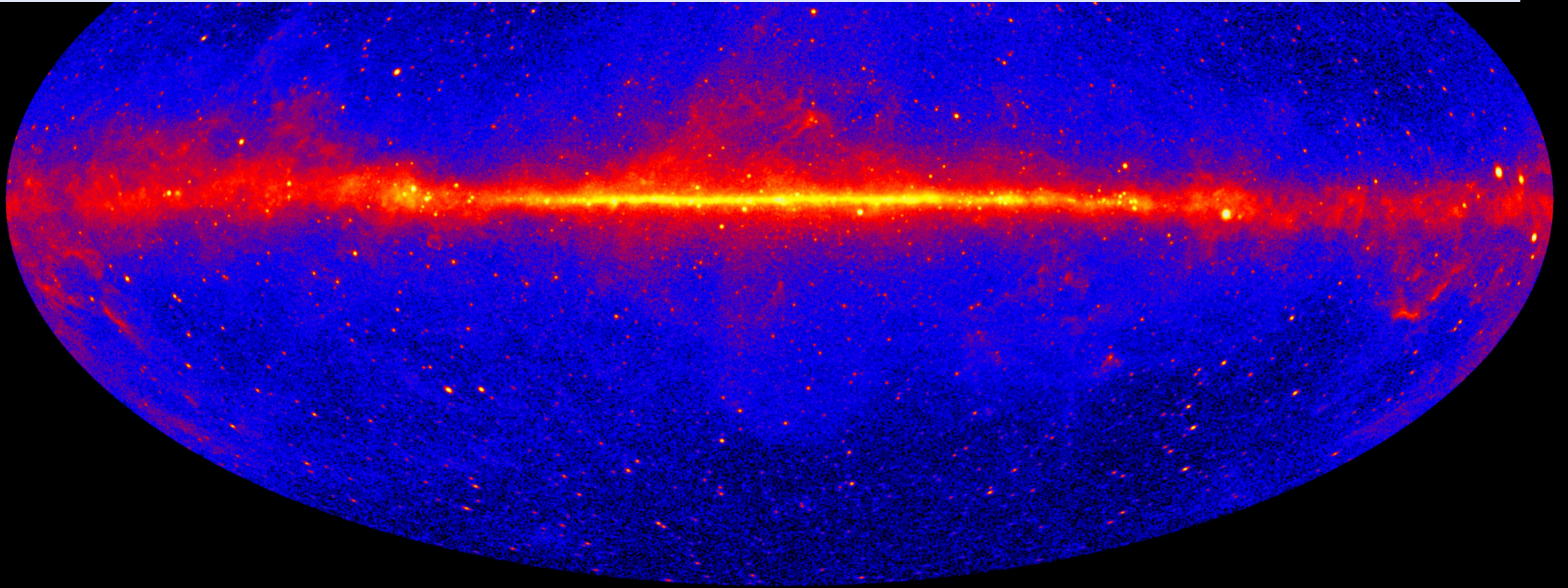


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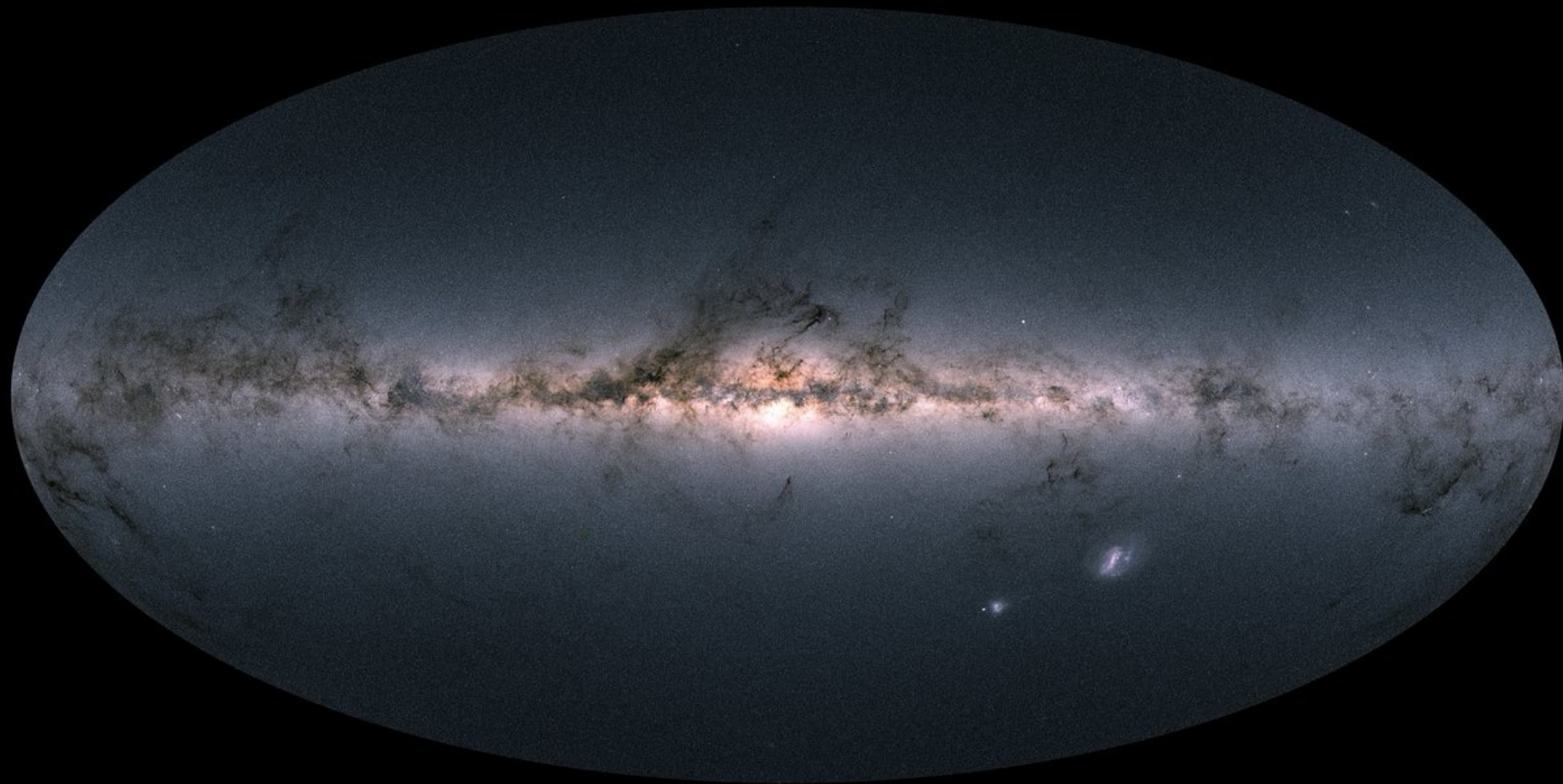
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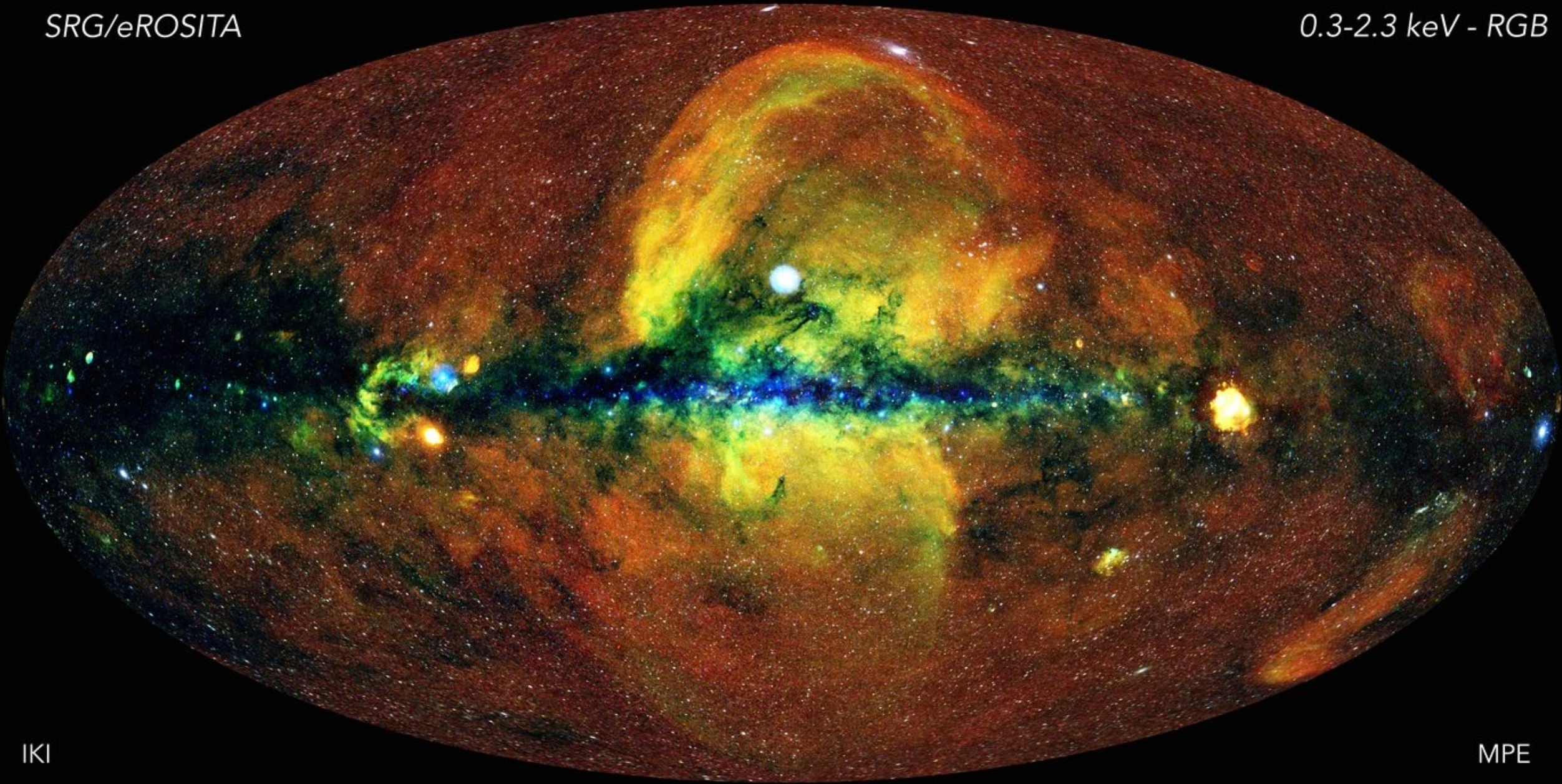


Total brightness and colour of stars seen by Gaia between July 2014 and May 2016

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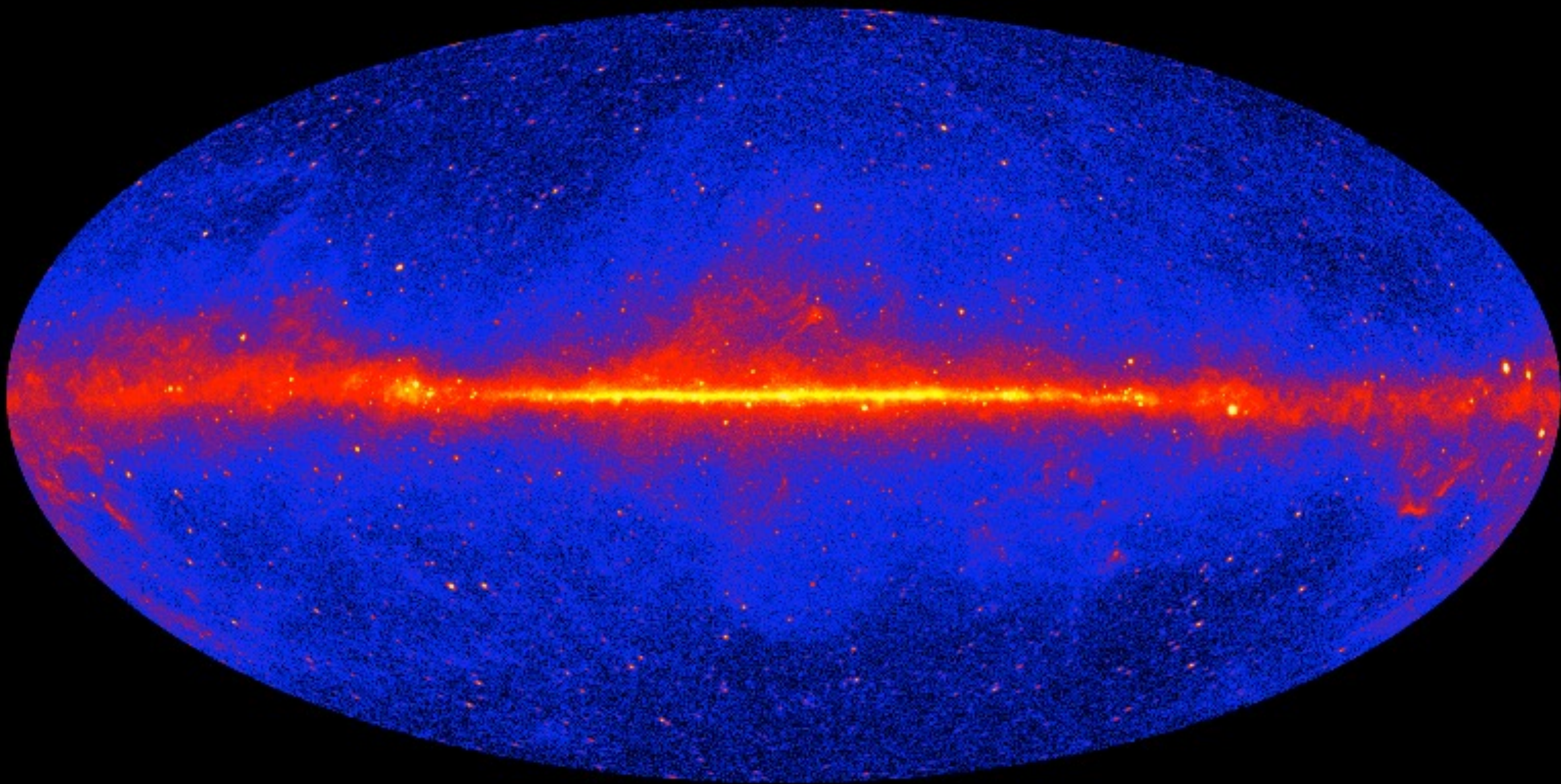
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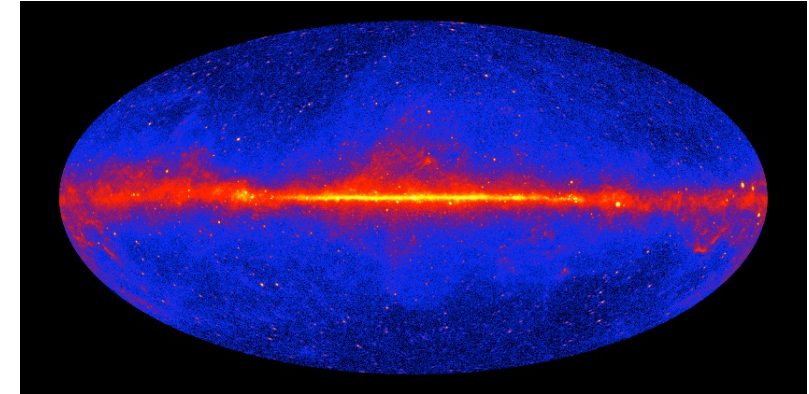
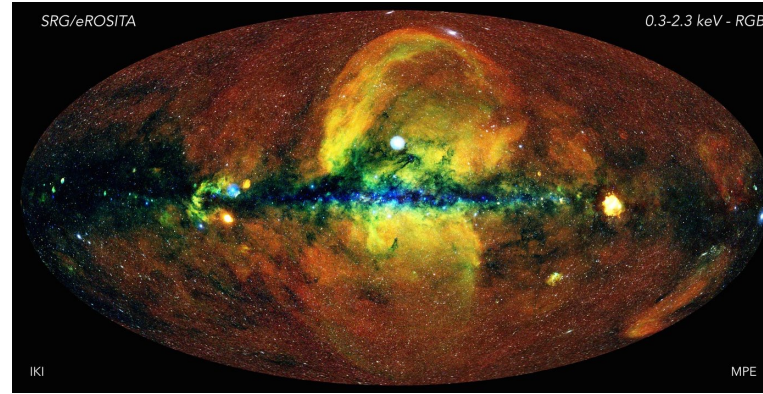
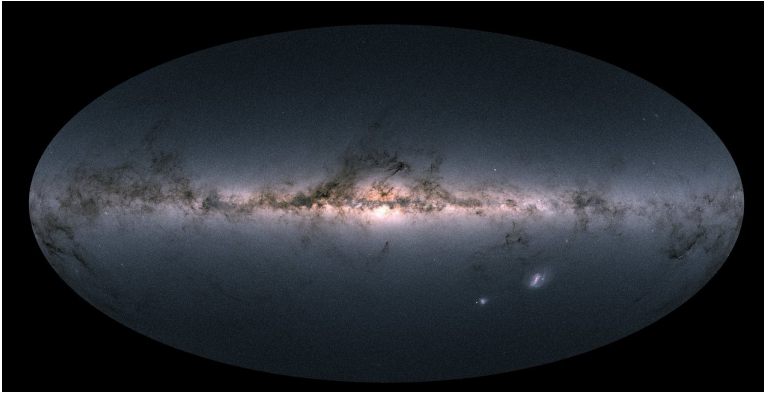
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Gamma-ray emission  $> 1$  GeV from 12 years of *Fermi*-LAT data

# DETECTION OF ASTROPHYSICAL SOURCES ACCROSS WAVELENGTHS



## Final goal

Given a sky-map, can a DNN-based pipeline detect localized sources with catalogue properties?

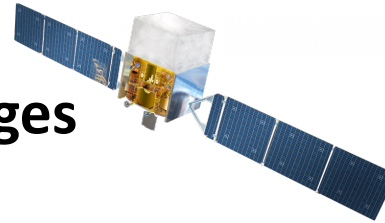
- locations [longitude, latitude - deg]
- extension [deg]
- flux [above certain energy/wavelength]

Can these methodologies be applicable across different wavelengths?

# OUTLINE

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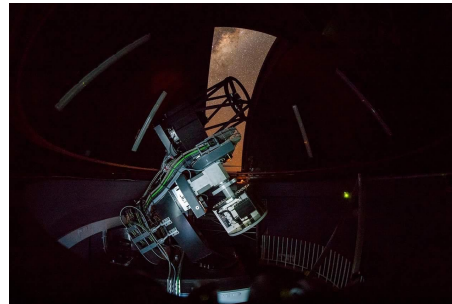
1. Current data: *Fermi*-LAT all-sky images



2. Future data: CTAO simulations of the galactic plane survey (GPs)



## 2. Optical analysis pipeline



## 3. Towards foundation model for astrophysical source detection

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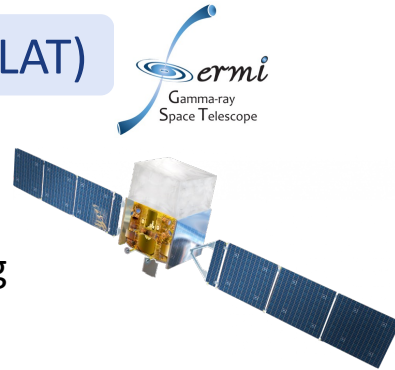
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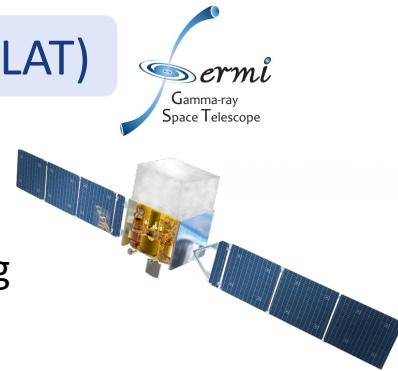
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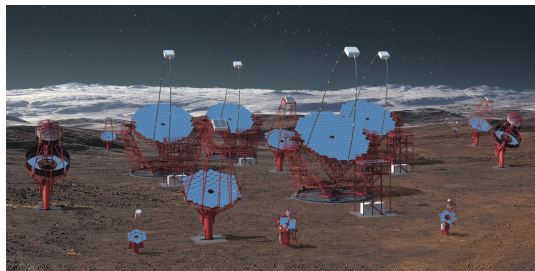
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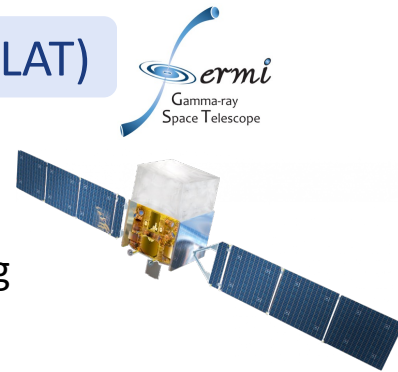
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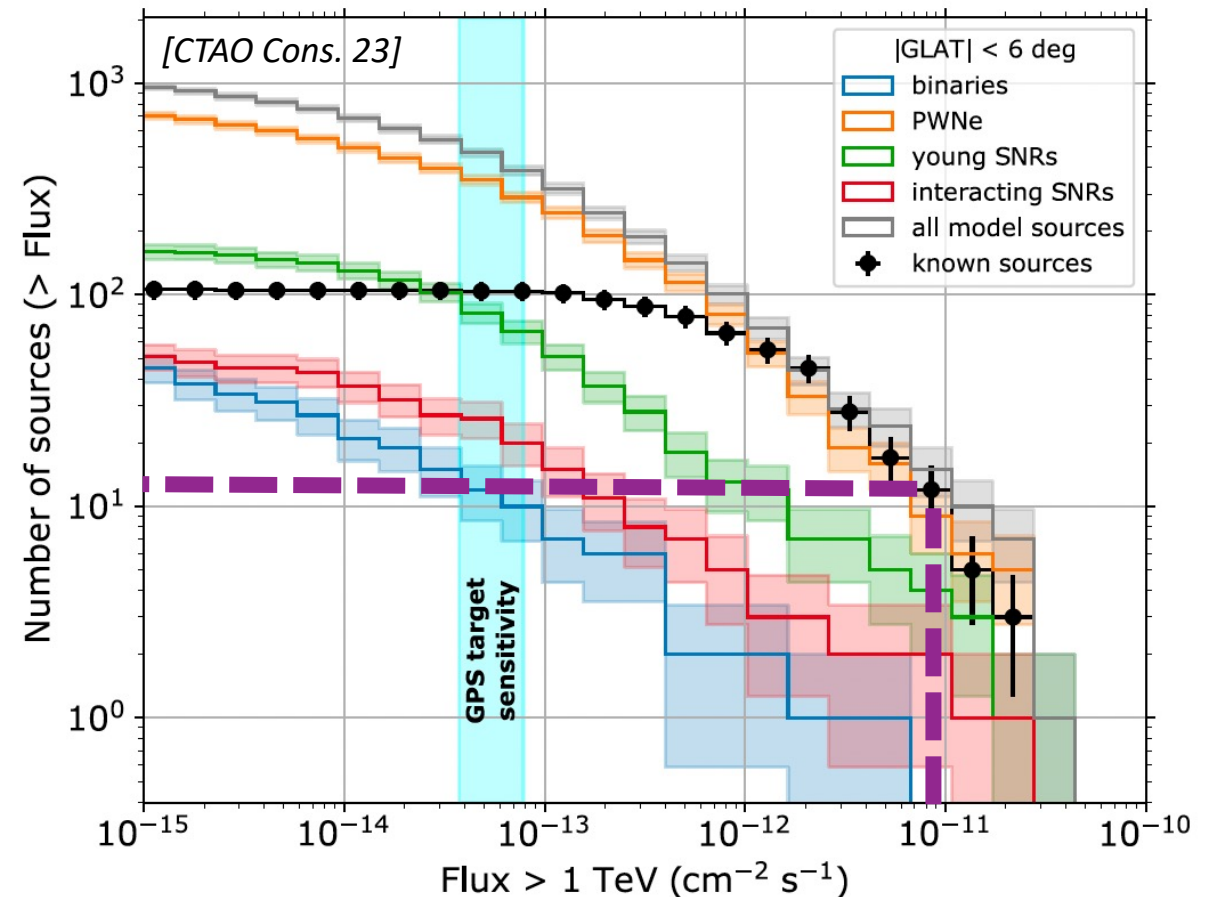
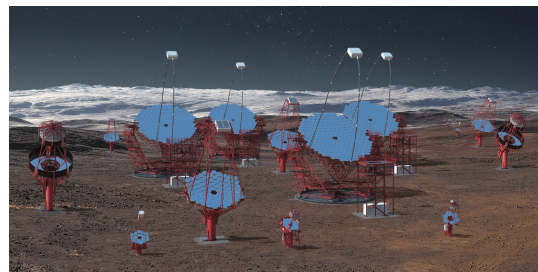
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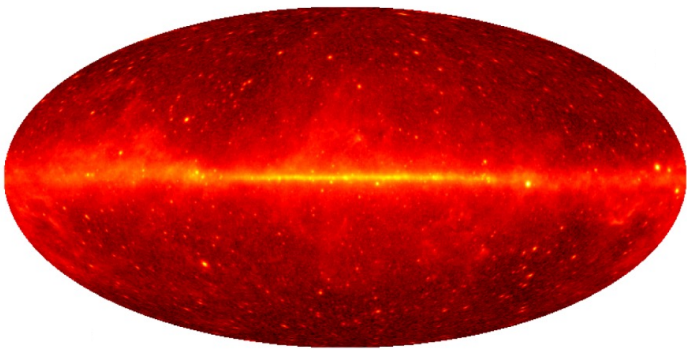
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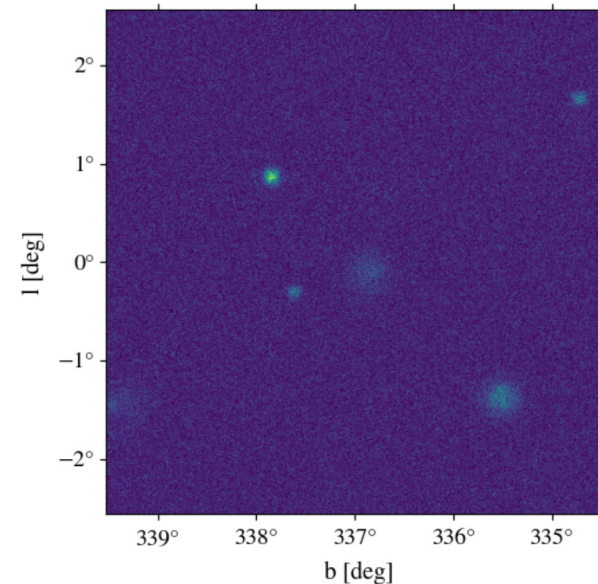
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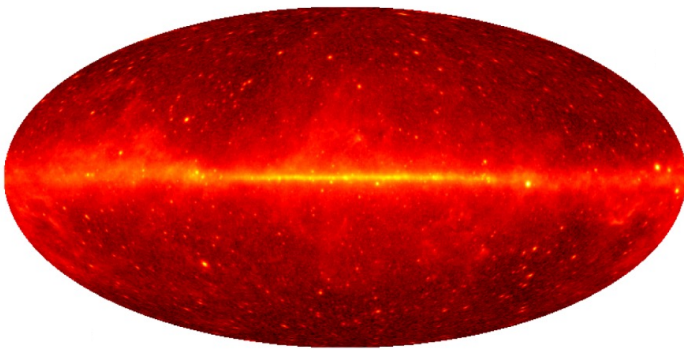
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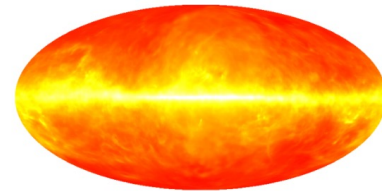
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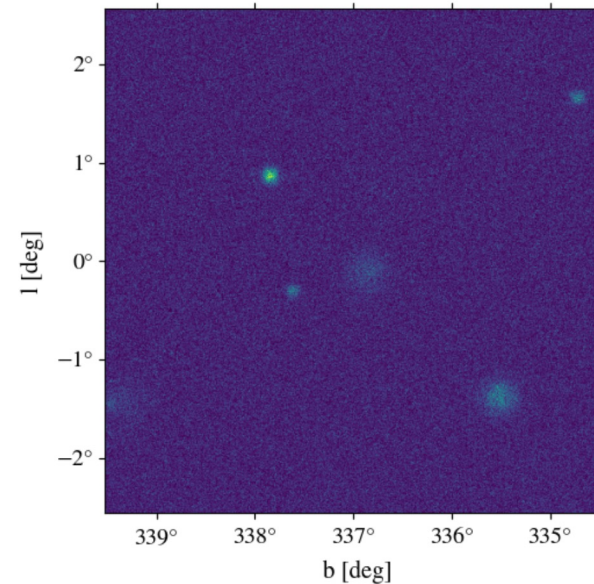


