



H.E.S.S. Observations of Pulsars at Very High Energies



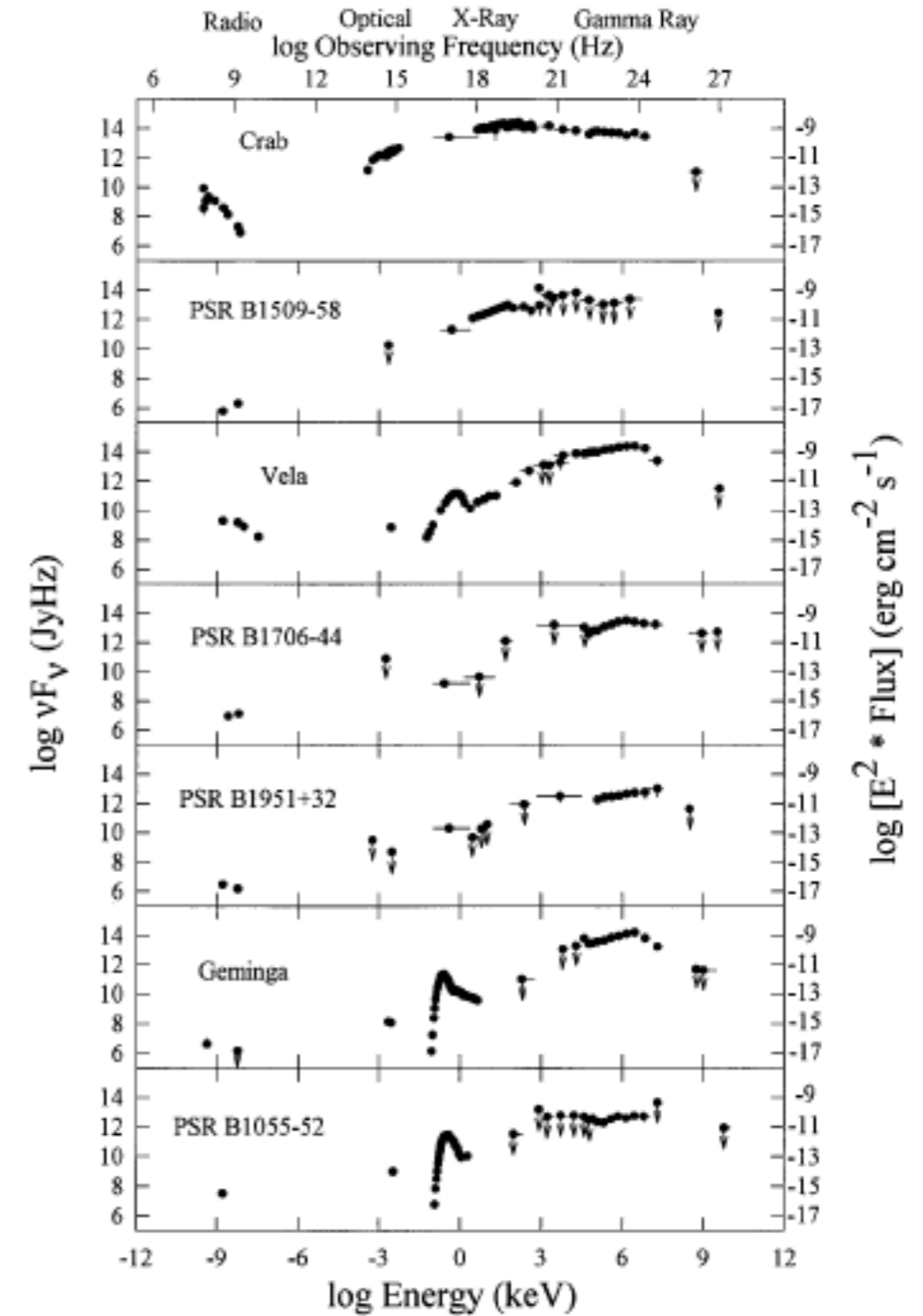
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EGRET Era (< 2008)

GRO: April 5th 1C991- June 4th 2000

- First discovery in 1967 : 1919+21
[Hewish & Bell 1967]
- ATNF catalog > 2900 radio pulsars
- Crab in soft γ -rays : only 2 yrs after its discovery
[Hillier et al. 1970]
- GeV γ -rays prior to Fermi :
Egret/CGRO (1990's) : 7 pulsars
- X-rays : ~100 pulsars mostly thermal
- Optical : ~10 pulsars, very faint
Mv(Crab) = 16.5
Mv(Vela) = 23.5 !
- Most of energy in GeV range
- Bump in UV-X-rays for 3 pulsars

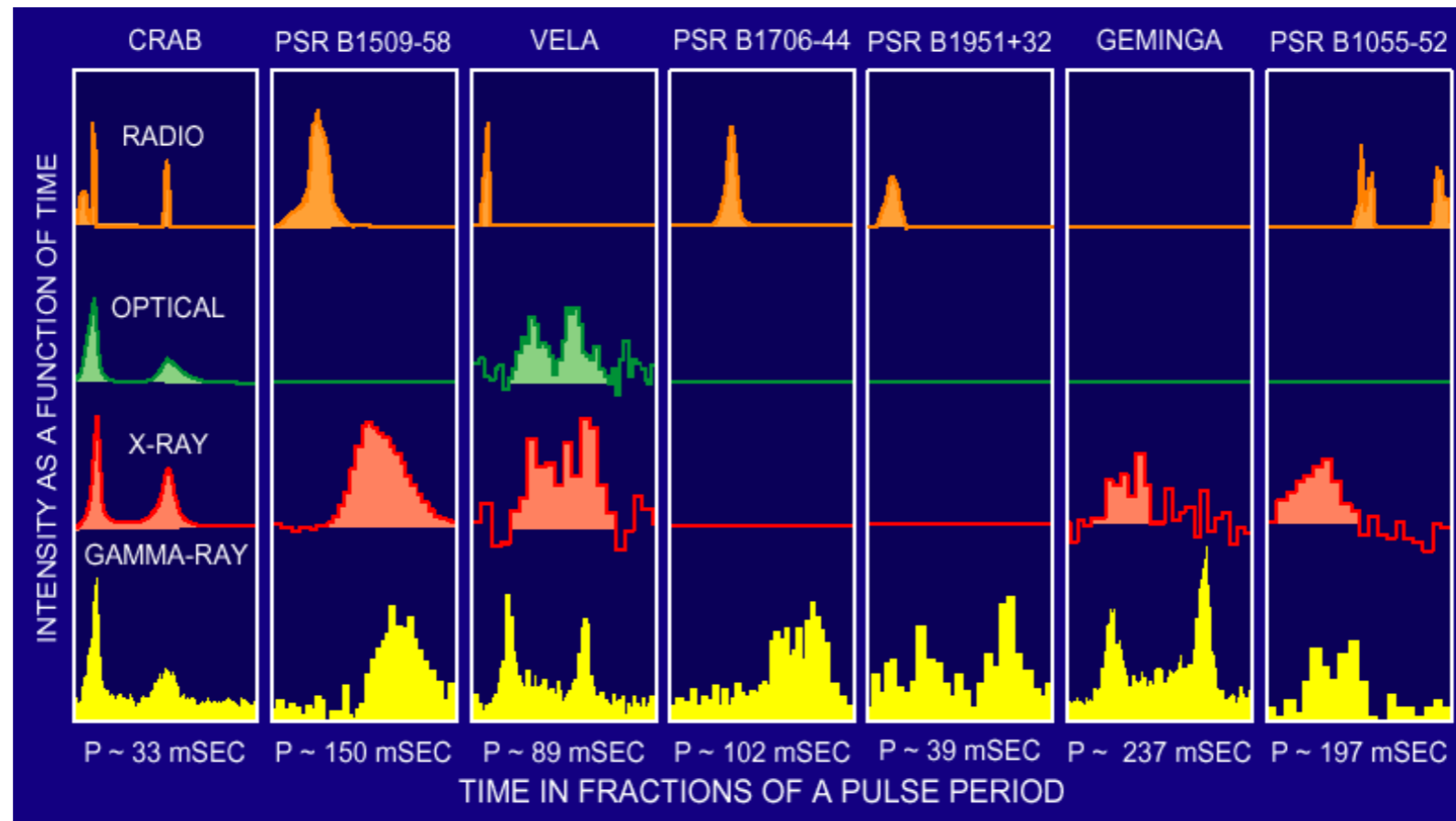
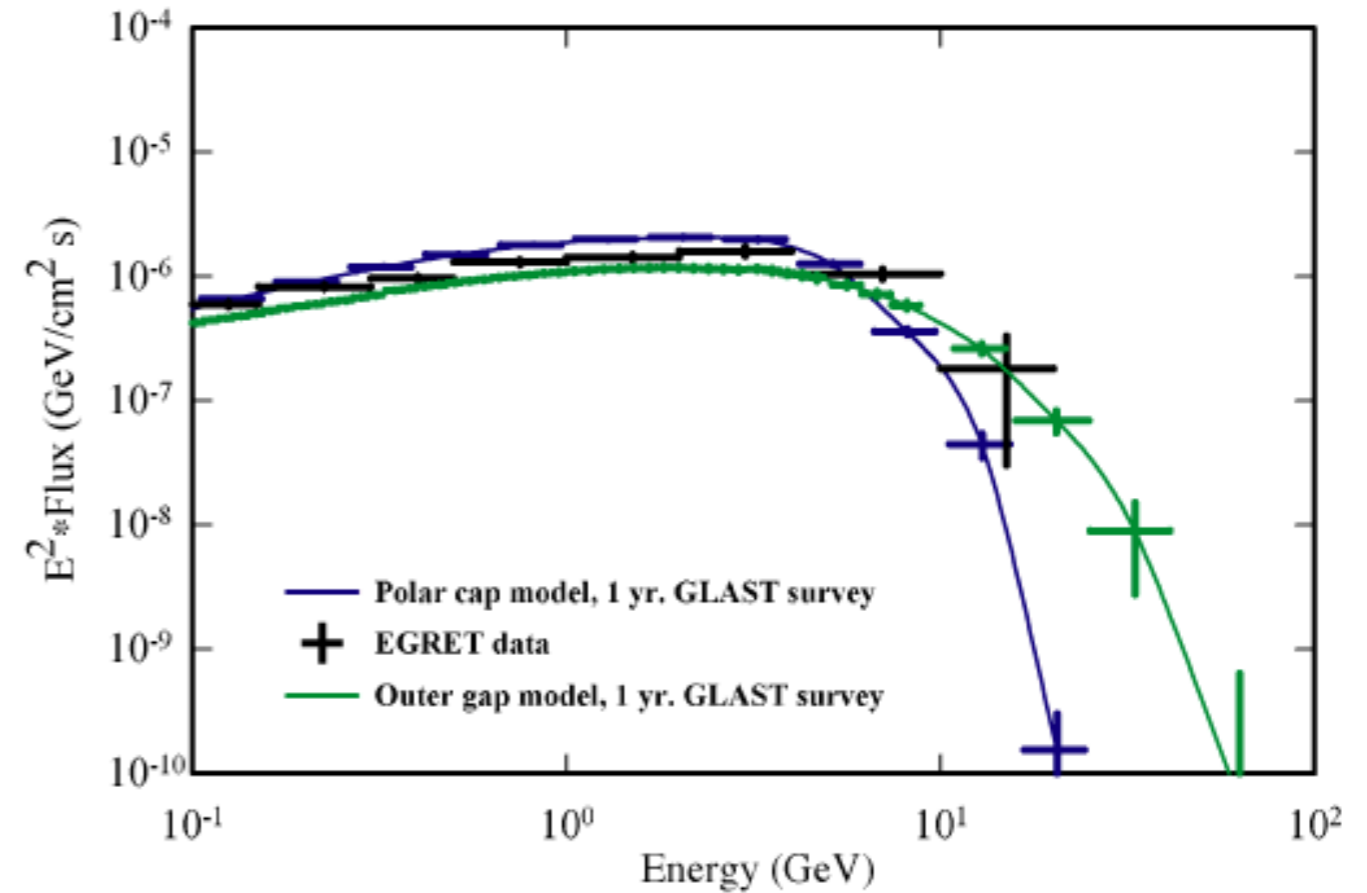


[Thompson et al. 1999]

EGRET Era (< 2008)

GRO: April 5th 1991- June 4th 2000

- 7 pulsars detected
- Polar Cap : super-exponential cut-off
- Outer/slot gaps : exponential cut-off
- Data in [1-10] GeV on brightest pulsars :
—> not constraining



HESS searches for VHE pulsations

Data 2002-2005 [HESS collab. 2007]



- 11 “young” isolated pulsars selected
- Except B1259-63 with a companion
- $\dot{E}/d^2 > 10^{35}$ erg/cm²/s
- (Characteristic) Ages range from 1.24 to 332 kyrs
- ~350 h of total observing time
- No significant excess found

Pulsar PSR	Low energy cuts						Standard cuts					
	N_{on}	P_{χ^2}	P_H	$P_{Z_1^2}$	$P_{Z_2^2}$	P_K	N_{on}	P_{χ^2}	P_H	$P_{Z_1^2}$	$P_{Z_2^2}$	P_K
B0531+21	8095	0.99	0.84	0.81	0.94	0.97	10622	0.51	0.56	0.63	0.25	0.66
B0833-45	7480	0.52	0.87	0.85	0.37	0.82	1156	0.79	0.92	0.90	0.98	0.88
B1259-63	16176	0.78	0.92	0.90	0.65	0.71	4535	0.29	0.25	0.18	0.46	0.23
J1420-6048	2228	0.0093	0.0031	0.072	0.007	0.0049	968	0.67	0.60	0.53	0.53	0.62
B1509-58	12481	0.37	0.81	0.77	0.70	0.89	4308	0.048	0.055	0.027	0.11	0.04
J1524-5625	2498	0.78	0.43	0.35	0.43	0.39	745	0.87	0.79	0.75	0.96	0.97
B1706-44*	–	–	–	–	–	–	391	0.02	0.82	0.78	0.85	–
J1826-1334	14497	0.71	0.46	0.38	0.57	0.62	4016	0.46	0.42	0.34	0.34	0.42
J1747-2958**	23482	0.65	0.98	0.97	0.82	0.95	6340	0.62	0.62	0.92	0.99	0.96
J1801-2451**	3230	0.035	0.22	0.15	0.42	0.21	723	0.50	0.15	0.094	0.24	0.32

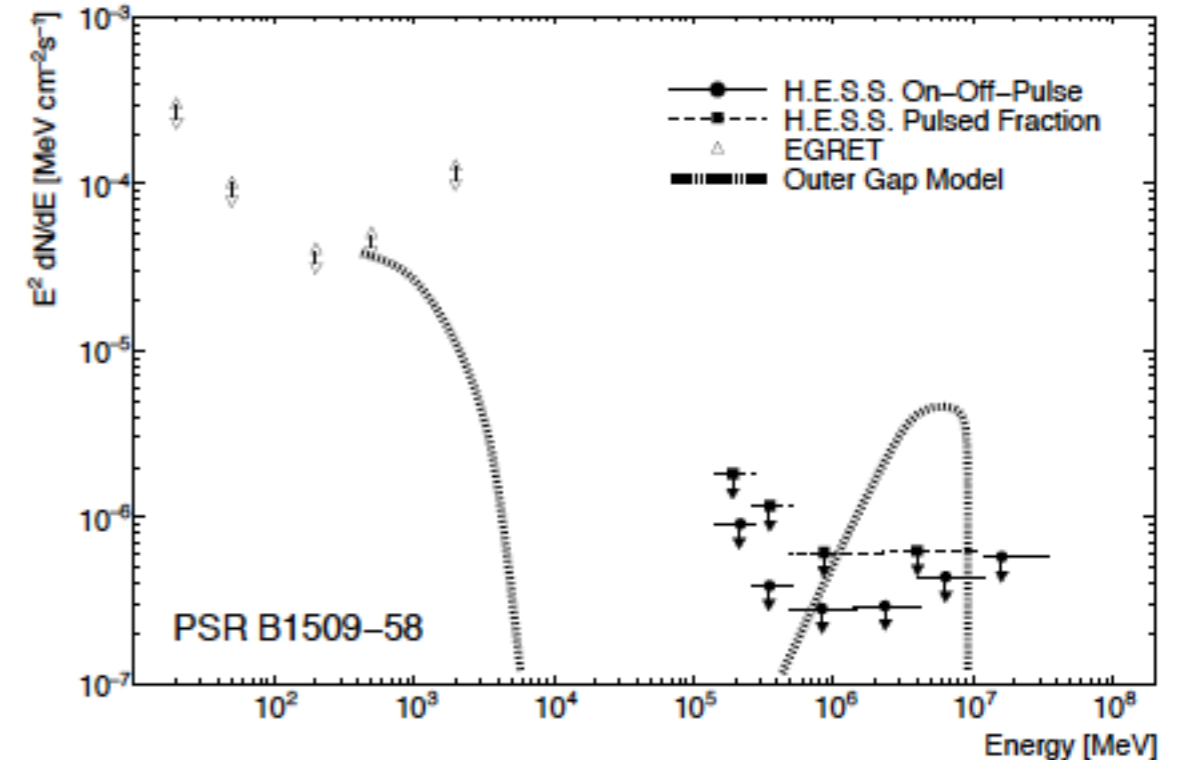
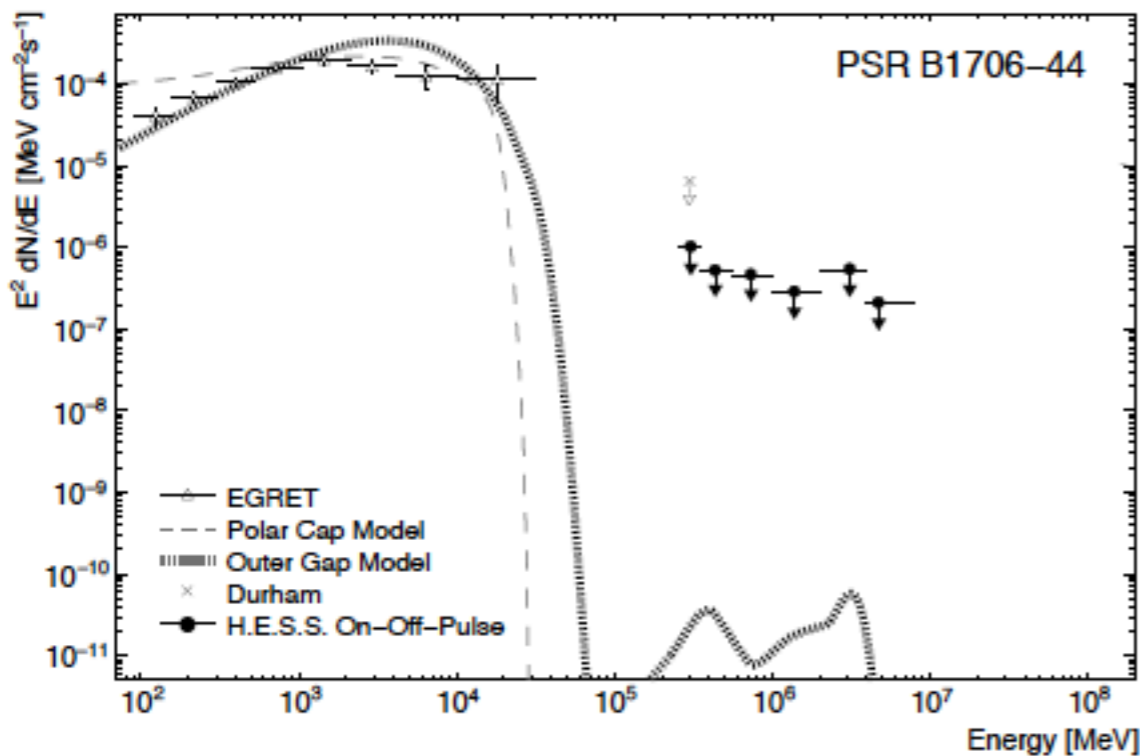
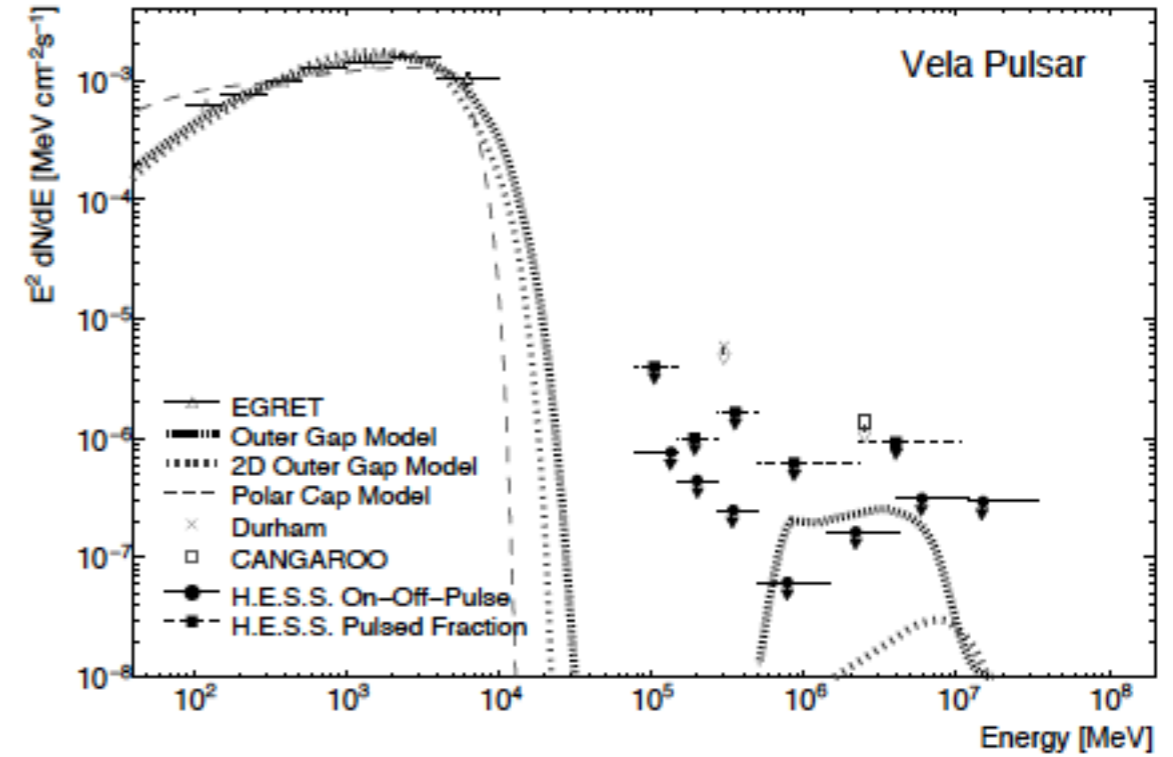
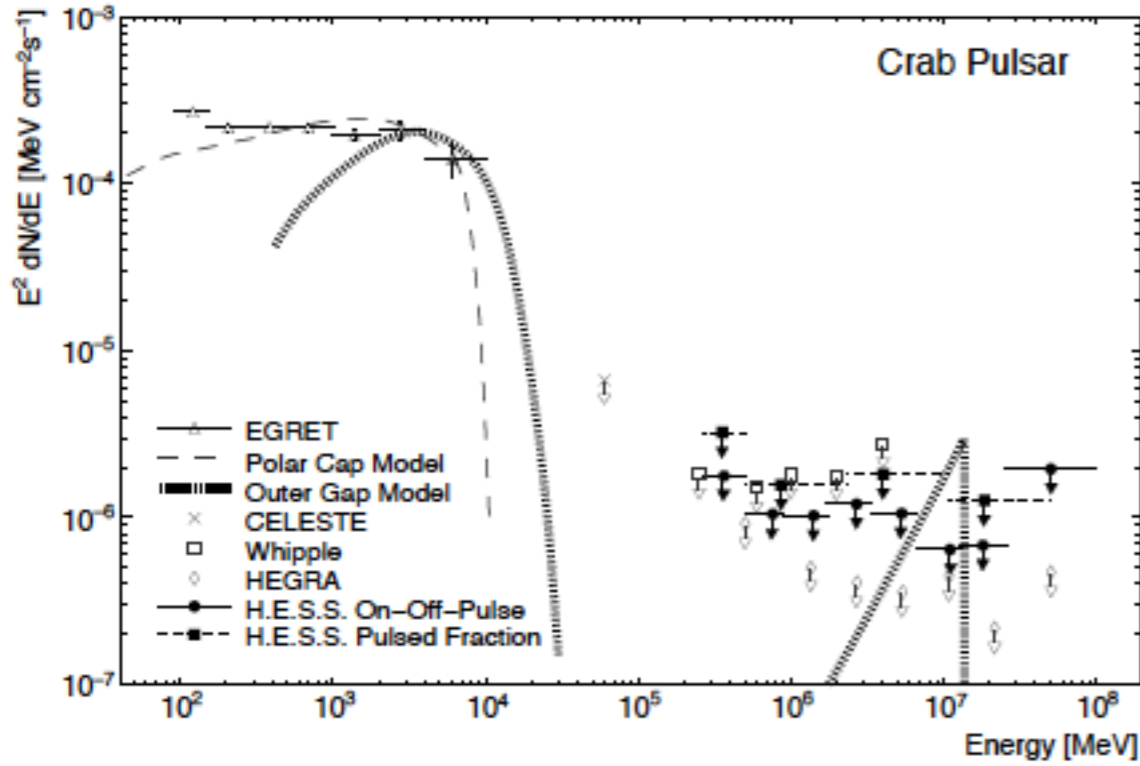
* Subject to analysis limitations (archival data, see text).

** Valid pulsar timing information was not available for all data within the H.E.S.S. data set.

HESS searches for VHE pulsations

Data 2002-2005 [HESS collab. 2007]

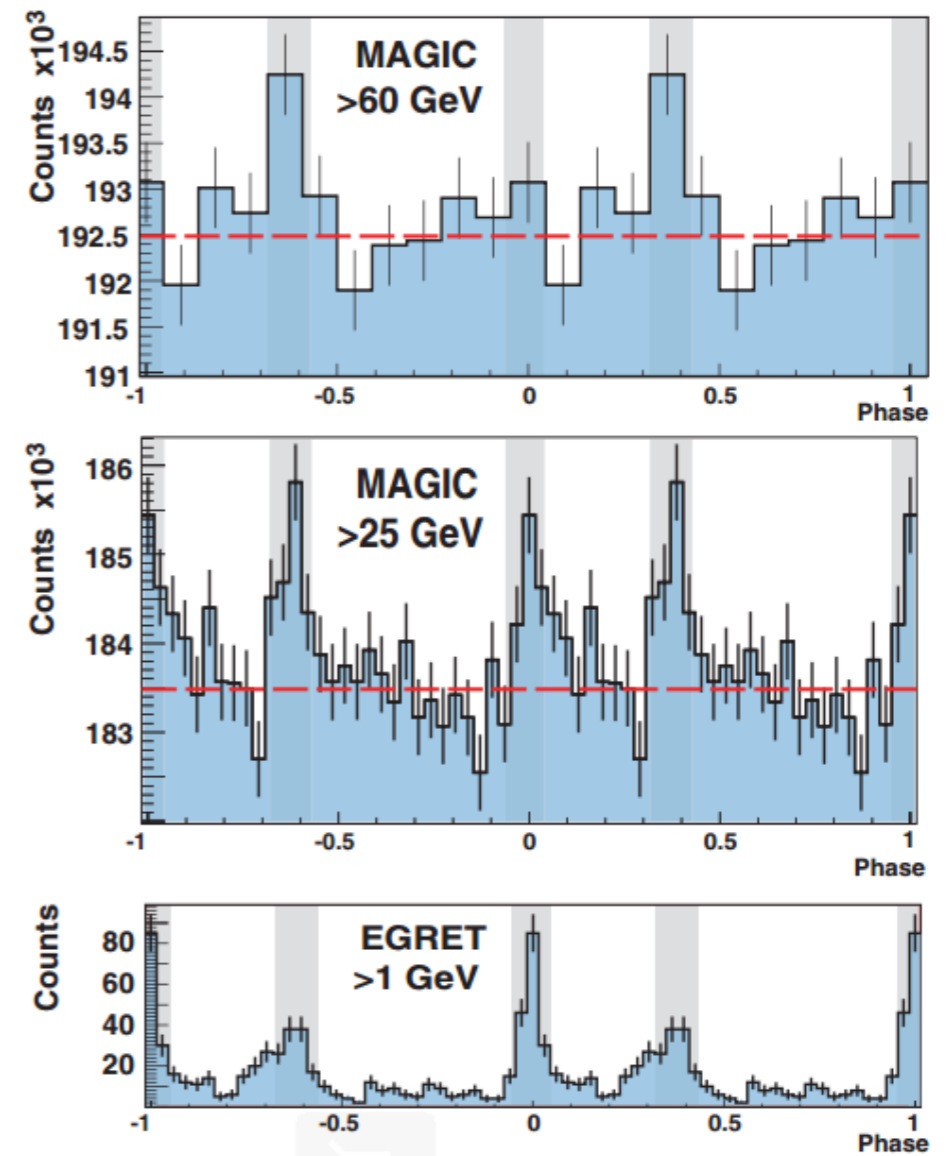
- Constraints on OG [Dyks & Rudak]+ IC models [Hirotani et al., 2001, 2003], [Takata et al. 2006], ...



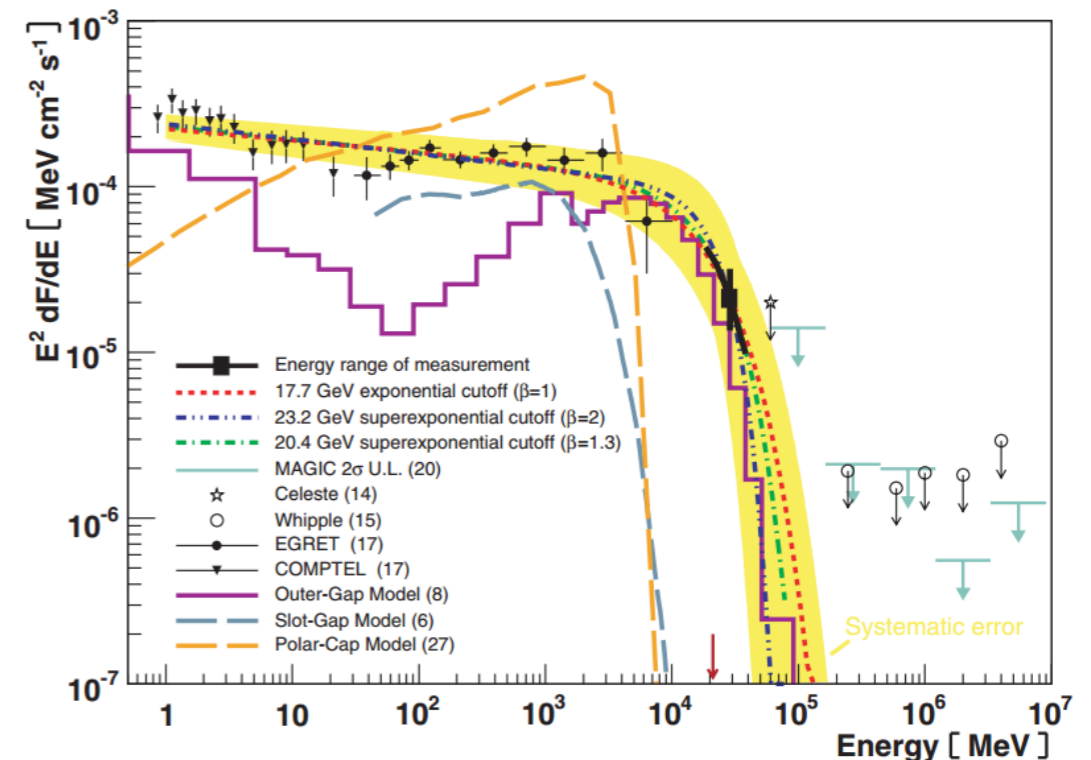
Crab : MAGIC 2008

~25 GeV [Aliu et al. 2008]

- Sept 2008 (17th)
 - Detection of a signal > 25 GeV !
 - 23 hours, 8500 events at 6.4 s.d. from peaks P1 and P2
 - P2 > 60 GeV : 3.4 s.d.



