

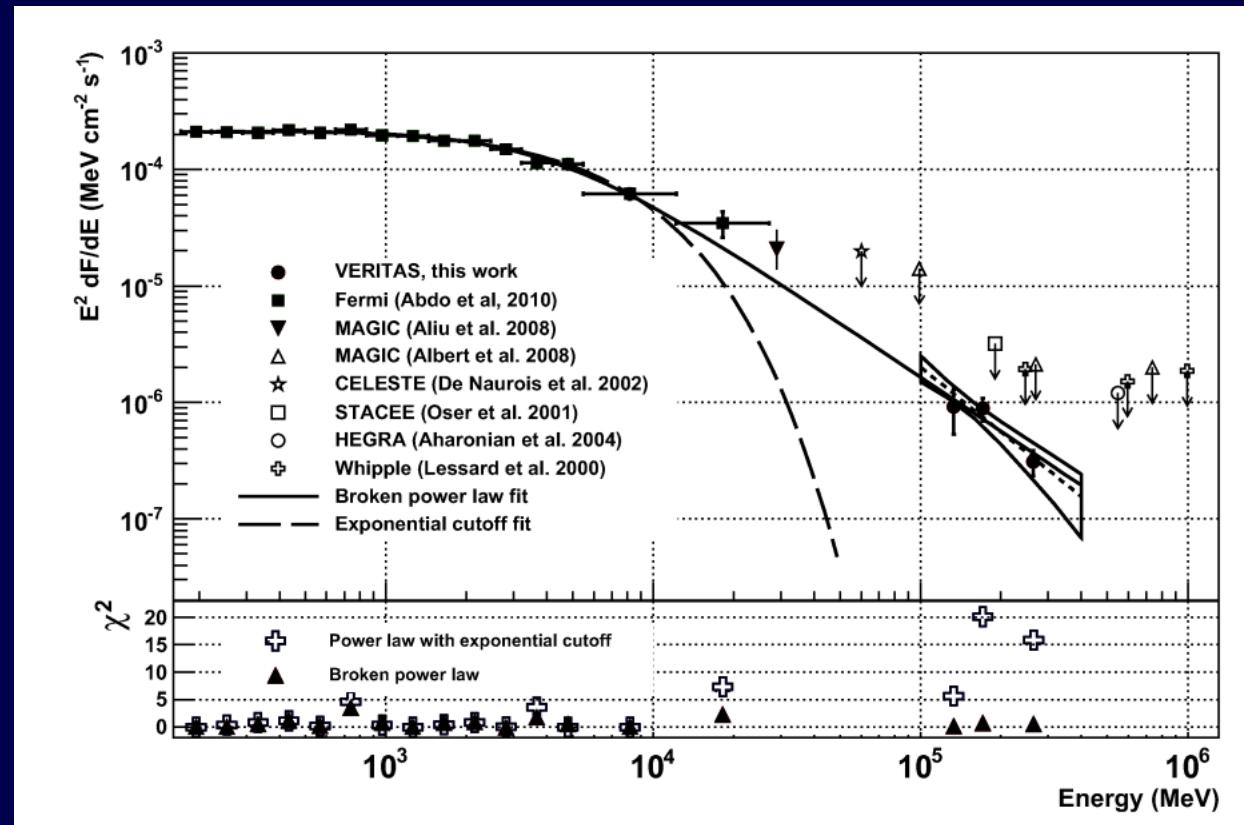
The background of the slide shows a dark, arid landscape under a night sky filled with stars and a visible nebula. Numerous blue glowing Cherenkov telescopes are scattered across the ground, some standing alone and others in clusters, creating a futuristic and scientific atmosphere.

Can CTAO lead to another pulsar revolution?

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Unexpected class of TeV emitters

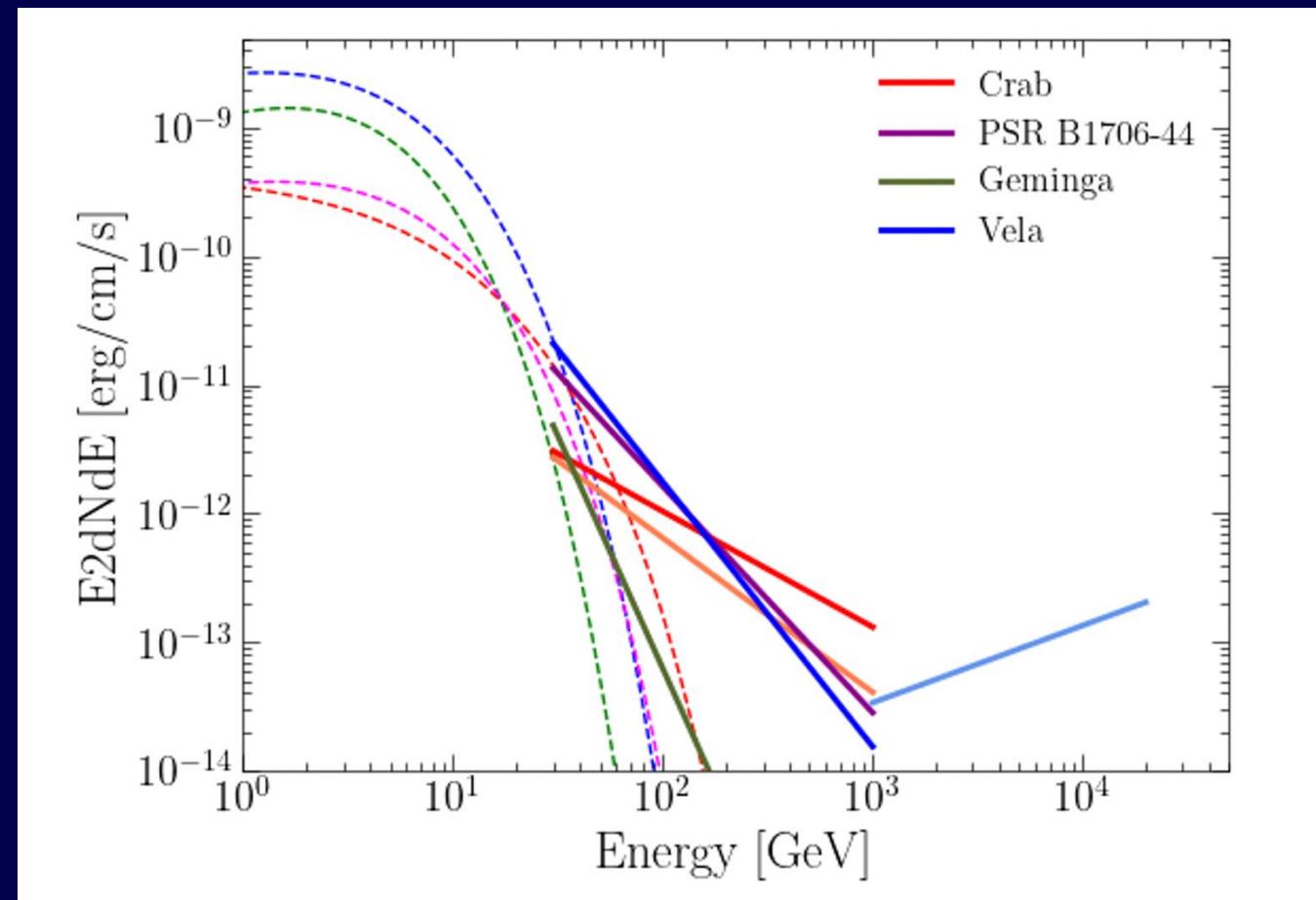
Clear deviation from the expected curvature cutoff: Crab pulsar



