

# Il lato **violento** dell'Universo

*L'astrofisica dei raggi gamma dallo spazio*

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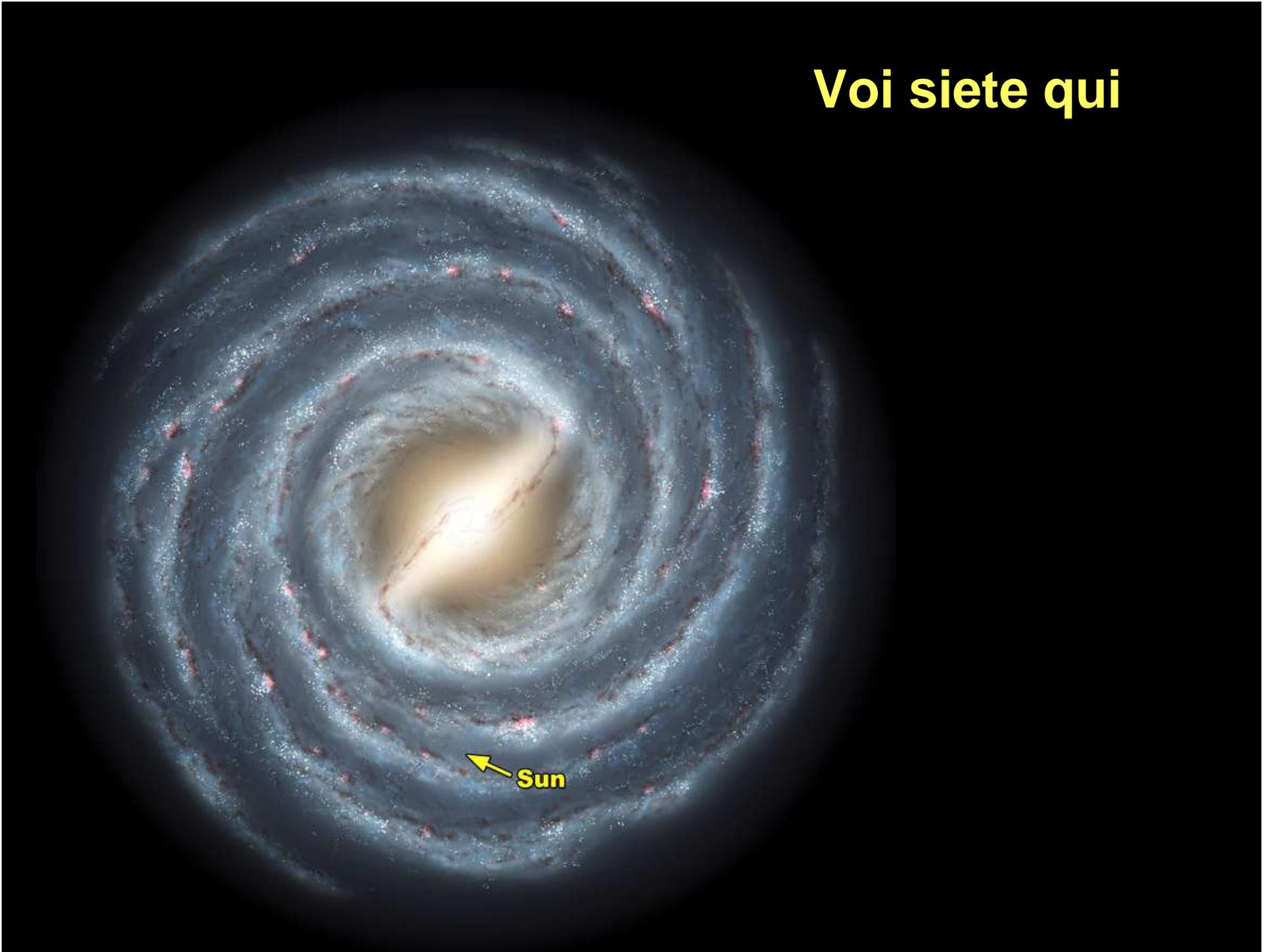
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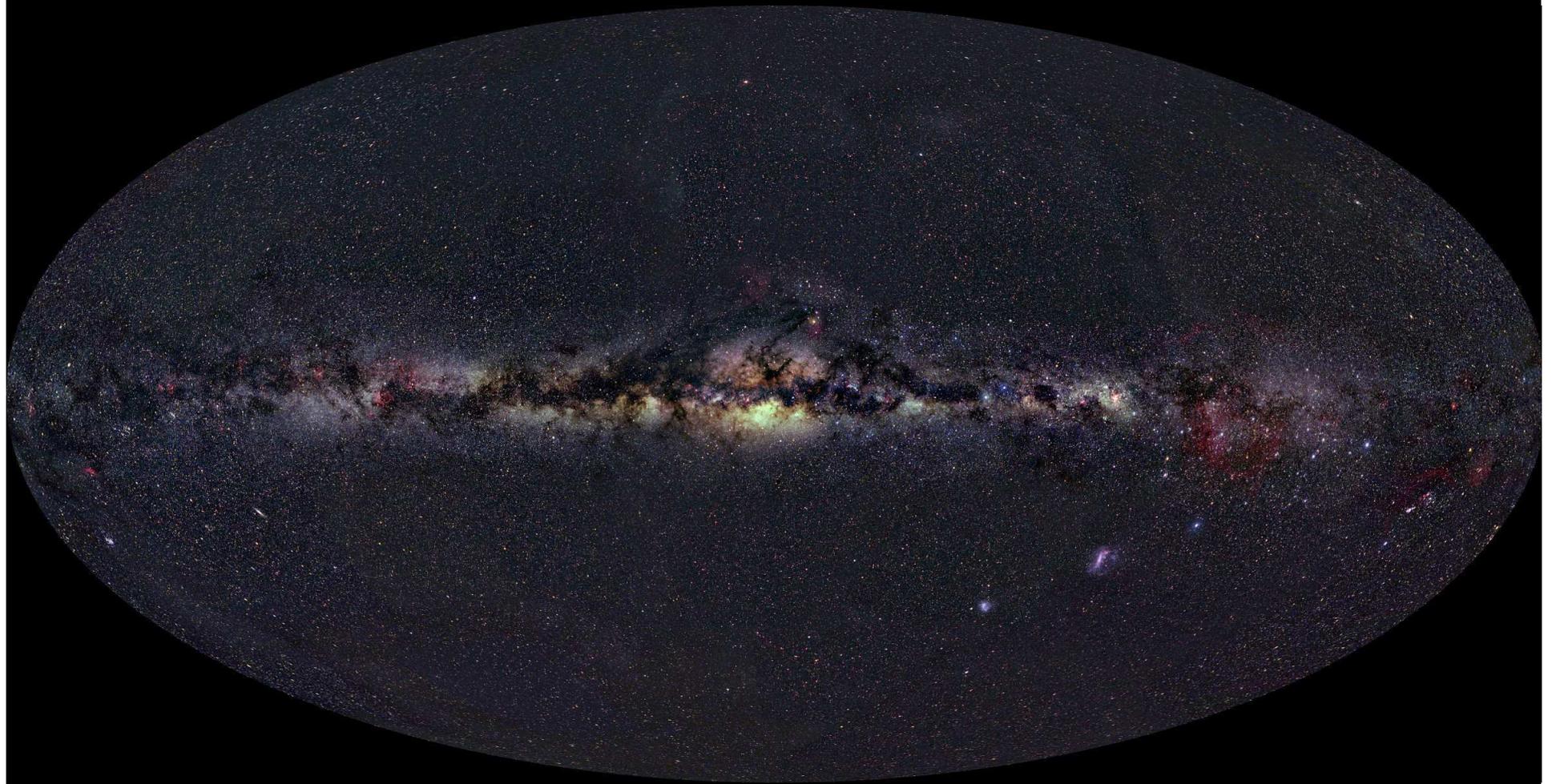


**Astronomy Picture of the Day (2012 August 1)**

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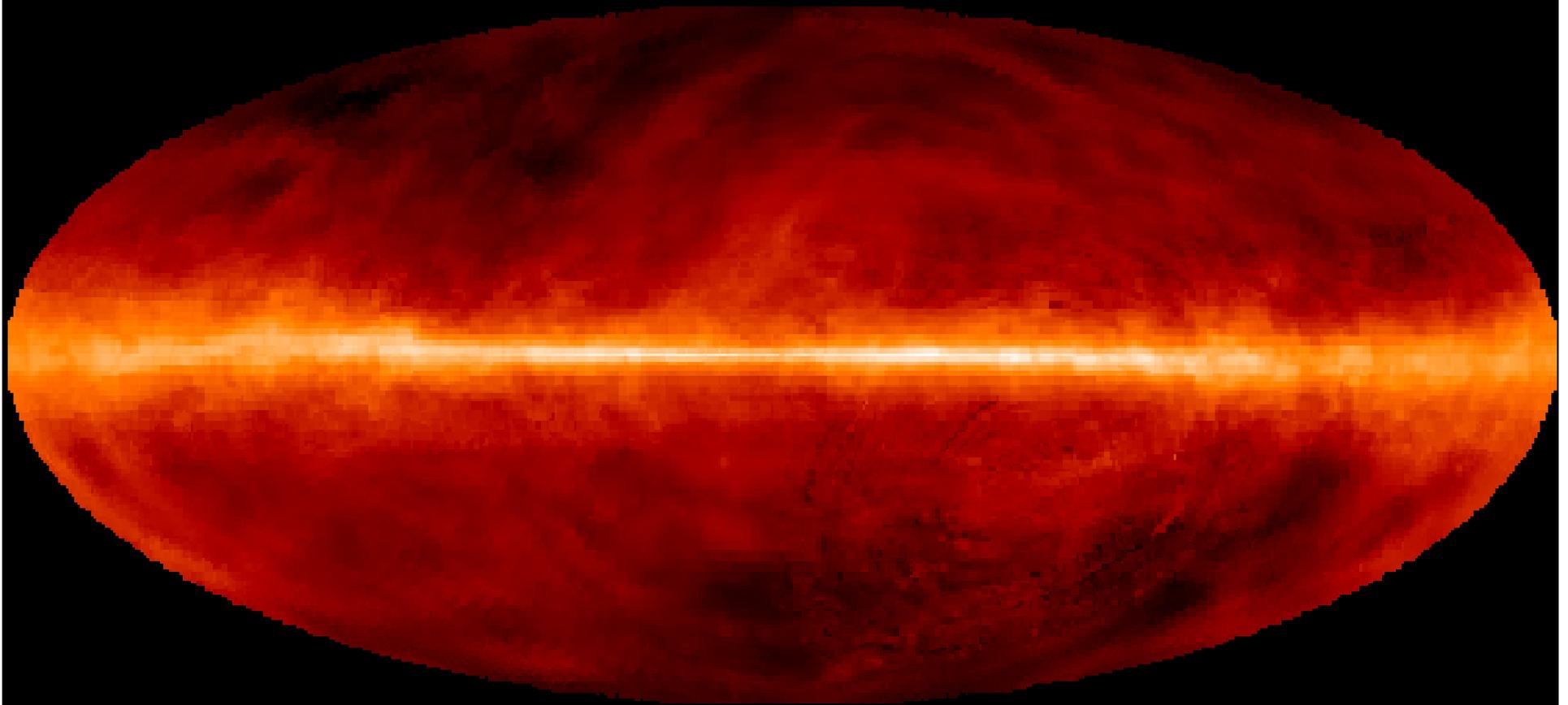


# La Via Lattea



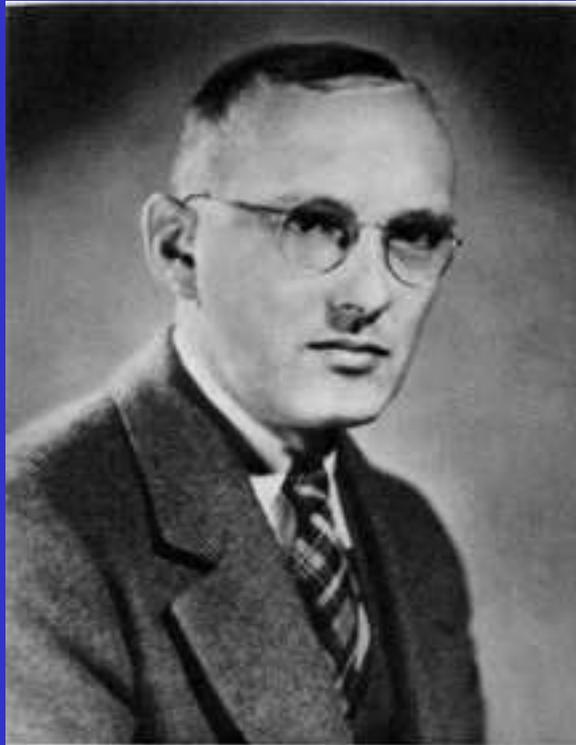
Credits: NASA/APOD

# La Via Lattea “alla radio”



# Onde radio dal cielo

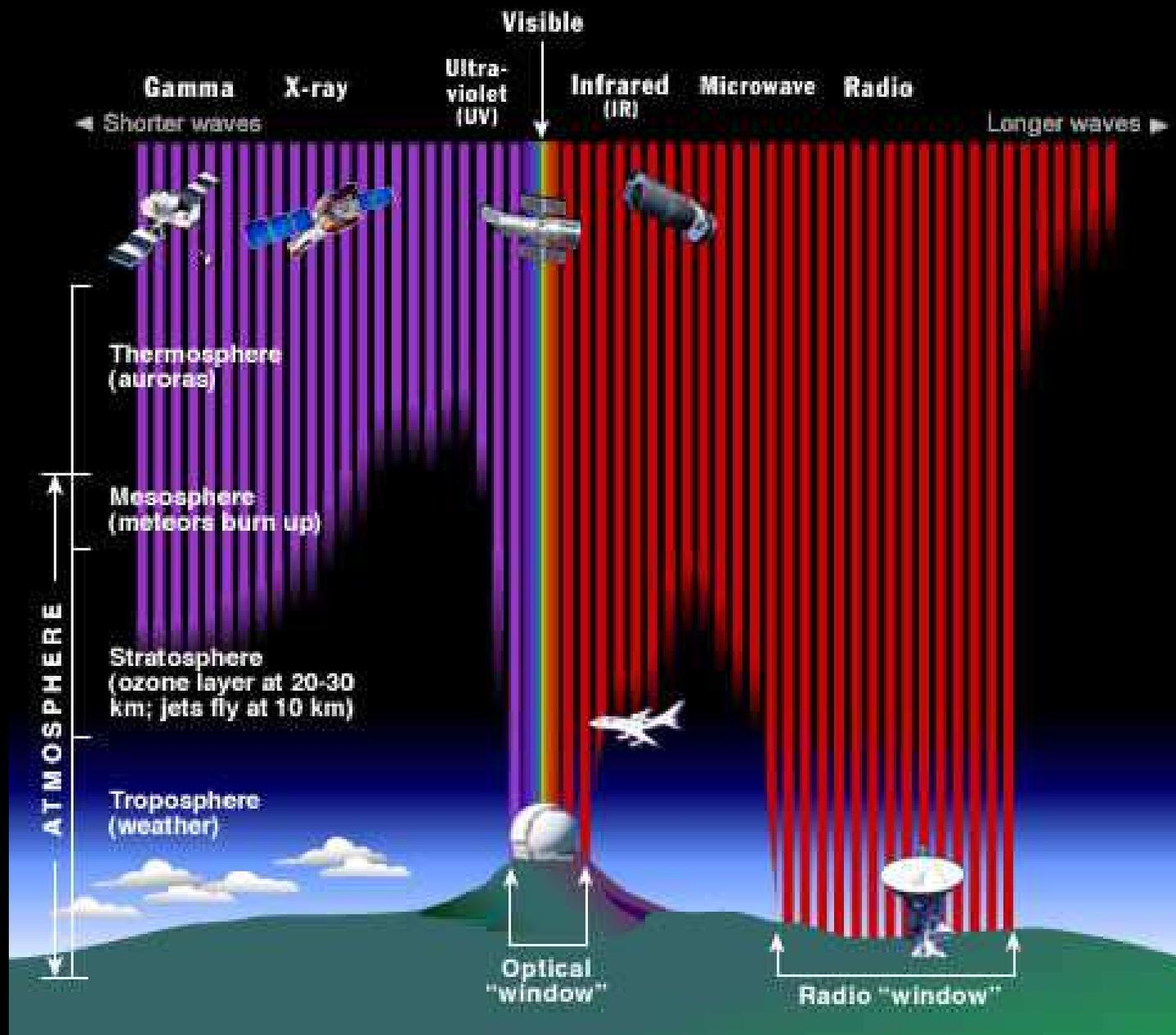
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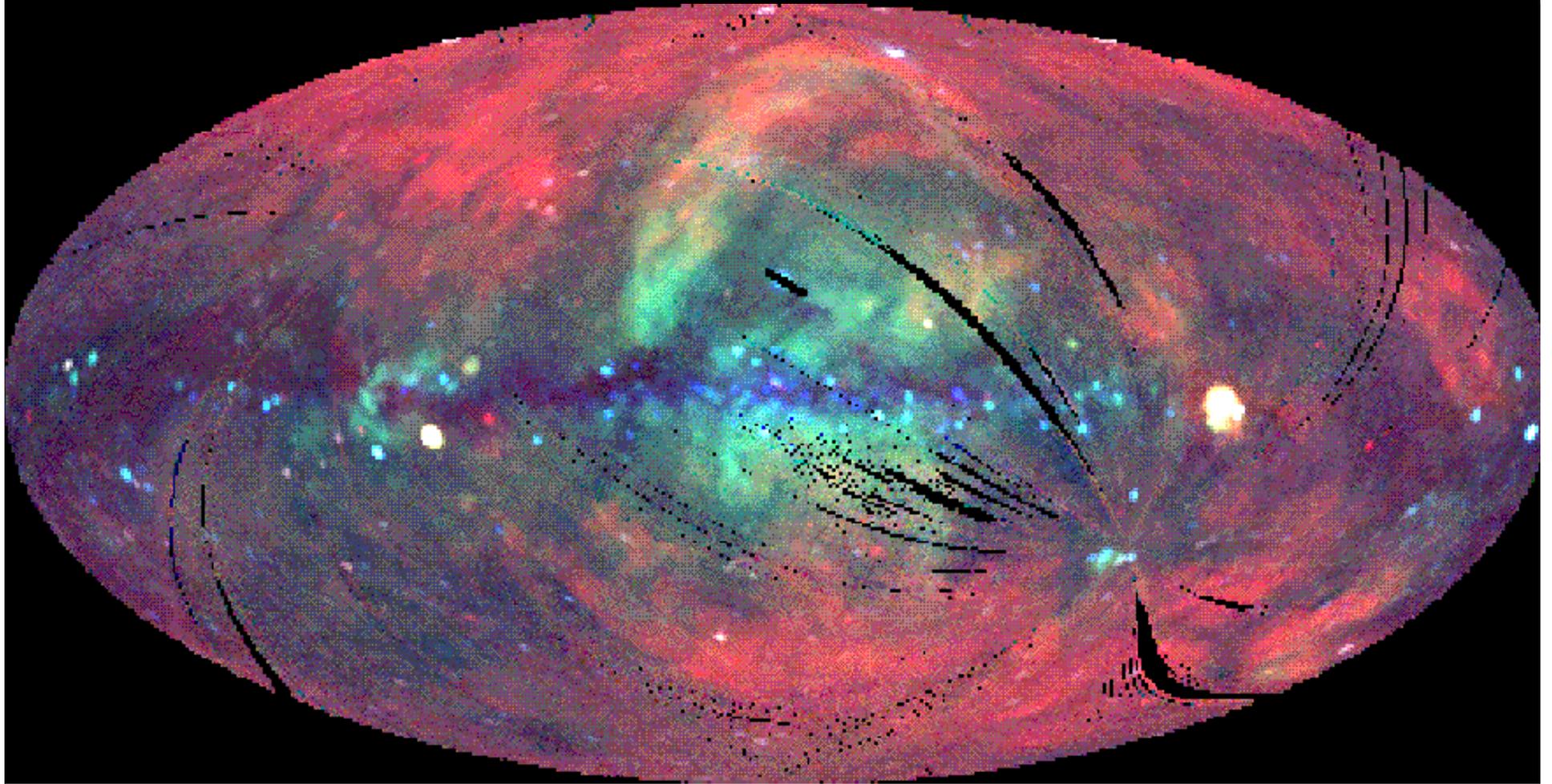
Karl Jansky  
1905-1950