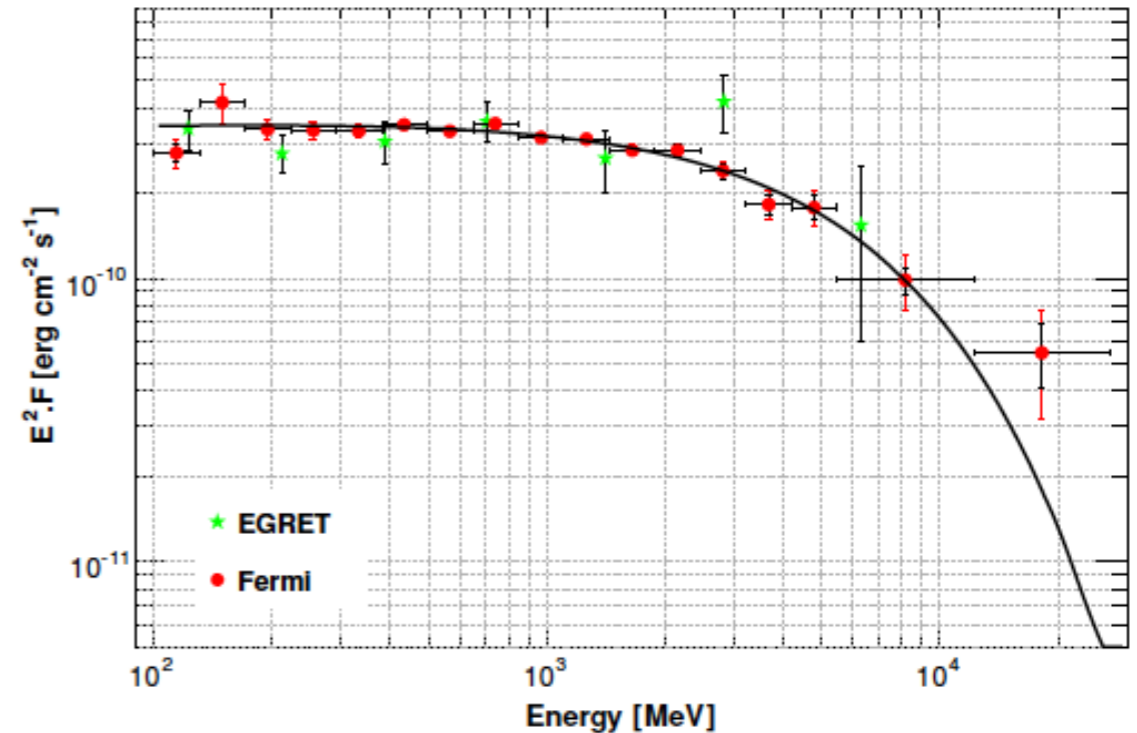
- Spectral energy distribution
- Exp-cutoff E pushed to 17.7 GeV
- Polar Cap models disfavored
- But uncertainties on energy scale forbid strong conclusions



Fermi-LAT Era (>2008)

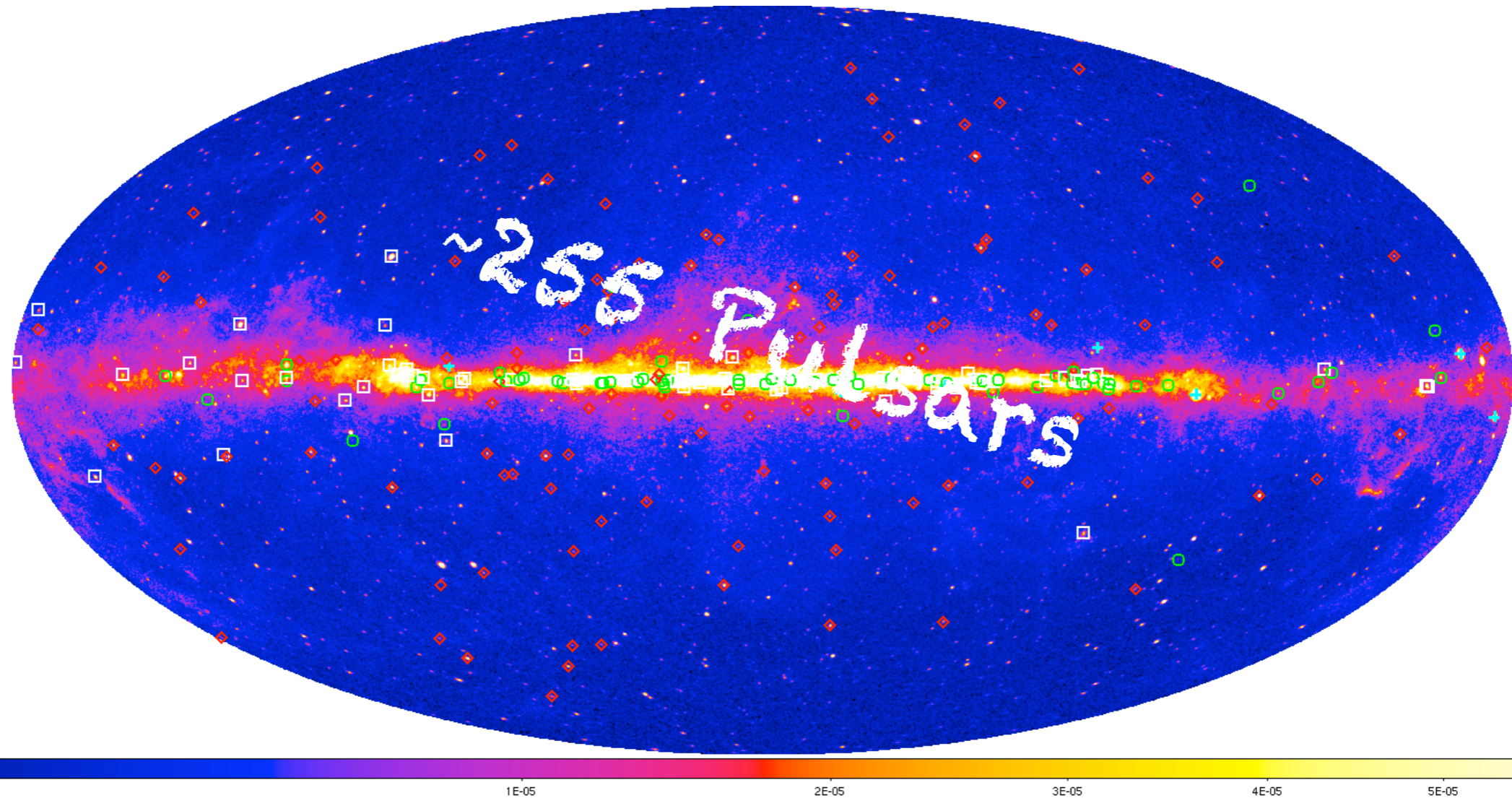
Launch of Fermi : June 11th 2008

- As soon as September 2009:
 - Super exponential cutoff excluded !
 - Brightest pulsars (Crab, Vela) : even sub-exponential cut-off
 - Cut-offs in a narrow band $E_{\text{cut}} \sim 1\text{-}5$ GeV
 - Taken as evidence for CR
 - Reasonable values for ρ_C and E_{\parallel} indeed predict E_{cut} in this range
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- As such no hope for VHE emission, except:
 - Tails of exp-cut off in the <50 GeV range
 - New component e.g. IC à la Hirotani & Shibata OG model, but already severely constrained by HESS...



Fermi-LAT > 1 GeV sky

11 years of data



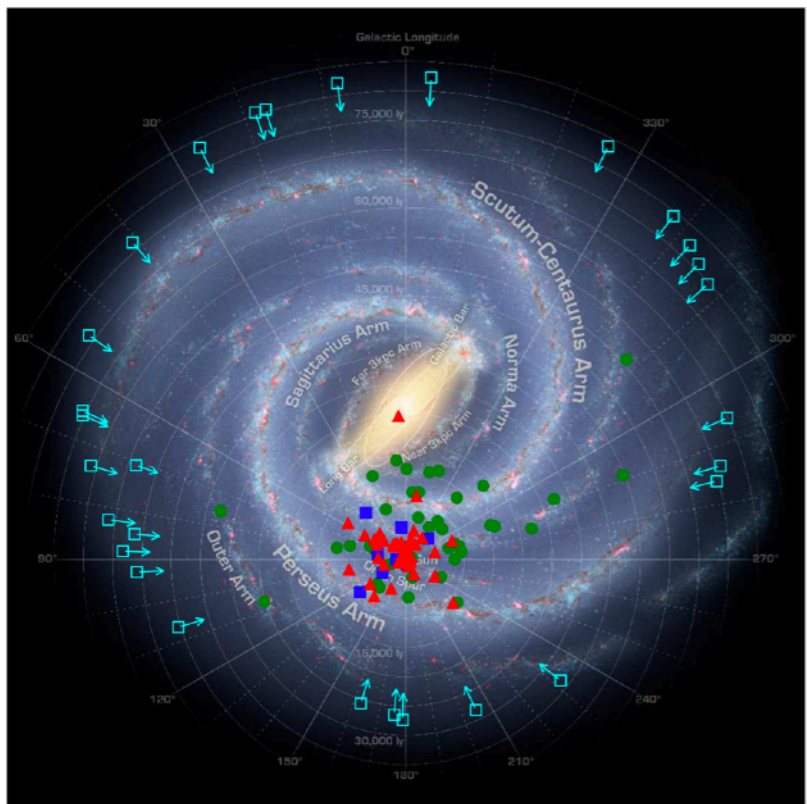
- 3PC in preparation ~255 pulsars
- 136 Young or Middle-aged
- 73 Radio-loud γ -ray (29%)
- 63 Radio-quiet γ -ray (25%)
- 119 γ -ray MSPs : 25 Isolated, 94 Binary (47%)
- 36 Black Widows (27) and Redbacks (9)
- Public list of LAT detected pulsars :

<https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/GLAMCOG/Public+List+of+LAT-Detected+Gamma-Ray+Pulsars>

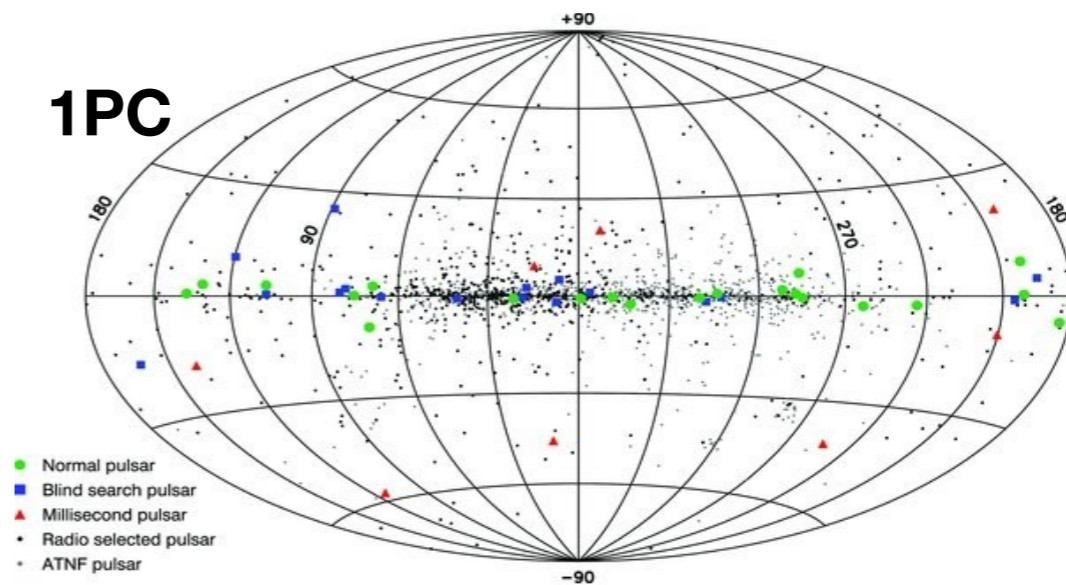
Courtesy David Smith

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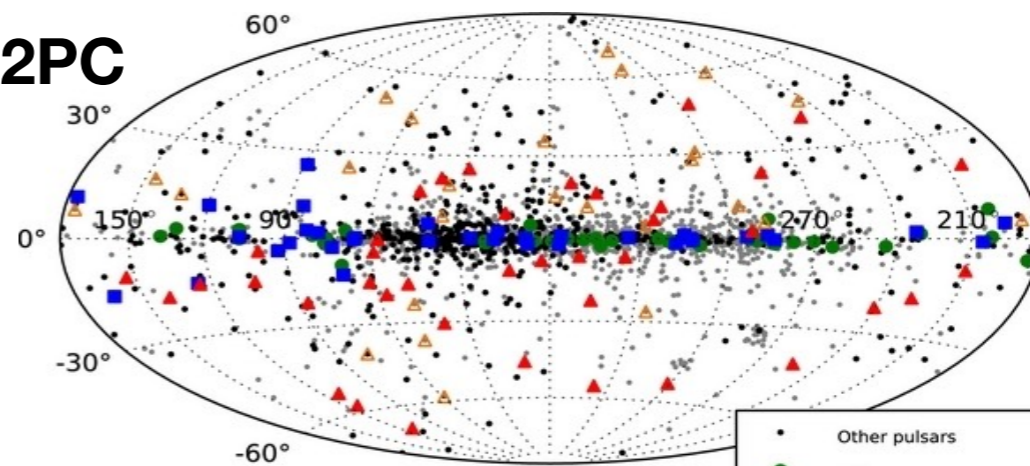


1PC



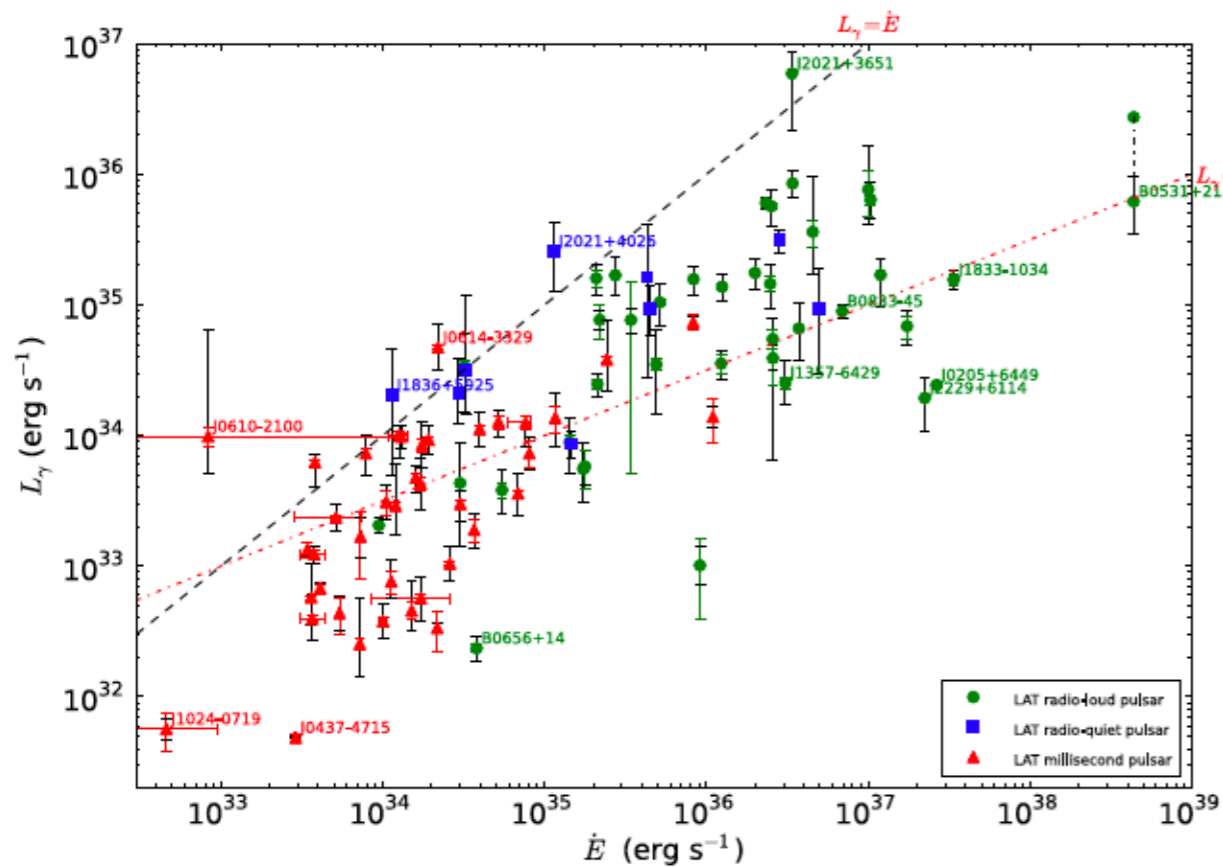
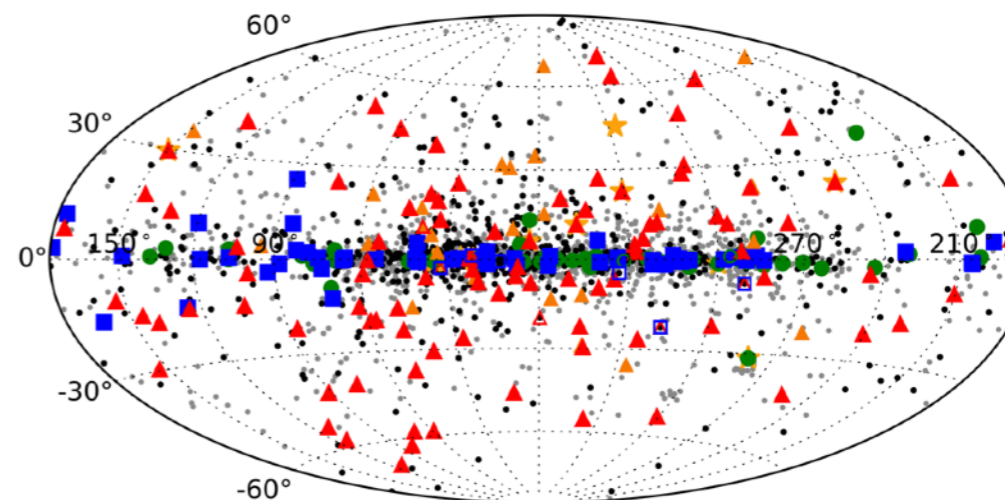
- Normal pulsar
- Blind search pulsar
- ▲ Millisecond pulsar
- Radio selected pulsar
- ATNF pulsar

2PC



- Other pulsars
- LAT radio-loud pulsar
- LAT radio-quiet pulsar
- ▲ Radio MSP from LAT UnID
- ▲ LAT millisecond pulsar

3PC (in prep)



Courtesy:
David Smith & Luca Guillemot

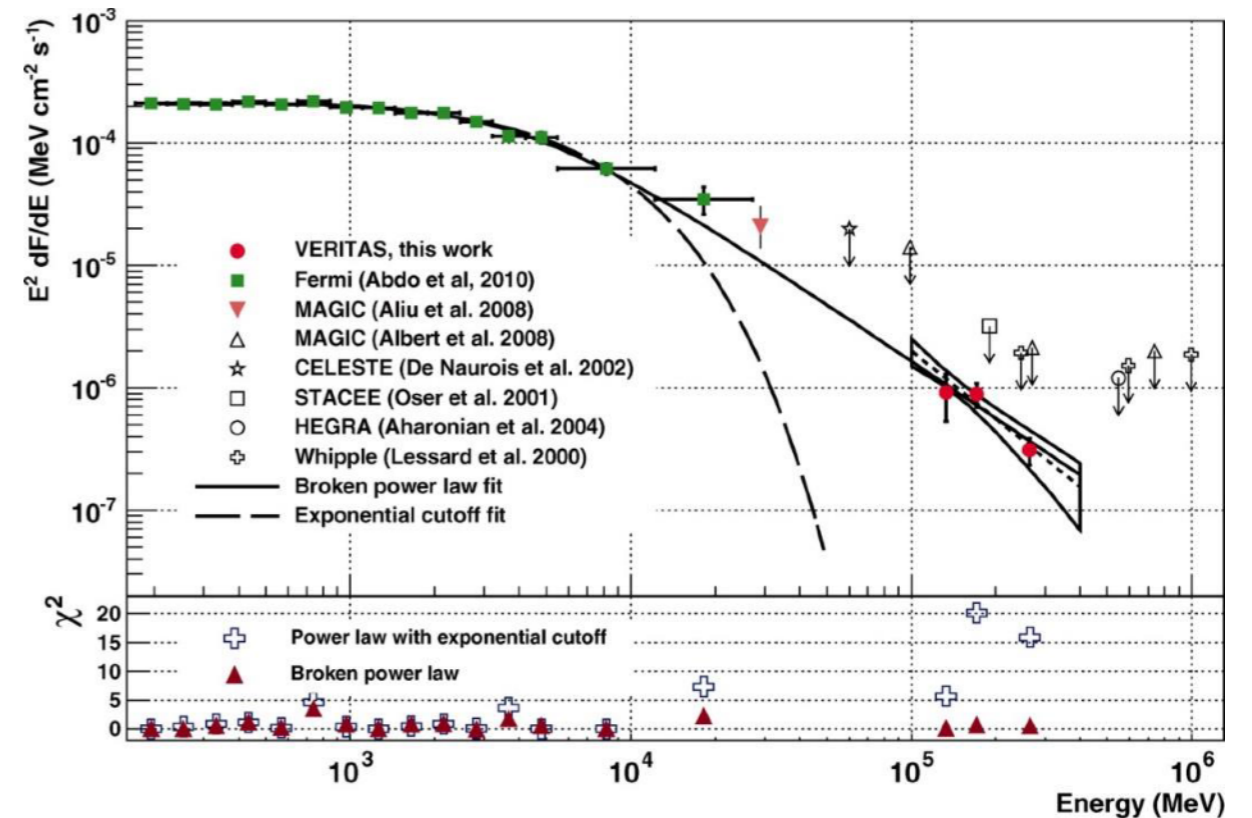
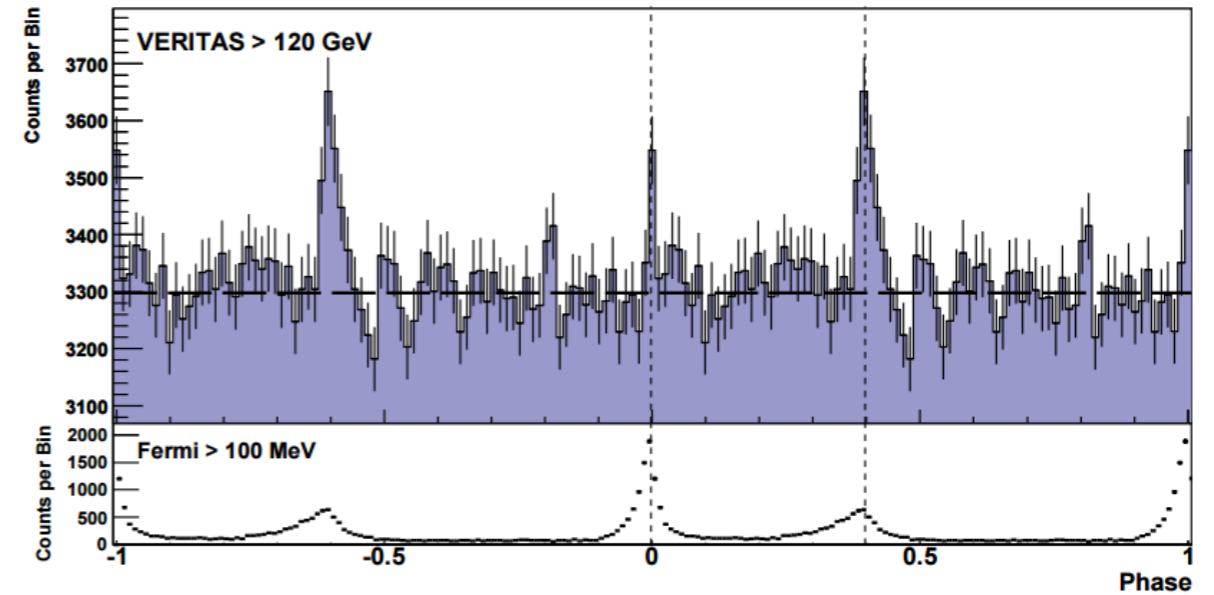
Crab : VERITAS 2011

100-400 GeV [Aliu et al. 2011]

- **Detection of a signal in the 100-400 GeV !**
- 107 hours, 1211 events at 6.0 s.d. from peaks P1 and P2
- Confirmed by MAGIC

- Spectral energy distribution
- **Departure from exp-cutoff**
- **Broken power-law :**

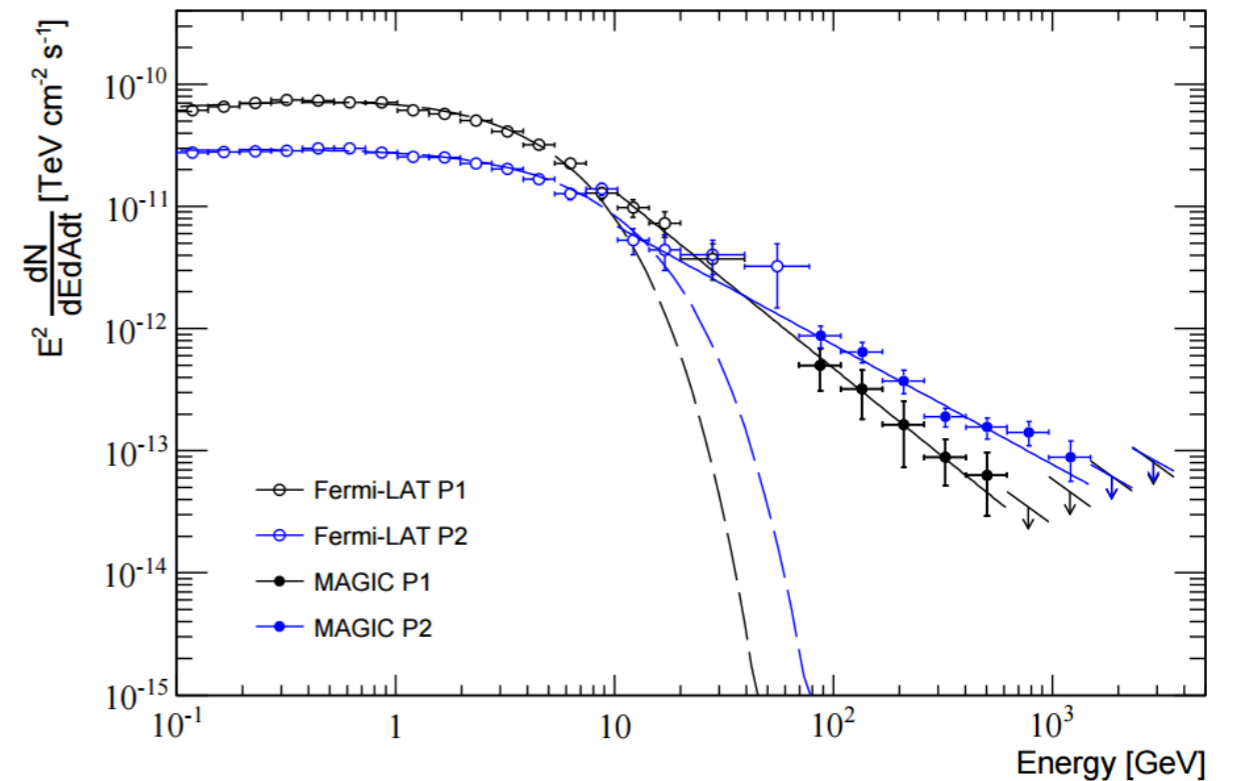
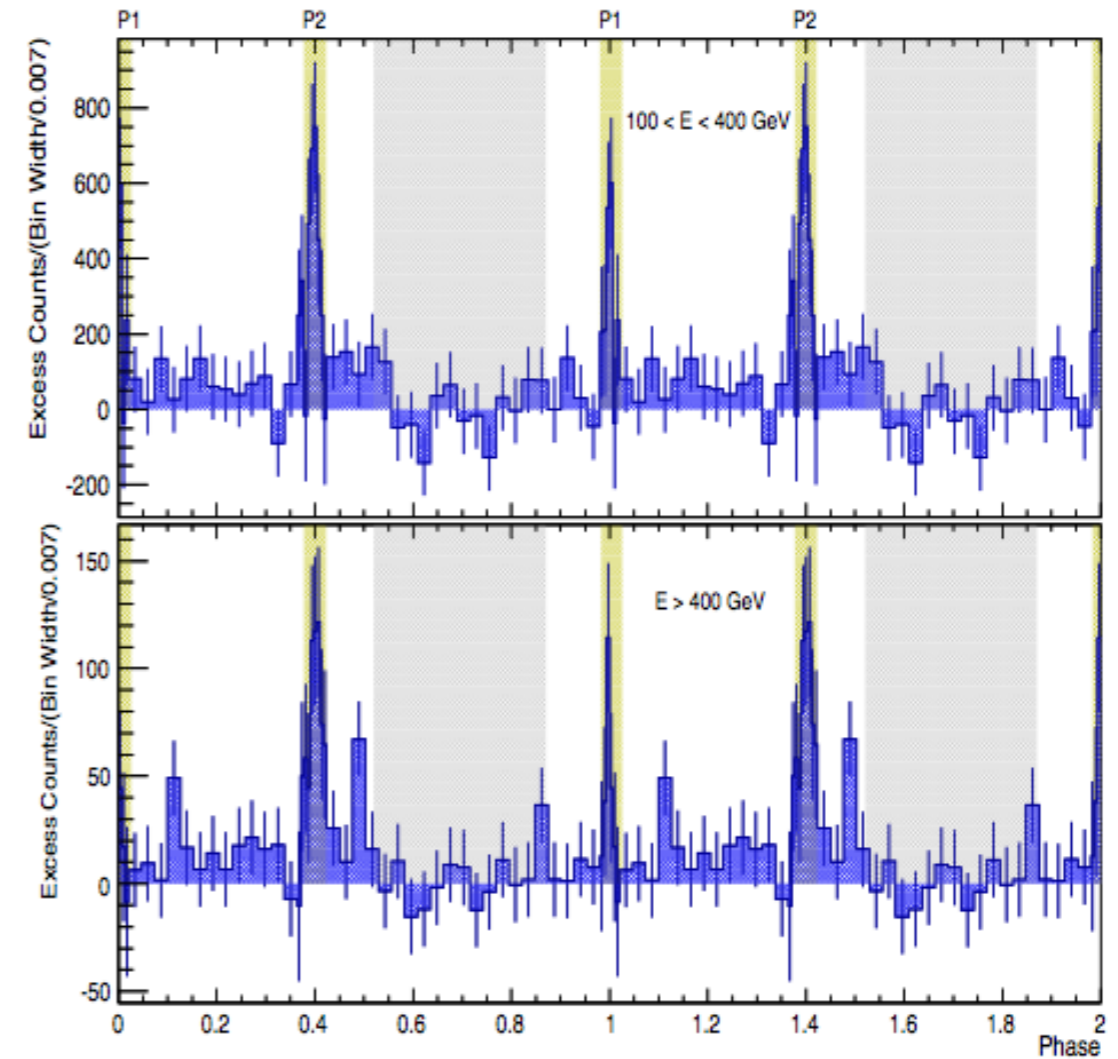
- Stand alone fit : $\Gamma = -3.8 \pm 0.5$
- Combined Fermi-VERITAS fit:
 $\Gamma_1 = -1.96 \pm 0.02$
 $\Gamma_2 = -3.52 \pm 0.04$
Assuming same component



