



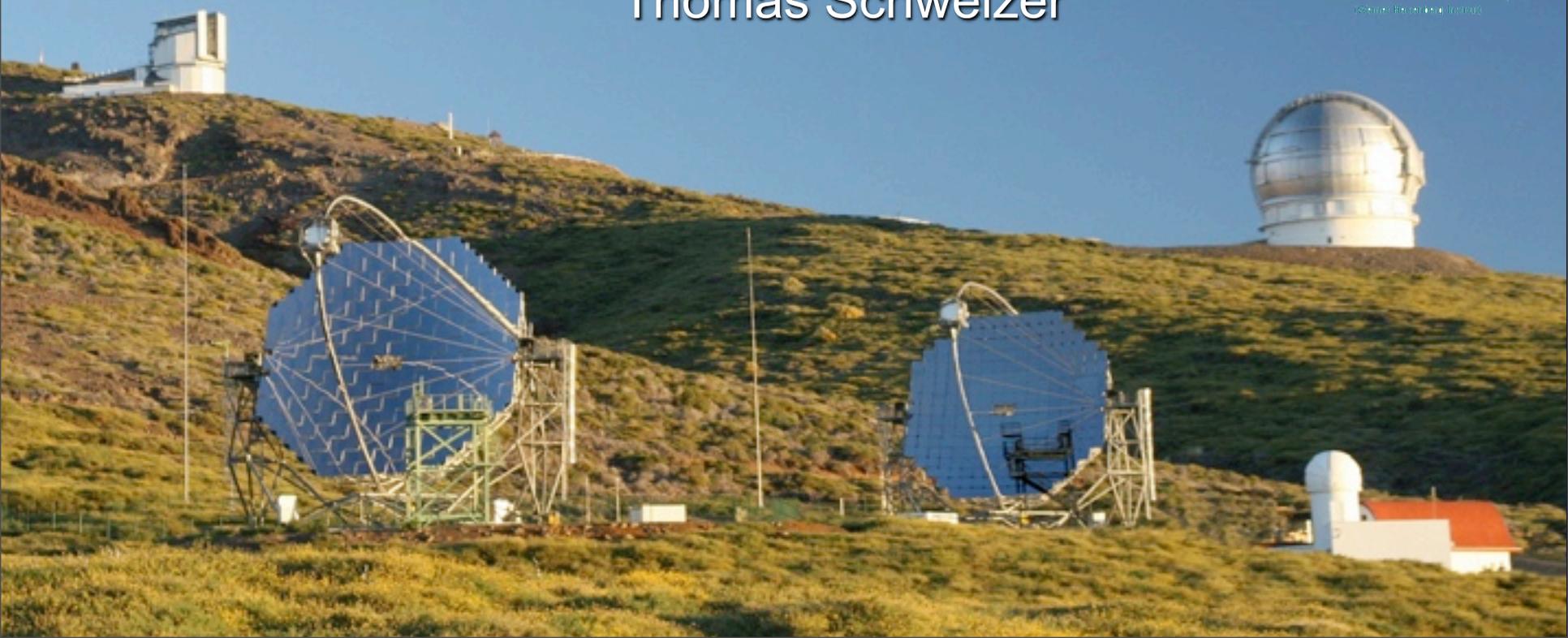
# MAGIC

## Project Review

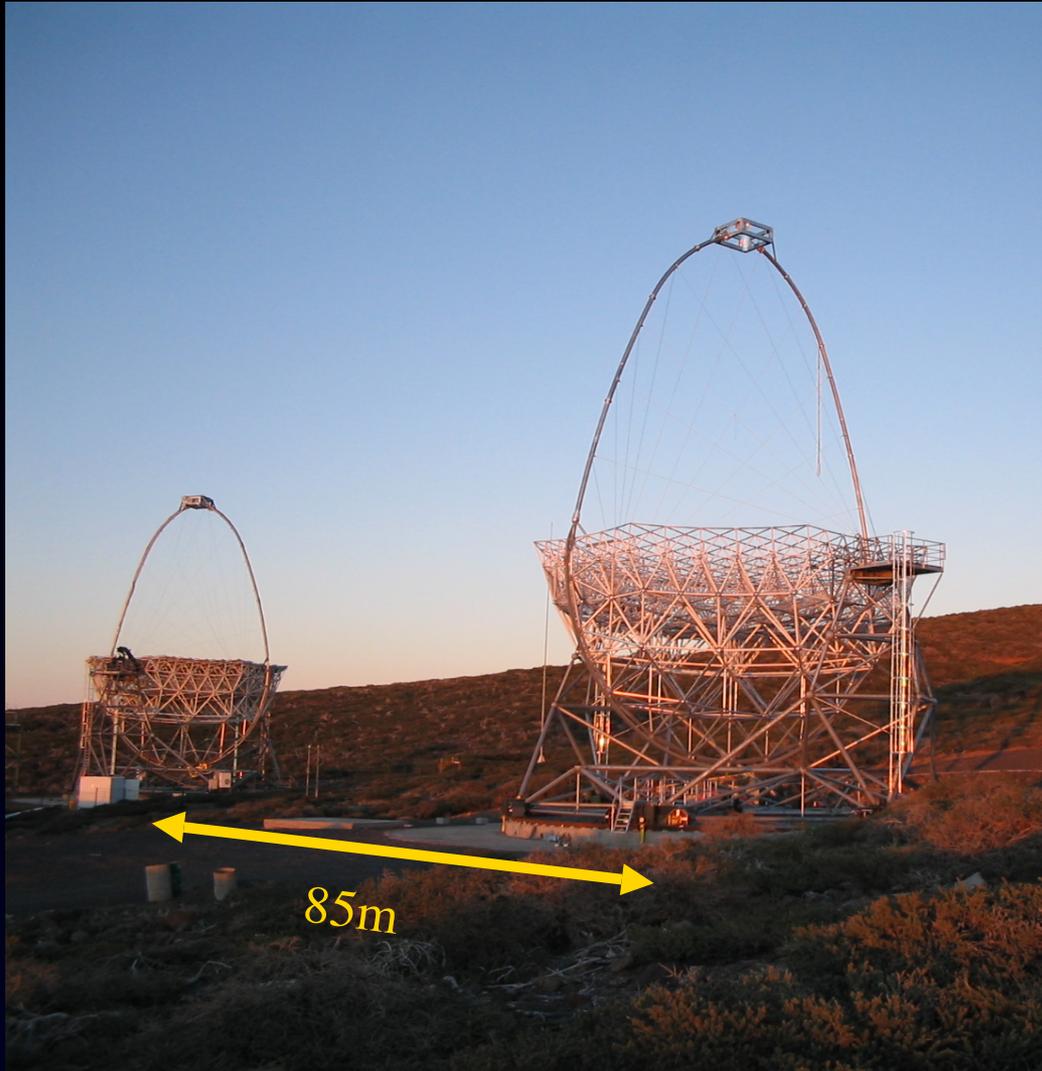
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# MAGIC Telescopes



- 17 m  $\varnothing$  reflector, Al mirrors

- CF frame, fast rotation  
**Upgrade !!  $<180^\circ/20s$**

- Active mirror control

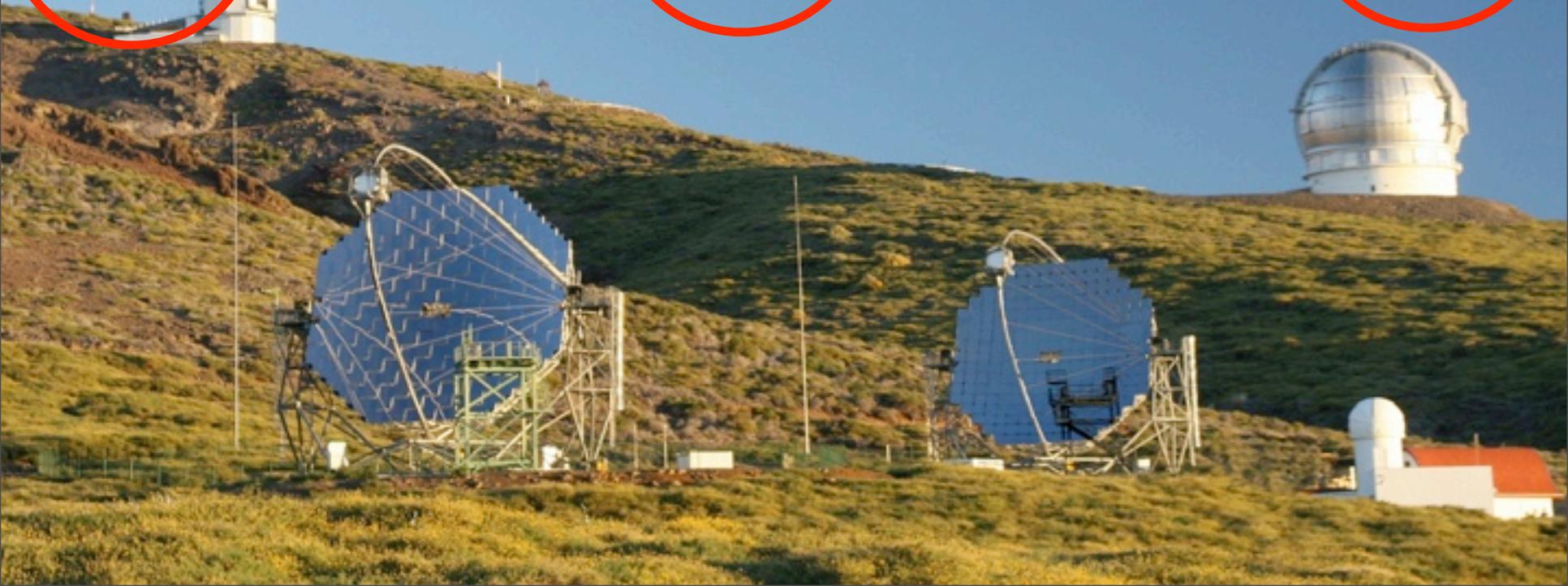
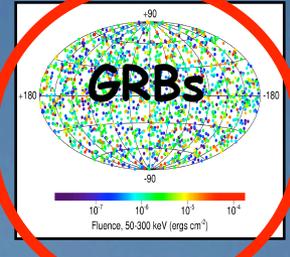
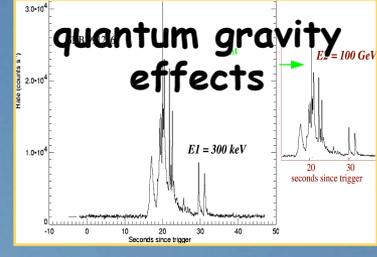
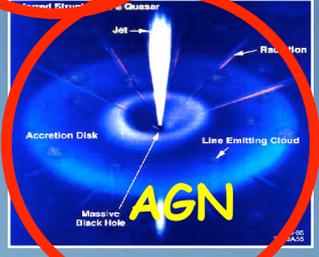
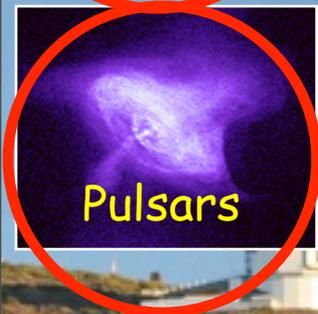
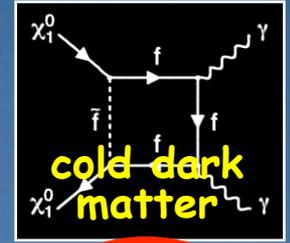
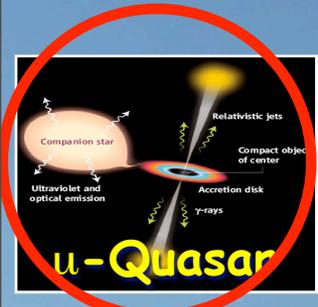
- Analogue signal transport  
via 162m long optical fibres

- 2 GSample/s readout,...

- MAGIC I: 1.6 % Crab/50h  
MAGIC stereo:  $<1\%$  C./50h

- **World lowest trigger  
threshold: (25) 50 GeV**

# Physics targets



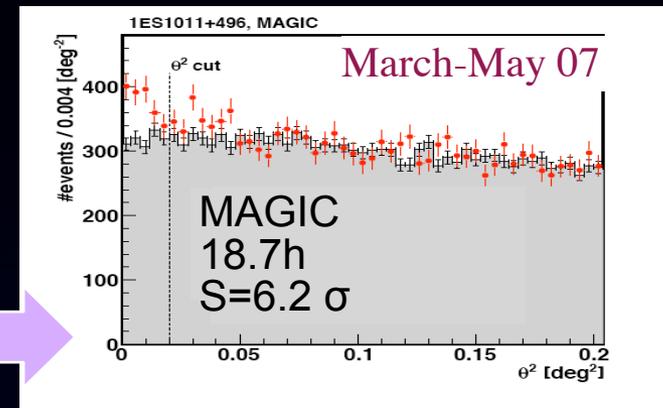
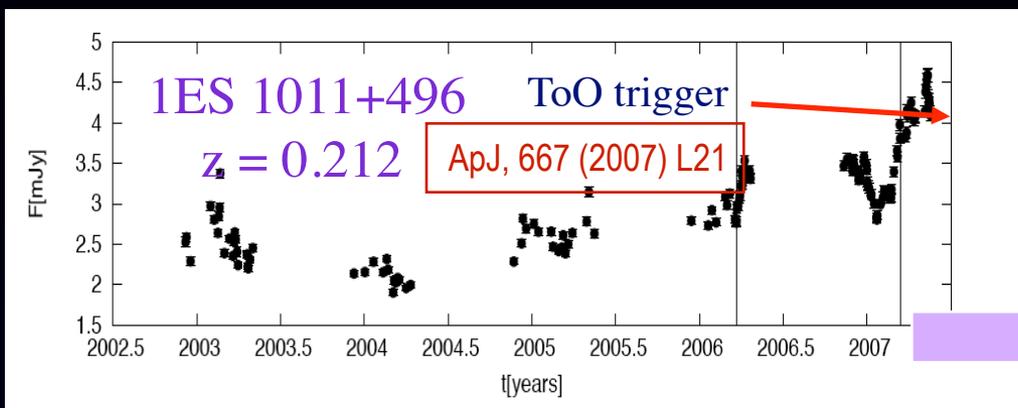
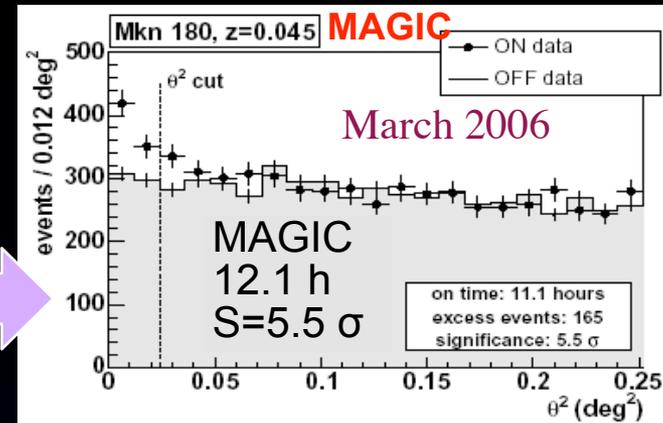
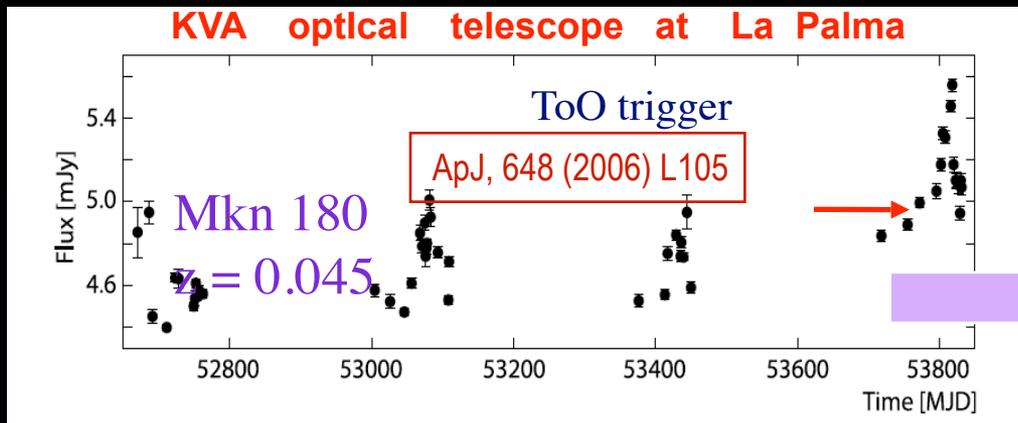
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## Extragalactic sources

MAGIC OBSERVATIONS

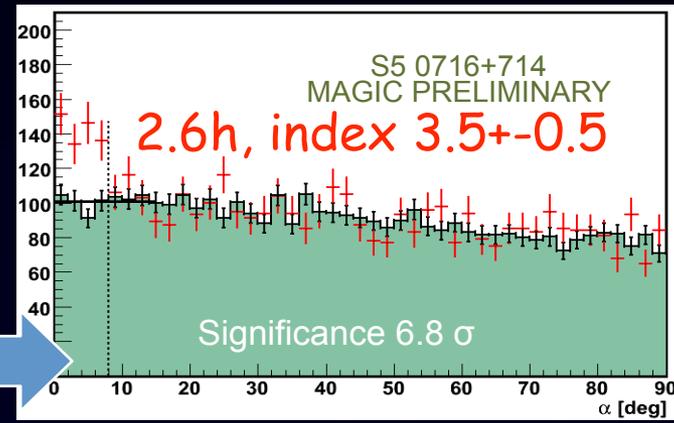
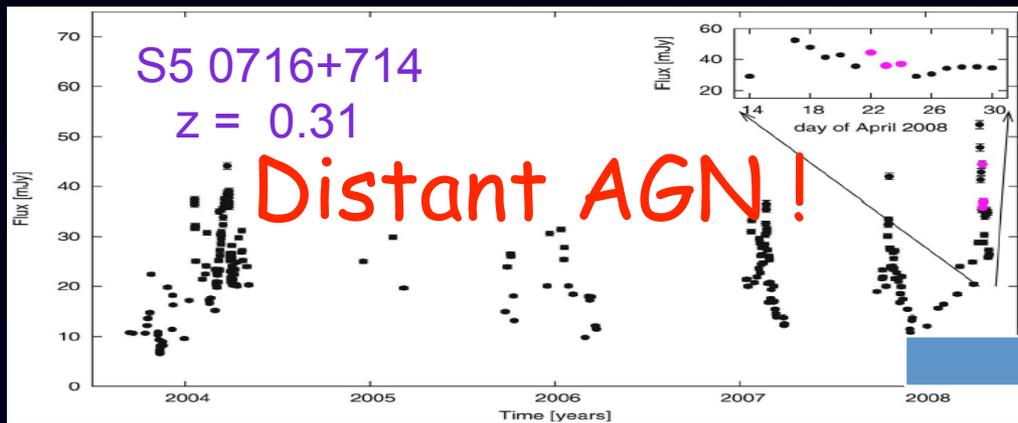
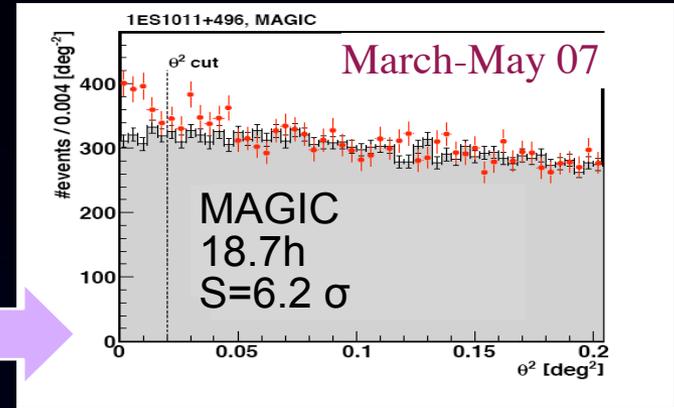
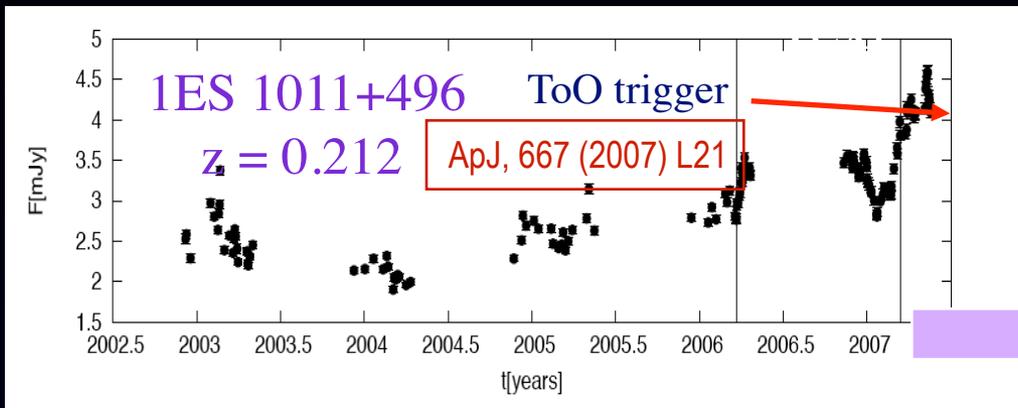
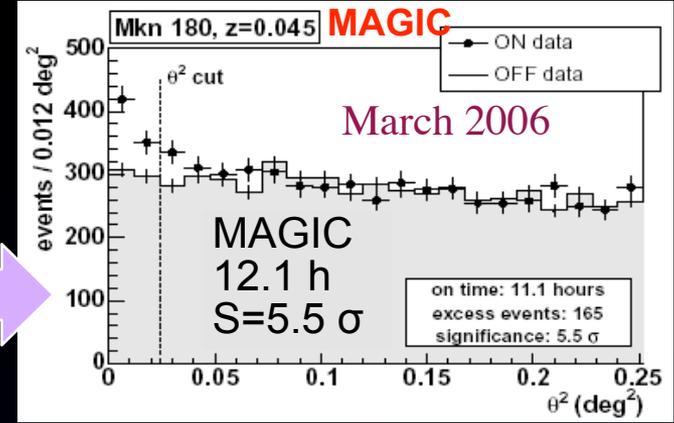
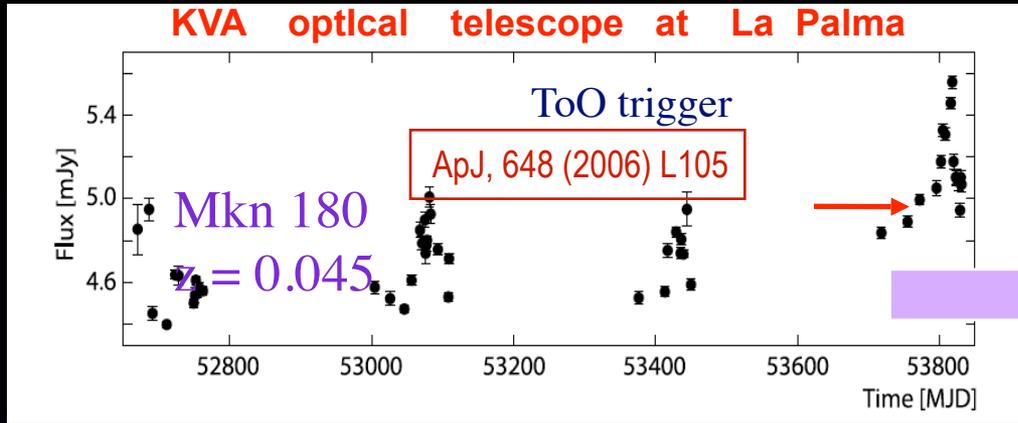
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Mkn 421	0.031	2.2	HBL	Whipple
Mkn 501	0.034	2.4	HBL	Whipple
1ES 2344+514	0.044	2.9	HBL	Whipple
Mkn 180	0.045	3.3	HBL	MAGIC
1ES 1959+650	0.047	2.4	HBL	7TA
PKS 0548-322	0.069		HBL	HESS
BL Lac	0.069	3.6	LBL	MAGIC
PKS 2005-489	0.071	4.0	HBL	HESS
PG 1553	>0.09	4.0	HBL	HESS/MAGIC
PKS 2155-304	0.116	3.3	HBL	Durham
1ES 1426+428	0.129	3.3	HBL	Whipple
1ES 0229+200	0.139		HBL	HESS
H 2356-309	0.165	3.1	HBL	HESS
1ES 1218+304	0.182	3.0	HBL	MAGIC
1ES 1101-232	0.186	2.9	HBL	HESS
1ES 0347-121	0.188		HBL	HESS
1ES 1011+496	0.212	4.0	HBL	MAGIC
3C 279	0.538	4.1	FSRQ	MAGIC
3C 66A/B	?		?	MAGIC
S5 0716+714	0.31	3.5	HBL	MAGIC

# Do optical triggers work?



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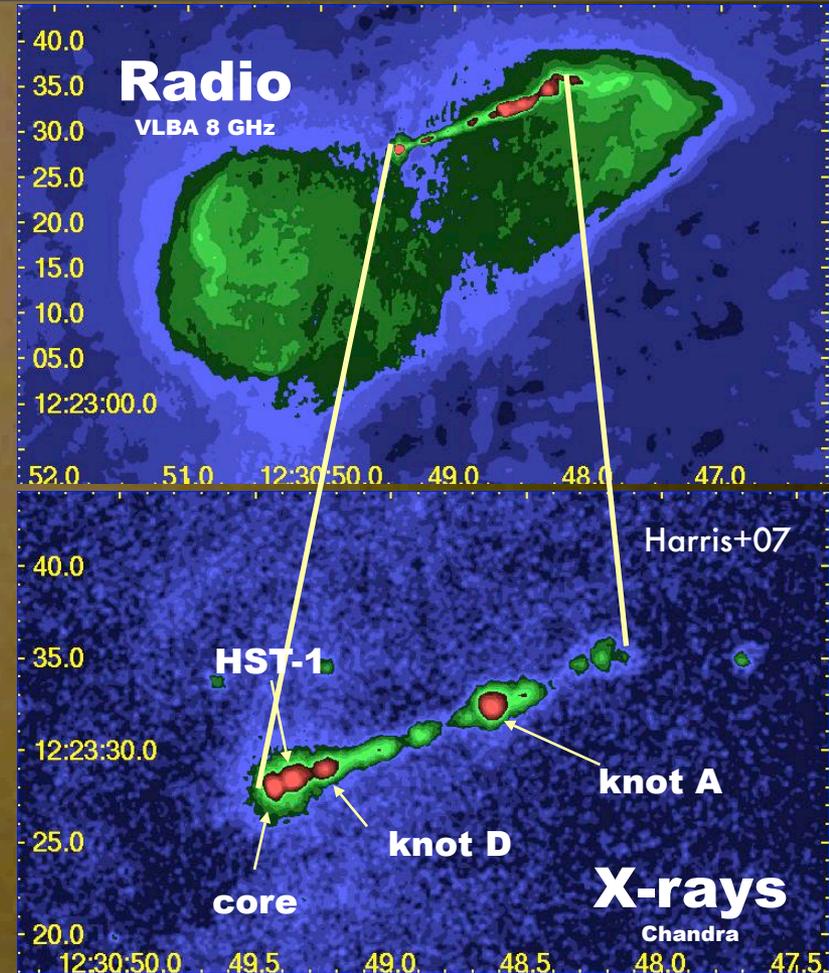
# Discovery !!



# Giant radio galaxy M87: A Unique Astrophysical Laboratory

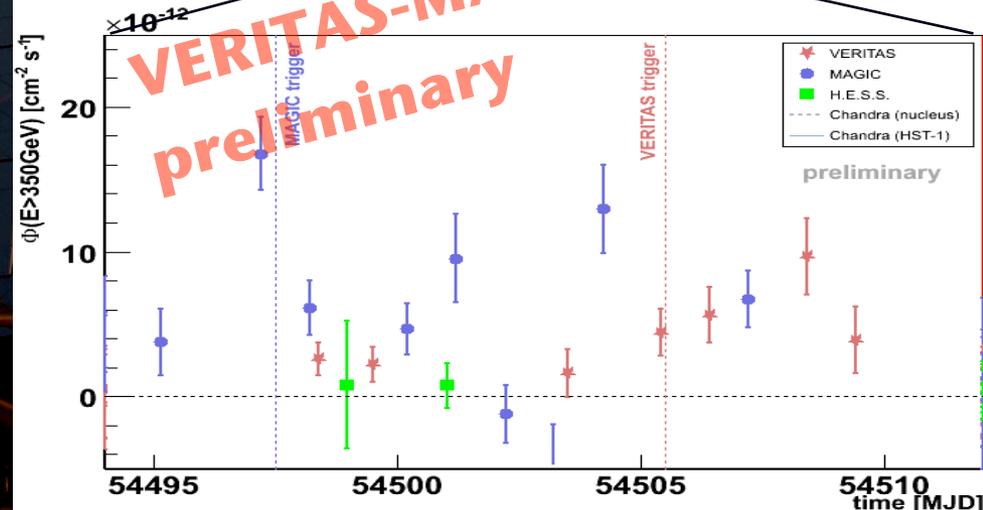
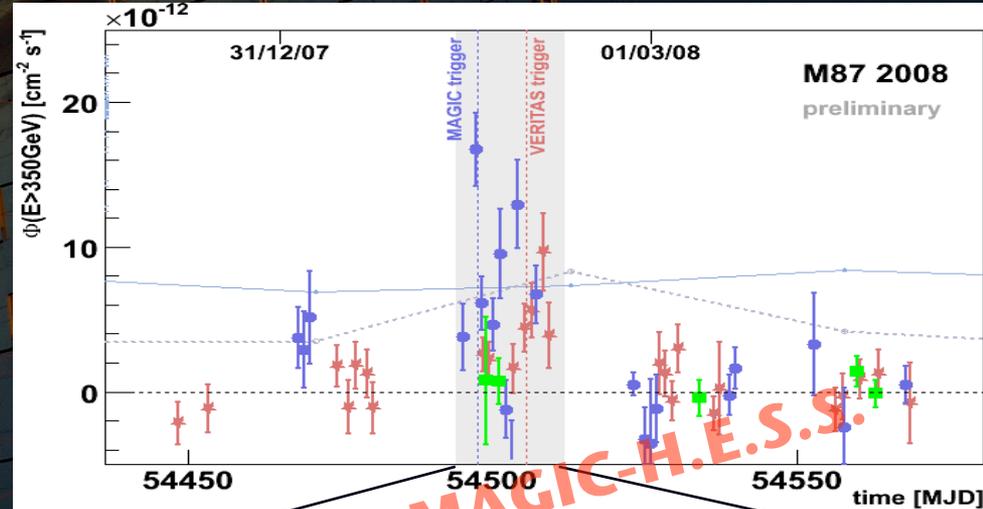
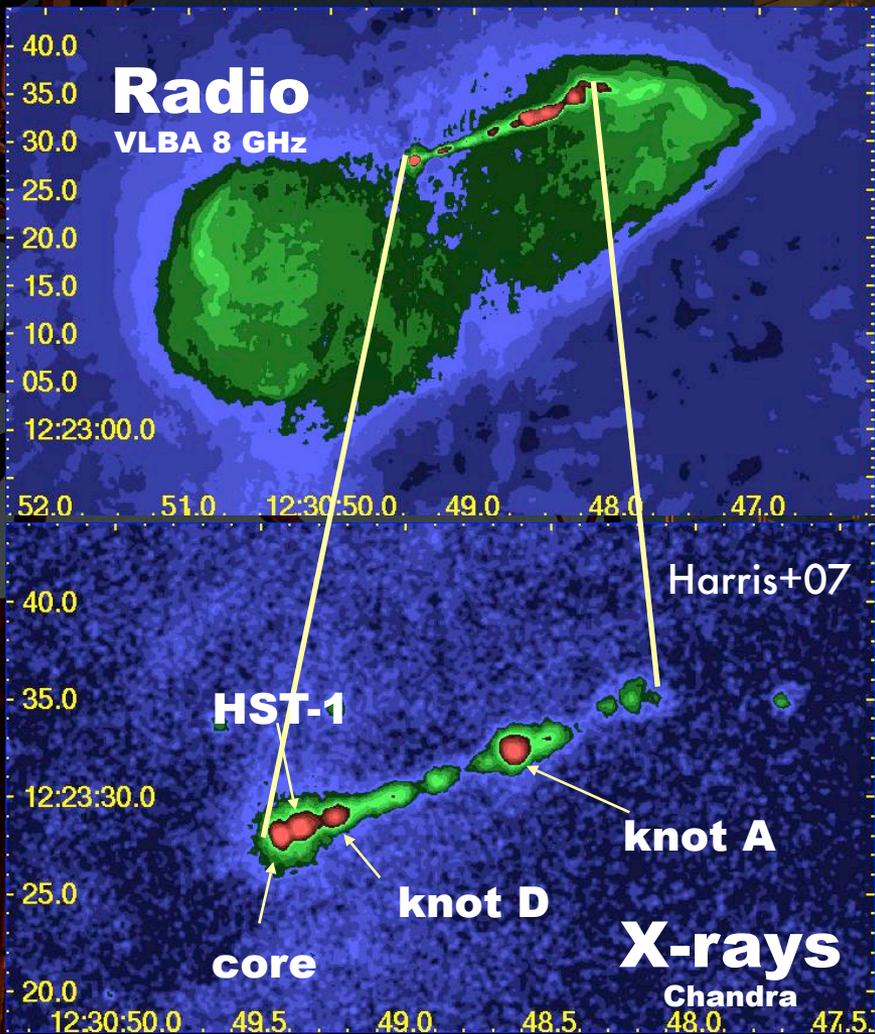
From  
which location  
originates the VHE  
gamma emission ?

