



**The Fermi experiment
status and results:**
***14 years of discoveries with
Fermi Large Area Telescope***

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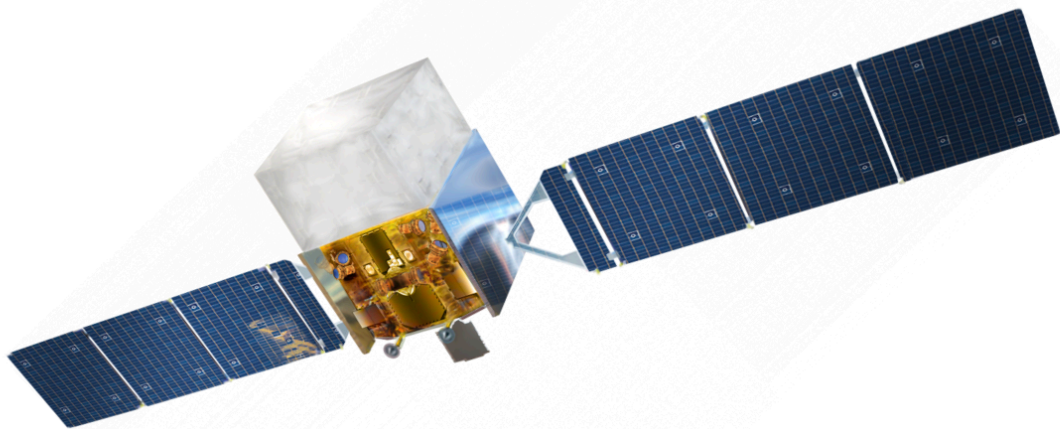
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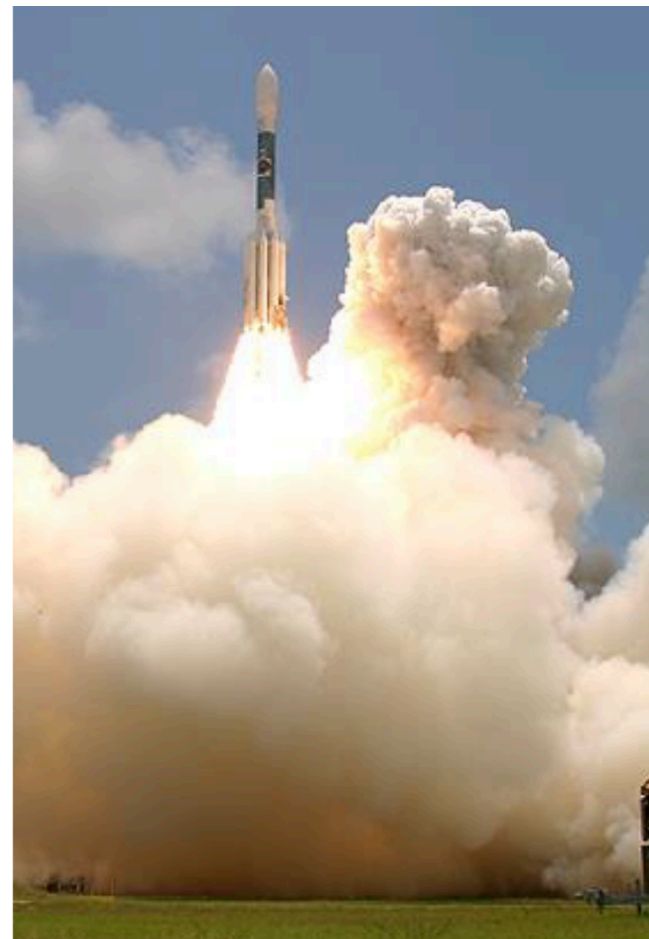
Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope



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



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





Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope



Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GMB)

- 12 NaI and 2 BGO
- Energy range: 8 keV - 40 MeV

Large Area Telescope (LAT)

- Pair conversion telescope
- Energy range: 20 MeV \rightarrow 300 GeV
- Large field of view (< 2.4 sr):
20% of the sky at any time, all
parts of the sky for 30 minutes
every 3 hours

LAT key features

- Good energy resolution ($< 15\%$ for $E > 100$ MeV)
- Good point spread function (< 1 deg for $E > 1$ GeV)
- Large effective area
($> 8000 \text{ cm}^2$ on-axis for $E > 1$ GeV)

Atwood, W. B 2009ApJ...697.1071A



Fermi in numbers



Fermi-LAT in data

- 77805 orbits since launch
- 5187 days of science mission (2008 Aug. 4)
- LAT has 99.8% runtime

Event counts

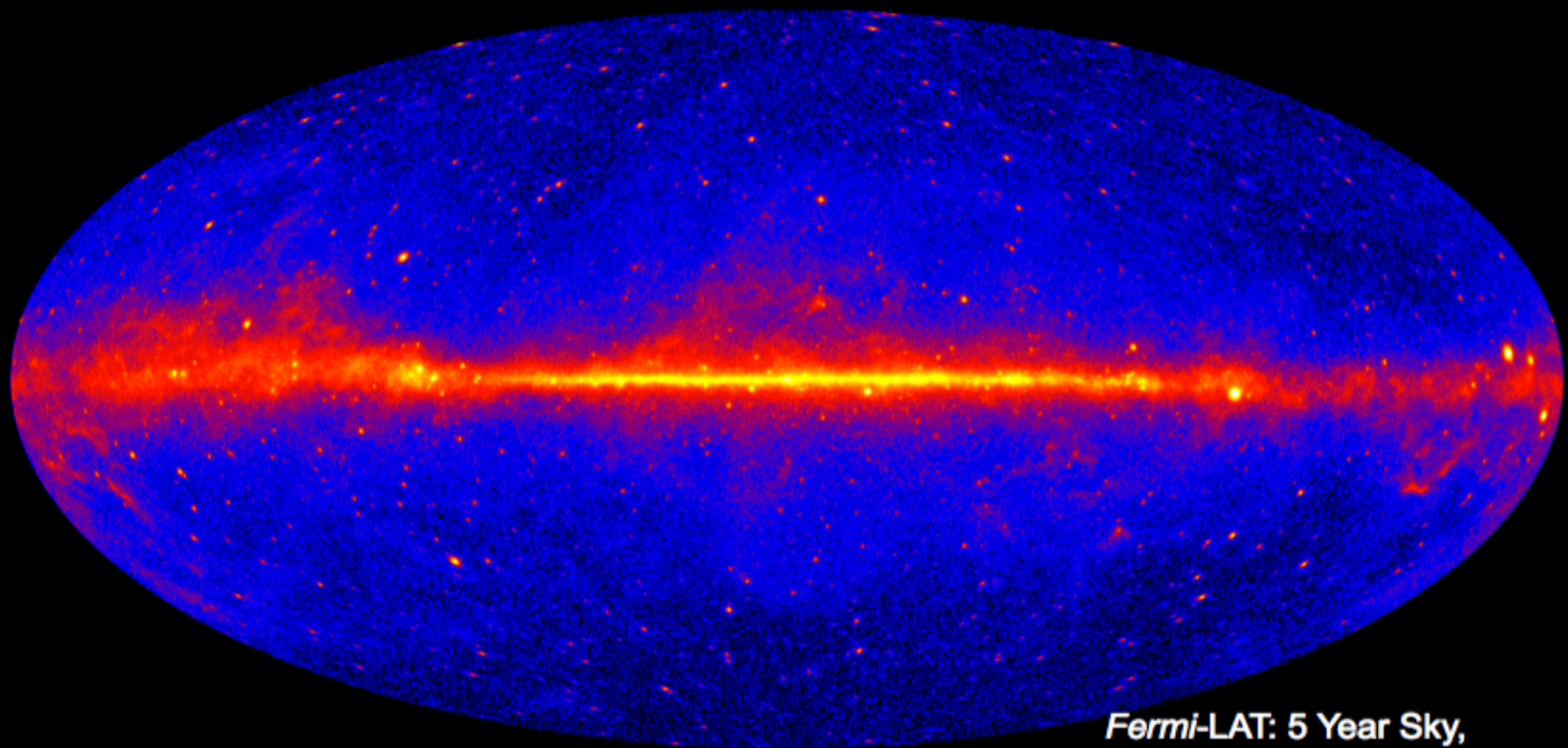
- ~ 8 billion triggers on the LAT
- ~ 170 billion events downlinked
- ~ 4 billion LAT events available at the FSSC

Short notice publications (LAT and GBM):

