

Statistics in Indirect Dark Matter Searches

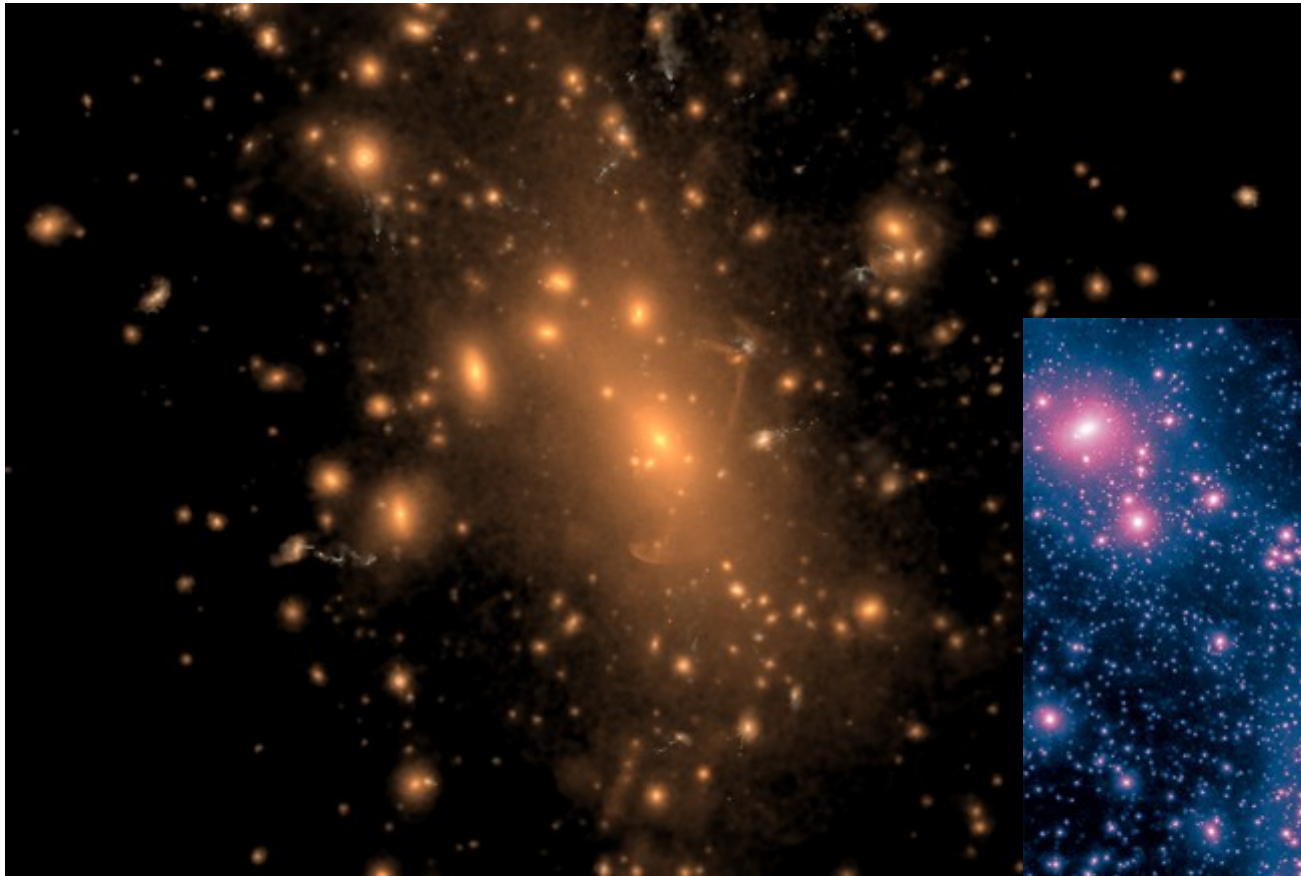


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Introduction

Is dark matter dark?



Stellar light distribution

DM annihilation radiation



Illustris simulation, most massive $z=0$ cluster

<http://www.illustris-project.org/media/>

Dark matter annihilation/decay and cosmic rays

DM self-annihilation into gamma rays

Gunn+ 1978; Stecker 1978, ...

Proposal to search for anti-protons from MSSM neutralinos

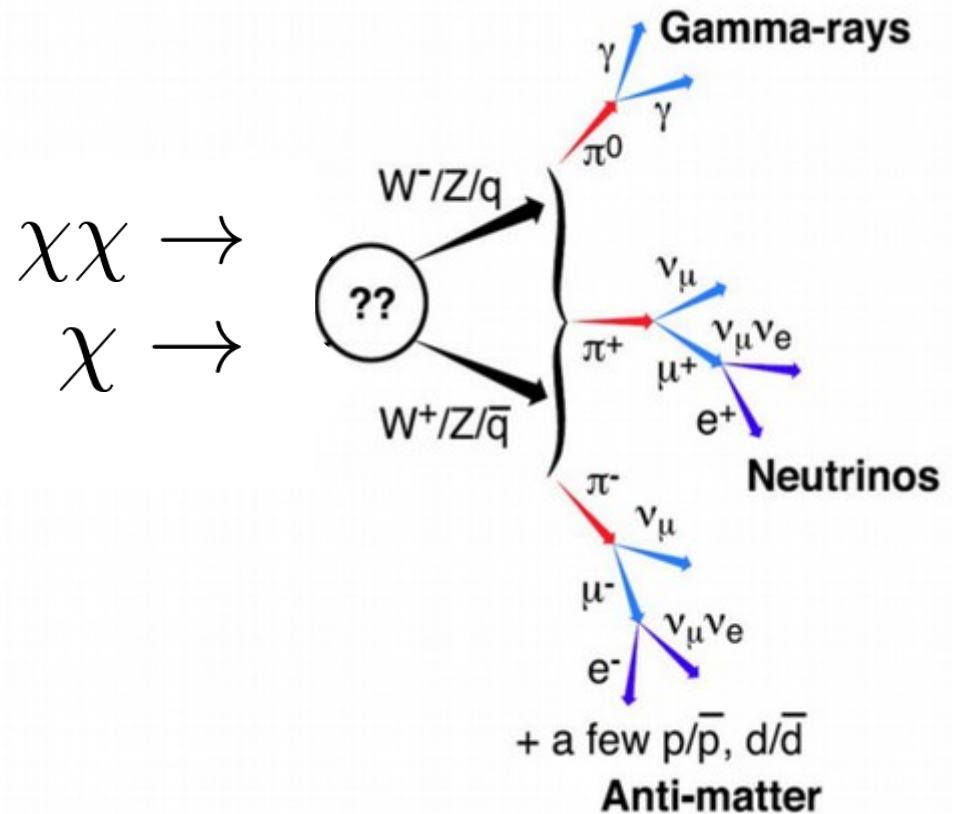
Silk & Srednicki 1984; ...

Searching for neutrinos from the Sun

Silk, Olive & Srednicki 1985; Press & Spergel 1985; ...

Searches for gamma-ray lines

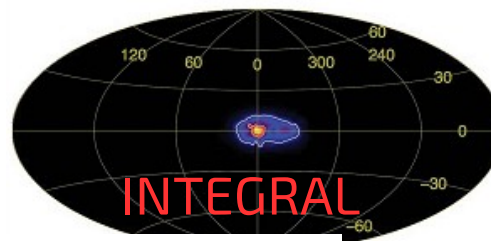
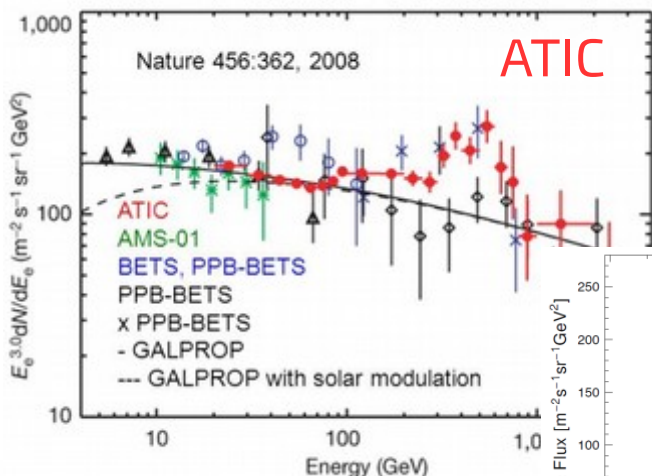
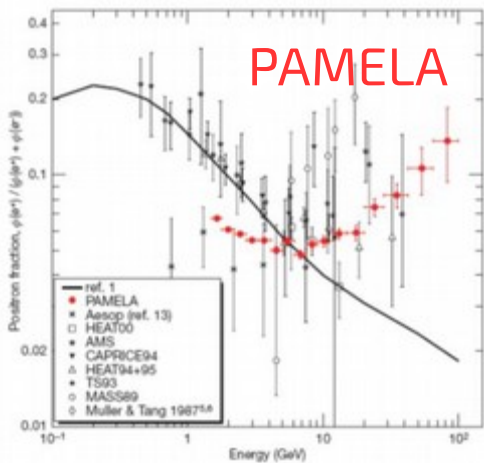
Bergström & Snellmann 1988; Rudaz 1989; ...



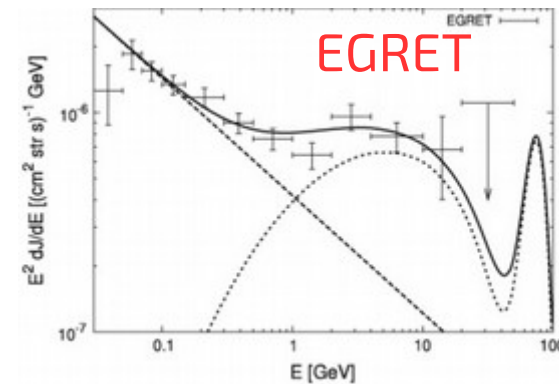
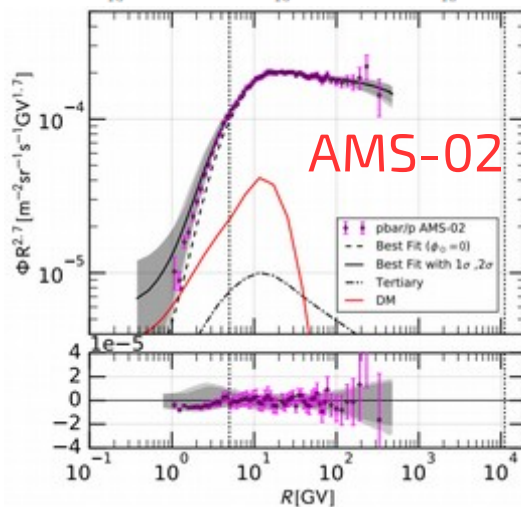
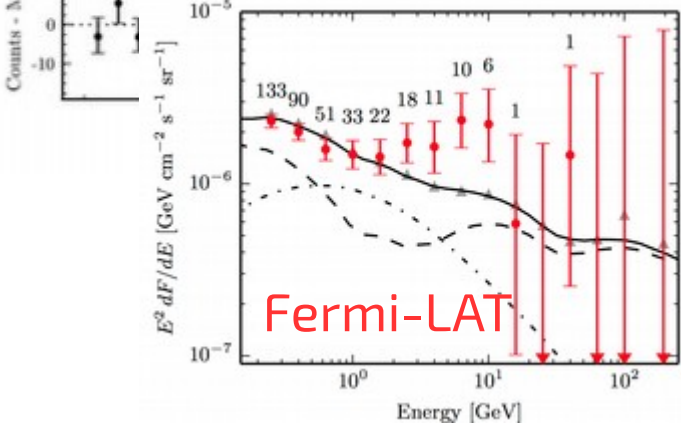
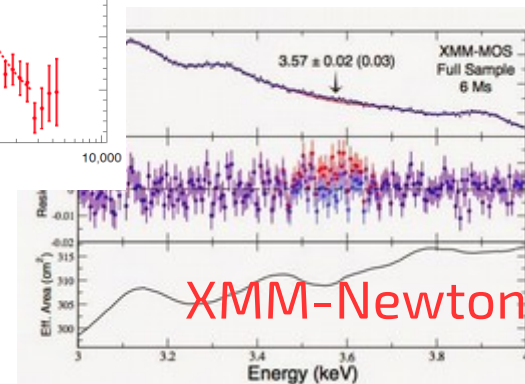
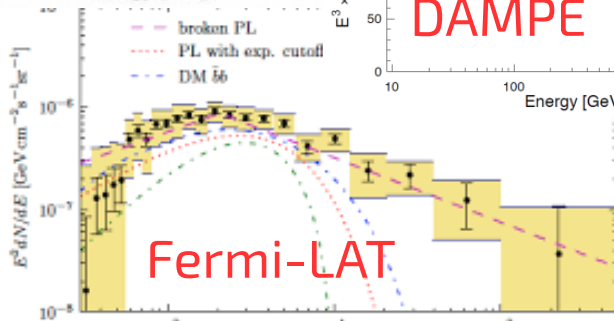
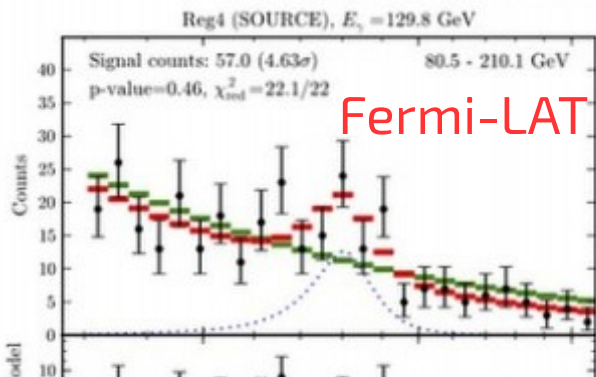
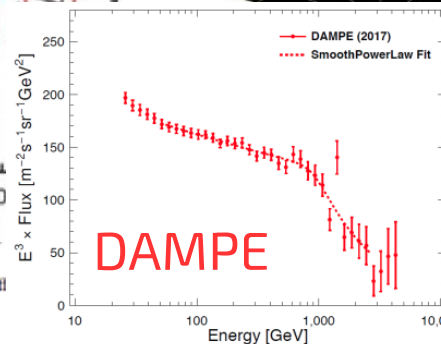
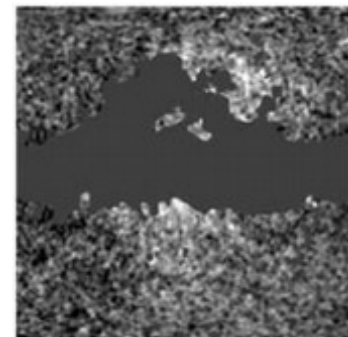
Decay

Very model dependent (sterile neutrinos, R-parity violating gravitino DM, axions, ...)

Some of the signal claims of recent years



WMAP



Propagation of messengers from DM

Differential emissivity of DM annihilation products

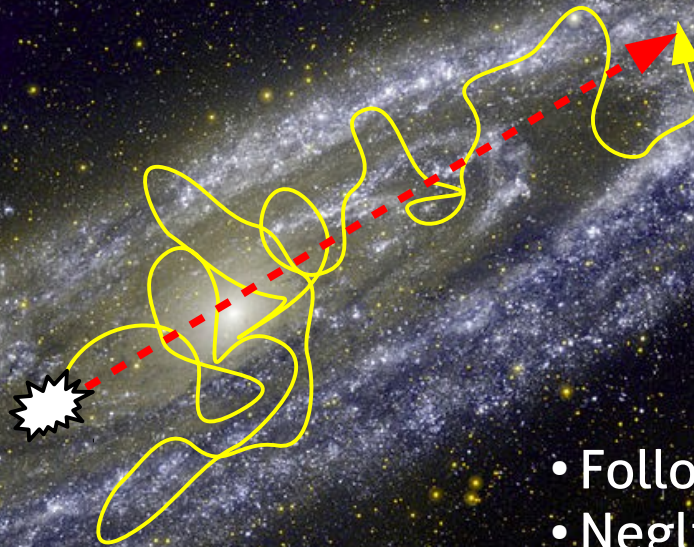
$$\frac{d^3 N_X}{dV dt dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle \rho_{\text{DM}}^2}{2m_{\text{DM}}^2} \frac{dN_X}{dE}$$

Charged particles

- Diffuse propagation

$$r_g \sim 3.3 \times 10^9 \text{ m} \cdot E_{1\text{GeV}}$$

- Effective energy losses



Photons & neutrinos

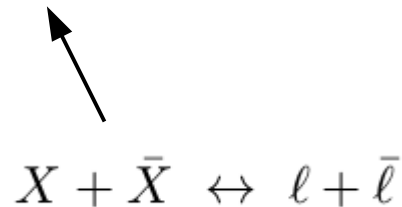
- Follow geodesics
- Negligible energy losses

Dark matter freeze-out

Boltzmann equation for particles in comoving volume

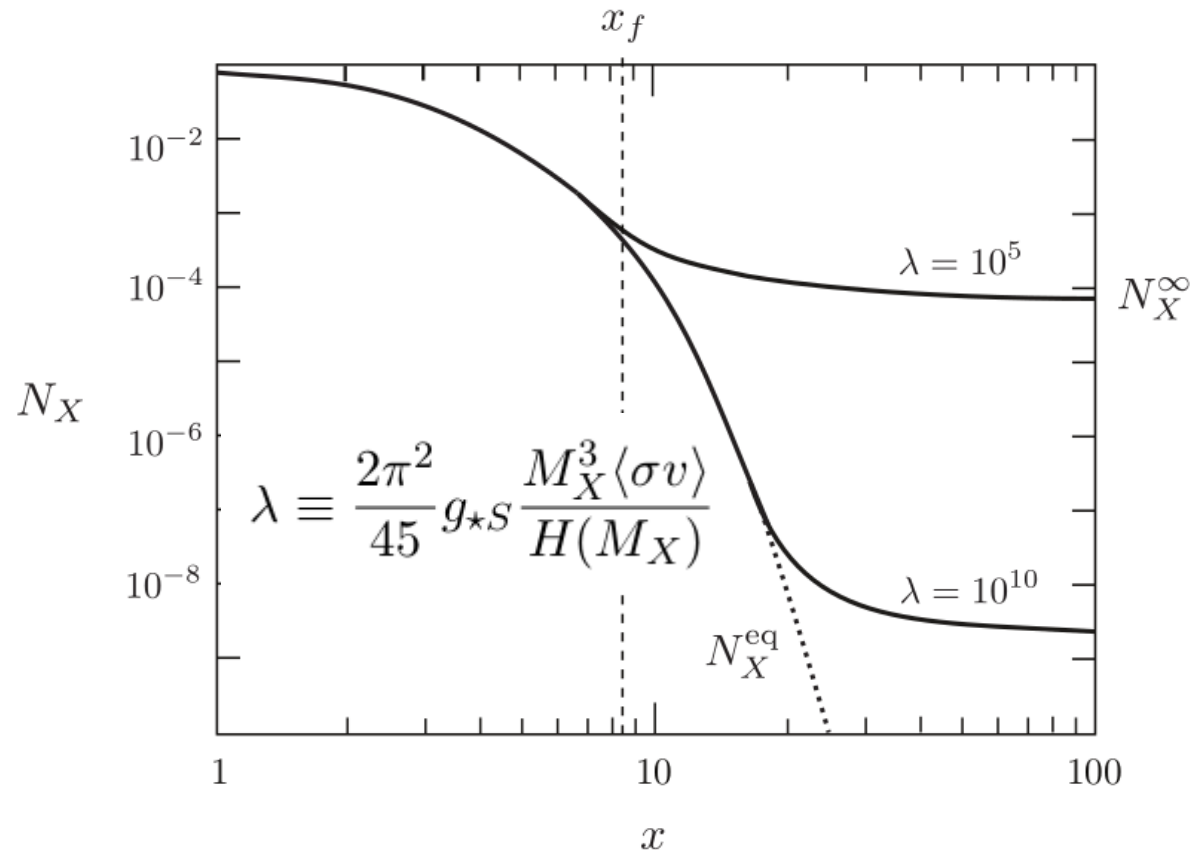
$$\frac{dN_X}{dt} = -s\langle\sigma v\rangle \left[N_X^2 - (N_X^{\text{eq}})^2 \right]$$

$$N_X \equiv n_X/s, \quad x \equiv \frac{M_X}{T}$$



Relic density today

$$\Omega_X = \frac{\rho_{X,0}}{\rho_{\text{crit},0}} = \frac{M_X N_X^\infty s_0}{\rho_{\text{crit},0}}$$



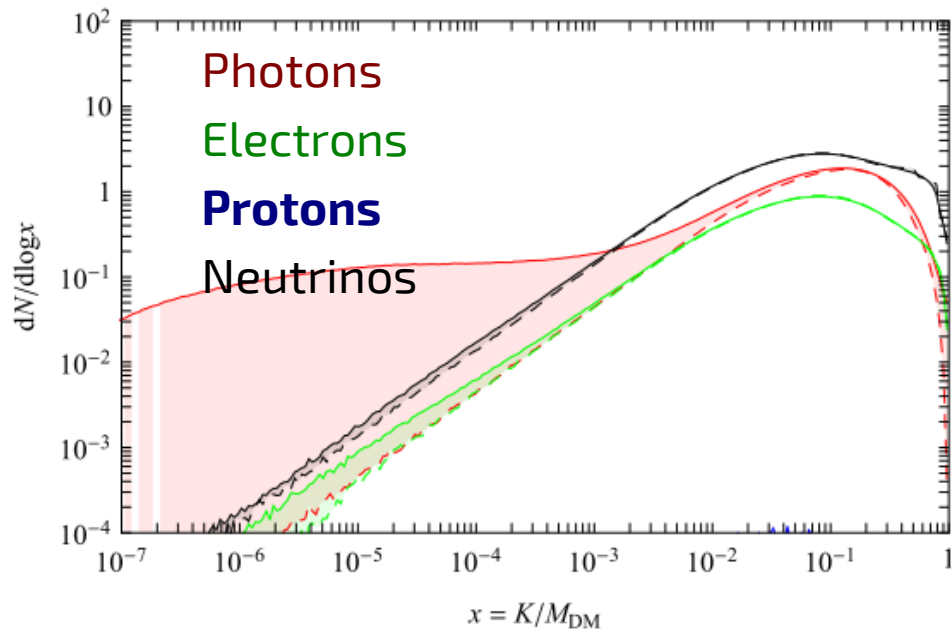
Annihilation cross-section

$$\Omega_X h^2 \sim 0.1 \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle} \sim \frac{10^{-3} G_F}{\langle\sigma v\rangle}$$

Final state energy spectra

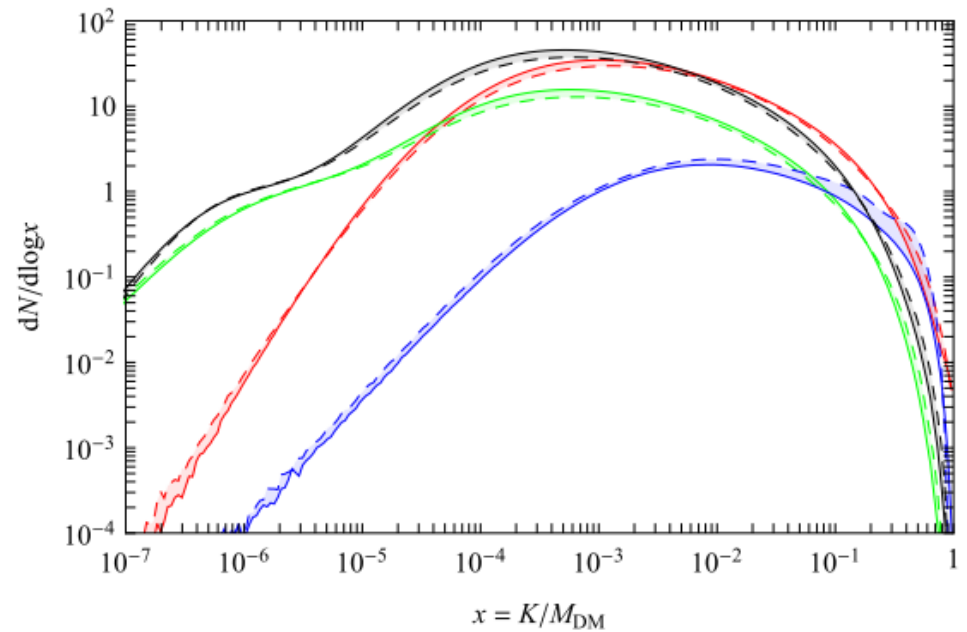
Annihilation into tau leptons

DM DM $\rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ at $M_{\text{DM}} = 1$ TeV



