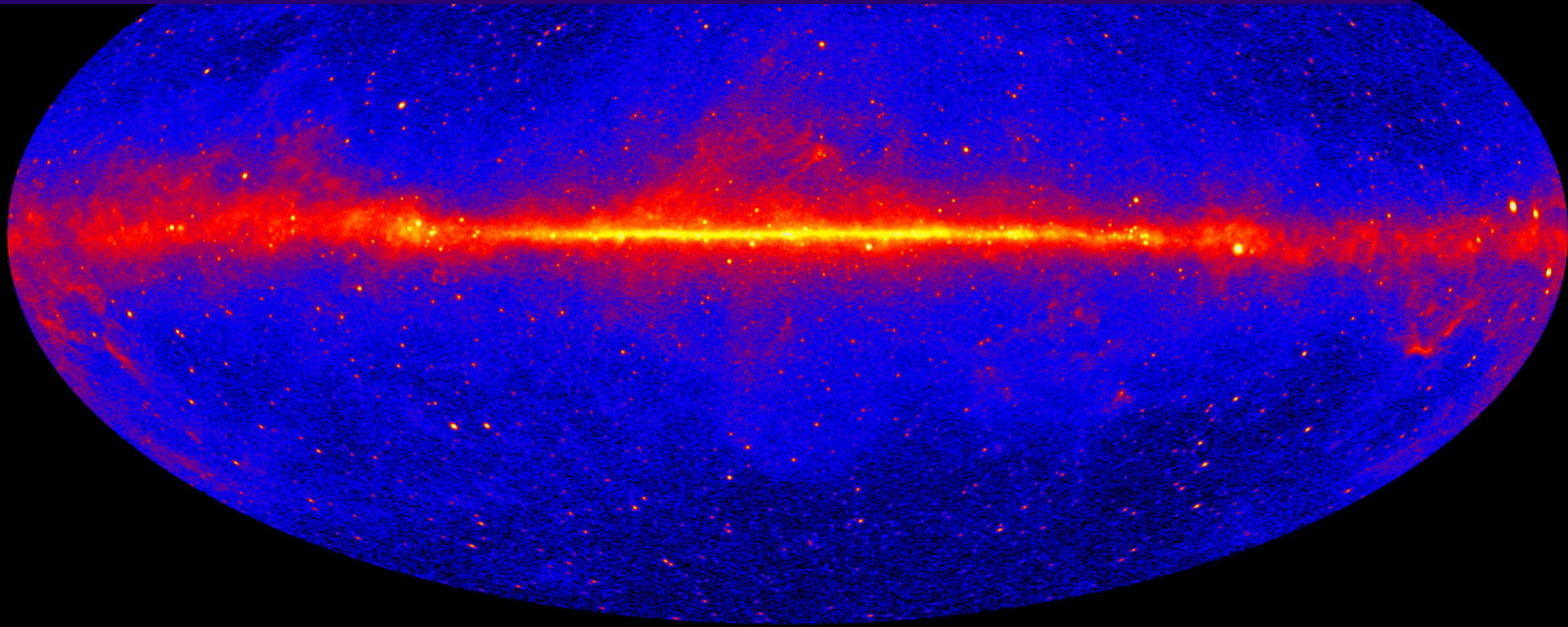


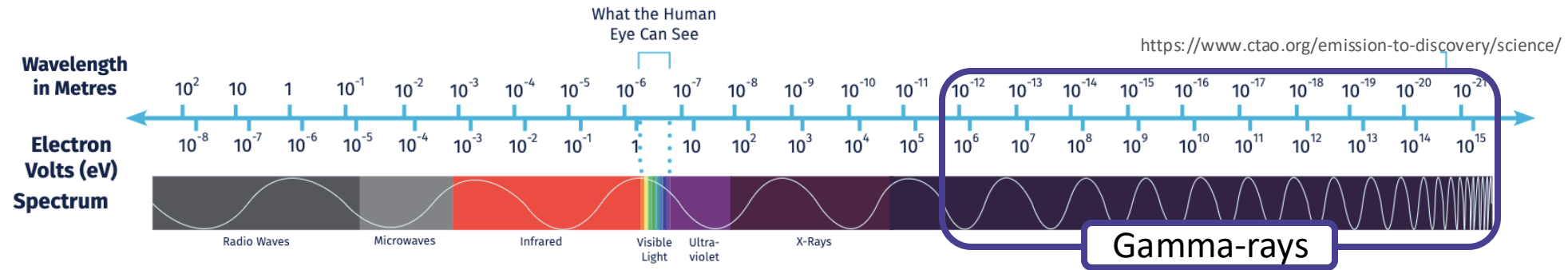
Detecting faint VHE gamma-ray sources using Deep Neural Networks



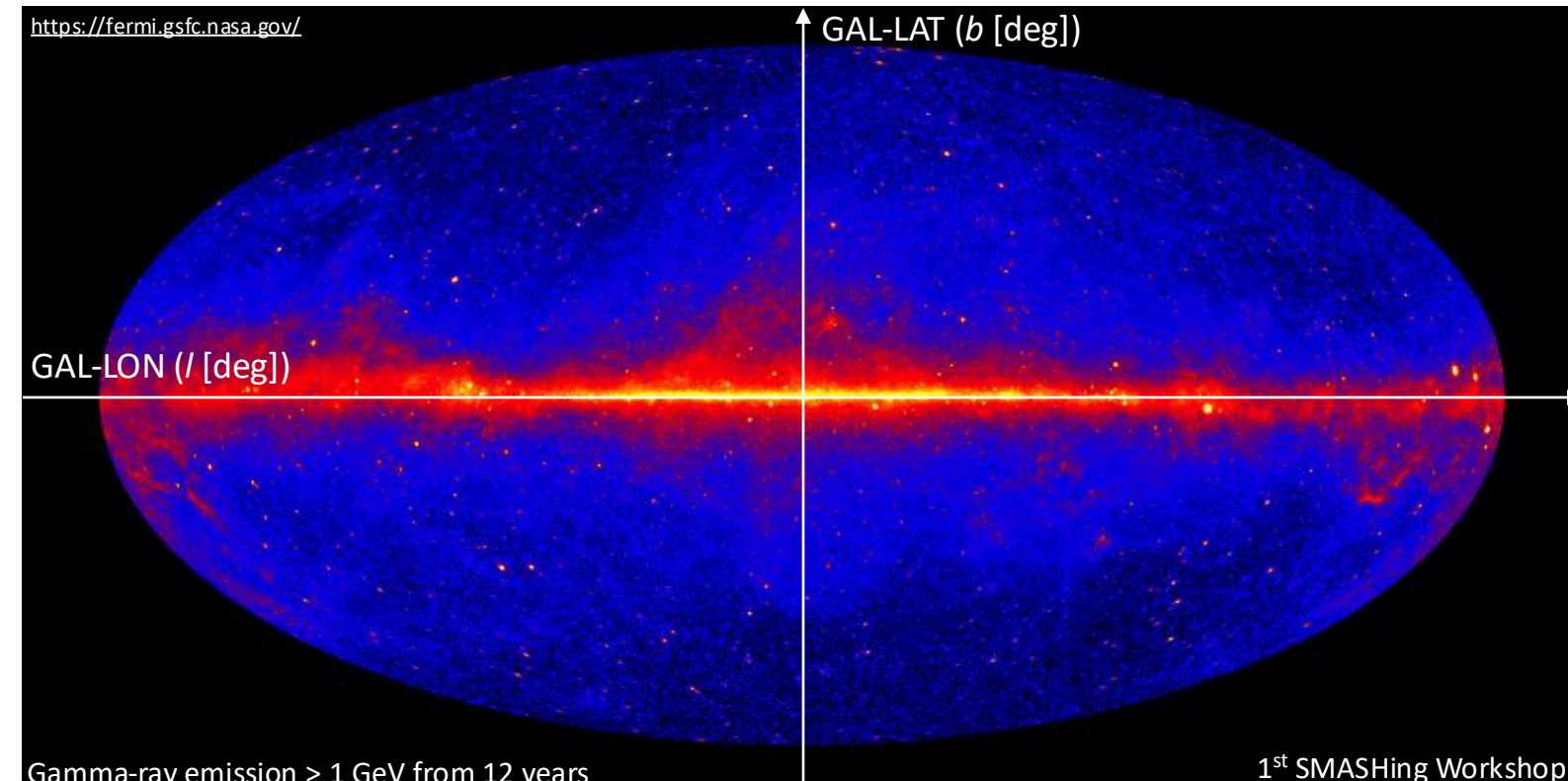
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THE GAMMA-RAY SKY



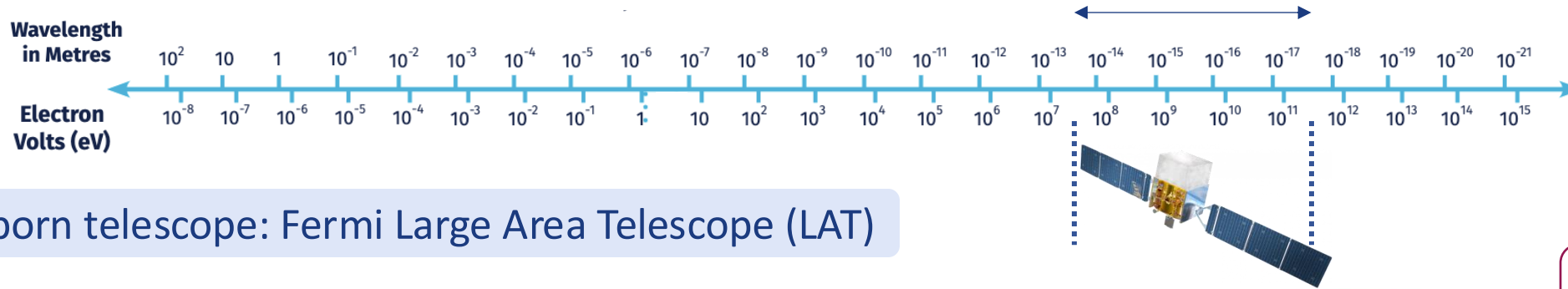
Gamma-rays are electromagnetic radiation > 100 keV



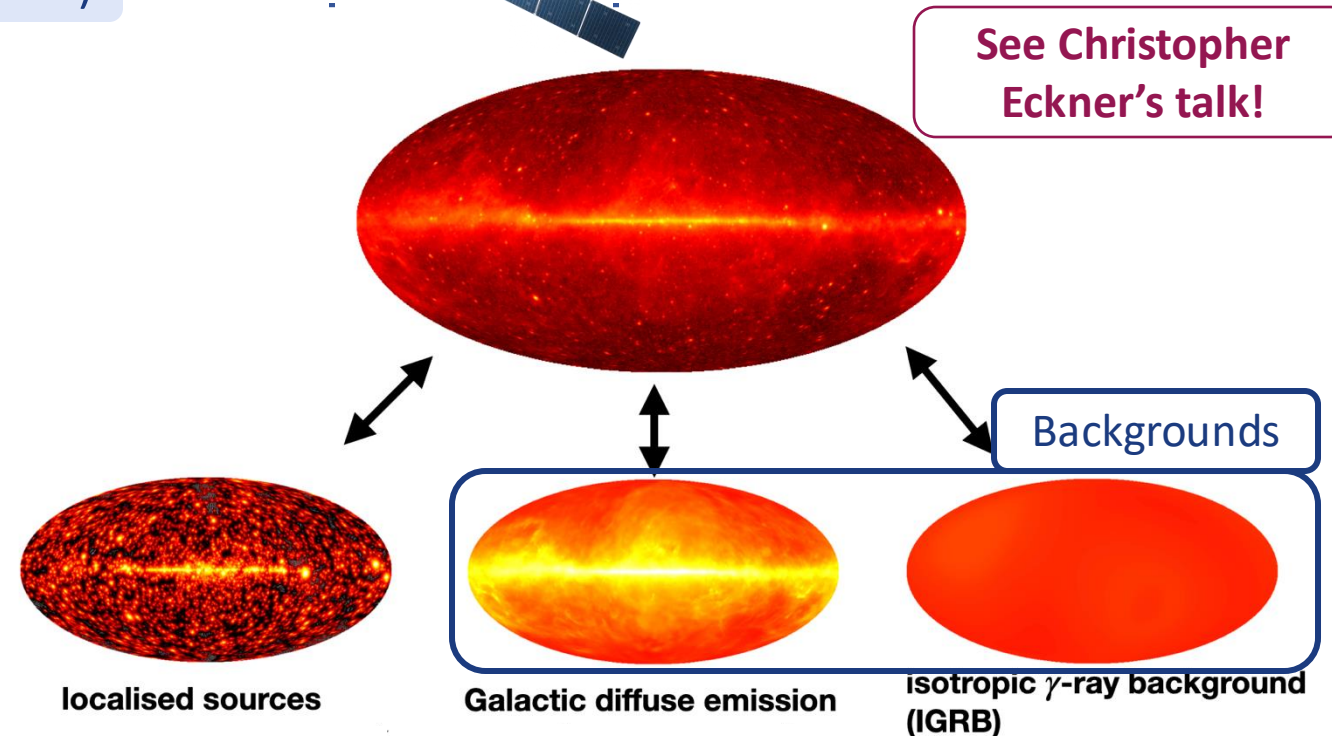
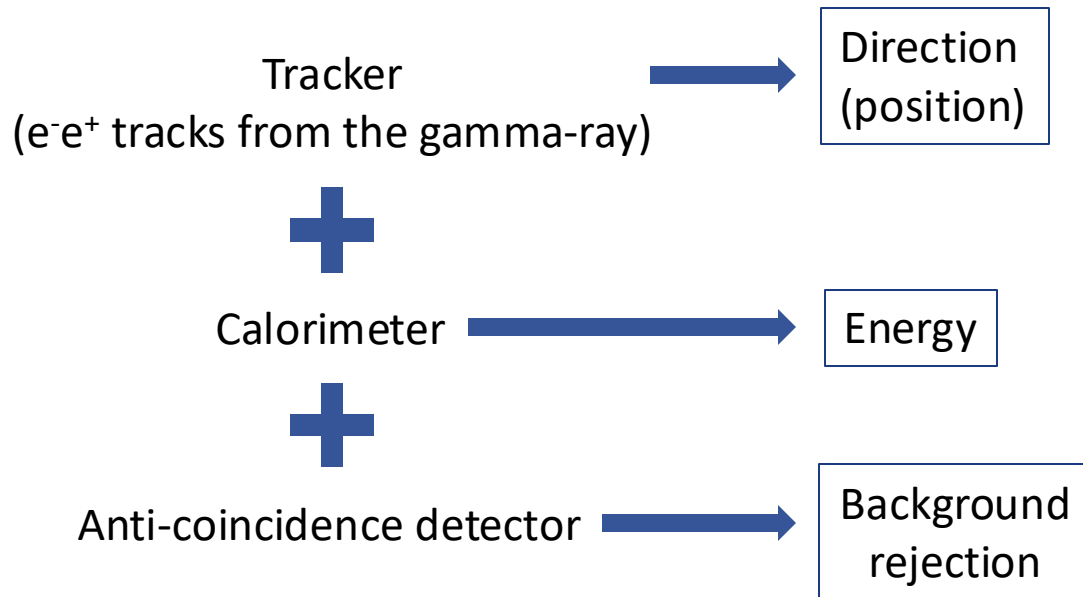
- Gamma-rays travel in straight lines, allowing to determine their origin
- Originated from non-thermal processes due to extremely violent phenomena
- Gamma-ray sources:
 - Galactic
 - Extragalactic
 - Exotic (?)

THE GAMMA-RAY SKY: BACKGROUNDS

- Different techniques for gamma-ray detection, wide energy range

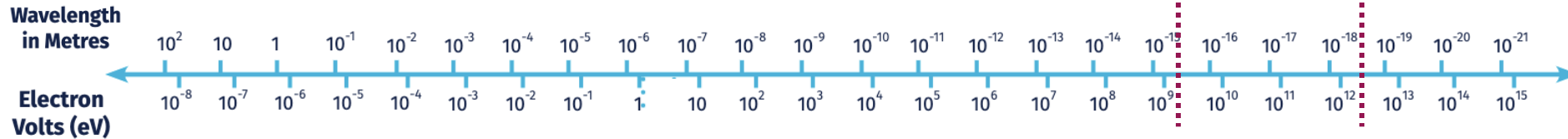


- Instrument is based on:



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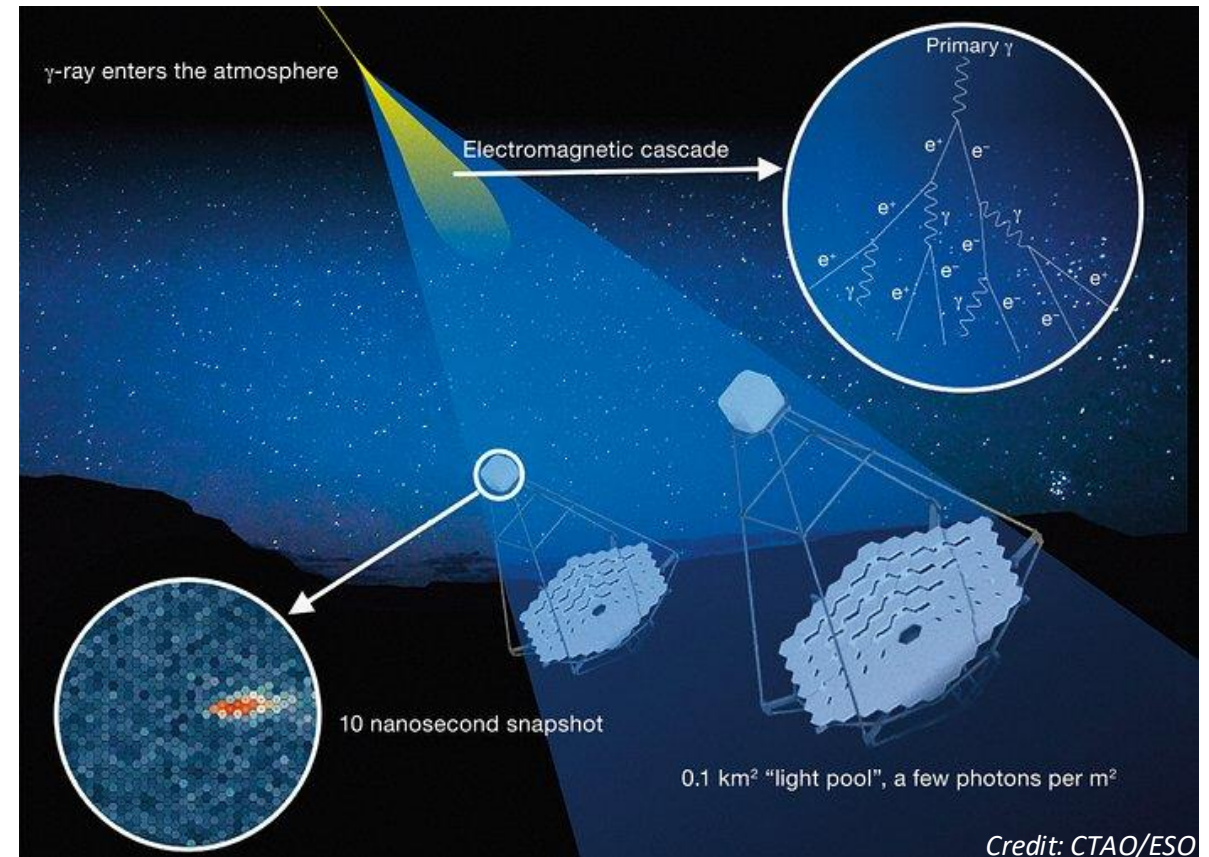
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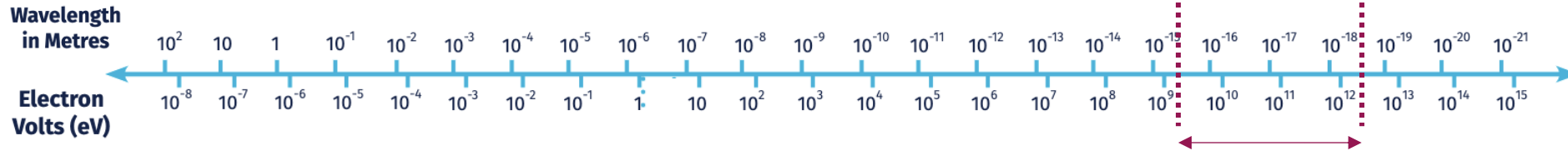
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- Detect secondary products from the interaction between the gamma-ray and the atmosphere
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inherent to each IACTs