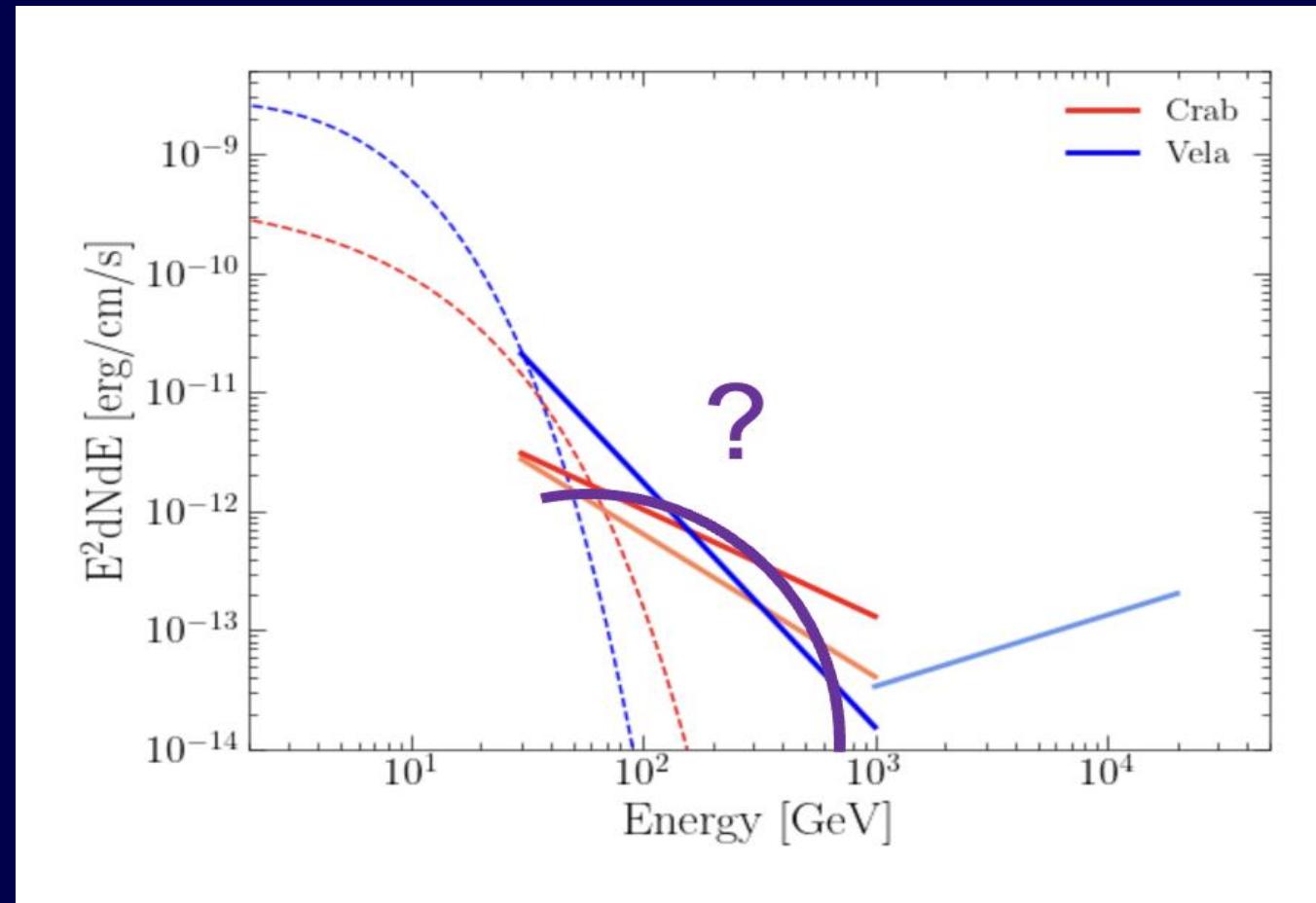
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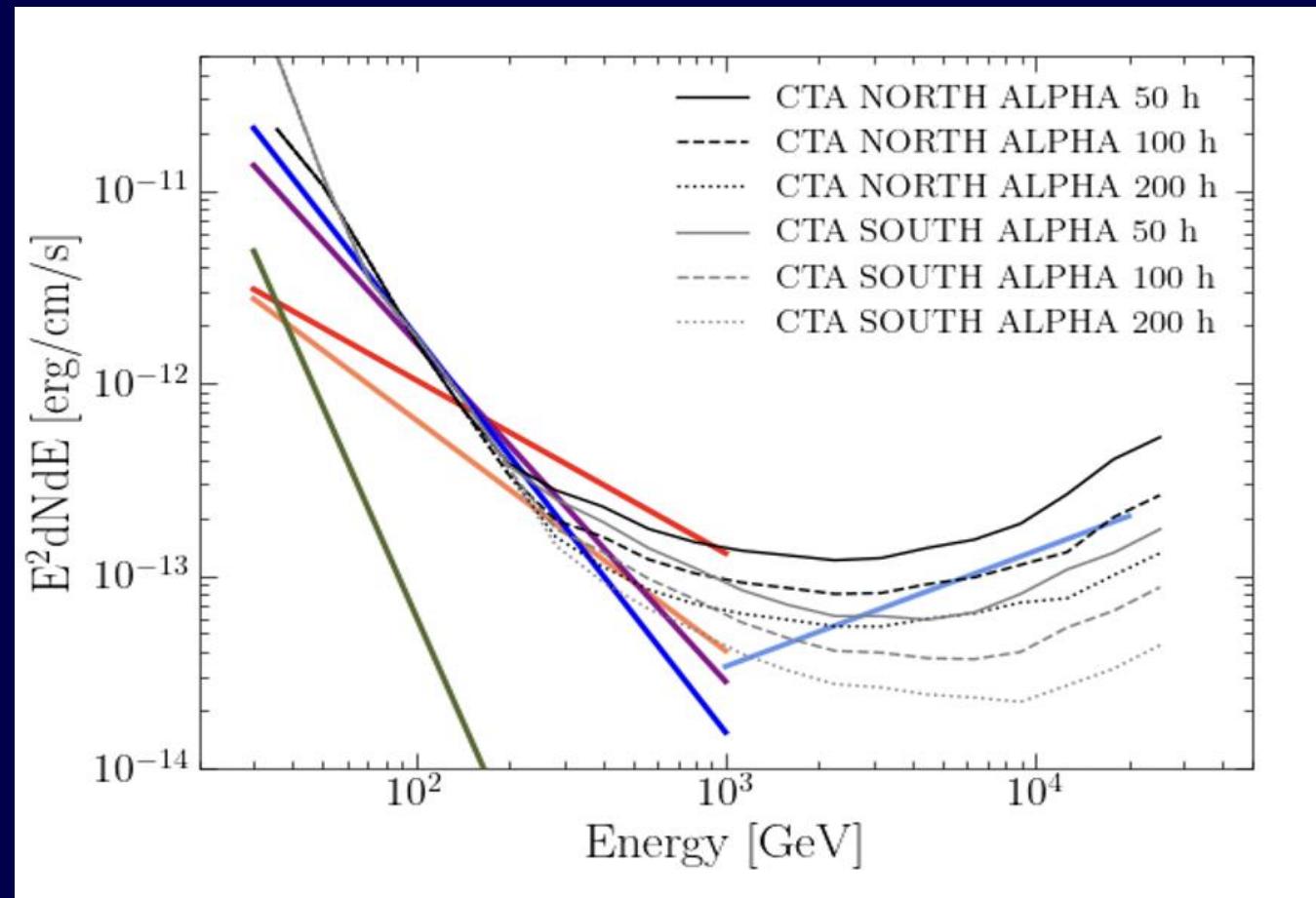
