

# TeV Observations Of Diffuse Emission Probing Galactic Gamma-Ray Sources

- Milagro: A Diffuse TeV Observatory
- TeV Gamma-Ray Diffuse Detection  
GeV & GALPROP => **Excess TeV flux**
- TeV Cosmic-Ray Anisotropy  
**Local Galactic TeV Source**

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# Gamma-Ray Detectors

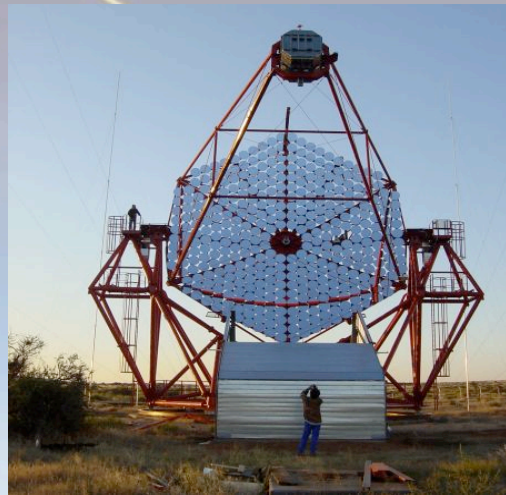
Low Energy Threshold  
EGRET, AGILE, Fermi



Space-based (Small Area)  
"Background Free"  
Large Duty Cycle/Large Aperture

Sky Survey ( $< 10$  GeV)  
AGN Physics  
Transients (GRBs)  $< 100$  GeV

High Sensitivity  
HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS



Large Effective Area  
Excellent Background Rejection  
Low Duty Cycle/Small Aperture

High Resolution Energy Spectra  
Studies of known sources  
Surveys of limited regions of sky

Large Aperture/High Duty Cycle  
Milagro, Tibet, ARGO, HAWC



Moderate Area  
Good Background Rejection  
Large Duty Cycle/Large Aperture

Unbiased Sky Survey  
Extended sources  
Transients (GRB's)

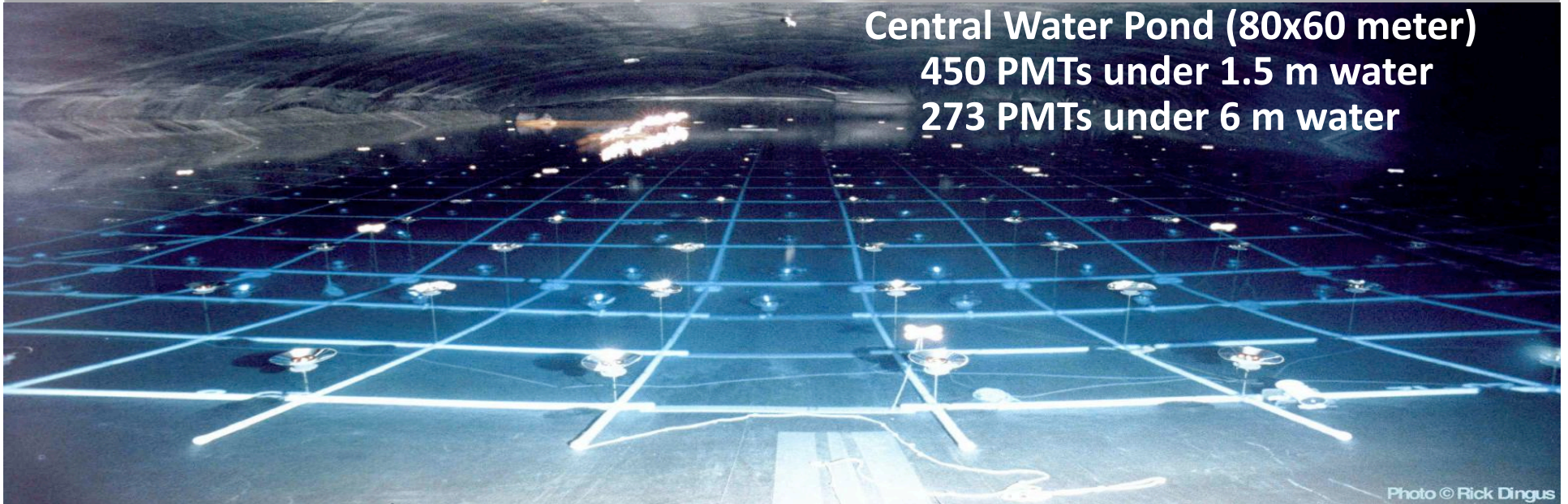
# Wide Field of View Observations of Milagro

Milagro Gamma Ray Observatory  
@ 8600' altitude near Los Alamos, NM

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# Milagro Water Cherenkov TeV Observatory



Central Water Pond (80x60 meter)  
450 PMTs under 1.5 m water  
273 PMTs under 6 m water

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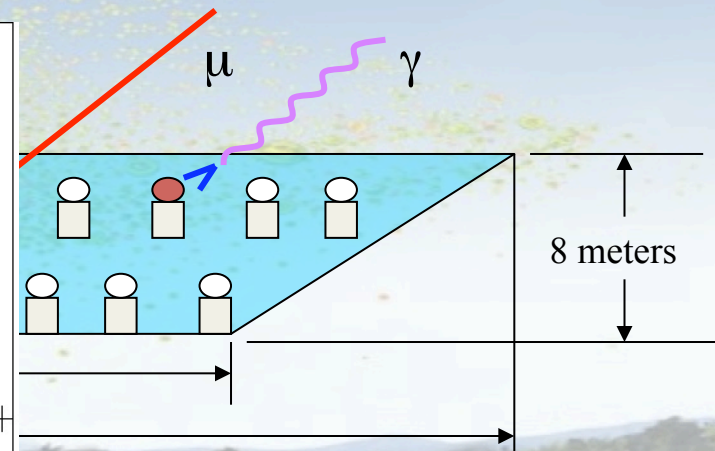
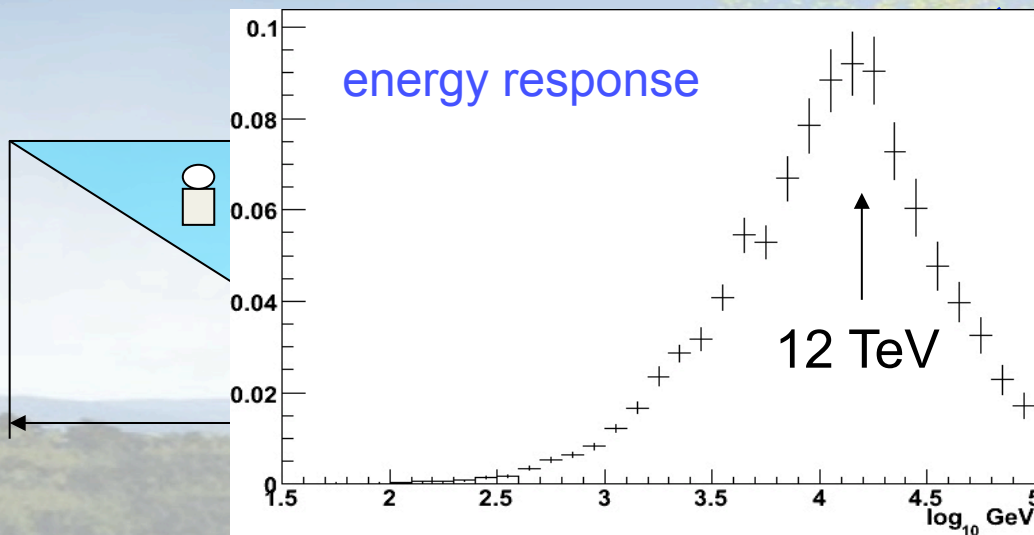
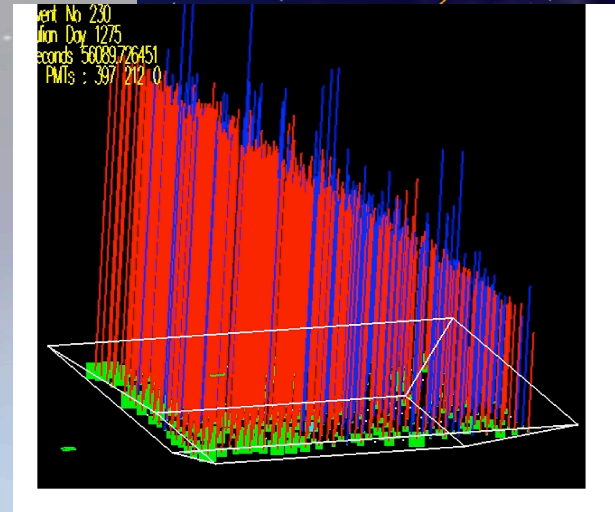


175 Outriggers of  
2.4 m dia x 1.4 m tall

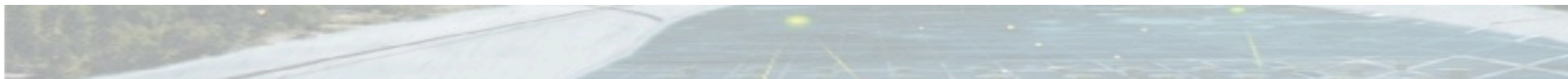
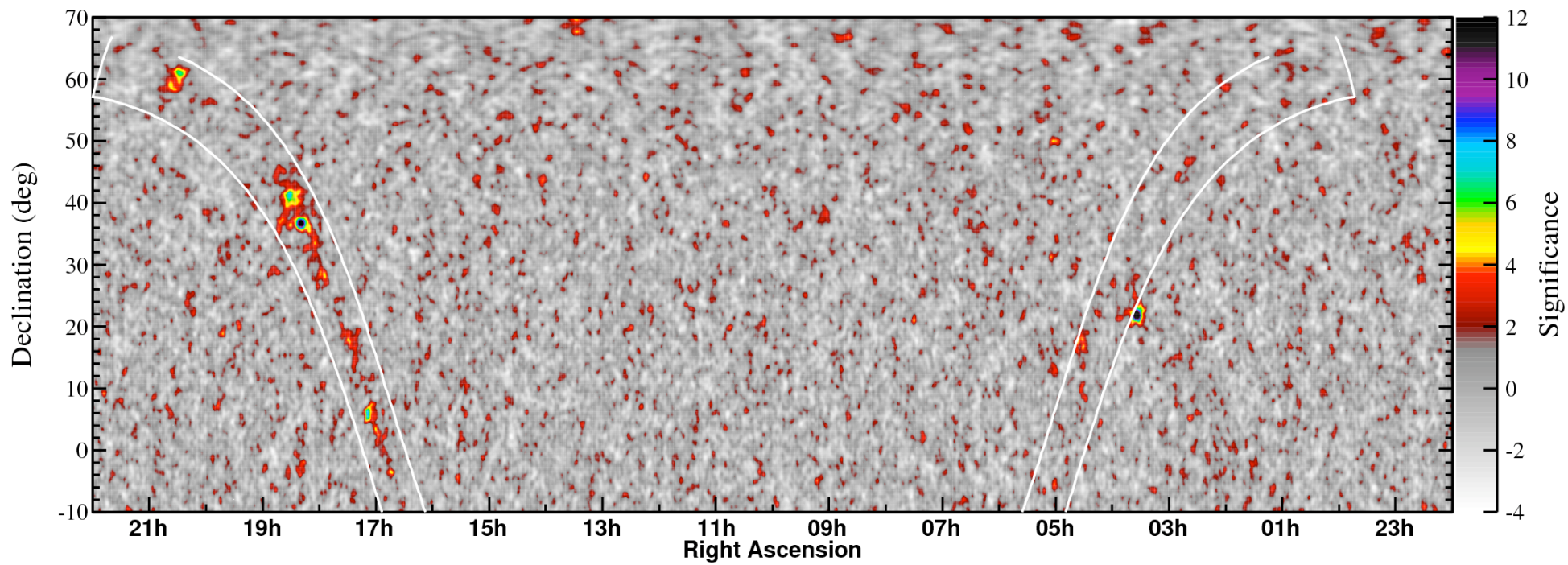
- 4000 m<sup>2</sup> pond surrounded by 40000 m<sup>2</sup> array of outriggers
- Located 2640 meters a.s.l. near Los Alamos, NM
- Operated from 2000-2008
- Operated 2004-2008 with outriggers (2x sensitivity)

# How Does Milagro Work?

- Detect Particles in Extensive Air Showers from Cherenkov light created in 60m x 80 m x 8m pond containing filtered water
- Reconstruct shower direction to  $\sim 0.5^\circ$  from the time different PMTs are hit
- 1700 Hz trigger rate mostly due to Extensive Air Showers created by cosmic rays
- Field of view was  $\sim 2$  sr and the average duty factor was  $>90\%$

