The H.E.S.S. AGN Observation Program

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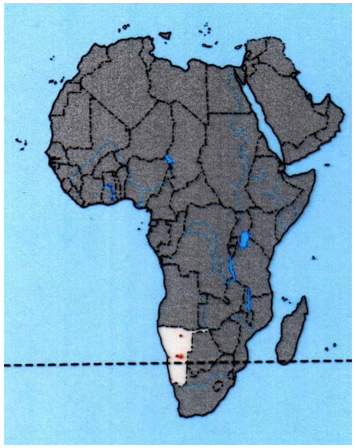
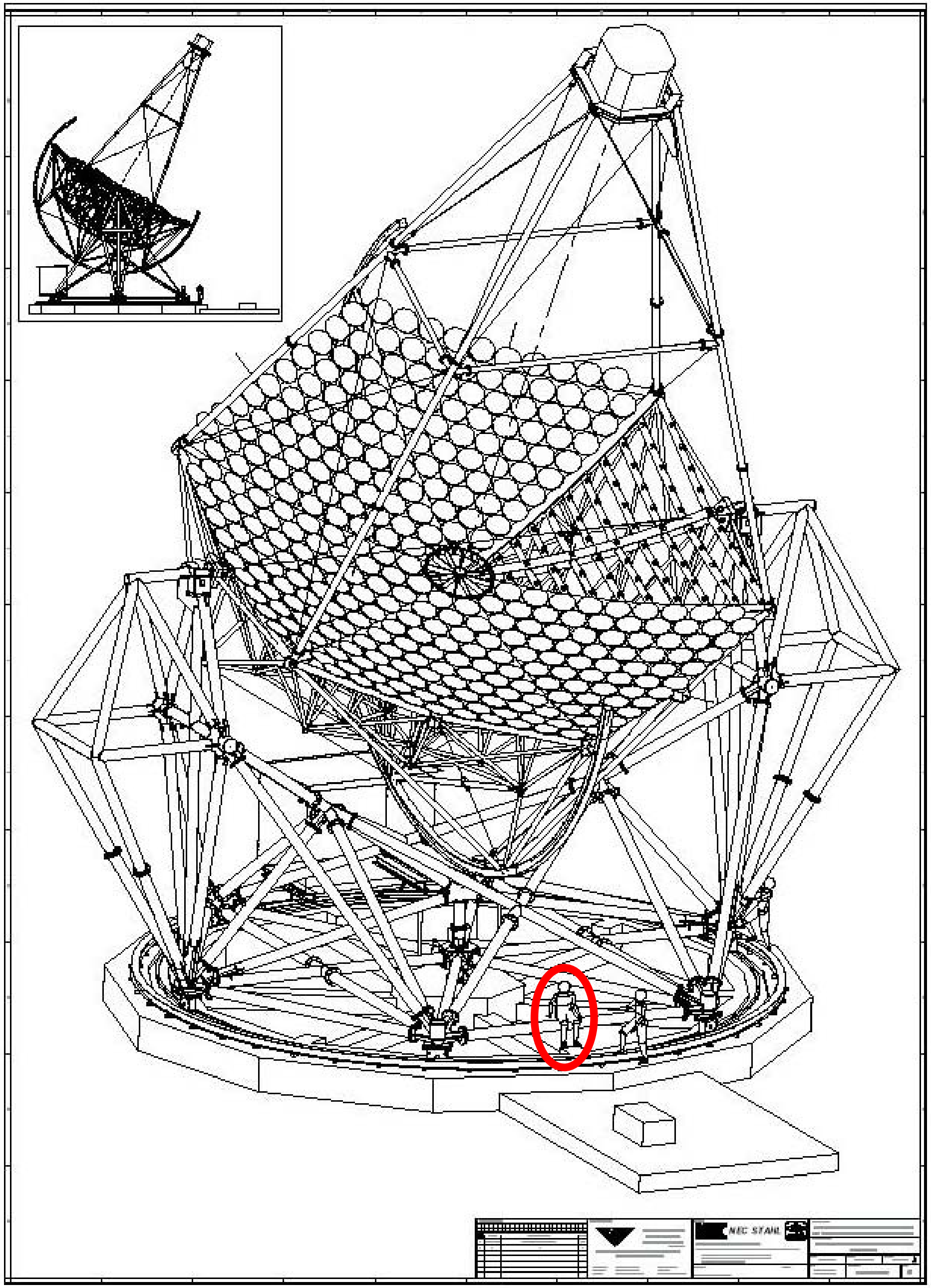
The H.E.S.S. Phase-I Telescopes





Location:

- Namibia (1800 m asl)

Telescope:

- Altitude-azimuth mount
- Davies-Cotton reflector
- Rigid steel structure
- Diameter: 12 m
- Focal length: 15 m (f/d ~1.2)
- **4 telescopes separated by 120 m**

Mirror:

- Mirror area ~107 m^2
- 380 individual mirrors (60 cm diameter)
- **Image of a star focused to 1/3 of camera pixel**

Central Trigger System:

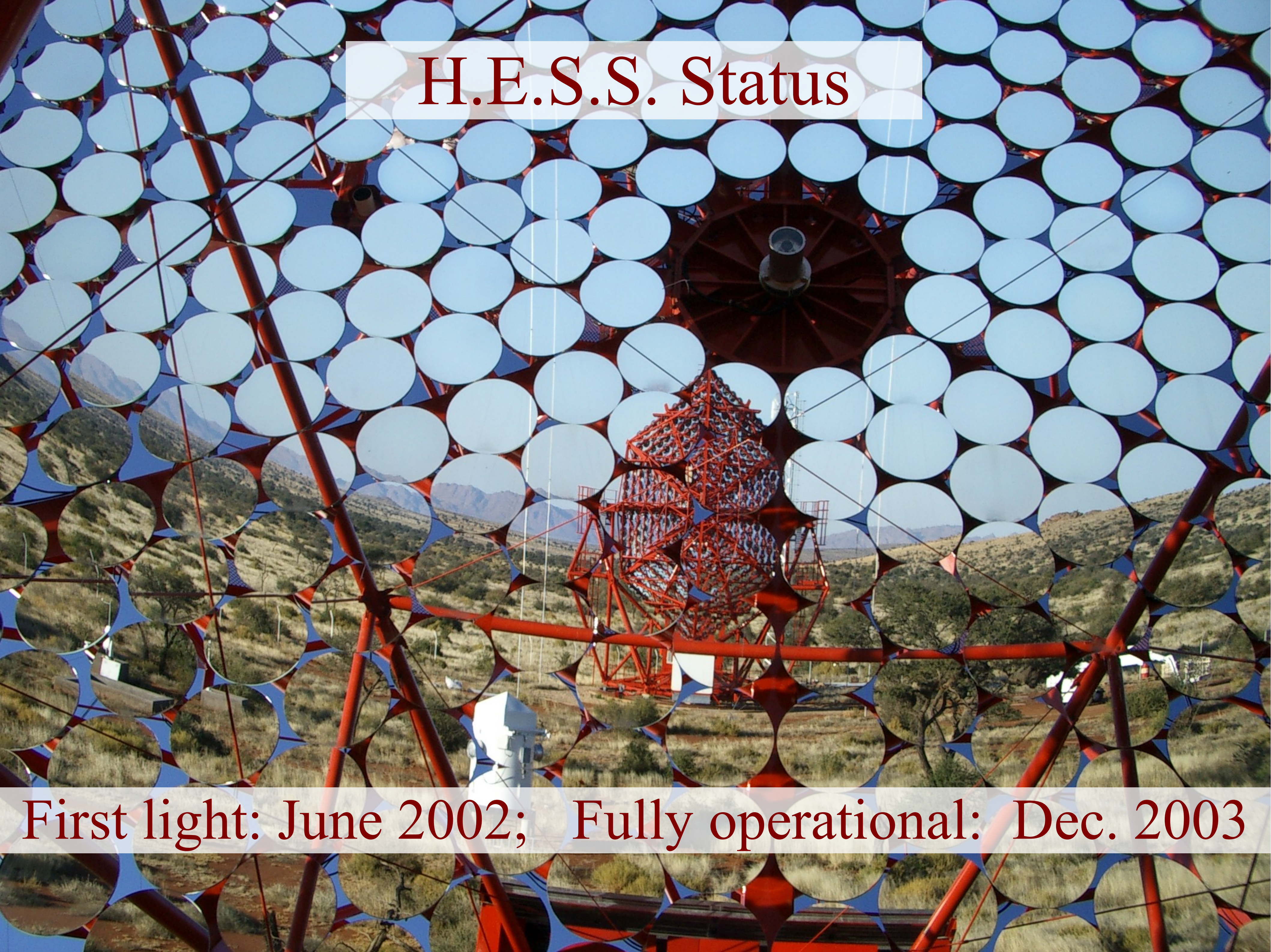
- **Require a 2-telescope conicidence**
  - Removes muons
  - Lower threshold
  - Enables stereoscopic techniques

The H.E.S.S. Cameras

- 960 pixels of 0.16°
- 5° field of view (1.4 m)
- Readout integrated in camera body
- 16 ns integration, 1 GHz sampling

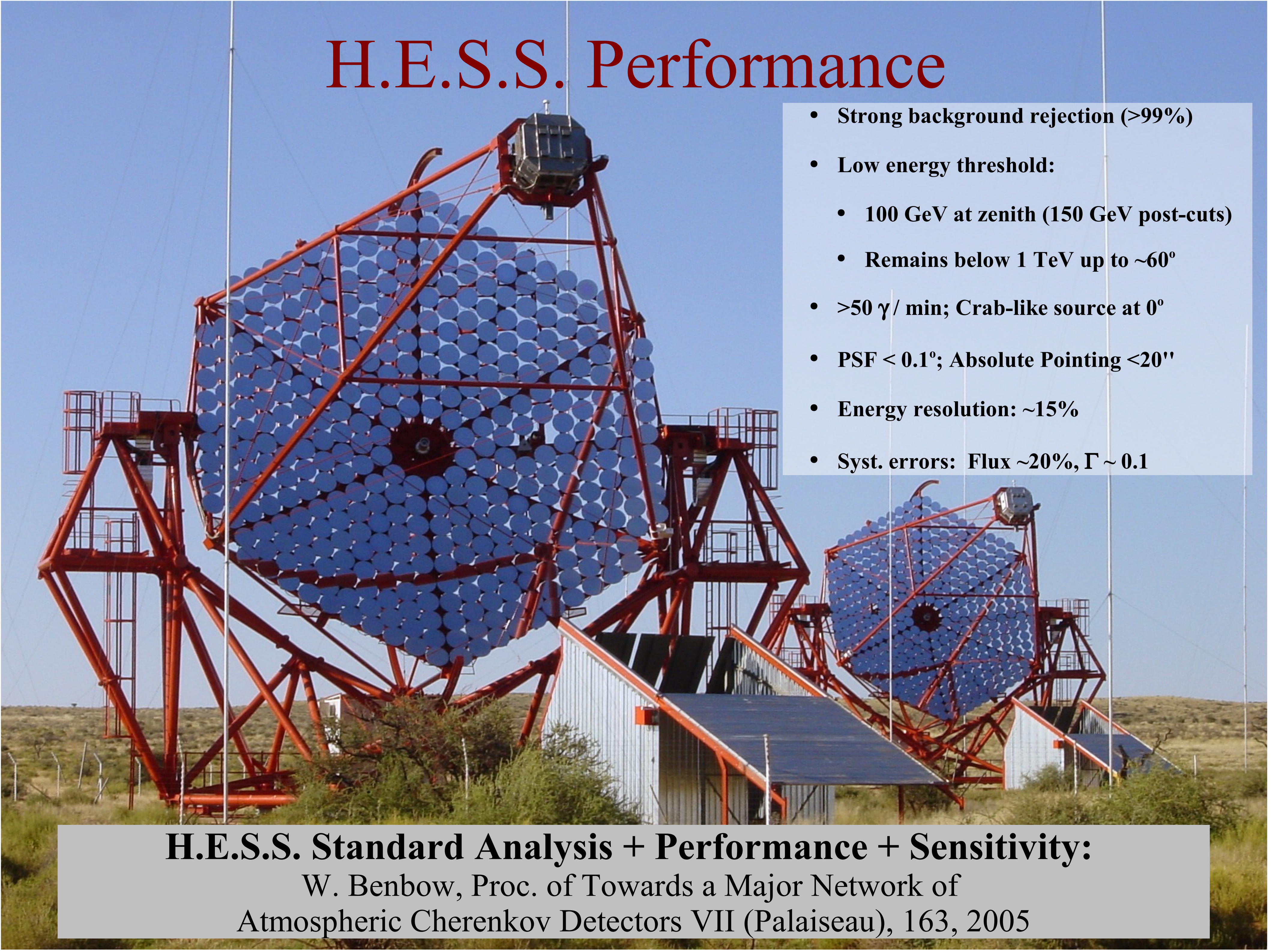
"Light in,
light out"

H.E.S.S. Status



First light: June 2002;   Fully operational: Dec. 2003

H.E.S.S. Performance

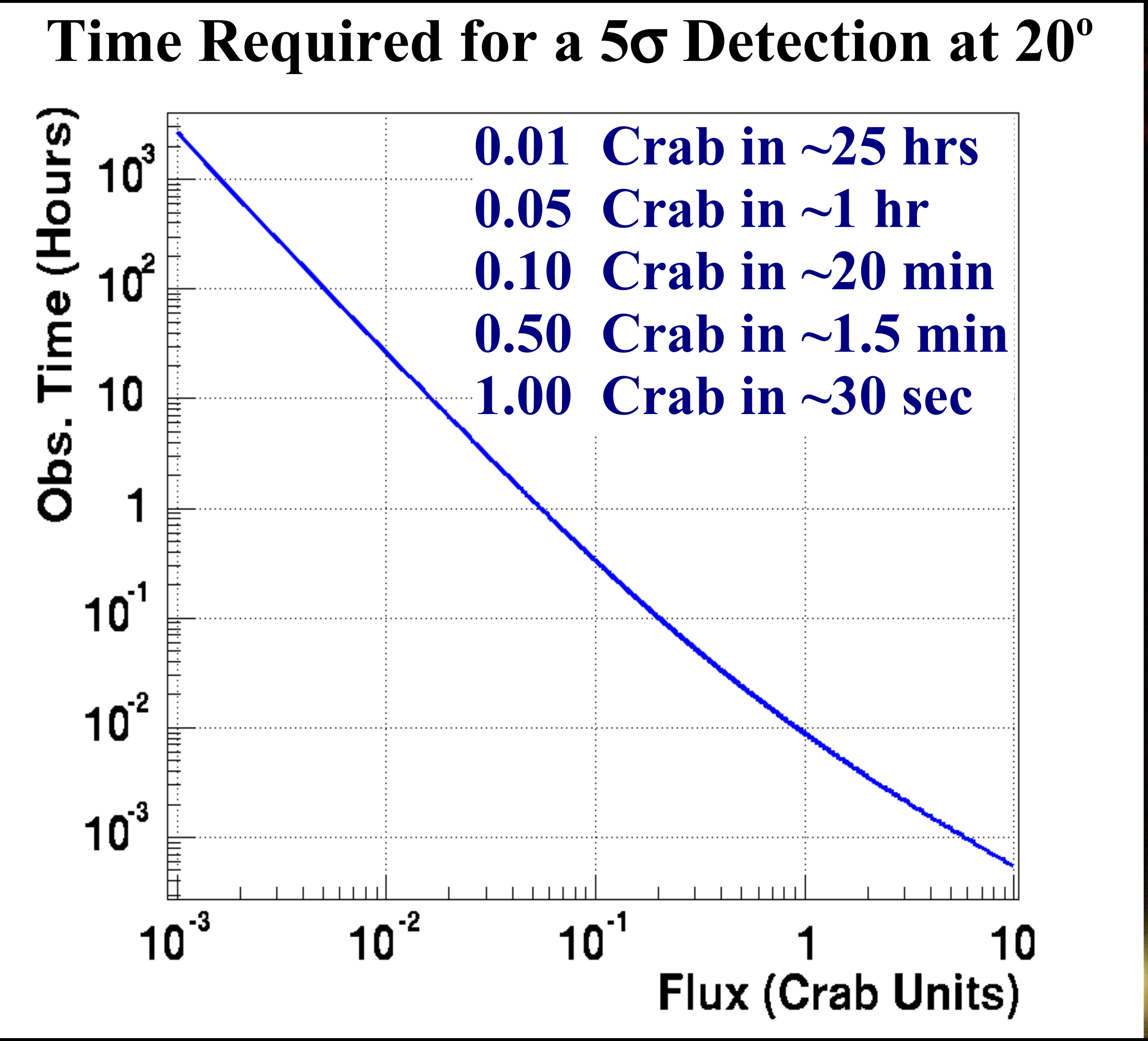


- **Strong background rejection (>99%)**
- **Low energy threshold:**
  - **100 GeV at zenith (150 GeV post-cuts)**
  - **Remains below 1 TeV up to ~60°**
- **>50 γ / min; Crab-like source at 0°**
- **PSF < 0.1°; Absolute Pointing <20''**
- **Energy resolution: ~15%**
- **Syst. errors: Flux ~20%, Γ ~ 0.1**

H.E.S.S. Standard Analysis + Performance + Sensitivity:

W. Benbow, Proc. of Towards a Major Network of Atmospheric Cherenkov Detectors VII (Palaiseau), 163, 2005

H.E.S.S. Sensitivity

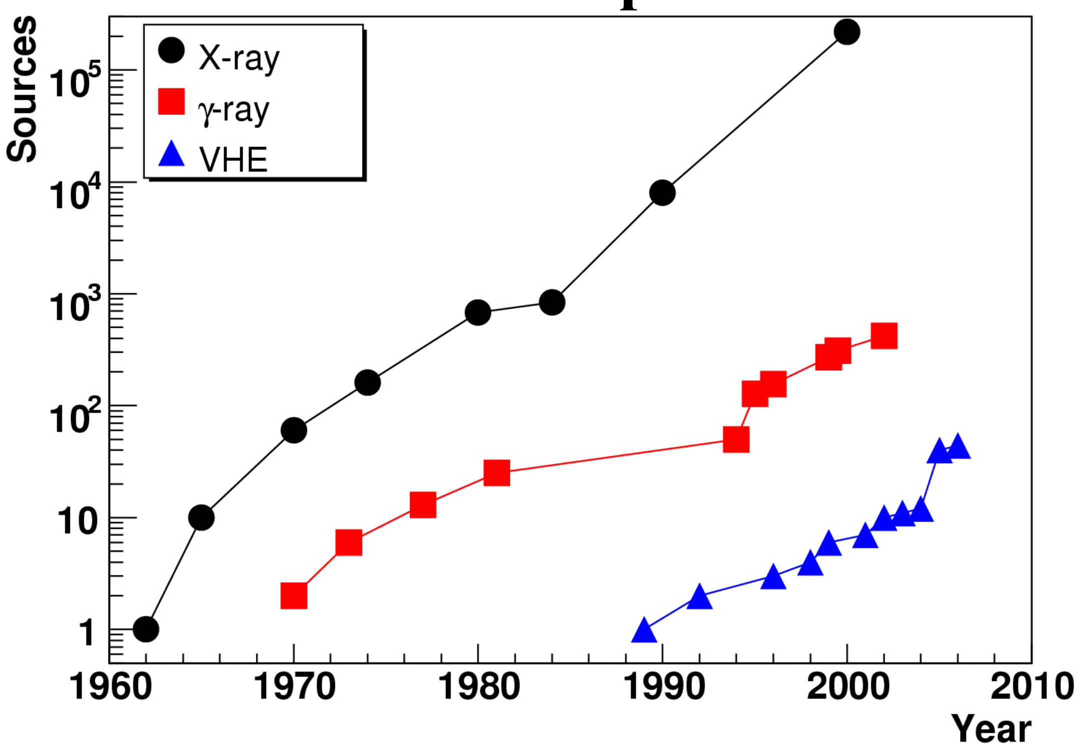


For comparison: HEGRA needed ~100 hrs to detect 5σ from a 5% Crab source

The Rapidly Increasing VHE Catalog

(& some shameless propaganda)

"Kifune plot"



- ~50 total VHE sources
  - ~1/4 extragalactic (AGN)
- ~40 are H.E.S.S. sources
  - ~1/4 extragalactic (AGN)
- ~35 are H.E.S.S. discoveries
  - ~1/4 extragalactic (AGN)
- Many more to come....

~40 scientific H.E.S.S. publications in refereed journals

3 Nature letters & 3 Science letters

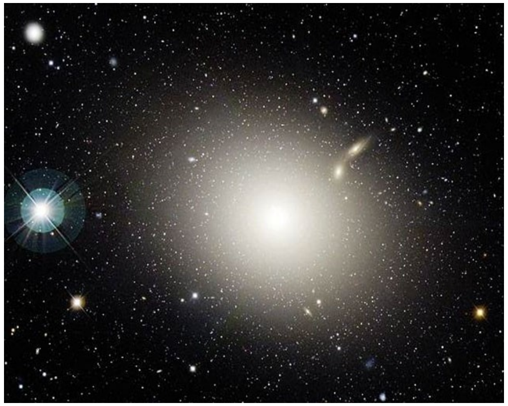
www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS/

What is an AGN?