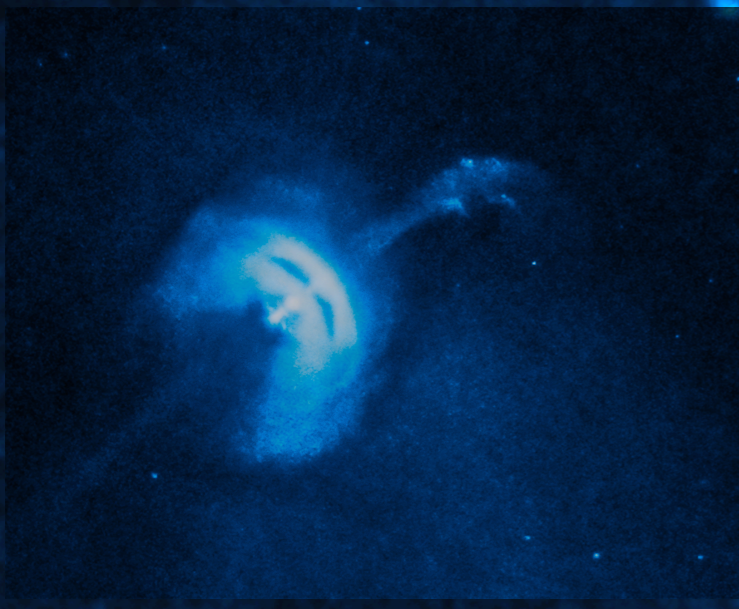
Crab : MAGIC 2016

70 GeV-~1 TeV [Ansoldi et al. 2016]

- **Extension to ~ 1 TeV**
- 320 hours!
- 100-400 GeV
- P1 : 1252 events at 2.8 s.d.
- P2 : 2537 events at 5.6.s.d.
- >400 GeV
 - P1 : 188 events at 2.2σ
 - P2 : 544 events at 6.0σ
- Spectral energy distribution
 - P1 : $\Gamma = -3.2 \pm 0.4$
 - P2 : $\Gamma = -2.9 \pm 0.2$
 - Combined Fermi-MAGIC fit :
 - P1 : $\Gamma = -3.5 \pm 0.1$
 - P2 : $\Gamma = -3.0 \pm 0.1$
- In continuation of Fermi-LAT?
- **Same component?!**



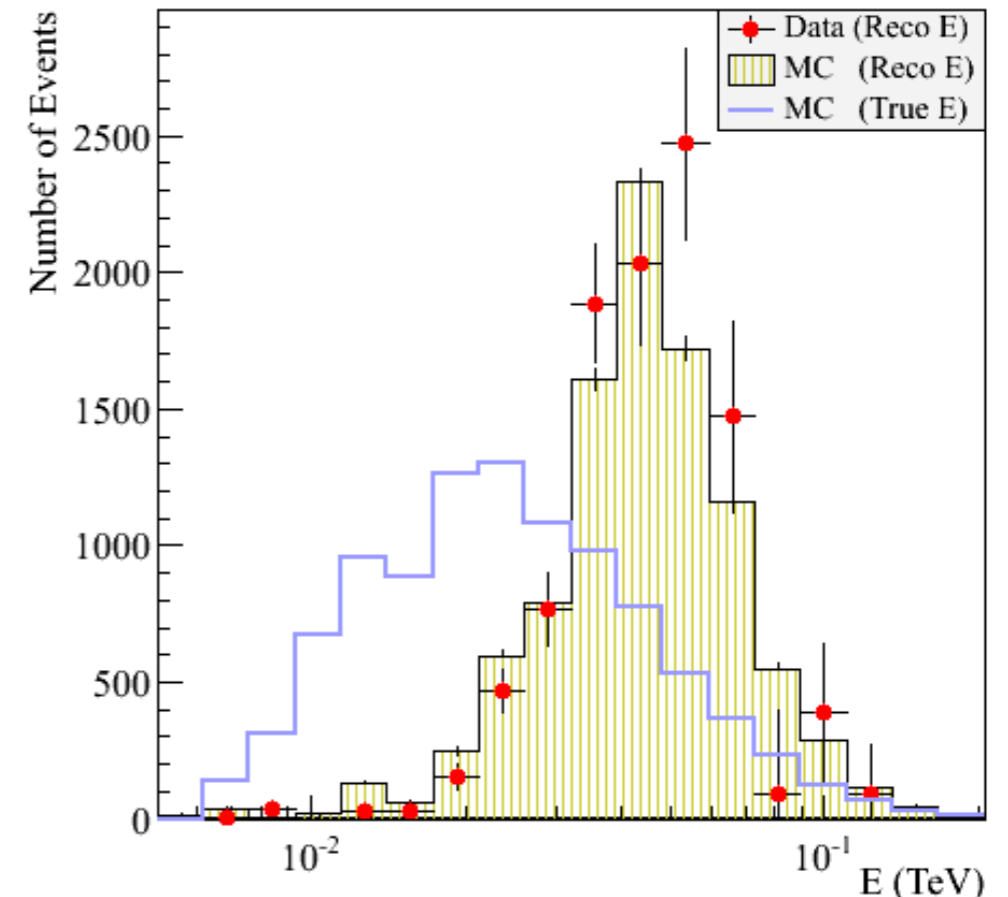
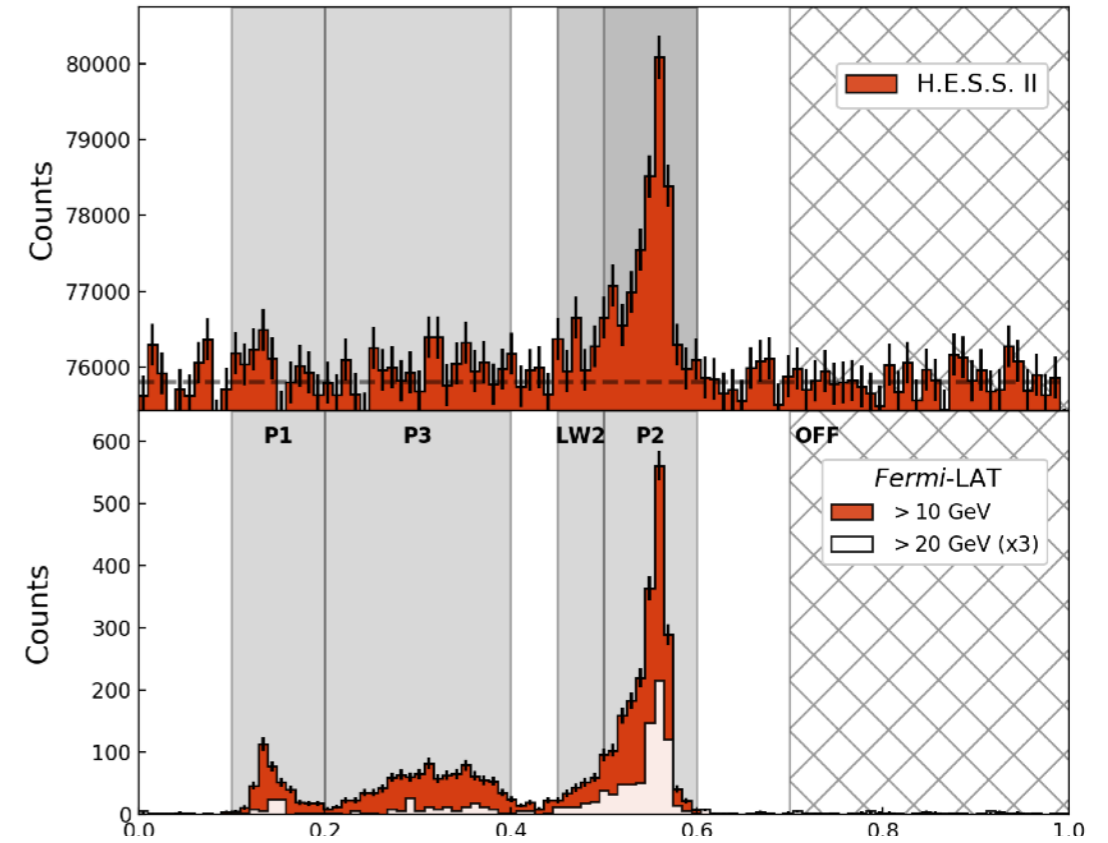
H.E.S.S. Detection of the Vela PSR



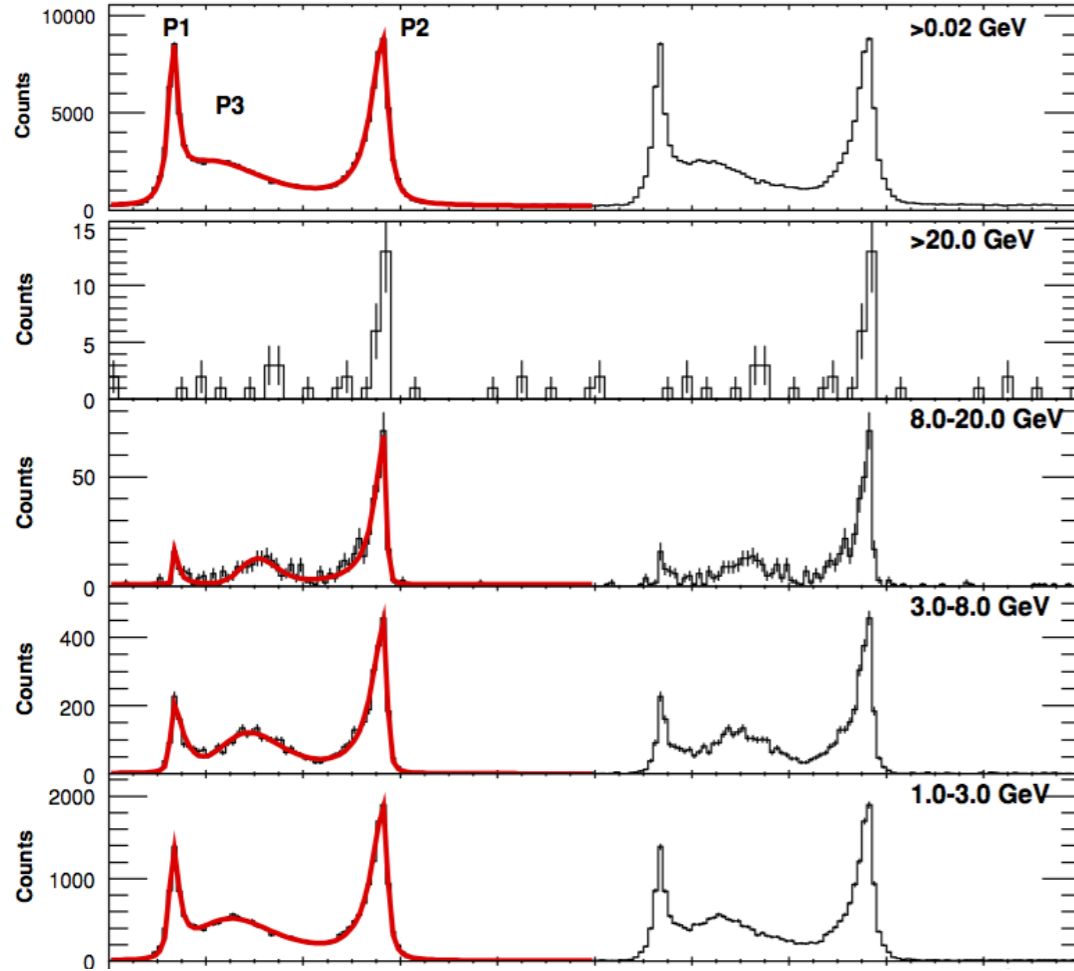
Vela Pulsar detection with H.E.S.S.-II (monoscopic)

[Djannati-Ataï et al. 2016]

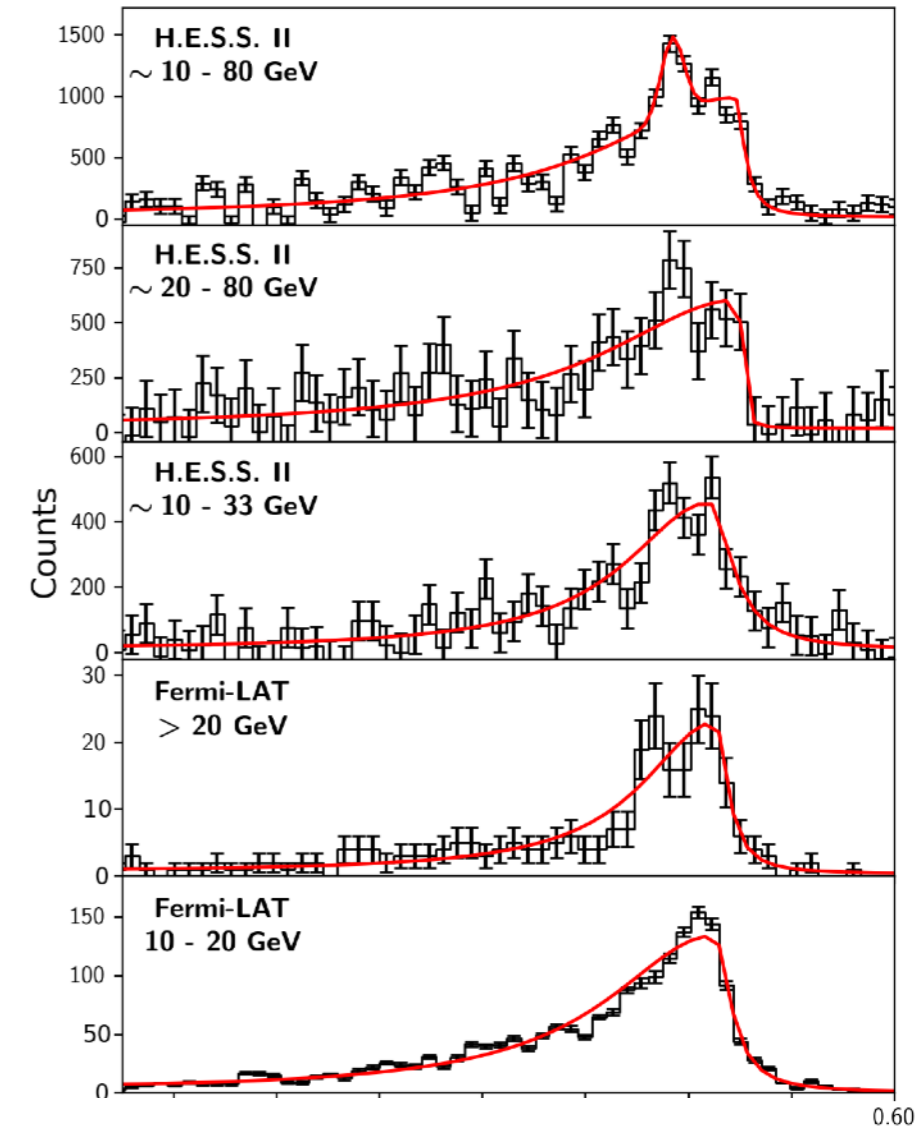
- 2012 upgrade of H.E.S.S.:
Addition of CT5, $\varnothing 28\text{m}$ (eq), 600m^2
- Vela pulsar: among first targets
- 40.3 h of data (2013-2015)
- To achieve the lowest threshold
 - Data kept only from CT5
 - Dedicated monoscopic reconstruction pipeline
- Signal of >15000 events with a significance $> 15\sigma$ from the second peak P2
- Down to 10 GeV !
- P1, P3 show some excess but are not significant : expected from Fermi-LAT
- P1/P2 decreases with increasing E



Energy-dependent Light Curve



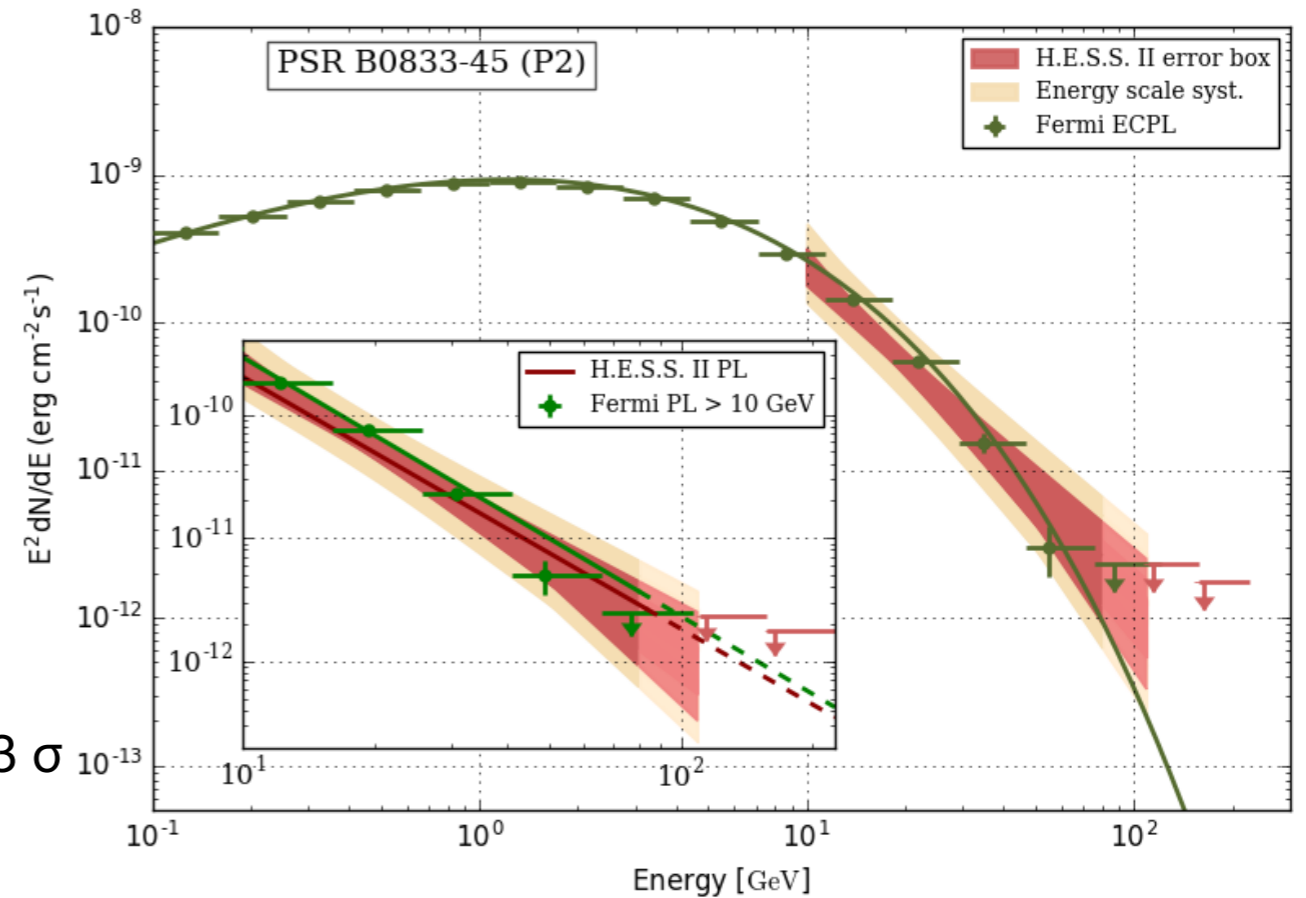
H.E.S.S. II
P2 Zoom →
Fermi-LAT



Instrument	Energy range (GeV)	$\langle E_{\text{true}} \rangle$ (GeV)	ϕ_{P2} (phase units)	σ_{L} (phase units)	σ_{T} (phase units)
<i>Fermi-LAT</i>	1-3	1.7	0.5648 ± 0.0001	0.0327 ± 0.0002	0.0080 ± 0.00008
<i>Fermi-LAT</i>	3-10	4.8	0.5653 ± 0.0002	0.0323 ± 0.0004	0.0056 ± 0.0001
<i>Fermi-LAT</i>	10-20	13	0.5650 ± 0.0005	0.025 ± 0.001	0.0038 ± 0.0003
<i>Fermi-LAT</i>	>20	28	0.565 ± 0.001	0.017 ± 0.002	0.0029 ± 0.0008
H.E.S.S. II	~ 10-33	19	$0.564^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.019^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	$0.006^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$
H.E.S.S. II	~ 20-80	42	$0.5697^{+0.0005}_{-0.0011}$	$0.031^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$	$0.0007^{+0.0015}_{-0.0007}$
H.E.S.S. II	~ 10-80	31	$0.5684^{+0.0007}_{-0.0013}$	$0.027^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$0.002^{+0.0014}_{-0.0008}$

Spectral Energy Distribution

- H.E.S.S. II spectrum of P2: power-law fit in [10-110] GeV
- *Fermi*-LAT power-law fit >10 GeV: perfect agreement
- Bound on energy scales:
 $(E_{\text{LAT}} - E_{\text{HESS}})/E_{\text{LAT}} \leq 8\%$
- Last significant bin: $\langle E \rangle = 80$ GeV, 909 events, 3.3σ
- *Fermi*-LAT: > 10 GeV evidence for **curvature at 3.3σ**
- Variation of the power-law index as a function of energy threshold
- The curved nature of P2 is **also favoured** by the H.E.S.S.II measurement at $> 3.0 \sigma$
- This is **at variance from the Crab pulsar case**

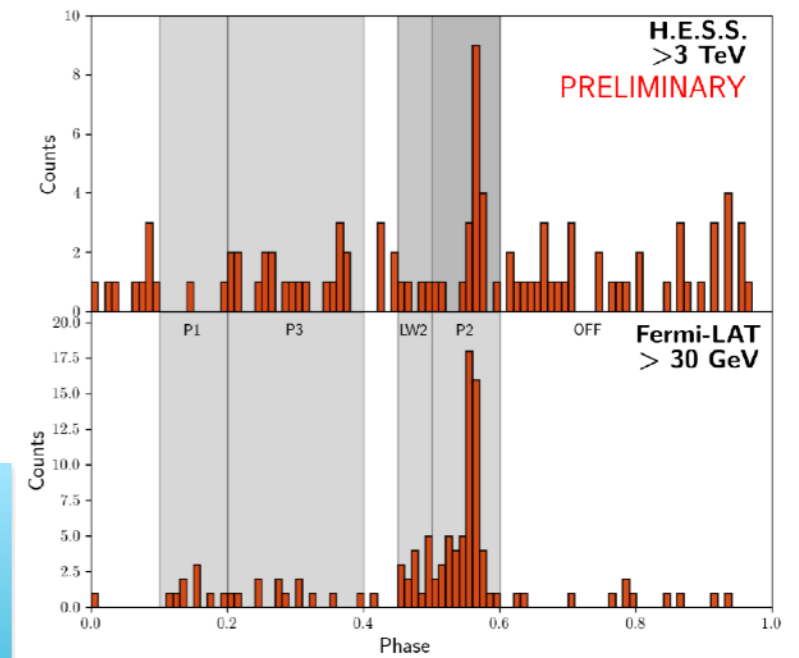
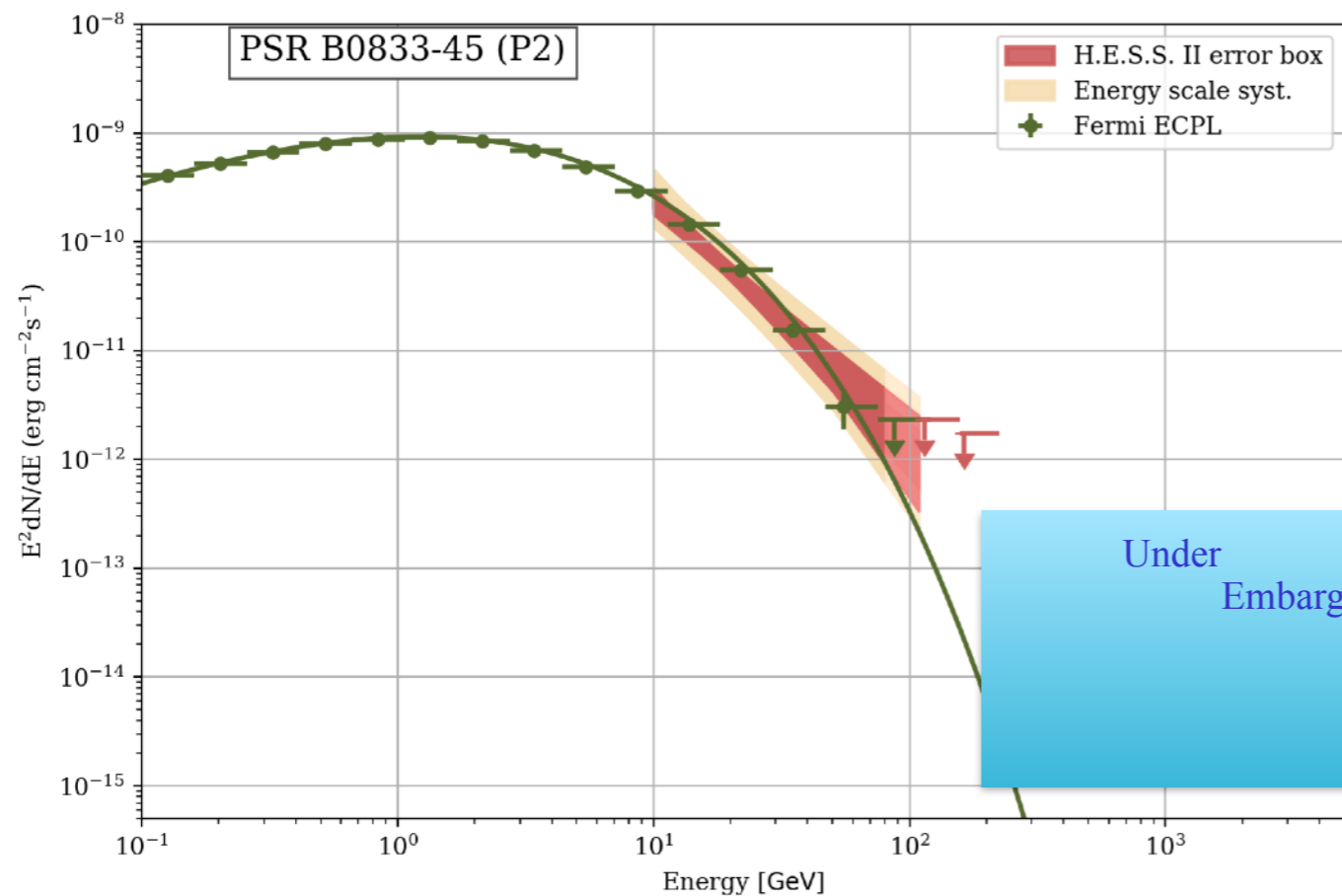


Instrument	Threshold	Γ
H.E.S.S. II	~ 10 GeV	4.06 ± 0.16
<i>Fermi</i> -LAT	10 GeV	4.10 ± 0.08
H.E.S.S. II	~ 20 GeV	5.05 ± 0.25
<i>Fermi</i> -LAT	10 GeV	4.80 ± 0.30

3 to > 7 TeV detection of the Vela Pulsar with H.E.S.S.!

