

# Probing Dark Matter with Cosmic Messengers

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# Outline

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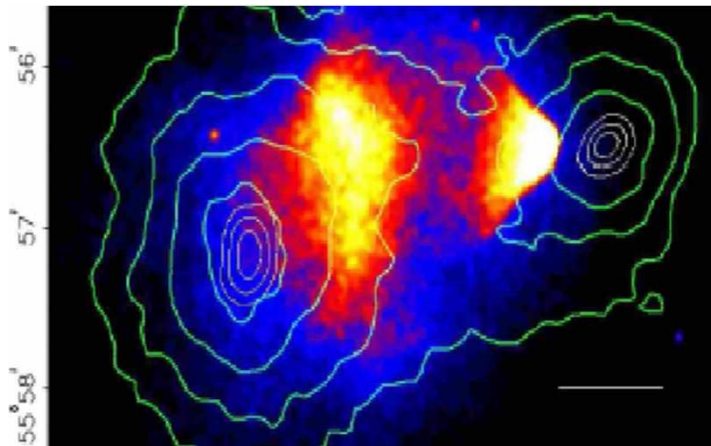
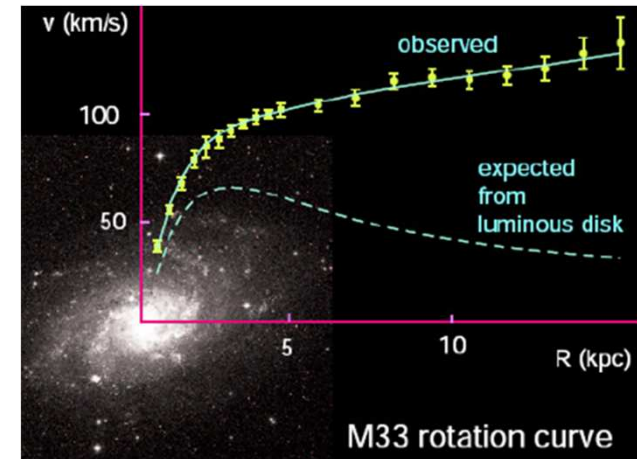
- **Indirect Detection Overview**
  - **evidence for dark matter**
  - **dark matter candidates**
  - **indirect detection messengers**
- **Recent Dark Matter Results**
  - **unexplained anomalies**
  - **current constraints**
- **Future Gamma Ray Prospects**

# **DARK MATTER AND DARK MATTER PARTICLE CANDIDATES**

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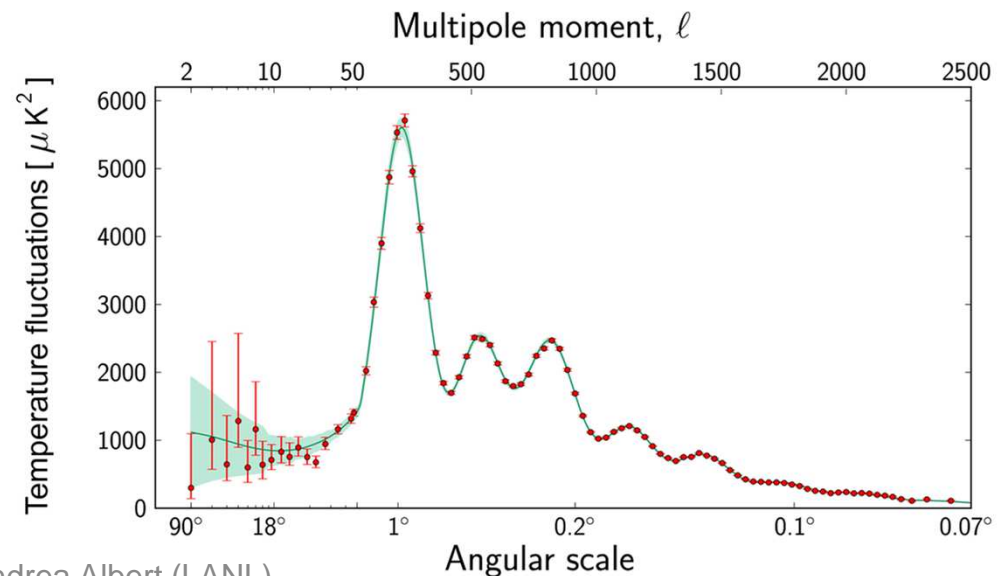
- Coma Cluster + Virial, F. Zwicky (1937)
- Rotation Curves, V. Rubin et al 1980)



- Dark Matter is virtually *collisionless*
- The Bullet Cluster, D. Clowe et al (2006)

- Dark Matter is *non-baryonic*

- CMB acoustic oscillations
- Big Bang nucleosynthesis



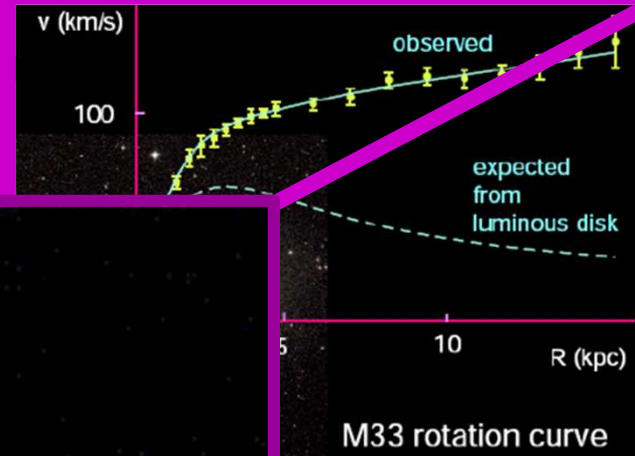
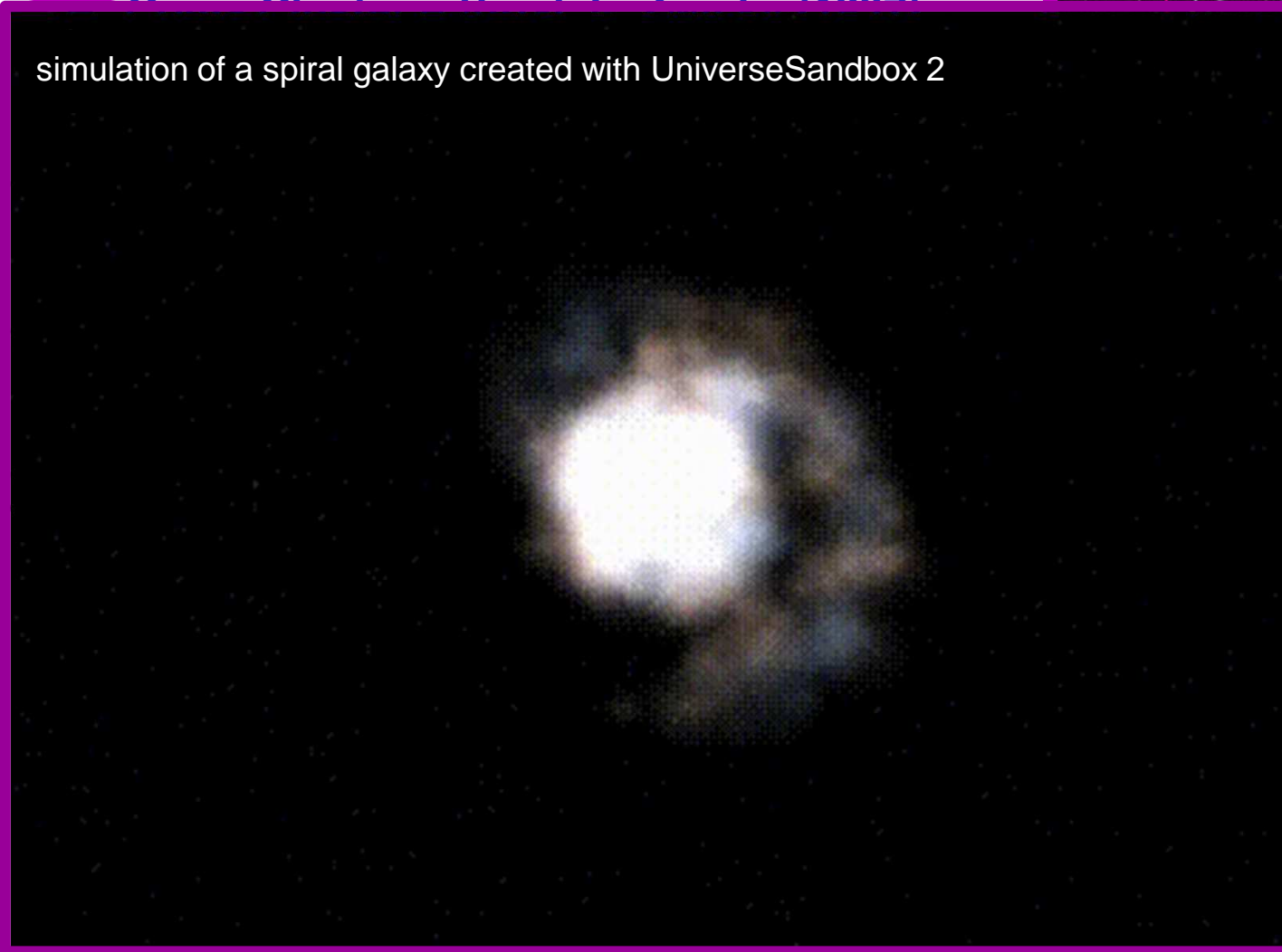
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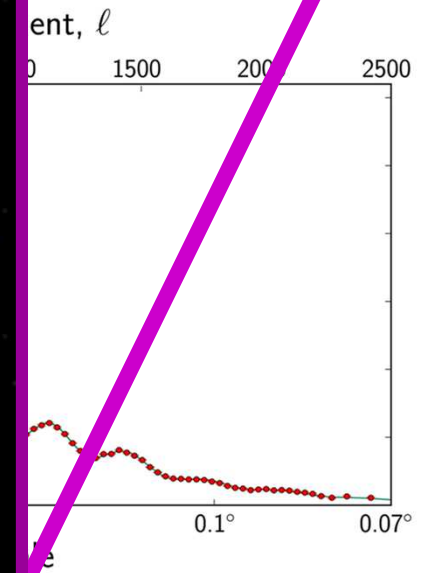
Binney & Tremaine (1987)

