

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

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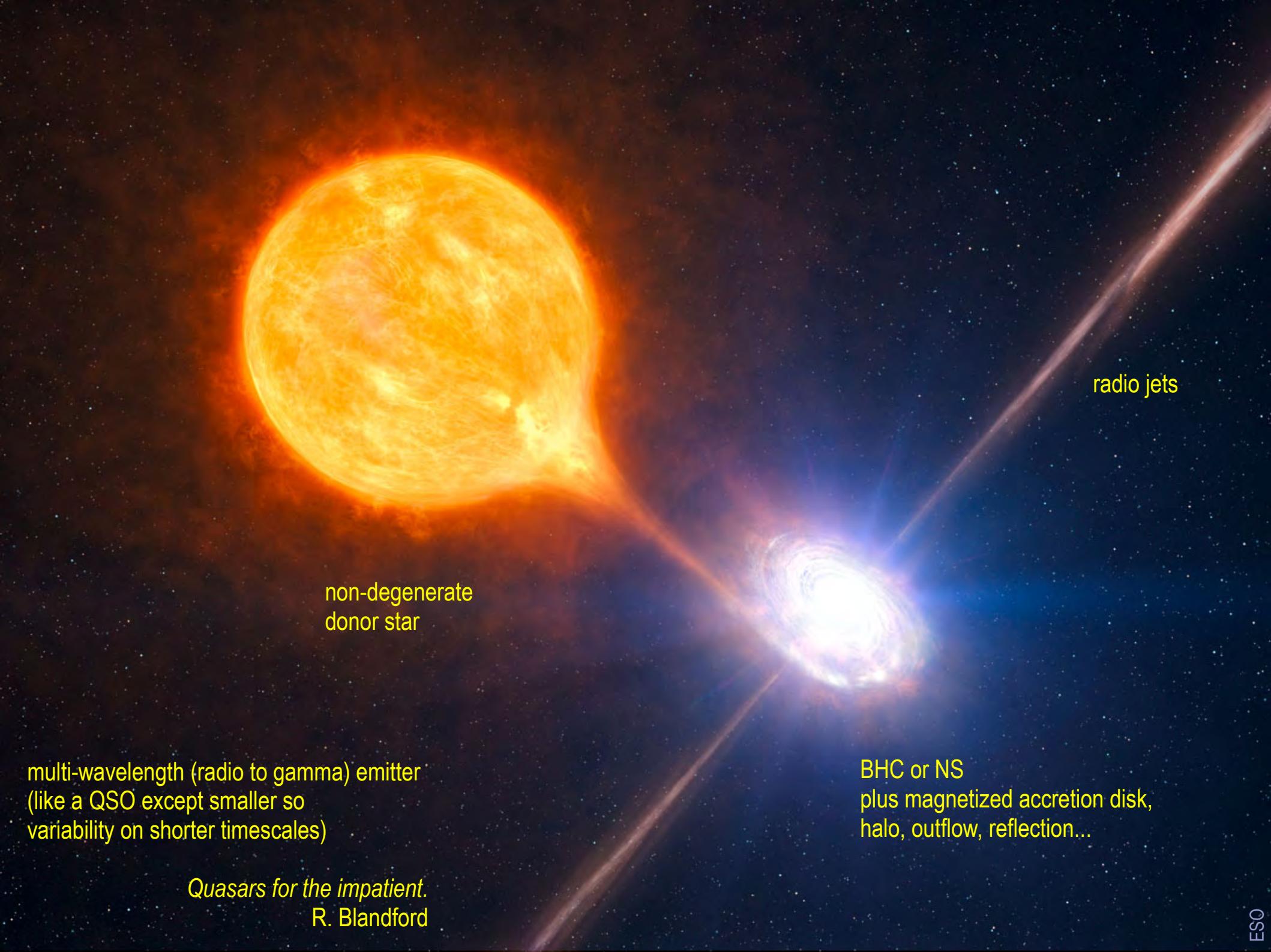
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4TH FERMI SYMPOSIUM
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multi-wavelength (radio to gamma) emitter
(like a QSO except smaller so
variability on shorter timescales)

Quasars for the impatient.
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BHC or NS
plus magnetized accretion disk,
halo, outflow, reflection...

radio jets

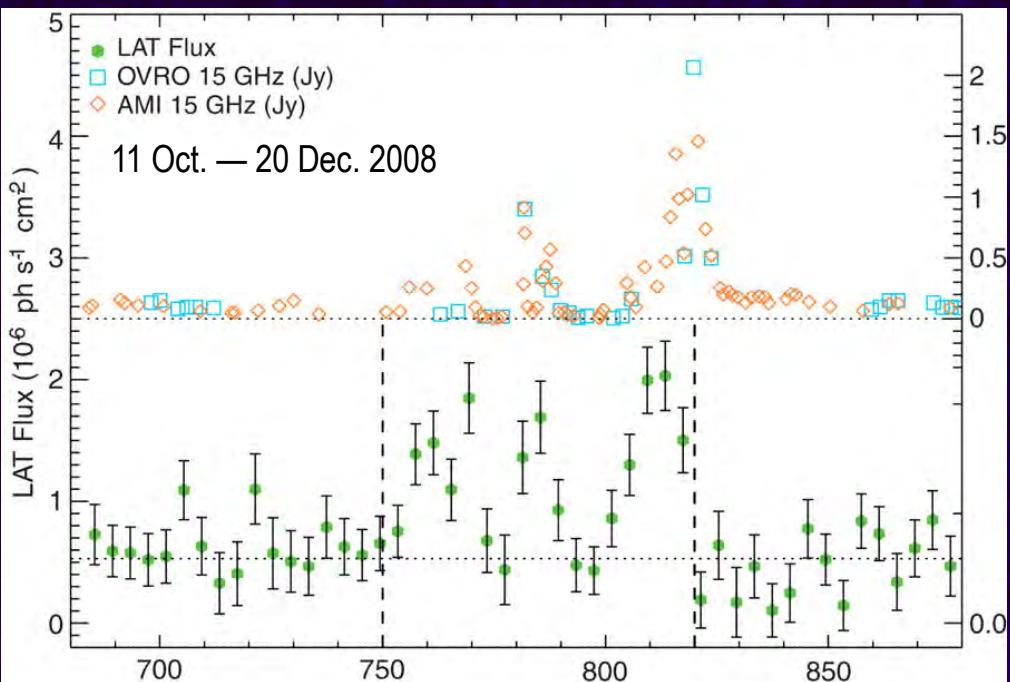
non-degenerate
donor star

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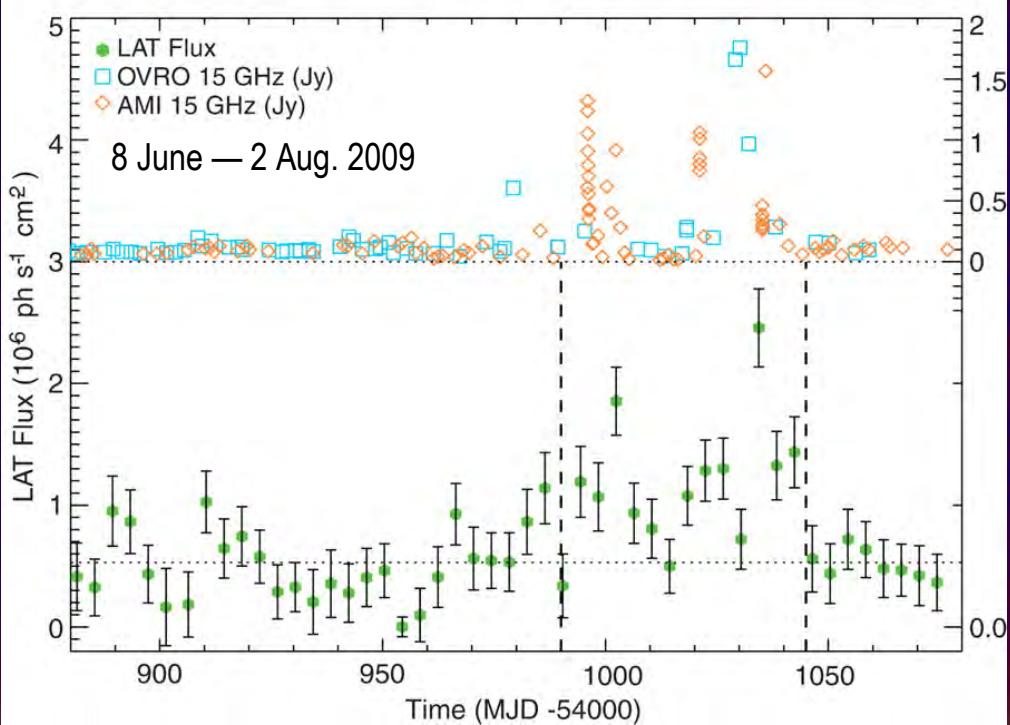
CYG X-3: A MICROQUASAR DETECTED IN THE GAMMA-RAYS



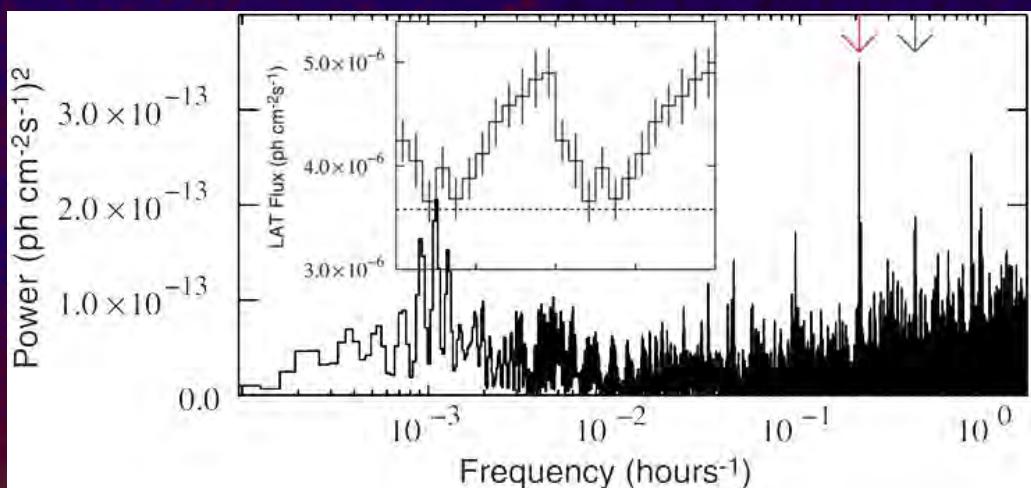
Fermi-LAT collab. (S. Corbel) 2009 Sci. 326 1512

sequence: gamma-rays then radio (lag: 5 ± 7 days)

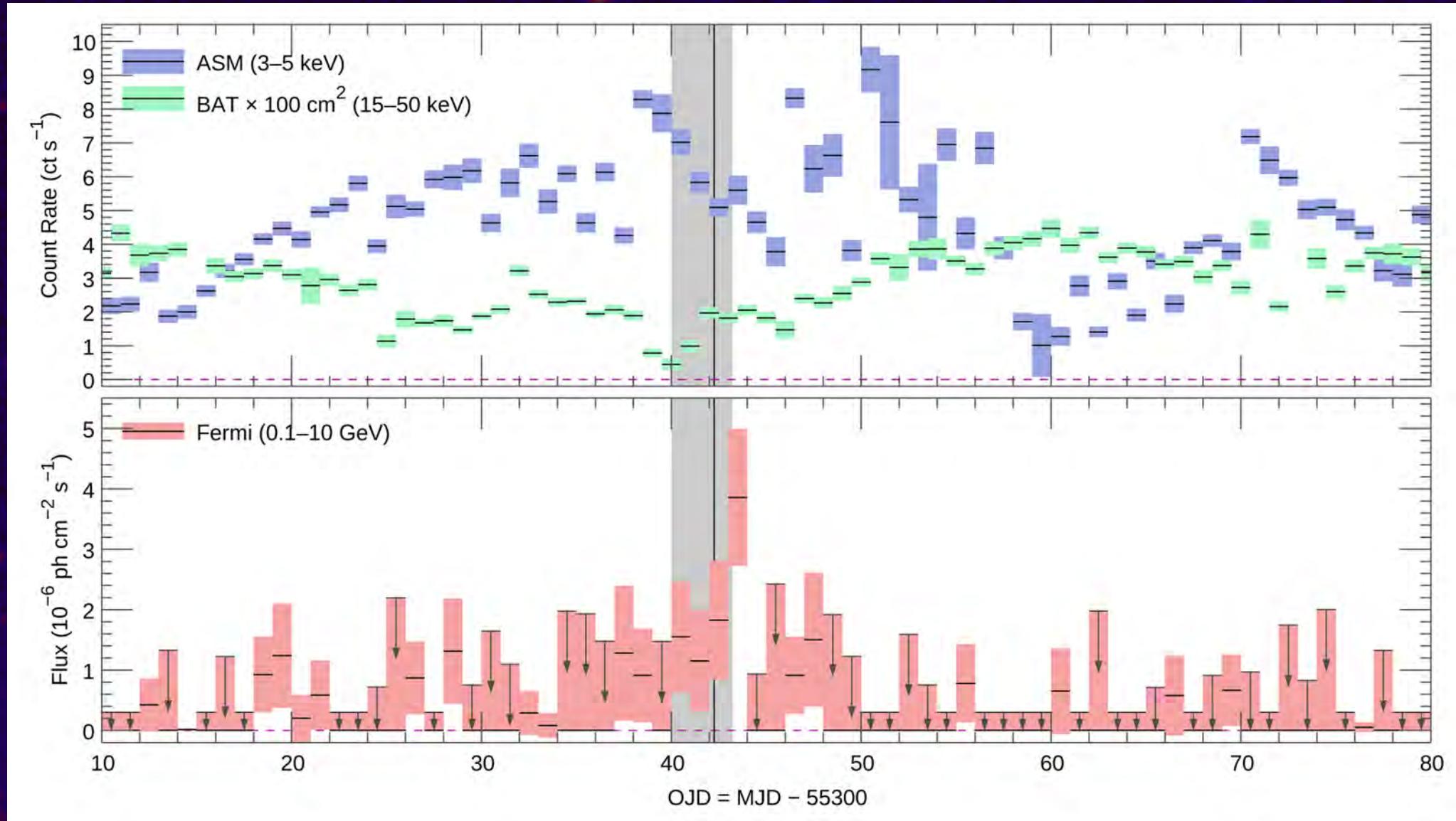
⇒ probably inverse Compton:
UV photons from WR star upscatter
off of relativistic electrons in the jet



