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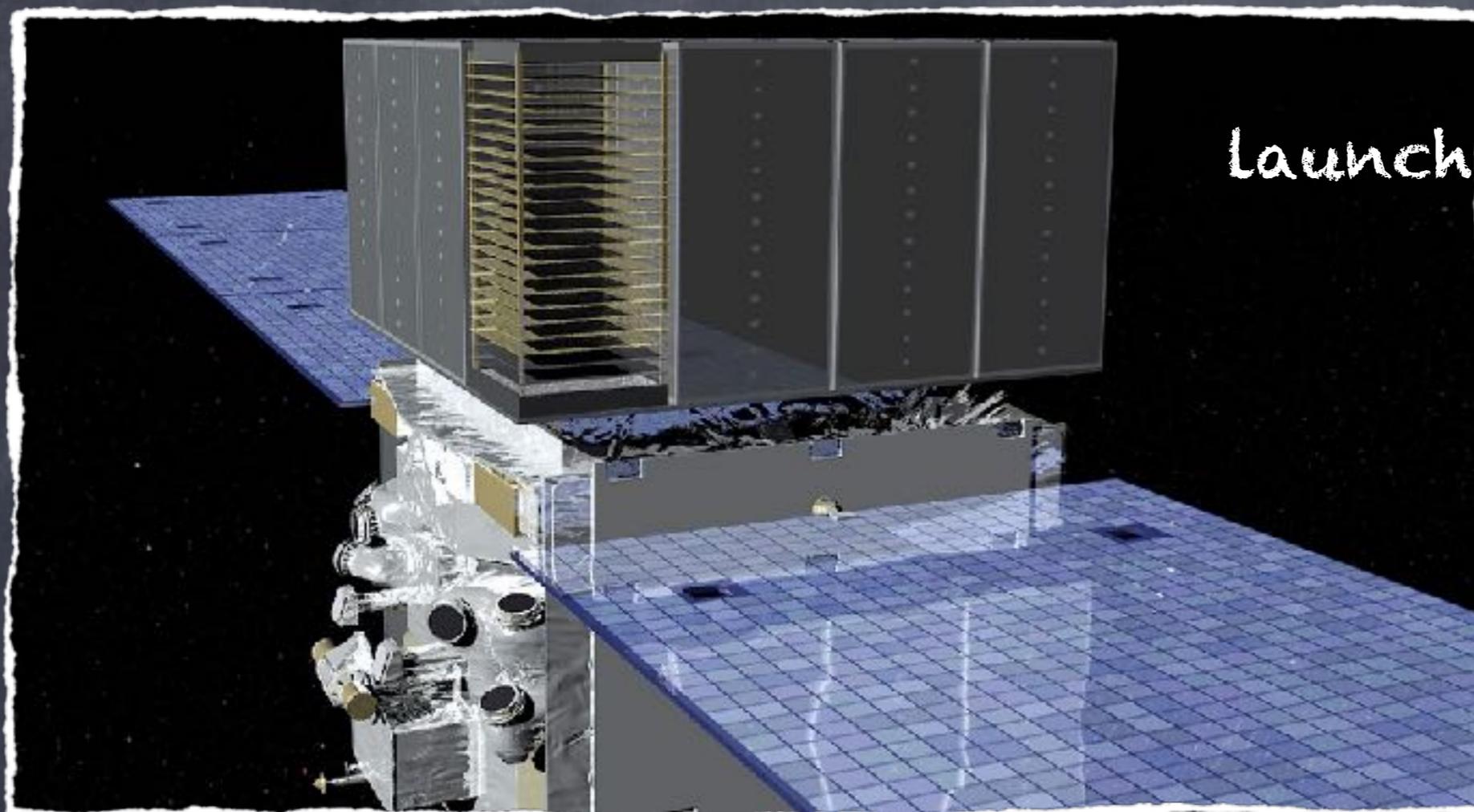
Gamma-ray Space Telescope

10 years of
observations of the
extragalactic sky with
Fermi-LAT

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Launch June 11, 2008

1- Converting and tracking system:

- convert an incident γ -ray to an e^+e^- -pair
- reconstruct the γ -ray direction from the tracks of the pair

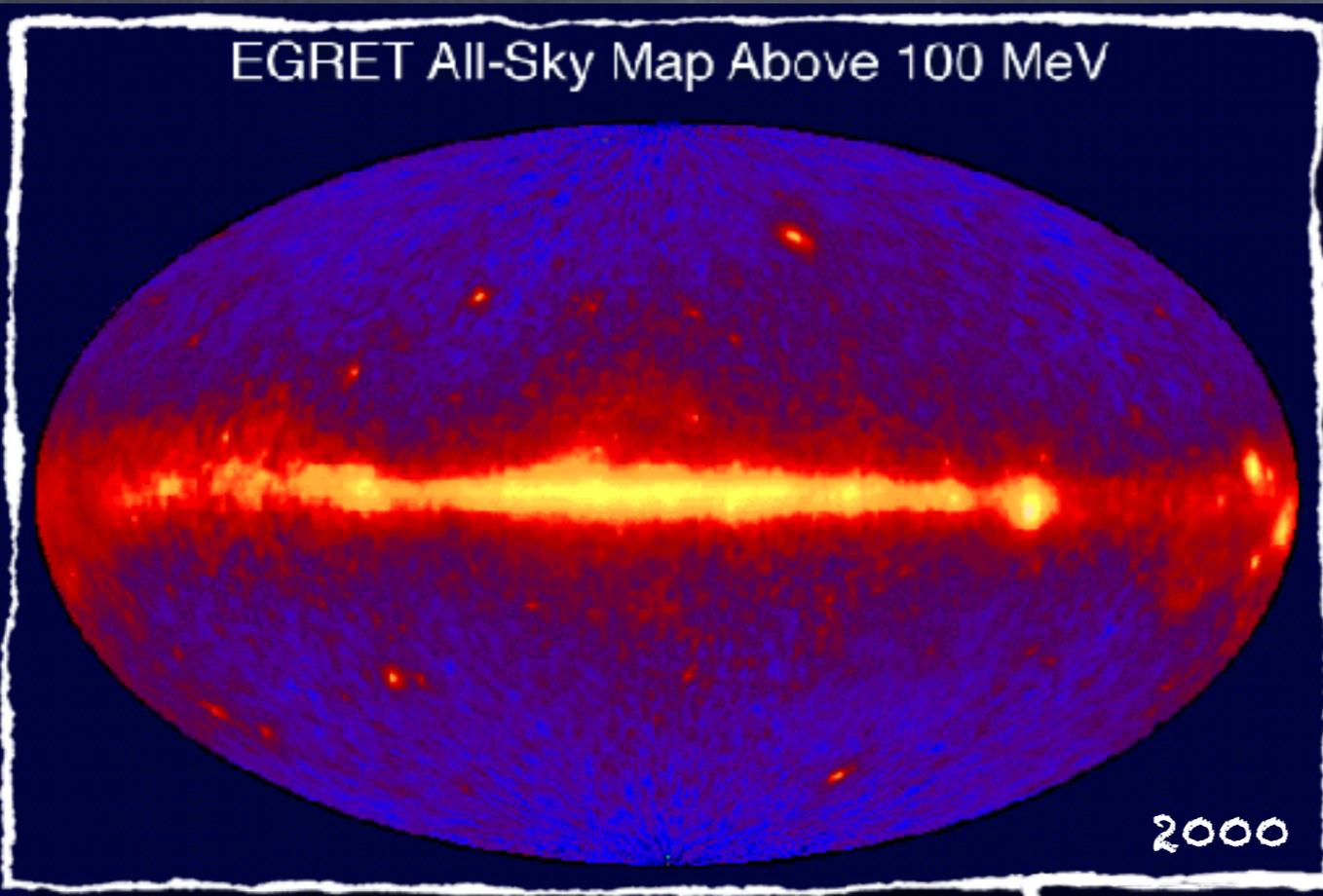
2- Calorimeter:

- measure the photon energy

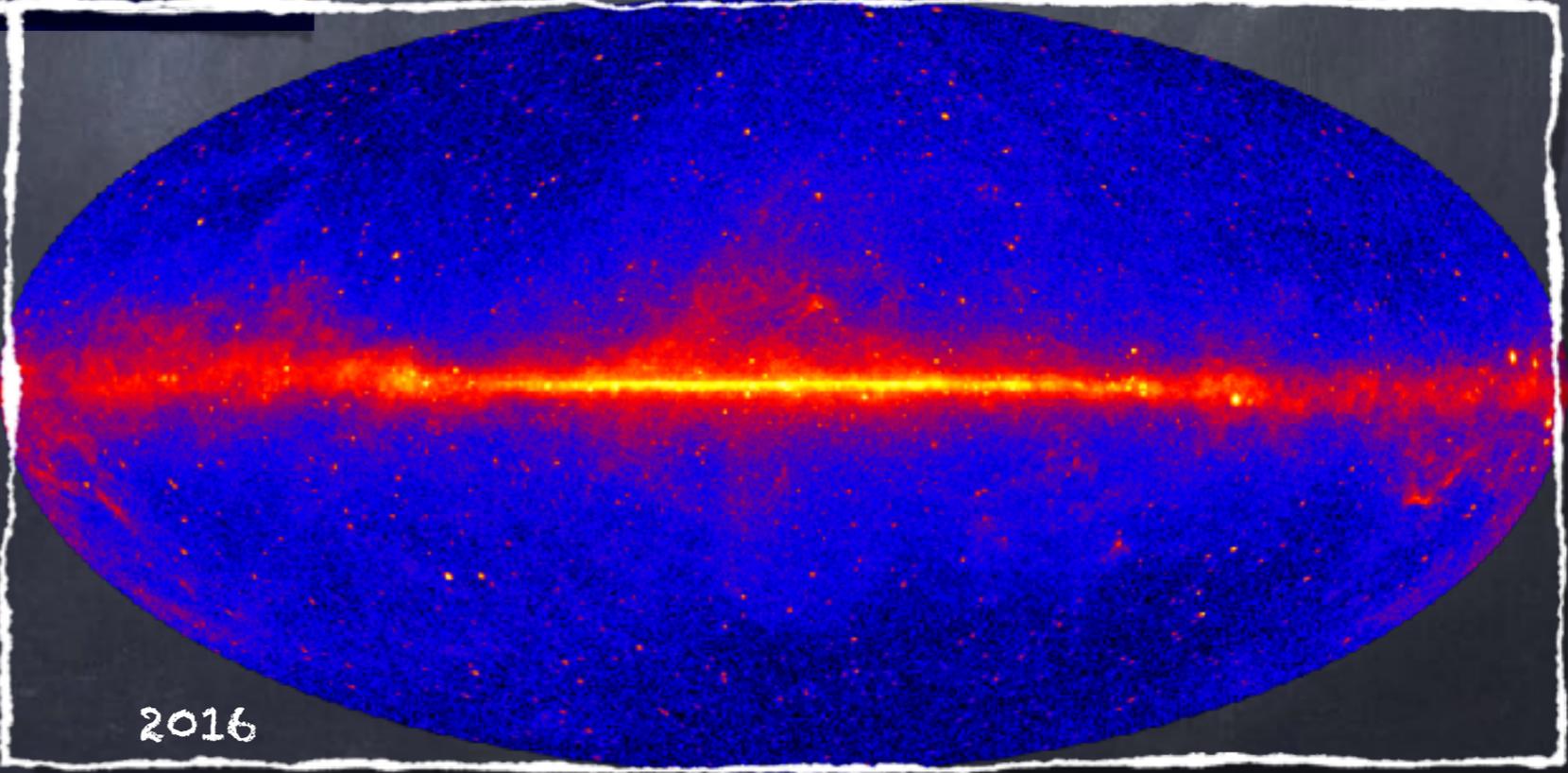
3- Anti-coincidence detector:

- limit the cosmic-ray background

- * Large effective area ($\sim 0.9 \text{ m}^2$ above 1 GeV)
- * Low dead time ($\sim 27 \mu\text{s}$)
- * Wide field of view (2.4 sr, i.e. 20% of the sky)



Fermi-LAT ALL-Sky Map Above 1 GeV



Catalogs drive other studies

LogN-LogS

Long term studies

γ-ray vs non γ-ray
sources

LF

MW timing correlation

EBL

catalog

new SNR

EGB

new PSR

unresolved
Galactic sources

new generation of
diffuse Galactic
emission

LAT general catalogs (FGLs, FHLs)

- * Purely gamma-ray based
(associations only post facto)
- * Detection over time-integrated data set
(scanning the sky permanently)
- * 0/1/2/3FGL: full energy range (> 100 MeV)
- * 1/2/3FHL: high-energy only ($> 10 / 50$ GeV)
- * Each generation has used improved data/calibration:
P6 \rightarrow P7 \rightarrow P7Rep \rightarrow P8