simulation of a spiral galaxy created with UniverseSandbox 2



*collisionless*

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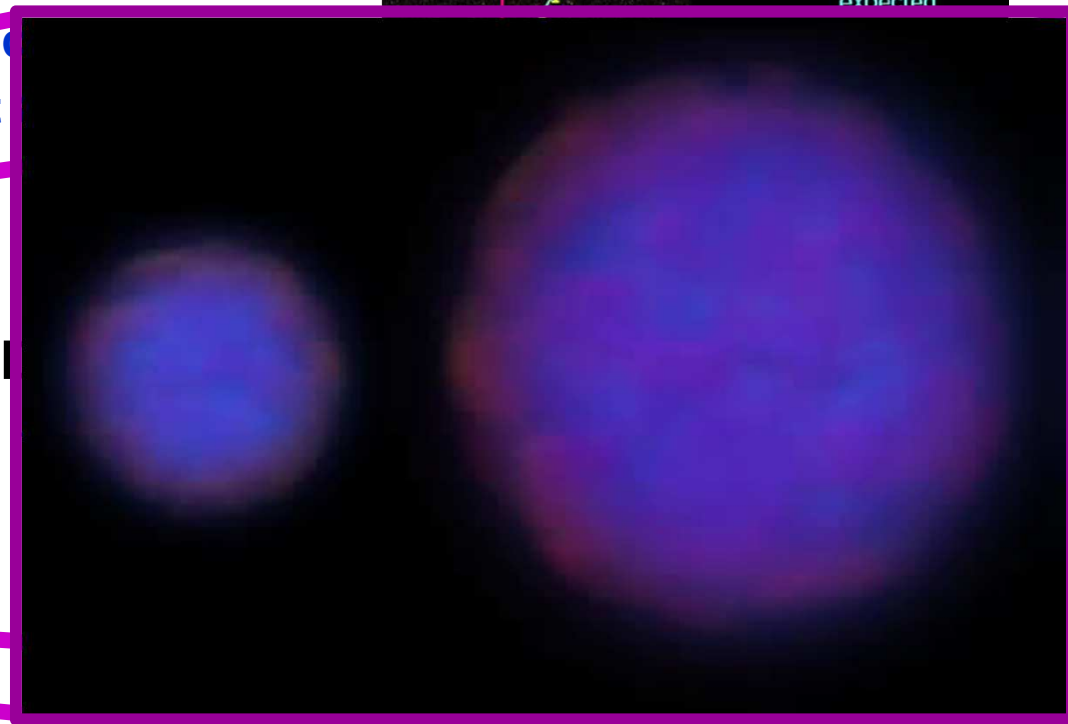
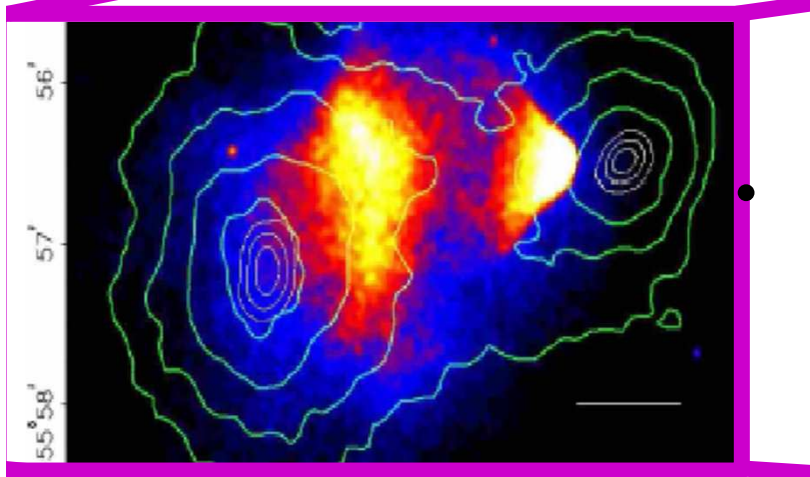
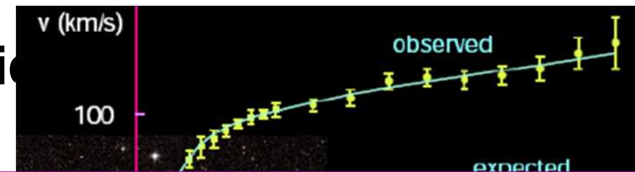




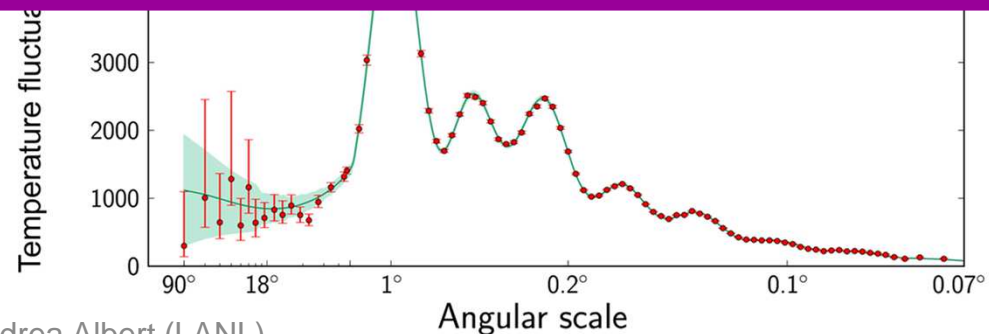
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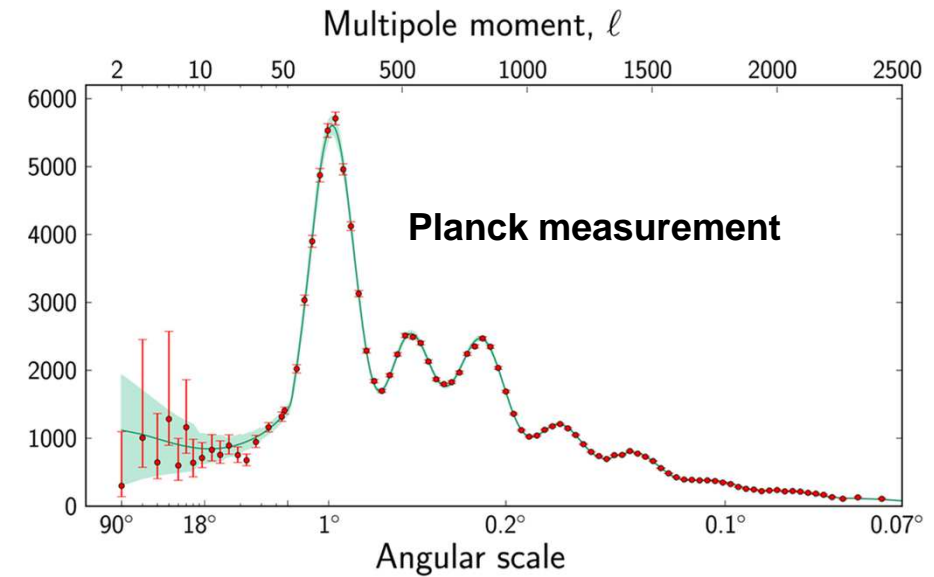
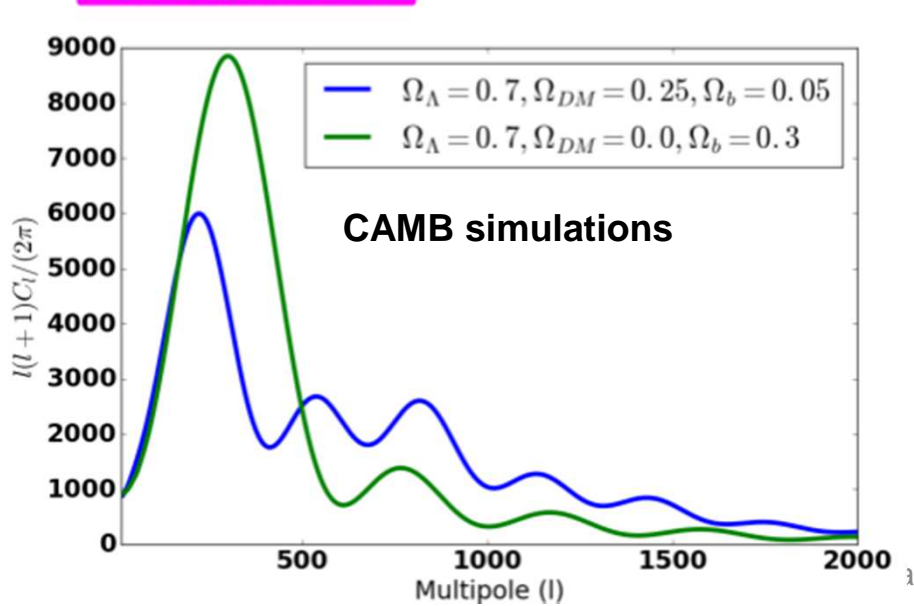
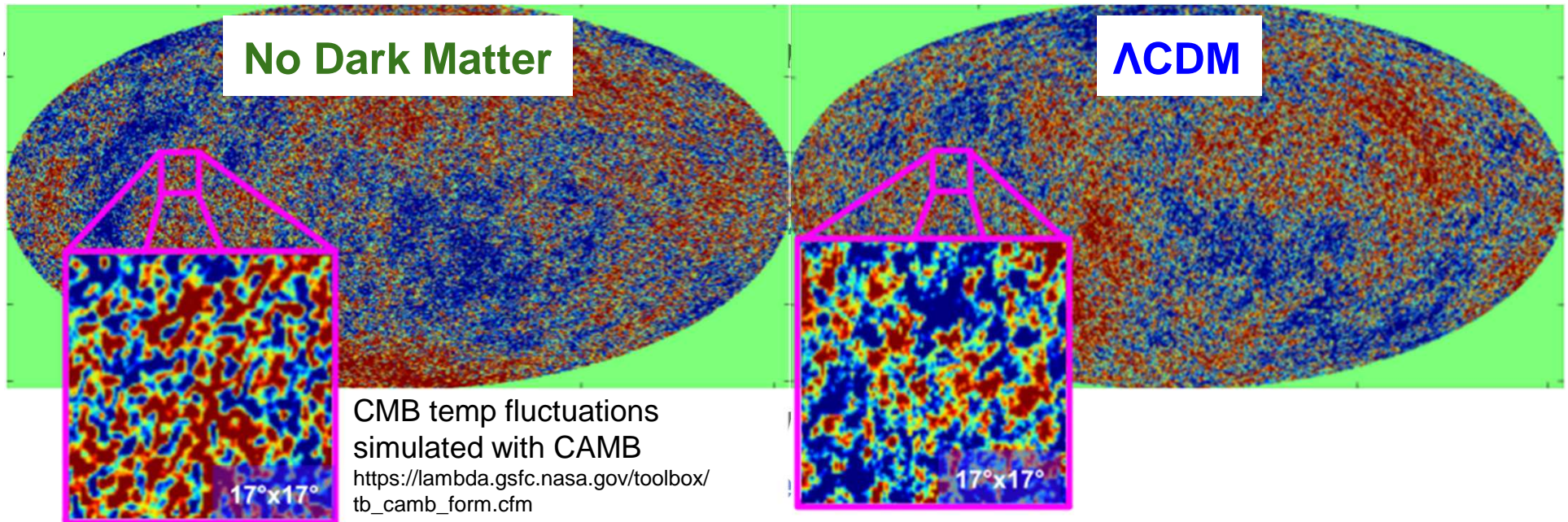


