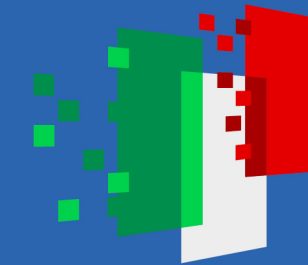




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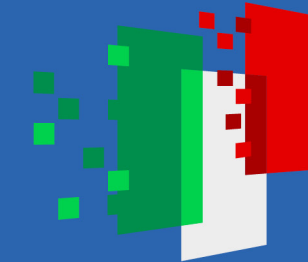
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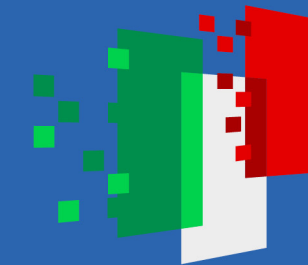
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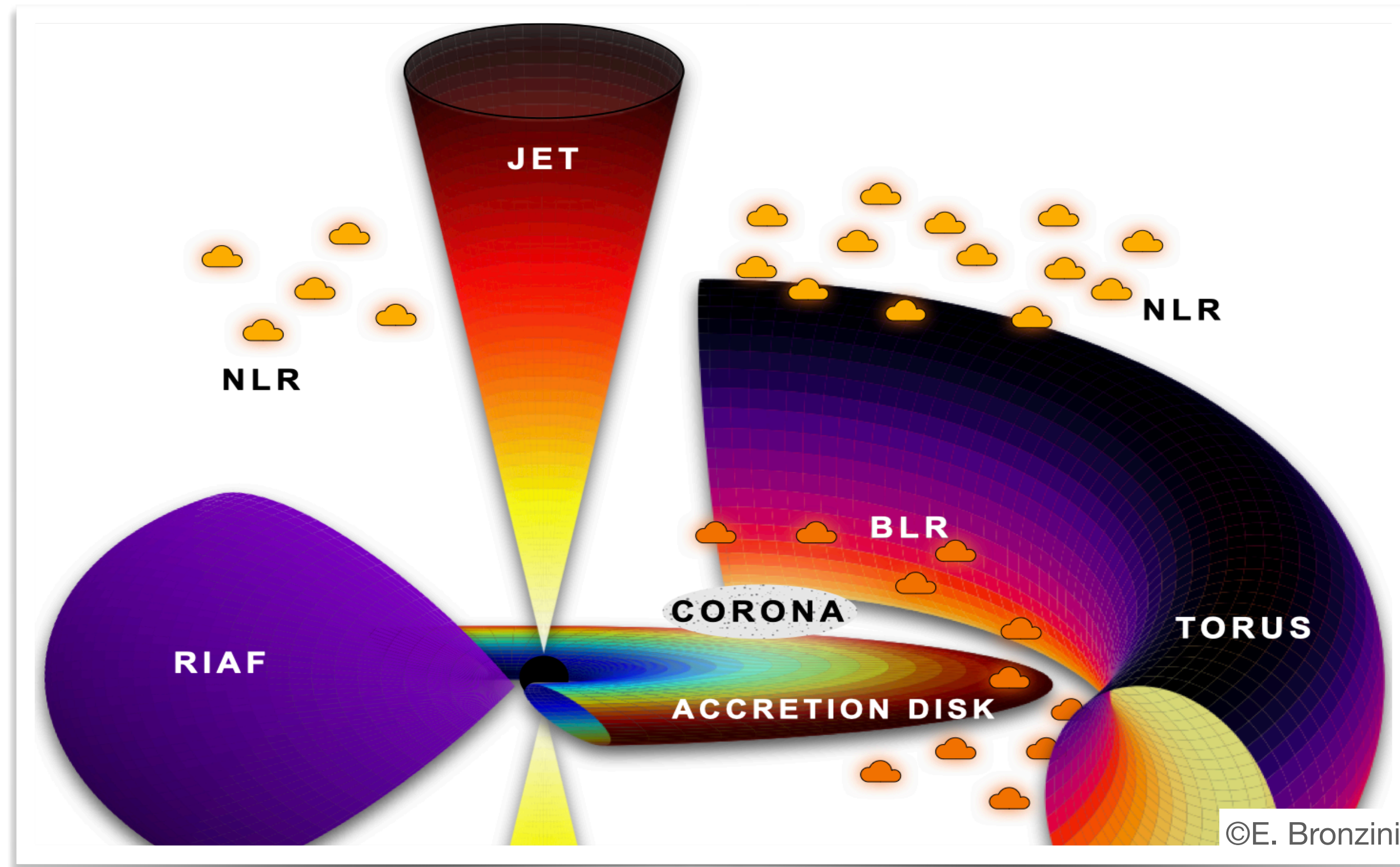
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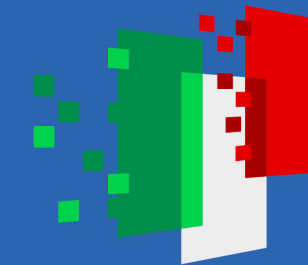


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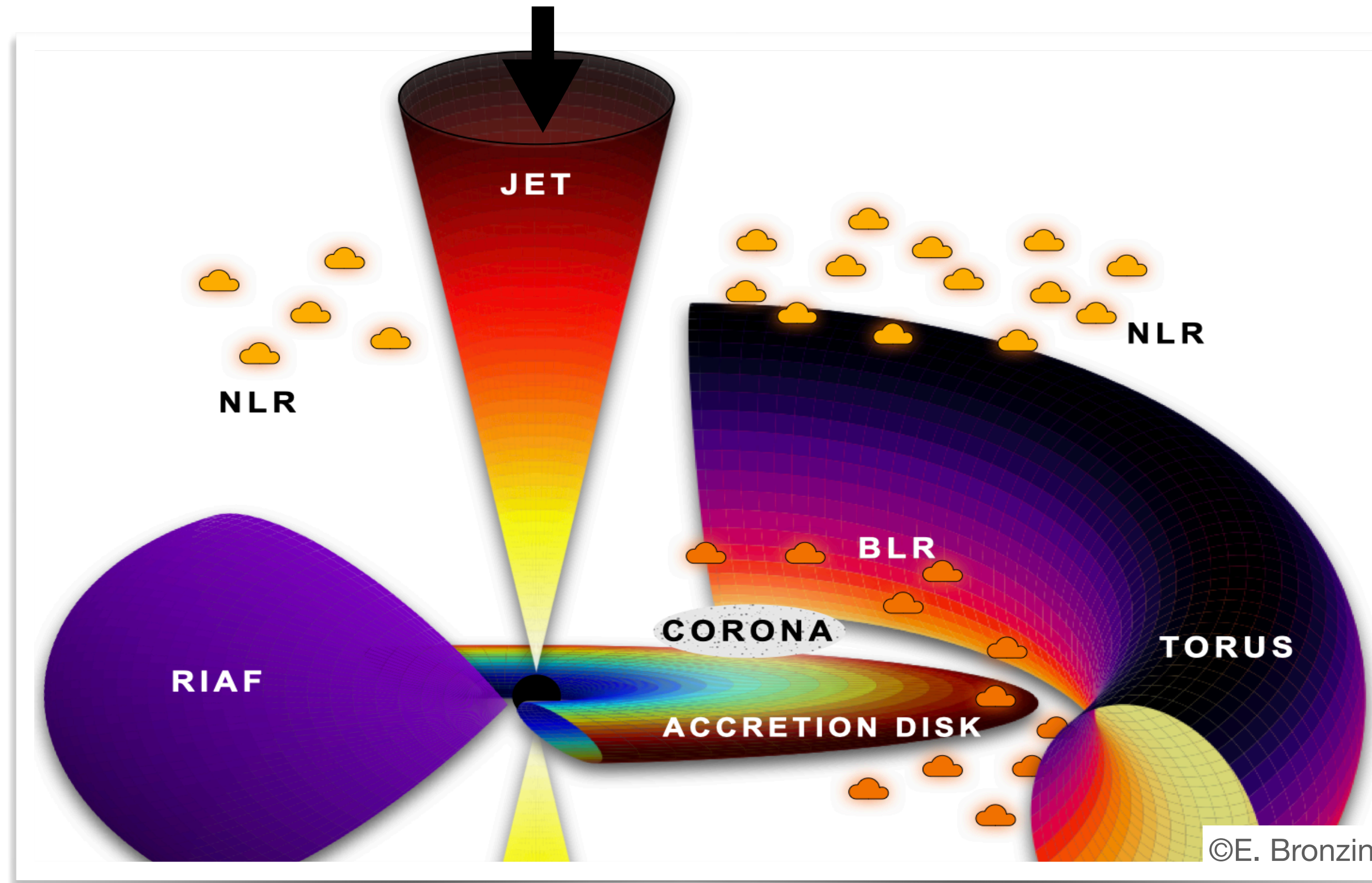




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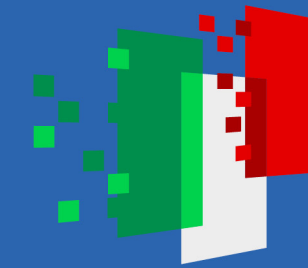




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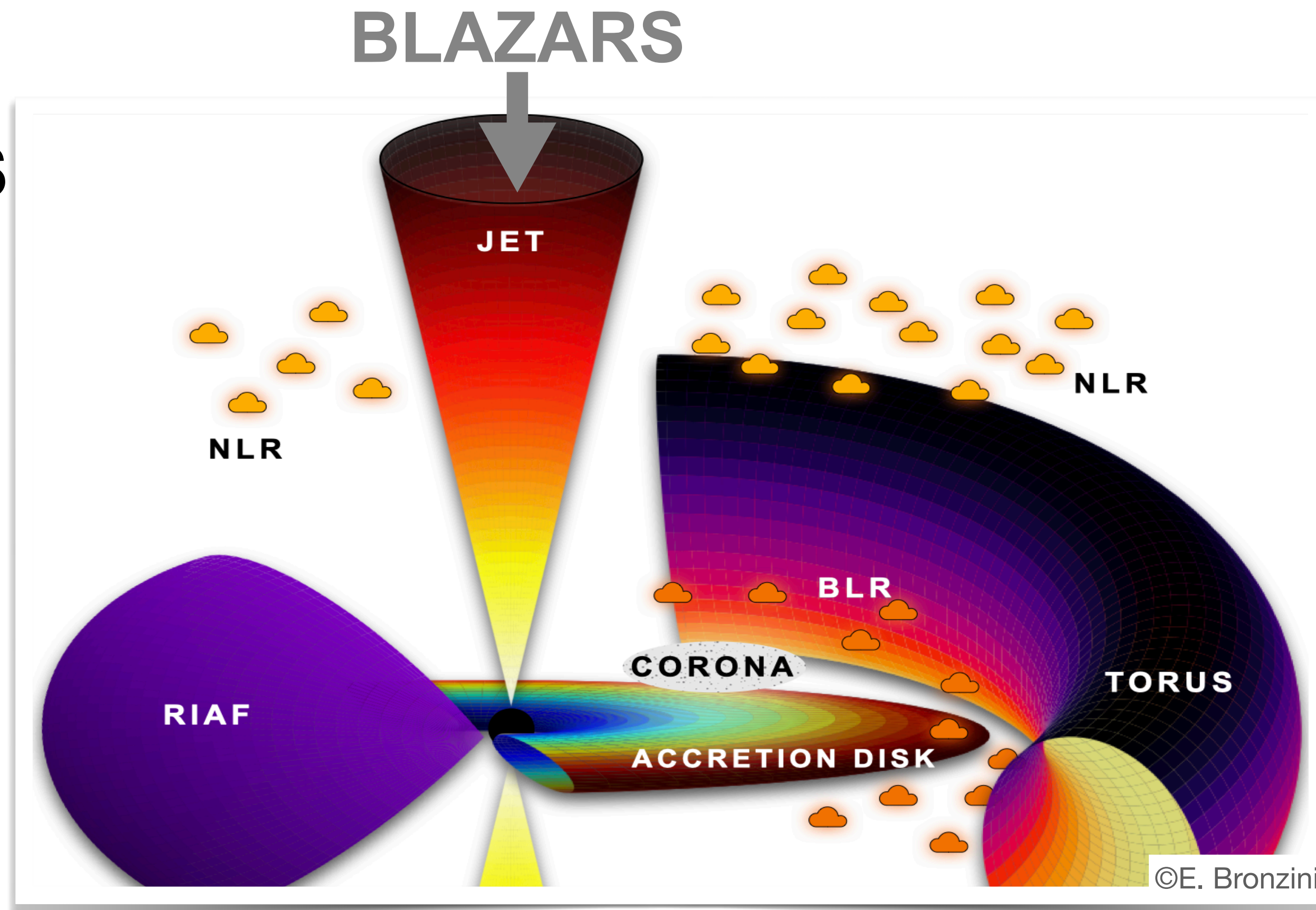
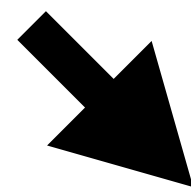


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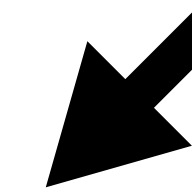
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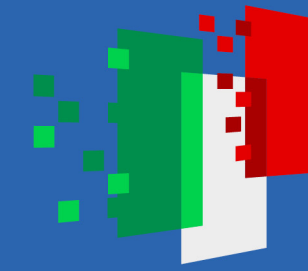