FGLs and FHLs

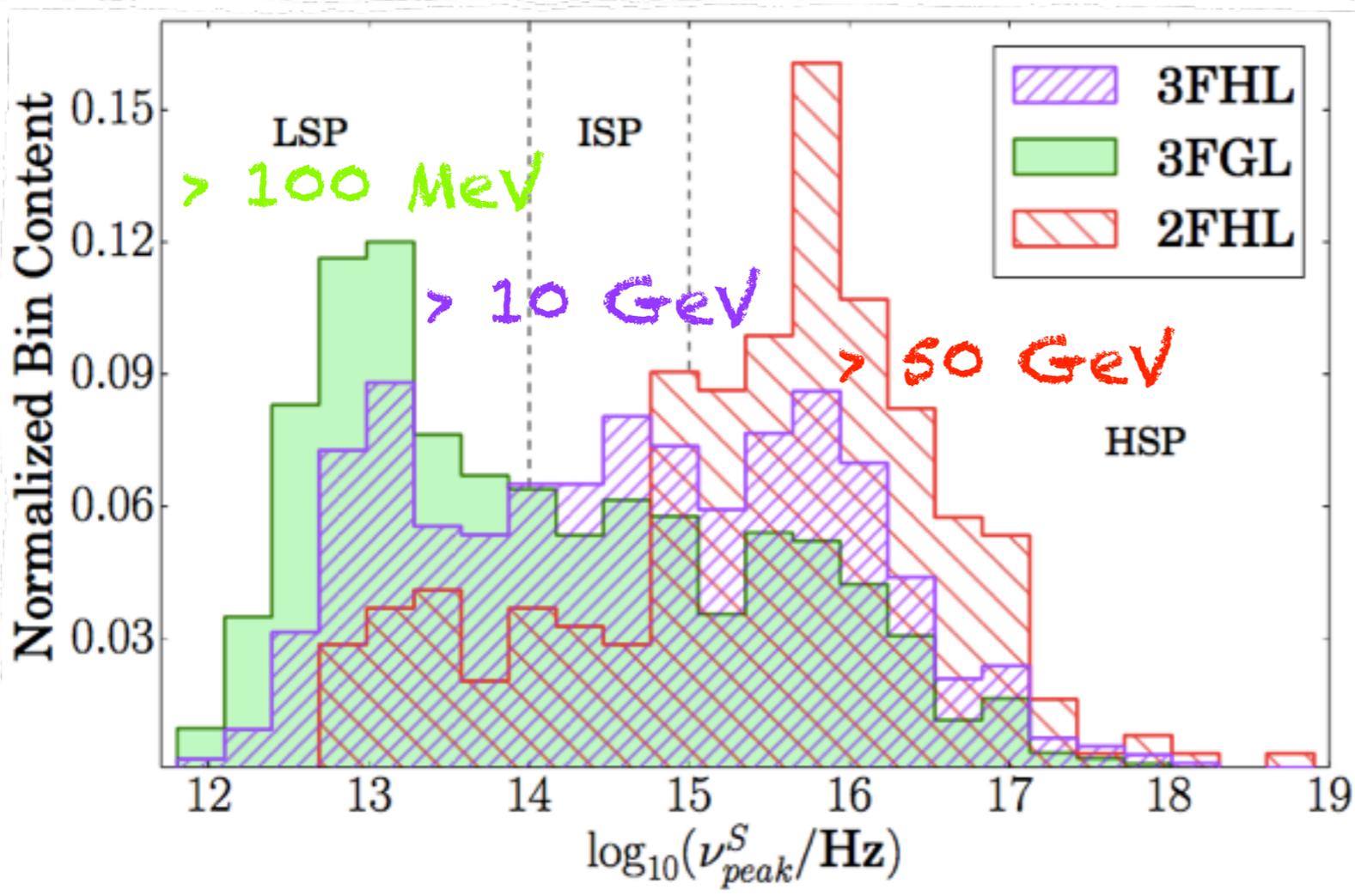
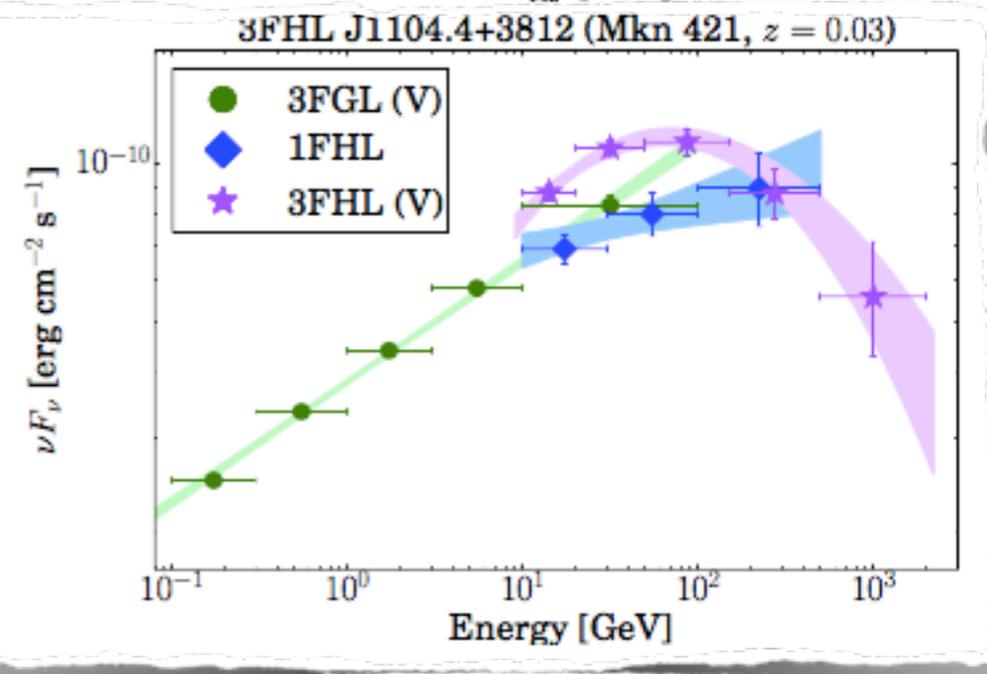
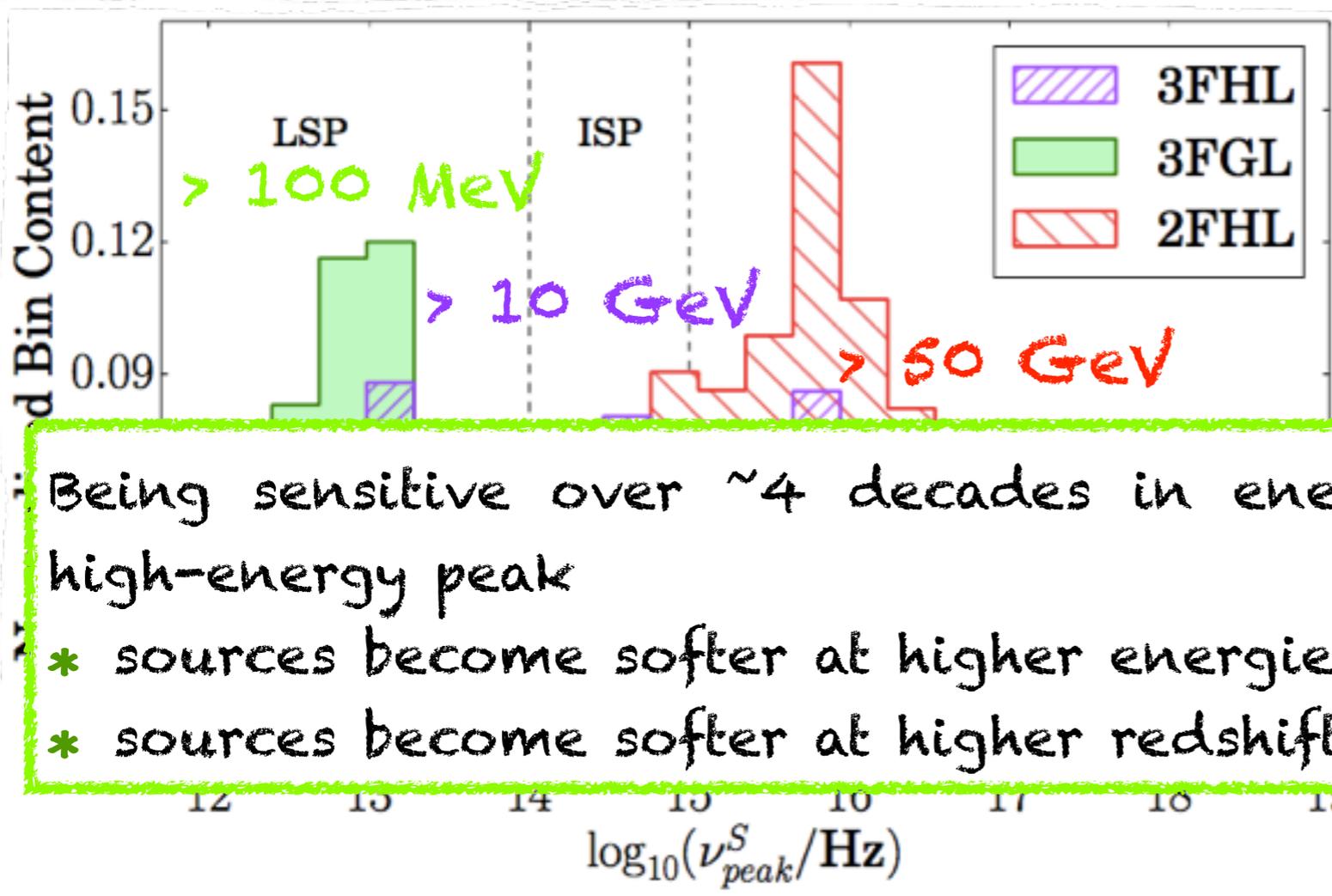


Fig. 14.— Normalized distributions of the frequency of the synchrotron peak for the blazars detected in the 3FGL (0.1–300 GeV), 2FHL (50 GeV–2 TeV), and 3FHL (10 GeV–2 TeV) catalogs.



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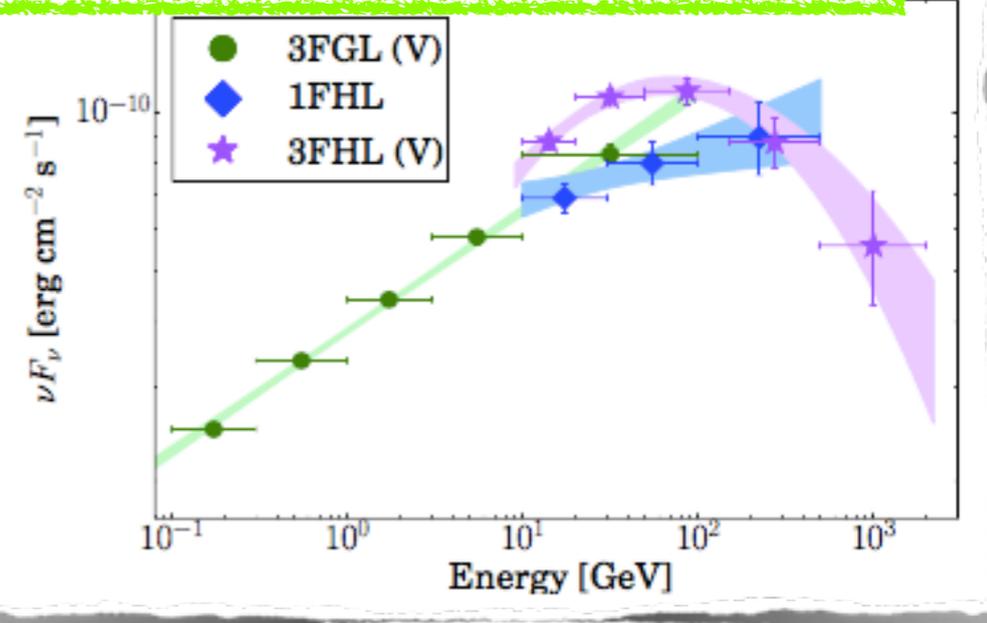
FGLs and FHLs



Being sensitive over ~ 4 decades in energy, the LAT resolves the high-energy peak

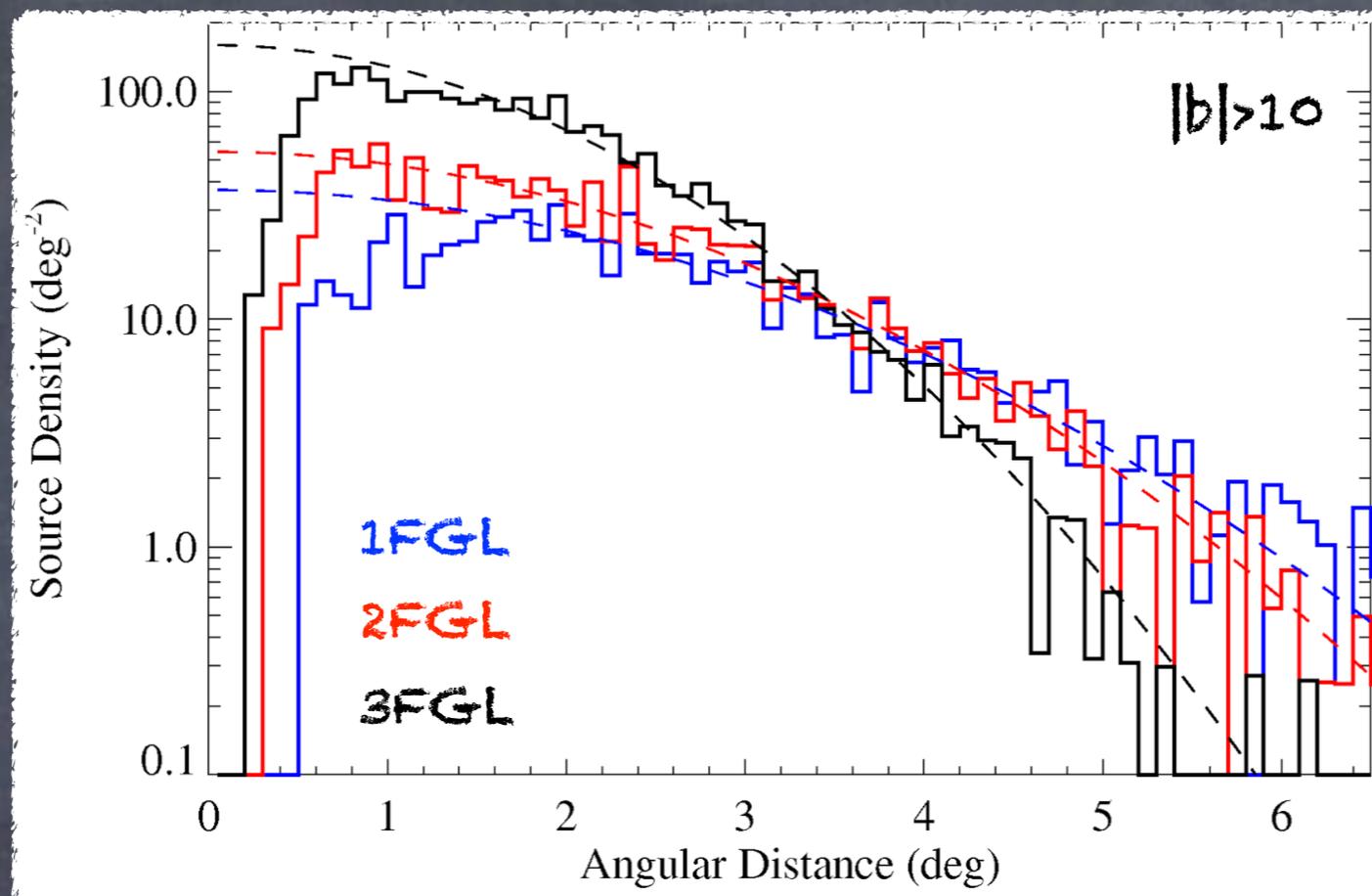
- * sources become softer at higher energies
- * sources become softer at higher redshifts

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Distance to the nearest neighbors