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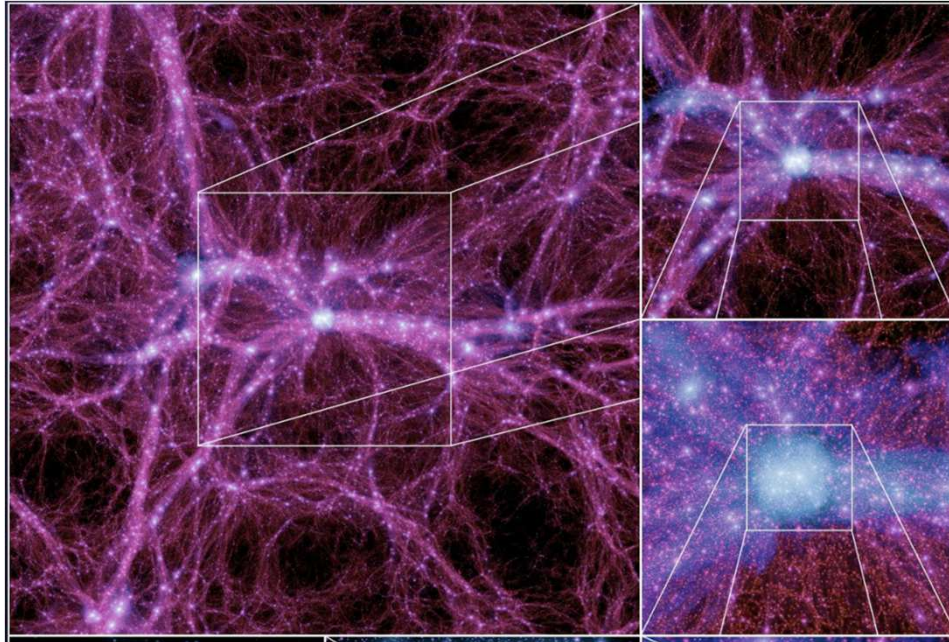
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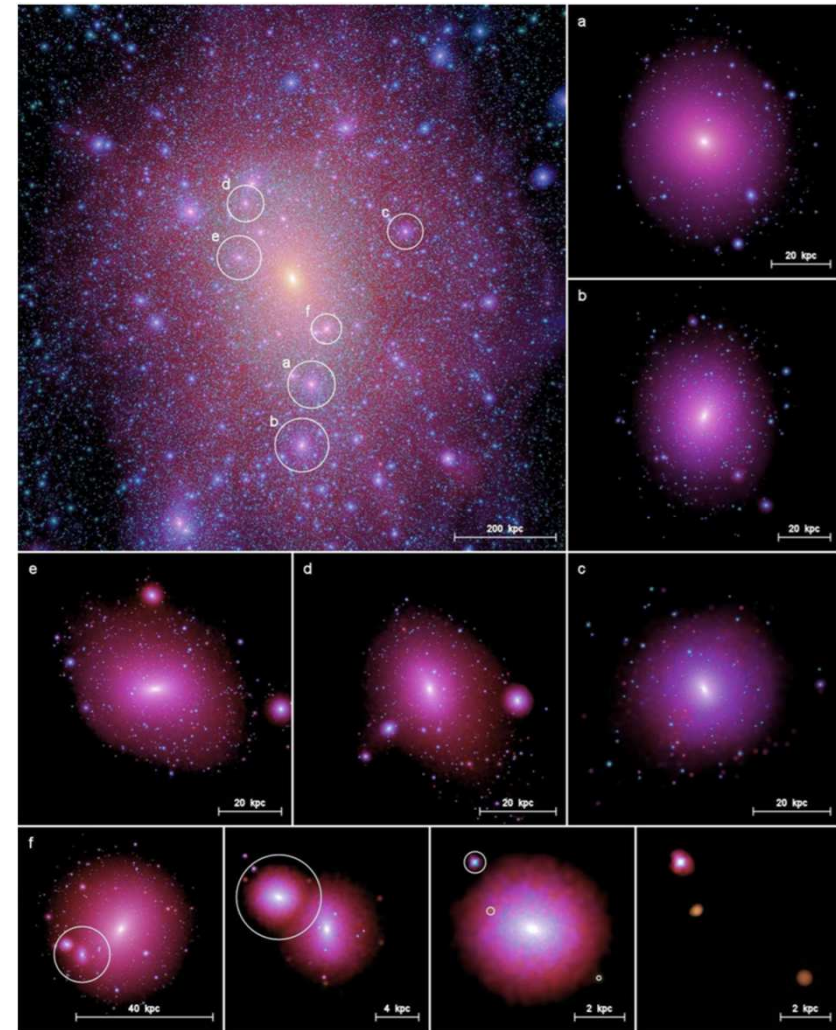


# DM Structures are Present on Many Scales

Zoom Sequence of DM Structure on 100 Mpc Scales



Milky Way-like Halo and Several Sub-Halos



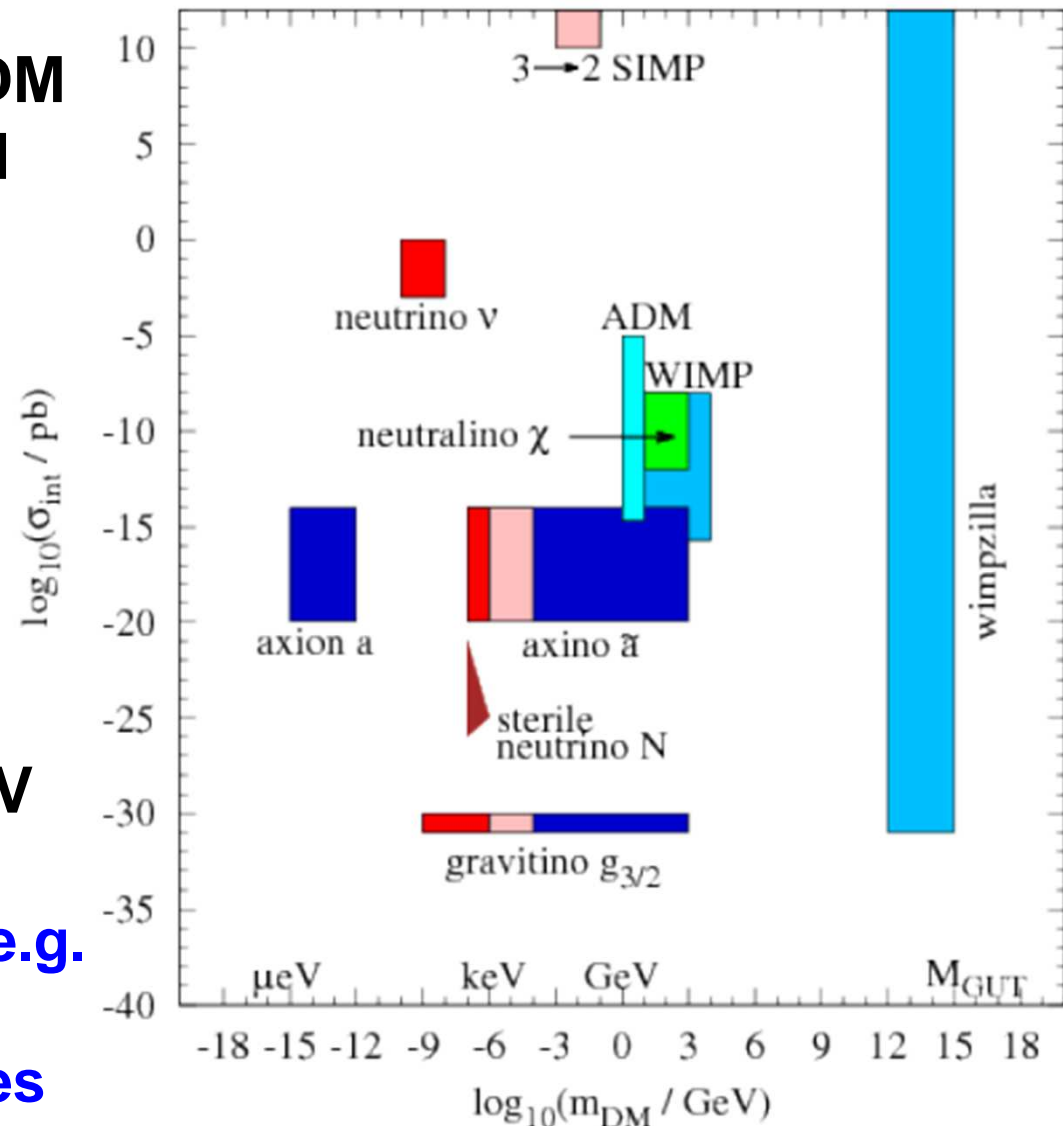
- **DM clumps :**
  - **On cosmological scales (left)**
  - **In the Milky Way virial radius ( $\sim 300$  kpc =  $\sim 1$  MLY, right)**  
**(Visible size of MW =  $\sim 20$  kpc)**  
**(M31 is  $\sim 800$  kpc away)**

Left: Boylan-Kolchin+ [2009MNRAS.398.1150B](#)  
Right: Springel+ [2008MNRAS.391.1685S](#)



