



Physics with HAWC

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Air Shower Detection at High Altitude – Paris 2014

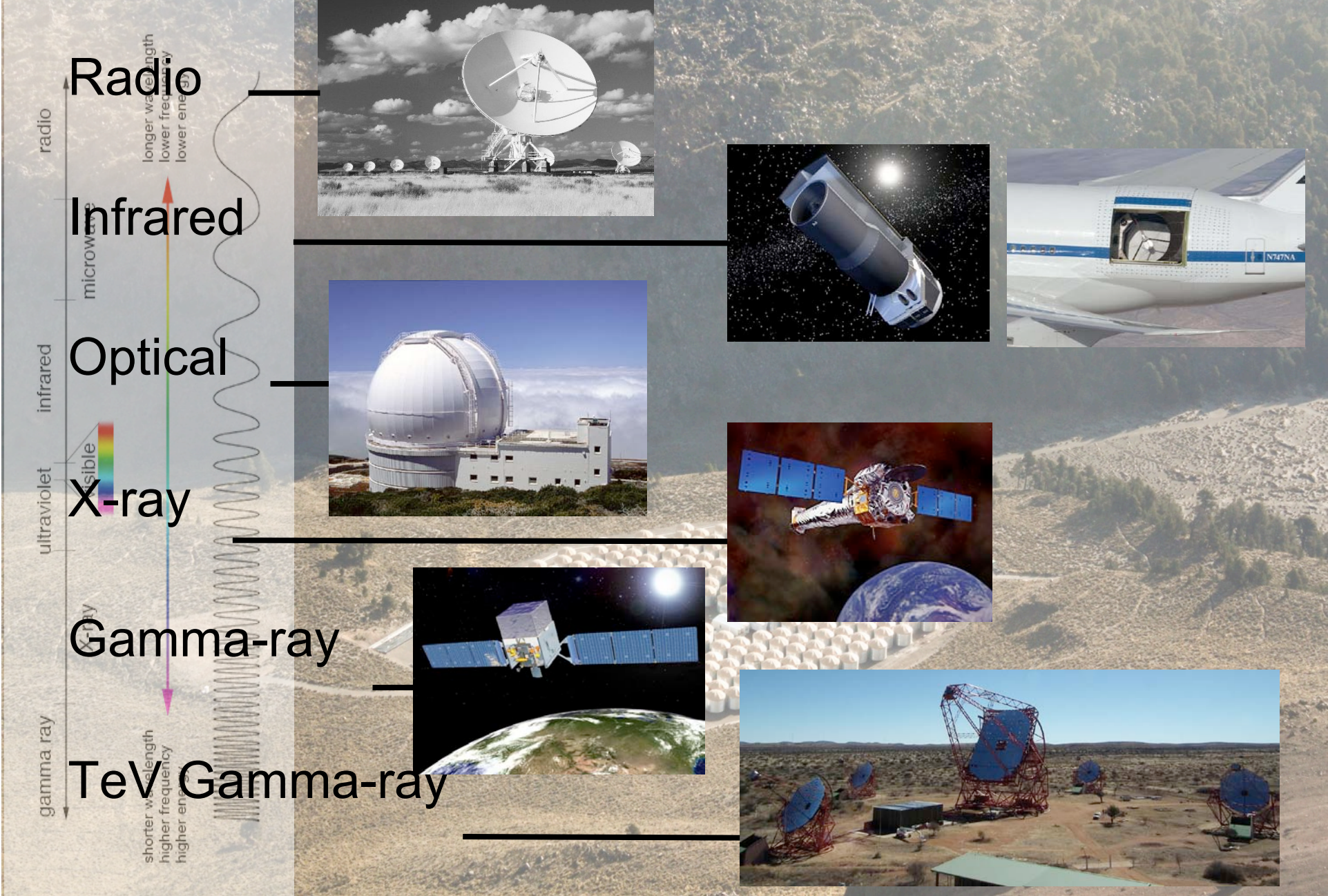


The HAWC Collaboration

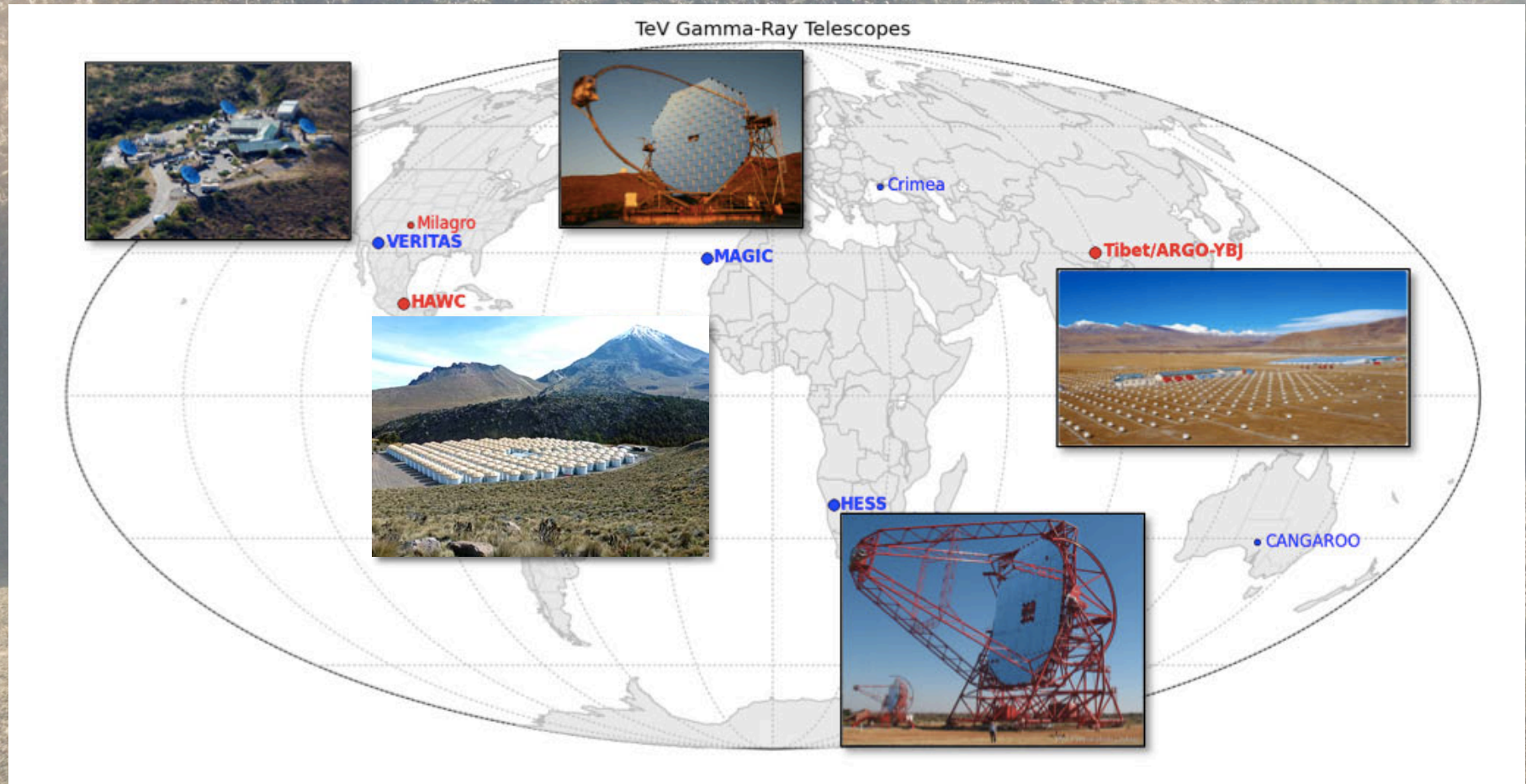


HAWC Collaboration Meeting, February 25-27, 2014
Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo
Pachuca, Hidalgo

Observatories



TeV Observatories



- IACT: low uptime, small FOV, excellent bkg rejection and angular resolution
-> deep surveys, point sources, high-resolution energy spectra
- Arrays: high uptime, large FOV, good background rejection and angular resolution
-> unbiased surveys, transients, extended/diffuse emission, cosmic rays and solar physics

Milagro

2630 m altitude

Pond: 80 m x 60 m

8 m deep

175 outriggers



The Milagro Pond

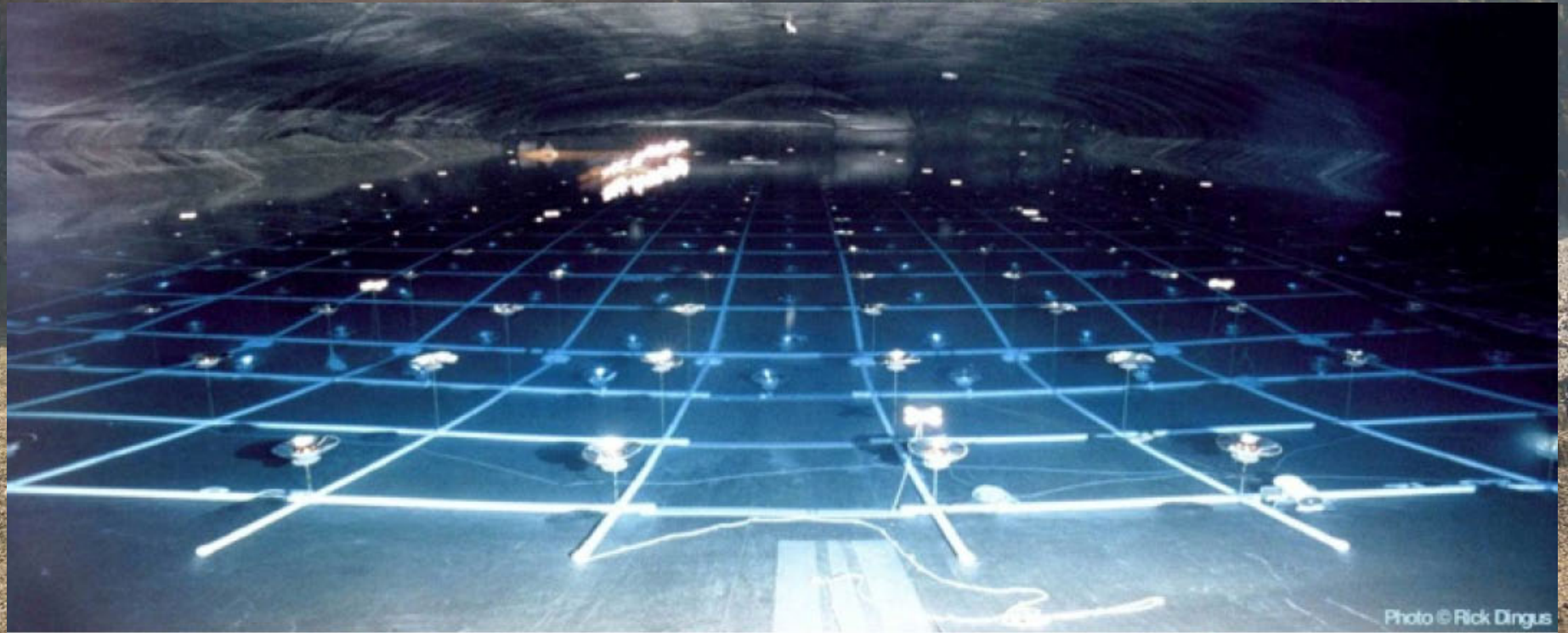
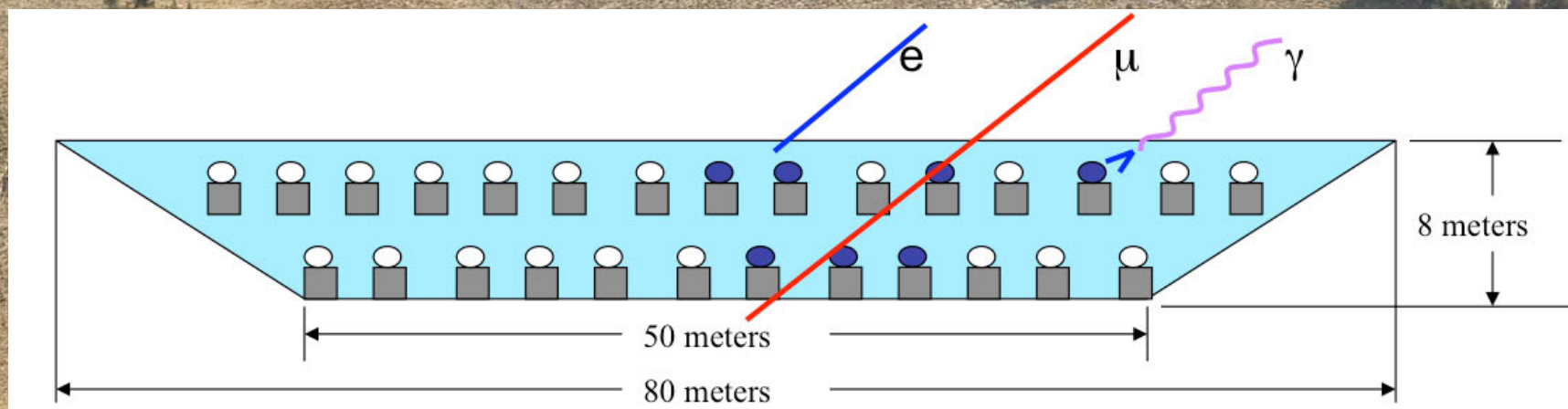
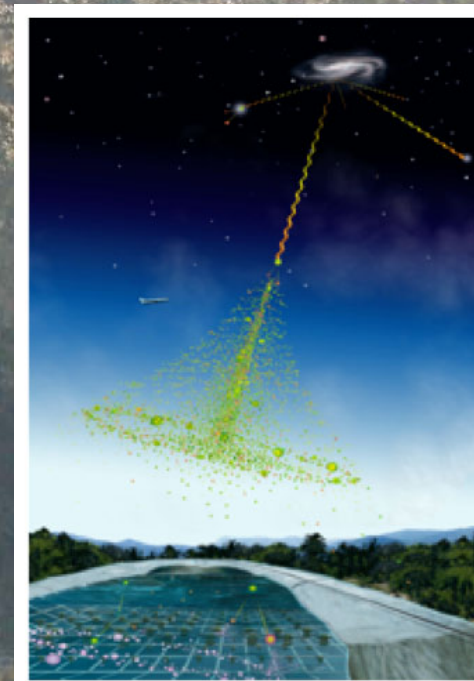
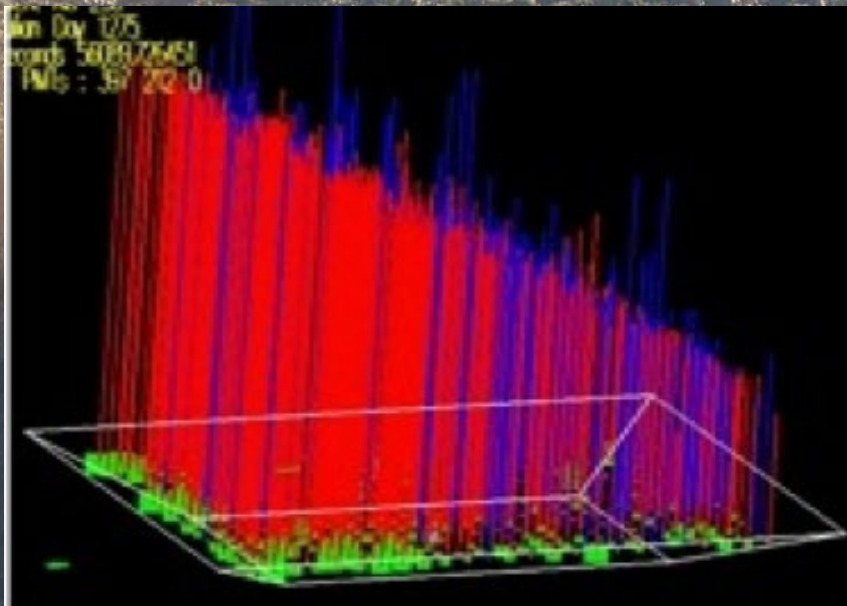
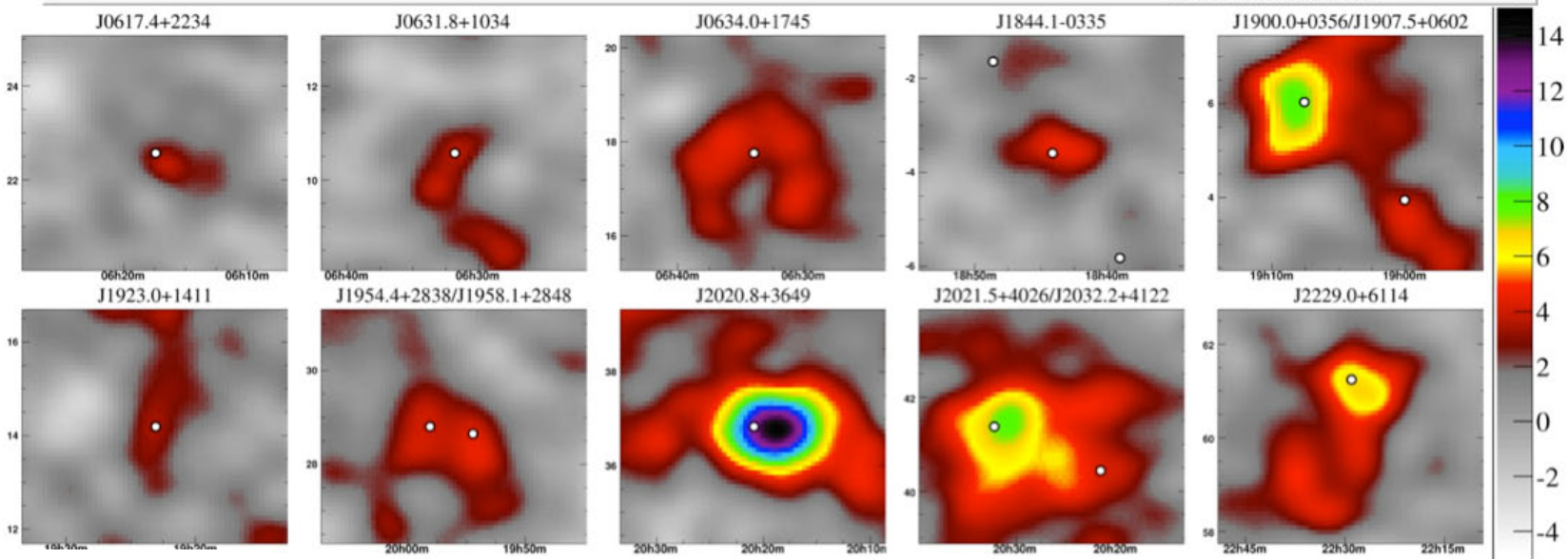
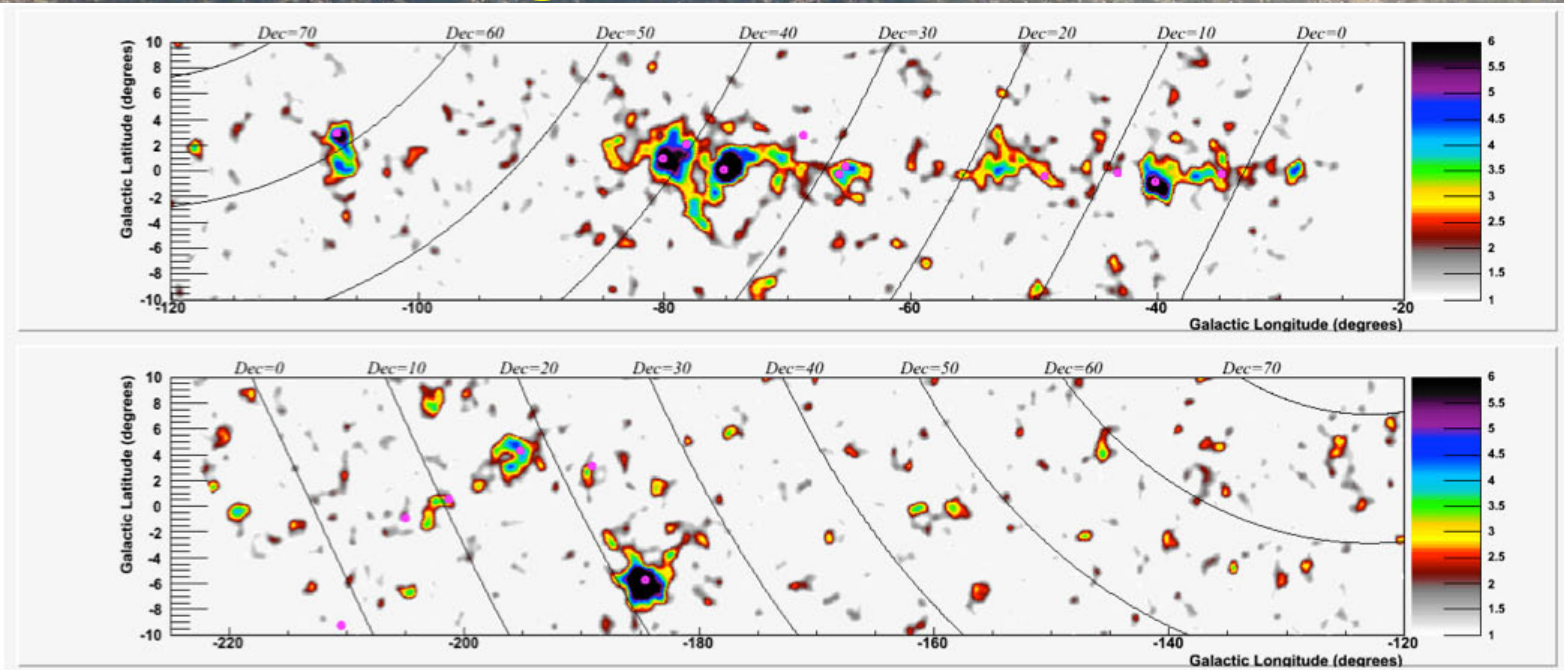