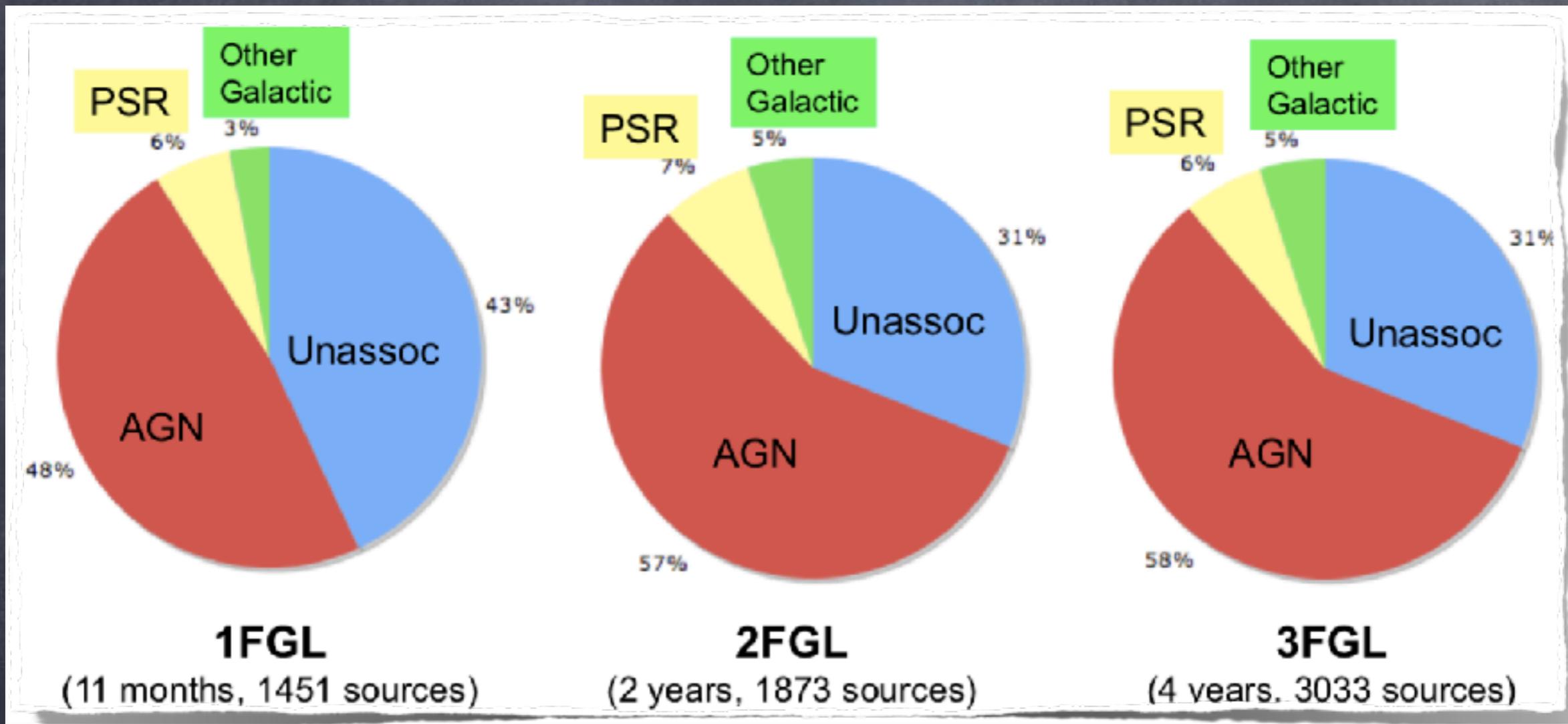


3FGL - number of missing closely-spaced sources is $\sim 6\%$ of the estimated true source count. For the **2FGL** catalogue the fraction was only **3.3%**.

Despite the reconstruction improvements, the **larger number of detected sources** is now pushing the main LAT catalogues into the **confusion** limit even outside the Galactic plane.

Because the effect of confusion goes as the square of the source density, the expected **number of sources above the detection threshold within 0.5° of another one (most of which are not resolved)** has increased by a factor 3 between 2FGL and 3FGL.

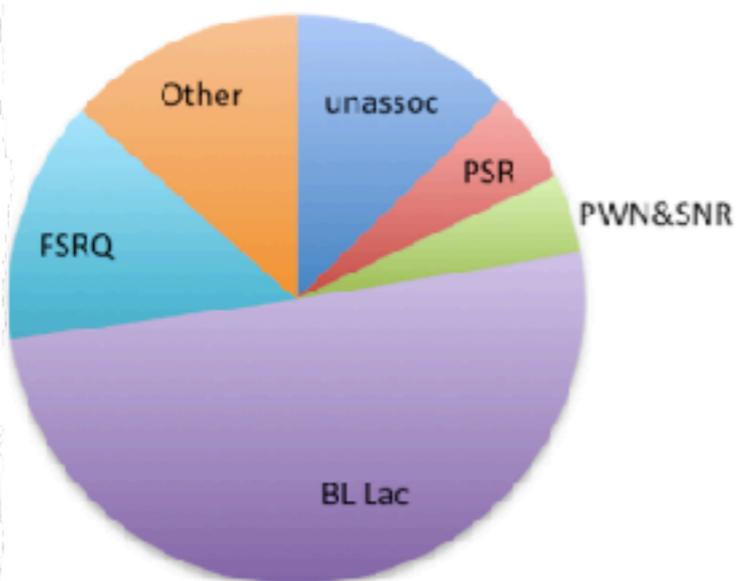
Source association - FGGLs



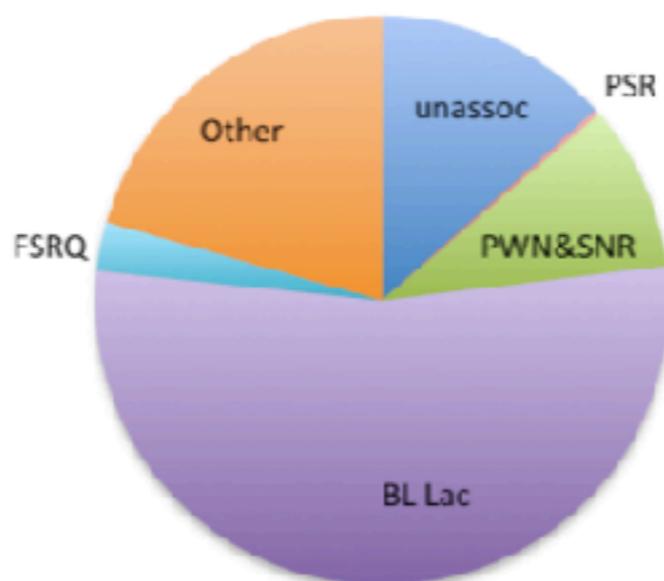
ongoing effort on deepening counterpart catalogs

Source association - FHLs

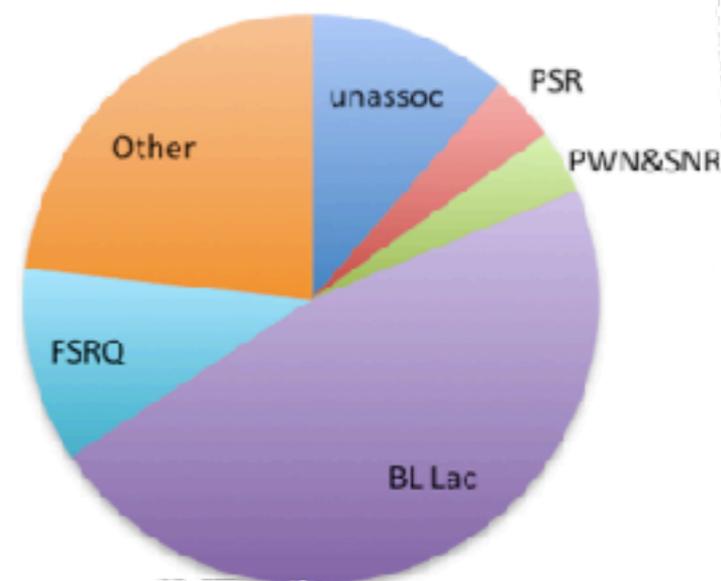
**1FHL > 10 GeV,
36 months years**



**2FHL, > 50 GeV,
80 months**



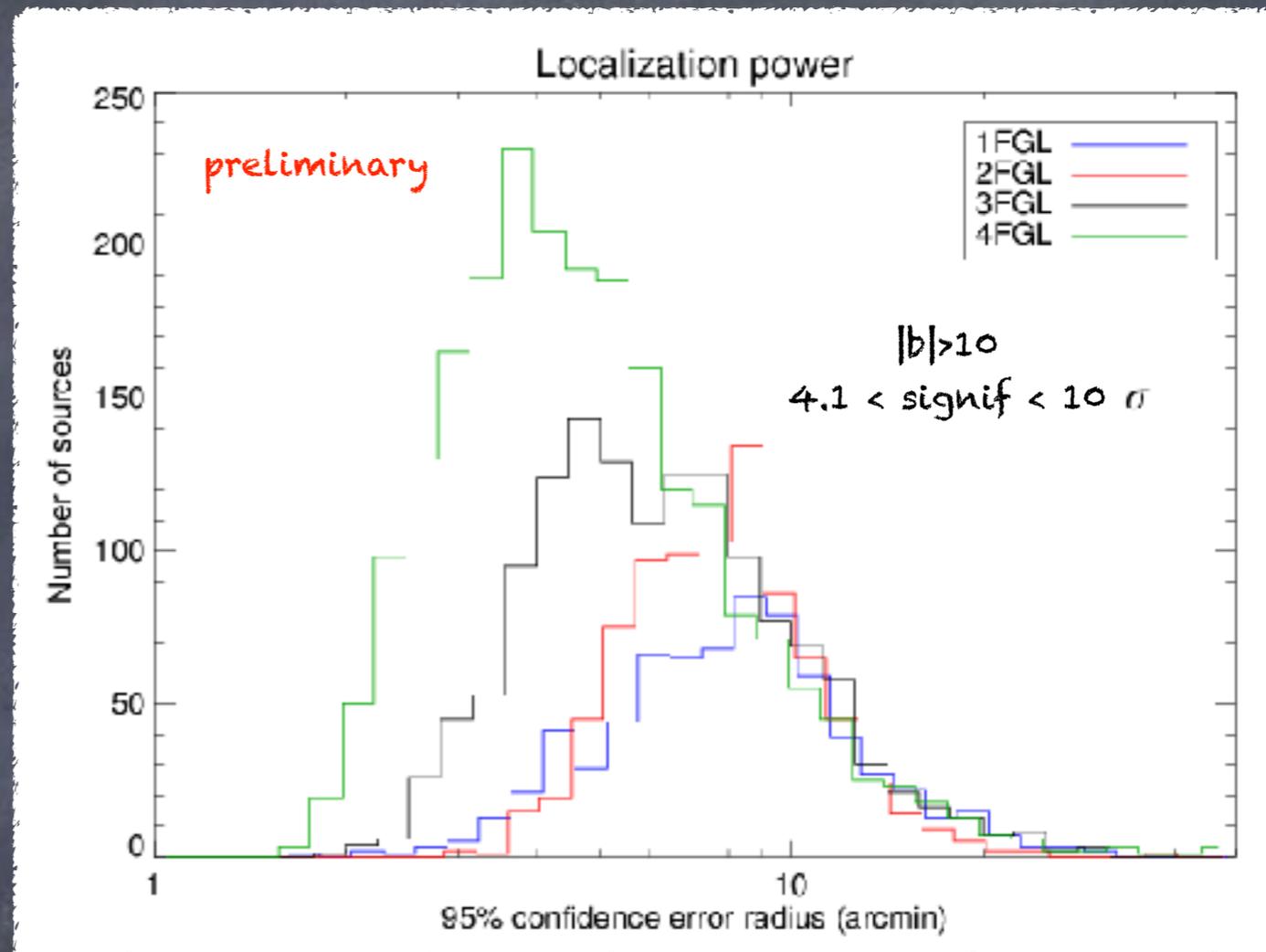
**3FHL, > 10 GeV
84 months**



much fewer unassociated sources
in FHLs wrt FGLs

Toward 4FGL

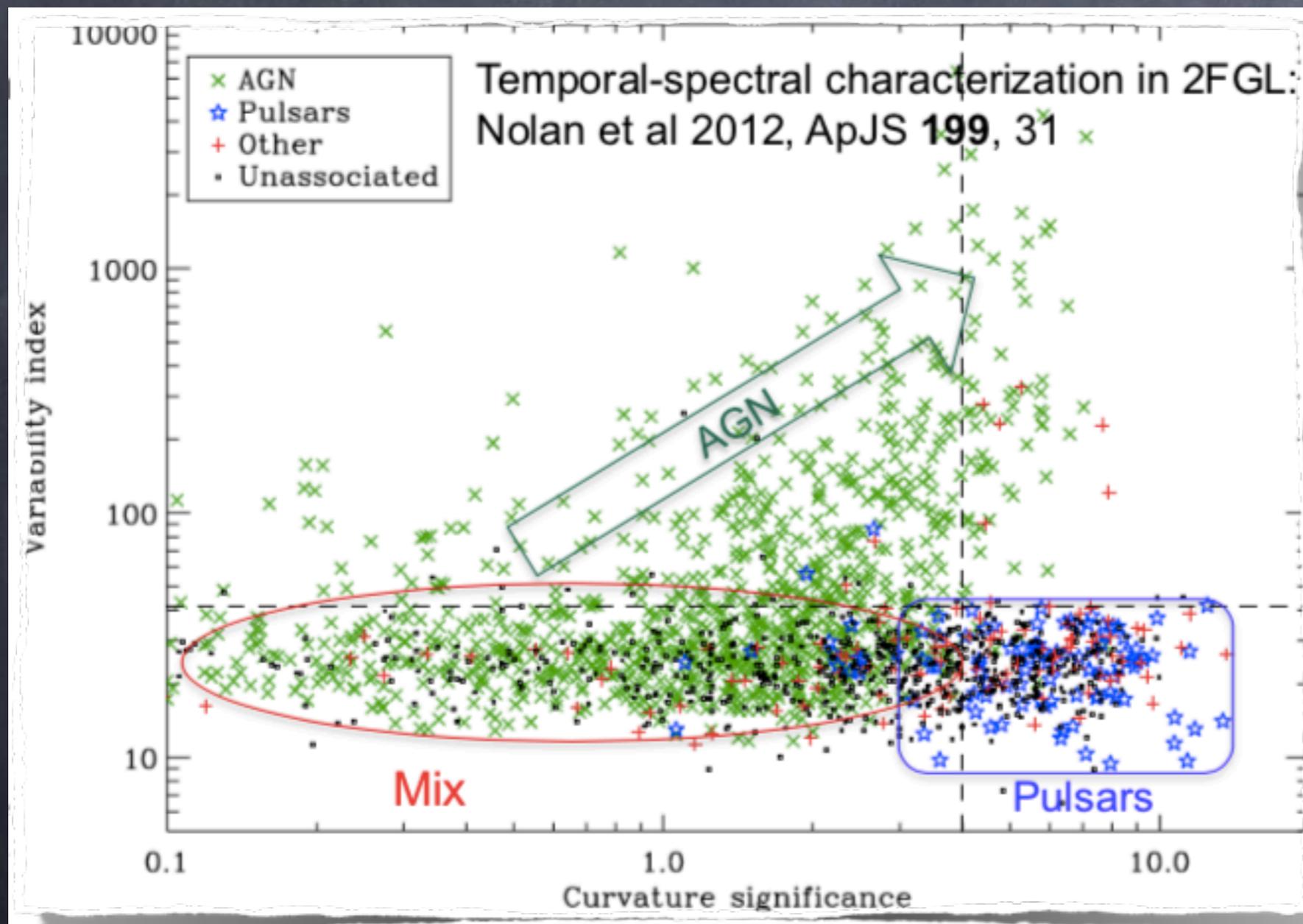
- * Localization of faint sources (critical for associations) continues to improve
- * Median error radius at $25 < TS < 100$ is 4.5 arcmin
- * Systematic factor 1.05 on error radius (as in 3FGL)
- * Absolute 95% systematic error: 27 arcsec (as in 3FGL)