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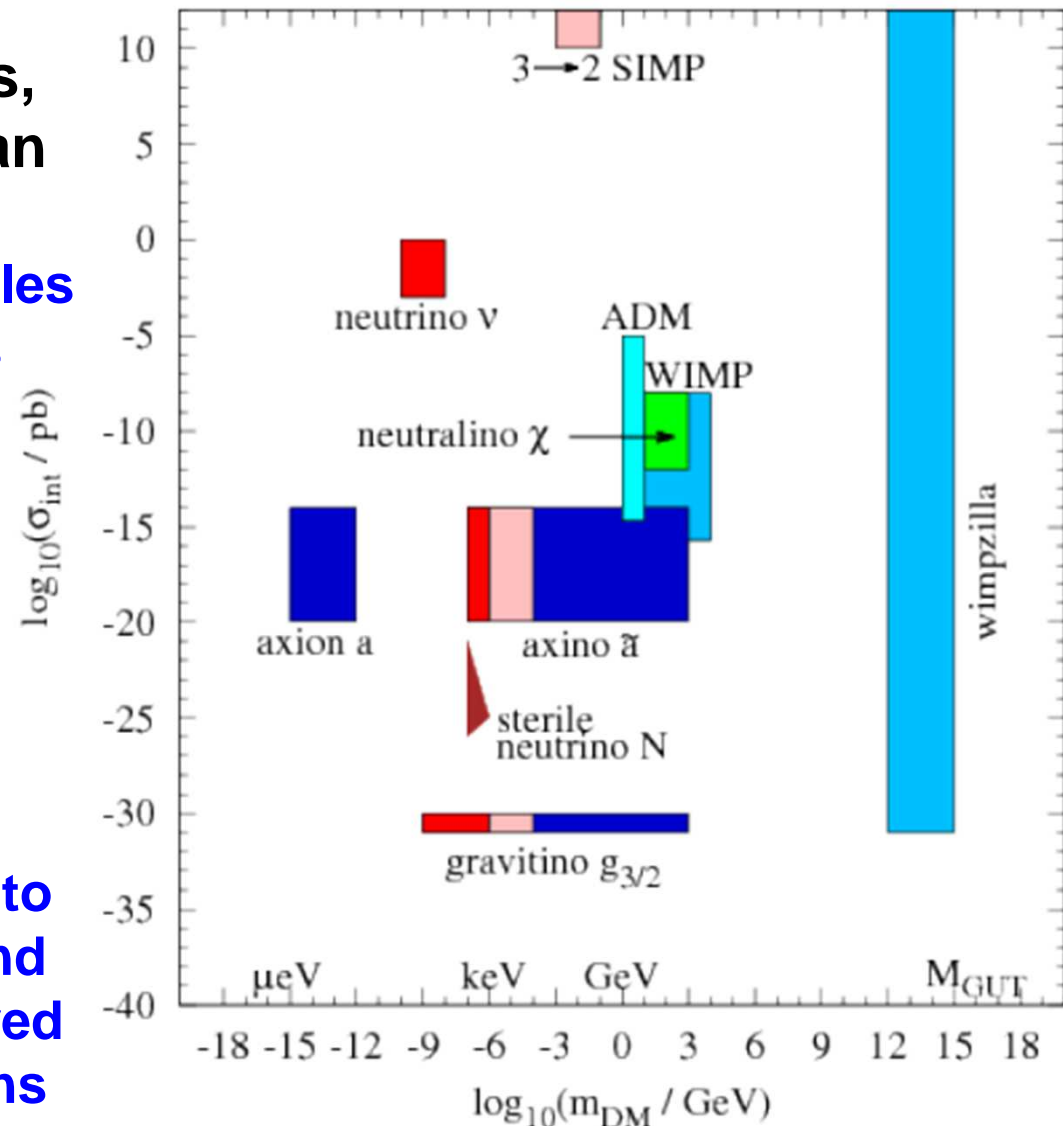
- Wide variety of particle DM candidates in beyond SM theories
- Large scale structure and galactic formation seem to require **cold** (non-relativistic) DM
- Tend to focus on 100 GeV WIMPs
  - but lack of detection at e.g. LHC and LUX motivates need for other candidates with  $m_{\text{DM}} > 10 \text{ TeV}$



Baer+ [PR 555 \(2015\)](#)

# Dark Matter Candidates

- I will focus on WIMP results, but other DM candidates can leave cosmic signatures
  - axion and axion-like-particles couple to  $\gamma$  rays in B fields
  - x-ray lines from sterile  $\nu$
  - $\gamma$ -ray lines from gravitinos
- Recall all DM results are derived from firm measurements
  - DM limits from flux limits
  - Important for experiments to publish measured limits and fluxes that are not convolved with DM model assumptions



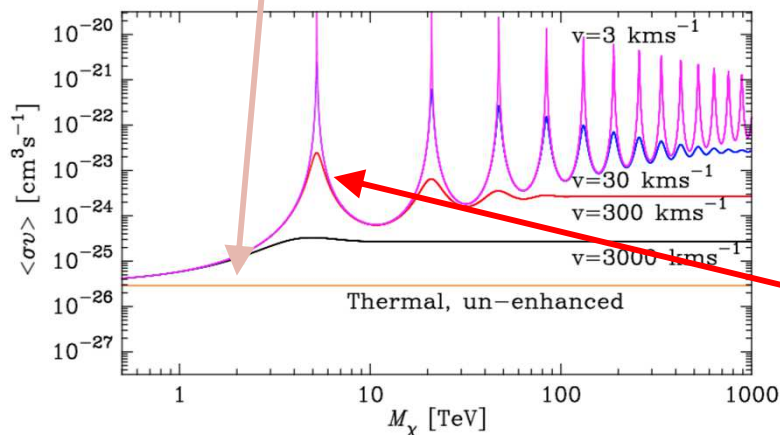
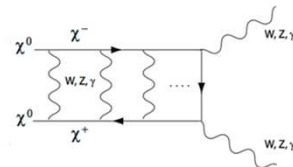
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# WIMP Dark Matter

- **Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP,  $\chi$ )**
  - GeV - TeV mass scale
  - WIMPs may be thermal relics
  - e.g. neutralino (SUSY, electrically neutral, stable)
- **Assuming a weak scale  $\sigma_{\text{ann}}$  at freeze yields observed relic abundance**

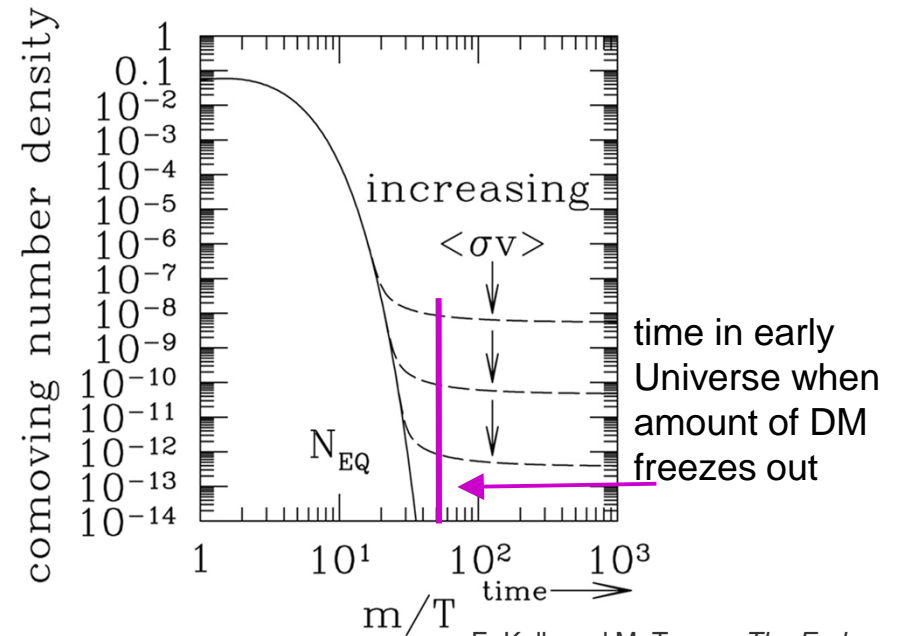
–  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}} \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

arXiv:1202.1170  
arXiv:1405.1730



- **Sommerfeld enhancement**

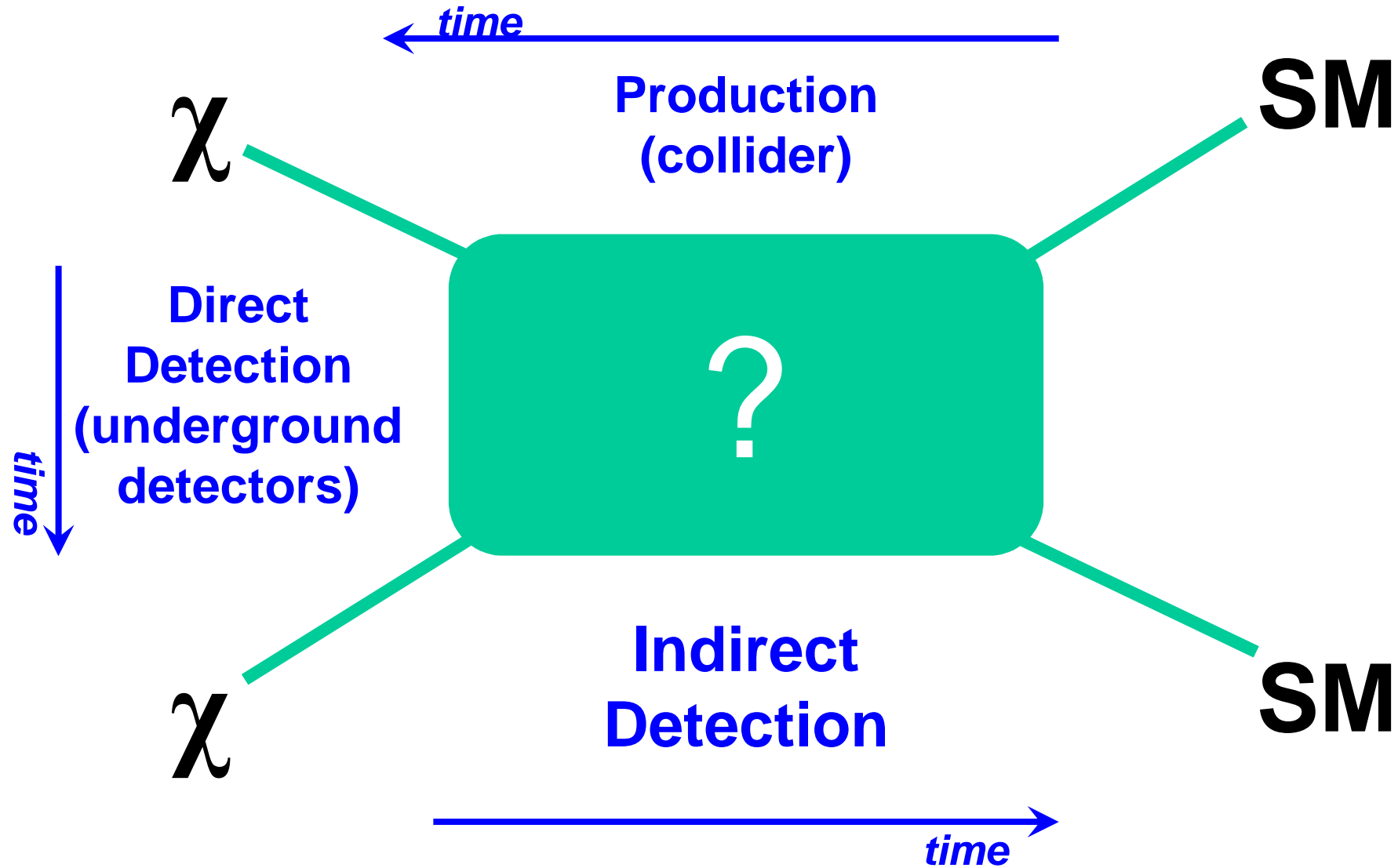
- relevant for high DM masses ( $> \sim 1$  TeV)
- enhanced at low WIMP velocities
  - this effect was suppressed at time of freeze out
- high mass thermal relics have present  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}}$  larger than  $3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$  in some models



