

# FERMI-LAT OBSERVATIONS OF CYGNUS X-3 AND OTHER MICROQUASARS

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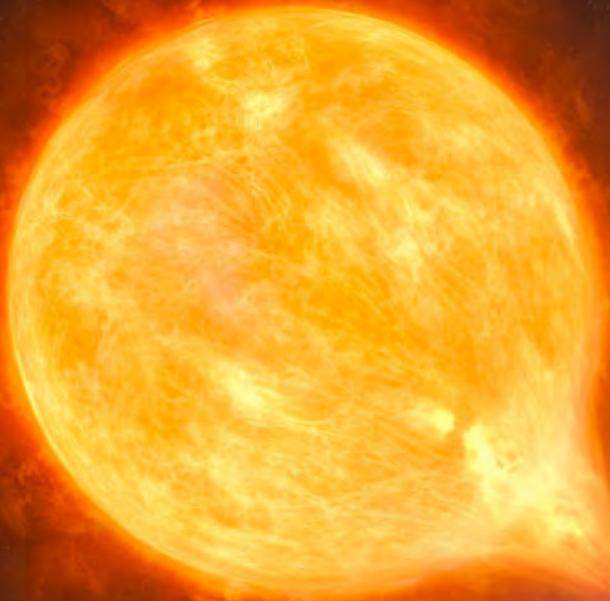
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non-degenerate donor star



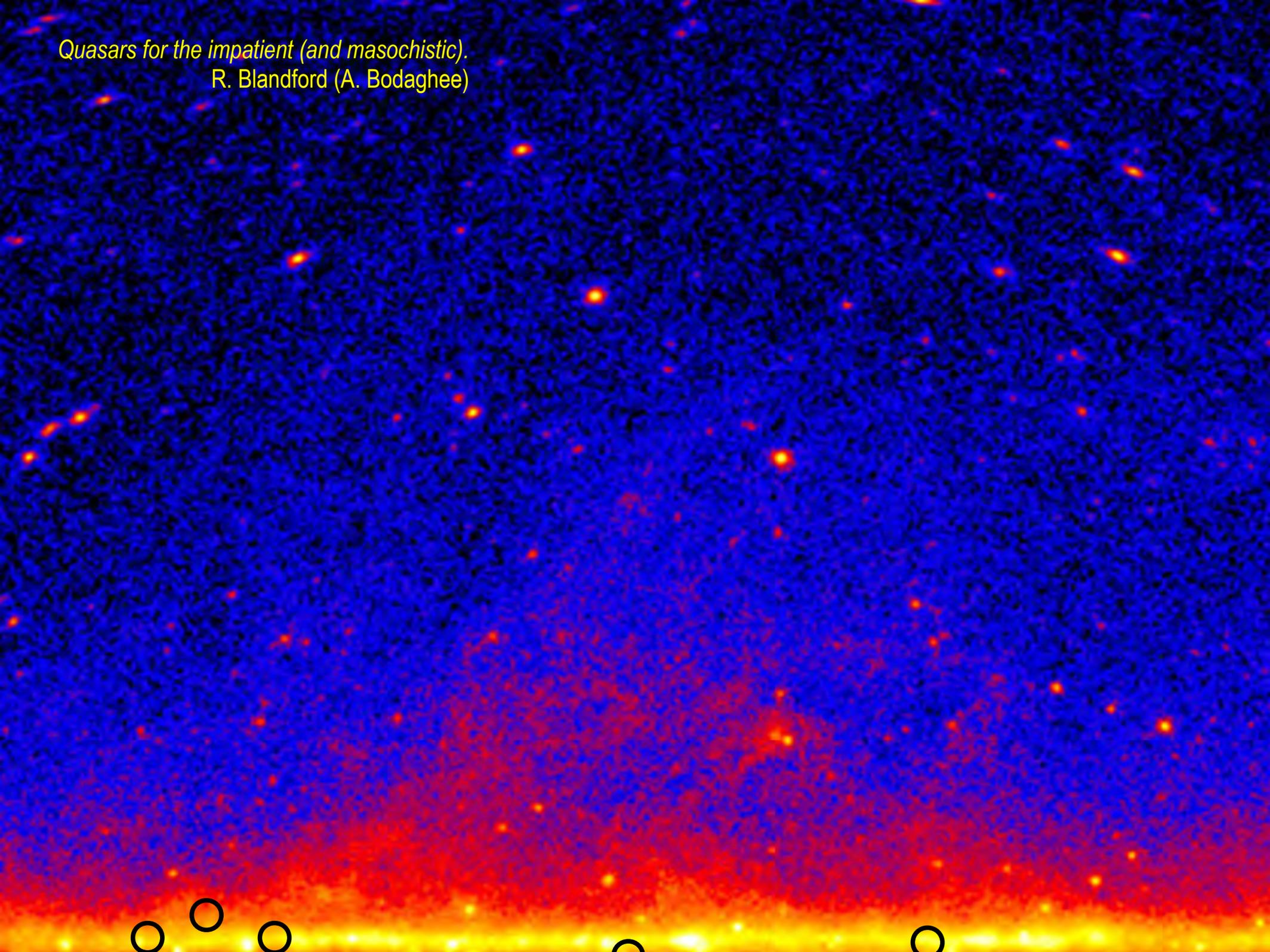
BHC or NS  
plus magnetized accretion disk,  
halo, outflow, reflection...

radio jets

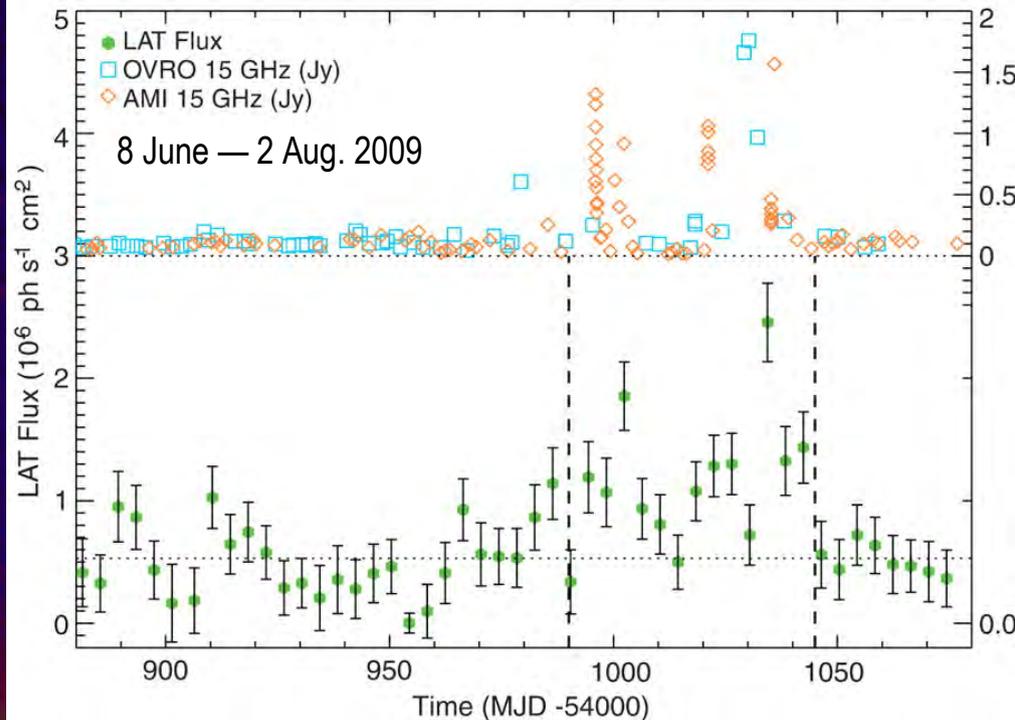
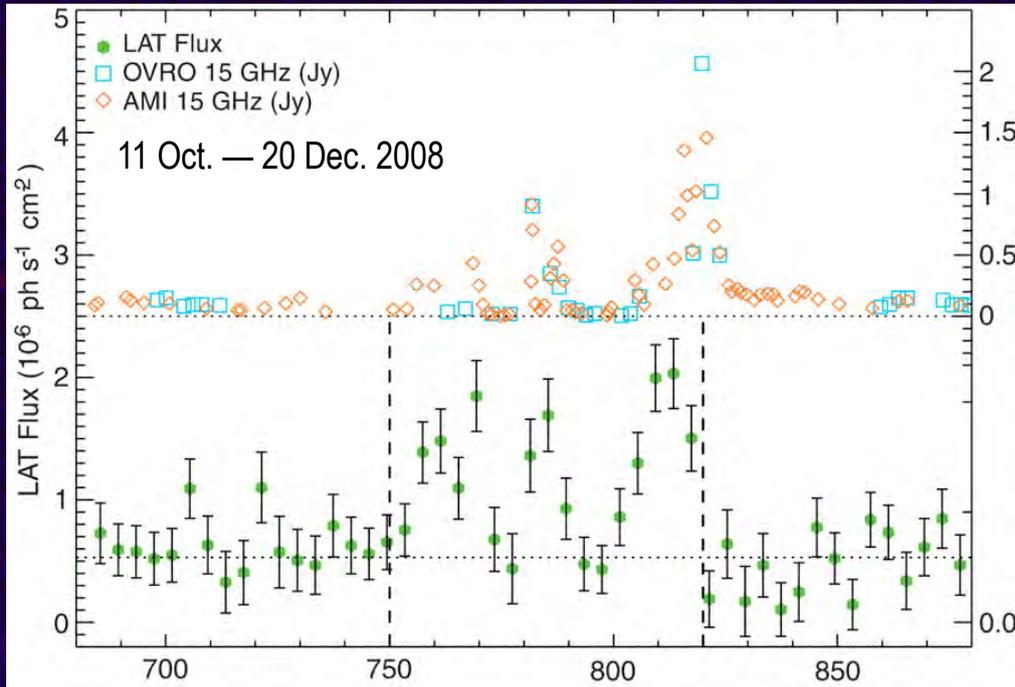
multi-wavelength (radio to gamma) emitter  
(like a QSO except smaller so  
variability on shorter timescales)