# Astrofisica spaziale

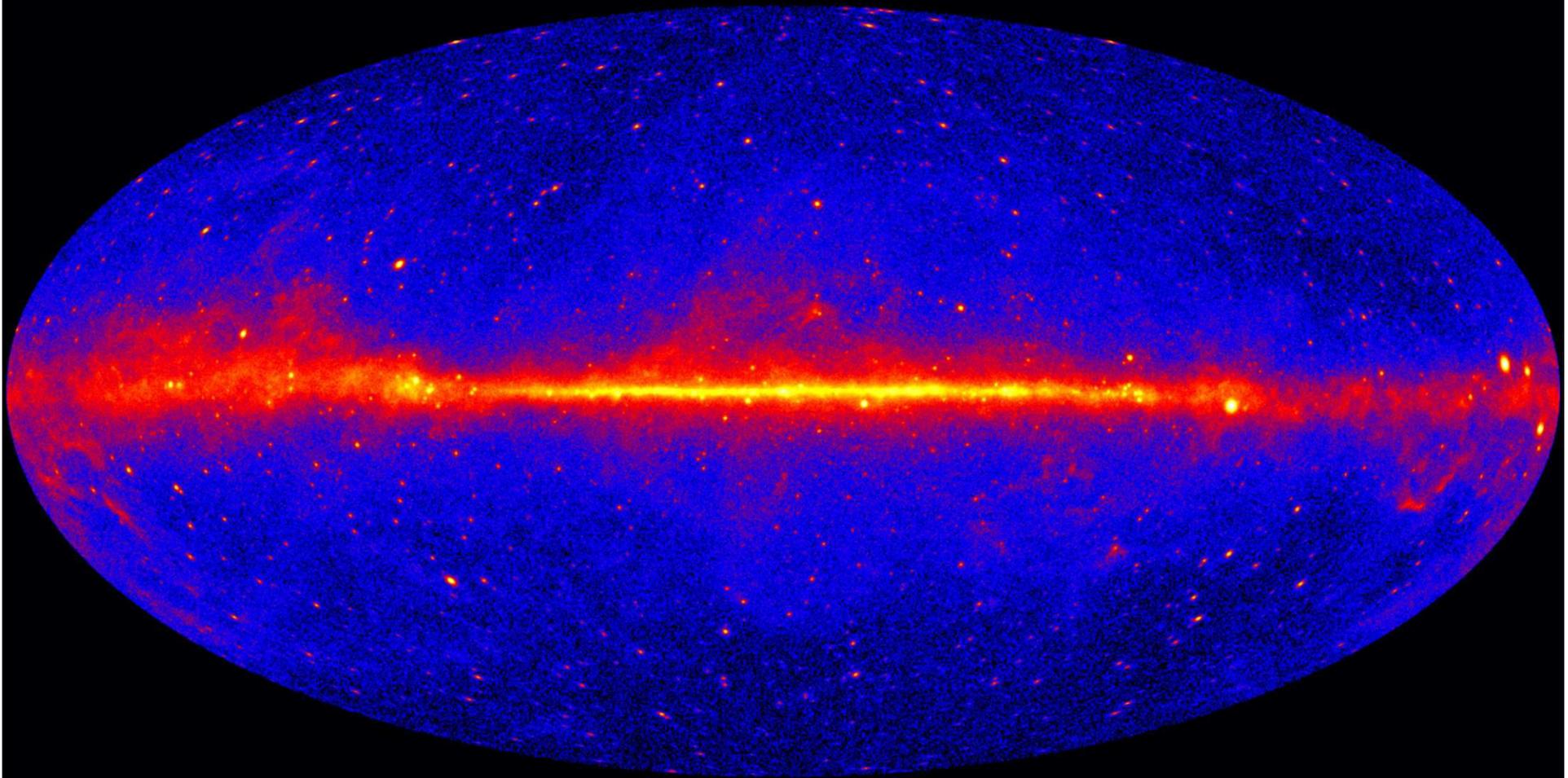


# Una radiografia al cielo



ROSAT (1996)  
APOD, 8 Oct 1996

# Il cielo nei raggi gamma

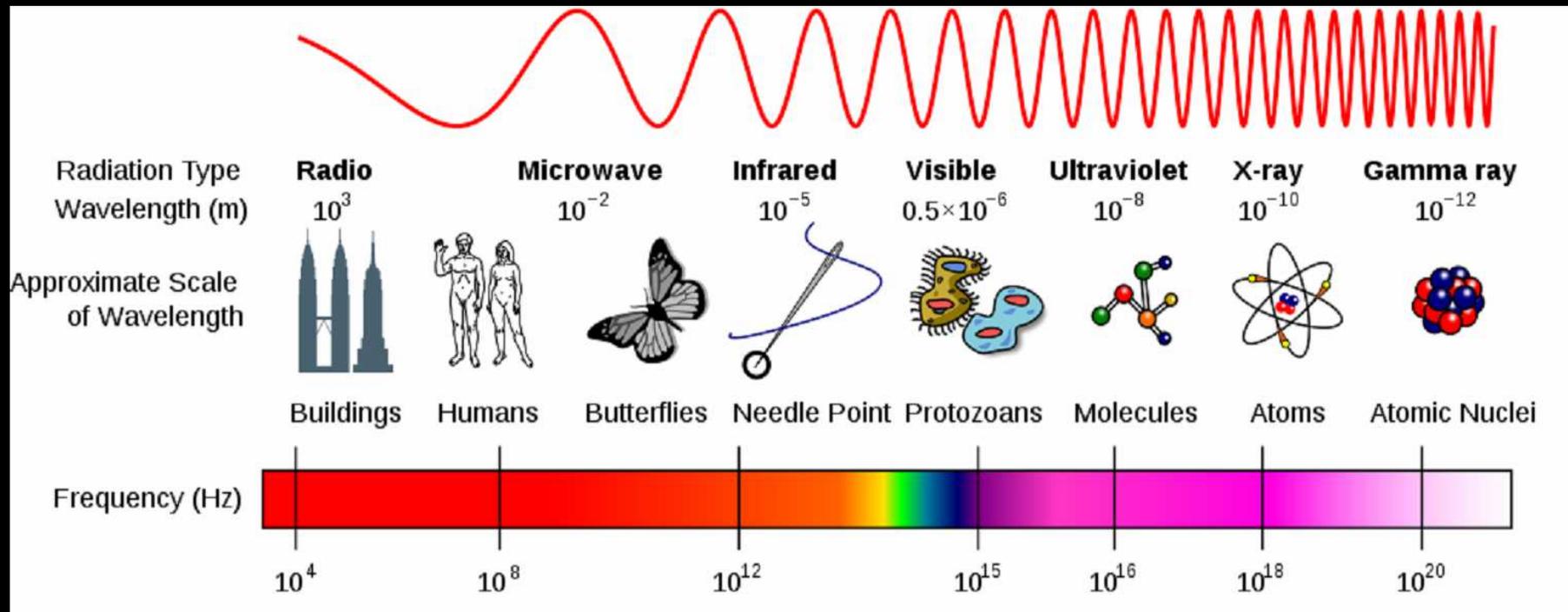


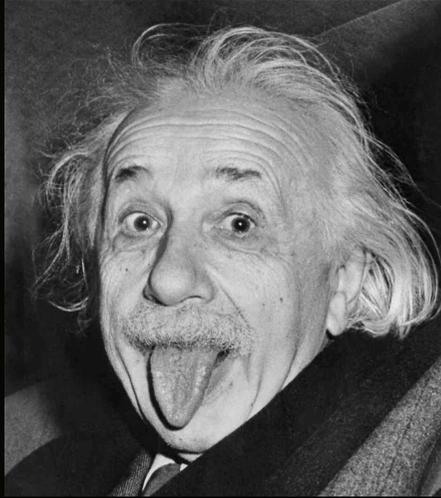
5 yrs, Milky way in gamma rays,  $E > 1$  GeV, front-converting events  
(2008-2013 © NASA/Fermi-LAT)

# Raggi gamma?



# Fiat lux





# Luce ed energia

$$E = h\nu$$

Piccole  $\lambda$  = alte energie

**1 elettronvolt =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Joule**

Visible ~ 1 eV

UV ~10 eV

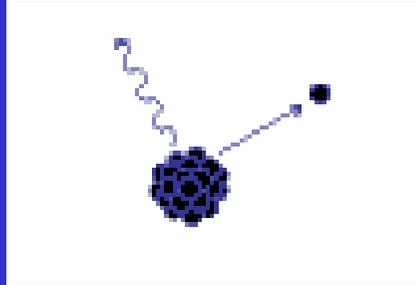
X rays = 0.1 keV-100 keV

Gamma rays= >100 keV



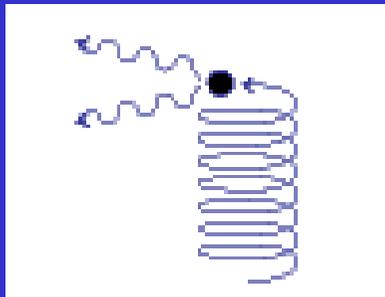
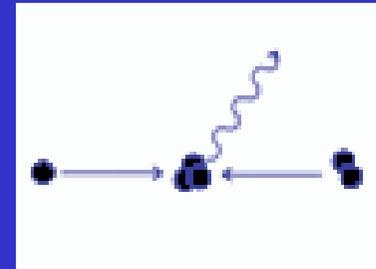
# Meccanismi di produzione

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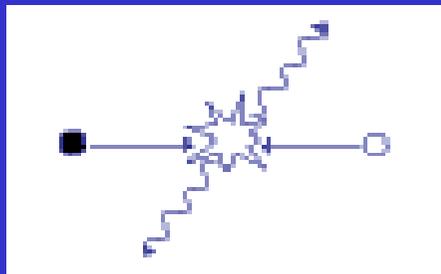
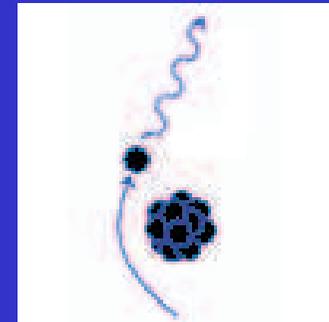
Decadimento  
gamma

Fusione nucleare



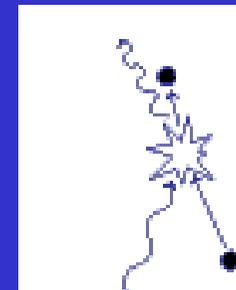
Sincrotrone

Bremsstrahlung



Annichilazione  
materia -  
antimateria

Effetto Compton  
inverso



## Non-Thermal, “Non-Traditional” Universe

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- **Extreme environments that accelerate particles**
  - Neutron Stars
  - Black Holes (AGNs, etc.)
  - Black Hole Birth Announcements: Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs)
  - Supernova Remnants, Pulsar Wind Nebulae, novae...
- **Particles interaction with Interstellar medium**
  - Gas and Dust
  - Radiation fields – Radio, IR, Optical, ...
  - Intergalactic Magnetic Fields, ...
- **Produced gamma rays travel to us!**
  - Probe cosmological distances
- **Surprises!**
  - Astrophysics: new source classes, new phenomena
  - New Physics (e.g. Dark Matter, QG, ...)

# Fermi Gamma Ray Large Area Telescope

•LAT (20 MeV - 300 GeV)



•GBM (per GRB 15 keV-25 MeV)

- Altitudine 565 km
- Periodo orbitale 95 min

# ~7 anni in orbita

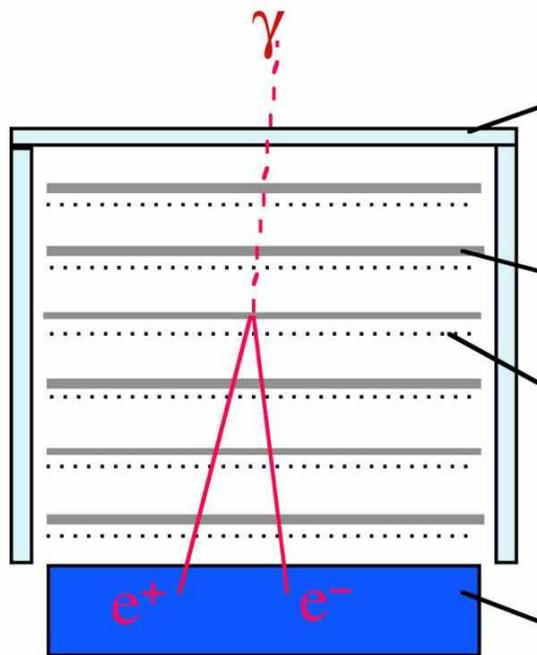
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- **Cape Canaveral Air Force Station 11 June 2008 at 12:05PM EDT**
- **Inizio osservazioni 4 agosto, 2008**
- **Rinominato da GLAST to Fermi**
- **Missione iniziale 5 anni, ora estesa**

# “Vedere” i raggi gamma

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Anticoincidenza → reiezione fondo

Convertitore (W)

Tracciatore → direzione

Calorimetro → Energia

**> 20 MeV :**

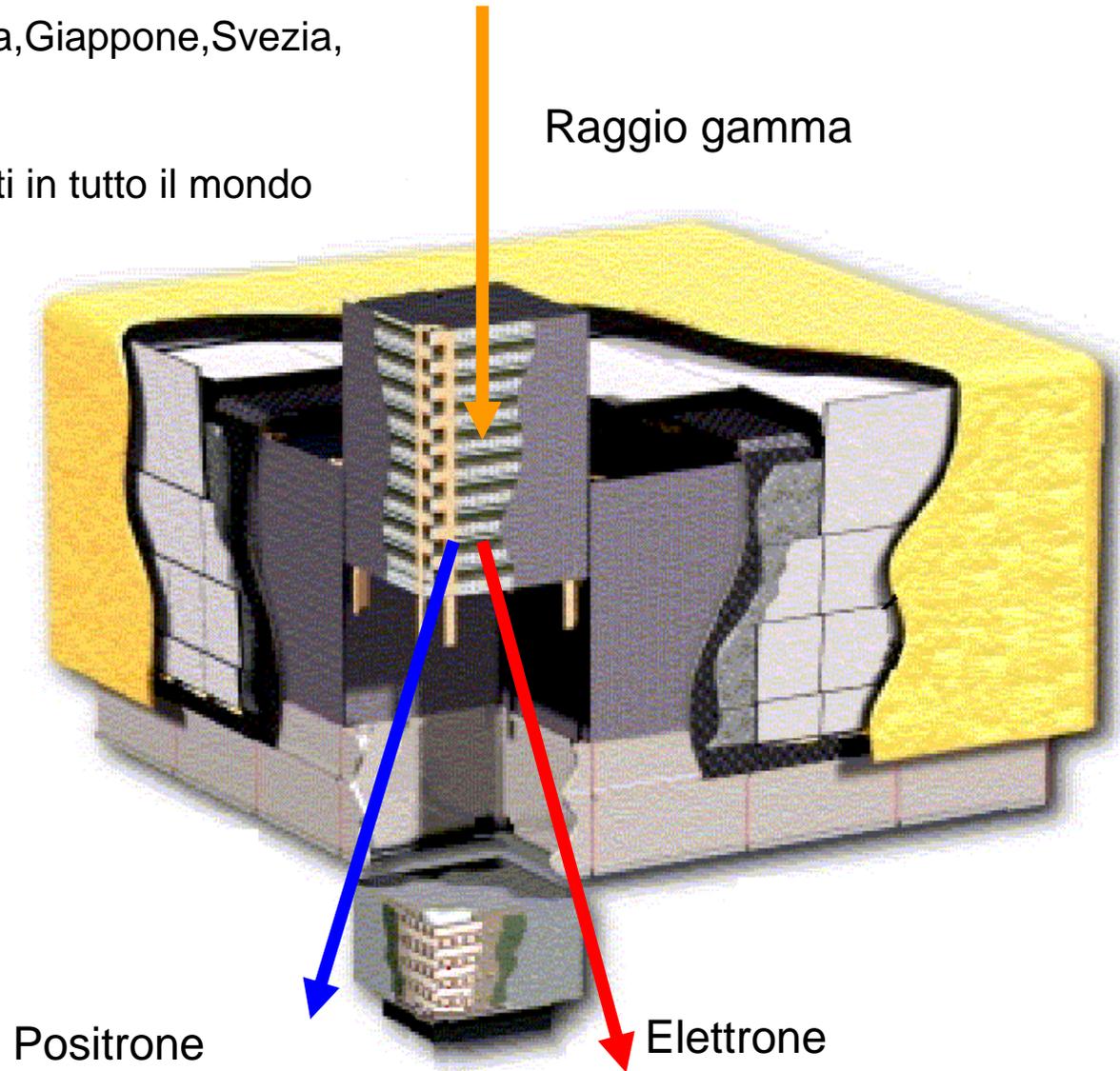
**Produzione coppie  
elettrone - positrone**

# Large Area Telescope

Atwood, W. B. et al. 2009, ApJ, 697, 1071

USA, Italia, Francia, Giappone, Svezia,  
Germania

Circa 500 scienziati in tutto il mondo



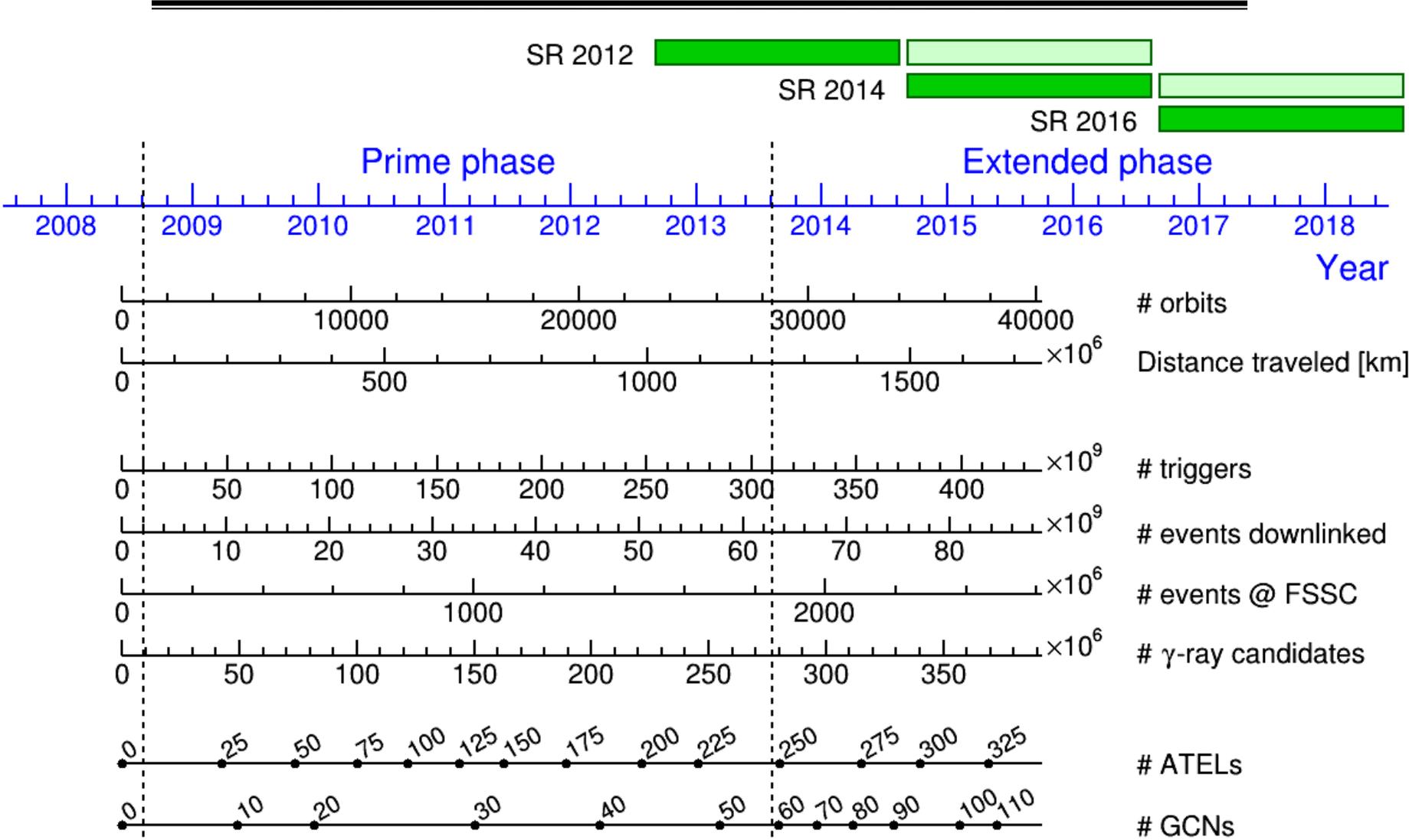
# Detecting gamma rays

# Un telescopio?



<b>Energia</b>	<b>&gt;20 MeV</b>
<b>Dimensioni</b>	<b>1.5x1.5 m</b>
<b>Massa</b>	<b>&lt;3 tonn</b>
<b>Consumo</b>	<b>&lt;650 W</b>
<b>Campo vista</b>	<b>¼ sky</b>
<b>Risoluzione angolare</b>	<b>3.5° (0.1° @10 GeV)</b>