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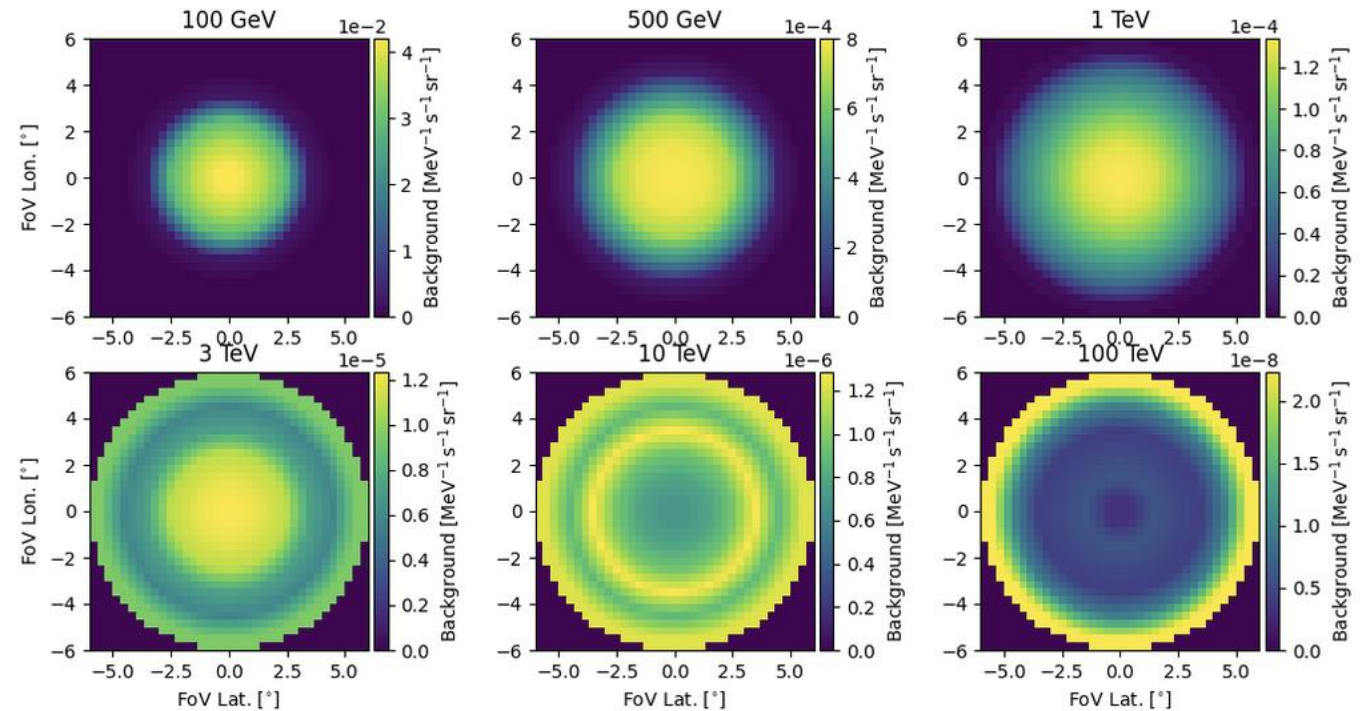


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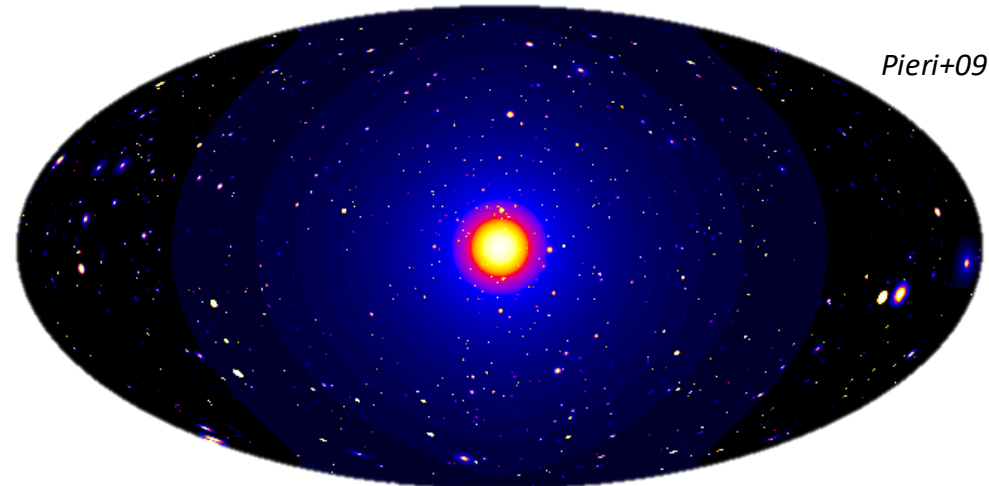
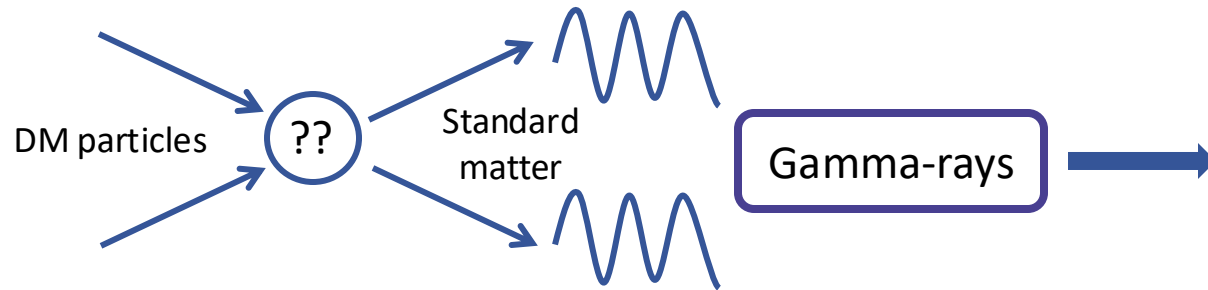


<https://docs.gammapy.org/1.2/tutorials/data/cta.html>

THE GAMMA-RAY SKY: FAINT SOURCES

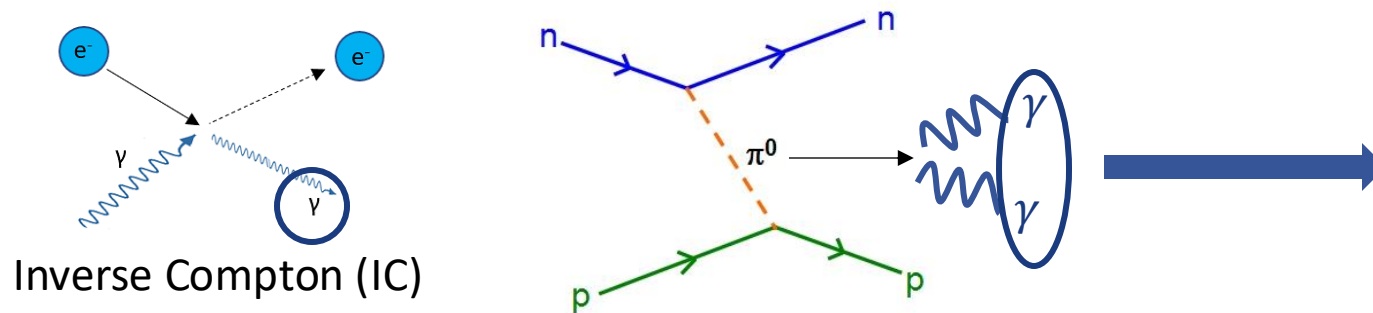
- These backgrounds hinder the detection of faint gamma-ray sources
- Faint sources enclose a lot of new physics information:

Dark Matter (DM)



Cosmic ray (CR) production & populations

- Particles in the vicinity of violent phenomena are accelerated:

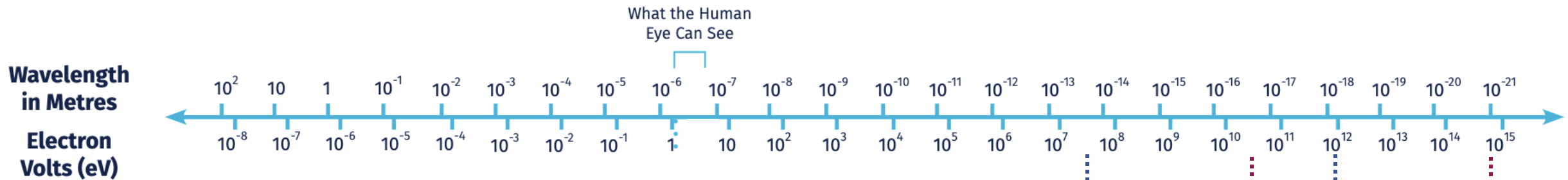


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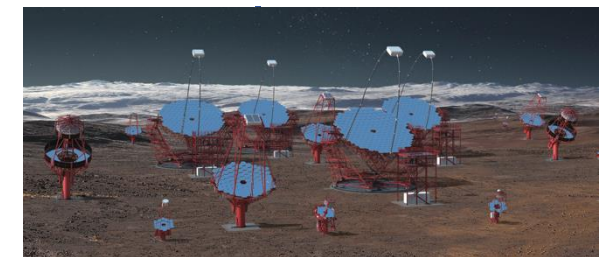
- Galaxy clusters:
- DM dominated
 - CR populations

ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

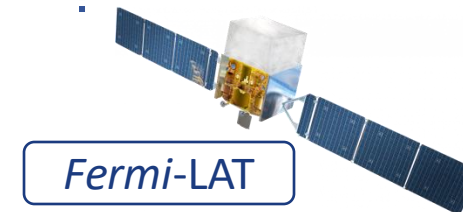


Long-term problem for robustly detect faint sources
(lower the detection threshold)

1. Use Machine Learning (ML) techniques to improve the efficiency of the analysis and fully exploit the data
2. Use the most complete and state-of-the-art datasets



Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory (CTAO)



Fermi-LAT

ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

- Standard gamma-ray analysis:

Models for the signal + **background** + Likelihood fitting →

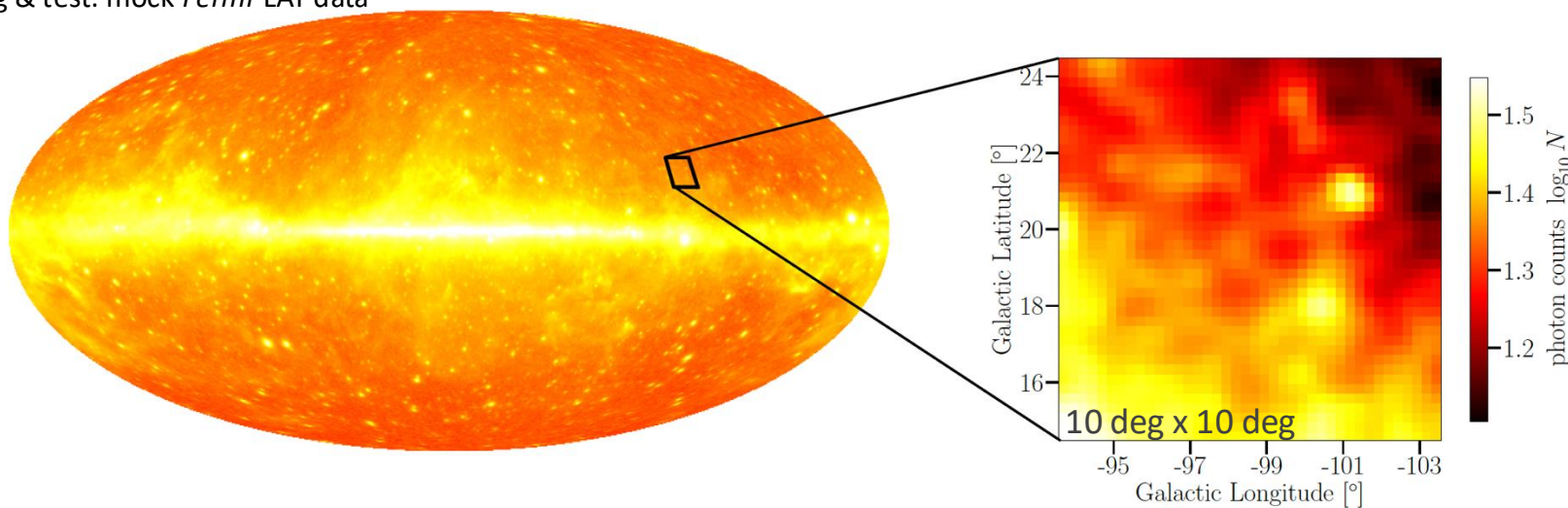


Lack of knowledge of backgrounds can introduce strong biases

AutoSourceID (ASID) [Panes+21]

<https://www.nikhef.nl/%7EEscaron/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)

ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

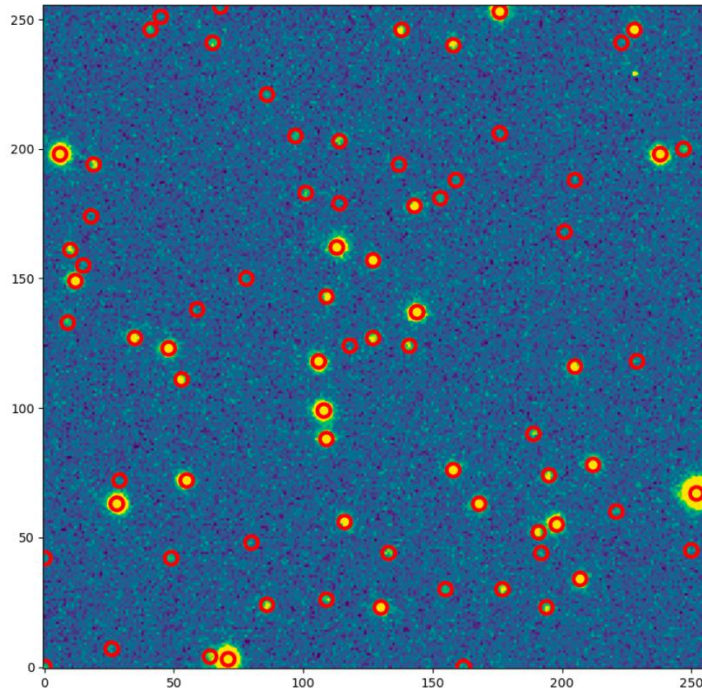
Localization

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

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

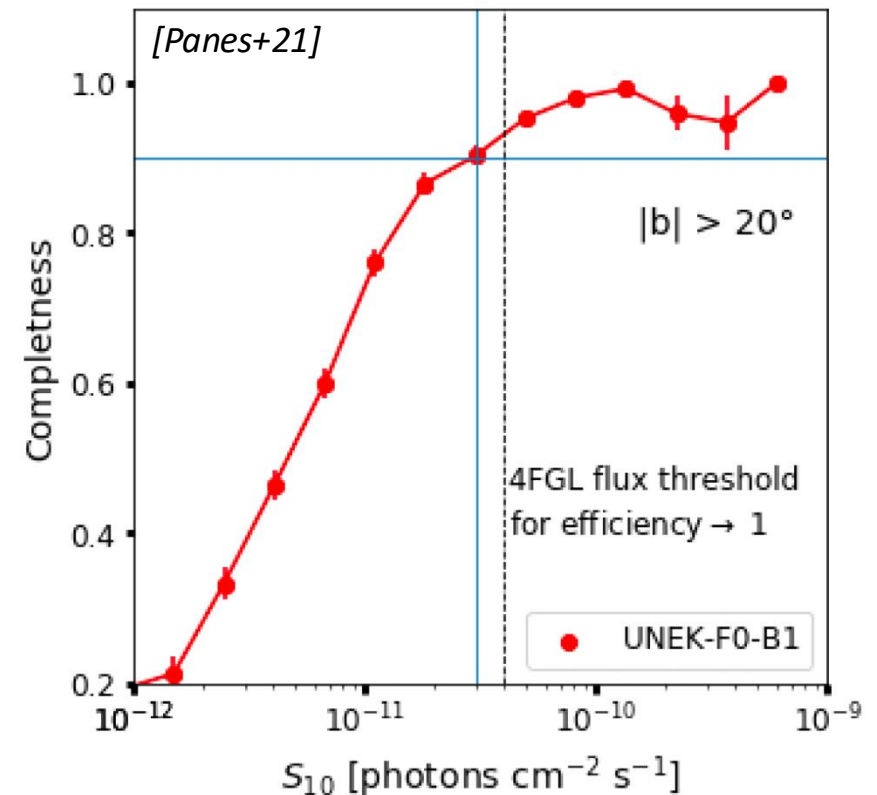
ASID enhanced with a Laplacian of Gaussian filter applied to optical data

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



Detection (flux)

$$\text{Completeness} = \frac{\text{True positives}}{\text{True positive} + \text{False negatives}}$$



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Current ASID work in progress!