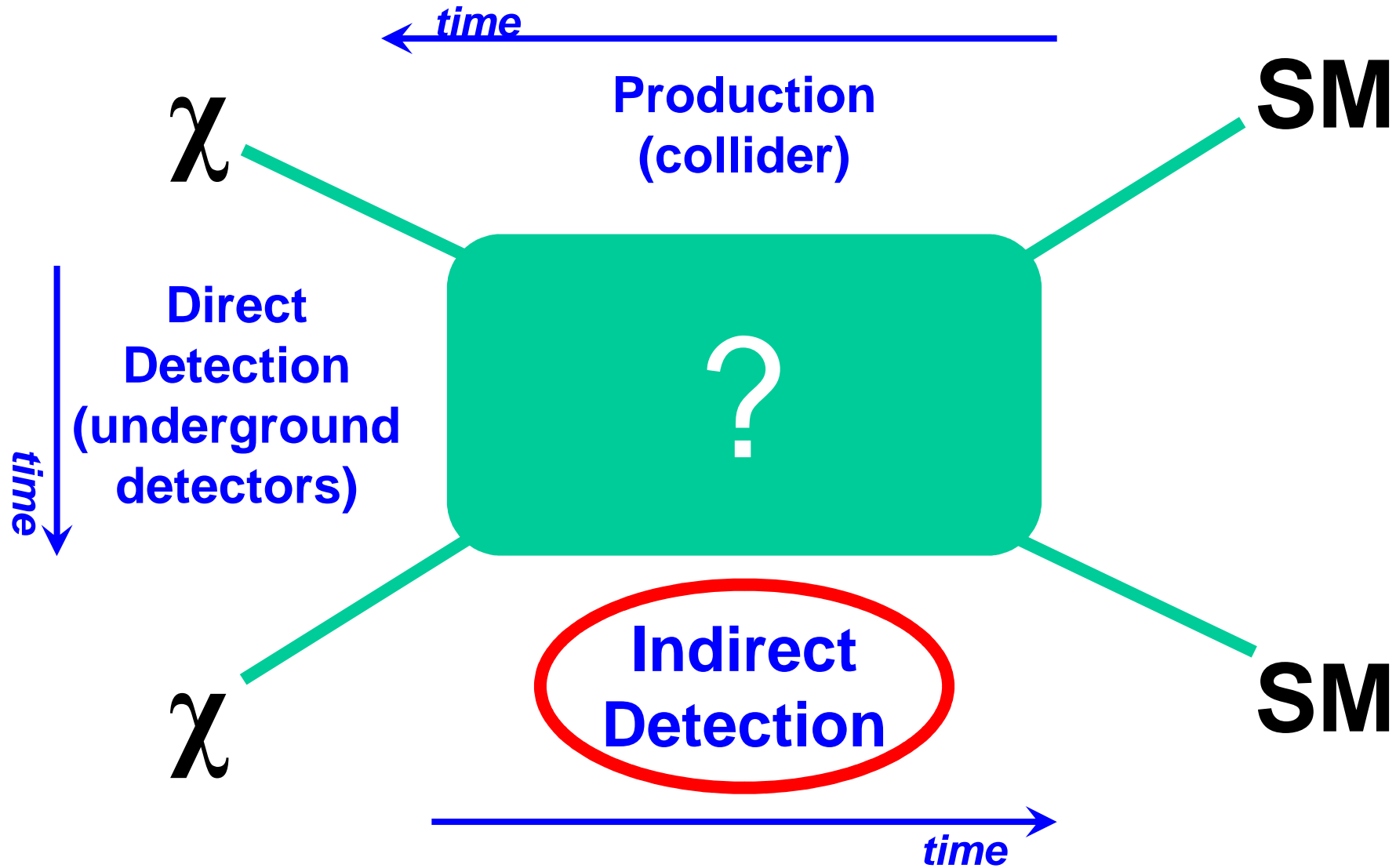
E. Kolb and M. Turner, *The Early Universe*, Westview Press (1994)



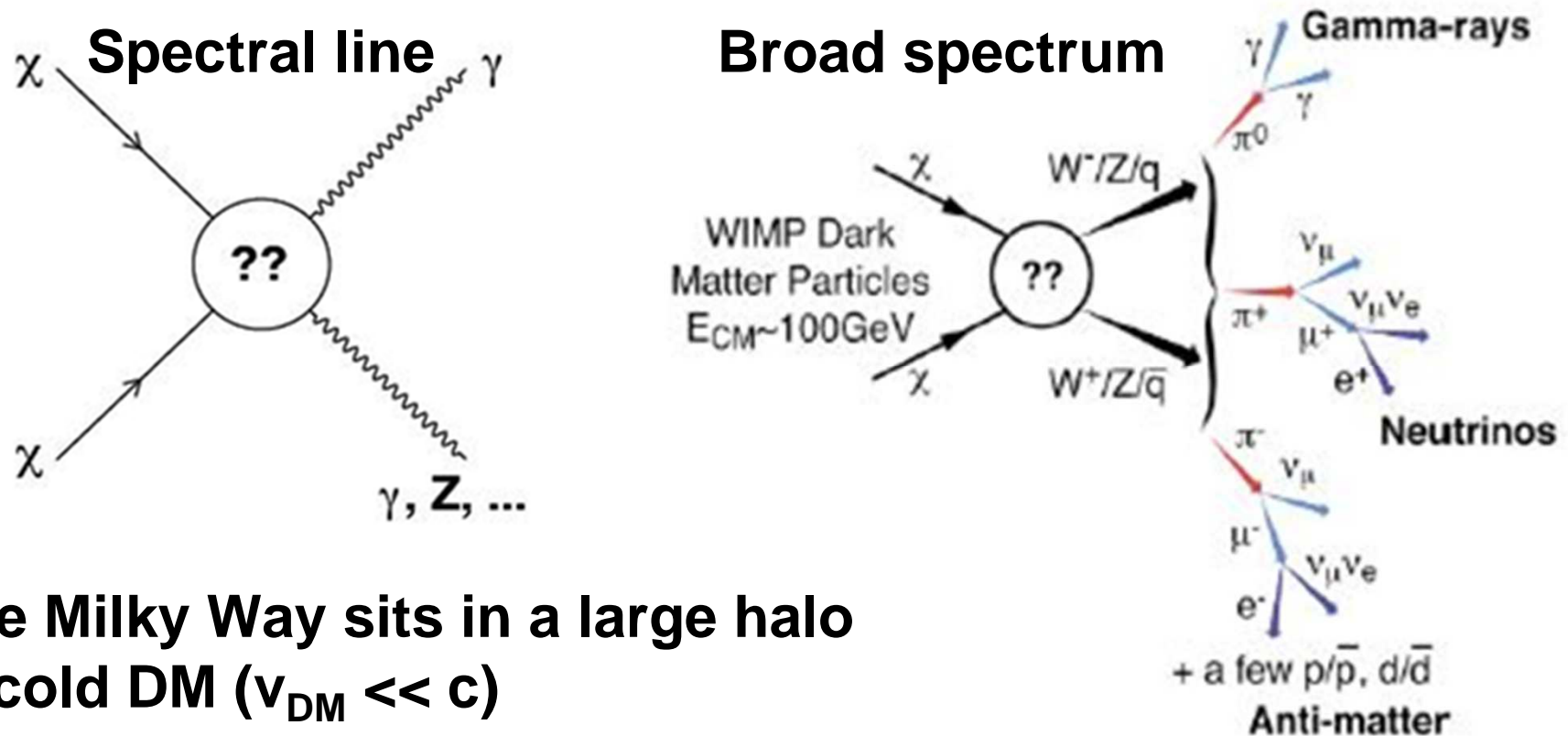
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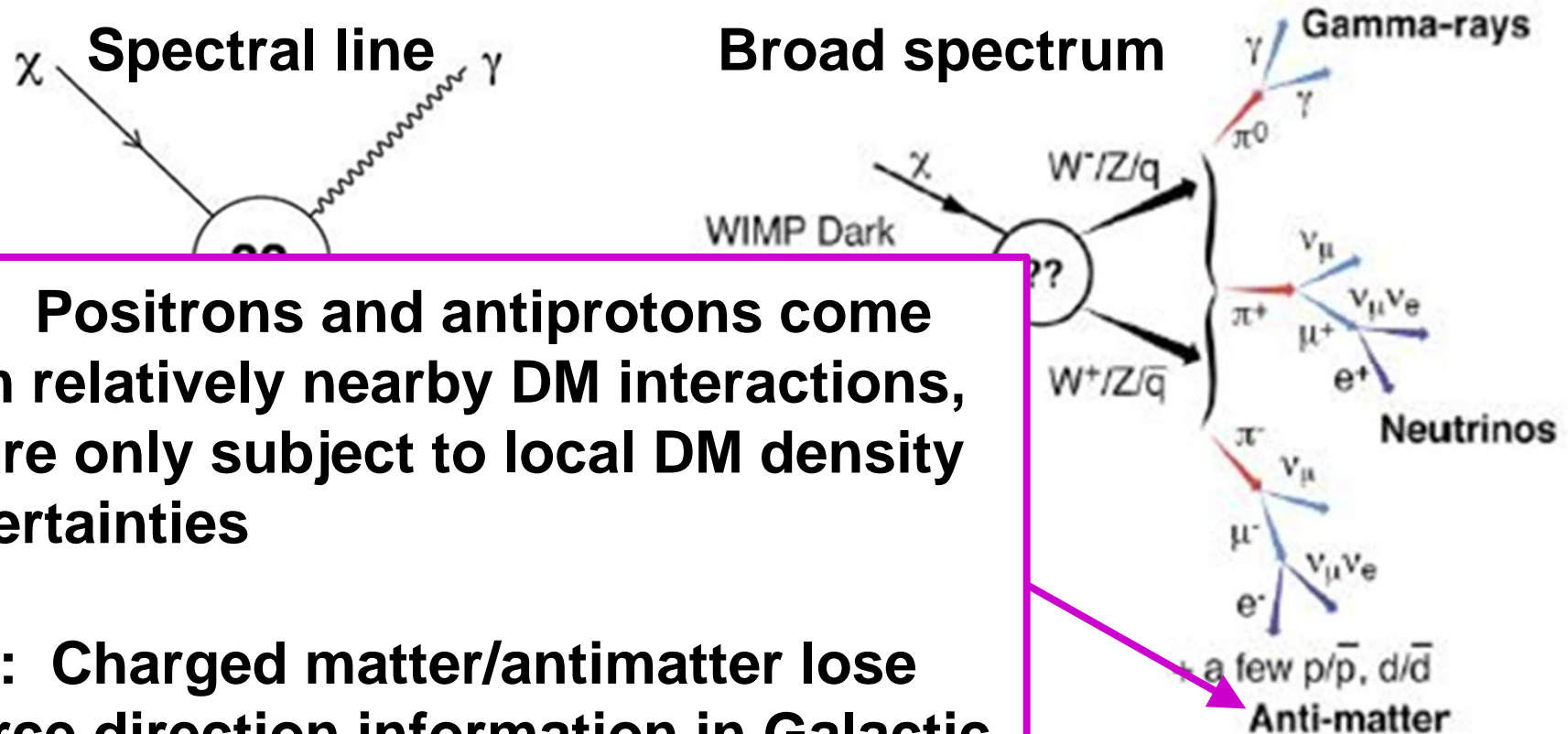


- The Milky Way sits in a large halo of cold DM ( $v_{DM} \ll c$ )
  - Expect additional DM overdensities (halos / subhalos)
    - e.g. Milky Way dwarf galaxies
    - e.g. Galaxy Clusters
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# Indirect Dark Matter Detection



**Pro: Positrons and antiprotons come from relatively nearby DM interactions, so are only subject to local DM density uncertainties**

**Con: Charged matter/antimatter lose source direction information in Galactic magnetic field. Difficult to disentangle from non-DM sources**

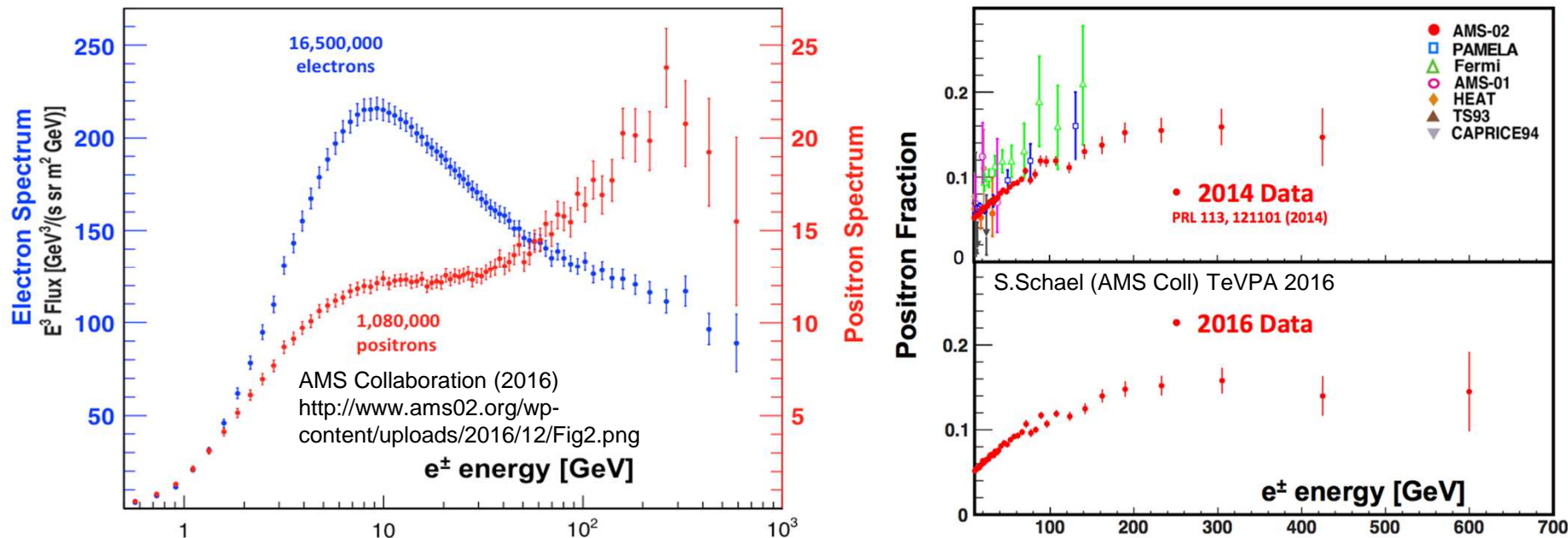
(GeV / subhalos)

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# OVERVIEW OF RECENT RESULTS



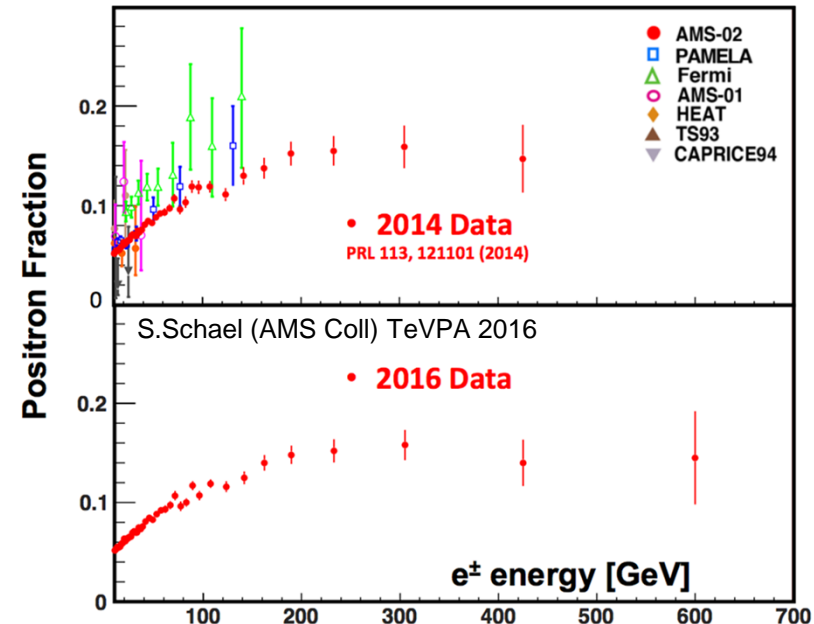
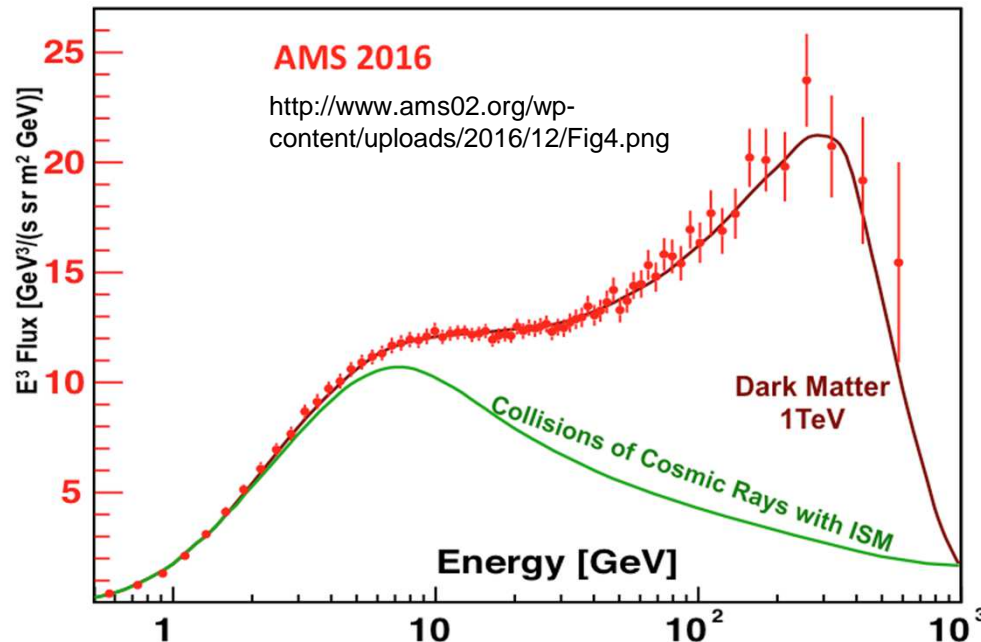
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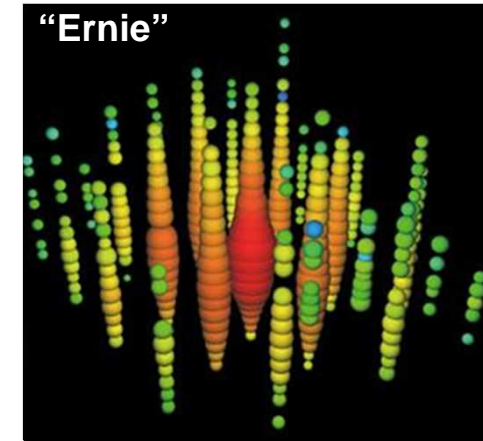
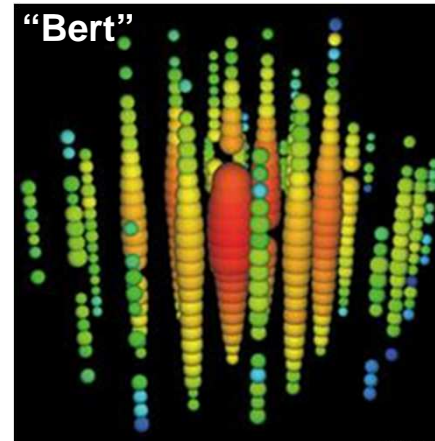
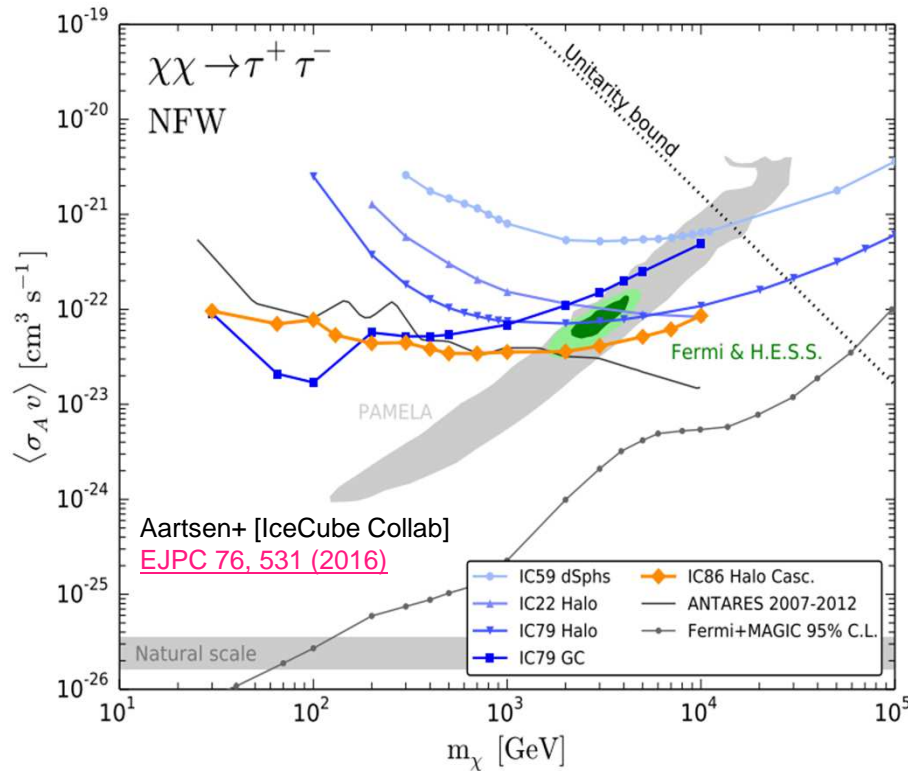
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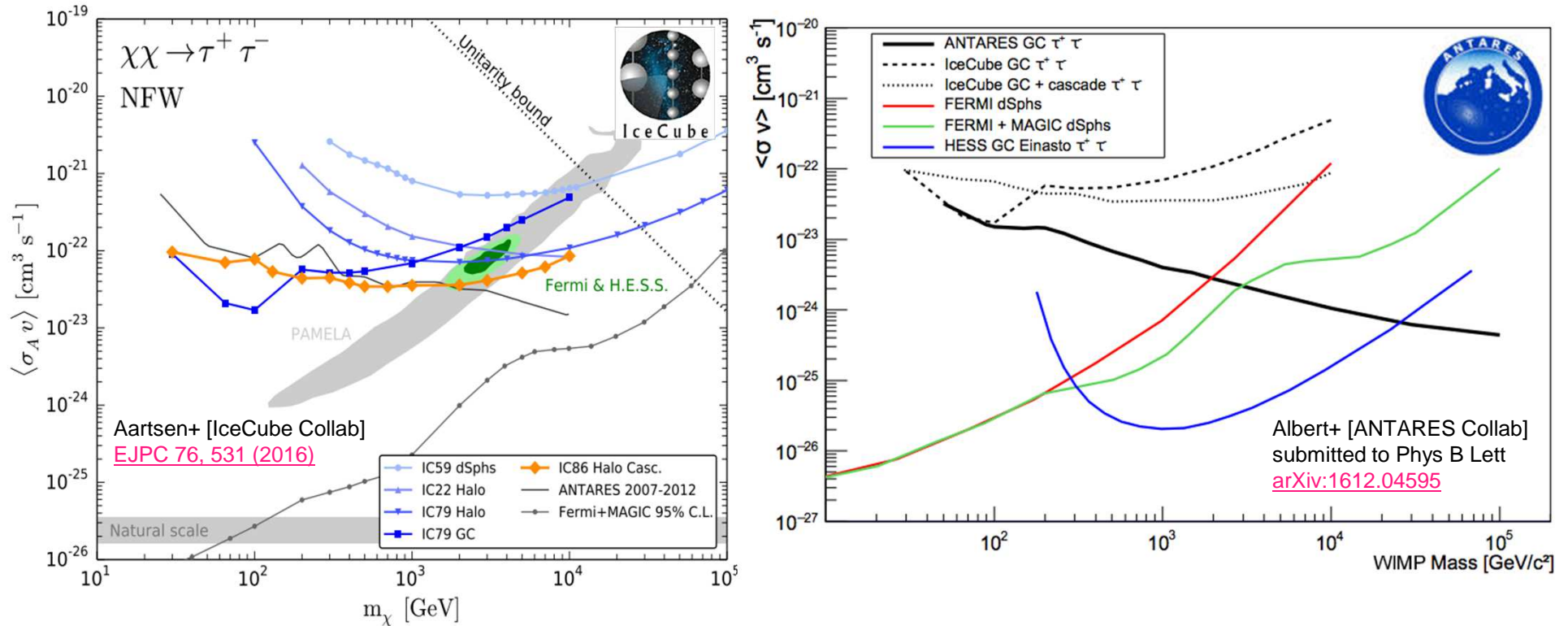