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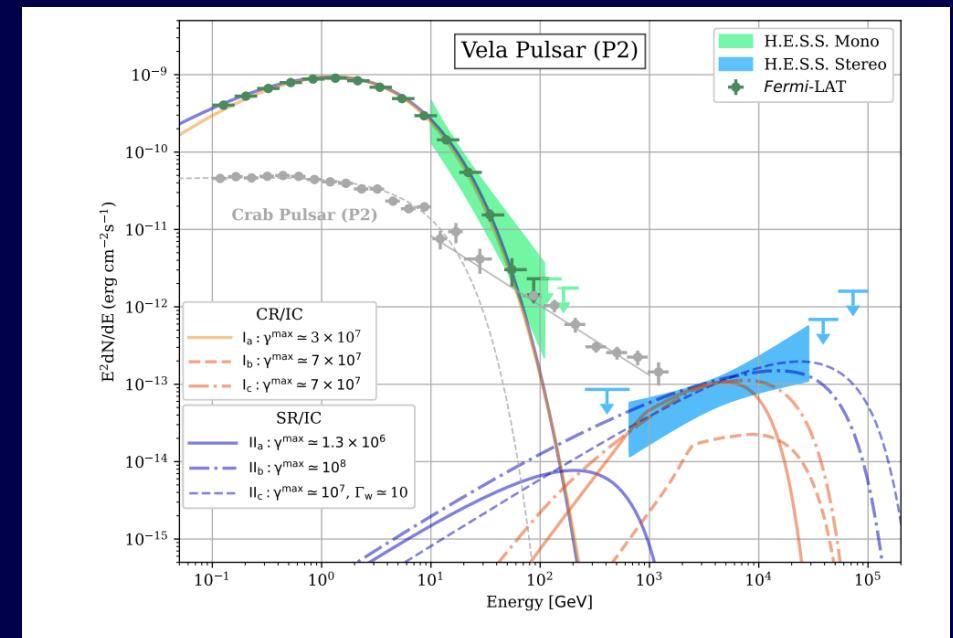
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What to plan for the future?

