



Recent Milagro Results

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Gamma Ray Experiments

Milagro Collaboration



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Milagro Detector



- Central Water Pond (80x60 meter)
 - 450 PMTs under 1.5 m water
 - 273 PMTs under 6 m water
- Outriggers
 - 2.4 meter diameter
 - 1.4 meter tall
 - 175 PMTs in outrigger tanks
- Water Cherenkov Detector
- 2600 meters altitude
- 4000 m² pond / 40000 m² outrigger coverage
- 1700 Hz Trigger Rate
- 0.4° – 1.0° angular resolution
- Sensitivity 100 GeV – 100 TeV
Median energy 10 – 40 TeV
(depending on cuts, weights etc)
- Operated from 2000-2008.

Gamma/Hadron Discrimination

- Penetrating component of Hadronic air showers illuminates the bottom layer.



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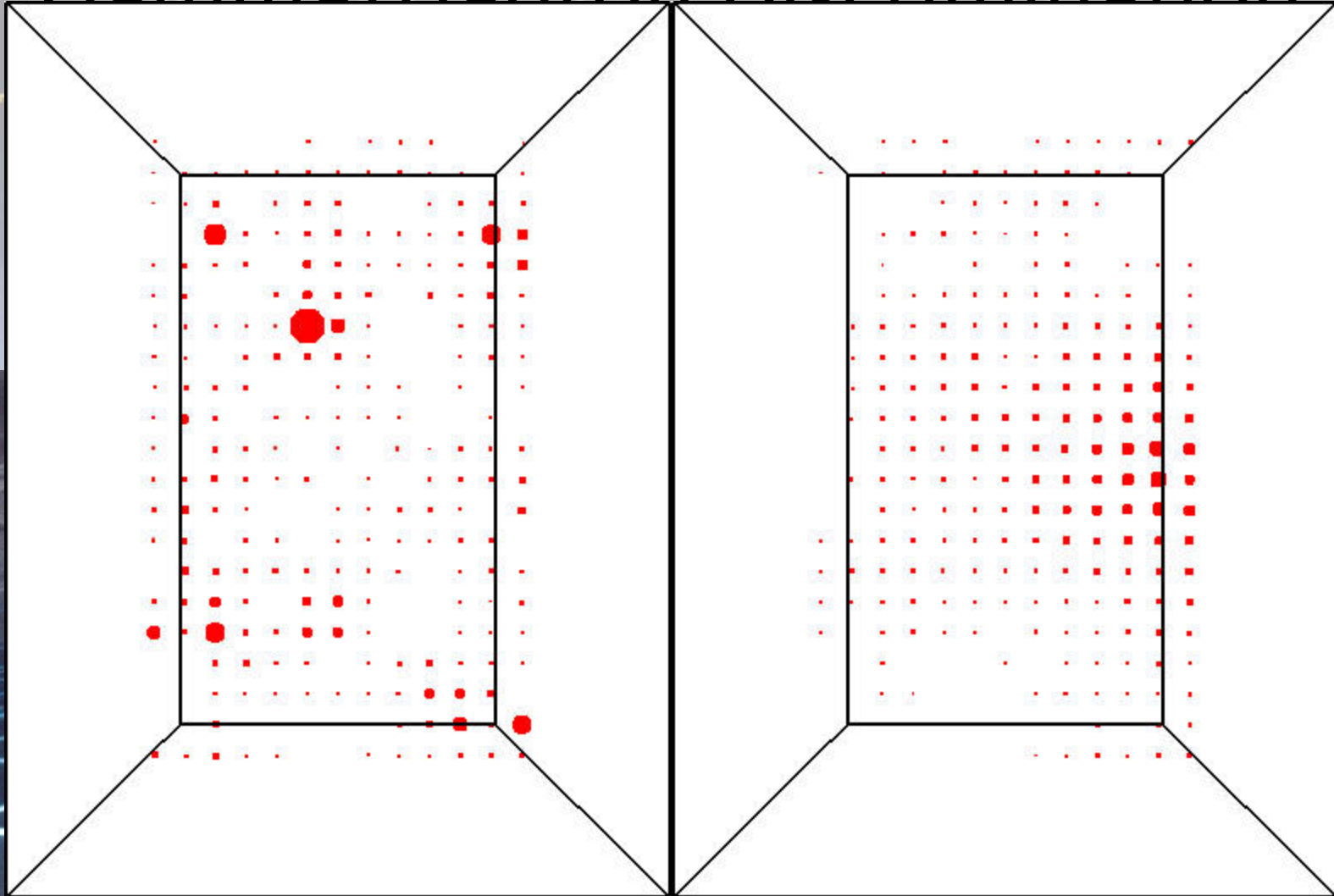
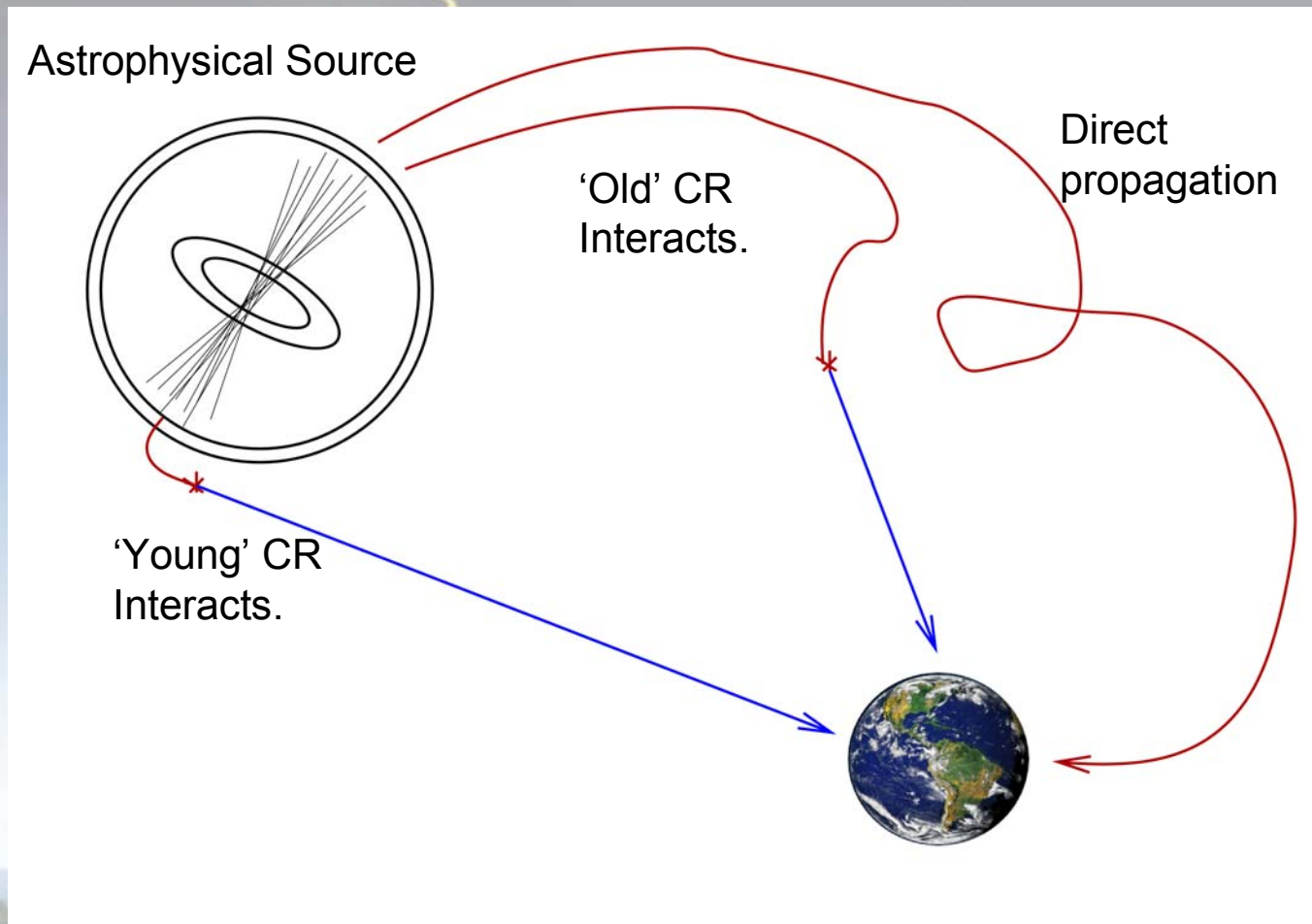


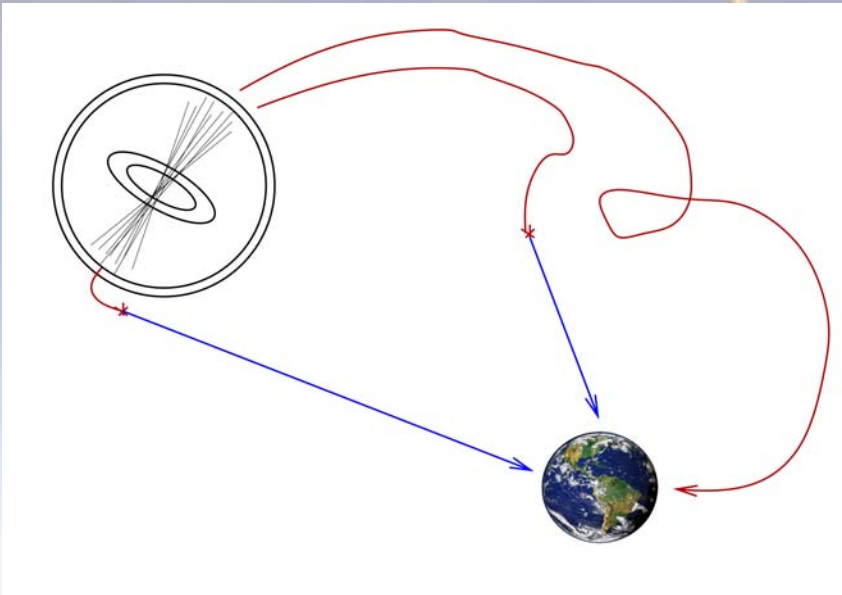
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The Cosmic Ray Picture