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# CYG X-3: A MICROQUASAR DETECTED IN THE GAMMA-RAYS

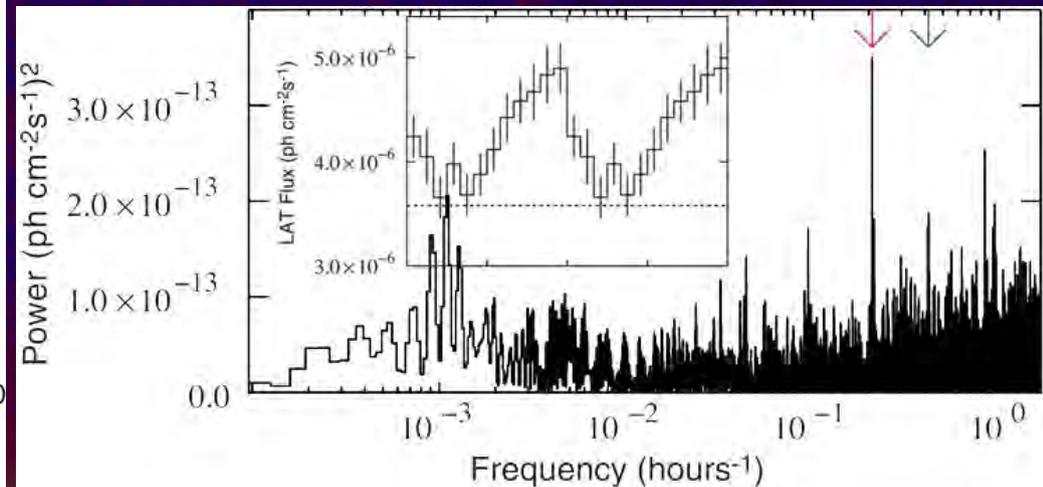


Fermi-LAT collab. (S. Corbel) 2009 Sci. 326 1512

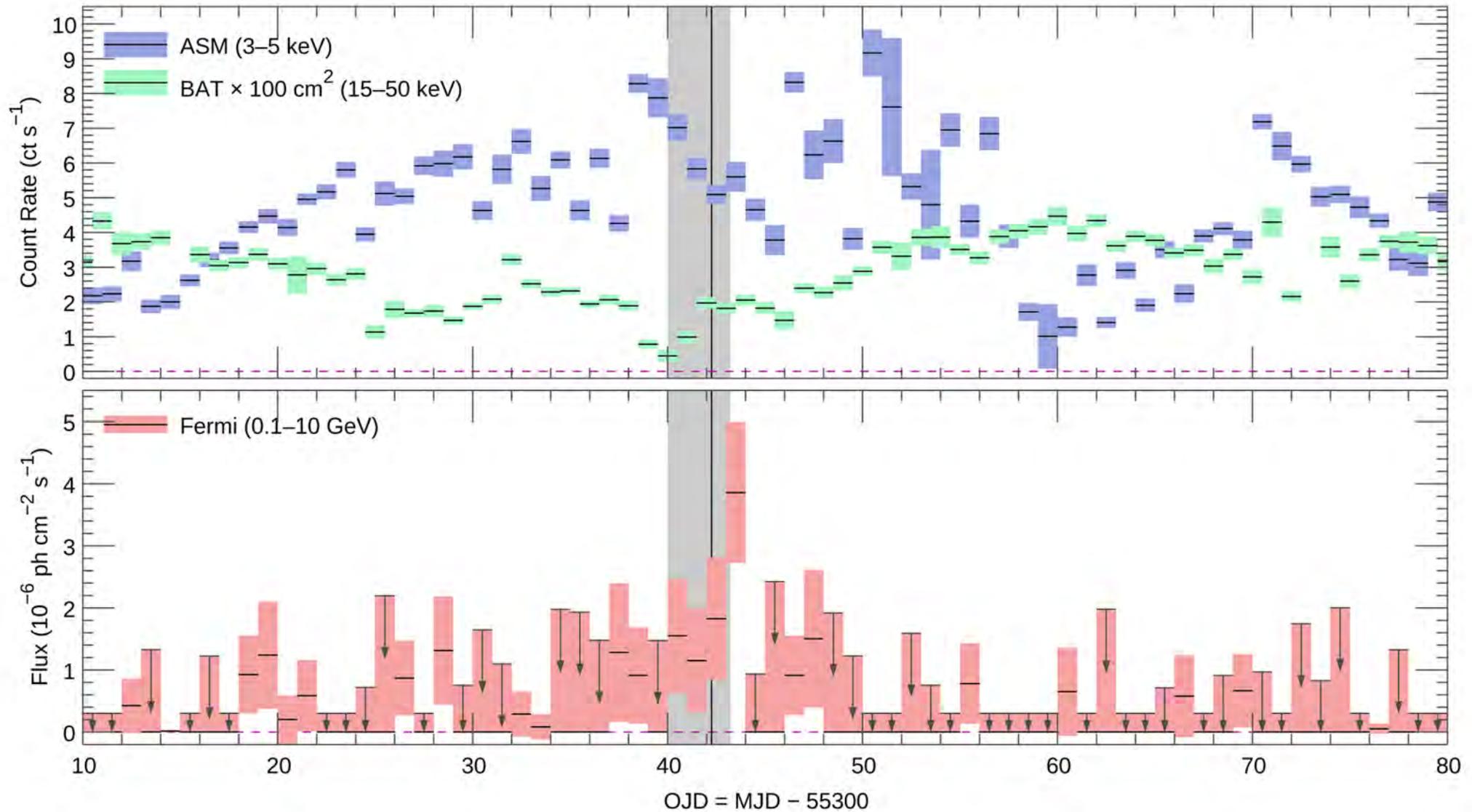
sequence: gamma-rays then radio (lag:  $5 \pm 7$  days)

⇒ probably inverse Compton:  
UV photons from WR star upscatter  
off of relativistic electrons in the jet

c.f. AGILE: Piano et al. 2012 A&A 545 110  
(next talk: including leptonic/hadronic models)



# CYG X-3: GAMMA-RAY FLARE OF MAY 2010



AGILE: Bulgarelli et al. 2010 ATel 2609, 2645

Fermi: Corbel et al. 2010 ATel 2611, 2646

Williams et al. 2011 ApJL 733 20

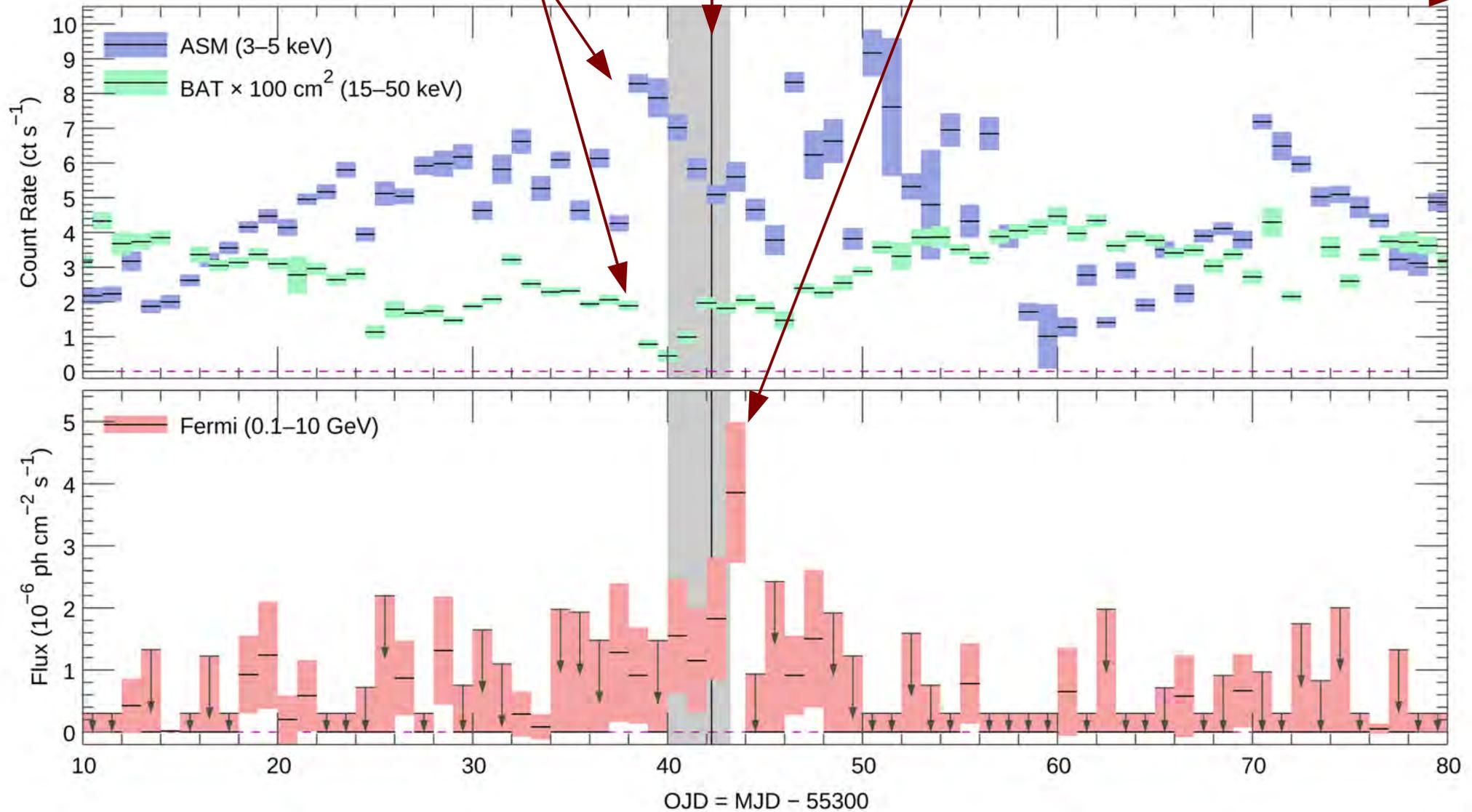
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~3-d X-ray softening  
and recovery

1-Jy radio flare

gamma-ray flare

no significant  
radio flare hereafter



radio flare precedes gamma-ray emission by 1 day: consistent with IC  
other possibility: hadronic processes?  $p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots \rightarrow 2\gamma$

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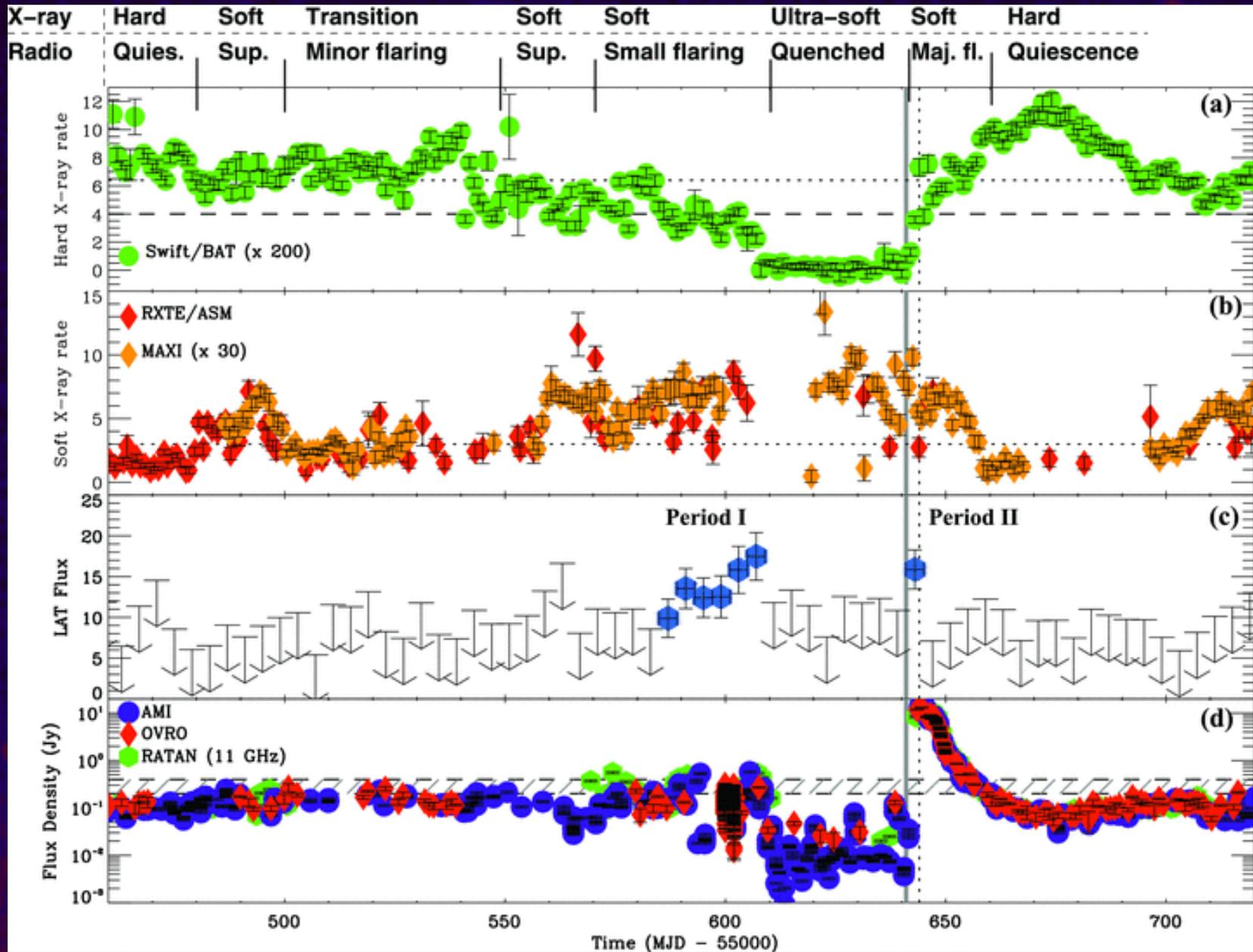
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low hard X-rays  
BAT < 0.02 cps