Detection uses TSmep assuming several spectral shapes
> 13,000 seeds with $TS > 10$

FL8Y (and 4FGL) contains ~ 5000 $TS > 25$ sources

Statistical assessments of UNASSOC



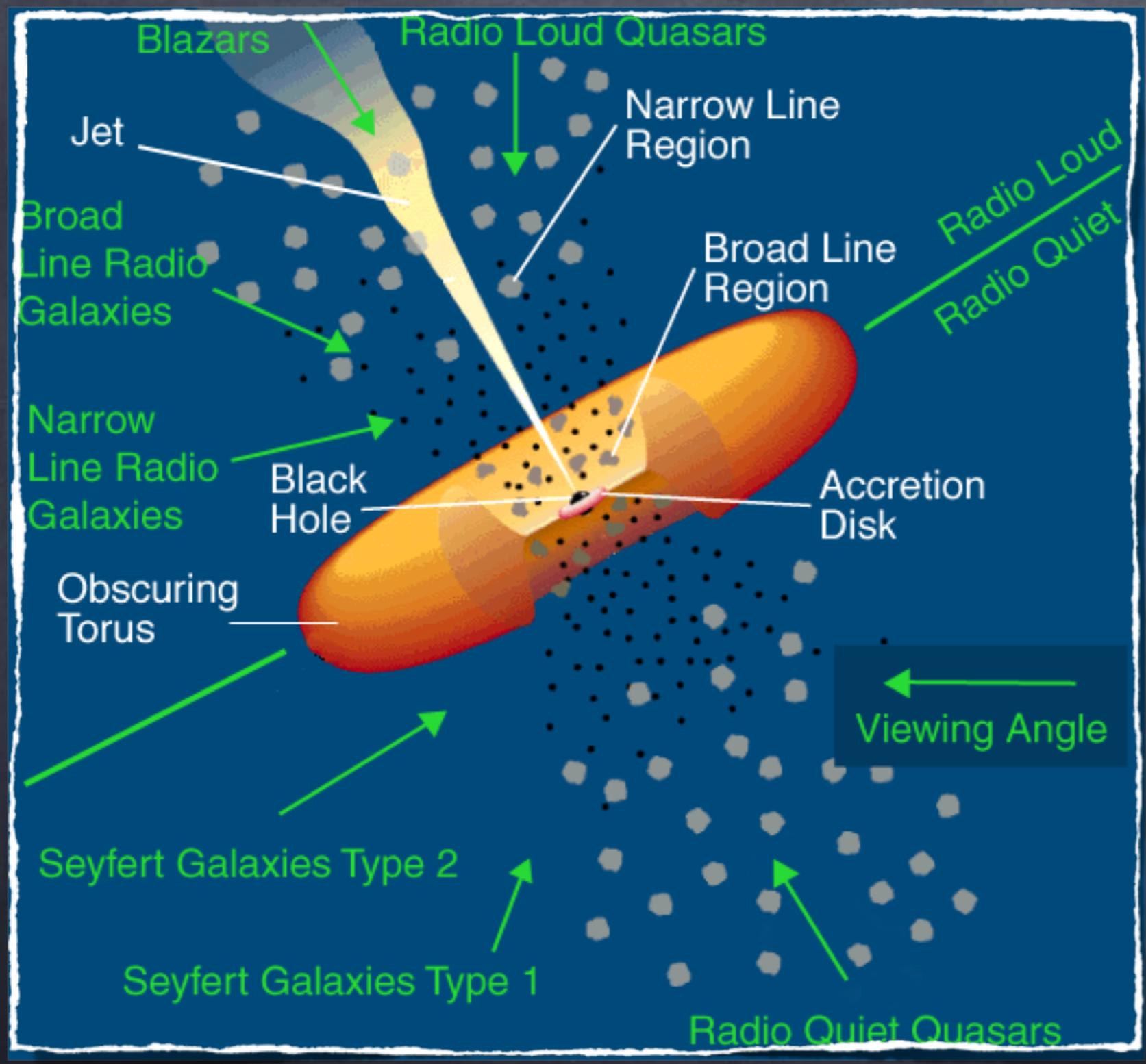
- * Concentrate MW efforts on what is most promising
- * Use all γ -ray information (particularly variability, spectral curvature) to feed classification algorithms,
- * Learning from known associations

Difficulty: Training sample (brighter) has smaller error bars than most UNASSOCs

Catalog-driven studies in the extragalactic sky

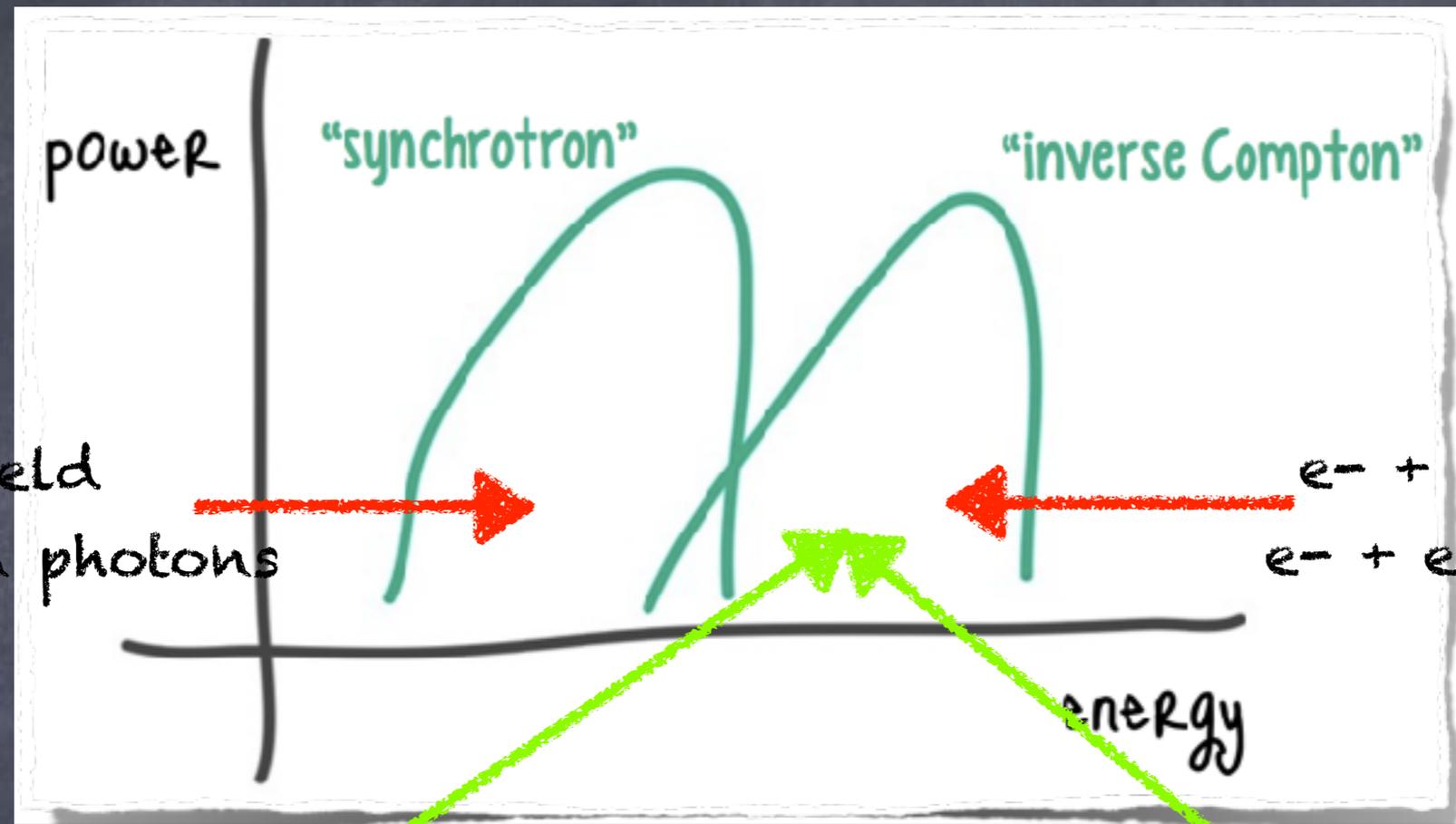
AGN UNIFIED SCHEME

~ 1995



blazars dominate the extragalactic sky in a number of observational windows (u-wave, hard X-ray, γ -ray, TeV)

Urry, Padovani 1995



$e^- + B \text{ field}$
 \Rightarrow synchrotron photons

$e^- + \text{synch. photons}$
 $e^- + \text{external photons}$

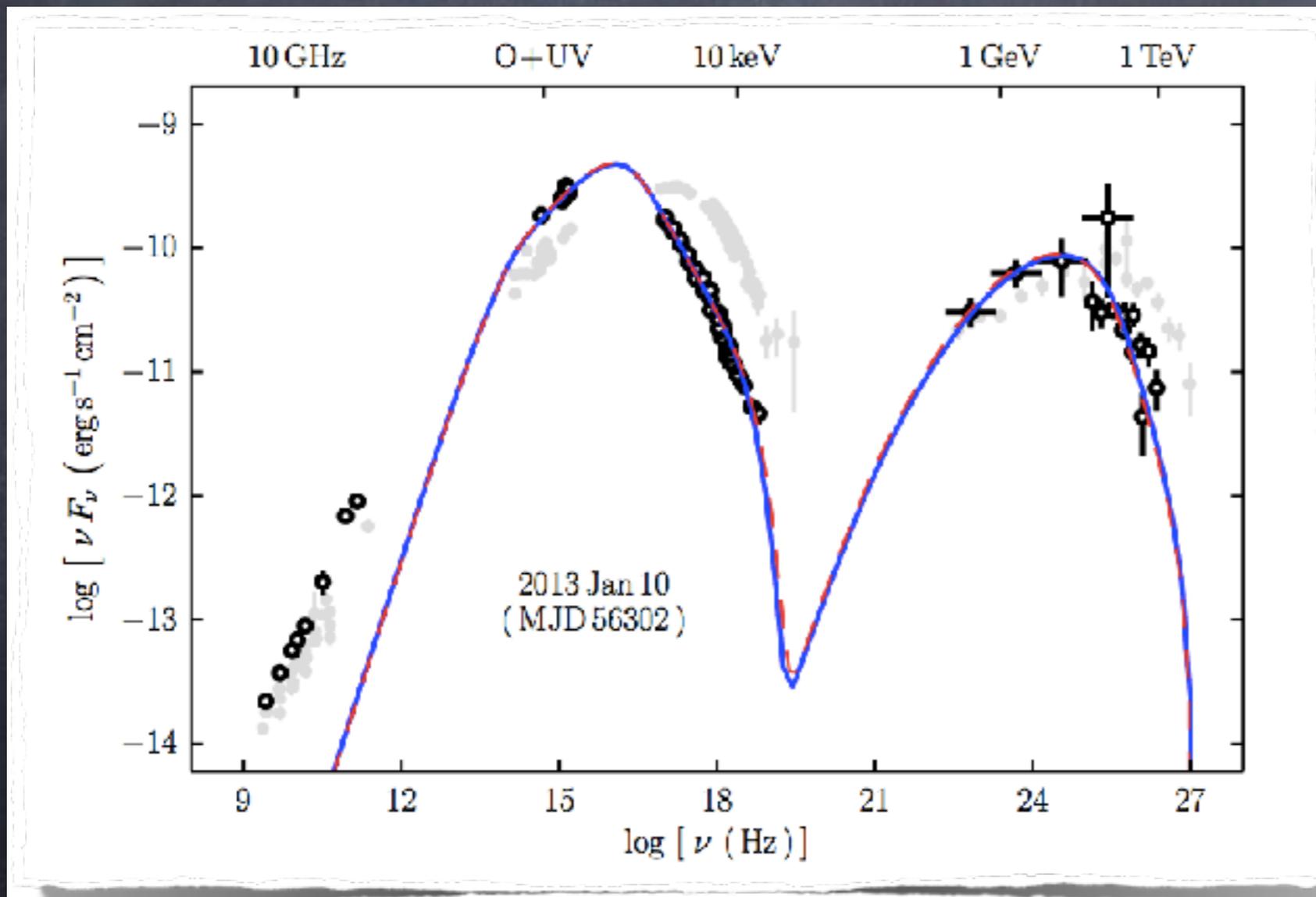
LEPTONIC

radiative output dominated by e^- / e^+
 e^+ high-energy photons most likely the result of inverse Compton scattering by the same e^- that produced the synchrotron

