

# $\gamma$ -ray Blazars above 100 MeV

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## Density, evolution and origin of the Extragalactic Gamma-ray Background

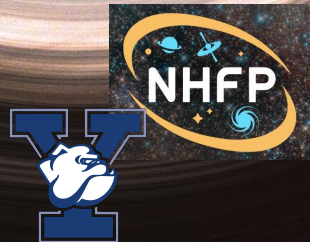
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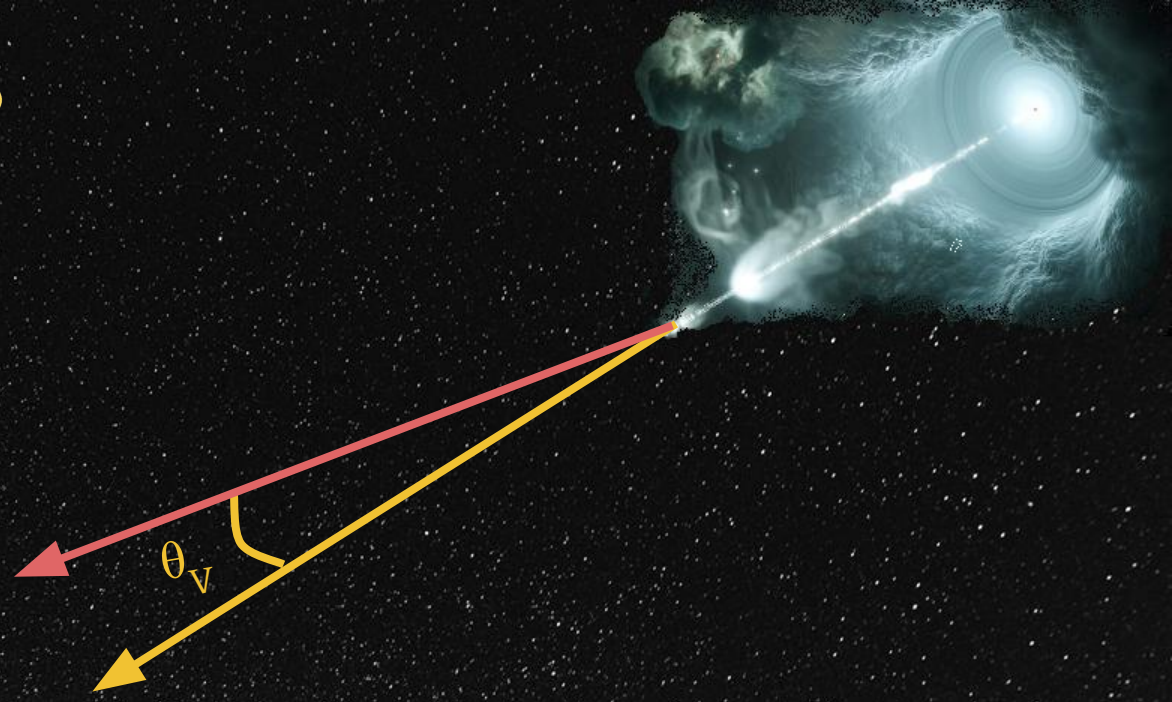
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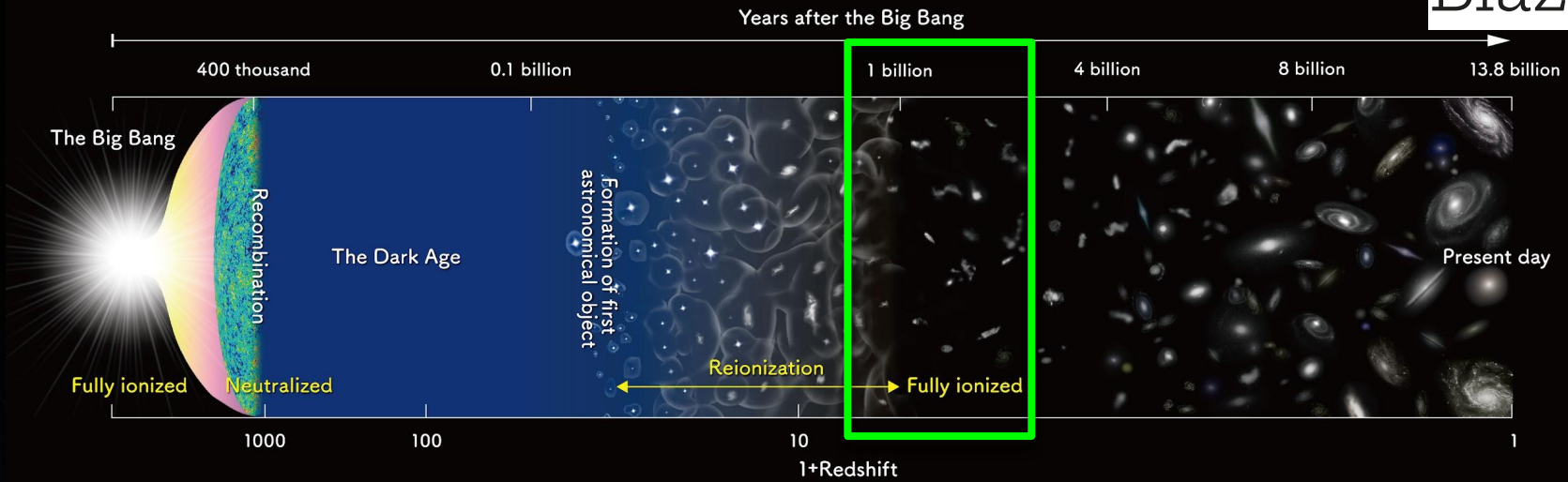
On behalf of: Marco Ajello, Mattia di Mauro



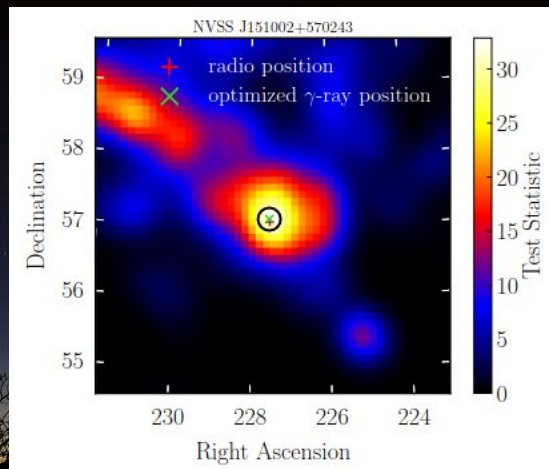
$$\theta_V \leq 5^\circ - 10^\circ$$



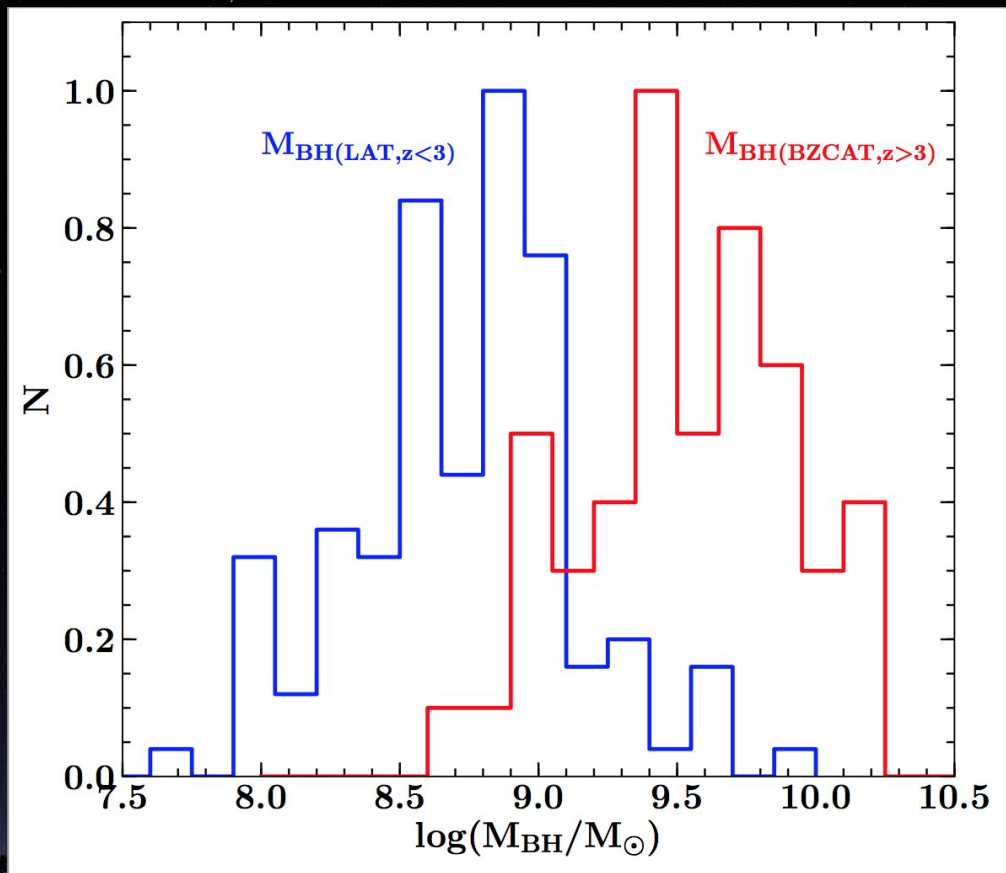
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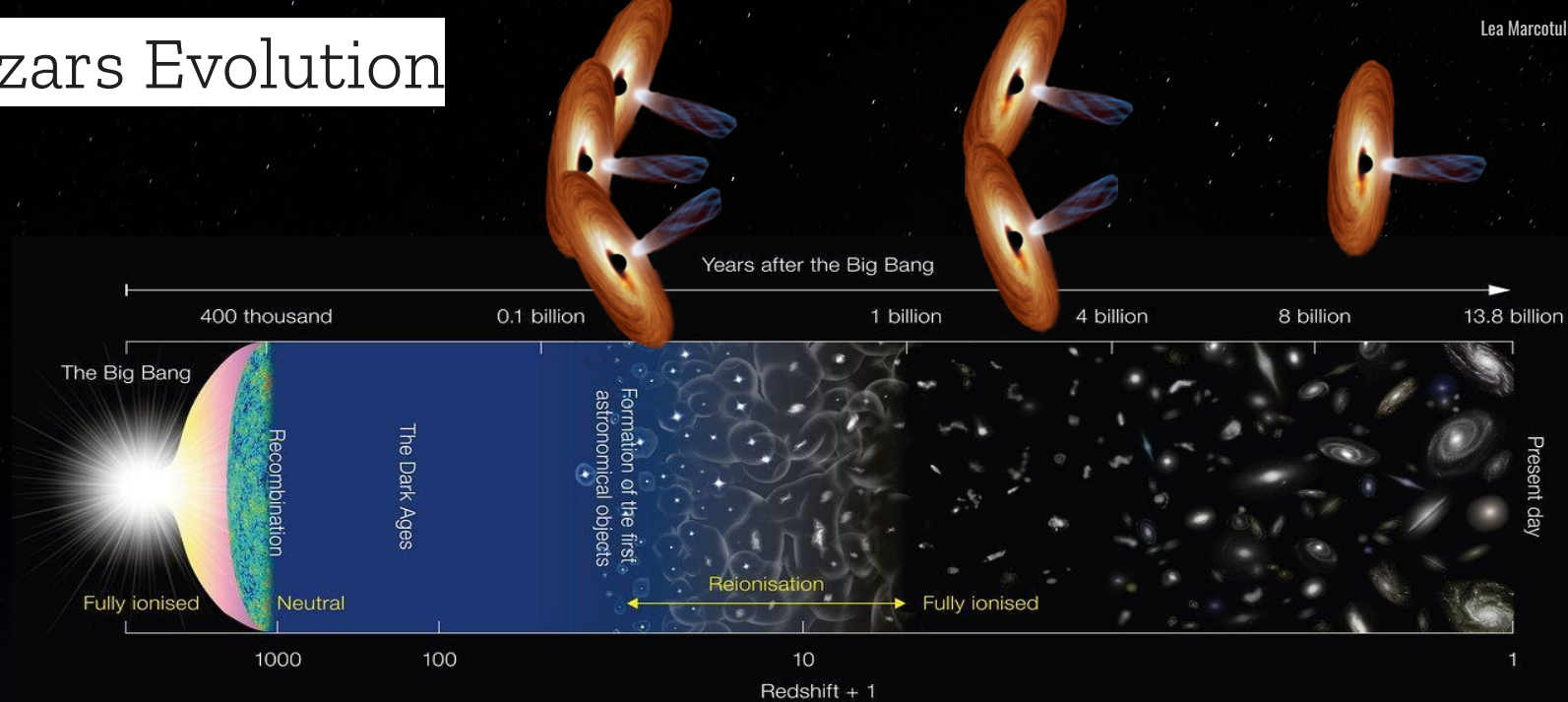
E.g. Sbarrato et al.  
2015; An & Romani  
2018; Marcotulli et al.  
2020