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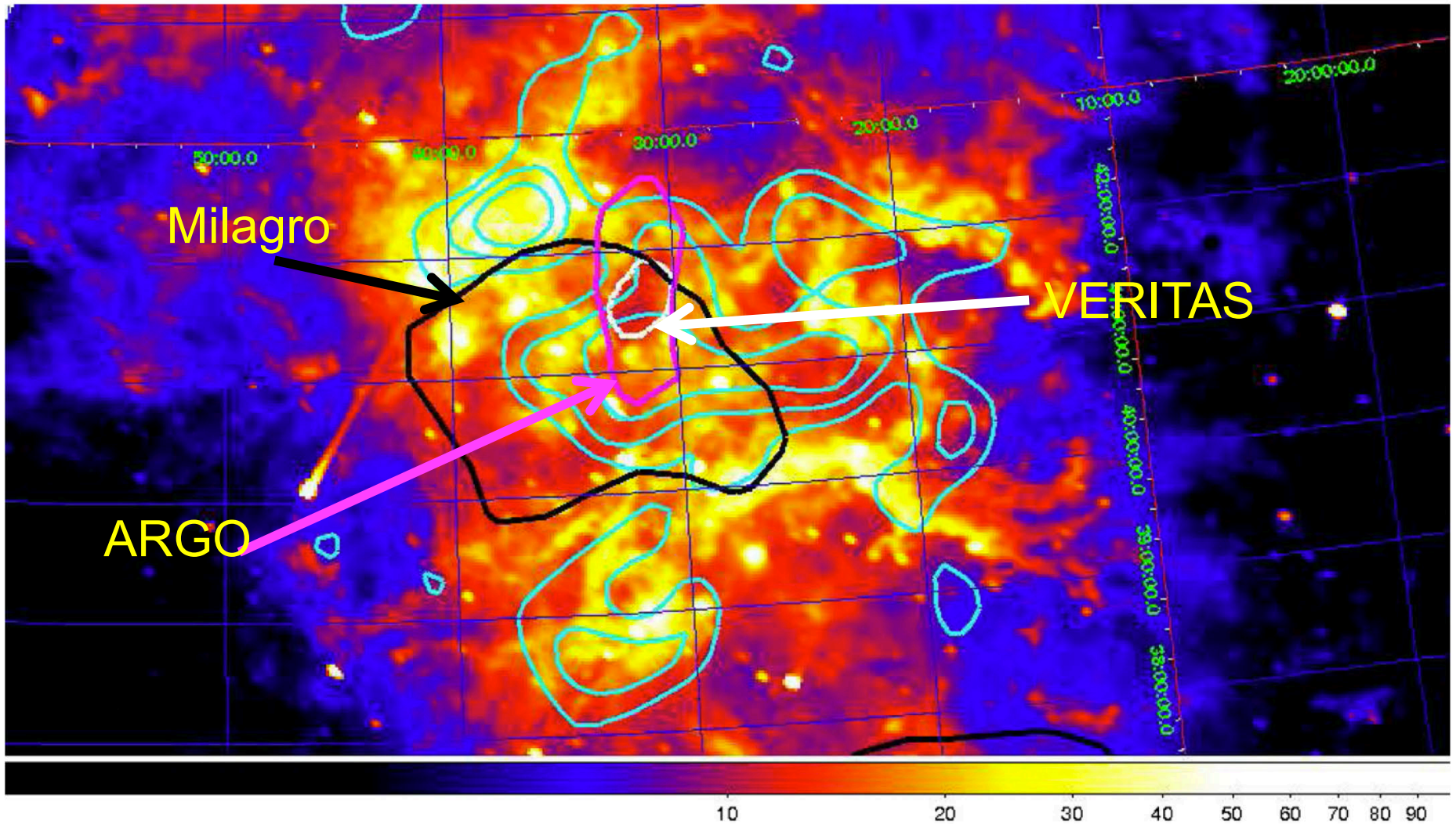
Air Shower Detection



Milagro TeV Sources

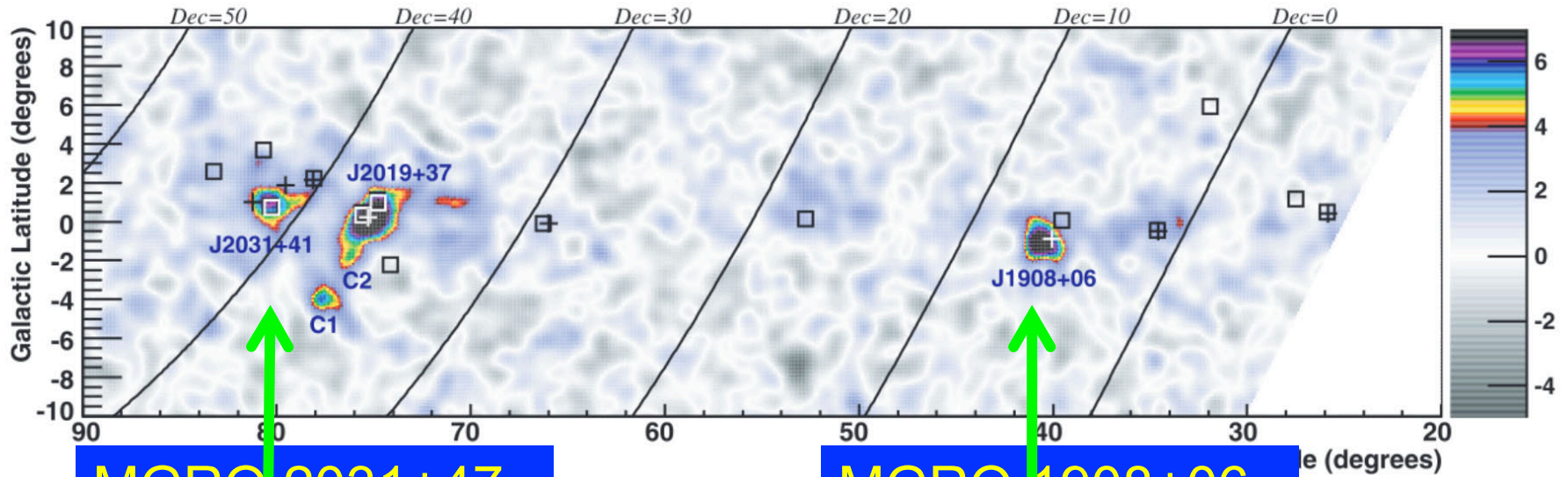


VERITAS-ARGO- Milagro J2032+41



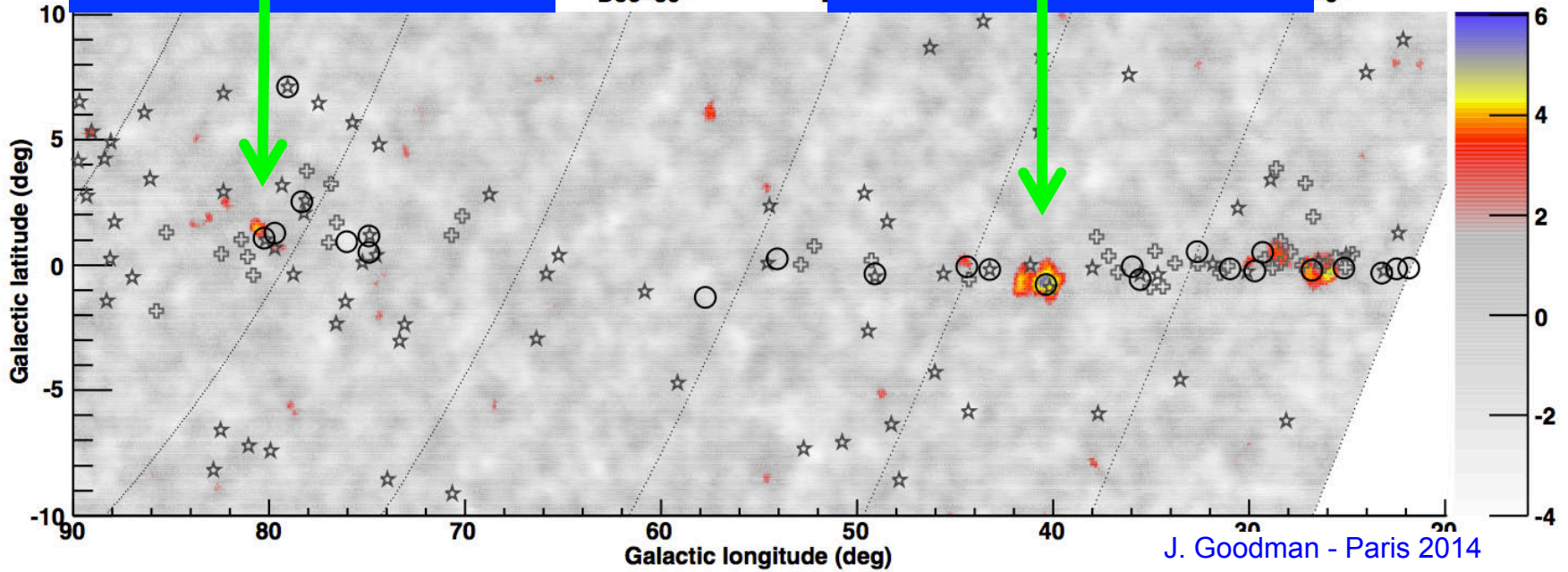
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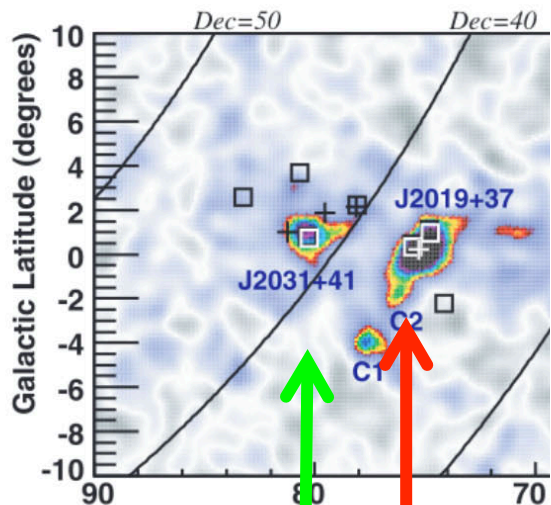
Milagro - ARGO Sky Map



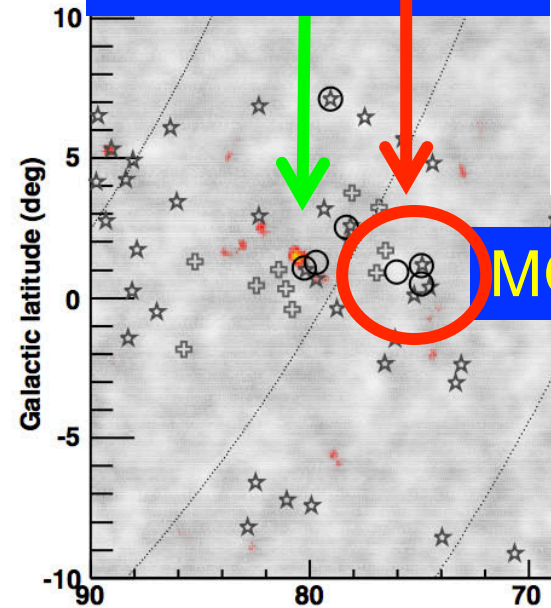
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MGRO 1908+06

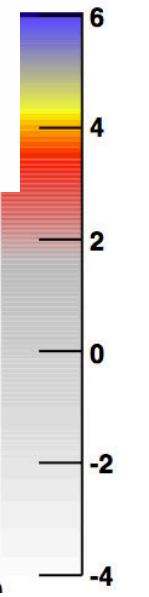
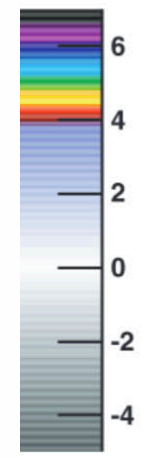
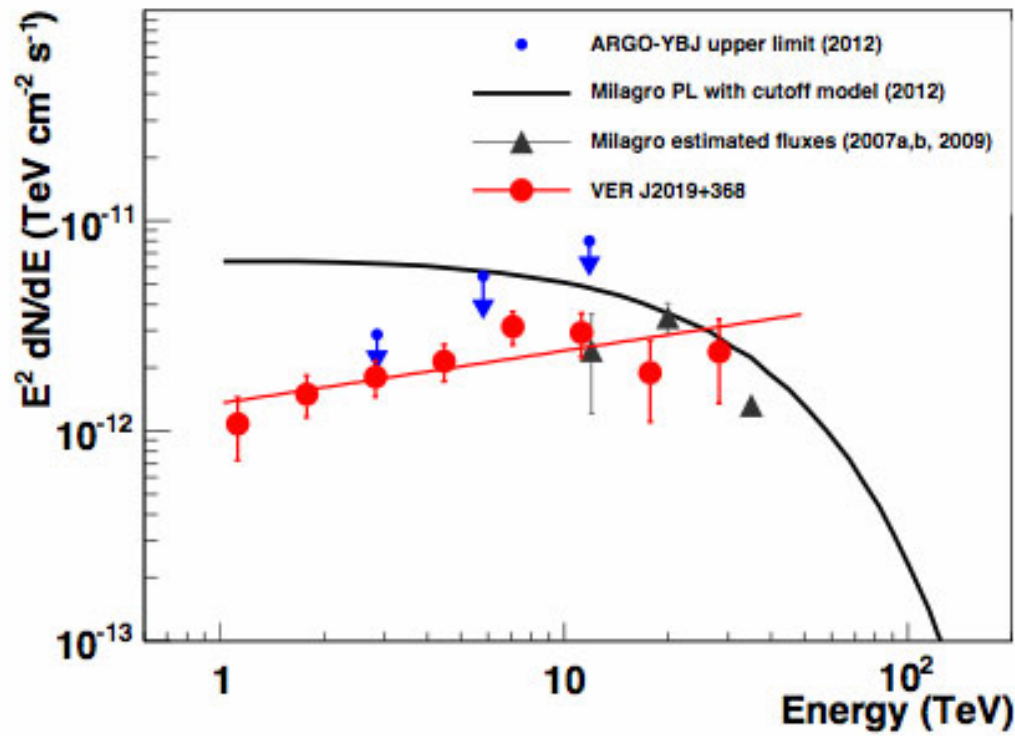