- Search for pulsed emission within the Galactic Plane Survey observations
→ pulsar timing becomes fundamental!
- Identify potential candidates:
 - to get the ephemerides ready
 - to prepare deeper observations – if needed

Crab-like & Vela-like ?

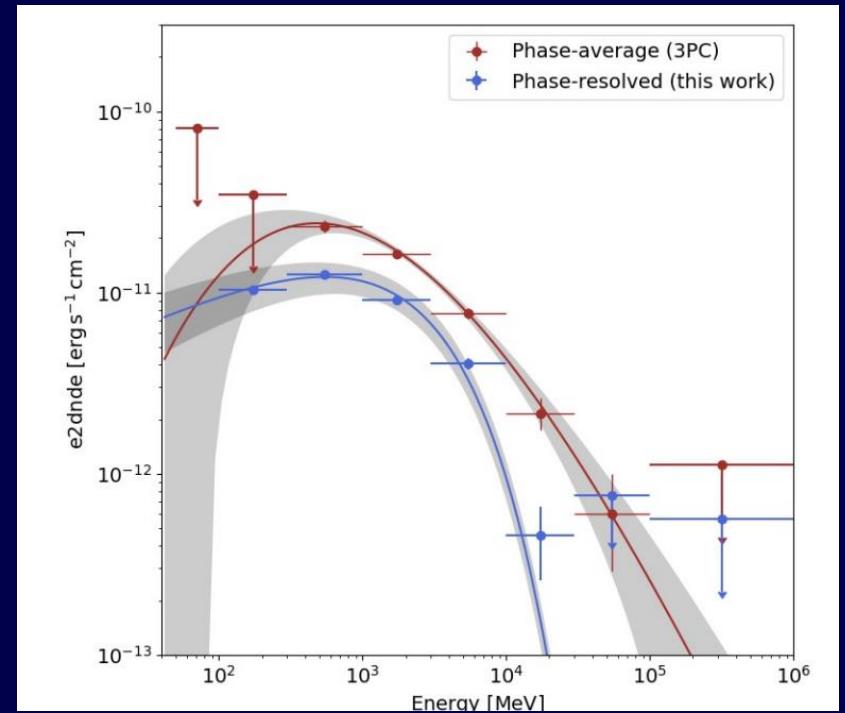


H.E.S.S. coll. 2023

What to plan for the future?

