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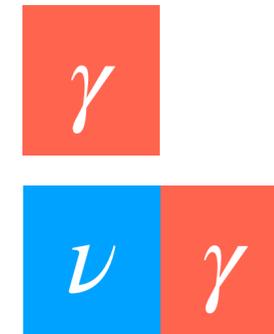
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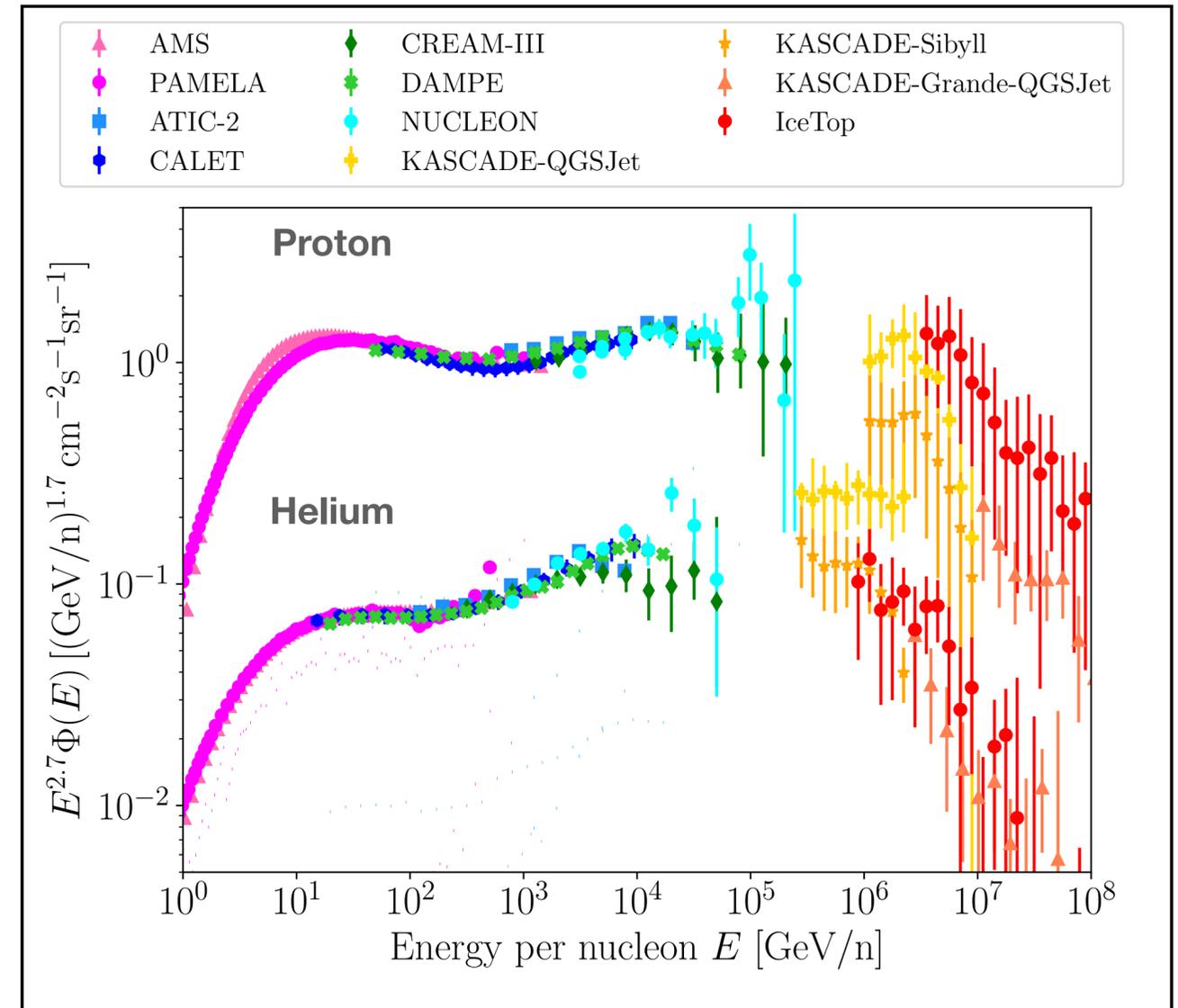
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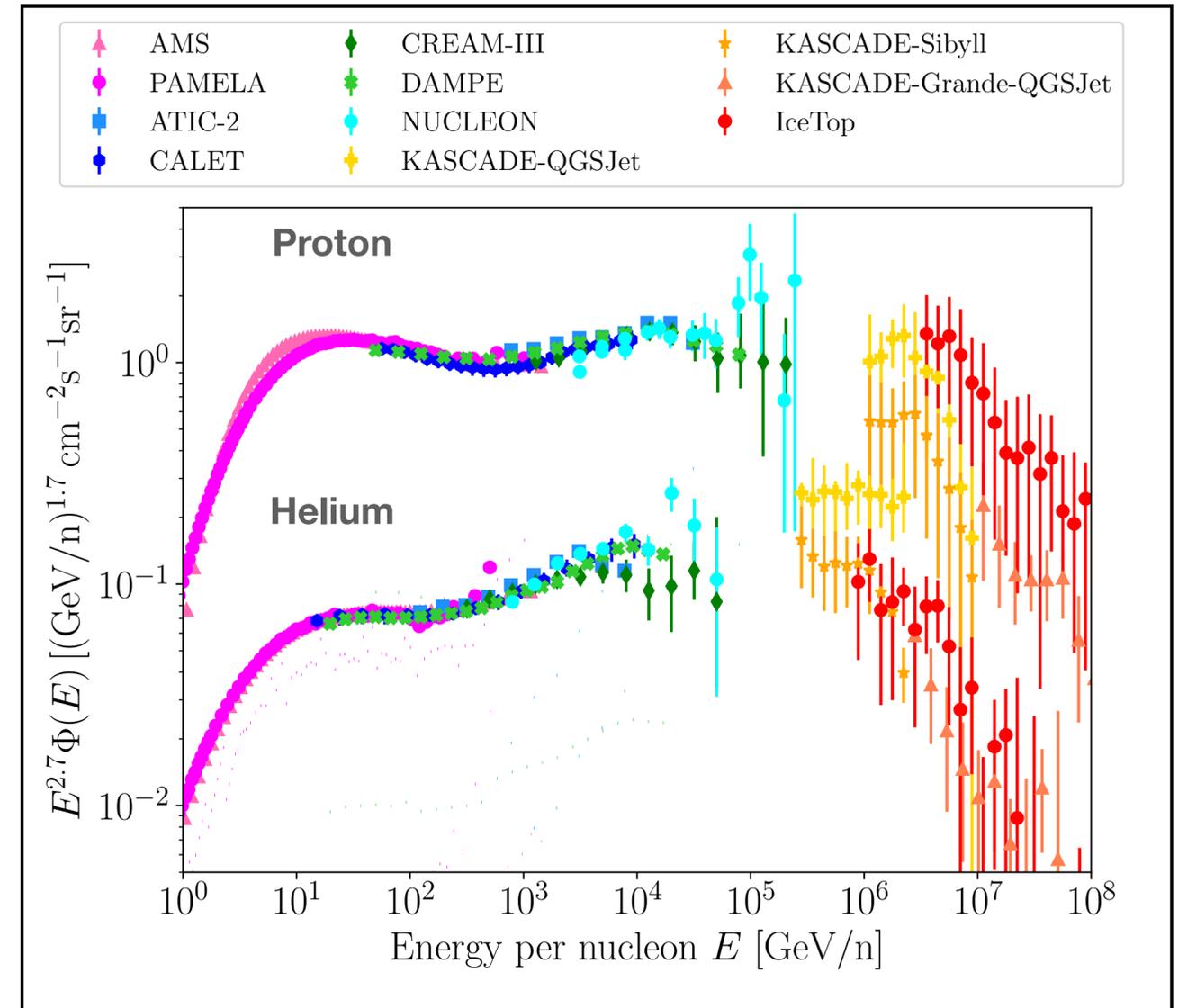


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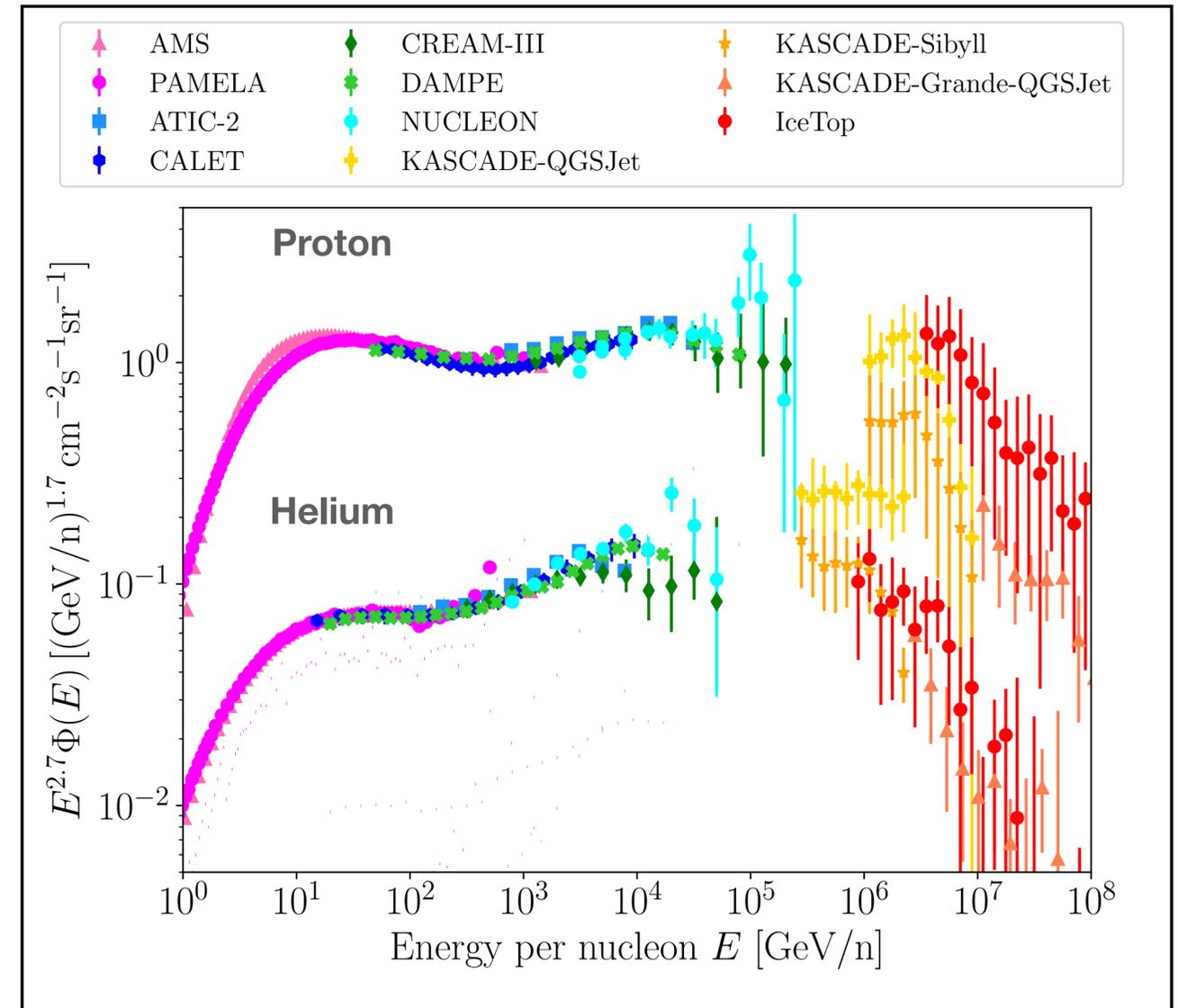
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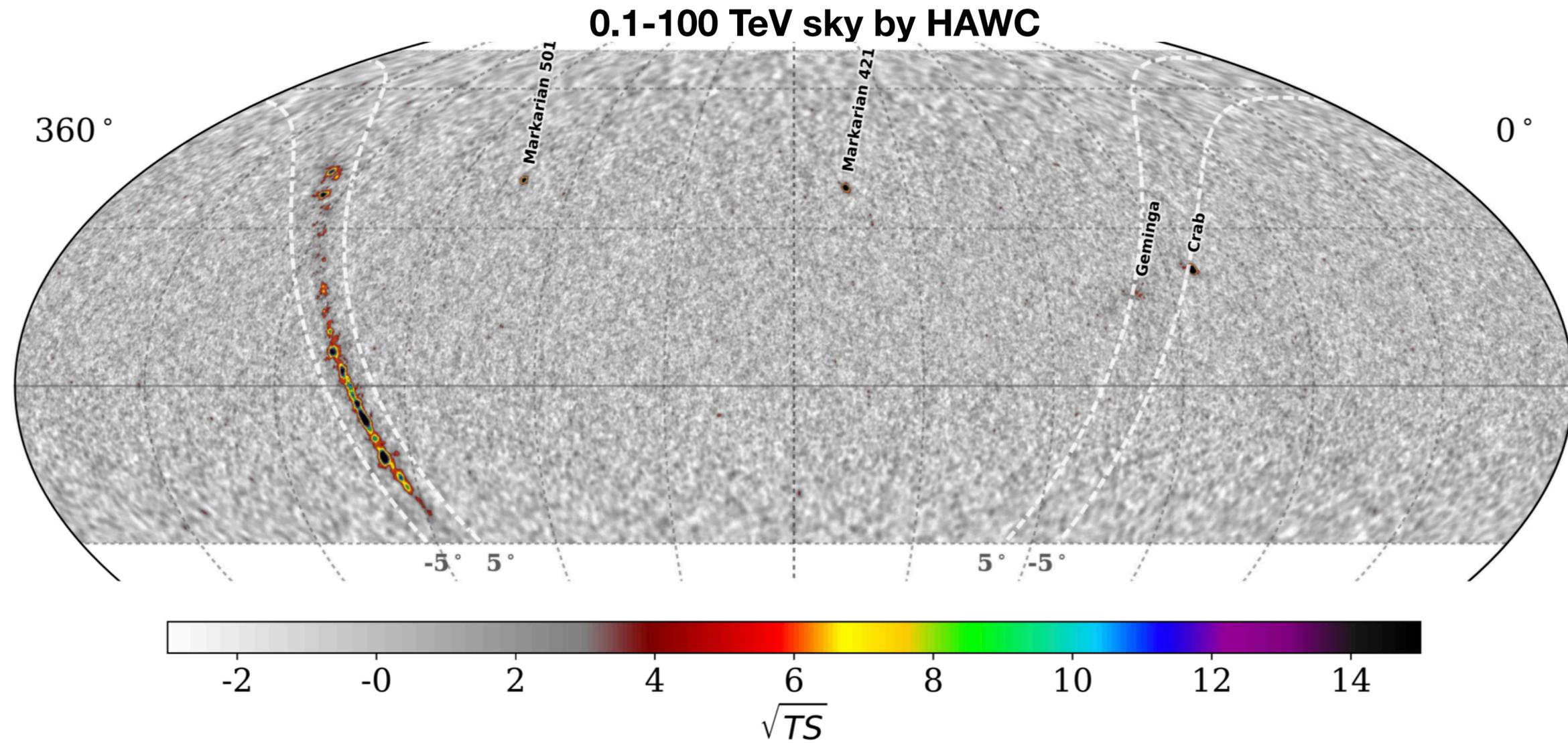
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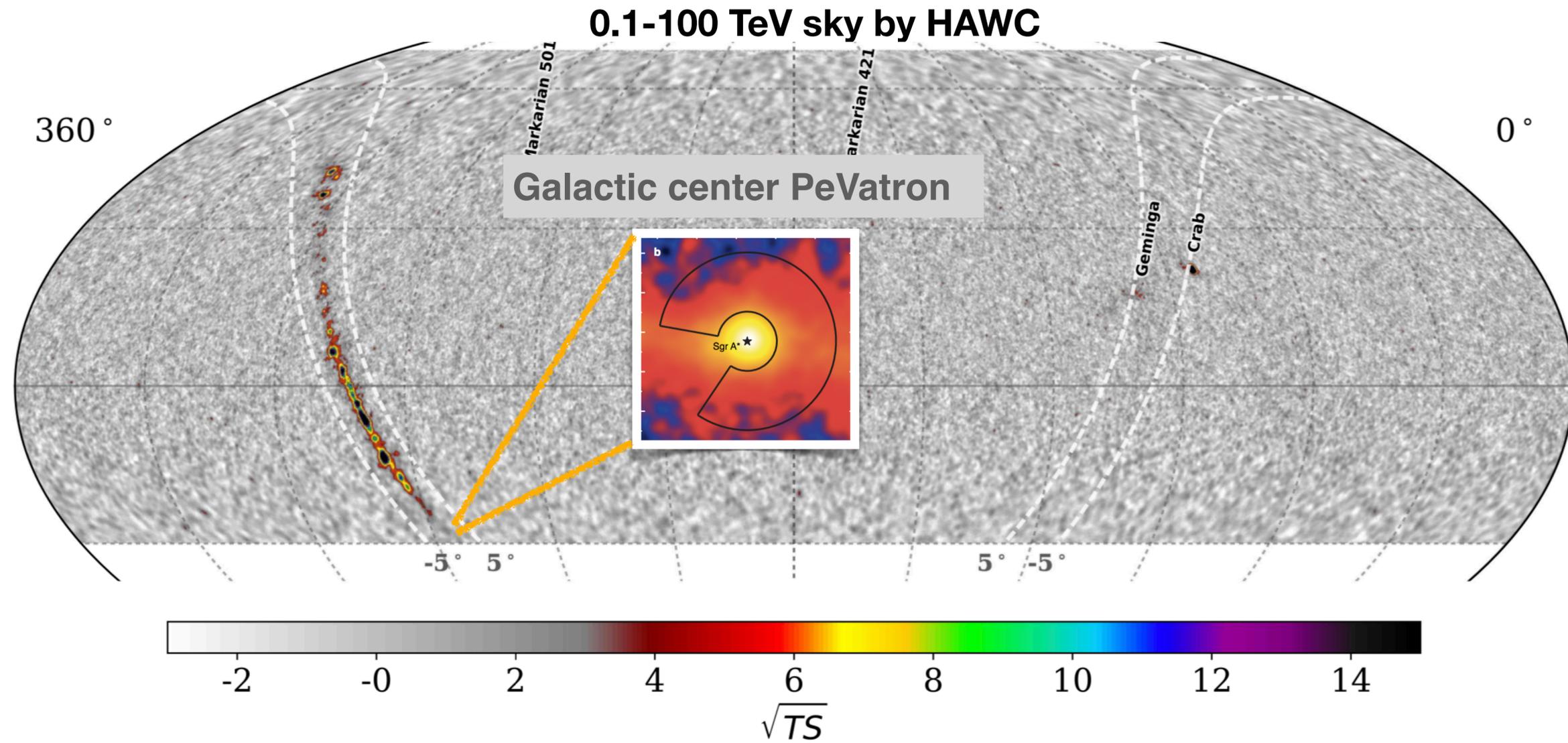
Broadly: an object that accelerates either leptons or hadrons to the PeV range



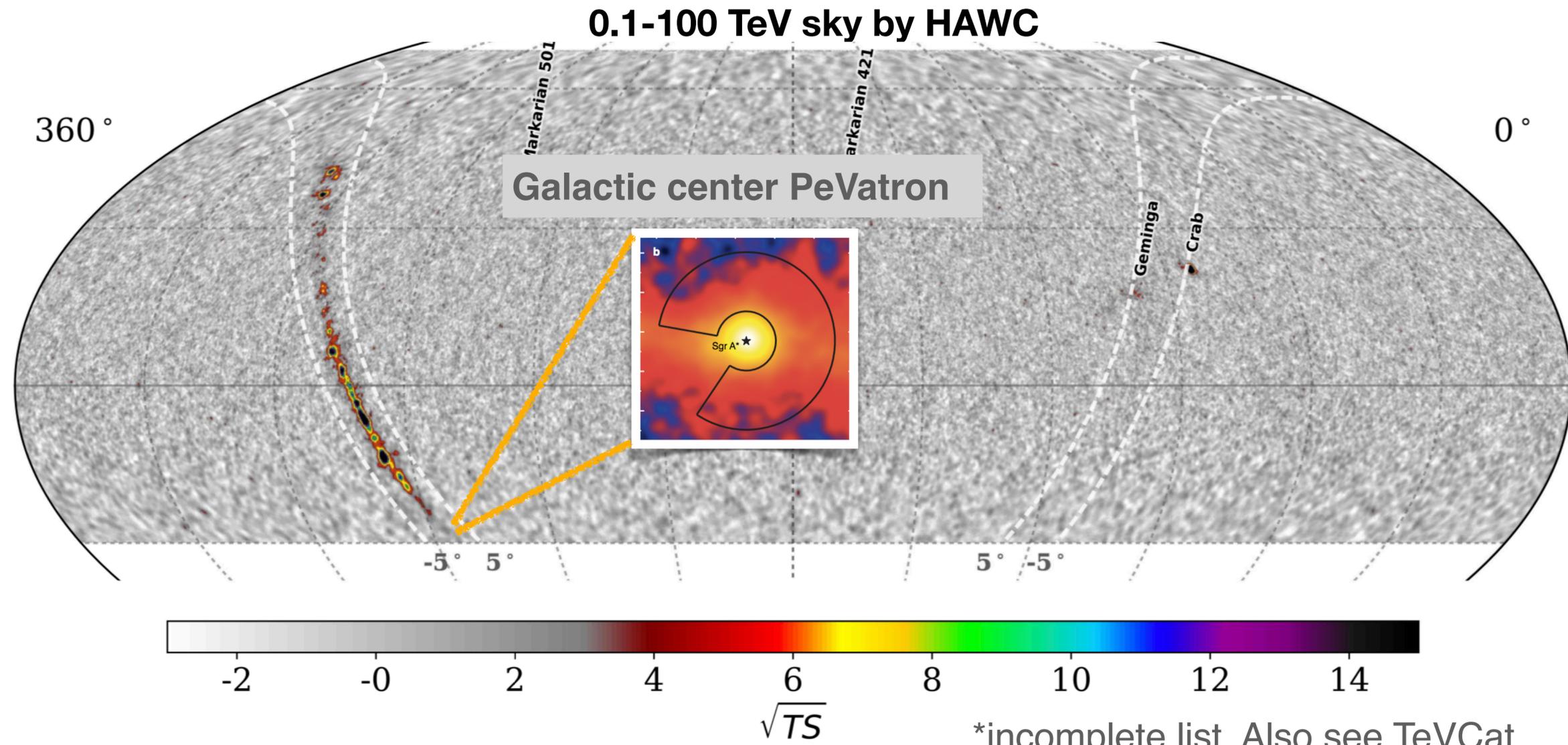
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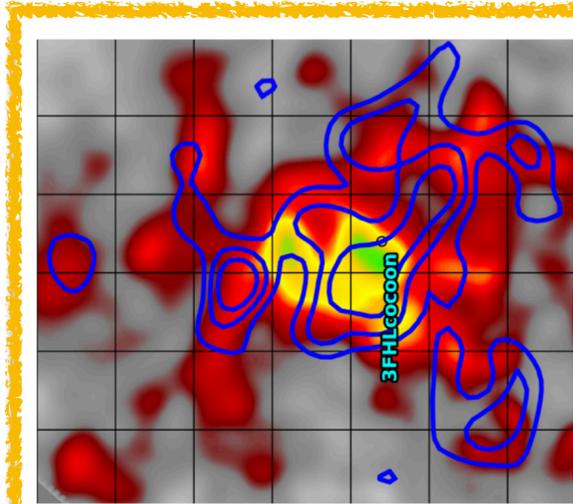


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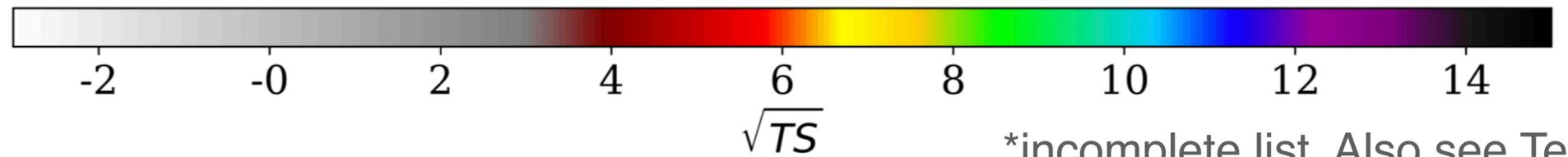
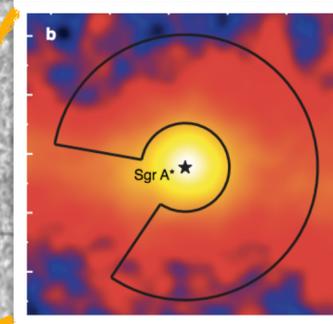
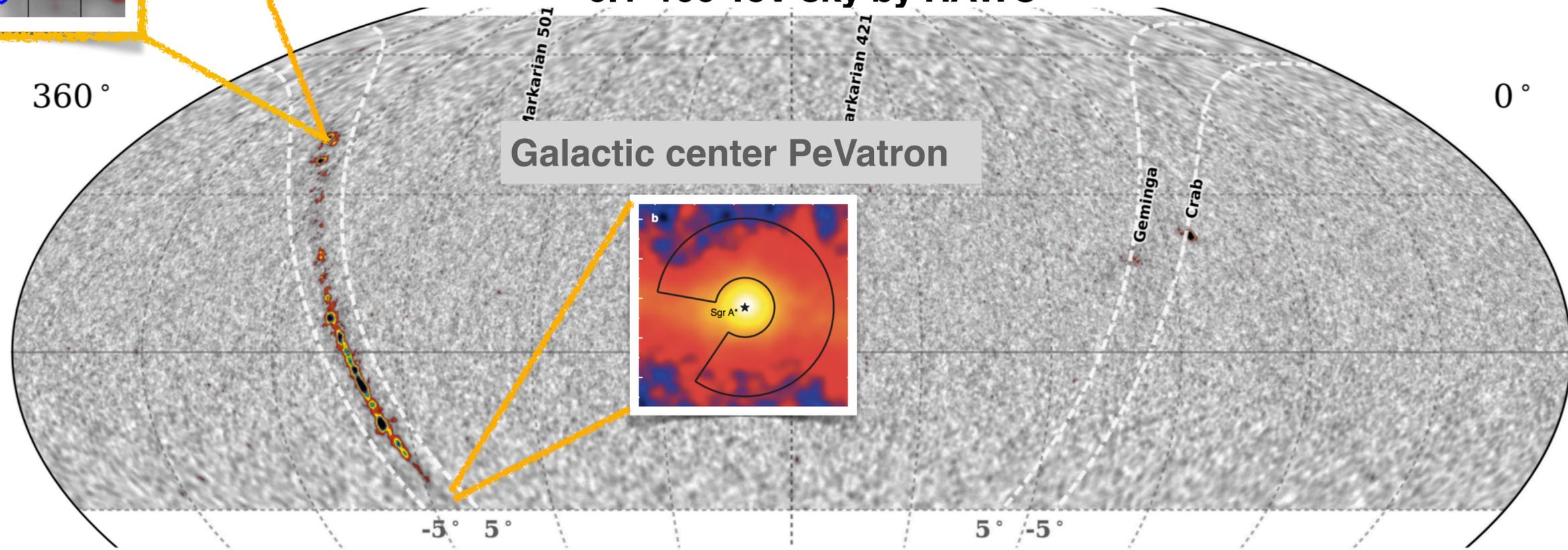


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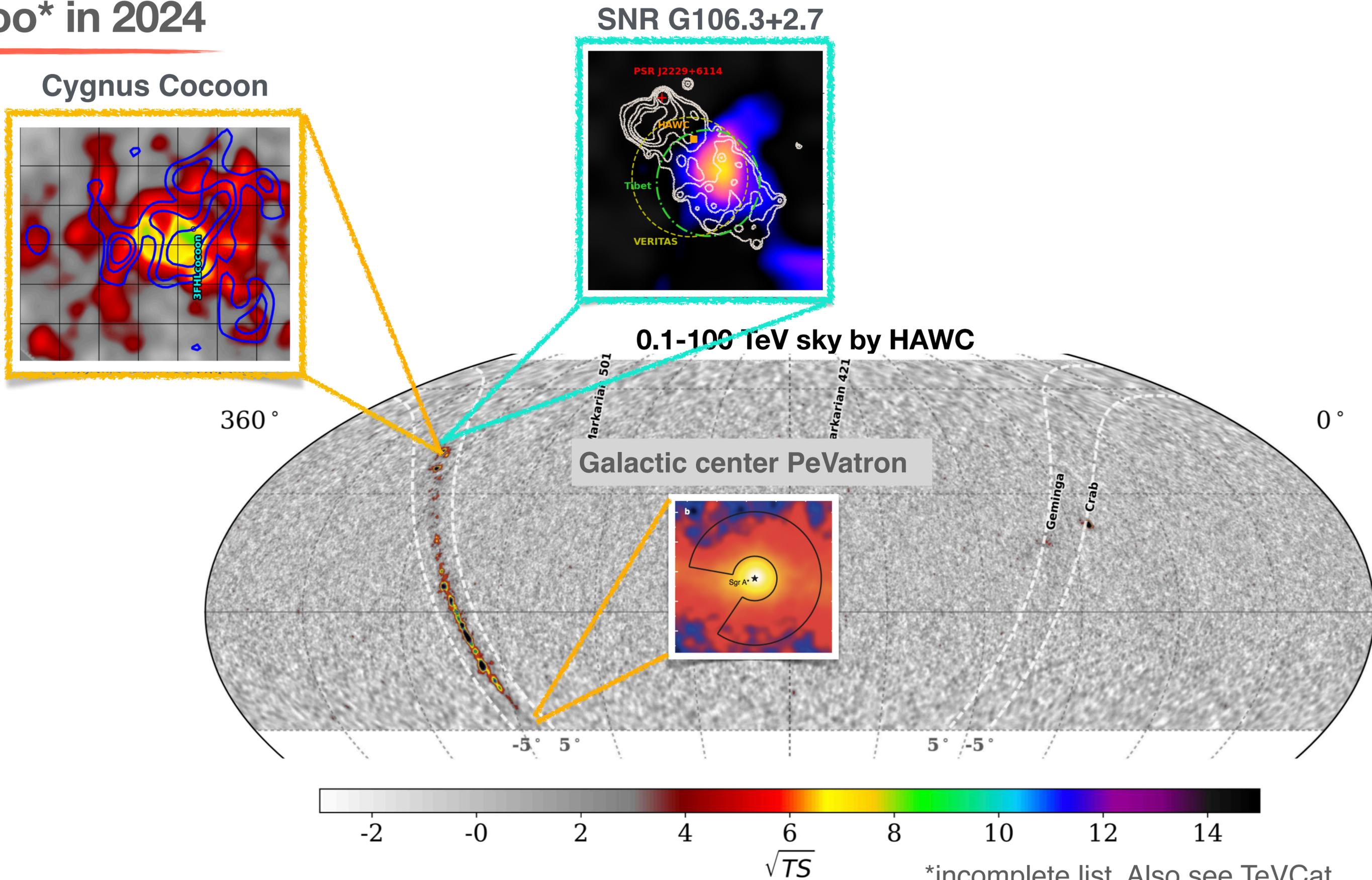


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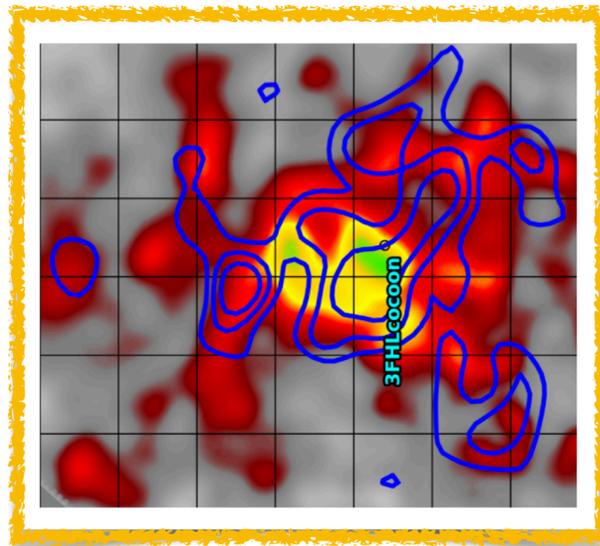
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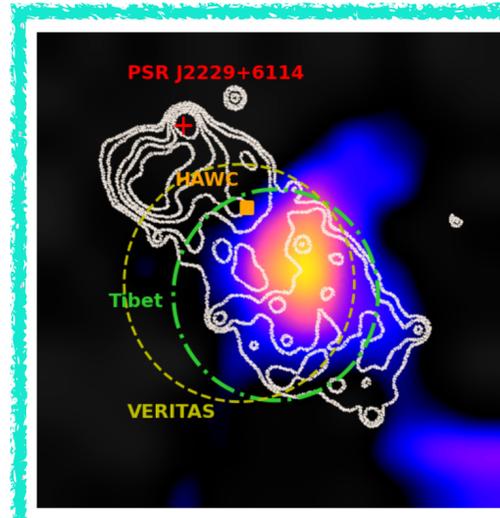


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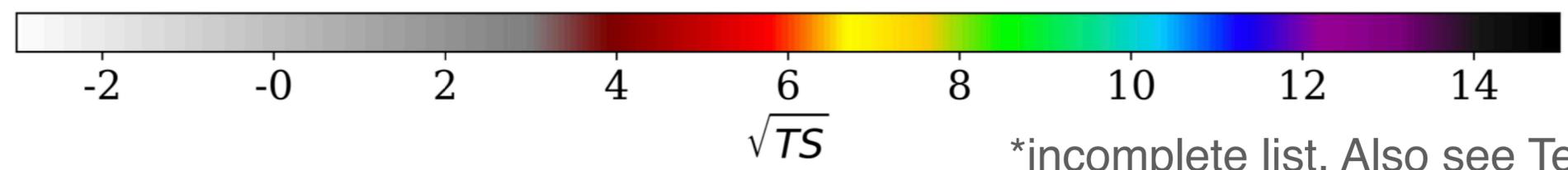
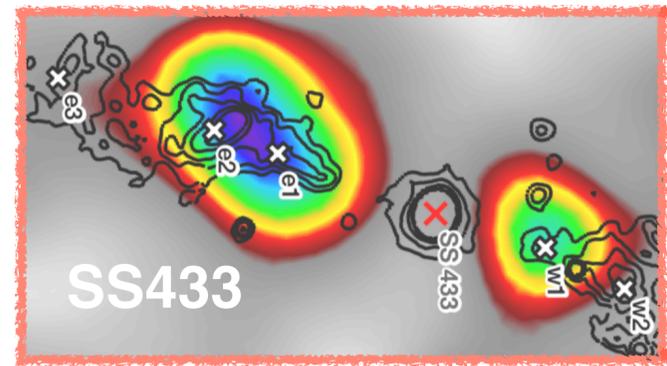
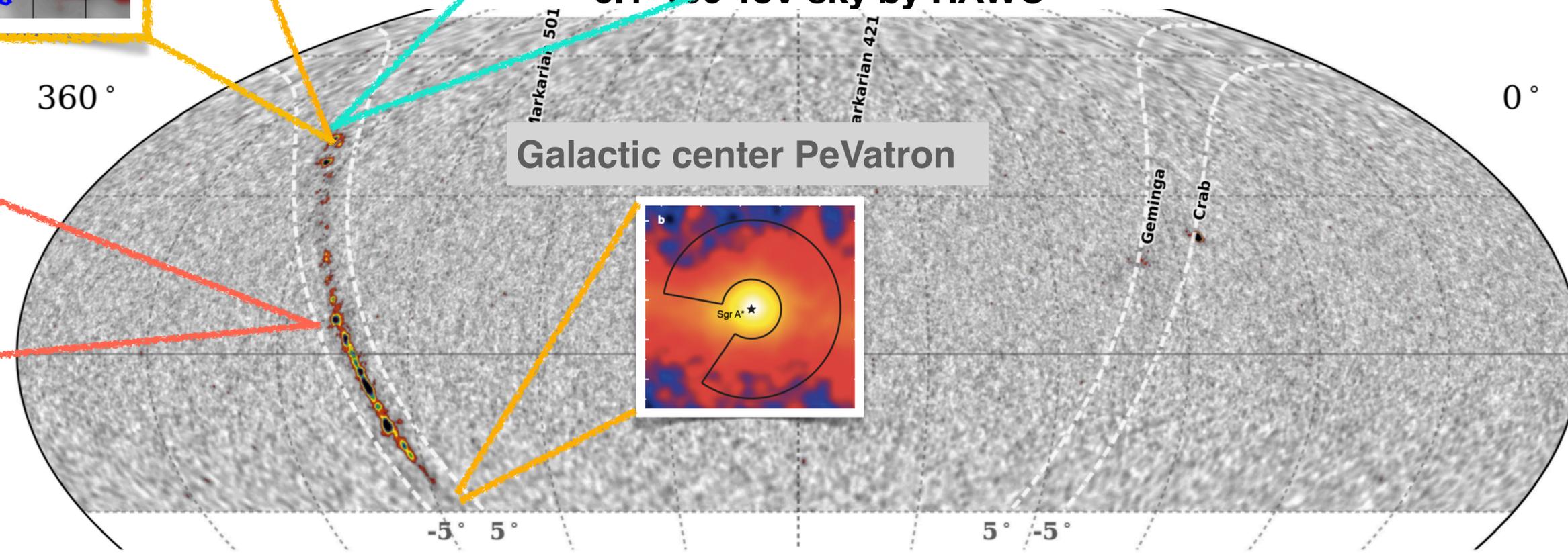
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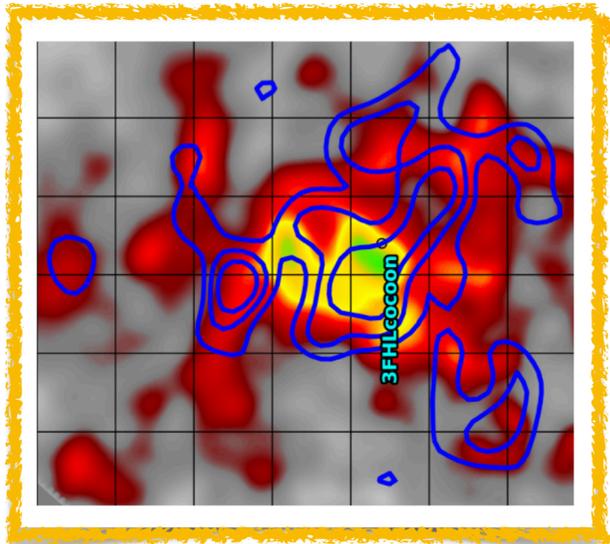
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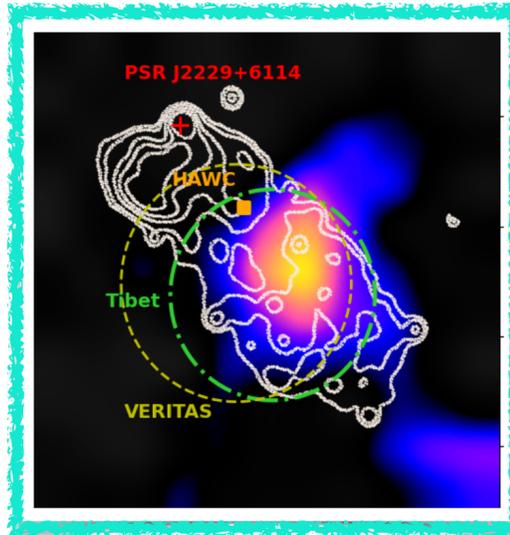
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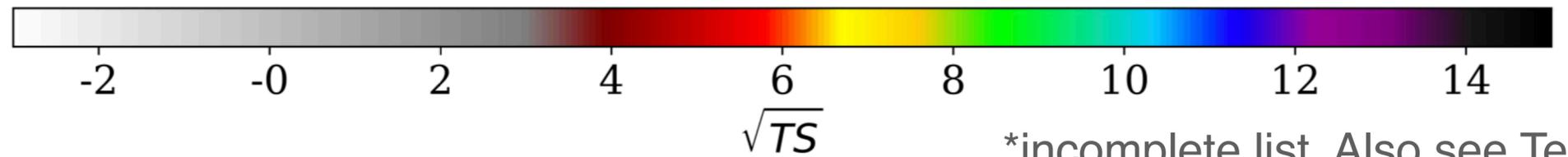
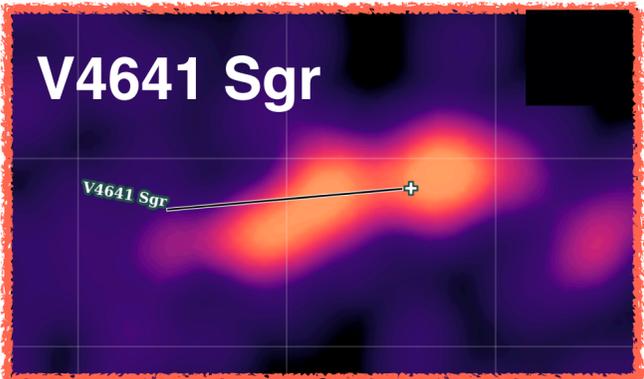
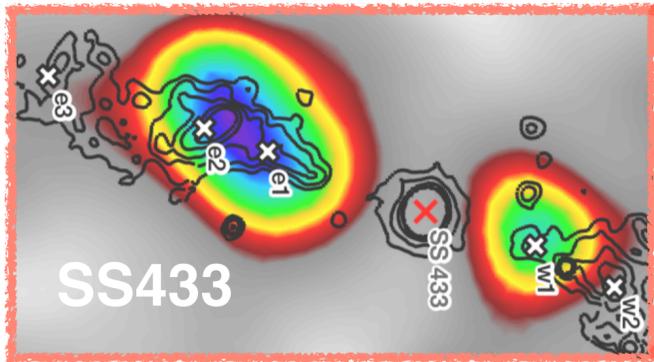
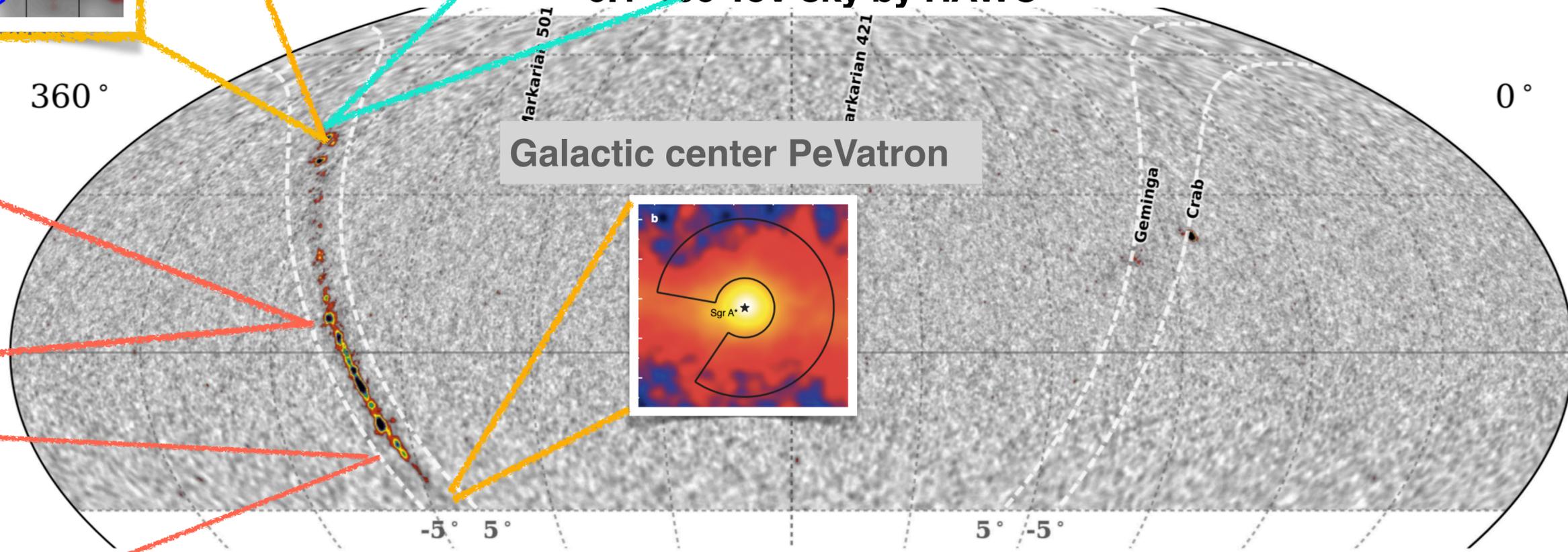
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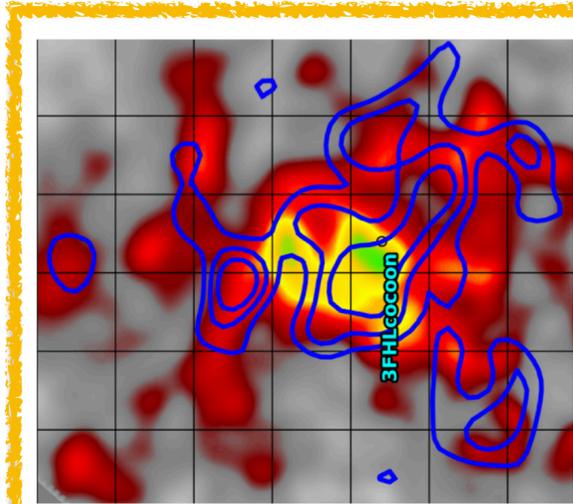
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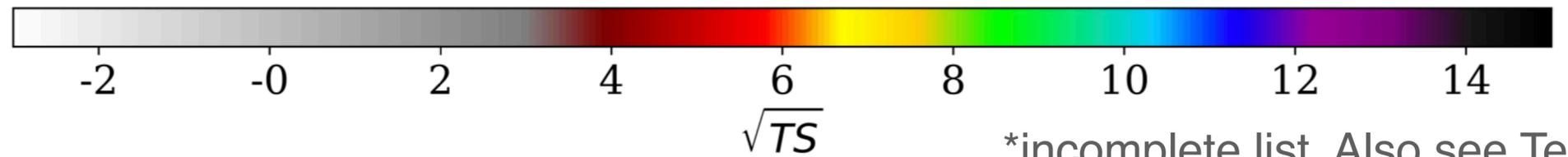
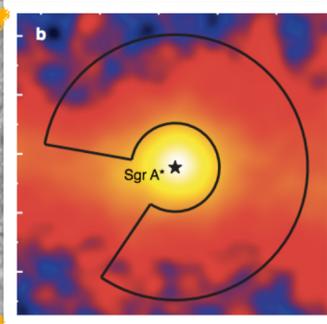
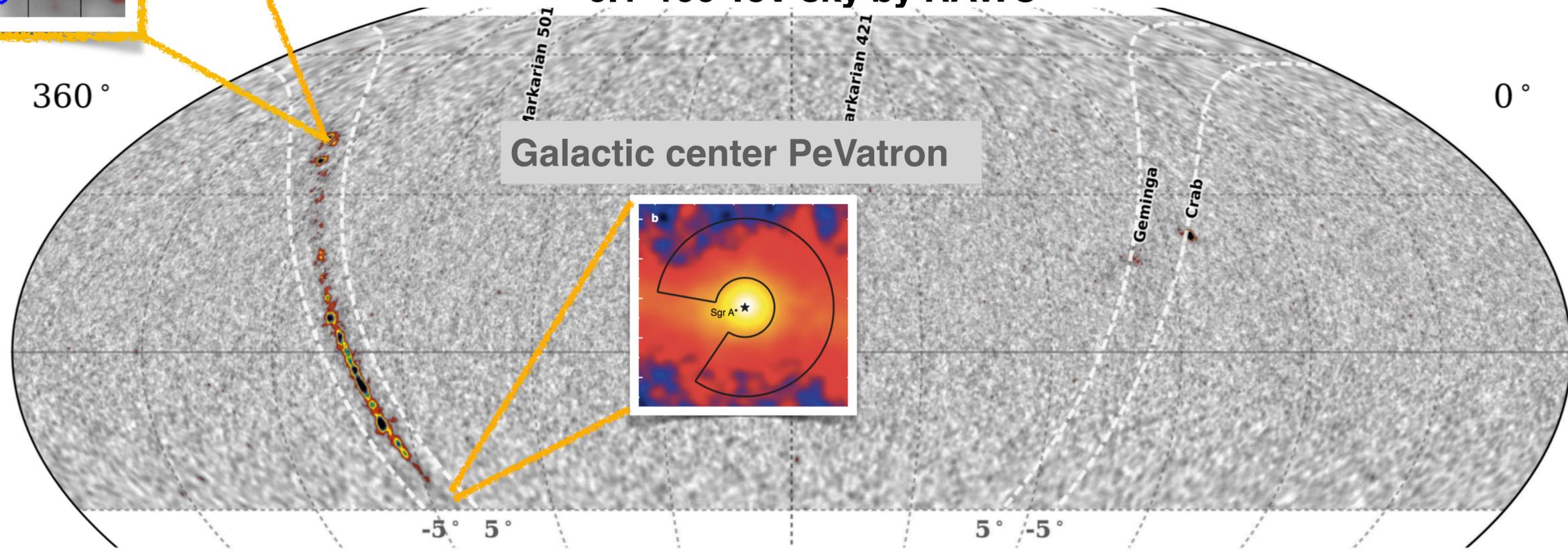
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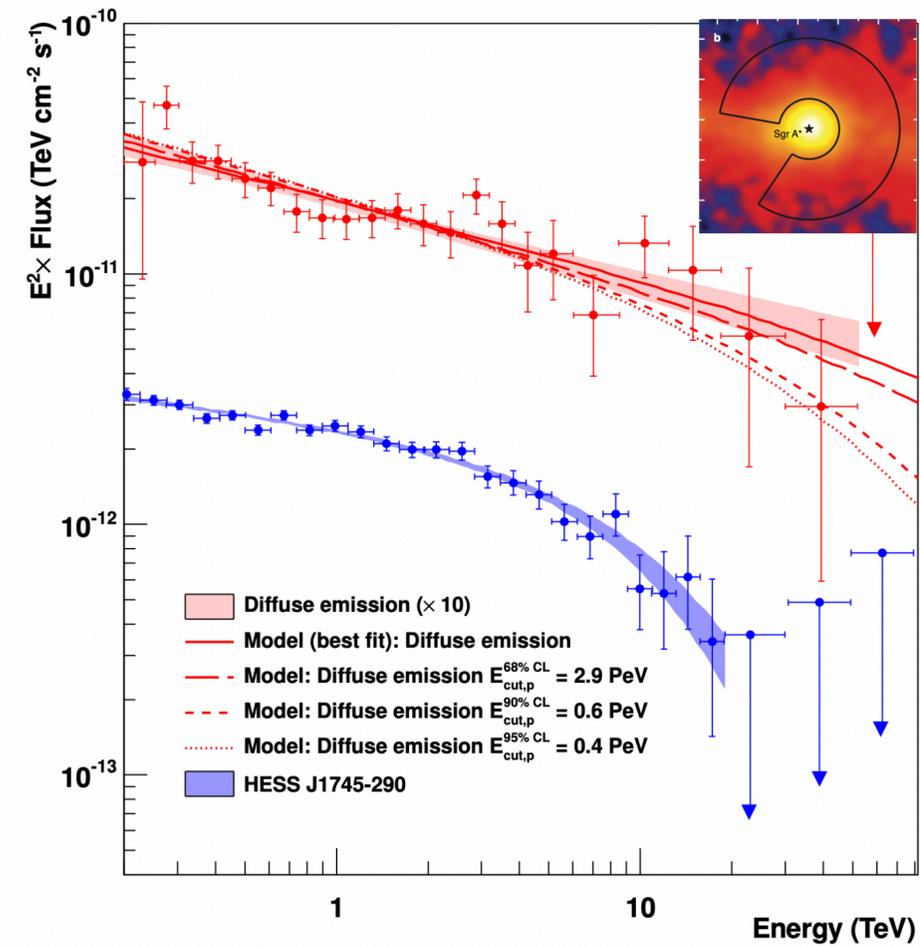


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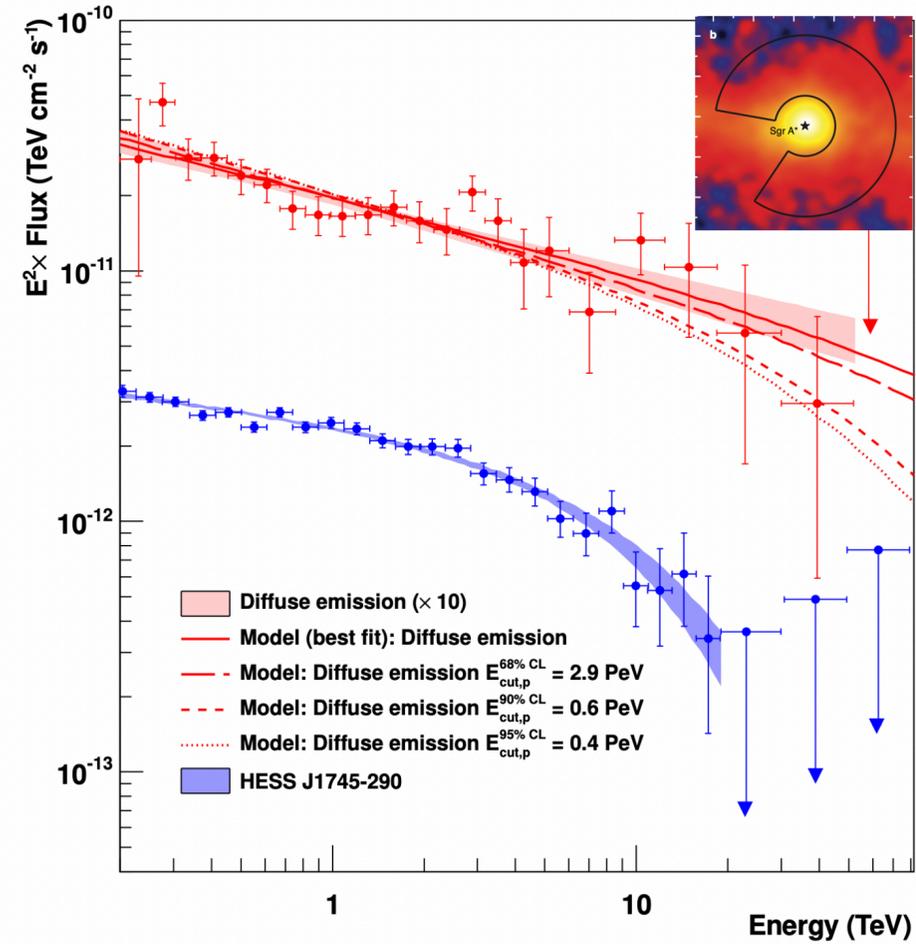
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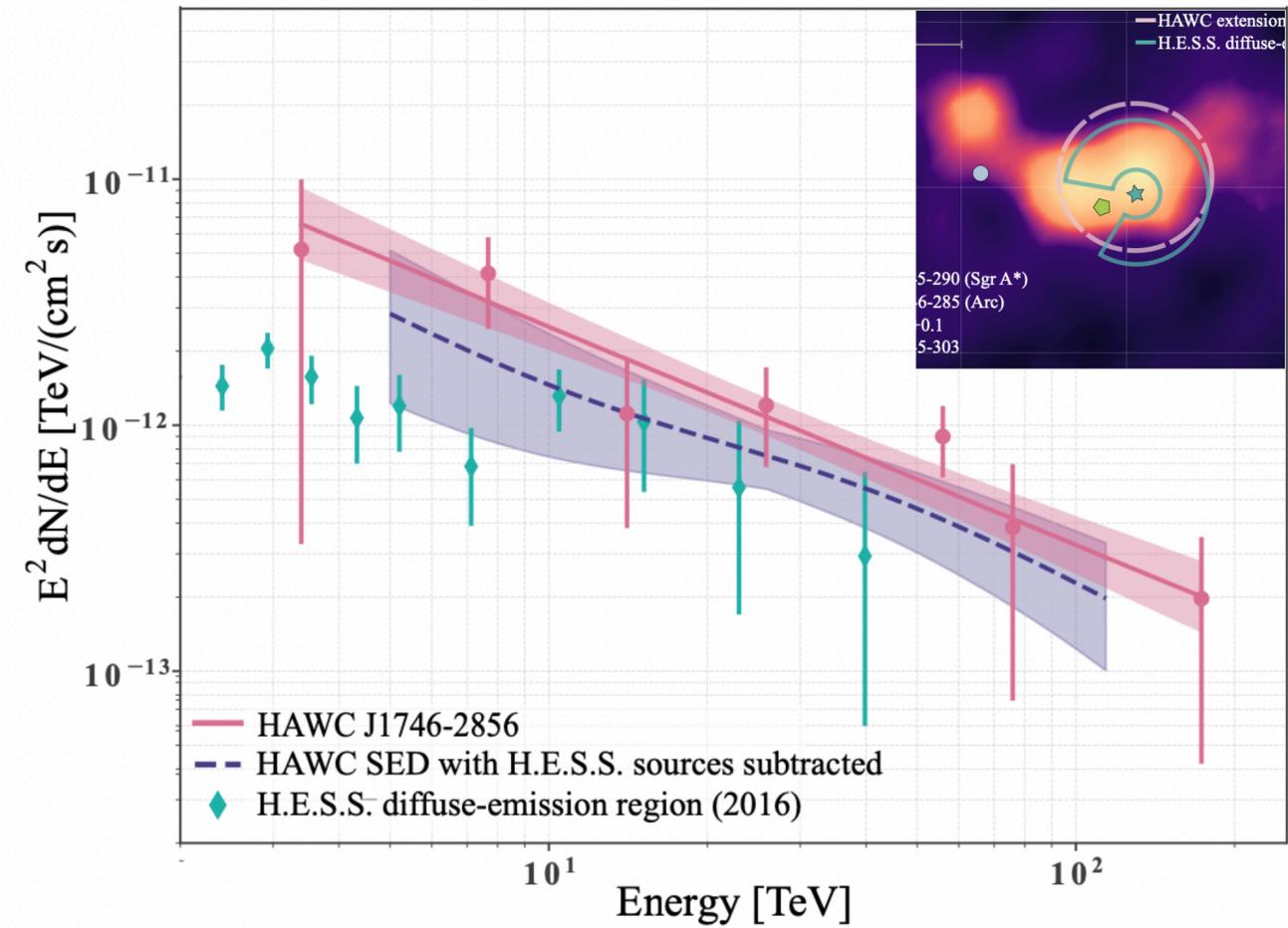


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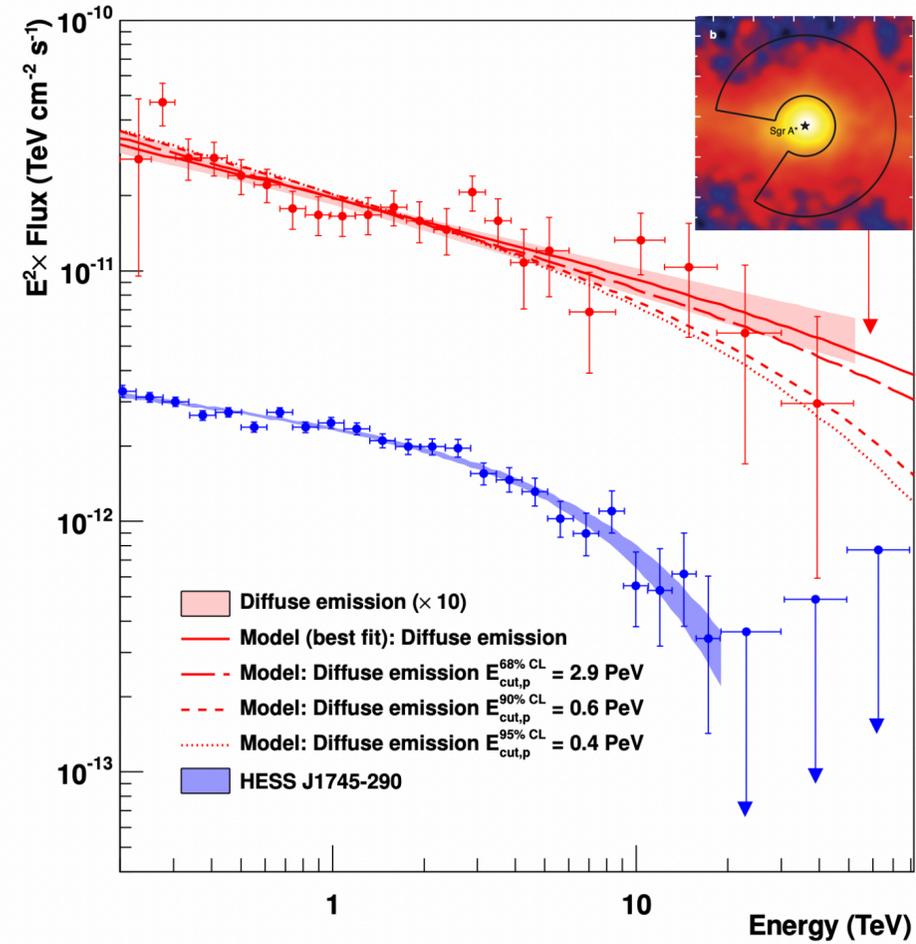