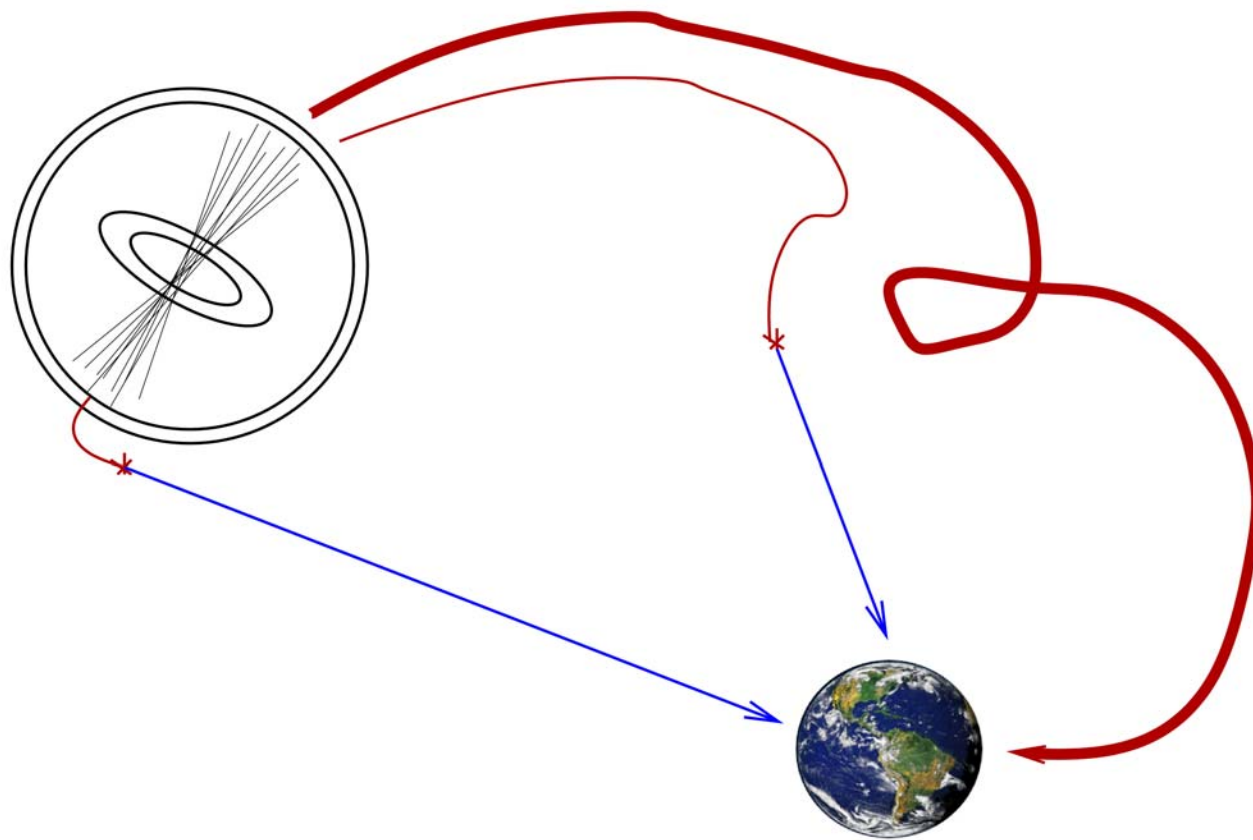


Open Questions

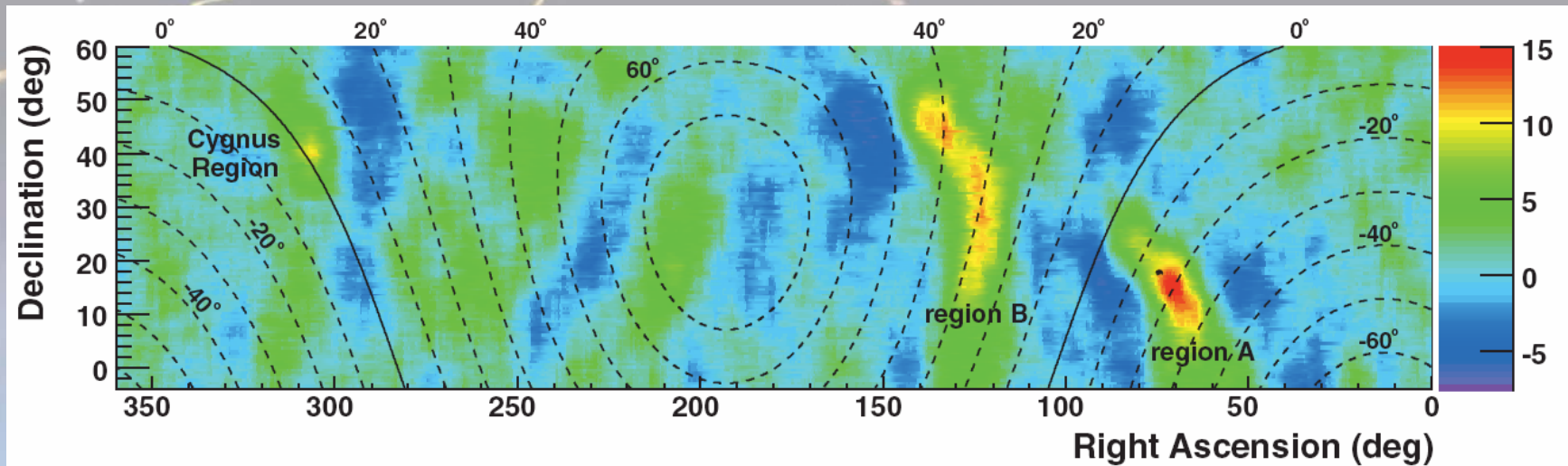
- What are sources of cosmic rays?
- How do the accelerators work?
- What is the source of the TeV Galactic diffuse emission?
- Is there a nearby source of cosmic rays?



Cosmic Ray Anisotropy

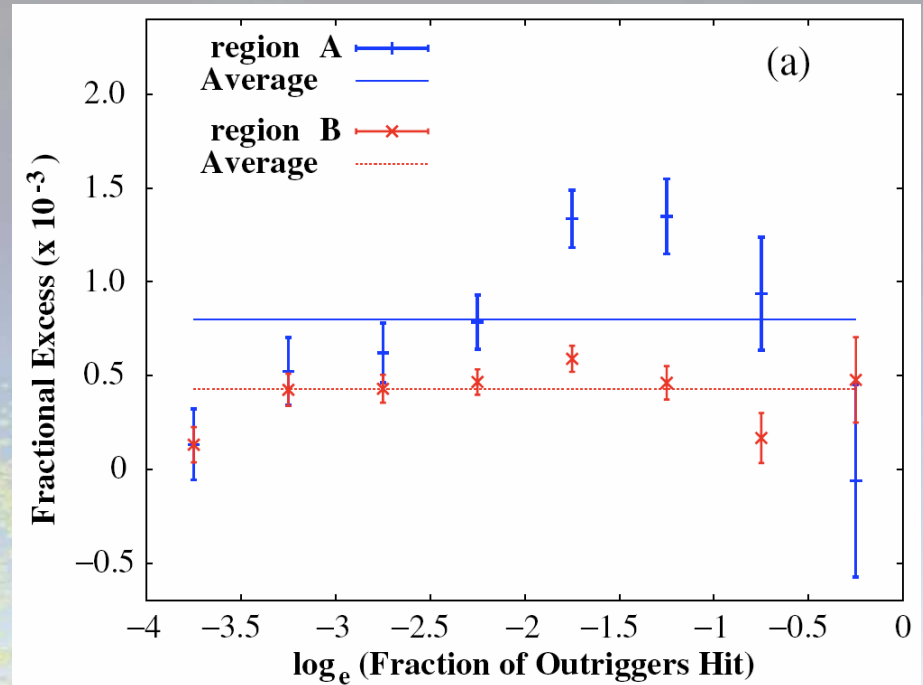
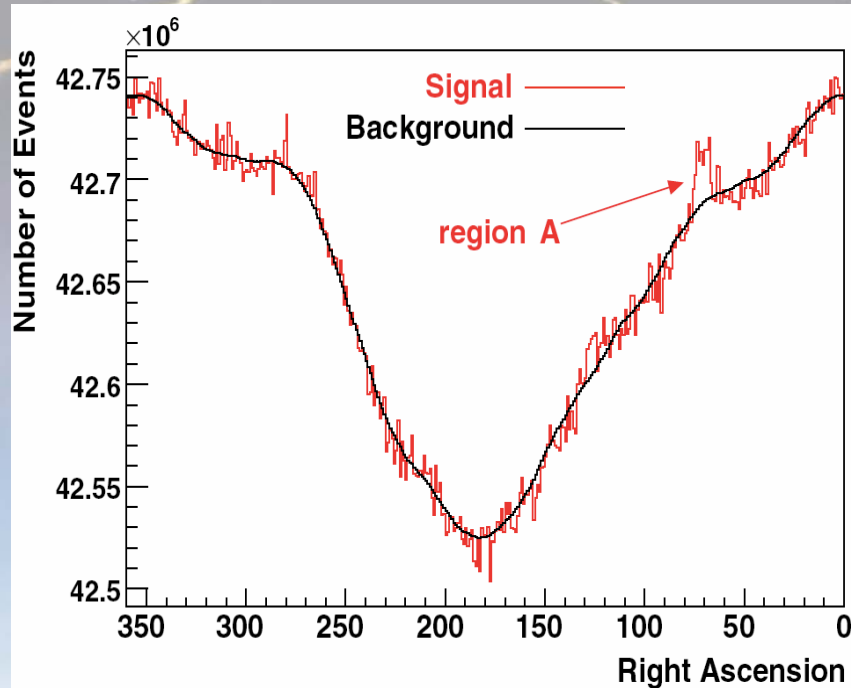


Milagro Cosmic Ray Observations



- No weighting or cutting. Map dominated by cosmic rays.
- Background subtraction serves as a high-pass filter.
- 10σ smoothing looks for largeish features.
- Two regions of excess 15.0σ and 12.7σ . Fractional excess of 6×10^{-4} (4×10^{-4}) for region A(B).
- Seen also by Tibet AS γ and ARGO-YBJ

Milagro Cosmic Ray Observations



- Gamma-ray origin excluded to high confidence. Cosmic-ray hypothesis fits well.
- Appear harder than background cosmic-rays with a cutoff at ~ 10 TeV.

What are these features?