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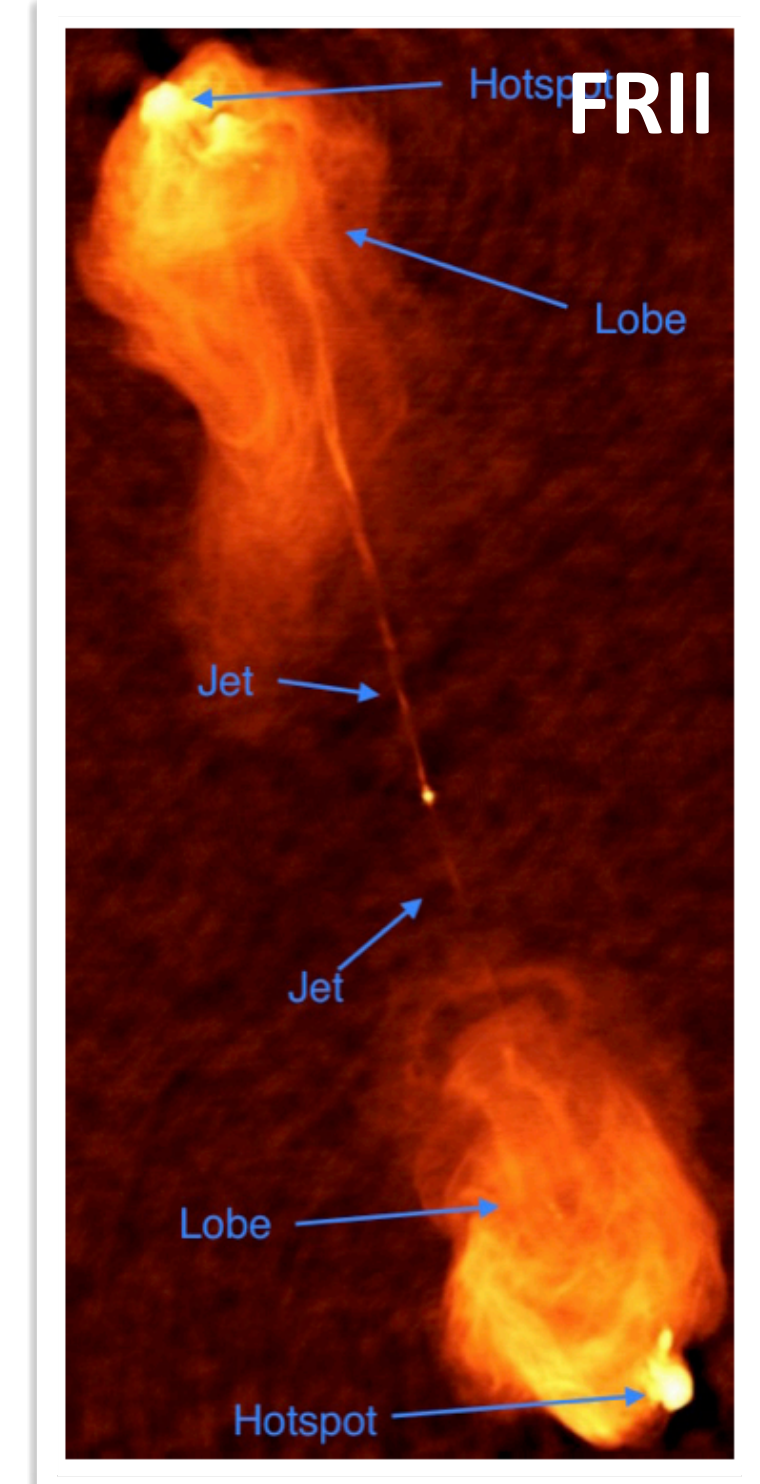
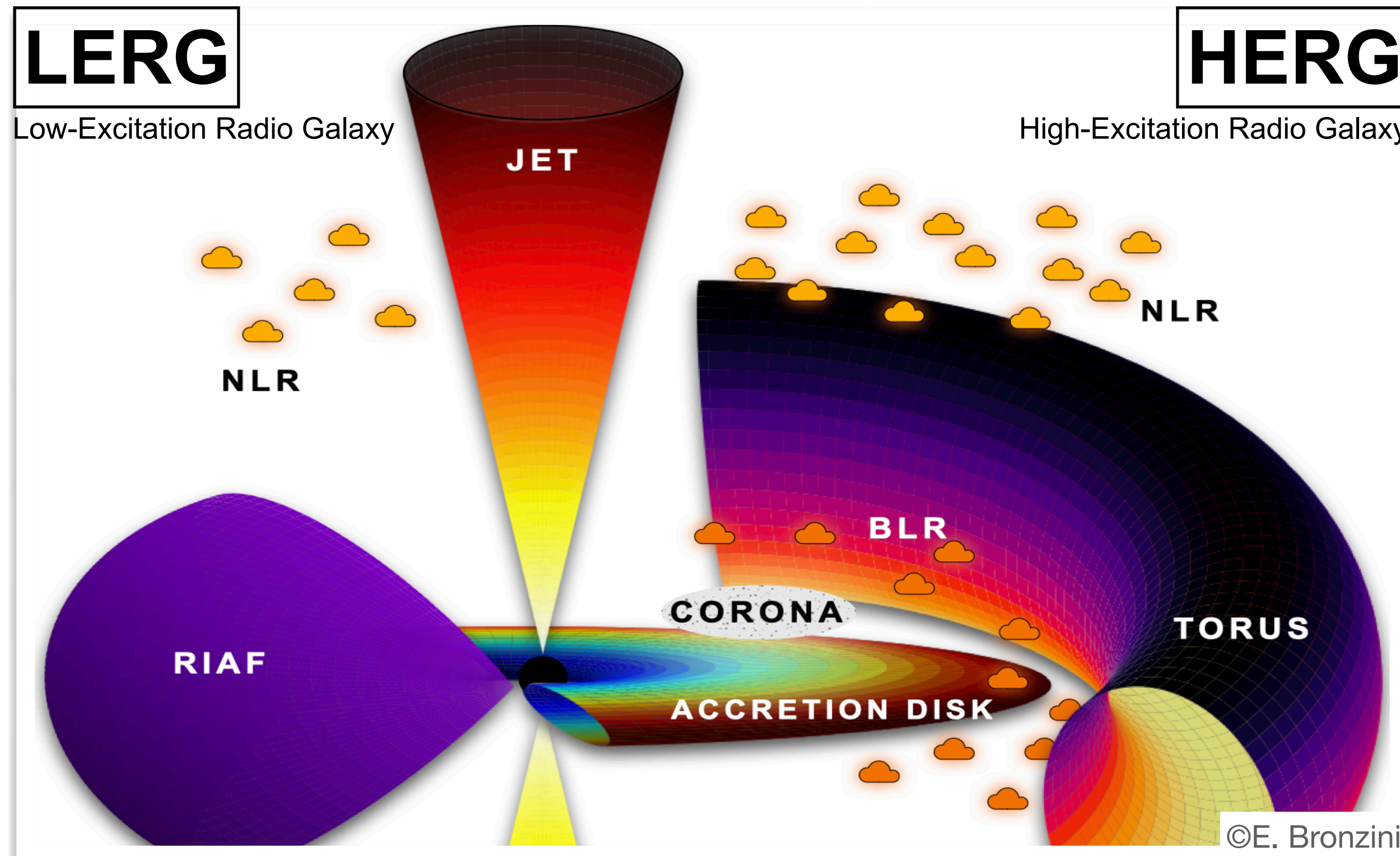
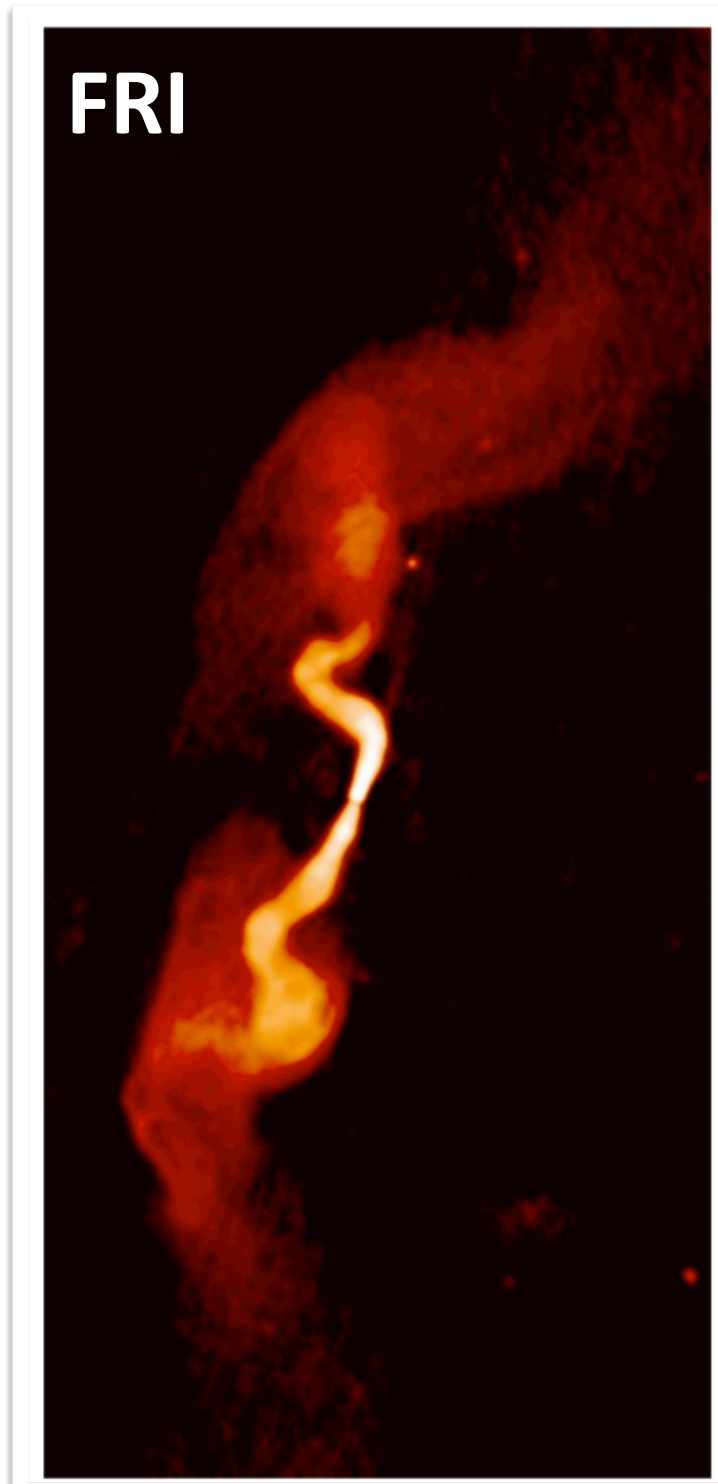
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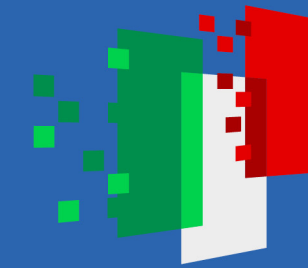


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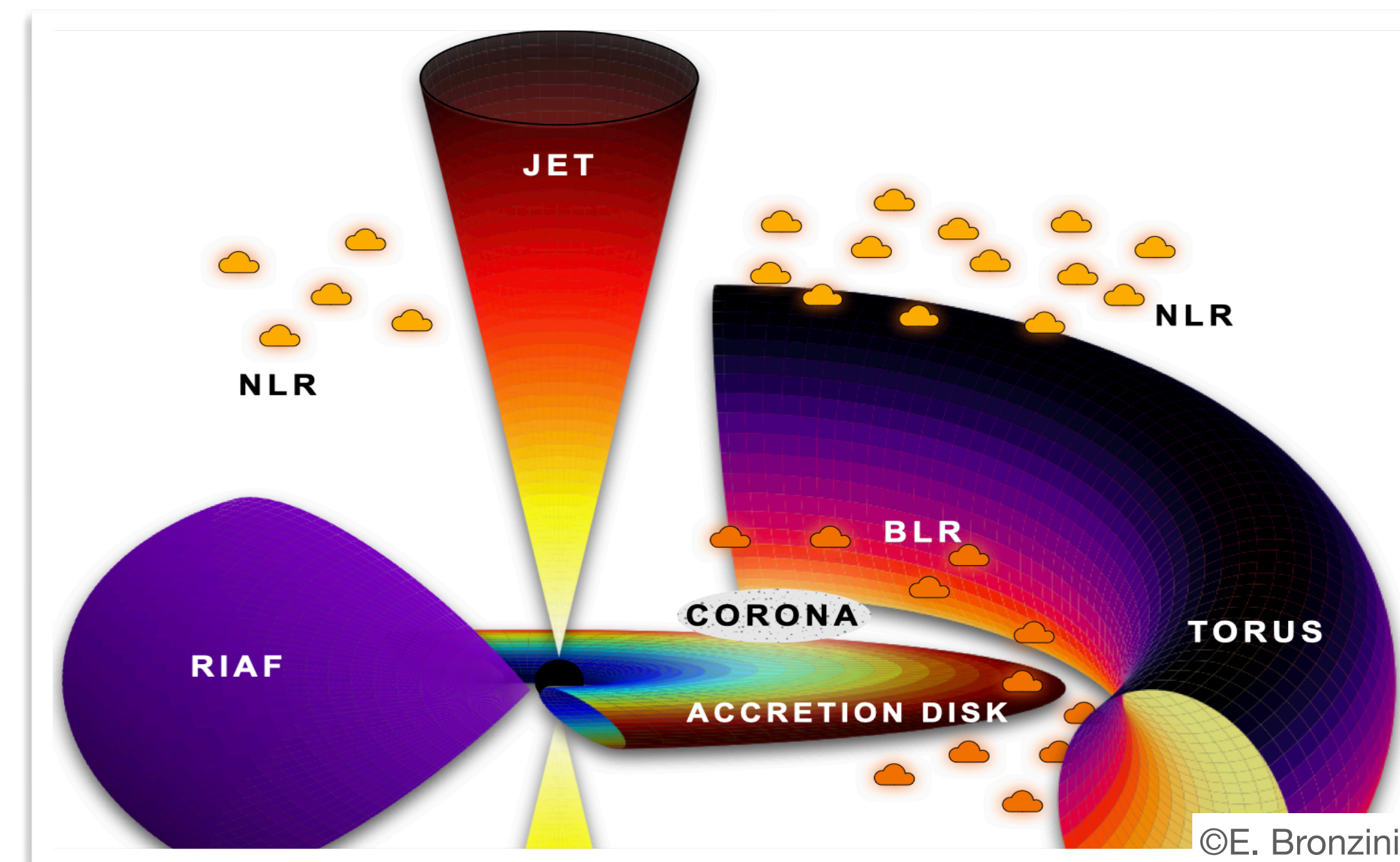
Different excitation modes of the gas in the Narrow Line Region (NLR) reflect different accretion flow configurations (Jackson&Rawlings+97)