[Djannati-Ataï et al. 2017]

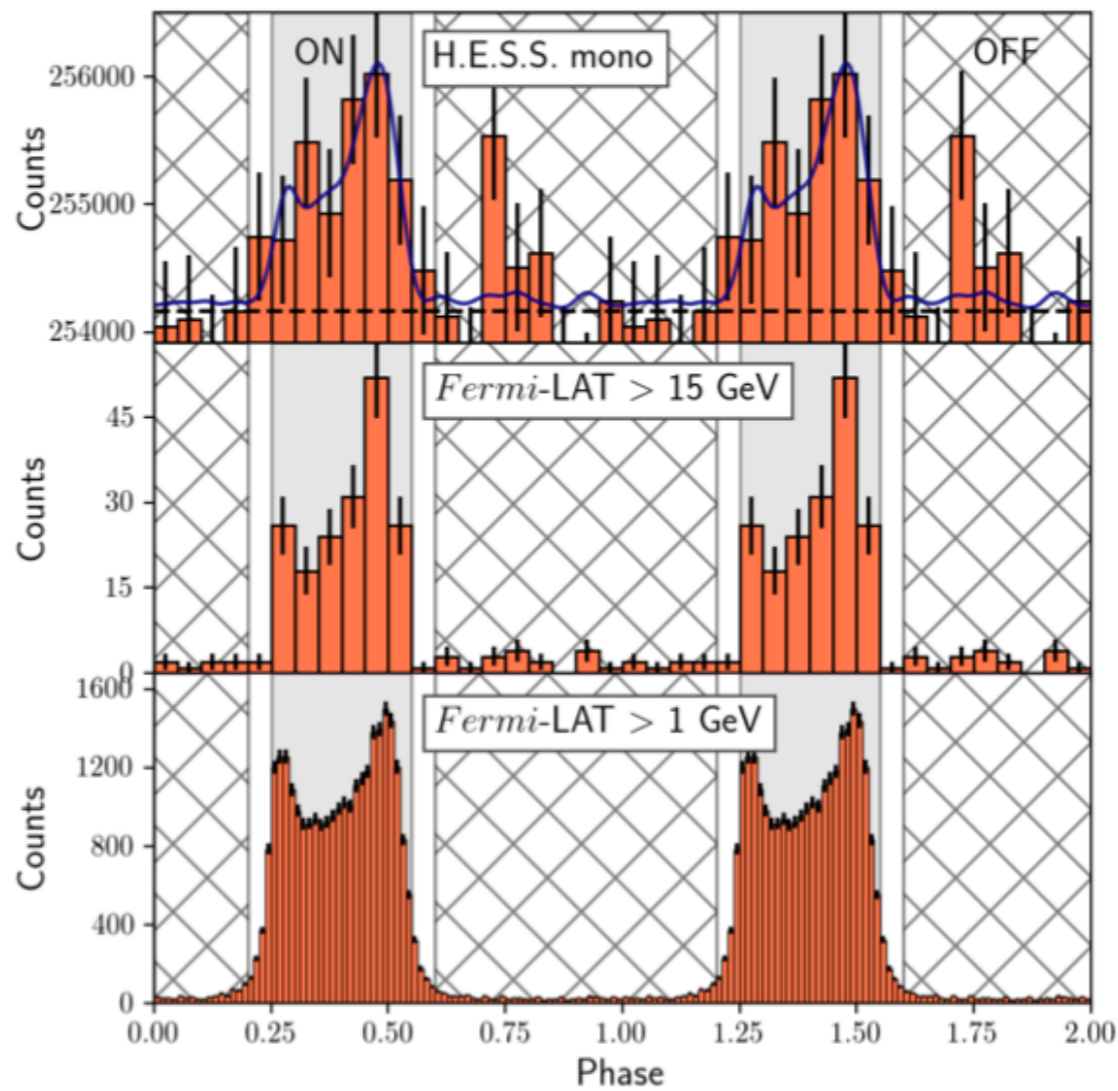
- Data from 2004-2016 observations
- 80 hours in stereoscopic mode: at least 2 telescopes among CT1-CT4
- Signal detected in the 3 to beyond 7 TeV from P2
- Stay tuned for details in the forthcoming paper



Detection of PSR B1706-44 with H.E.S.S

[Spir-Jacob, M., A.D-A et al. 2019]

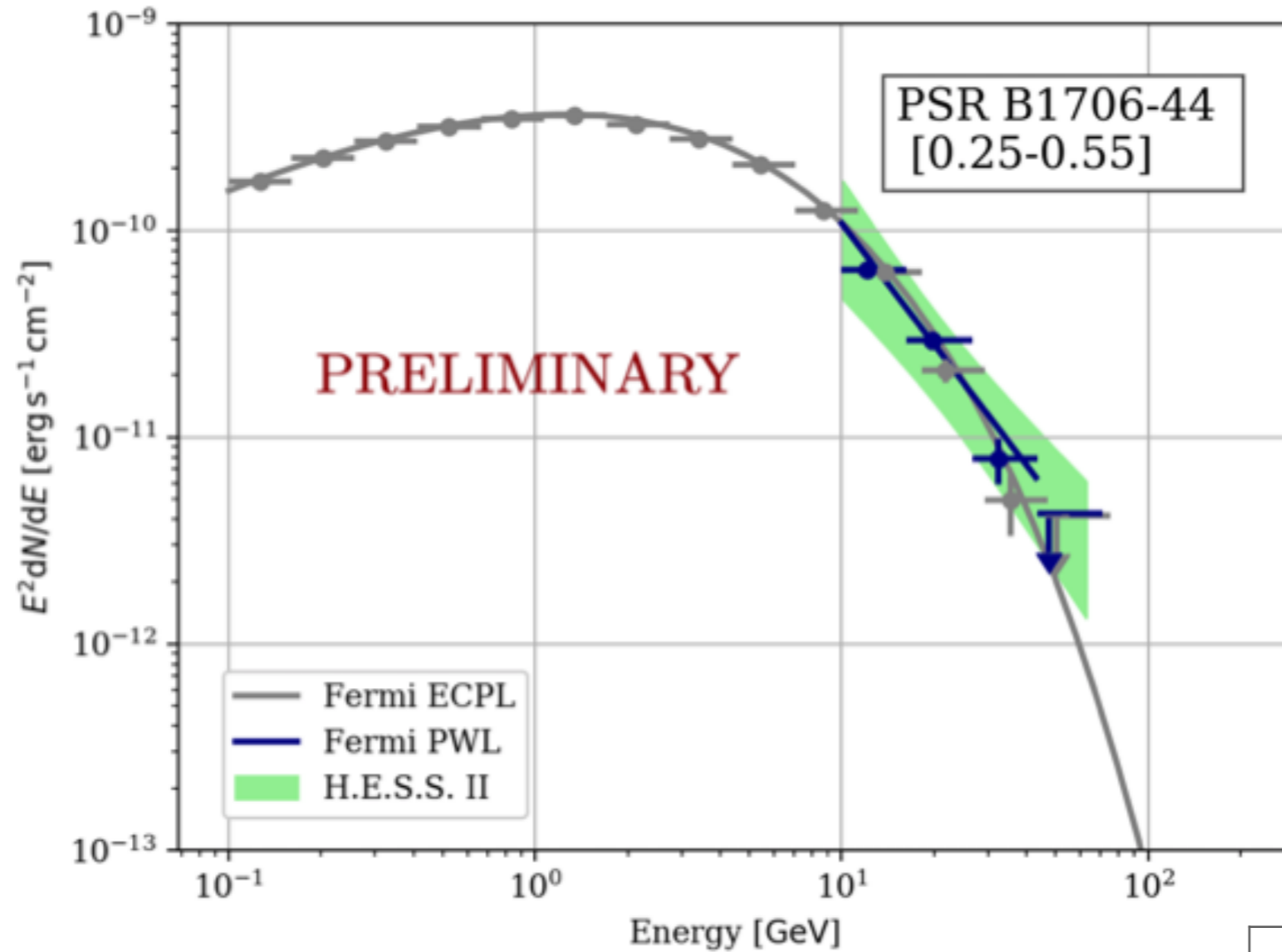
- Vela-like : $\dot{E}=3.4 \times 10^{36}$ erg/s
 $p=102$ ms, 17 kyrs @ 2.3 kpc *except*:
 - 3rd brightest, but ~8 times more distant
 - Light curve
- Data from 2013-2015 observations
- 42 hours in monoscopic mode with CT5
- Detected in the 10-80 GeV range



- On=[0.25-0.55] & Off = [0.6-0.2] regions based on Fermi-LAT > 15 GeV
- Pulsed excess = 7171 events
- Significance level = 4.74σ
- Maximum likelihood ratio test based on Fermi-LAT derived PDF:
 - Pulsed excess = 8139 events
 - Significance level = 4.6σ

PSR B1706-44 with H.E.S.S

Phase-resolved spectrum



- Power-law fits to Fermi-LAT and HESS data yield fully compatible results with a steep spectral index ~ 3.8
- A significant signal of ~ 1000 events is detected > 70 GeV
- However, it is **not possible** to either **confirm or rule out** a **power-law behaviour** of the spectrum

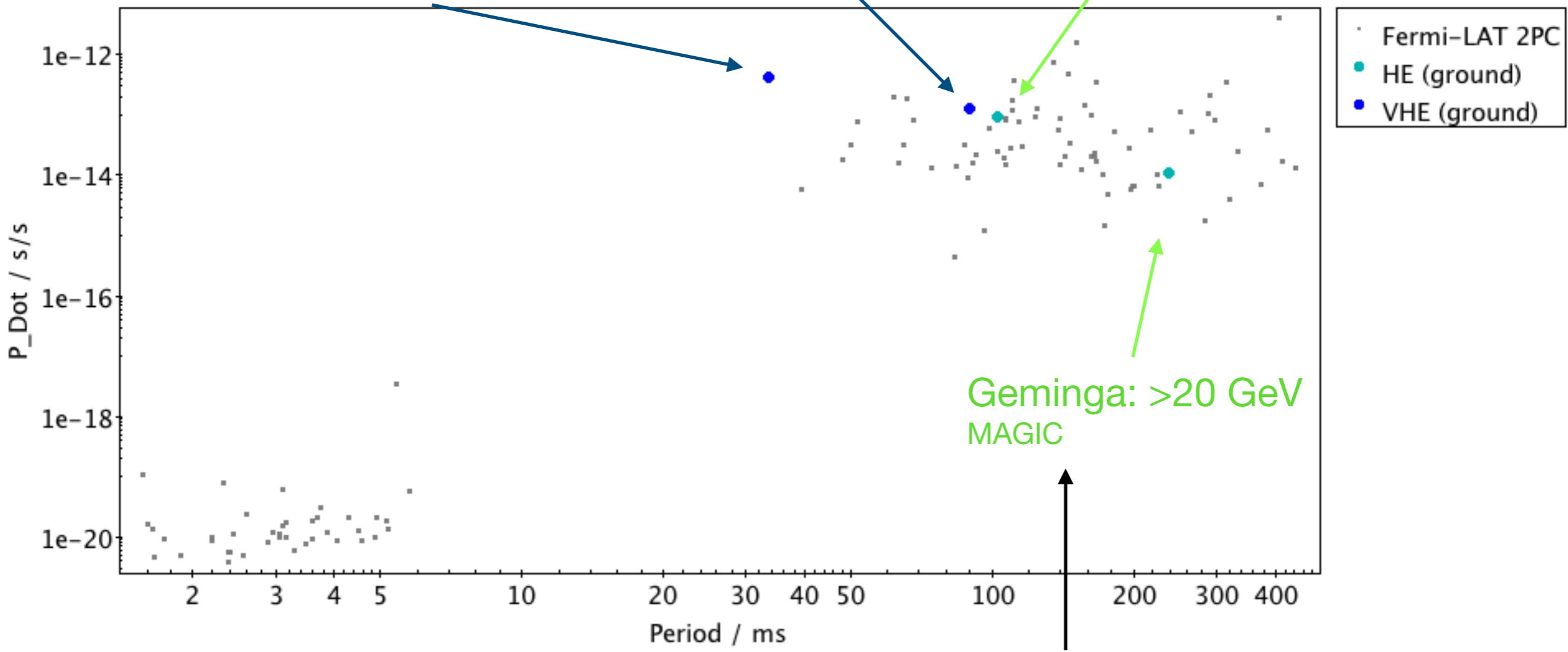
	Energy range	Index	Flux @ 20 GeV [TeV/cm ² /s]
Fermi-LAT	>10 GeV	3.9 ± 0.1	$(4.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8}$
HESS	>10 GeV	3.76 ± 0.36	$(4.3 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-8}$

Four pulsars detected from ground

Crab : 400 GeV, 1 TeV
VERITAS + MAGIC, resp.

Vela : 10-80 GeV
3 to > 7 TeV
H.E.S.S.

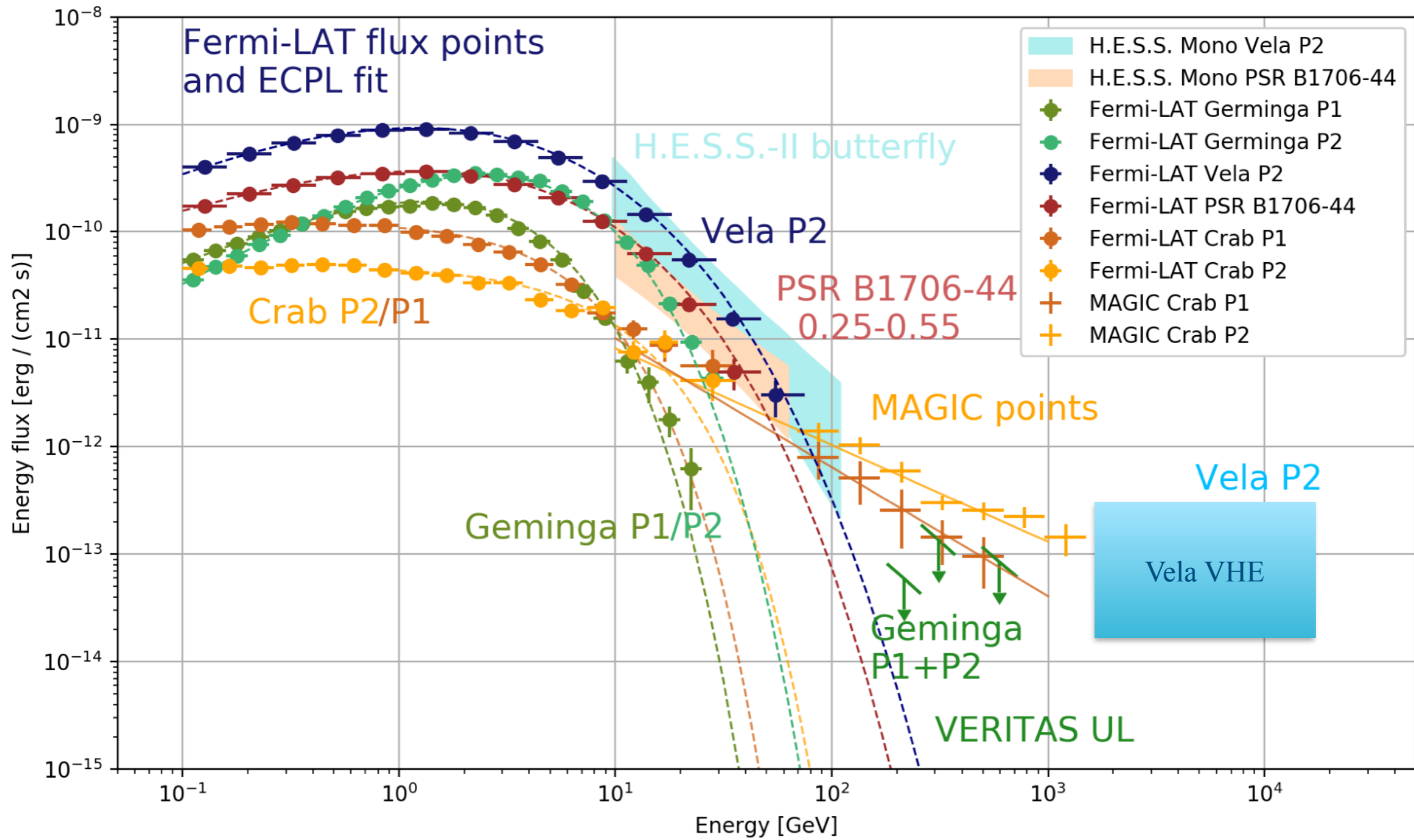
B1706-44 : 10-80 GeV
H.E.S.S.



Geminga: >20 GeV
MAGIC

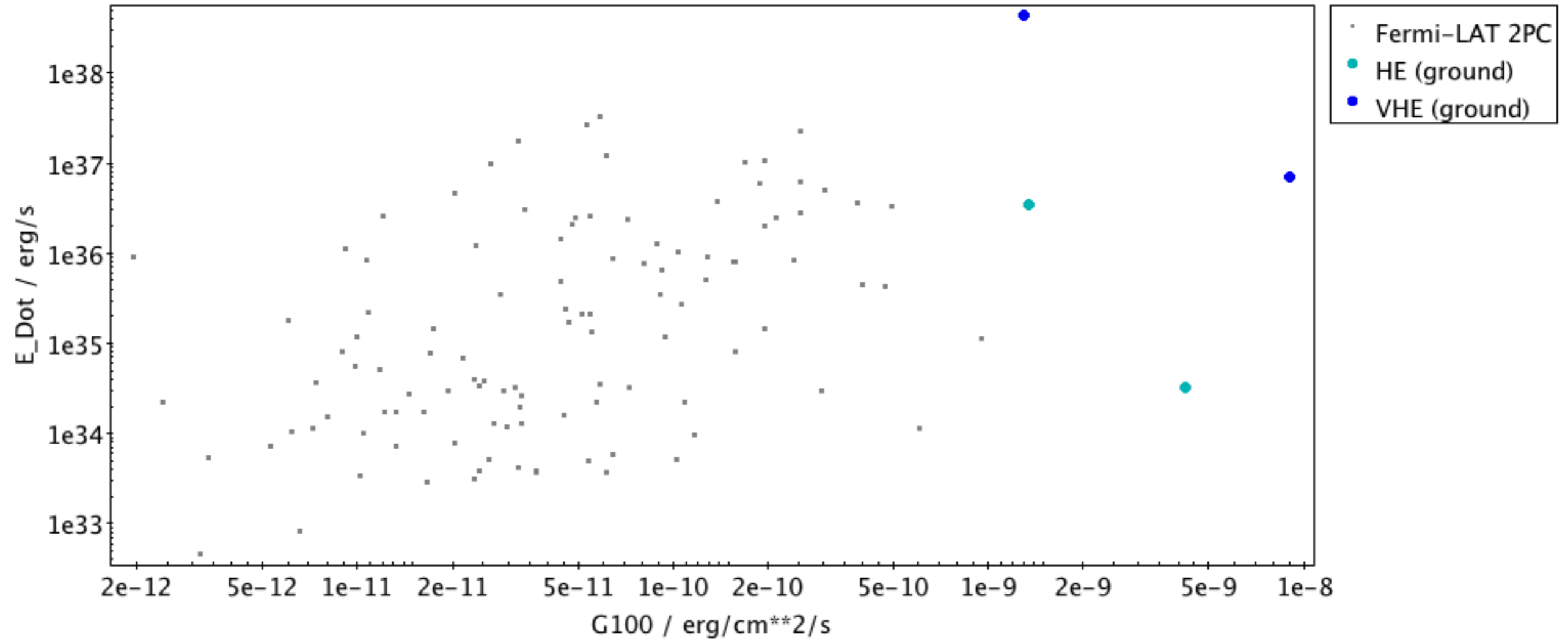
See talk by
Giovanni Ceribella

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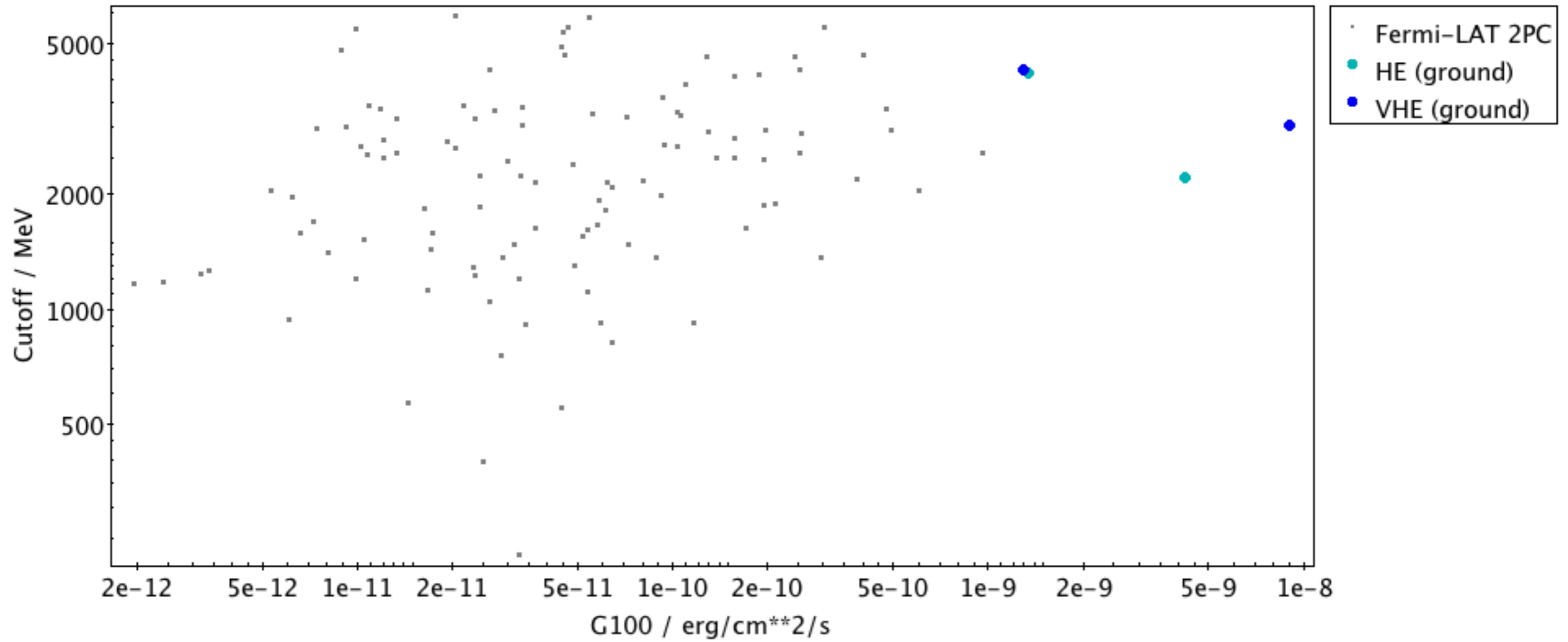
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- Clearly the brightest pulsars in 2PC
- No other distinguishing parameter



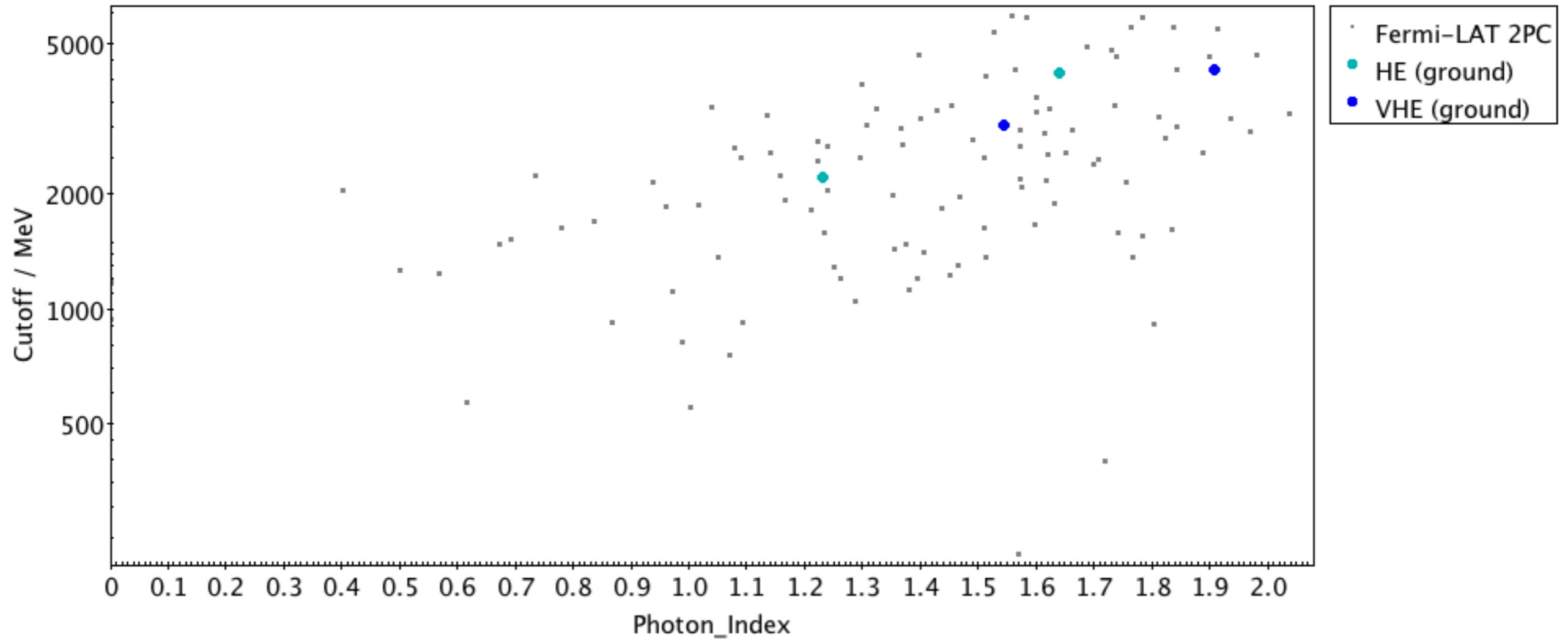
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Interpretation & Models

HE + VHE

Acceleration/emission Geometries

- Polar caps 
- Slot gaps
- Outer gaps
- LC to Y point
- Wind zone : inside current sheet (CS)

Accelerating force

- MHD force-free : no acceleration!
- Parallel $E_{||}$ in gaps
- Reconnection in CS

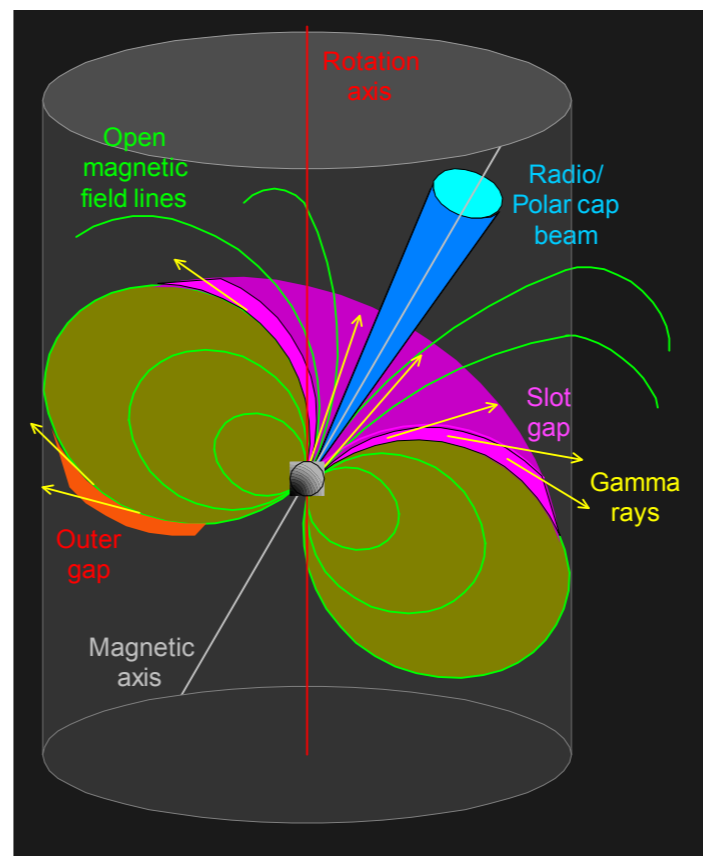
Emission mechanisms

GeV component

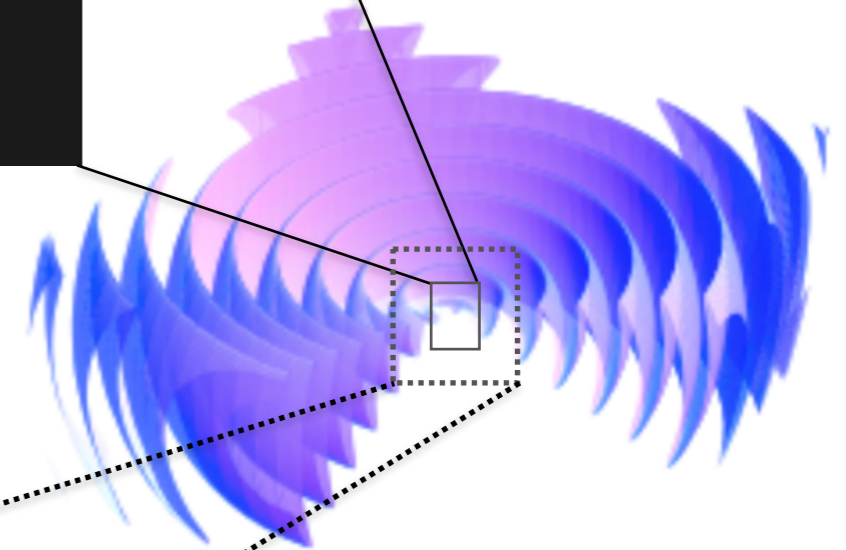
- Curvature, Synchrotron (Cyclotron)
Synchro-Curvature?
- Within magnetosphere, close to LC or far
in the CS? Reconnection in CS

TeV component

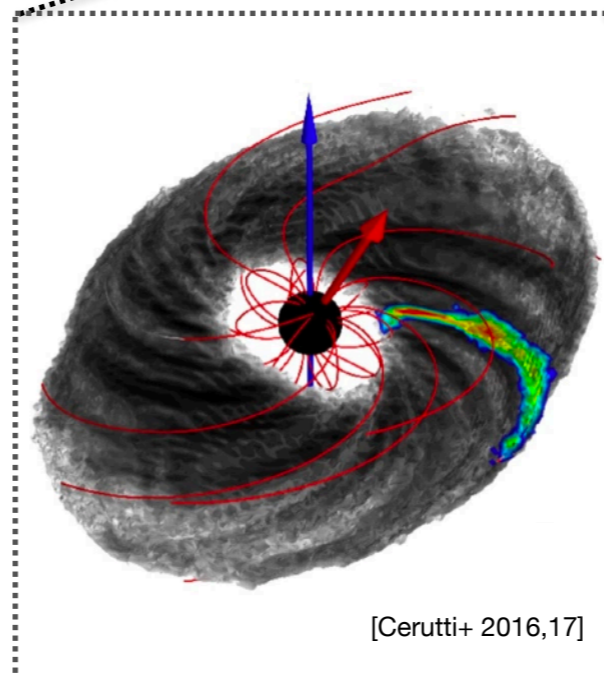
- Inverse Compton(IC)
 - SSC (Synchrotron Self Compton)?
 - IC on soft (opt- IR-far IR), X-rays?
- Within magnetosphere, close to LC or
far in the CS?



[Many !]