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

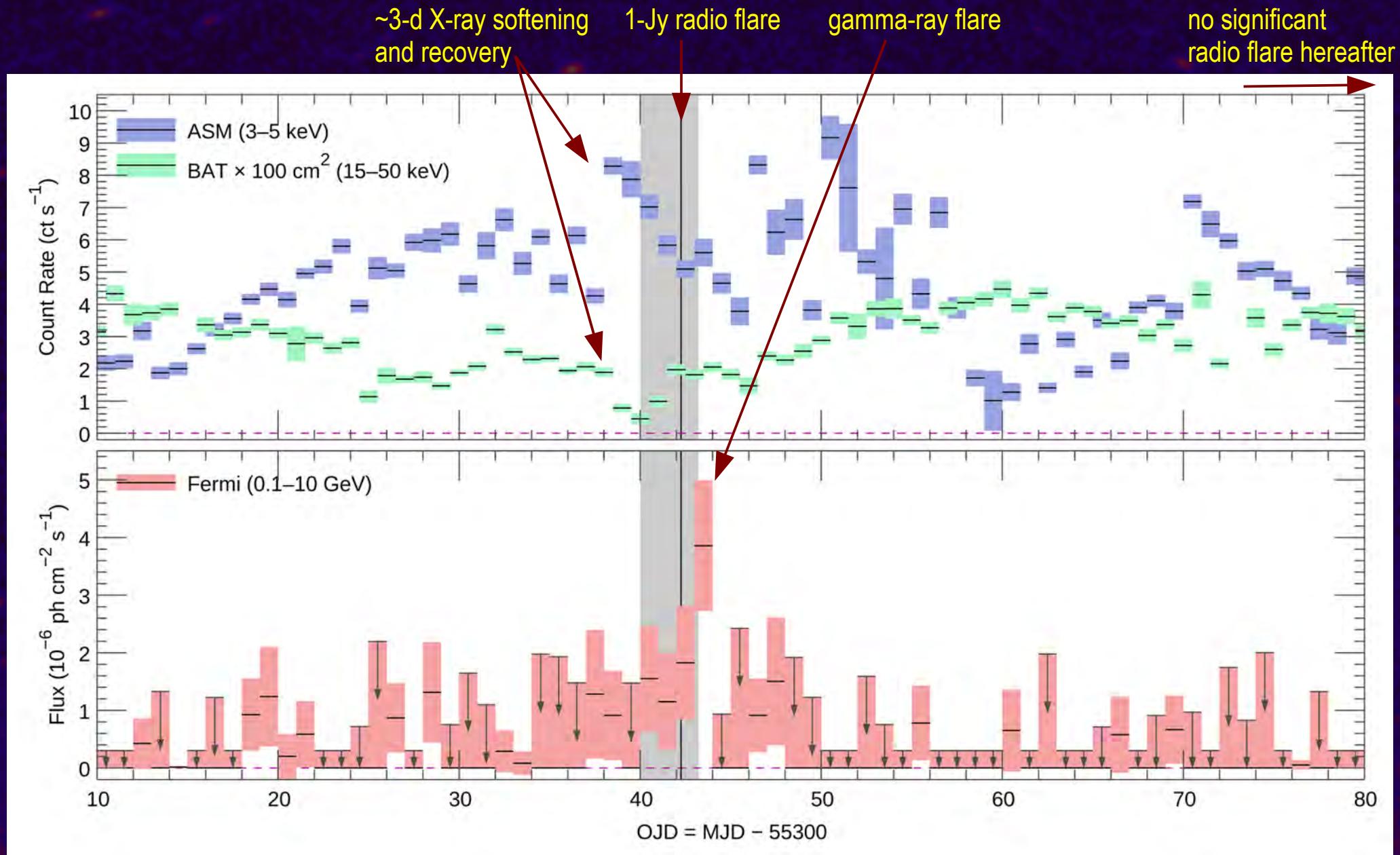


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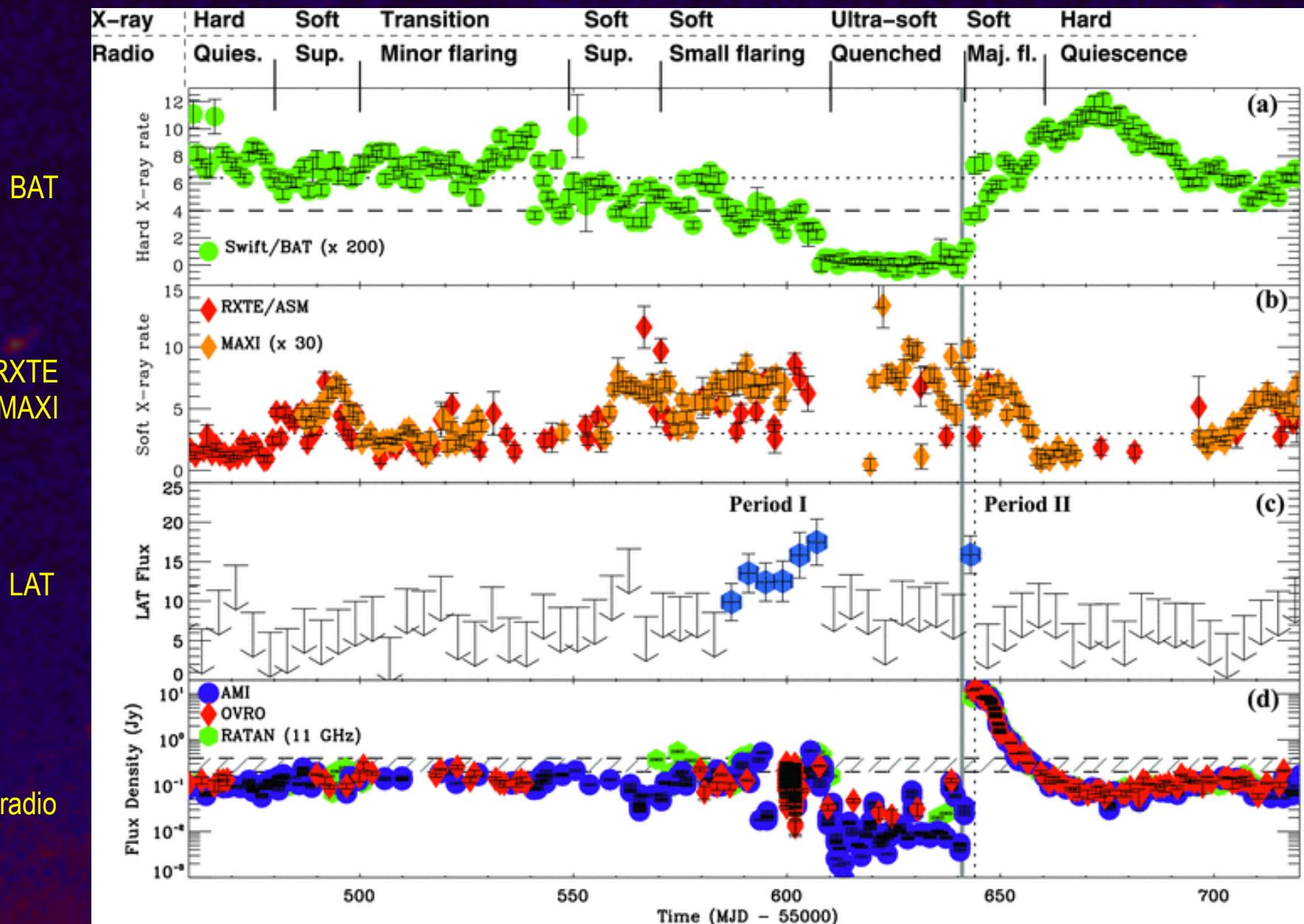
radio flare precedes gamma-ray emission by 1 day: consistent with IC
other possibility: hadronic processes? $p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots \rightarrow 2\gamma$

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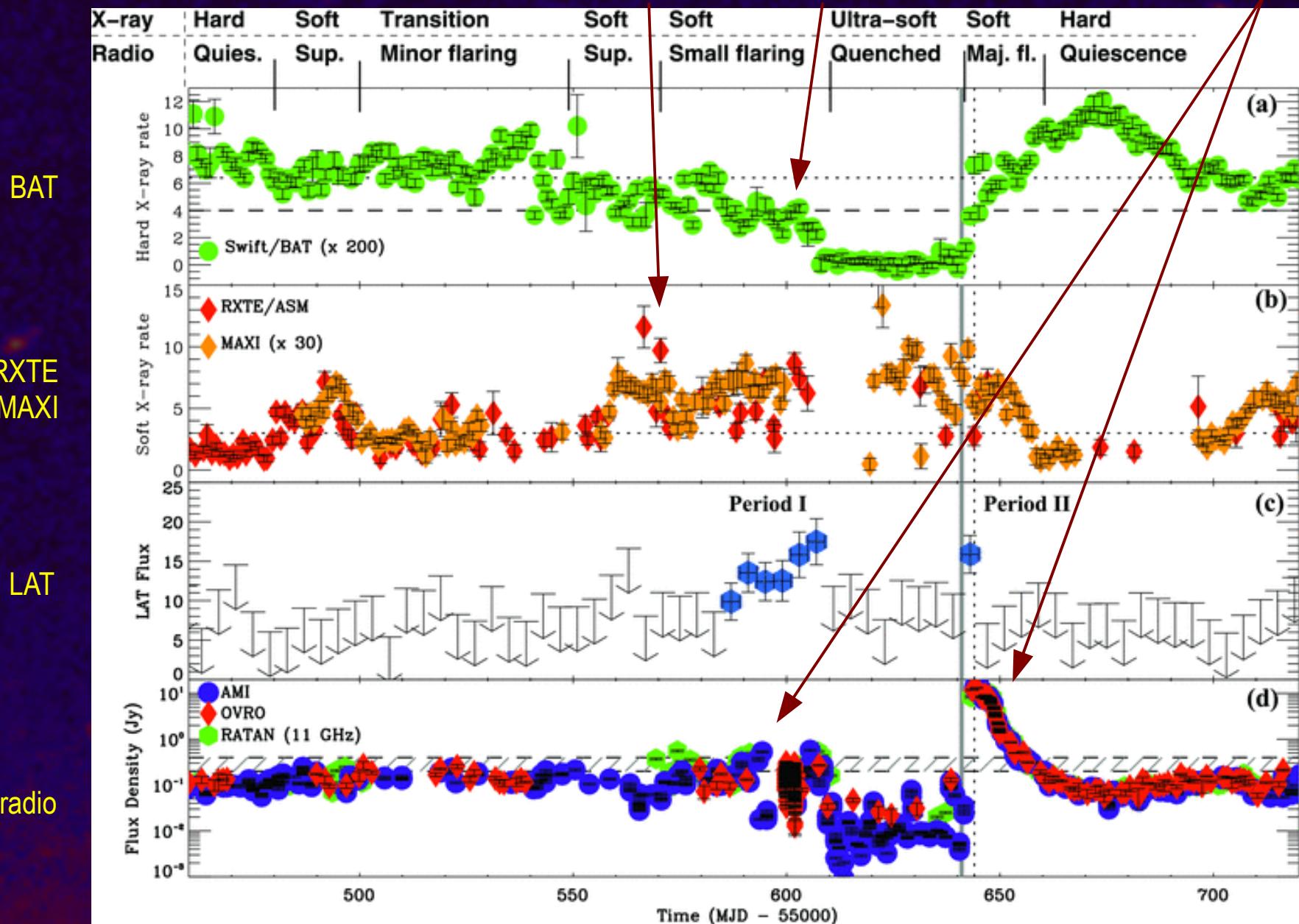
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high soft X-rays
ASM > 3 cps

low hard X-rays
BAT < 0.02 cps

radio emission
AMI > 0.2—0.4 Jy



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from aug 2008 until may 2012