HADRONIC

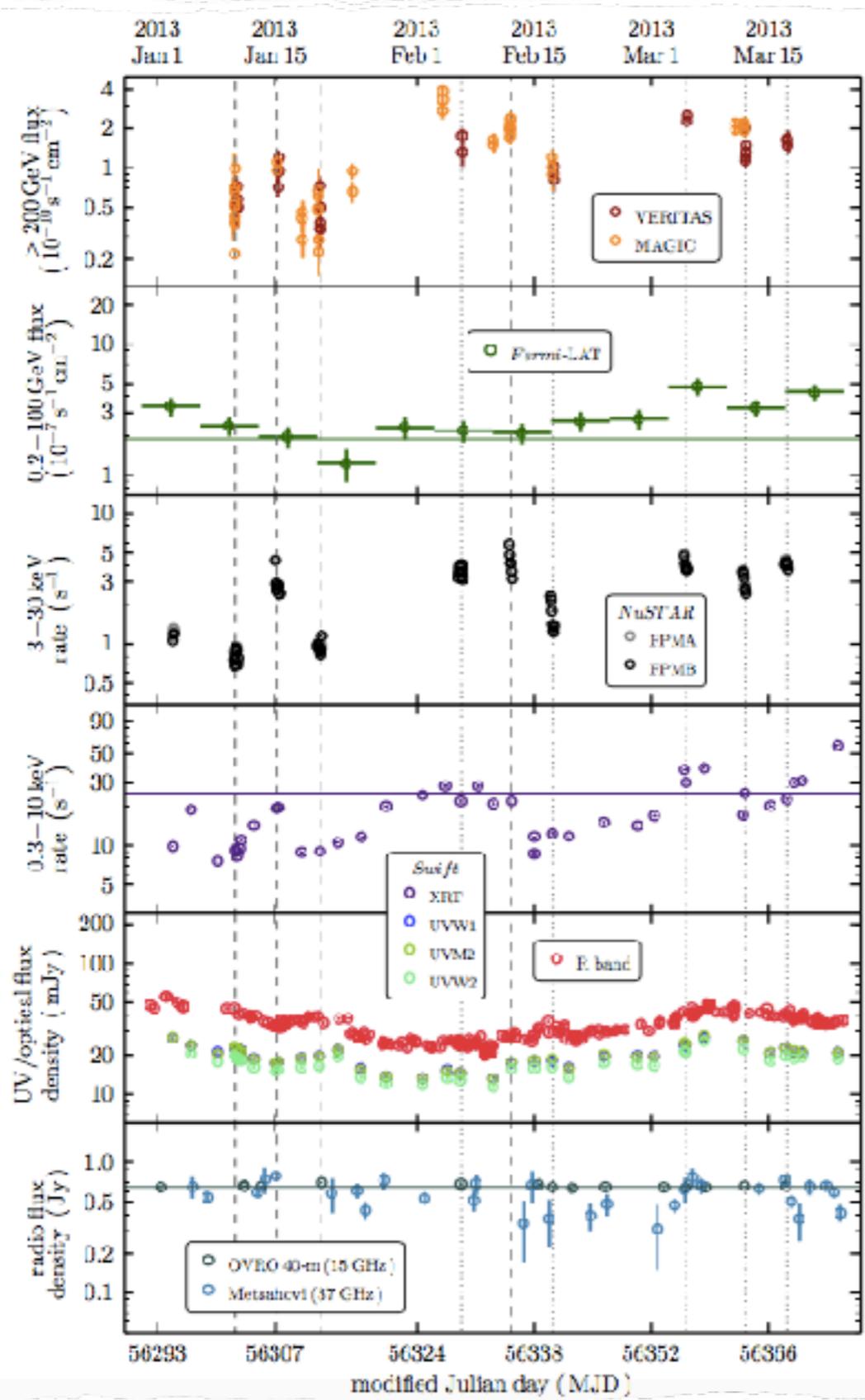
both e^- / e^+ and p accelerated to ultra-relativistic energies
 p 's exceed threshold for $p\gamma$ photo-pion production on soft photon field in emission region

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MKR 421
HSP BL Lac

EMISSION MODELS VS OBSERVATIONS

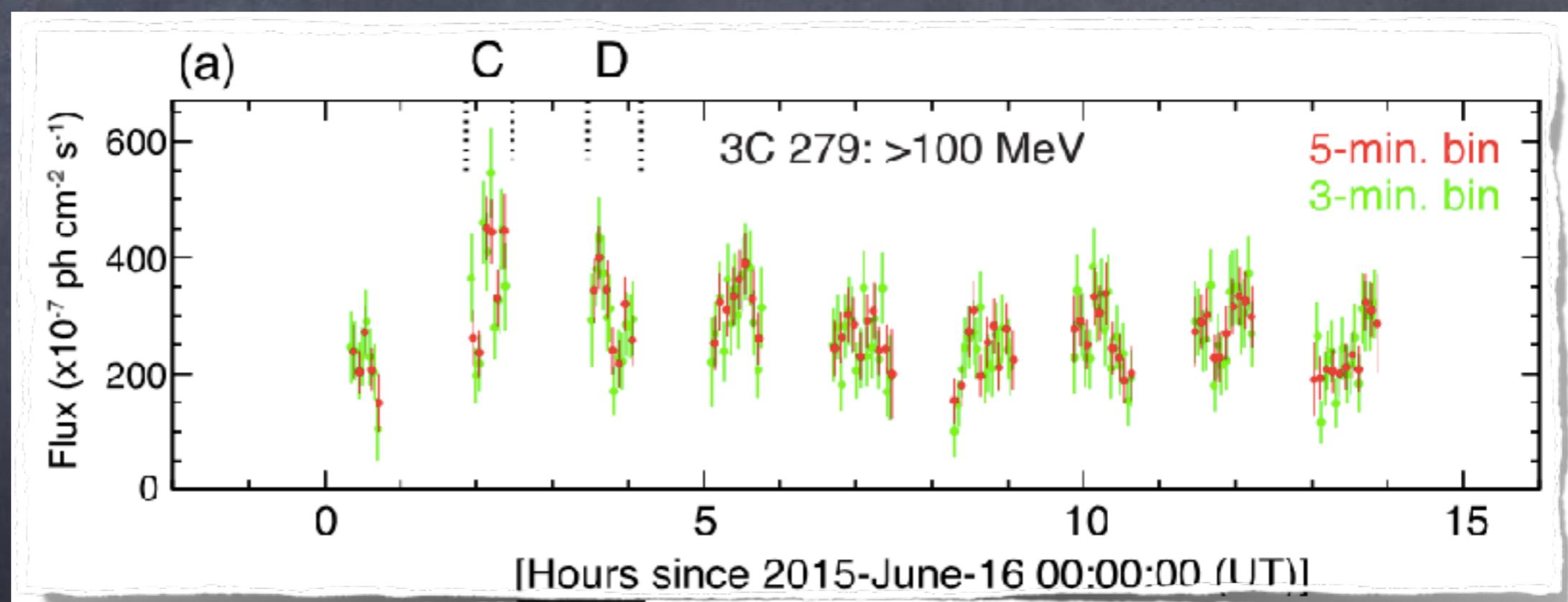


- leptonic models provide good fits to many blazars
- X-ray and γ -ray emission often correlated - a fact naturally explained by SSC models

MKW 421
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- proton synchrotron can produce rapid variability with very high energy protons in extremely magnetised, compact regions

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FSRQ

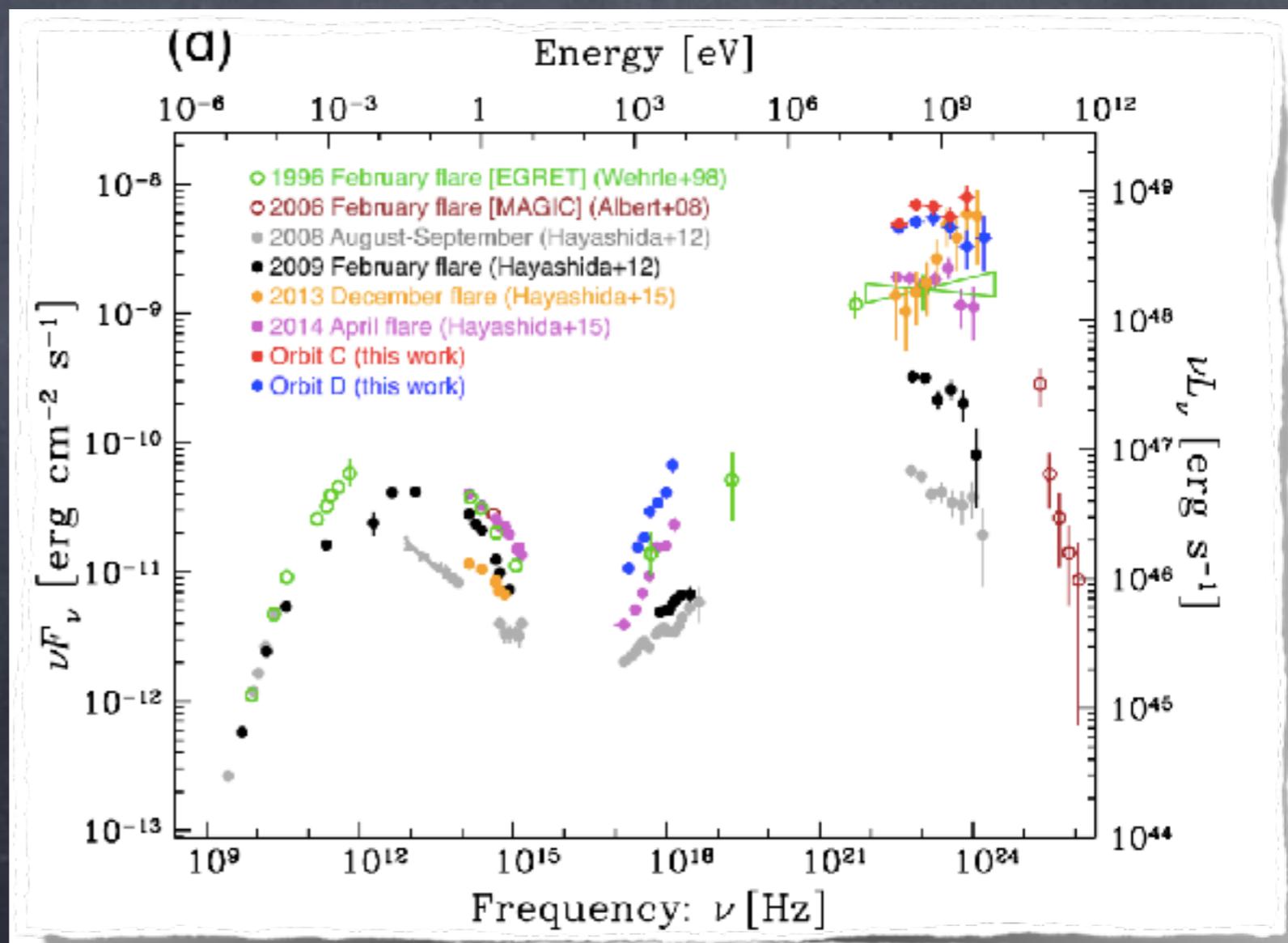


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in many cases leptonic and hadronic models can produce equally good fits to SED

possible diagnostic: **variability**, X/gamma polarization, neutrinos

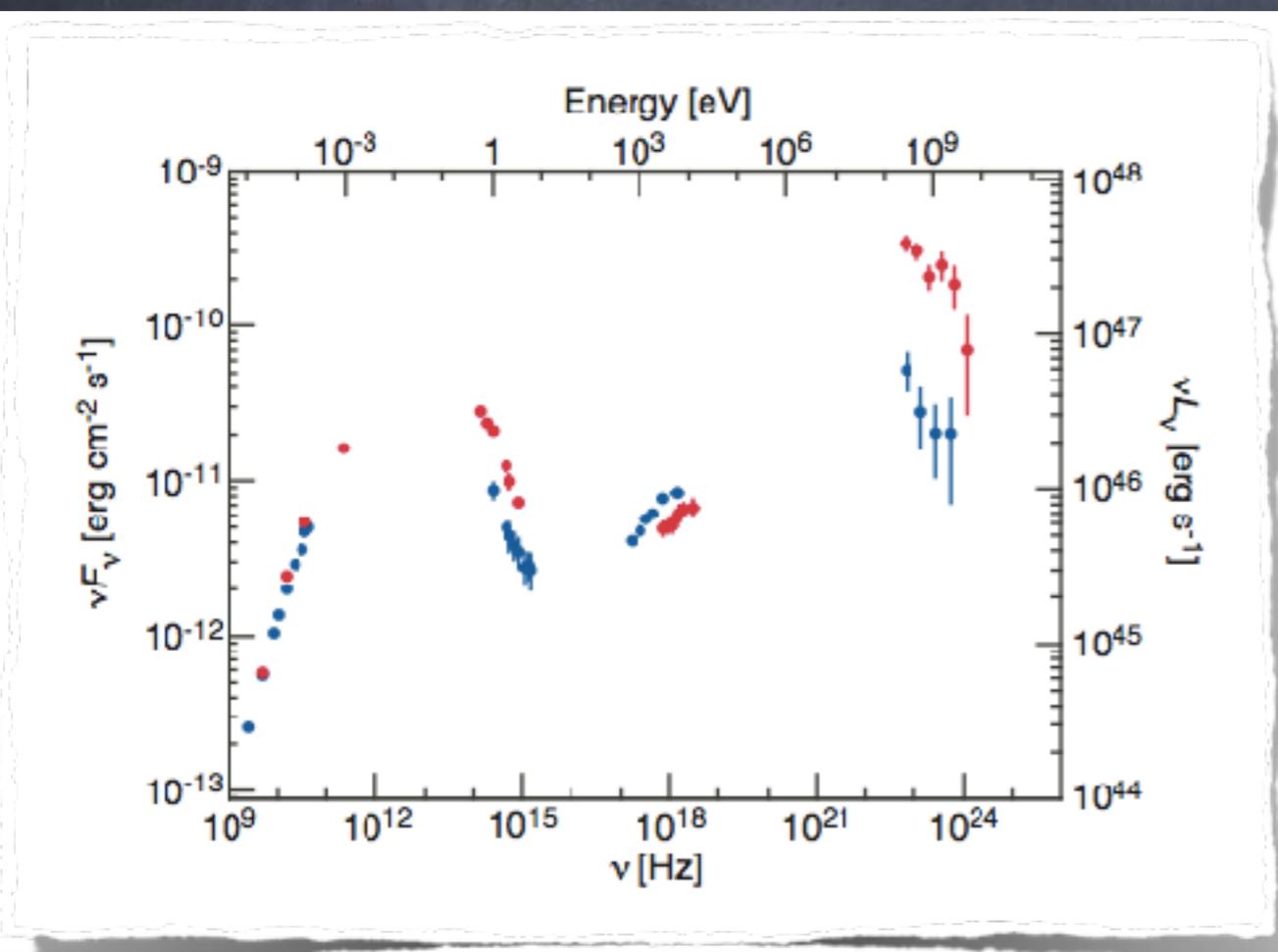
-> time dependent **leptonic** one-zone models produce **correlated synchro-gamma variability** (eg Mkn 421), X-ray behind gamma-ray by few hours, optical lead gamma-ray by few hours

-> time dependent **hadronic** models can produce **uncorrelated variability, orphan flares**