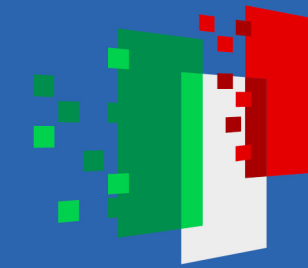




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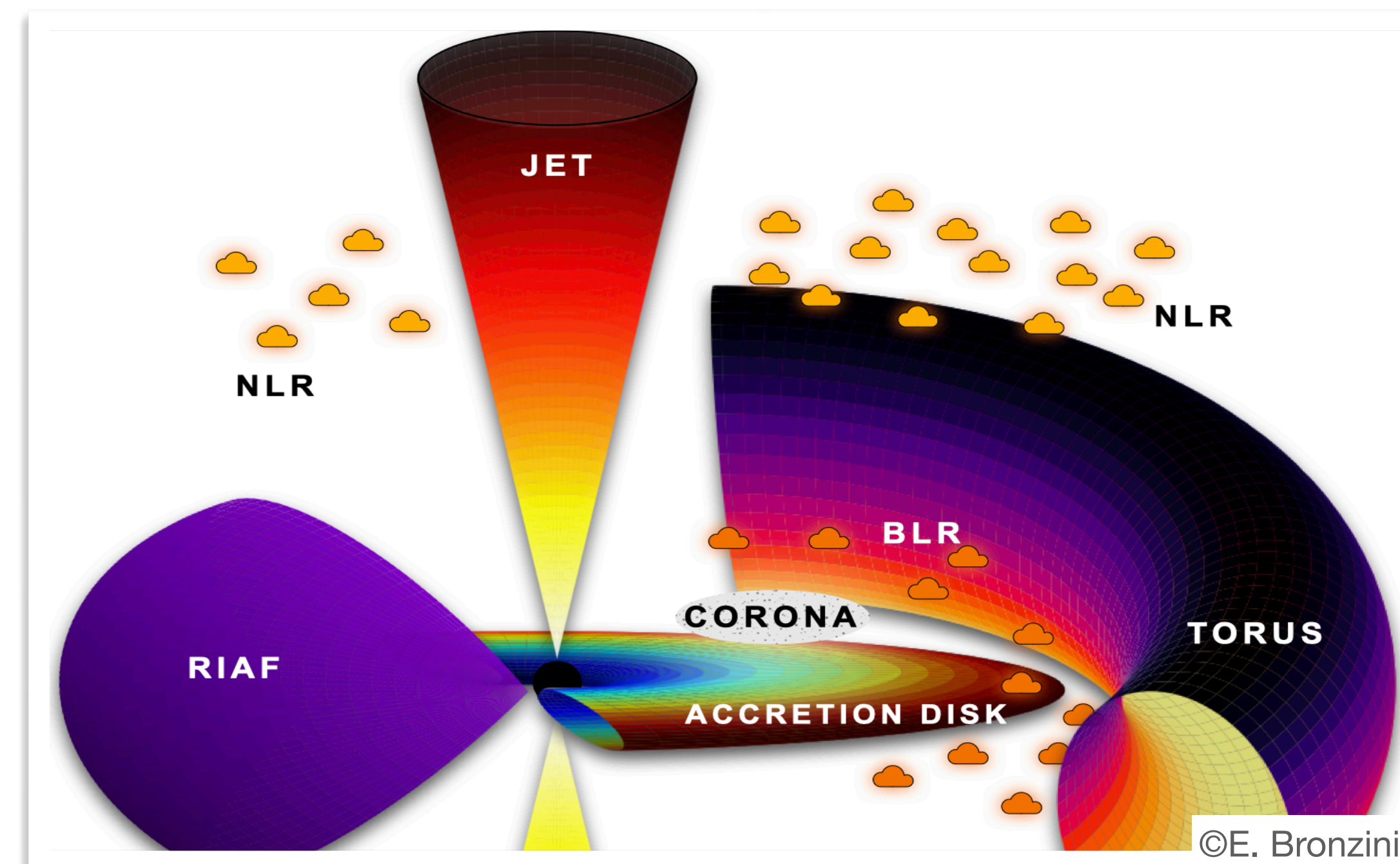


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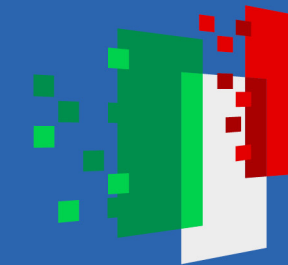
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• Pros

- direct observation of both **accretion and ejection processes**
- opportunity to study of the **jet structure and kinematics** from sub-pc up to kpc scales

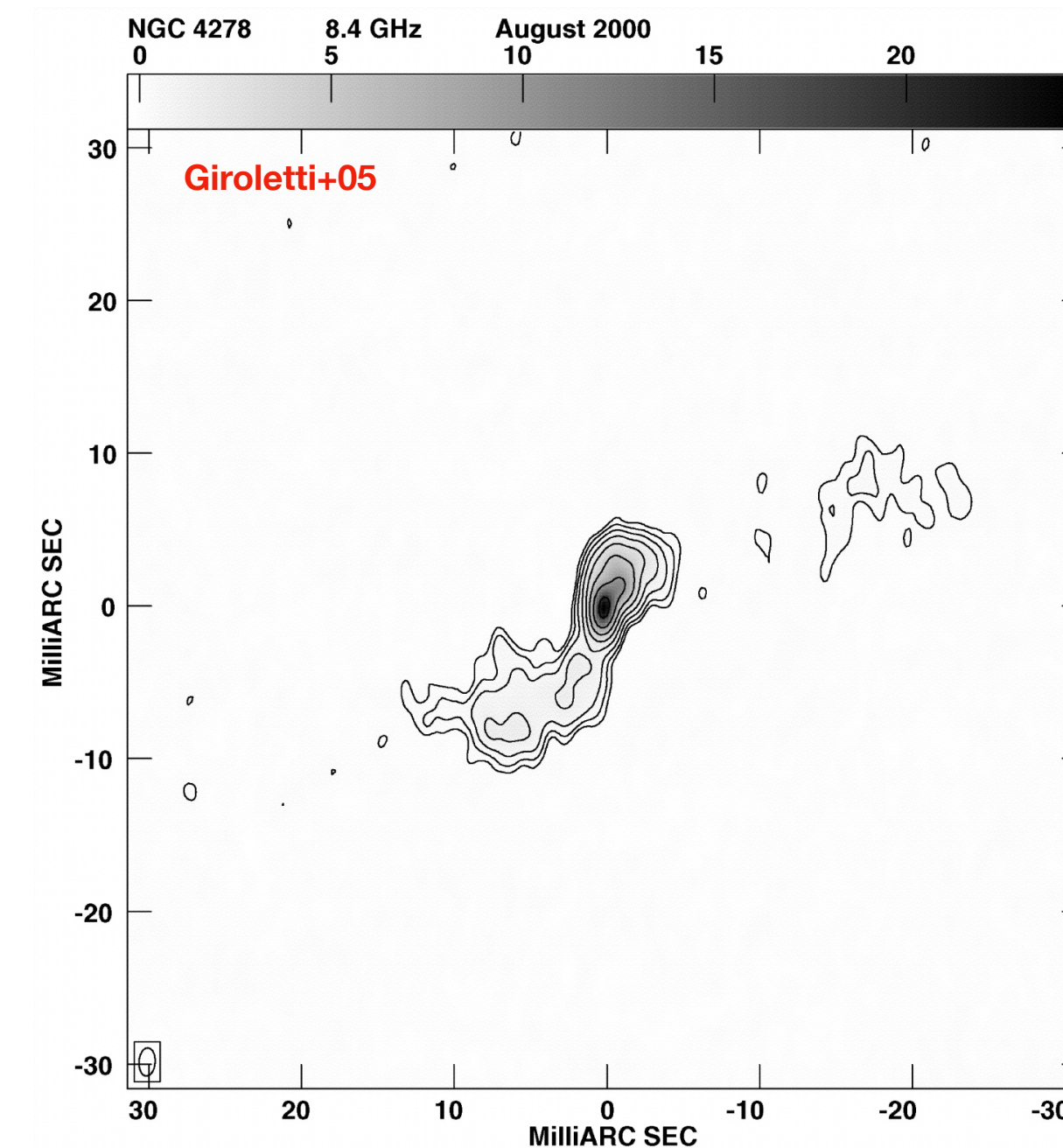
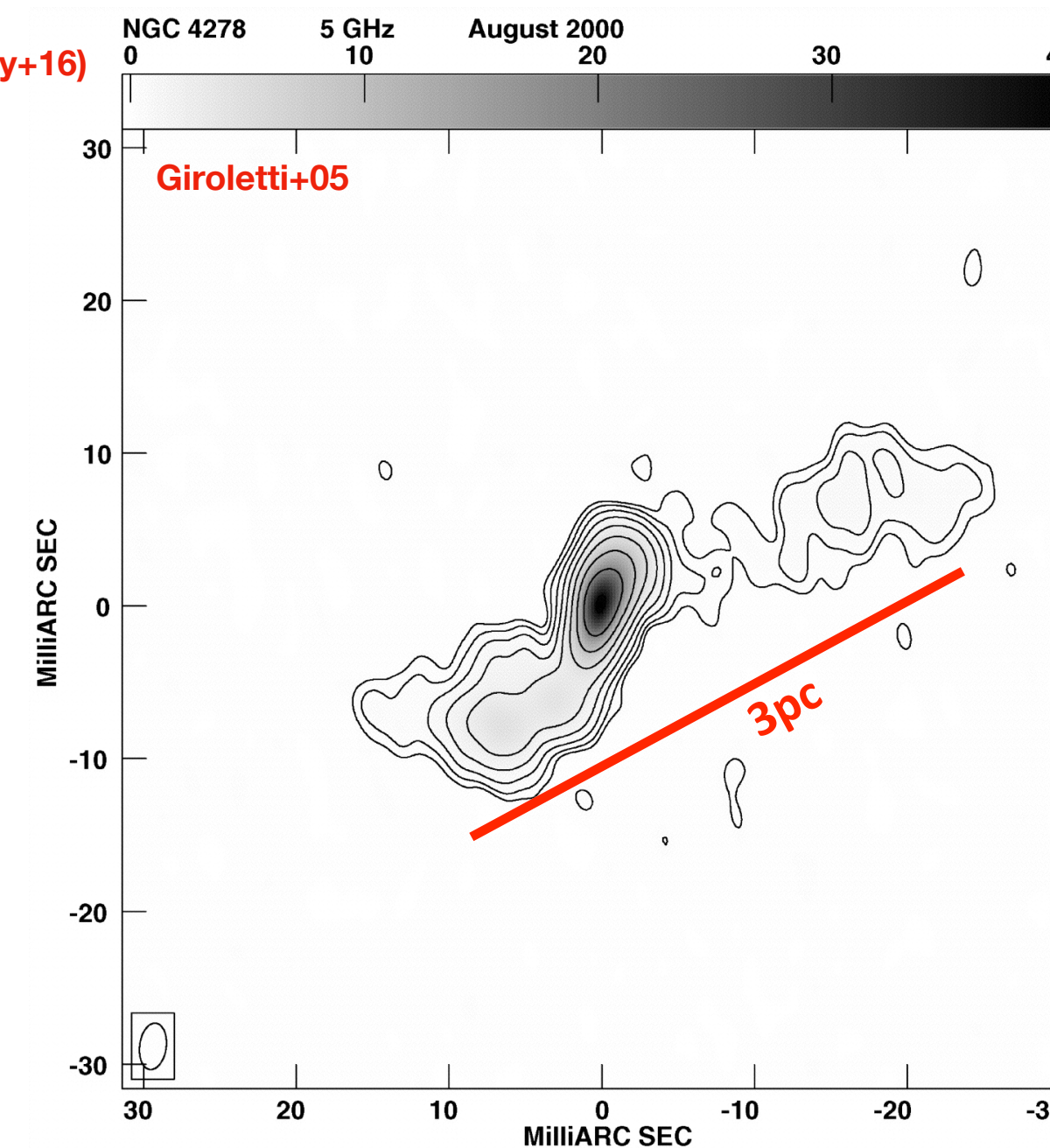
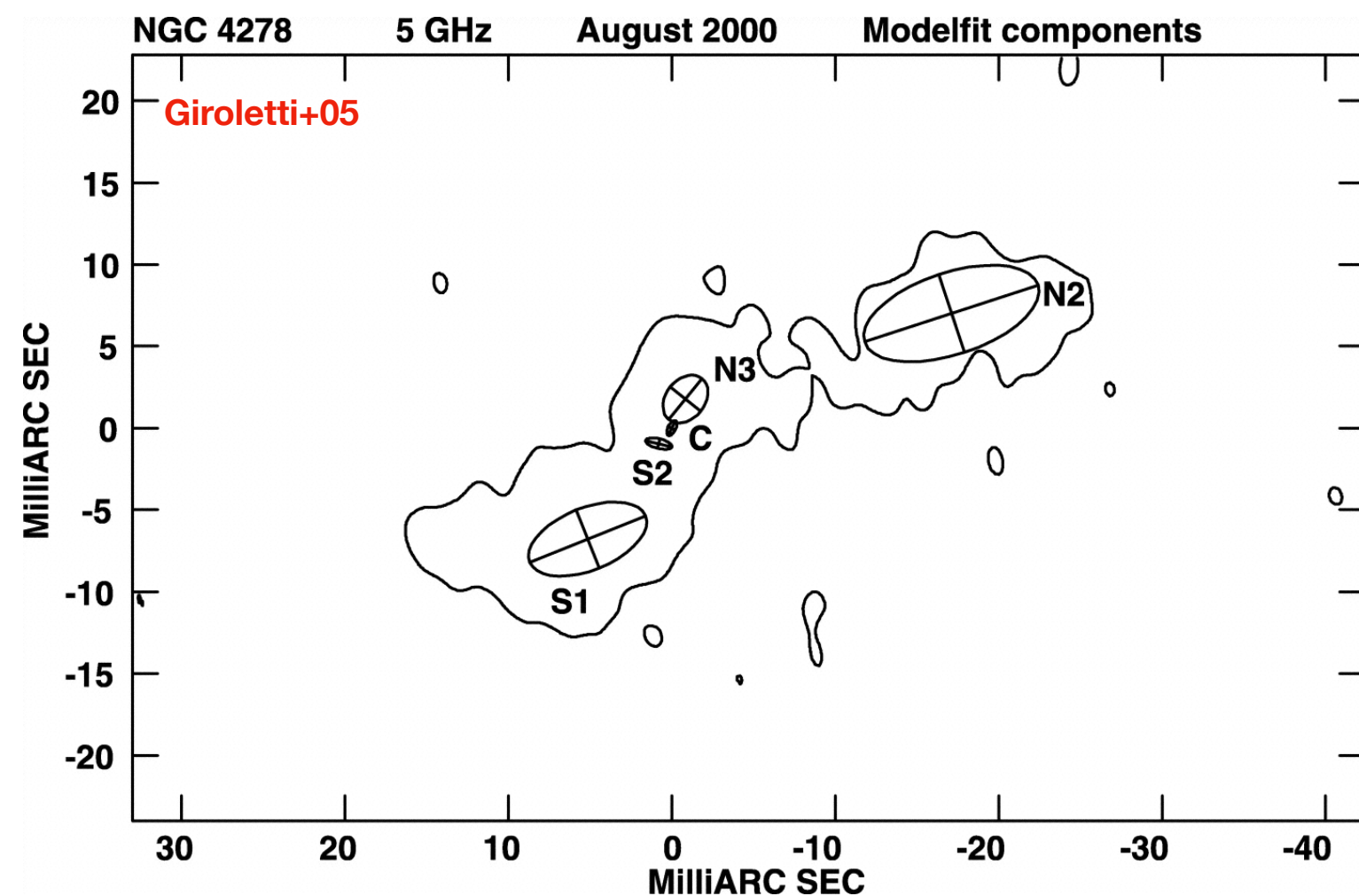