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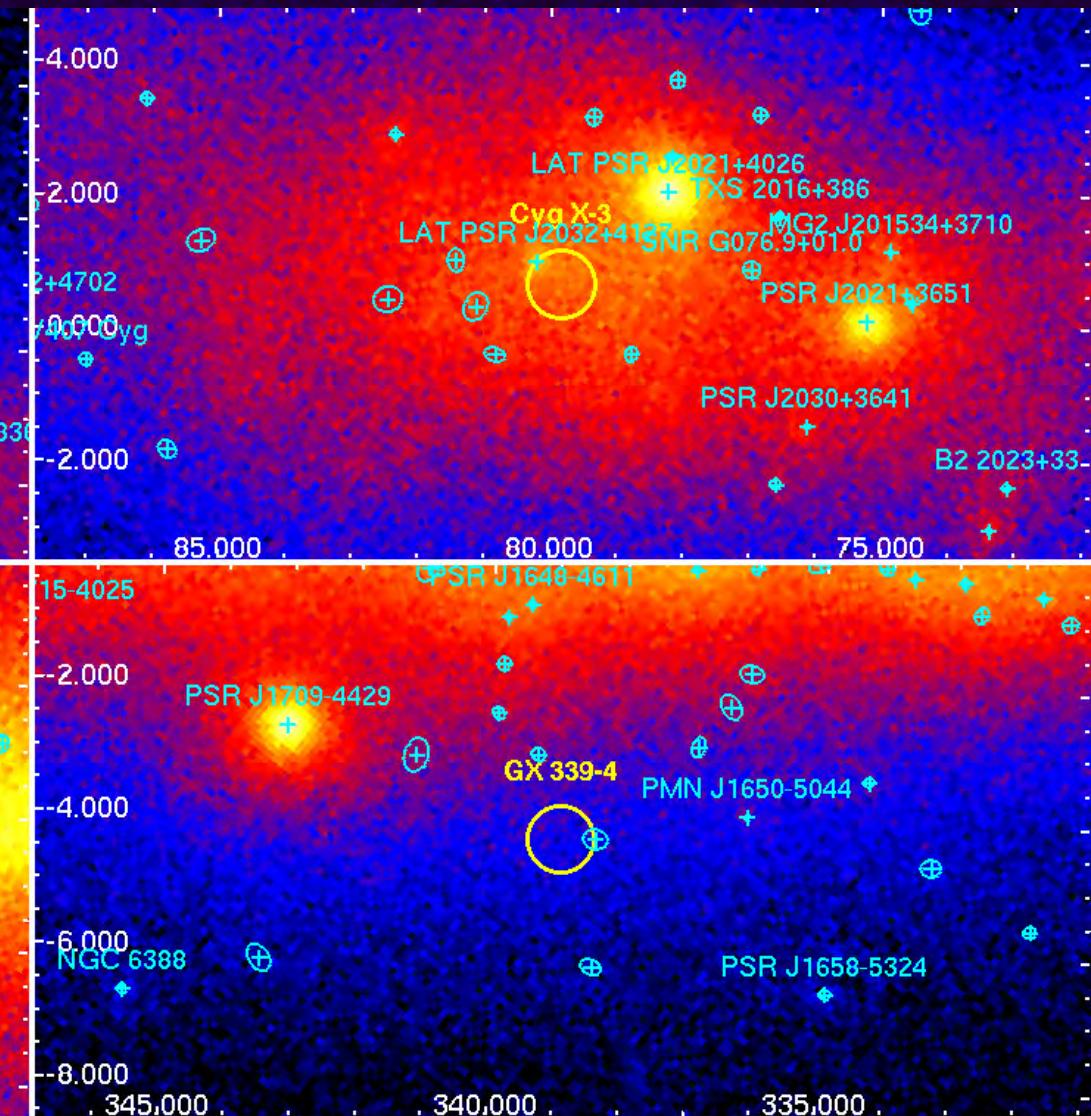
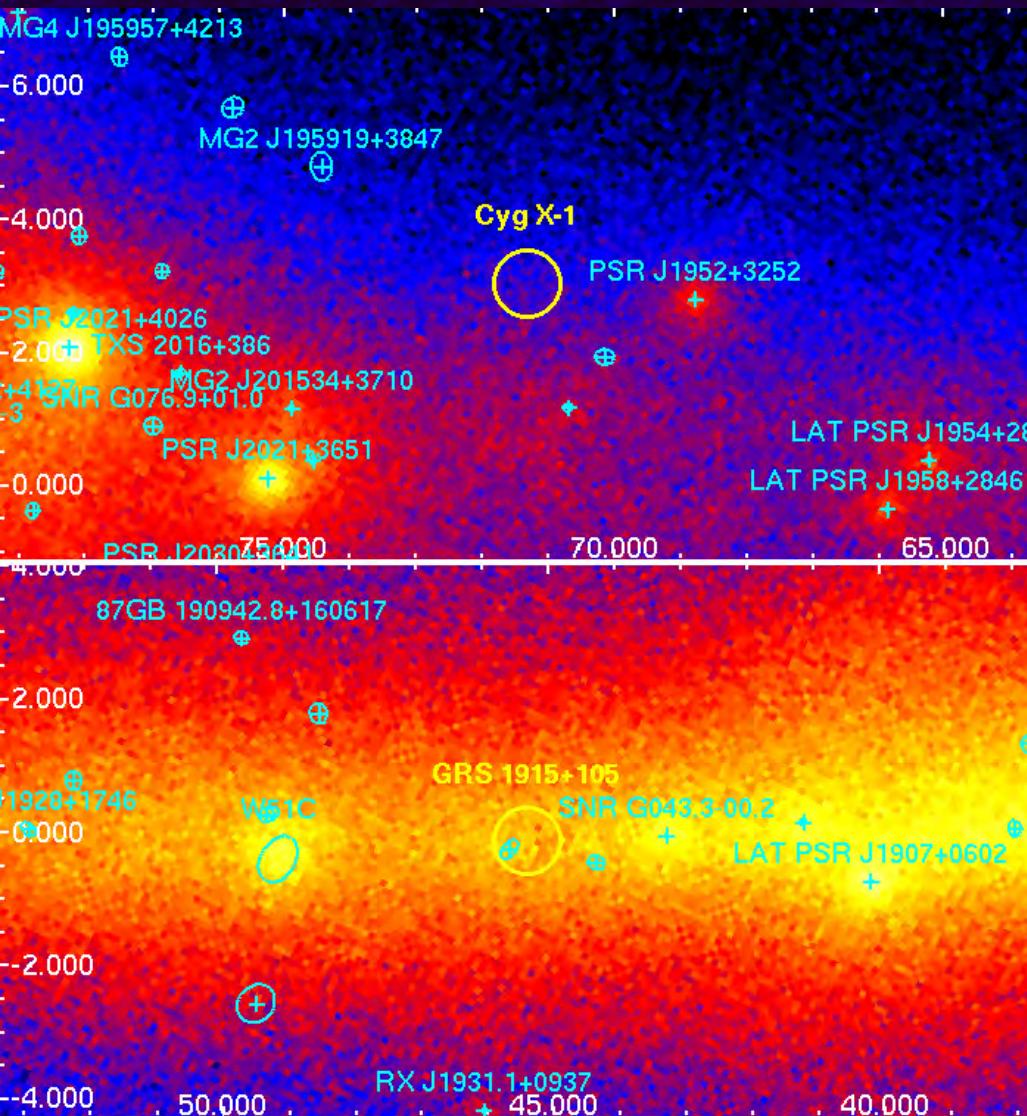
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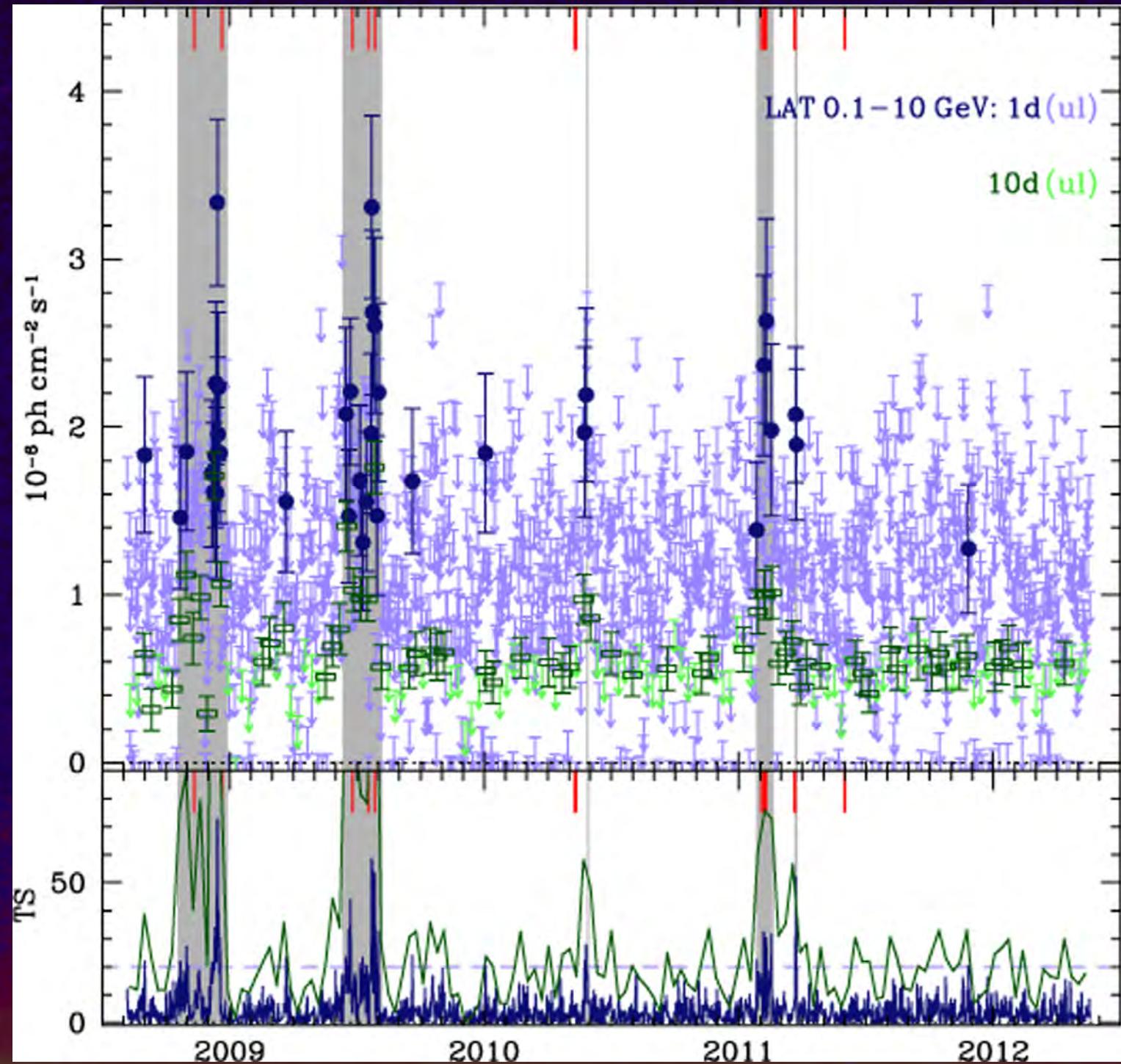
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CYGNUS X-1, CYGNUS X-3, GRS 1915+105, GX 339-4: PHOTON COUNTS MAPS (0.1-10 GEV)