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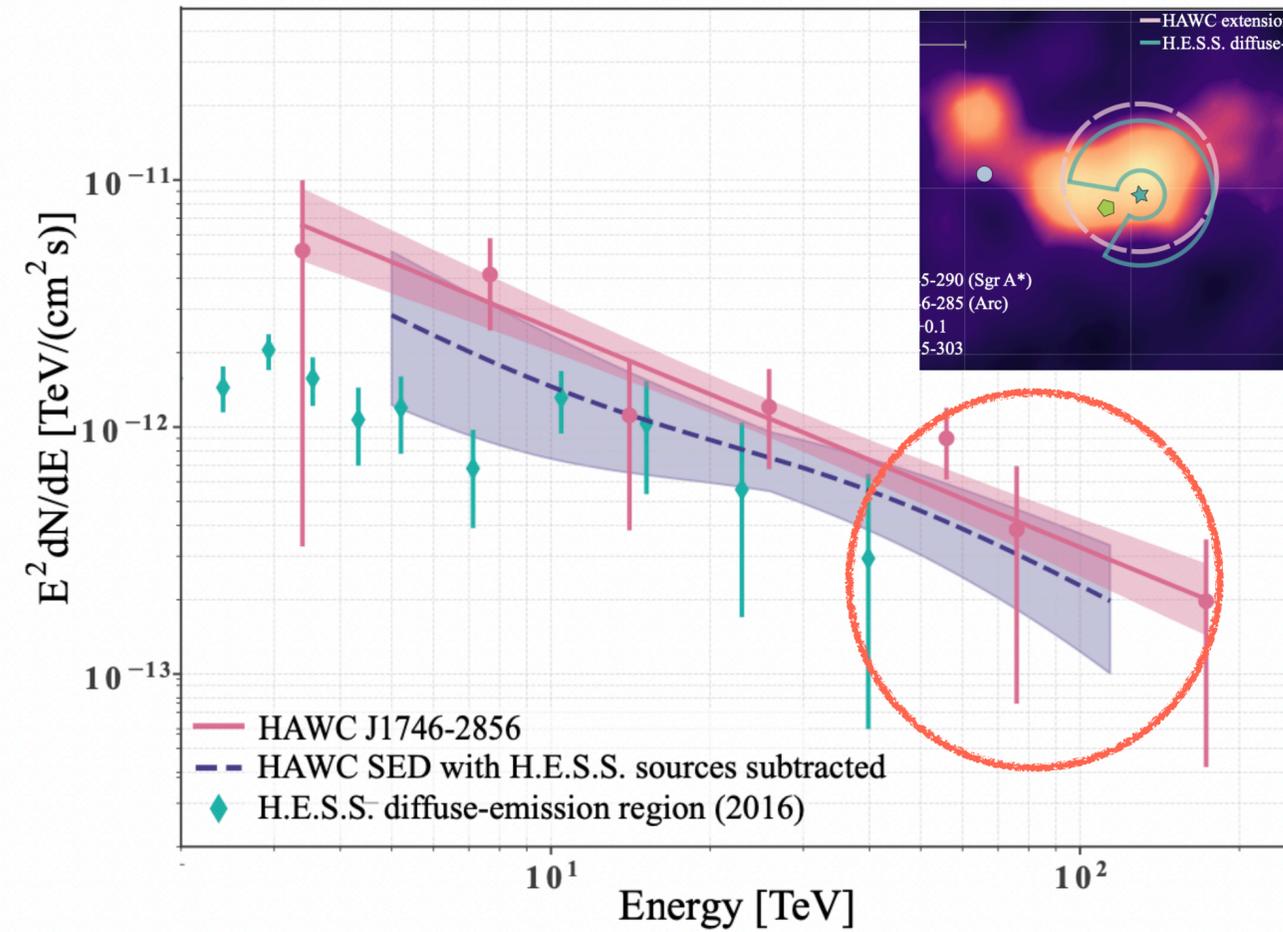


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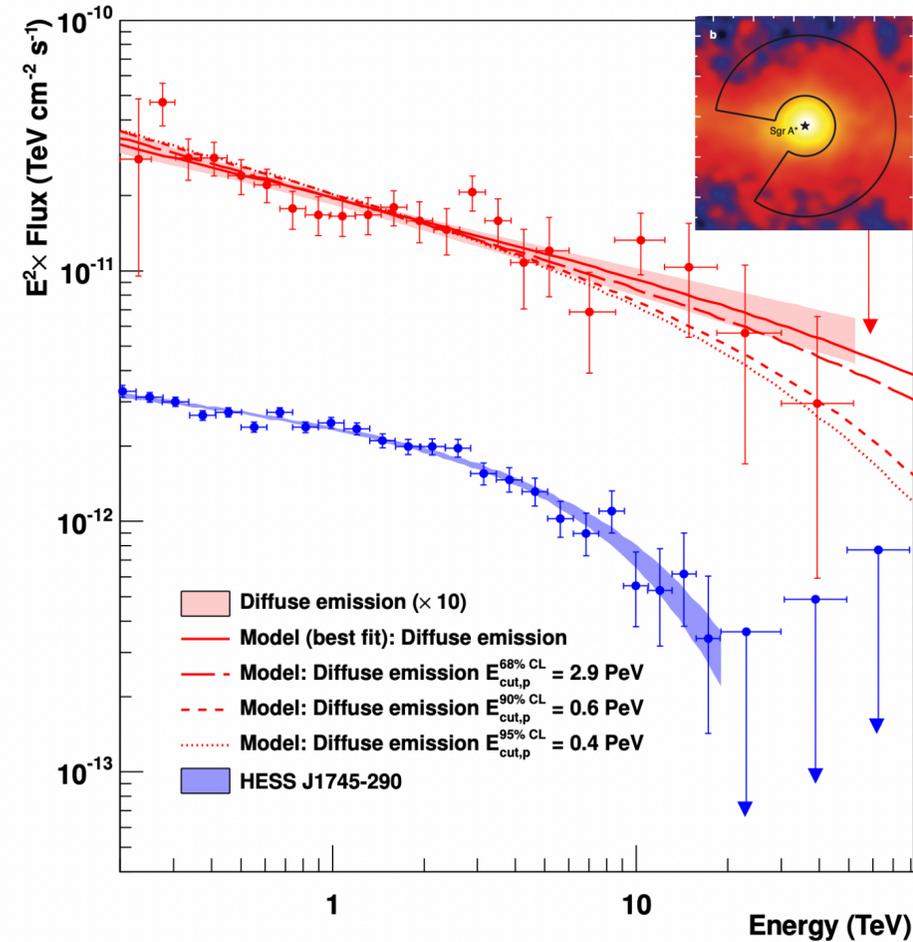


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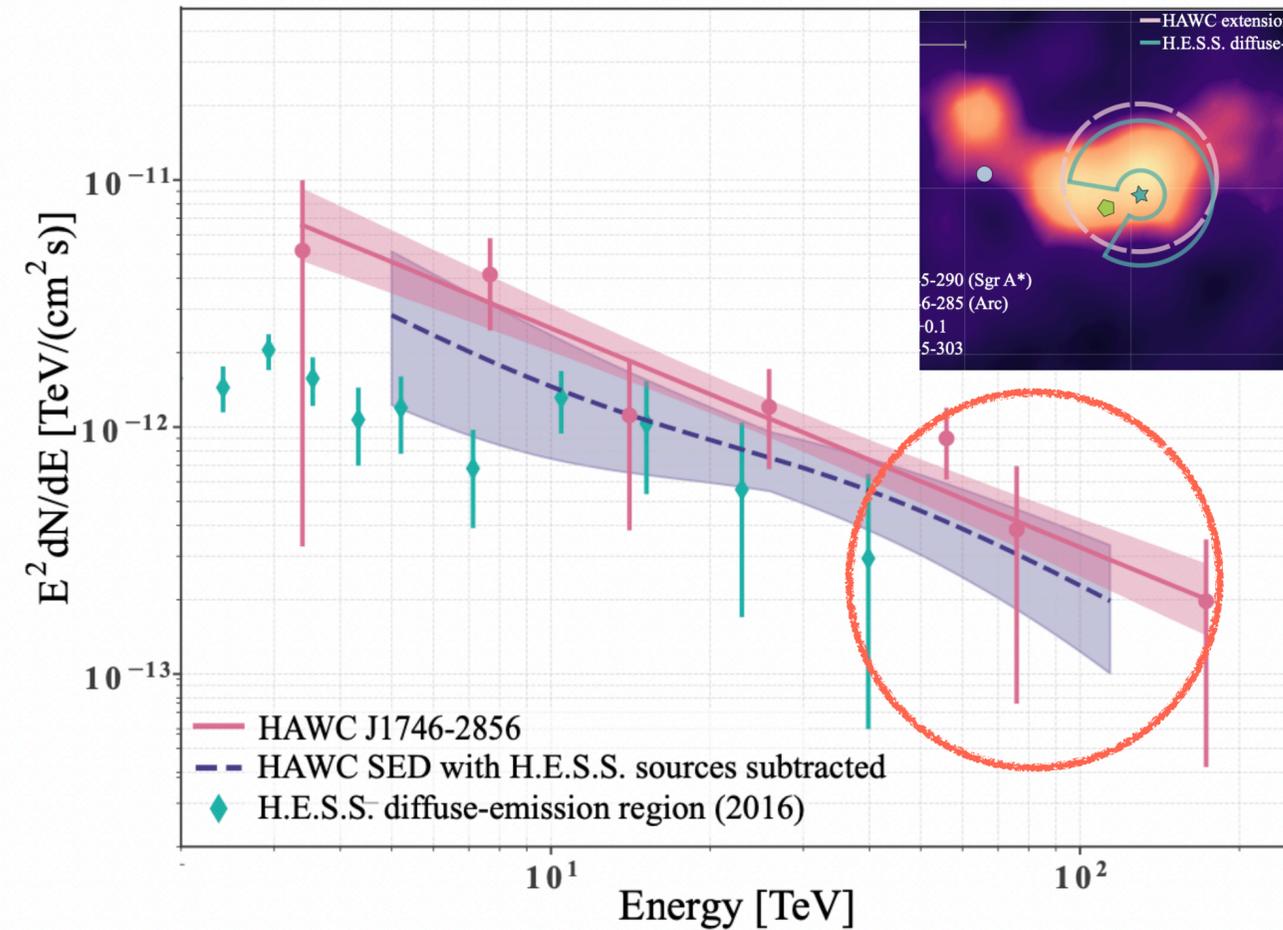


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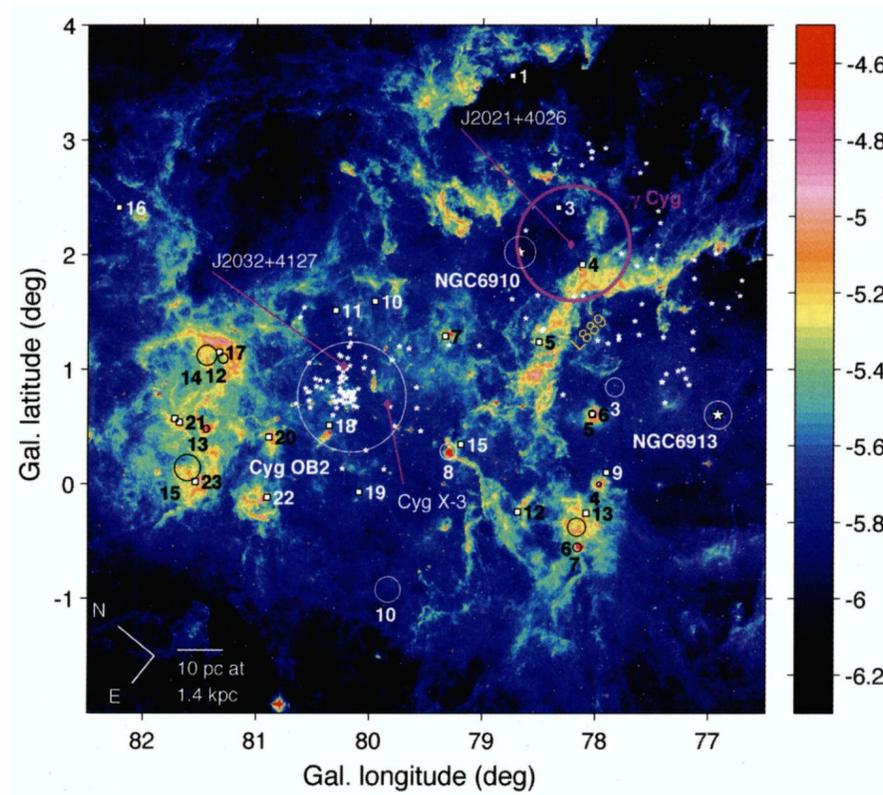
- Electron cooling time $\approx 13 (E/100 \text{ TeV})^{-1} \text{ yr} = 4 \text{ pc}$, too short to populate the 10-100 pc emission region
- The detection of emission to energies $>100 \text{ TeV}$ thus **strongly disfavors the leptonic scenario**

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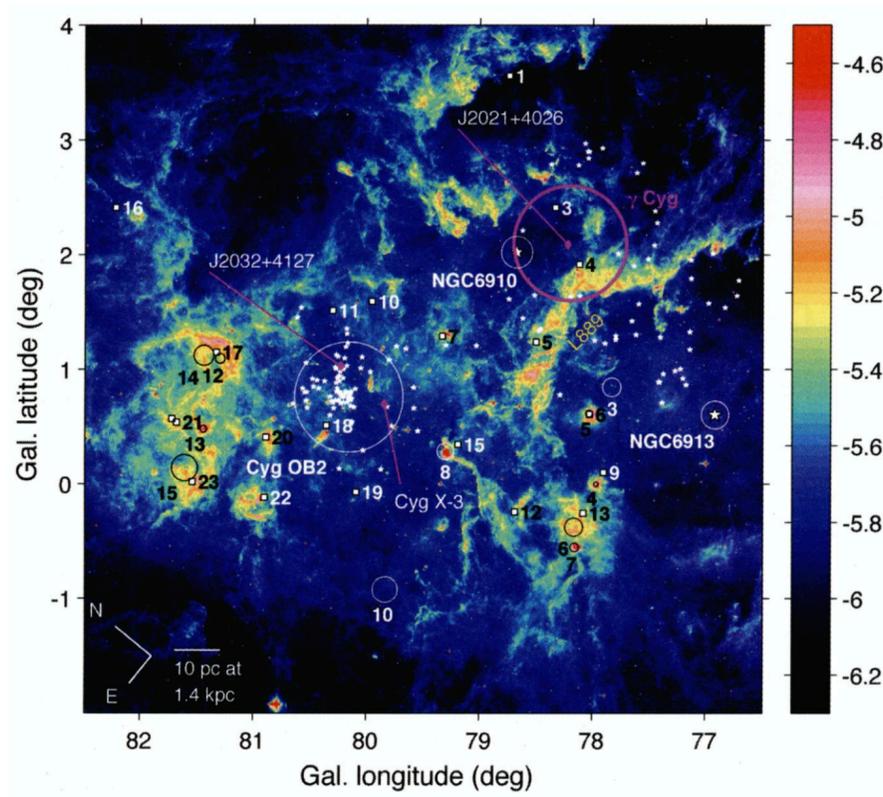


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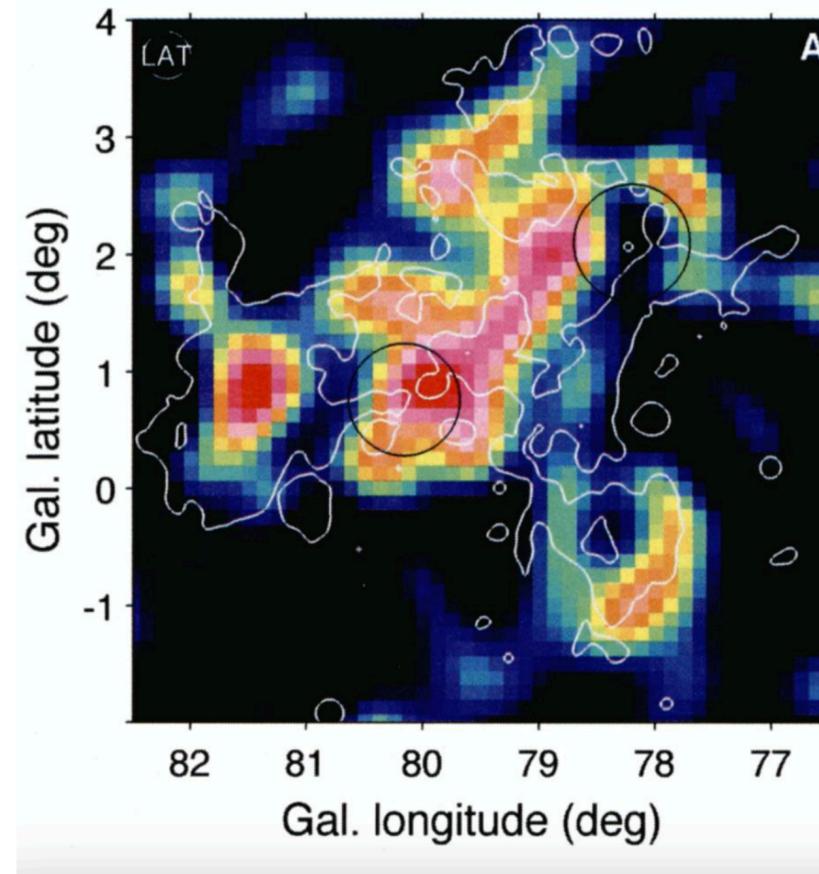
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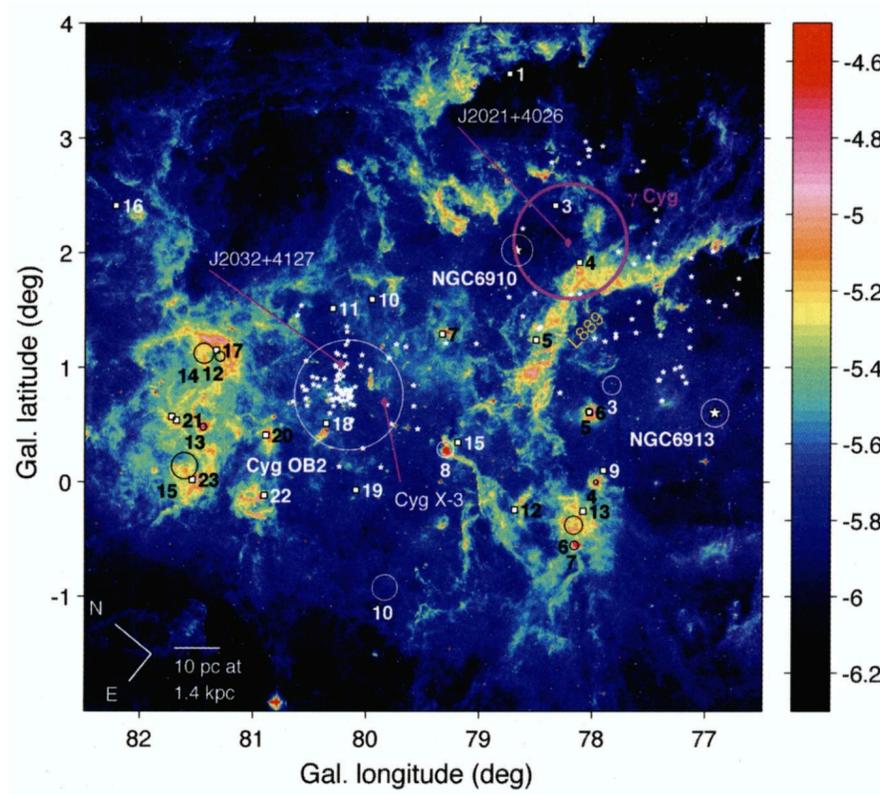
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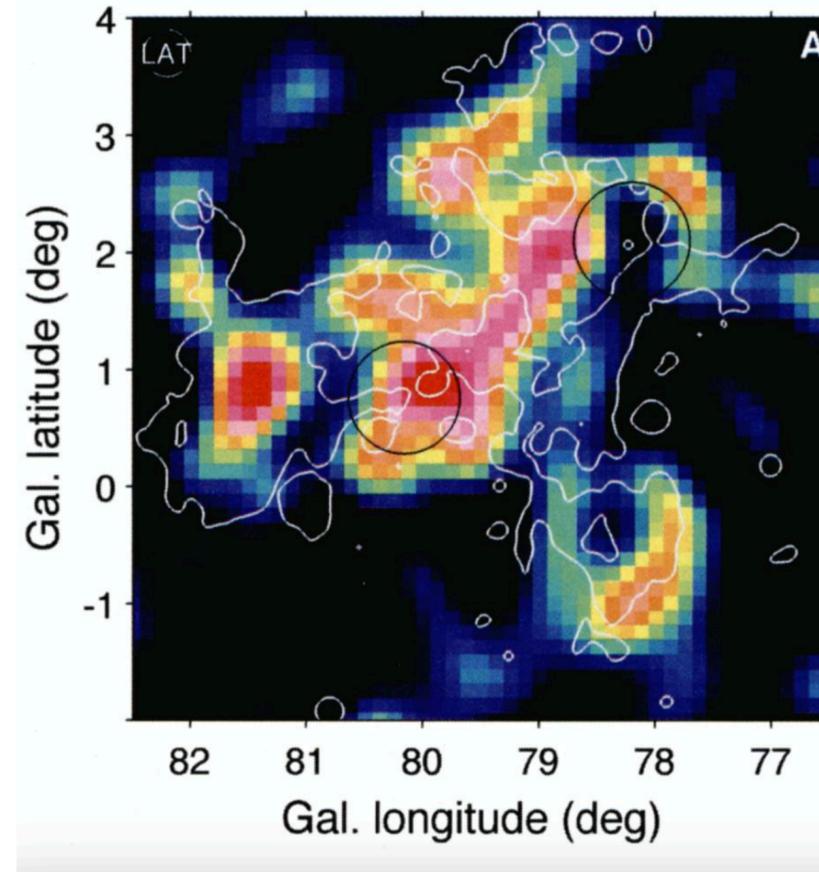
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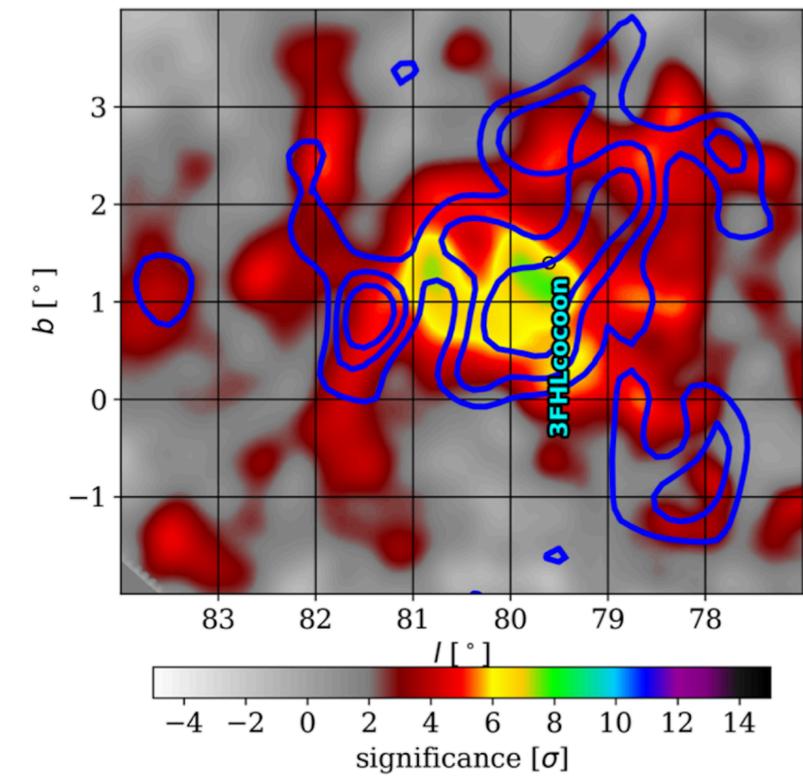
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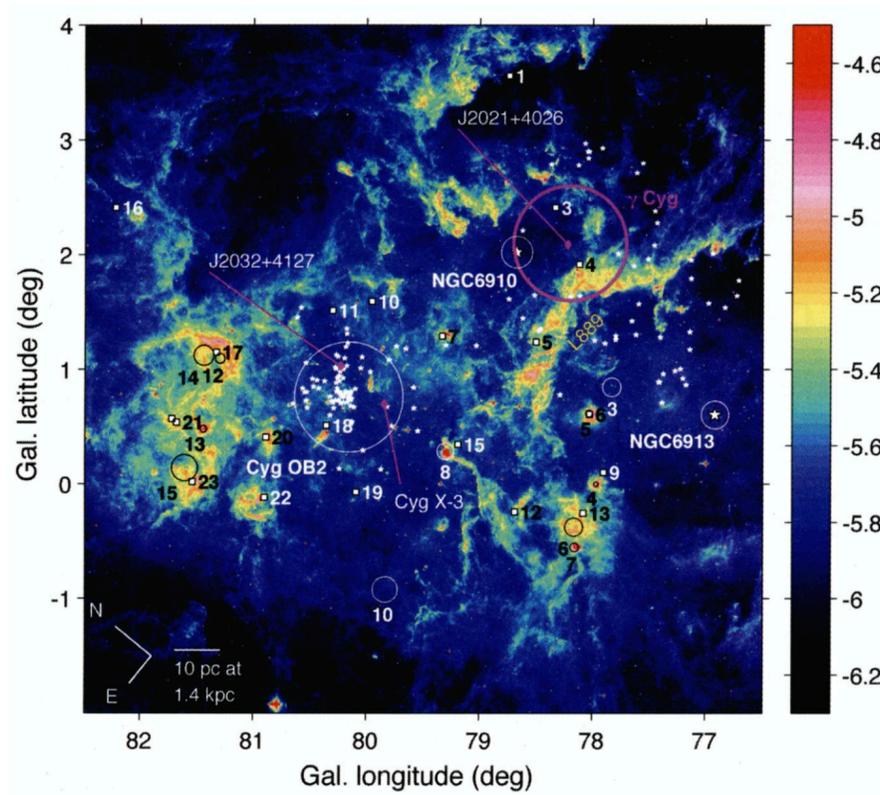
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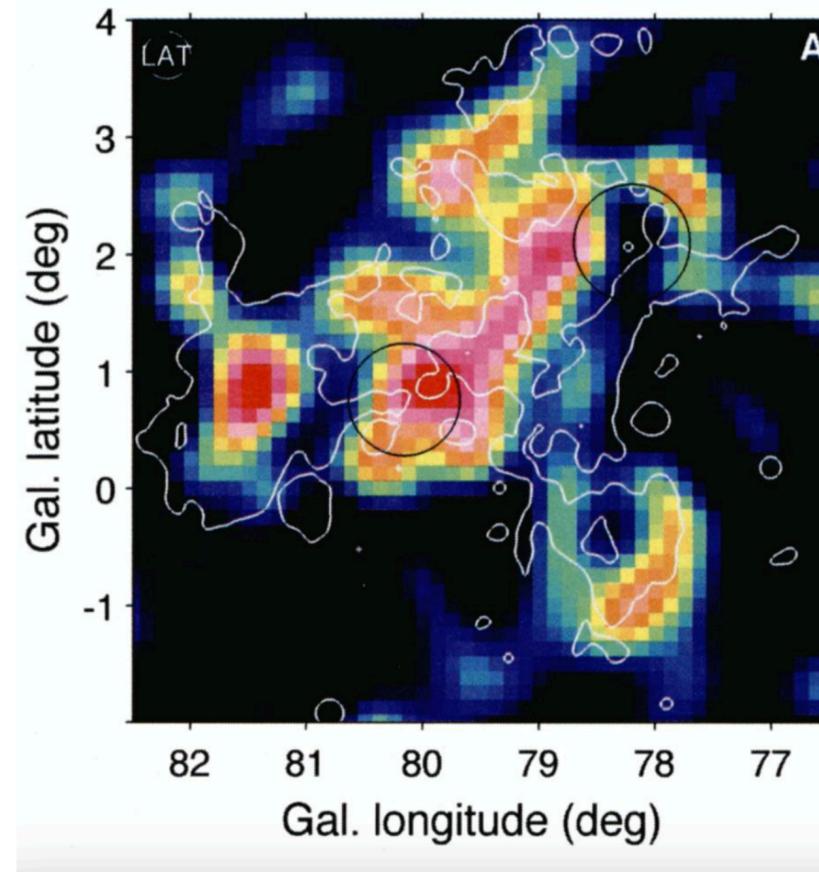
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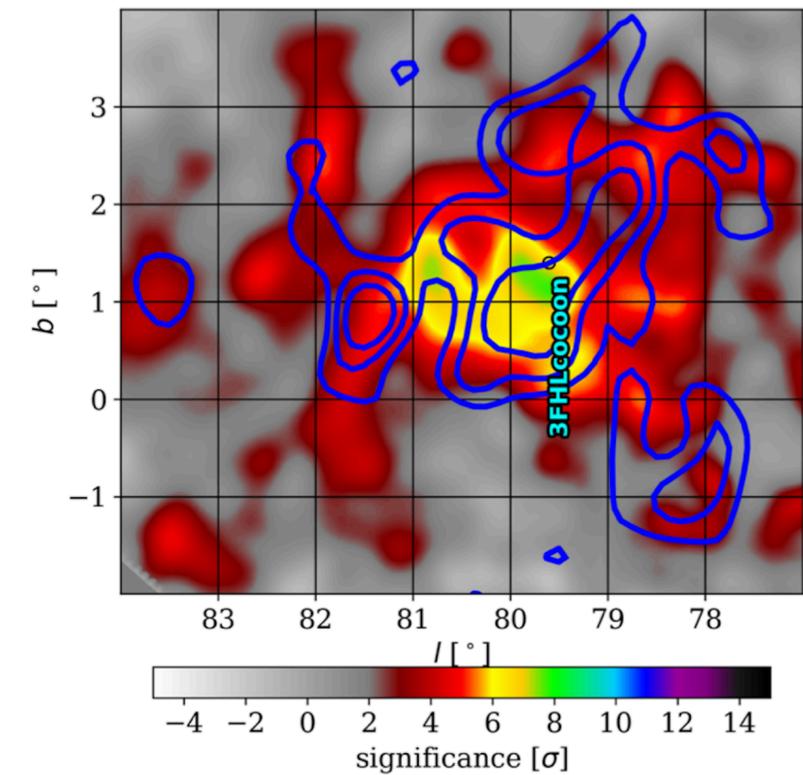
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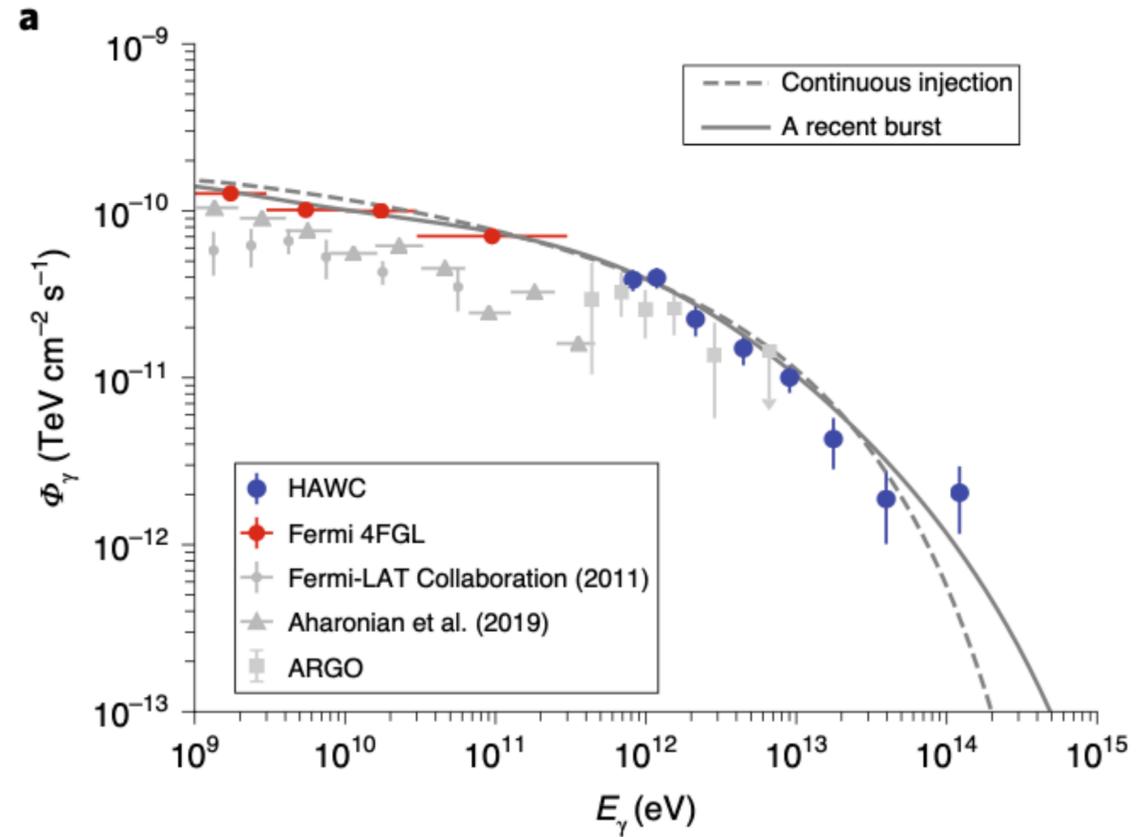
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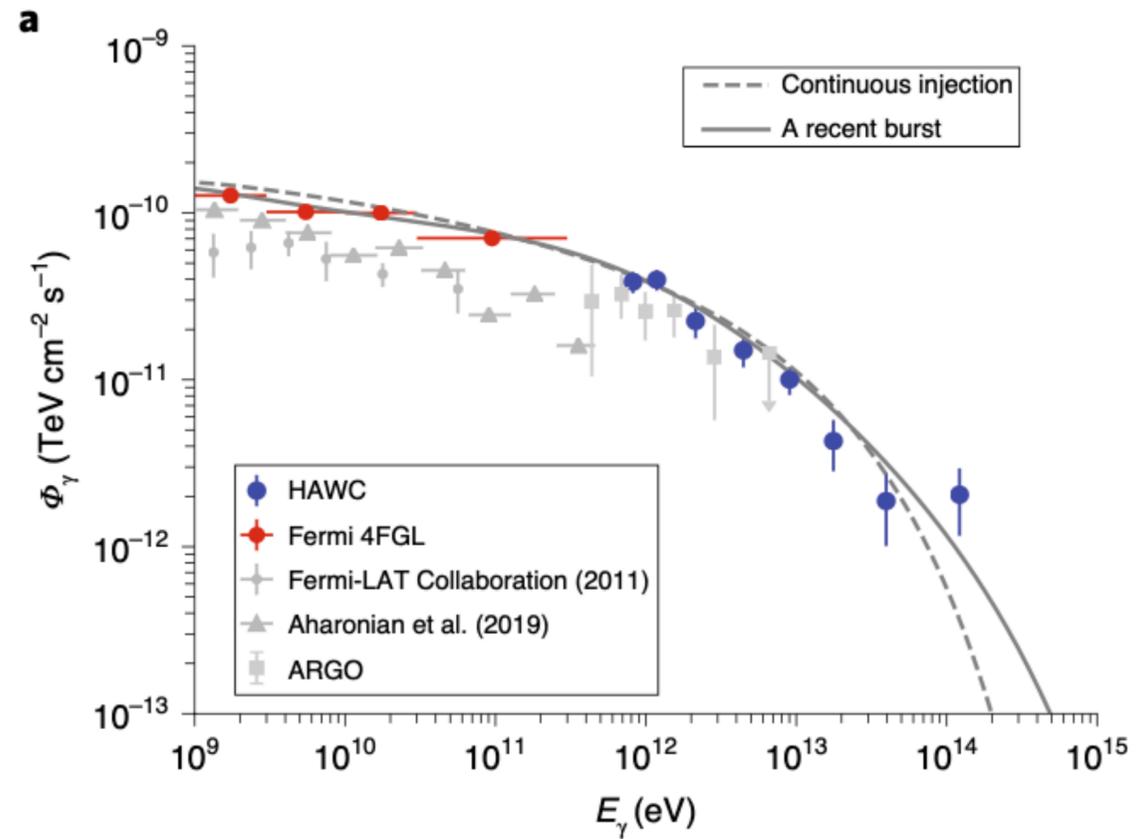
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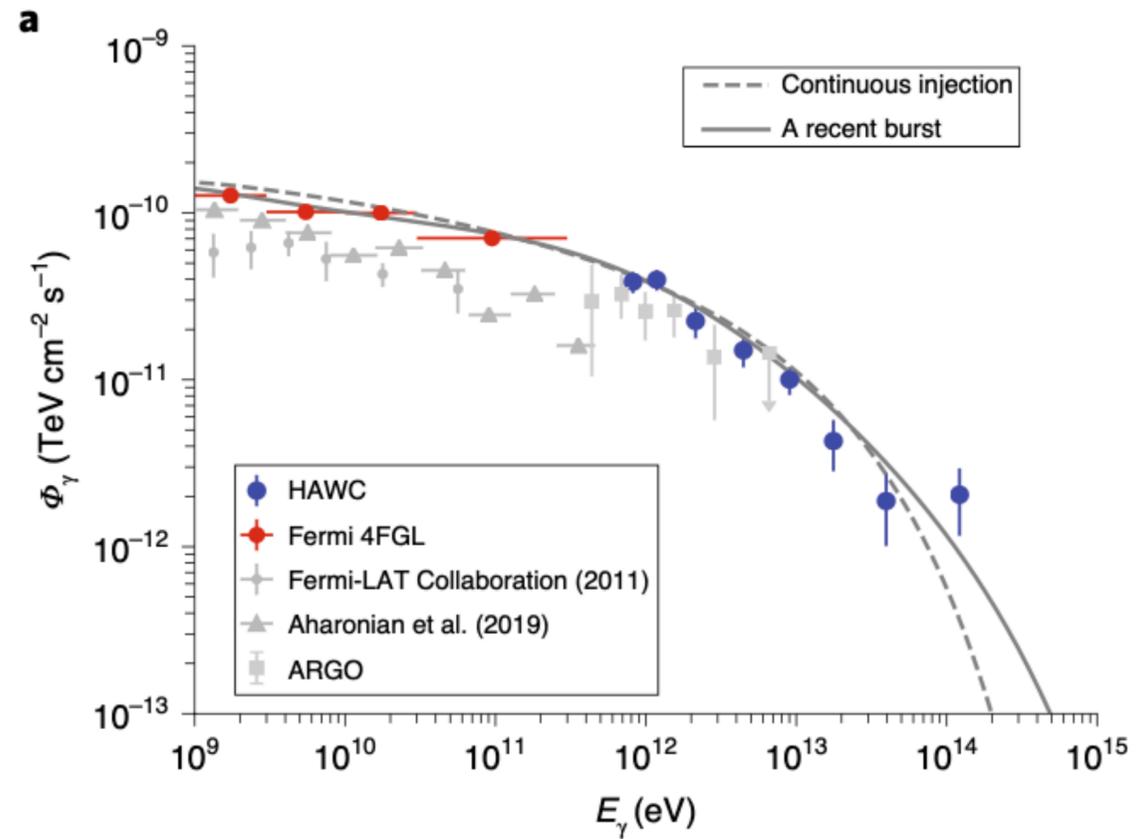


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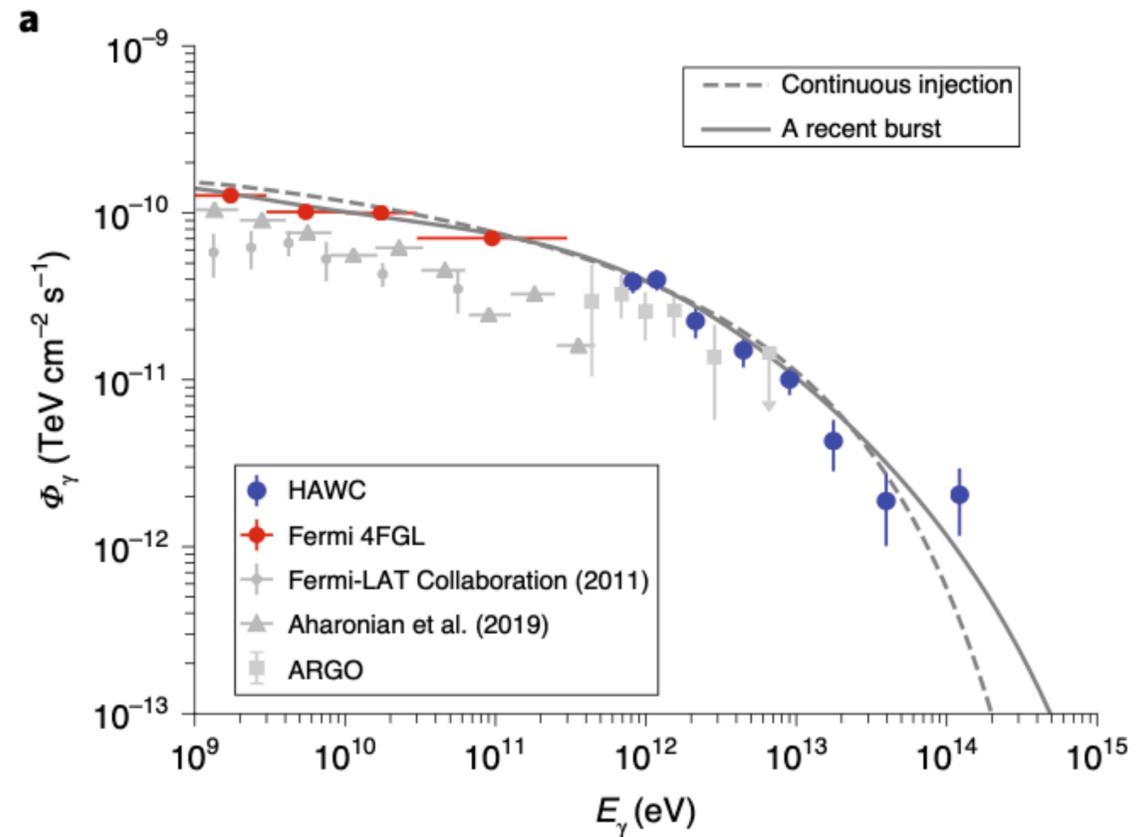
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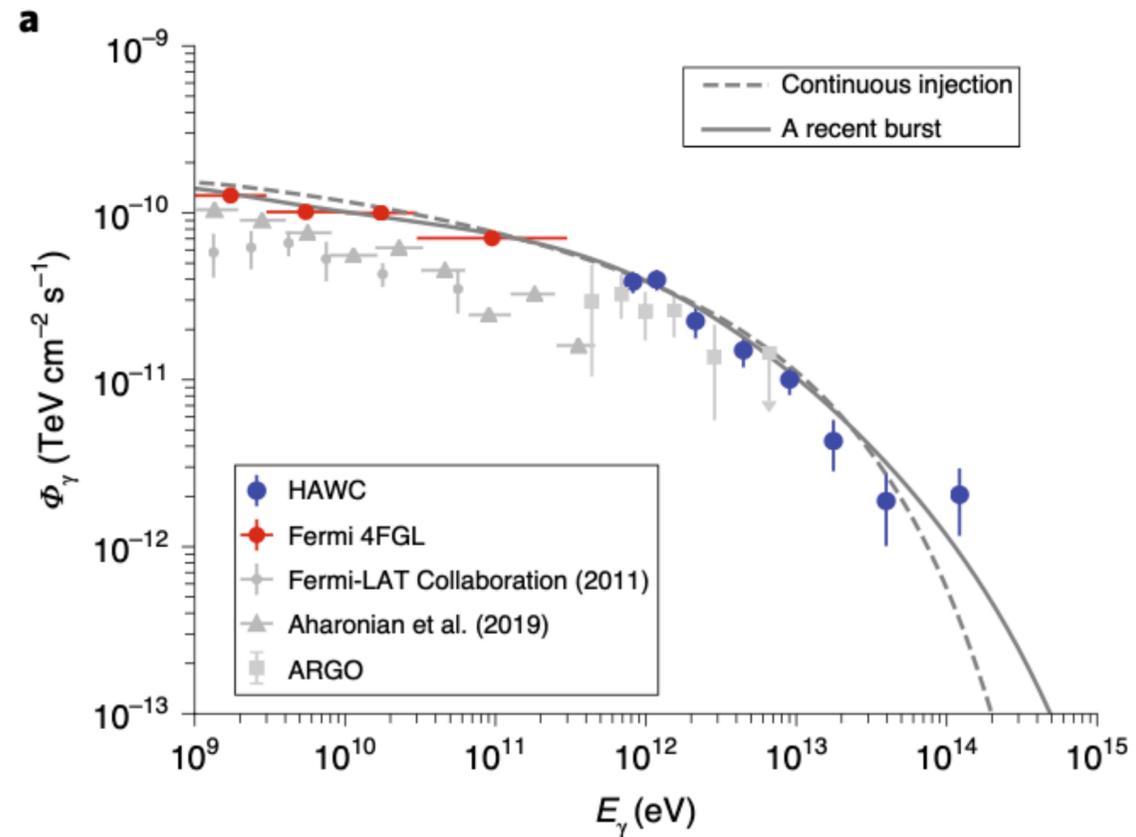
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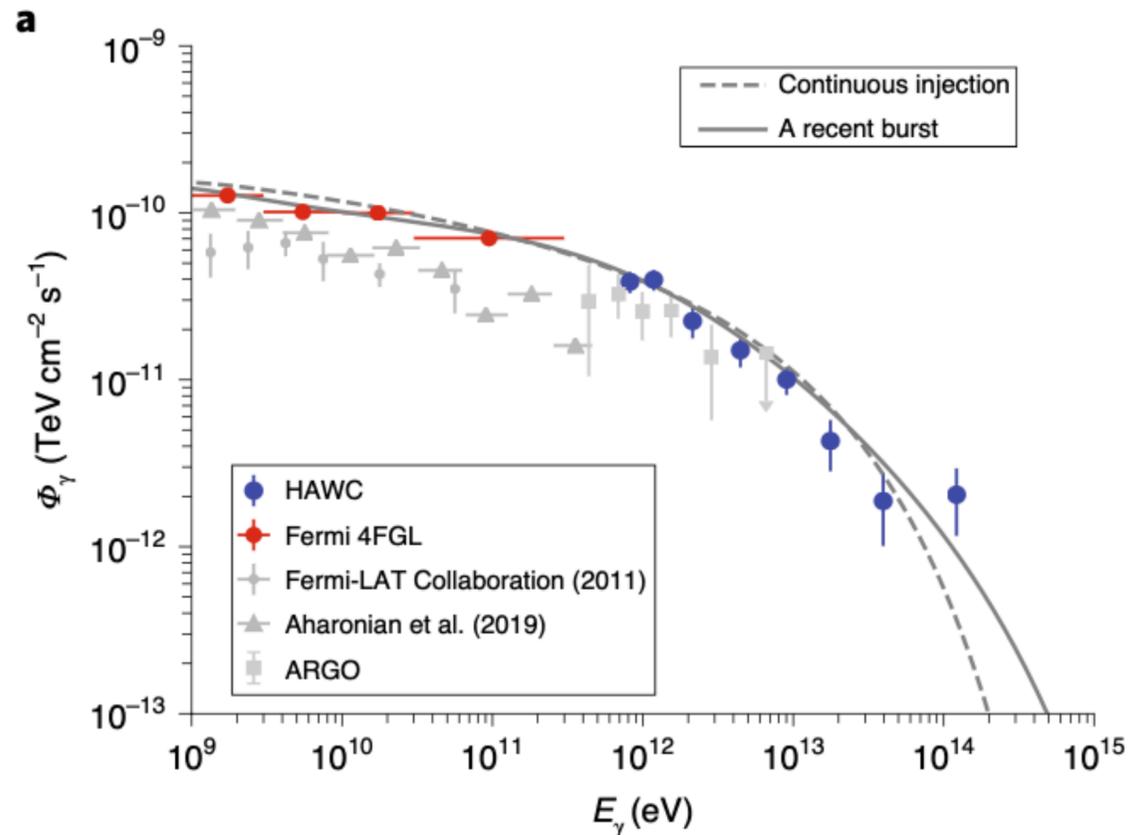
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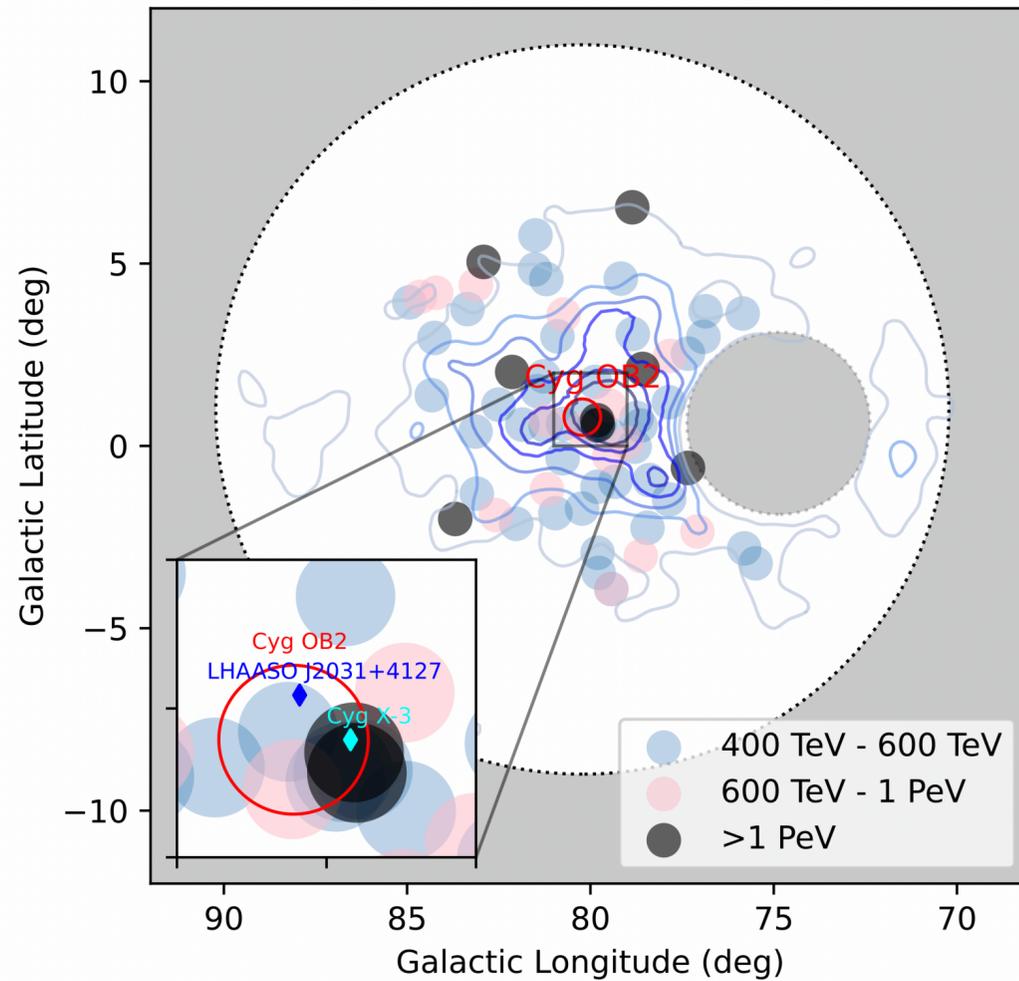
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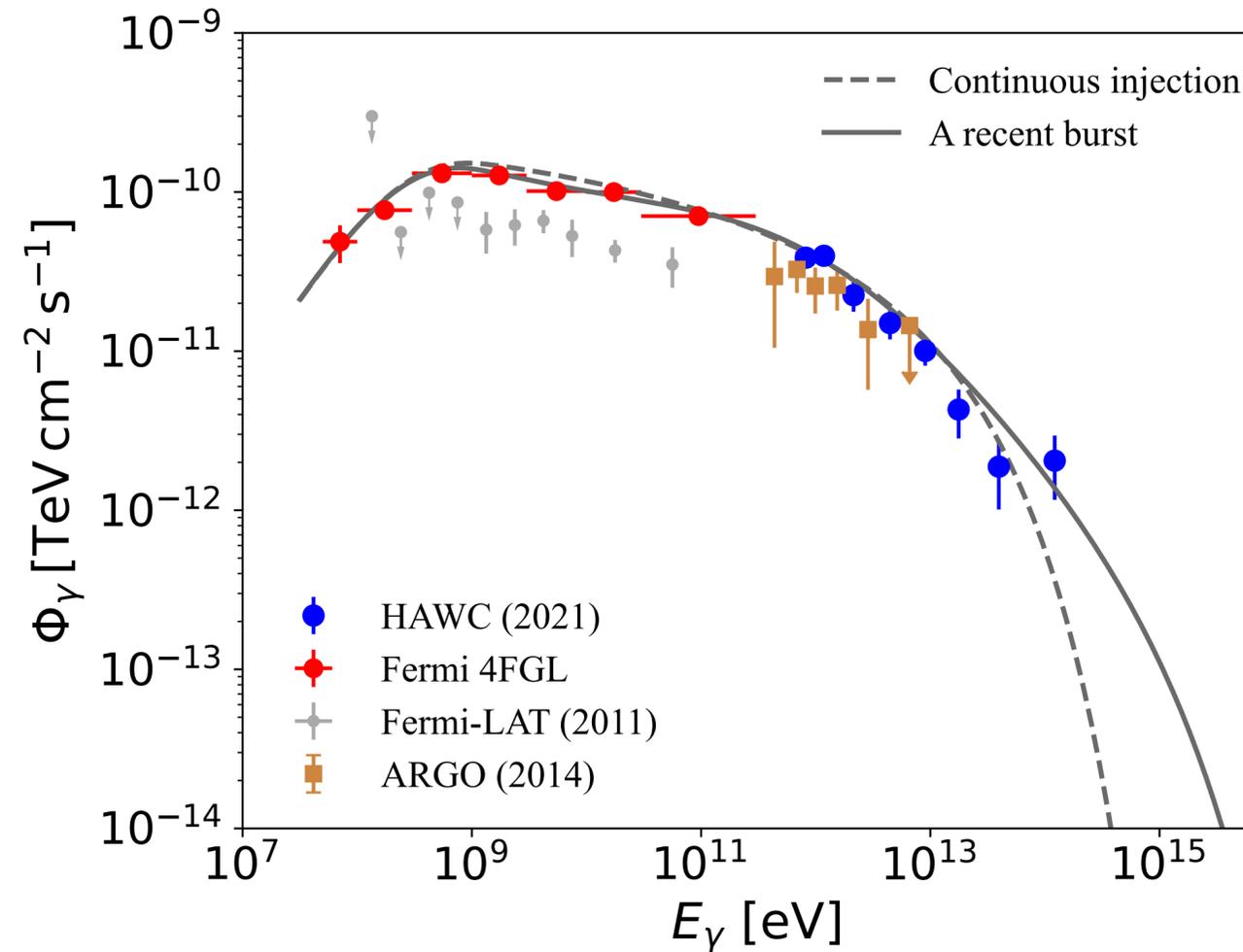
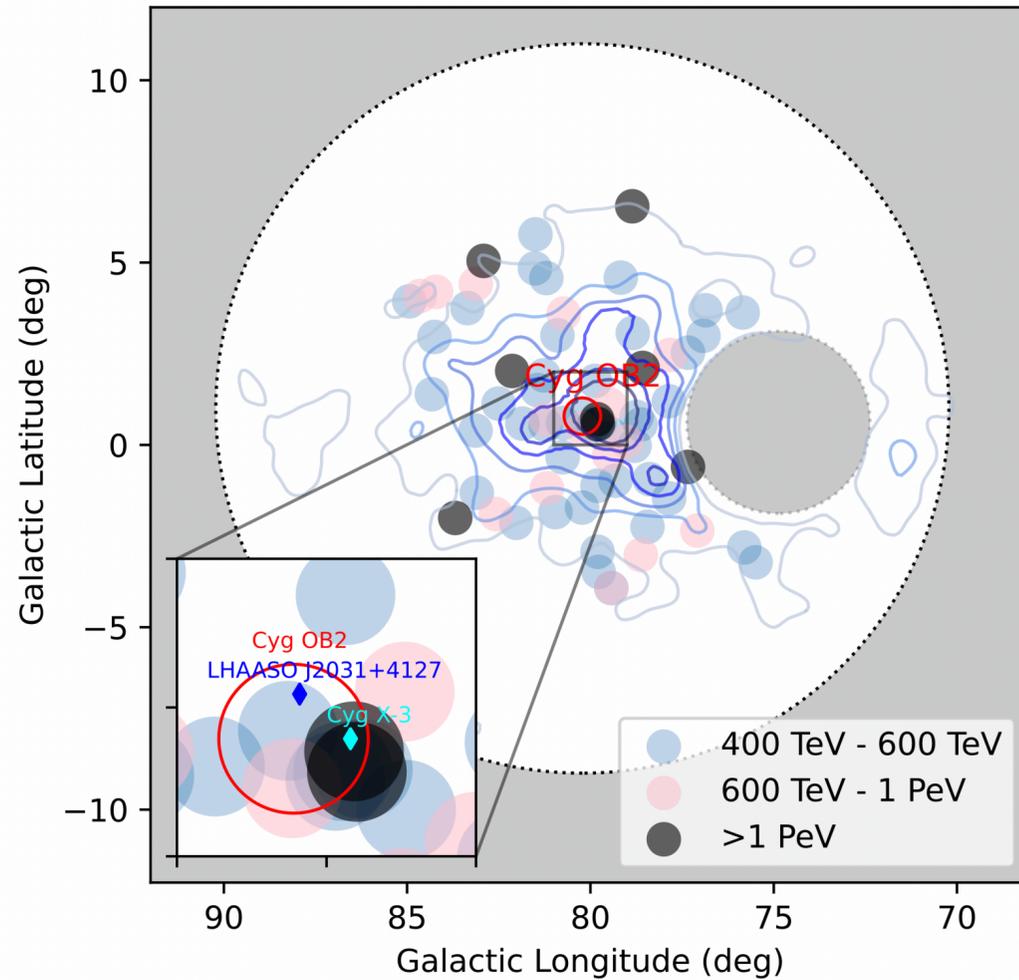
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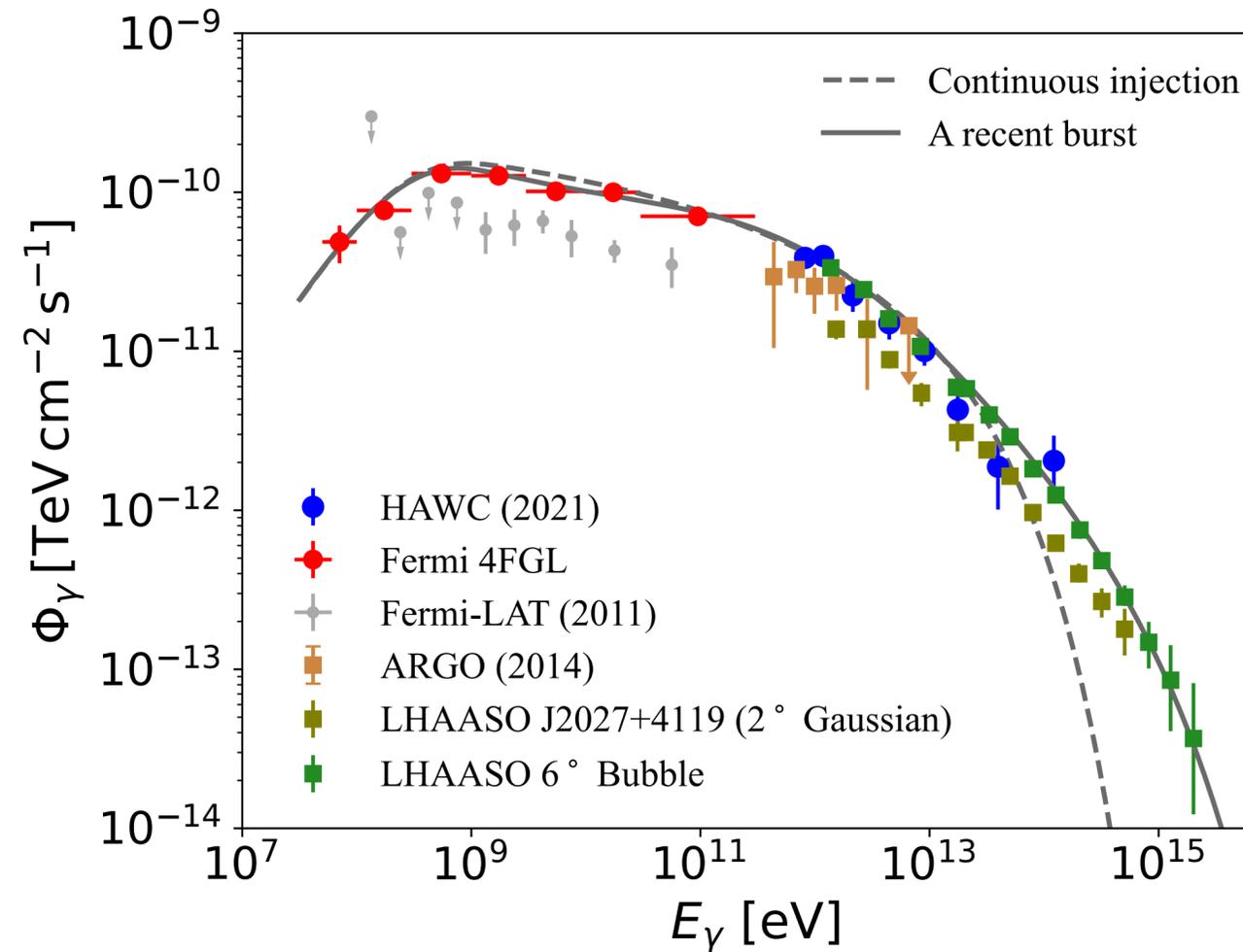
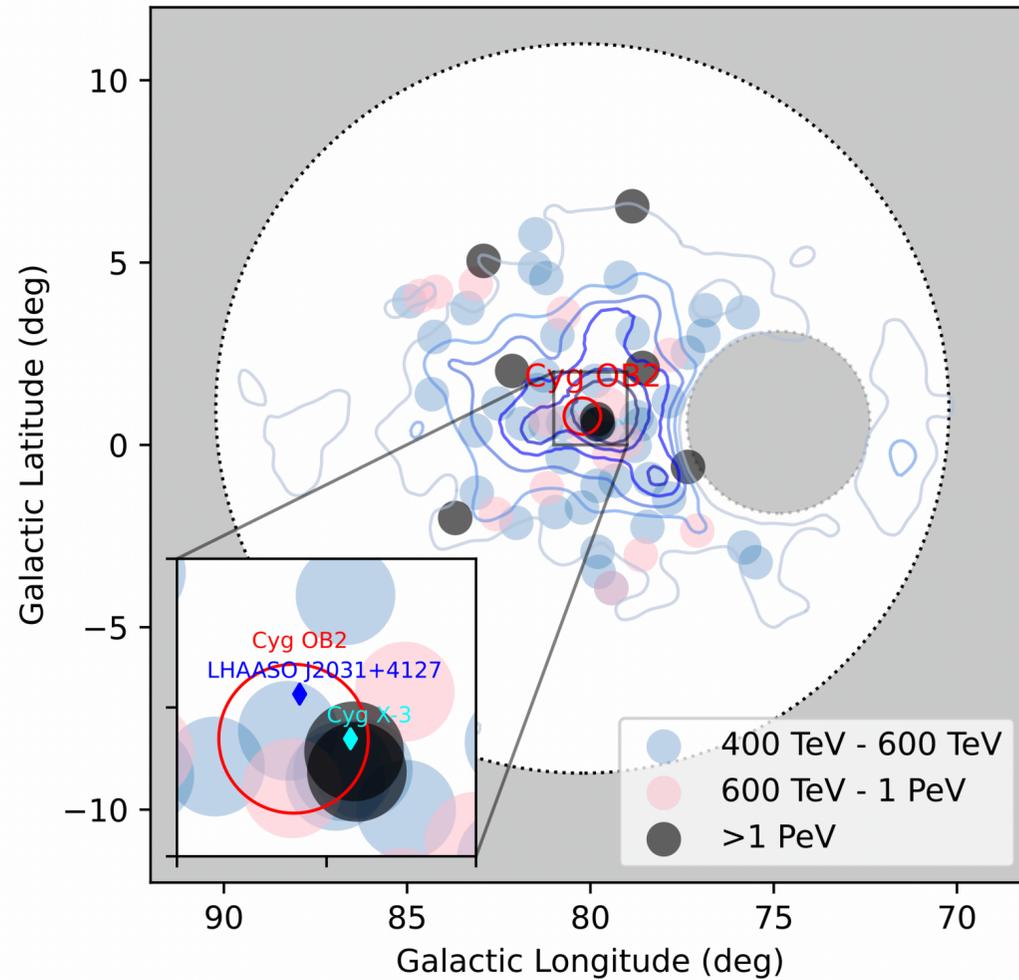
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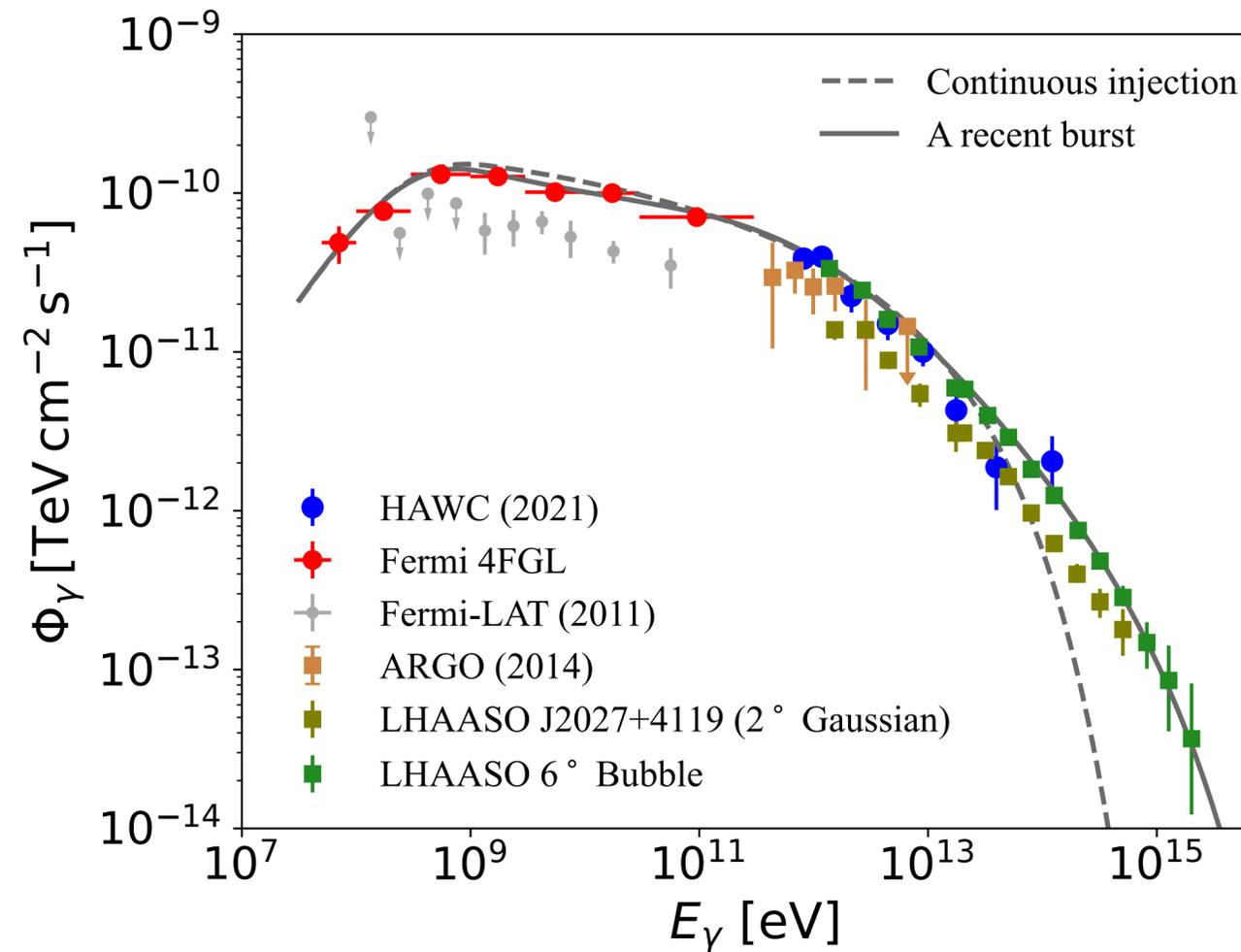
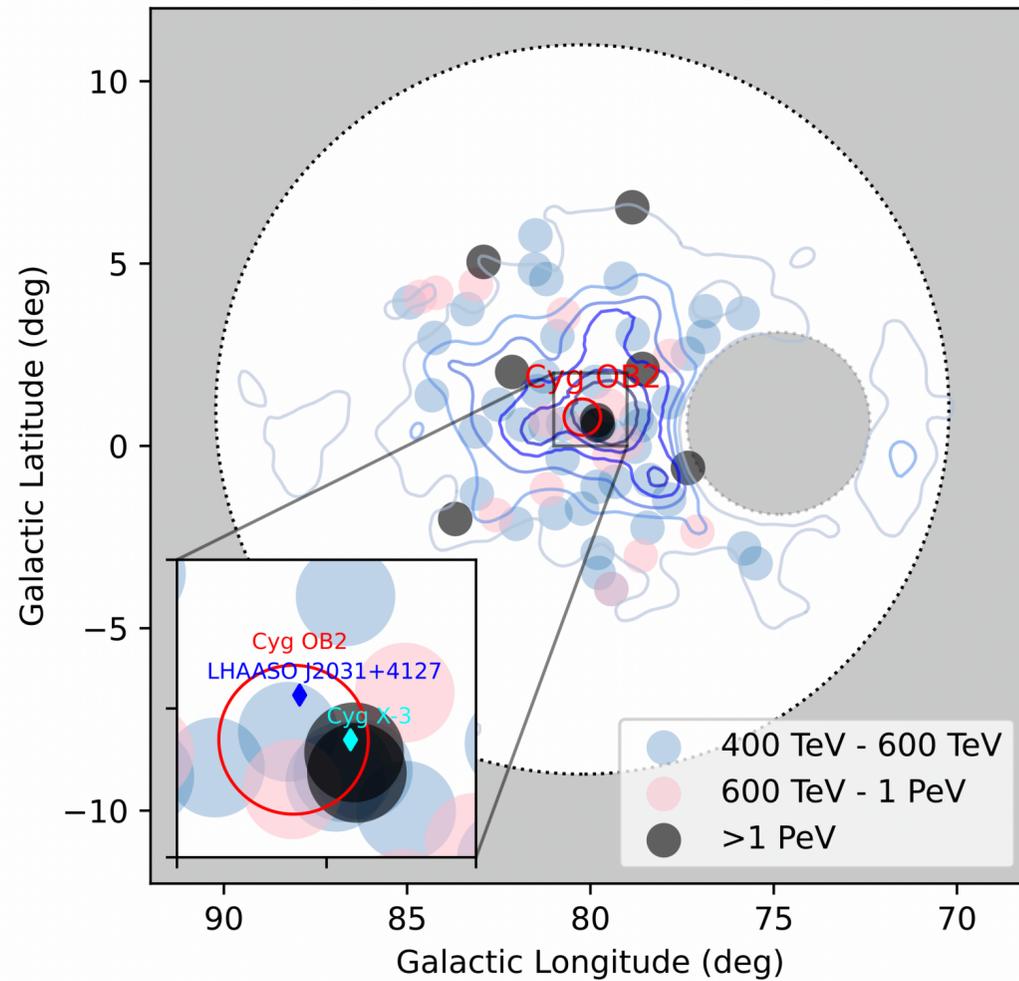
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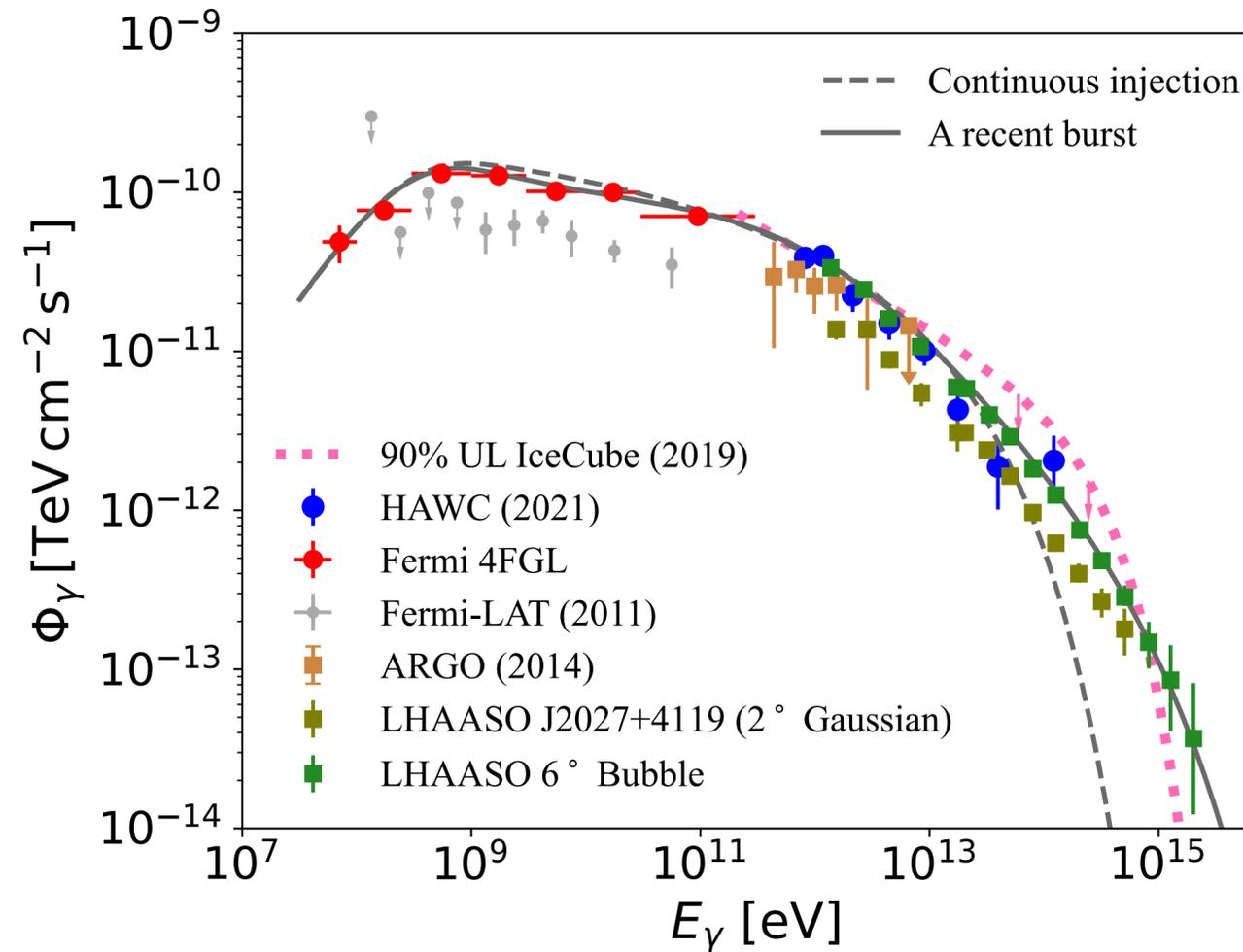
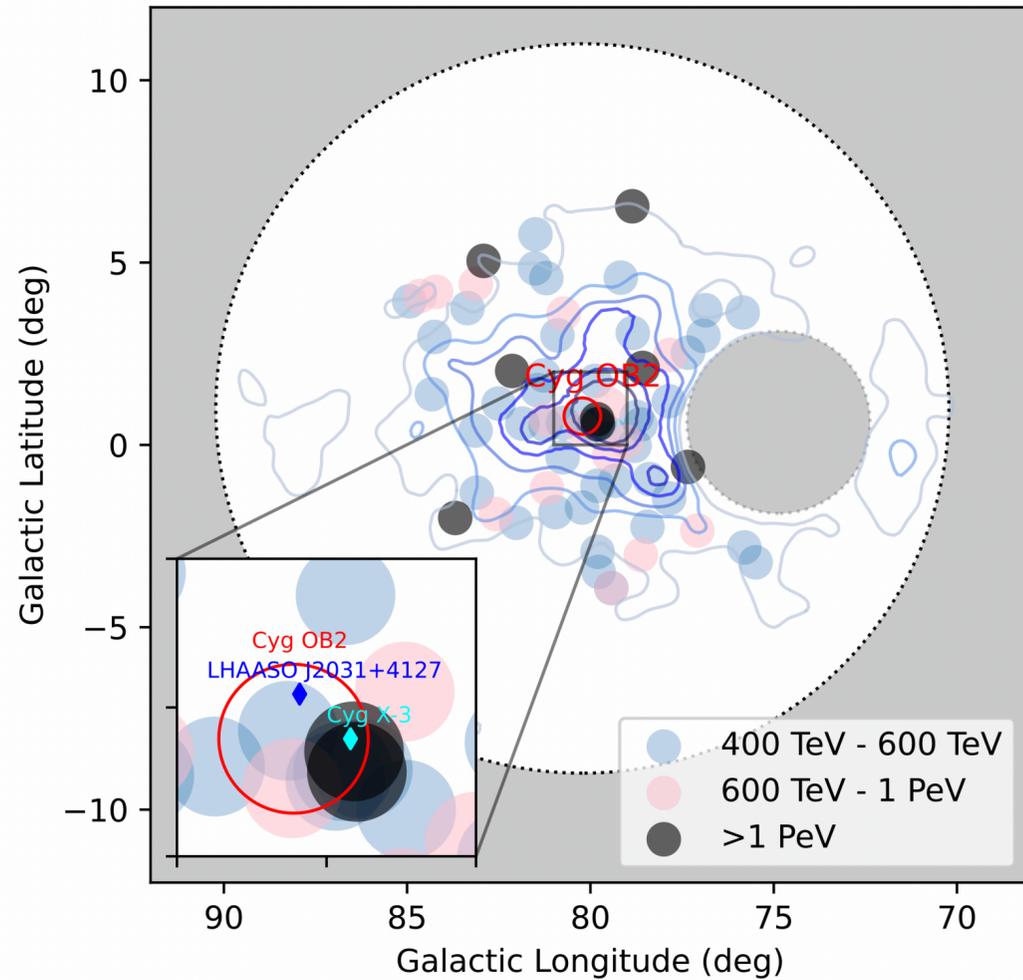


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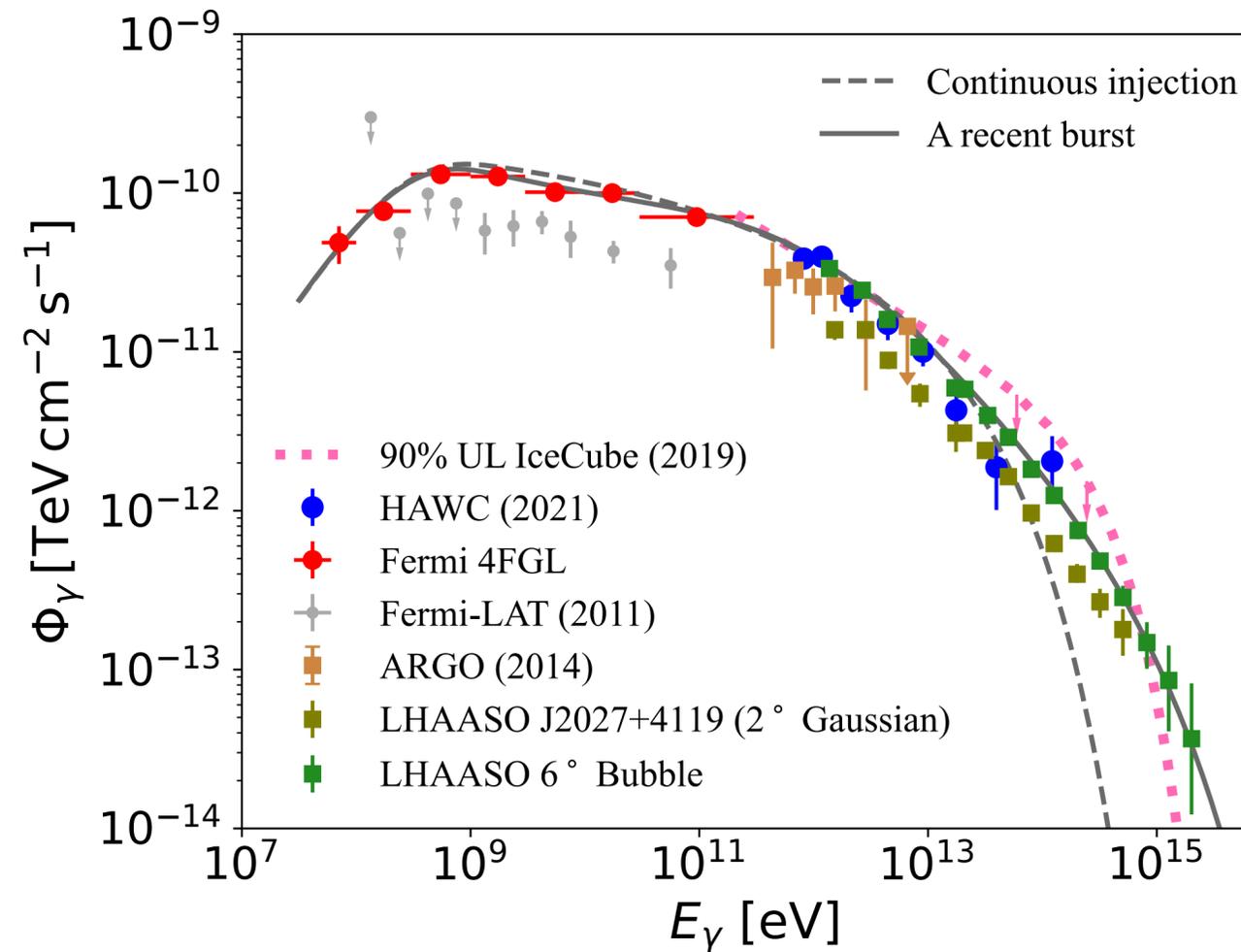
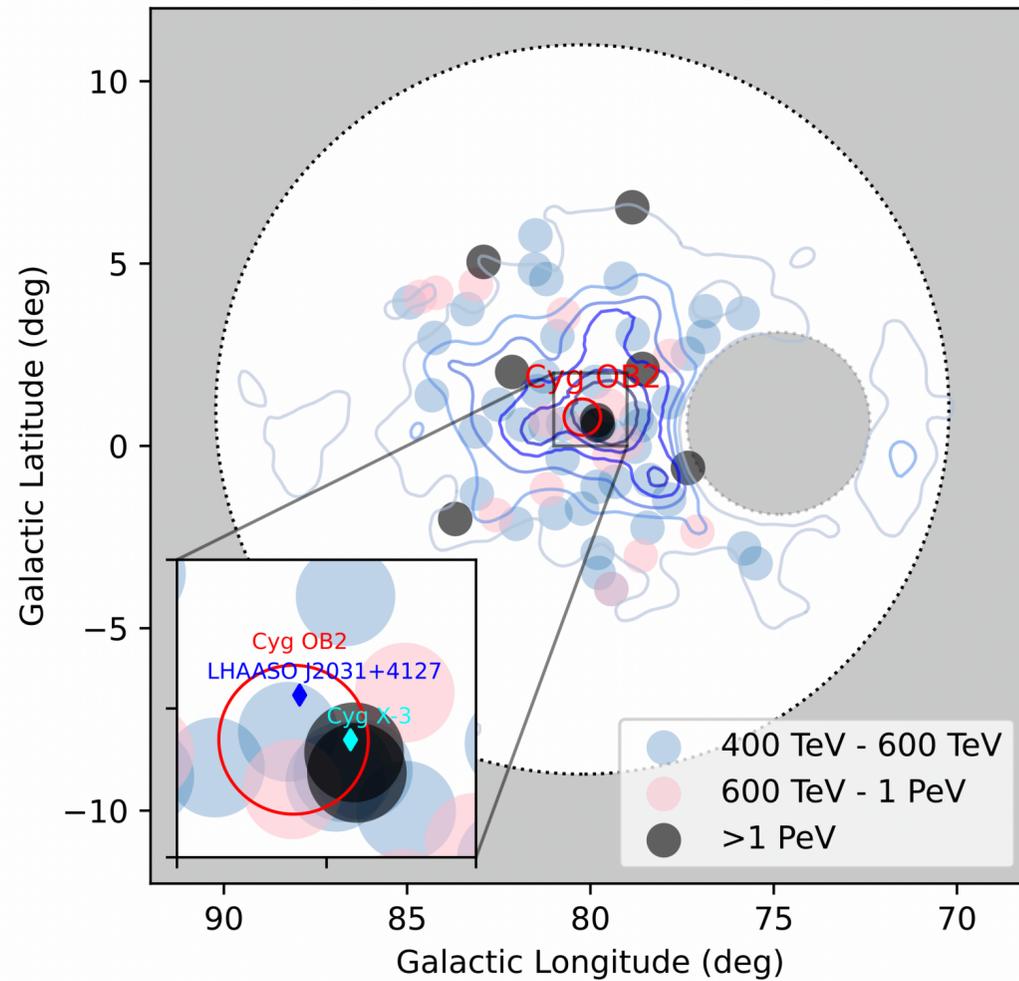
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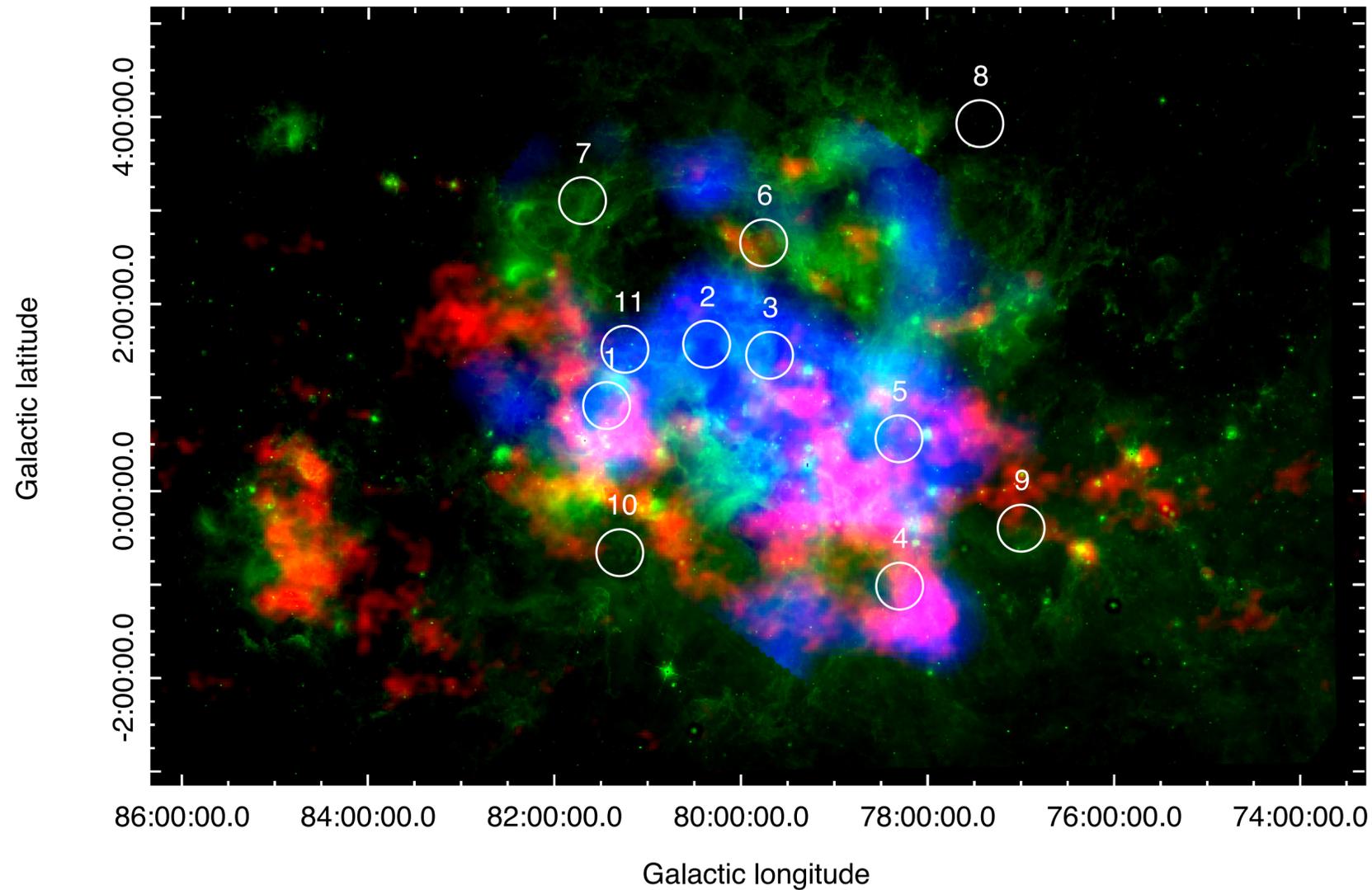
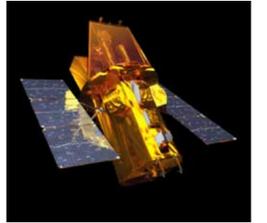
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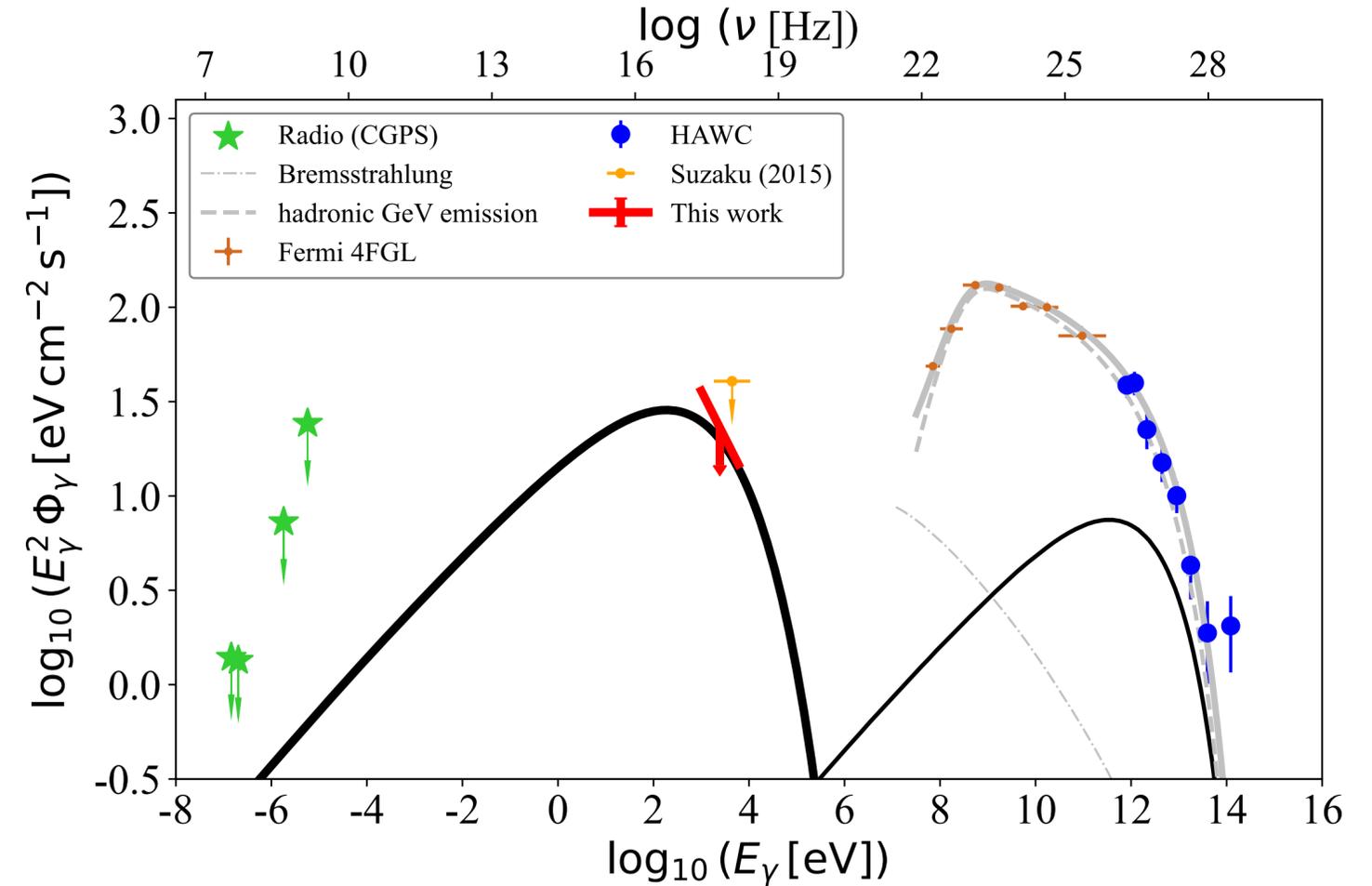
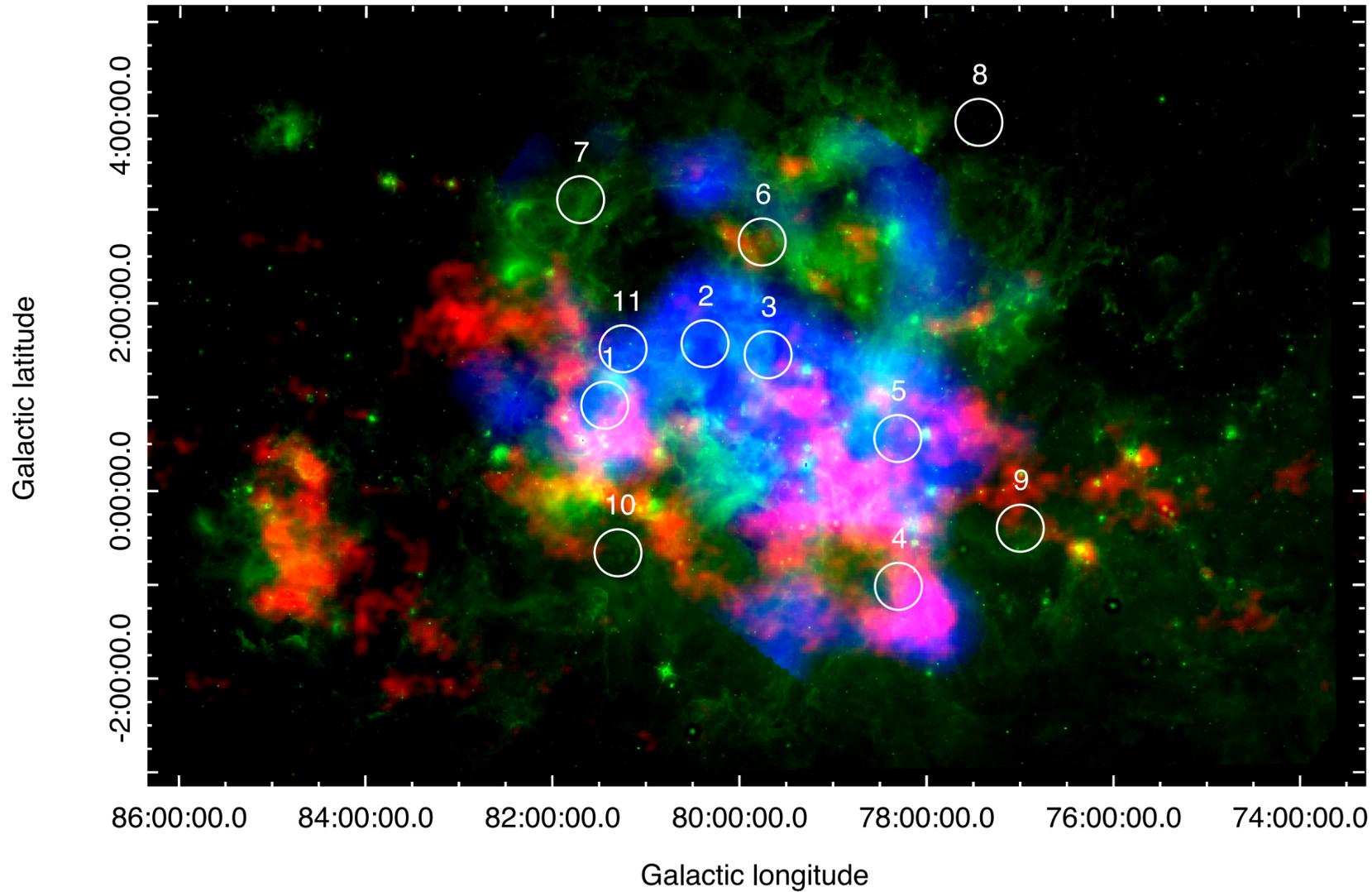
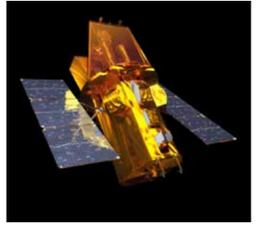
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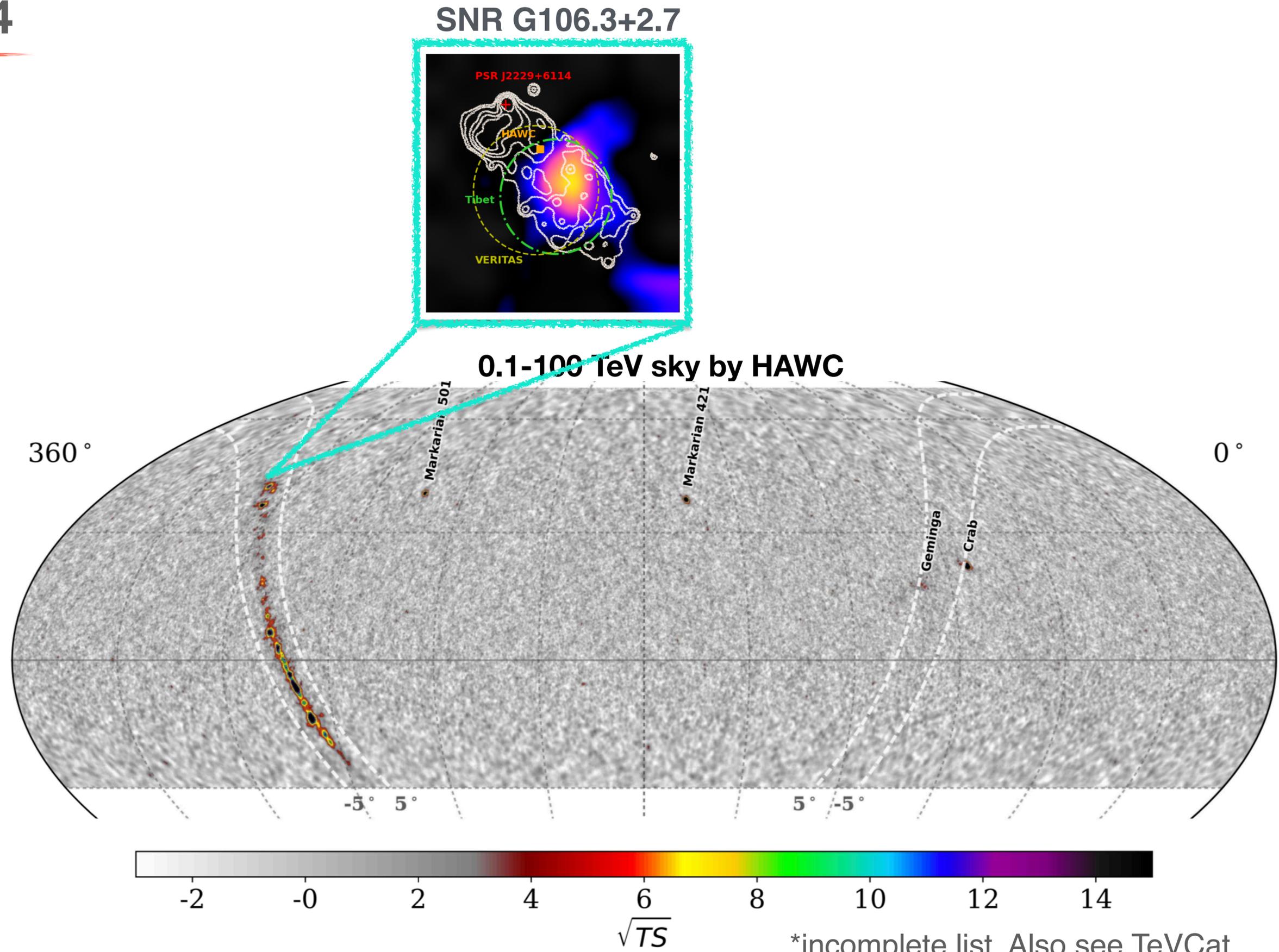
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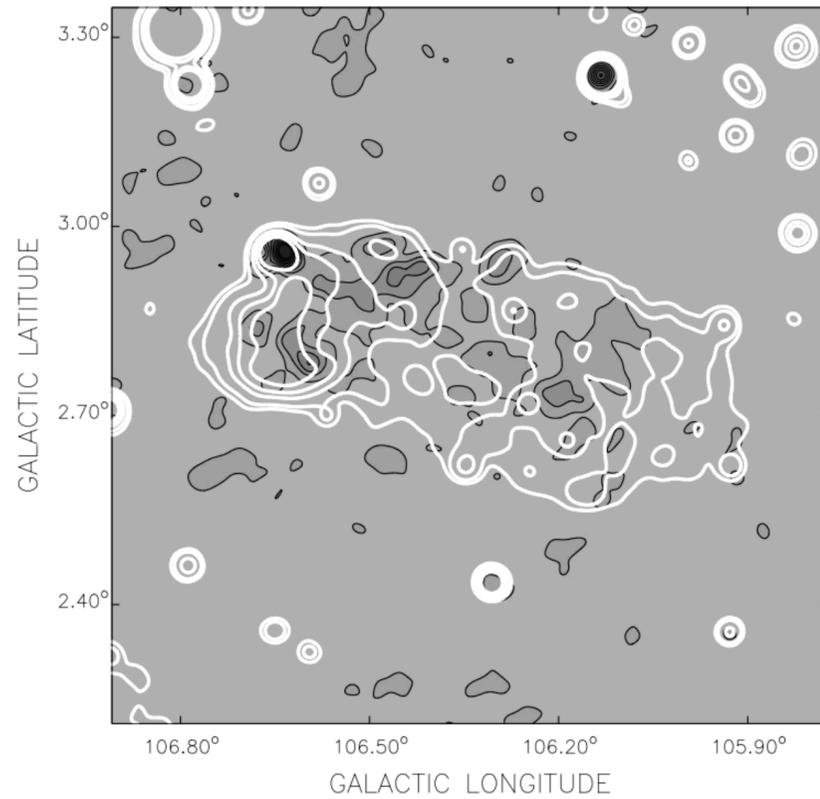
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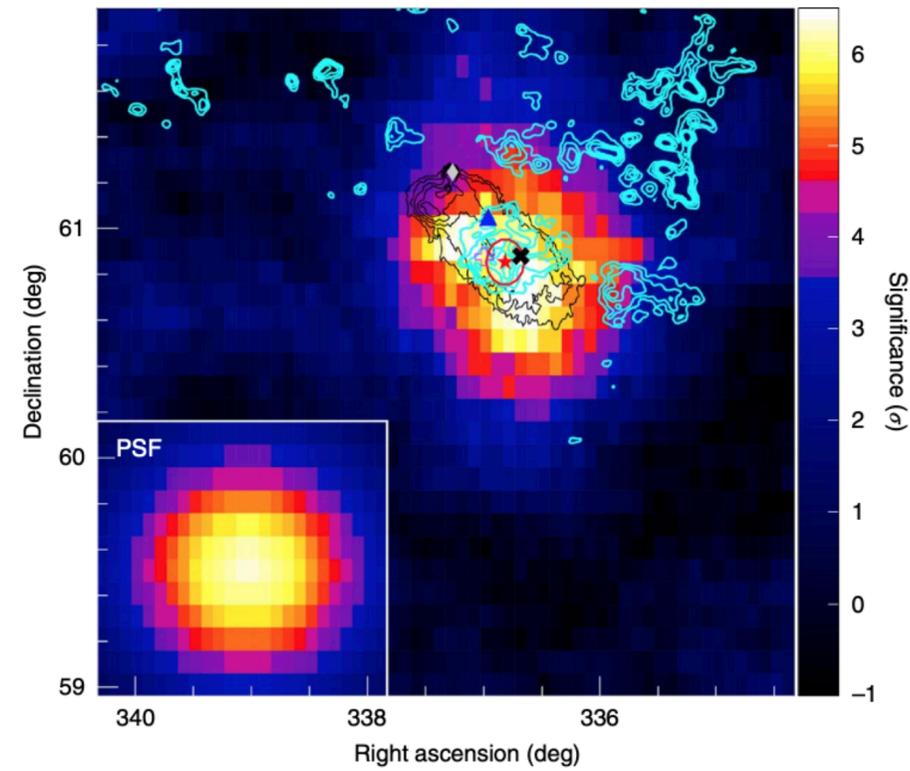
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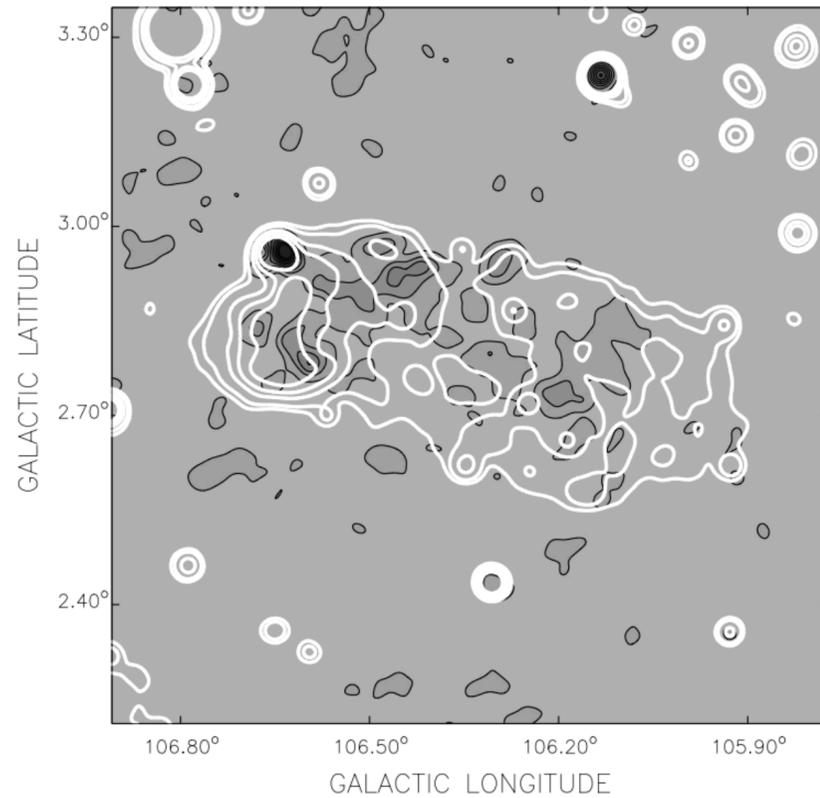
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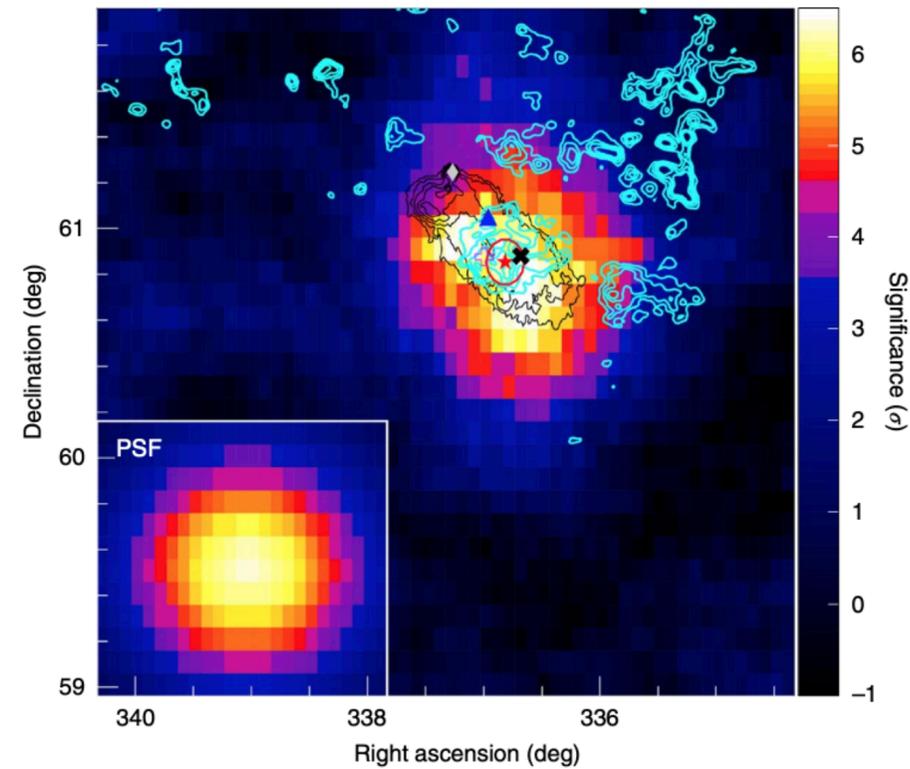
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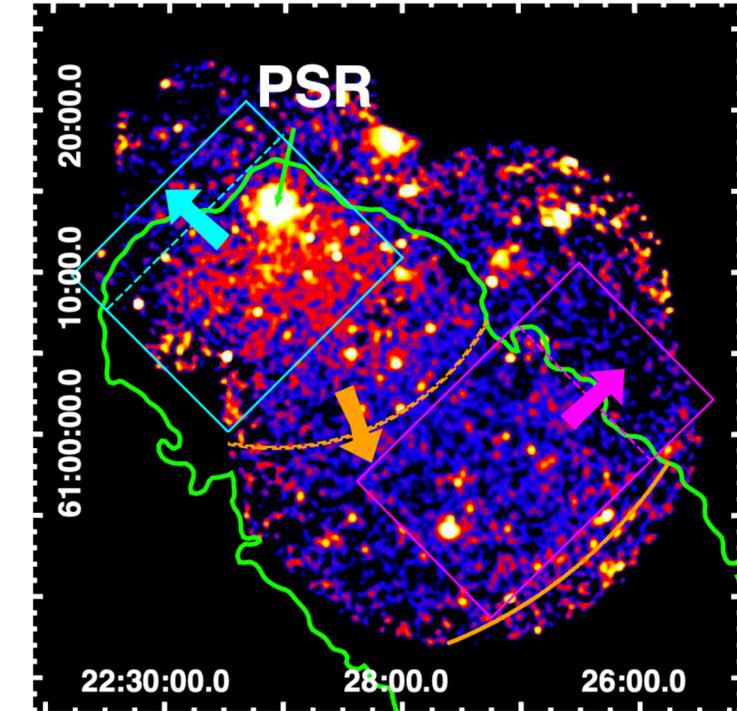
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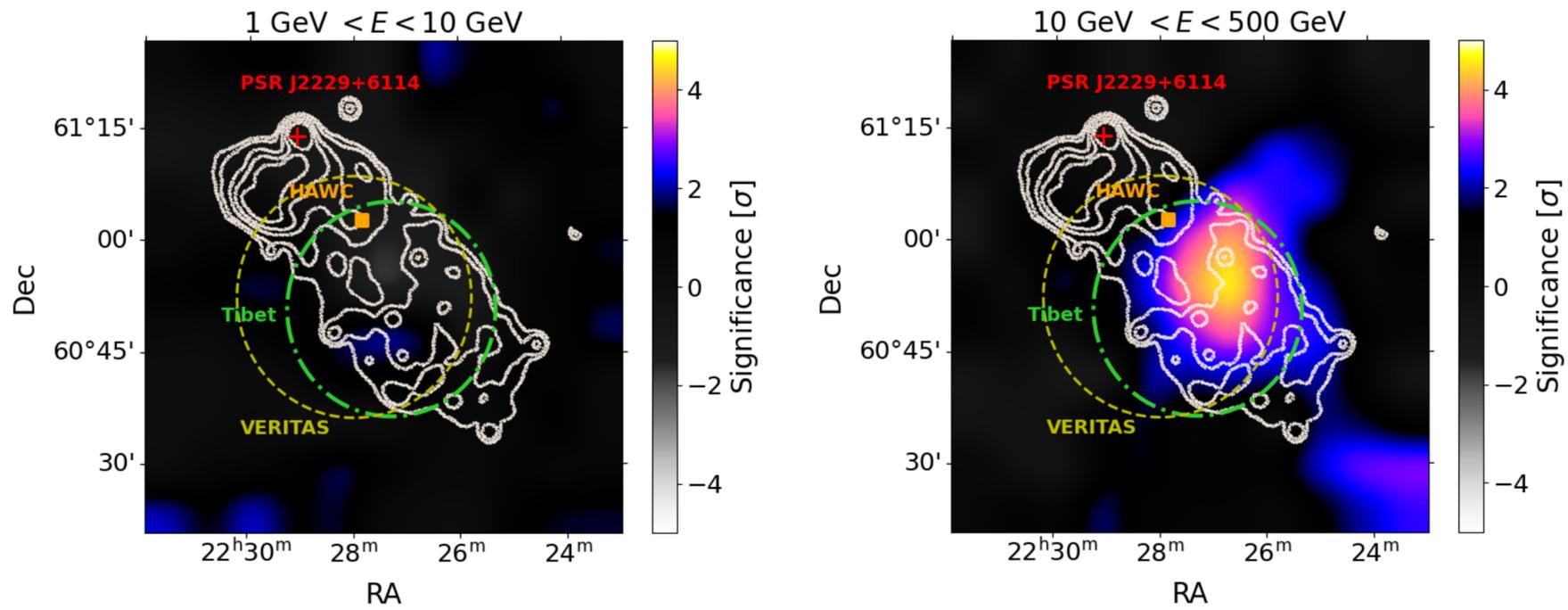


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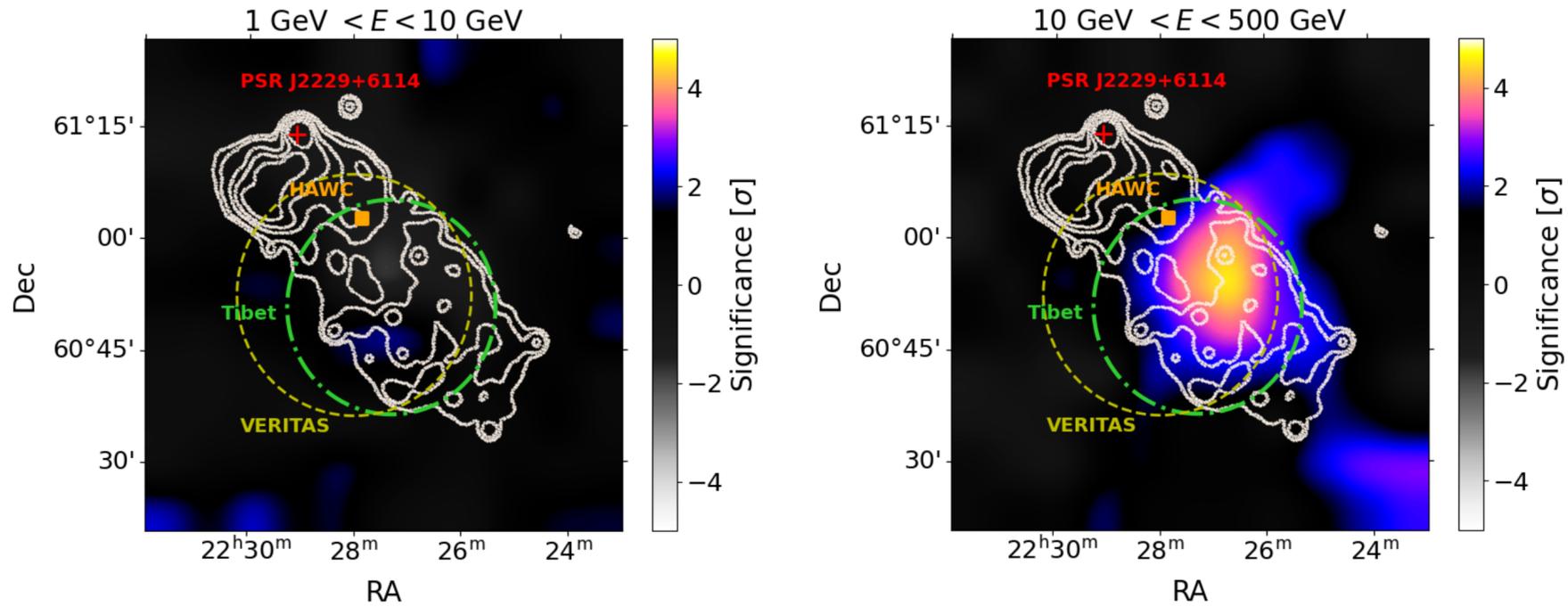
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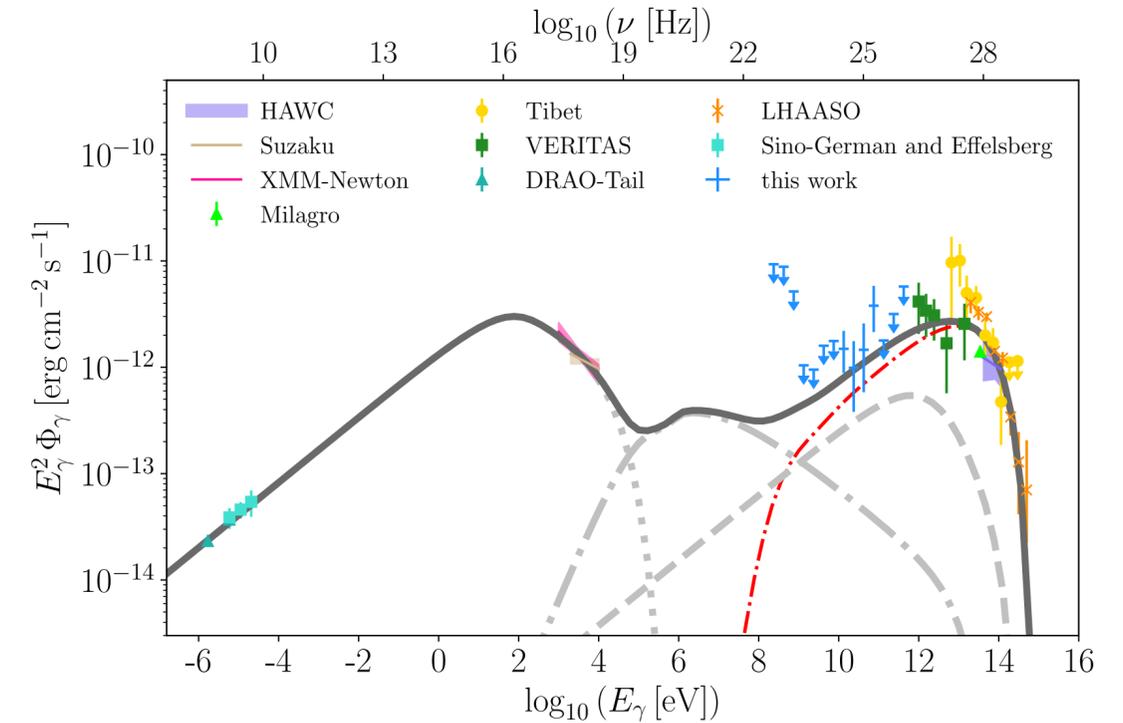
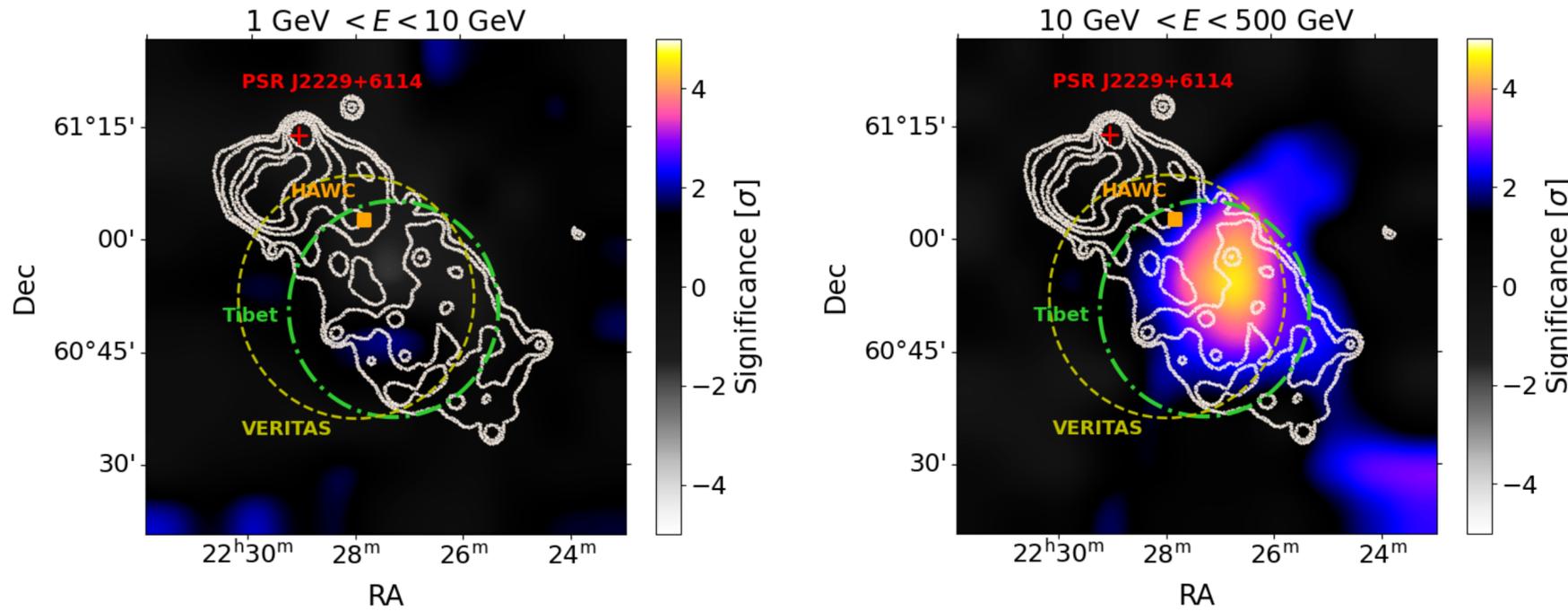


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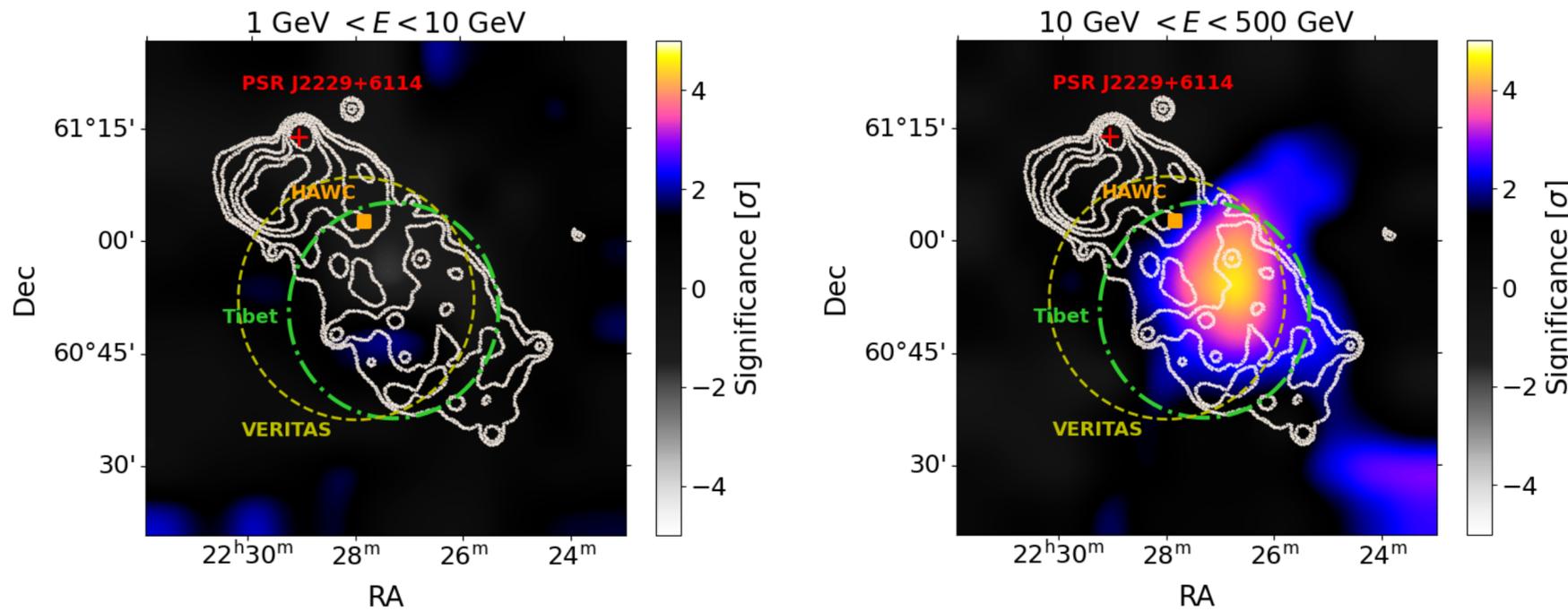


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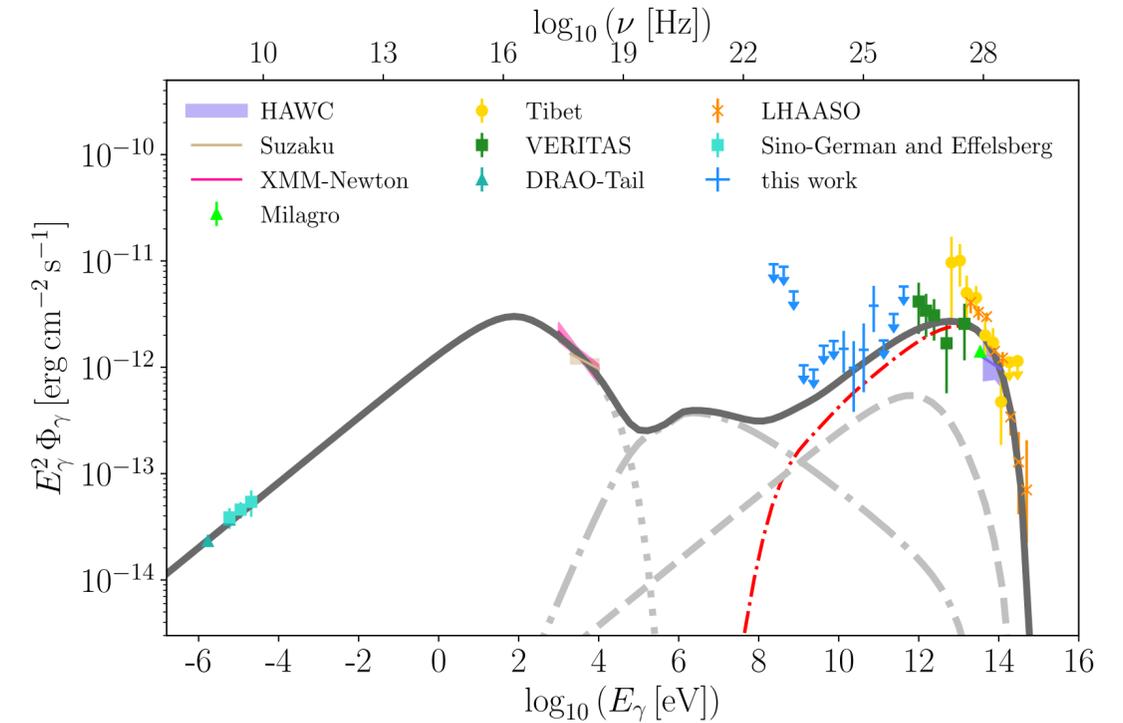
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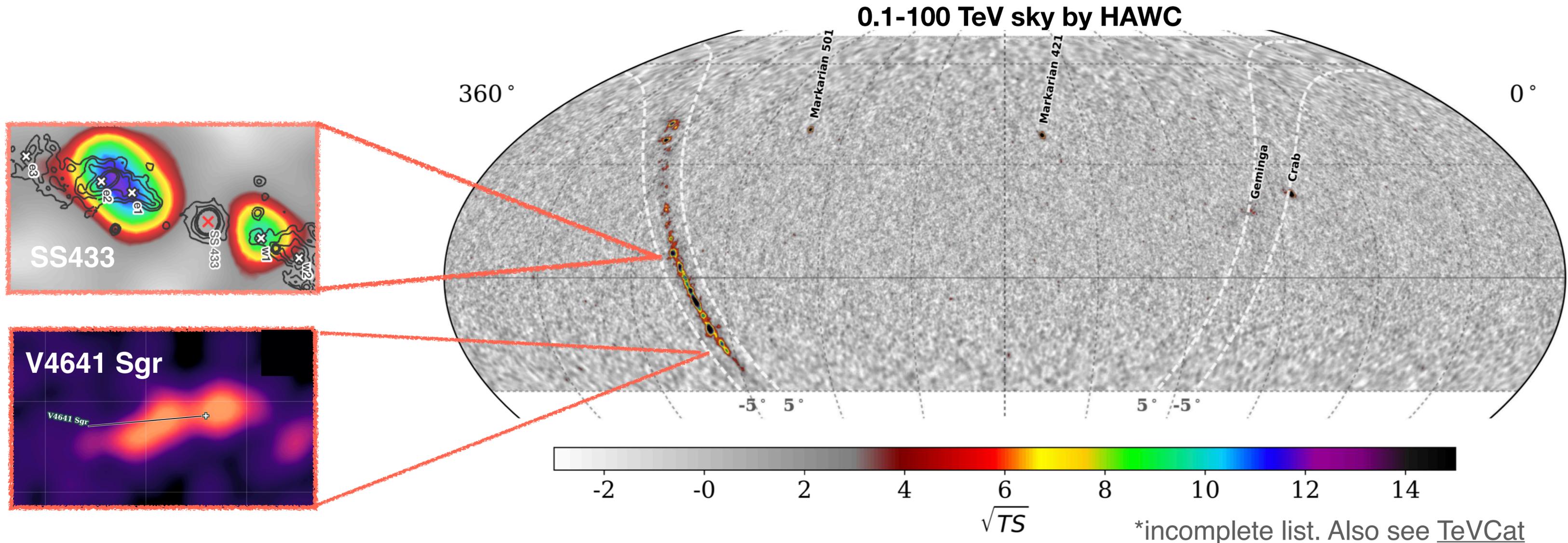
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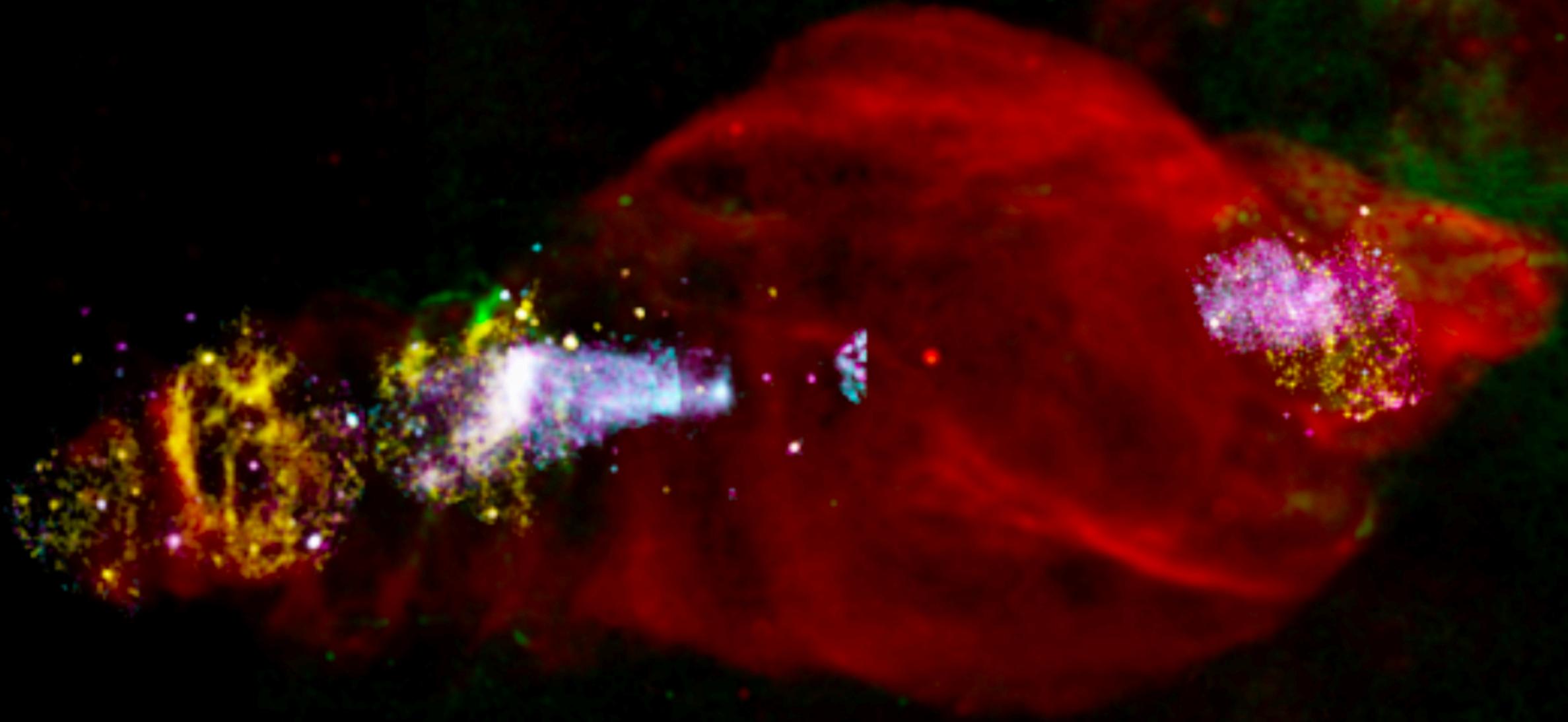
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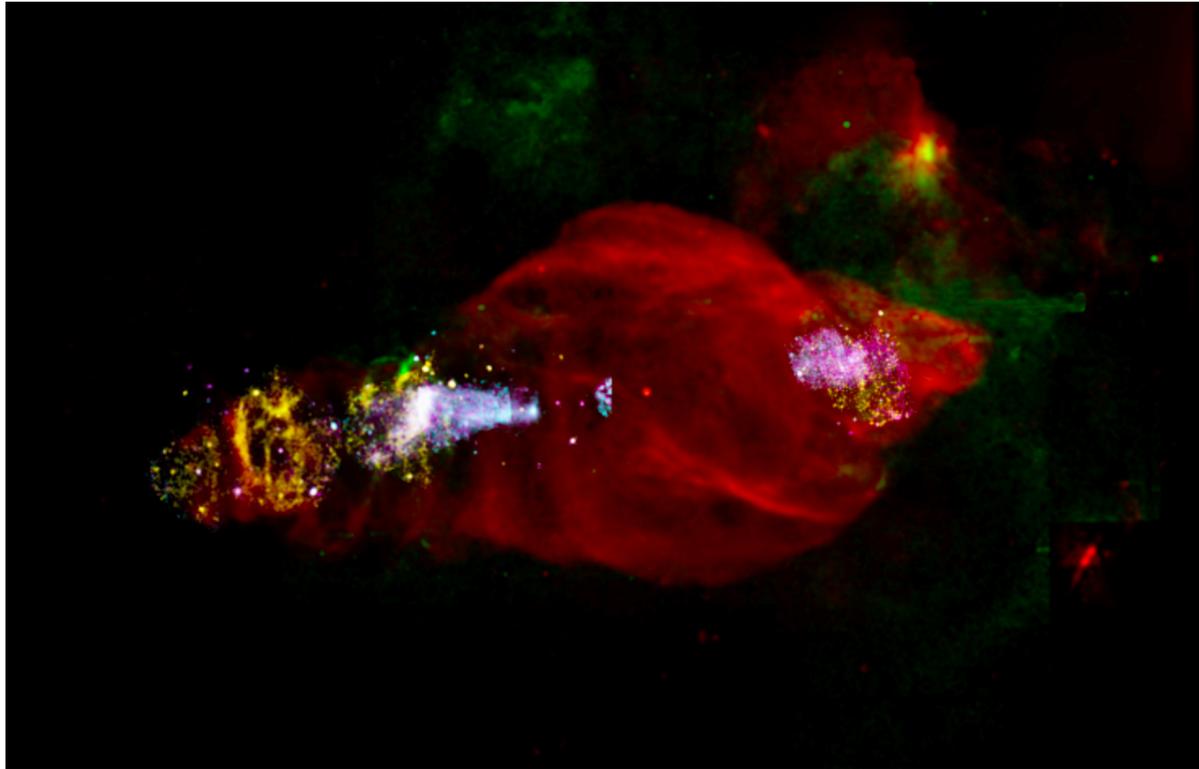


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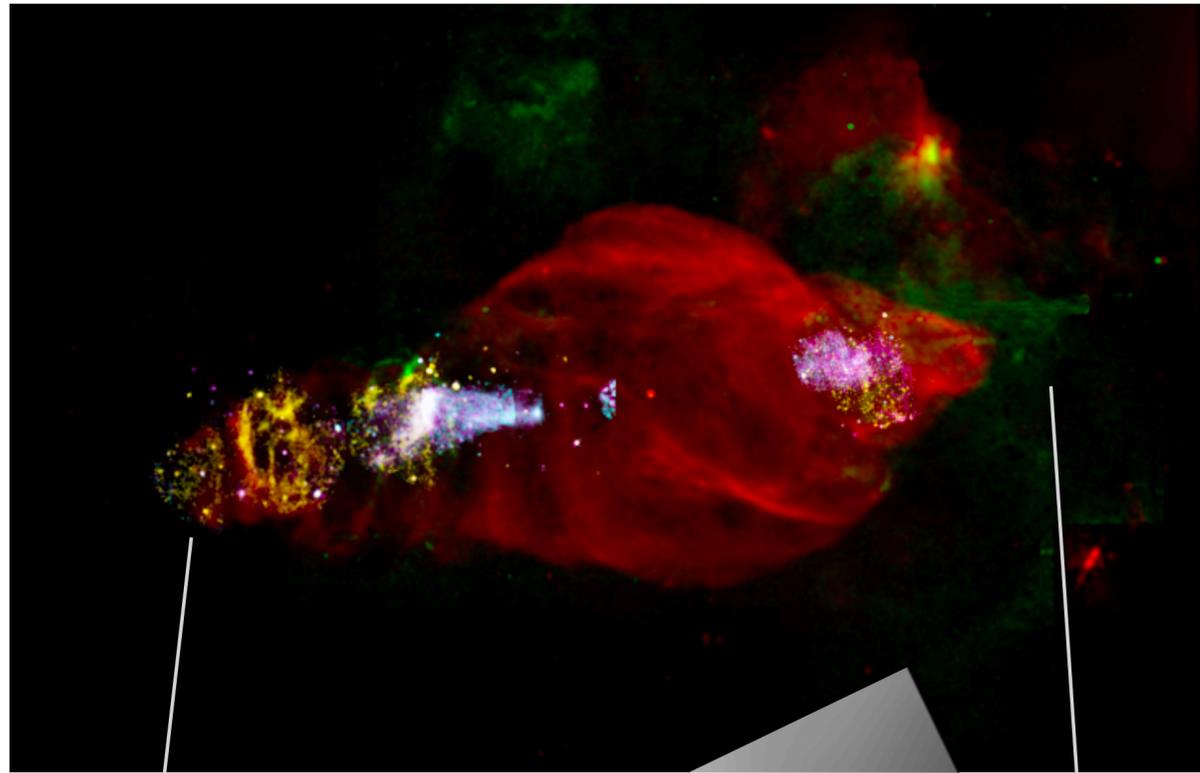
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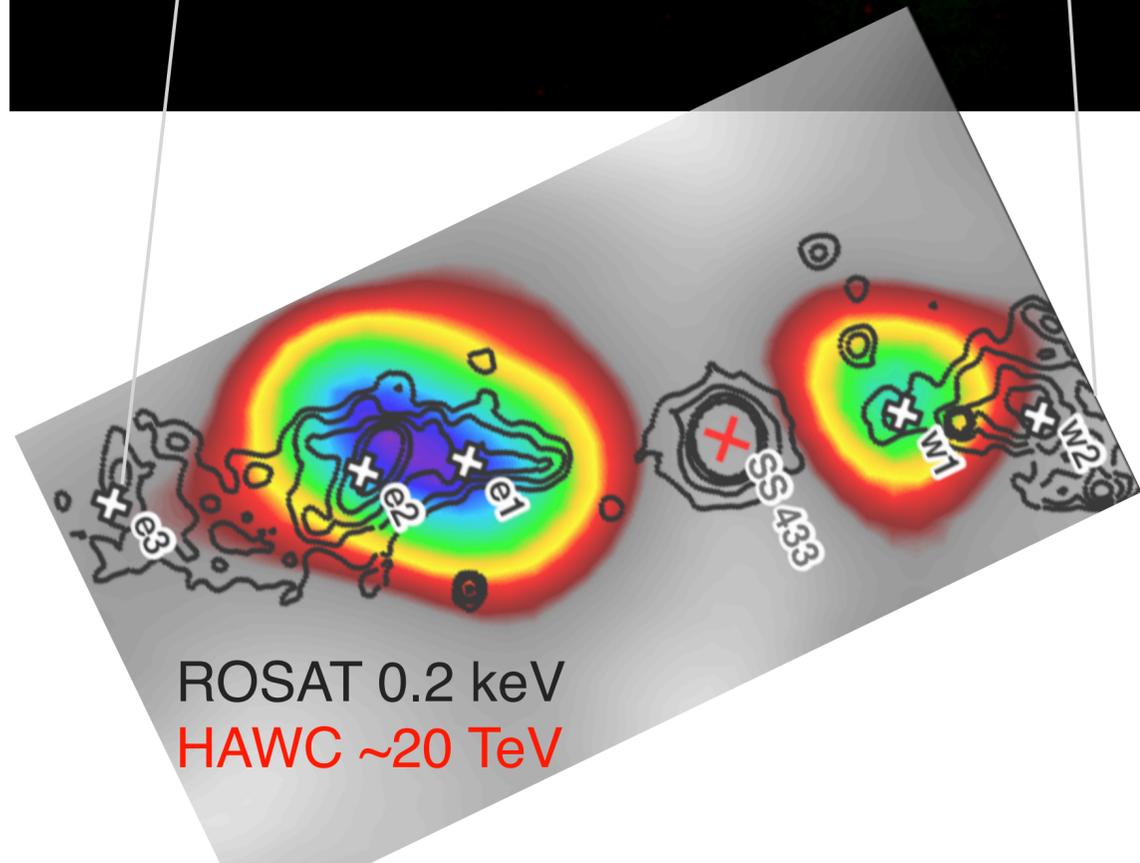


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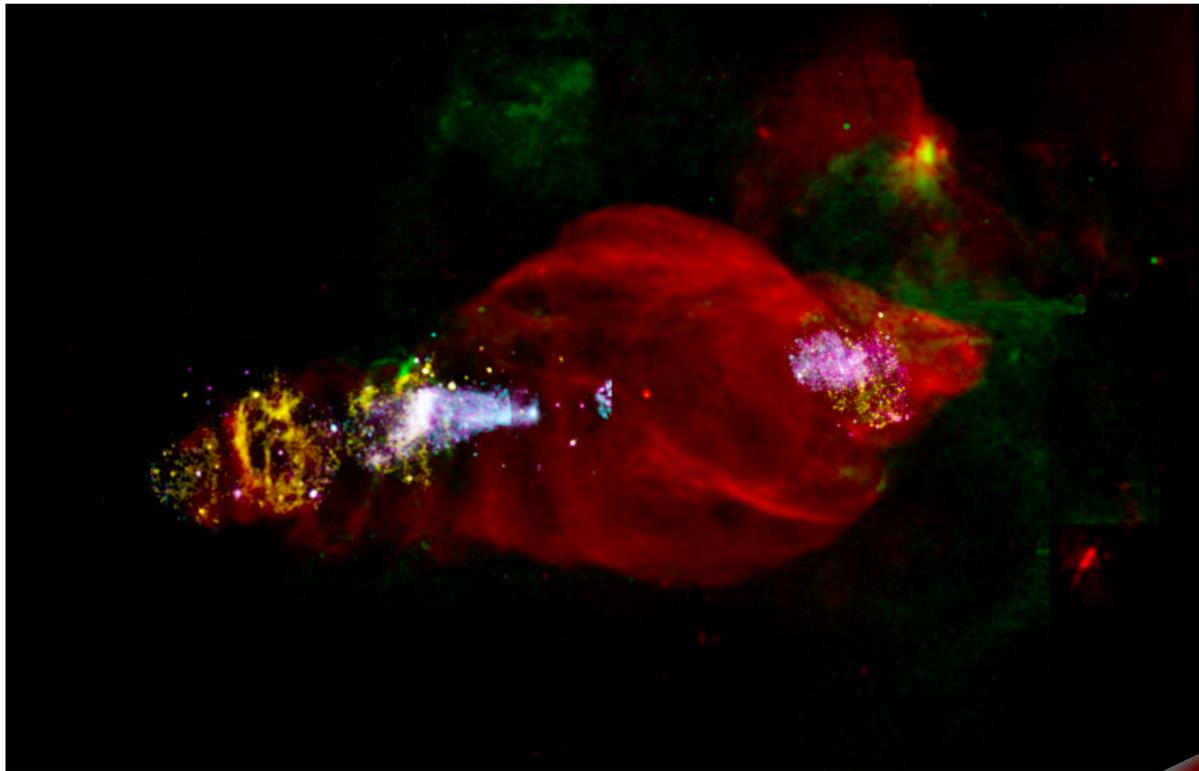


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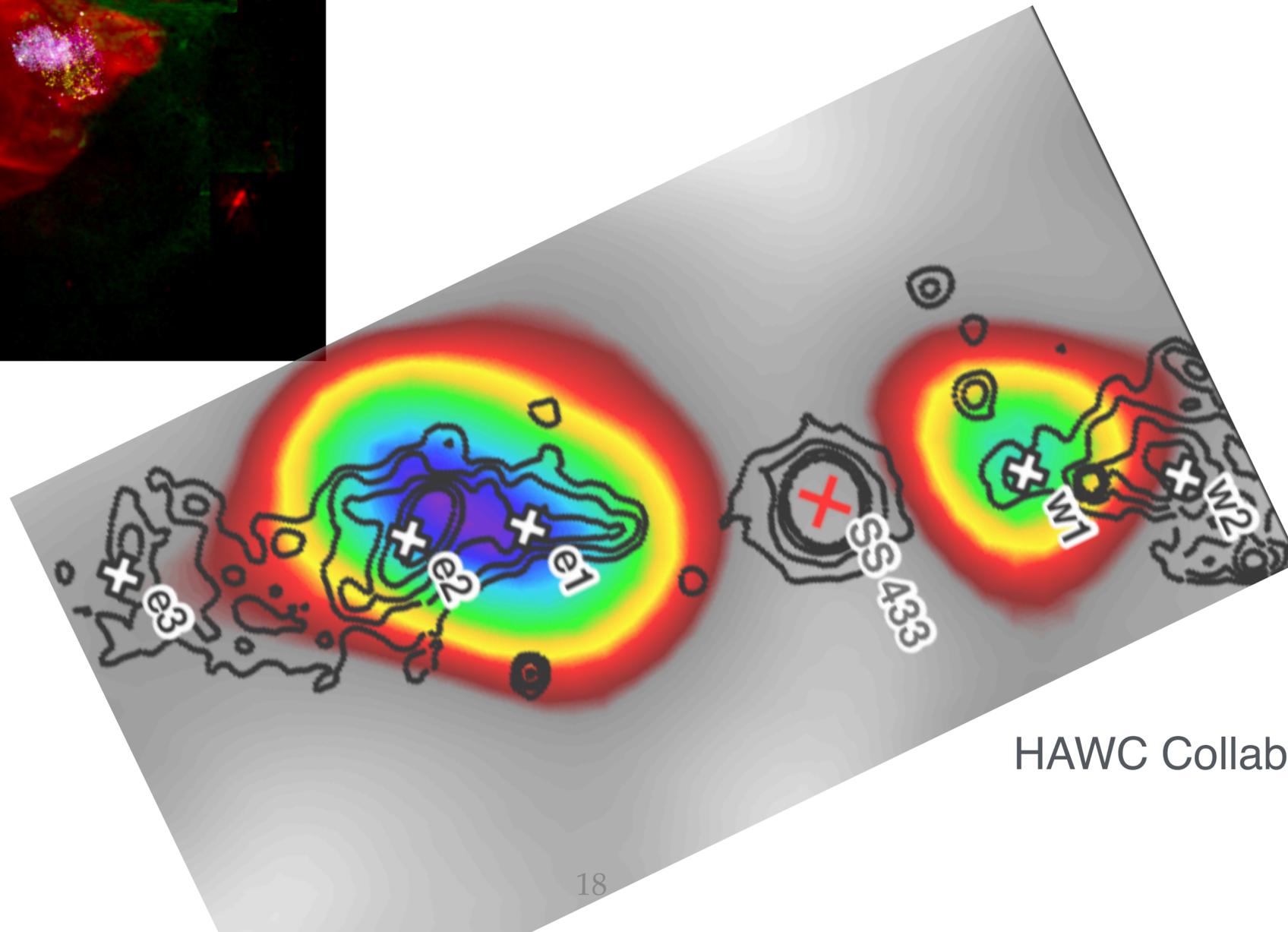


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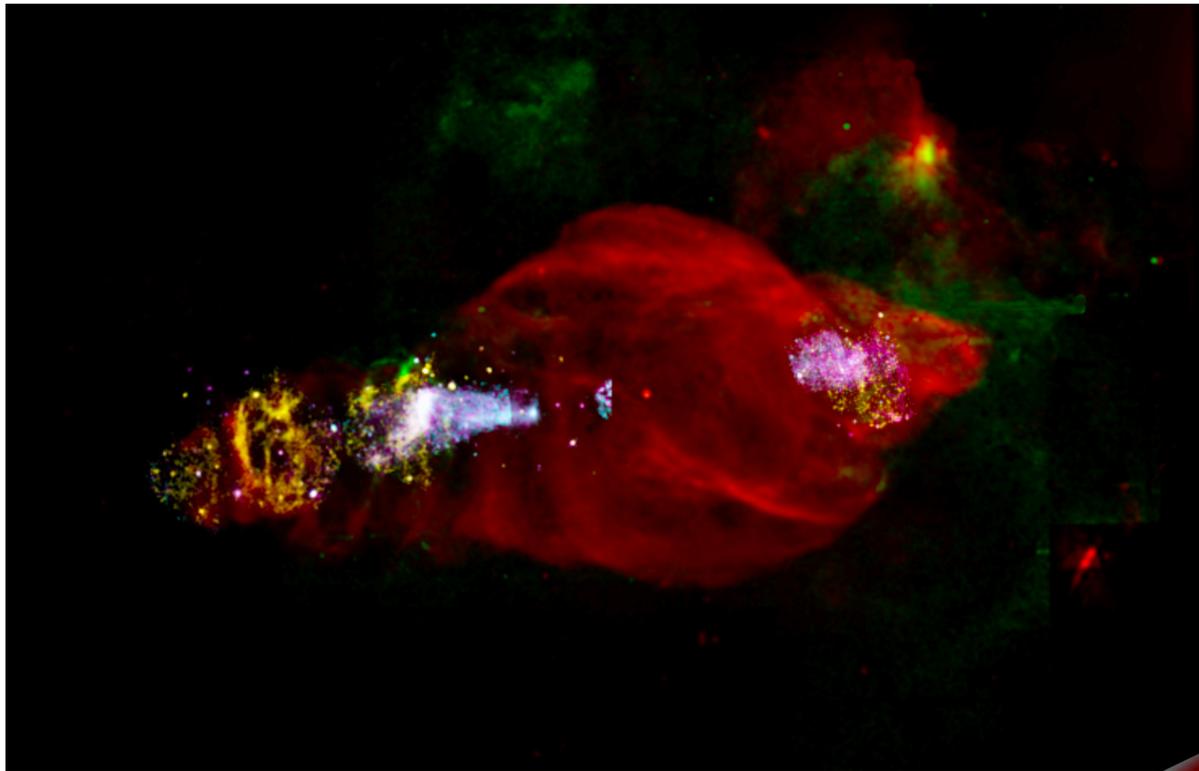
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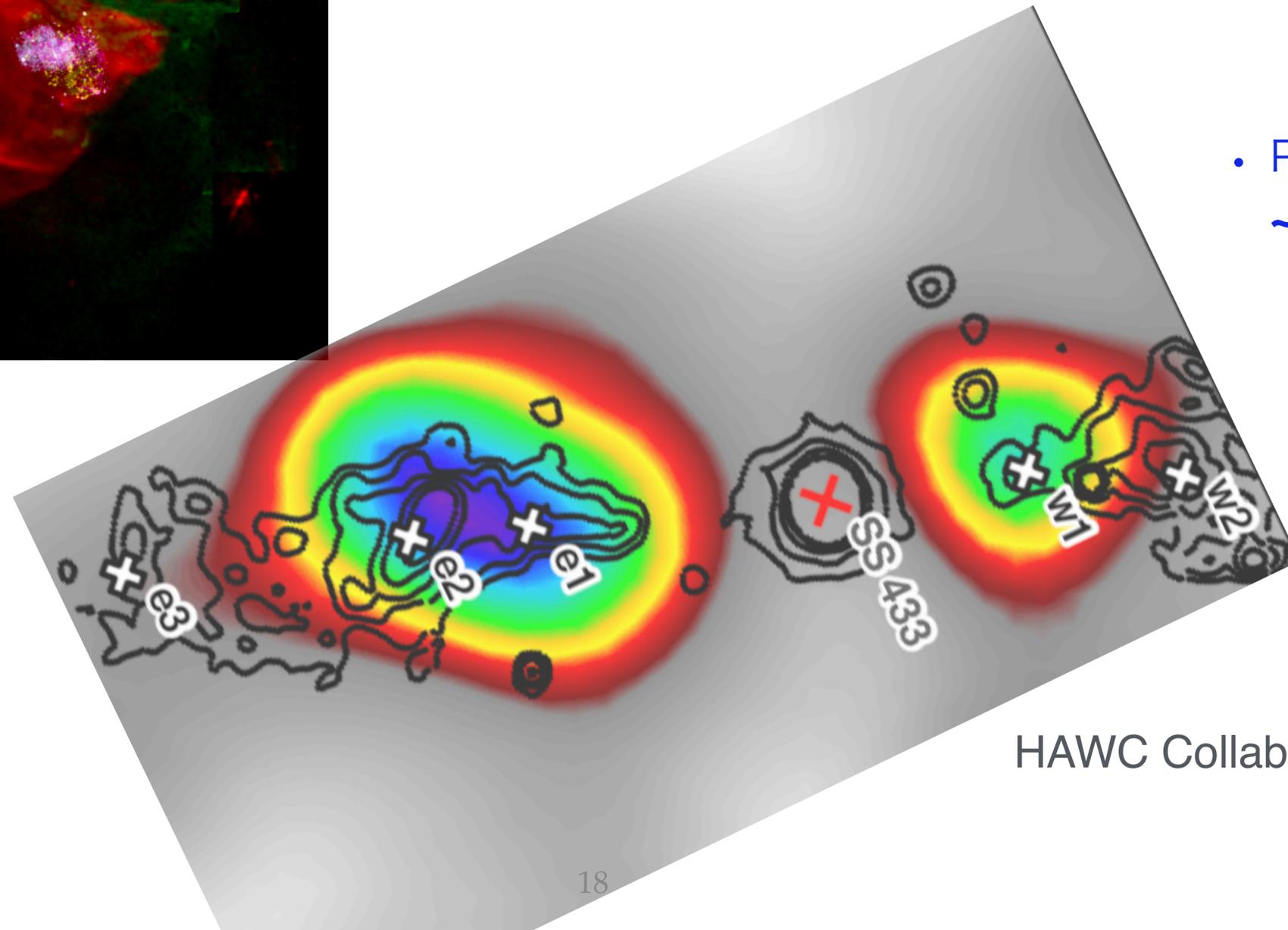
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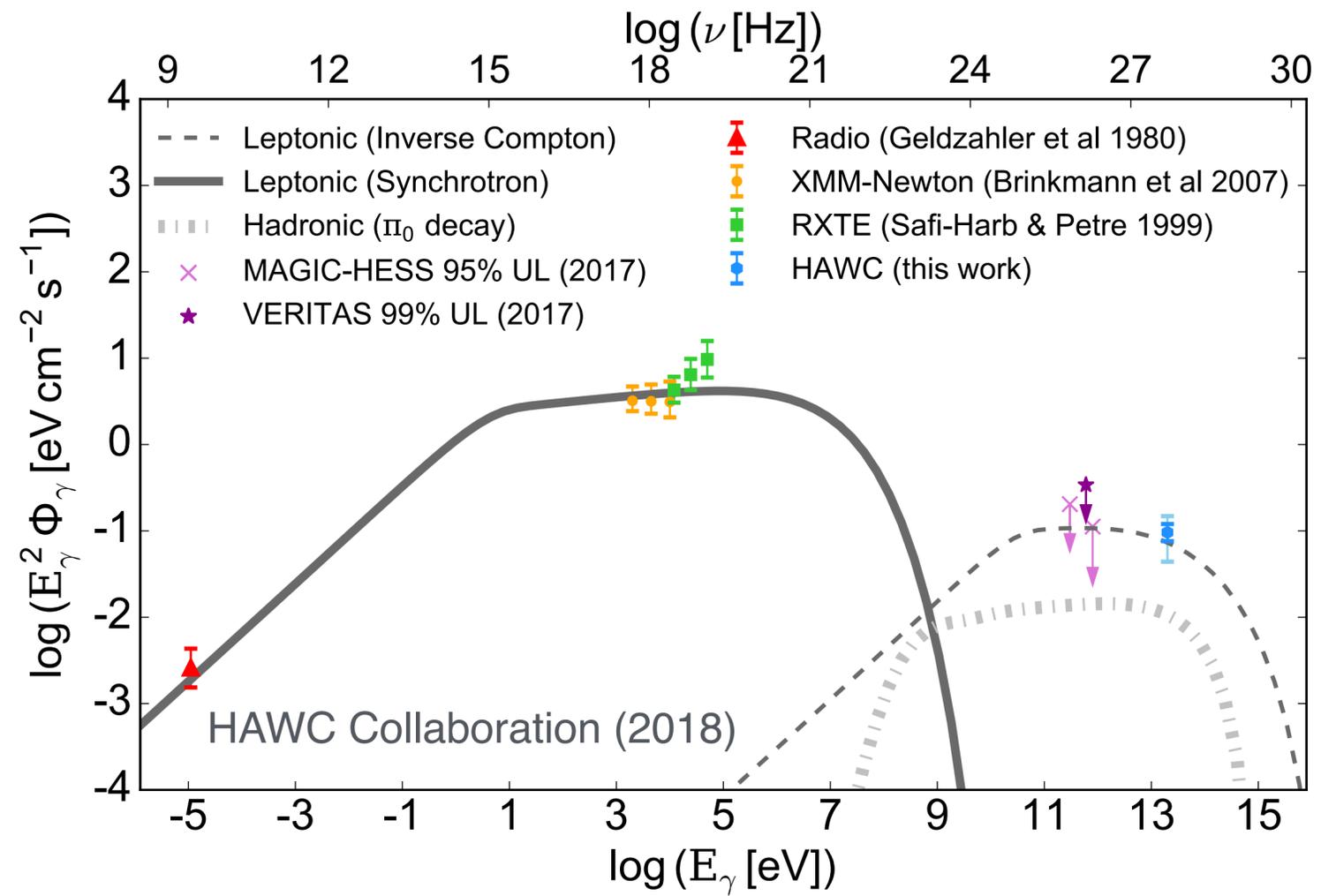
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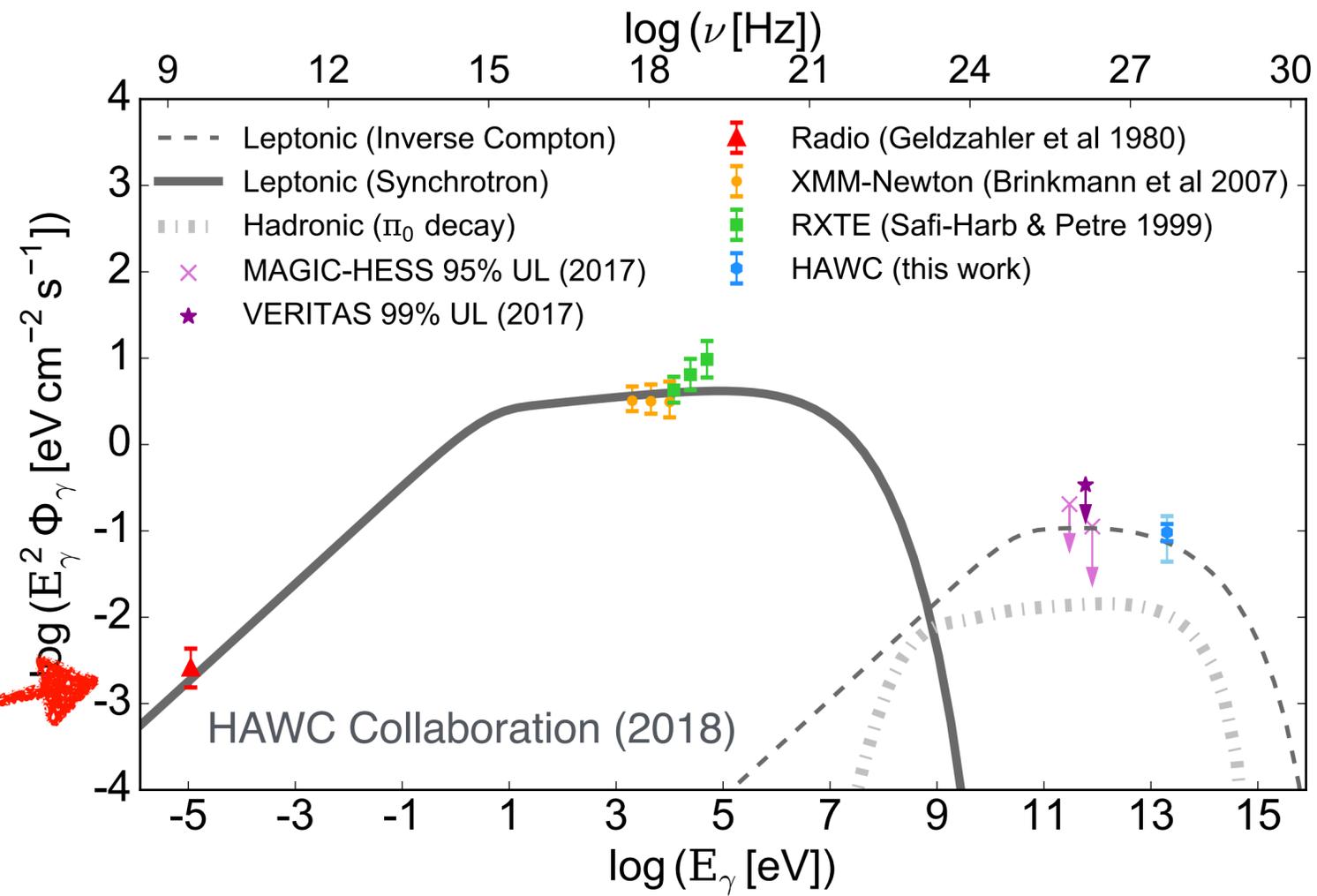
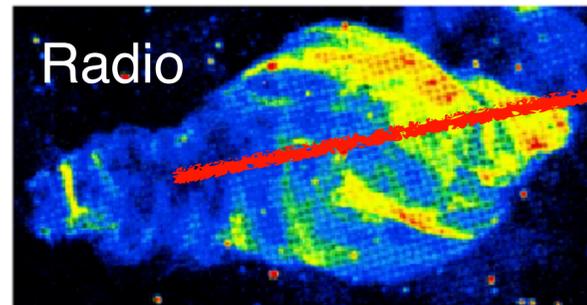
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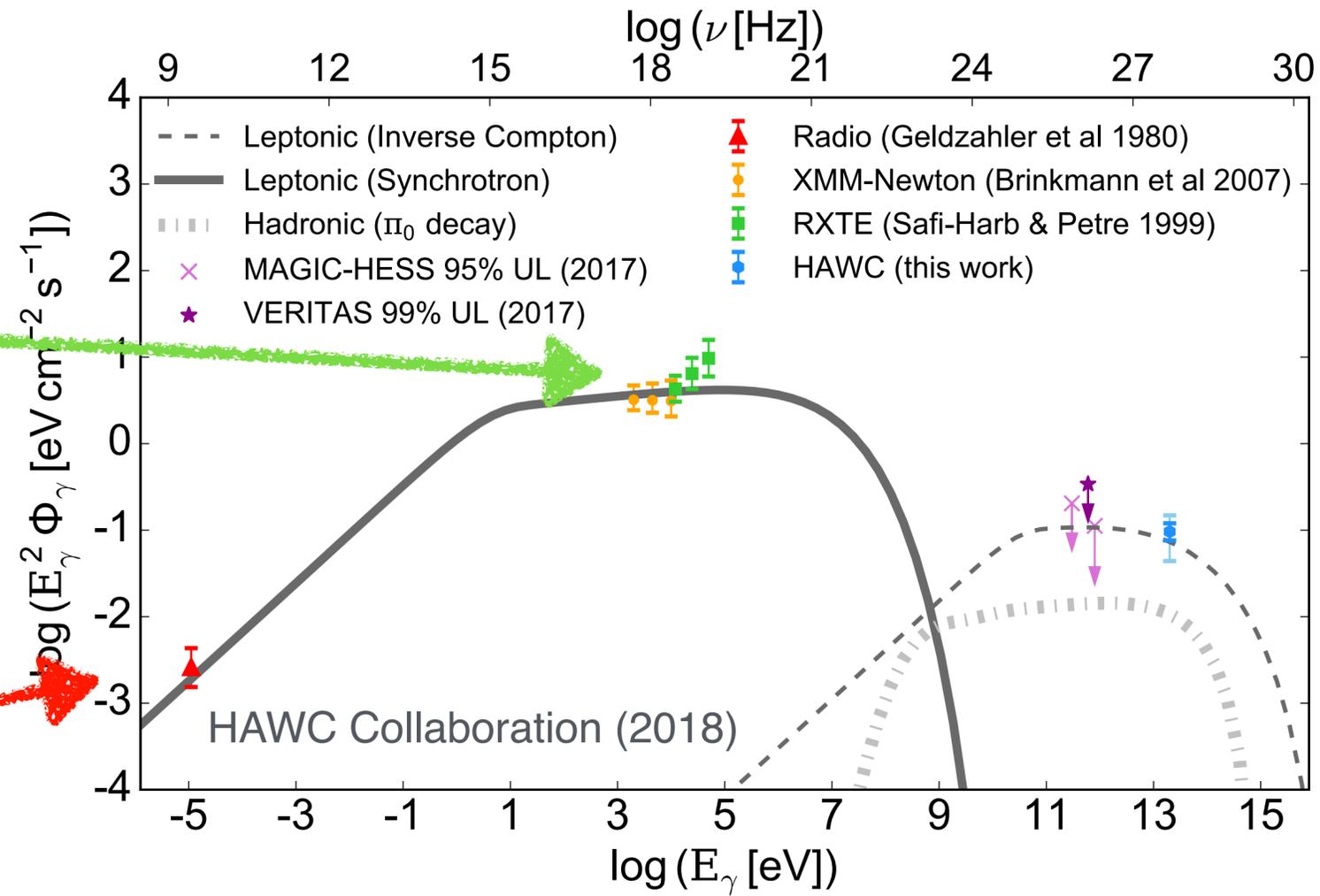
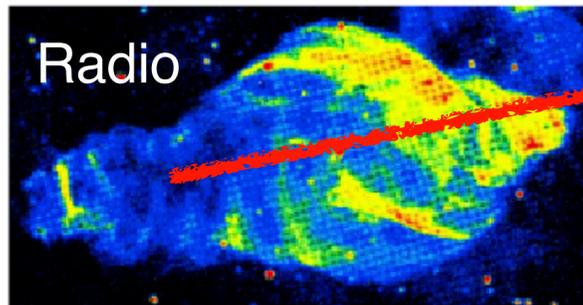
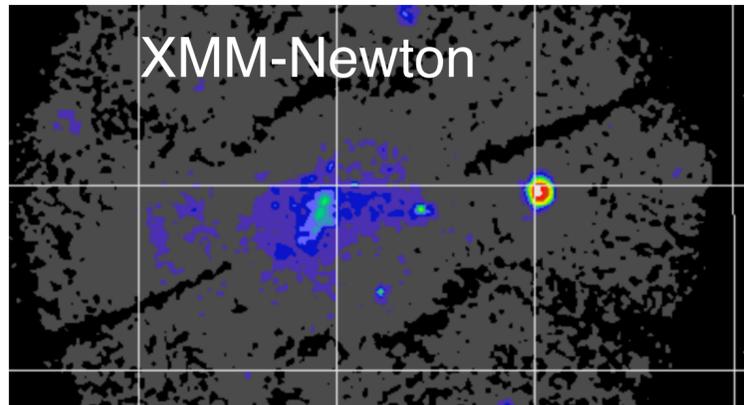
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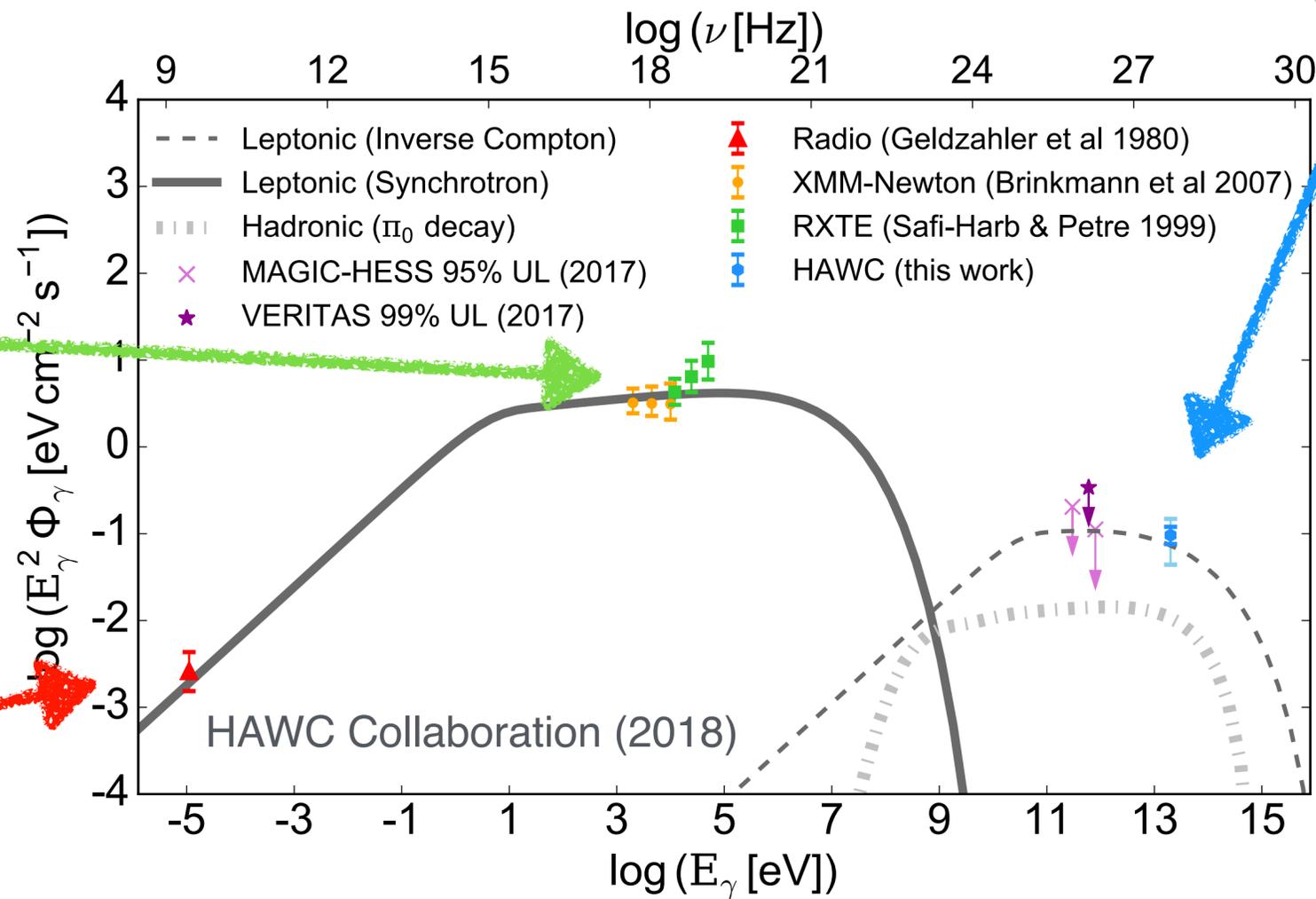
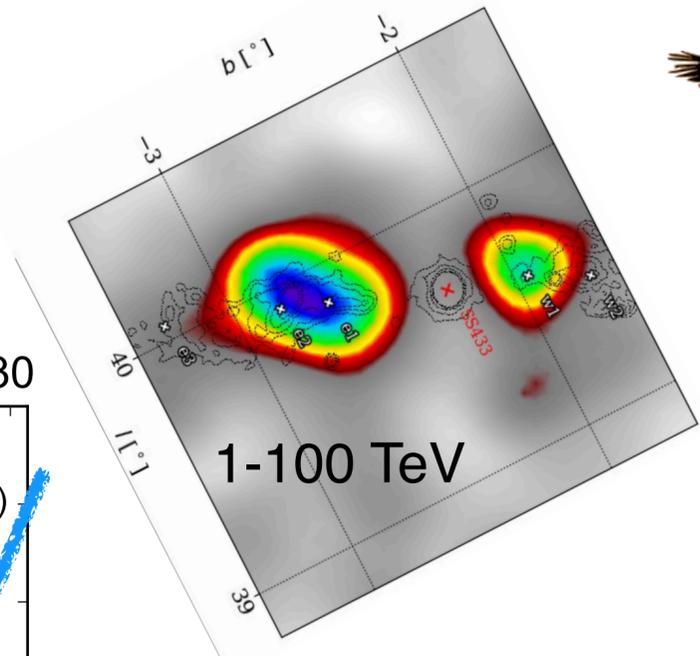
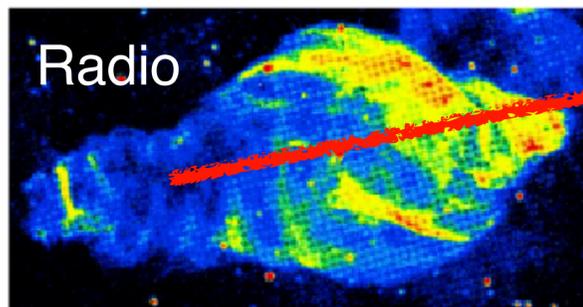
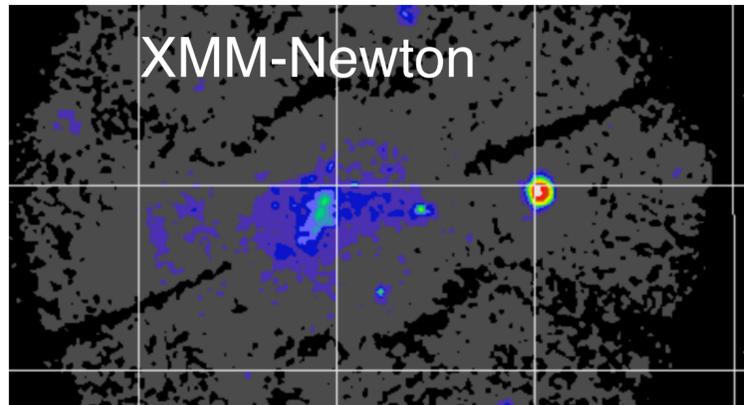
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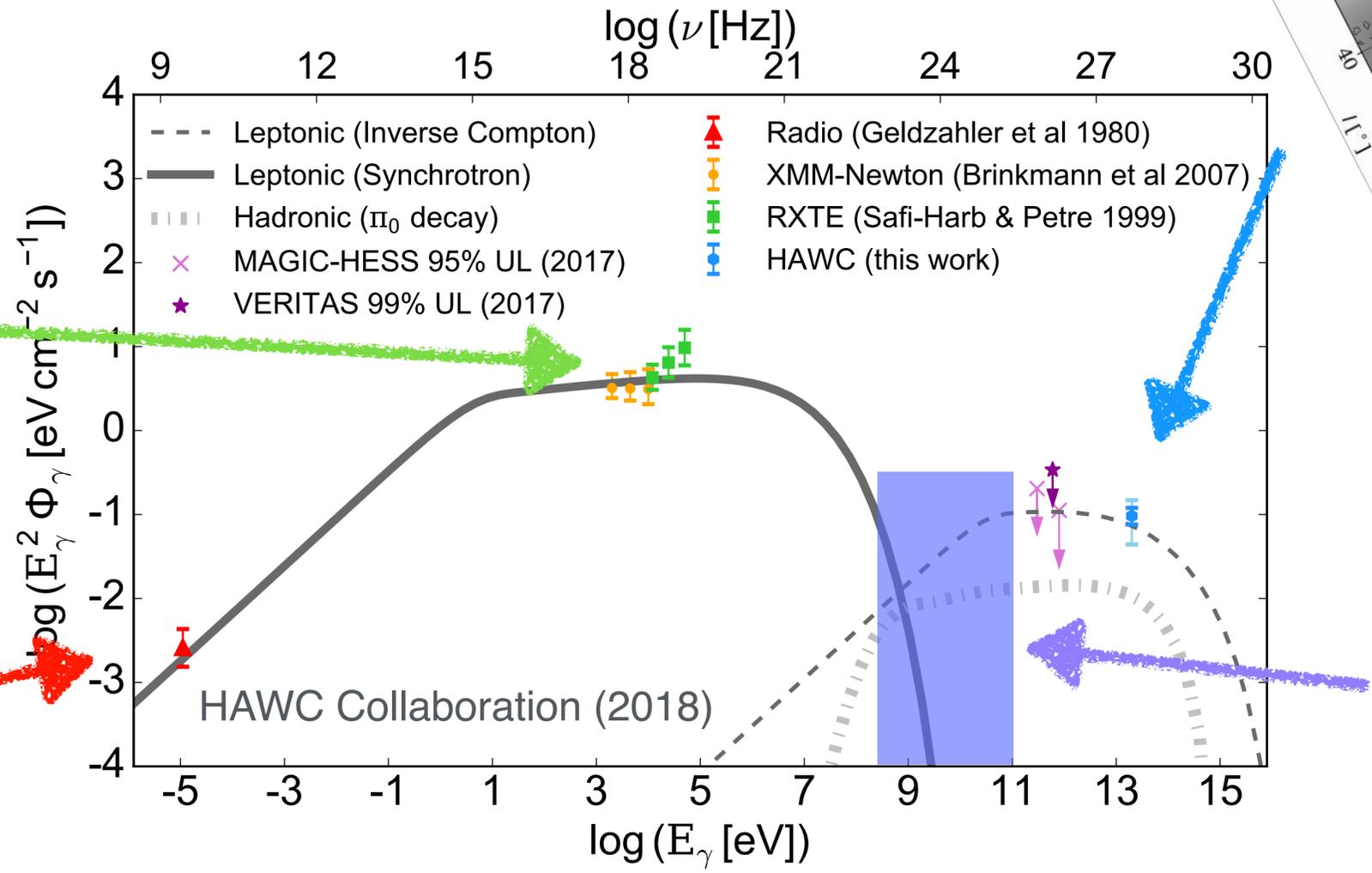
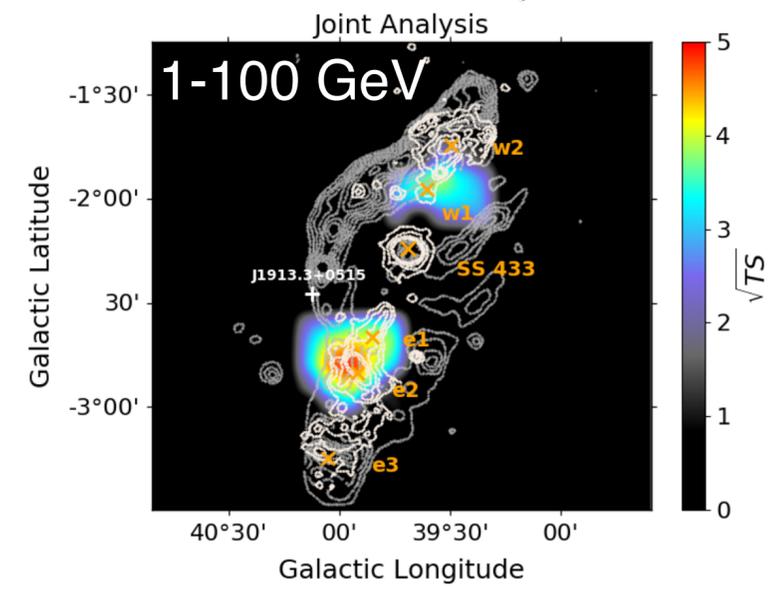
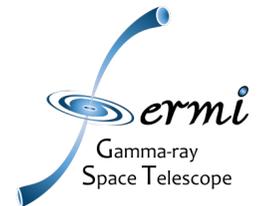
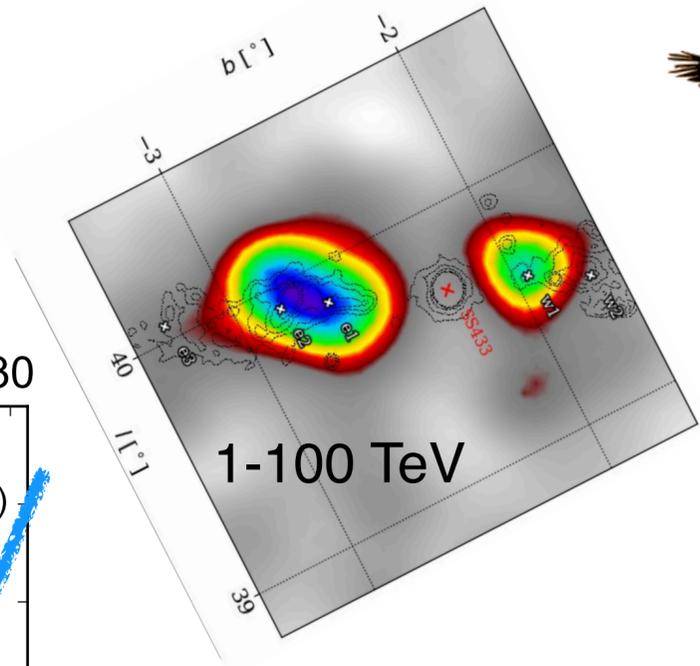
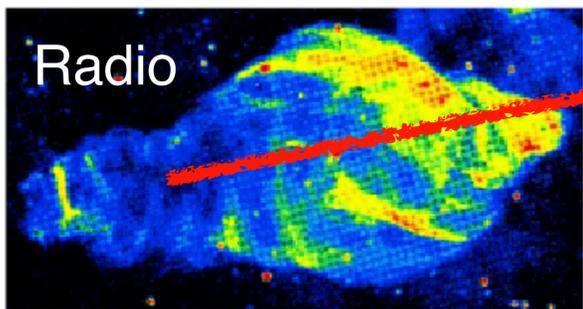
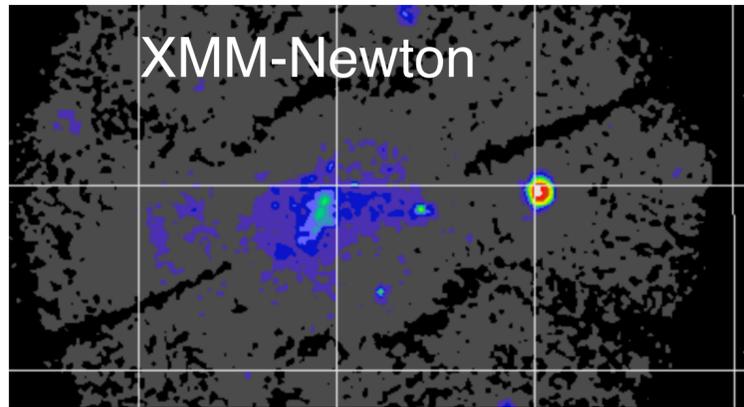
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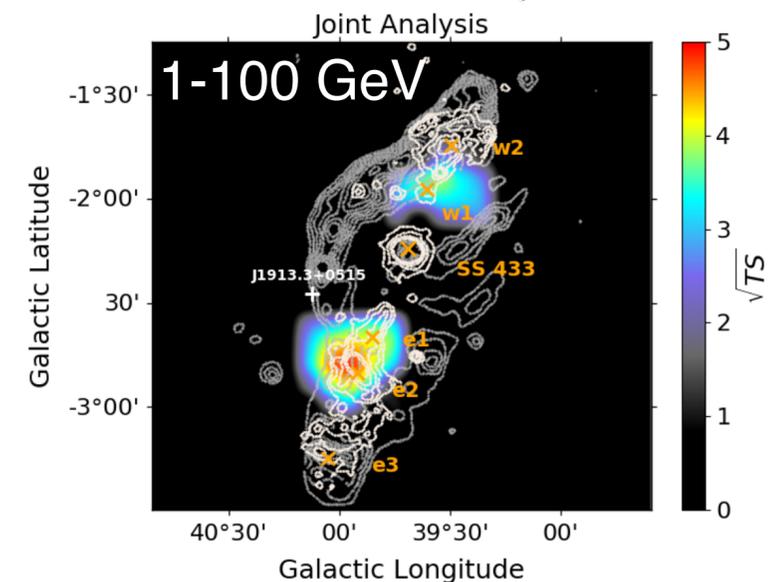
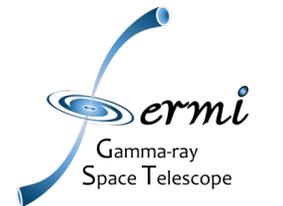
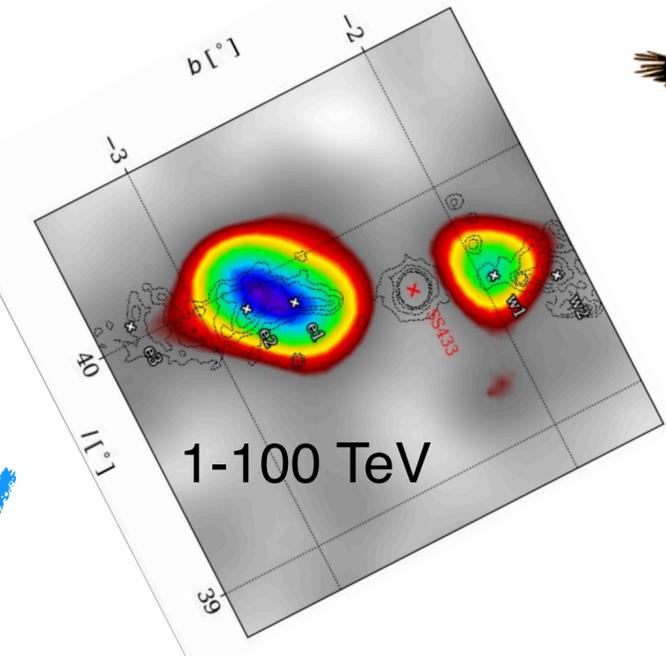
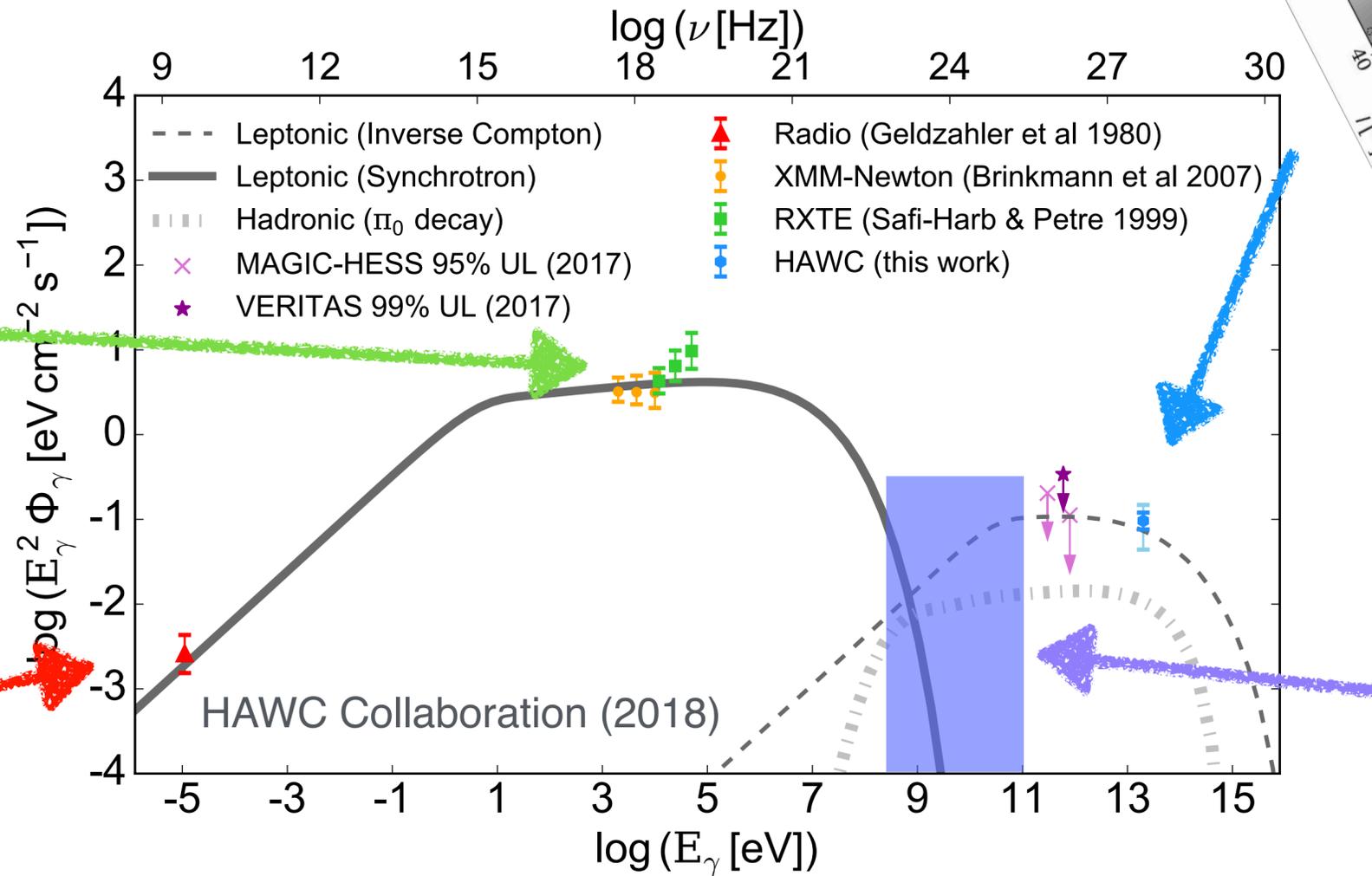
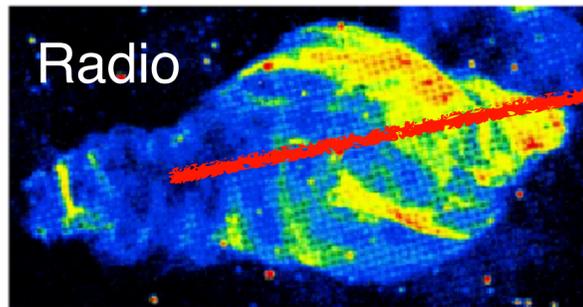
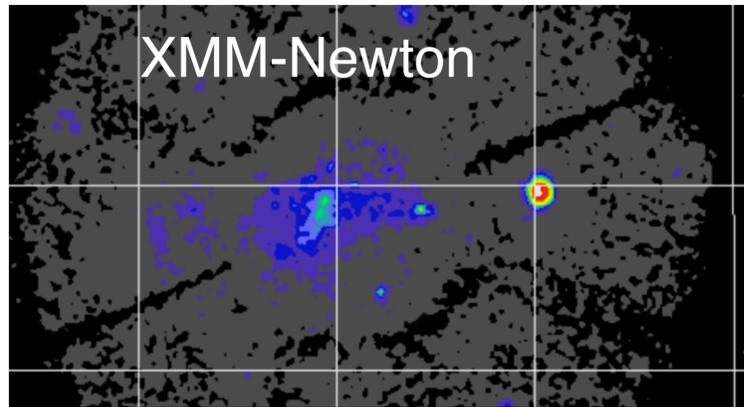
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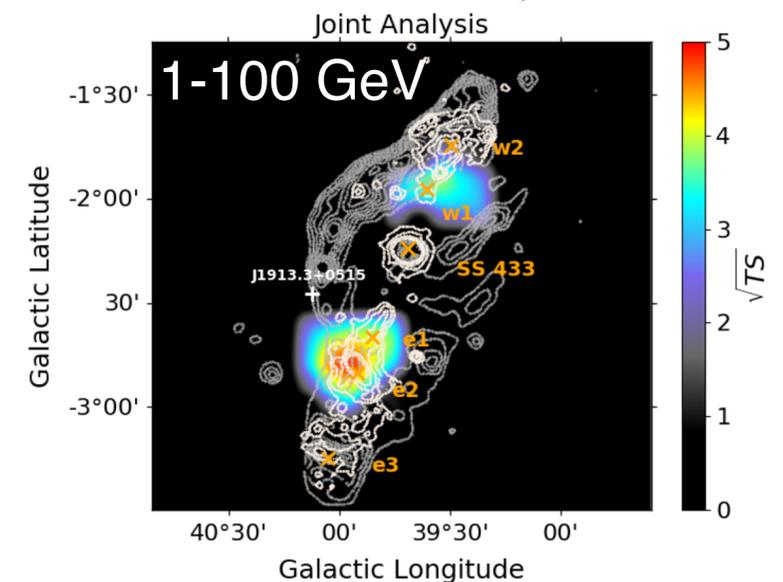
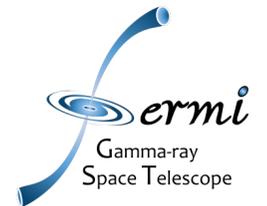
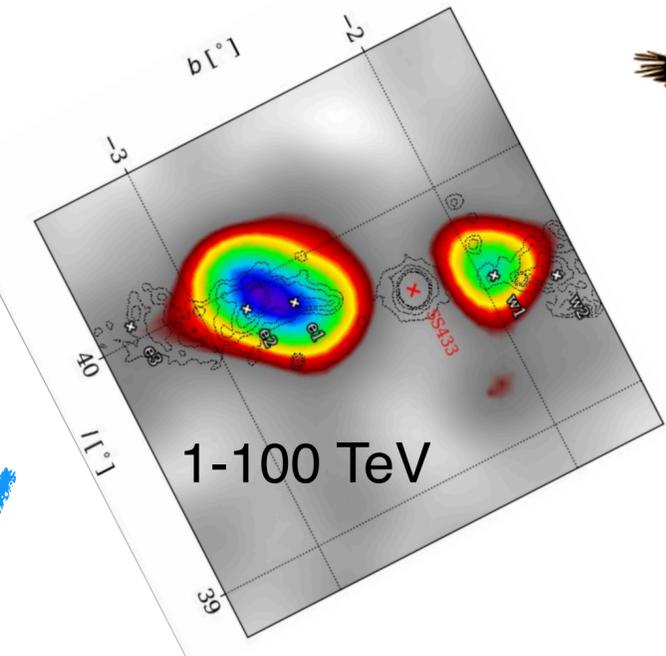
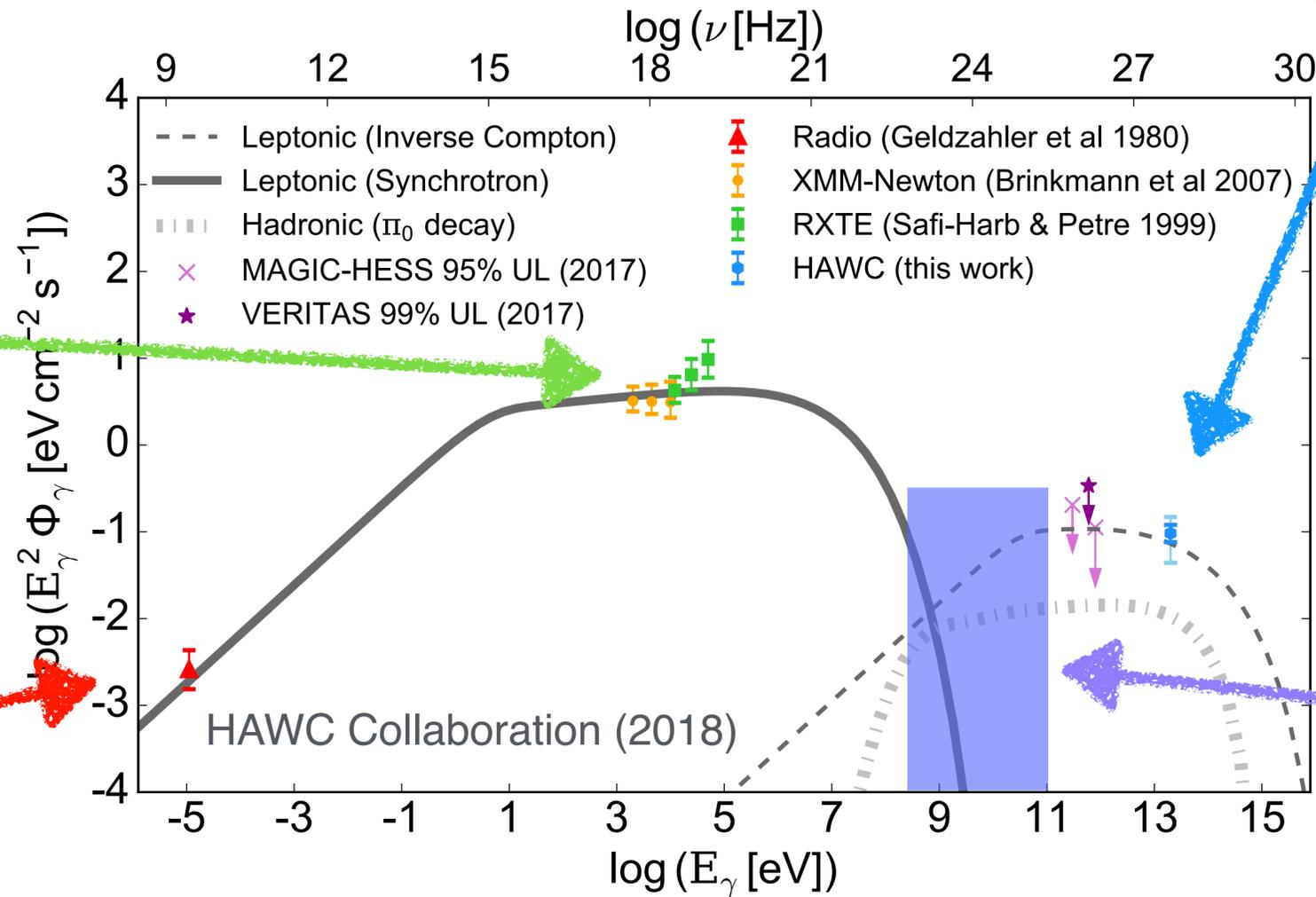
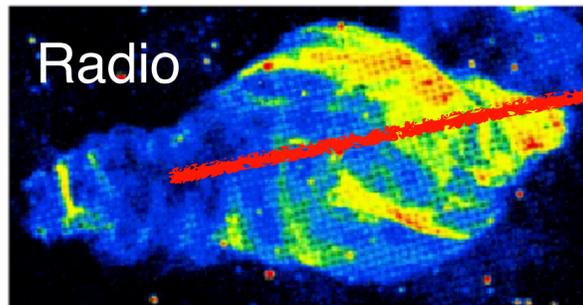
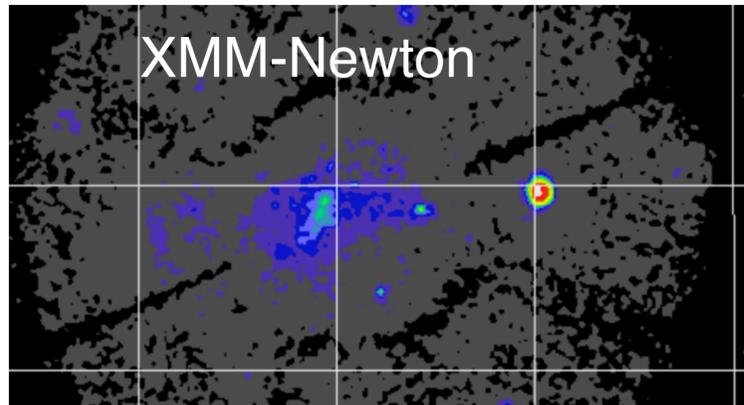