- Extrapolation of the Fermi-LAT curves
 - Important to use phase-resolved SED
 - important to control the background in complex regions to avoid to overestimate the flux
- Phenomenological estimation of a new inverse Compton component
 - IC luminosity depends strongly on the low-energy photons

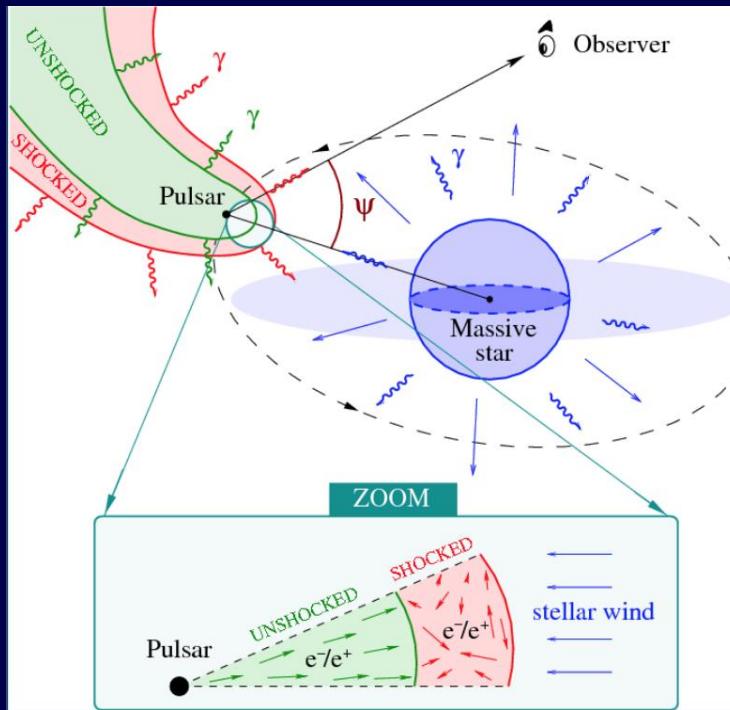
PSR J1833-1034



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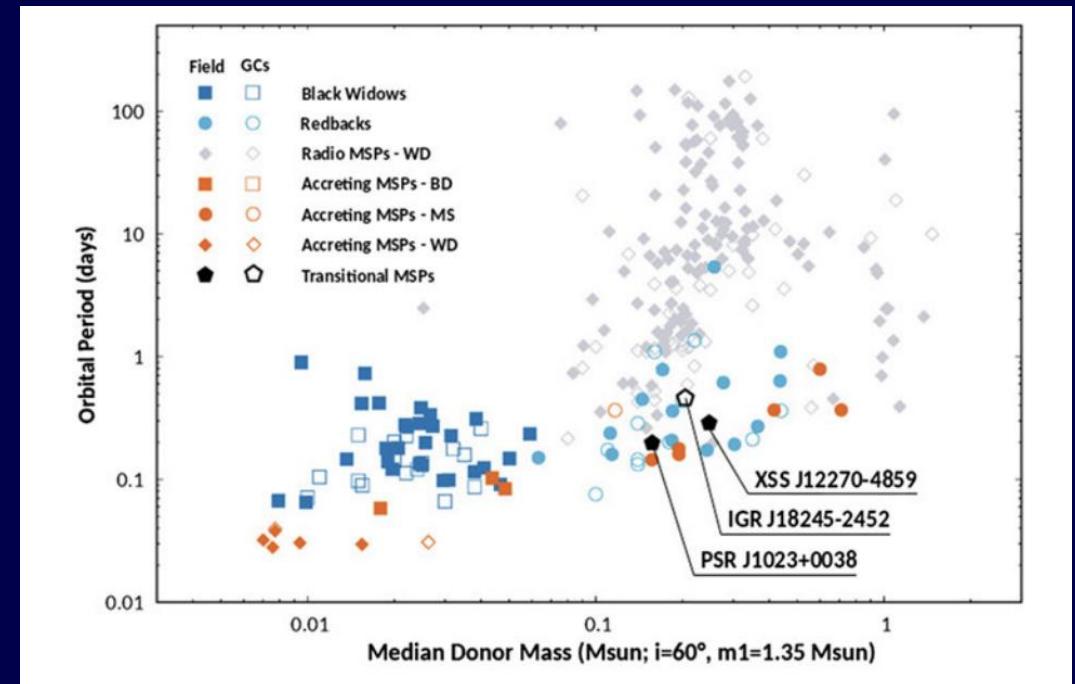
Pulsars in binaries

gamma-ray binaries



more PWN-like phenomenon in formation

MSP in binaries



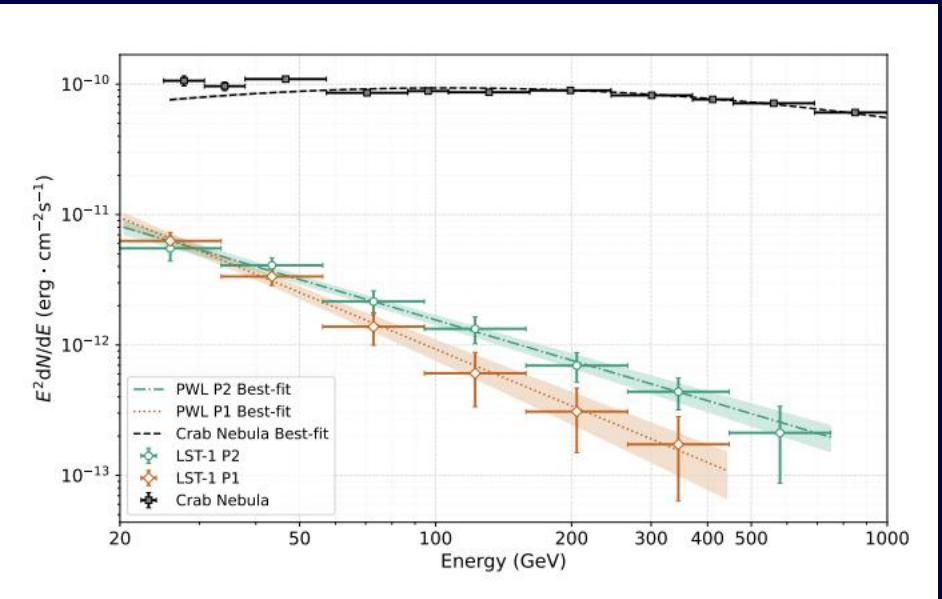
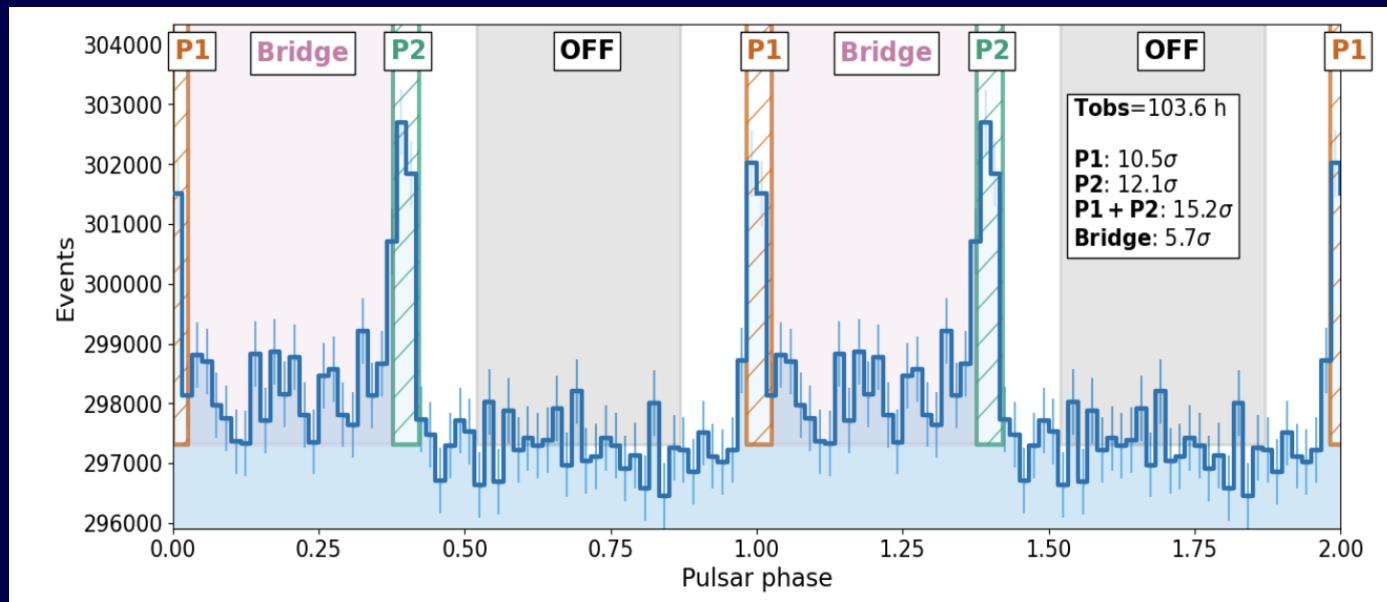
gamma-ray emission in the intrabinary shocks