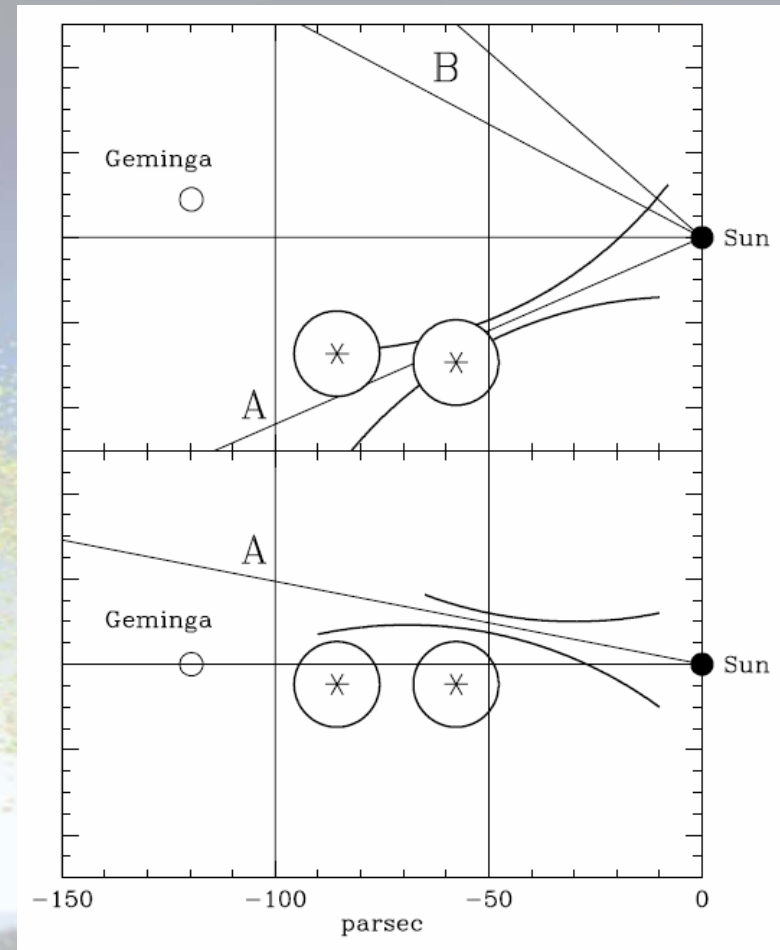
- Heliospheric?
 - Considered by Salvati and Sacco and found not likely.
- Neutron production in clump of ISM matter gathered at the heliotail.
 - Rejected by Drury and Aharonian
- Nearby Source
 - Gyroradius of 10 TeV proton is in $>1\mu\text{G} < 0.01 \text{ pc}$.
 - 10 TeV neutron will live for 0.1 pc
- An effect resulting from the summation of sources near Earth?

Salvati and Sacco. A&A 485, 527-529 (2008)

Drury and Aharonian. Astropart. Phys. 29 420-423 (2008)

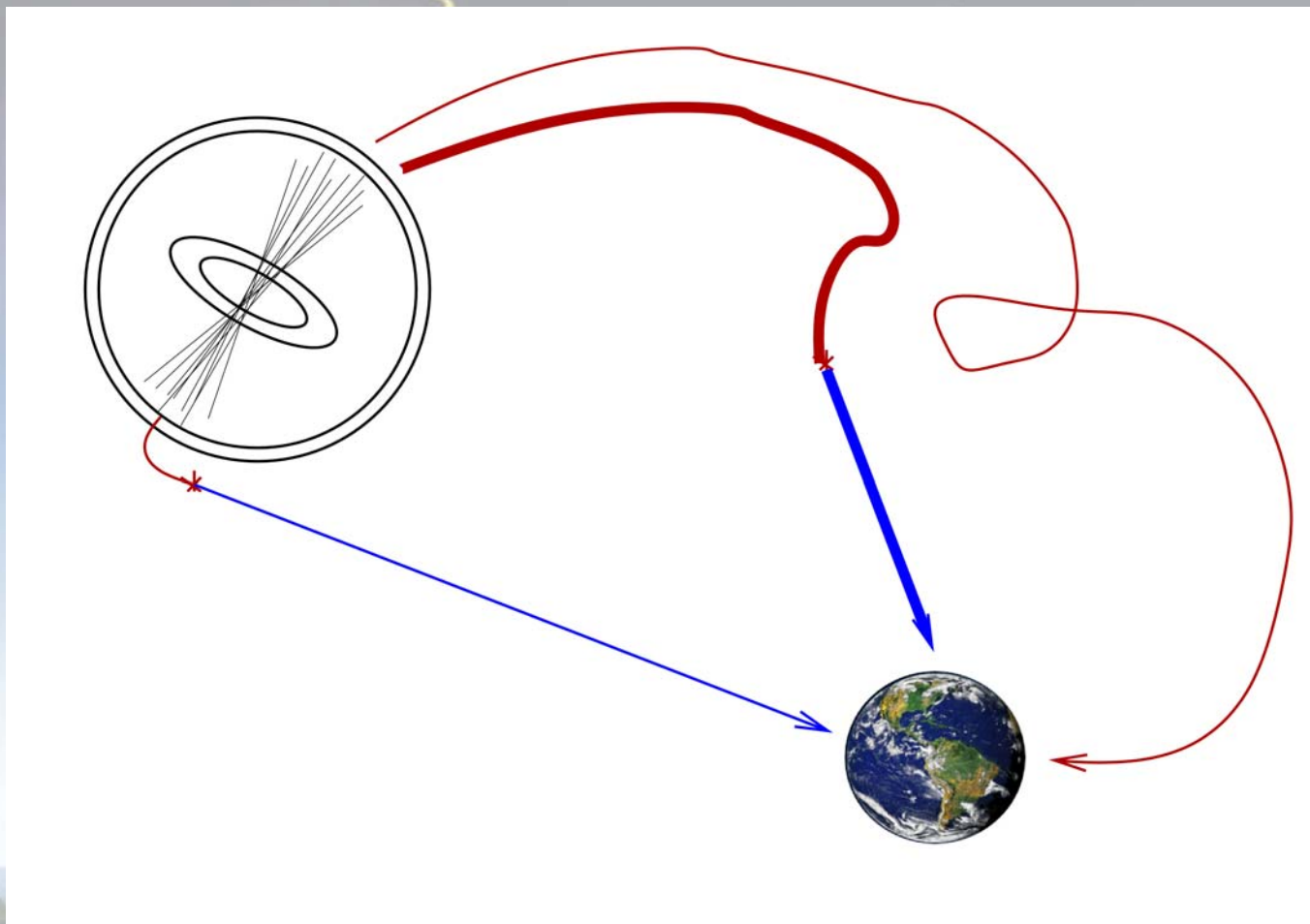
Potential Nearby Cosmic-Ray Accelerator

- Considered plausible by those who've considered it
- Requires non-standard cosmic-ray diffusion and a nearby source (Geminga supernova? As little as 90 pc away.)
- Some coherent magnetic structure connecting us to the source.
- Need to understand cosmic-ray propagation better.