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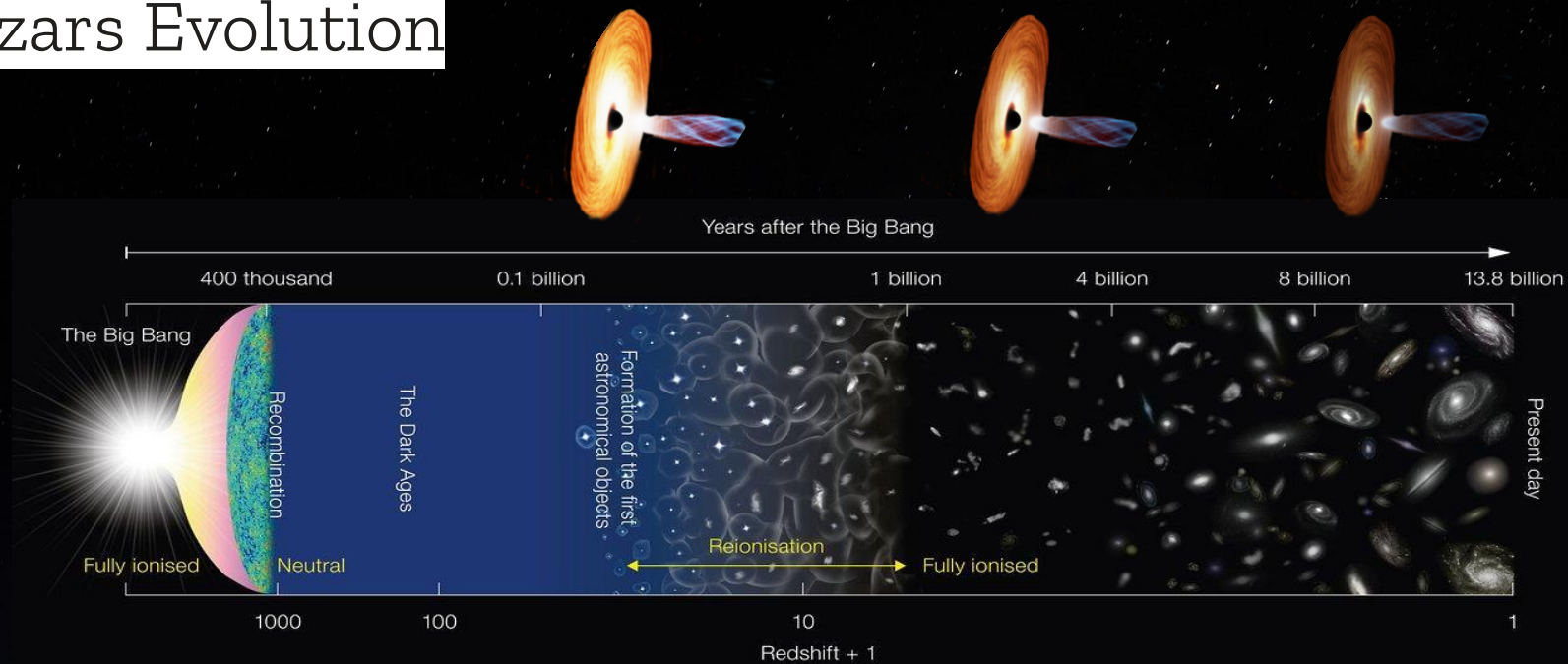


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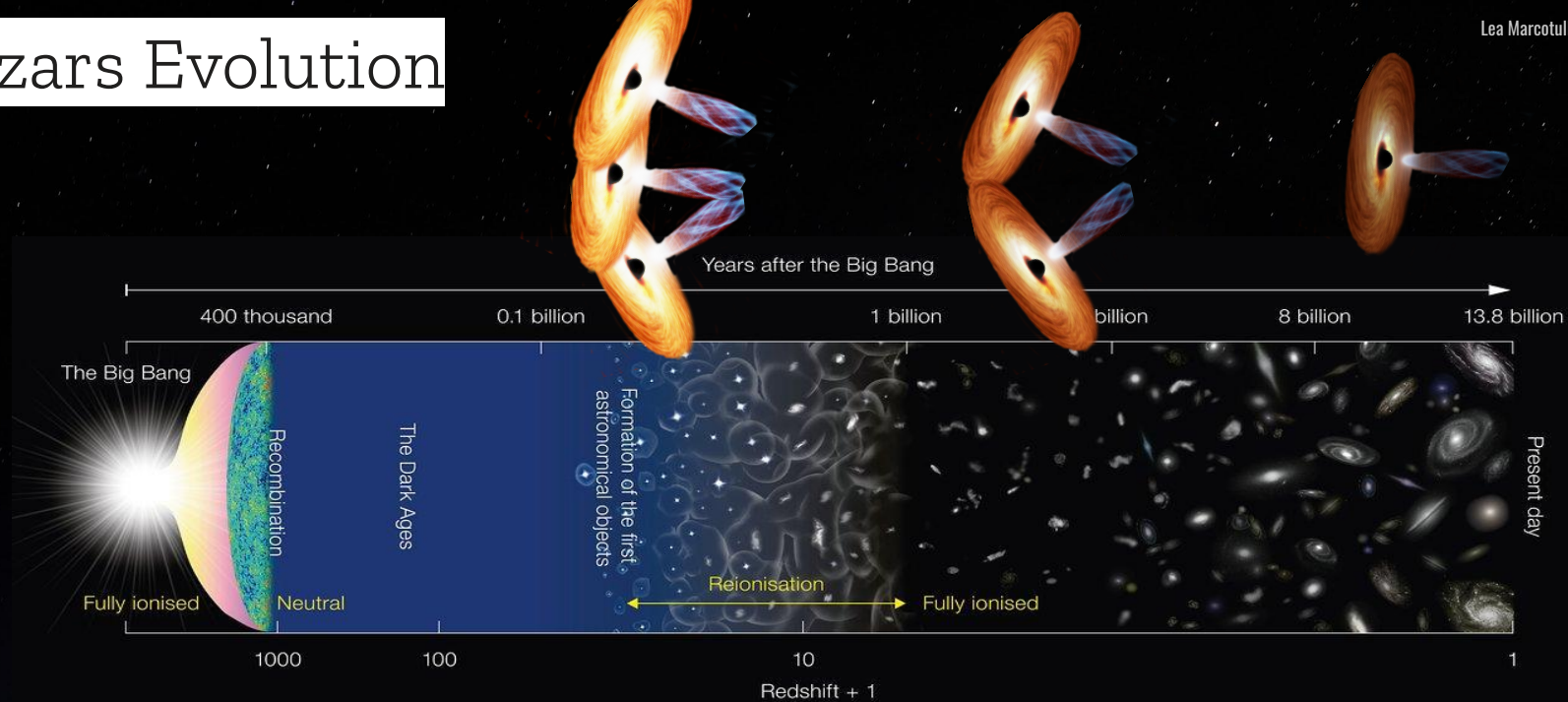
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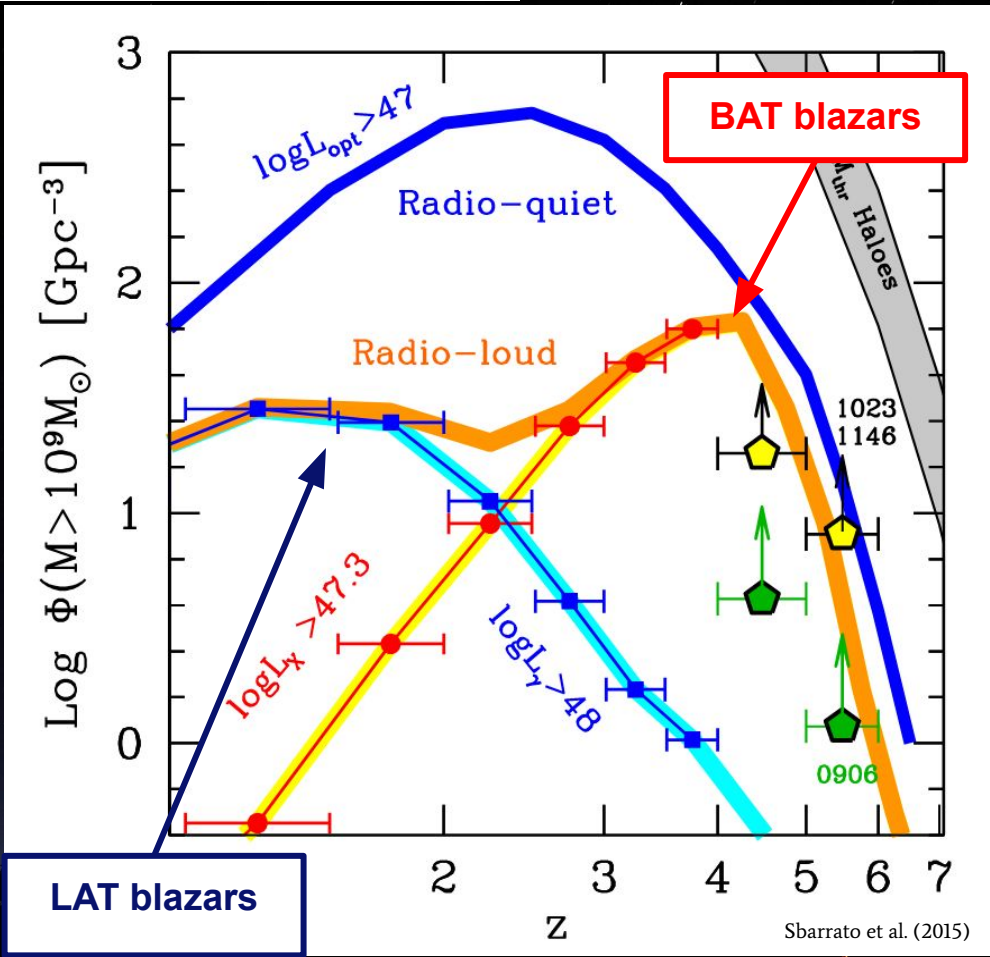
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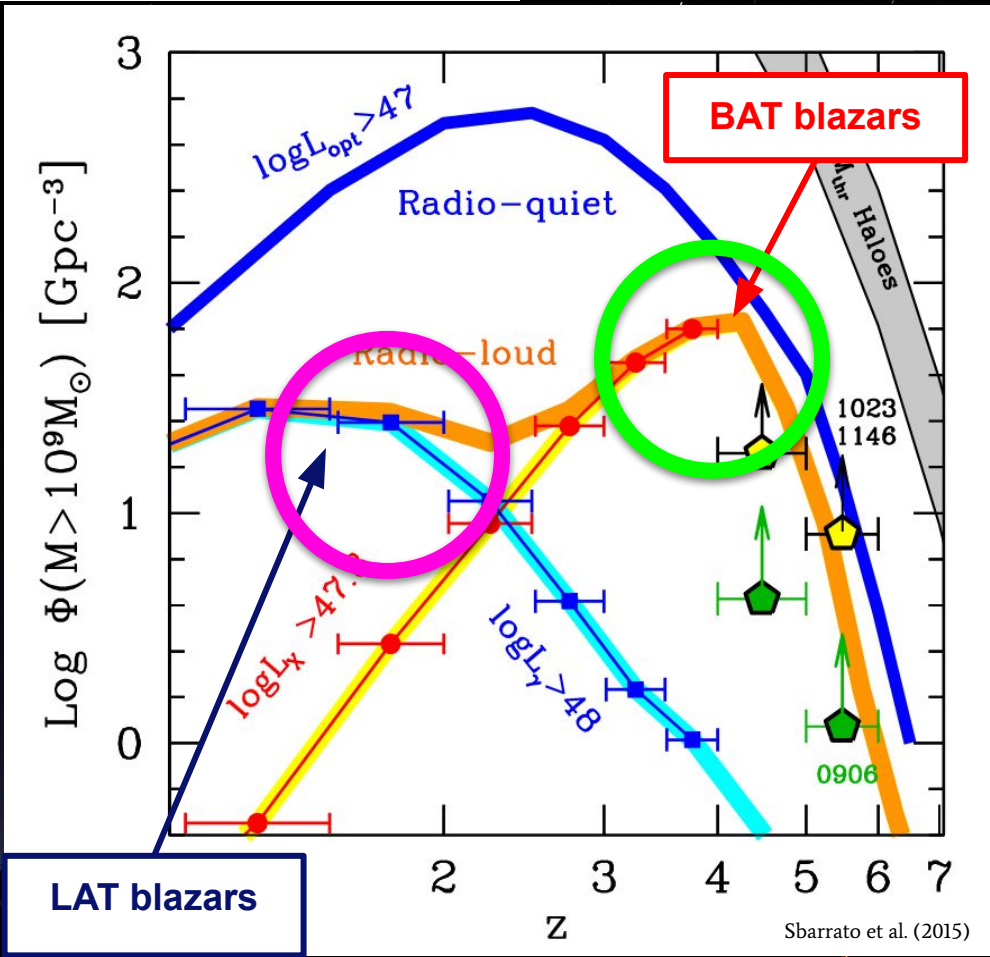
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**SMBH GROWTH**