730 ATels of flaring source activity

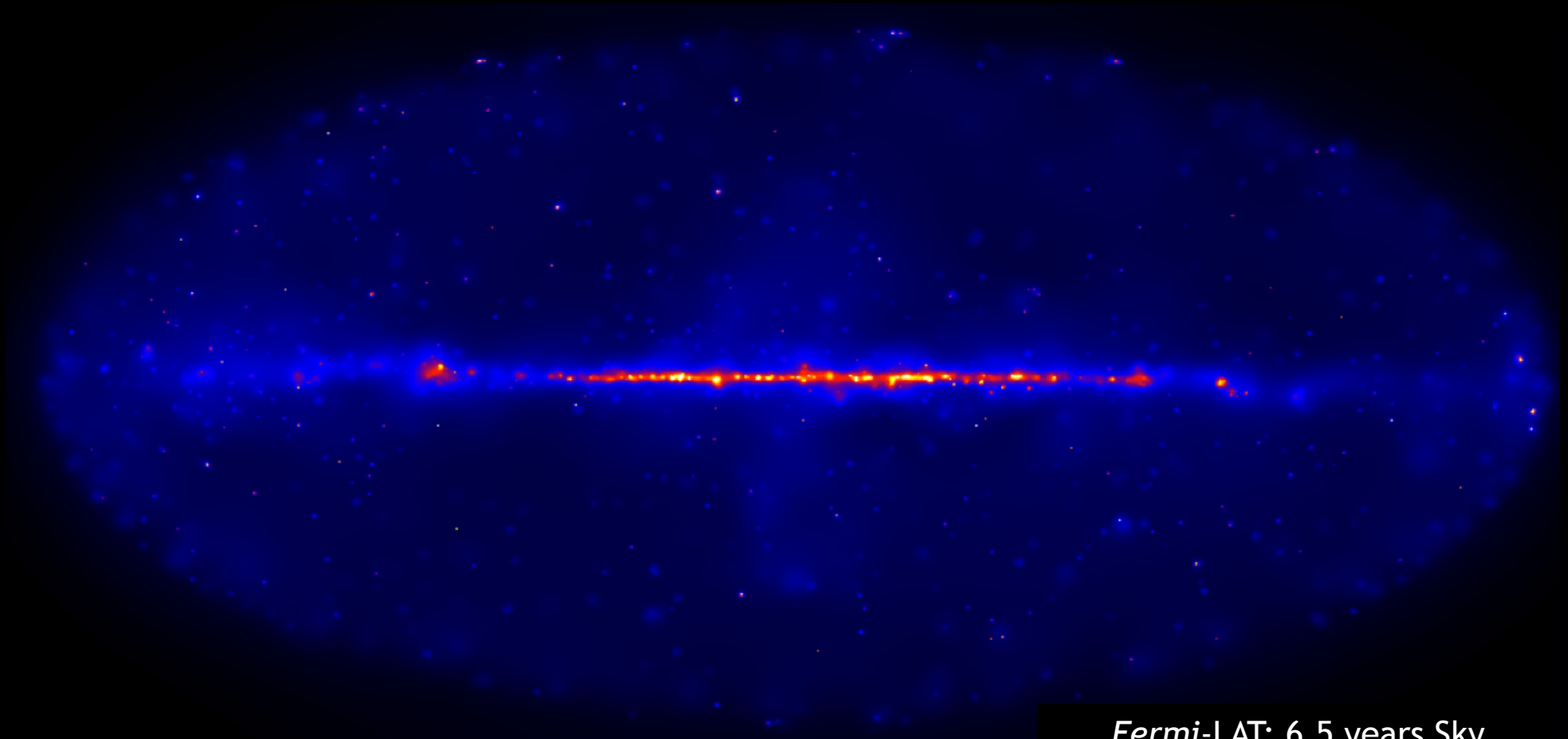
2205 GCN circular on GRB and others

γ -ray Sky



*Fermi-LAT: 5 Year Sky,
Front-converting events > 1 GeV*

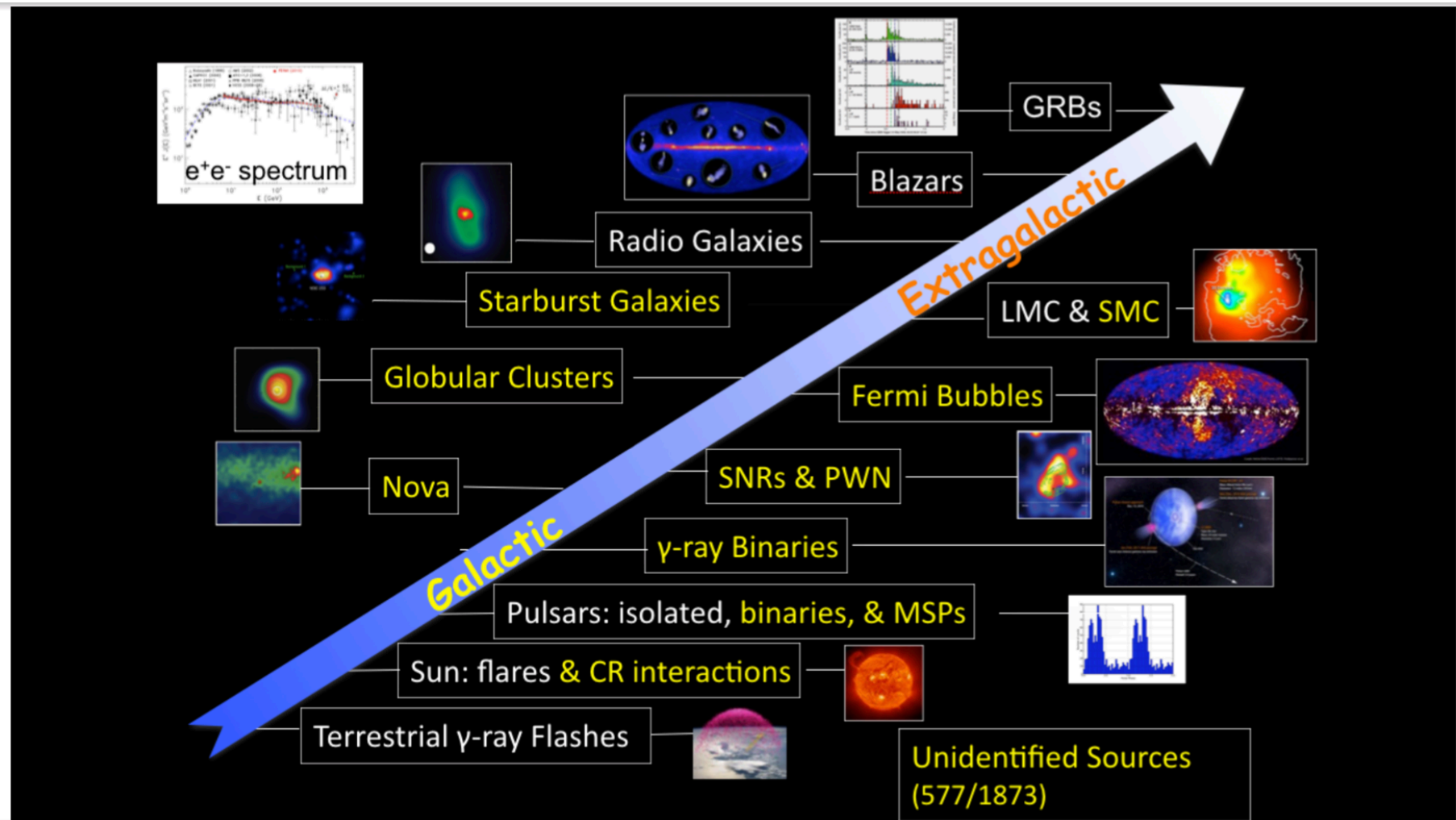
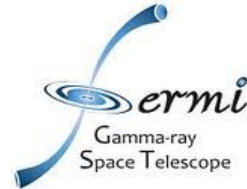
γ -ray Sky



Fermi-LAT: 6.5 years Sky
Energy > 50GeV

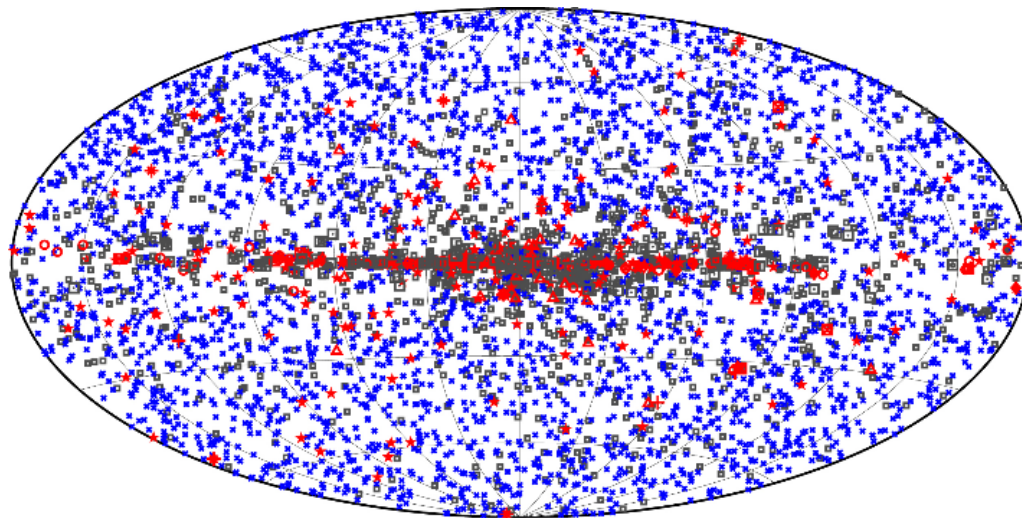


Fermi-LAT science menù





4th Fermi-LAT Source Catalog



■ No association	■ Possible association with SNR or PWN	■ AGN
★ Pulsar	▲ Globular cluster	◆ PWN
■ Binary	★ Starburst Galaxy	◆ Nova
★ Star-forming region	○ SNR	
	■ Unclassified source	

4FGL-DR3 catalog
contains 6659 gamma-ray sources [1]
12 years of LAT
 $50 \text{ MeV} < E < 1 \text{ TeV}$

Fermi-LAT catalog included source not seen before in gamma-ray:

non-AGN galaxies^[3], globular clusters^[8], high-mass binaries^[2], novae^[6]

Some source classes are more populated than expected:

milliseconds pulsars^[5], radio quiet pulsars and high redshift AGNs

~30% of sources are still unassociated:

new type of gamma-ray emitters?

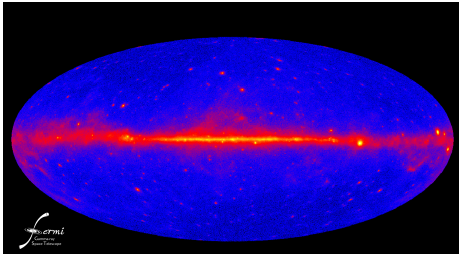
[1] Abdollahi et al. 2022ApJ...260...53A; [8] Abdo A. 2009Sci...325..845A
[2] Ackermann, M. 2012Sci...335..189F [3] Abdo A. A. 2010Sci...328..725A,
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Fermi-LAT and time domain astronomy



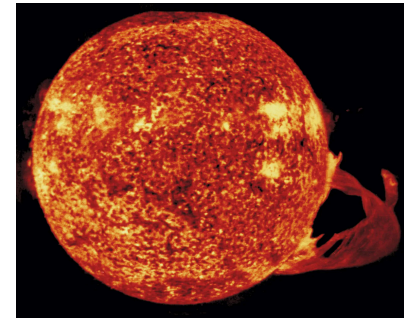
gamma-ray sky



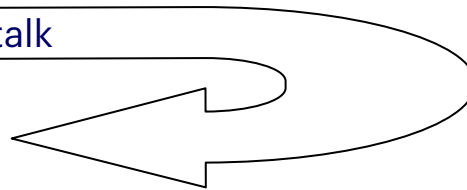
Blazar variability



Solar flare



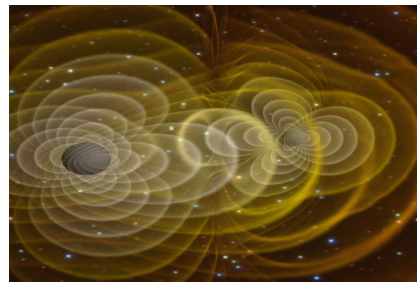
Flow of the talk



..looking forward



multimessenger astronomy and
sources follow-up



Magnetar and FRB

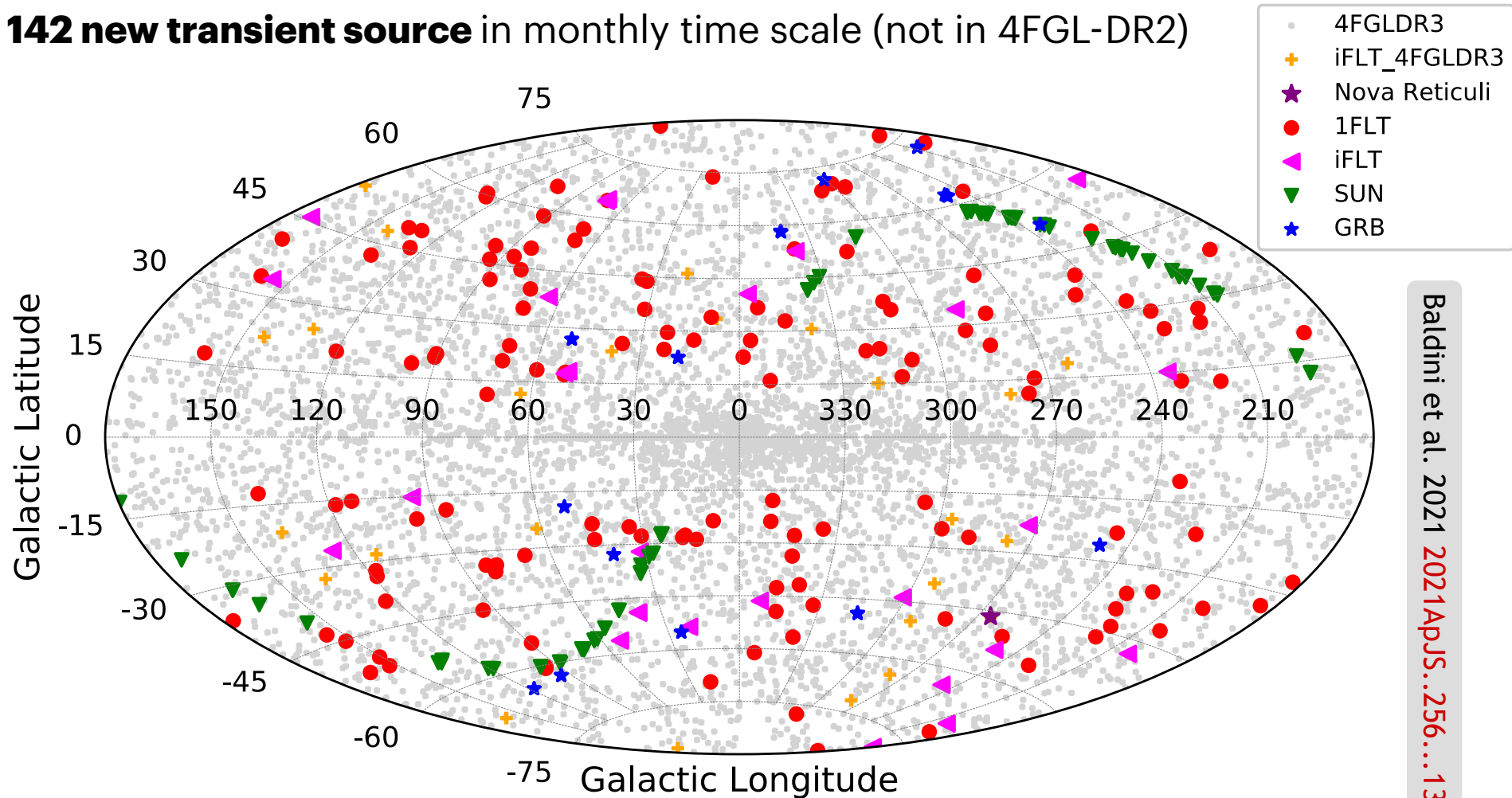




1FLT Catalog of Long-Term Transient Sources



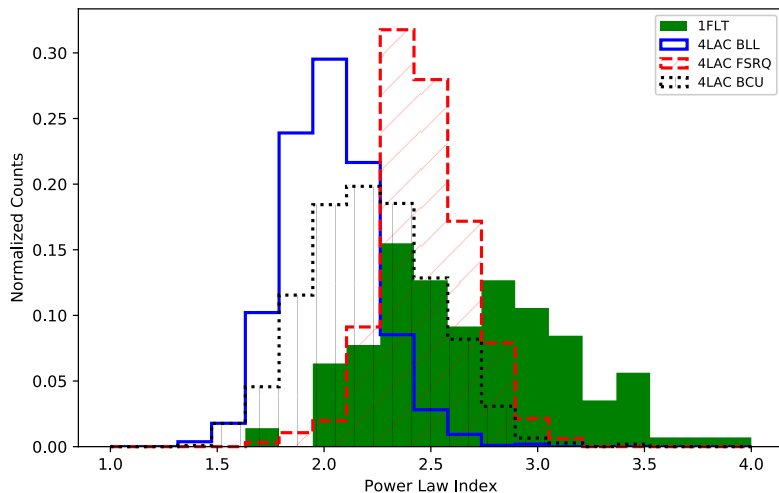
142 new transient source in monthly time scale (not in 4FGL-DR2)



Baldini et al. 2021 *2021ApJS...256...13B*

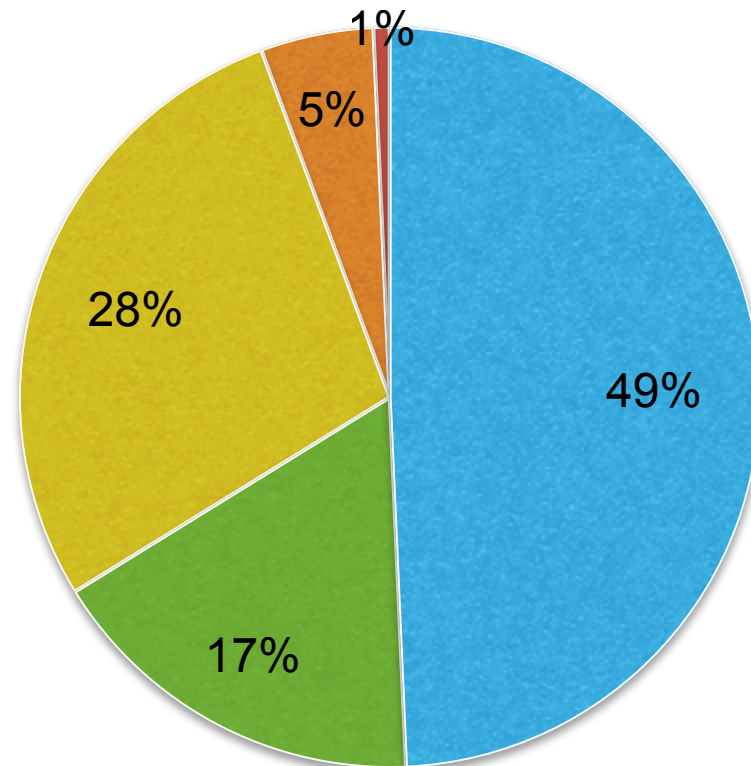


1FLT Catalog of Long-Term Transient Sources



The 1FLT distribution extends to softer Γ values compared to 4LAC, with a median value of 2.7 compared to 2.2 of 4LAC (2.5 if we consider only 4LAC FSRQs.)