Spiral Galaxy

Spitzer Image (NASA)

Elliptical Galaxy

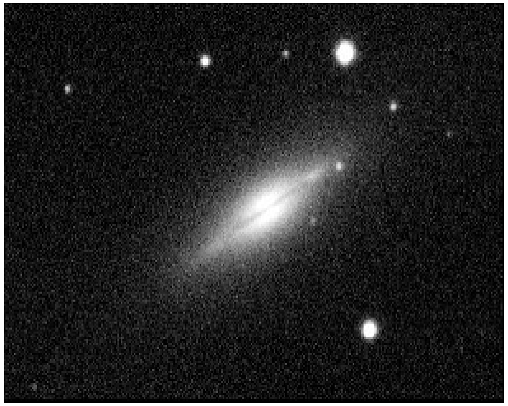


Cuillandre (CFH Telescope)

Irregular Galaxy

Hunter (Lowell Observatory) & Levay (STScI)

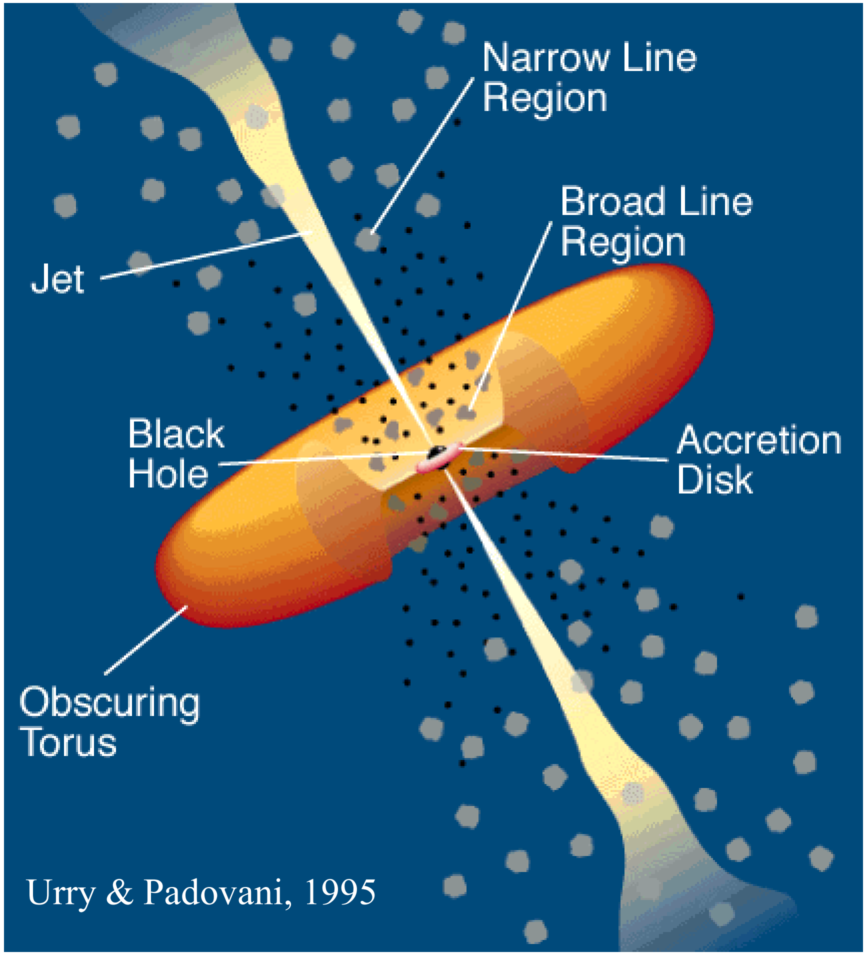
Lenticular Galaxy

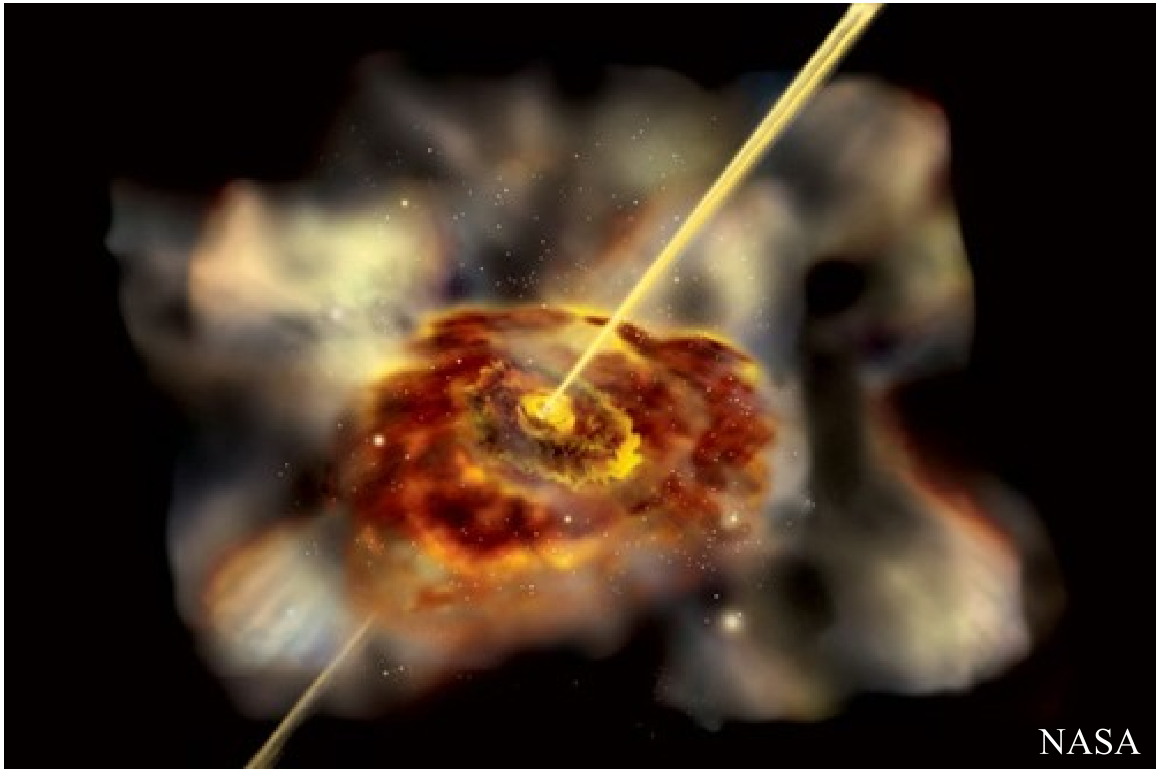


Korth (Sternwarte Aufderhöhe)

- Galaxy: A collection of gas, dust & $>10^6$ stars held together by gravity
  - Usually a super massive black hole at the center ($\sim10^6$ to 10^9 x solar mass)
- At least 5% of all galaxies are active galaxies
  - Active galaxies: small "bright" core of emission in otherwise typical galaxy
  - AGN = Active Galactic Nucleus (i.e. the core)
- AGN are highly variable & very bright compared to rest of galaxy
  - Bulk of emission is non-thermal (not just sum of lots of stars)
  - Emission at wavelengths other than optical (e.g. radio, x-ray & **γ-ray**)
- Basic model: Matter accreting onto supermassive black hole
- Why are some galaxies active & others not? Central matter already "eaten"

Unified Model of AGN





About 10% of AGN (Radio-loud population) have jets = highly relativistic outflow of energetic particles approximately perpendicular to the accretion disk

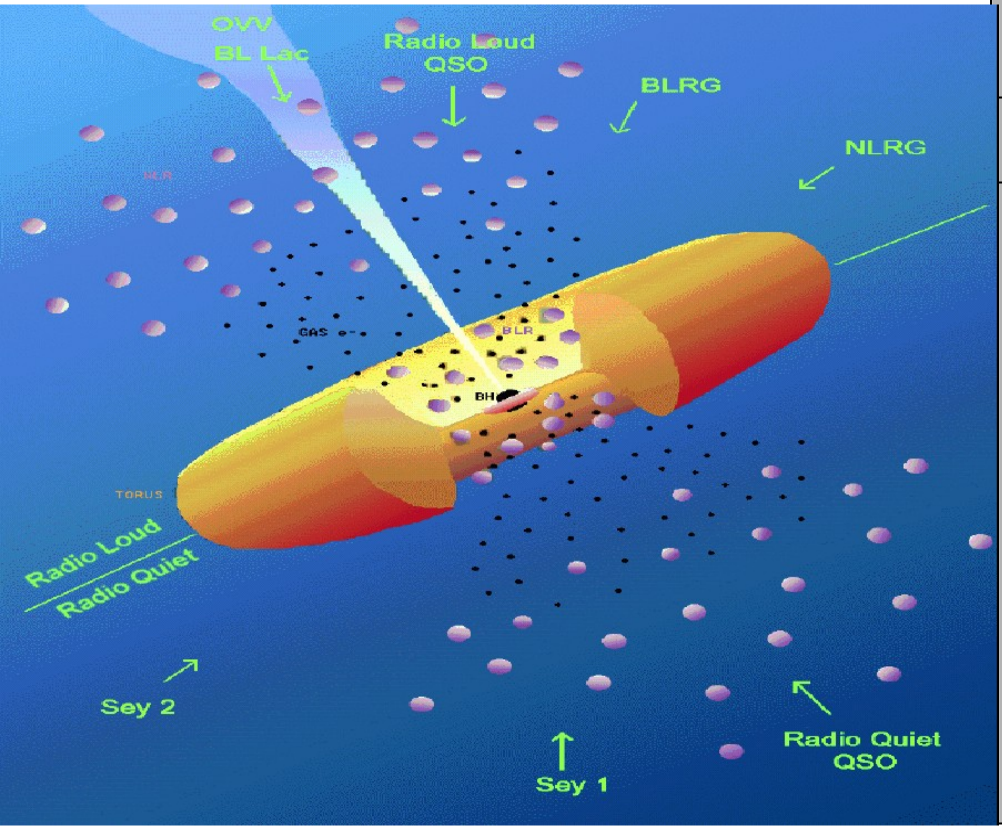
VHE emission is believed to be generated by these collimated radio-emitting jets

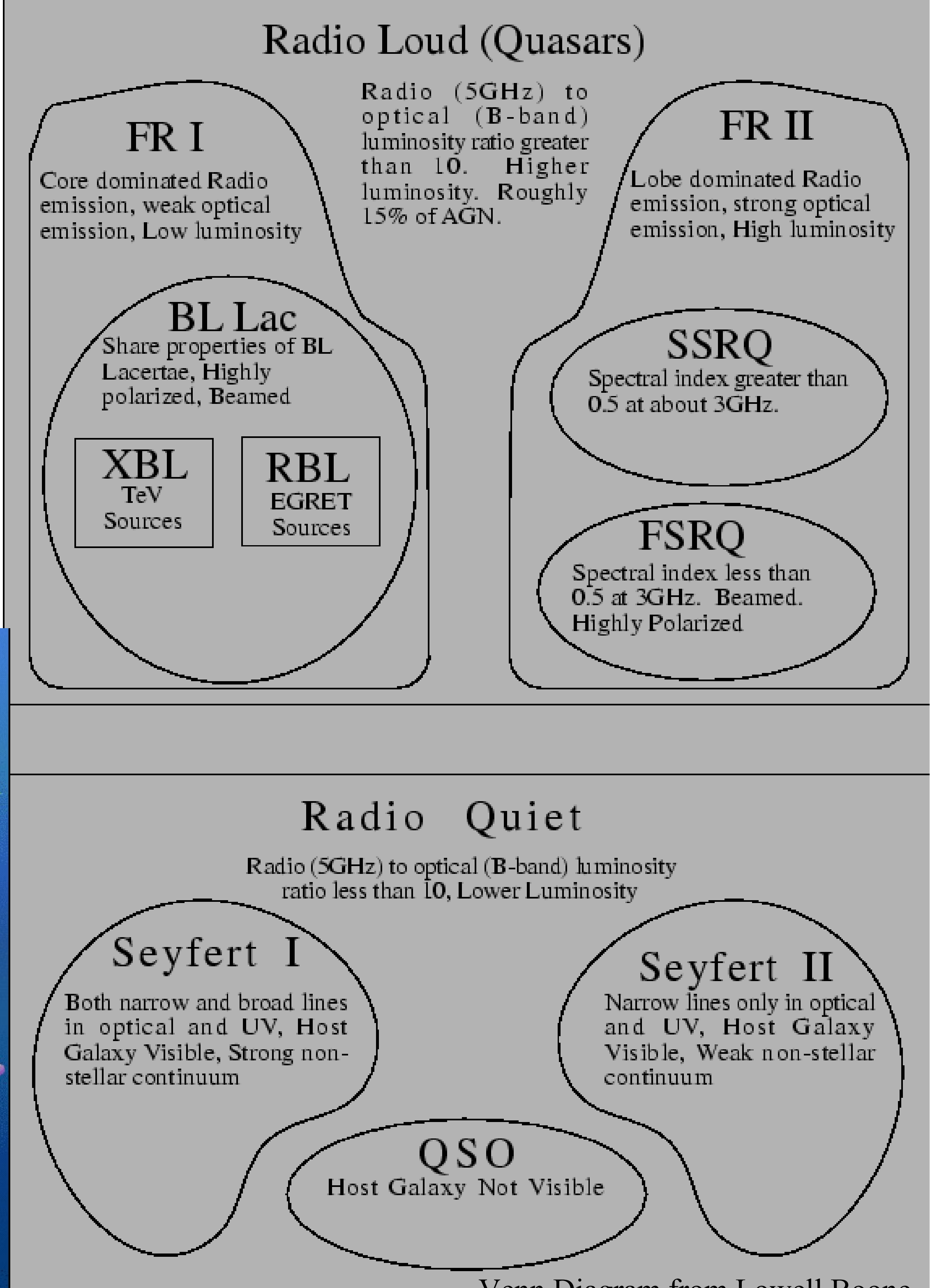
Taxonomy of AGN

Many, many subclasses of AGN

Due to viewing "same" objects at various angles with respect to the torus plane

~All VHE AGN are BL Lacs



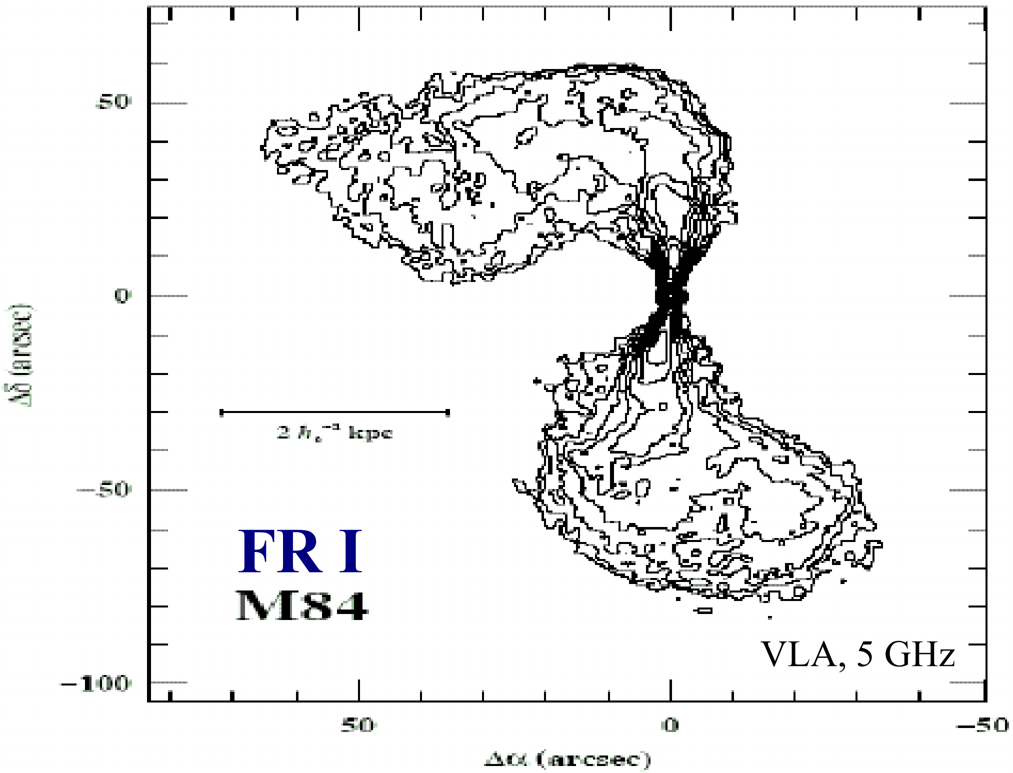


Venn Diagram from Lowell Boone

Fanaroff-Riley Galaxies

FR I: extended jets, no distinct termination point, core dominated

- Small angle => BL Lacs



Blazars: BL Lacs + FSRQ

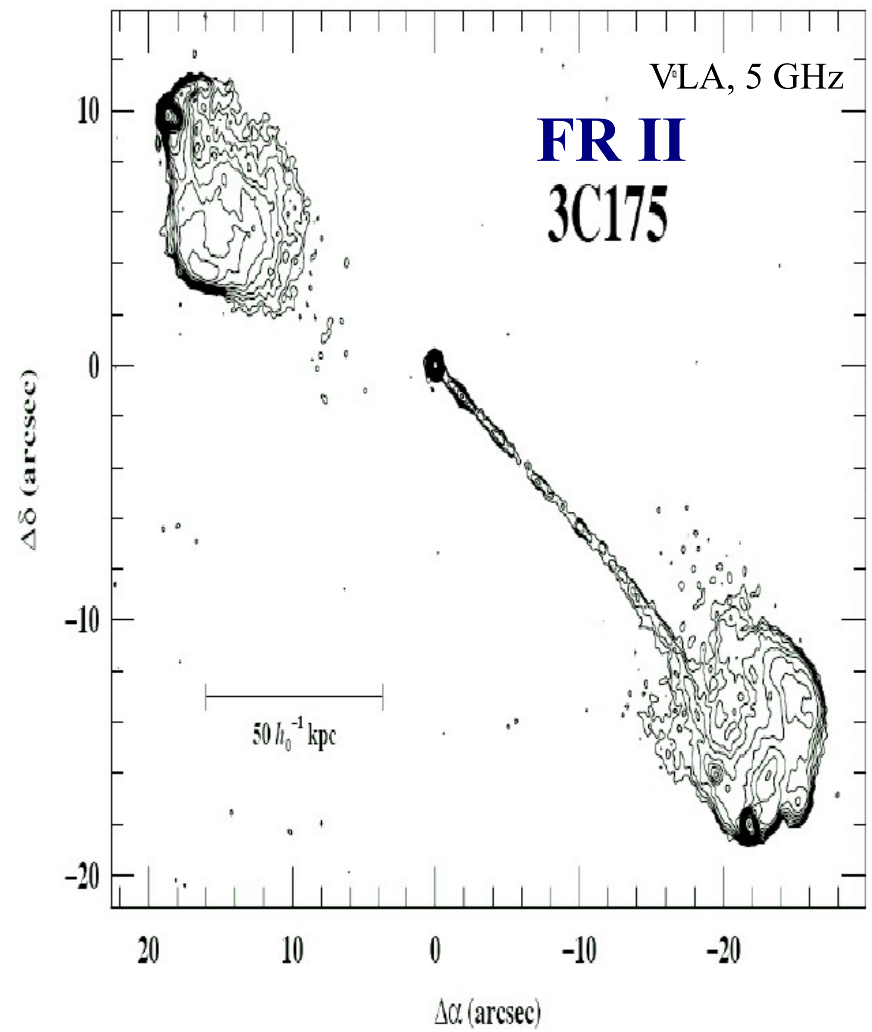
Low-energy (EGRET) γ-ray AGN :

- 66 definite + 27 possible blazars
- Cen A (the FR I prototype)

VHE γ-ray AGN: 11 blazars + M 87 (FR I)

FR II: Narrow, collimated jets with terminal "hot spots", lobe dominated, more luminous

- Small angle => FSRQ



Blazars: The VHE Bread & Butter

Jet oriented close to line of sight:

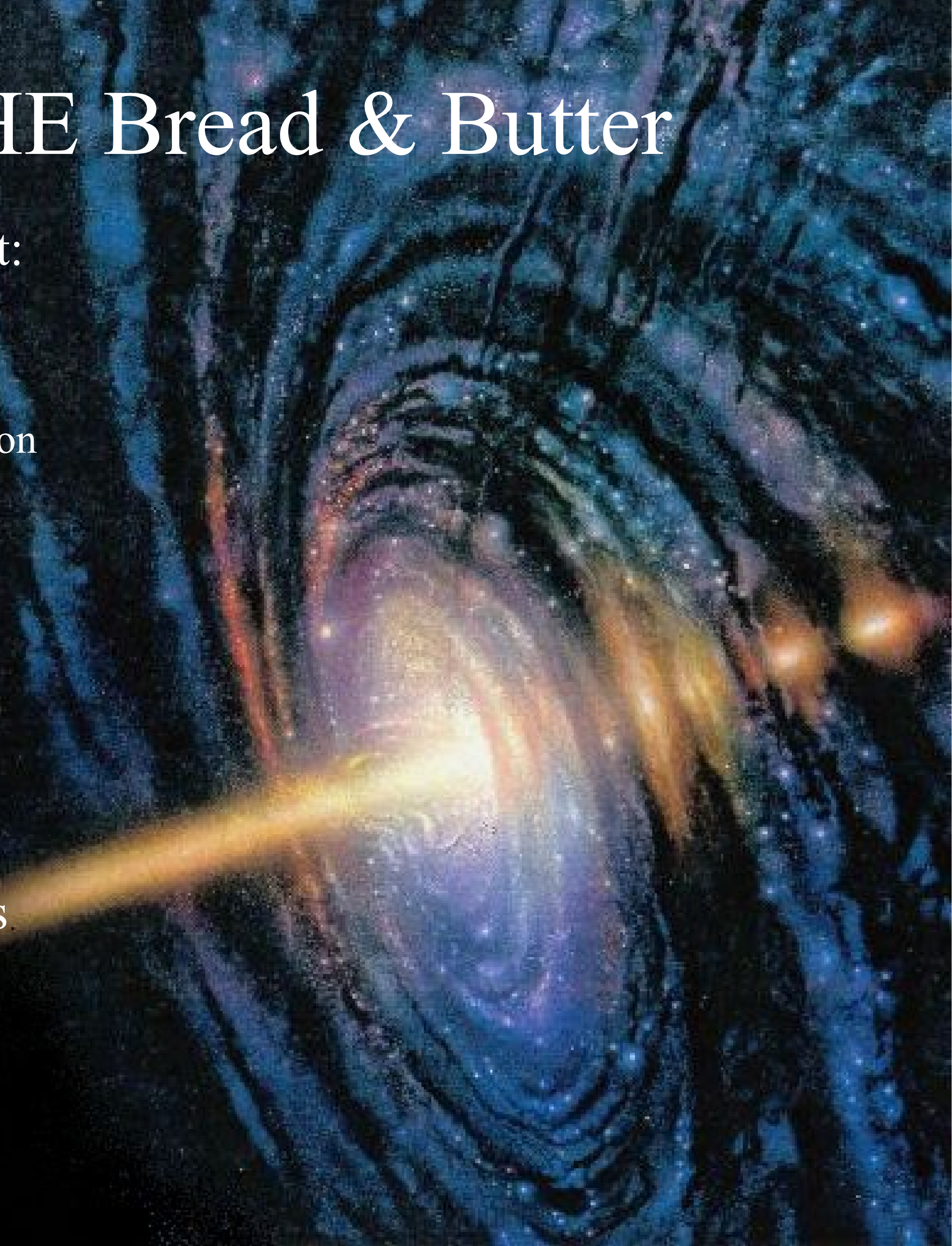
- Emission is Doppler boosted (“relativistically beamed”)
- Large variations in luminosity
- “Decreased size” of emission region
- Reduces variability time-scale
- Allows VHE photons to escape high radiation fields

Low-emission quiescent states with bright flares (orders of mag.)