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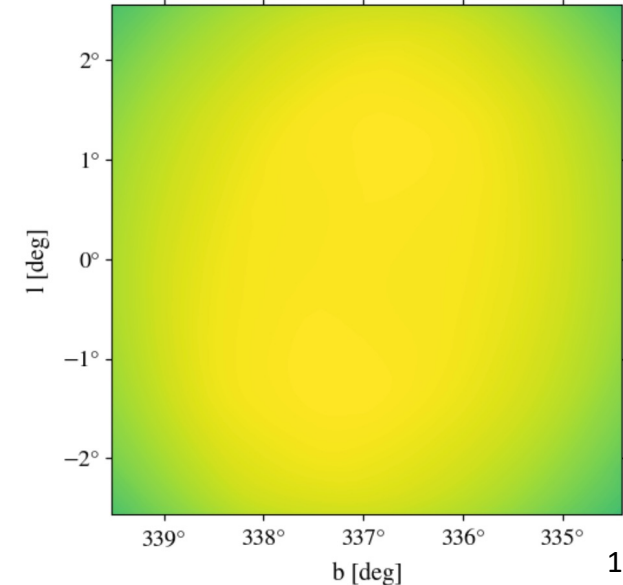


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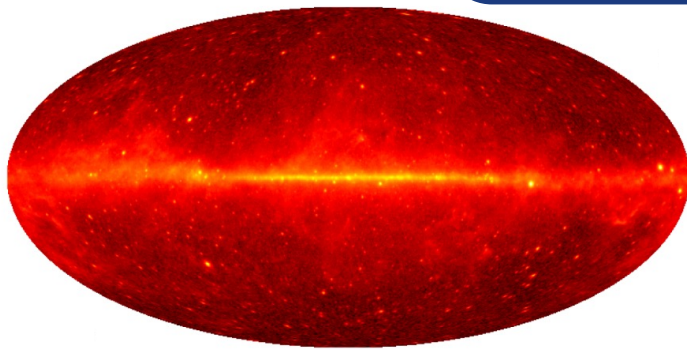
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Removing/modelling backgrounds is critical for faint source detection

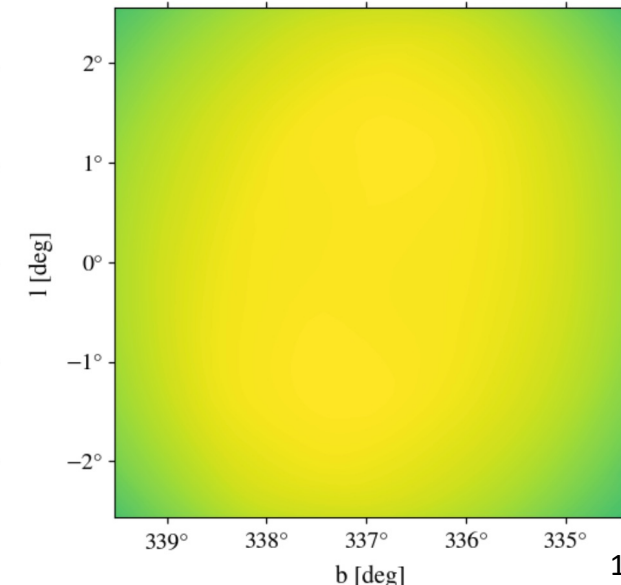
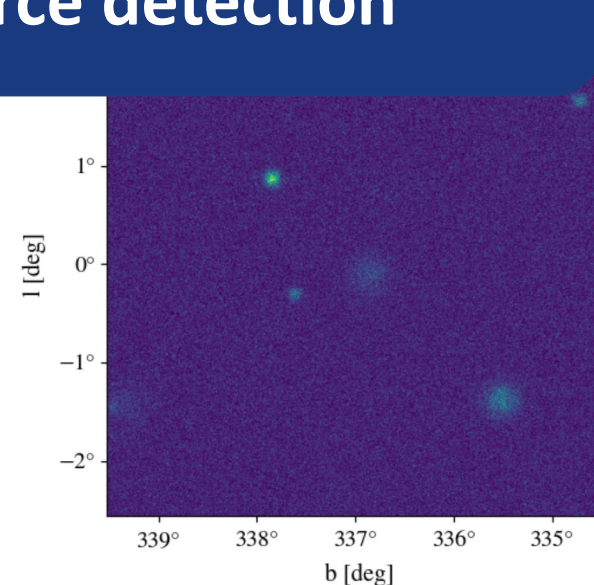
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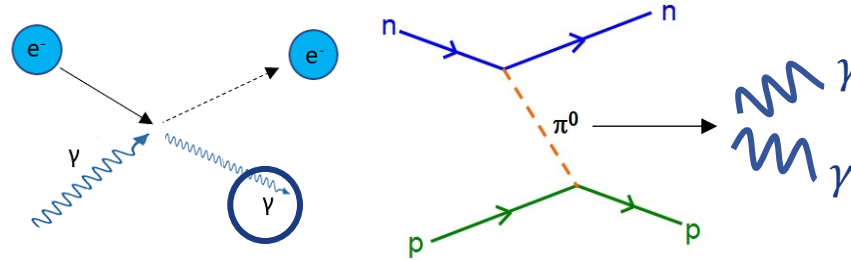
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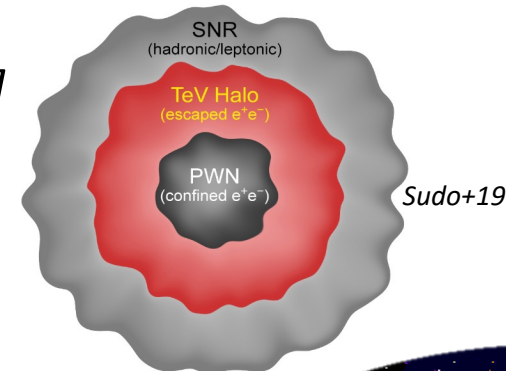
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- Study faint gamma-ray sources can lead to different discoveries:

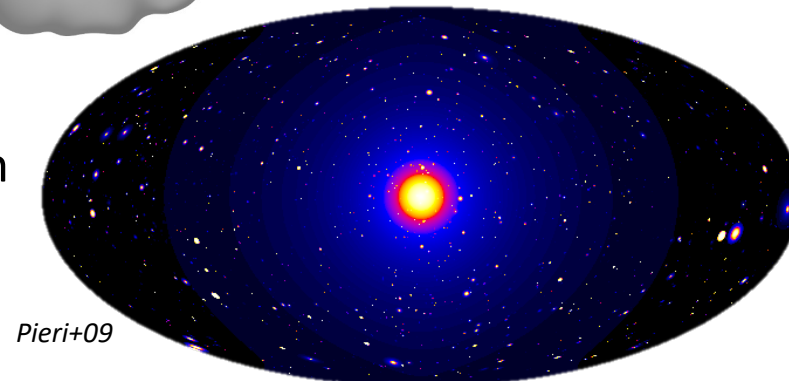
- Cosmic ray production & populations**



- New classes of sources: TeV Halos [Linden+17]**



- Fundamental physics: Indirect Dark Matter detection**



# FERMI-LAT: BUILDING A COMPLEMENTARY GAMMA-RAY CATALOG

- Simulation of 10 years of data with collaboration software [fermitools] and population models from previous catalogs [4FGL-DR2] for training

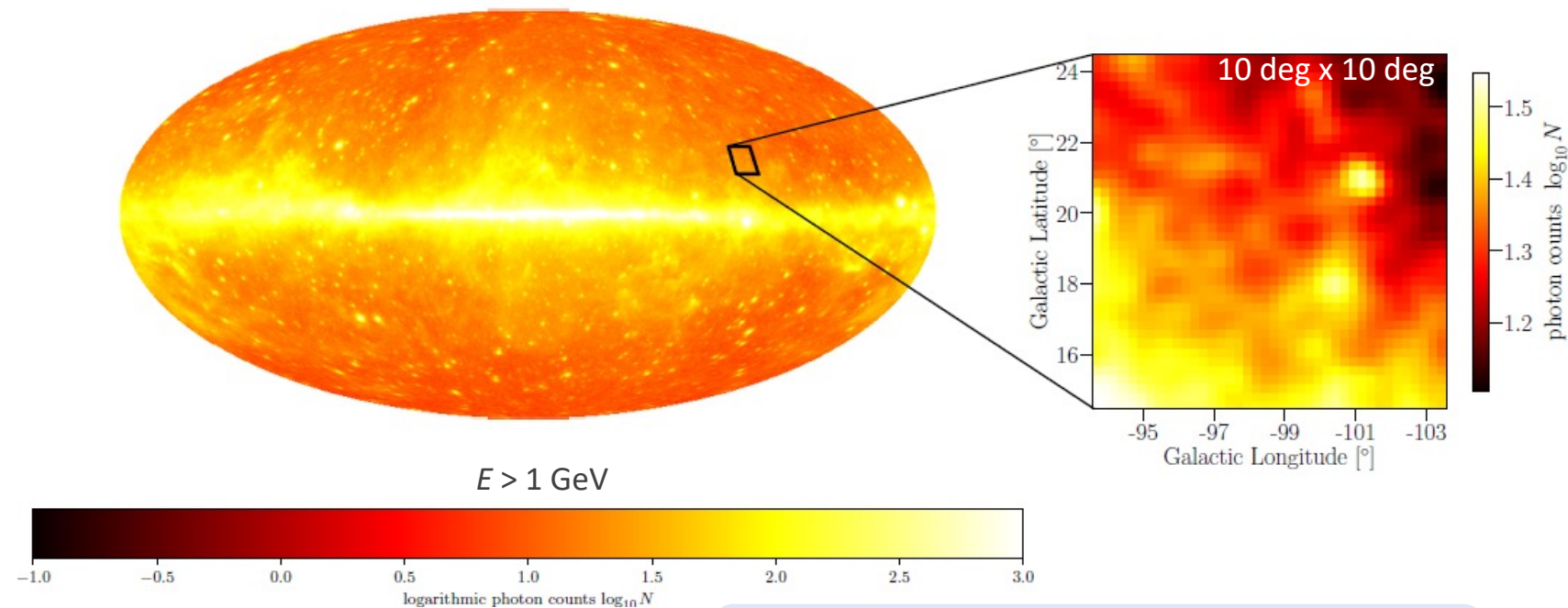
*Analyzing gamma-rays of the Galactic Center with deep learning*

S. Caron, G. A. Gómez-Vargas, L. Hendriks & R. Austri, JCAP05(2018)058, [arXiv: 1708.06706]

*Identification of point sources in gamma rays using U-shaped convolutional neural networks and a data challenge*

B. Panes, S. Caron, R. Austri, G. Zaharijas et.al, A&A (A62, 2021), [arXiv: 2103.11068]

- $300 \text{ MeV} < E < 1 \text{ TeV}$ , 6 energy bins
- Spatial resolution increases with energy: from 0.8 deg at 0.3 GeV, to 0.1 deg above 7 GeV
- Test robustness against different IE models



IE small scale structures



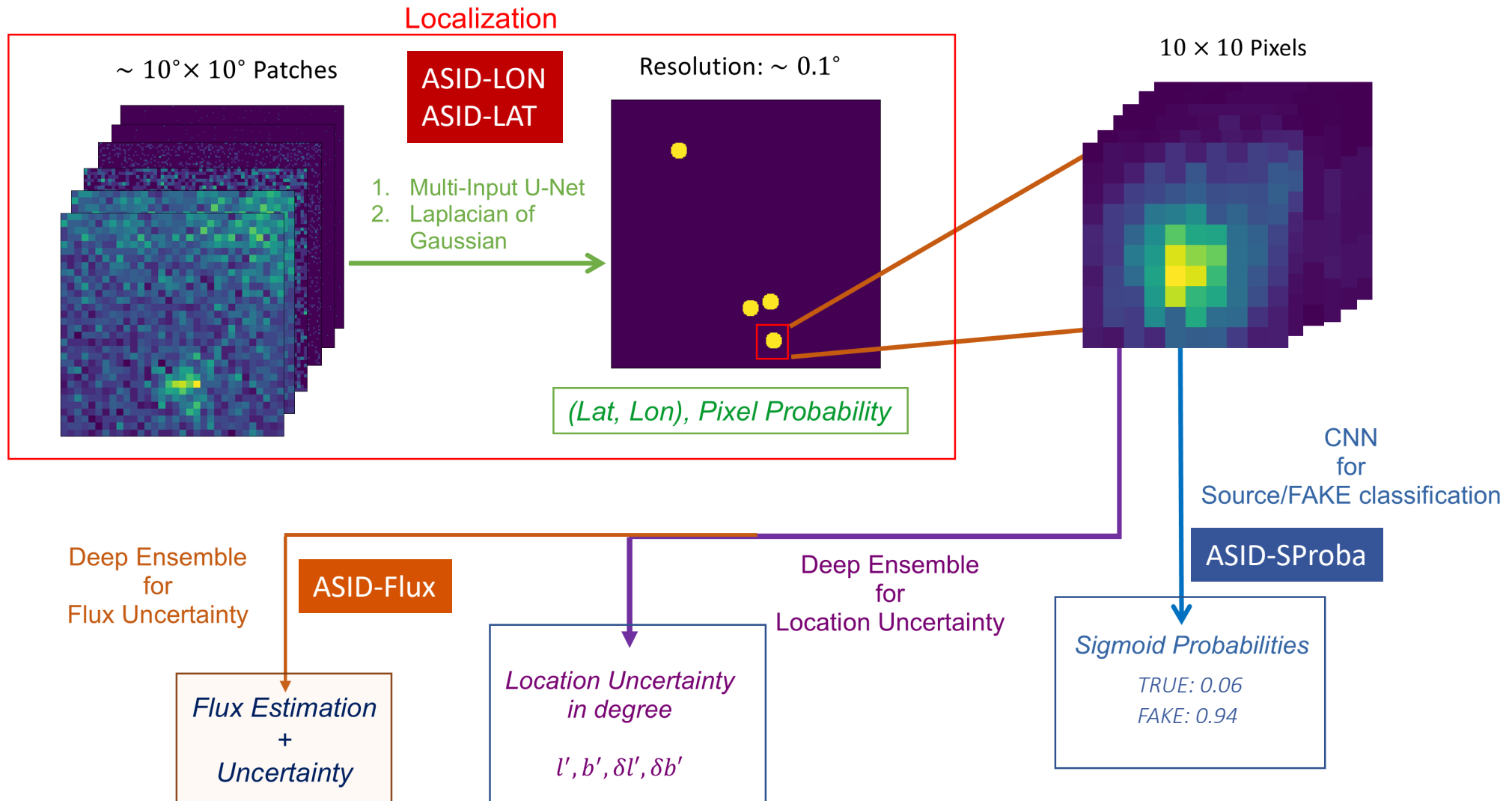
Misidentification of faint sources



Can DNN help obtaining a background agnostic catalog?

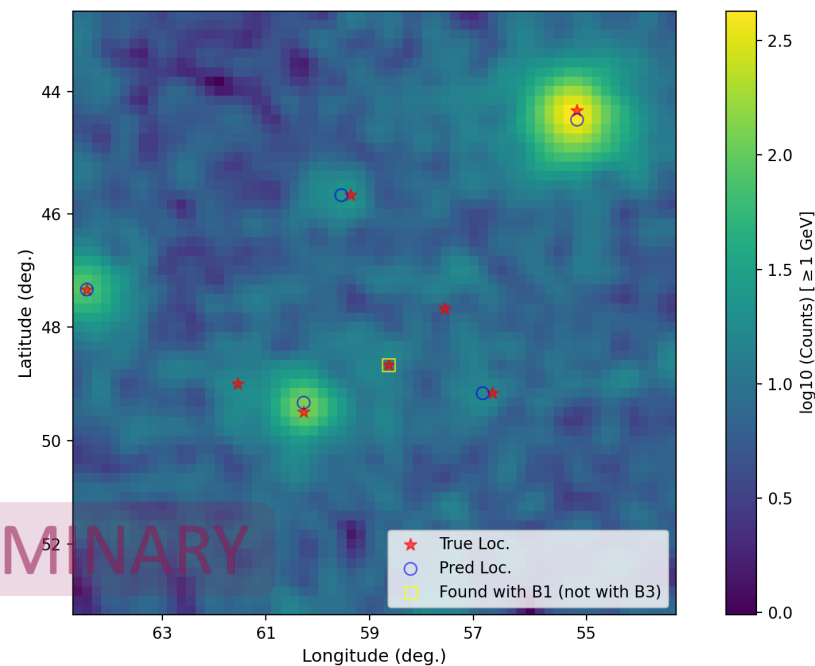
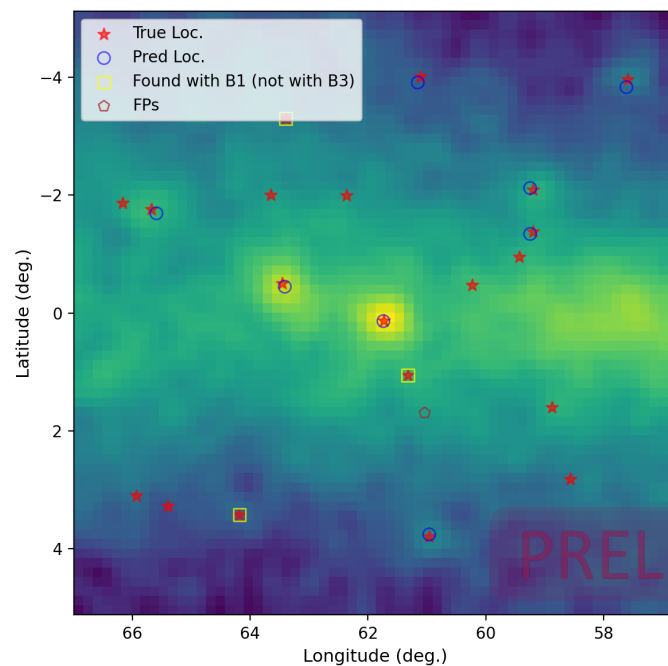
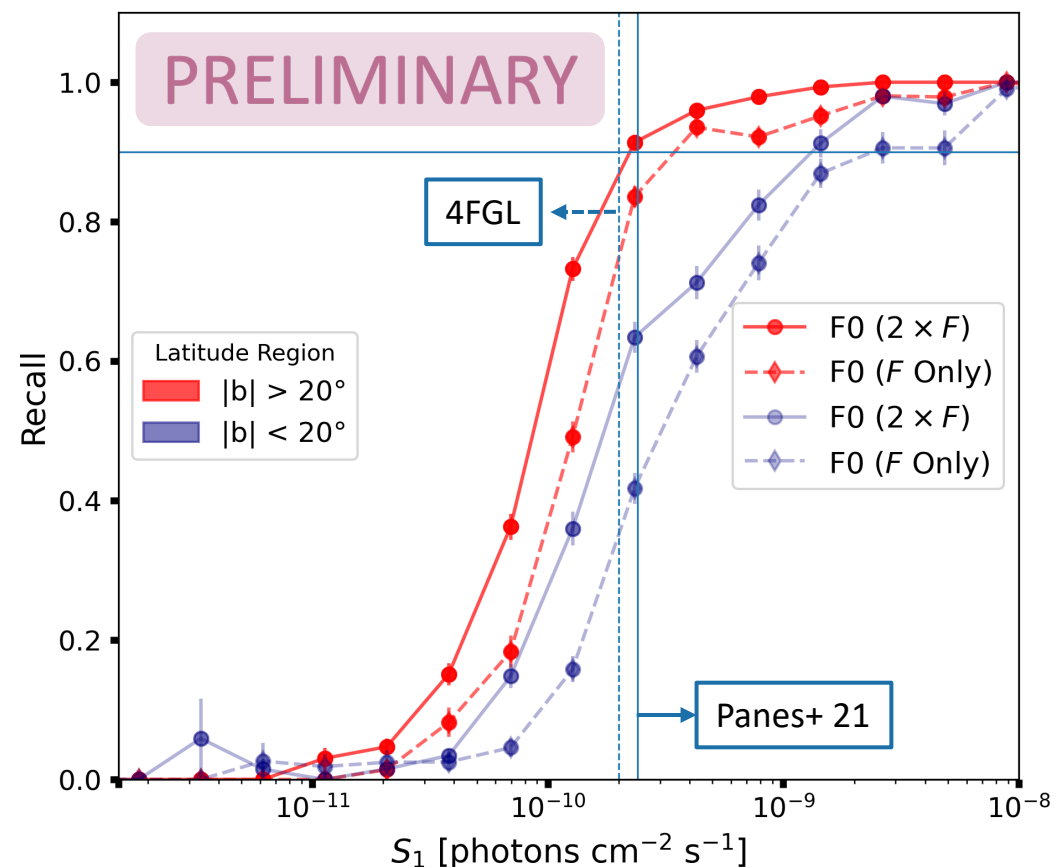
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## Complete Workflow of Source Location, Flux Estimation (+Uncertainty), Classification



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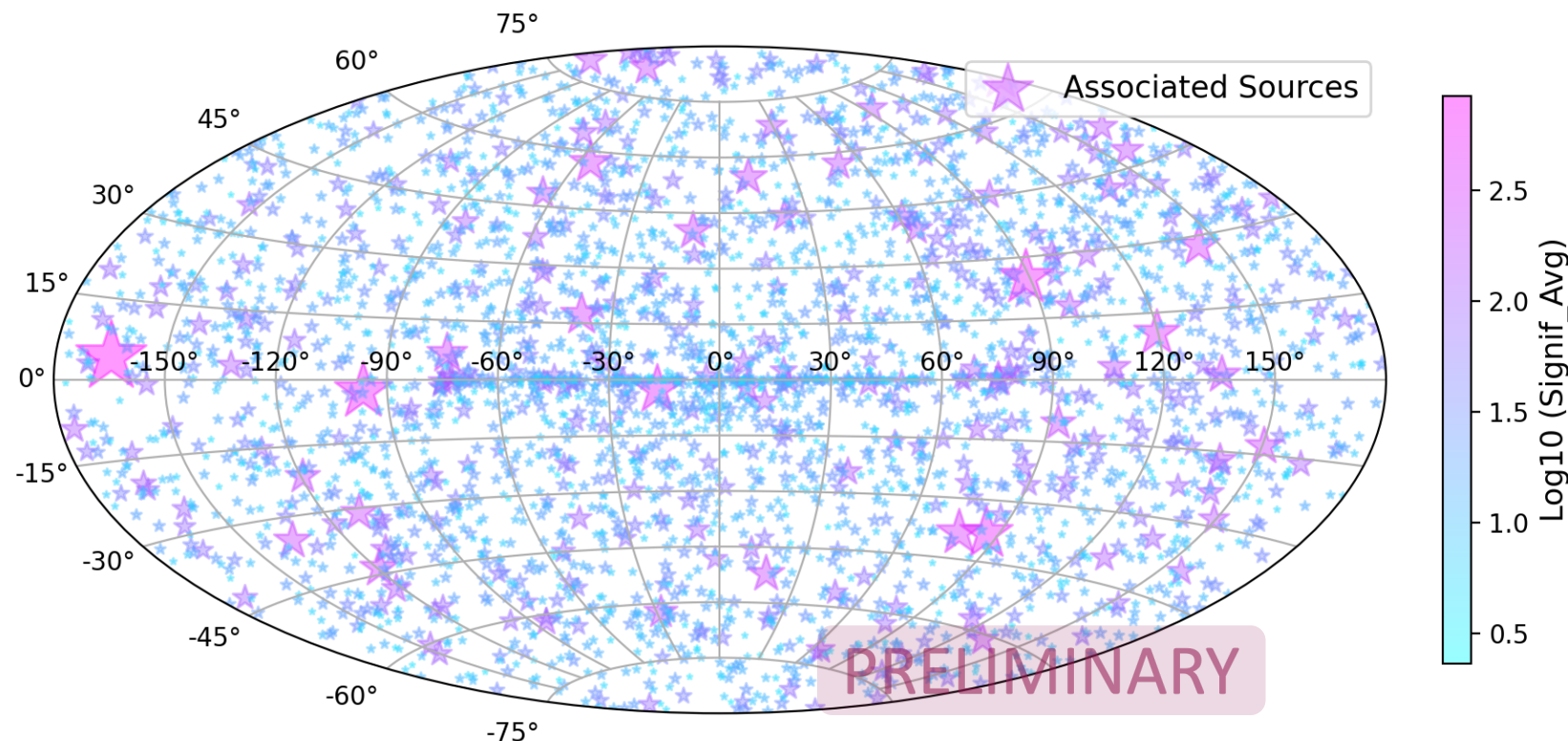
- Flux sensitivity of ASID is comparable to the 4FGL-DR2 detection threshold and to our previous work
- To test the robustness against different IEM models, use the pipeline trained with B1 IEM and test it with catalogs prepared using B1 and B2 IEMs separately



# FERMI-LAT: BUILDING A COMPLEMENTARY GAMMA-RAY CATALOG

- Comparison with 4FGL-DR2 catalog:
  - For sources with  $\sigma > 20$ , more than **90% association** independent on latitude
  - For sources with  $20 < \sigma < 10$  and  $|b| > 20$  deg, **90% association**
  - For sources with  $20 < \sigma < 10$  and  $|b| < 20$  deg, **77% association**

Final catalog-like product



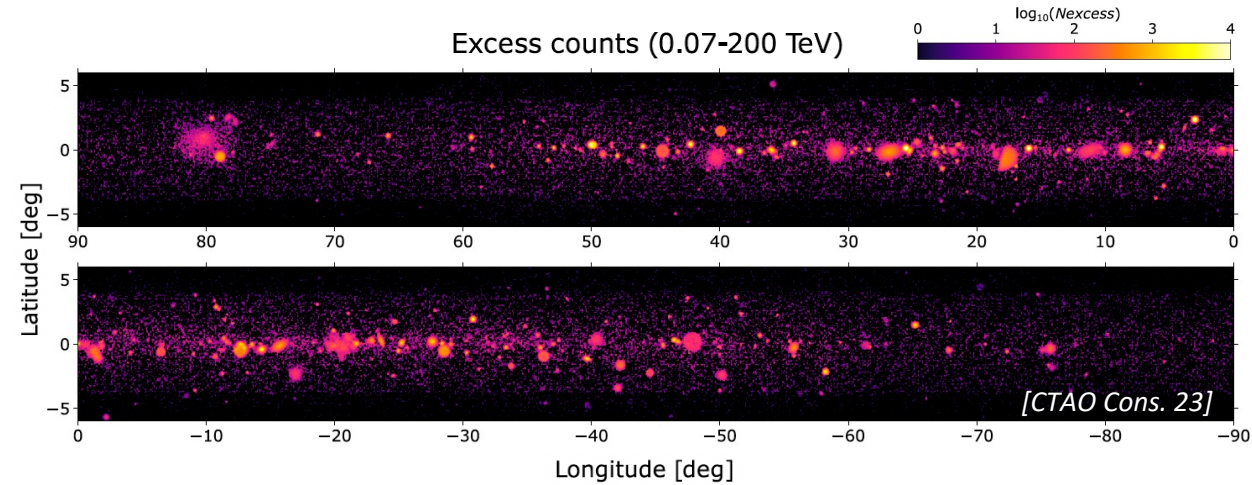
| ASID-LON | ASID-LAT | ASID-SC            | ASID-SProba         | ASID-Flux                         | DR2-Name          |
|----------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| ° (deg.) | ° (deg.) | Binary Class (0/1) | Sigmoid Probability | ph. $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ |                   |
| 287.603  | -0.627   | 0                  | $3.18e-12$          | $6.037e-8$                        | 4FGL J1045.1-5940 |
| 304.097  | -45.137  | 0                  | $2.69e-4$           | $2.827e-10$                       | 4FGL J0040.7-7157 |
| 349.823  | 9.238    | 0                  | $3.94e-4$           | $2.627e-10$                       | 4FGL J1643.3-3148 |
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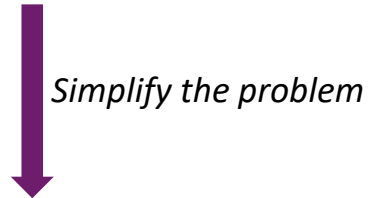


