

# A MAGIC view of the Very High-Energy $\gamma$ -ray sky

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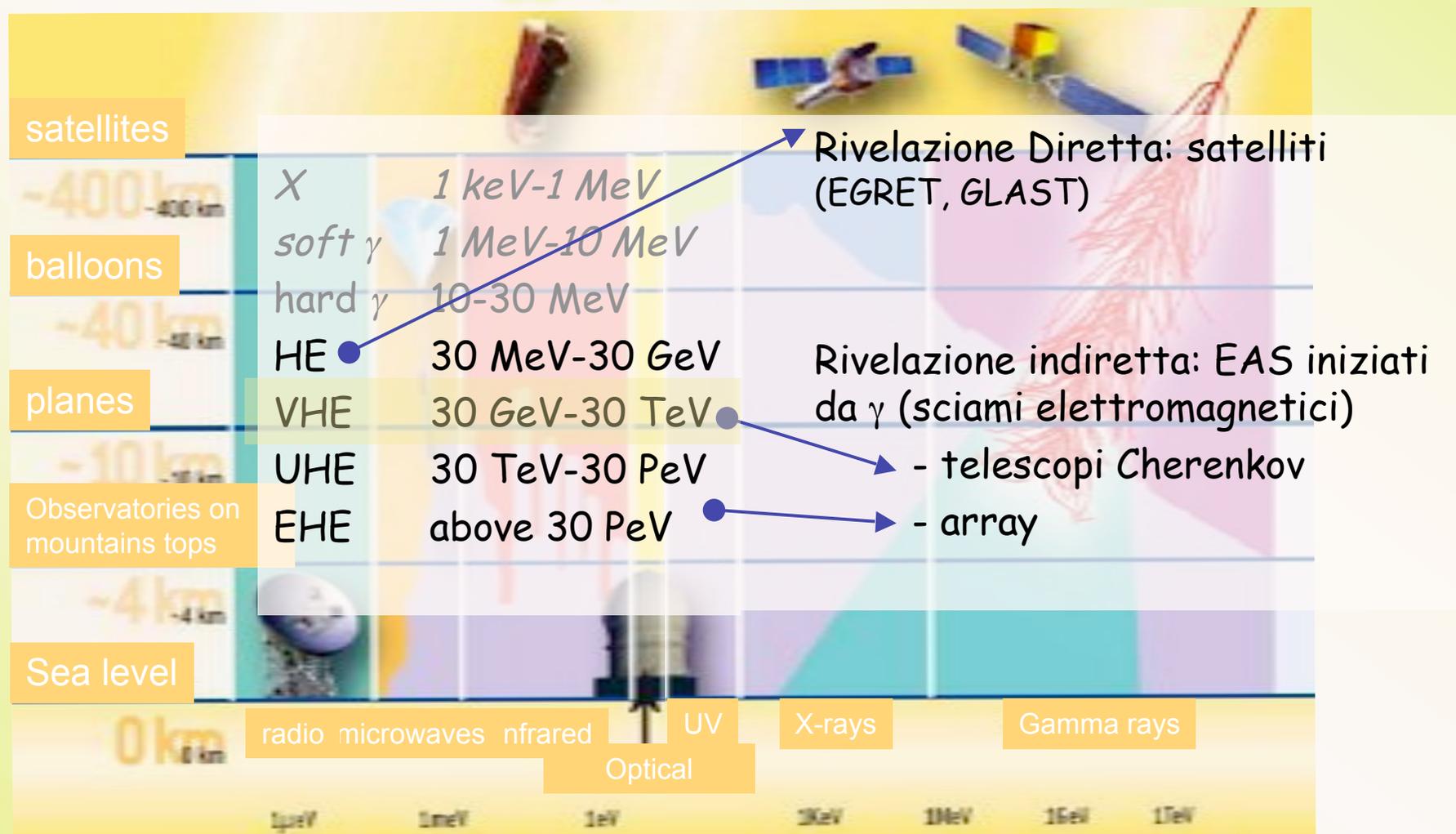
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# Rivelazione raggi- $\gamma$