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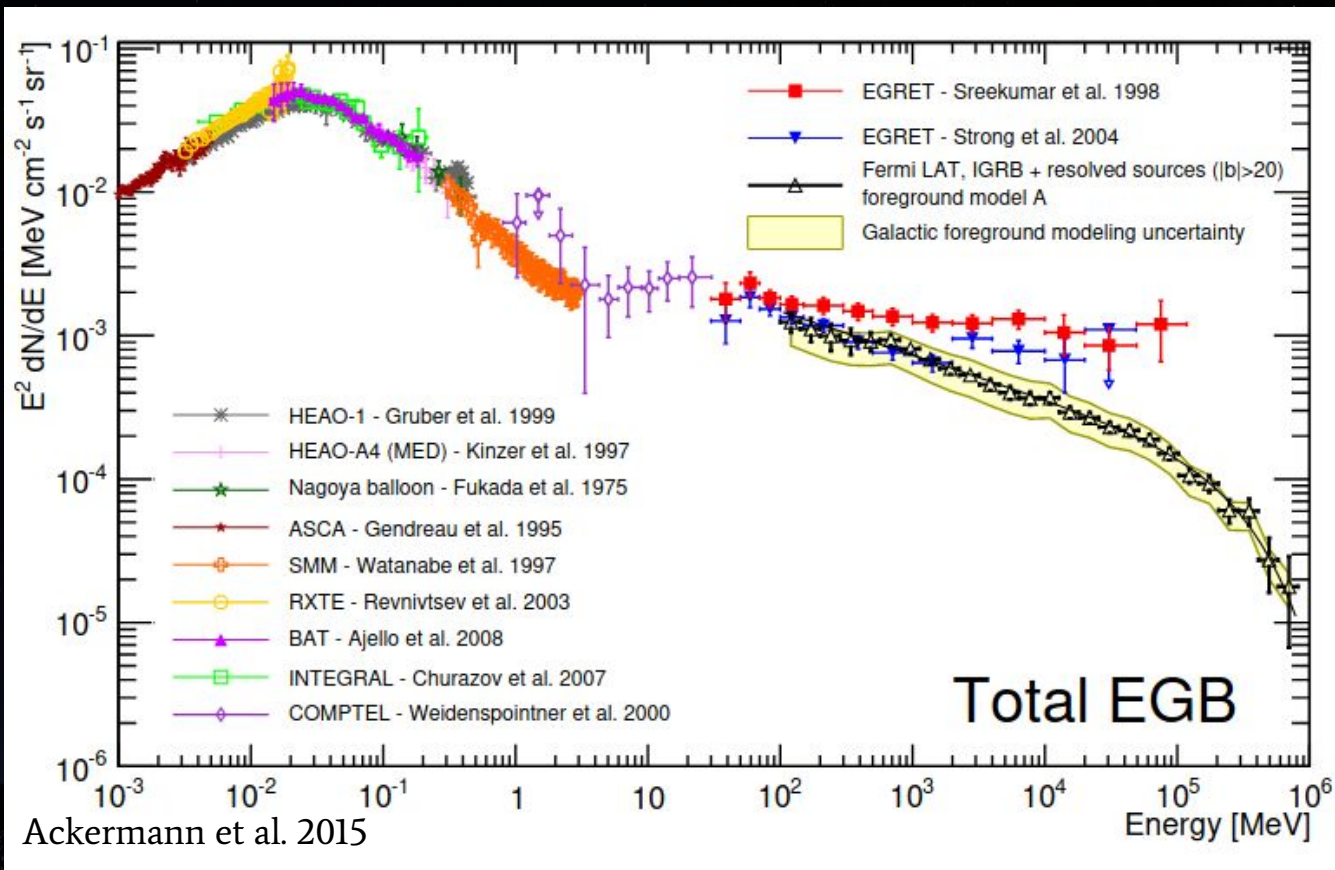


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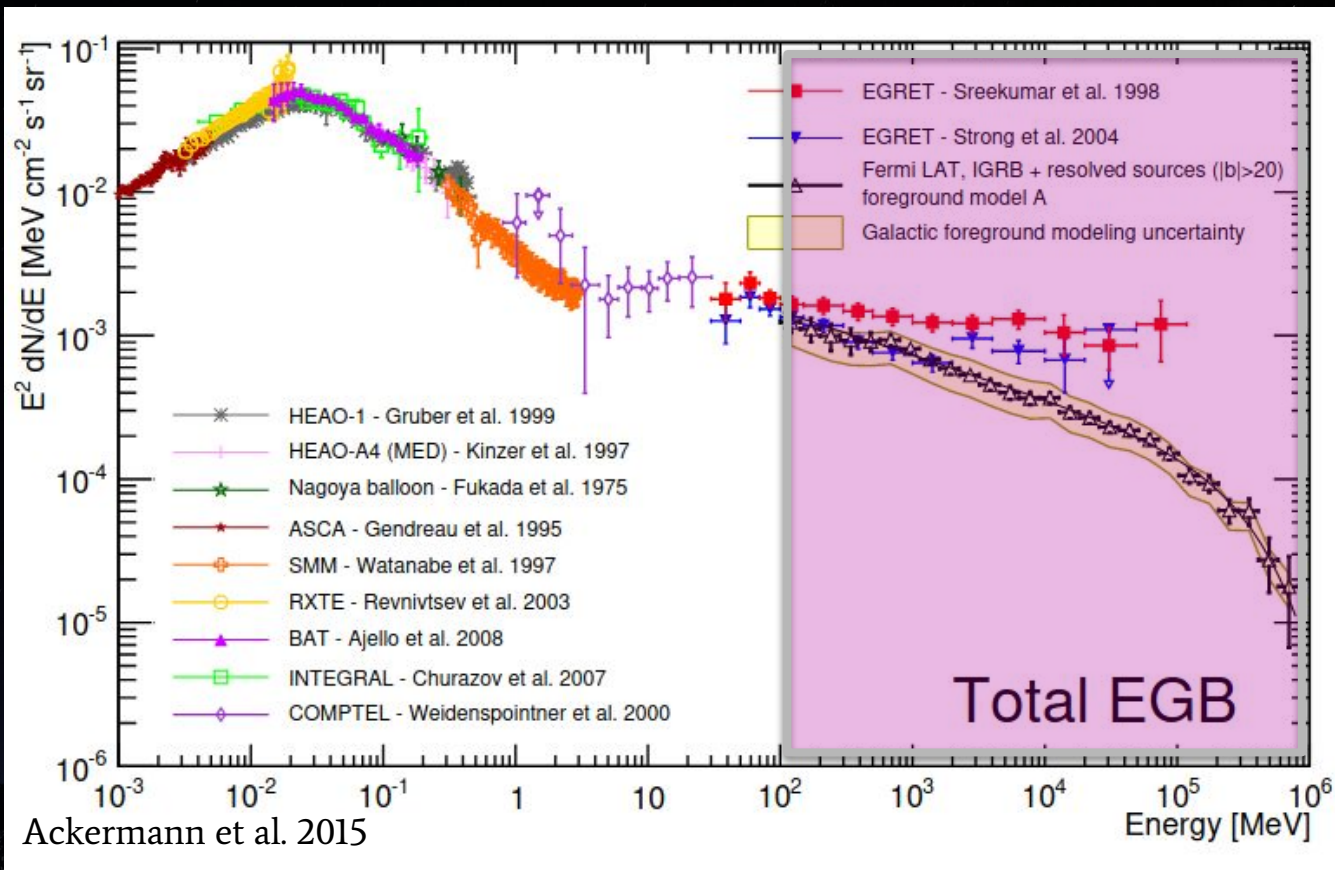
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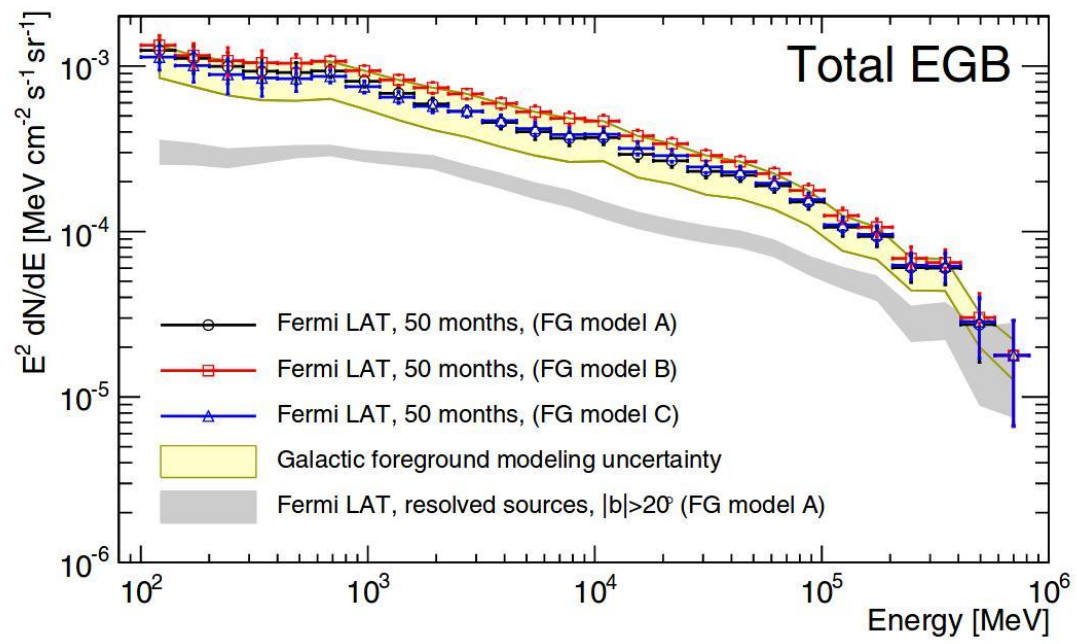
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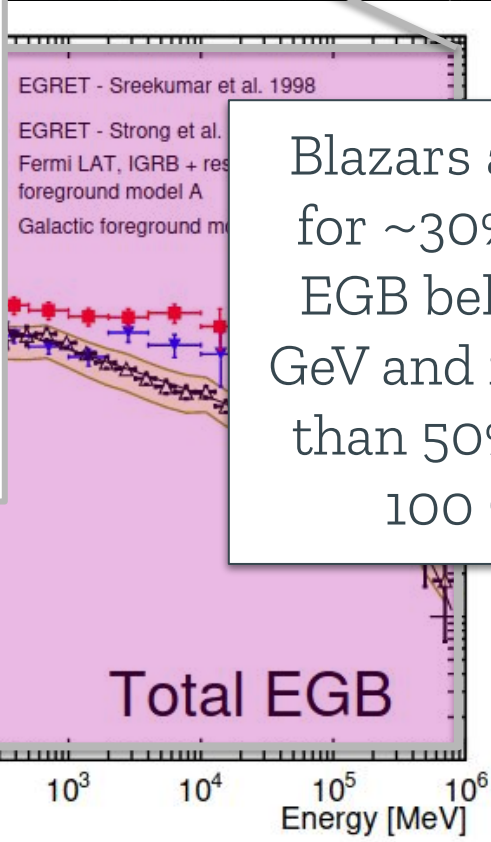