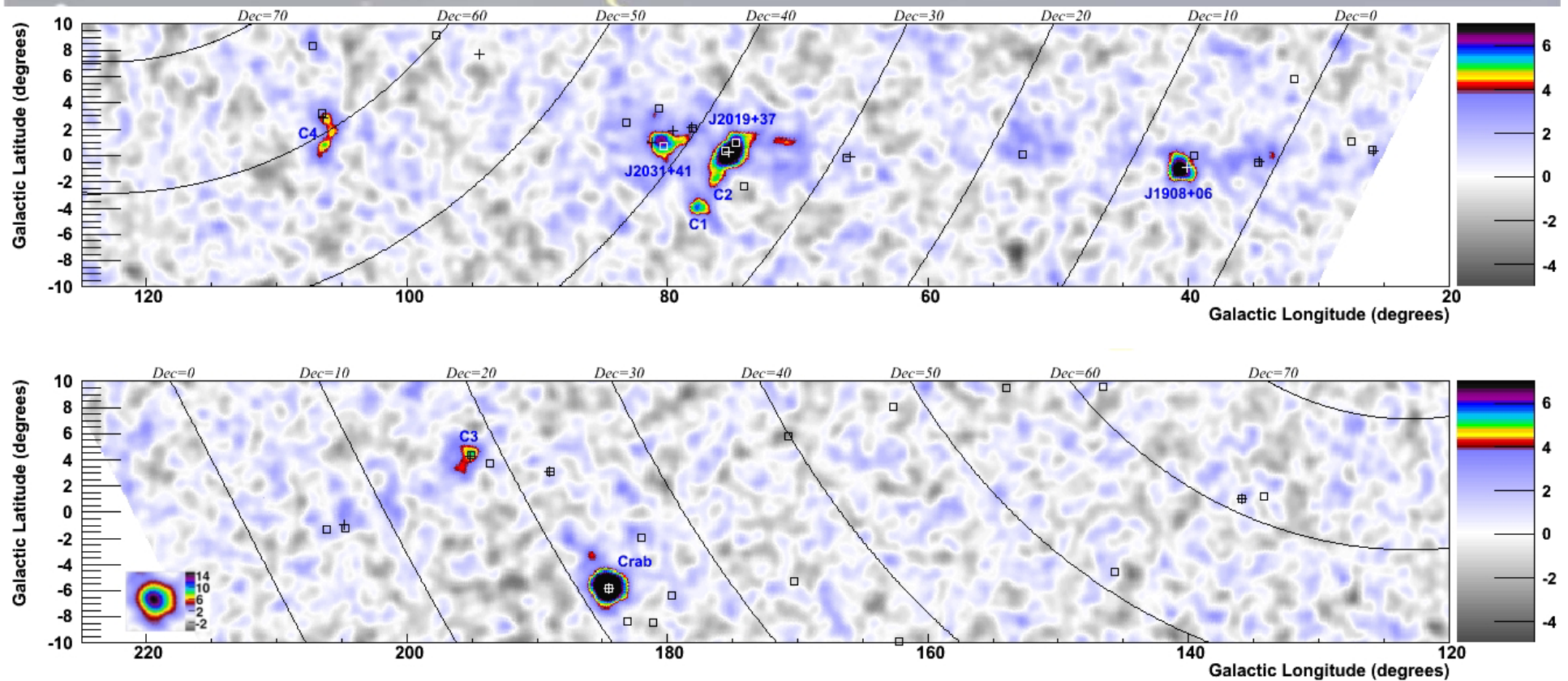


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Diffuse Gamma-ray Emission

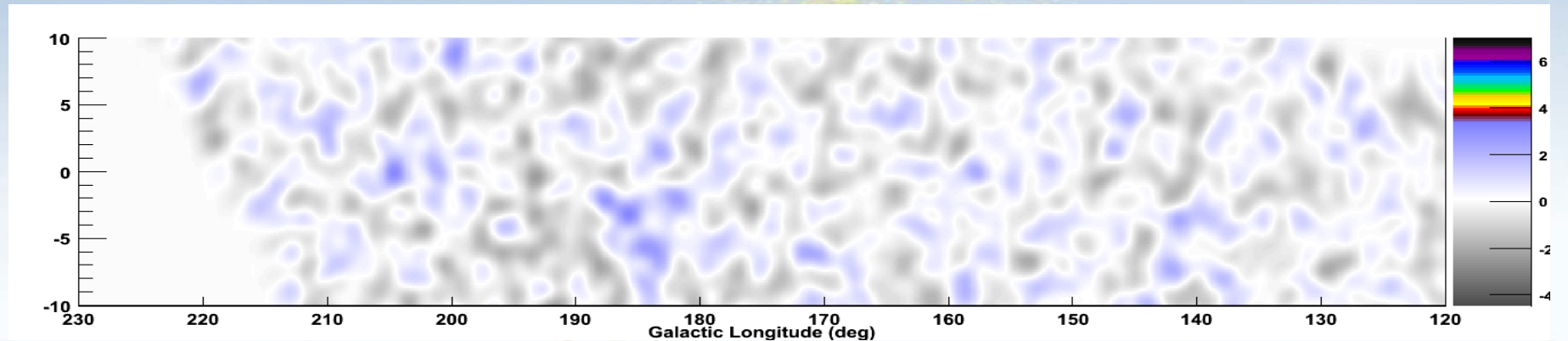
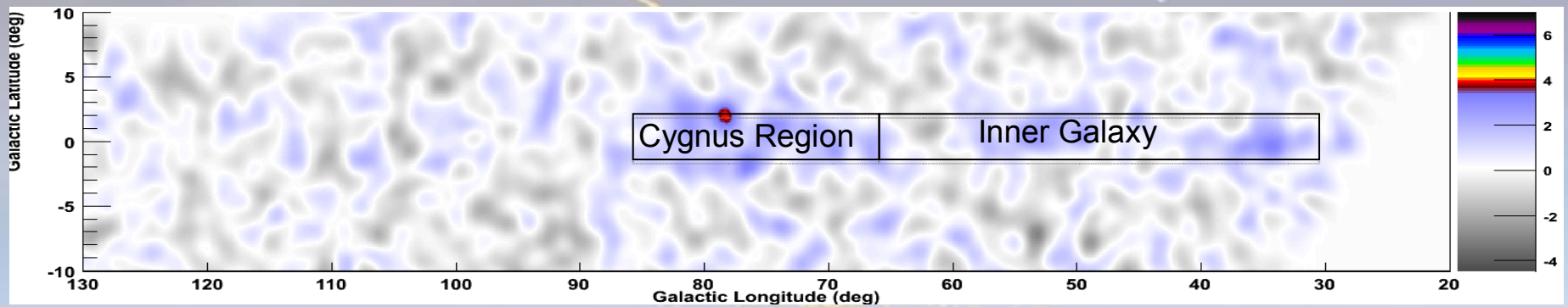


Milagro Galactic Plane



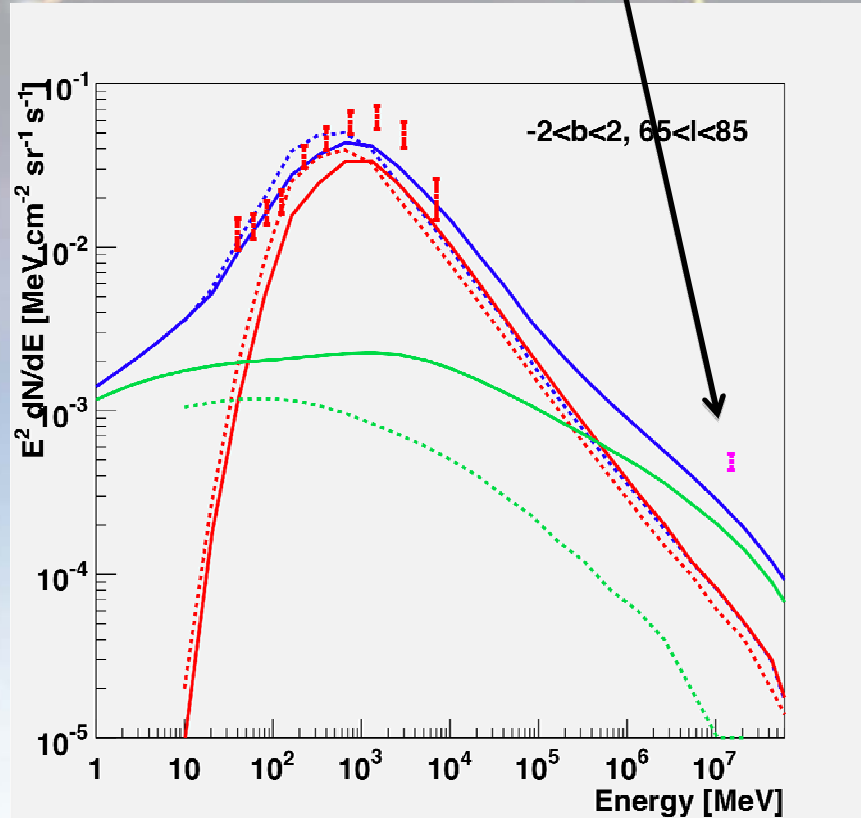
TeV Diffuse Emission from the Galactic Plane with Milagro

(Abdo et al. 2008)

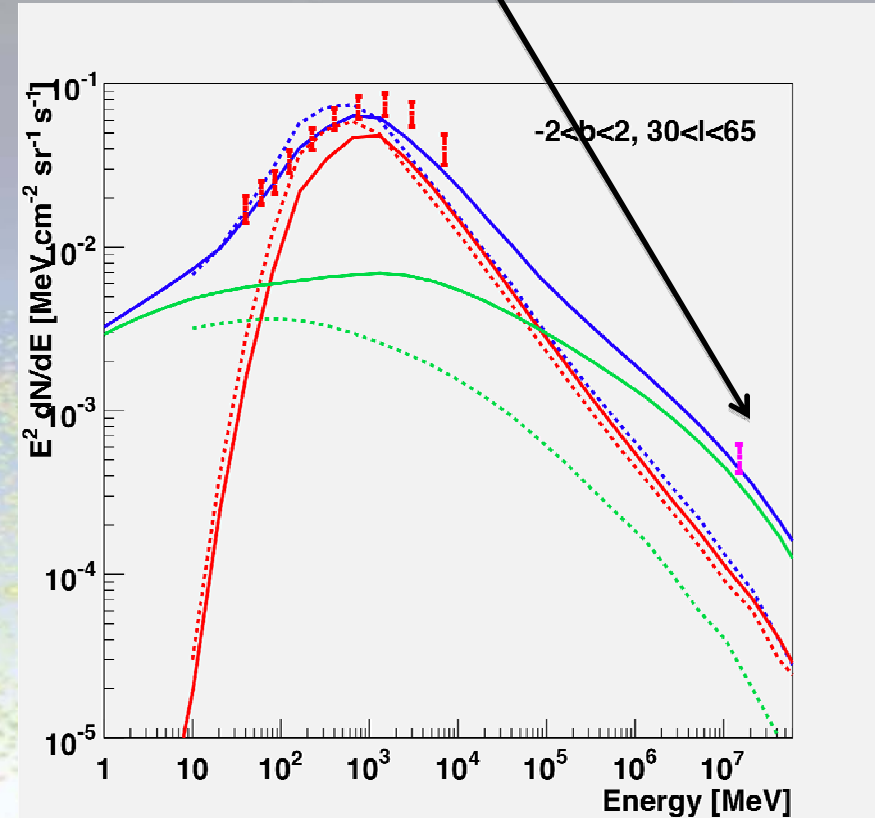


Inner Galaxy and Cygnus Region Compared to Galprop

8 times the conventional flux



4.7 times the conventional flux



Total Galprop Prediction
Pion Decay
Electron Inverse Compton

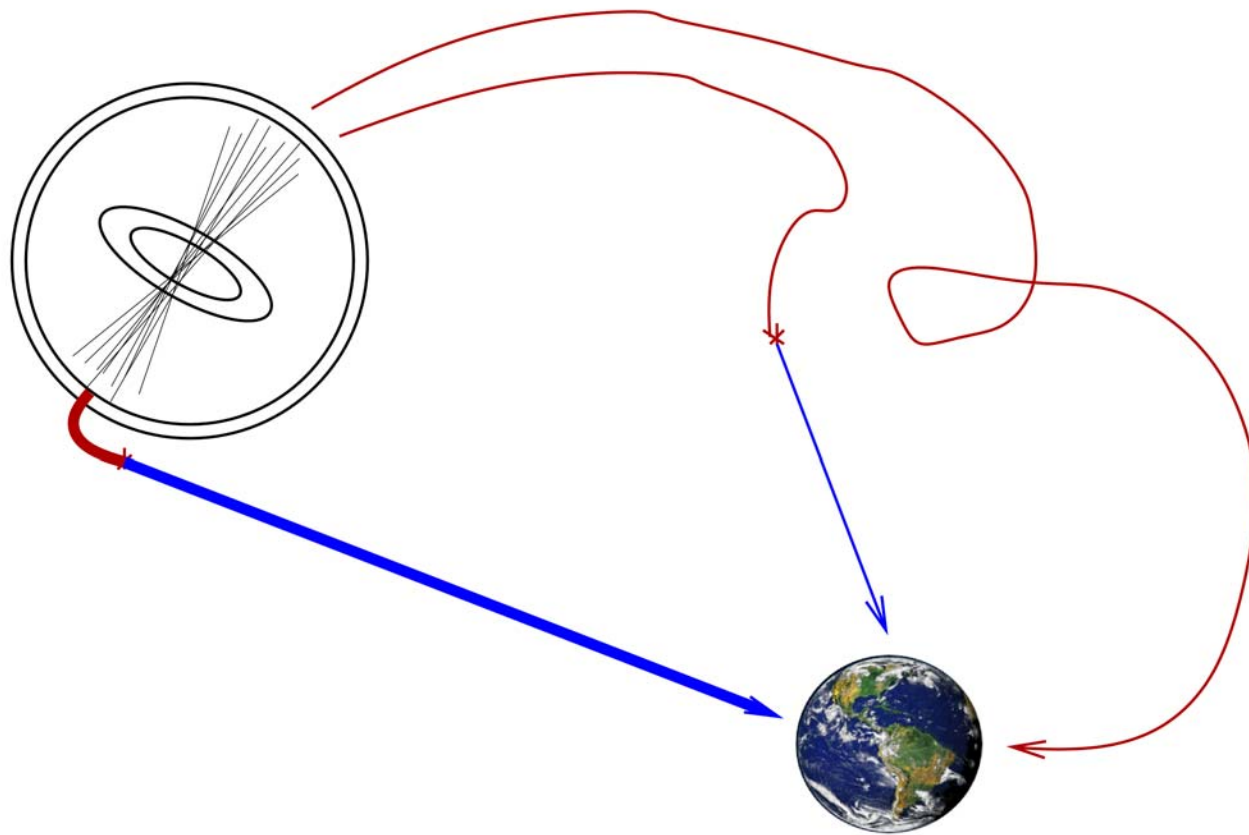
— Optimized GALPROP
- - - Conventional GALPROP