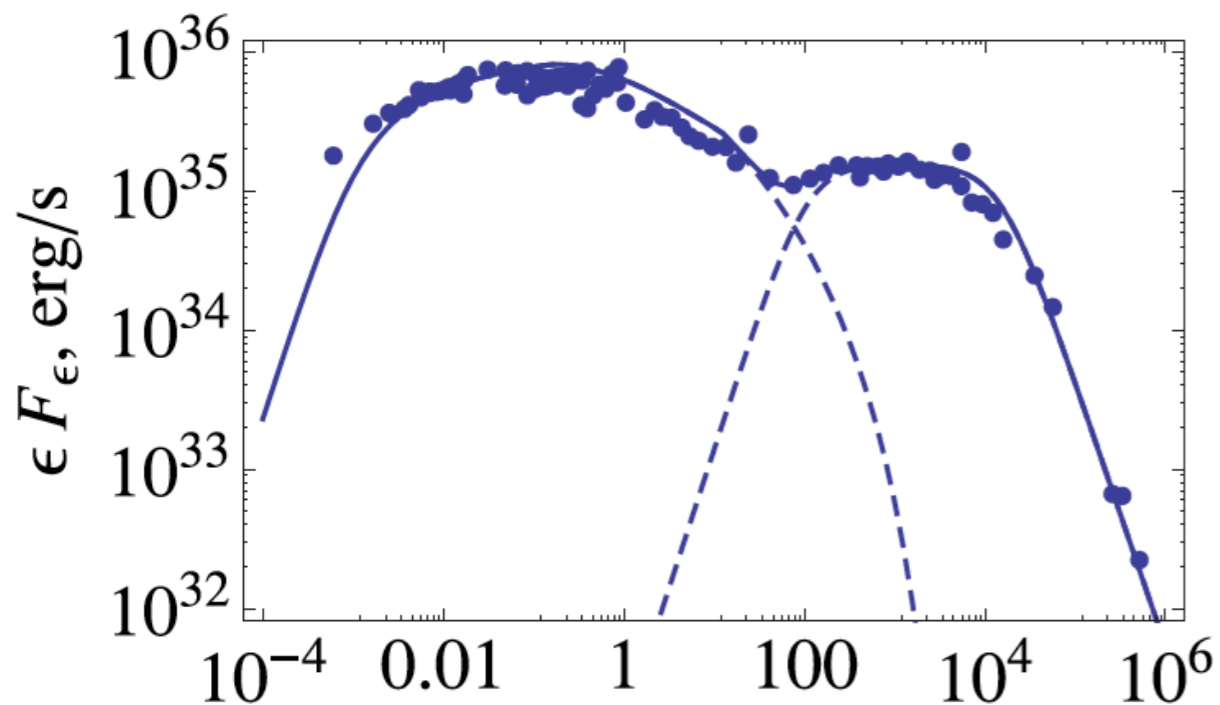
[Michel, Coroniti, Lyubarskii, Kirk, Petri +]



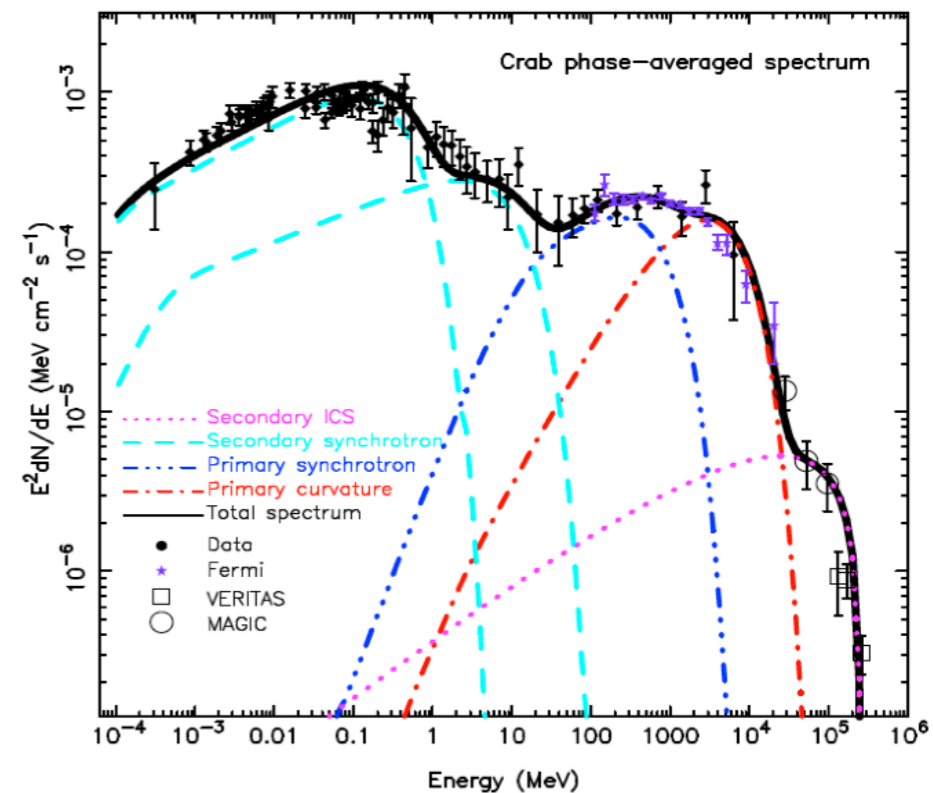
[Cerutti+ 2016,17]

Crab Emission models : $E_{||}$

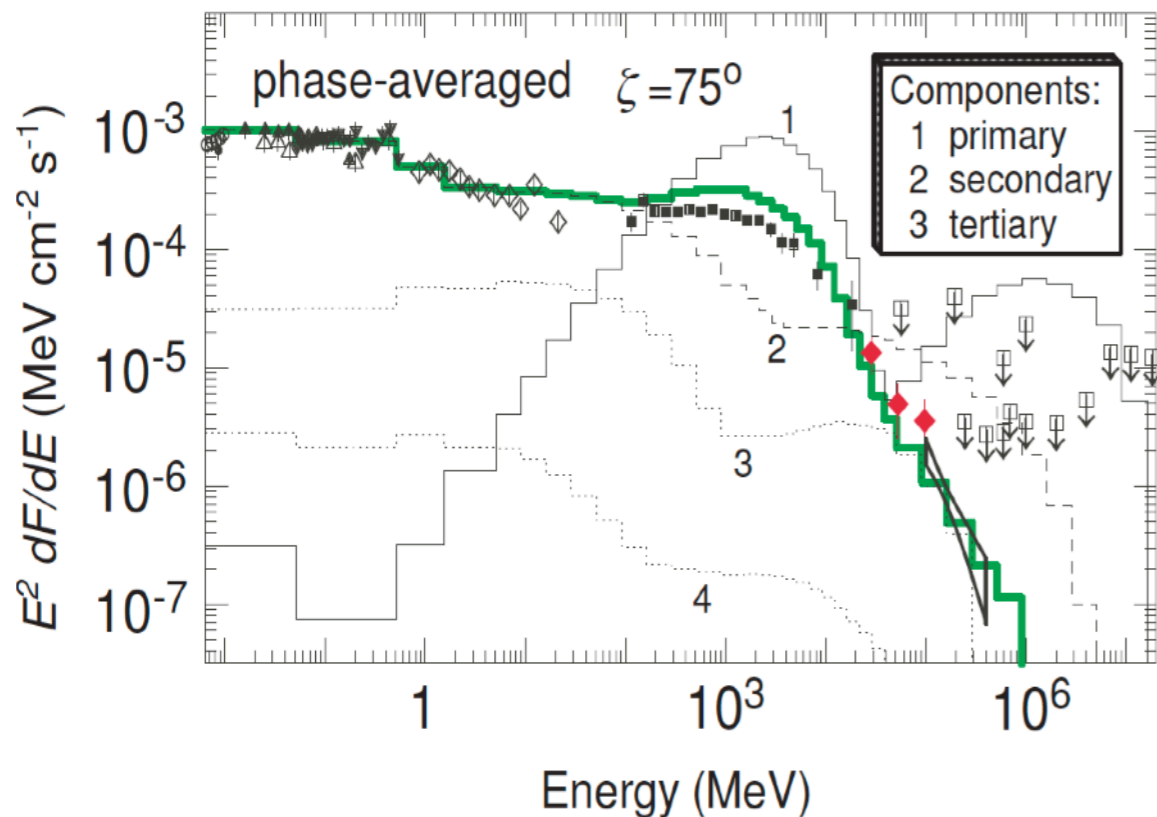
CSC model for Crab : Inverse Compton
[Lyutikov 13']



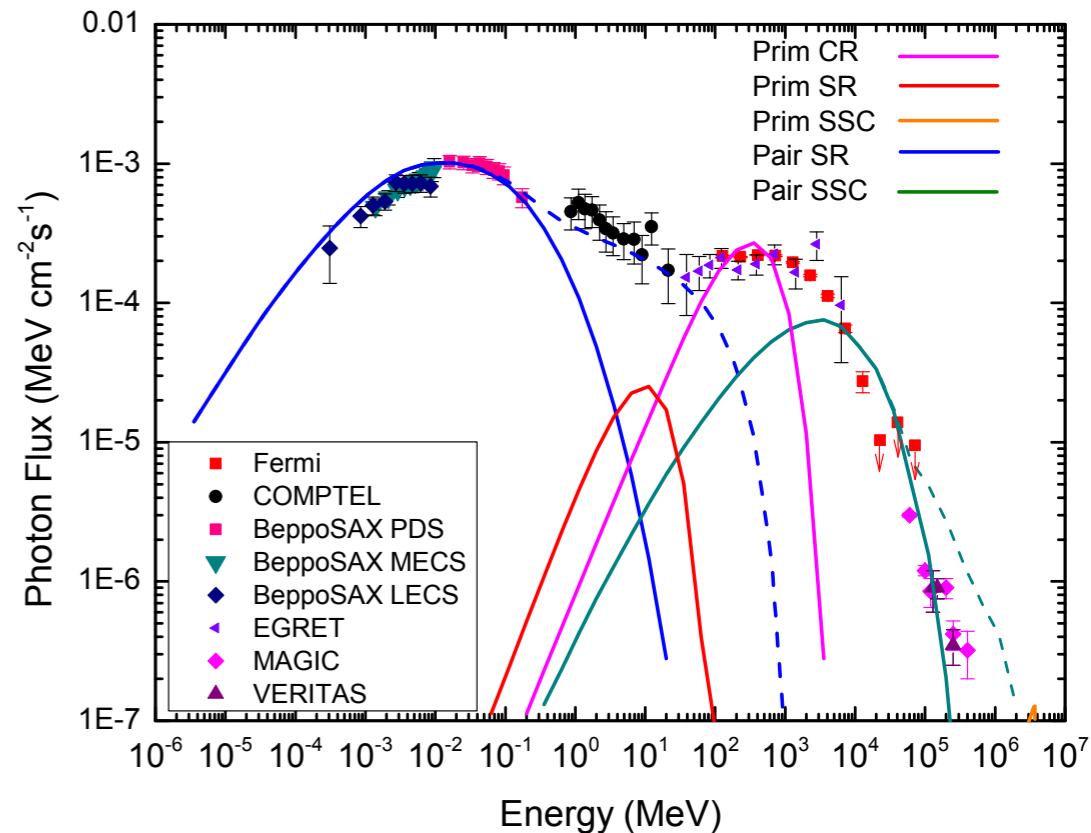
Dual annular gap
[Du et al 12']



SSC model for Crab $\epsilon/(m_e c^2)$
[Aleksic et al 11', Hirotani 13'+]



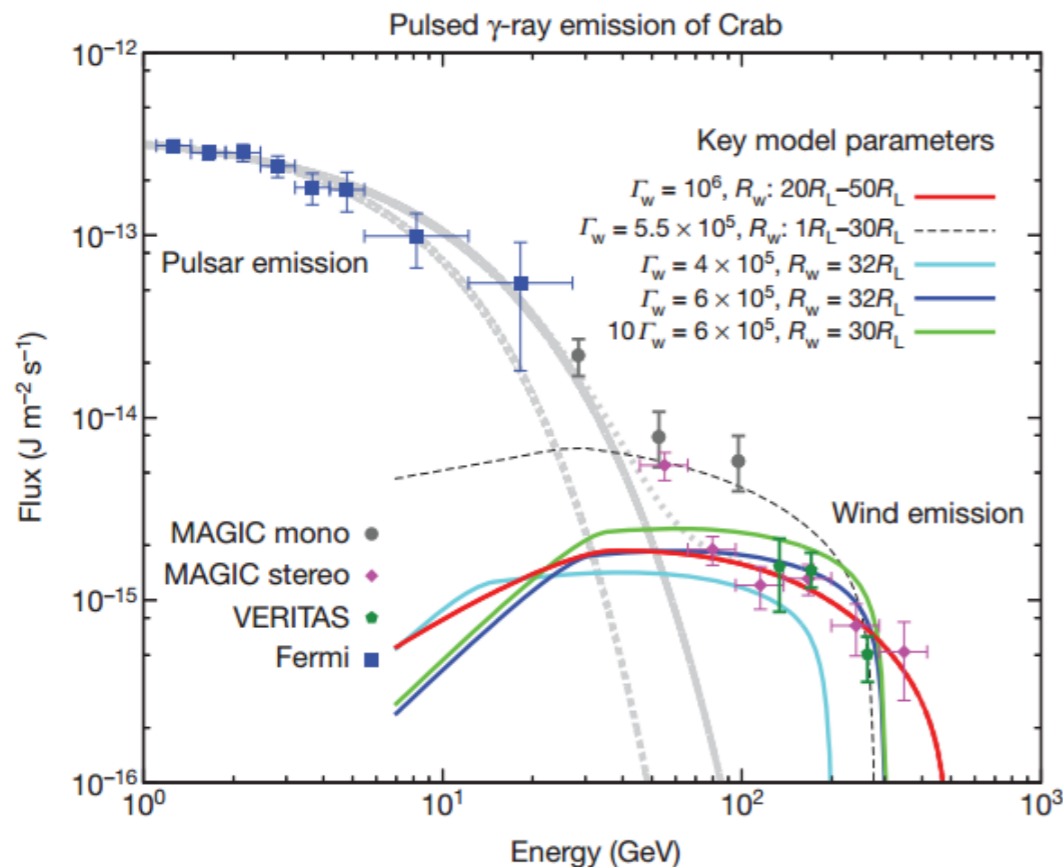
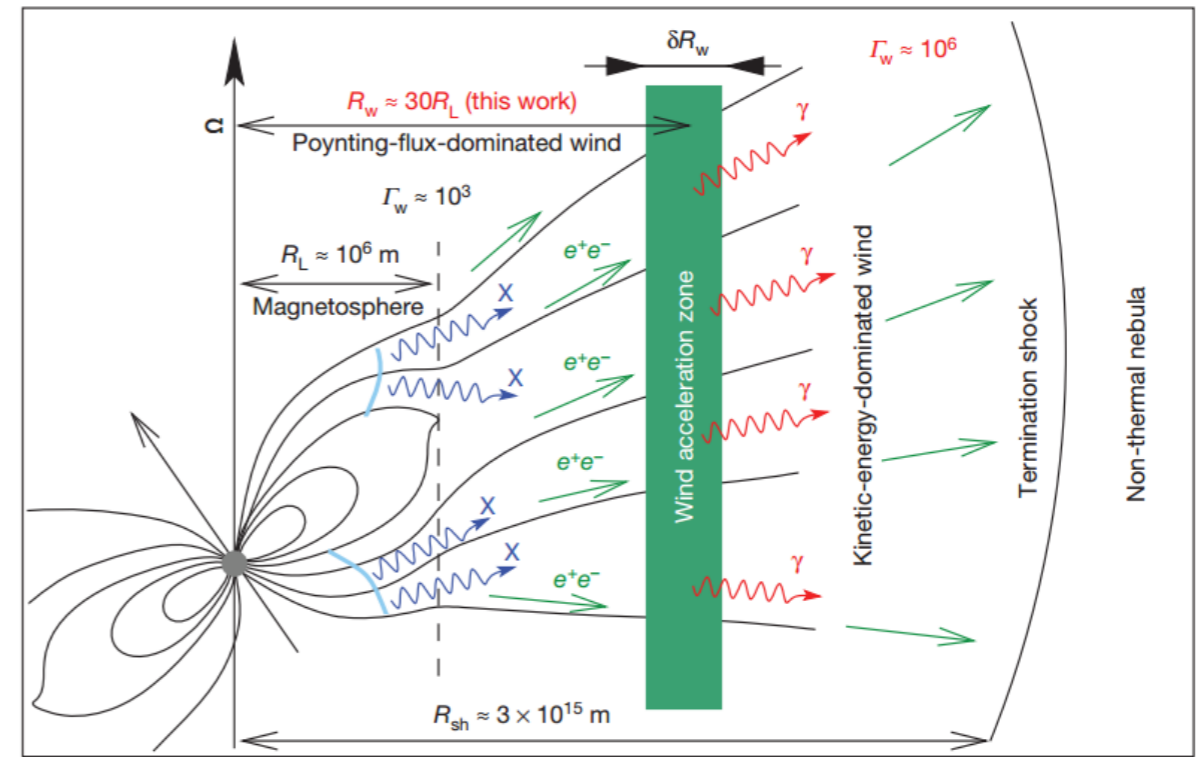
SSC model for Crab
[Kalapotharakos & Harding 15']



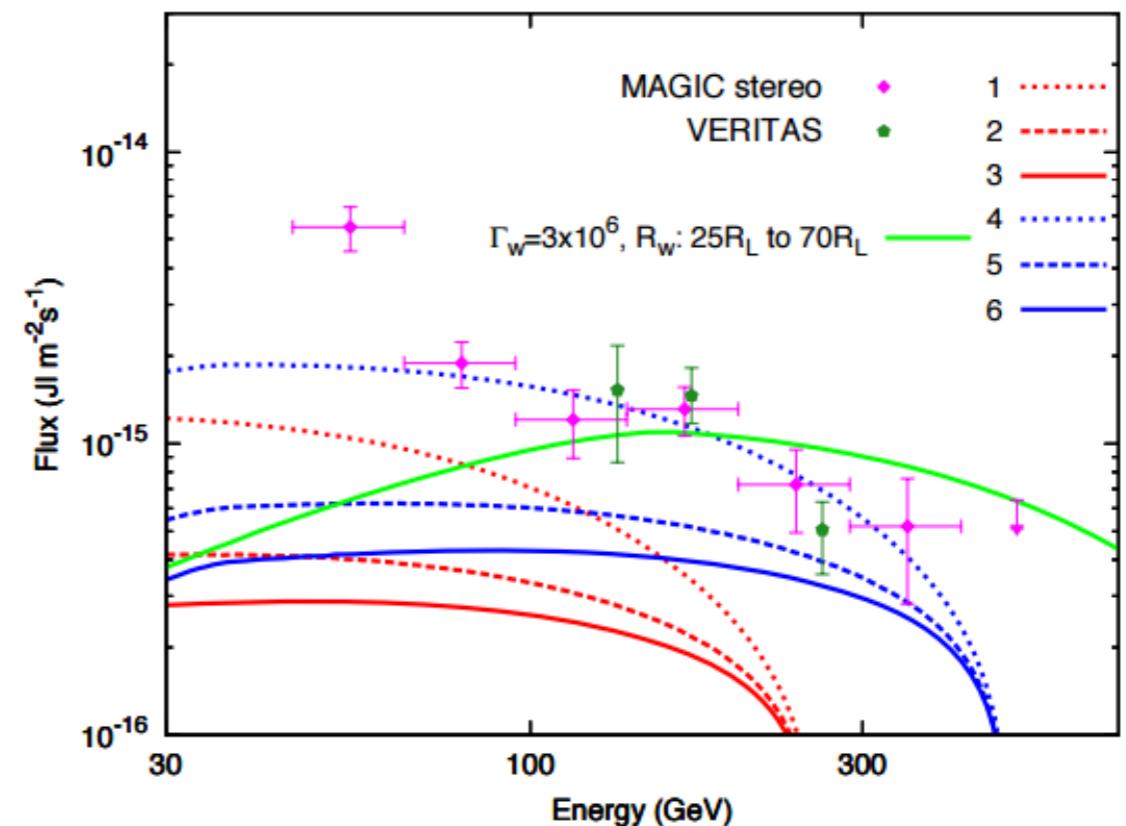
Crab Emission models: wind, $E_{||}$ + unknown

Cold wind [Aharonian et al. 2012]

- Acceleration and emission zones well beyond the Light Cylinder
- Abrupt acceleration ($\Gamma_w \sim 10^5$ - 10^6) unknown mechanism
- Inverse Compton scattering off the lower energy pulsed emission (IR, X-rays)
- Implies 2 components
- 20-50 R_{LC} fits the 80-400 GeV (red)
- Did survive to the extension to 1 TeV (low energies not reproduced (see Bogovalov et al 2017).
- Note: phase-averaged fit



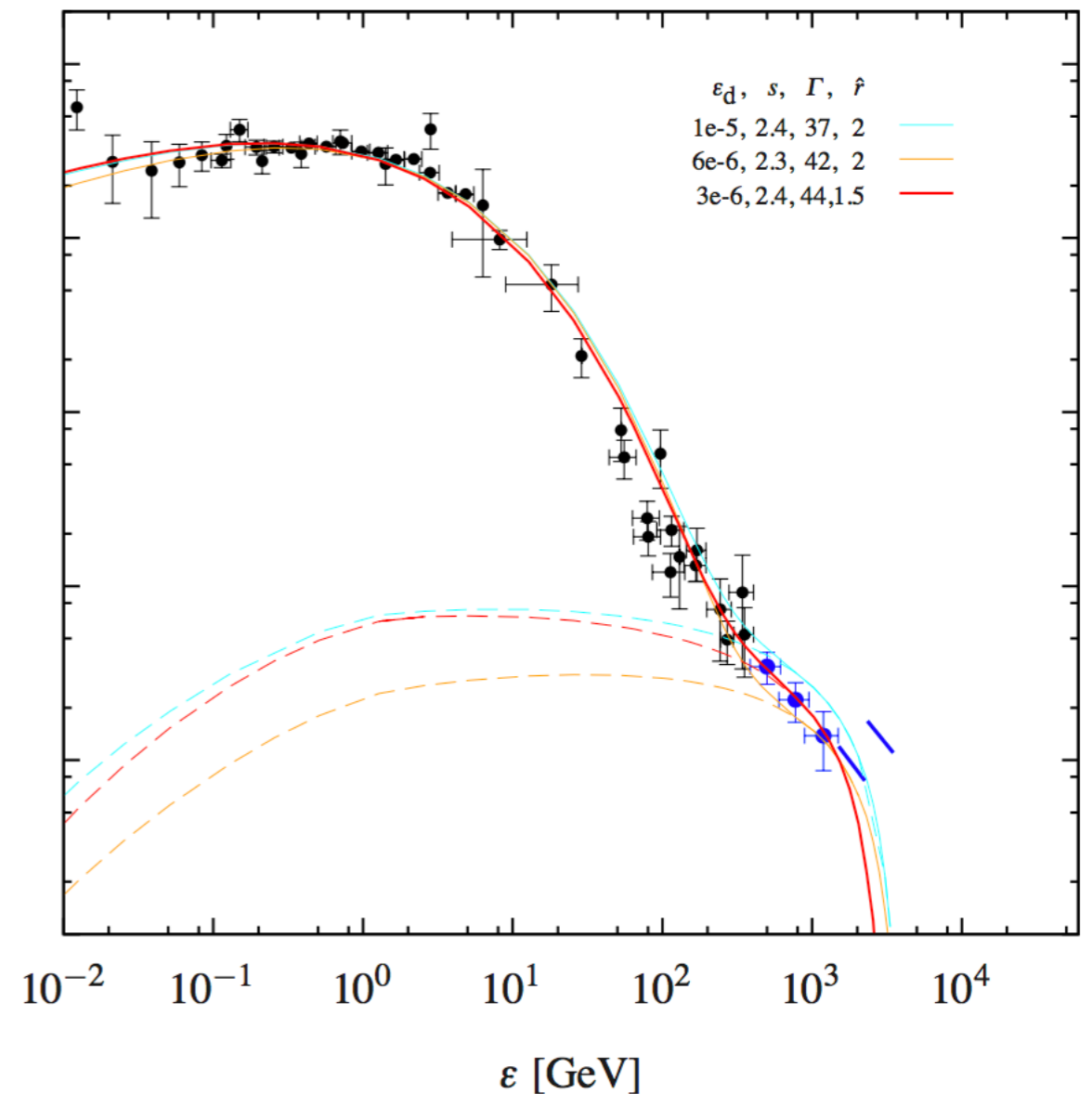
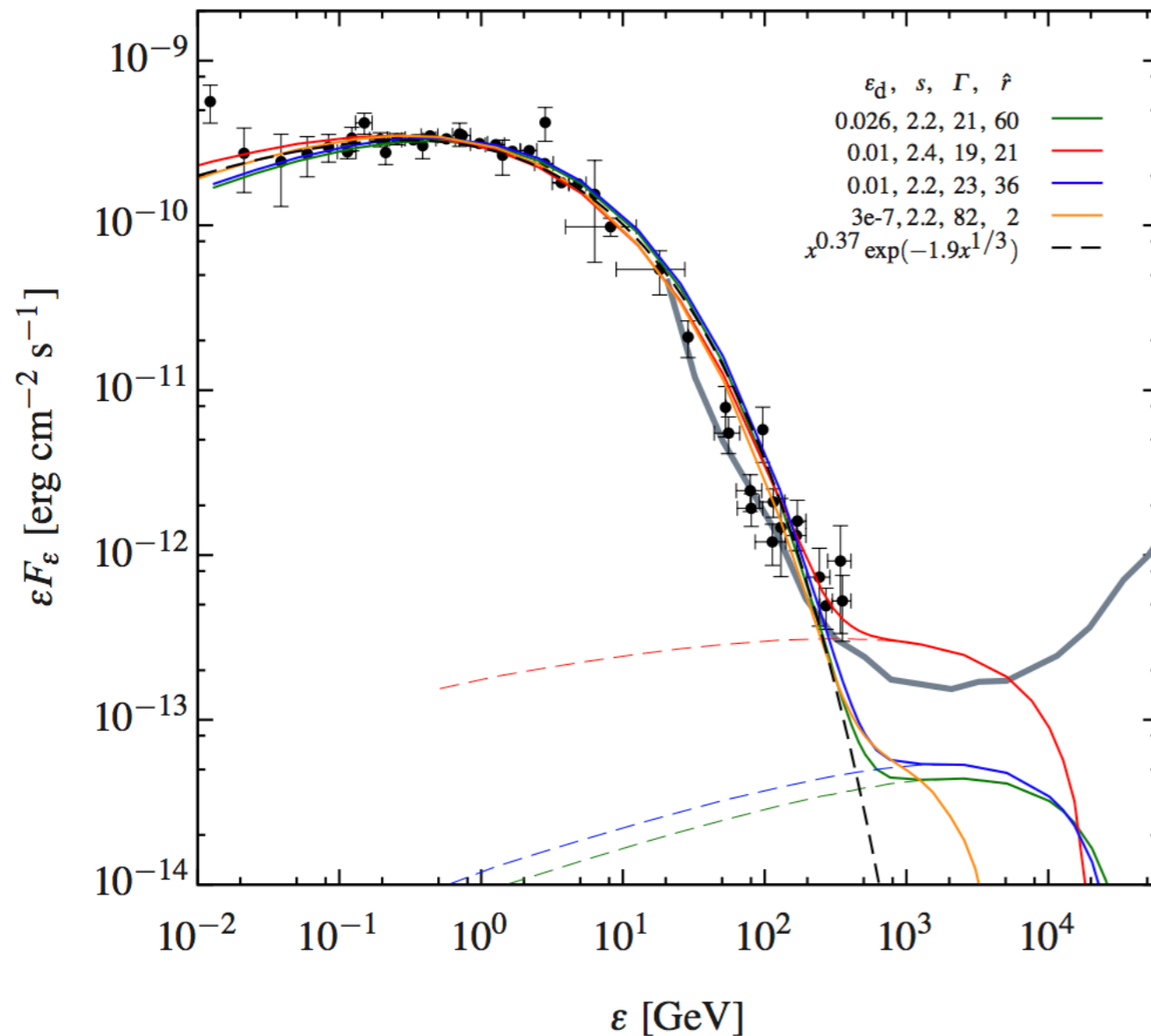
c: Gamma-Ray Signal from Pulsar Wind Accelerated between $20R_L$ and $50R_L$



Crab Emission models : wind, reconnection

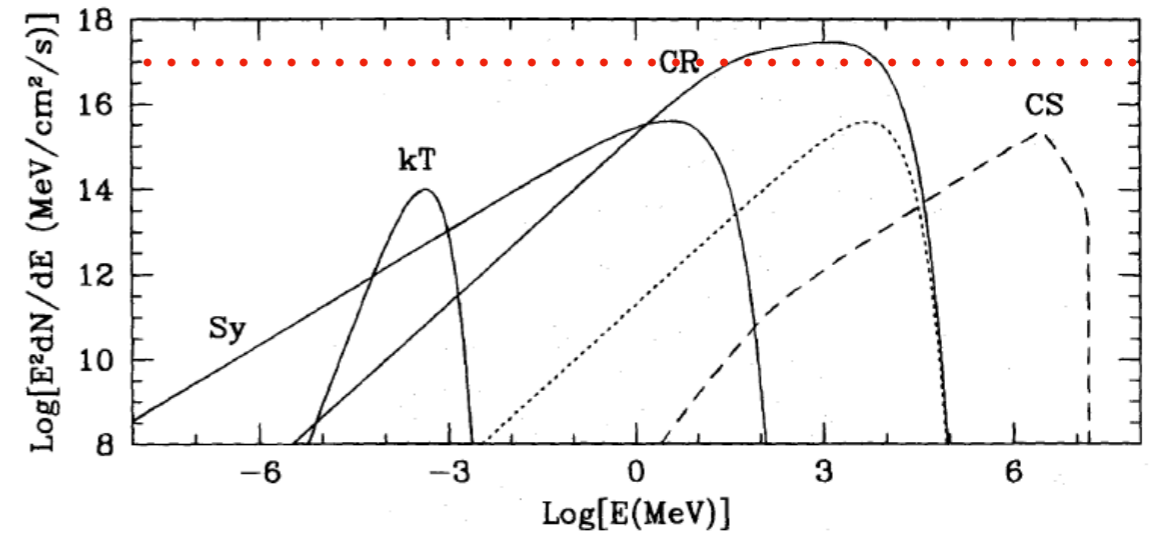
Striped wind [Arkas & Dubus 2012, Mochol & Pétri 2015, Mochol 2017]

- Particle energisation within current sheet and close to the Light Cylinder
- GeV emission through synchrotron radiation in the current sheet
- A synchrotron Self-Compton component is predicted to extend beyond 1 TeV
- Young/powerful pulsars like Crab : $\Gamma_w < 100$
- Vela-like : $\Gamma_w < 50$
- Note : phase averaged fit
- Some light curve properties, e.g. thinning of peak widths with energy, remain to be reproduced
- Did survive to the extension to 1 TeV

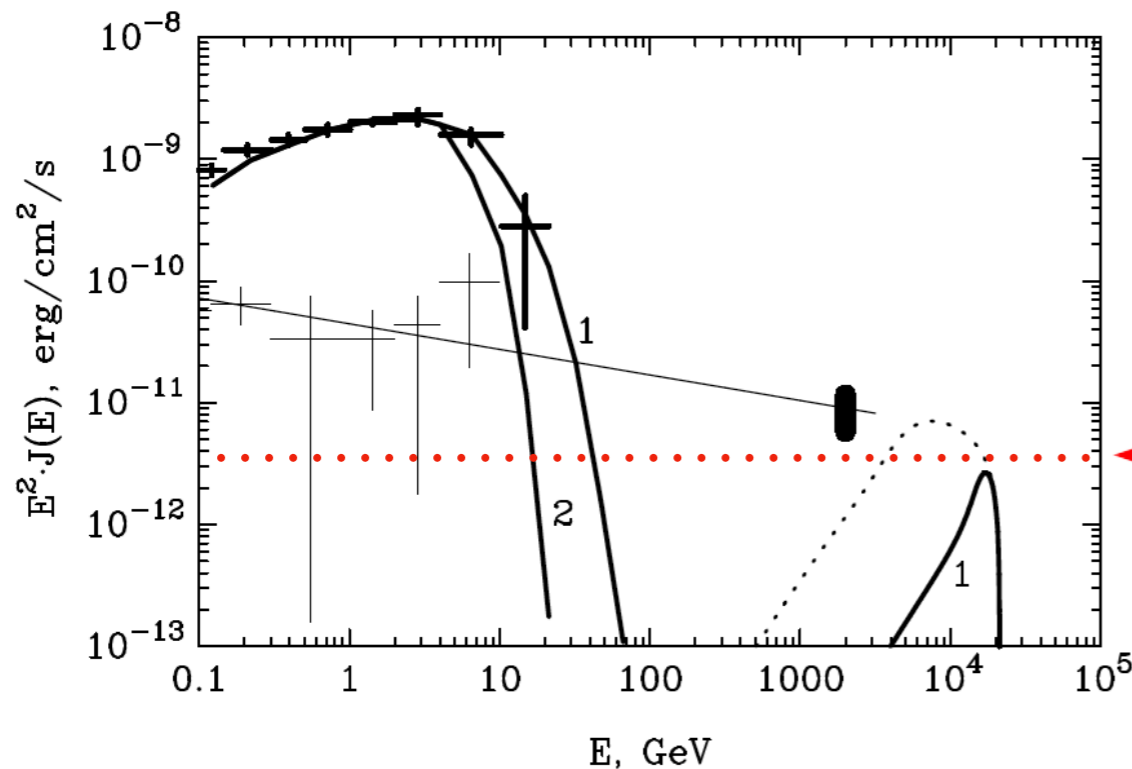


Vela VHE emission : A second component: Inverse Compton!

