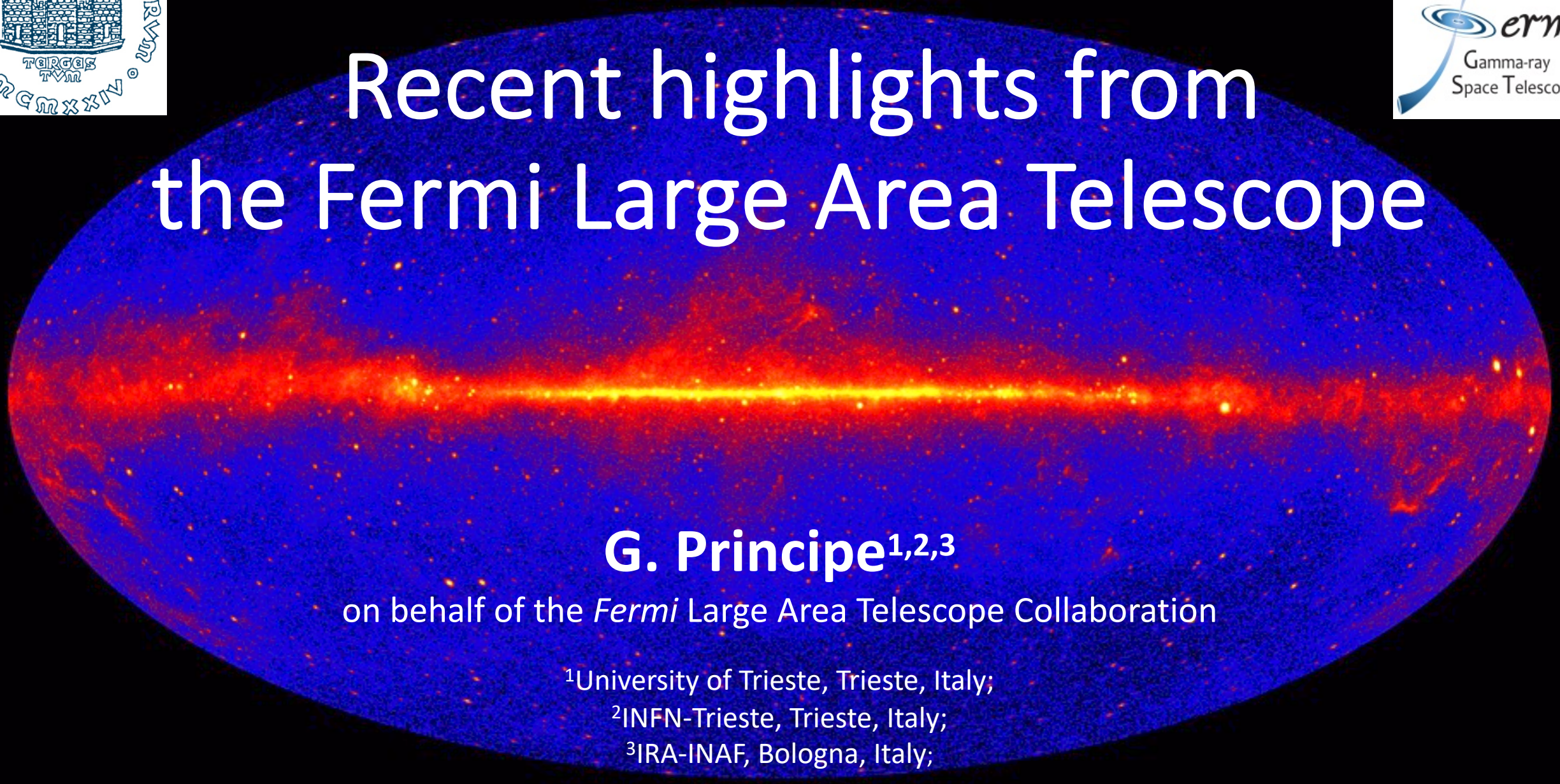

Recent highlights from the Fermi Large Area Telescope

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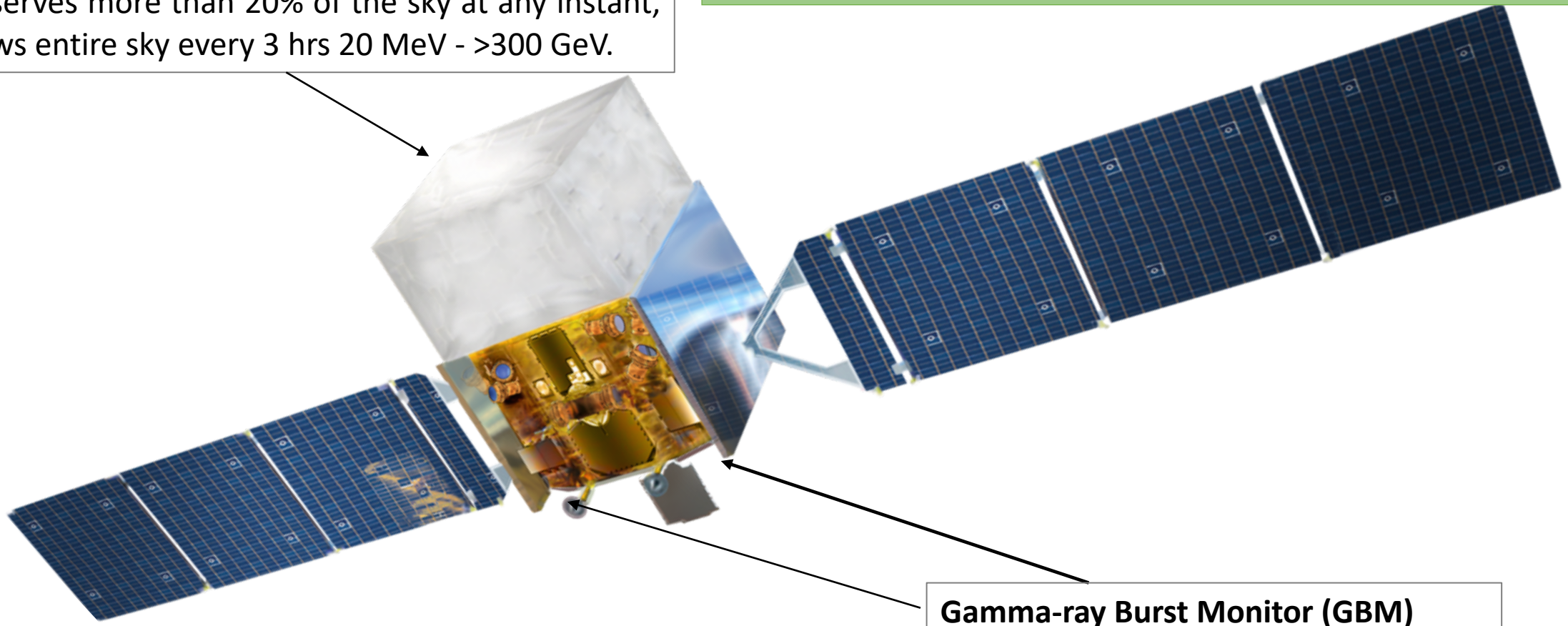
Introduction on Fermi

Launched by NASA on 2008 June 11, from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Science mission started on August 2008.

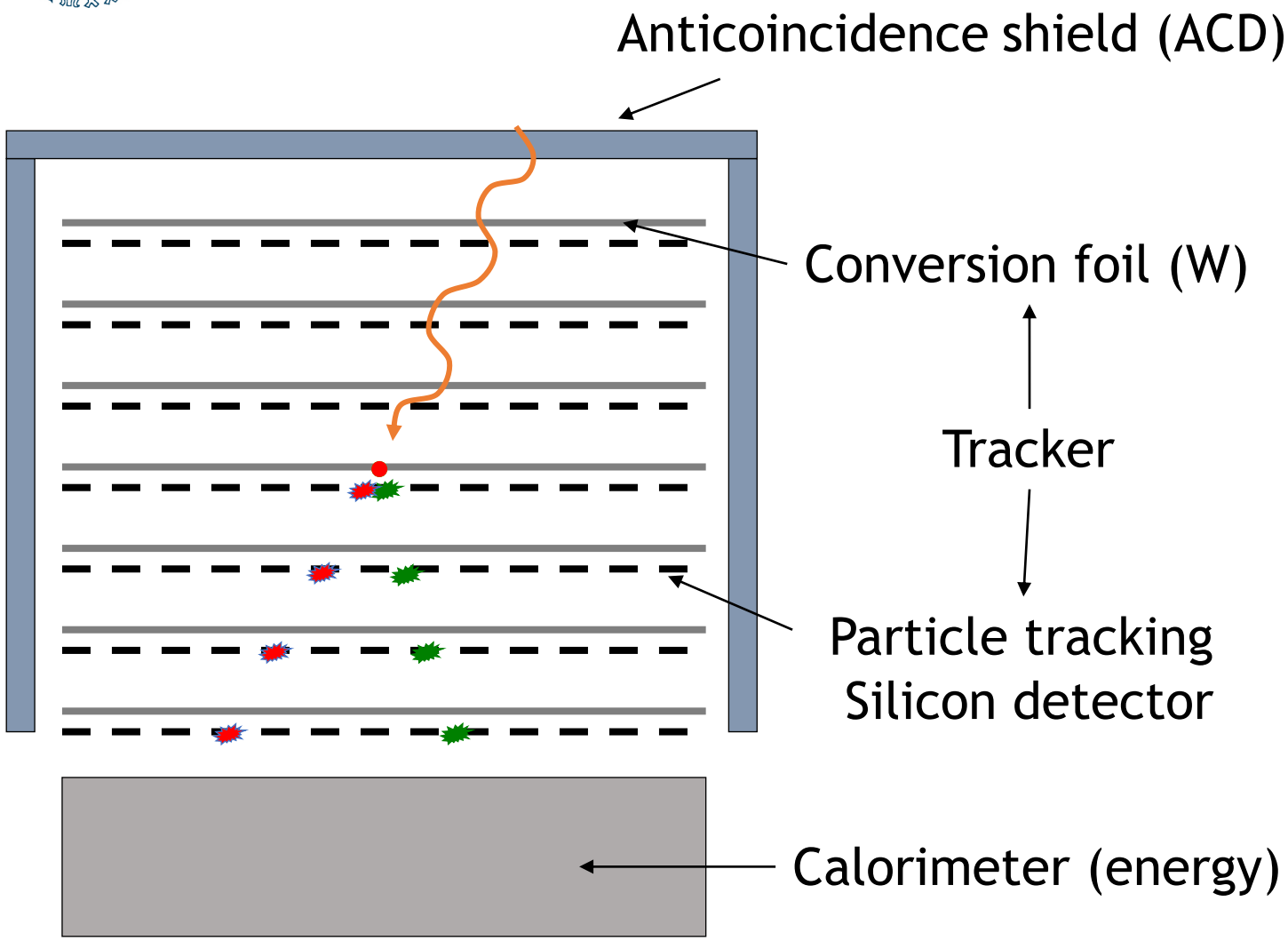
Large Area Telescope (LAT)
Observes more than 20% of the sky at any instant, views entire sky every 3 hrs 20 MeV - >300 GeV.



Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM)
Observes entire unocculted sky.
Detects transients from 8 keV - 40 MeV

International collaboration between NASA and DOE in the US and agencies in France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Sweden

The Fermi Large Area Telescope



Energy range	20 MeV - over 300 GeV
Effective Area (E > 1 GeV)	~1 m^2
Point spread function (PSF)	0.8° @ 1 GeV
Field of view	2.4 sr (~20% of the sky)
Orbital period	91 minutes
Altitude	565 km

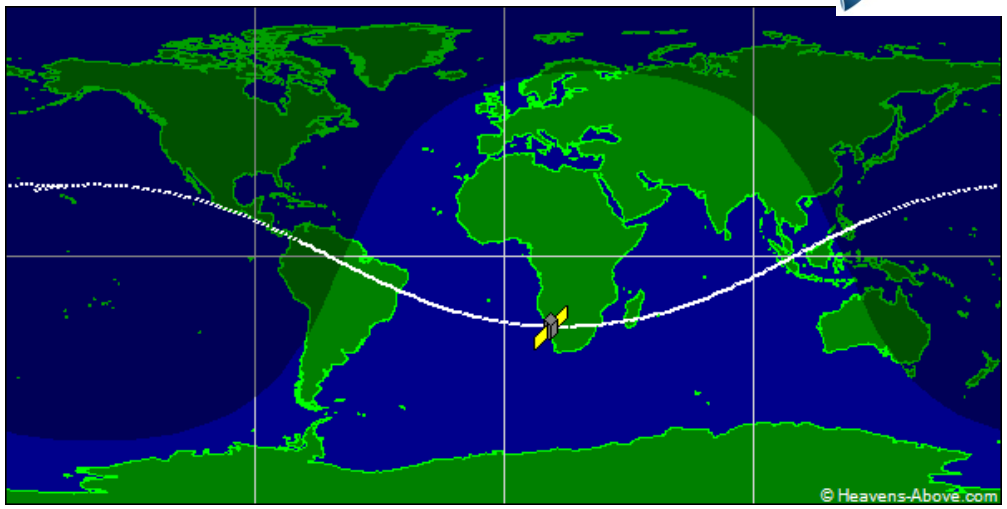
Fermi-LAT performances

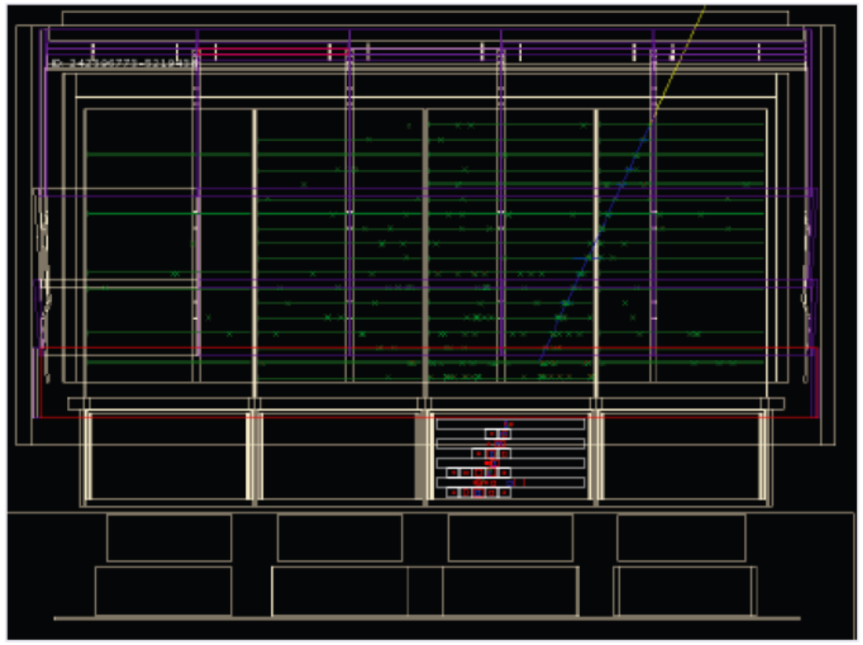
Fermi in DATA (up today, March. 6, 2022)

- 75500 orbits since launch
- 4952 days of science mission (2008 Aug. 4)
- **LAT has 98.7% uptime for Science mission**

Event counts

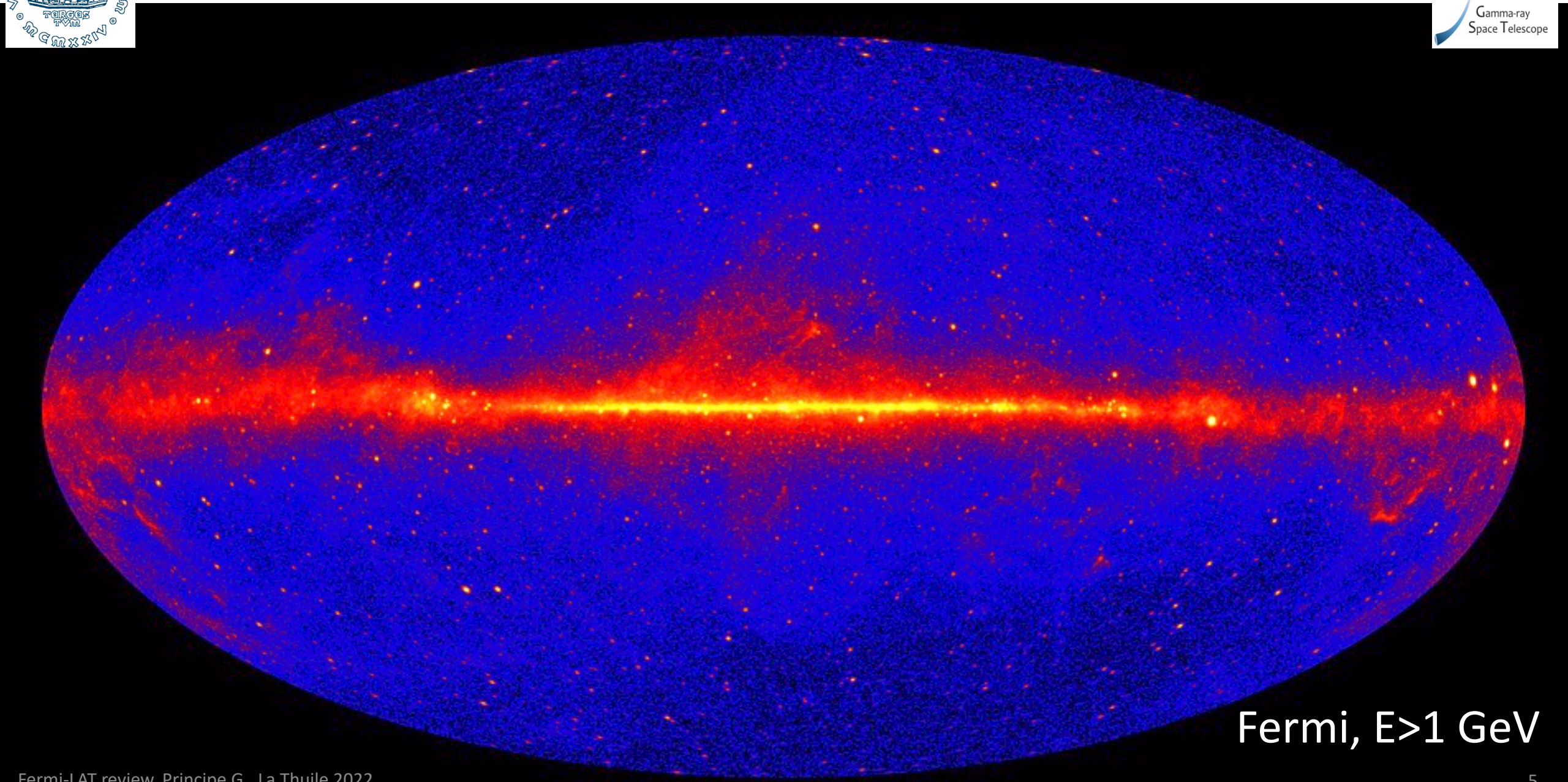
- 8 billion triggers on the LAT
- 170 billion events downlinked
- **1.5 billion LAT events available at the FSSC** (reached on Feb 28)
- 4 photons/second (including Earth limb)





Fermi-LAT performance after 10 years of operation [Ajello et al., 2021]

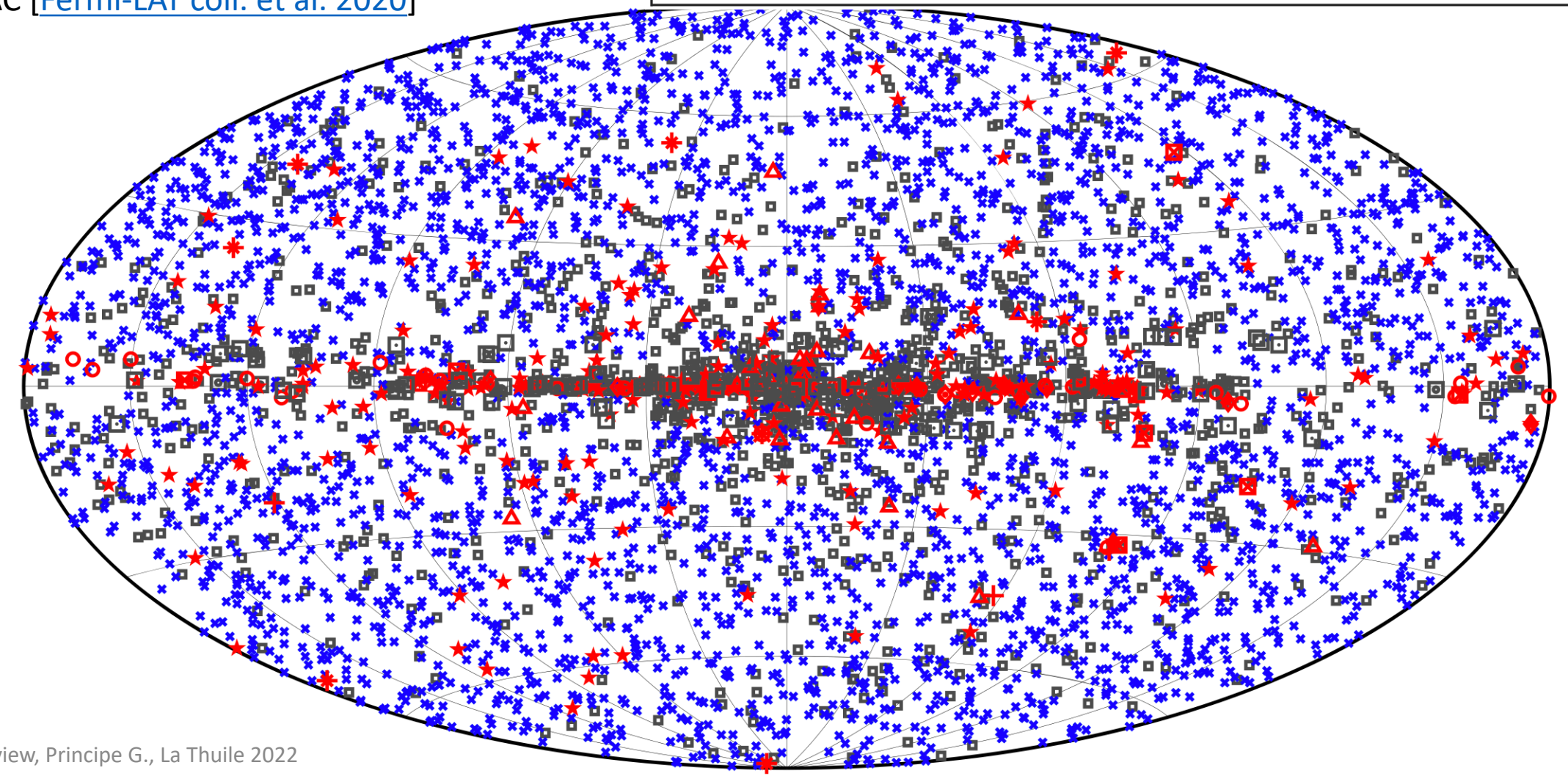
How is the sky seen by Fermi?