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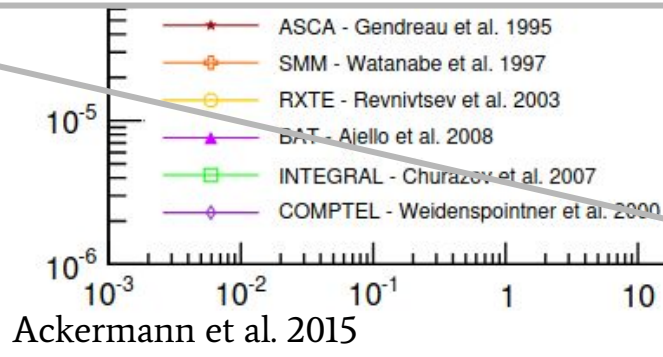




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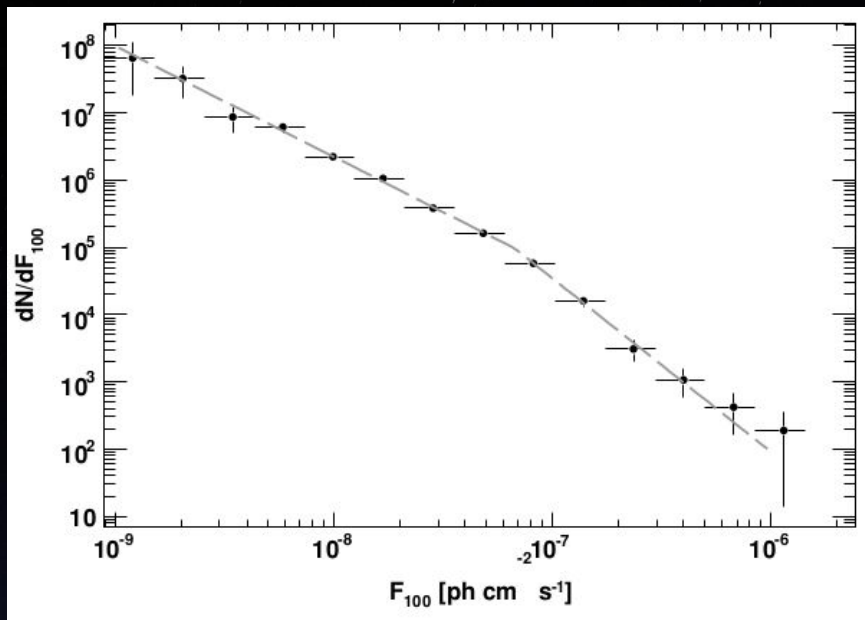
Blazars account for ~30% of the EGB below 100 GeV and for more than 50% above 100 GeV



Ackermann et al. 2015

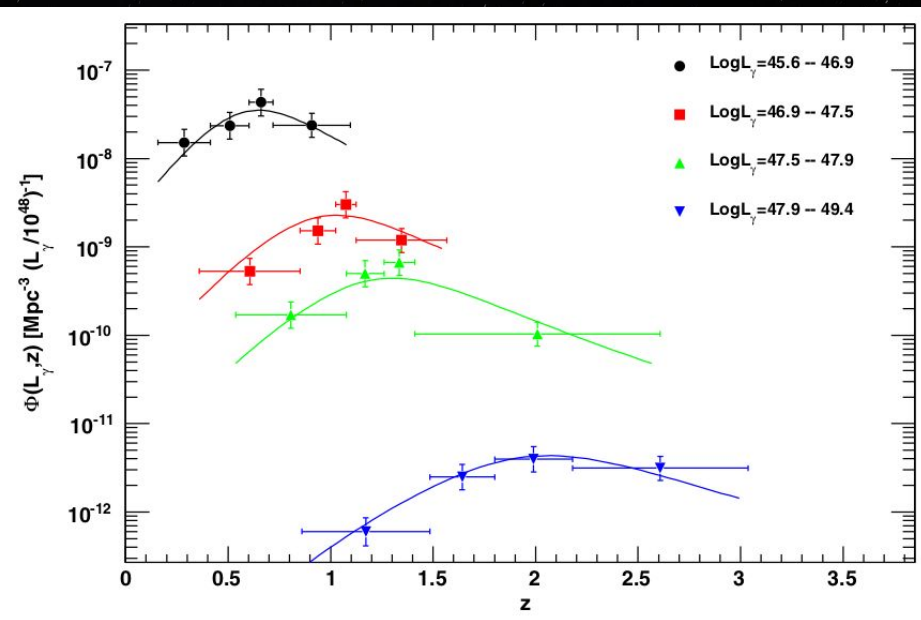
# The strategy

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Adbo et al. 2010

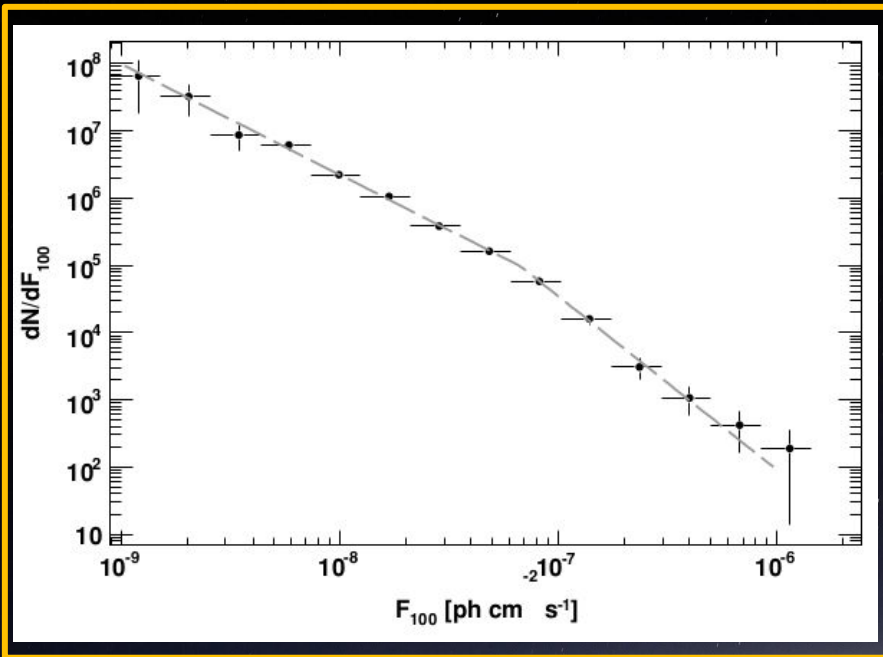
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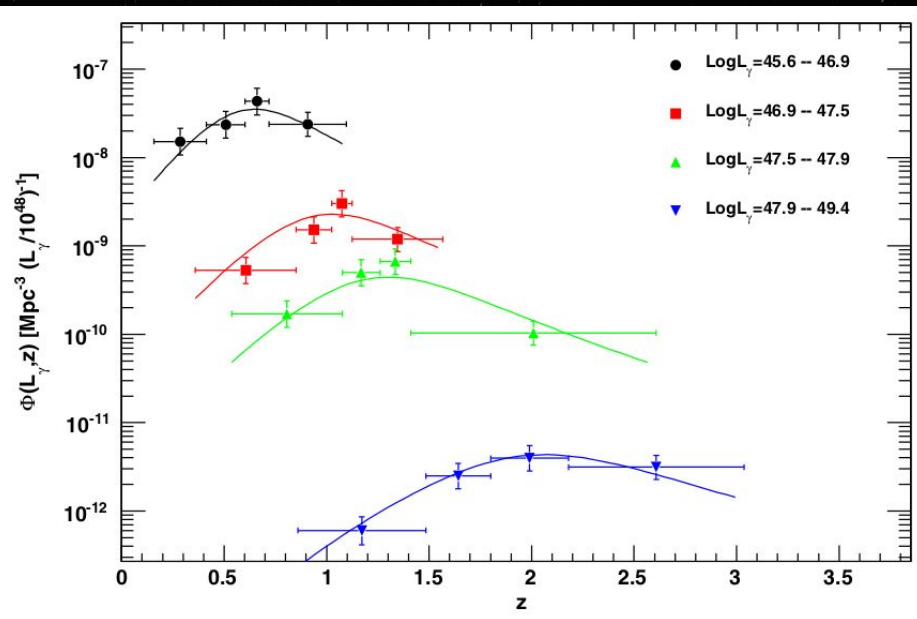
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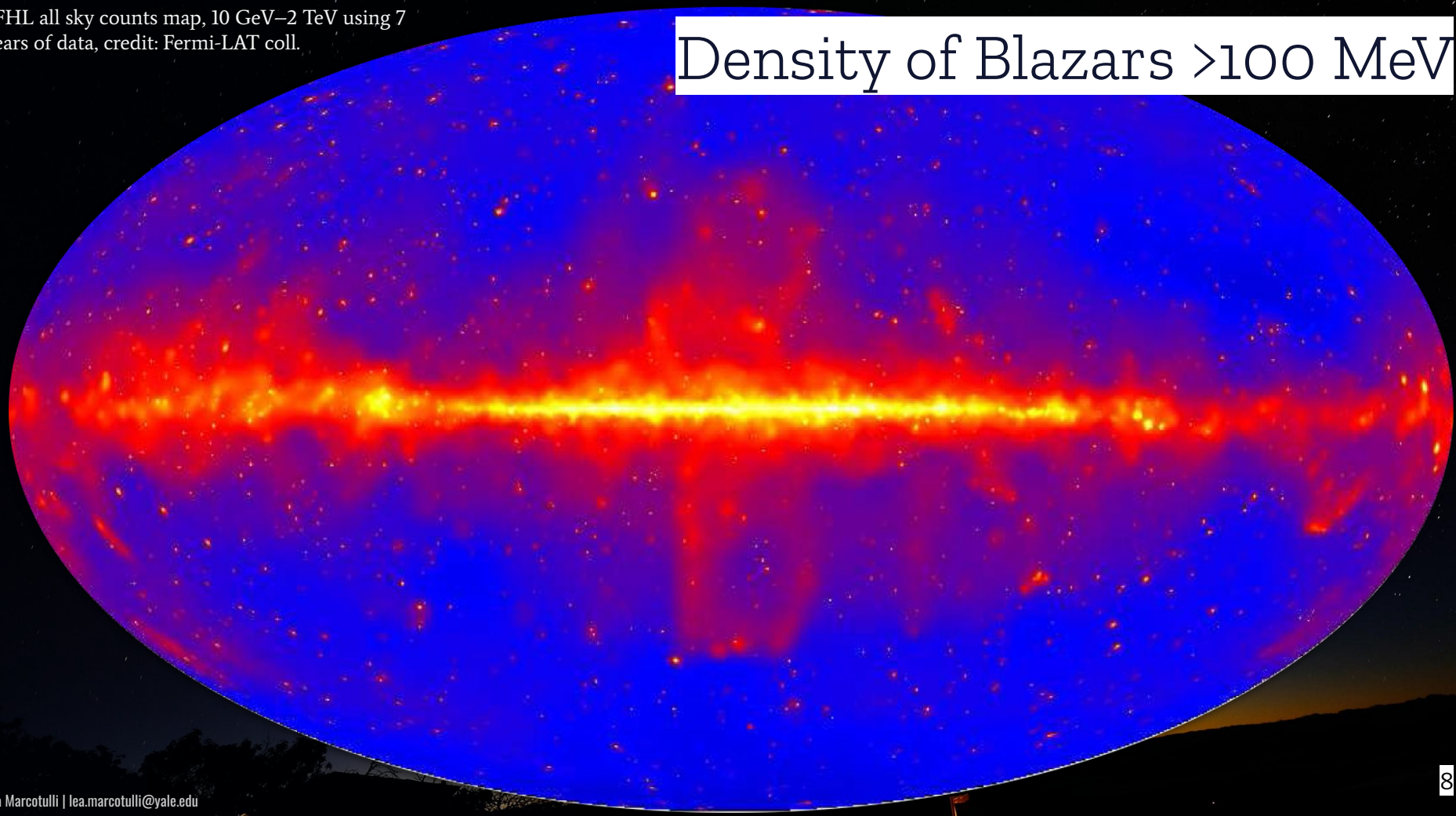
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3FHL all sky counts map, 10 GeV–2 TeV using 7 years of data, credit: Fermi-LAT coll.