First results with the LST-1

Crab pulsar

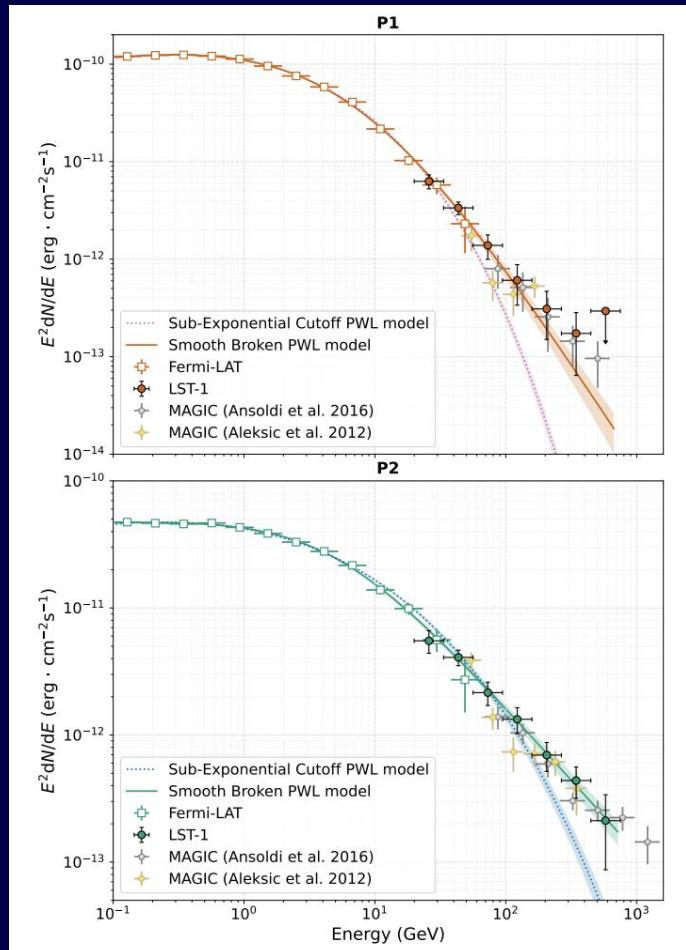
103 hr @ zd <50°

LST coll. A&A 2024

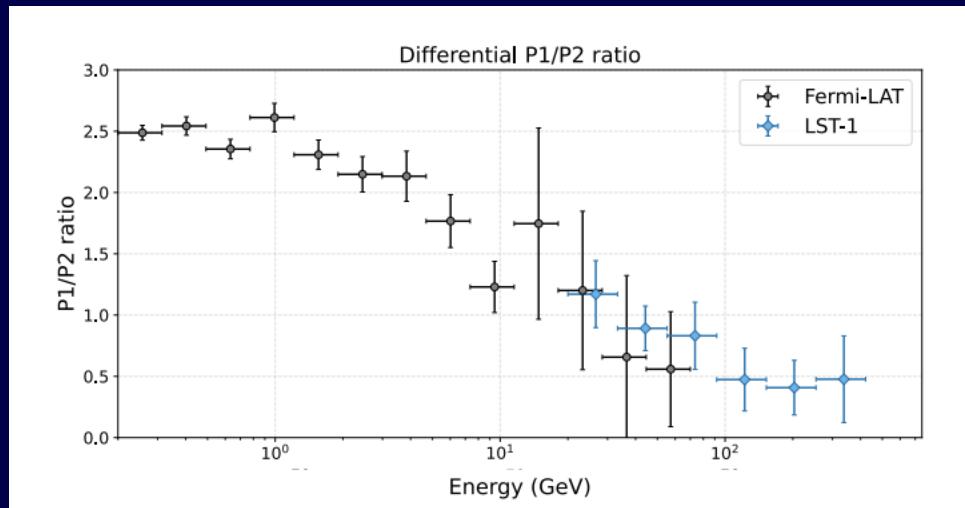


Science verification: a success

Crab pulsar



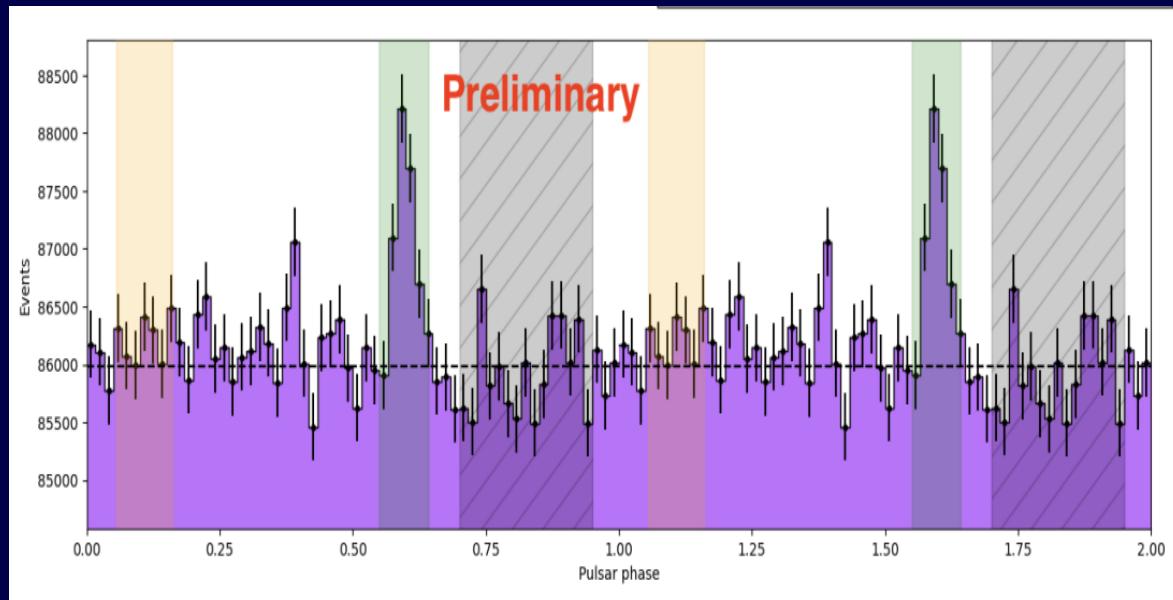
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Geminga pulsar

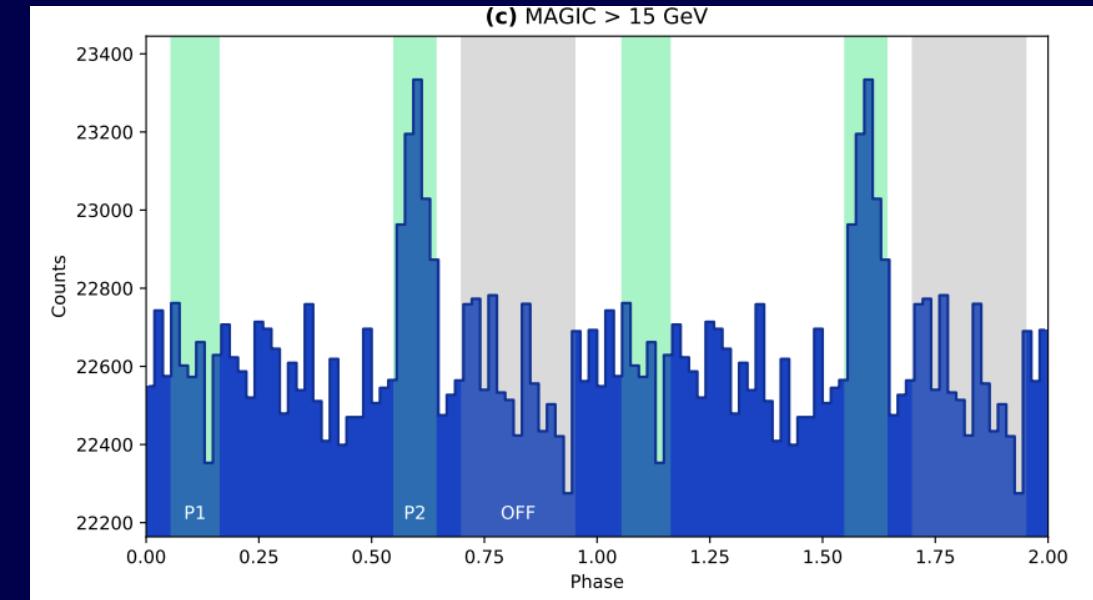
20 hr @ zd <25° 7.9 σ



A.Mas-Aguilar + 2023 PoS(ICRC2023)