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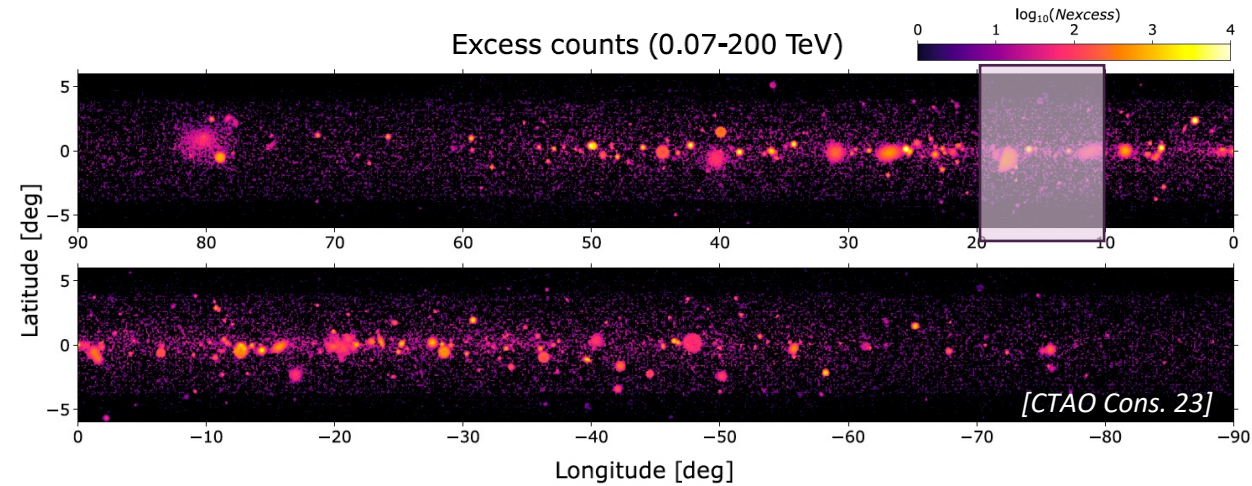
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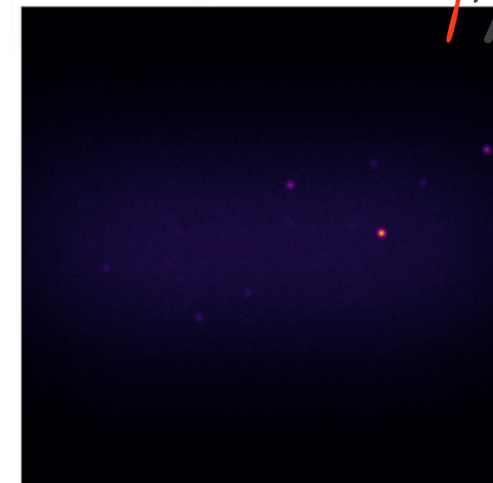


- Simulate a toy gamma-ray sky with only point-like sources
- Keep the original spatial and spectral distribution of sources
- One patch: 10 x 10 deg (512 x 512 pix), 3 energy bins

Proof of concept:  
Learn how to improve detection and localization  
of sources in CTAO toy-simulation



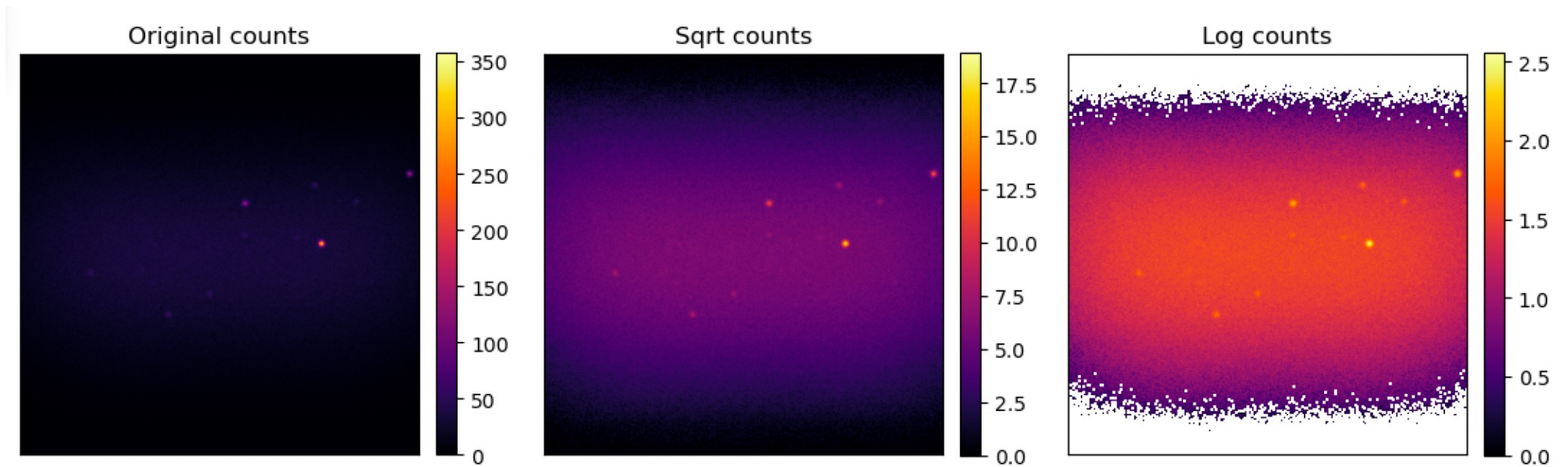
*Simplify the problem*



 A Python package for  
gamma-ray astronomy

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1. Image scaling using ASID
  - Naturally enhances contrast between sources and background

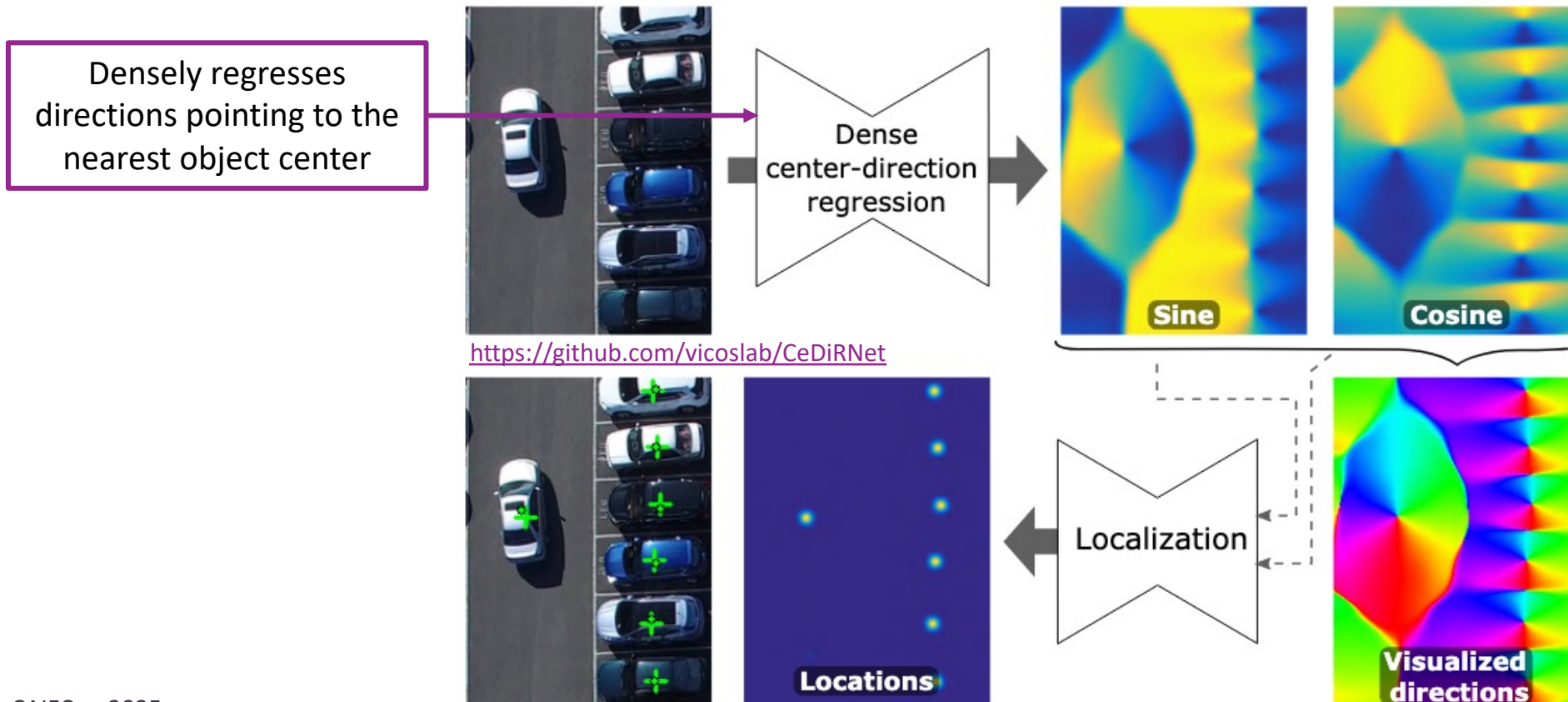


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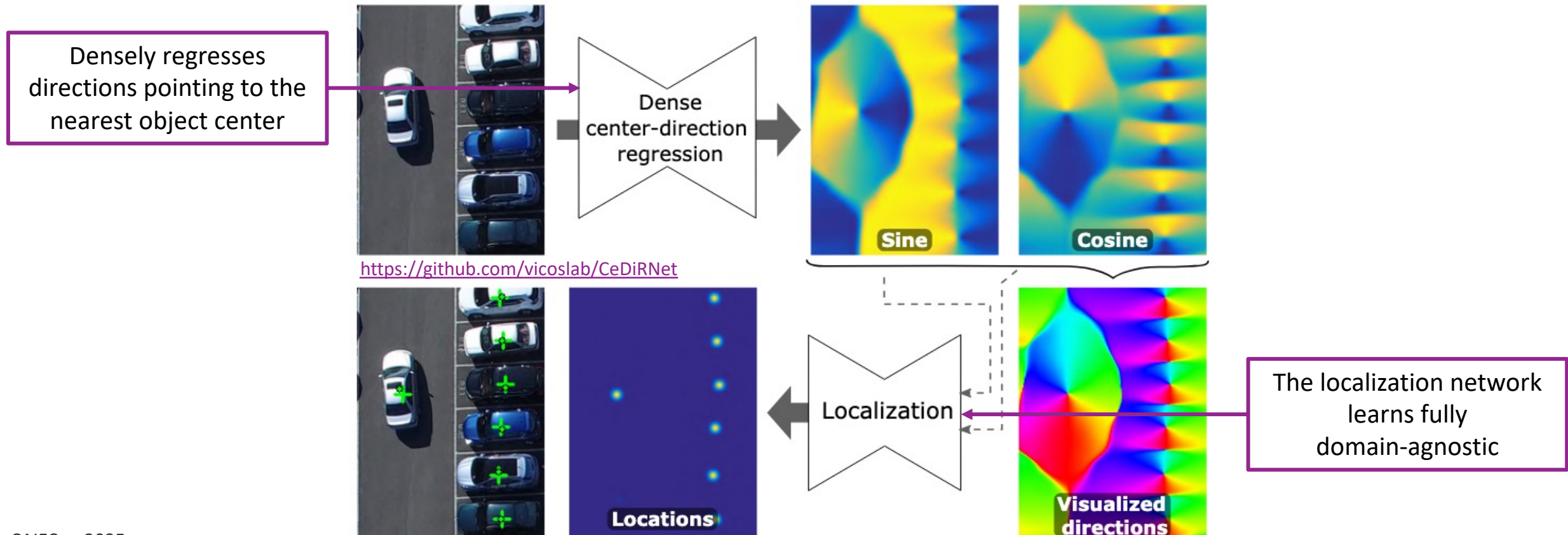


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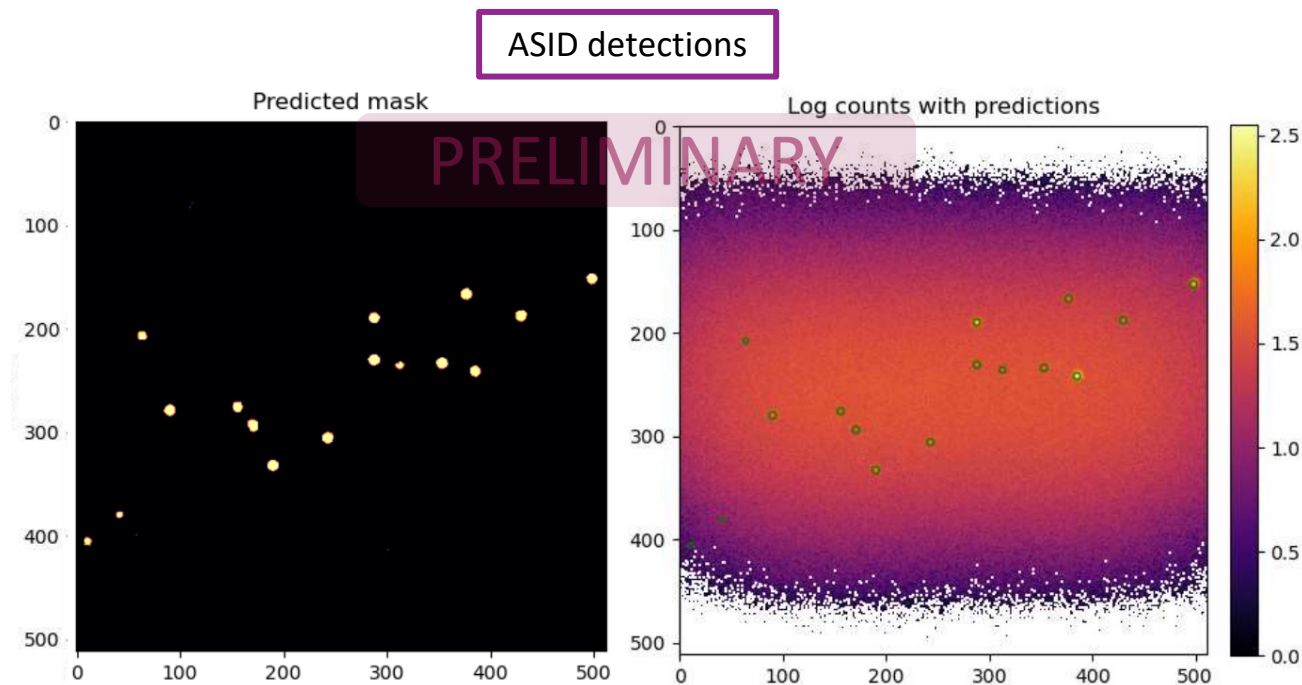
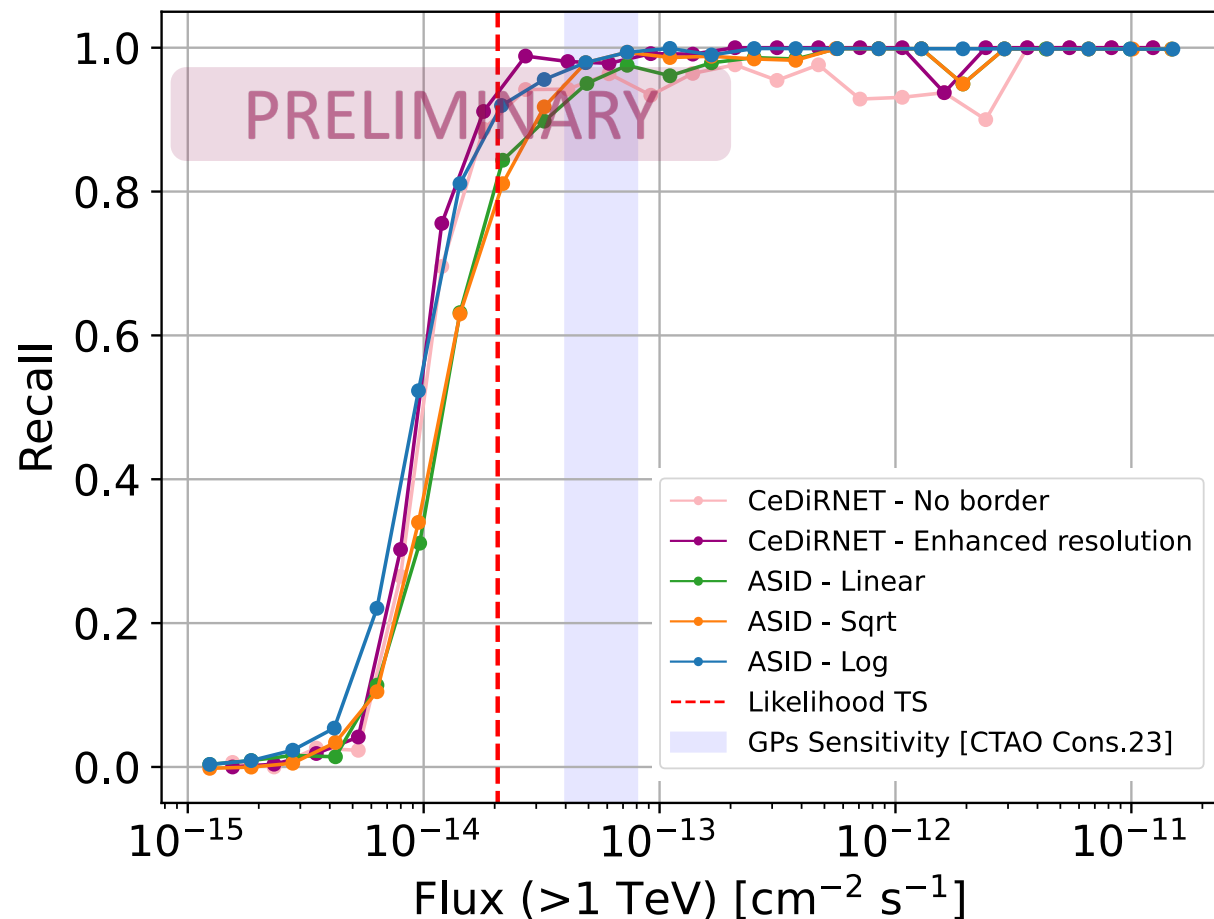
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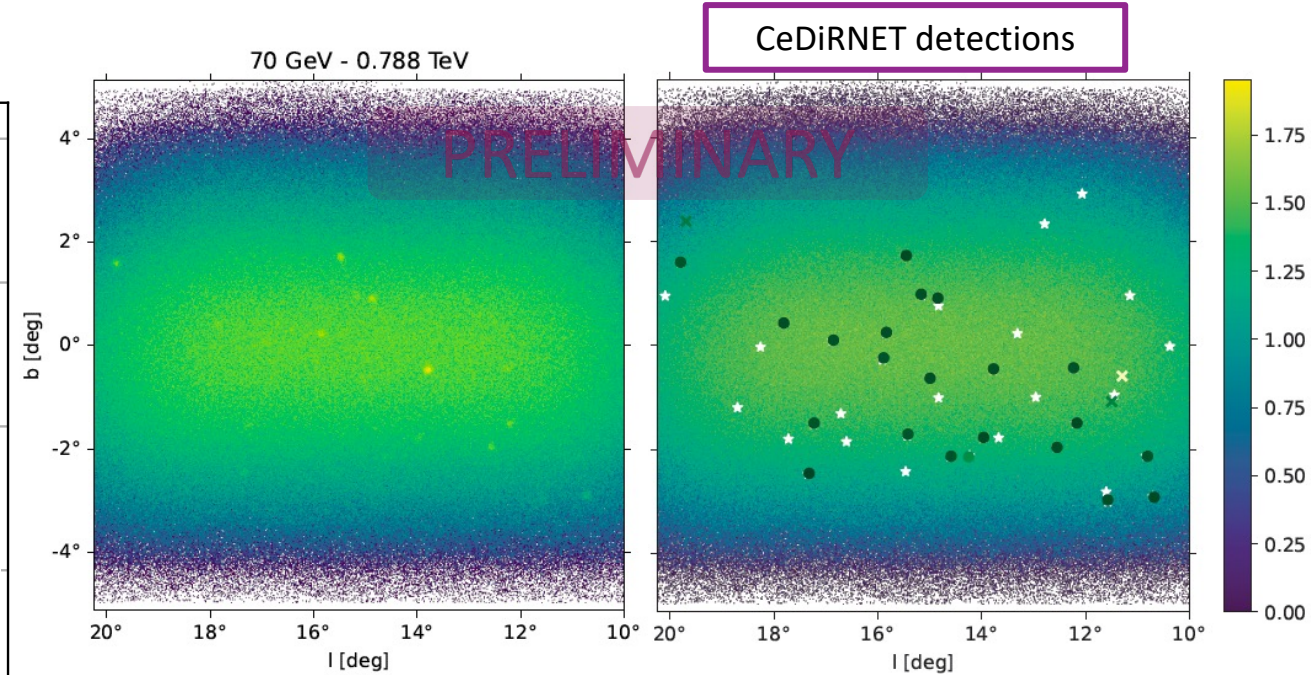
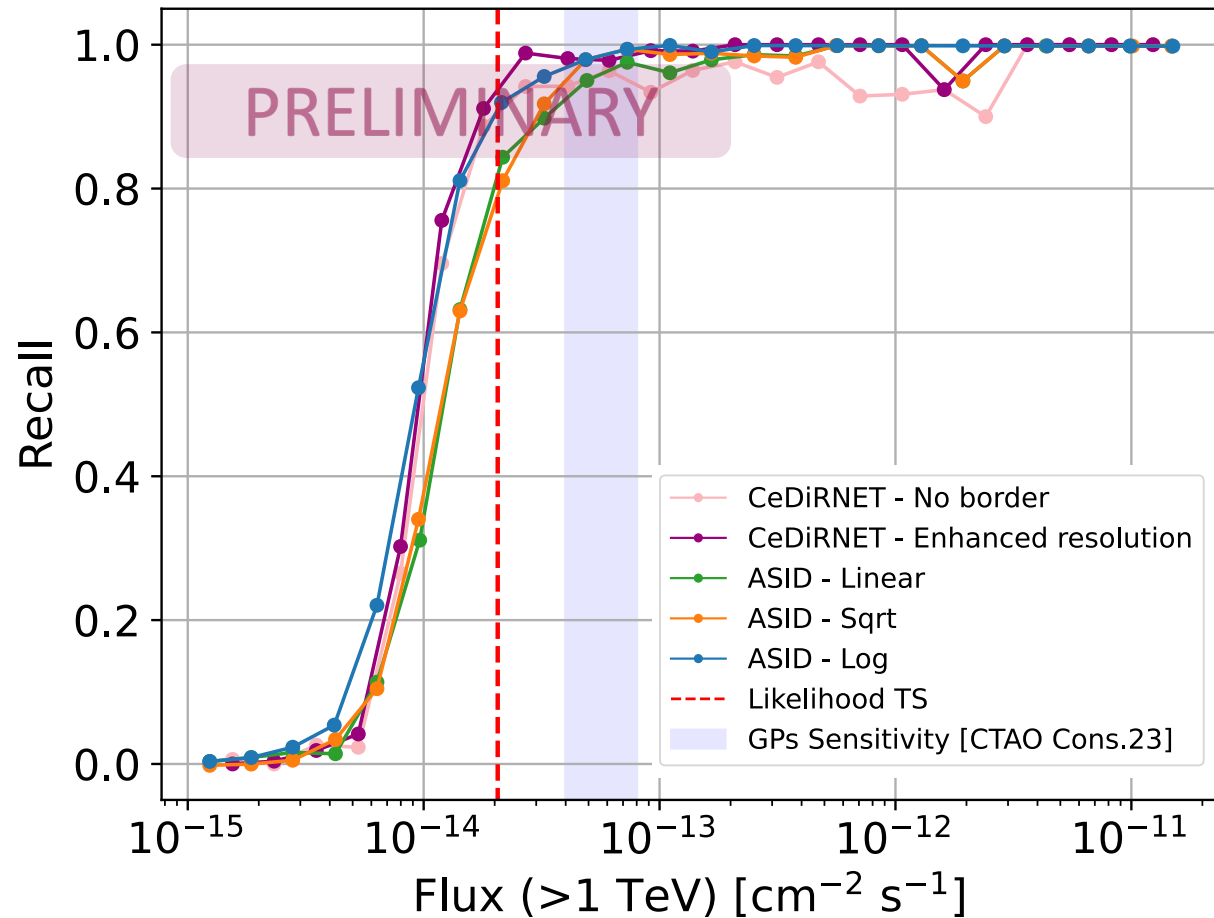
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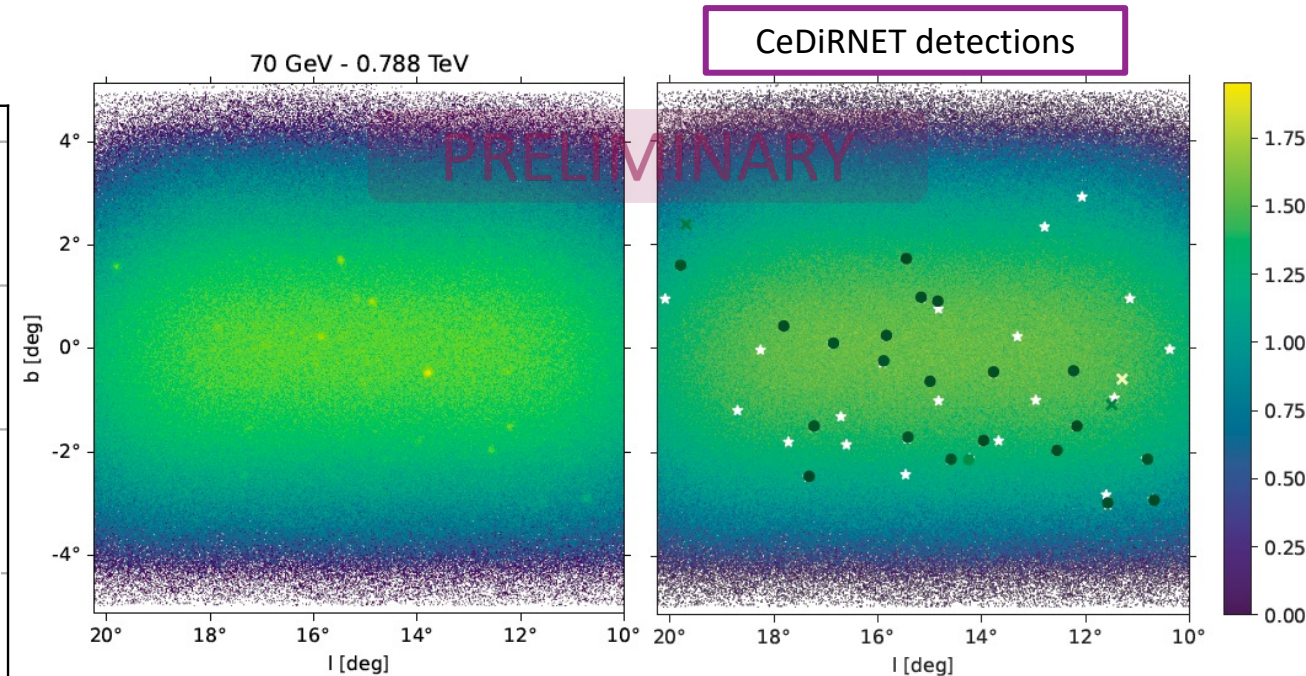
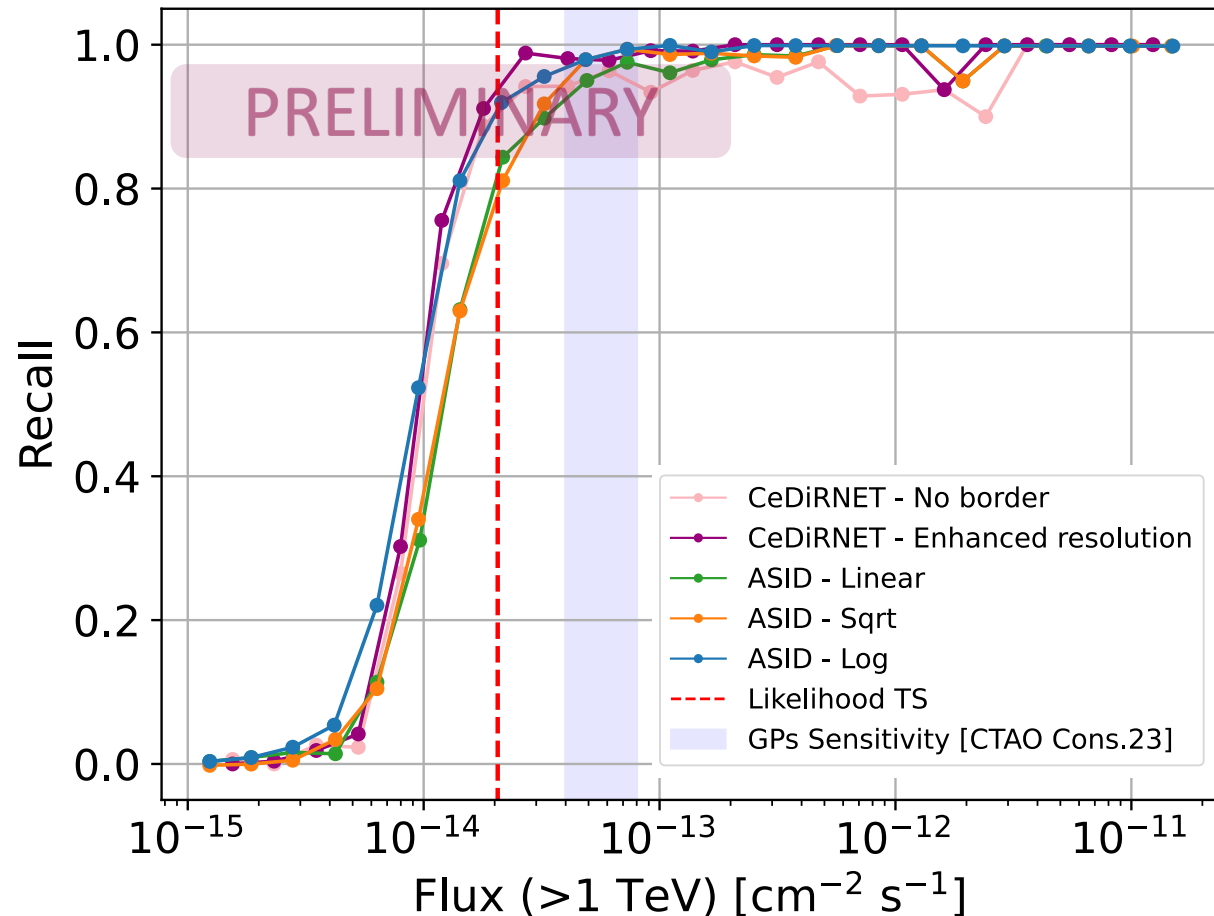
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- On going work:
  - Denoising pipeline (U-Net, diffusion model...)
  - **Realistic CTAO data** (across the GP, state-of-the-art models for populations of sources)
  - Detection of **extended & overlapping** sources