Annihilation into quarks

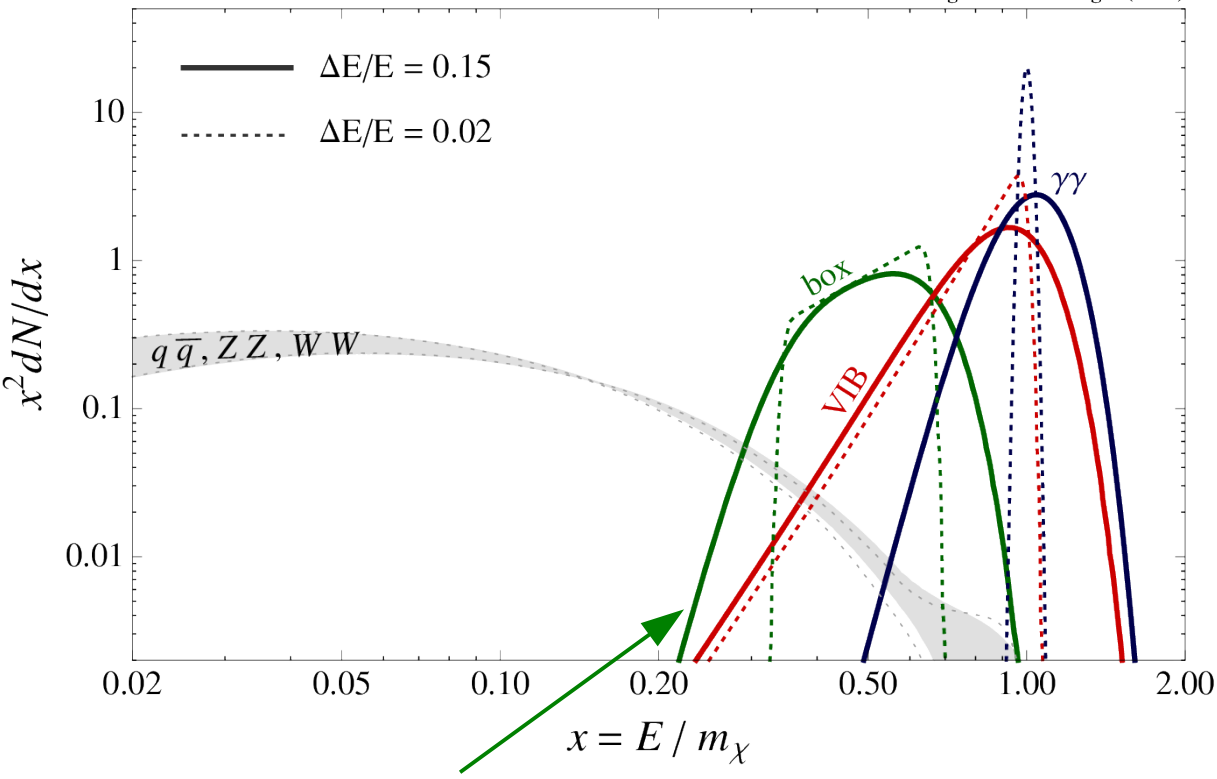
DM DM $\rightarrow q\bar{q}$ at $M_{\text{DM}} = 1$ TeV



Cirelli et al. (2010)

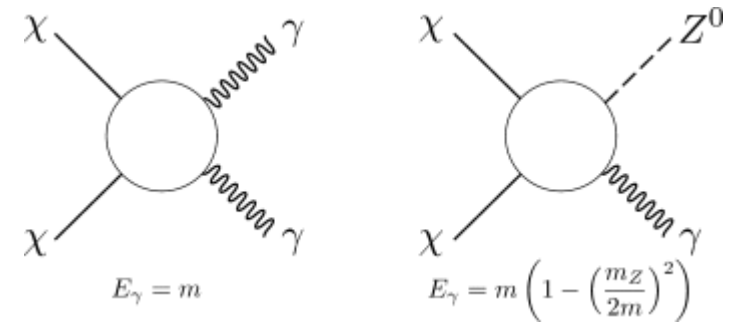
Gamma-ray spectral features

Bringmann & Weniger (2012)



Gamma-ray lines

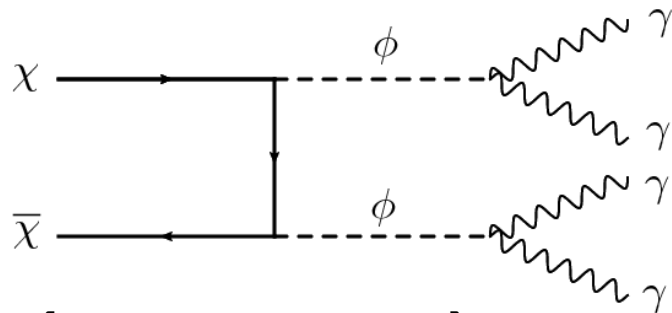
$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z^0$$



[Bergström & Snellman (1988)]

Cascade decays

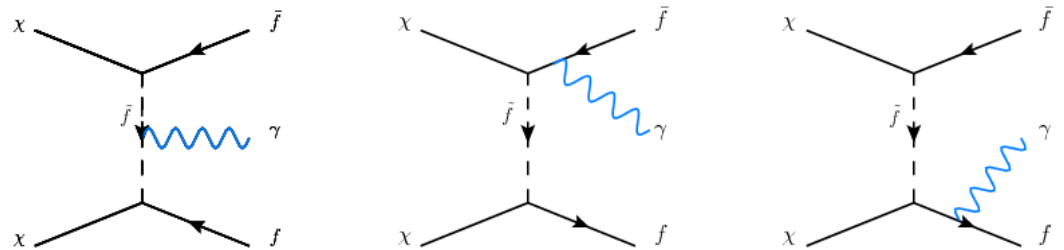
$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$$



[e.g. Ibarra et al. 2012]

Internal Bremsstrahlung (IB)

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \bar{f}f\gamma$$



[e.g. Bringmann, Bergström & Edsjö (2008)]

Spatial characteristics

Signal is approx. proportional to column square density of DM:

$$\propto \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} ds \rho_{\text{DM}}^2$$

Extended or diffuse:

(for observations with gamma rays)

Galactic DM halo

- good S/N
- difficult backgrounds
- angular information

Extragalactic

- nearly isotropic
- only visible close to Galactic poles
- angular information
- Galaxy clusters?

review on N-body simulations: Kuhlen,
Vogelsberger & Angulo (2012)

Point-like:

(for observations with gamma rays)

Galactic center (~8.5 kpc)

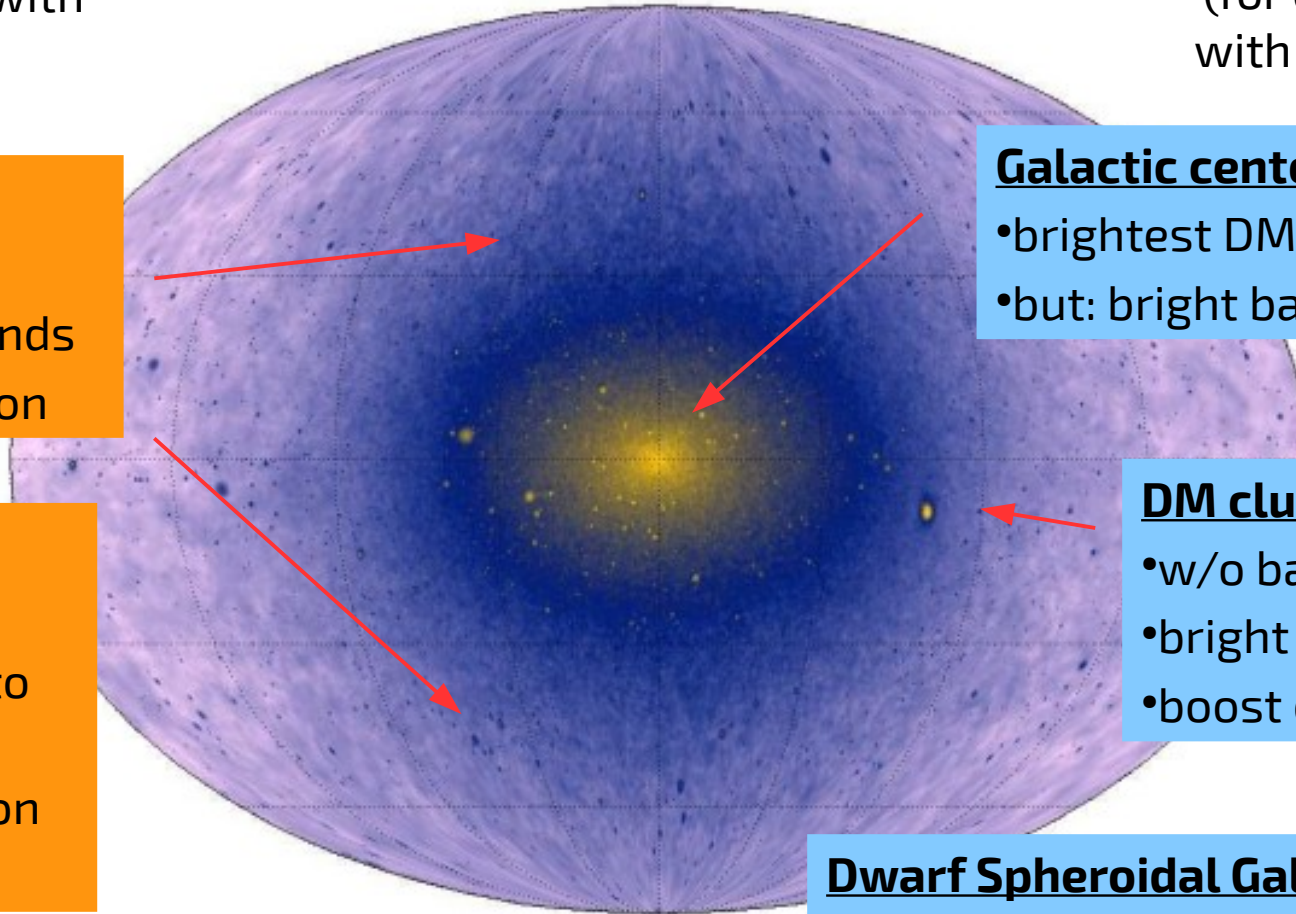
- brightest DM source in sky
- but: bright backgrounds

DM clumps

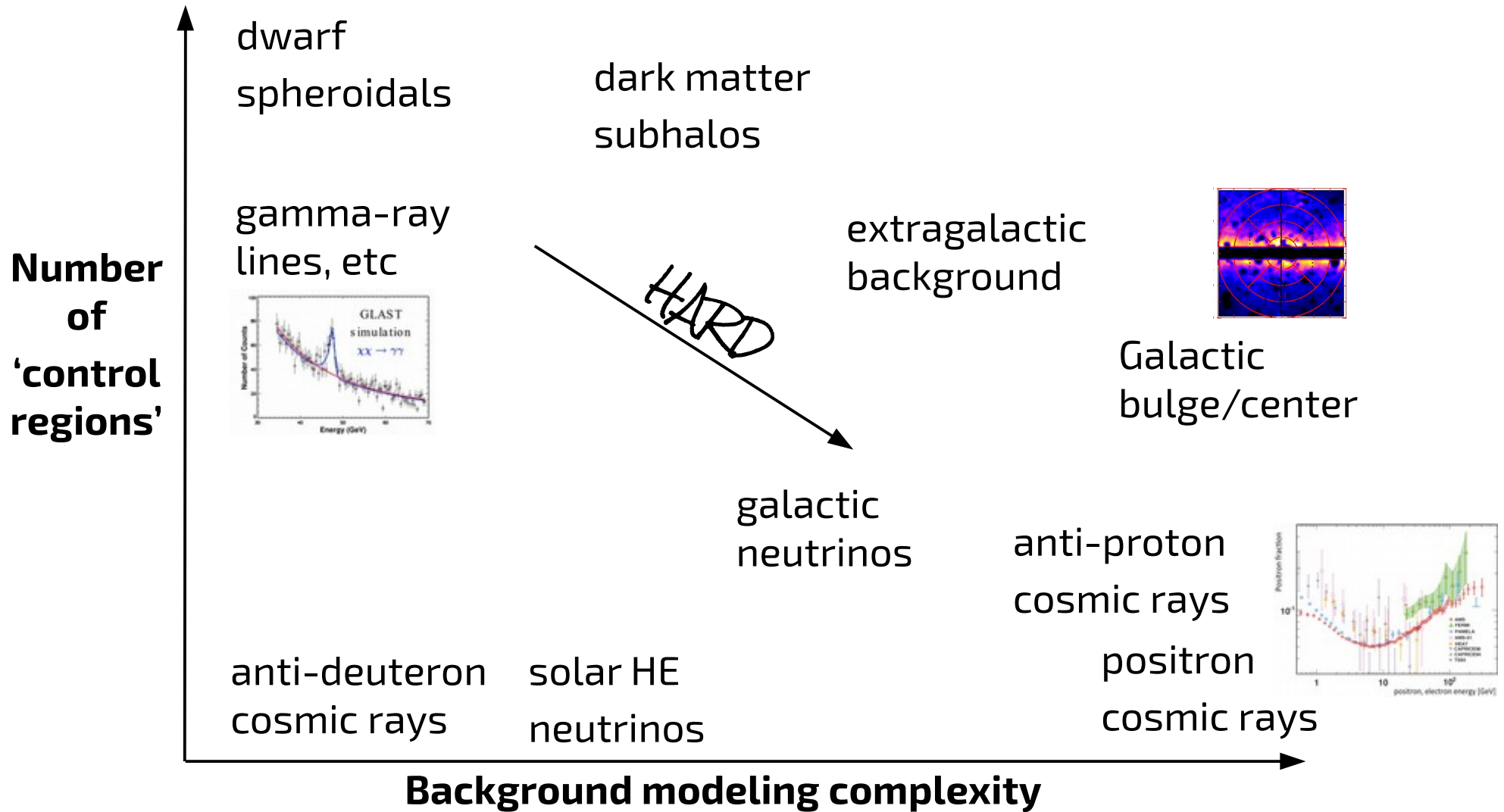
- w/o baryons
- bright enough?
- boost overall signal

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies

- harbor small number of stars
- otherwise dark (no gamma-ray emission)

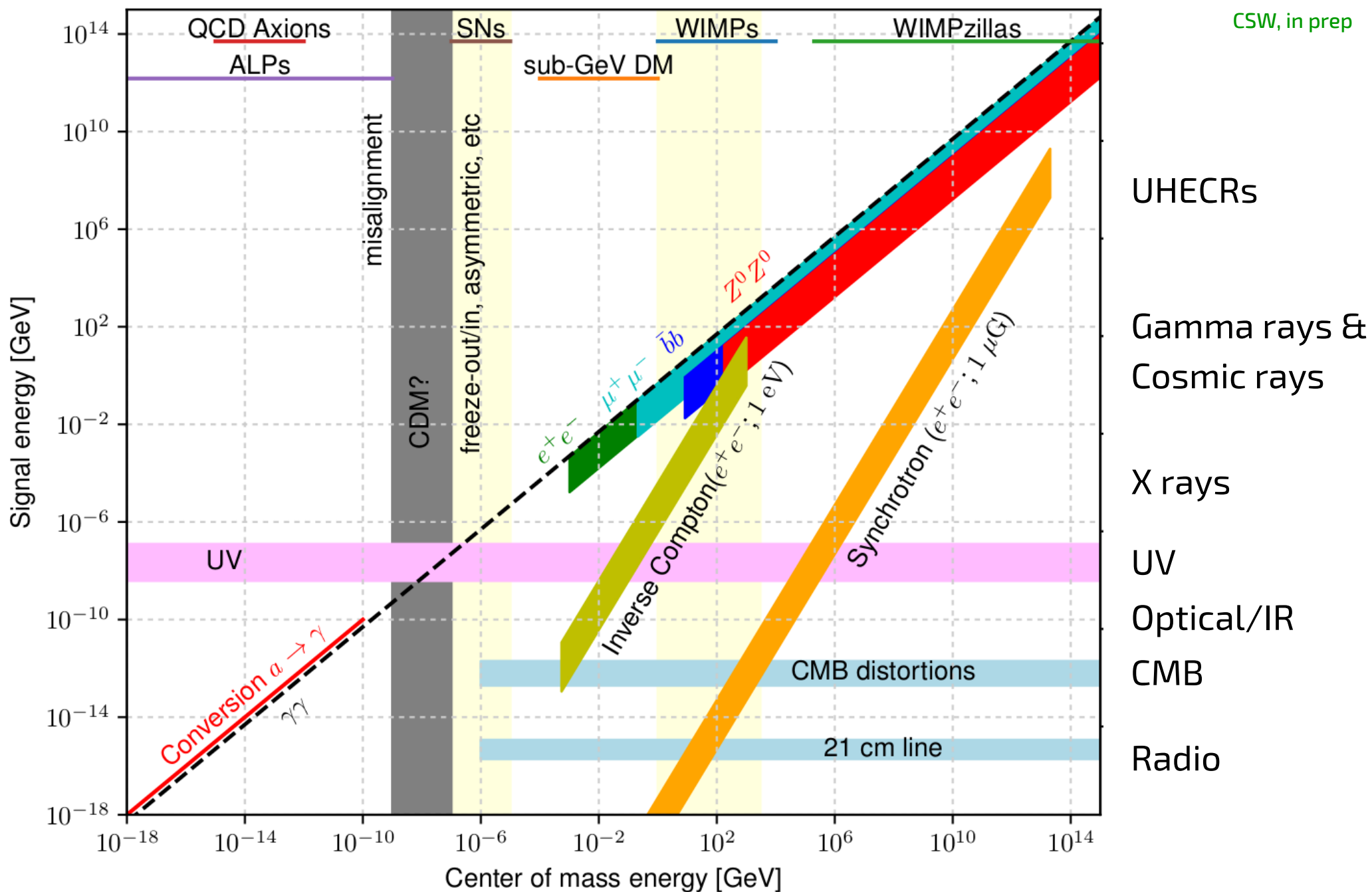


Different searches, different challenges



Relevant radiation mechanisms

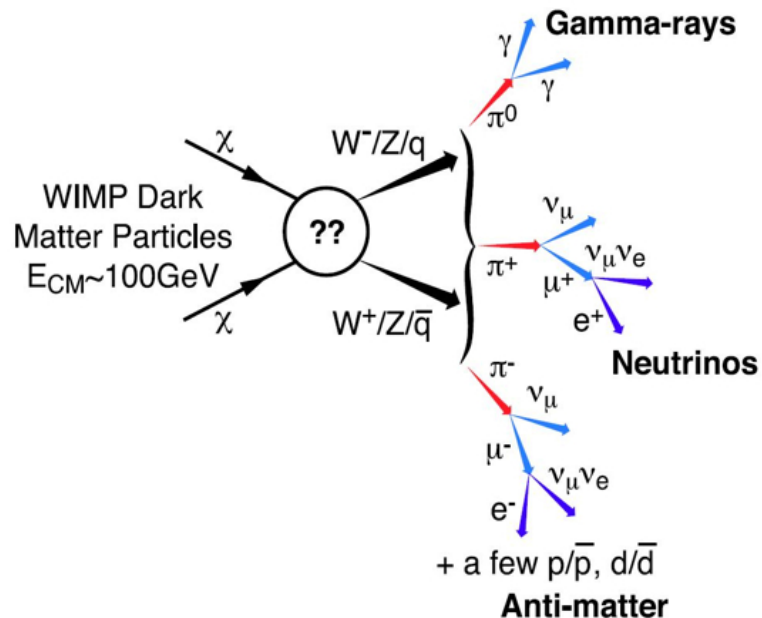
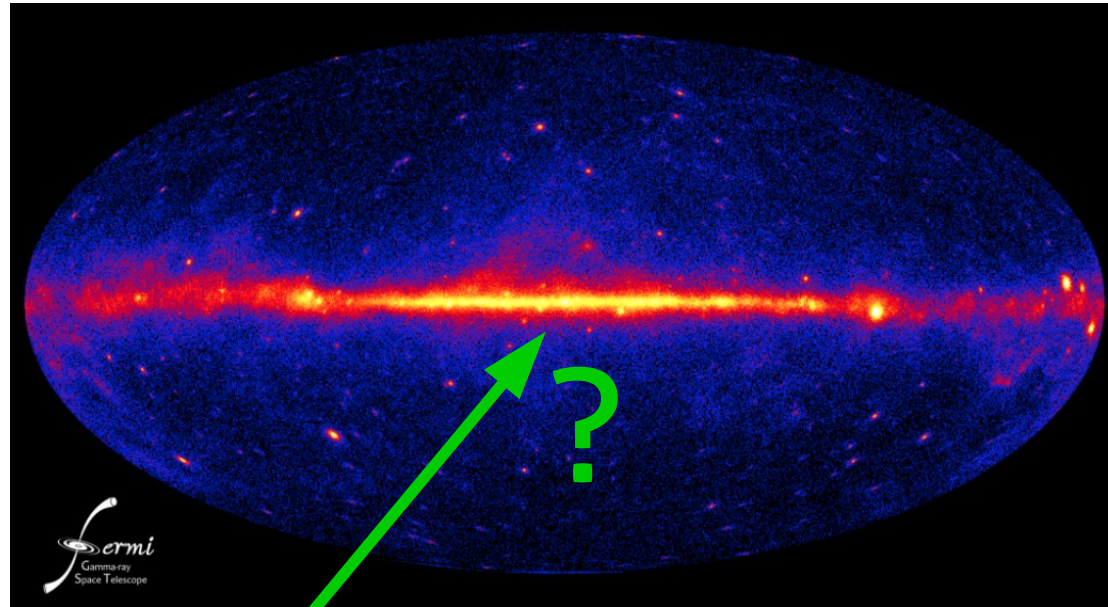
CSW, in prep



Spatial analyses

Galactic center searches & the Fermi GeV excess

Five years of
Fermi LAT data
> 1 GeV



The Fermi GeV bulge emission

- Initial claims by Goodenough&Hooper (2009) [see also Vitale&Morselli (2009)]
- Controversial discussion in the community for six years
- In 2015, existence of “GeV excess” finally got the blessing of the Fermi LAT collaboration
- **Is it a DM signal?**

... Hooper & Linden 11; Boyarsky+ 11; Abazajian & Kalpinhat 12; Hooper & Slatyer 13; Gorden & Macias 13; Macias & Gorden 13; Huang+ 13; Abazajian+ 14; Daylan+ 14; Zhou+ 14; Calore+ 14; Huang+15; Cholis+ 15; Bartels+ 15; Lee+ 15, ...)