at least similar threshold with std trigger

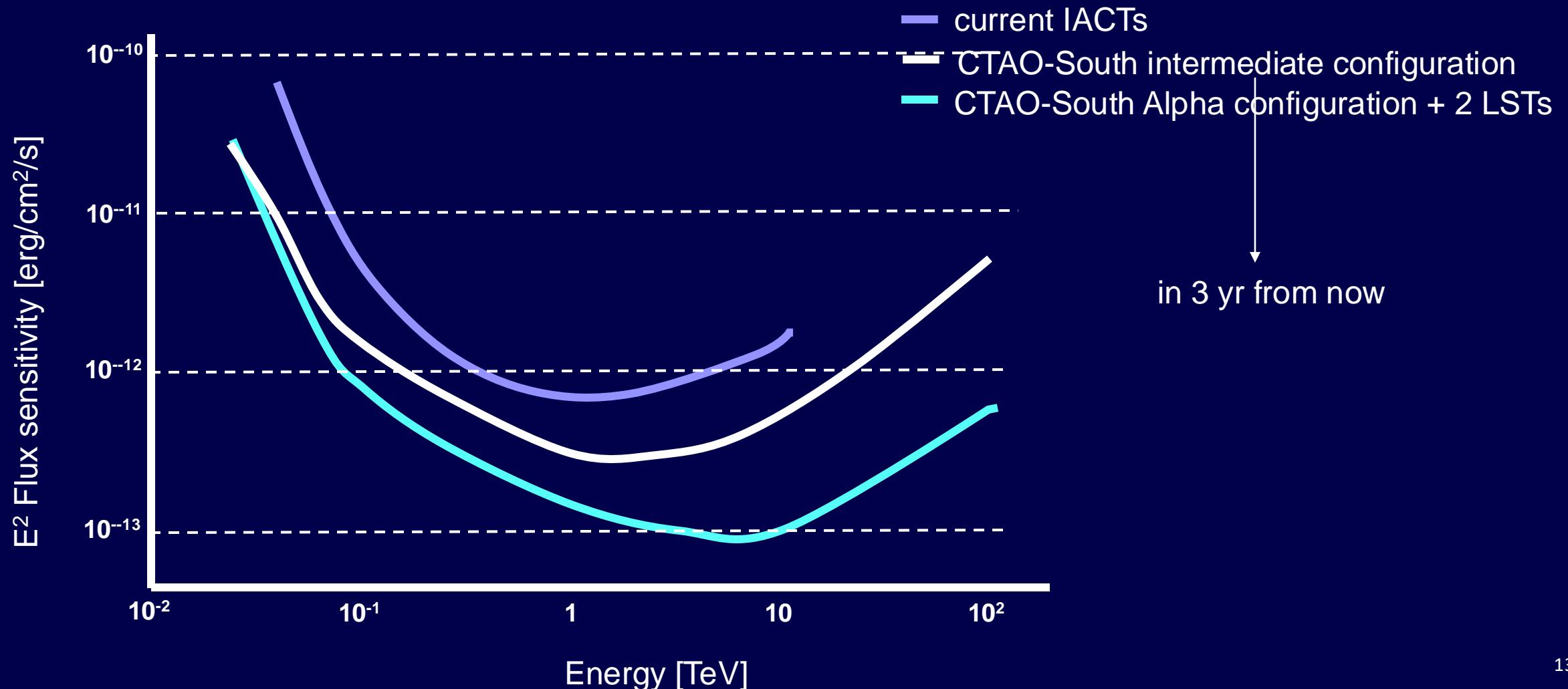
80 hr @ zd <25° 6.25 σ



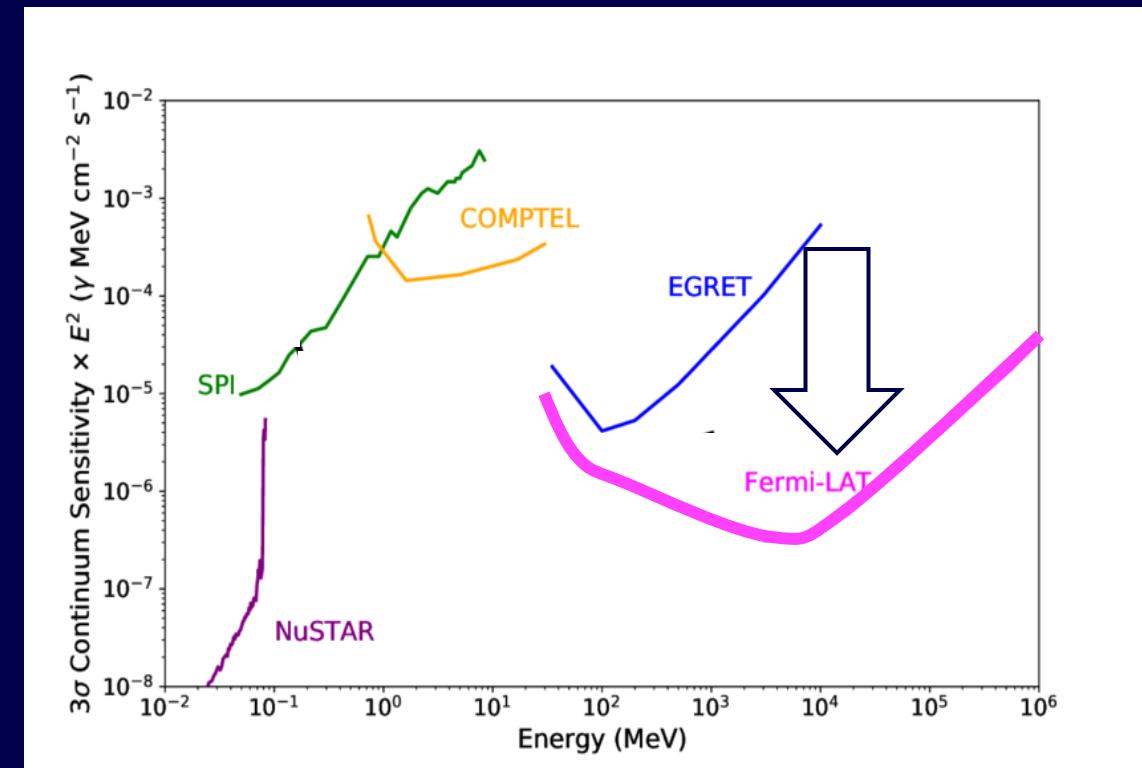
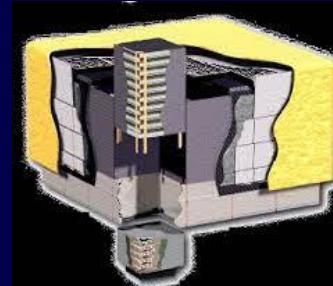
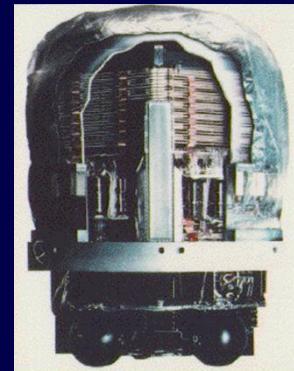
MAGIC coll. A&A 2020