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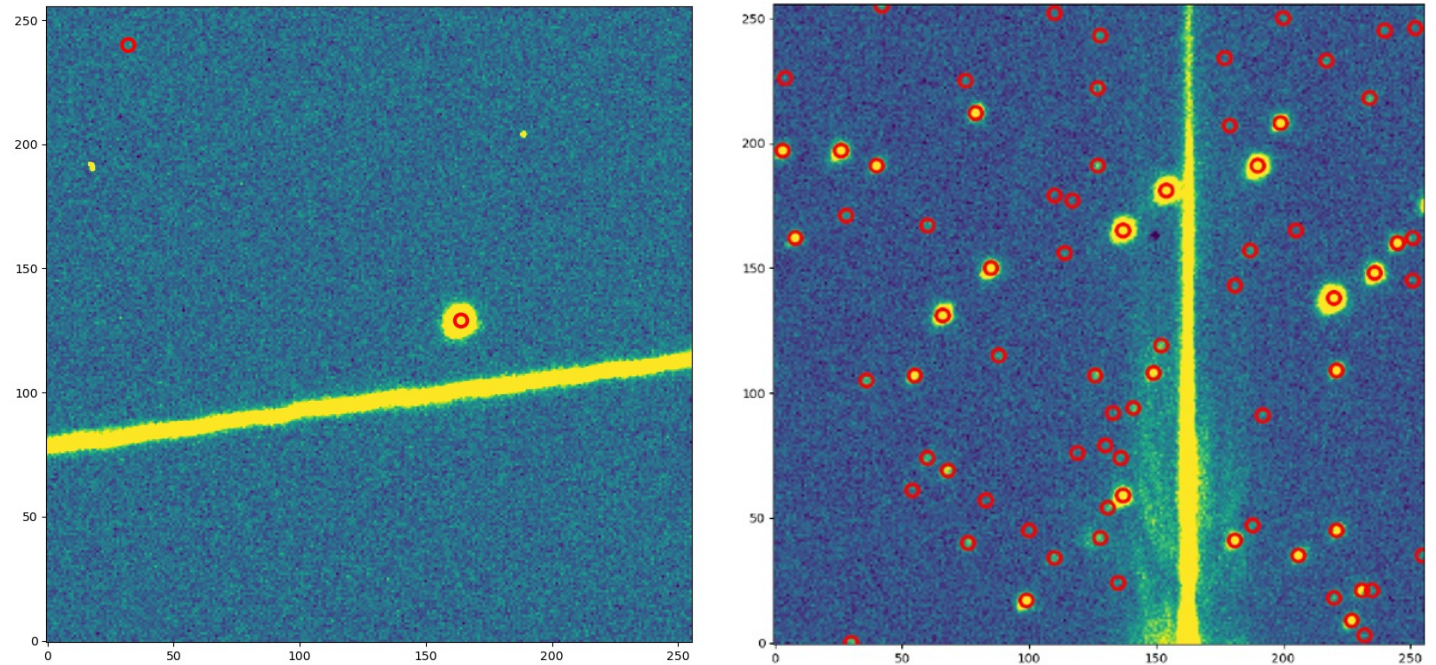
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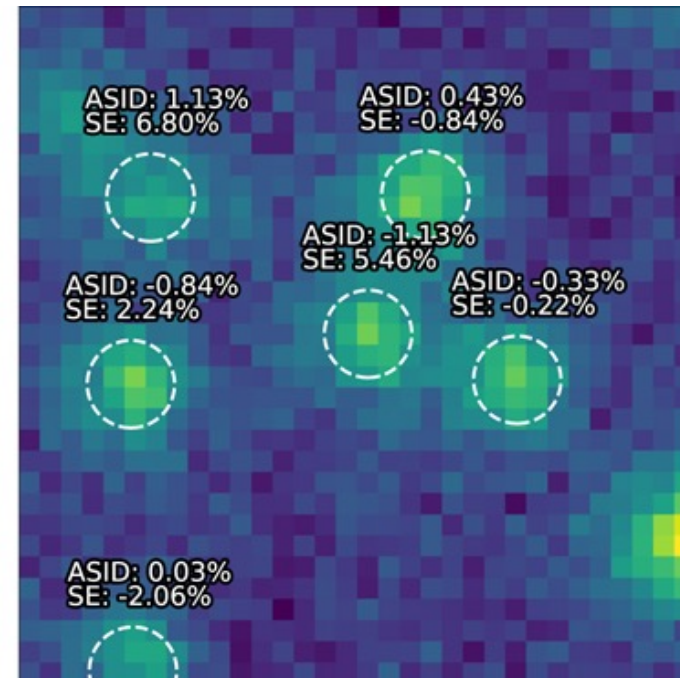
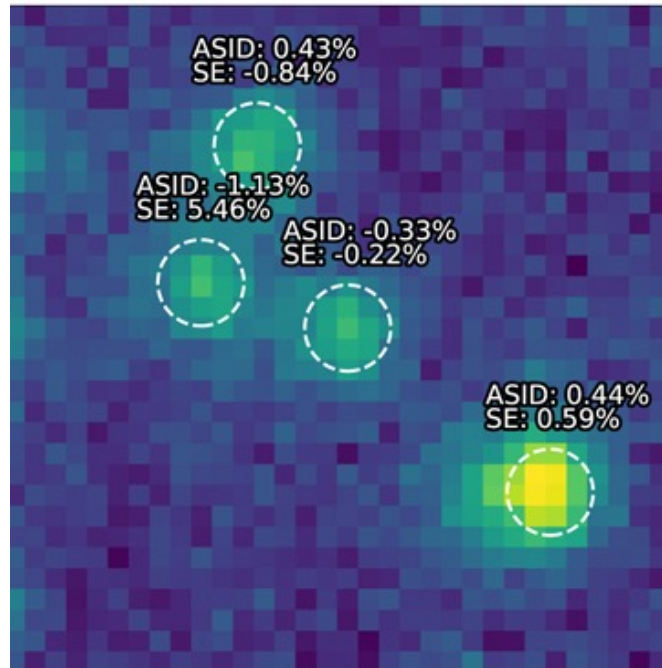
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Predicted flux percentage error



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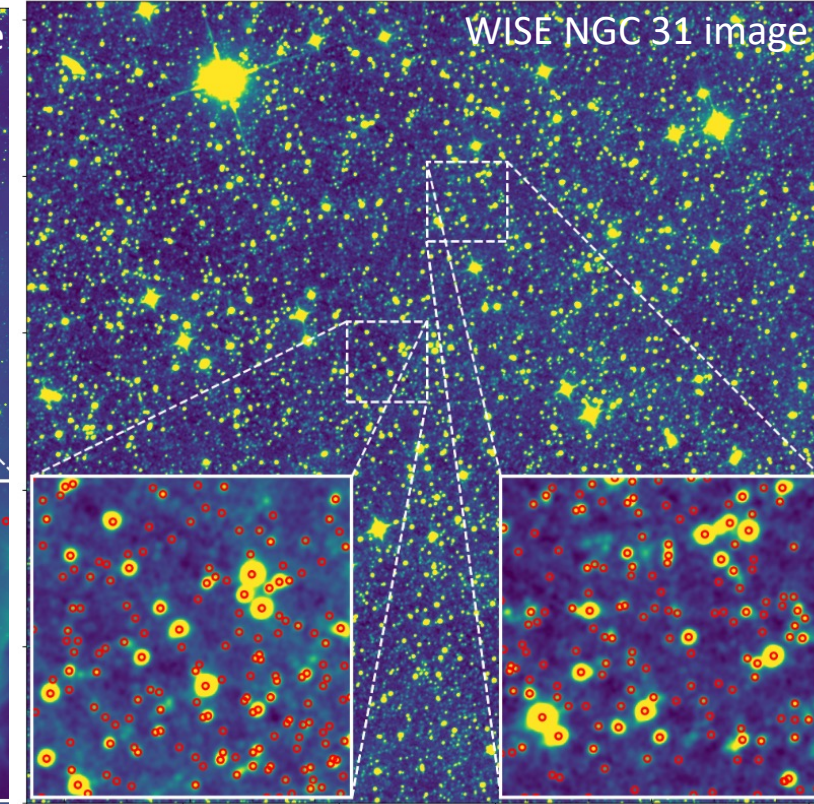
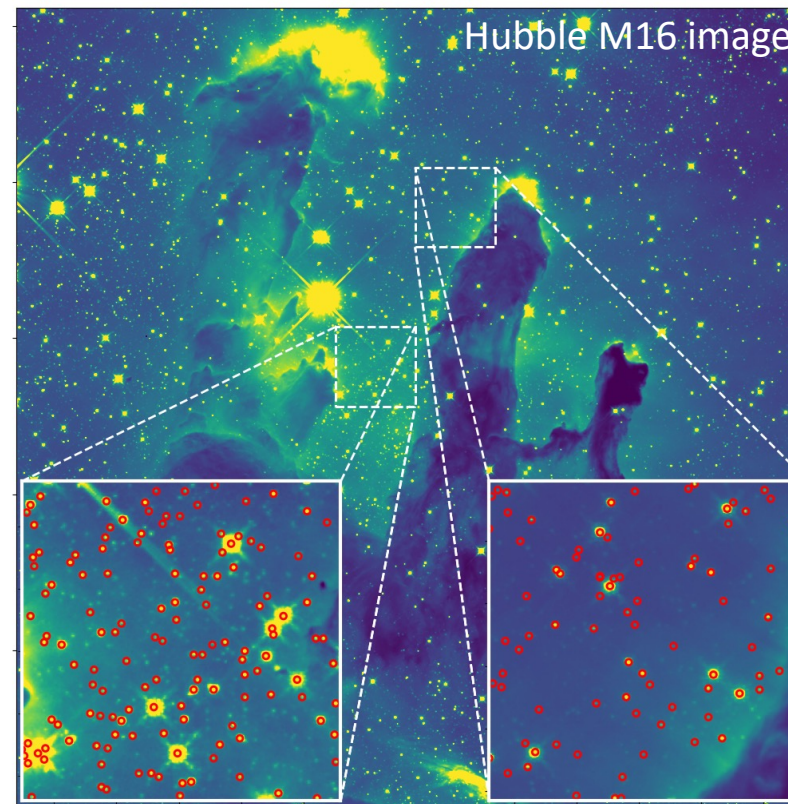
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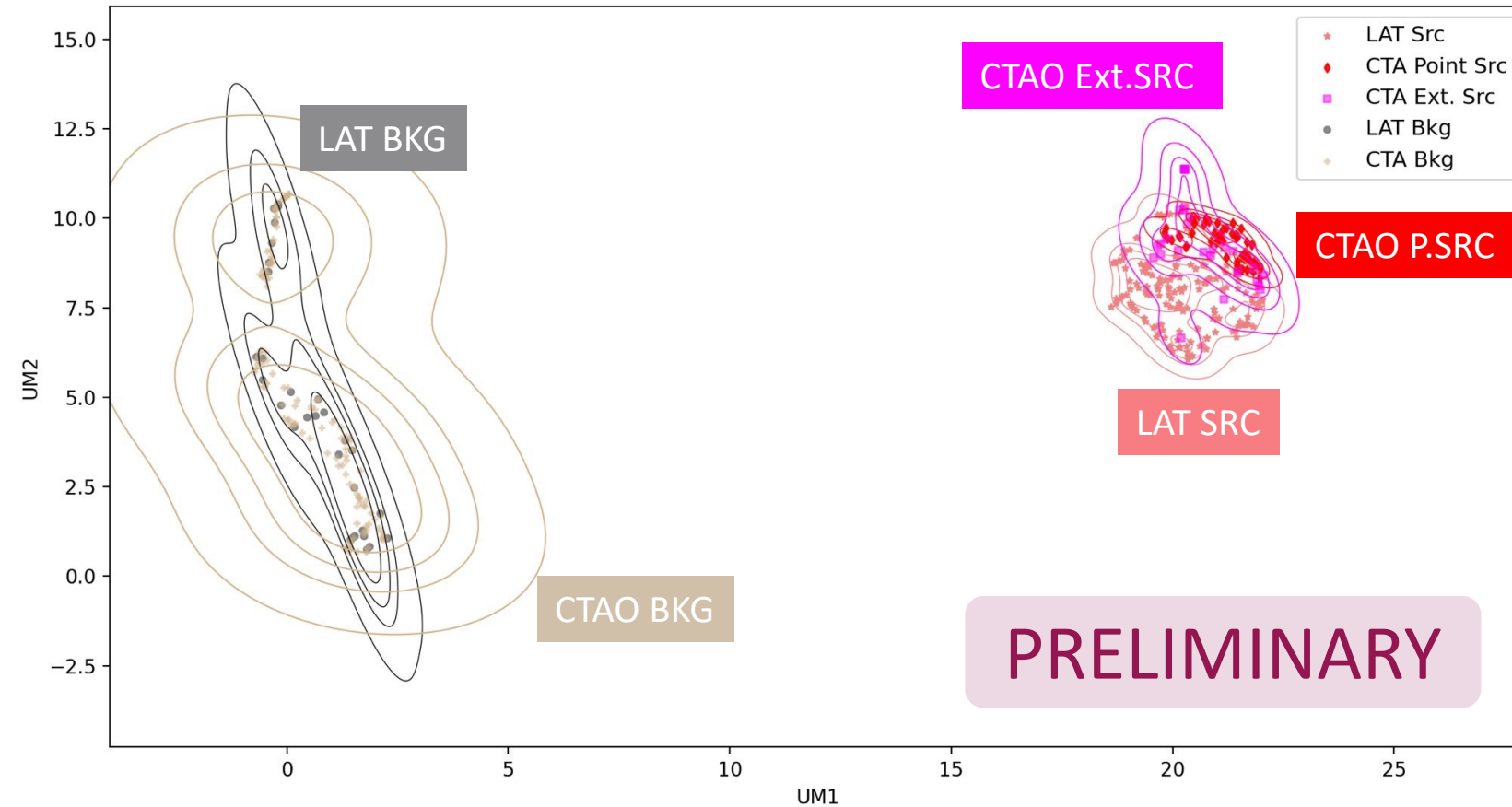
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- Try **transfer learning** with Hubble data
  - Hubble PSF: 0.11 arcsec
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First hints: is it possible to build a foundational model for source detection across wavelengths?

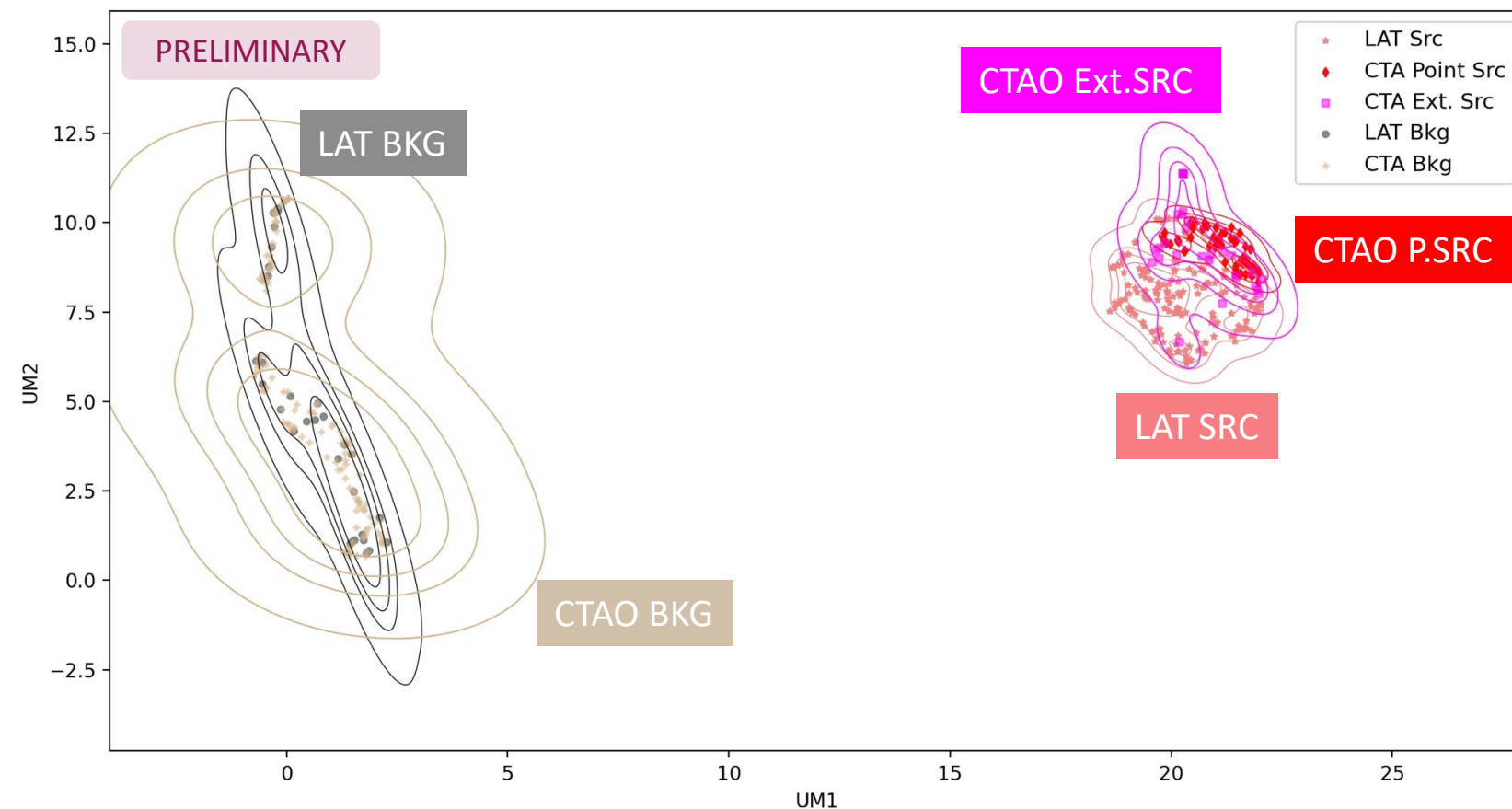


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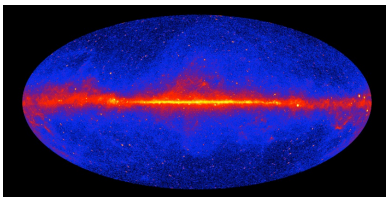
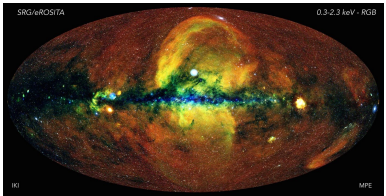
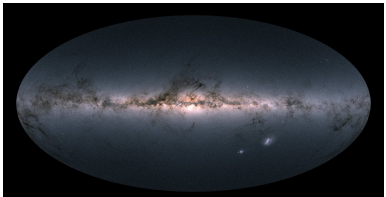


Next steps:

- Include datapoints from other wavelengths in latent space
- Tokenization

# TOWARDS FOUNDATION MODEL FOR ASTROPHYSICAL SOURCE DETECTION

Input Data



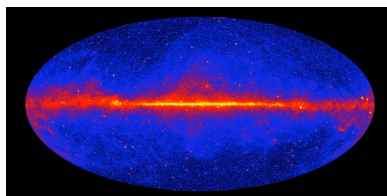
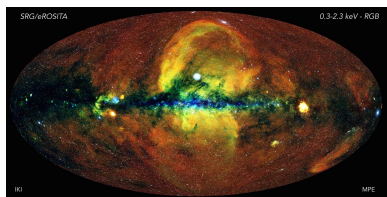
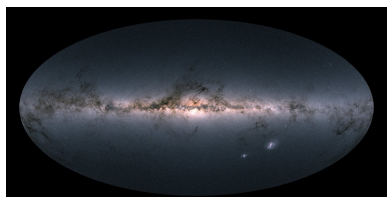
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ASID-LAT

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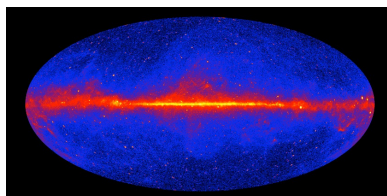
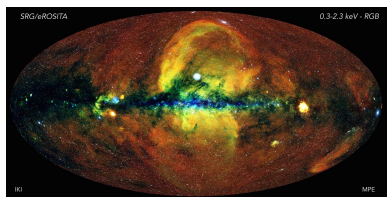
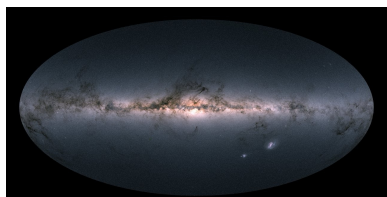
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## Characterization of Individual Sources: Catalog

- Flux Prediction **ASID-Flux** **ASID-FE**
- Class Labels/Probabilities **ASID-SProba**
- Source Extension
- Location uncertainty
- ....

# TOWARDS FOUNDATION MODEL FOR ASTROPHYSICAL SOURCE DETECTION

## Input Data



Can we remove background?  
Could this help next tasks?

Detection + Localization

ASID-LON  
ASID-LAT

ASID-LIGHT

Can we generate high-quality data?

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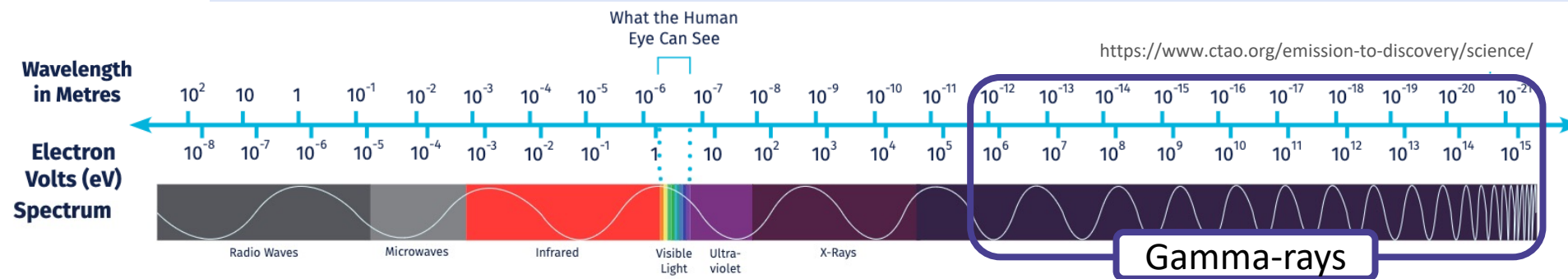


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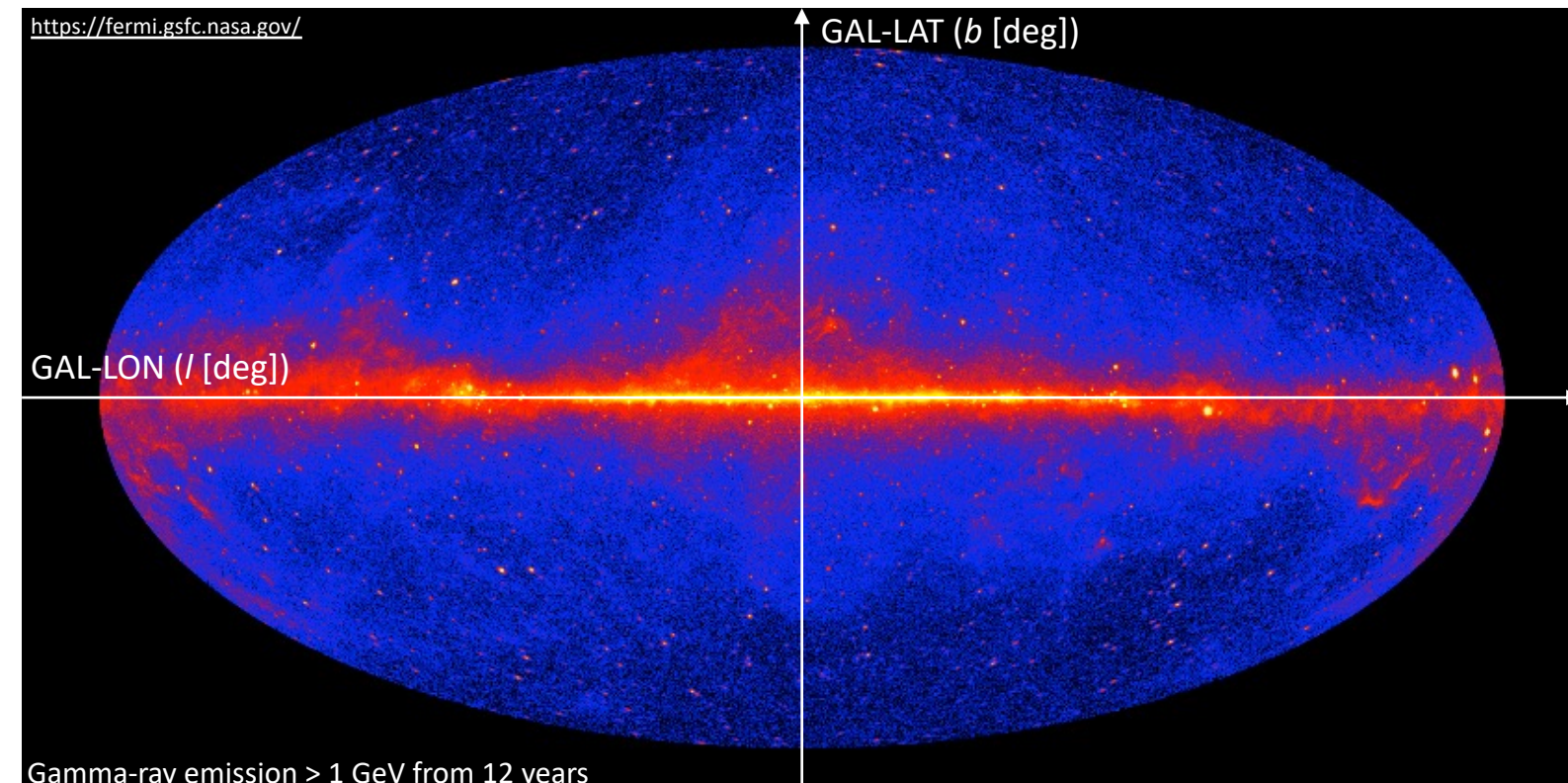


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# THE GAMMA-RAY SKY



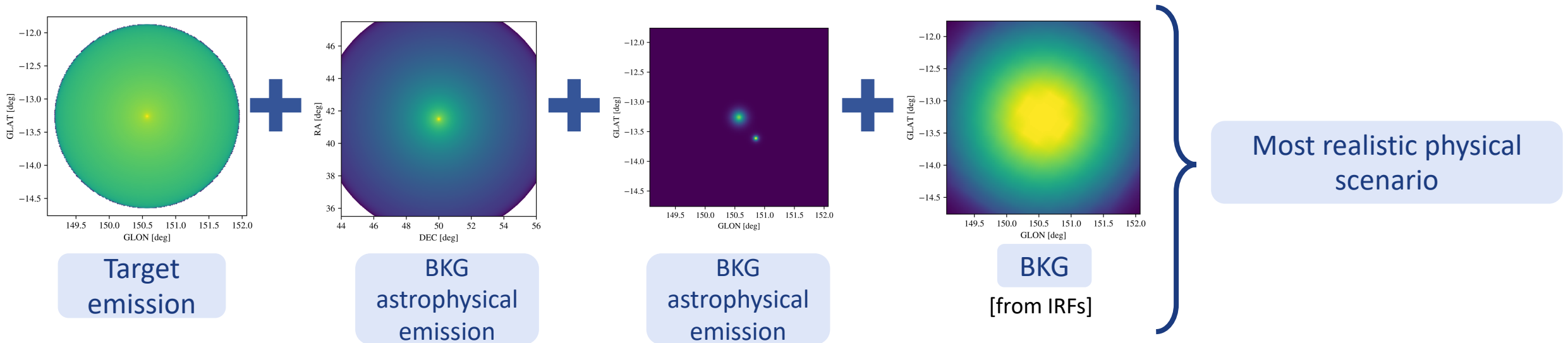
Gamma-rays are  
electromagnetic  
radiation  $> 100$  keV



- Gamma-rays travel in straight lines, allowing to determine their origin
- Originated from non-thermal processes
- Gamma-ray sources:
  - Galactic
  - Extragalactic
  - Exotic (?)