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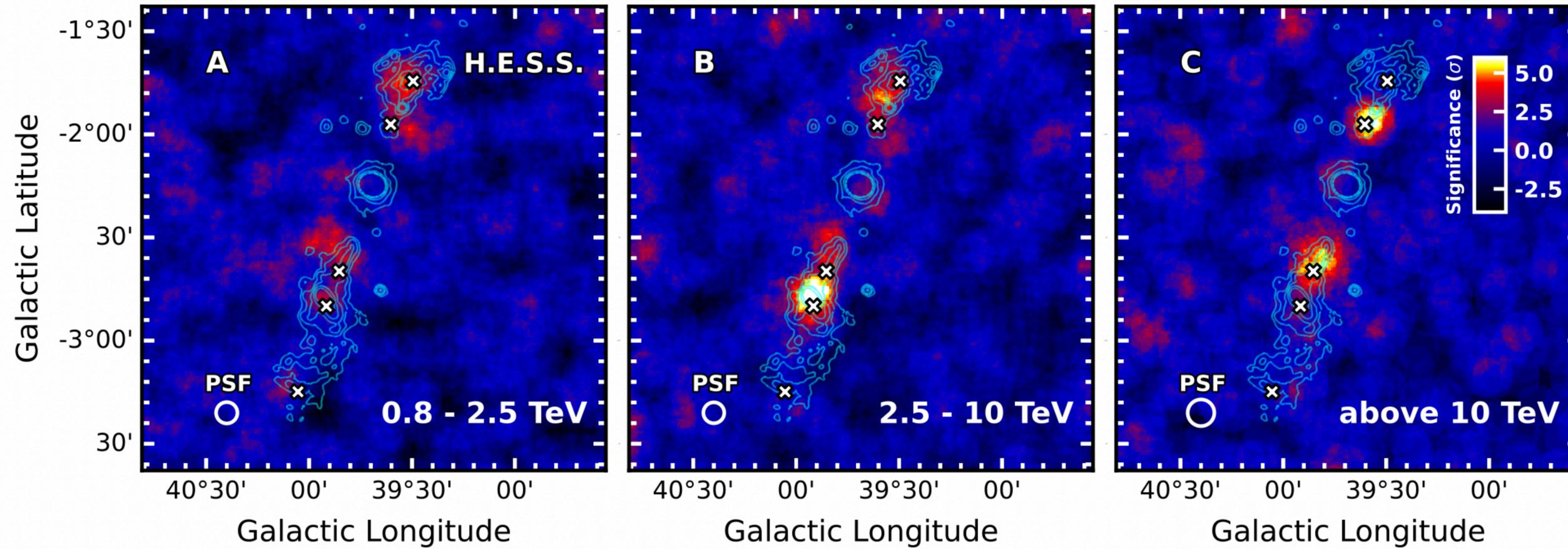
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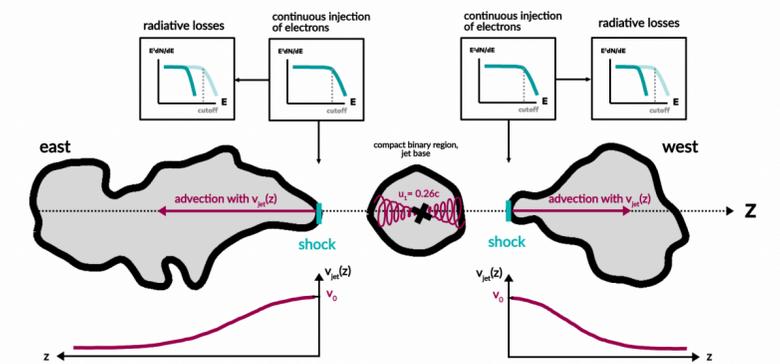
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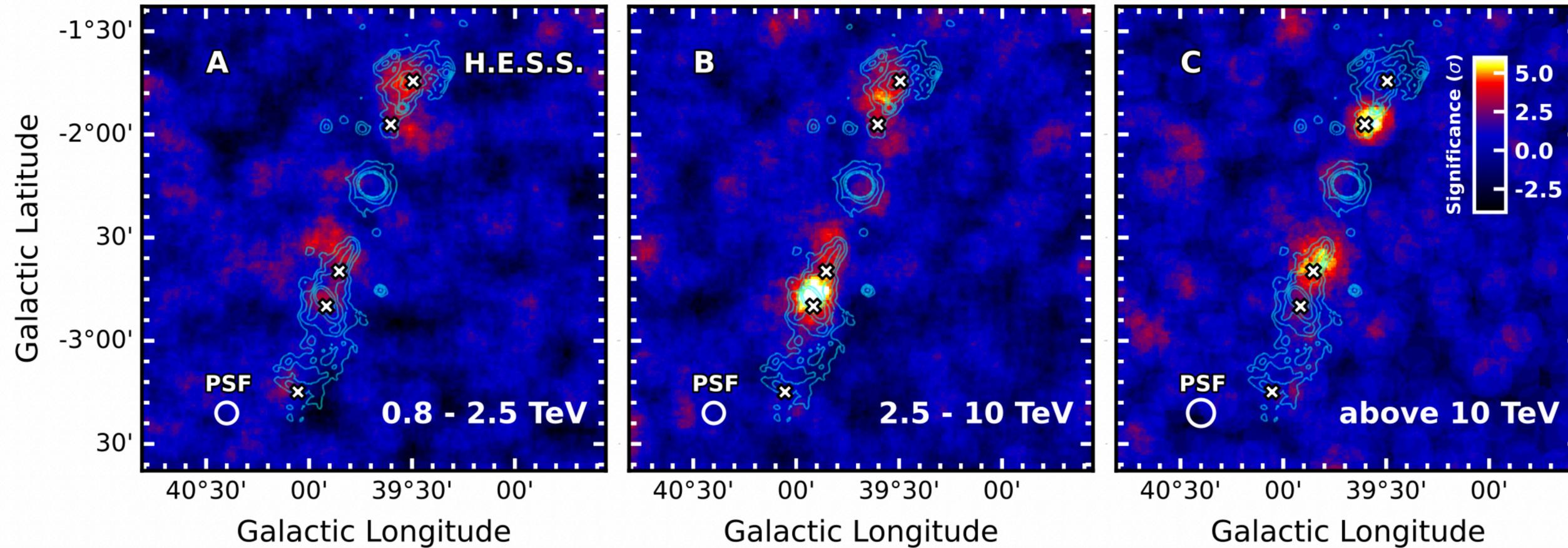
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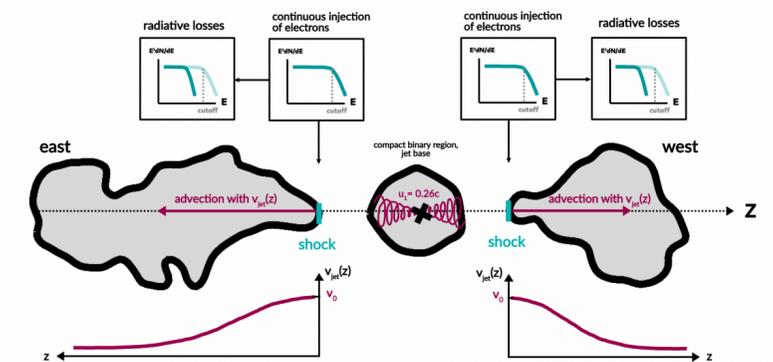


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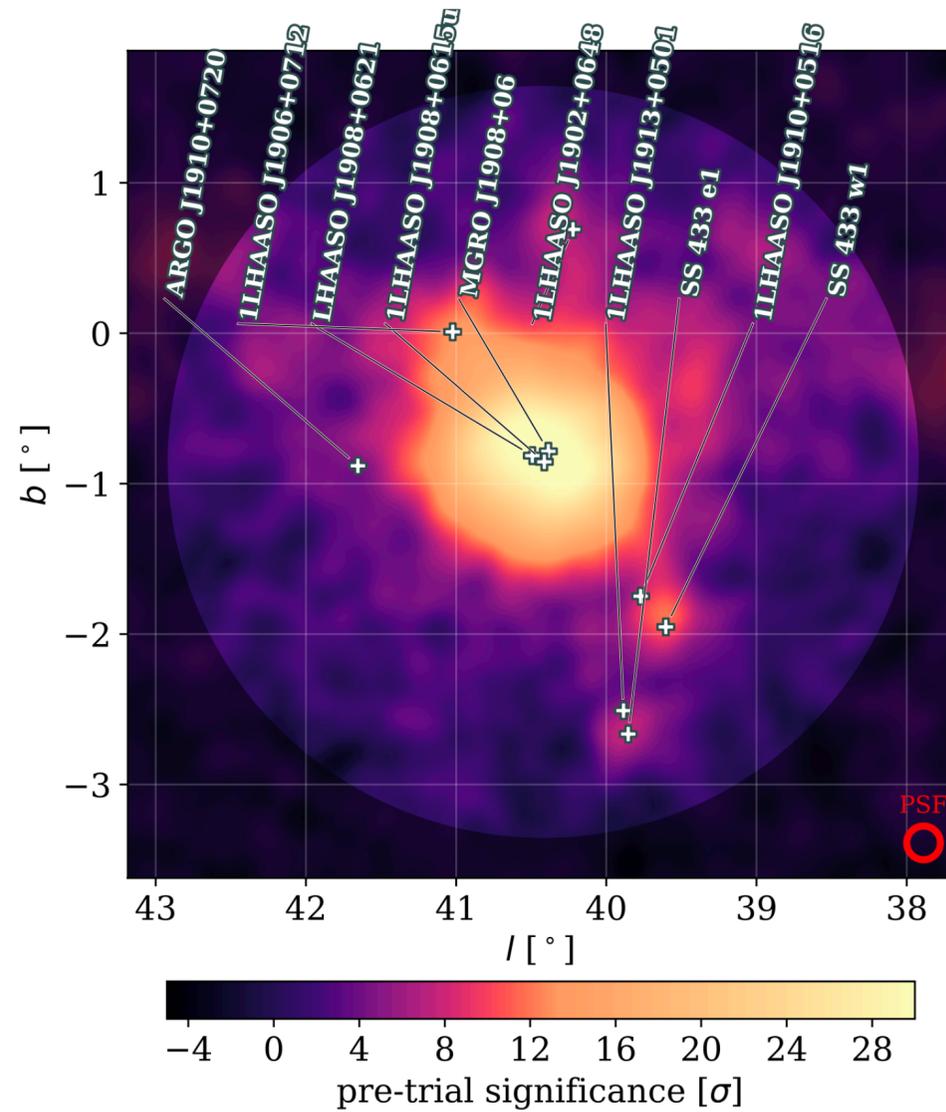


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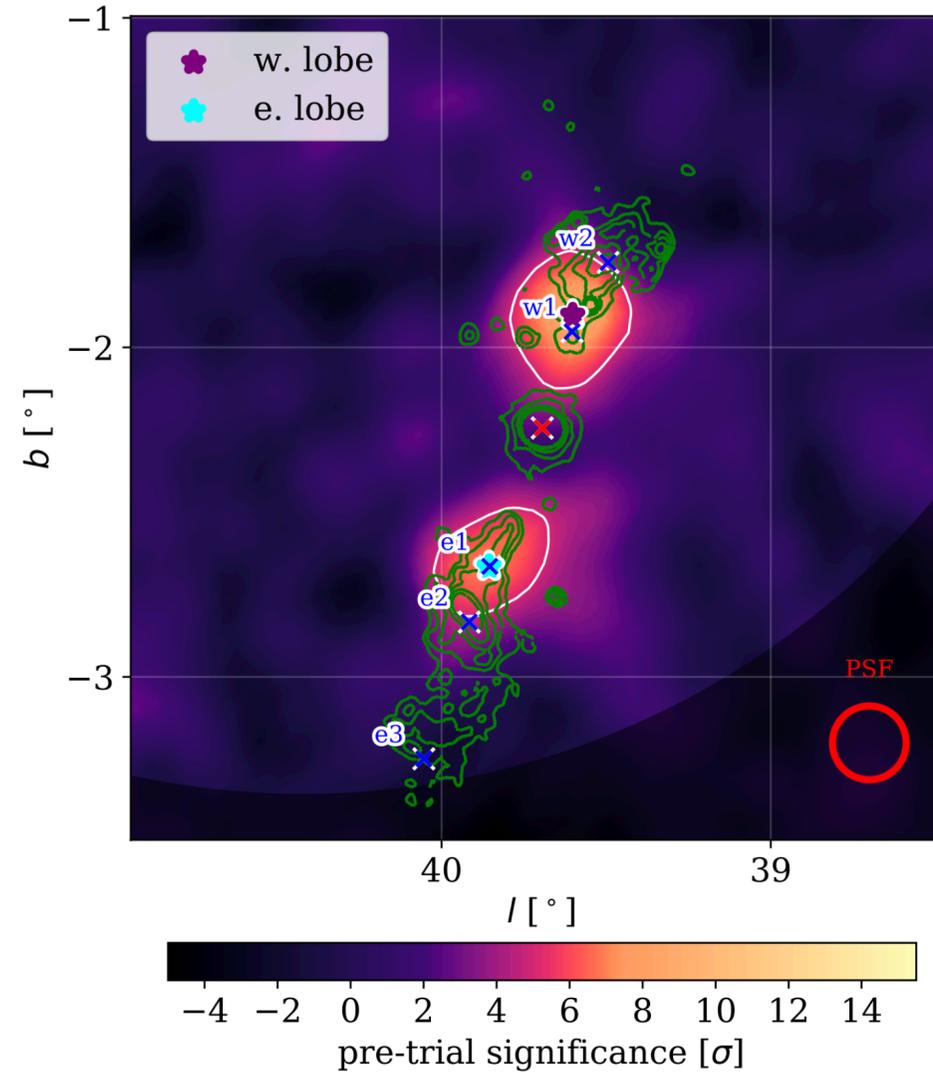
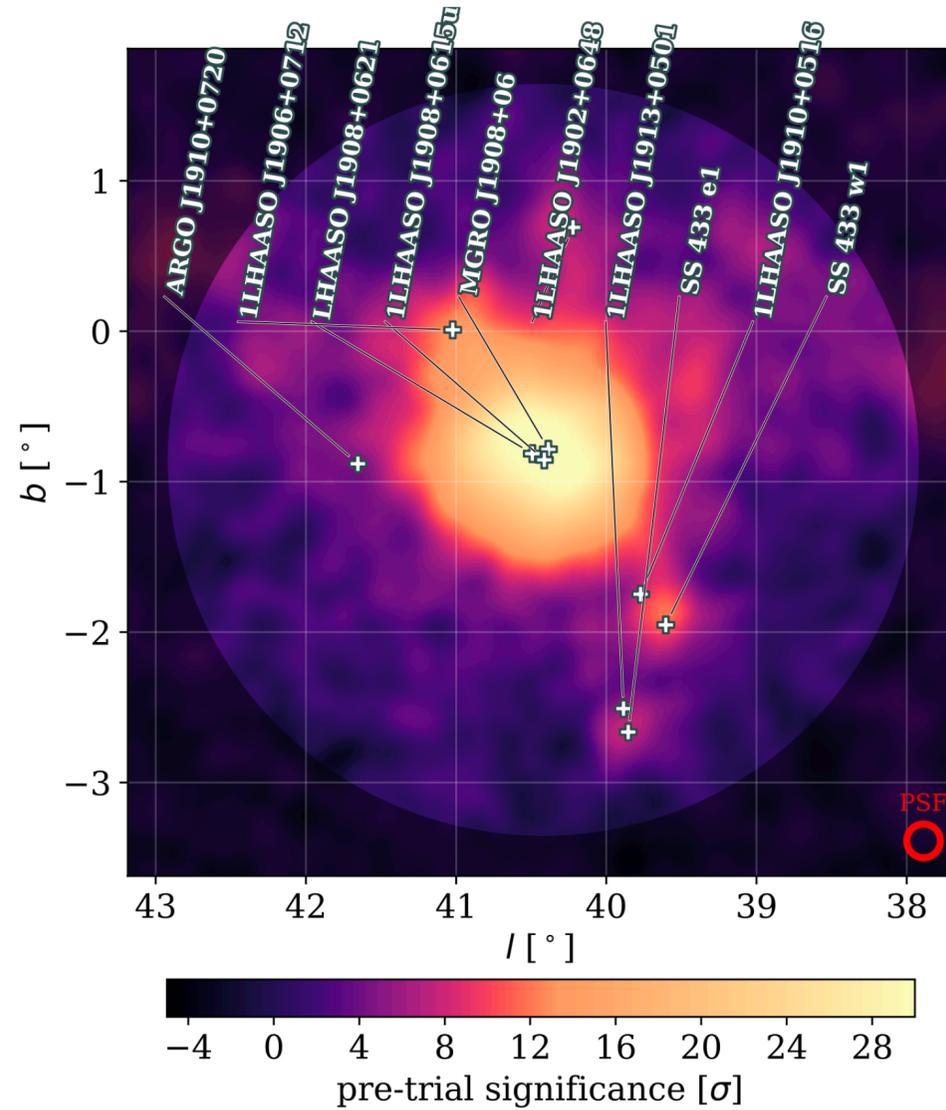


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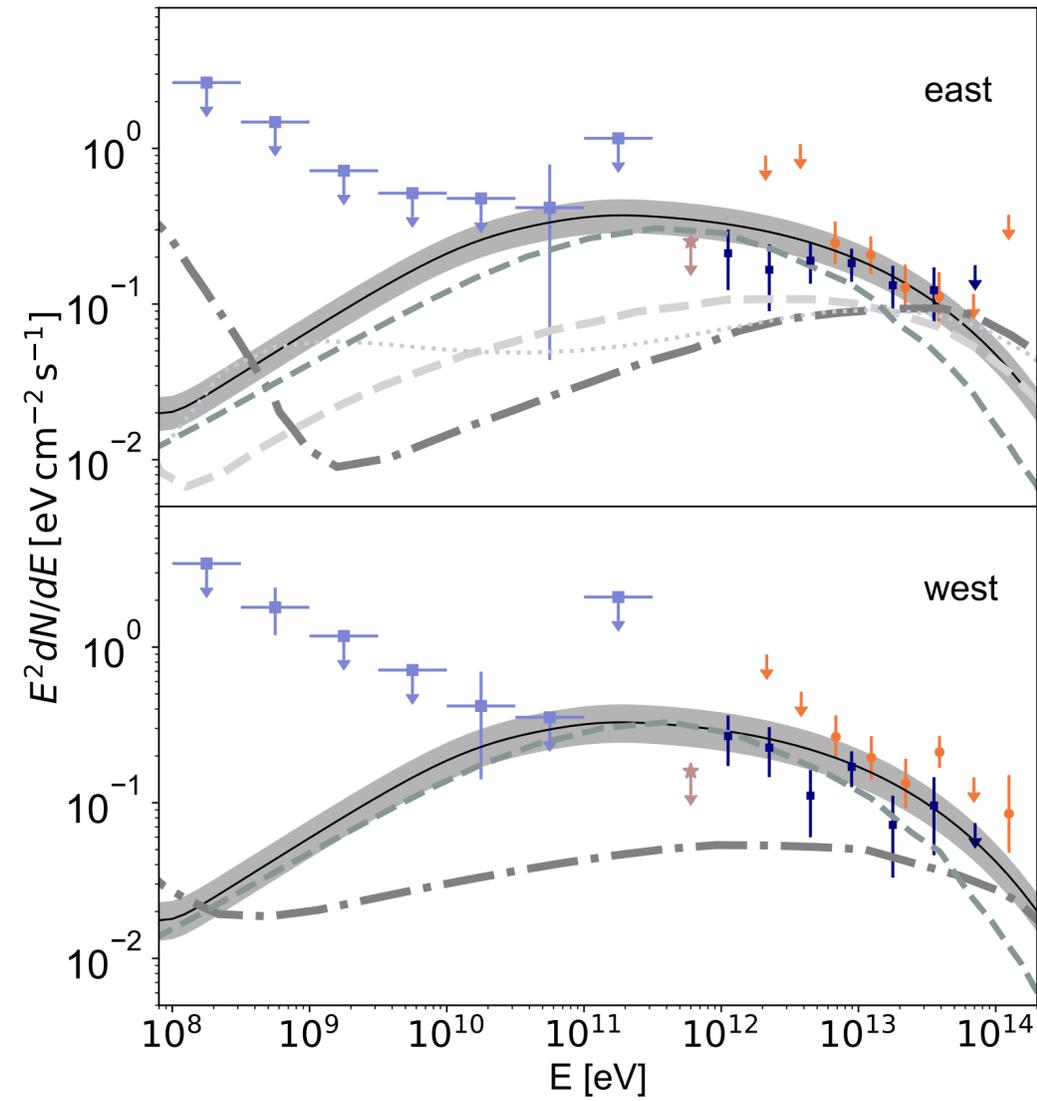
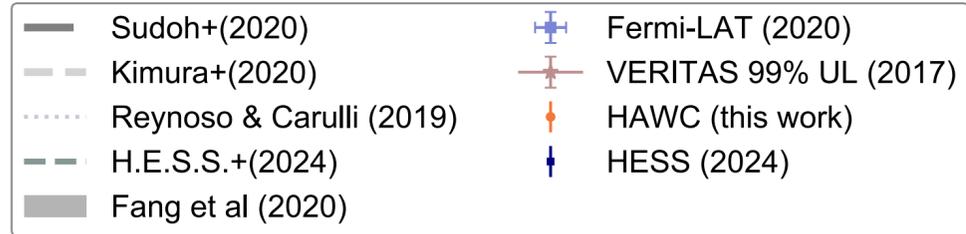
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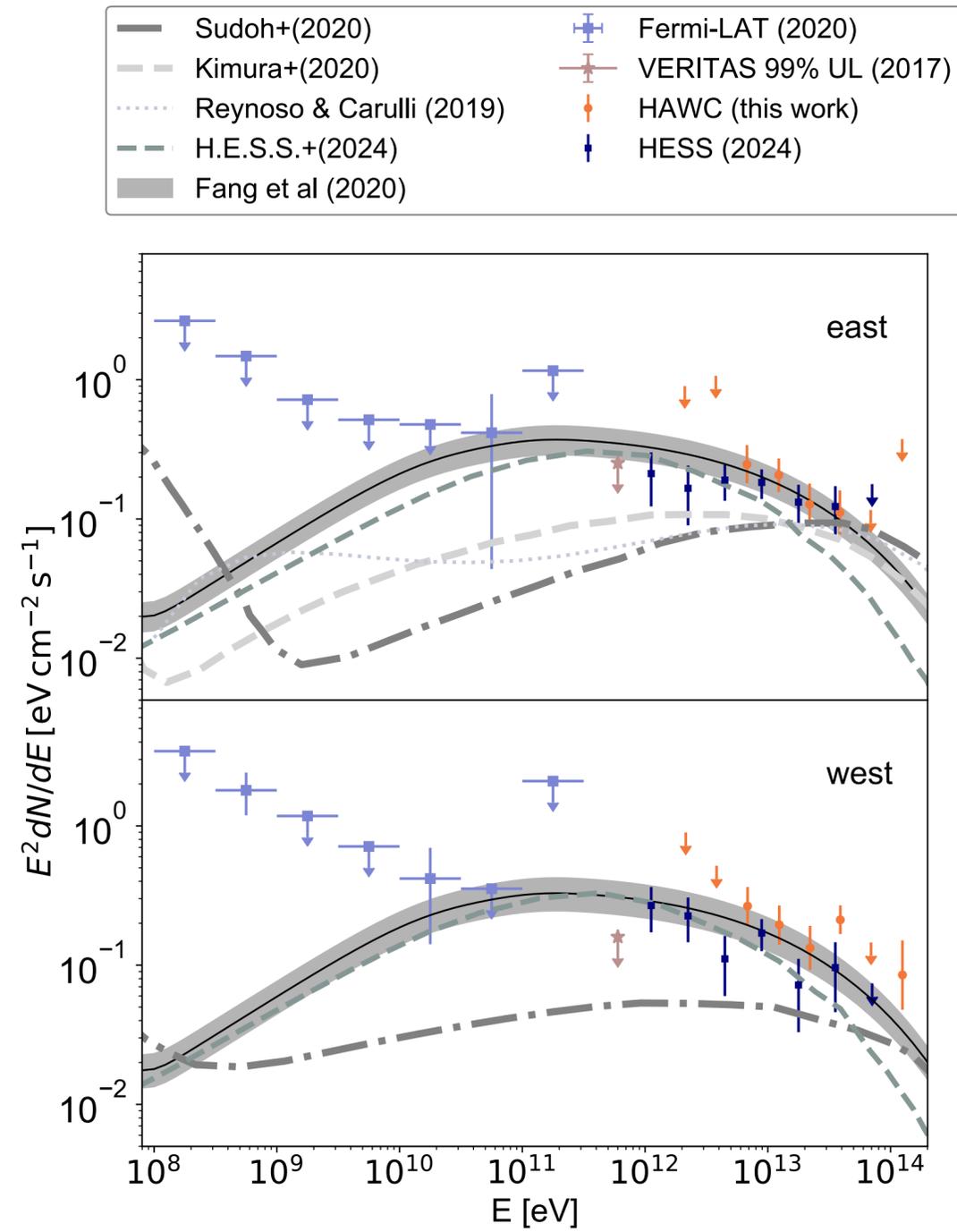


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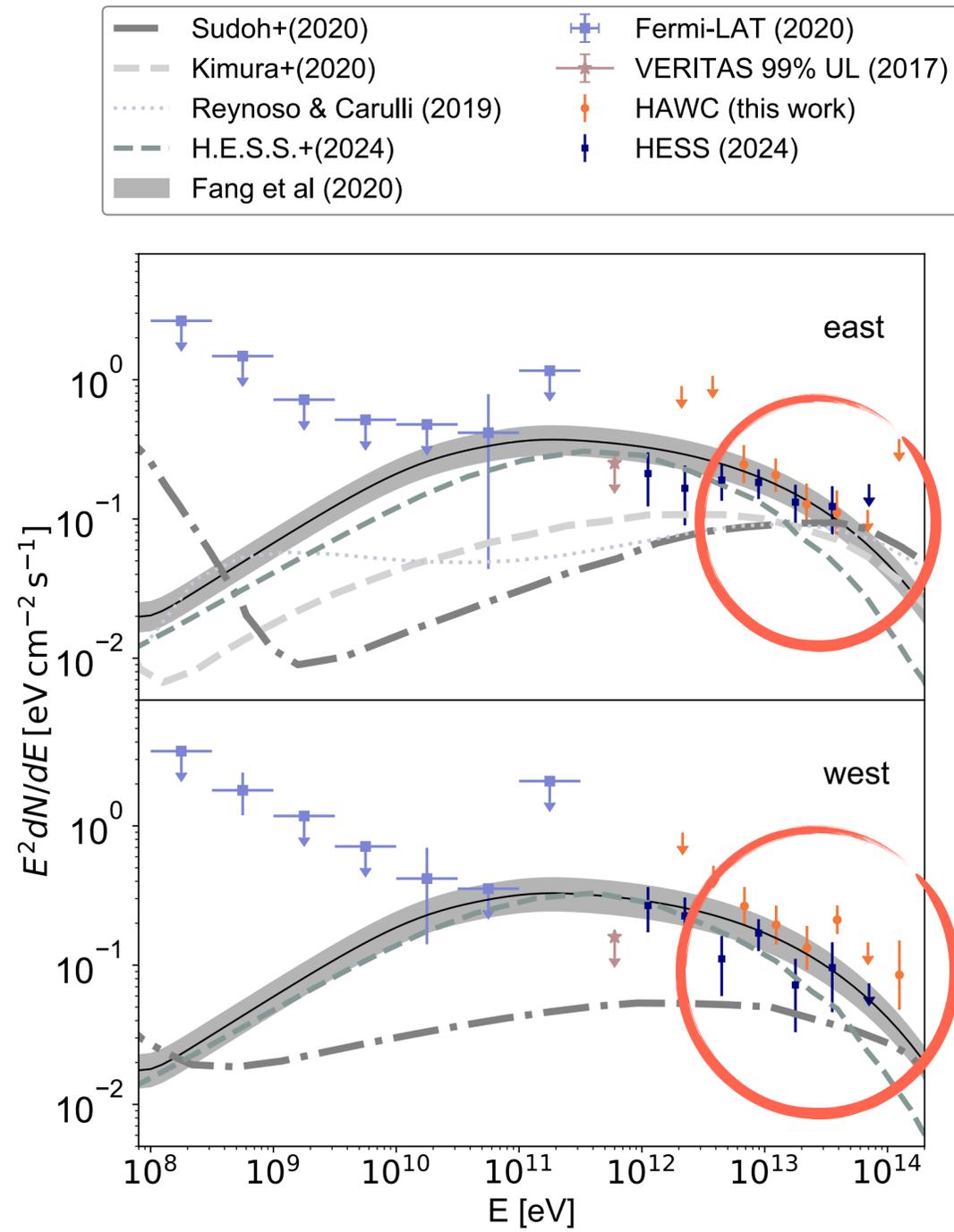


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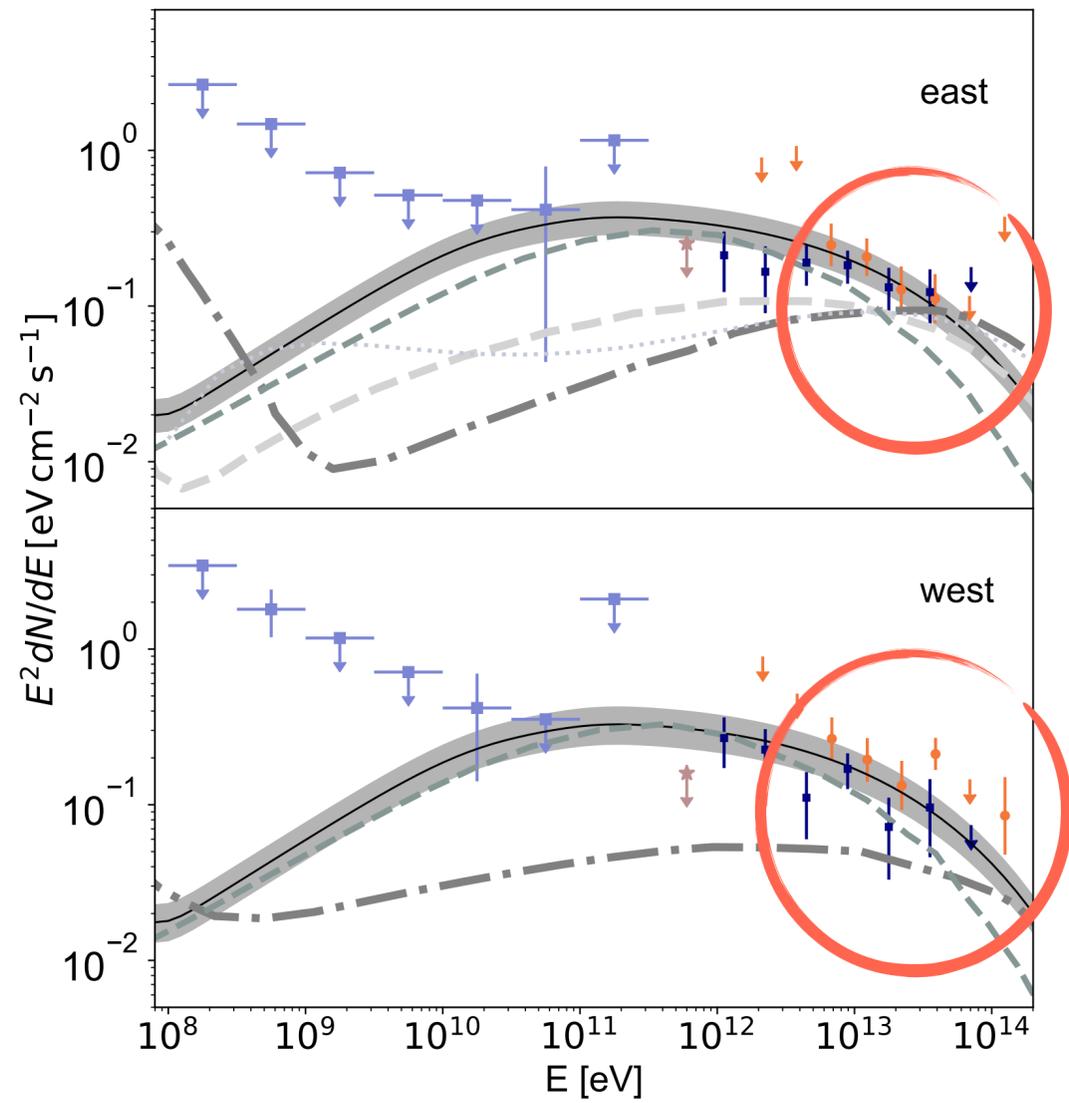
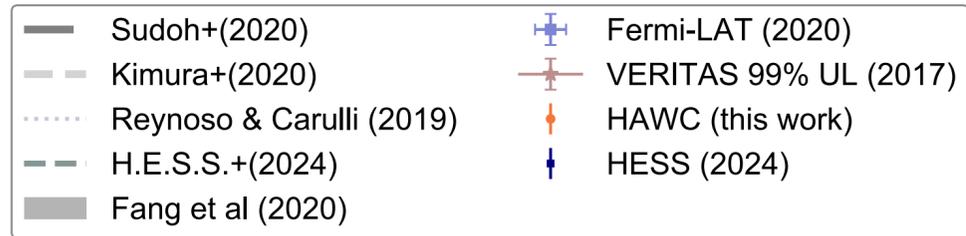
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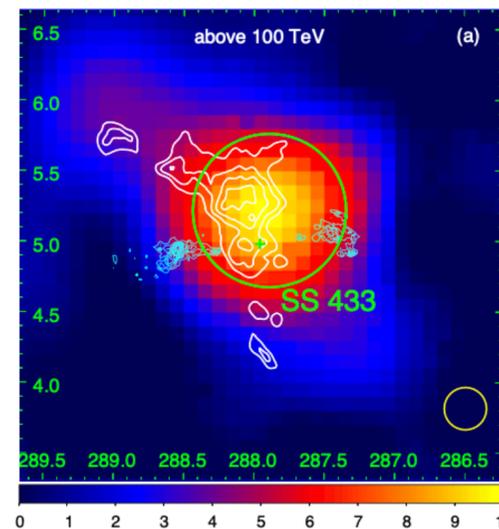
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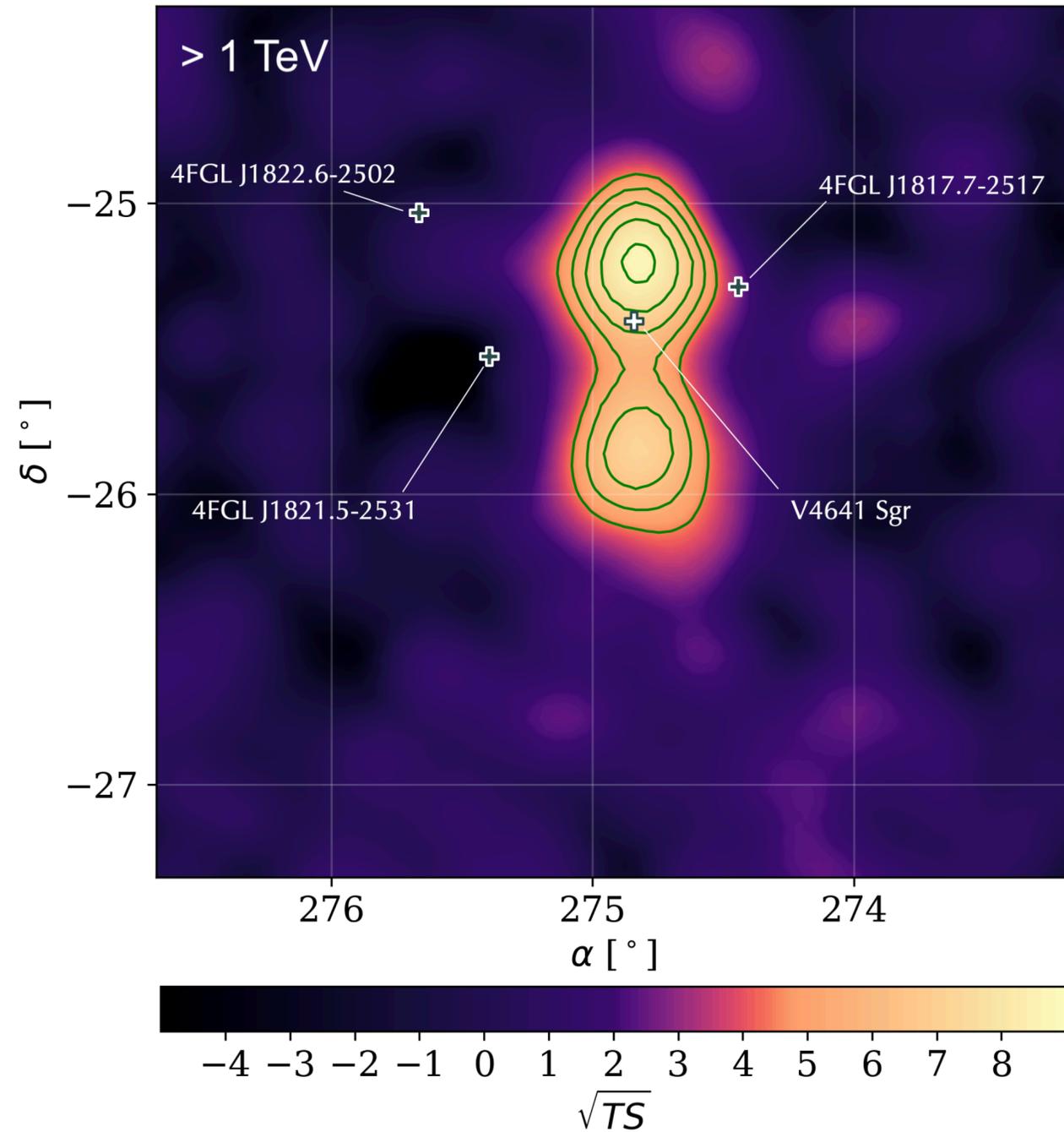
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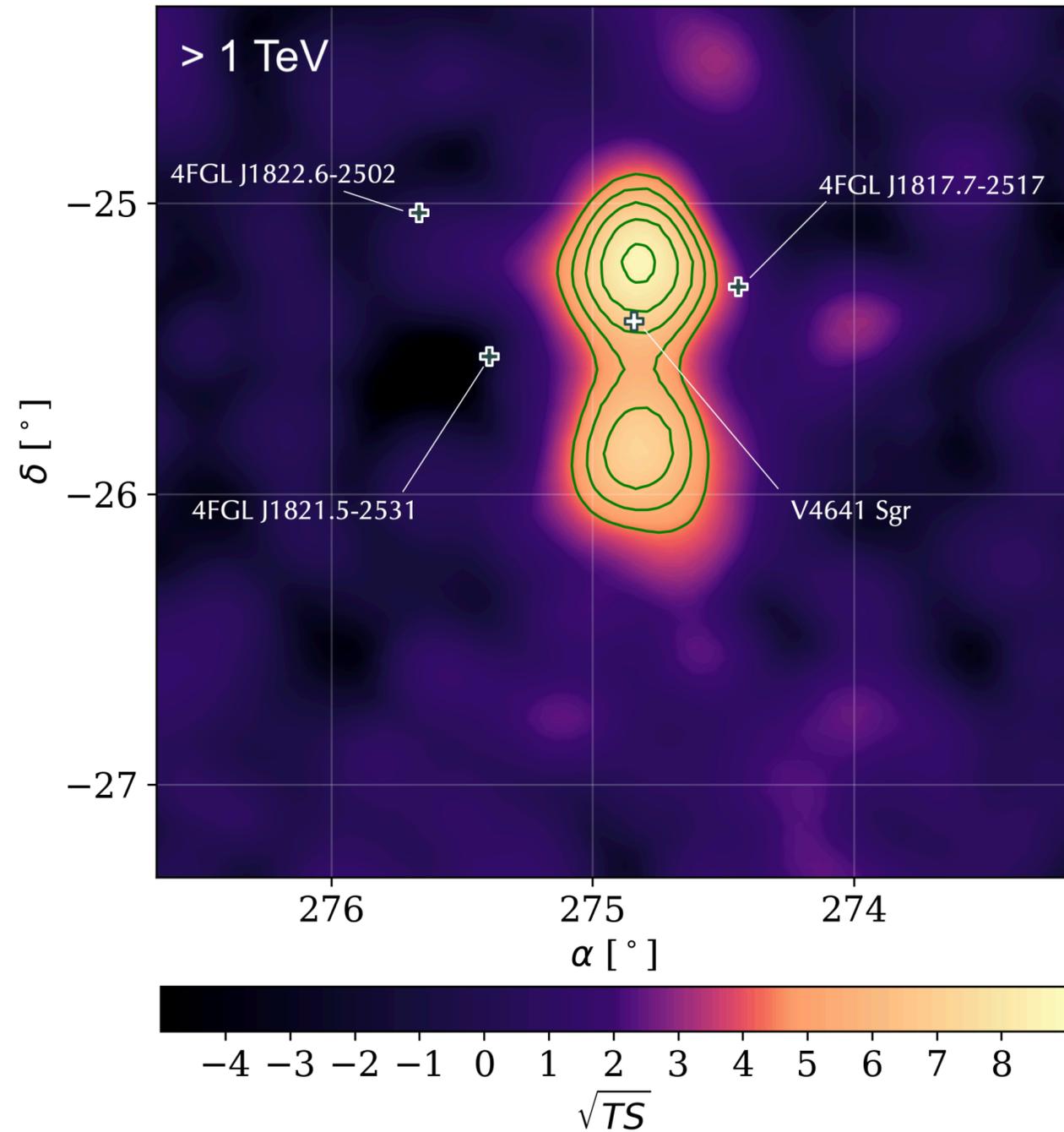
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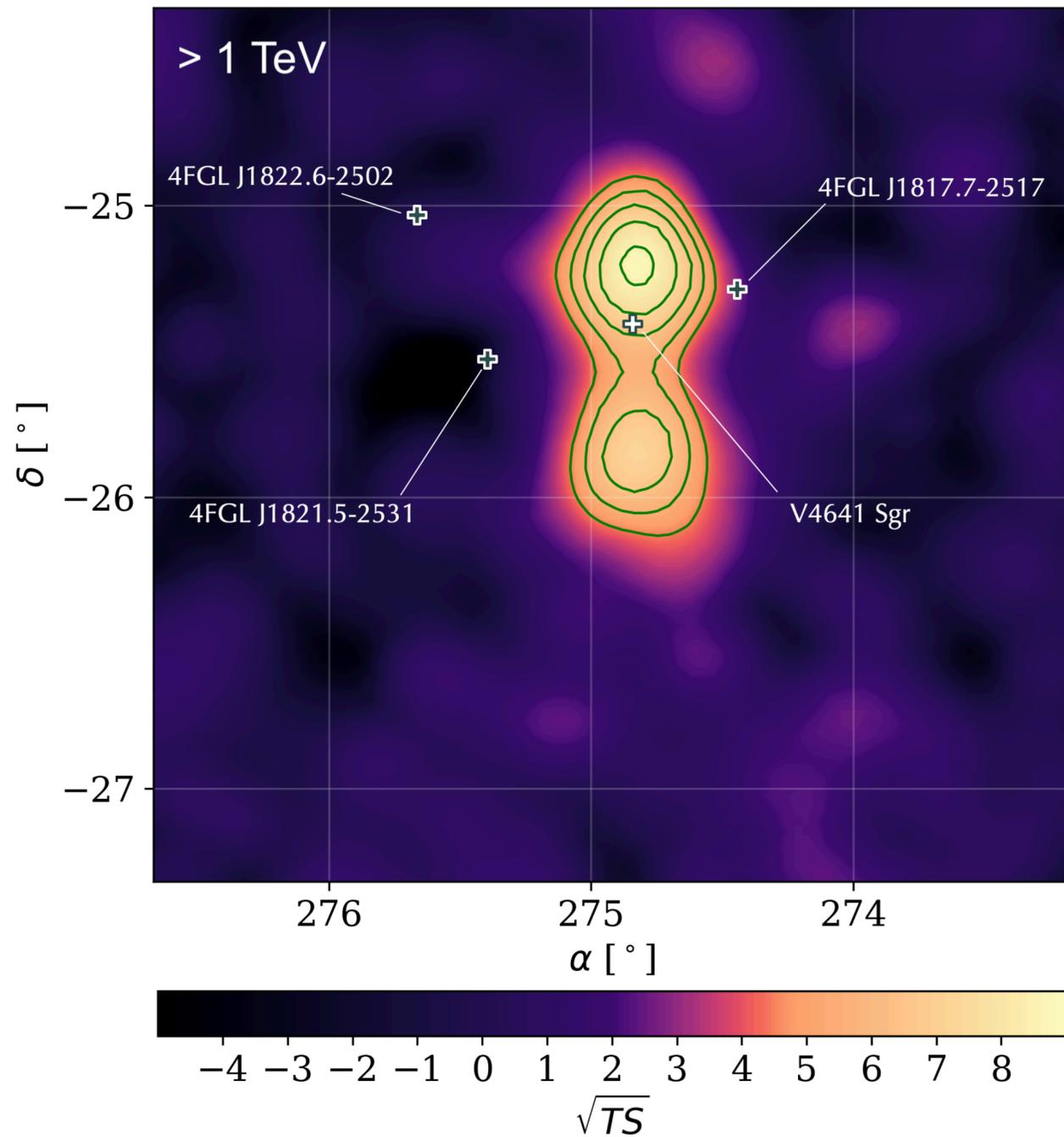
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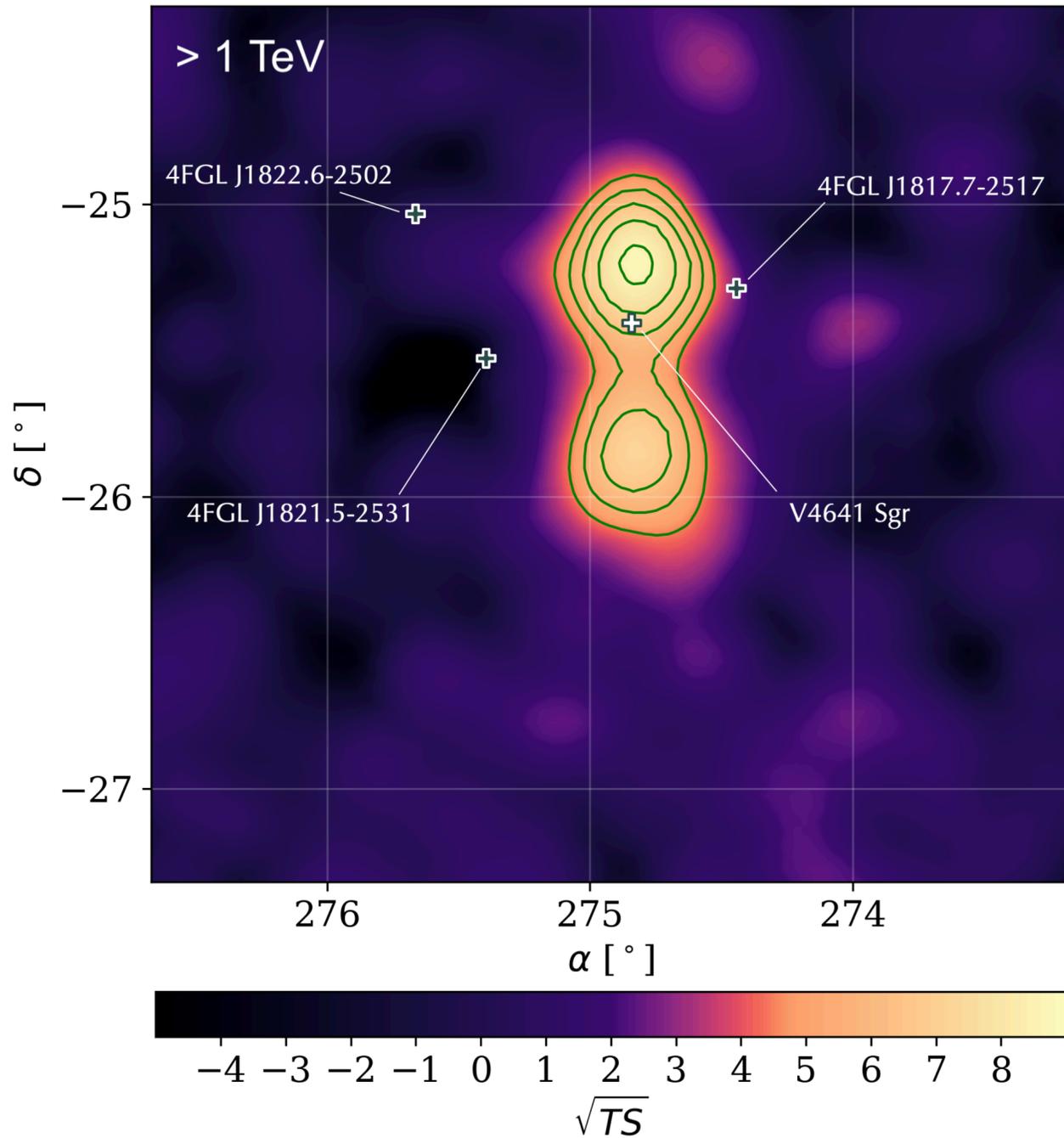


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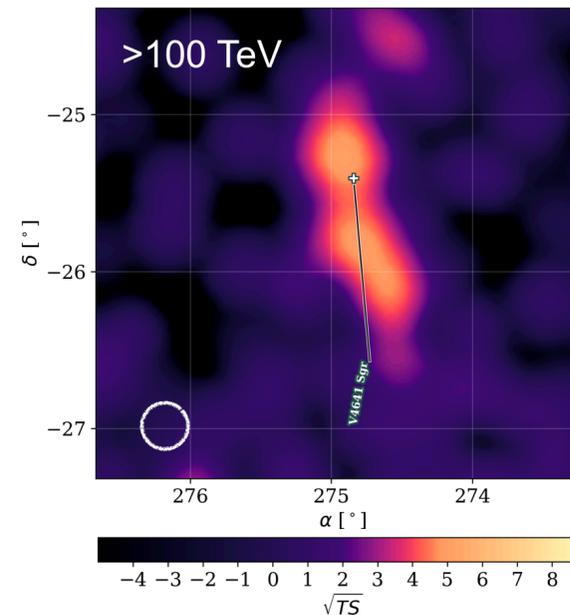