Flux prediction

Real *Fermi*-LAT data

$\sim 10^\circ \times 10^\circ$ Patches

1. Multi-Input U-Net
2. Laplacian of Gaussian

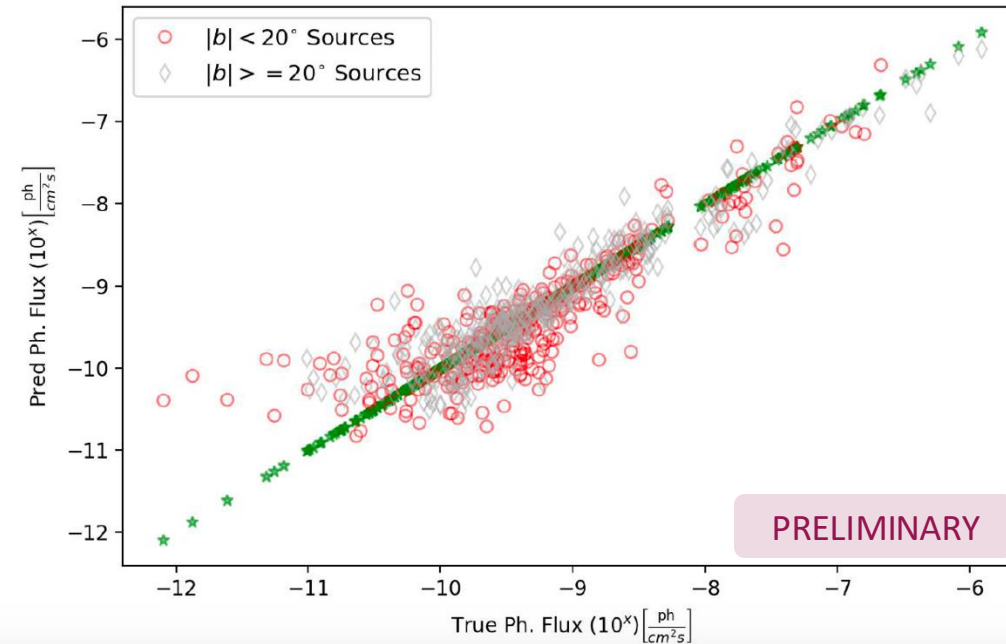
PRELIMINARY

Resolution: $\sim 0.1^\circ$

10 × 10 Pixels

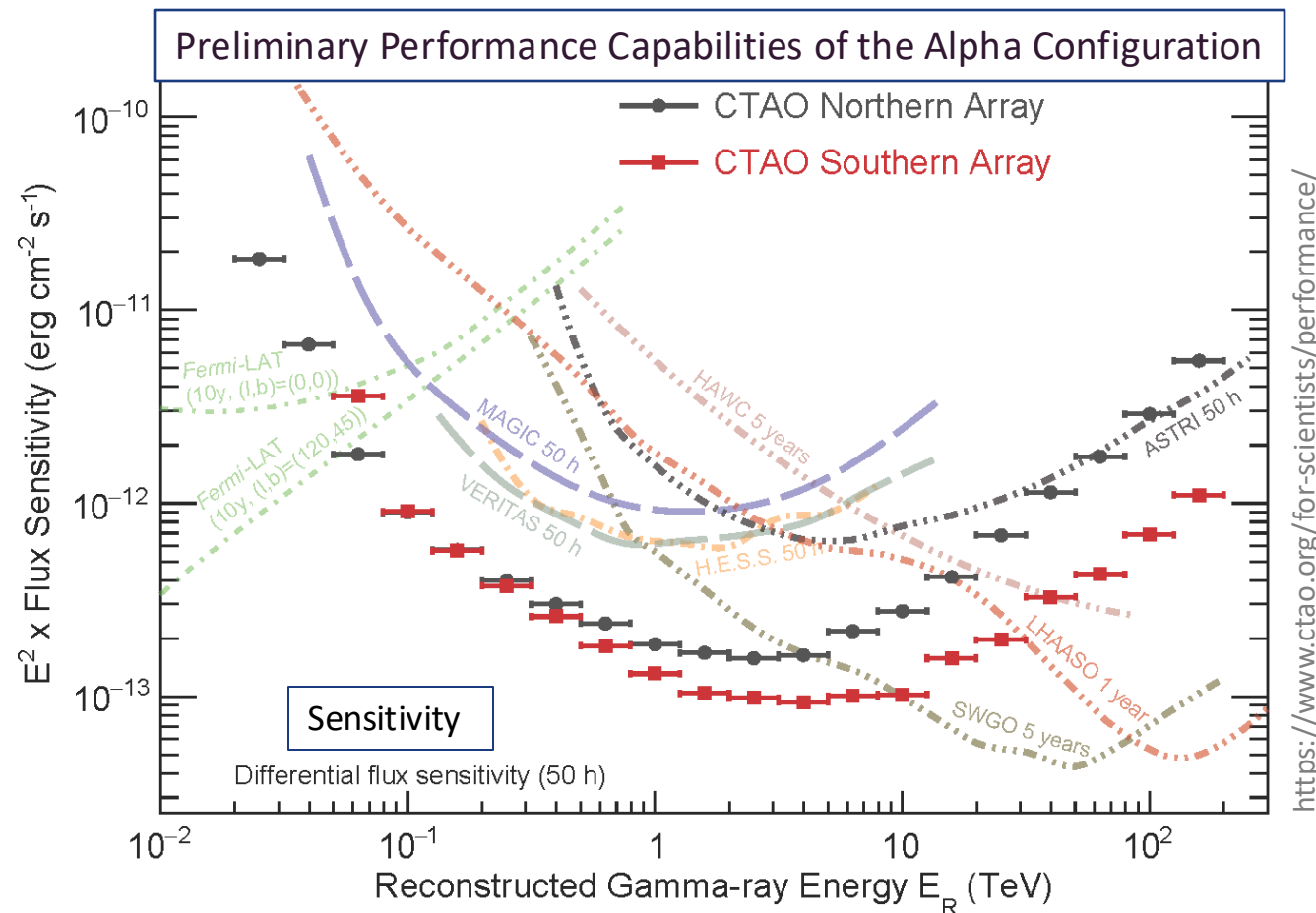
(Lat, Lon), Pixel Probability

Courtesy of S. Bhattacharyya



ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES: CTAO

- Future of IACTs for very-high energy gamma-ray astronomy
- 2 arrays: Northern Array (La Palma, Spain) and Southern Array (Paranal, Chile)
- First telescope already in operations!



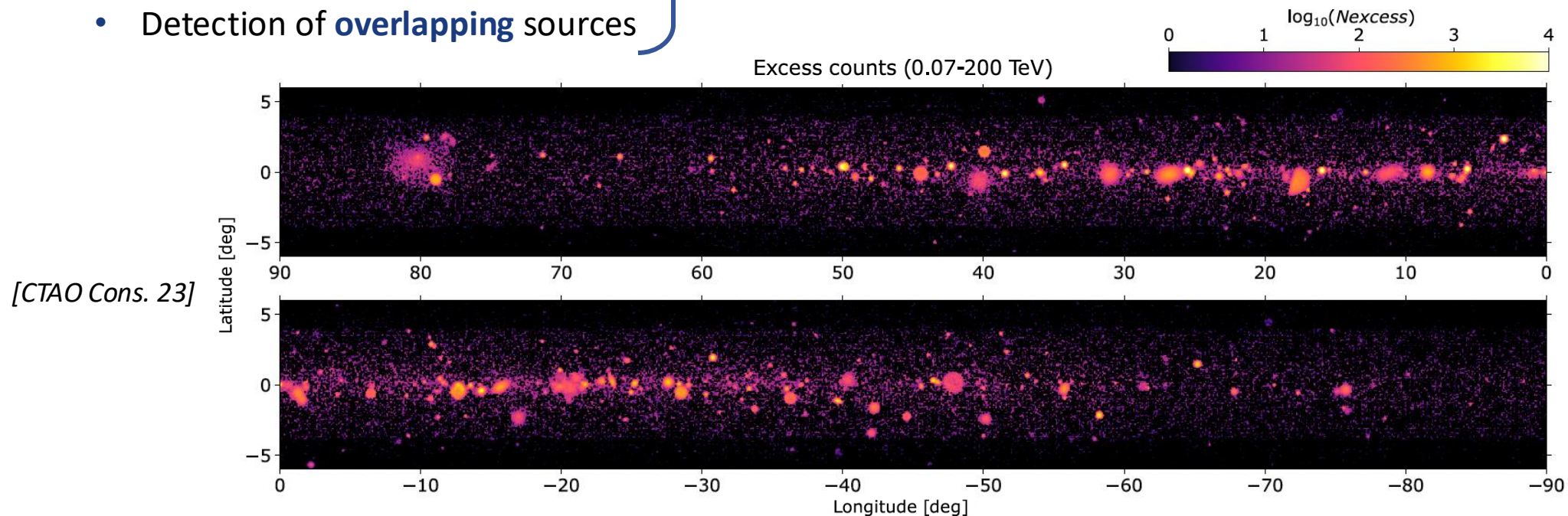
ML TO DETECT FAINT GAMMA-RAY SOURCES: CTAO

- Use $ASID + ASID-L$ to aid in the detection of faint gamma-ray sources in CTAO data

↓ How?

- Extend the reach of $ASID$ to:
 - Simulated (but realistic) **CTAO** data
 - Detection of **extended** sources
 - Detection of **overlapping** sources

The galactic plane is the perfect environment for test!

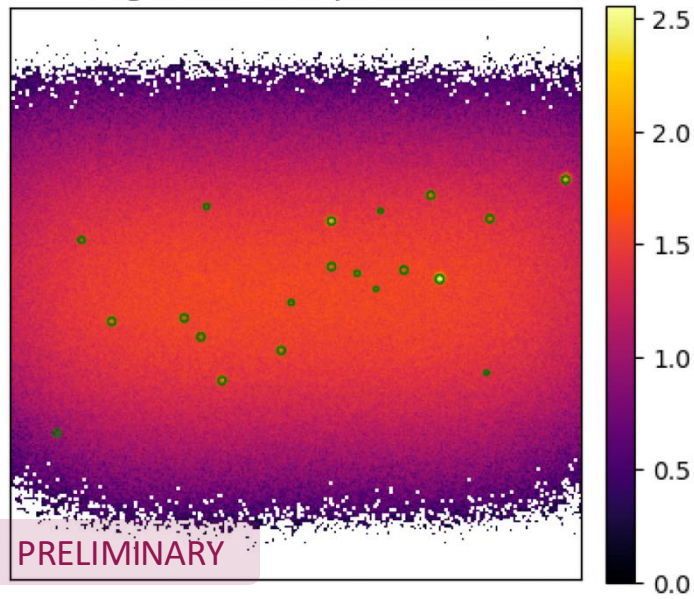


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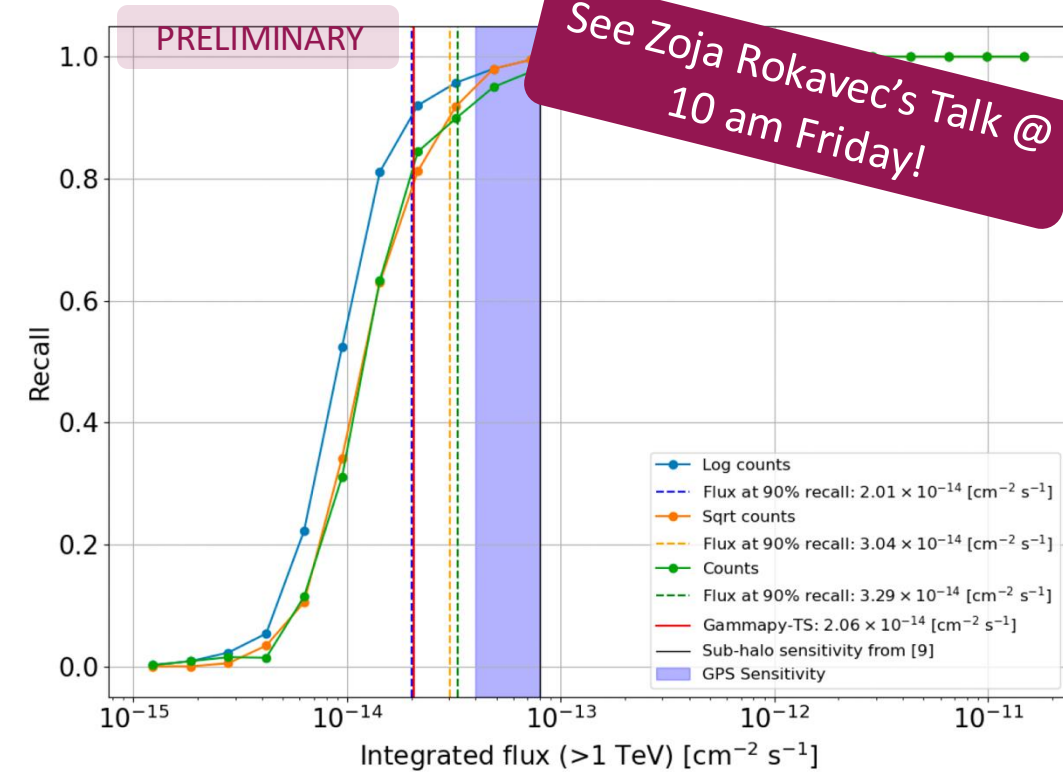
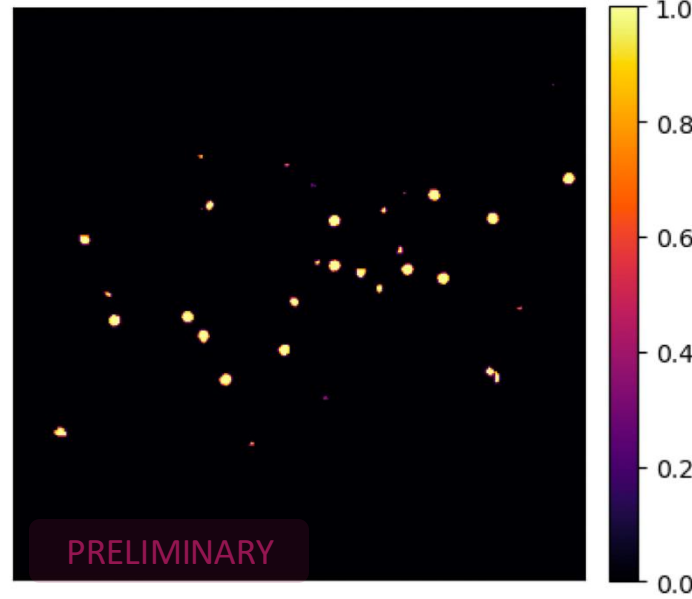
- Start testing $ASID$ with:
 - Simulated **CTAO** data
 - Point-like sources

Toy model for the galactic plane sources



Log counts with predictions



Predicted mask



SUMMARY AND FUTURE WORK

- CTAO will improve sensitivity of current IACTs $\sim O(1)$, boosting the chances for discovery of faint and still undetected sources
- Faint sources hold plenty of interesting physics, from unveiling the fundamental nature of DM to a better understanding of CR acceleration and production mechanism
- Gamma-ray data has to deal with irreducible backgrounds: GDE & IGRB (*Fermi*-LAT) and atmospheric CR BKG (IACTs), obstructing the analysis
- ML (specifically U-NET architecture like `ASID`) has show its potential to detect point-like sources in (simplified) gamma-ray data, obtaining comparable results as the standard likelihood analyses
- Next step  CTAO simulation of the galactic plane
 - Adapt `ASID` to simplified CTAO data  **See results at Zoja Rokavec's talk!**
 - Explore the potential of the LoG filter to detect extended sources and characterize extensions in realistic CTAO simulations (overlapping sources)
 - Test other possibilities to detect source extension (open discussion!)



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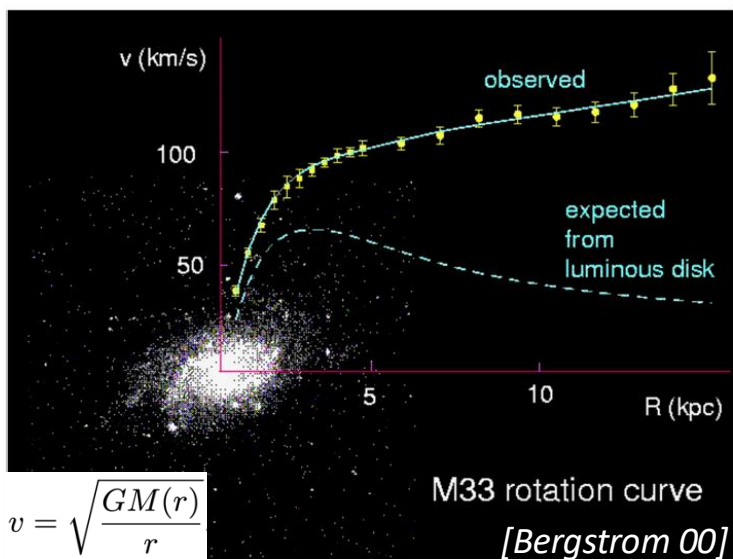


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BACK-UP MATERIAL

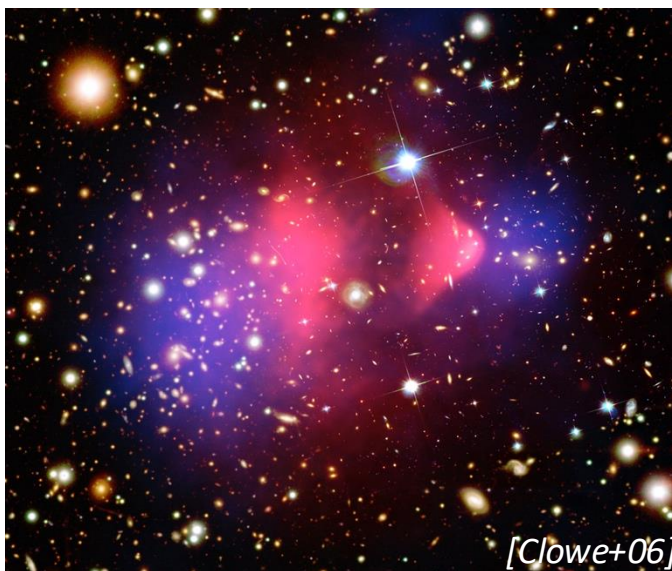
DARK MATTER EVIDENCE

Galactic scales



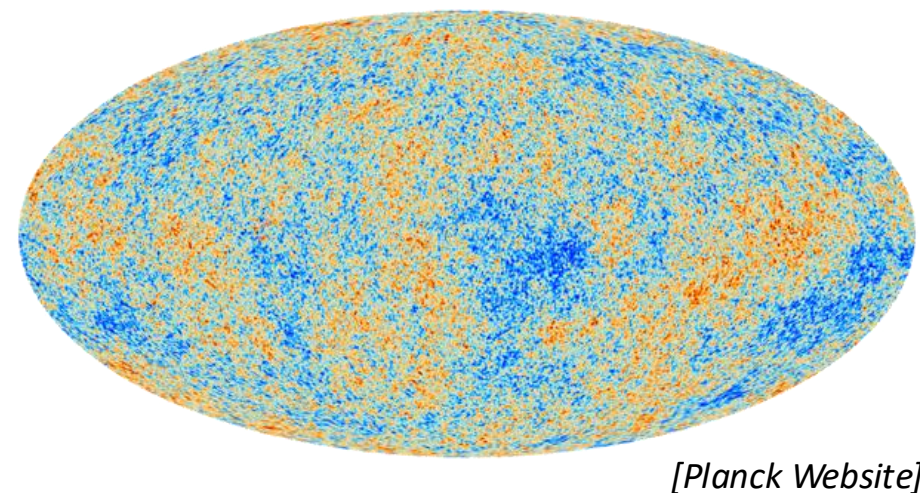
- Rotational curves
- Velocity dispersion

Galaxy cluster scales



- Peculiar velocity flows
- Mass tracers (X-rays, Sunyaev–Zeldovich, strong&weak lensing)
- Dynamical systems