- VERITAS/MAGIC/H.E.S.S. monitoring 120 h of observation
- Simultaneous VLBA radio imaging and Chandra monitoring



$z=0.00436$   
Viewing angle  $10^\circ-19^\circ$

# VERITAS-MAGIC-HESS monitoring campaign 2007

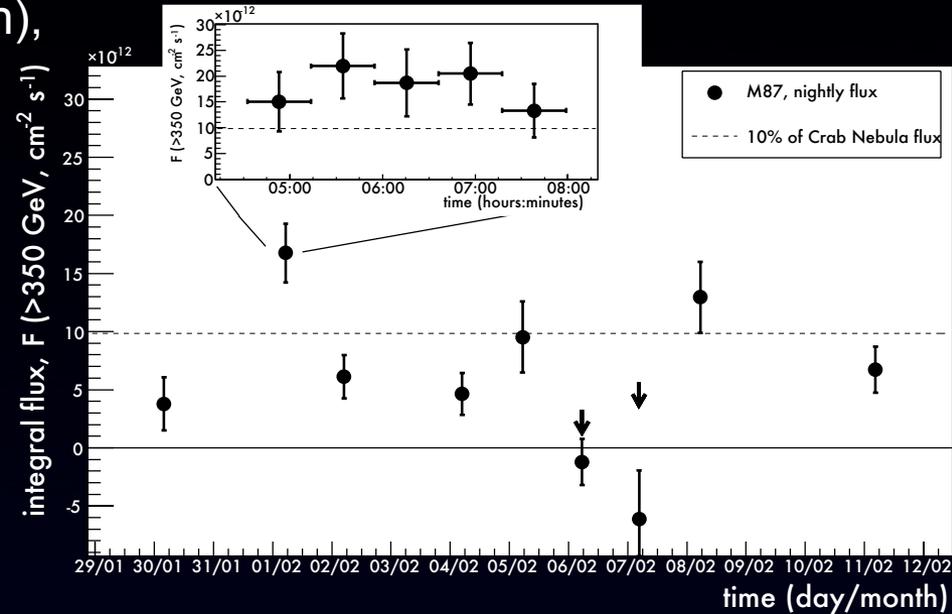
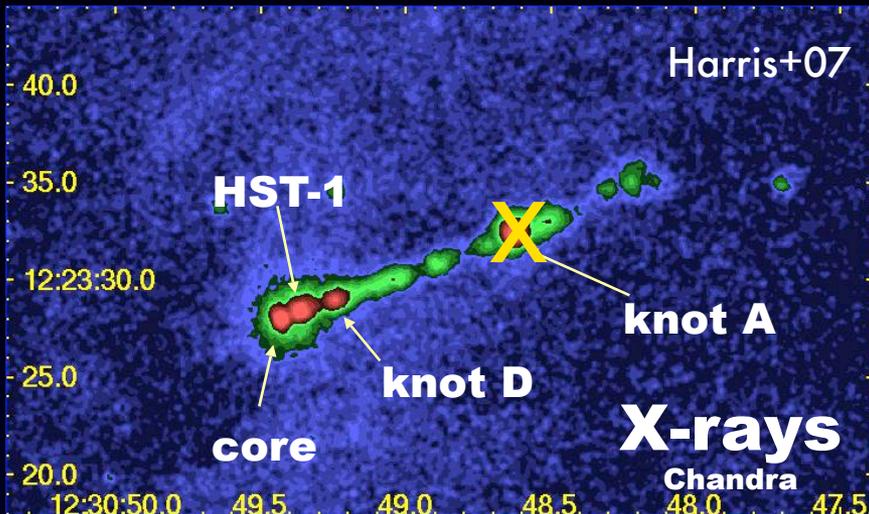


# High variability of M87

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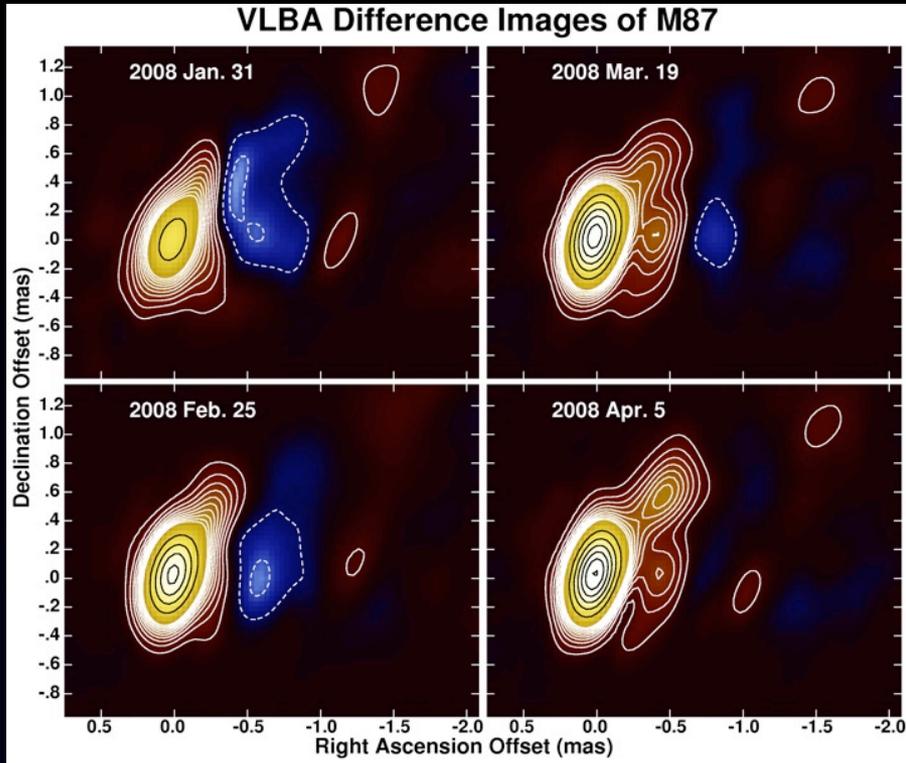
Beginning of 2008:

- Nucleus bright in X-rays (at all-time high), while HST-1 rather dim
- MAGIC:  $8\sigma$  on 2008 Feb 1:
- $9.9\sigma$  in overall sample (22.8 h) 2008 Jan 30–Feb 11



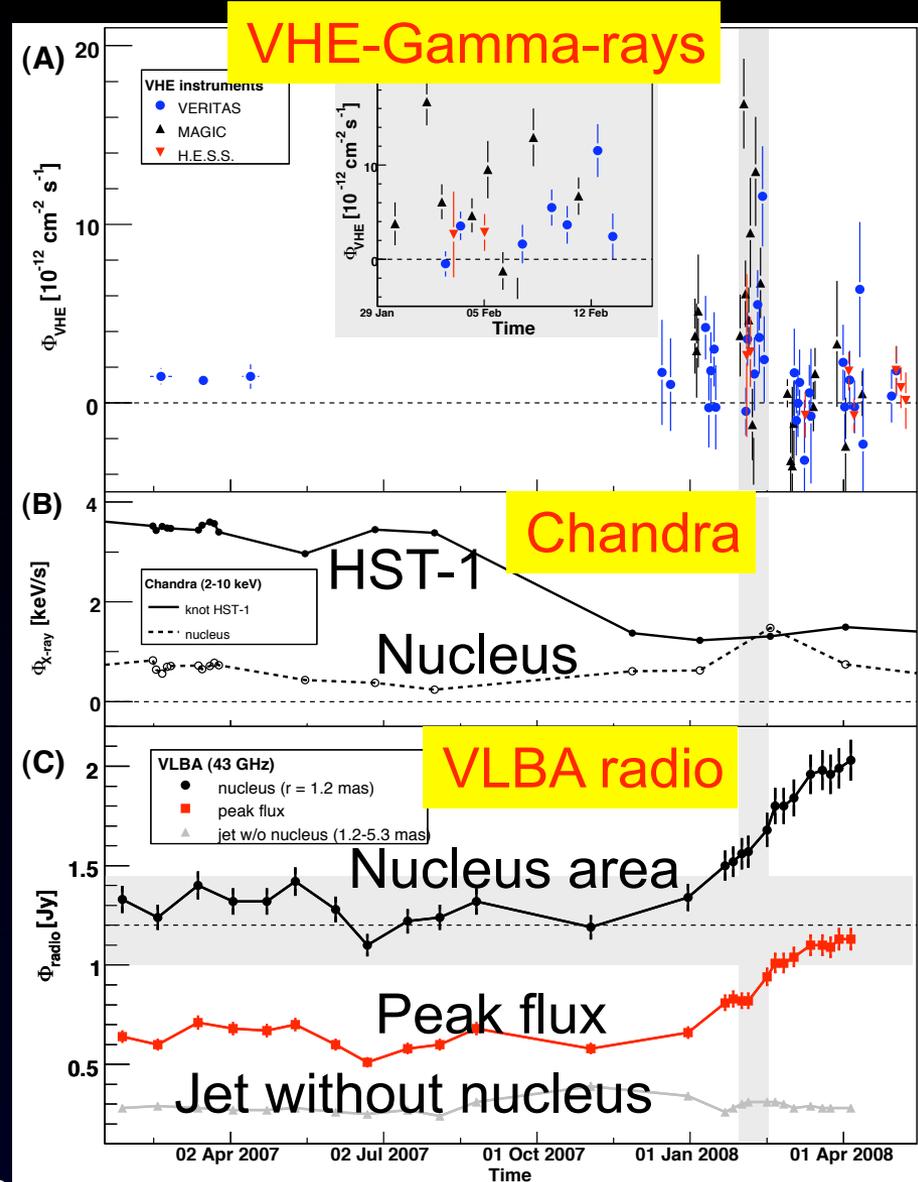
- ▶ TeV flux variable 3%–15% Crab
- ▶ Day-scale variability ( $5.6\sigma$ )
- ▶ Fast variability  
→ Knot A as VHE  $\gamma$ -ray source excluded

# Increased radio activity at core during gamma ray high state



☀️ Gamma emission originates from region close to the core of M87

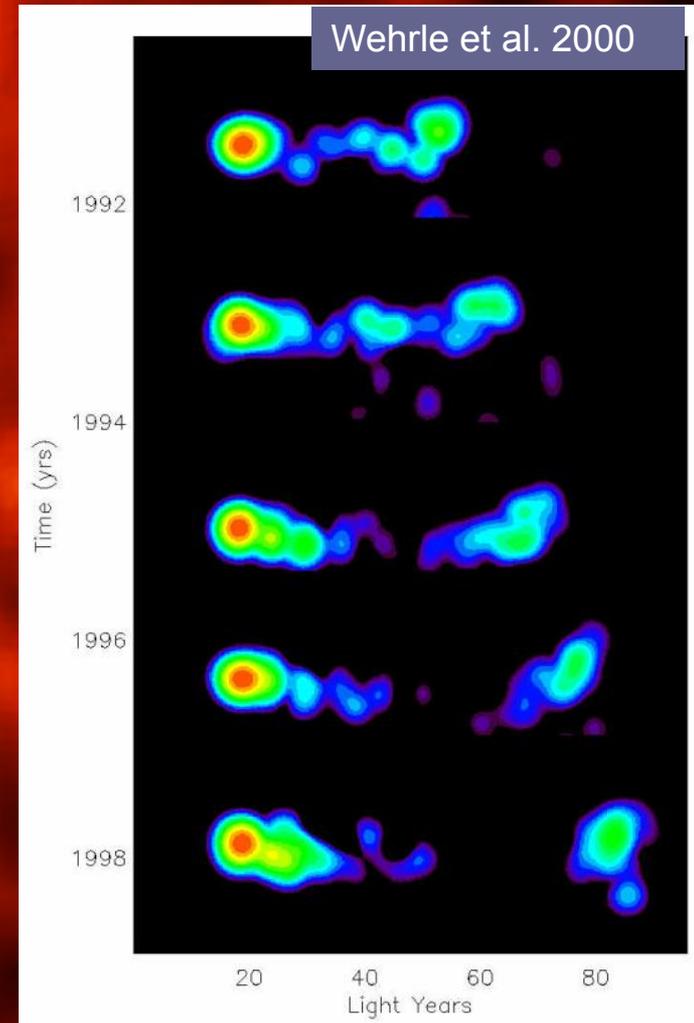
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DOI: 10.1126/science.1175406



# High-z Observations: Need low energy sensitivity

## 3C 279

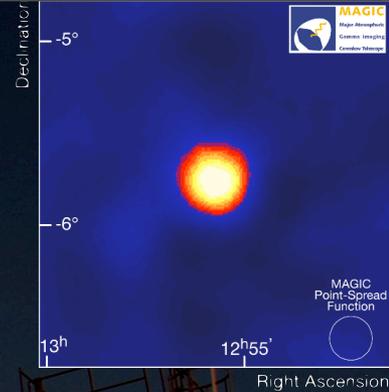
- ▶ First Flat Spectrum Radio Quasar !!
- ▶ Redshift  $z=0.536$
- ▶ Apparent luminosity  $\approx 10^{48}$  erg/s
- ▶ Brightest EGRET AGN (Wehrle+97,98)
- ▶ Gamma-ray flares in 1991 and 1996:  
High dynamical range in EGRET data
- ▶ Fast time variation:  $\Delta T \sim 6$ hr in 1996 flare



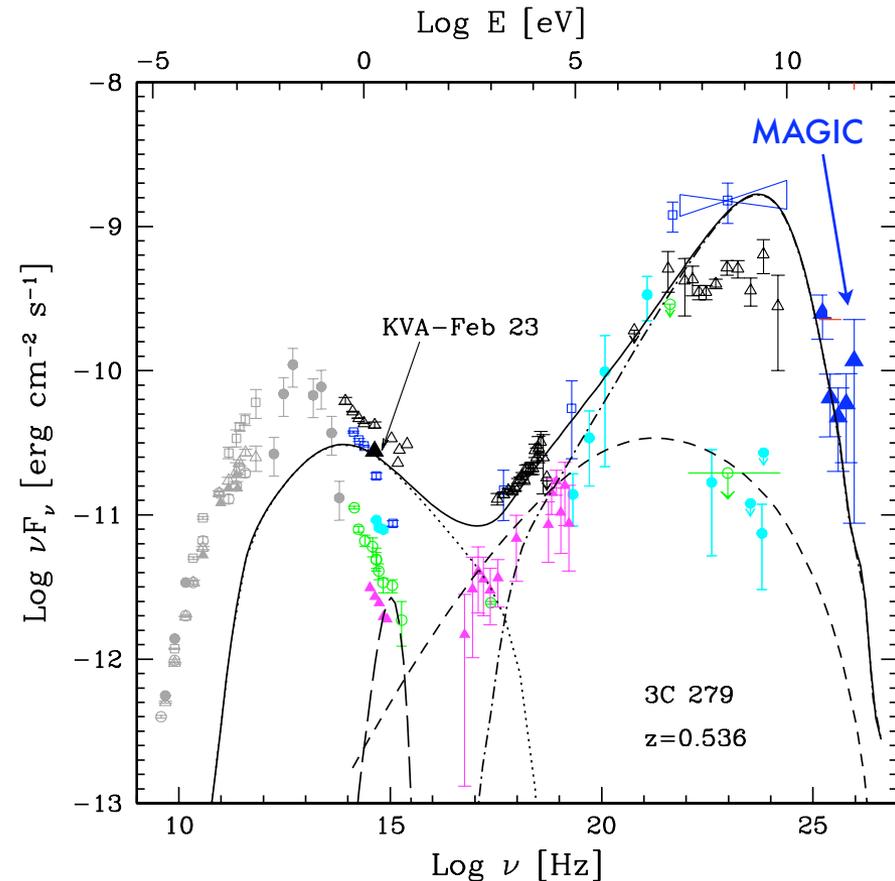
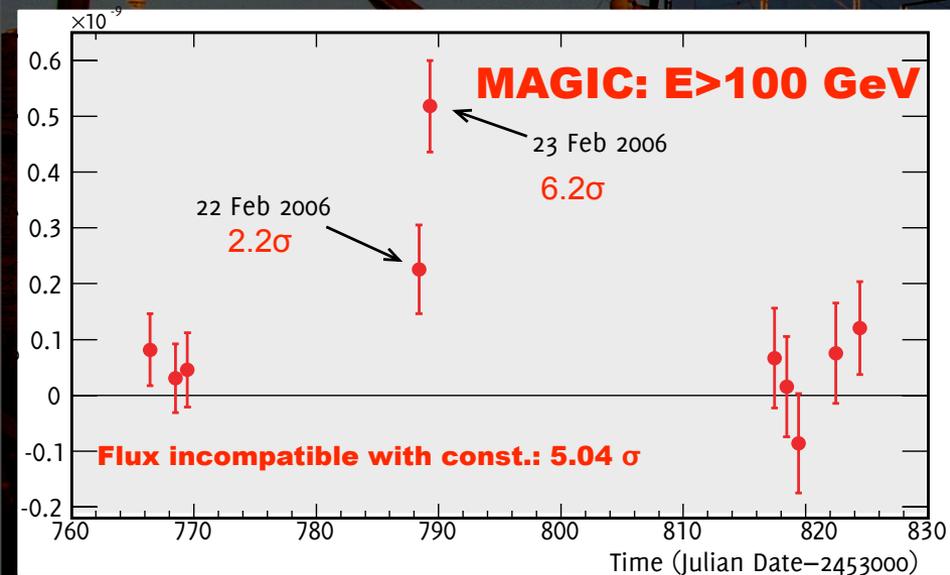


# 3C 279 MAGIC observations Jan -April 2006

- Modeling of 3C 279 non-trivial:
  - FSRQ → bright emission lines:
  - External photon fields important (Dermer+93, Sikora+94)
  - External-Inverse Compton
  - Modeling required, more free parameters
  - VHE provides vital input!

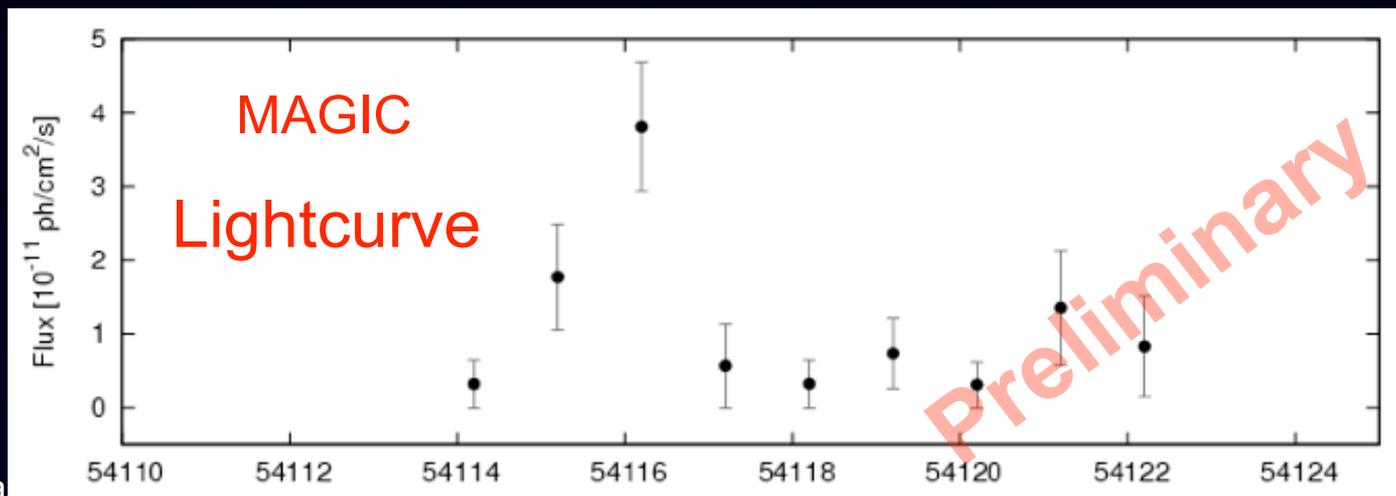
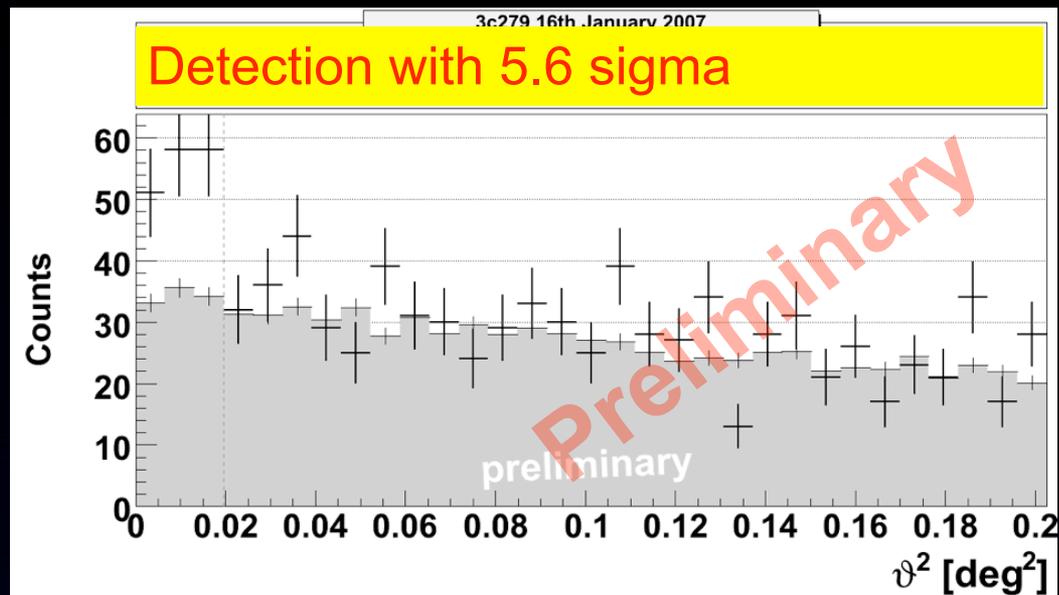


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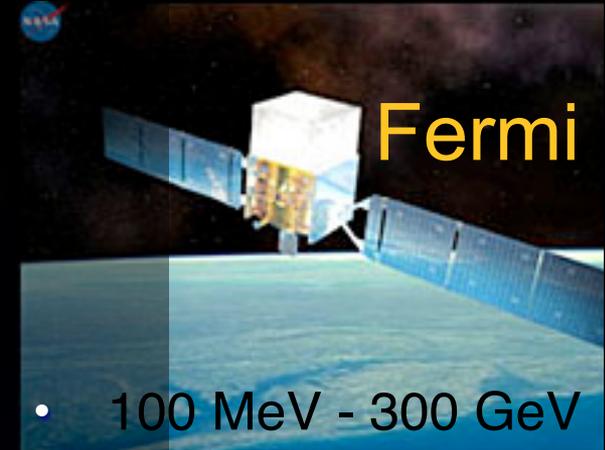


# 3C279 follow-up observations: Signal is still there !

- Observation:  
January 16, 2007



# Mkn 421: First combined spectrum of IC peak: Fermi and MAGIC

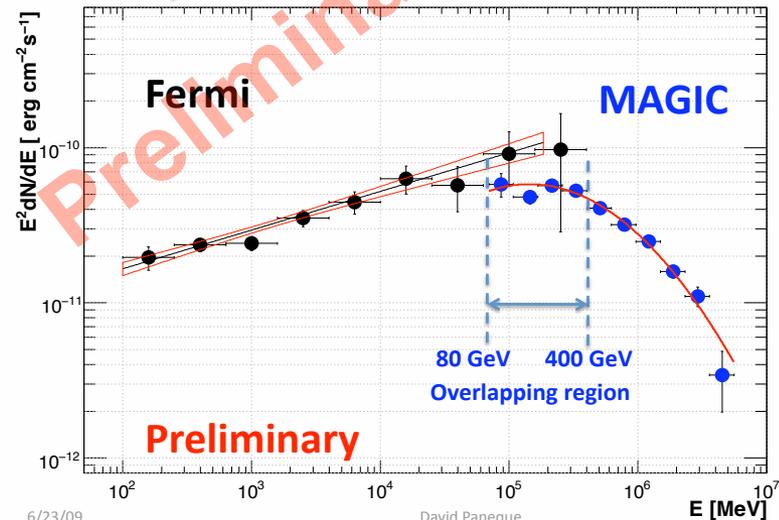


- 10 day multiwavelength campaign Jan 20 - May 31, 2009
- Radio: OVRO, Effelsberg, Noto...
- Infrared: WIRO,
- Optical: GASP, GRT, MITSuMe...
- X-ray: Swift, RXTE
- Gamma-ray: Fermi
- VHE: MAGIC, VERITAS
- Small offset: (Bins are not exactly time-coincident because Fermi observes 24h)

## First simultaneous GeV-TeV spectrum of Mrk421

Good agreement between these 2 different instruments.  
Energy coverage of 5 orders of magnitude without GAPS.

→ Important for modeling of the source



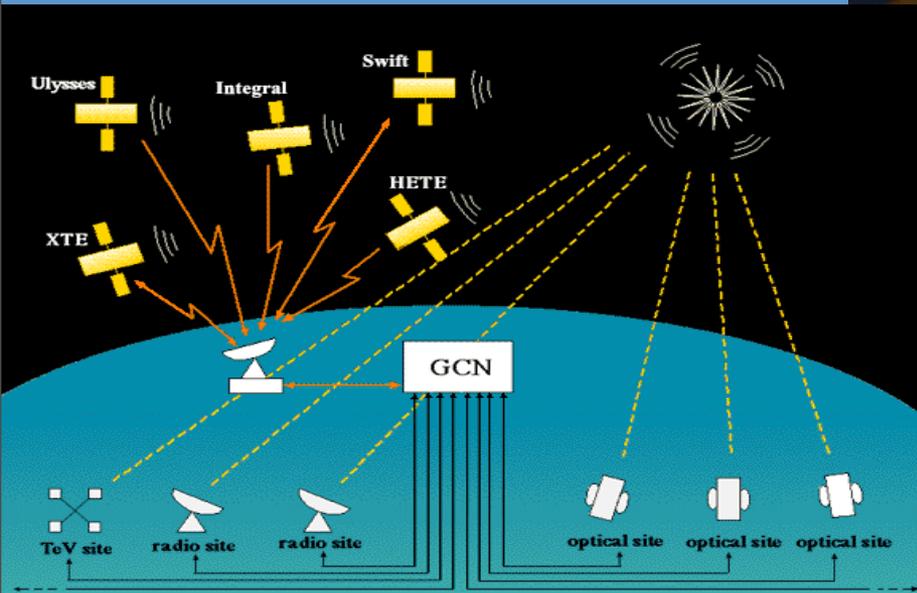


# GRBs with MAGIC

Missed also 080319B  
at  $z=0.937$ , biggest  
GRB ever!

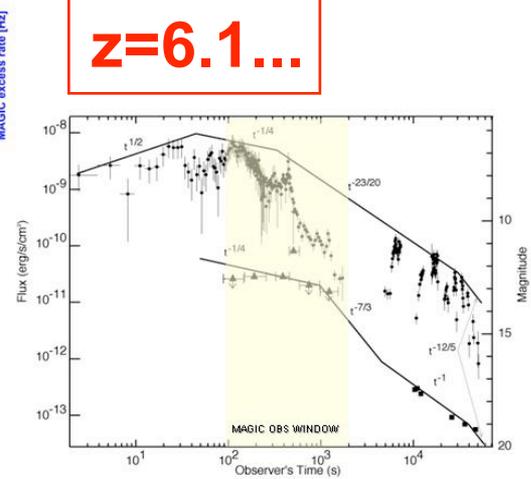
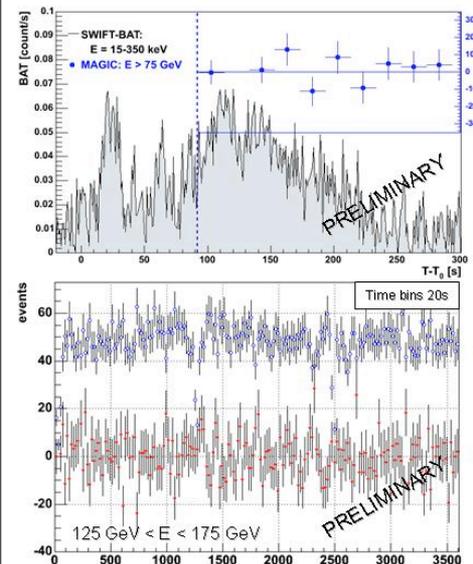
Next BIG ONE awaited!

Drive upgrade:  
Repositioning time:  
MAGIC II: 17 sec/180 deg  
MAGIC I: 20 sec/180 deg



## The Case of GRB050904

**$z=6.1...$**



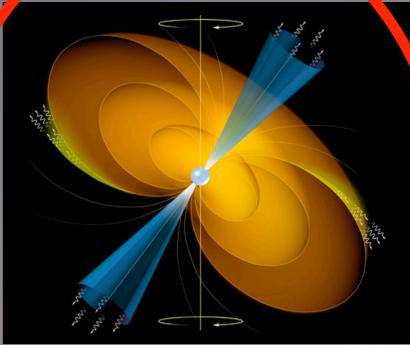
### GRB - Observed GRB locations

GRB WG:  
ApJ 667, 358

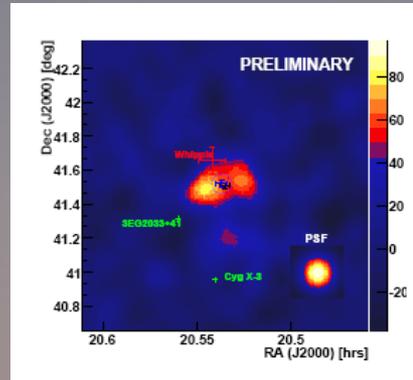
GRB	$t_0$	$\Delta t_{\text{alert}}$	$\Delta t_{\text{oss}}$	$t_{\text{go}}$	$\langle ZA \rangle$
050421	04:11:52	58 s	83 s	10 s	50°
050502a	02:14:18	18 s	990 s	20 s	42°
050505	23			0 s	55°
050509a	01			2 s	50°
050509b	04			13 s	49°
050528	04:06:45	43 s	77 s	11 s	50°
050713a	04:29:02	13 s	40 s	27 s	49°
050904	01:51:44	82 s	92 s	225 s	20°
060121	22:24:54	15 s	583 s	2 s	42°
060203	23:53:35	171 s	185 s	83 s	40°
060206	04:46:53	16 s	25 s	11 s	10°

Typical repositioning  
10-30 s

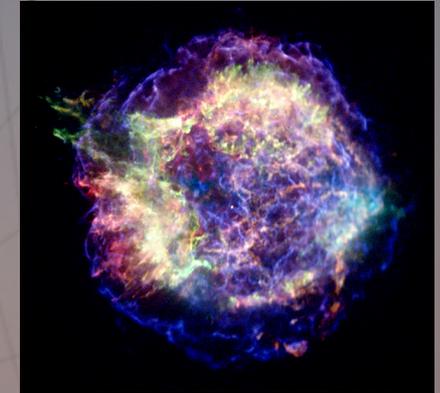
# Some Galactic Source Highlights



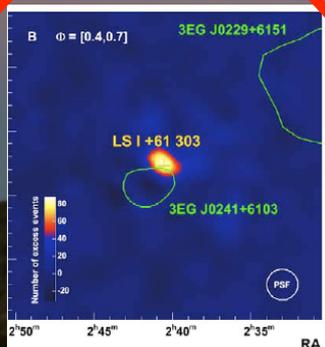
**Crab Nebula/  
Crab pulsar**



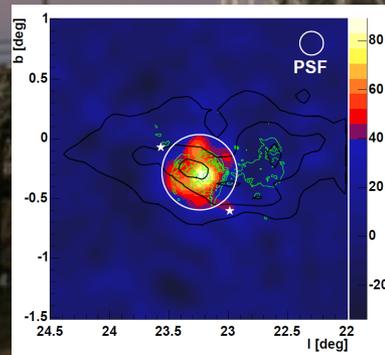
**J2032+4130**



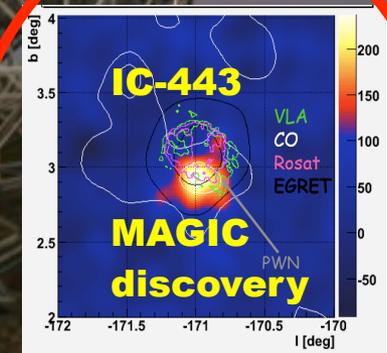
**Caseopeia A**



**LSI+61 303 Binary  
Discovered by MAGIC**

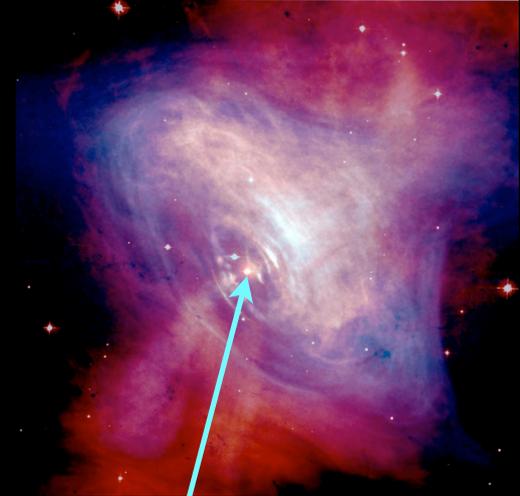
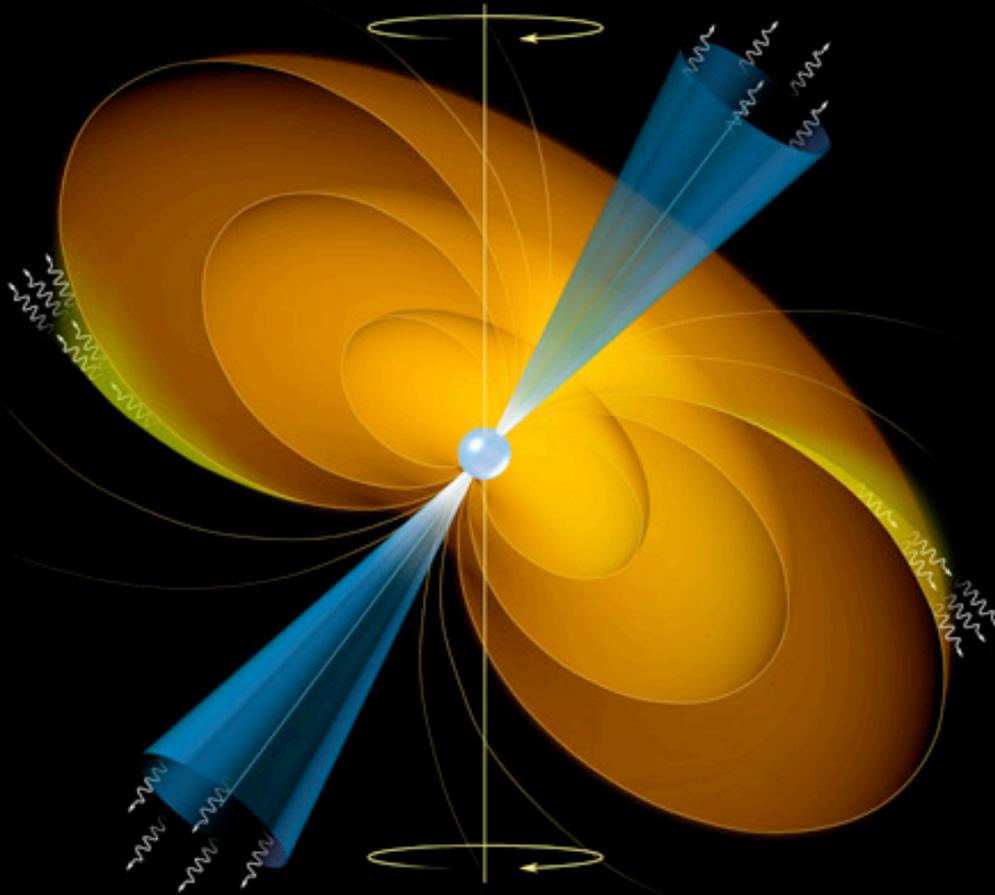