- BCU
- UNASS
- BLL
- FSRQ
- OTHER



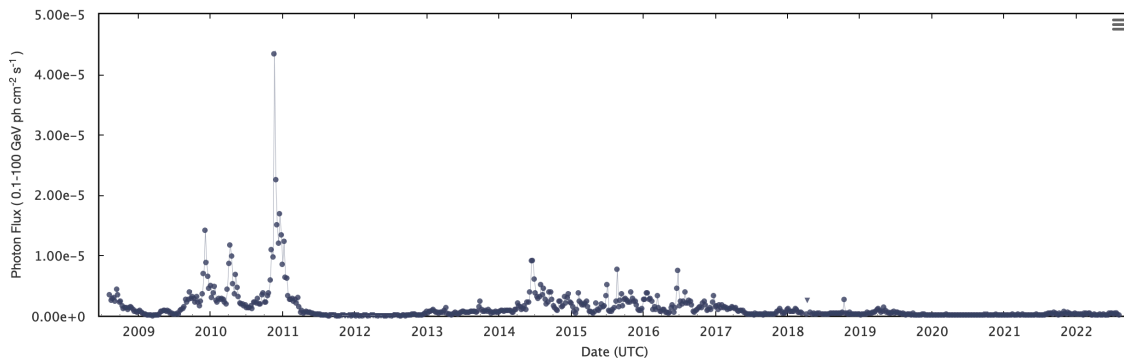
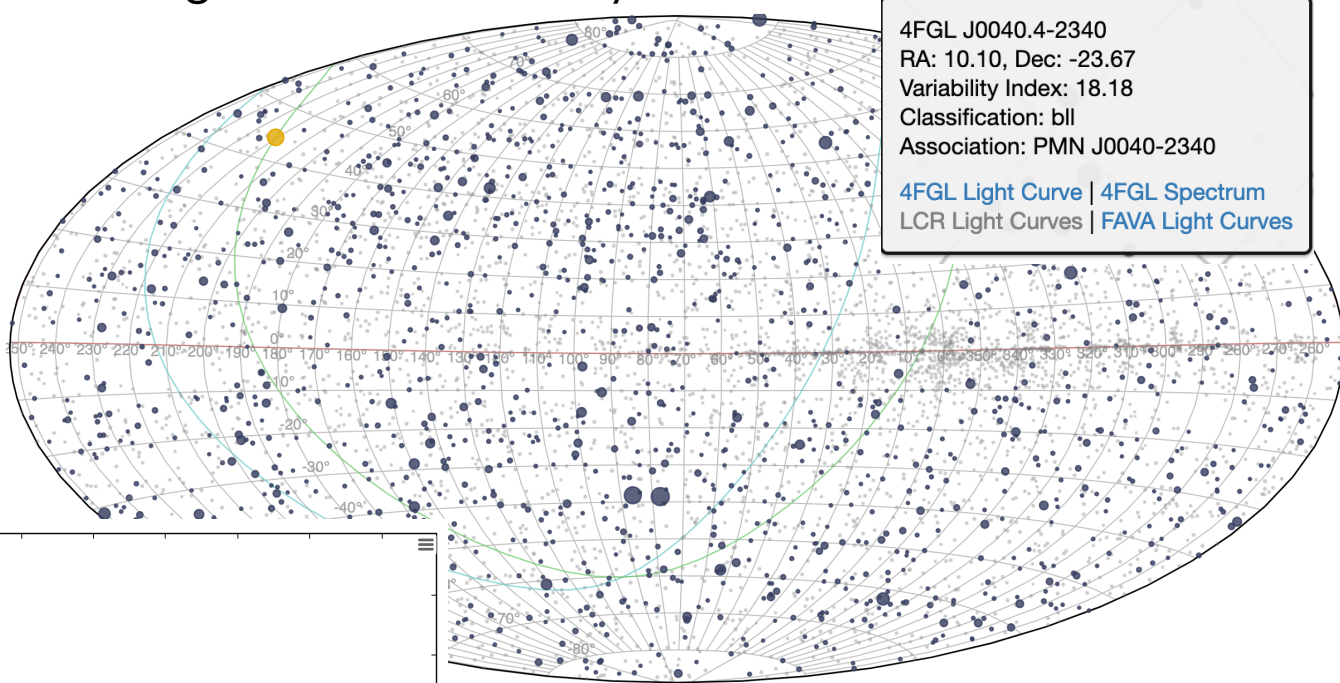


Fermi light curve repository online!



<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
- Energy flux and photon flux
- Light curves derived from Maximum likelihood analysis





First Solar Flare Catalog

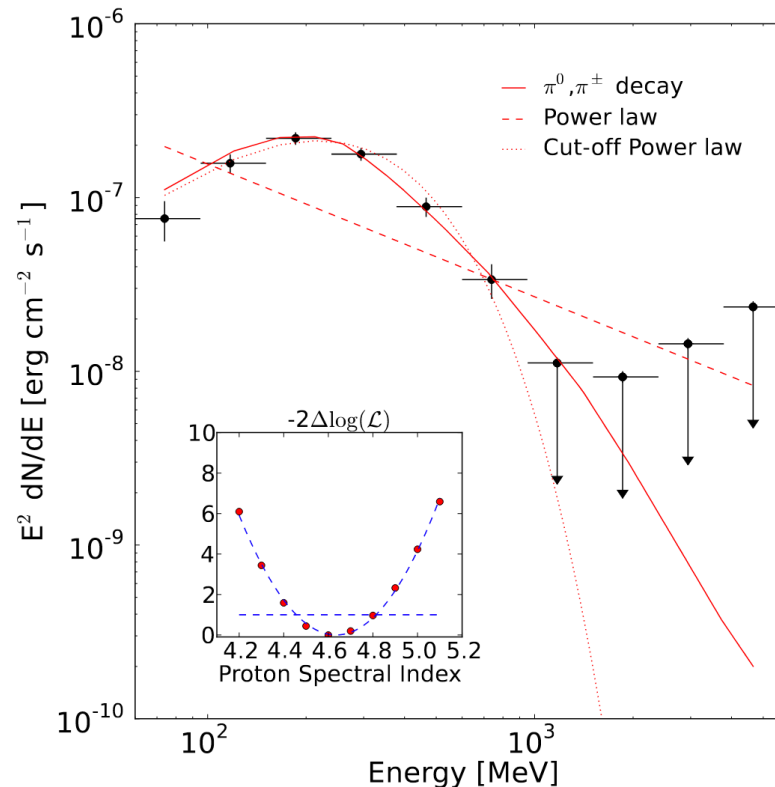
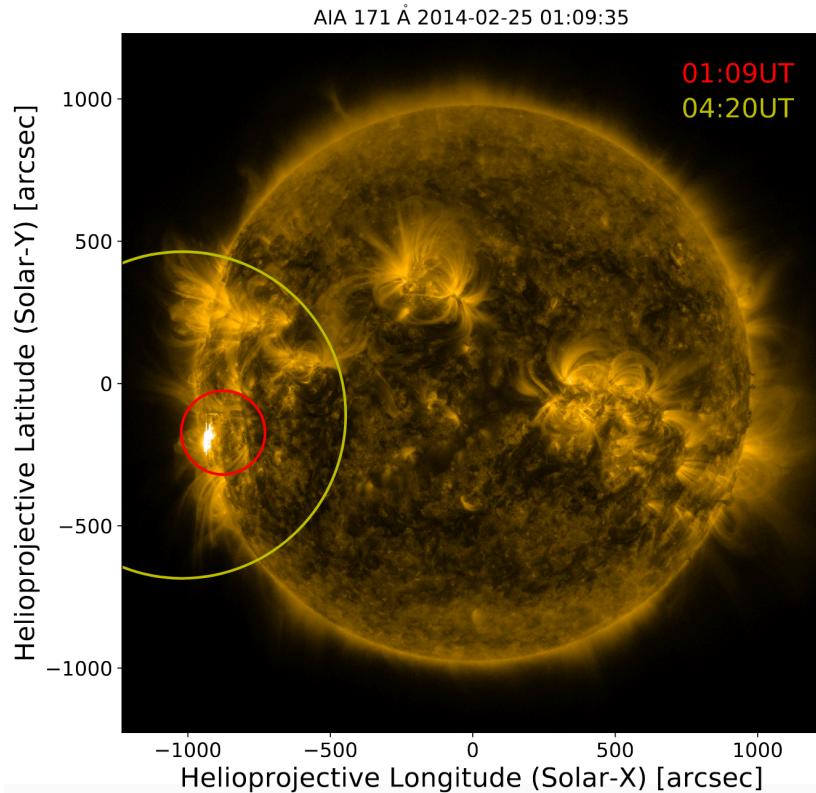


45 Fermi-LAT solar flares (FLSF; $E > 60$ MeV)

—> **3 from behind the limb**

—> All but three of the flares in FLSF the catalog are associated with CMEs

Emission due to decay of pions (π^0 , π^\pm) produced by > 300 MeV protons



Ajello et al. 2021 2021ApJS...252...13A



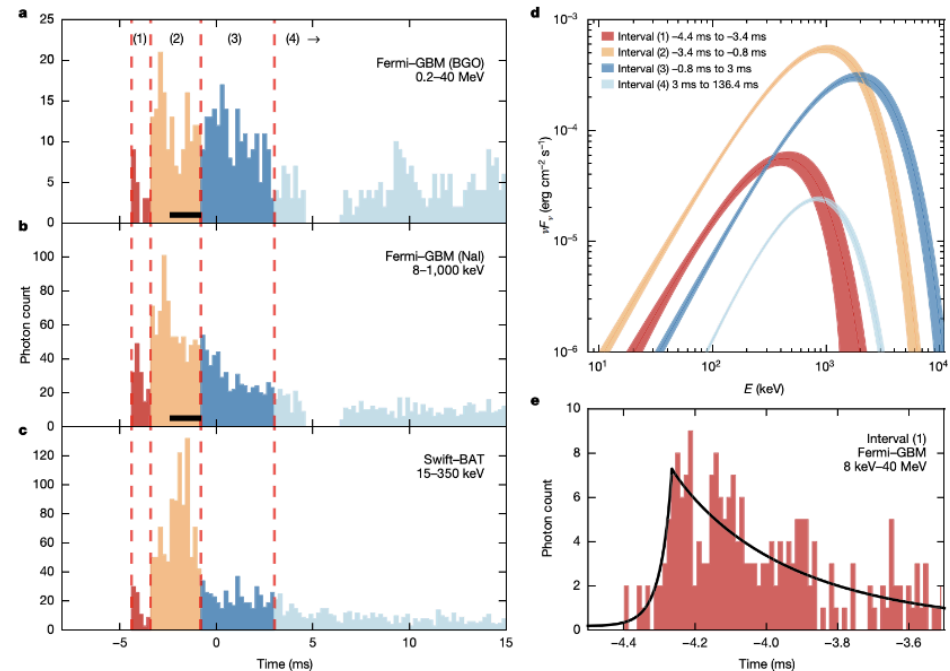
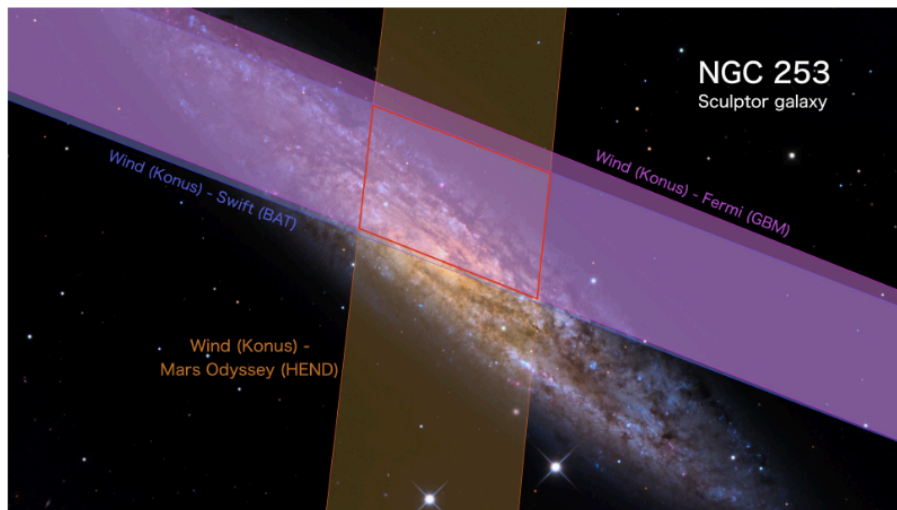
Magnetar Giant Flares