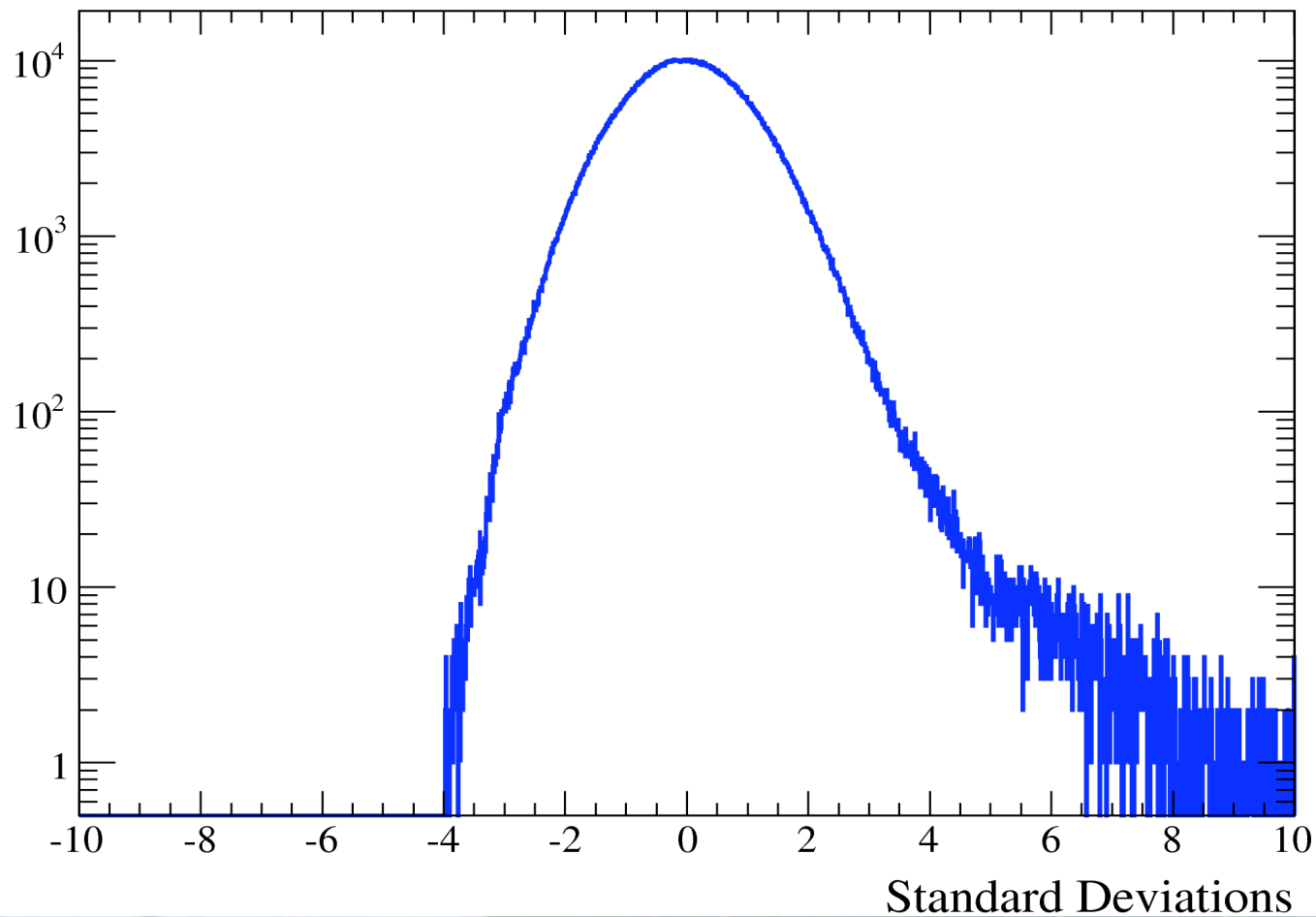


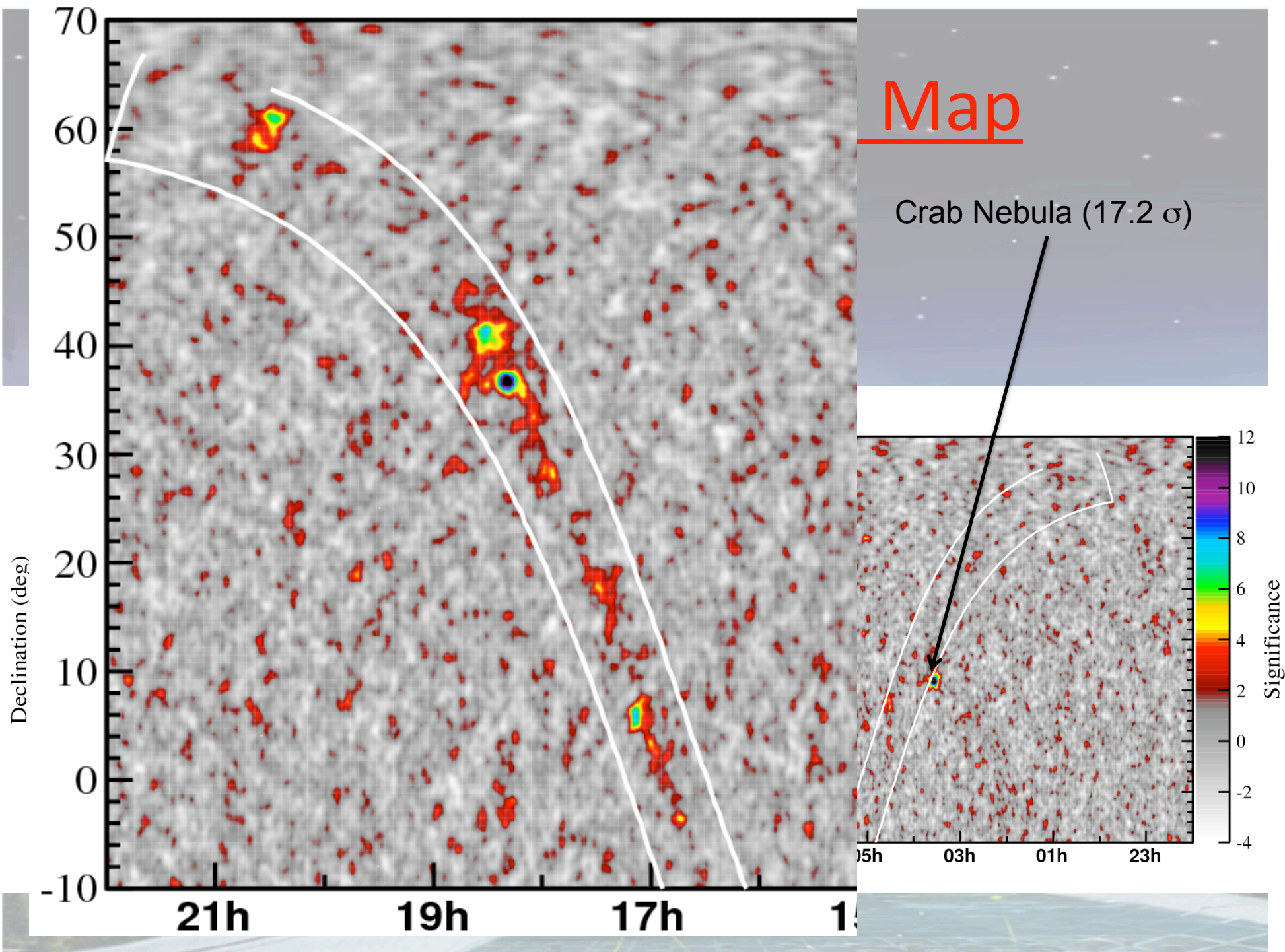
# Milagro Significance Map



# Distribution of Significances from Previous Map

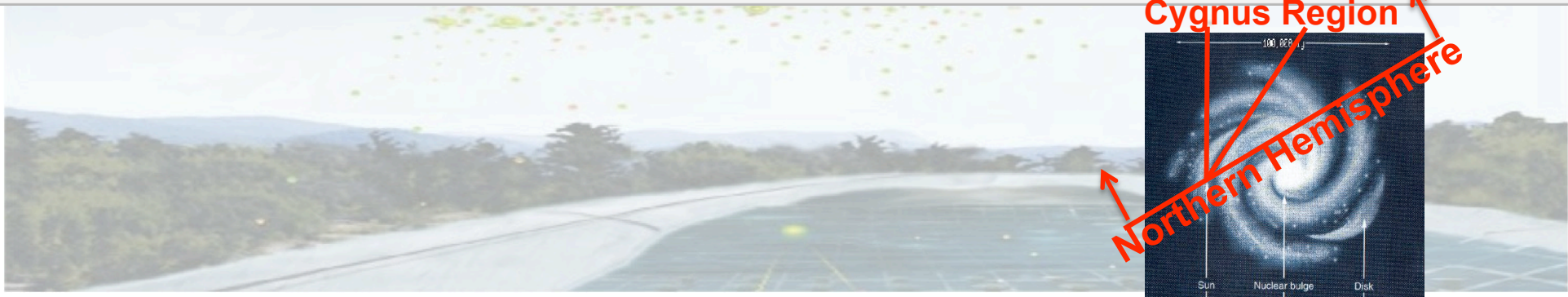
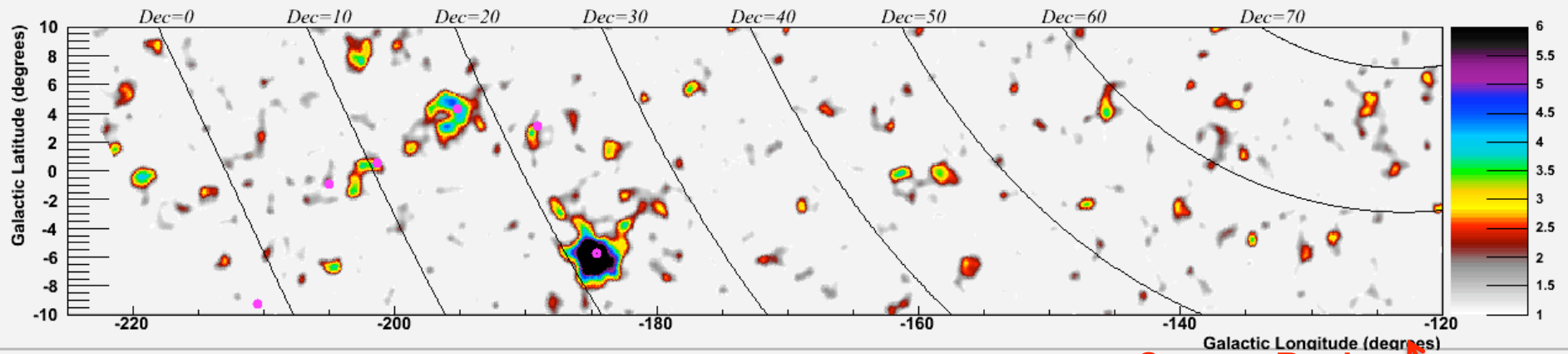
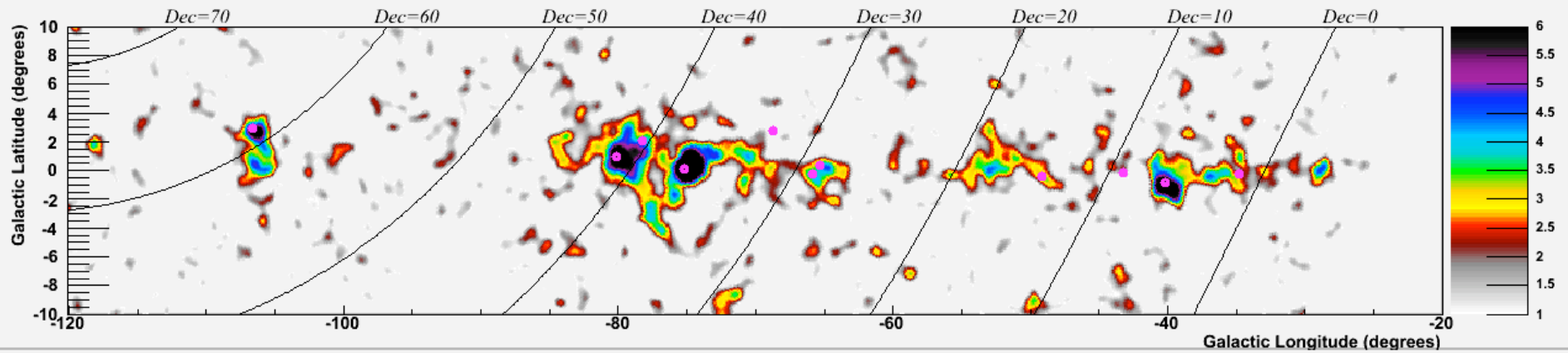
Distribution of Excesses on Sky