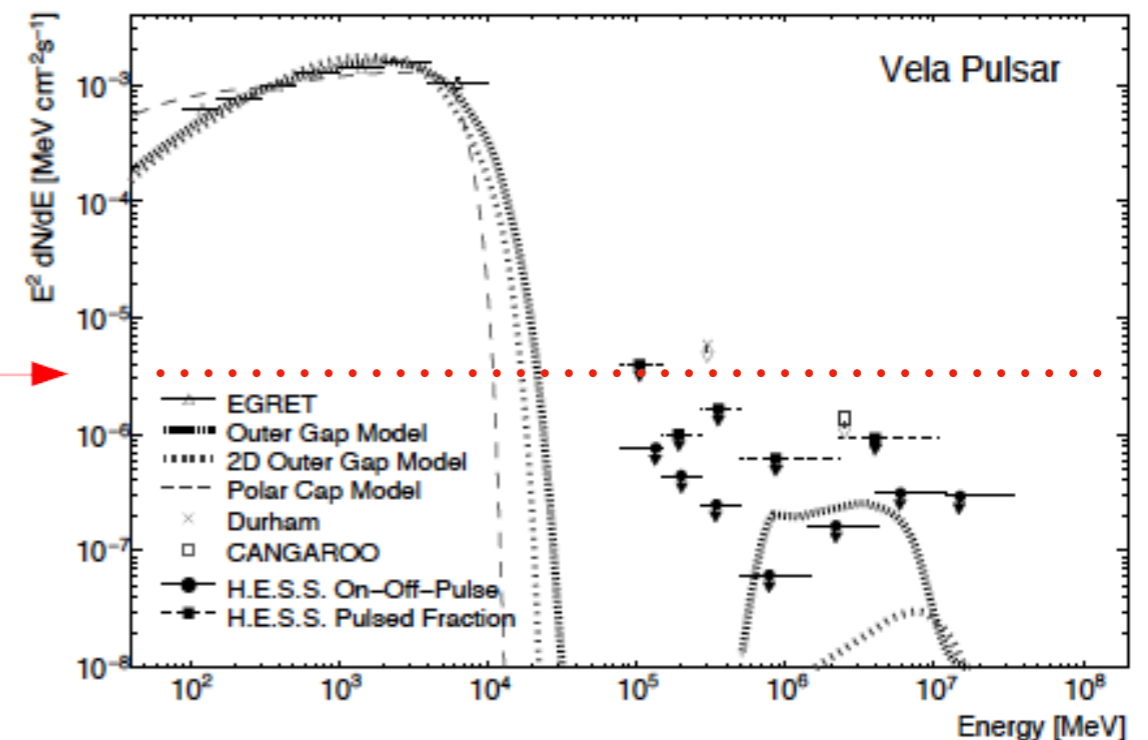
- Cheng, Ho & Ruderman (1986) :
 - IC: general considerations
- Romani 1996: IC: OG primary e^- + IR
- Hirotani & Shibata (2001), IC: OG primary e^- + IR
- Aharonian & Bogovalov (2003), IC: OG primary e^- + IR



Romani (1996)



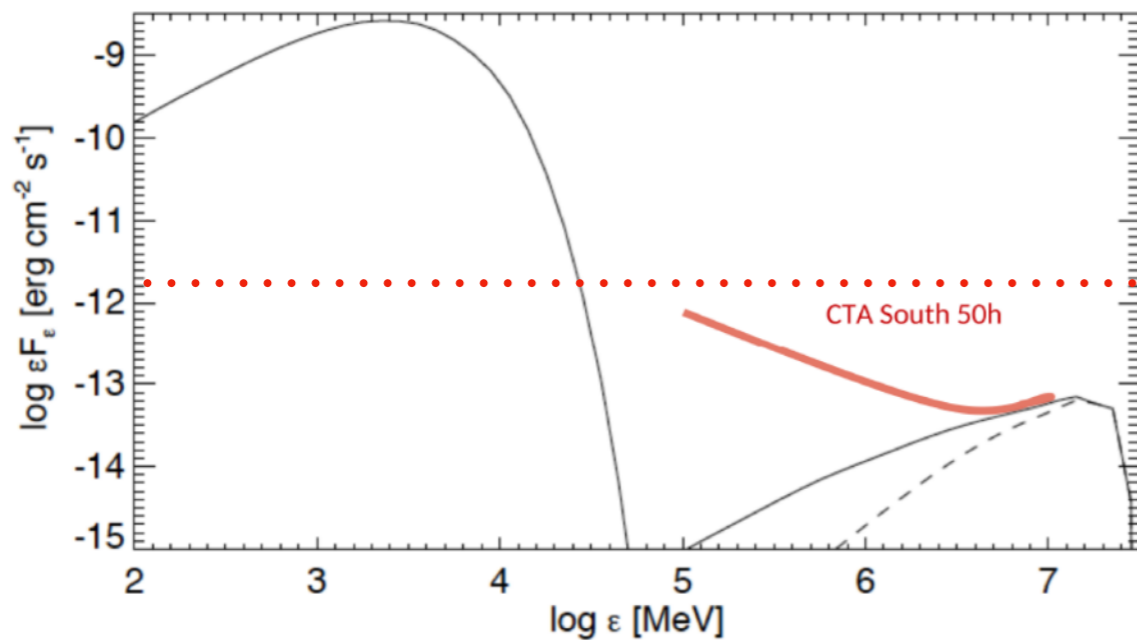
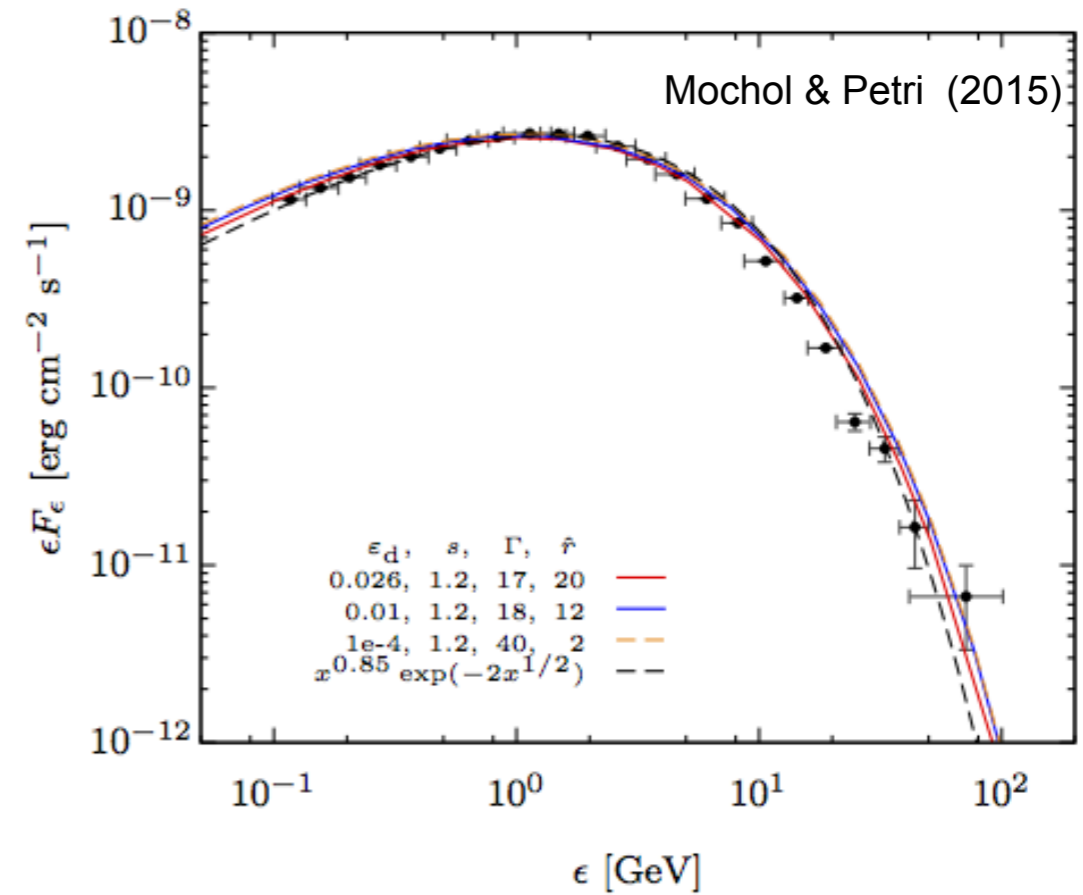
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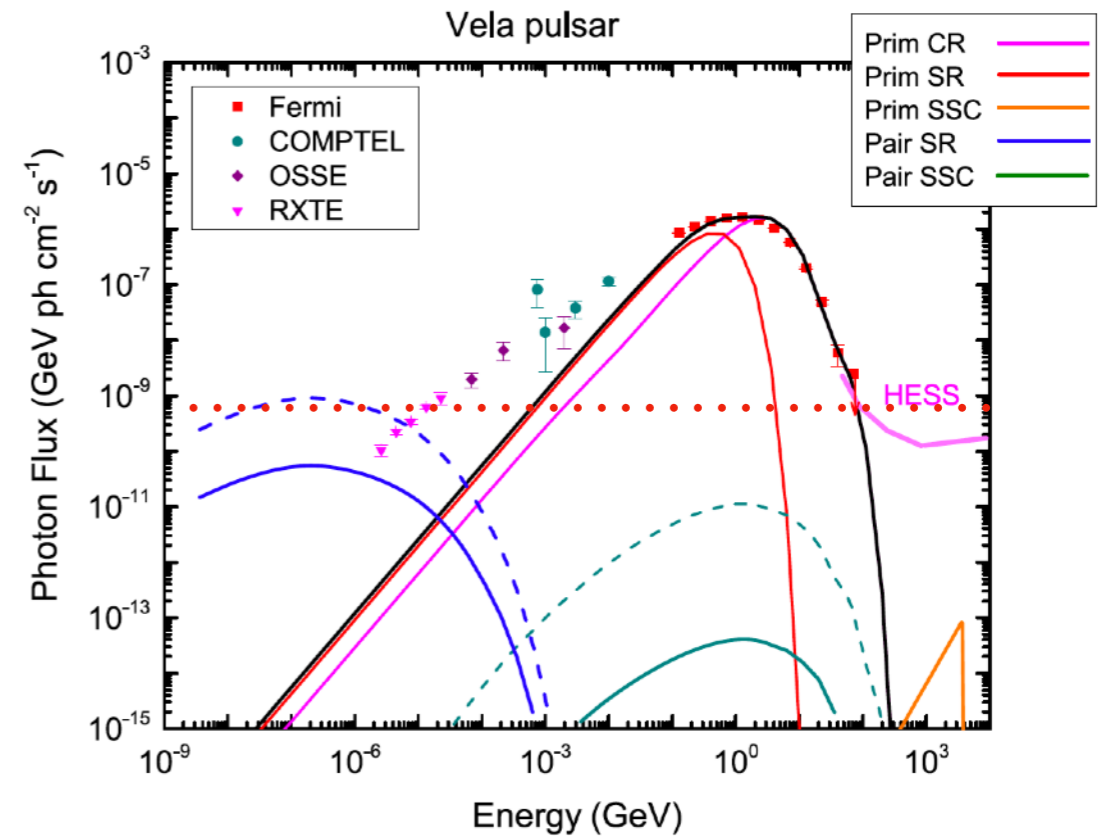
Hirotani & Shibata (2001)

Vela VHE emission : A second component

- Mochol & Pétri (2015): SSC:
 - Striped wind/ current sheet;
→ **No component expected for Vela**
- Harding & Kalapathorakos (2015):
 - SSC from primaries and pairs inside/outside LC
→ **No component expected for Vela**
- Rudak & Dyks (2017): IC: OG primary e^- + optical/IR
 - → **phase resolved**



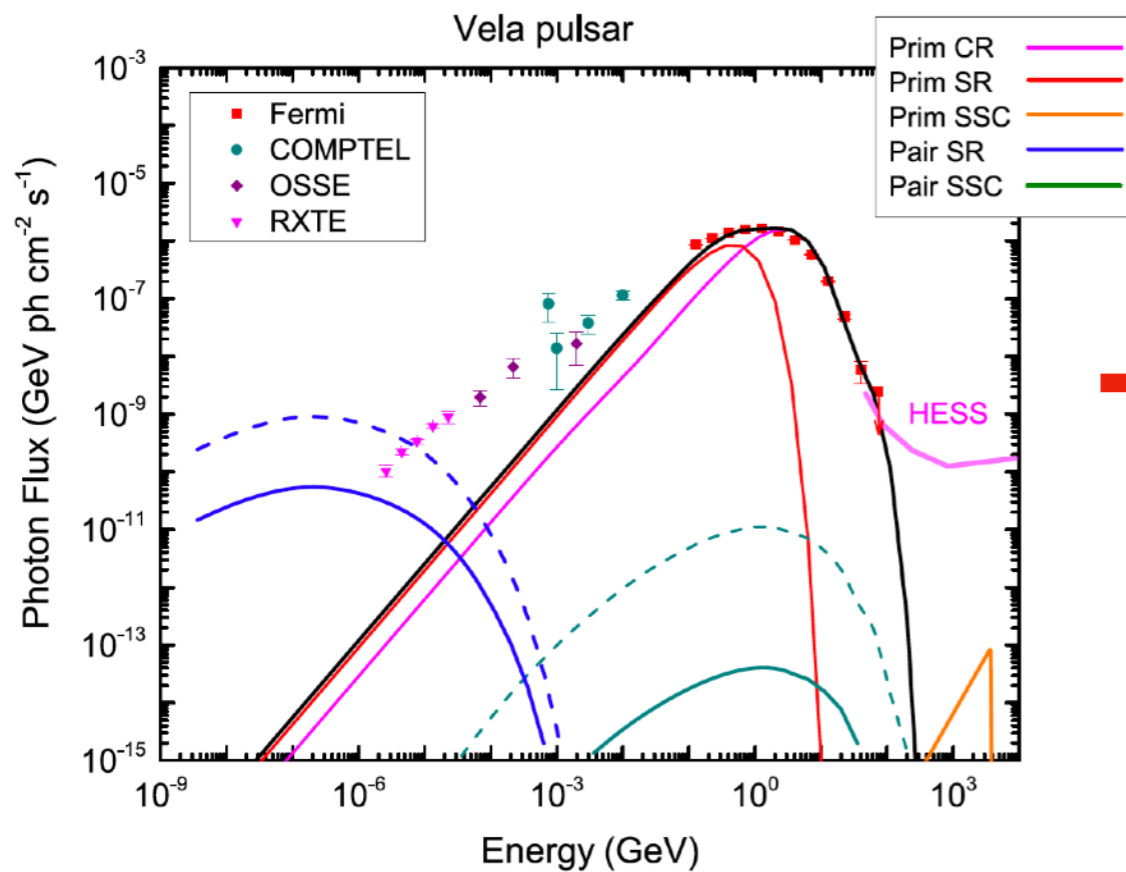
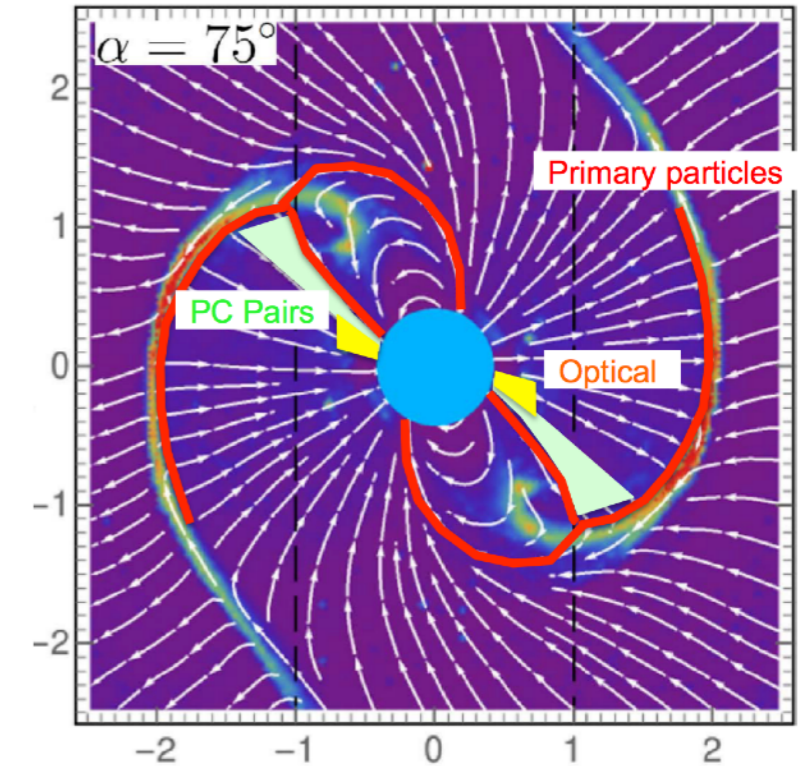
Rudak & Dyks (2017)



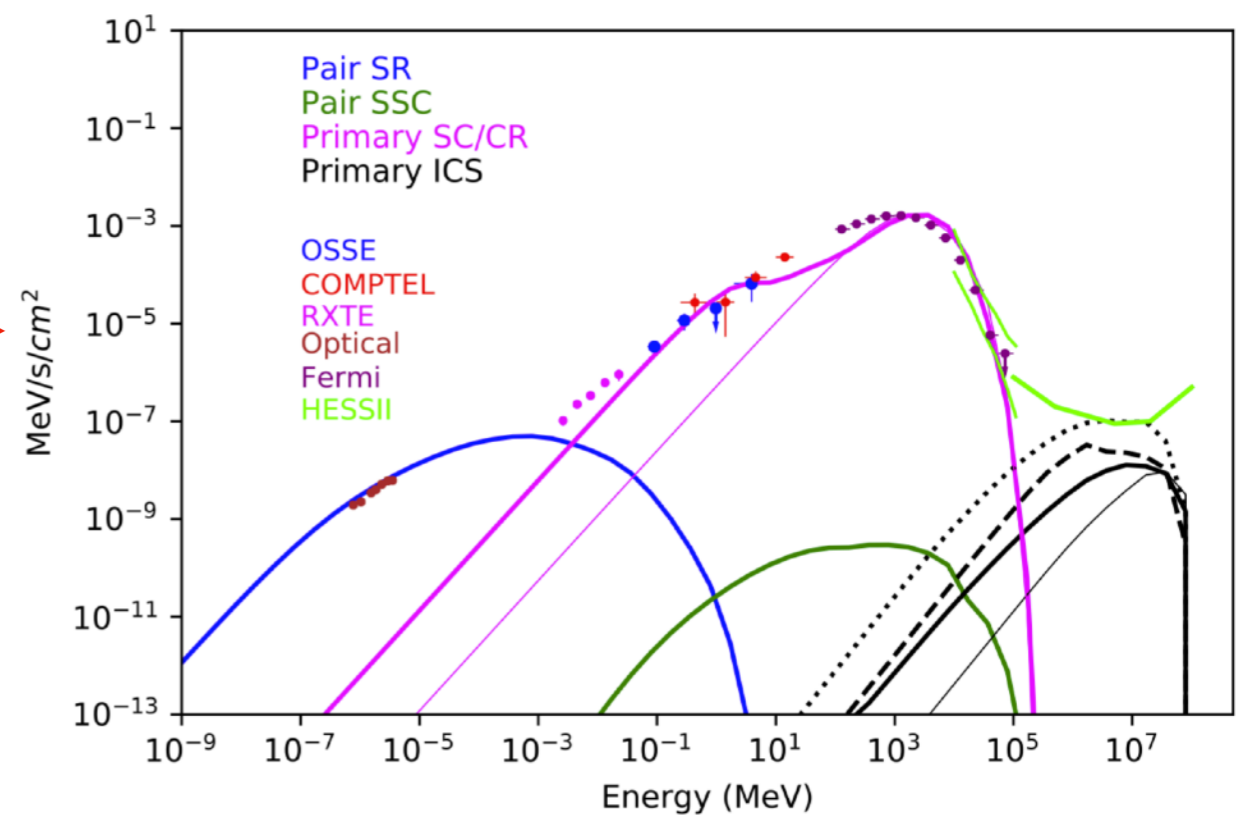
Harding & Kalapathorakos (2015)

Vela VHE emission : A second component

- Harding (2018) : IC component SG primary accel. by $E_{||}$ to beyond LC + optical/IR
- Inside and outside LC, different electric field intensities
- GeV: (synchro-)curvature,
- Very very faint VHE component predicted (2015)
- VHE: IC on opt-IR from poles
- IC Flux, index, depends on target assumptions
- Fit to data points is difficult



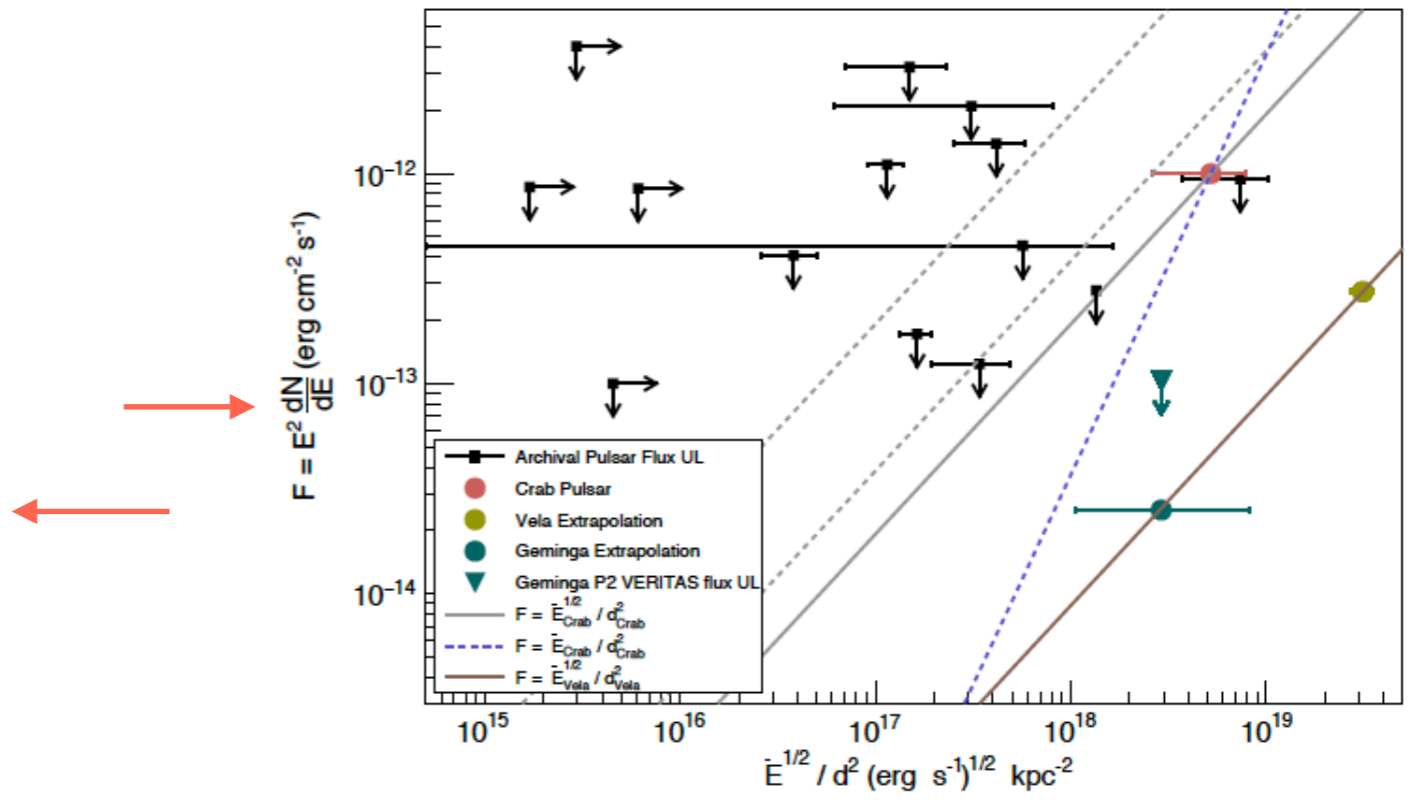
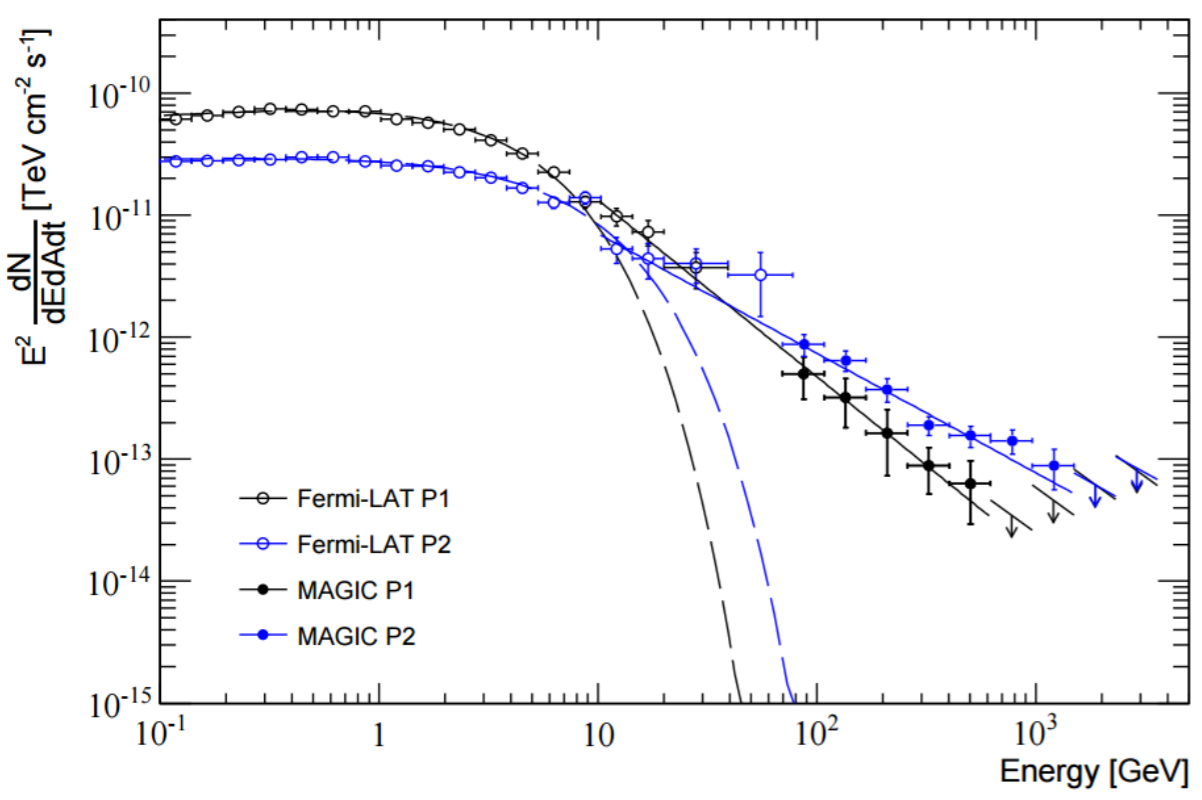
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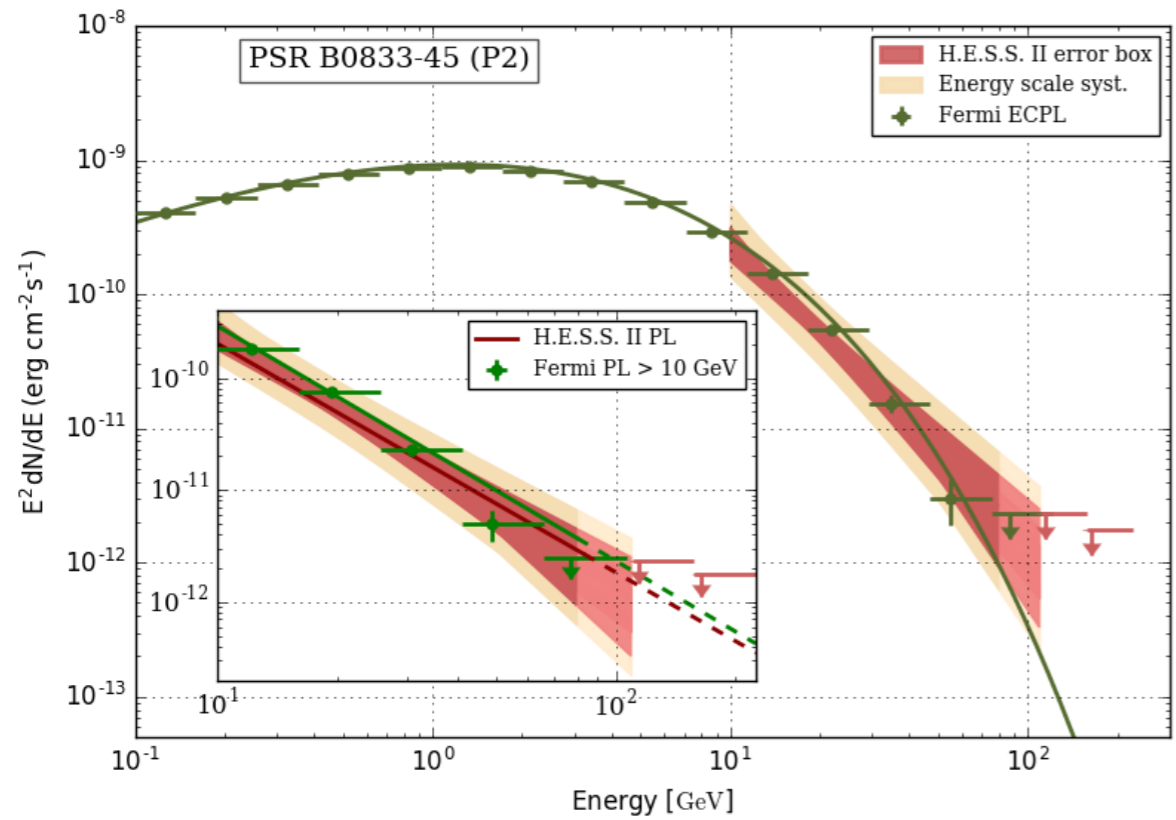
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Cut-off (Crab) + IC component à la Vela