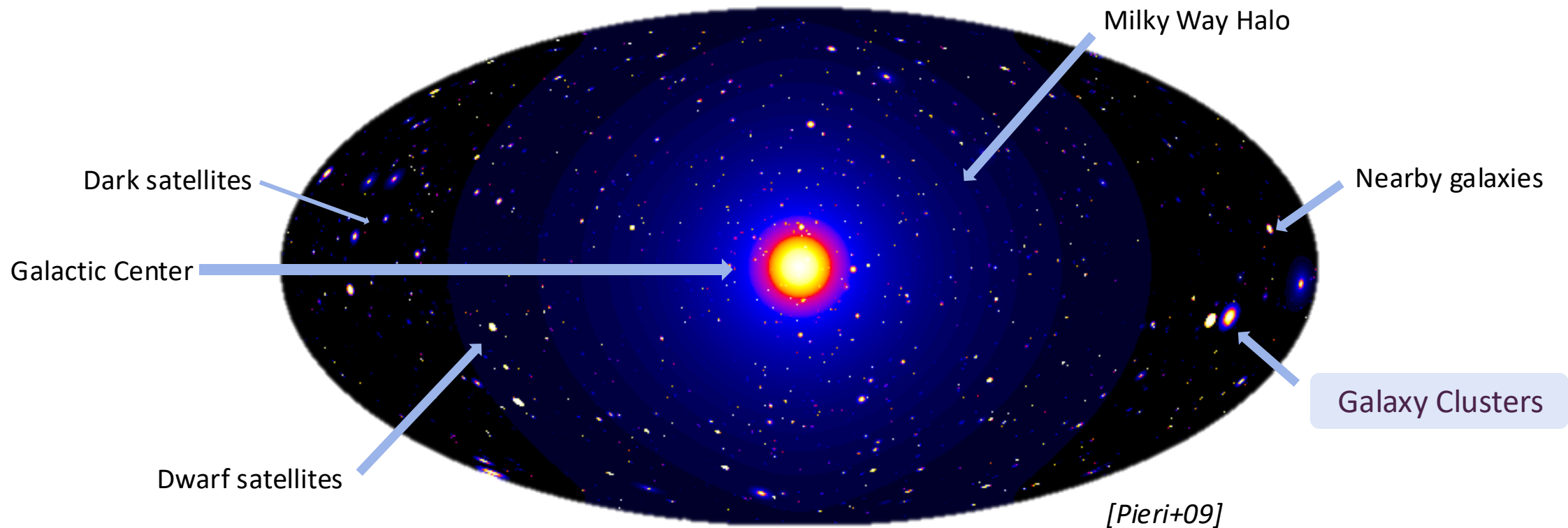
Cosmological scales



- Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) anisotropies
- Large Scale Structure (LSS)

UNVEILING THE NATURE OF DARK MATTER THROUGH GAMMA-RAYS

- There is a large variety of objects that are heavily dominated by DM
 - High DM density
 - Massive nearby objects
 - Low astrophysical background

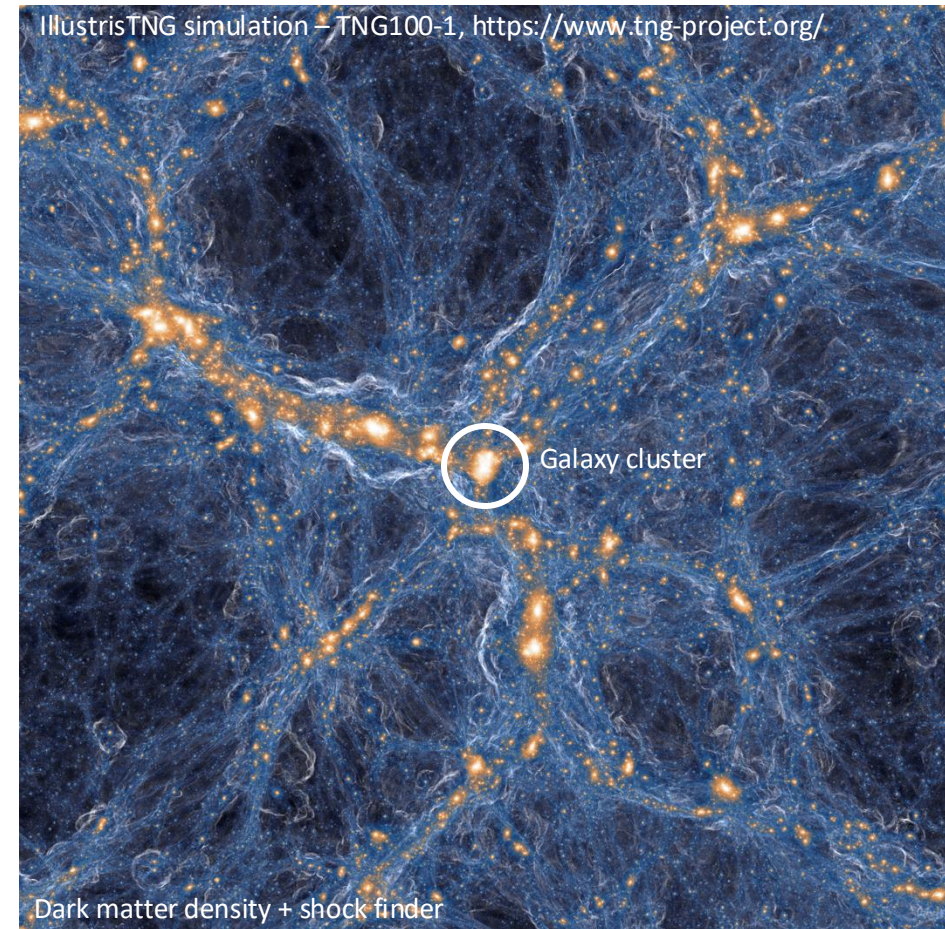


GAMMA-RAYS FROM GALAXY CLUSTERS

- Largest gravitationally bound structures formed by gravitational collapse
- Masses of order $\sim 10^{14}$ - $10^{15} M_{\odot}$
- Components:
 - Standard Matter
 - Galaxies (3% - 5%)
 - Intra Cluster Medium (15% - 17%) (ICM)
 - **Dark Matter (~80%)**
- Several in closeby Universe
- Even supposedly stable objects, a lot of activity (magnetic fields, turbulence motions...)

These processes act as acceleration mechanisms for the ICM producing cosmic rays (CRs)

- $CR_e + \text{Mag. fields} \rightarrow \gamma_{X\text{-rays, radio}}$
- $CR_p + \text{ICM} \rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



GAMMA-RAYS FROM GALAXY CLUSTERS

- Galaxy clusters should shine brightly in the gamma-ray sky
- This search has been going on for over two decades (either from DM or/and CRs), but signal has remained elusive

Reimer+03

Aharonian+08 [HESS Collab.]

Ackermann+10 [Fermi-LAT Collab.]

Aleksic+10 [MAGIC Collab.]

Dugger+10

Colafrancesco+10

Han+12 – Various clusters, *hint*

Ando & Nagai 12

Huang+12

Aleksic+12 [MAGIC Collab.]

Arlen+12 [VERITAS Collab.]

Nezri+12

Abromowski+12 [HESS Collab.]

Cirelli+12

Hektor+12 – Various clusters, 3.6σ

Huber+13

Prokhorov & Churazov 14 – Various clusters, $4-5\sigma$

Ackermann+14 [Fermi-LAT Collab.] – Various clusters, 2.4σ

Griffith+14

Zandanel & Ando 14

Ackermann+15 [Fermi-LAT Collab.] – Virgo cluster, *hint*

Ahnen+16 [MAGIC Collab.]

Ackermann+16 [Fermi-LAT Collab.] – Coma cluster, *hint*

Xi+18 – Coma cluster, *hint*

Aleksic+18 [MAGIC Collab.]

Lisanti+18

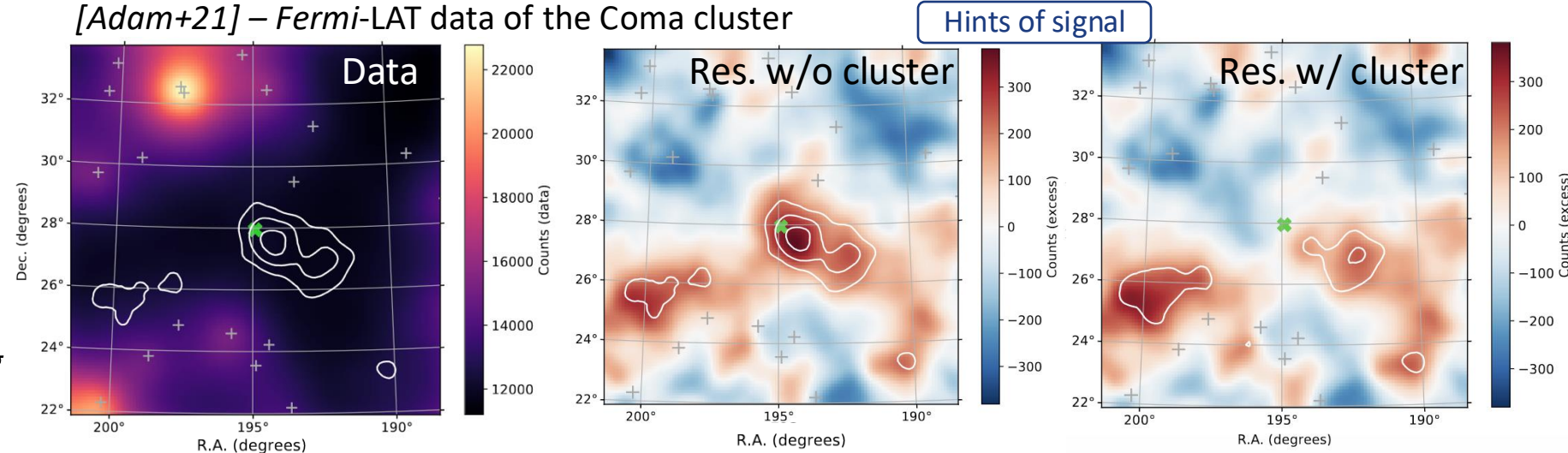
Colavizzeno+19 – Various clusters, $3.5-3.8\sigma$

Tan & Colavizzeno 19

Adam+21 – Coma cluster, $4.9-5.8\sigma$

Thorpe-Morgan+21

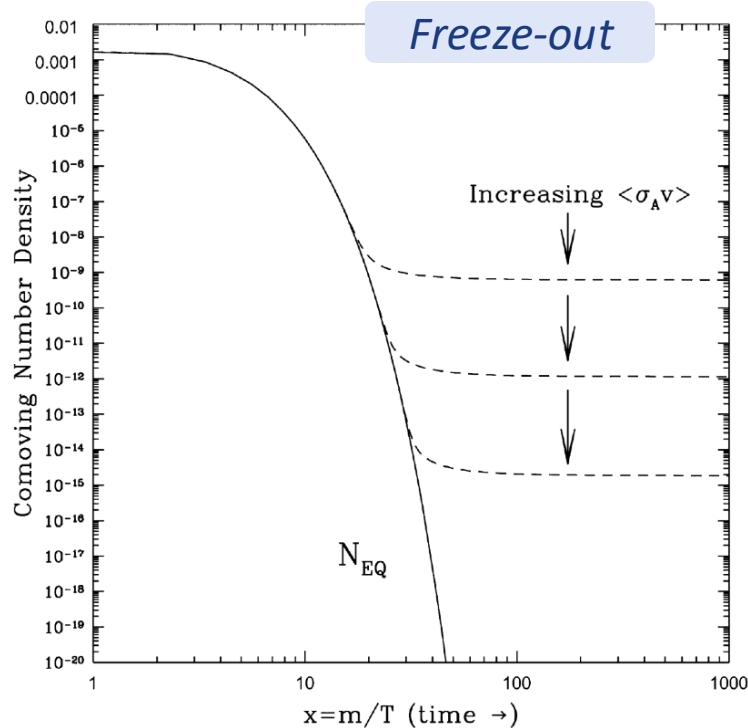
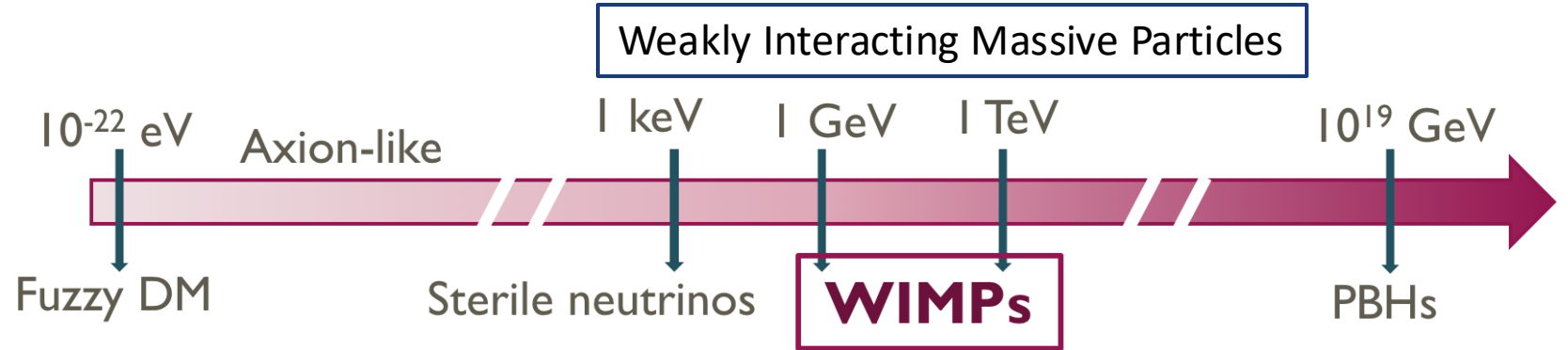
di Mauro, JPR + 23 – Various clusters, $2.5-3.0\sigma$



Galaxy clusters are amongst the most promising examples for detection of faint gamma-ray sources

DM CANDIDATES: WIMPS

- Different DM candidates:
 - Non-baryonic
 - Electrically neutral
 - Non-relativistic & collisionless
 - Long-lived



- Only interact via weak nuclear force with SM
- Produced as a thermal relic

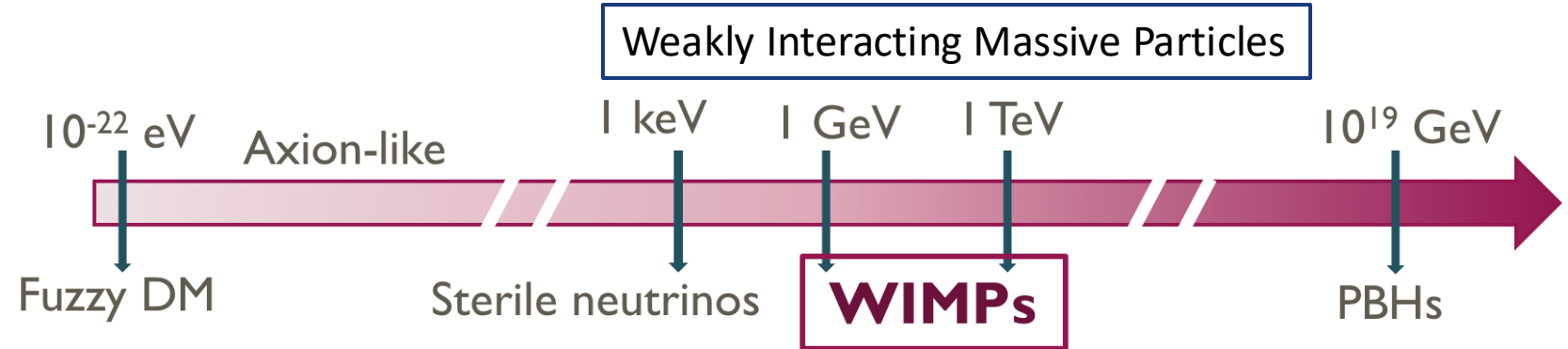
WIMP miracle

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 = \frac{10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

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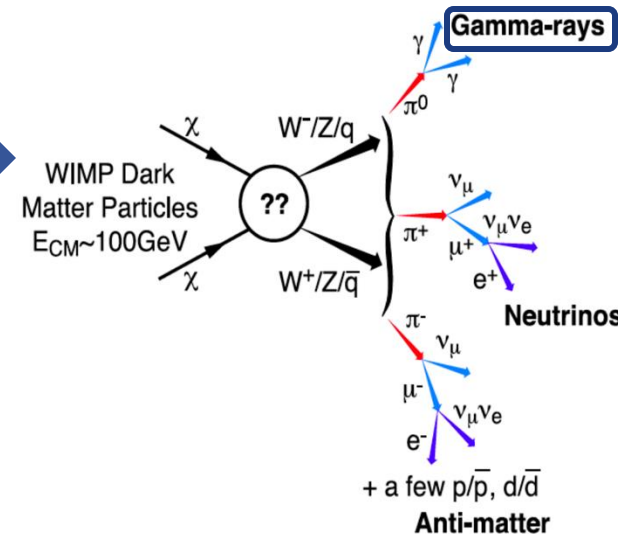
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- The search for the WIMP

- **Annihilation/Decay** → **Indirect detection**
- Collision → Direct detection
- Production → Colliders detection



This γ -ray emission allows to perform Indirect DM Searches with current telescopes

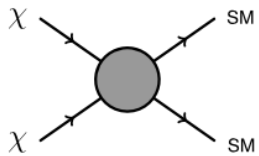
INDIRECT GAMMA-RAY WIMP DM SEARCHES

- DM-induced gamma-ray flux from an astrophysical object

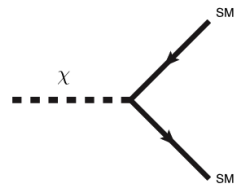
$$\frac{d\Phi_{DM}}{dE}(E, l.o.s, \Delta\Omega, z) = \frac{d\phi}{dE}(E, z) \times \text{Astrophysical factor}$$

Particle
Physics Model

Annihilation



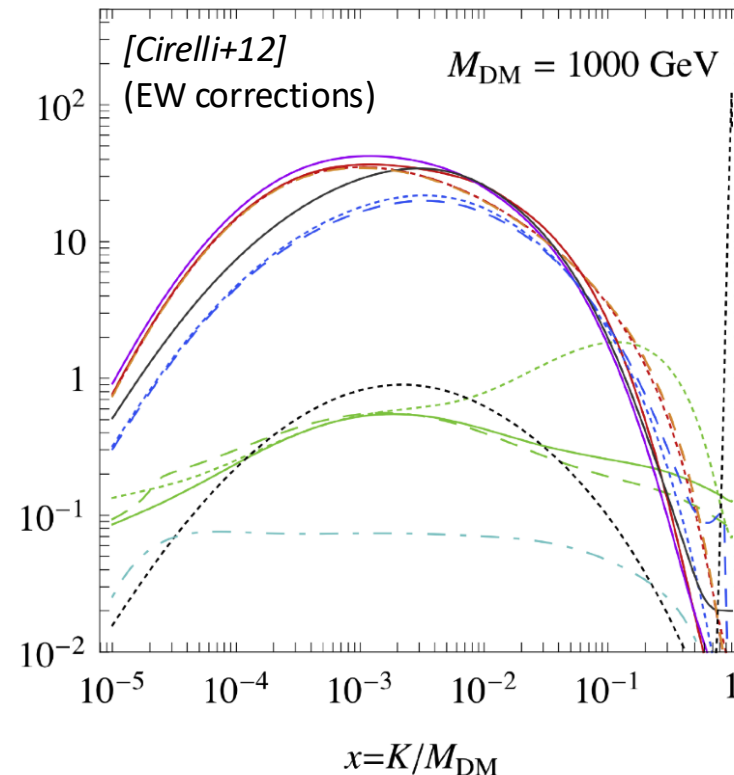
$$\frac{d\phi}{dE}(E, z) = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{8\pi m_{DM}^2} \frac{dN}{dE}$$



$$\frac{d\phi}{dE}(E, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi m_{DM} \tau_{DM}} \frac{dN}{dE}$$