Literature overview

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- Carlson, Linden, Profumo, Phys. Rev. D94 (2016) 063504
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- Macis, Gordon, Crocker, Coleman, Paterson, arXiv:1611.06644
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Excess is likely DM

Excess is there

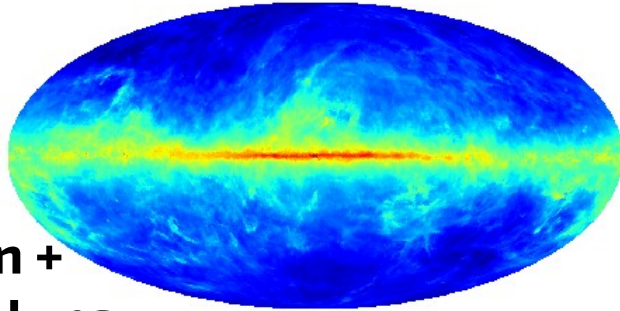
Excess is likely not DM

Excess is not there

+ hundreds of DM theory papers

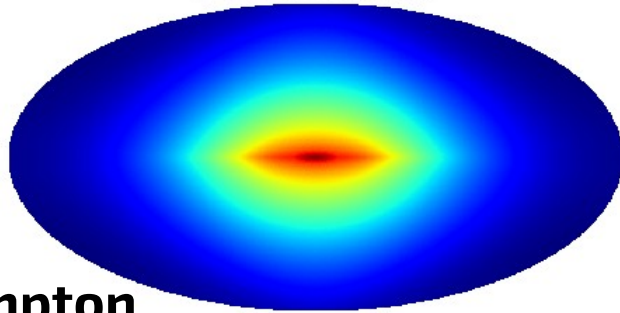
Template regression

Neutral pion +
Bremsstrahlung



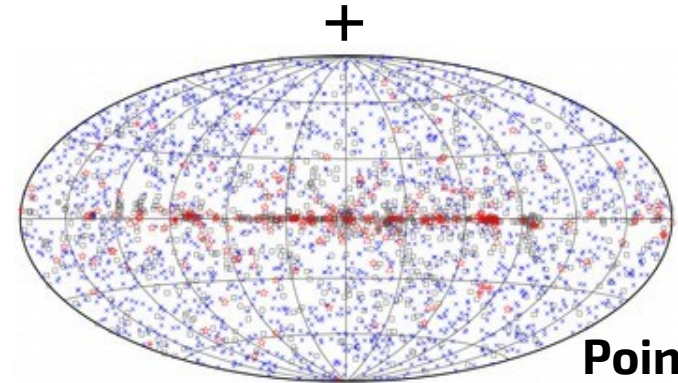
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Inverse Compton



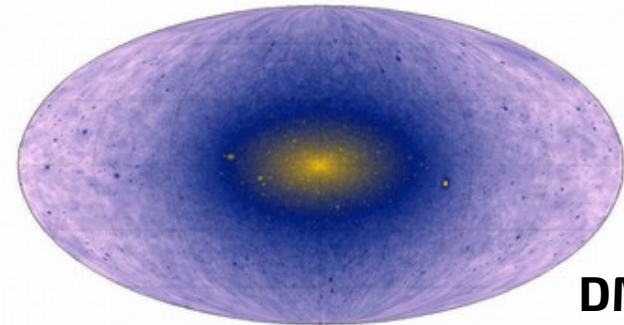
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Fermi bubbles, isotropic
background, Loop I, Earth
limb, Sun, ...



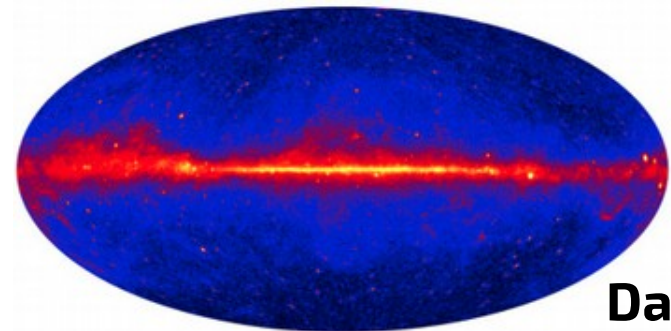
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Point sources



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DM signal

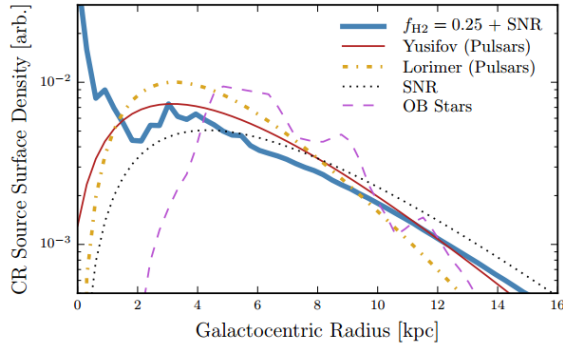


Data

How to get the templates

1) Inject primary CR at sources

Carlson+ 2015



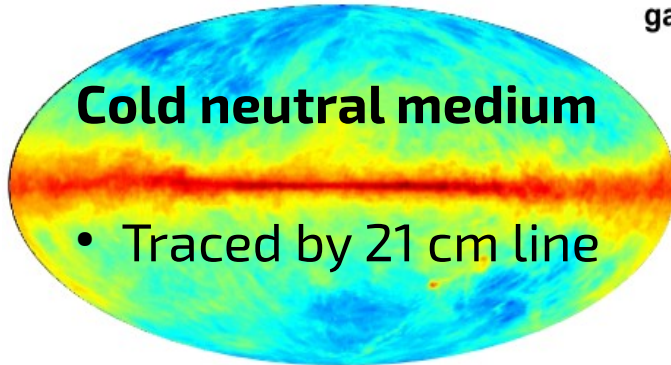
2) Propagate them with the code of your choice



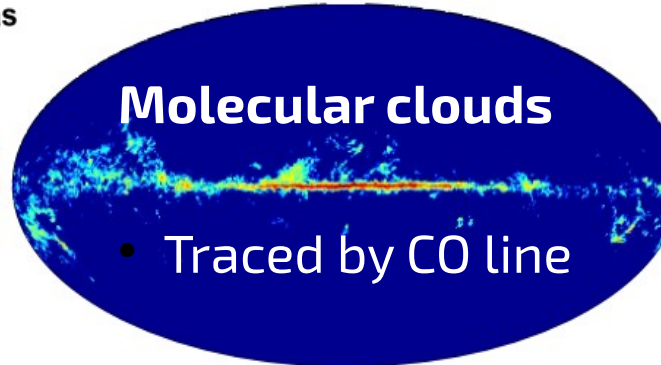
DRAGON

3) Interaction with gas & ISRF

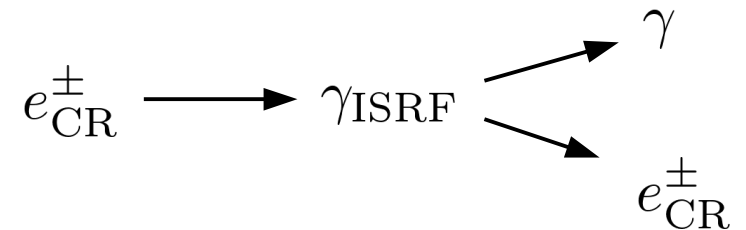
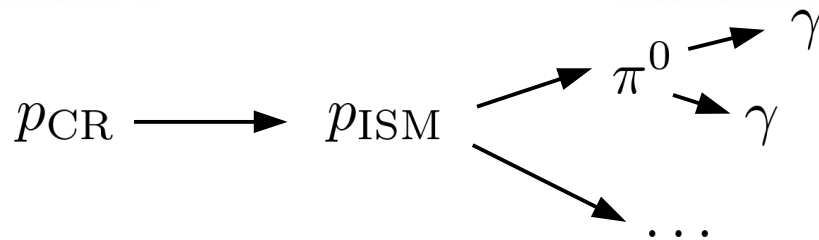
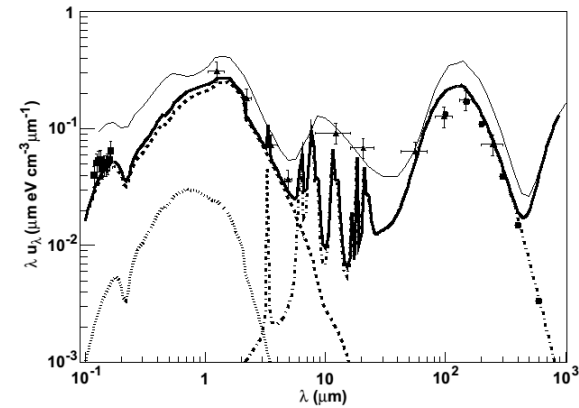
HI (LAB) Kalberla '05



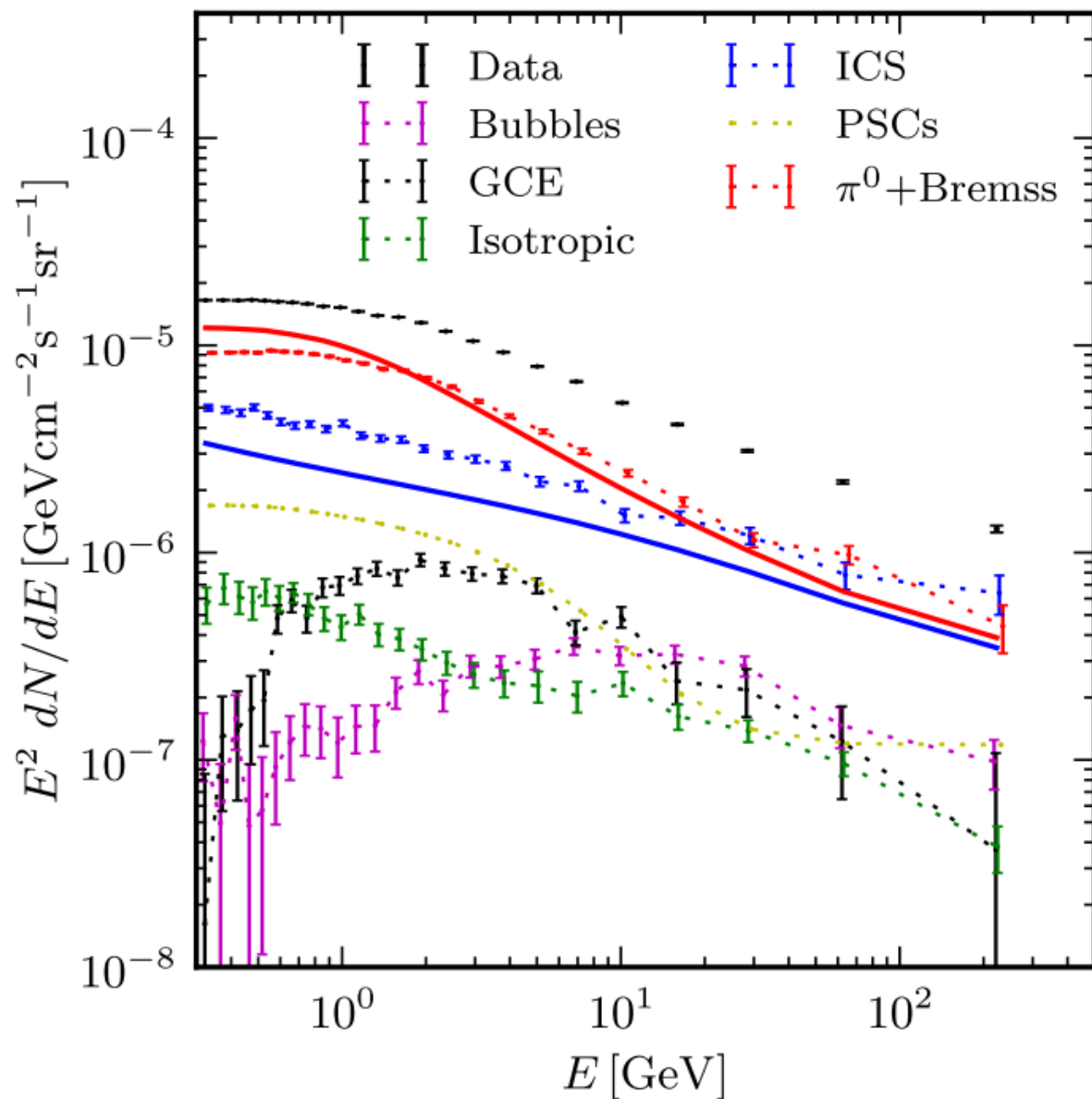
HII << gas



Strong+ 2000; Porter & Strong 2005; Moskalenko+ 2006; Porter+ 2008



Spectra from template fits



Calore+ 2015

more later...

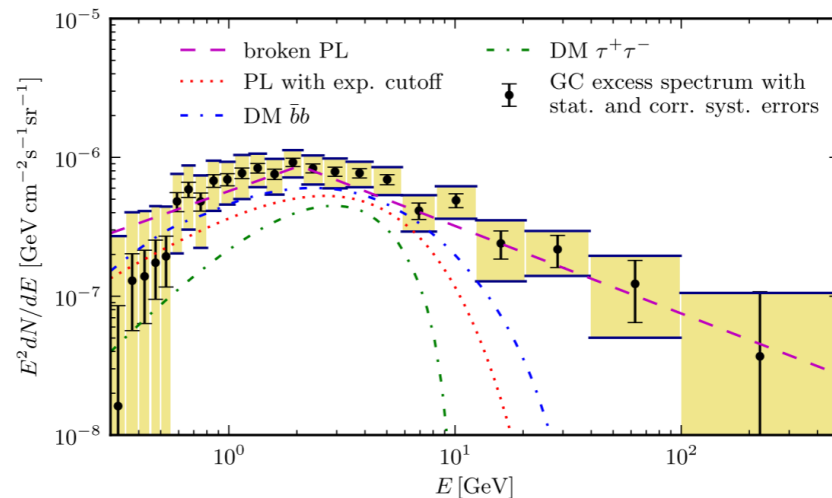
Free parameters:

$$N_{\text{params}} = N_{\text{ebins}} \times N_{\text{comp}}$$

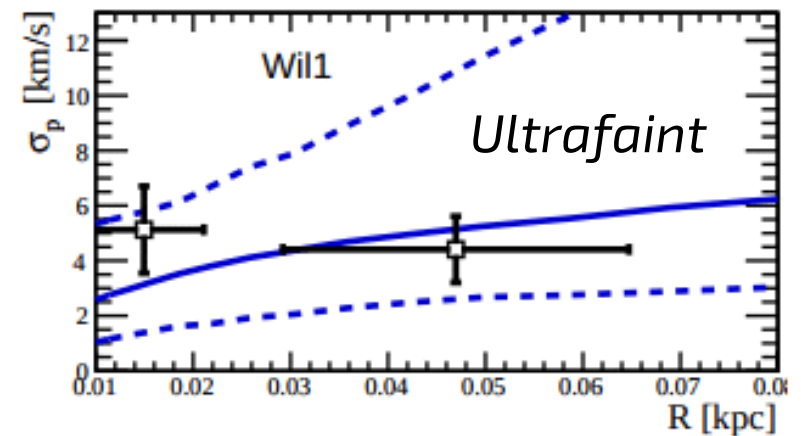
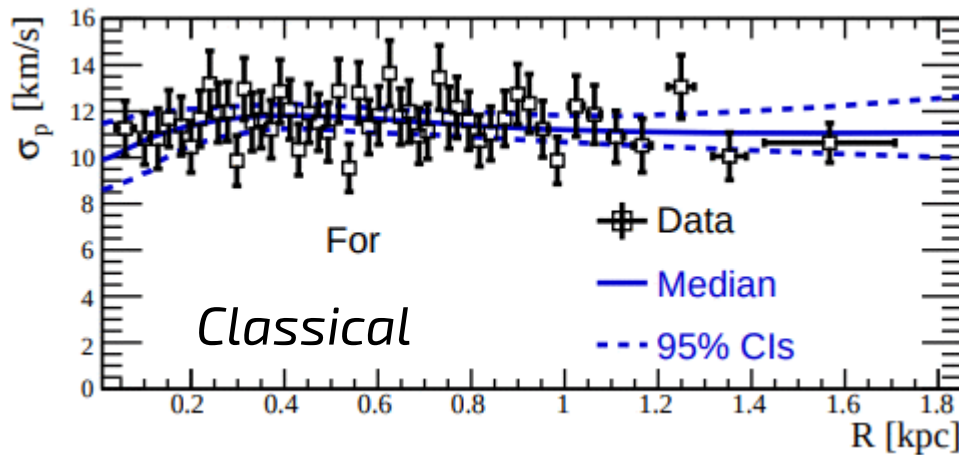
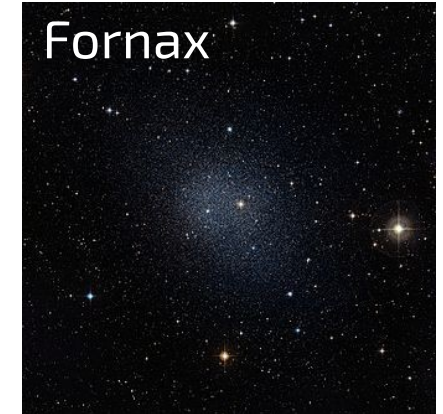
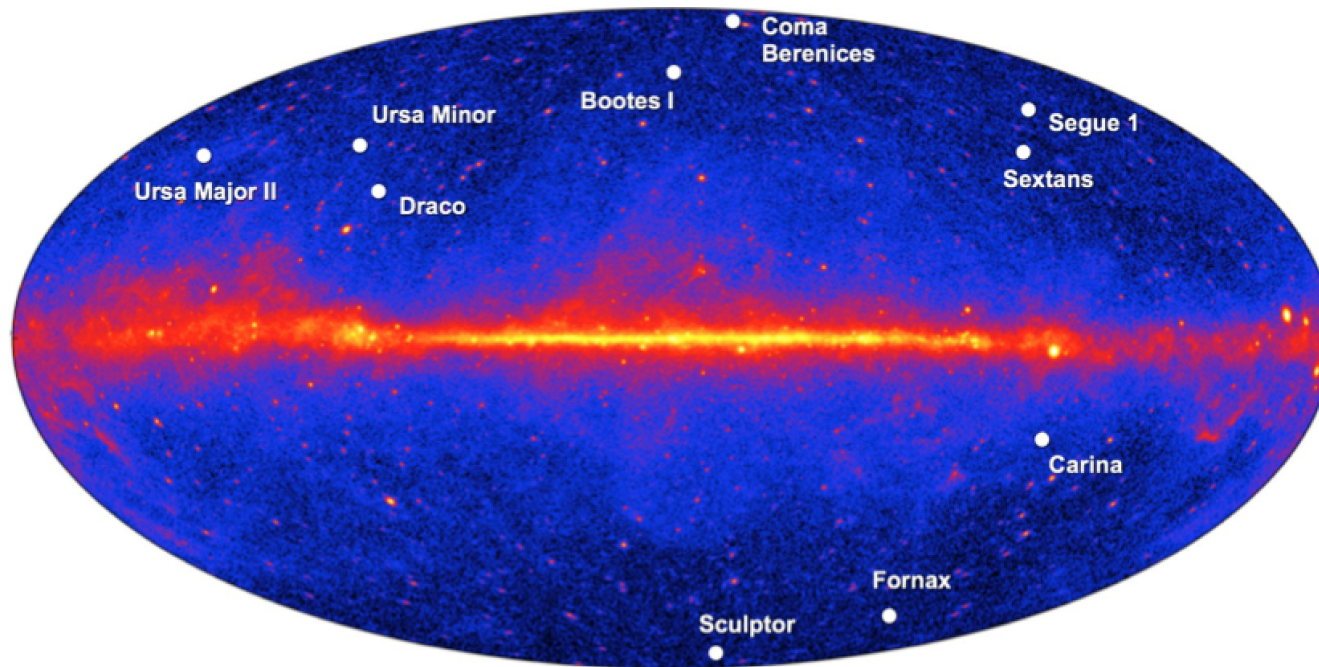
$$F_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{comp}}} \theta_{k,j} F_i^{(k)}$$

$$j = 1, \dots, N_{\text{ebins}}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = P_{\text{pois}}(c_{ij} | \mu_{ij}) \quad c_{ij} \propto F_{ij}$$



Searches in dwarf spheroidal galaxies

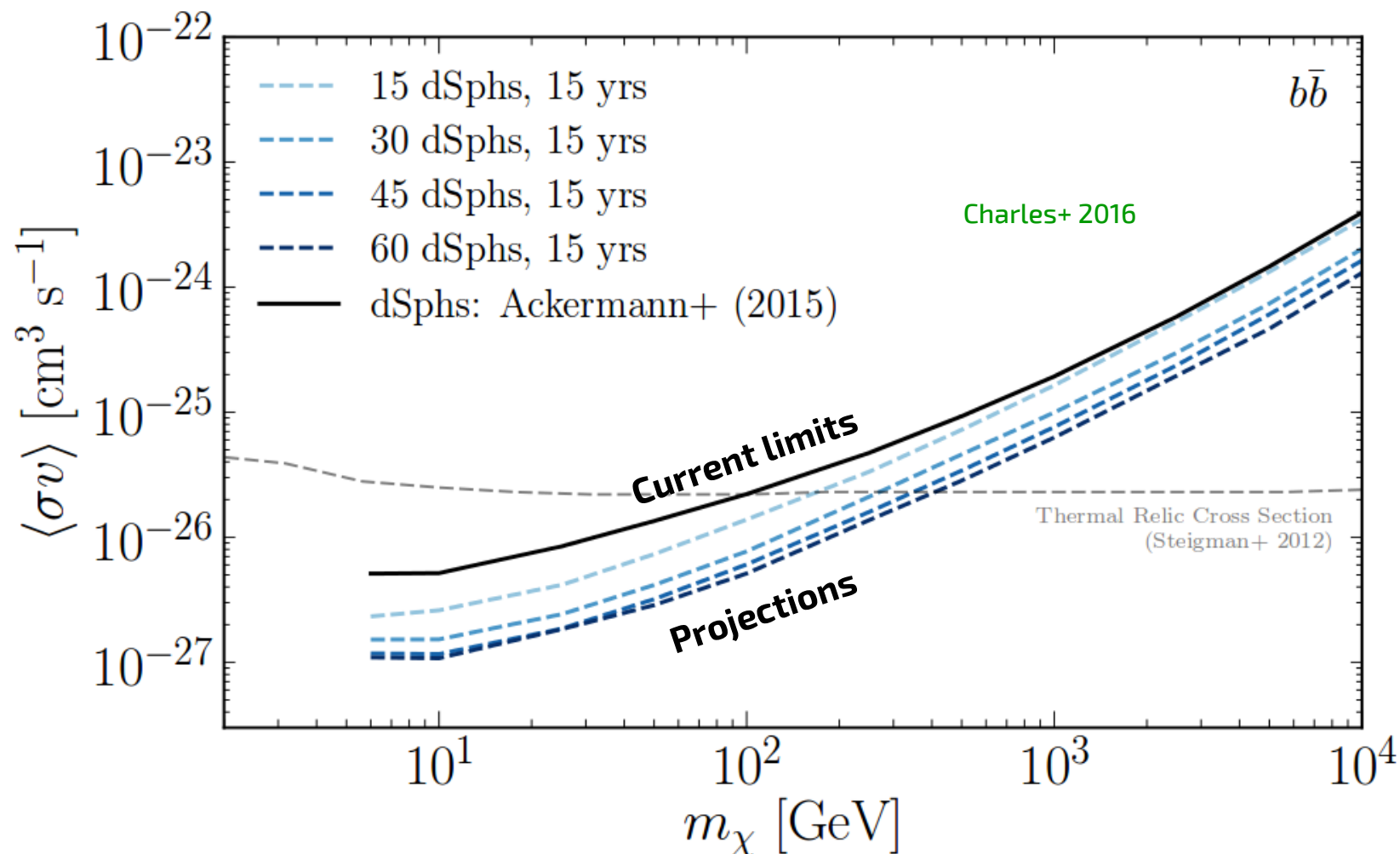


$$\frac{1}{\nu} \frac{d}{dr} (\nu \bar{v}_r^2) + 2 \frac{\beta_{\text{ani}}(r) \bar{v}_r^2}{r} = - \frac{GM(r)}{r^2}$$

e.g. Bonivard+ 15

Fermi LAT limits from dwarf spheroidal galaxies

Combined likelihood limits using data from the Fermi Large LAT, $\sim 0.5 - 300$ GeV