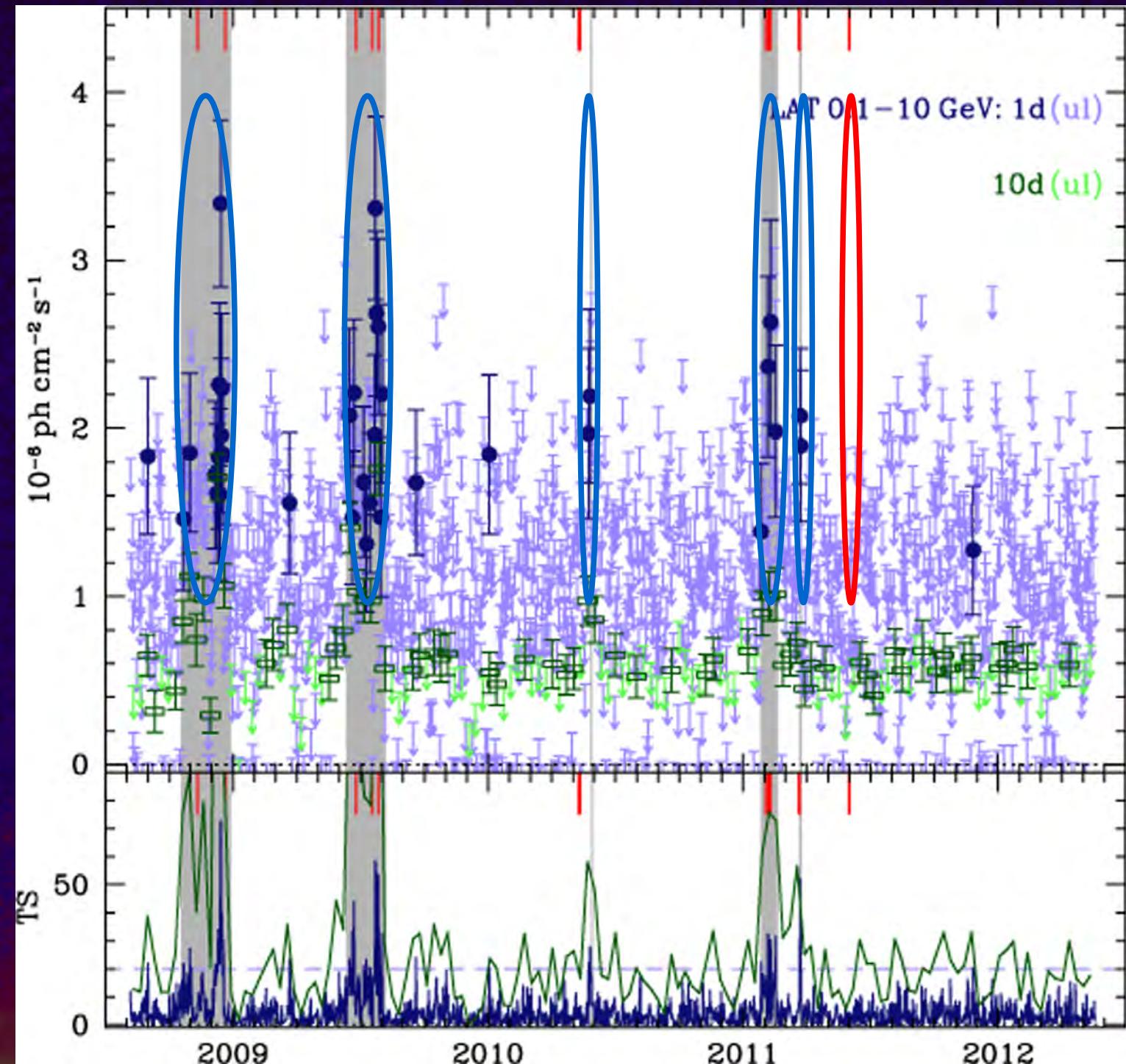
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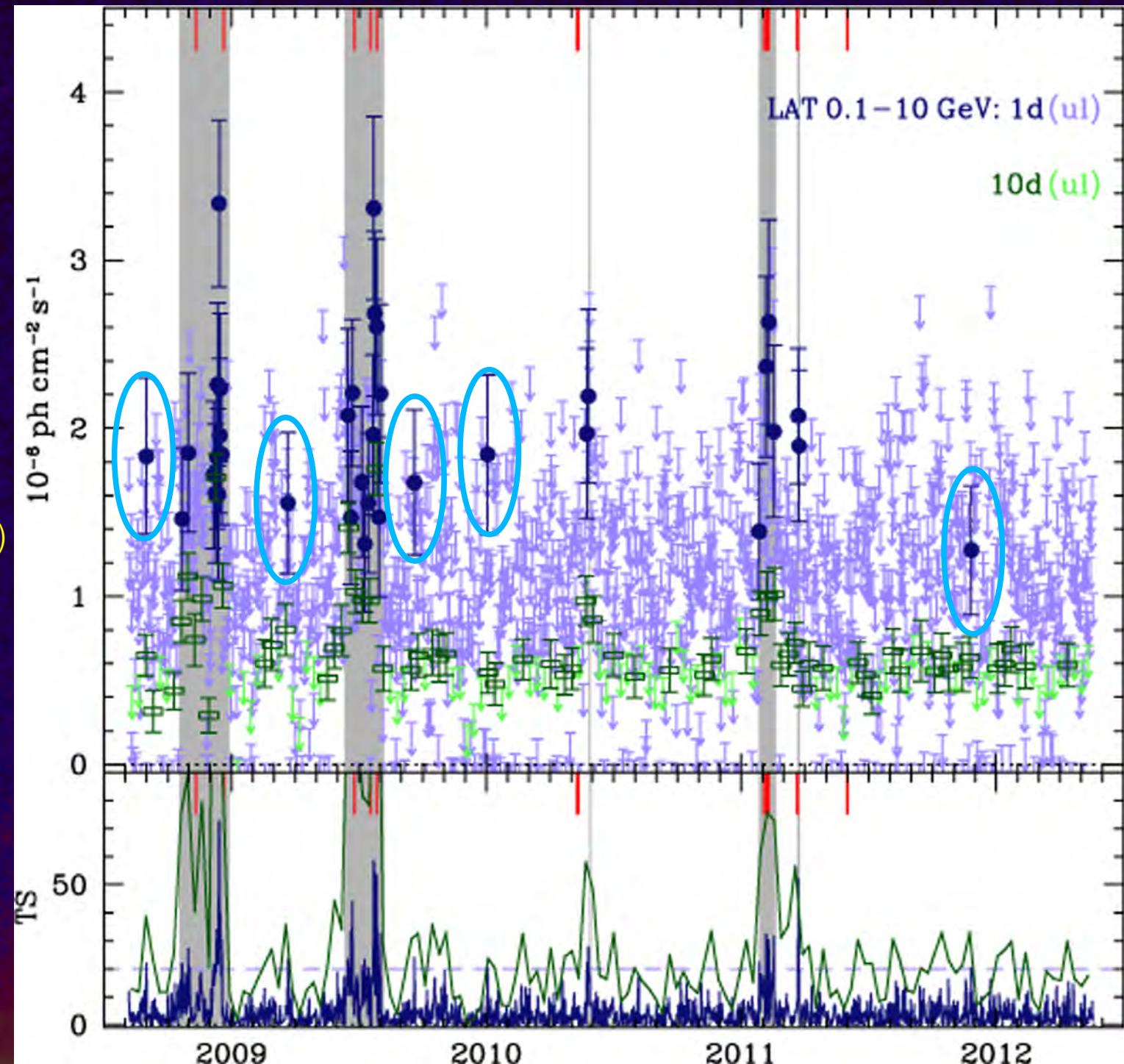