# Density of Blazars $>100$ MeV



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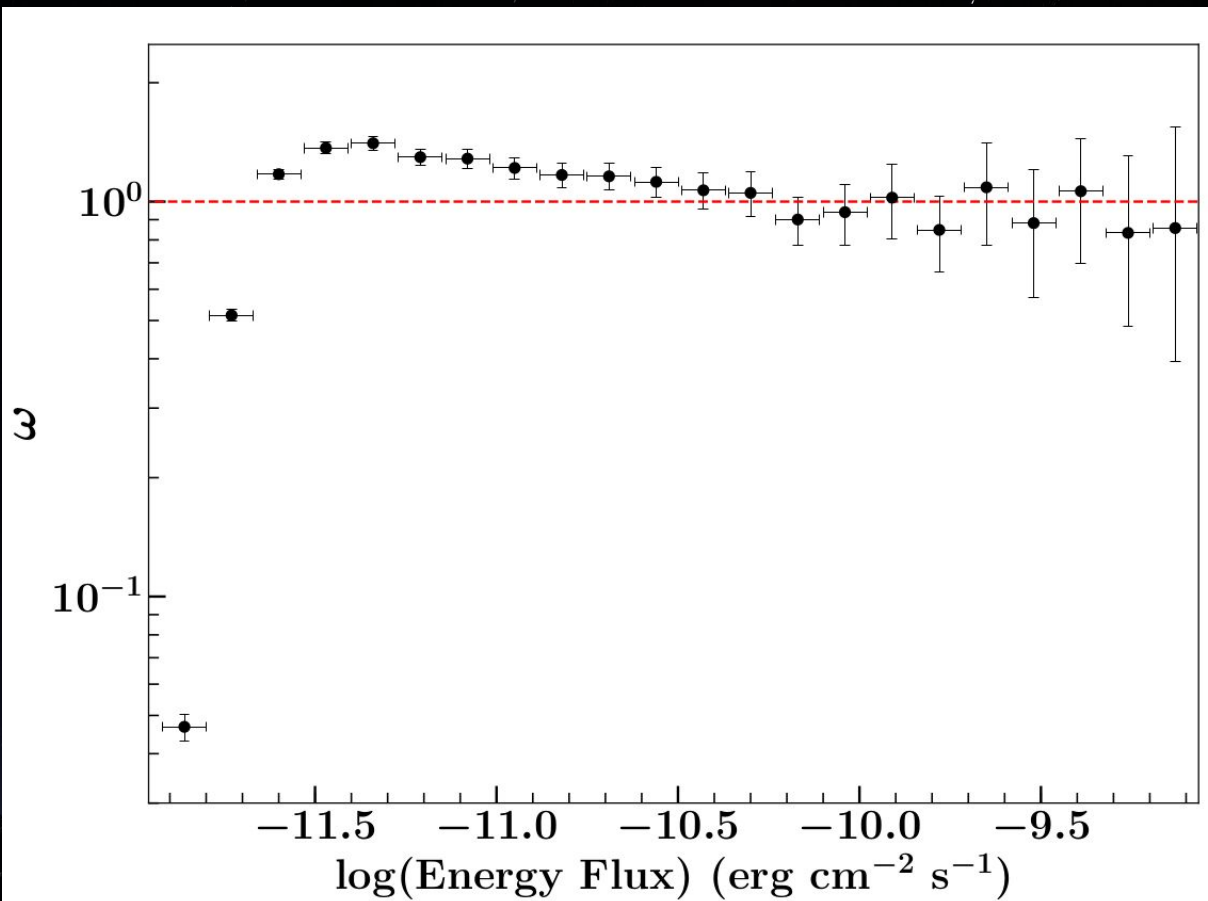
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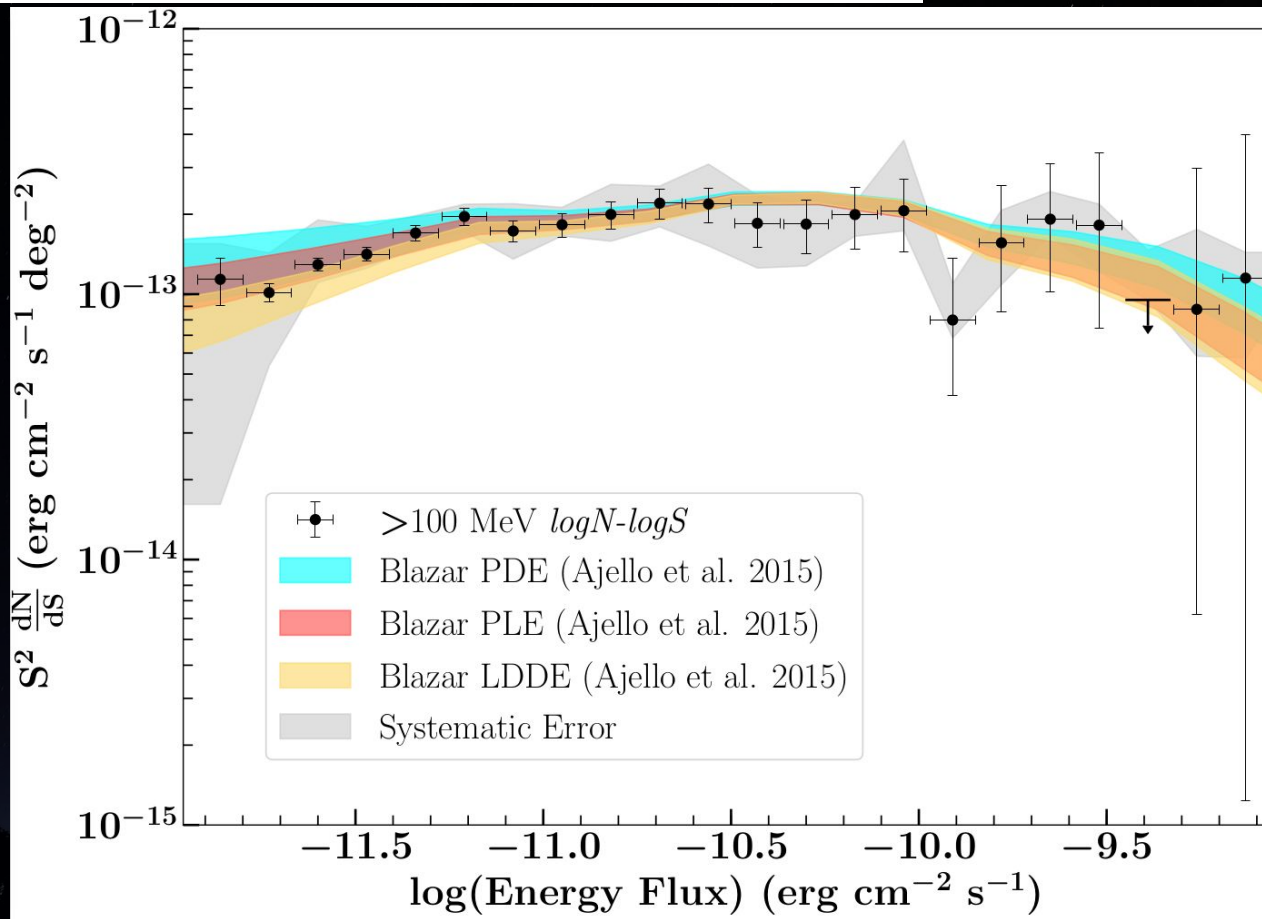
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**Derive the intrinsic source count  
distribution of the blazar  
population**

# Efficiency ( $\omega$ )



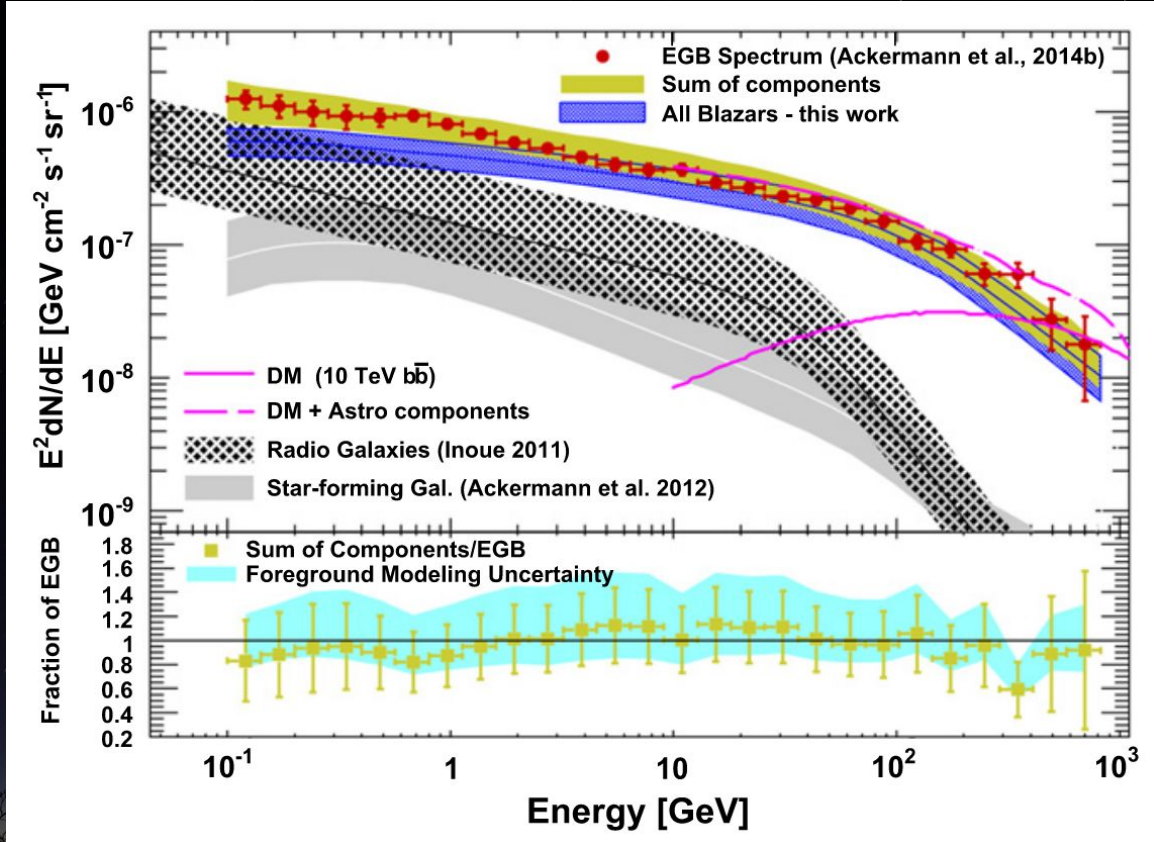
# Intrinsic source count distribution



# Origin of the EGB

$$I_{\text{EGB}} = 5.6_{-0.4}^{+0.9} \times 10^{-6} \text{ (cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}\text{)}$$