**HESS J1834  
<sup>13</sup>CO cloud**



**Confirmed by Veritas !**

# Pulsar observations with MAGIC



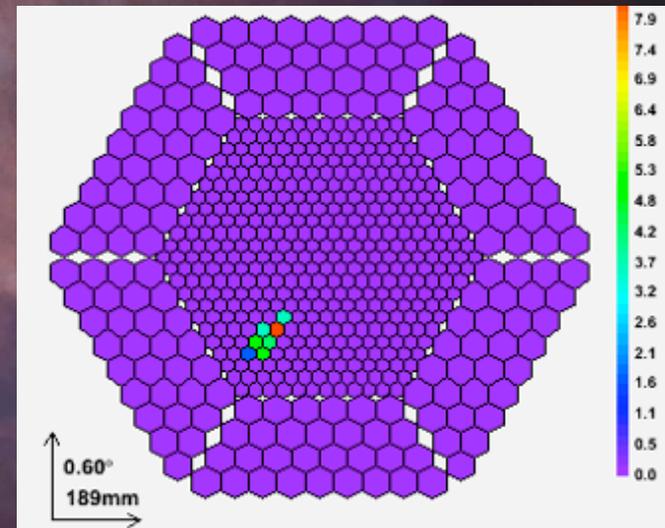
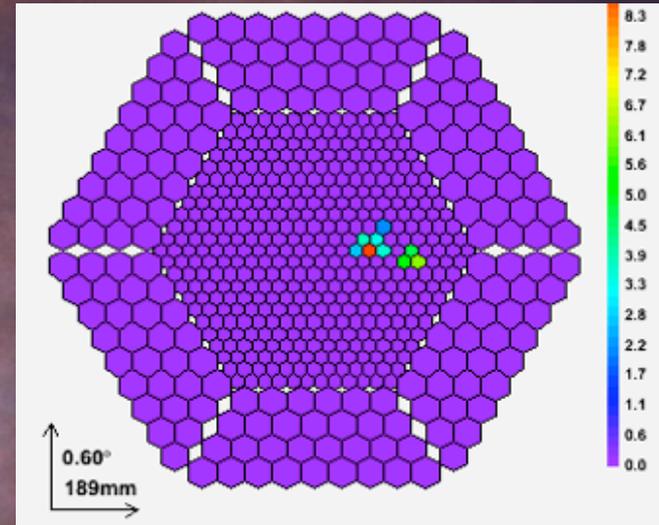
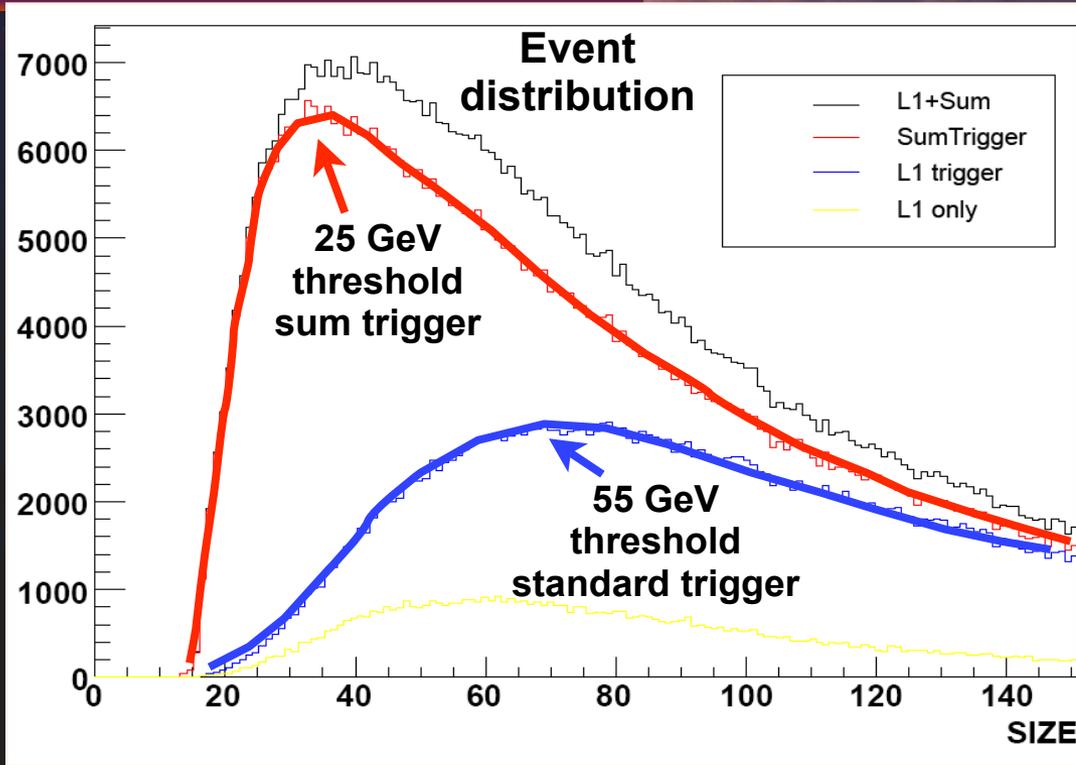
**Crab pulsar**

- o Huge magnetic field of  $10^8\text{T}$
- o Absorption of gamma rays through magnetic pair production
- o Polar cap model, outer gap model & slot gap model

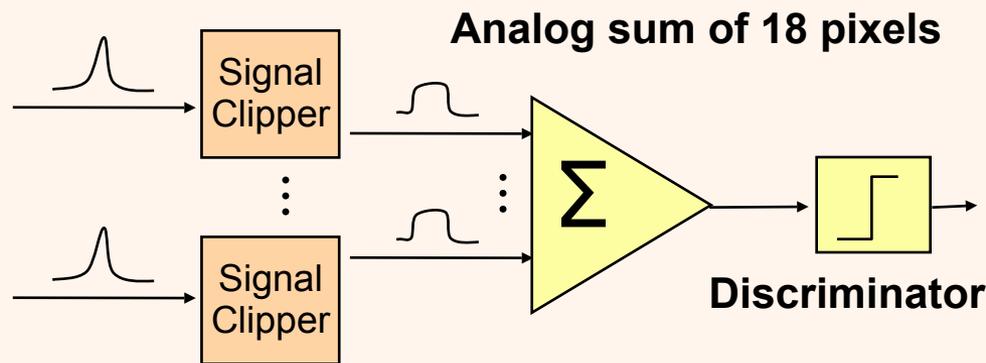


# New Sum trigger

--> Lower trigger threshold 25 GeV !!



o Examples of 25 GeV showers

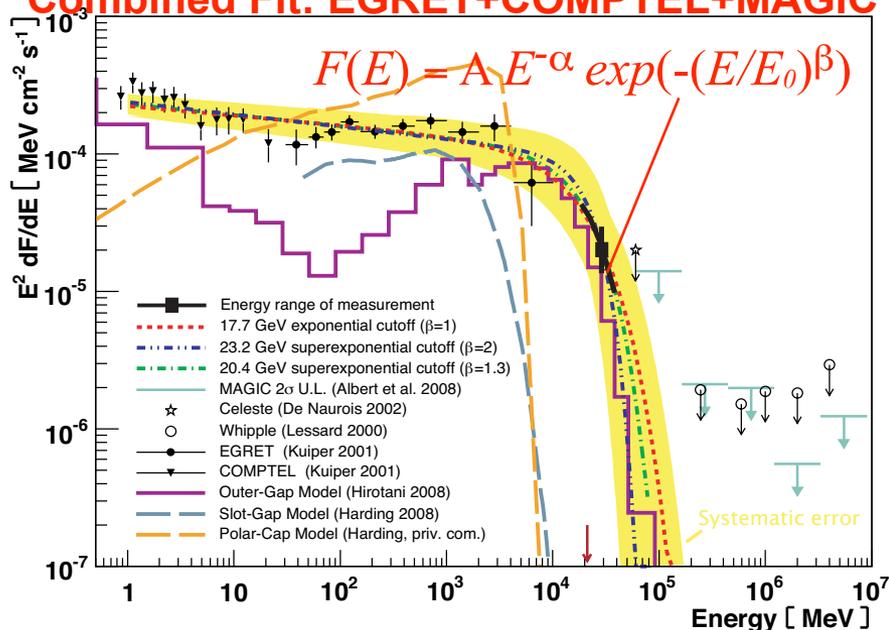




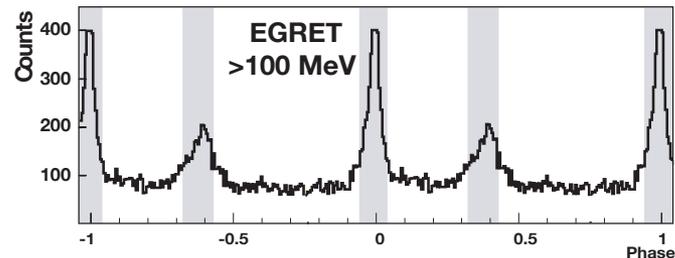
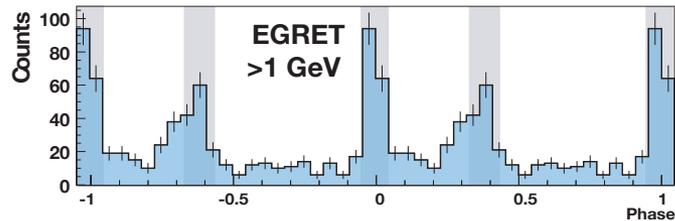
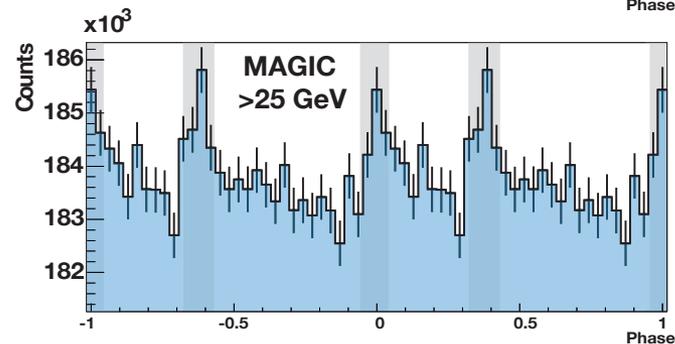
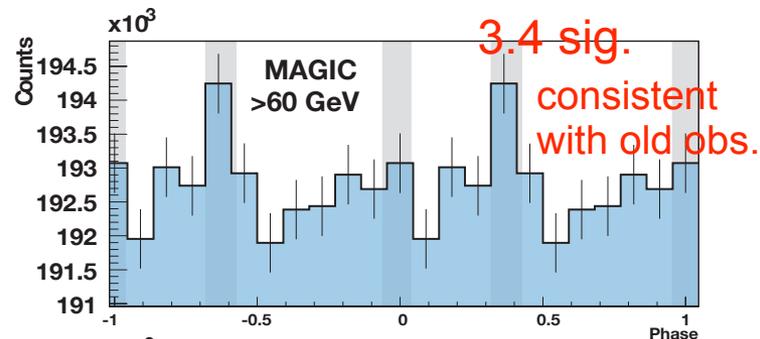
# Detection of the Crab pulsar above 25 GeV at 6.4 sigma !

- o Crab observation from October 2007 until February 2008: 22.3h good hours/40 hours: 8500+-1330 Excess events
- o Pulses in phase with EGRET
- o P1 = P2 !! at 25 GeV

## Combined Fit: EGRET+COMPTEL+MAGIC



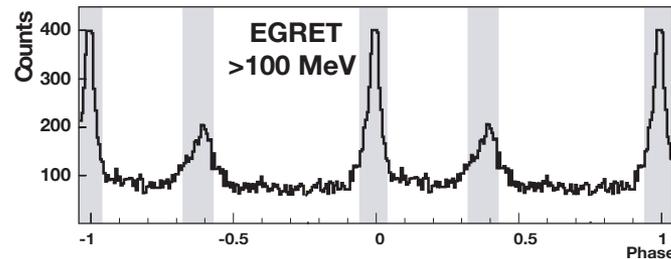
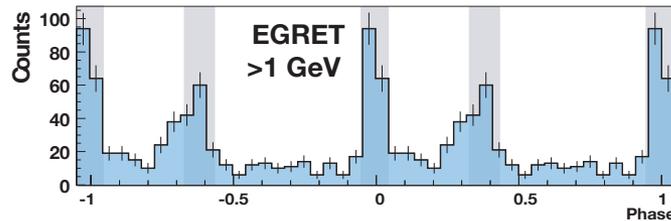
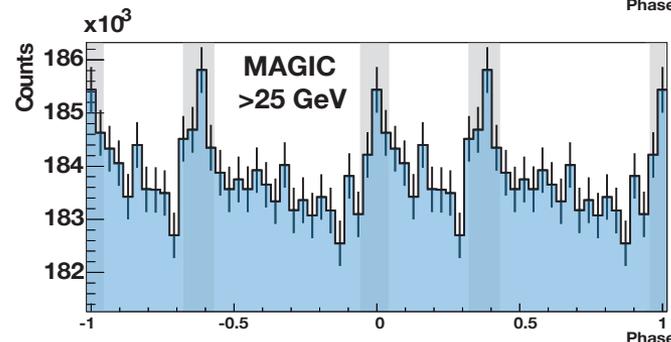
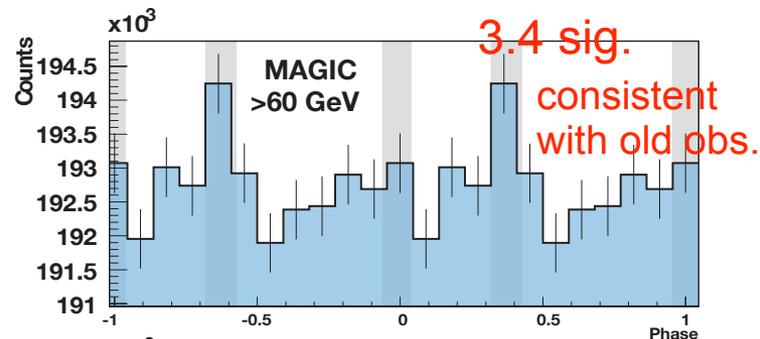
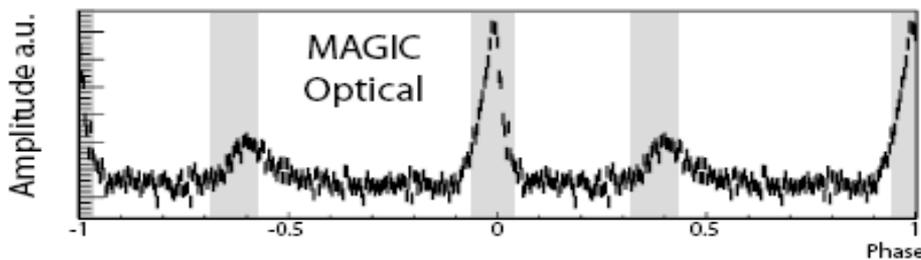
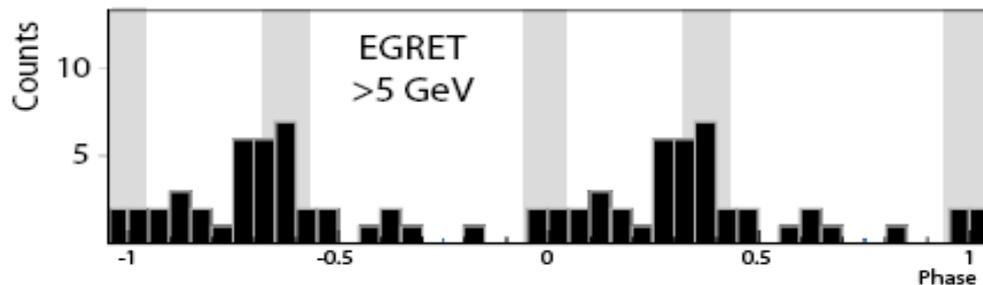
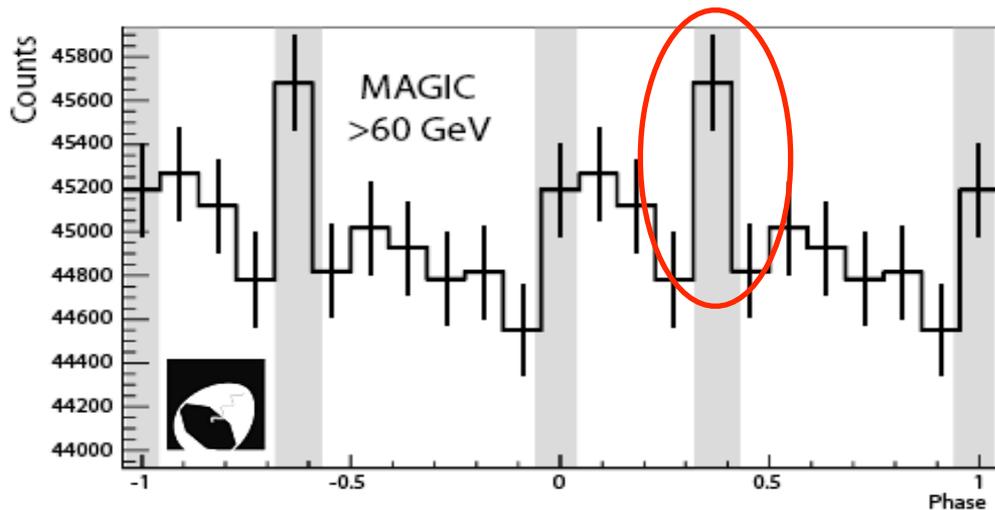
$E_0 = 17.7 \pm 2.8_{\text{stat}} \pm 5.0_{\text{syst}}$  GeV for  $\beta = 1$  (exp.)  
 $E_0 = 23.2 \pm 2.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 6.6_{\text{syst}}$  GeV for  $\beta = 2$  (super-exp.)





# Detection of the Crab pulsar above 25 GeV at 6.4 sigma !

Previous observation of Crab in 2006/7

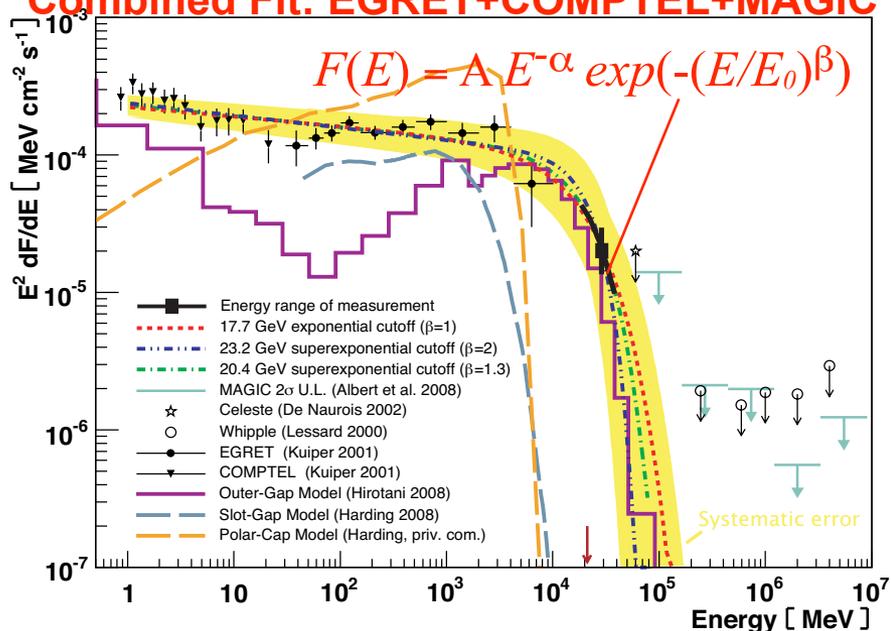




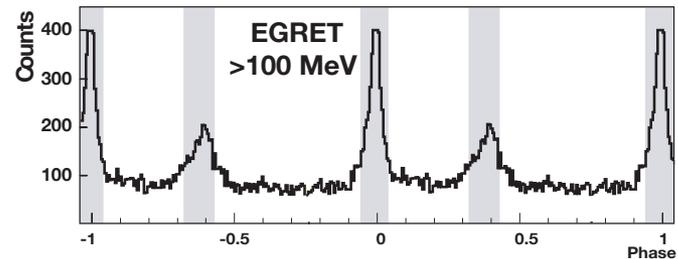
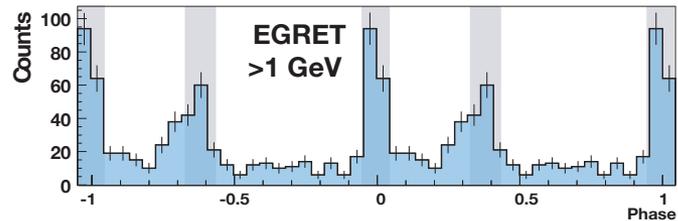
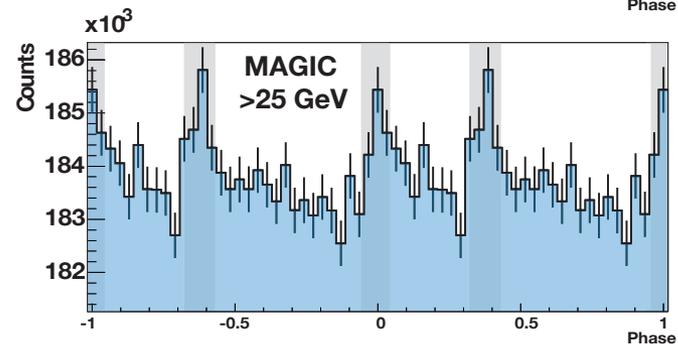
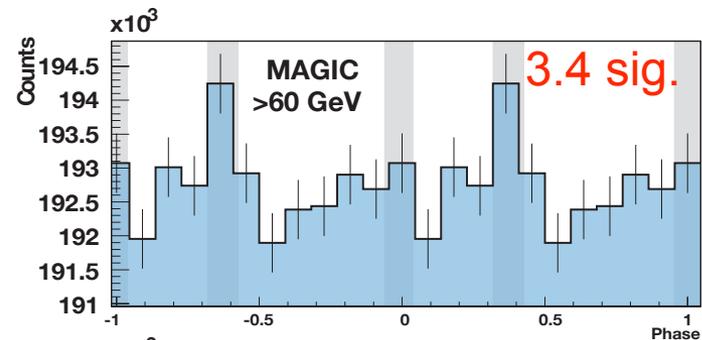
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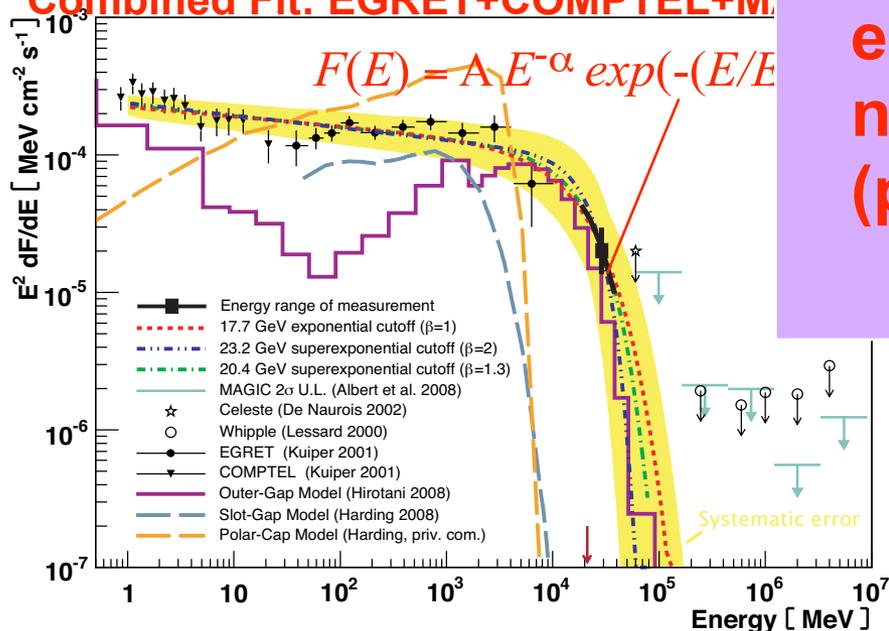




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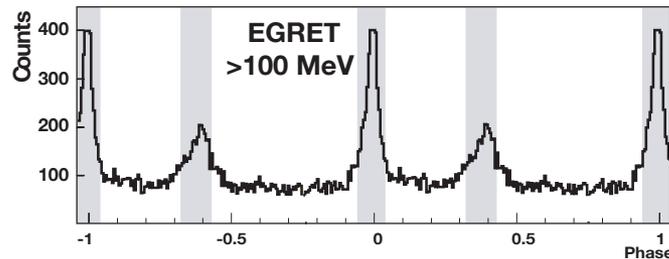
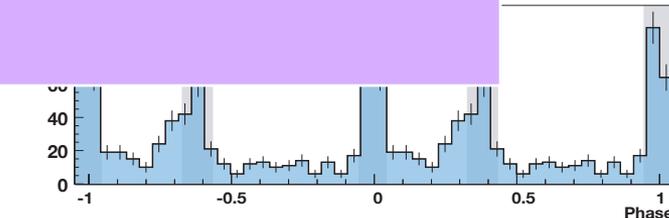
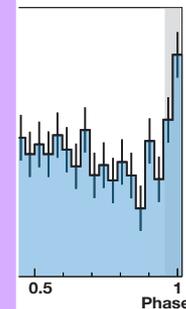
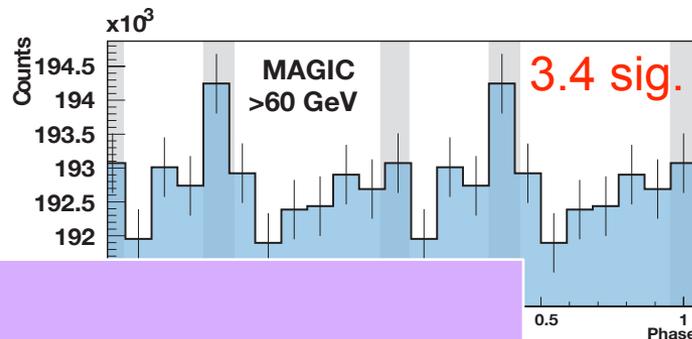
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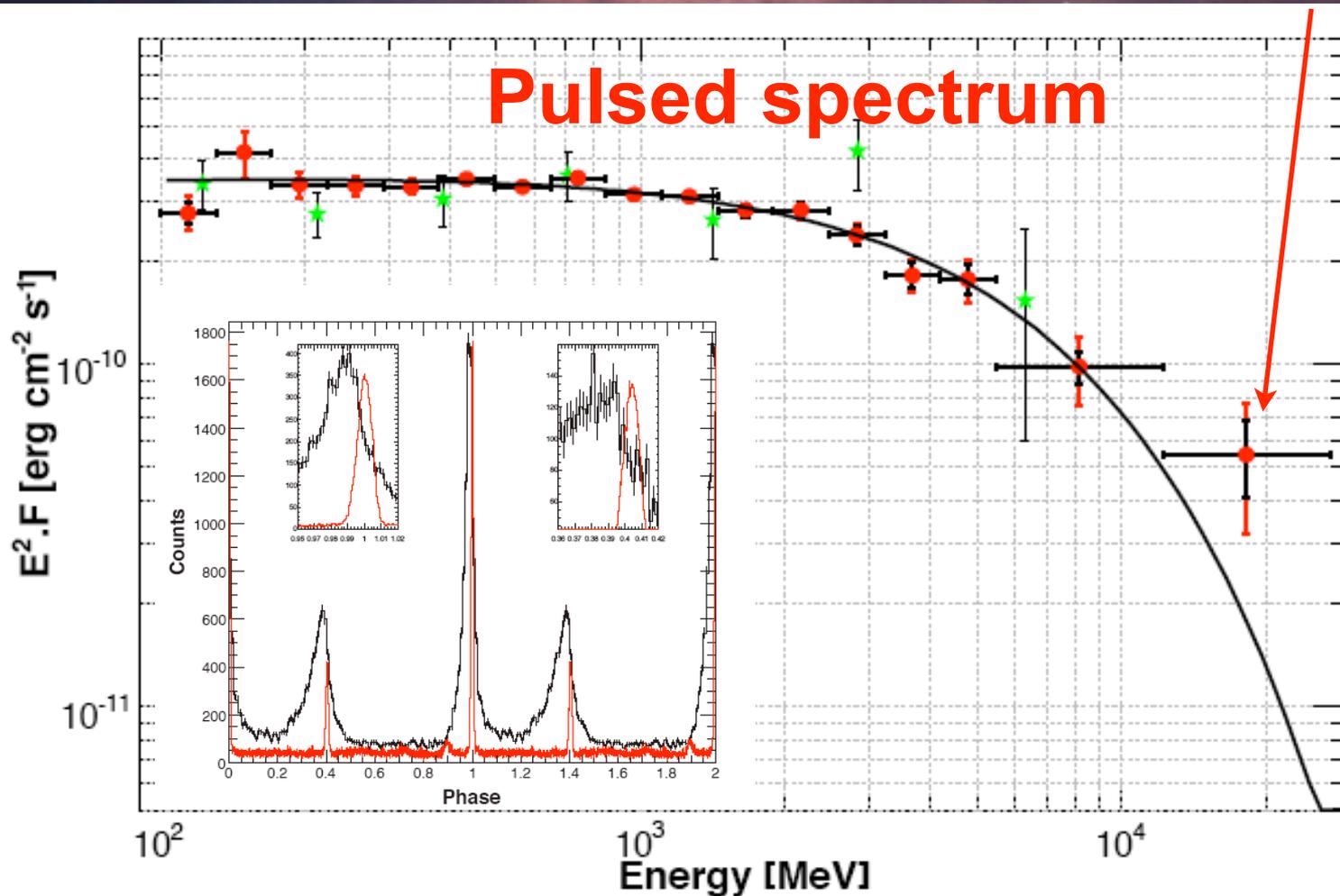
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High cutoff excludes emission close to the neutron star !!  
 (polar cap model)



# Fermi observation of Crab pulsar

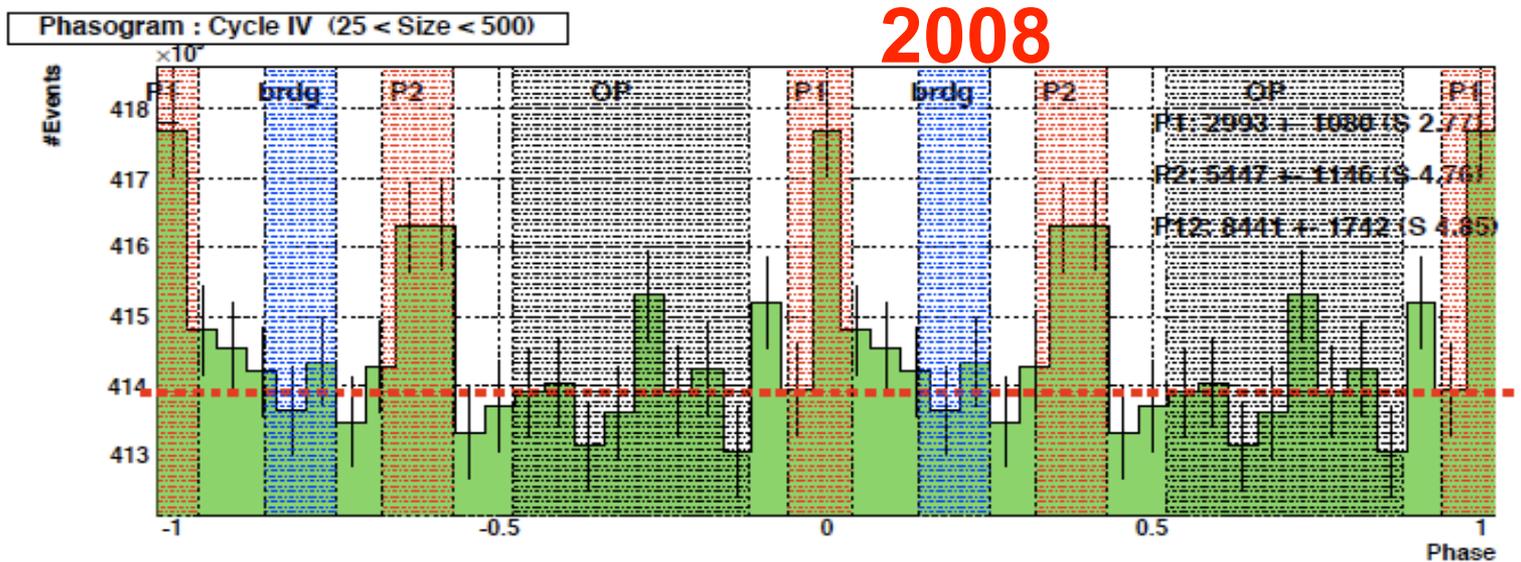
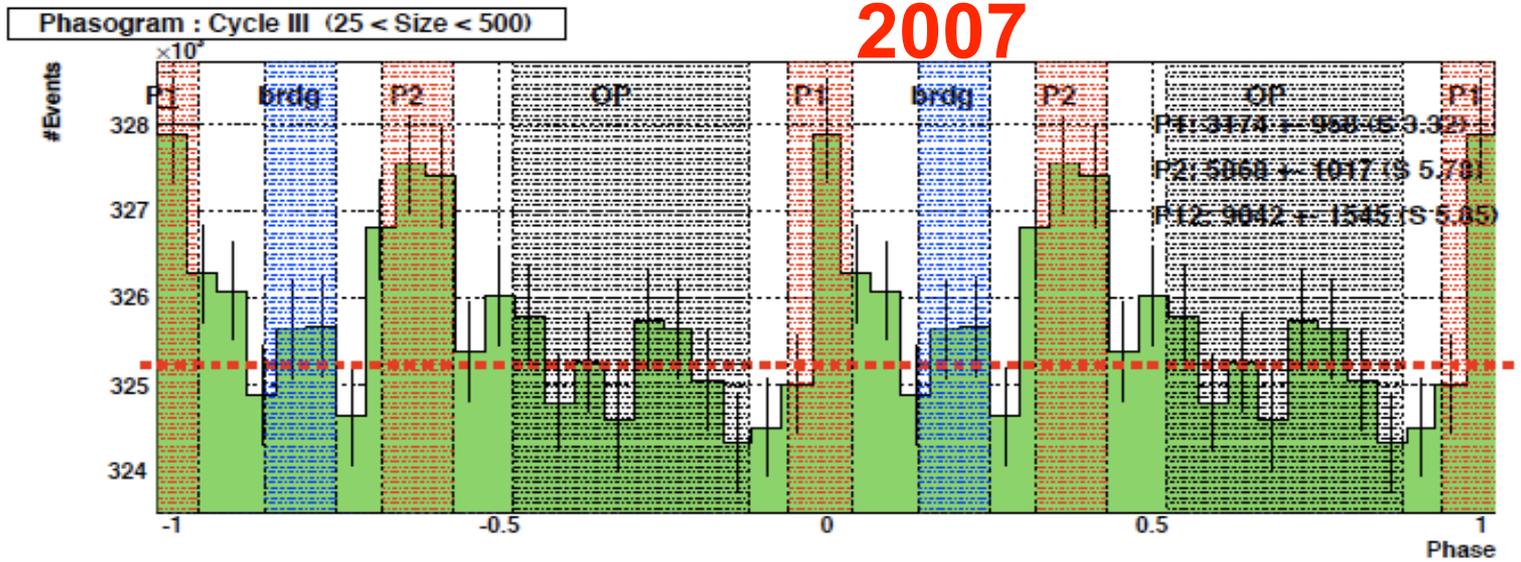
- o Exponential cutoff at  $E_c = (5.8 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV})$  (neglecting the last point)