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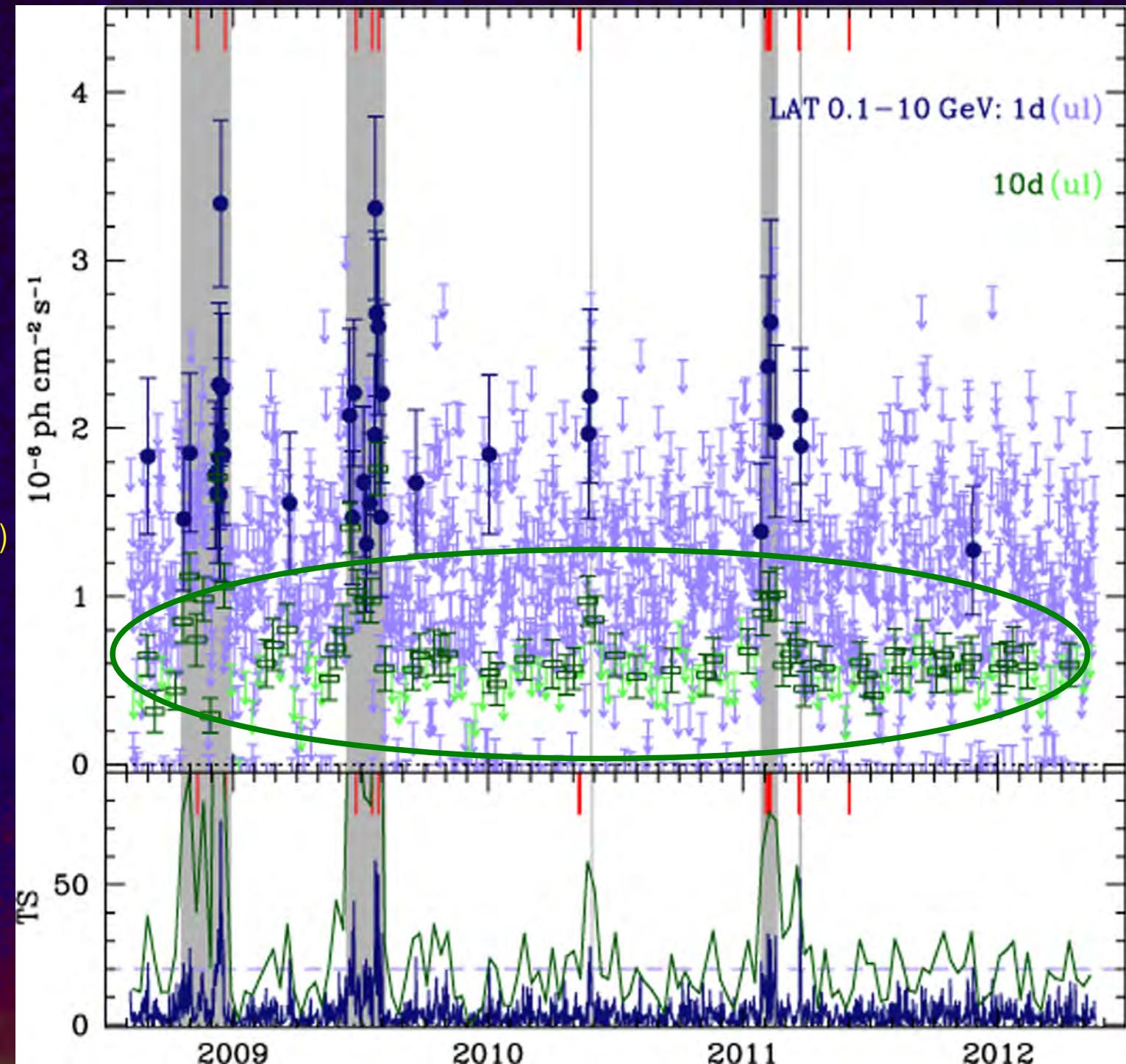
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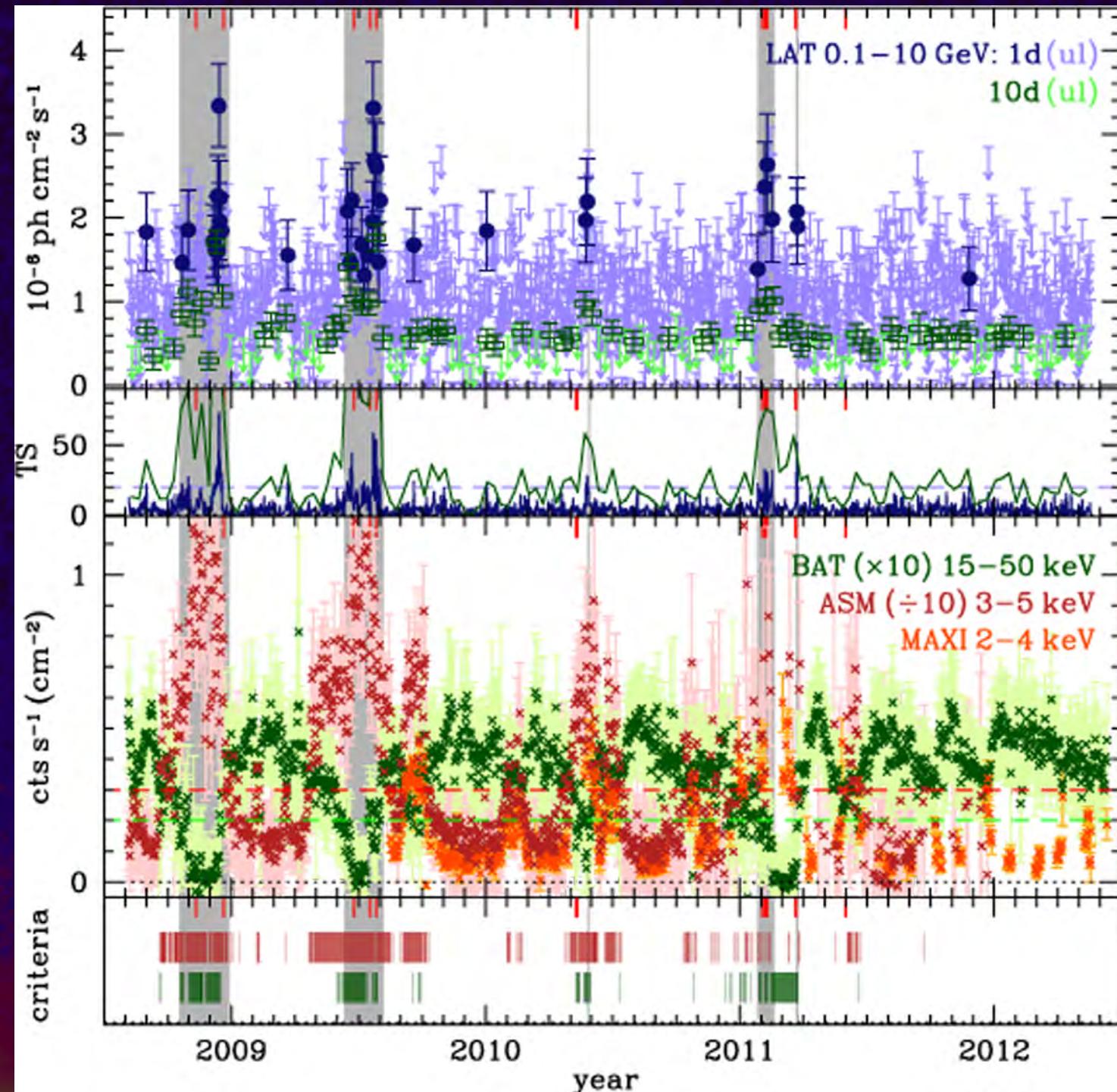
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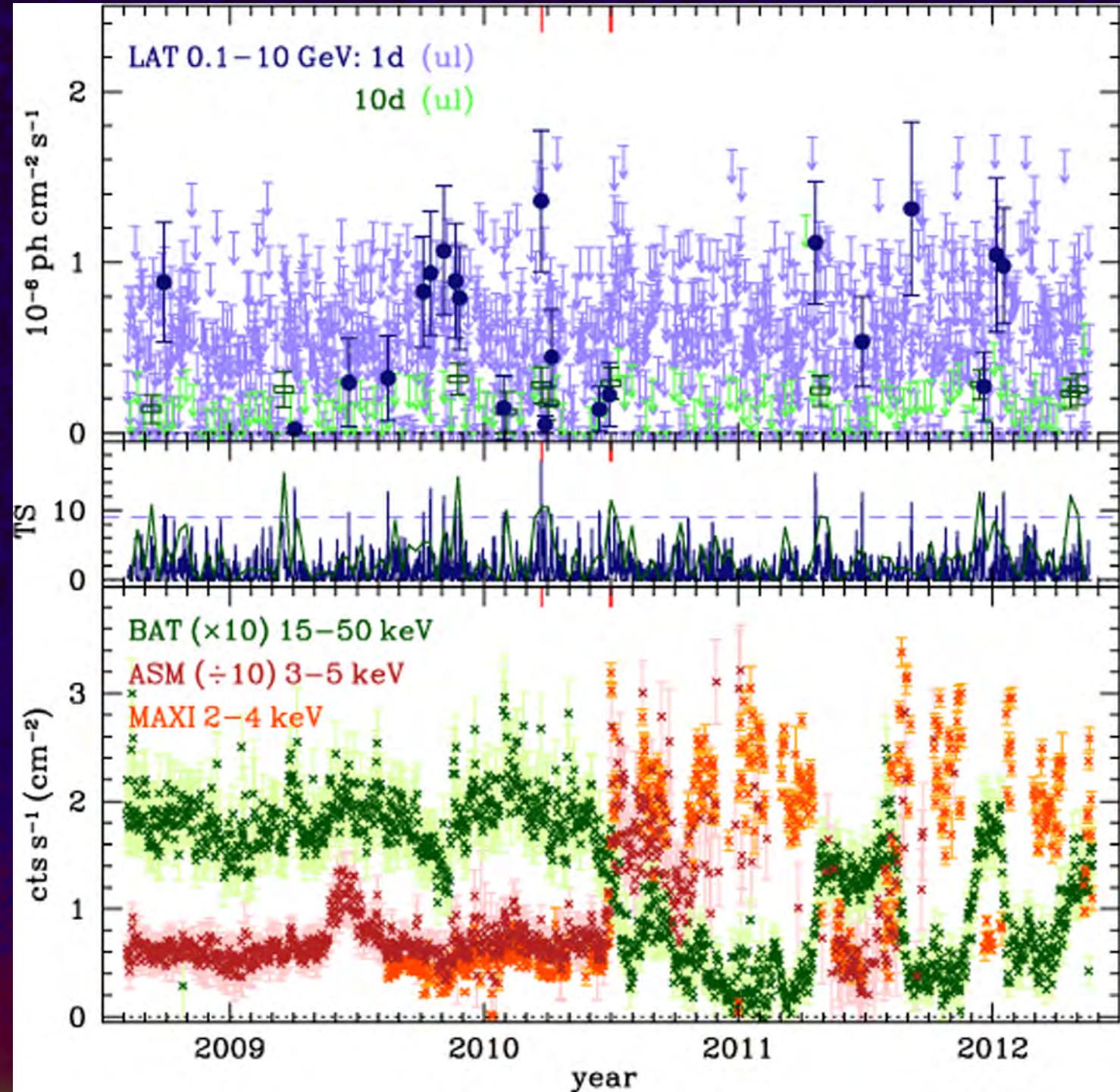
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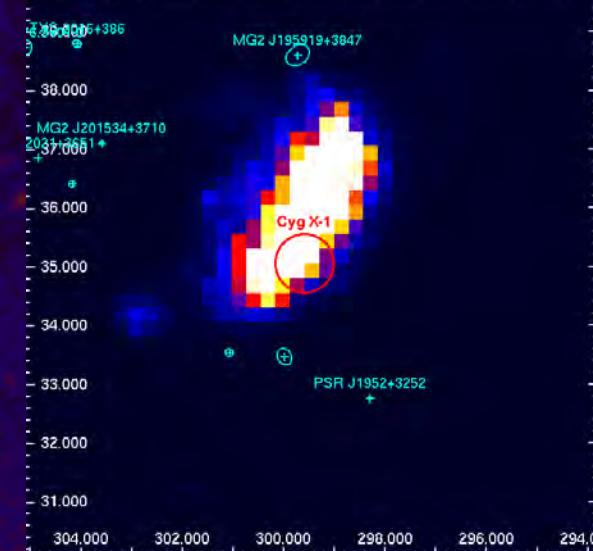
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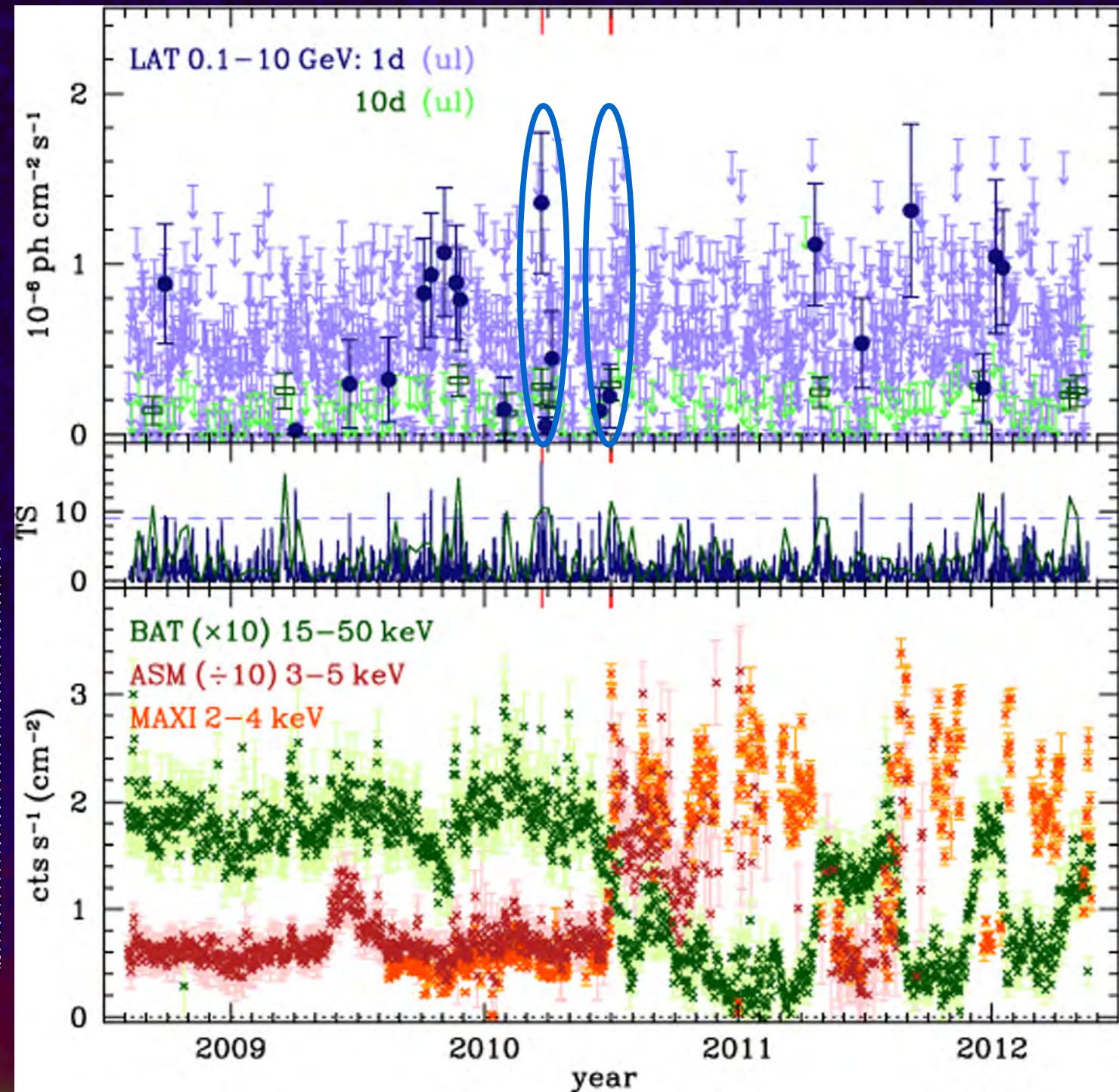
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TS differential map
(MJD 55277: TS ~ 17)