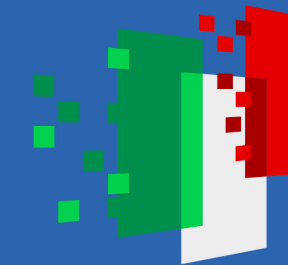
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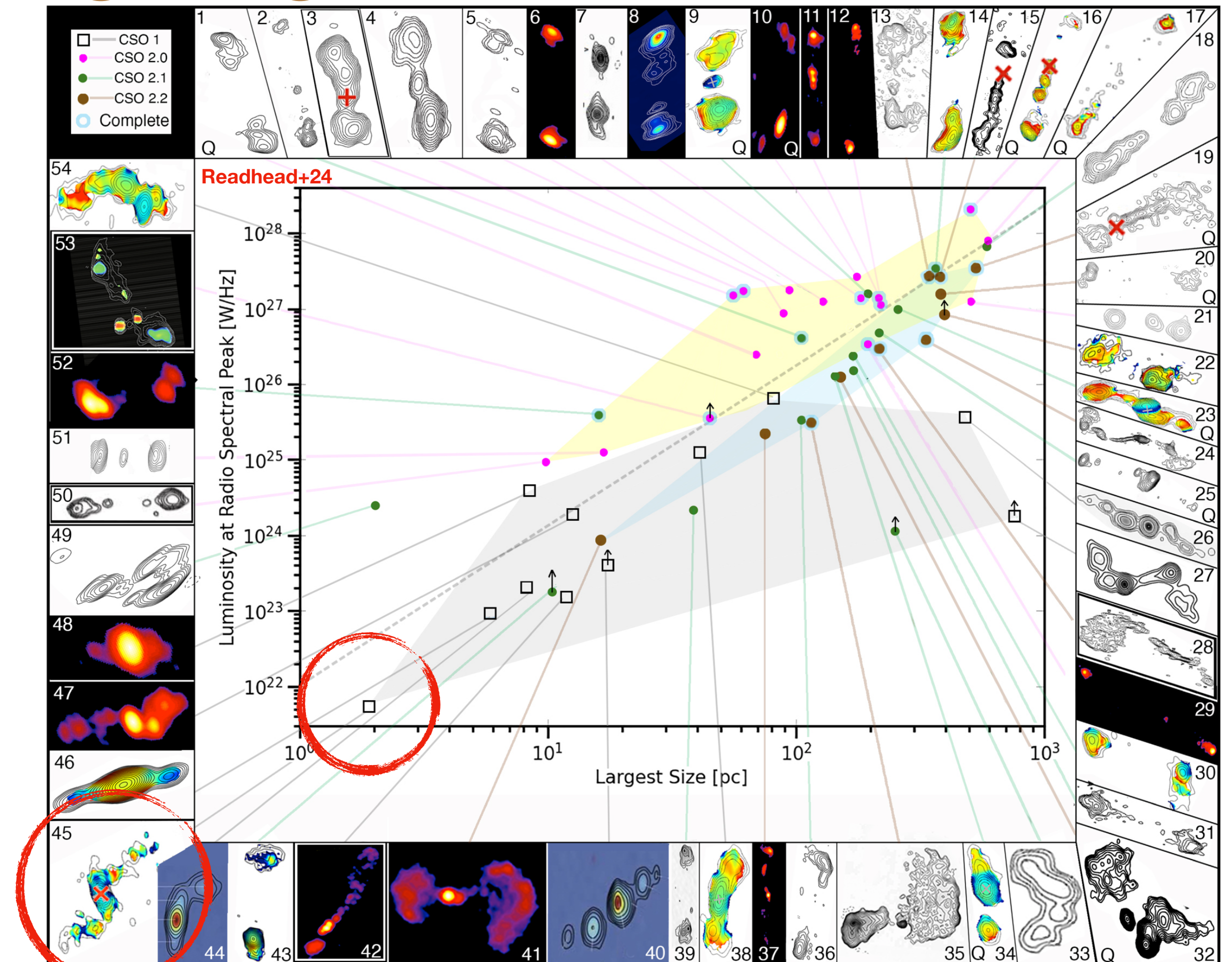
- **Nearby** (~16.4 Mpc) radio loud AGN (Terashima&Wilson03)
- **Compact** (~3 pc) symmetric radio structure (CSO) (Giroletti+05)
 - Mildly relativistic jets ($\beta \sim 0.75$) (Giroletti+05)
 - Likely (young) intermittent source (age $\lesssim 100$ yrs) (Giroletti+05, Tremblay+16)

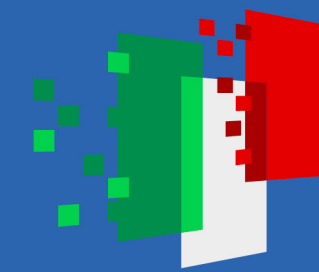




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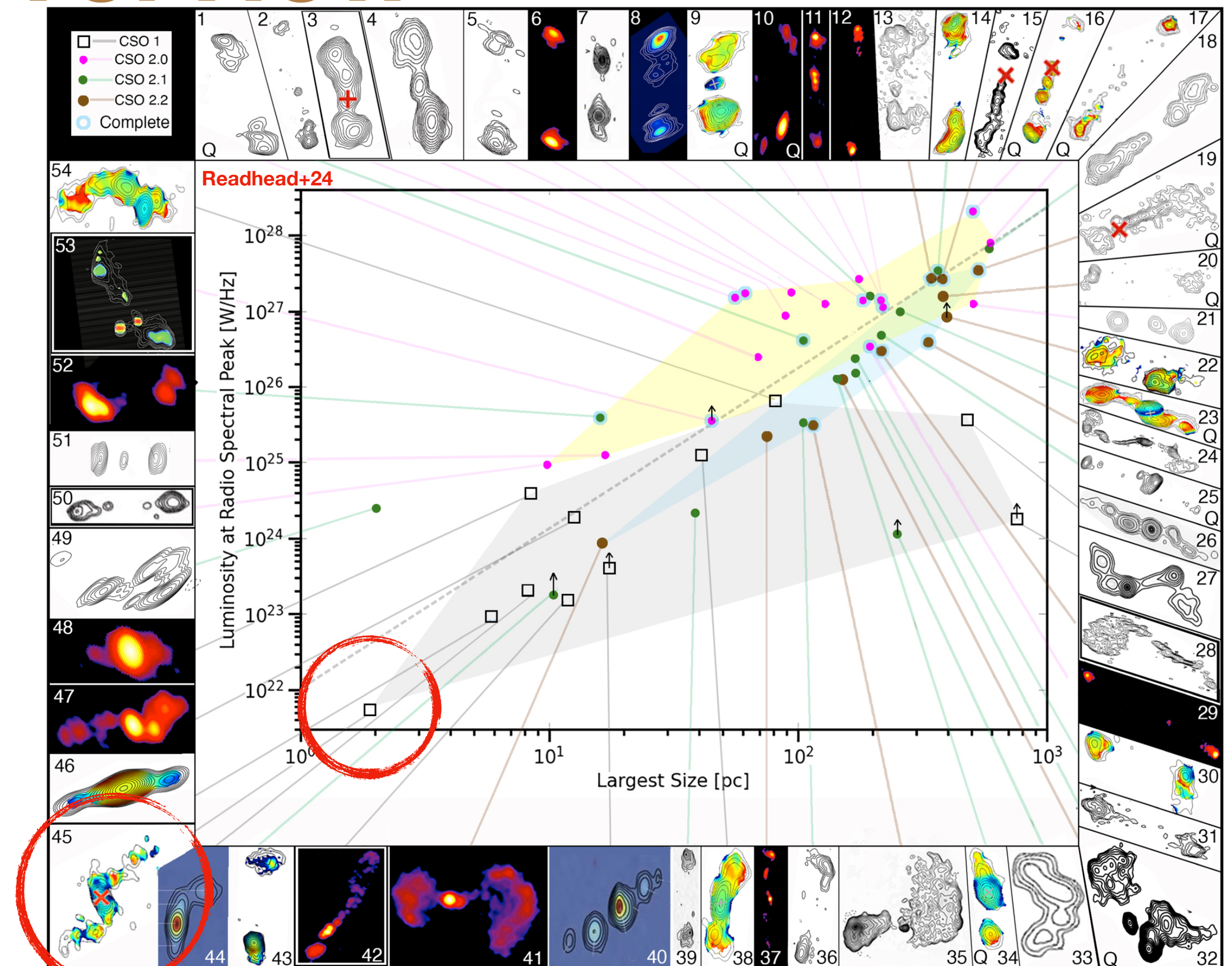
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- **Variable** radio-to-X ray emission (Giroletti+05, Cardullo+09, Pellegrini+12)
- Not included in any “standard” xFGL catalog
 - detection in a monthly flare in 2009 (1FLT, Baldini+21) (but P=34% of being a false positive)

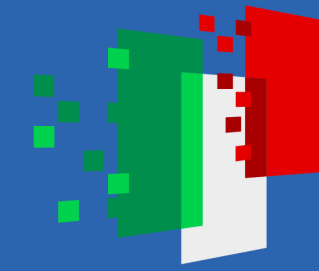




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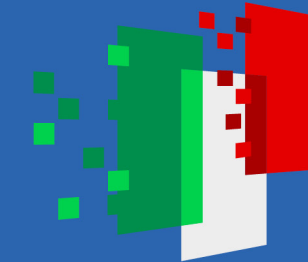
So, why is NGC 4278 interesting for the HE-VHE community?



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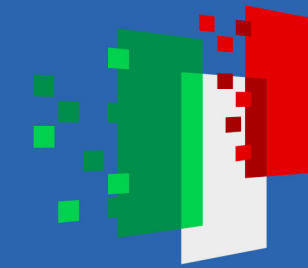
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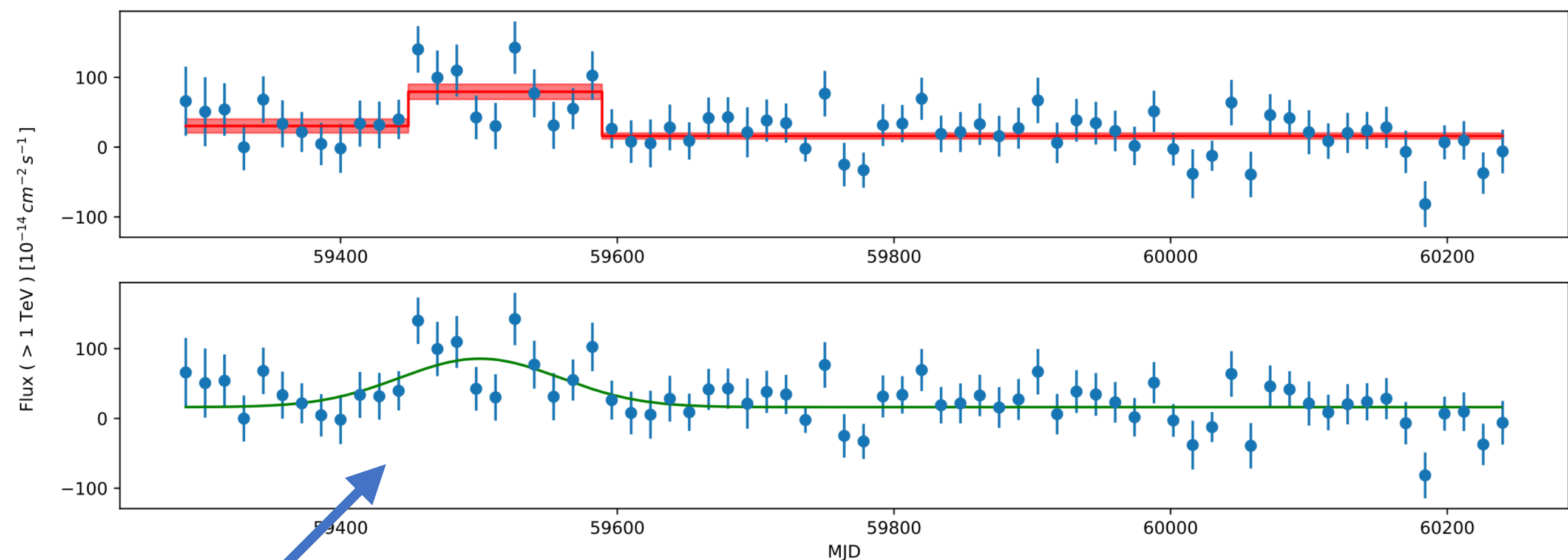