$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma v) \propto \prod_{i=\text{dwarfs}} \mathcal{L}_i(\mathcal{D}_i | \sigma v, J_i) P_i(J_i)$$

Spectral analyses

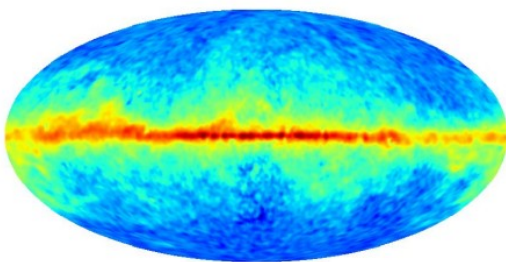
Spectral decomposition

Pixel-by-pixel spectral decomposition:

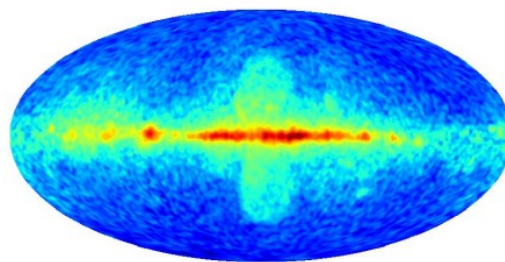
$$\frac{dN}{dE} = \alpha_1 \left. \frac{dN}{dE} \right|_{\text{Bu}} + \alpha_2 \left. \frac{dN}{dE} \right|_{\text{Cl}} + \alpha_3 \left. \frac{dN}{dE} \right|_{b\bar{b}} + \text{PSC}$$

Huang+ 2015 (using D3PO)

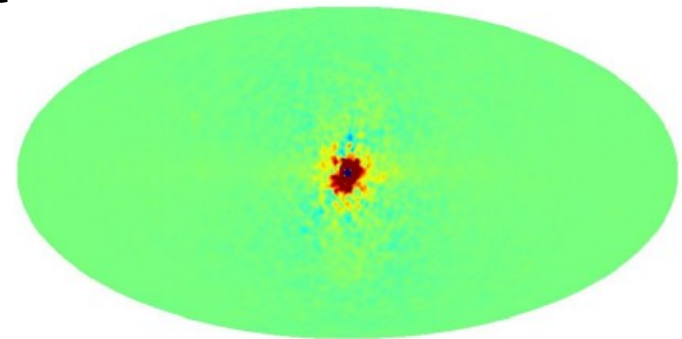
“Cloud-like” component



“Bubble-like” component

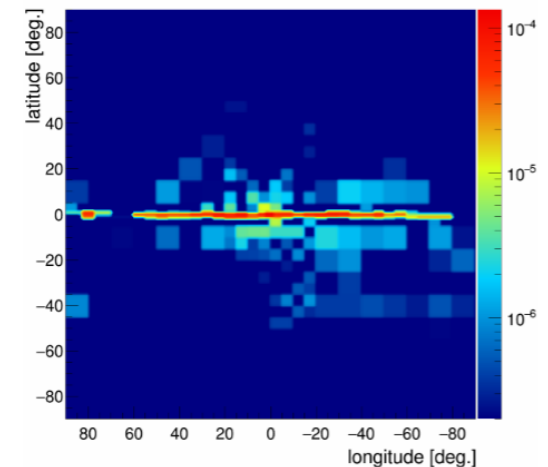
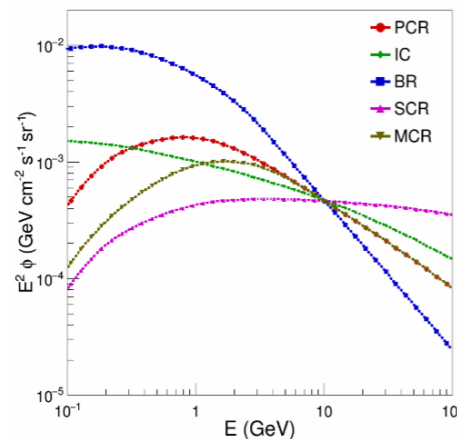


“DM-like” component



But: different spectra
lead to different results

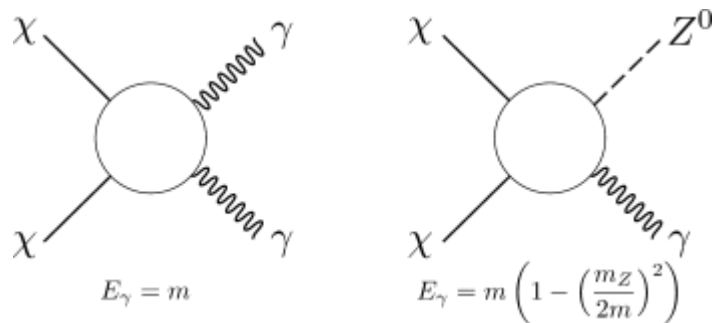
De Boer, Gebauer, et al. 2016



Simple: X-ray & gamma-ray lines

WIMP annihilation

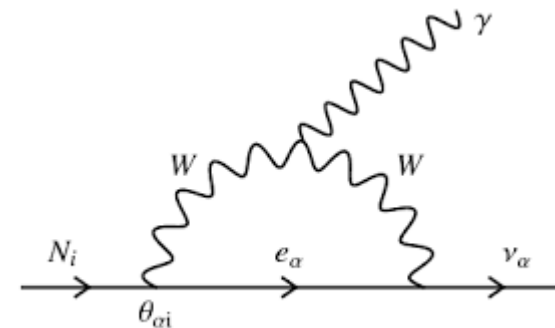
$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z^0$$



[Bergström & Snellman (1988)]

Sterile neutrino decay

$$\chi \rightarrow \gamma\nu$$



Likelihood analysis

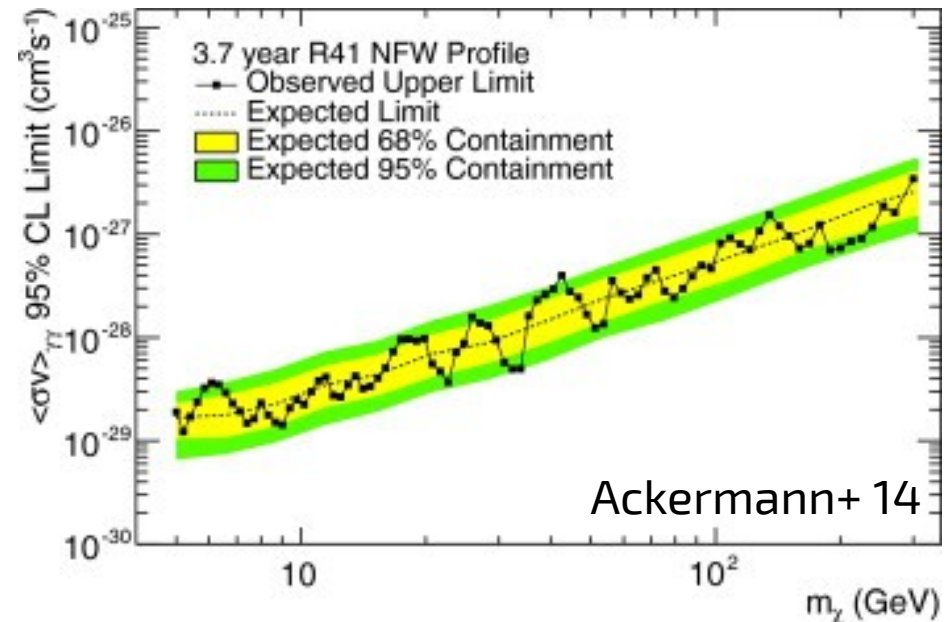
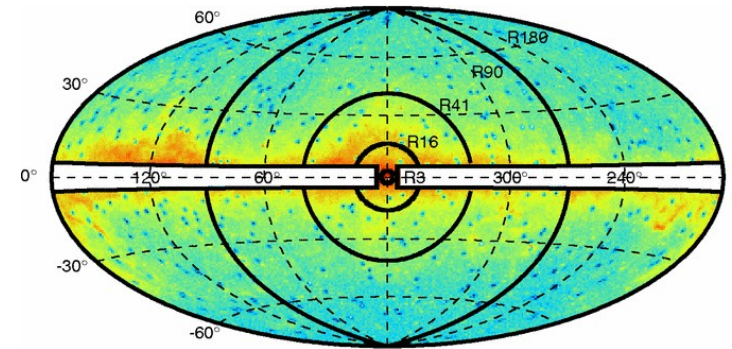
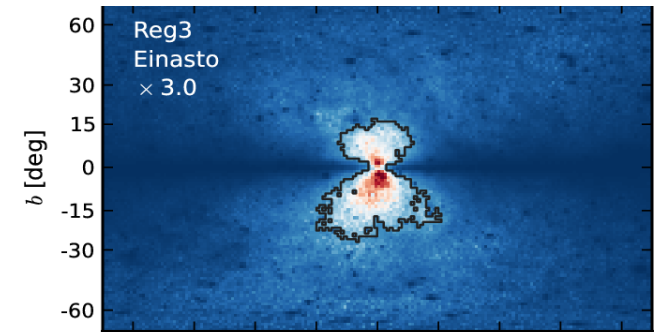
Typical strategy

- Select some region of interest (ROI)
- Derive integrated energy spectrum inside region
- Perform fit with (simplistic) background model and line signal

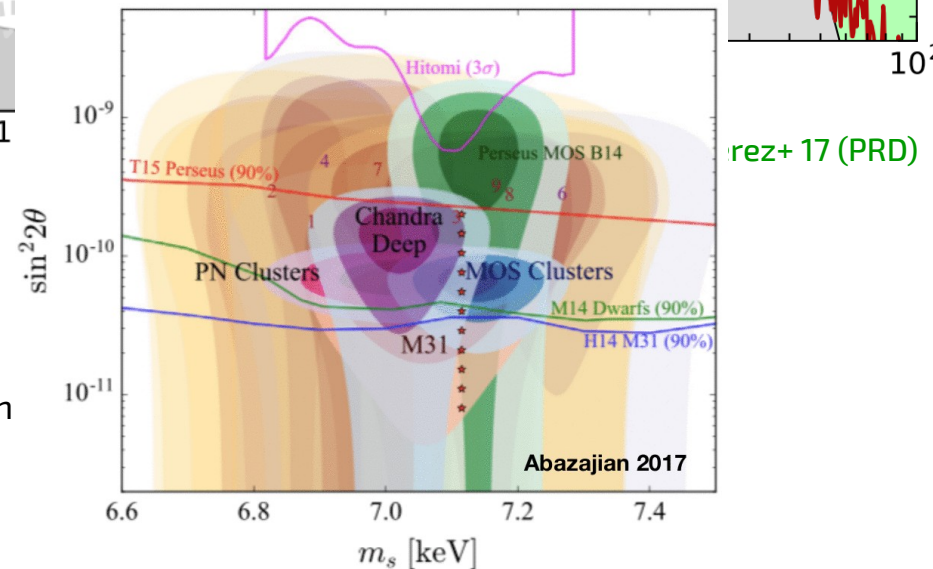
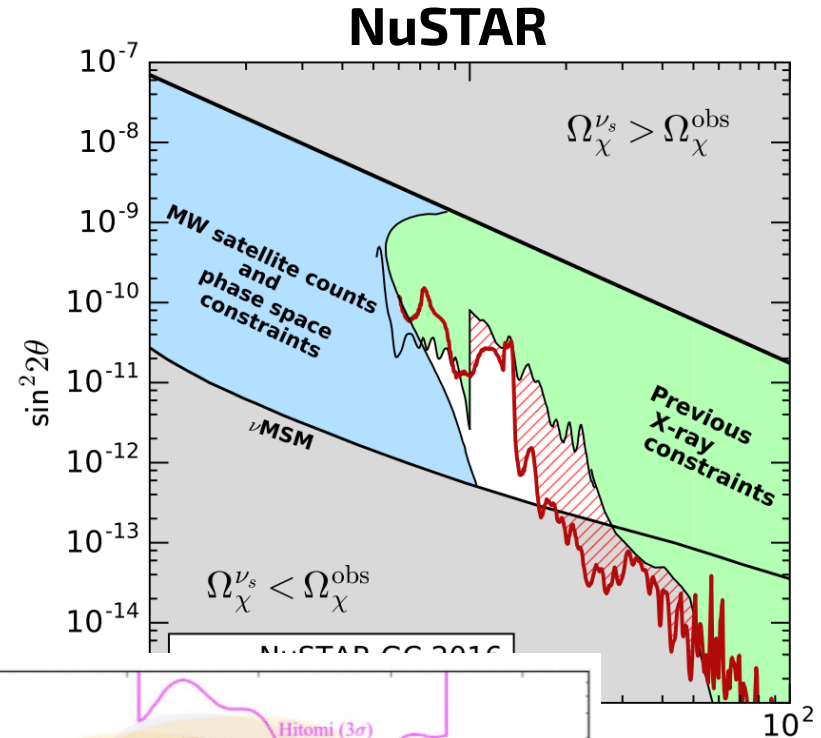
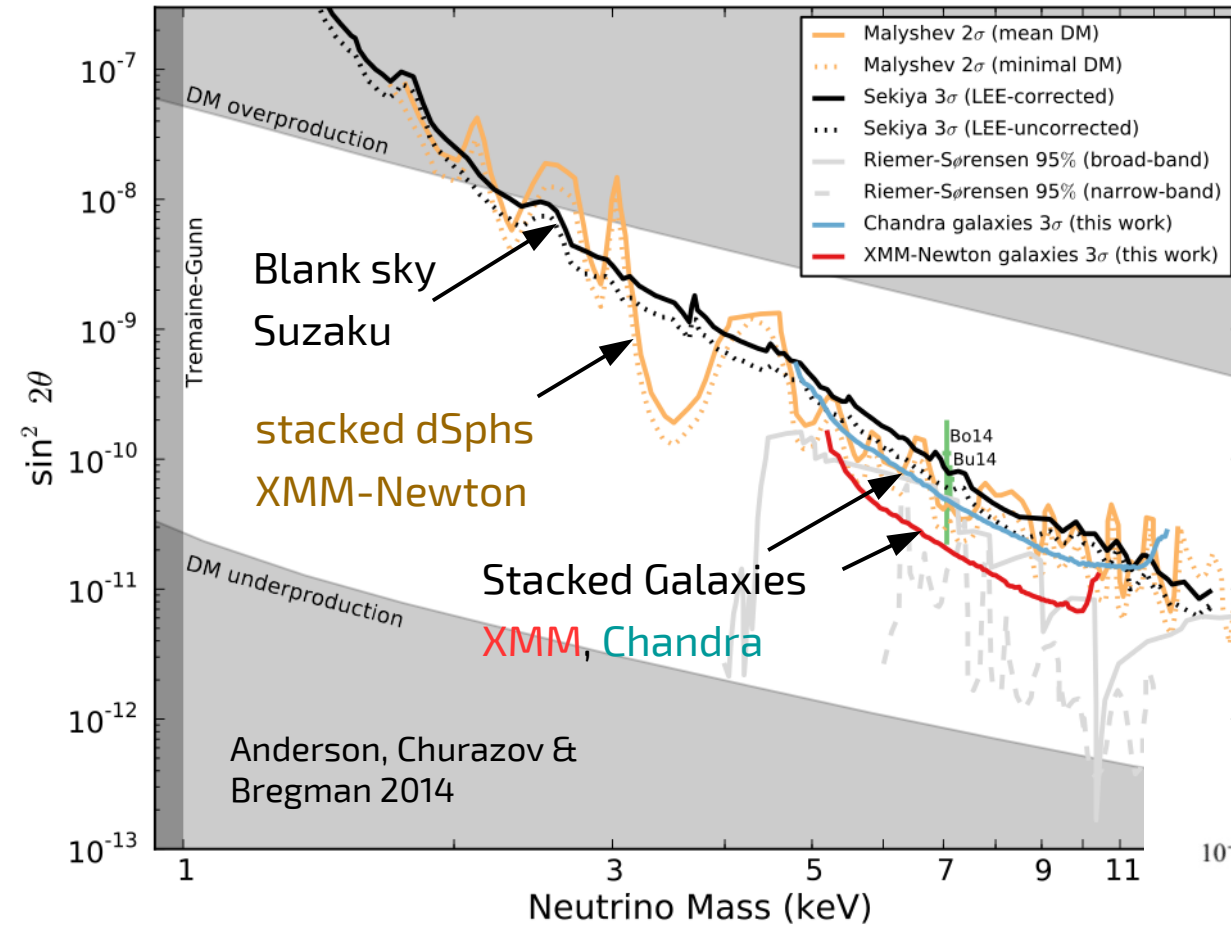
$$\frac{dJ}{dE} = S \delta(E - E_\gamma) + \beta E^{-\gamma}$$

How to select optimal ROI?

- Depends on backgrounds and signal morphology
- Can cover various cases by taking multiple representative ROIs
- Weighting of events w.r.t. expected S/N (e.g., Anderson+ 16)



Sterile neutrino Dark Matter

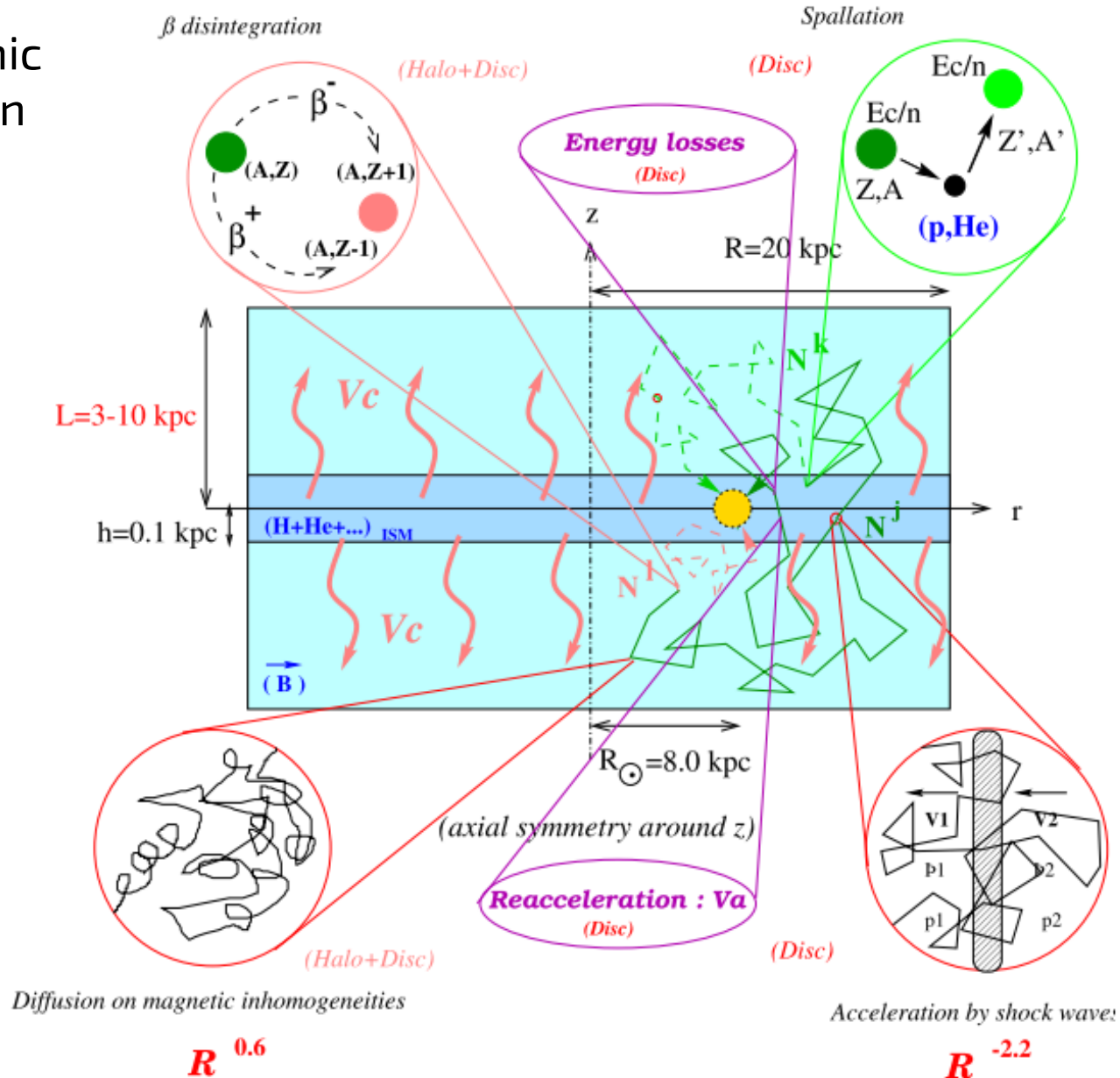


Sterile neutrino dark matter

- Upper limit from non-resonant production
- Lower limit from resonant production
- Left limit from phase space arguments (Tremaine & Gunn e.g. Hannestad 2006)
- Upper-right limits from X-ray line searches

Anti-proton searches for dark matter

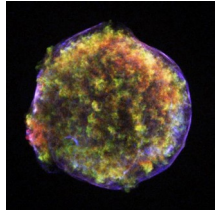
Sketch of cosmic ray propagation



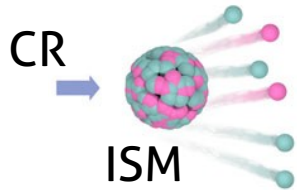
[see e.g. Evoli et al. (2012) and refs therein; Lavallo & Salati (2012); Strong, Moskalenko and Ptuskin (2007)]

Grammage to the rescue

Two sources for cosmic rays

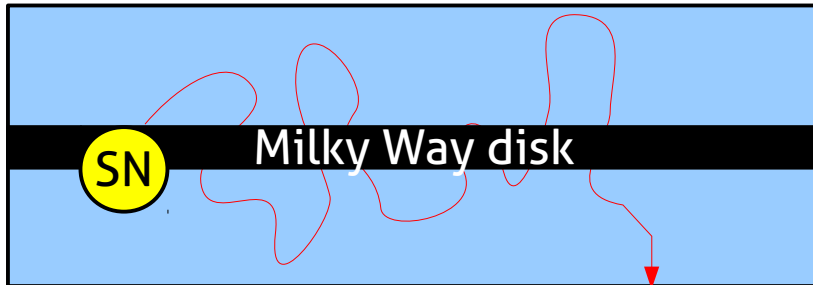


Primary cosmic rays
from supernova
remnants (likely)