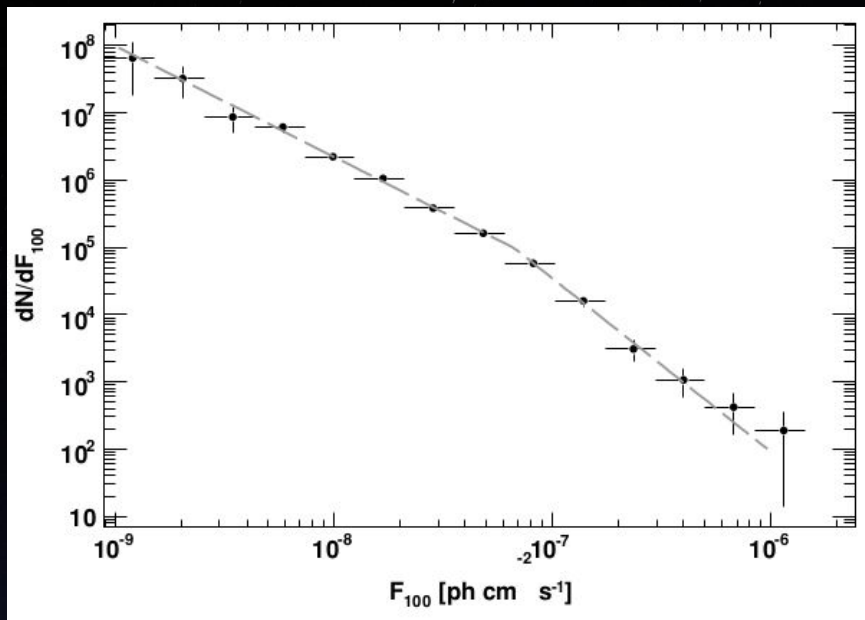
→ Point-sources (i.e. blazars) account for  $\sim 50_{-5}^{+10}\%$  of the total EGB



Ajello et al. 2015; Di Mauro et al. 2015

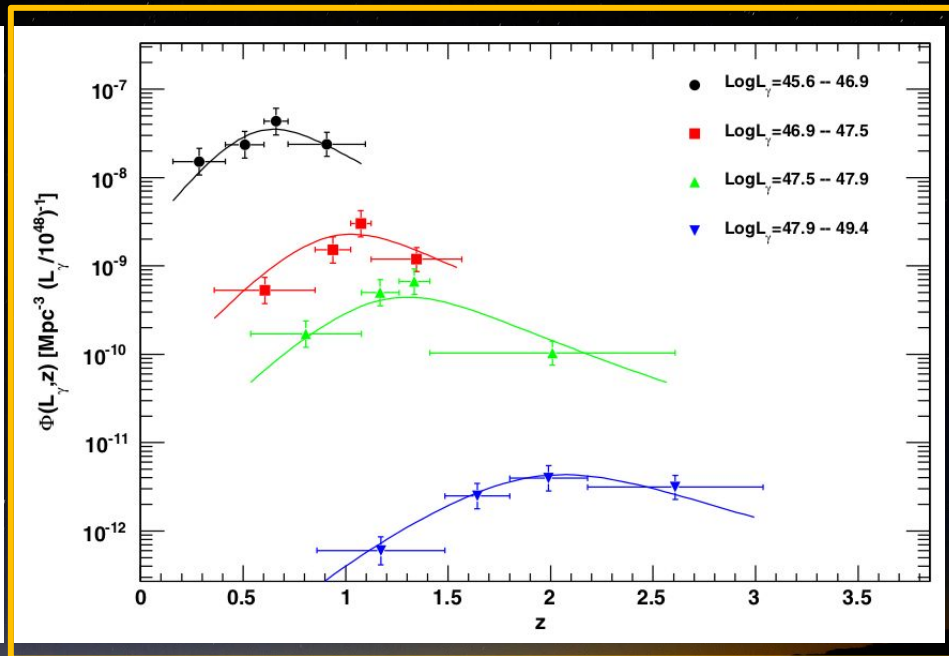
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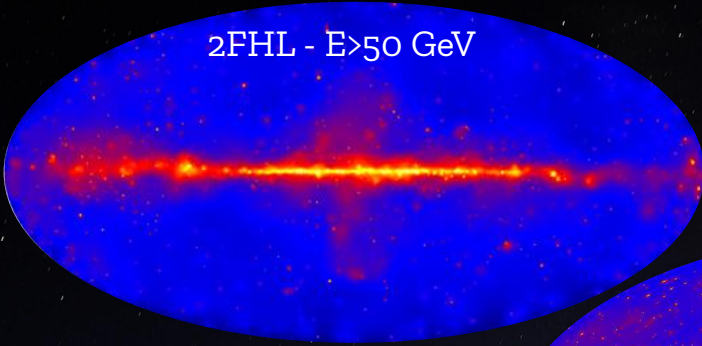


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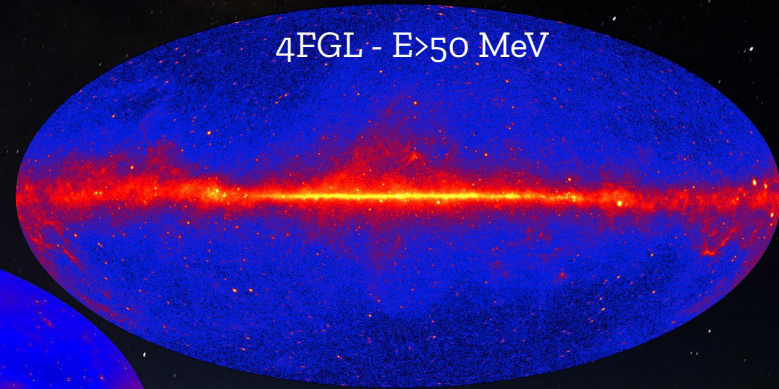


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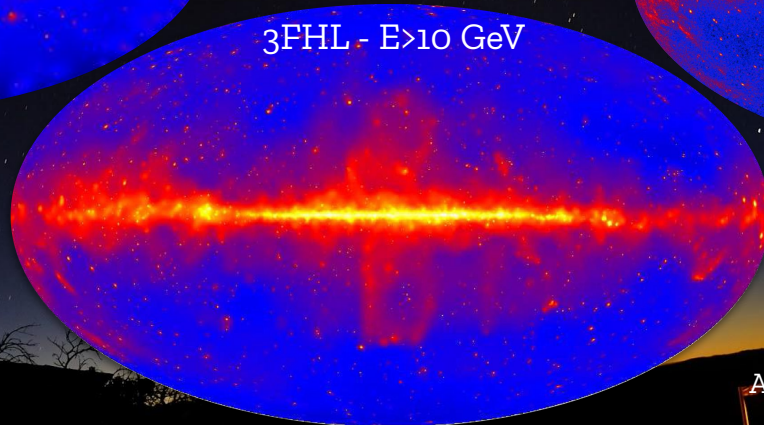
2FHL -  $E > 50$  GeV



4FGL -  $E > 50$  MeV



3FHL -  $E > 10$  GeV



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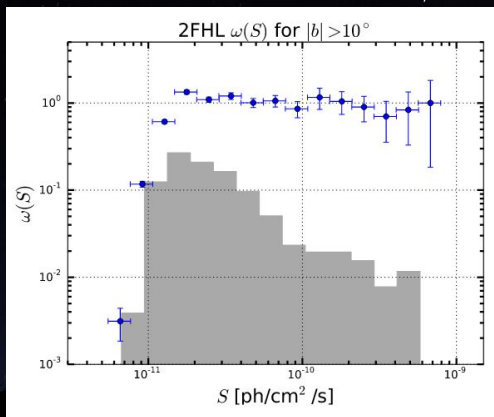


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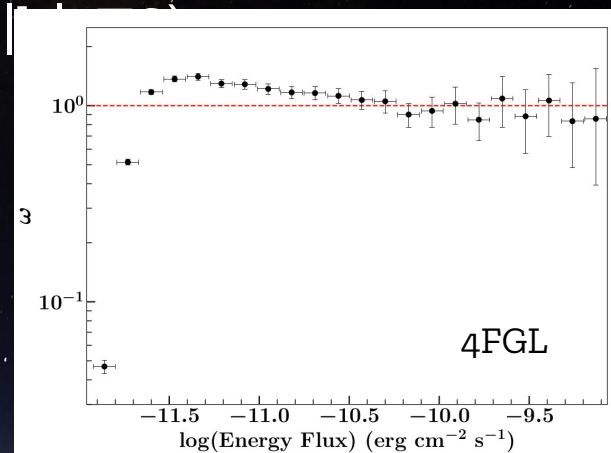
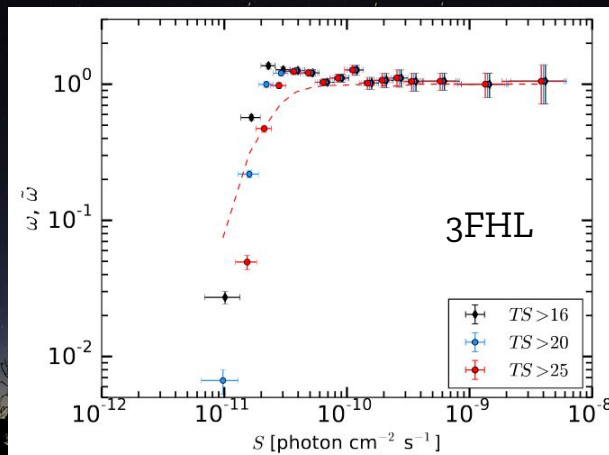
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Di Mauro et al. 2021

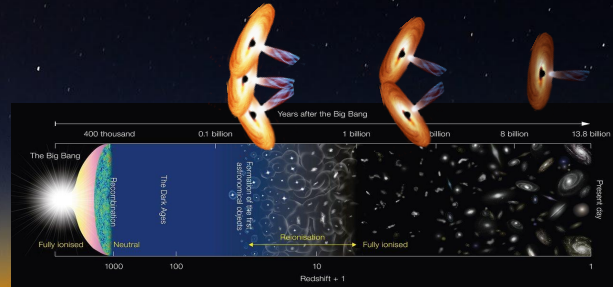
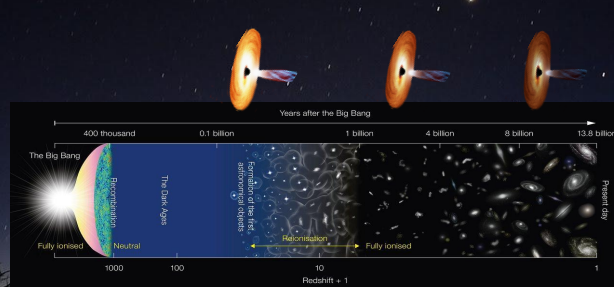
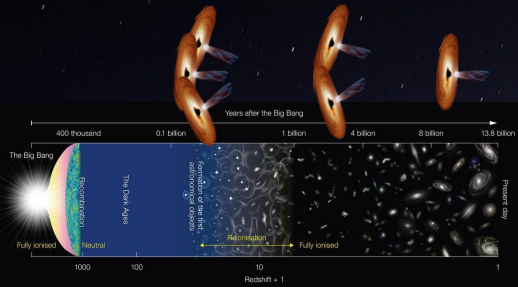


Marcotulli et al. 2020

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4. Luminosity function models (Ajello et al. 2009/2012/2014)



# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- ★ New analysis characterizes the logN-logS to a **factor of 10 lower fluxes** !
- ★ The Pure Density Evolution model is the preferred evolution model.
- ★ This implies that point-sources (i.e. blazars) account up to 60% of the total EGB (Marcotulli et al. 2020).

## What's next

- ★ Derive  $\gamma$ -ray luminosity function of blazars (Bl Lacs and FSRQs) using all available datasets and constraints (i.e. 3 or more LAT catalogs,  $\gamma$ -ray anisotropies, BAT sample etc.)



A night sky filled with stars, with a dark silhouette of a landscape at the bottom. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a dark orange near the horizon. The text 'EXTRA SLIDES' is centered in a white box.