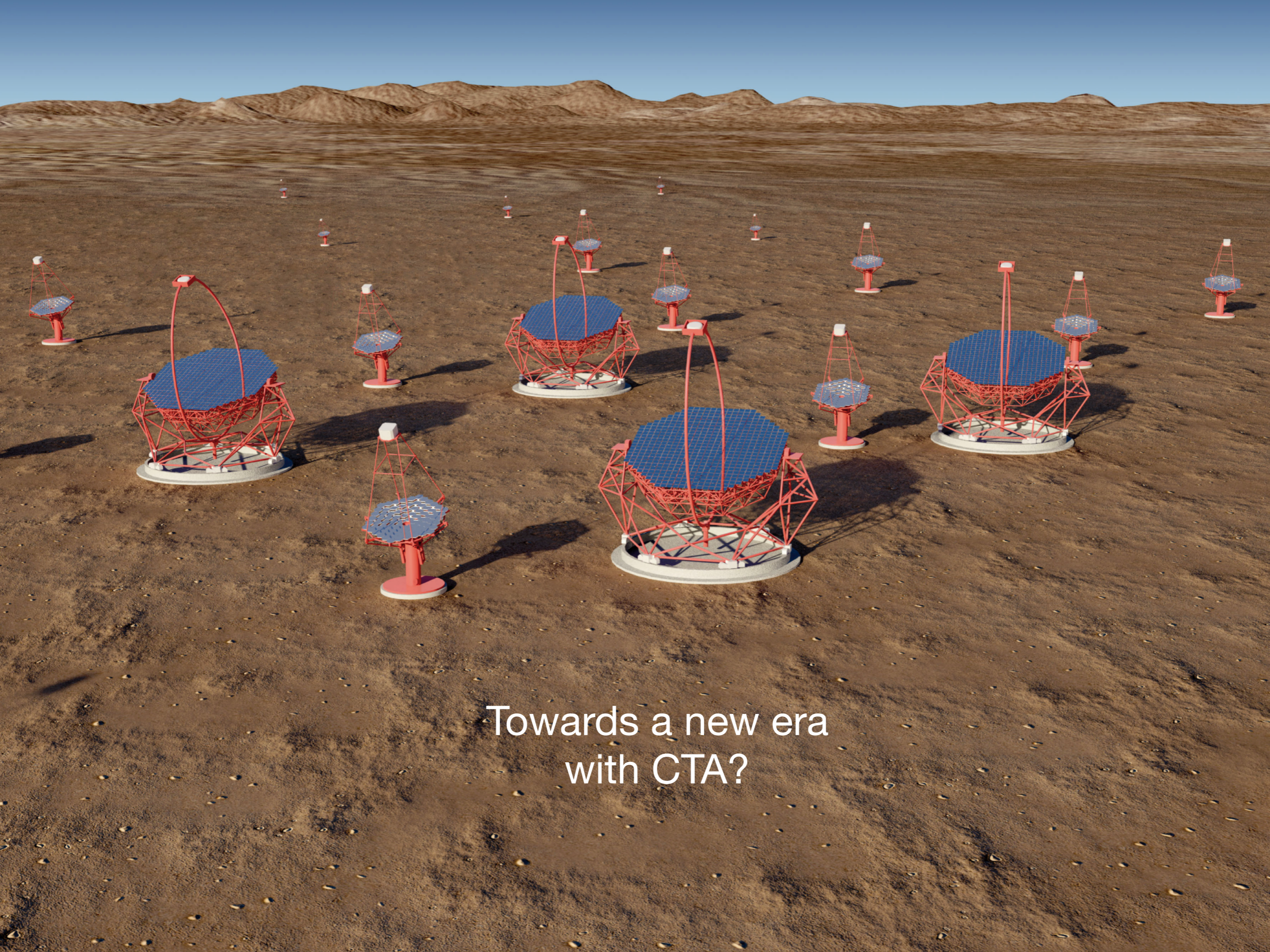
Sensitivity required $\sim 10^{-13}$ erg/cm²/s



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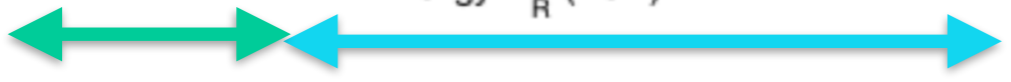
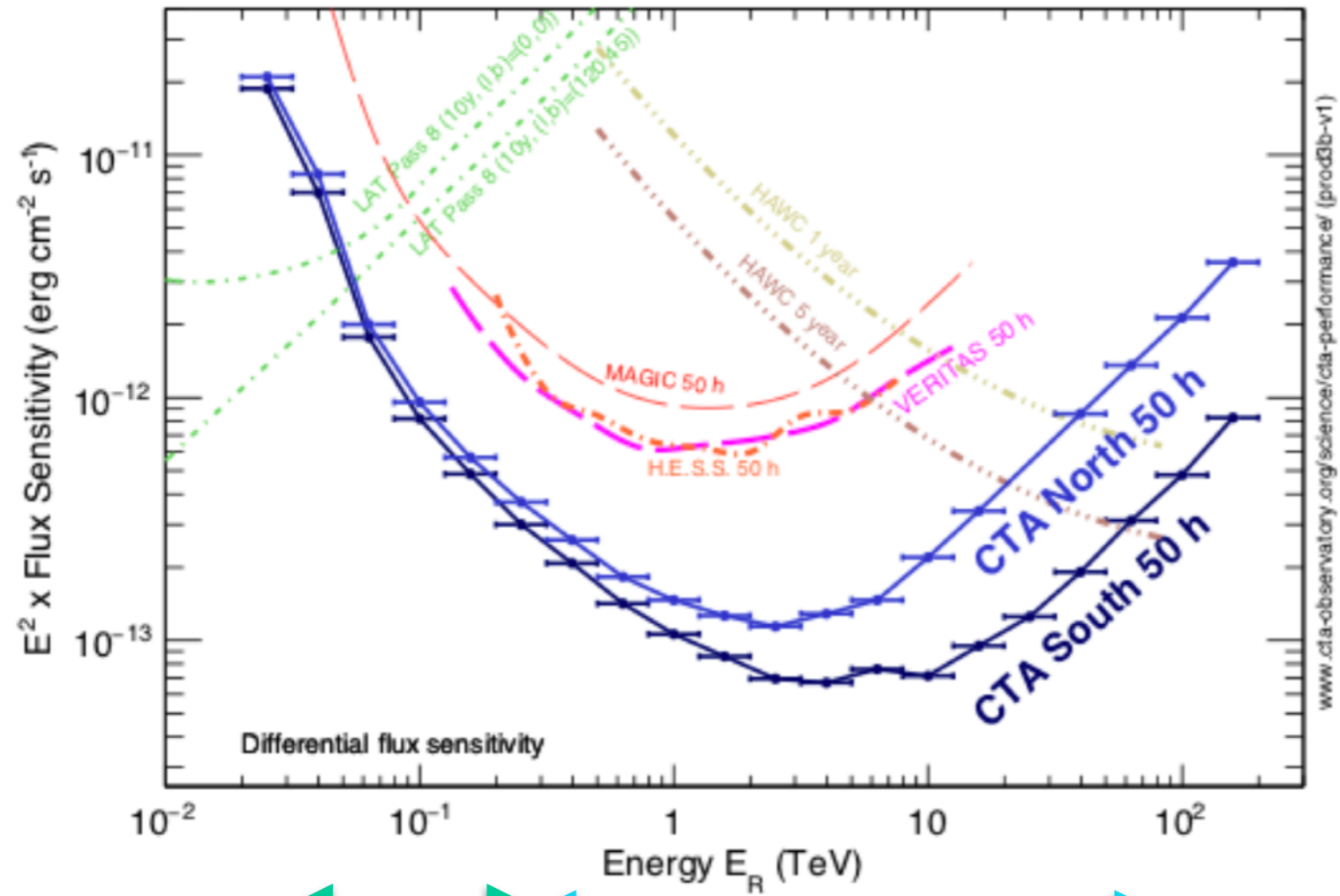


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20 to < ~300 GeV
HE component

TeV to tens of TeV
VHE component *per se*

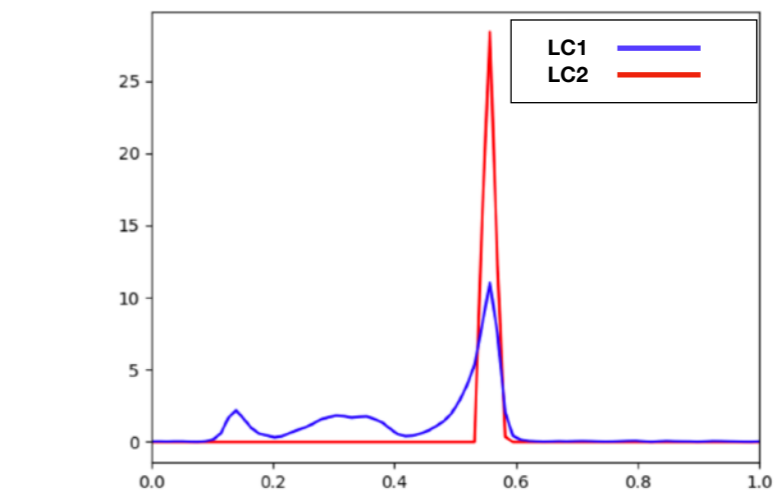
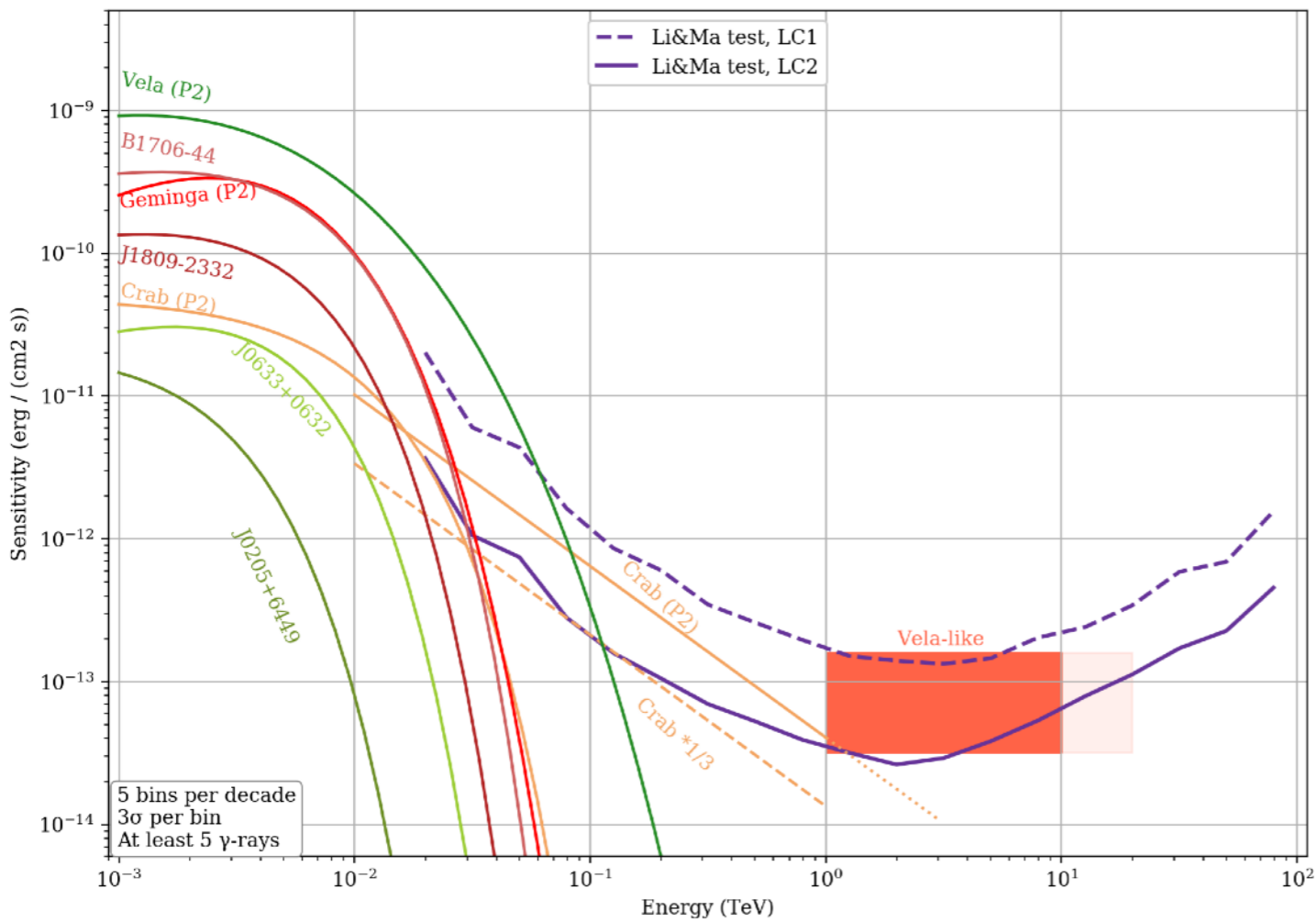
A factor of few gain in sensitivity is expected:

- Pulsed nature of the signal
- Depends on pulsar duty-cycle
- A lower level of background systematic error (no subtraction)

← 10⁻¹³ erg/cm²/s

Towards a new era with CTA?

- Out of > 250 Fermi-LAT pulsars expect roughly a dozen potentially interesting detections < 100 GeV, including ms pulsars in the GPS (30 h max exposure)
- Deeper dedicated observations : more sources, more physics
- Note : the importance of LST's in the South site for the HE component!
- The Vela pulsar detection in the multi-TeV range opens an exciting new perspectives for pulsar studies



CTA South, zenith 20°, 30 hours

← 10⁻¹³ erg/cm²/s

←→ **20 to < ~300 GeV**
HE component

←→ **TeV to tens of TeV**
VHE component *per se*

Summary & Perspectives

- **Four pulsars** are now detected from ground
- The young Crab, the elder Vela & PSRB 1706-44 + the “old” Geminga pulsar
- Differences!
 - Crab : GeV component extends with a power-law tail, extending to ~ 1 TeV
 - Vela : GeV component most probably cuts off $< \sim 100$ GeV, but second component takes over in the multi-TeV range
 - Question is still open for B1706-44 and Geminga (see talk by G. Ceribella)
 - Others?
- Current generation IACT results and observations are essential for setting the stage for pulsar physics with CTA:
 - The >10 better sensitivity of CTA will be of great importance to pulsar physics two important energy ranges :
 - TeV to tens of TeV, i.e. the “VHE component” *per se* : Vela-like psrs?
 - 20 to < 300 GeV : “HE Component”, Crab-like tail or cut-off?
- VHE component brings in precious probes into the pulsar systems, e.g. maximum energy of acceleration and emission processes
- Crucial distinction between magnetospheric and wind-based models...

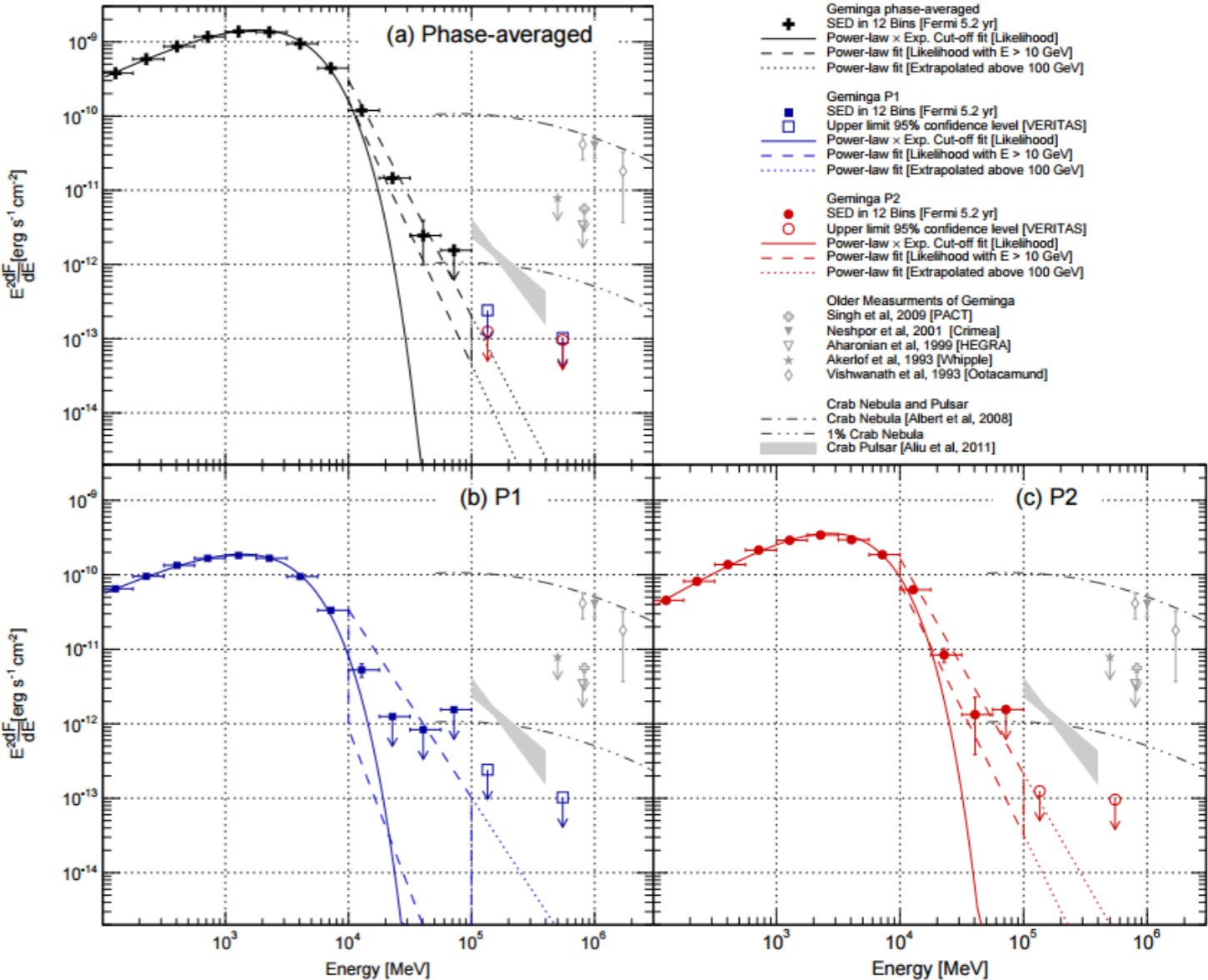
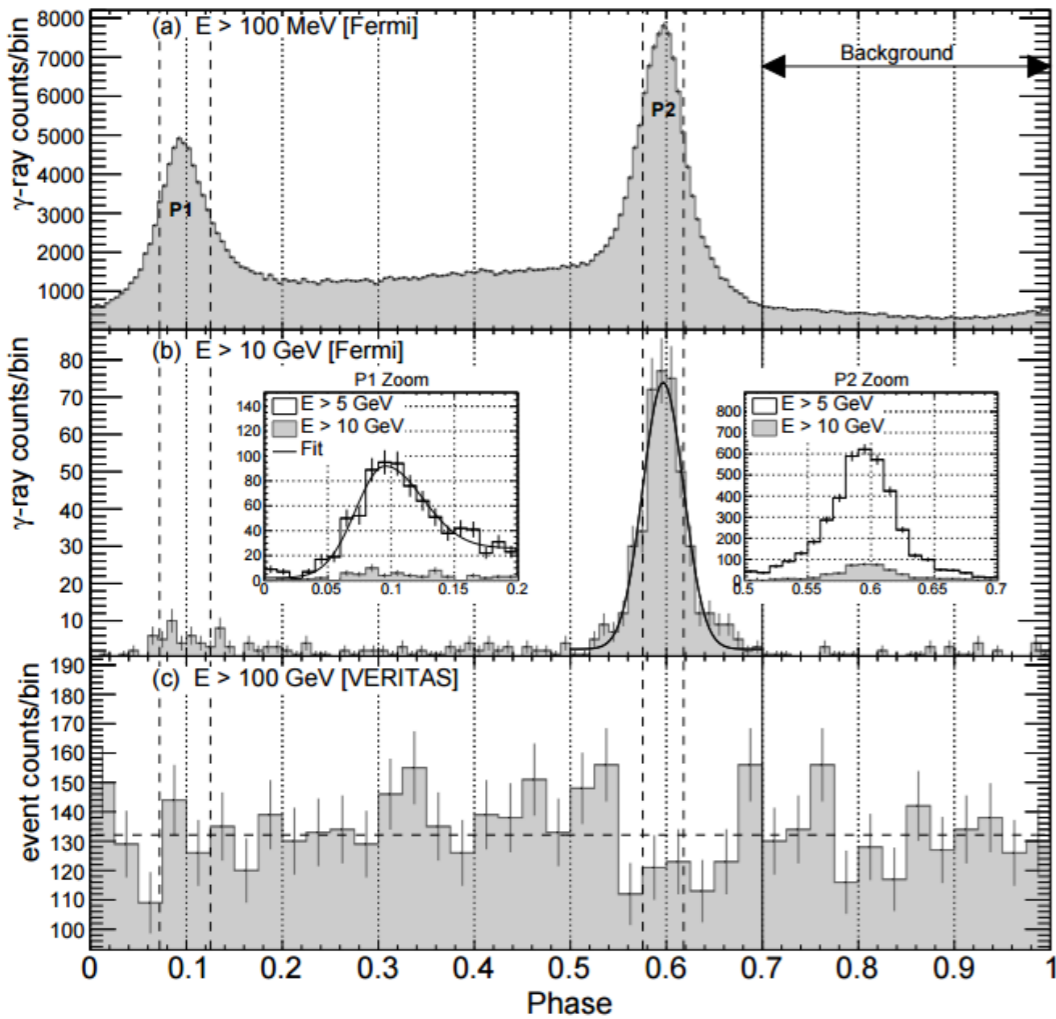
Backup



Geminga : VERITAS 2015

[Aliu et al. 2015]

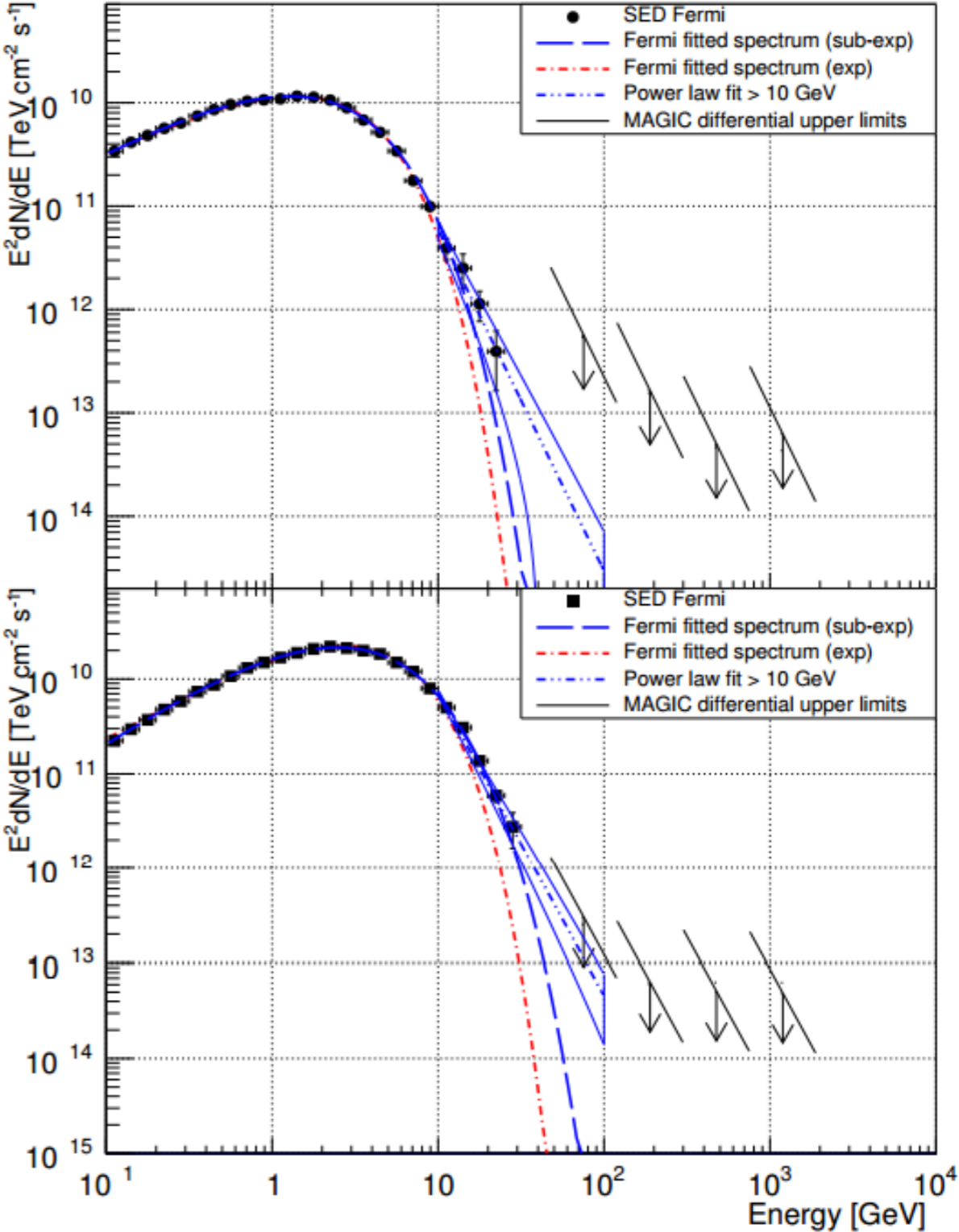
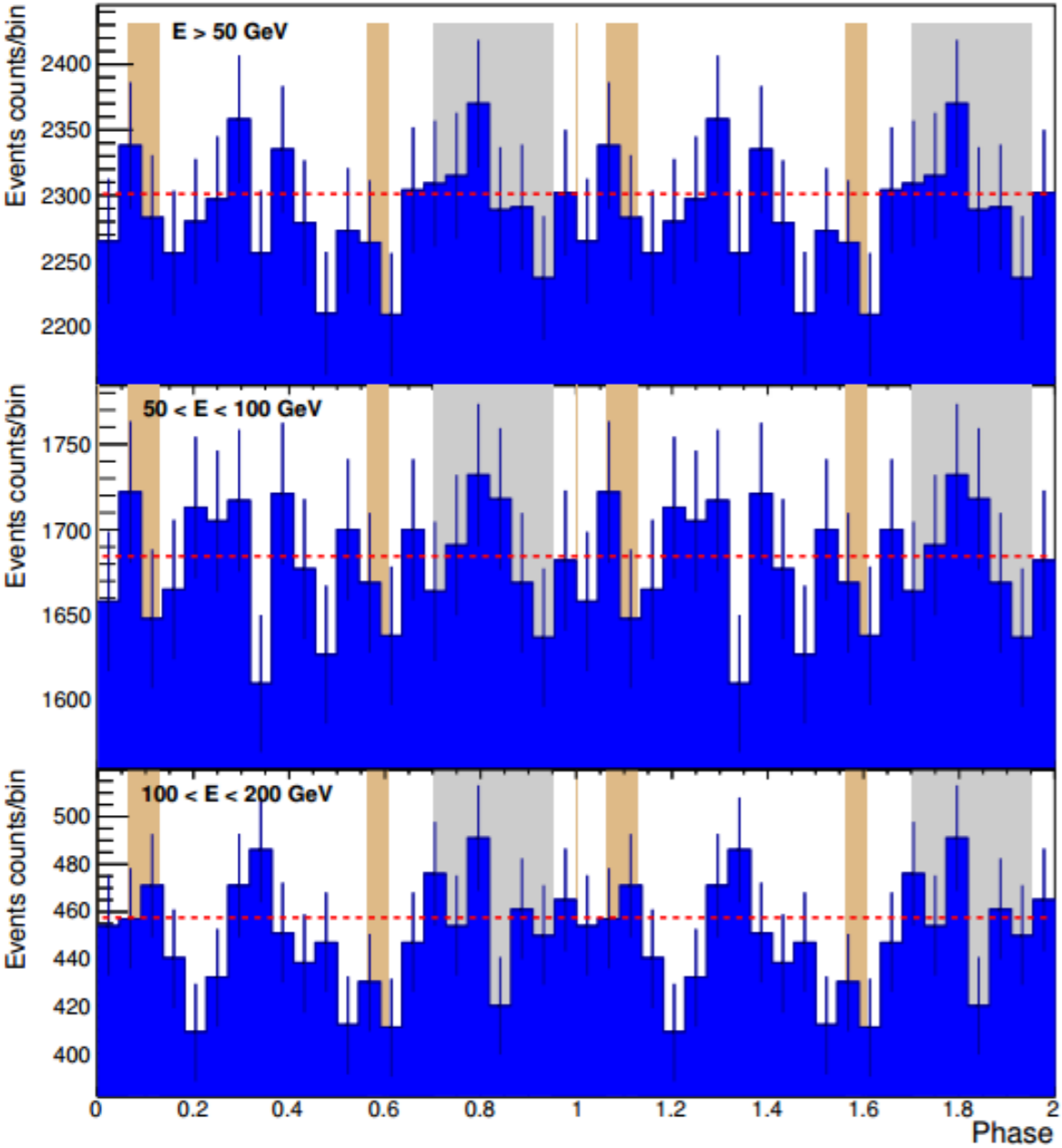
- Exposure = 72 hours
- No signal > 100 GeV



Geminga : MAGIC 2015

[Ahnen et al. 2016]

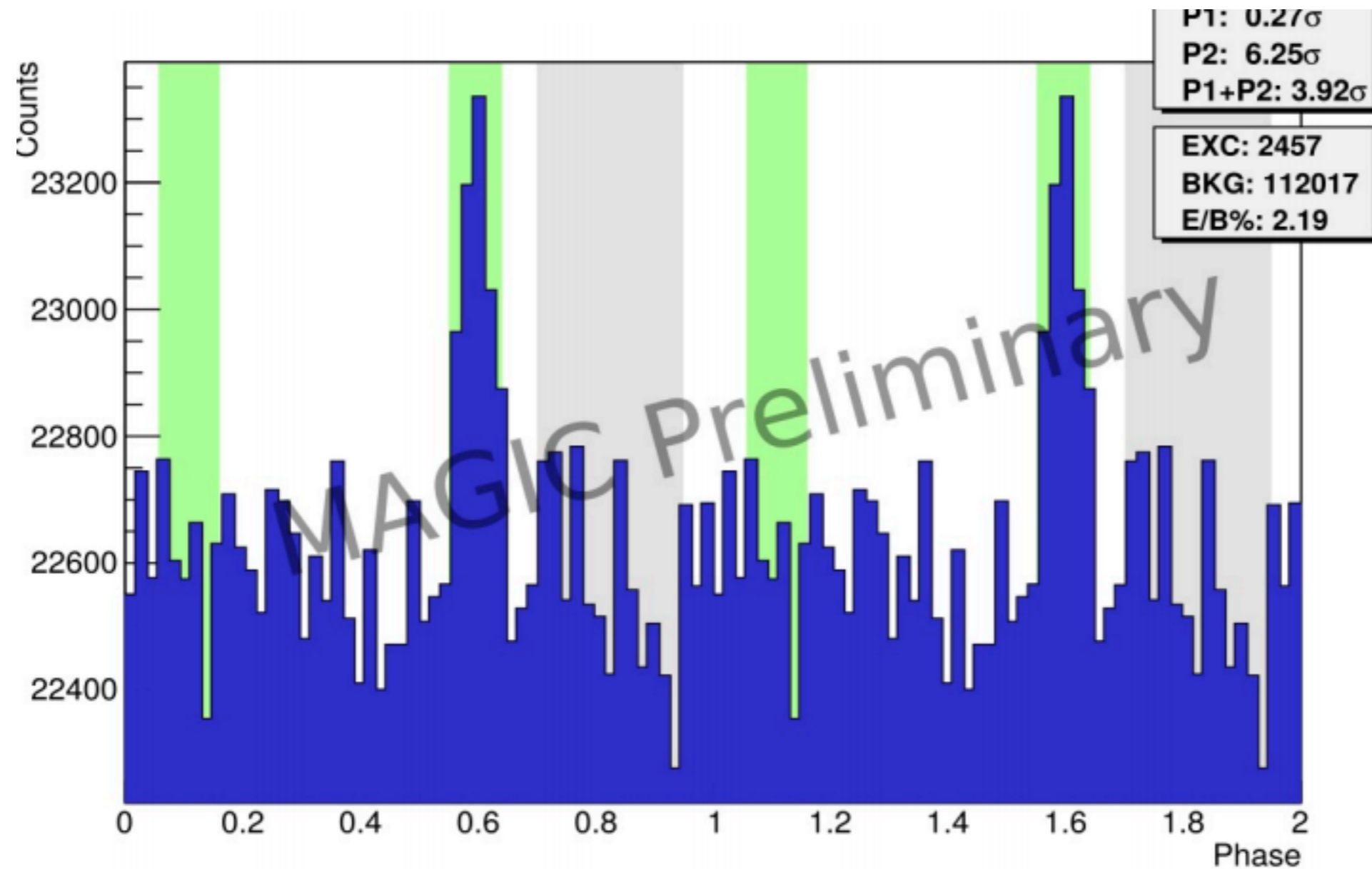
- Exposure = 75 hours
- No signal > 50 GeV