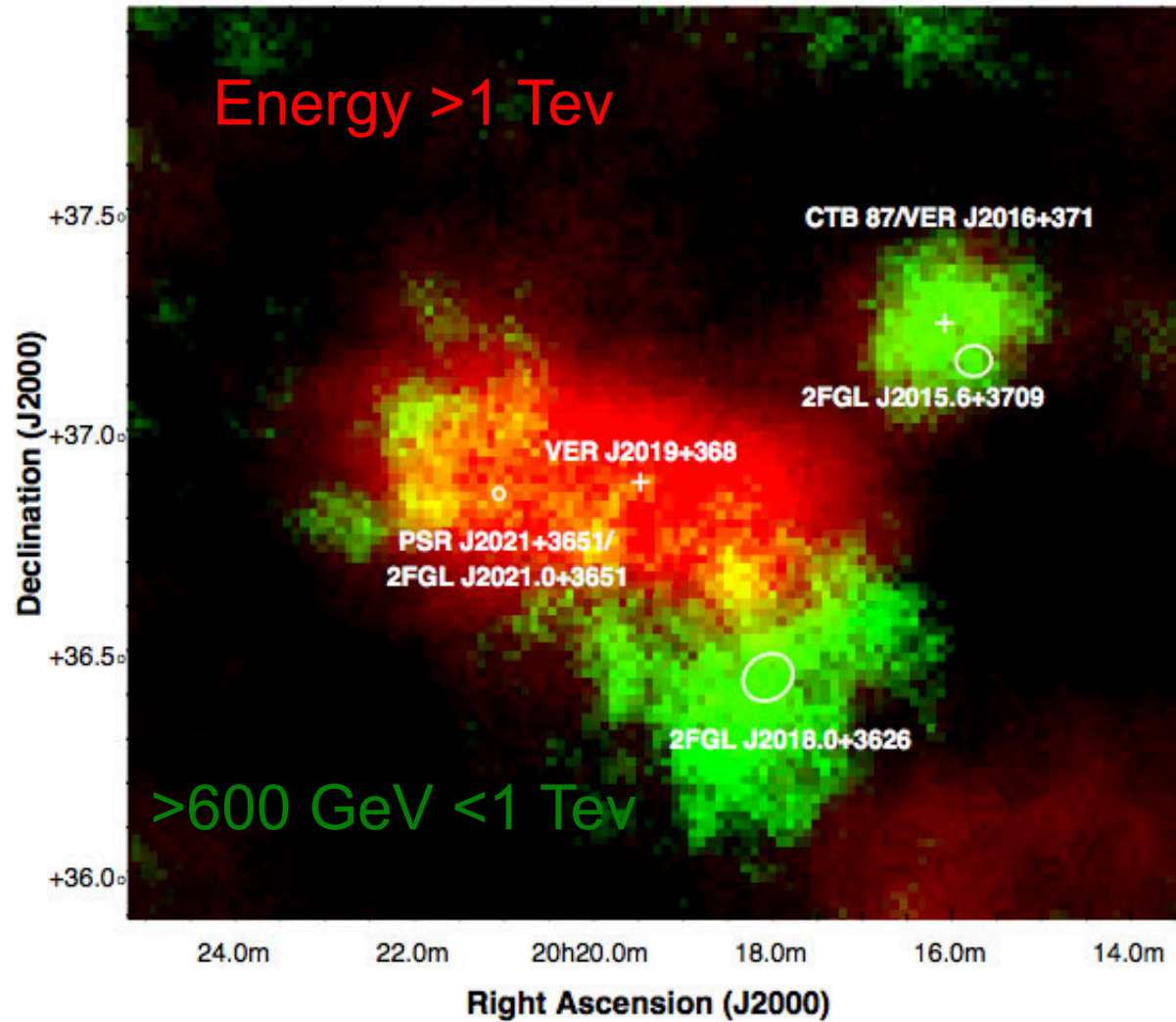
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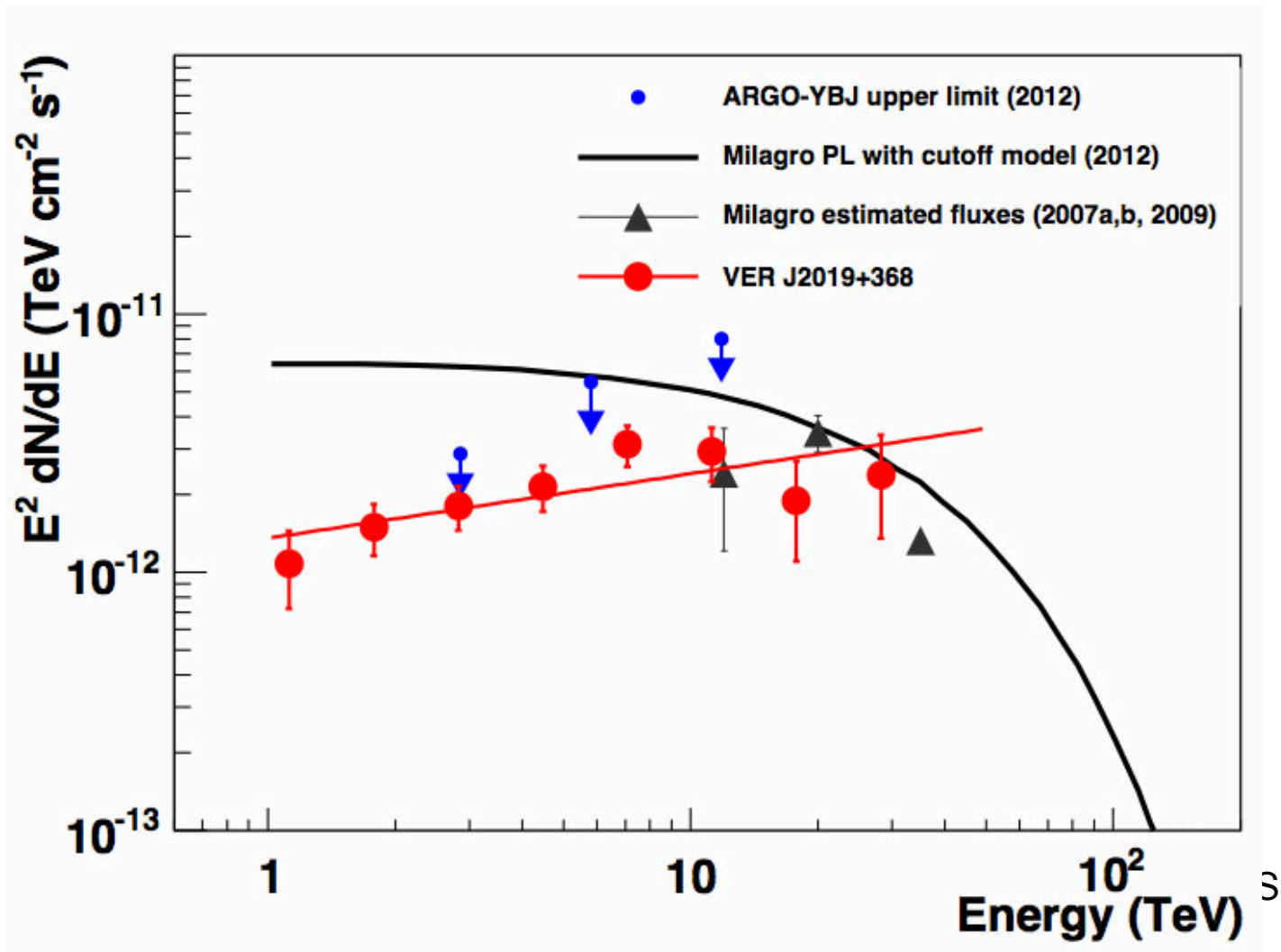
MGRO 2019+37?



VERITAS Observation of 2019+37

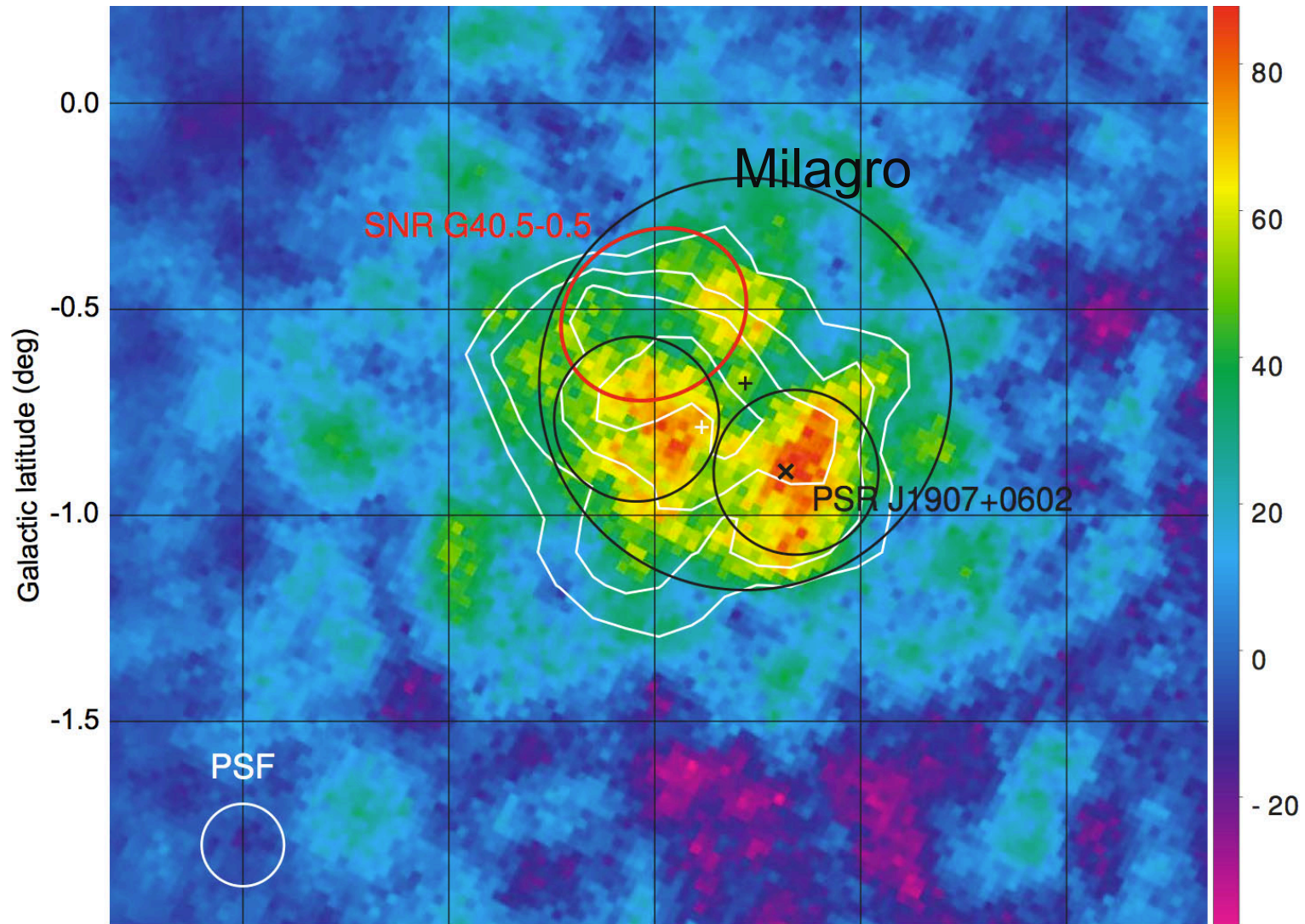


VERITAS Spectrum 2019+37



<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1404.1841v1.pdf>

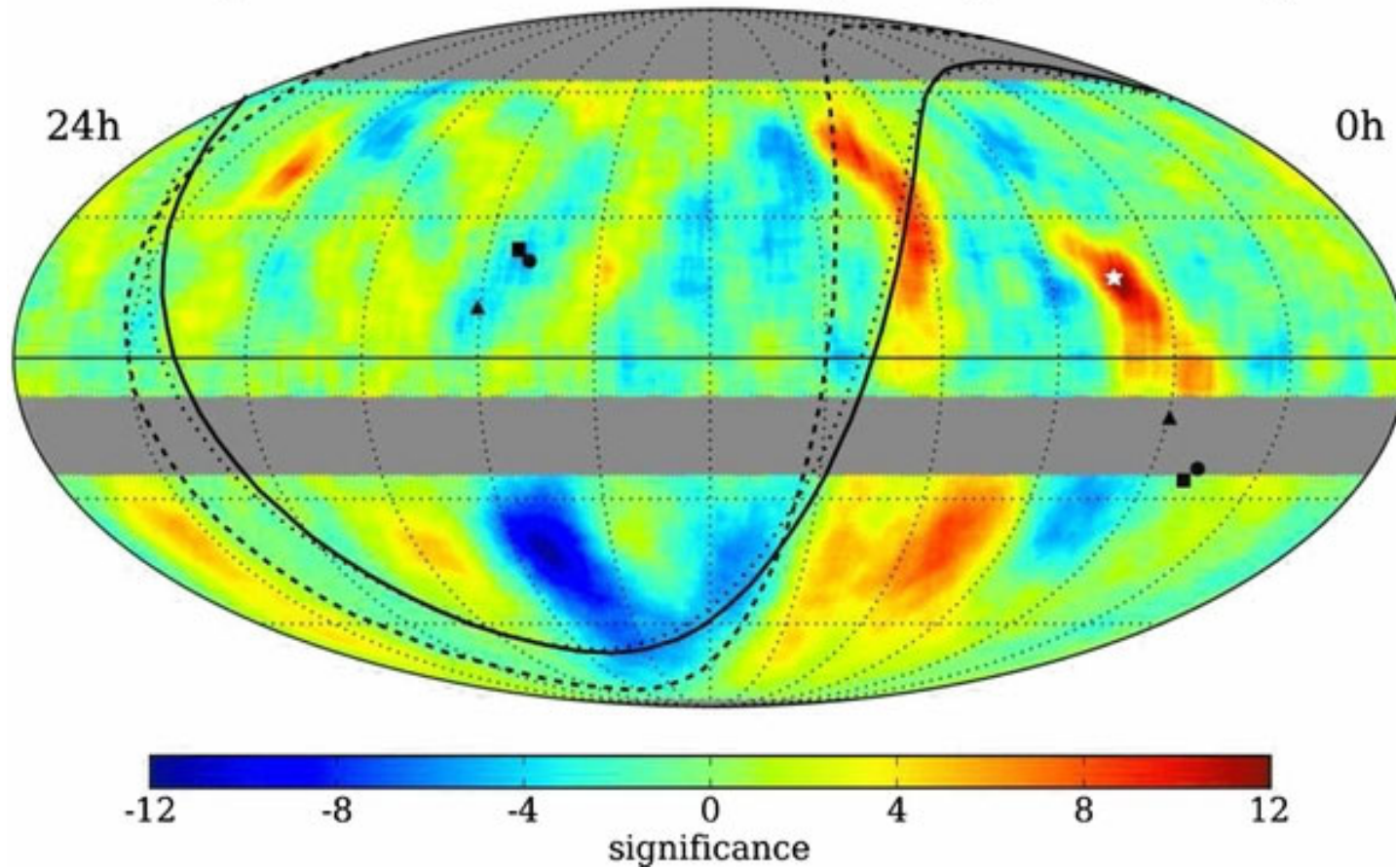
VERITAS Results on 1908+06



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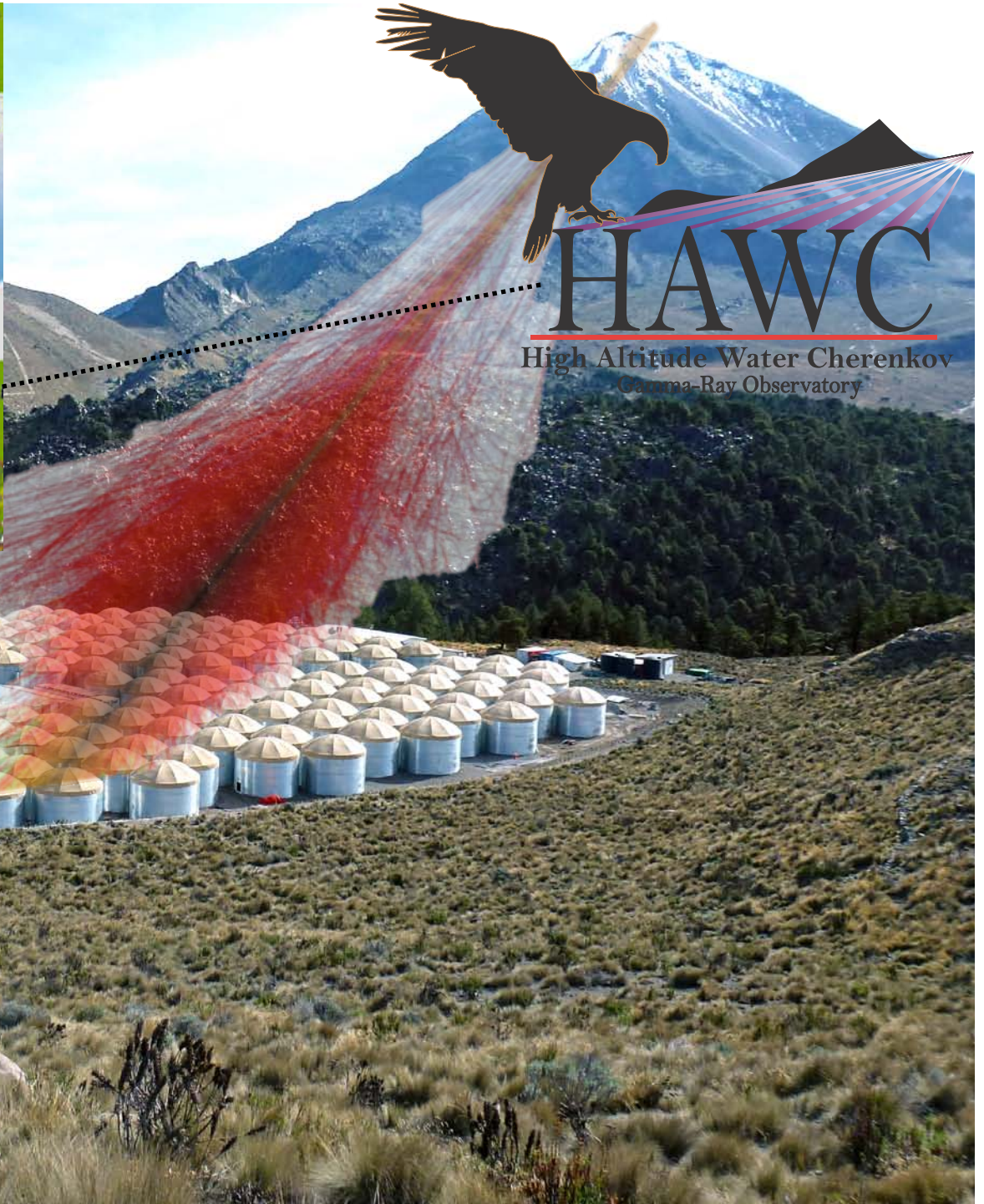
Small Scale Anisotropy

Milagro + IceCube TeV Cosmic Ray Data (10° Smoothing)



Milagro + IceCube

ApJ 740, 16 (2011)



HAWC
High Altitude Water Cherenkov
Gamma-Ray Observatory

HAWC



High altitude(4100m) site at Sierra Negra, Mexico.
2nd generation of technique developed for Milagro (2000-2008).
Large tanks of water covering 22,000 m² area.
Each contains 3-8" PMTs and 1 central 10" PMT.
Sensitive from 100 GeV to 100 TeV.
Angular resolution 1.0–0.1 degrees.
2sr instantaneous field of view.
>90% duty cycle.
Overall 15x improvement in sensitivity over Milagro.
See the Crab at over 5σ everyday.

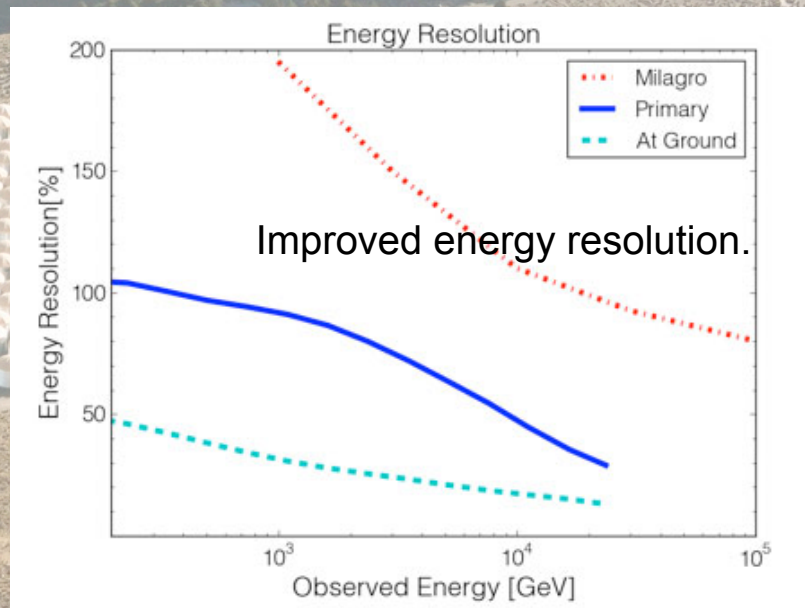
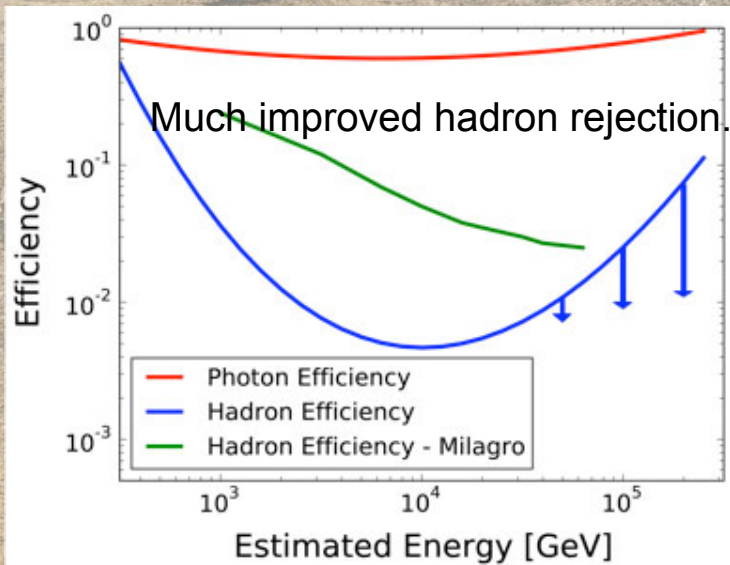
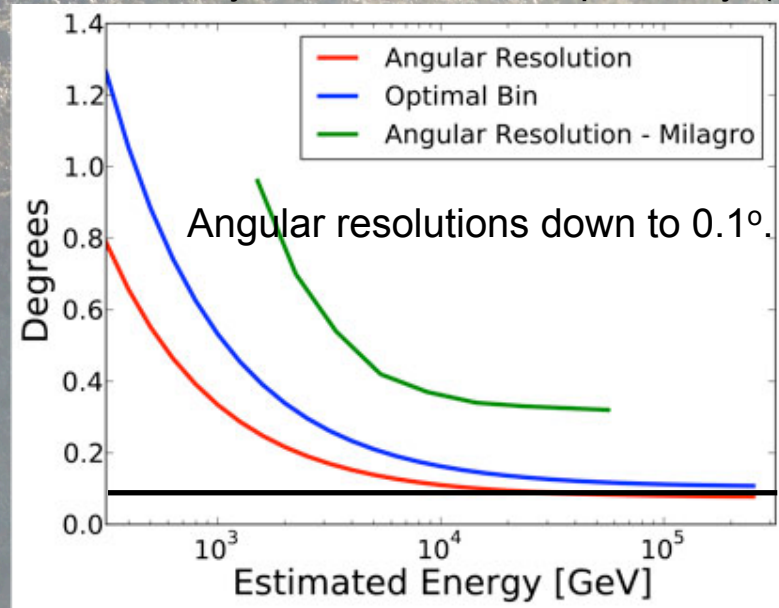
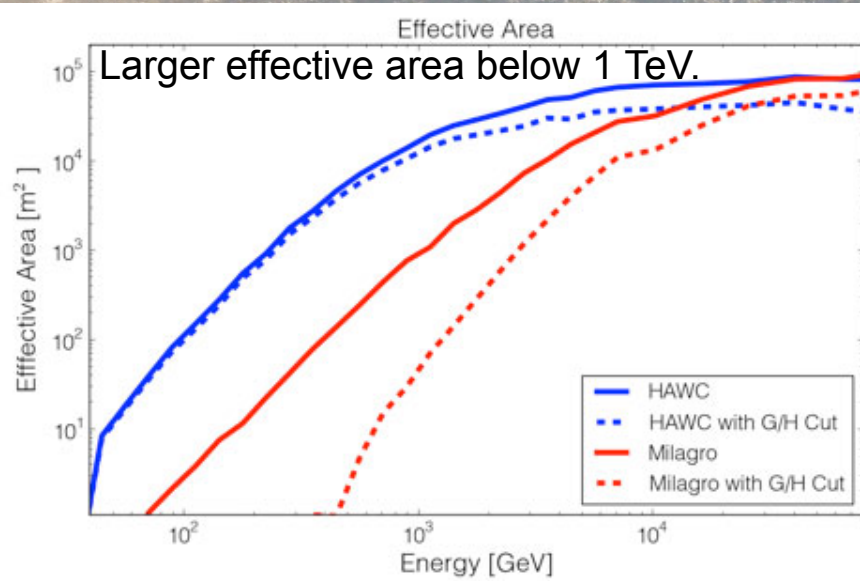
Strengths:

Extreme high-energy reach.

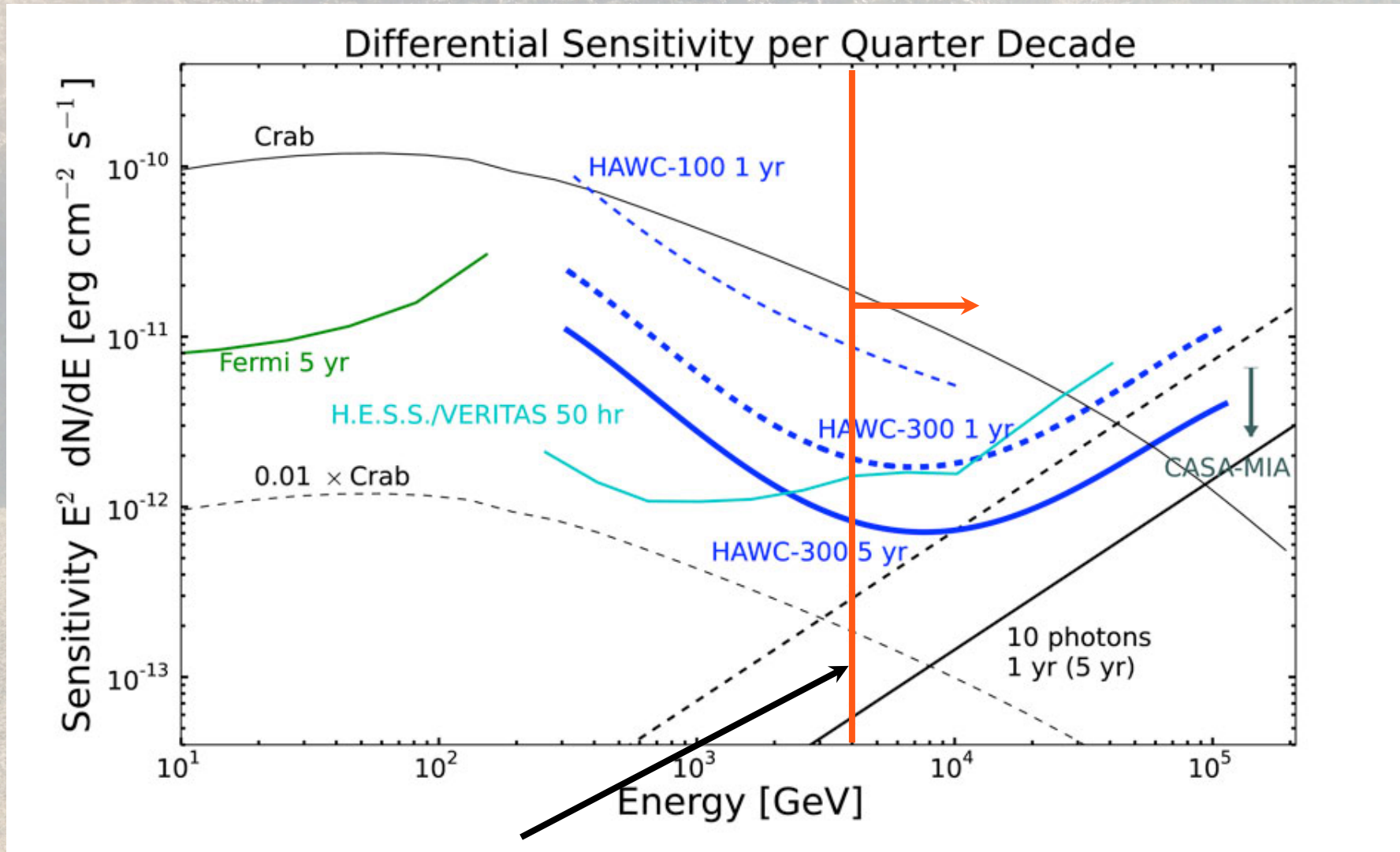
- ***Wide field-of-view: ideal for transients and extended objects.***

HAWC Performance

Abeysekera et al., Astropart. Phys. (2013)



HAWC Performance

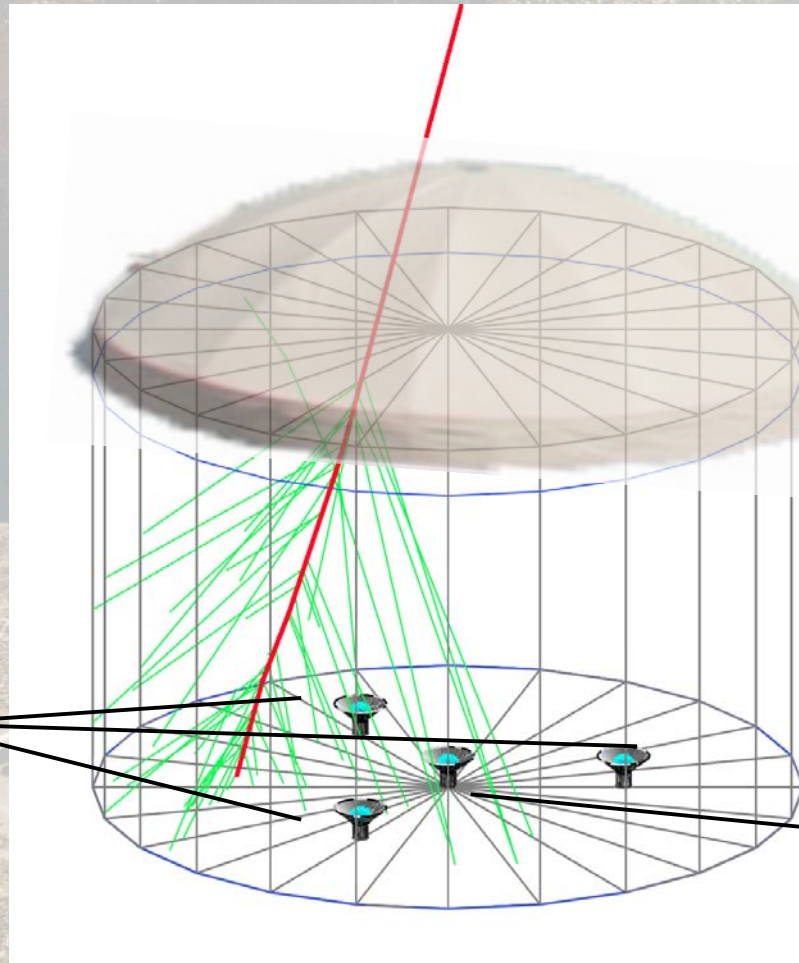


Equivalent of a 50-hour observation above 4 TeV on **every source** in 1 year.

HAWC Design



3 8-inch PMTs
(reused from Milagro)



10-inch
high QE
PMT

HAWC



Important Dates

\$13M project
funding began
Feb 2011

Operations with
100 water
Cherenkov
detectors in
Aug 2013

250 WCD array
complete in
Aug 2014



January 2014

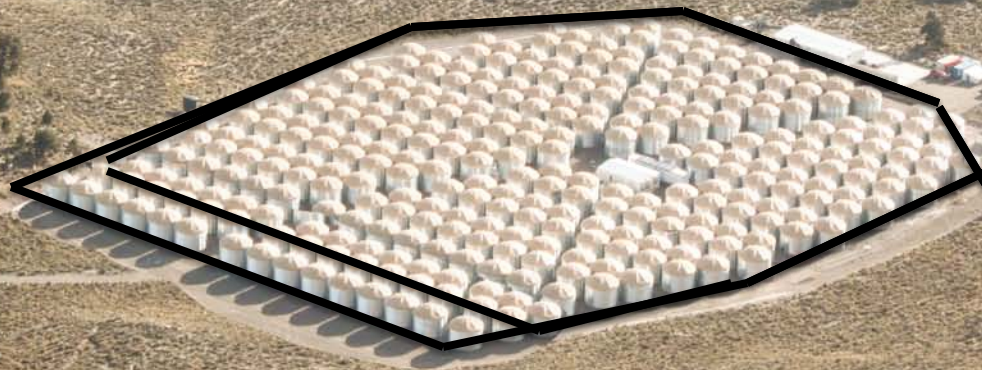




250th WCD tank constructed May 15, 2014

HAWC Operations

HAWC-260



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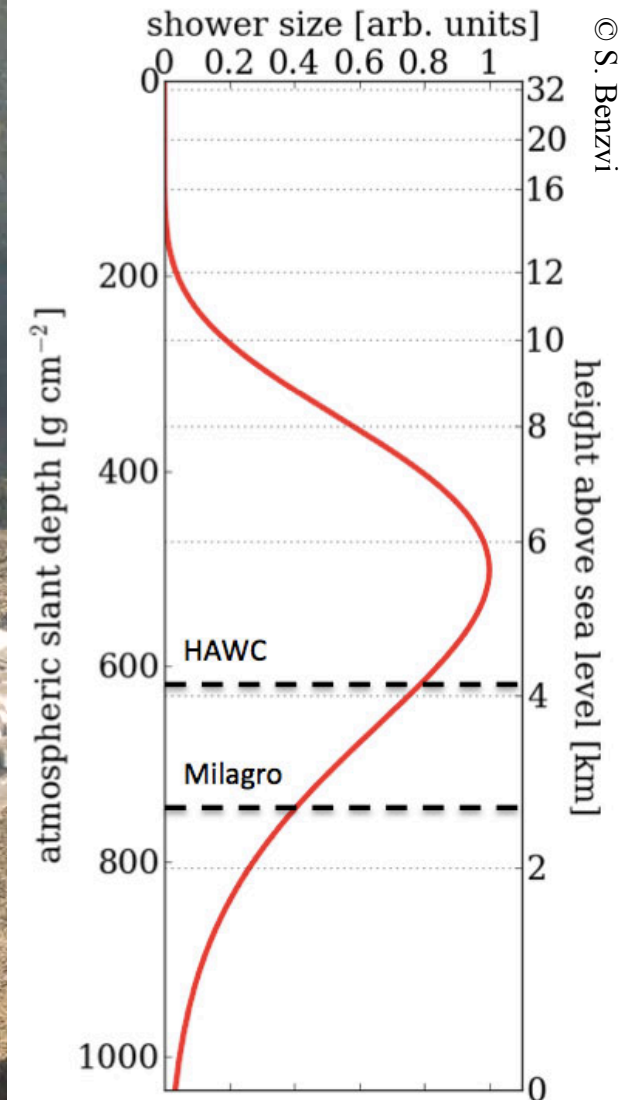
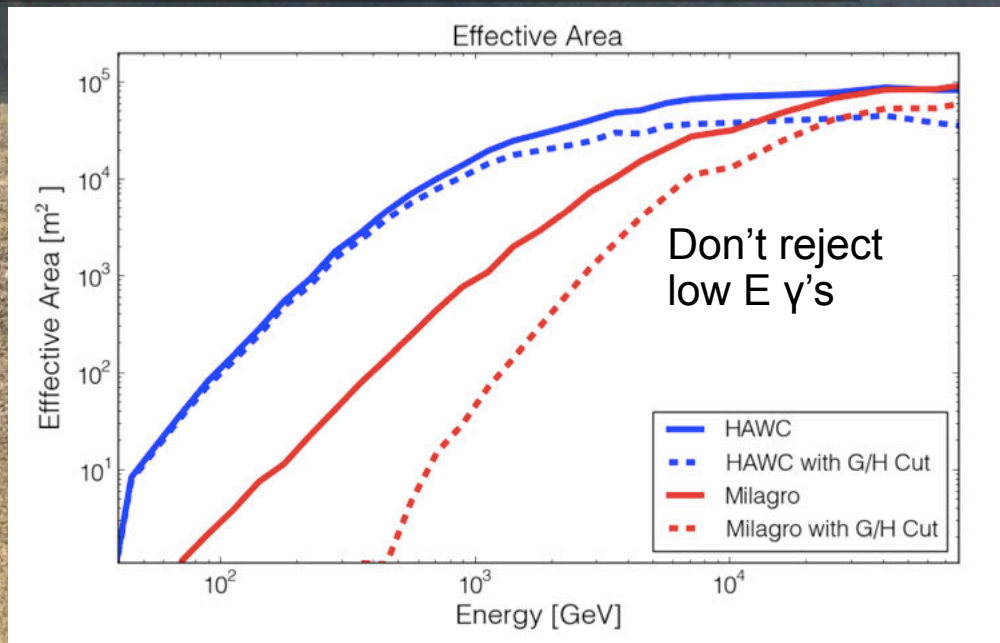


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Three main reasons:

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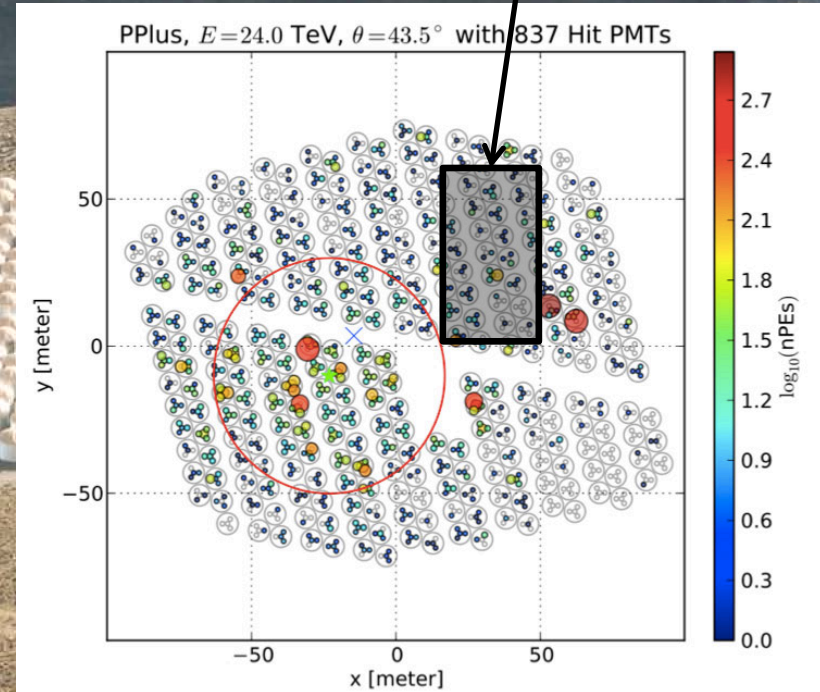
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Milagro bottom layer size



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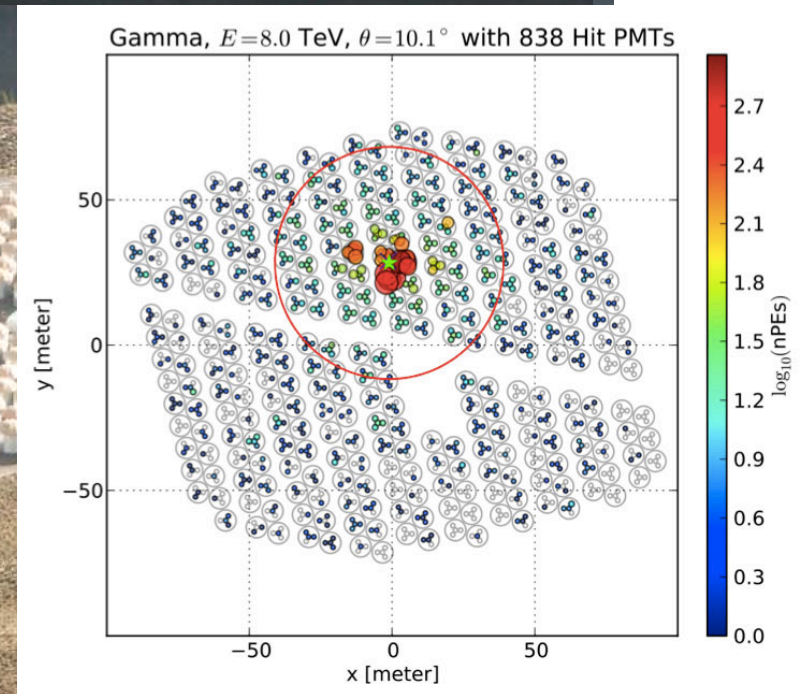
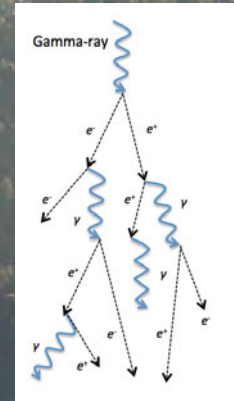
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Gamma-Ray Tagging:

Proton cut: removes 50% of gammas.

Above a few TeV Signal/bg > 1



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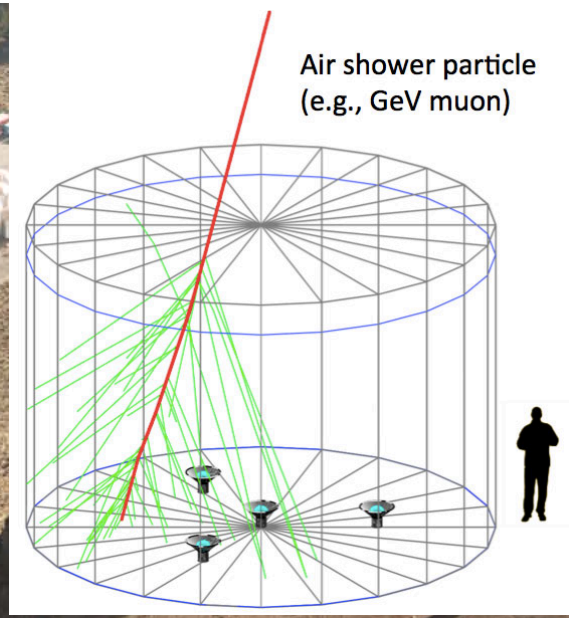
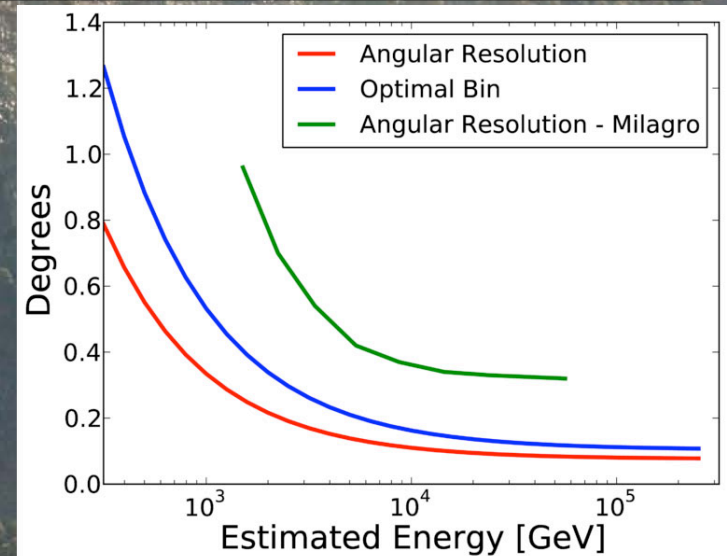
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3. Improved Angular & Energy Resolution

- Optical isolation of detector elements



HAWC Sky Coverage

Same sky viewed by IceCube

Simultaneous sky with VERITAS

Synoptic survey, combined analysis with Fermi

(Study point sources from MeV-TeV)

Crab Nebula overhead,
(so is Geminga)

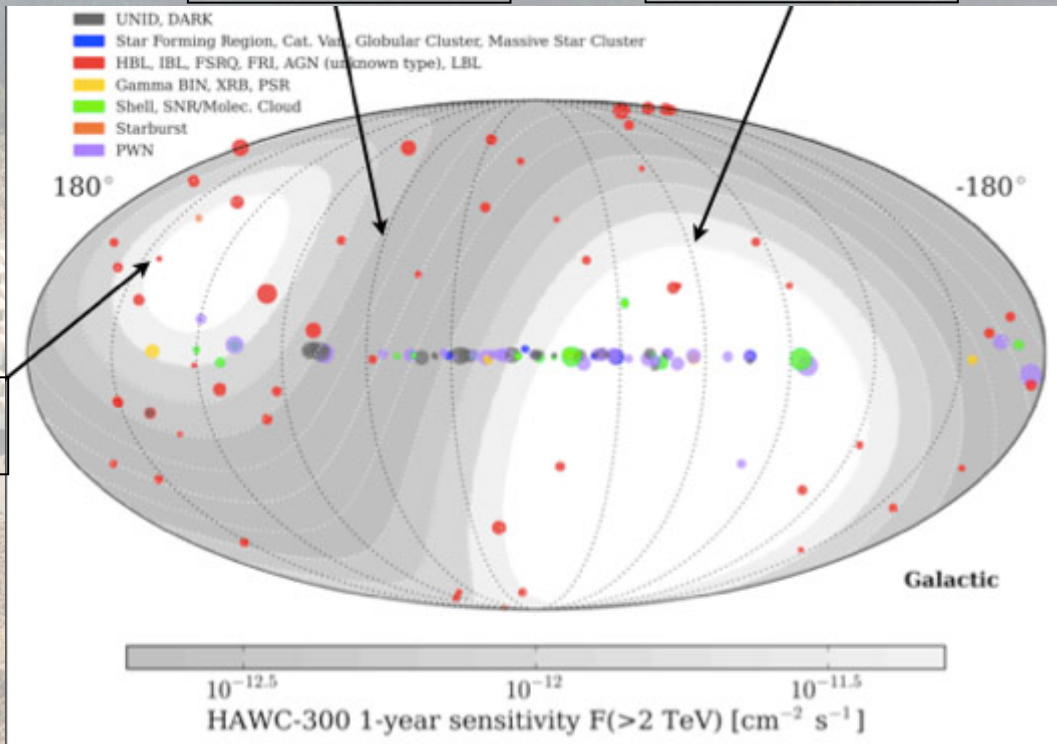
Galactic center visible
($\sim 45^\circ$ transit)



5% of Crab
sensitivity

45° transit

Decl. 75°

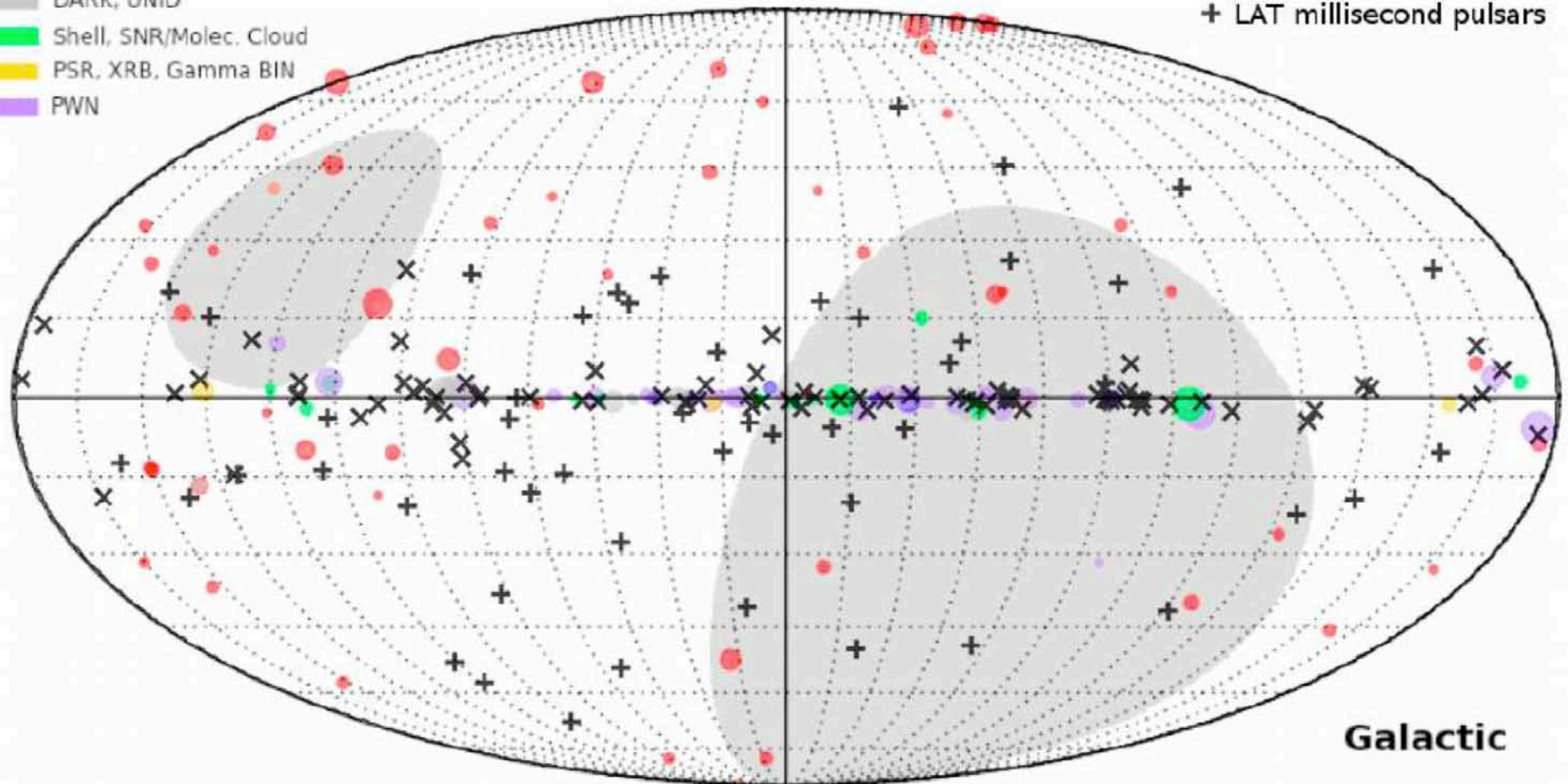


Sources in the HAWC Field of View

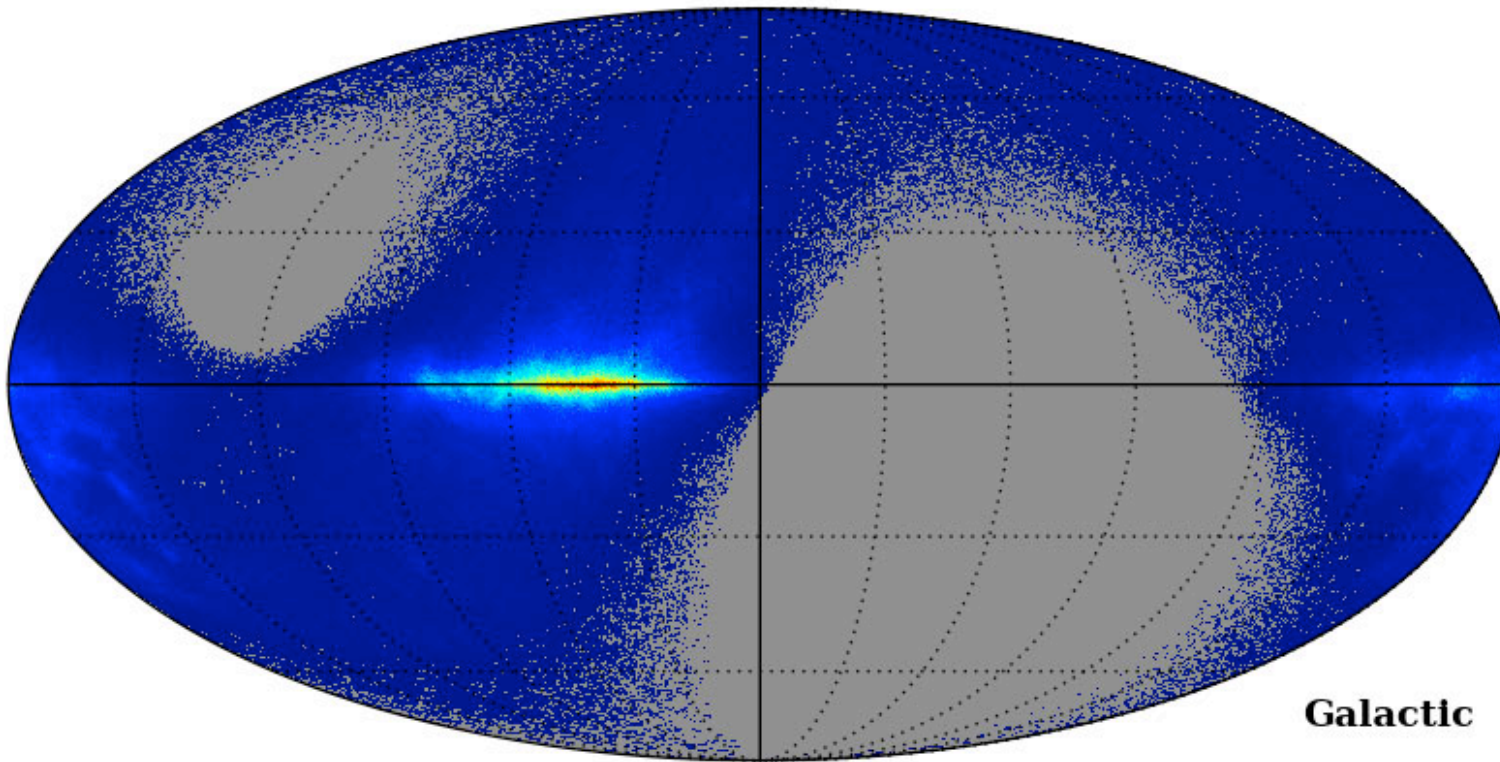
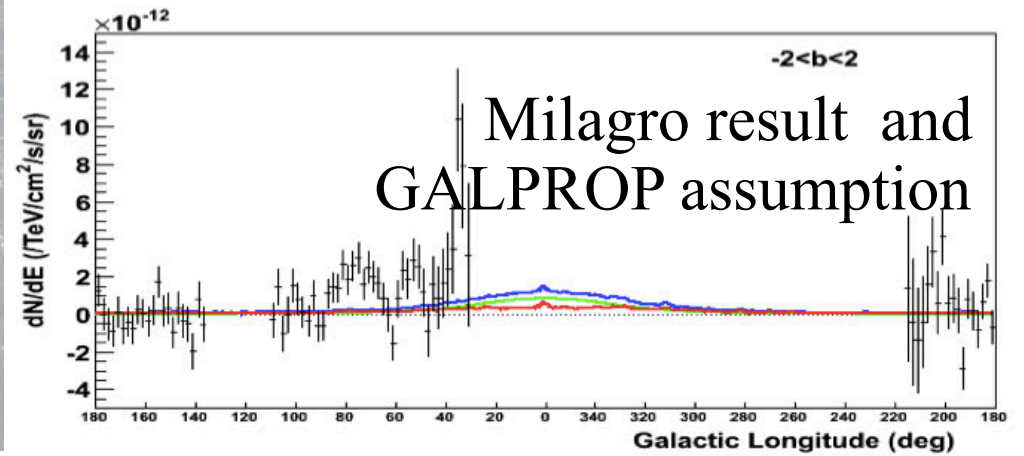
- Cat. Var., Massive Star Cluster, Star Forming Region, Globular Cluster
- HBL, FRI, LBL, FSRQ, IBL, AGN (unknown type)
- Starburst
- DARK, UNID
- Shell, SNR/Molec. Cloud
- PSR, XRB, Gamma BIN
- PWN