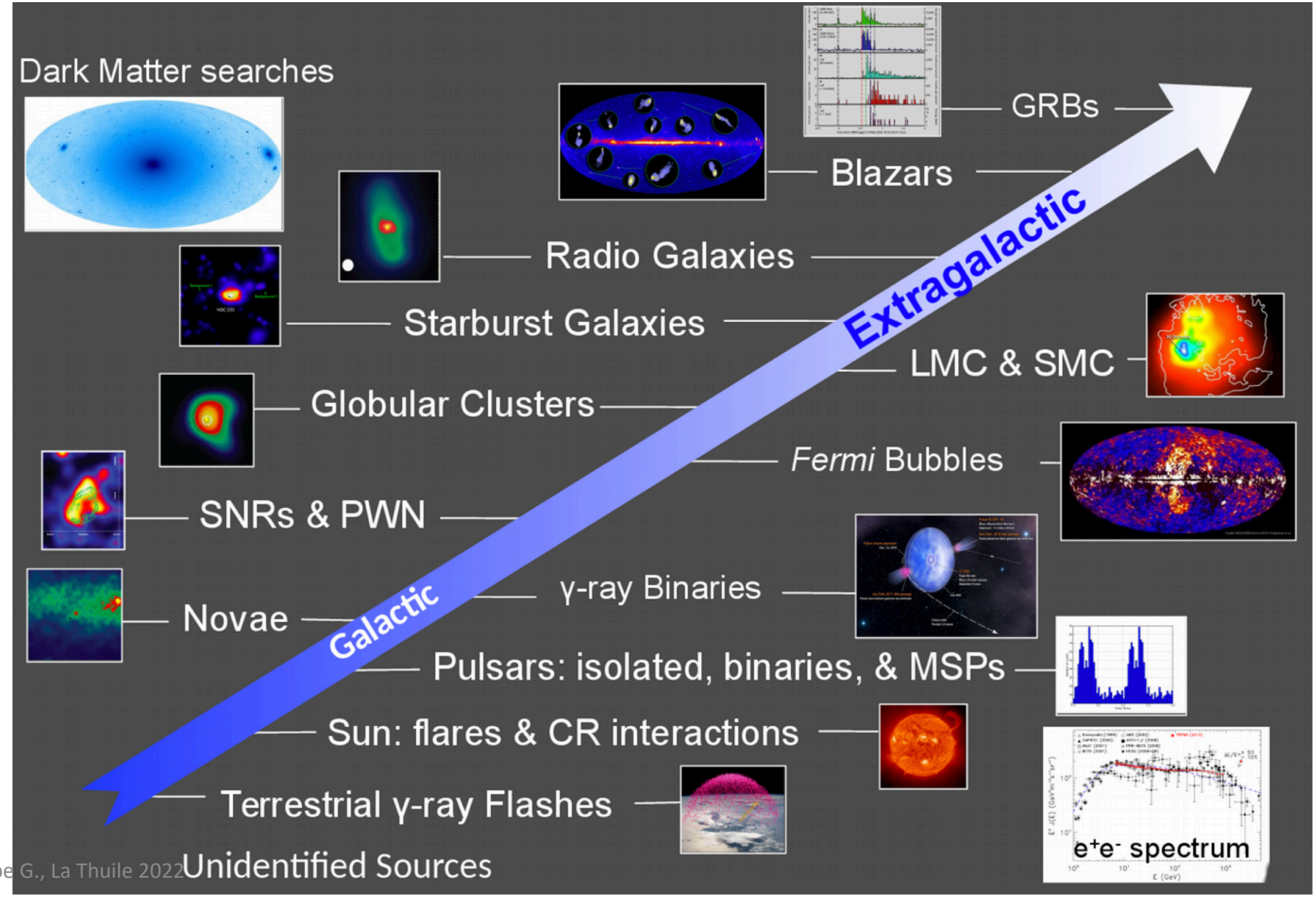
Fermi, E>1 GeV

More than 6500 sources detected in first 12 years

4FGL-DR3 catalog [Abdollahi et al. 2022]
12 years of LAT, **50 MeV < E < 1 TeV**
4LAC [Fermi-LAT coll. et al. 2020]



Fermi-LAT sources



Fermi transient searches

LAT Transient Factory (LTF)
Likelihood Around GBM/BAT triggers
seconds to orbits
LAT Team - Results in GCNs
Triggered Operating + *Blind Search Coming Soon*

***Fermi* All-sky Variability Analysis (FAVA)**
Counts Map Aperture Photometry
3 day (coming soon), 1 week
ATels
http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/FAVA/

LightCurve repository (NEW!!)
Provides *3 day*, *1 week* and *1 month* light curves for many 4FGL sources
https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/LightCurveRepository/about.html

Pipeline
Method
Timescale
Distribution
Status

LAT Burst Advocate Tool
Likelihood Around GBM/BAT triggers
100 s, 1000 s
LAT Team - Results in GCNs
Operating

GBM Untriggered Search
ground search
ms - s
GCN Notices
http://gammaray.nsstc.nasa.gov/gbm/science/sgrb_search.html

GBM Onboard Triggers
rate triggers
16 ms - minutes
GCN Notices
Operating

LAT Automated Science Processing (ASP) + Flare Advocates
Likelihood
6 & 24 hour
ATels, GCN notices (on AGN)
Operating

LAT Catalogs
Likelihood, associations
3 month (0FGL), 1 year (1FGL), 2 years (2FGL), 4 years (3FGL)
http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/
4FGL in progress

Transients Timescale Pipelines

μs **ms** **s** **minutes** **hours** **days** **months** **years**

Photon Timing

All Sky Cadence

Pulsars

Solar Flares

Novae

γ-ray Binaries

Blazar Flares

Terrestrial γ-ray Flashes

GRBs

Magnetar Flares

Crab Flares

Not to scale

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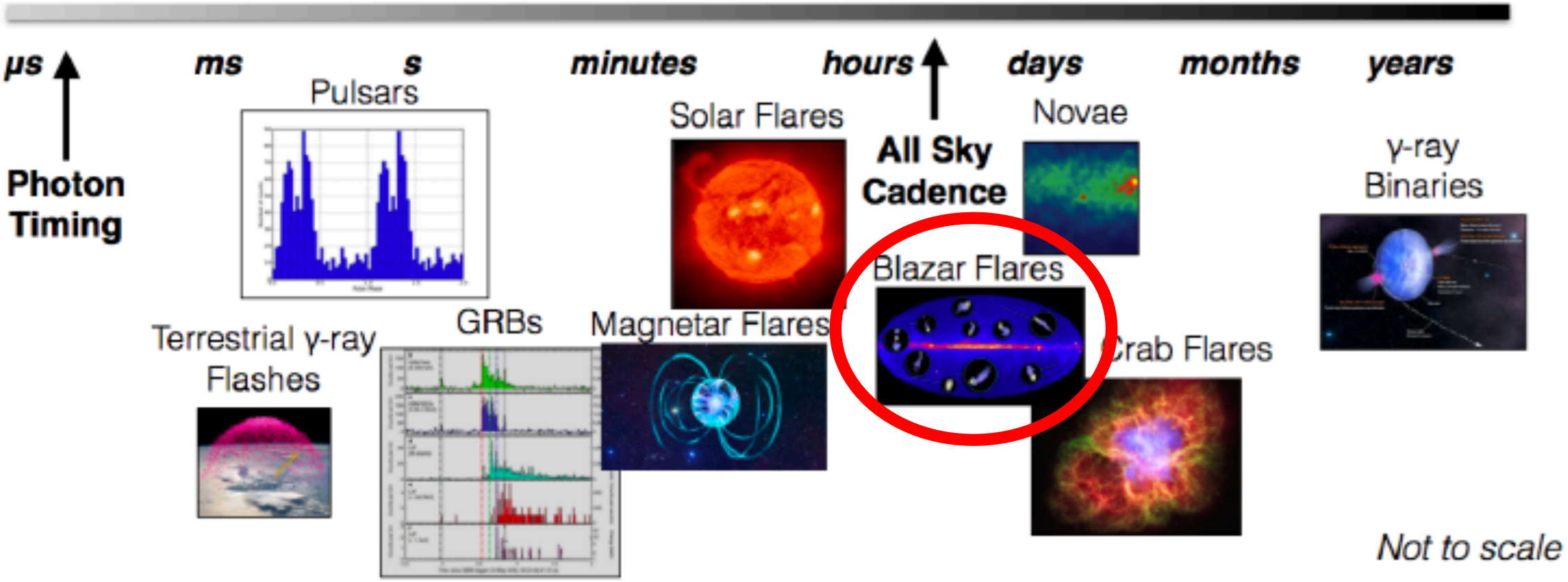

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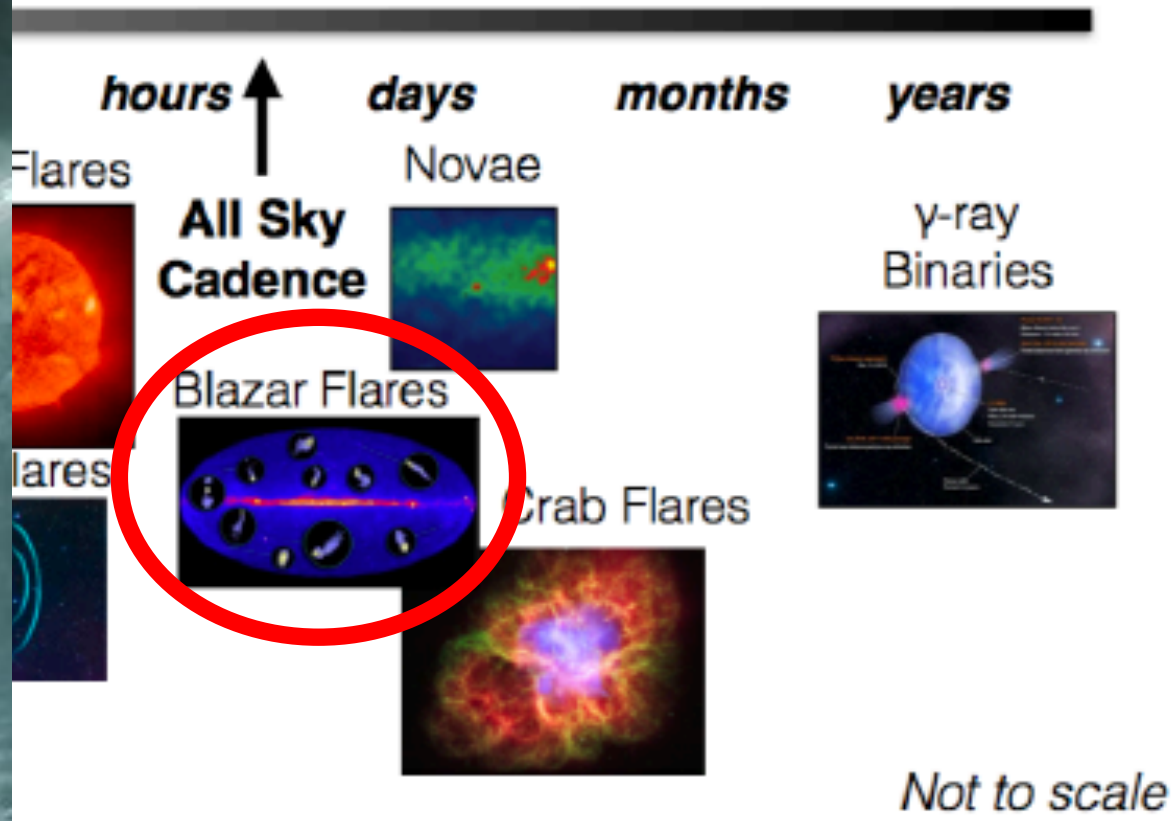
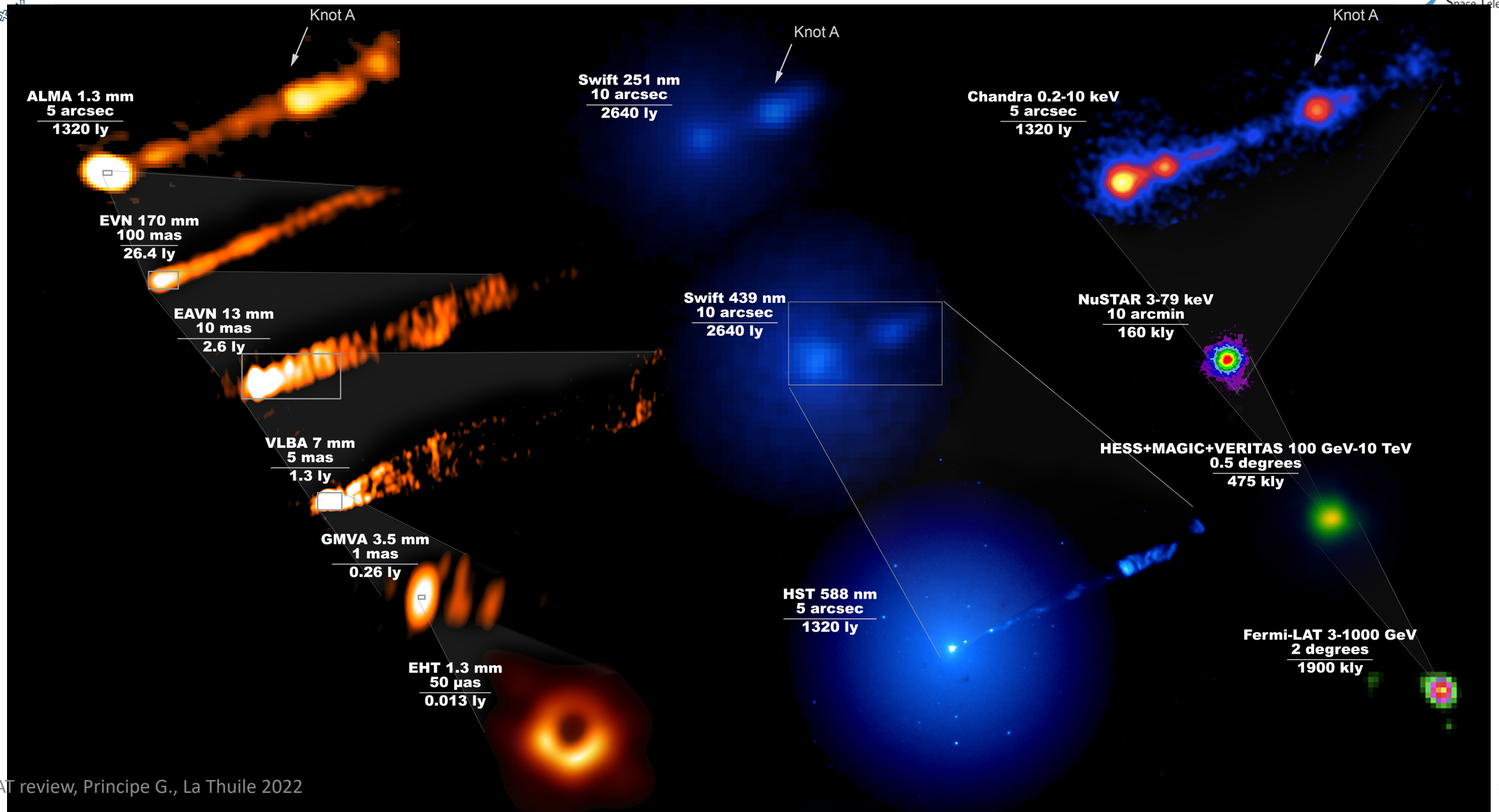
Blazar variability



The origin of gamma-rays and gamma-ray neutrino connection

EHT-MWL: unveiling the origin of the gamma-ray emission



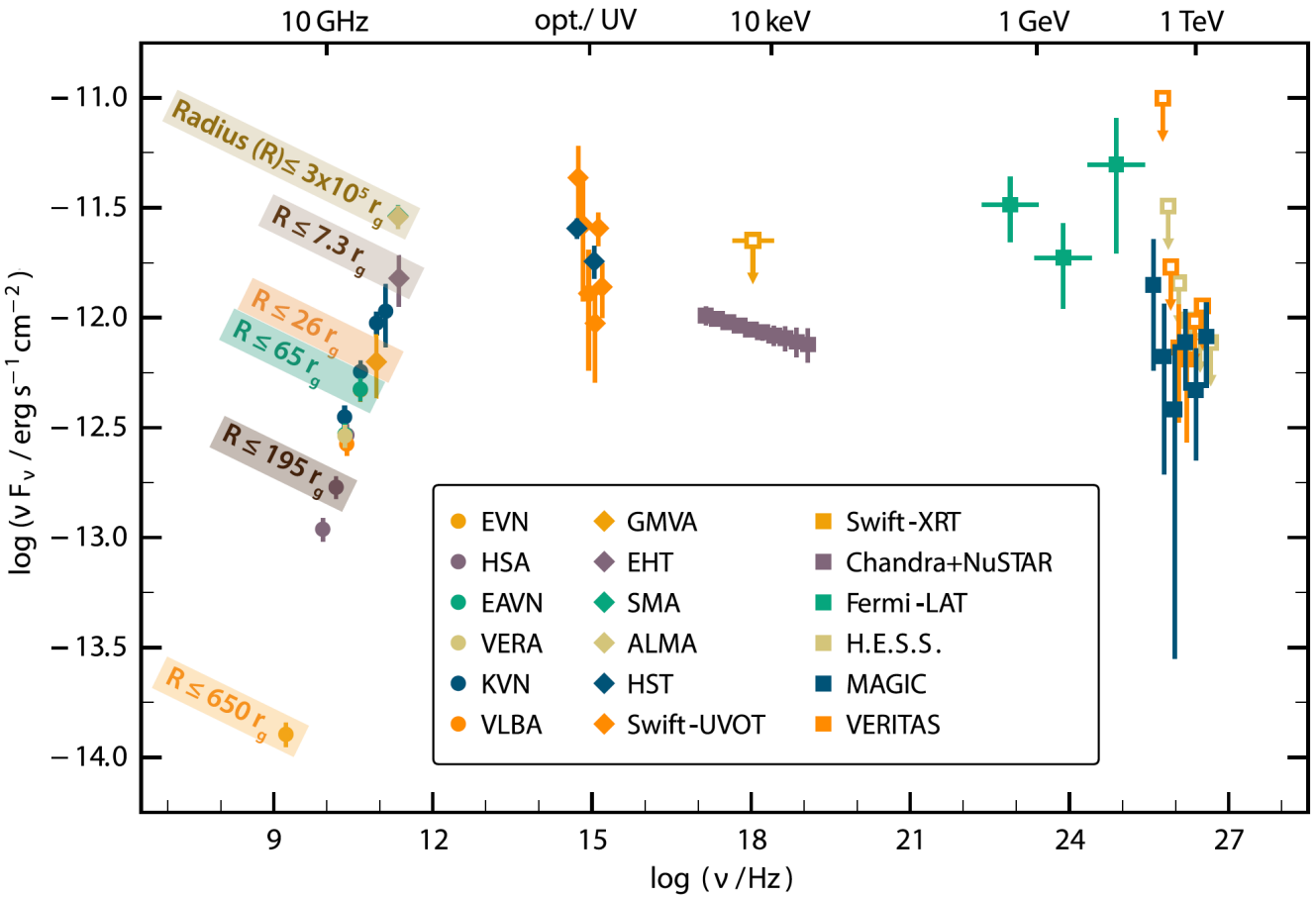
EHT-MWL: unveiling the origin of the gamma-ray emission

Most extensive, quasi simultaneous broadband spectrum of M87 taken yet covering more than 17 decades in frequency

Results:

- M87 core was in a relatively low state, but clearly still dominating over the nearest knot HST-1
- M87's complex, broadband spectral energy distribution cannot be modeled by a single zone
- **It is not yet clear where the VHE γ-rays originate, but we can robustly rule out that they coincide with the EHT region for leptonic processes**.