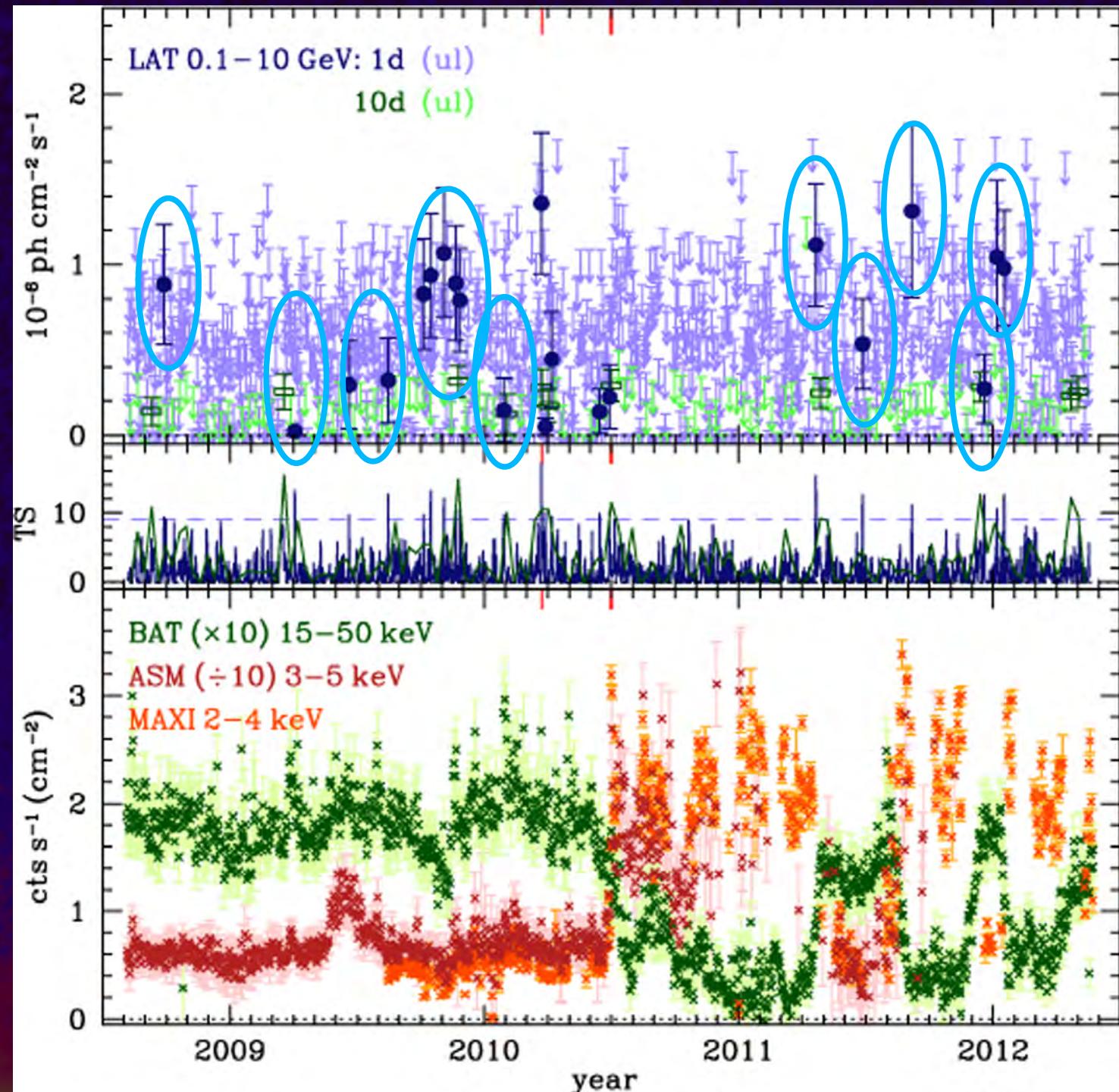


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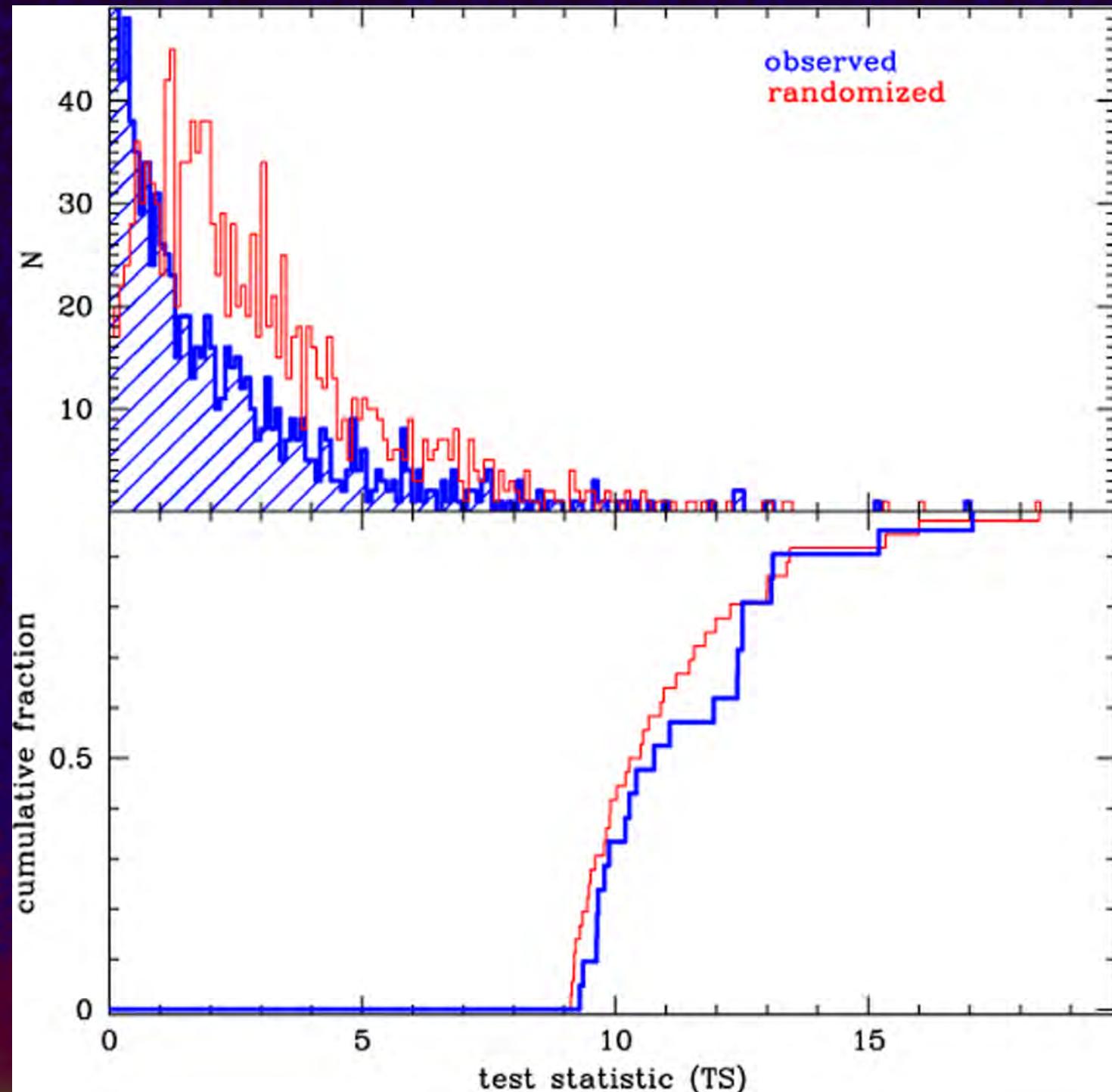
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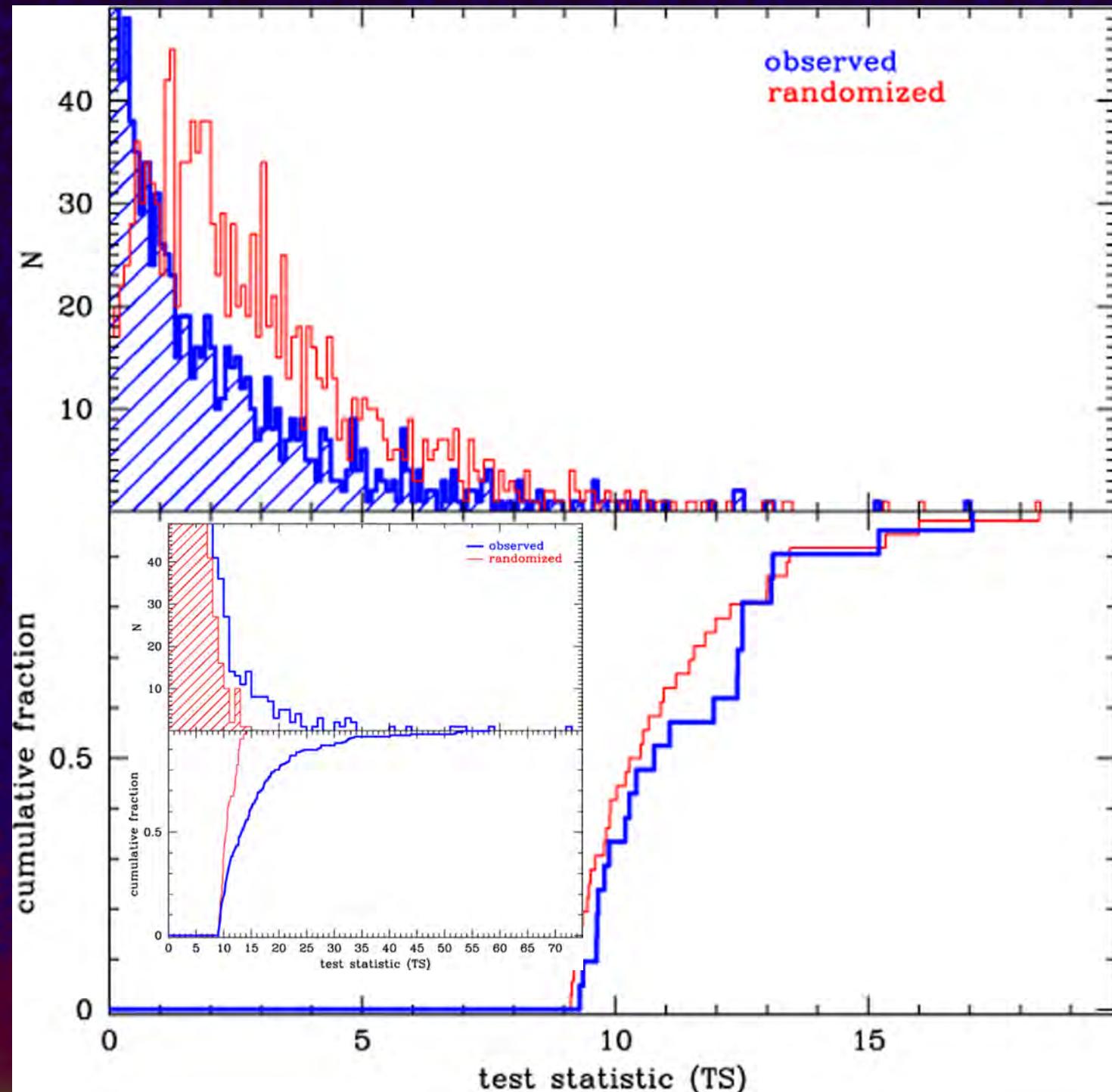
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GRS 1915+105