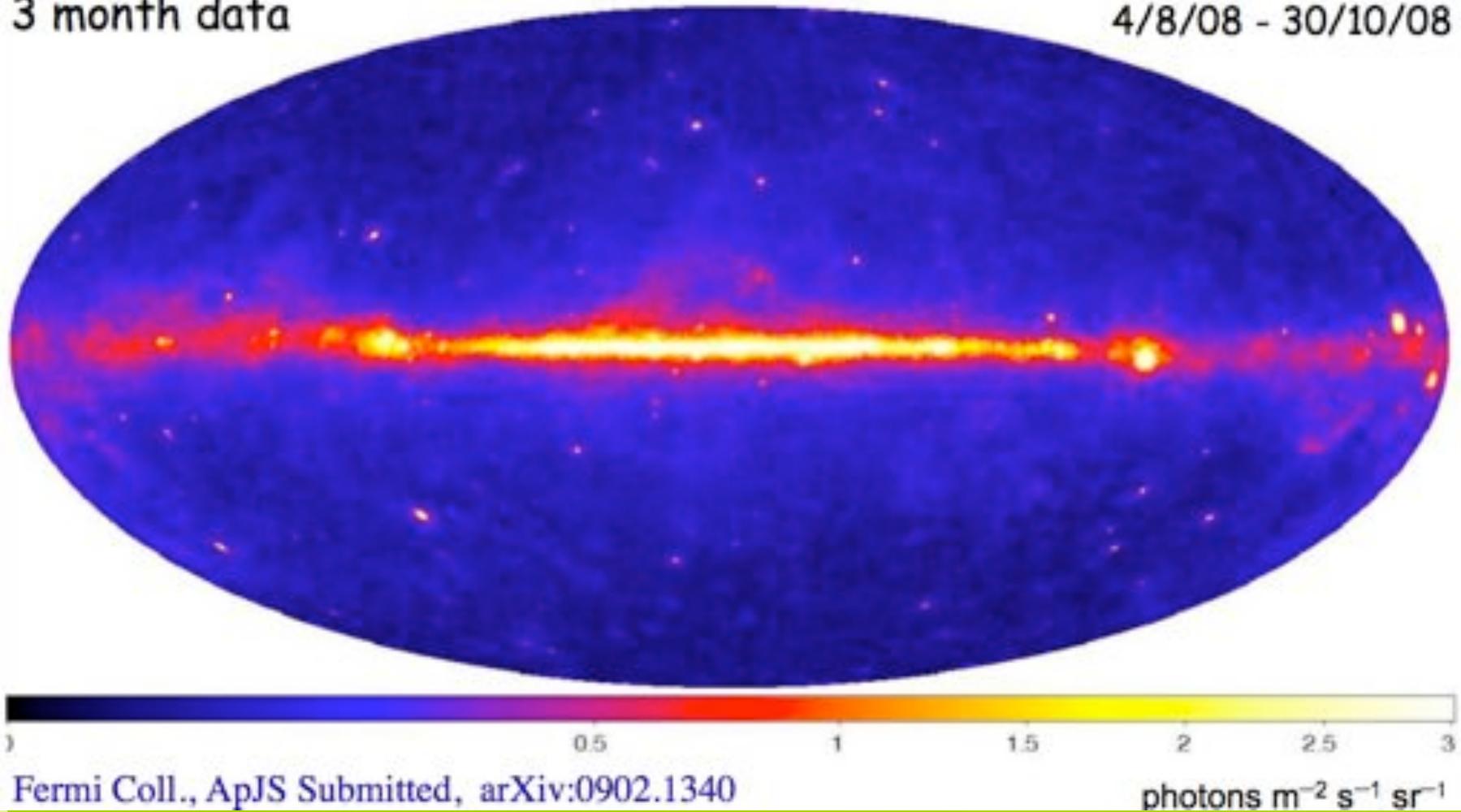


# The $\gamma$ -ray sky

$$100 \text{ MeV} < E_\gamma < 100 \text{ GeV}$$

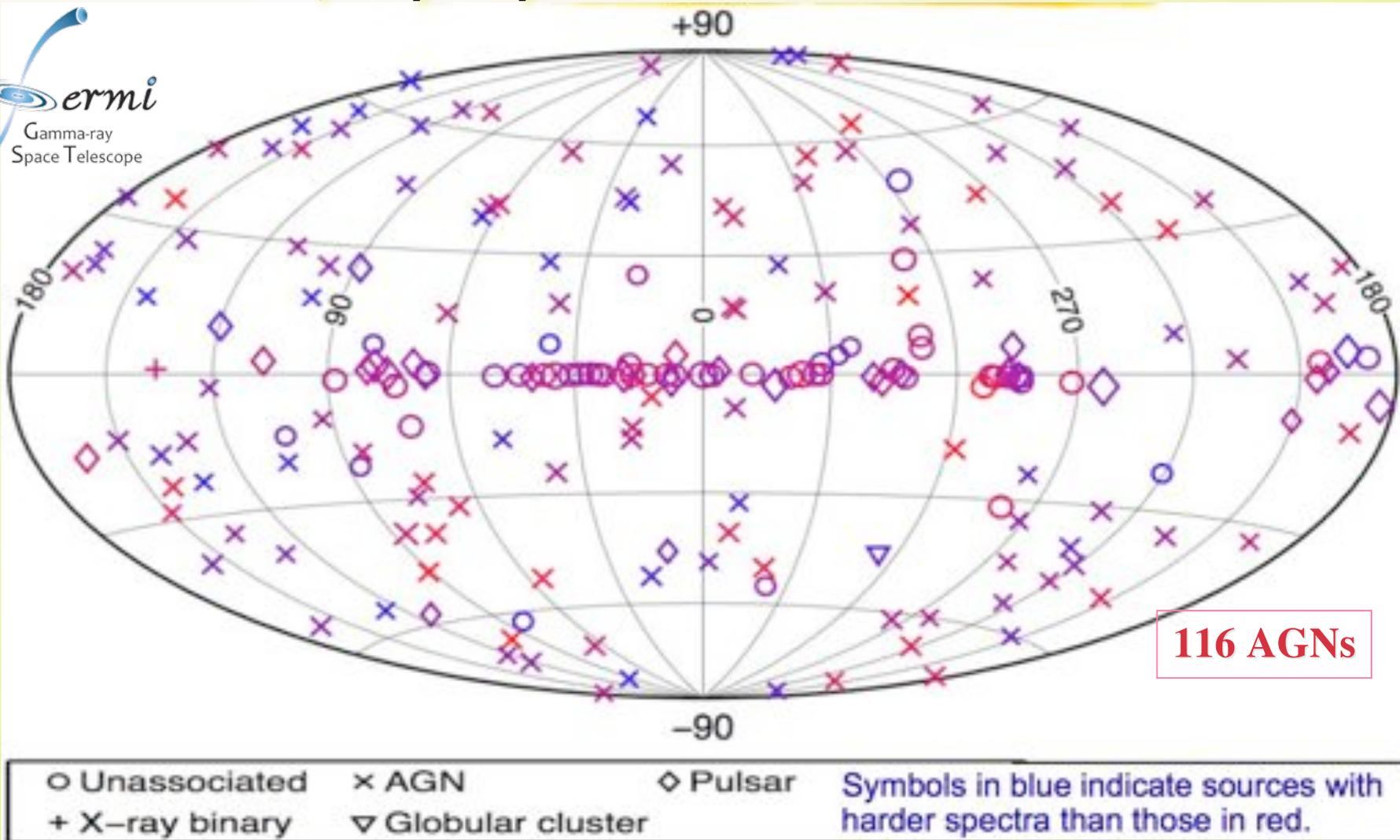
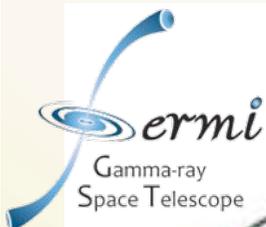
3 month data

4/8/08 - 30/10/08



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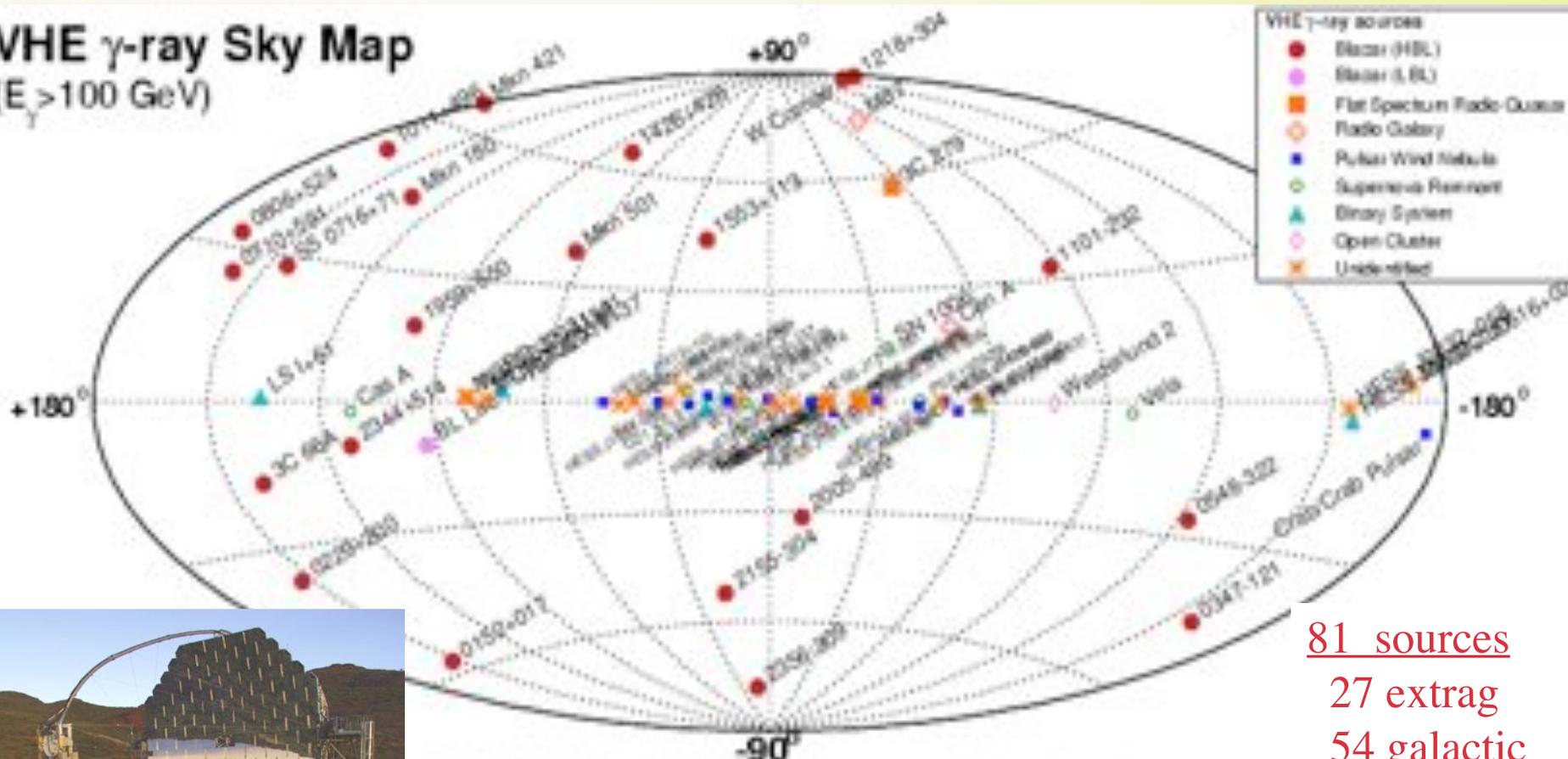
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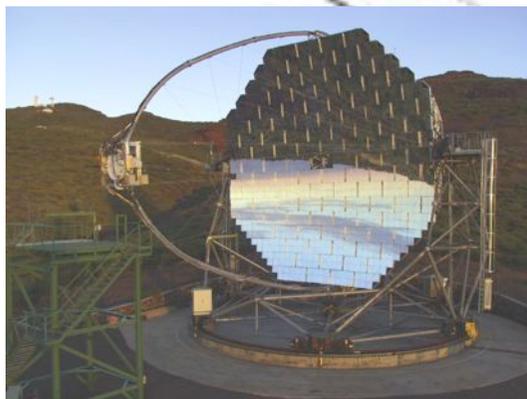
# The VHE $\gamma$ -ray sky