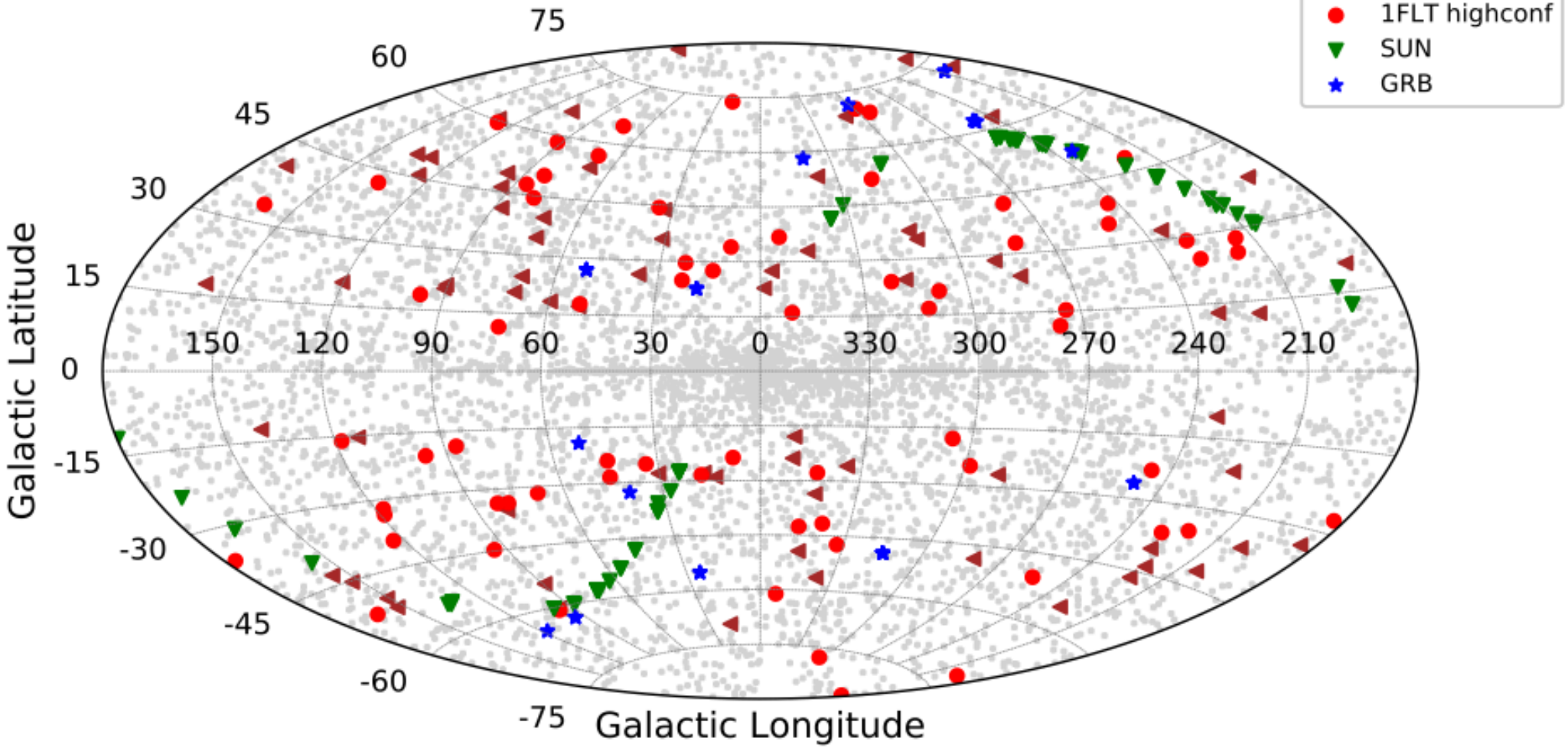
[EHT-MWL science working group et al. 2021]



- Hardening from optical to X-rays
- Fairly large Compton dominance
- Hard for simple SSC models!

Catalog of Long Transient Sources (10 years)

1FLT catalog on a monthly base [Baldini et al. 2021]: 142 transients (not in 4FGL-DR2) catalog.
102 AGN: 24 FSRQ; 1 with a BLLac; 70 BCU; 3 Radio Galaxies; 1 CSS radio source;
1 SSRQ; 2 other AGN. 40 unassociated.



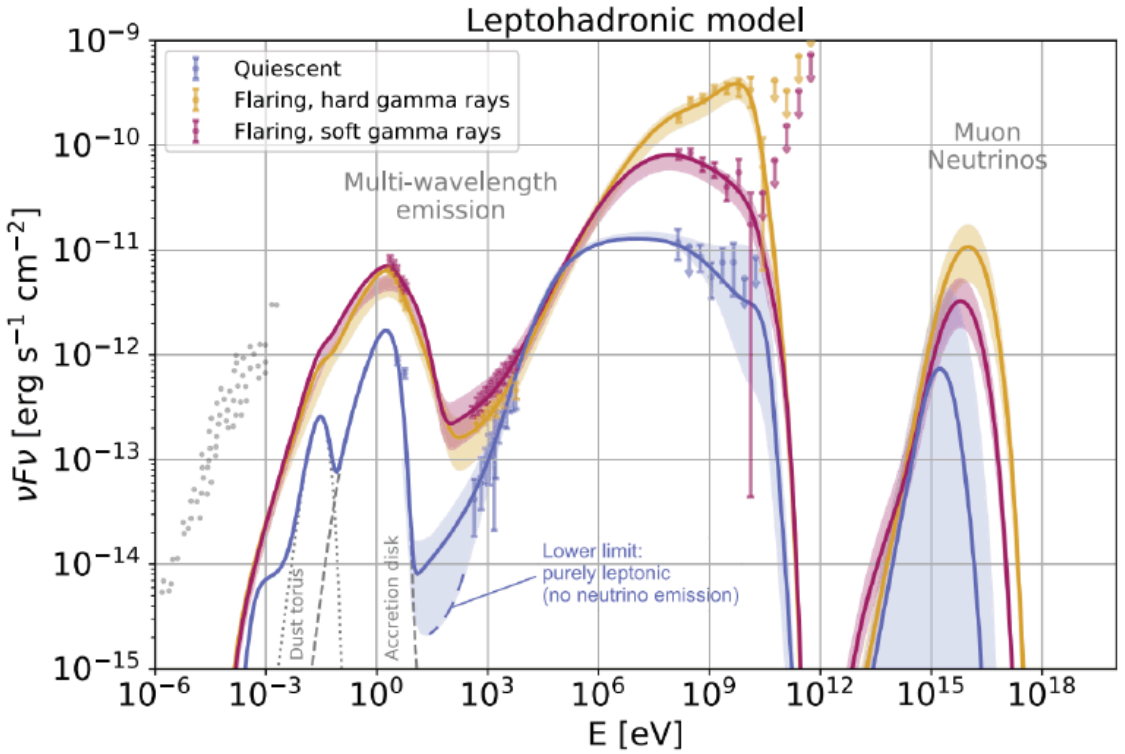
Neutrino – gamma ray connection

Association of neutrino with flaring blazar TXS0506+056 sparked interest to identify further counterparts.

So far, no other counterpart has been unambiguously identified.

One source of interest: PKS 1502+106; bright FSRQ located at redshift $z = 1.84$

[IceCube Coll. et al. 2018; Garrappa et al. 2019; Rodrigues et al. 2021]



Neutrino Source Candidates

Source Name	4FGL Name	Class	Redshift	T_0 (MJD)	T_w (days)	p_γ	$T_{\gamma,\nu}$ (MJD)	L_γ (erg s^{-1})
Single High-energy Neutrinos								
MG3 J225517+2409	J2255.2+2411	BL Lac	1.37[a]	55,355.49	⋯	0.04	[55,346.73, 55,403.54]	1.3×10^{47}
GB6 J1040+0617	J1040.5+0617	BL Lac	0.73[b]	57,000.14311	⋯	0.17	[56,997.67, 57,055.08]	4.6×10^{46}
1RXS J125847.7–044746	J1258.7–0452	BL Lac	0.586[c]	57,291.90119	⋯	⋯	⋯	2.9×10^{45}
GB6 J0244+1320	J0244.7+1316	BCU[d]	⋯	57,695.38	⋯	⋯	⋯	⋯
TXS 0506+056	J0509.4+0542	BL Lac[e]	0.336[f]	58,018.87	⋯	0.009	[58,016.57, 58,019.94]	2.2×10^{46}
AT20G J175841–161703	J1758.7–1621	BCU	⋯	58,535.35	⋯	0.39	[58,304.43, 58,633.01]	⋯
PKS 1502+106	J1504.4+1029	FSRQ	1.839	58,694.8685	⋯	0.75	[58,603.54, 58,695.14]	4.7×10^{48}

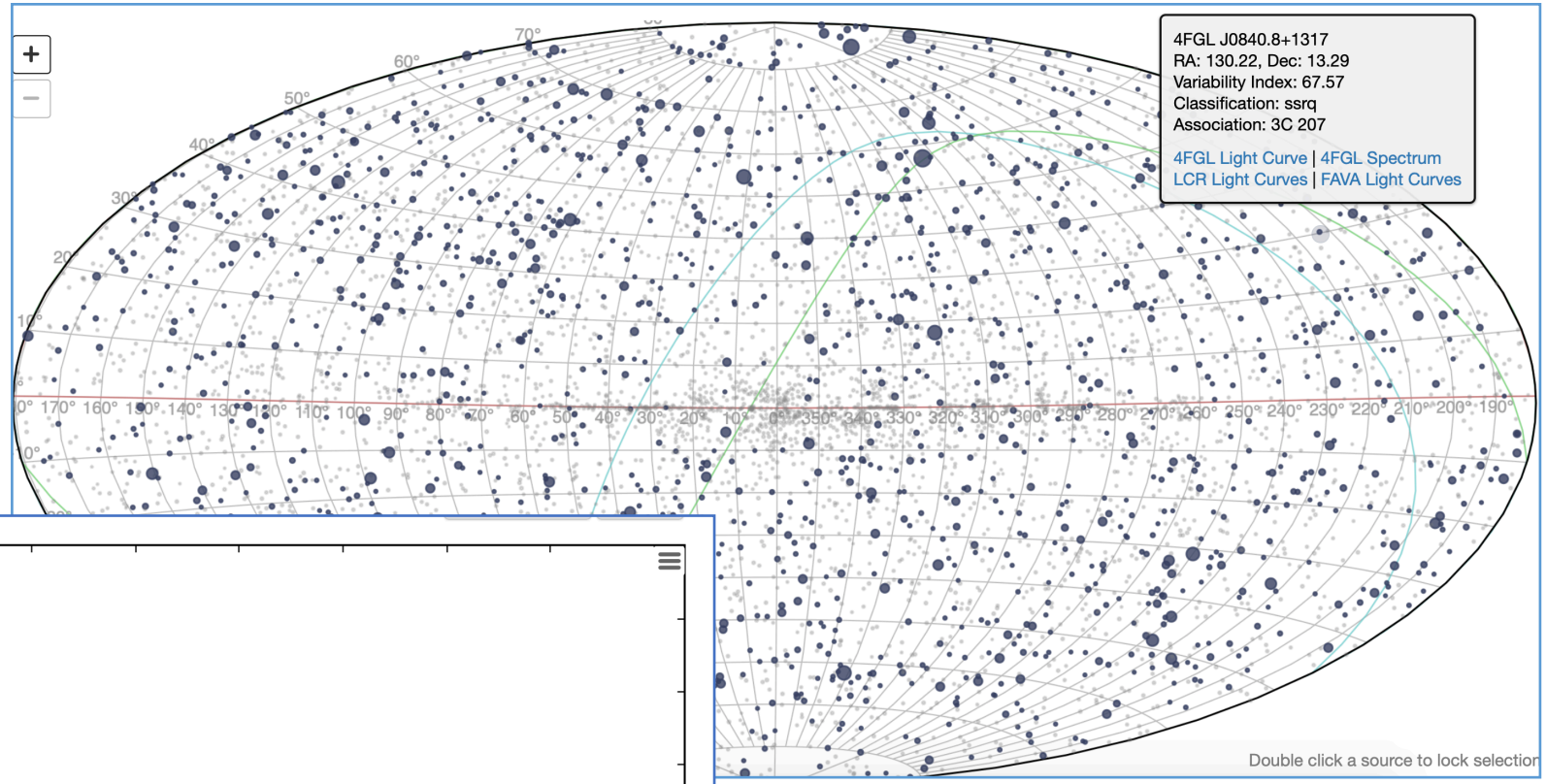
Fermi light curve repository online!!

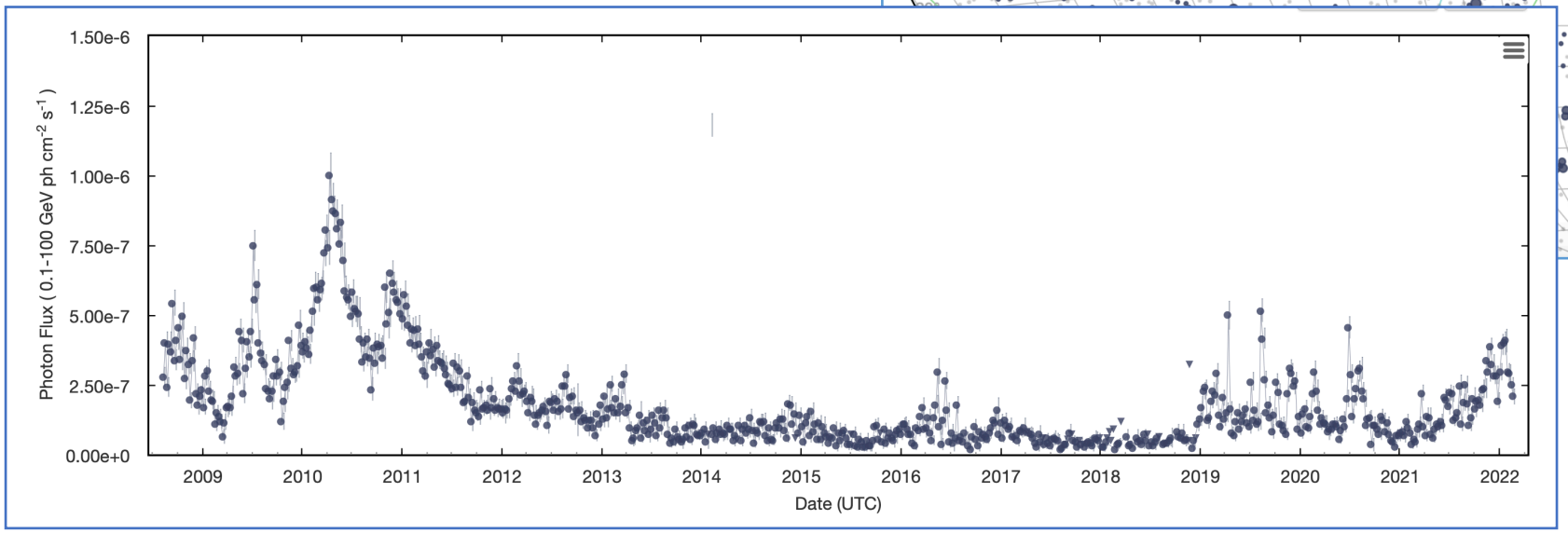
https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/LightCurveRepository/about.html

- Provides *3 day*, *1 week* and *1 month* light curves for many 4FGL sources

- Light curves derived from full likelihood fit

- Facilitates, e.g., search for gamma-ray flare counterparts of neutrino events





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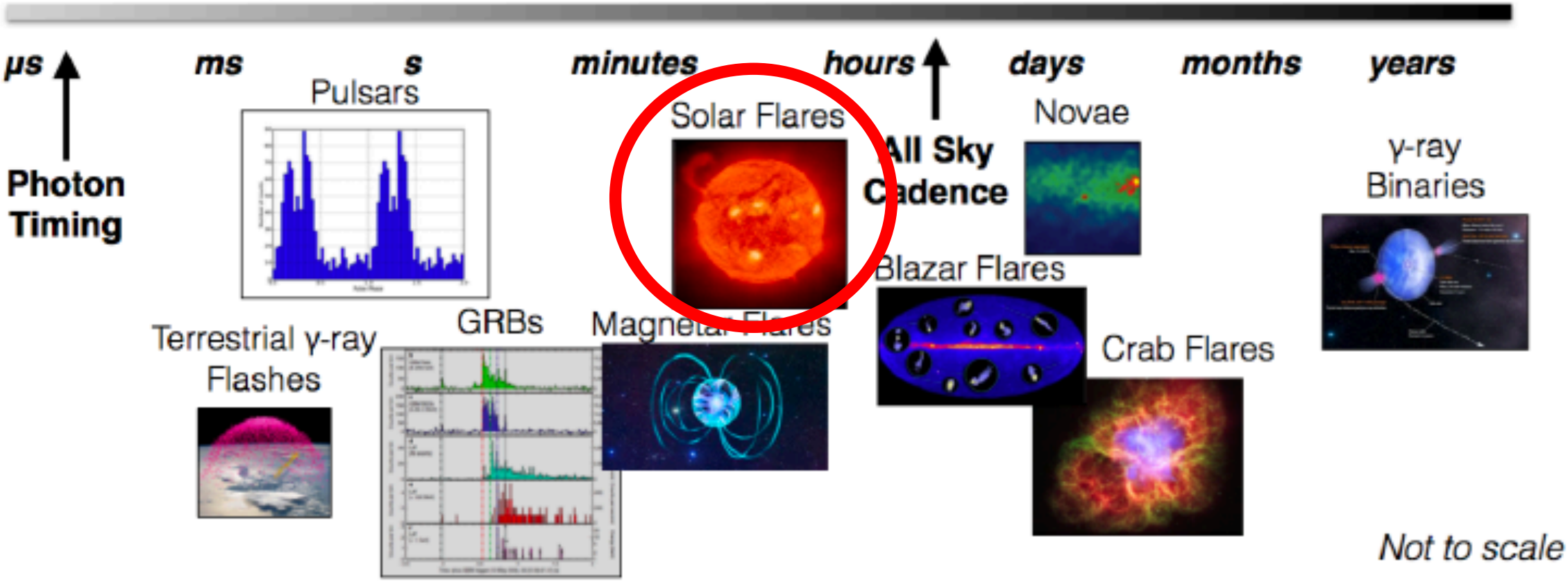