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The LHAASO Collaboration

~891 days of integration time
from March 5th, 2021 to October 31st, 2023



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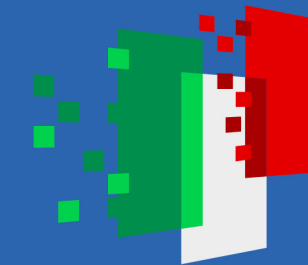
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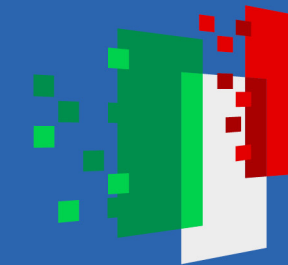
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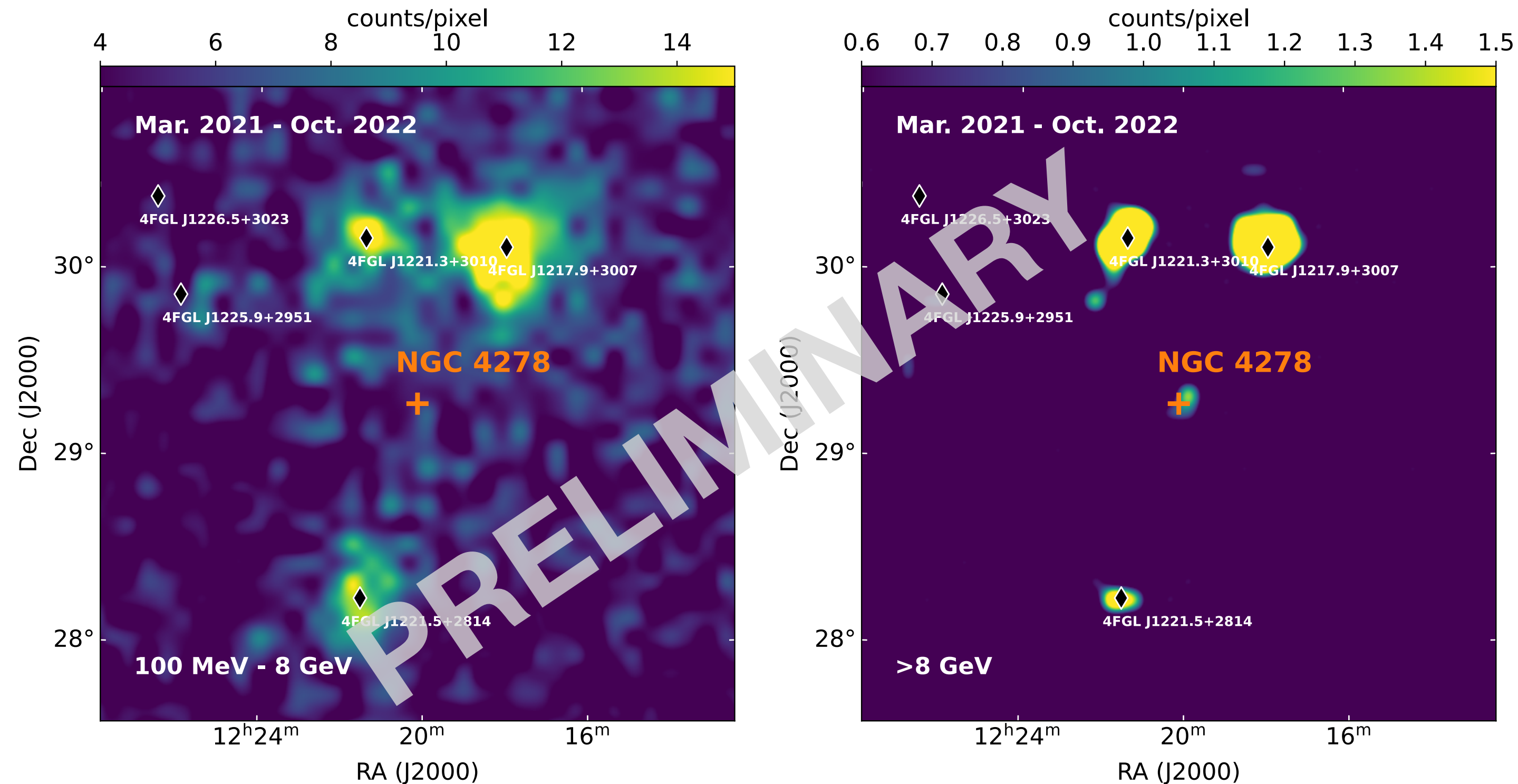


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Our analysis

- Period: March 1st 2021 - October 1st 2022 (MJD = 59274 - 59853)
- Energy range: 100 MeV - 1 TeV
- 4FLG-DR4
- NGC 4278 manually added to the model
- Binned likelihood with 21 components (different energy bands, Z_{\max} , PSFs)

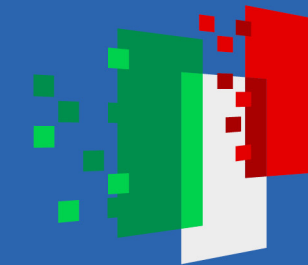




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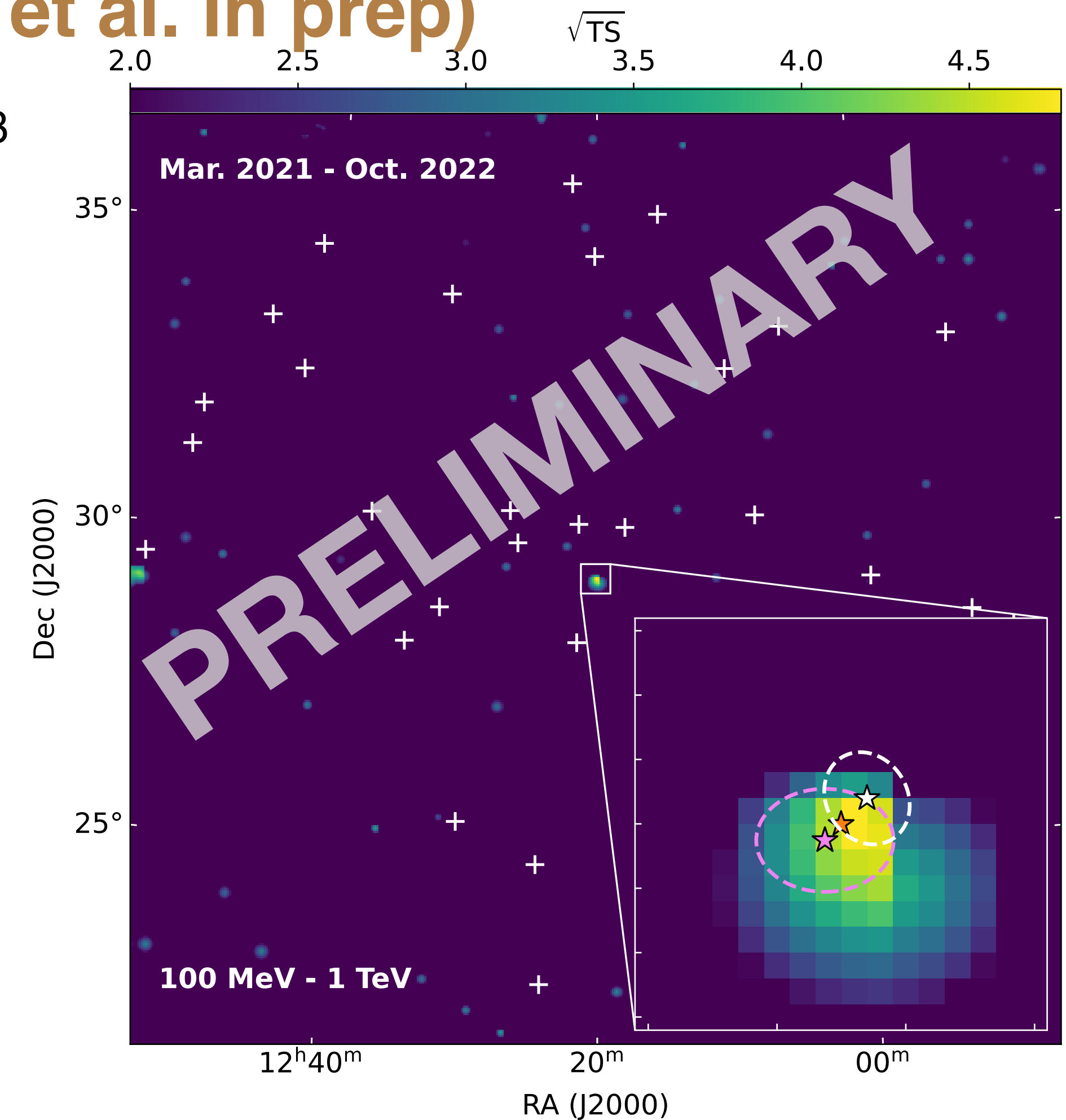
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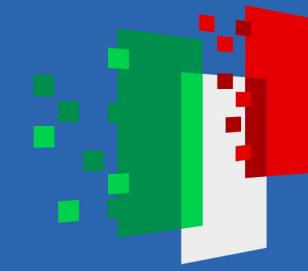


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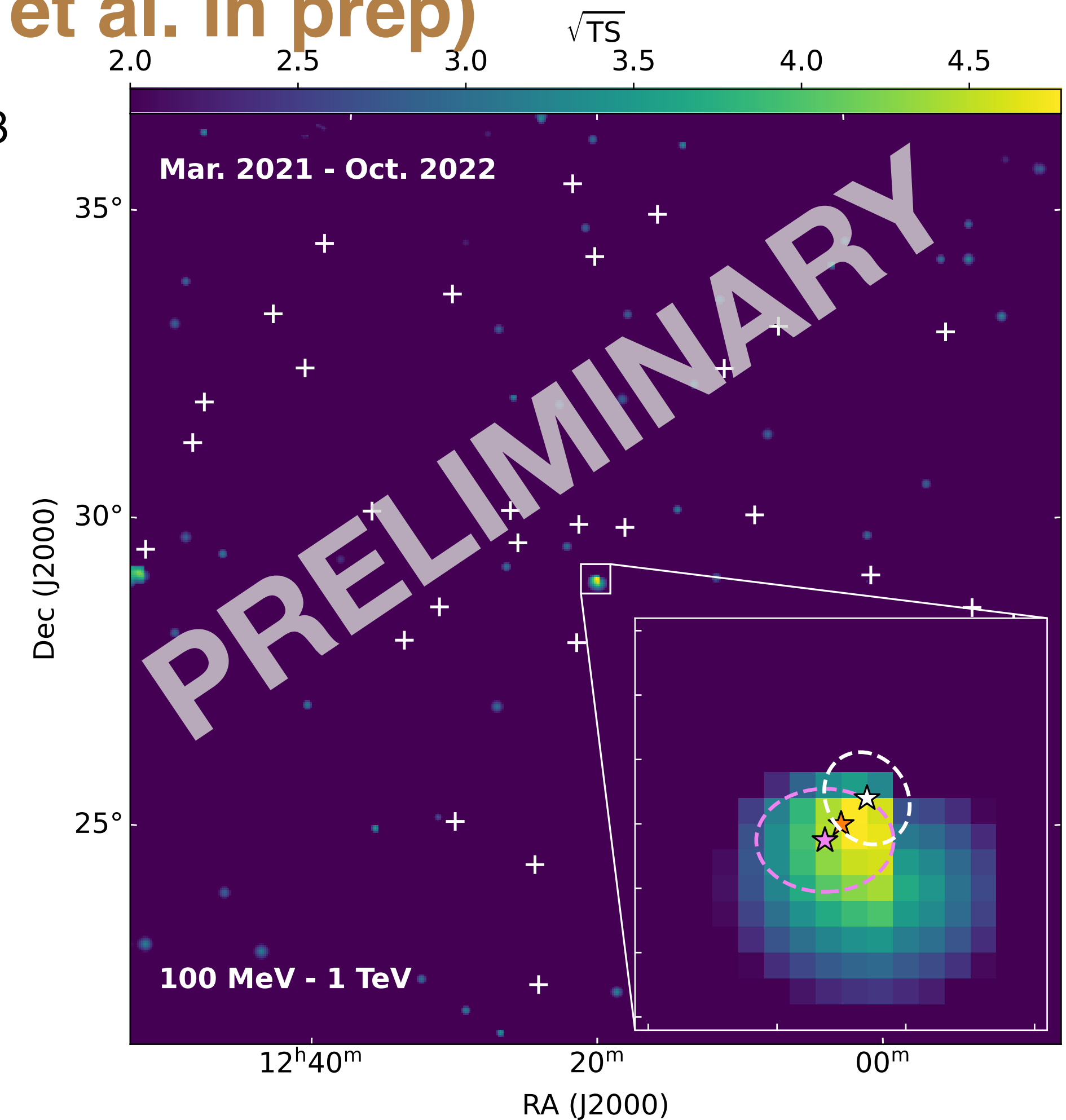
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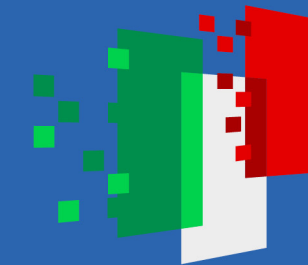




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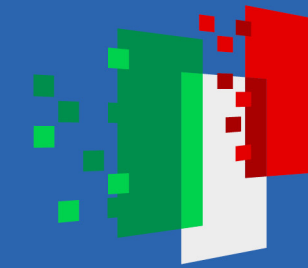
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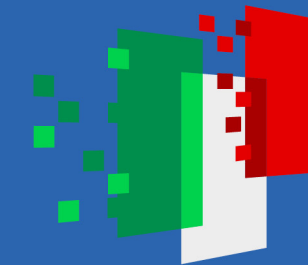
The first solid detection of NGC 4278!



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NGC 4278: X-ray band (Bronzini et al. in prep)

NGC 4278 was serendipitously **observed by Swift-XRT** (~1.1ks) **during the TeV active phase**

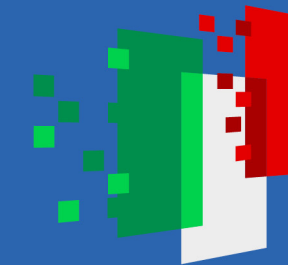
- **The source was in flare also in X-ray band!**
- Hard photon index $\Gamma = 1.4_{-0.6}^{+0.6}$
- Energy flux $F_{0.5-8\text{keV}} = 5_{-2}^{+3} \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$
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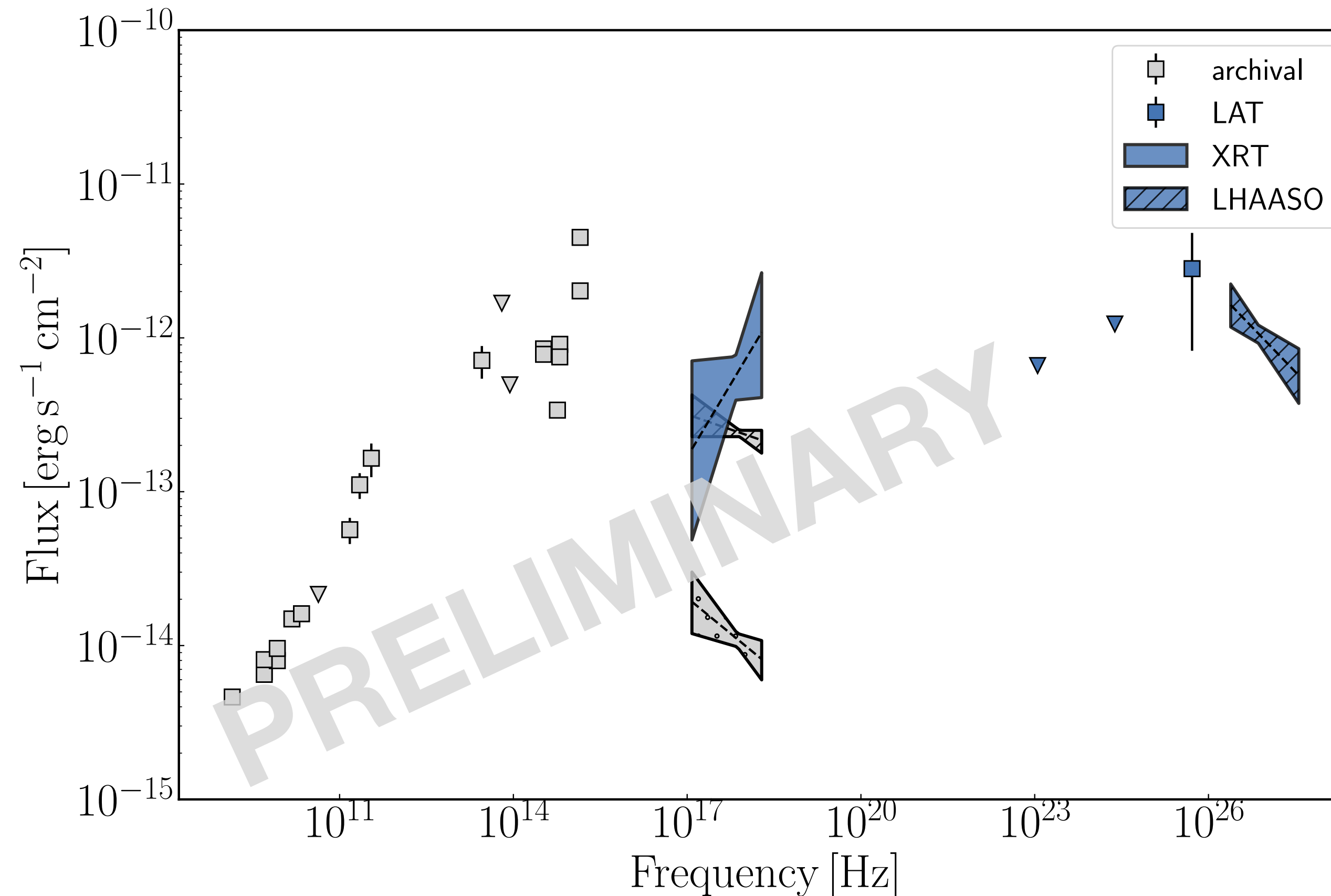
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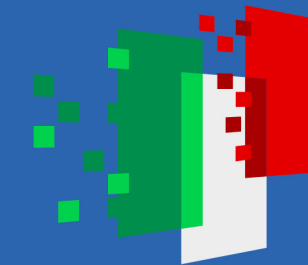