GRB 200415A

Transient on April 15th 2020

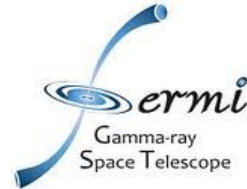
- GBM triggered at 08:48:05.56 UTC
- Localized with 20 square arcmin precision through interplanetary Network of gamma-ray detectors
- Burst most likely originated in star forming Sculptor Galaxy, $DL \sim 3.5$ Mpc



Roberts et al. 2021 2021Natur.589..207R
Svinkin et al. 2021, 2021Nature.589..211S



Magnetar Giant Flares



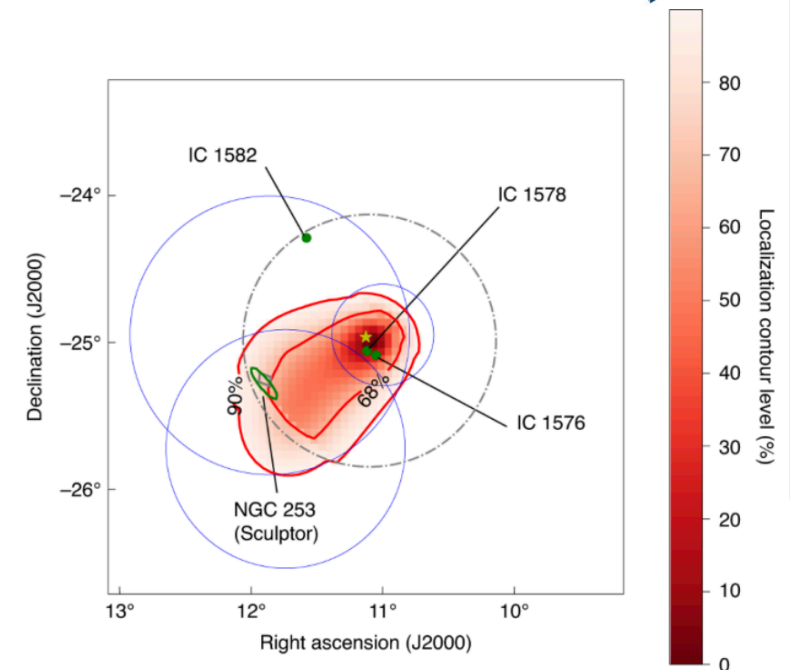
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LAT detected 3 photons

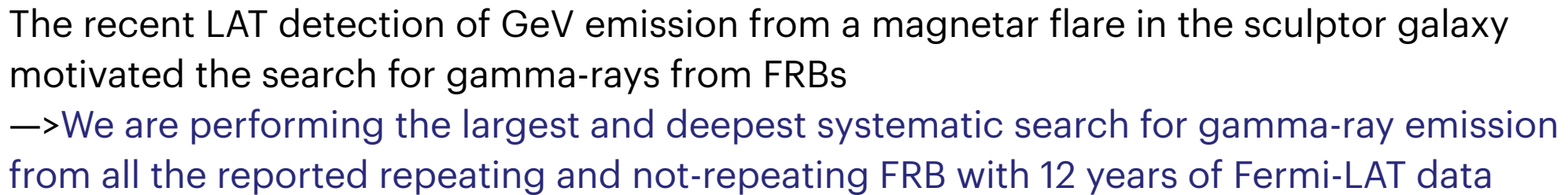
Maximum test statistic $TS=29$

- NGC 253 (Sculptur gal.) at 72% localization CL
- Probability of chance coincidence: $< 2.9 \times 10^{-3}$
- Long delay of first photon to T_0 atypical for sGRB

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

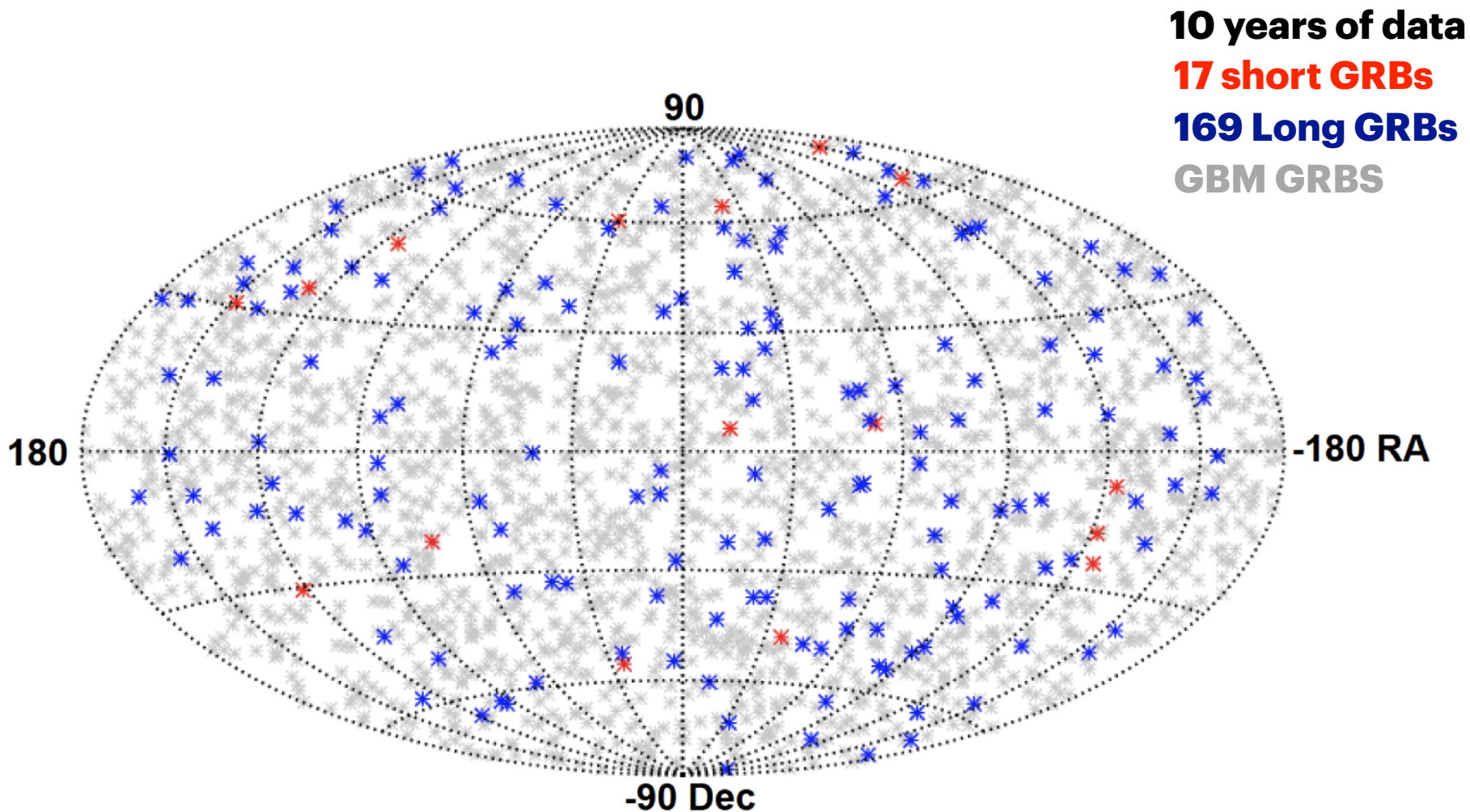


Ajello et al. 2021 2021NatAst...5585F





Second Gamma Ray Burst Catalog



Ajello et al. 2019 2019ApJ...878...52A

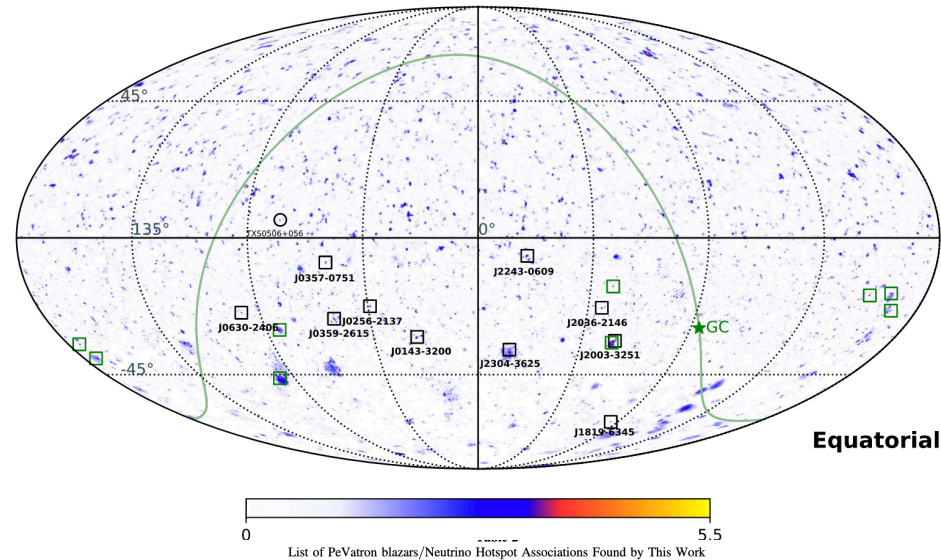
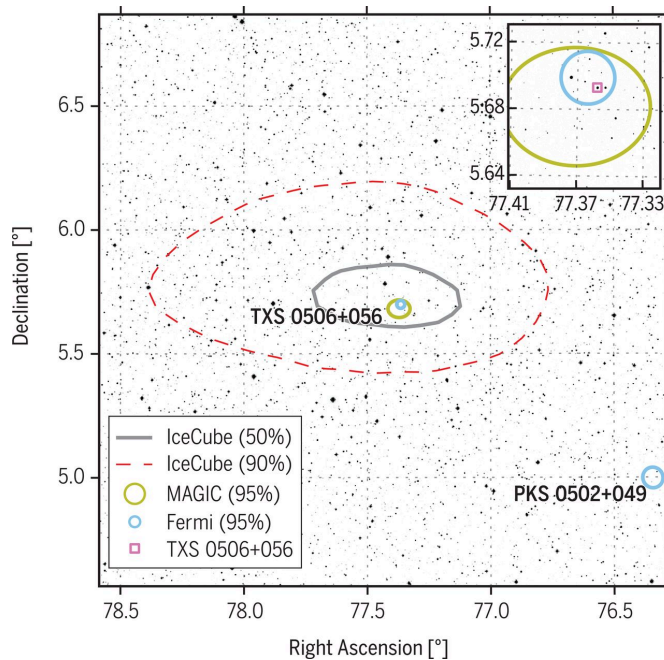


Neutrino - gamma ray connection



Association of neutrino with flaring blazar TXS 0506+056 sparked interest to identify further counterparts

- So far, no other counterpart has been unambiguously identified—> however 10 IceCube neutrino's hotspots located in the southern sky are likely originated from blazars



List of PeVatron blazars/Neutrino Hotspot Associations Found by This Work						
IceCube Hotspots	Blazar Associations					
	$\alpha_{bl} [^\circ]$	$\delta_{bl} [^\circ]$	L	5BZCat	z	Separation [°]
IC J2243-0540	340.75	-5.68	4.012	5BZB J2243-0609	0.30 ^c	0.47
IC J0359-0746	59.85	-7.78	5.565	5BZQ J0357-0751	1.05	0.42
IC J0256-2146	44.12	-21.78	4.873	5BZQ J0256-2137	1.47	0.17
IC J2037-2216	309.38	-22.27	4.664	5BZQ J2036-2146	2.299	0.51
IC J0630-2353	97.56	-23.89	4.420	5BZB J0630-2406 ^b	>1.238 ^d	0.28
IC J0359-2551	59.94	-25.86	4.356	55BZB J0359-2615 ^a	1.47 ^e	0.40
IC J0145-3154	26.28	-31.91	4.937	55BZU J0143-3200 ^c	0.375	0.42
IC J2001-3314	300.41	-33.24	4.905	5BZQ J2003-3251	3.773	0.53
IC J2304-3614	346.03	-36.24	4.025	5BZQ J2304-3625	0.962	0.24
IC J1818-6315	274.50	-63.26	4.030	5BZU J1819-6345	0.063	0.53