Emission is polarized

- Reflected light from torus

BL Lacs = no/weak optical lines
FSRQ = broad optical lines



Blazar Properties

SED: Power vs energy

2 populations: "Not really"

Blazar SEDs have 2 bumps:

- Low-energy from synchrotron radiation of relativistic electrons in B-fields of Jets
- High-energy bump: controversial

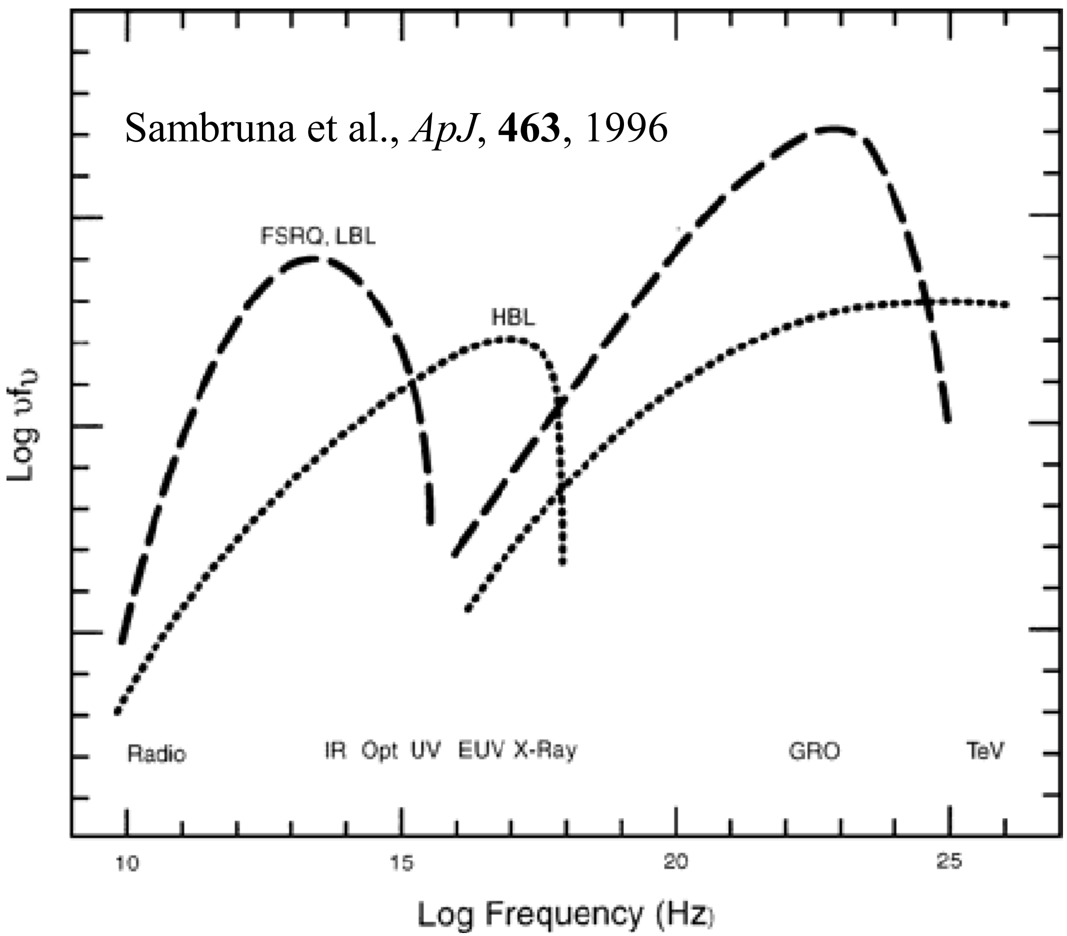
Leptonic Models:

- Electrons upscatter photons (via inverse-Compton scattering) to high energies
- Seed photons: SSC vs EC

Hadronic Models:

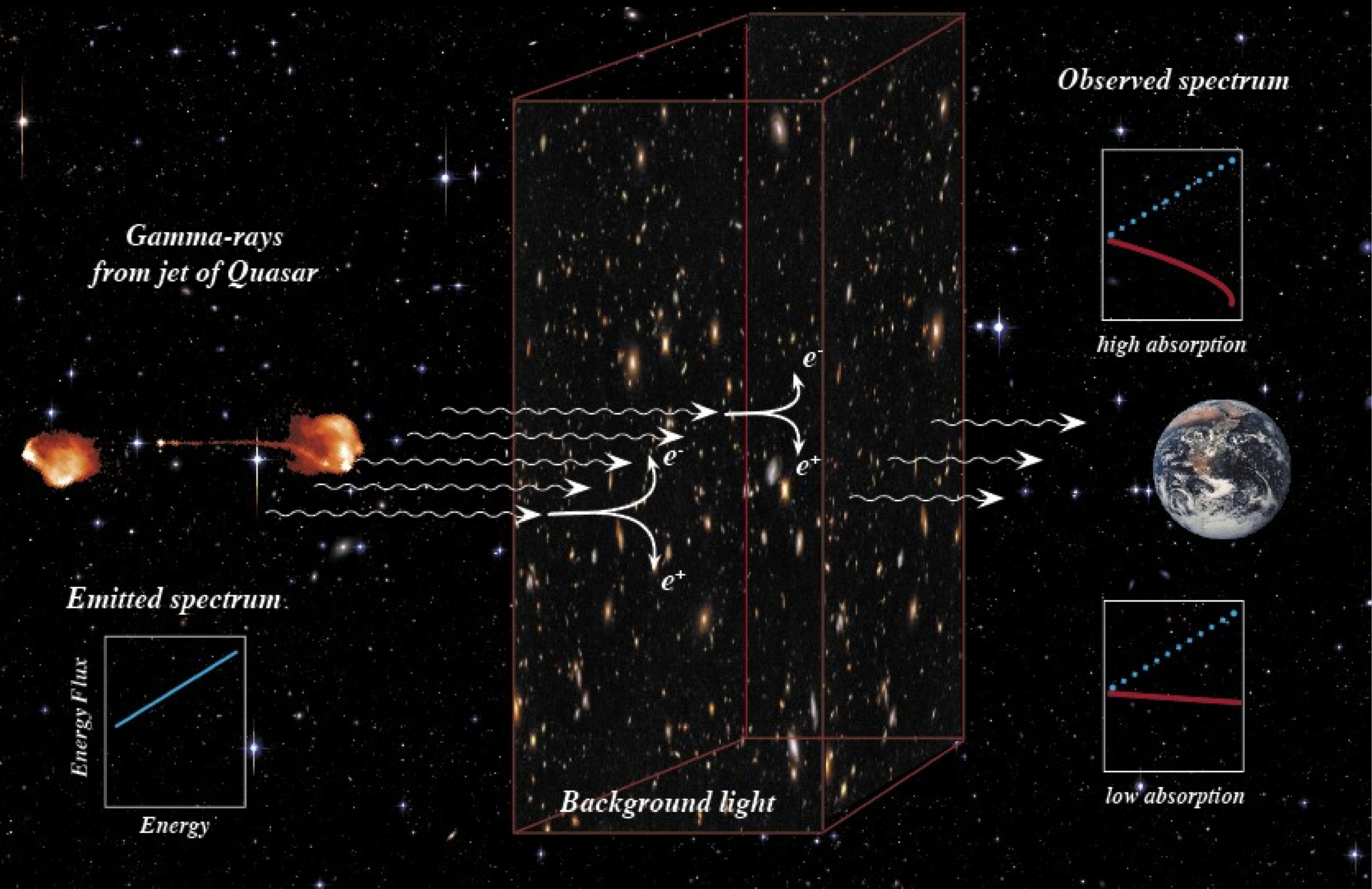
- Interaction of relativistic protons with matter, ambient photons, B-field, or photons & B-field

Average Spectral Shape of Blazars



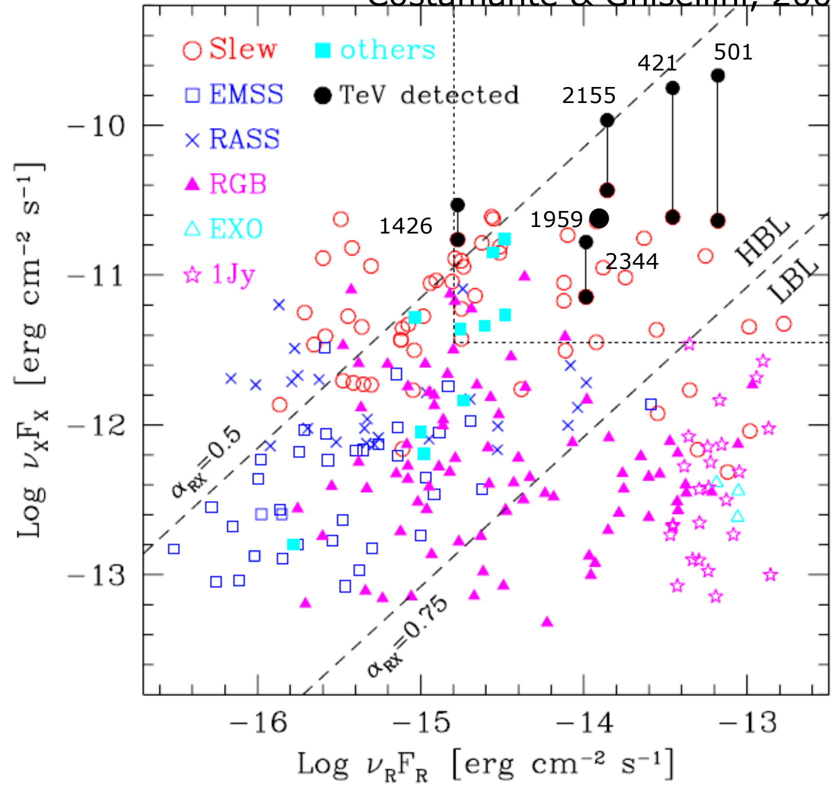
"All" EGRET AGN are LBL & FSRQ
"All" VHE AGN are HBL

One "Small" Complication!



7 VHE AGN in 2002

Costamante & Ghisellini, 2002



Object	Redshift	Type	1st Detection	Confirmation
M 87	0.004	FR I	HEGRA	None
Mkn 421	0.030	BL Lac	Whipple	Many
Mkn 501	0.034	BL Lac	Whipple	Many
1ES 2344+514	0.044	BL Lac	Whipple	HEGRA
1ES 1959+650	0.047	BL Lac	7-Tel. Array	Many
PKS 2155-304	0.116	BL Lac	Mark VI	None
H 1426+428	0.129	BL Lac	Whipple	Many

2 are “dubious”, Only 2 very well studied

Only upper limits from other AGN in the X-ray/Radio flux box

The H.E.S.S. AGN Program

- **Usually ~1000 total hrs of observations per year**
  - **Can only observe on moonless, cloudless nights**
  - **~1700 total hrs are possible**
- **~300 hrs per year for AGN program**
  - **~300 hrs in 2003**
  - **~400 hrs in 2004**
  - **~300 hrs in 2005**
  - **~400 hrs in 2006**
- **Focus: Monitor known VHE AGN, observe candidate objects, MWL studies**
  - **Initially observe ~10 hrs on a target (~1.5% Crab flux sensitivity)**
  - **Then increase to ~50 hrs if something interesting is seen!**


Goal #1: Identify New VHE AGN
Are HBL the only VHE bright AGN?
How far can we see in VHE gamma-rays?

16 Known VHE AGN as of Jan. 2007

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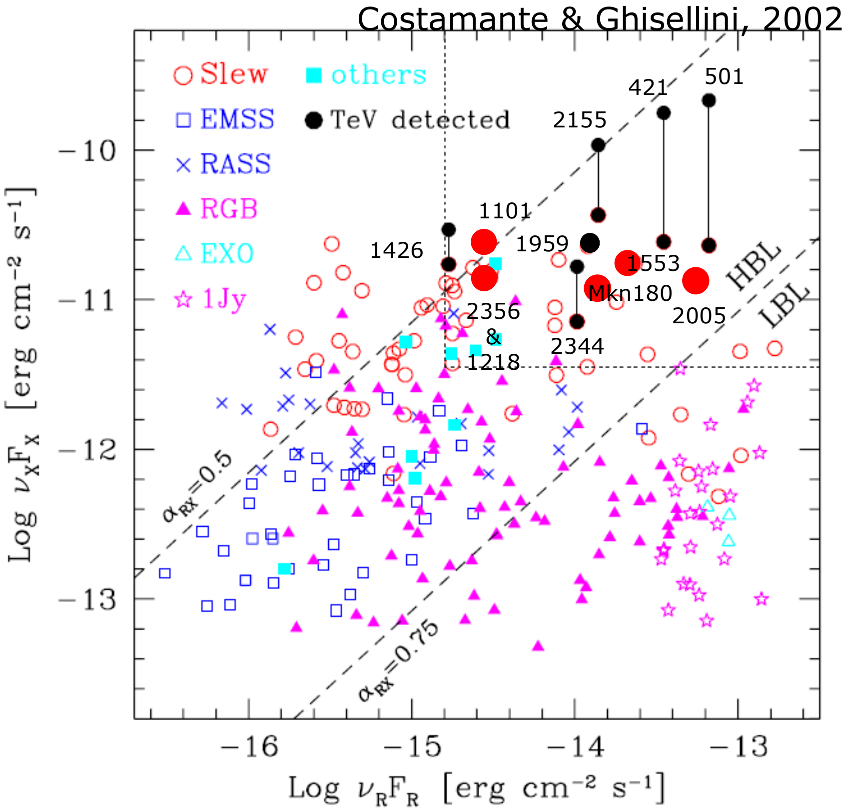
Mkn 501	0.034	HBL	Whipple*	---
1ES 2344+514	0.044	HBL	Whipple*	---
Mkn 180	0.046	HBL	MAGIC	---
1ES 1959+650	0.047	HBL	7-Tel. Array*	---
PKS 0548-322	0.069	HBL	H.E.S.S.	in preparation
PKS 2005-489	0.071	HBL	H.E.S.S.	A&A, 436, L17, 2005
PG 1553+113	>0.09	HBL	H.E.S.S.	A&A, 448, L19, 2006
PKS 2155-304	0.116	HBL	Mark VI	A&A, 430, 865, 2005
H 1426+428	0.129	HBL	Whipple*	---
1ES 0229+200	0.139	HBL	H.E.S.S.	in preparation
H 2356-309	0.165	HBL	H.E.S.S.	Nature, 440, 1018, 2006
1ES 1218+304	0.182	HBL	MAGIC	---
1ES 1101-232	0.186	HBL	H.E.S.S.	Nature, 440, 1018, 2006
1ES 0347-121	0.188	HBL	H.E.S.S.	in preparation

* = detected by many (>2) observatories

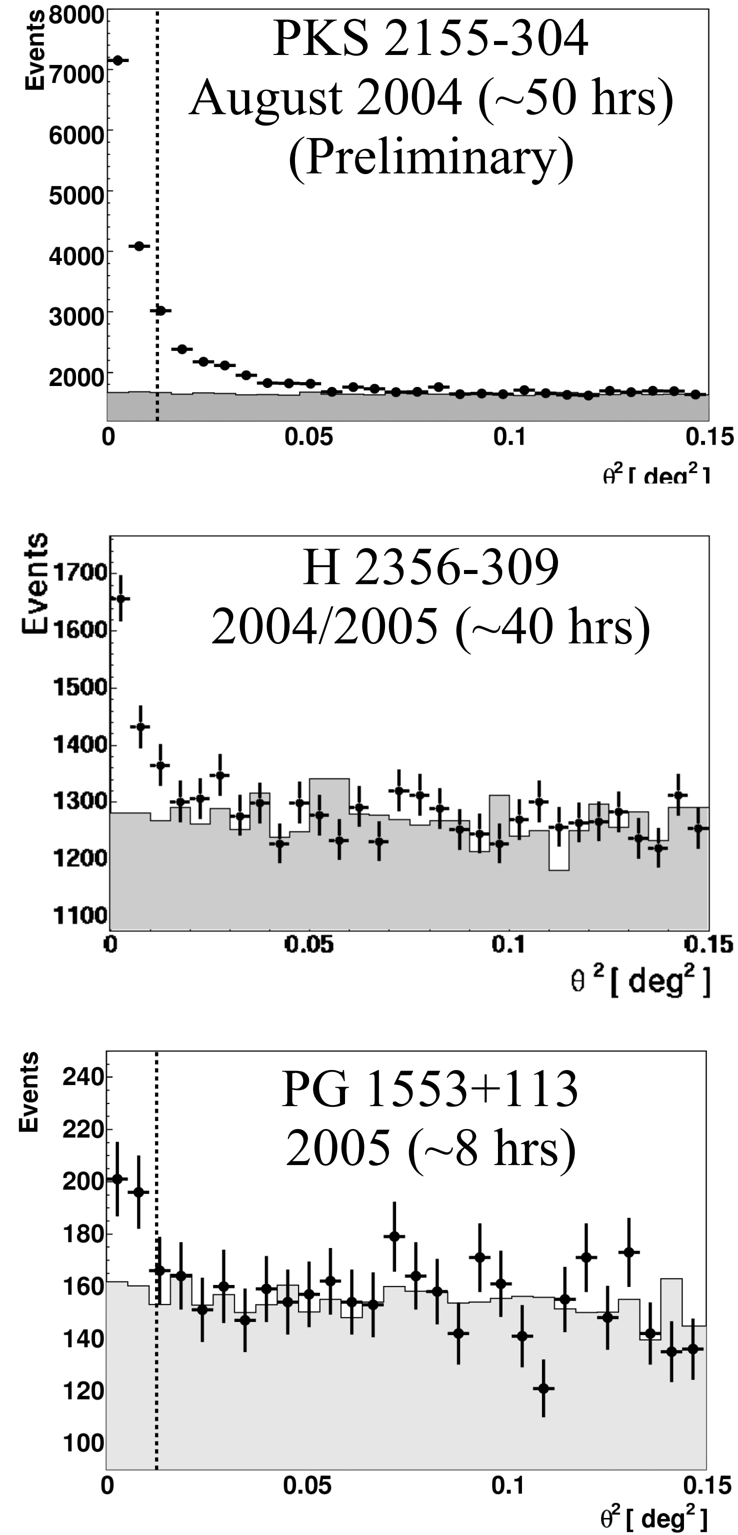


H.E.S.S has detected 10 AGN at VHE energies!

7 are "discoveries", 2 are 1st confirmations of "weak" detections

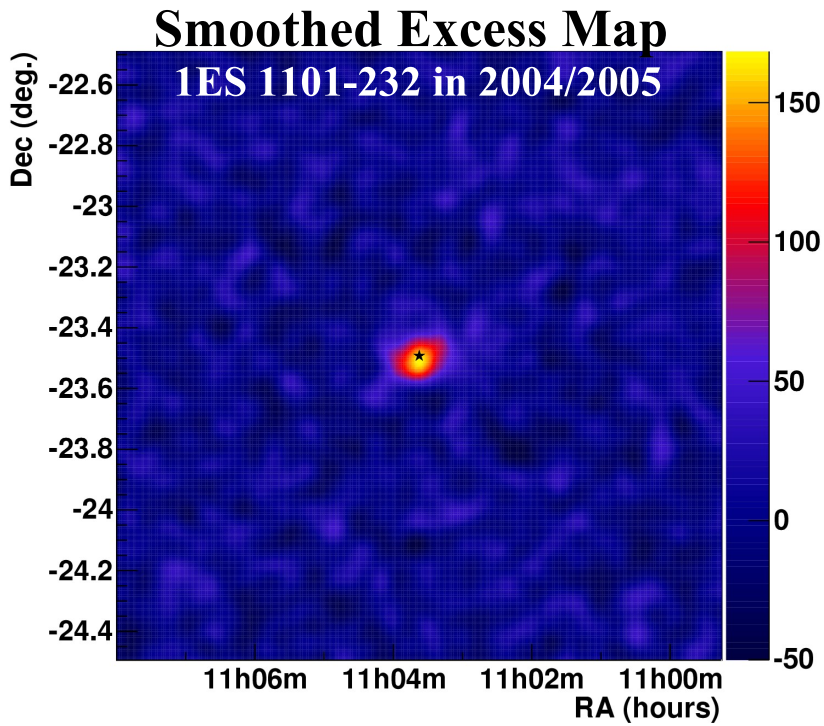
H.E.S.S. BL Lacs

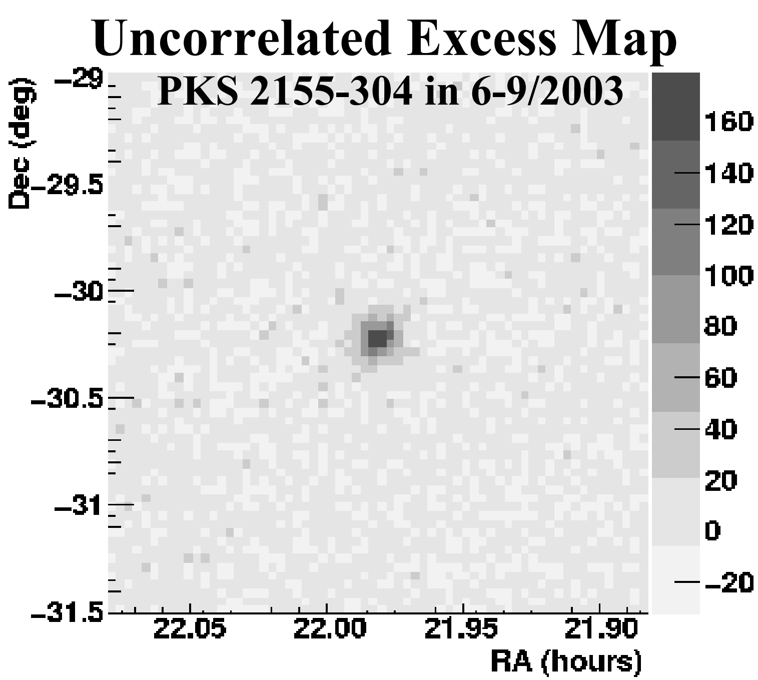
- 2 objects with >100σ
  - PKS 2155-304 & Mkn 421
- 3 objects with >10σ
  - 1ES 1101-232, H 2356-309, PKS 2005-489
- 1 object with "Evidence for"
  - 4.0σ on PG 1553+113
  - >10σ including 2006 obs.
- All seen in multiple epochs
  - PKS 2155-304: 2002-2006
  - PG 1553 in 2005 & 2006
  - Others: 2004-2006
- All are HBL!