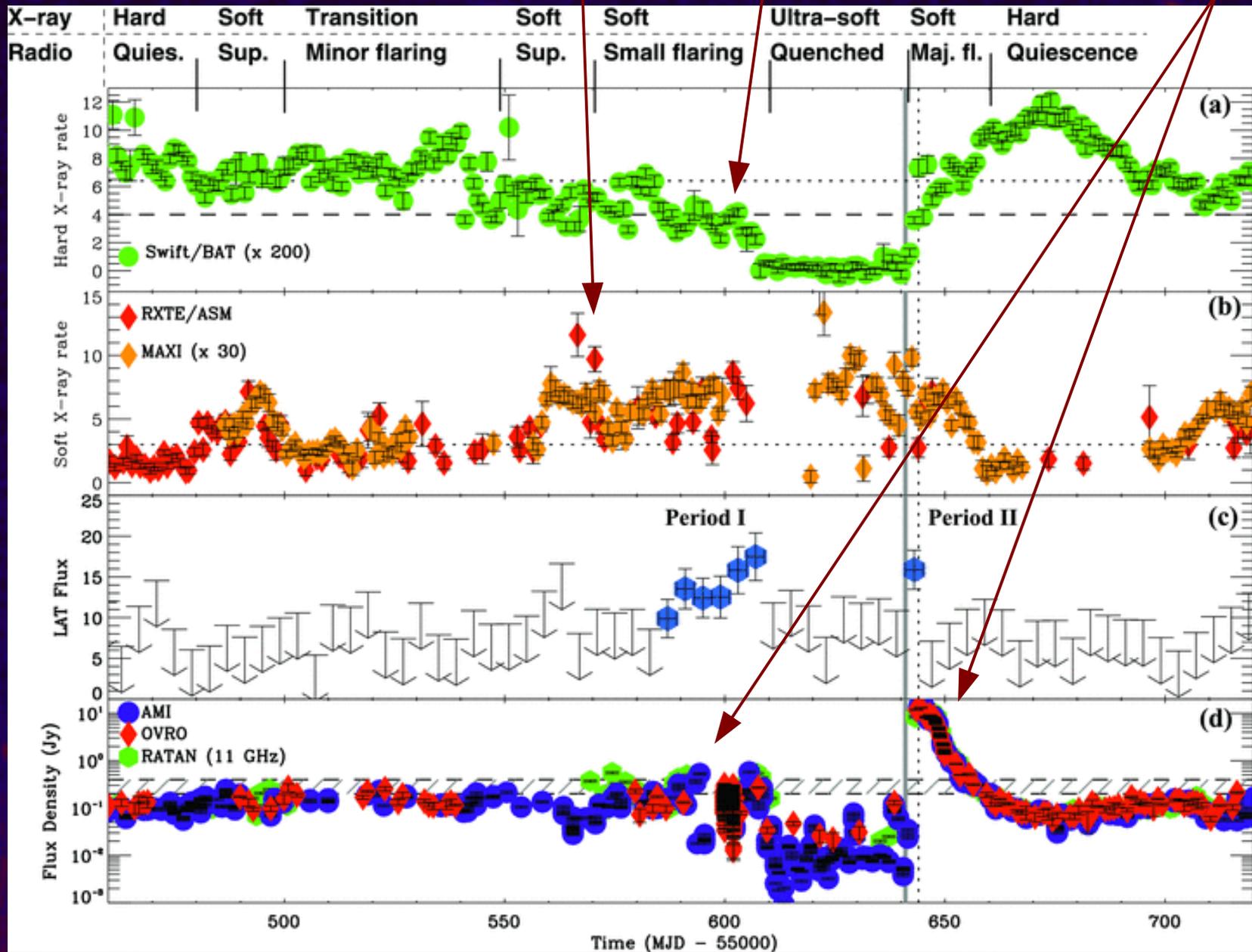
radio emission  
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from aug 2008 until may 2012

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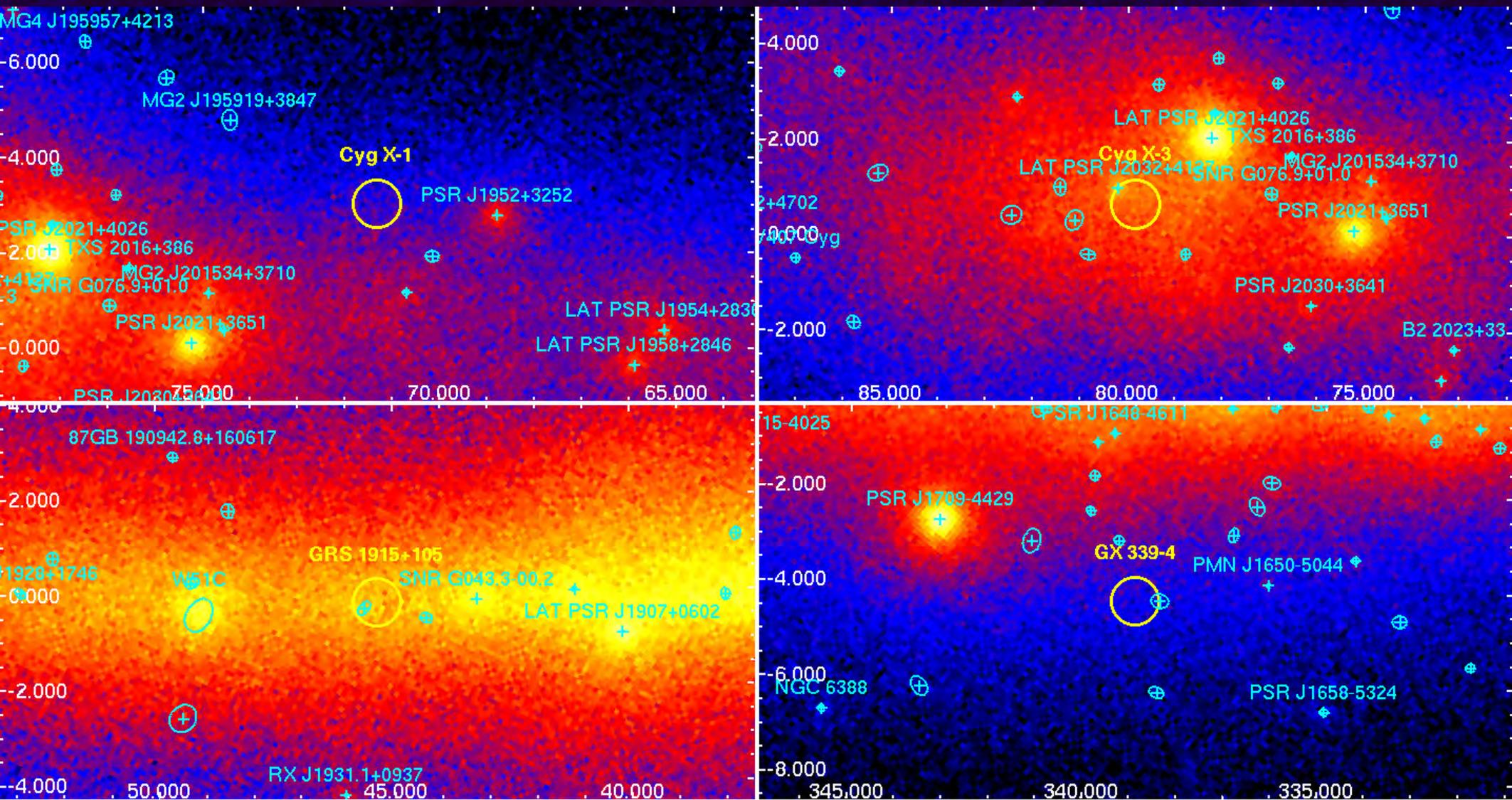
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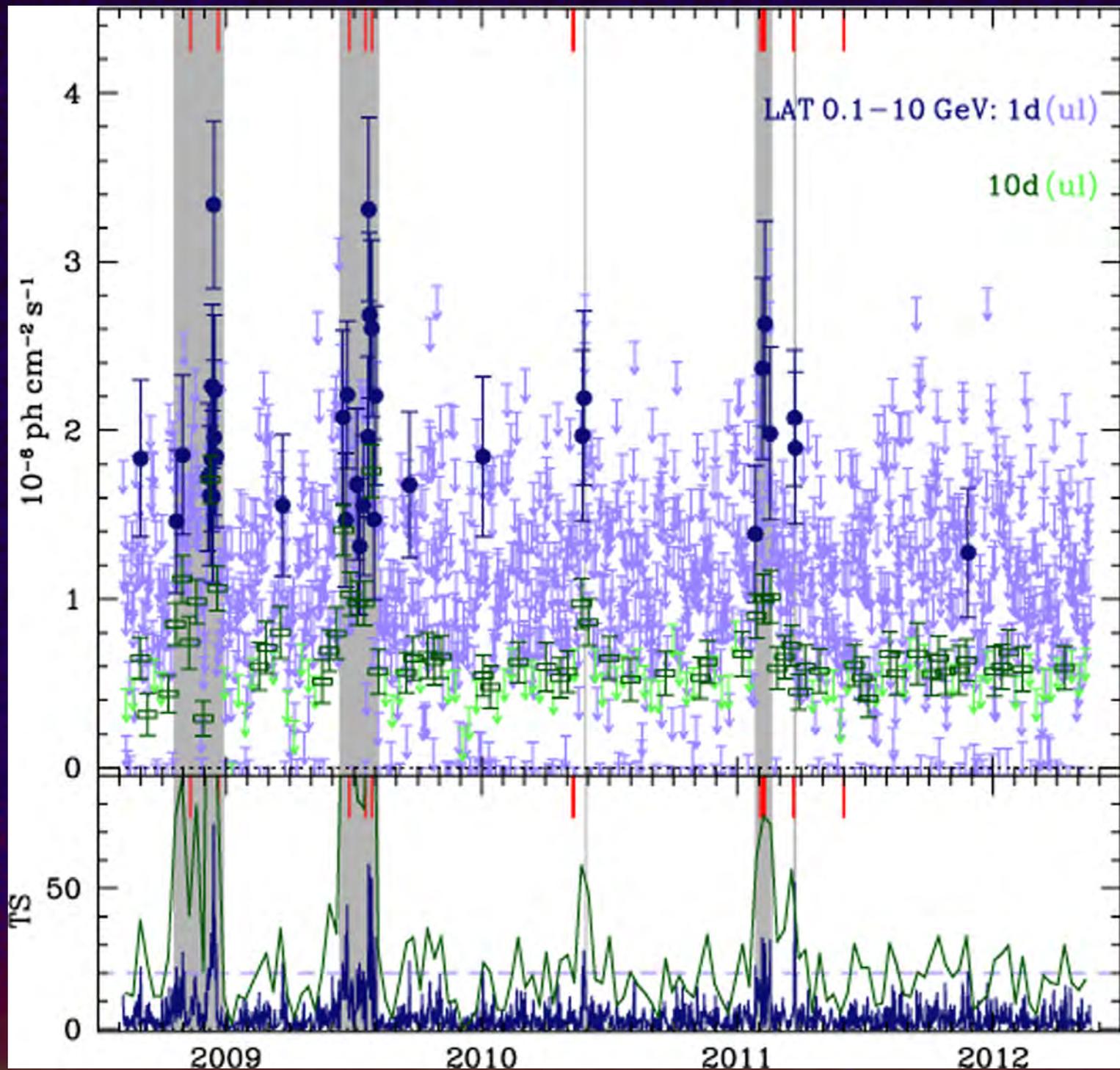
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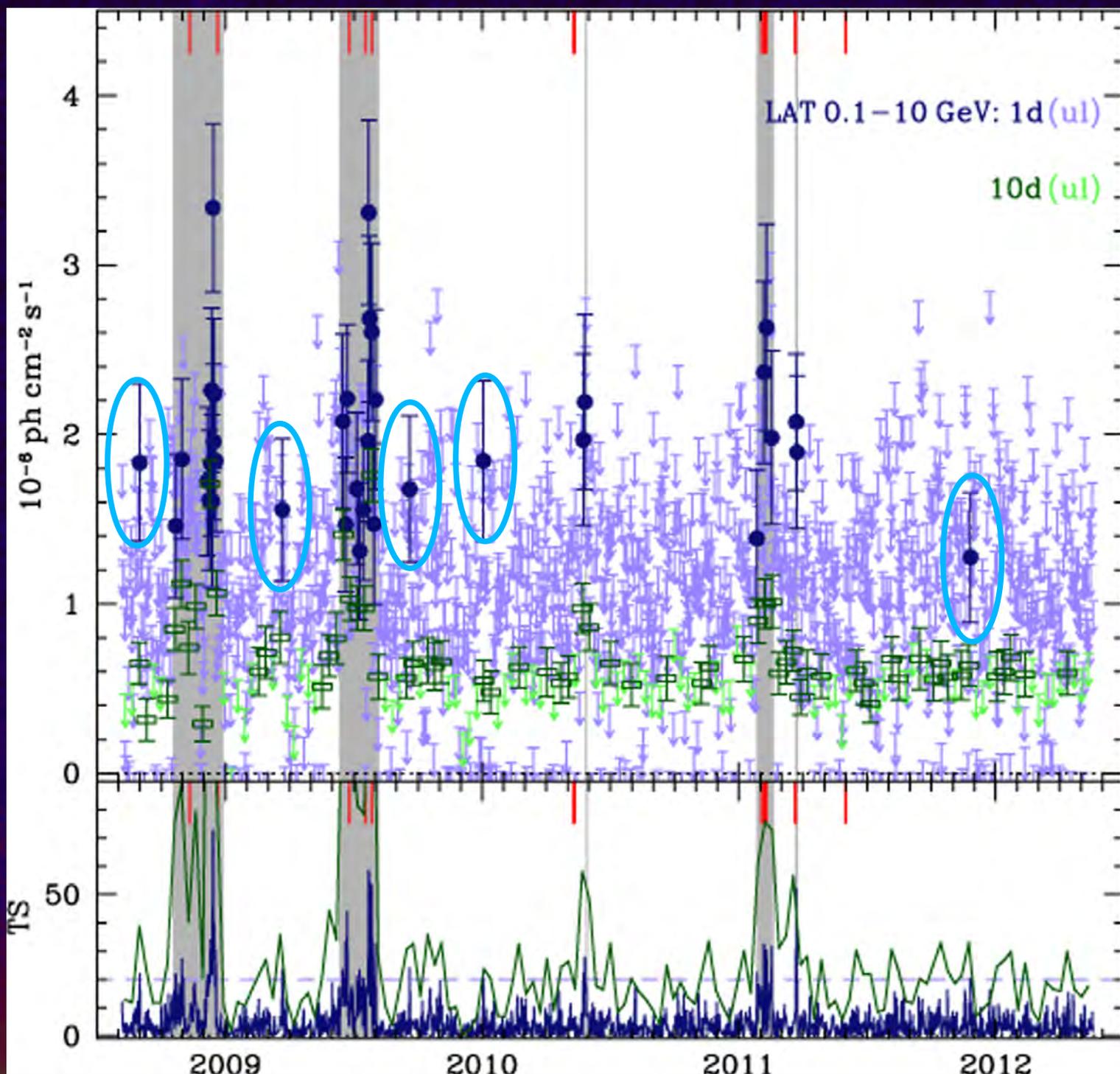