# GAMMA-RAY STANDARD ANALYSIS

- Includes all expected gamma-ray sources: Target + Astrophysical Backgrounds (BKG) + BKG from Instrument Response Function (IRFs)



- Use likelihood ratio test to fit the models to the simulated data:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta} | D) = \sum_i \tilde{M}_i(\vec{\theta}) - d_i \ln(\tilde{M}_i(\vec{\theta}))$$

Poissonian likelihood for each parameter



$$TS = 2 \log \left[ \frac{\mathcal{L}(A_\chi, \hat{\nu})}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{null}}(A_\chi = 0, \hat{\nu})} \right]$$

- $TS < 25 \rightarrow$  No signal

# ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

- Standard gamma-ray analysis:

Models for: signal + **background** (with uncertainties) + Likelihood fitting

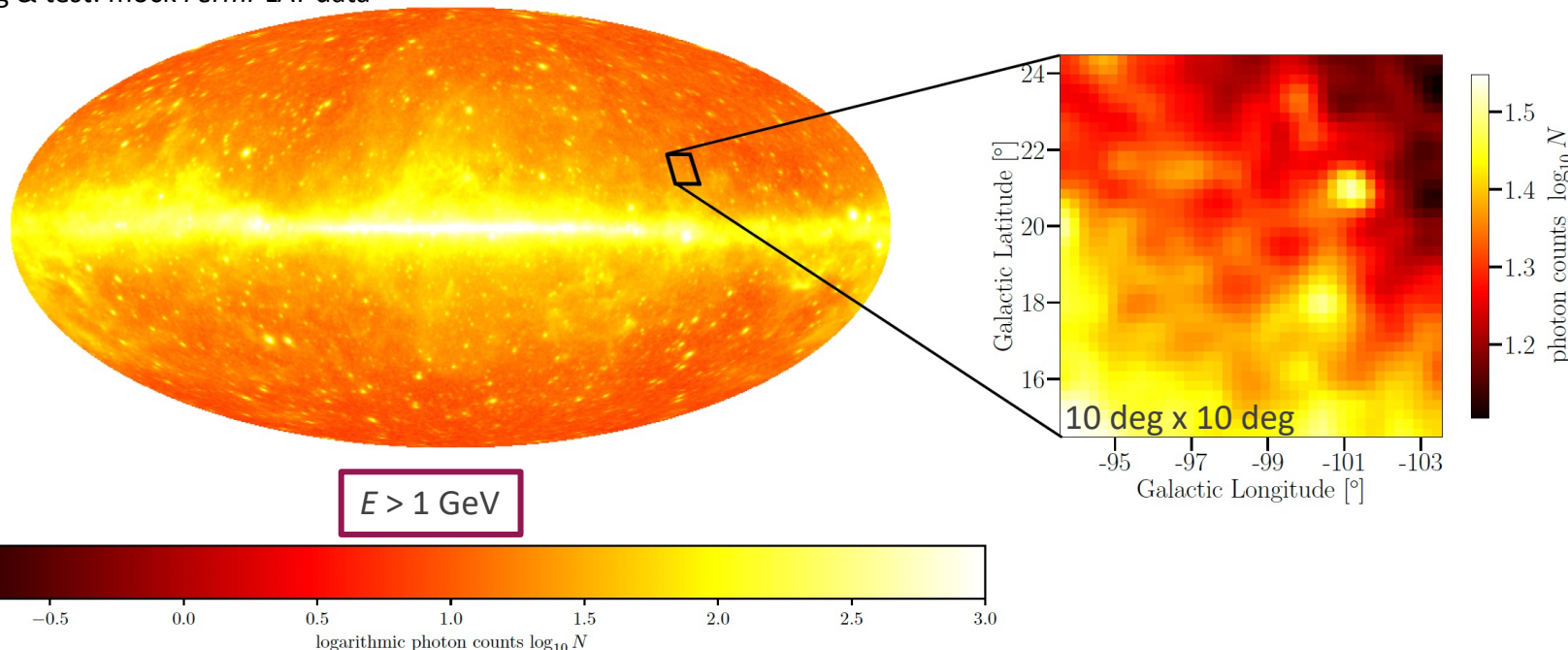


Lack of knowledge of backgrounds can introduce strong biases

**AutoSourceID** (ASID) [Panes+21]

<https://github.com/bapanes/AutoSourceID>

Training & test: mock *Fermi*-LAT data



- CNN pipeline based on U-Net algorithms
  - Goal: **detect** and classify **point-like** sources
- Detection: U-NET + clustering algorithm (*k-means*, Centroid-NET)
  - Classification: deep NN to classify different sources (from energy features)

# ASID METHODOLOGY FOR DETECTION OF POINT-LIKE SOURCES

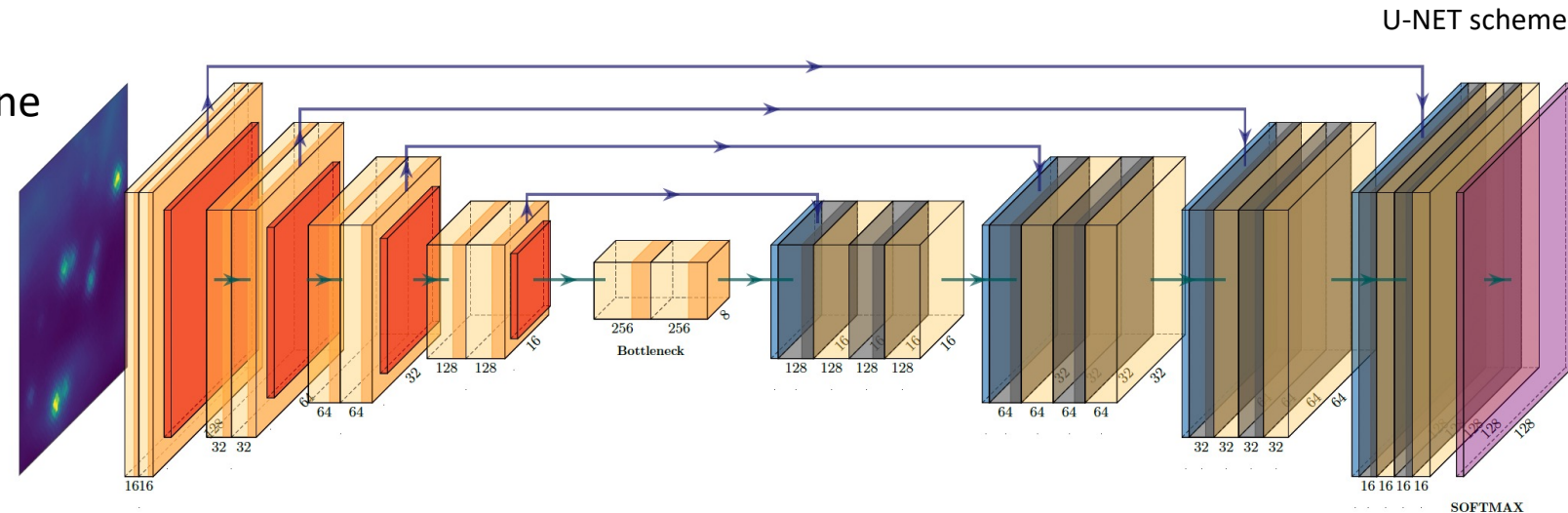
**AutoSourceID** (ASID) [Panes+21]

<https://github.com/bapanes/AutoSourceID>

ML tool to directly analyse gamma-ray image datasets

- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) pipeline based on U-Net algorithms
- Goal: **detect** (localize) **point-like** sources

Semantic segmentation



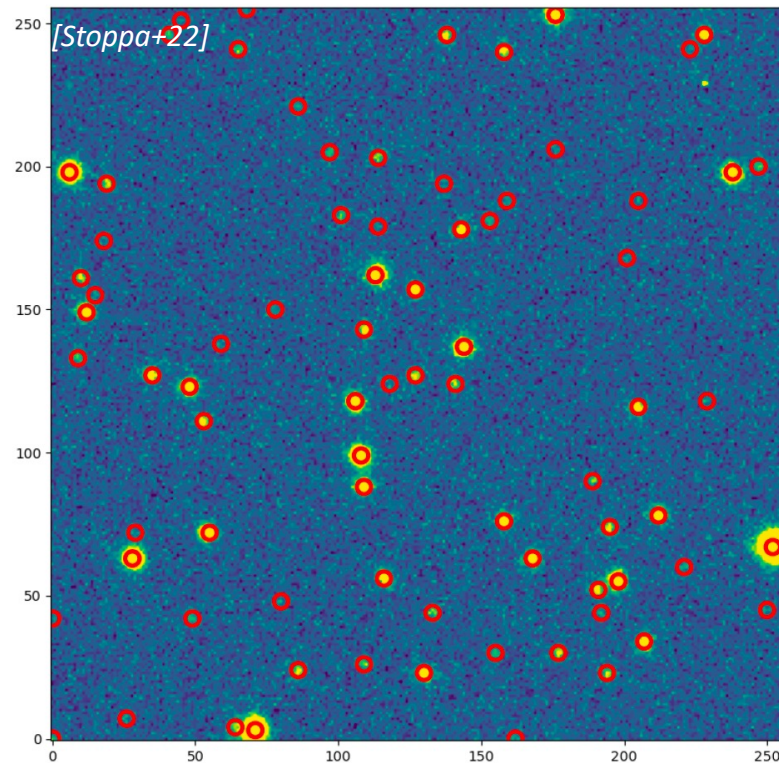
- U-Net produces segmented regions around point sources
- For each input patch there is per-pixel classification (background vs. foreground)
- Label scores:  $\sim 1$  (for pixels in the region around a point source) and  $\sim 0$  (otherwise)
- To translate this to positions, apply a clustering algorithm

# ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

## Localization

### Laplacian of Gaussian filter

$$\text{LoG}(x, y; \sigma^2) = -\frac{1}{\pi\sigma^4} \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



**AutoSourceID-Light** (ASID-L) [Stoppa+22]

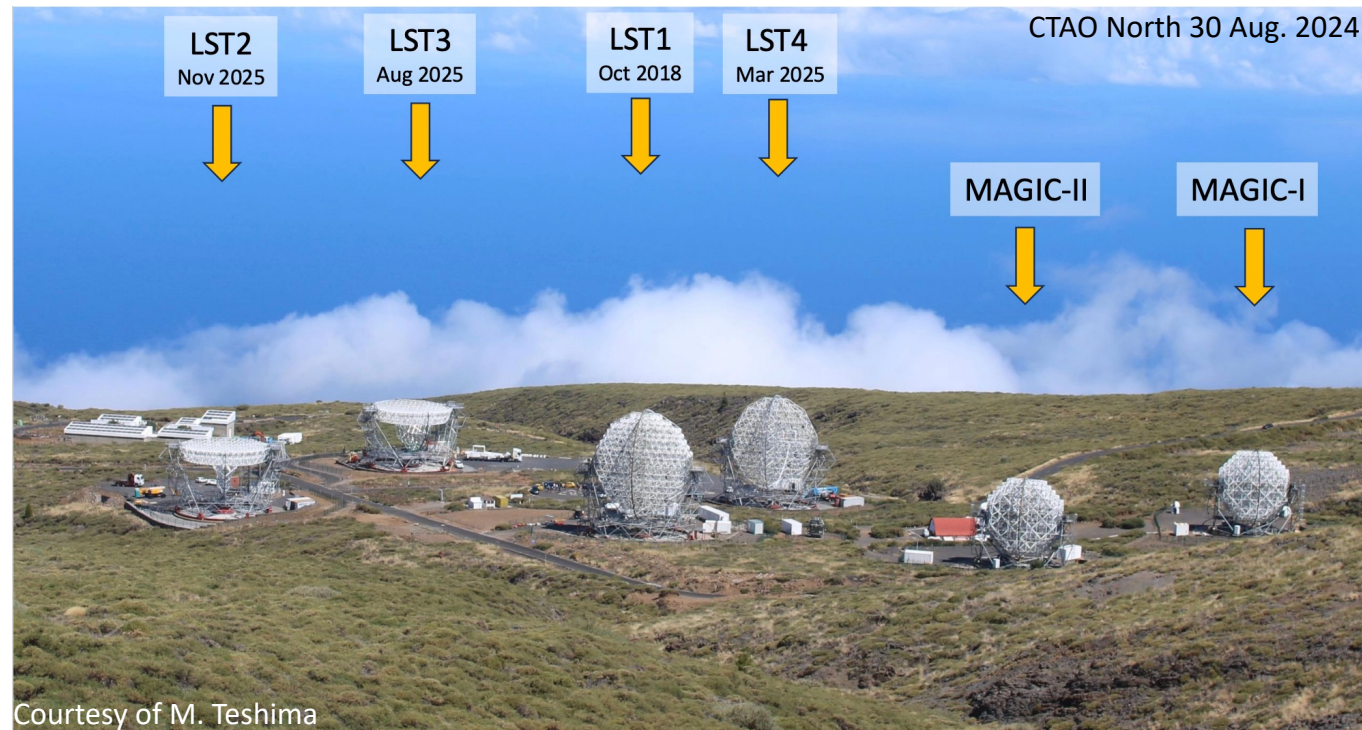
<https://github.com/FiorenSt/AutoSourceID-Light>

# ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES: CTAO

- Future of Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes for VHE gamma-ray astronomy
- 2 arrays: Northern Array (La Palma, Spain) and Southern Array (Paranal, Chile)
- First LST already in operations!

CTAO

<https://www.cta-observatory.org/>



| SST                      | MST                       | LST                     | Energy range     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 5 - 300 TeV              | 150 GeV - 5 TeV           | 20 - 150 GeV            | 20 GeV - 300 TeV |
| $D_{\phi} = 4.3\text{m}$ | $D_{\phi} = 11.5\text{m}$ | $D_{\phi} = 23\text{m}$ |                  |

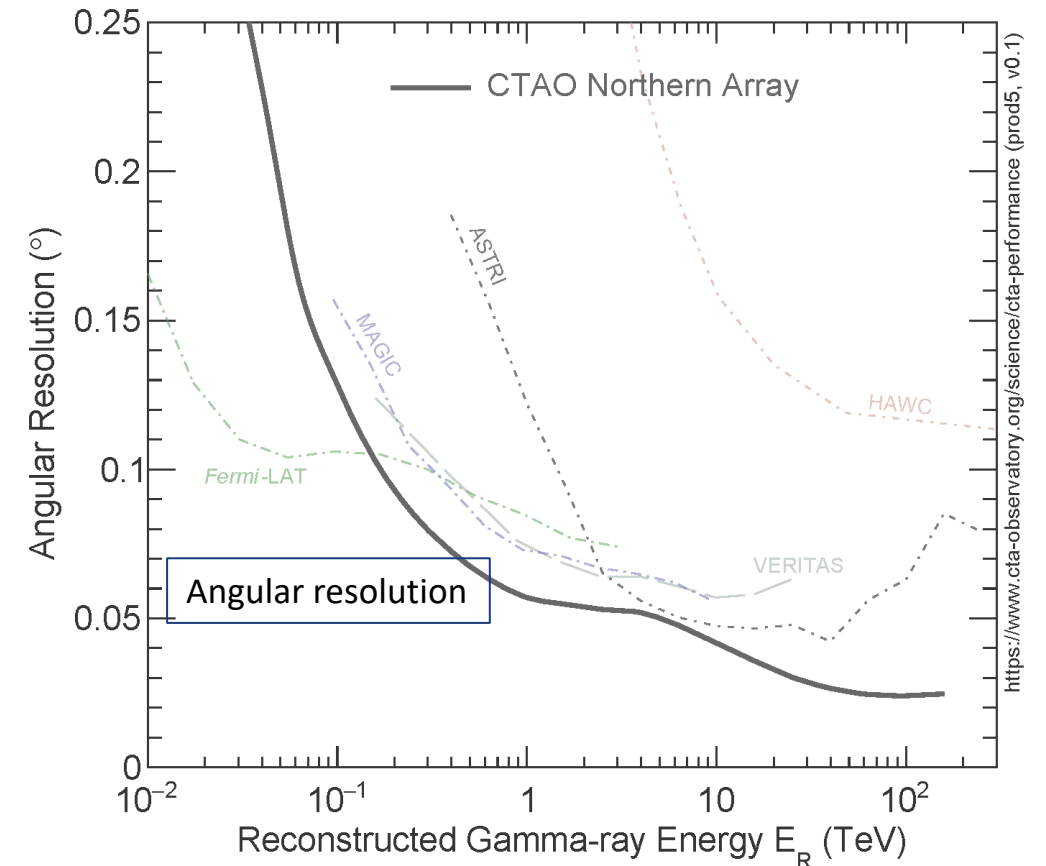
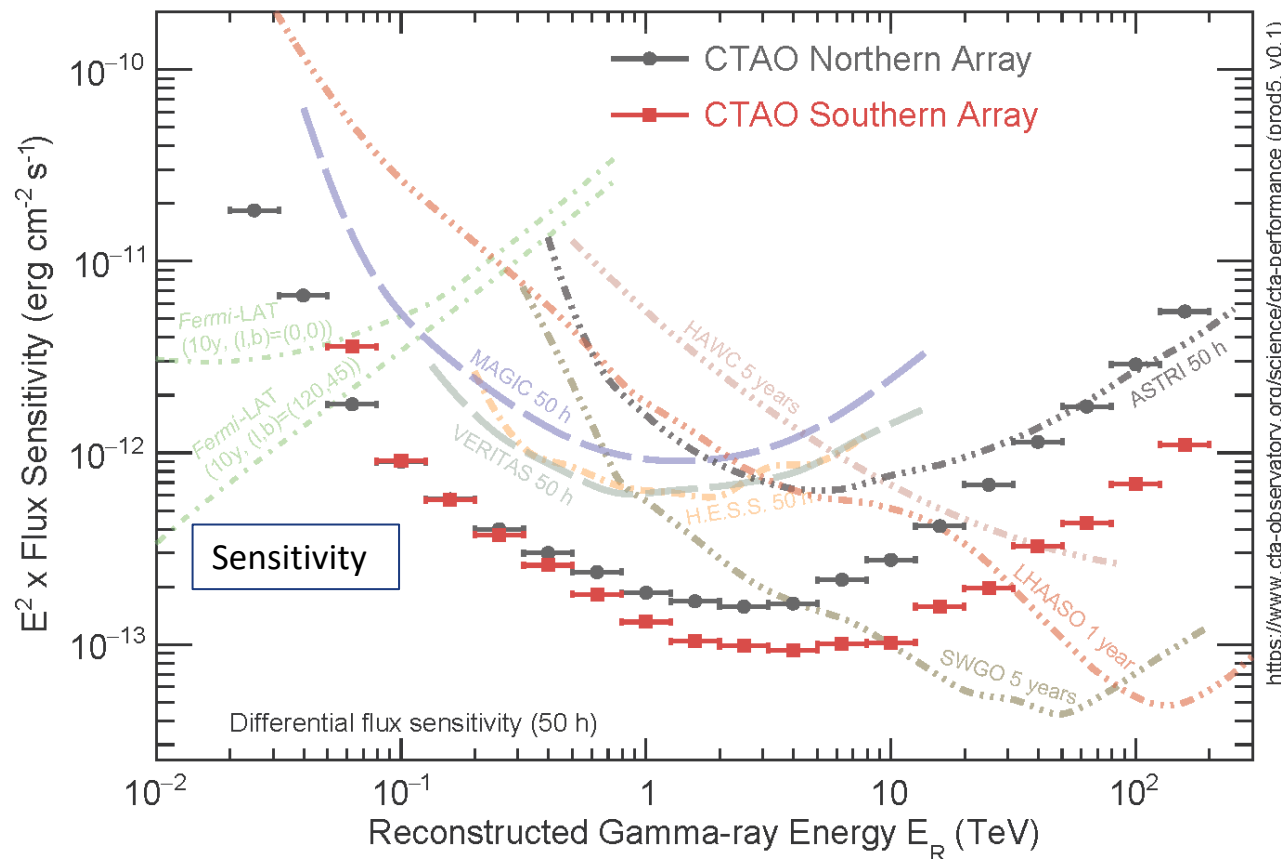
# ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES: CTAO

- We need to prepare for the data & analysis: we will for sure detect **fainter sources**, **ML (U-Net) can help**

## Preliminary Performance Capabilities of the Alpha Configuration

CTAO

<https://www.ctao.org/for-scientists/performance/>



## ABOUT THE CTAO DATA

- We generate the data (telescope is under construction phase)
- We only have one sky
- Data is generated according to state-of-the-art physical models on the population of the different kind of sources that we know
- We only have simulated data (we use most updated characterization of the detector to make it as realistic as possible)
- To increase number of data, we take advantage of the uncertainty in populations, making realizations of the sky given the models
- This means we have as training data as many as we need (reasonable in space and time)

# ABOUT THE DATA: PRELIMINARY TOY SIMULATIONS

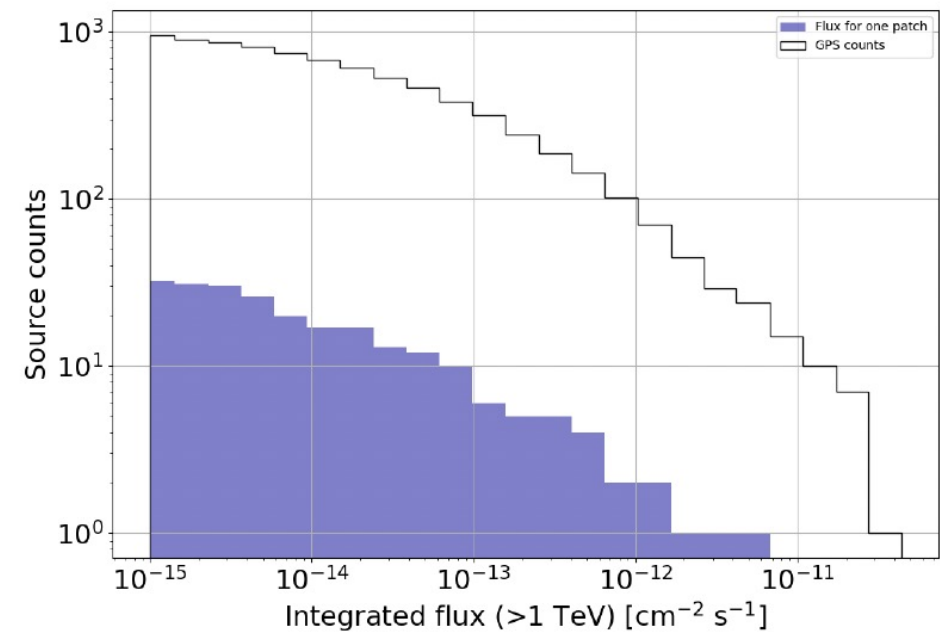
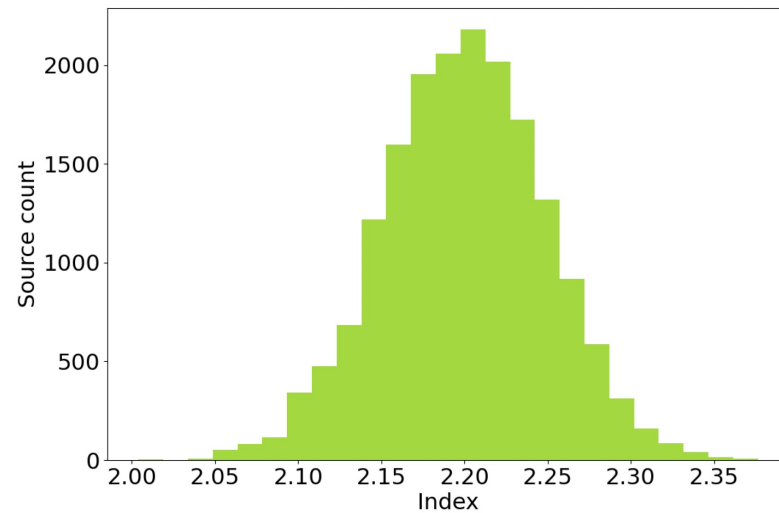
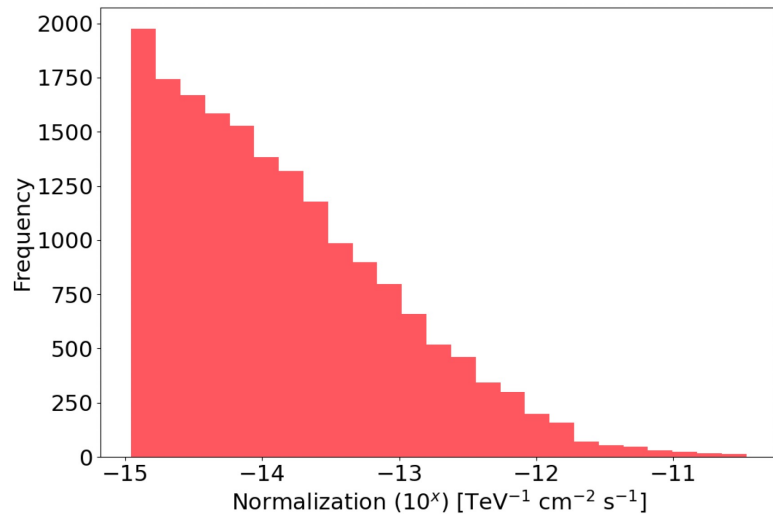
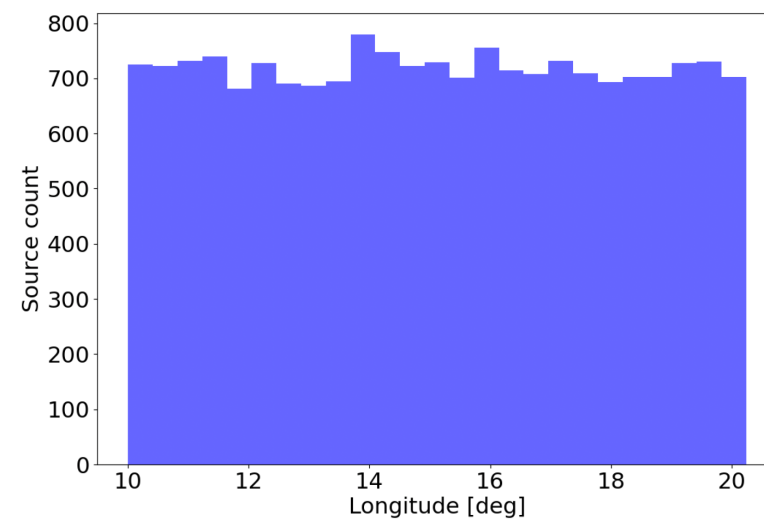
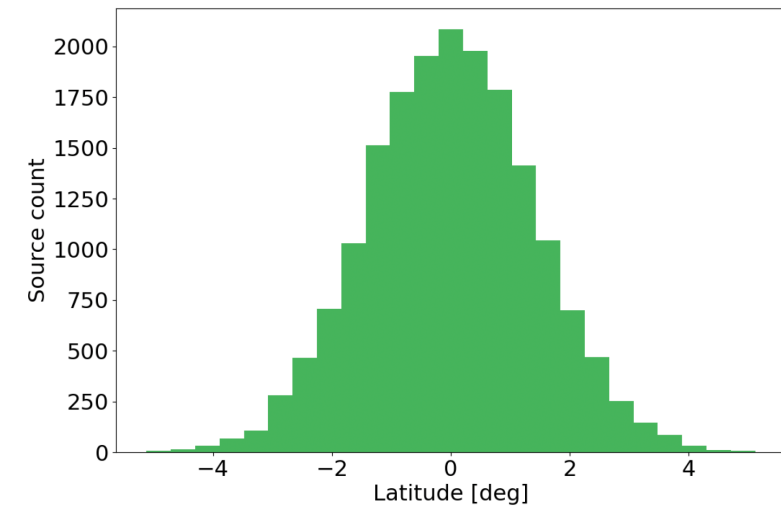
## GEOM