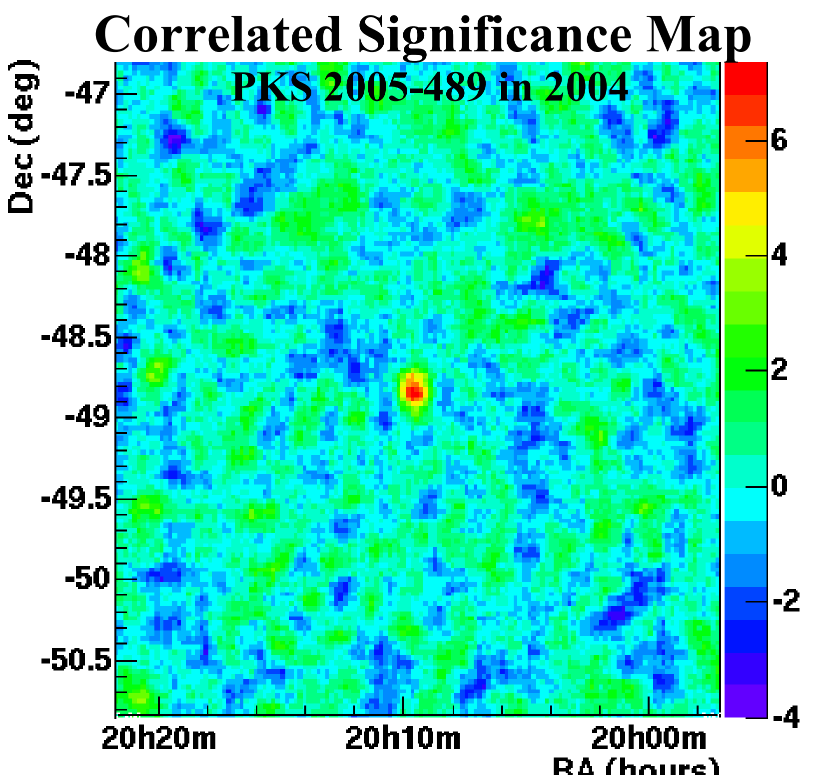


BL Lac Signals in 2D

- Fit a 2D Gaussian to a sky map of the uncorrelated excess for each H.E.S.S. AGN
- Location of all AGN excesses are **coincident with nucleus**
- Width of Gaussian is always **point-like** for AGN excesses
- Galactic sources typically extended







M 87: Non-blazar

Fanaroff-Riley Type-I Galaxy:

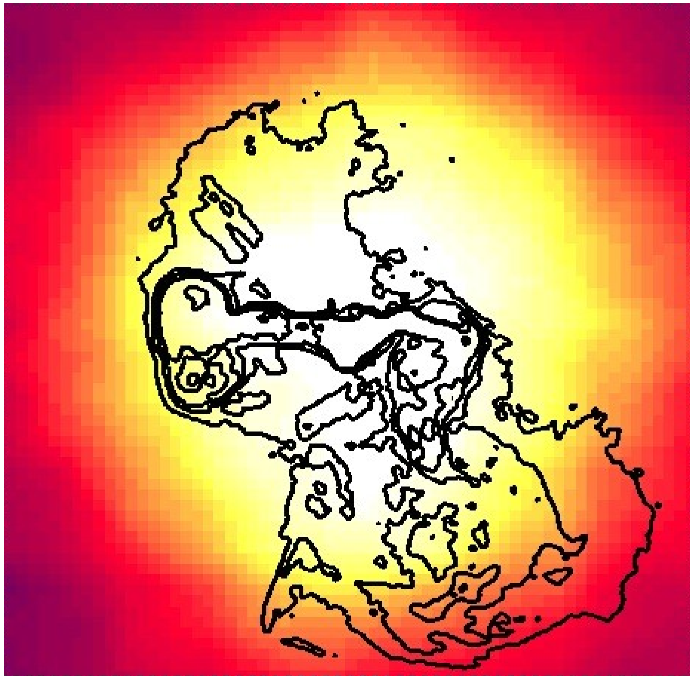
- A mis-aligned BL Lac?
- Jet angle: 20° to 40°
- Distance: ~16 Mpc

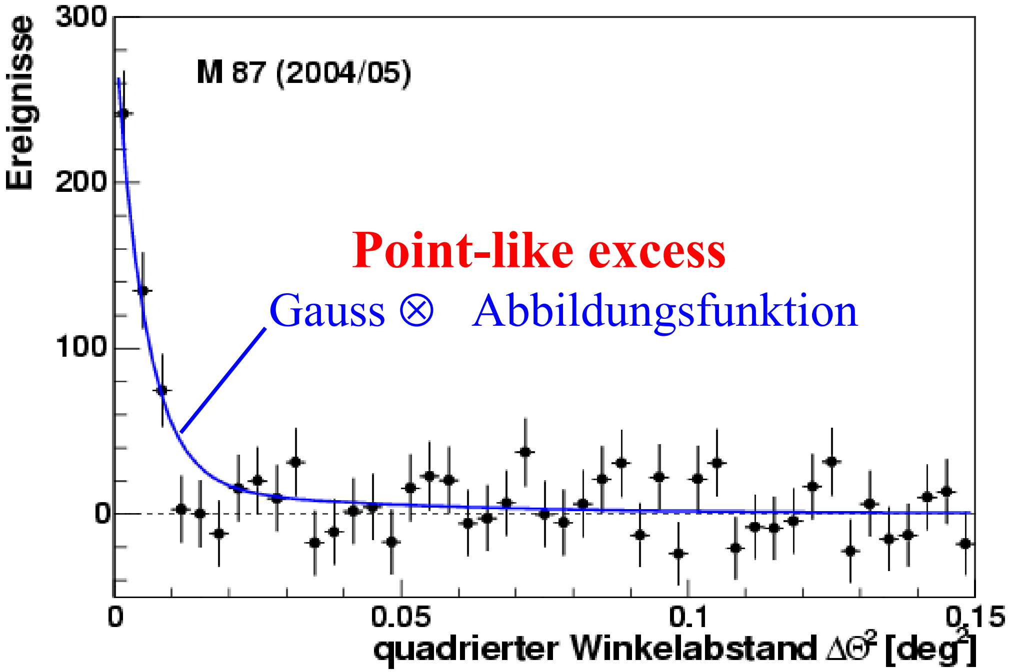
HEGRA: 4.7 σ in 77 hrs (1998-99)

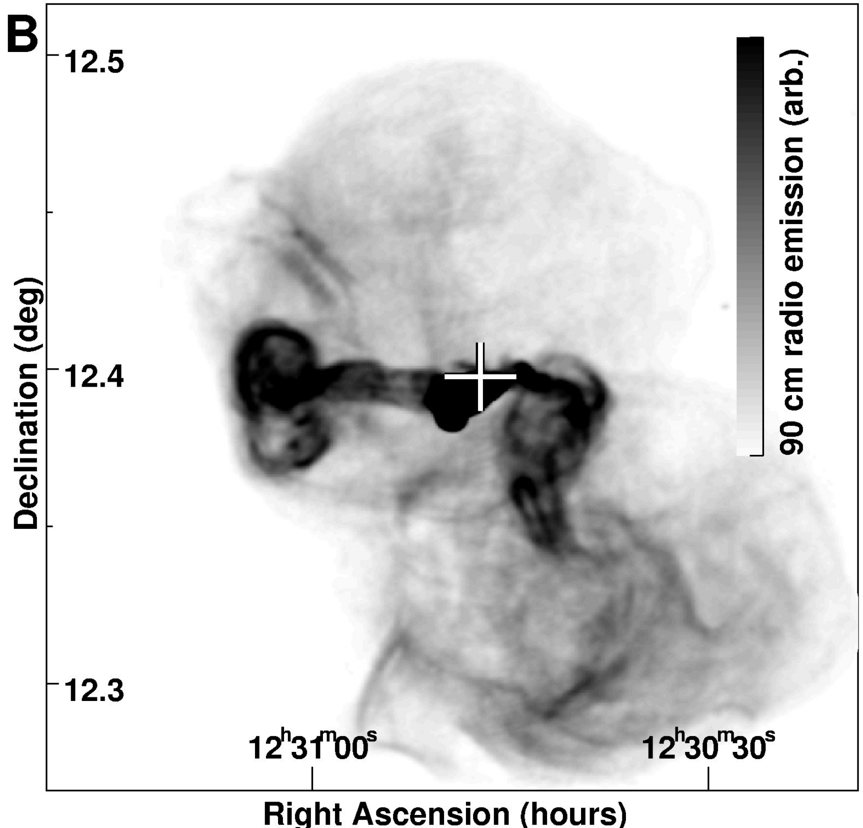
Whipple: Upper limits in 2000-03

H.E.S.S.: ~13 σ in 89 hrs (2003-2006)

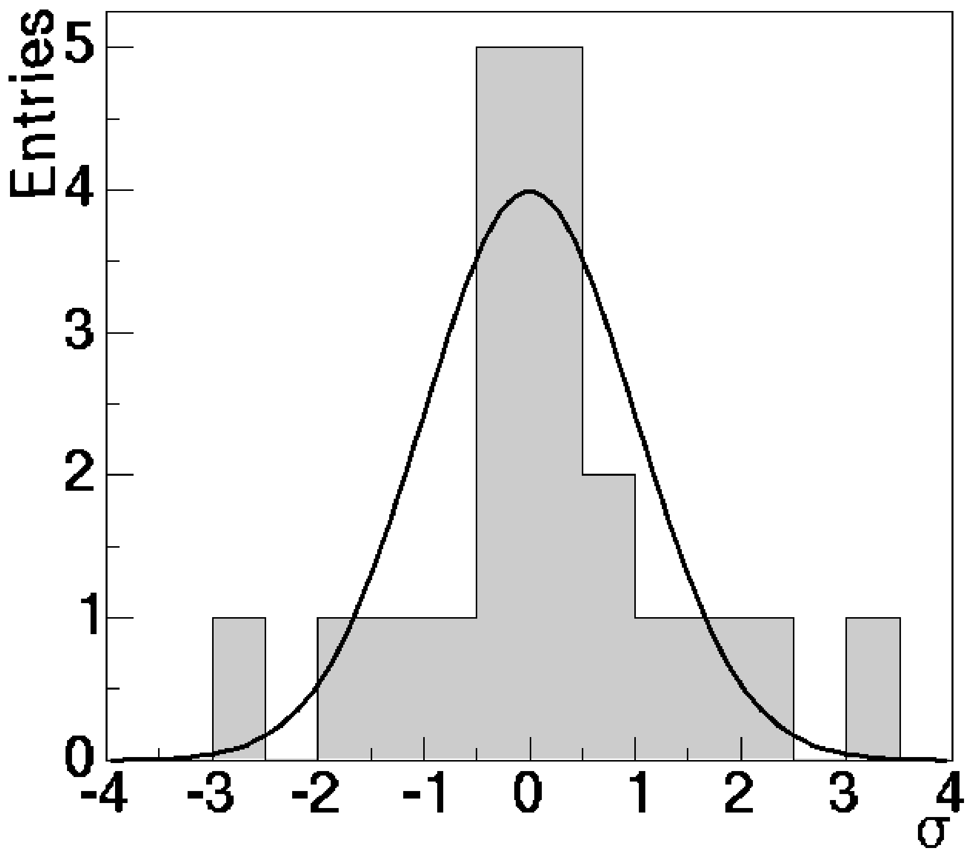
Science, **314**, 1424, 2006







AGN Upper Limits



20 other AGN observed

- 13 BL Lacs (mostly HBL)
  - 7 from Costamante & Ghisellini 2002
- 4 Radio-loud objects
  - FR I: Pictor A, Cen A (prototype)
  - FR II: 3C 120
  - FSRQ: 3C 273
- 3 Seyferts
  - Type I: NGC 3783 (brightest), NGC 7469
  - Type II: NGC 1068 (prototype)

No significant signal

- Mkn 501 (3.1 σ, ~15% Crab flux)

Exposure: 1 to 8 hrs each (avg 3.2 h)

99.9% Upper limits: 0.4 to 5.1% Crab

A&A, **441**, 465 (2005)

Goal #2: Quantify Brightness

VHE data very useful in constraining AGN models

Pre-H.E.S.S. detections did not always have spectra

H.E.S.S. BL Lac Fluxes are low!

Mkn 421 is exceptional case: ~3 Crab above 2 TeV

- H.E.S.S. Observations triggered by communication from Whipple

Average Observed Flux for H.E.S.S. BL Lacs:

- **PKS 2155-304: ~15% Crab above 200 GeV**
- **PKS 2005-489: ~2.5% Crab above 200 GeV**
- **1ES 1101-232: ~2% Crab above 200 GeV**
- **H 2356-309: ~2% Crab above 200 GeV**
- **PG 1553+113: ~2% Crab above 200 GeV**
  - 1 Crab above 200 GeV = 2.3×10^{-10} cm^{-2} s^{-1}

H.E.S.S. Observation time required for a 5σ detection:

15 minutes for PKS 2155-304

~10 hrs for PKS 2005, 1ES 1101, H 2356 & PG 1553

Essentially impossible for earlier instruments to detect!

A "Southern" Whipple (~300 GeV threshold):

- 10 hrs for PKS 2155 & ~500 hrs for other sources

A "Southern" HEGRA (~1 TeV threshold):

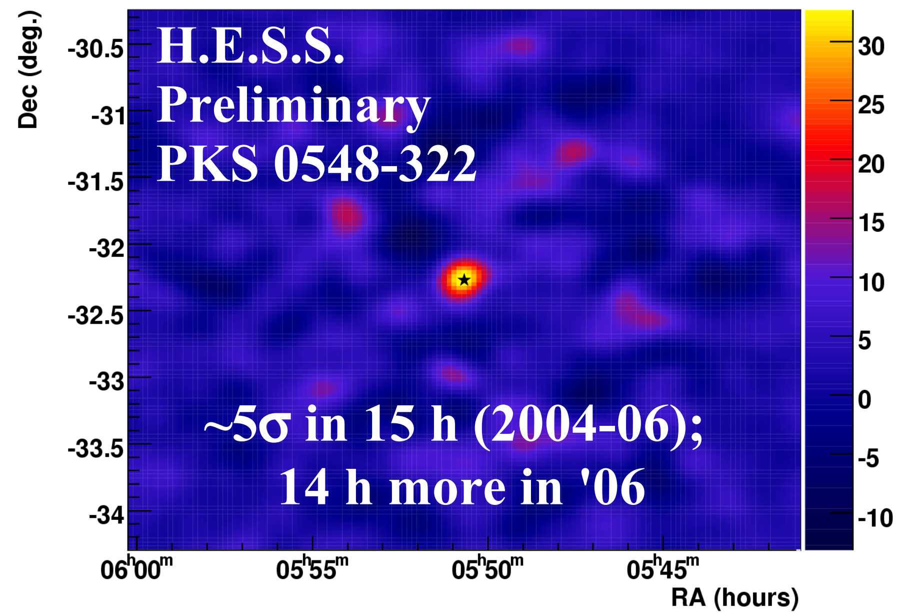
- 100 hrs for PKS 2155, ~2500 hrs from 1ES 1101 & H 2356, & >20000 hrs for PKS 2005 & PG 1553

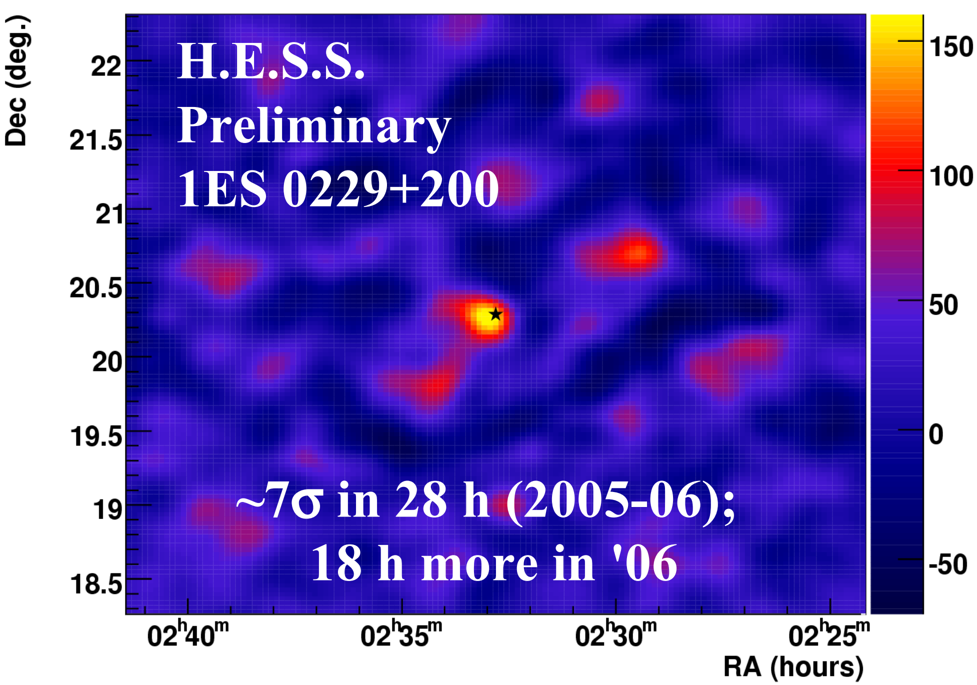
3 "New" BL Lacs

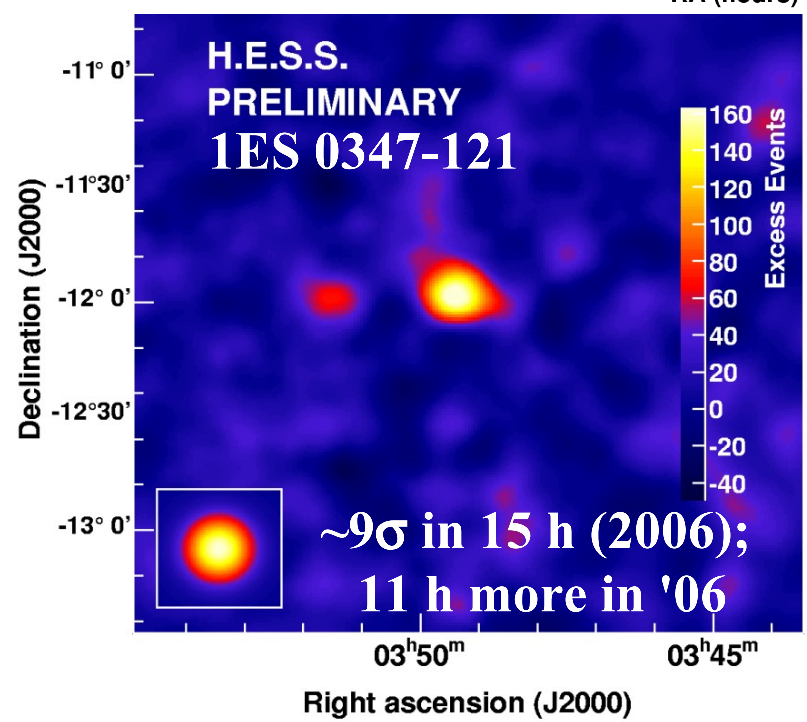
PKS 0548-322 (z=0.069):
- ~1% Crab above 450 GeV