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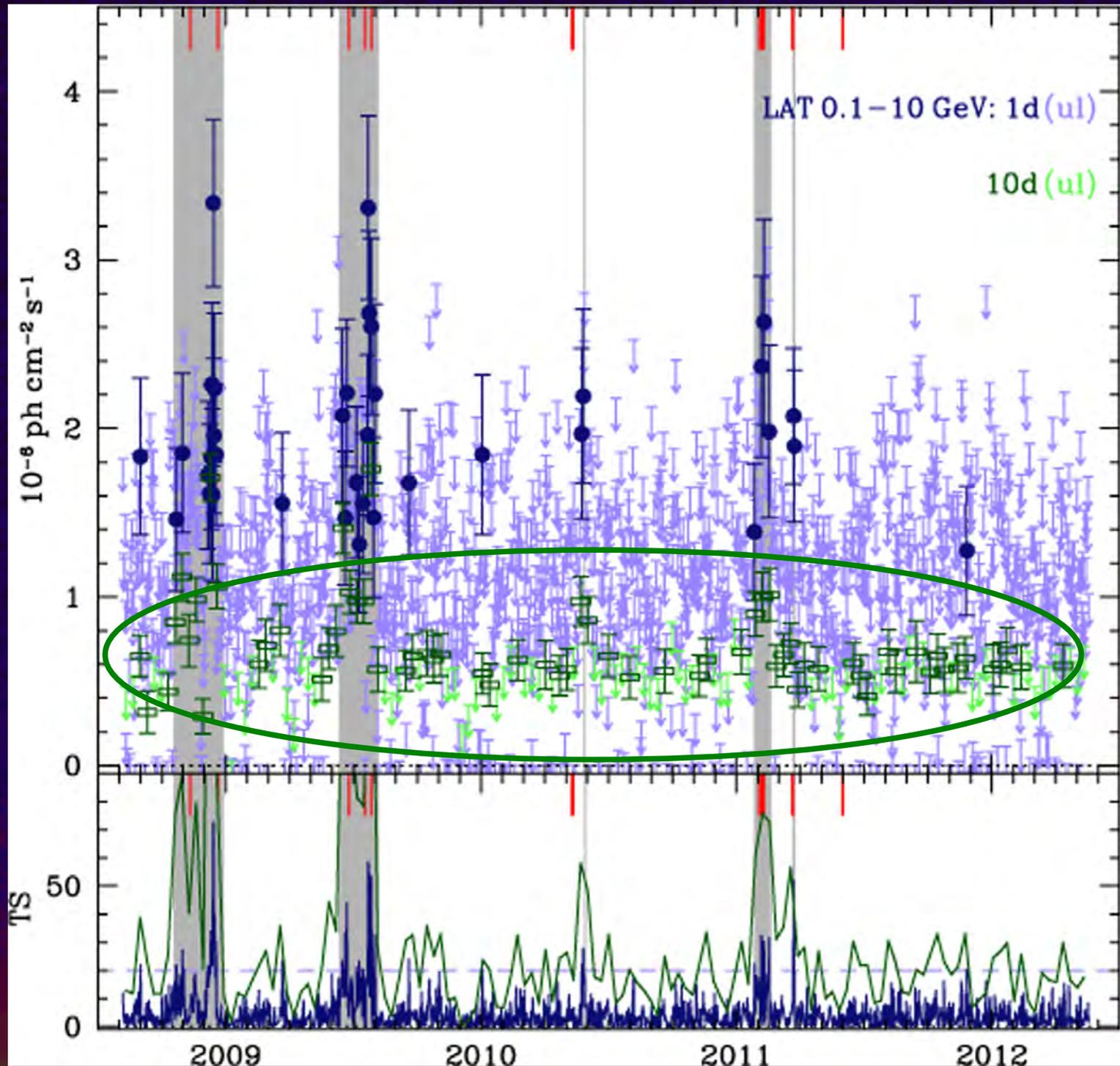
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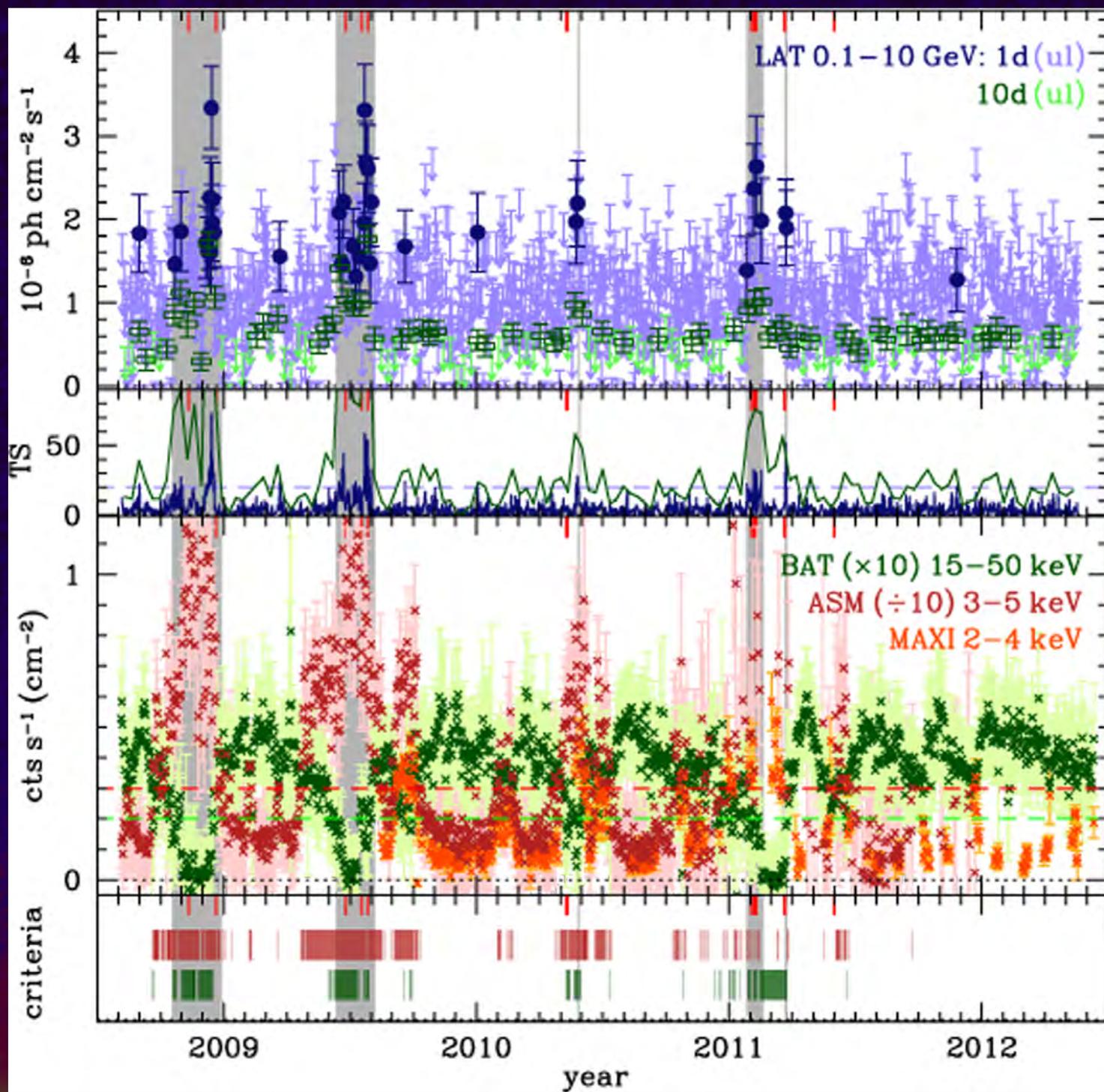
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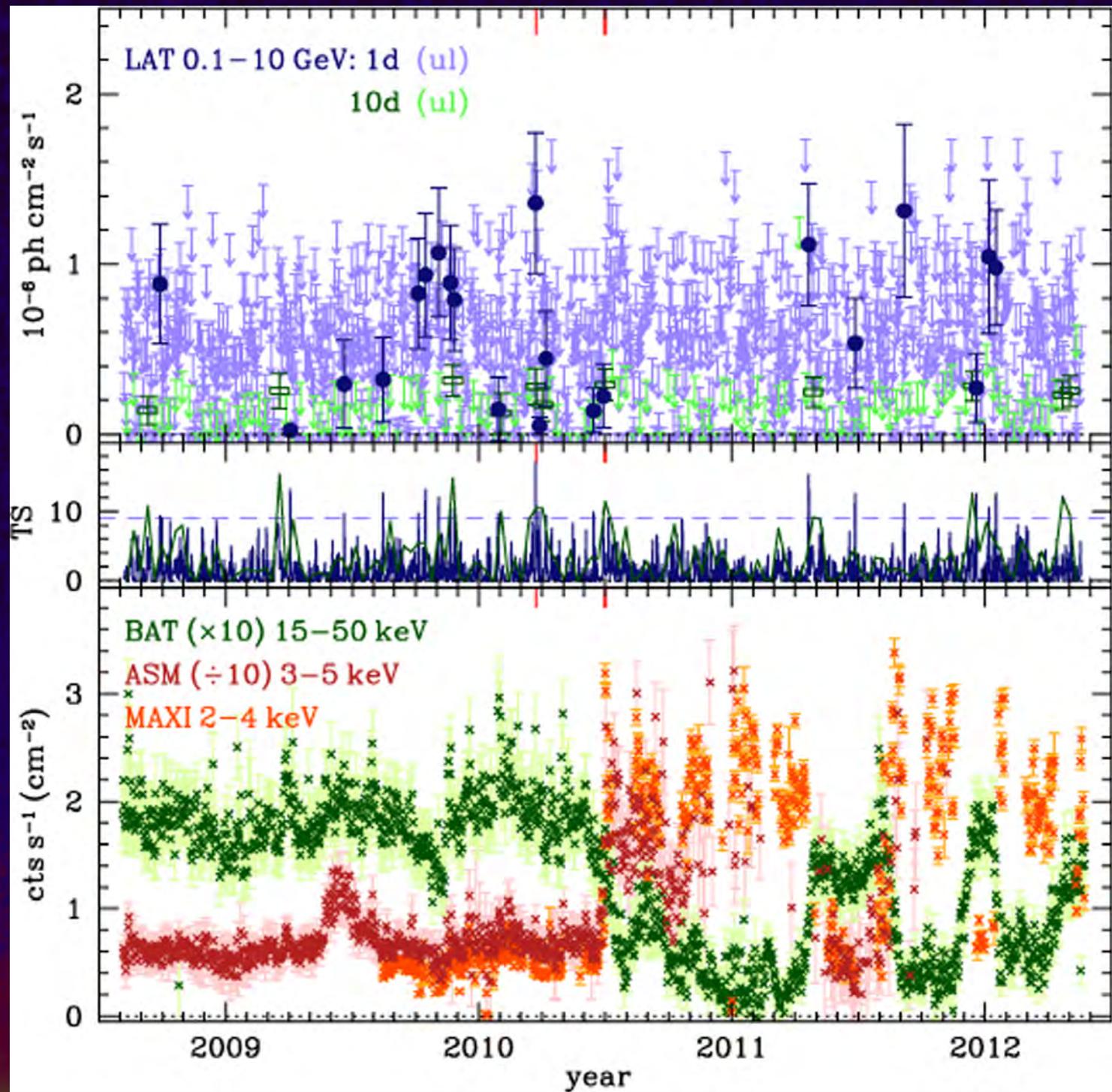
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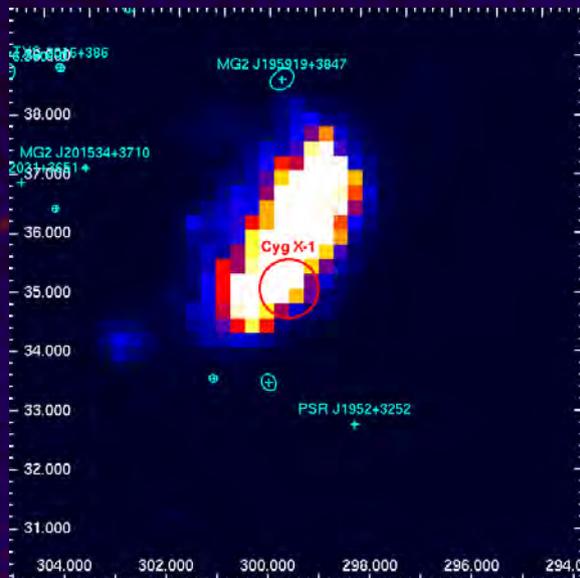
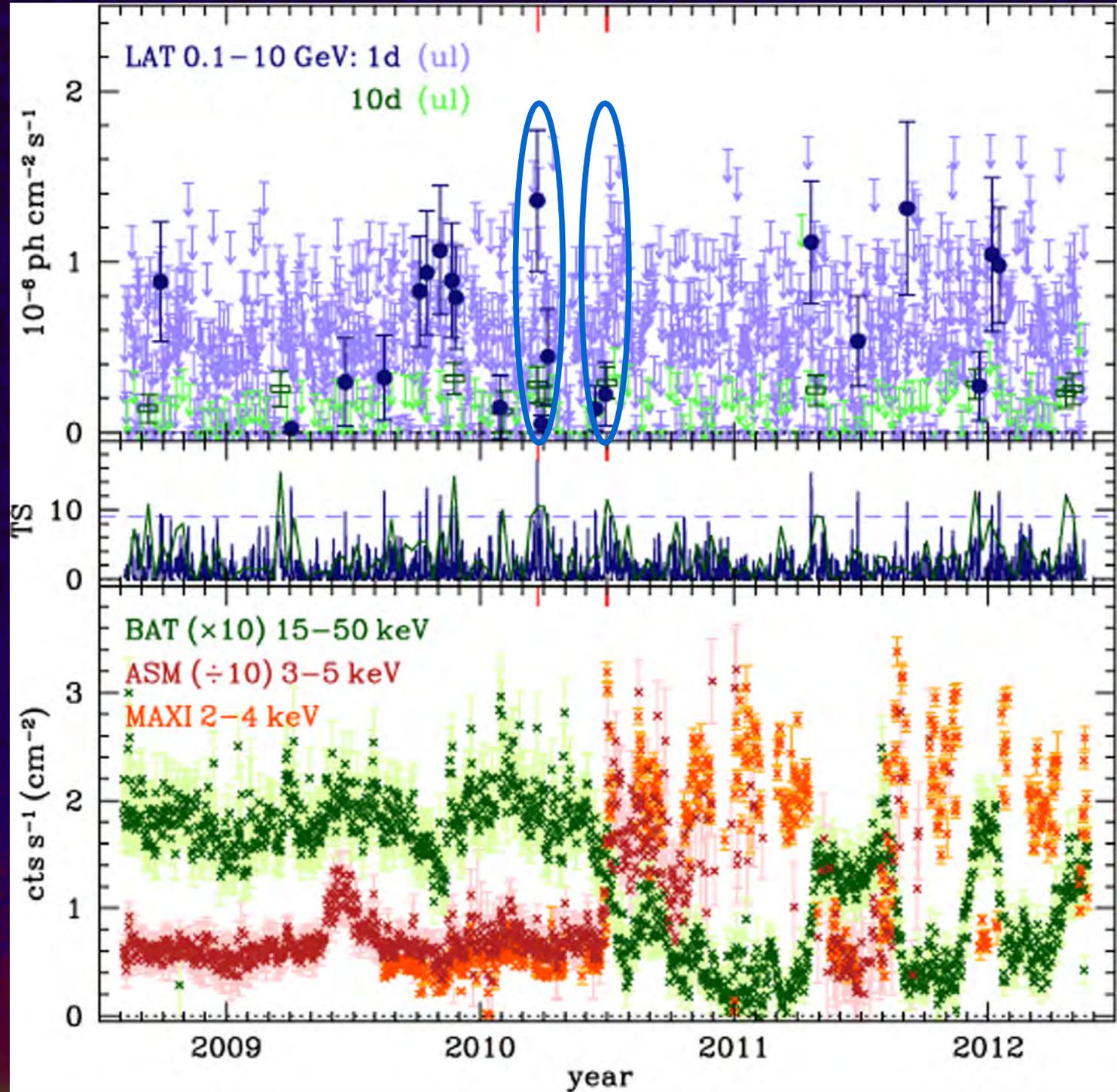
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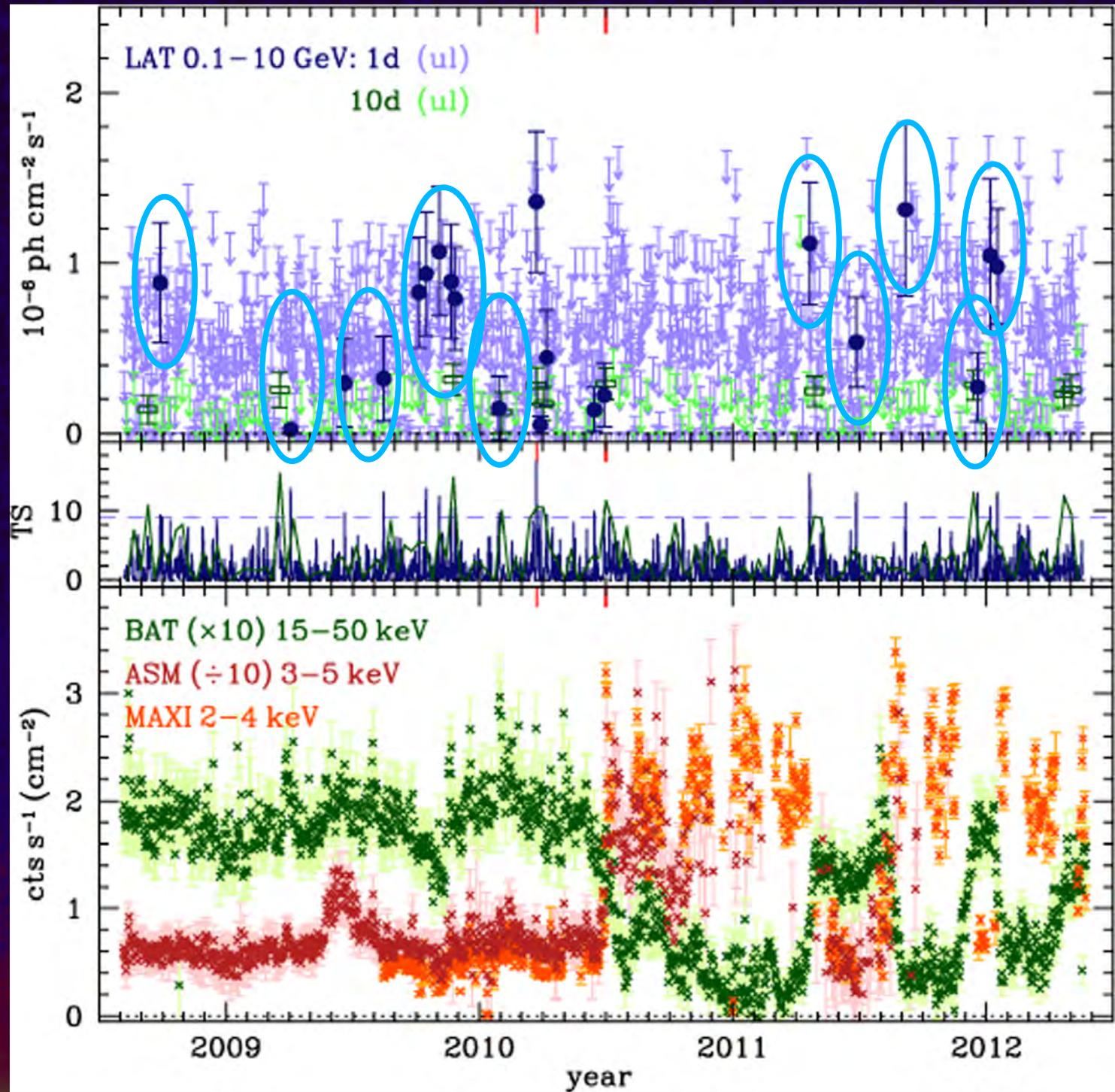
TS differential map  
(MJD 55277: TS ~ 17)