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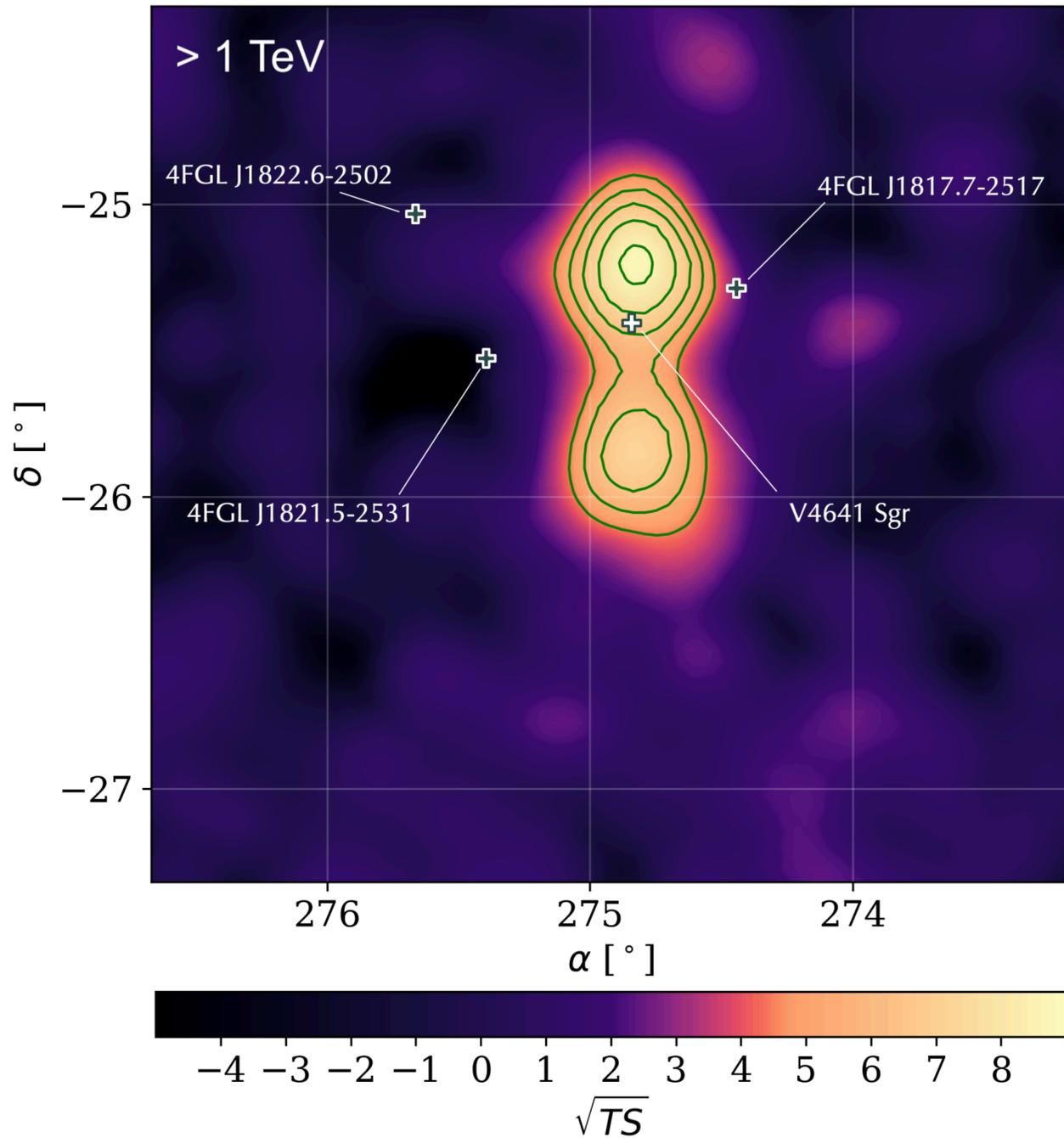
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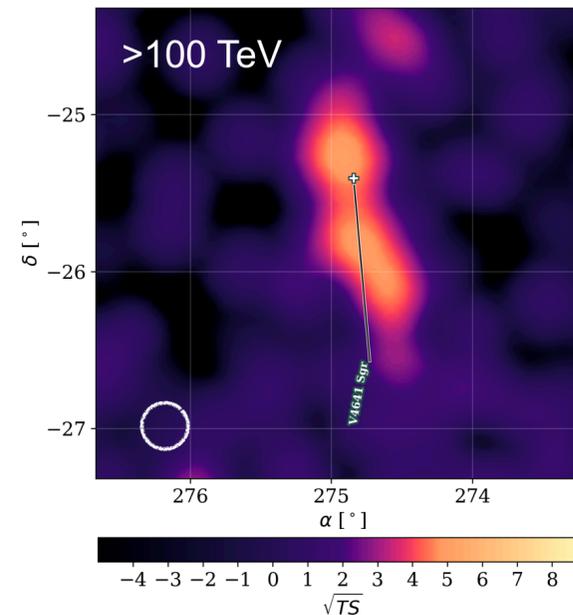


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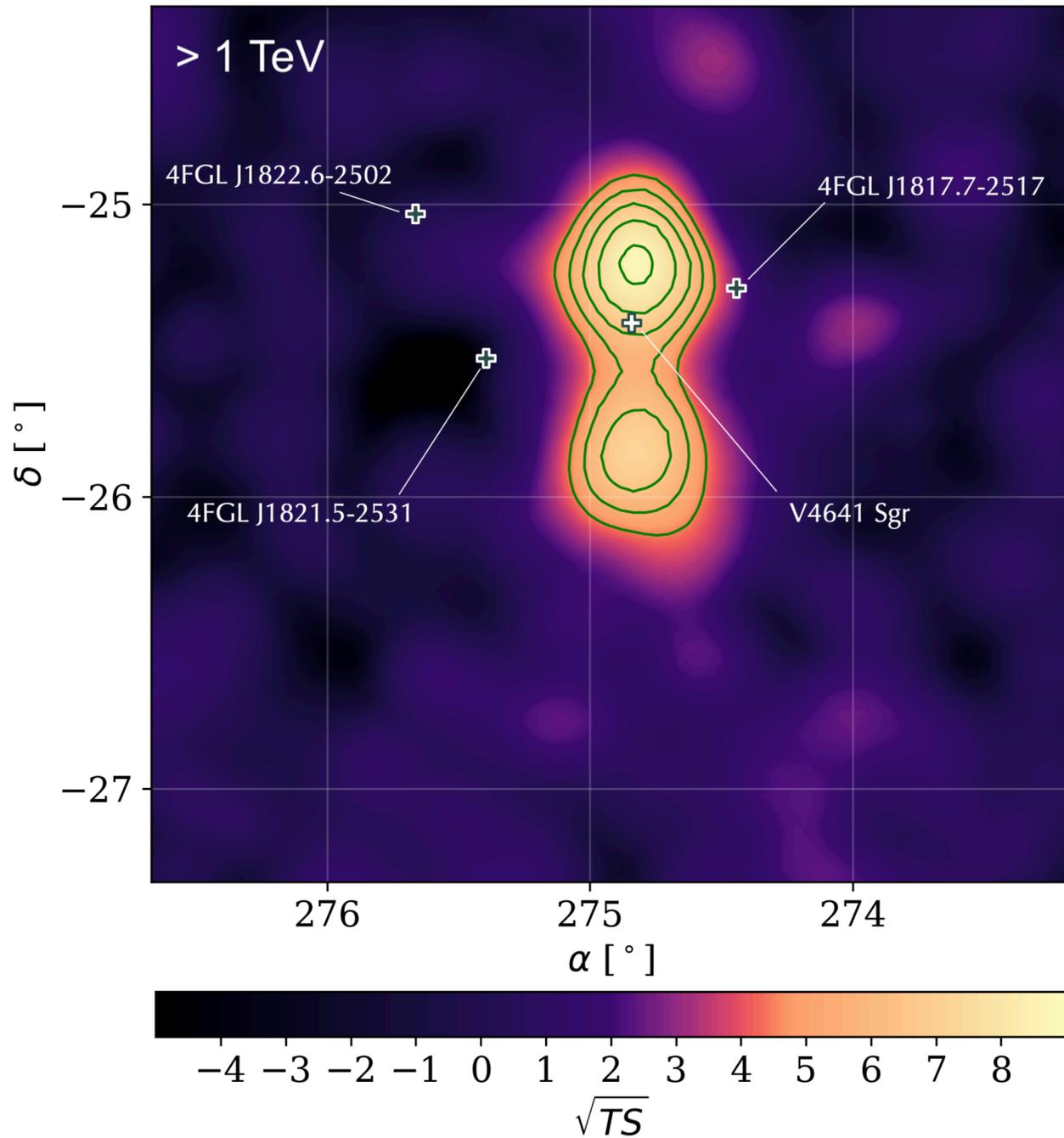


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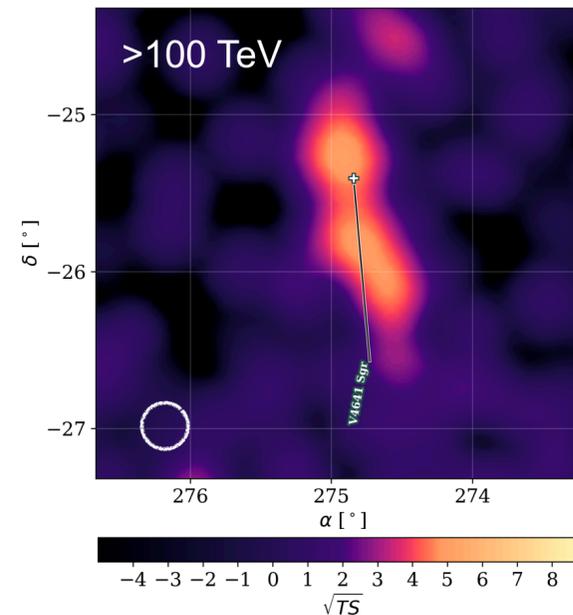


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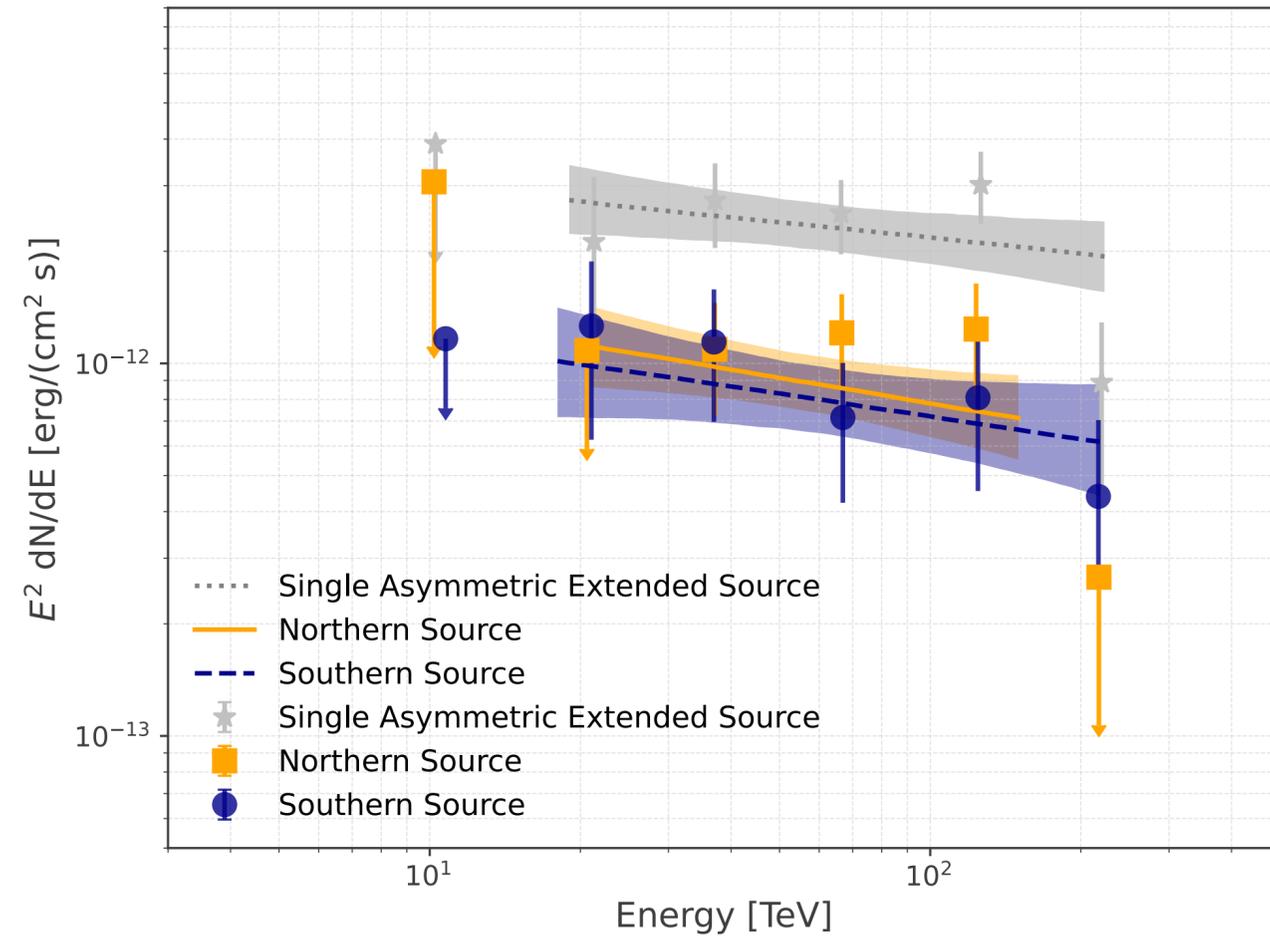
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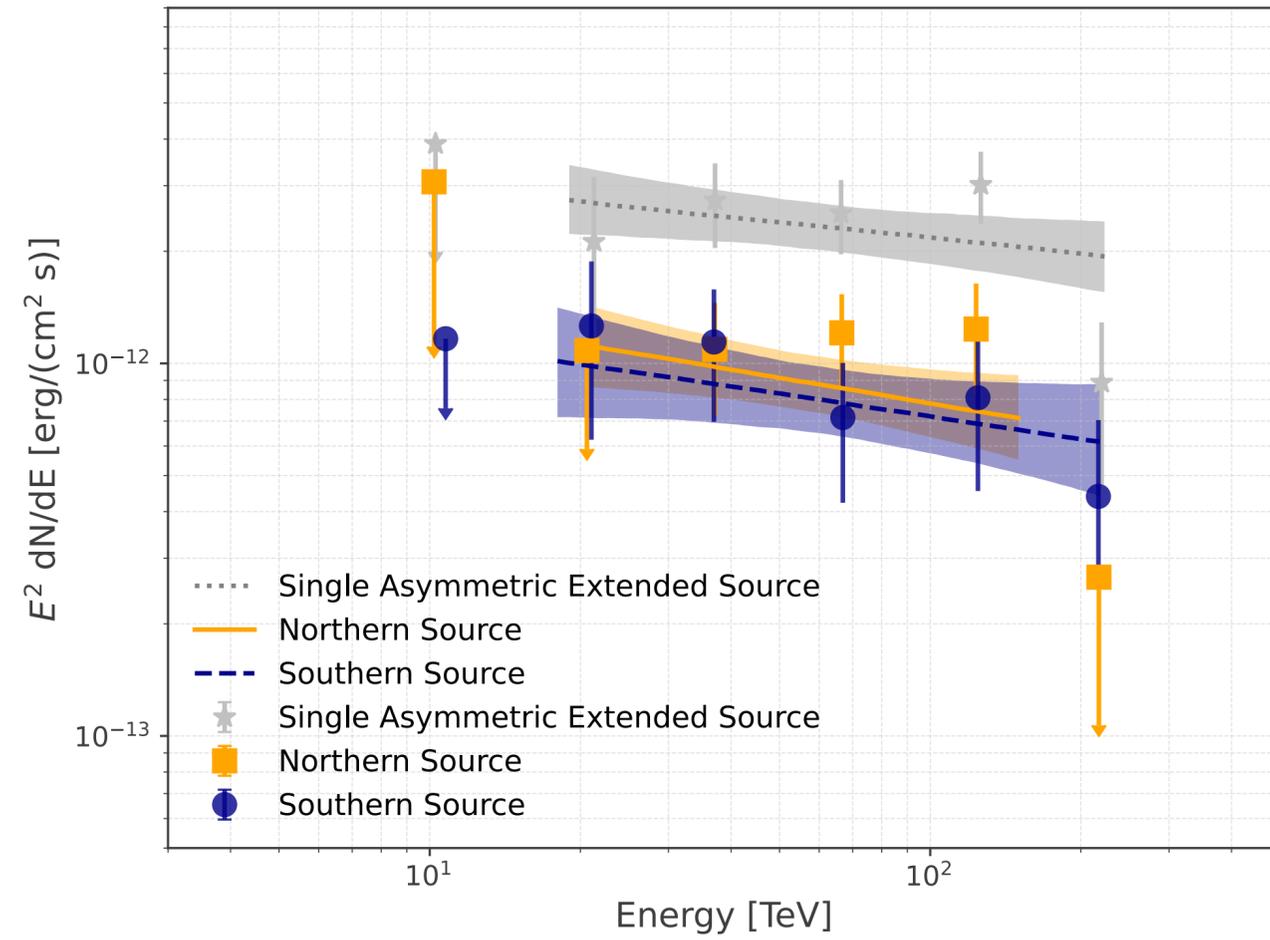
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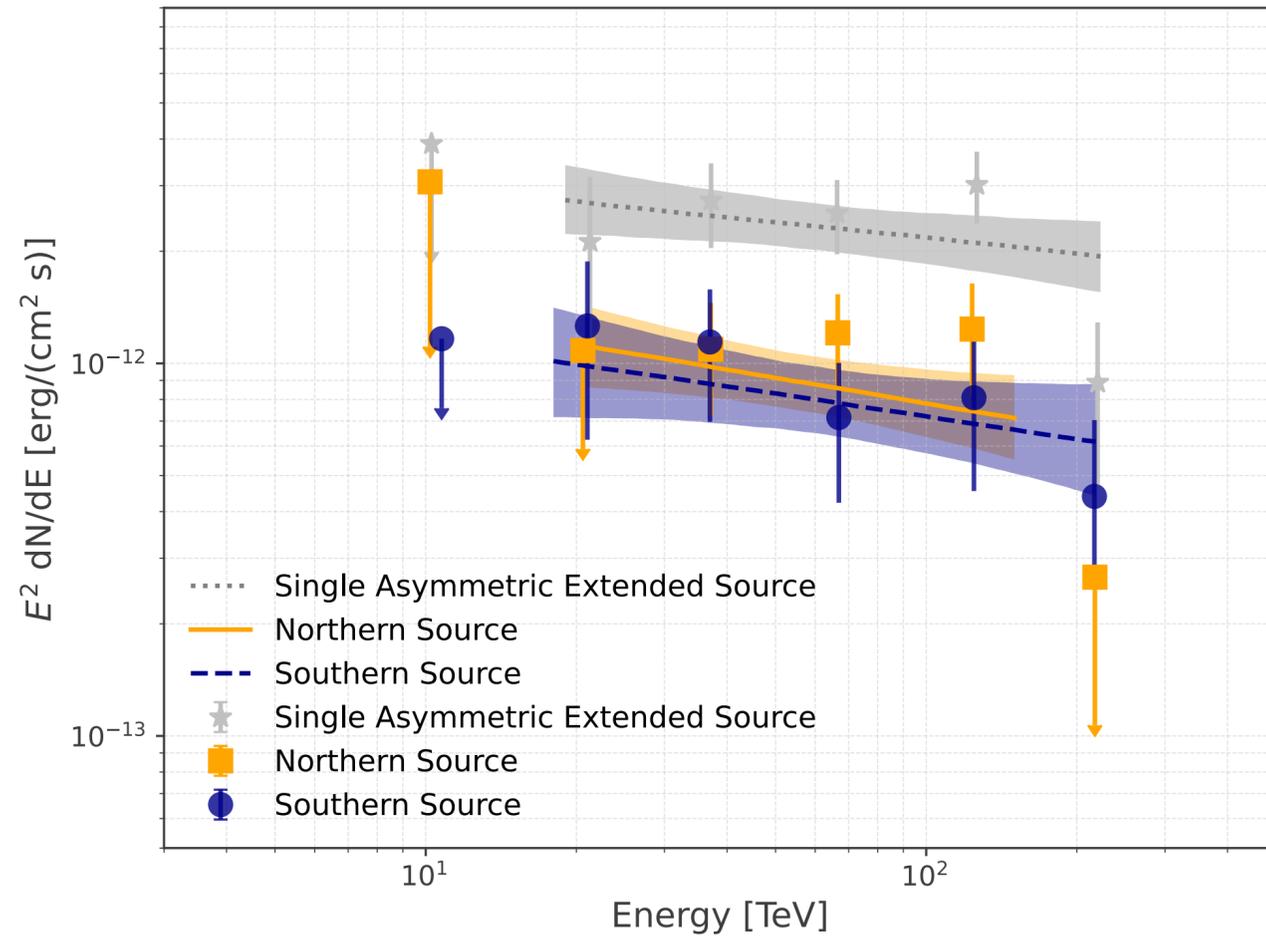
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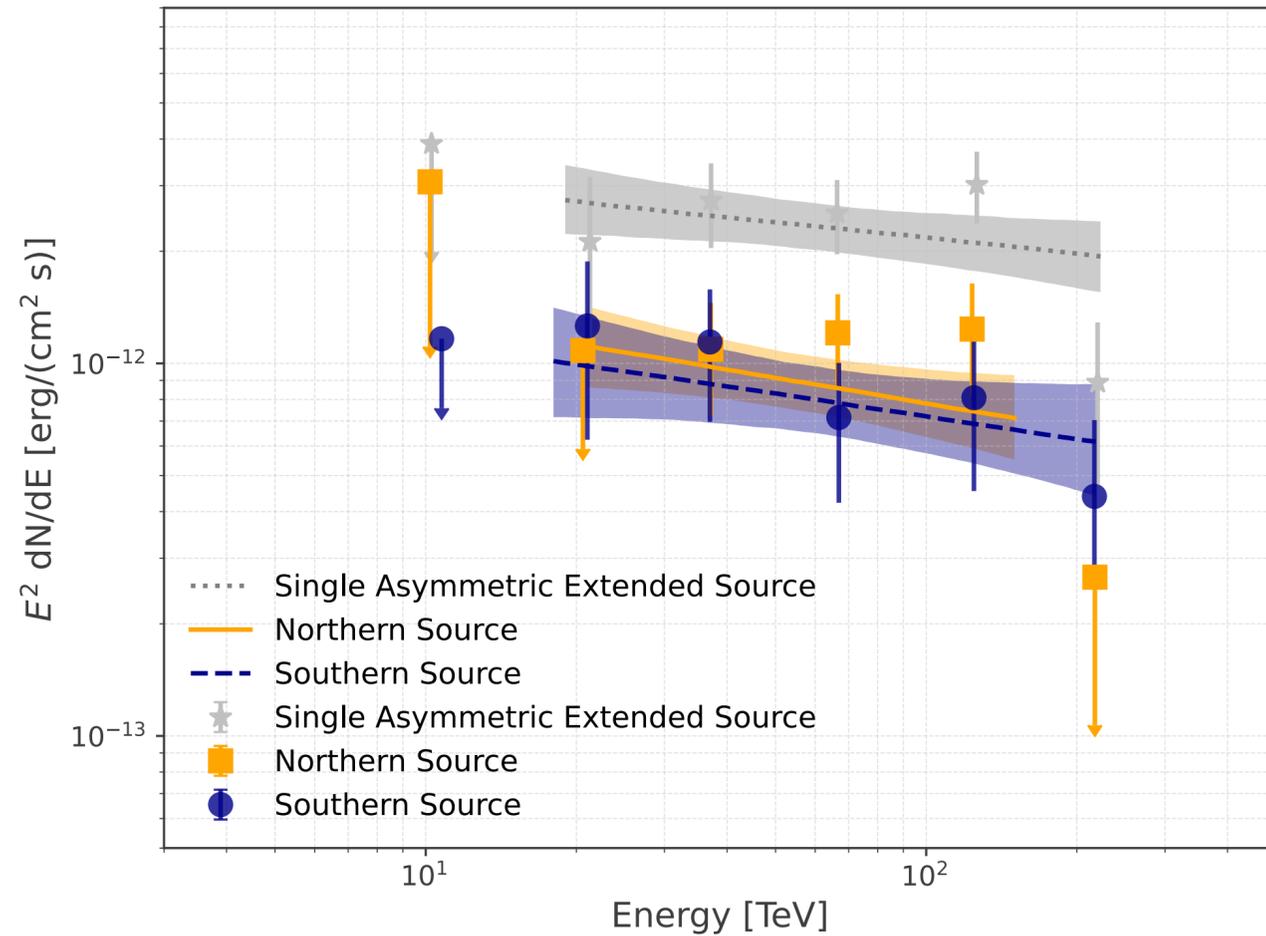
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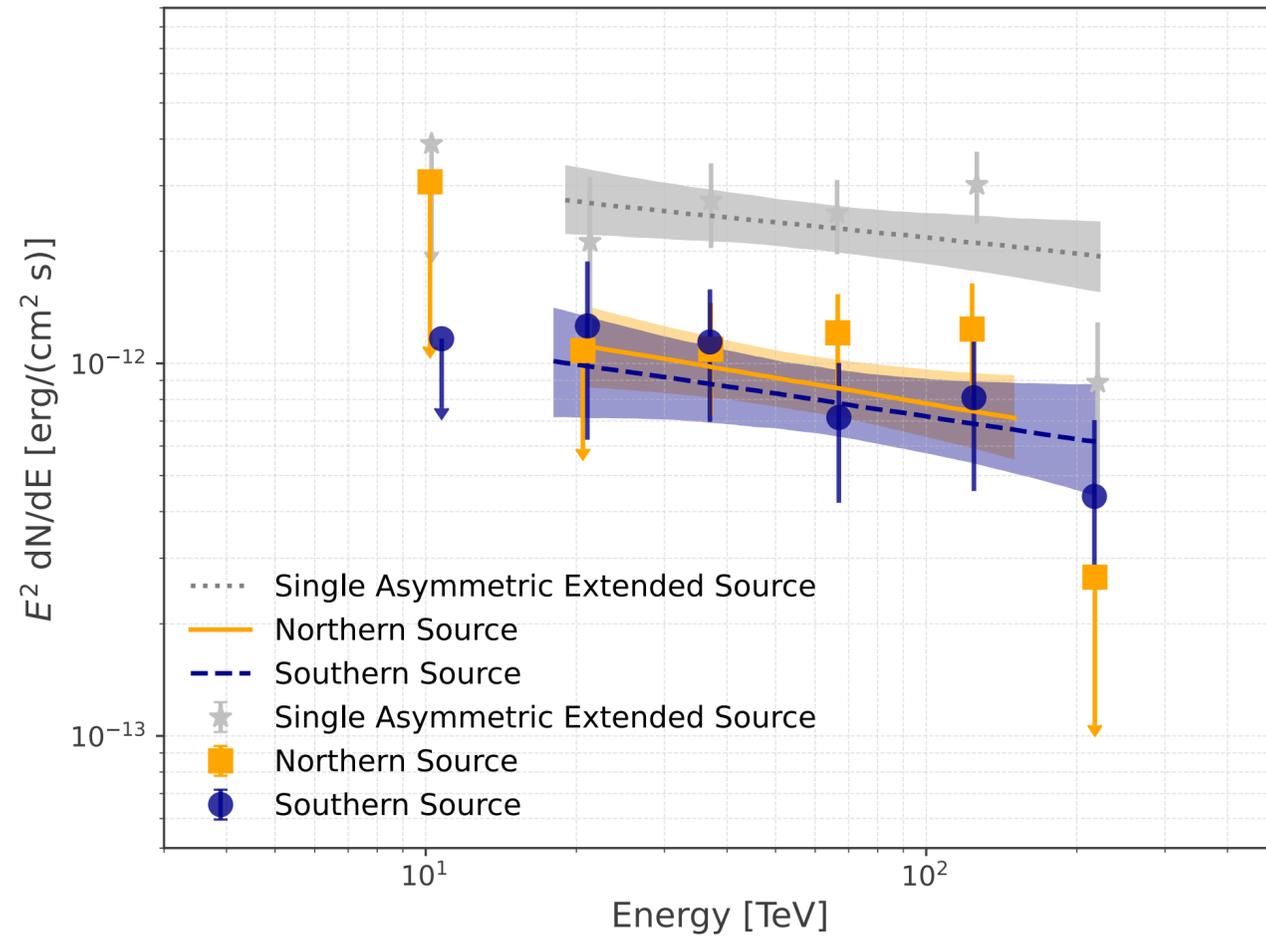
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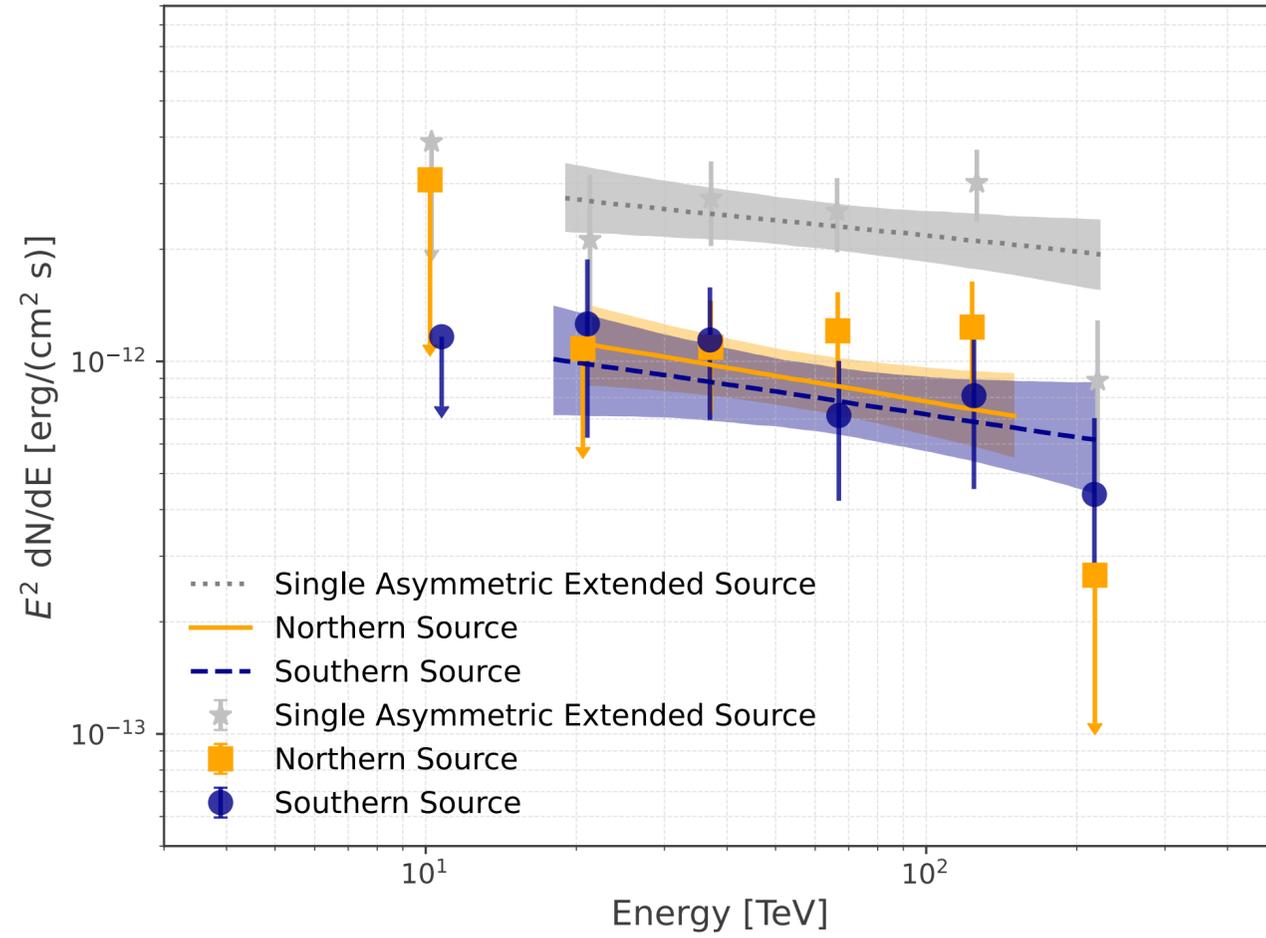
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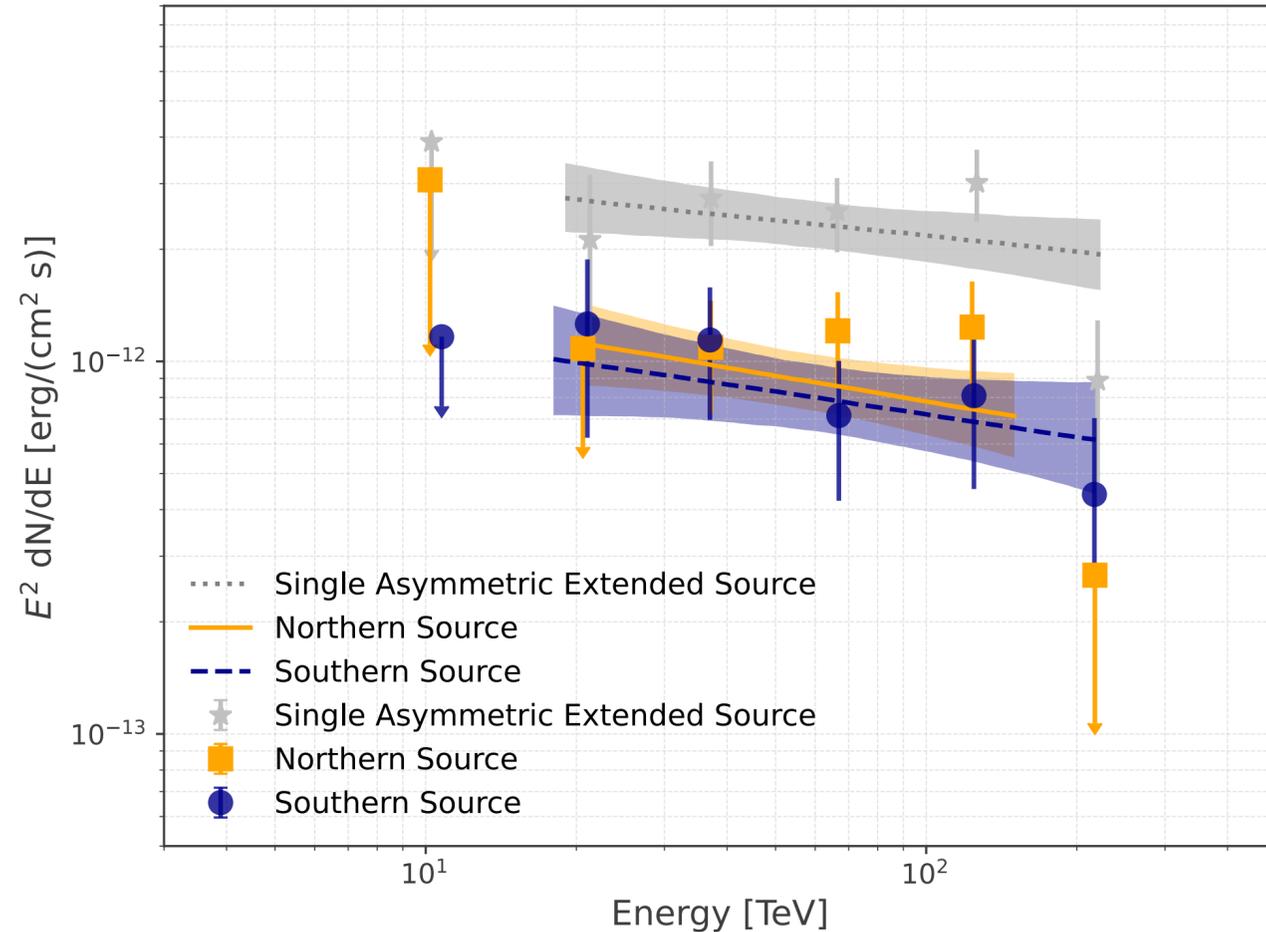
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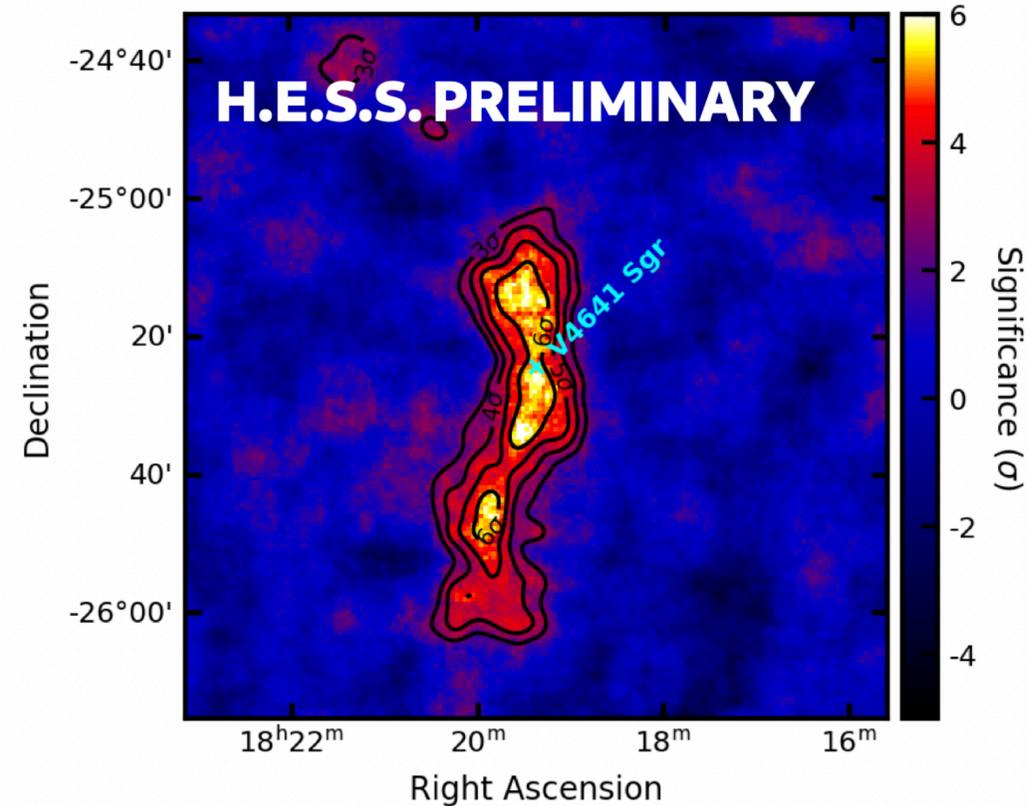
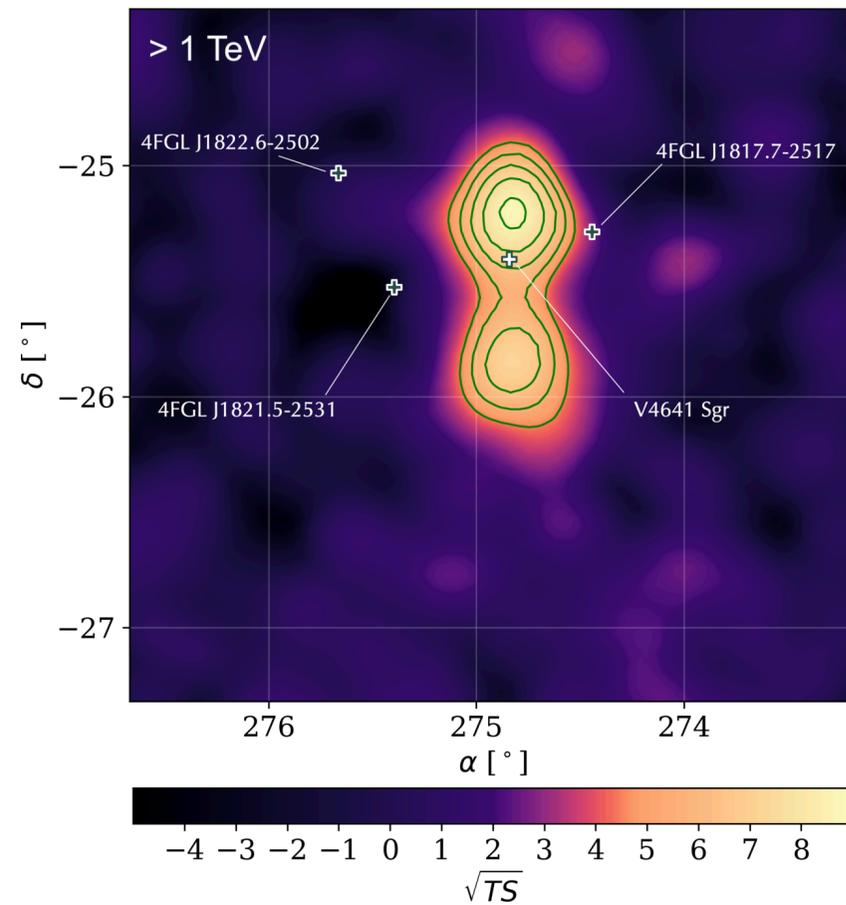
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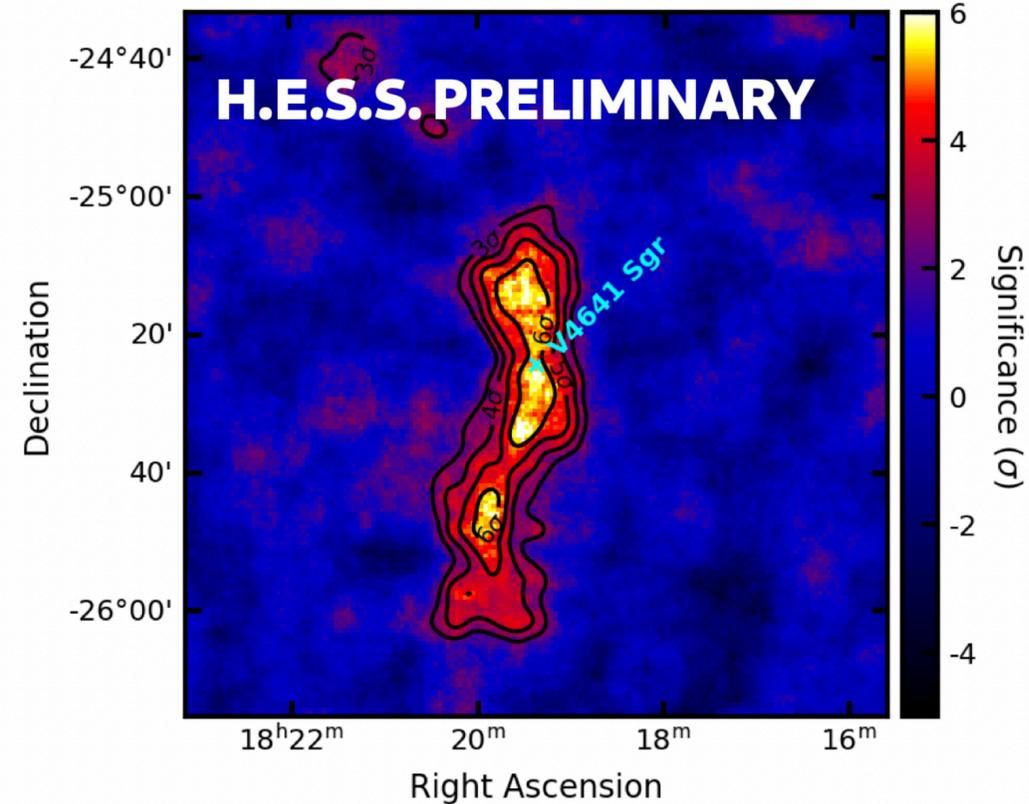
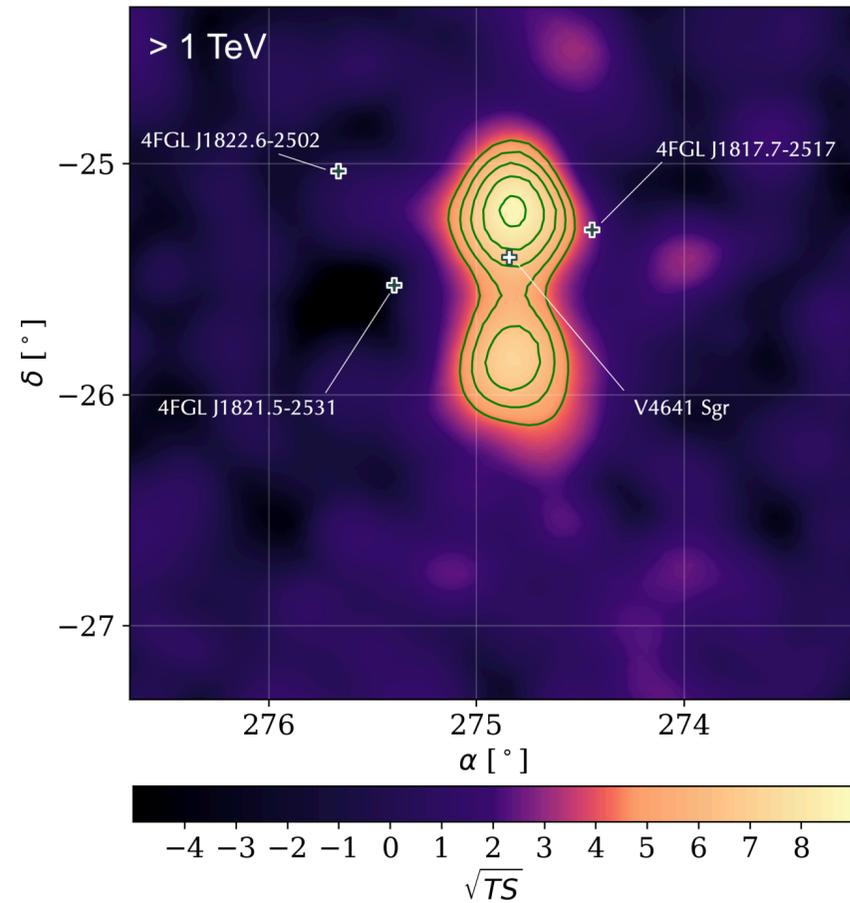
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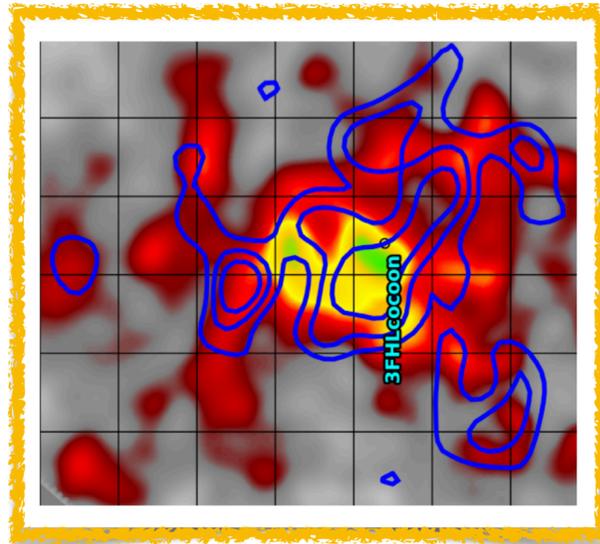
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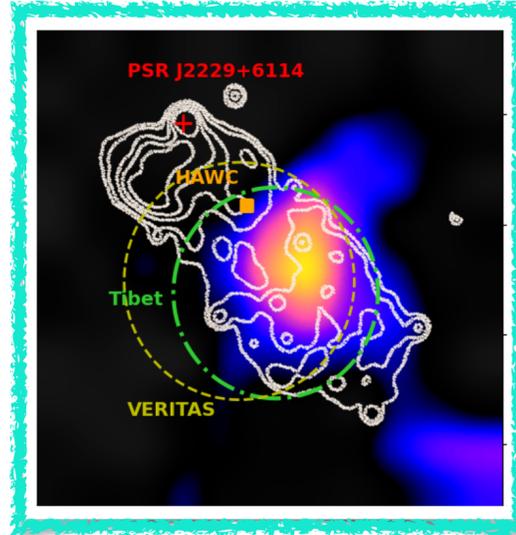
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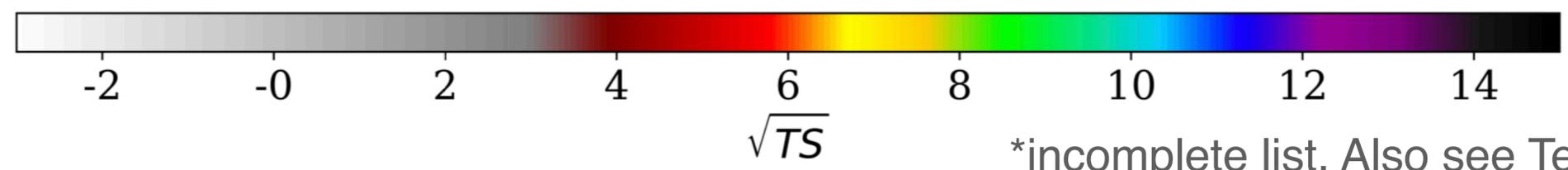
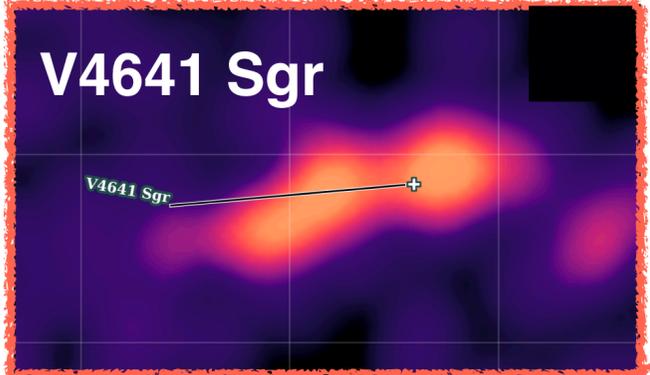
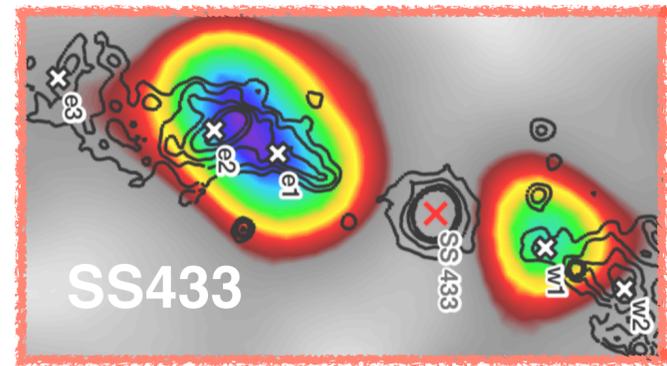
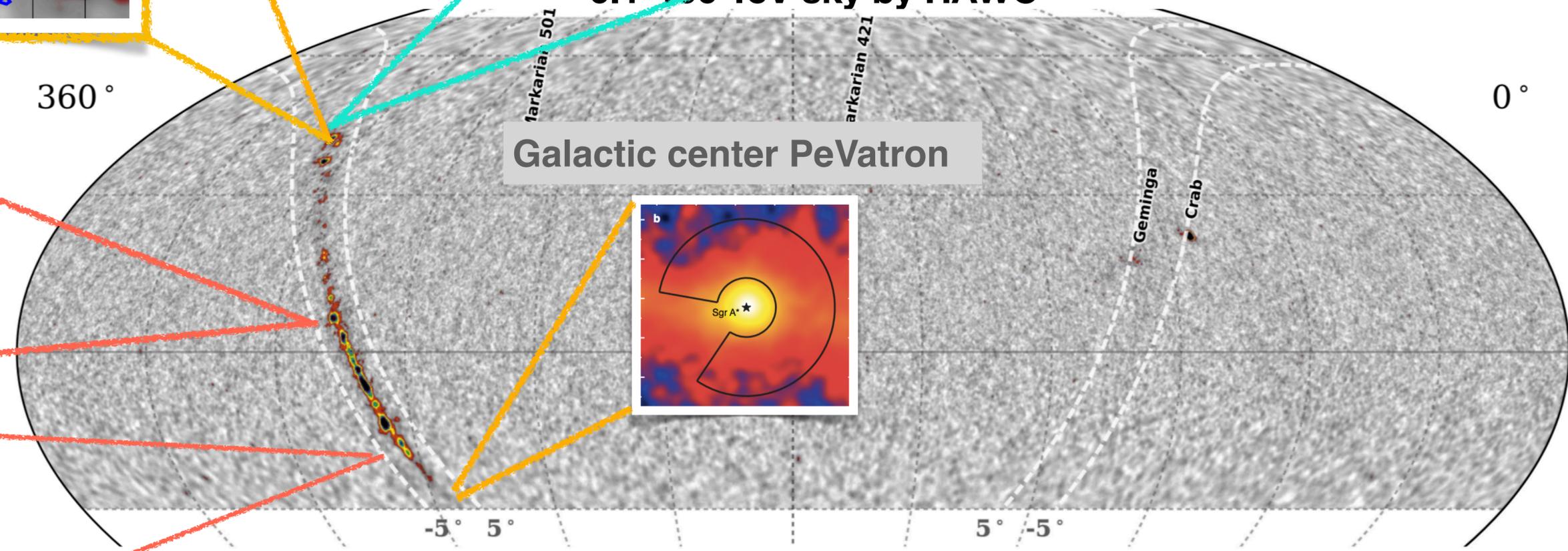
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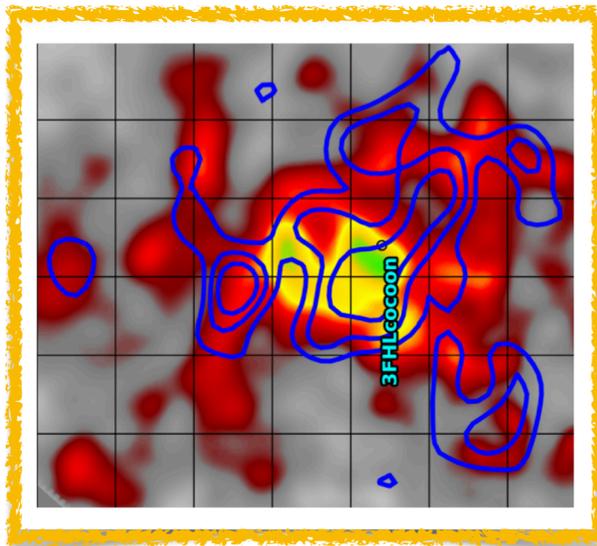
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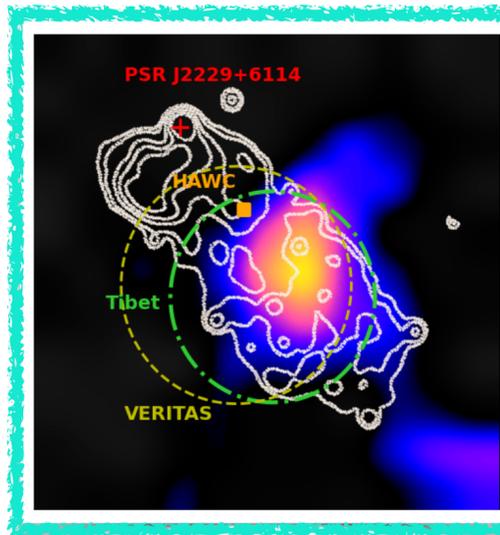
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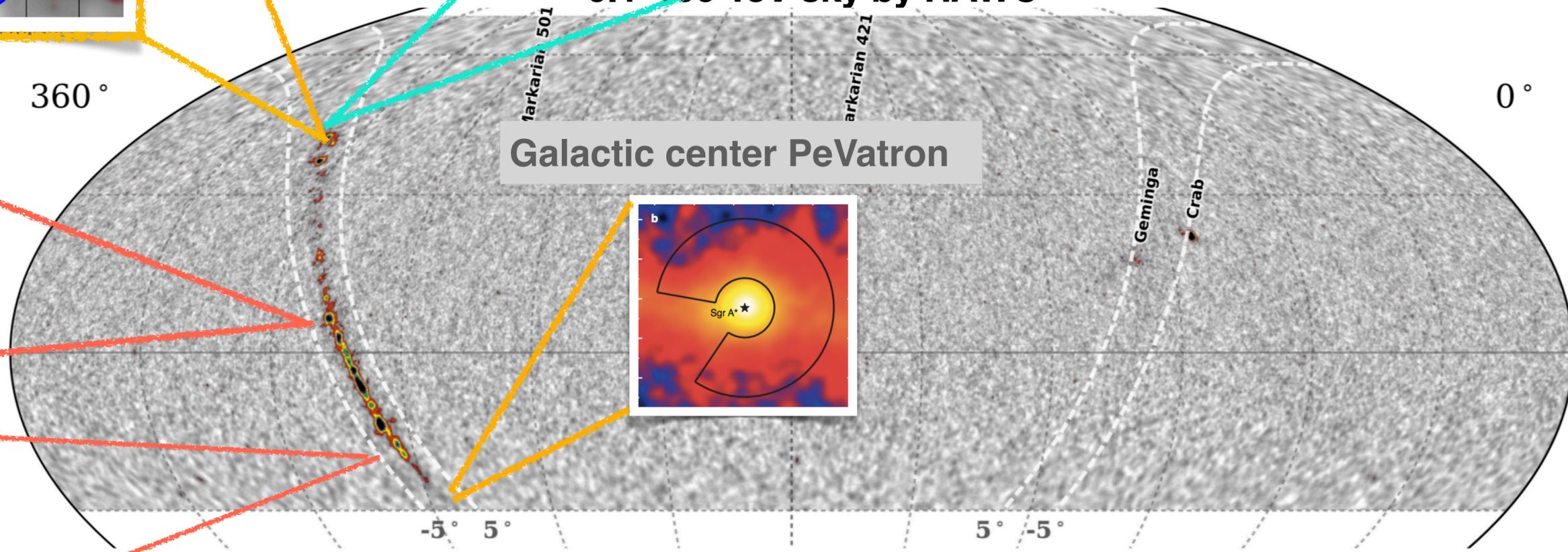


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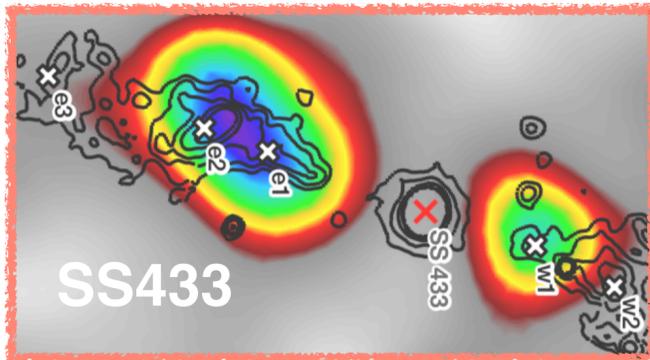
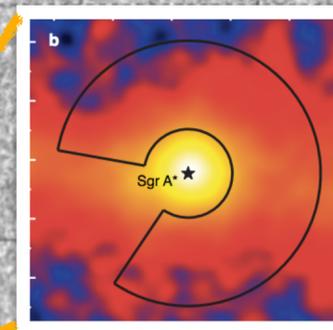


New source classes + expected source class but unexpected look at TeV-PeV

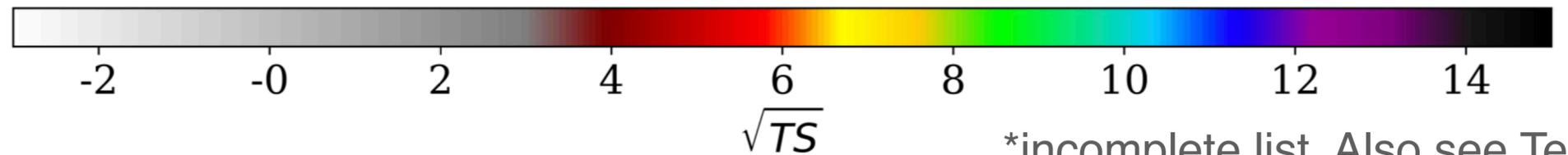
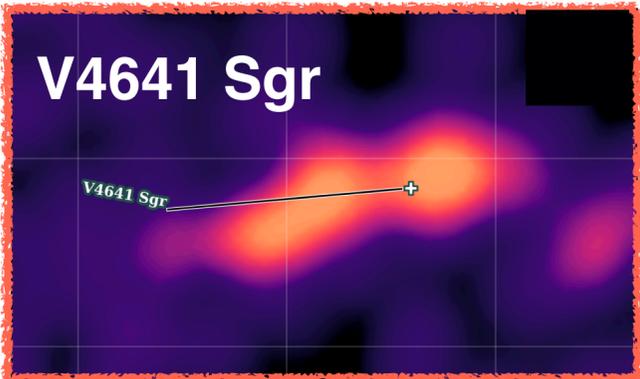
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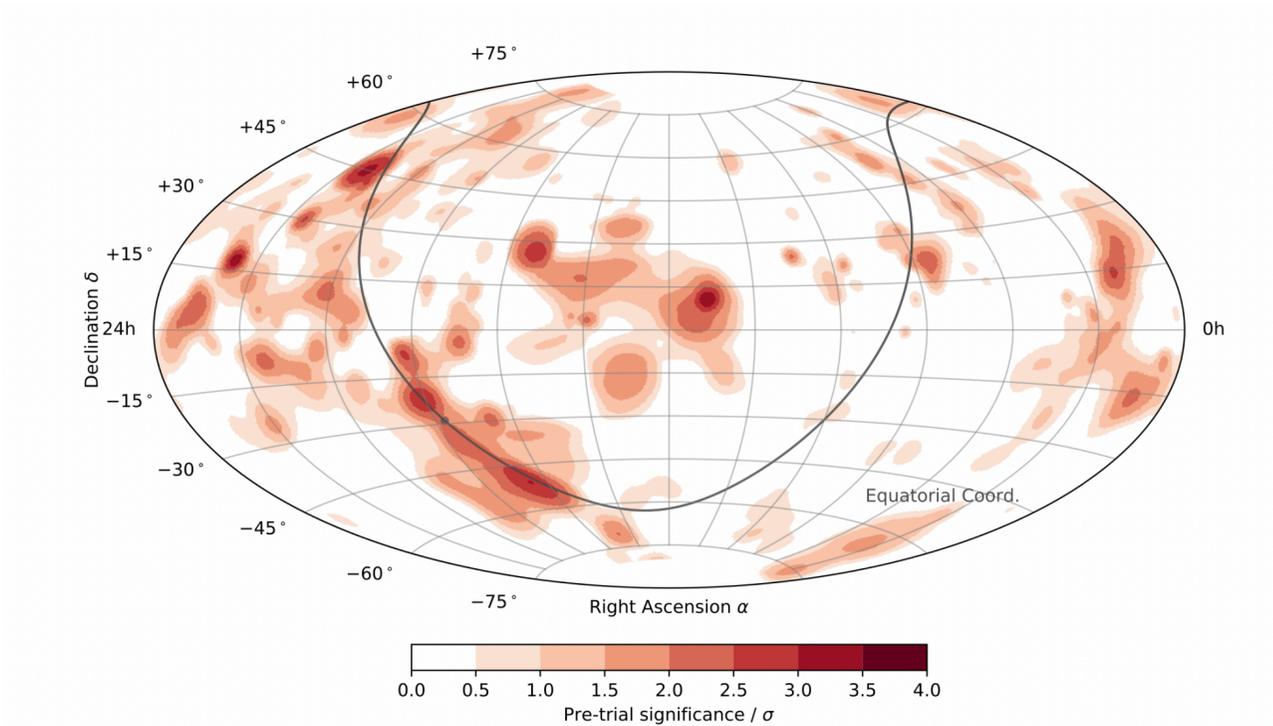