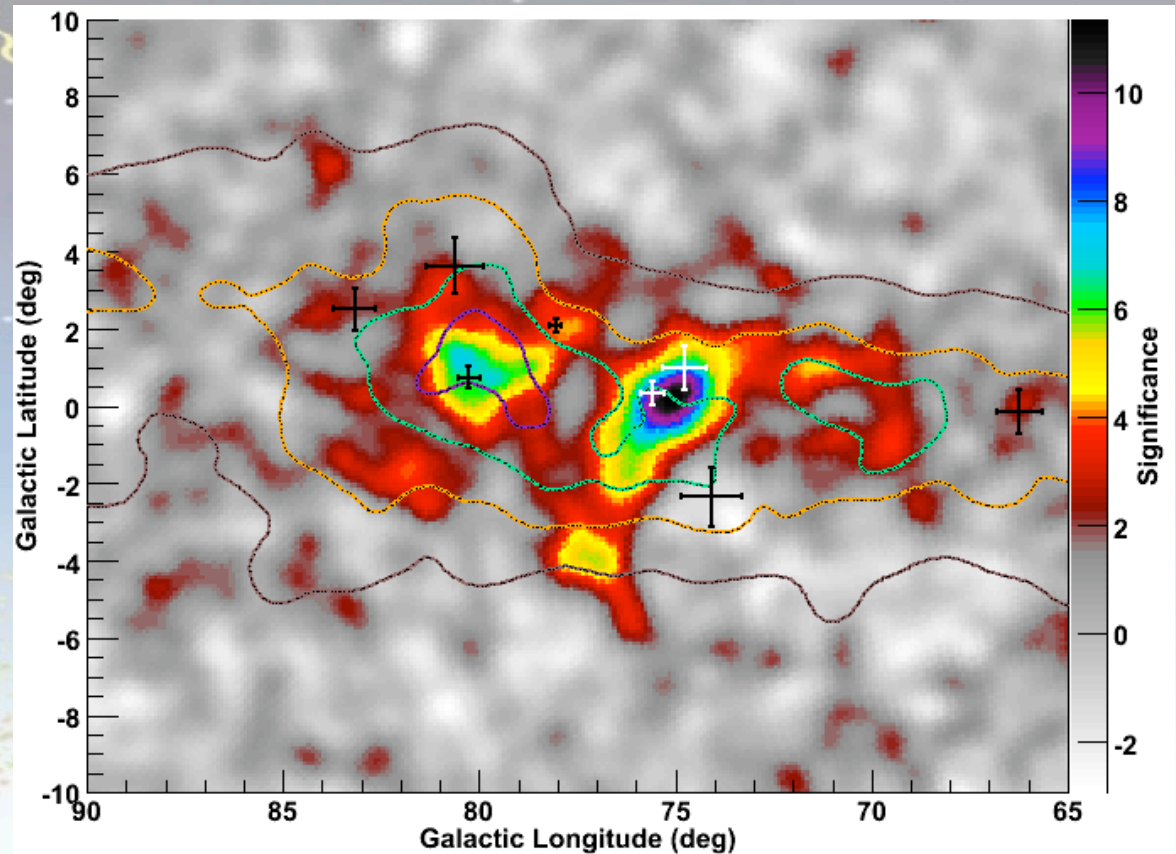
# Milagro's Galactic Plane



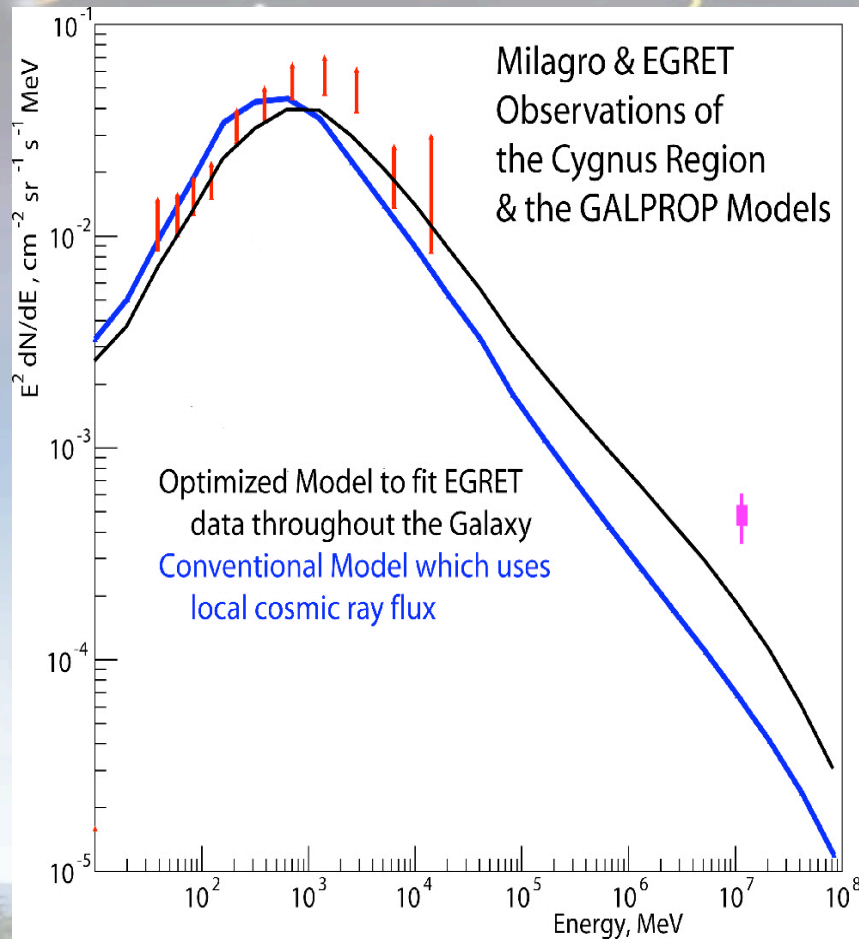
Cygnus Region  
Northern Hemisphere

# Cygnus Region Spatial Morphology

- Crosses are EGRET GeV sources
- Contours are Molecular (Dame et al, 2001) and Atomic Hydrogen (Kalberla et al, 2005)
- TeV flux correlated with matter density



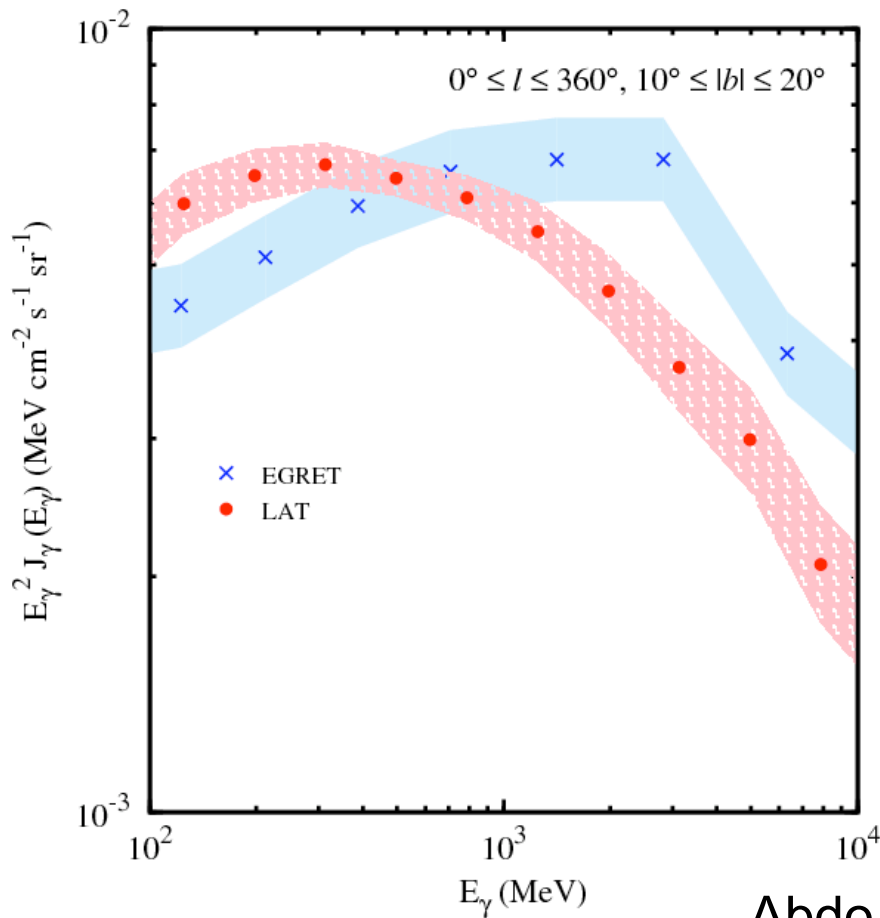
# TeV Diffuse Emission



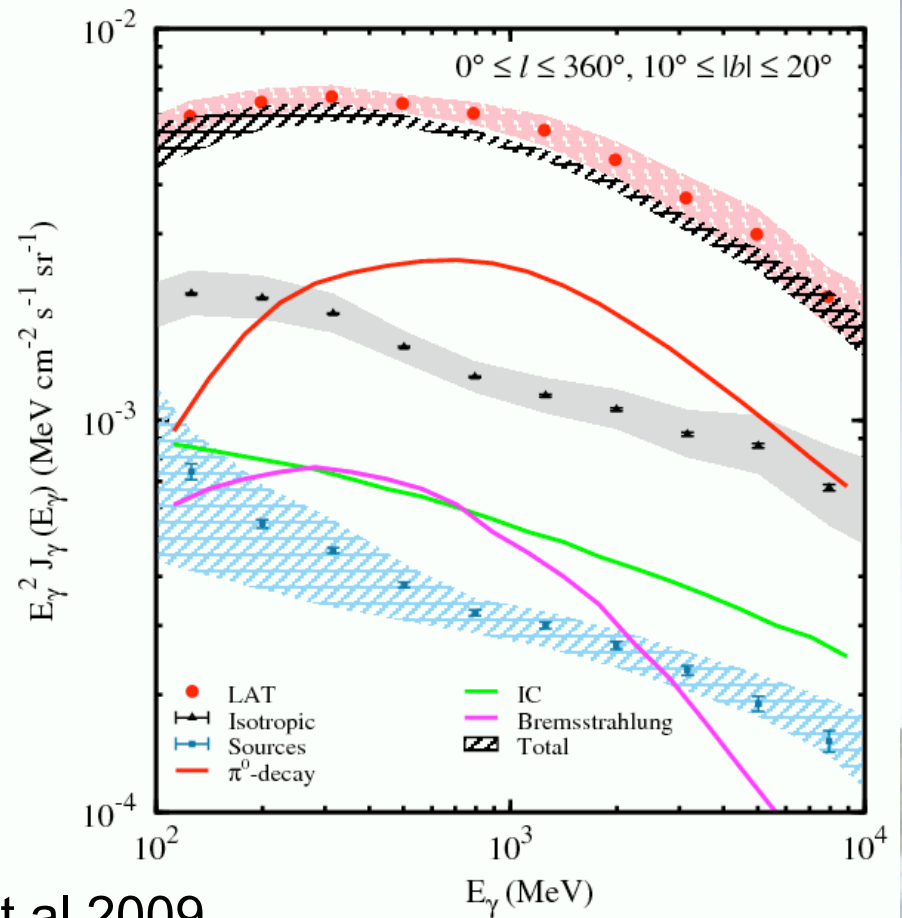
- GALPROP model of the cosmic ray production, propagation, matter, and radiation fields in the Galaxy
  - “Conventional” model uses local cosmic-ray flux
  - “EGRET Optimized” model increases cosmic-ray flux to match EGRET
- ‘EGRET Optimized model’ disfavored by Fermi

# GeV Mid Latitude Diffuse Emission

- Fermi & EGRET disagree
- Fermi matches GALPROP “conventional” model
  - Assumes that the local cosmic ray flux is typical