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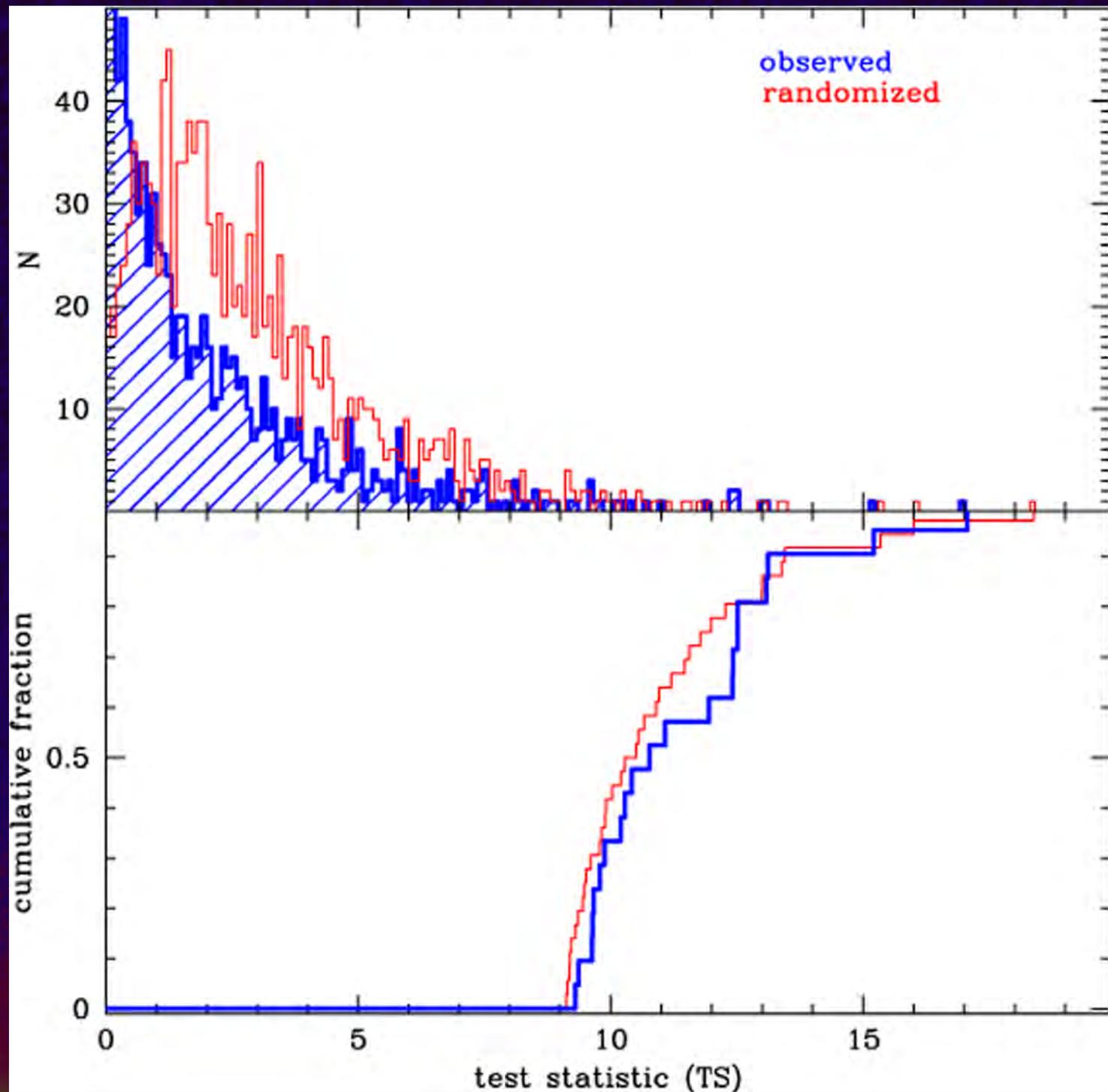
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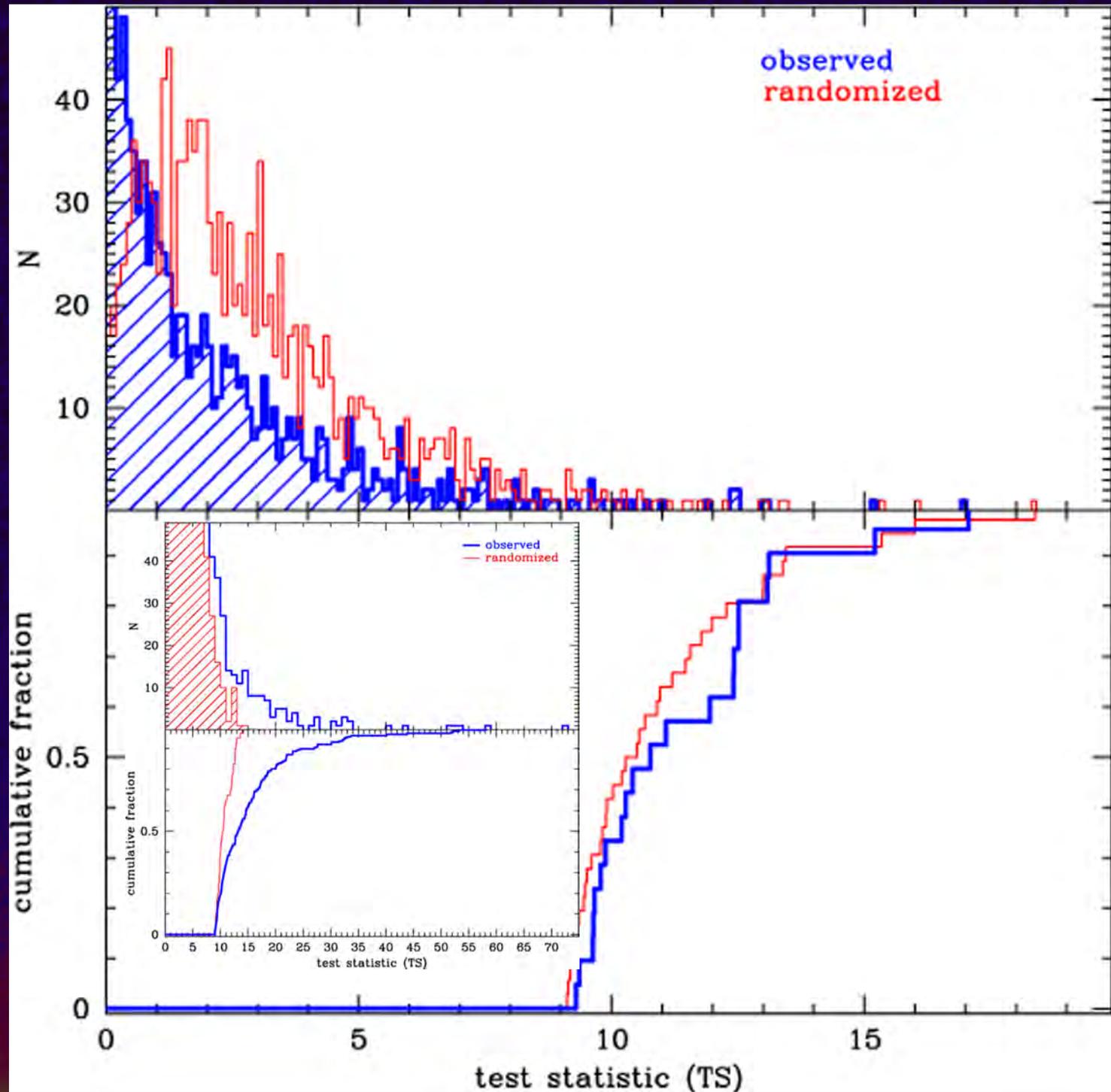
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# GRS 1915+105