# Cronache dallo spazio

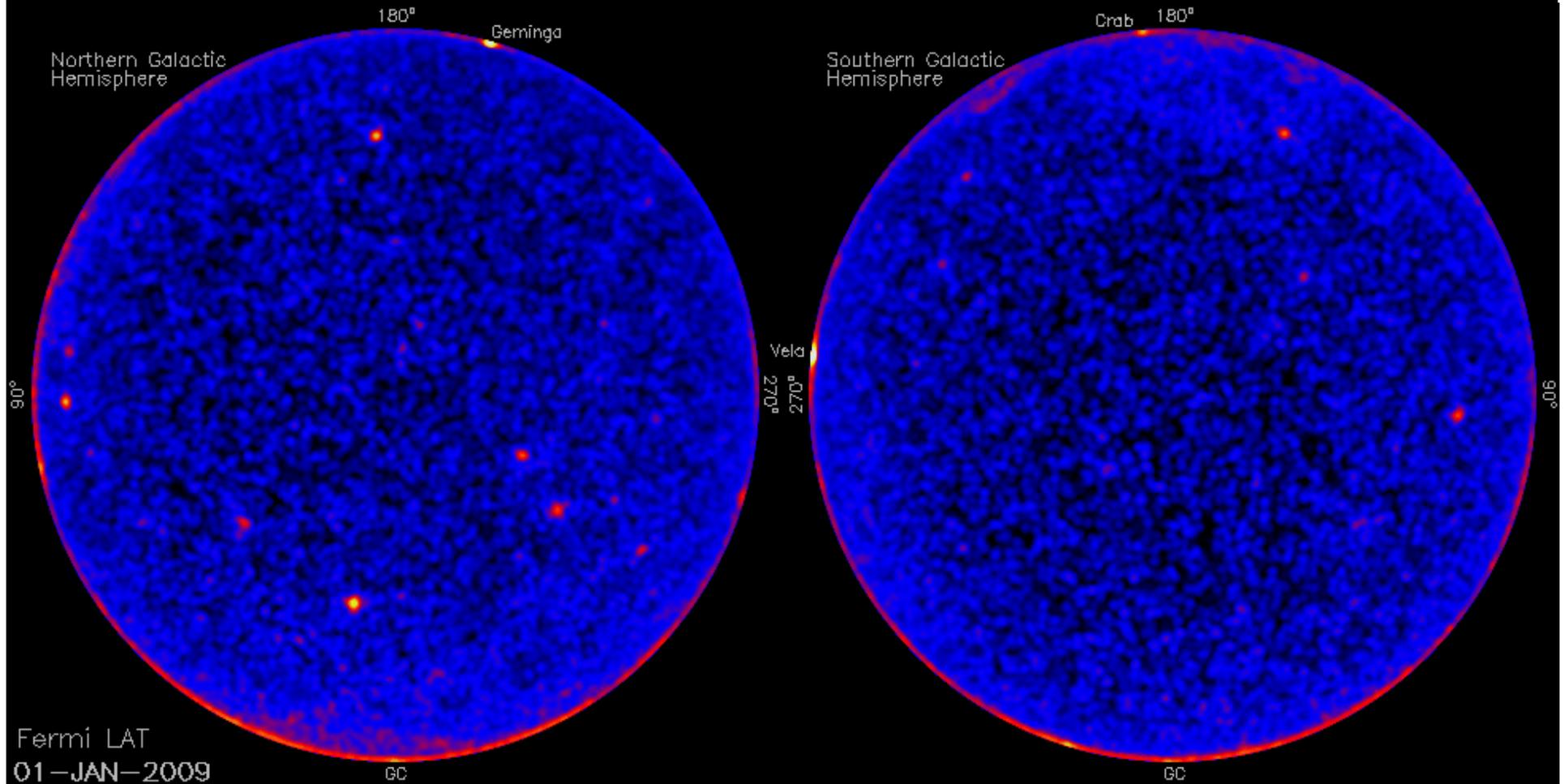


Credits: L. Baldini

# AGILE, made in Italy

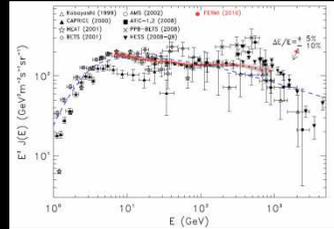


# Universo gamma, il film

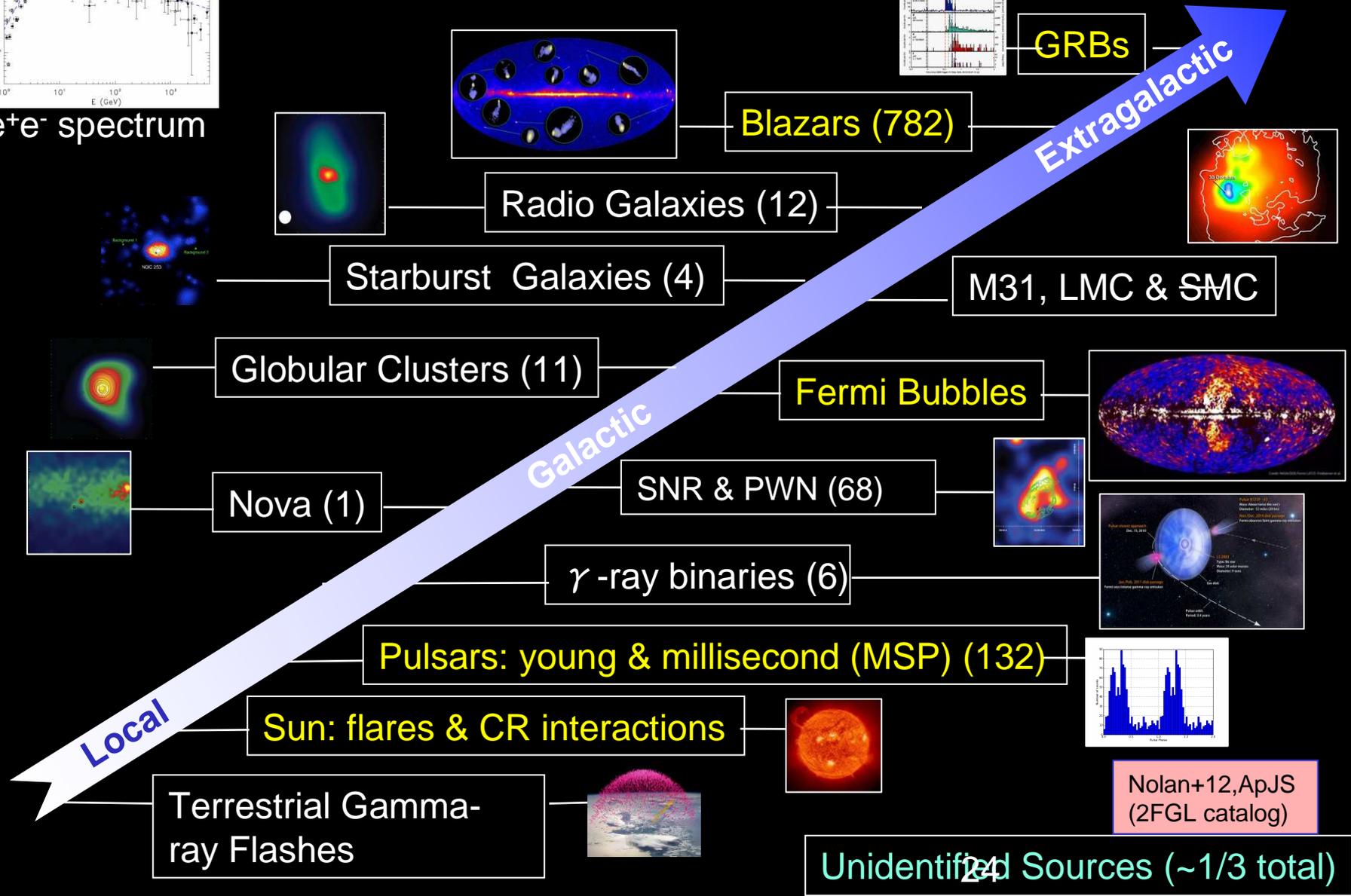


Fermi-LAT collaboration

# Un ricco menu



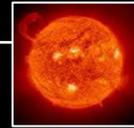
$e^+e^-$  spectrum



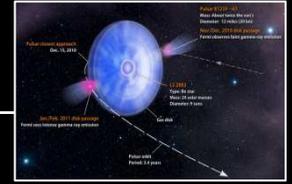
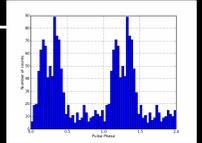
Terrestrial Gamma-ray Flashes



Sun: flares & CR interactions

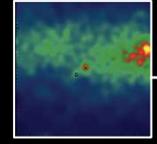


Pulsars: young & millisecond (MSP) (132)

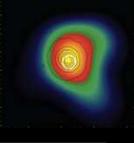


$\gamma$ -ray binaries (6)

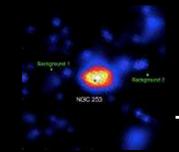
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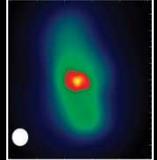
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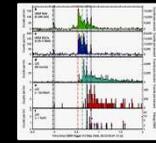
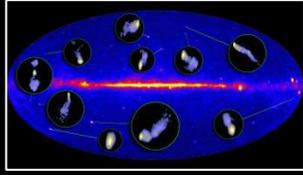
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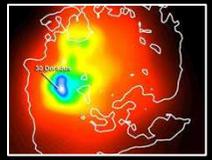
Radio Galaxies (12)



Blazars (782)

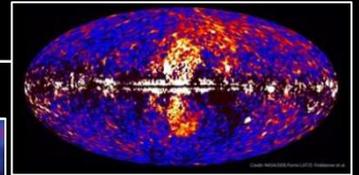


GRBs

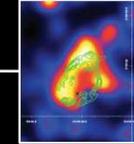


M31, LMC & SMC

Fermi Bubbles



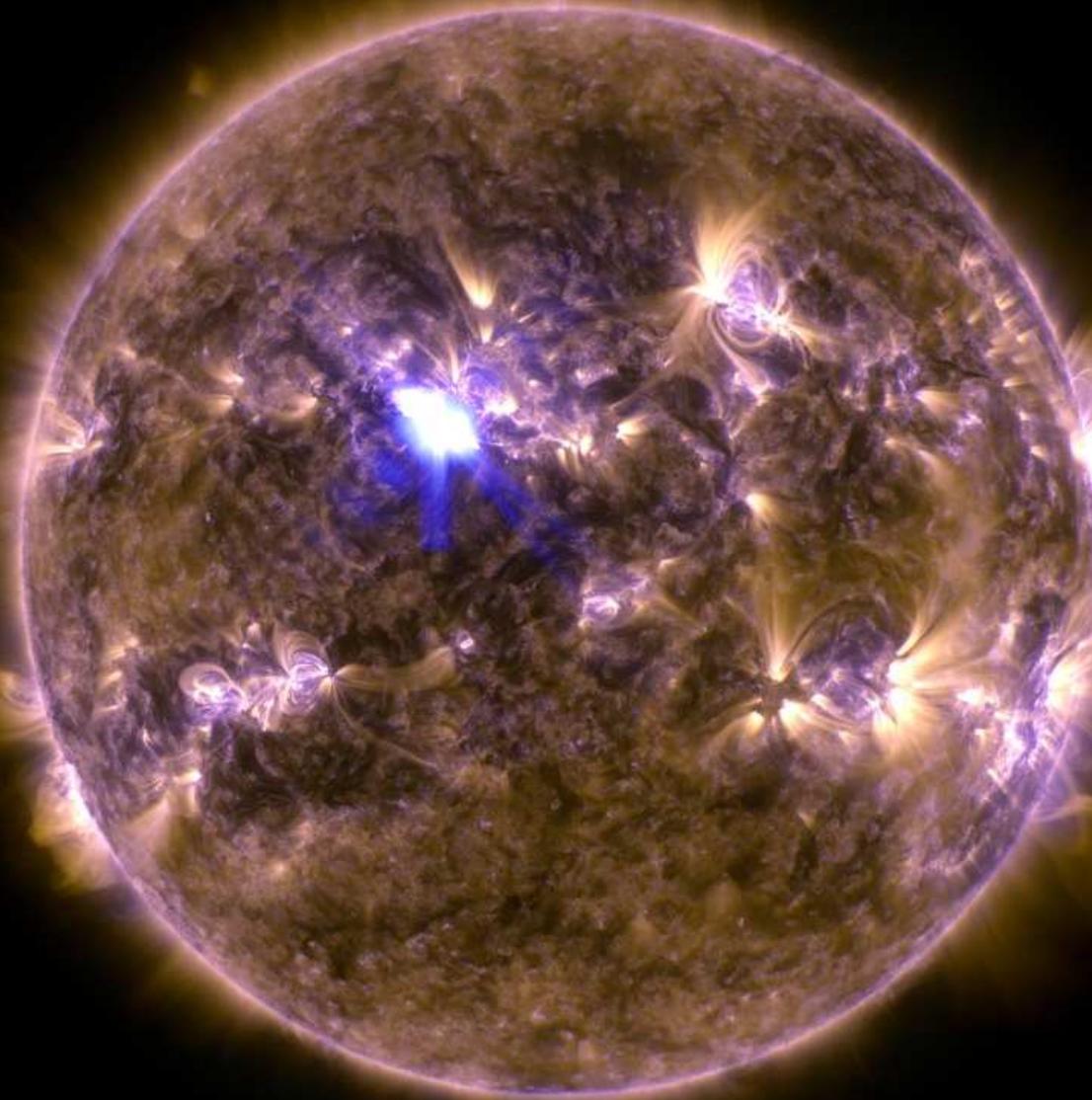
SNR & PWN (68)



Unidentified Sources (~1/3 total)

Nolan+12, ApJS (2FGL catalog)

# Brillamenti solari

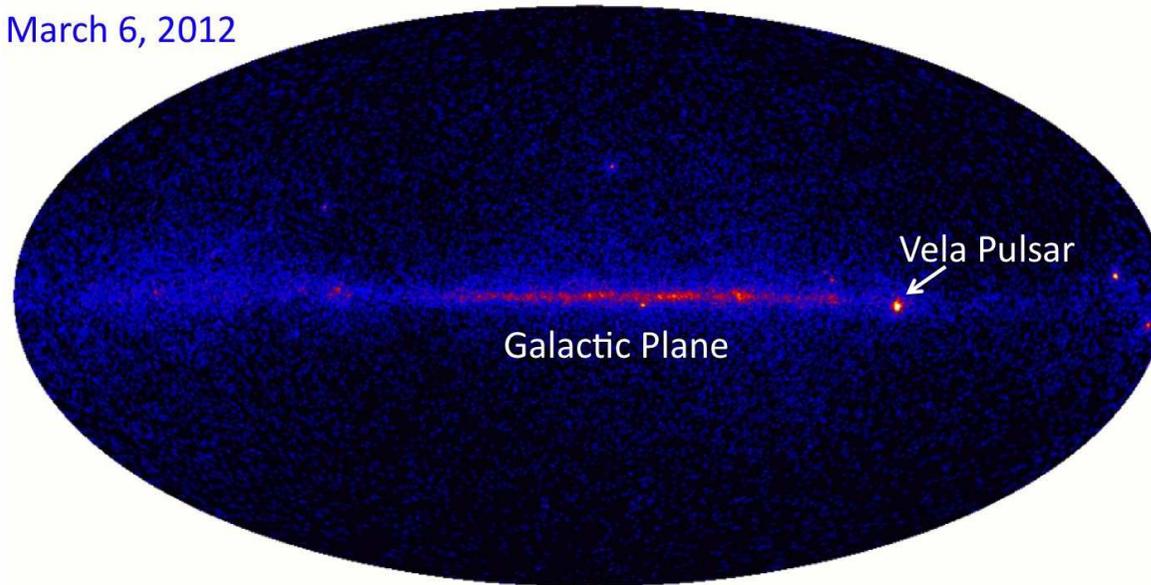


Astronomy Picture of the Day (2013 April 13)

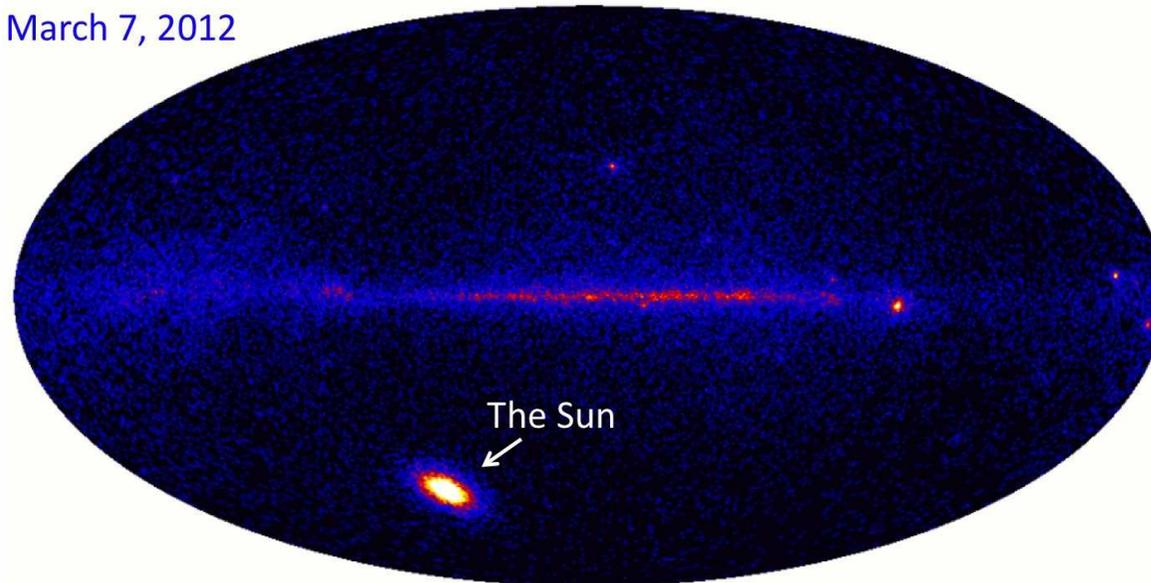
# Fermi e il Sole

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March 6, 2012



March 7, 2012



# Meteo spaziale

[www.solarmonitor.org](http://www.solarmonitor.org)