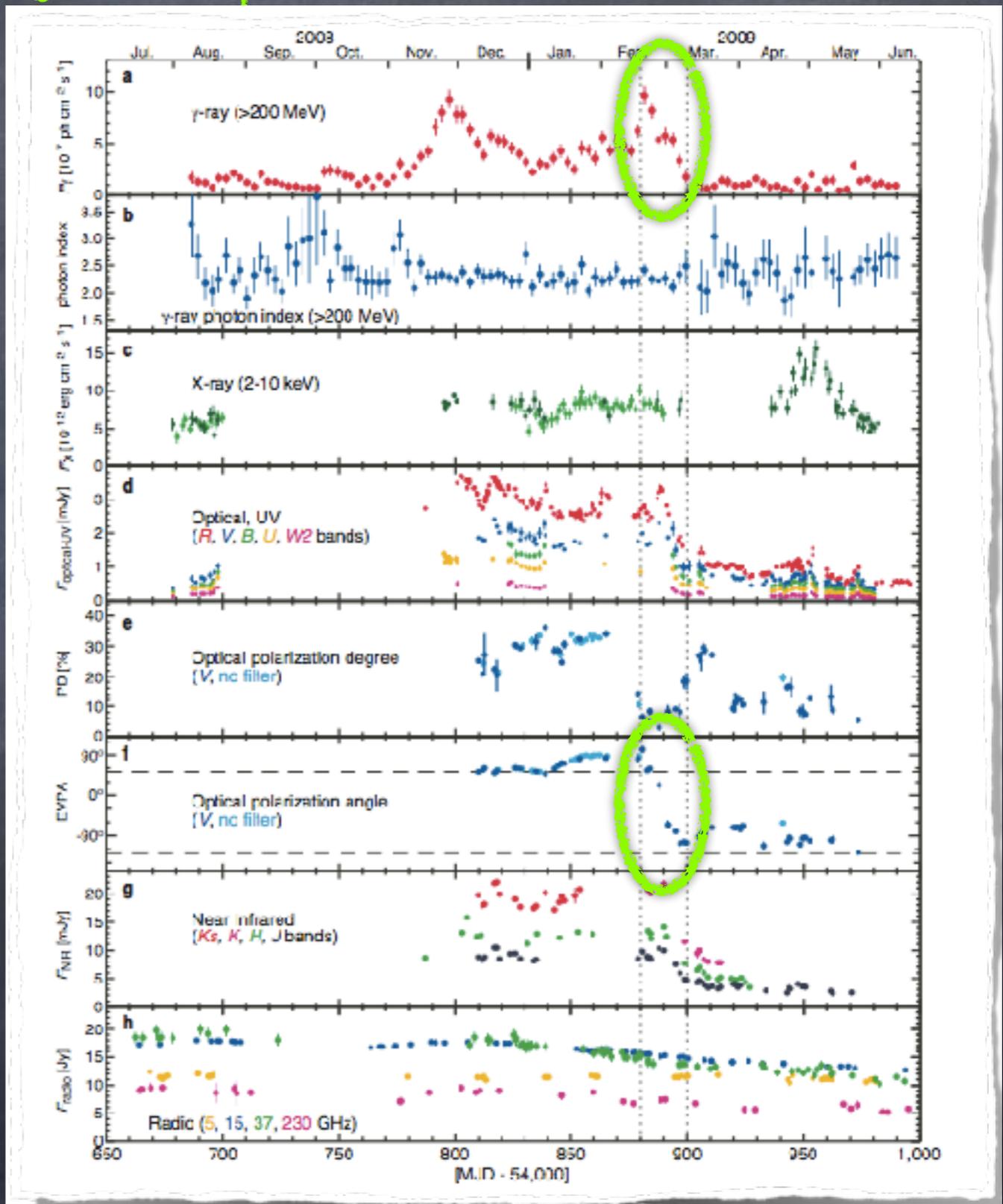
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polarisation swing
co-spatial optical and γ -ray
emitting regions

3C 279



Abdo+ Nature, 2010



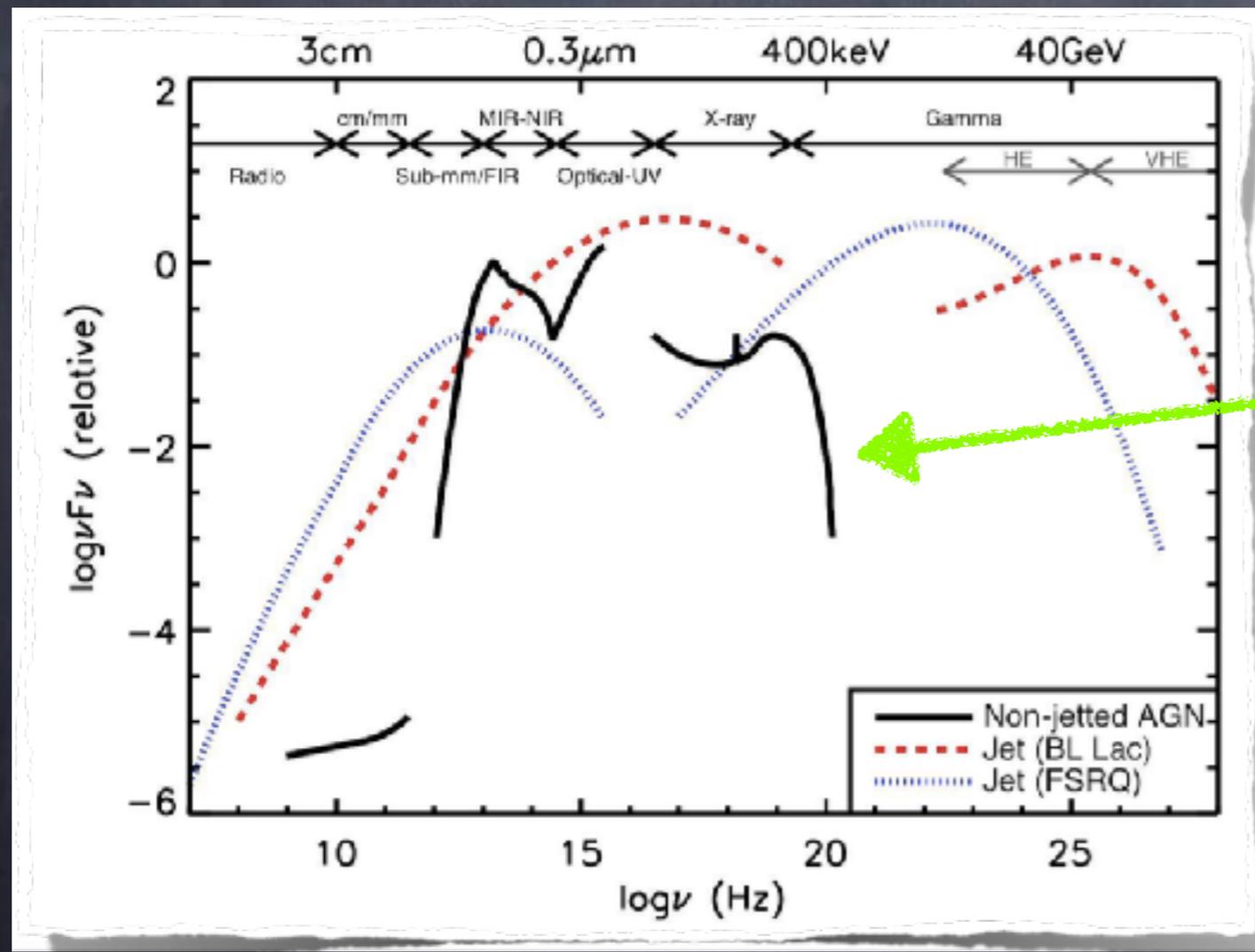
~ 2017

all this might be superseded by
a better knowledge of the sky
thanks to more sensitive
instruments, such as Fermi,
deep radio surveys and
hopefully soon X-ray surveys

NEW CLASSIFICATION

based on a fundamentally physical rather than just an observational difference, => the presence (or lack) of strong relativistic jets

"jetted" and "non-jetted" AGN



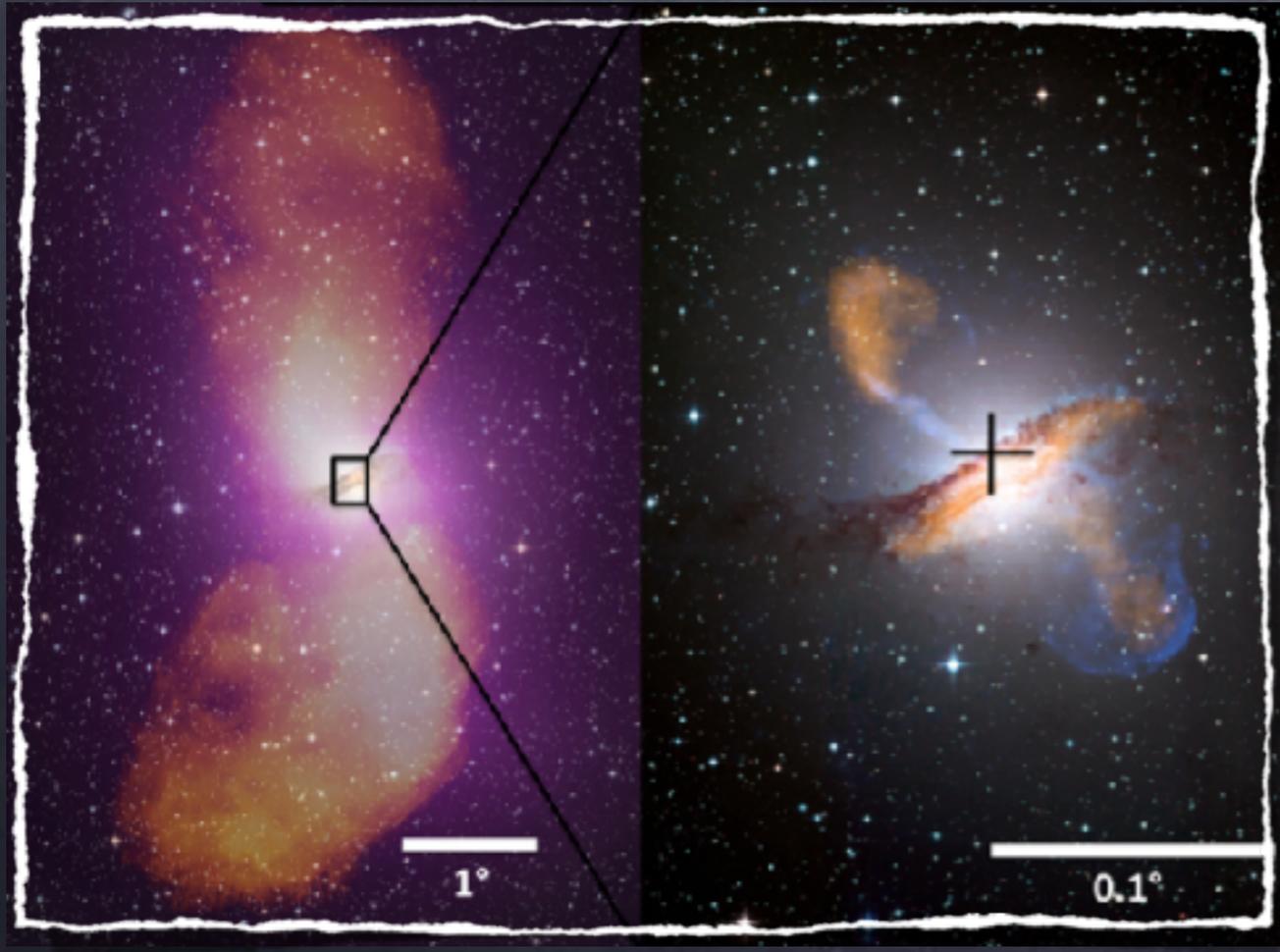
the SED of non-jetted AGN has a cutoff at much lower energies than those of jetted AGN

credit: C. M. Harrison

Padovani 1707.08069v1

Nature Astronomy, 1, 0194 (2017)

- **jetted AGN** are characterised by strong, relativistic jets
- **non-jetted AGN** can also have radio structures similar to collimated outflows but these "jets" are small, weak, and slow compared to those of jetted sources



Centaurus A - RL

Mrk 573 - RQ

How to **distinguish** between the two classes **RL / RQ** ?

1. Direct evidence of a strong jet
2. γ -ray (1 MeV) emission: only jetted AGN manage to reach these energies
3. Radio-excess (RL AGN) off the far infrared-radio correlation (RQ AGN)

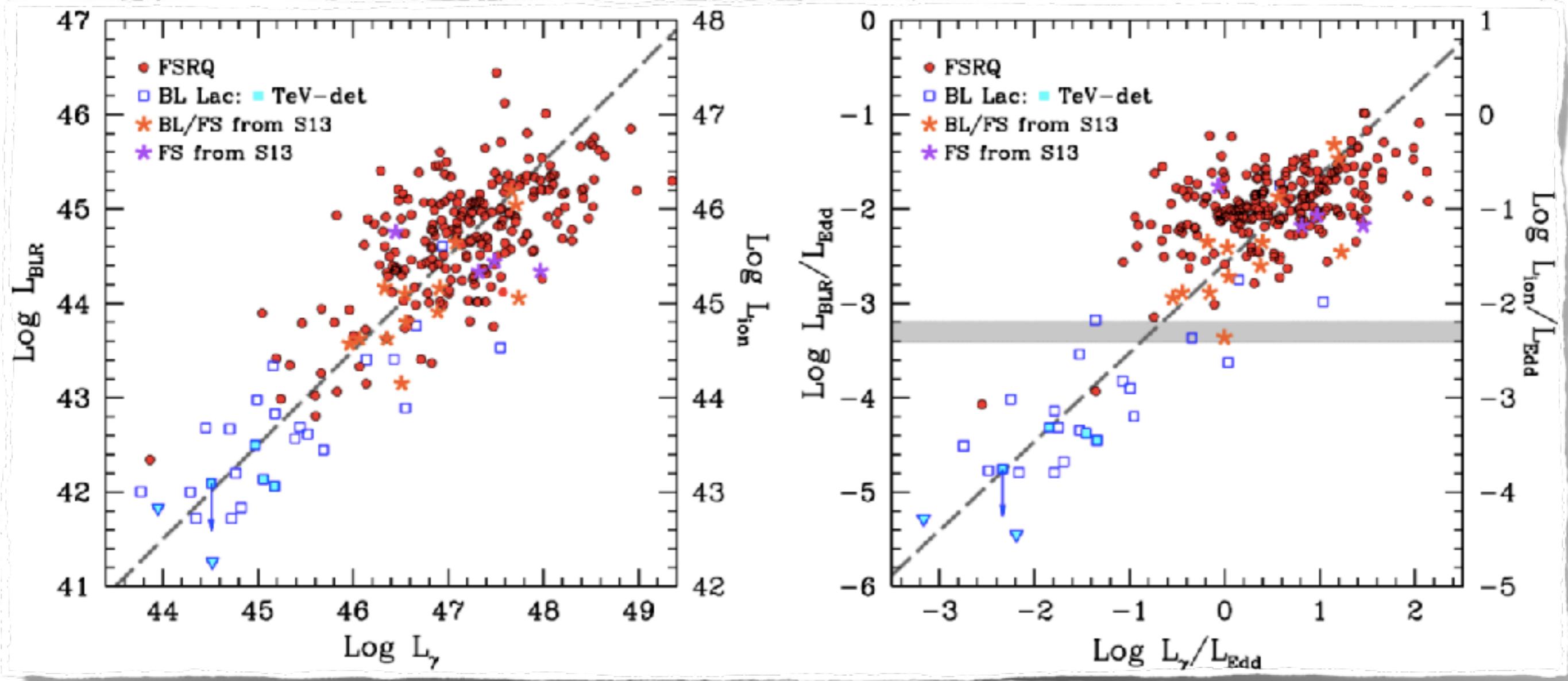
Connection between accretion rate and relativistic jet power in AGN

- The jet power can be traced by γ -ray luminosity in the case of blazars, and radio luminosity for both blazars and radio-galaxies.
- The accretion disc luminosity is instead traced by the broad emission lines.