× LAT young pulsars

+ LAT millisecond pulsars

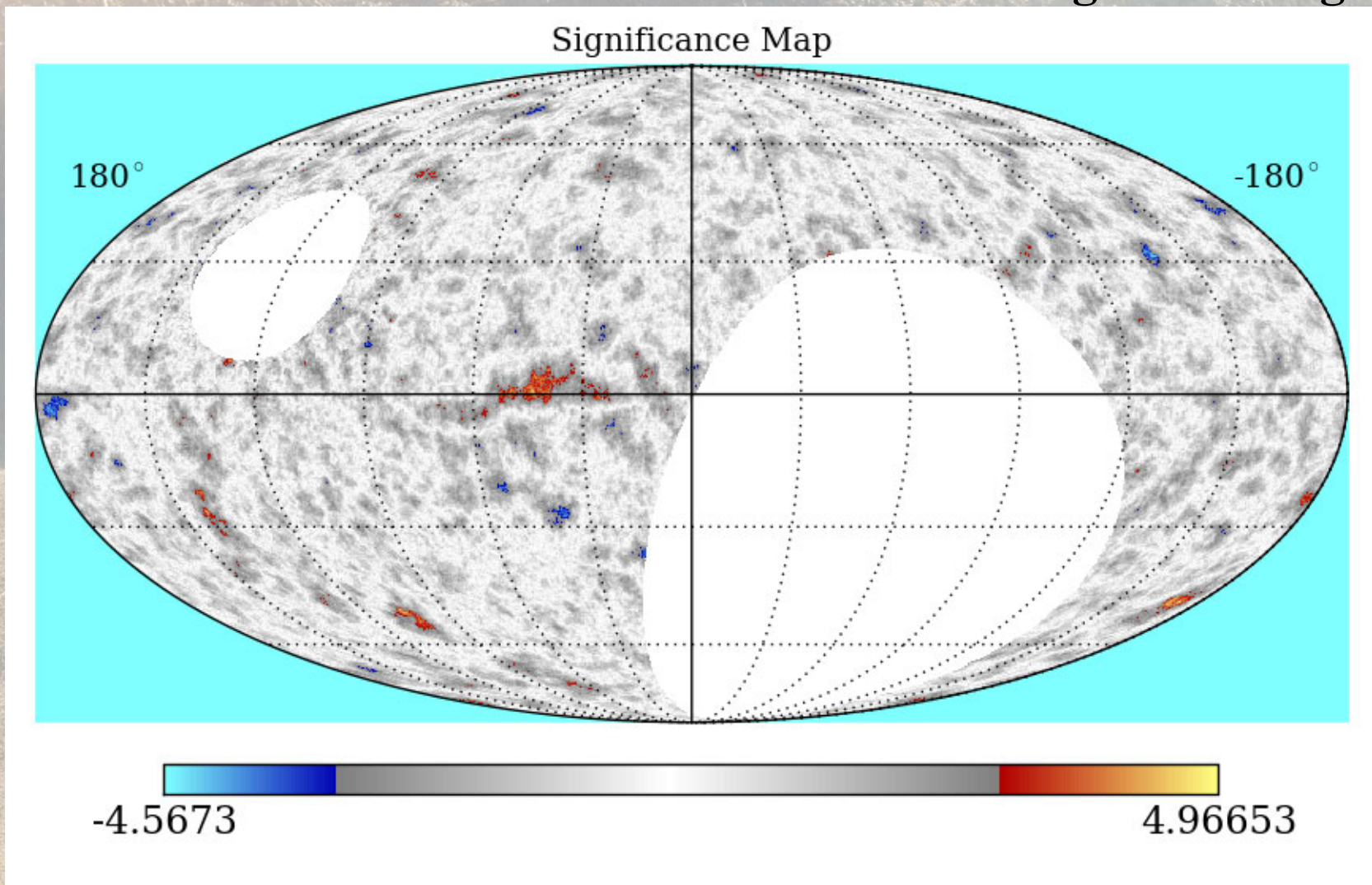


HAWC Diffuse Sky 1 Year



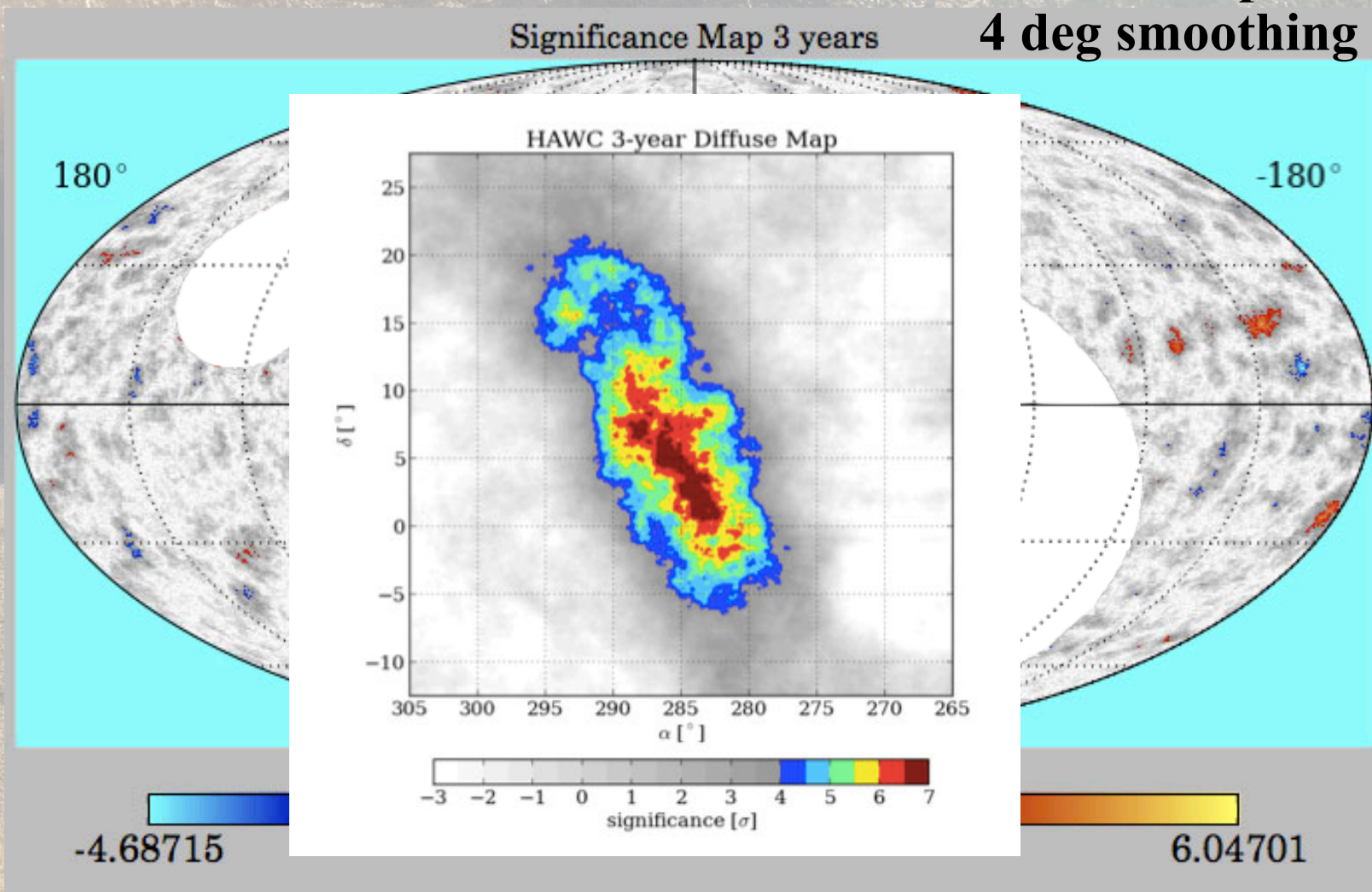
HAWC Diffuse Sky 1 Year

GALPROP assumption
4 deg smoothing



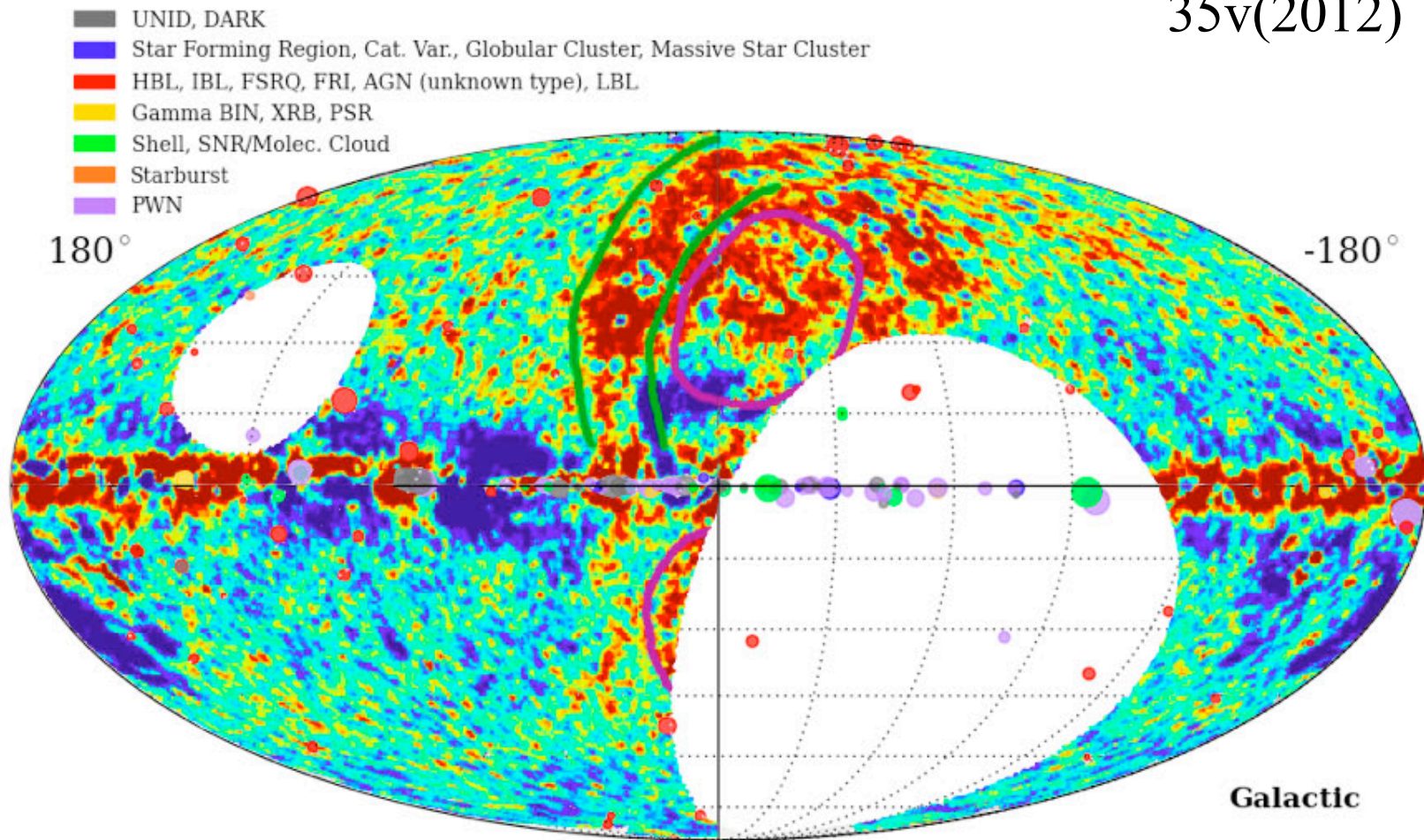
HAWC Diffuse Sky 3 Year

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Fermi Bubbles – With Fermi

ApJ, 750,
35v(2012)