**www.SolarMonitor.org**

Date Search  8 October 2015 NOAA Search

←20151007 ←Week ←Rotation Today Rotation→ Week→ 20151009→

Main Far-side SDO short-wave SDO long-wave

NOAA  
2 Active  
Regions

Flare  
Forecast

GOES  
ACE  
SDO/EVE  
Events

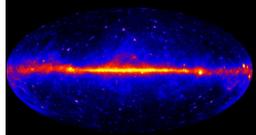
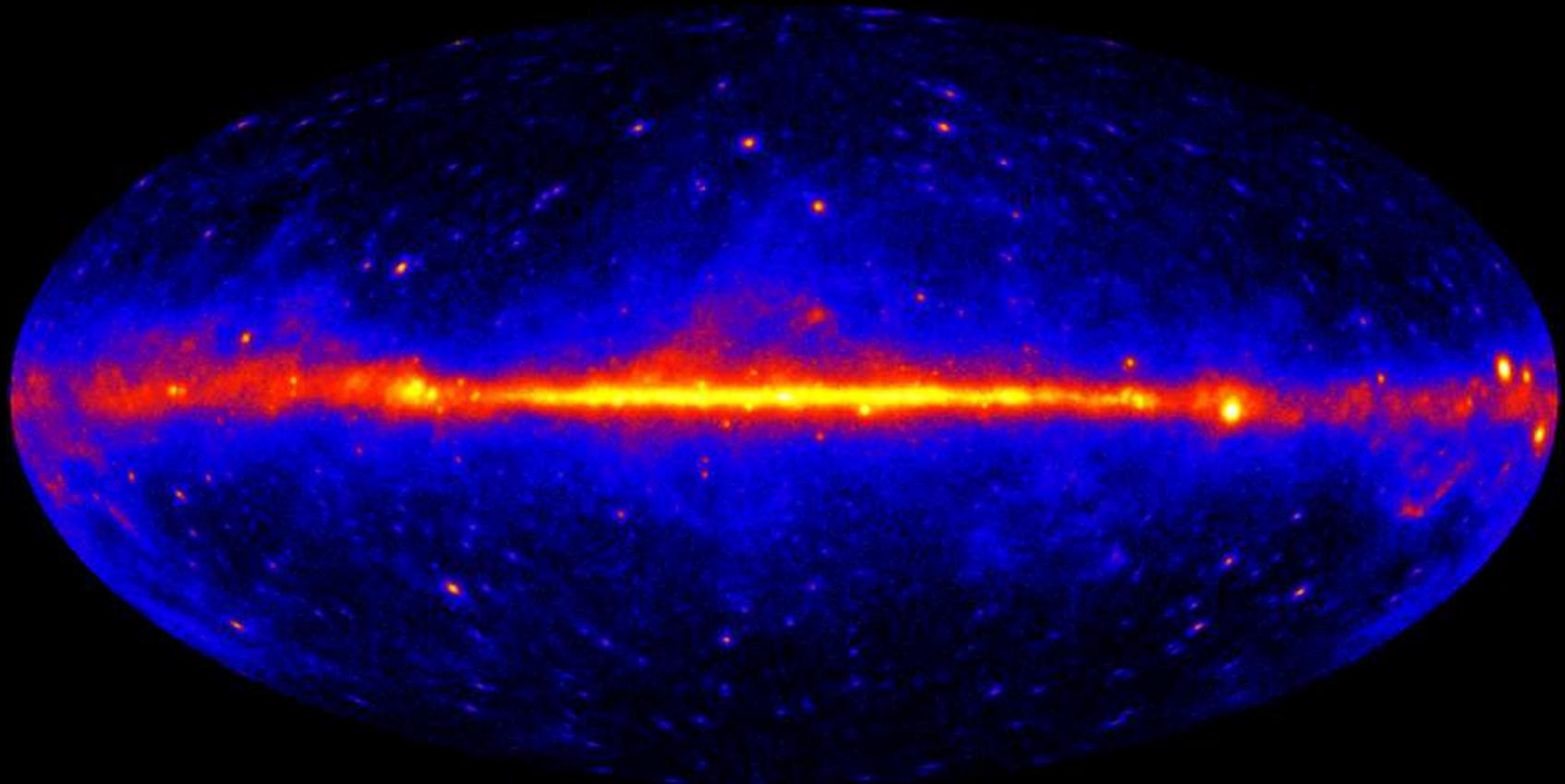
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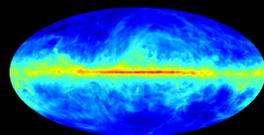
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# Il cielo gamma sotto esame



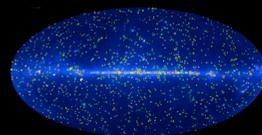
GeV Sky

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Galactic

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Point Sources

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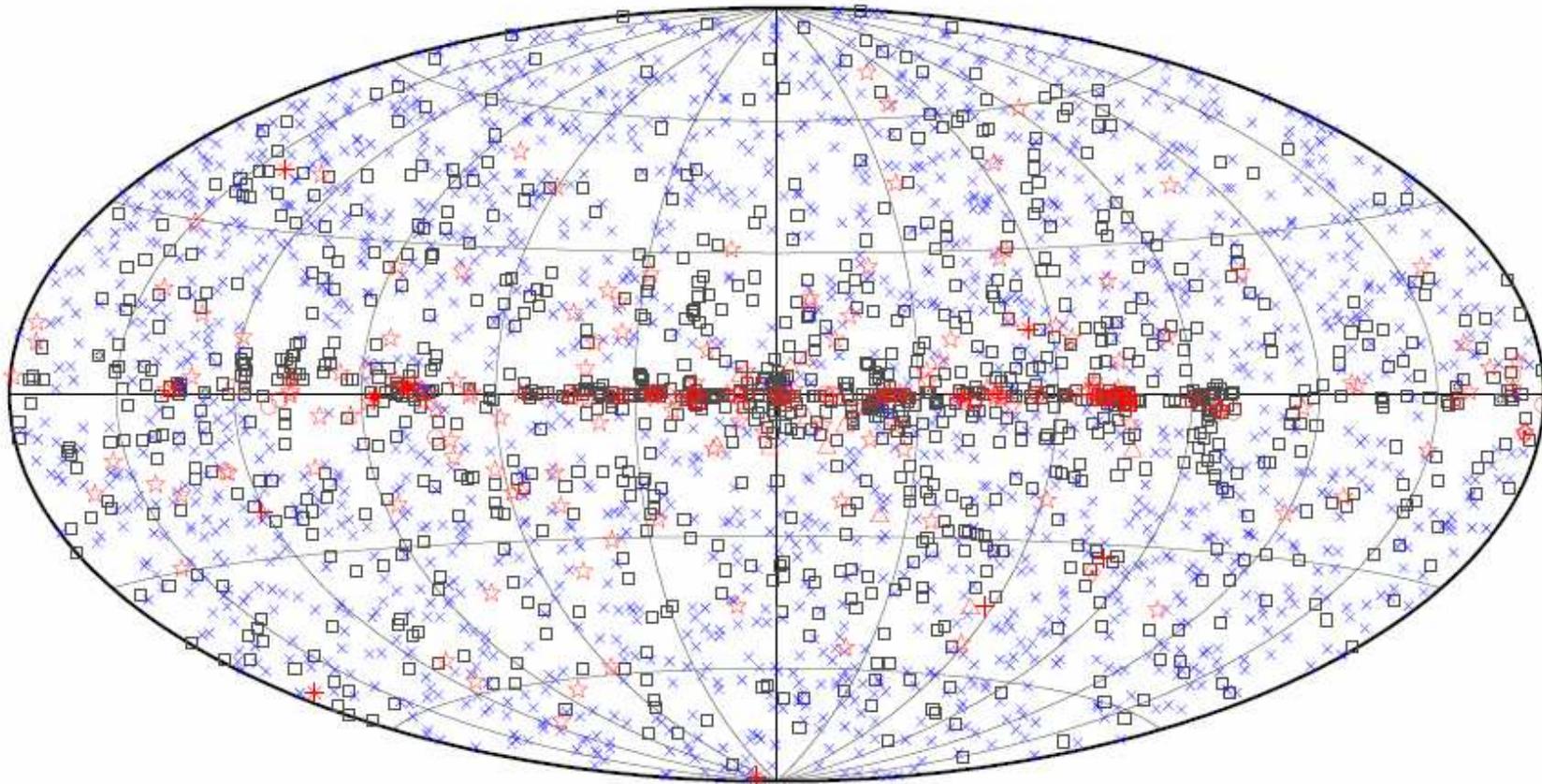
Isotropic

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# Fermi-LAT Third Source Catalog (3FGL)

Acero et al., ApJS 218, 2012)

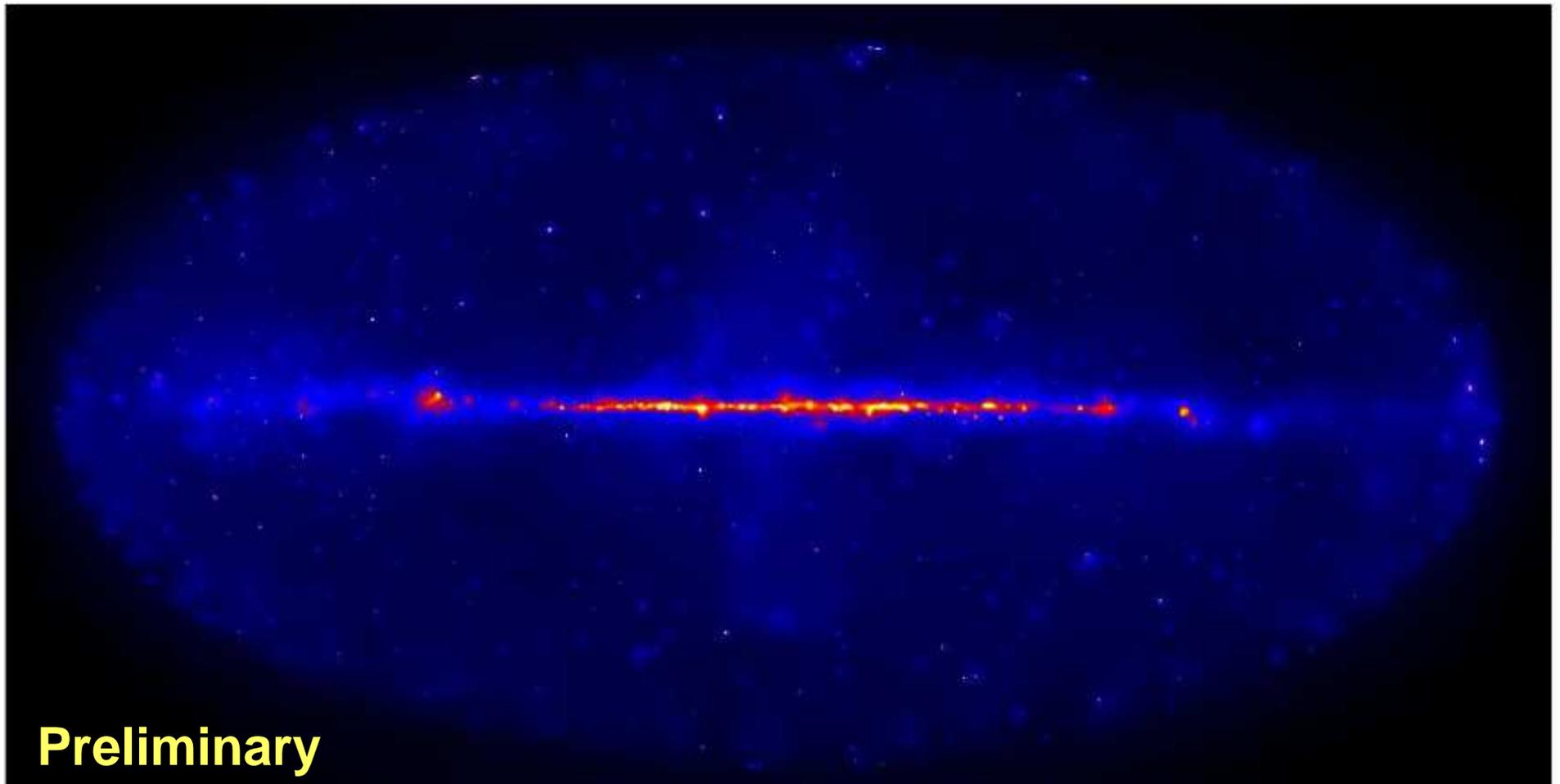


□ No association	▣ Possible association with SNR or PWN	× AGN
☆ Pulsar	△ Globular cluster	+ Starburst Galaxy
◻ Binary	+ Galaxy	○ SNR
★ Star-forming region		◆ PWN
		★ Nova

•4 anni

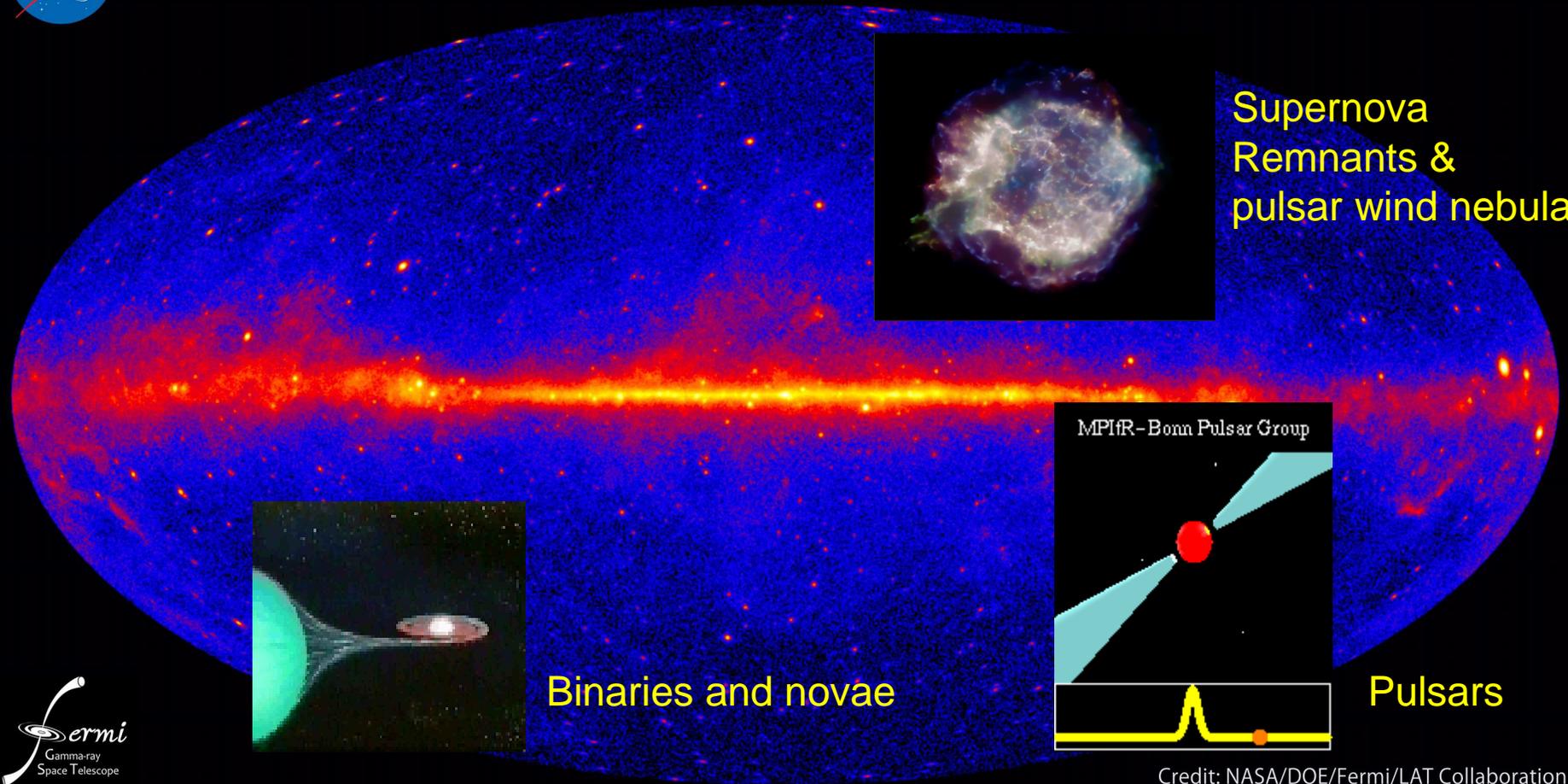
•3033 sorgenti, 1010 non identificate

## Il cielo sopra 50 GeV



- 2nd Fermi Hard Source List (2FHL), in prep.
- 6 years of data, Pass 8
- ~55k photons, ~350 sources

# La Via Lattea nei raggi gamma



Supernova  
Remnants &  
pulsar wind nebulae

Binaries and novae

MPIfR - Bonn Pulsar Group

Pulsars

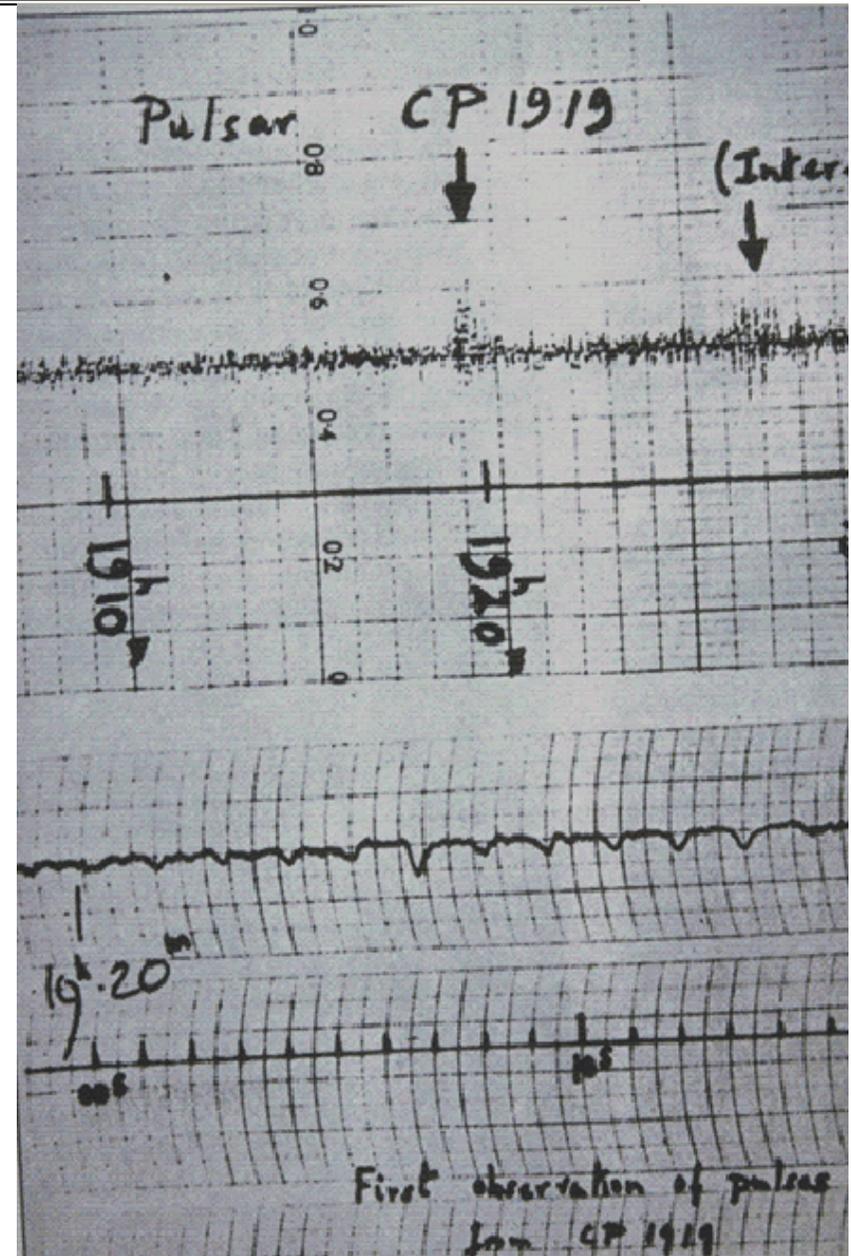


Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi/LAT Collaboration

# Pulsar



Jocelyn Bell  
&  
Anthony Hewish  
(1967)



Reprinted from Nature, February 24, 1968

# Observation of a Rapidly Pulsating Radio Source

by

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Unusual signals from pulsating radio sources have been recorded at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. The radiation seems to come from local objects within the galaxy, and may be associated with oscillations of white dwarf or neutron stars.

In July 1967, a large radio telescope operating at a frequency of 81.5 MHz was brought into use at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. This instrument was designed to investigate the angular structure of compact radio sources by observing the scintillation caused by the irregular structure of the interplanetary medium. The initial survey includes the whole sky in the declination range  $-08^{\circ} < \delta < 44^{\circ}$  and this area is scanned once a week. A large fraction of the sky is thus under regular surveillance. Soon after the instrument was brought into operation it was noticed that signals which appeared at first to be weak sporadic interference were repeatedly observed at a fixed declination and right ascension; this result showed that the source could not be terrestrial in origin.

Systematic investigations were started in November and high speed records showed that the signals, when present, consisted of a series of pulses each lasting  $\sim 0.3$  s and with a repetition period of about 1.337 s which was soon found to be maintained with extreme accuracy. Further observations have shown that the true period is constant to better than 1 part in  $10^7$  although there is a systematic variation which can be ascribed to the orbital motion of the Earth. The impulsive nature of the recorded signals is caused by the periodic passage of a signal of descending frequency through the 1 MHz pass band of the receiver.

The remarkable nature of these signals at first suggested an origin in terms of man-made transmissions which might arise from deep space probes, planetary radar or the reflexion of terrestrial signals from the Moon. None of these interpretations can, however, be accepted because the absence of any parallax shows that the source lies far outside the solar system. A preliminary search for further pulsating sources has already revealed the presence of three others having remarkably similar properties which suggests that this type of source may be relatively common at a low flux density. A tentative explanation

of these unusual sources in terms of the stable oscillations of white dwarf or neutron stars is proposed.

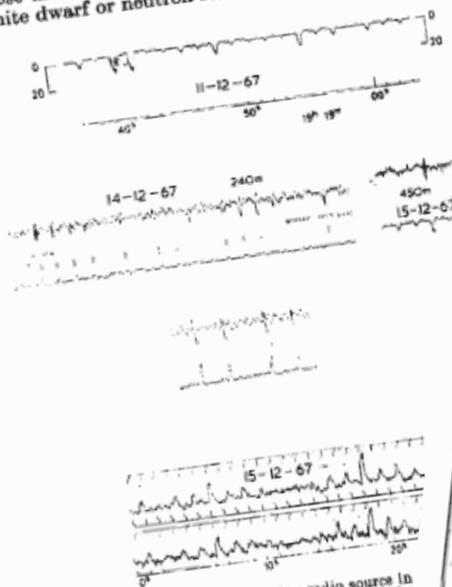


Fig. 1. a. A record of the pulsating radio source in the receiver (receiver time constant 0.1 s). Full scale deflection  $20 \times 10^{-14}$  W m $^{-2}$  Hz $^{-1}$ . b. Upper trace: records obtained at 240 m and 490 m in one side of the interferometer paths (240 m and 450 m) in the interferometer. The pulses are normal interferometer records. (The pulses are because they occurred near a null in the interference pattern.) c. Simulated pulses obtained using the upper trace. d. Simultaneous reception of pulses using different frequencies. Pulses at the lower frequency about 0.2 s.

## SPACE 'SIGNALS' MAY BE FROM INTELLIGENT BEING

### PULSATING STAR TRACED

By Dr. ANTHONY MICHAELIS  
Science Correspondent

AN entirely novel kind of star, or the first signal from other intelligent beings in space, has been discovered by radio astronomers in Cambridge. It came to light on Aug. 6 last year and, at first, the extremely regular pulsations of the new radio source could only be explained by intelligent signalling.

The star was referred to by astronomers as LGM (Little Green Men).

Now, with further tests underway, their opinion has changed and it is thought to be a novel type between a white dwarf star and a neutron.

The name **Pulsar** (Pulsating Star) is likely to be given to it. Since last August four others have been discovered.

#### "Natural explanation"

Dr. A. Hewish of the Cavendish laboratory, Cambridge, told me yesterday: "We think there is a natural explanation. We have eliminated any source within our own solar system and have found it to lie within our own galaxy. It pulsates every 1.337 seconds with extreme accuracy, better than one part in 10 million. Since we published the results last week I have had several telephone calls from America. I am sure that today every radio telescope is looking at the Pulsars. It is the greatest thing in radio astronomy for a long time."

Sir Martin Ryle, director of the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory, Cambridge, where they were discovered, described them as "the funniest stars I have ever come across."

The accurate pulsations were noticed first by Miss S. Jocelyn Bell, a Ph.D. student from Ireland working under Dr. Hewish. At the observatory at Barton, near Cambridge, I saw the interplanetary scintillation aerial, the telescope with which they were discovered.

Mr. B. Elmore, of the observatory, said that the telescope made of thin cedar wood supports, 12ft high, containing 50 miles of wire, cost less than £1,000.

SEE 681108  
(681230)!

# What is a pulsar?

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*Stelle di neutroni altamente magnetizzate, super-dense, in forte rotazione, e che emettono particelle e radiazione*

## ***Qualche numero...***

**Massa:  $\sim 1.4 M_{\text{sol}}$  (from X-rays binaries, e.g. see Stairs 2004)**

**Raggio  $\sim 10$  Km;**

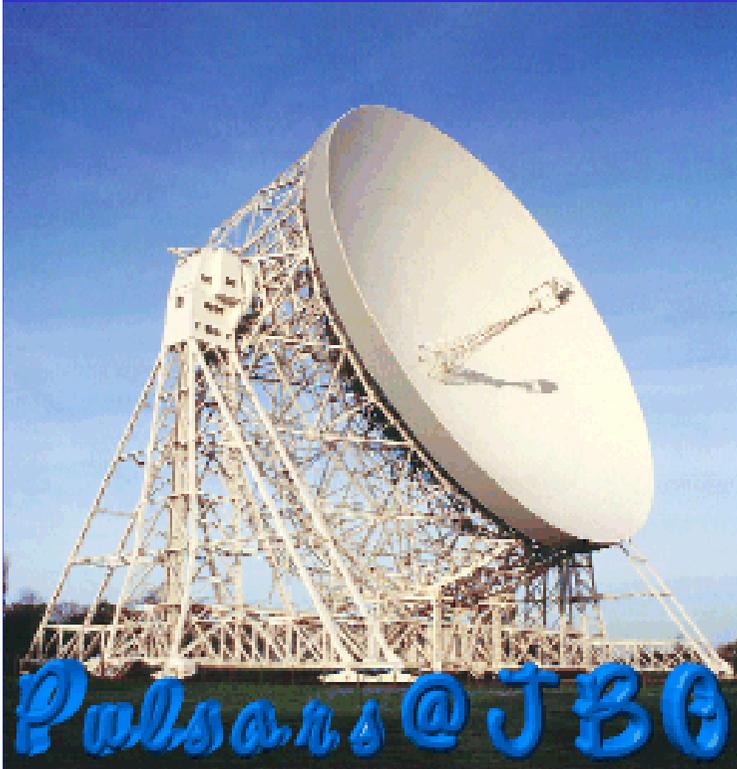
**Periodo:  $\sim 0.0015$  s –  $\sim 8.5$  s;**

**Momento di inertia:  $10^{45}$  g cm<sup>2</sup>;**

**Densità:  $10^{15}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> at the center;**

**Campo magnetico:  $\sim 10^8$ G- $10^{14}$ G**

# Il "suono" delle pulsar

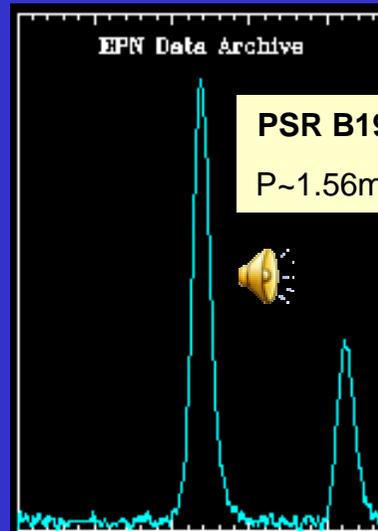
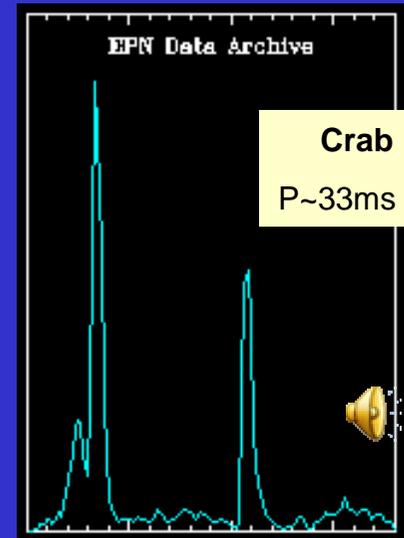


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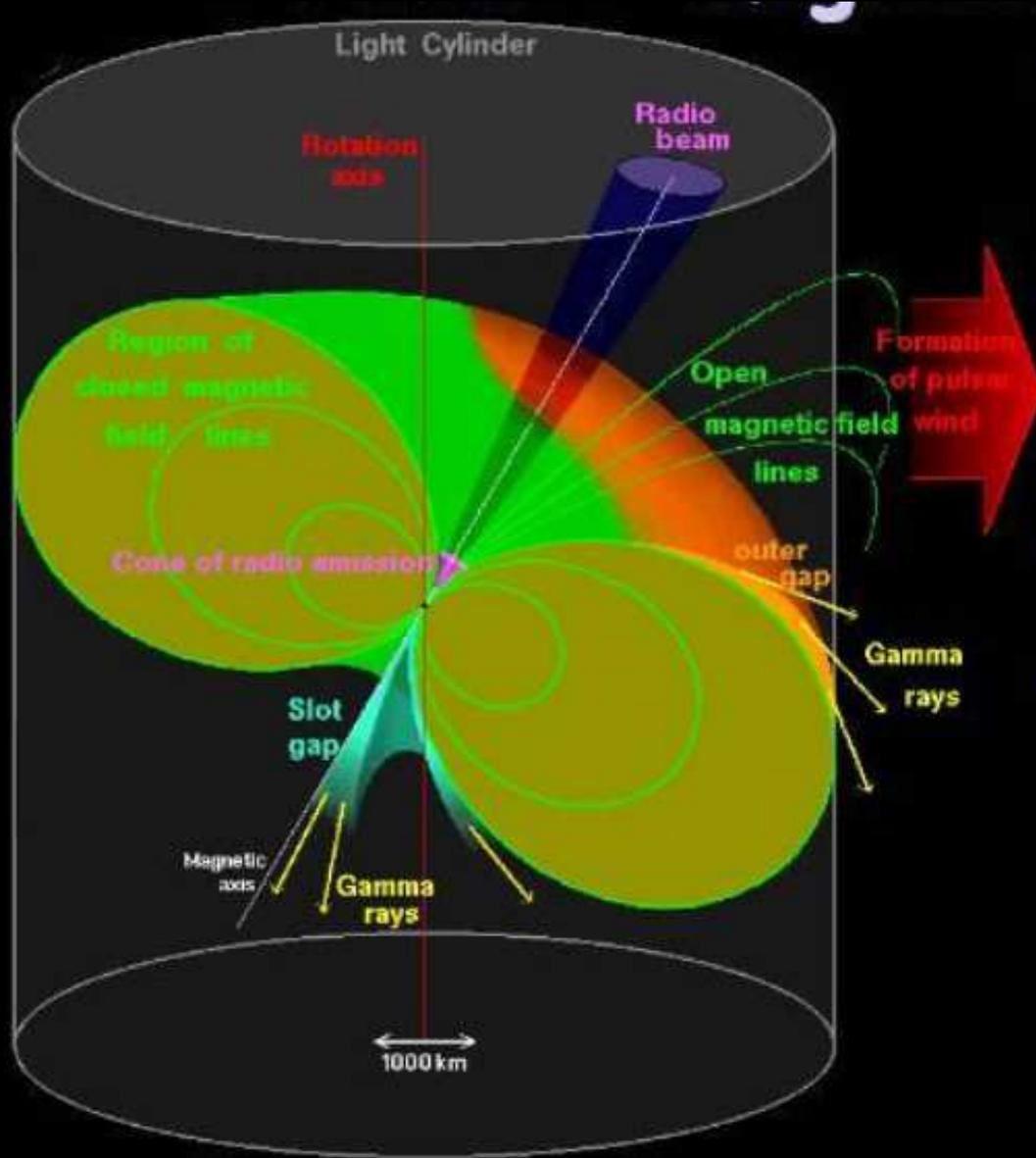
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Princeton group:

<http://pulsar.princeton.edu/pulsar/multimedia.shtml>

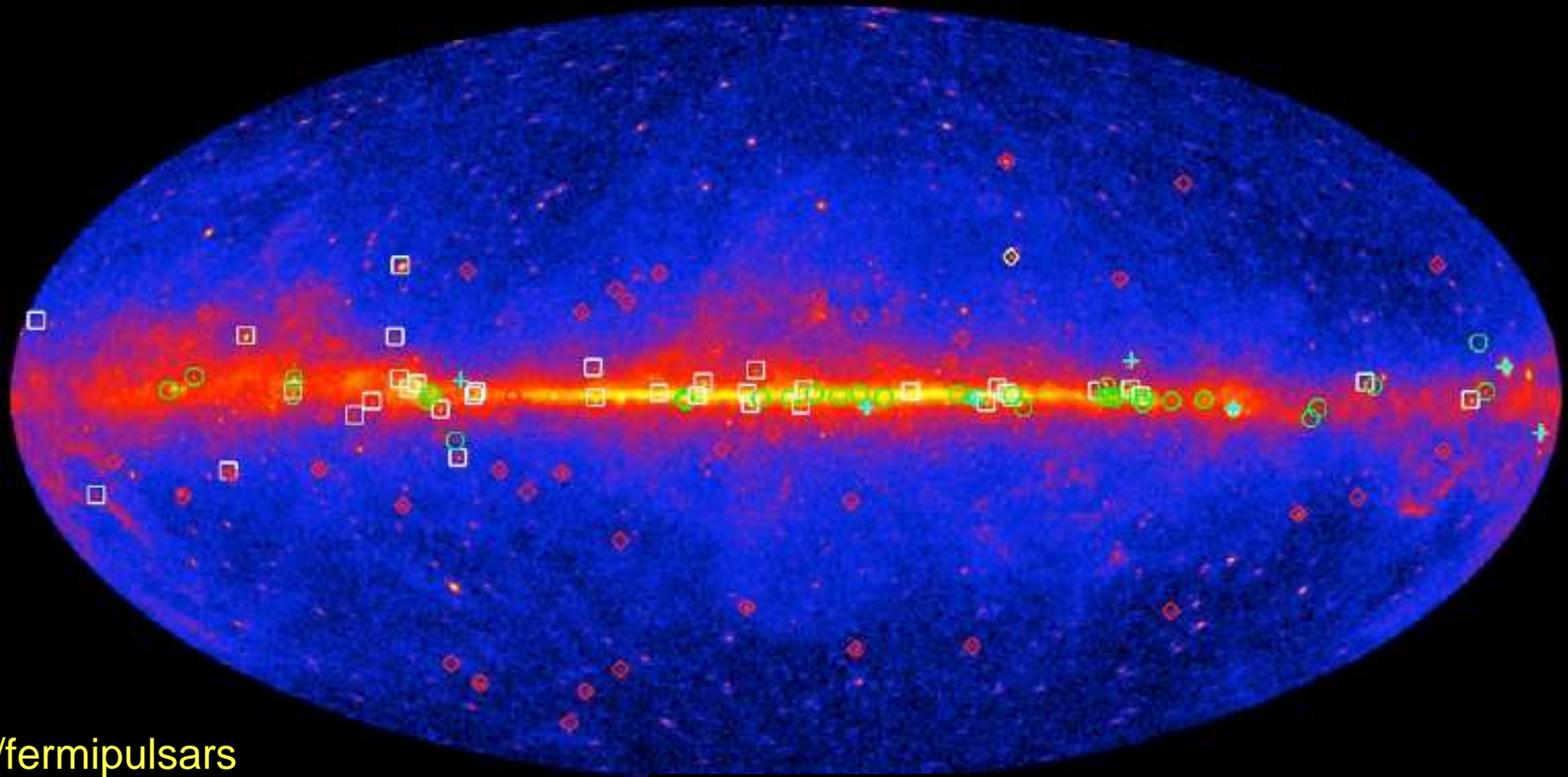


# Pulsars



# Pulsars

# 7 anni di pulsar



Public list

<http://tinyurl.com/fermipulsars>

42 young radio- and X-ray-selected (green circles, cyan crosses)

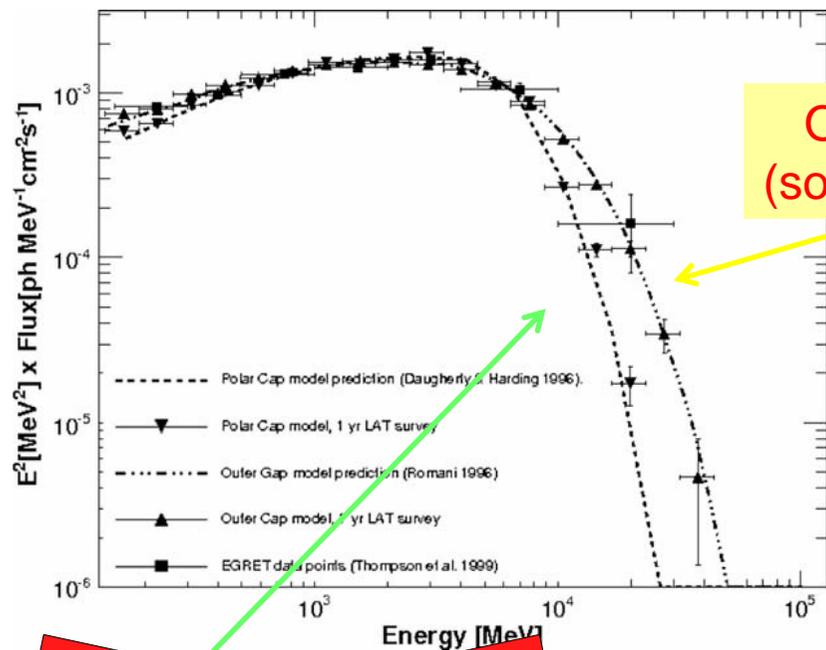
36 young  $\gamma$ -ray-selected (white squares)

46 radio-selected MSPs (red diamonds) + 1  $\gamma$ -ray-selected MSP (yellow diamond)  
(+20 to be published!)

Last Updated	29 September 2014
Young or middle-aged, radio/X selected	50
Young or middle-aged, gamma selected	41
Millisecond, radio selected	68
Millisecond, gamma selected	1
Total number of pulsars	160
Total publicly announced (link to list)	147
LAT Papers with Pub Board page (published)	135

2PC includes 117 pulsars: 41 young radio (38) or X (3) loud; 36 young radio quiet ; 40 MSPs (20 discovered in Unld sources).

# Dati e modelli



OG/SG  
(soft cutoff)

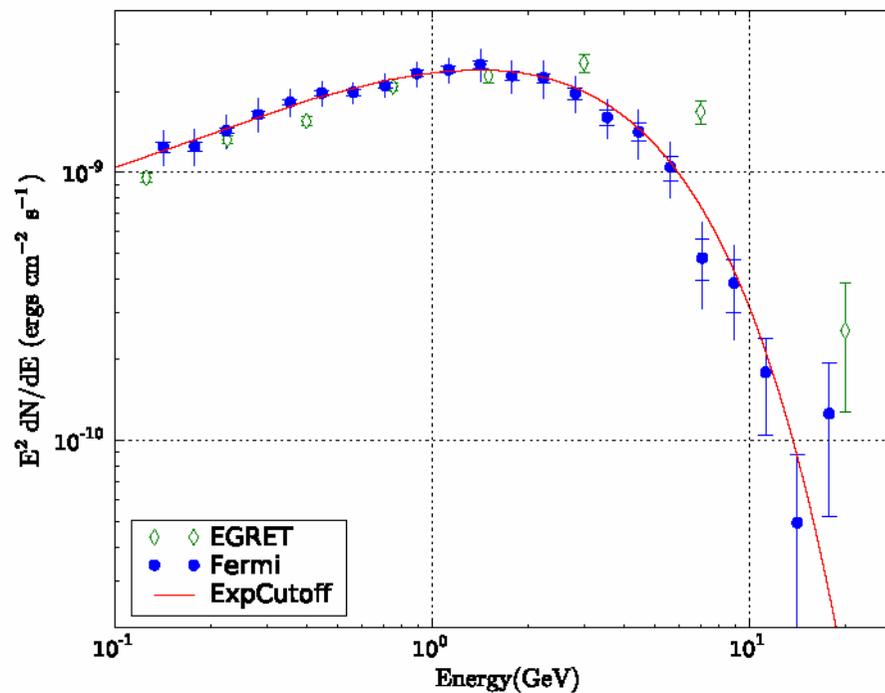
Razzano+09

~~sharp cutoff~~

$$N(E) = N_0 E^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E/E_c)^b}$$

$$\Gamma = 1.51^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$$

$$E_c = 2.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

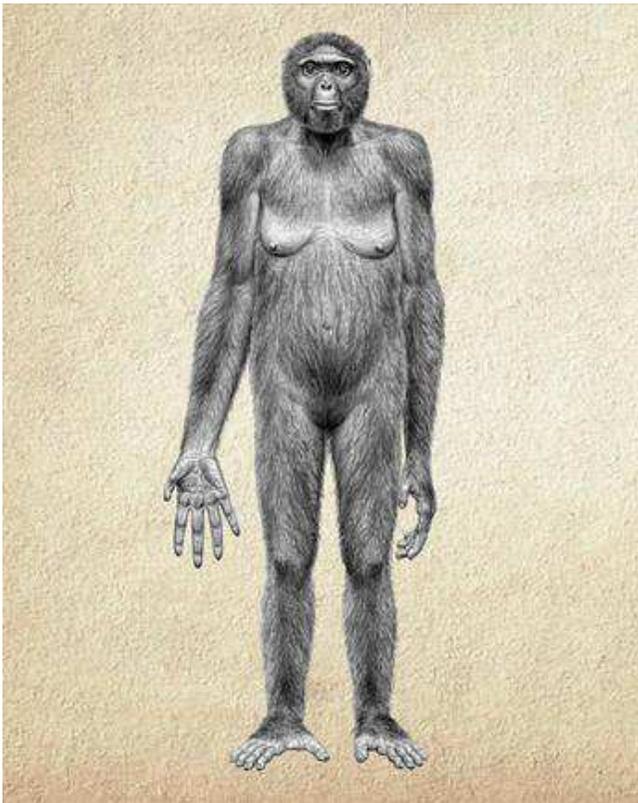


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«2nd most relevant  
discovery in 2009»  
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Il vincitore...



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# Volete aiutarci?



## About Einstein@Home

Einstein@Home is a World Year of Physics 2005 and an International Year of Astronomy 2009 project. It is supported by the American Physical Society (APS), the US National Science Foundation (NSF), the Max Planck Society (MPG), and a number of international organizations.

Einstein@Home uses your computer's idle time to search for weak astrophysical signals from spinning neutron stars (often called pulsars) using data from the LIGO gravitational-wave detectors, the Arecibo radio telescope, and the Fermi gamma-ray satellite. Einstein@Home volunteers have already discovered about fifty new neutron stars, and we hope to find many more.

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## Utente del giorno



Trevor [Freaky]

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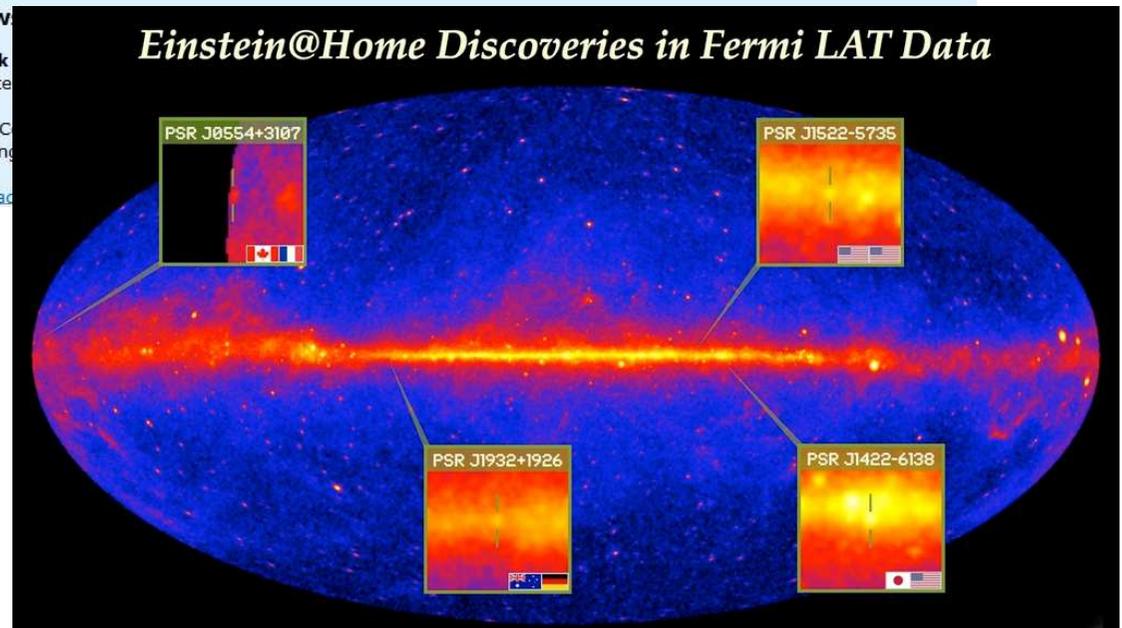
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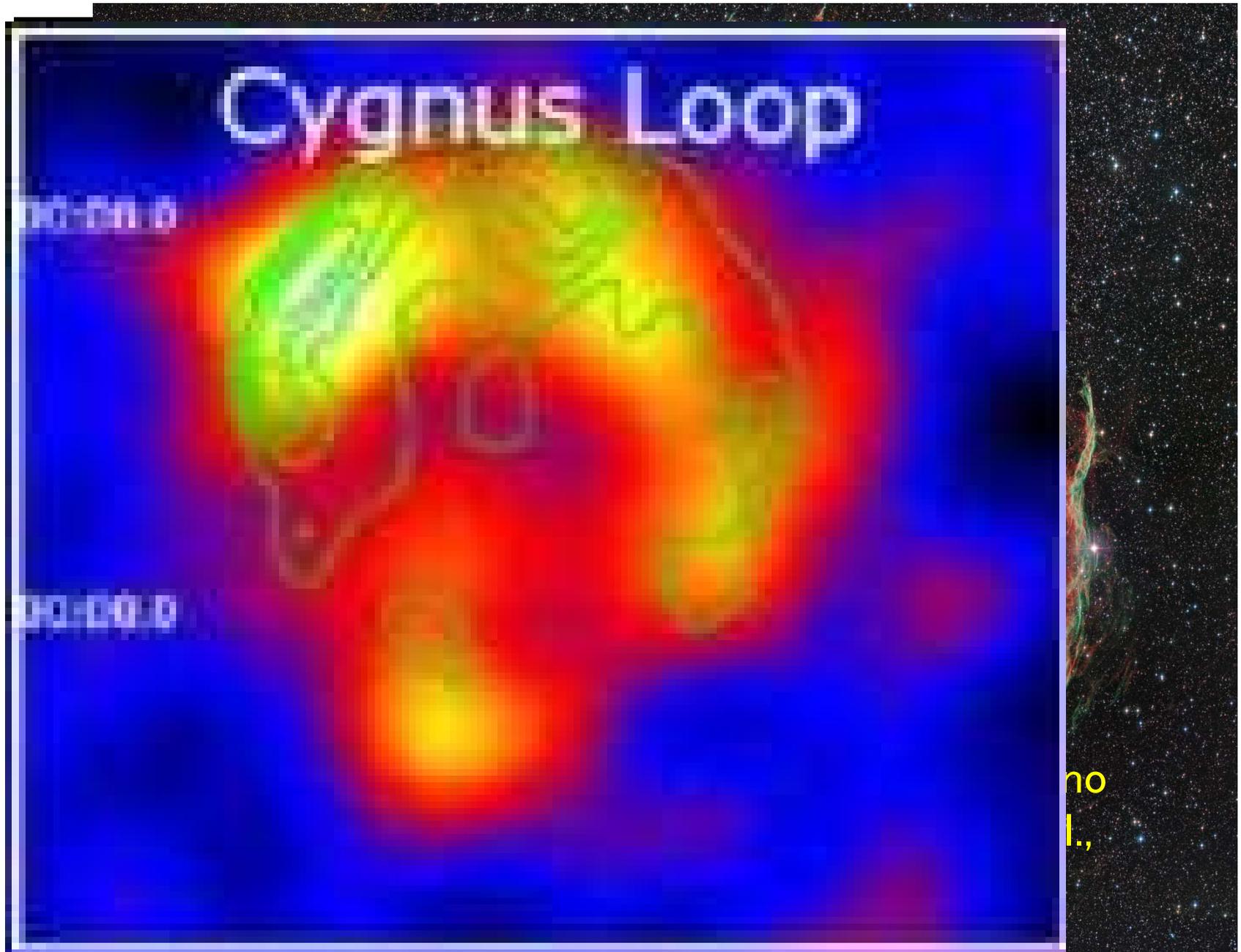
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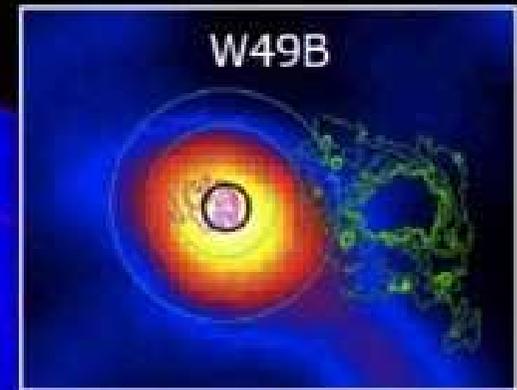
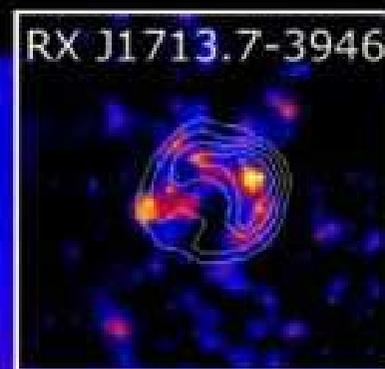
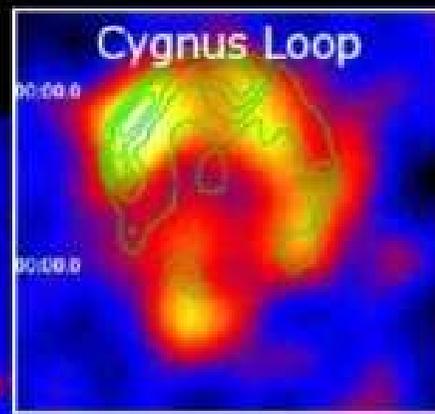
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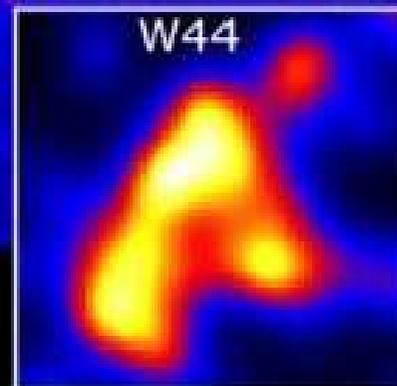
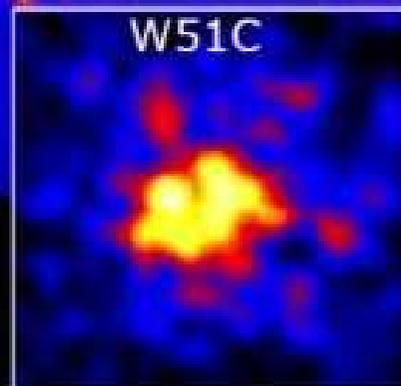
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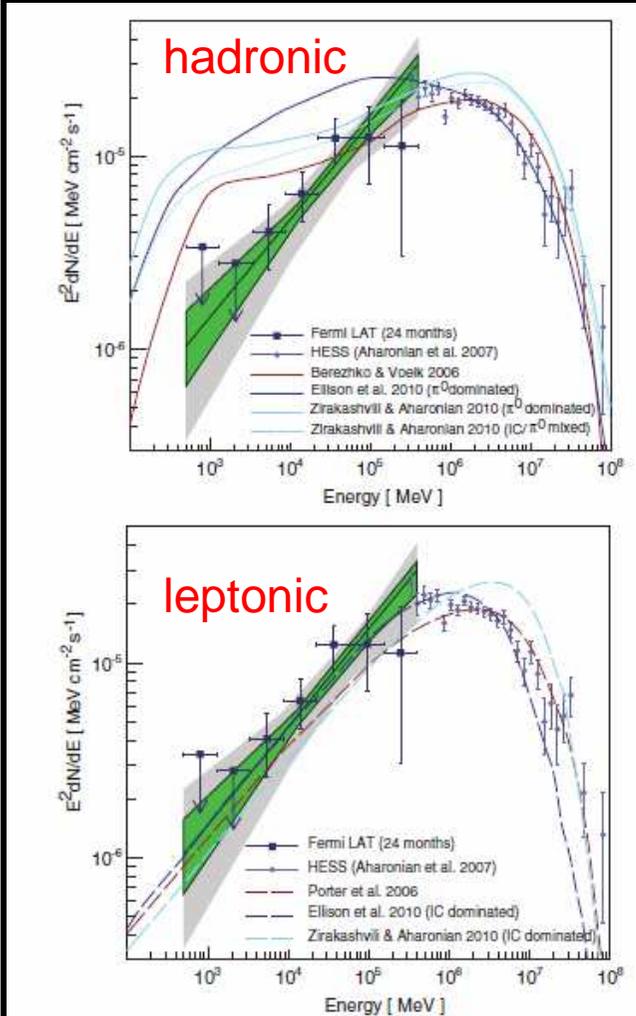


Sono i siti di produzione e accelerazione dei raggi cosmici?



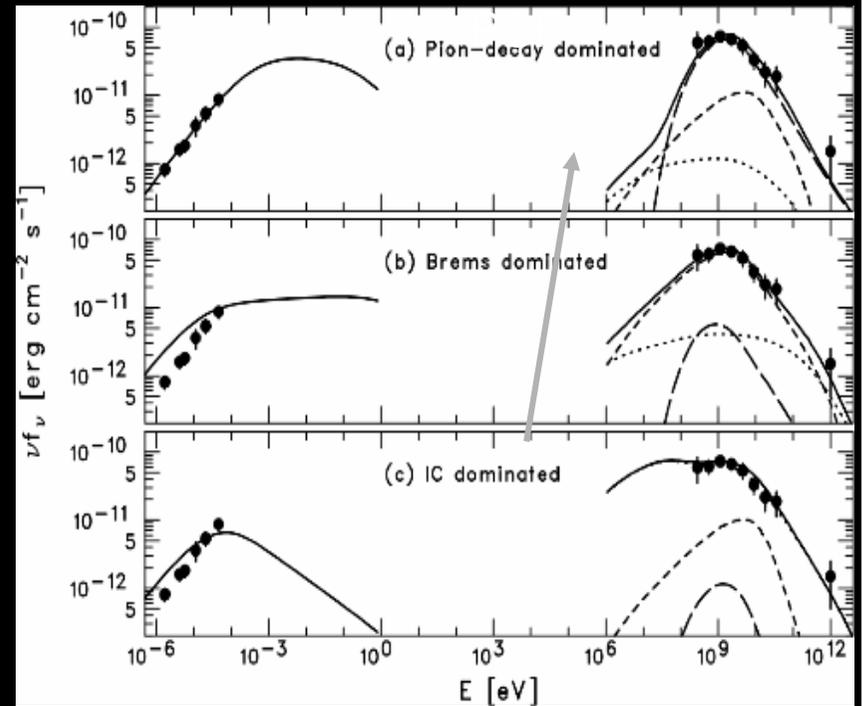
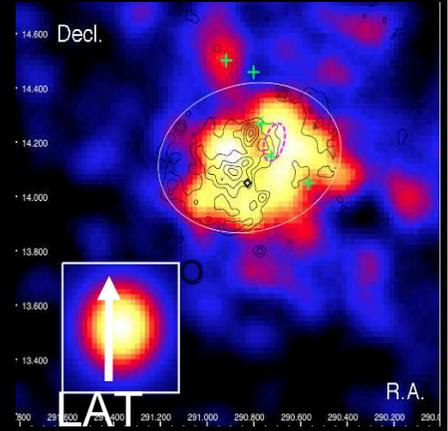
# Modelli di resti di supernova

Come si sceglie il modello giusto?



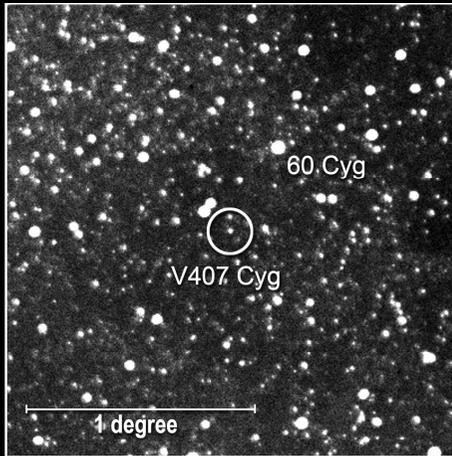
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Leptonic model favored  
(Abdo et al. ApJ 734,28,2011)

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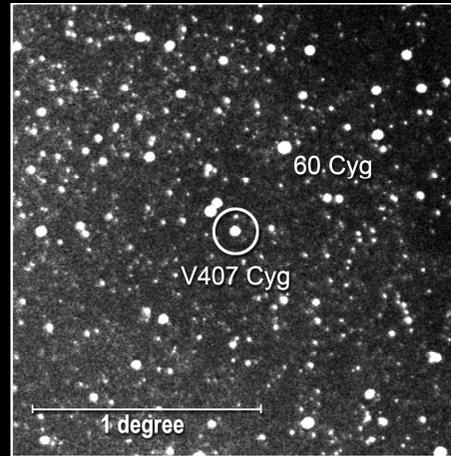


# Novae a raggi gamma

## Nova Cygni 2010 in Visible Light



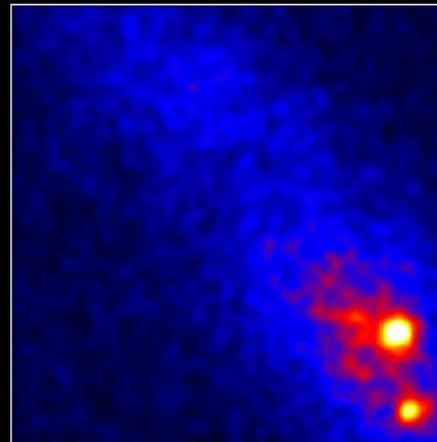
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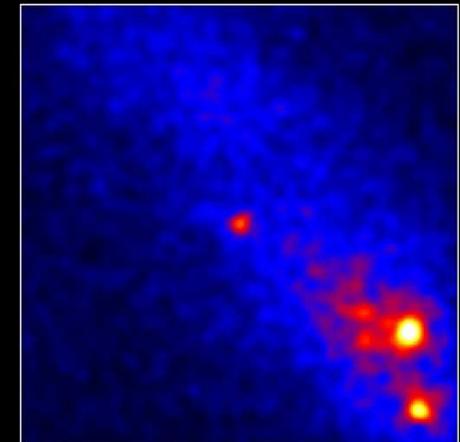
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## Fermi Detects Gamma Rays from Nova Cygni 2010



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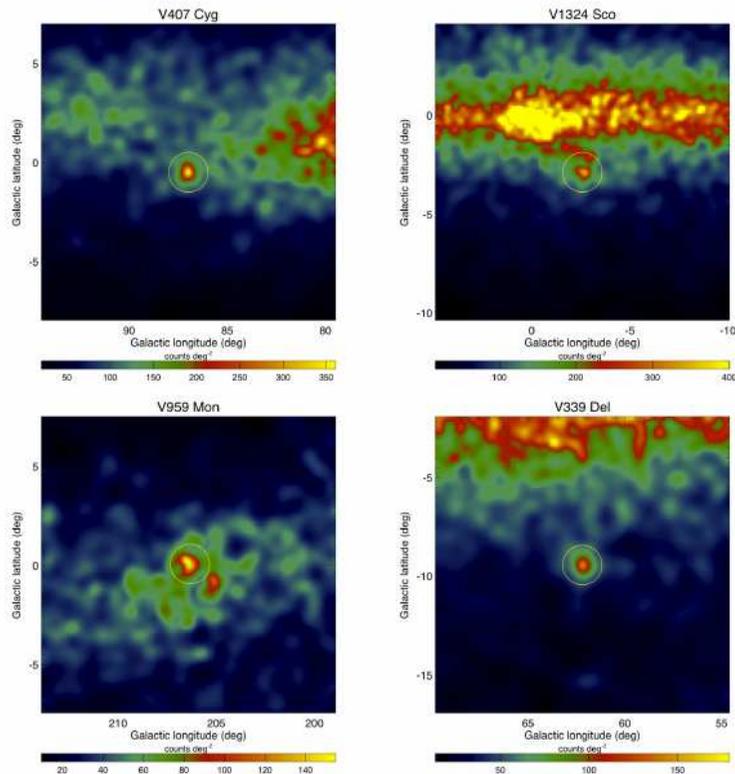