Decay

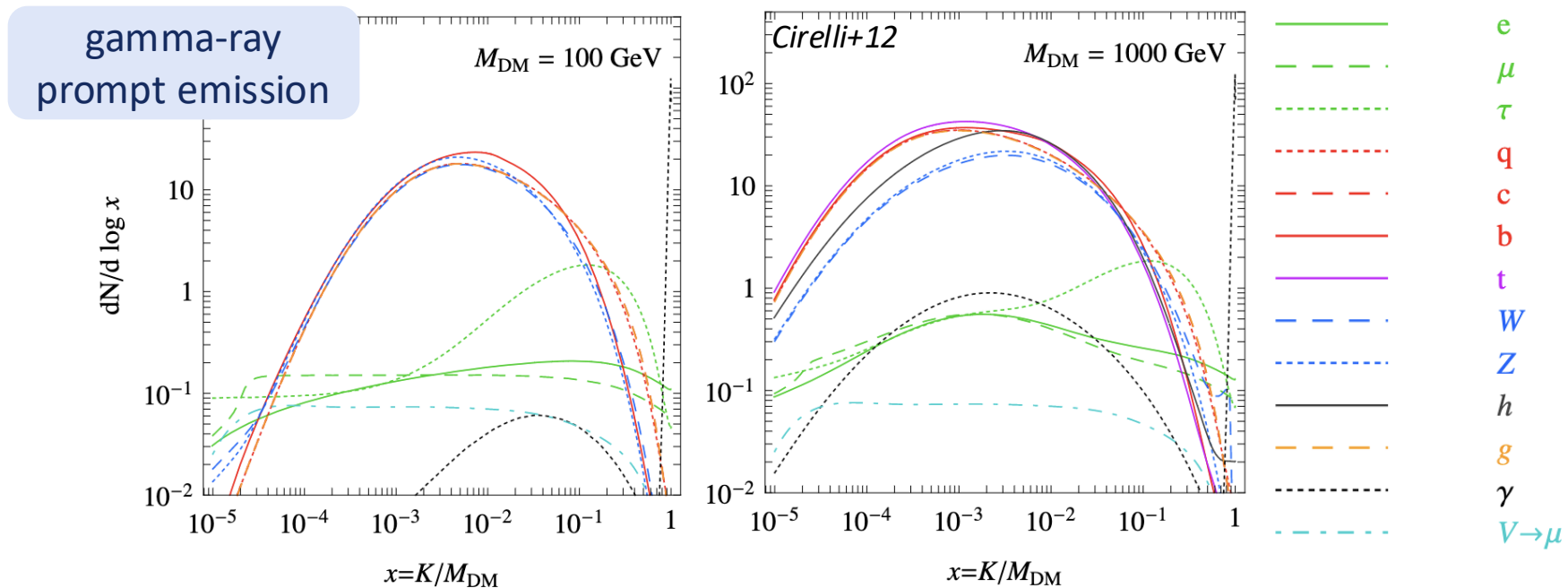
$dN/d \log x$



- DM mass
- Interaction channel

INDIRECT GAMMA-RAY WIMP DM SEARCHES

- DM production at source: *Cirelli+12* (EW corrections)
 - includes electroweak radiation effects, specially important for the flux of γ and e^\pm for energies around m_{DM}
 - s-wave non-relativistic DM-DM annihilation/decay
 - annihilation/decay into primary channel + photon radiation of quarks and leptons, as well as photon branching into quark or lepton pairs
 - gamma-ray fluxes only include prompt emission and not the secondary radiation (e.g. Inverse Compton)



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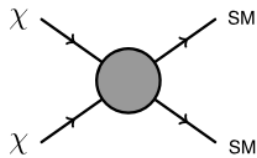
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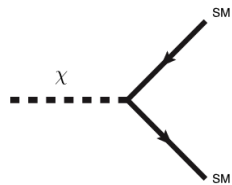
Particle
Physics Model

Quantifies the
significance of the
signal

Annihilation



Decay



$$J(l.o.s, \Delta\Omega, z) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{l.o.s} \rho_{DM}^2(r) dr \quad \longrightarrow \quad J \propto \frac{M_{200} c_{200}^3}{D_{Earth}^2}$$

DM density profile

$$D(l.o.s, \Delta\Omega, z) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{l.o.s} \rho_{DM}(r) dr \quad \longrightarrow \quad D \propto \frac{M_{200}}{D_{Earth}^2}$$

MAIN UNCERTAINTY OF DM DENSITY PROFILES

- To model the DM density profile in the objects, we split the contributions:

$$\langle \rho_{\text{tot}} \rangle(r) = \rho_{\text{sm}}(r) + \langle \rho_{\text{subs}} \rangle(r) \longrightarrow \text{Subhalo population (if any)}$$

Main halo

- Cuspy-like,
from N-body simulations

$$\rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right) \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^2}$$

$$\rho_{\text{Ein}}(r) = \rho_s \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\alpha} \left[\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\alpha - 1\right]\right)$$

$$\rho_{\text{Bur}}(r) = \frac{\rho_c r_c^3}{(r + r_c)(r^2 + r_c^2)}$$

- Cored-like,
phenomenologically motivated

- Fit the profiles either:

- Rotational curves (spiral galaxies, dwarf irregular galaxies)
- Velocity dispersion measurements (dSphs)
- Normalize to the measured mass (galaxy clusters) \longrightarrow

$$M_\Delta = \int_0^{R_\Delta} \rho(r) r^2 dr d\Omega$$

DM MODELLING: SUBSTRUCTURE

- Galaxy clusters are the most massive objects today, large amount of substructure expected
- Inclusion through ρ_{DM} using state-of-the-art subhalo models

$$\langle \rho_{\text{tot}} \rangle(r) = \rho_{\text{sm}}(r) + \langle \rho_{\text{subs}} \rangle(r)$$

DM subhalo profile: NFW

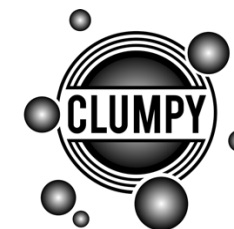
$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)\left[1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right]^2}$$

Subhalo Radial Distribution
(SRD)

$$\rho_{\text{sub}}^{\text{VLII}}(R) = \frac{\rho_{\text{tot}}^{\text{VLII}}(R) (R/R_a)}{\left(1 + \frac{R}{R_a}\right)}$$

Via Lactea - II
Anti-biased relation
[Diemand+08]

$$\frac{d^3 N}{dV dM dc} = N_{\text{tot}} \frac{d\mathcal{P}_V}{dV}(r) \cdot \frac{d\mathcal{P}_M}{dM}(M) \cdot \frac{d\mathcal{P}_c}{dc}(M, c)$$



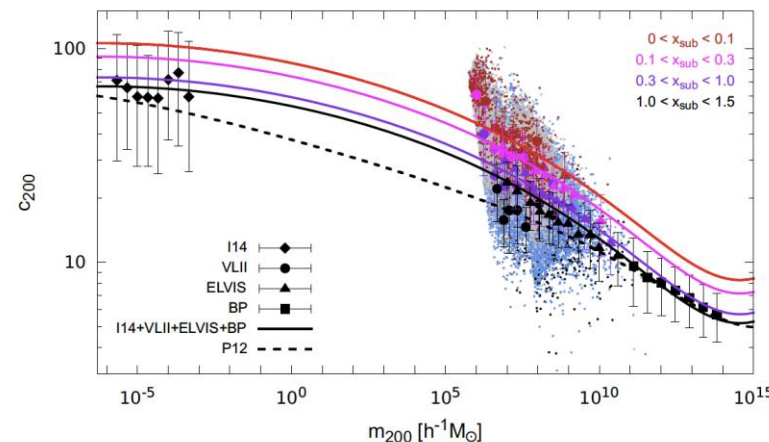
Subhalo Mass Function
(SHMF)

$$dN/dm = A/M(m/M)^{-\alpha}$$

$\alpha = 1.9$
[Springel+08]

$\alpha = 2.0$
[Diemand+08]

Subhalo Concentration-Mass relation
($c_{200}-M_{200}$)



Dependence on
the subhalo
position

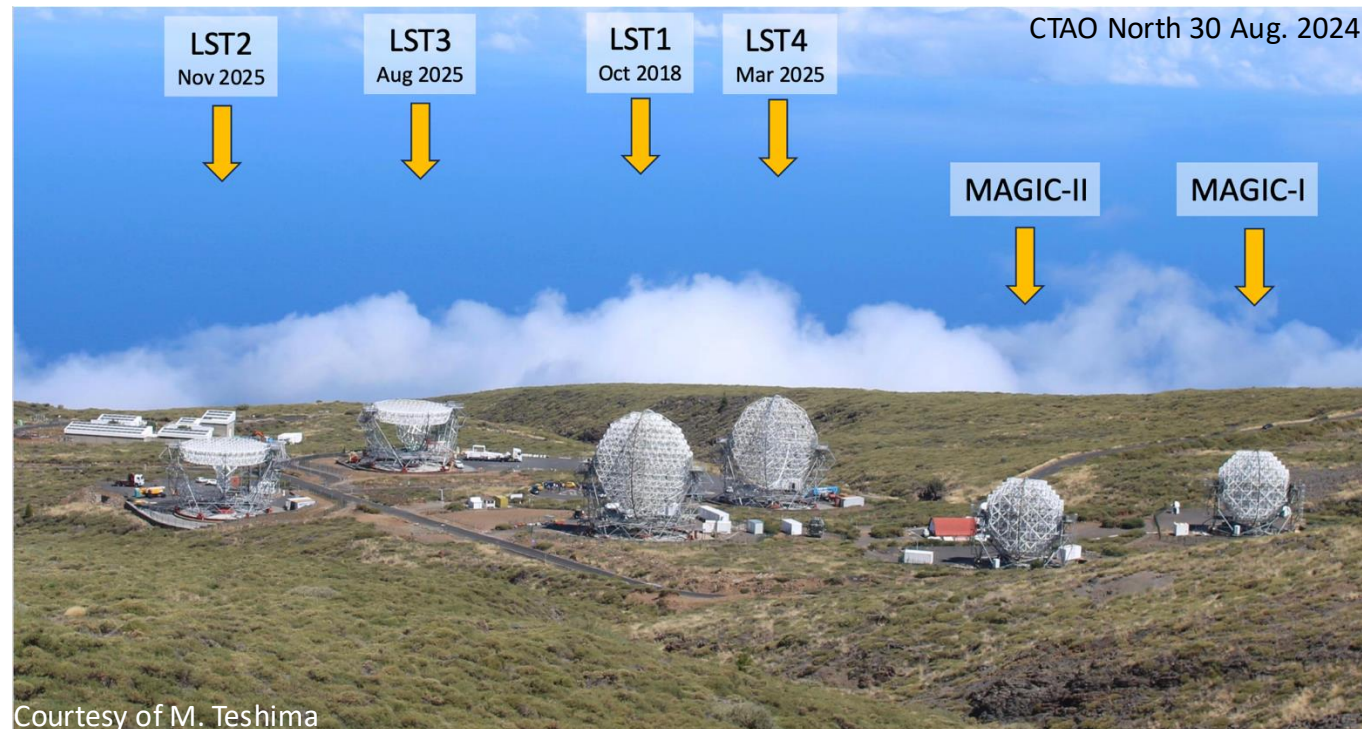
$c_{200}(m_{200}, x_{\text{sub}})$
 $x_{\text{sub}} \equiv R_{\text{sub}}/R_{\Delta}$
[Moliné+17]

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CTAO

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

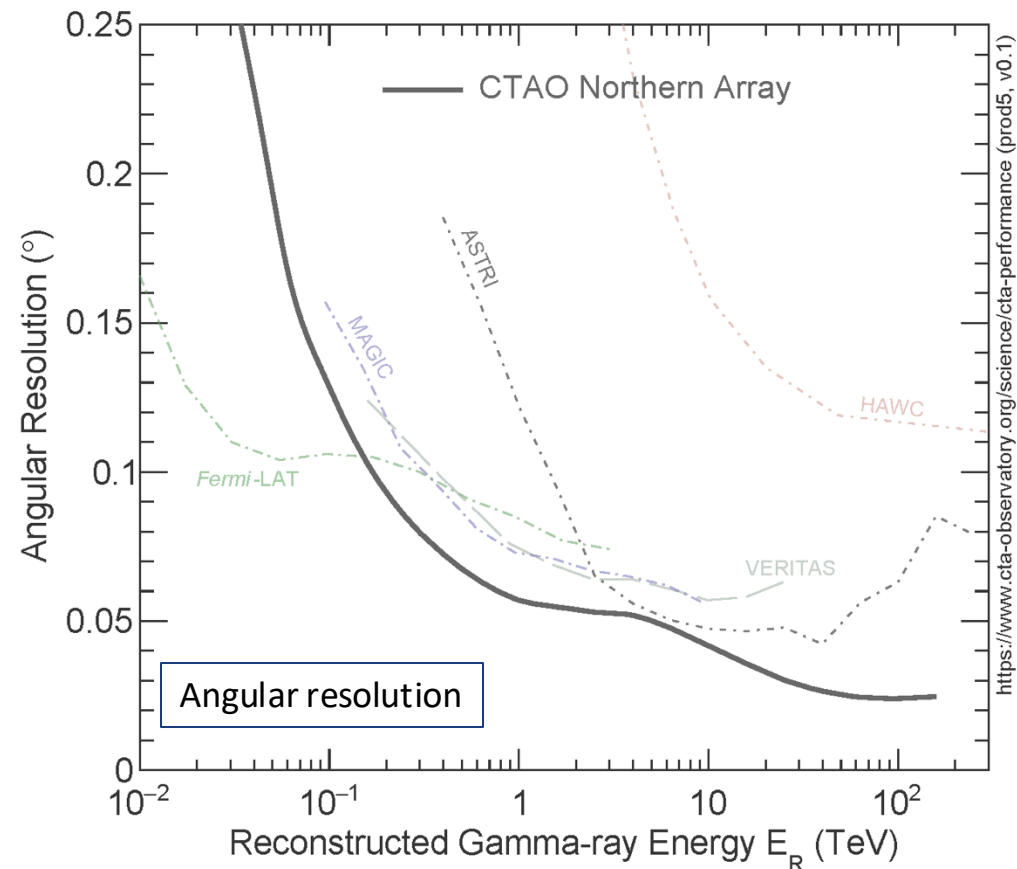
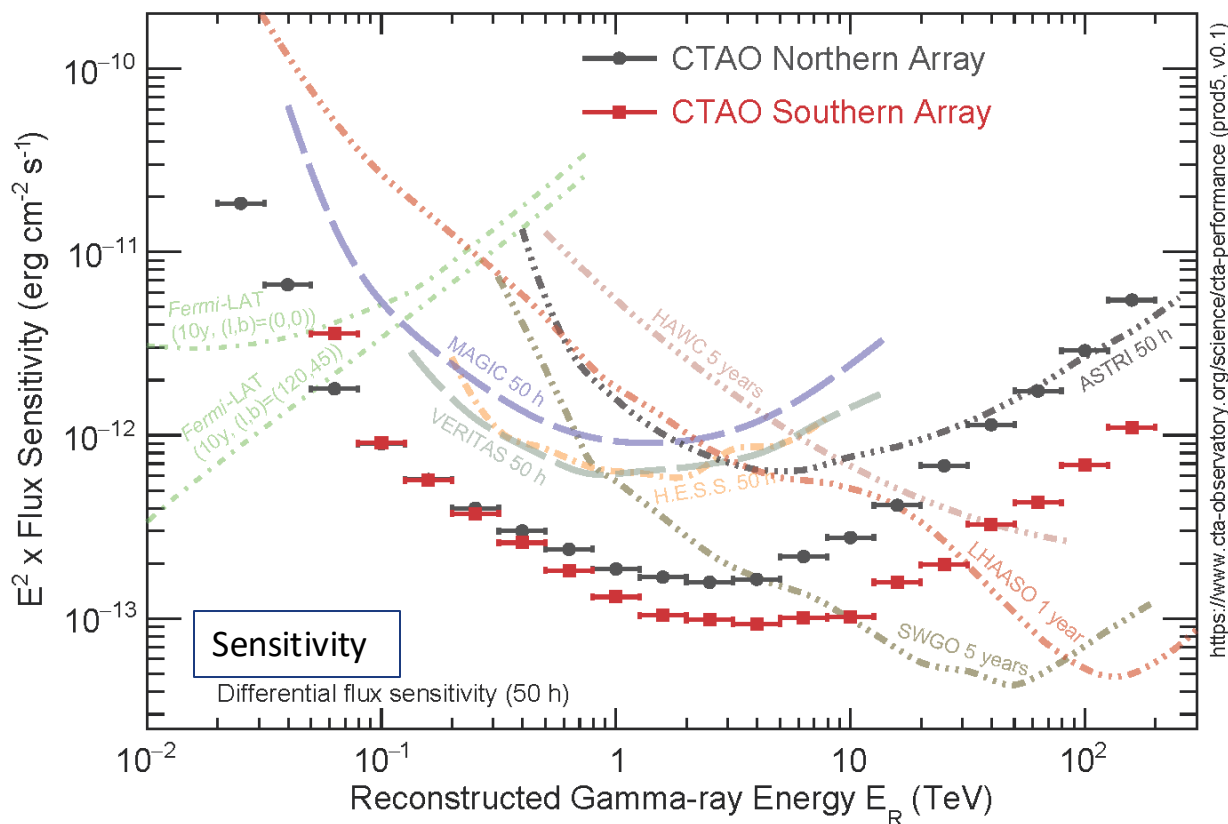


SST	MST	LST	Energy range
5 - 300 TeV	150 GeV - 5 TeV	20 - 150 GeV	20 GeV - 300 TeV
$D_{\phi} = 4.3\text{m}$	$D_{\phi} = 11.5\text{m}$	$D_{\phi} = 23\text{m}$	

CTAO PERFORMANCE

Preliminary Performance Capabilities of the Alpha Configuration

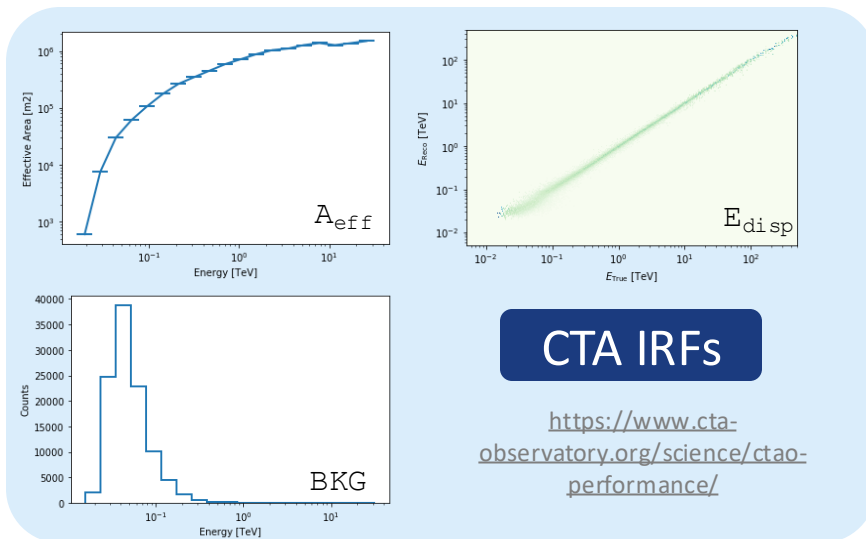
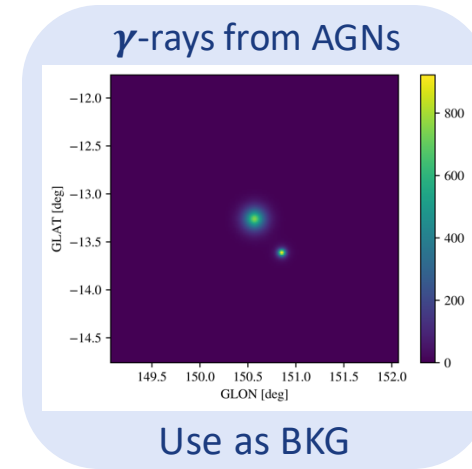
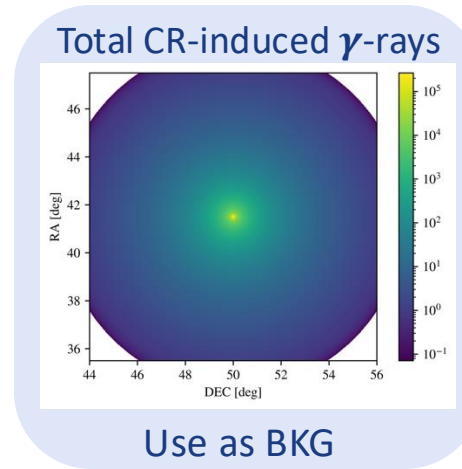
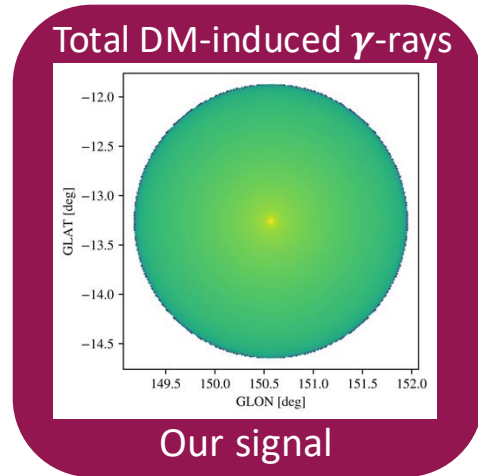
<https://www.ctao.org/for-scientists/performance/>