Secondary cosmic rays
from spallation etc

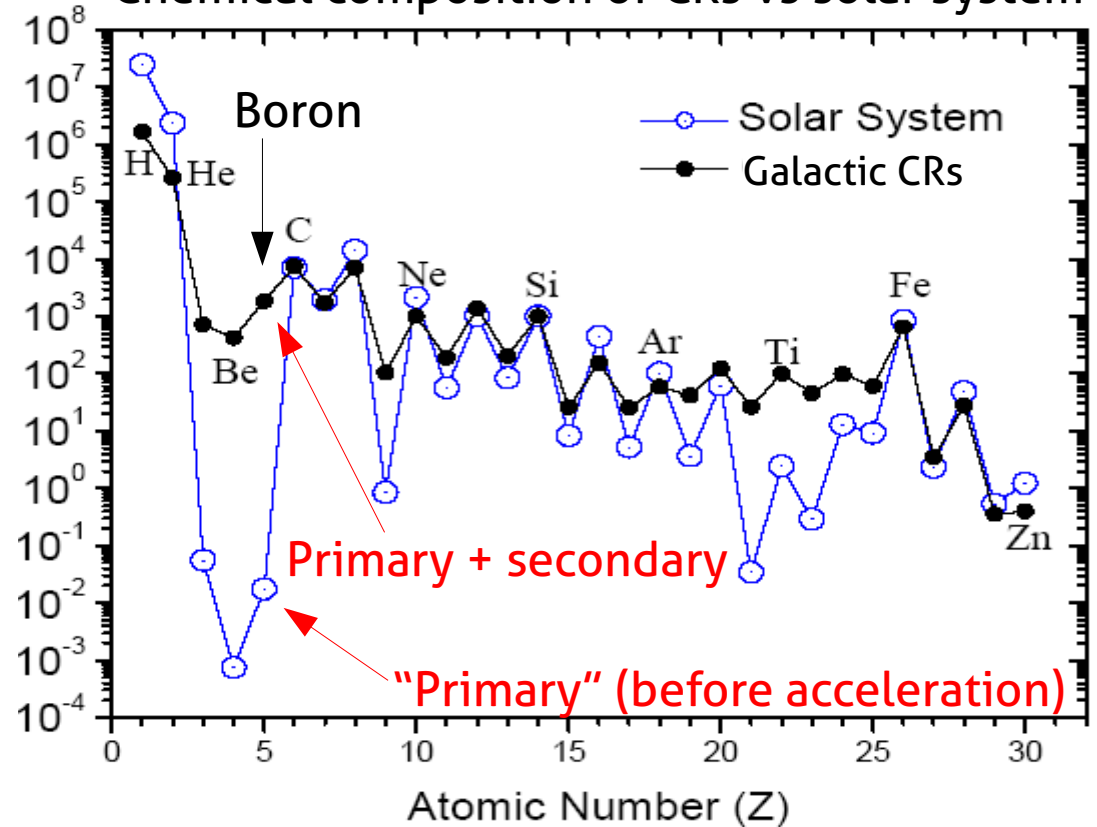
Diffusion in a box



Secondary Boron: $n_B \sim n_C \sigma(C \rightarrow B) \cdot G_{\text{total}} \Rightarrow G_{\text{total}}$

Secondary antiprotons: $n_{\bar{p}} \sim n_p \sigma(p \rightarrow \bar{p}) \cdot G_{\text{total}} \Rightarrow n_{\bar{p}}$

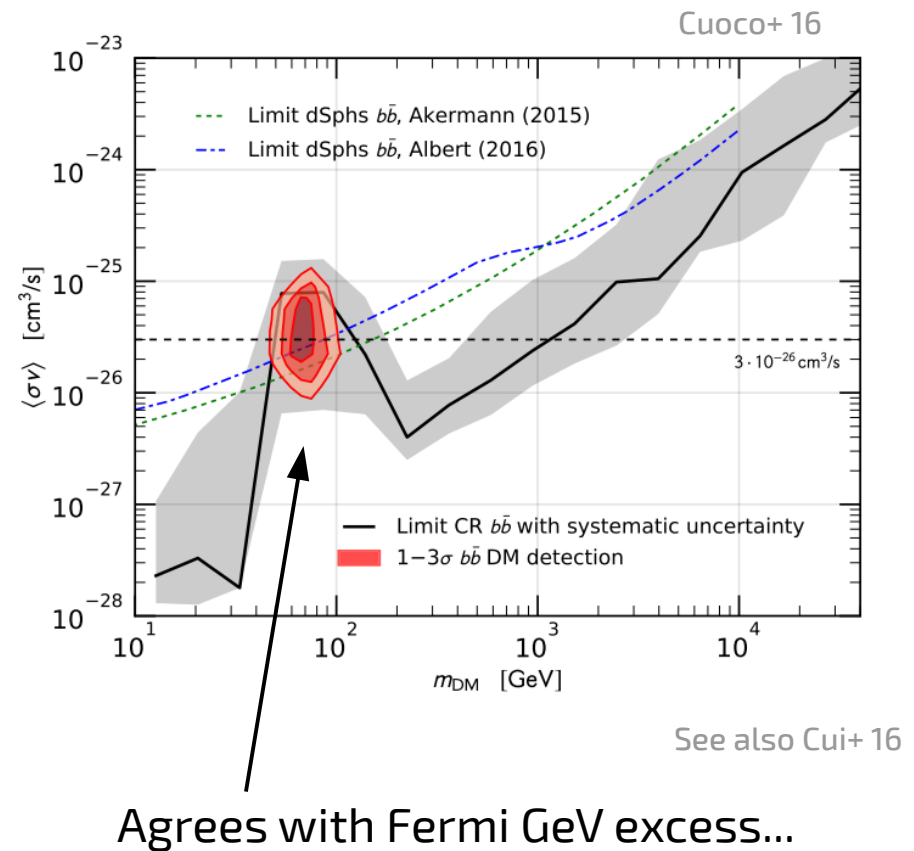
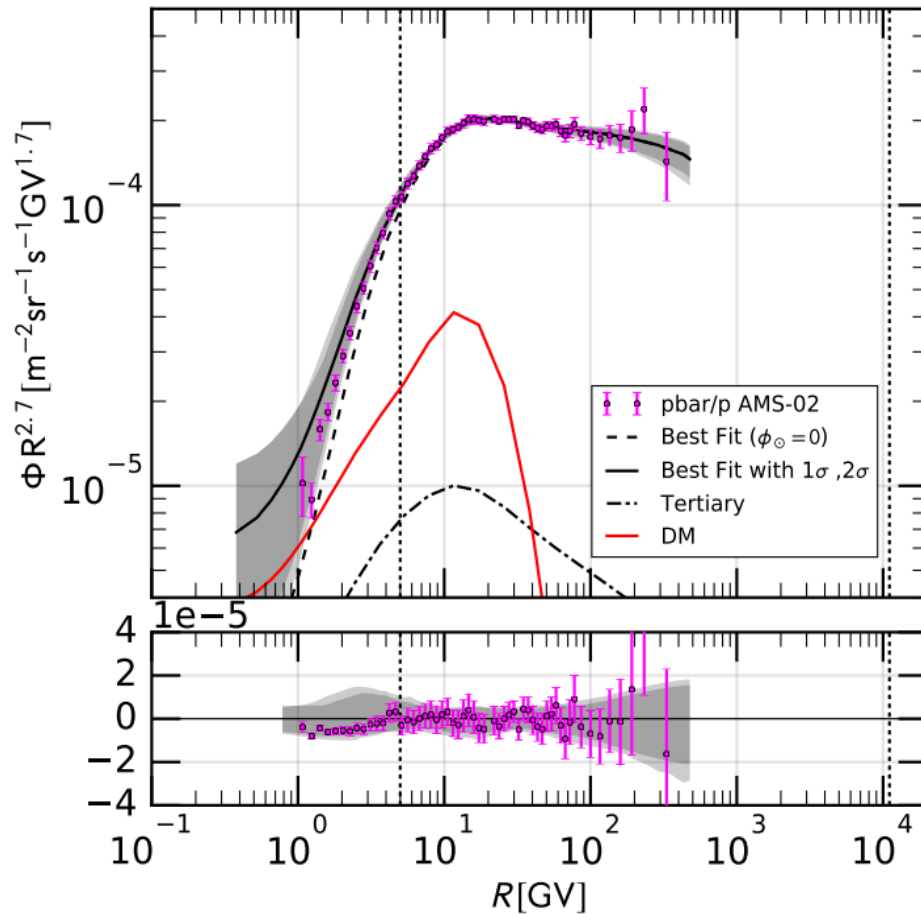
Chemical composition of CRs vs solar system



Total grammage (column density along propagation path)

$$G_{\text{total}} = n_{\text{crossings}} G_{\text{disk}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ g cm}^{-2})$$

AMS-02 anti-protons - ~ 10 GeV



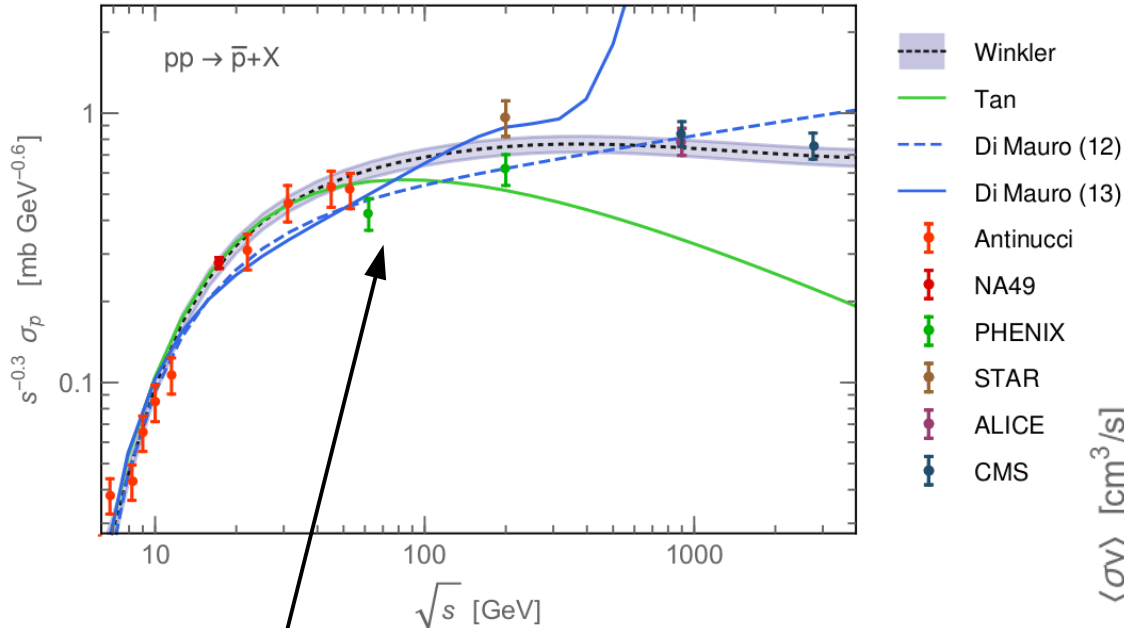
Agrees with Fermi GeV excess...

Indications for an excess around 10 GeV (Cuoco+16, see also Cui+16)

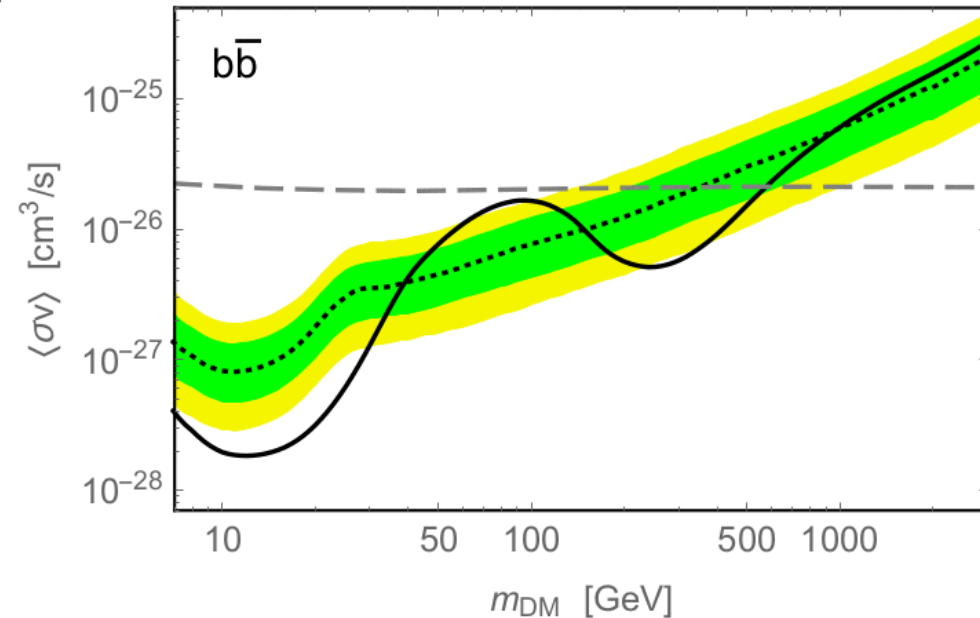
- Formally ~5 sigma preference for DM contribution, mass & flux compatible with GCE
- But: Simple propagation scenarios are insufficient to explain *all* CR data (and DM does not help) → Extraction of reliable limits or signal becomes a huge challenge

See also: Winkler+17; Carlson+14; Cirelli+14; Jin+15; Ibe+15; Hamaguchi+15; Lin+15; Kohri+15; Balazs&Li15; Doetinchem+15; Fornengo+13

Accounting for modeling uncertainties



Derive covariance of production cross-section from parameteric model



Accounting for covariances of various systematics (Reinart & Winkler 2017)

- Refitting nuclear spallation data for Boron production from Carbon, Oxygen, Nitrogen, etc
- Charge-dependent solar modulation
- Refitting primary cosmic ray measurements
- \rightarrow Reasonable fit to B/C and pbar data with universal diffusion-reacceleration model
- \rightarrow Significance for ~ 80 GeV DM contribution drops to below 2 sigma
- \rightarrow Very strong limits on DM annihilation at low and higher DM masses

Hybrid techniques

Problems with gamma-ray template analyses

NONE of the diffuse emission models gives an acceptable fit to the data

1. Even the best models are excluded by many hundred sigmas

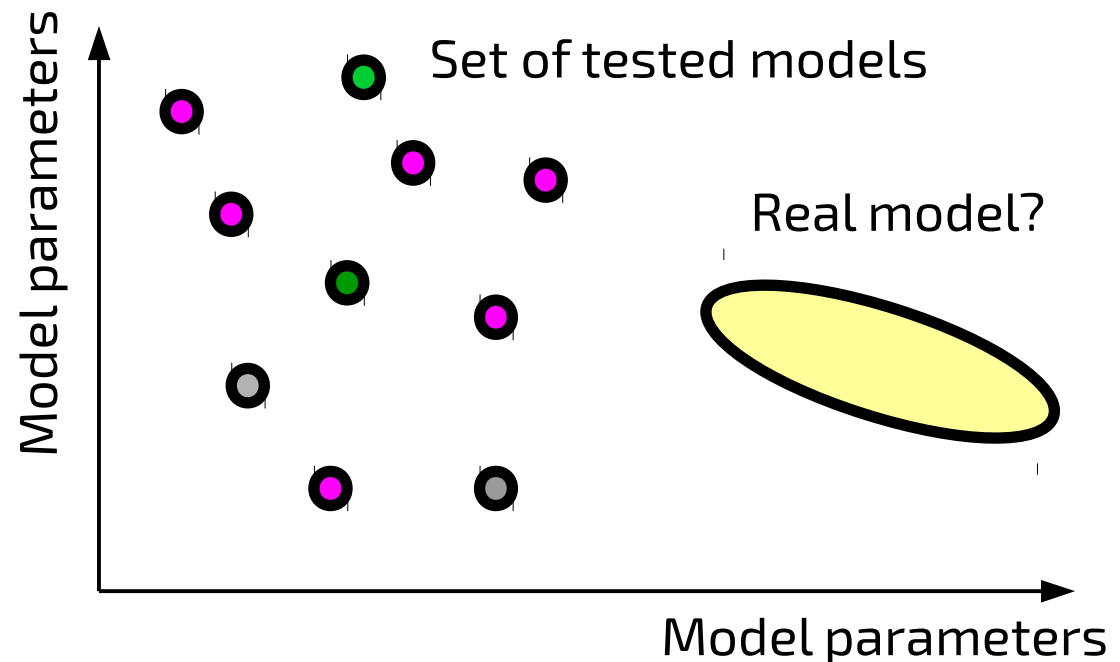
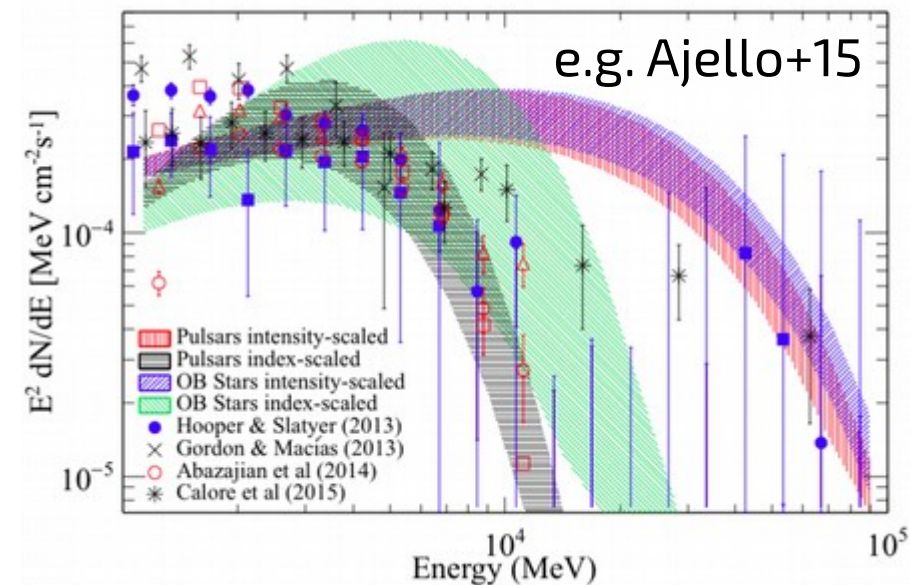
Goodness-of-fit tests typically return **p-value** $< 10^{-300}$

2. Many excess along the Galactic disk

Some of the excesses have same size as Galactic center excess (Calore+15)

3. “Bracketing uncertainties” by looking at many wrong models does not give the right answer

But everybody is doing it.



We need better models and/or massively enlarge the parameter space.

Accounting for systematics with SkyFACT

SkyFACT (Sky Factorization with **A**daptive **C**onstrained **T**emplates)

Hybrid between template fitting & image reconstruction

Spatial template

Spectral template

$$\phi_{pb} = \sum_k T_p^{(k)} \tau_p^{(k)} \cdot S_b^{(k)} \sigma_b^{(k)} \cdot \nu^{(k)}$$

Poisson likelihood

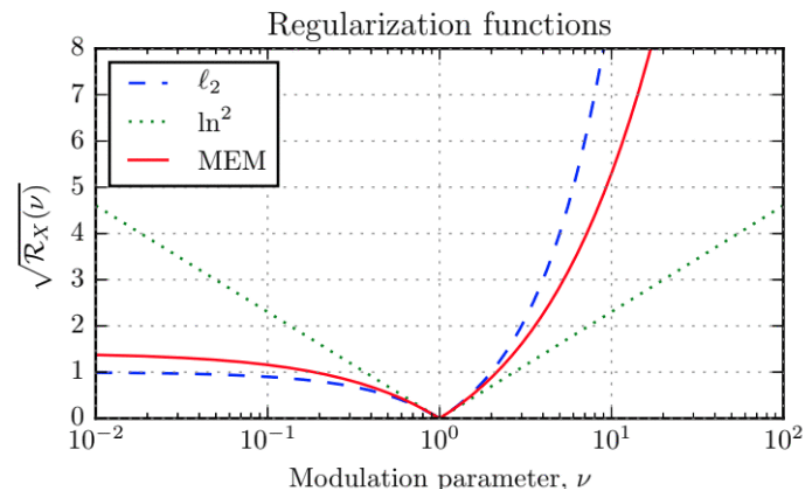
Nuisance parameters

$$\ln \mathcal{L} = \ln \mathcal{L}_P + \ln \mathcal{L}_R$$

Regularization of nuisance parameters

$$-2 \ln \mathcal{L}_R = \sum_k \lambda_k \mathcal{R}_X(\tau^{(k)}) + \lambda'_k \mathcal{R}_X(\sigma^{(k)}) + \lambda''_k \mathcal{R}_X(\nu^{(k)}) + \eta_k \mathcal{S}_1(\tau^{(k)}) + \eta'_k \mathcal{S}_2(\sigma^{(k)})$$

$$+ \sum_s \lambda'_s \mathcal{R}_X(\sigma^{(s)}) + \lambda''_s \mathcal{R}_X(\nu^{(s)}) + \eta'_s \mathcal{S}_2(\sigma^{(s)}),$$

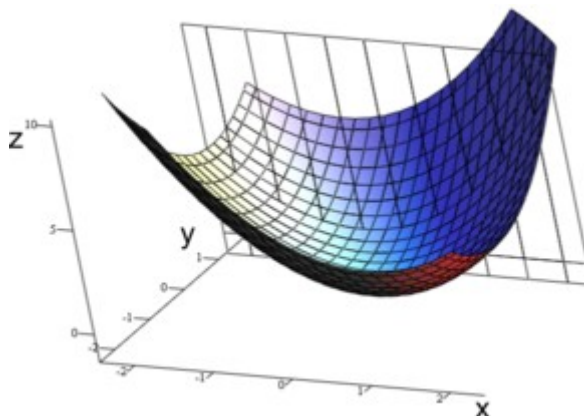


Notes

- Typically $>10^5$ parameters
- Problem typically convex \rightarrow only one minimum

Storm, CW, Calore, 2017

Fit stability & potential bias



If the likelihood function is convex, any minimum is the global minimum.
→ **We have to make sure that this is the case for the problem at hand.**

One can show that these problems are convex

- Pure template analysis (templates fixed, spectra free or constrained)
- Pure spectral analysis (spectra fixed, templates free or constrained)
- Mixed analysis (pure template + pure spectral analysis components)