March 10 to 29, 2010

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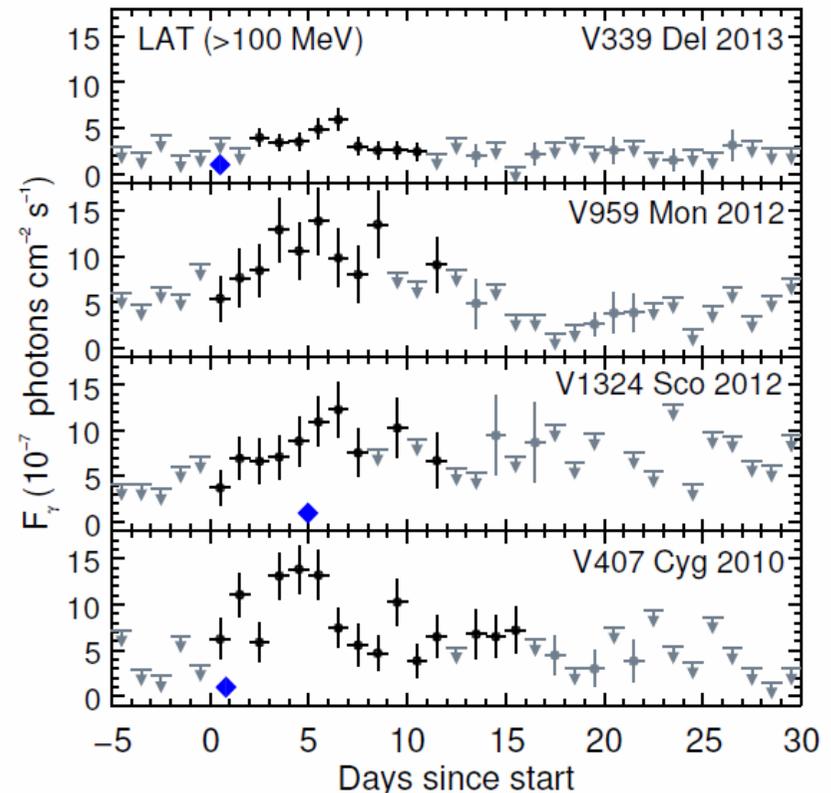
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# Fermi e le novae

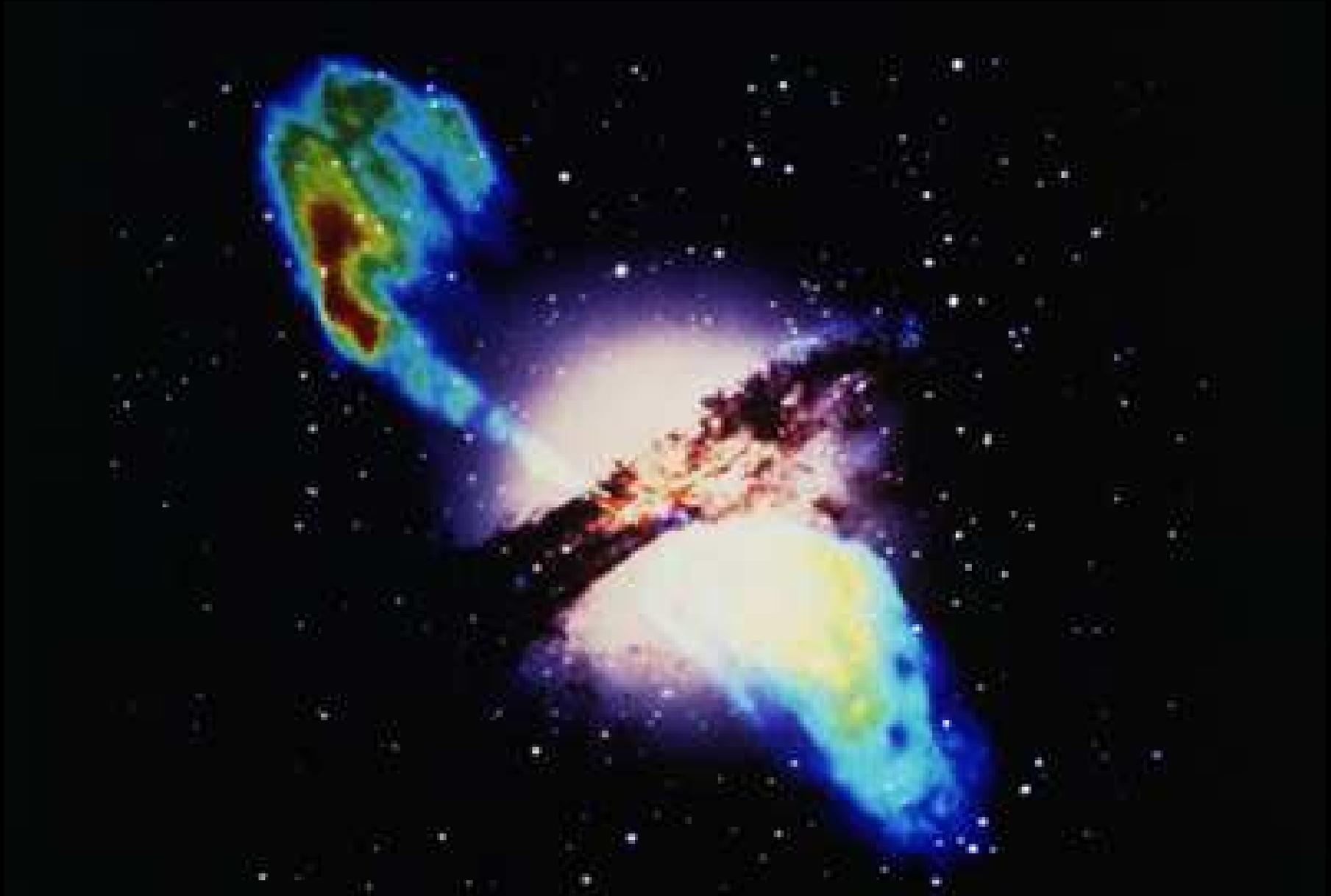


Ackermann+14, Science

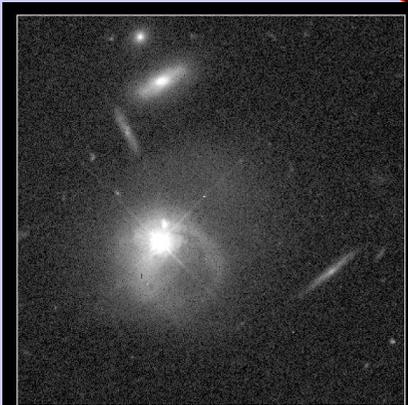
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- Accelerazione particelle
  - Urti interni
  - Urti con altre stelle?
- Leptonico o adronico



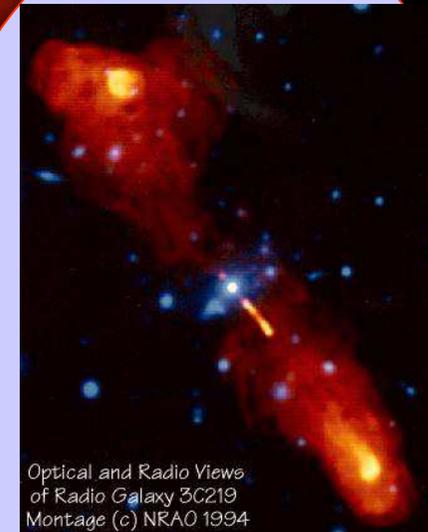
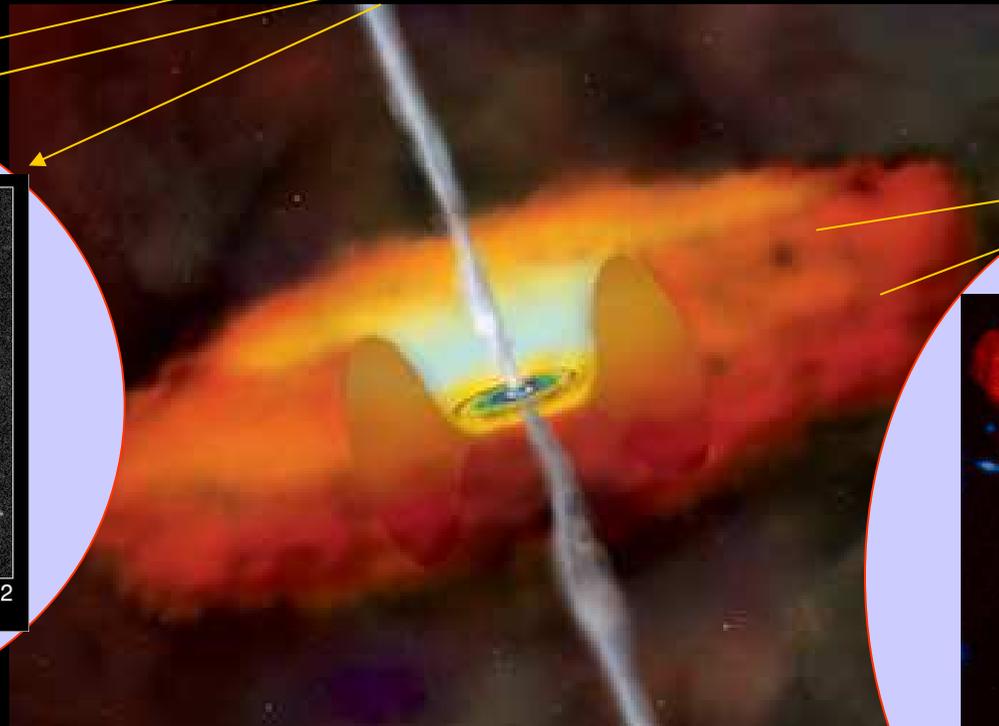
# Verso altre galassie



# Questione di prospettiva



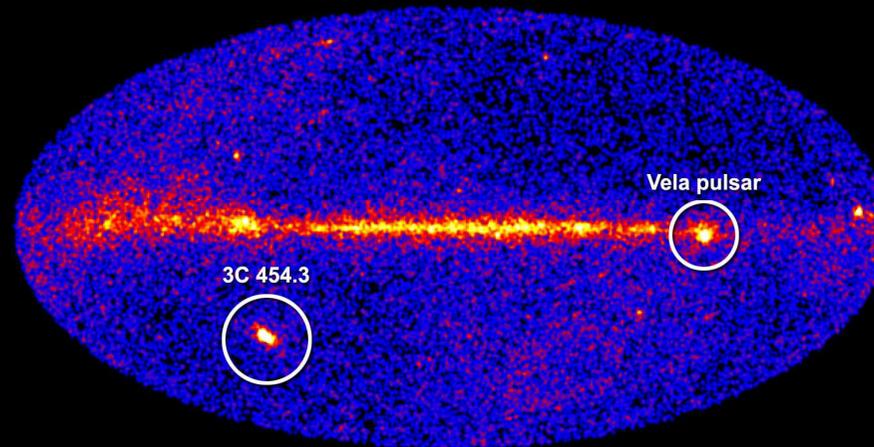
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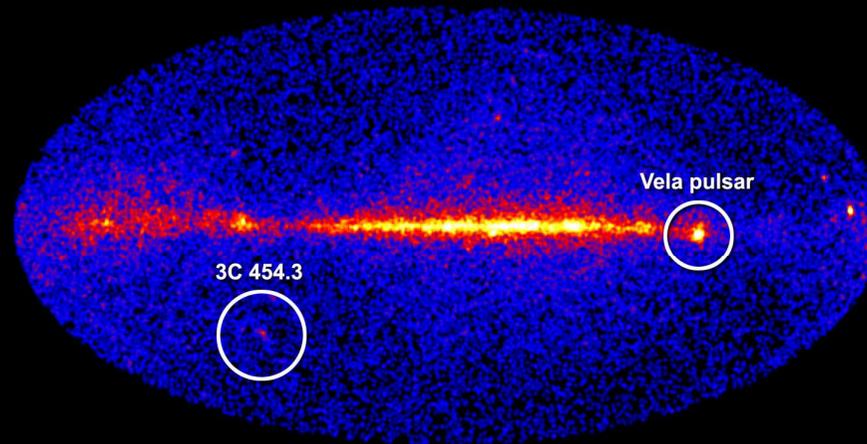
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# Fermi e i Nuclei Galattici Attivi

## Blazar 3C 454.3's Record Flare



December 2, 2009

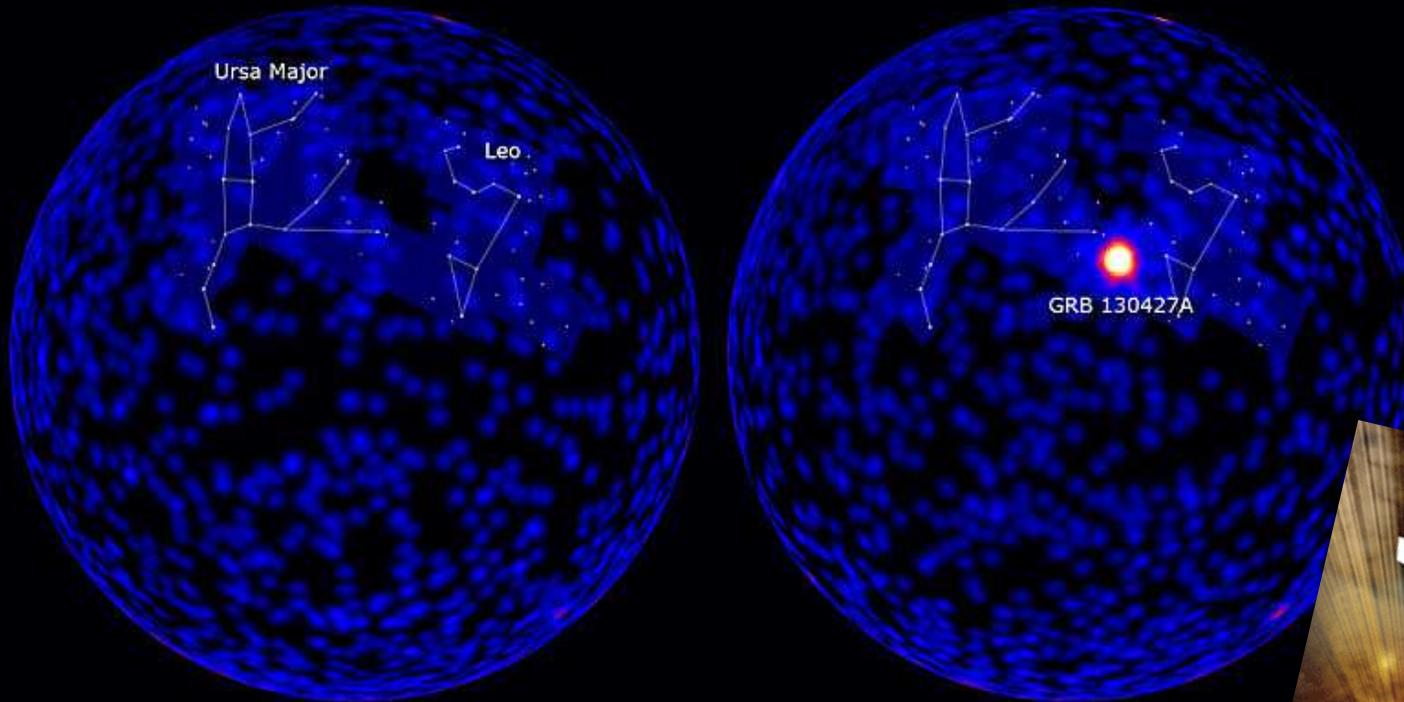


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# Esplosioni cosmiche



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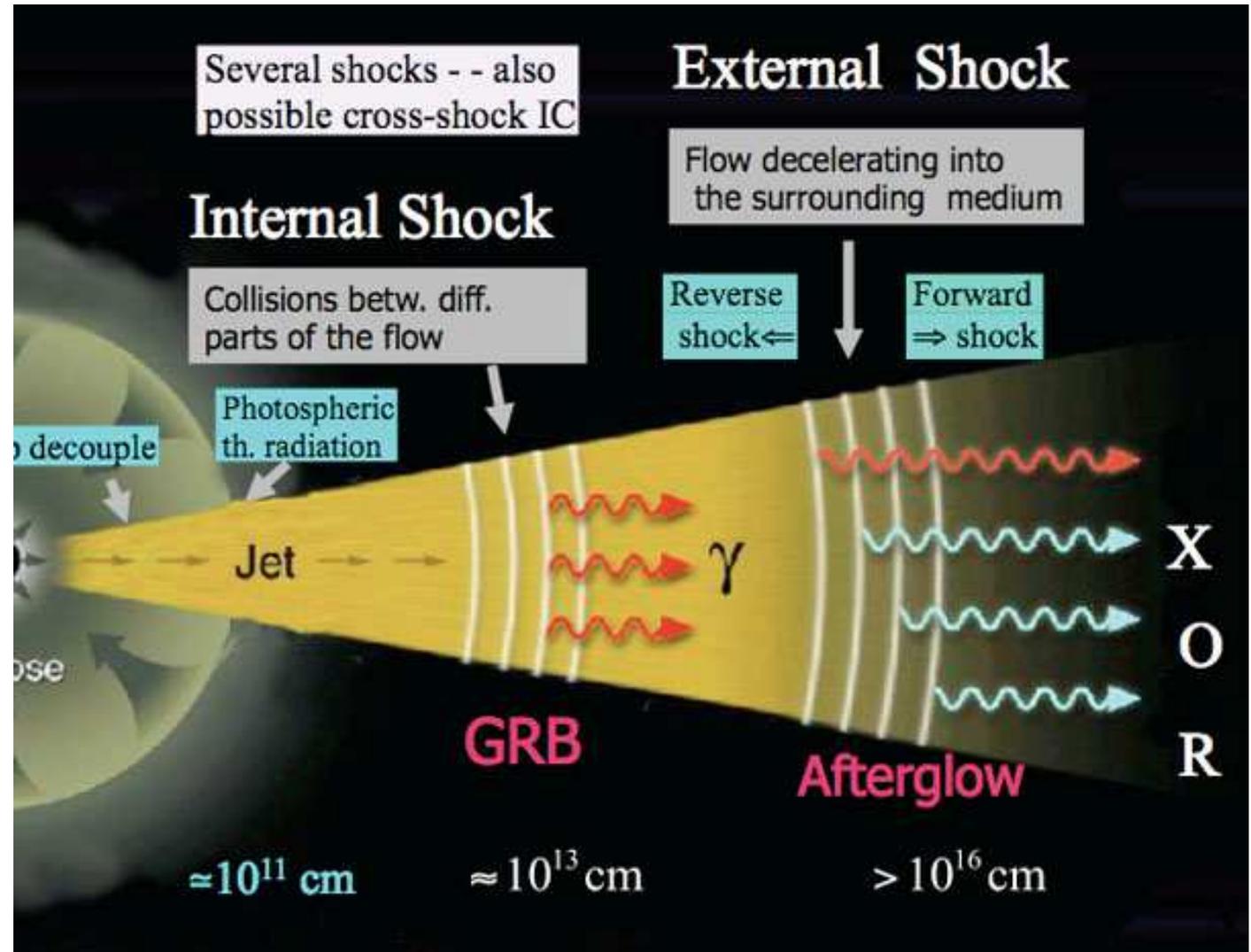
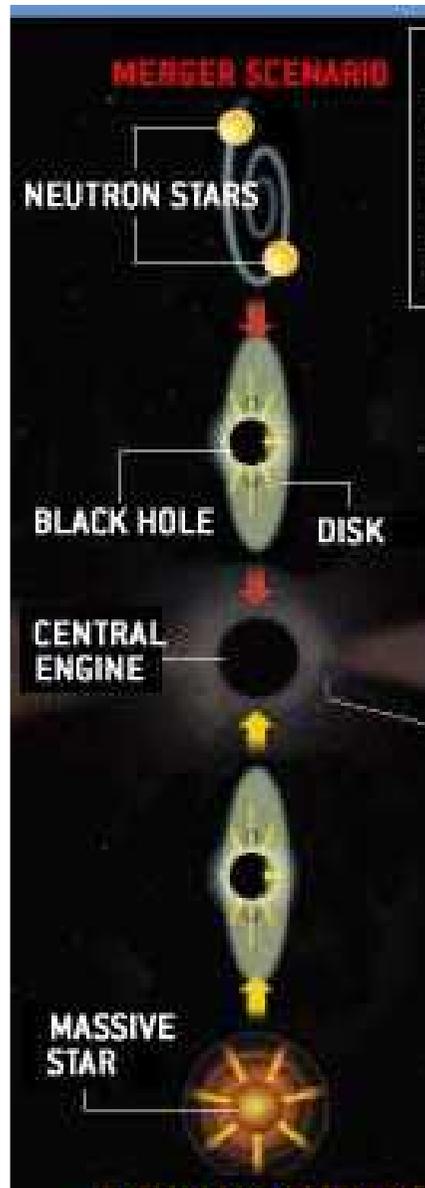