IceCube Coll. et al. 2018, 2018Sci...361.1378I;
Garrappa et al. 2019, 2022irc.conf.956G;
Buson et al 2022, 2022ApJ...933L..43B



Gamma-ray pulsar timing array (PTA)

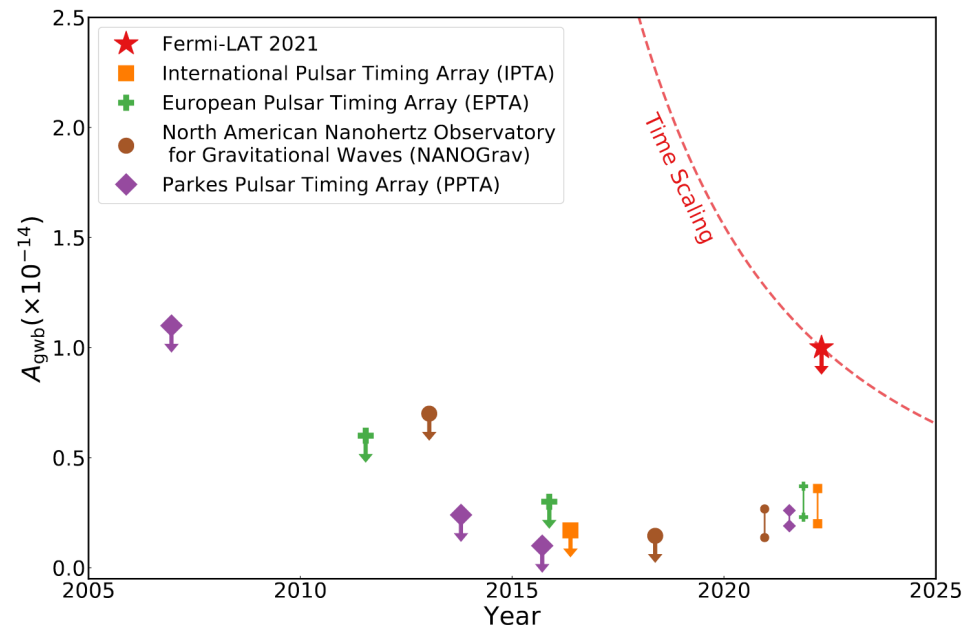


Coalescing supermassive black holes in the centers of merging galaxies fill the universe with low-frequency gravitational waves (@nanohertz)

Searches for this background utilize pulsar timing arrays.

—>We use 12.5 years and 35 brightest MSP of Fermi Large Area Telescope data form a gamma-ray pulsar timing array.

This provides an independent method to search for signals detected by radio PTAs; unlike the radio PTAs, it is free from the effects of the ionized interstellar medium.



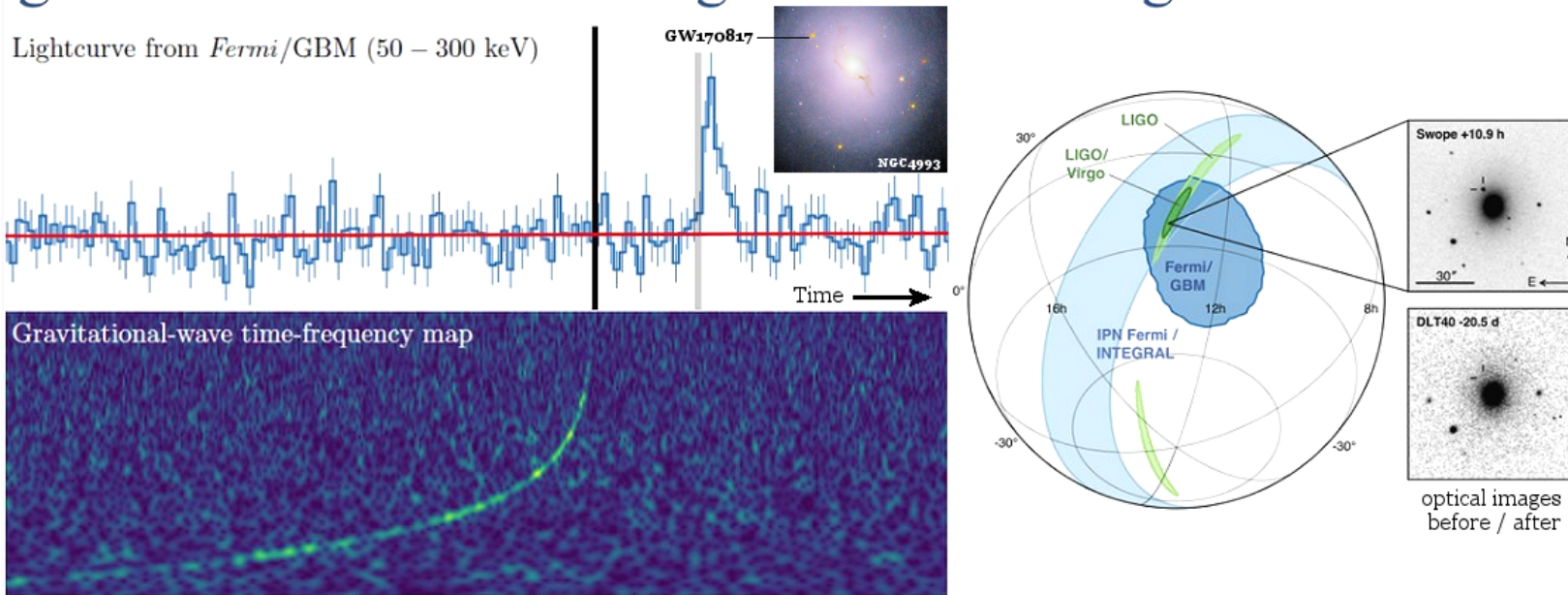
Ajello et al. 2019; 2022Sci...376..521F



Gravitational wave follow-up



LIGO, Virgo, and partners make first detection of gravitational waves and light from colliding neutron stars



Fermi plays a fundamental role in the follow-up of GW—> huge FoV and good localization

Abbott et al. 2017; 2017ApJ...848L..12A
Abbott et al. 2017; 2017ApJ...848L..13A



Gravitational wave follow-up



The new GW observing run is approaching; O4 will start at the end of the year
Promising previsions for Fermi in O4

GW+ GRBs conservative approach

Model	$\mathcal{R}(0)$	GW	GW+EM (prompt)							
			Swift/BAT		Fermi/GBM		INTEGRAL/IBIS		SVOM/ECLAIRS	
	$\text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$	yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}
A1	31	1	0.0006 (0.0023)	0.014-0.020	0.003 (0.013)	0.070-0.11	0.0001 (0.0004)	0.0024-0.0035	0.0005 (0.0019)	0.013-0.017
A3	258	5	0.003 (0.01)	0.07-0.10	0.017 (0.068)	0.35-0.54	0.0005 (0.002)	0.01-0.02	0.002 (0.01)	0.06-0.08
A7	765	13	0.008 (0.031)	0.18-0.26	0.045 (0.18)	0.91-1.42	0.001 (0.005)	0.031-0.046	0.006 (0.025)	0.17-0.22

GW+ GRBs more optimistic approach

Model	$\mathcal{R}(0)$	GW	GW+EM (prompt)							
			Swift/BAT		Fermi/GBM		INTEGRAL/IBIS		SVOM/ECLAIRS	
	$\text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$	yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}	uniform yr^{-1}	structured yr^{-1}
A1	31	5	0.002 (0.01)	0.05-0.08	0.014 (0.06)	0.27-0.46	0.0005 (0.002)	0.009-0.014	0.002 (0.008)	0.05-0.07
A3	258	22	0.01 (0.04)	0.24-0.37	0.06 (0.26)	1.17-2.00	0.002 (0.008)	0.04-0.06	0.009 (0.04)	0.22-0.32
A7	765	61	0.03 (0.12)	0.67-1.05	0.18 (0.74)	3.28-5.65	0.006 (0.02)	0.11-0.18	0.02 (0.10)	0.63-0.90

Patricelli et al. 2022; 2022MNRAS.513.4159P



Summary and Conclusions



- Fermi's first 14 years have produced numerous scientific discoveries that have revolutionized our understanding of the gamma-ray universe
- 2022 Senior Review Panel had conveyed a highly favorable review of Fermi
—>The Fermi mission has been approved for another period of extended operations!
- Fermi-LAT and GBM are working without major problems:
—>Fermi had his first hardware failure on March 16, 2018, however the observatory has so much flexibility that this glitch has only minor impact on science operations
- Fermi observations remain indispensable for multi-messenger counterpart searches
—>O4 observing run is approaching

..... much more is waiting to be discovered!



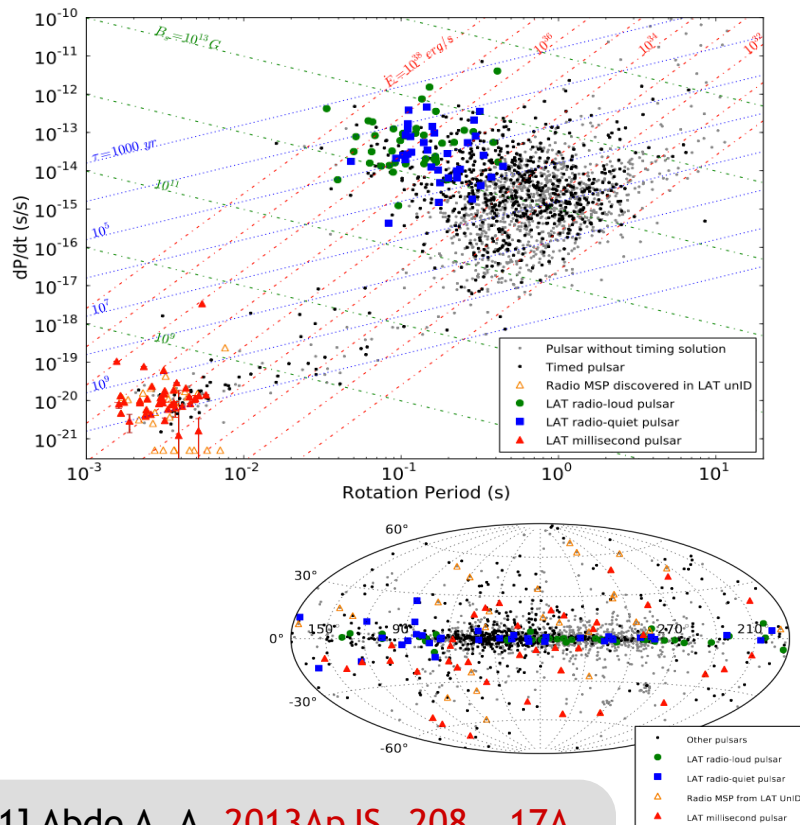
Back-up slides



Pulsars population



Family portrait



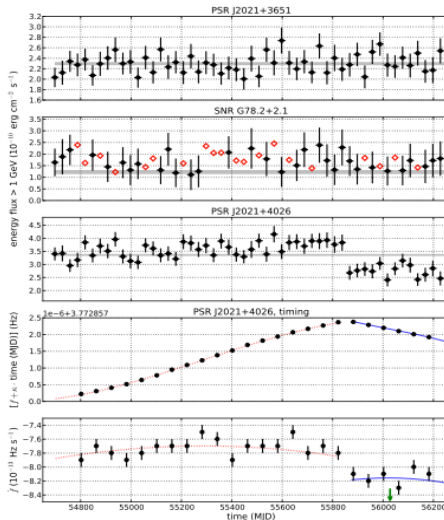
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- [3] Allafort, A. 2013ApJ...777L...2A
- [4] Abdo A. A. 2011Sci...331..739A

Before Fermi only 7 pulsars, now 147 with 2nd pulsars catalog [1]

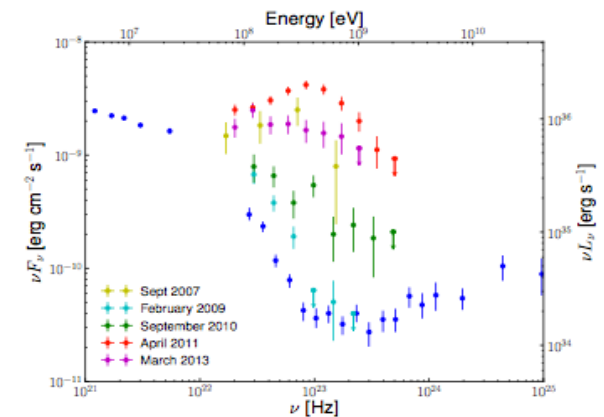
Emission region location: outer-gap model preferred respect to the polar-gap[2]

Pulsars, considered the most stable sources were discovered to be variable![3,4]

PSR J2021+4026 in the Gamma Cygni region: the first variable gamma-ray pulsar[3]



Crab flare related to the nebulae[4]

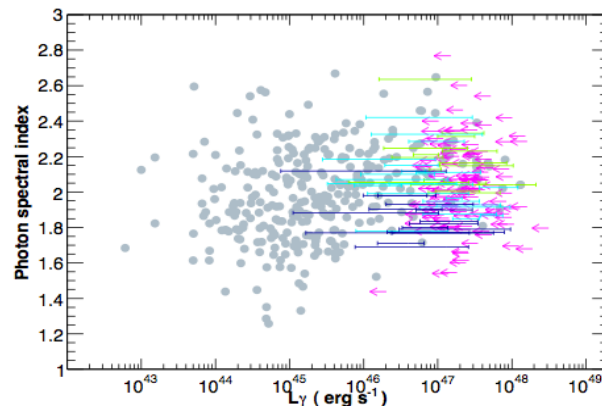
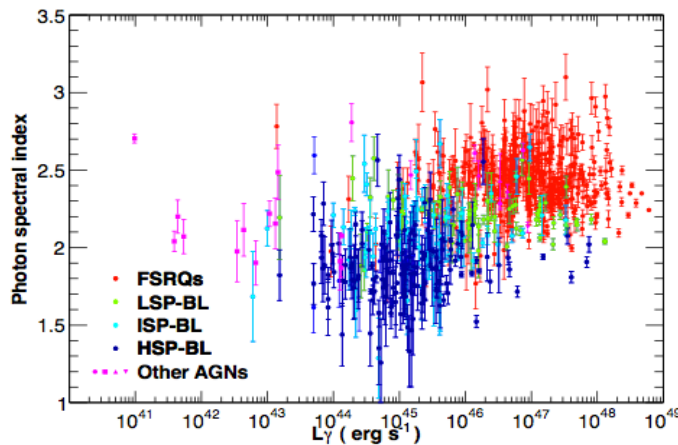




Active Galaxy Nucleus population and evolution



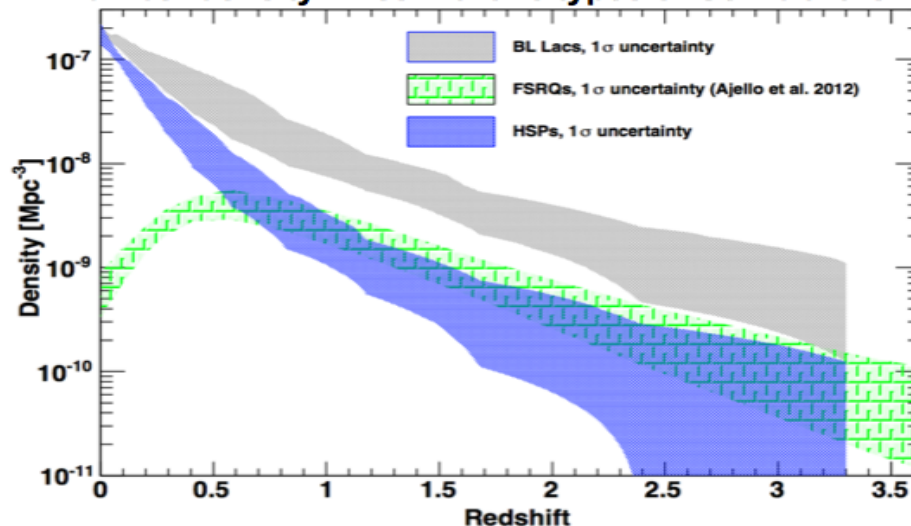
The 75% of the gamma-ray sources are aligned AGN: blazars (BL Lacs + FSRQ)^[1]
 MW follow-ups provide z for many Fermi blazars introducing the LL a
 population of high redshift BL Lacs were found^[1,2]



Many gamma-ray blazars in the early universe, but still unclear how to form so many supermassive BH so early

Population studies show that the high syn peaked BL Lacs could be the evolution of FSRQ that cleans up the surrounding^[3]

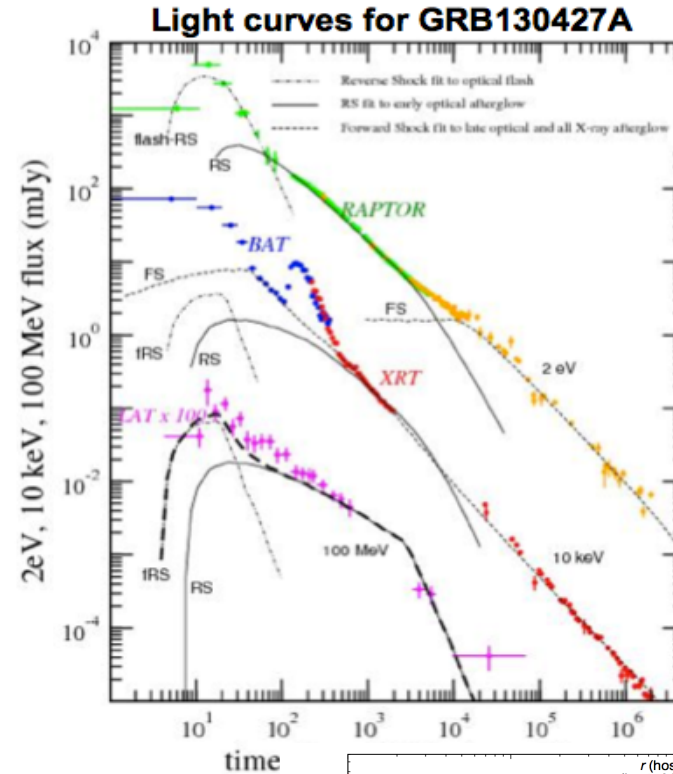
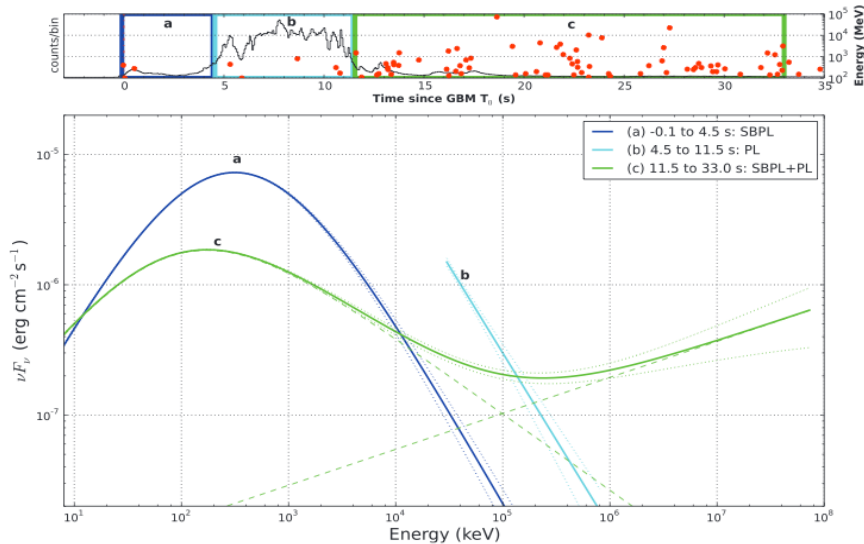
Number density v. redshift for 3 types of GeV blazars^[1,2]



- [1] Ackermann M. 2015arXiv150106054A
- [2] Shaw M. 2013ApJ...764..135S
- [3] Ajello, M. 2014ApJ...780...73A



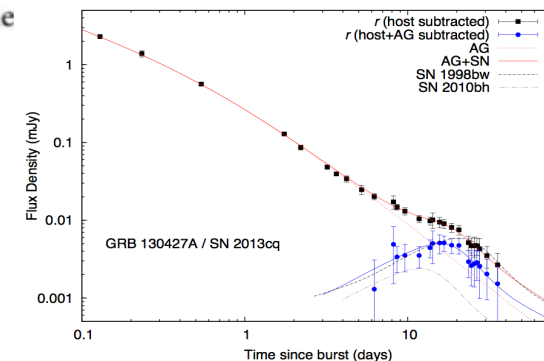
GRB 130427A: a nearby monster



- [1] Ackermann, M. 2014Sci...343...42A
- [2] D. Xu 2013ApJ...776...98X
- [3] Maselli, A. 2014Sci...343...48M

Record breaking:

- Highest γ -ray fluence (prompt) $> 10^{-3} \text{ erg/cm}^2$ [1]
- Highest γ -ray photons detected 95 GeV[1]
- Longest live γ -ray emission (prompt+afterglow)[1]
- First Fermi-LAT γ -ray GRB with super novae detection:
- GRB 130427A/SN 2013cq connection[2]
- 2th brightest optical flash ever observed[3]
- Prompt emission described as Self Synchrotron Compton[1]

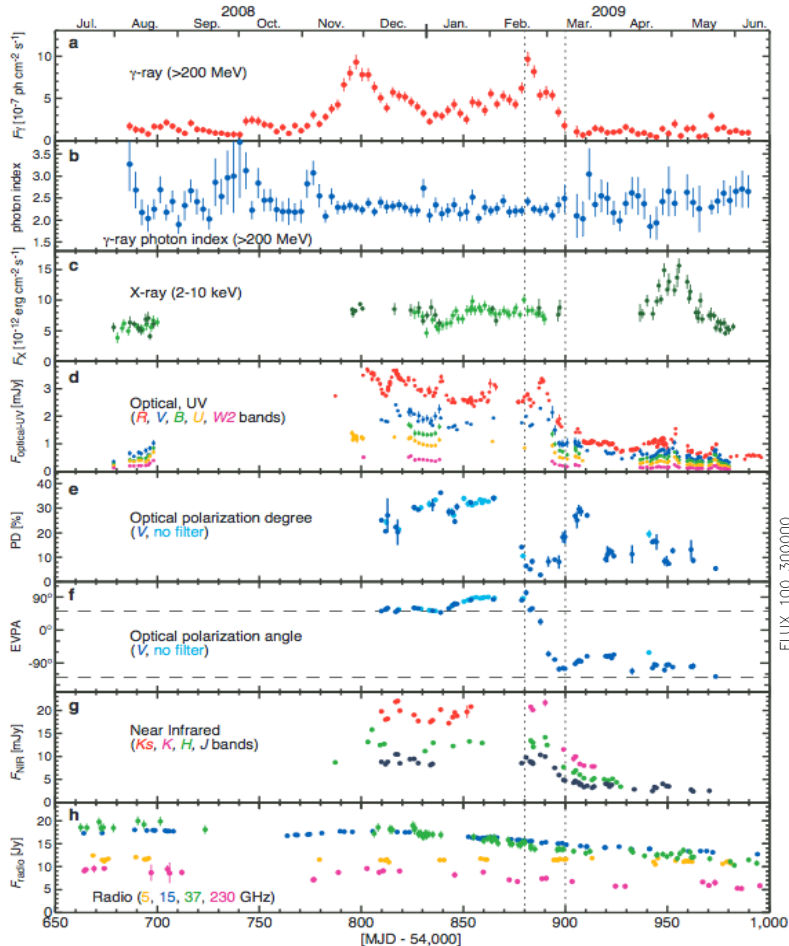




3C 279: one of the most famous



History of flux in various band and optical polarization during the 2009 flare



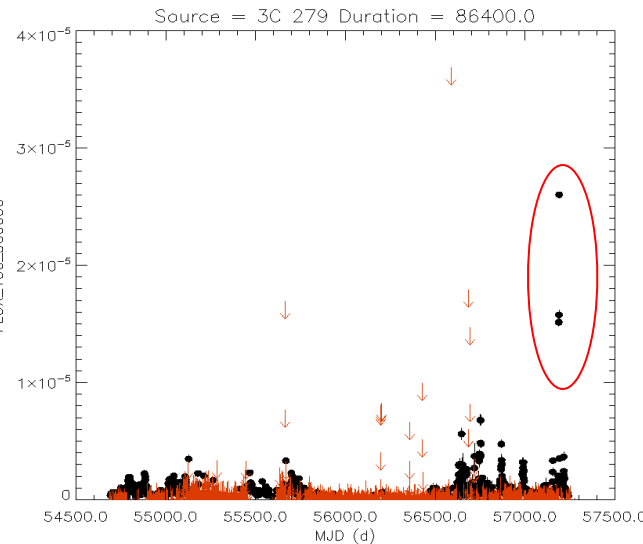
Strong gamma-ray flare in Feb. 2009 with associated a dramatic change of the polarization angle:

→co-spatiality of the optical and gamma-ray emission zone

→highly ordered jet magnetic field

→emission region distant from the BH

→Possibility of a bend jet scenario



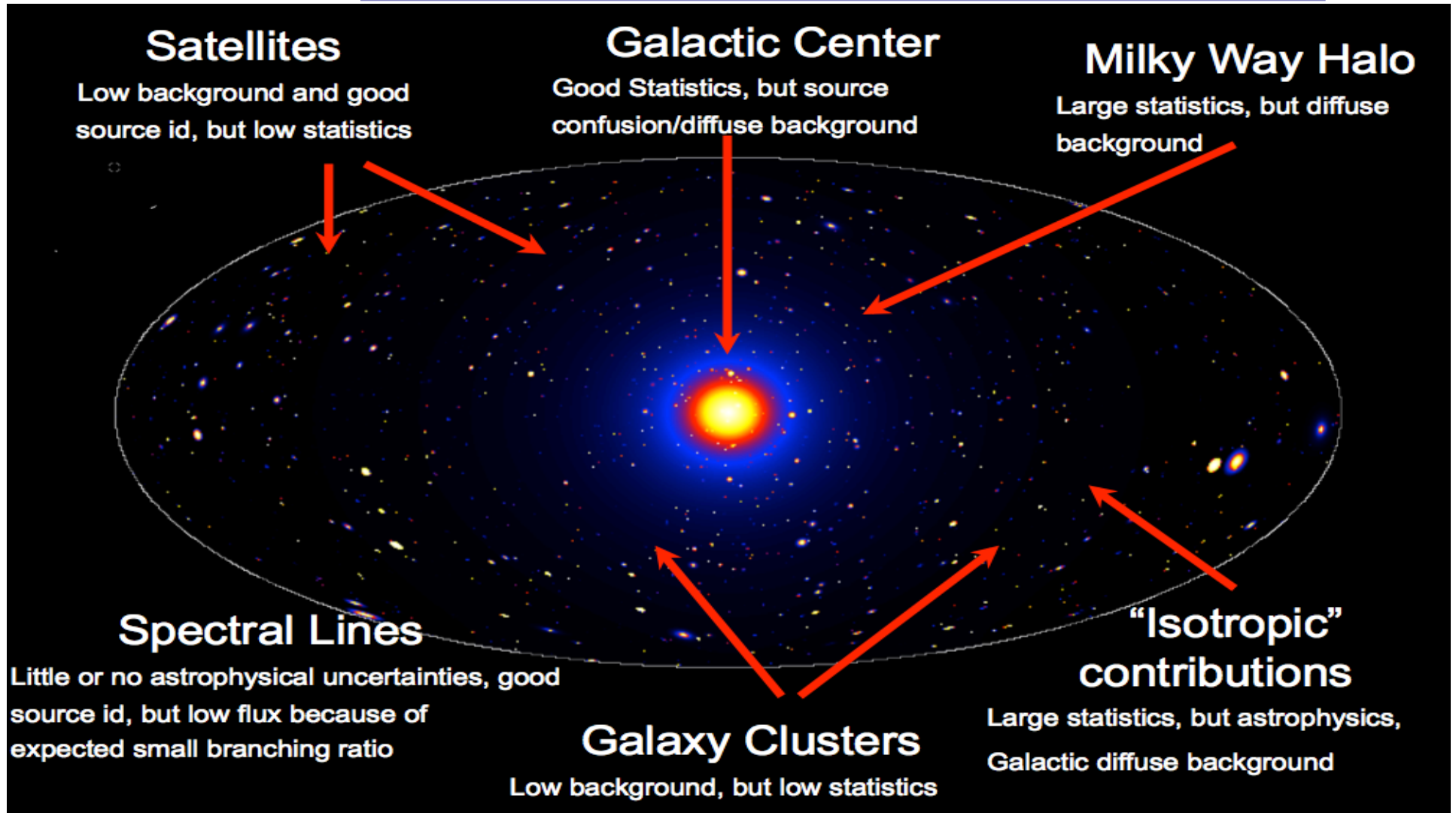
NEWS: Record flux in 14 June 2015 since 1991
The brighter object in the sky for few hours^[2]

[1] Abdo, A., A. 2010 *Natur.* 463. 919A

[2] Cutini, S. 2015 *ATel.* 7633....1C

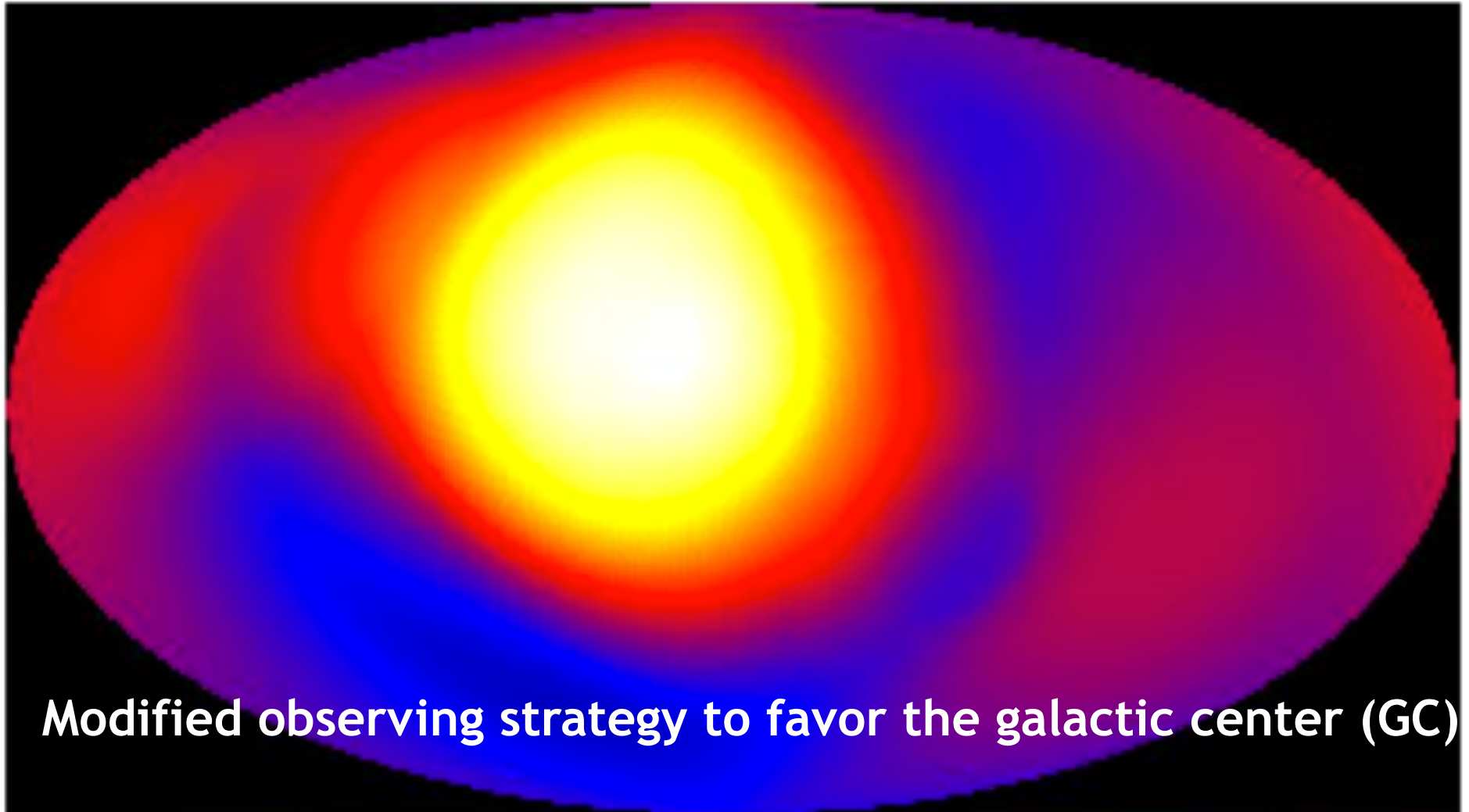


LAT target of DM search





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Modified observing strategy to favor the galactic center (GC)

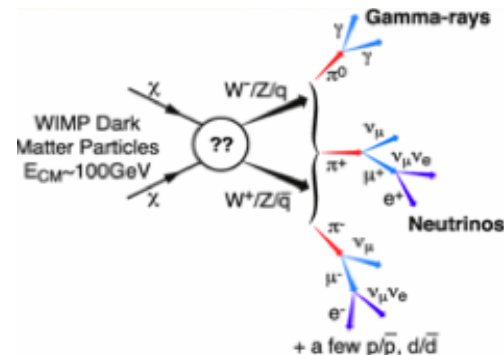
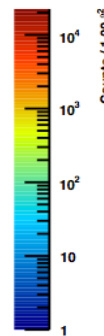
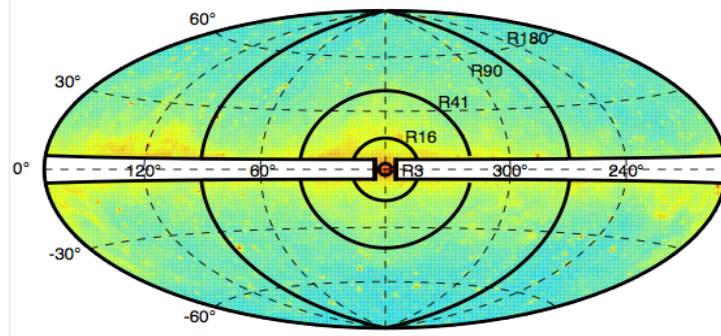


Search for spectral line: 133 GeV case



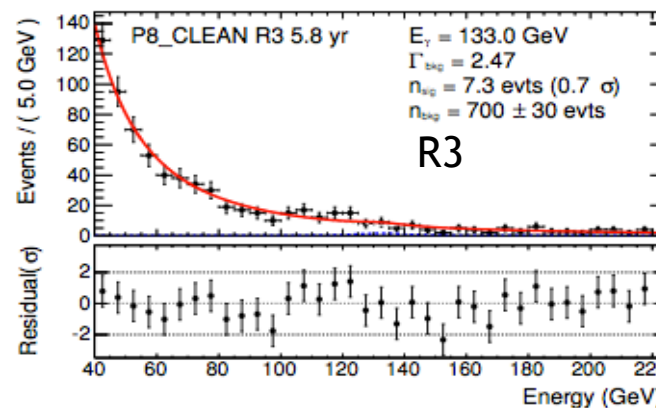
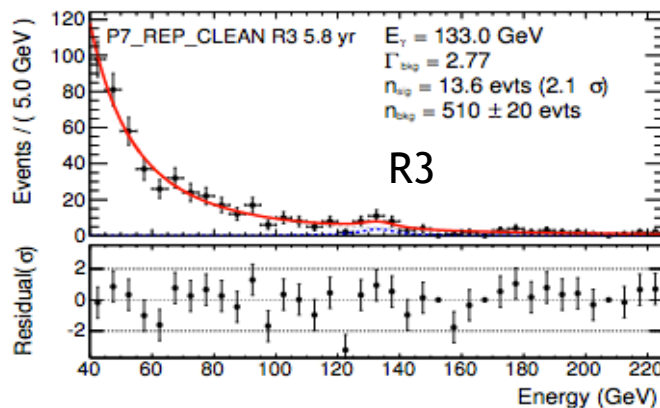
Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMP) are a promising dark matter candidate
Indirect DM search: WIMP annihilation

Definition of the ROI centered in the GC

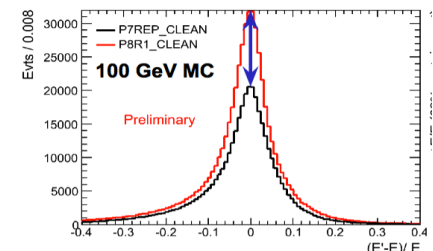


- [1] Ackermann, M.
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- [2] Ackermann, M.
2015PhRvD..91i2002A
- [3] Weniger C.
2012JCAP...08..007W

No globally spectral lines is detected with P7rep $\sigma < 2$ [1], even smaller significance with P8 [2]
Too narrow feature in 133 GeV is seen with P7rep (previously reported in [3])