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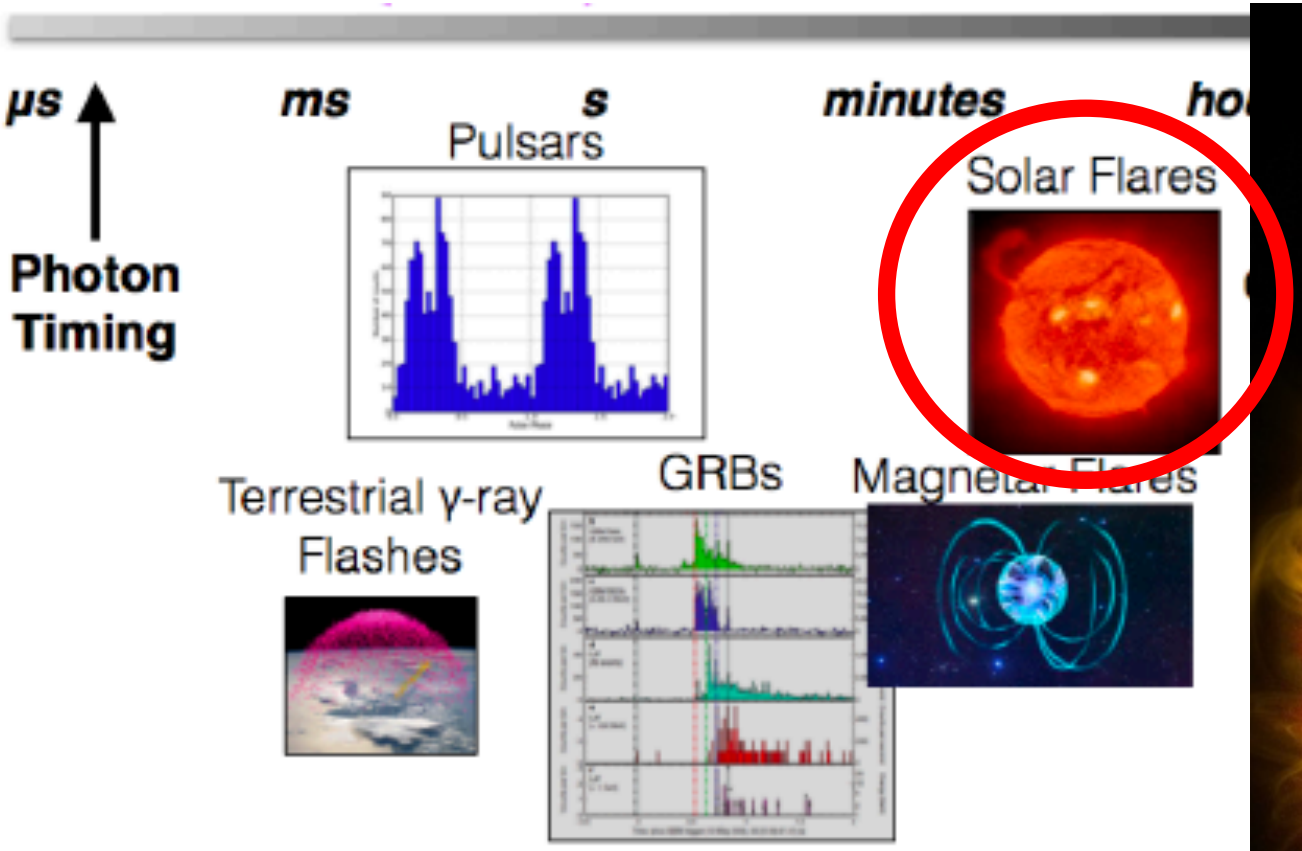
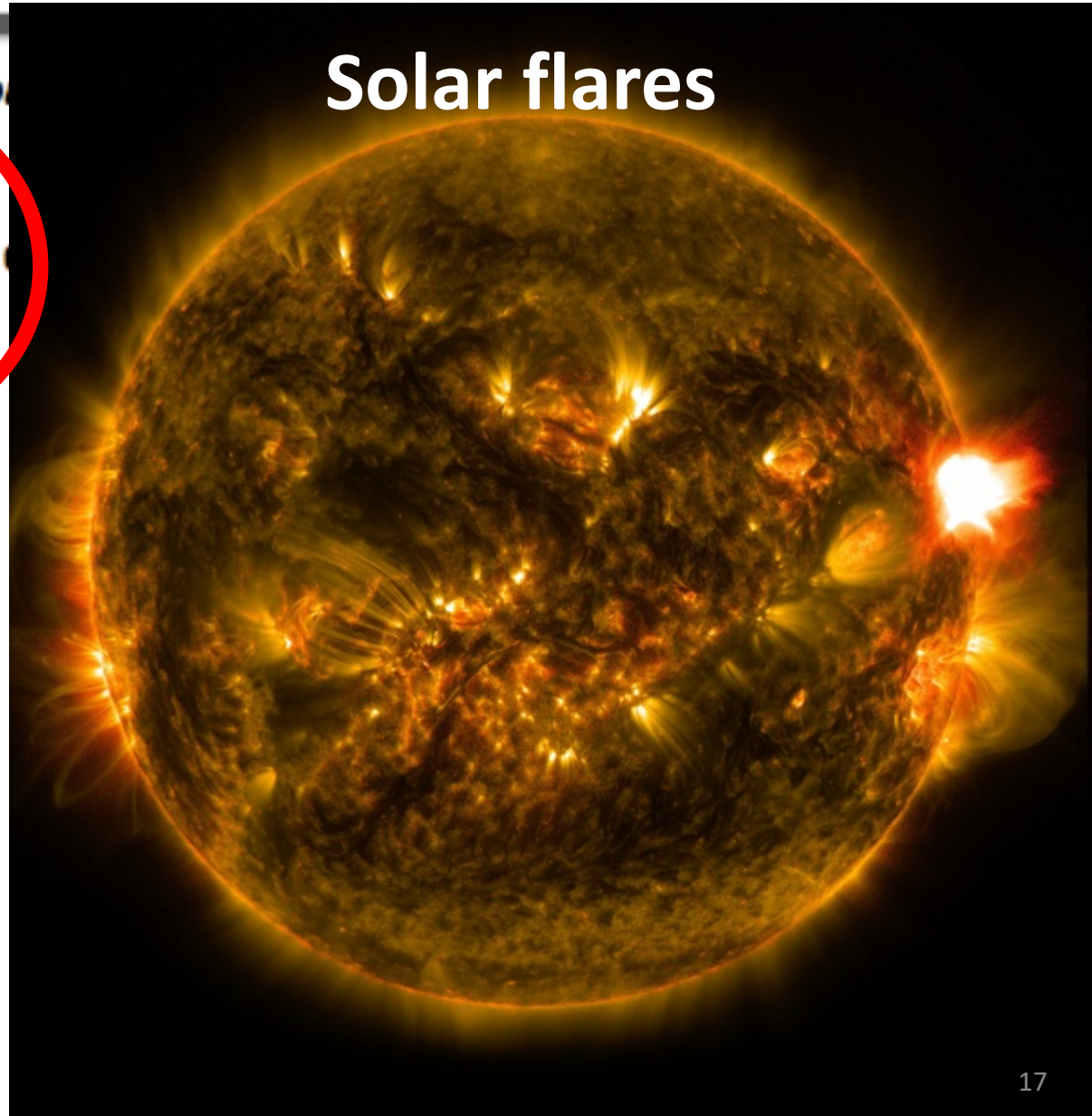
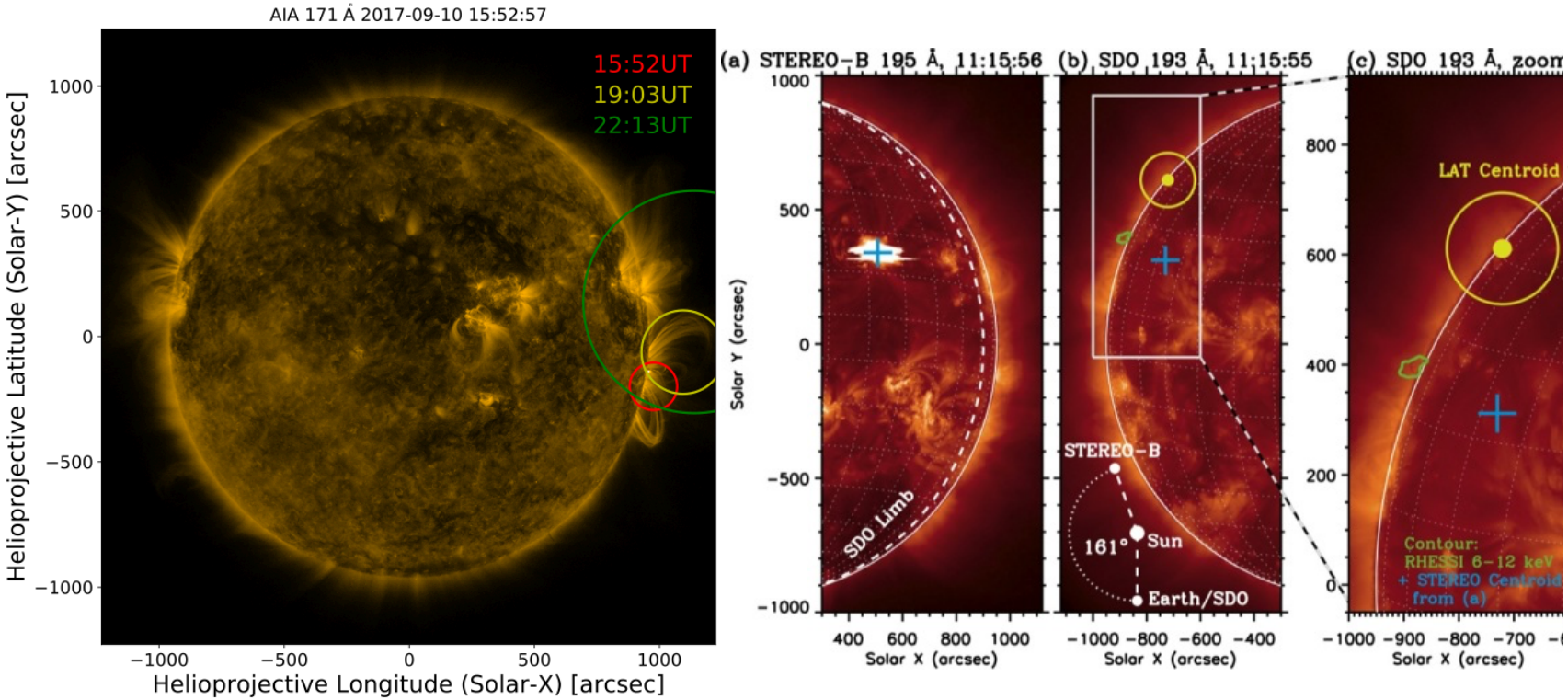


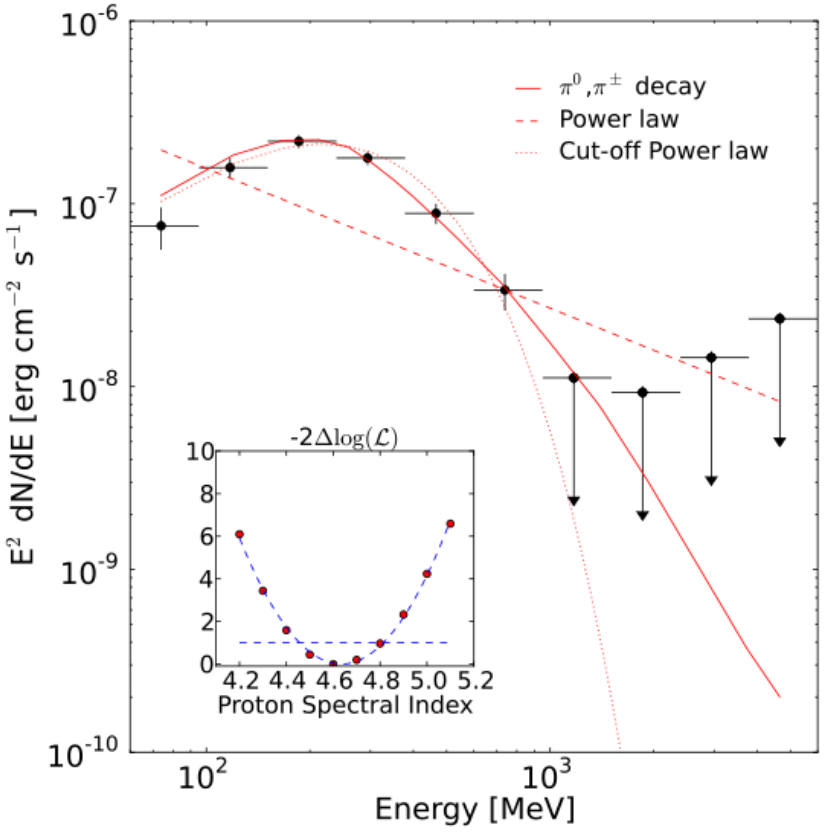


First solar flare catalog

45 Fermi-LAT solar flares (FLSFs), 3 from *behind the limb* [Ajello et al. 2021]
Obs. 30 MeV - 10 GeV over the years 2010-2018 (Solar cycle 24)

The impulsive solar flares are dominated by electron emission, Fair fraction have accelerated protons and ions ->Gamma-ray emission due to pion decay.





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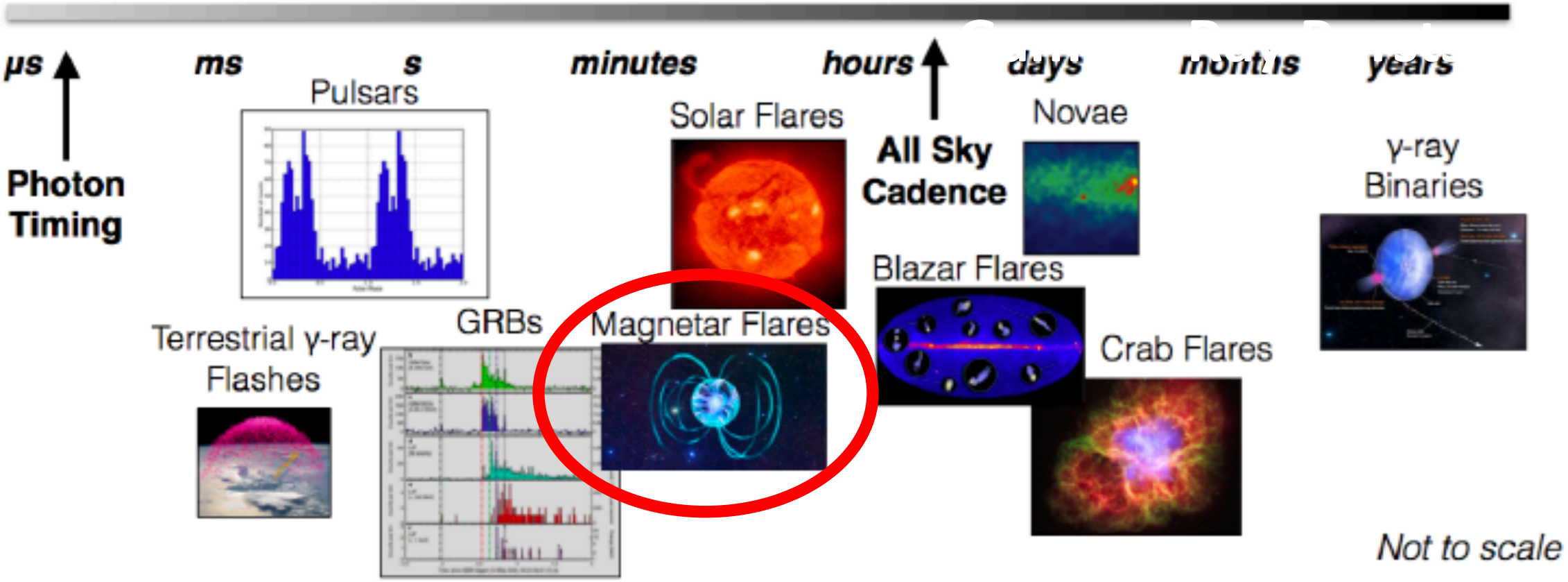

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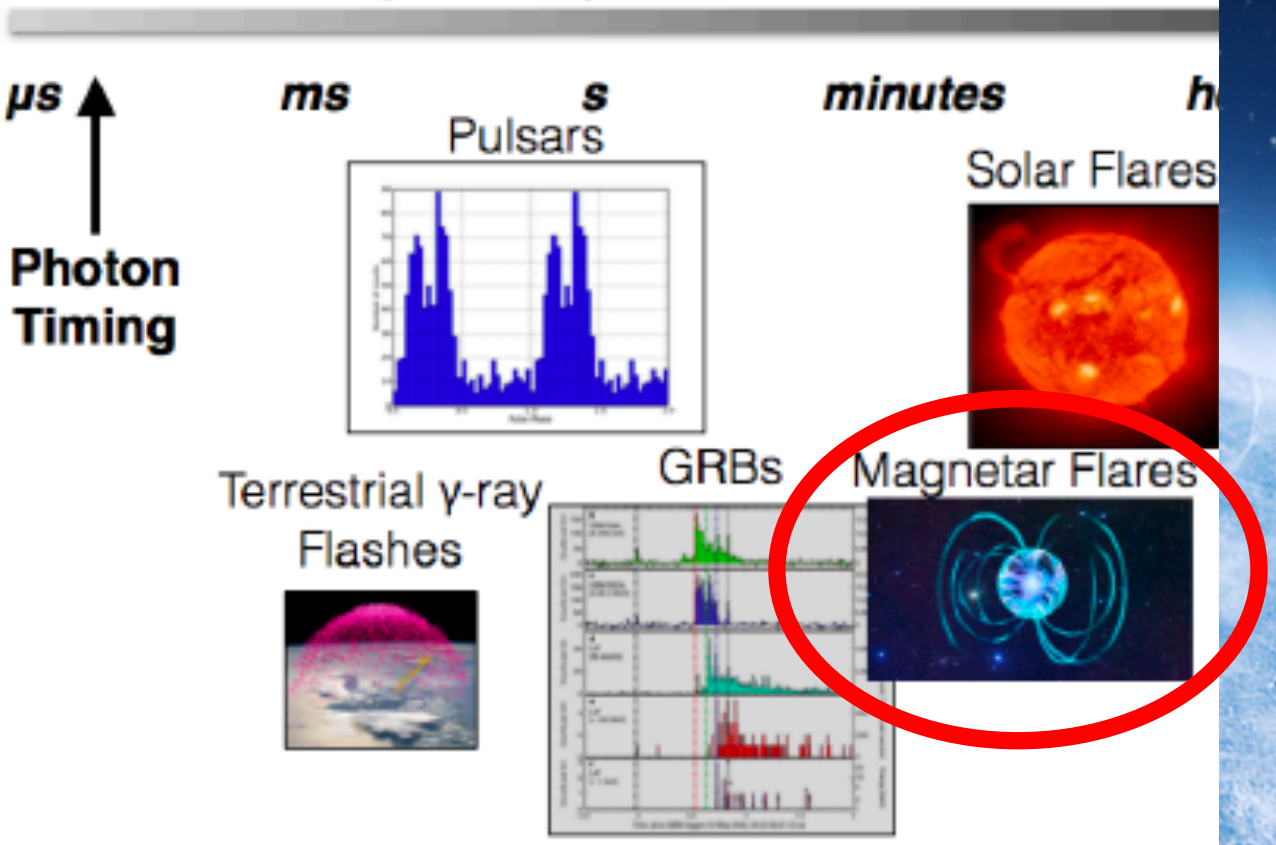
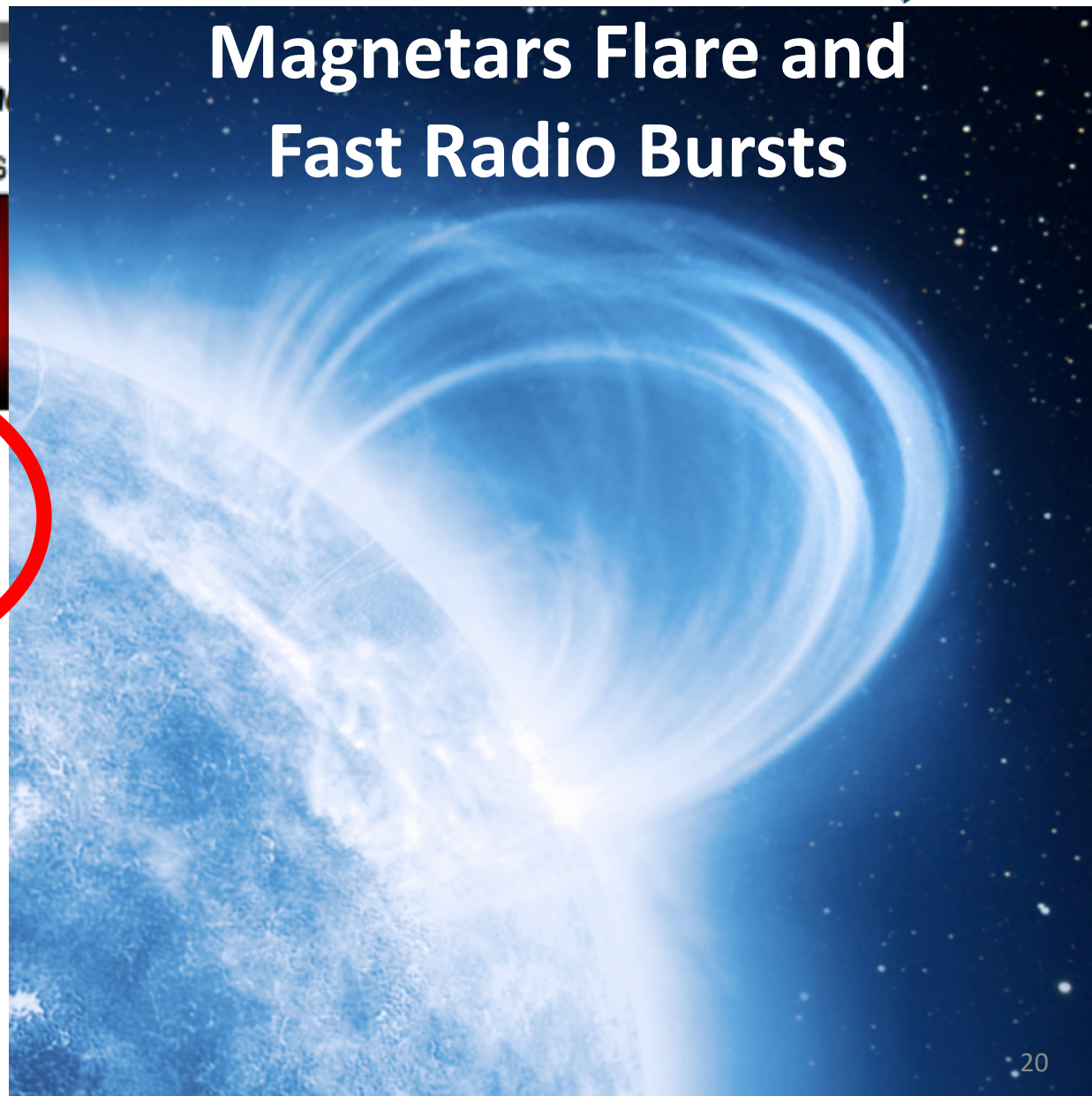
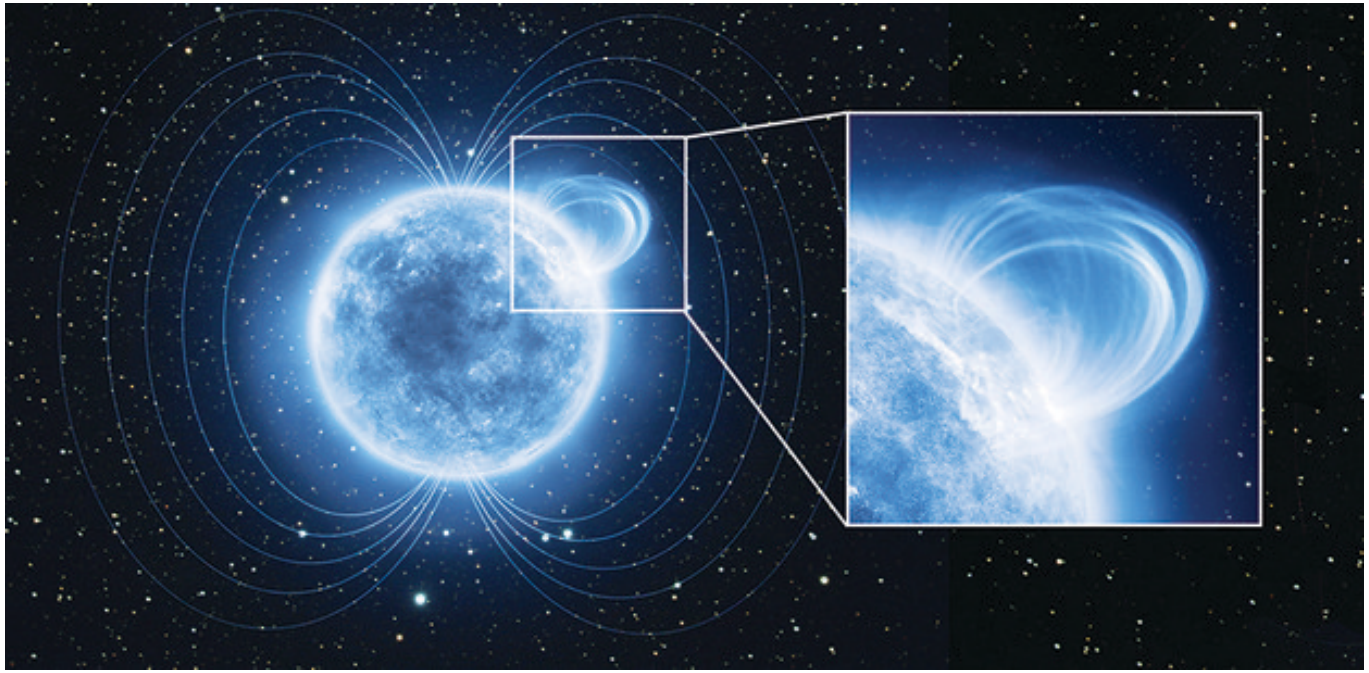
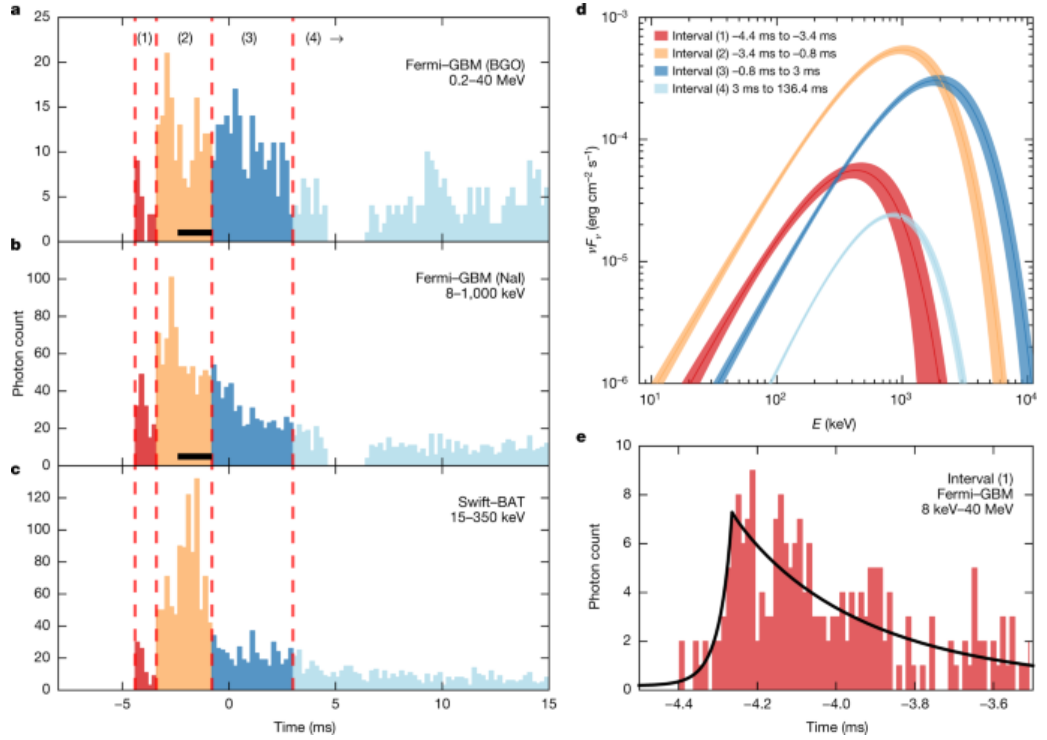