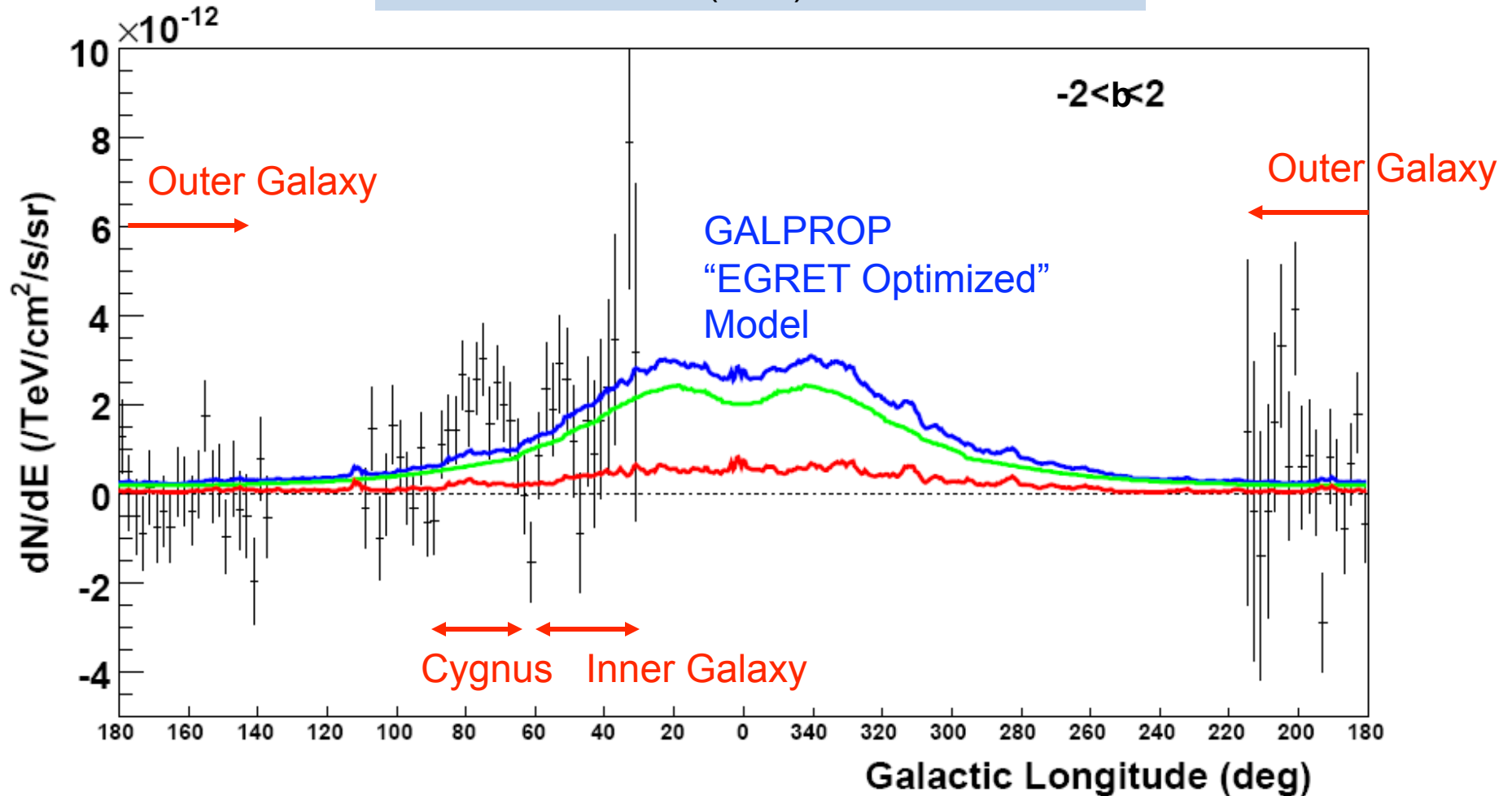


Abdo et al 2009

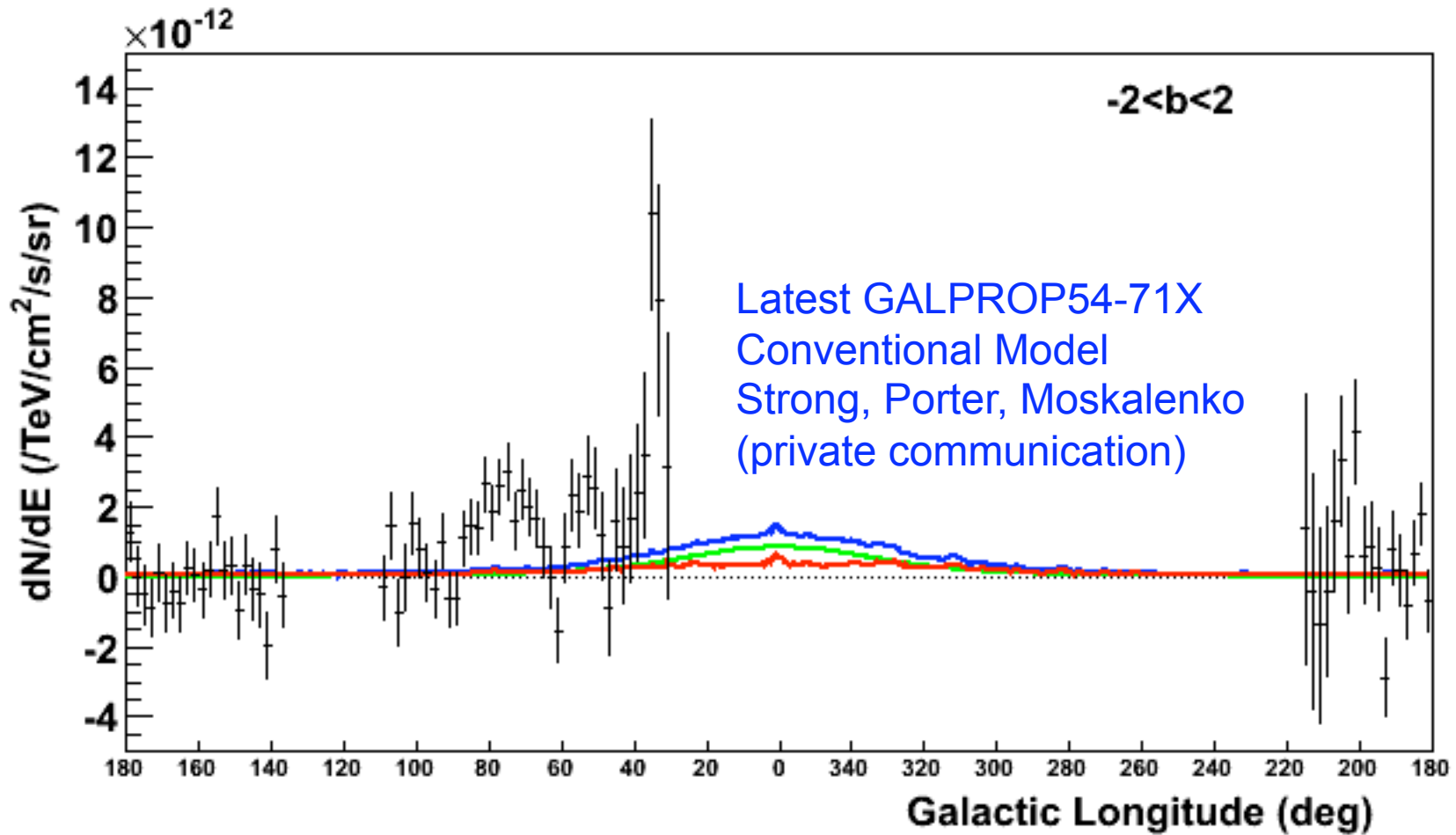


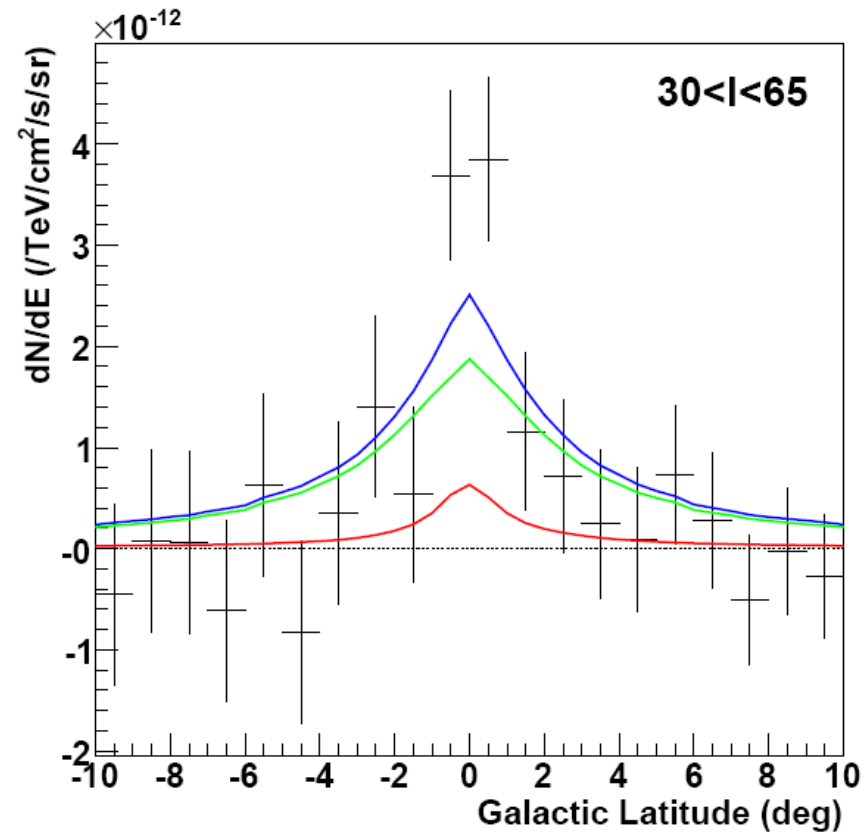
# Flux Profiles: Galactic Longitude

Flux ratio Inner Galaxy to Cygnus region:  
data:  $1.1 \pm 0.2$  (stat.) ; model: 2.0