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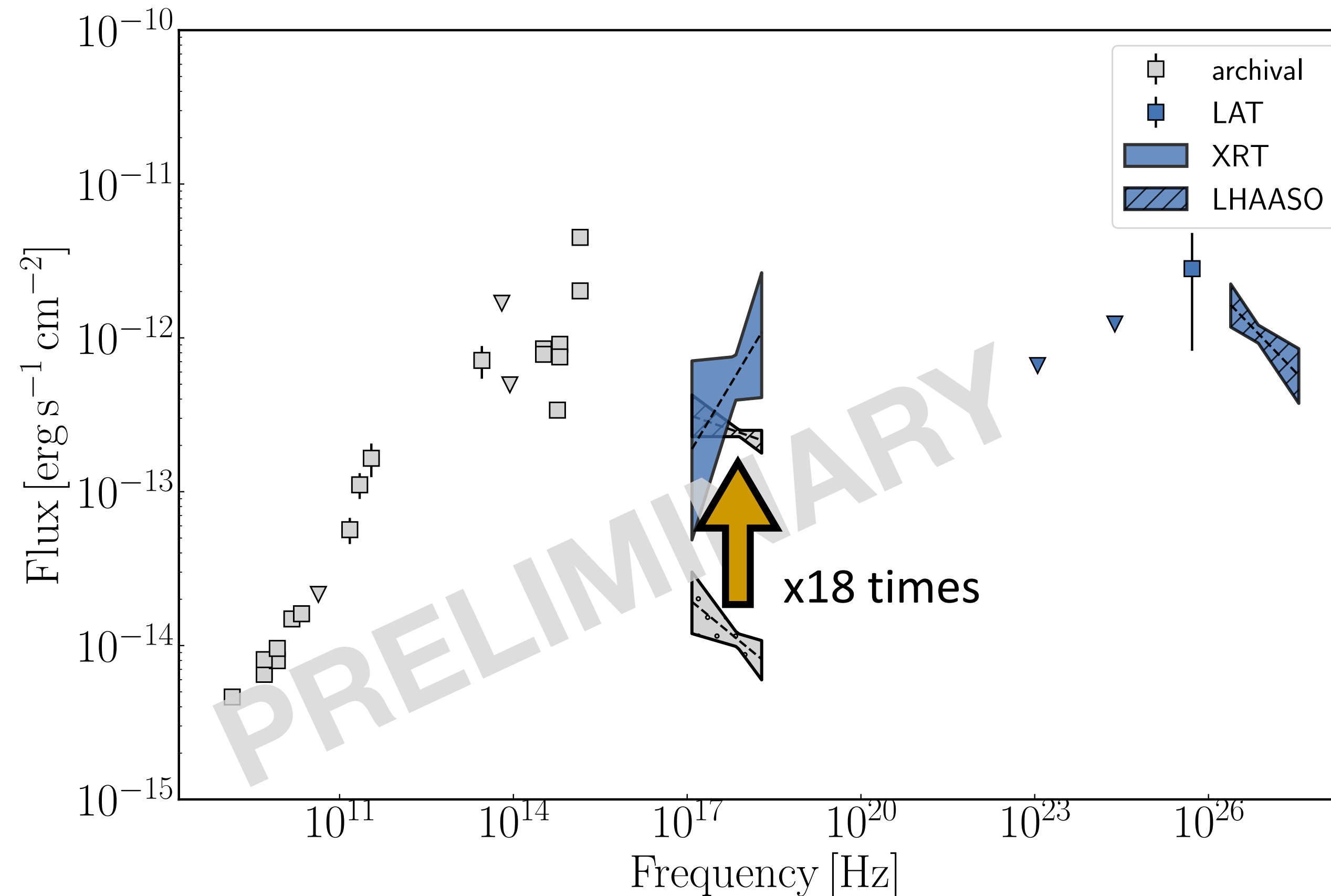
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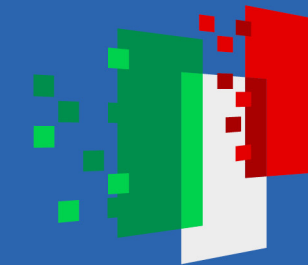


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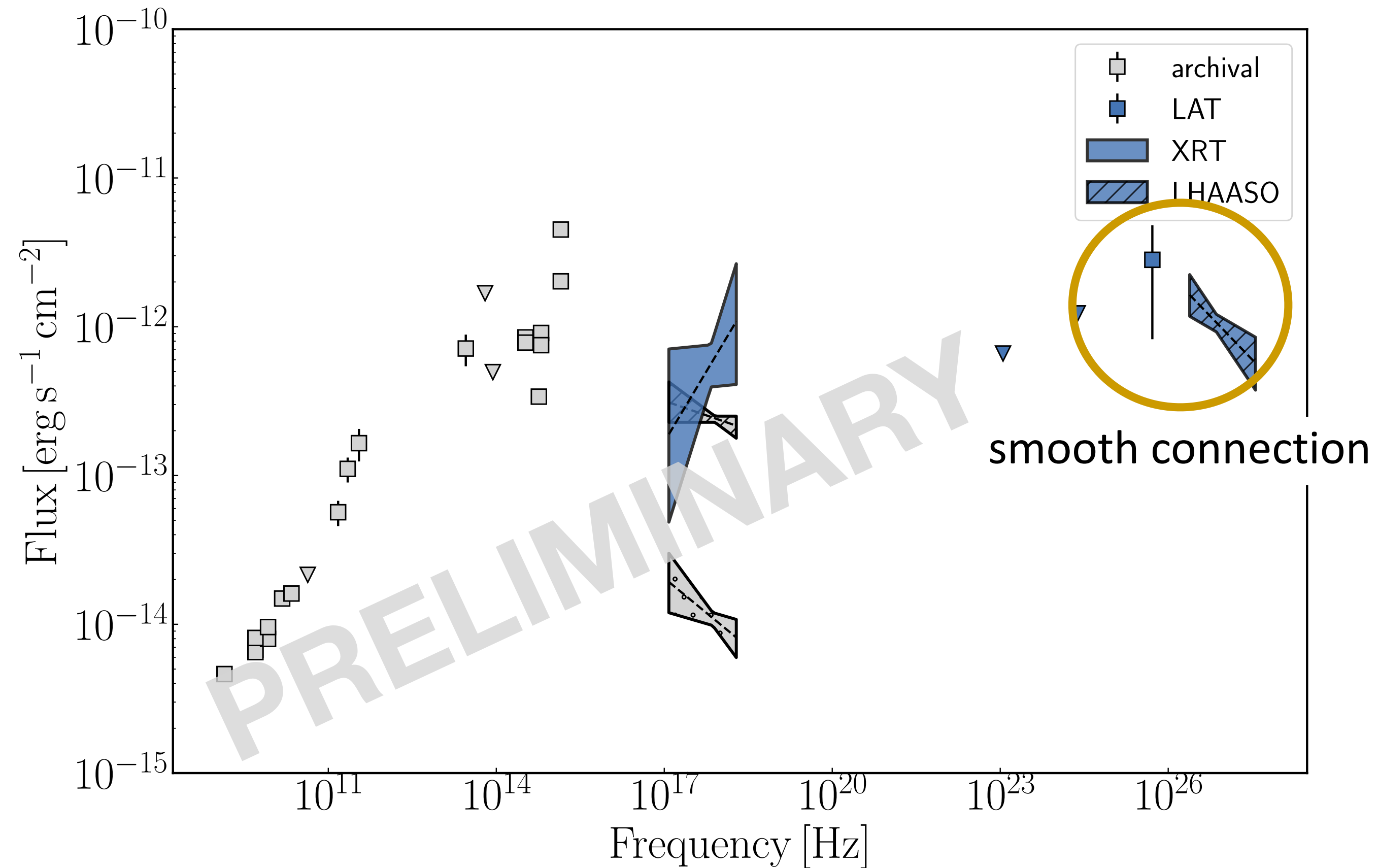
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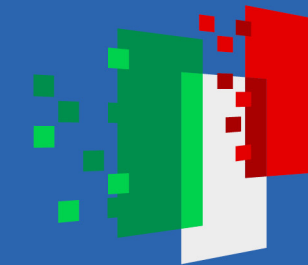




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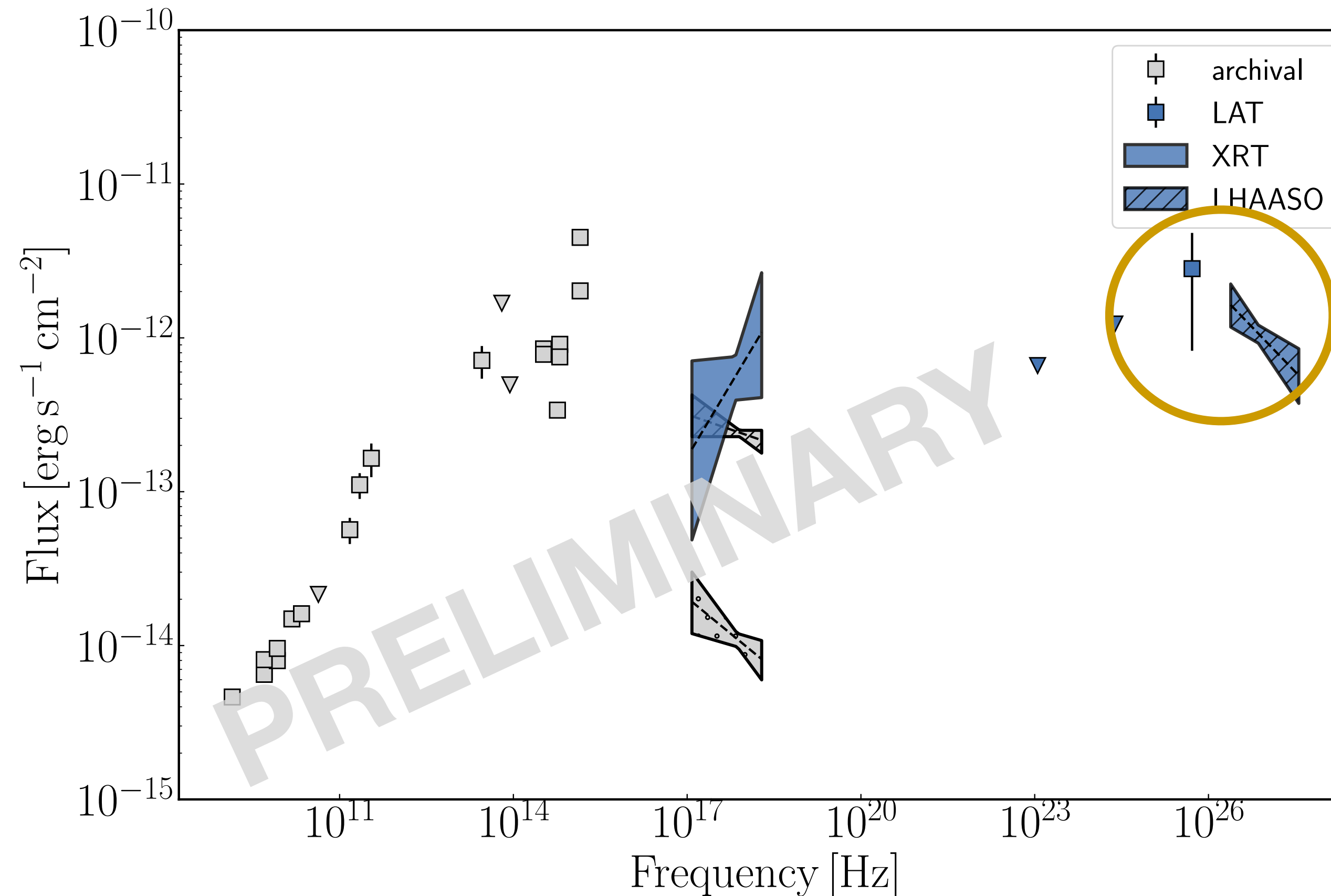
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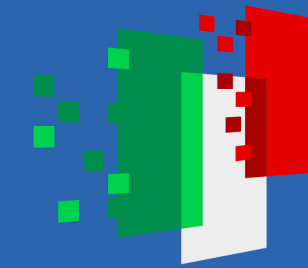
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The origin of the TeV flare is currently under investigation via SED modelling!



Conclusions

- Our highly refined analysis of *Fermi*-LAT data revealed a statistically significant ($\sim 4.3\sigma$) **detection of NGC 4278 spatially e temporally coincident with 1LHAASO J1219+2915**
- GeV and TeV data connect smoothly
- The analysis of a X-ray observation simultaneous to the LHAASO campaign confirms that the source was in a high-state

NGC 4278 represents a new class of TeV-emitting sources!

- The detection of VHE emission from NGC 4278 gives us, for the **first time**, the unique opportunity to **investigate acceleration** and **radiative mechanisms in low-power radio galaxies with pc-scale jets**.
- **LLAGN with pc-scale jets might constitute a new class of targets for upcoming Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory (CTAO)**

That's all folks!