- Observation plan in [2310.02828] and the corresponding GPS pointings list from the GPS repository (non-equilateral double-row pattern and duration 30 min per pointing)
- IRFs prod5-v0.1 (South\_z20\_50h)
- The RoI centered on (15.12 deg, 0 deg) in gal. coords. and  $10.24 \times 10.24 \text{ deg}^2$
- The spatial binning 0.02deg
- Energy bins range from 0.07 TeV to 100 TeV logarithmically binned in 3 (70 GeV - 0.788 TeV, 0.788 TeV - 8.88 TeV, 8.88 TeV - 100 TeV)
- Always same patch

## SIMS

- number of sources randomly between [20, 40]
- $10 < l < 20.24 \text{ deg}$
- $-5.12 < b < 5.12 \text{ deg}$ , with a variance of 1.4 so most of sources in  $|b| < 1 \text{ deg}$
- Each source follows power-law spectral distribution  $dN/dE = K_0(E/E_0)^{-\gamma}$
- To obtain the distributions of the parameters used GammaCat
- $E_0$  fixed at 1 TeV, and  $\gamma$  has a normal distribution with a mean of 2.2 and variance of 0.05
- $K_0$  was modeled as  $10^x \text{ TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , where  $x$  was adjusted so that the resulting cumulative distribution of integrated source flux above 1 TeV aligned with the same distribution of all model sources from the GPS paper

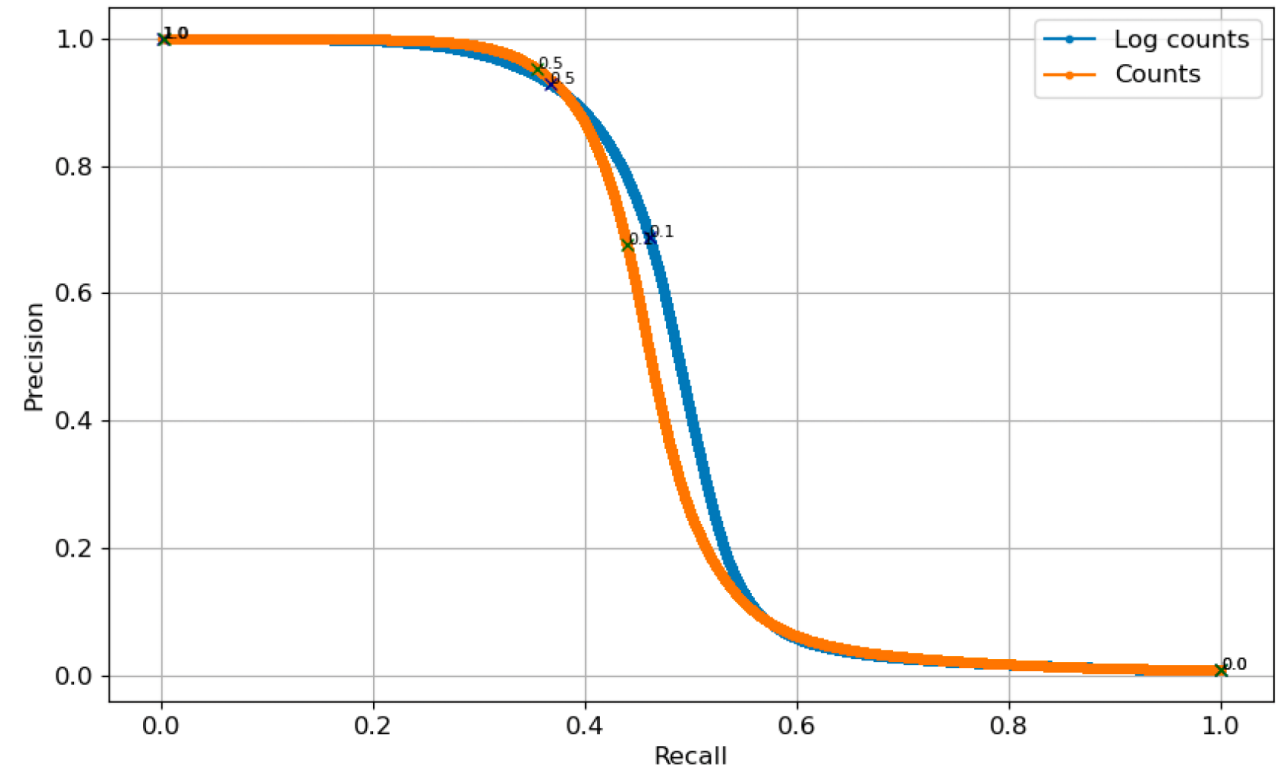
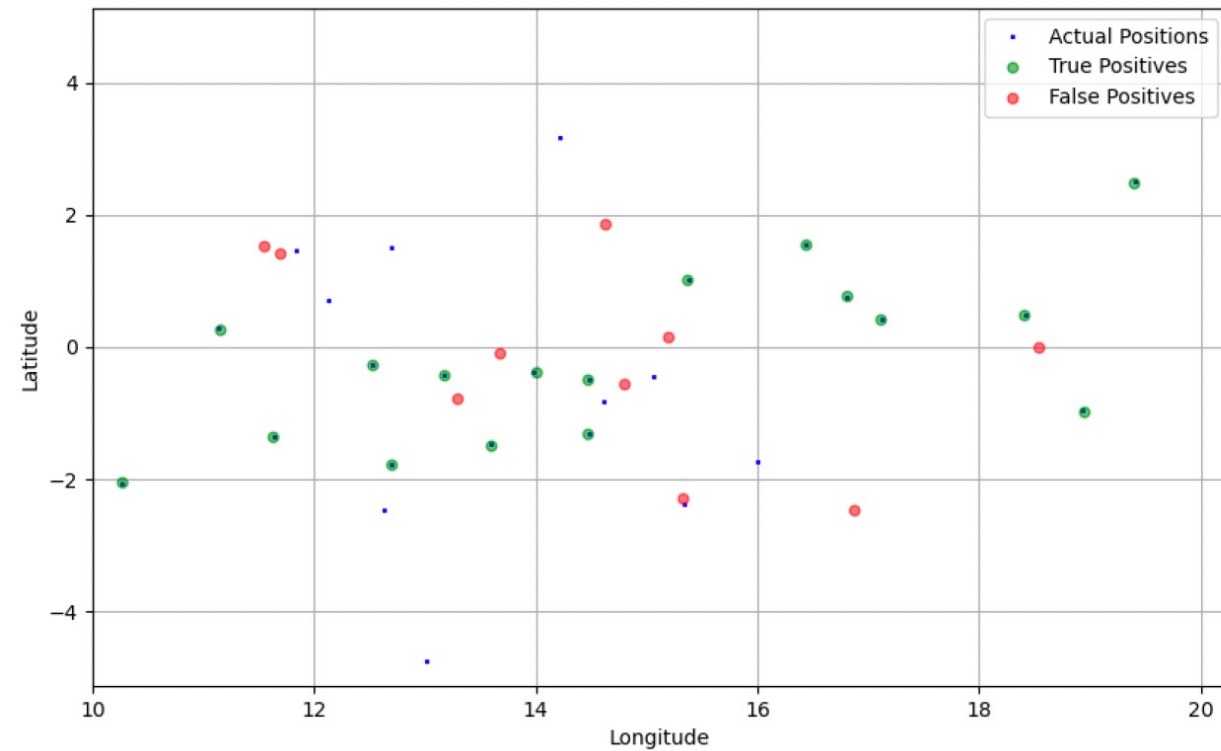
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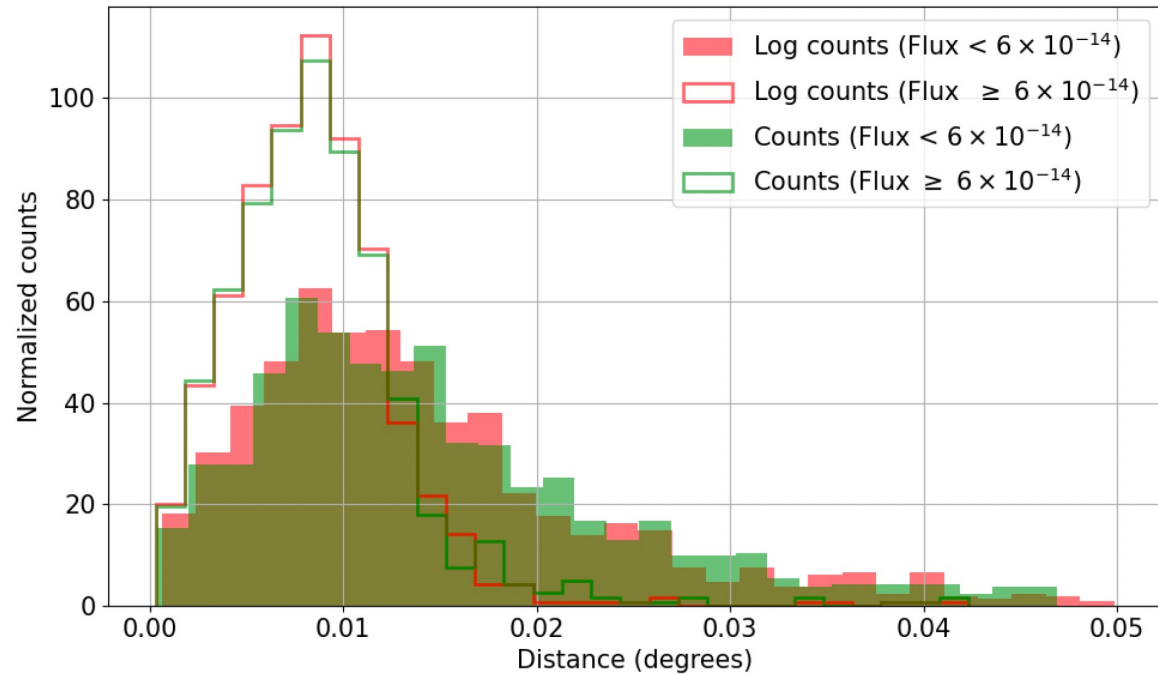
# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: PRELIMINARY TOY SIMULATIONS

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

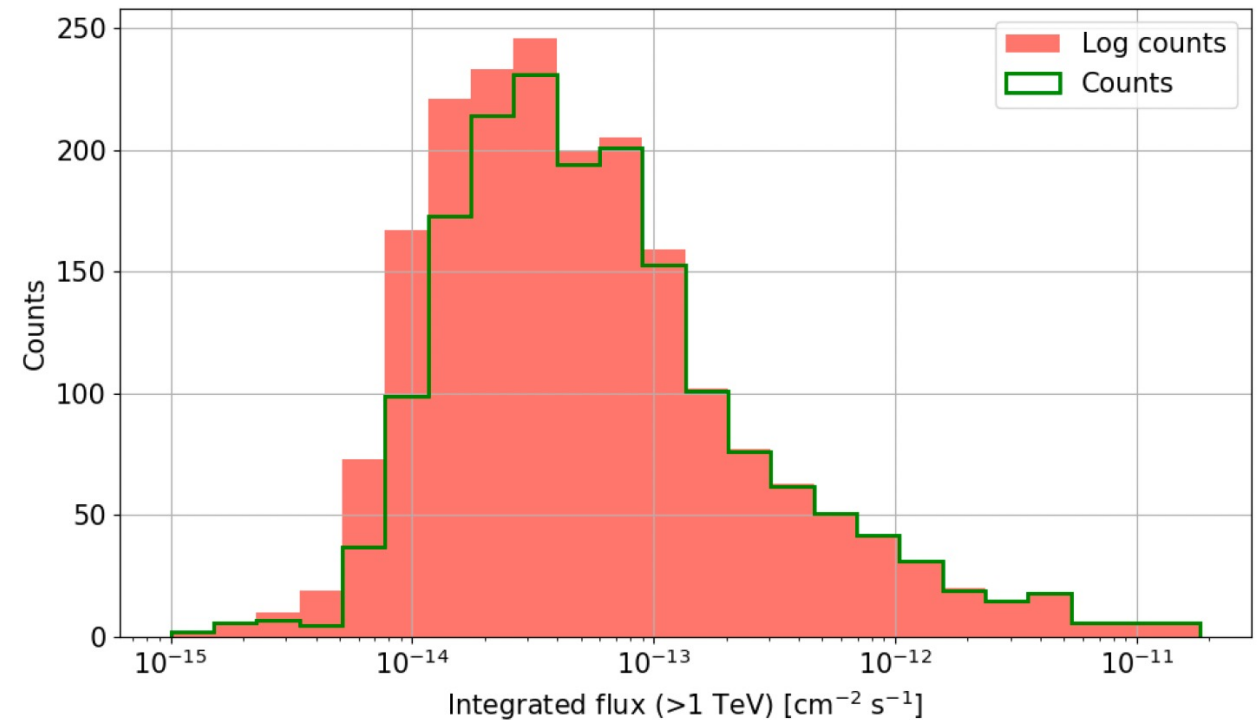
$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$



# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: PRELIMINARY TOY SIMULATIONS



Distribution of separations of predicted sources from true sources below a separation threshold of  $0.05^\circ$ . Only original counts and log-transformed counts are included and for each we plot for separations of sources with flux below and above the GPS sensitivity

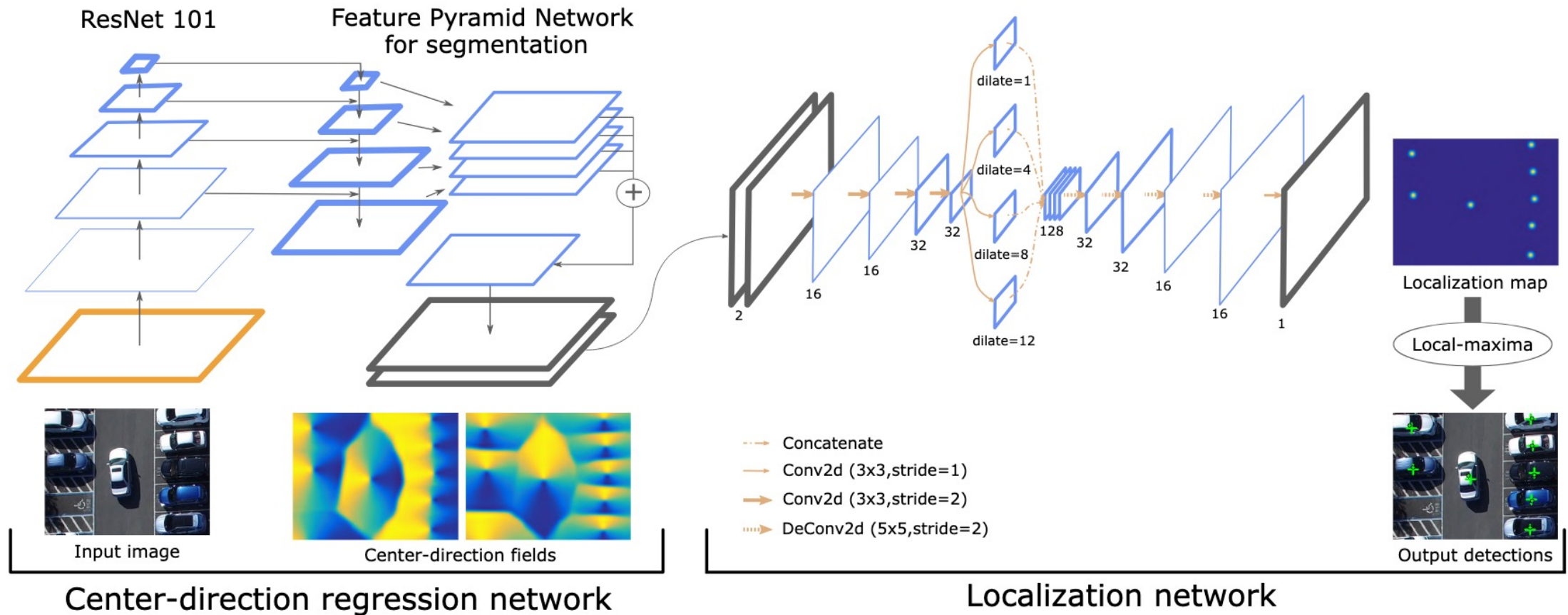


Integrated flux (> 1TeV) distribution of true recovered sources by the algorithm.

# CEDIRNET METHODOLOGY

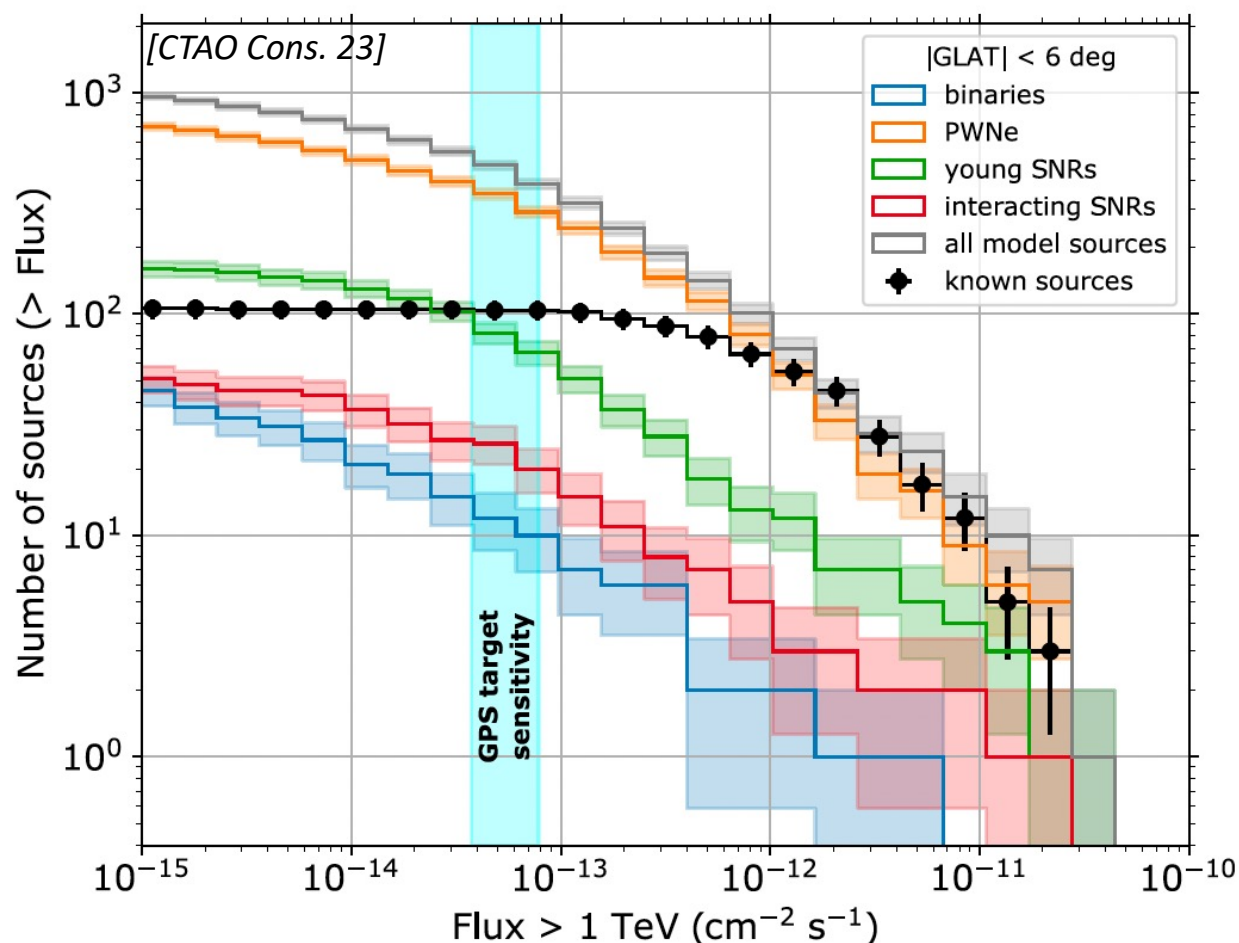
- Algorithm CeDirNet: <https://github.com/vicoslab/CeDiRNet>

[Tabernik, Muhovič & Skočaj 24]

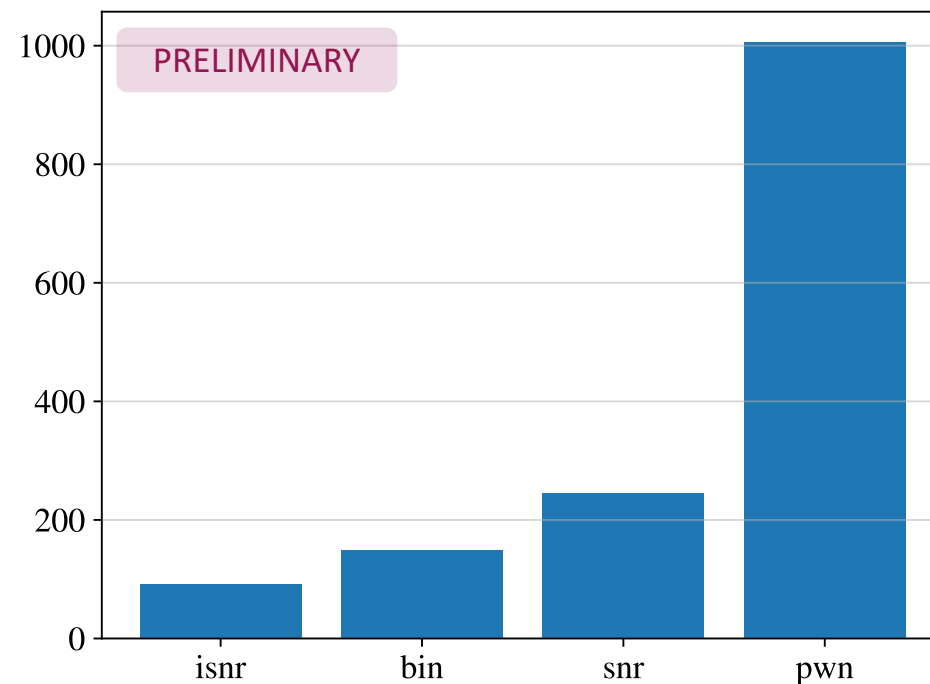


# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

- Original simulated population on the galactic plane



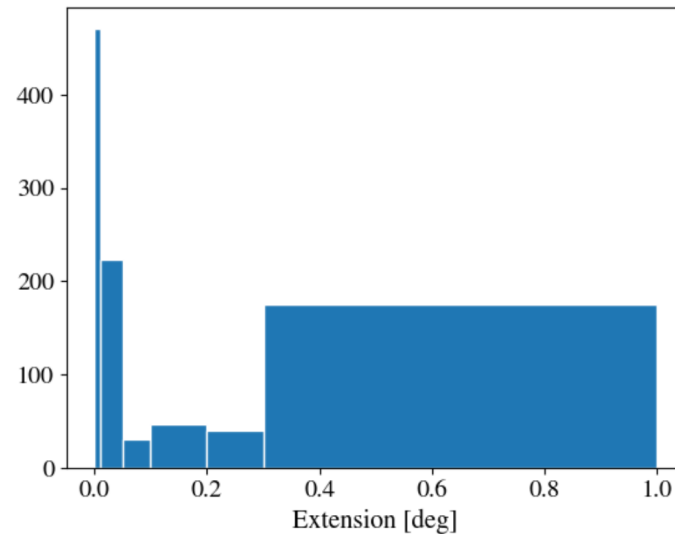
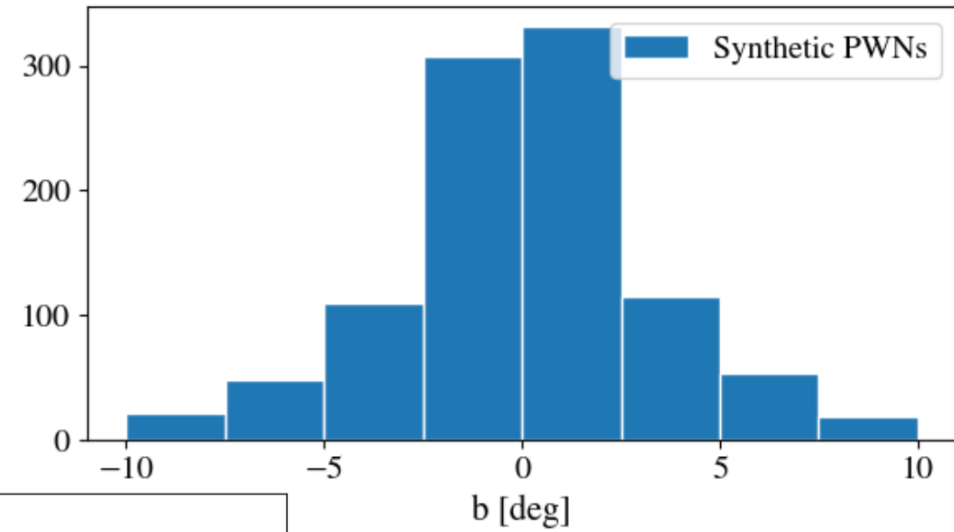
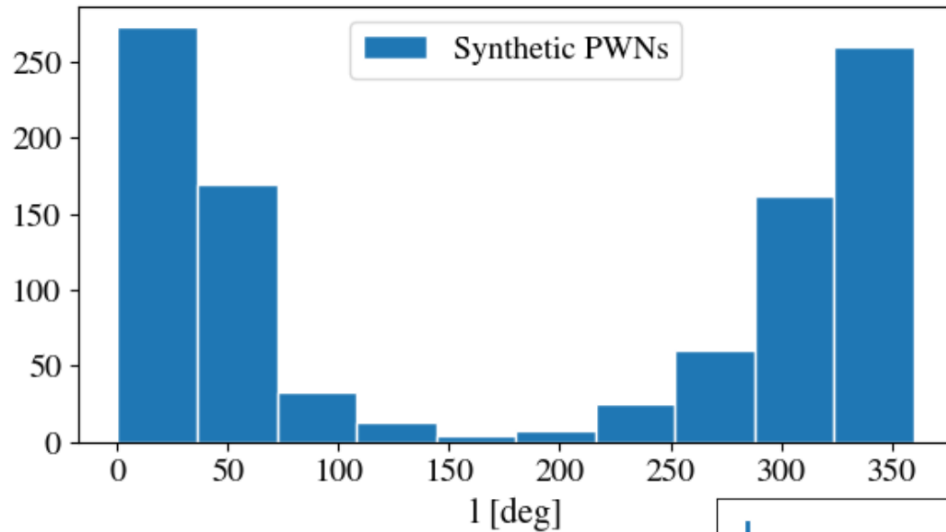
- We need several realizations (simulations) of the GP
- Extract the physical distributions of the sample