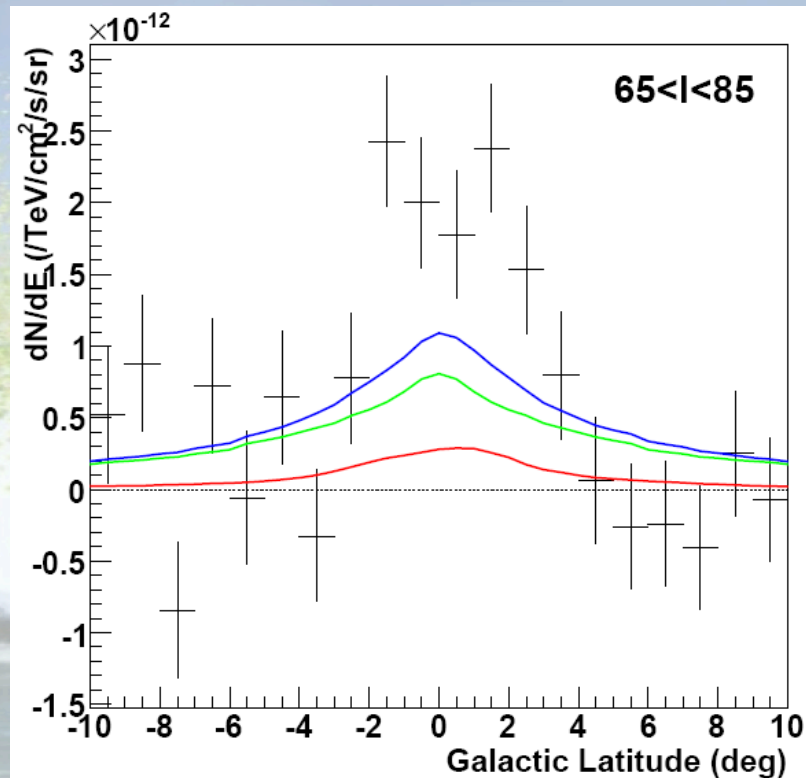
# Latest GALPROP

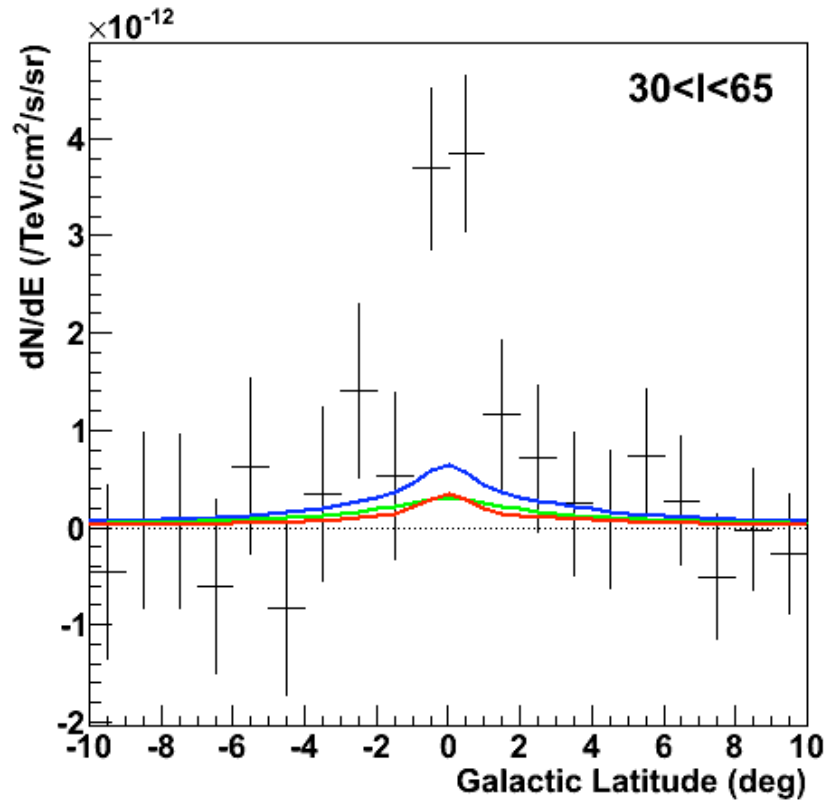




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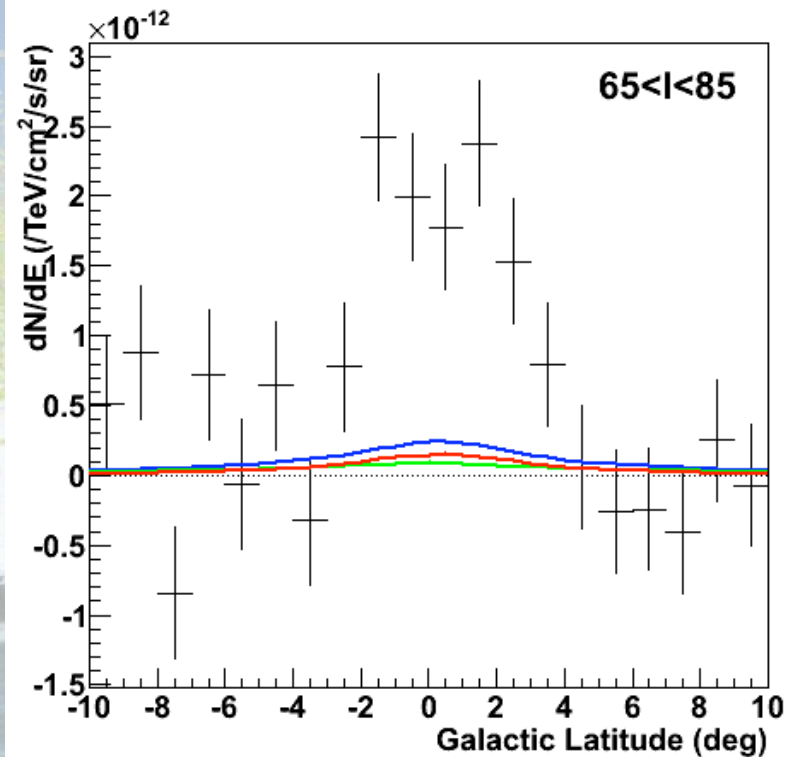
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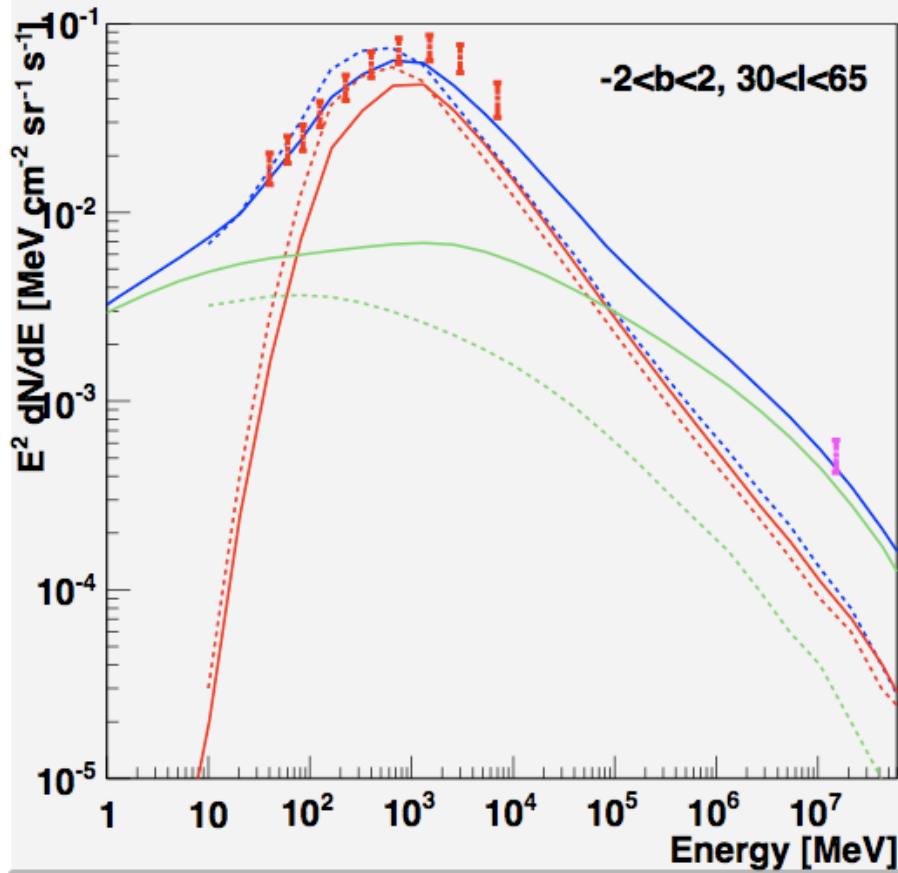
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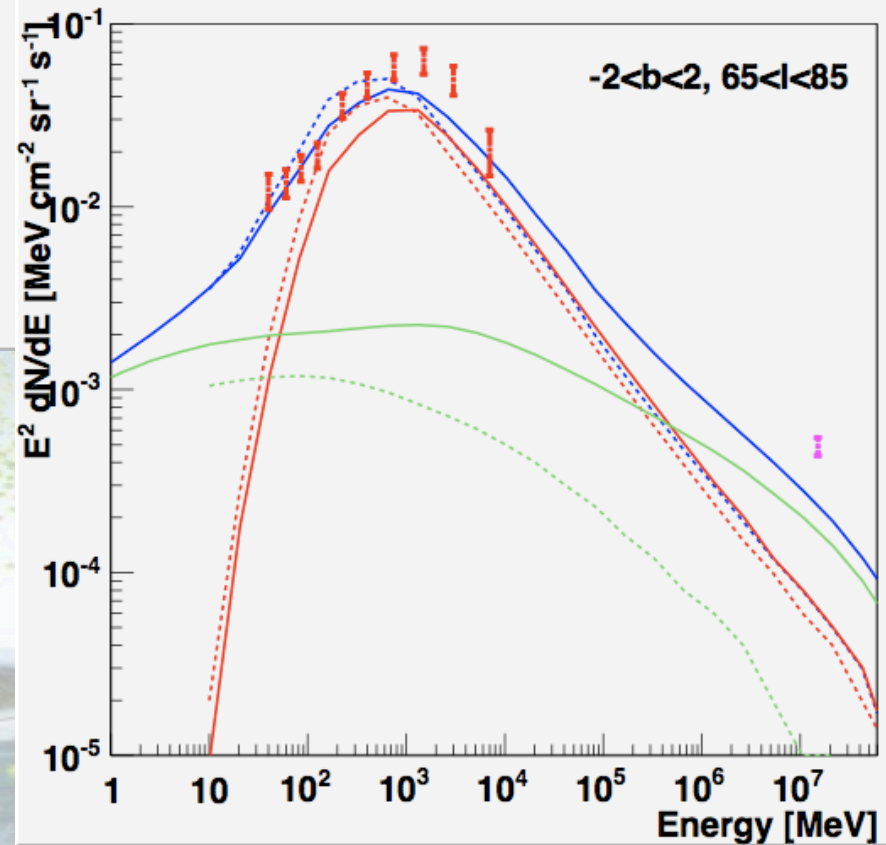