Magnetar Giant Flares (MGF)

- Magnetars: strongly magnetized neutron stars with magnetic fields of **$10^{13\text{-}15}$ G** and periods of **0.1-10 s**
- Can show rare **outbursts** (flare and pulsating tail) in X-rays and soft gamma-rays with luminosities around $10^{44\text{-}47}$ erg s^{-1}
- Likely caused by *crustquakes induced by high magnetic fields*



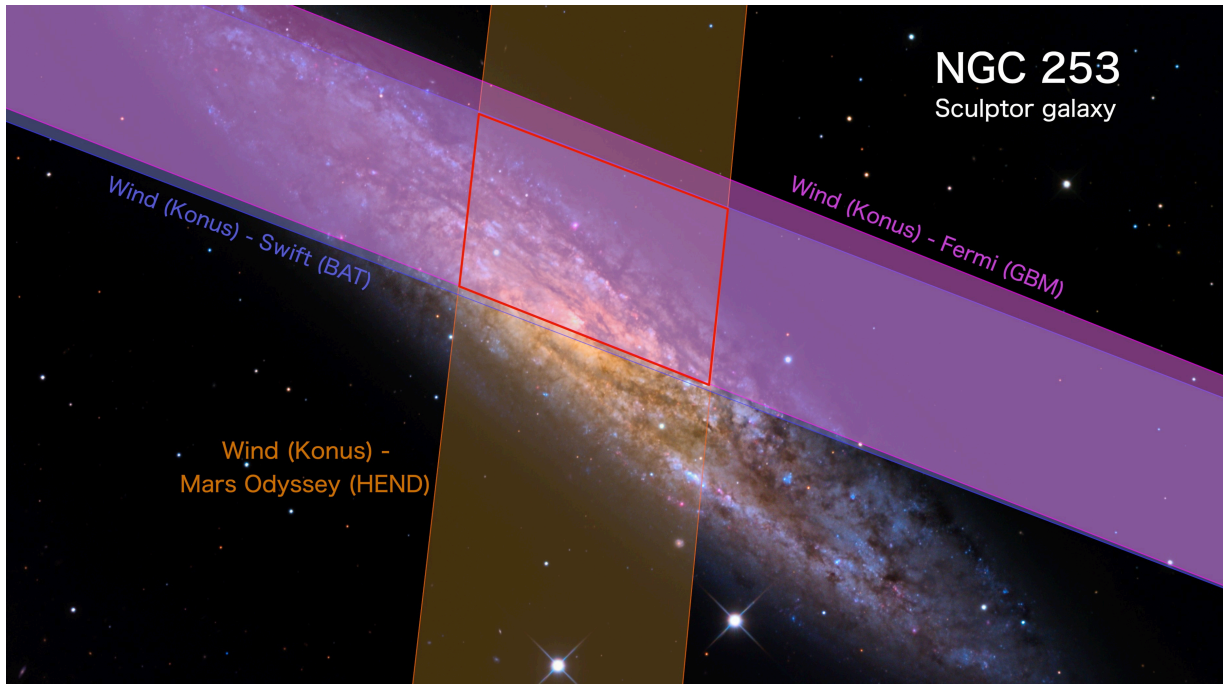


Magnetar Giant Flares (MGF)

GRB 200415A

April 15th 2020, GBM triggered at 08:48:05.56 UTC [Roberts et al. Nature, 2021]

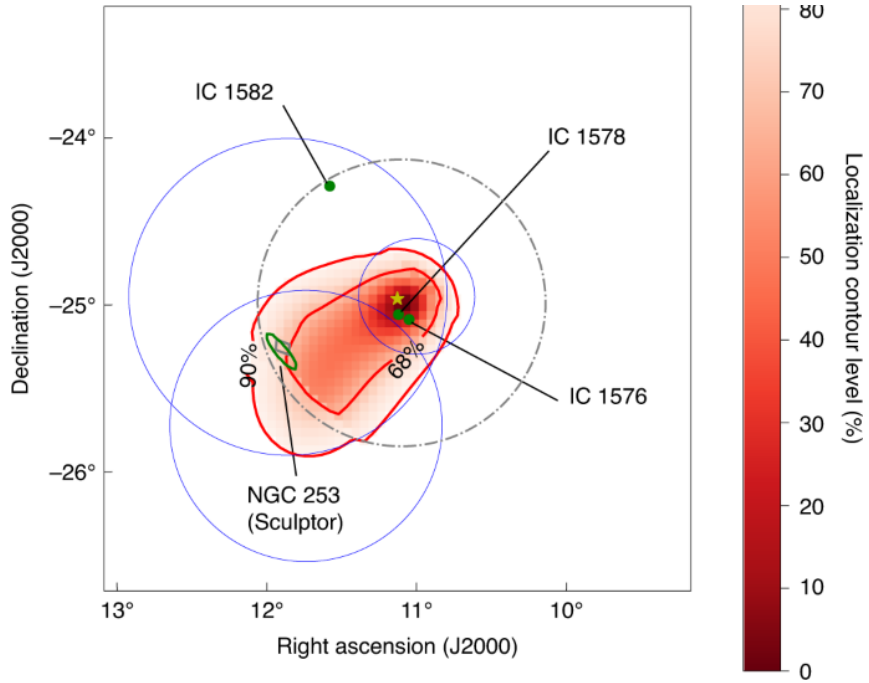
Burst most likely originated in star-forming Sculptor Galaxy, $D_L \approx 3.5$ Mpc [Svinkin et al. Nature, 2021]



Time since T_0 (s)	Energy (MeV)	Distance to NGC 253 (°)	Assoc. Prob.
19.18	480	0.3	0.990
180.22	1300	0.5	0.988
284.05	1700	0.9	0.999

LAT detected 3 photons (TS=29)

- NGC 253 (Sculptur gal.) at 72% localization CL
- Probability of chance coincidence: < 2.9 x 10^{-3}
- Long delay of first photon to T0 atypical for sGRB

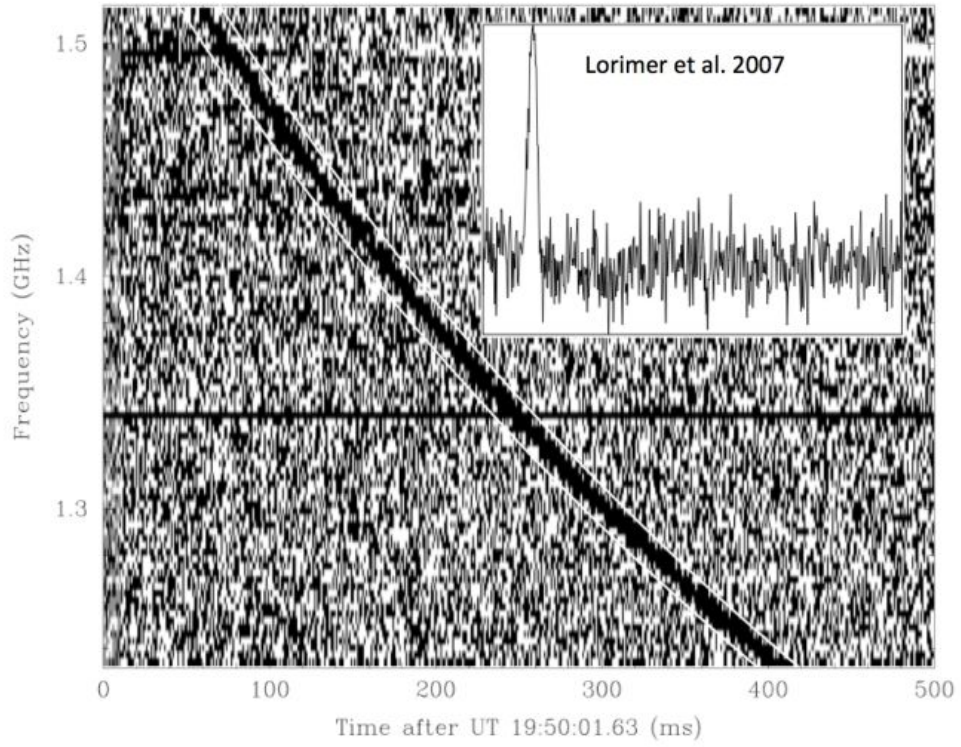


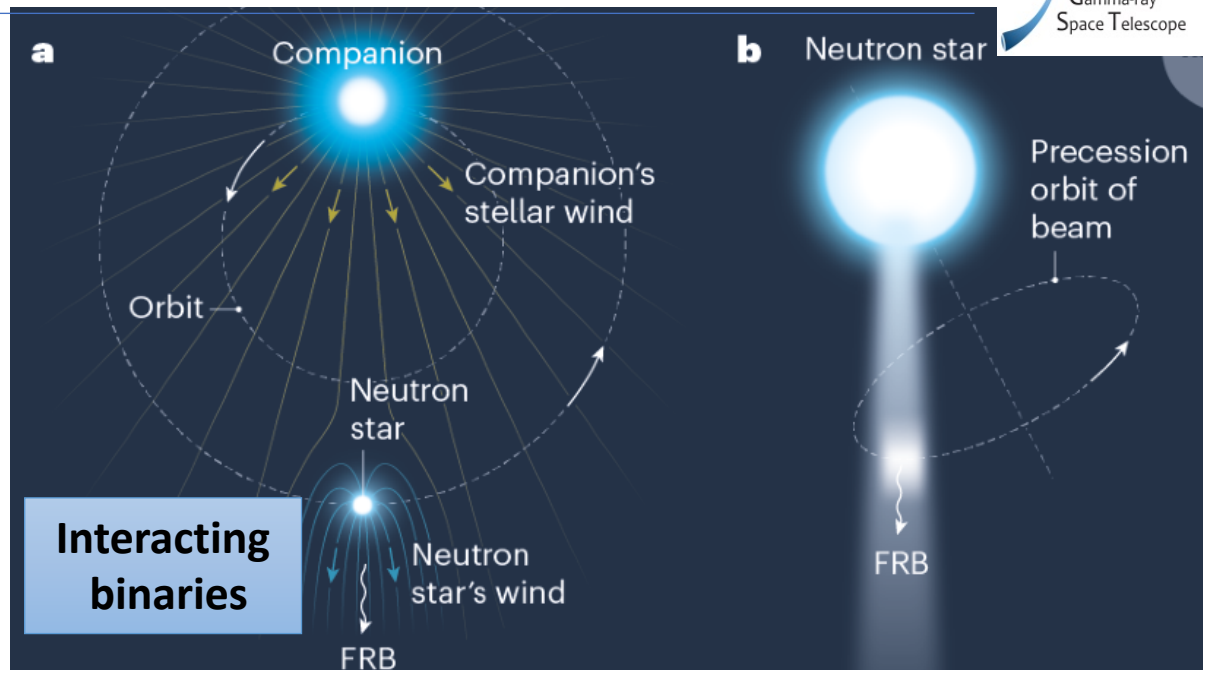
[The Fermi-LAT Collaboration, 2021]

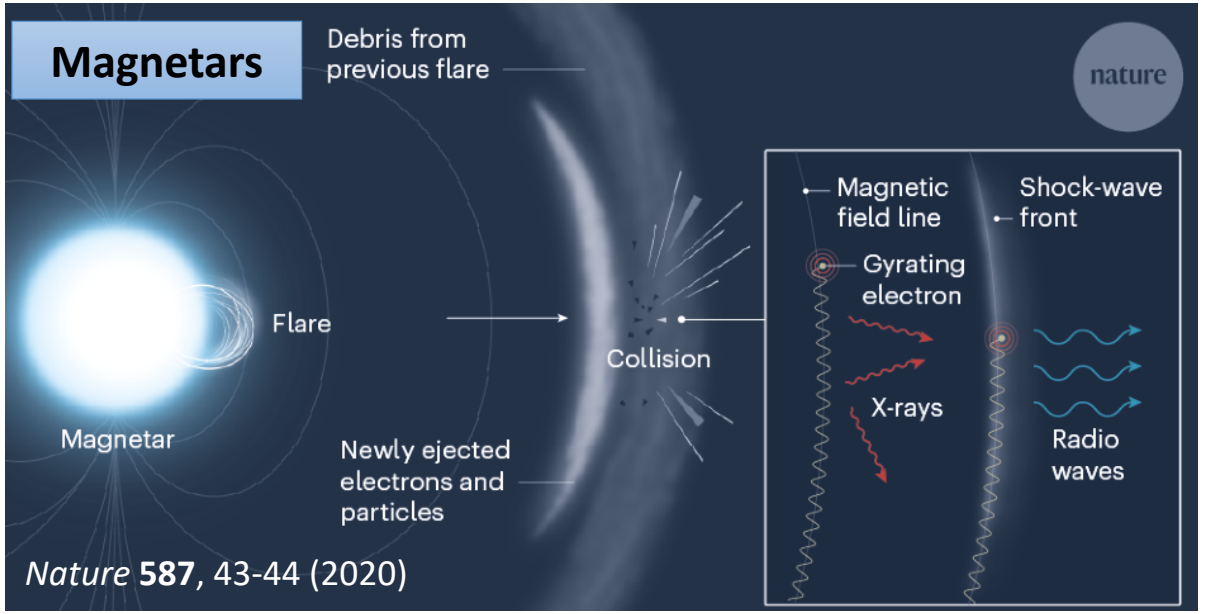
Magnetars and Fast Radio Burst (FRBs) connection??

Fast radio bursts (FRBs): are bright (Jy) and short-duration (few ms) radio pulses. Discovered just over a decade ago, FRBs are one of the newest astrophysical enigmas.

April 2020 for the first time, an FRB event was associated with Galactic magnetar giant flare (MGF) (SGR 1935+2154).

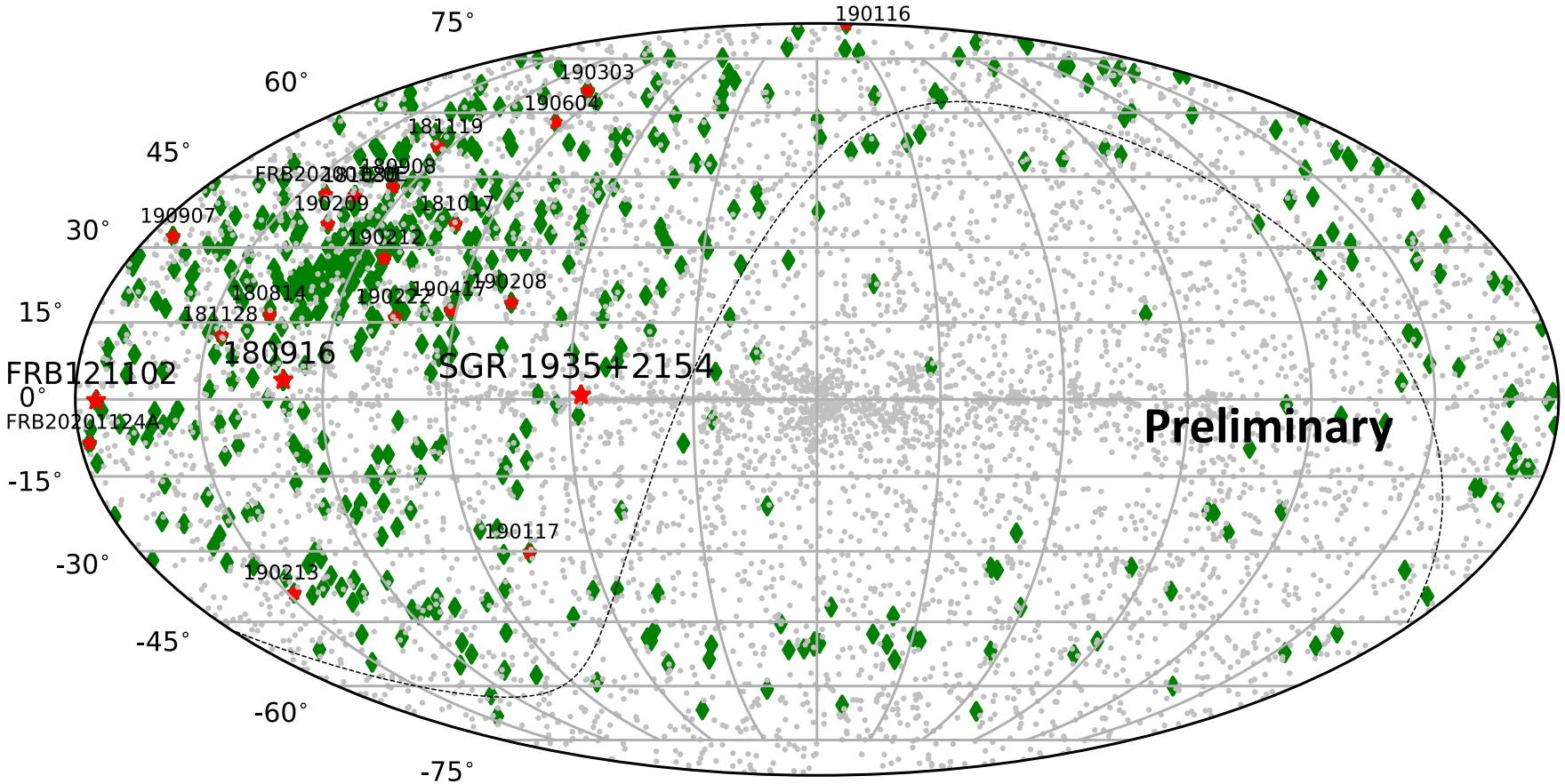






Gamma-Ray / Fast Radio Burst connection?

Motivated by the detection of GeV emission from a magnetar flare (*Sculptor* galaxy), we are performing the largest and deepest systematic search for gamma-ray emission from all the reported repeating and non-repeating Fast Radio Burst (>1000 FRBs) using 12 years of Fermi-LAT data.