1ES 0229+200 (z=0.139)
- ~2% Crab above 560 GeV

1ES 0347-121 (z=0.188)
- ~3% Crab above 240 GeV







BL Lac Energy Spectra

Most spectra follow a pure power-law with no features

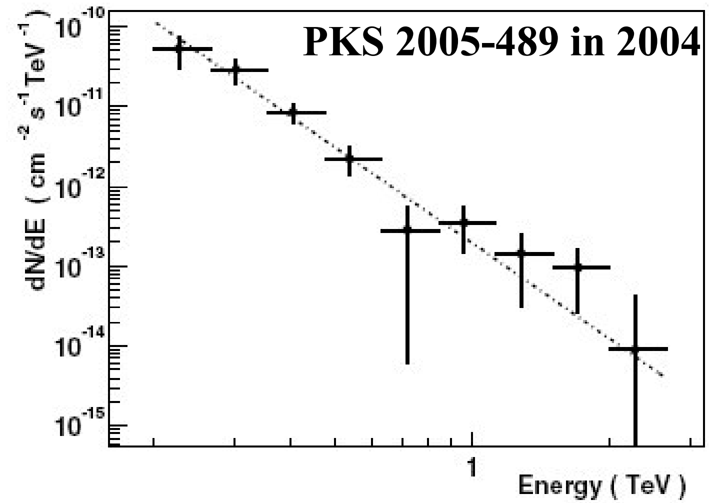
- $dN/dE \sim E^{-\Gamma}$

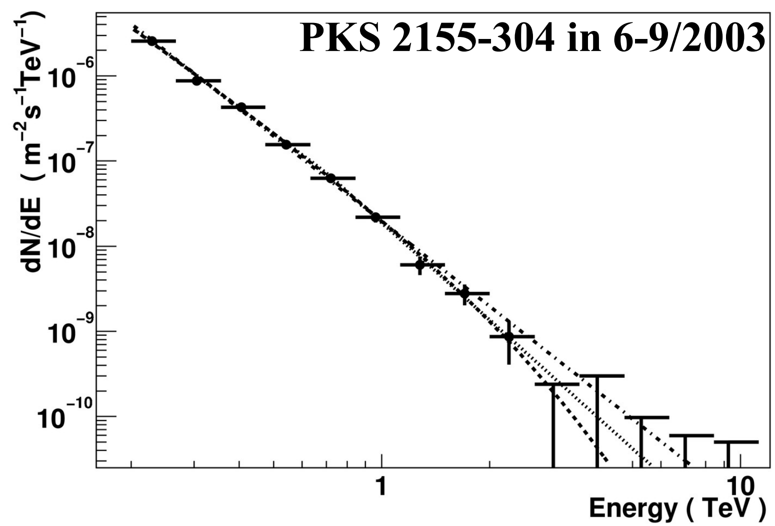
Soft spectra measured for all the H.E.S.S. BL Lacs:

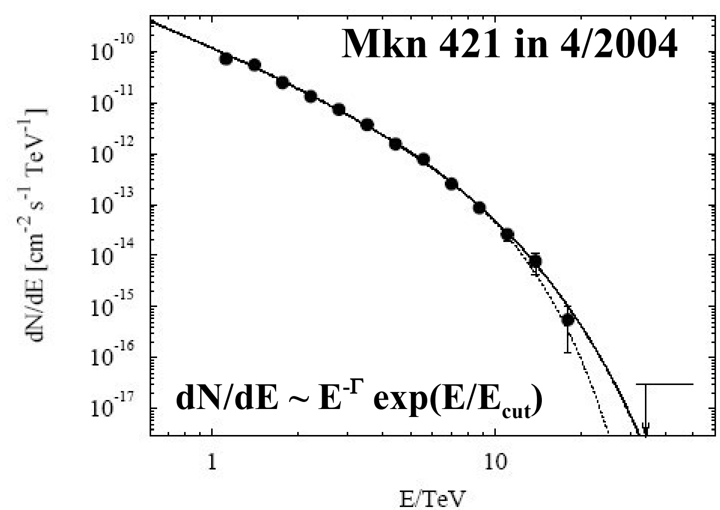
- 1ES 1101-232: $\Gamma = 2.88 \pm 0.17$
- H 2356-309: $\Gamma = 3.06 \pm 0.21$
- PKS 2155-304: $\Gamma = 3.32 \pm 0.06$
- PKS 2005-489: $\Gamma = 4.0 \pm 0.4$
- PG 1553+113: $\Gamma = 4.0 \pm 0.6$
- Systematic Error: 0.1

- Mkn 421: $\Gamma = 2.1 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3$
  - $E_{cut} = 3.1\ (+0.5,-0.4) \pm 0.9$ TeV

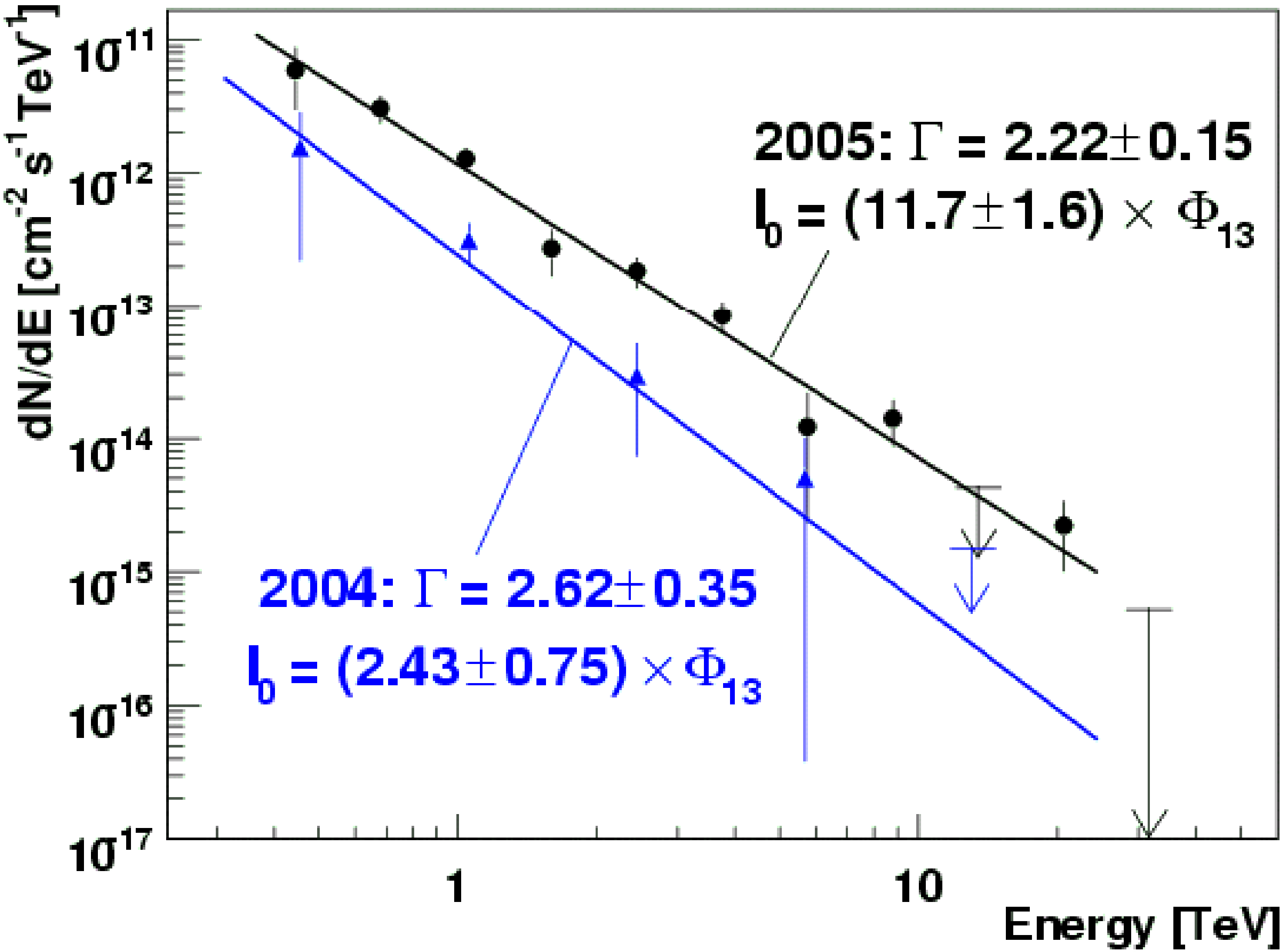
Note: Galactic sources typically have hard ($\Gamma \sim 2.3$) spectra







M 87 Spectrum is Hard



Annual spectra:

- 2004 (5σ)
- 2005 (10σ)

Both spectra follow a pure power-law:

- $dN/dE = I_o\,(E/TeV)^{-\Gamma}$
- $\Phi_{13} = 10^{-13}$ cm^{-2} s^{-1} TeV^{-1}

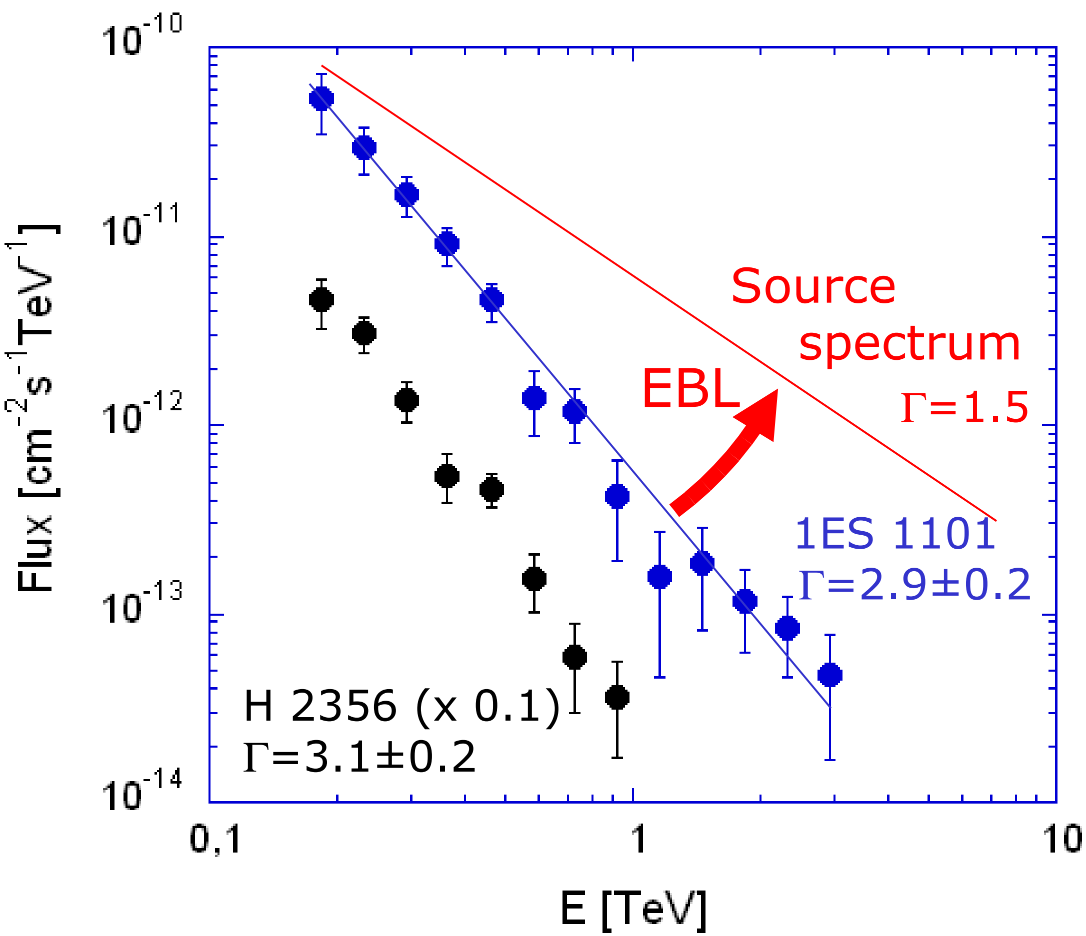
Photon index similar

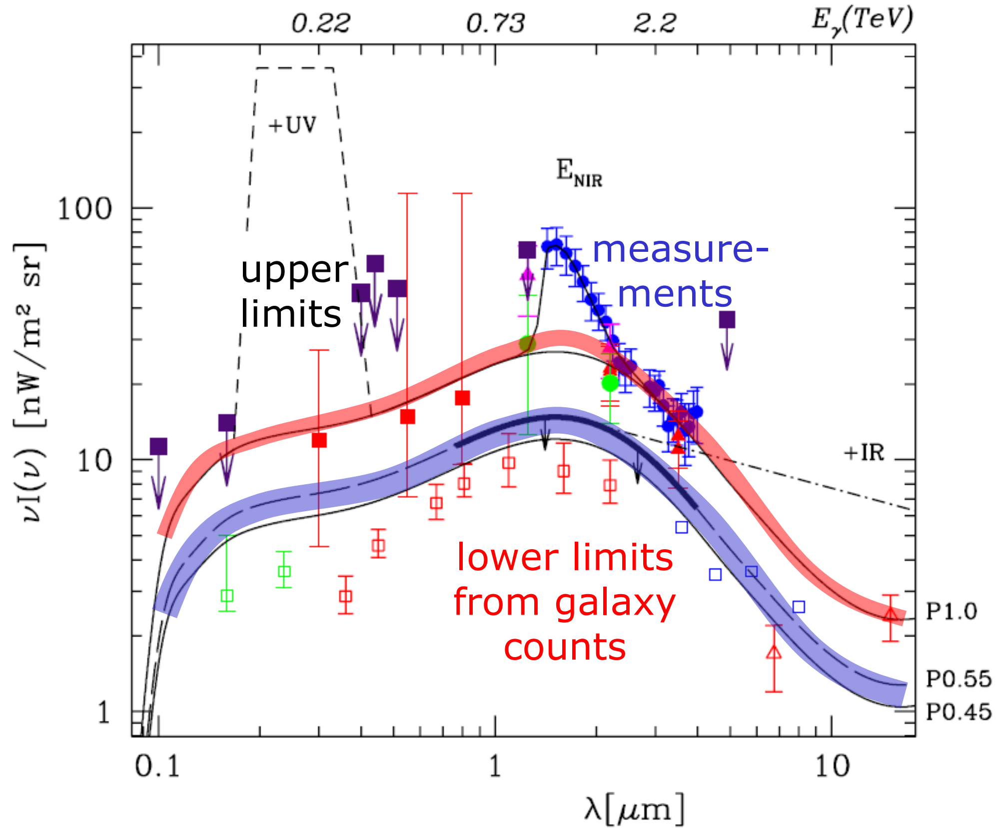
Flux is less in 2004

Goal #3: Constrain EBL & Establish VHE Horizon

Distant BL Lacs

- VHE γ-rays absorbed by EBL
- Absorption increases with E & z
- Large z => Softer observed spectra





EBL less than previously thought!

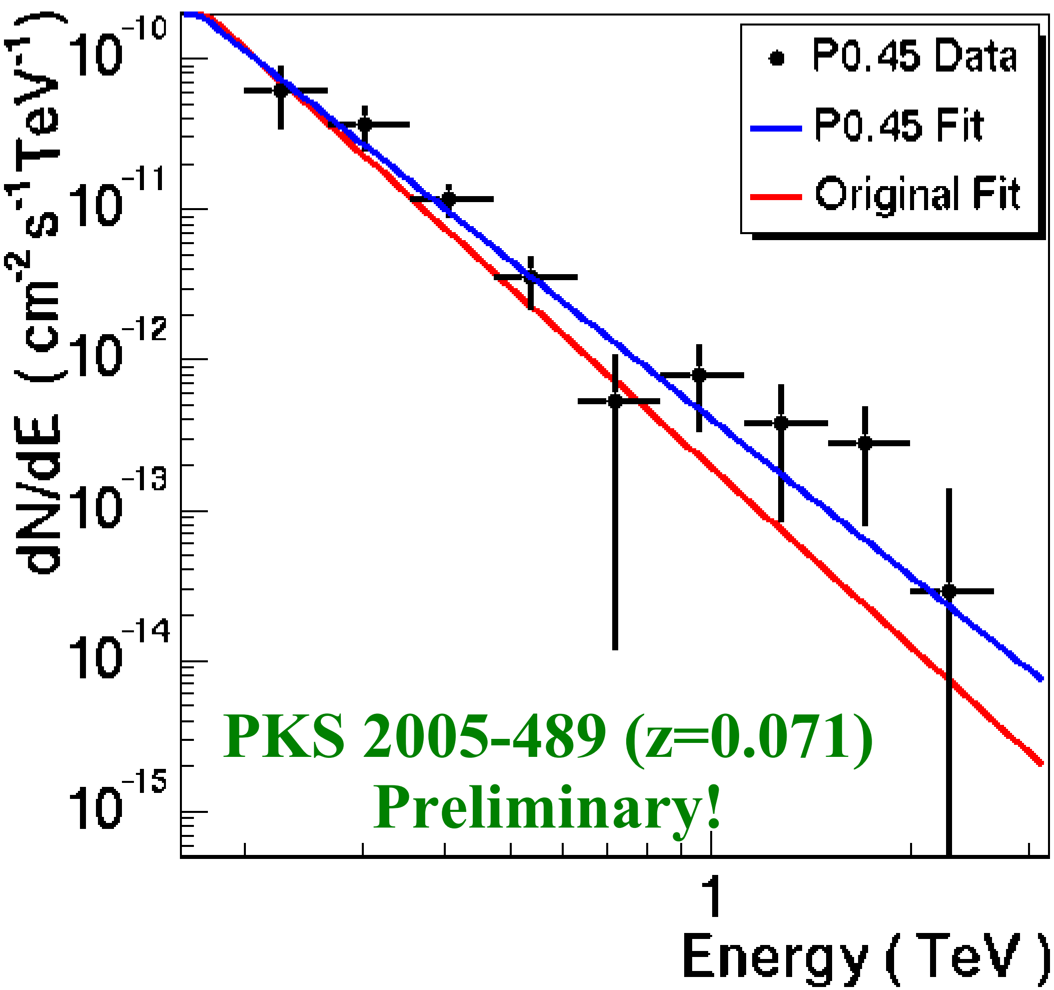
- Within a factor of 2 of lower limits

We can see much further in VHE!

Nature 440, 1018, 2006

Note: 1ES 0229 & 1ES 0347 verify this conclusion

Soft spectra not "only" from EBL



Observed spectrum:

- $\Gamma = 4.0 +/- 0.4$
- I(>200 GeV) ~ 6.9 $\times 10^{-12}$ cm^{-2} s^{-1}

High EBL Flux:

- $\Gamma = 3.0 +/- 0.4$

H.E.S.S. EBL Limit (P0.45):

- $\Gamma = 3.5 +/- 0.4$
- I(>200 GeV) ~ 7.8 x 10^{-12} cm^{-2} s^{-1}

Softness of spectrum is mostly intrinsic to PKS 2005-489
Inverse-Compton peak <100 GeV

The Case of PG 1553+113

VHE candidate:

- Costamante & Ghisellini (2002)
- VHE upper limits from Whipple & Milagro
- Catalog redshift is 0.36

HESS initially detected in 2005

Catalog redshift (z=0.36) incorrect!

- Falomo & Treves, 1990
- No lines found in ~10 attempts

No host galaxy in HST images:

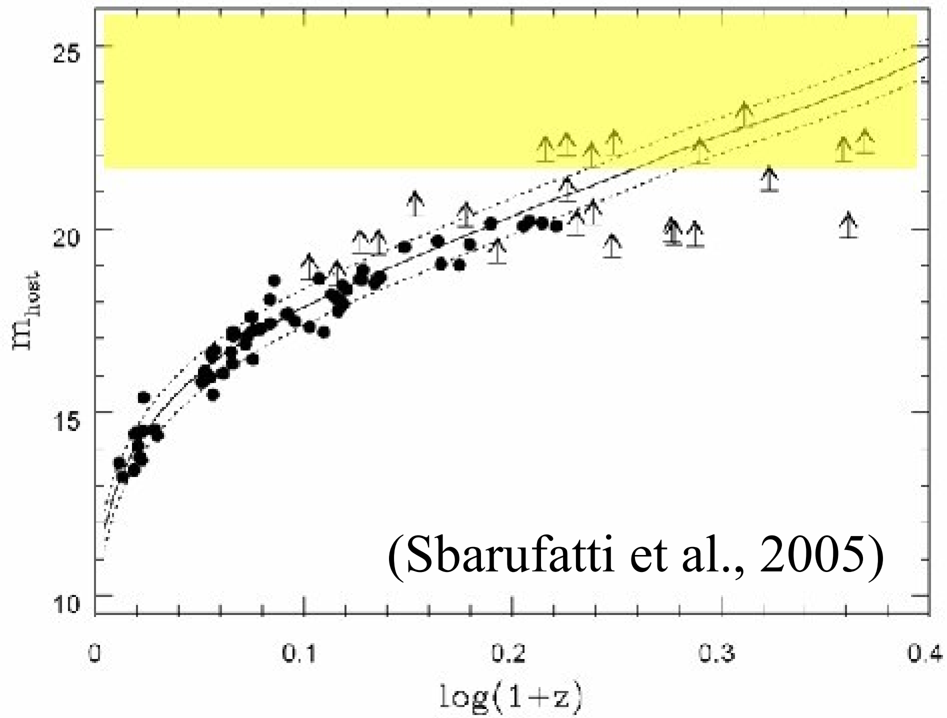
- All HST BL Lacs with z<0.25 have resolved hosts
- ~75% of HST BL Lacs with 0.25 < z < 0.6 have resolved hosts

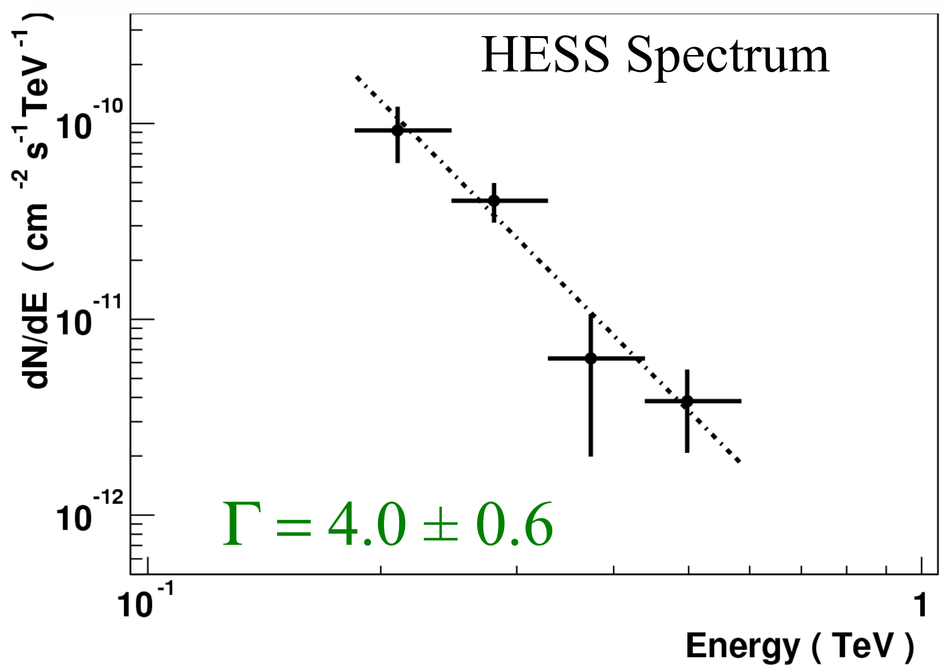
z>0.78 (Sbarufatti et al., 2005)

- Recently z>0.09 (astro-ph/0601506)

Determining redshift is important!