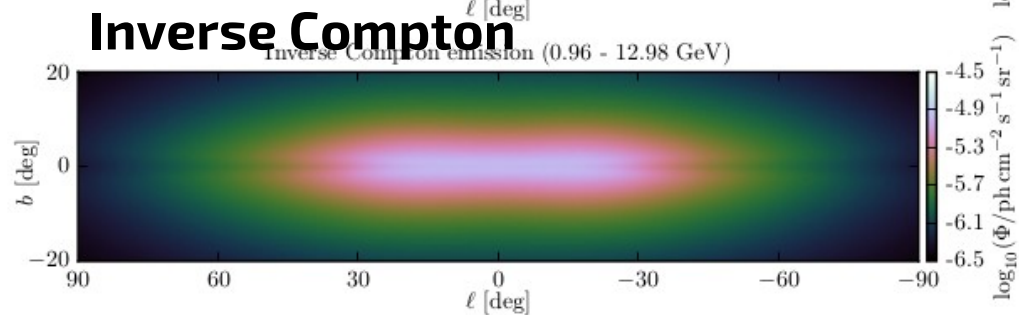
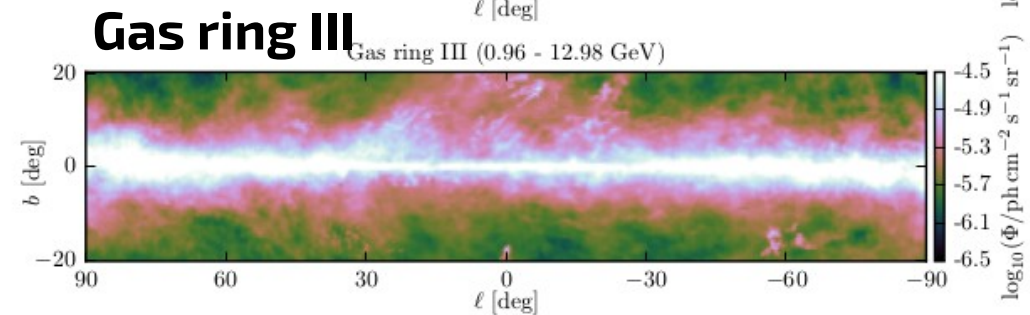
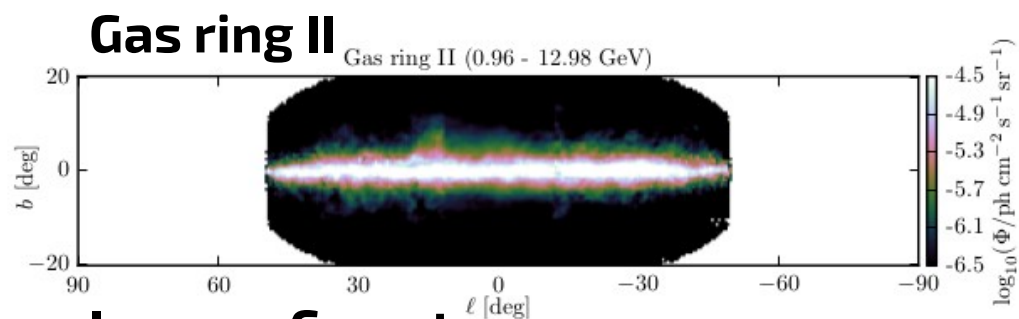
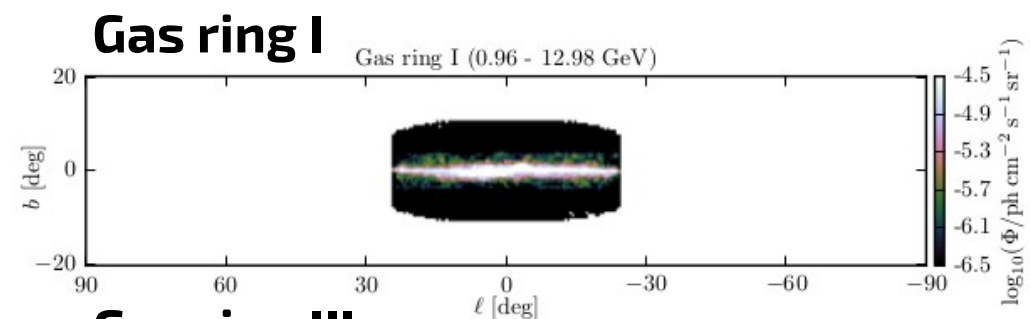
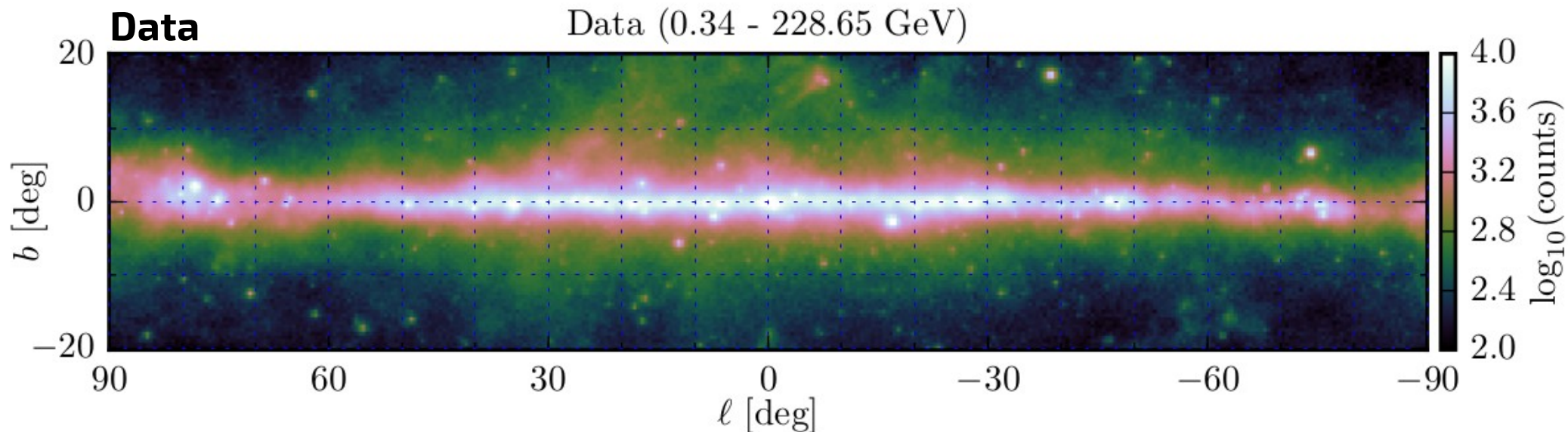
Potential problematic (but present in our analysis)

- Components with *both* spectral and spatial freedom
- Smoothing

→ Problems can be avoided if spectral or spatial freedom remains small.

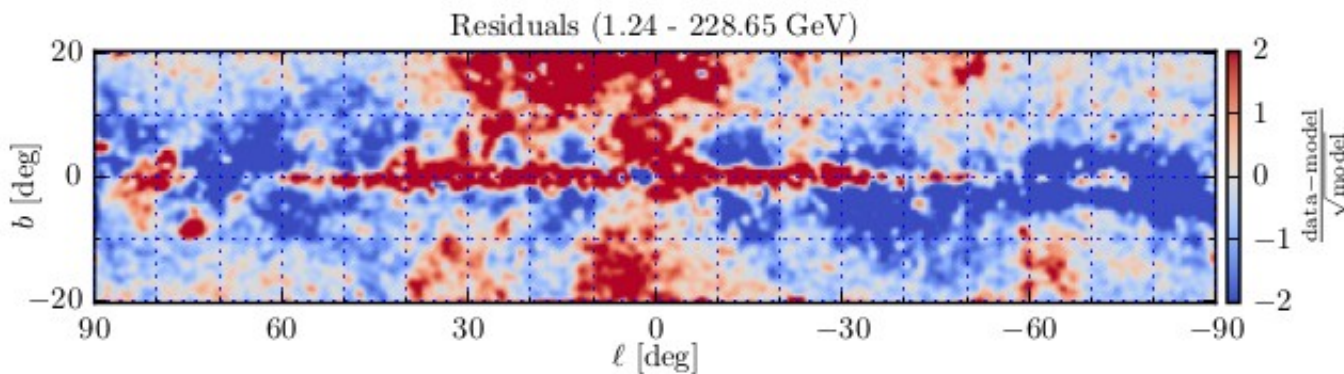
→ We test for potential biases etc by refitting best-fit models to mock data.

Data and templates

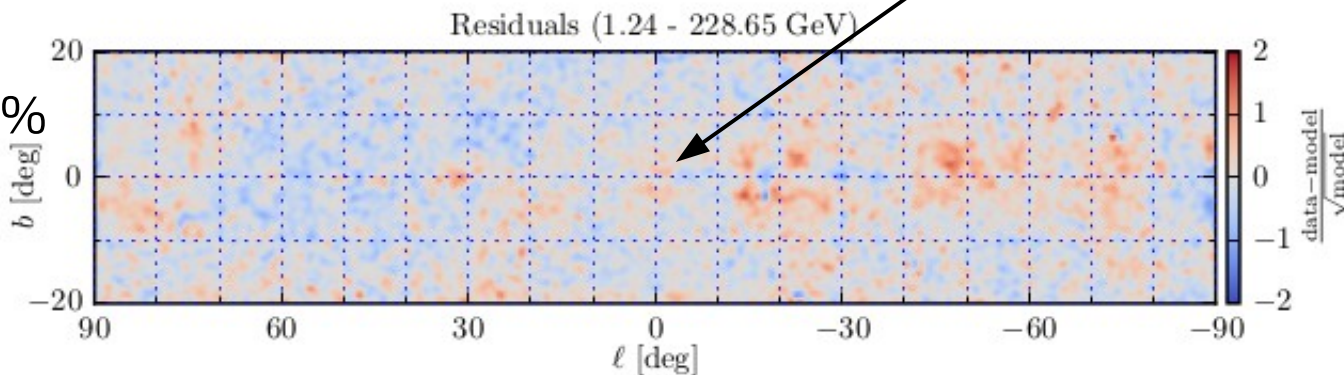


Residuals ~2 GeV

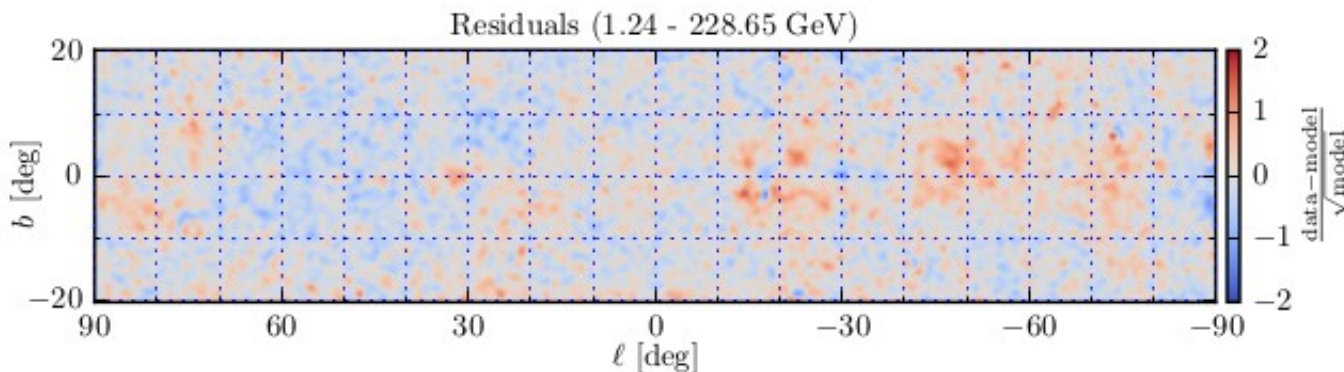
Regular
template
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Templates
with 10%-30%
uncertainty

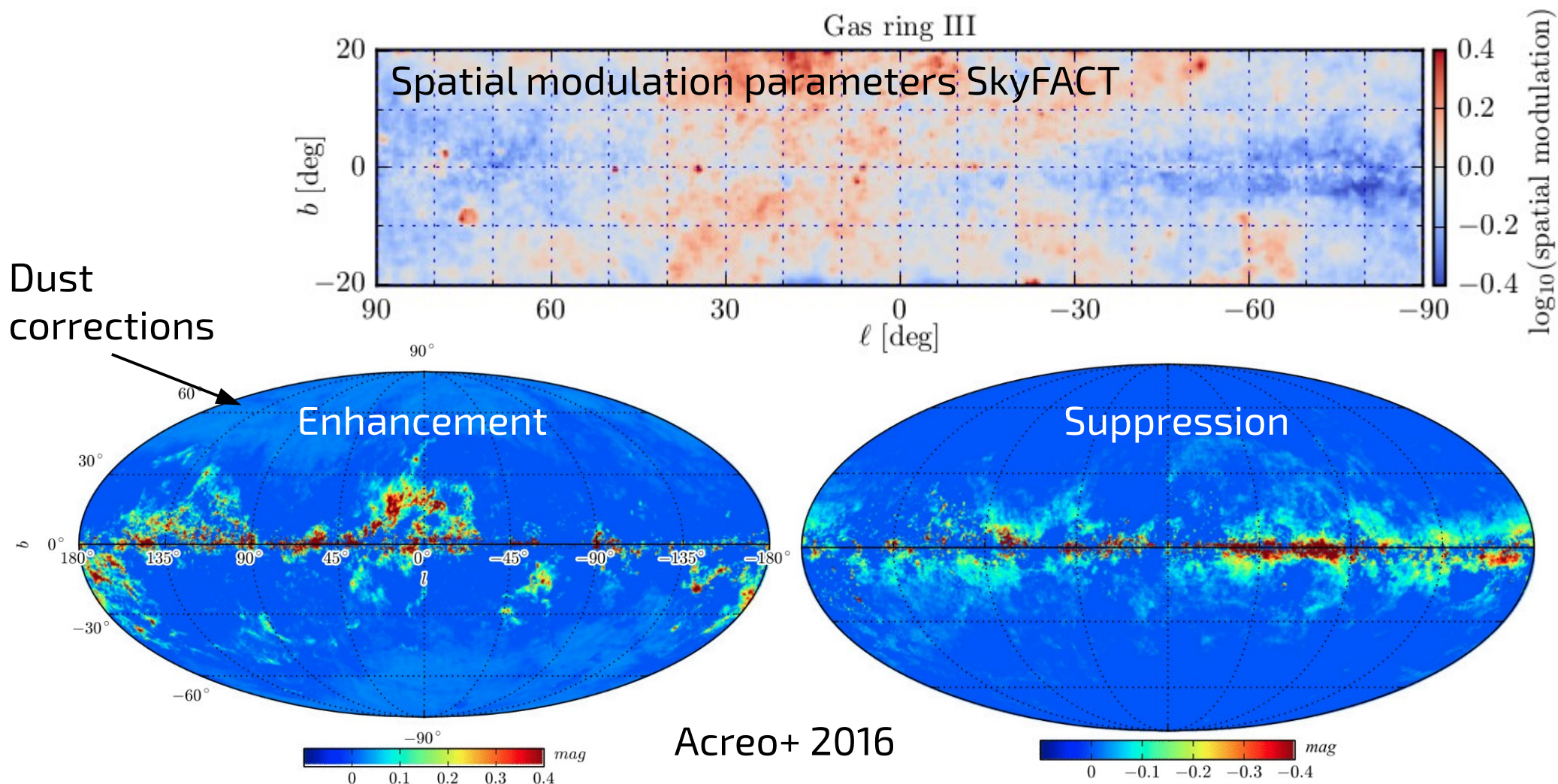


+ GeV excess



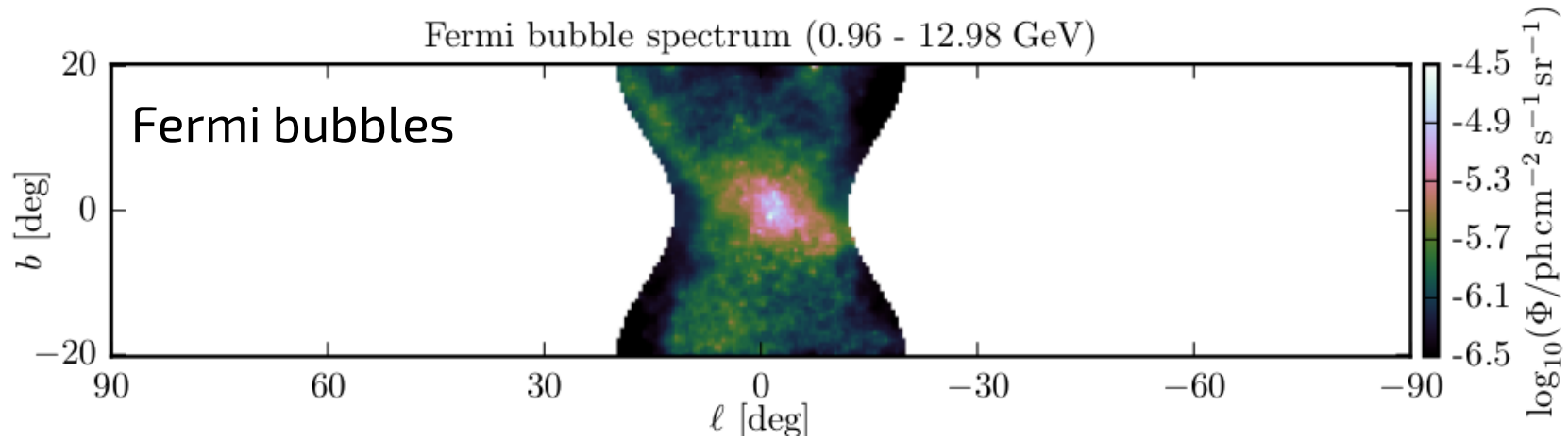
Dark gas corrections

- Fraction of gas neither emits CO (molecular gas) nor 21 cm line (atomic gas)
→ Not included in gas maps
- Correction factors are usually derived by considering dust reddening maps (assuming that dust is well mixed with ISM)



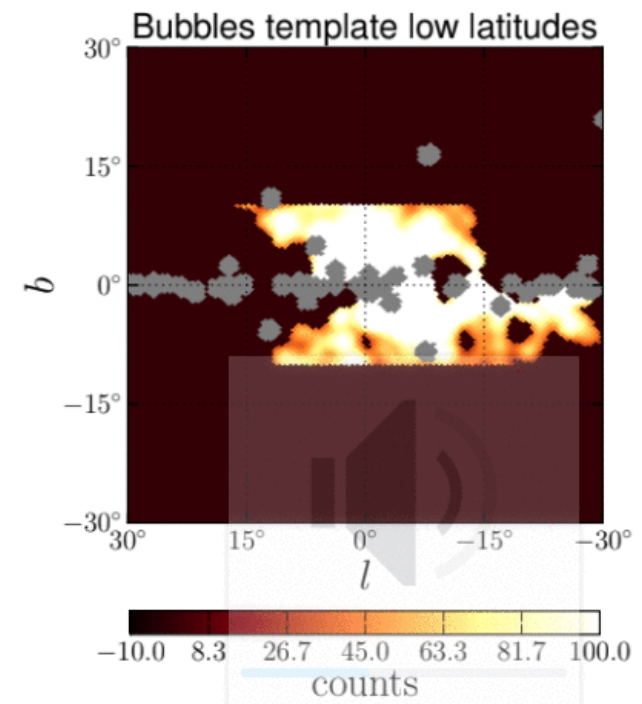
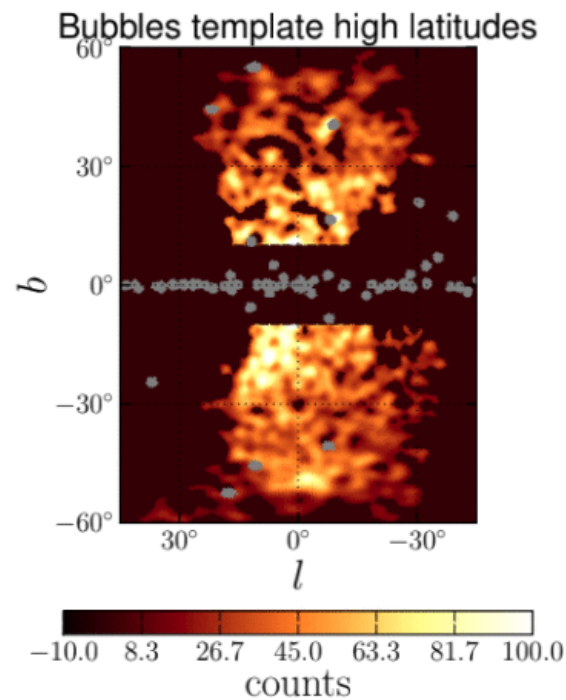
Low-latitude Fermi bubbles

Modulation parameters

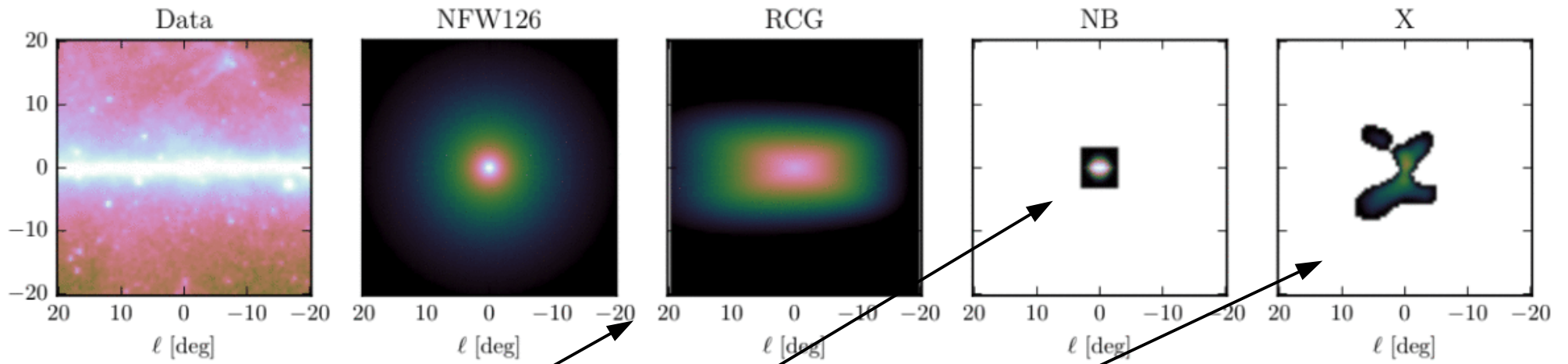


- Low-latitude part of Fermi bubbles is not well studied
- However, a MSP component + bubble component (hard spectrum) decomposition is possible
- Suggests strongly enhanced HE emission in the inner few degrees
- ICS from star formation?
- However, statistically not very significant, hard to study

Ackermann+ 17



The morphology of the GeV excess

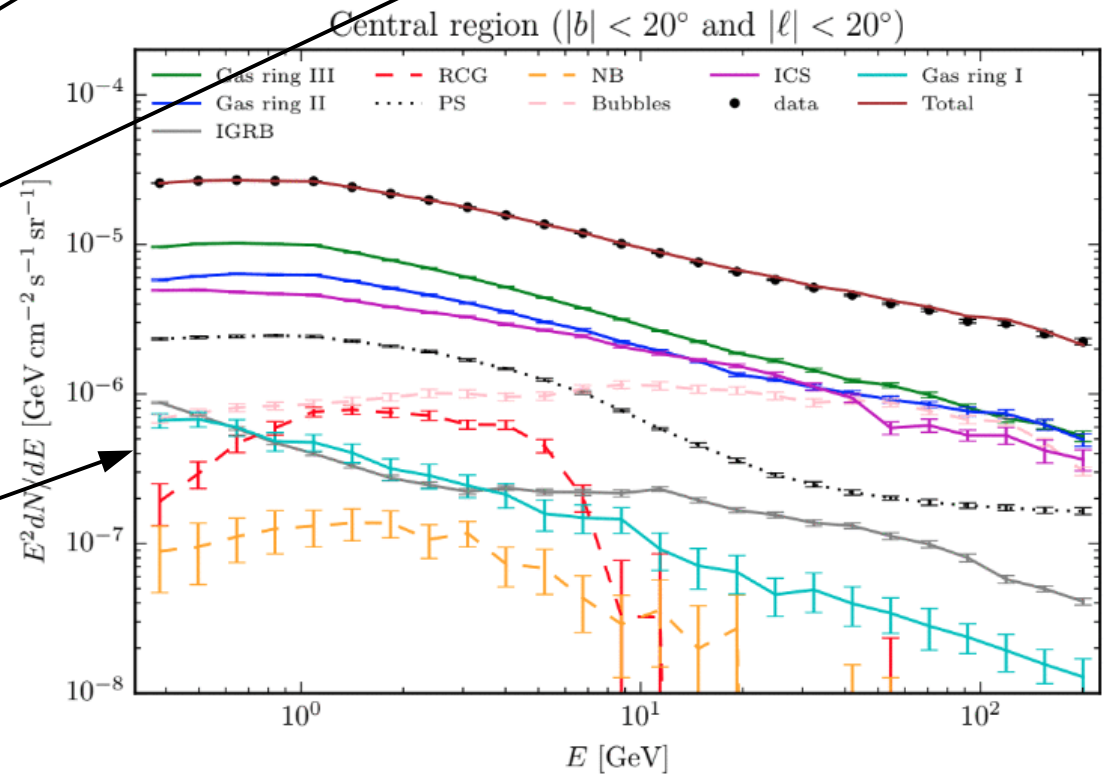


Red-clump giants

Nuclear bulge

WISE template (X-shape)