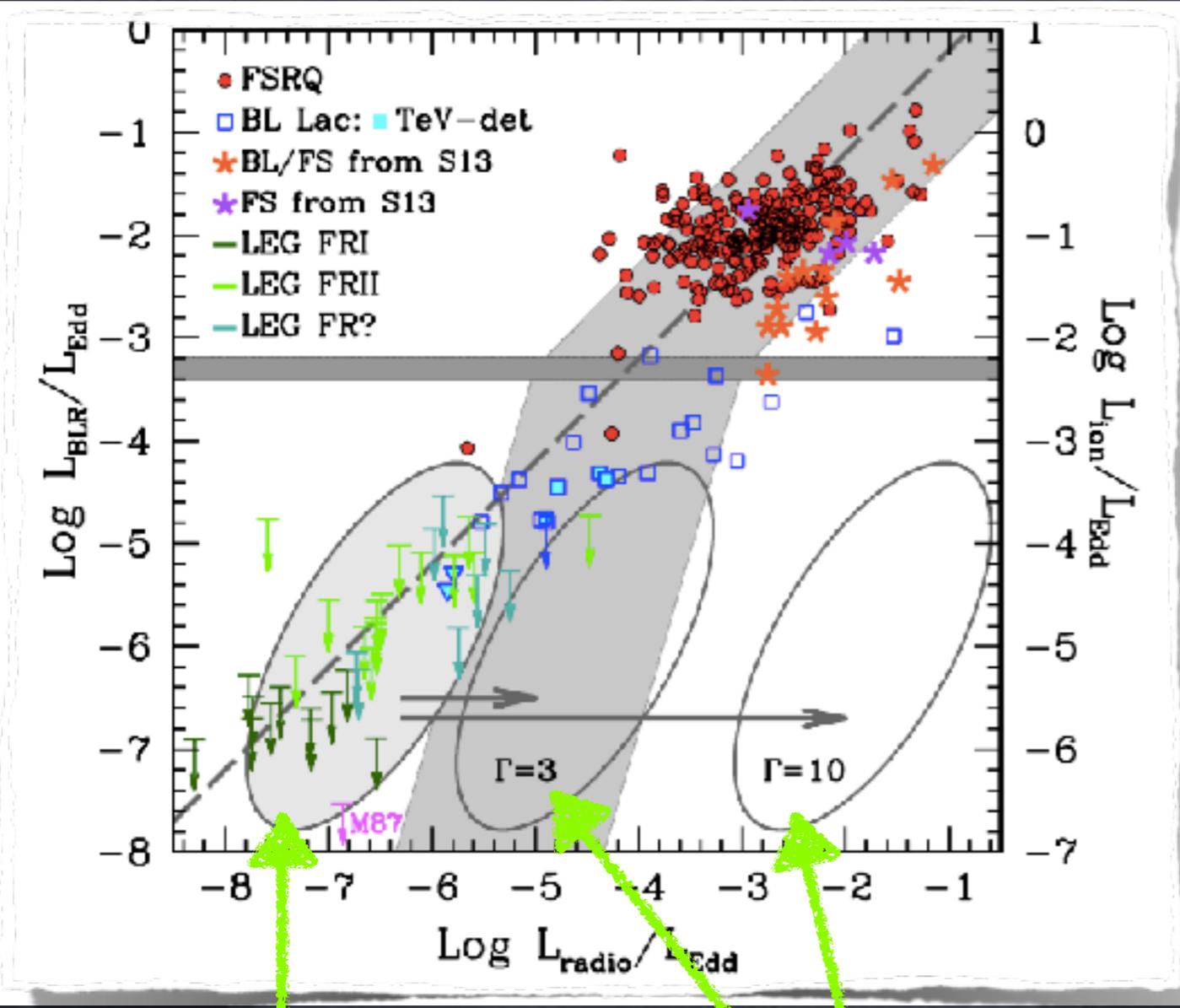
collected all the blazars that show broad emission lines in their optical spectra, with gamma and radio data

based on 2nd LAT AGN Catalog

Sbarrato+ 2014



strengthens the hypothesis of a tight relation between the accretion rate and the jet power in blazars.



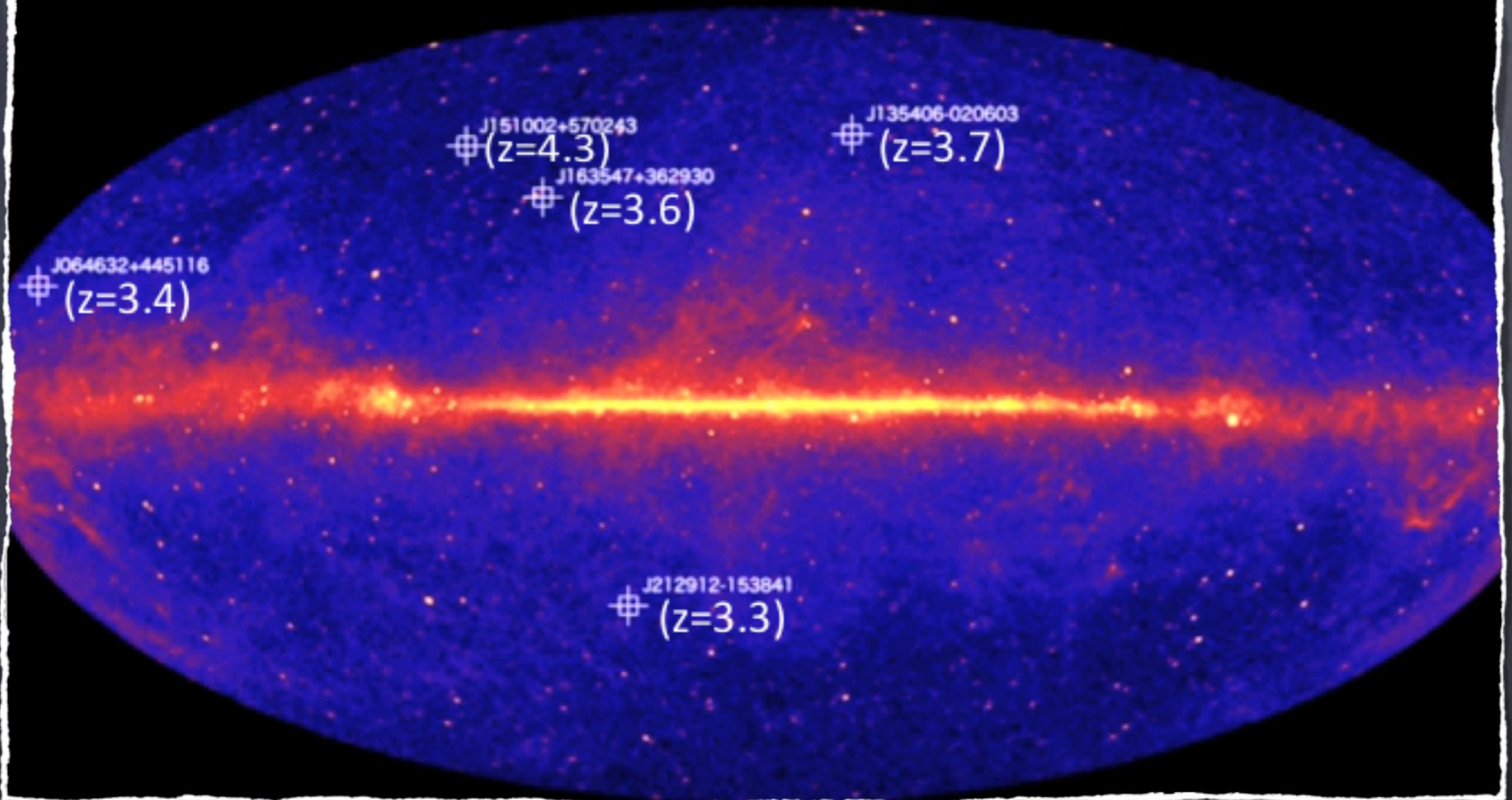
adding the radio galaxies identify the transition between efficient and inefficient accretion structures

- only blazars → no very low-accreting objects, since they would be line-less and dominated by the jet non-thermal emission, and without a redshift estimate.
- LEG radio-galaxies → the only mean to study the radiatively inefficient accretion regime

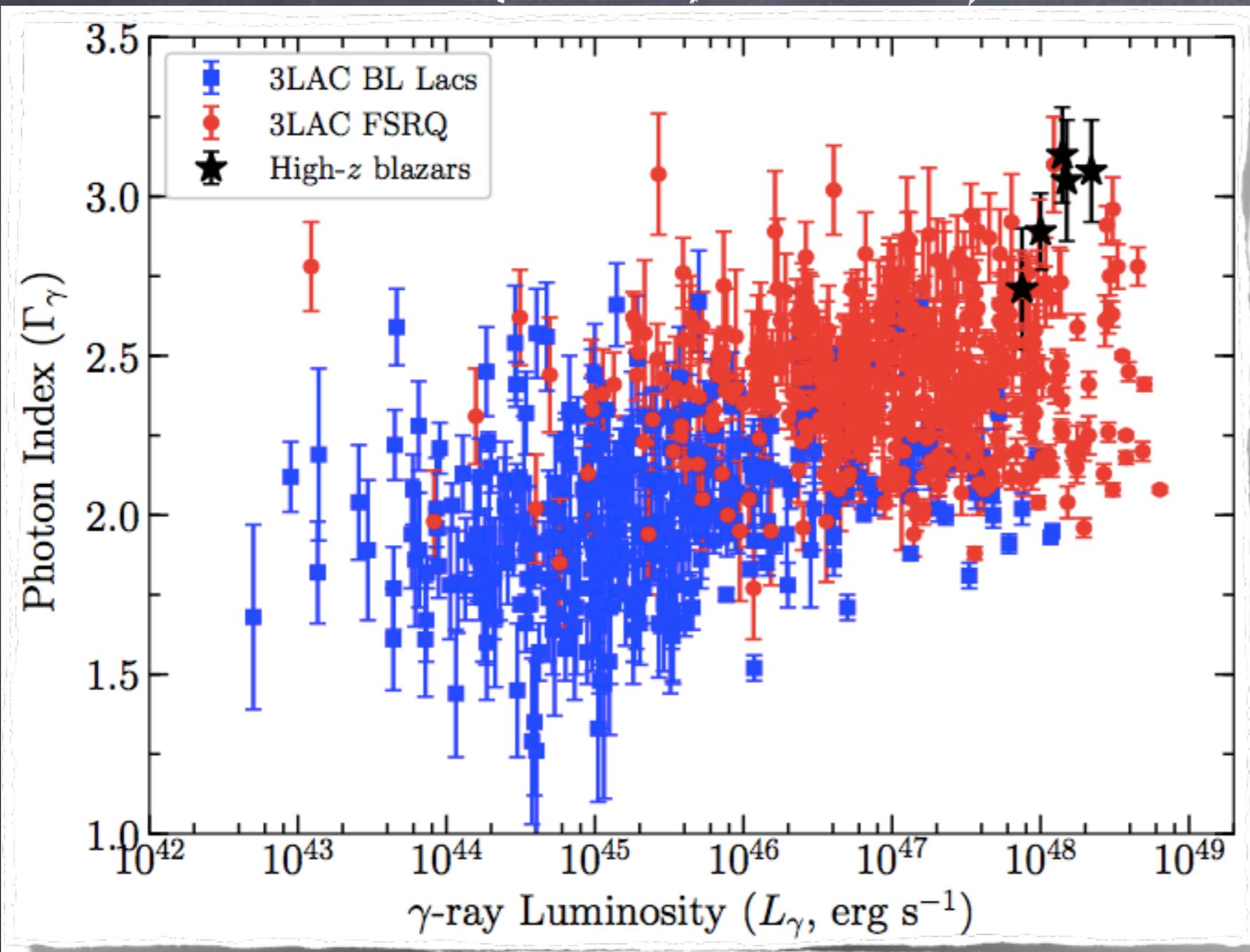
include the core of the radio-galaxies

show where the radio-galaxies would be located if they were beamed according to Lorentz factors $\Gamma = 3$ or 10 , respectively

Fermi LAT Find the Farthest Gamma-ray Blazars



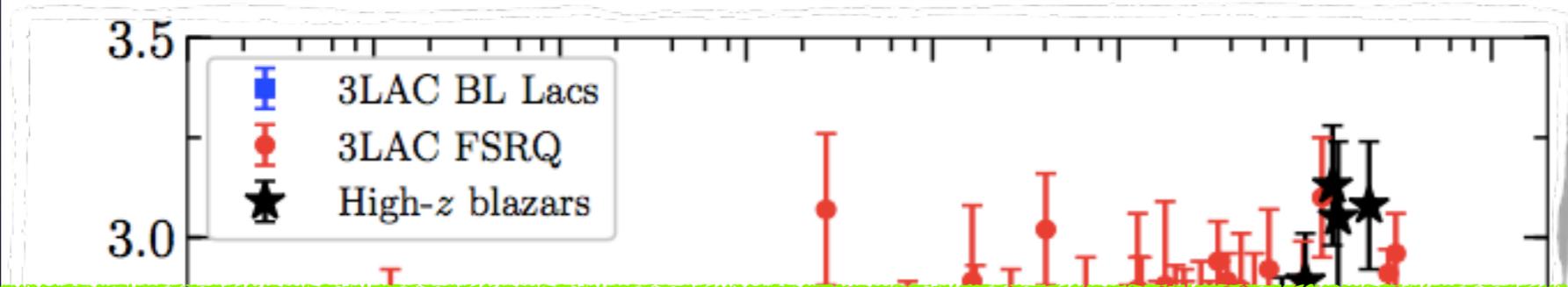
NVSS J151002+570243 ($z = 4.31$) is now the farthest known γ -ray emitting blazar