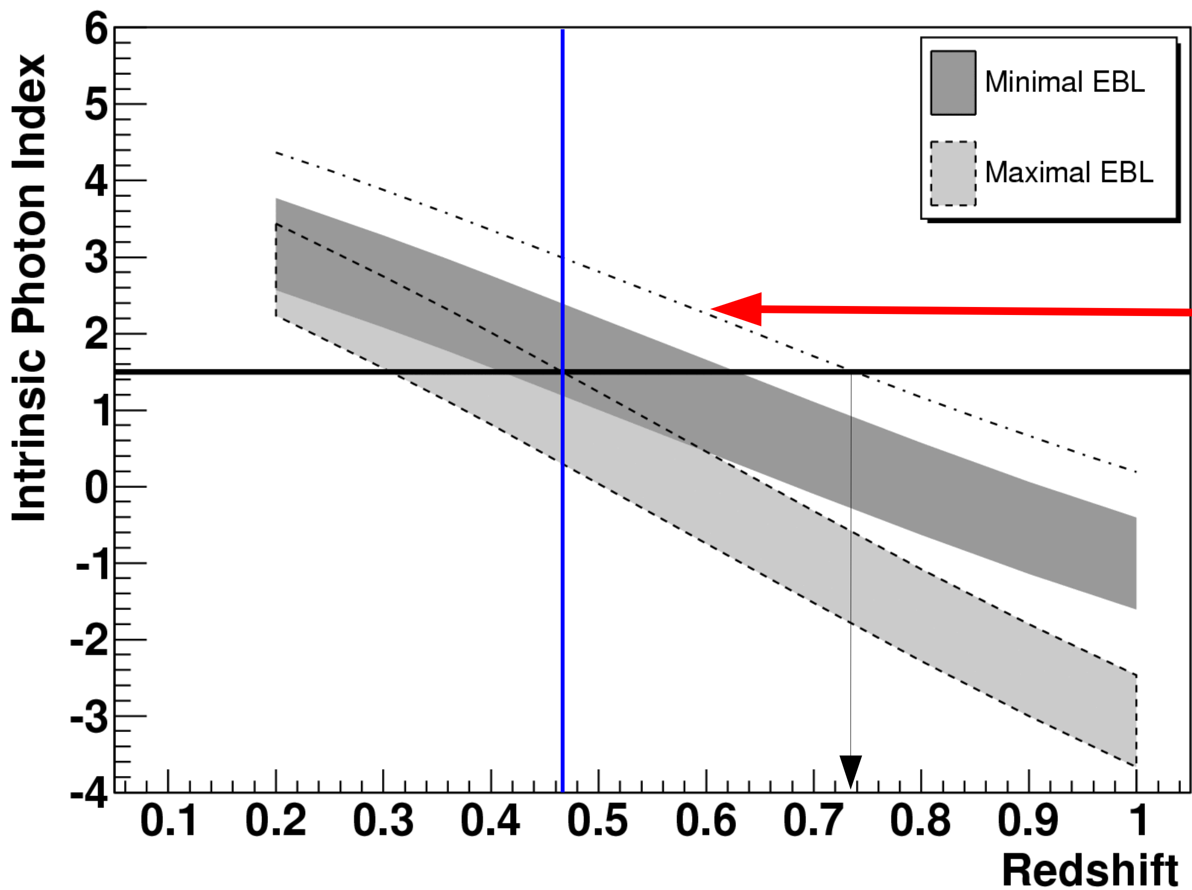
- H.E.S.S. received 5 hrs of VLT time on PG 1553+113 (IR to mid-IR) in early 2006
- No redshift possible





Cosmological Interpretation

If z > 0.47: Spectrum is more constraining than HESS EBL limit!



Minimal EBL +2σ errors

z < 0.74

Minimal EBL = Deabsorbed with 0.6x Primack 2001 EBL; Galaxy Counts

Maximal EBL = Deabsorbed with 0.85x Primack 2001 EBL; HESS EBL Limit

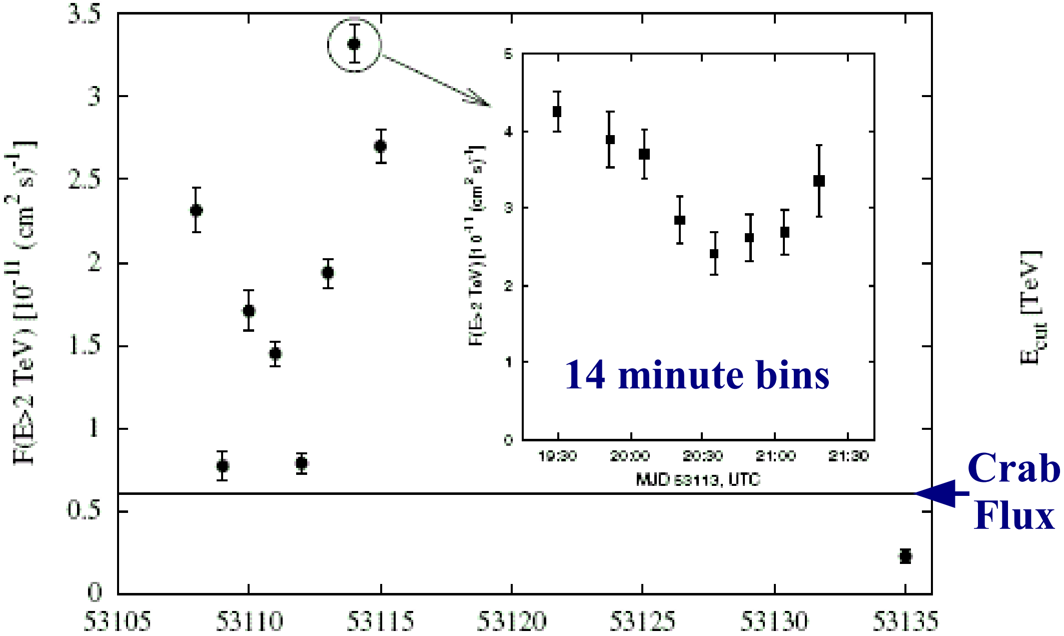
Why Primack 2001 EBL? Includes effects of galaxy evolution

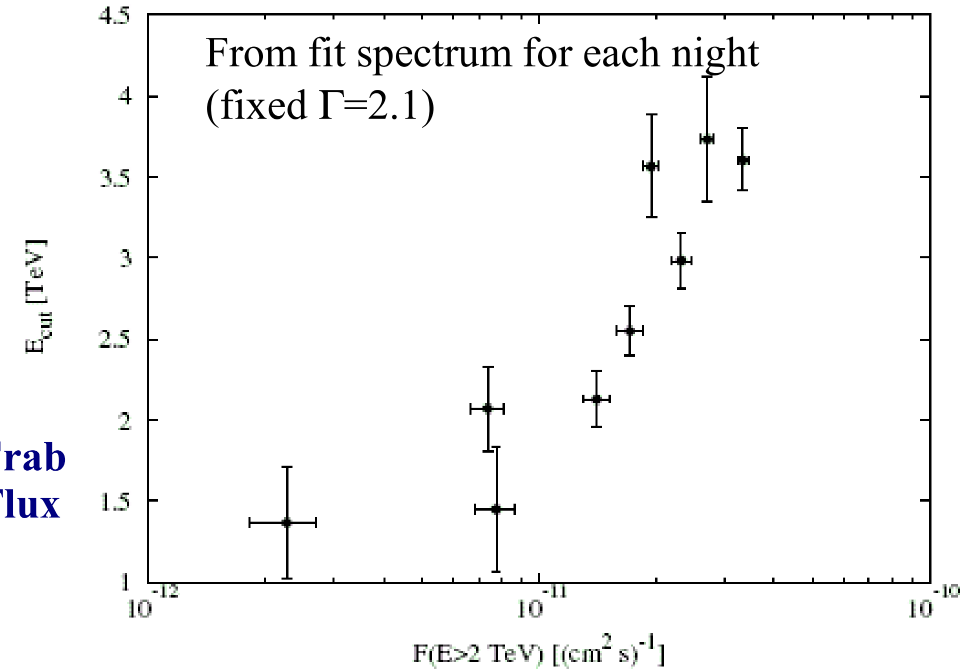
Goal #4: Study VHE Variability

Establish variability time scales

Search for temporal spectral evolution (i.e. hardening)

Extreme Flux Variability: Mkn 421





Flux (>2 TeV) varies by factor of 4.3; Average value ~3 Crab

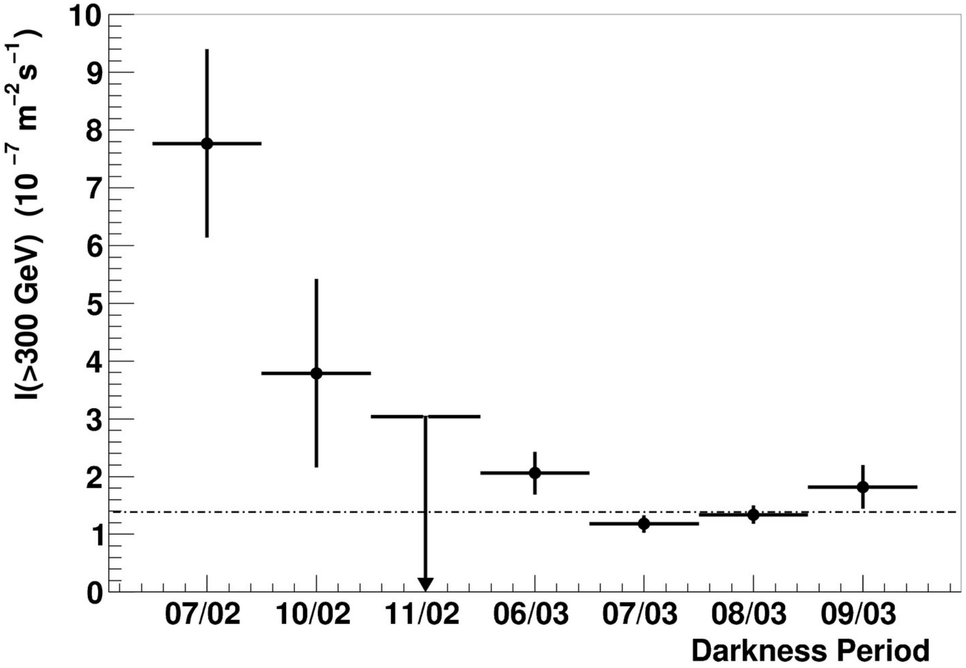
Clear evidence for spectral hardening with increased flux!

Note: Data taken at extremely large zenith angle

Generally Limited VHE Flux Variability

- **PKS 2005-489:**
  - Marginal indications that source was brighter in 2004 than 2003
  - No short-term (< 1 yr) flux or spectral variability in 2003 or 2004
  - ~50 hrs of good quality H.E.S.S. data in 2005-06 (source strongly detected)
- **H 2356-309:**
  - No short-term flux or spectral variability in 2004 data
  - ~70 hrs of good quality H.E.S.S. data in 2005-06 (source detected)
- **1ES 1101-232:**
  - No flux or spectral variability on any time scale (2004 & 2005 same)
  - ~14 hrs of good quality H.E.S.S. data in 2006 (source weakly detected)
- **PG 1553+113:**
  - No evidence for short-term variability in 2005 H.E.S.S. data
  - ~17 hrs of good quality H.E.S.S. data in 2006 (source strongly detected)
  - MAGIC: Factor of 3 in flux between 2005 & 2006 (ApJ, 654, L119, 2006)

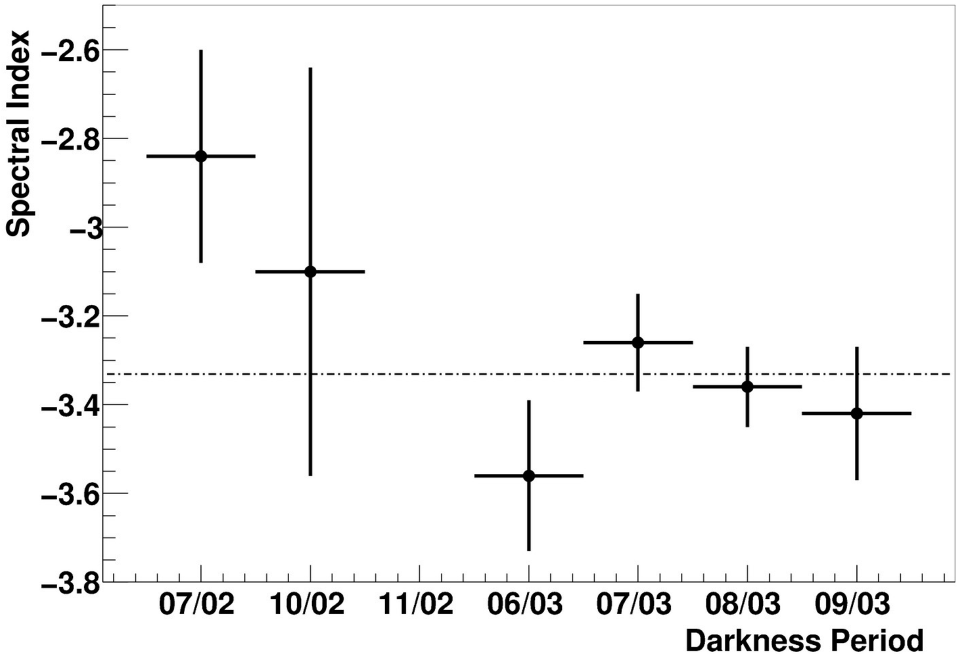
Variability of PKS 2155-304



VHE flux is clearly variable on monthly time-scales

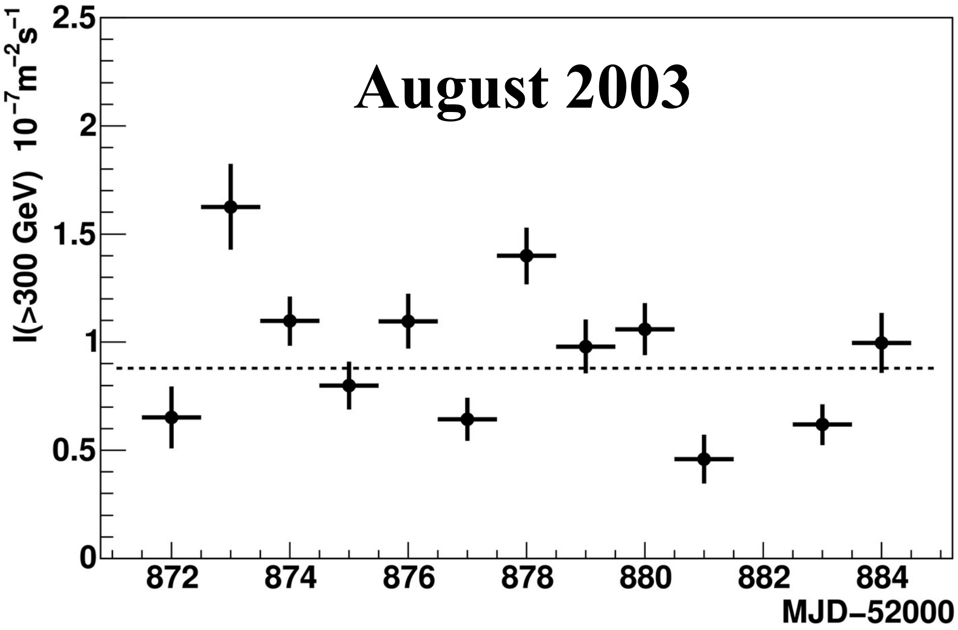
I(>300 GeV) ranges from 0.1 Crab to 0.6 Crab

No evidence for variability of photon index or spectral hardening with increased flux, but it is not ruled out either



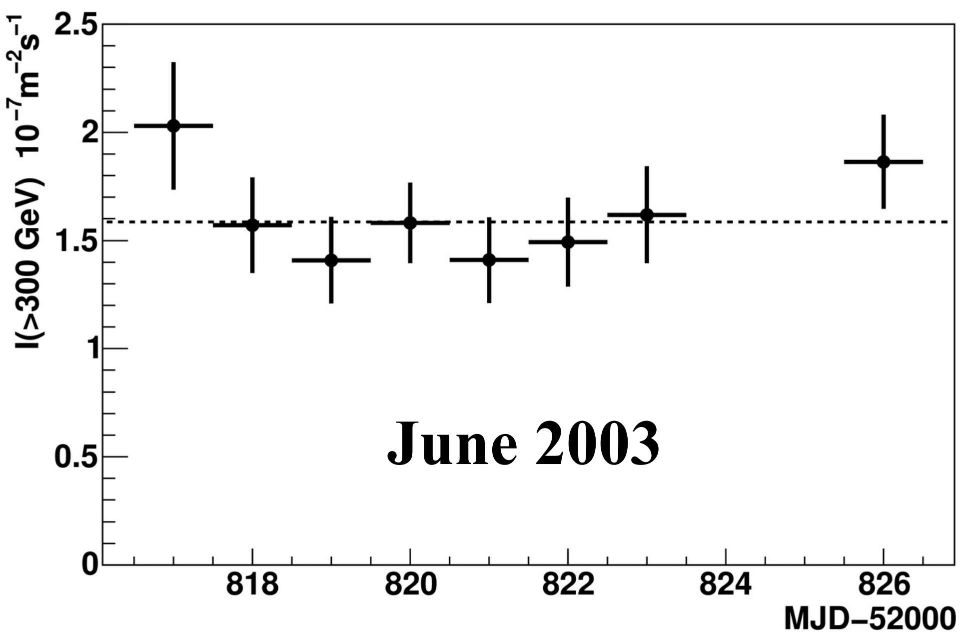
PKS 2155-304 VHE flux & spectrum ~same in late 2003, all 2004 & all 2005 data

Nightly VHE Flux Variability



Clear evidence for VHE flux variability on nightly time-scales in some dark periods

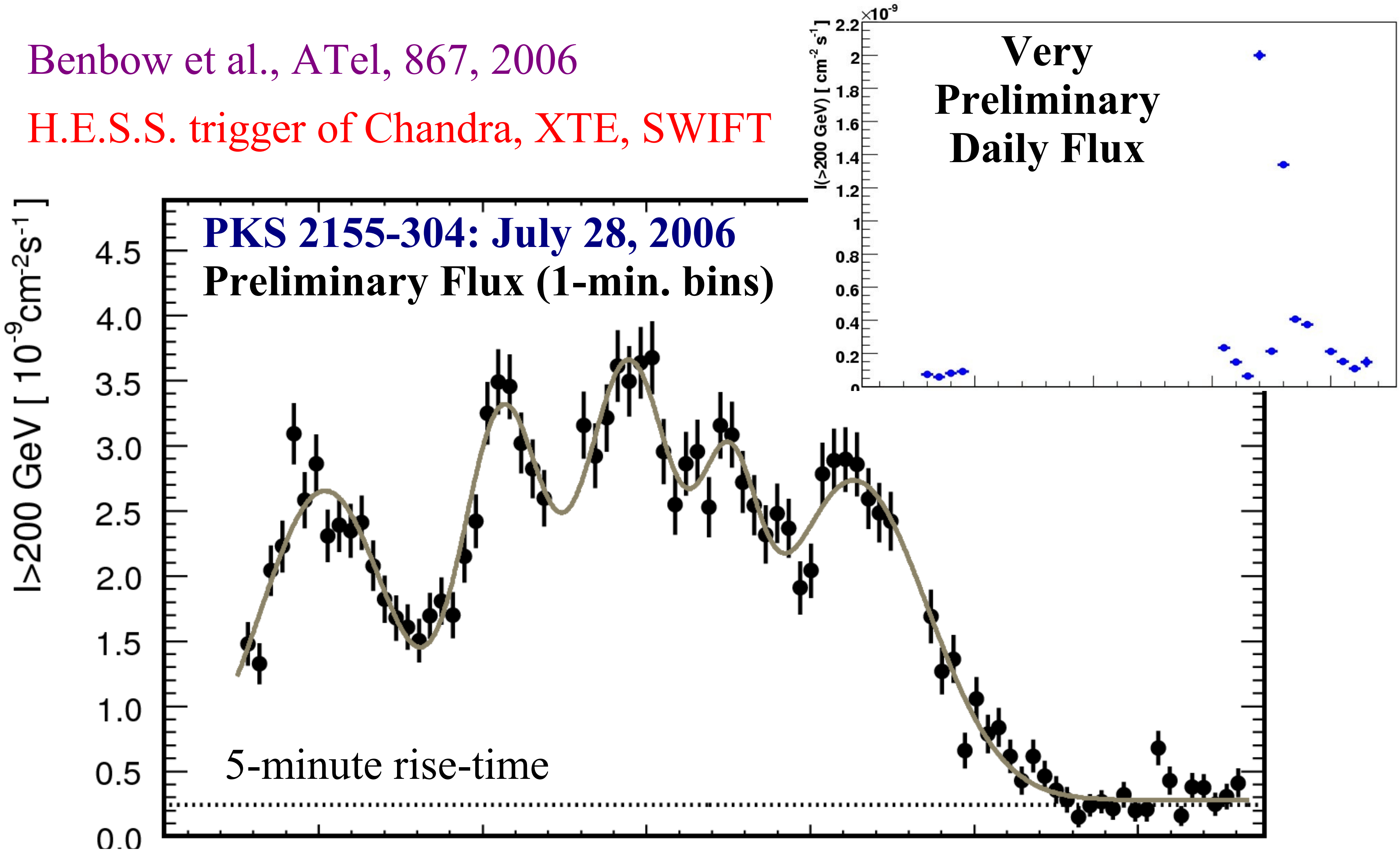
However, the flux is also stable in some dark periods