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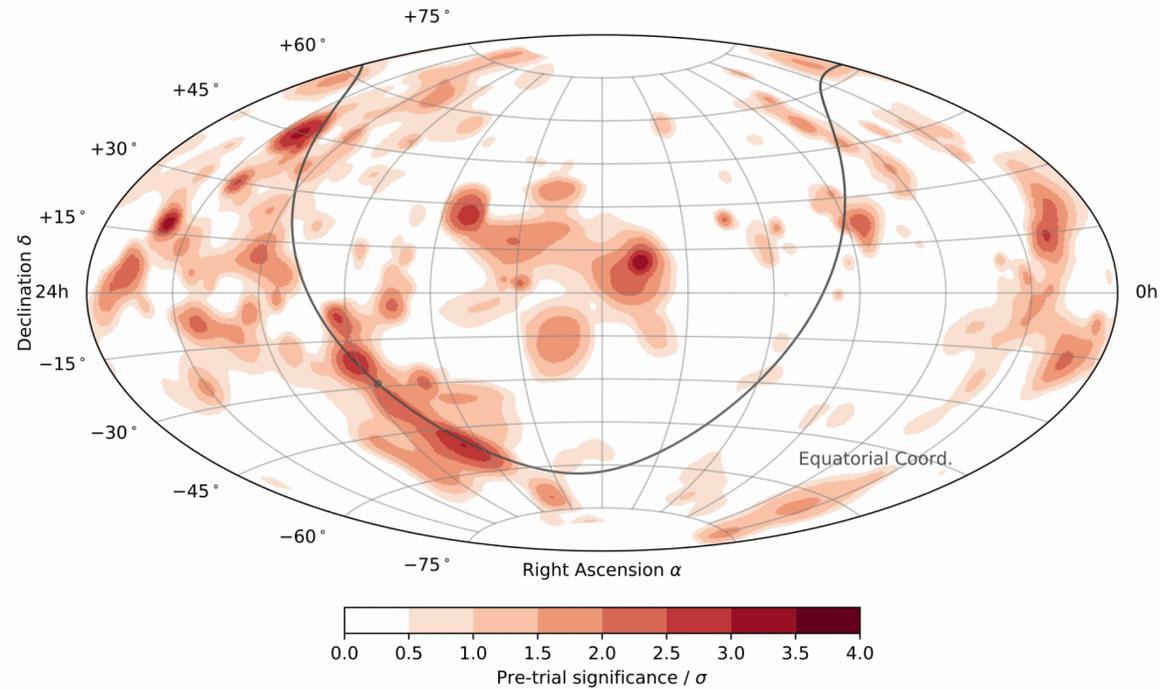


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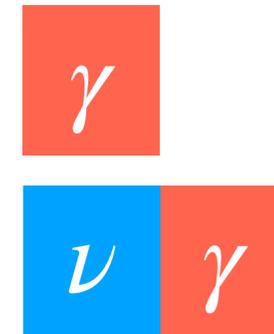
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- **Enhanced data & selection**
 - New event selection in the Southern sky (ESTES)
 - Multi-flavor combined sample
- **Various source classes:**
 - XRBs (7.5 years of tracks)
 - PWNe (9.5 years of point-source data)
 - LHAASO UHE sources (11 yr tracks)
 - Extended gamma-ray sources (10 yr tracks)
- **Joint search in gamma-ray data**
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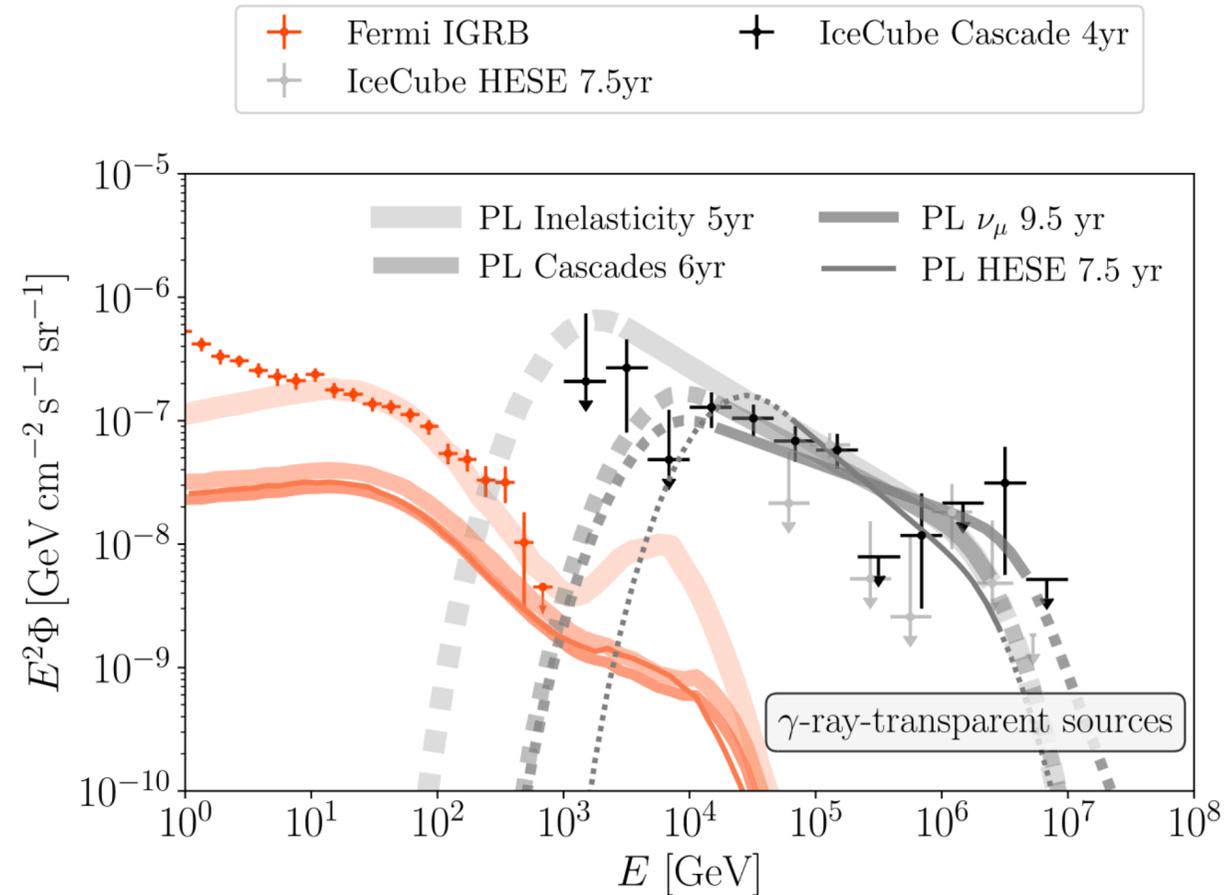
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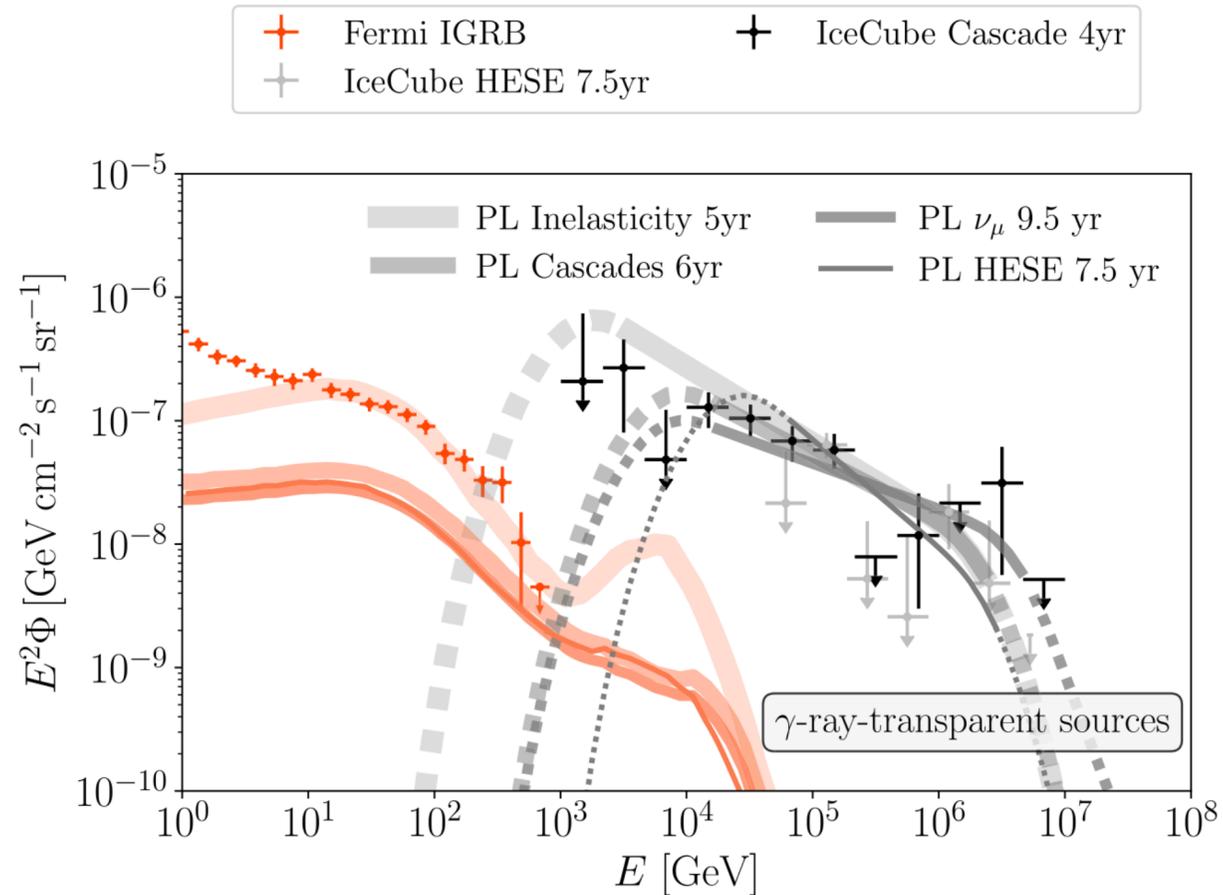
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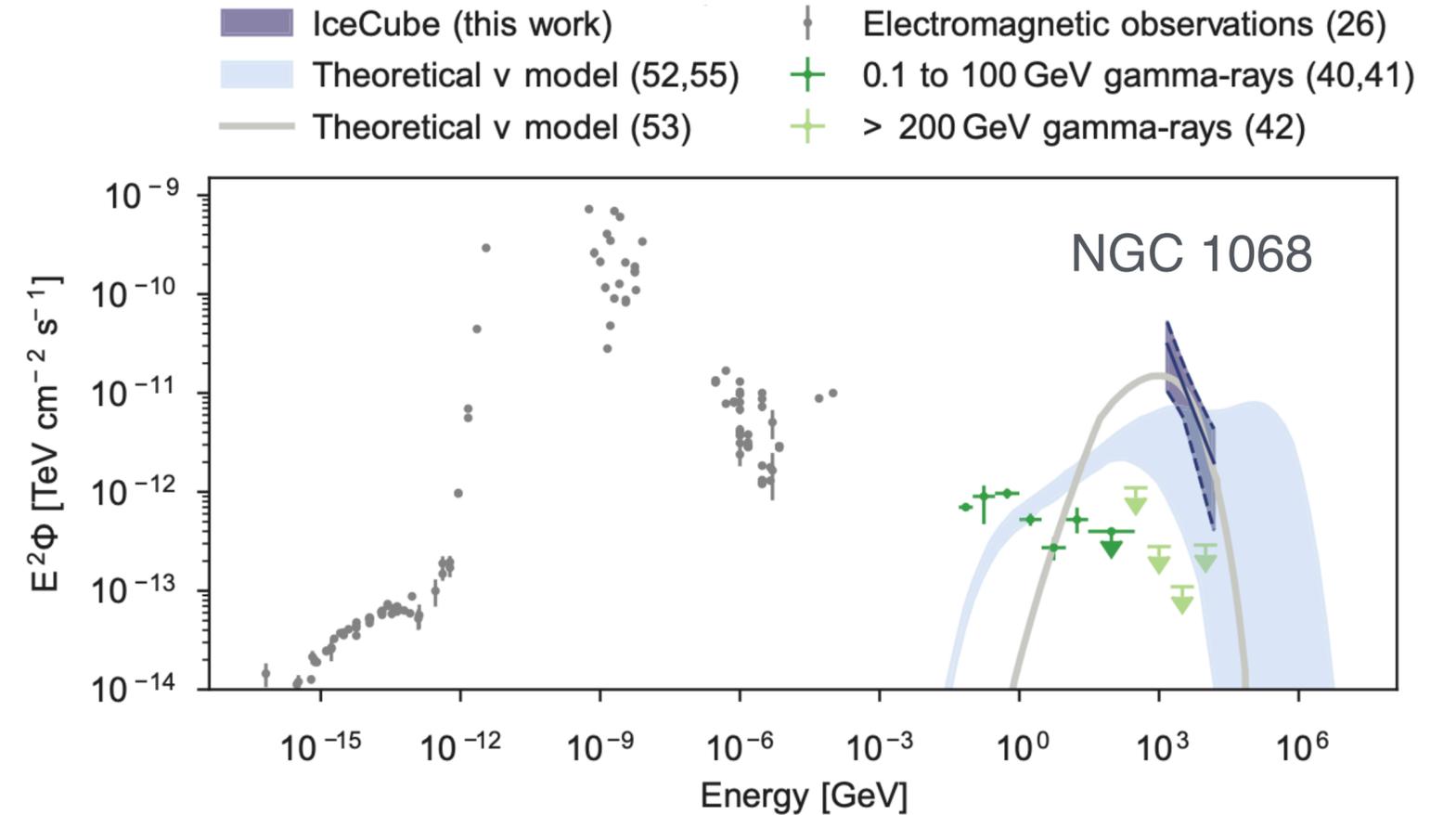
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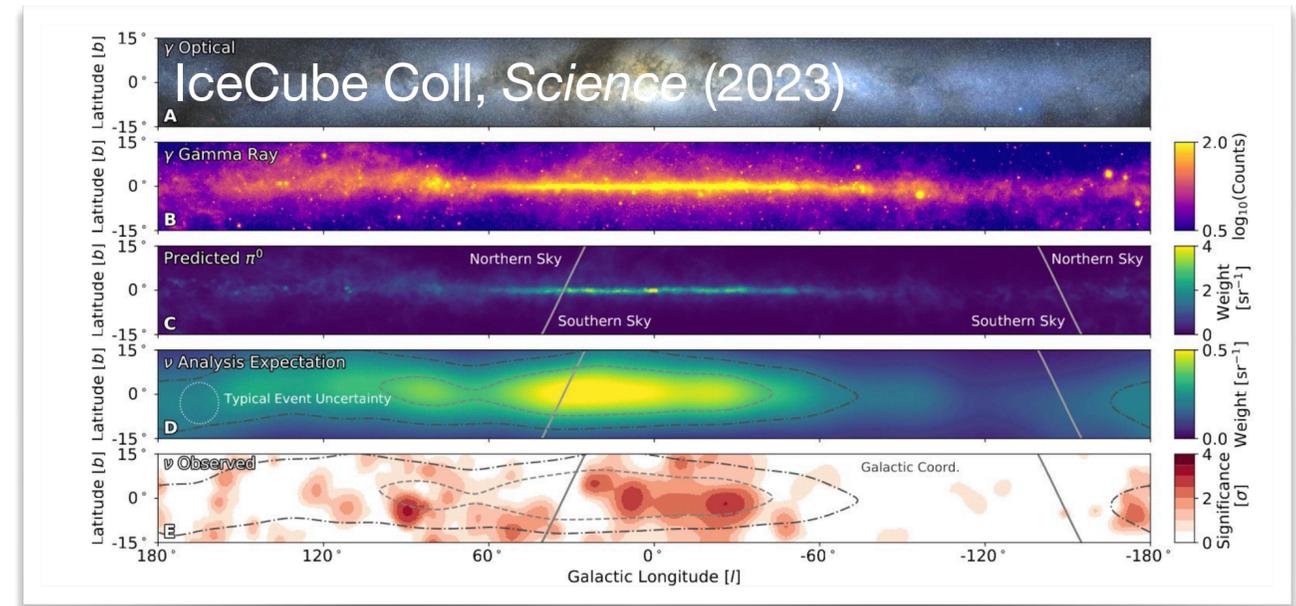
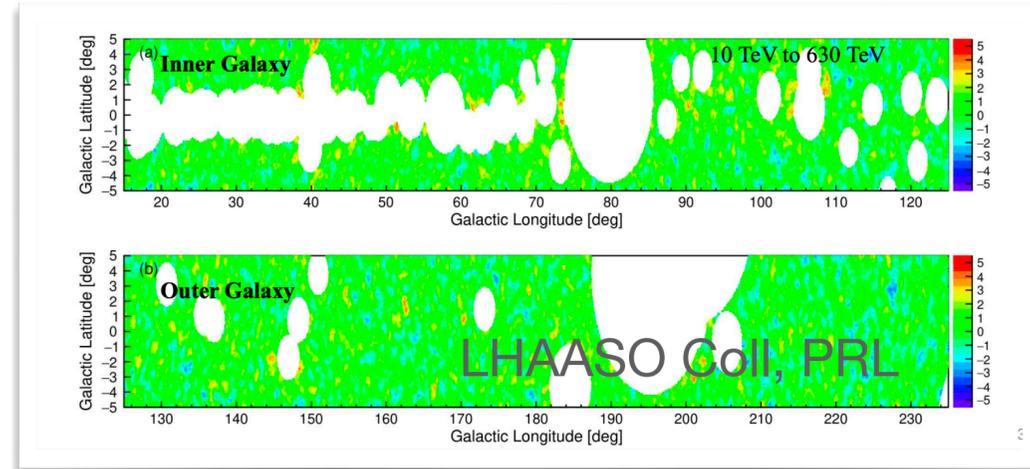
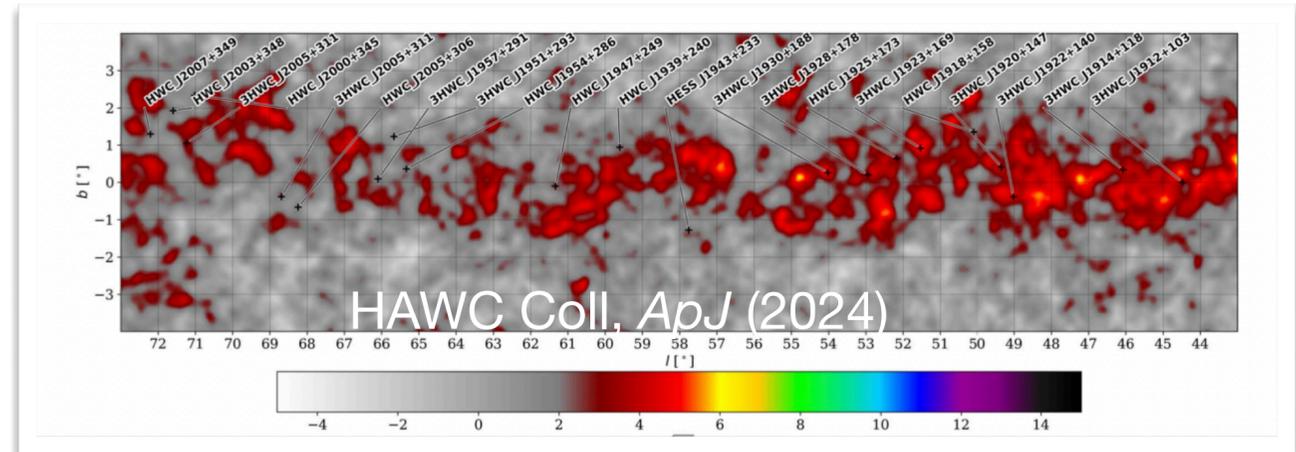
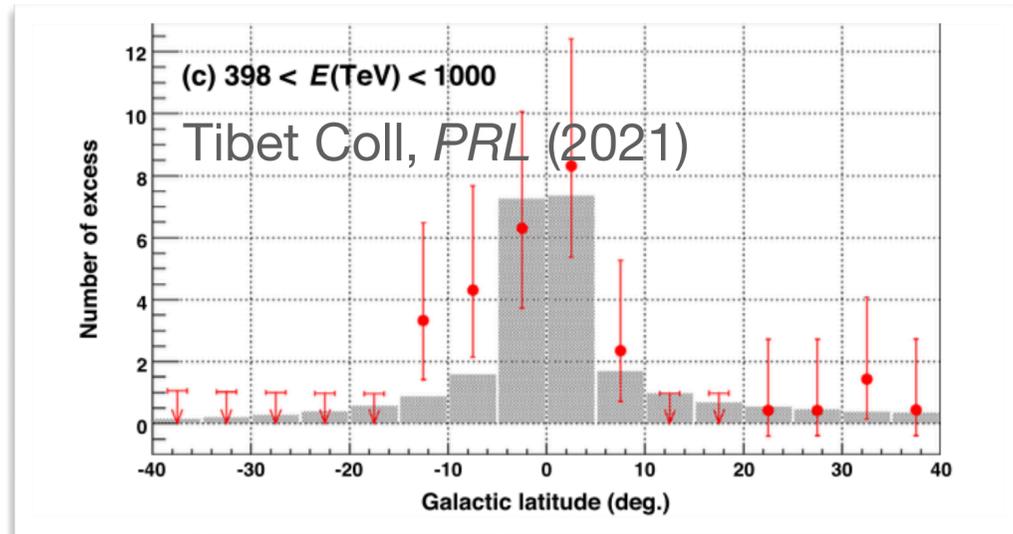
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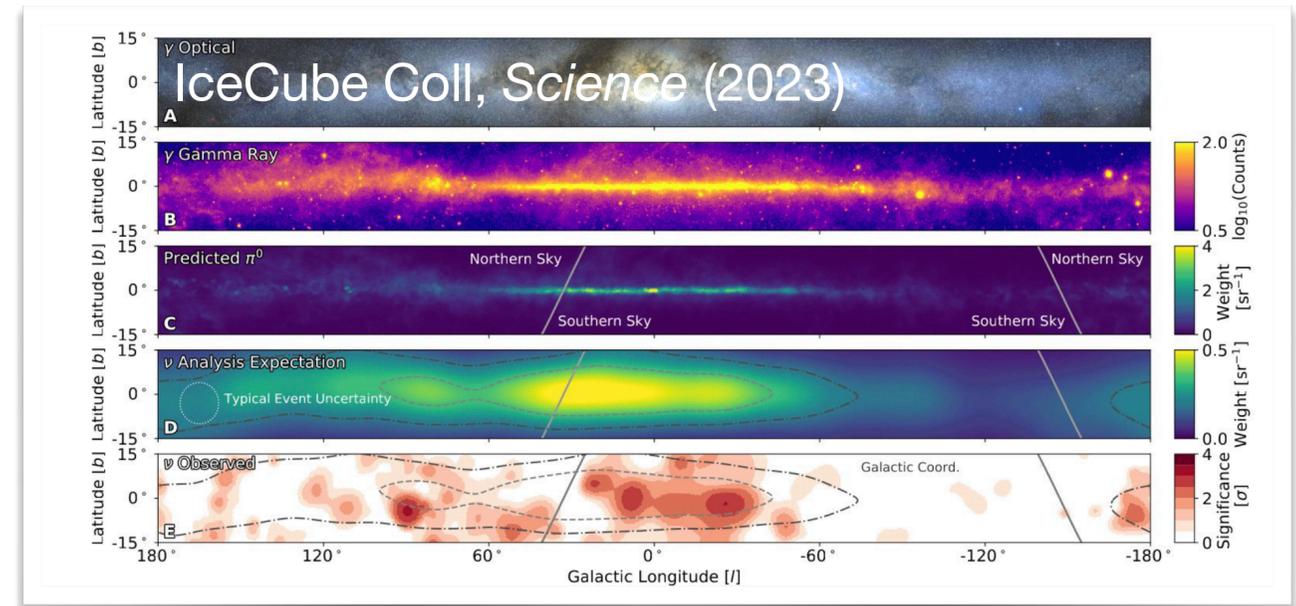
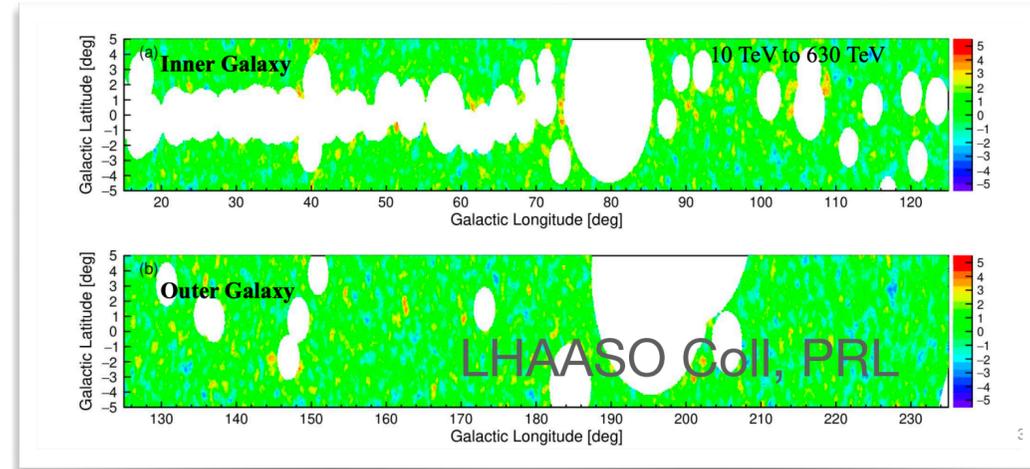
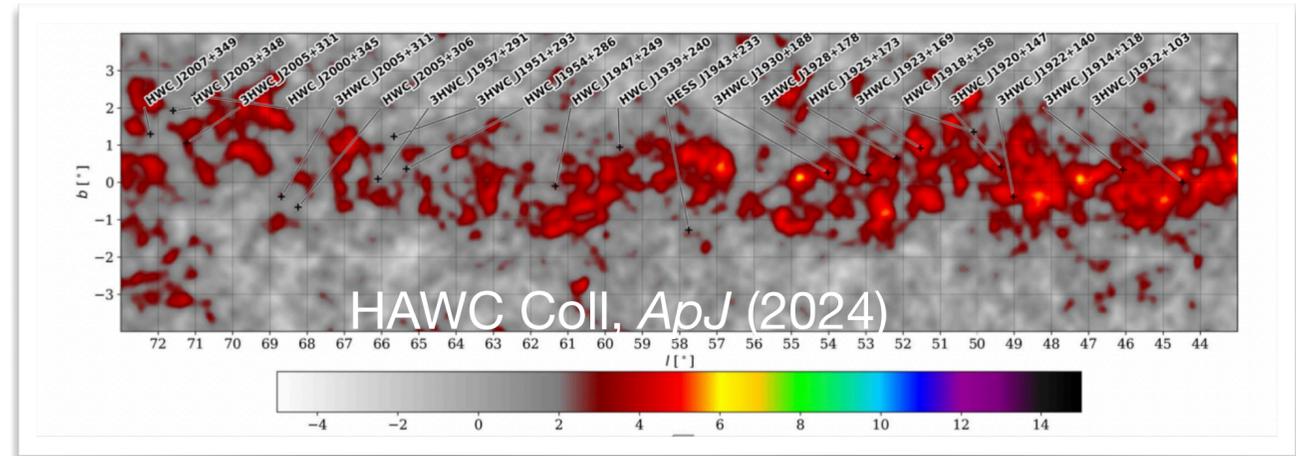
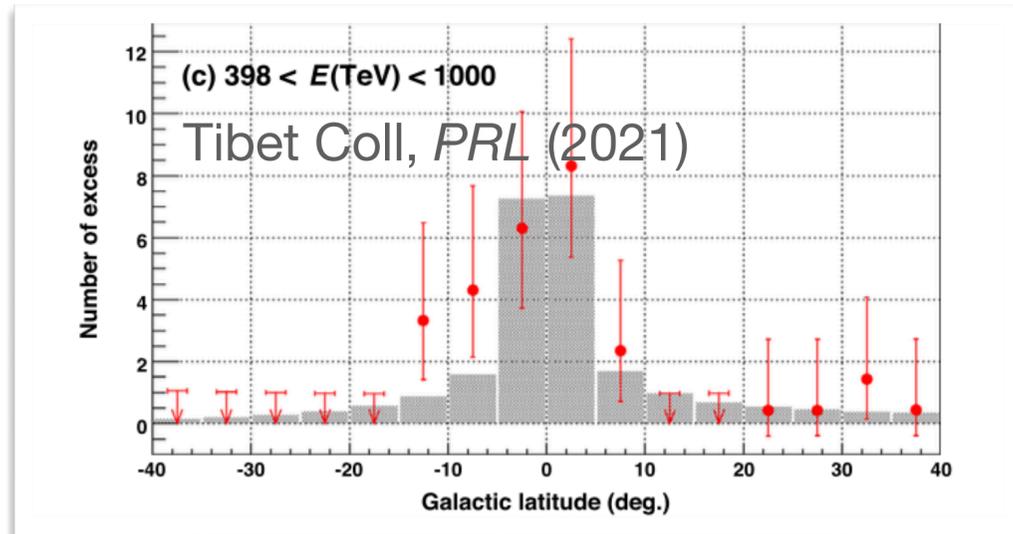
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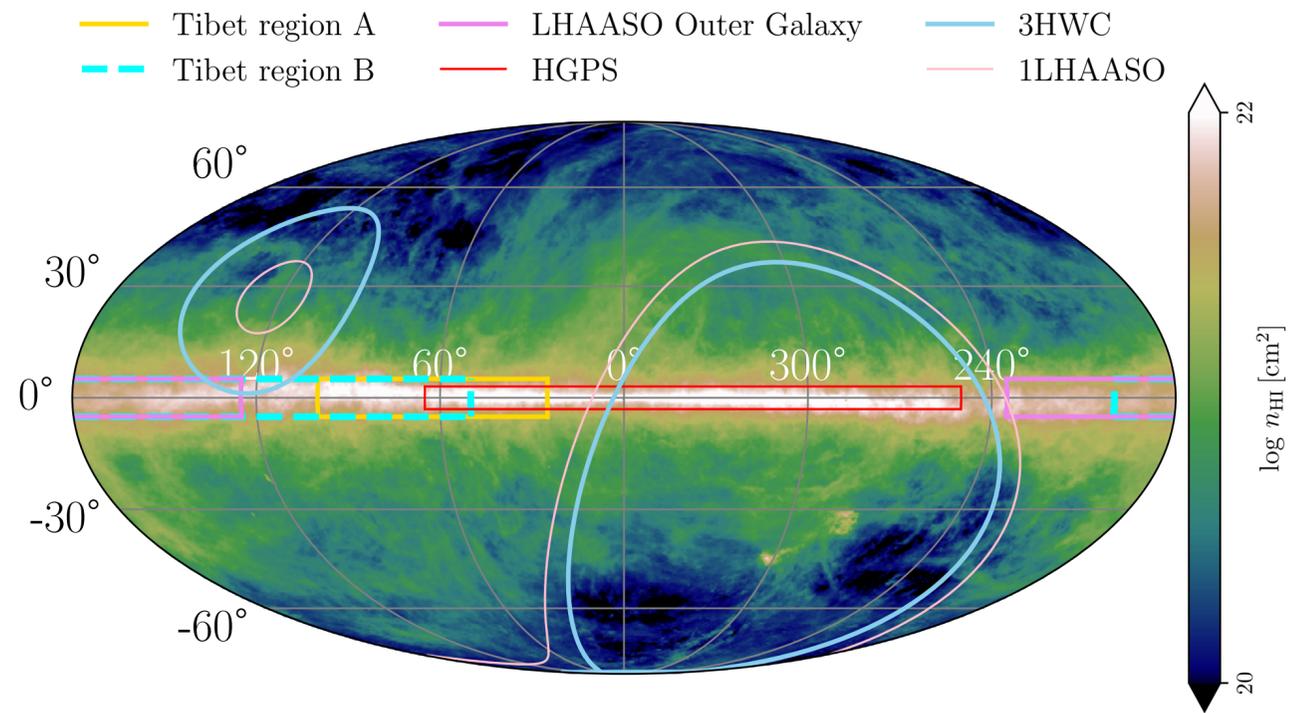


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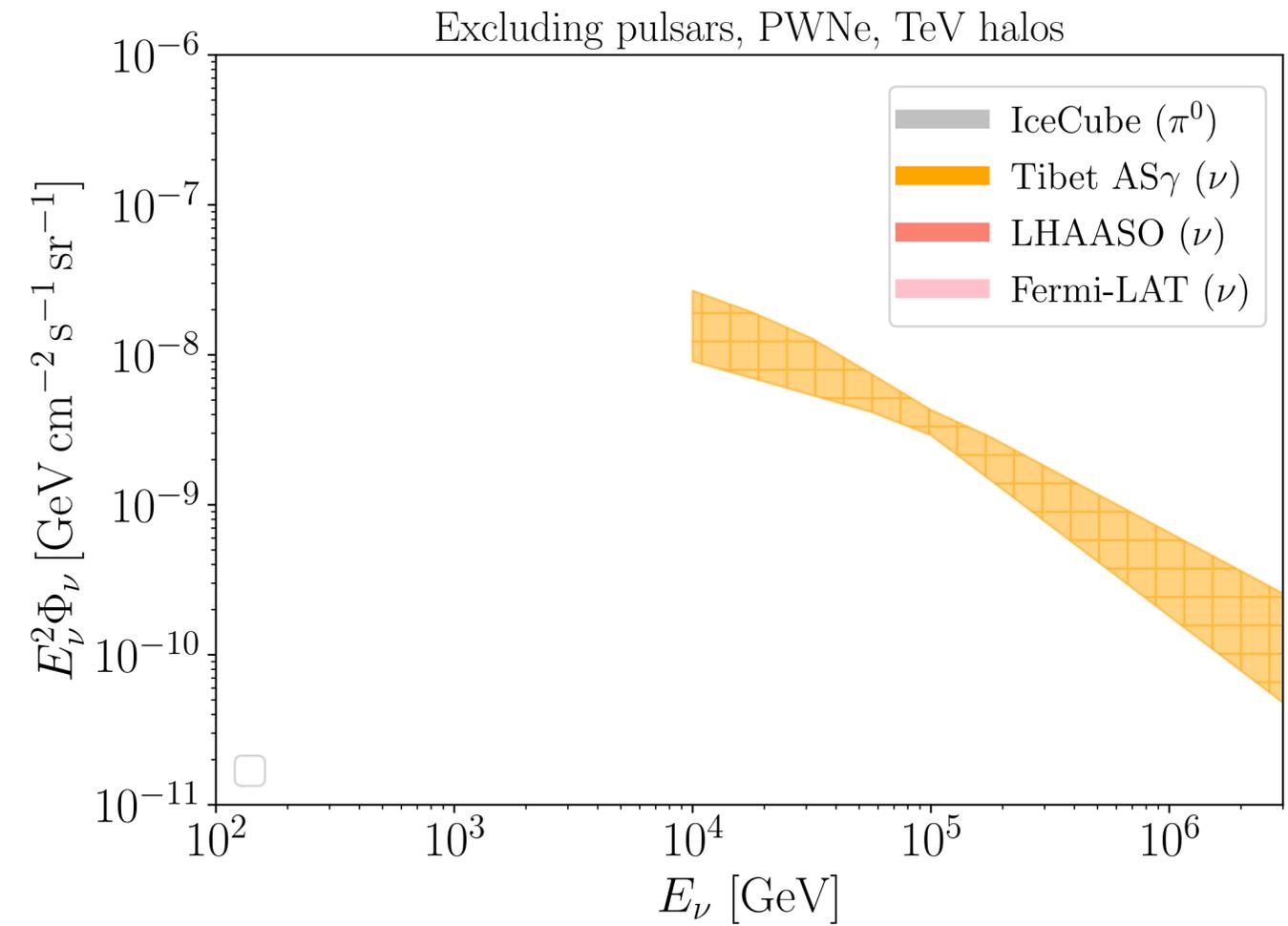
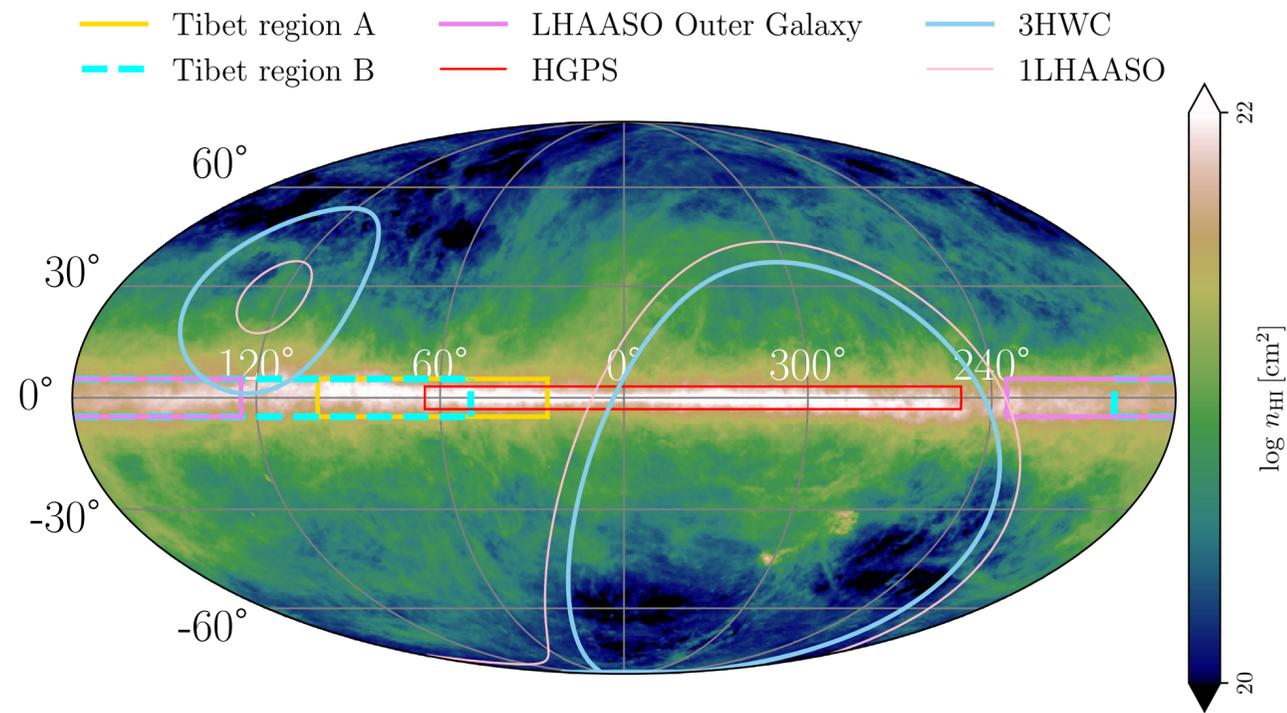
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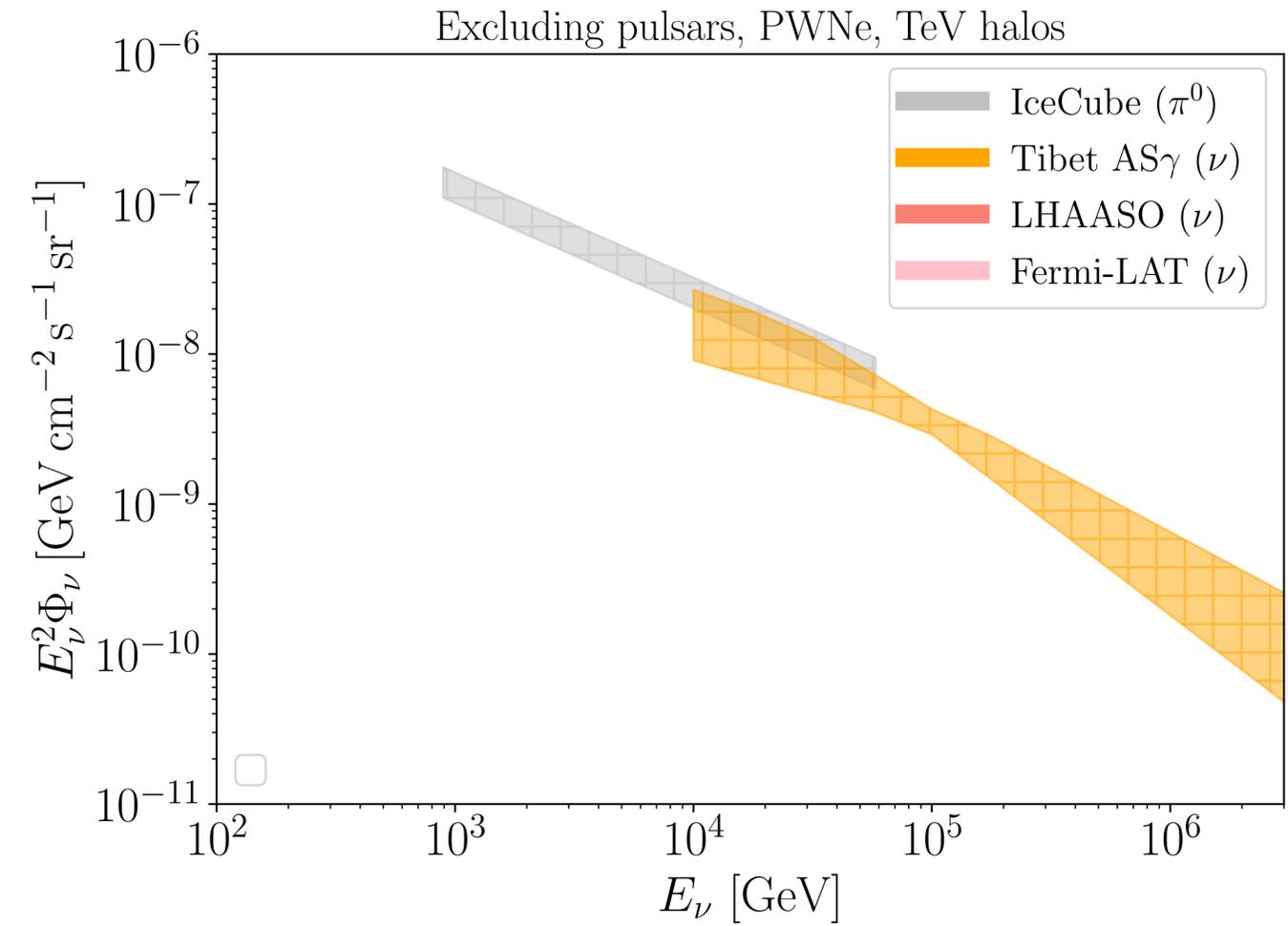
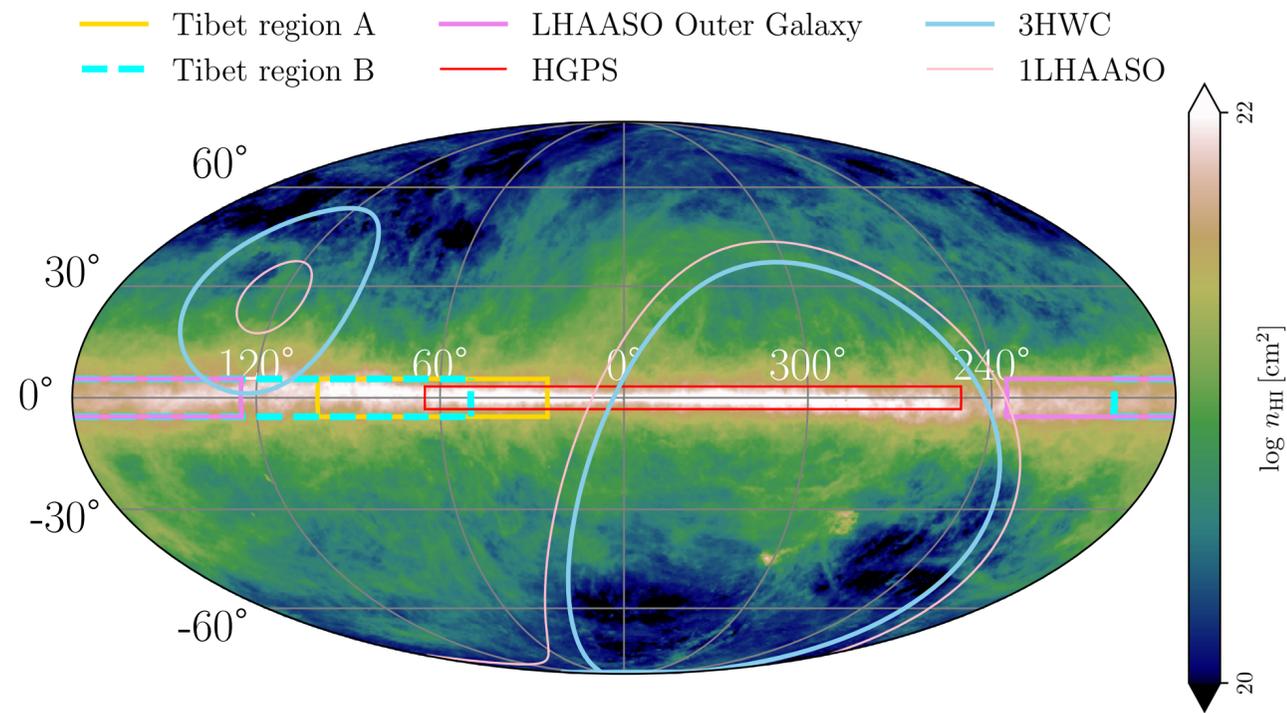
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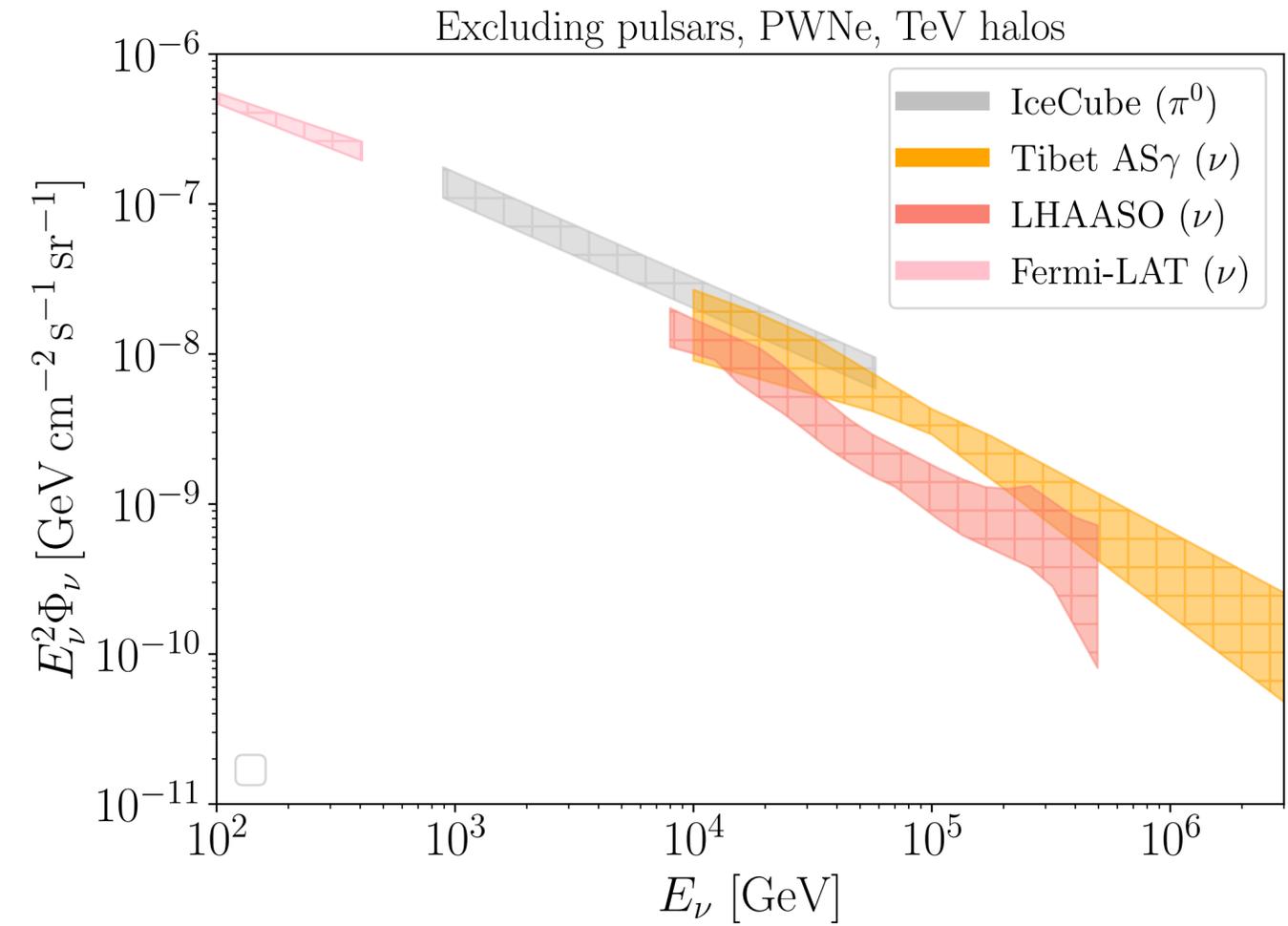
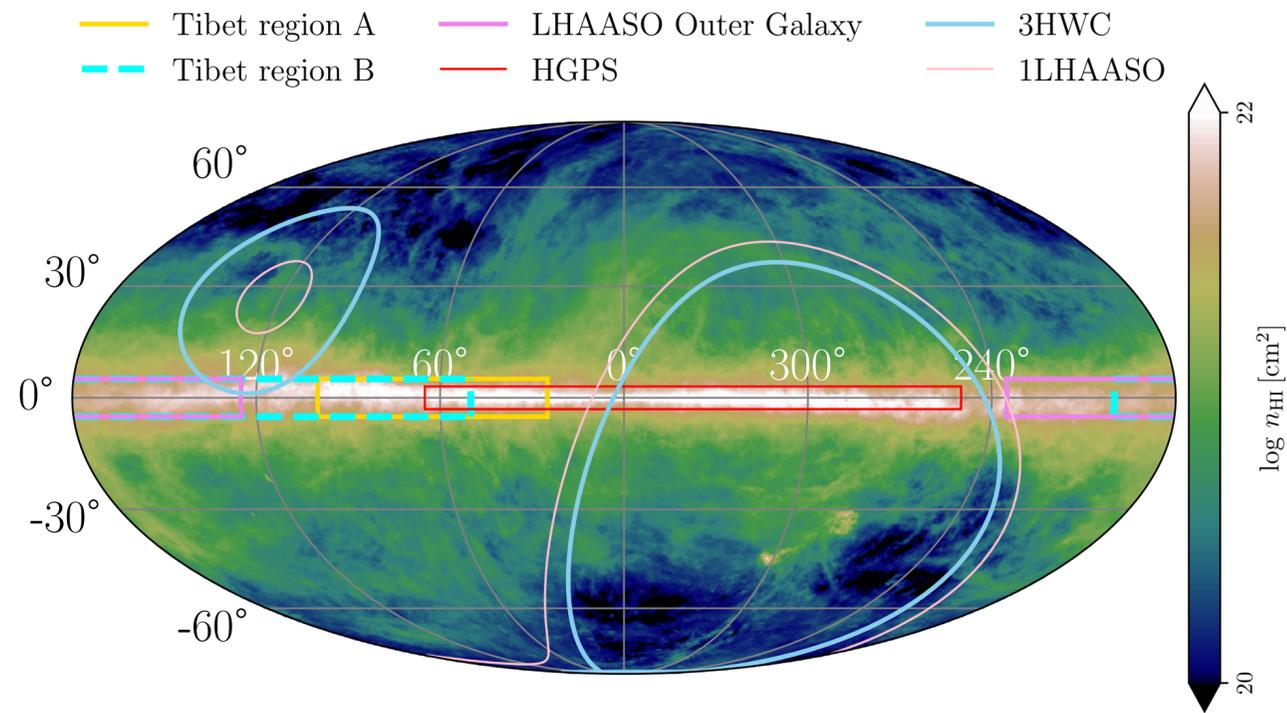
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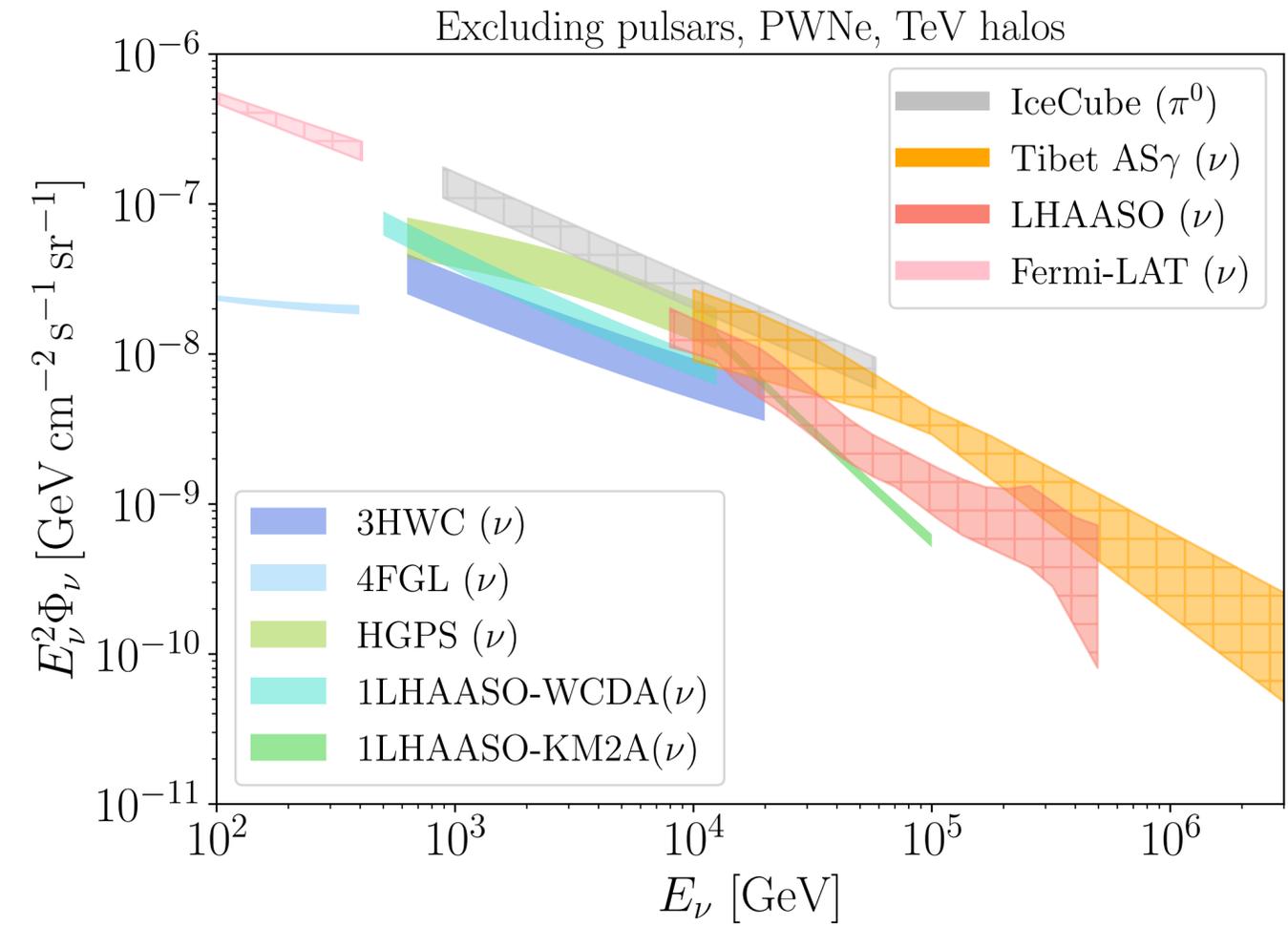
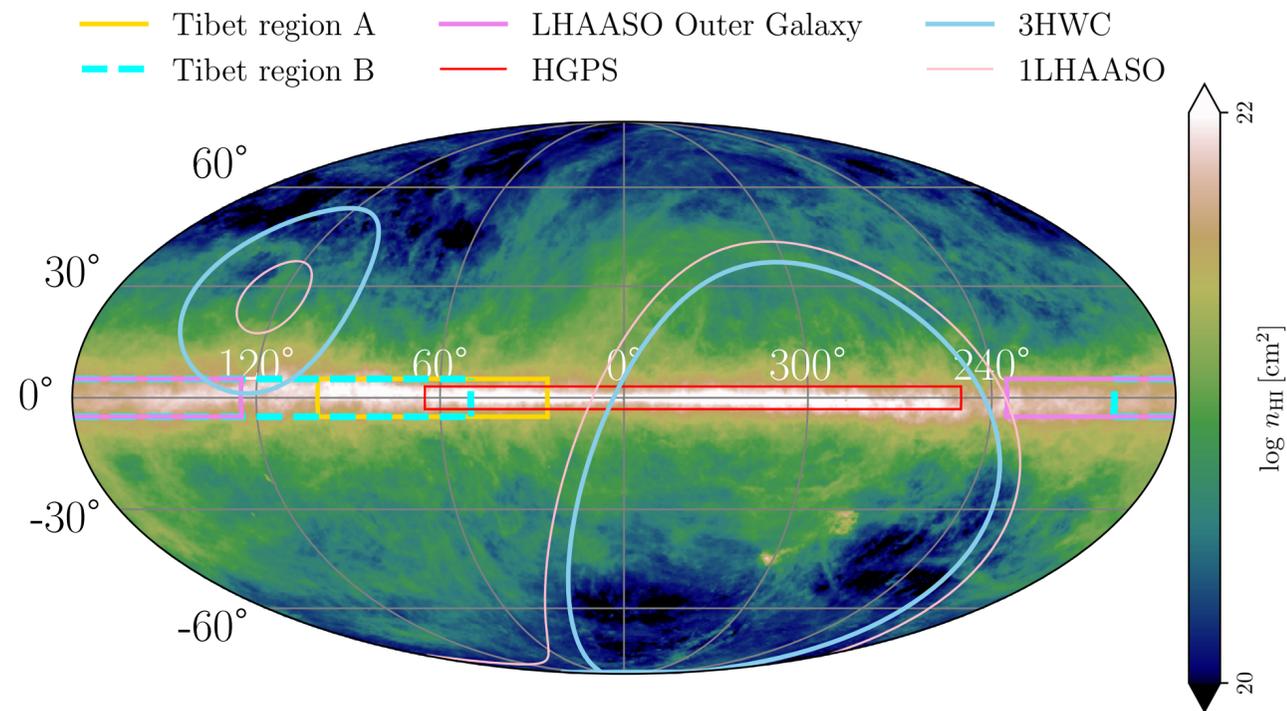
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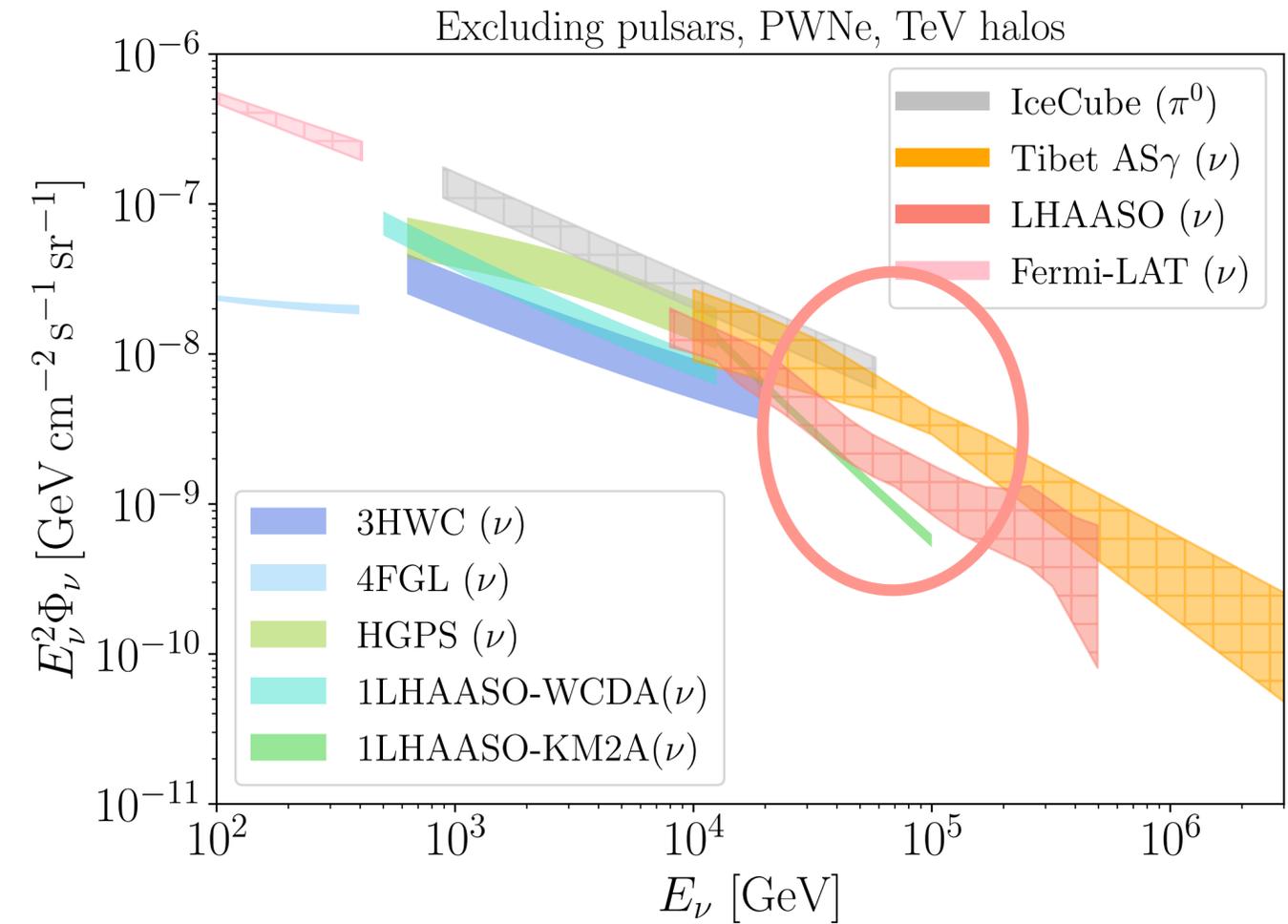
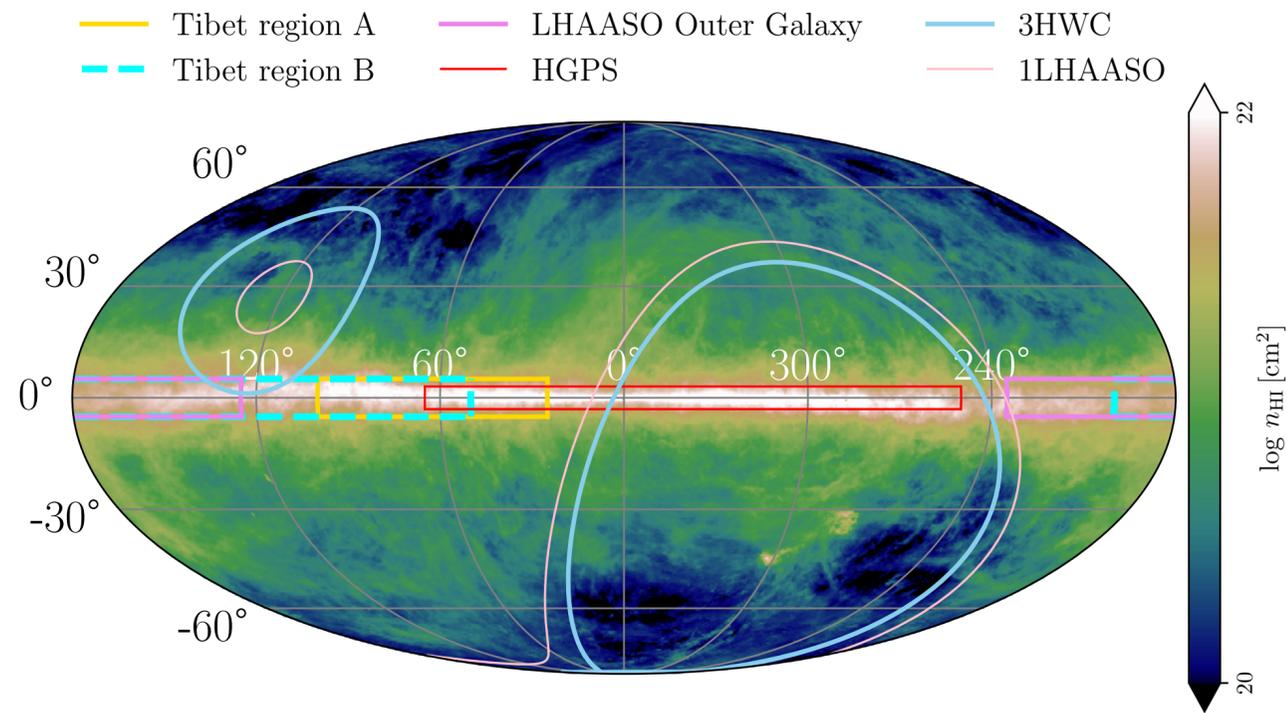
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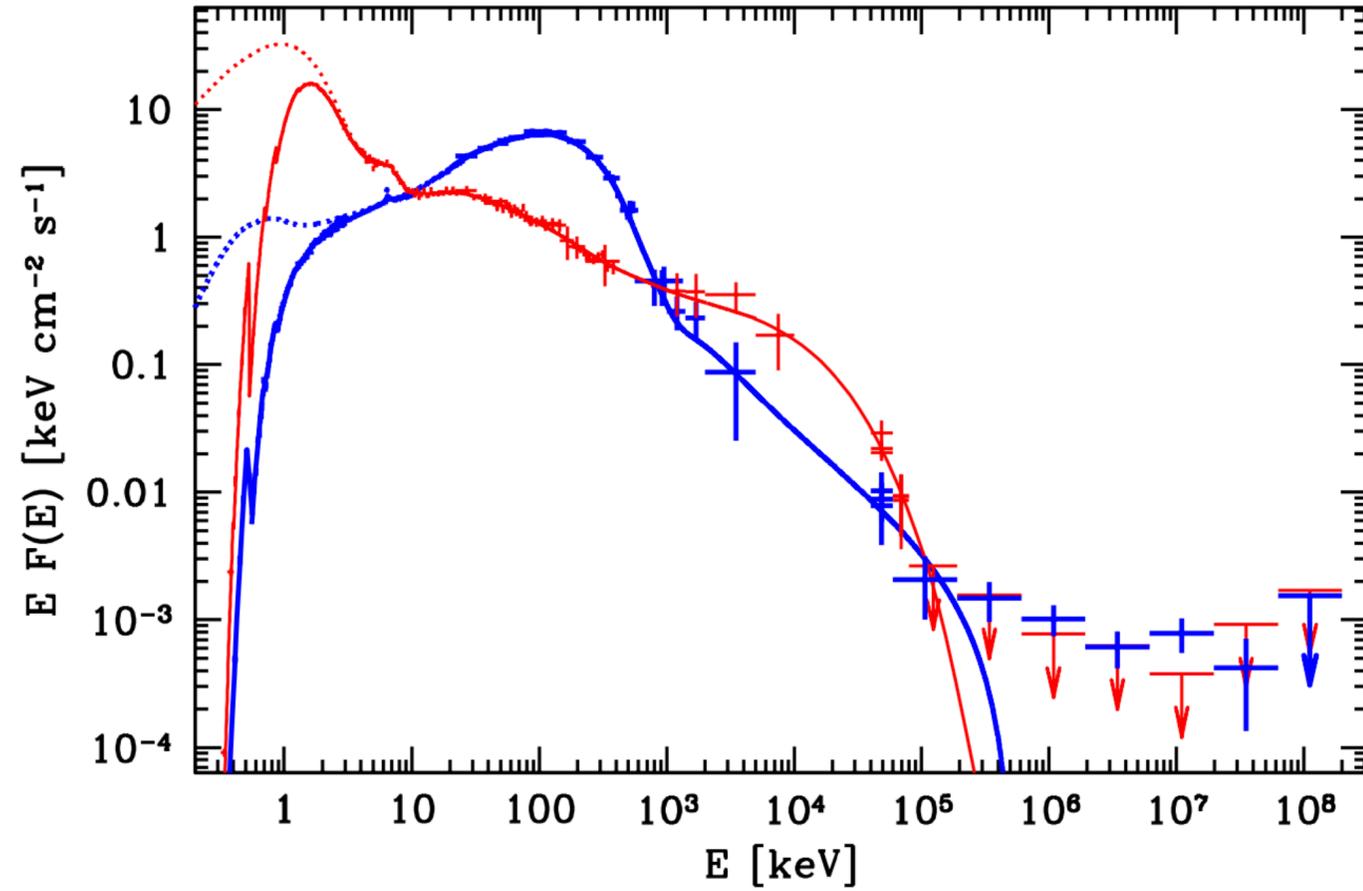
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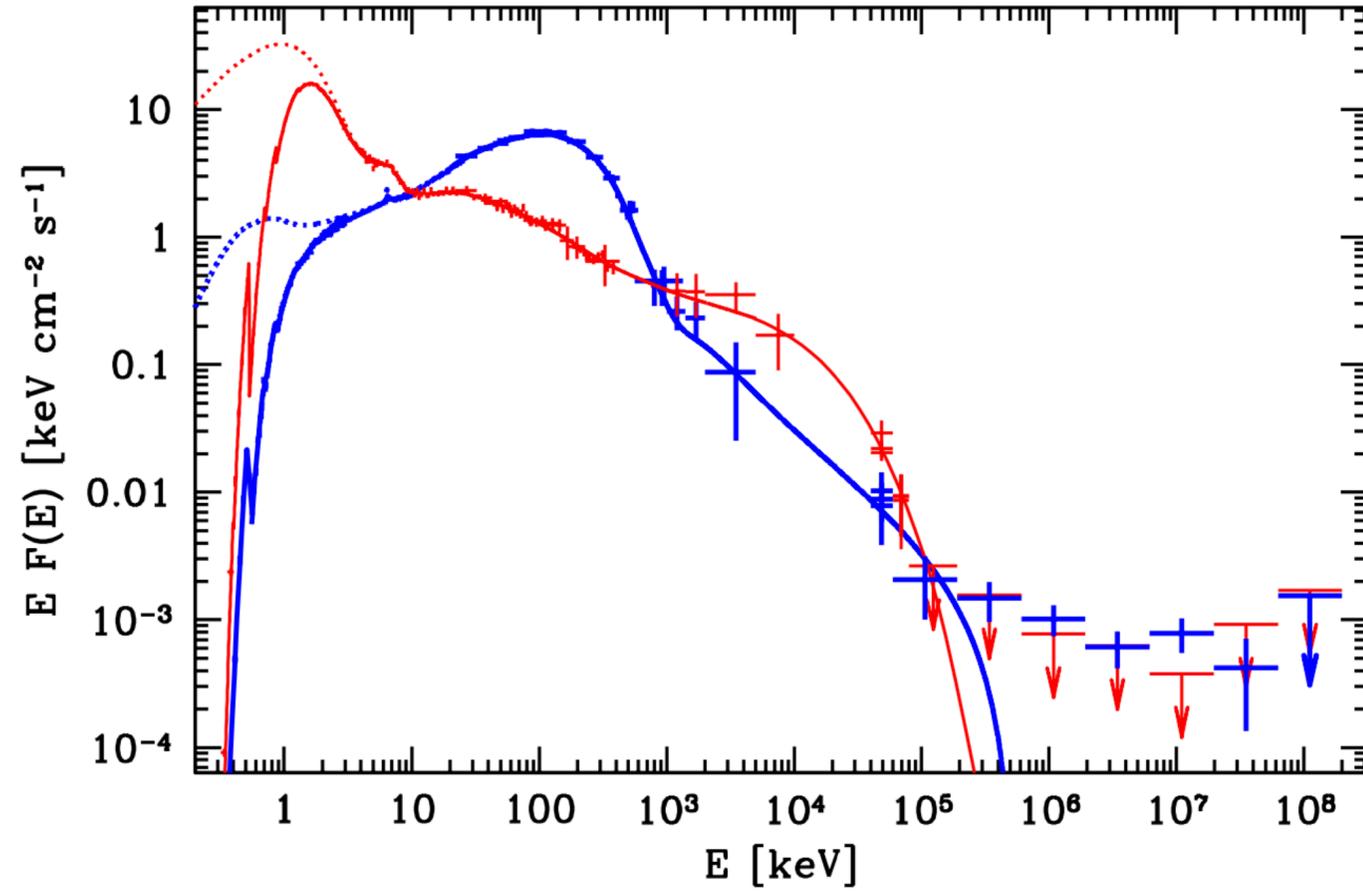
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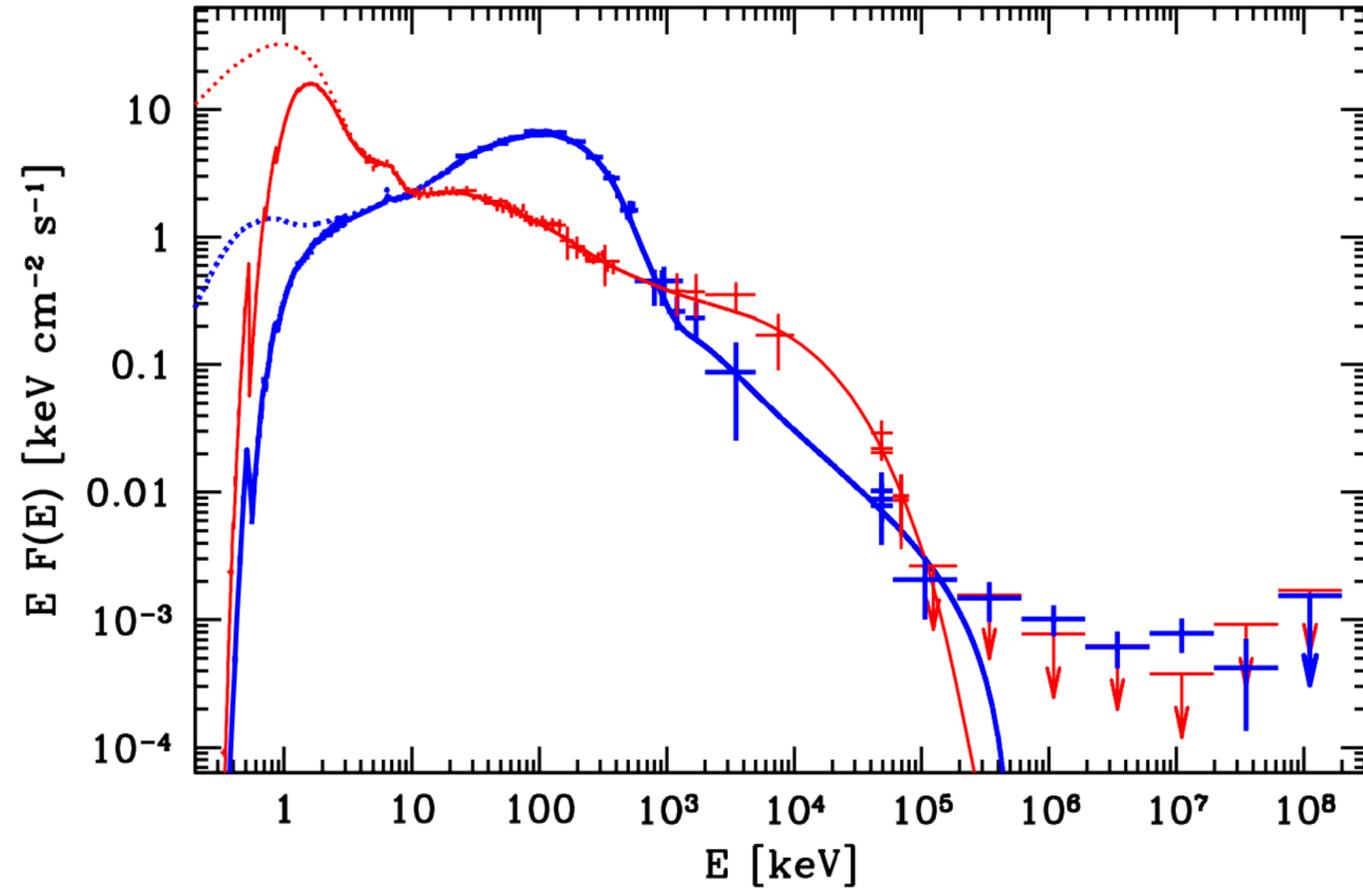