Best-fit spectra



Beyond Poissonian noise

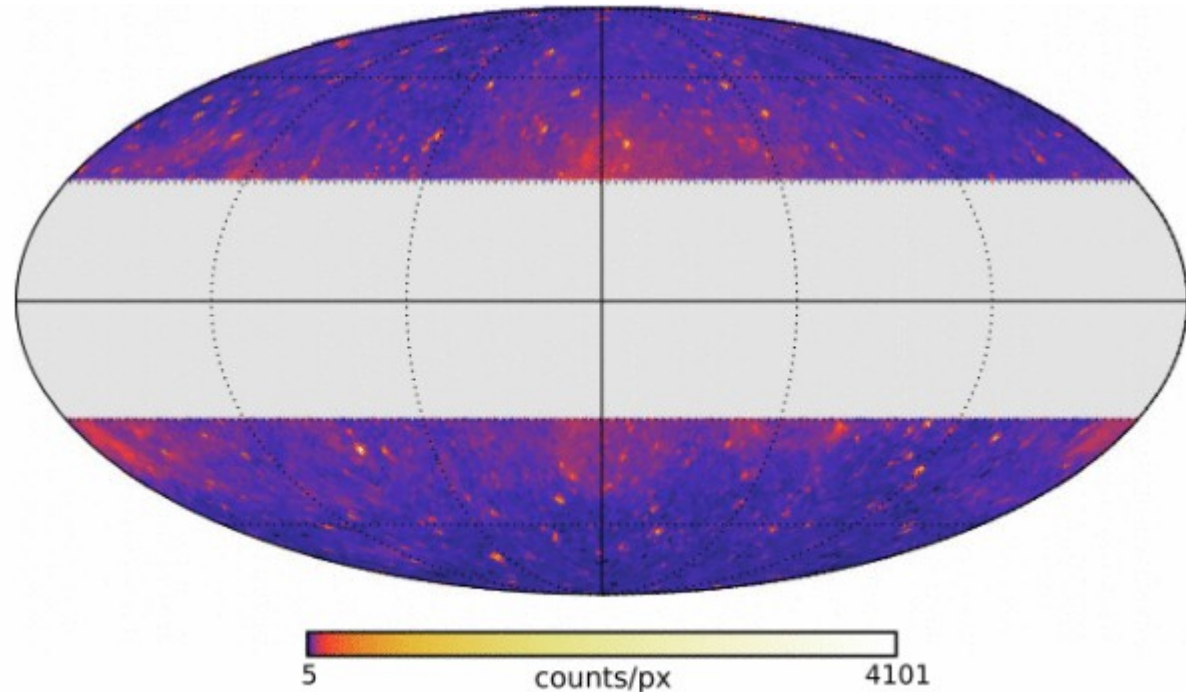
1-point statistics: Extragalactic background

Discrete probability distribution, given by generating function.

$$P_k^{(p)} = \frac{1}{k!} \left. \frac{d^k \mathcal{P}^{(p)}(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0}$$

Can be expressed in terms of source probabilities

$$\mathcal{P}^{(p)}(t) = \exp \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m^{(p)} (t^m - 1) \right]$$

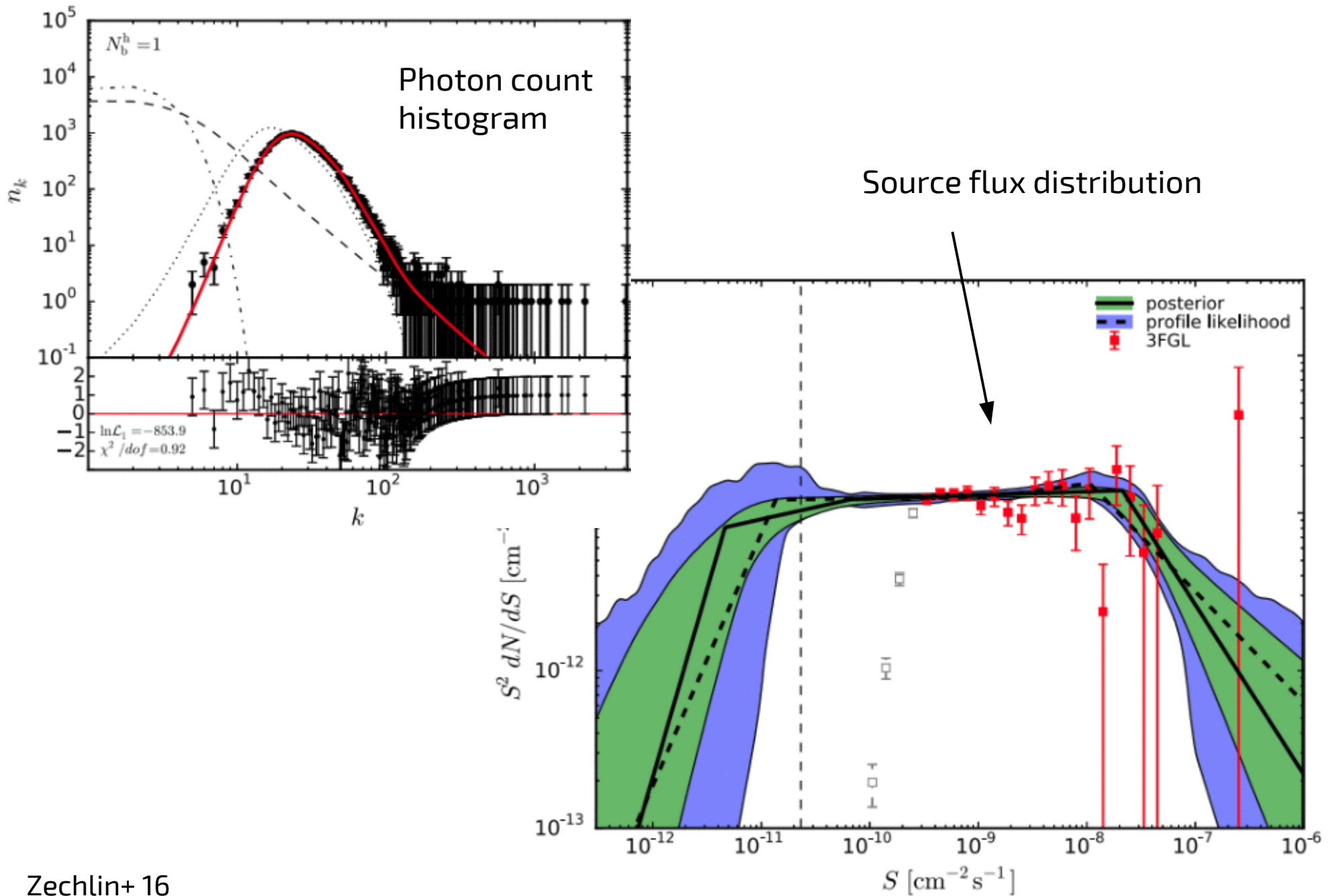


Flux distribution of extragalactic sources

$$\frac{dN}{dS} \propto \begin{cases} \left(\frac{S}{S_0}\right)^{-n_1}, & S > S_{b1} \\ \left(\frac{S_{b1}}{S_0}\right)^{-n_1+n_2} \left(\frac{S}{S_0}\right)^{-n_2}, & S_{b2} < S \leq S_{b1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \left(\frac{S_{b1}}{S_0}\right)^{-n_1+n_2} \left(\frac{S_{b2}}{S_0}\right)^{-n_2+n_3} \dots \left(\frac{S}{S_0}\right)^{-n_{N_b+1}}, & S \leq S_{bN_b} \end{cases}$$

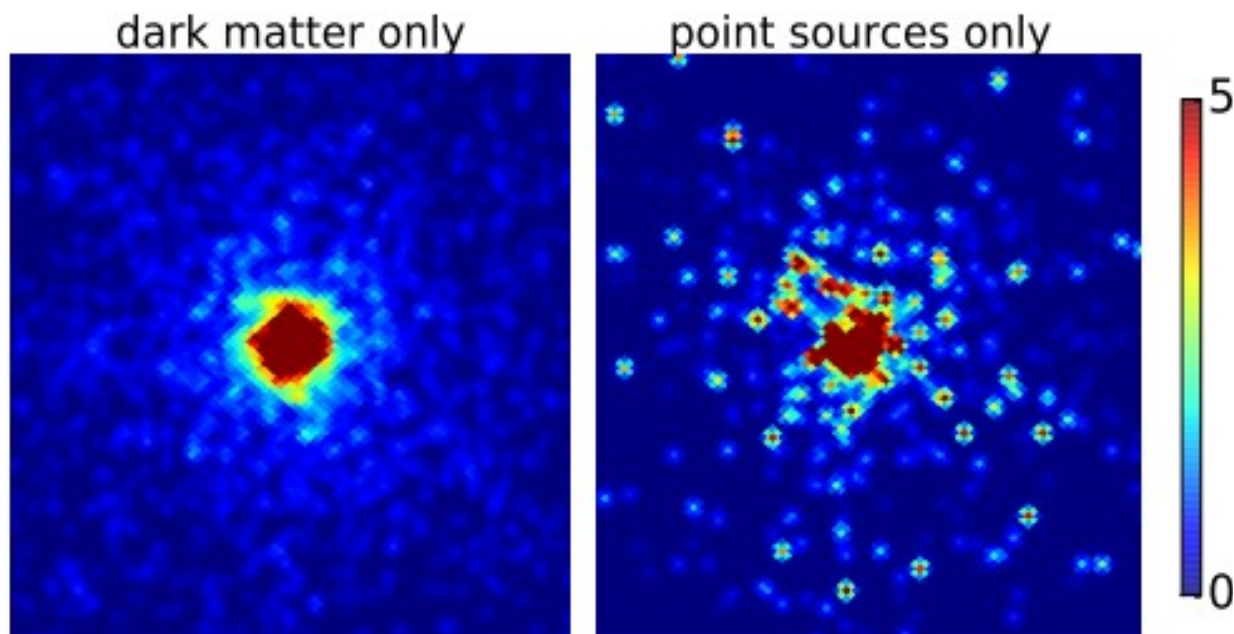
$$\mathcal{L}_2(\Theta) = \prod_{p=1}^{N_{\text{pix}}} P(k_p)$$

1-point statistics: Extragalactic background



Fluctuation analyses: Fermi GeV excess

A signal composed of point sources would appear more “speckled” than a purely diffuse signal (like from DM annihilation)

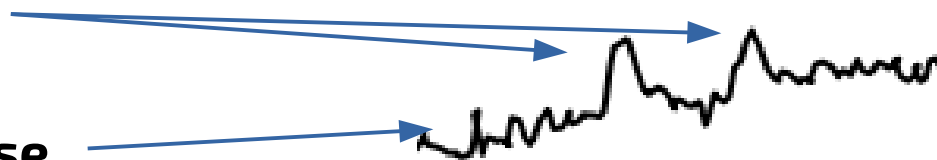


(Credit: Lee+ 2014)

Find **peaks**

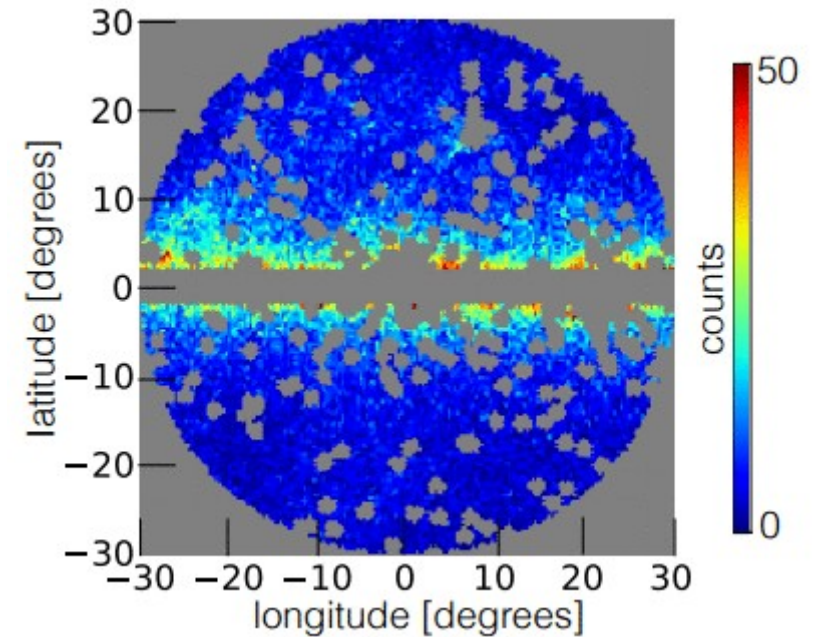
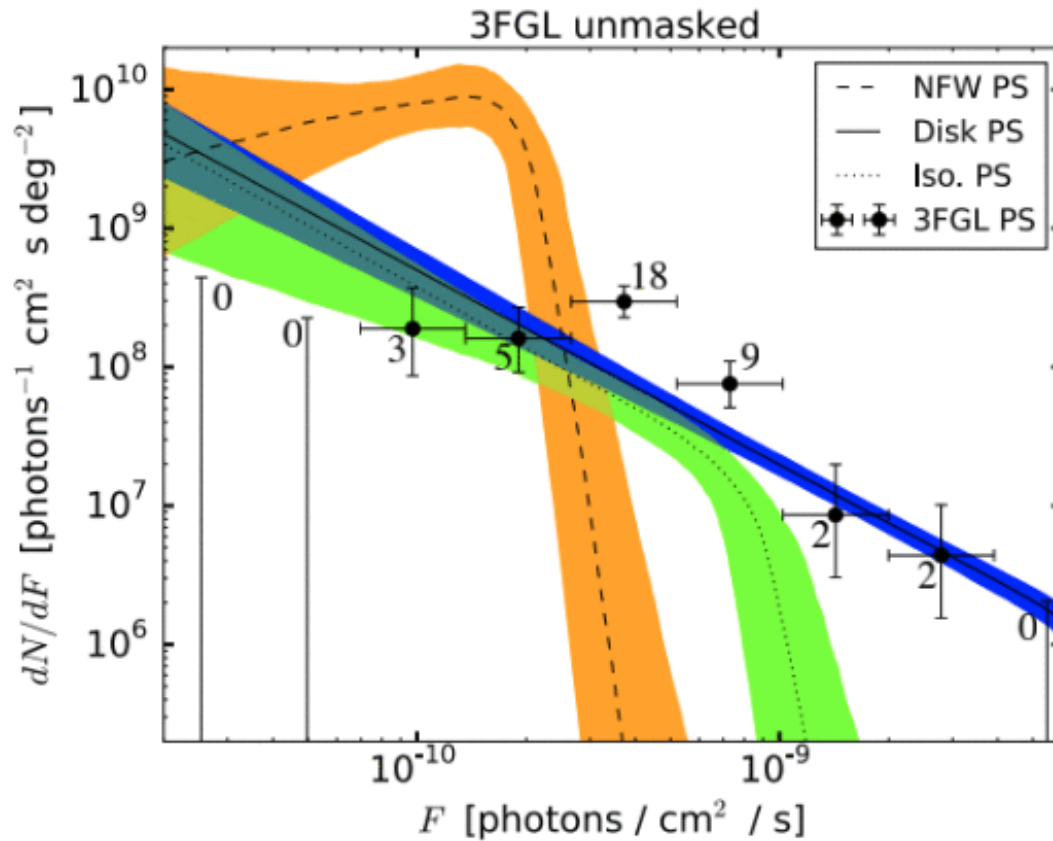
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Poisson noise



See Lee+16 for an analysis using non-Poissonian noise

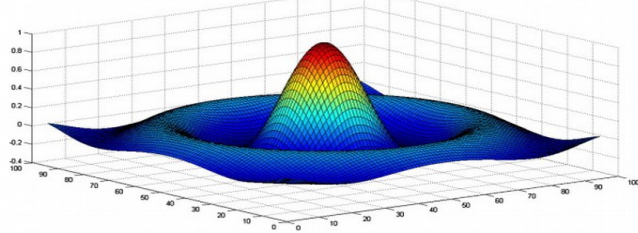
Non-Poissonian template fit analysis



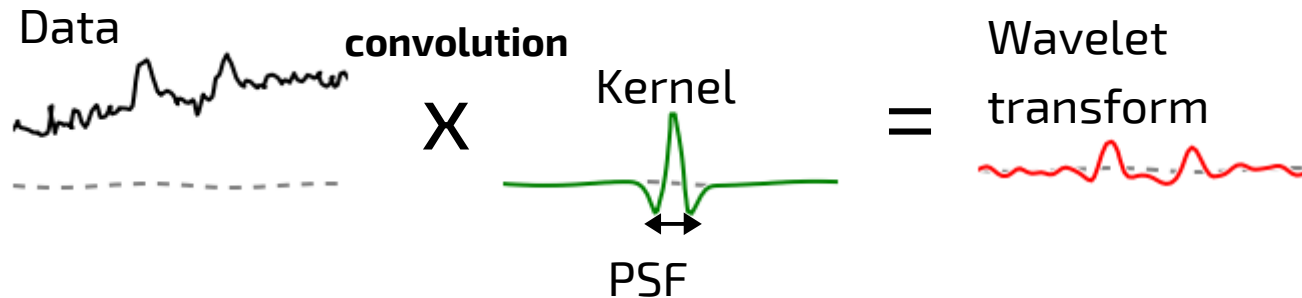
→ Strong indications for sub-threshold source distribution in the inner Galaxy, compatible with morphology of the Fermi GeV excess

Wavelet transform to filter out point sources

Mexican hat wavelet



Credit:
<https://www.researchgate.net>

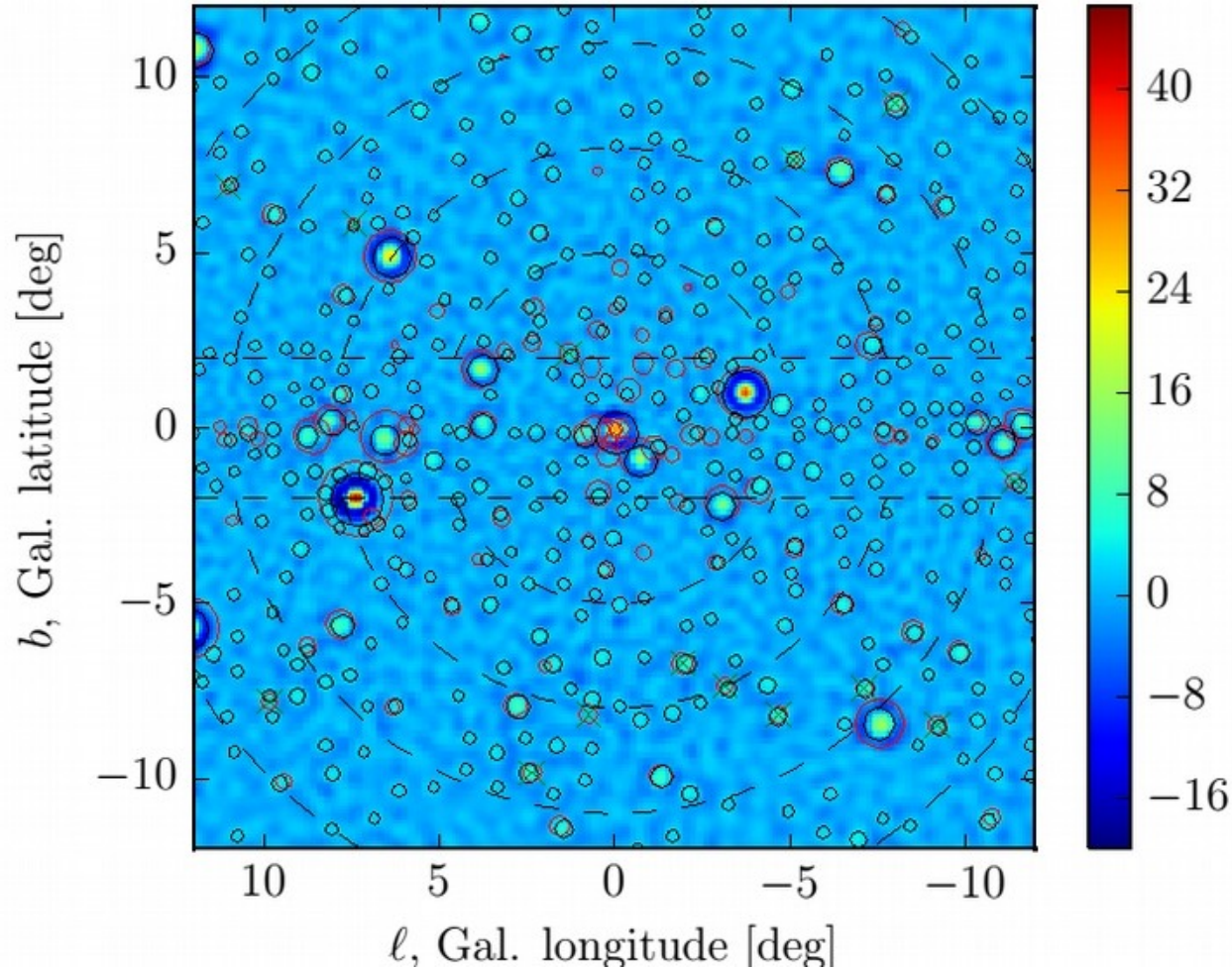


Wavelet approach is robust and simple

- No background modeling required for wavelet analysis (separation of scales!!!)
- Build-in source localization
- Extremely fast (allowed careful Monte Carlo tests of the results)