CTAO will have superb capabilities for DM γ -ray searches

CTAO DM ANALYSIS ROADMAP

- Gamma-ray sources in a standard galaxy cluster: (Perseus cluster)



Observation Simulation

If no signal found

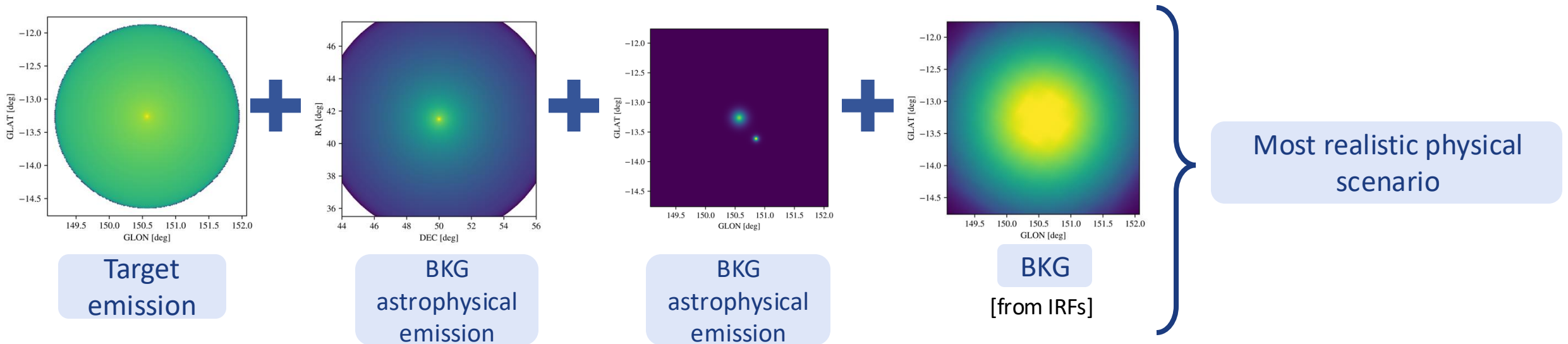
Constraints on DM models

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\chi}^{Ann}}{dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{8\pi m_{\chi}^2} \frac{dN}{dE} \times J$$

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\chi}^{Decay}}{dE} = \frac{1}{4\pi m_{\chi} \tau_{\chi}} \frac{dN}{dE} \times D$$

CTAO ANALYSIS CONFIGURATION: TEMPLATE FITTING

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

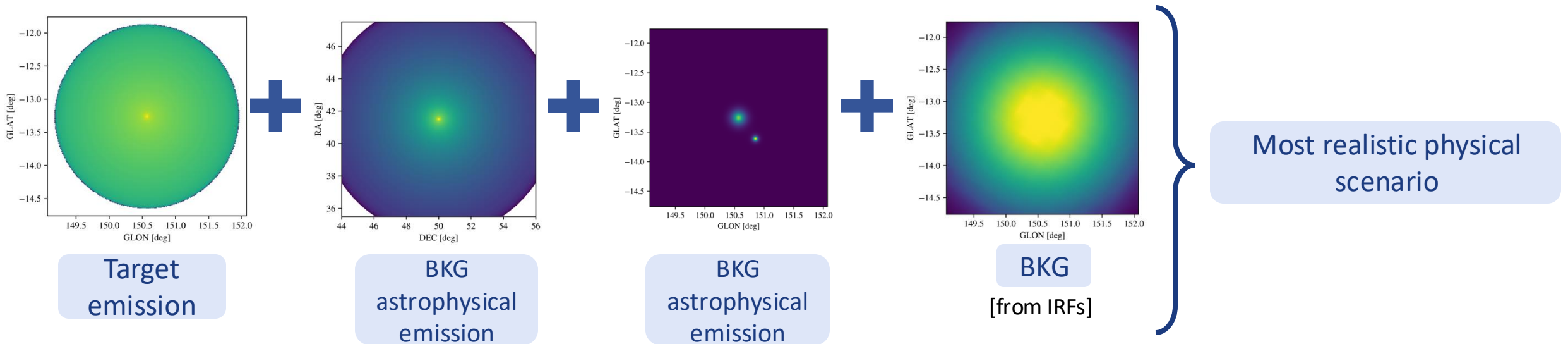


- Considers the different morphologies of each emission
- Allows to check correlations between components
- Historically used in *Fermi*-LAT analysis and in a recent CTA analysis (*Acharyya+20 [CTA Cons.]*)

State-of-the-art analysis pipeline

CTAO ANALYSIS CONFIGURATION: TEMPLATE FITTING

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- 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

CHARACTERISTICS OF SIMULATIONS OF CLUSTER'S GAMMA-RAY EMISSION

• Input models:

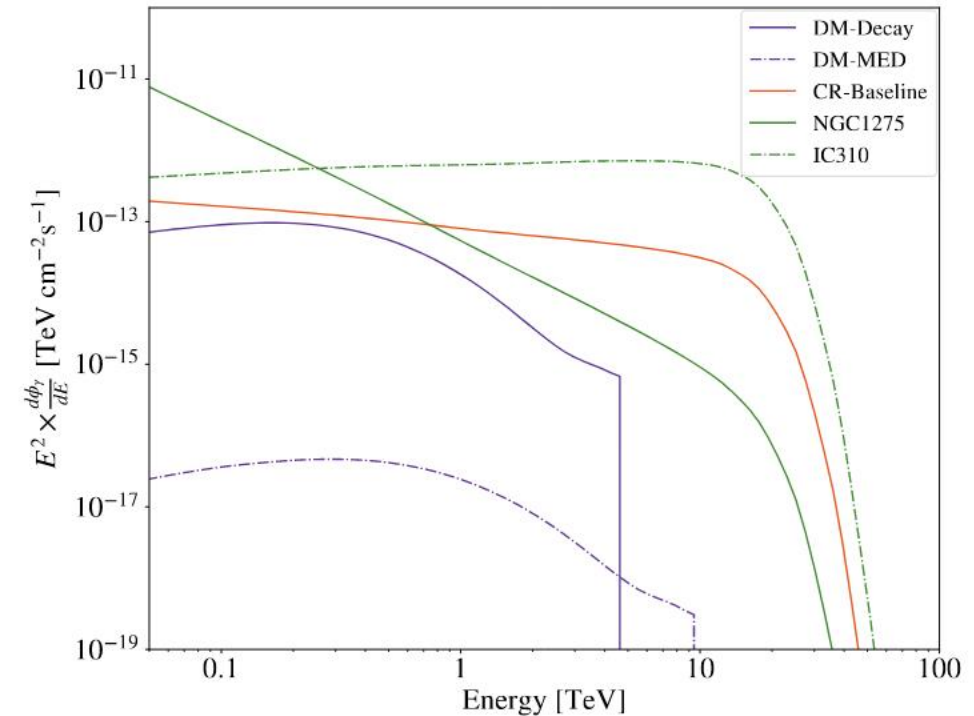
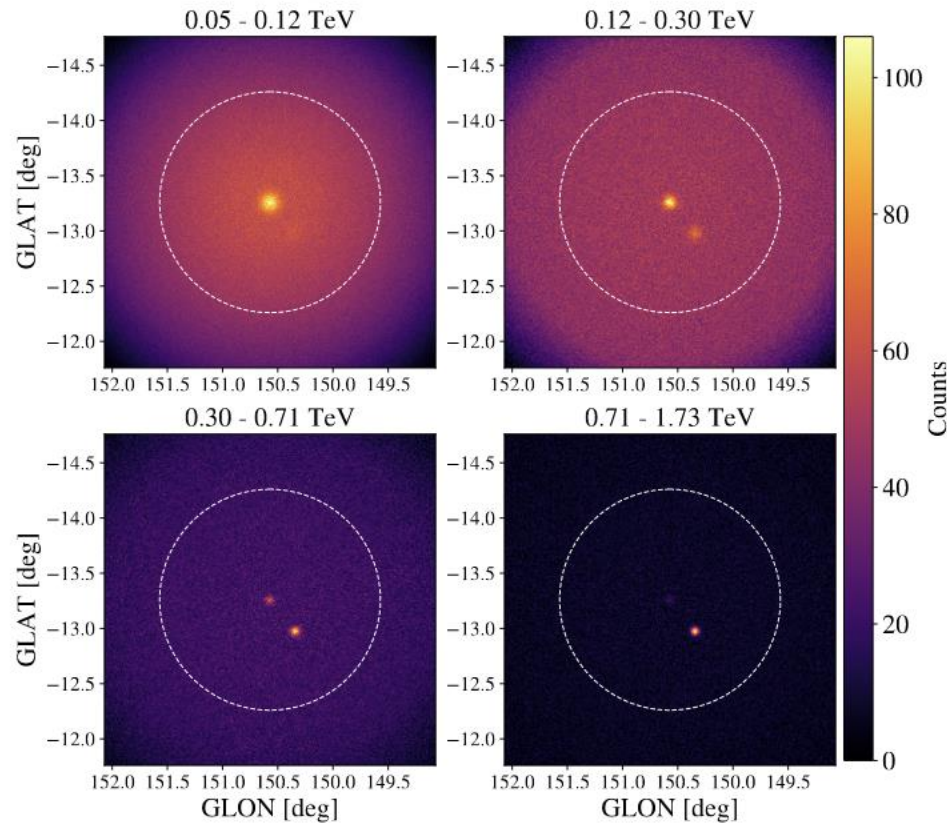
DM Annihilation (thermal cross-section)
 DM Decay ($\tau_\chi = 10^{27}$ s)
 $m_\chi = 10$ TeV
 b \bar{b}

CR baseline model

NGC1275
 &
 IC310

EBL

Domínguez+11



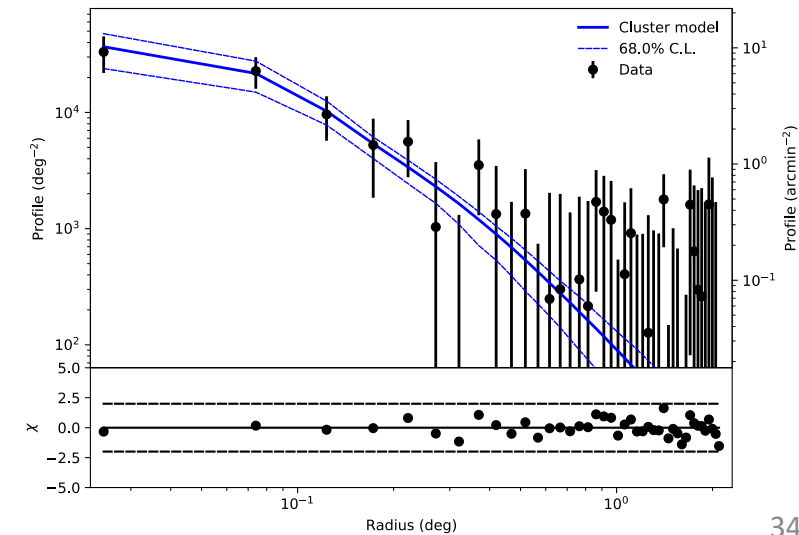
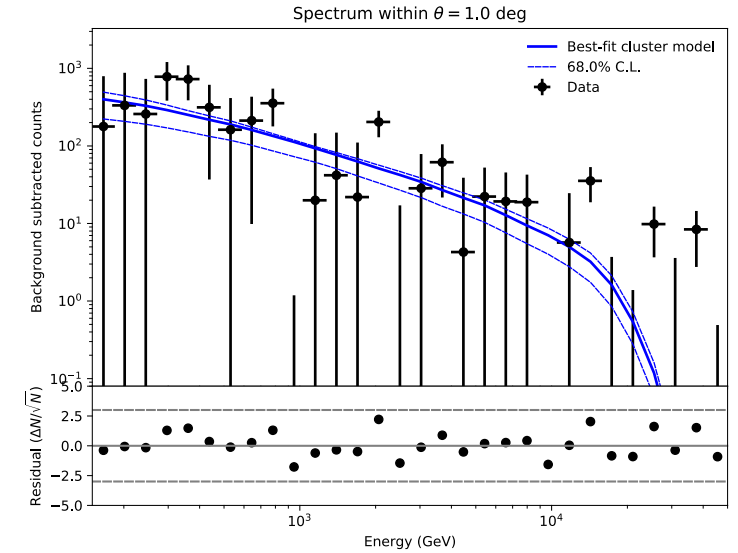
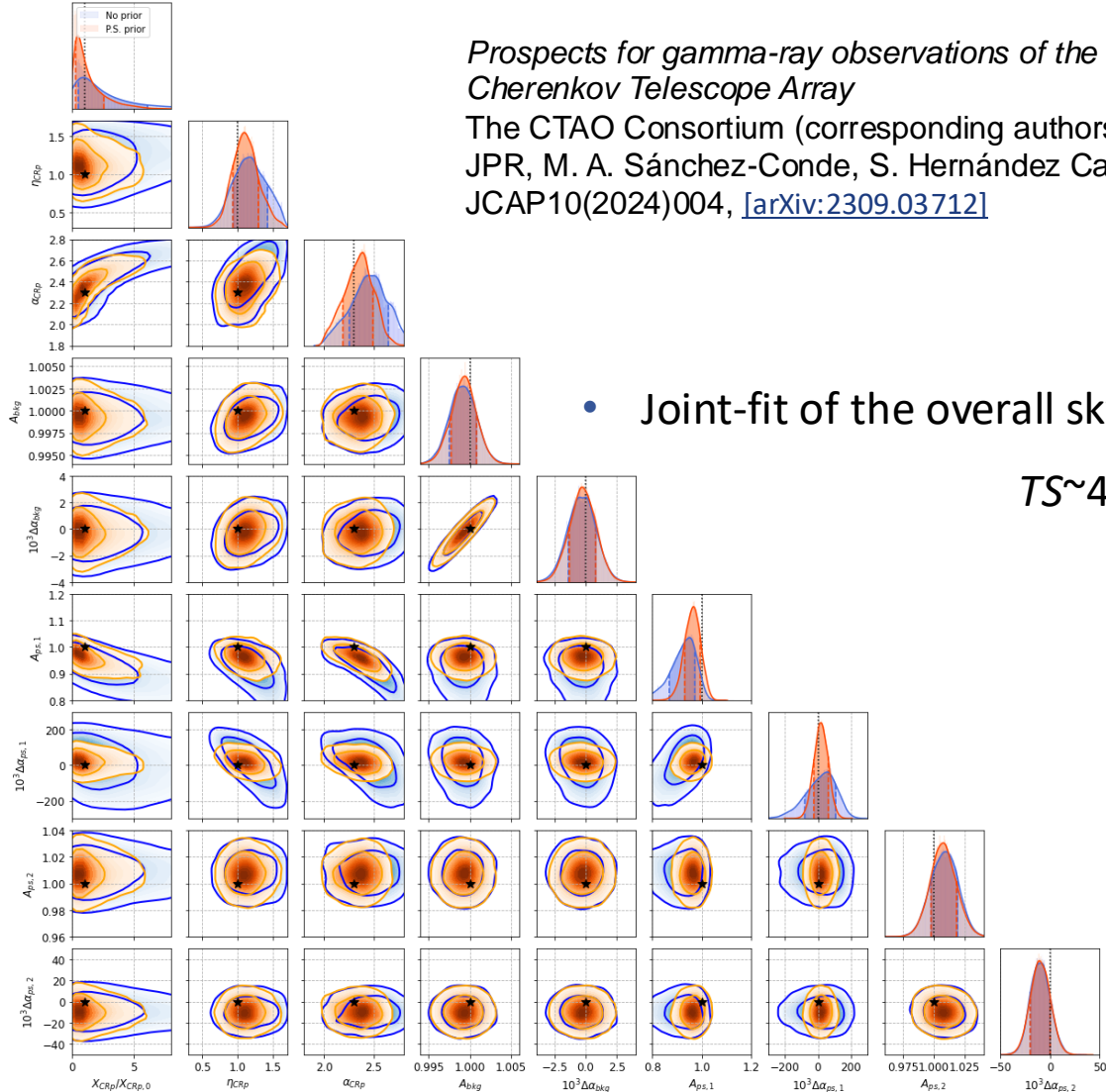
CTAO PROSPECTS: CR ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Prospects for gamma-ray observations of the Perseus galaxy cluster with the Cherenkov Telescope Array

The CTAO Consortium (corresponding authors - alphabetical: R. Adam, M. Hütten, JPR, M. A. Sánchez-Conde, S. Hernández Cadena)
 JCAP10(2024)004, [\[arXiv:2309.03712\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.03712)

- Joint-fit of the overall sky model simultaneously

$TS \sim 42$



TARGET SELECTION

Constraining the dark matter contribution of gamma-rays in cluster of galaxies using Fermi-LAT data
M. di Mauro, JPR, M. A. Sánchez-Conde, N. Fornengo
Phys. Rev. D 107, 083030, [\[arXiv:2303.16930\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.16930)

- *Fermi*-LAT does not have constraints on observation time

Sample of best clusters for DM searches

- Selection criteria:

- Well-known M_{200} from X-rays measurements

Masses from *Schellenberger&Reiprich17*
(X-rays data from Chandra)

- Local clusters

$z < 0.1$

- Mask of $|b| < 20$ deg to avoid galactic diffuse emission
- Separation of at least 2 deg to account for cluster extension

Sample of 49 local
galaxy clusters

HIFLUGCS catalogue (*Reiprich&Böhringer02*)

- 50 local clusters
- $f_x \geq 1.7 \cdot 10^{-11}$ erg s⁻¹ cm⁻²
- biased towards cool-cored clusters (*Käfer+19*)



- Clusters used in previous searches:

Ackermann+10 [Fermi-LAT Coll.]