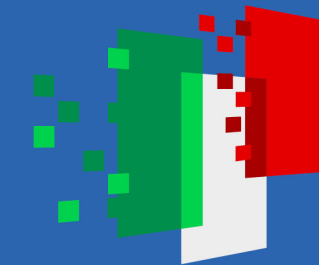




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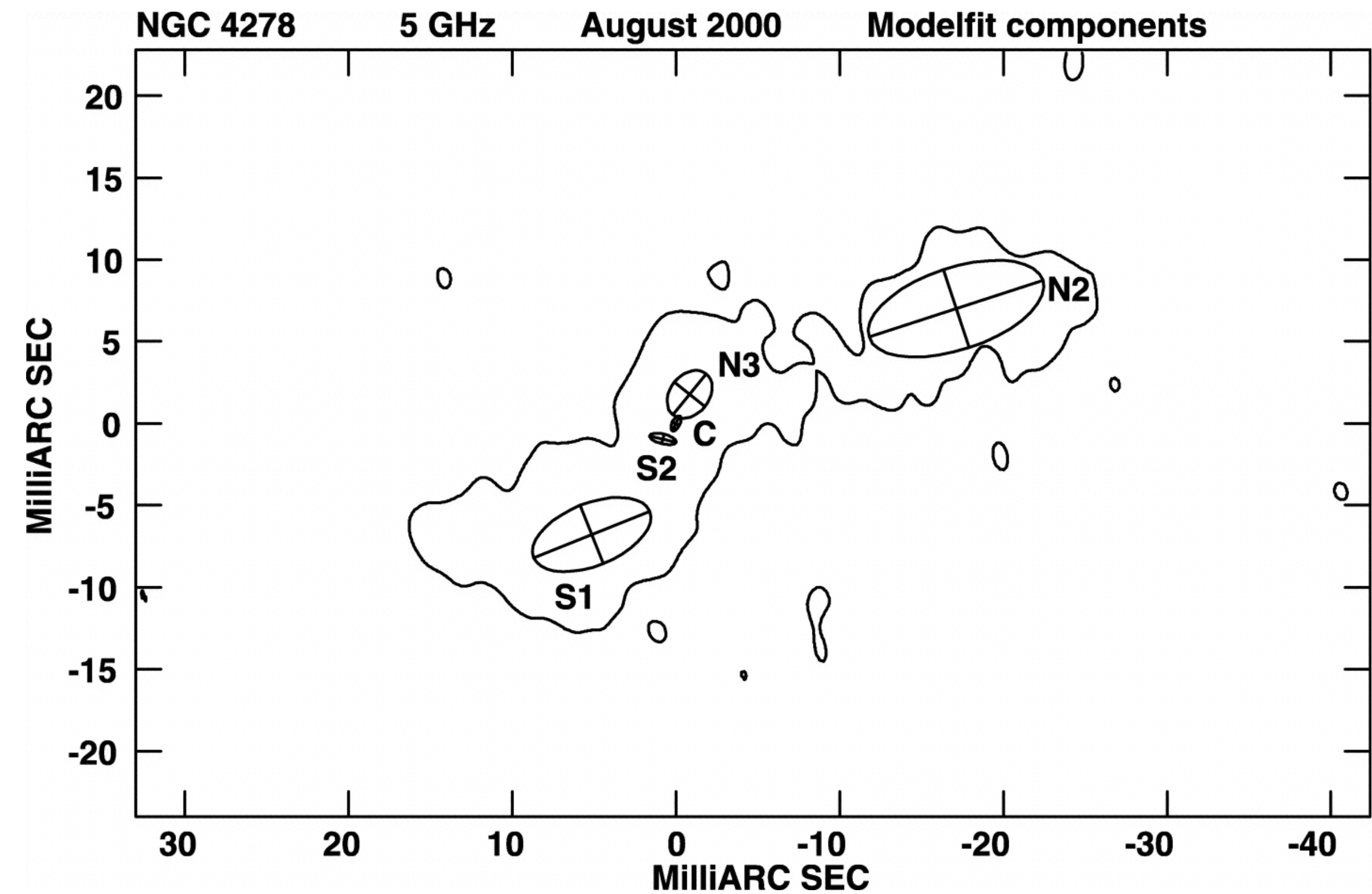
NGC 4278: radio band (Giroletti+05)

individual components properties

Component (1)	r (mas) (2)	θ (deg) (3)	a (mas) (4)	b/a (5)	Φ (deg) (6)	$S_{5\text{ GHz}}$ (mJy) (7)	$S_{8.4\text{ GHz}}$ (mJy) (8)	α (9)
C.....	0.00	0.0	0.99	0.48	-26.6	31.5	28.0	0.2
S2.....	2.57	162.0	1.65	0.36	76.4	7.5	3.0	1.8
S1.....	8.51	142.8	7.39	0.50	-68.3	28.0	20.8	0.6
N3.....	1.96	-25.1	3.23	0.74	-39.0	45.4	36.6	0.4
N2.....	18.46	-67.7	11.17	0.45	-71.9	8.7	6.3	0.6

individual components proper motions

Component (1)	Δr (mas) (2)	ρ (deg) (3)	μ (mas yr ⁻¹) (4)	β_{app} (v_{app}/c) (5)	Age (yr) (6)
C.....			Reference		
S2.....	0.45 ± 0.14	148.7	0.088 ± 0.027	0.020 ± 0.006	29.1 ± 9.3
S1.....	0.66 ± 0.12	145.1	0.129 ± 0.024	0.030 ± 0.006	65.8 ± 12.4
N3.....	1.21 ± 0.09	-66.3	0.237 ± 0.018	0.055 ± 0.004	8.3 ± 0.5
N2.....	3.76 ± 0.65	-79.5	0.737 ± 0.128	0.171 ± 0.030	25.0 ± 4.8

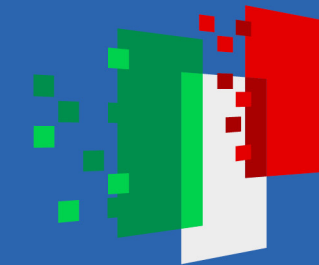




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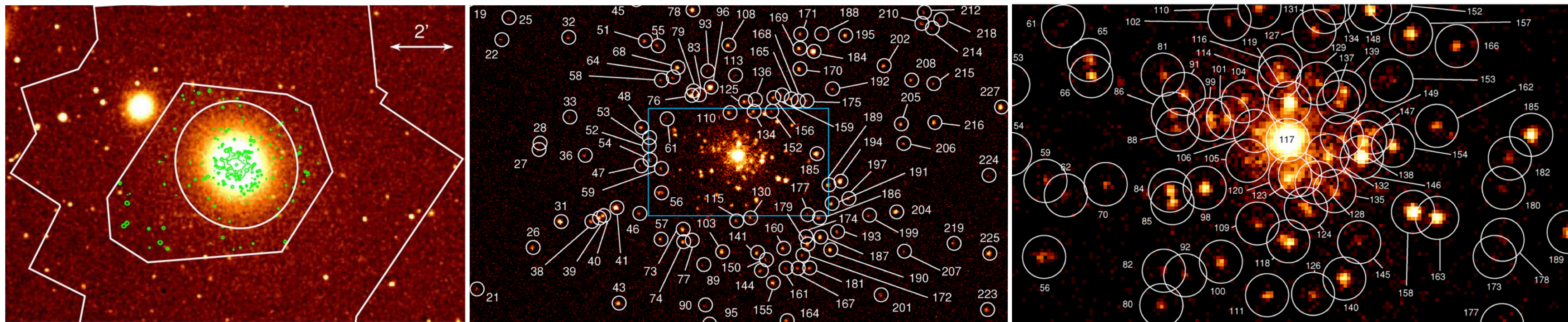
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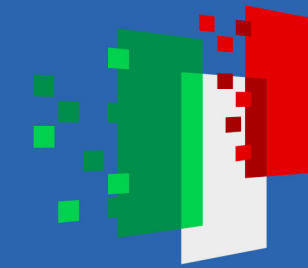
Multiple X-ray emitting components in the host galaxy of NGC 4278

-> LMXBs, GCs, multi-temperature gas, etc. revealed by *Chandra* (excellent angular resolution) (Brassington+09, Fabbiano+10, Pellegrini+12)

-> Essential to disentangle the central AGN contribution from other components when observed by telescopes with worse angular resolution (e.g. *Swift-XRT*)

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NGC 4278: γ -ray band (Bronzini et al. in prep)

Analysis setup

- Fermipy v1.2.0 and Fermitools v2.2.0
- March 1st 2021 - October 1st 2022 (MJD = 59274 - 59853)
- 100 MeV - 1 TeV
- IRFs P8_SOURCE_V3 and SOURCE event type
- Rol=15° (centered on the radio position of NGC 4278)
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- NGC 4278 manually added ($\Gamma = 2$)
- Binned likelihood with 21 components

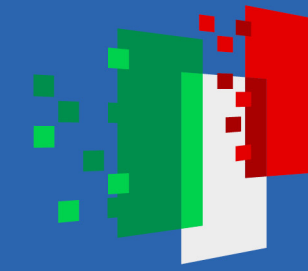
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0.3 - 1	100	—	0.4	0.3	0.2
1 - 3	105	0.4	0.15	0.1	0.1
3 - 10	105	0.25	0.1	0.05	0.04
10 - 30	105	0.15	0.06	0.04	0.03
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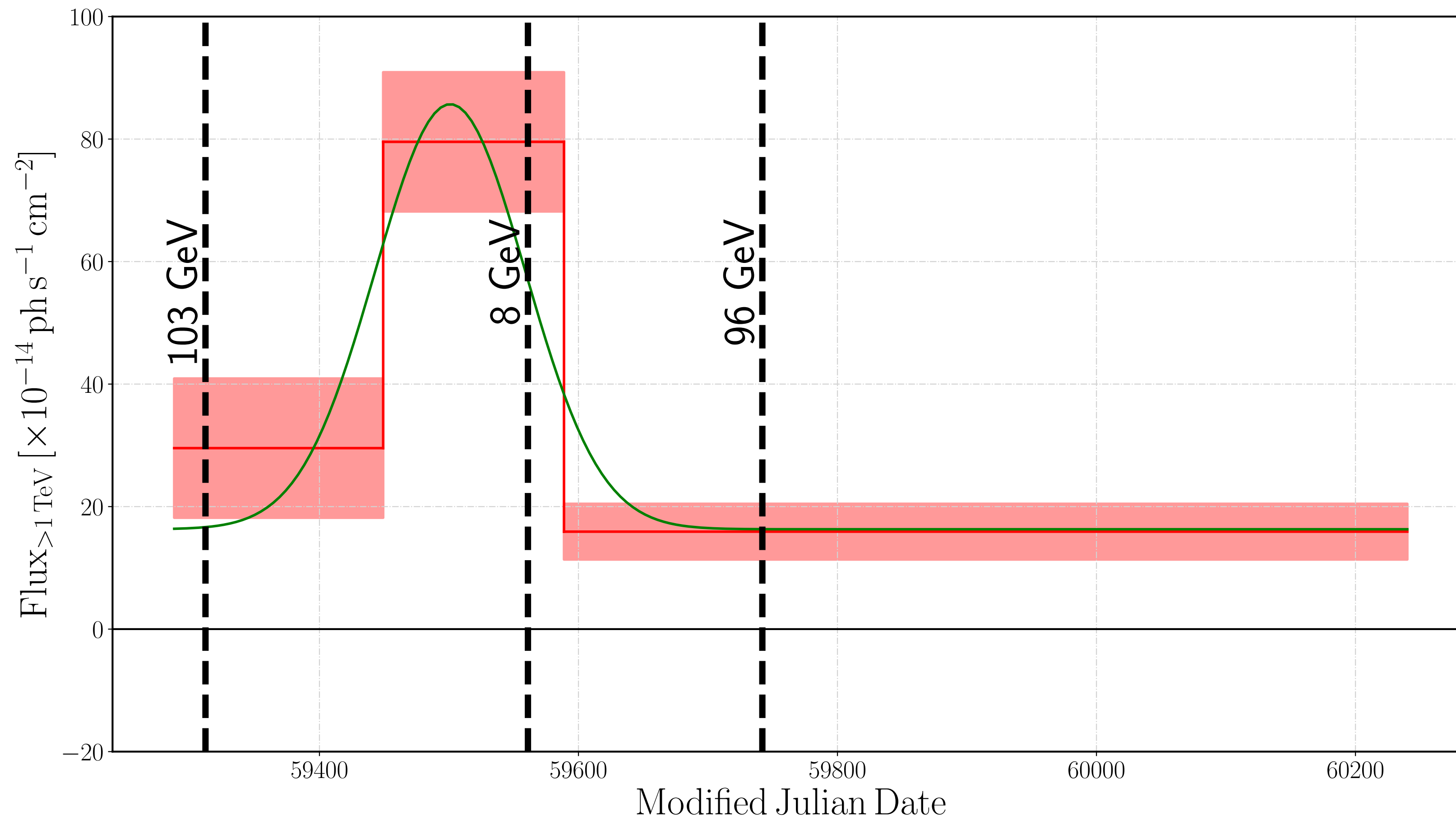