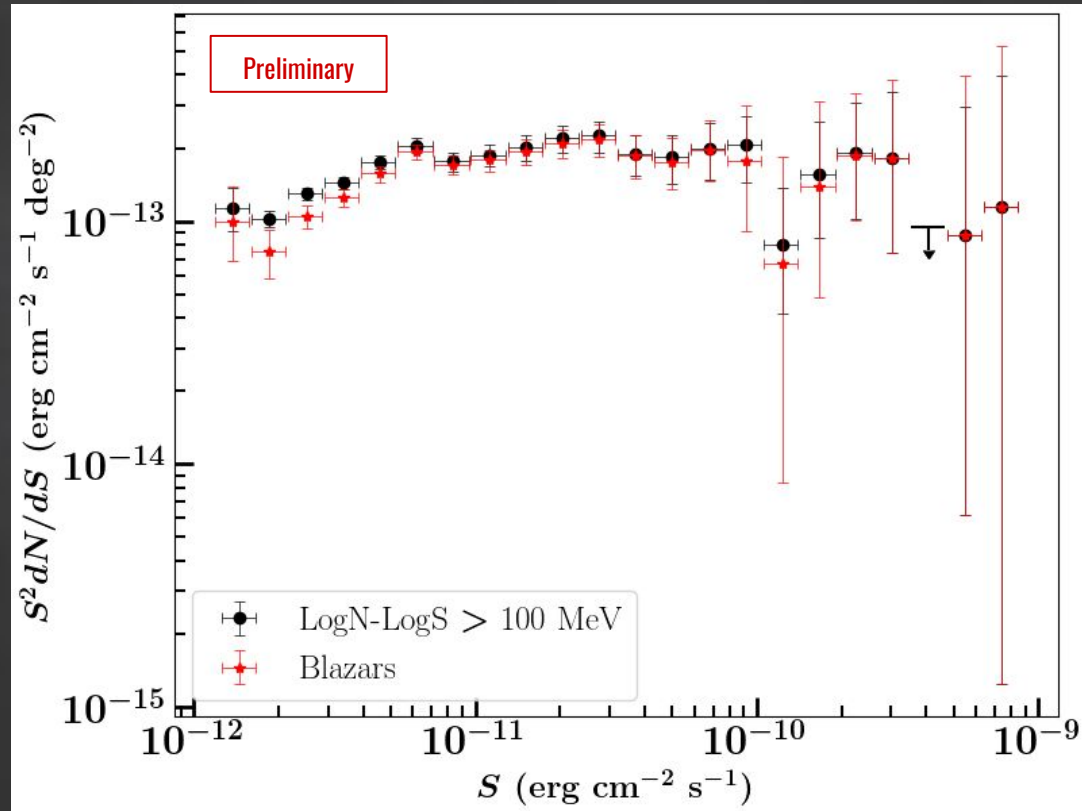
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# LAT data analysis

Data Set	Pass 8 (P305)
Event Class	SOURCE
Energy Range	100 MeV - 1 TeV
Time interval	2008 August 4 UT. 15:43:36.00 to 2016 August 2 UT. 05:44:11.99
ROI size	15°
IRF	P8R3 SOURCE V2
Diffuse Emission	Galdiff = 'gll_iem_v06_extended.fits' Isodiff = 'iso_P8R2_SOURCE_V6_v06_ext.txt'
Catalog/s	NONE

- PSF and zenith angle selection following FL8Y recommendations
- Iterative detection procedure: from the brightest to the faintest
- **Test for curvature:** bright sources fitted with both Power Law and Log Parabola spectra and, if significantly curved ( $TS_{\text{CURV}} > 16$ ), kept as Log Parabola

# Blazars contribution



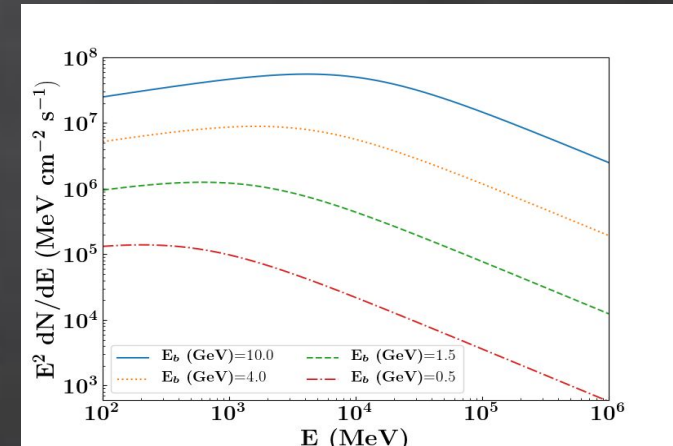
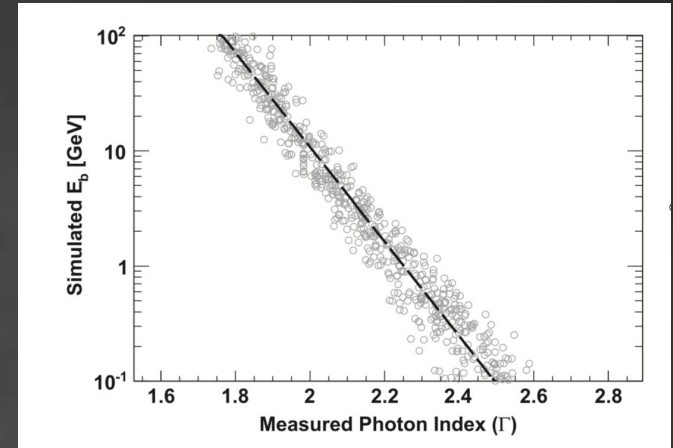


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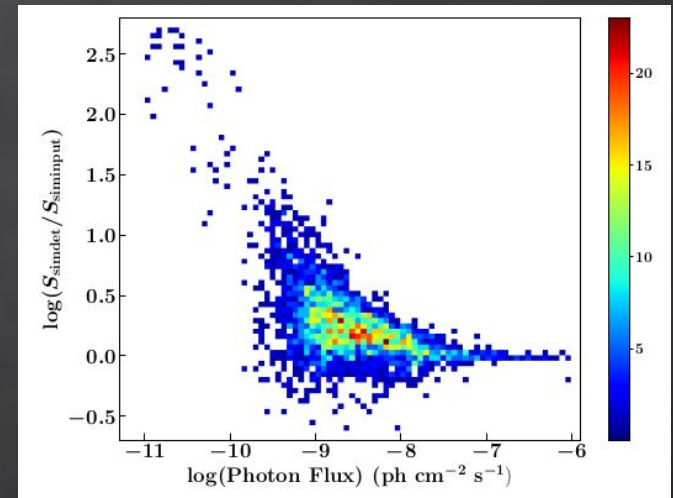
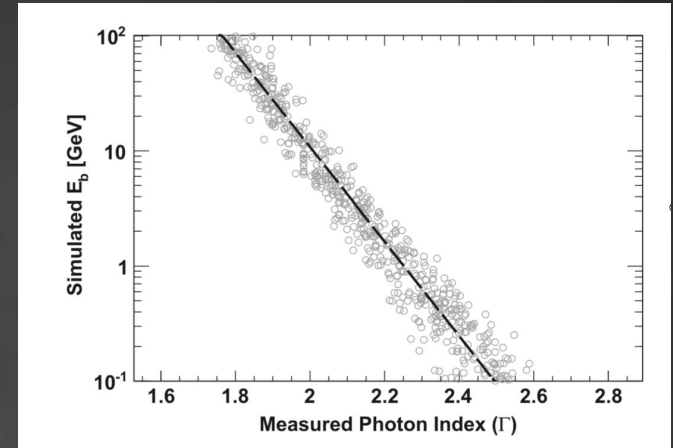


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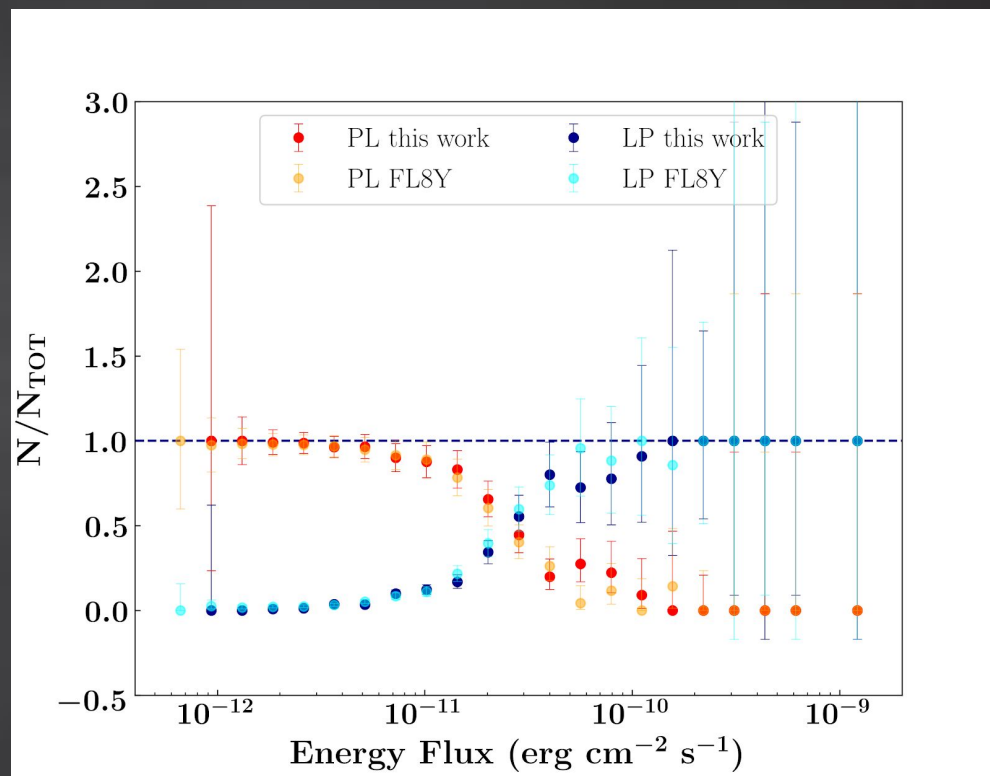
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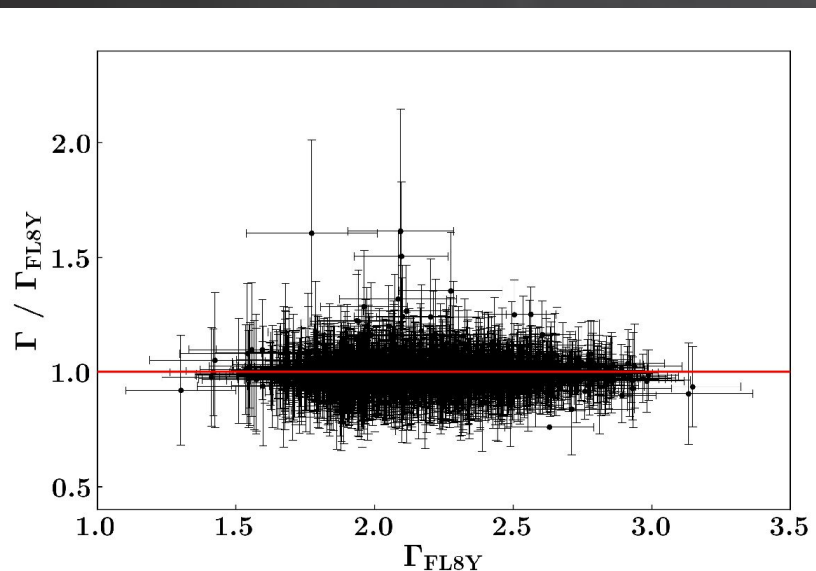
	This work	FL8Y
Total # sources $ b  > 20$	2680	2930
Power Law	2410	2638
Log Parabola	270	248