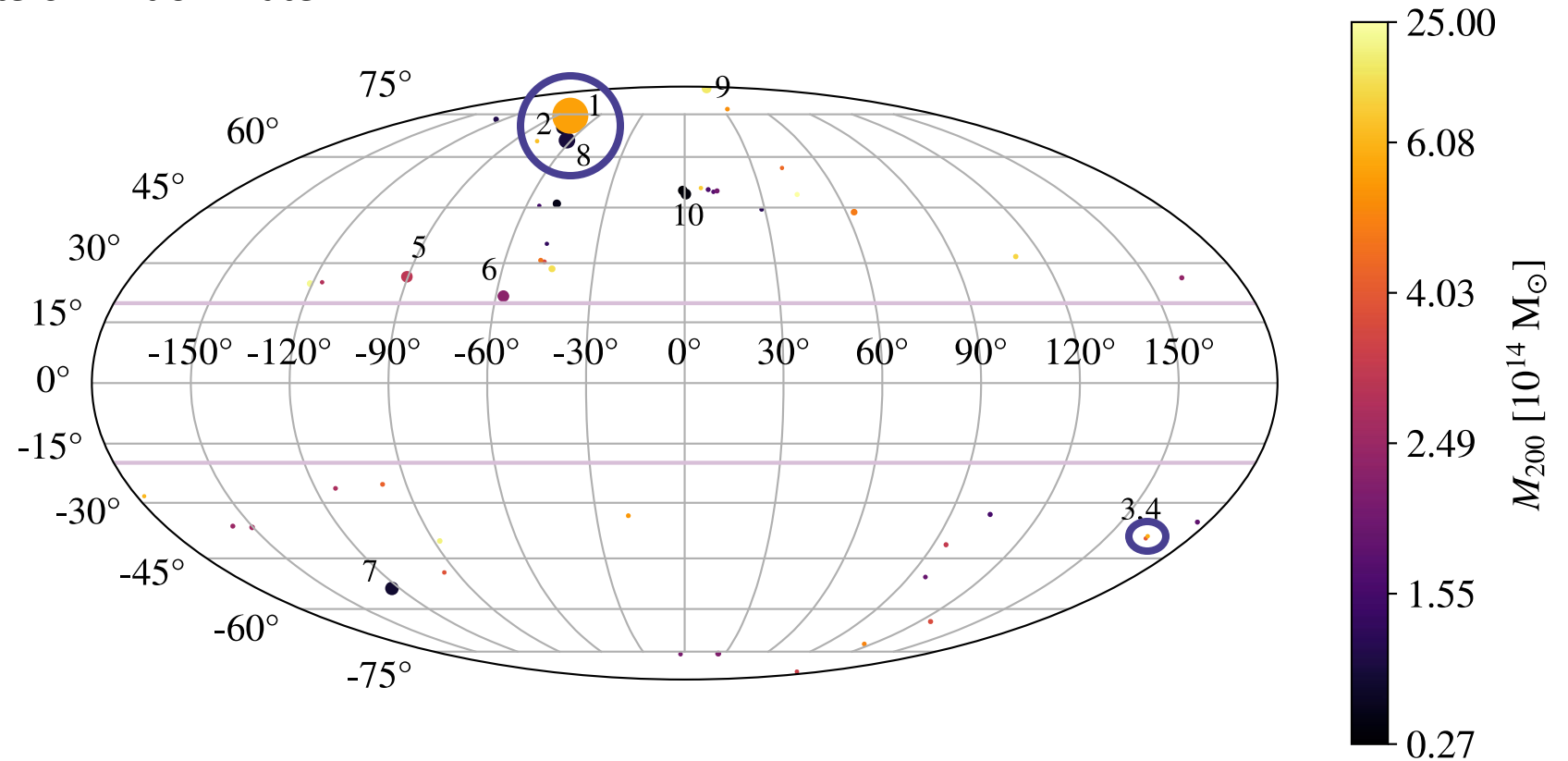
Sánchez-Conde+11

Ackermann+14 [Fermi-LAT Coll.]

TARGET SELECTION

- Most massive and closest clusters will dominate:

- 1 - Virgo
- 2 - M49
- 3 - A0399
- 4 - A0401
- 5 - A1060 - Hydra
- 6 - A3526 - Centaurus
- 7 - NGC 1399 - Fornax
- 8 - NGC 4636
- 9 - A1656 - Coma
- 10 - NGC 5813



ASID METHODOLOGY FOR DETECTION OF POINT-LIKE SOURCES

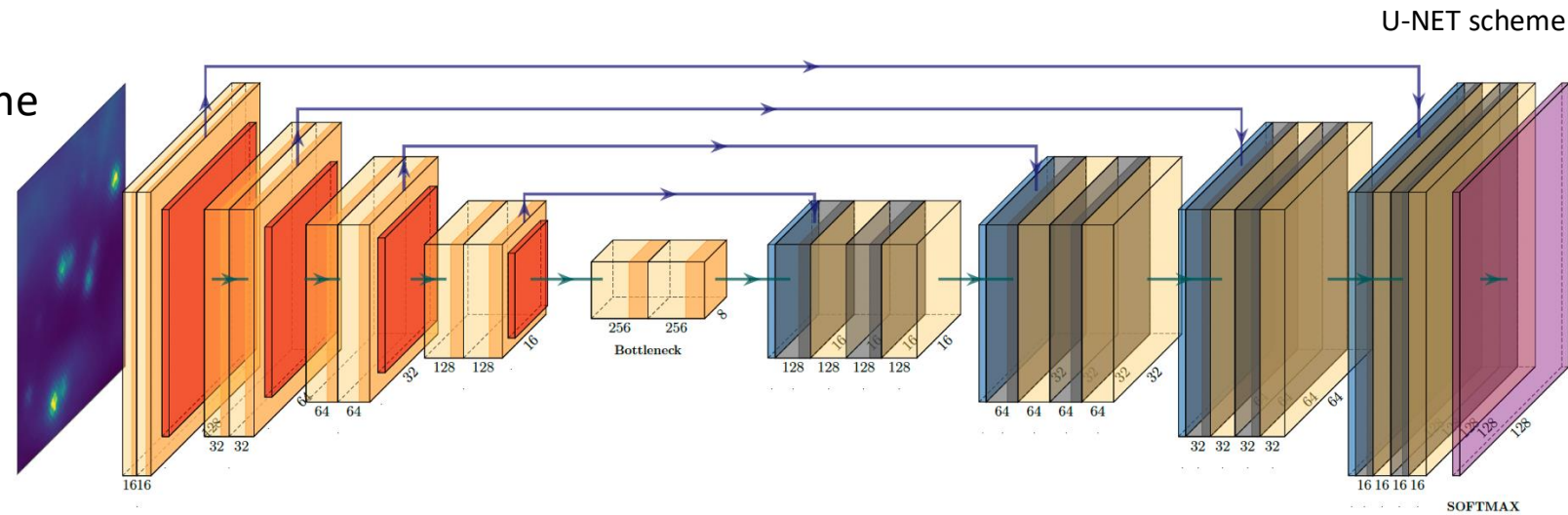
AutoSourceID (ASID) [Panes+21]

<https://www.nikhef.nl/~scaron/autosourceid/>

ML tool to directly analyse gamma-ray image datasets

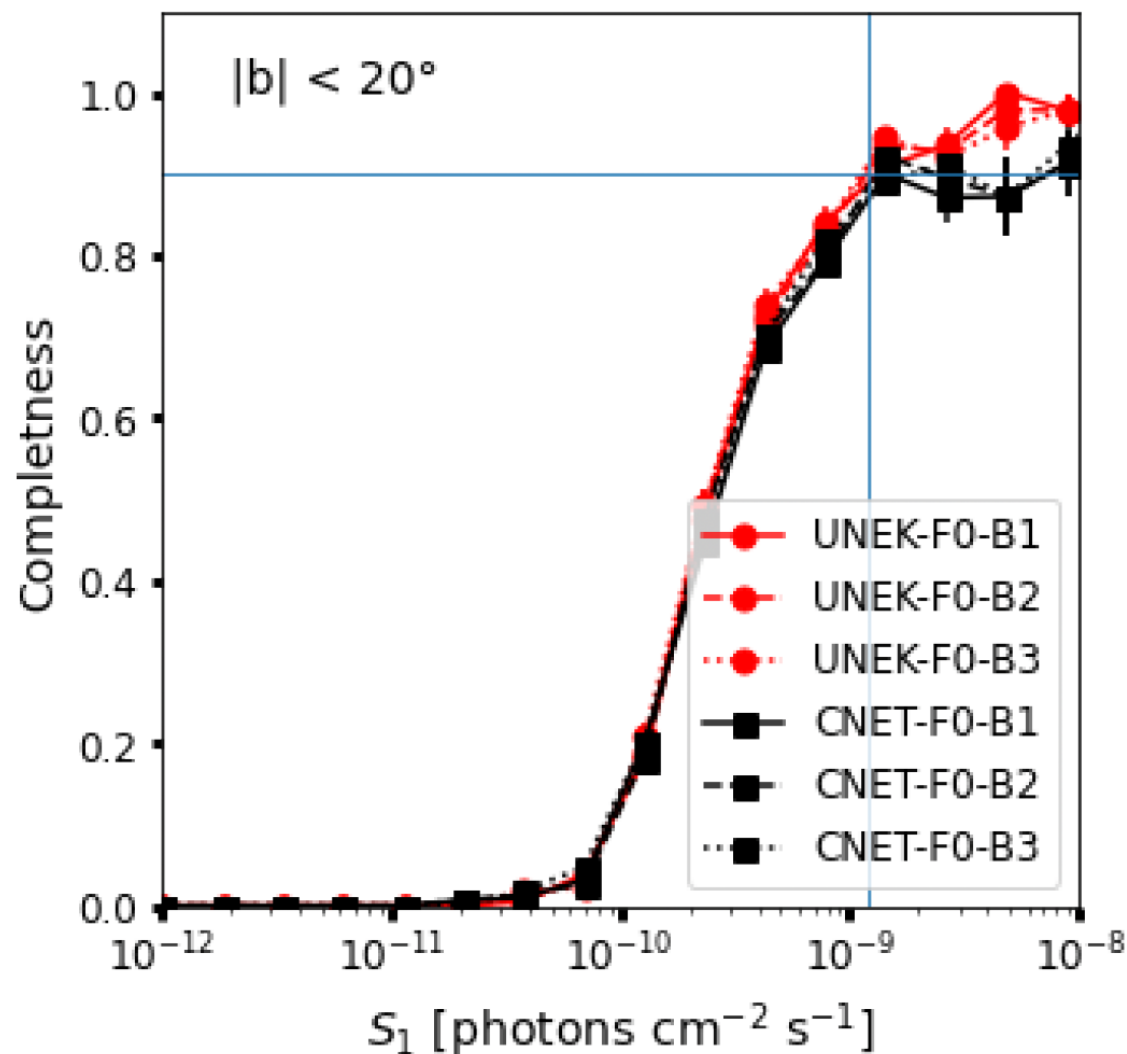
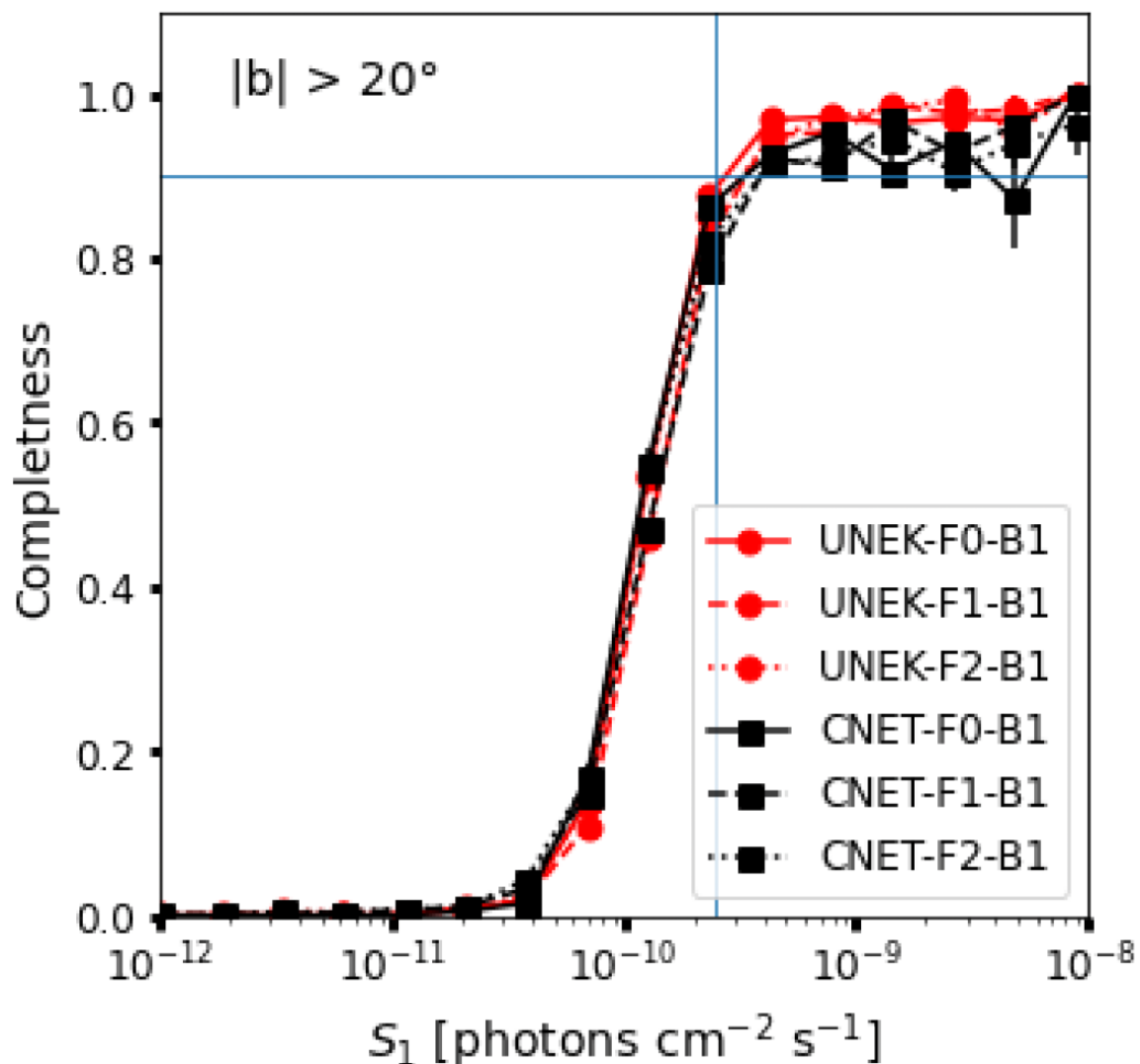
- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) pipeline based on U-Net algorithms
- Goal: **detect** (localize) **point-like** sources

Semantic segmentation



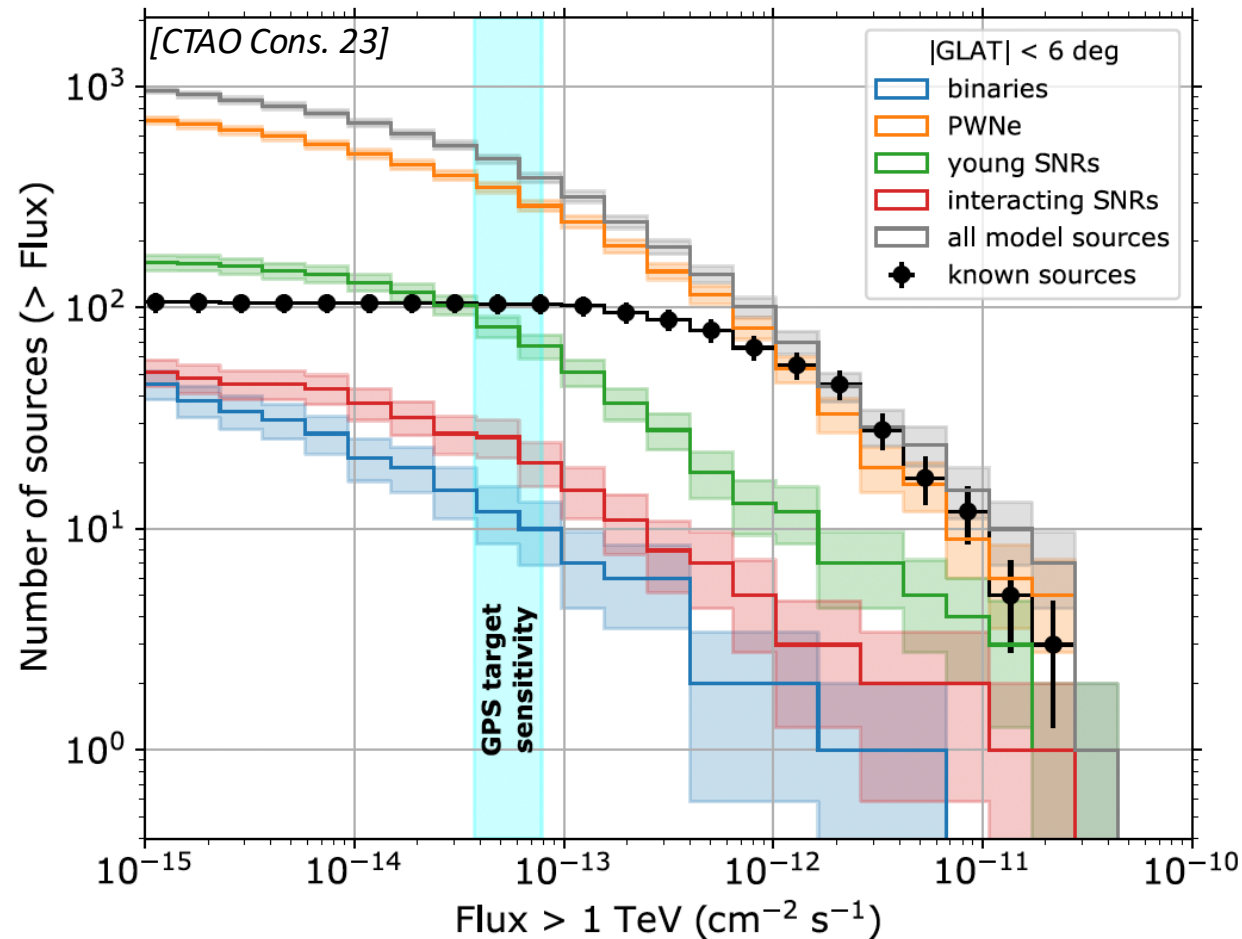
- U-Net produces segmented regions around point sources
- For each input patch there is per-pixel classification (background vs. foreground)
- Label scores: ~ 1 (for pixels in the region around a point source) and ~ 0 (otherwise)
- To translate this to positions, apply a clustering algorithm

ASID CONSISTENCY AGAINST GDE-BACKGROUNDS



CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

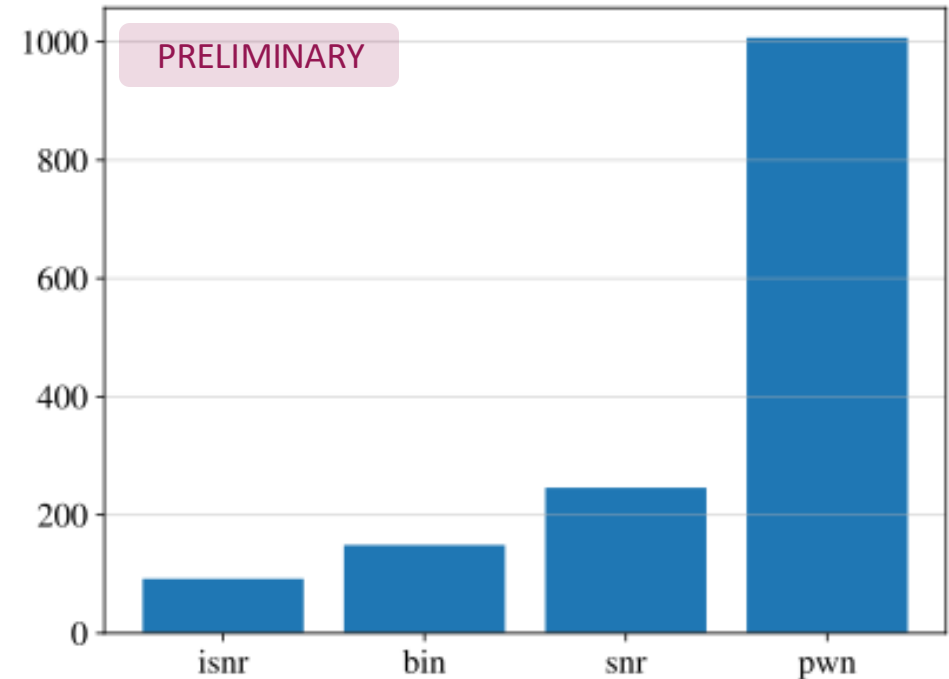
- Original simulated population on the galactic plane