Strong et al., ApJ **613**, 962 (2004)
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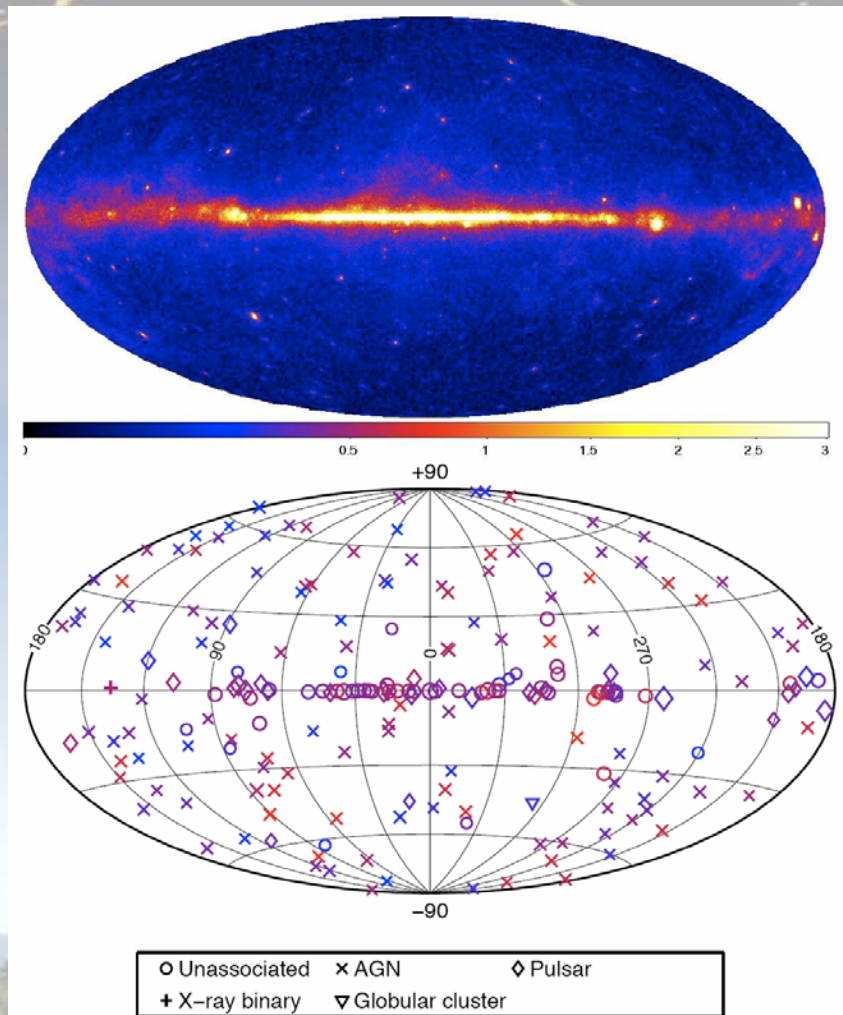
TeV Diffuse Emission Excess

- Unresolved Sources
 - Extrapolating HESS source population model can account for a substantial fraction of the excess (Casanova & Dingus. Astropart. Phys. 2008.)
- Unmodeled ‘young’ cosmic rays interacting near their sources
 - For instance, HESS observation of emission along the Galactic Center Ridge (Aharonian et al. Nature. 2006.)
- Dark Matter
 - Upscattered cosmic rays due to high dark-matter/hadron cross section using new TeV physics. (Masip & Mastromatteo arXiv:0904.0921)

Discrete Gamma-Ray Sources



Fermi-LAT Bright Source List



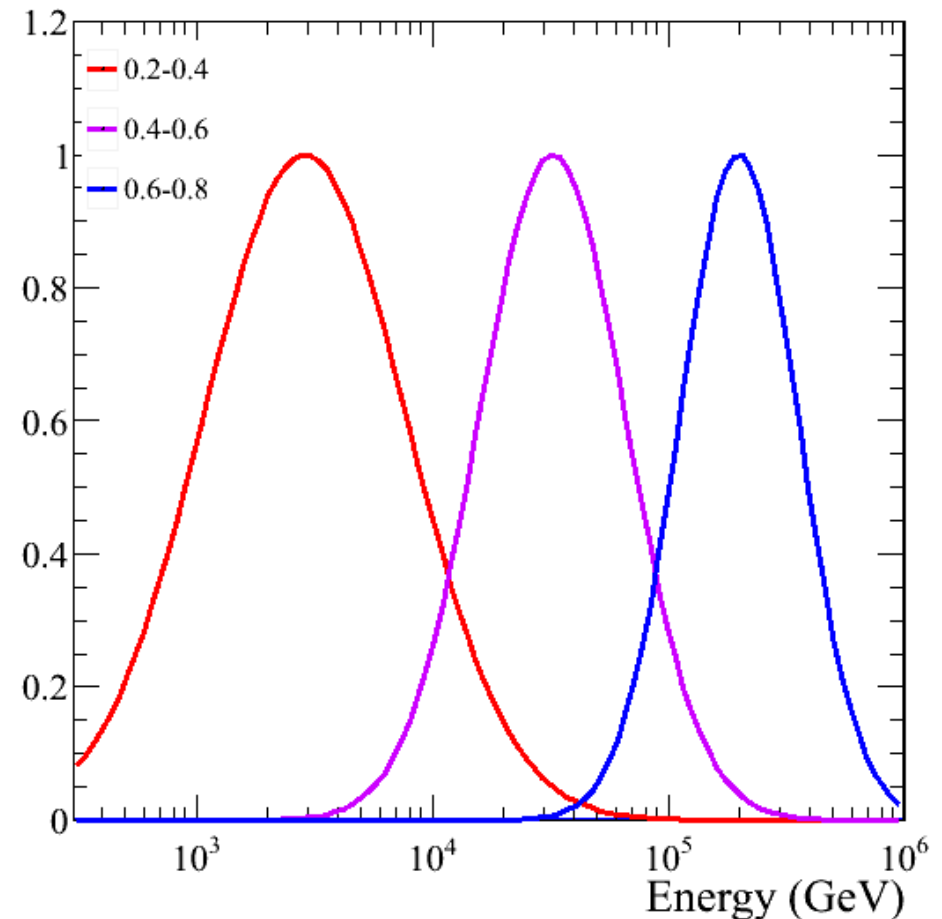
- Sensitivity from 100 MeV to hundreds of GeV
- 205 10σ sources in 3 months of data
- Blazars, pulsars identified by their variability.
- Several new pulsars (pulsations discovered in the GeV first)
- Deeper survey than entire EGRET dataset
- Angular resolution $< 0.1^\circ$ at the higher energies

Next Generation of Analysis - Energy

- Frasar variable F tracks energy

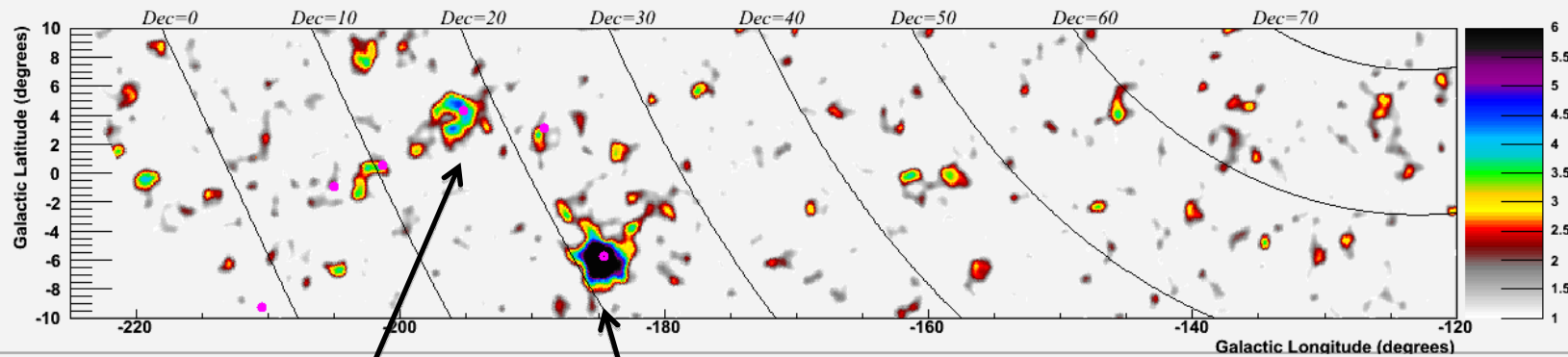
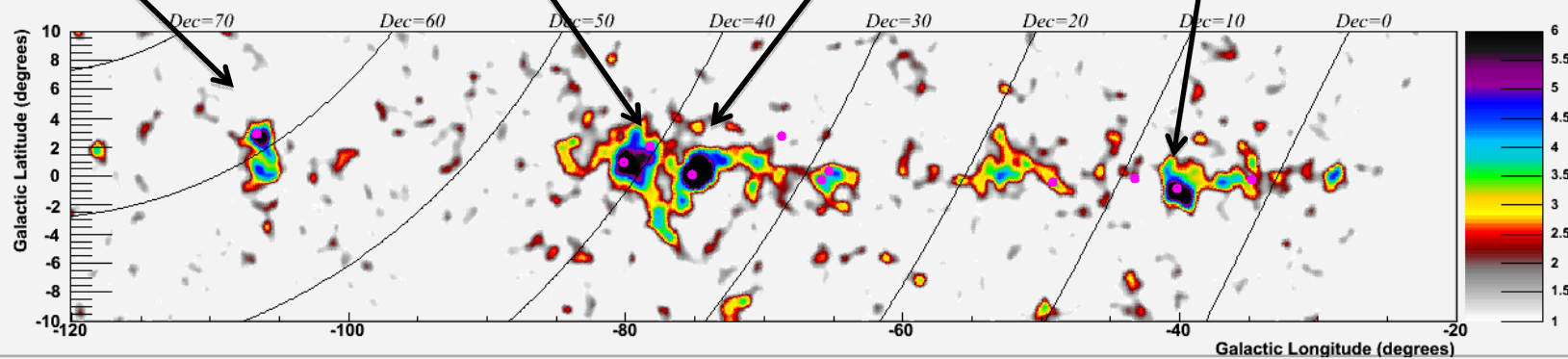
$$F = \frac{N_{AS}}{Live_{AS}} + \frac{N_{OR}}{Live_{OR}}$$