# GALPROP Spectra with EGRET and Milagro Data



Dashed is Conventional Model and  
Solid is Optimized Model



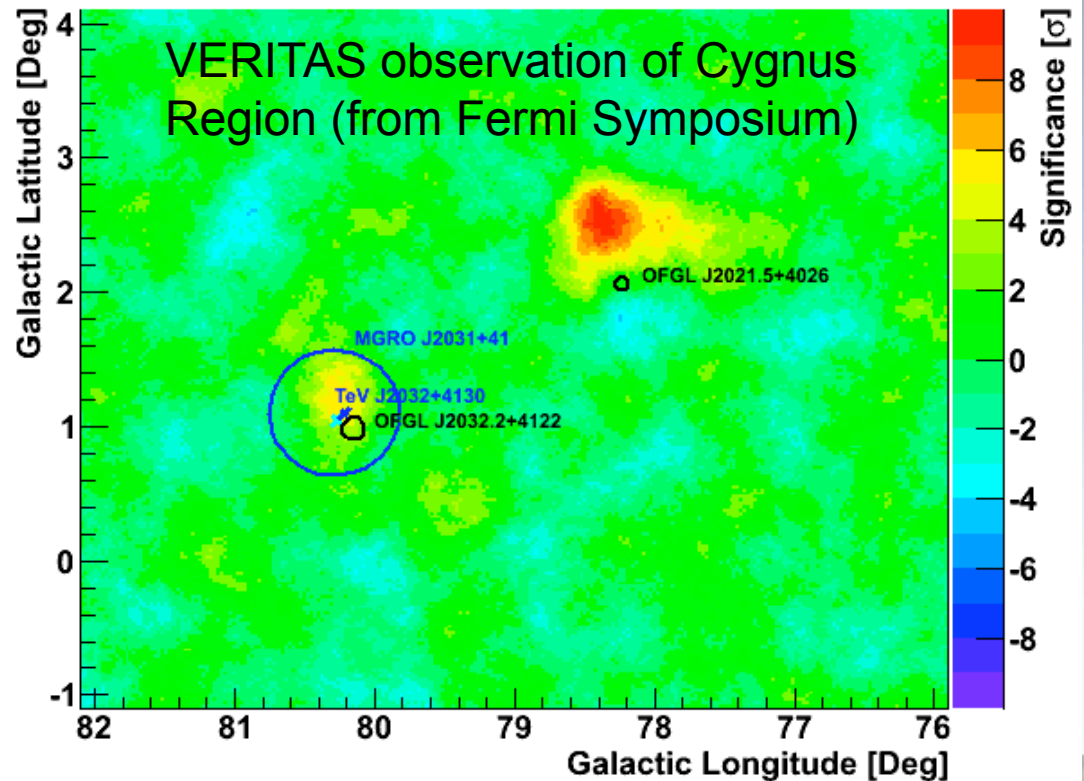
# Contribution of TeV Sources

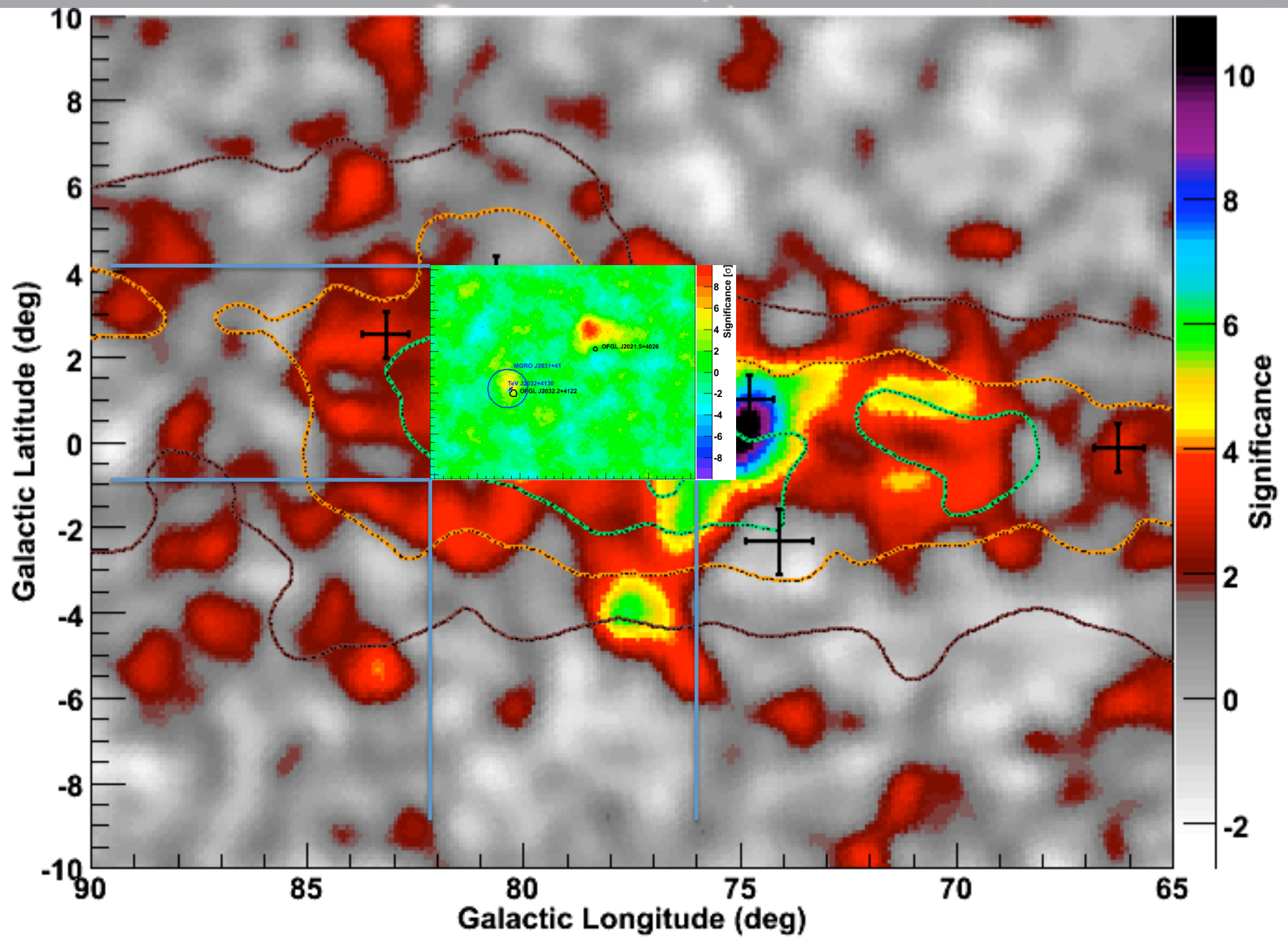
- Milagro resolved sources are subtracted
  - Weaker Milagro excesses (which are correlated with Fermi sources) reduce diffuse flux by <15%
- Deep surveys with ACTs will resolve weaker sources, but this is difficult because
  - Milagro observations are at higher energies
  - Nearby regions (e.g. Cygnus) have very angularly extended sources
- Where does an extended source end and a diffuse source begin???

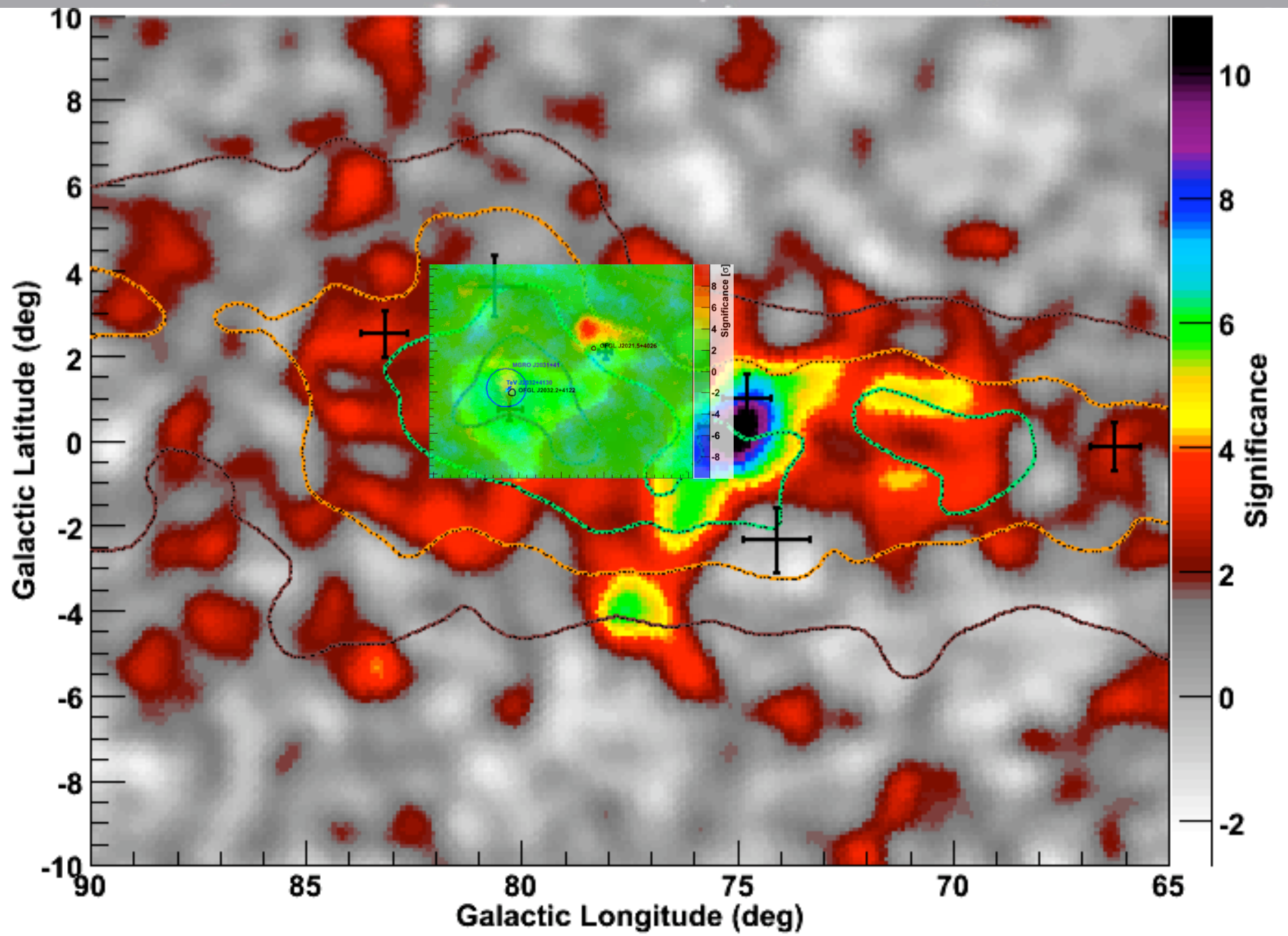
# Some VERITAS Results from Survey of Cygnus Region

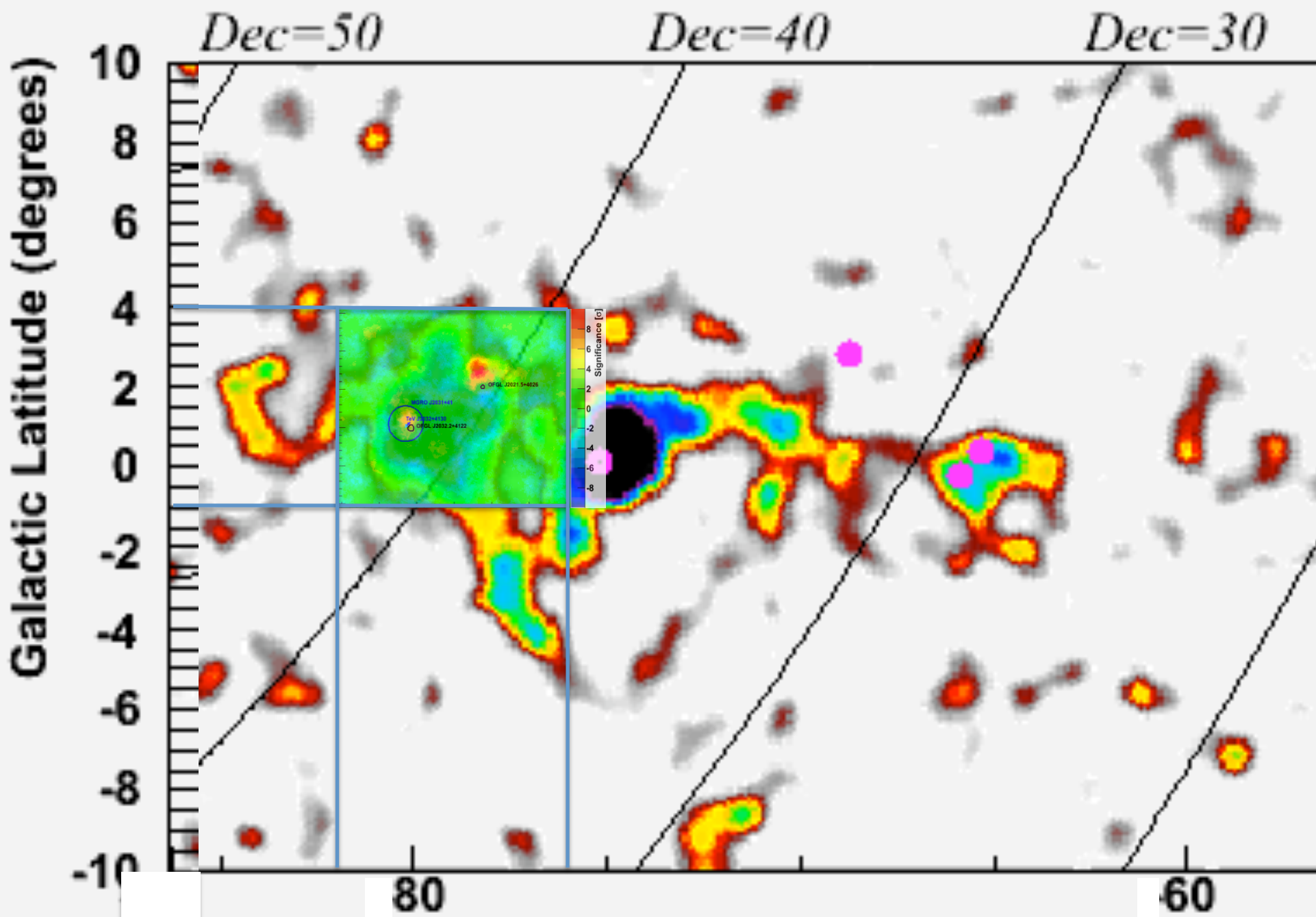
## Two sources

- Near gamma-Cygni
  - Offset from Fermi source
  - Coincident with Radio map
  - Not coincident with molecular cloud
  - 2-5% of Crab Flux
- TeV J2032 +4130, Fermi and Milagro