- We need several realizations (simulations) of the GP



- Extract the physical distributions of the sample

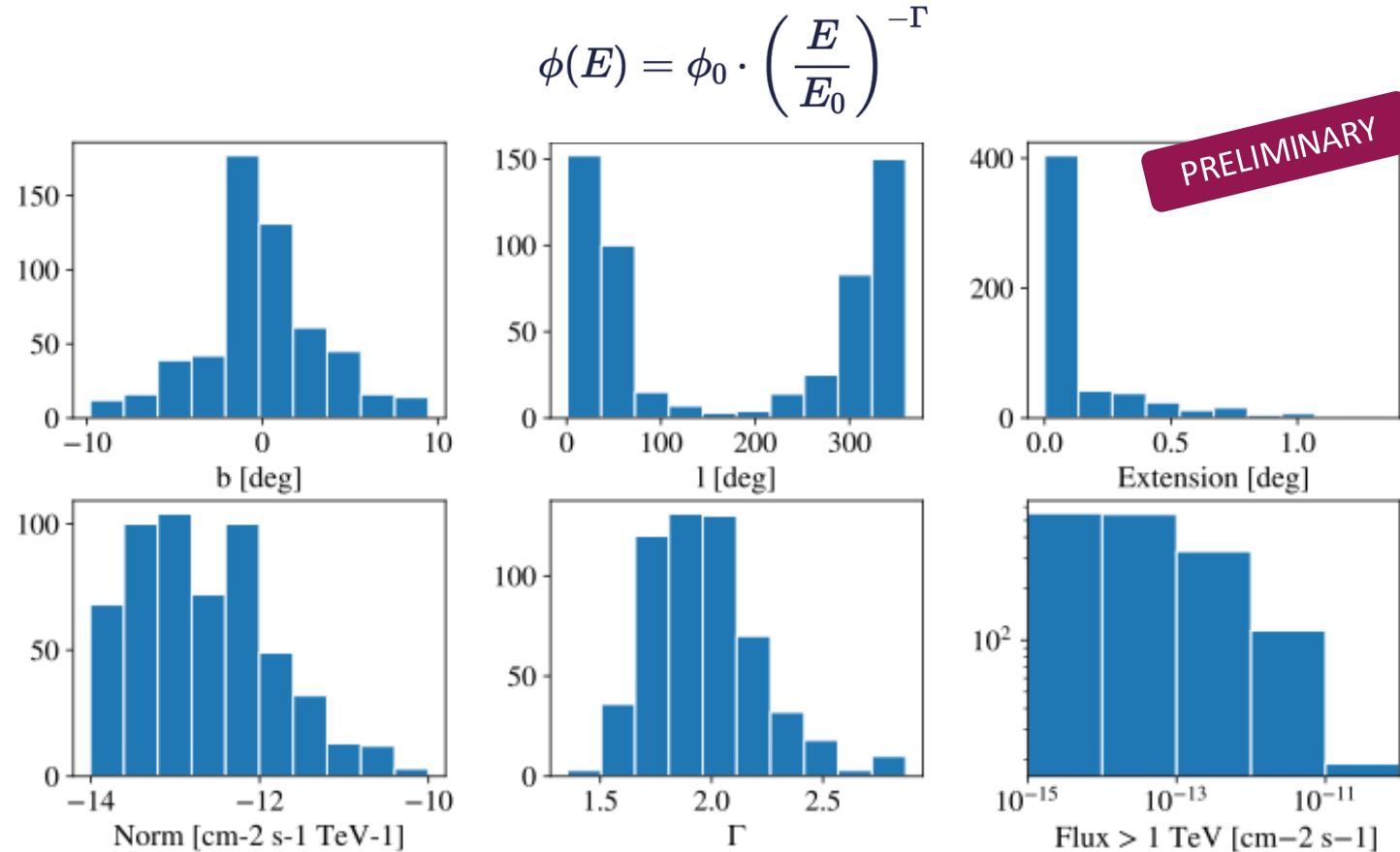
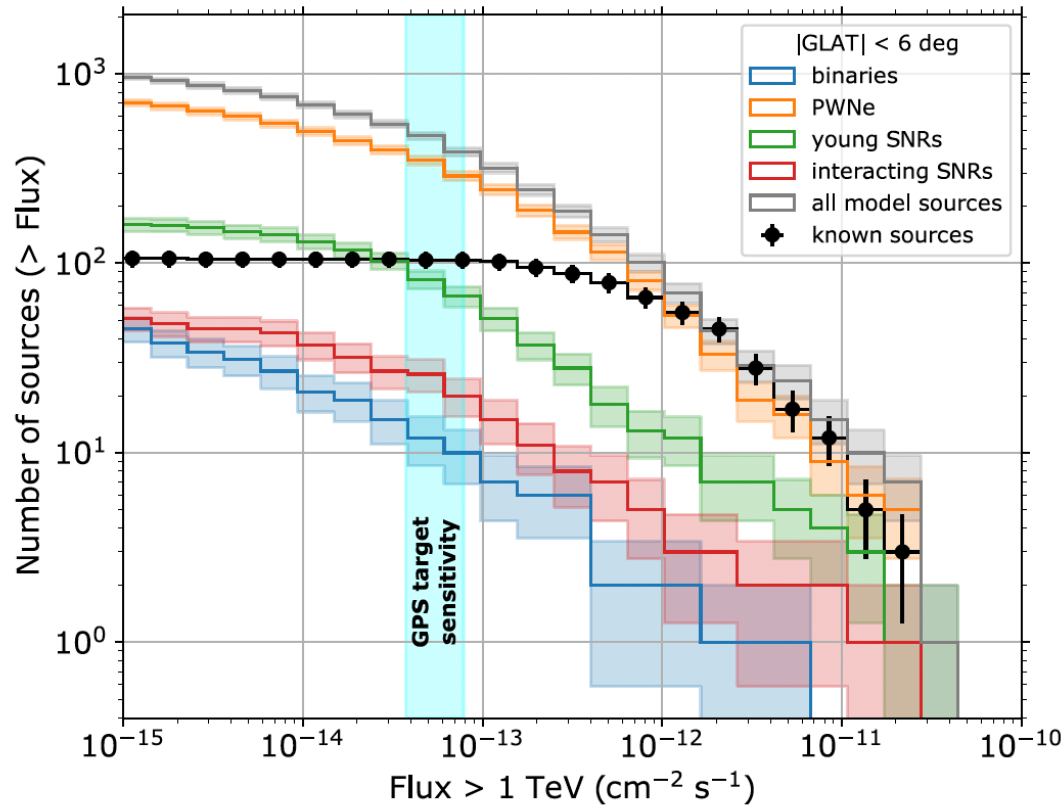


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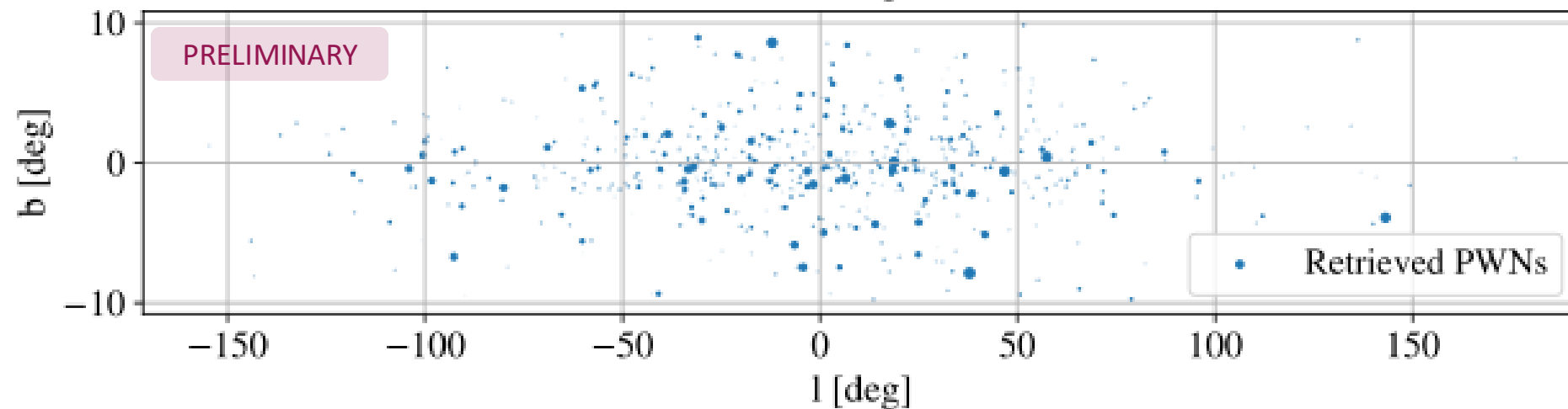
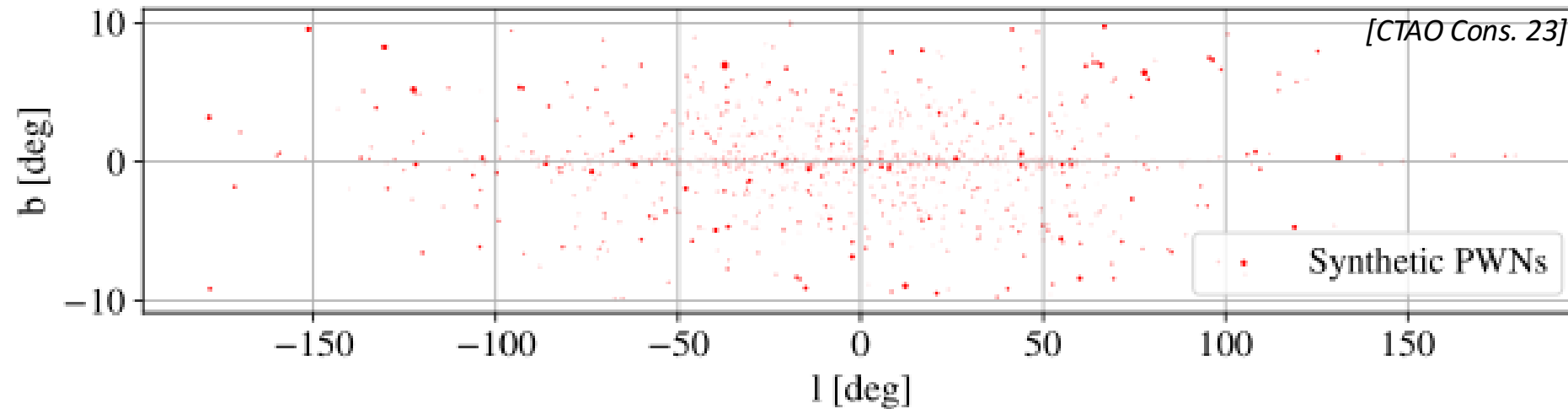
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[CTAO Cons. 23]



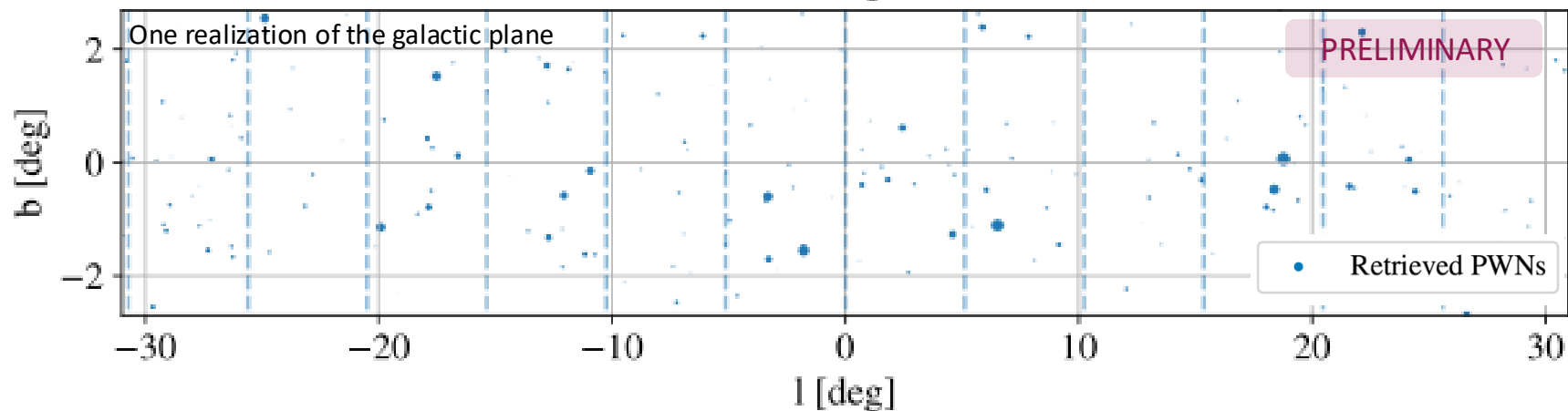
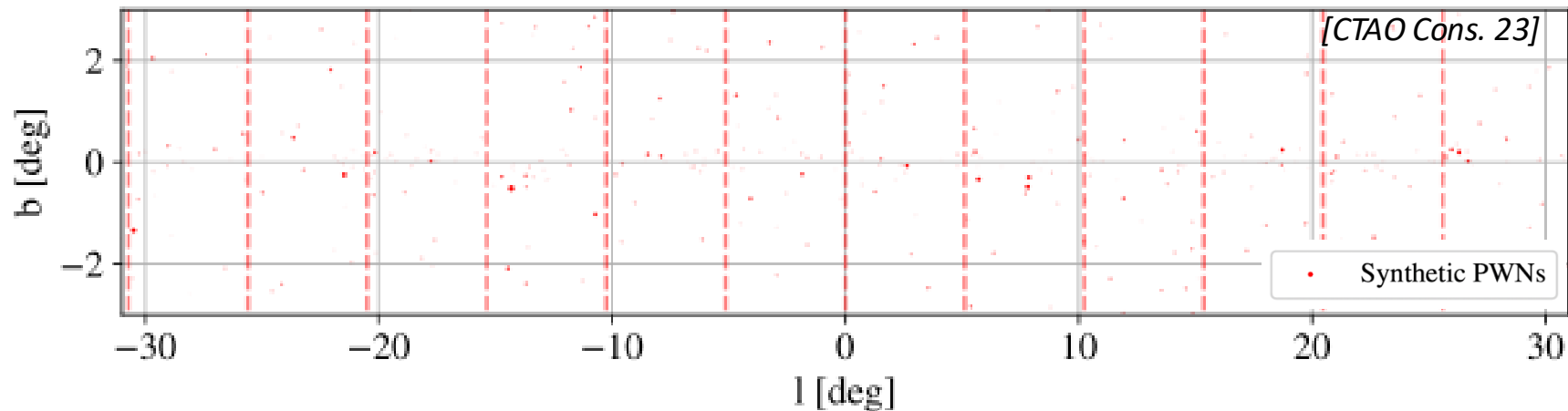
CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

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



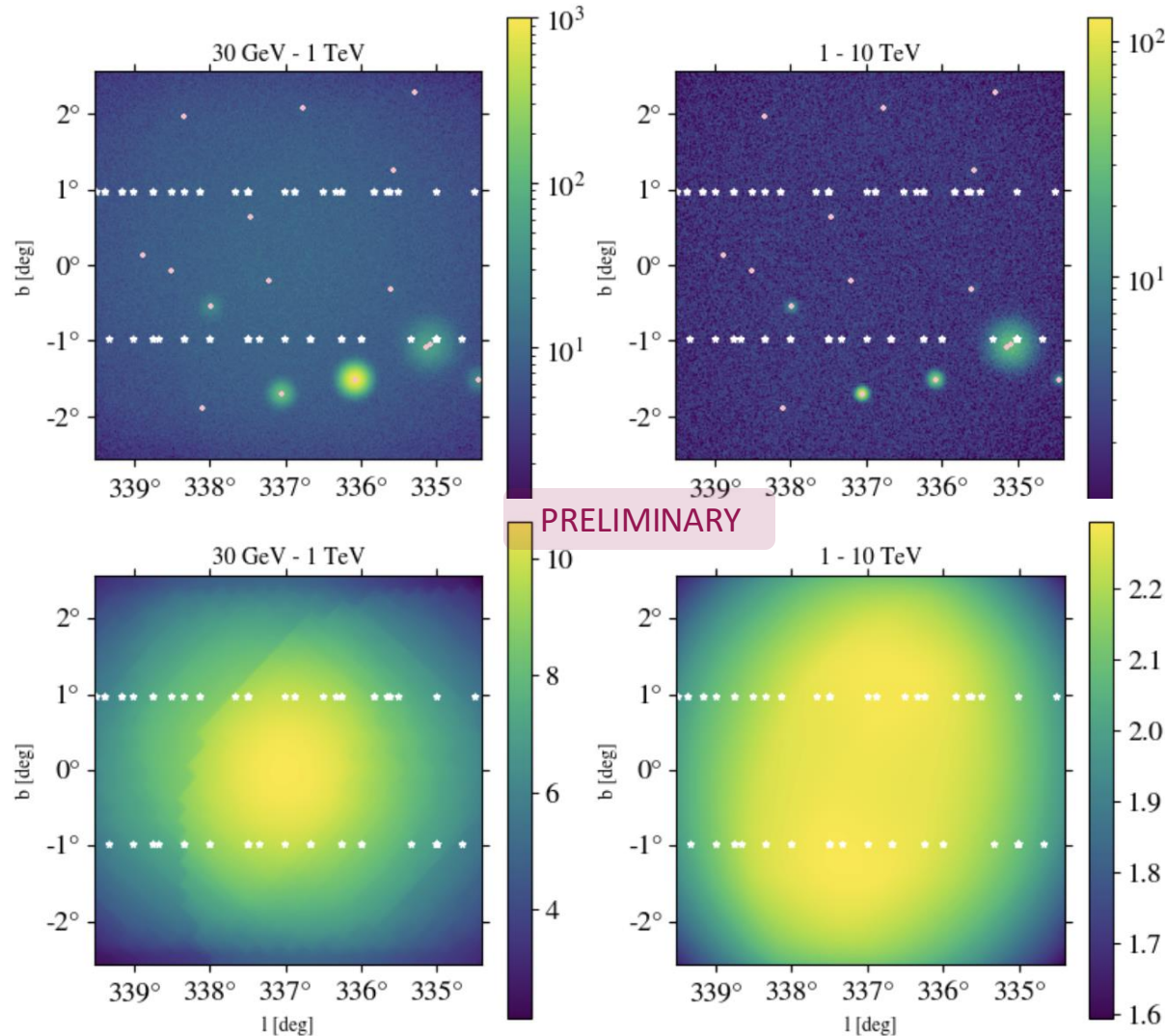
CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

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




CTAO GALACTIC PLANE SIMULATION

- 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 pix \times 512 pix
5.12 deg \times 5.12 deg
- Example of one patch



Total photons

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

Background photons