- The difference between types is not on the image but on the spectrum (flux vs. energy)

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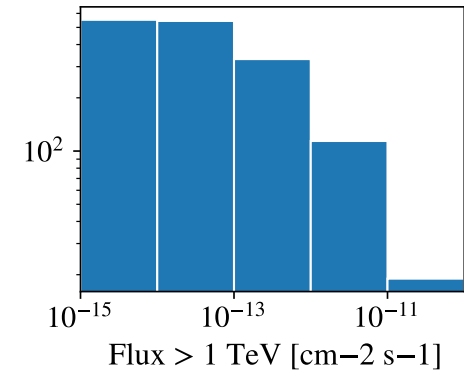
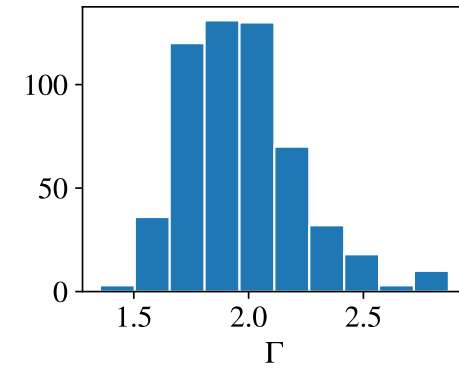
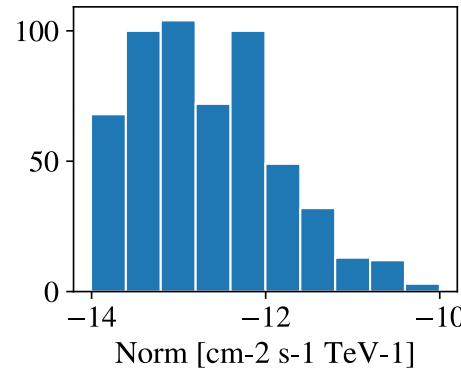
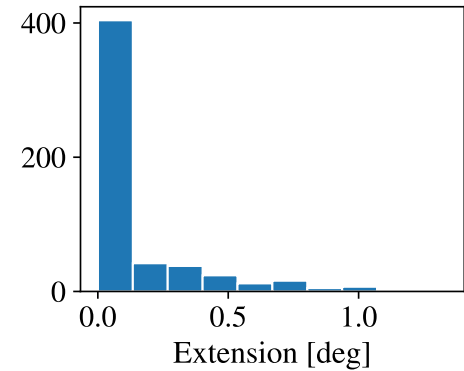
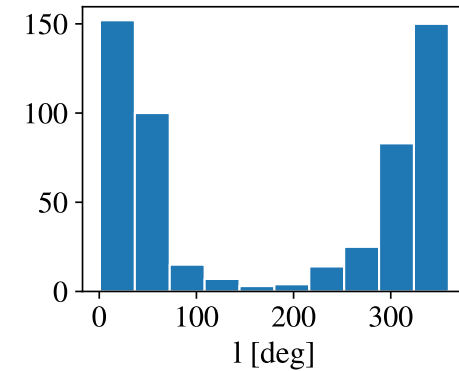
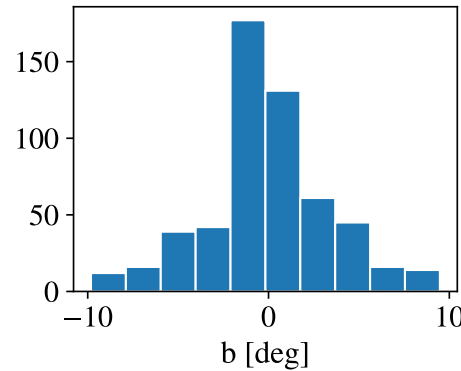
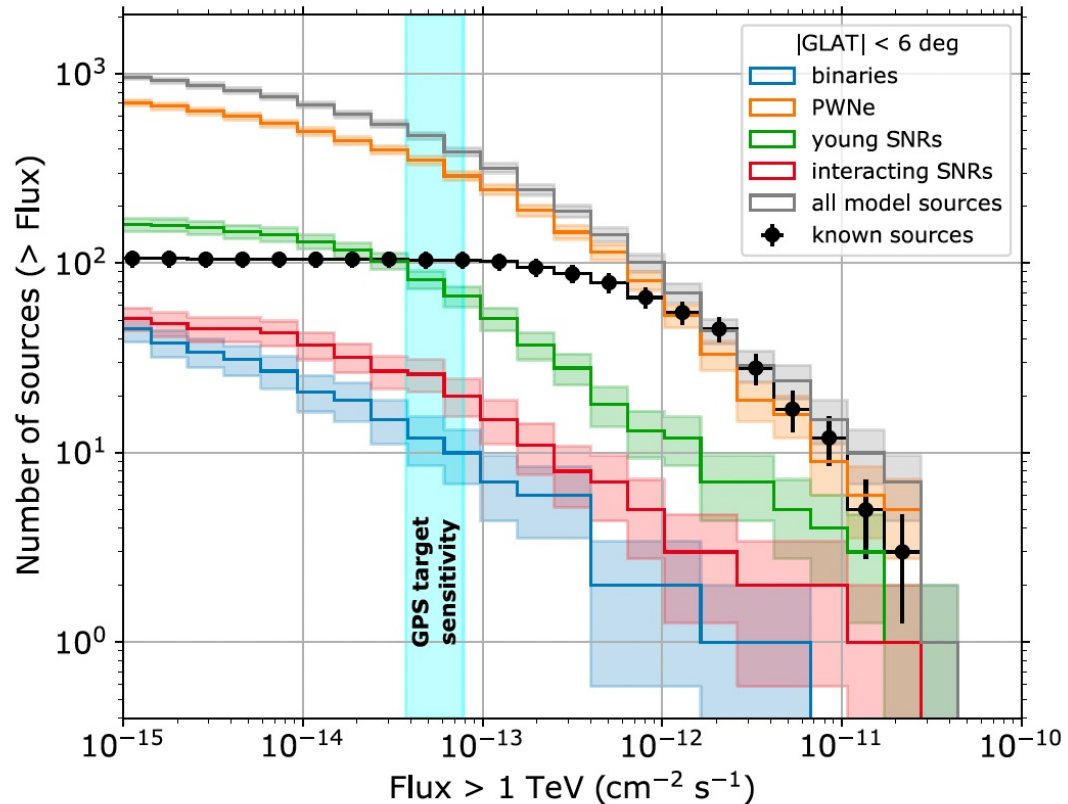


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- Original simulated population on the galactic plane
- We need several realizations (simulations) of the GP

- Extract the physical distributions of the sample  $\phi(E) = \phi_0 \cdot \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\Gamma}$

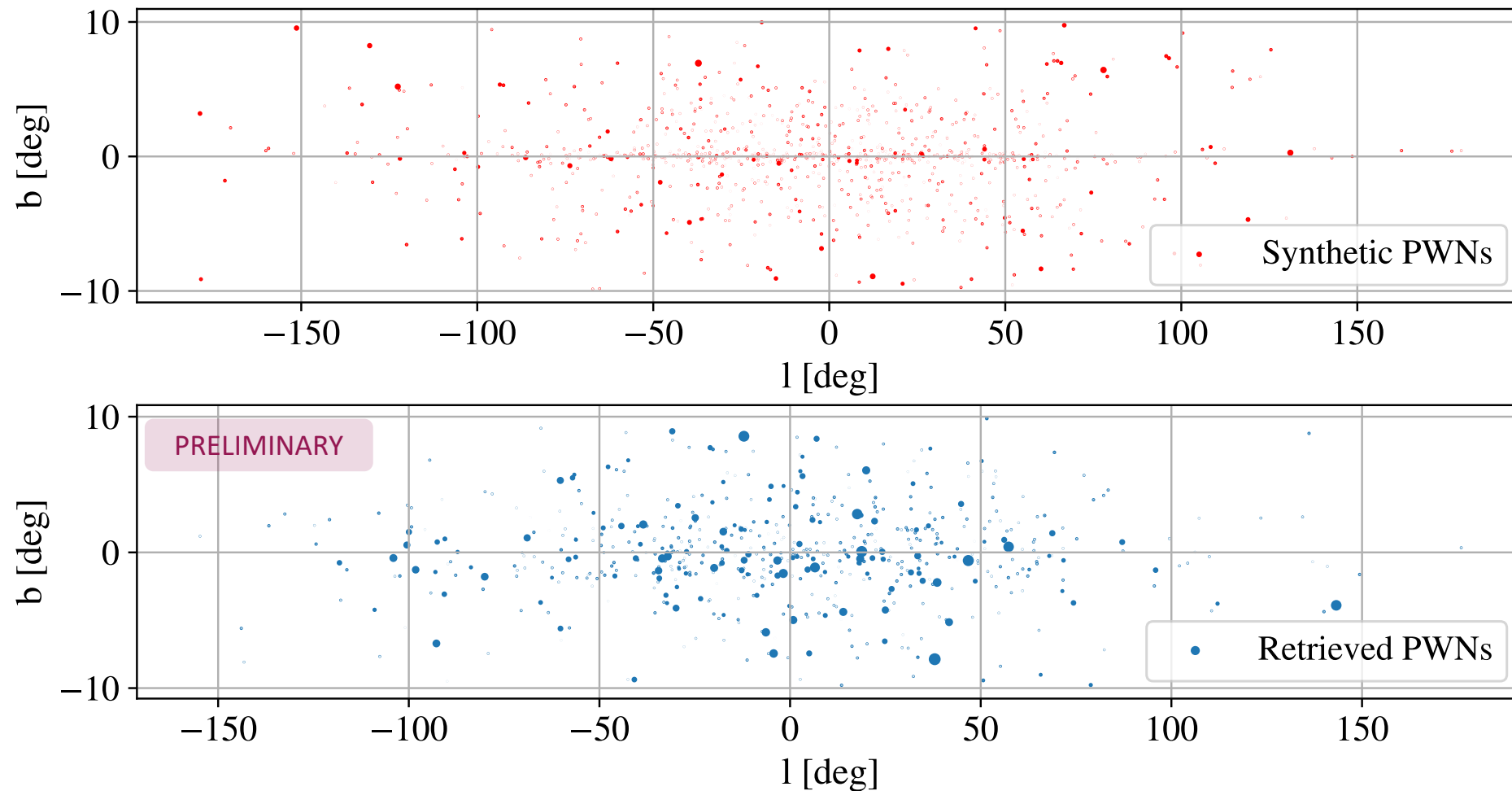
[CTAO Cons. 23]



- Sources fainter than 1/3 of target sensitivity are removed

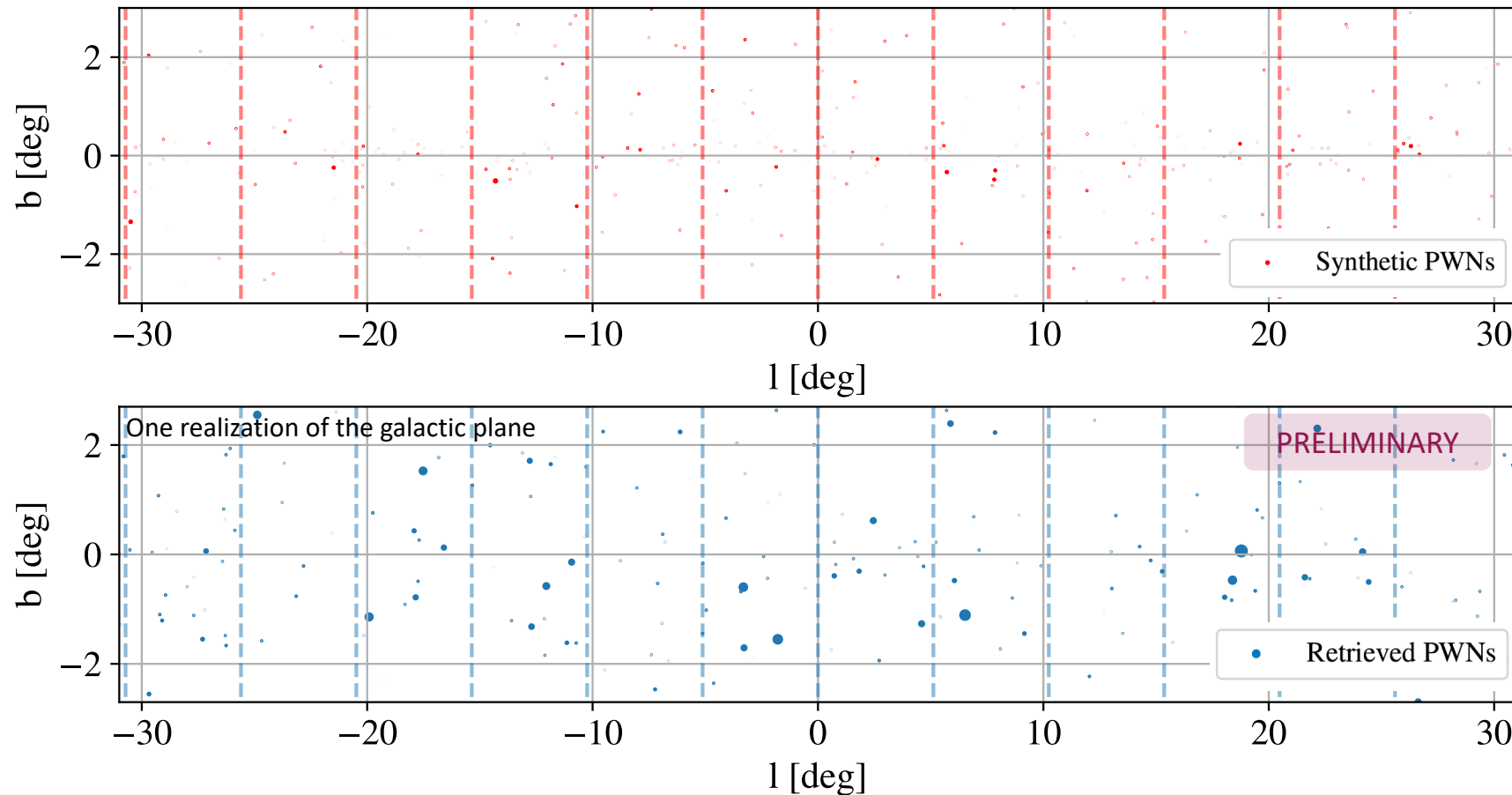
# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

- Comparison of original sample vs. one drawn realization from the physical distributions



# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

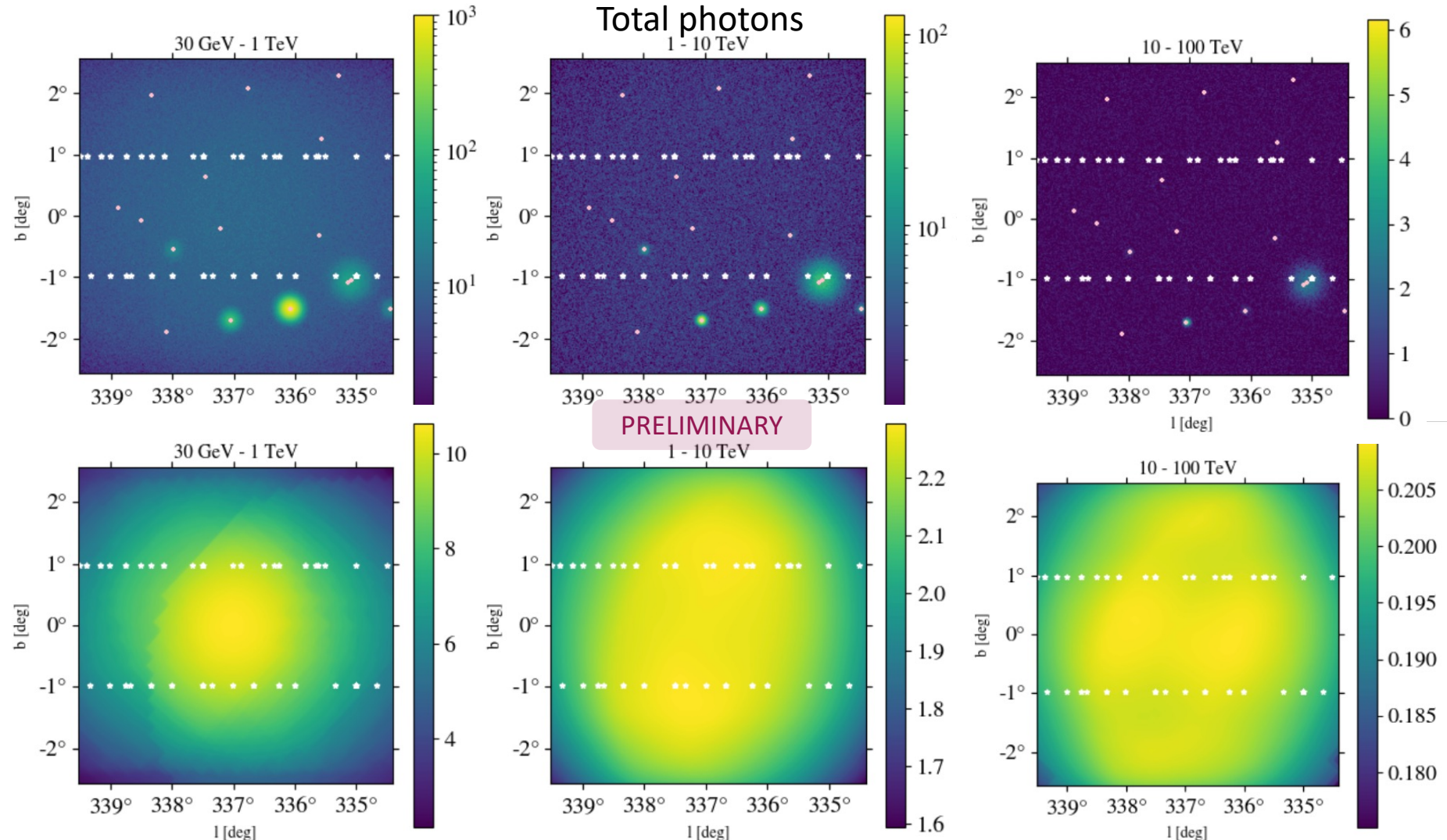
- Focus on the most crowded region
- Cover through patches:  $-30 < l < 30$  deg  $-2.5 < b < 2.5$  deg



# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

$\gamma\pi$  A Python package for  
gamma-ray astronomy  
[Donath et al. 2023]

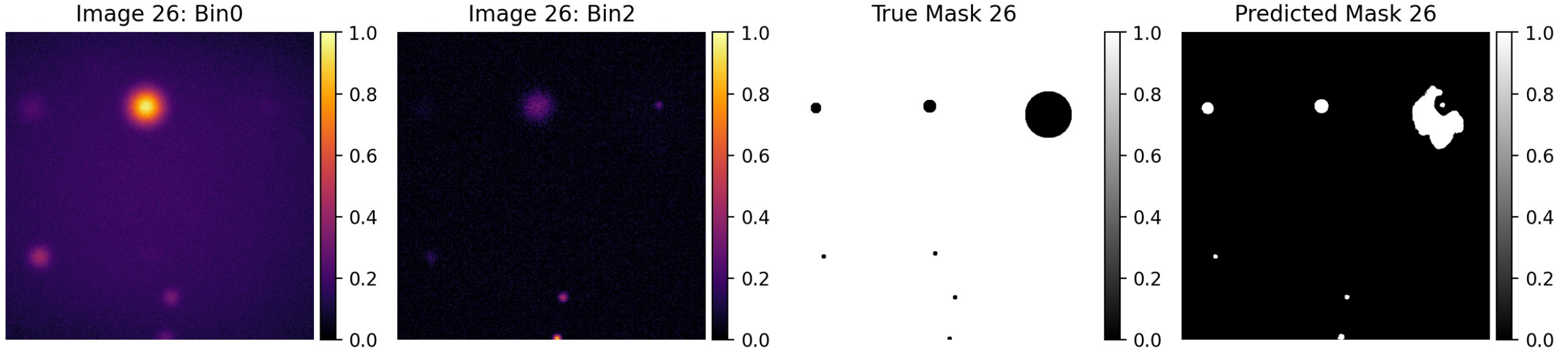
- Cover the galactic plane through patches  
 $-30 < l < 30$  deg  
 $-2.5 < b < 2.5$  deg
- 12 patches per each complete simulation of the galactic plane  
 $512 \text{ pix} \times 512 \text{ pix}$   
 $5.12 \text{ deg} \times 5.12 \text{ deg}$
- 3 energy bins (following the instrument's sensitivity)



Background photons

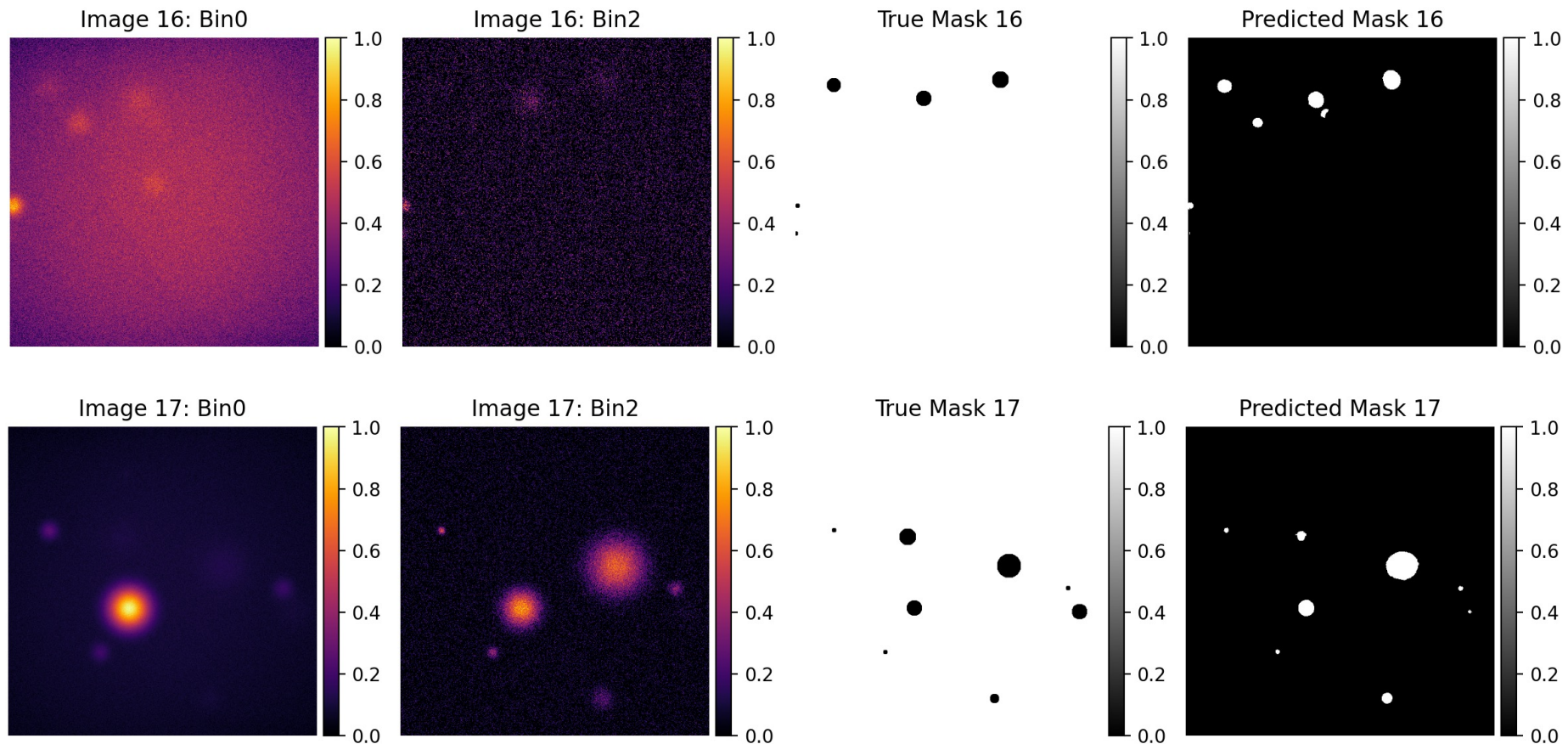
# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: FIRST TRIALS USING ASID

- Running U-Net + LoG is problematic, since the mask we use for training, have an extension the original sigma used for generating the simulation, and some sources lay behind the larger ones, confusing the segmentation part



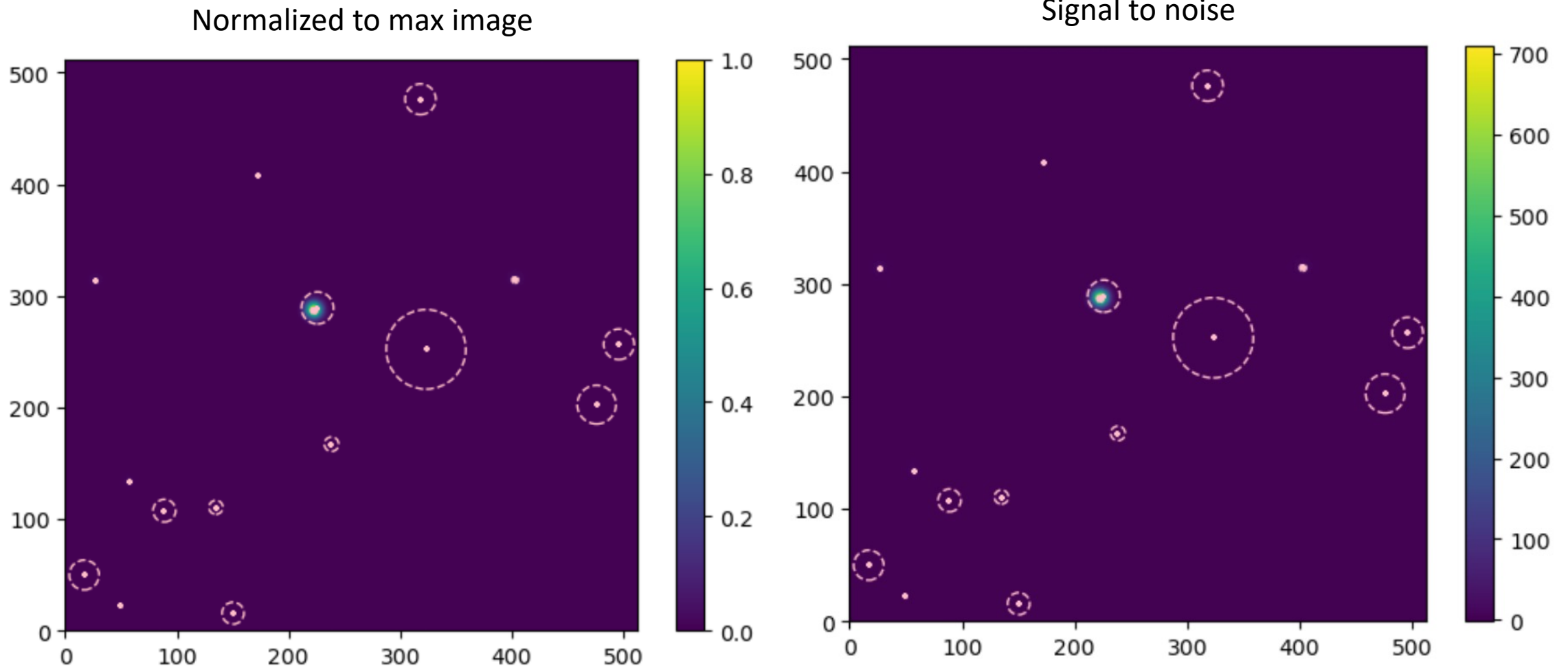
# CTAO EXTRA-RESULTS: FIRST TRIALS USING ASID