First HAWC Results

Crab Nebula

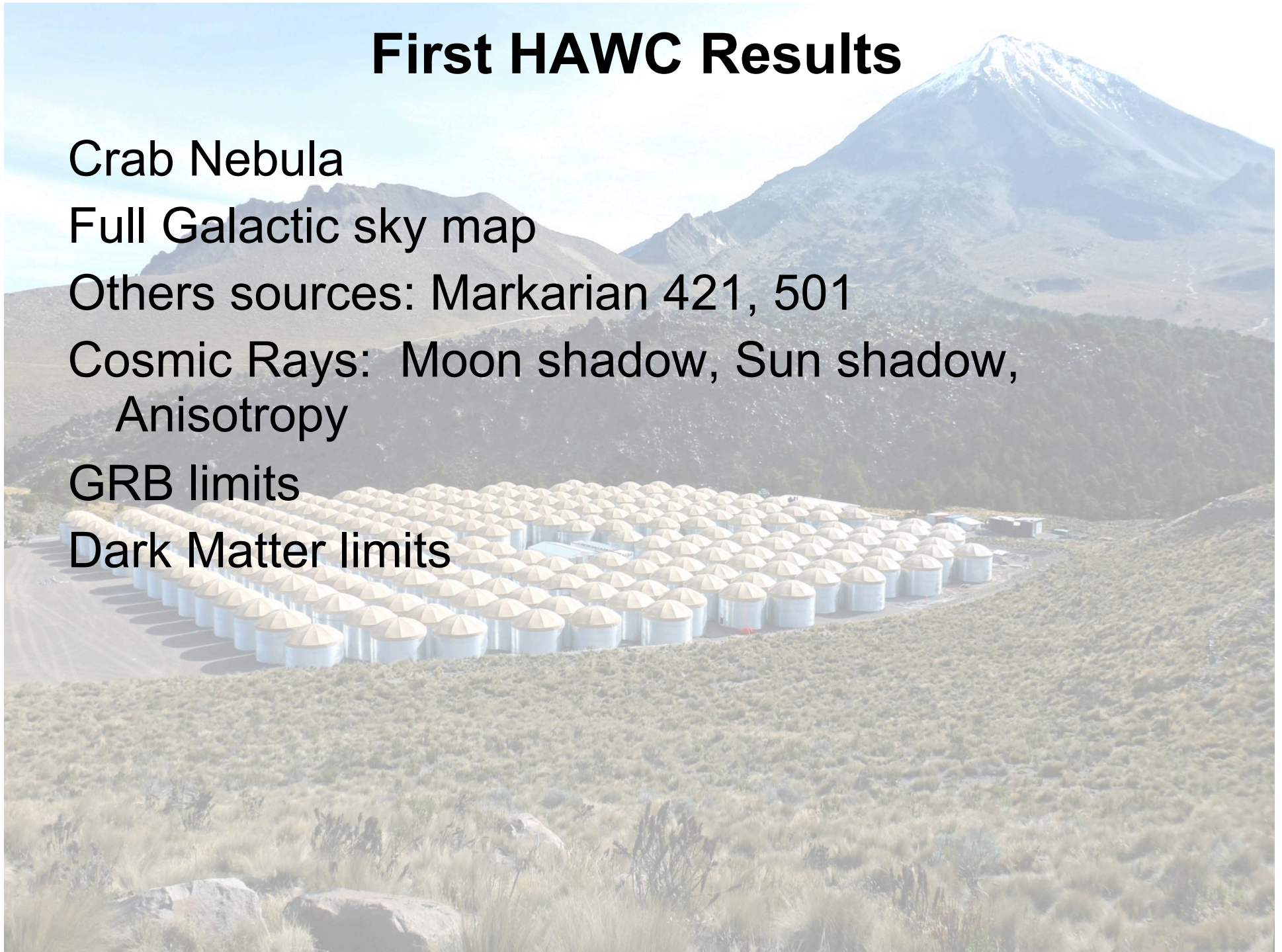
Full Galactic sky map

Others sources: Markarian 421, 501

Cosmic Rays: Moon shadow, Sun shadow,
Anisotropy

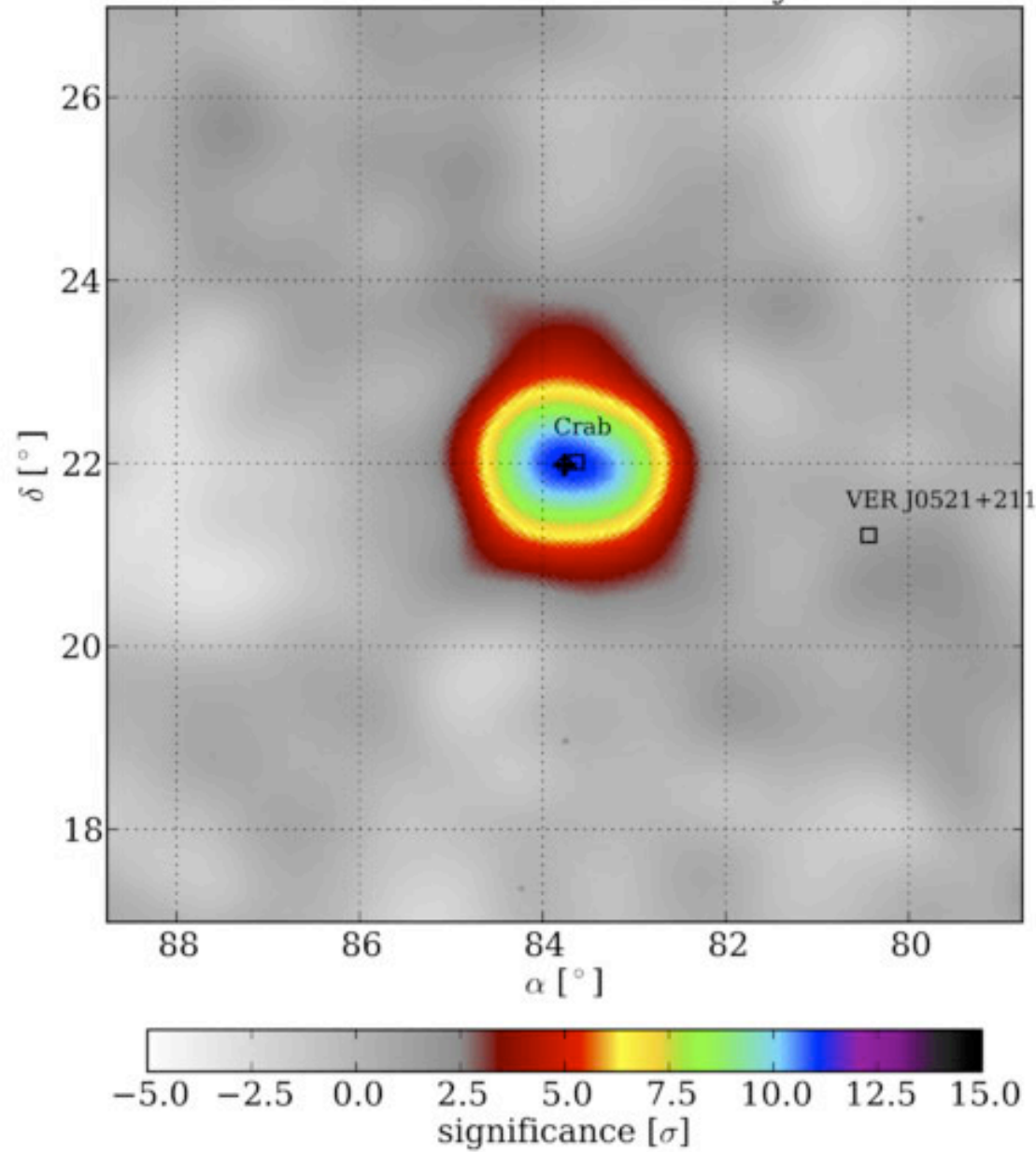
GRB limits

Dark Matter limits



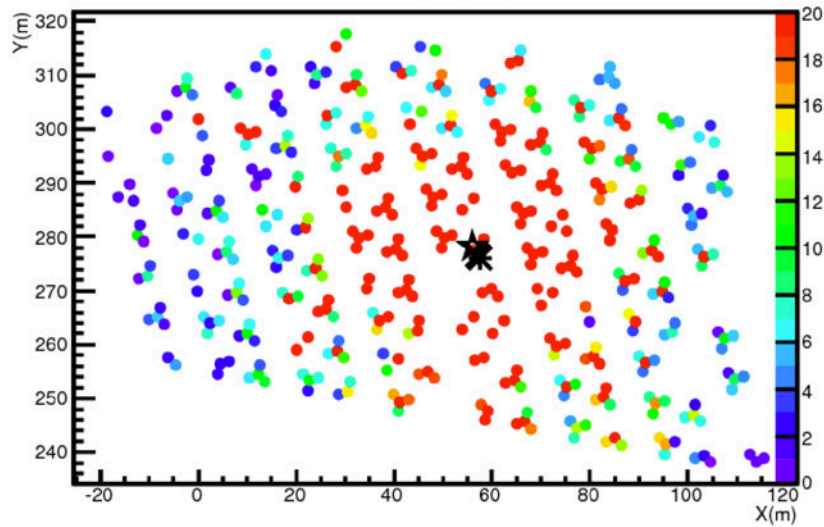
The Crab

HAWC-95+111 154 days

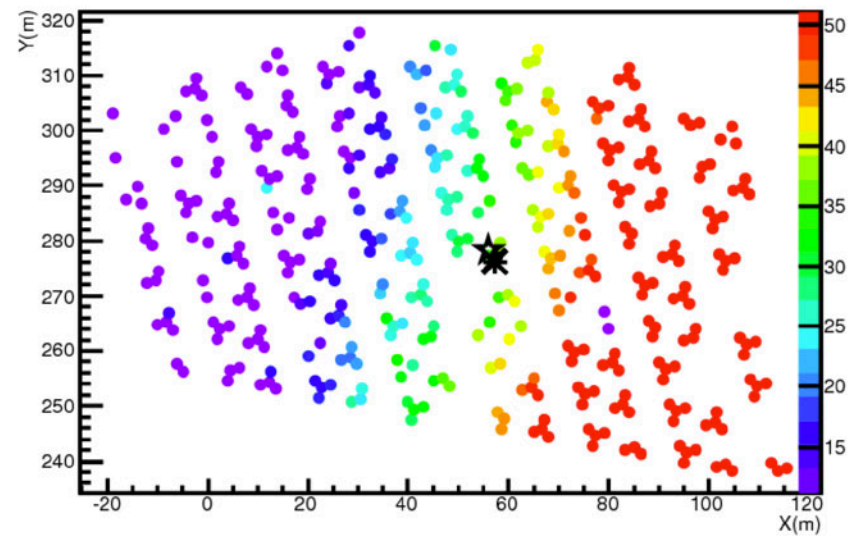


Gamma-like Events near Crab

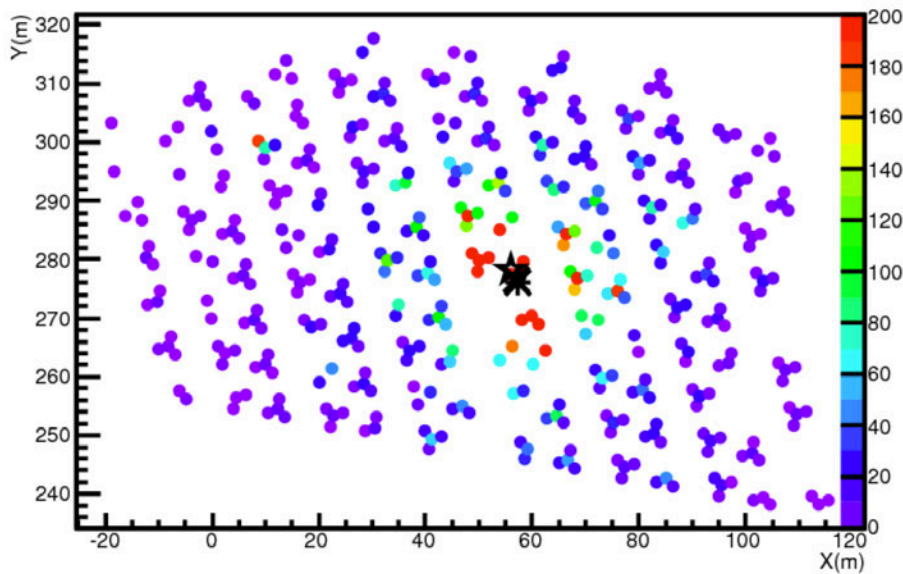
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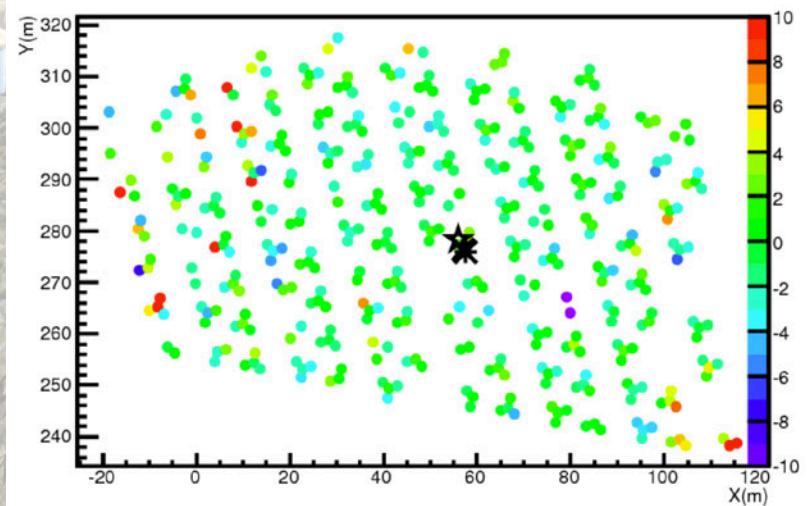
Time (ns)



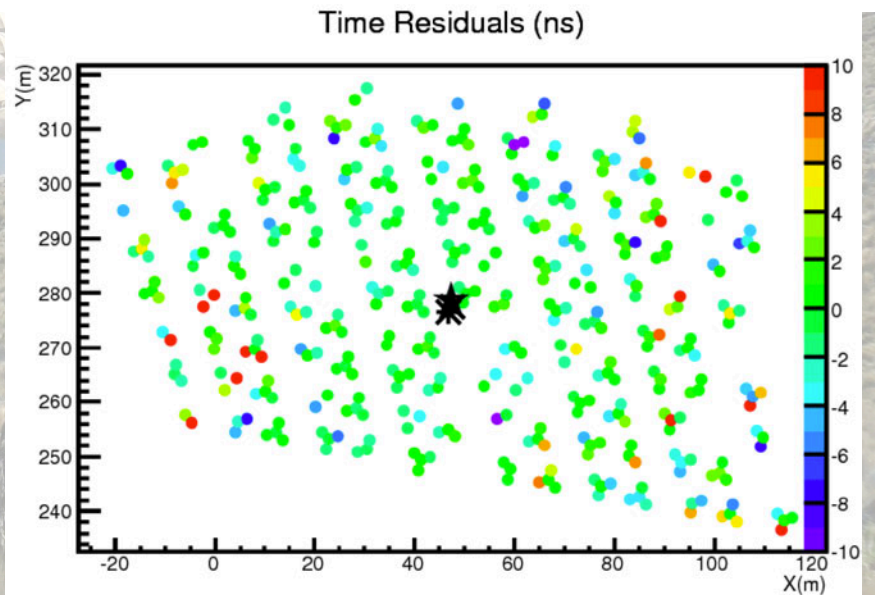
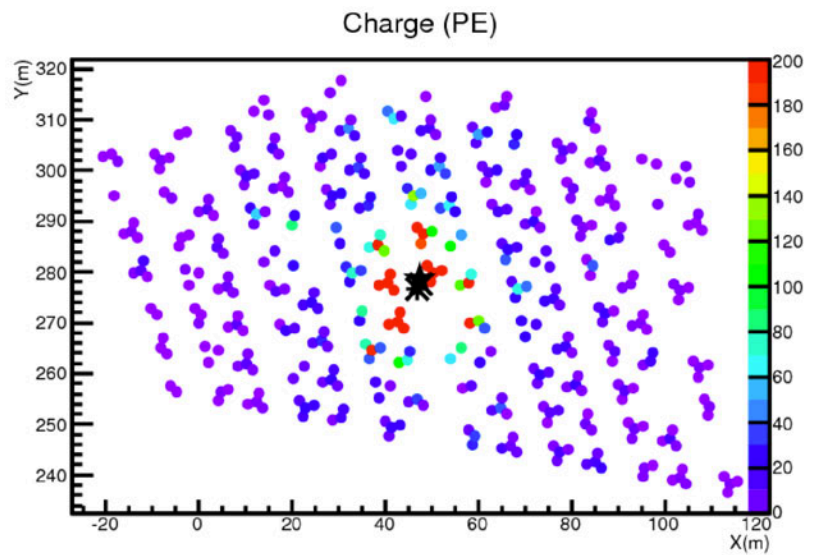
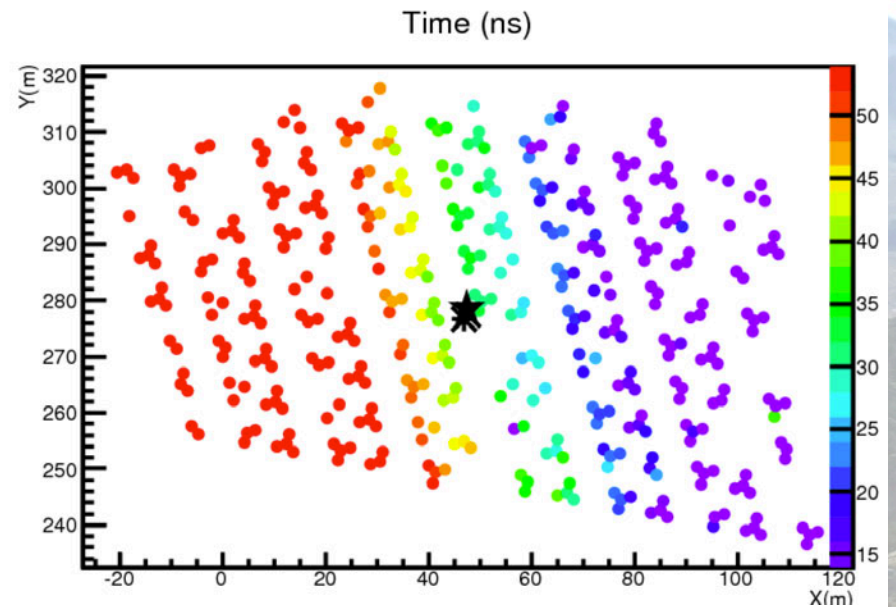
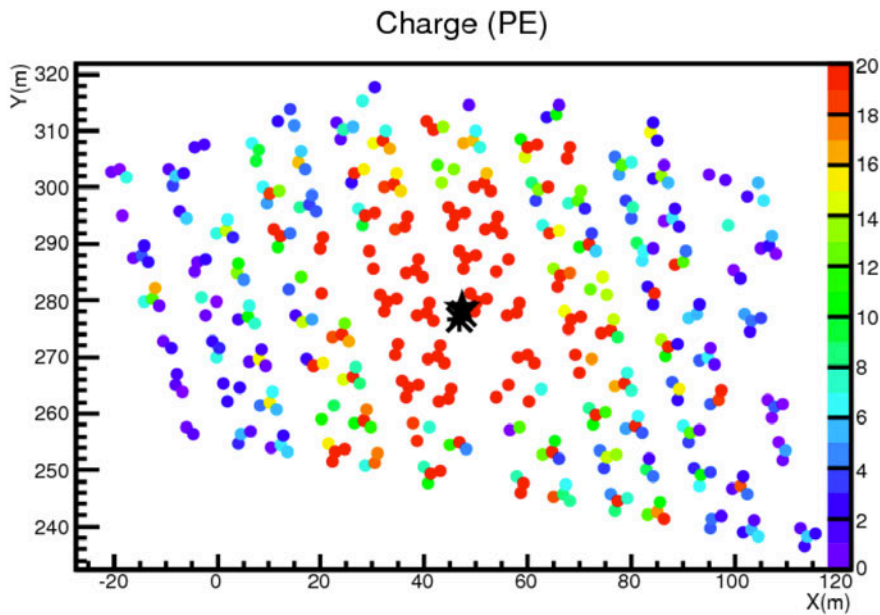
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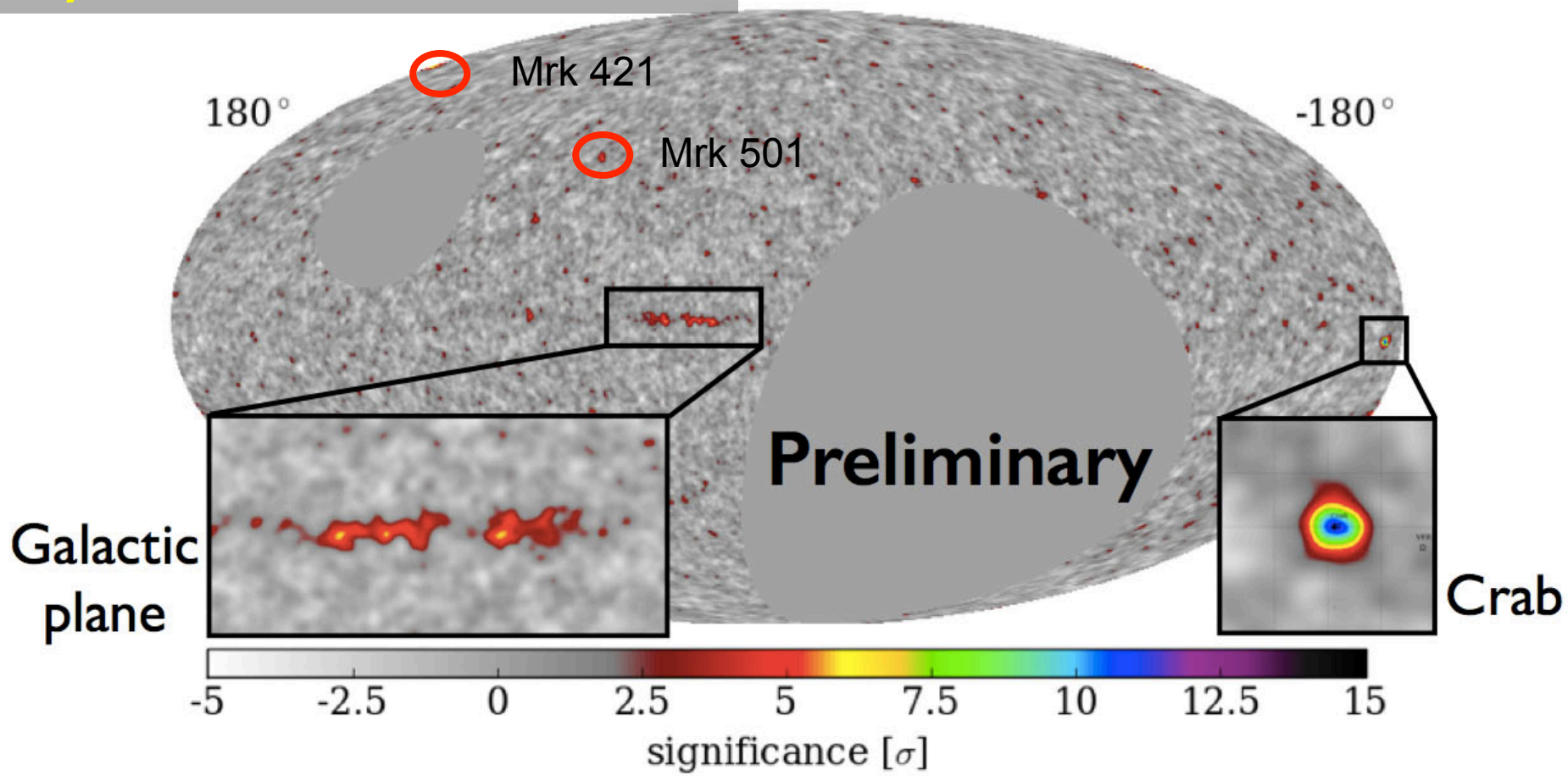
Time Residuals (ns)



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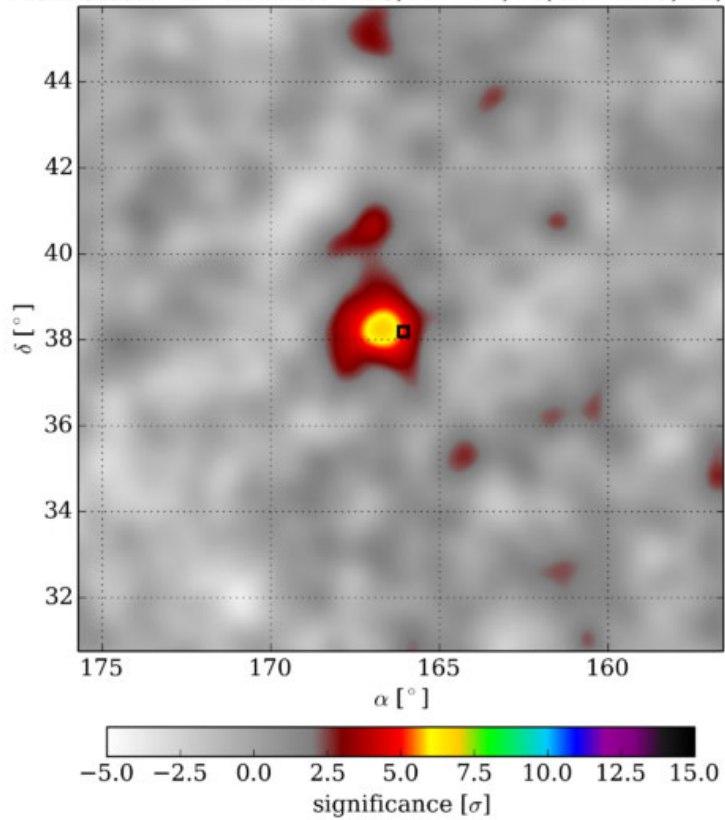
The HAWC Sky*: TeV Gamma Rays The origin of Cosmic Rays