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NGC 4278: TeV light-curve





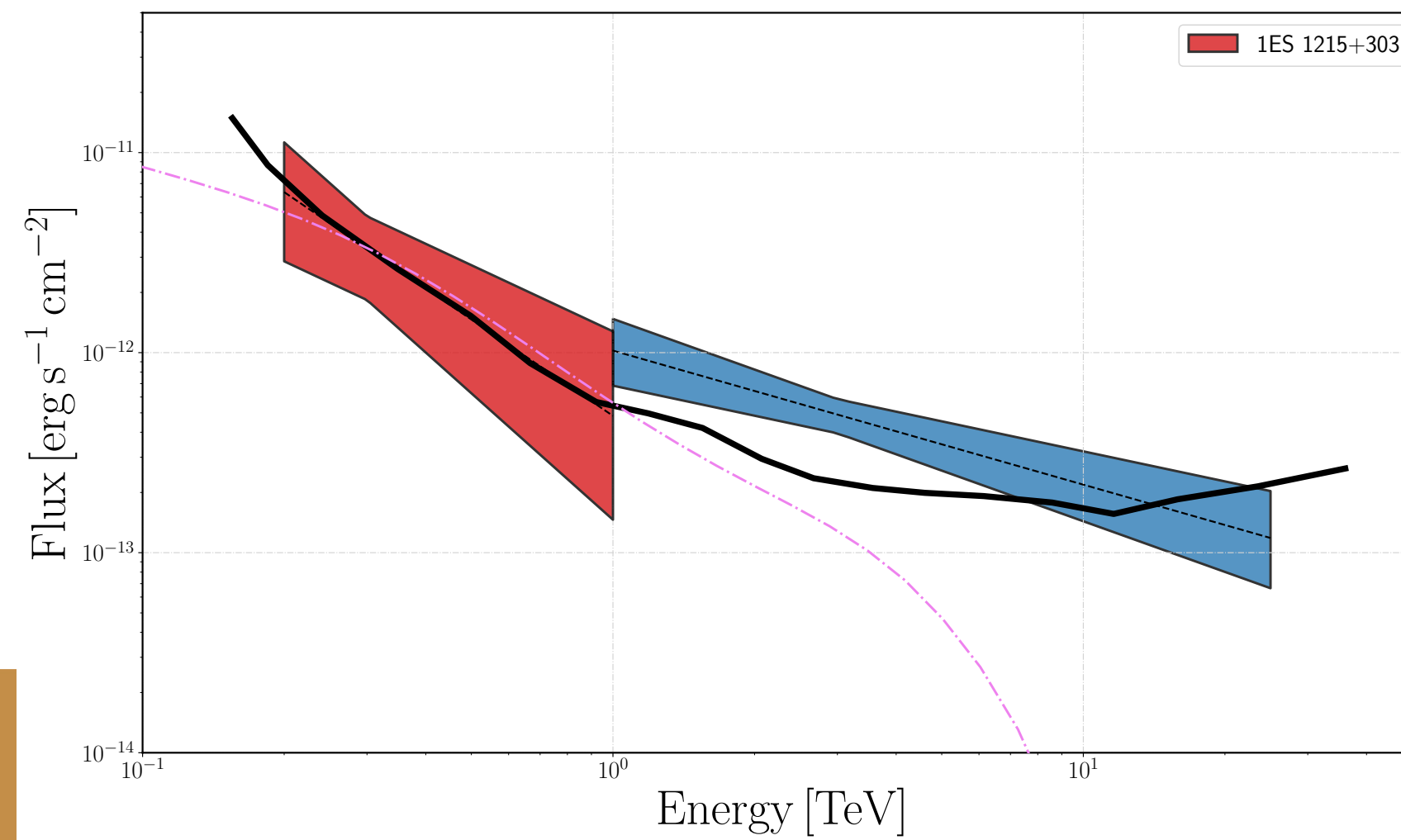
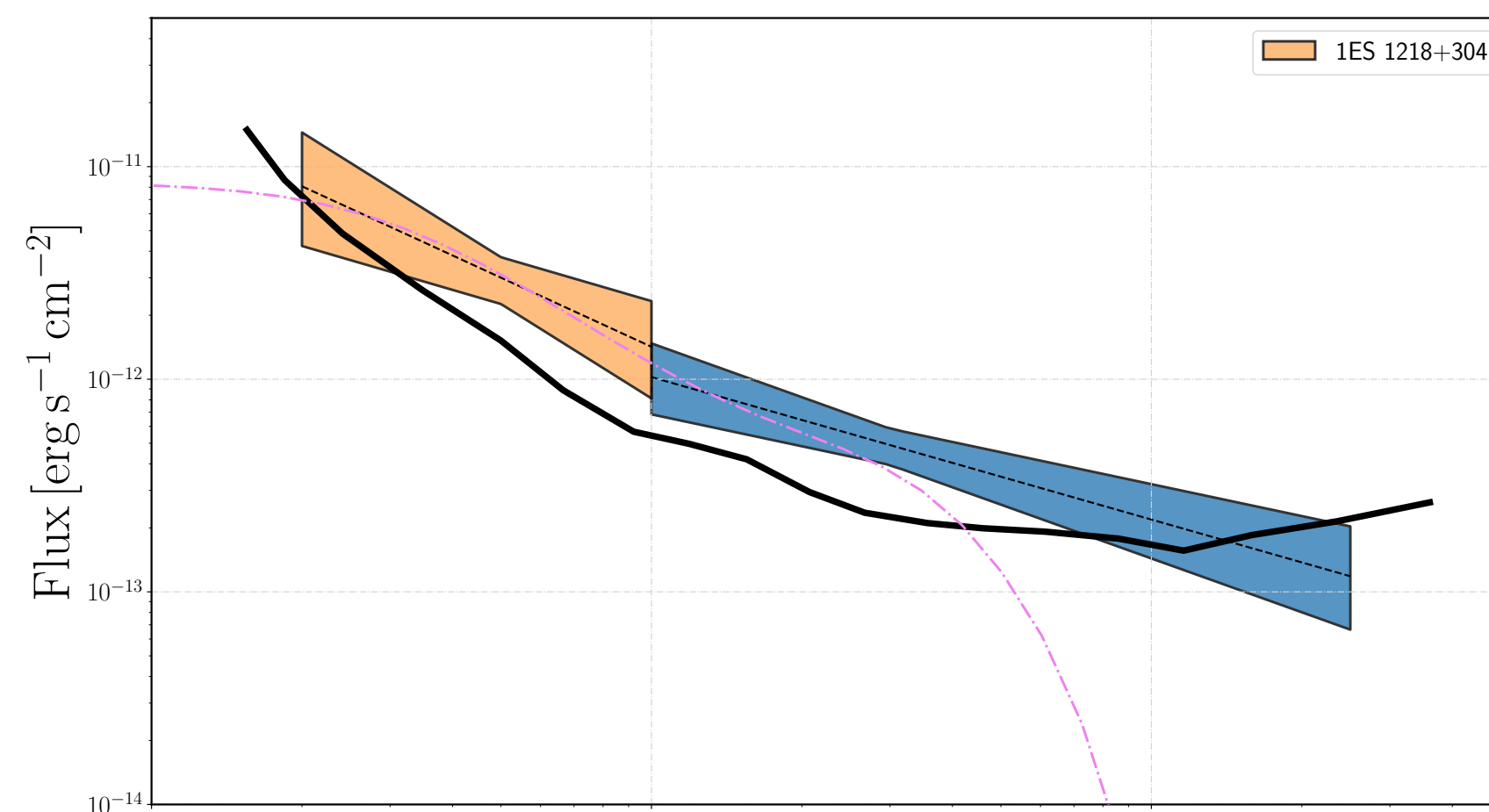
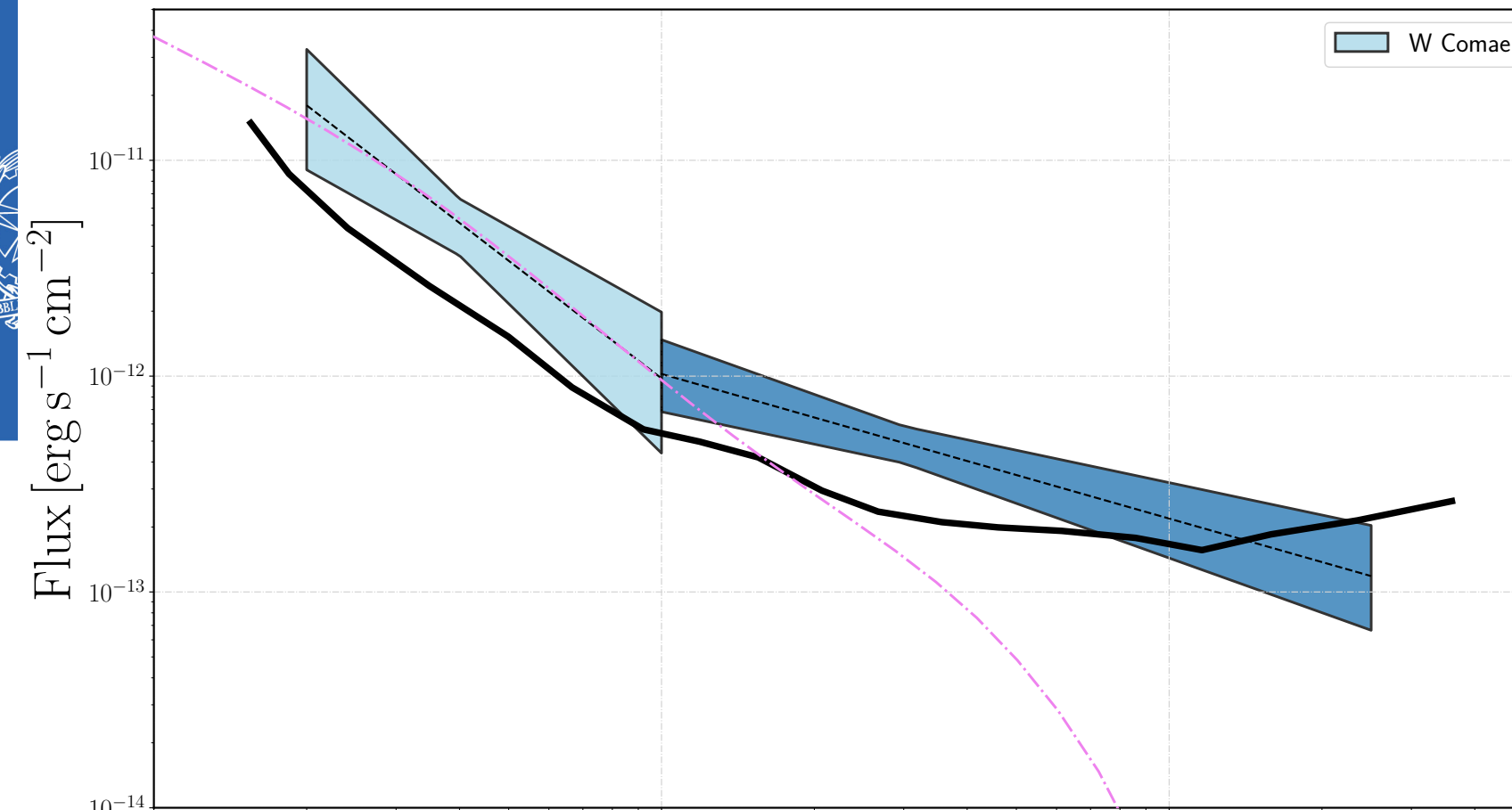
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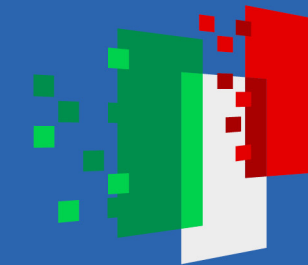


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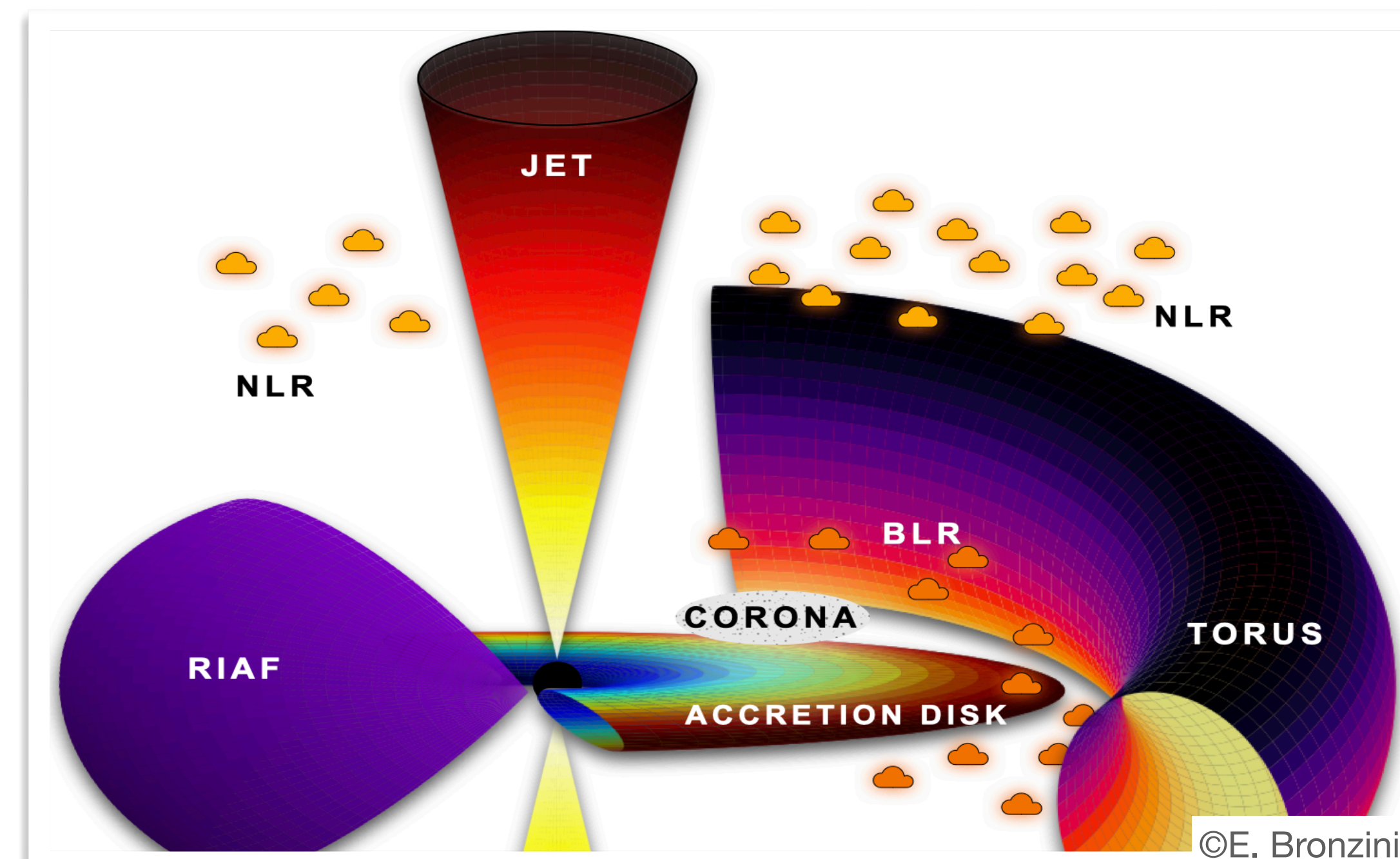




Why studying RL AGN

The vast majority of AGN in the local Universe shows low-luminosities ($L_{\text{bol}} \lesssim 10^{42}$ erg/s) \rightarrow **LLAGN** (e.g, Ho 08)

- **Modest radio cores** ($L_{5\text{GHz}} = 10^{19-21}$ W/Hz) (e.g, Ho 08) and **weak** ($P_{\text{jet}} < 10^{42}$ erg/s) pc-scale **jets** (Mezua&Prieto14)
- Radiative inefficient accretion flow (RIAF) (Ichimaru77, Narayan&Yi94)
- **X-ray faint** ($L_{2-10\text{keV}} \sim 10^{38}$ erg/s) (Ho 01)
- No LLAGN with pc scale jets was known to emit at VHE (>100 GeV) until LHAASO pointed to NGC 4278 as a possible counterpart of 1LHAASO J1219+2915 (de Menezes+20)



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