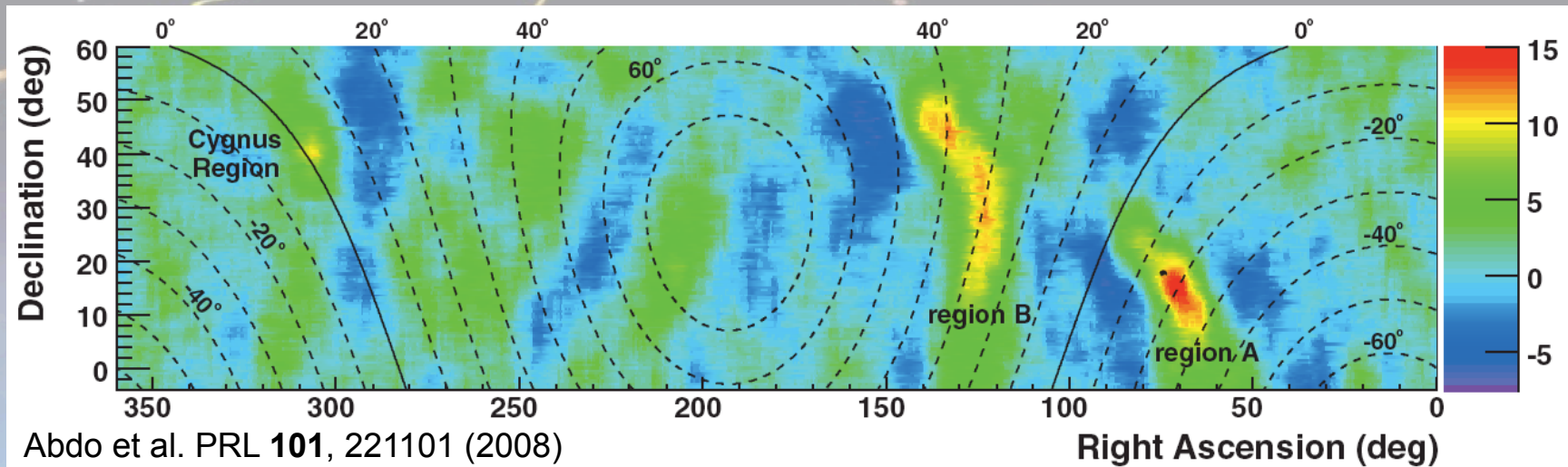




TeV Cosmic Ray Anisotropy also  
probes nearby Galactic TeV Sources

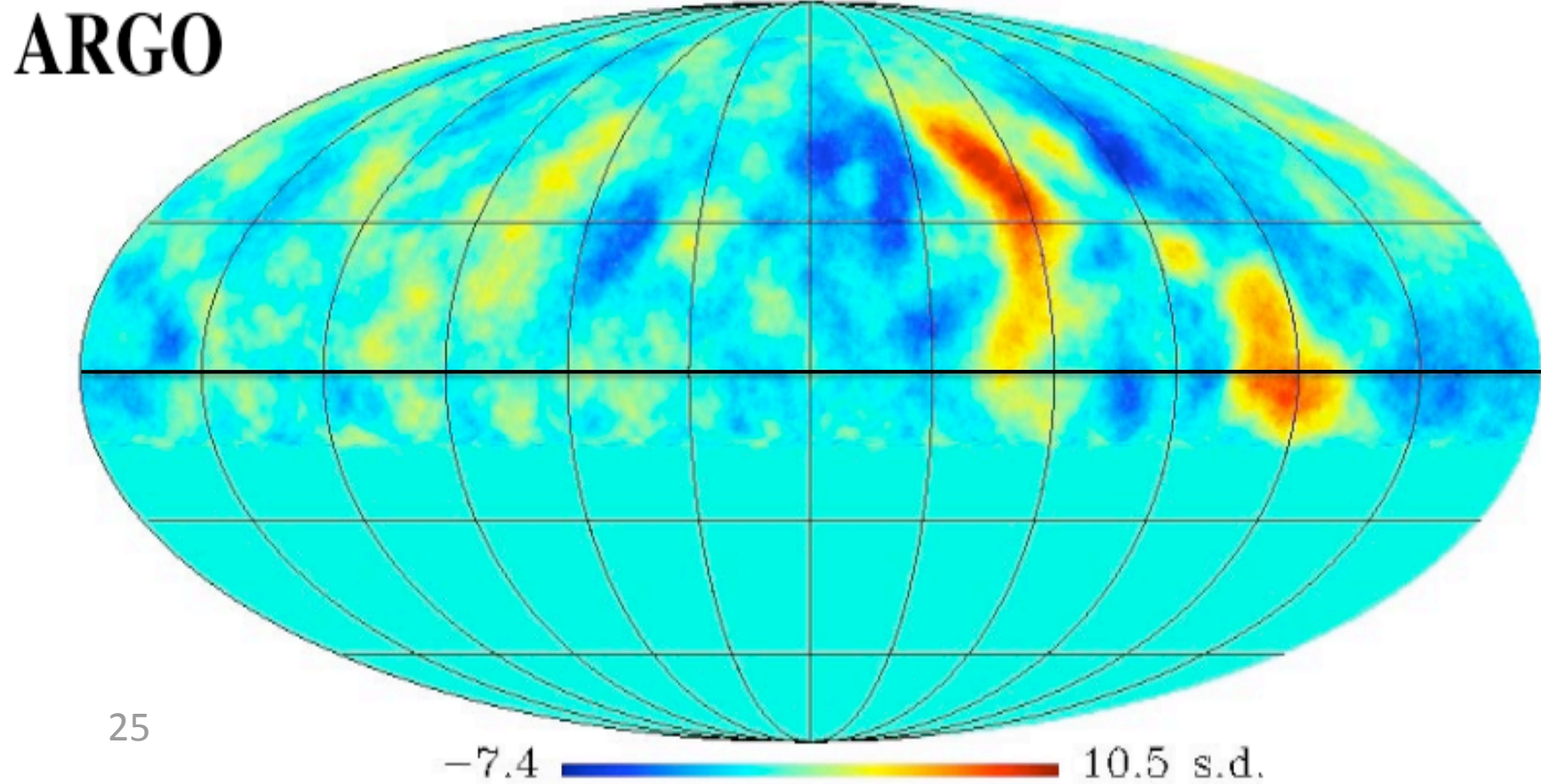
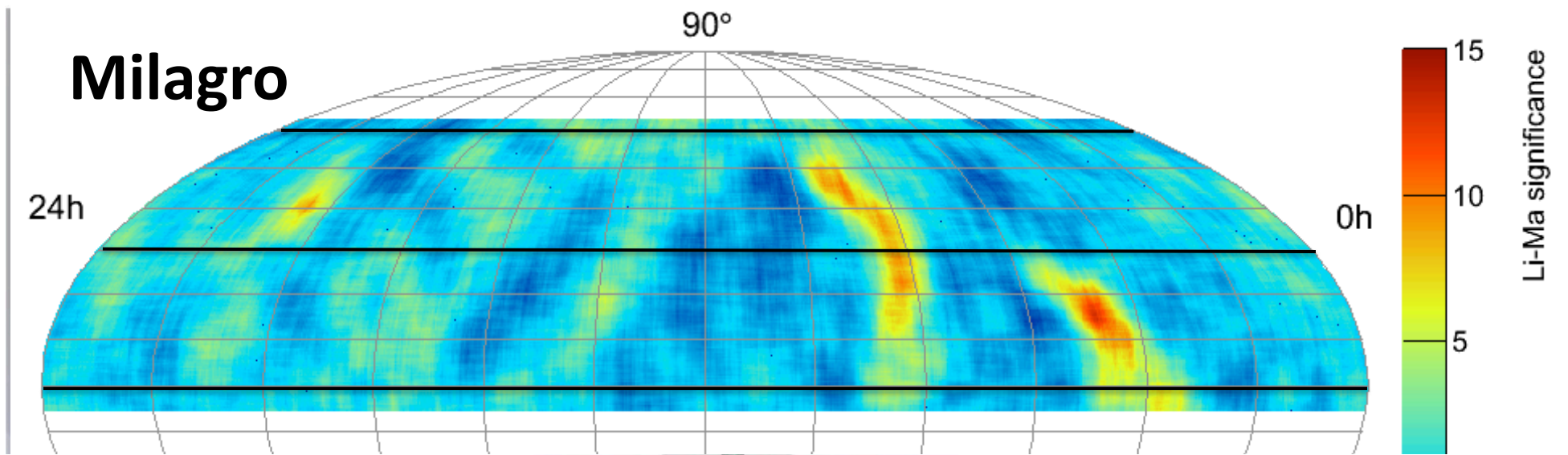


# Milagro Cosmic Ray Observations

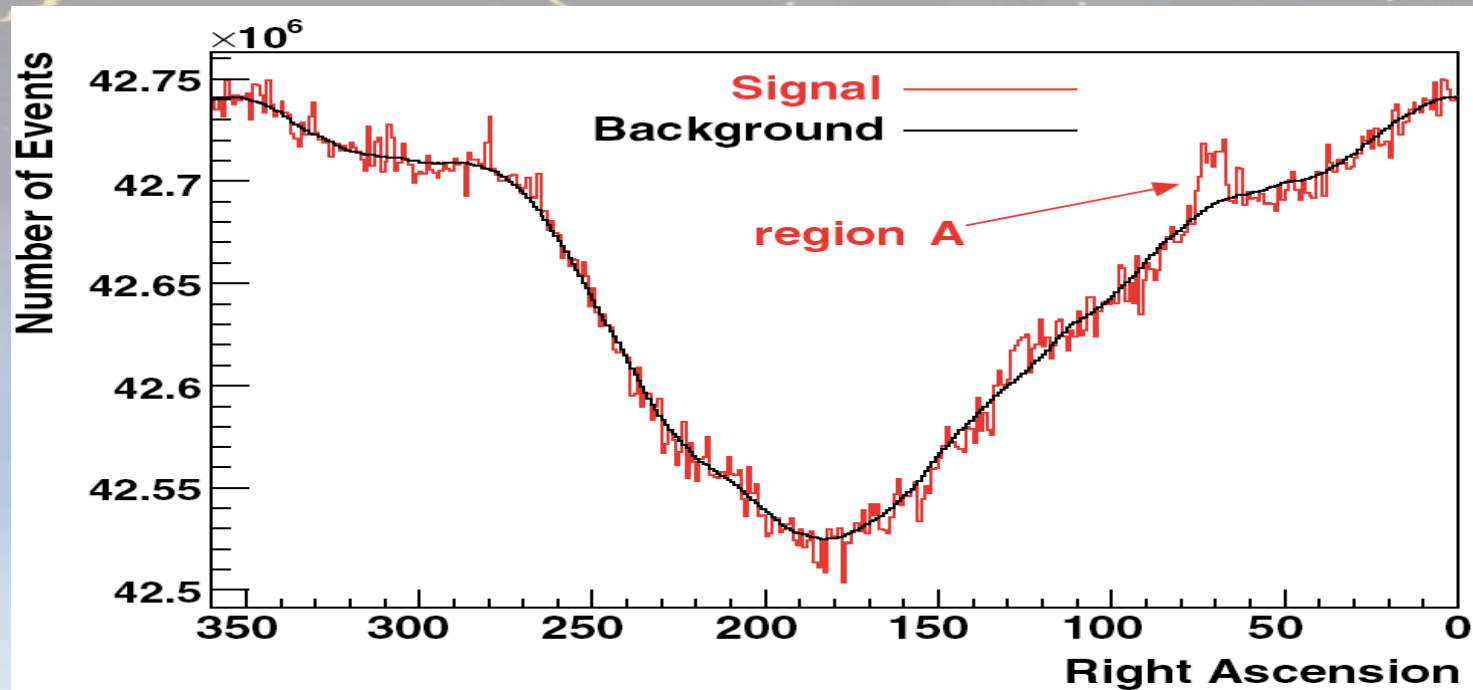


- Data is dominated by cosmic rays. 100 billion detected.
- $10^\circ$  smoothing, looking for large angular features.
- Two regions of excess  $15.0\sigma$  and  $12.7\sigma$ . Fractional excess of  $6 \times 10^{-4}$  ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$ ) for region A(B).
- Tibet AS Gamma and ARGO confirm these excesses





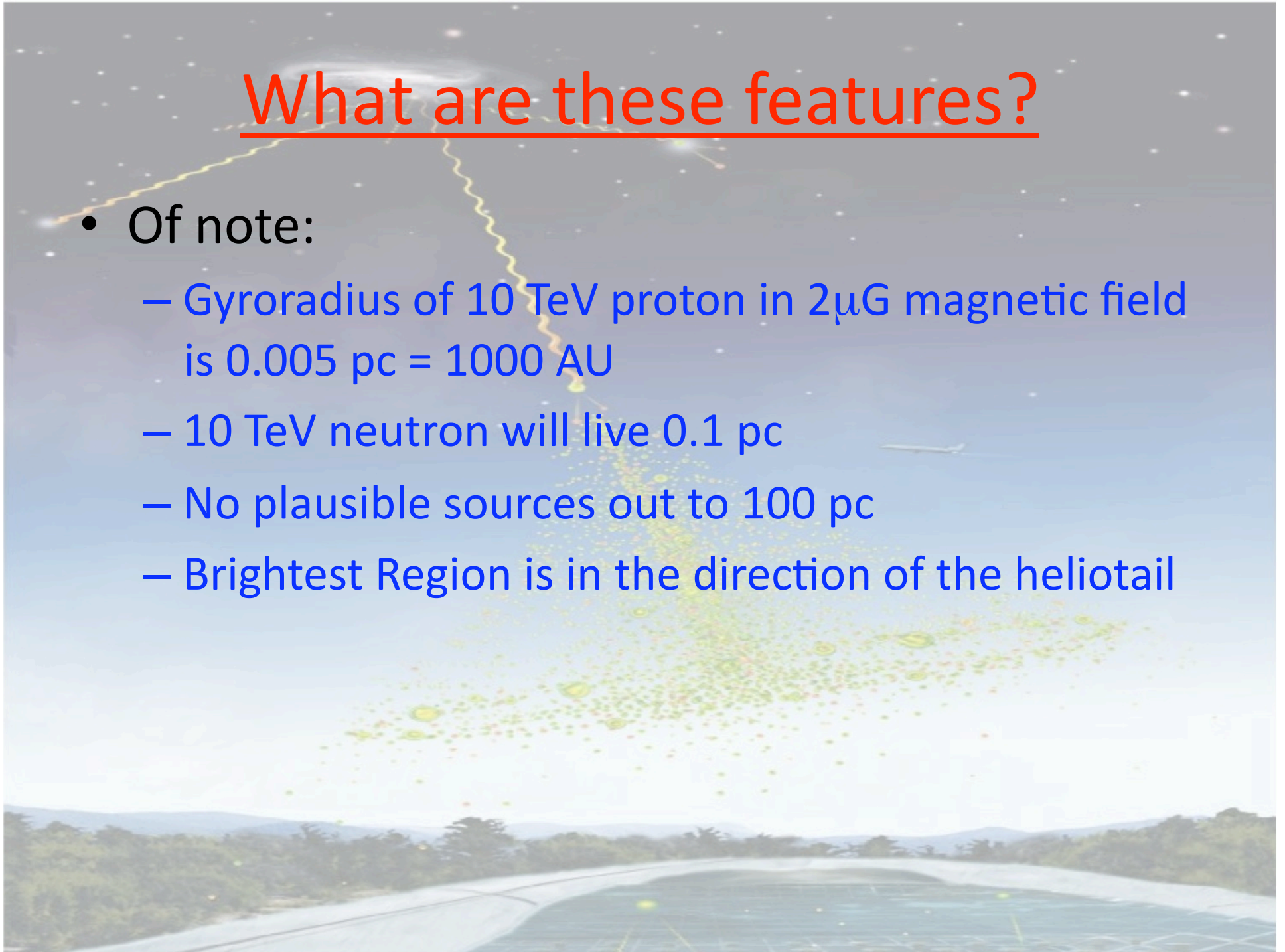
# Cosmic Ray Observations



- Gamma-ray origin excluded to high confidence.
- Appear harder than background cosmic-rays with a cutoff at  $\sim 10$  TeV.