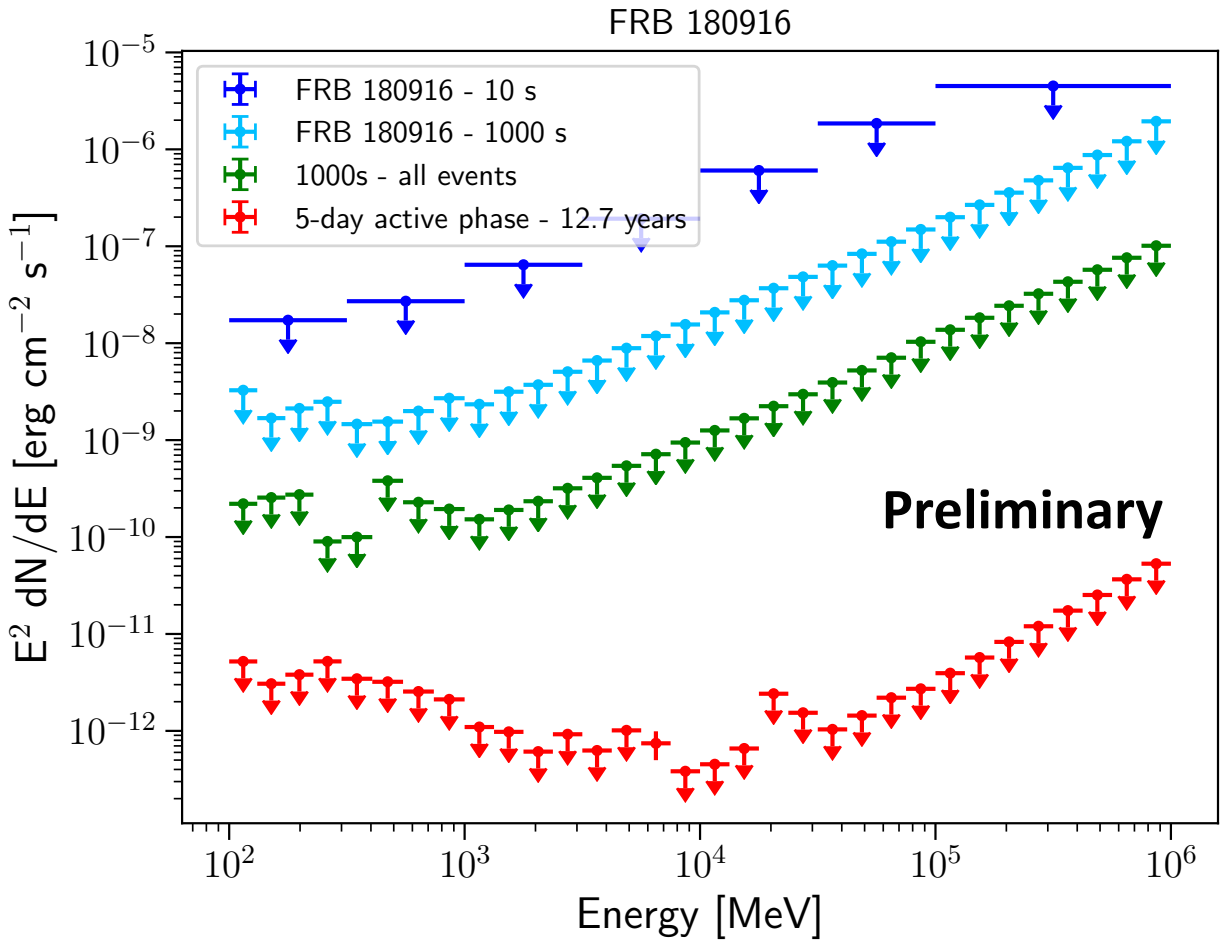
Preliminary results on the periodic FRB 180916

We search for high-energy emission from the periodic FRB 180916 (z=0.0337) with Fermi-LAT.

We provide the so-far most stringent upper limits on the gamma-ray emission from the FRB 180916 source during its 5.4-day active-phase window ($F_{\gamma\text{-ray}} < 2.3 \times 10^{-12}$ erg cm^{-2} s^{-1}, $L_{\gamma\text{-ray}} < 7.5 \times 10^{42}$ erg s^{-1}).

Our results provide crucial information on constraining the origin of FRBs and modelling their emission mechanisms.

Preliminary results in [Principe et al. 2021]



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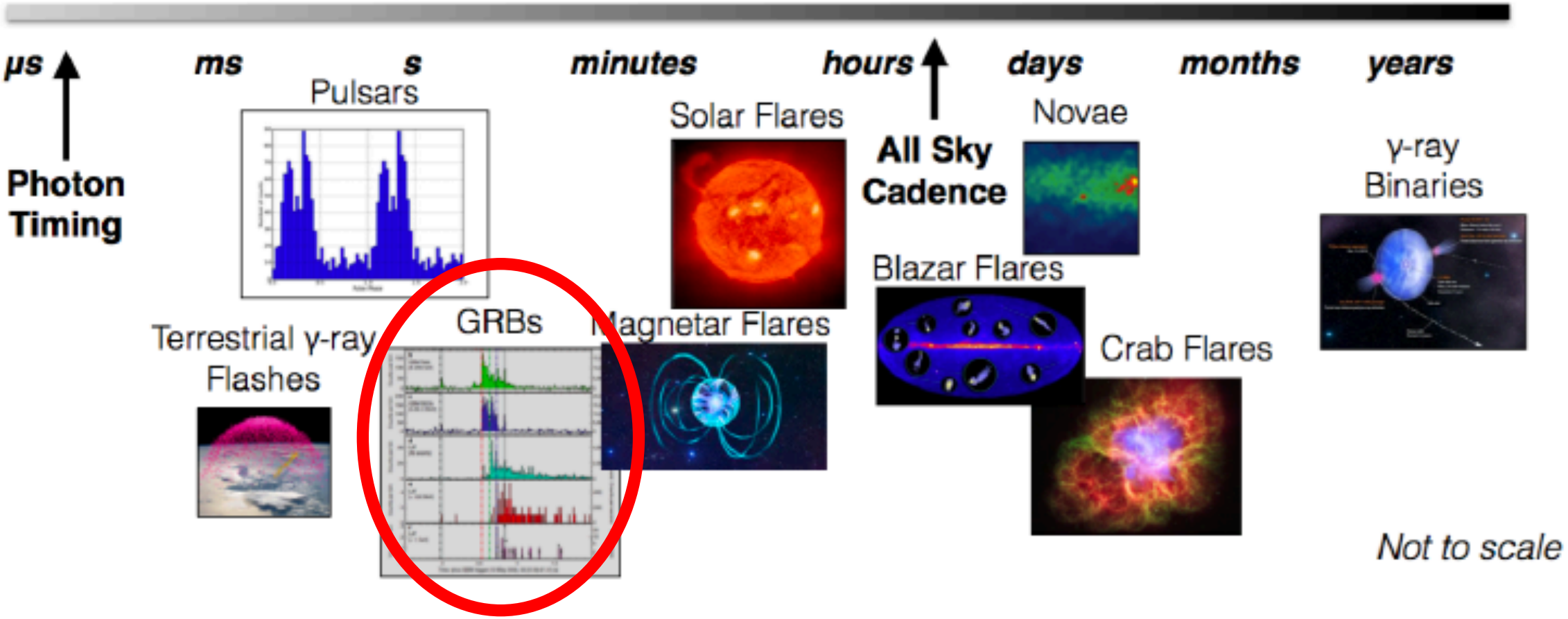

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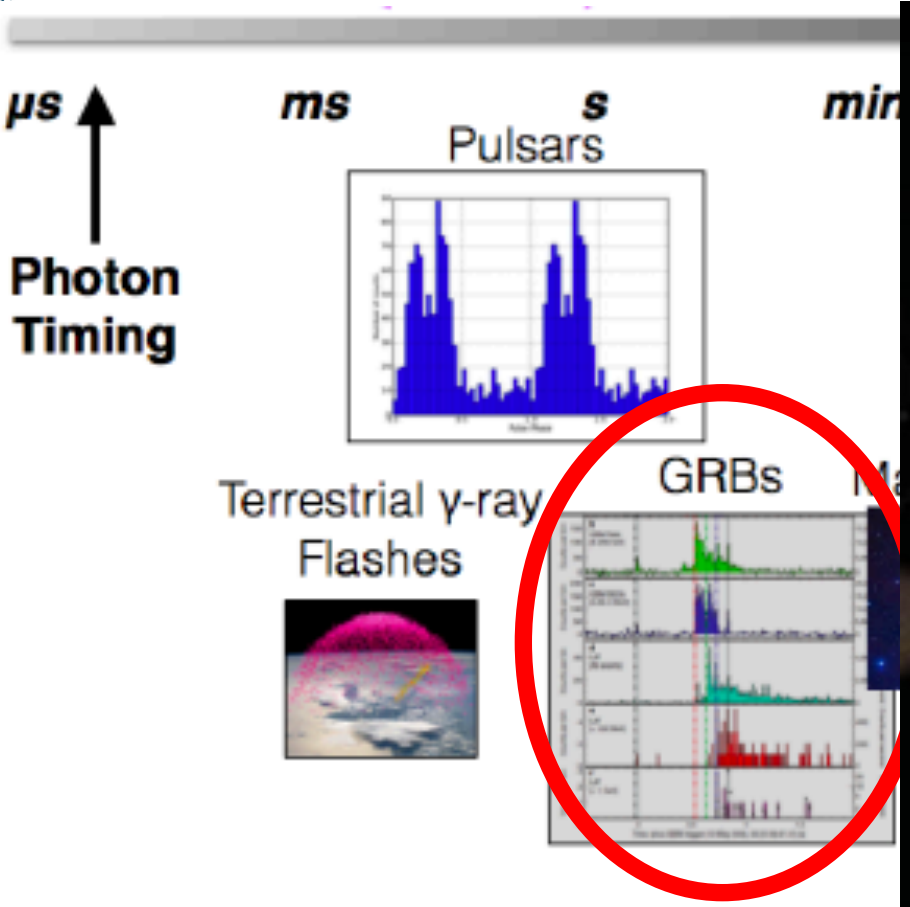
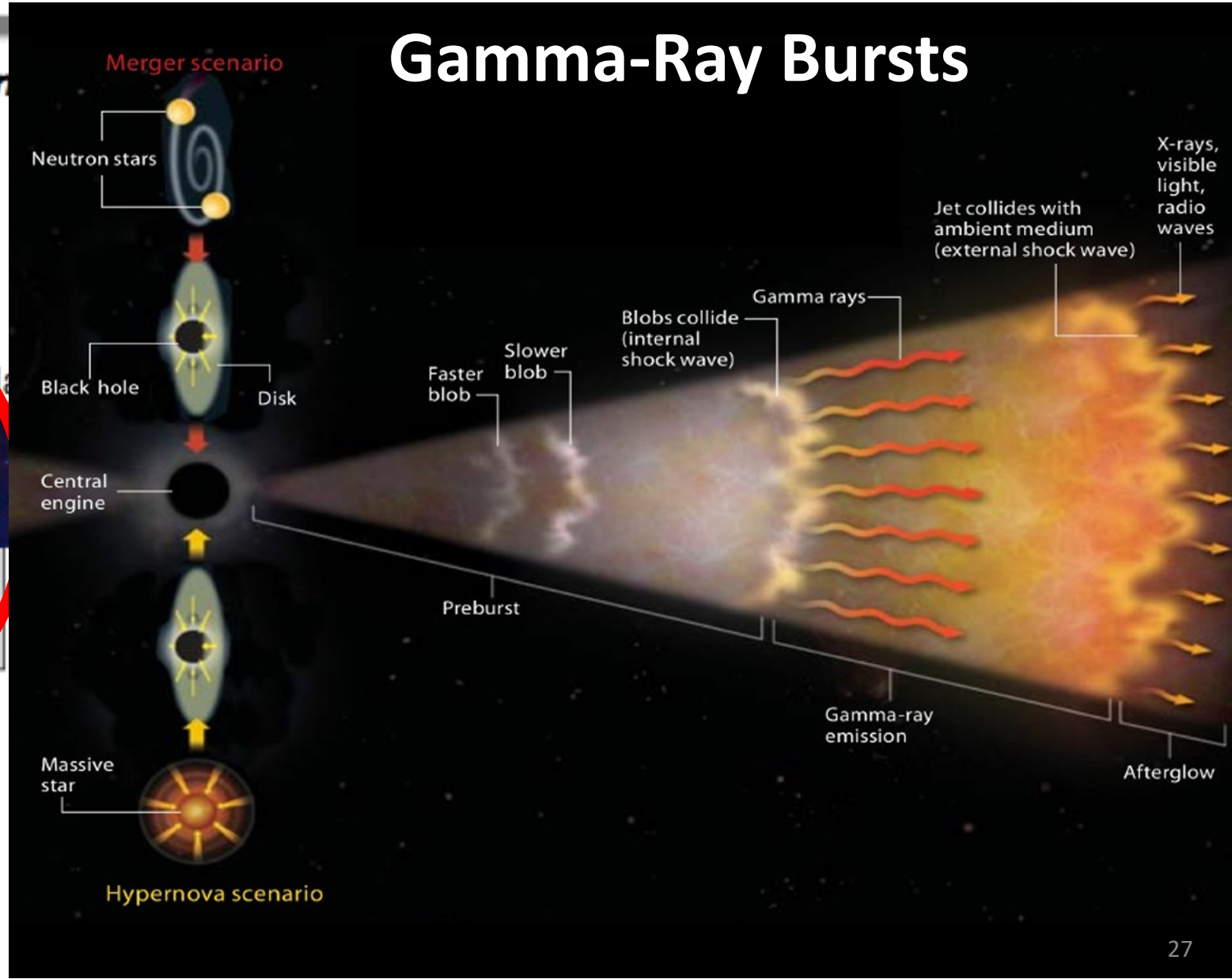
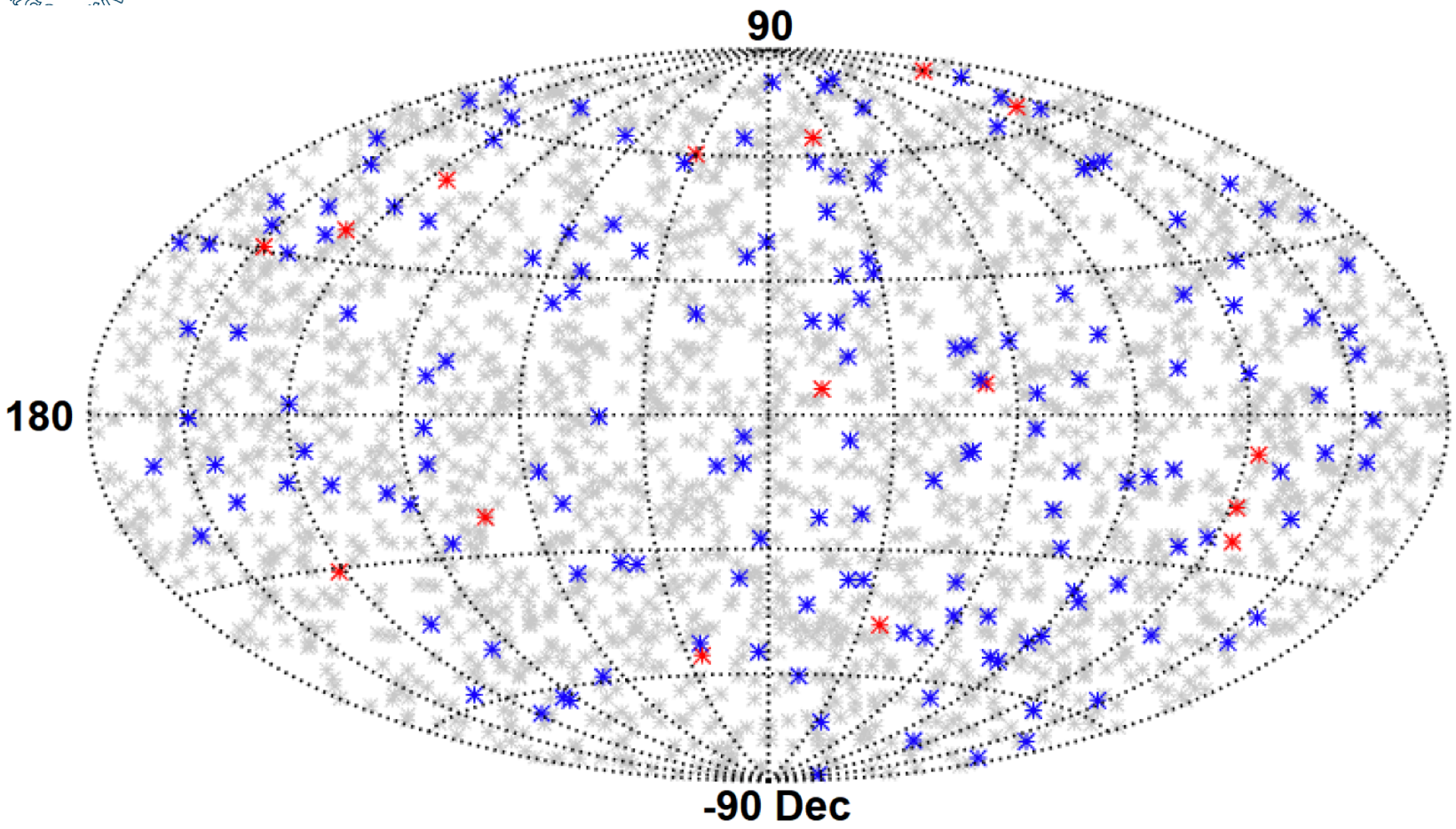
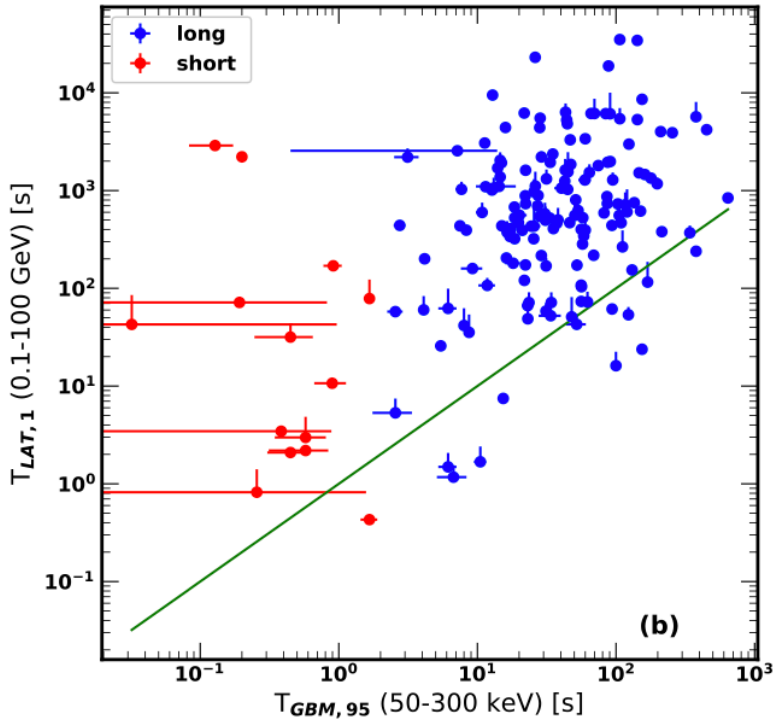




Second Gamma-Ray Burst (GRB) catalog released



17 short (<2s) GRBs
169 long (>2s) GRBs
[Ajello et al. 2019]



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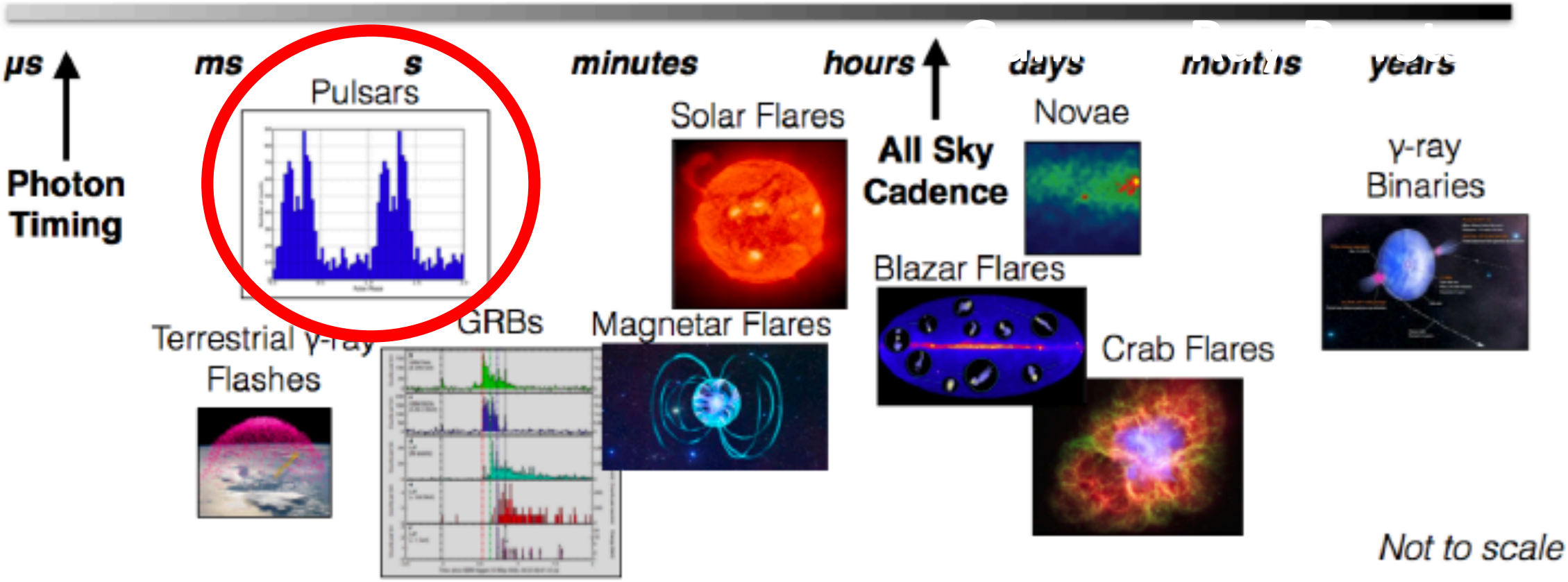

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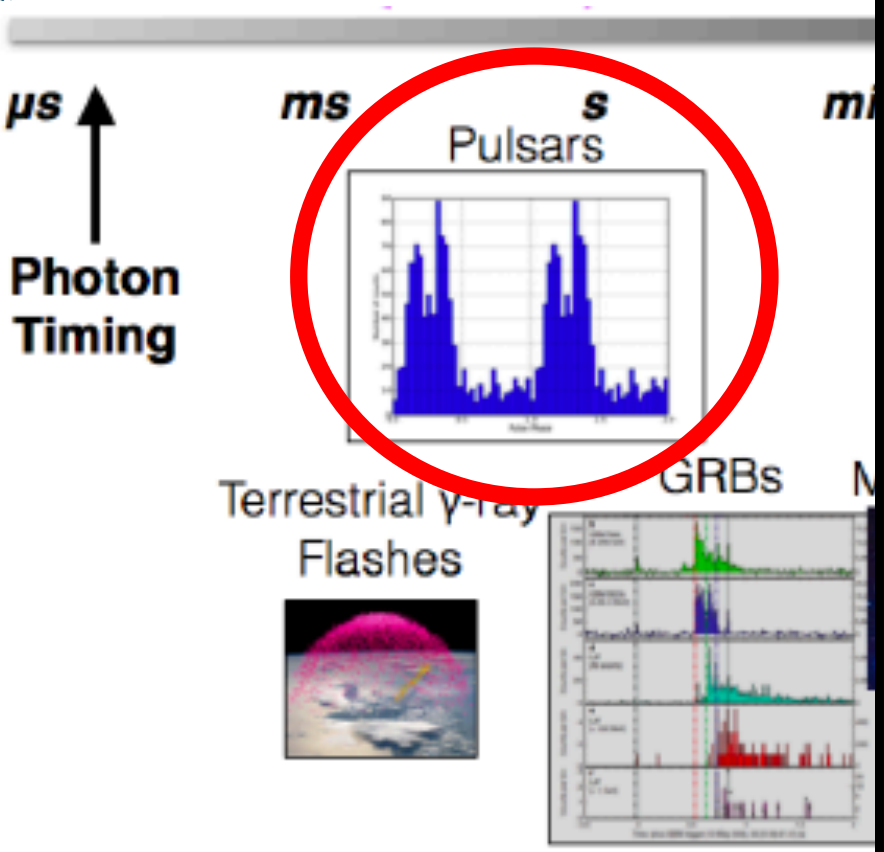
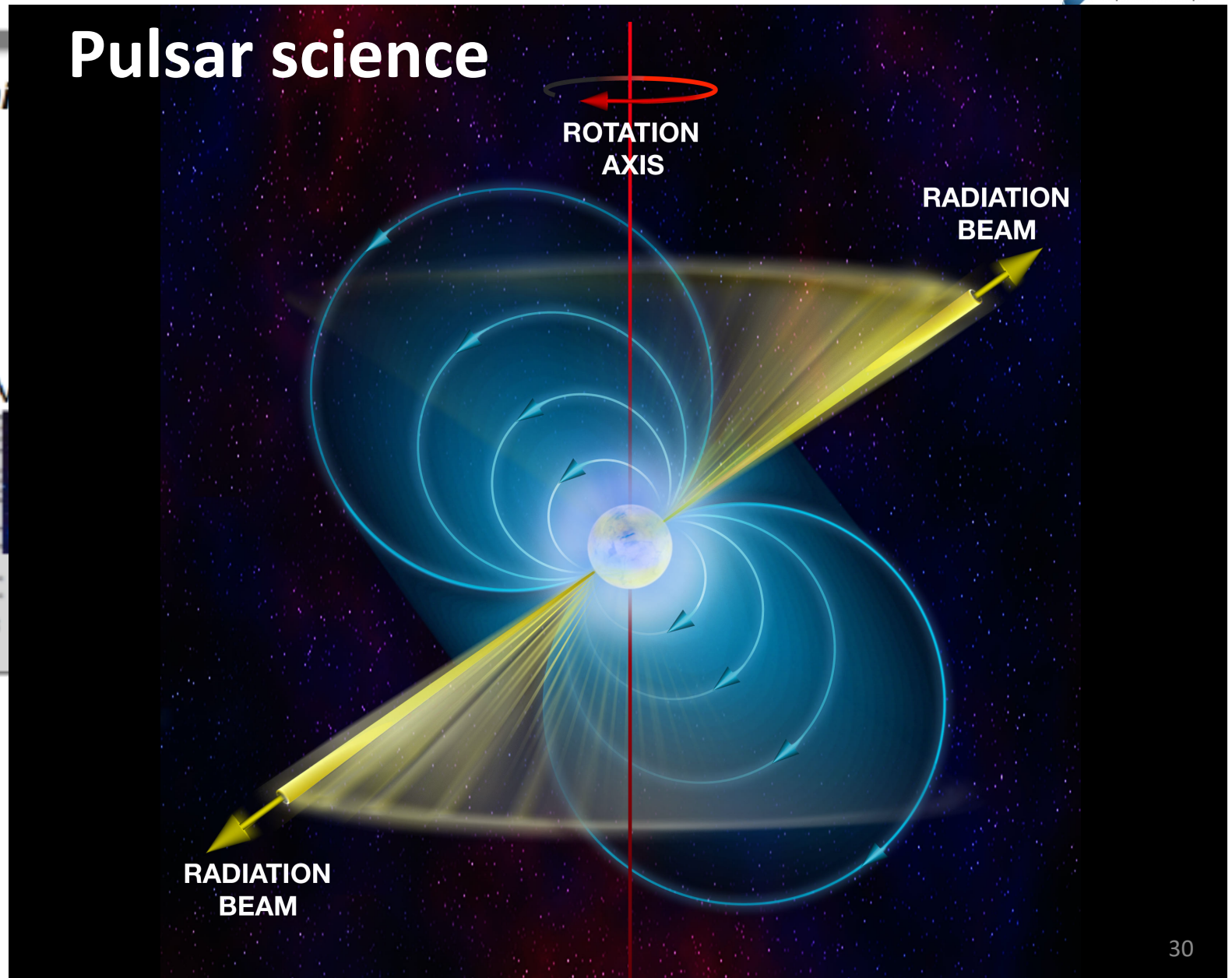


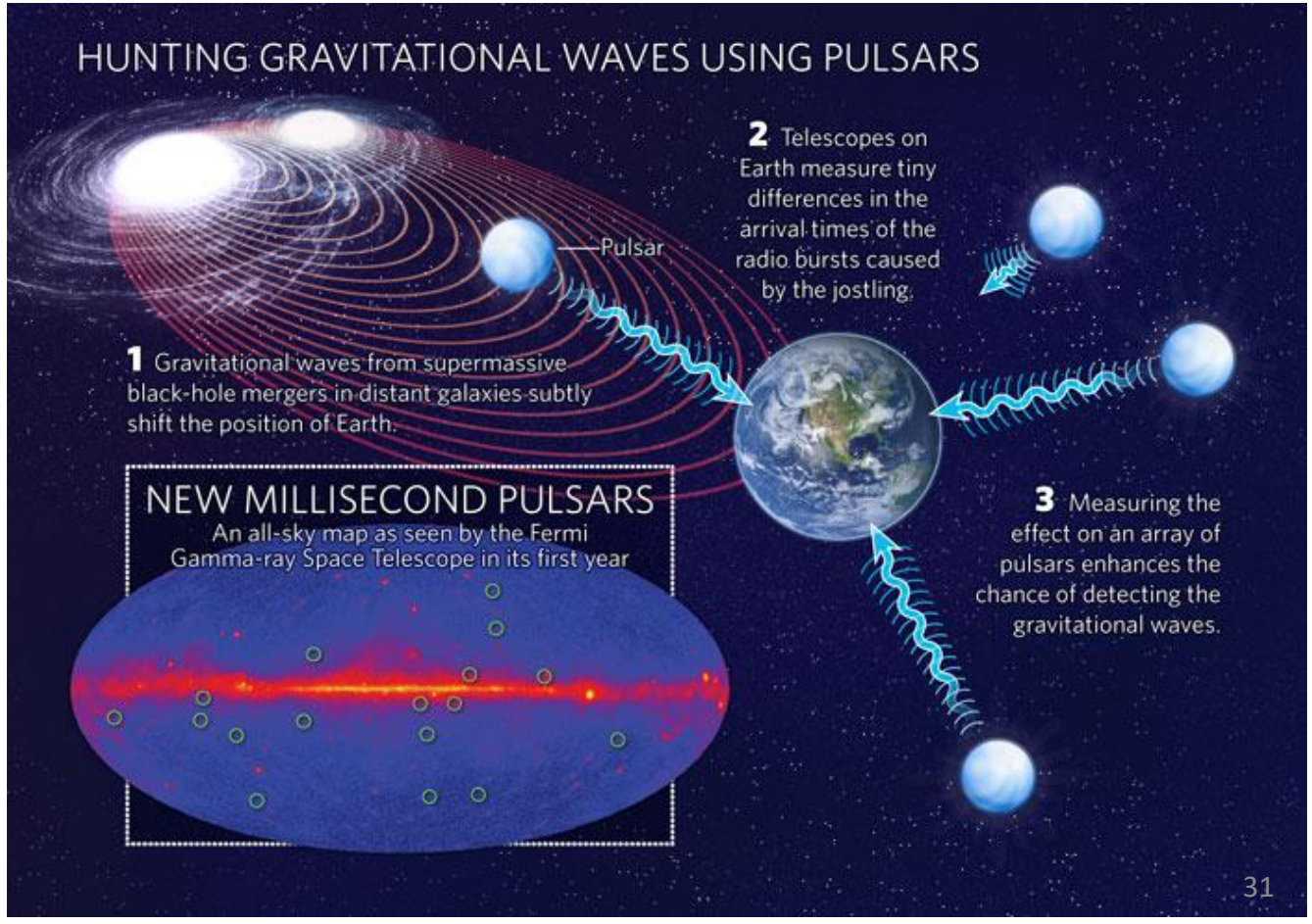


Outlook – Pulsar Timing Array

Gravitational wave search at very low frequencies (5-500 nHz, from), merging of supermassive black hole (SMBH) binaries may be deteceted through pulsar timing.

Gravitational waves can be detected by monitoring the times of arrival of the steady pulses from each pulsar, which arrive earlier or later than expected due to the spacetime perturbations.

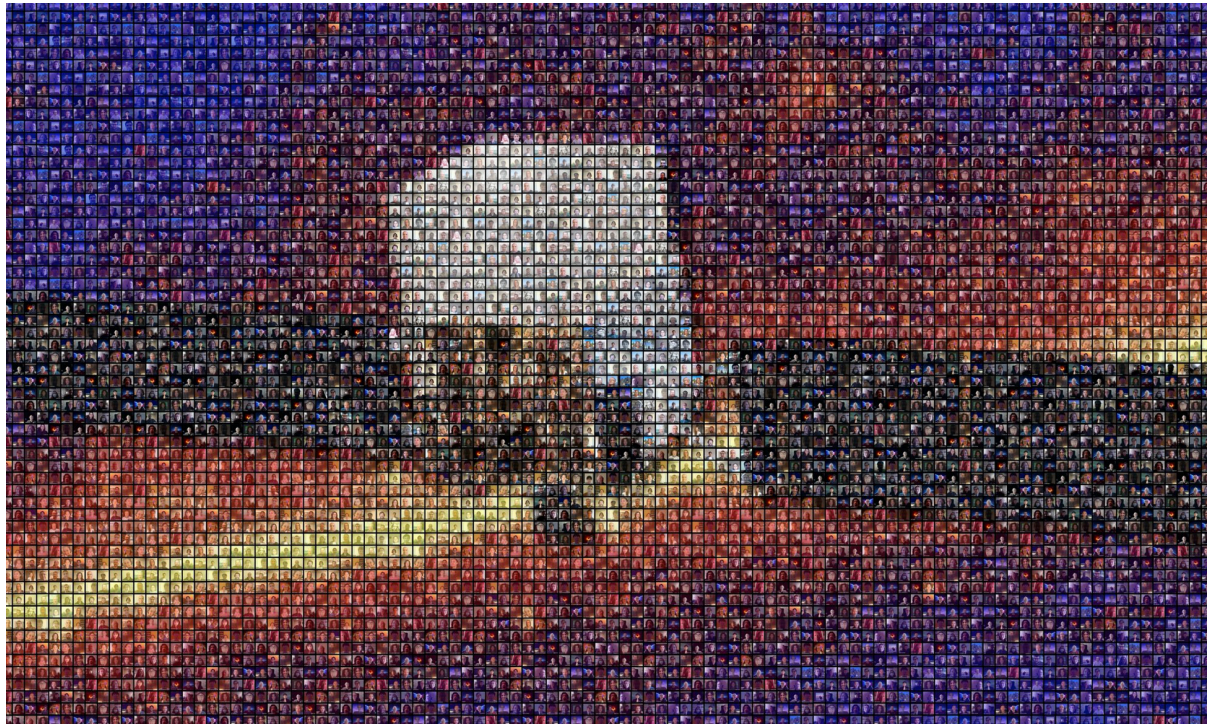
New results from the Fermi gamma-ray pulsar timing array!!



Summary and conclusion

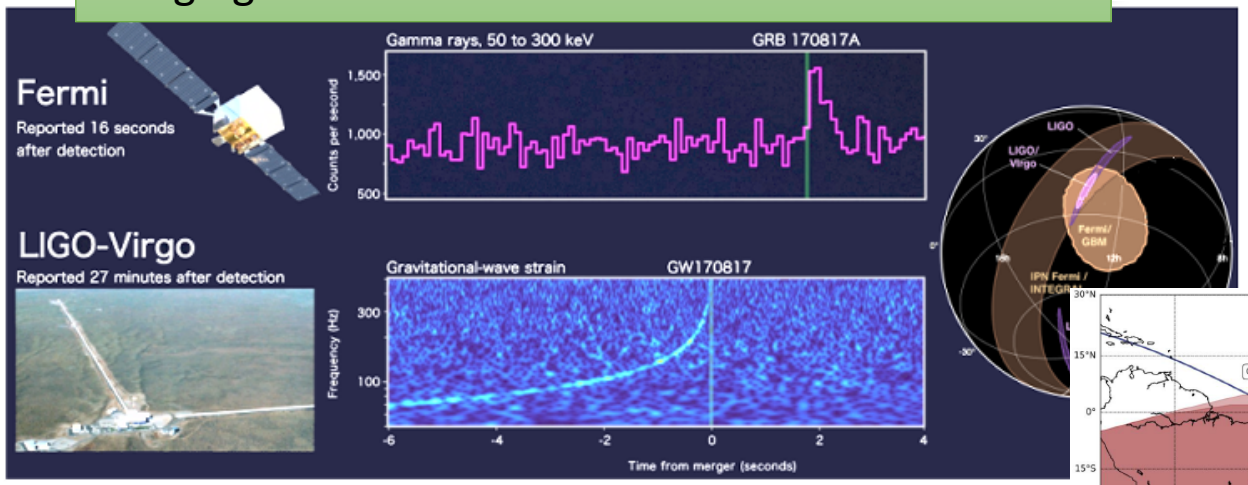
- *Fermi* LAT and GBM are working without major problems and continue to deliver exciting science results
- After 13.5 years of data taking, discovery of (new) transient phenomena are particularly exciting
- 2020 marked the year of the detection of a magnetar giant flare: LAT and GBM observations help to determine emission process
- *Ongoing search for GW with the* Fermi gamma-ray pulsar timing array
- *Fermi* observations remain indispensable for multi-messenger counterpart searches

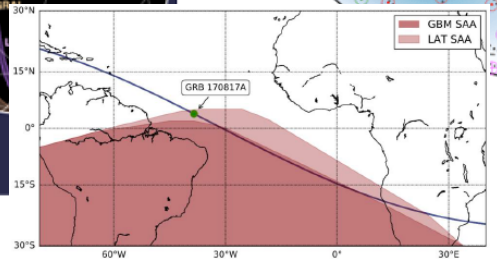
Thanks for your attention!



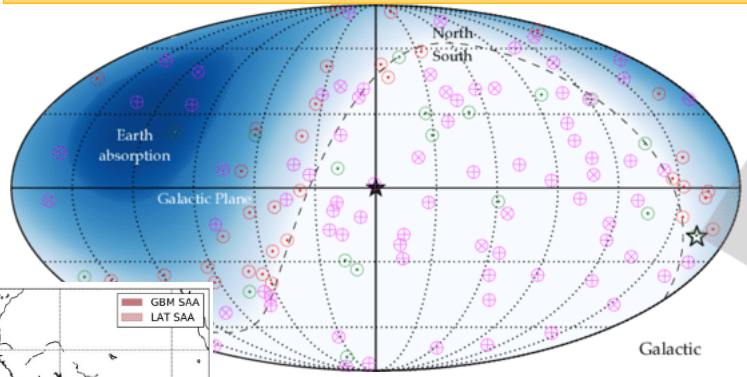
Backup slides

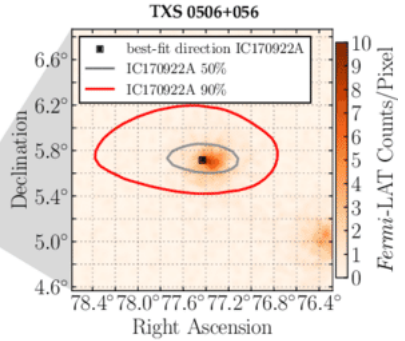
Gamma-ray and gravitational waves from a merging neutron stars





Gamma-ray and neutrino from a flaring blazar





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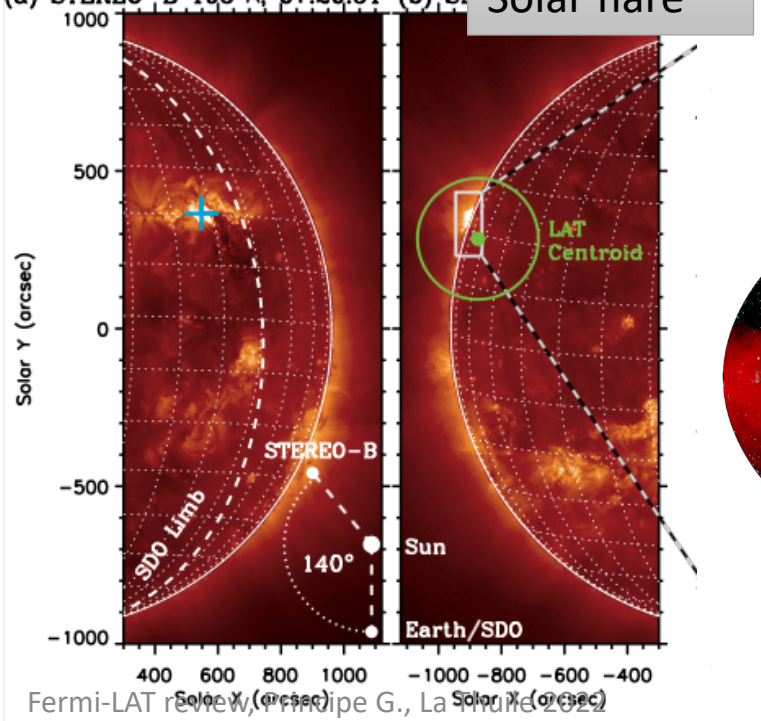