$E_{\text{th}} \sim 15 \text{ GeV}$ with sum trigger

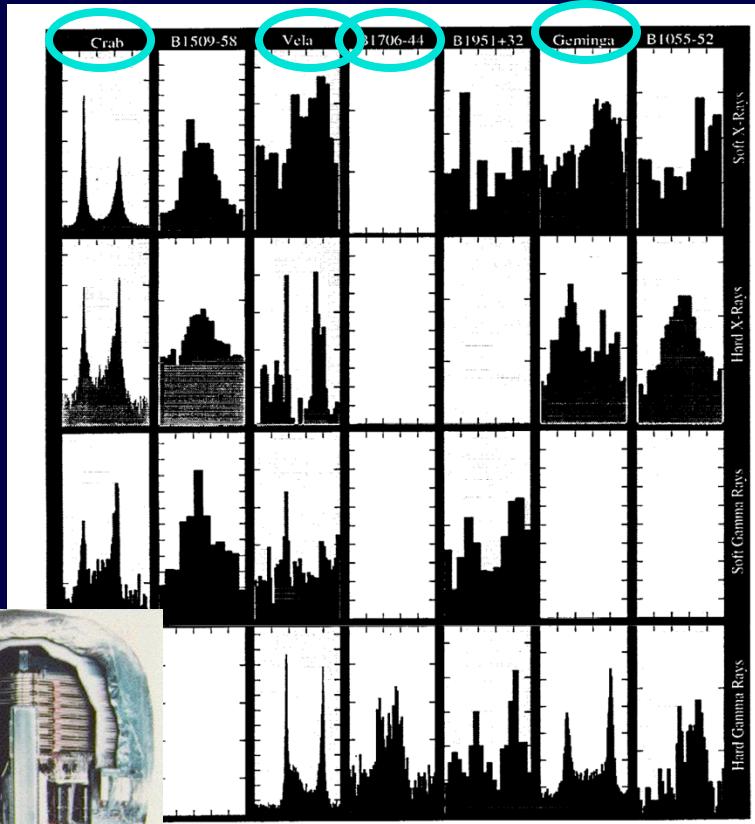
A bright future ahead of us



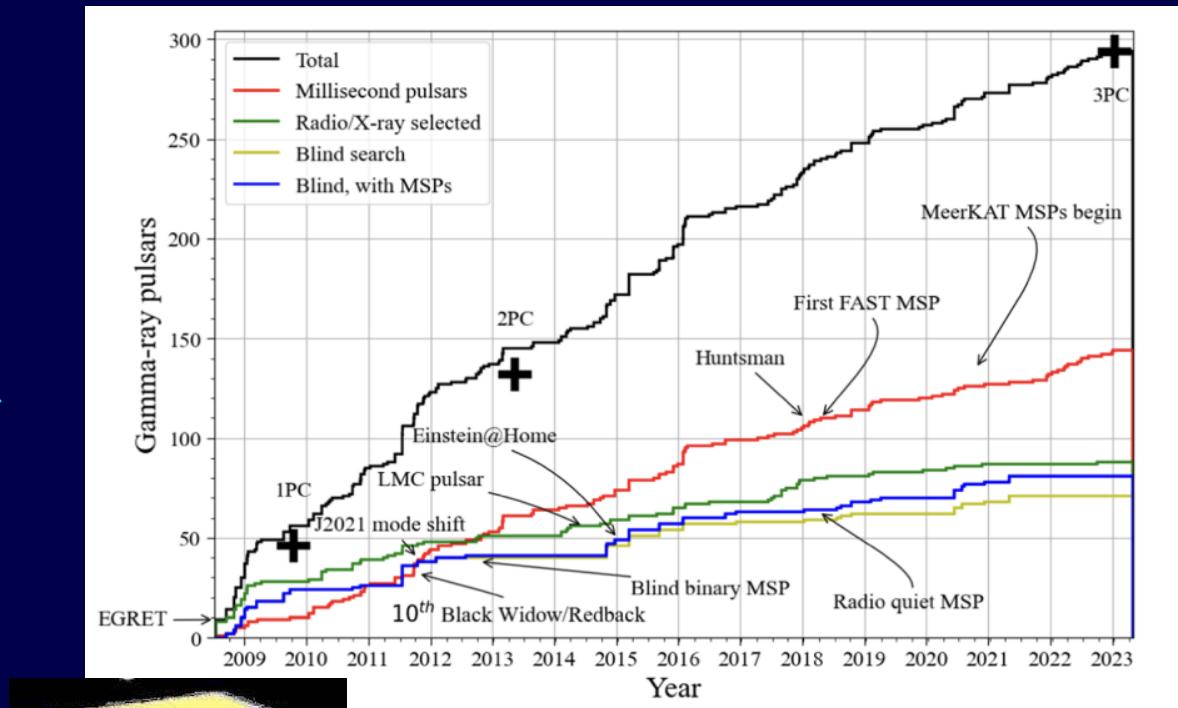
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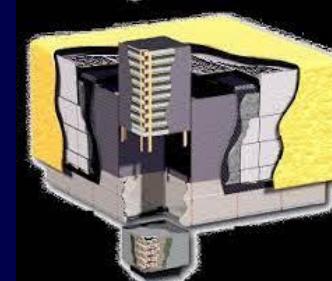
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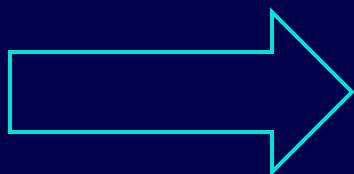
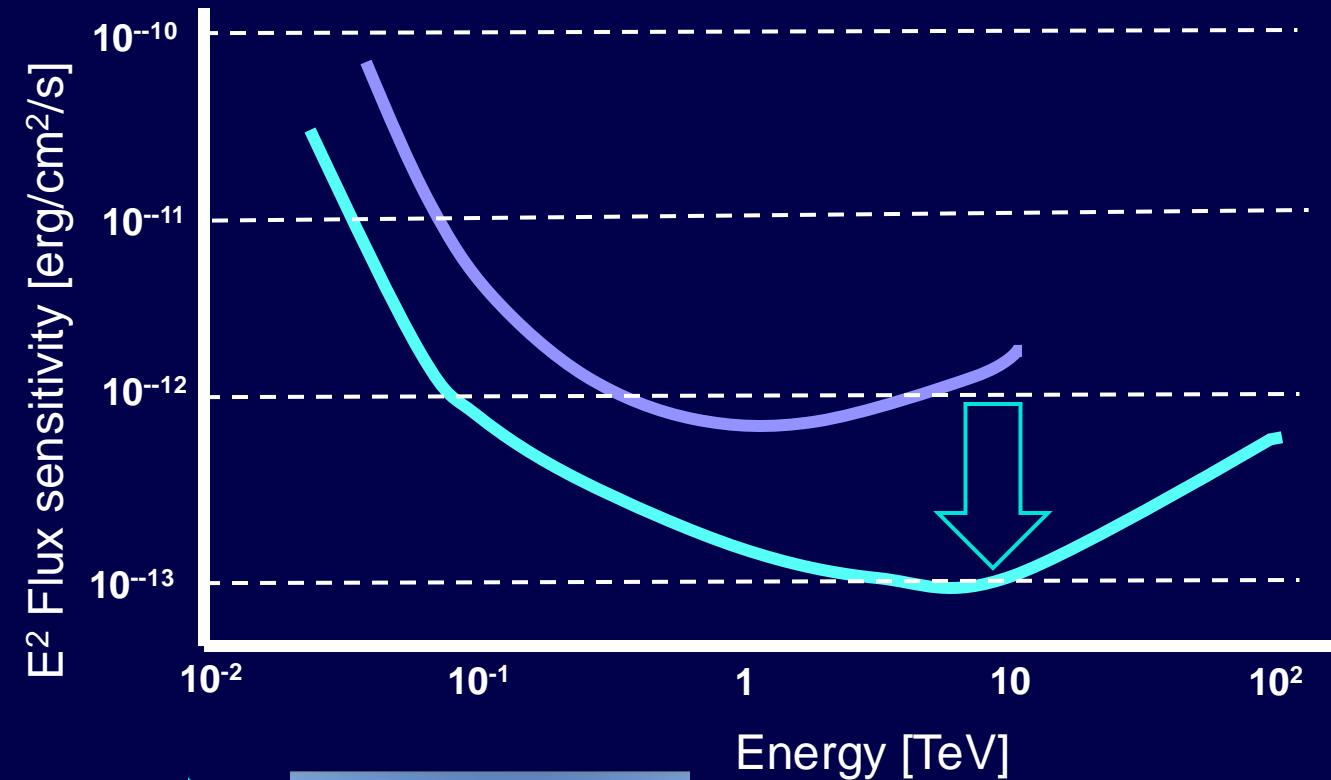
Thompson 2001



Fermi/LAT coll. 2023 (3PC)



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We need to get prepared!

- timing is fundamental!
- pulsar analysis within the science analysis tools



Open questions for CTAO

- What's the nature of the tails above the curvature cutoff? Where is this radiation produced?
- What's the nature of the multi-TeV component?
- How many Crab-like and Vela-like pulsars?
The detection of J1509 – a normal pulsar – is very promising!
- Can we constrain the Op/IR photon fields with the gamma ray results
(→ electron density and max energy)?



Thank you