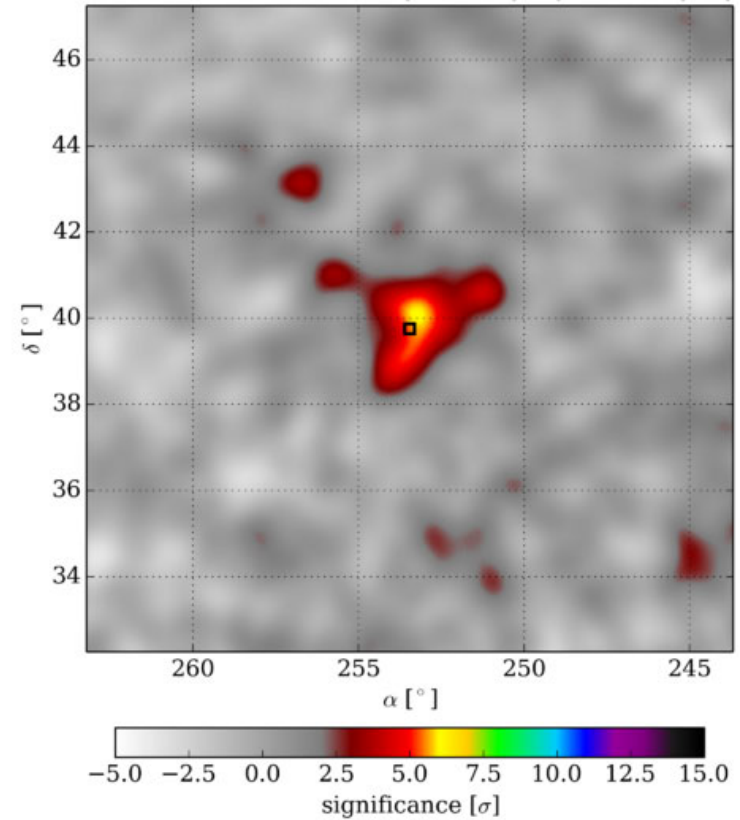
* 3 months of data, 3rd of array

The Markarians

Markarian 421 in HAWC-95/111 06/13/2013-09/12/2013



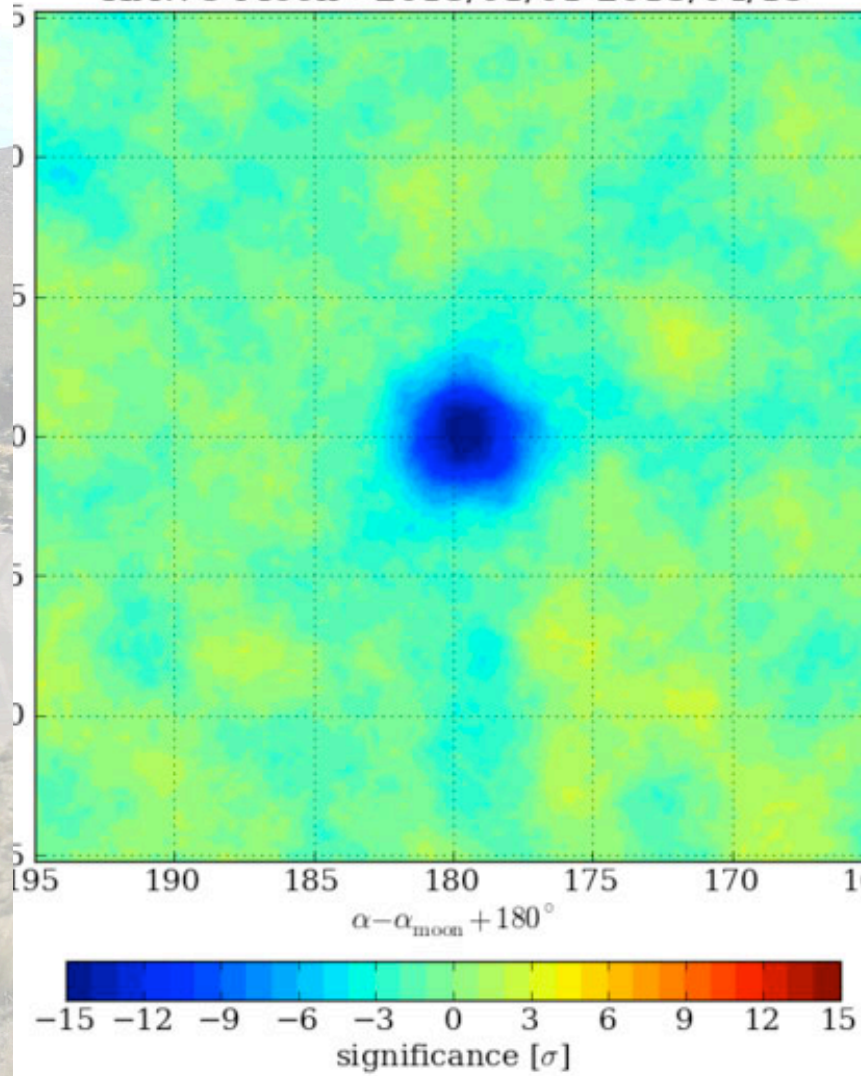
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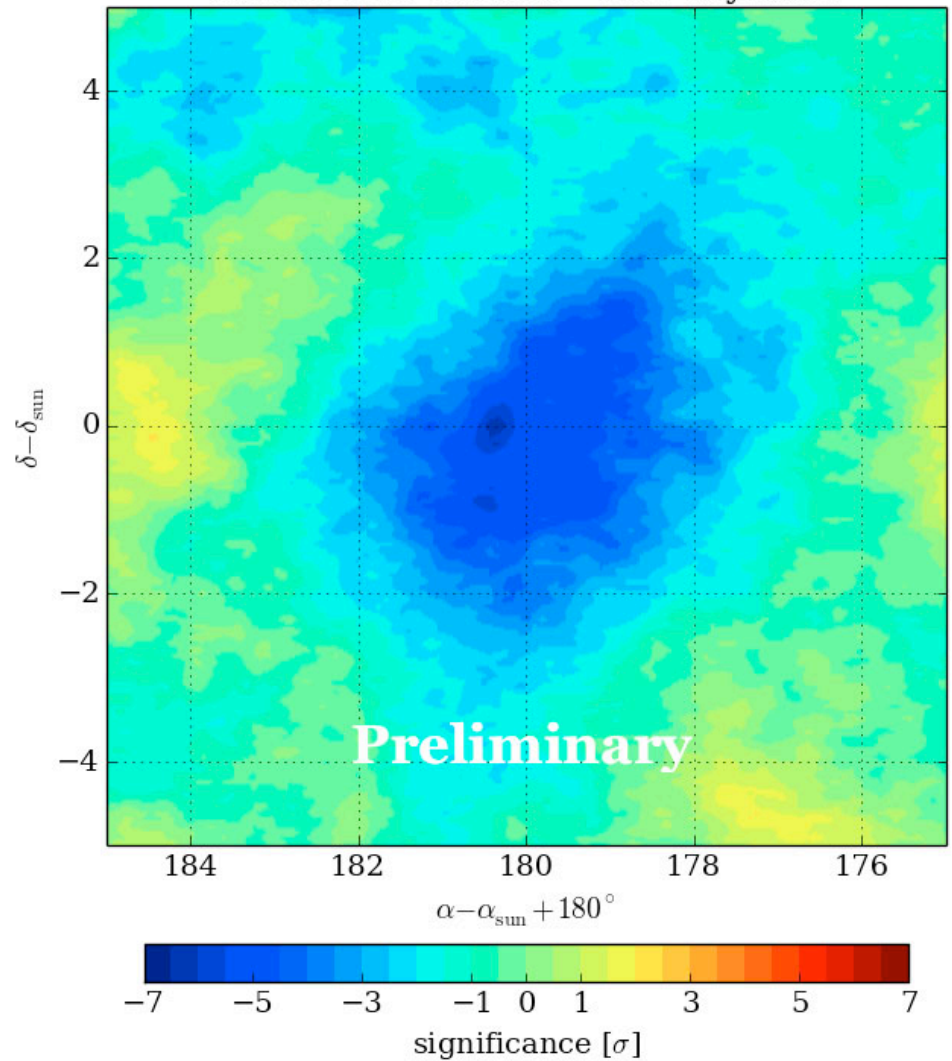
The Moon and Sun



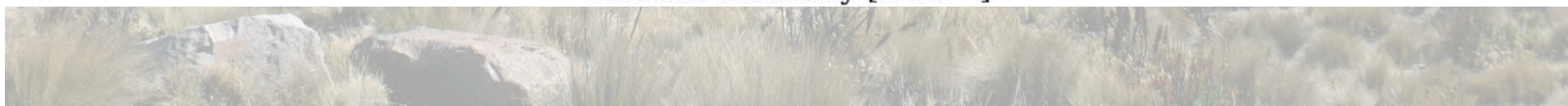
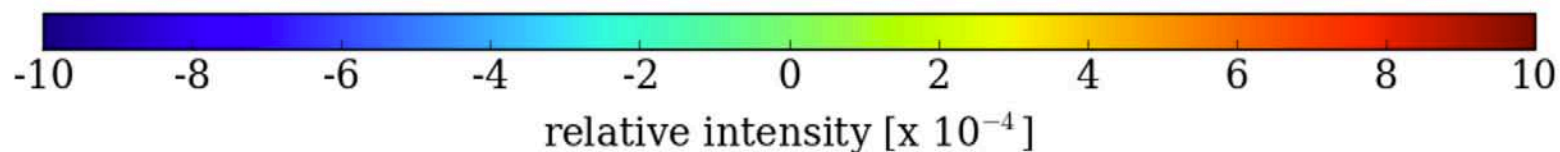
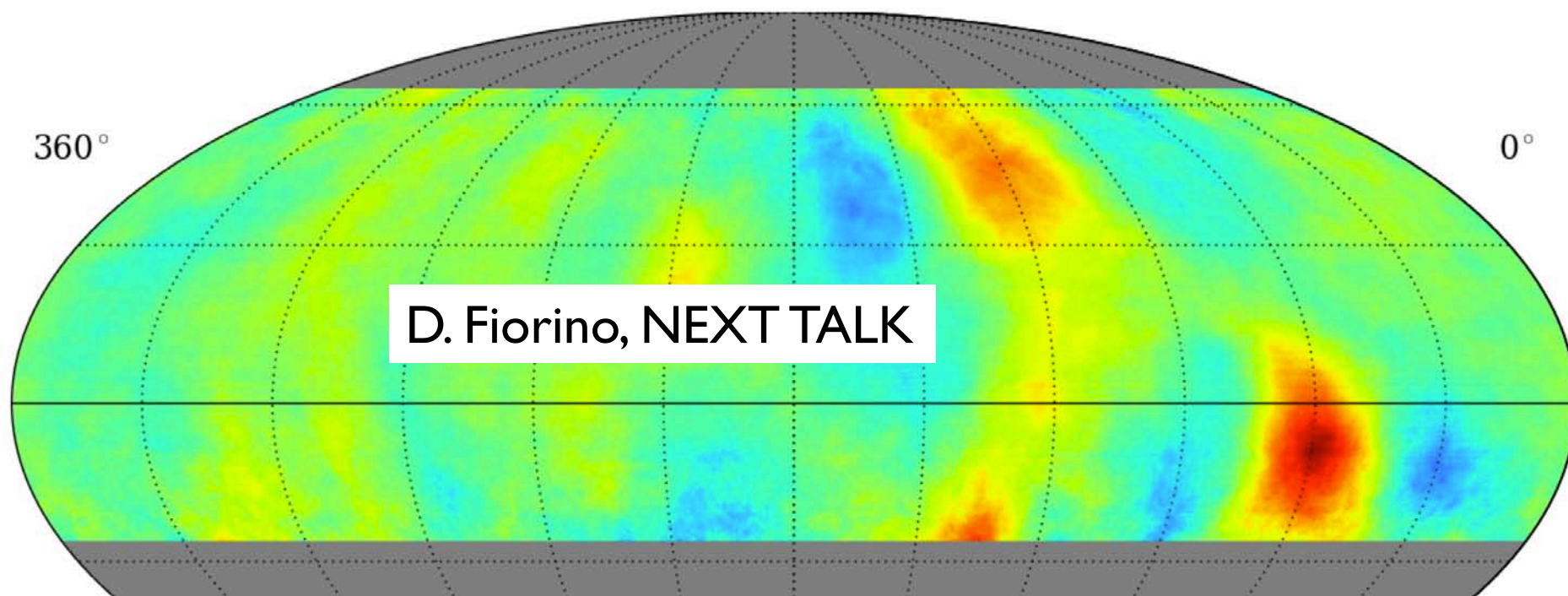
HAWC Moon - 2013/01/01-2013/04/15



HAWC Sun Shadow - 145 days live



The HAWC Sky: TeV Cosmic Rays



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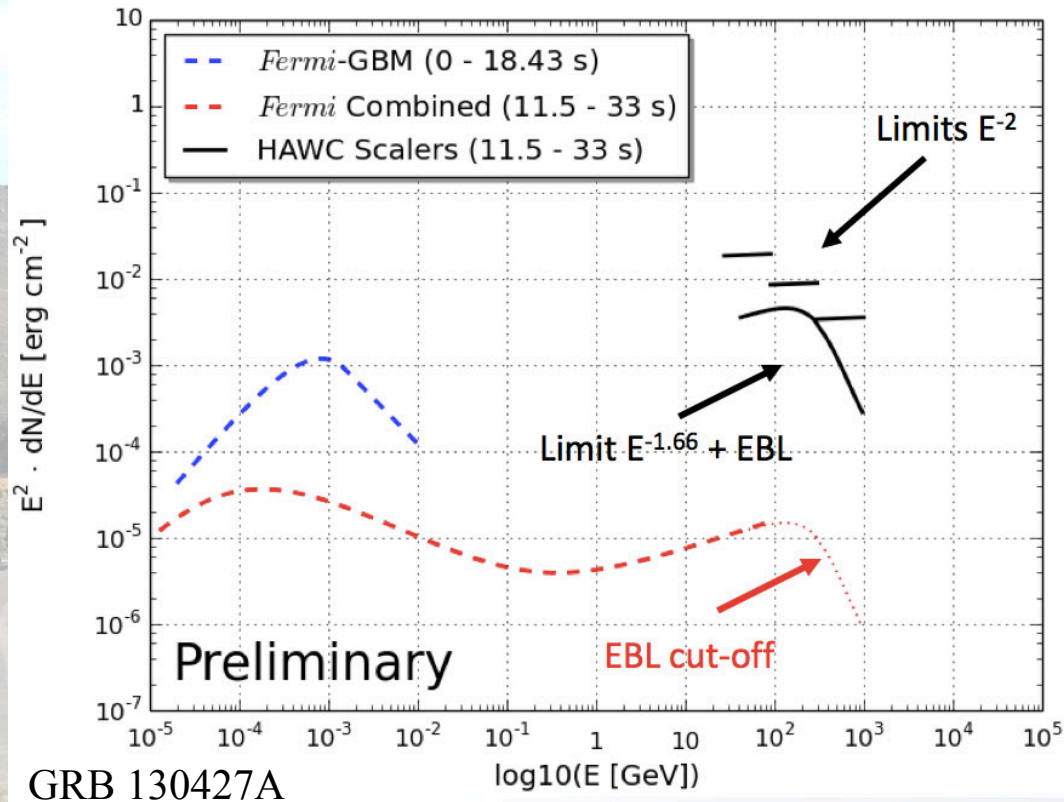
Misfortune 1

- The main DAQ was offline
 - Luckily, the scaler DAQ was taking data
- ➡ Monitoring the rate of 29 tanks (HAWC 30) with 112 PMTs

Misfortune 2

- The GRB had an elevation of only 33° in the HAWC field of view
- ➡ Sensitivity is about 2 orders worse than at zenith
- ➡ Increased energy threshold

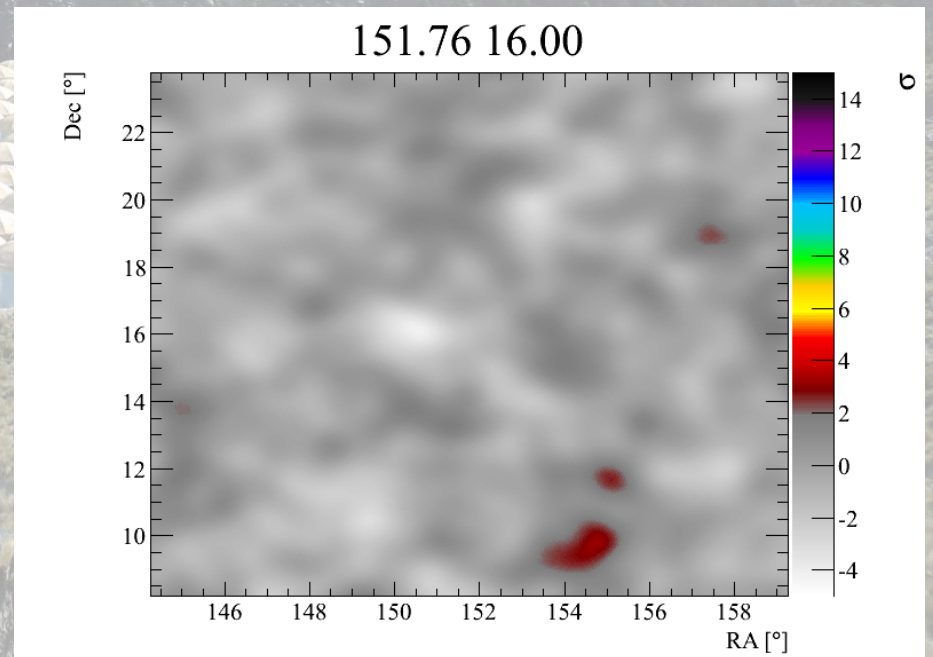
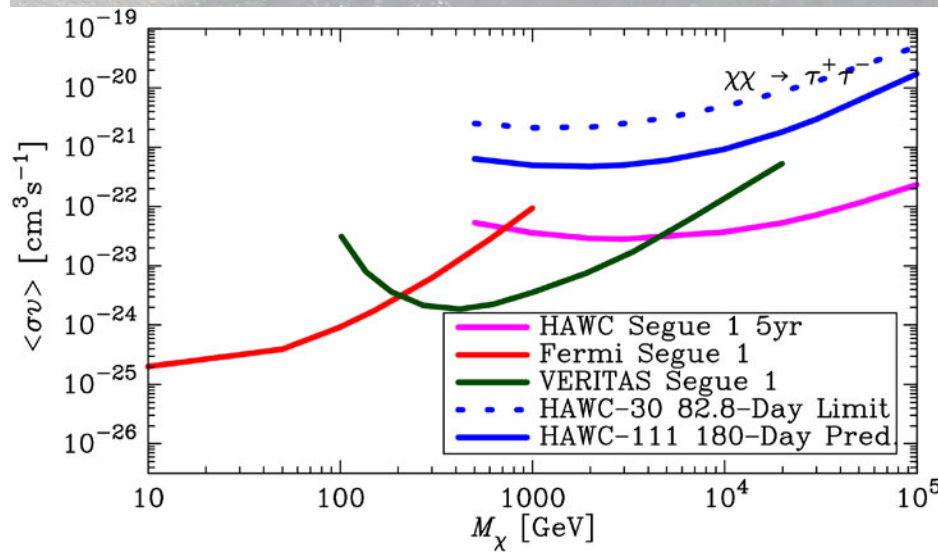
Gamma-Ray Burst (130427A) with HAWC



- Searches with two independent systems:
 - Triggered (“Main”)
 - DAQ, Scaler DAQ
- Were able to set limits with scaler DAQ

Dark Matter Searches

Segue 1 , preliminary



This is Just the Beginning!

Data collection with full array starts this year

Physics include:

Cosmic Rays:

- Origin, evolution, acceleration and anisotropy

Gamma Rays:

- Study of known sources: Supernova remnants, pulsar wind nebulae, binary systems, gamma ray bursts, active galactic nuclei
- Discover unknown sources and structures

Particle Physics:

- Dark matter, Q-Balls, Primordial Black Holes, Intergalactic Magnetic Fields

Petabytes of data streaming in and to be mined in the coming years. Stay tuned!