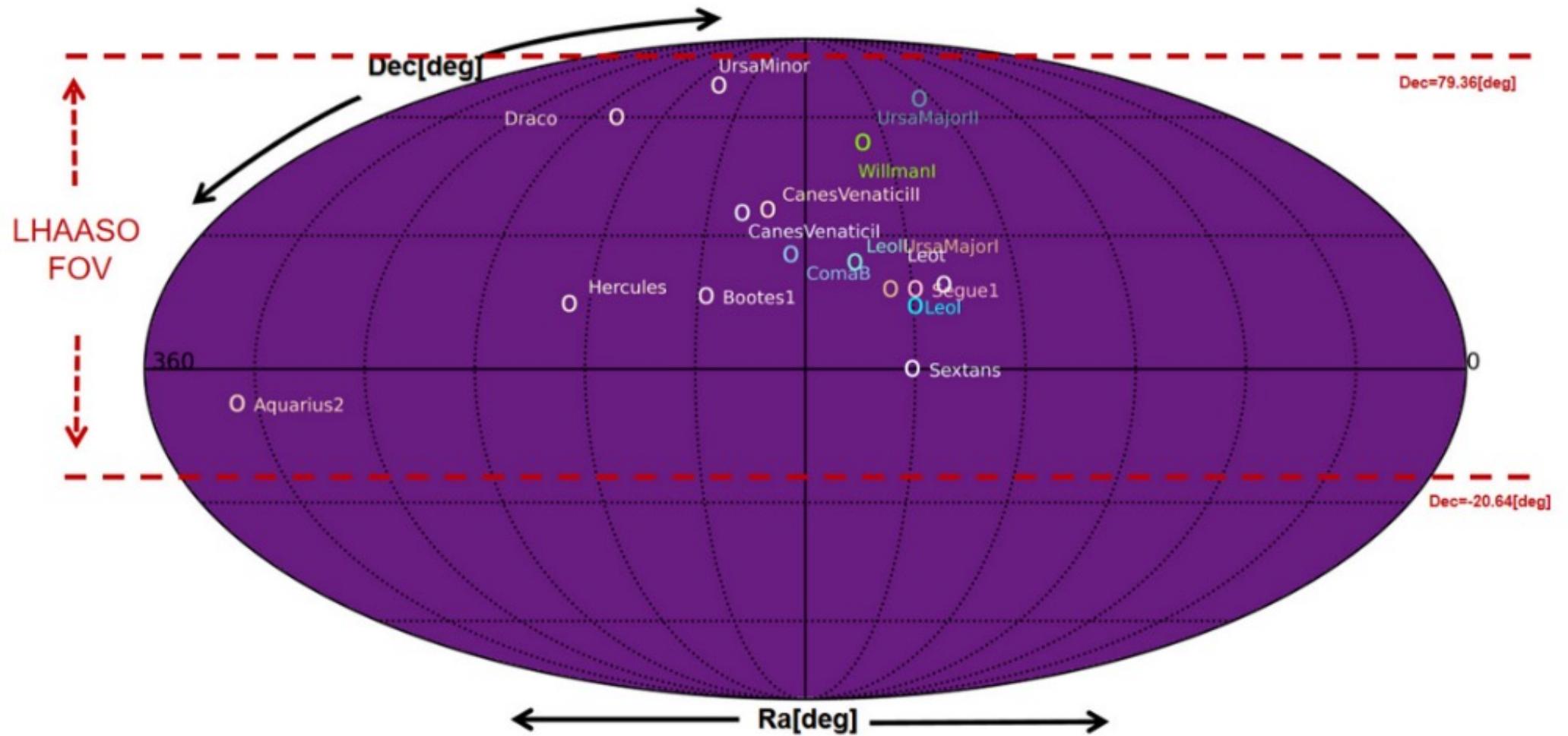
- For each ROI
  - $\ln L_k(\tau_{DM}, b) = \sum_i N_k^i \ln n_k^i - n_k^i$
  - Combined likelihood
  - $\ln L = \sum_{k=0}^4 \ln L_k$
- Important features of this analysis
    - $n_k^i(\tau_{DM}, b) = (b^i + s_k^i(\tau_{DM}))\mathcal{E}_k^i \Delta\Omega,$
    - The background model  $b^i$ , is independent of ROI
    - Signal  $s_k^i$ , is different for each ROI, due to difference in D-factor
    - We assume that we don't know  $b^i$ 
      - allow it to be a free parameter (6 degrees of freedom)