- * cosmic evolution of blazars from high power distant sources into nearby low luminous objects
- * 10 years of LAT observations \rightarrow lower flux threshold \rightarrow fainter objects
- * ~1.4 million quasars included in the Million Quasar Catalog (MQC; Flesch 2015)

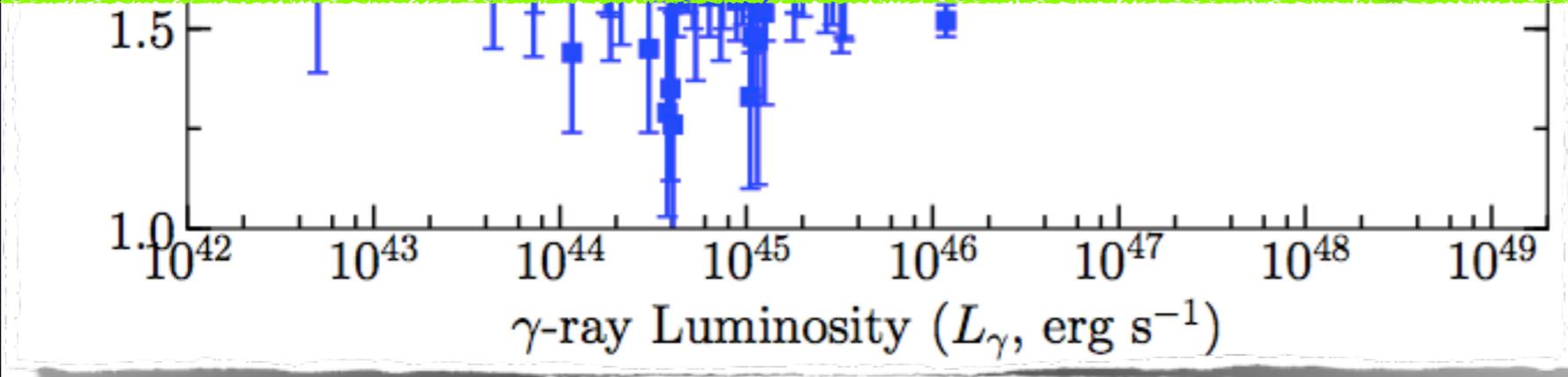
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- Detecting powerful distant blazars can be important to constrain the space density of massive black holes at early times.
- These blazars are soft in gamma rays and hard in X-ray



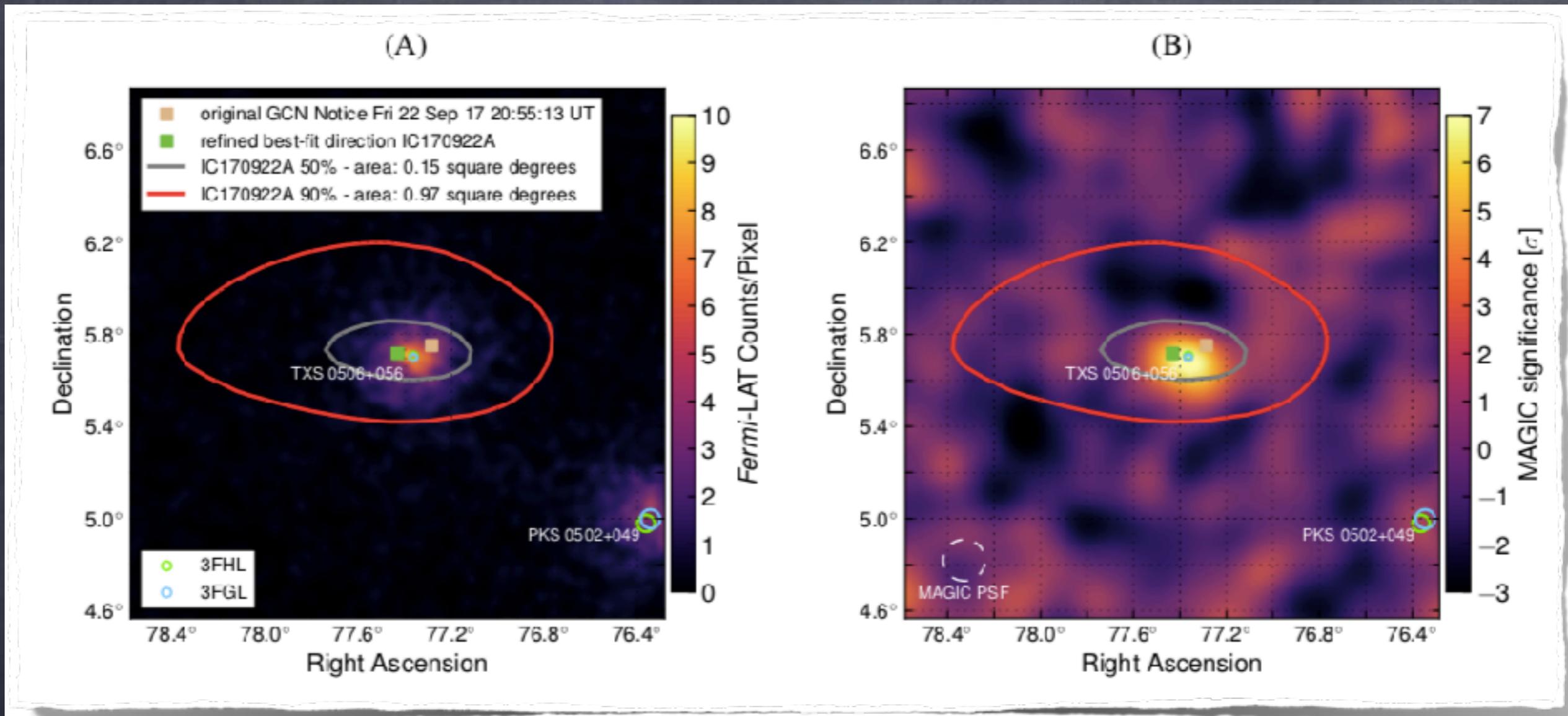
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IC170922A

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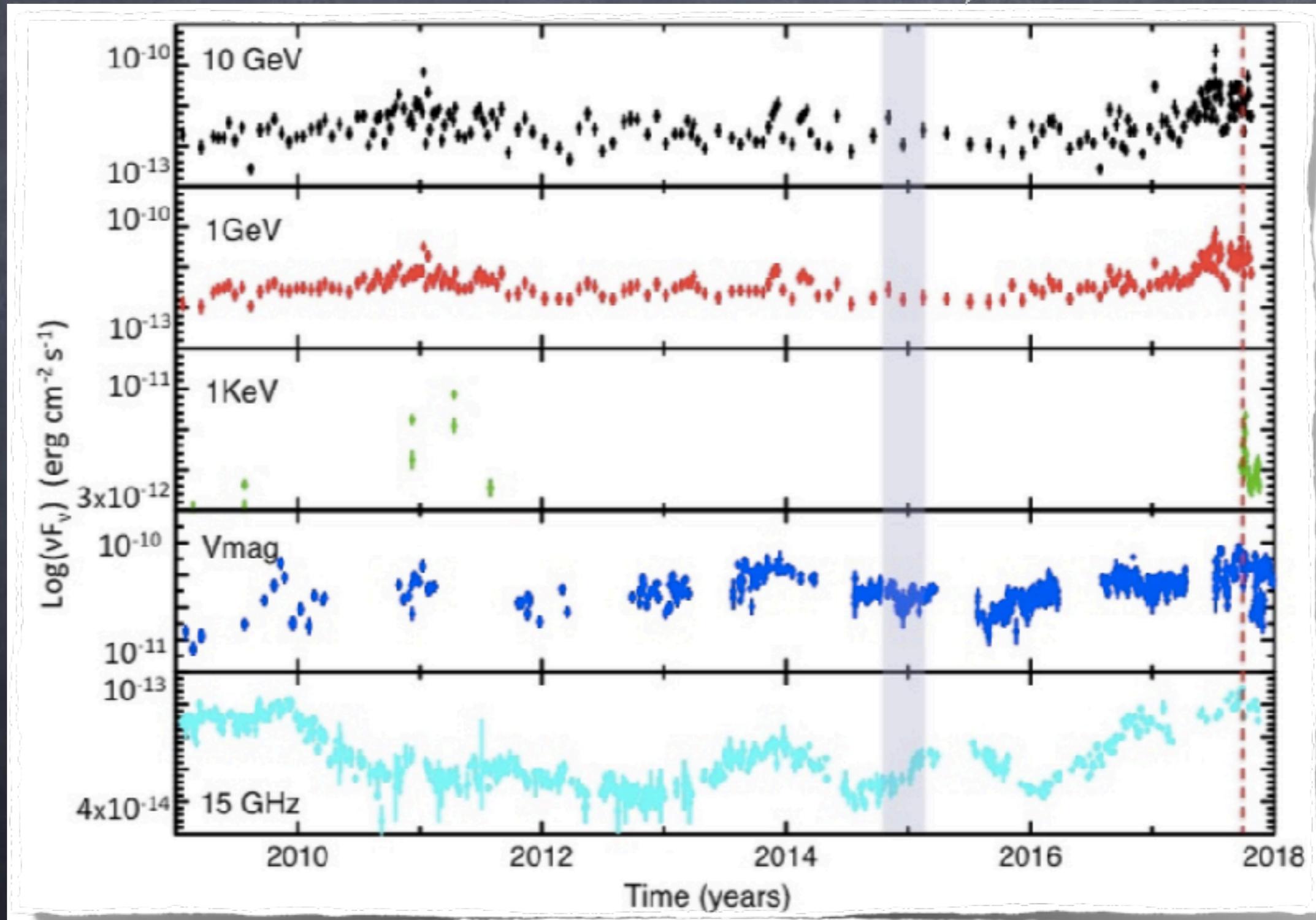
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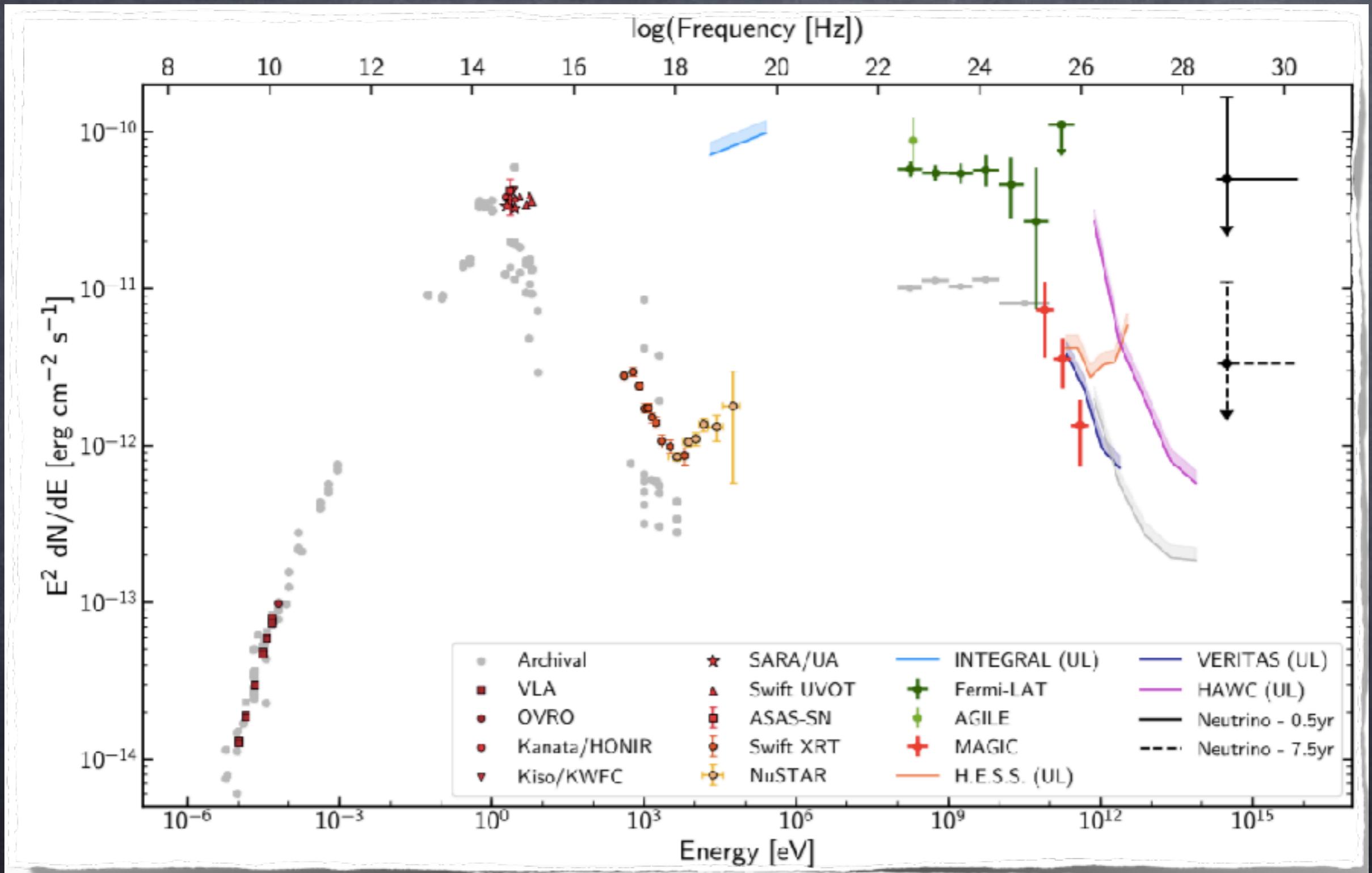
3-sigma post-trial probability of association with the flaring blazar TXS 0506+056

Science 361, eaat1378 (2018)

2014-2015
neutrino flare **IC170922A**



Padovani et al. MNRAS 2018



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- * TXS0506+056 \rightarrow brightest Fermi source in the region of interest at energies above 1 GeV during the IceCube-170922A event but only above 2-5 GeV during the neutrino flare.
 - * Both the lack of a correlation between the γ -ray and radio/optical flux and the SED shape of TXS0506+056, which is unusual in terms of its Compton dominance, appear not to be consistent with simple leptonic models.
- \Rightarrow hadronic flare during the neutrino detections ?

spatial, timing, and energetic multi-messenger diagnostics point to TXS0506+056 as the only counterpart of all the neutrinos observed in the vicinity of IceCube-170922A and

the first non-stellar neutrino (and hence cosmic ray) source, (at 3 sigma level of confidence, ndr)

Emerging picture → extreme blazars, i.e., strong, very high energy γ -ray sources with the peak of the synchrotron emission $> 10^{14} - 10^{15}$ Hz, are the first class of sources with evident contribution to the IceCube diffuse signal.

Thanks