Before and after Fermi LAT views of GRB 130427A, centered on the north galactic pole

3.6 miliardi di anni luce  
+  
94 GeV



# Palle di fuoco?

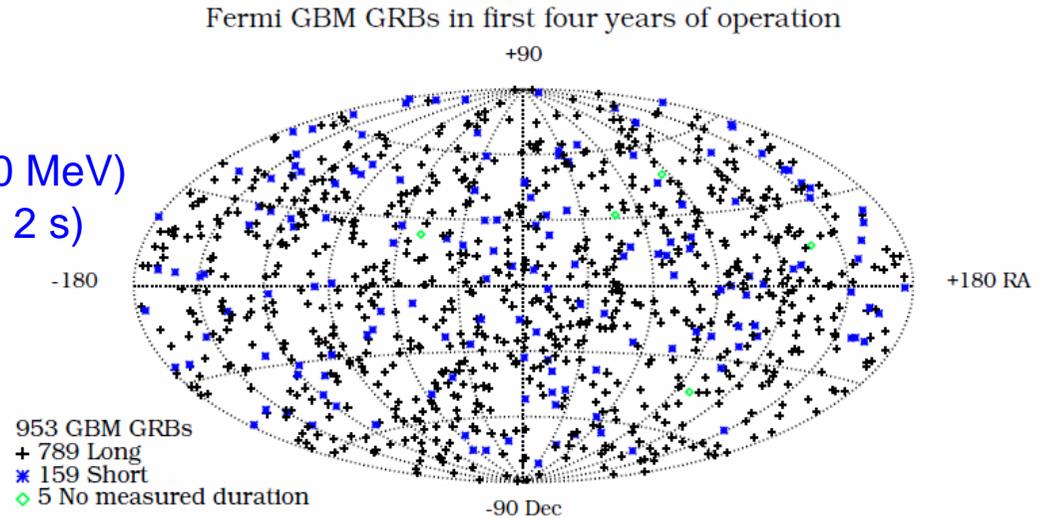


# Esplosioni cosmiche

- First LAT GRB Catalog (Ackermann+13, ApJS)
  - 35 GRBs detected by LAT (28 >100 MeV)
  - 5 of them are short GRBs ( $T_{90, \text{GBM}} < 2 \text{ s}$ )
- 2° GBM Catalog (Von Kienlin+14)
  - 963 GRBs

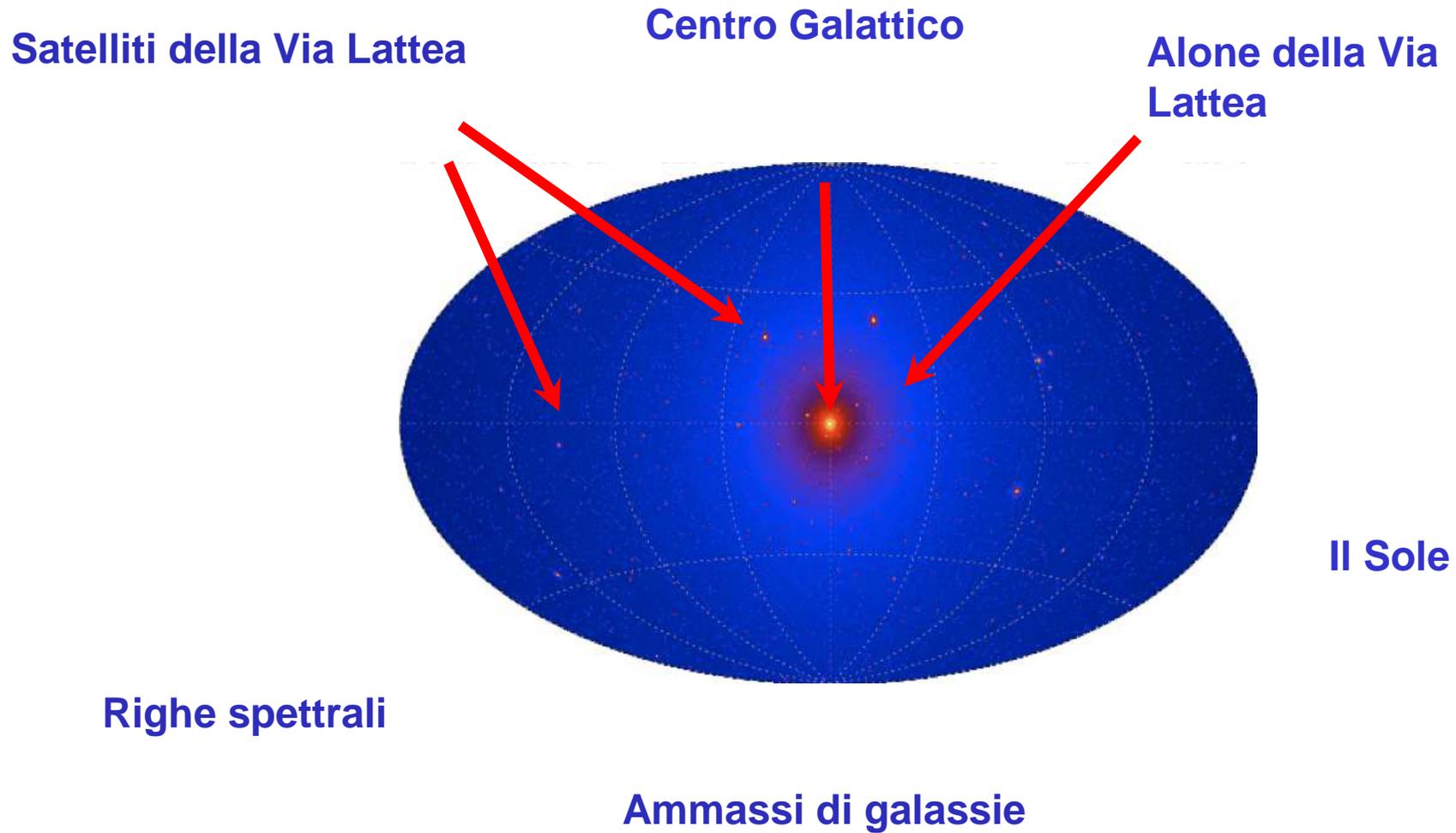
## Alcuni risultati

- Spettri e curve di luce:
  - Fotoni di altissima energia
  - Gravità Quantistica
  - Emissioni prolungate



# Non solo gamma: Materia Oscura dal cielo

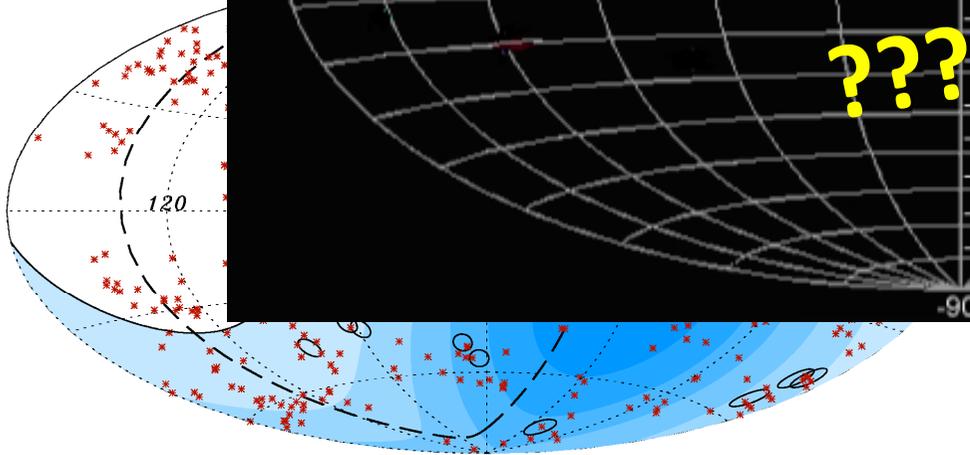
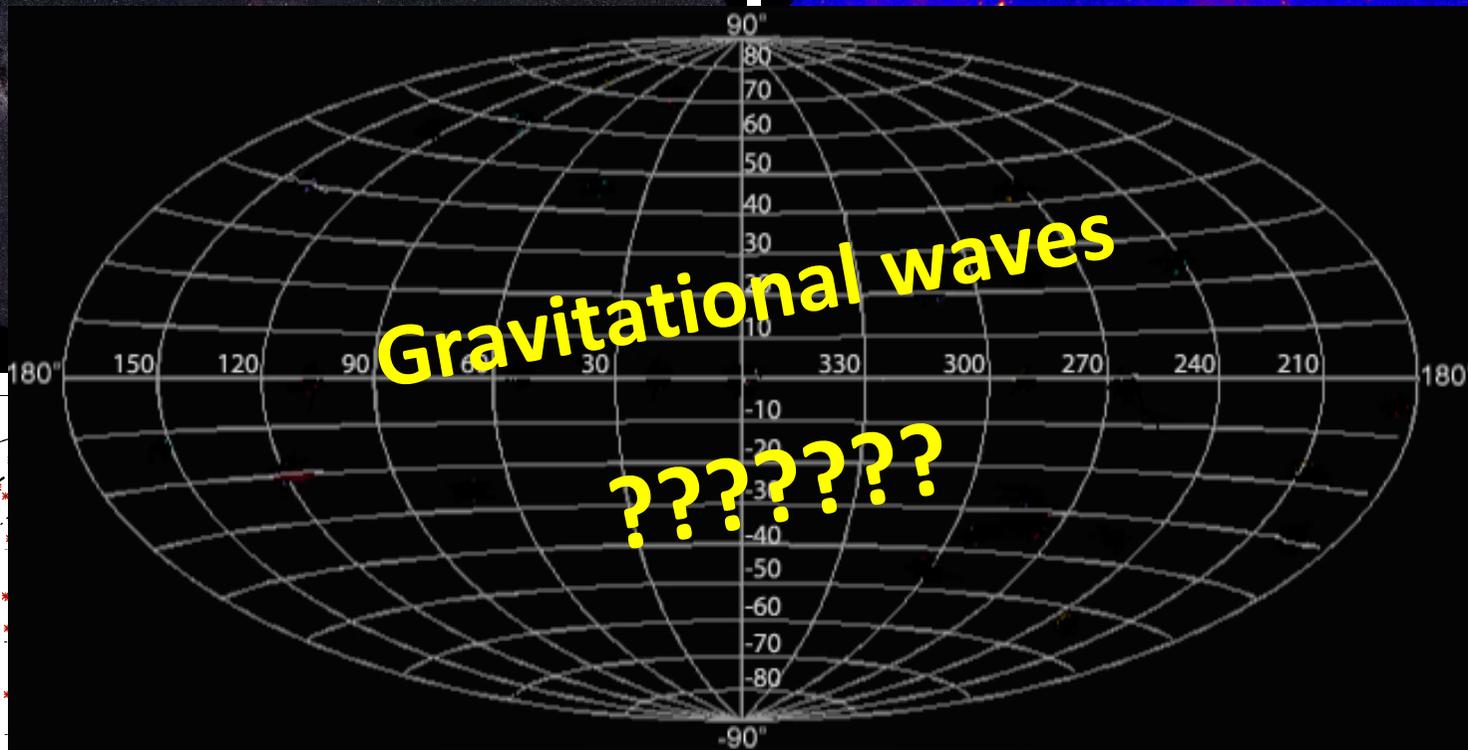
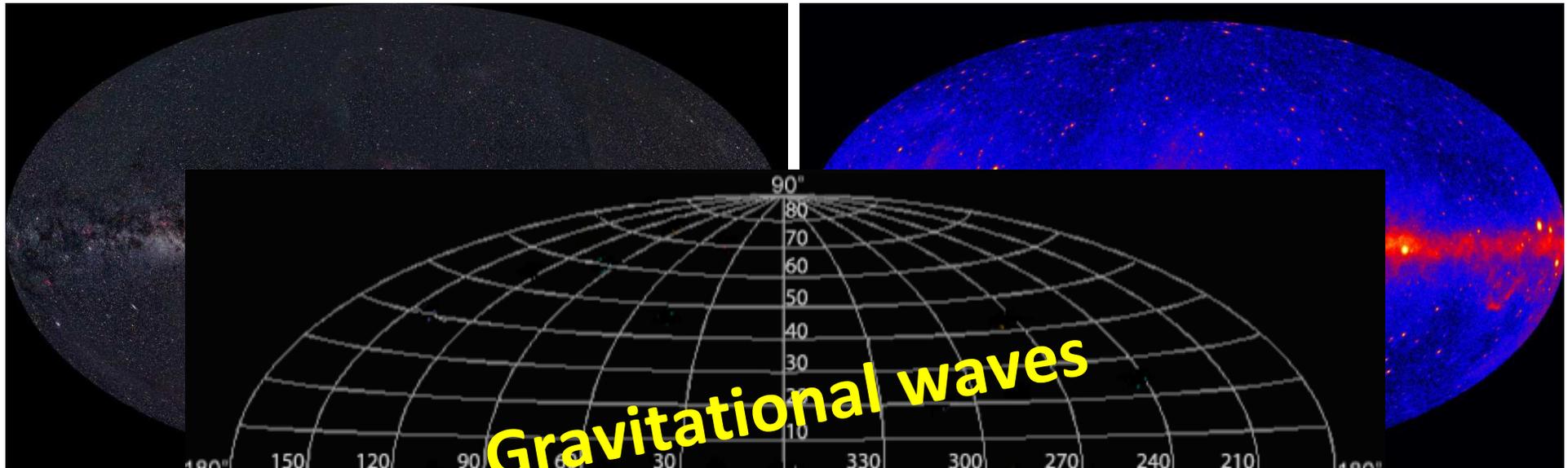
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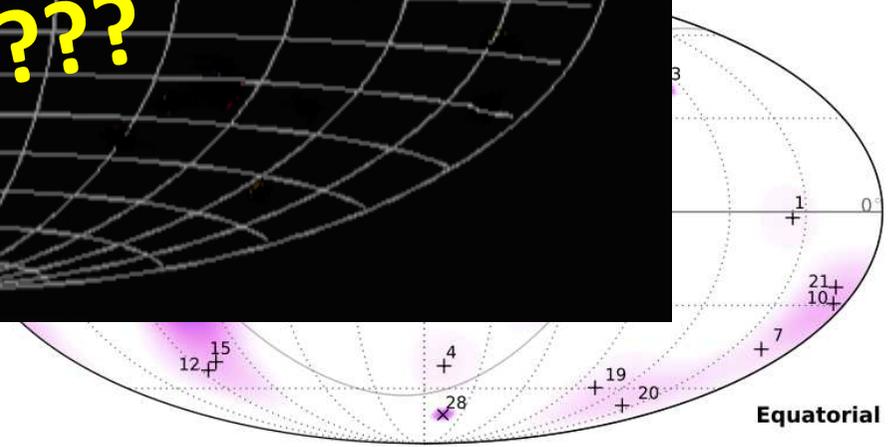
# Non solo gamma : messaggeri cosmici

Optical (APOD)

Gamma rays > 0.1 GeV (Fermi-LAT, 2013)



Cosmic rays > 57 Eev (Auger, 2007)



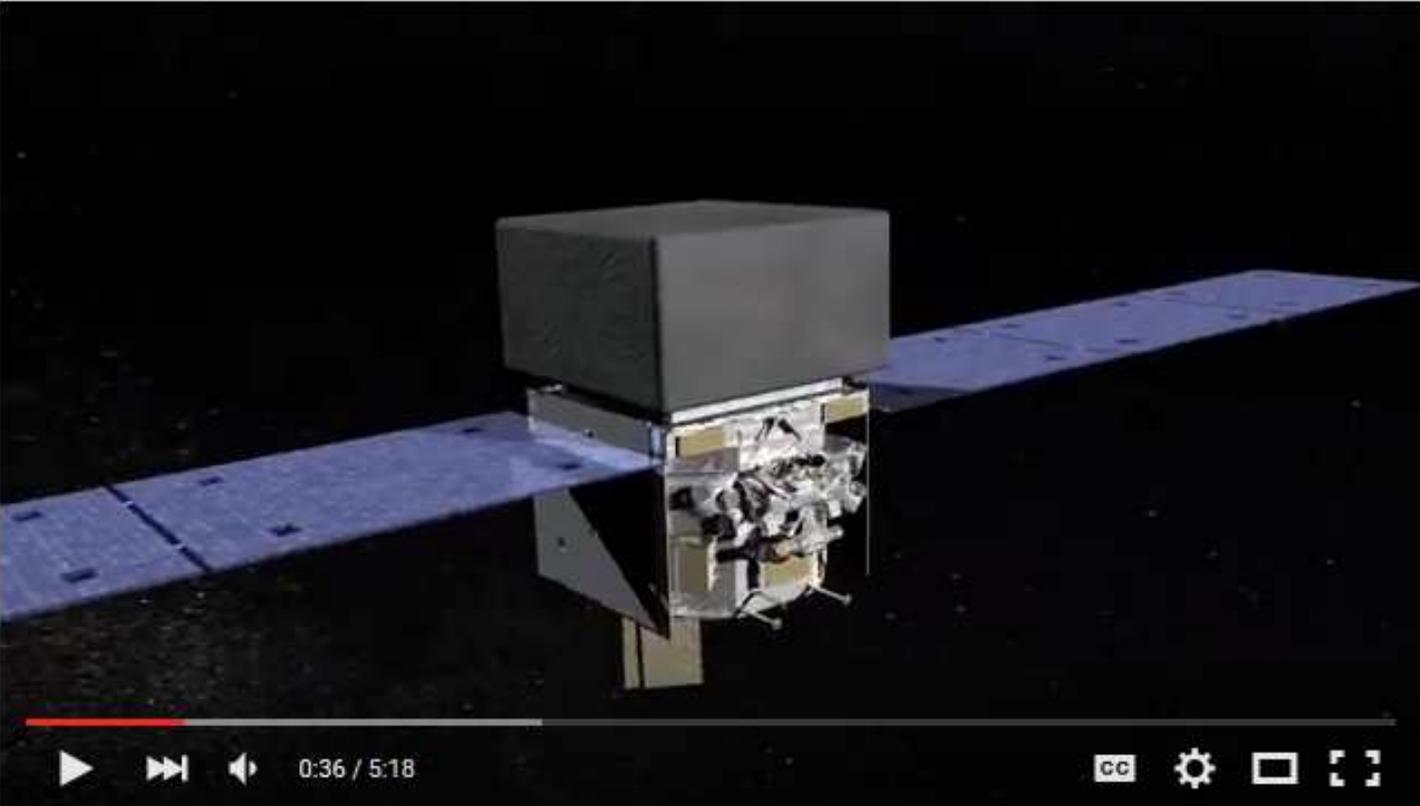
Neutrinos > 30 Tev (Icecube, 2013)

Equatorial

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# The Science of Fermi (su YouTube)

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# Fermi in classe

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- Fermi è un ottimo esempio dell'astrofisica “non convenzionale” dallo spazio
- Moltissimo materiale educativo, anche in italiano
  
- Video e immagini su sito NASA
  - *[fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov)*
  
- Materiale educativo
  - *[fermi.sonoma.edu](http://fermi.sonoma.edu)*
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