Bartels+ 15

Wavelet transform of inner Galaxy data



MSP model used in Monte Carlo

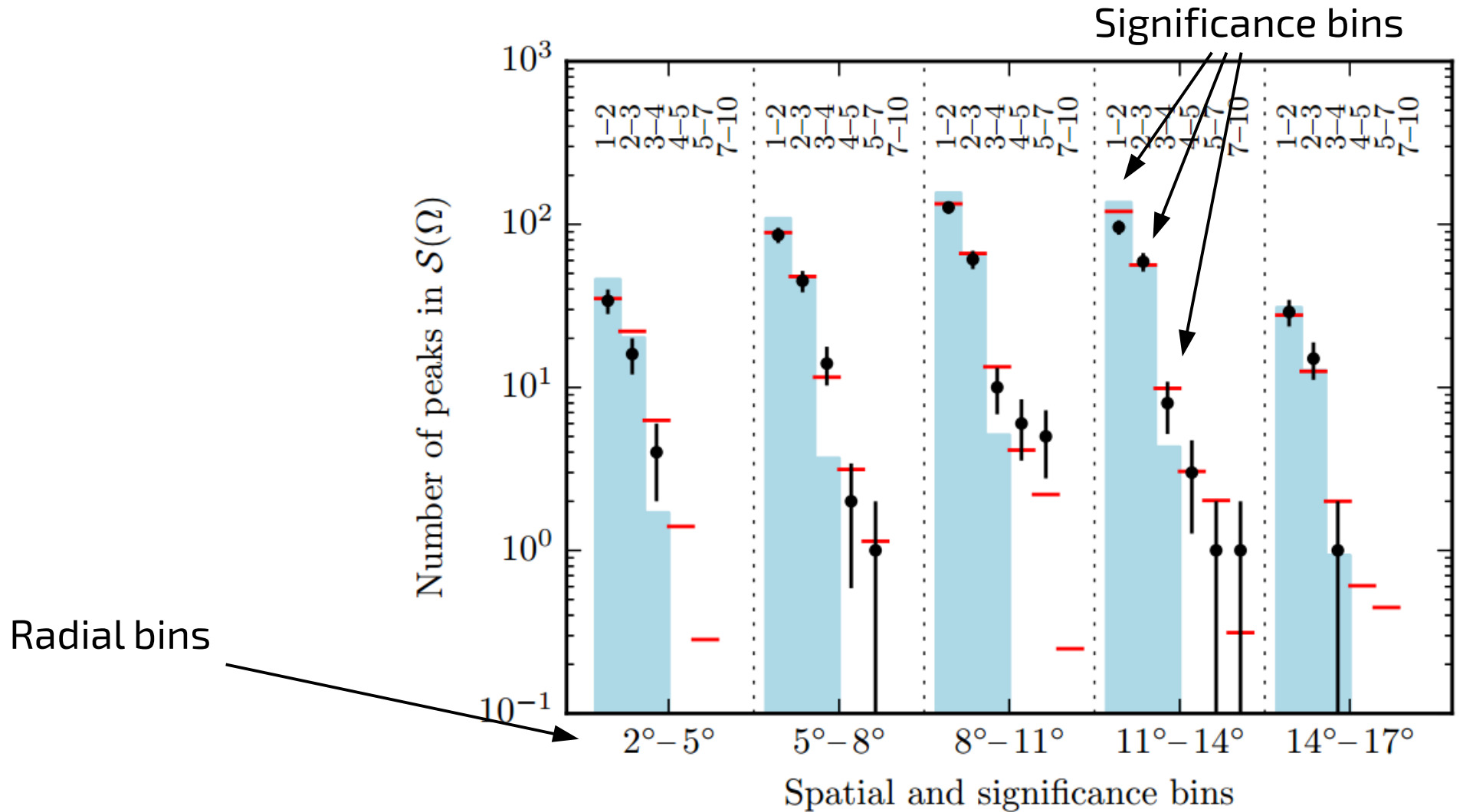
$$\frac{dN_{\text{MSP}}}{dV dL} \propto \frac{\mathcal{N}}{r^{2.5}} \frac{\theta(L_{\text{max}} - L)}{L^{1.5}}$$

Free parameters

- Total number of sources N
- Cutoff luminosity L_{max}

- 1) Count peaks in different sky regions and bin them according to significance
- 2) Run MCs for different bulge population configurations
- 3) Compare using a Poisson likelihood
- 4) Study all kinds of systematics (foreground sources, gas fluctuations etc)

Histogram of wavelet transform peaks



We find

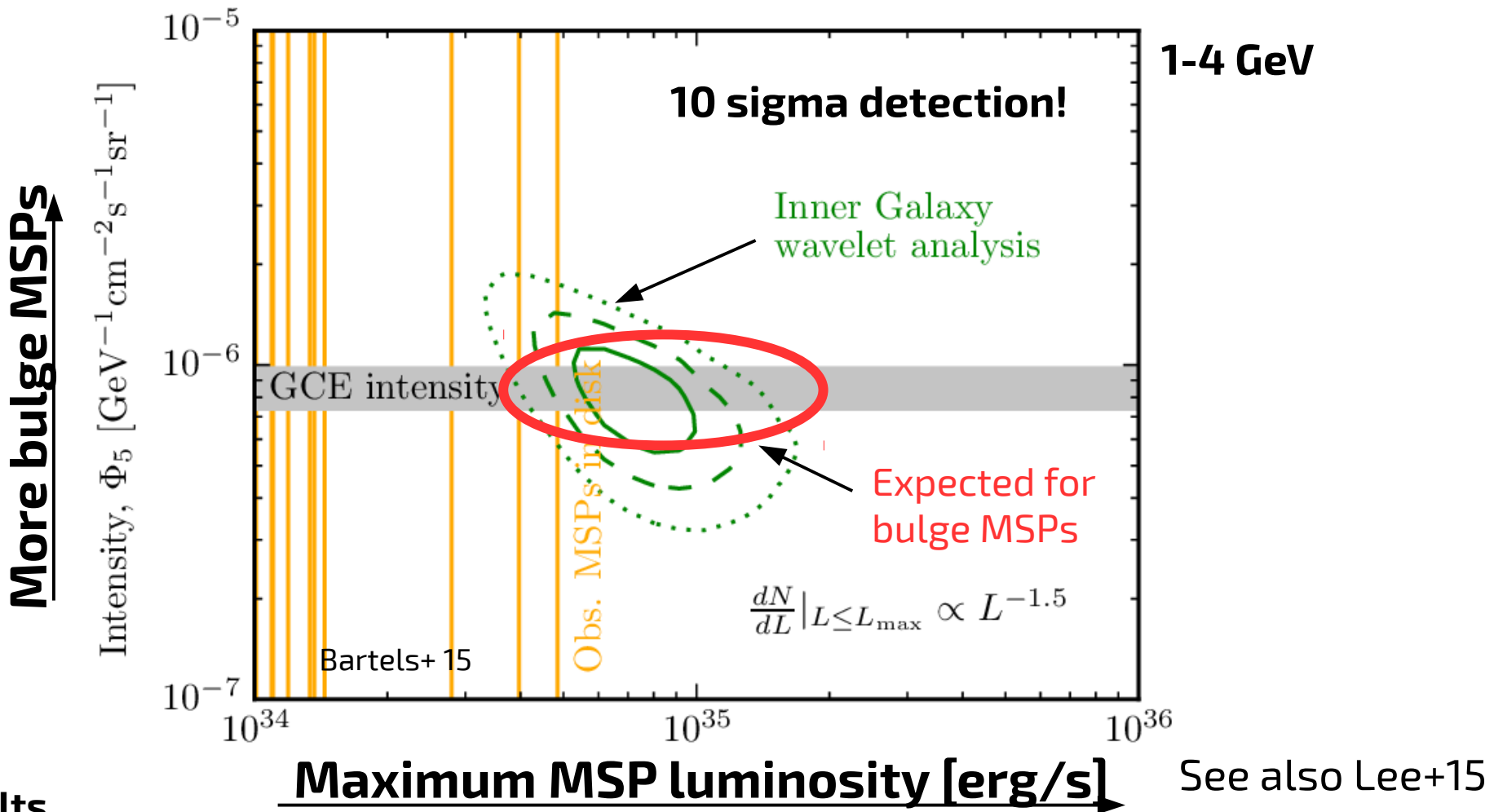
- Suppression at <2 sigma
- Excesses at >3 sigma

Blue bars: Null hypothesis (diffuse only emission)

Black: Measured data

Red: best fit model with PSC population in bulge

Strong support for MSP hypothesis



Results

- For a luminosity function index around 1.5, a MSP population with the best-fit normalization would reproduce 100% of the excess emission
- The best-fit cutoff luminosity is compatible with gamma-ray emission from detected nearby MSPs (beware of large uncertainties due to uncertainties in the distance measure, Petrovic+ 2014, Brandt & Kocsis 2015)

Planned radio searches for bulge MSPs

Radio detection prospects (Calore+ '15)

(Bulge population is just below sensitivity of Parkes HTRU mid-lat survey)

- GBT targeted searches ~100h: ~3 bulge MSPs
- MeerKAT mid-lat survey ~300h: ~30 bulge MSPs

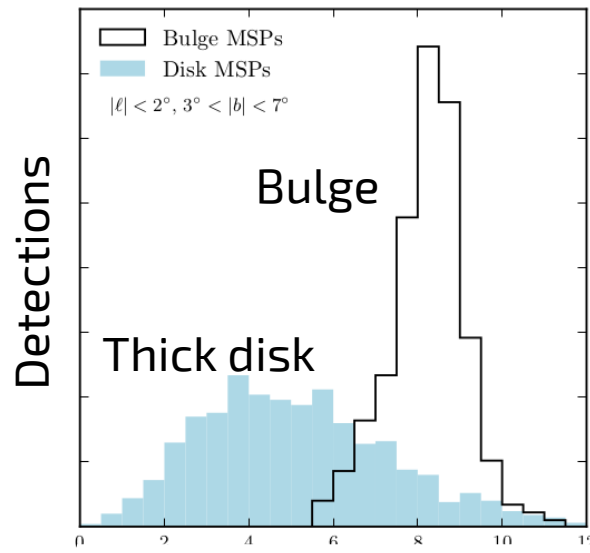
Our plans for the near future

- We teamed up with MeerKAT TRAPUM → plans for dedicated survey in ~2019!

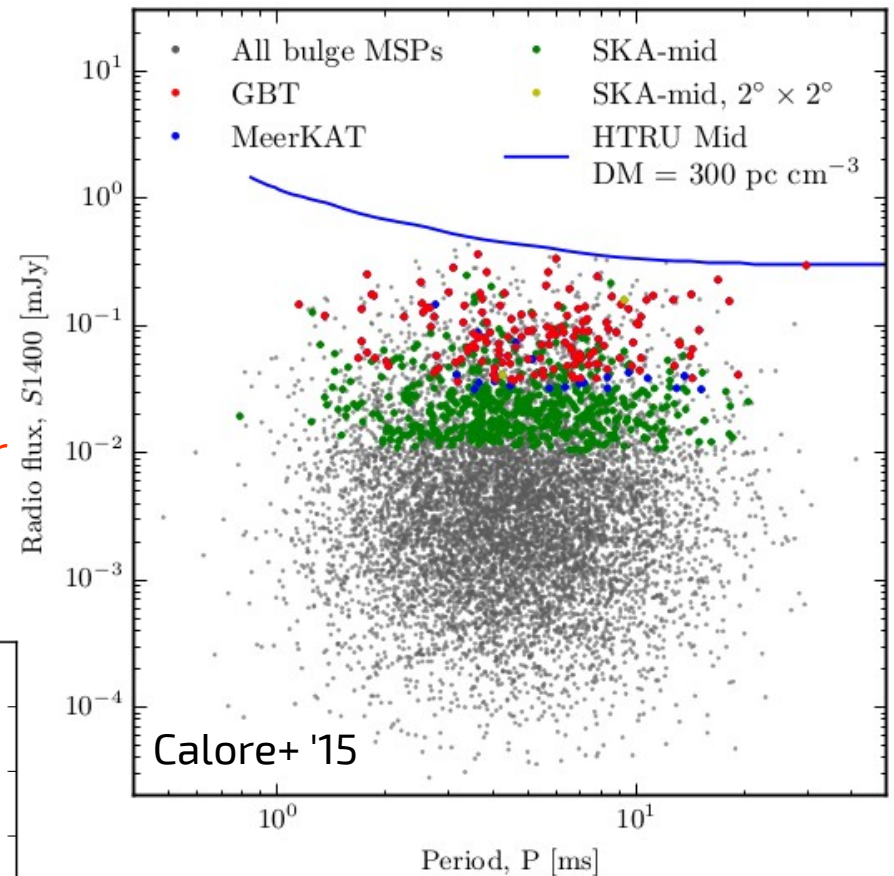
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3.2	4.6	6.0	7.3	6.9	7.3	5.6	4.3	3.1
(3.7)	(3.7)	(3.6)	(3.7)	(3.6)	(3.9)	(3.5)	(4.0)	(3.5)
2.6	3.8	6.1	8.8	9.5	8.0	5.6	4.1	2.3
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1.5	2.4	3.8	7.2	9.4	5.9	3.2	1.6	1.1
(4.4)	(4.4)	(4.0)	(4.5)	(4.1)	(3.9)	(3.9)	(3.8)	(3.7)
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1.7	2.4	4.2	7.8	12.1	7.5	3.2	2.1	0.9
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3.2	4.4	6.0	6.9	8.4	7.6	6.1	4.2	3.2
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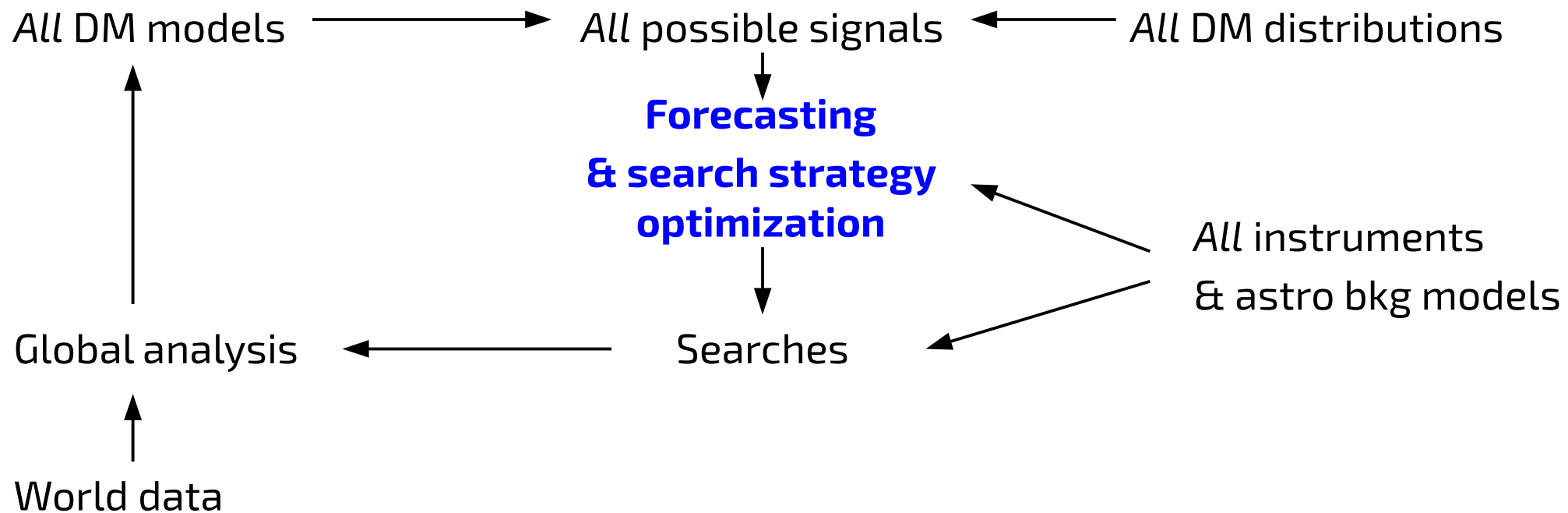


Distance (from dispersion measure)



Outlook

The forecasting bottle neck



Problem:

- How to identify minimum set of necessary searches to cover *all* possible DM models?
- How to make forecasting easy and informative?

Solution:

- Fisher forecasting on the rocks

S/N + systematics = Information flux

Poisson model with background uncertainties

(uncertainties described by Gaussian random field)

$$\mu_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (S_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + B_i + \delta B_i) \cdot E_i$$

Edwards & CW
1704.05458

Fisher information

(accounts for background uncertainties)

$$\mathcal{I} \sim \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

Information flux

(derivative w.r.t. exposure per bin)

$$\mathcal{F}_i \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{I}}{\partial E_i}$$

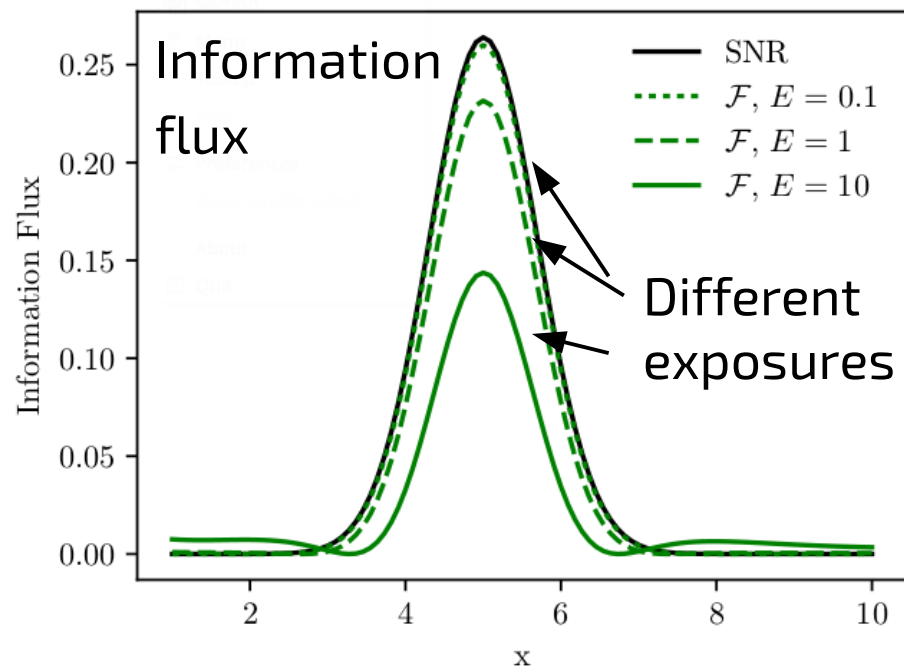
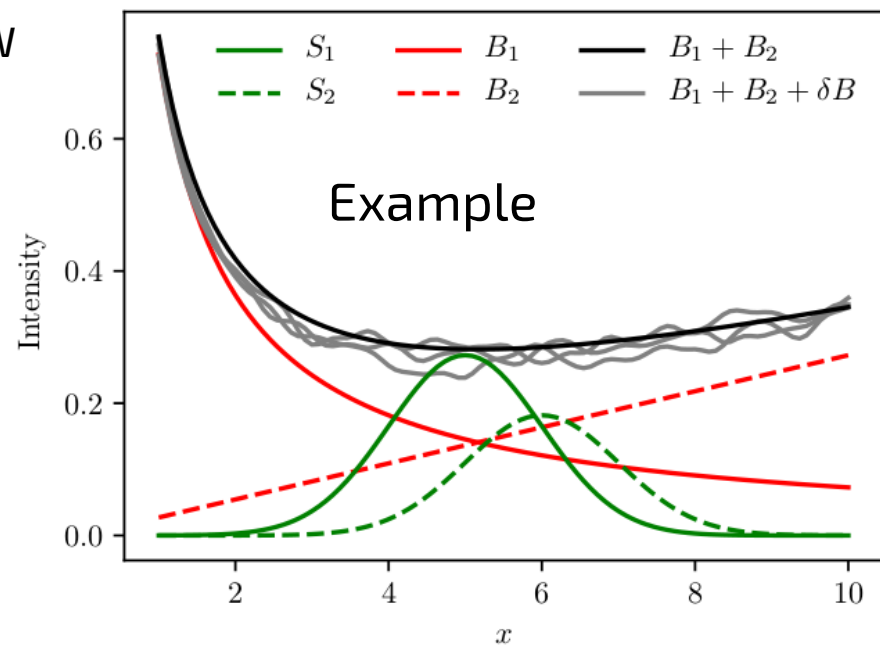
Stats. only

In general

$$\mathcal{F}_i = \frac{S_i^2}{B_i}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_i = \mathcal{F}_i(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{B}, K)$$

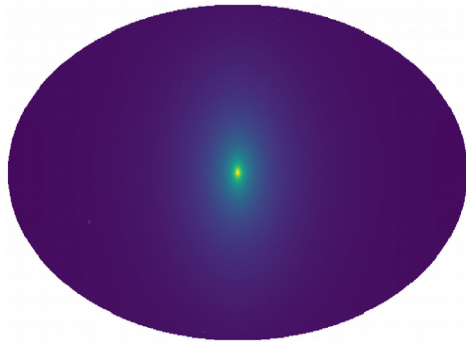
(common **signal-to-noise** ratio)



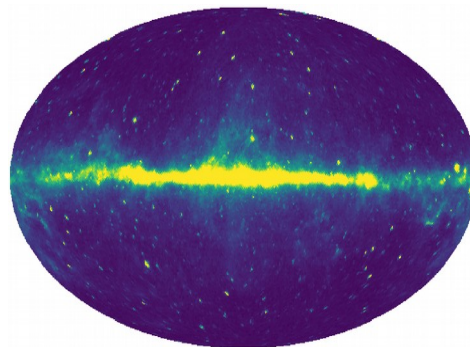
Dark information flux – DM annihilation

A toy example: Galactic halo vs nearby galaxies

DM signal



Background



Galactic halo
dominates

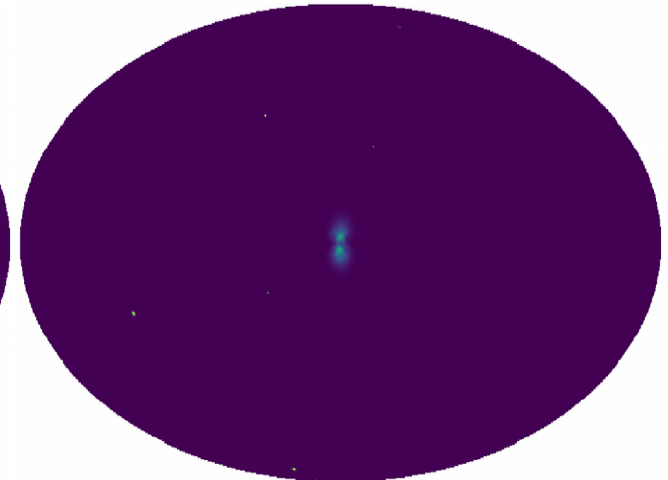
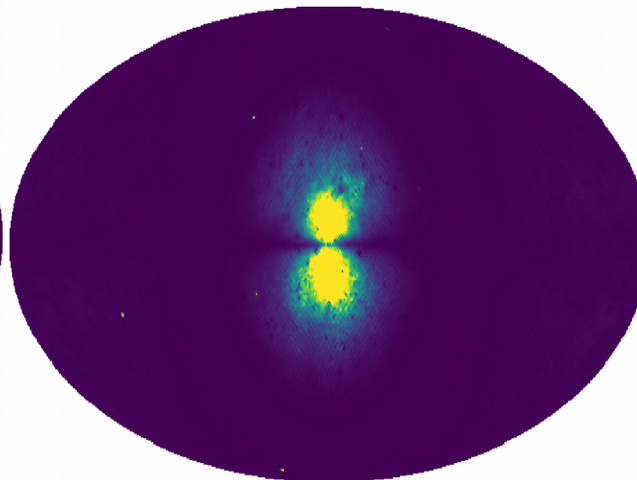
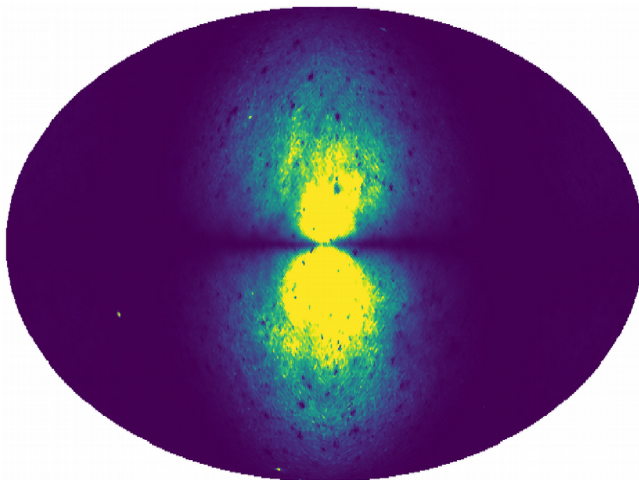
Here: 10% with ~10
deg correlation length

M31 as
relevant as GC

Statistics only

1/100 x Fermi LAT exposure

Fermi LAT exposure



Can be used to calculate

- projected upper limits
- discovery thresholds
- reconstruction contours
- in the Poissonian regime
- no Monte Carlos

Conclusions