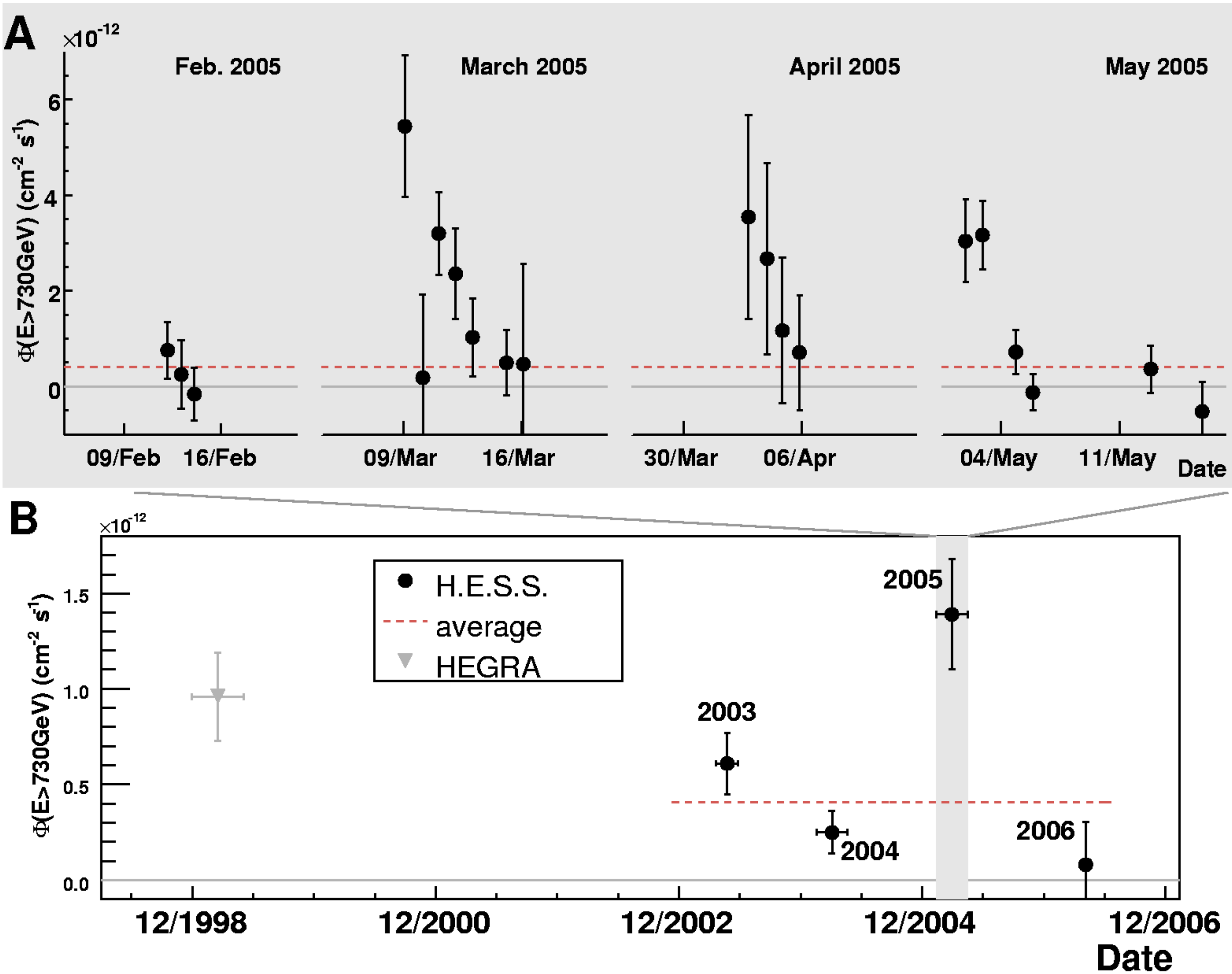
At Long Last, the Big Flare...

Benbow et al., ATel, 867, 2006

H.E.S.S. trigger of Chandra, XTE, SWIFT



M87: Day-scale VHE Flux Variations

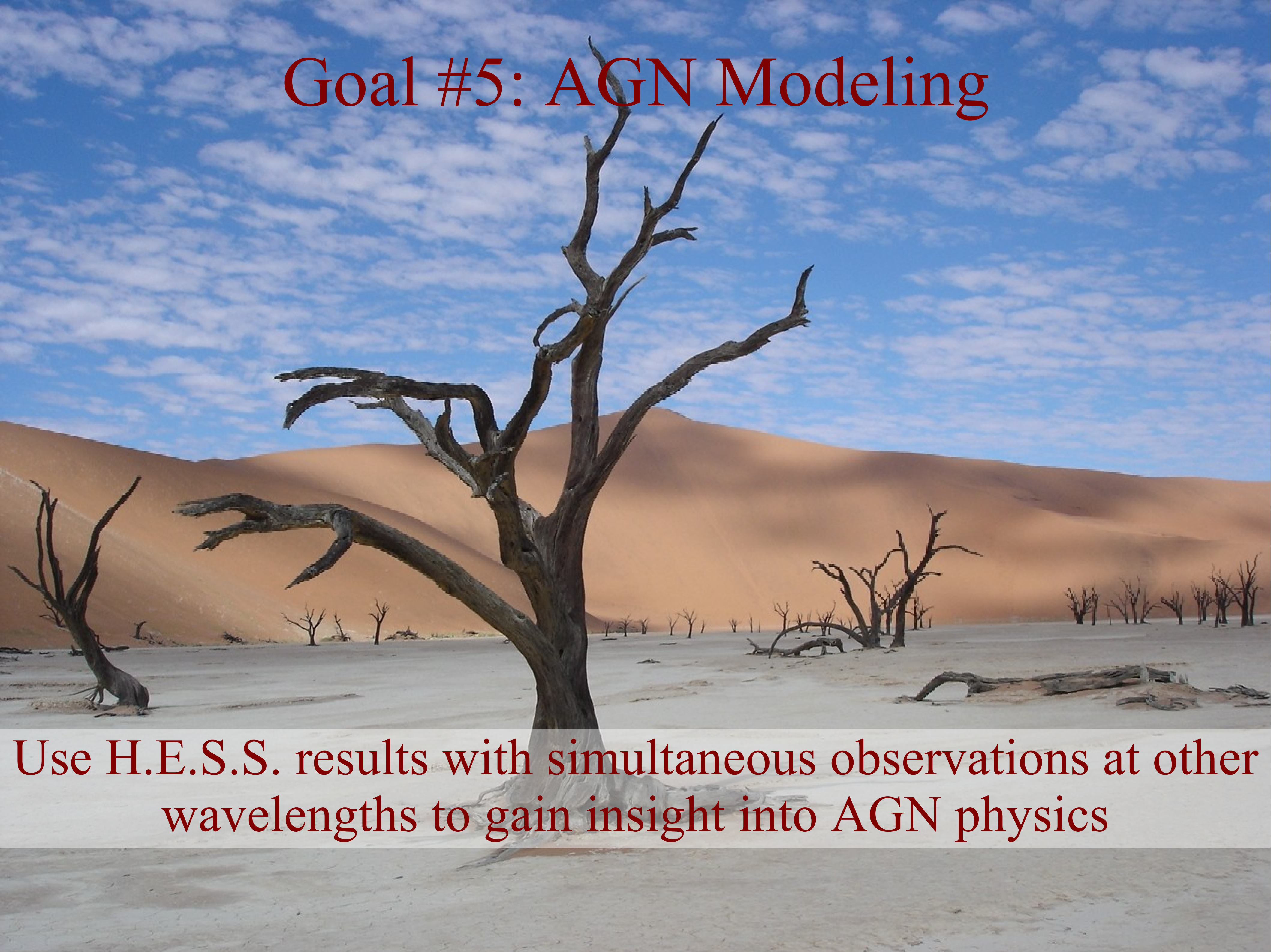


Fastest ever variability at any wavelength!

Day-scale variations imply emission region is the "size" of the black hole!

Fast variability, hard spectrum ($\Gamma = 2.2$)& point-like emission from core is very difficult to model: Excludes most!

Goal #5: AGN Modeling



Use H.E.S.S. results with simultaneous observations at other wavelengths to gain insight into AGN physics

AGN Multi-wavelength Campaigns

Blazars highly variable

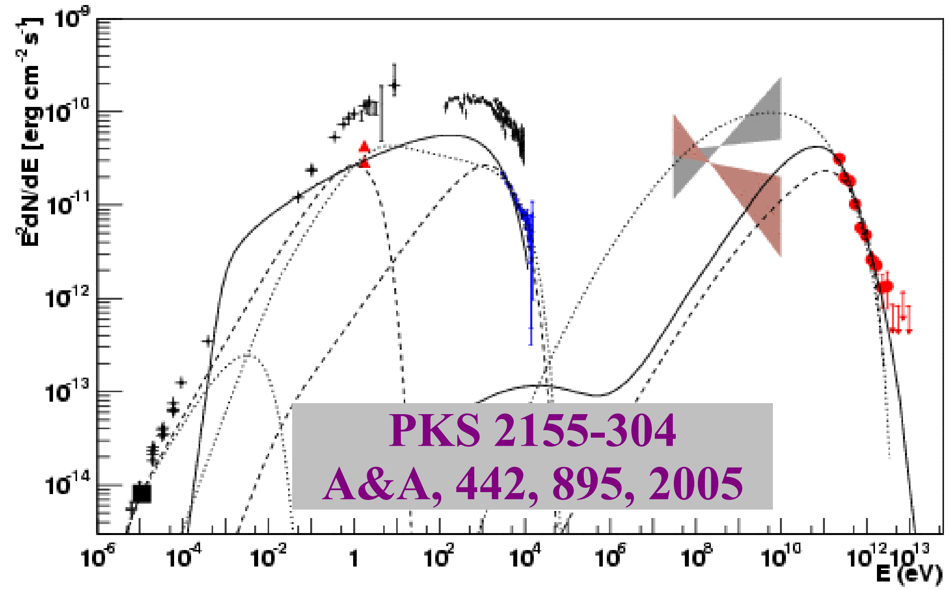
- Complications using VHE data to model archival measurements

Need: Simultaneous radio, optical, X-ray & VHE observations

- Model the SED
- Search for correlated variability & orphan flares

H.E.S.S. has 17 total (so far...)

- 6 for PKS 2155-304
  - XTE, Spitzer, Chandra, SWIFT
- 3 for PKS 2005-489
  - 1 XTE, 2 XMM
- 3 for 1ES 1101-232
  - 1 XMM, 1 XTE, 1 Suzaku
- 2 for H 2356-309
  - 1 XTE, 1 XMM
- 1 for Mkn 421: MAGIC & Suzaku



Leptonic (dashed & dotted lines) & Hadronic (solid line) models

- 1 for PG 1553+113
  - Suzaku, MAGIC & H.E.S.S.
- 1 for PKS 0548-322: Swift

Several ToO proposals:

- XTE, Suzaku, Swift

PKS 2155-304 MWL Campaign

Simultaneous observations in October & November 2003

- VHE: H.E.S.S. (2-tels.)
- X-ray: RXTE
- Optical: ROTSE
- Radio: NRT

Clear flux variability

- VHE, X-ray, optical

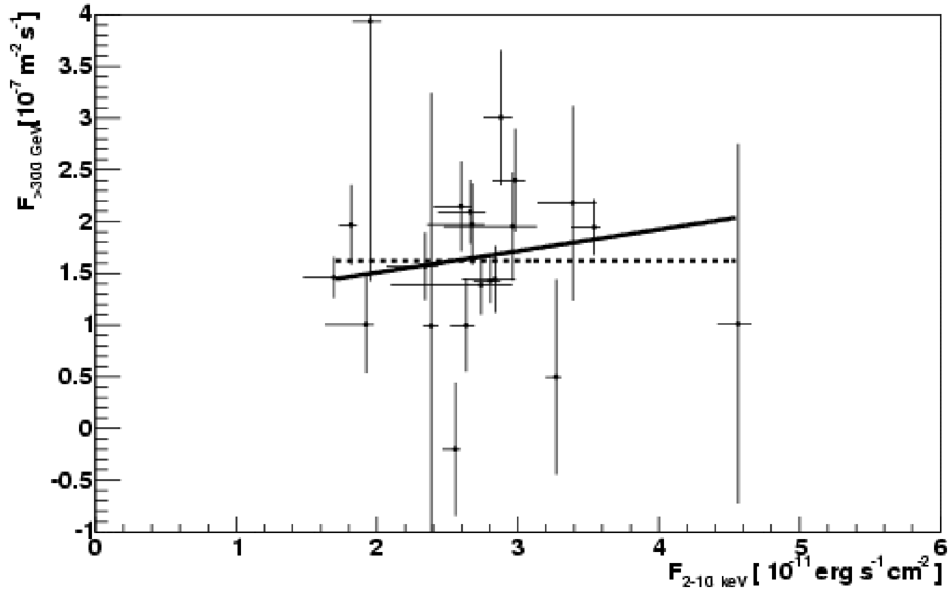
No evidence for correlated flux variability

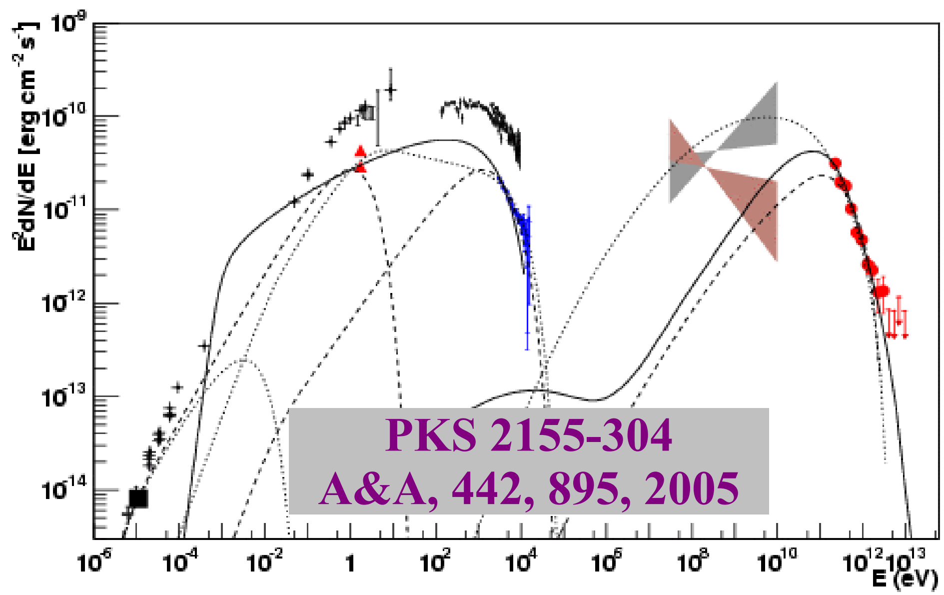
- Smaller data set (~11 hrs)

X-ray & optical fluxes are historical lows

Reasonable fits in hadronic & leptonic scenarios

- Parameters in normal ranges with low EBL level



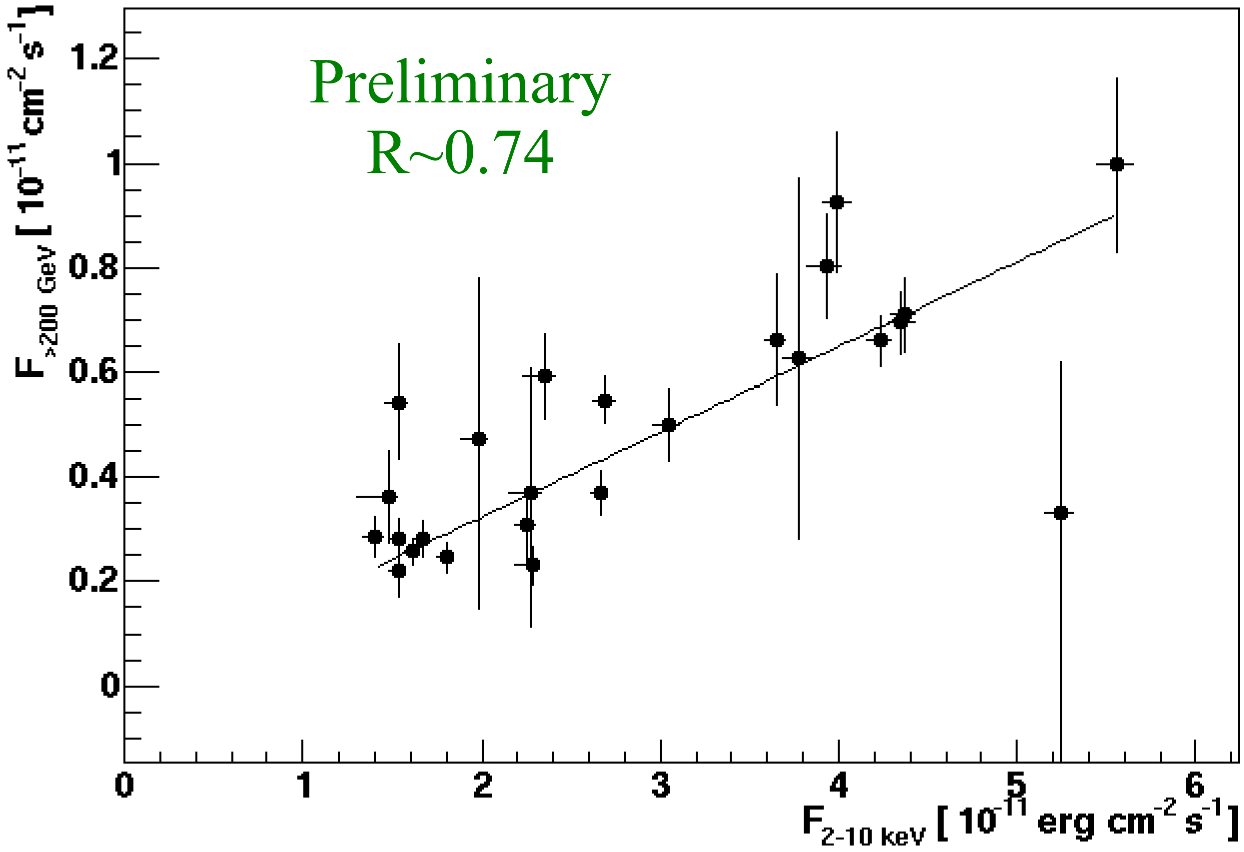


Leptonic (dashed & dotted lines) & Hadronic (solid line) models

MWL: Correlated X-ray/VHE Variability

Largest MWL campaign "ever" with VHE: PKS 2155-304 in 2004

H.E.S.S.: ~130 hours; RXTE, Spitzer, Radio, Optical



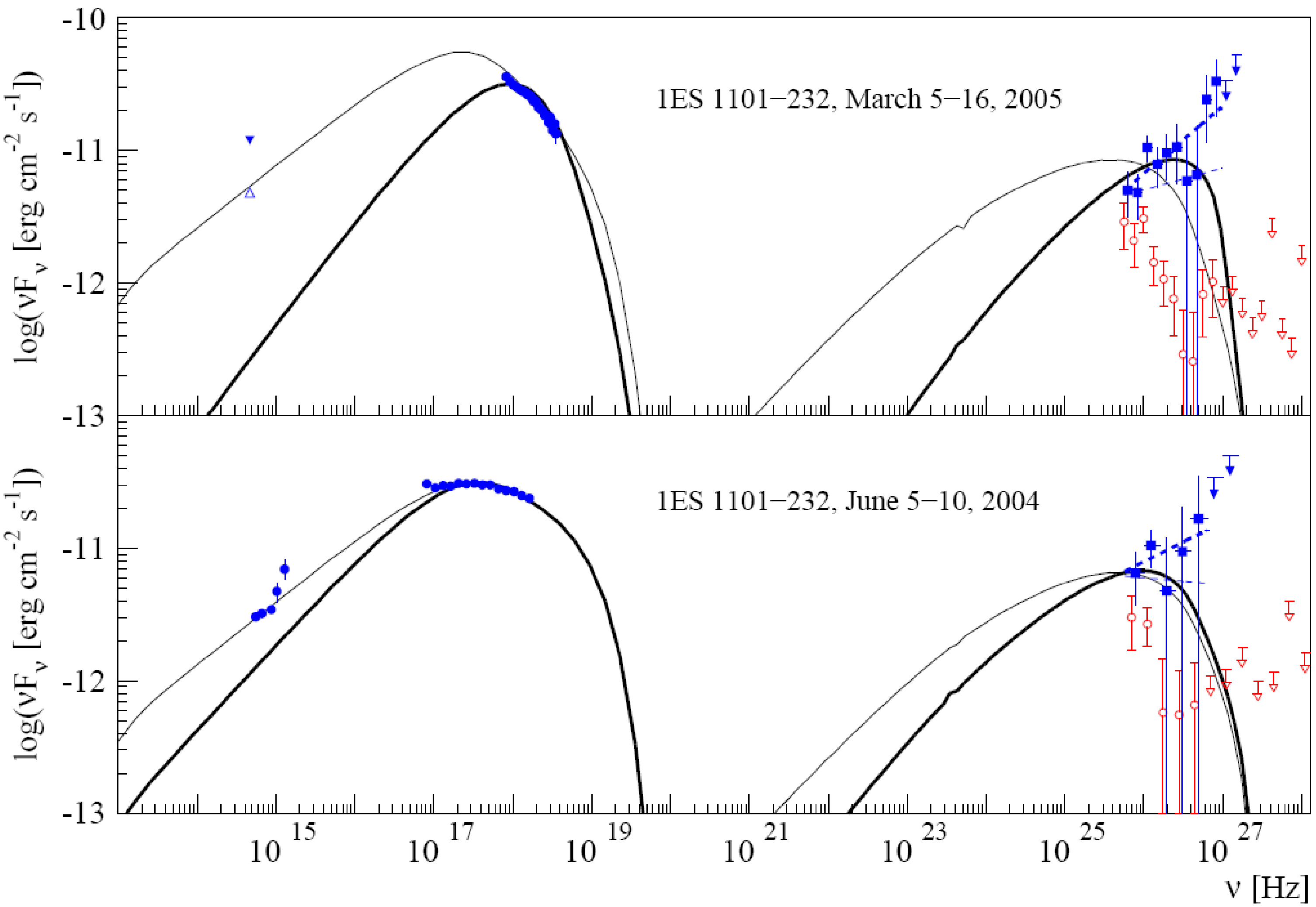
Clear indication for correlated X-ray/VHE flux variability

Only strictly simultaneous data shown!