Geminga : MAGIC 2019

[Lopez, M. et al. 2019]

- Exposure = 80 hours (with dedicated low-energy trigger)
- Detection in 20-80 GeV

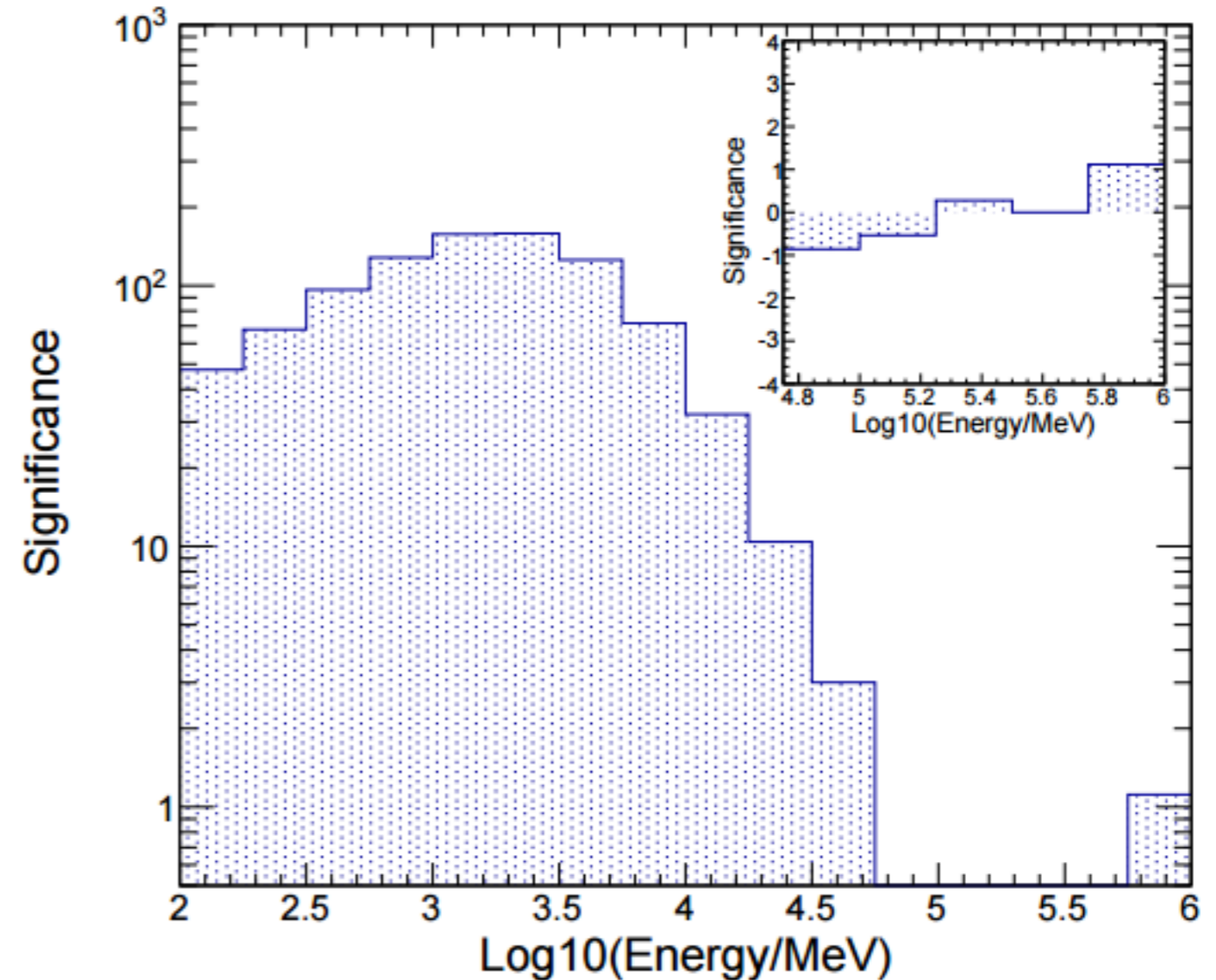


Search for > 50 GeV with Fermi-LAT

[McCann et al. 2015]

- Stacking of 115 pulsars
- Exposure = 4.2 years on average for each
- No signal > 50 GeV

- Subsets tested :
 - Young
 - MSPs
 - Still no signal



Survey of 13 pulsars with VERITAS

[Richards, et al. 2017+2018]

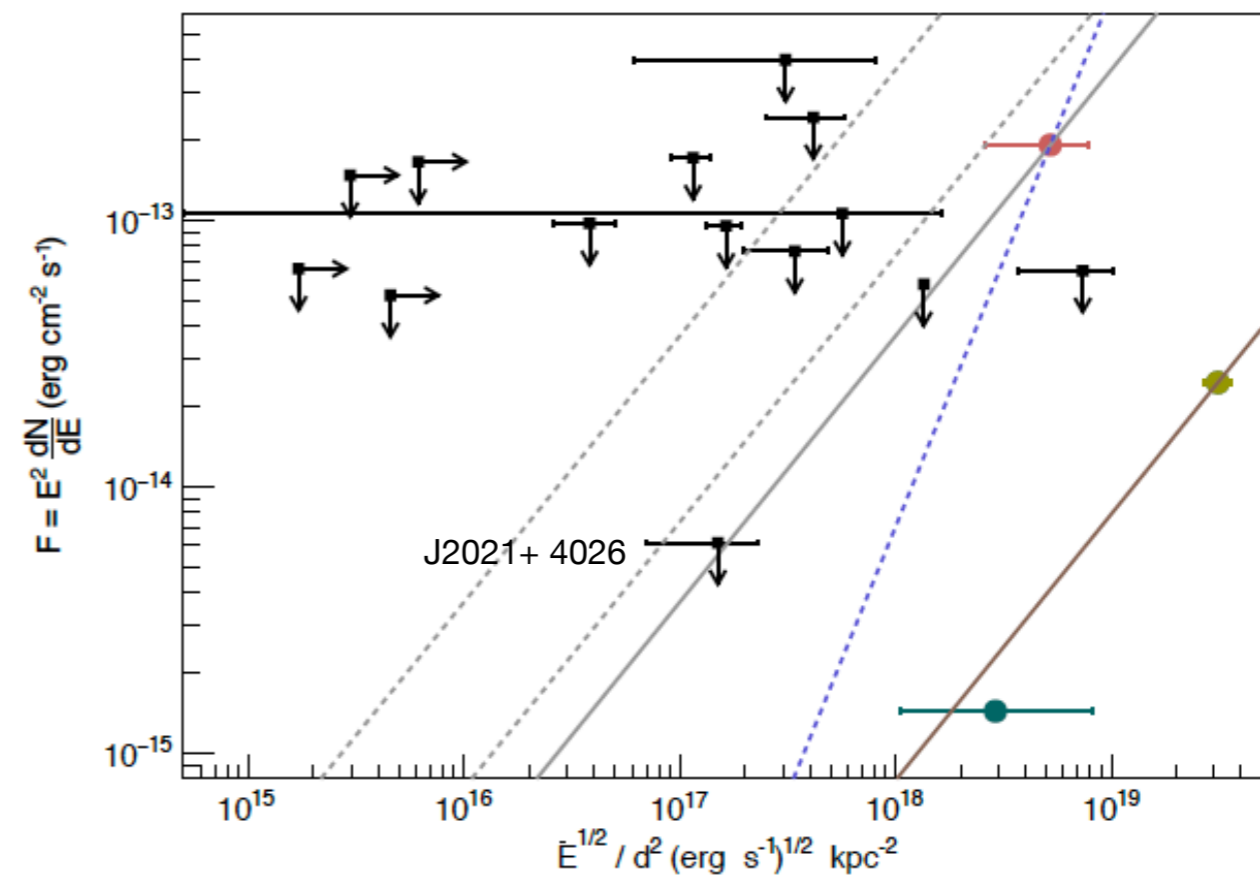
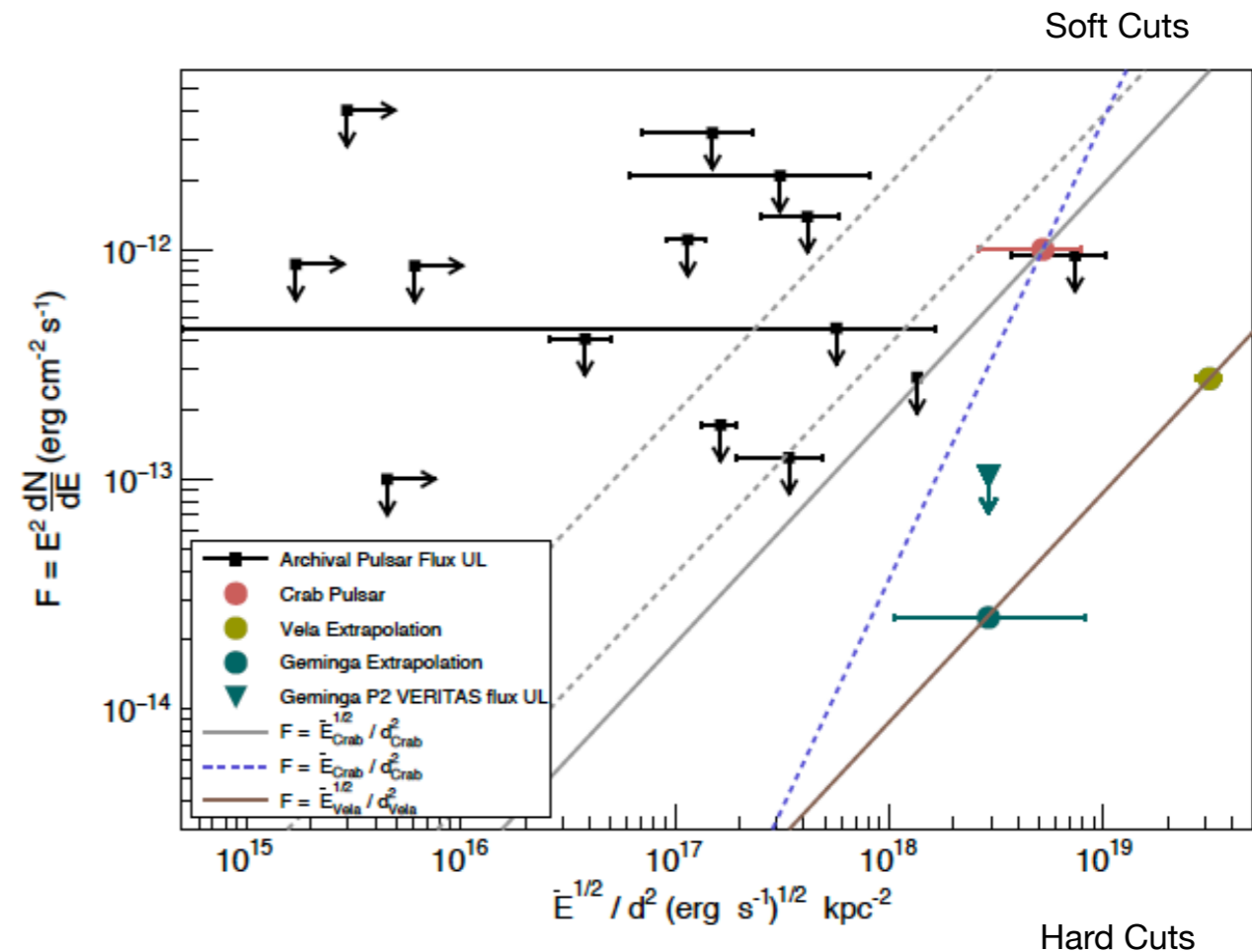
- Archival data on 14 “young” and nearby pulsars
- Exposure = from 3 to 108 h
- Total exposure = 483.8 h
- 3 sets of cuts corresponding to energy threshold from 126 GeV to 1 TeV
- No signal found

Pulsar	R.A. (°)	Dec. (°)	P (s)	\dot{P} (10^{-15})	\dot{E} (10^{34} erg s $^{-1}$)	Distance (kpc)	\dot{E}/d^2 Rank	VERITAS Exposure (hr)
J0007+7303	1.7565	73.0522	315.9	357.	44.8	1.4 ± 0.3 [170]	9	32.4
J0205+6449	31.4080	64.8286	65.7	190.	2644.	1.95 ± 0.04 [171]	3	22.2
J0248+6021	42.0776	60.3597	217.1	55.0	21.2	2.0 ± 0.2 [172]	11	45.9
J0357+3205	59.4680	32.0891	444.1	13.1	0.6	$0.5^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$ [173]	14	7.92
J0631+1036	97.8657	10.6165	287.8	104.	17.3	1.0 ± 0.2 [174]	10	2.79
J0633+0632	98.4339	6.5418	297.4	79.6	11.9	< 8.7	-	108
J1907+0602	286.9782	6.0374	106.6	86.7	282.	3.2 ± 0.3 [175]	8	39.1
J1954+2836	298.5798	28.6013	92.7	21.2	105.	< 18.6	-	5.18
J1958+2846	299.6667	28.7653	290.4	212.	34.2	< 18.5	-	13.9
J2021+3651	305.2726	36.8513	103.7	95.6	338.	$1.8^{+1.7}_{-1.4}$ [176]	4	58.2
J2021+4026	305.3781	40.4461	265.3	54.2	11.4	1.5 ± 0.4 [177]	12	20.6
J2032+4127	308.0548	41.4568	143.2	20.4	27.3	3.7 ± 0.6 [178]	15	47.9
J2229+6114	337.2720	61.2359	51.6	77.9	2231.	$0.80^{+0.15}_{-0.20}$ [179]	2	47.2
J2238+5903	339.6173	59.0624	162.7	97.0	88.8	< 12.4	-	32.5

Survey of 13 pulsars with VERITAS

[Richards, et al. 2017+2018]

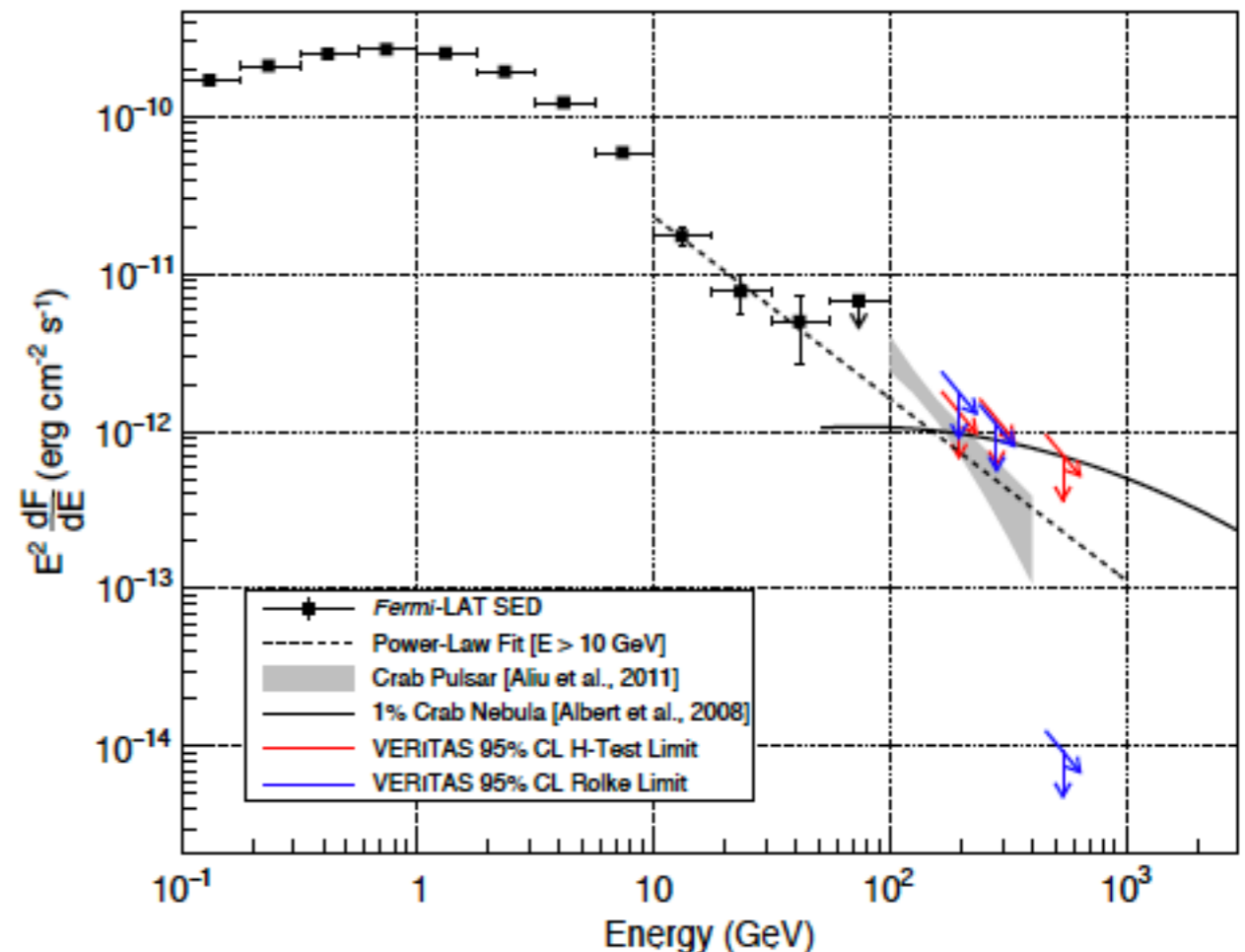
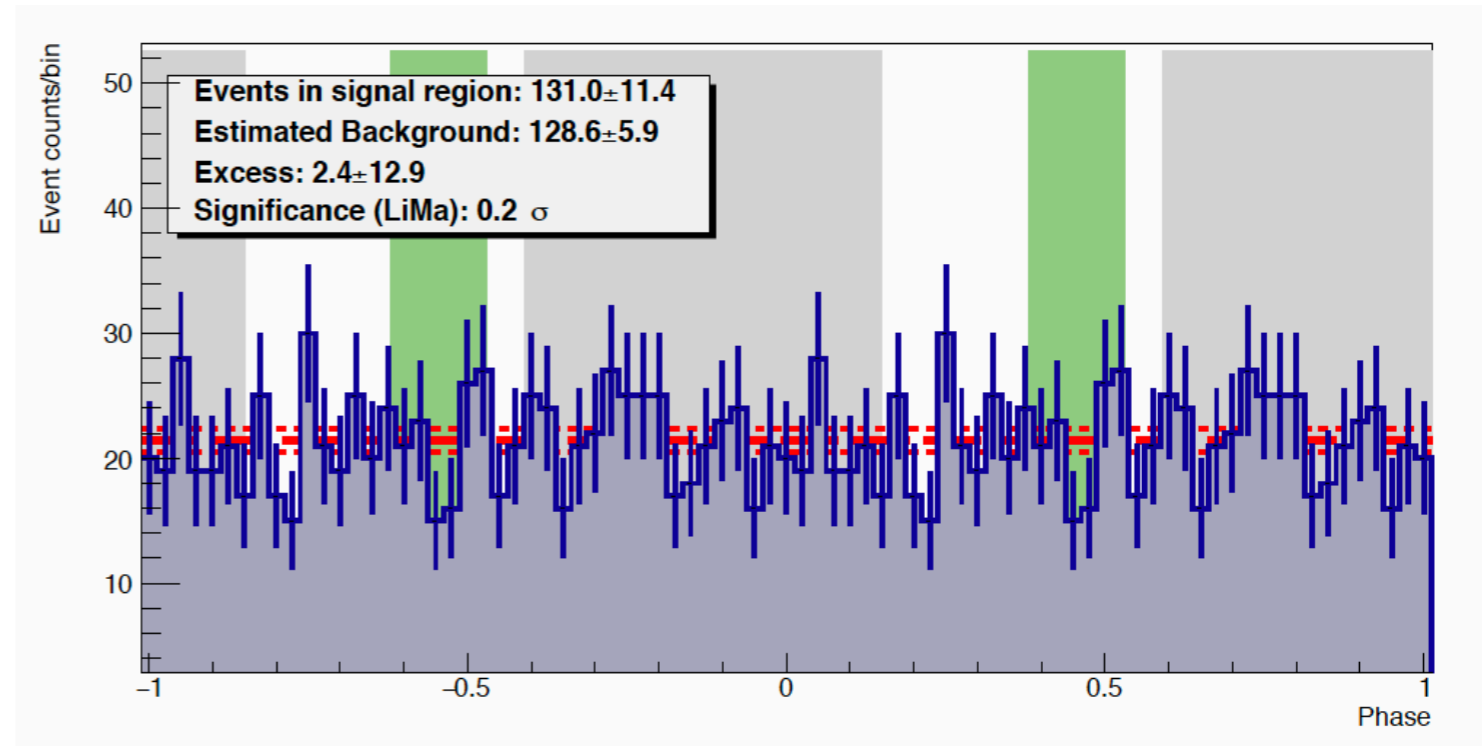
- Upper limits :
- Compared to $\sqrt{(\dot{E})}/d^2$
- Soft and Hard cuts
- Vela extrapolation is based on a power-law but which is disfavoured by HESS-II
- All limits in the range :
 $\sim 10^{-12} - 10^{-13}$ erg/cm²/s



Survey of 13 pulsars with VERITAS

[Richards, et al. 2017+2018]

- PSR J2021+ 4026
 - $P = 265$ ms
 - Dist = 1.5 ± 0.4 kpc
 - $\dot{E} = 1.14 \times 10^{35}$ erg/s
 - \dot{E}/d^2 rank (NS) = 12
 - Exposure = 20.6 hours
 - Thresholds : 166, 240, 457 GeV
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- Upper limits : $\sim 10^{-12}$ erg/cm²/s, except @ 500 GeV $\sim 10^{-14}$ erg/cm²/s -> anomaly ?

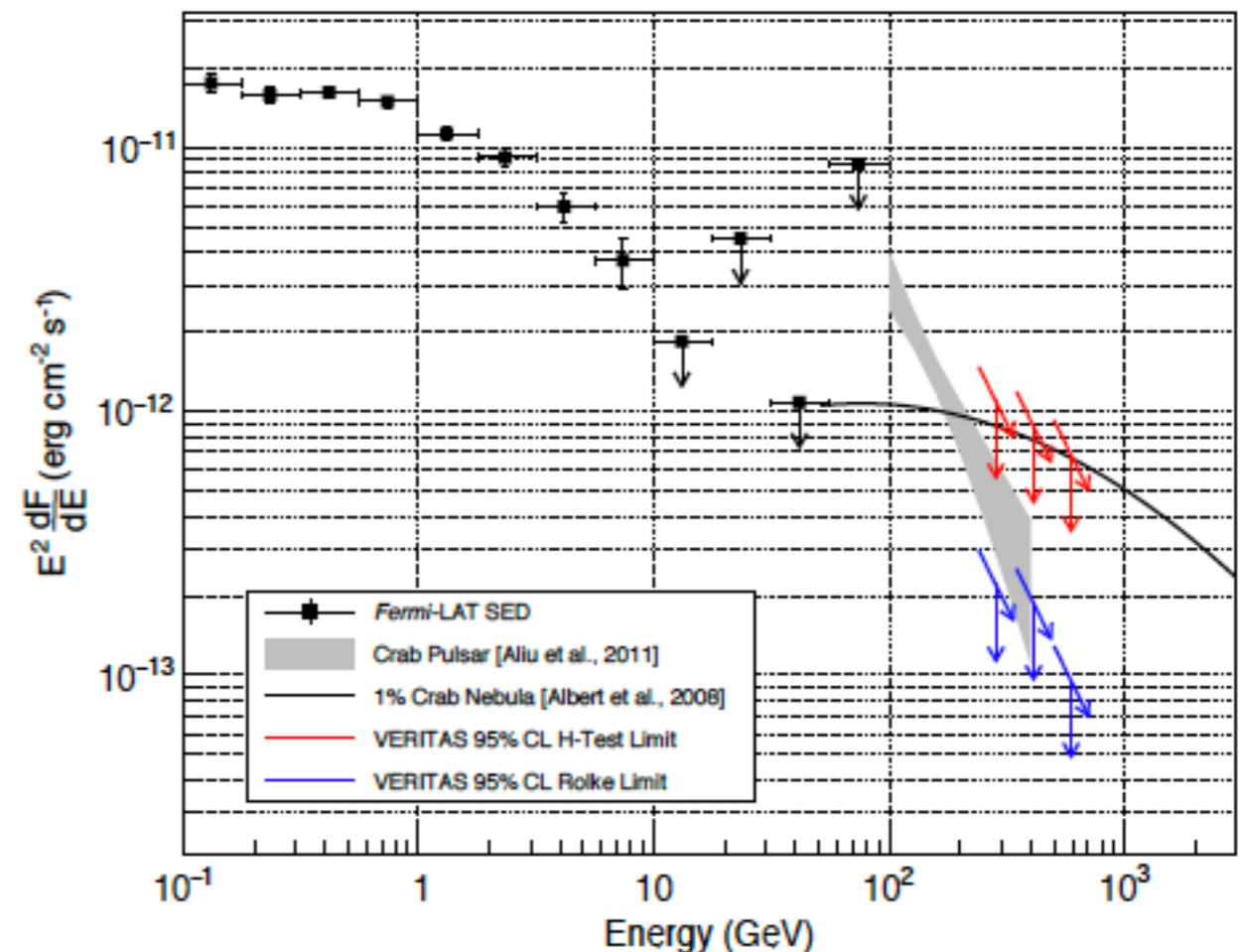
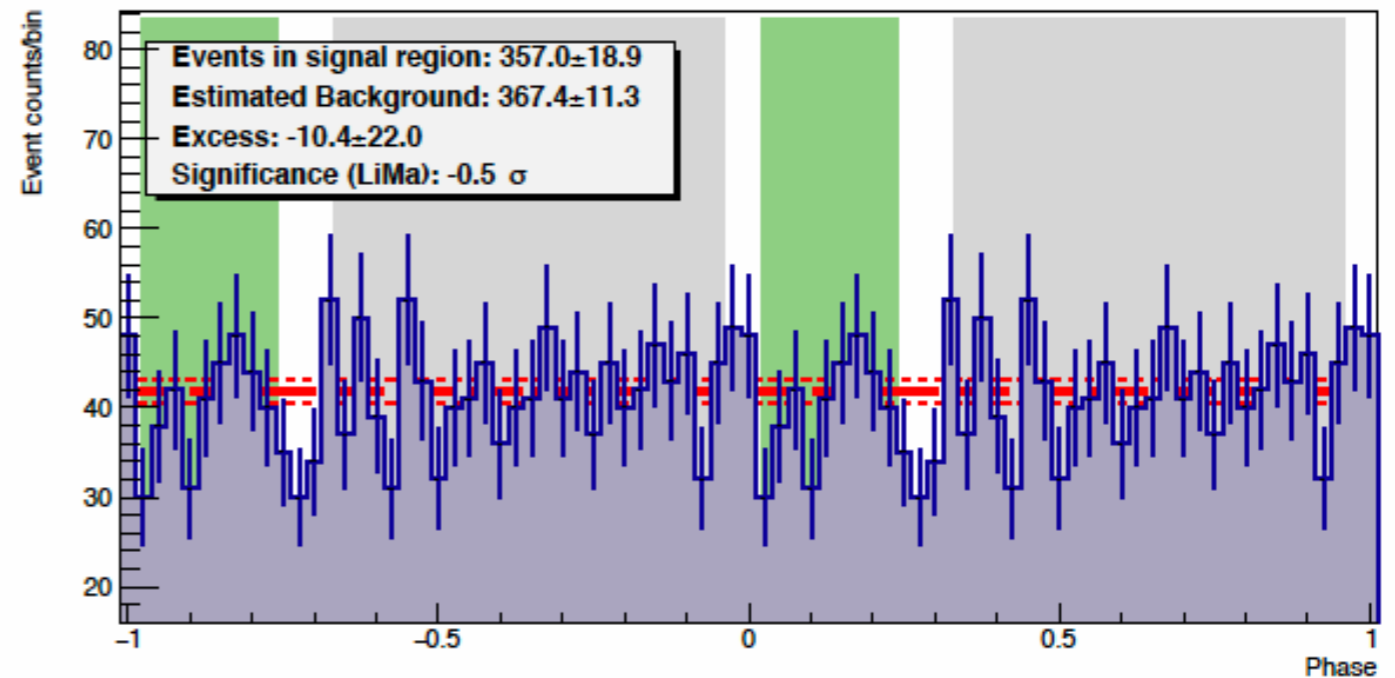


Survey of 13 pulsars with VERITAS

[Richards, et al. 2017+2018]

- PSR J0205+ 6449
- $P = 65.7$ ms
- Dist = 1.95 kpc
- $\dot{E} = 2.64 \times 10^{37}$ erg/s
- \dot{E}/d^2 rank (NS) = 3
- Exposure = 22.2 hours
- Thresholds : 240, 347, 501 GeV

- Upper limits : $\sim 10^{-13}$ erg/cm²/s



Survey of 13 pulsars with VERITAS

[Richards, et al. 2017+2018]

- PSR J2229+ 6114
- $P = 51.6$ ms
- $\text{Dist} = 0.8 \pm 0.2$ kpc
- $\dot{E} = 2.23 \times 10^{37}$ erg/s
- \dot{E}/d^2 rank (NS) = 2
- Exposure = 47.2 hours
- Thresholds : 240, 316, 661 GeV

- Upper limits : \sim few 10^{-13} erg/cm²/s