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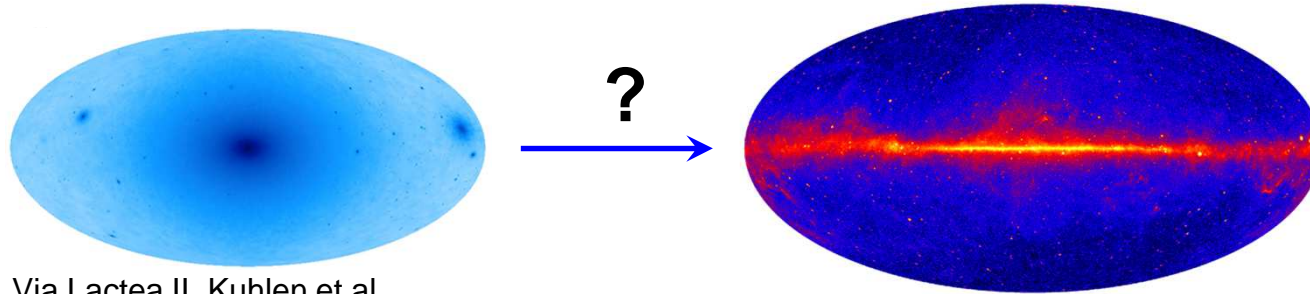
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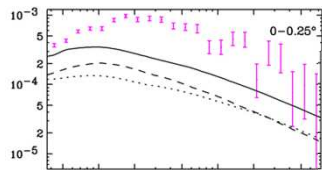


Via Lactea II, Kuhlen et al.,  
Science 325:970-973,2009

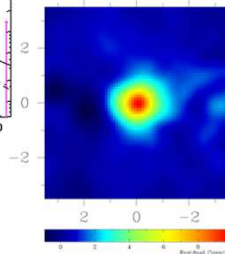
Fermi LAT >1 GeV, 6 years, Pass 8 data



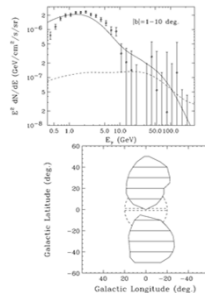
## Excess emission spectrum peaks around 3 GeV



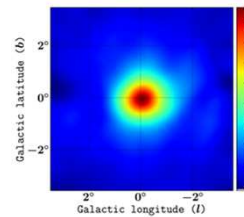
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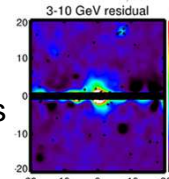
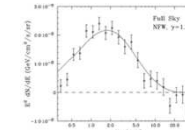
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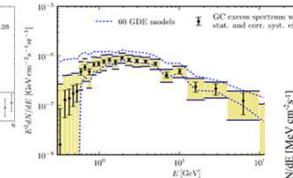
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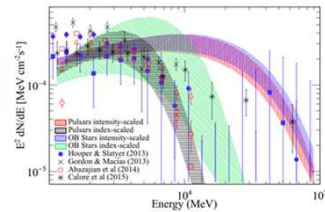
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Calore et al.  
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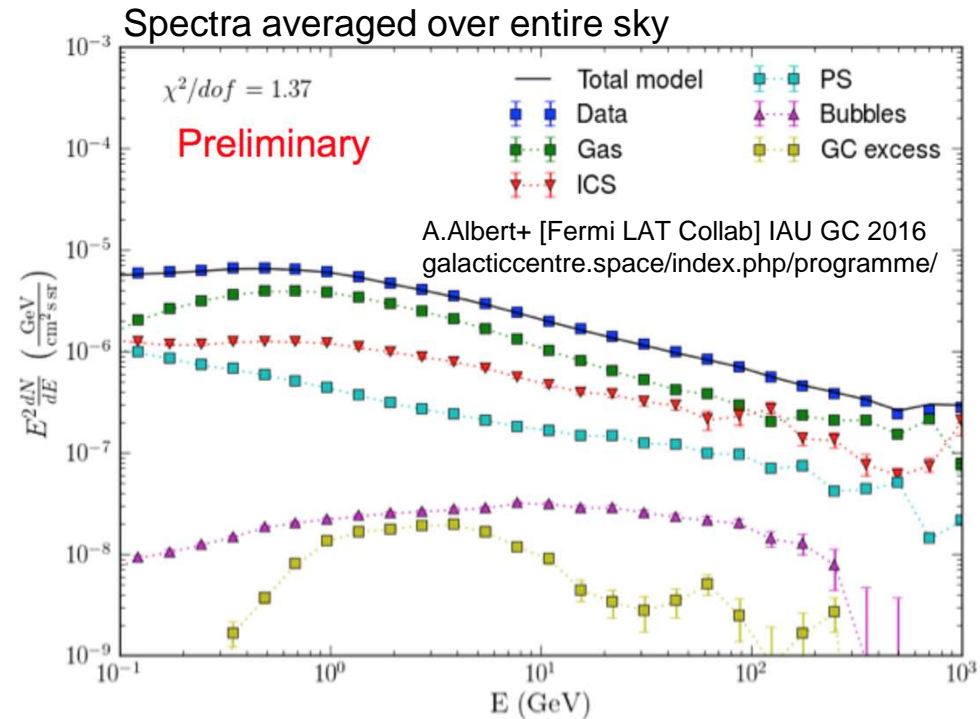
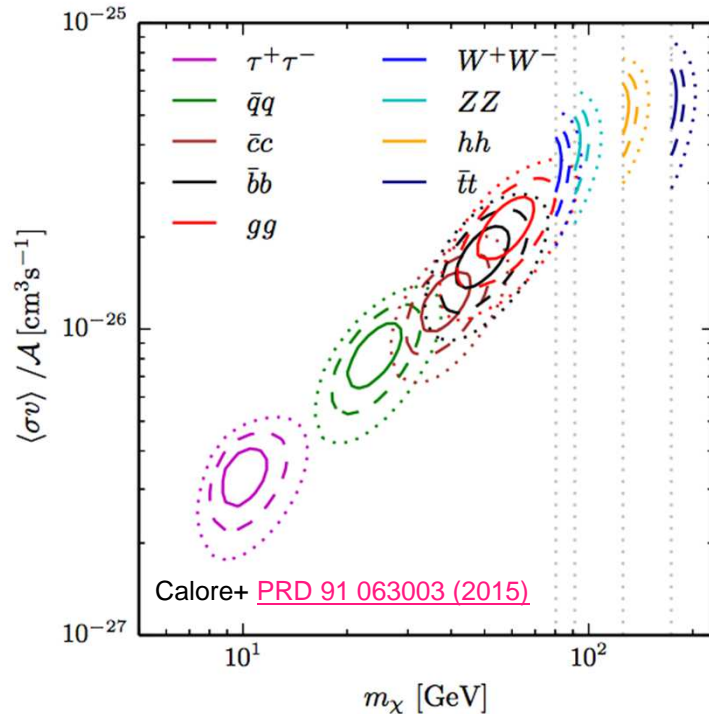
Ajello et al.  
(The Fermi-LAT  
Collaboration)  
ApJ 819 1 44 (2016)