- Positional matches with 95% positional error: 2443



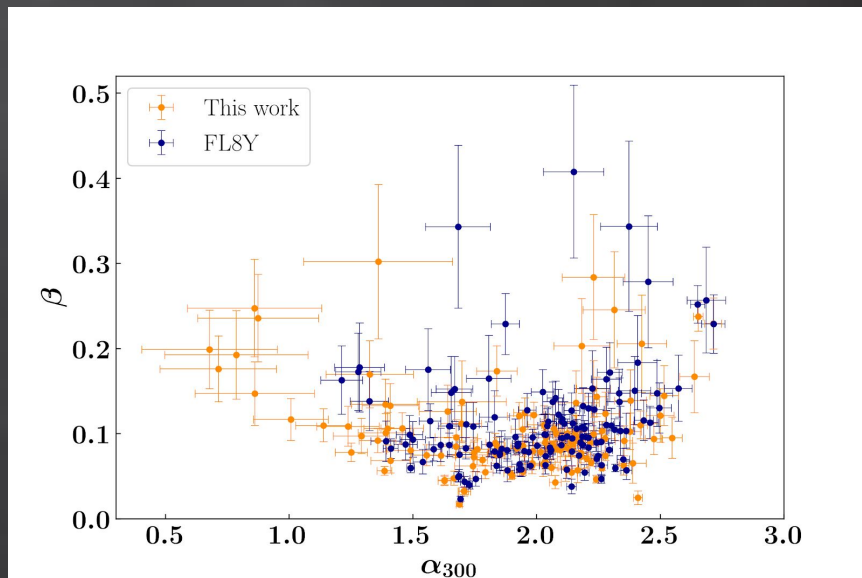
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Index comparison of matching Power Law sources, listed as blazars in FL8Y



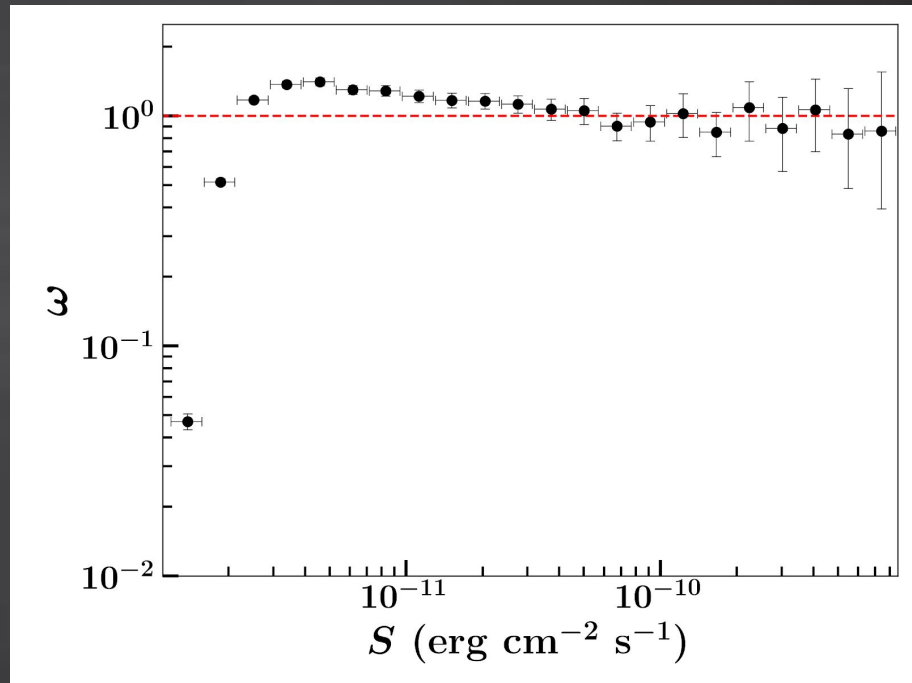
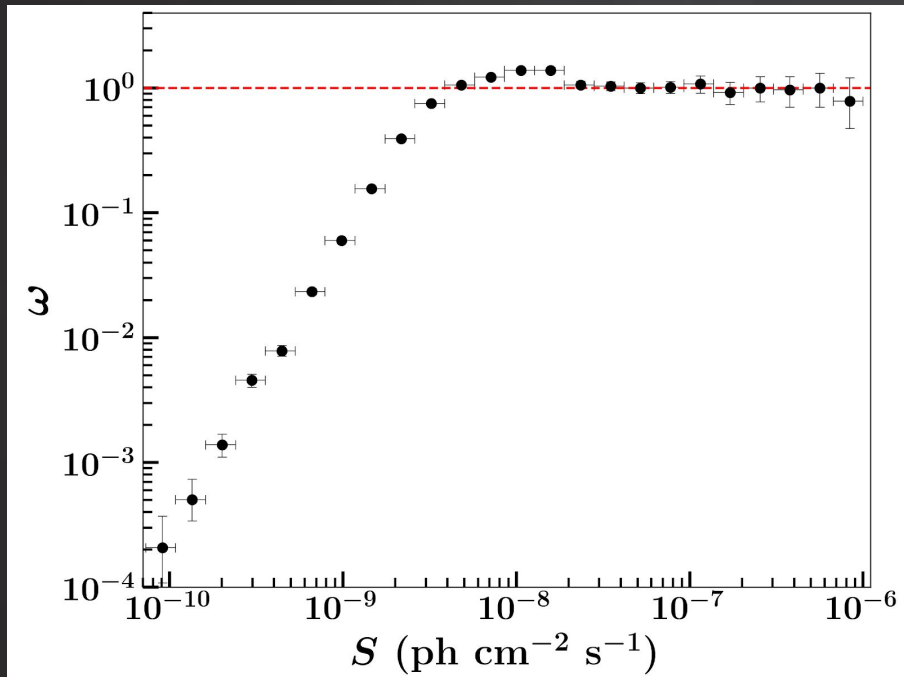
Index and beta comparison of matching Log Parabola sources, listed as blazars in FL8Y

Marcotulli et al. , 2020

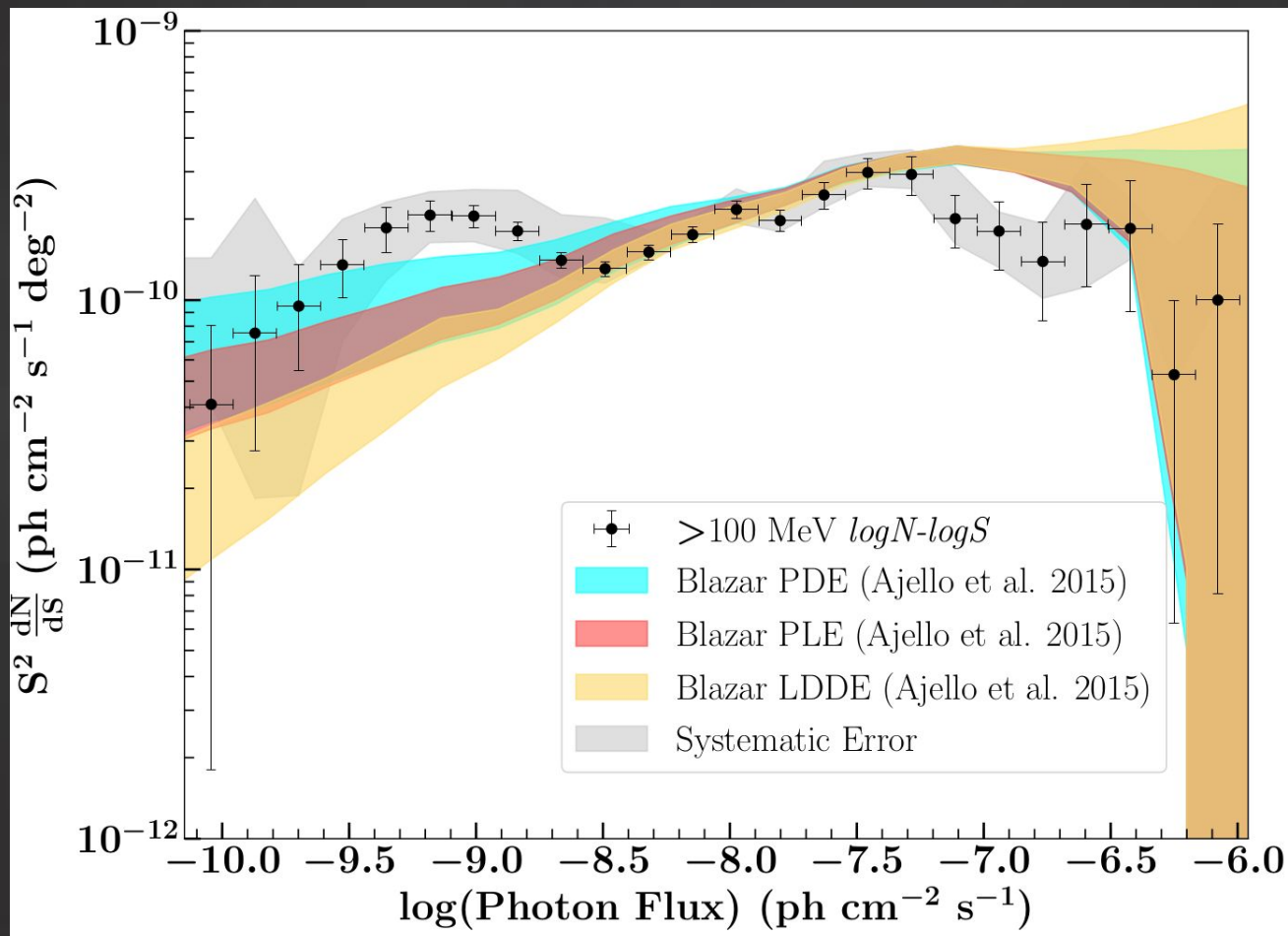


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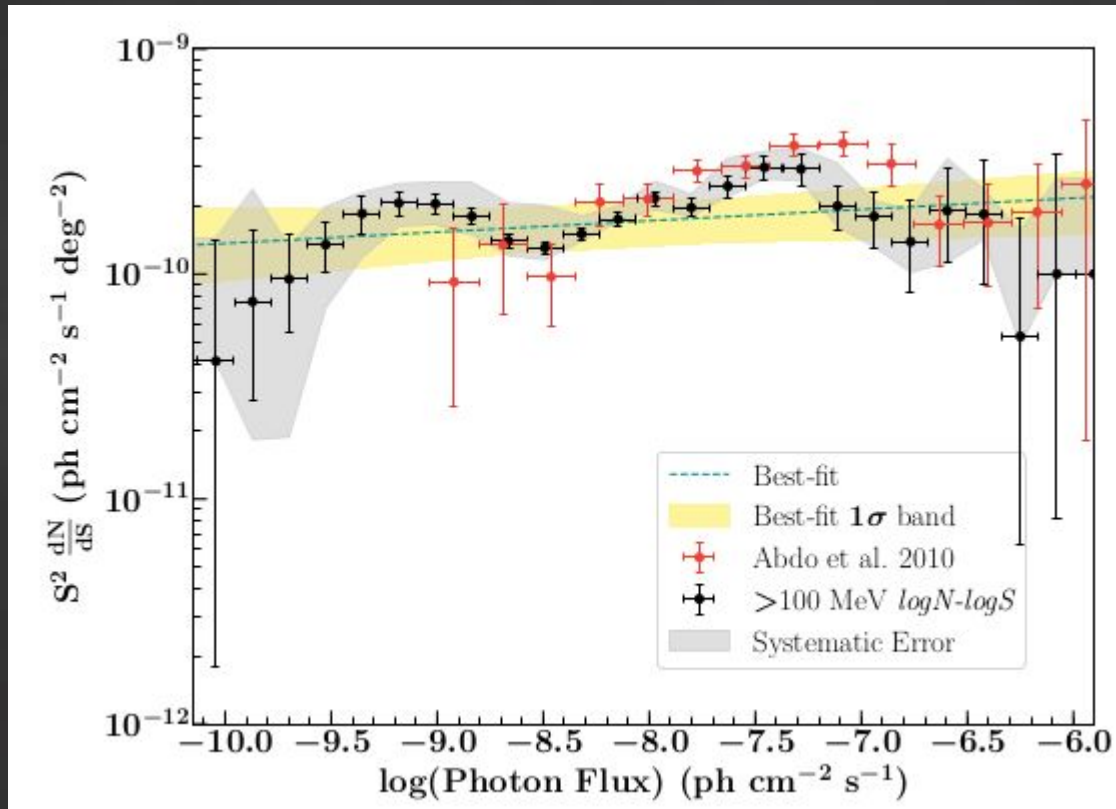
$$\omega = \frac{N_{SIM\ DET}}{N_{SIMULATED}}$$



# INTRINSIC SOURCE COUNT DISTRIBUTION



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# Average SED