- Optimize weighting separately in each F bin.
- Excess in each F bin fit to MC to generate energy spectrum
- 1.5 years more data
- Crab $15.0\sigma \rightarrow 17.2\sigma$
- 15% - 25% cumulative increase in sensitivity
- Median energy 20 \rightarrow 35 TeV



Survey of the Galactic Plane

Boomerang PWN MGRO J2032+41 MGRO J2019+37 MGRO J1908+06

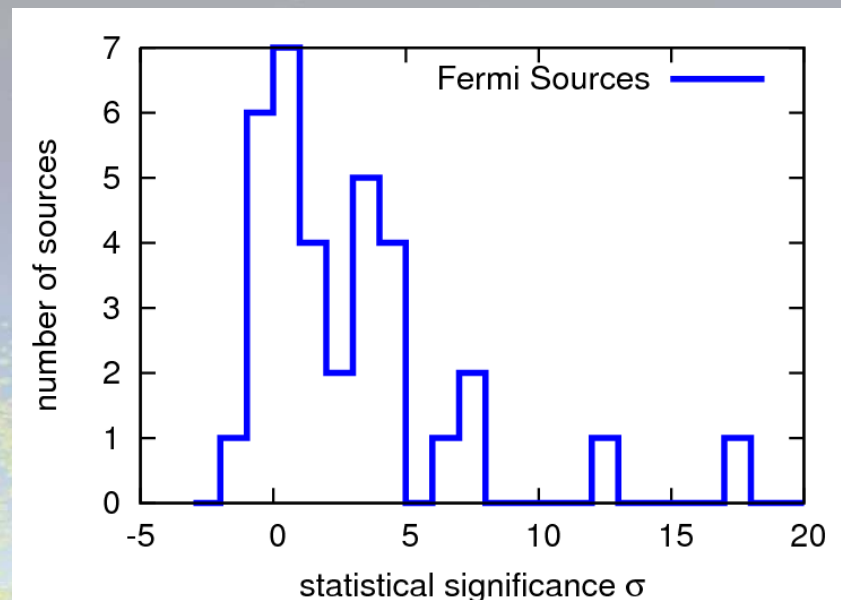


Geminga

Crab

Milagro Search for TeV emission from Galactic sources

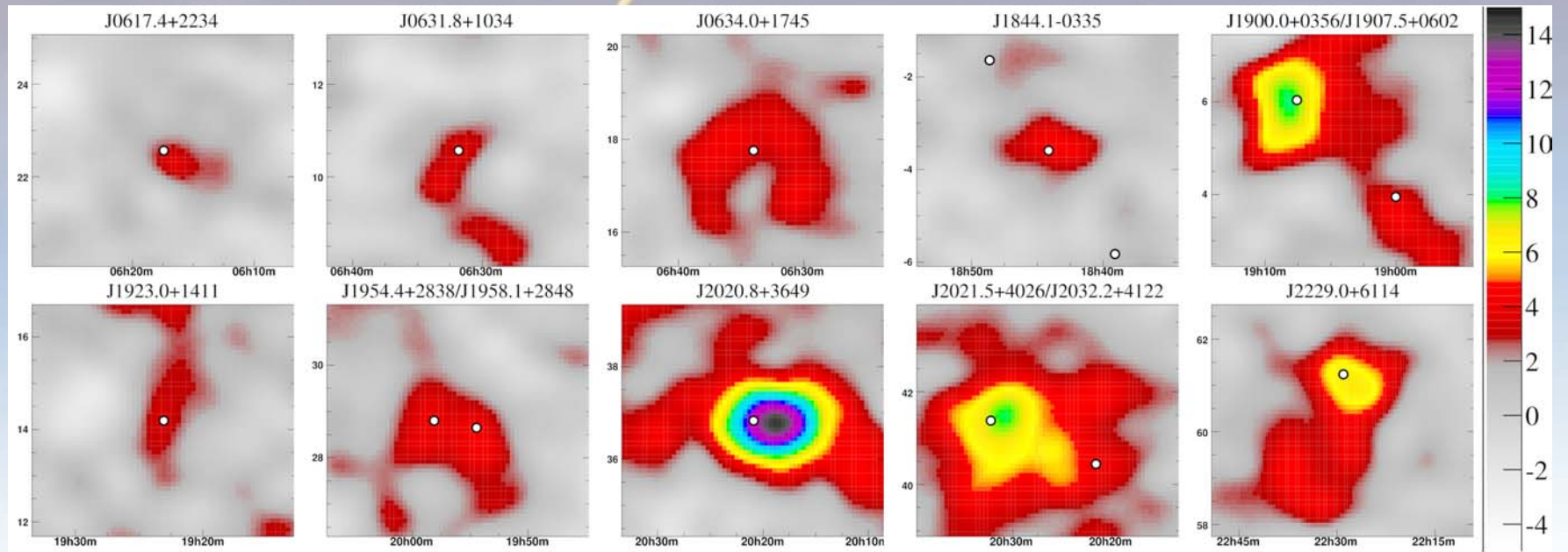
- 34 / 205 BSL sources are possibly Galactic and in Milagro's field of view ($\delta > -5^\circ$)
 - 16 pulsars
 - 1 x-ray binary
 - 5 SNR
 - 12 unknown
- 14/34 are observed at 3σ or more in Milagro data
- Probability of a single 3σ detection in 34 trials is only 4%
- 6/14 have been reported by Milagro before
- 9/14 are pulsars (all 6 previous Milagro sources are now associated with pulsars)
- 3/14 are SNR



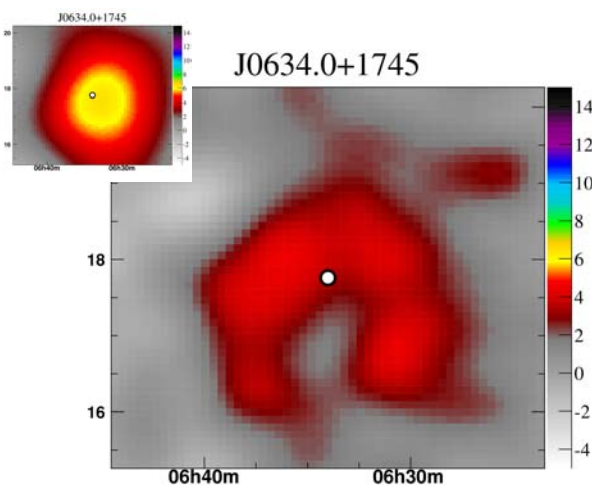
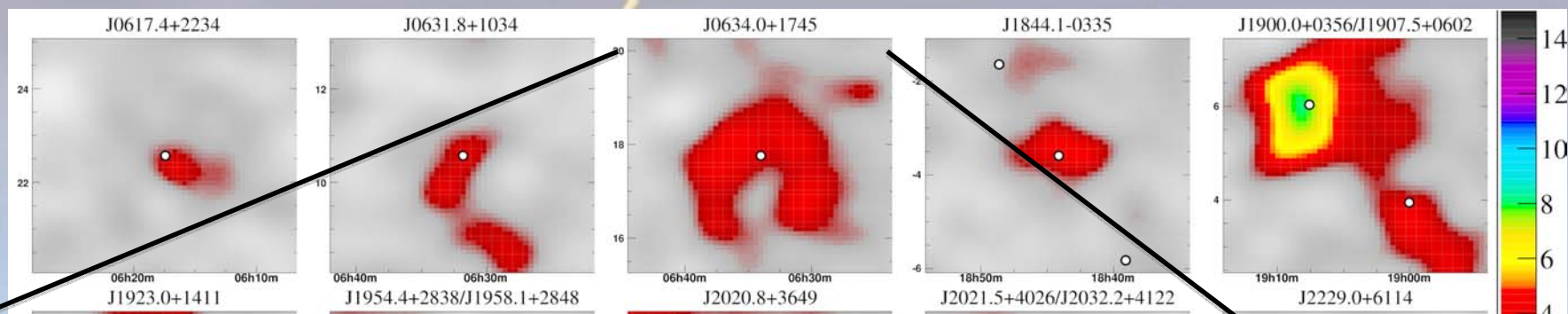
- 'Most' of the 3σ sources are true TeV detections, but cannot be claimed individually
- All of these will be observable with 3 months of HAWC data