Implies: Same particle population responsible for X-ray/VHE flux

1ES 1101-232: Two MWL Campaigns

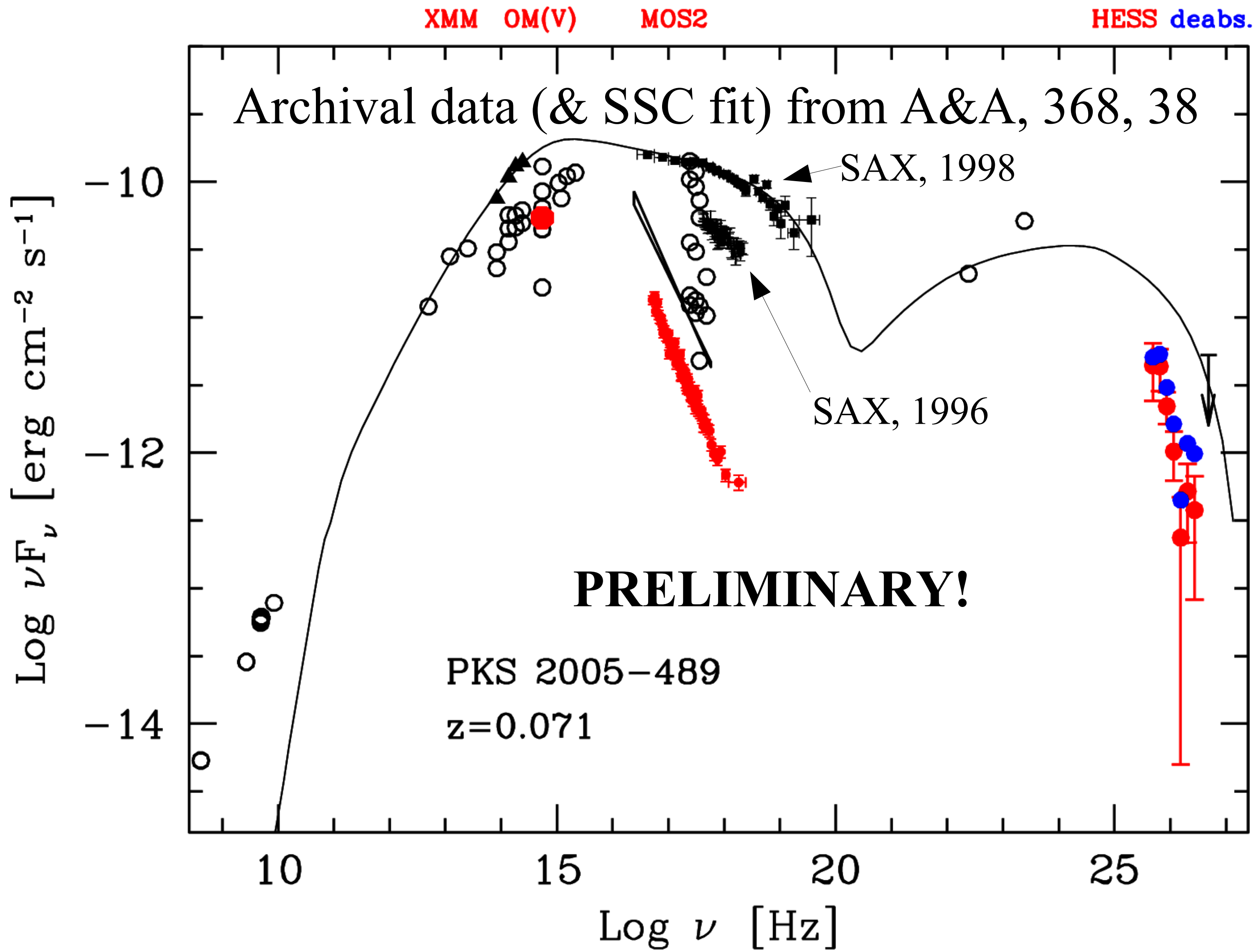
Brightest X-ray state ever measured for 1ES 1101-232!



Inverse-Compton peak above 3 TeV!

Submitted to A&A in Jan. 2007

PKS 2005-489 SED from 2004



X-ray & VHE spectra are steep!

XMM: Oct 4, 2004

Γ = 2.98 +/- 0.03

χ^2_{red} = 0.94 (150 d.o.f.)

H.E.S.S.: 2004

Γ = 4.0 +/- 0.4

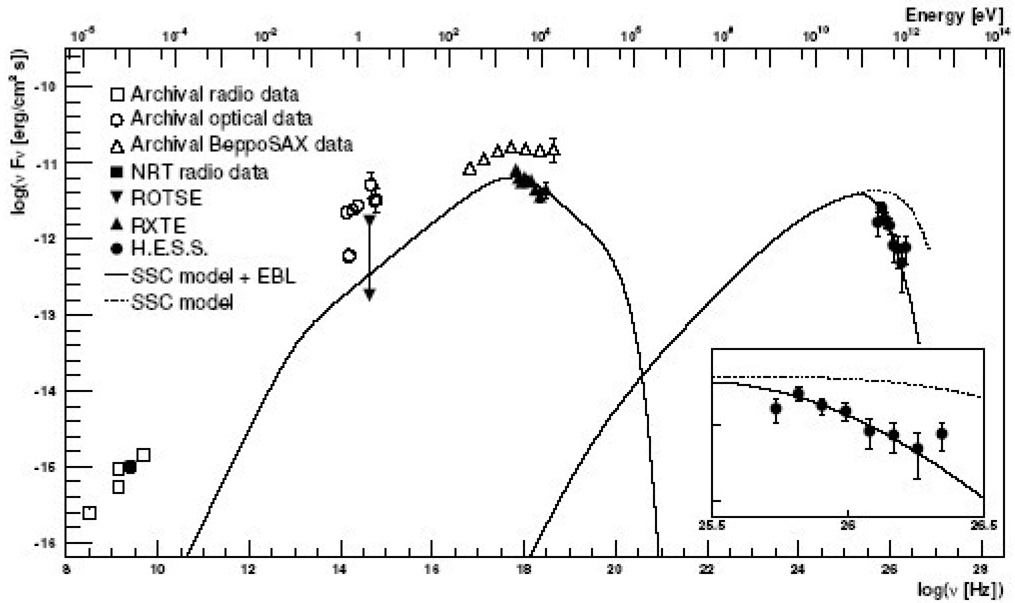
Γ_{deabs} = 3.5 +/- 0.4

H.E.S.S. detection in lowest "ever" X-ray state!

No optical, X-ray, or VHE flux variability!

H 2356-309 MWL Campaign in 2004

VHE: H.E.S.S. (~40 hrs)
X-ray: RXTE (5.4 ks)
Optical:ROTSE
Radio: NRT



No VHE, X-ray, optical variability!

X-ray: Γ=2.43 ± 0.11

- Lowest flux & softest spectrum ever

Reasonable parameters give good fit:

- Spherical emission region: R=3.4x10^{15} cm
- B = 0.16 G
- Doppler factor = 18
- Electron distribution = BPL

Fit SED: A "simple", 1-zone, time-independent, homogeneous SSC model

- Radio from elsewhere
- Optical treated as UL

A&A, 455, 461, 2006

Cooperation with MAGIC

VHE threshold increases with zenith angle

- Northern object => HESS LZA & MAGIC SZA; & vice versa

Use both instruments to simultaneously observe an object (e.g. Mkn 421):

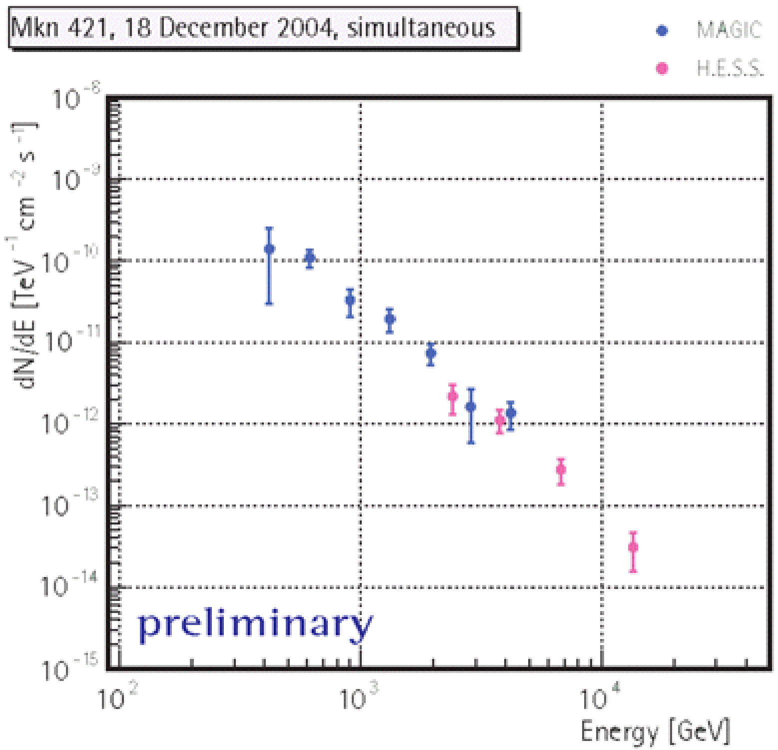
- Spectral measurement at different energies
- Cross calibration

December 2004: Mkn 421 met proposed trigger threshold (flux)

- ~1 hr of simultaneous obs.

Agreement to perform similar campaign on other objects:

- Mkn 421 in April 2005
- PG 1553+113 in July 2006
- Mkn 501 in July 2006
- 1ES 1218+304 in May 2006



D. Mazin et al., poster at 29th Int. Cosmic Ray Conf., Pune, 2005

Another ~2 hr Mkn 421 campaign in April 2006 also with Suzaku!

2007 AGN Program

Schedule undecided (Jan 29, 2007):
- 545 hours proposed!

Monitor known VHE AGN (15 hrs each)

"All" C&G HBL ($\delta < 20^o$, 10 hrs each)
- New candidates (new surveys & larger z)

Extend VHE classes
- 3C 273 (FSRQ, 50 hrs)
- Cen A (FR I, 50 hrs)

New ideas (10 hrs each):
- EGRET LBL, NLS1, a unique HFSRQ

Continue MWL efforts

H.E.S.S. has detected 10 VHE AGN!

Doubles VHE AGN catalog (16)
- 7 "discoveries"
- 2 1st confirmations of "weak" detections

Several are most distant ever
- Strong constraints on EBL
- PG 1553+113 (z<0.74)

Historic flare of PKS 2155-304
- Others generally "low" state

Soft spectra: $\Gamma > 3$
- Not only EBL effect!

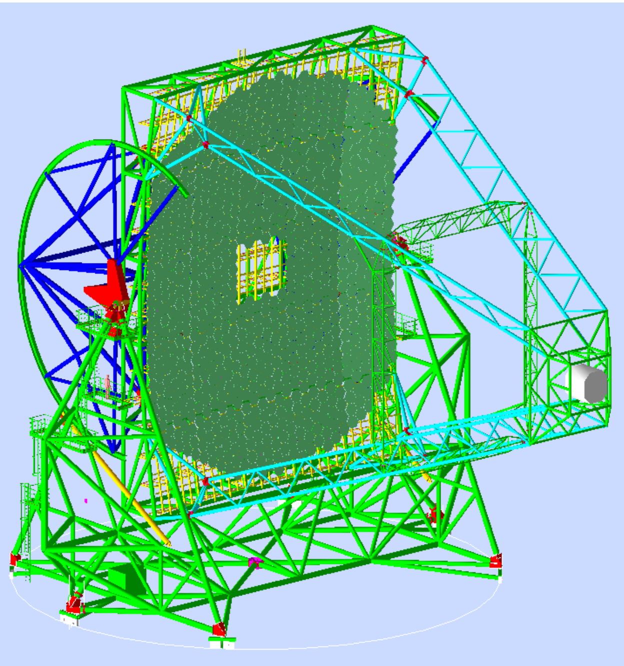
17 MWL campaigns
- SED modeling & correlated variability

>700 hrs of unpublished AGN data

VERITAS: Beginning full-scale operations in 2007!

http://veritas.sao.arizona.edu/

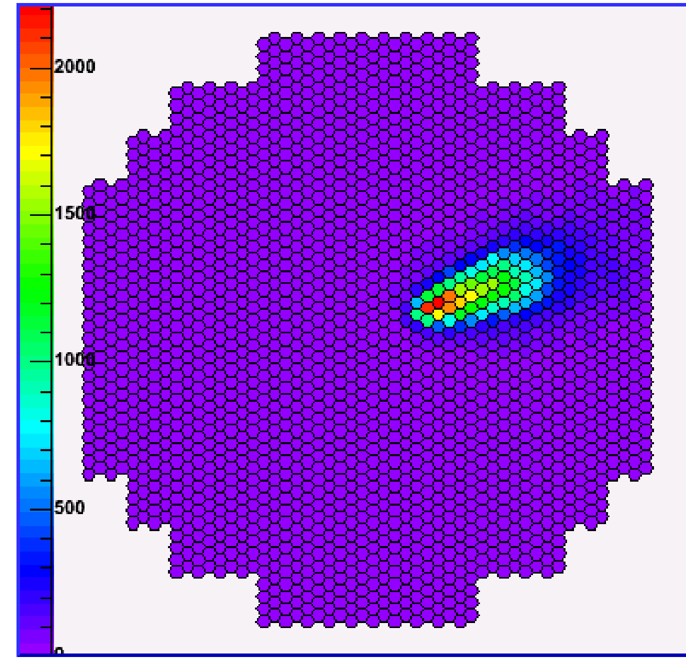
The Future: H.E.S.S. Phase-II



- Diameter = 30 m
- Focal length = 36 m
- Rigid steel structure: ~560 tons

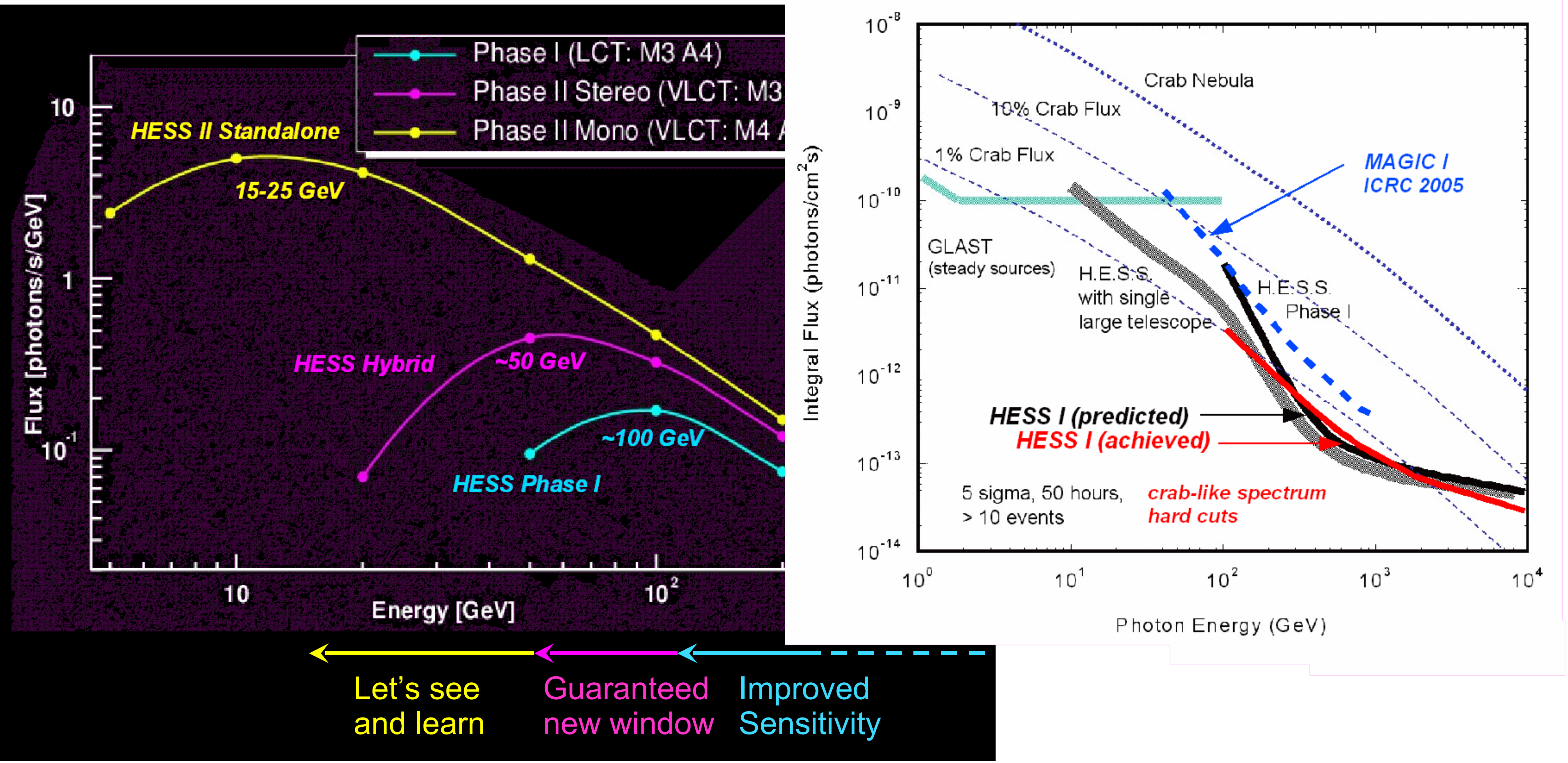
- 851 mirrors
- Mirror area = ~600 m^2

- 2048 pixel camera
- Pixel size: 0.07°
- 3.6° field of view

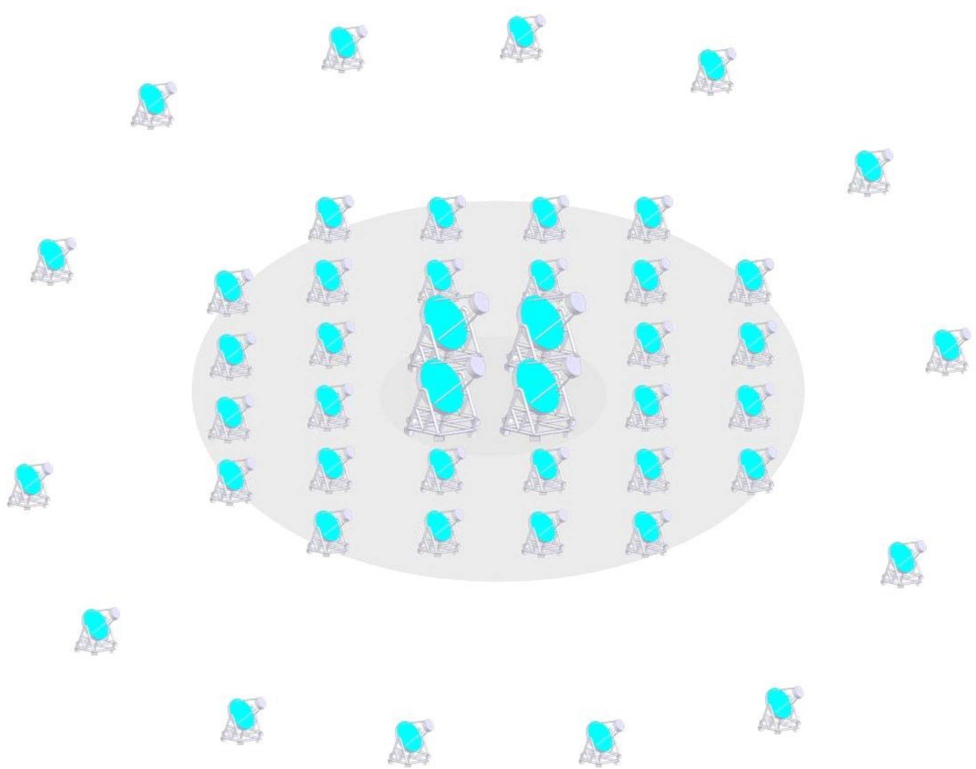


Telescope, Camera & Mirrors: 2008; Data: 2009

Phase II: Threshold & Sensitivity



CTA: Cherenkov Telescope Array



Design likely some combination of
23-28 m telescopes with 3°-4° f.o.v.
12-15 m telescopes with 6°-8° f.o.v.

Two observatories

- Southern: few 10 GeV to ~100 TeV
- Northern: few 10 GeV to ~1 TeV

1st group meeting (May 2006)

- Working groups installed
  - Physics goals
  - Simulations/Layout
  - Cameras
  - Telescopes
  - Site
  - Computing/Operations

Open observatory

- User support facilities

Use proven technology!

- Very quick implementation (2010)
- Reliable performance predictions

Improve sensitivity by ~10 & angular resolution by ~4!

Thank you for your time!