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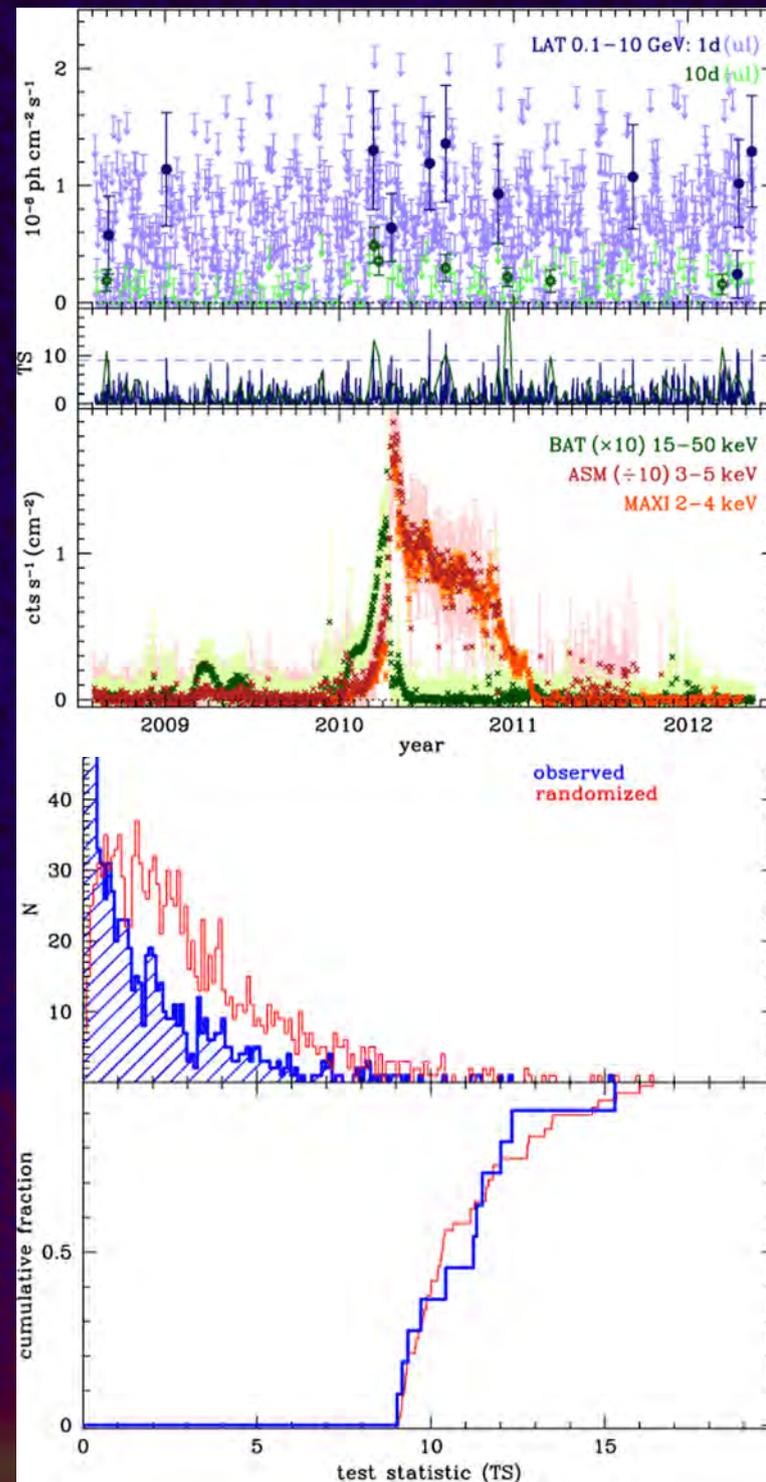
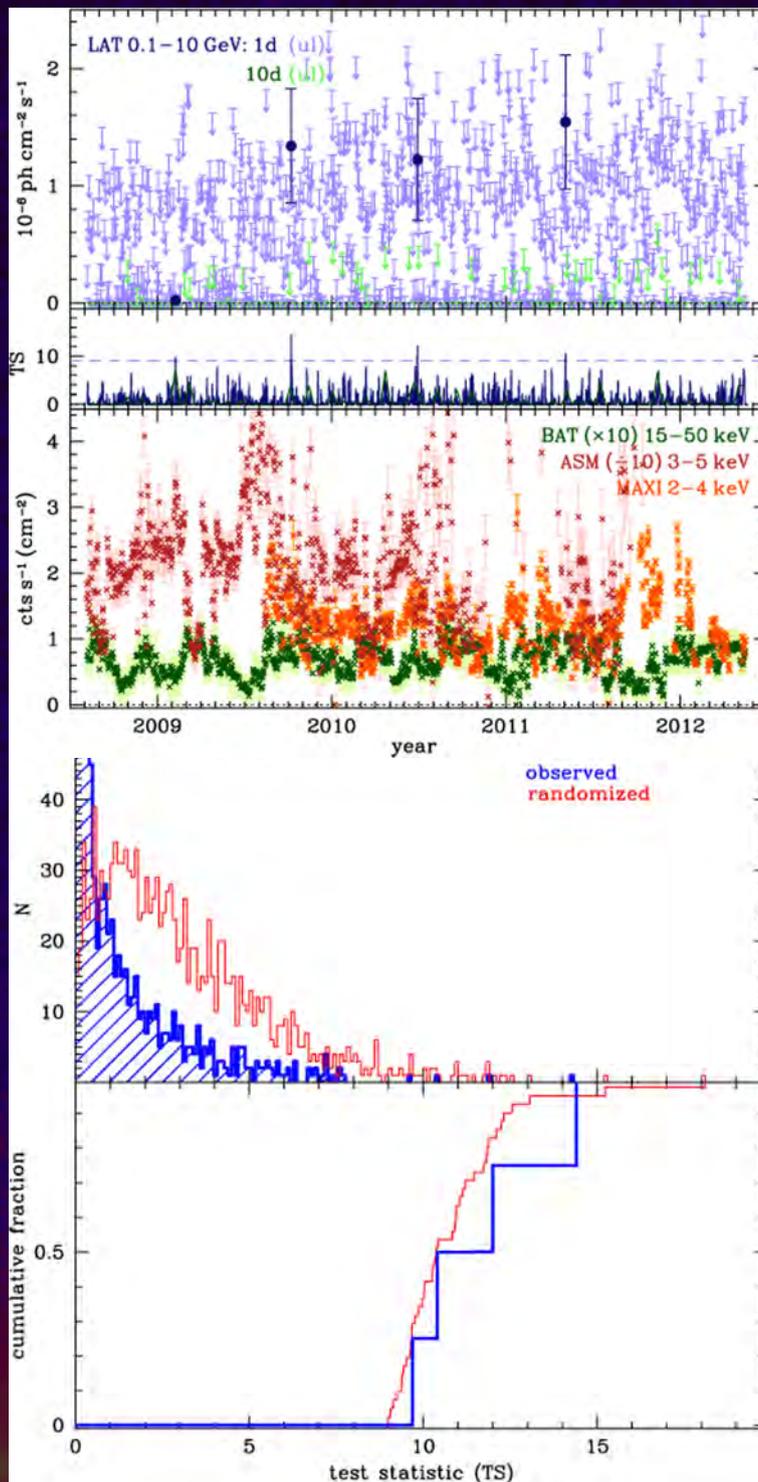
no prior gamma-ray detections  
by AGILE or LAT