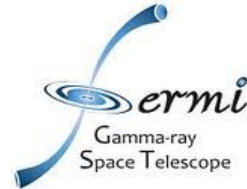


Strongly increasing
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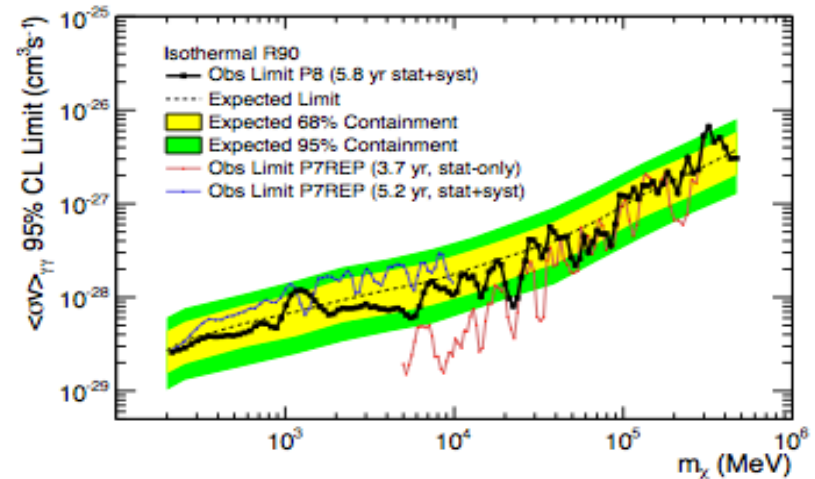
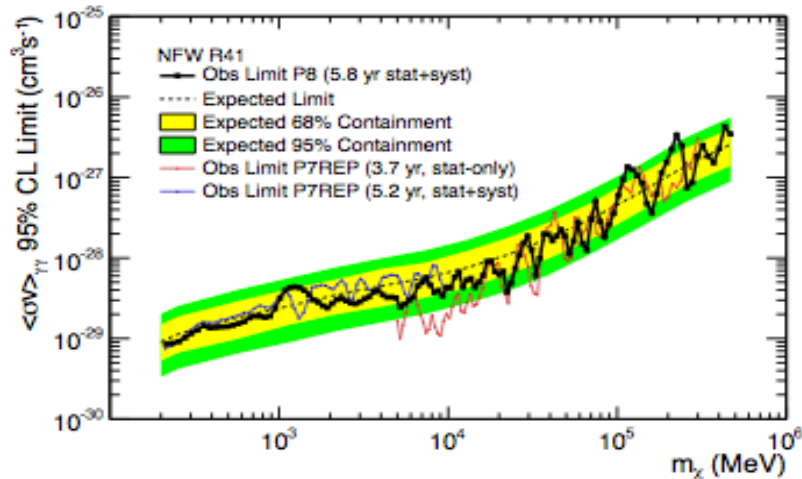
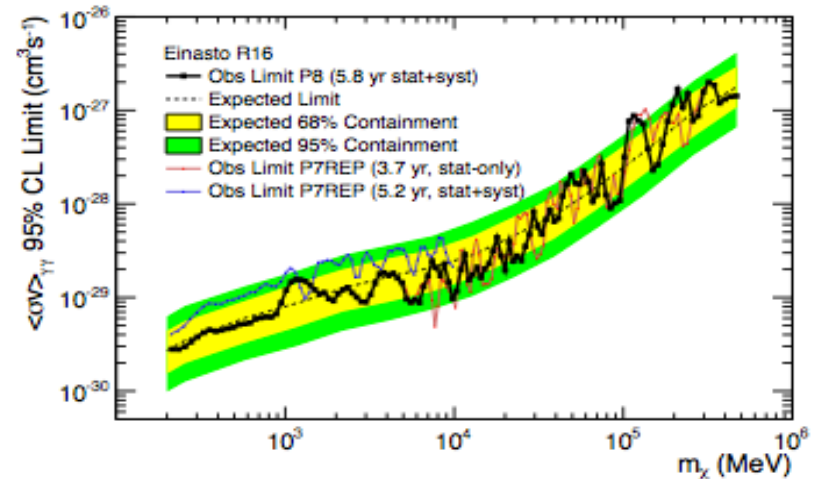
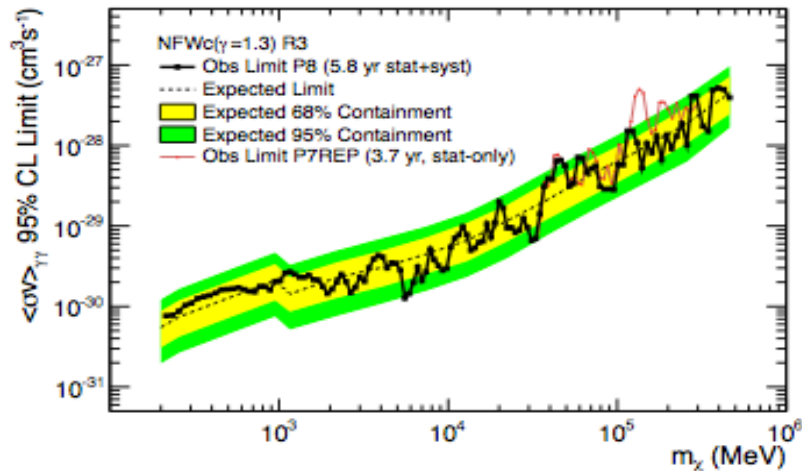




Search for spectral line



No globally significant lines found in each ROI

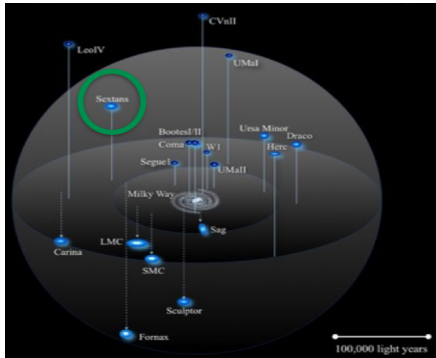




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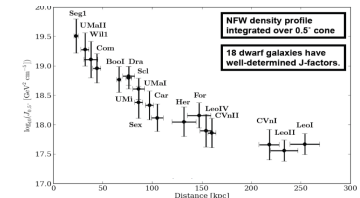


The stellar kinematic data indicate that the dwarf spheroidal satellite galaxies (dSphs) of the Milky way contain a substantial DM component - 25 dSphs close to us to 25-250 Kpc



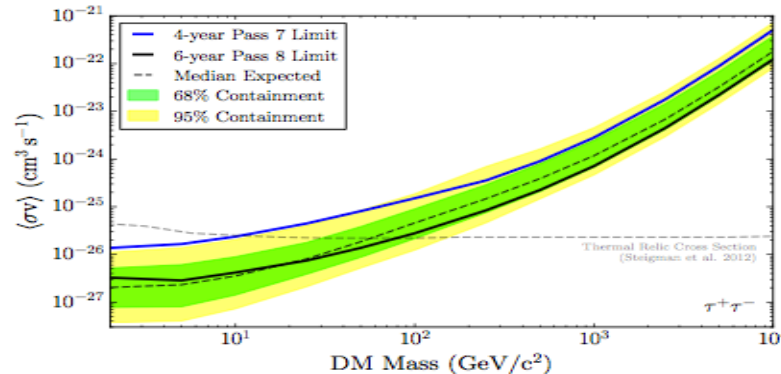
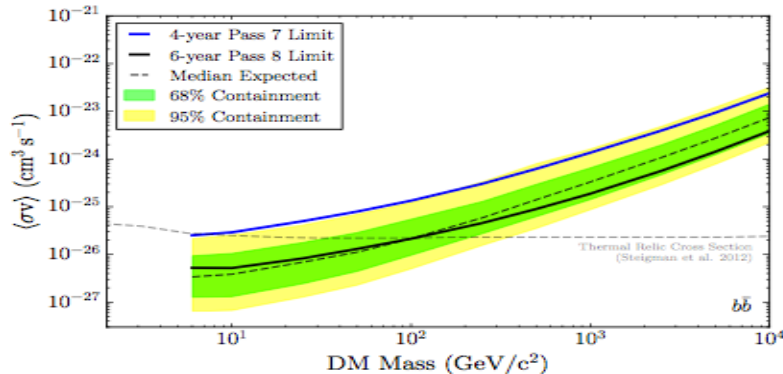
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$$\phi_{\gamma}(E, \psi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_{\chi} v \rangle}{2m_{\chi}^2} N_{\gamma}(E) \times J(\psi)$$



Dwarf **J-factors** are determinated **spectroscopically** from the stellar velocity dispesions → using the los velocity dispersion and assuming DM density profile (NFW) we can estimate the J-factor

Joint likelihood analysis in 15 dSphs : we constrain the dark matter annihilation cross section through the quark and τ -lepton channel for WIMP with $m_{\chi} < 100$ GeV → lies below the canonical thermal relic cross section



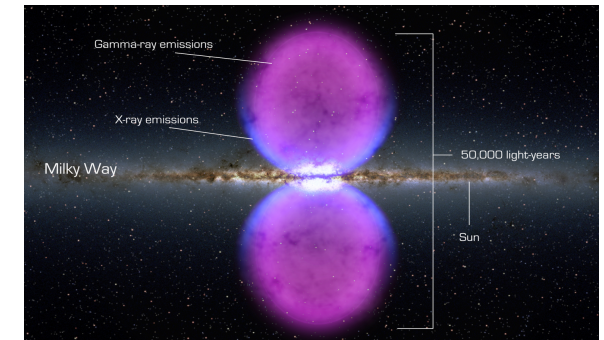
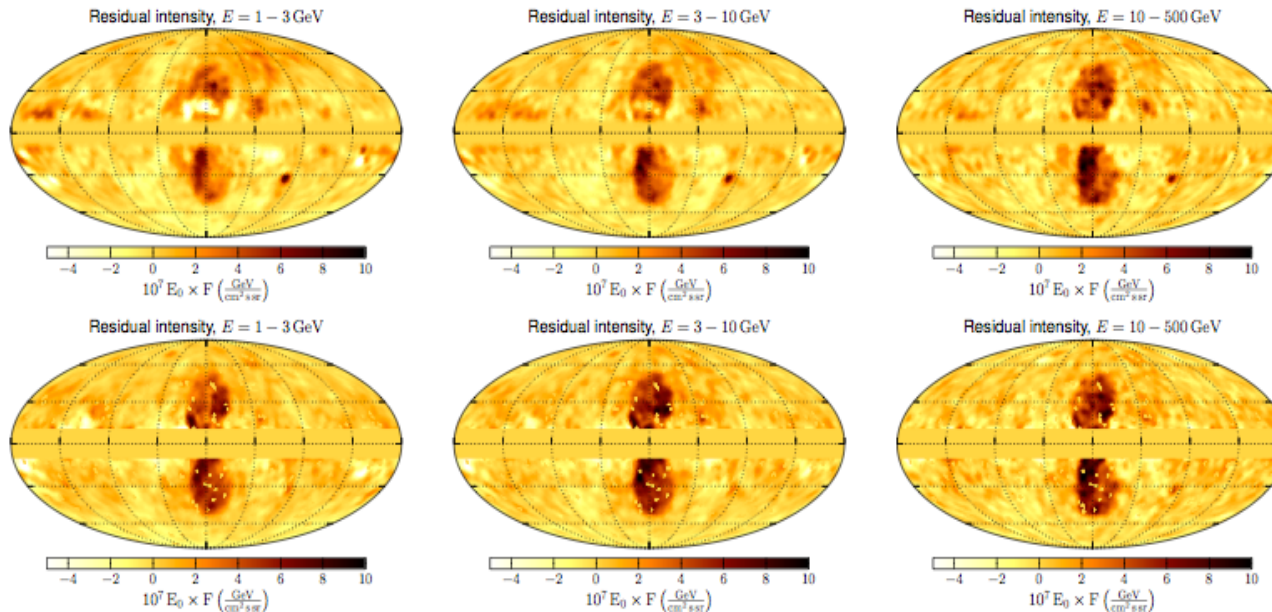
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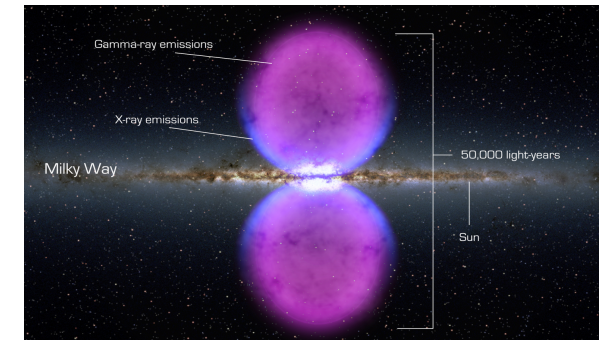
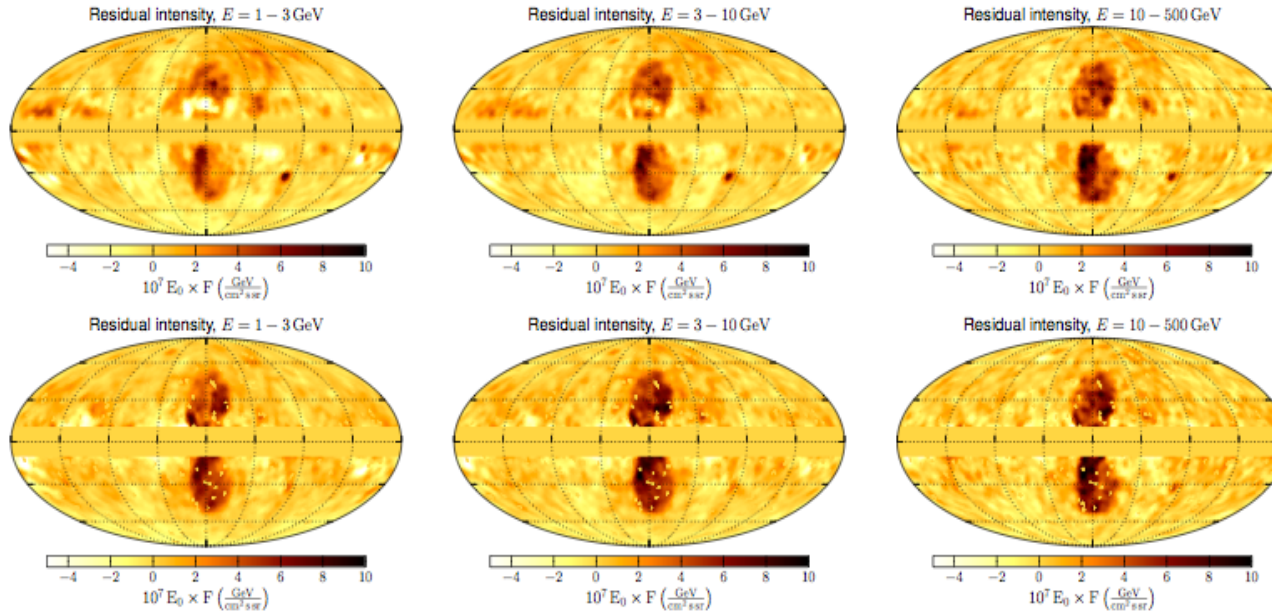
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