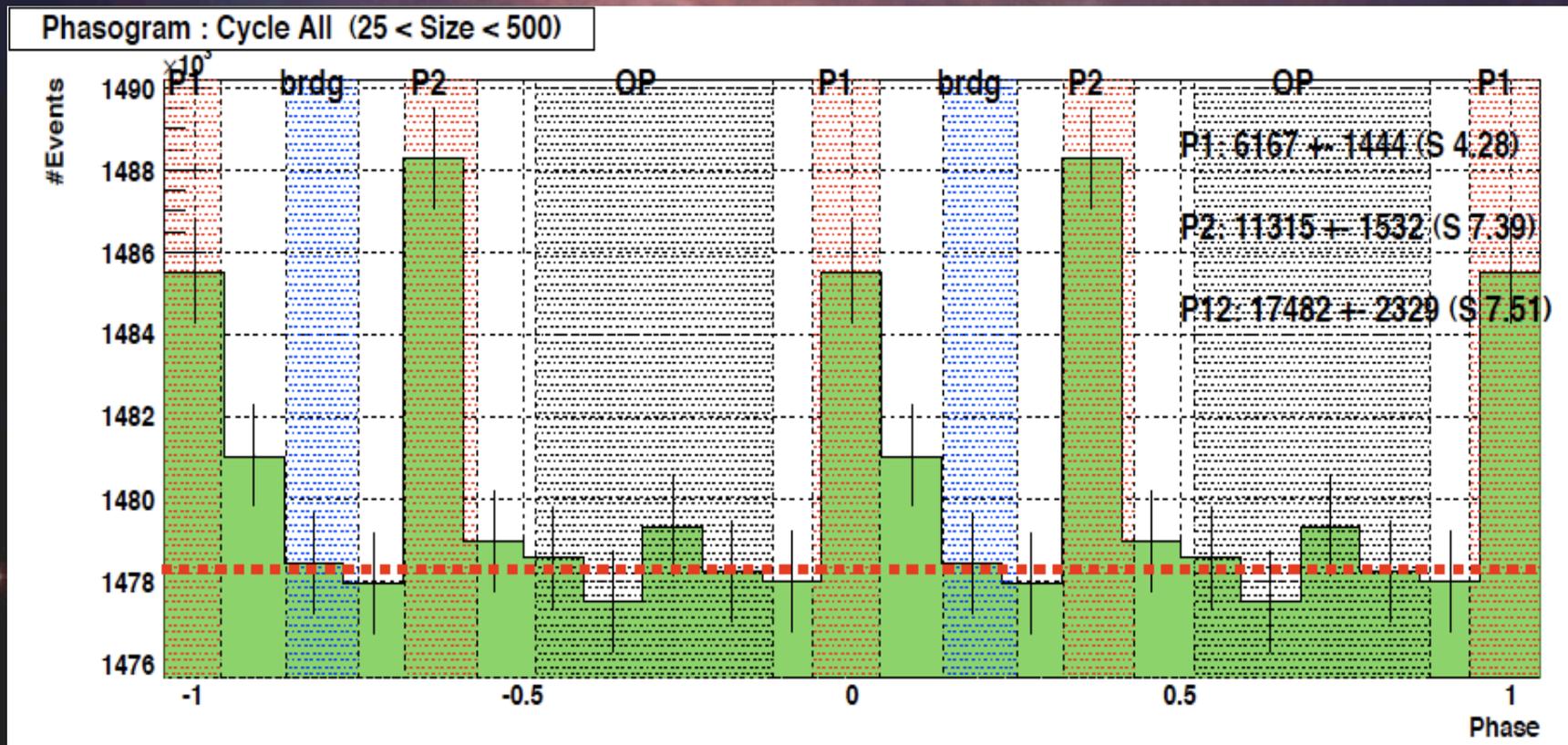
# MAGIC follow-up observations 2008

(work of Takayuki Saito)



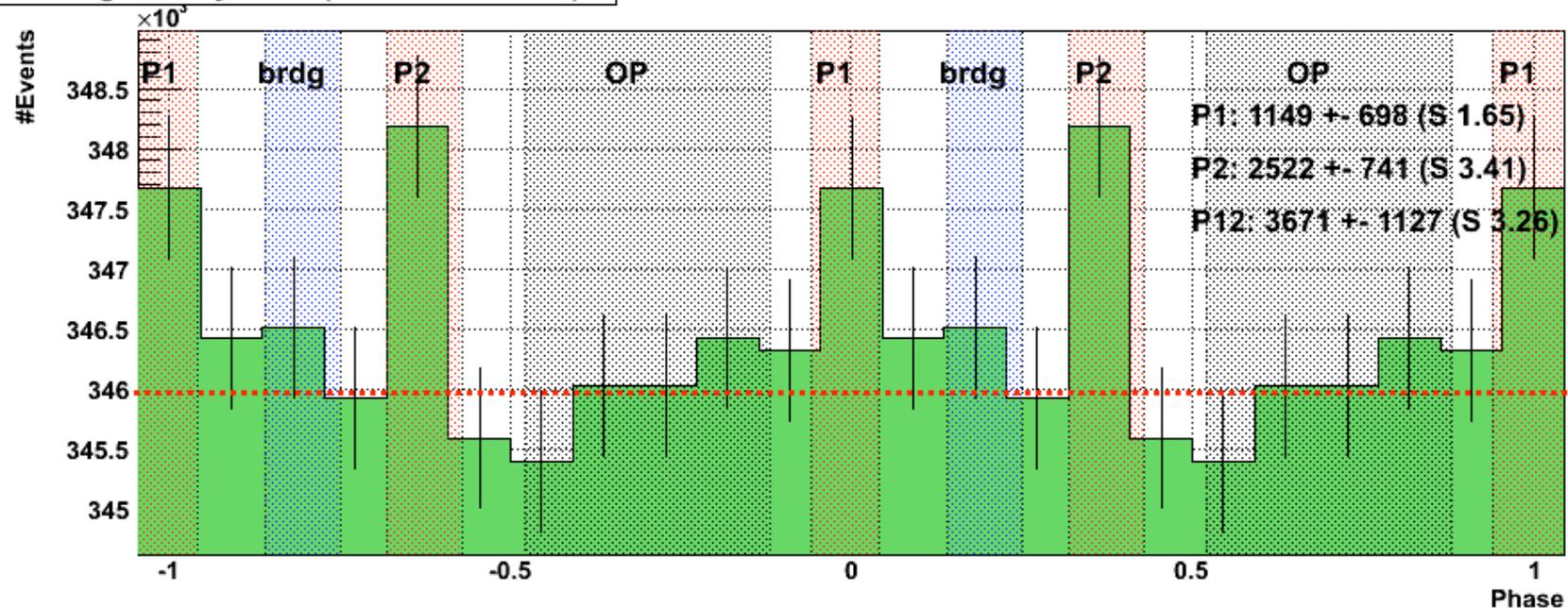


# All data: 7.5 Sigma above 25 GeV



# Emission above 60 GeV ?

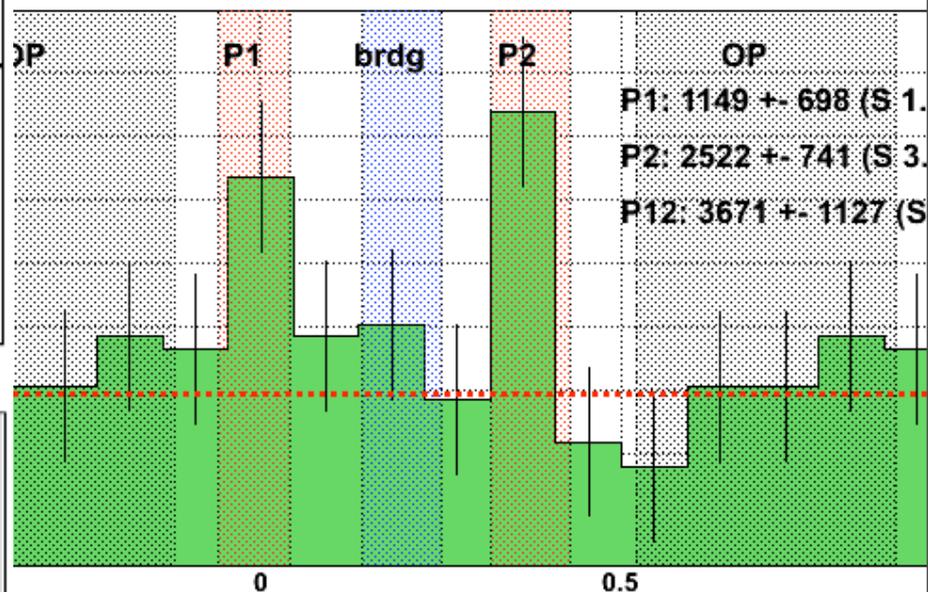
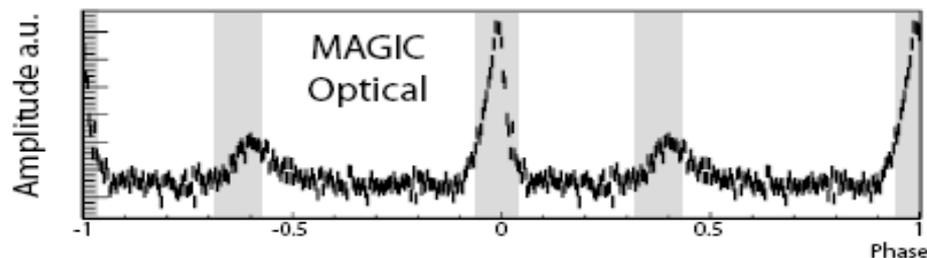
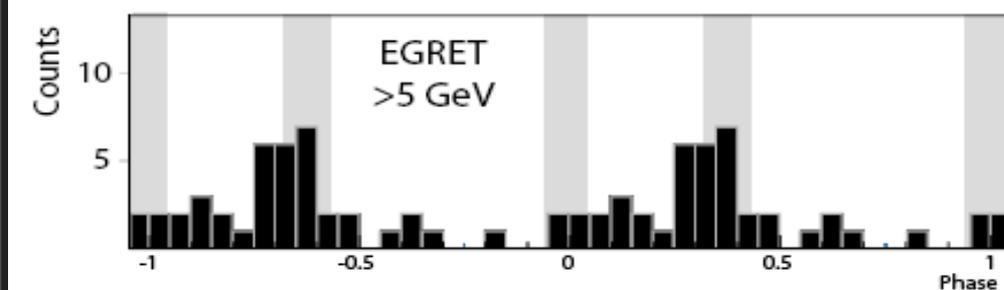
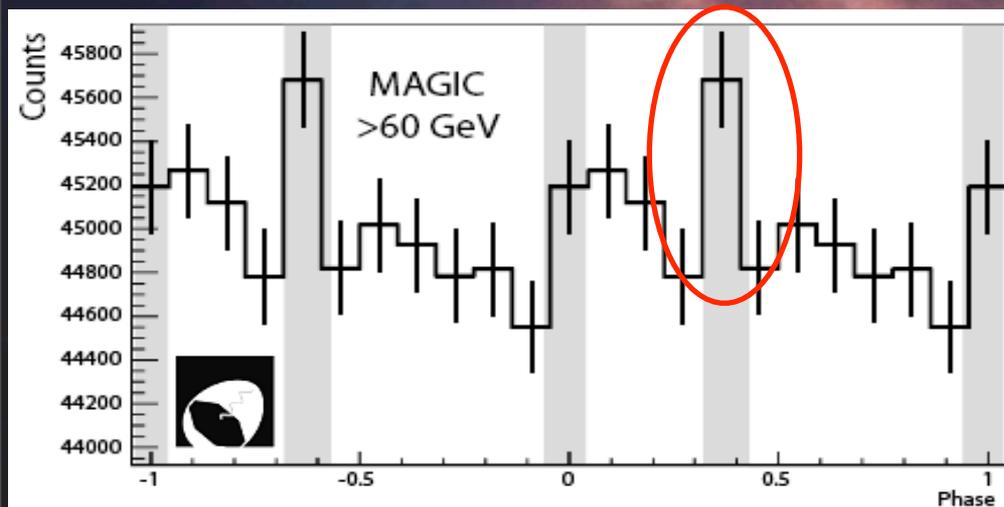
Phasogram : Cycle All ( 100 < SIZE < 500 )





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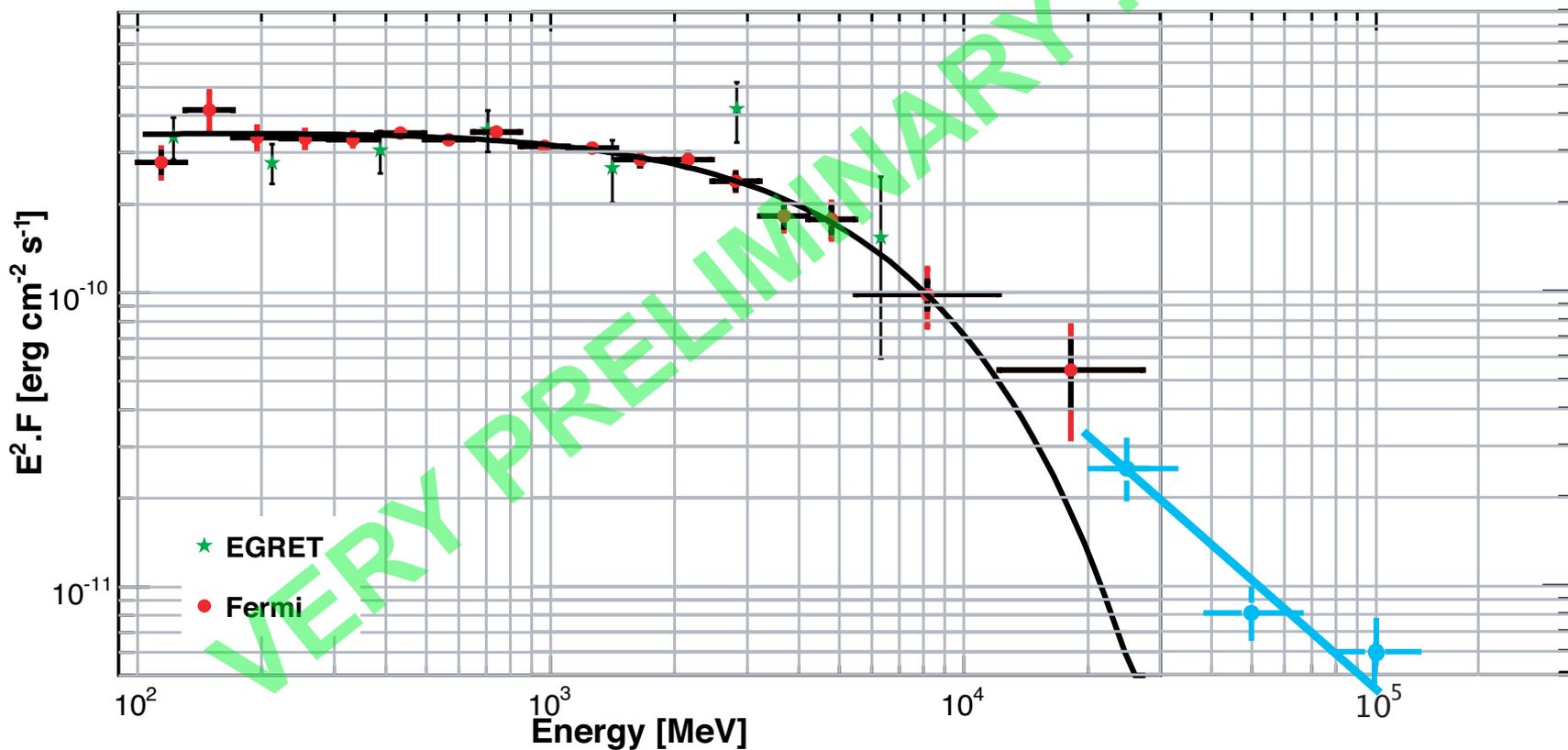
Previous observation of Crab in 2006/7



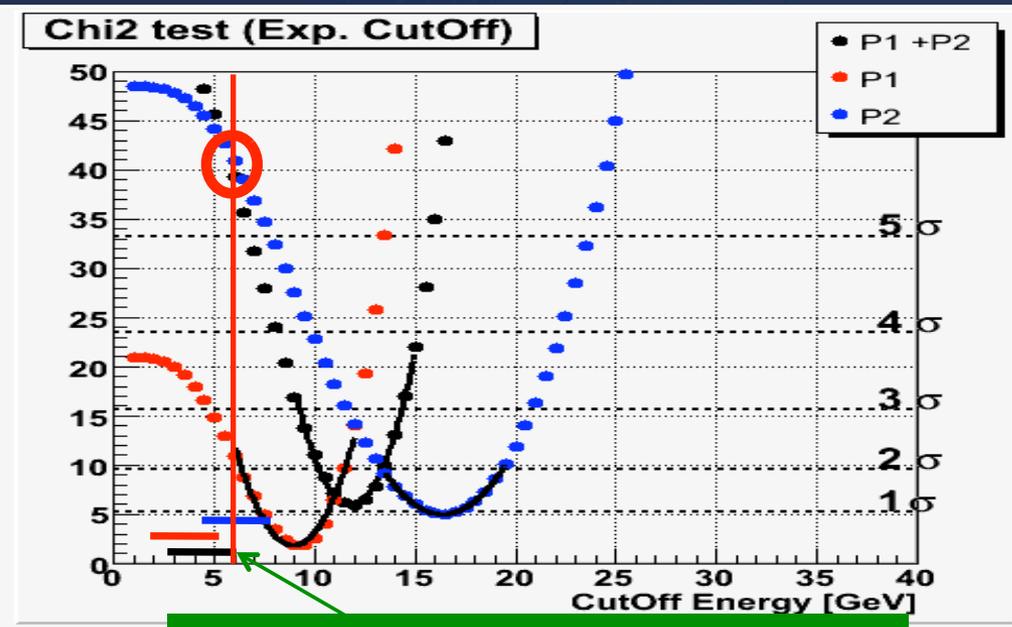


# MAGIC Crab pulsar spectrum

(work of Takayuki Saito)



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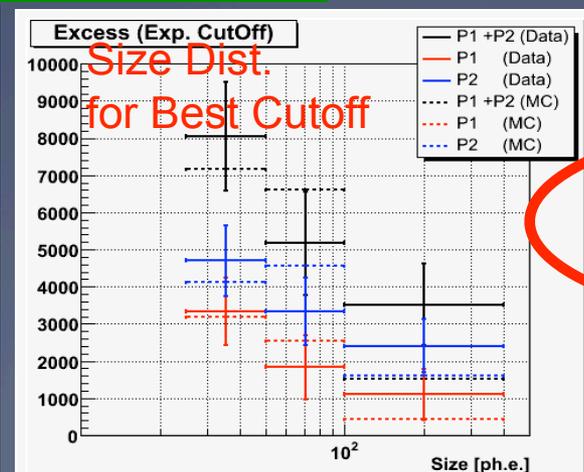
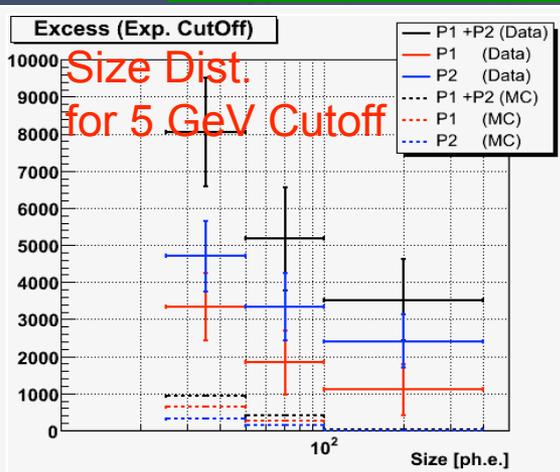


Fermi Cutoff Energies +/- Stat. +/- Sys Error

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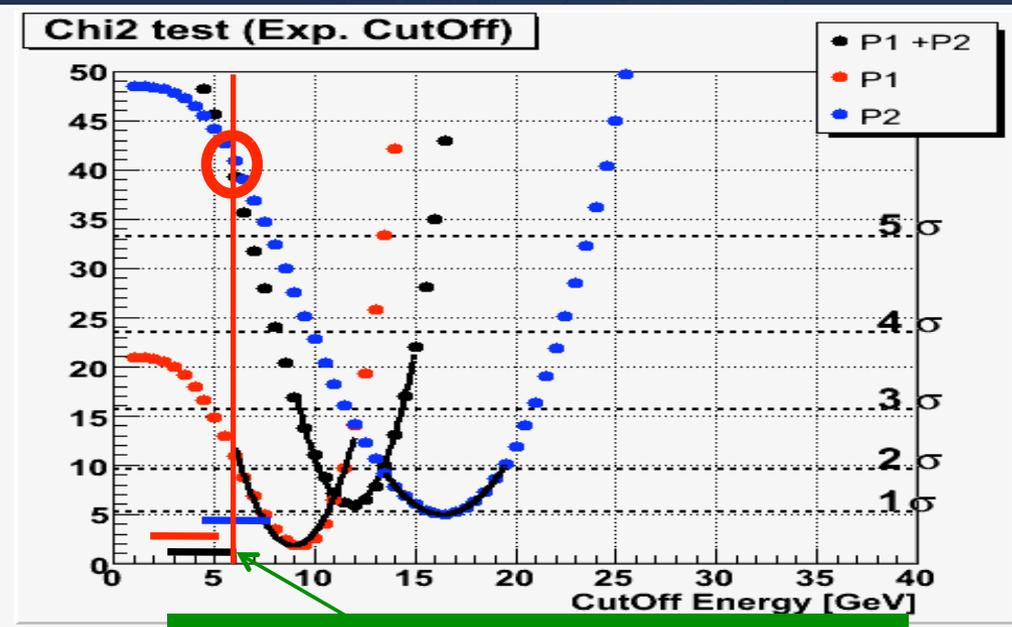
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Exponential cutoff spectra fitting to Fermi data are not consistent with MAGIC!! by > 5 sigma

Super Exponential Cutoff is already ruled out by Fermi Data

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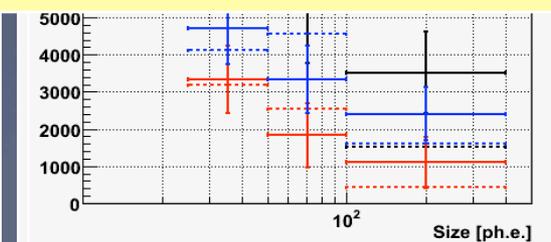
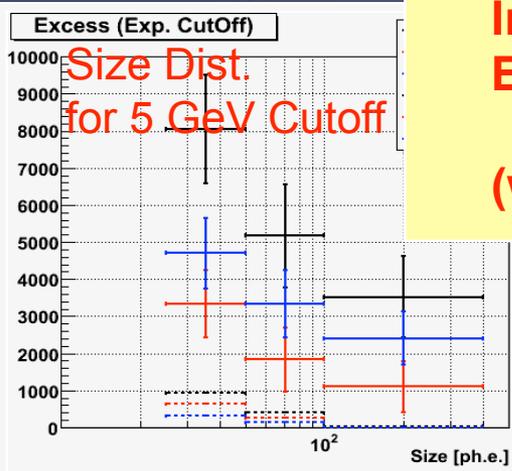
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(we used EGRET data first --> Fermi slightly different)

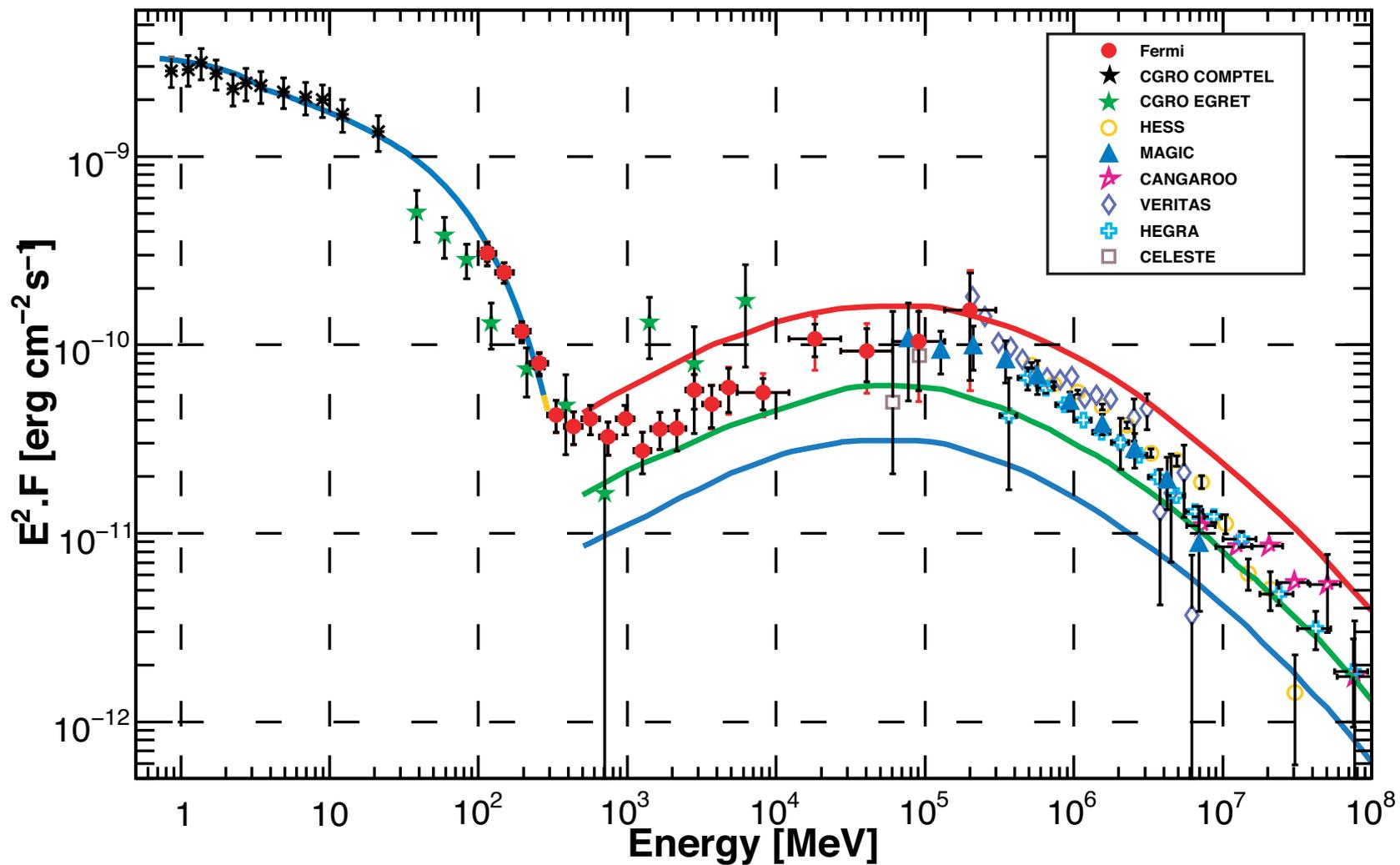


with MAGIC!! by > 5 sigma

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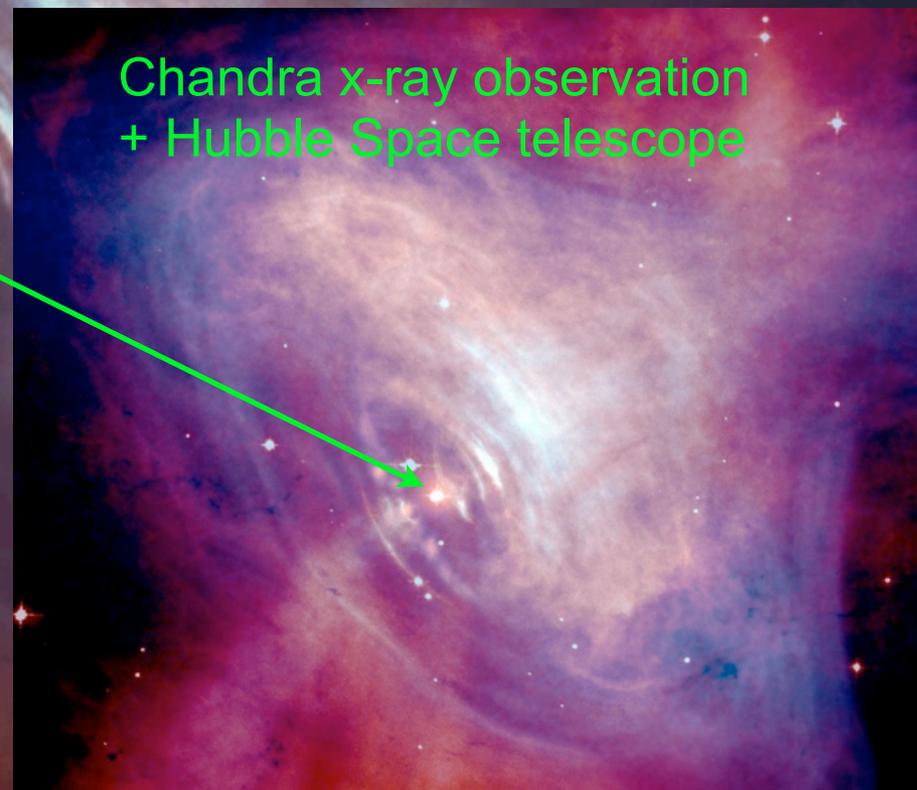
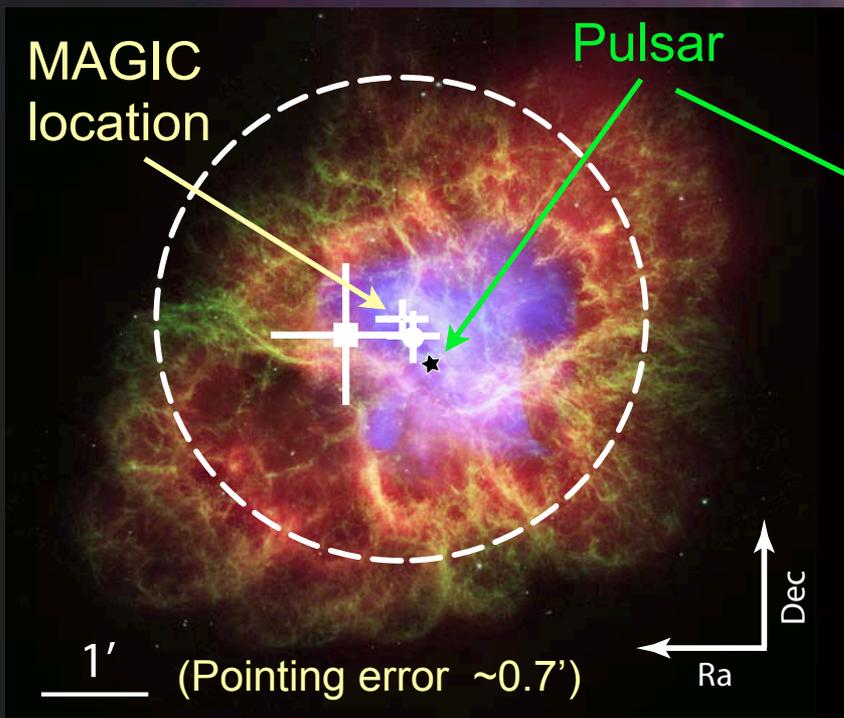
# Fermi Crab Nebula measurements