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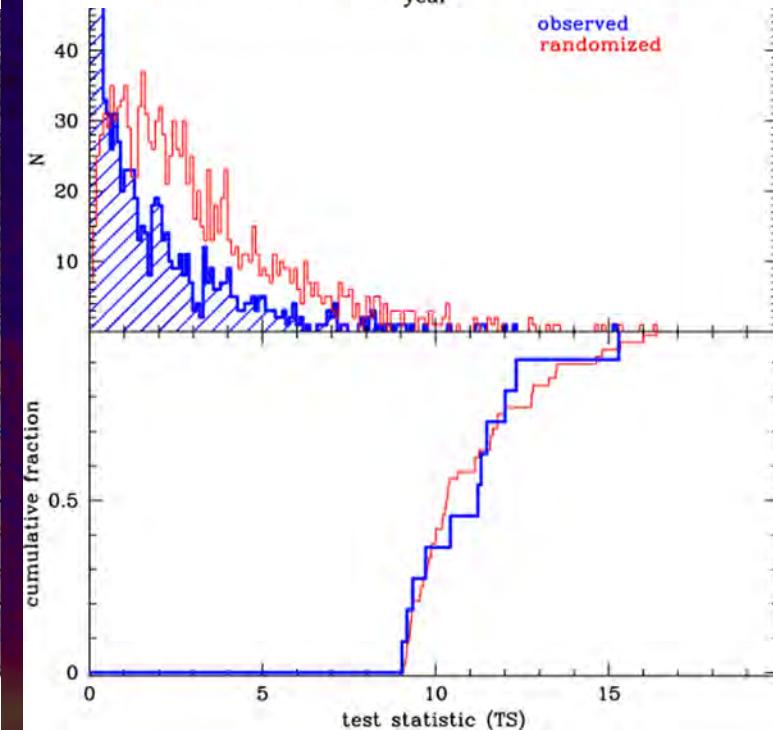
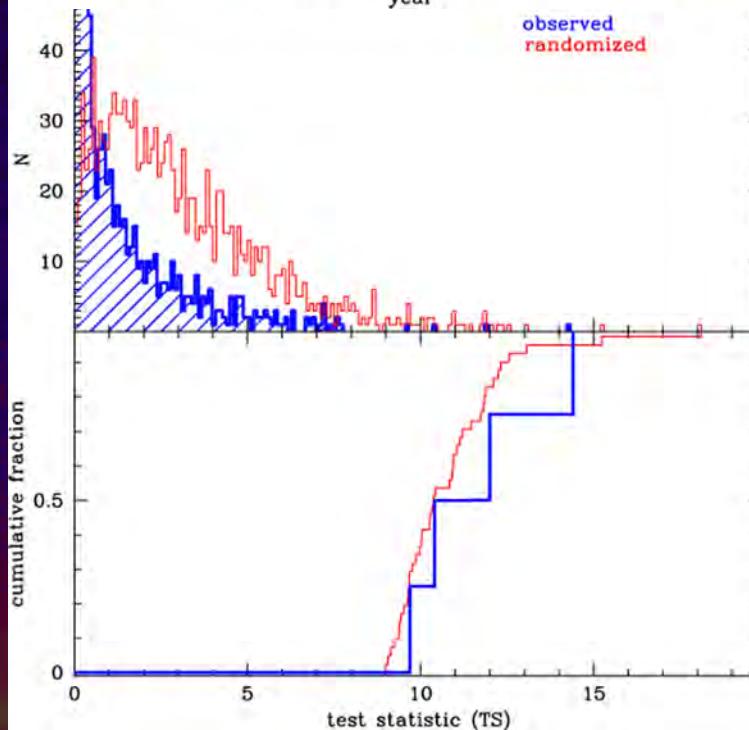
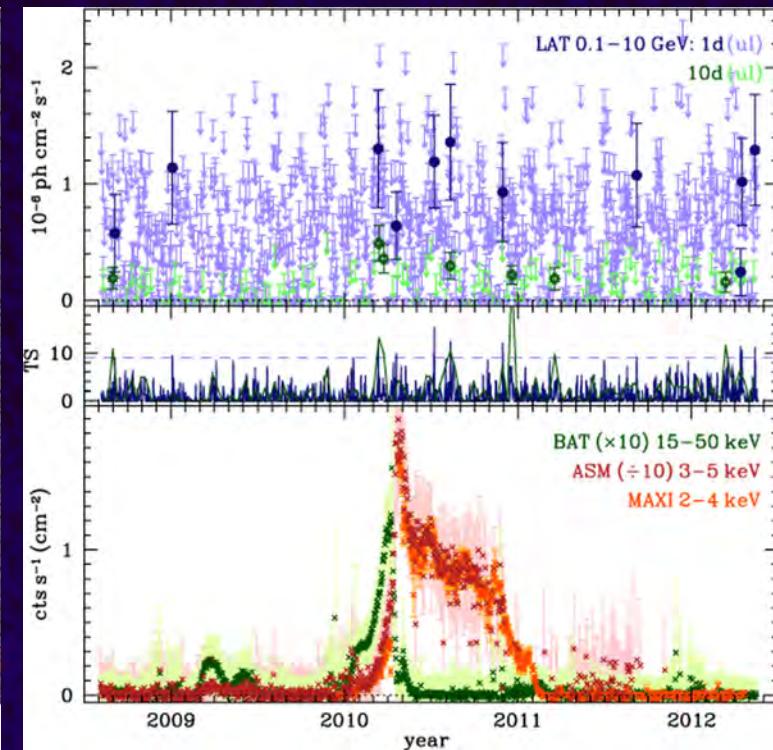
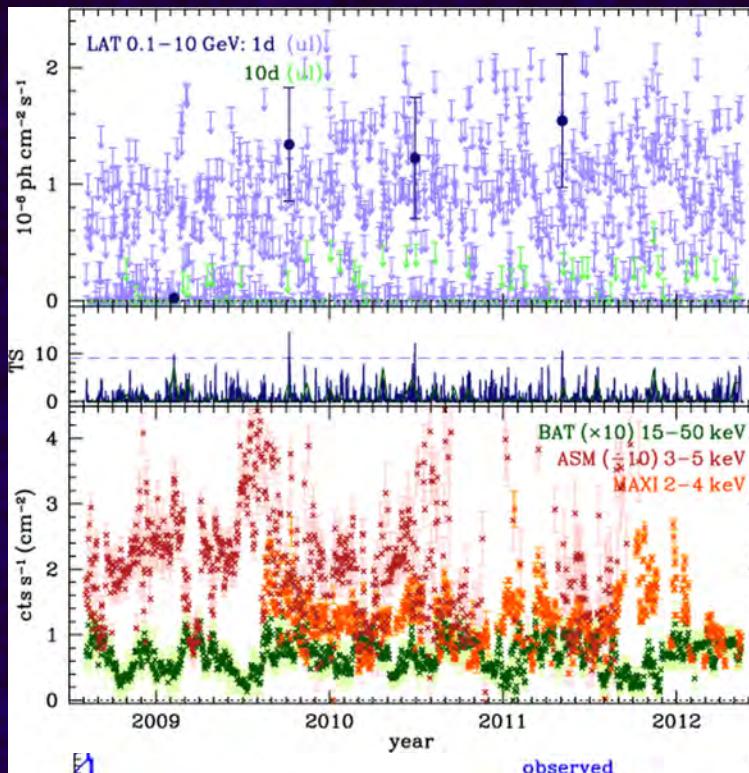
no prior gamma-ray detections by AGILE or LAT

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

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3 σ upper limits of:
GRS1915+105: 3.9×10^{-6} ph/cm²/s
GX 339-4: 4.2×10^{-6} ph/cm²/s

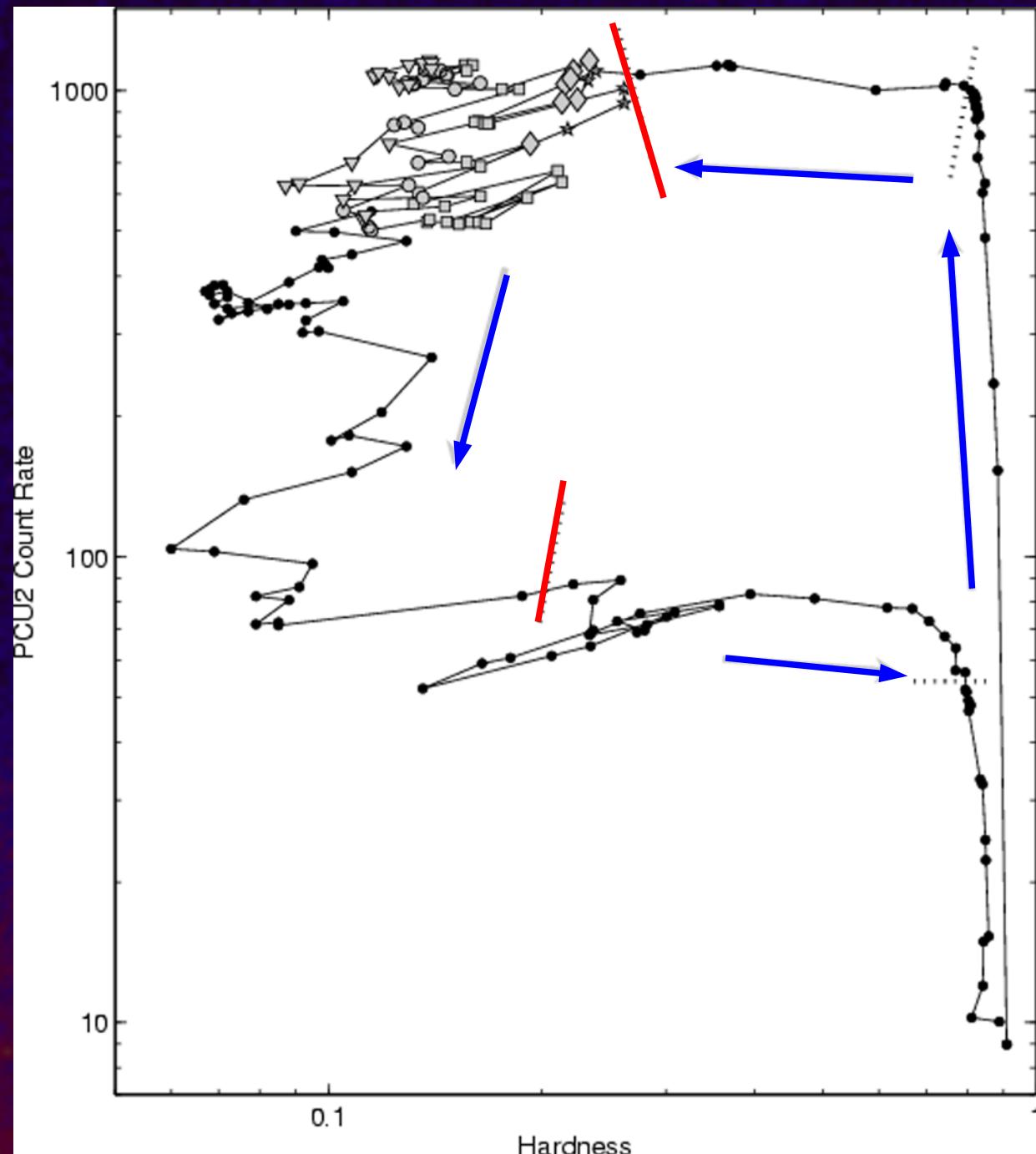


GX 339–4 : X-RAY STATES

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→ when radio jets are present

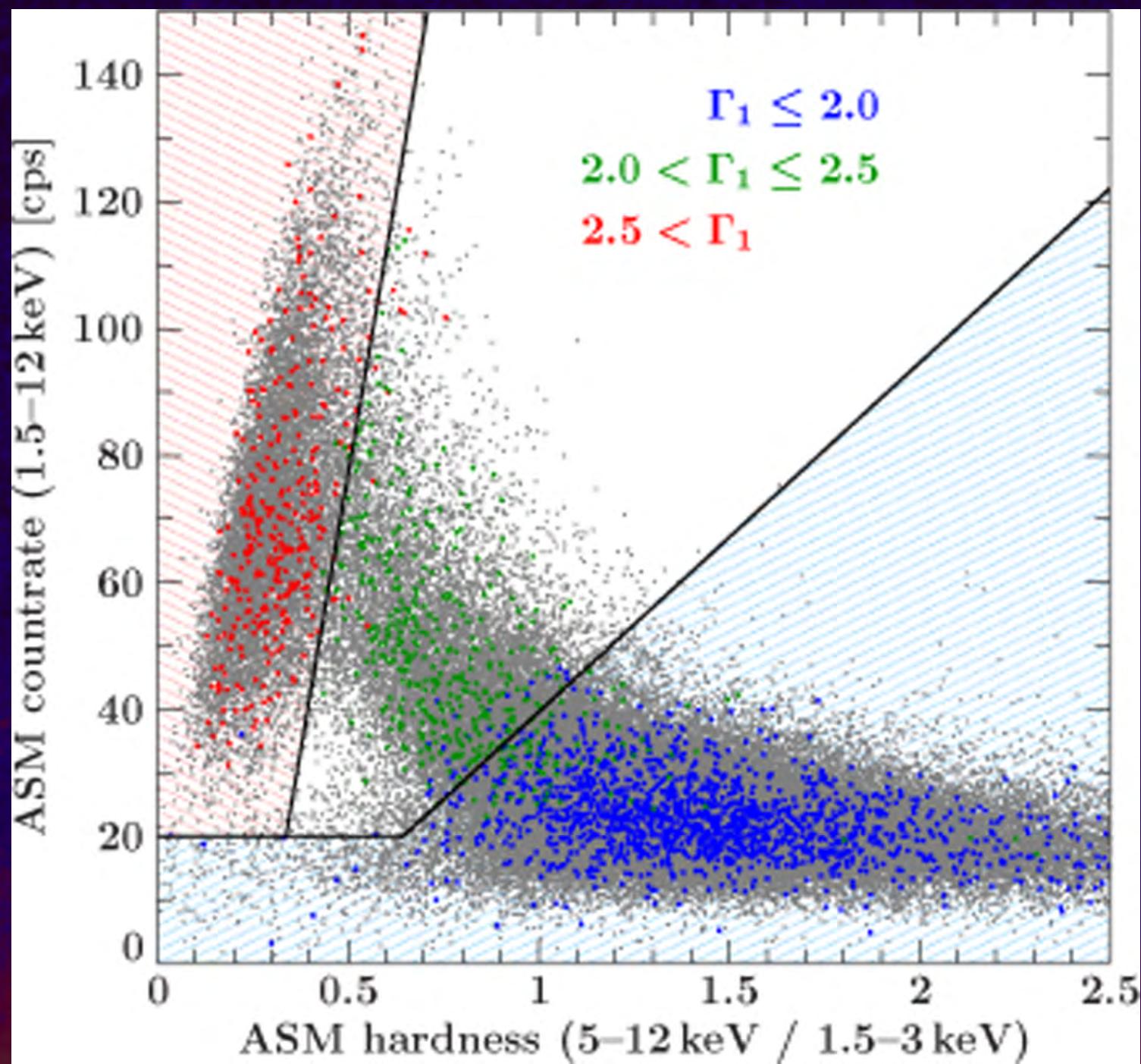
(but radio data not always available)