- Approach 1: Remove from the training the fainter sources, with a different flux threshold depending on each size, original size then should more or less correspond to size in last energy bin, for point-like source we use value of CTAO PSF at those energies (0.05 deg)



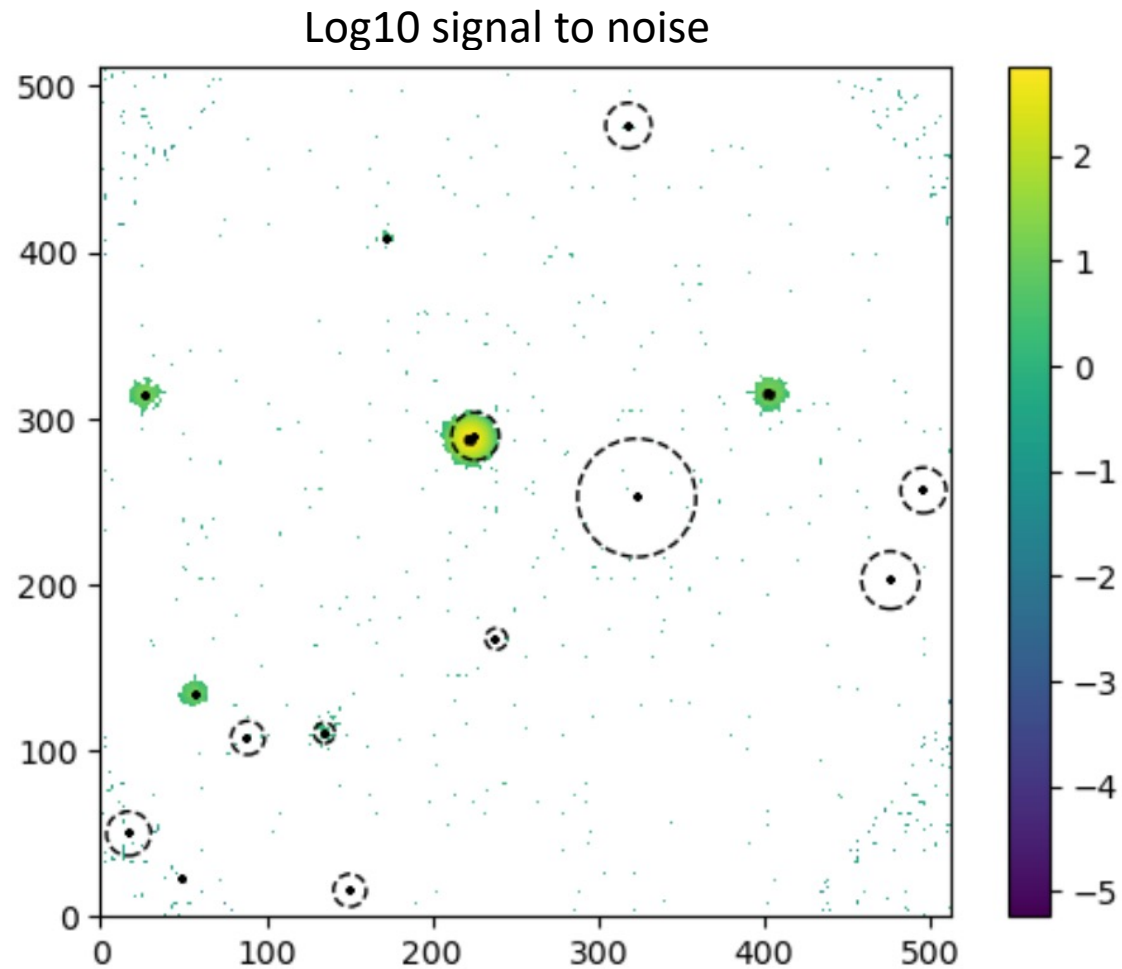
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- Example for patches\_v1 patch\_0, bin 1



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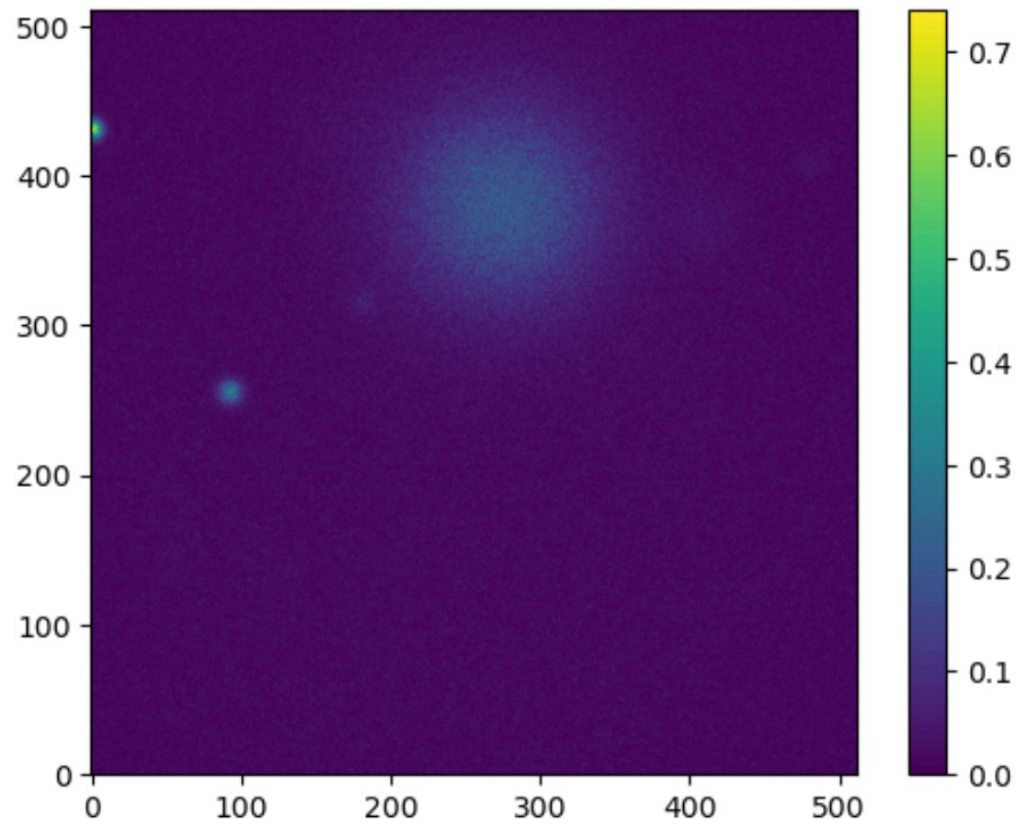
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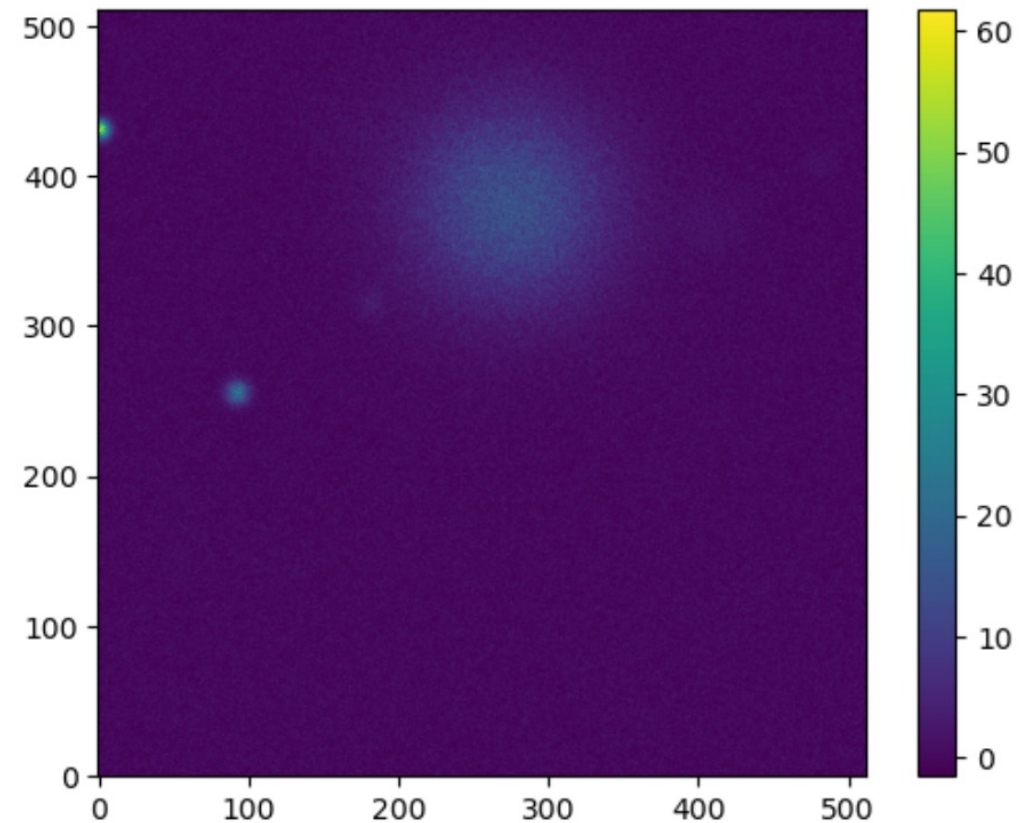
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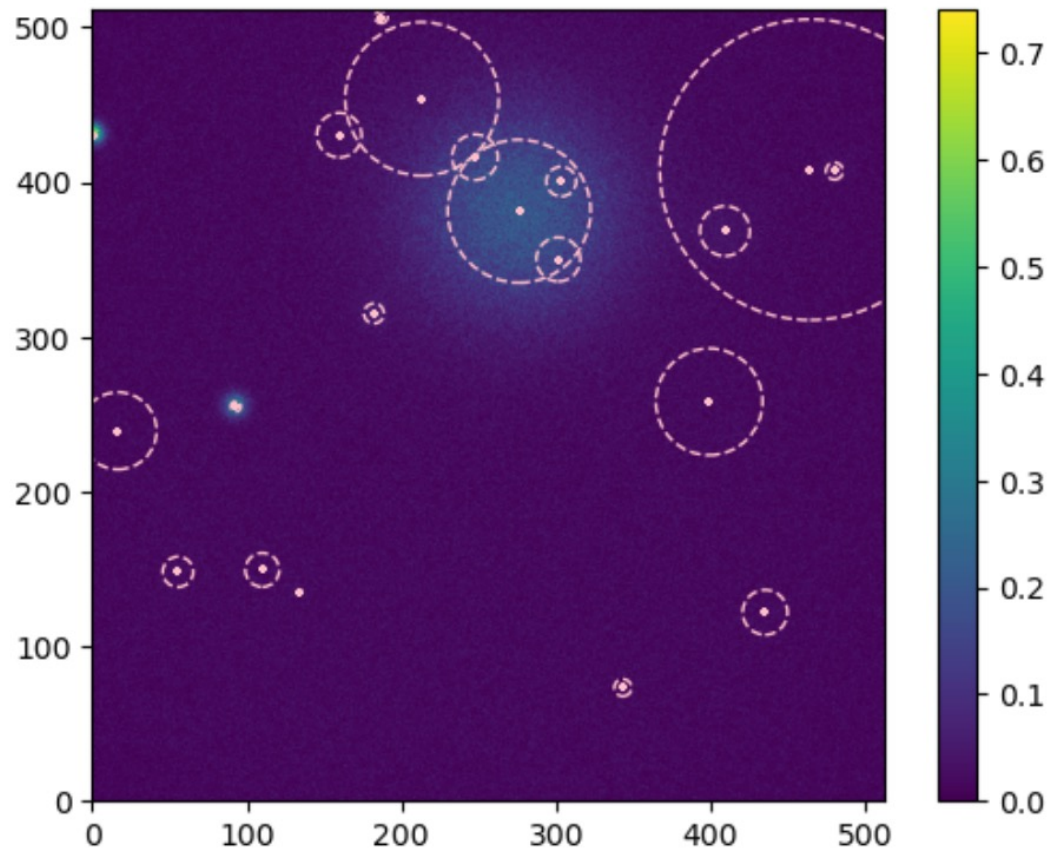
Signal to noise



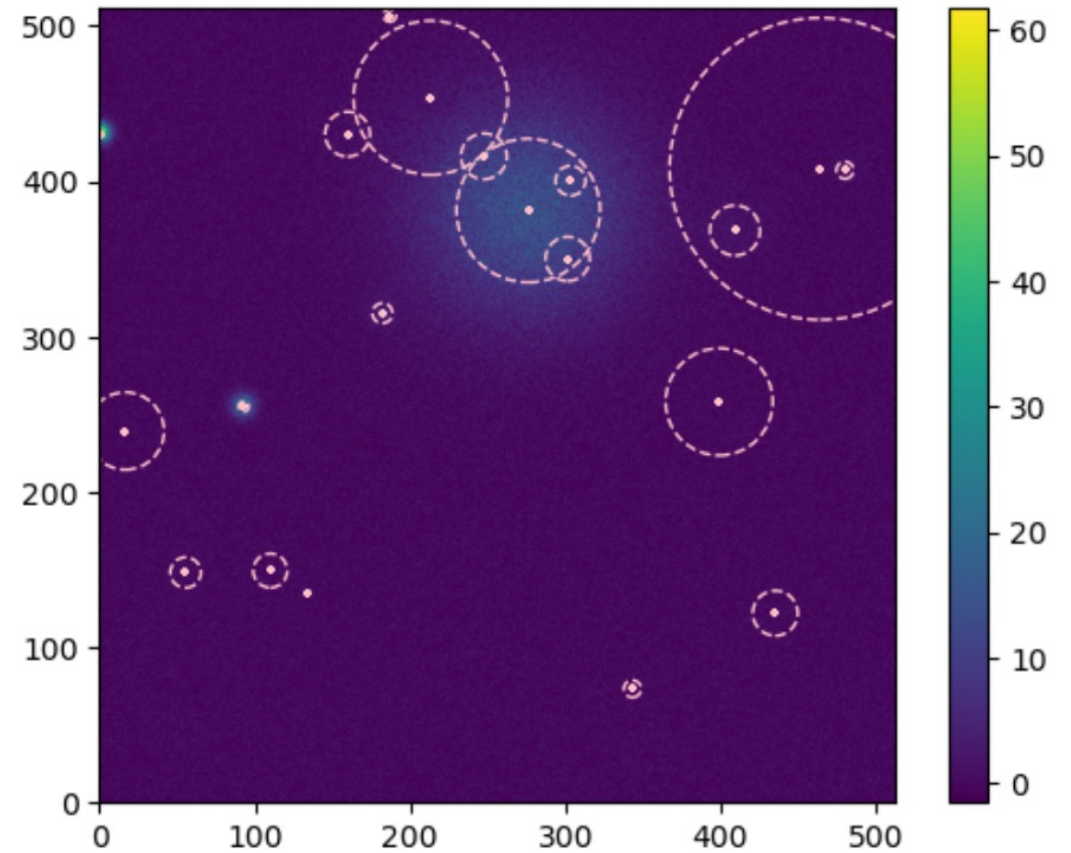
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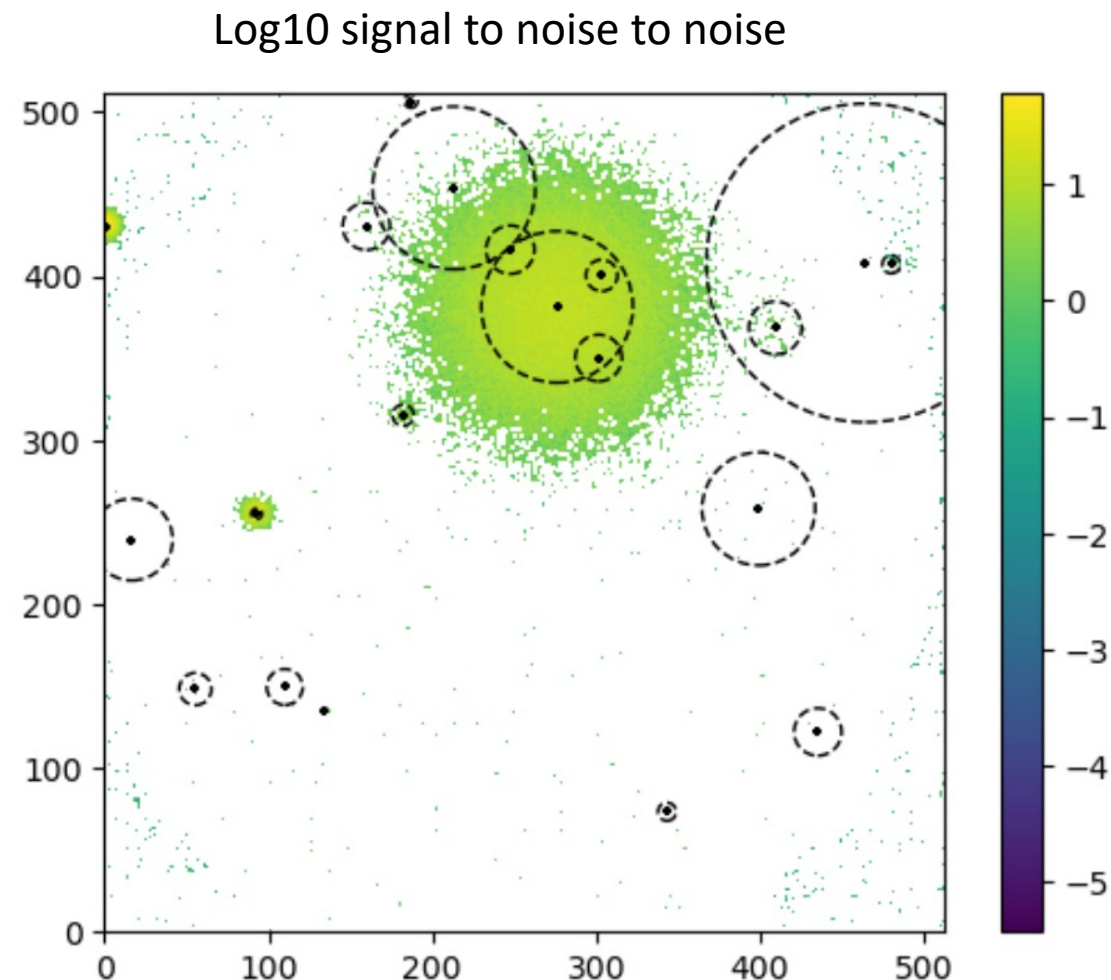
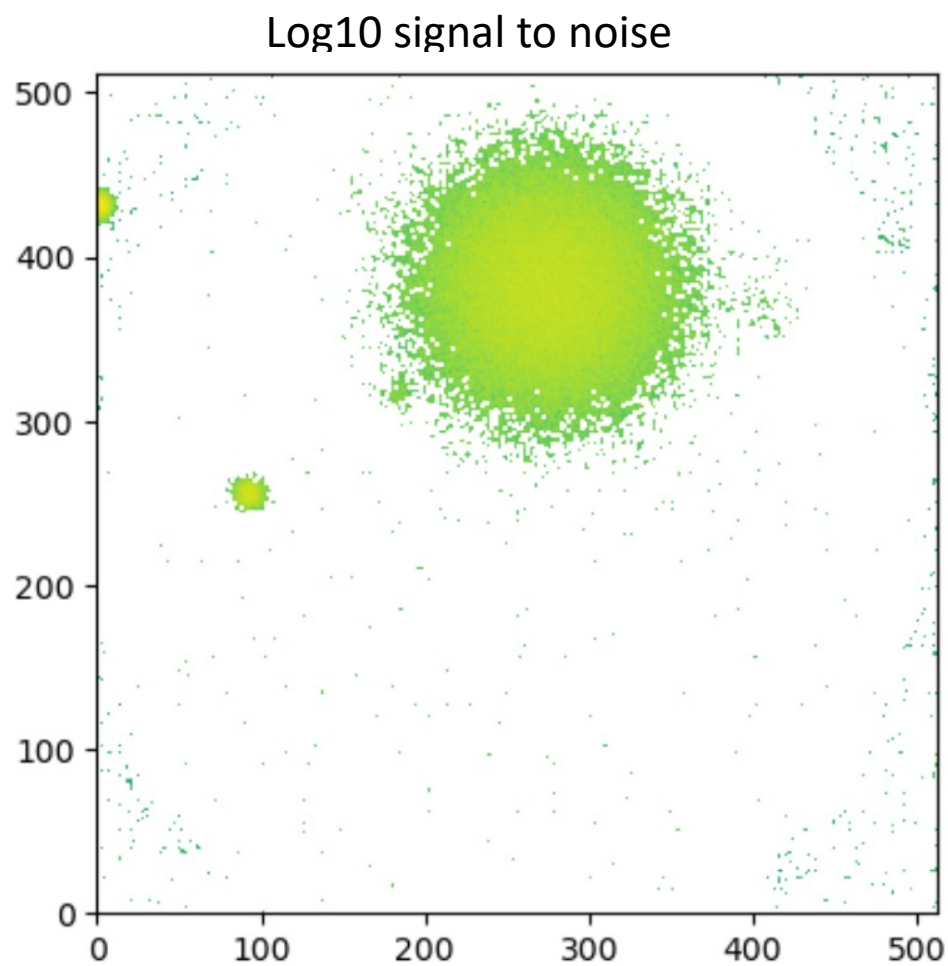


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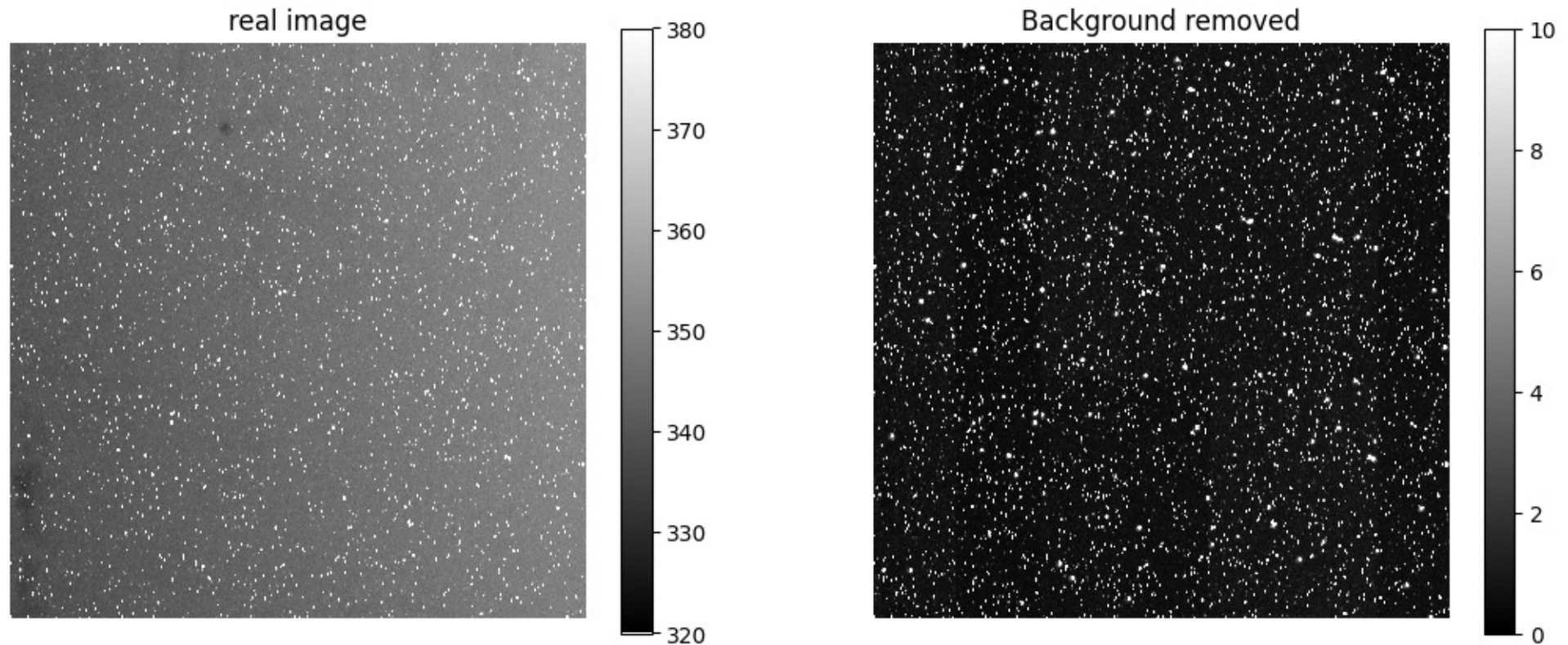
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Background removal: Optical Data

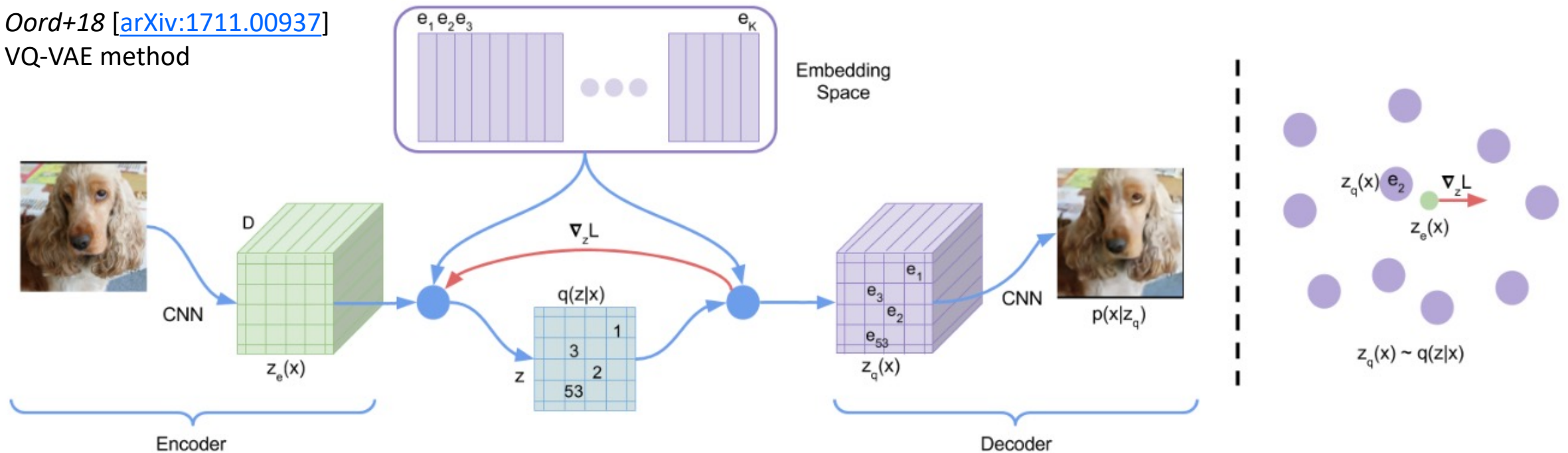
Model: Denoising Diffusion (Attention U-net as backbone)



# TOWARDS FOUNDATION MODEL FOR ASTROPHYSICAL SOURCE DETECTION

Through the embedding matrix we try to find most important words  $\rightarrow$  Find most important features in latent space

Oord+18 [[arXiv:1711.00937](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.00937)]  
VQ-VAE method



# TOWARDS FOUNDATION MODEL FOR ASTROPHYSICAL SOURCE DETECTION

- Main objective:

