

Multi wavelength studies of The Galactic Center

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Plan of the Talk

1. Introduction
2. Radio, X-ray and IR studies of the galactic center (mostly from last 5 years)-

Rough Neighbourhood ?

Dim Black Hole – Energetic Supernova remnant

Also Cosmic rays of Highest energies ? -

- 3 **GC in low (INTEGRAL, EGRET) and high energy (HESS, MAGIC etc) gamma rays – Dark Matter**
- 4 **Possible (first ?) Cosmic rays source**

> a trip to the galactic center >

Zoom in from the naked-eye view of Sagittarius to the unique objects hidden in the Milky Way's rich and complicated core.

By Angelle Tanner

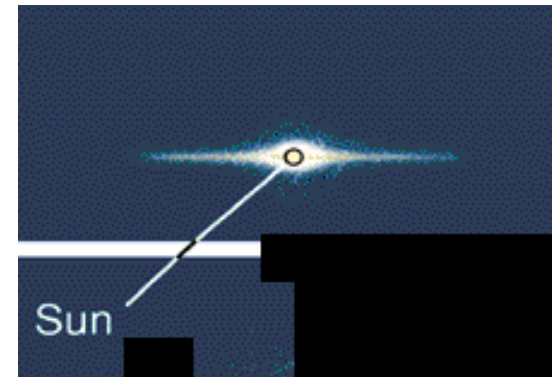
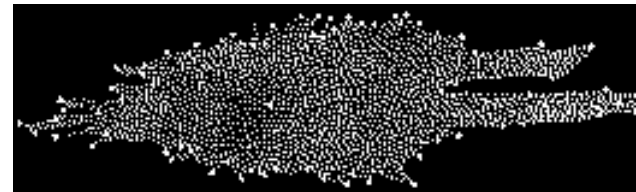
Looking into our galaxy's depths. John Gleason assembled this composite image from pictures he took of the Milky Way, Lassen Volcanic National Park in California, and a star party held by his club at the park's Bumpass Hell parking lot. The small yellow box shows the



GALAXY – PRE SHAPLEY

- 1610 – [Galileo](#) first to see stars in the MW
- 18th Cent – [Herschels](#) 700 brighter stars – galaxy
- Like an irregular grindstone
- Sun off center to left
- was not aware that
- Dust would obscure/
- Attenuate etc

Herschels' picture



The Curtis-Shapley Debate



Shapley



Curtis

- **what is the size of our galaxy?**
- **what is the nature of spiral nebula?**

H. Shapley

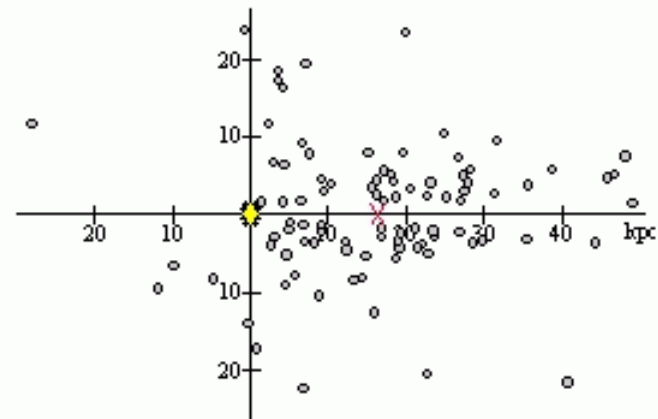
~1920



- Used Globular Clusters
(Dense star regions) ~200 in the galaxy - should appear equally populated around center
- But found only in one direction- of Sagittarius

- Shapley overestimated
- Distances 40000 LY
- Present ->26000LY
- Sun 8000 kpc from center
- center

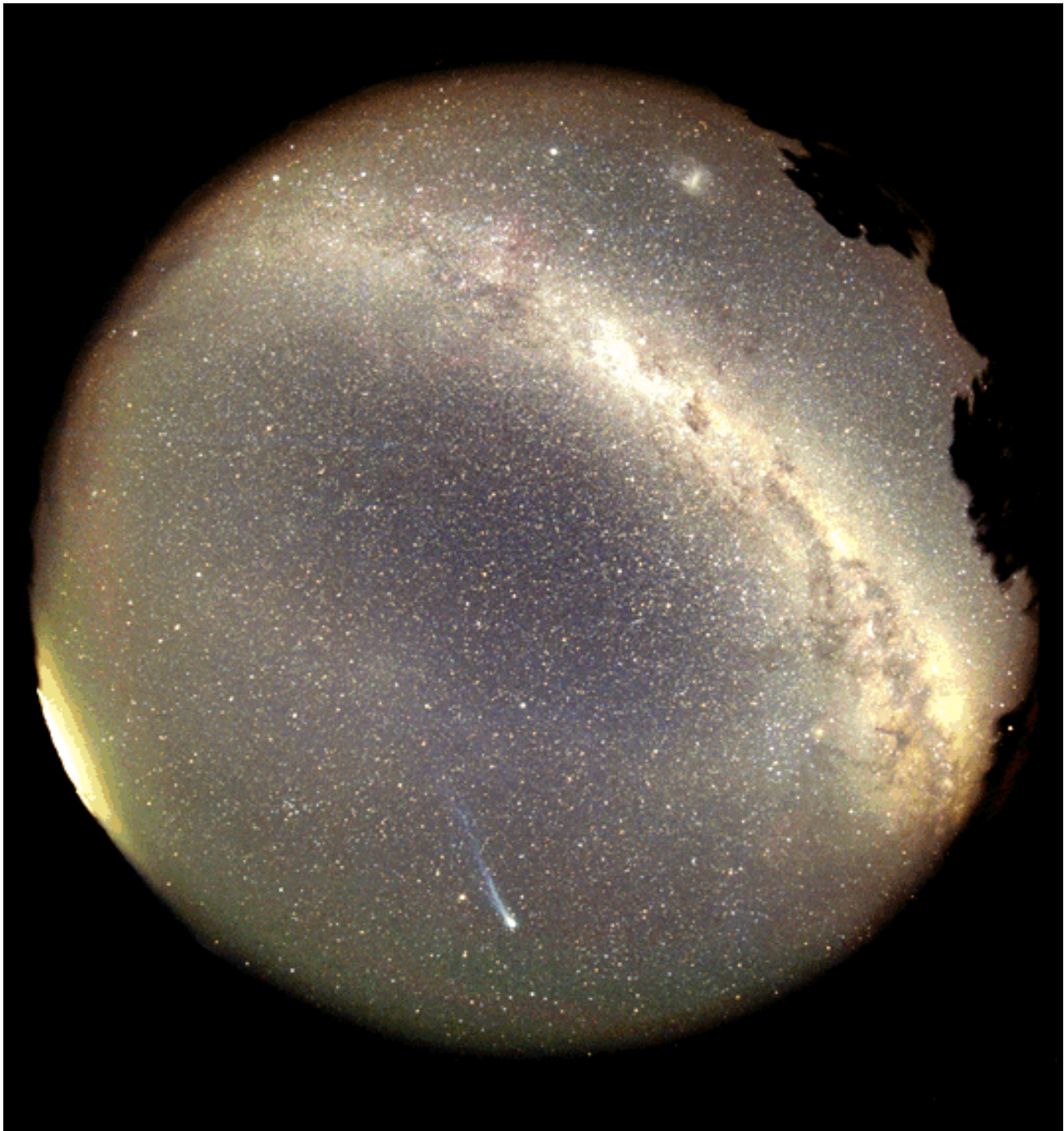
Shapley's Globular Cluster Distribution

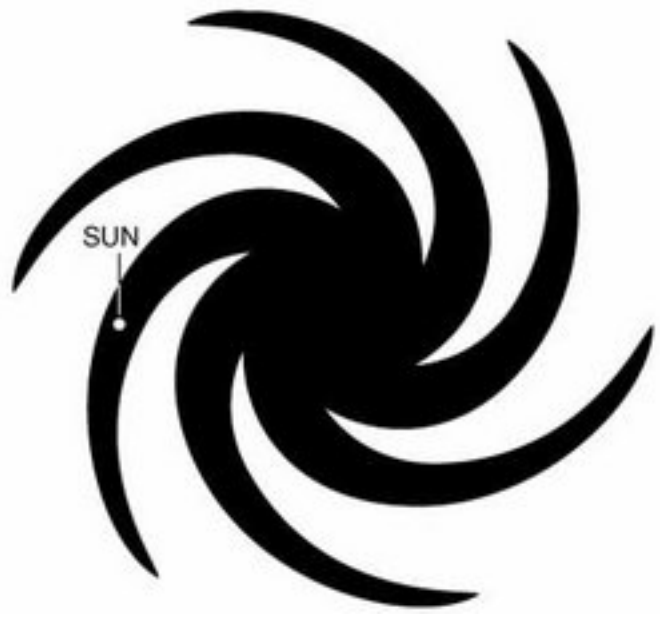
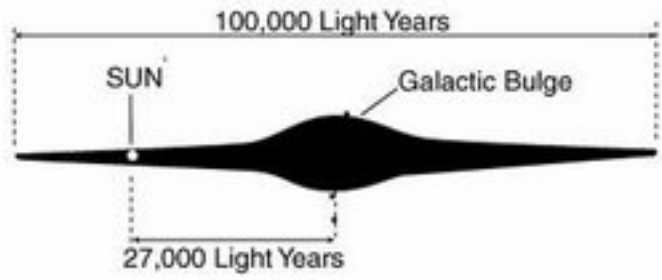


Milky way in southern hemisphere (dec=-30)



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Galactic Center region

10^{7} stars in a region 5 ly across! (solar neighbourhood ~4 stars)**

But because of dust , attenuation by a factor of 100 million (10^{8})**

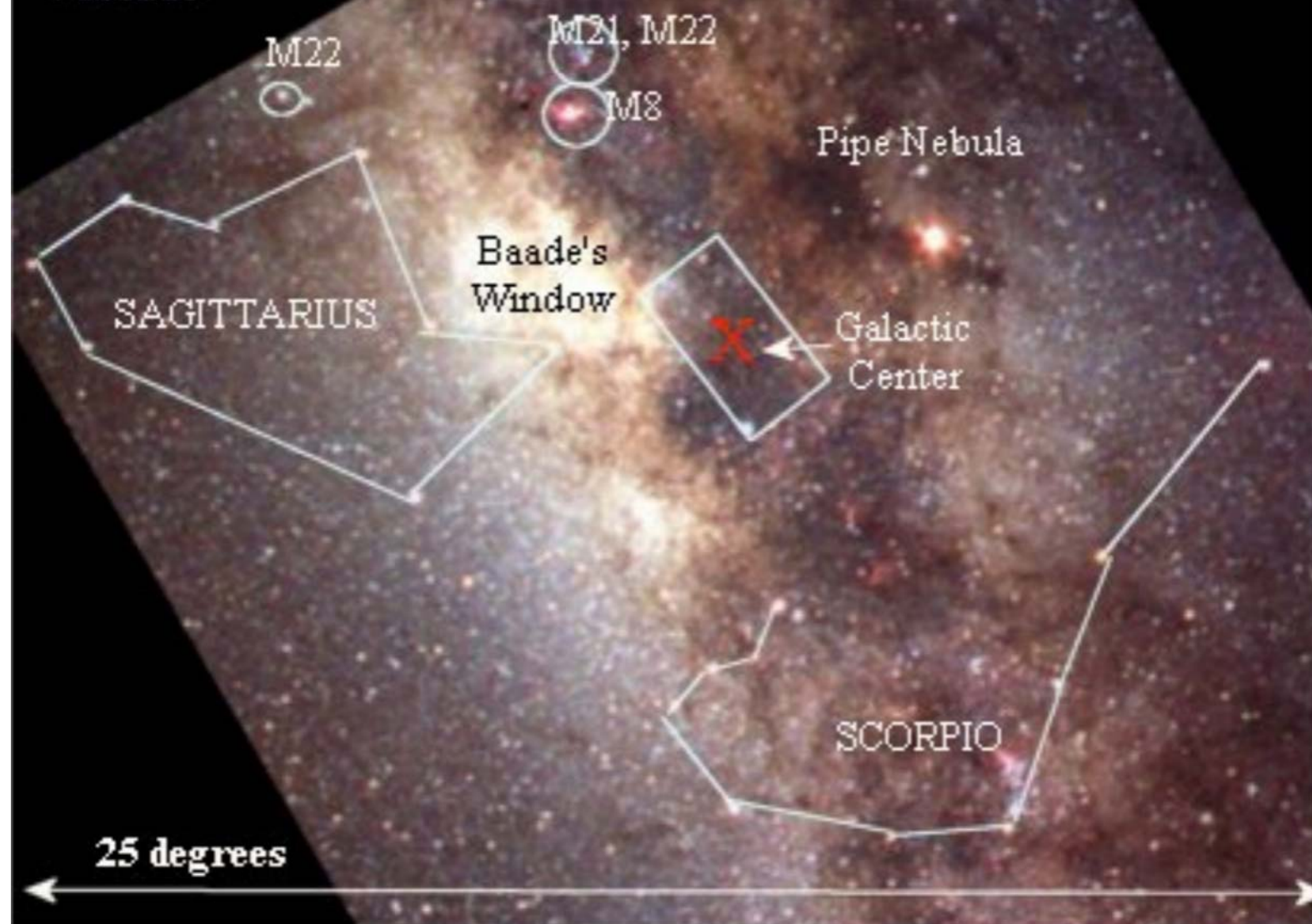
If not the region would have the brightness of full moon !

only one in 10^{12} optical photons reaches earth**

However, the attenuation is small for other wavelengths – IR, Radio and x-gamma

Image Courtesy of Christopher Pickering, New Zealand

Visible



Jansky/Geber('30s) Possible detection (poor angular resolution)

Piddington+Minnett (1951) 1210 mhz

‘ A new , remarkably powerful , discrete source – lies close to the maximum of galactic radiation’

McGee + Bolton (1954):

‘Probable observation of the galactic nucleus at 400mhz’

Till 1960 – controversial

Shklovsky (1960) : It is definitely established

That Sag A is indeed the galactic radio nucleus !

Supermassive Black Holes must exist at the centre of active galaxies .

Even ordinary galaxies (like our own galaxy) can have such SMBH at the centre(LyndenBell+Rees)

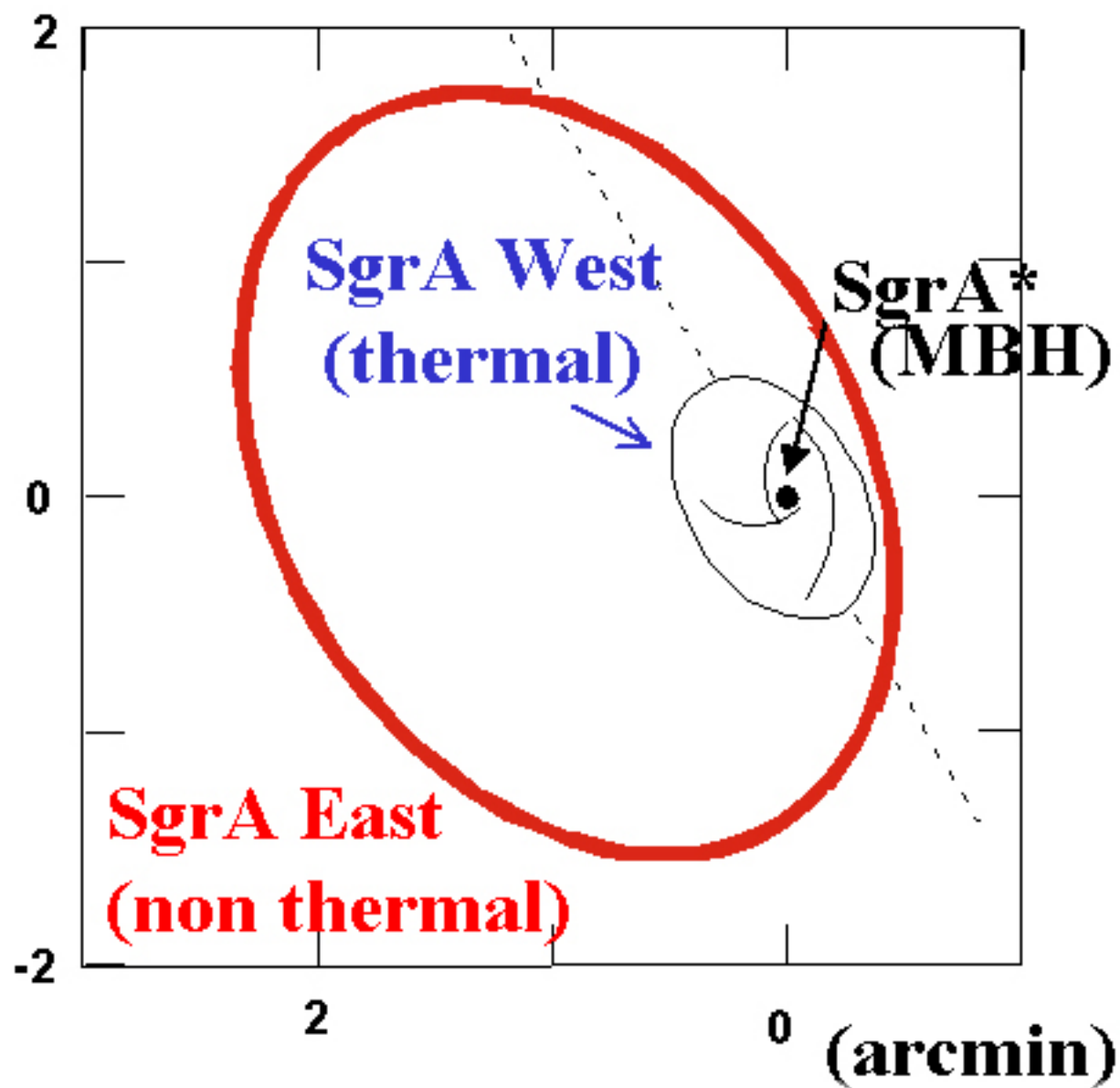
1974 Balick/Brown compact and variable radio source at the center of the galaxy – Sgr A*

- faint quasar like

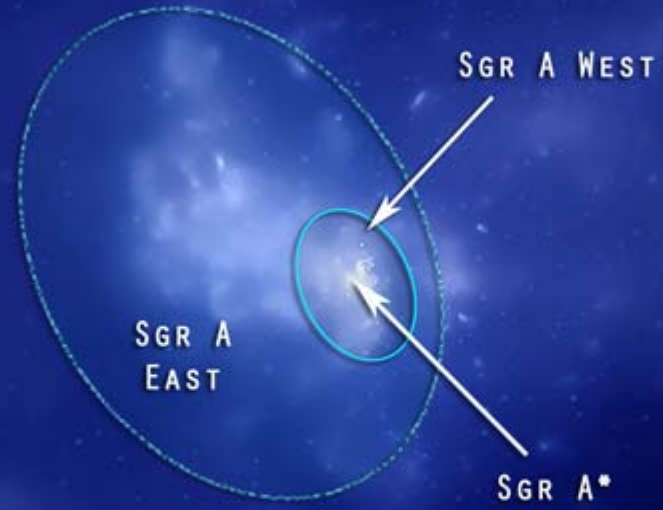
1977/1979 Spectroscopy → large Doppler shifts- large velocities -Large mass ?

1976 Shklovski – Sgr A west radio emission
– very powerful source at the Galactic center
-30000 solar mass BH

1977 VLBI – Sag A * low luminosity AGN
4-13 times less than other AGN



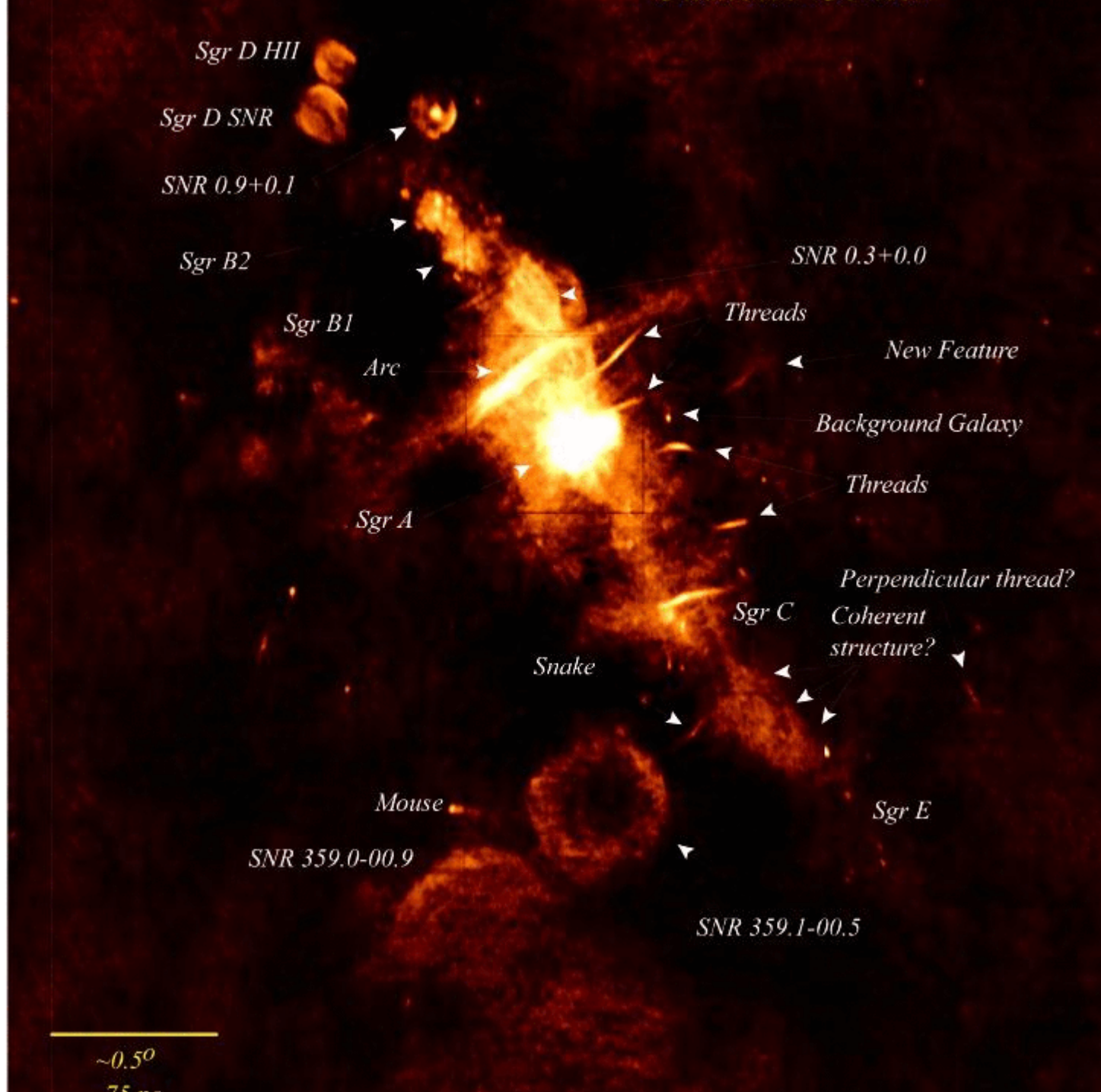
SAGITTARIUS A



- The central radio emission consists of three parts:
(VLA map)
- **Sagittarius A East**: a hypernova remnant, which was produced by a violent explosion only several tens of thousands of years ago. The origin is unknown. Explanations range from a star disrupted by a black hole to a chain reaction of ordinary supernovae or even a gamma-ray burst.
Sagittarius A West or Minispiral: Gas and dust streamers ionized by stars and spiraling around the very center, possibly feeding the nucleus.
Sagittarius A *: A bright and very compact radio point at the intersection of the arms of the Minispiral (dist between
- Sgr east and A* is 2 pc)

Sgr A* ra - 17.45.40: dec -29.00.28

Sgr a east same ra , dec = -29.00.20



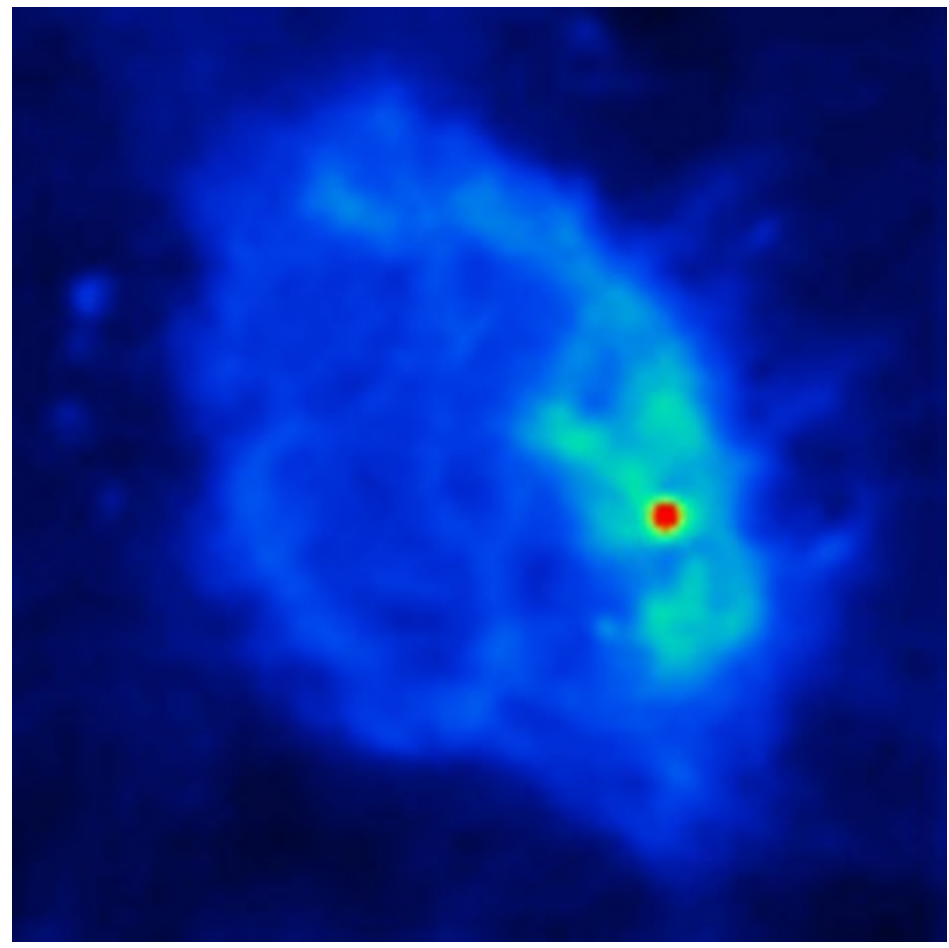
- RADIO DATA

**Some stars- in the very center (the position of Sagittarius A*.) are moving very fast (~1000 kps).
A huge dark mass in the center pulls them around with its gravitational force.**

Using the velocities(Kepler's law)

- **The mass near Sag A* is 2.6 million times the solar mass .**
- **Vel of Sgr A* itself is very small (~20 km/sec)!**
- **Therefore it is not a star . Is this a black hole?**

Sgr A east
(radio) and
Sgr A *



X-RAY DATA

- Before Chandra, no sensitivity
- In 2000 MIT found a faint (5 times less) x-ray source at Sgr A*
- Dearth of matter for BH ? Or BH rejecting matter ?
- 2001 – an intense flare x 45 times (equ. Of comet mass falling)
- In the middle of the flare X-ray intensity dropped 5 times
- Thus fluctuations >> size small – extant < the dia of mercury orbit – 16 million km across

Sagittarius East

one of the largest supernova remnants known

Strong magnetic field ,

Highly enriched (X 4-5 sol.syst) in Heavy elements

Age ~ 100,000 - 10,000 years ago.

The energy required ~ 50 times greater than the most powerful supernova explosion. S

Some theorize that Sagittarius East was created when a star approached within 50 million miles of the central black hole and was torn apart by the strong gravity.

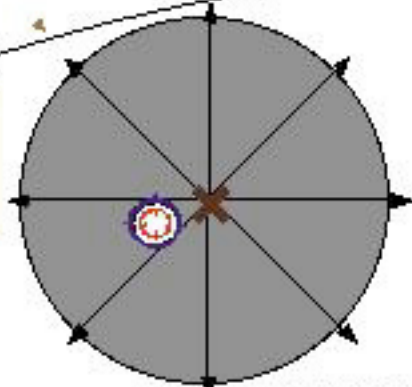
Connection between Sgr A (East) and Sag A*

- ~ 10000 yrs ago – Low mass progenitor–
expanding gas etc takes away the matter near BH
Starved BH – A SNR regulating a SMBH
- Thus 3 million solar mass in a small region !!
~2003 – more flares – jet from BH

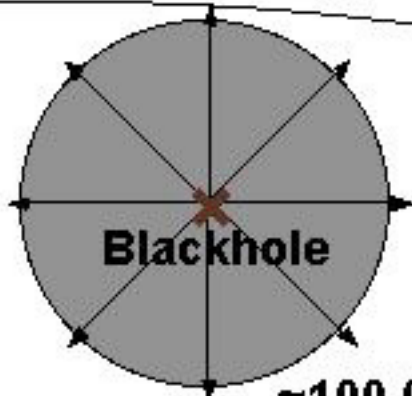
**A supernova
(Sgr A East) exploded!**

**Nothing energetic may
have happened.**

**The outward shock
reached the blackhole**



~10,000 yrs ago



~100,000 yrs ago



**~1,000
-2,000 yrs ago**

**X-ray flash
at the blackhole!**

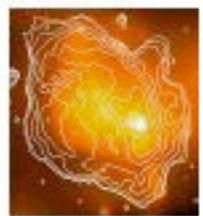
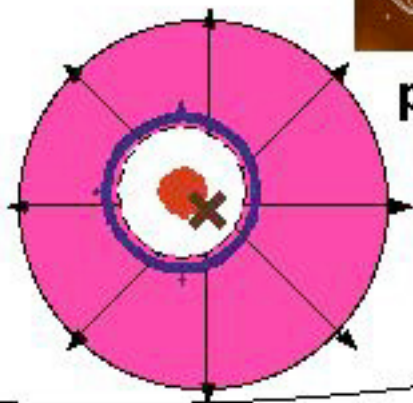
**Ambient gas
was ionized!**

The shock overpassed!

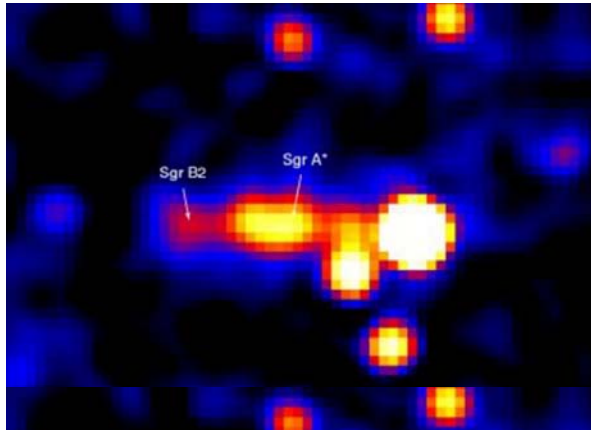


~200 yrs ago

X-ray fading away!



present



Results from INTEGRAL
(hard x-ray/lo gamma ray)
Jan 2005

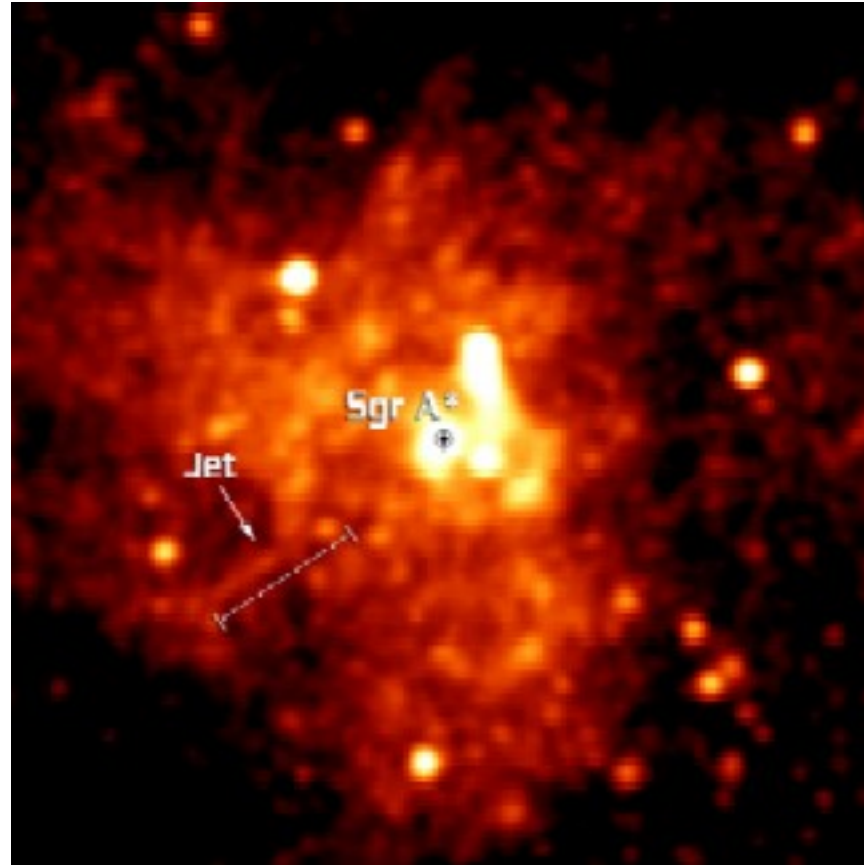
Sgr A* - B2 sep 350 ly

Mol. Cloud Sgr B2 is
being exposed to
Gamma rays emitted 350
years ago from SGR A* ->
is now reemitting

X-ray echo of Sgr A*
activity in the past

More active in the past !

Sgr A* and -xray jet



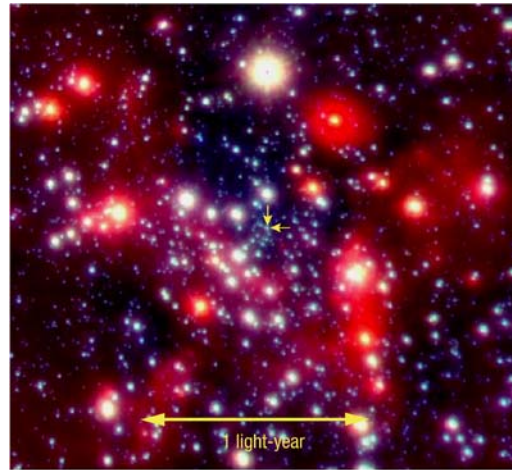
Near IR Data

KEK/UCLA/MPIEP

**1995 – 2004 Orbits of several stars
studied – within 1 “ x 1” of galactic
centre – reveals presence of a
SMBH**

**2003-2004 Several flares – quasi
periodicity of 17 mins – spin ?**

INFRA RED(NACO 2002)

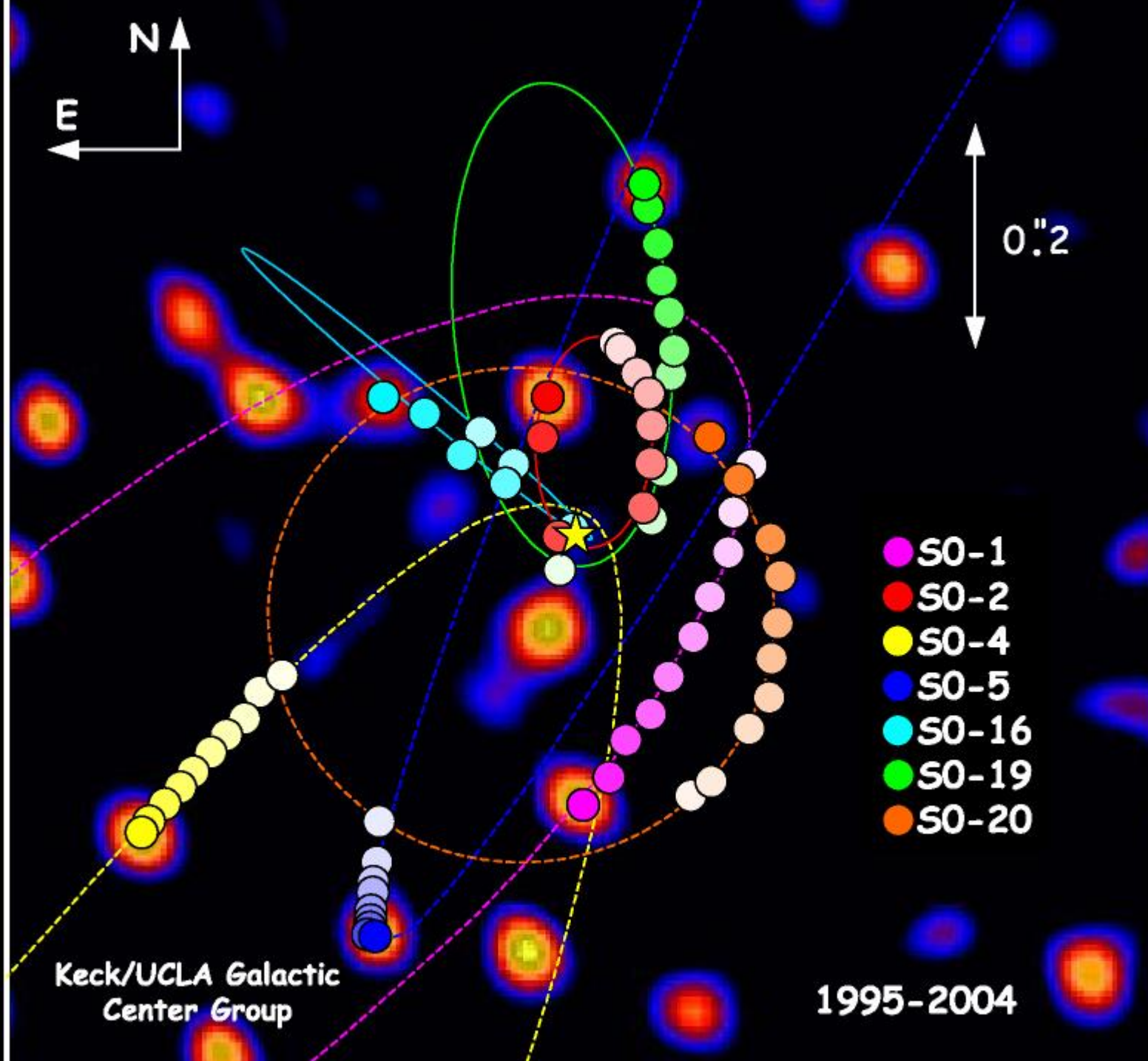


The Centre of the Milky Way
(VLT YEPUN + NACO)

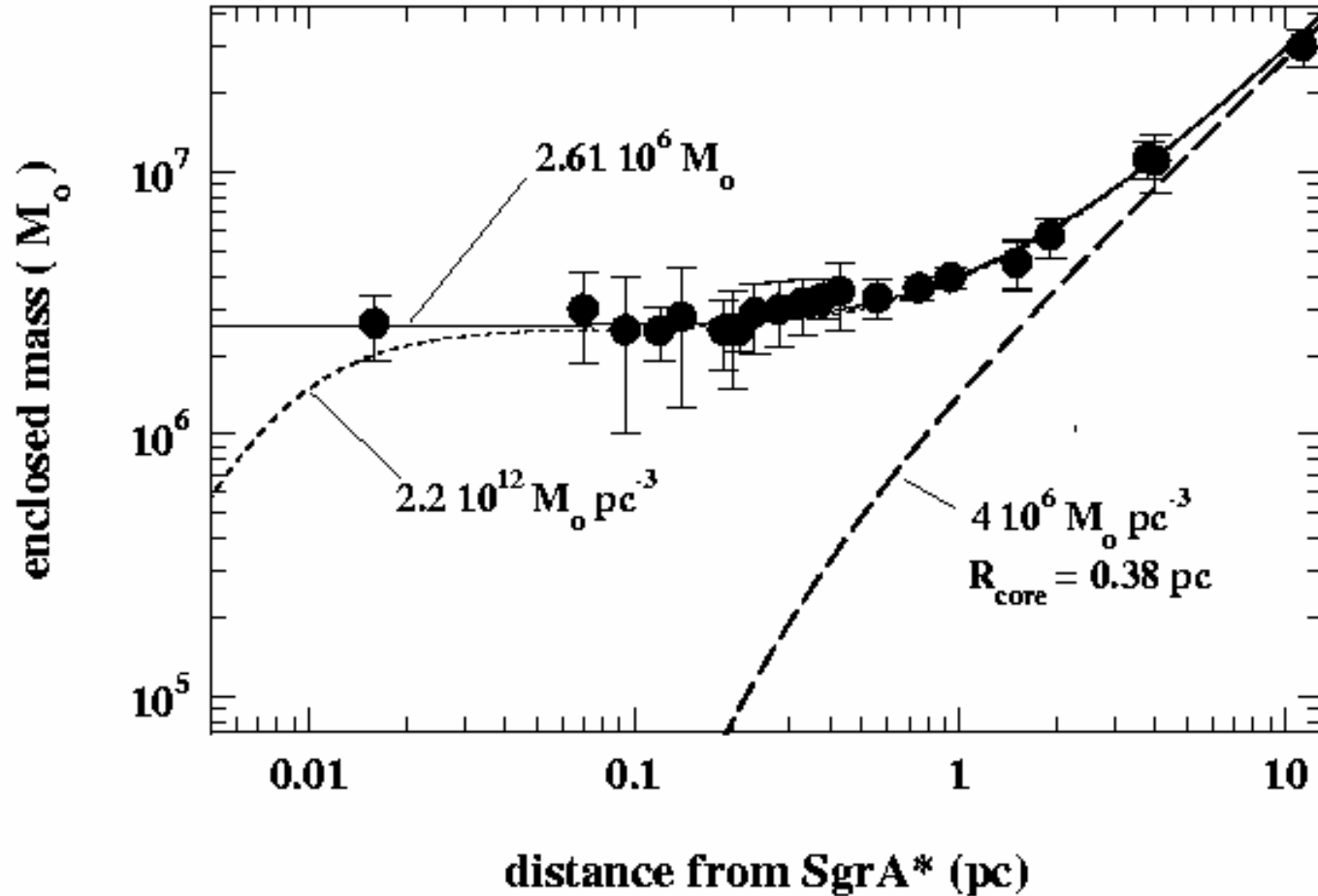
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Inferred Mass of BH





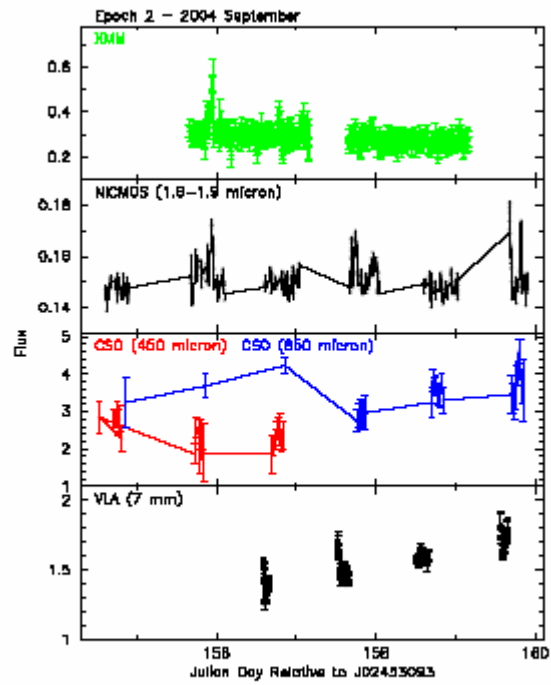
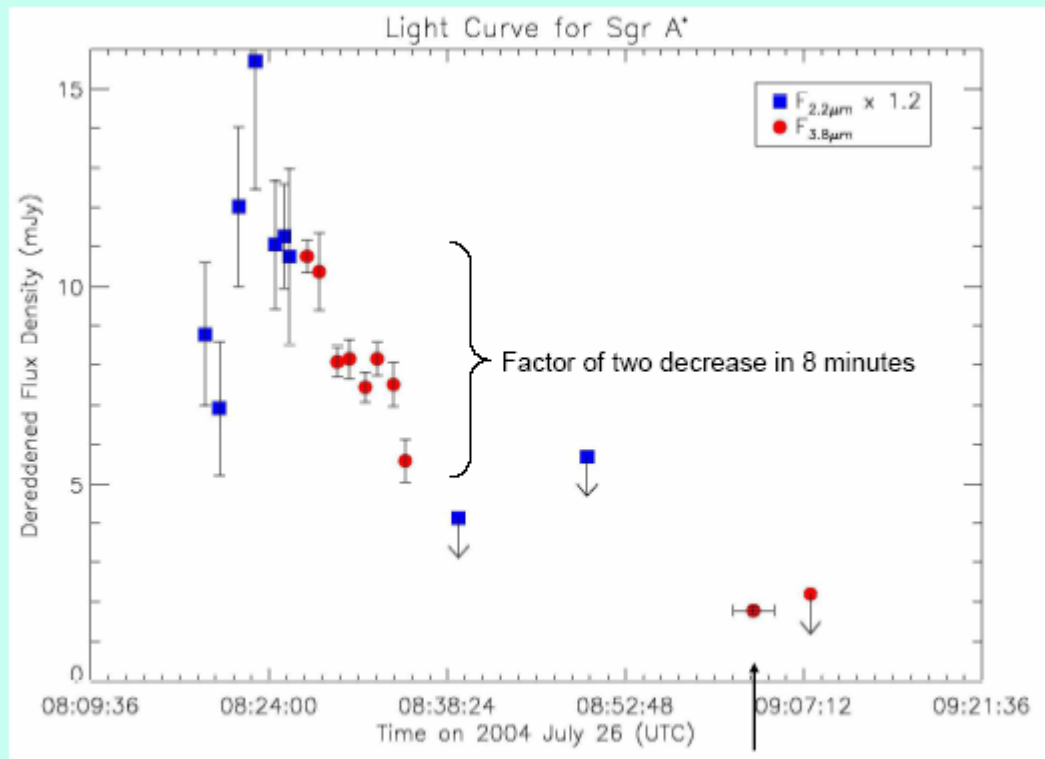


Fig. 8.— The simultaneous X-ray, near-IR, submillimeter, and radio emission from Sgr A* based on the second epoch of observations using XMM, HST, CSO, and VLA. The 8h periodic dips detected in the X-ray light curve are due to the eclipses of the transient, as described in Poquet et al. (2005).

2004 Keck result using laser guide star adaptive optics:



Seth Hornstein poster

Cosmic Ray anisotropy (10^{18} ev)

- AGASA and SUGAR ground arrays both found a source near GC
- Possible source near Sgr. A East ?

AGASA Array

- **AGASA**
 - 111 scintillation counters of 2.2m^2
 - 100 km^2 area, about 1 km spacing
 - 900 m above sea level
 - Trigger requirement: coincidence of 5 adjacent detectors
 - Data from 1984 – 1995 (With 12 km^2 for first 5 years)

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- 3 degree angular resolution



Anisotropy in the arrival directions of cosmic rays with energies above 10^{17} eV (1999)

Akeno 20 km² array and the Akeno Giant Air Shower Array (AGASA)

~ 114 000 showers observed over 11 years. A

strong anisotropy of ~ 4% around 10^{18} eV, corresponding to a chance probability of 0.2% .

This anisotropy is interpreted as an excess of showers near the directions of the Galactic Center and the Cygnus region.

Evidence for EHE CR Anisotropy

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What's the Source?

- A natural explanation of this phenomenon is that it is due to **neutrons** generated at the GC: the Lorentz-boosted decay length of the neutron becomes equal to the distance to the GC at precisely the energy at which the anisotropy turns on – i.e., a neutron at 10^{18} eV experiences a quarter of an hour in its propagation from the GC

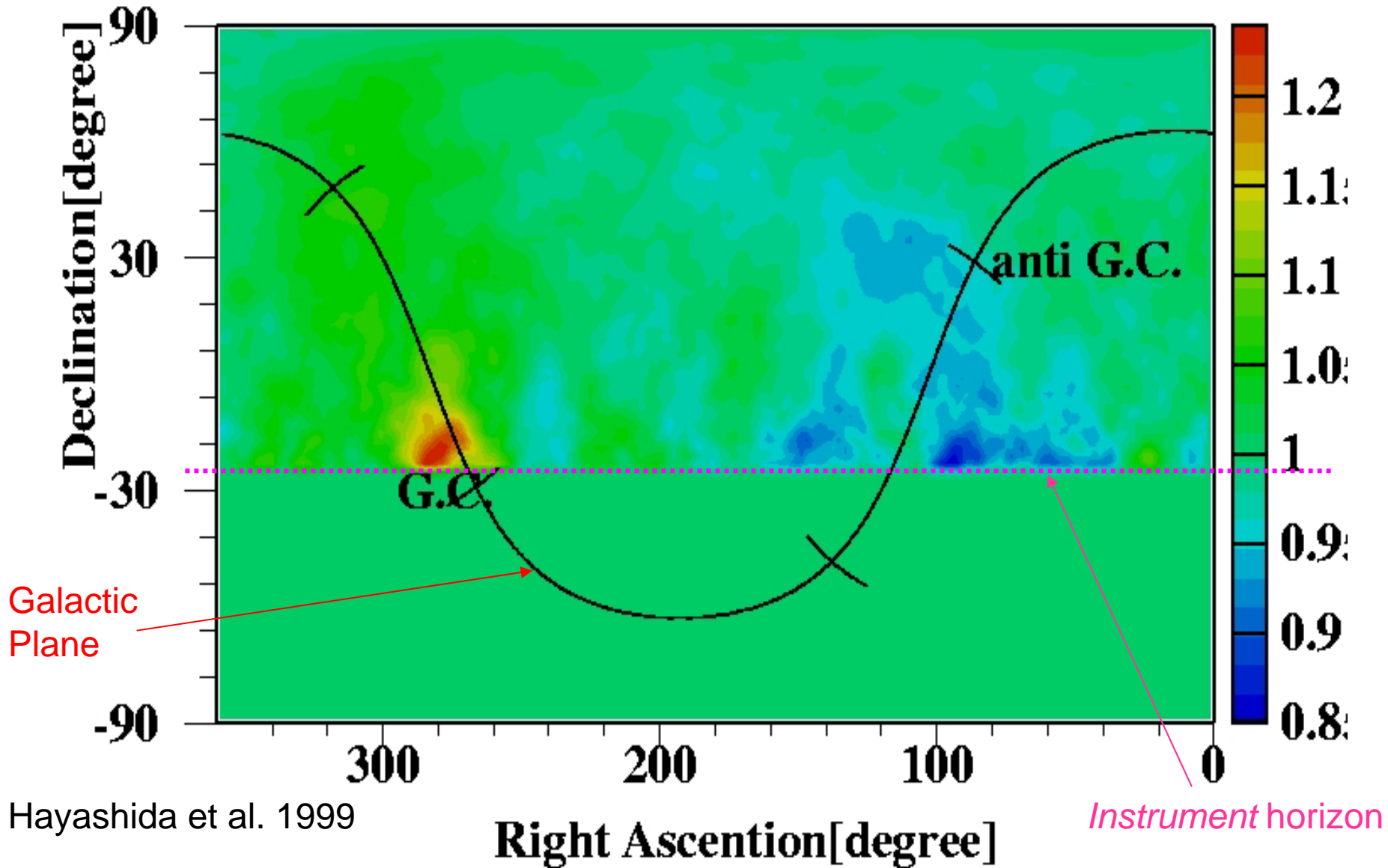


8 + - 0.5 kpc

- a conventional astrophysical explanation for the production of these putative EHE neutrons: that they are produced in **proton-proton** collisions at the supernova remnant **Sgr A East** located near the GC

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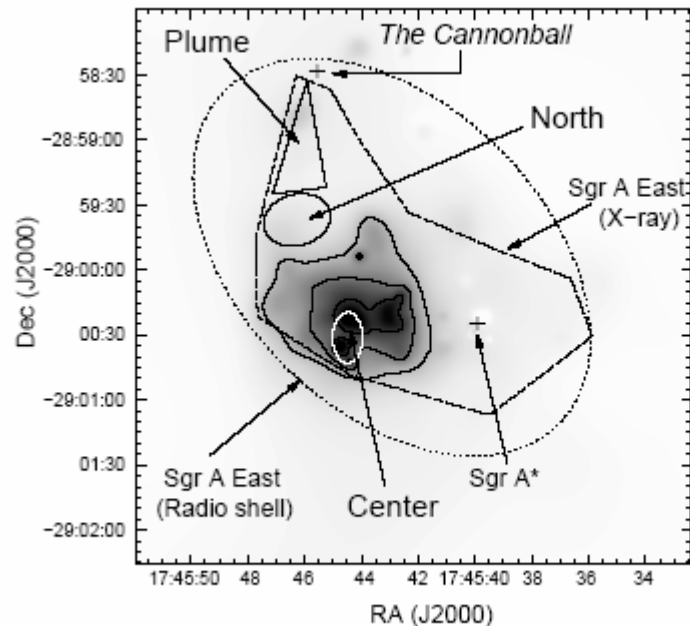
AGASA CR Sky



Some Other Inhabitants of GC

High vel. Neutron Star

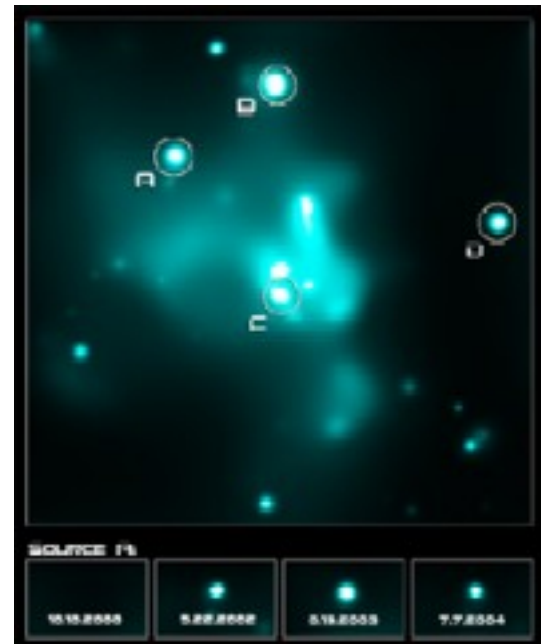
- 2 ' separation between SNR centre and source - Hard X-ray spectra - Possibly same origin ?



More strange objects !

**.2005 – Chandra found 4 x-ray binaries very near
– GC(< 3 LY) – Highly variable**

- Expect ~10000 stellar BHs near GC region
- Dynamical friction – migration towards gal. centre = eventually eaten up by SMBH
- Stellar Graveyard !



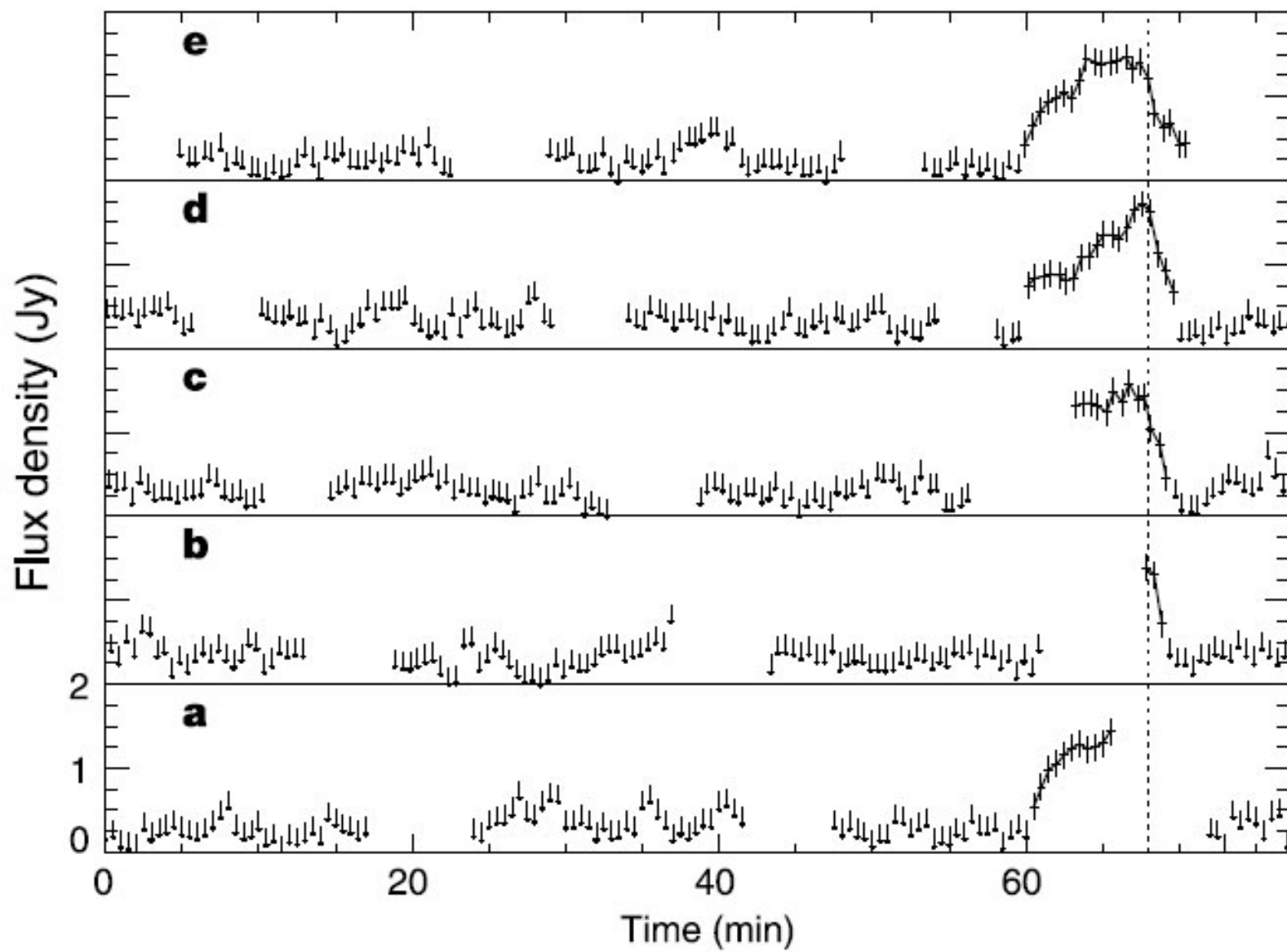
Radio Blasts ! New type of source

March 2005 – Hyman et al larger region of the sky- 5 strong bursts (~10 min duration) – separated by 77mins- same region of the sky near Gal centre GCRT 1745-3009

Source size ~ small

Near ? Far? Known type of object?

Pulsar in dying stages – **Burper?**

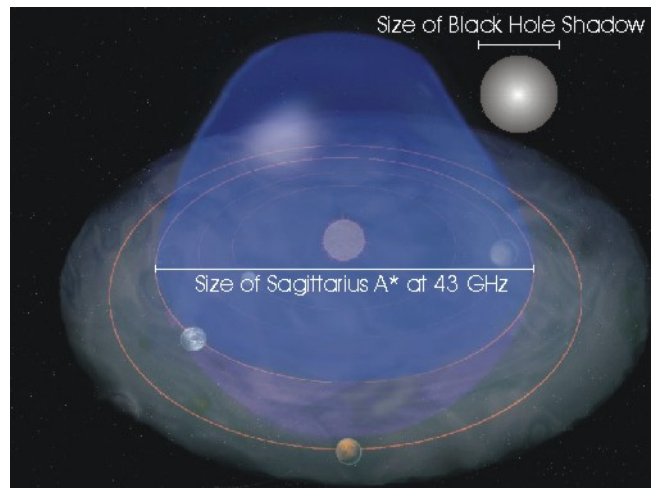


Must Sgr A* be a SMBH?

Object	Density ($M_{\text{sun}}/\text{pc}^3$)	Method	Mass & Radius
M 87	2×10^6	HST:	$3 \times 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$ in 7 pc
NGC 4258	7×10^9	VLBA : H ₂ O	$3 \times 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$ in 0.1 pc
Sgr A*	2×10^{17}	S2's orbit	$4 \times 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ in 45 AU
Sgr A*	2×10^{19}	excursions	$4 \times 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ in 4 AU
Sgr A*	7×10^{21}	proper motion	$4 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$ in 0.5 AU
SMBH	2×10^{25}	R_{sch}	$4 \times 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ in 0.08 AU

($10 \mu\text{as}$ @ 8kpc)

VLBI (eg, SMA-ALMA-LMT-CARMA...) @ 1 mm -> 20 uas



Sparks of interest

Ramesh Narayan

Why is the black hole at the centre of our Galaxy so dim, when those in other galaxies can outshine the stars around them? Newly discovered bursts of infrared radiation may give the first clues to what is going on.

At the centre of the Milky Way is a supermassive black hole called Sagittarius A* (Sgr A*)^{1,2}. As supermassive black holes go, Sgr A* is a relatively small one: it's four million times more massive than the Sun, but black holes up to 1,000 times more massive are known to exist in other galaxies. What makes Sgr A* special is that it is by far the closest supermassive black hole to Earth, making it a prime target for study. And, of course, it is our black hole, at the centre of our own Galaxy. Another, curious, feature is that Sgr A* is one of the dimmest black holes known.

Sgr A* has been studied extensively at

long wavelengths, through the detection of radio- and millimetre-wavelength radiation from it; only recently has that information been complemented by images at shorter wavelengths, taken by the space-borne Chandra X-ray Observatory³. On page 934 of this issue, Genzel and colleagues⁴ add more detail, with their detection of Sgr A* at infrared wavelengths, using the Very Large Telescope in Chile's Atacama Desert. Genzel *et al.*, and another group led by Ghez⁵, find that the brightness of Sgr A* at infrared wavelengths is highly variable, and flares frequently. These observations, reflecting similar patterns seen earlier in X-rays, open



While it is the closest SMBH and good for studies

(1) Sgr A* is a relatively small one

(2) one of the dimmest black holes known.

SMBH in distant galaxies are observed as quasars, accrete (absorb) a lot of gas from their surroundings and ~ 10% of the mass energy of that gas converted to radiation-luminosities ~ nearly equal to the maximum allowed (Eddington limit)

Sgr A*, in contrast, is extremely dim, radiating at only a billionth of the Eddington limit for its mass.

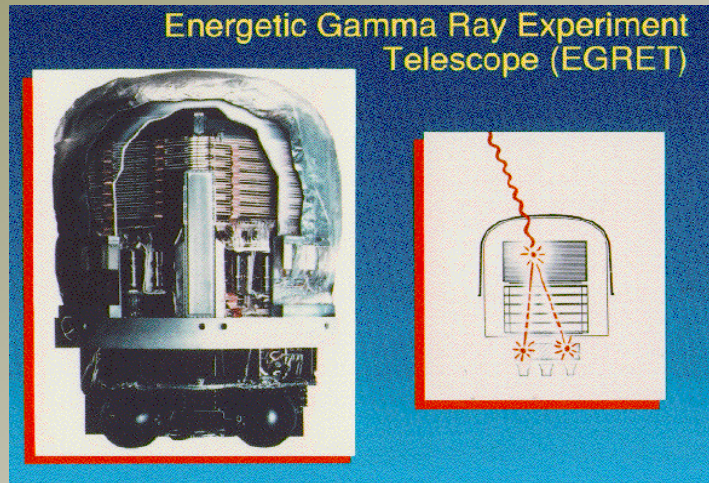
Why is Sgr A* so dim?

- (1) It has less gas to accrete, compared with the bright black holes in quasars — but this is only ~ 10,000 times less**
- (2) the gas flow in Sgr A* is radiatively inefficient: only a very small fraction of its mass energy is converted to radiation.**
- (3) Therefore, only a small fraction of the available gas actually accretes onto the black hole, the rest being ejected from the system.**

This still leaves the fundamental question : Something is clearly different about the physics in bright black holes and in dim ones.

Satellite Based Gamma Ray Astronomy

Compton Gamma Ray Observatory (1991-2000)



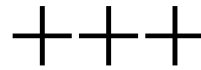
Energy range :
20 MeV – 30 GeV

GLAST

Launch expected in 2007

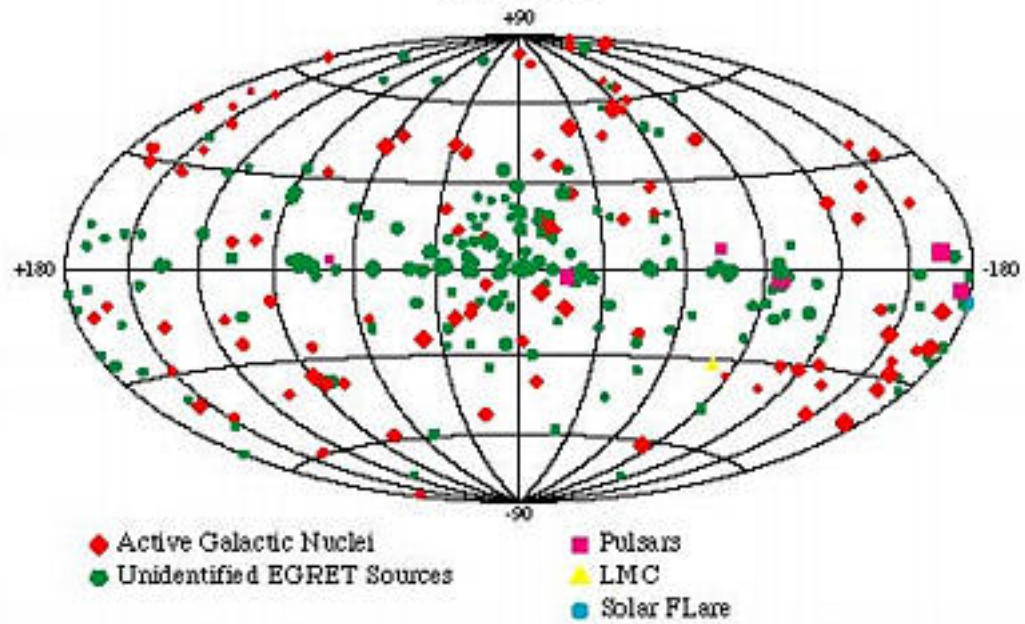
Energy range : 10 MeV – 100 GeV



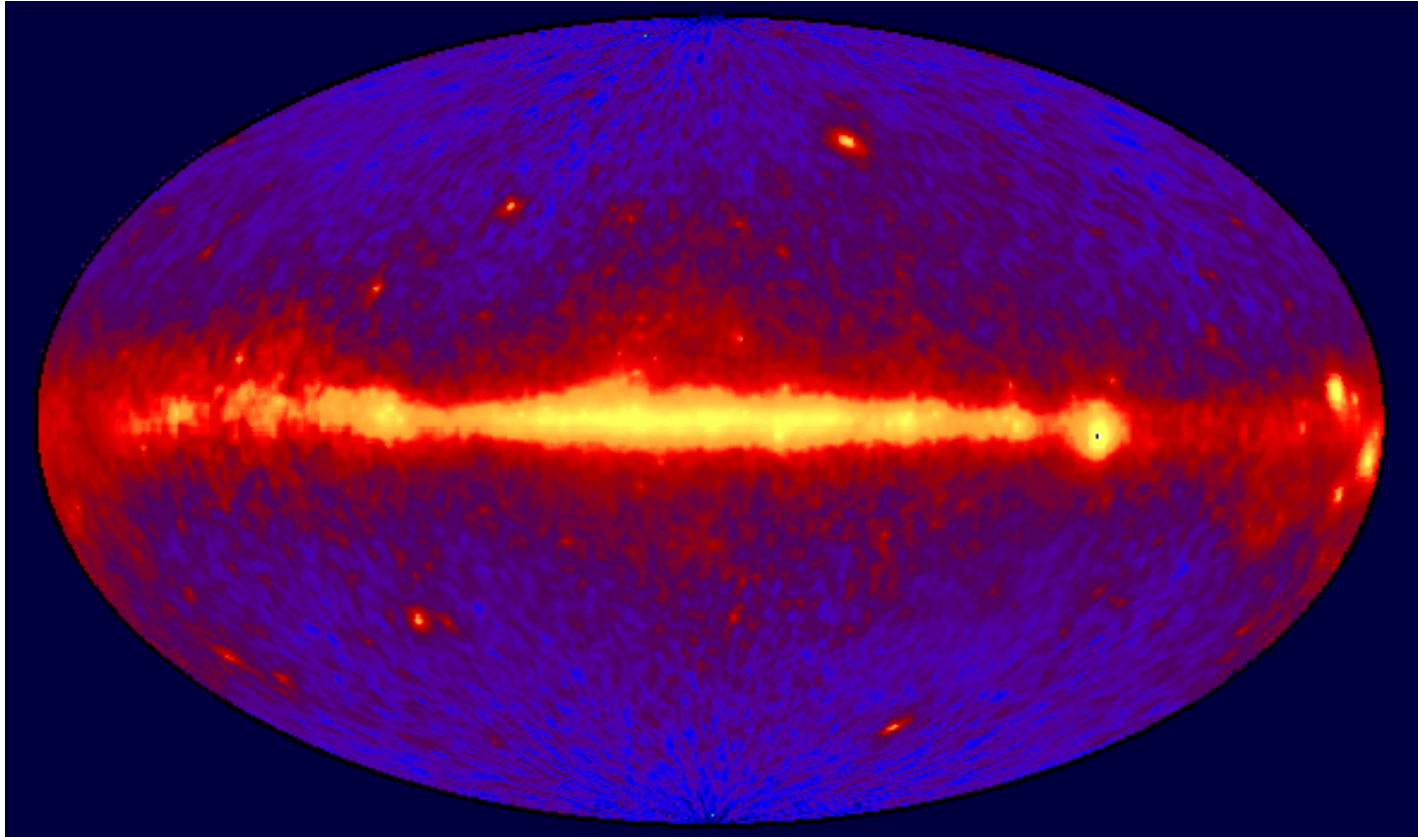


Third EGRET Catalog

$E > 100 \text{ MeV}$



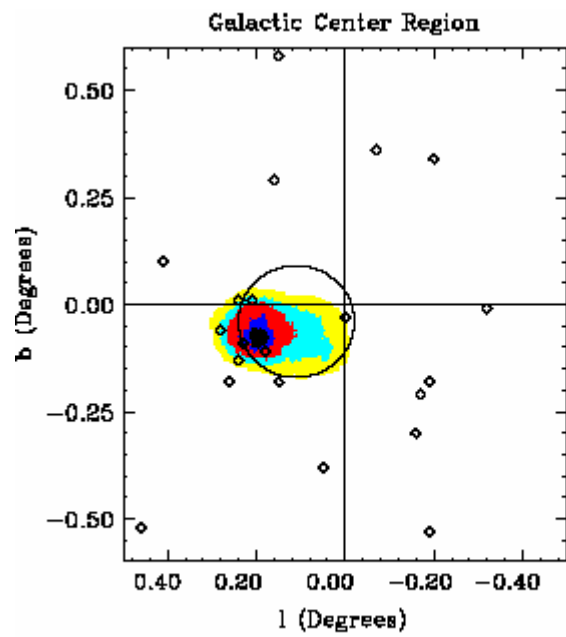
GAMMA RAY (EGRET)



Gamma rays are expected from the Galactic Center

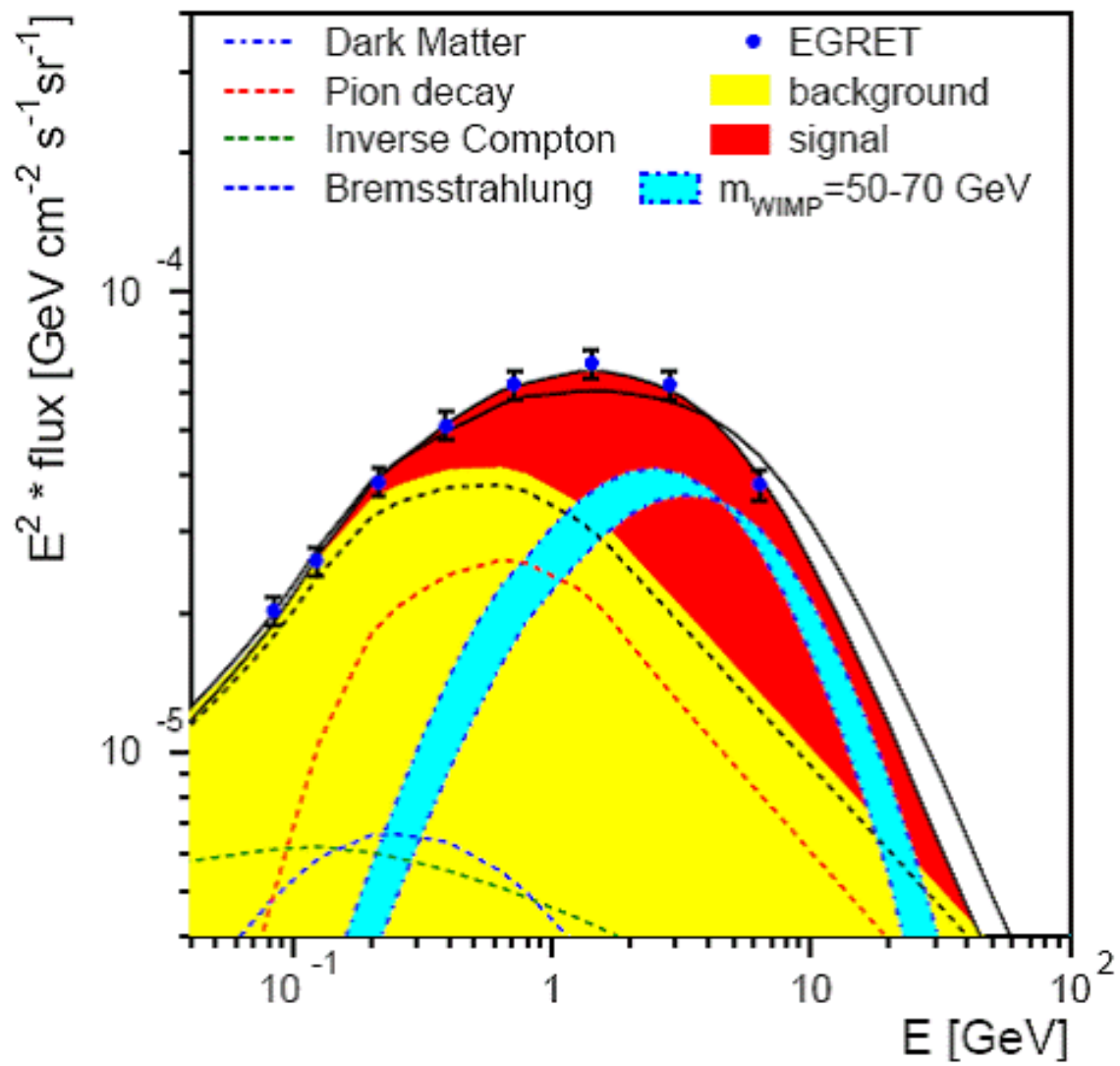
Why?

- Because there is a supermassive black hole.
- Because there are a number of compact objects.
- Because the annihilation signal from dark matter should show a spike.
- Because we see a lot of non-thermal activity in the inner 100 pc.

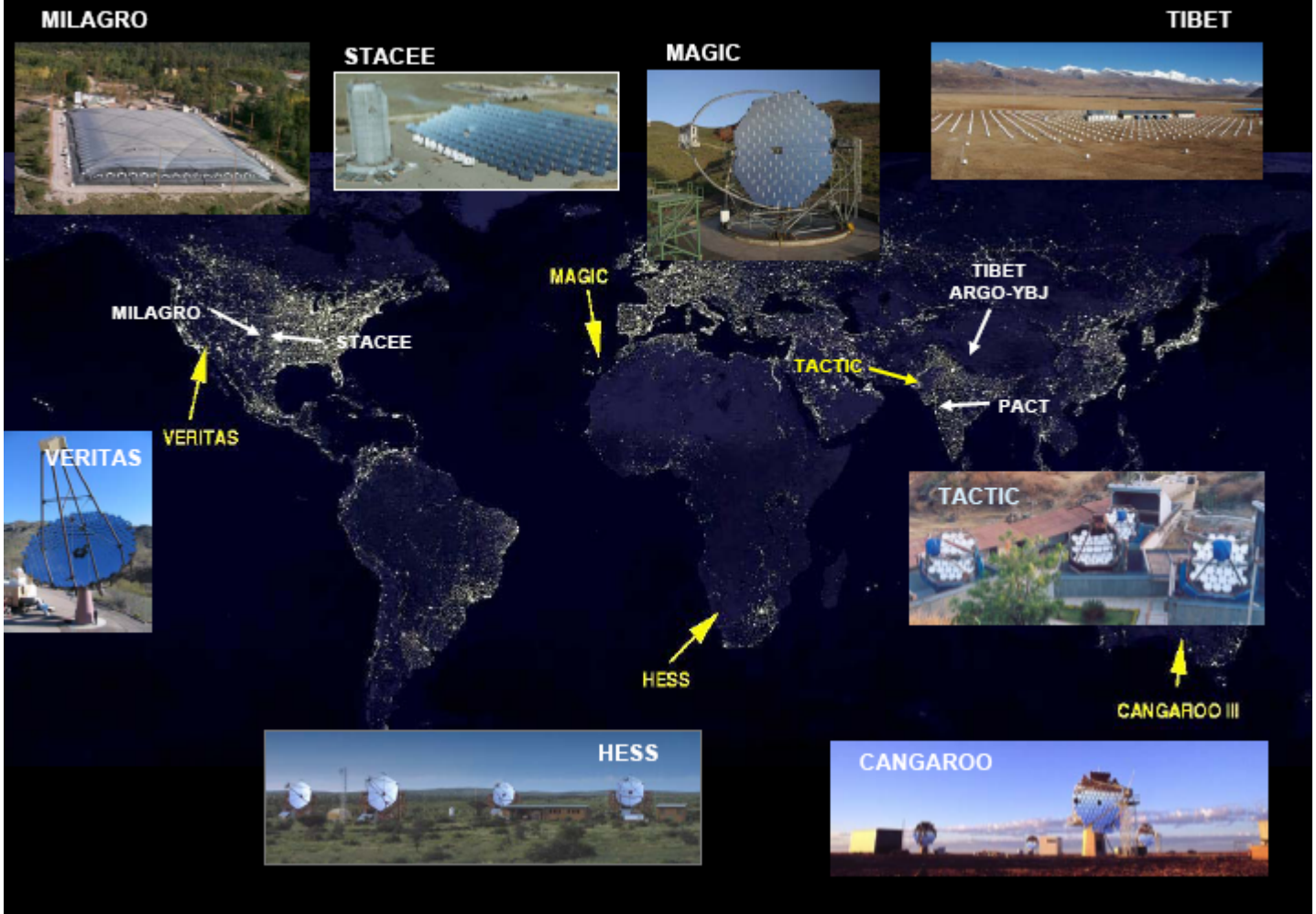


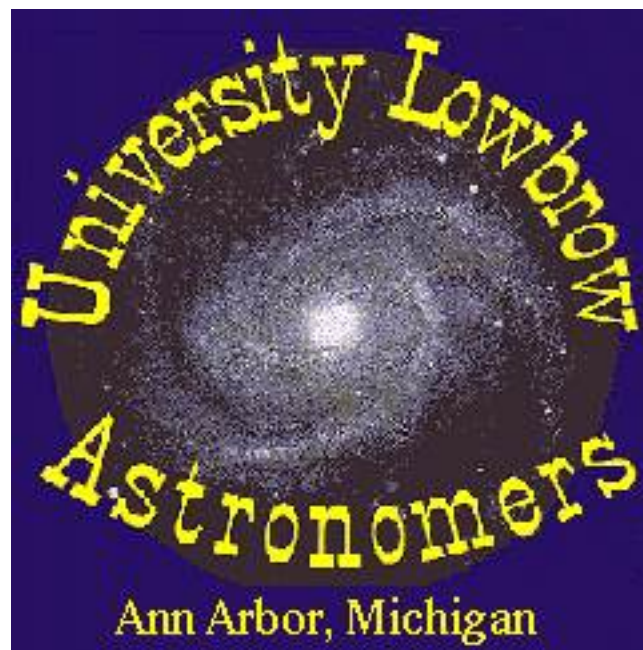
Low Energy Gamma Rays

- (1) **EGRET ~ strong unid source 3EG 1746-2851; marginally consistent with GC . 3 different analyses source may be offset from Sgr A* - hard spectrum may cut off > few GeV**
 - (But limited angular resolution – GLAST)
- (1) **INTEGRAL (15 kev –10 mev)**
 - time variable emission from within 0.9 ' of Sgr A*



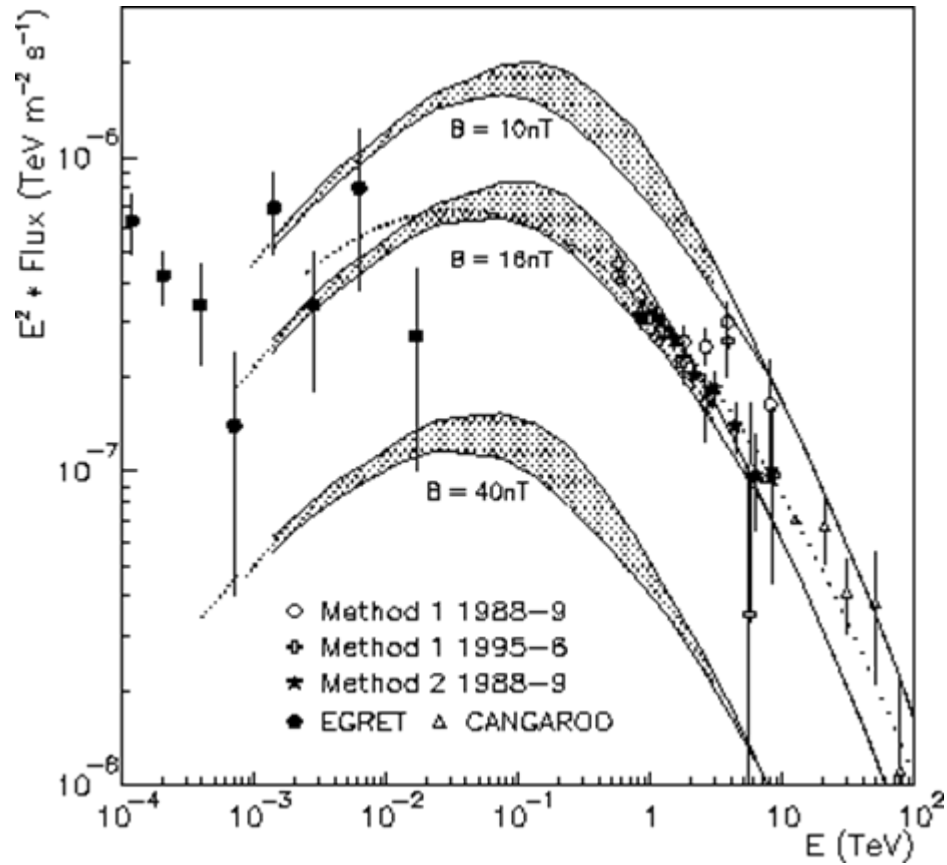
VHE Astronomy World



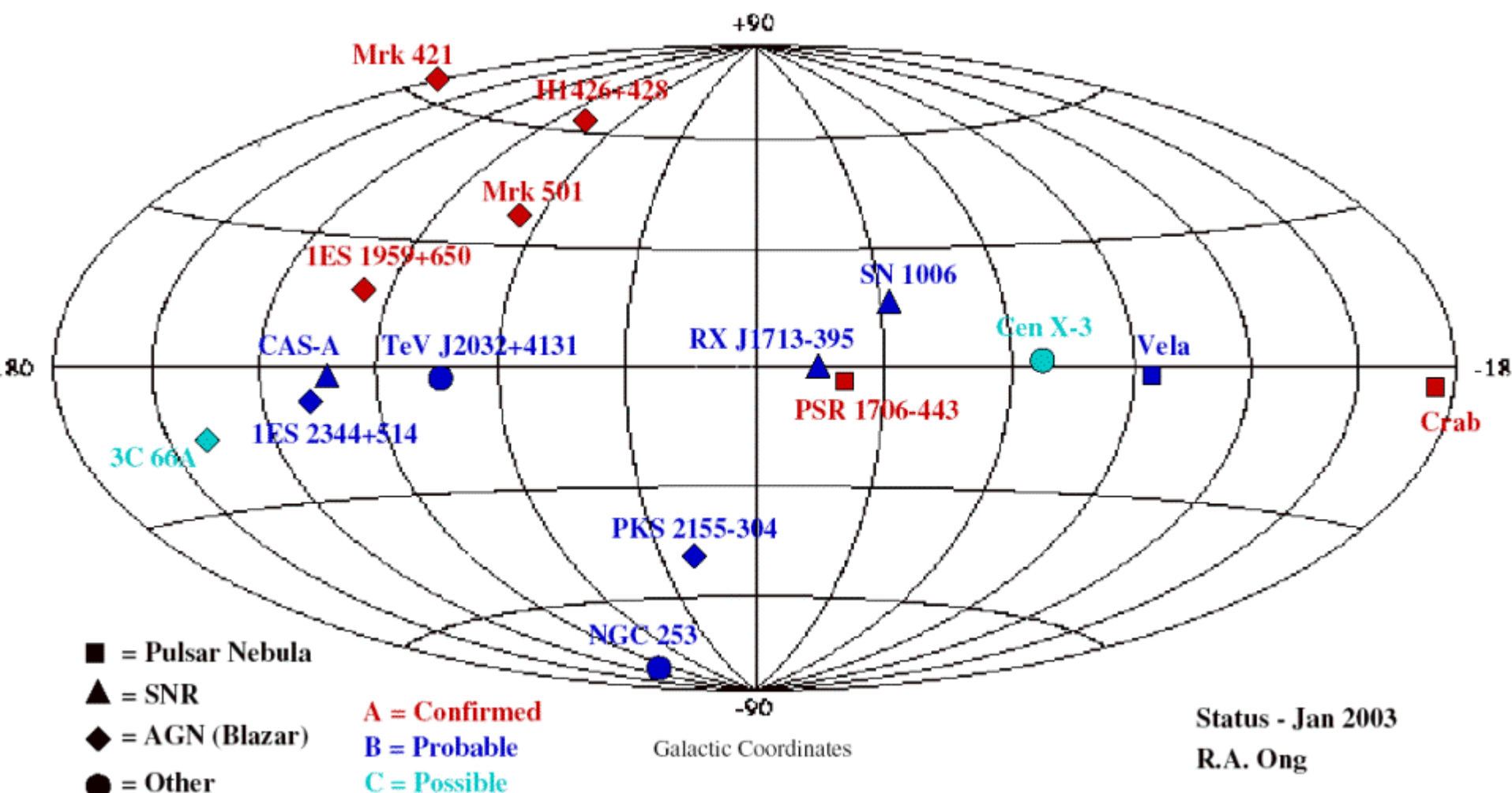




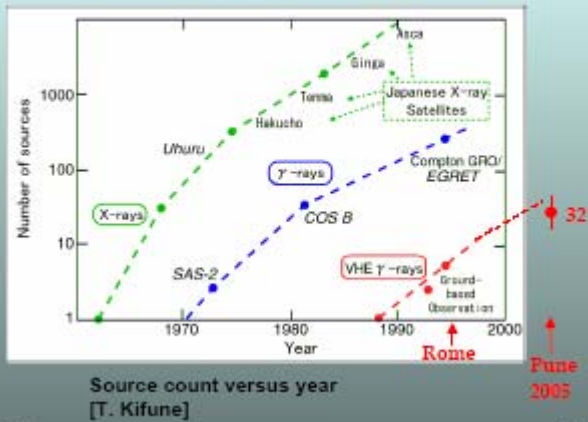
Energy Spectrum from Crab Nebula from many experiments – Crab is a standard candle in VHE gamma rays



Theoretical curves for different nebular magnetic field. VHE gamma ray astronomy ‘fixes’ the magnetic field !



“Kifune Plot”



OG 1

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Source Counts

Source Type*	2003	2005
Pulsar Wind Nebula (e.g. Crab, MSH 15-52 ...)	1	6
Supernova Remnants (e.g. Cas-A, RXJ 1713 ...)	2	6
Binary Pulsar (B1250-63)	0	1
Micro-quasar (LS 5039)	0	1
Diffuse (Cygnus region)	0	1
AGN (e.g. Mkn 421, PKS 2155 ...)	7	11
Unidentified	2	6
TOTAL	12	32

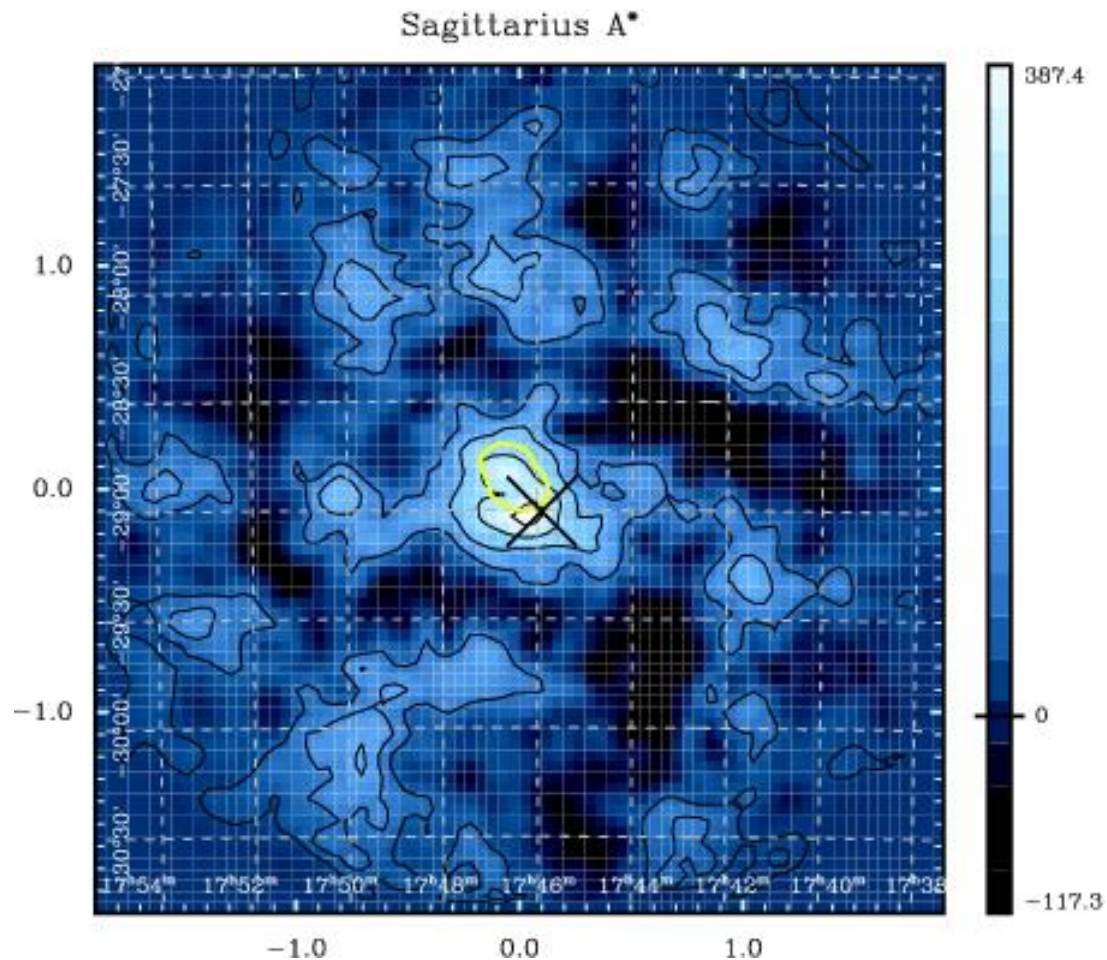
* Includes likely associations of HESS unid sources.

→ Explosion in the number of VHE sources.

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Gal Centre (Whipple (1994-2004)~ 26 hours ~ 4 sigma
20 % crab flux; no variation
(3 TeV, 0.1-0.2 ang res)





bmbwf - Förderschwerpunkt

Astroteilchenphysik

Großgeräte der physikalischen
Grundlagenforschung



Entdeckung von
VHE γ -Strahlung
aus dem Binärsystem
PSR B1259-63 / LS 2883
mit H.E.S.S.

Frank Breitling





High Energy Stereoscopic System

Four telescopes,
107 m² mirror area each

4 x 960 PMT cameras,
field of view 5°

Observation in moonless
nights, ~1000 h / year

Each night several objects
are tracked and ~300
images recorded per
second

First analysis (almost)
online in the same night
on cluster in Namibia

Final analysis and
calibration in Europe

Sensitivity:
1% Crab in 25 h



GLAST Mini-symposium on the Galactic Center Region, SLAC, Sep 1, 2005

The VHE Source in Galactic Center region

2003: ~ 16 h of two telescope data, 9.2 sigma, spectrum
-> Aharonian et al. 2004, A&A Letter

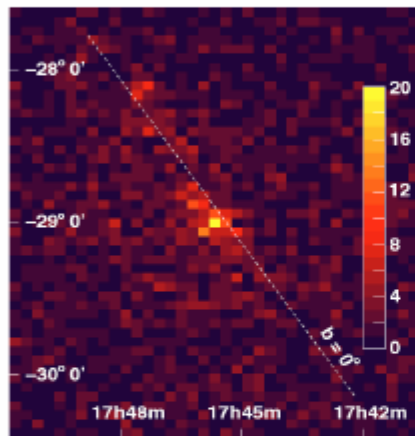
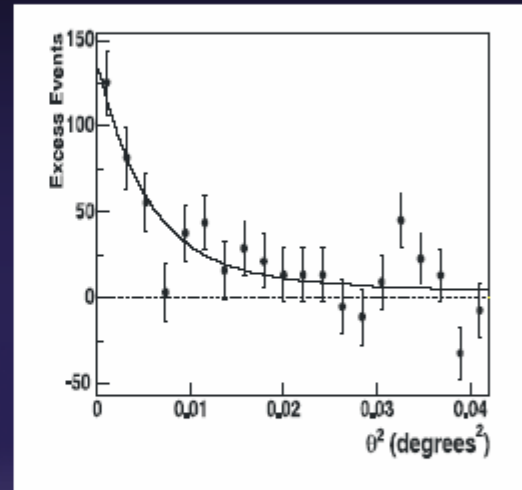


Fig. 1. Angular distribution of γ -ray candidates for a 3° field of view centred on Sgr A*. Both data sets ("June/July" and "July/August") are combined, employing tight cuts to reduce the level of background. The significance of the feature extending along the Galactic Plane is under investigation.



Position and extension (2004)

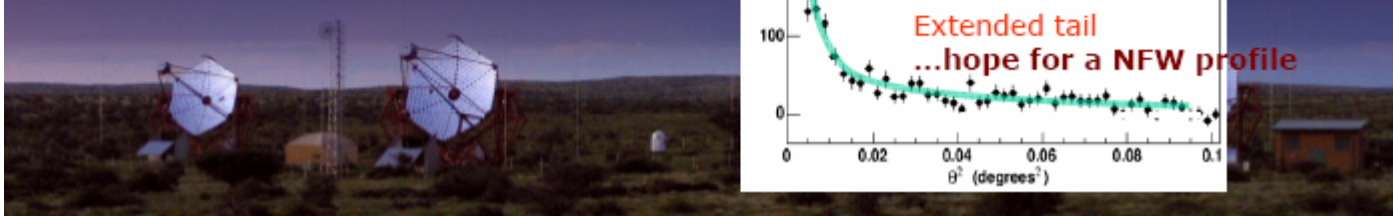
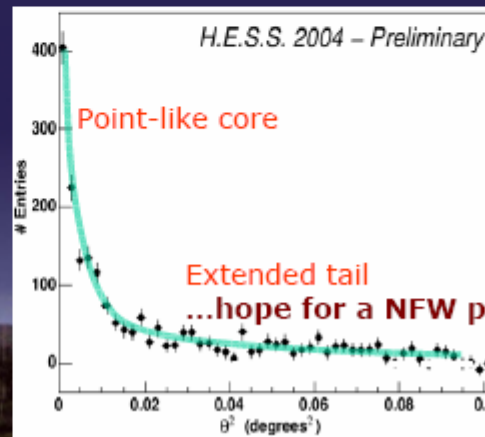
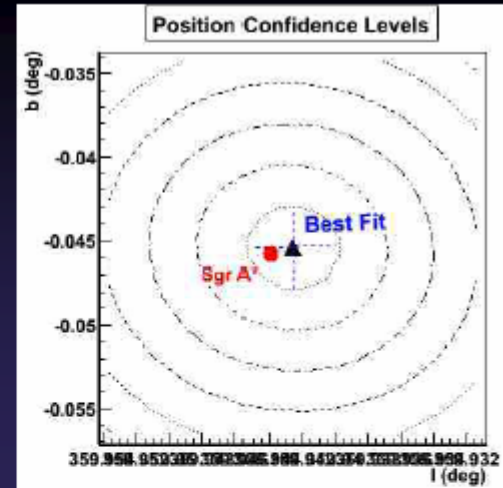
Assuming point-like source

compatible with Sgr A* $5.6'' \pm 10'' \pm 20''$

Assuming symmetric gaussian

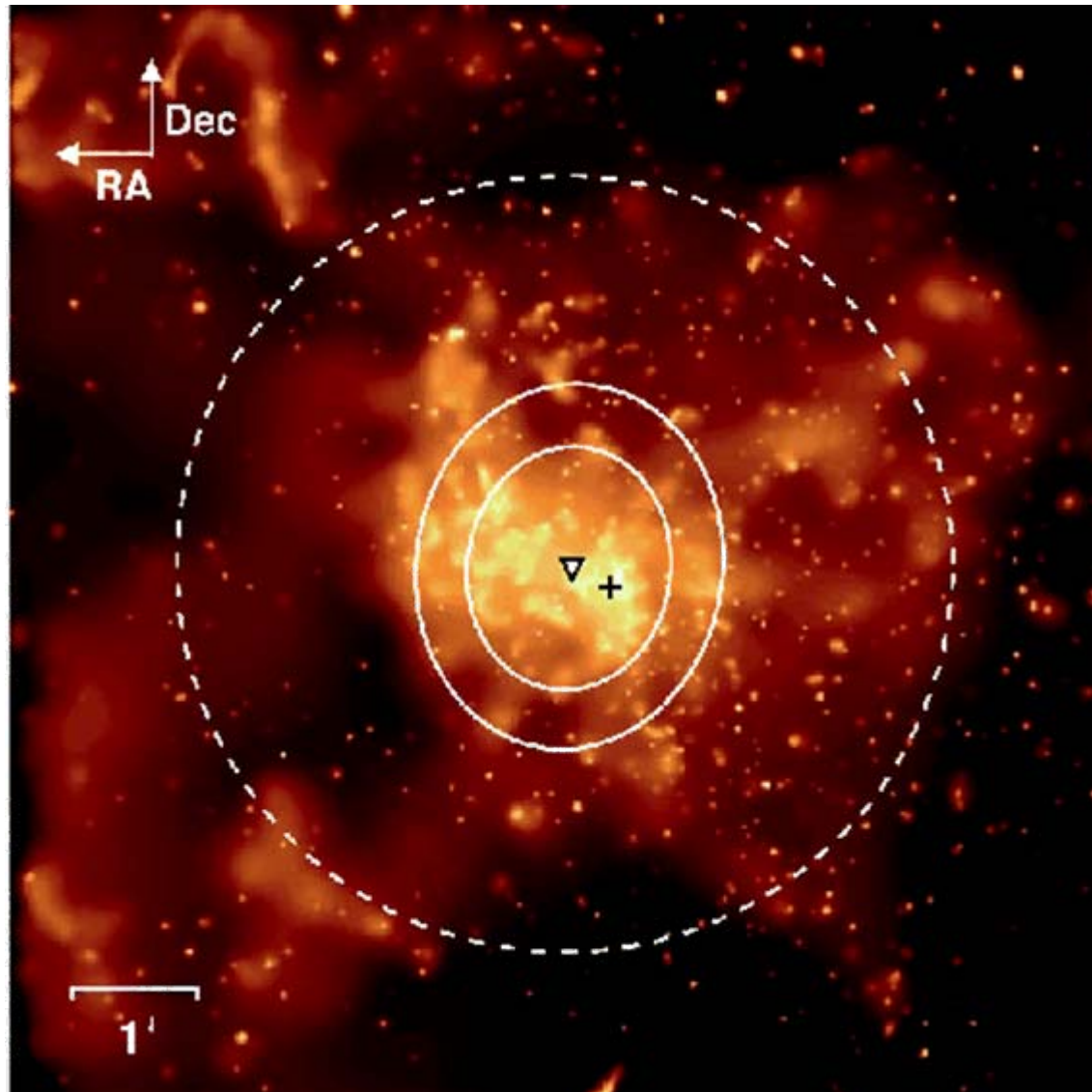
distance to Sgr A* $3.9'' \pm 13'' \pm 20''$

extension: $1.9' \pm 0.23'$

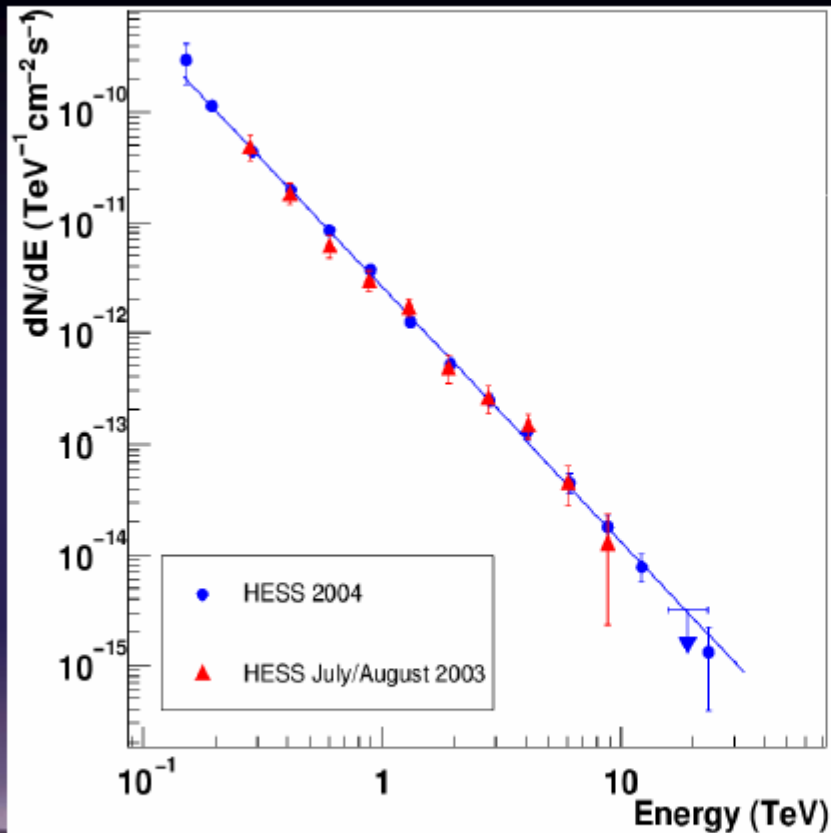


GC(HESS)2004 >165 GeV

(~40 Hrs) Chandra map(+ Sag A*, tria- Hess centroid)



Gamma ray spectrum



Power law,
index 2.3

No significant
variability

on year scale

on month scale

on day scale

on hour scale

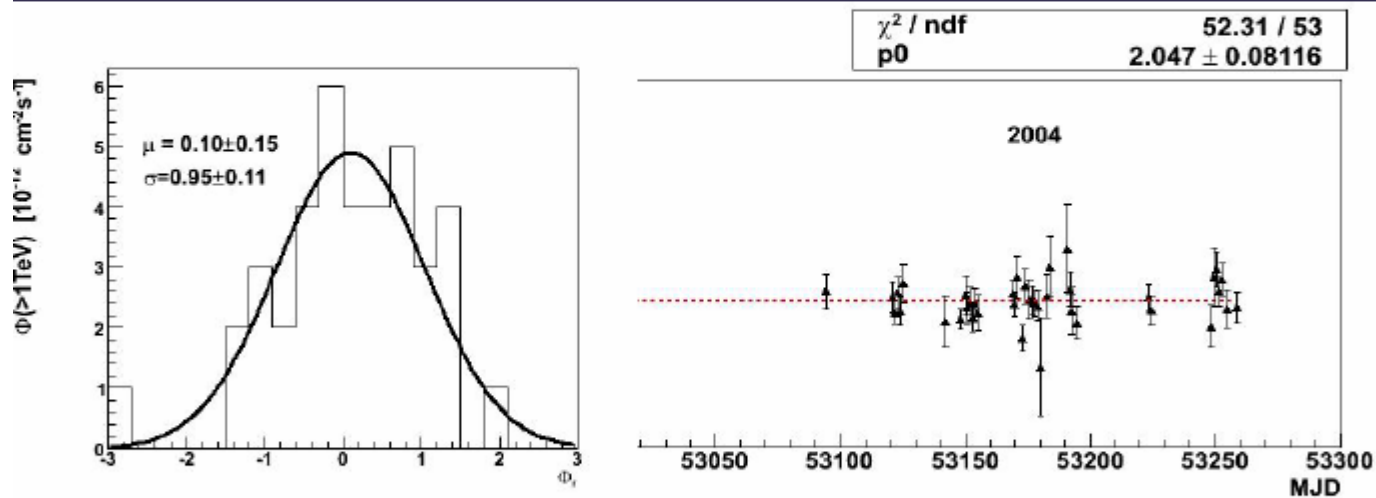
on minute scale

(in ~ 40 h obs. time
distributed over 2 years)



Variability?

Nightly average flux
15% systematic errors added



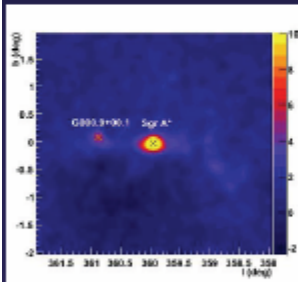
38 σ detection of
HESS J1745-290
in 2004

Position compatible
with Sgr A* within 6''

Slightly extended ?
 $\sim 1.9'$

Uncurved power law spectrum
 $\Gamma = 2.27$

No indication for
variability in 2003-2004



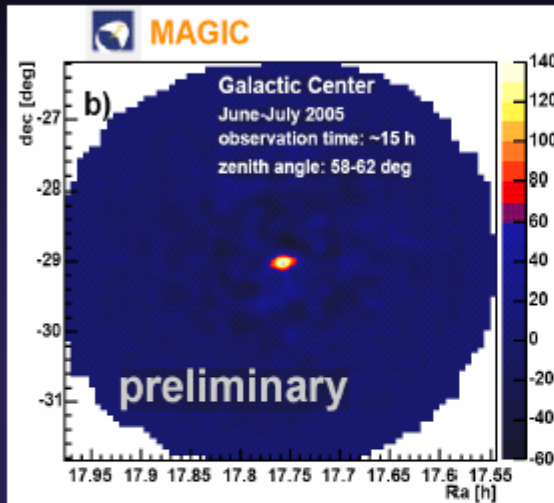
Possible origin for the γ -rays:

- Sgr A*
- Sgr A East
- stellar wind collisions
- cosmic-ray interactions in the dense medium
- dark matter annihilations



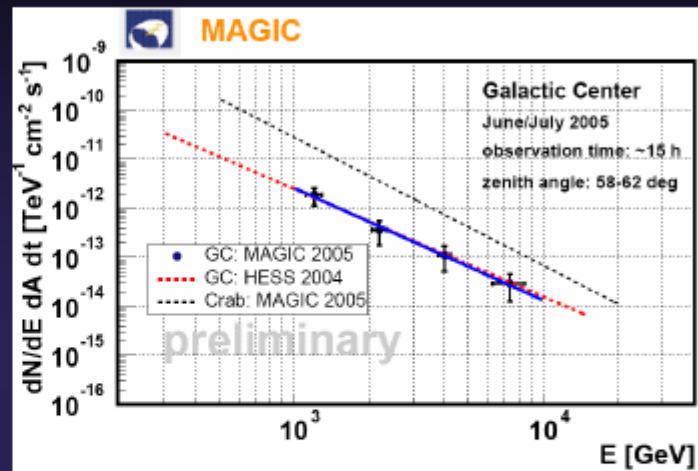


Galactic Center clearly seen by MAGIC



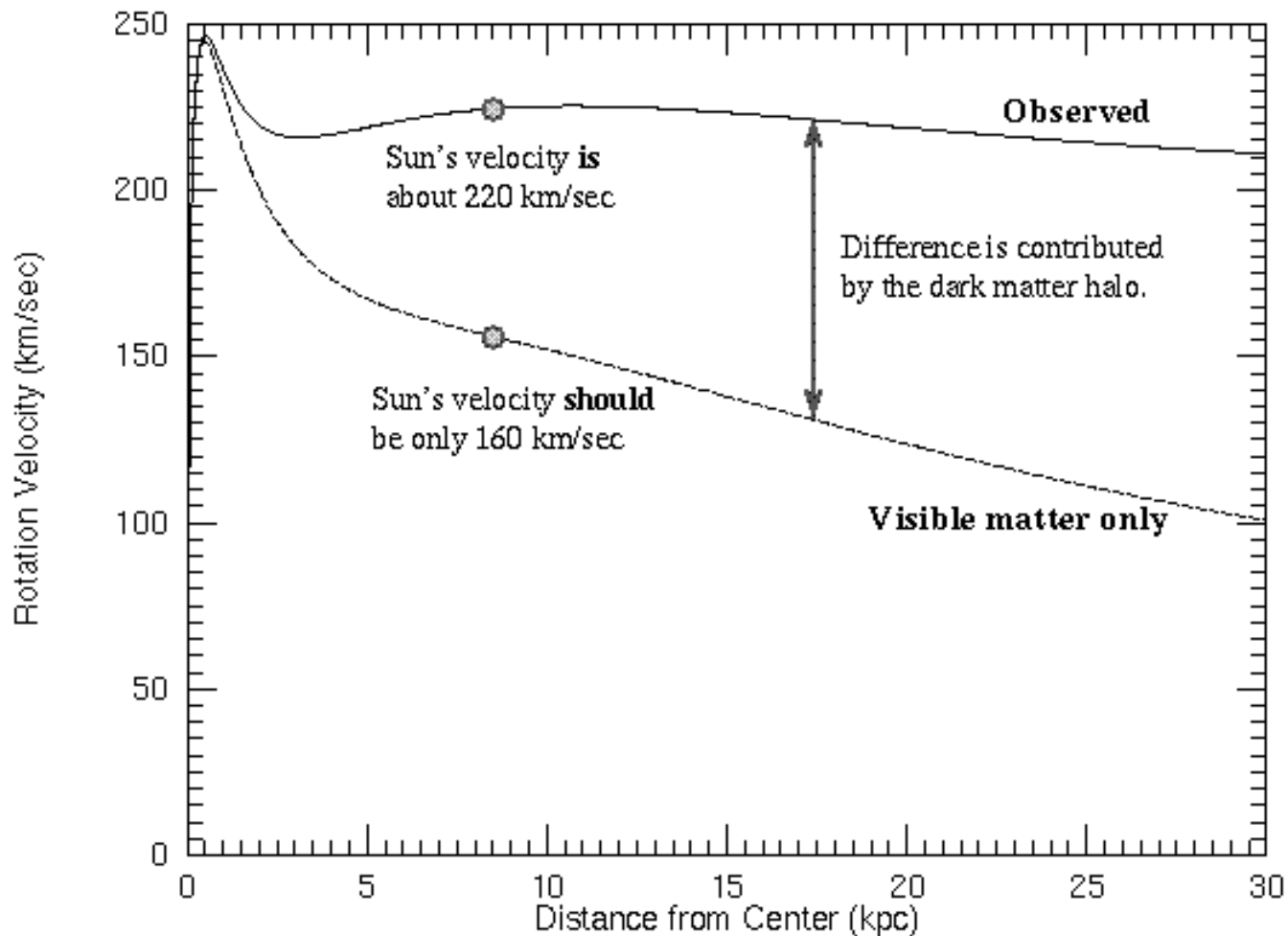
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Spectrum

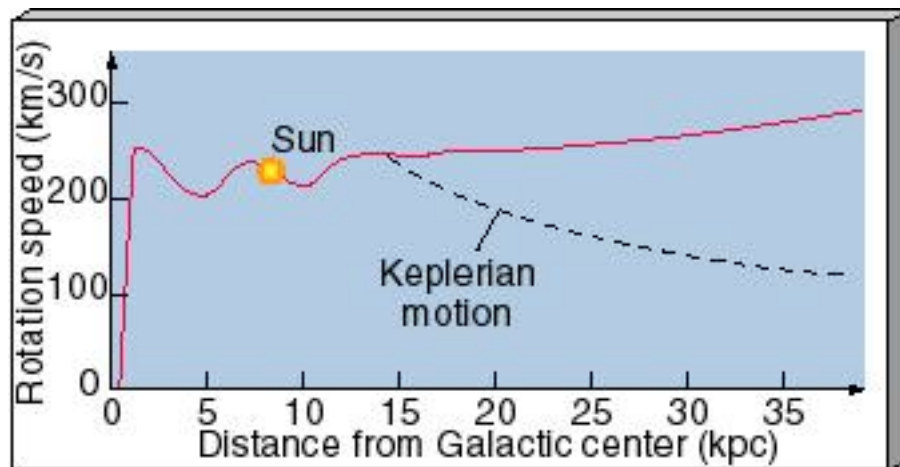


Very assuring spectral agreement between H.E.S.S. and MAGIC!

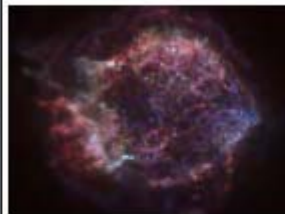




The gravity of the visible matter in the Galaxy is not enough to explain the high orbital speeds of stars in the Galaxy. For example, the Sun is moving about 60 km/sec too fast. The part of the rotation curve contributed by the visible matter only is the bottom curve. The discrepancy between the two curves is evidence for a **dark matter halo**.



GR flux from the GC: Interpretations



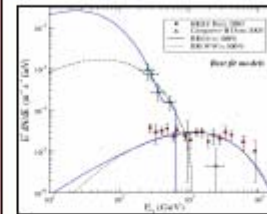
SNR Sgr A East

- SNRs are natural proton accelerators
- Energetic protons collide with the dense ambient matter
- HESS spectral index close to shock-accelerated particles



Central SMBH

- Protons & Electrons can be accelerated close to the accretion disk of the SMBH
- Protons produce TeV γ 's through syncro. rad., collisions with ph. or p.
- Electrons produce TeV γ 's through ICS off ambient γ 's



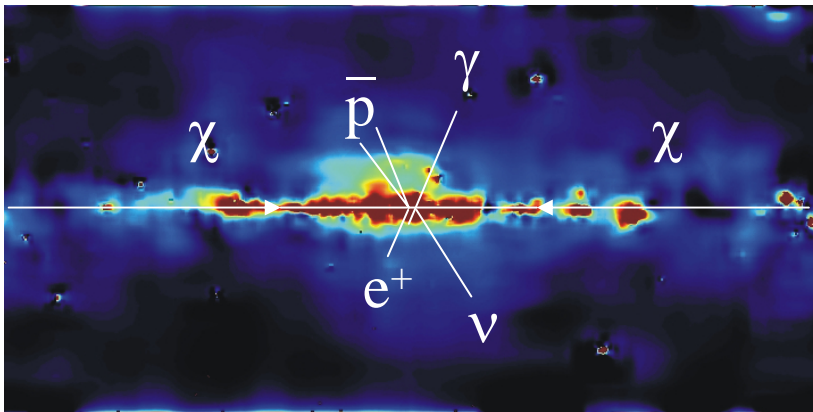
DM annihilations

- DM can be overdense in the GC
- If DM=WIMP's, pair ann. will produce π^0 's from final products hadroniz.
- π^0 's produce a continuum of γ 's up to $E_\gamma = m_{\text{WIMP}}$

Methods of Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP) Dark Matter detection:

- Discovery at accelerators (Fermilab, LHC,..)
- **Direct detection** of halo particles in terrestrial detectors
- **Indirect detection** of neutrinos, gamma rays, radio waves, antiprotons, positrons in earth- or space-based experiments

The basic process for indirect detection is annihilation, e.g, neutralinos:



Indirect
detection

Gamma Rays as a probe of DM

- Carry **directional information** (*point to the DM annihilation site*)
- Carry **spectral information** (*DM annihilation products/mass + GR line at $E_\gamma \approx m_\chi$*)



...but on the flip side of the coin...



- Suffer from largely unknown GR **background sources**
- The DM-induced fluxes depend **crucially** on the (poorly known) innermost structure of **DM halos**

INTEGRAL DATA (~2004)

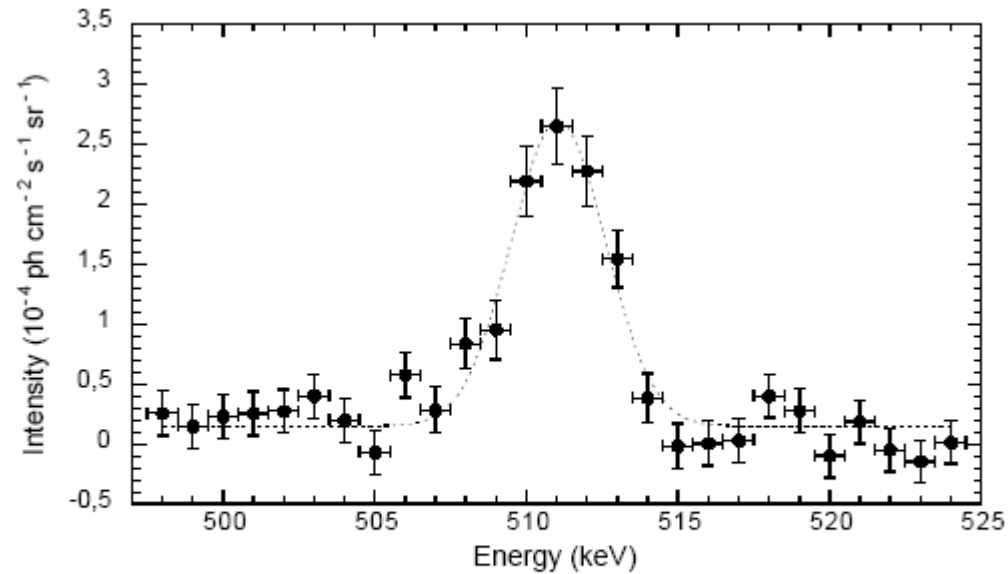
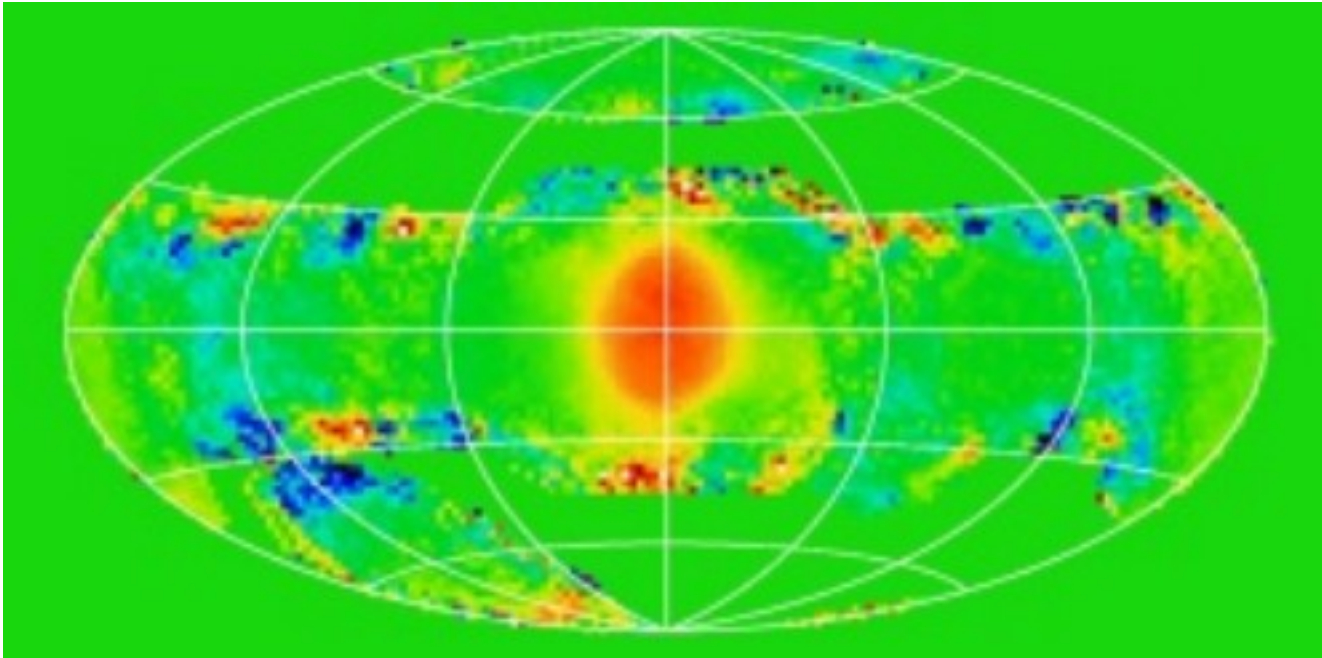


Fig. 3. 511 keV flux spectrum obtained using a gaussian centred on the GC with a FWHM of 10° .

Measured since early '70s
Variability ?



The bulge emission is highly symmetric and is centred on the galactic centre with an extension of 8 deg.

Source - Type Ia supernovae and/or low-mass X-ray binaries

Also **Light dark matter annihilation**

The disk emission can be attributed to the beta+ decay of the radioactive species ^{26}Al and ^{44}Ti .

The Solar 2 Heliostat Array

Located 15 miles outside Barstow, CA

Over 1,900 42m^2 heliostats. The largest array in the world.

We have ~160 heliostats in the FOV of our camera.

Collection area = $\sim 64,000\text{ m}^2$.

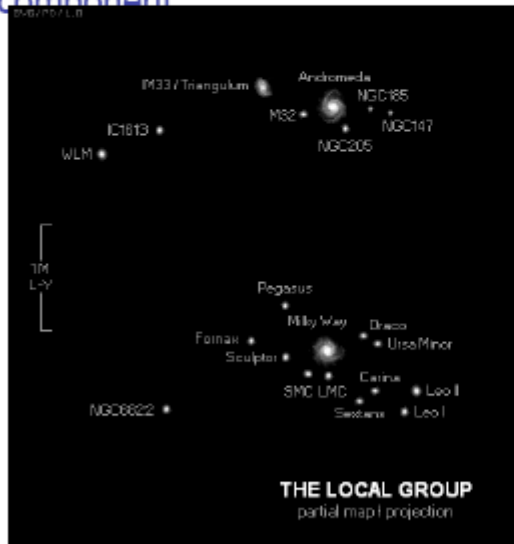
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Draco and Dark Matter

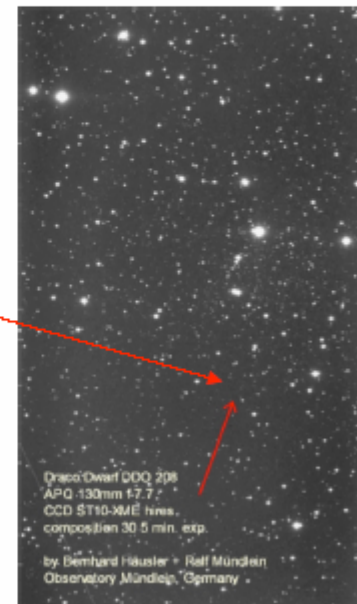
Draco is a dwarf spheroidal galaxy in the vicinity of the Milky Way. Its estimated total mass of is $\sim 0.3 - 8 \times 10^7$ solar masses and, given the low luminosity of $\sim 2 \times 10^5 L_{\text{solar}}$, the global mass-to-light ratio anywhere in the 10-100 range. This requires that Draco contain a dominant dark matter component



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Draco is about 0.5 degrees across. It is very faint in the optical.

Integrated magnitude ~ 11 making it an ideal candidate for ACT observations.



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Neutralinos: Previous attempts at understanding Draco.

Neutralinos are the lowest mass supersymmetric particles in the Minimum SUSY Model. Since they are stable, they are a popular candidate for Cold Dark Matter.

Neutralinos can annihilate into quark and anti-quark pairs. The resulting hadron jets will contain gammas from neutral pion decays.

The rate will depend on ρ^2 , where $\rho \sim r^{-\gamma}$ is the density profile of the neutralinos.

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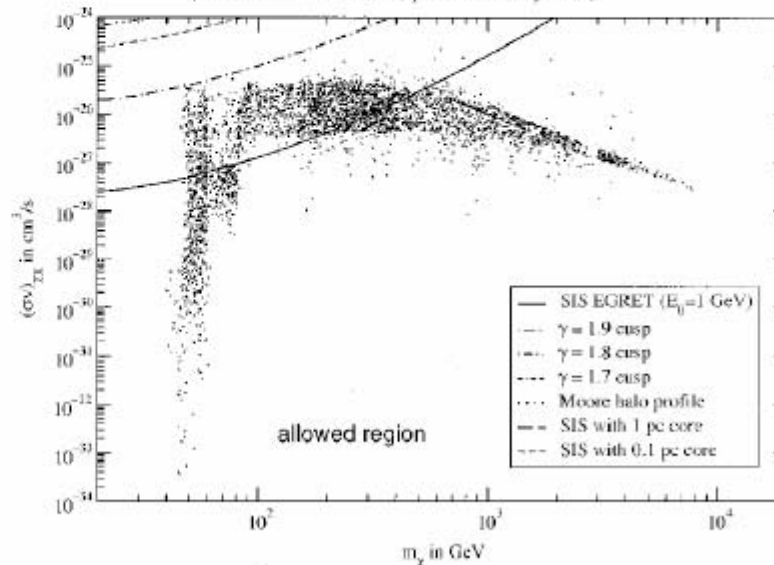
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Particle dark matter constraints from the Draco dwarf galaxy

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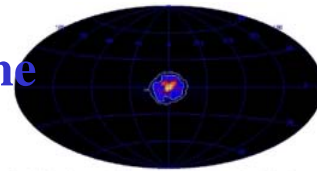
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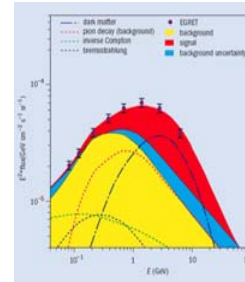
- The MeV-scale Dark Matter particle giving the 511 keV annihilation line at the galactic center



Integral

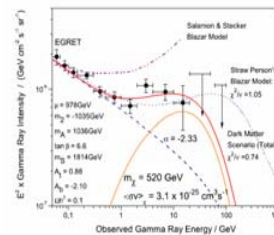
Fig. 4. Richardson-Easy image of 511 keV galactic center annihilation (Richardson 17). Colored lines indicate intensity bins of 10^{-1} , 10^{-2} , and 10^{-3} $\mu\text{Sv cm}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$ (from the center outwards).

- The 50 – 70 GeV neutralino Dark Matter particle which explains the EGRET galactic gamma ray spectrum



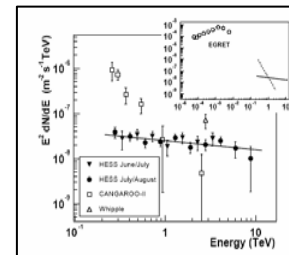
W. de Boer

- The 500 GeV neutralino Dark Matter particle which explains the EGRET extragalactic gamma ray spectrum



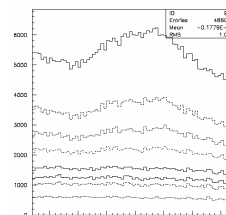
Elsässer & Mannheim

- The 20 TeV Dark Matter particle giving the HESS signal from the galactic center



HESS

- The few hundred GeV Dark Matter particle in Draco giving the signal in CACTUS

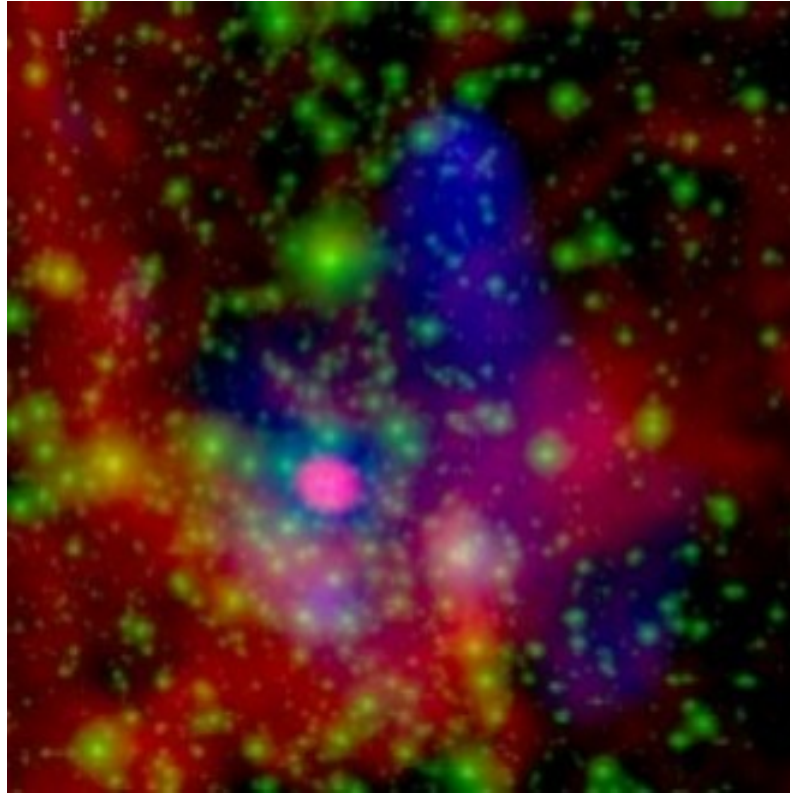


CACTUS
Collab.

Conclusions

- The existence of **Nonbaryonic Dark Matter** has been definitely established from cosmological measurements.
- **CDM** is favoured (e.g., supersymmetric particles).
- Indications of **gamma-ray excess** from galactic center, the galactic halo, the extragalactic flux and perhaps from the Draco dwarf galaxy. However, **none compelling** (at least to this speaker). Need more definitive spectral signature – the **gamma line** or a sharp drop at $E_\gamma = m_{\text{DM}}$ would be a "smoking gun".
- Where does the GeV excess in galactic and extragalactic gamma-rays come from? GLAST data will be crucial.
- **The hunt is going on** – many new experiments (**GLAST, VERITAS, AMS**) are coming on soon!
- **Complementarity: GLAST** will do all-sky search for "hot spots" with high sensitivity – **ACTs** may do small-angle, detailed study.
- **ACTs** will soon have interesting data on **dwarf galaxies**.
- **LHC** starts within 2 years...

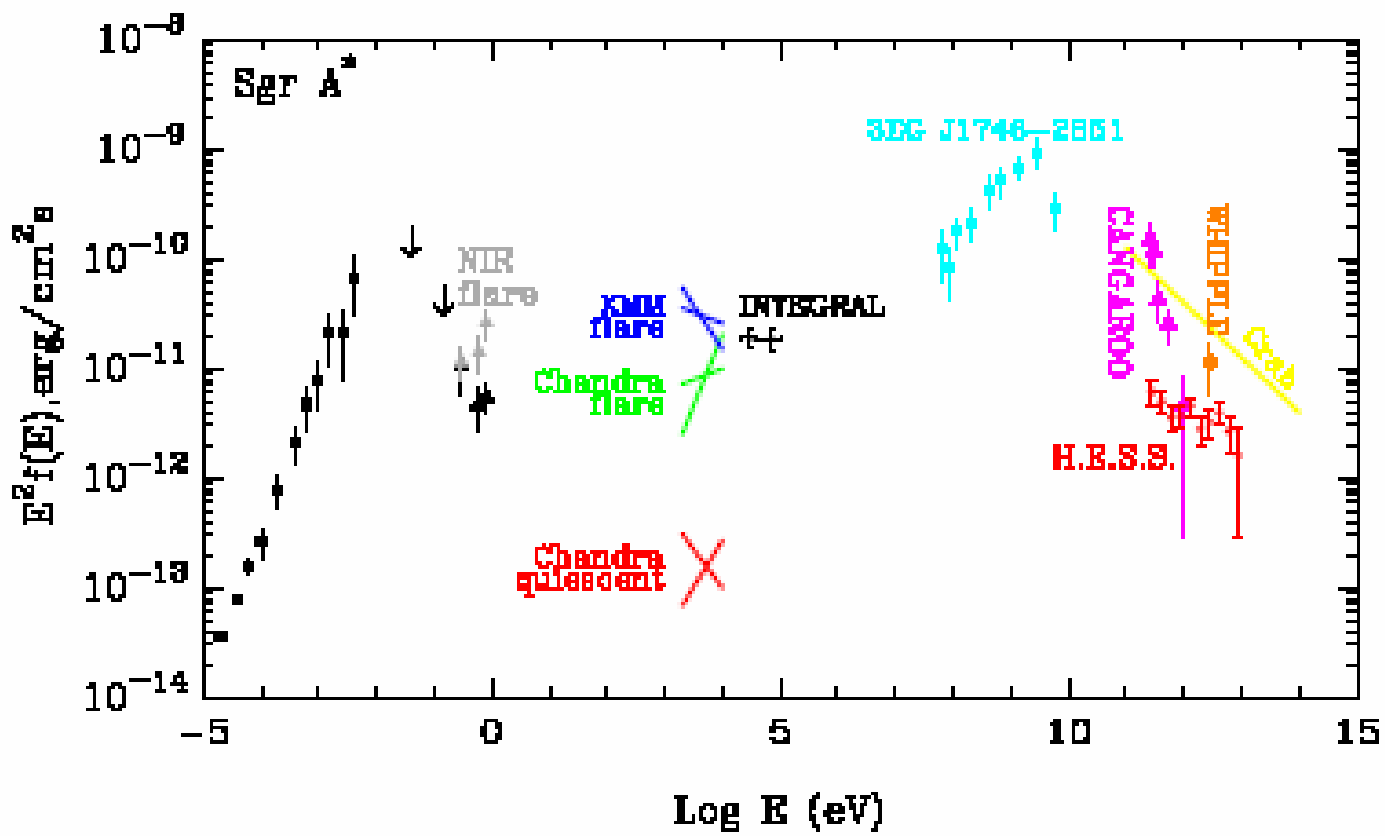
Possible Pulsar (x-rays) G359.95-0.04(Dec 05)



**PWN (blue) within Hess error box – ~
1 LY from Sgr A*(pink)**

Galactic Center (HESS)

- **1. Flux – 5% of crab flux**
- **is consistent with constant emission – hours/days/months/years – vicinity of Sgr A* (SMBH) ruled out**
- **2. Spectrum is a pure power law(-2.2) – does not match (curved spectrum) expected from DM(neutralino) annihilation**



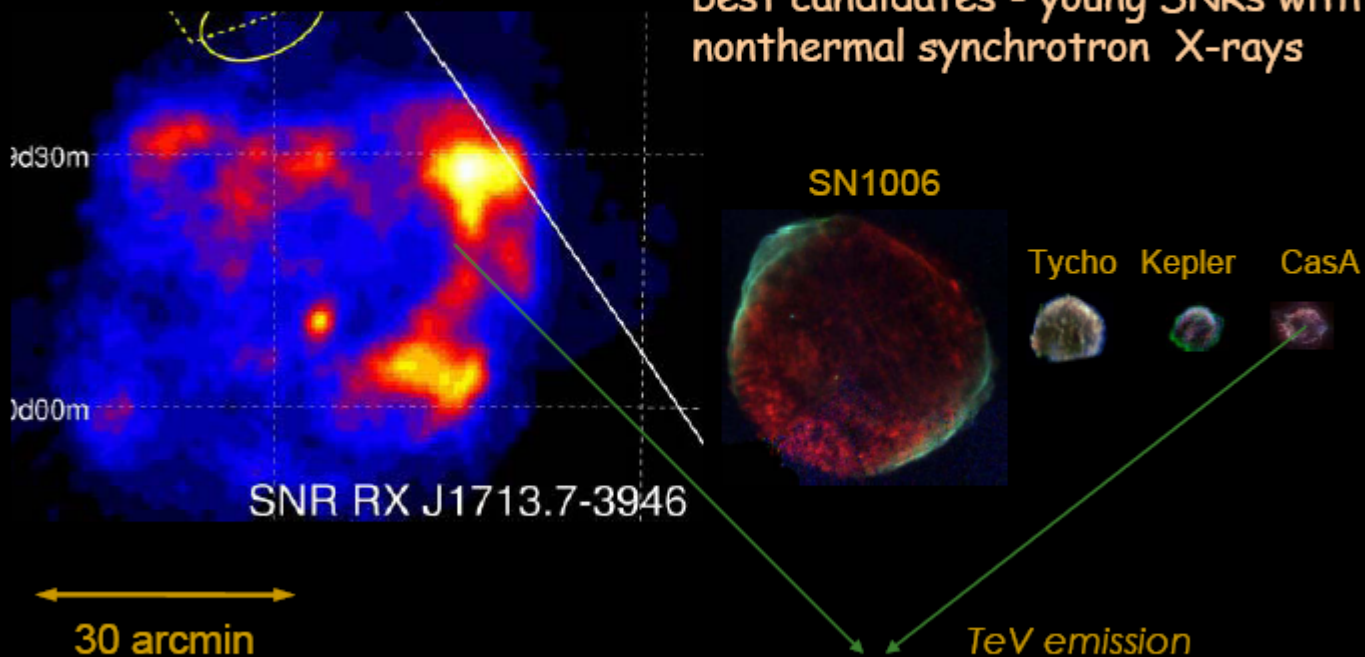
A cosmic-ray source uncovered

Scientists in the HESS collaboration have observational evidence of cosmic rays coming from our galaxy's center.. This is the **first time** scientists have found direct evidence for accelerated cosmic rays.

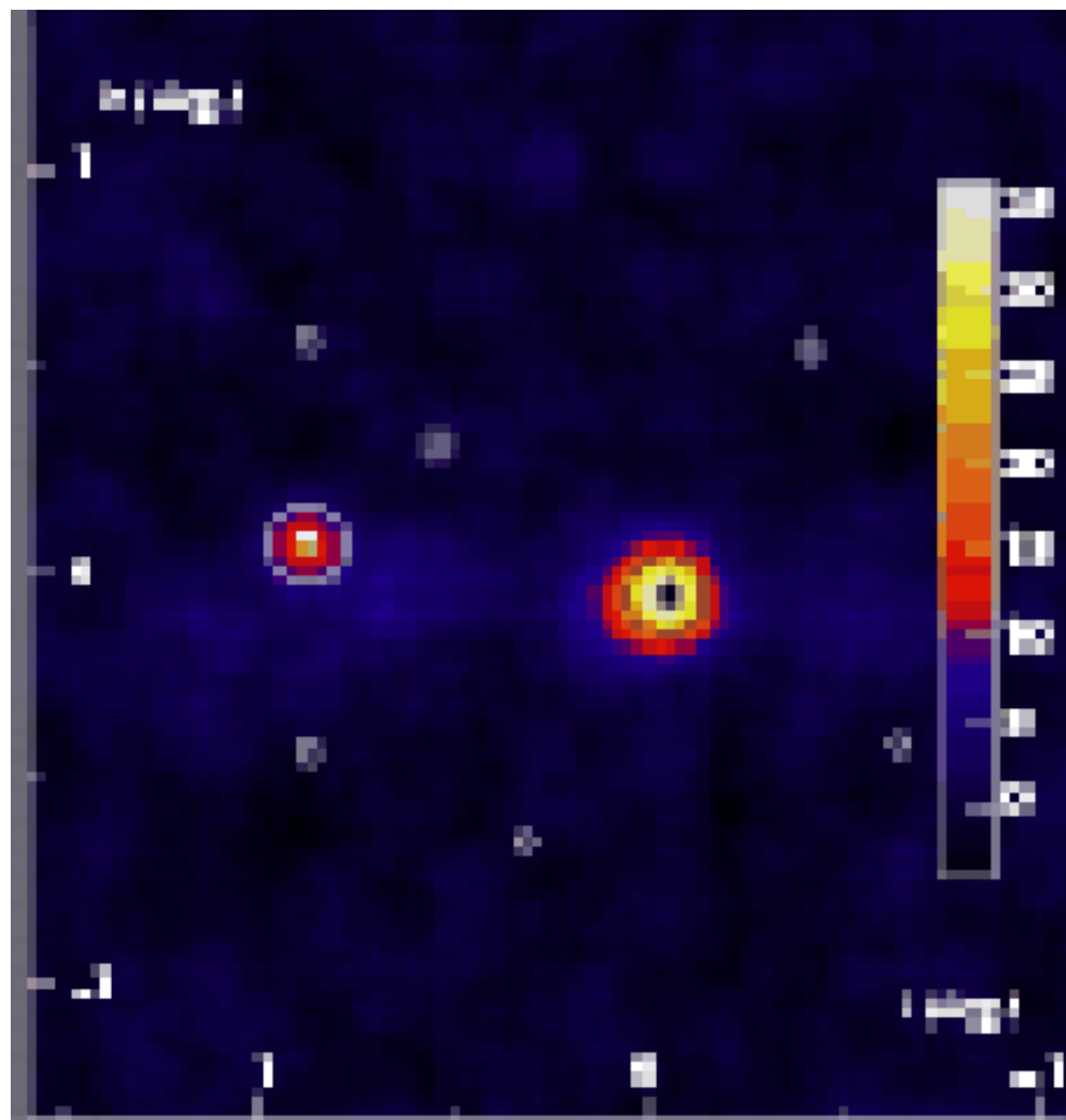
Two possible cosmic-ray accelerators reside in the galactic center. . More observations are needed to pinpoint which is the cosmic-ray source.

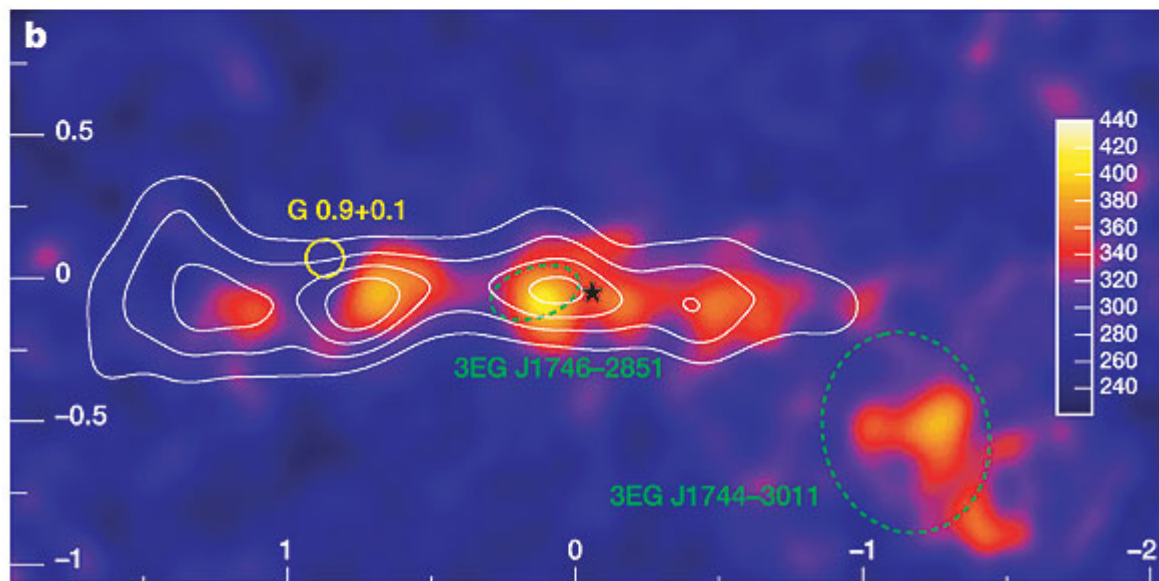
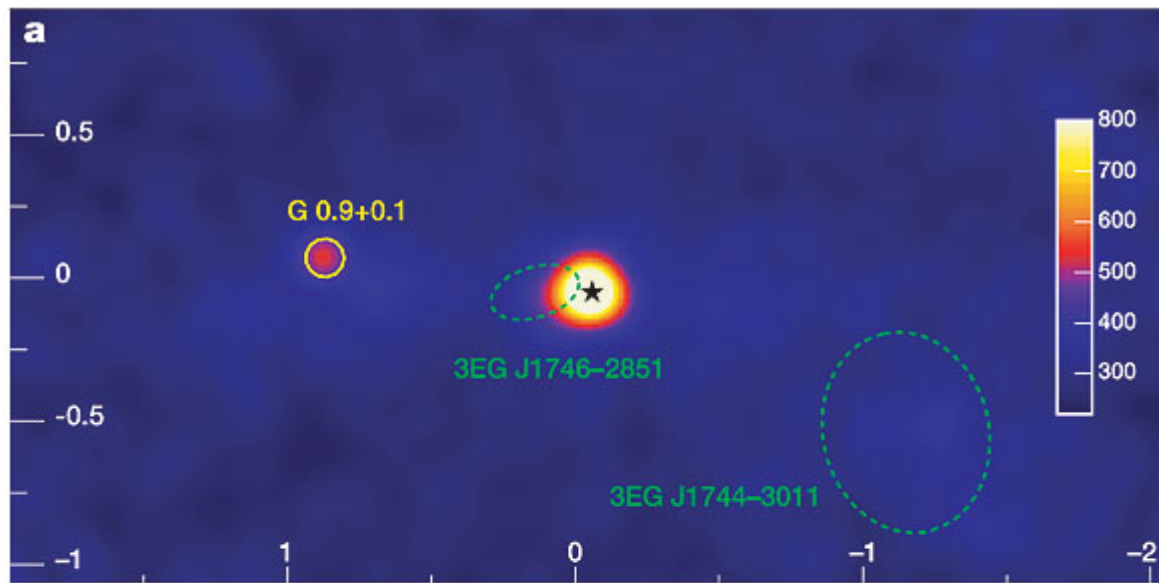
Cosmic Ray Accelerators ?

best candidates - young SNRs with
nonthermal synchrotron X-rays

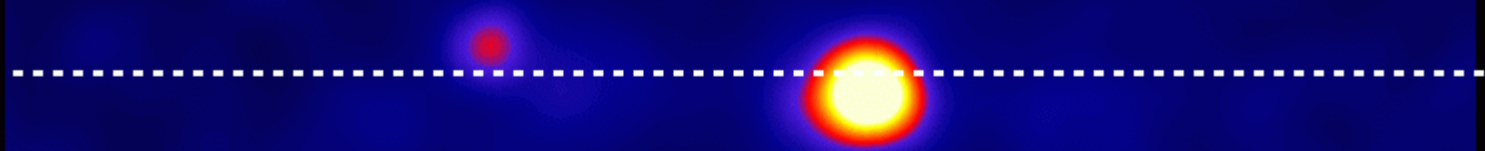


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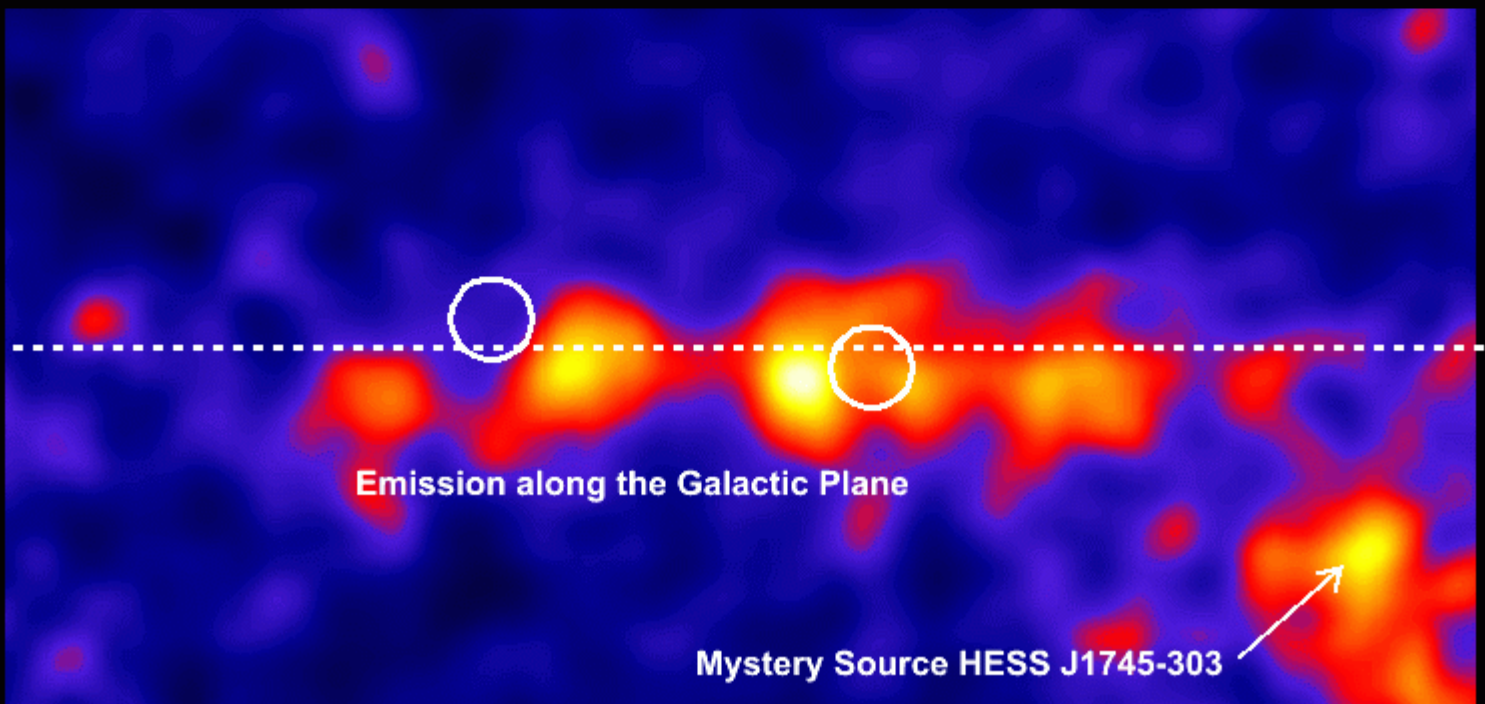




Supernova Remnant G0.9+0.1



HESS J1745-290 (The Galactic Centre)



Emission along the Galactic Plane

Mystery Source HESS J1745-303

After subtraction of point sources:

(55 hrs data - 3500 photons – 14.6 sigma)

(1) Extended emission spatially coincident with Egret Unid. Source

(2) Emission along gal. Plane for ~ 2 degrees

Eng Thresh ~ 380 GeV

**The recons. Gamma ray spectrum
slope = $2.29 \pm .07 \pm .2$**

2 degrees \gg 30 pc

**ISM – Giant Molecular clouds in the
region**

17-44 mil solar masses

**Close match between density of
interstellar gas (traced by CS
emission) and VHE gamma ray
emission**

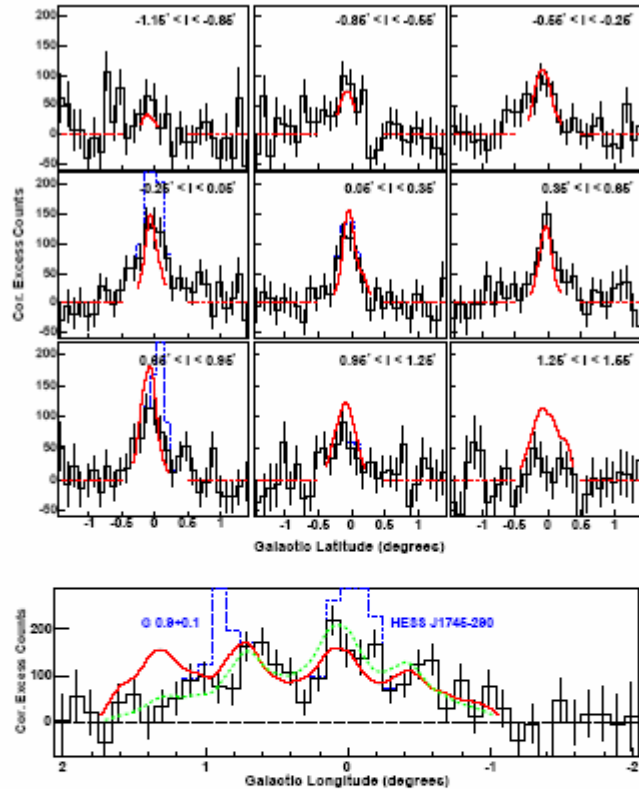
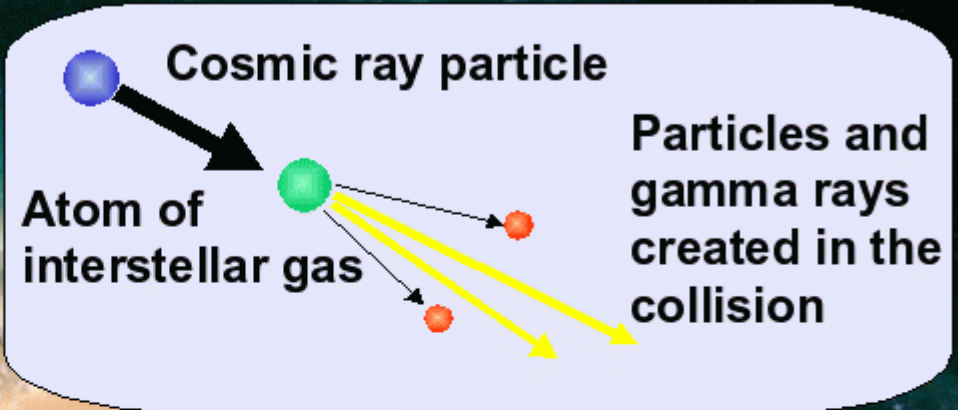
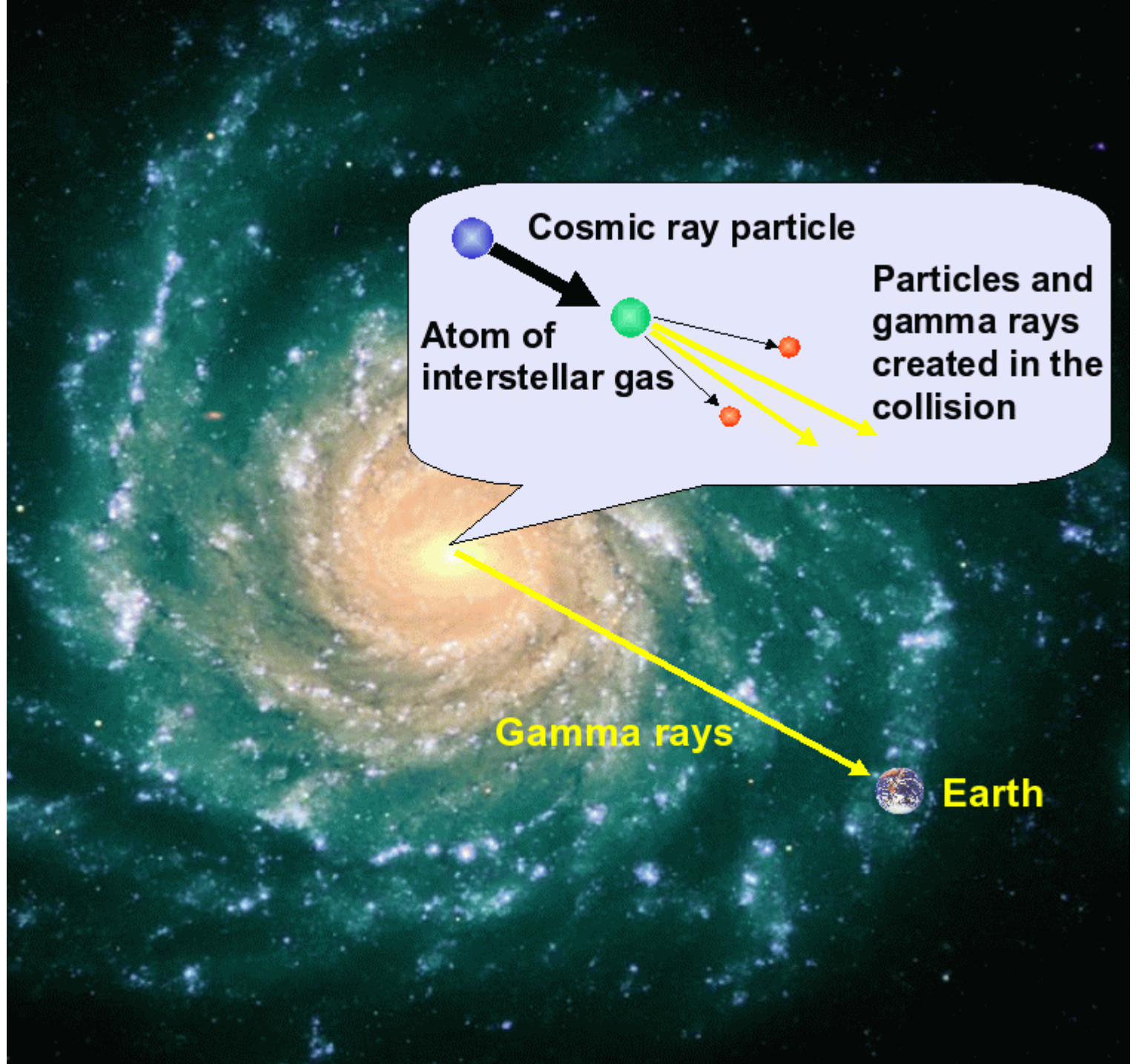


Figure 2: Distribution of γ -ray emission in Galactic latitude (for individual slices in longitude, top) and in Galactic longitude (bottom). The red curves show the density of molecular gas, traced by CS emission. The upper curves show acceptance corrected (and cosmic-ray background subtracted) γ -ray counts for 0.3° wide bands in longitude. The point-source subtracted counts are shown in black. The dashed blue histogram shows the unsubtracted values (the y -scale is truncated). The red curves correspond to the smoothed CS map of Fig. 1 and are drawn only in the regions where CS measurements are available. The dashed red lines show nominal zero CS density in regions away from the Galactic plane. The lower plot shows γ -ray counts versus l for $-0.2^\circ < b < 0.2^\circ$. The CS line flux may be underestimated close to $l = -1^\circ$ due to a narrower coverage in b at this longitude. The dashed line shows the γ -ray flux expected if the CR density distribution can be described by a Gaussian centred at $l = 0^\circ$ and with rms 0.8° , as expected in a simple model for diffusion away from a central source of age $\sim 10^4$ years. In all plots the background level is estimated using events from the regions $0.8^\circ < |b| < 1.5^\circ$. Error bars show ± 1 standard deviation.



Gamma rays

Earth



Close correlation between target material and gamma rays > Strong indicator for origin in Cosmic ray interactions !

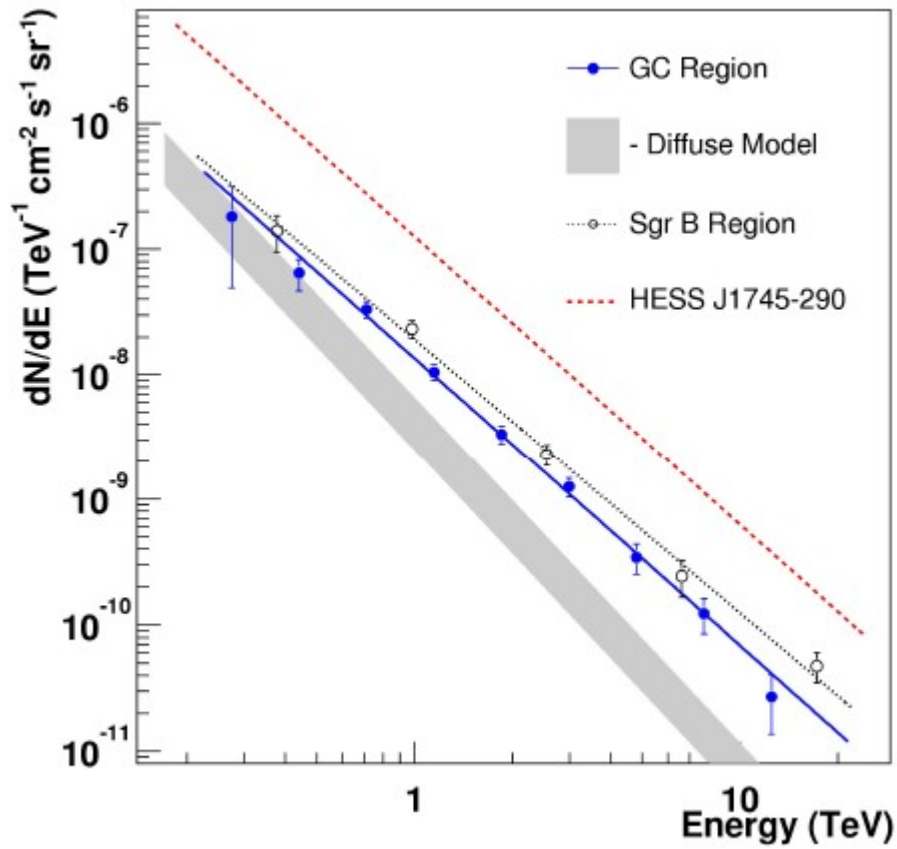
Measured spectrum HARDER than obsvd on earth (2.3 >> 2.7) . Propagation effects less pronounced because accelerator nearby

Expected. And Obsvd agree < 500 GeV

But At > 1 TeV 3-9 higher than expected Flux

(For electron sources Inv Compton scattering

Intense photon/magnetic fields)



Diff model – solar
neighbourhood data

- (1) To give gammas of 4-40 TeV we need 10^{50} ergs; SN can give 10^{51} . Therefore 10 % of explosion for accelerating cosmic rays (Theory – Cr originate in shock wave of expanding SNRs)**
- (2) Must have occurred in recent past since it has not diffused out . Calculations give ~ 10 kyr**
- (3) Gamma ray spectrum is hard – protons+mater > gamma rays . More likely to be protons**

Cosmic Ray Source ?

- Within the 1' error box of HESS J1745 - 290 are two compelling candidates for such a galactic cosmic-ray accelerator.
- (a) **SNR Sgr A East** with its estimated age around 10 kyr
- (b) A Supermassive BH **Sgr A*** which may have been more active in the past
- **Potential of Gamma Ray Astronomy finally realized !**

Cosmic/Gamma Rays + GC

- (1) **GLAST** – should establish definitively which GC object is giving \sim GeV gamma
- (2) **Cerenkov telescopes** - Need continued monitoring of GC at \sim GeV/TeV . More Cosmic ray sources ?
- (3) **AUGER** - Massive increase in EHE CR data down to $\sim 10^{18}$ eV. *Should see strong, GC point source of CRs and halo*

FUTURE OF GC ASTRONOMY

NASA newsletter – July 19,2006

Rough and crowded neighborhood at galactic center

The center of the Milky Way is a crowded neighborhood and not always a calm one, according to the latest image from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory.

INTEGRAL > Sgr A* may get bright in the near future

**Galactic Centre will always be in
News !**

PRODUCTION AND ANNIHILATION OF POSITRONS

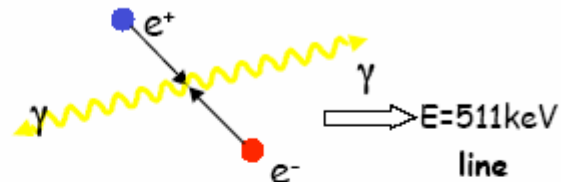
• PRODUCTION

- β^+ isotopes -> SNe, Novae, CR...
 $T_{e^+} \sim 0.1-1 \text{ MeV}$
- π^+ decay -> CR interactions with ISM
 $p + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^+$
 and $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+$
 $T_{e^+} \sim 10-100 \text{ MeV}$
- e^+e^- pair production -> compact objects
 $\gamma + X \rightarrow X + e^+ + e^-$

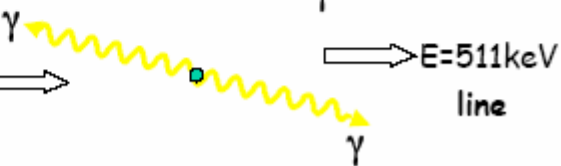
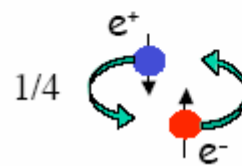
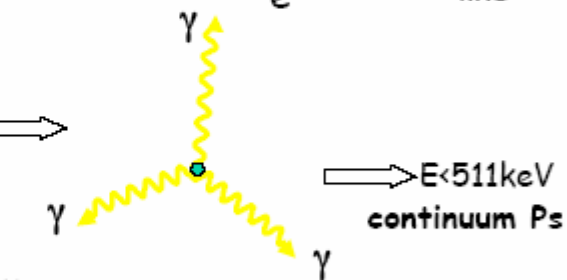
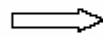
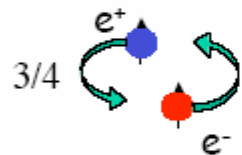
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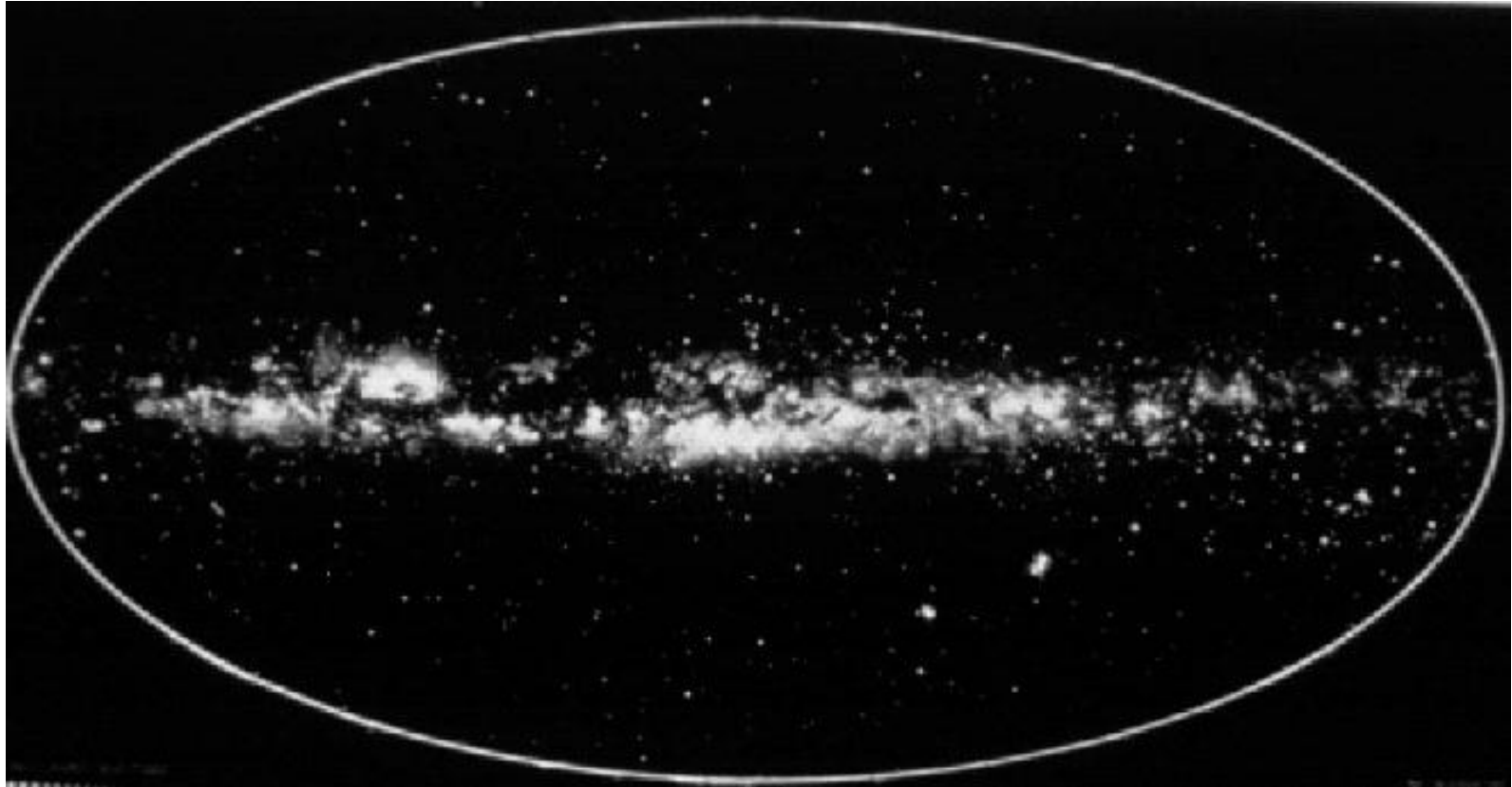
- ANNIHILATION

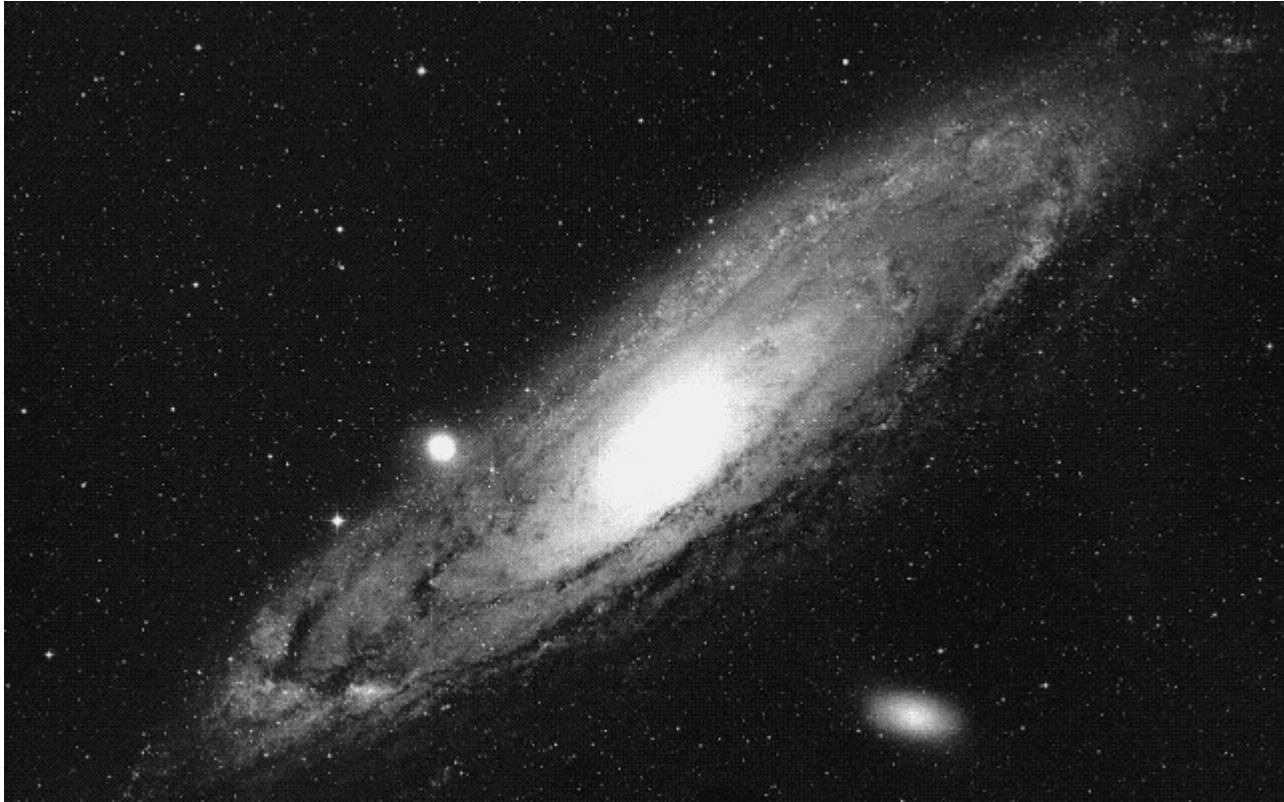
- Direct annihilation



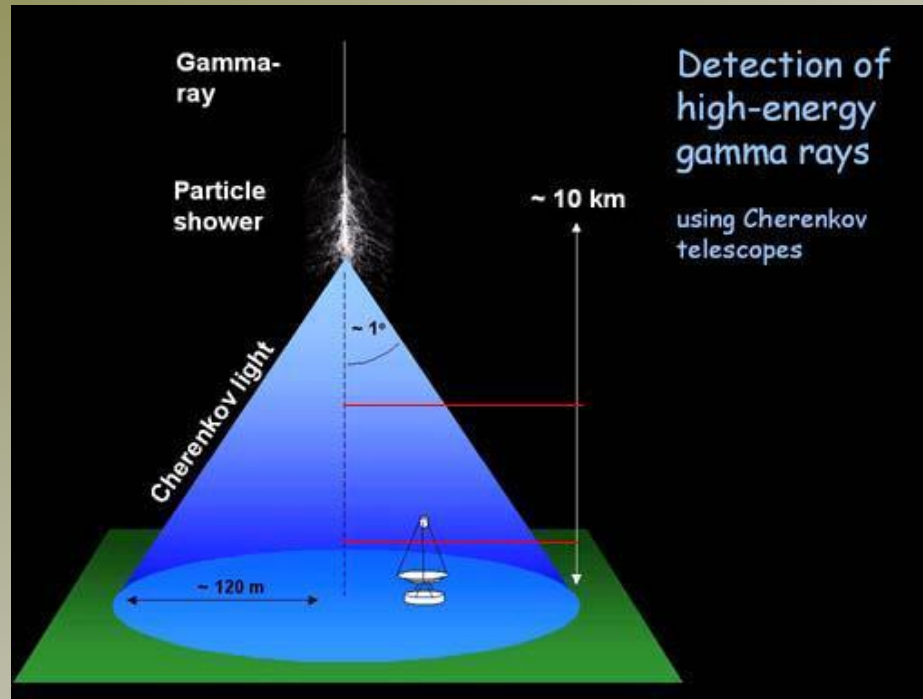
- Positronium formation







Atmospheric Cerenkov Technique



Collection area for ACT $\sim 10^4$ m²

Collection area for satellite experiments ~ 1 m²

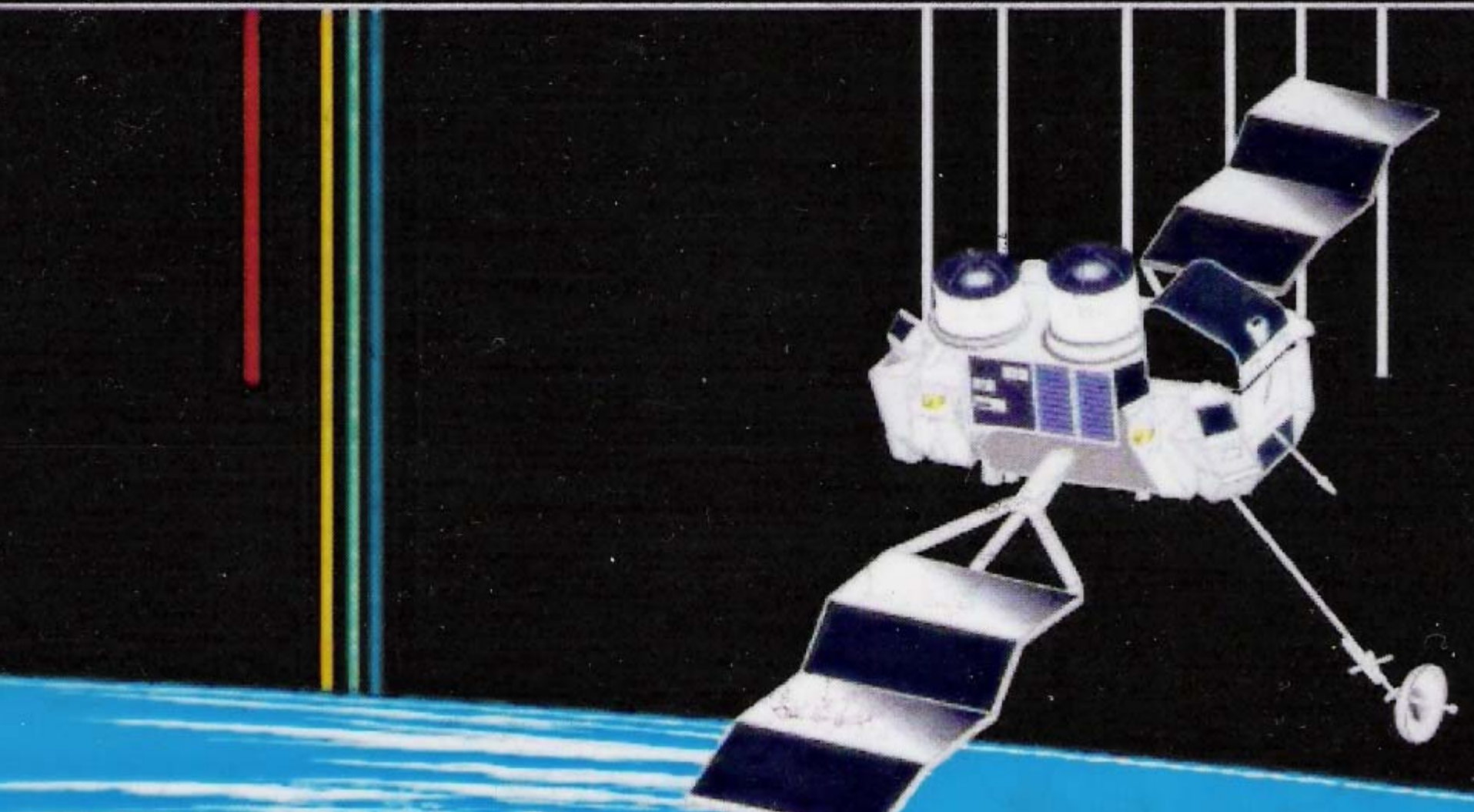
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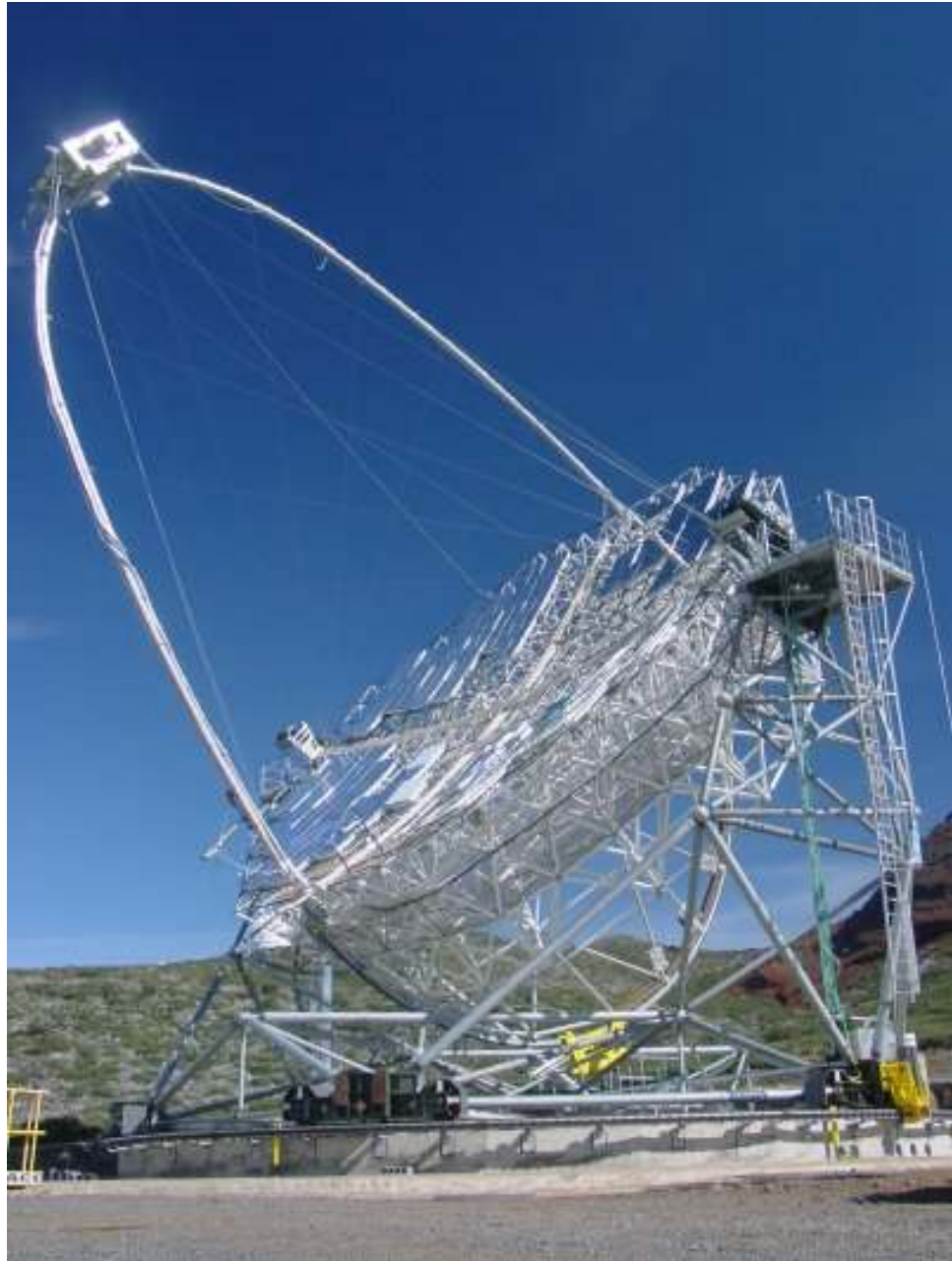
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GAMMA RAYS

VISIBLE

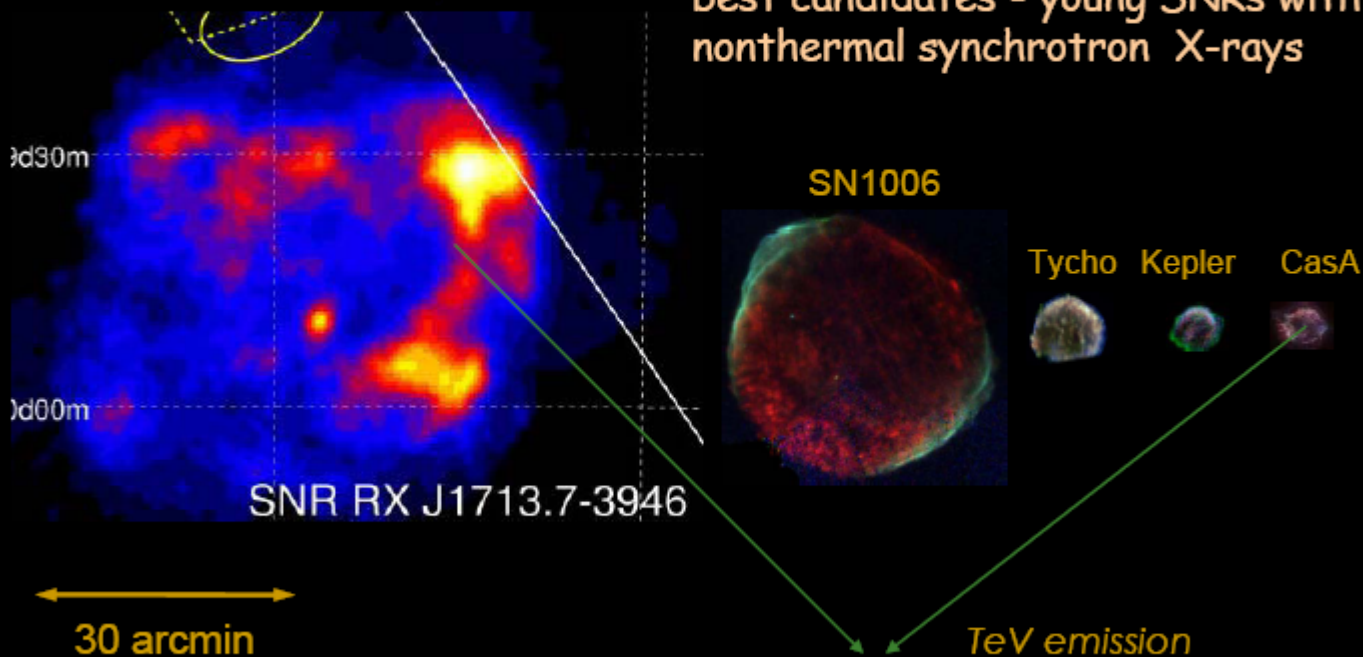
X-RAYS





Cosmic Ray Accelerators ?

best candidates - young SNRs with
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