Belloni et al. 2004 (and ref. therein)

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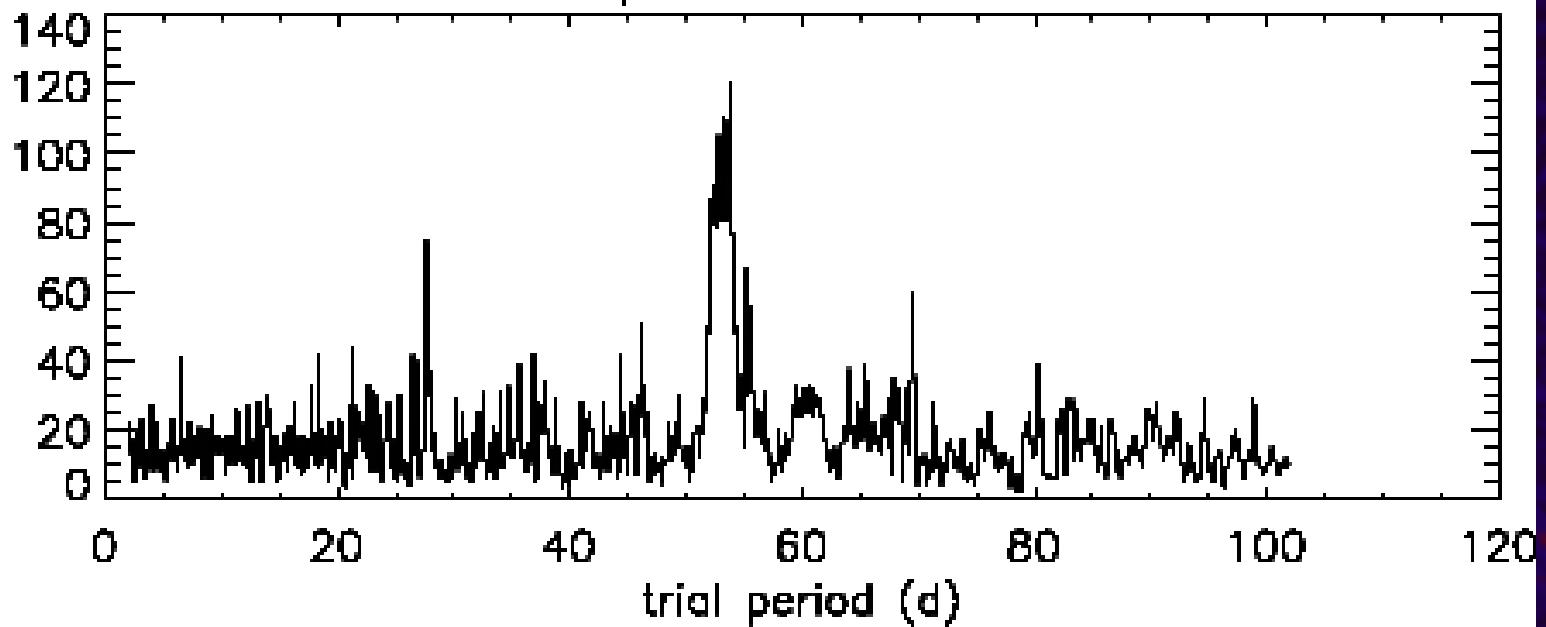
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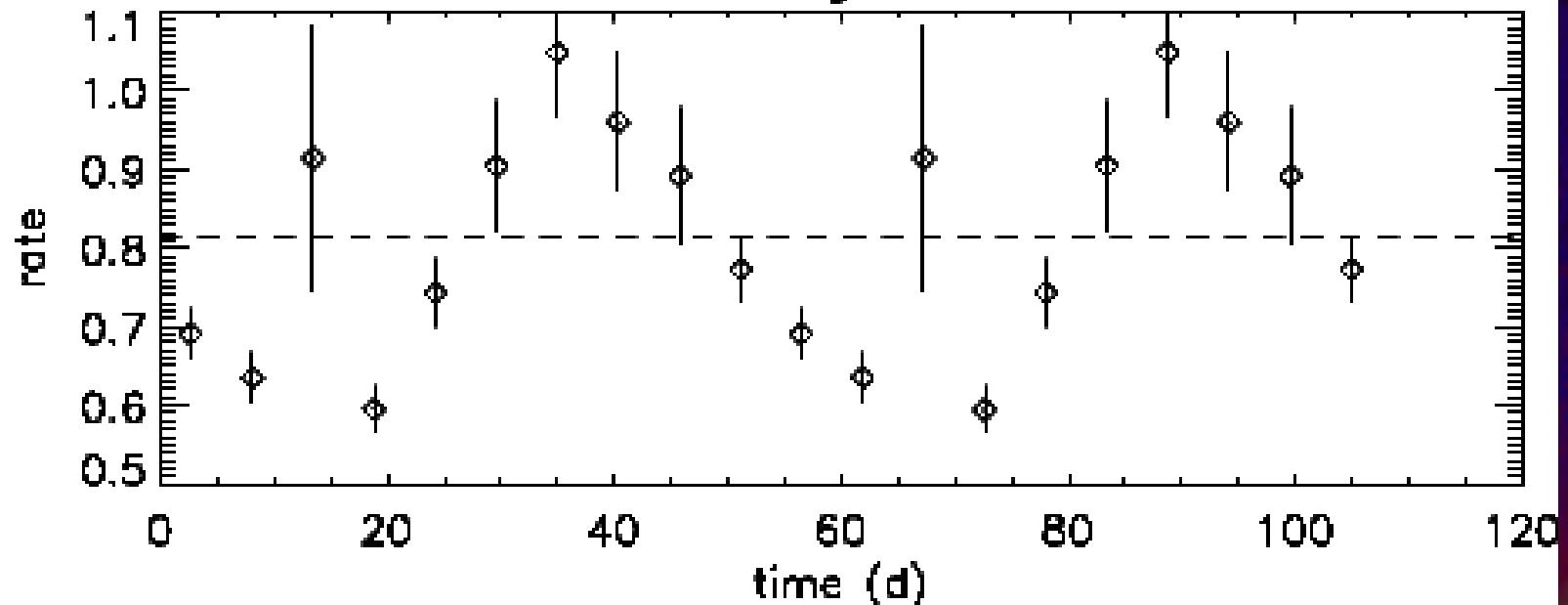
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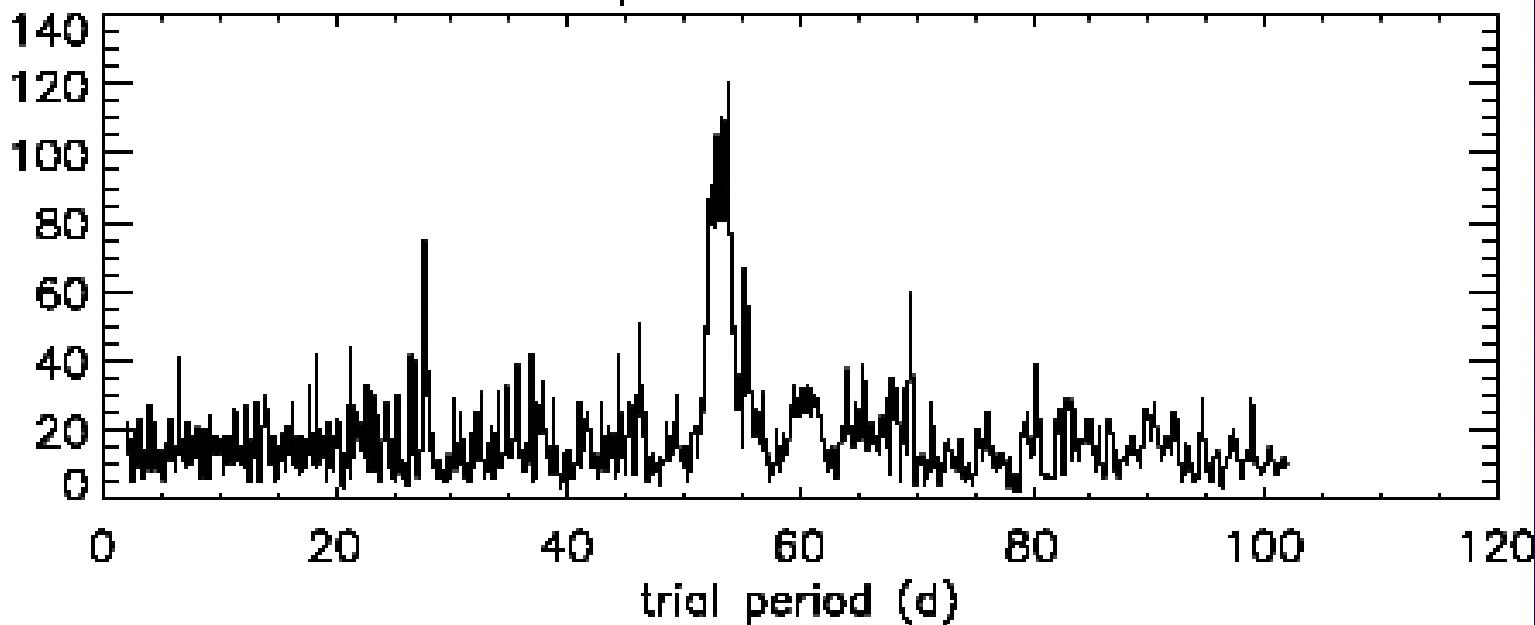
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then realized we detected
Fermi's precession period

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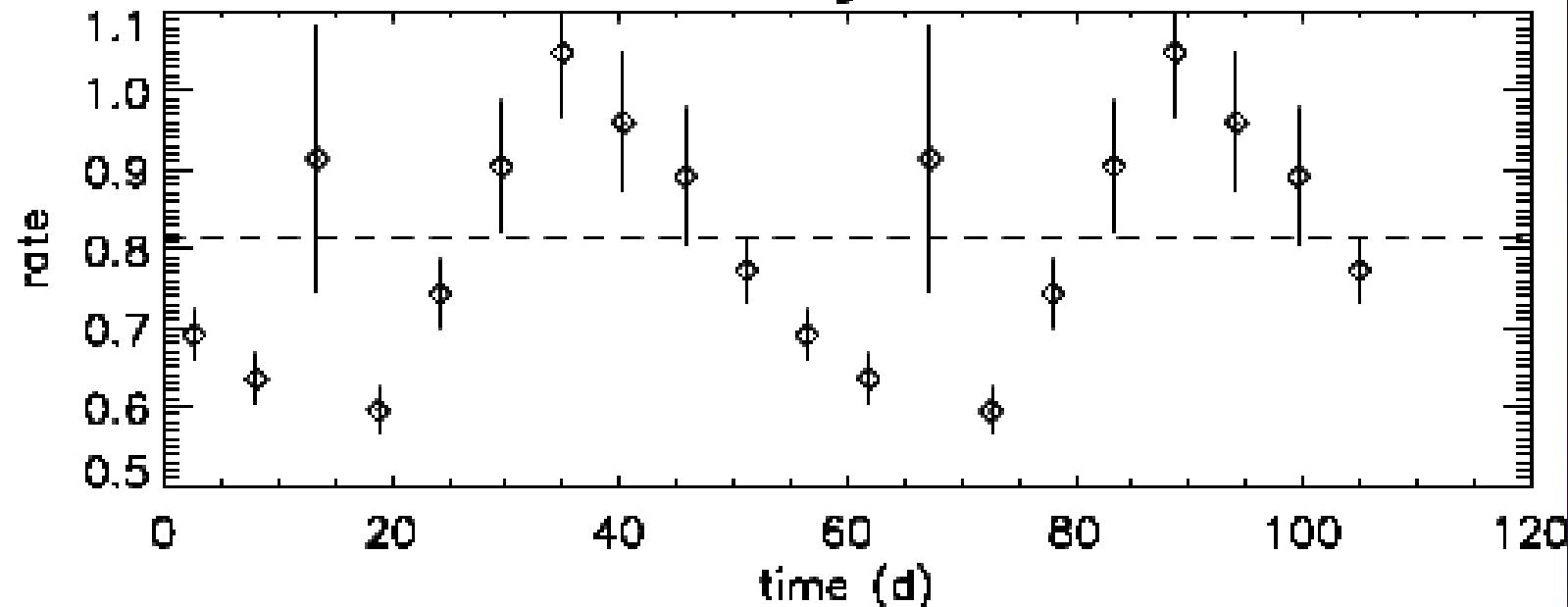


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*Fermi observations of microquasars can shed light on the role of relativistic jets
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Bodaghee et al. 2012d in prep.

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