Name (0FGL)	type	RA (deg)	DEC (deg)	l (deg)	b (deg)	Flux ($\times 10^{-17}$ TeV $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$)	Signif. (σ 's)	TeV assoc.
J0007.4+7303	PSR	1.85	73.06	119.69	10.47	< 90.4	2.6	LSI +61 303
J0030.3+0450	PSR	7.60	4.85	113.11	-57.62	< 20.9	-1.7	
J0240.3+6113	HXB	40.09	61.23	135.66	1.07	< 26.2	0.7	
J0357.5+3205	PSR	59.39	32.08	162.71	-16.06	< 16.5	-0.1	
J0534.6+2201	PSR	83.65	22.02	184.56	-5.76	162.6 ± 9.4	17.2	Crab
J0613.9-0202	PSR	93.48	-2.05	210.47	-9.27	< 60.0	-0.0	IC443
J0617.4+2234	SNR ^a	94.36	22.57	189.08	3.07	28.8 ± 9.5	3.0	
J0631.8+1034	PSR	97.95	10.57	201.30	0.51	47.2 ± 12.9	3.7	
J0633.5+0634	PSR	98.39	6.58	205.04	-0.96	< 50.2	1.4	MGRO C3 Geminga
J0634.0+1745	PSR	98.50	17.76	195.16	4.29	37.7 ± 10.7	3.5	
J0643.2+0858		100.82	8.98	204.01	2.29	< 30.5	0.3	
J1653.4-0200		253.35	-2.01	16.55	24.96	< 51.0	-0.5	
J1830.3+0617		277.58	6.29	36.16	7.54	< 32.8	0.2	MGRO J1908+06 HESS J1908+063
J1836.2+5924	PSR	279.06	59.41	88.86	25.00	< 14.6	-0.9	
J1844.1-0335		281.04	-3.59	28.91	-0.02	148.4 ± 34.2	4.3	
J1848.6-0138		282.16	-1.64	31.15	-0.12	< 91.7	1.7	
J1855.9+0126	SNR ^a	283.99	1.44	34.72	-0.35	< 89.5	2.2	HESS J1923+141
J1900.0+0356		285.01	3.95	37.42	-0.11	70.7 ± 19.5	3.6	
J1907.5+0602	PSR	286.89	6.03	40.14	-0.82	116.7 ± 15.8	7.4	
J1911.0+0905	SNR ^a	287.76	9.09	43.25	-0.18	< 41.7	1.5	
J1923.0+1411	SNR ^a	290.77	14.19	49.13	-0.40	39.4 ± 11.5	3.4	MGRO J2019+37
J1953.2+3249	PSR	298.32	32.82	68.75	2.73	< 17.0	0.0	
J1954.4+2838	SNR ^a	298.61	28.65	65.30	0.38	37.1 ± 8.6	4.3	
J1958.1+2848	PSR	299.53	28.80	65.85	-0.23	34.7 ± 8.6	4.0	
J2001.0+4352		300.27	43.87	79.05	7.12	< 12.1	-0.9	TEV 2032+41 MGRO J2031+41
J2020.8+3649	PSR	305.22	36.83	75.18	0.13	108.3 ± 8.7	12.4	
J2021.5+4026	PSR	305.40	40.44	78.23	2.07	35.8 ± 8.5	4.2	
J2027.5+3334		306.88	33.57	73.30	-2.85	< 16.0	-0.2	
J2032.2+4122	PSR	308.06	41.38	80.16	0.98	63.3 ± 8.3	7.6	MGRO C4
J2055.5+2540		313.89	25.67	70.66	-12.47	< 17.6	-0.0	
J2110.8+4608		317.70	46.14	88.26	-1.35	< 24.1	1.1	
J2214.8+3002		333.70	30.05	86.91	-21.66	< 20.7	0.6	
J2229.0+6114	PSR	337.26	61.24	106.64	2.96	70.9 ± 10.8	6.6	
J2302.9+4443		345.75	44.72	103.44	-14.00	< 13.2	-0.6	

The 3σ Locations

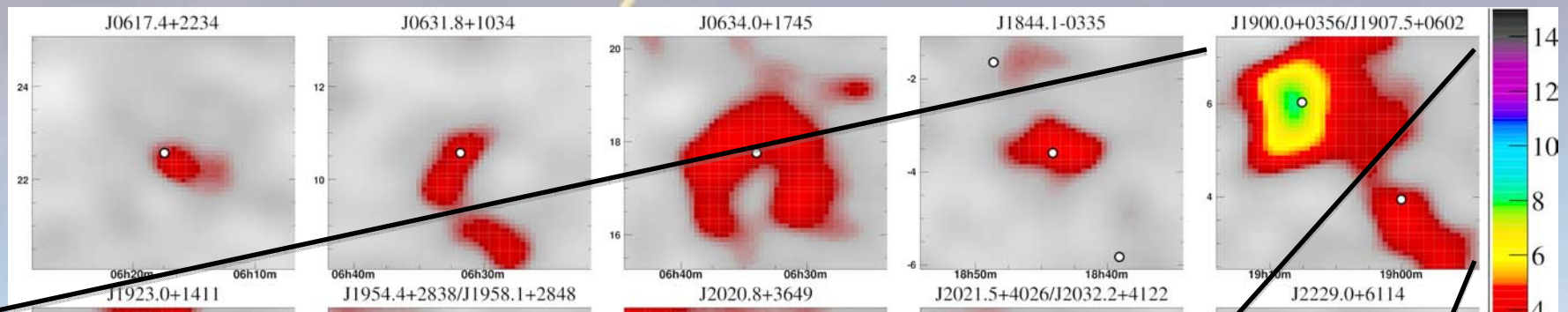


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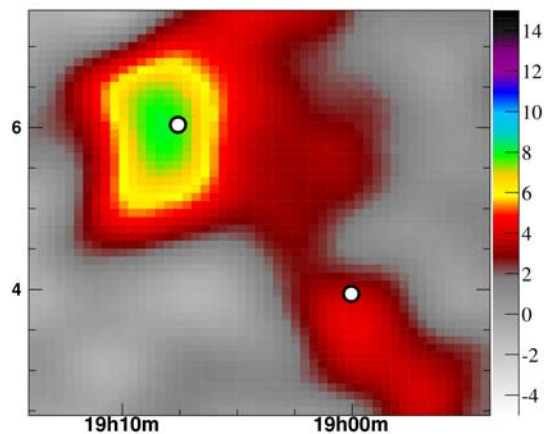


- Most Significant source in BSL
- Old (300 kyr) and nearby (169 pc)
- 3.5σ at the location of Geminga
- 6.3σ when assuming 1° extended source
- Fitted 1.1° extent, consistent with IACT observations of more distant PWN

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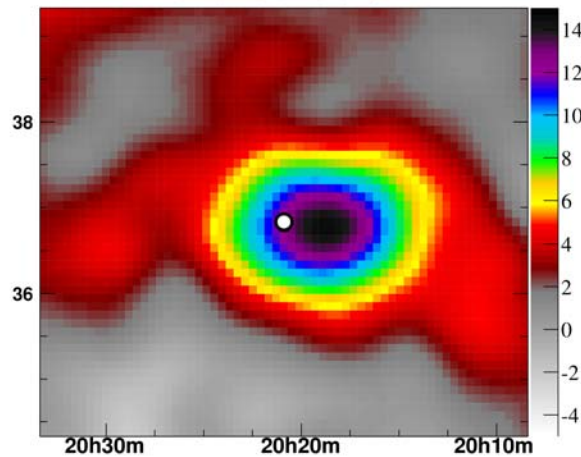
J1900.0+0356/J1907.5+0602



- 7.4σ at pulsar location. 8.1σ at local maximum.
- Pulsar discovered by the LAT.
- Verified by HESS and Veritas.
- Extended by 0.21° in HESS data

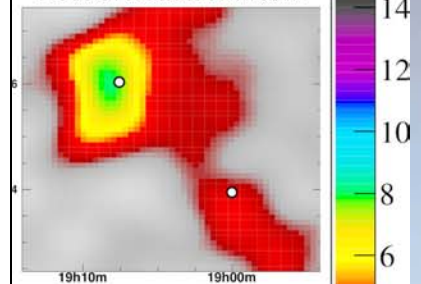
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J2020.8+3649

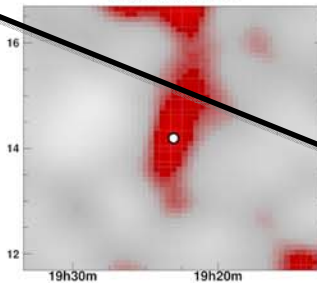


- Most significant source for Milagro after the Crab. 12.4σ at the pulsar location. 14.5σ at peak.
- Identified as a young pulsar by AGILE.
- Milagro peak is separated from pulsar by 0.3° with a 1σ error of 0.1° .
- In the Cygnus region being surveyed by Veritas.

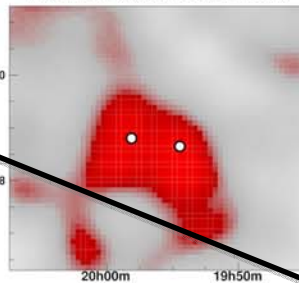
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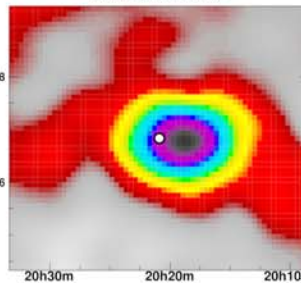
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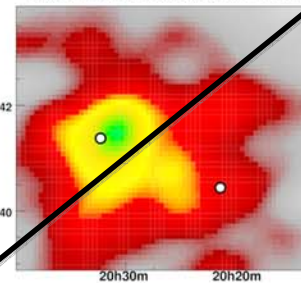
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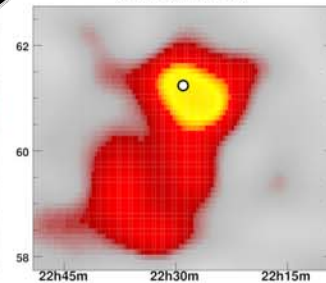
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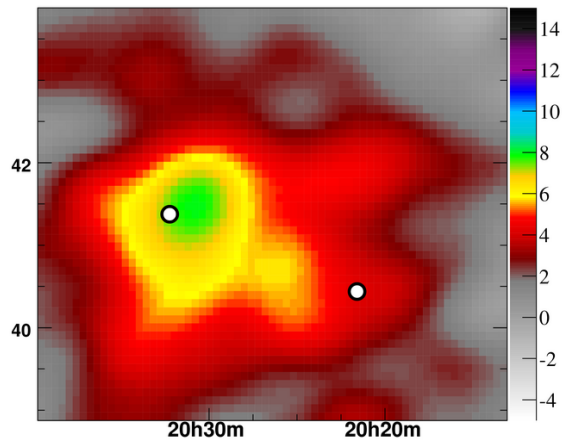


J2229.0+6114



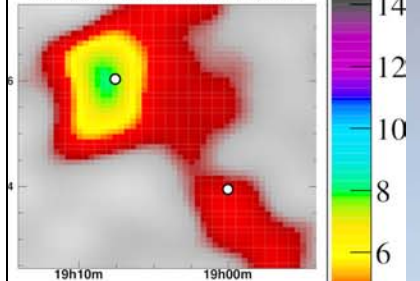
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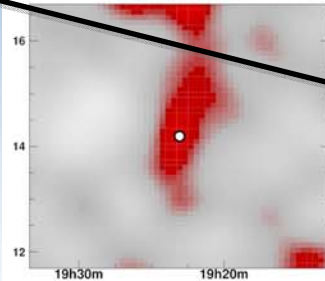


- Associated with LAT-identified pulsar
- Originally reported by Milagro as an 3° extended source.
 - Source confusion with 0FGL J2021.5+4026?