# What is the connection between pulsar and nebula ?

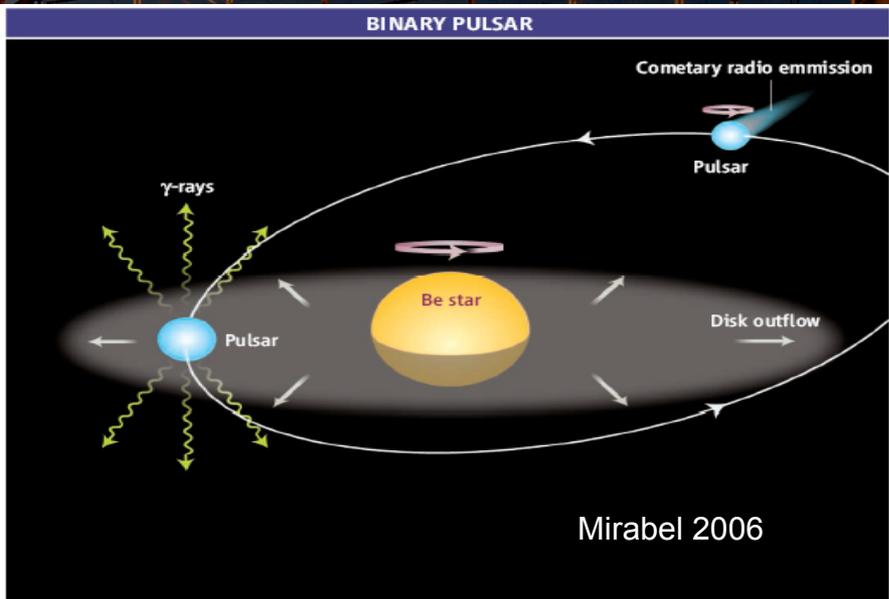
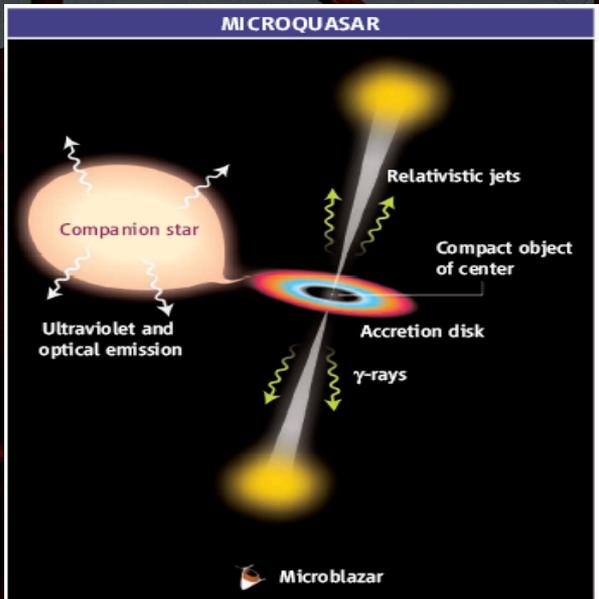
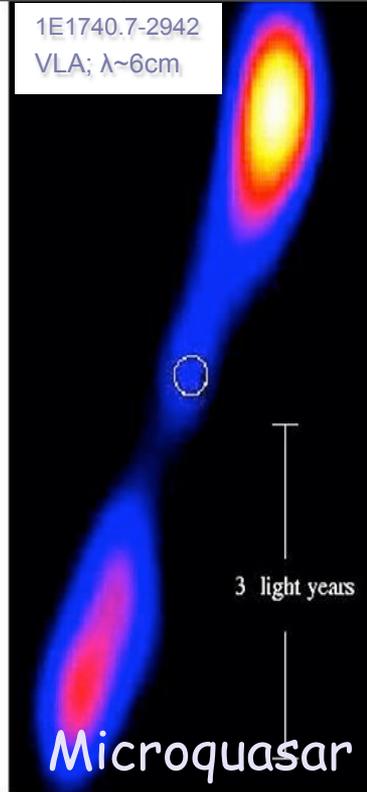
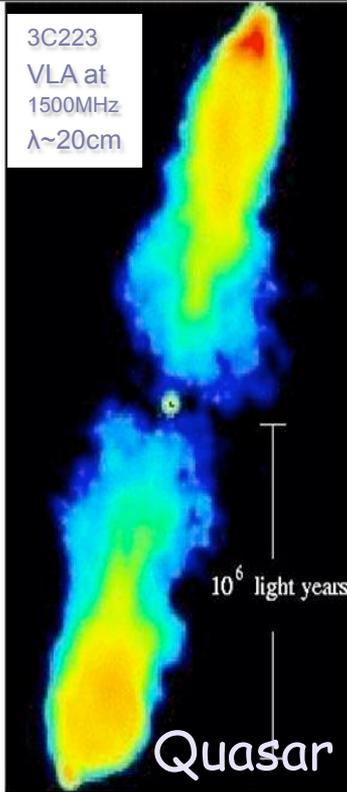
- o Exact location of VHE gamma nebula emission ? Emission point-like!
- o Variability in pulsar wind
- o Pulsar spectrum variable ? Spectrum of nebula (slightly) variable ?
- o Pulsar spectrum to high energies might give clues





# X-ray binary system LS I +61 303

- Radio jet; 26.5 days orbital period;
- $d \sim 2\text{kpc}$ ;
- Companion star: Be star  $\sim 18M_{\odot}$ , with a circumstellar disc.
- Compact star:  
Black hole/neutron star  $< 4M_{\odot}$
- High eccentric orbit ( $\epsilon \sim 0.7$ )

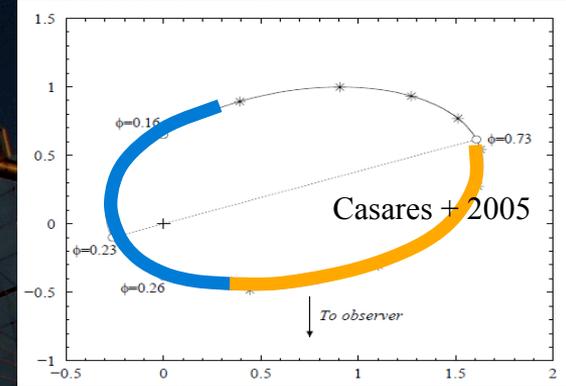




# LS I +61 303: Period 26.5d

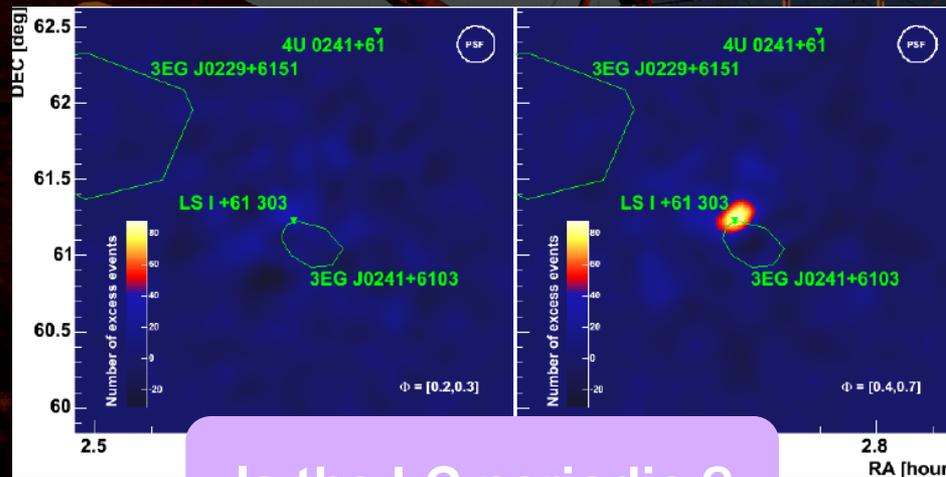
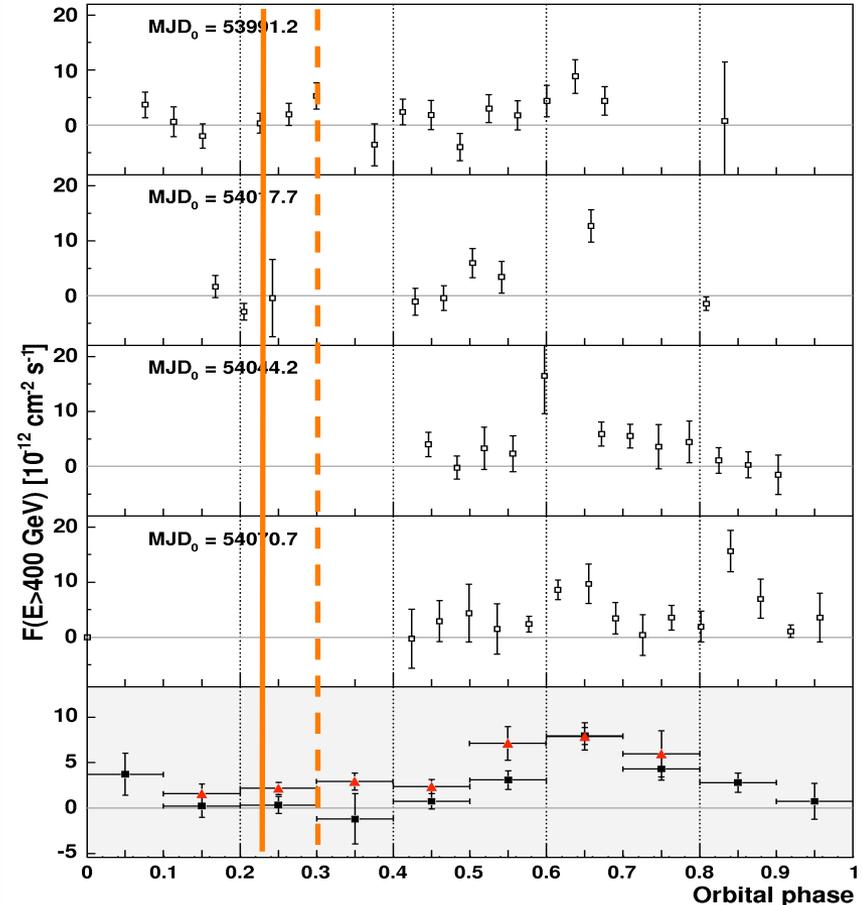
## 166 h observation

- Gamma ray binary discovered by MAGIC
- Periodic emission in Optical, Radio and X-ray
- VHE emission strongly variable
- Quiet at periastron
- Highest emission at phase 0.6-0.7
- Second peak at 0.8-0.9
- VHE emission mechanism controversial



Periastron

Albert et al. 2009



Is the LC periodic ?

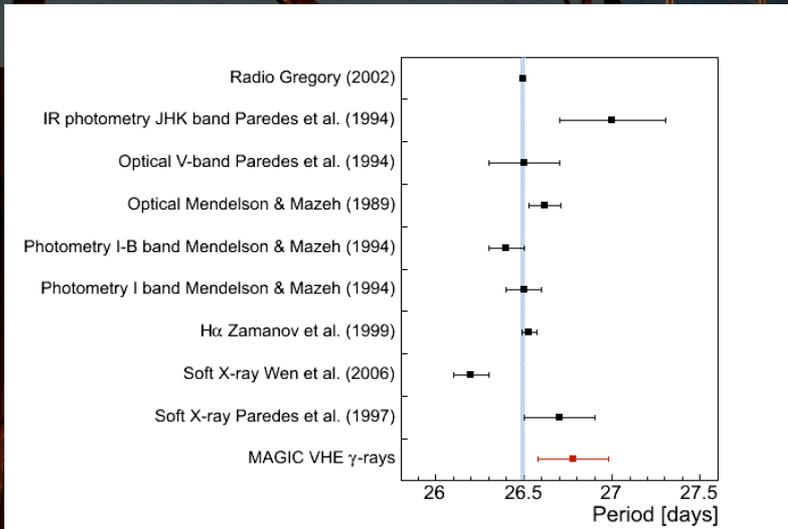
# MAGIC periodicity test

All data up to December 2006 tested with the Lomb Scargle method

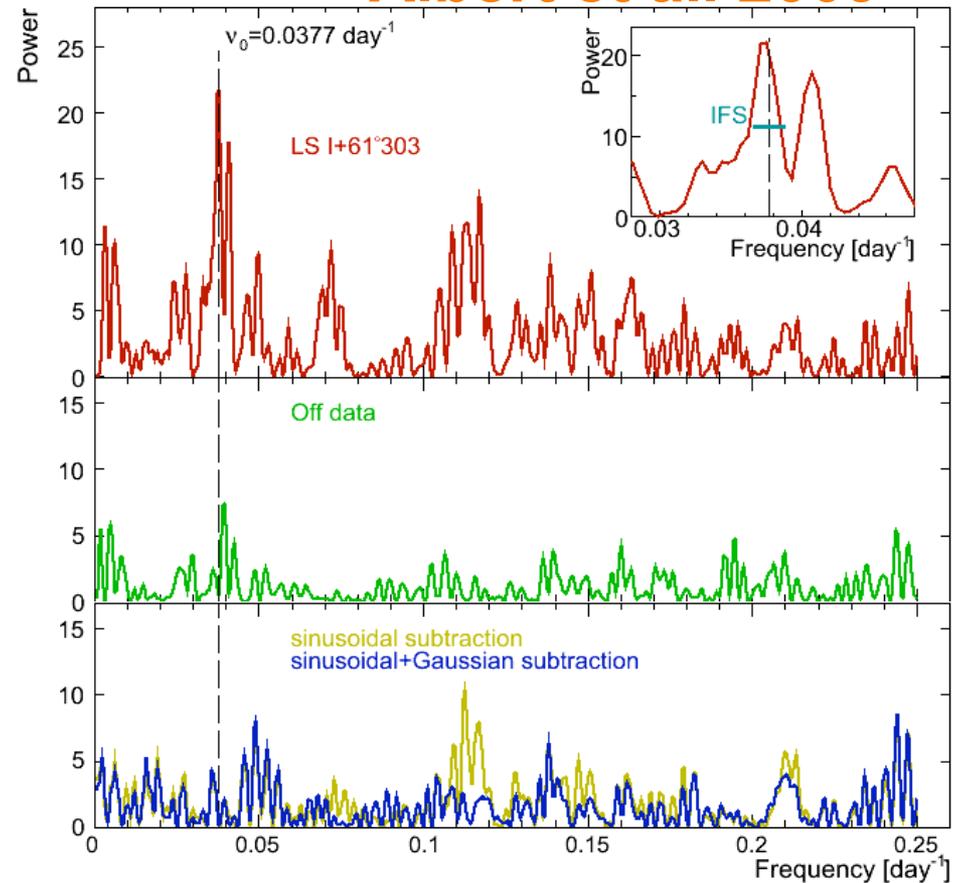
Periodic in VHE

$P = 26.8 \pm 0.2$  days

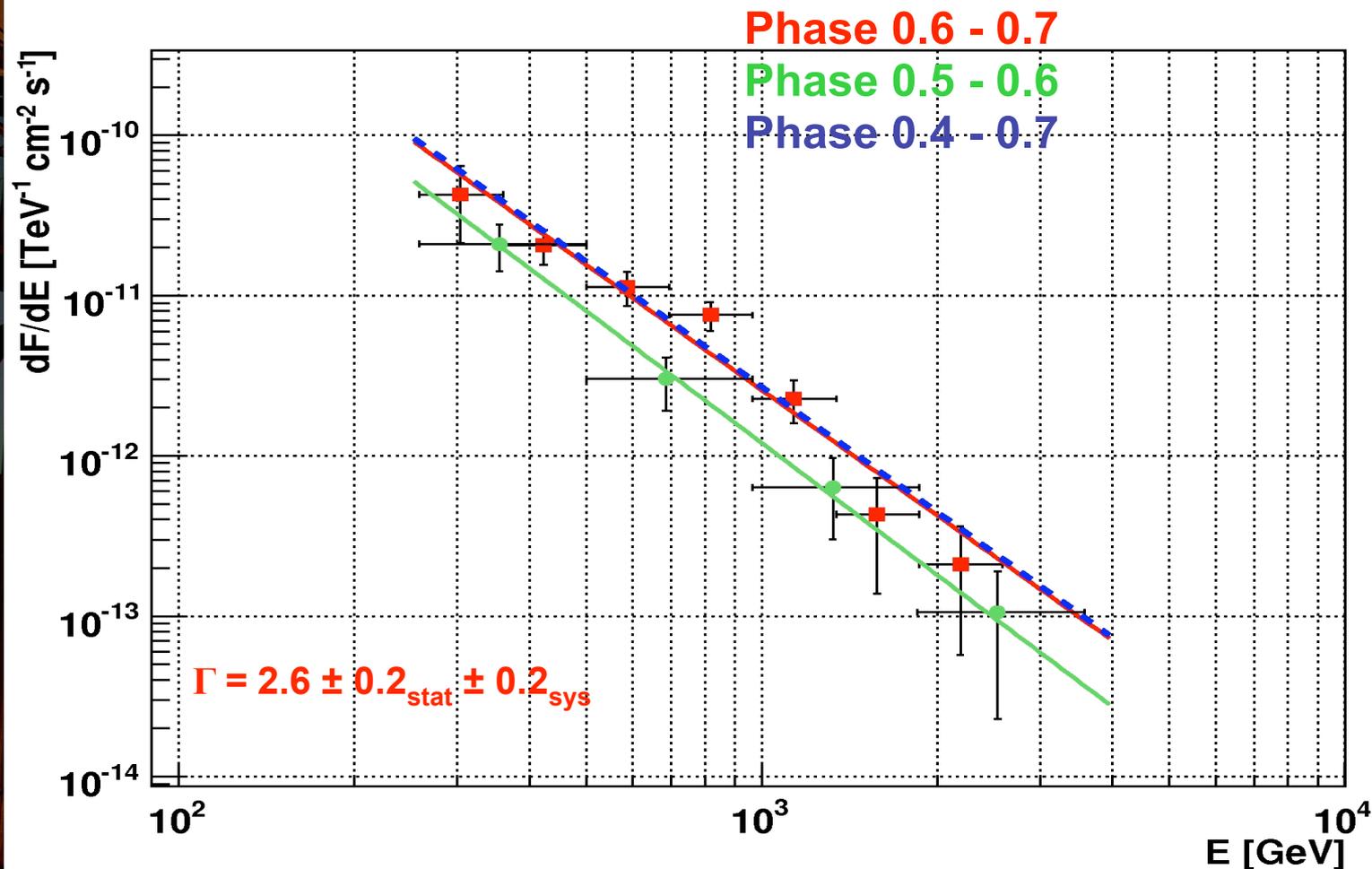
Same period in all energies



## Albert et al. 2009

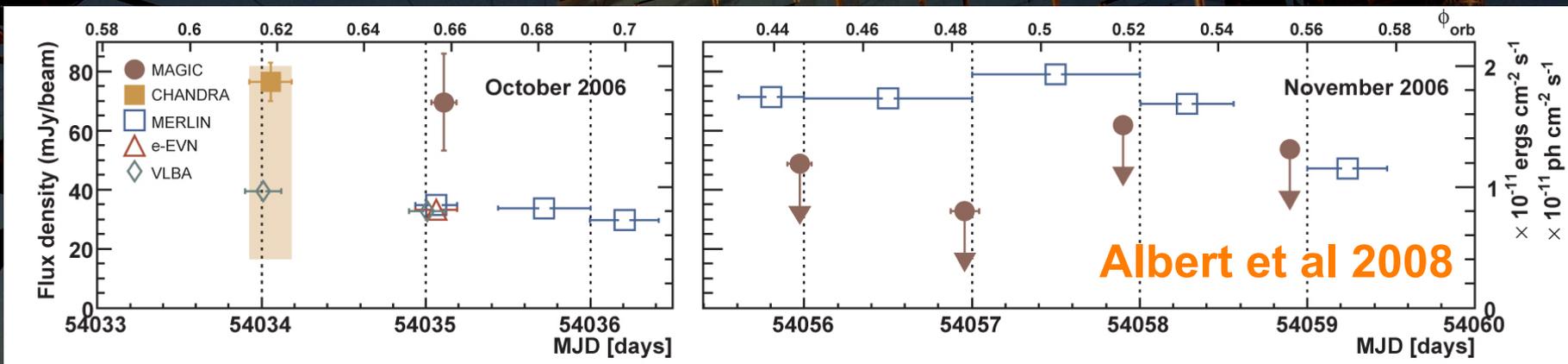


# Spectrum unchanged during phases



# $\gamma$ -ray / radio correlation ?

MW campaign in Oct/ Nov 2006 involving radio, X-ray and VHE data



**No direct correlation between radio and VHE gamma-ray emission !**

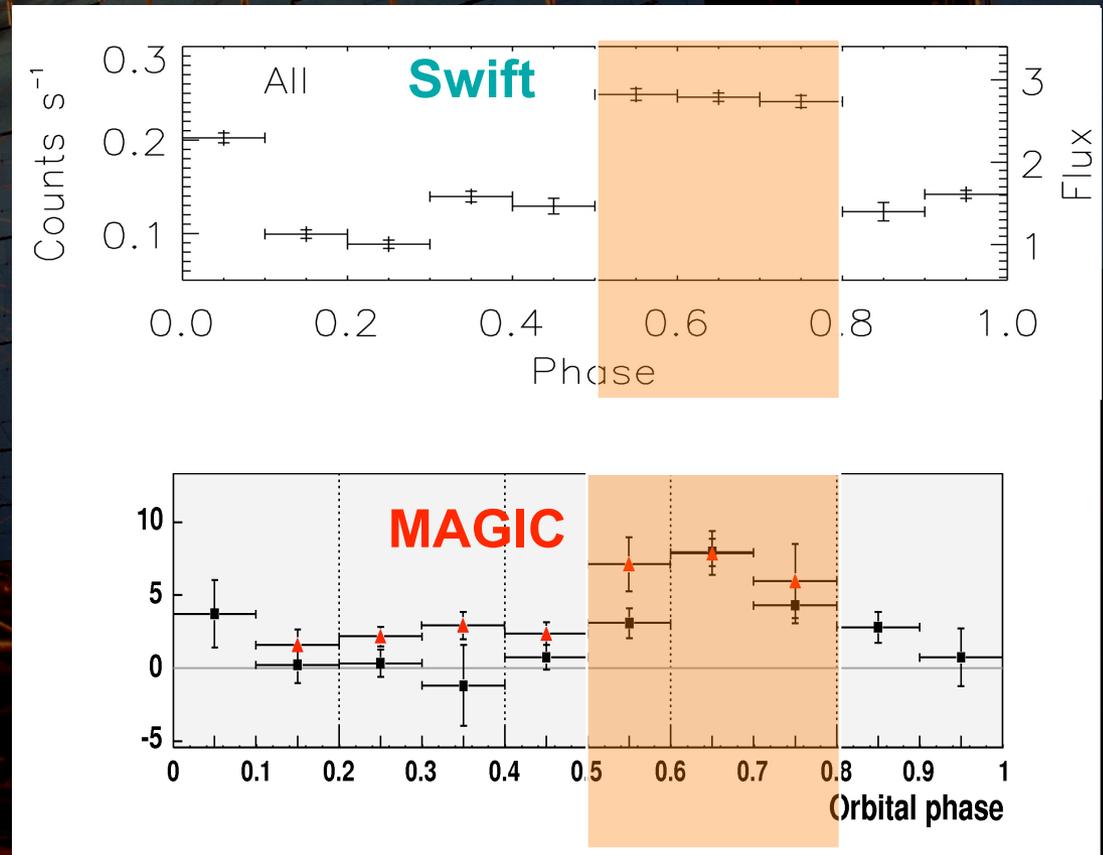
Indication that different particle populations might be responsible for the radio emission on one side and for VHE gamma-ray emission on the other side ?

# Hint on $\gamma$ -ray / X-ray correlation

Swift observed LS I from Sep to Dec 2006 with XRT instrument using 24 pointings

P.Esposito et al 2007

Not strictly simultaneous measurement



Very interesting  
Dedicated MW in 2007



# MWL campaign: VHE / X-ray correlation

Observation schedule September 2007

MAGIC

XMM - Newton

Swift

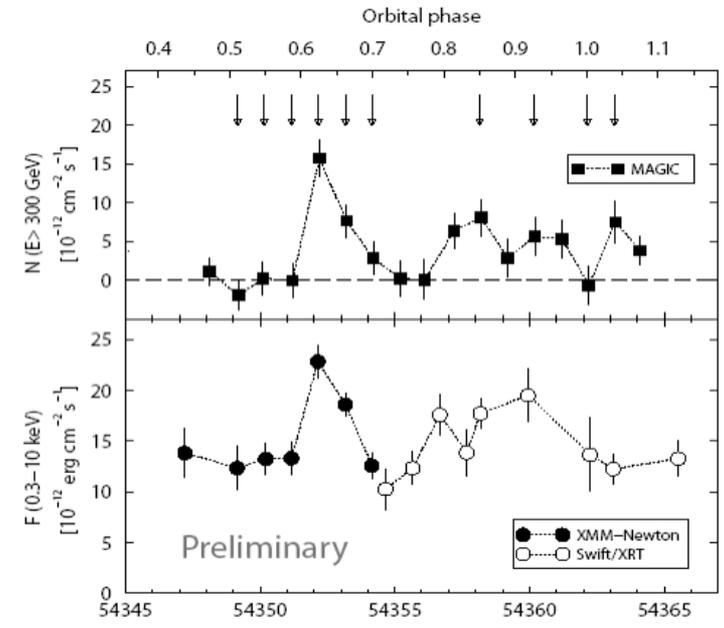


VHE gamma rays:  $E > 300$  GeV  
MAGIC observed  $T_{\text{obs}} = 54$  hours  
4<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September

X-Rays:  $0.3 \text{ keV} < E < 10 \text{ keV}$   
XMM-Newton  $T_{\text{obs}} = 104$  ks  
4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September

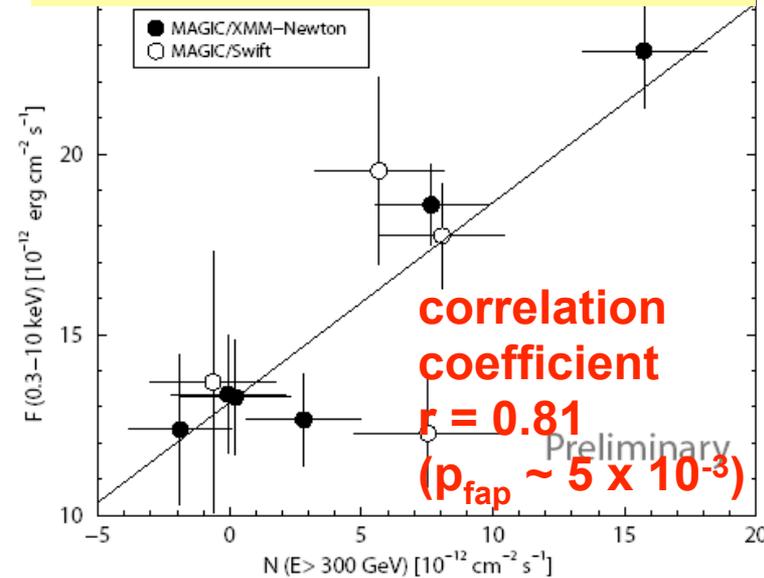
Swift  $T_{\text{obs}} = 29$  ks (XRT)  
11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Same particle population x-ray/ gamma  
--> leptonic production mechanism ?



H. Anderhub et al. in preparation

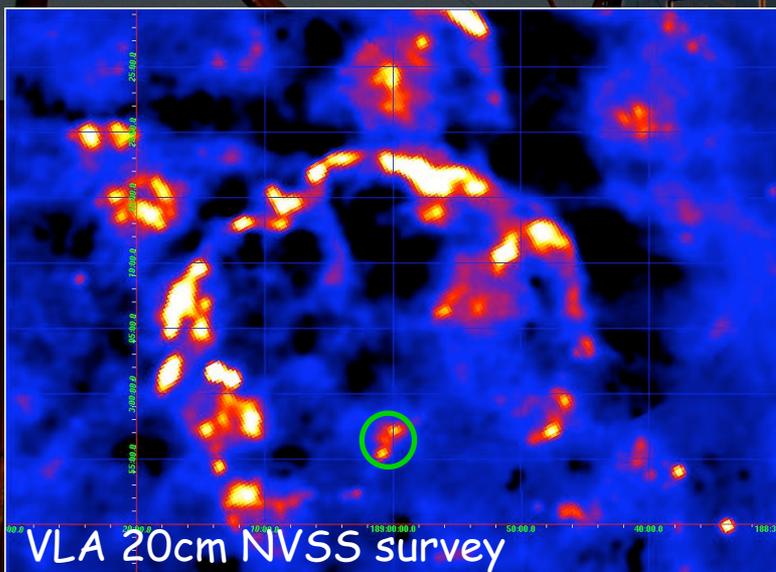
## Evidence for correlation !!



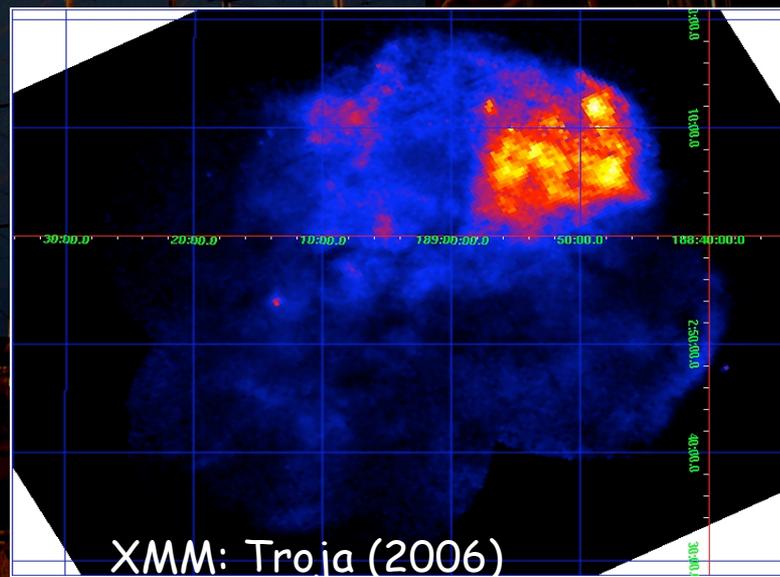
# Supernova remnant: IC 443

- Asymmetric shell-type SNR, 45' diameter (distance  $\sim 1.5$  kpc)
- Complex morphology at different wavelength
- Unidentified EGRET source inside
- Only upper limits in VHE gamma rays

Radio, shows MASER emission



High soft X-ray flux (no shell)





# MAGIC J0616+225 (inside IC 443)

## Recently confirmed by VERITAS



Max-Planck-Institut für Physik  
(Weinert-Heisenberg-Institut)

Point-like source

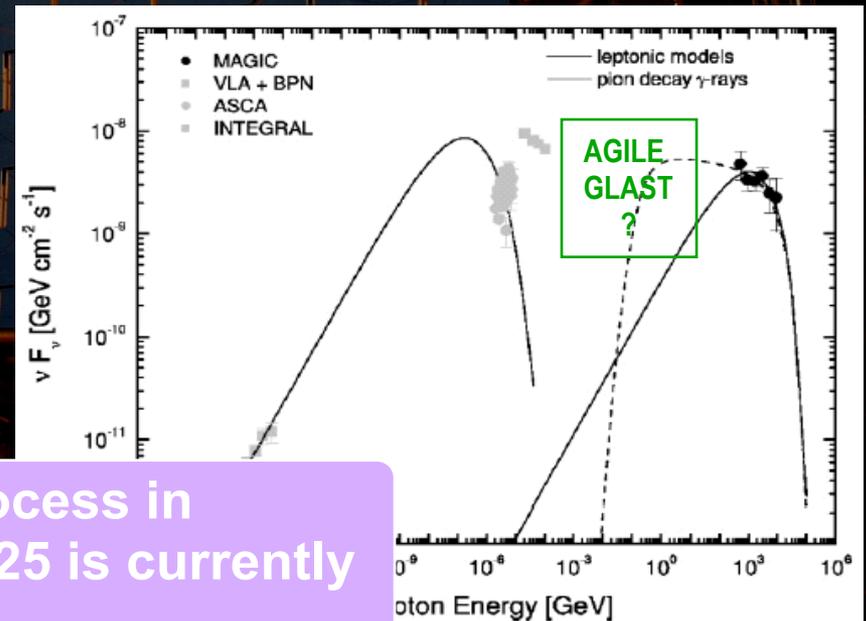
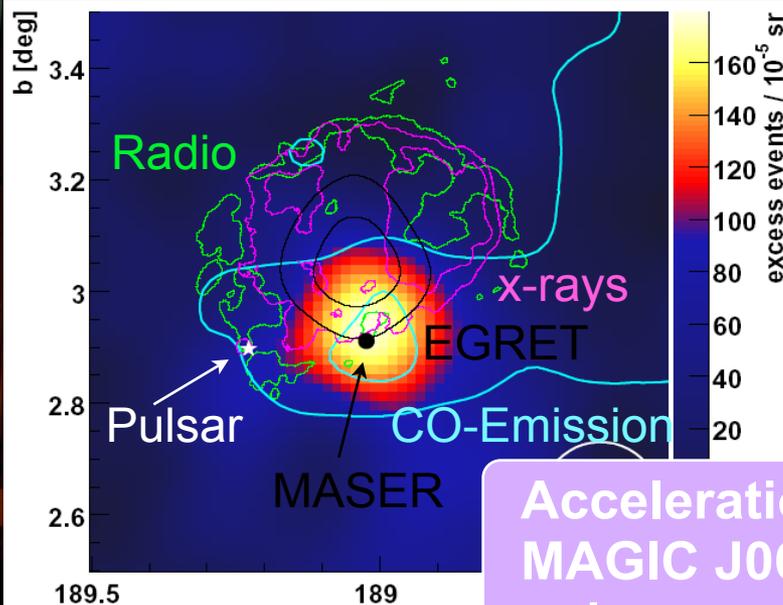
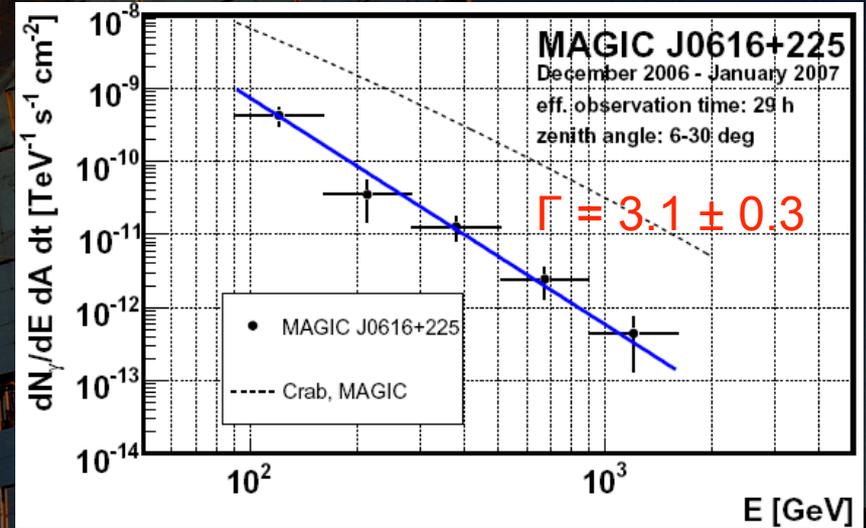
Significance:  $5.7 \sigma$

Flux of MAGIC J0616+225:

above 100 GeV  $\sim 6.5\%$  Crab

above 300 GeV  $\sim 2.8\%$  Crab

Soft spectrum, compatible  
with power law ( $\Gamma = 3.1 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$ )