few low-significance 1-d  
(TS ~ 9—15; few 10-d)

comparison with TS distribution  
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>70% KS-test prob. of match

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3σ upper limits of:  
GRS1915+105:  $3.9 \times 10^{-6}$  ph/cm<sup>2</sup>/s  
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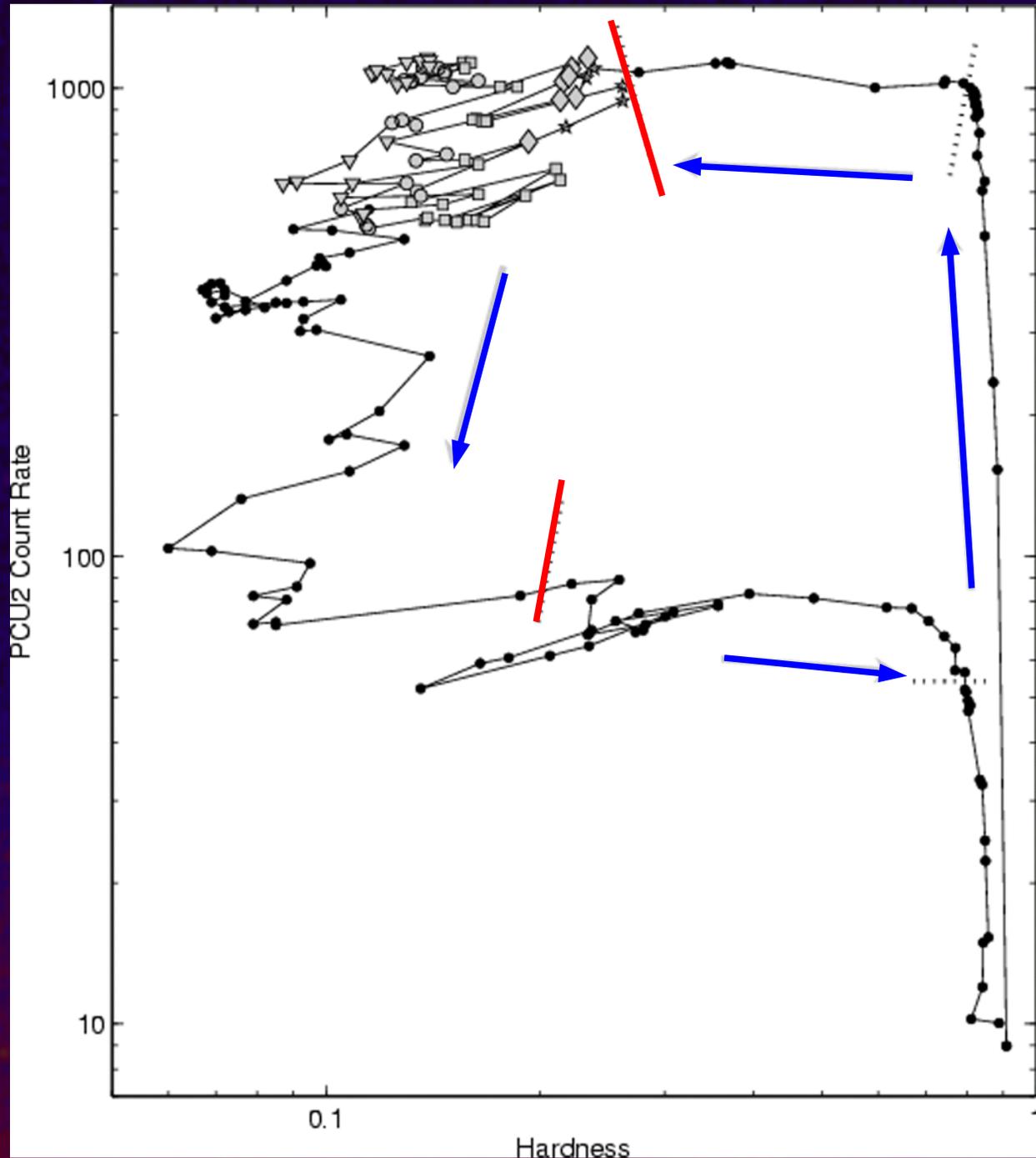