$E_\gamma > 100 \text{ GeV}$

VHE  $\gamma$ -ray Sky Map  
( $E_\gamma > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )

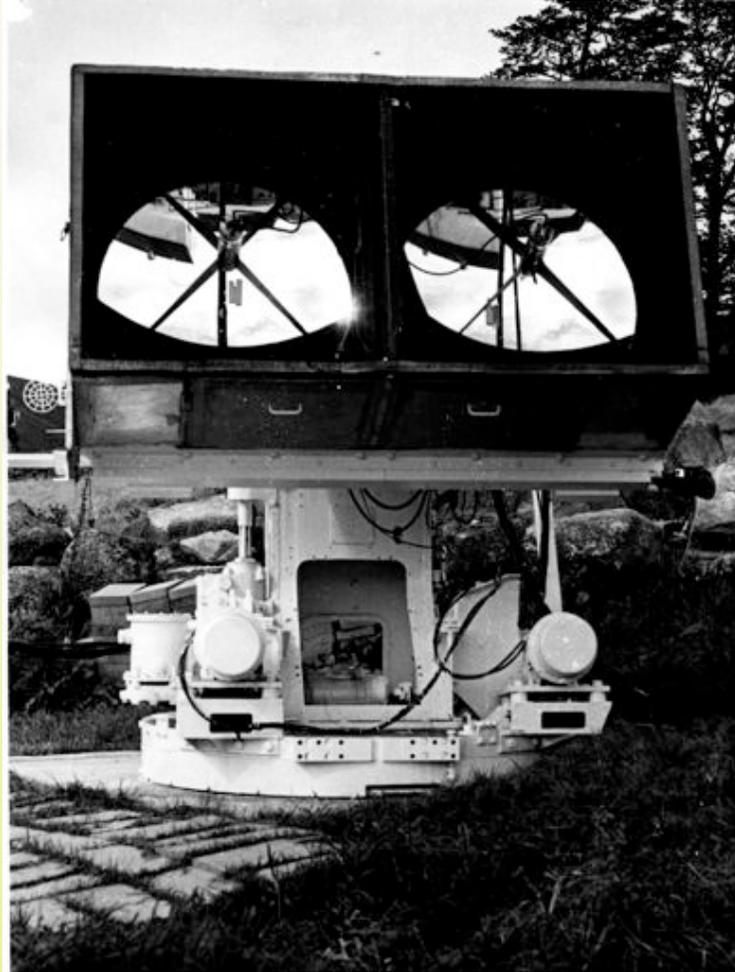


81 sources  
 27 extragalactic  
 54 galactic  
 (apr-2009)





# 0<sup>th</sup> generation of Cherenkov telescopes



Glencullen, Ireland ~1962

Nessuna discriminazione dal fondo di raggi cosmici !

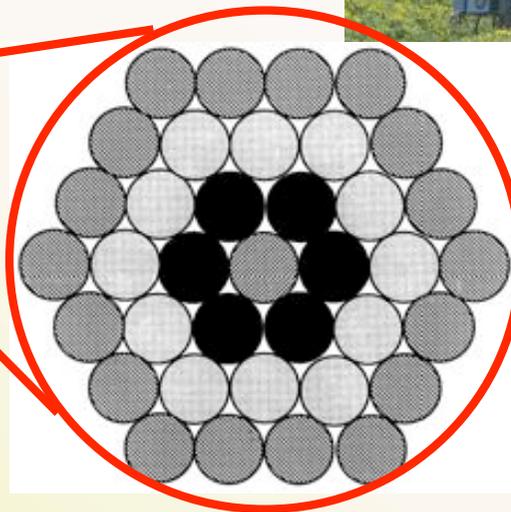
Whipple: singolo fototubo

1972: prima indicazione di TeV  $\gamma$ -rays dalla Crab Nebula (Fazio et al.)

- ON-OFF (direzione)
- **3 $\sigma$  in 3 anni di osservazione!**

# Imaging technique: 1st and 2nd generation of IACT

- ✧ 1984: viene utilizzata la prima camera multi-PMTs da Whipple
- ✧ 1989: Emissione  $\gamma$  significativa identificata dalla Crab Nebula (Whipple '89)
  - ✧  $E_{\text{thr}} = 700 \text{ GeV}$
  - ✧  $9\sigma$  in 50 h di osservazione



1995: HEGRA  
array di telescopi

Crab detection  
time: 15 min

# Third generation



Crab detection time: 2/4 min



Crab detection time: 2-4 min



# MAGIC

- ❖ Largest single dish Cherenkov Telescope:  
17 m  $\varnothing$  mirror dish, **mirror surface (241 m<sup>2</sup>)**
- ❖ 3.5° FoV Camera with 577 enhanced QE PMT's
- ❖ Fast repositioning for GRBs: average < 40 s
- ❖ Low energy trigger threshold: 50 - 60 GeV
- ❖ Sensitivity: 1.6% Crab / 50 h  
(improvement with 2 GHz sampling  
and timing parameters in g/h separation)
- ❖  $\gamma$ -PSF:  $\sim 0.1^\circ$  (  $E > 500$  GeV )
- ❖ Energy resolution: 20 - 30%
- ❖ Observations during moonlight (duty cycle  
improved  $\sim 50\%$ )



# Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes

*IACT*

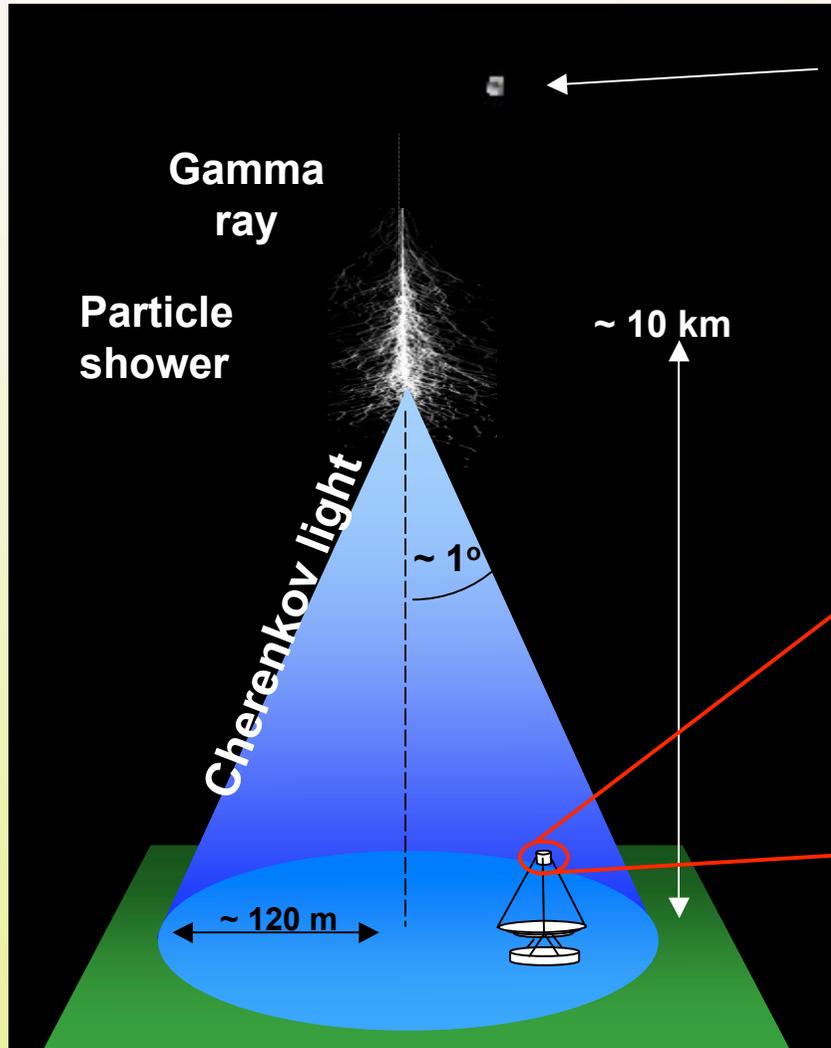
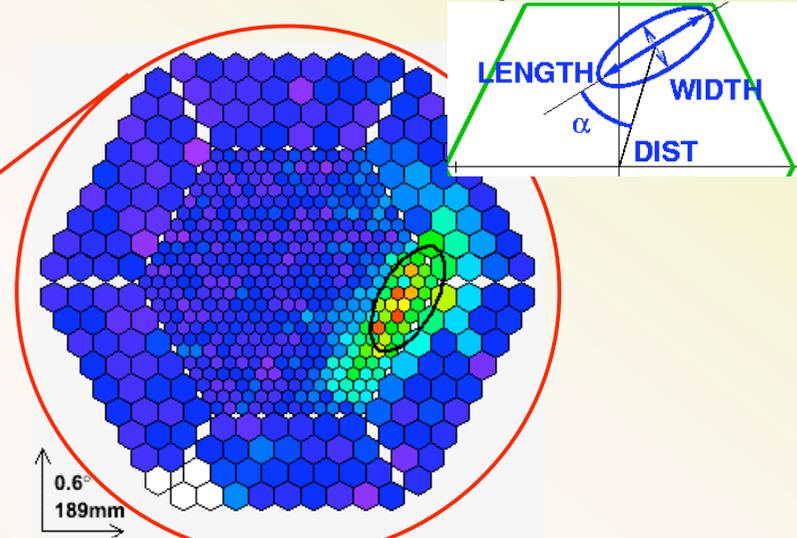


Immagine del flash Cherenkov sulla camera del telescopio



- Ricostruzione del primario
  - particle id: **discriminazione dal fondo di adroni**
  - direzione, energia...

# Galactic sources

## 4 new sources

IC443/MAGICJ0616+225  
(SNR)

PSRB0531+21  
(Crab-pulsar)

LSI+61 30  
(X-ray binary)

Cyg X-1  
(X-ray binary)

## 6 confirmations

✓HESSJ1834-0877  
(W41 - SNR)

✓HESSJ1813-1718  
(SNR)

✓GC

✓Crab Nebula

✓Cas-A (SNR)

✓TeVJ2032+4130  
(UNID)

## 4 upper limits

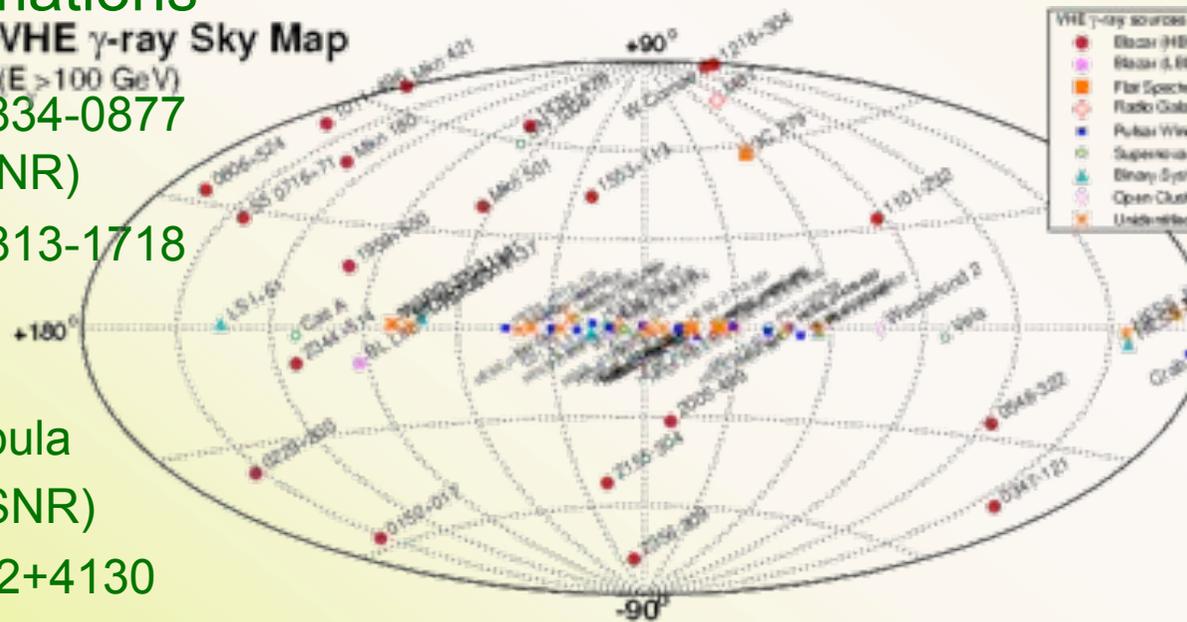
✓PSRB 1951+32  
(pulsar/SNR)

✓Cyg X-3  
(X-ray binary)

✓WR146  
(WR star)

✓WR147  
(WR star)

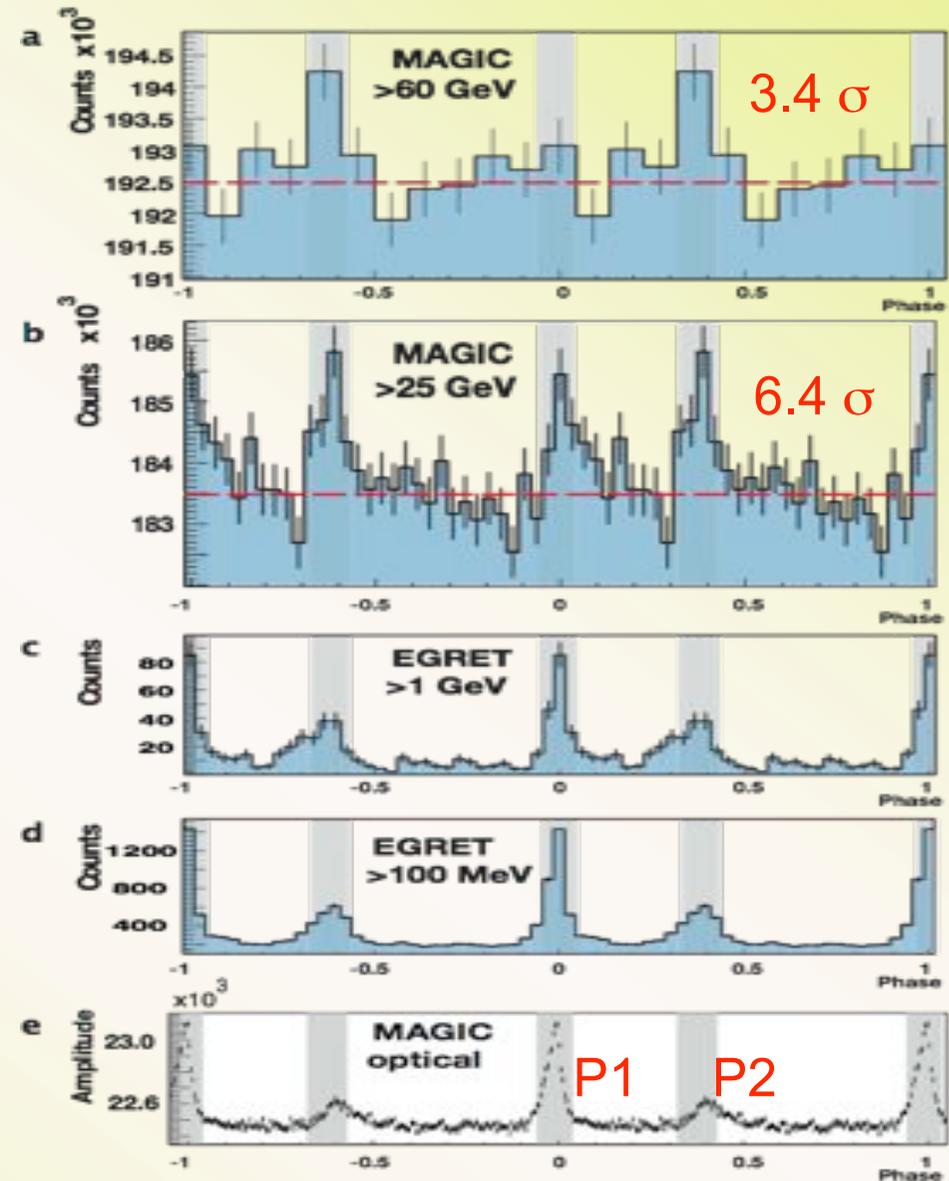
VHE  $\gamma$ -ray Sky Map  
( $E > 100$  GeV)



# Crab pulsar

- ✧ P=33 ms; Pulsed emission at E<10 GeV
- ✧ First hint at E~>60 GeV
- ✧ Lower trigger threshold: new trigger system (*sum-trigger*)

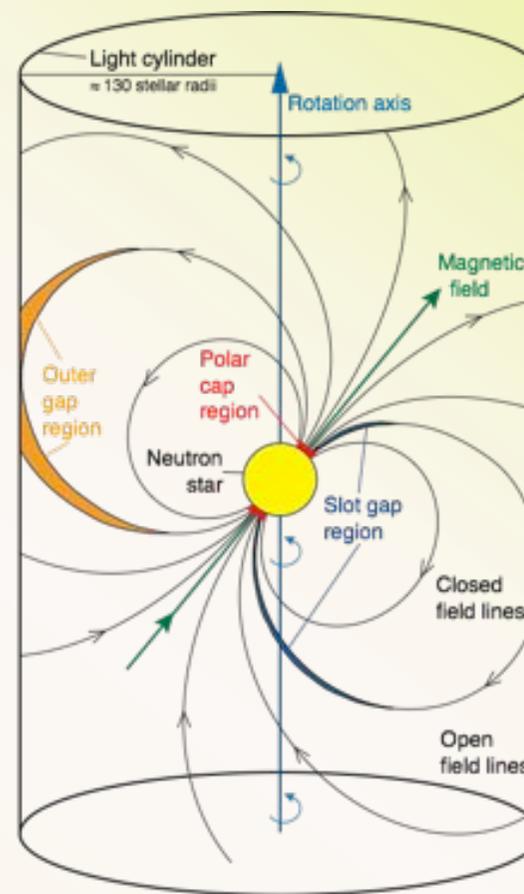
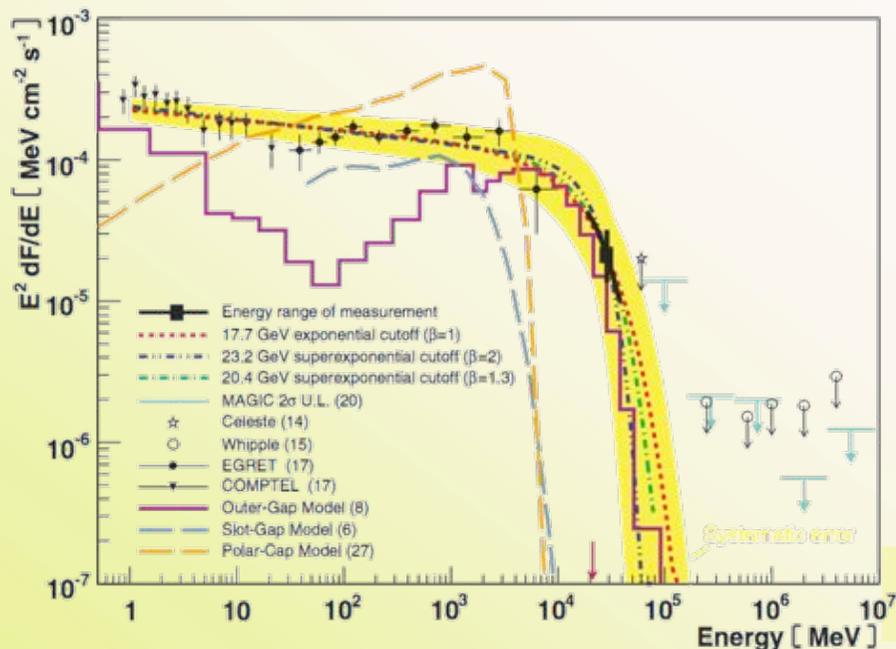
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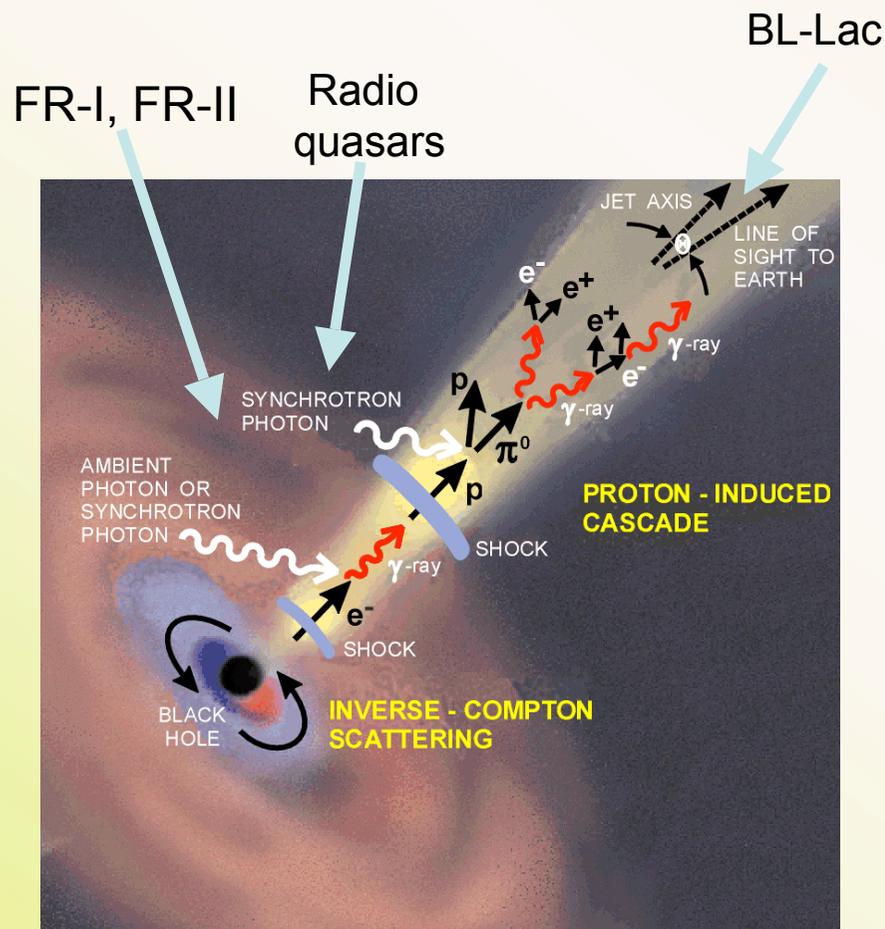
# Crab pulsar

- ✧ Cutoff  $\Leftarrow$  acceleration and radiation process (outer gap/polar cap)
  - ✧ Absorption in magnetosphere (magnetic/photon pair production)
  - ✧ Maximum acceleration energy



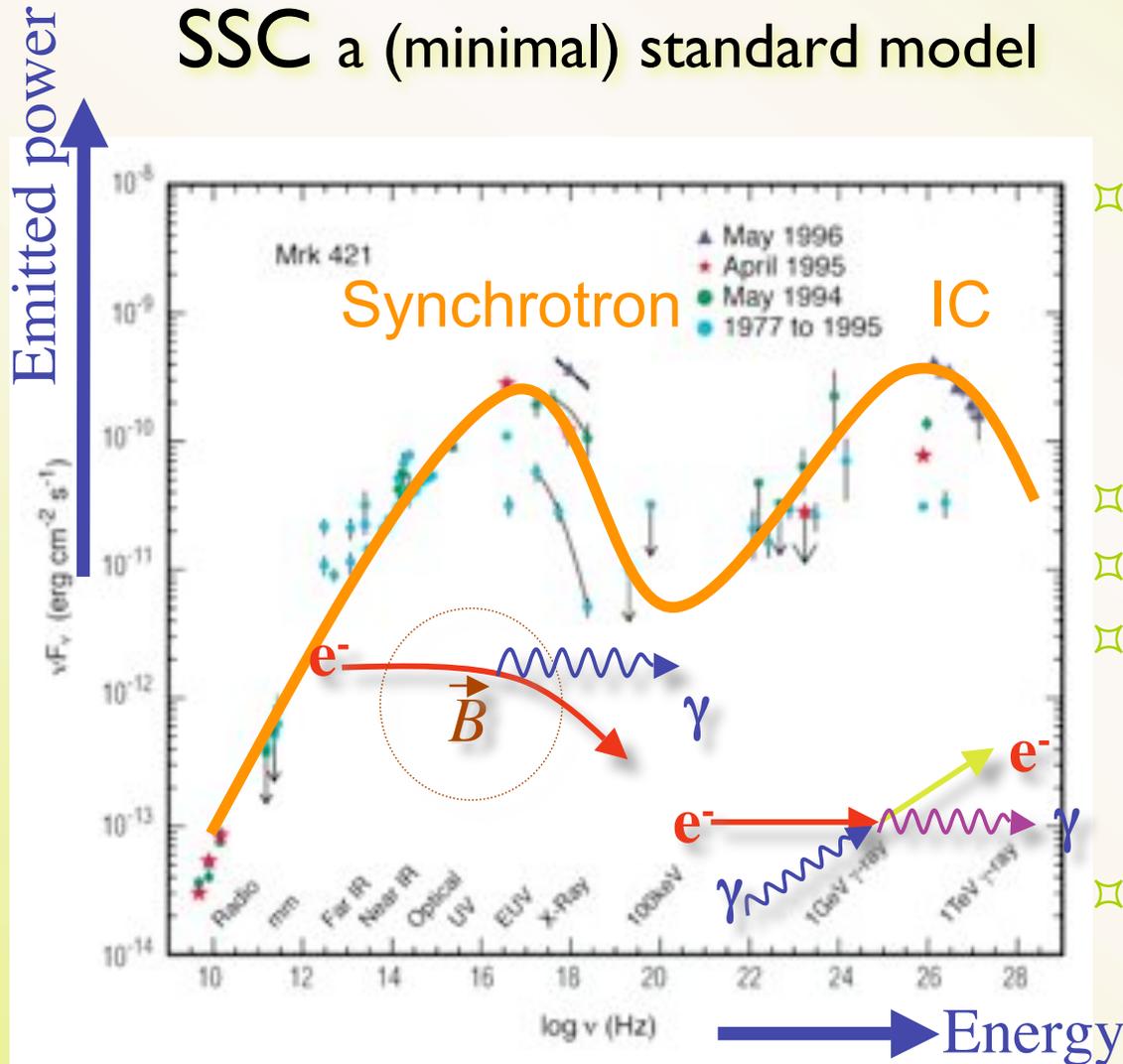
**Exponential cutoff:**  $16.4 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 4.5_{\text{syst}}$  GeV  
**Superexponential cutoff:**  $20.5 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 5.0_{\text{syst}}$  GeV

# AGN - blazars



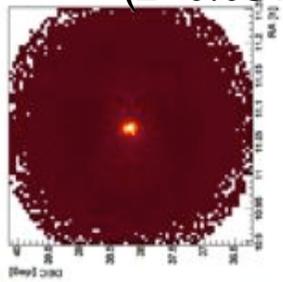
- ✧ Intense and variable emission up to  $\sim 10$  TeV
- Observed structures:
  - ✧ accretion disk; obscuring thorus
  - ✧ Relativistic Jet
  - ✧ Broad/Narrow line regions (NLR, BLR)
- ✧ TeV emitting zone: jet with high relativistic bulk motion
  - ✧ Particle acceleration at shock boundaries bundled in a magnetic field (Fermi acceleration processes)
  - ✧ Gamma-ray emission from accelerated electrons (synchrotron and inverse-Compton scattering) or hadronic interactions
- ✧ Unified AGN model: different AGN classes depending on viewing angle
  - ✧ FRI, FR-II, Radio quasars, BL-Lac (HBL-LBL)

# $\gamma$ -ray emission from AGN: SSC a (minimal) standard model



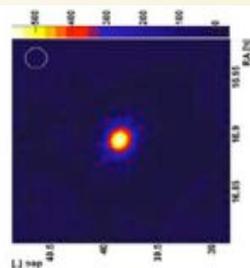
- ✧ Observed emission well described by leptonic models, such as SSC and EC.
  - ✧ Expected X-ray / Tev time correlation
- ✧ Synchrotron peak: IR to x-ray
- ✧ IC peak: UV to  $\gamma$ -rays
- ✧ Seed photons for Compton scattering:
  - ✧ Synchrotron radiation (SSC)
  - ✧ External radiation field (EC)
- ✧ Blazar: collimated emission from jet (relativistic amplification)

Mrk421  
(z=0.031)



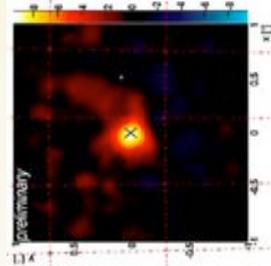
(E > 100 GeV)

IES2344  
(z=0.044)



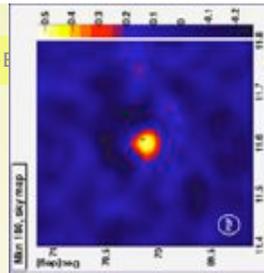
Mrk501  
(z=0.034)

Very fast flare

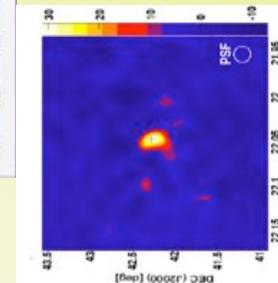


Mrk180  
(z=0.045)

Discovery

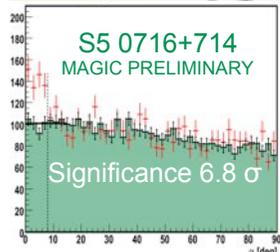
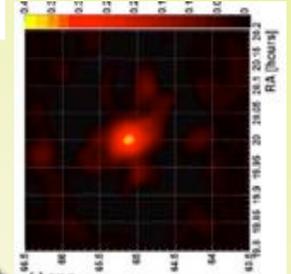


IES1959  
(z=0.047)



BL-Lac  
(z=0.069)

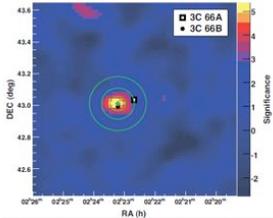
Discovery



S5 0716+714  
Discovery

Discovery

3C66A/B  
(z=0.02)



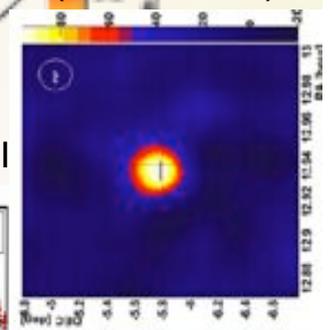
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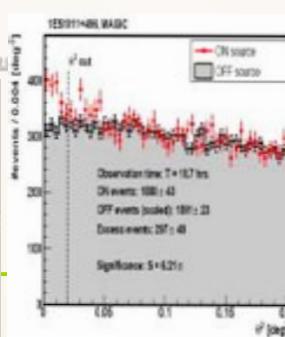
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3C279  
(z = 0.536)

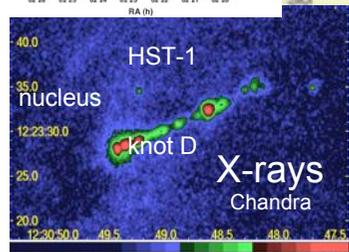
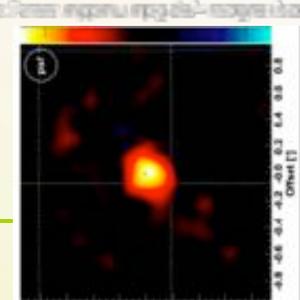
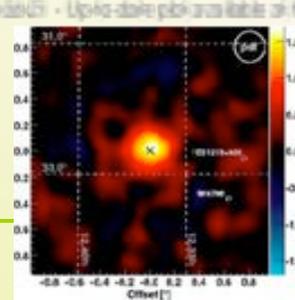


IES1011 z=0.21

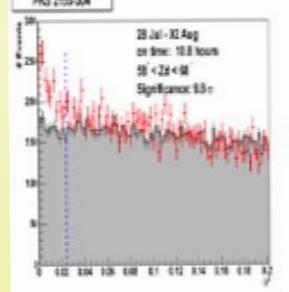


IES1218 (z = 0.18)

PG 1553 z>0.25



M87  
(z=0.0043)



PKS2155  
(z=0.116)

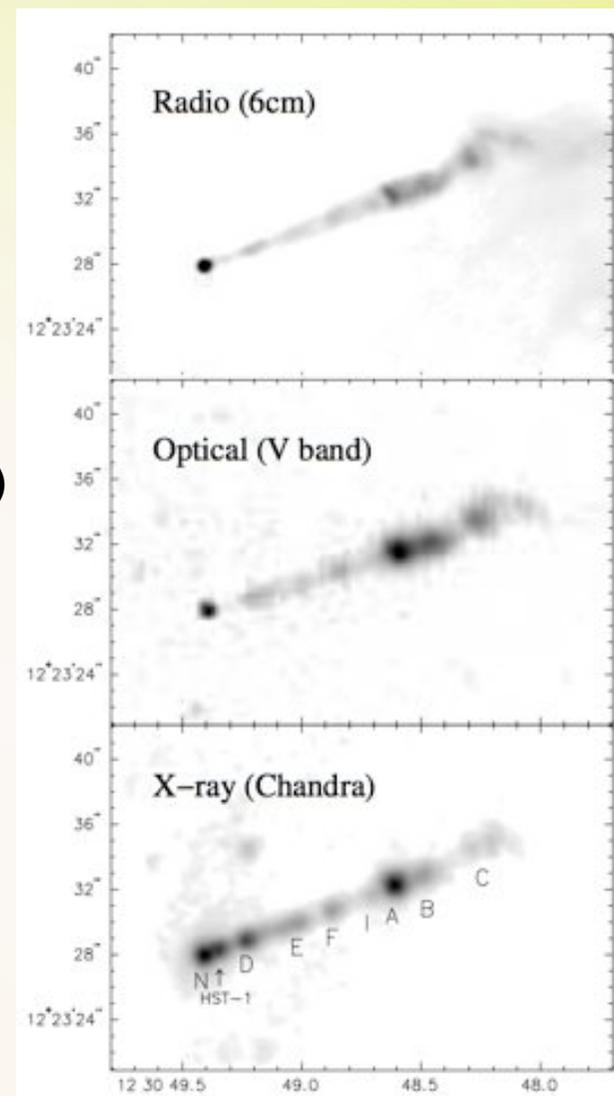
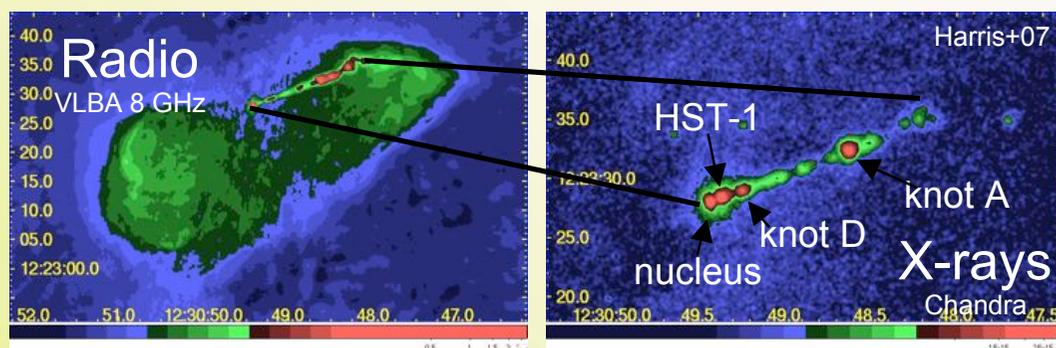
# AGNs detected by MAGIC



# M87

RG  $z=0.0043$

- ✧ “misaligned blazar” (20-40°); 16 Mpc
- ✧ HEGRA hint; HESS/VERITAS detection
- ◇ Candidate nearby CR site (hadronic emission?)
- ◇ Variability?
- ◇ Site for TeV emission (core/HST-1)?

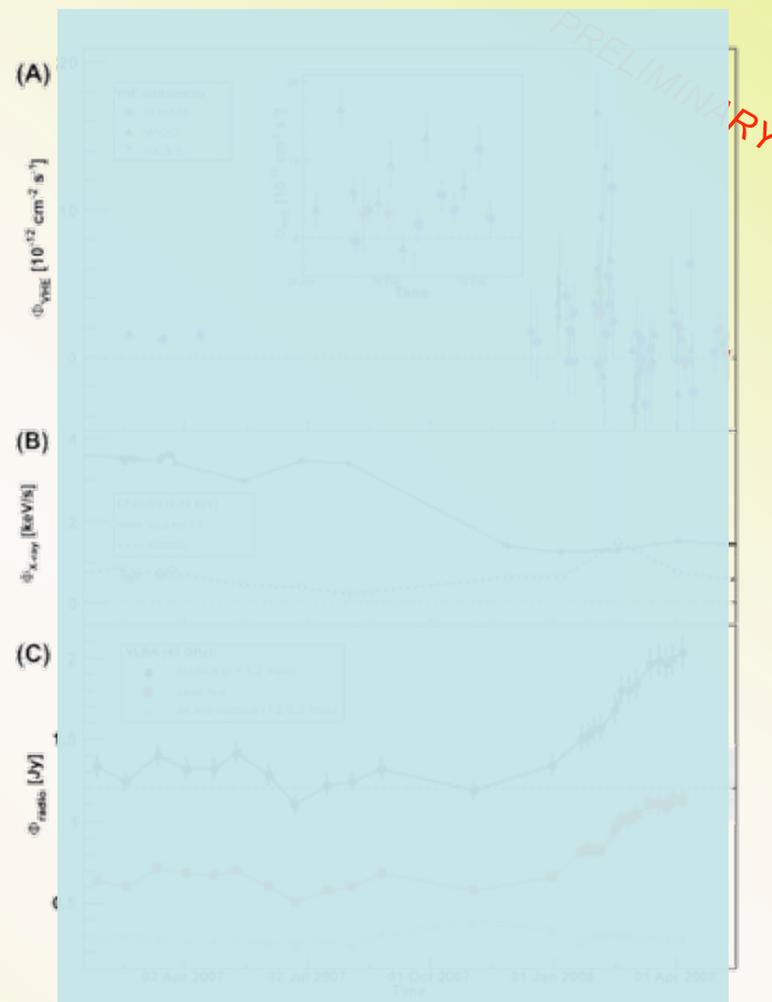
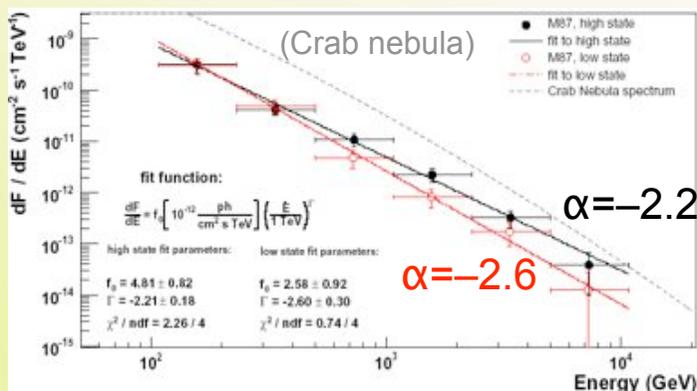


J. Albert et al., ApJL subm., arXiv:0806.0988

Joint paper MAGIC-VERITAS-HESS-VLBI-Chandra - submitted

# M87

- ✧ MWL campaign jan-feb 2008 (triggered by MAGIC detection on 1st February flare)
- ✧  $9.9\sigma$  detection;  $8.0\sigma$  single night 1st-feb
- ✧ First spectrum at  $E > 100$  GeV
  - ✧ Marginal hint of spectral hardening
- ✧ Clear  $\sim$ daily variability at  $E > 350$  GeV
- ✧ Chandra observations  $\Rightarrow$  core/HST-I contribution (core active / HSTI dim)



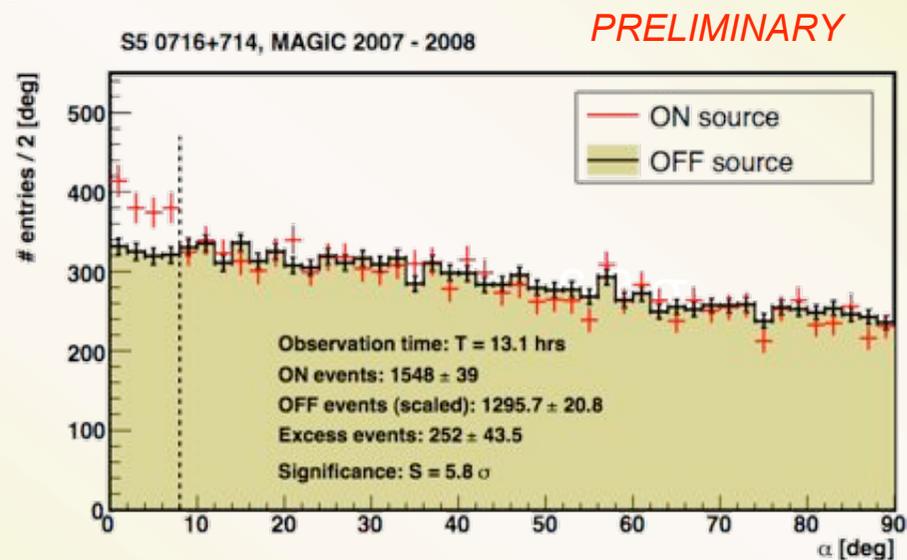
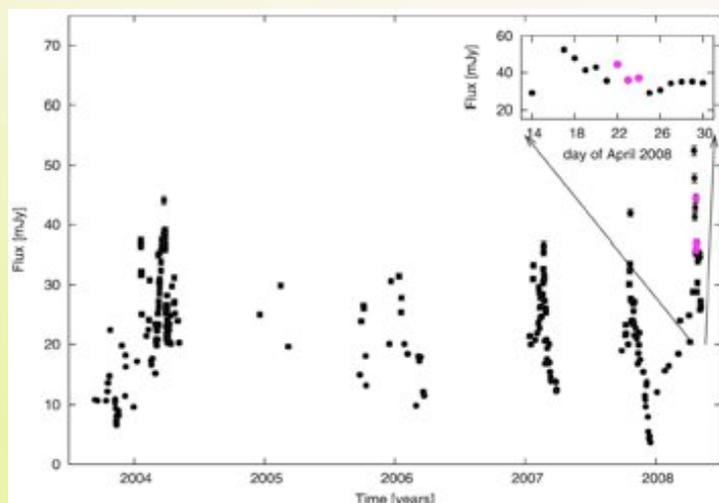
# S5 0716+714

IBL  $z=0.31(?)$

MAGIC coll. 2008, Atel #1500

- ✧ Optical triggers (new VHE source: Mrk180; IES 1011+496)
- ✧ Bright in optical  $\Rightarrow$  trigger
- ✧ Clear signal in 2.6 h:  $6.9\sigma$

$$F_{(>400 \text{ GeV})} \approx 10^{-11} \text{ ph/cm}^2/\text{s} (\approx 25\% \text{ Crab})$$

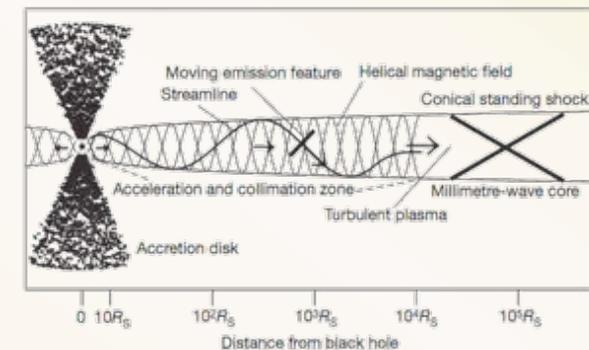


# S5 0716+714

IBL  $z=0.31$

- ✧ **High redshift** (unknown since few weeks ago: Nilsson, A&A 487(2008)L29 reports the detection of the host galaxy:  $z=0.31 \pm 0.08$ )
- ✧ **Rotation of positional angle of polarization (EVPA) during maximum (60deg/day)** *Larionov et al., ATel #1502*
  - ✧ propagation of a polarized knot spiraling down the jet, following helical magnetic field  
(e.g. BLLac, *Marscher et al., 2008, Nature, 452, 966*)
- ✧ **X-ray spectrum shows synchrotron component: transition between LBL-HBL states?**
  - ✧ E.g. reported on PKS2155- *Y.H.Zhang, ApJ, 682(2008)789*

*Discovery MAGIC paper - to be submitted*



# MAGIC-II

*First light ceremony  
24th-25th April 2009*

- ✧ Stereoscopic mode:
  - ✧ Improved sensitivity
  - ✧ Better angular and energy resolution
- ✧ Parallel mode:
  - ✧ Observation of simultaneous sources (AGNs monitoring)
- ✧ New technologies:
  - ✧ lower energy threshold
  - ✧ Camera: Photo-detectors with higher QE (HPDs in near future)
  - ✧ Faster Digitalization: 4 GHz Analogue to Digital Converts (Domino)





# MAGIC

Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov Telescope



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