# Constraints on Heavy Decaying Dark Matter from 570 Days of LHAASO Observations

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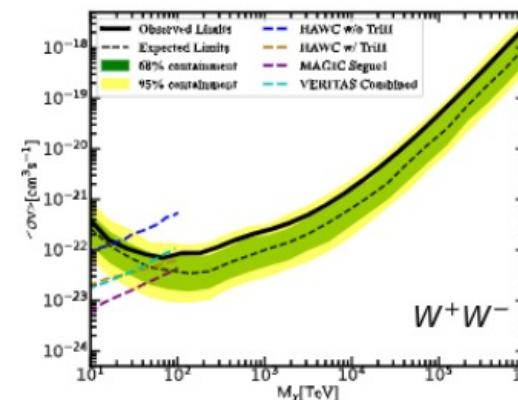
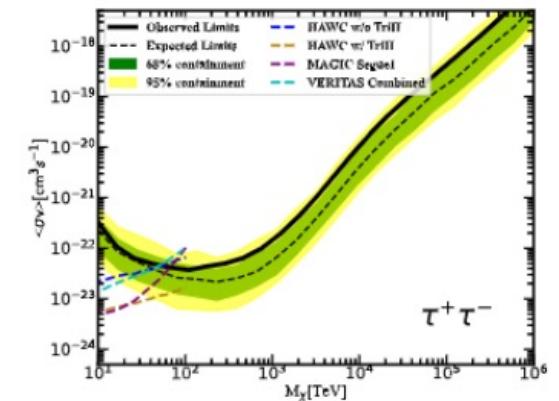
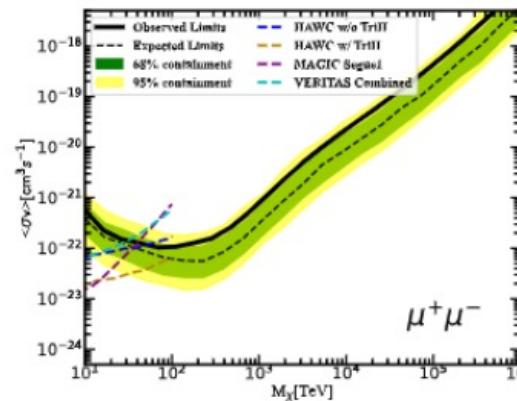
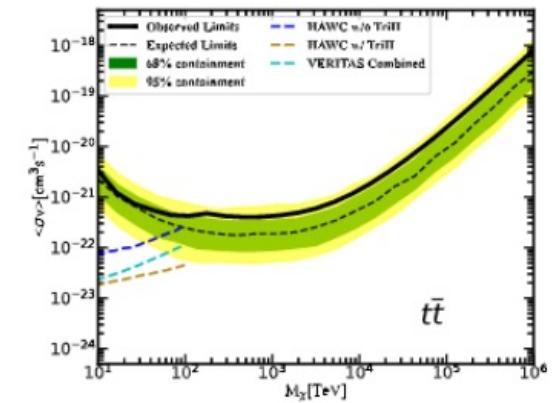
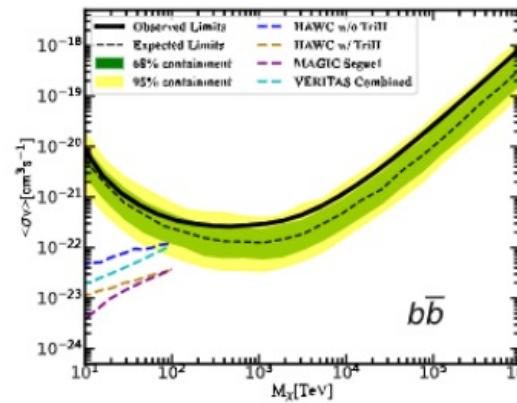


# Dark matter annihilation signals from the dwarf galaxies



# Constraints on DM anni

- First constraint on PeV DM annihilation



# 总结

- 由于LHAASO大阵列、高鉴别能力的优势，取得了一些重要的观测进展。
- 目前仍然有大量工作的紧张进行中。
- LHAASO在积极布局下一步的计划，开展高海拔切伦科夫望远镜和贝加尔湖中微子实验项目，争取解决宇宙线起源问题。