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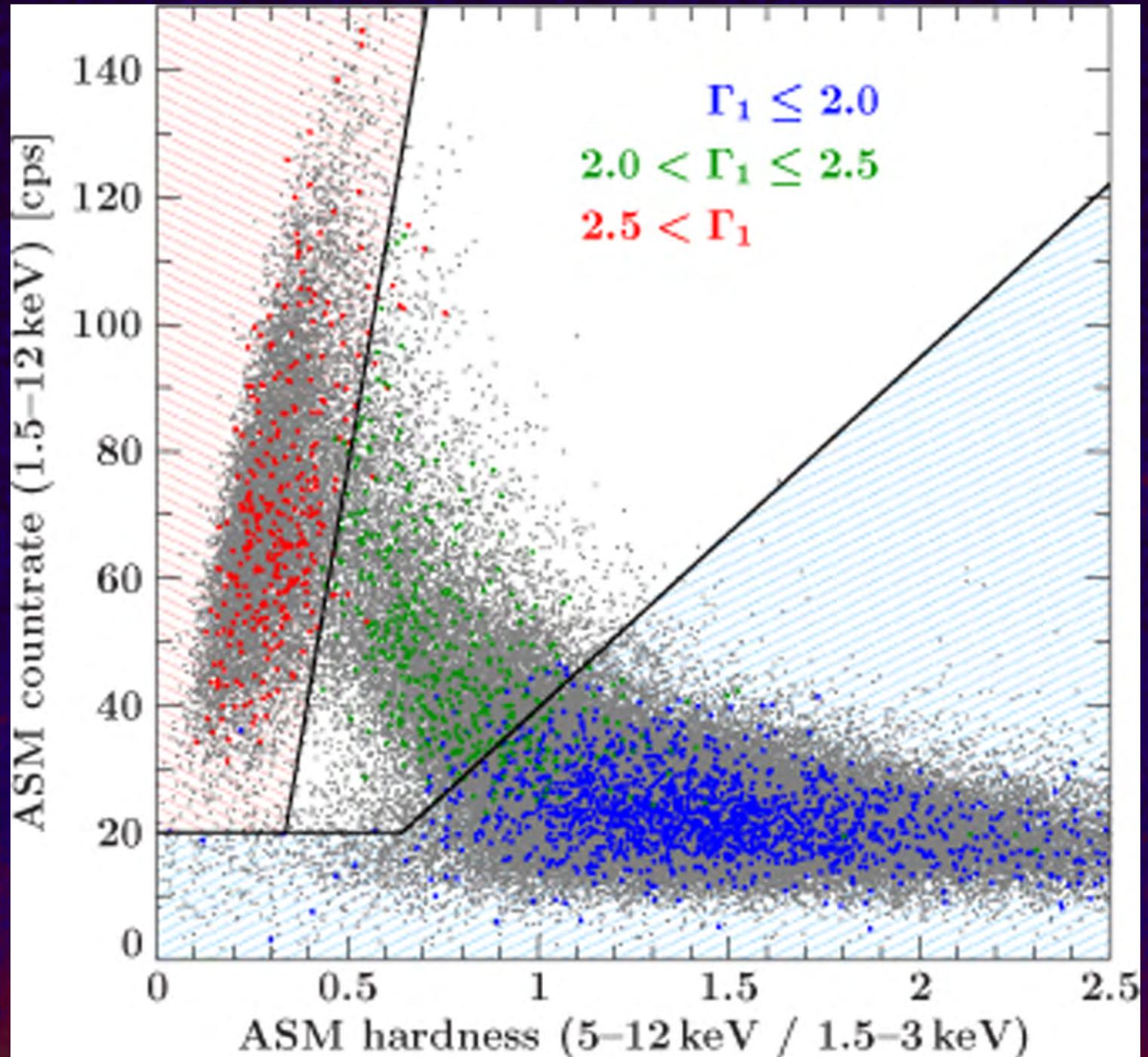
→ when radio jets are present

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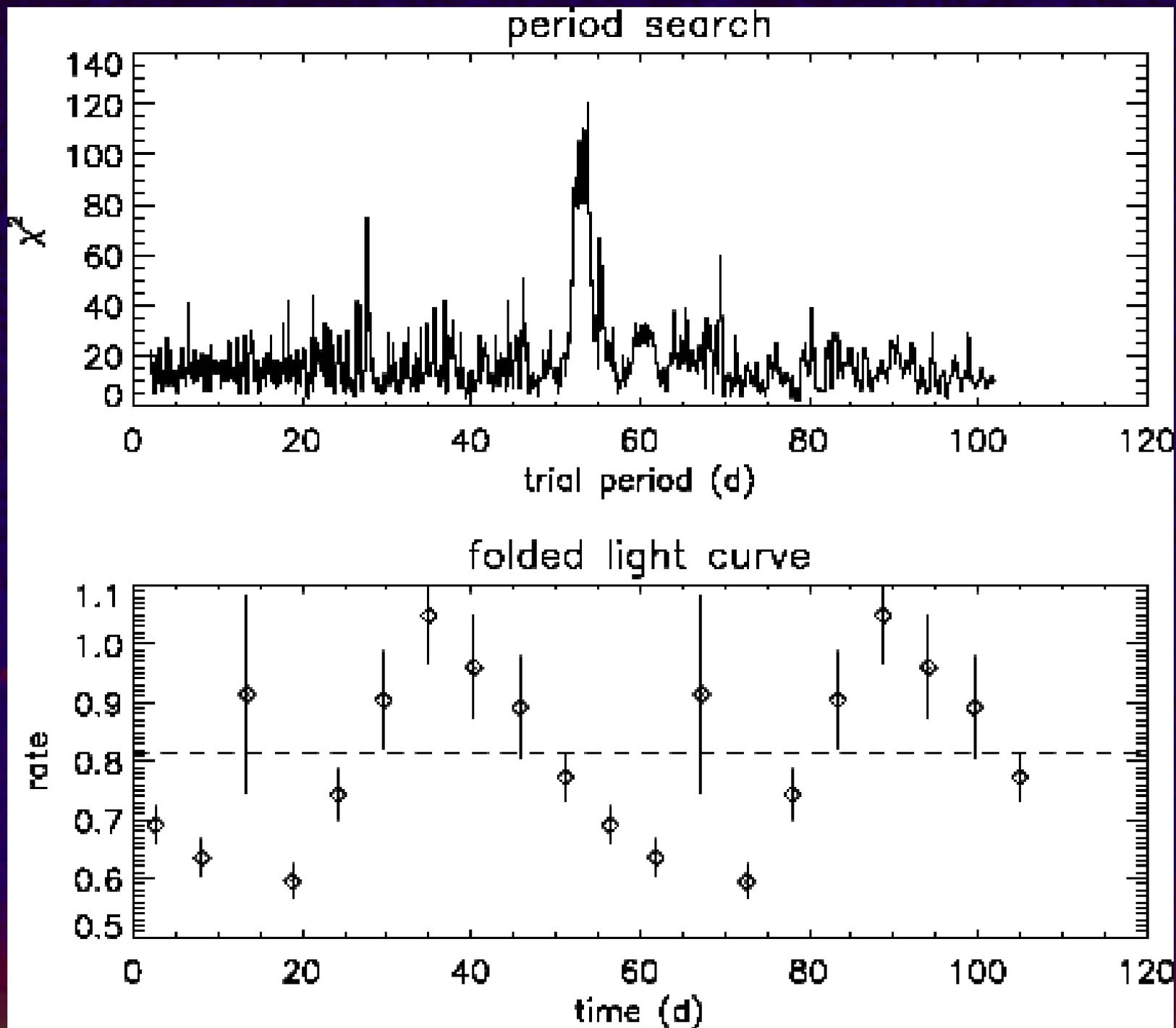


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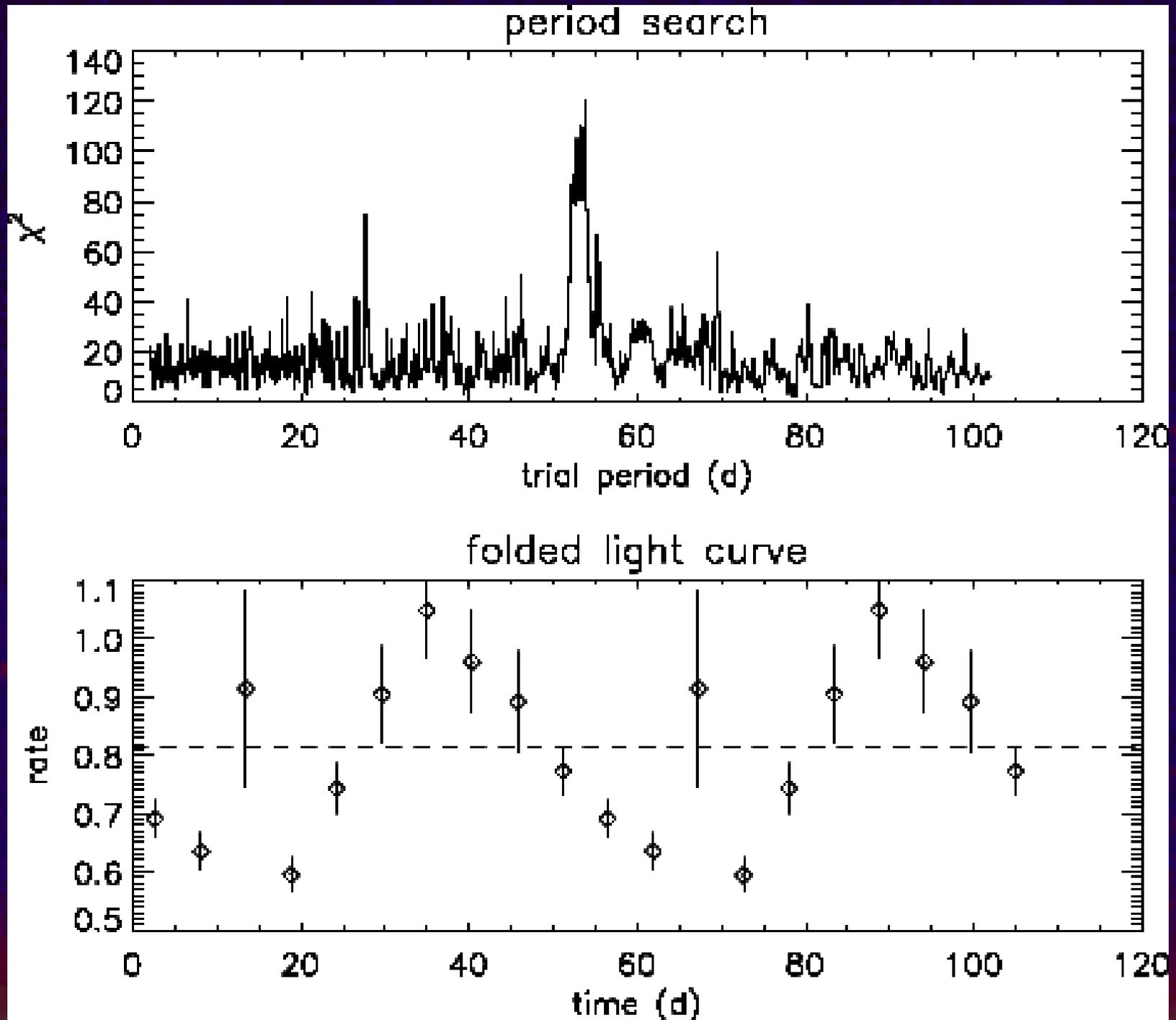


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*Fermi observations of microquasars can shed light on the role of relativistic jets in producing gamma-ray emission around accreting compact objects.*

Bodaghee et al. 2012d in prep.

thank you