# What are these features?

- Of note:
  - Gyroradius of 10 TeV proton in  $2\mu\text{G}$  magnetic field is  $0.005\text{ pc} = 1000\text{ AU}$
  - 10 TeV neutron will live  $0.1\text{ pc}$
  - No plausible sources out to  $100\text{ pc}$
  - Brightest Region is in the direction of the heliotail



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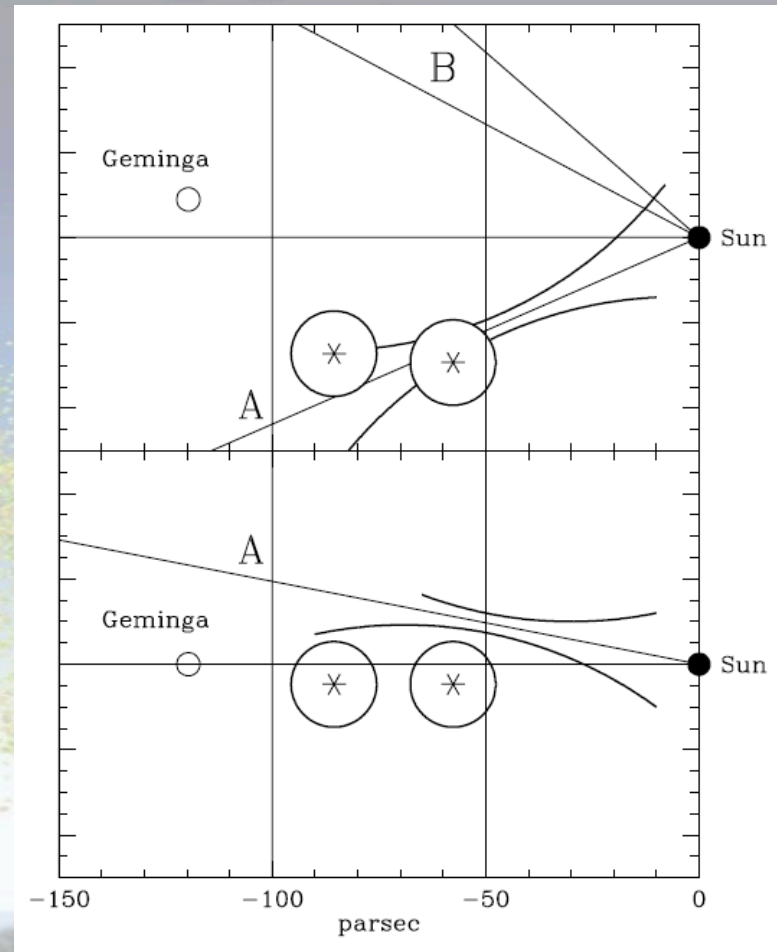
- Heliospheric?
  - Not enough energy in solar B field. (Salvati and Sacco)
- Neutron production in clump of ISM matter gathered at the heliotail.
  - Flux too low by factor of  $10^6$ . (Drury and Aharonian)
- Dark Matter?
  - Data fits a line-spectrum at 10 TeV fairly well, but it's hadronic

Salvati and Sacco. A&A 485, 527-529 (2008)

Drury and Aharonian. Astropart. Phys. 29 420-423 (2008)

# Nearby Cosmic-Ray Accelerator?

- “Bullets” not “smoking gun”.
- Requires non-standard cosmic-ray diffusion and a nearby source (Geminga supernova? < 90 pc away in the past?)
- Some coherent magnetic structure connecting us to the source.
- Need to understand cosmic-ray propagation better.

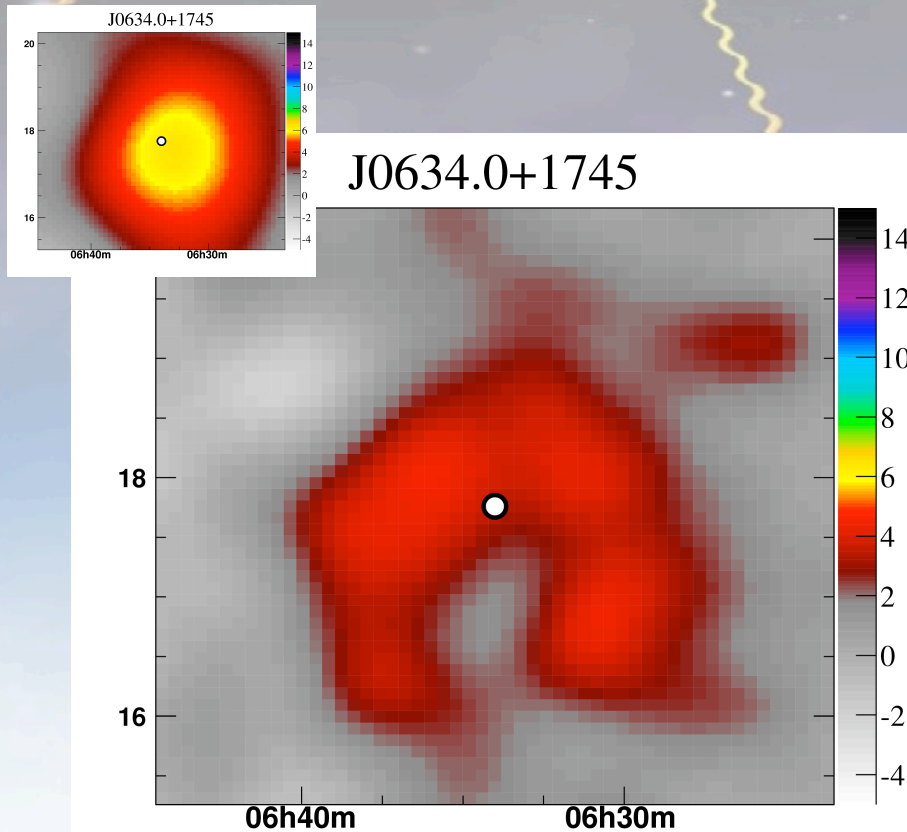


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# Open Questions

- Excess TeV gamma-ray Diffuse Emission
  - Increase more TeV electron contribution suggested by GALPROP?
  - Increase TeV hadronic contribution without violating cosmic ray secondary observations?
  - Limit on unresolved sources due to luminosity function of TeV sources?
- Localized Excess of TeV hadronic emission
  - Astrophysical Galactic Source nearby?
  - Ordered local magnetic field?

# Geminga (J0634.0+1745)



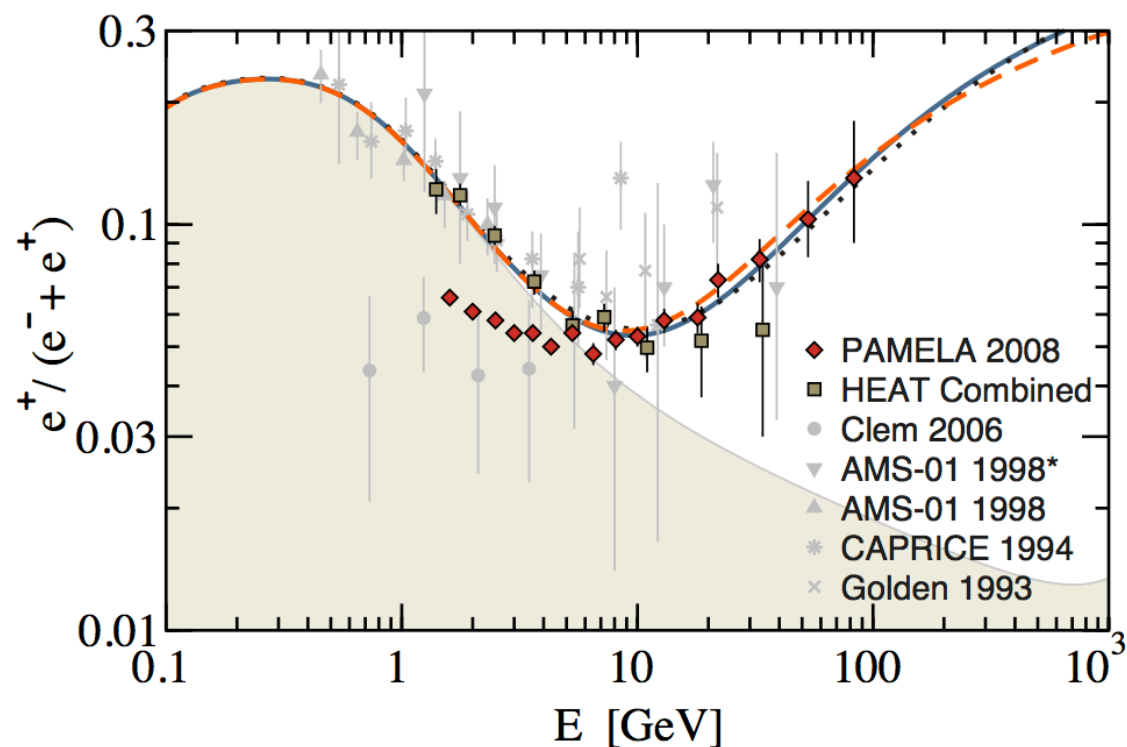
- Most Significant GeV source of 34 searched is Geminga
- Old (300 kyr) PWN and nearby (250 pc)
- Fitted Gaussian profile gives sigma of  $1.1^\circ$  (4.9 pc) extent which is similar to HESS observations of more distant PWN

# Geminga as a Local Cosmic Ray Source

- *The confirmed presence of a nearby, ancient source of high-energy electrons and positrons immediately suggests an explanation for the positron excess.*

-Yüksel, Kistler, Stanev Phys Rev Lett 2009

**PAMELA's positron excess  
is well fit given Milagro's  
flux from Geminga**



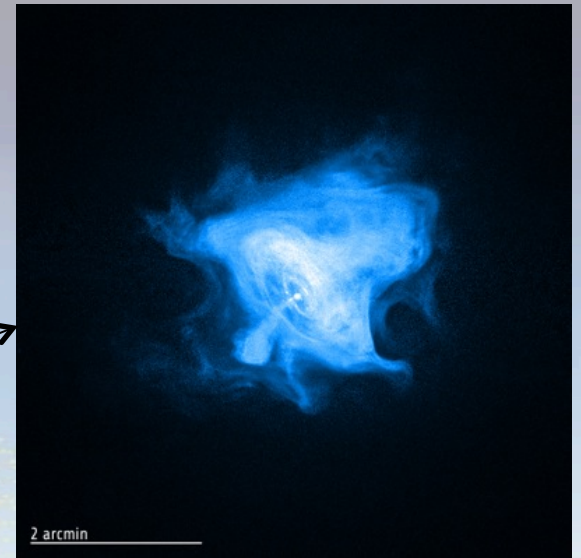


# GeV Pulsars are Coincident with TeV sources



GeV Emission is pulsed & due to rotation axis misaligned with Magnetic Dipole of  $\sim 10^{12}$  G

TeV Emission is produced by particles further accelerated in the shock interacting with the ambient medium.



## IMPLICATIONS

- GeV emission has broad beam
  - Because TeV PWN are unbeamed
  - And bright TeV sources are coincident with GeV pulsars
- TeV PWN are prevalent in GeV pulsars