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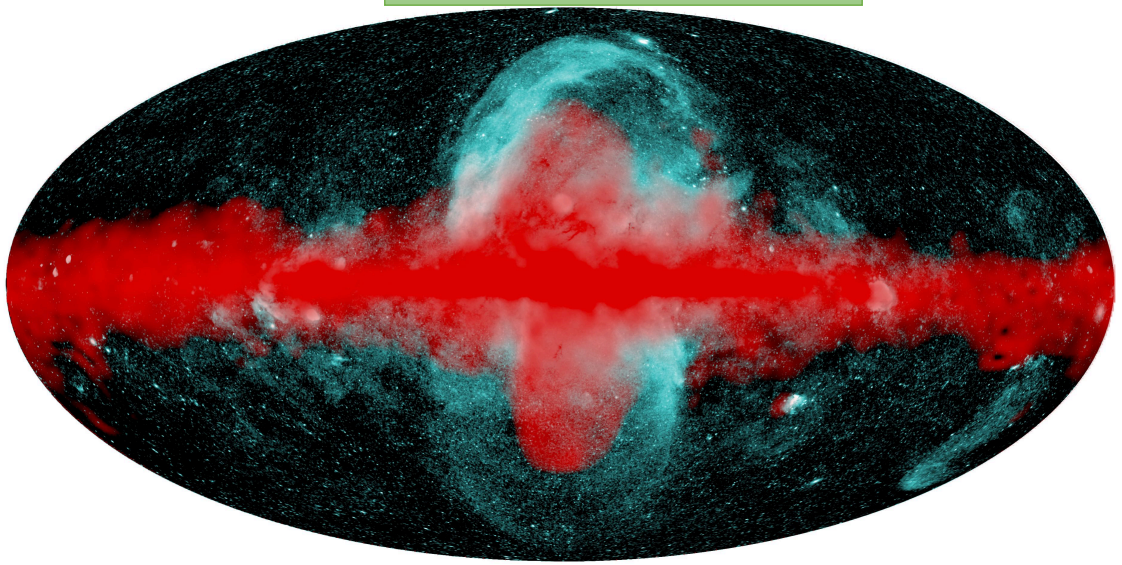
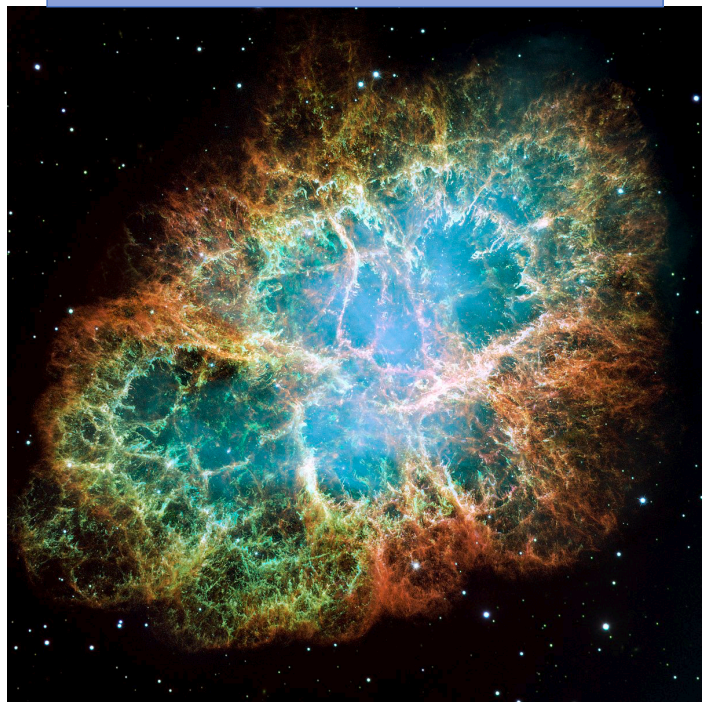
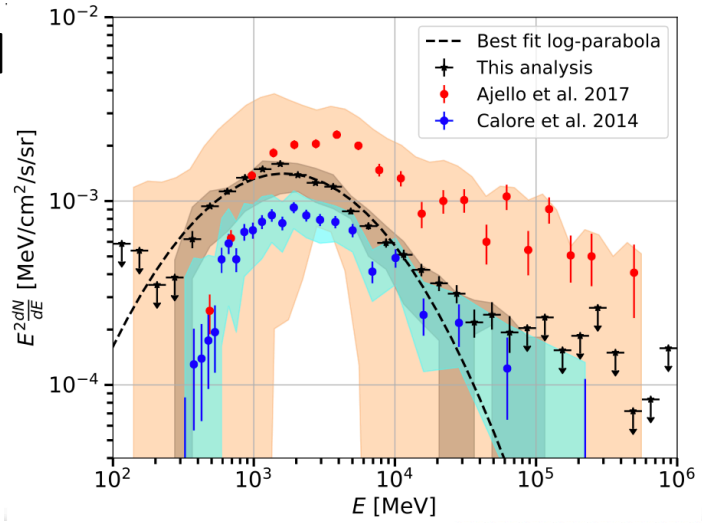


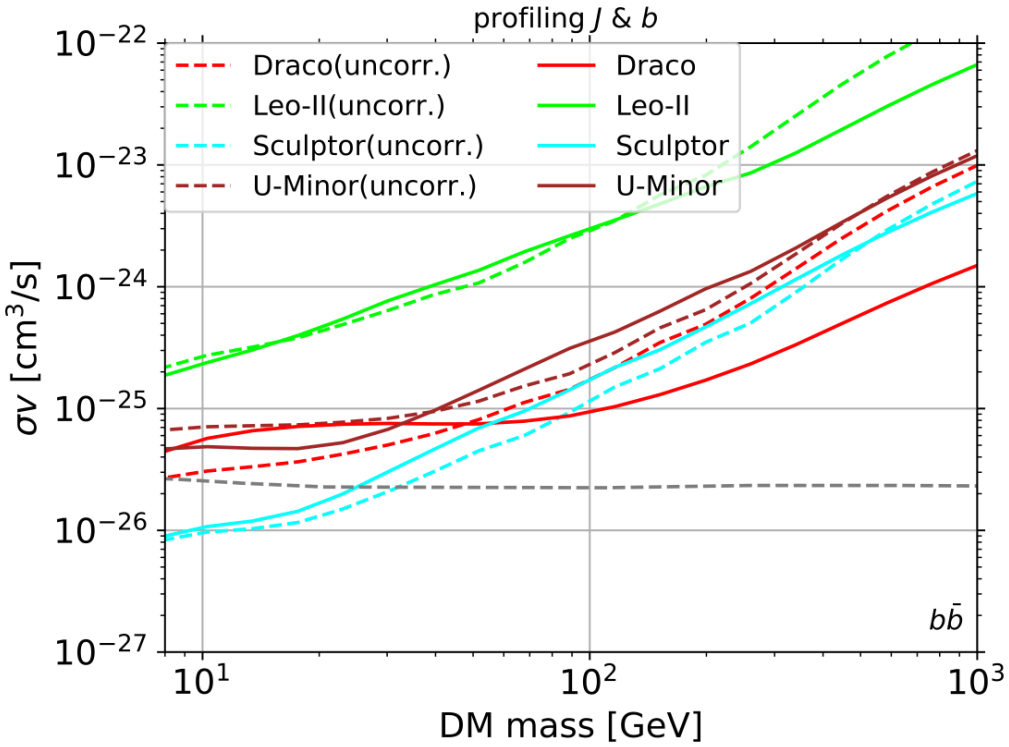
Crab nebula flares



Fermi Dark Matter

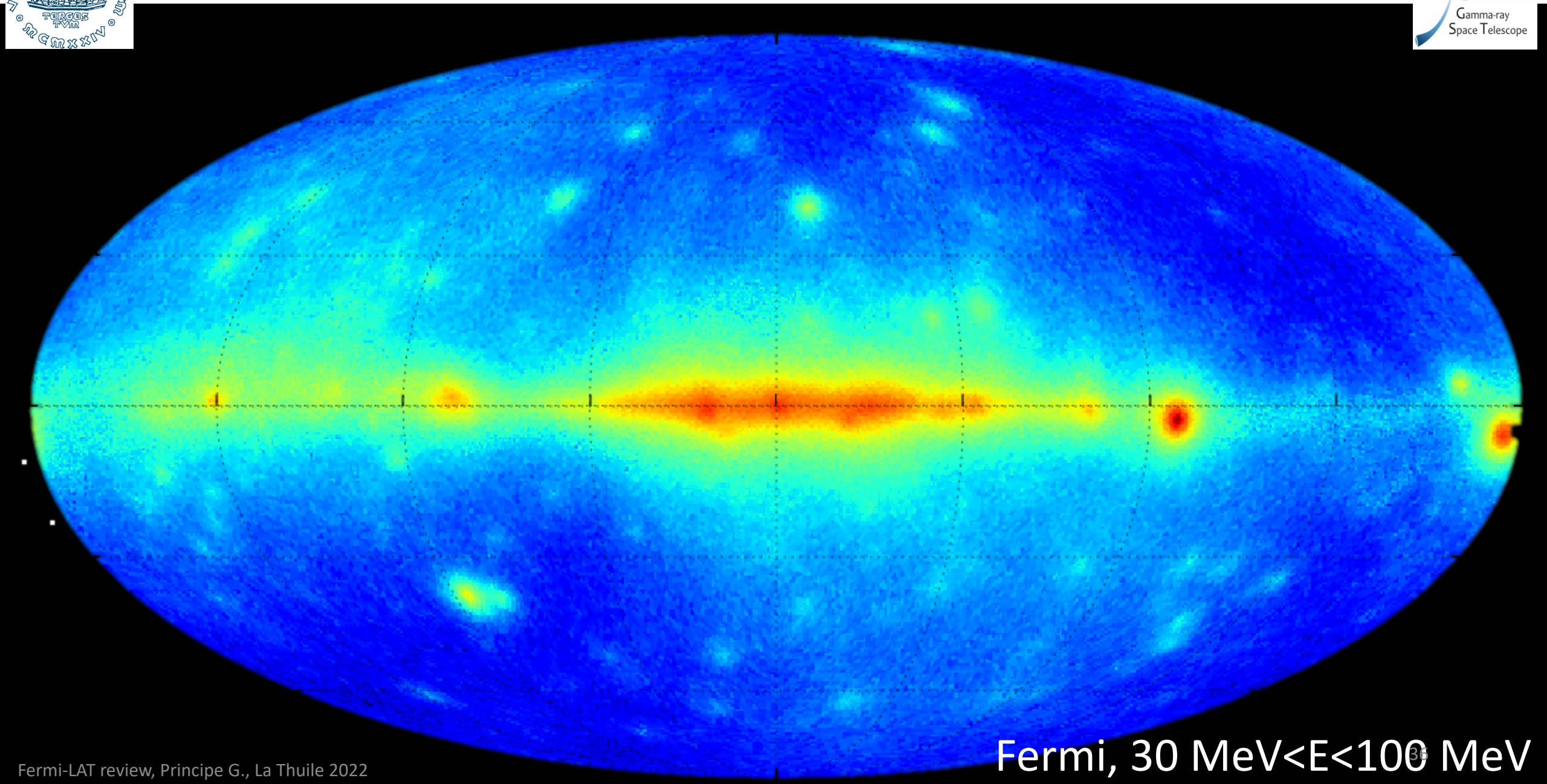
[Di Mauro 2021]





[Alvarez et al. 2020]

How is the sky seen by Fermi at E<100 MeV?

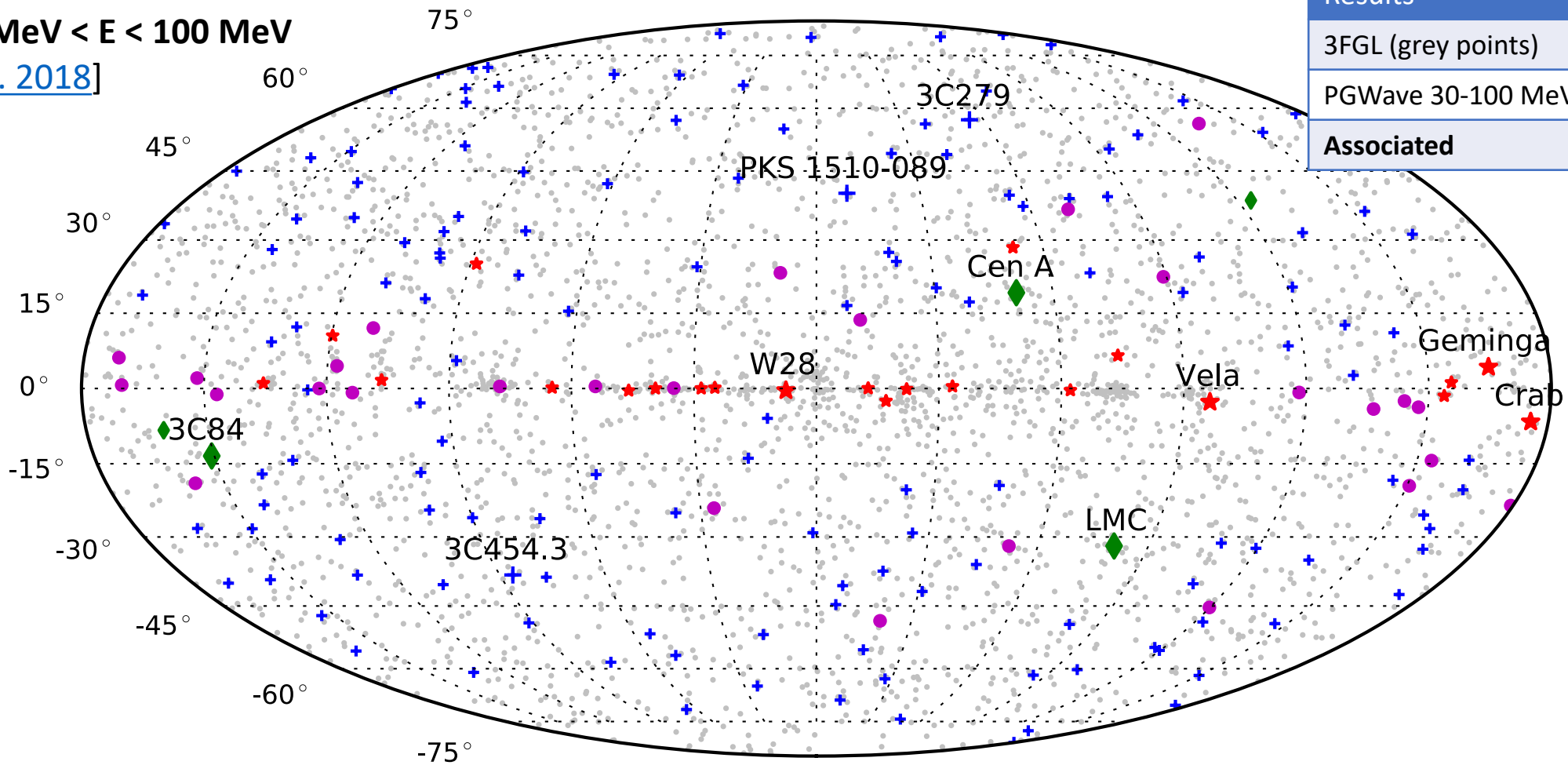


Fermi, 30 MeV<E<100 MeV

200 sources found below 100 MeV

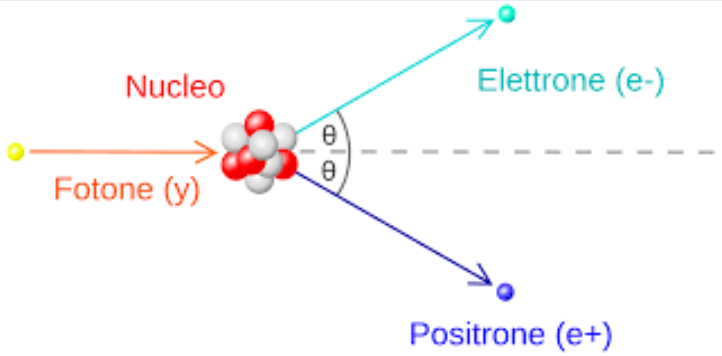
1FLE catalog,
8.7 years, **30 MeV < E < 100 MeV**
[Principe et al. 2018]

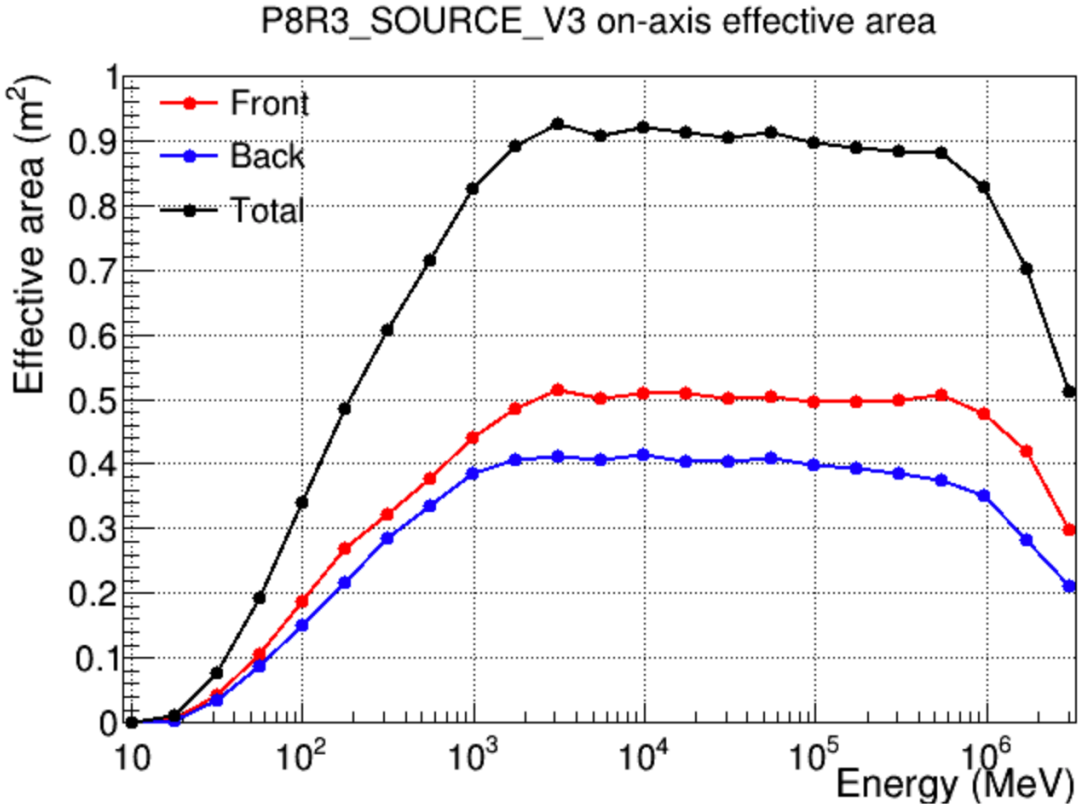
Results	Sources
3FGL (grey points)	3034
PGWave 30-100 MeV	198
Associated	**187**

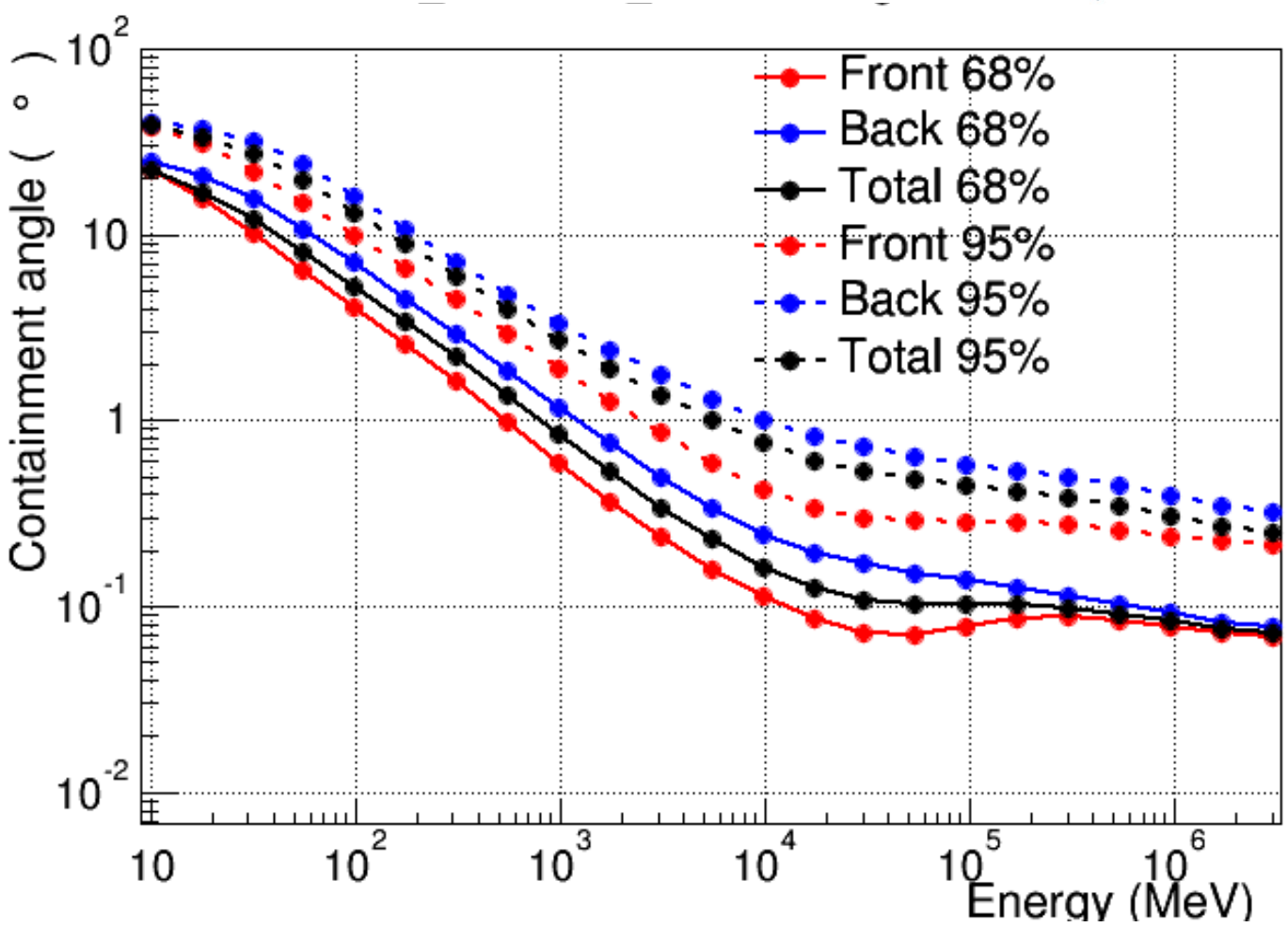


Pulsar, PWN, SNR, HMB
Other Extragalactic Obj.
Blazar
Unclassified or Unassociated

Fermi-LAT performances







https://www.slac.stanford.edu/exp/glast/groups/canda/lat_Performance.html