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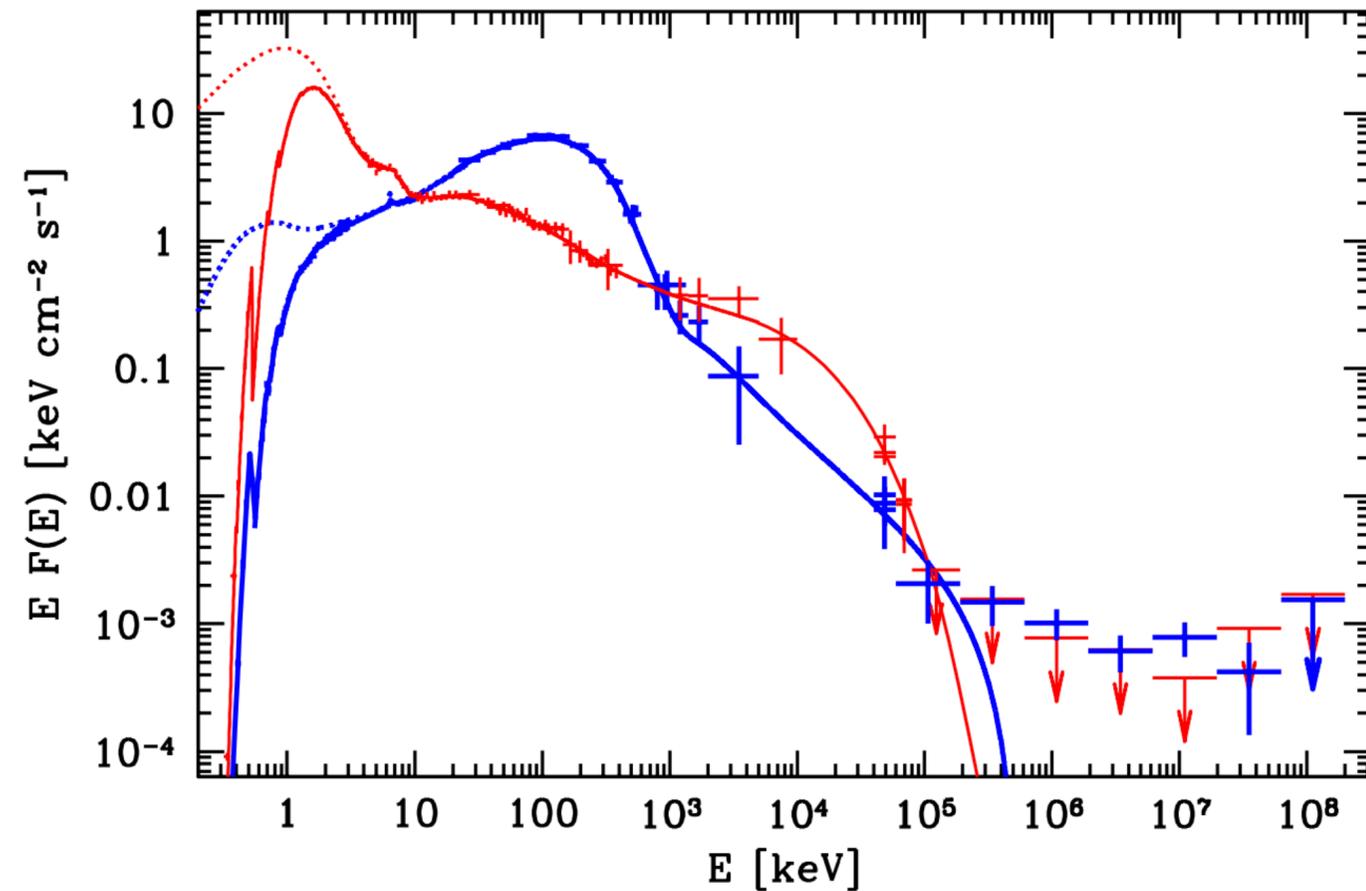
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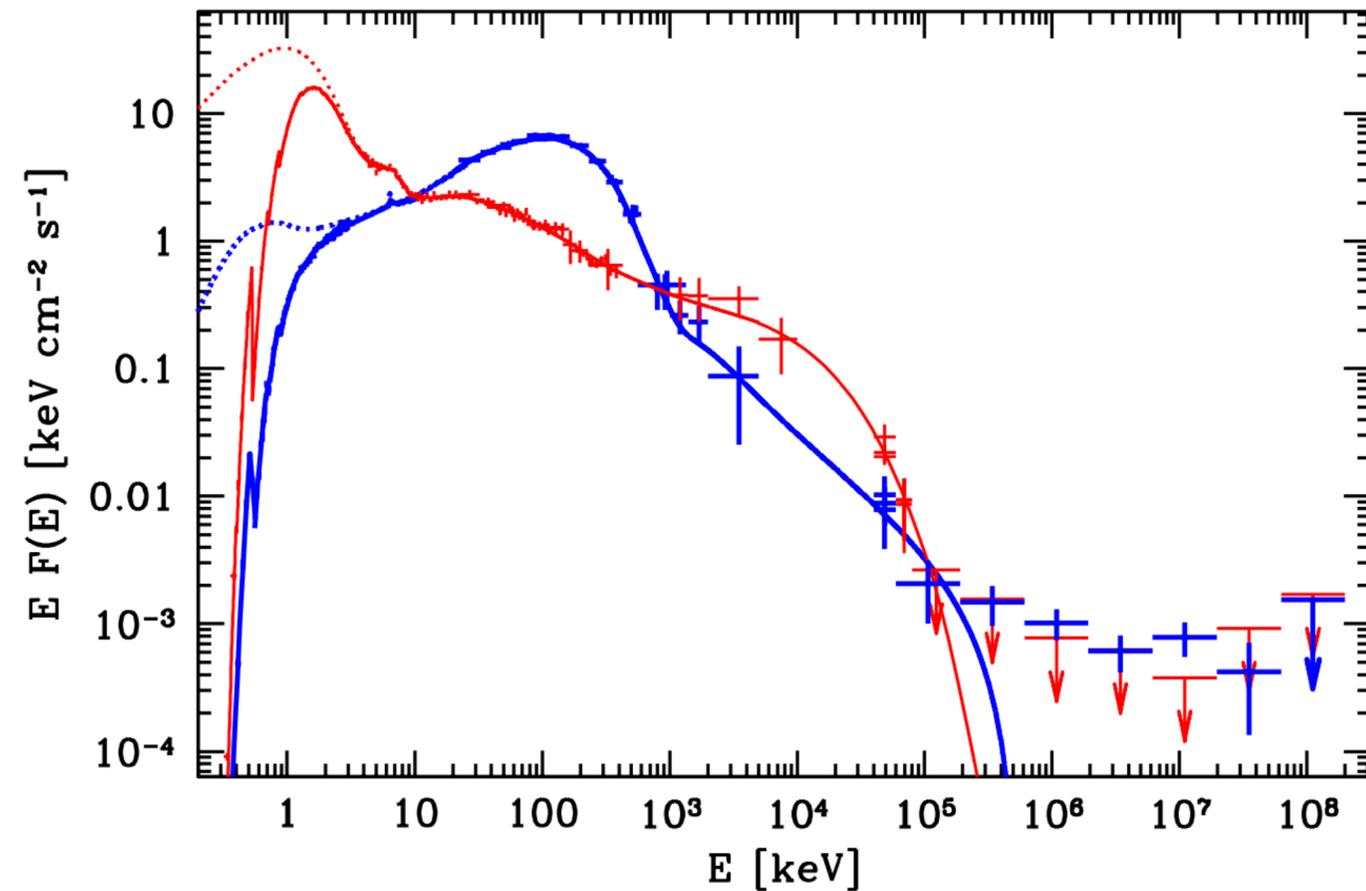
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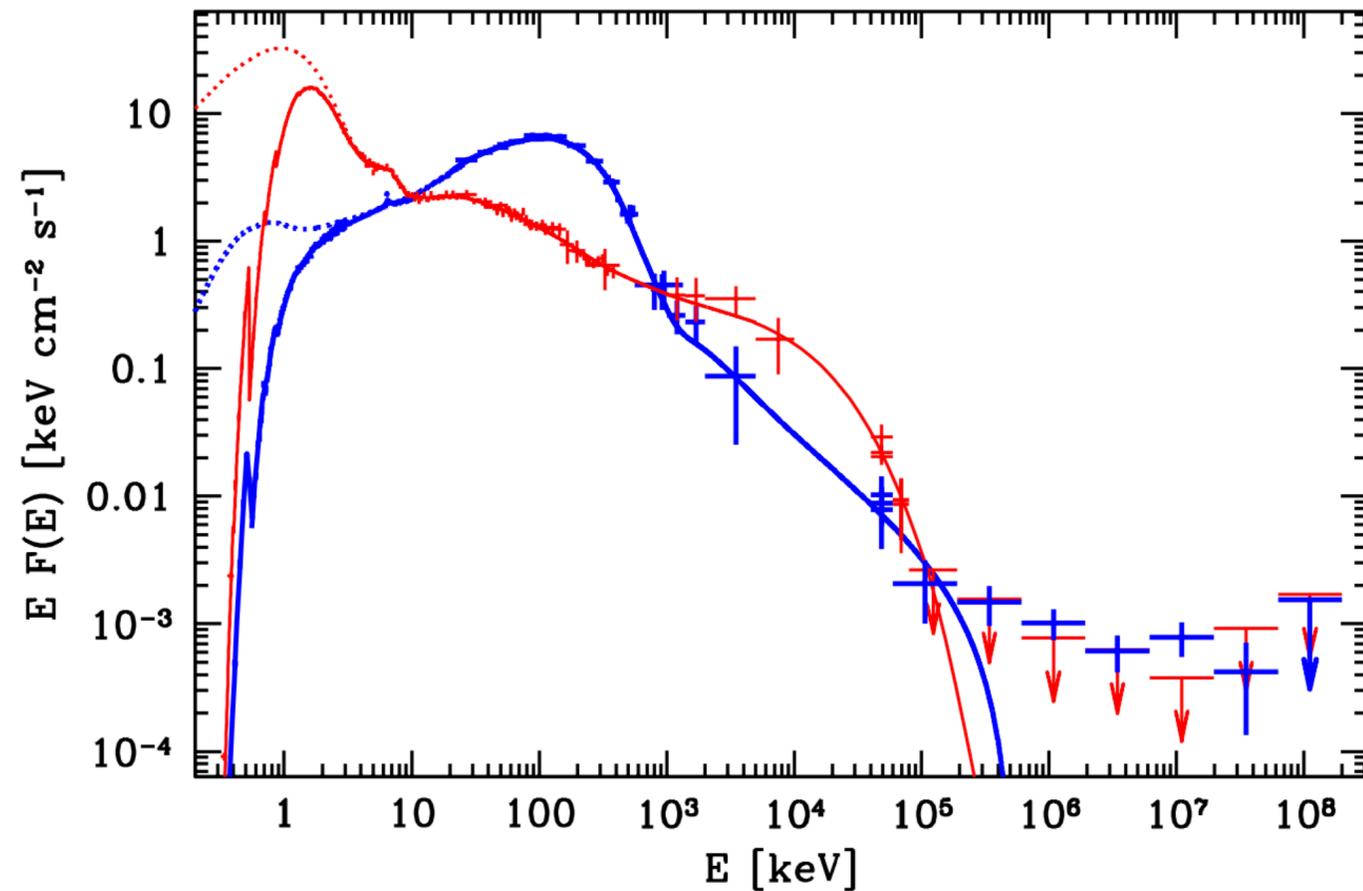
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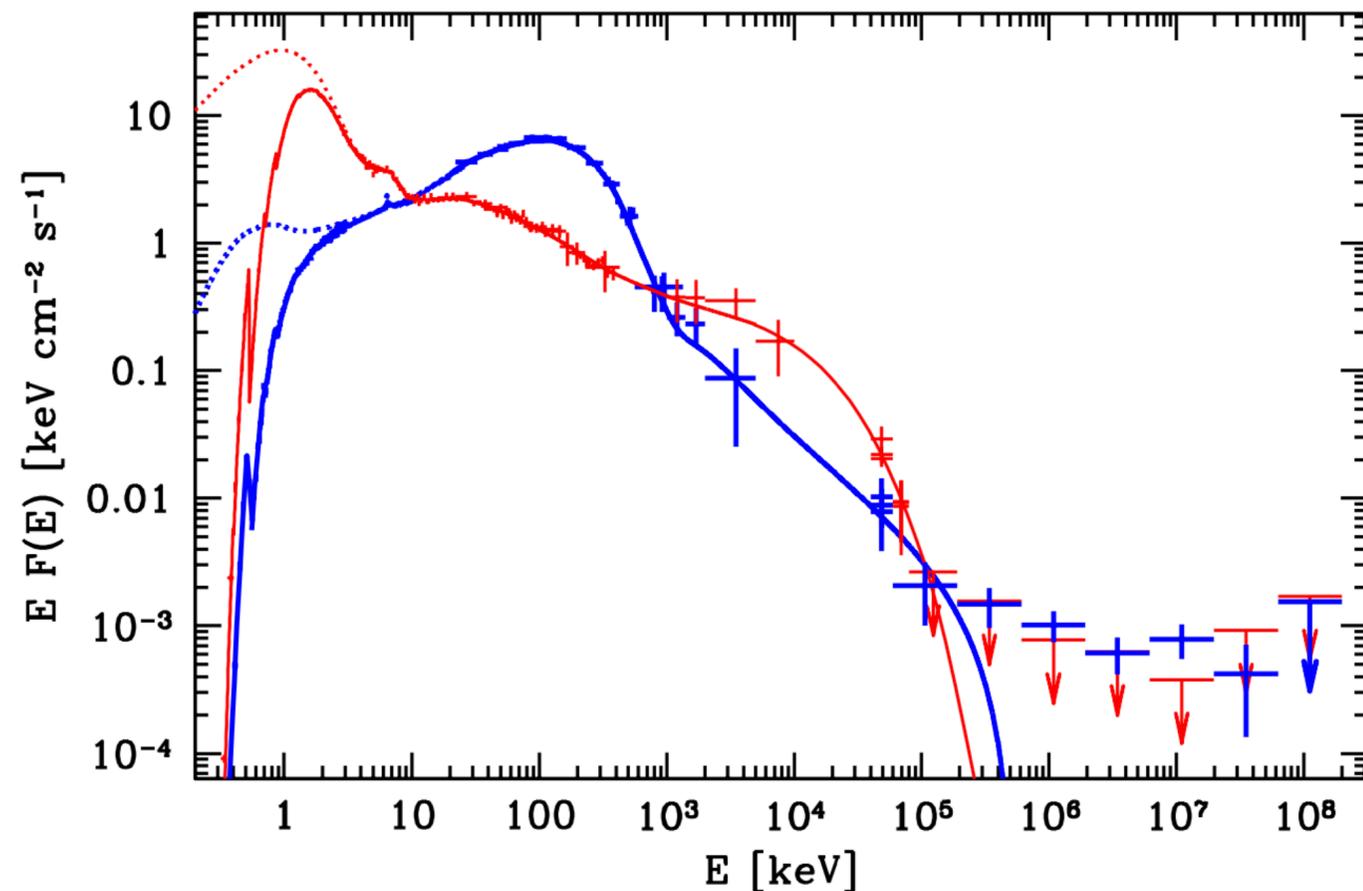
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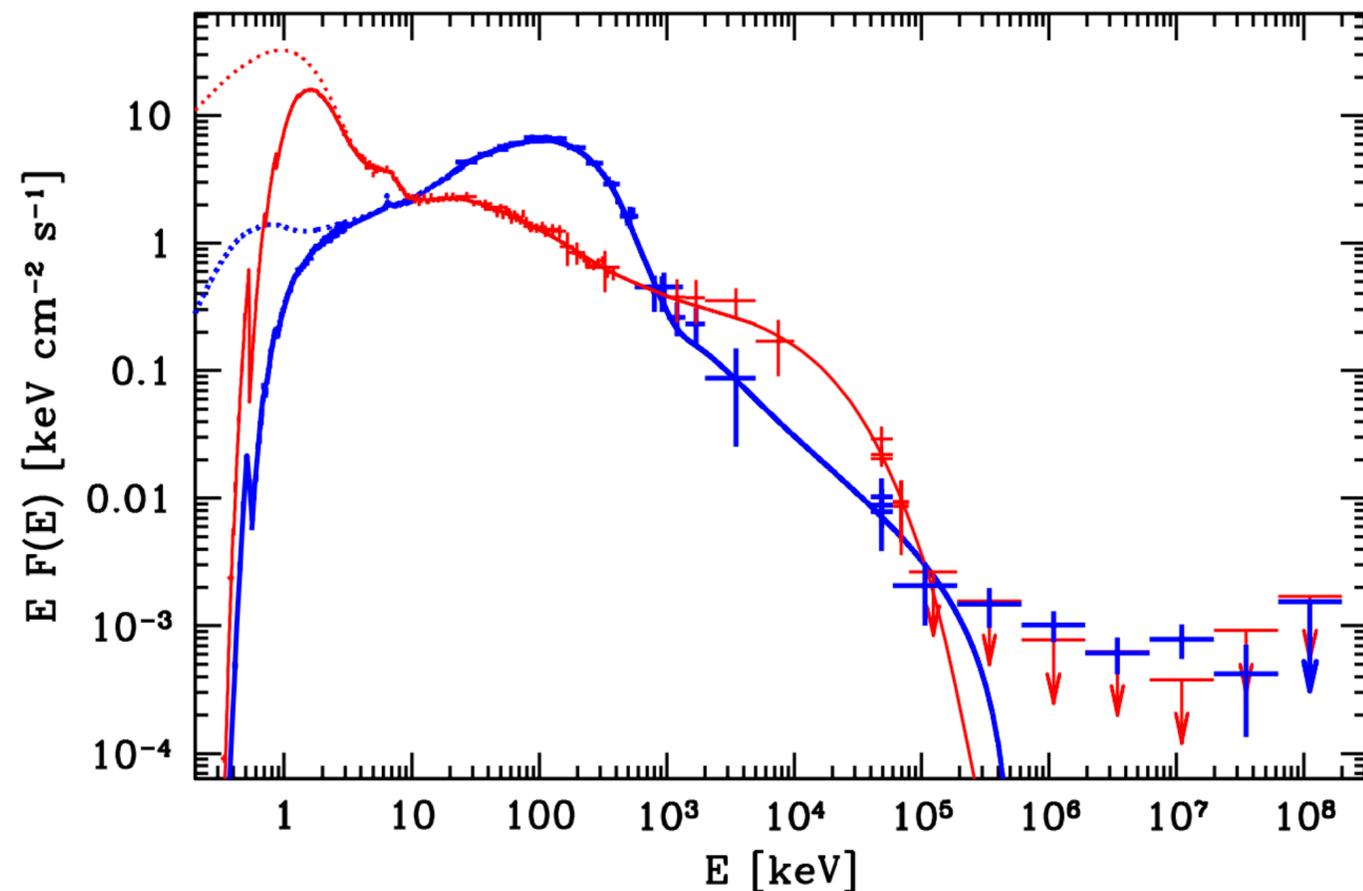
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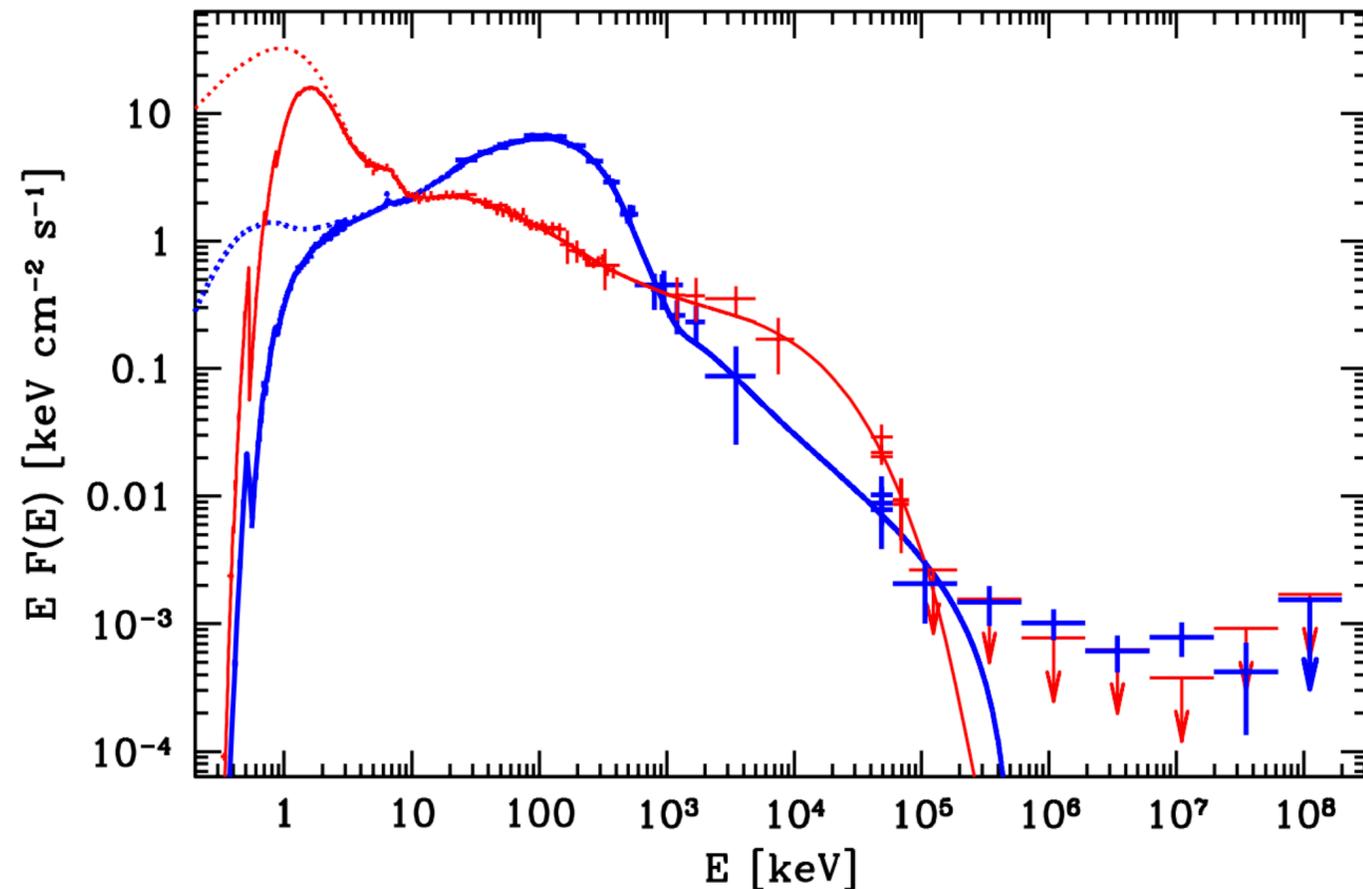
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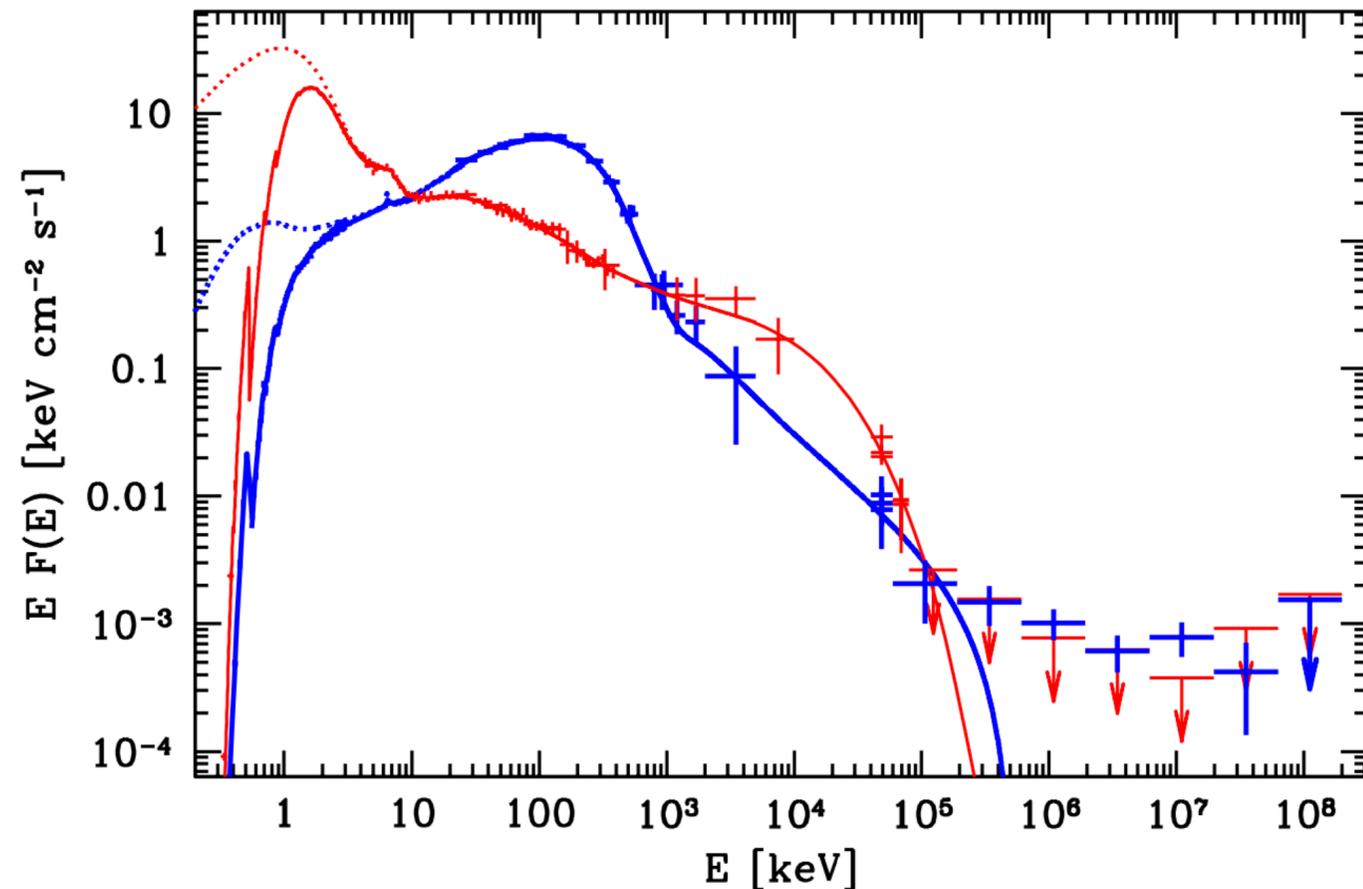
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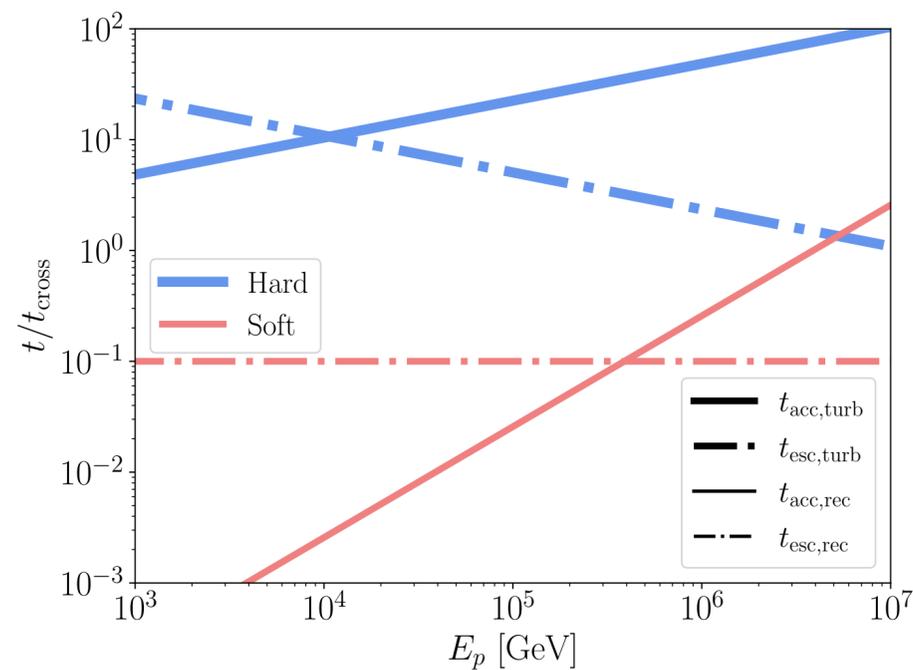
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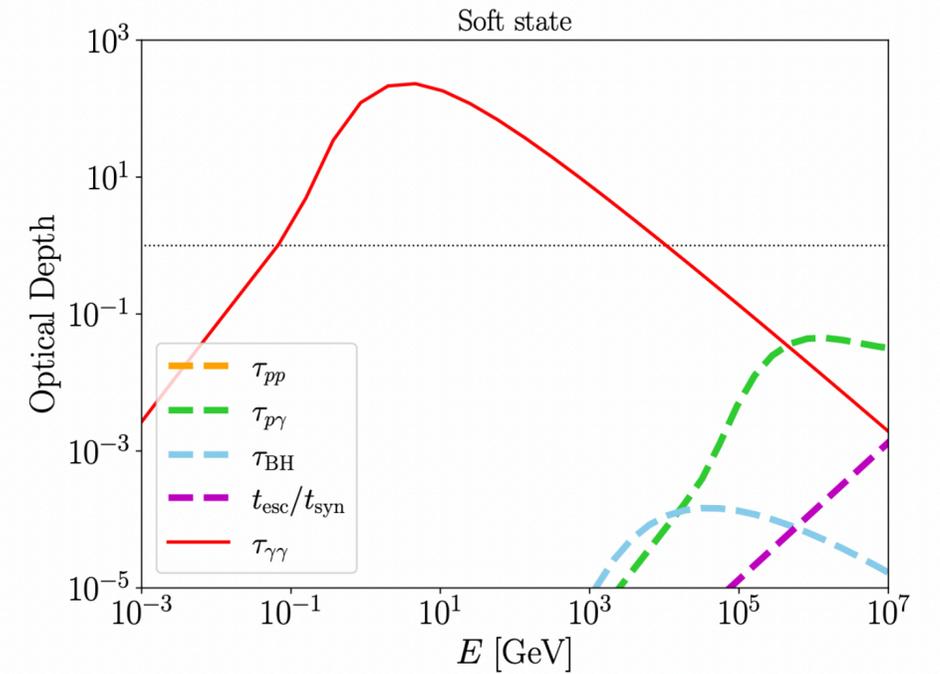
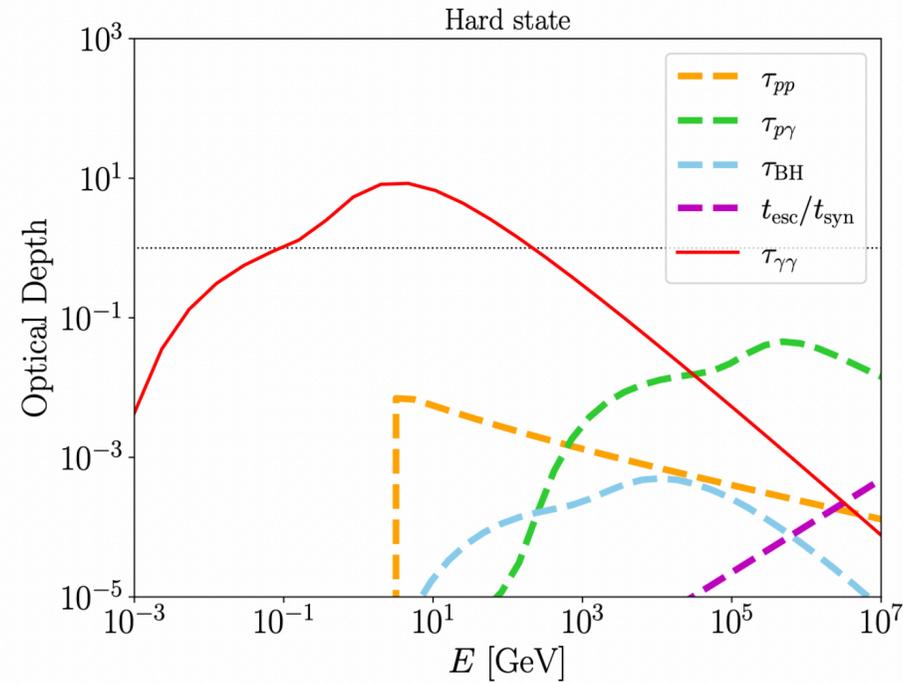
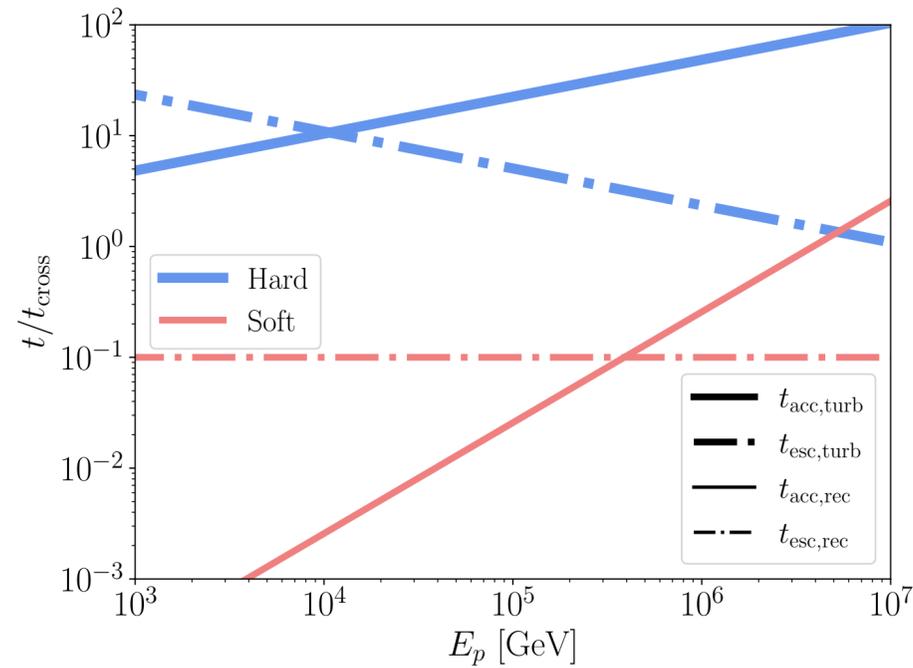
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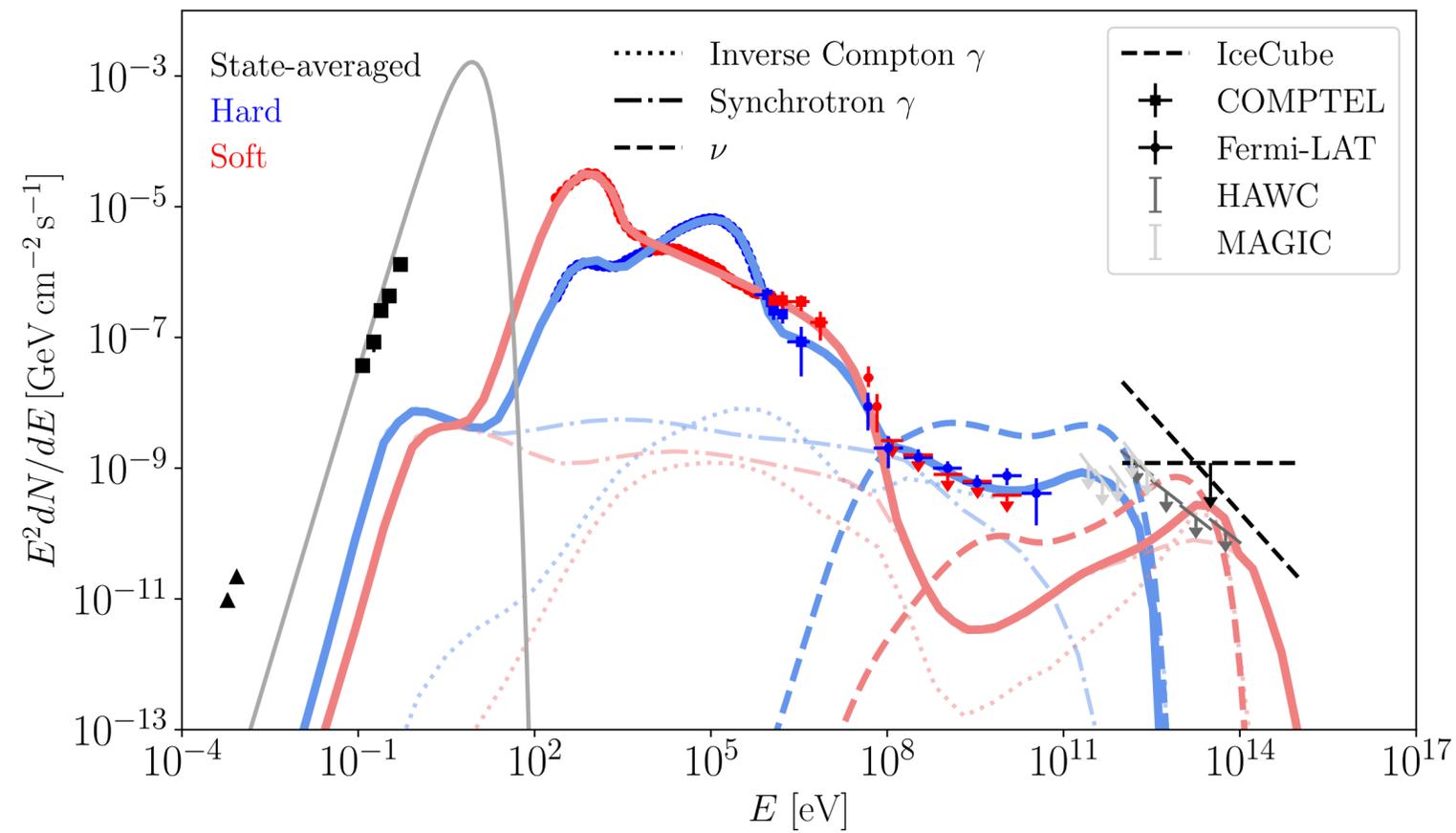
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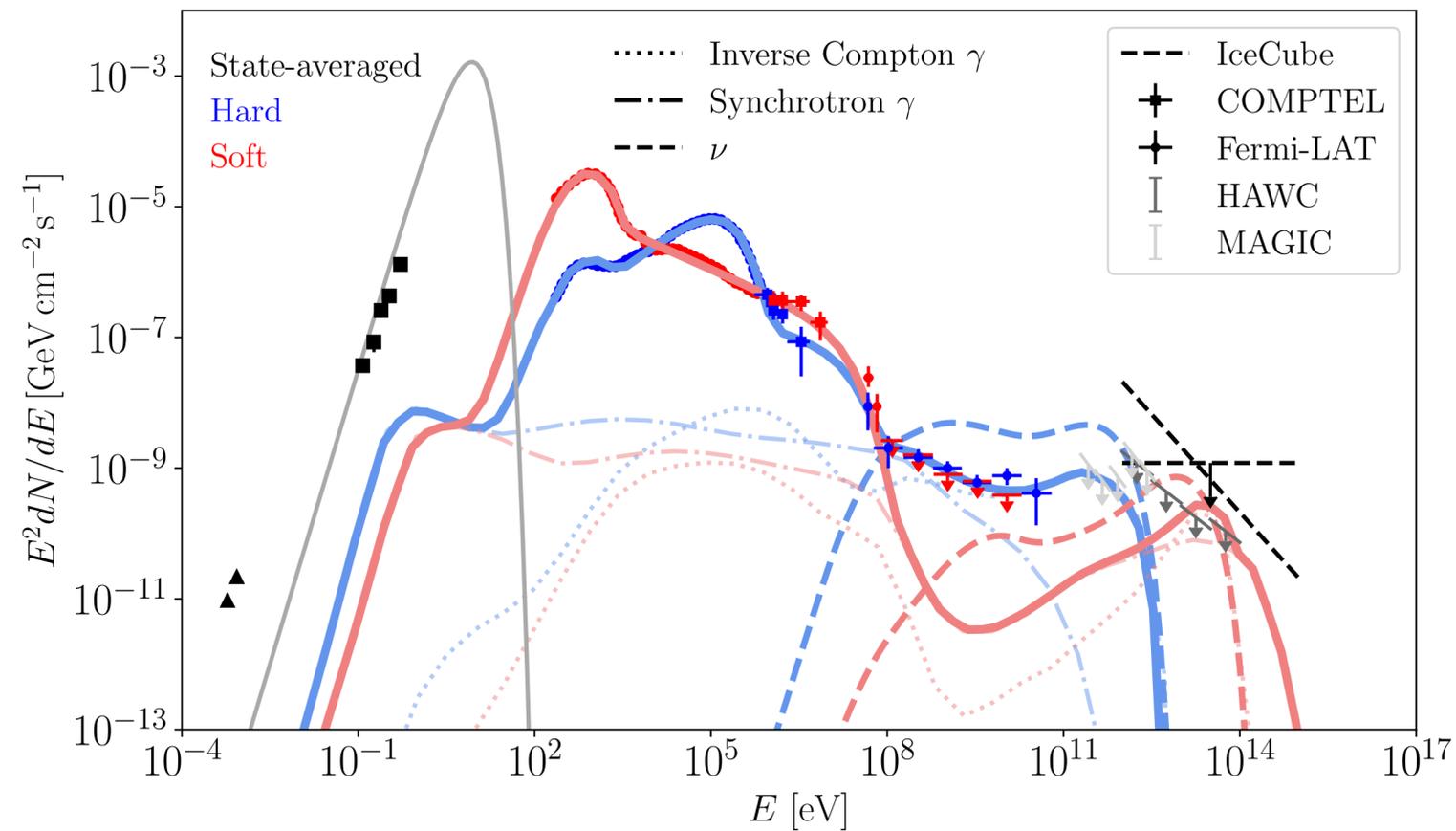
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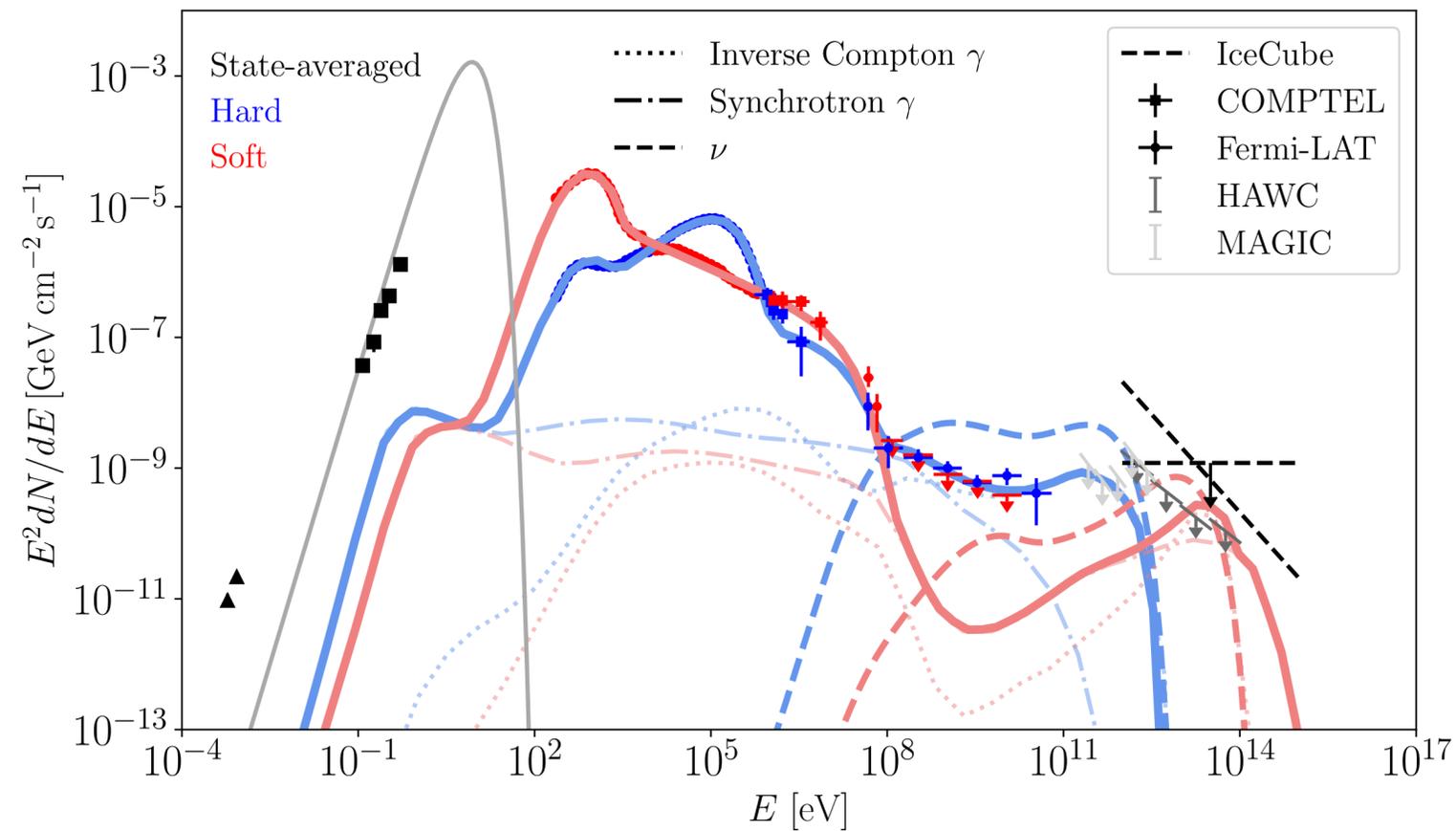


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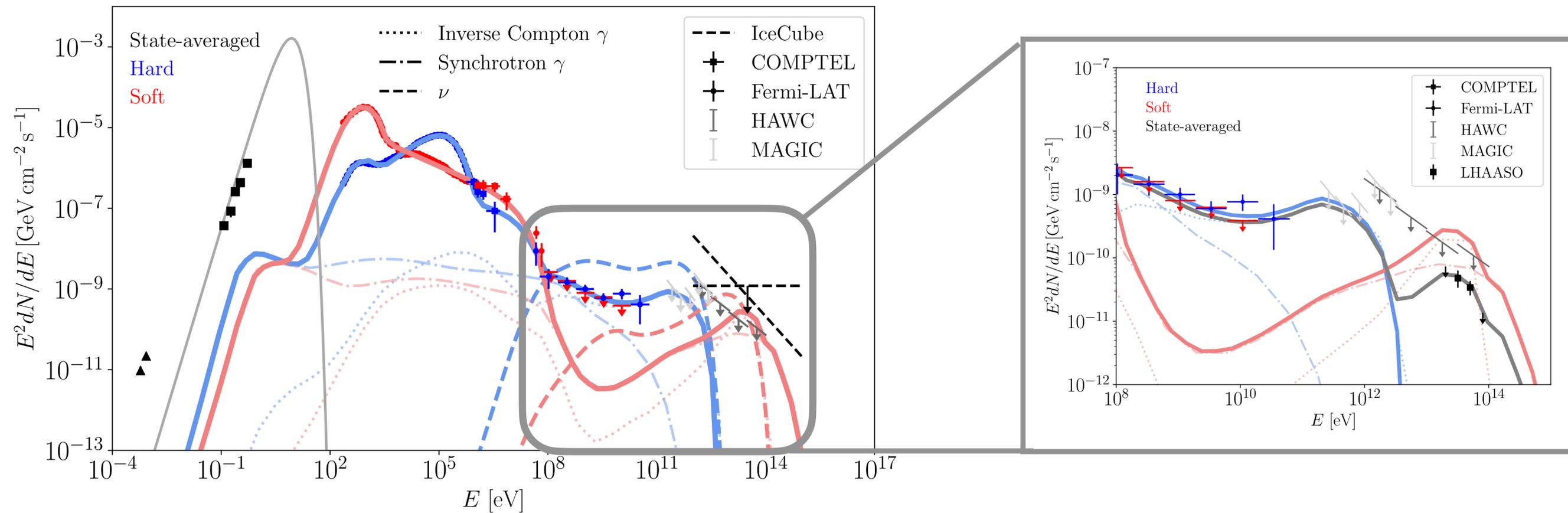


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