Acceleration process in  
MAGIC J0616+225 is currently  
unknown

# MAGIC II commissioning Status

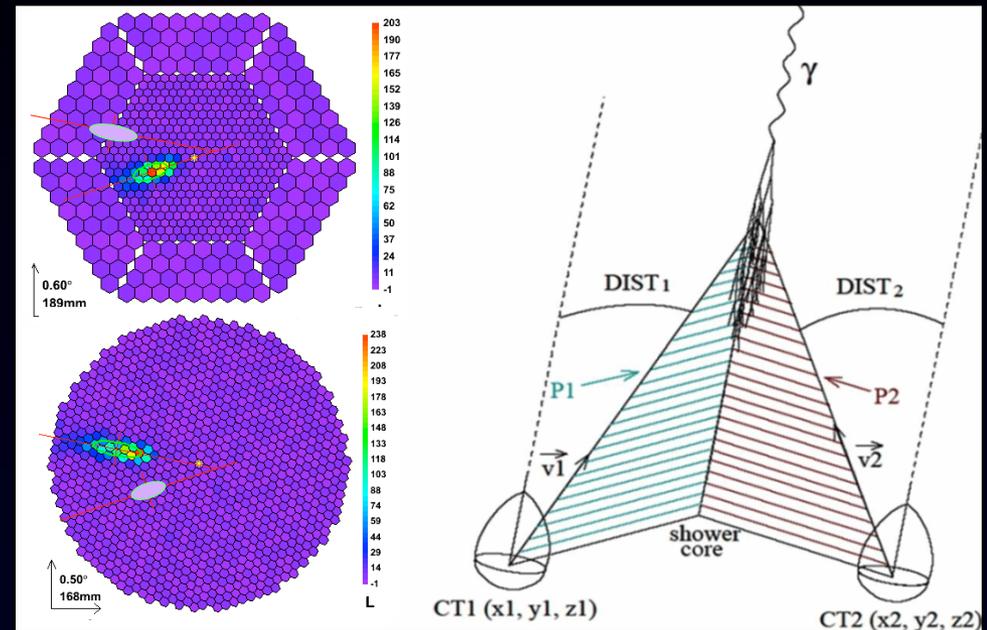
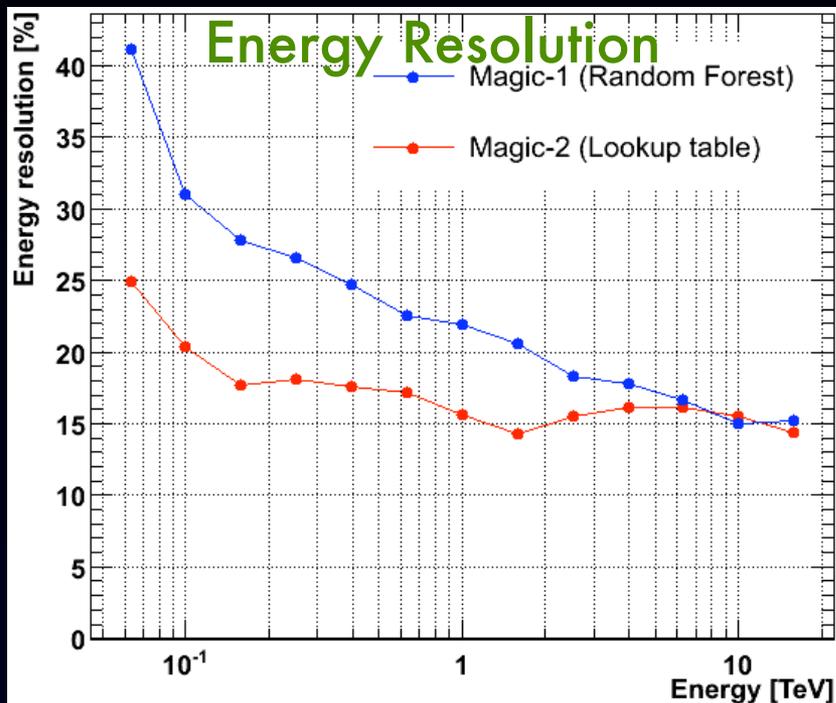


# Stereoscopic Observations

## 3D shower reconstruction

- ✓ Better hadron rejection
- ✓ Better angular resolution (50% better)
- ✓ Better energy resolution (25%-25%)
- ✓ Enhance the sensitivity over the whole energy range

## Simultaneous Observation of air showers with 2 telescopes



# Angular resolution

- 2 methods of determining originating direction

## Direction reconstruction

2 independent and performing techniques :

➤ **Stereo**: Intersection of 2 major axes

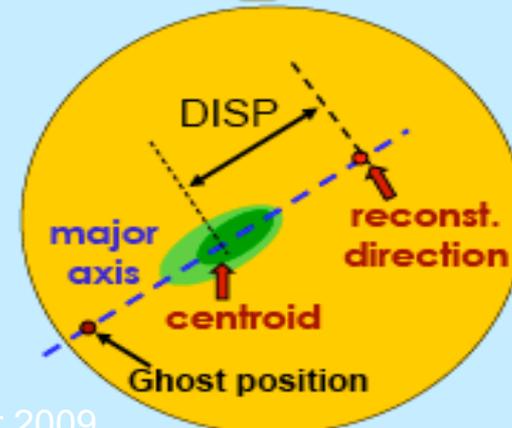
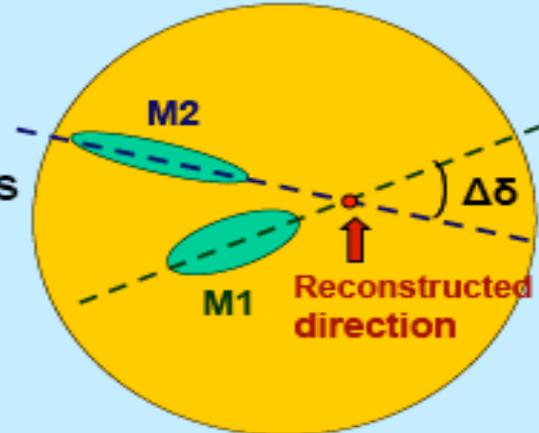
- independent of any MC
- not good for small angle  $\Delta\delta$

➤ **DISP** using RF method

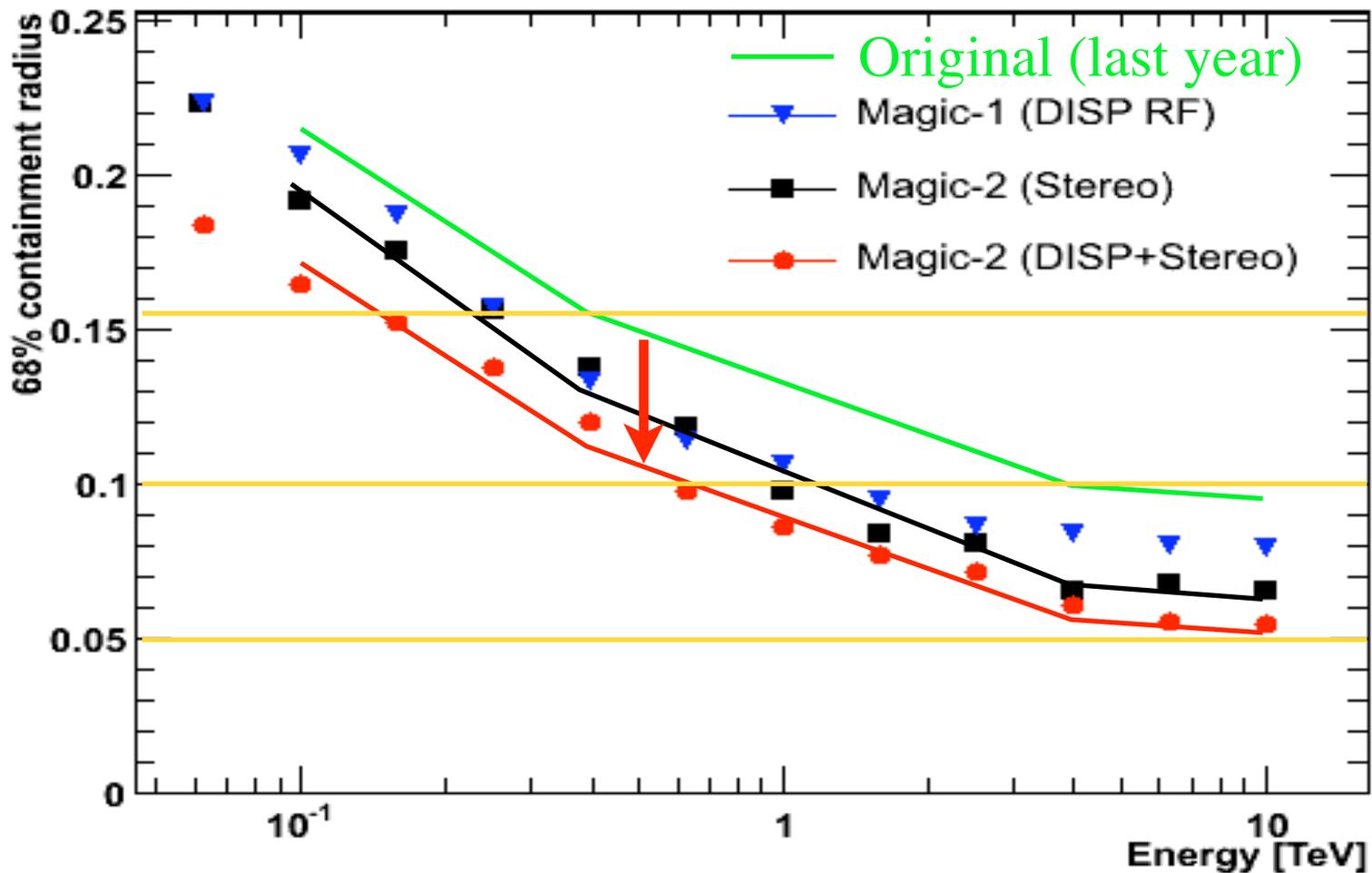
- MC dependent
- a reconstructed direction for each tel.

**We should combine**

- Stereo
- DISP\_M1
- DISP\_M2

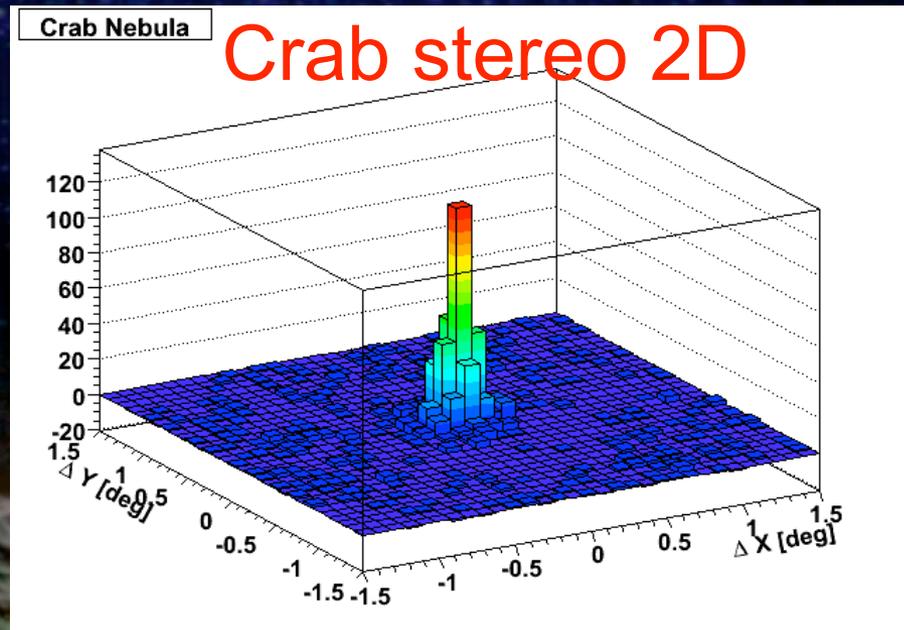
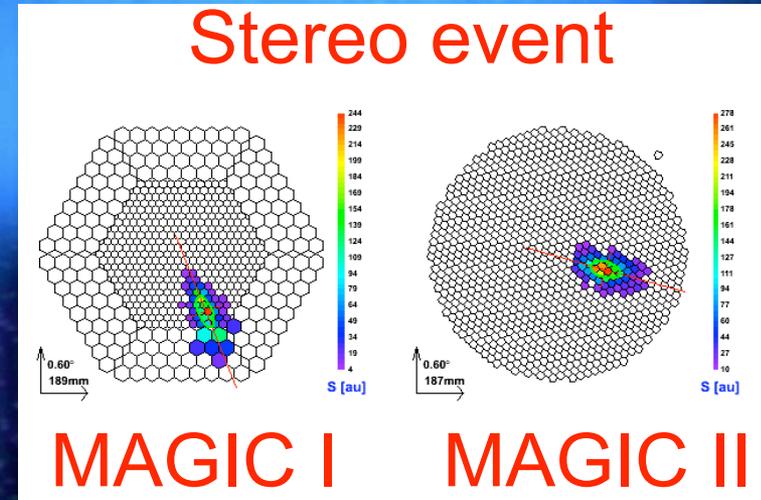
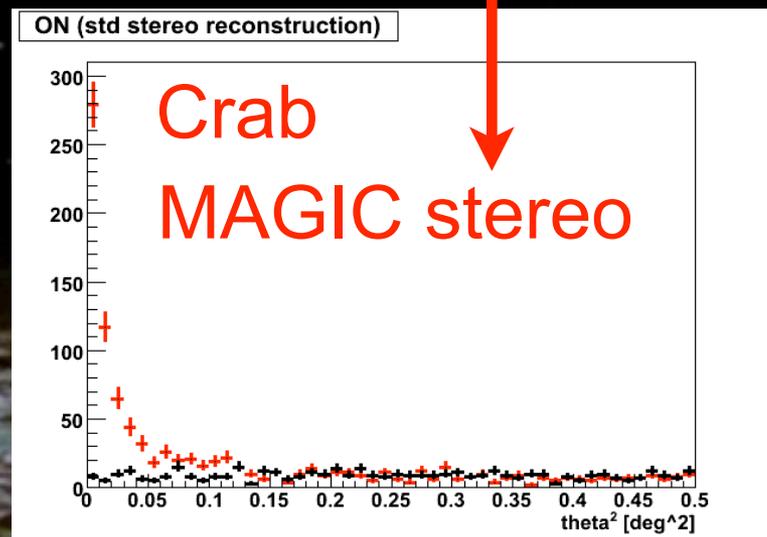
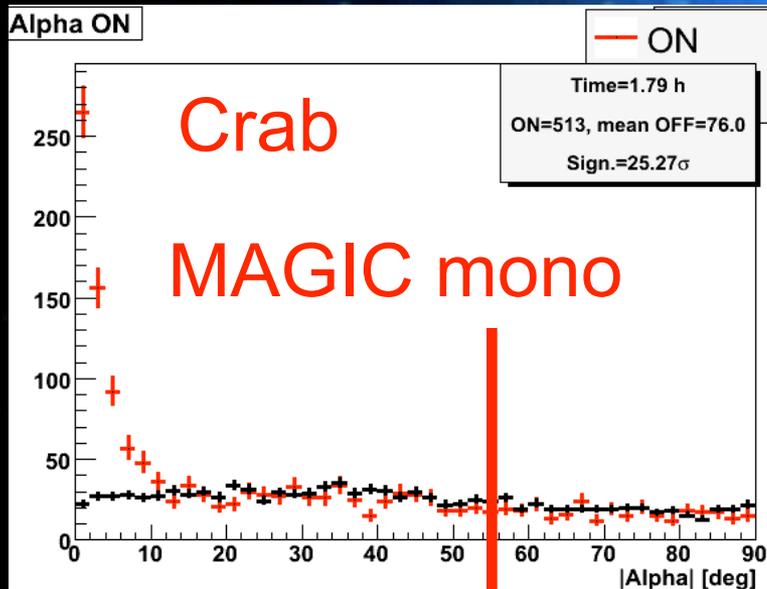


# Significant improvement with 2 telescopes

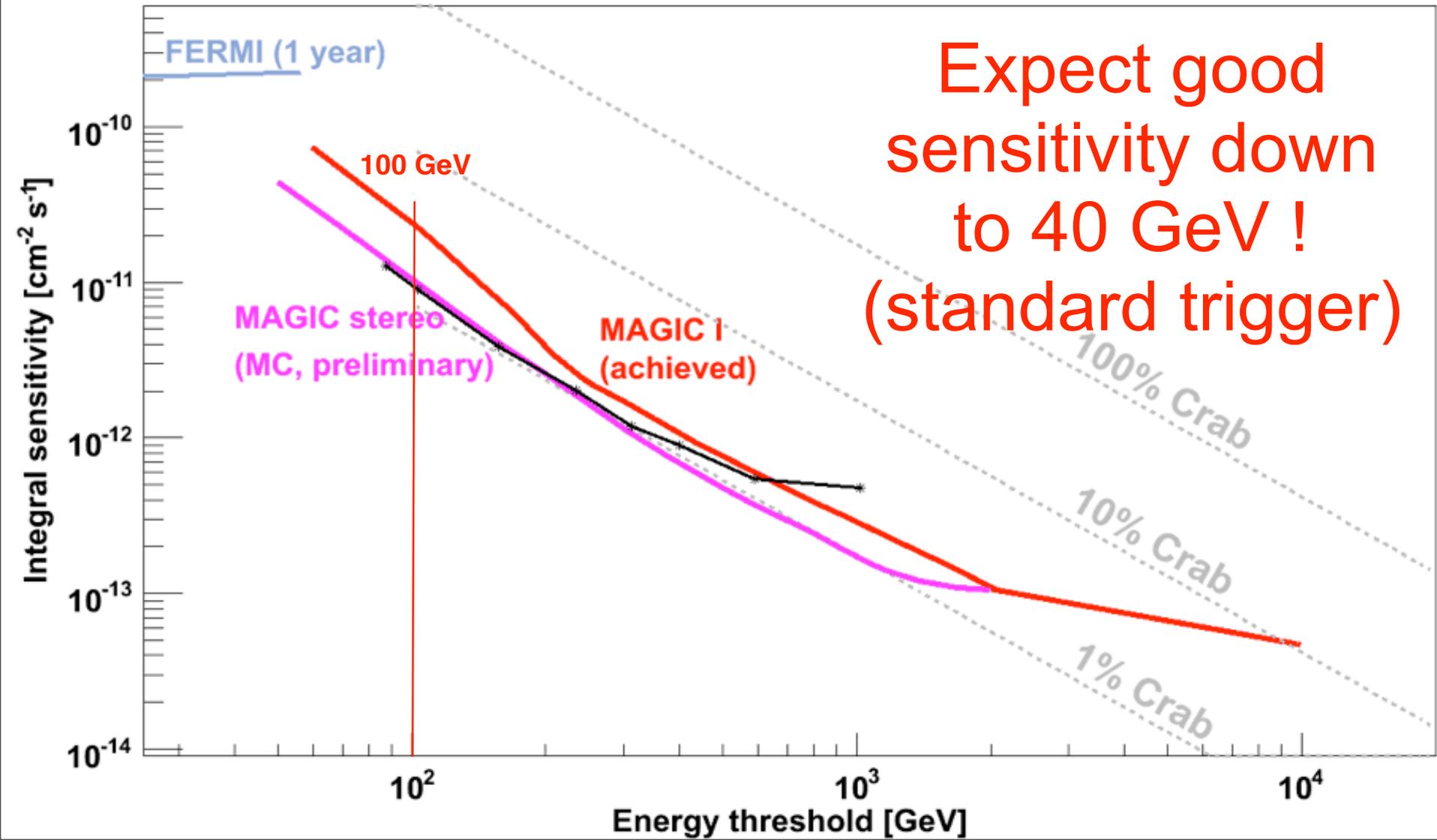


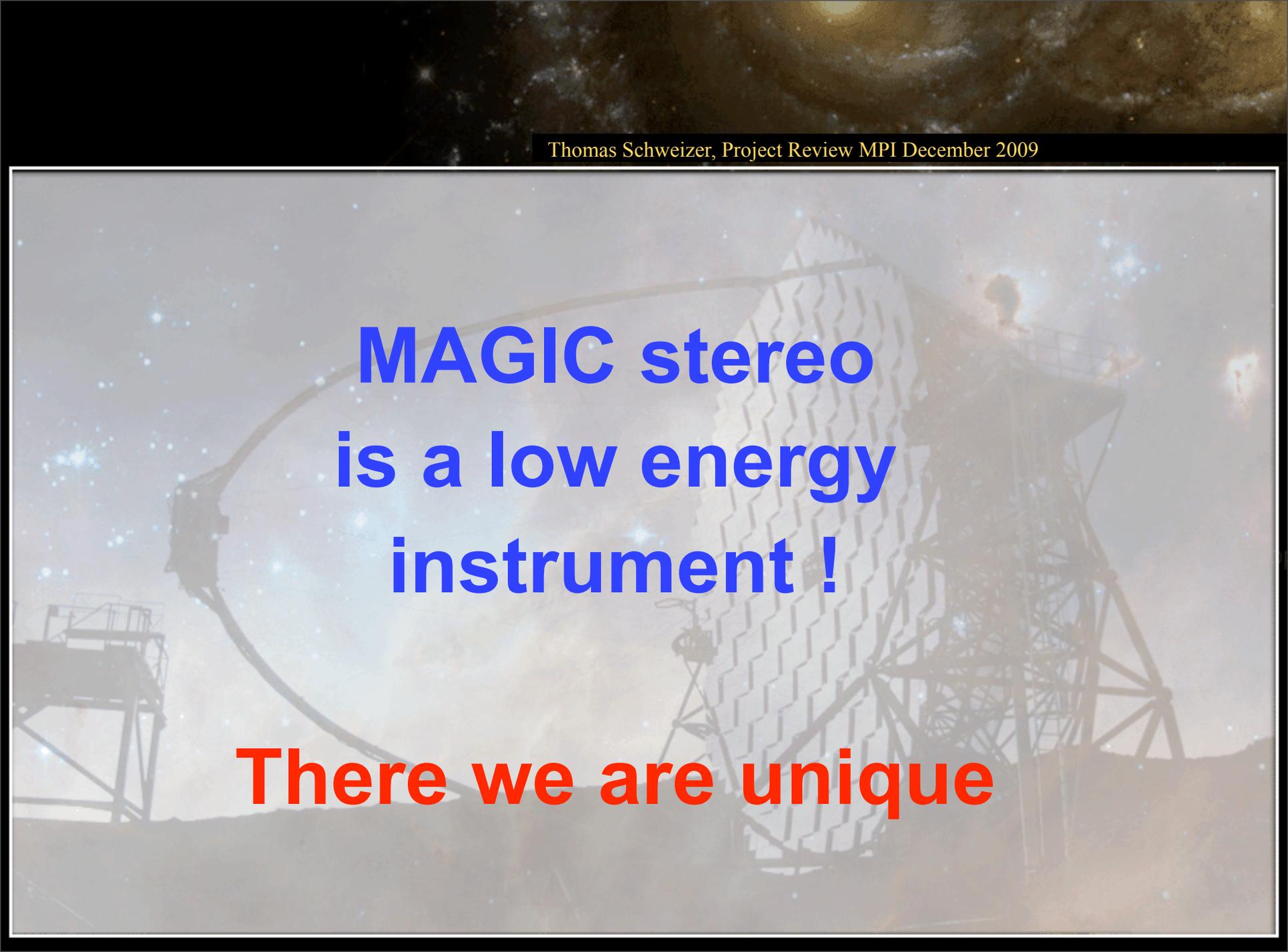
# First stereo signals !!

## Started regular observations already



# Already achieved Sensitivity





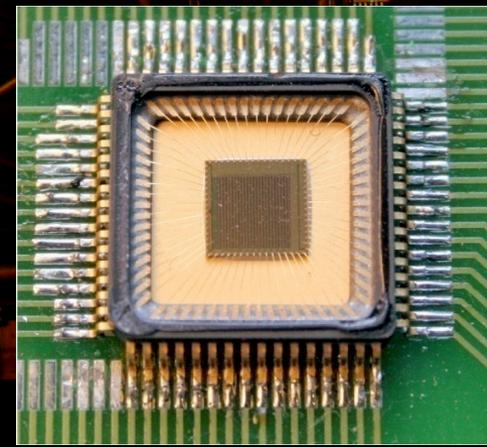
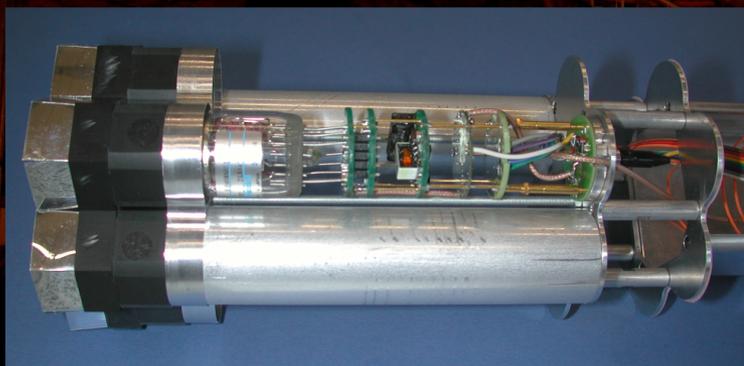
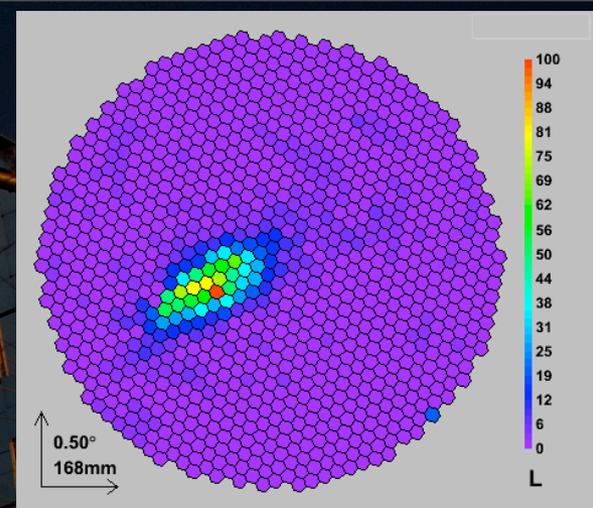
**MAGIC stereo  
is a low energy  
instrument !**

**There we are unique**

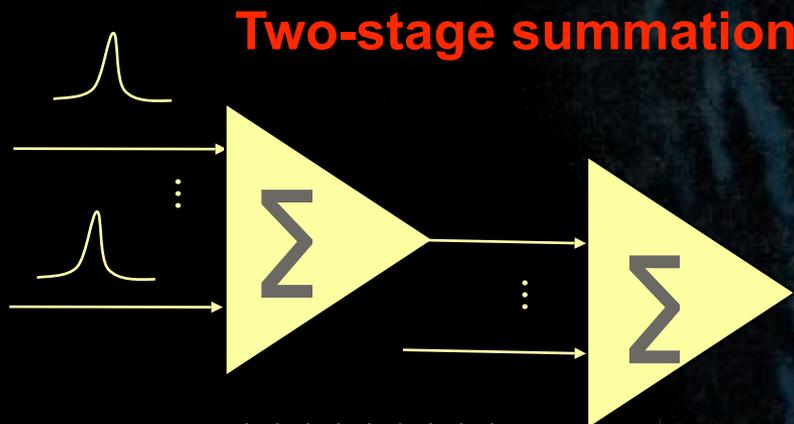


# Upgrade of MAGIC I March 2011

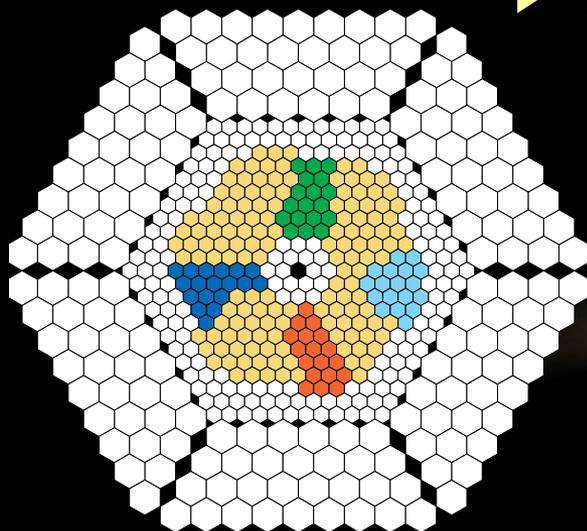
- o We plan to upgrade MAGIC I such that it is equal to MAGIC II
- o New camera with 1039 channels, same as MAGIC II with a larger trigger area. Camera is in construction already. --> Improved sensitivity !
- o Same domino (DRS4) readout system as MAGIC II.



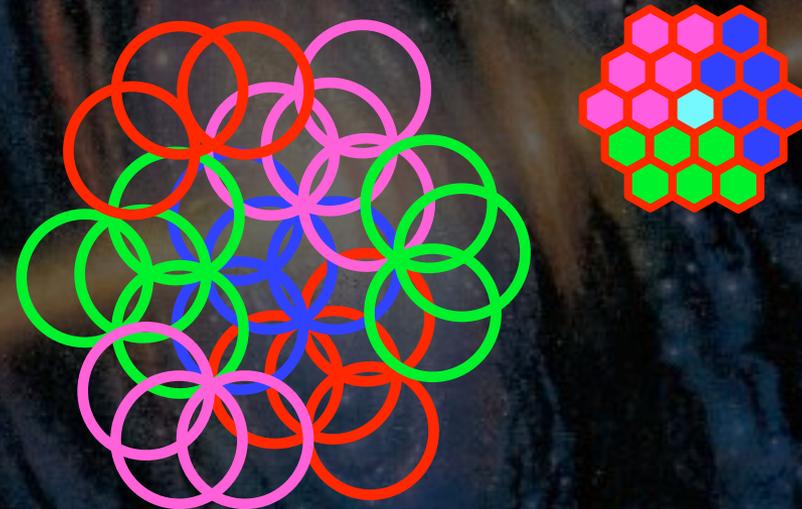
# New sumtrigger with larger trigger area and low threshold for both telescopes



- overlapping patches
- Two-stage summation
- First stage: 6 (7) pixels
- Sum of 3 sub-patches to 19 pixels



**old trigger topology**

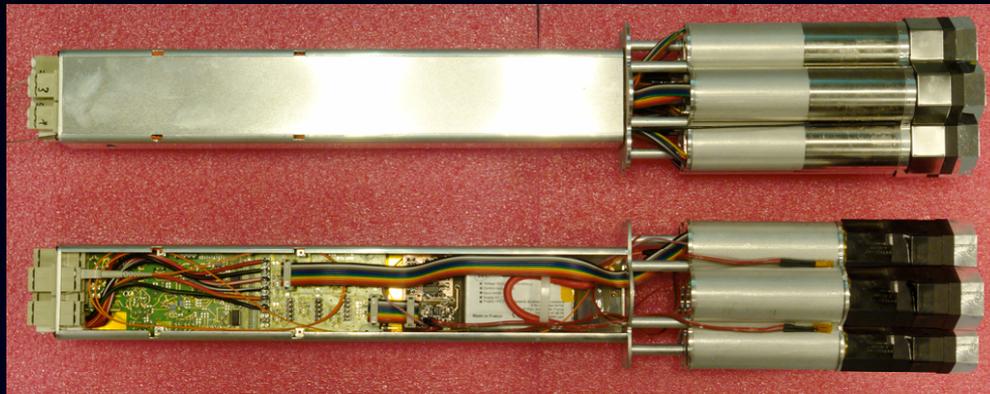
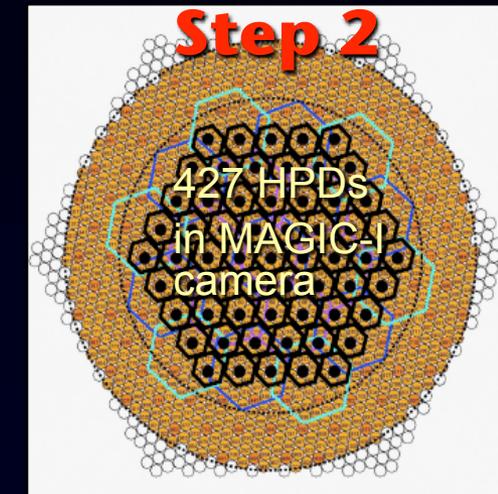
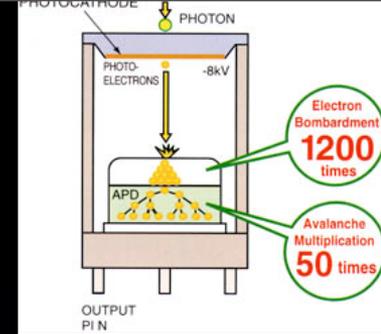
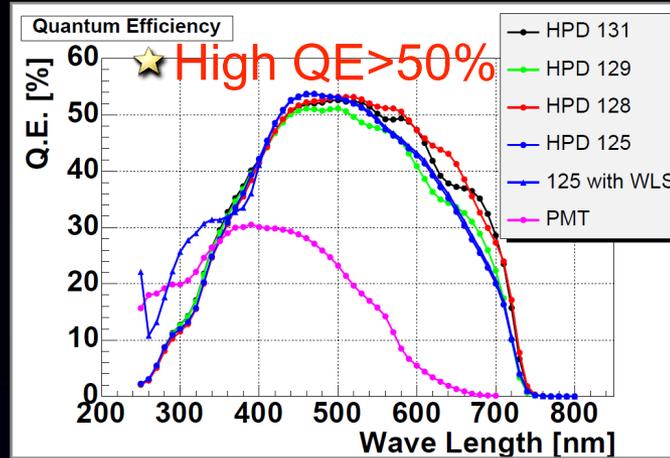
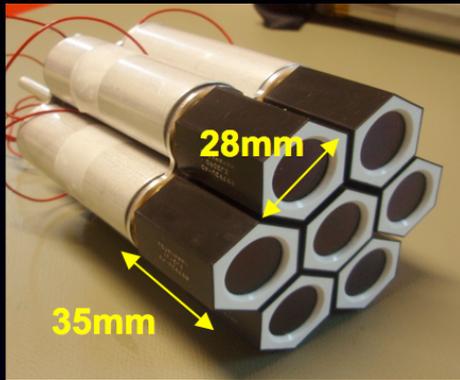


**new trigger topology**

# Near Future: Upgrade with HPDs

Decrease trigger threshold down to 15 GeV (sumtrigger)

HPD clusters have the same geometrical shape as PMT clusters: easy to exchange



VCSEL    8kV power supply    Amplifier and APD HV generator    HPD    Winston Cone

# Conclusions

- **MAGIC has many interesting results (most distant source 3C279, IC443, S5 0716, LSI +61 303, ...), especially in the low energy domain down to 25 GeV (Crab pulsar detection)**
- **The energy range below 150 GeV can be currently observed only by the MAGIC experiment !!**
- **The upgrade of the MAGIC observatory with a second telescope improved the sensitivity and the angular resolution**



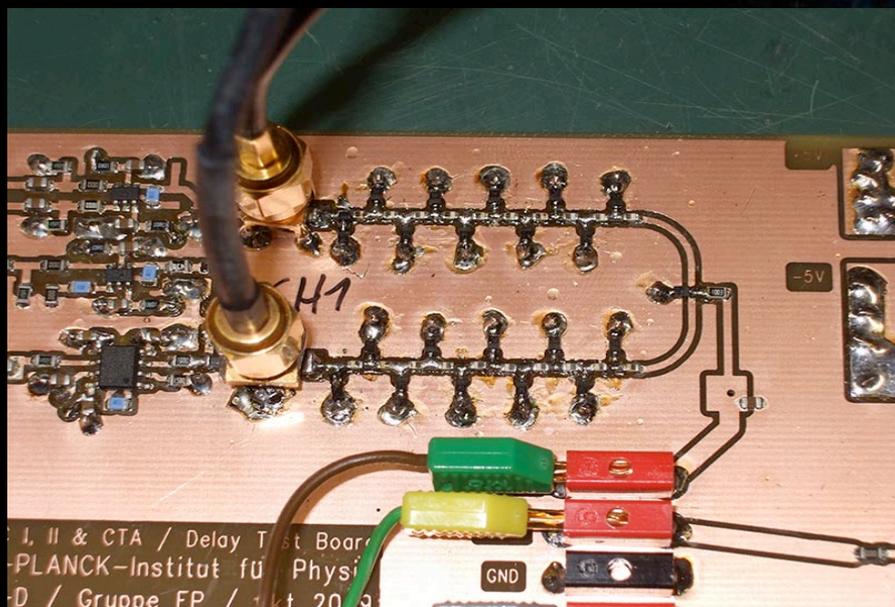
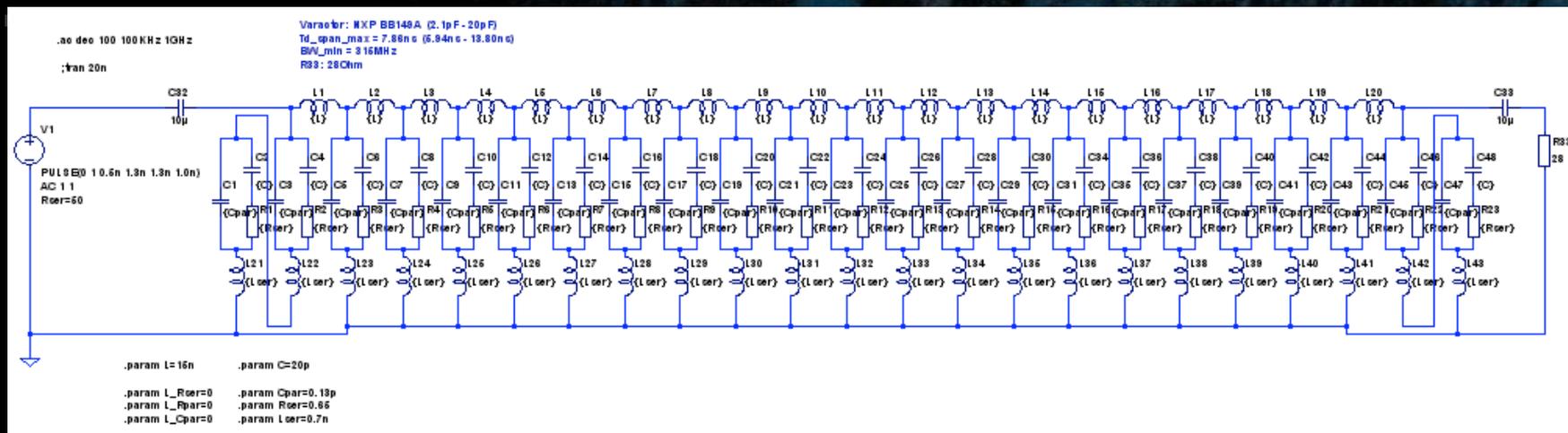
- **We expect very exciting discoveries with stereoscopic observations very soon !!**

The end



# Backup slides

# Designing a continuously adjustable analog delay line by 7ns



# 3C 66A/B region: MAGIC J0223+430

(EGRET SOURCE)

B: Nearby FR-I Radio Galaxy

A: Distant blazar,  $z=0.44$  ?

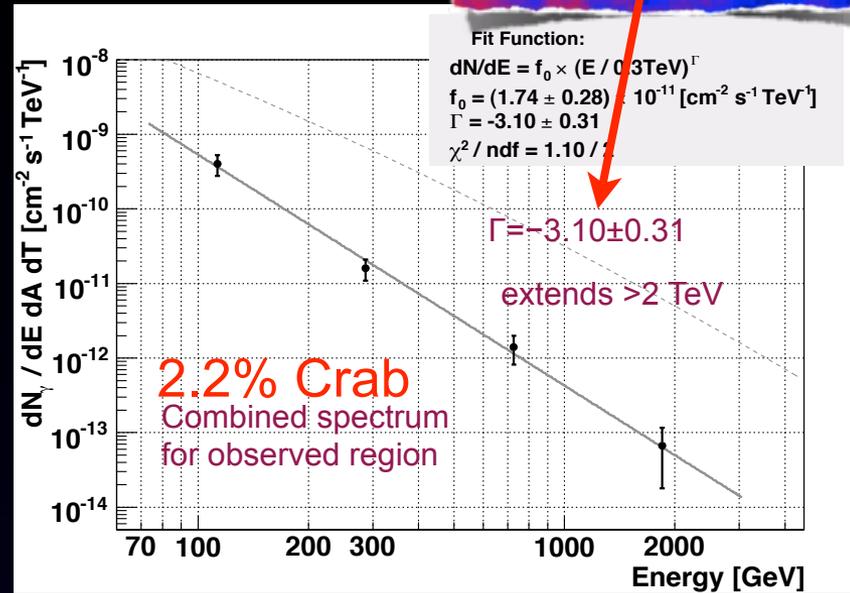
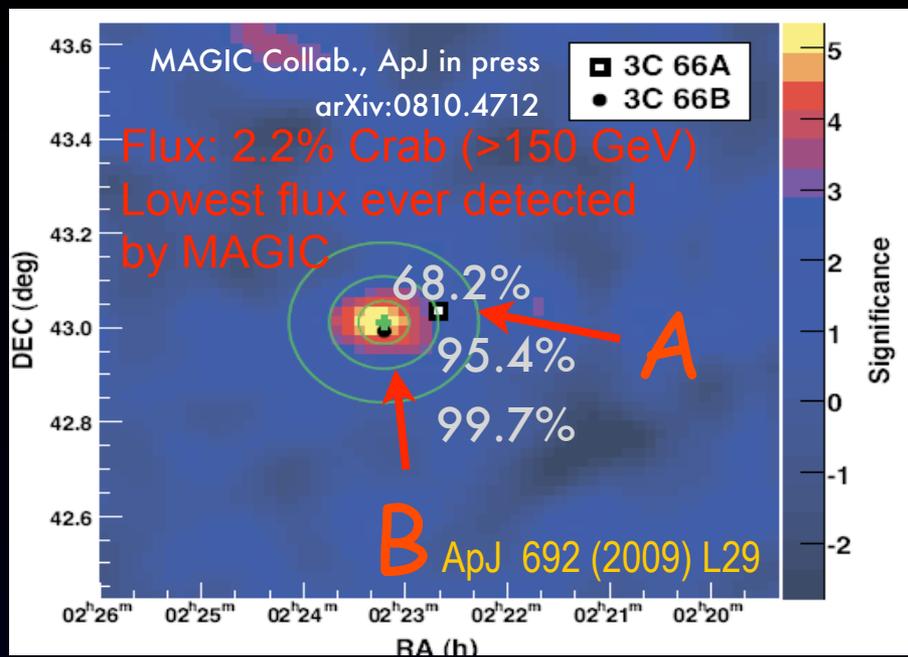
3C66A  
3C66A

ATel  
1753



Index:  $4.1 \pm 0.4$

VERITAS preliminary  
Beilicke @ Scineghe08



→ 3C66B is the most likely identification  
3C66A exclude by 85% (including systematics)

- ▶ If 3C66A (unlikely): → distance cannot be  $z > 0.23$  (no  $> 1$  TeV  $\gamma$ -rays, EBL)  
Mazin+Rae 08, Aharonian+06

# MAGIC collaboration

## ~150 Scientists / 10 countries



**Armenia** Yerevan

**Bulgaria** Sofia

**Croatia** Consortium

**Finland** Tuorla Observatory

**Germany** DESY, Dortmund

MPI Munich, Wuerzburg

**Italy** INFN Padova, INFN Siena

INFN Udine,  
INAF Rome, INAF Trieste

**Poland** INRNE Lodz

**Spain** U. Barcelona, UAB Barcelona

IEEC-CSIC Barcelona  
IFAE Barcelona, IAA Granada  
IAC Tenerife  
U Complutense, Madrid

**Switzerland** ETH

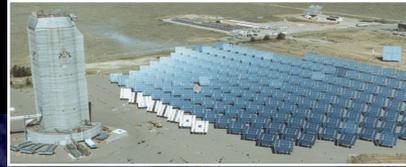
**USA** UC Davis

# Ground-based gamma-ray astronomy

MILAGRO



STACEE



MAGIC



TIBET



MILAGRO

STACEE  
CACTUS

MAGIC

TIBET  
ARGO-YBJ

TACTIC

PACT

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CANGAROO III

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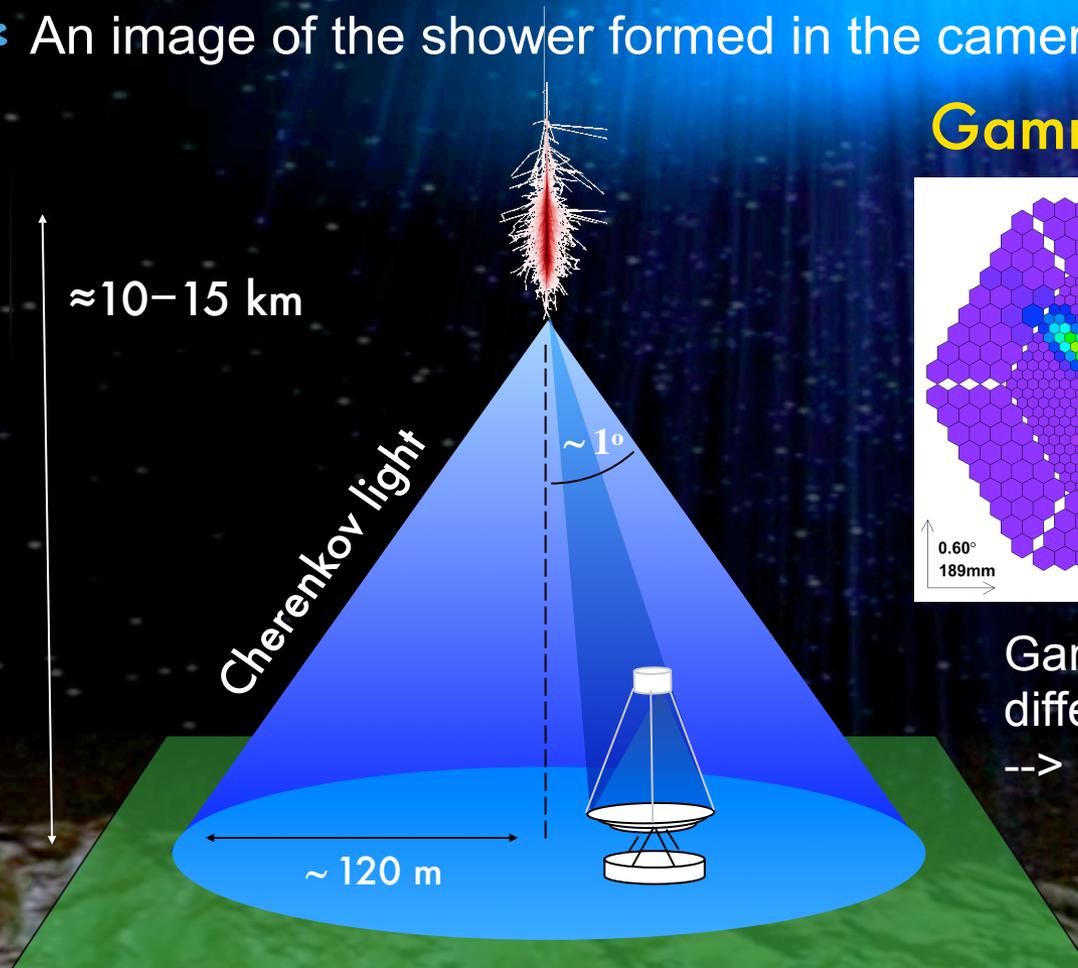


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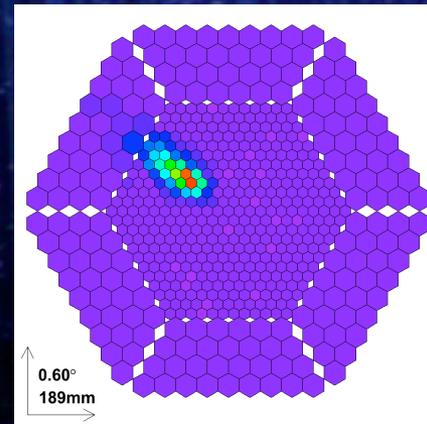


# The Imaging Air Cherenkov Technique

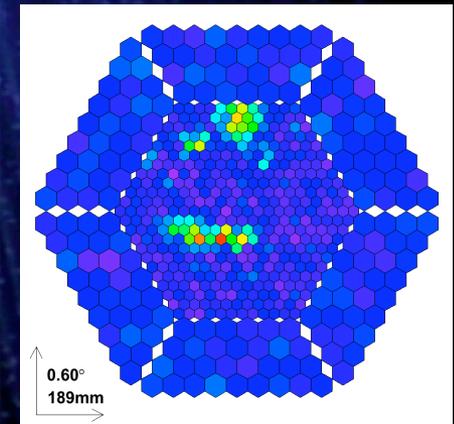
- \* Extended Air Shower initiated in atmosphere
- \* Detect the Cherenkov radiation from charged particles in EAS
- \* A mirror reflects and concentrates the light
- \* An image of the shower formed in the camera



## Gamma event



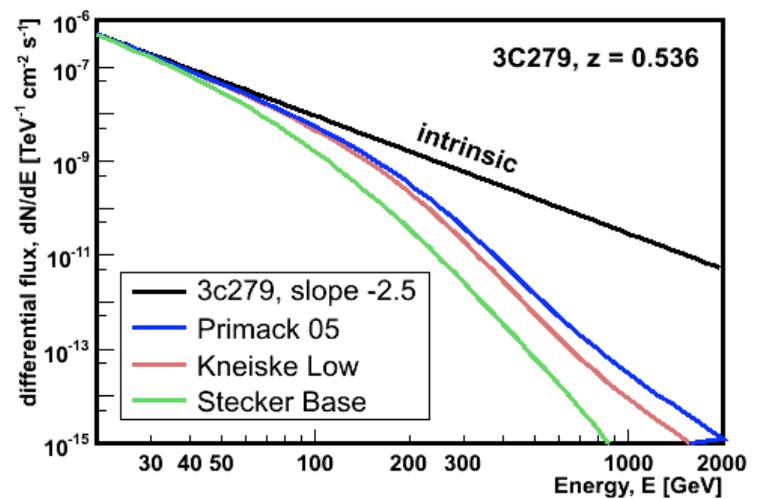
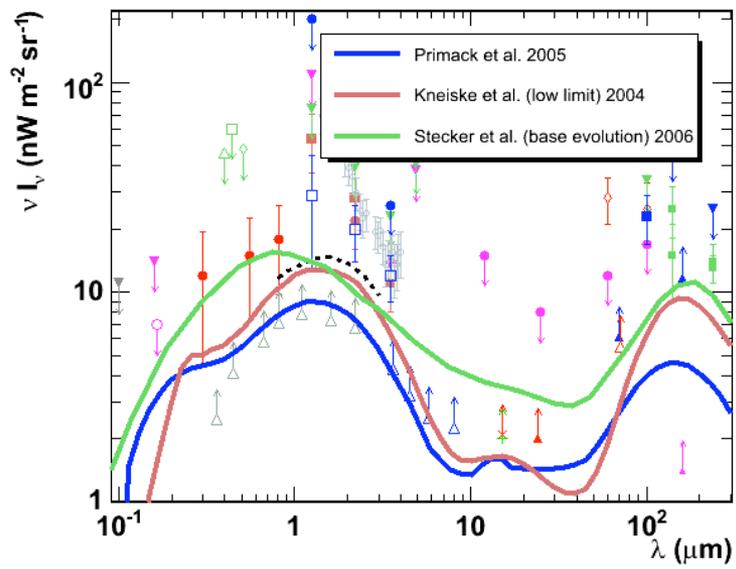
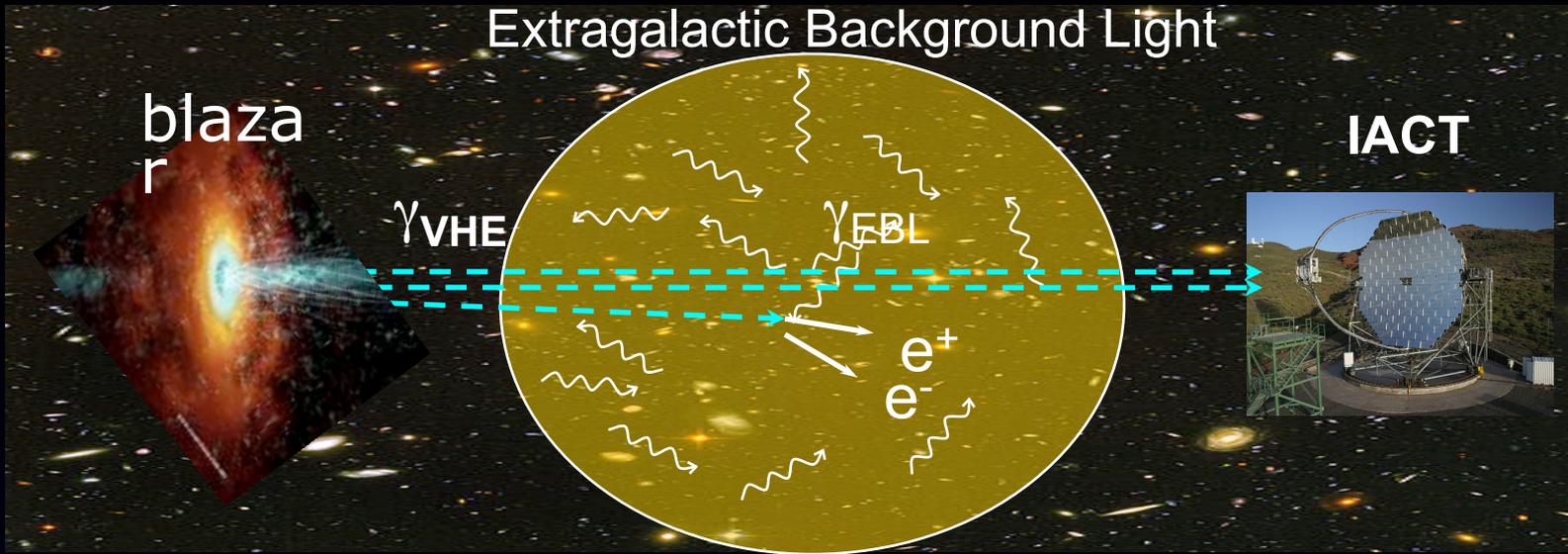
## Hadron event



Gammas and Hadrons have different shower image shapes  
--> Suppression of Background

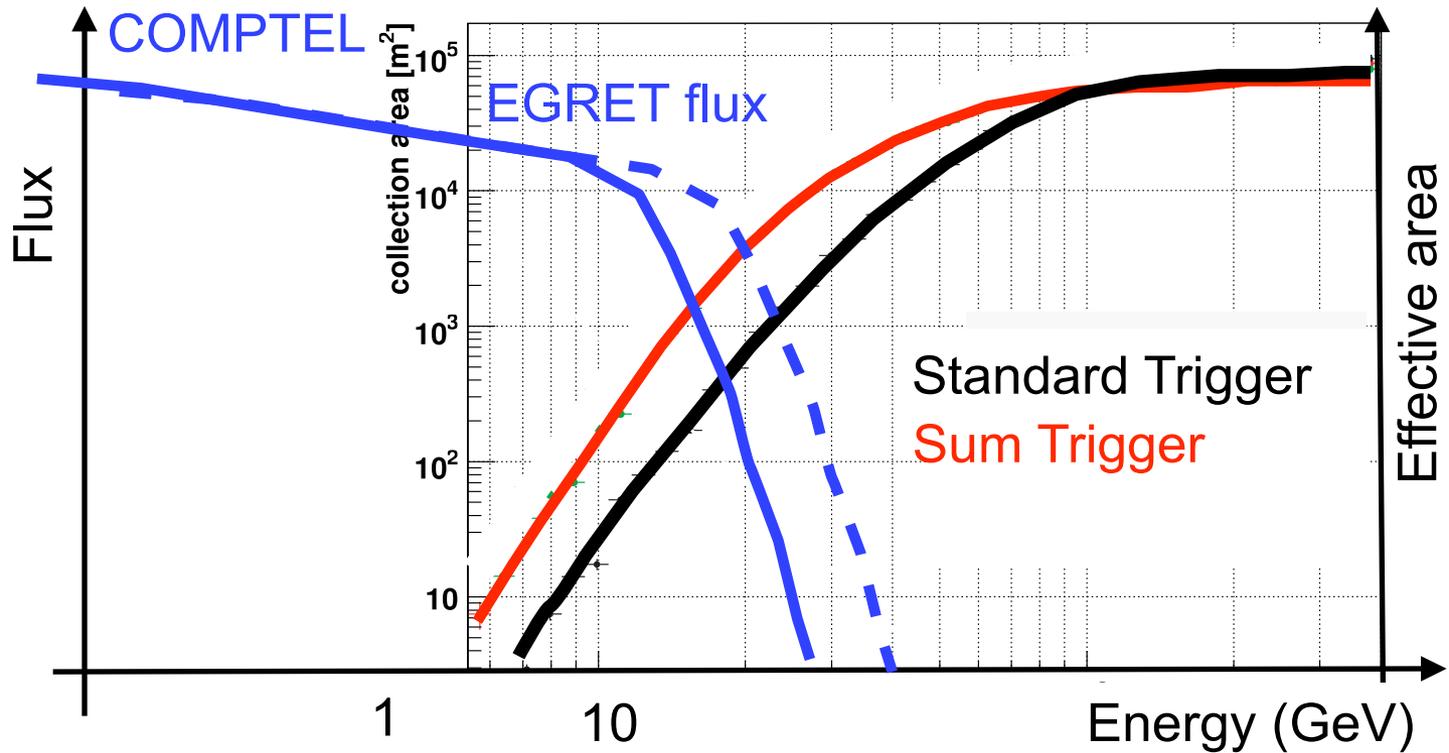
Estimation of energy and direction from shower reconstruction

# EBL Absorption



# How do we measure the cutoff ?

## Folding the flux with the cutoff



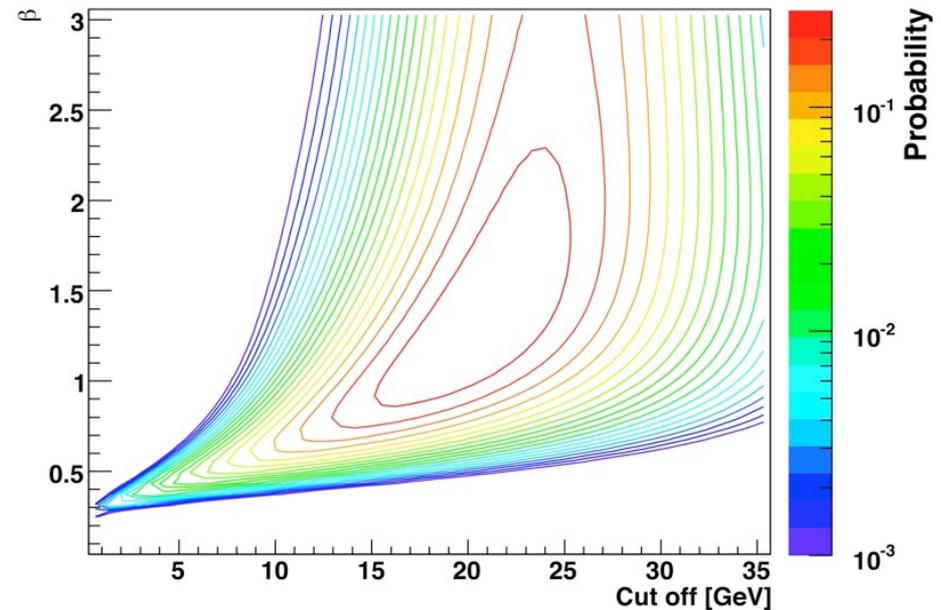
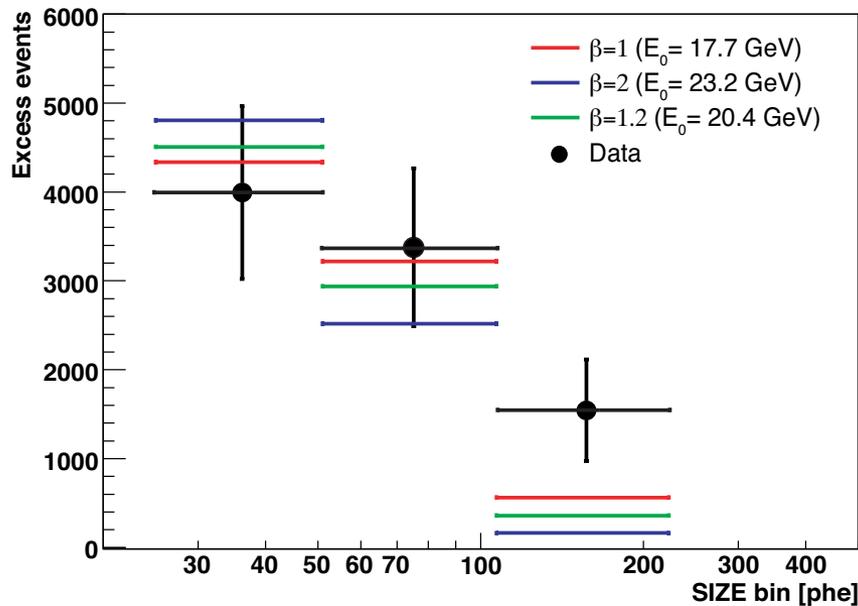
- o Method: Combined fit: COMPTTEL + EGRET data and MAGIC data
- o Fold function  $F(E) = A E^{-\alpha} \exp(-(E/E_0)^\beta)$  with eff. area (forward unfolding):
- o Calculate the  $\chi^2$  between expected excess and measurement
- o Minimize Total  $\chi^2$

# Model fit to signal event distribution

## Model fit to signal event distribution Total P1 + P2

## Probability of cutoff energy

$F(E) = A E^{-\alpha} \exp(-(E/E_0)^\beta)$  folded with eff. area



$E_0=17.7 \pm 2.8_{\text{stat}} \pm 5.0_{\text{syst}}$  GeV for  $\beta = 1$   
 $E_0=23.2 \pm 2.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 6.6_{\text{syst}}$  GeV for  $\beta = 2$   
 $E_0=20.4 \pm 3.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 7.4_{\text{syst}}$  GeV for  $\beta = 1.2$

(exponential)

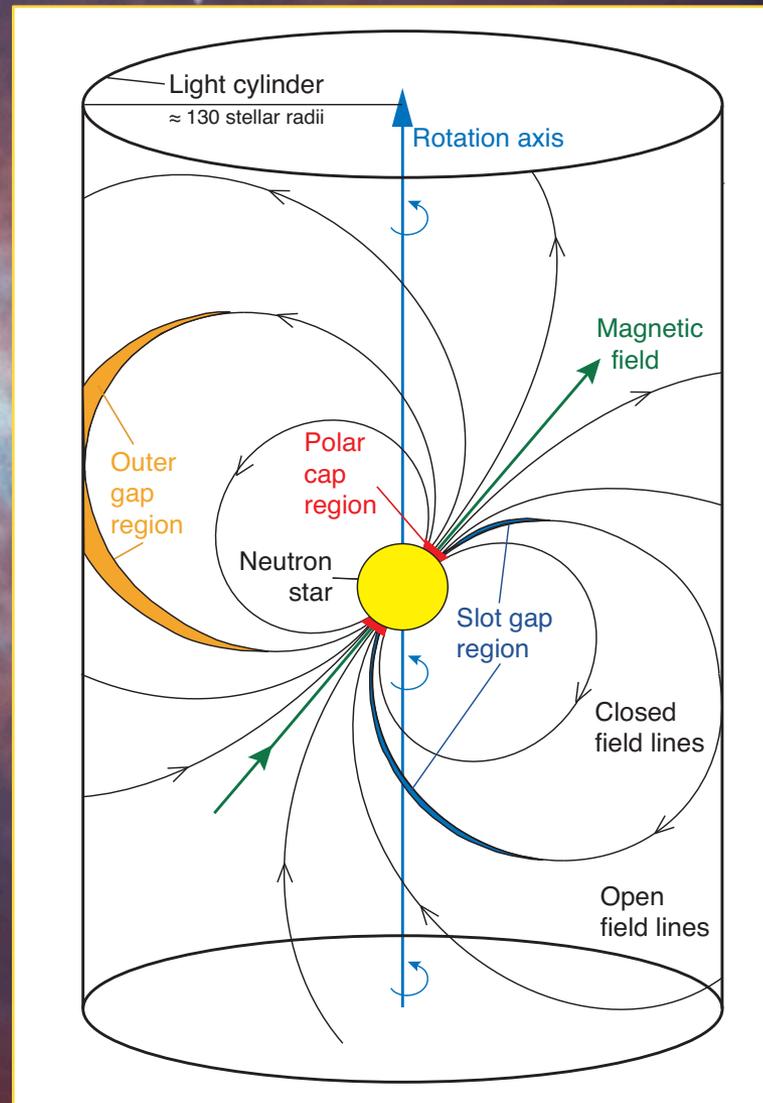
(super-exponential)



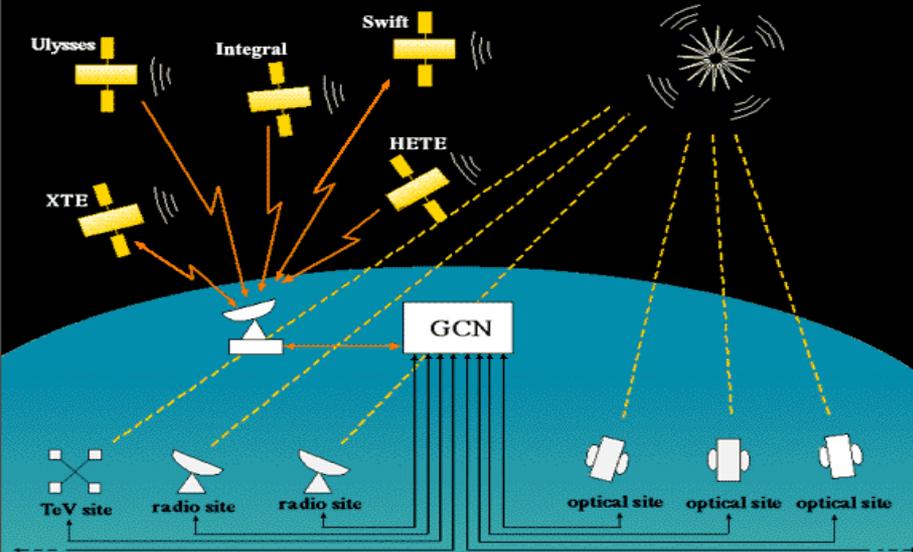
# Relatively high cutoff $>20$ GeV !

## Comparison with pulsar models

- o Magnetic pair production introduces a super-exponential cutoff at low energies
- o Our superexponential cutoff is  $23.2 \text{ GeV} \pm 2.9_{\text{stat}} \text{ GeV} \pm 6.6_{\text{syst}} \text{ GeV}$
- o Lower limit on the distance of the emitting region of  $6.2 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{syst}} \text{ stellar radii}$
- o The high location of the emission region excludes the *classical* polar cap model (emission distance  $< 1$  stellar radius) and challenges the slot gap model



# GRBs with



Missed also 080319B  
at  $z=0.937$ , biggest  
GRB ever !

Next BIG ONE awaited !

Drive upgrade:

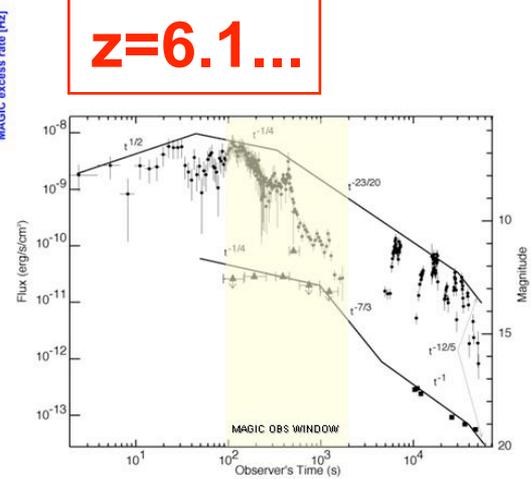
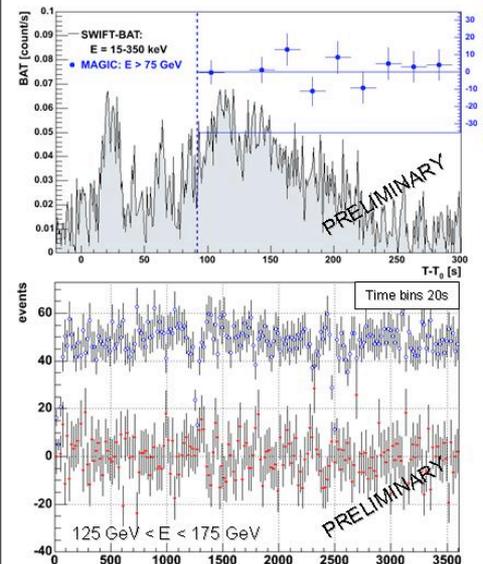
Repositioning time:

MAGIC II: 17 sec/180 deg

MAGIC I: 20 sec/180 deg

## The Case of GRB050904

$z=6.1...$



### GRB - Observed GRB locations

GRB WG:  
ApJ 667, 358

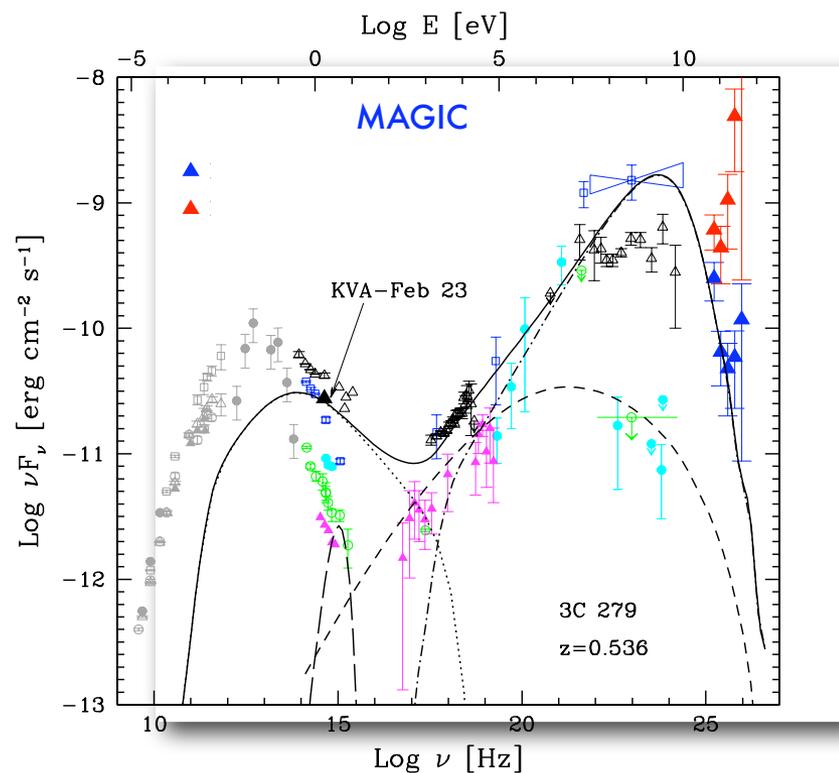
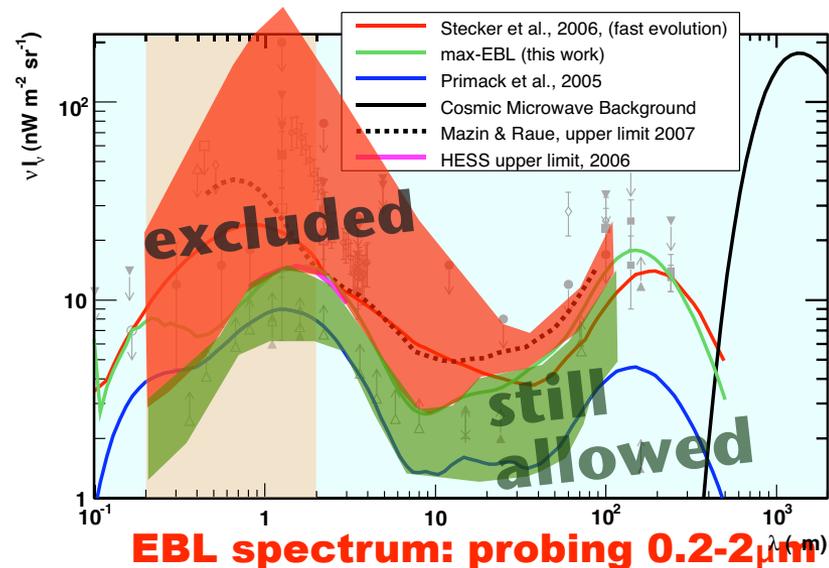
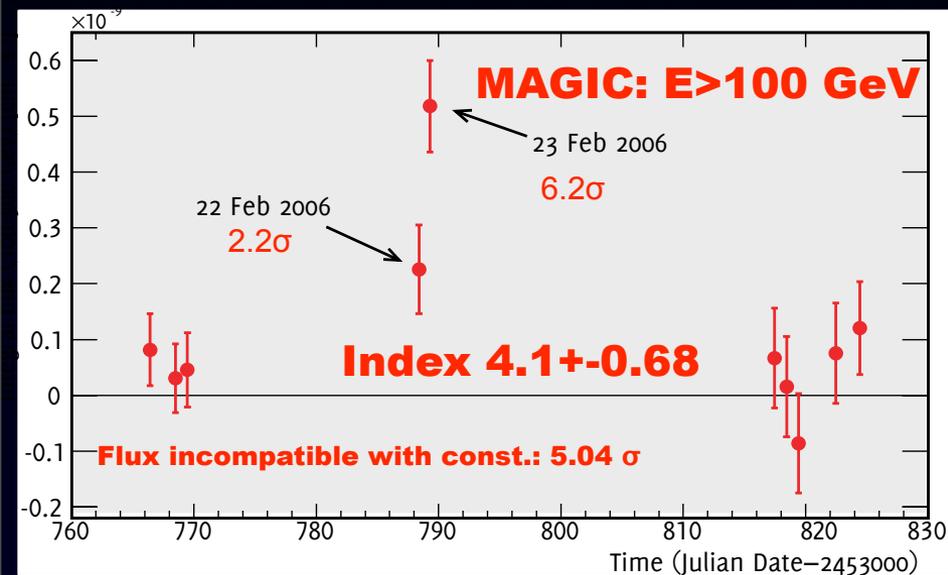
GRB	$t_0$	$\Delta t_{\text{alert}}$	$\Delta t_{\text{oss}}$	$t_{90}$	$\langle ZA \rangle$
050421	04:11:52	58 s	83 s	10 s	50°
050502a	02:14:18	18 s	990 s	20 s	42°
050505	23:00:00	23 s	0 s	0 s	55°
050509a	01:00:00	01 s	2 s	2 s	50°
050509b	04:00:00	04 s	13 s	13 s	49°
050528	04:06:45	43 s	77 s	11 s	50°
050713a	04:29:02	13 s	40 s	27 s	49°
050904	01:51:44	82 s	92 s	225 s	20°
060121	22:24:54	15 s	583 s	2 s	42°
060203	23:53:35	171 s	185 s	83 s	40°
060206	04:46:53	16 s	25 s	11 s	10°

Typical repositioning  
10-30 s

# 3C 279 observations Jan -April 2006

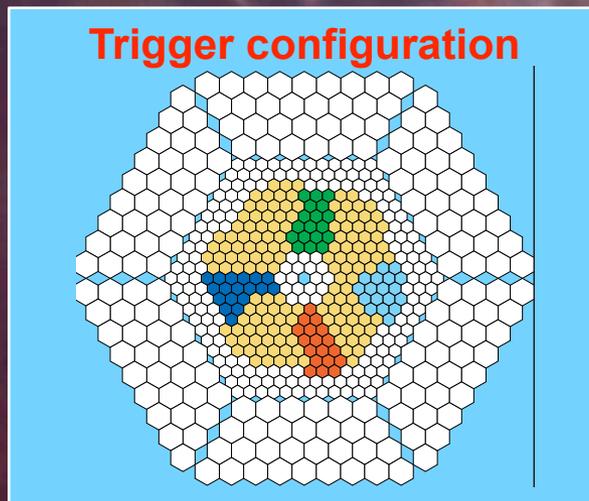
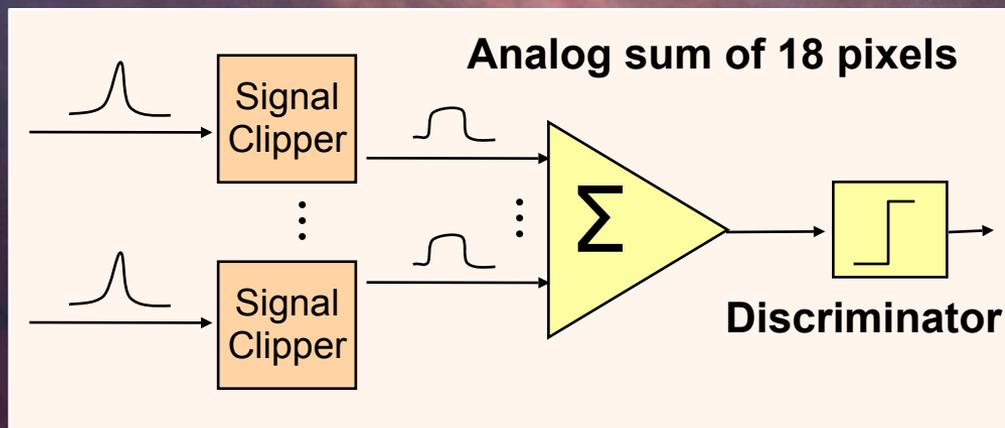
- Modeling of 3C 279 non-trivial:
- FSRQ → bright emission lines:  
External photon fields important  
(Dermer+93, Sikora+94)
- External-Inverse Compton  
Modeling required, more  
free parameters
- VHE provides vital input!

MAGIC Coll.,  
Science 320 (2008) 1752

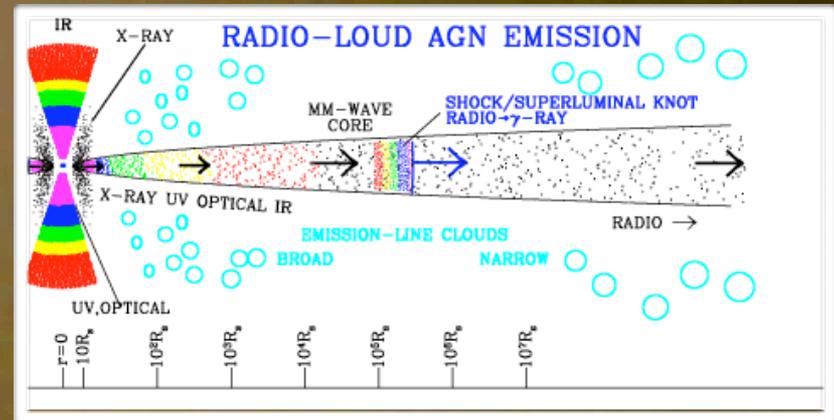


# Analogue sum trigger: Decreasing the threshold from 55 GeV to 25 GeV

- o Design, development and production of a new low energy trigger
- o Installation in La Palma in October 2007

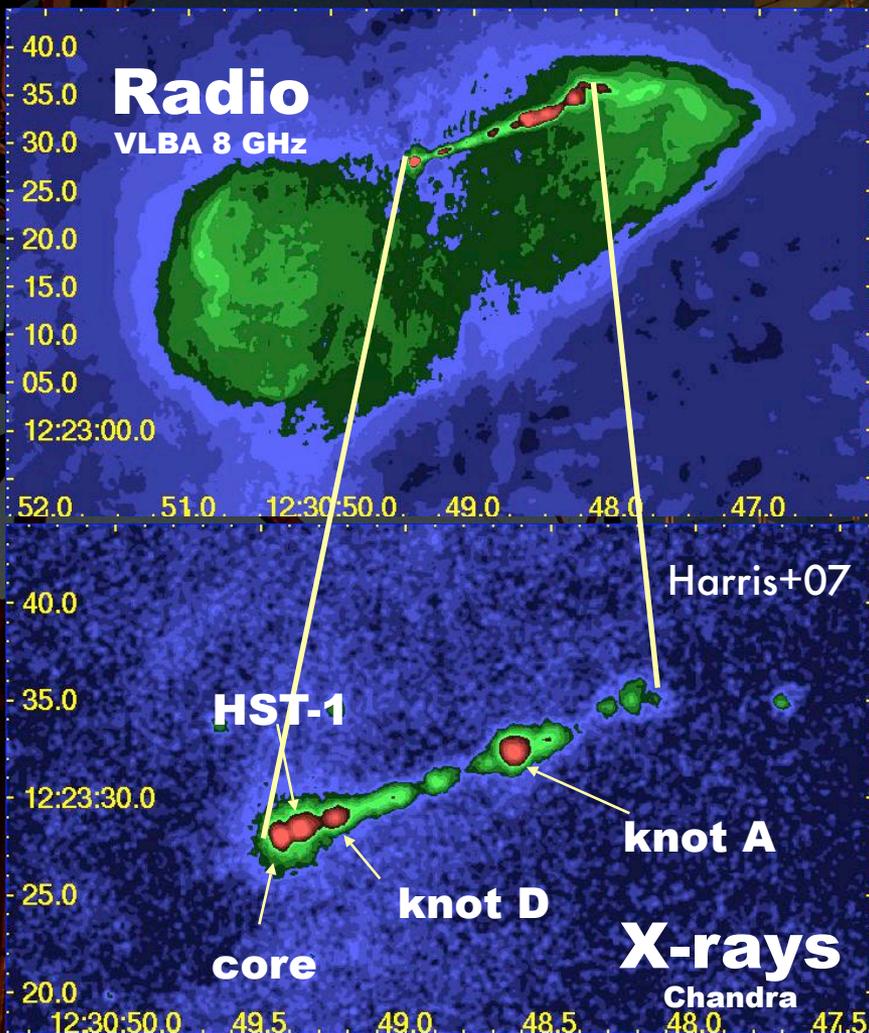


# Giant radio galaxy M87: A Unique Astrophysical Laboratory



- VERITAS/MAGIC/H.E.S.S. monitoring 120 h of observation
- Simultaneous VLBA radio imaging and Chandra monitoring

# From which location originates the gamma radiation ?



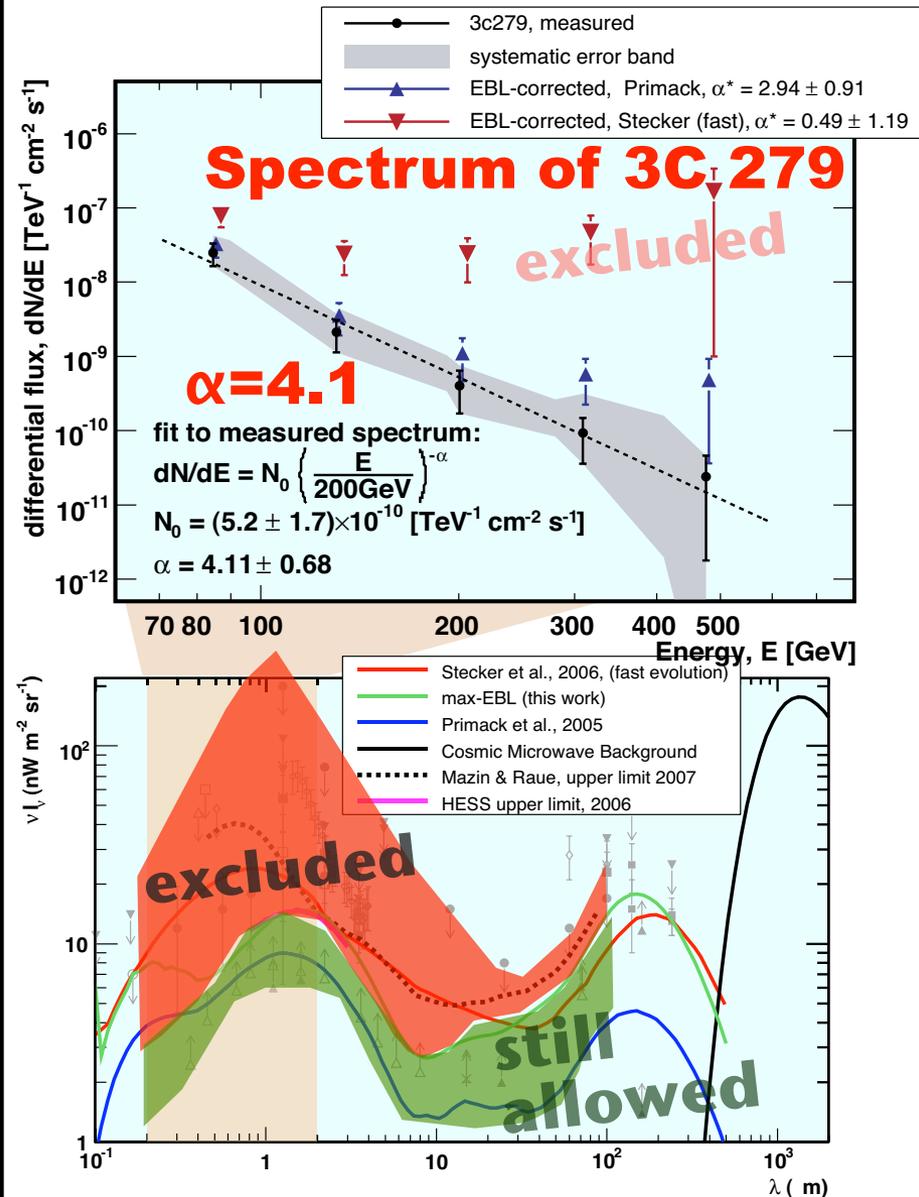
- **X-rays: HST-1 sometimes brighter than nucleus**
- **Nature of the TeV emission?**
  - Leptonic or hadronic acceleration?
  - Proton-induced cascades (Mannheim 93)
  - synchrotron proton radiation (Mücke+Protheroe 01; Aharonian 00)
  - Might also account for parts of the UHECR (Protheroe+03)
- **Location of TeV emission? Core, HST-1, Knot A?**
  - close to the core (Georganopoulos+05; Ghisellini+05; Lenain+08; Tavecchio+Ghisellini+08)
  - large-scale jet (Stawarz+03; Honda07),
  - in the vicinity of BH (Neronov+Aharonian 07; Rieger+Aharonian 08)

# Measuring the EBL

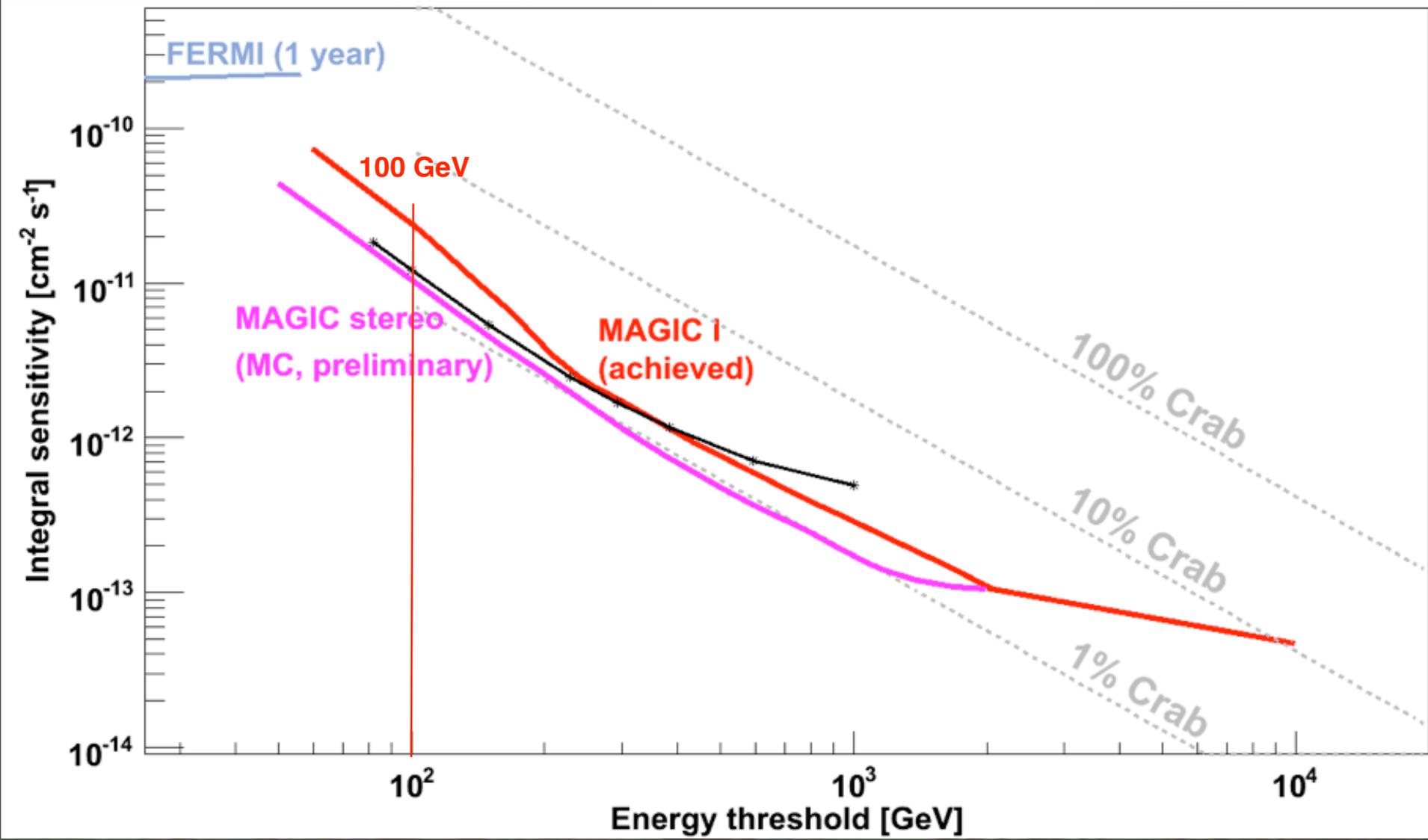
► Reconstruct intrinsic spectrum using state-of-the-art EBL models:

- Stecker fast-evol. →  $\alpha^* = 0.5 \pm 1.2$
- Primack: →  $\alpha^* = 2.9 \pm 0.9$

- Generic acceleration mechanism arguments, e.g. Aharonian+06: Assume  $\alpha^* < 1.5$  unreasonable
- Formation of hard spectra possible Aharonian+08, Sitarek+Bednarek 08, Liu+08
- Internal absorption in 3C279 does not produce important hardening Tavecchio+Mazin 08
- Infer maximum tolerable EBL
- Gamma-ray horizon



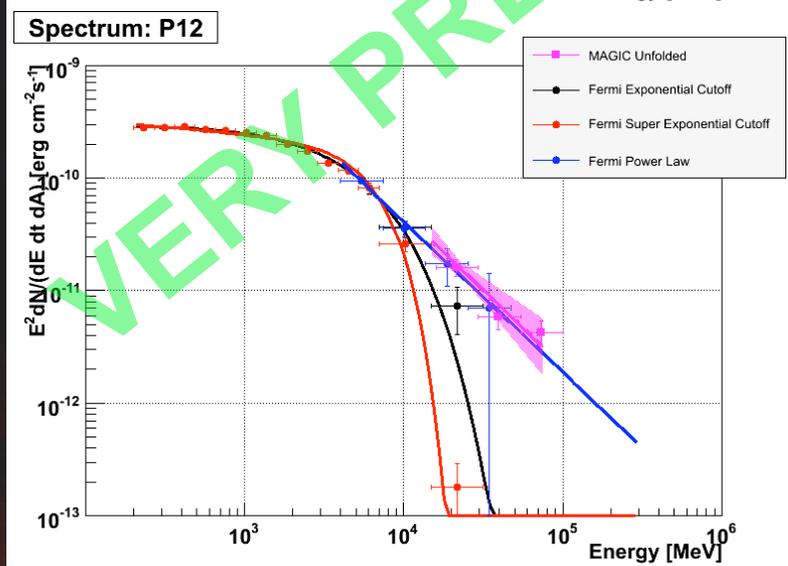
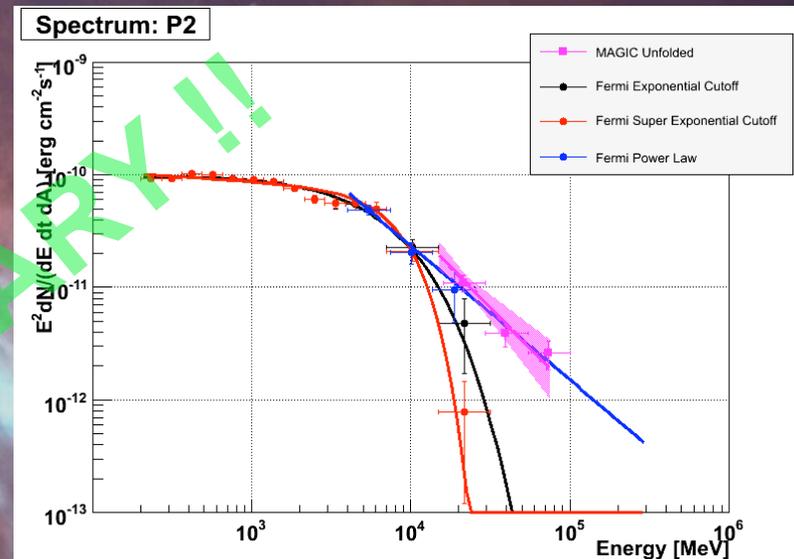
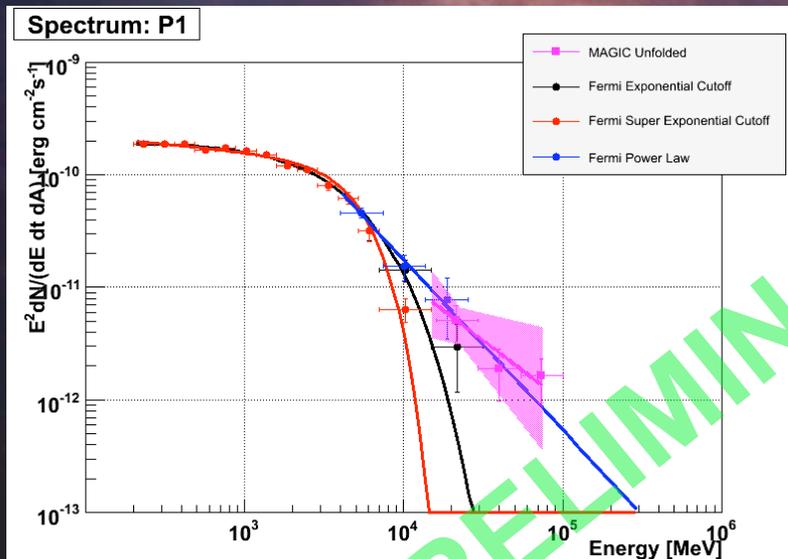
# Already achieved Sensitivity





# Mismatch in energy scale ?

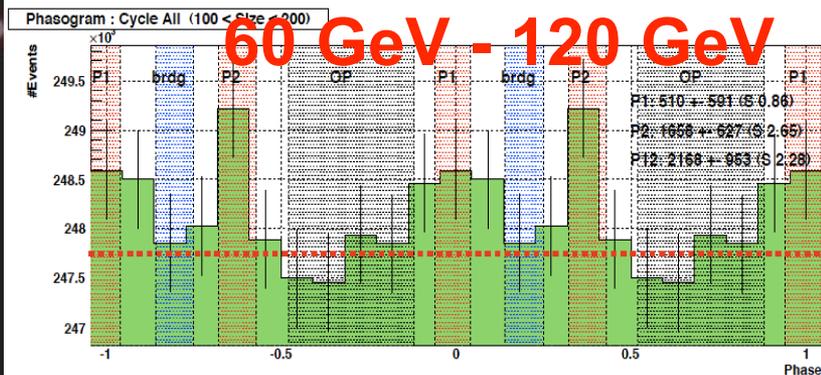
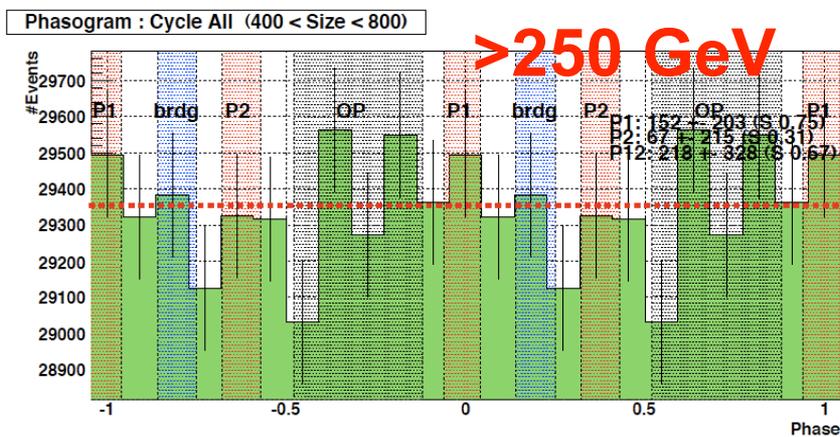
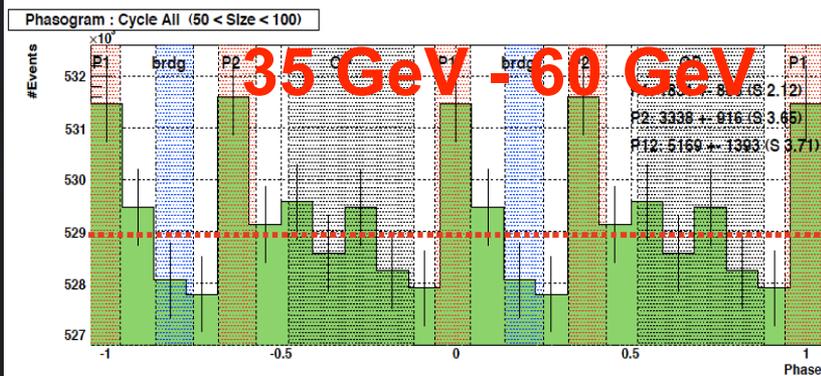
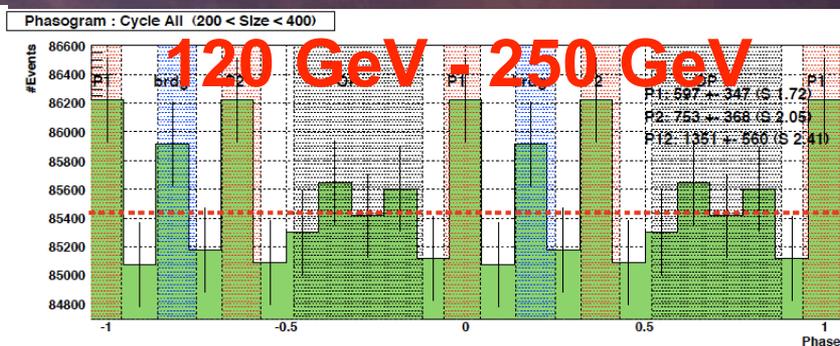
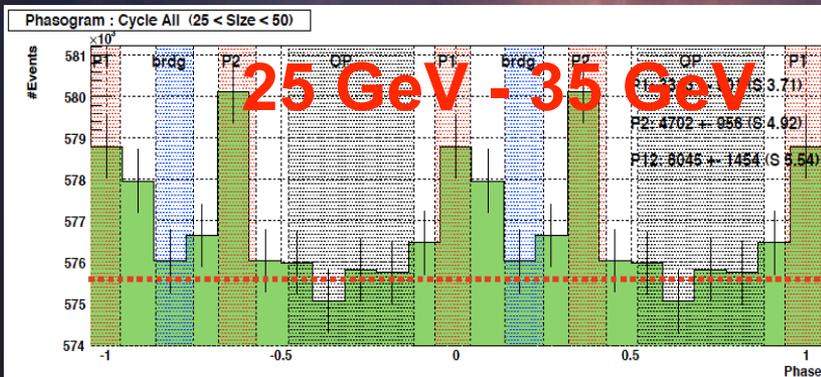
## Cross-calibration to Fermi



VERY PRELIMINARY !!



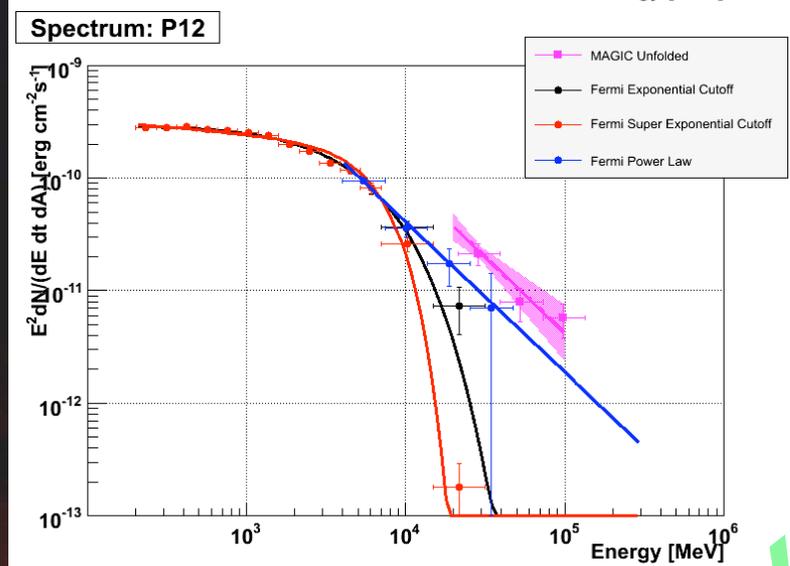
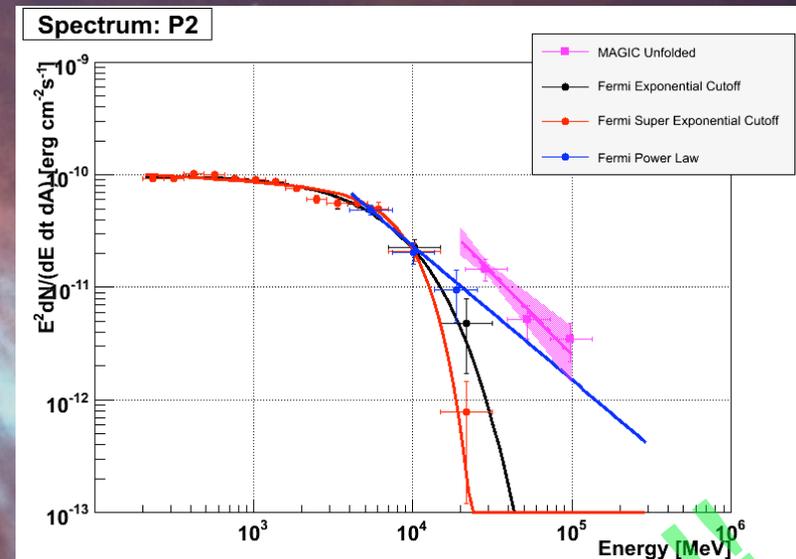
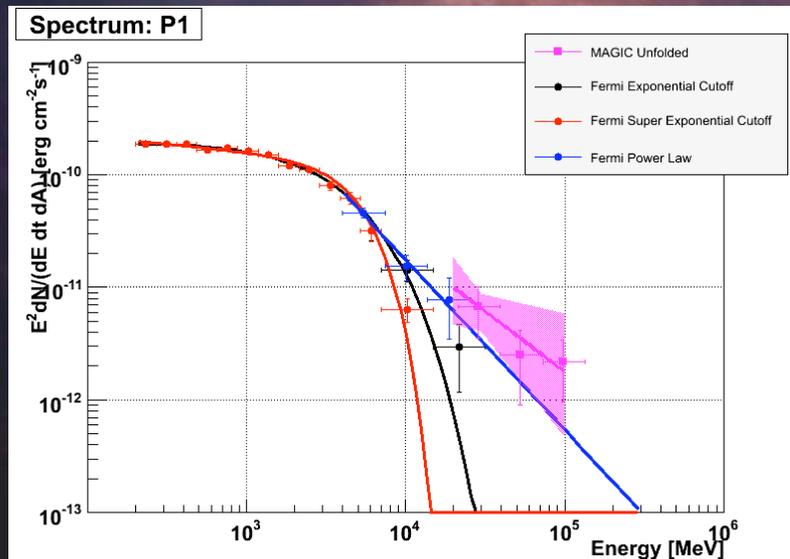
# Emission in different energy bands





# MAGIC spectrum

(work of Takayuki Saito)



PRELIMINARY!!!



# Bright Blazar Monitoring