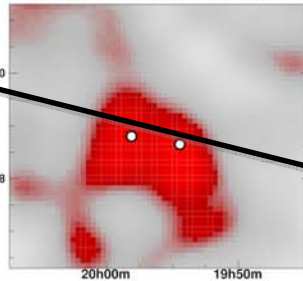
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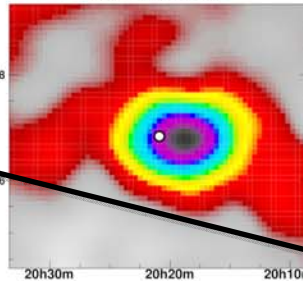
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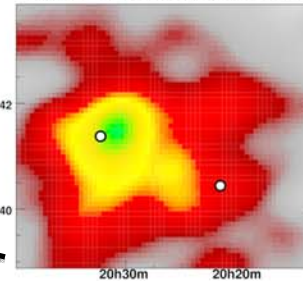
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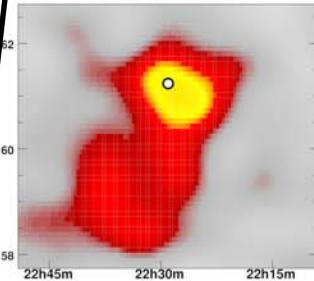
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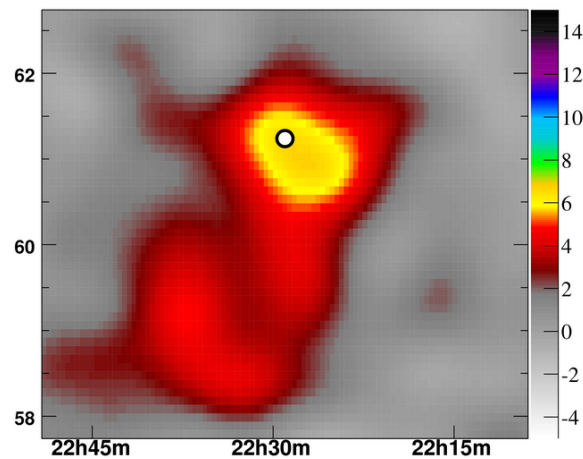


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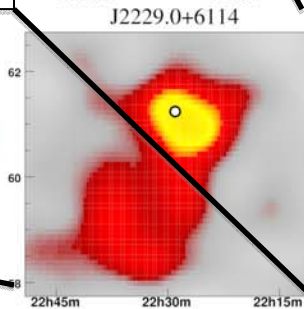
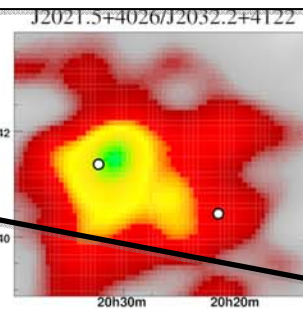
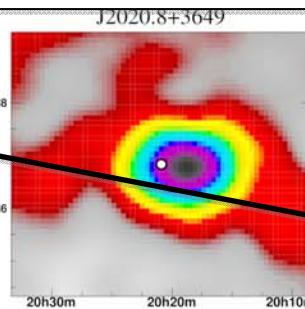
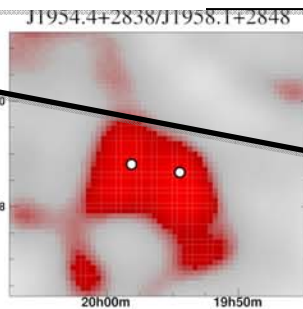
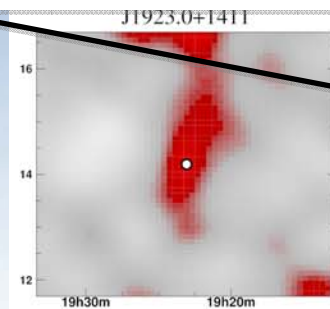
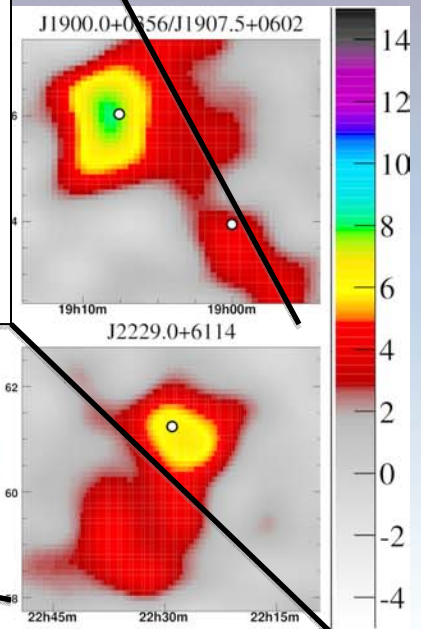


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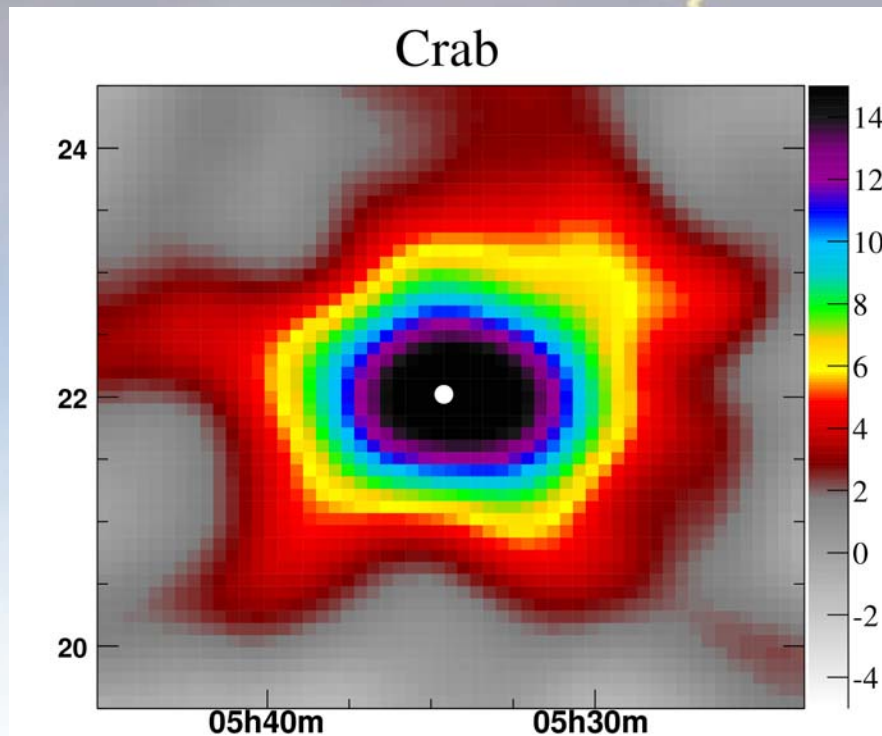
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- Boomerang PWN
- 6.6σ at the pulsar location
 6.8σ .
- Associated with radio pulsar J2229+6114
- Extended source or additional source to the south.



Milagro Gamma-Ray Sources



- Milagro's strongest sources are very likely TeV PWN. Typical TeV source is a PWN.
- TeV emission is quite commonly associated with MeV-GeV Pulsars.
- Spectrum to connect Milagro measurements to Fermi measurements are universally softer than 2.3.

High Altitude Water Cherenkov detector (HAWC)

- Move Milagro PMTs to high-altitude site at Sierra Negra, Mexico
- One layer representing 10x the area of Milagro's bottom layer
- Tanks can distinguish muons from EMS particles.
 - Better gamma/hadron separation.
- Overall 15x sensitivity improvement over Milagro.
- See sources 225x faster.
 - See 1 Crab every day.



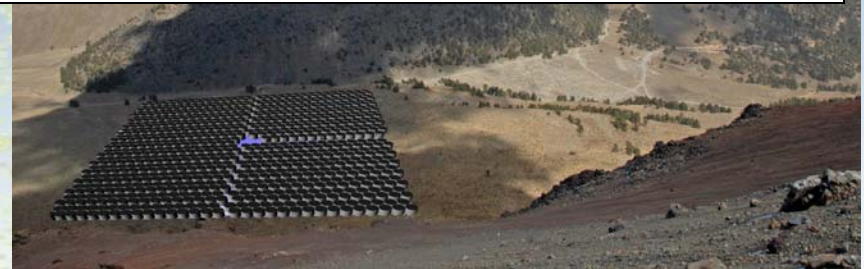
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from EMIS particles.

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Conclusions

- Milagro decommissioned in June 2008 and analysis of final dataset is underway.
 - Exhibits the need for an all-sky survey instrument.
- Cosmic-rays:
 - Localized anisotropy seen at $\sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$ level.
 - No compelling explanation yet. Most inspiring idea is that we are seeing cosmic rays from Geminga.
 - Need better understanding of Galactic magnetic fields.
- Gamma-rays:
 - List of sources and potential TeV emitters is growing. Appear to be mostly TeV PWN associated with MeV-GeV pulsars.
 - High-confidence TeV detection from Geminga and Boomerang PWN
 - How much Galactic Diffuse emission is explainable this way is an open question. Remaining Fermi data will help.
- HAWC
 - 15x increase in Milagro sensitivity
 - Engineering progressing with \$850k MRI
 - “Shovel Ready”