## Dark matter annihilation, unresolved sources, CR electrons?

- Mirabal (MNRAS 436 (2013) 2461), Petrovic et al. (JCAP 1502 (2015) 02,023), Cholis et al. (JCAP 1512 (2015) 12, 005), Lee et al. (PRL 116 051103 (2016)), Bartels et al. (PRL 116 051102 (2016)), Brandt & Kocsis (ApJ 812 (2015) 1, 15), Carlson et al. (arXiv:1510.04698) etc.

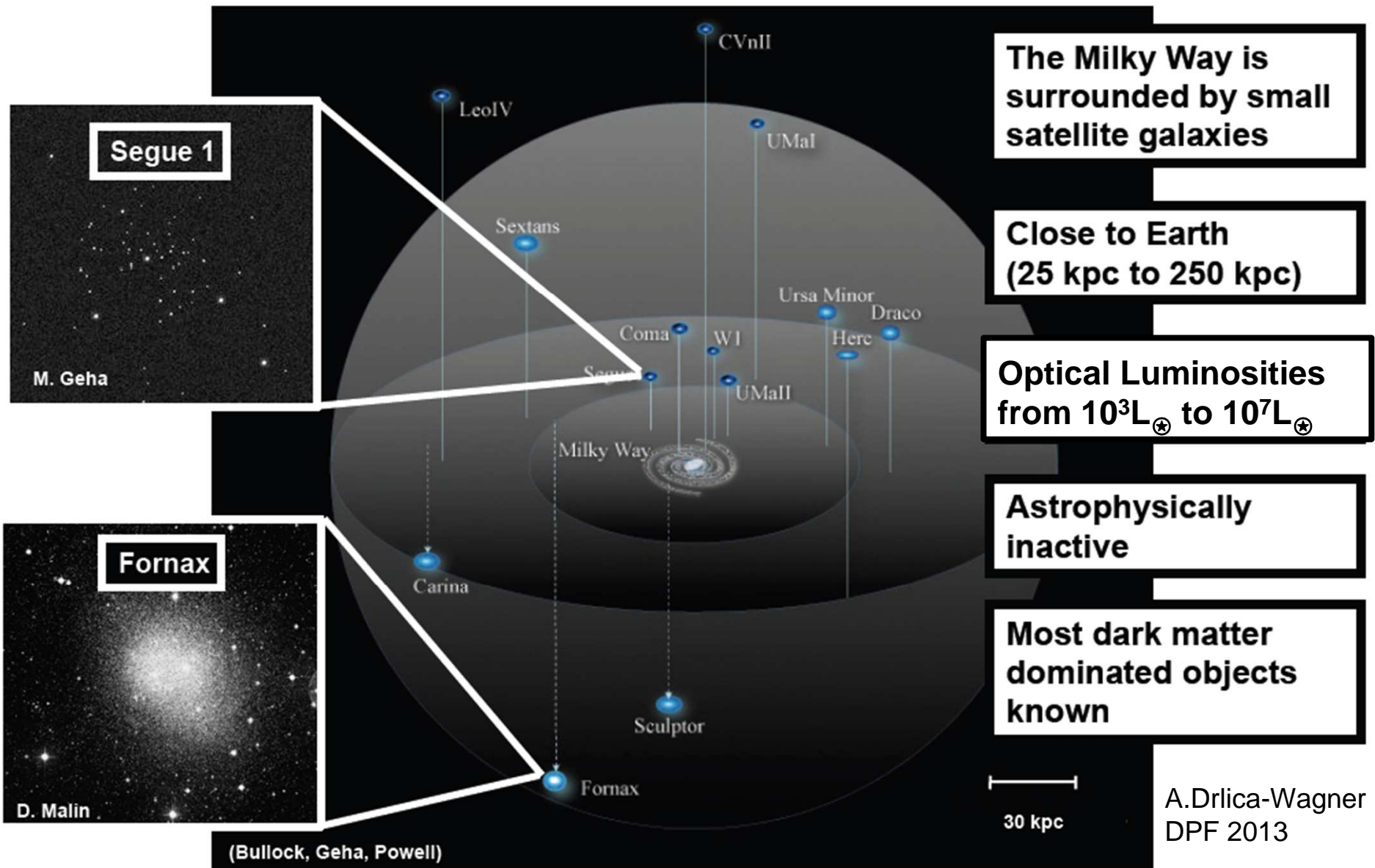


# “GeV Excess” in the Galactic Center



- Excess of GeV gamma rays from the GC above standard models first detected by Goodenough & Hooper in 2009 in the Fermi Large Area Telescope data
  - If interpreted as DM annihilation,  $m_{\text{DM}} \sim 50$  GeV with ‘WIMP miracle’ cross section value
- Currently not clear if it is from DM or non-DM sources
  - Complicated region of the sky and the community is working hard to disentangle a potential DM component
    - ~85% of the gamma rays at 1 GeV are from fore/backgrounds
  - DM is a small component of the gamma-ray sky, so precision modeling of the non-DM components is necessary to tease out DM component in the Galactic Center

# Milky Way Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies



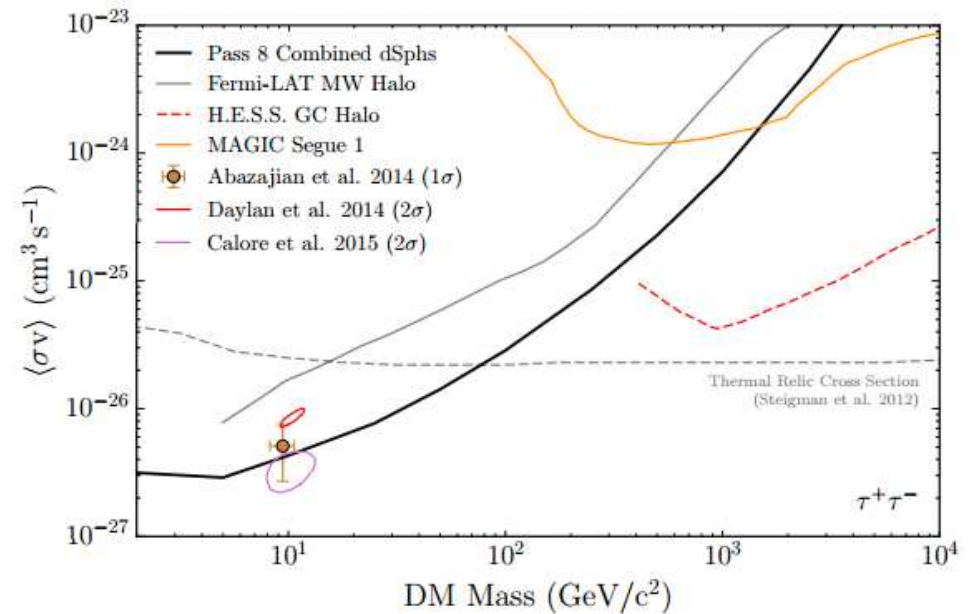
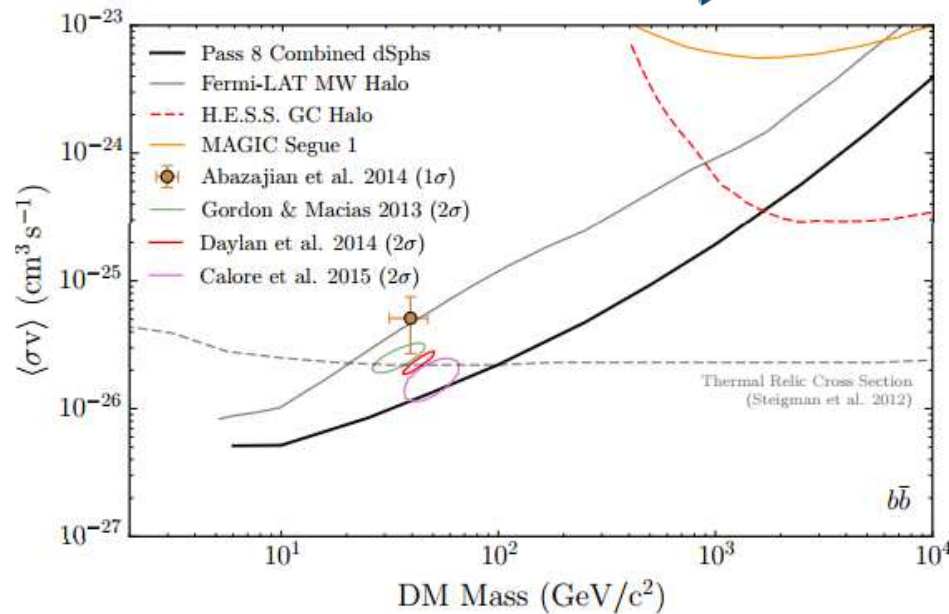
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# 6 year Fermi LAT dSphs Results

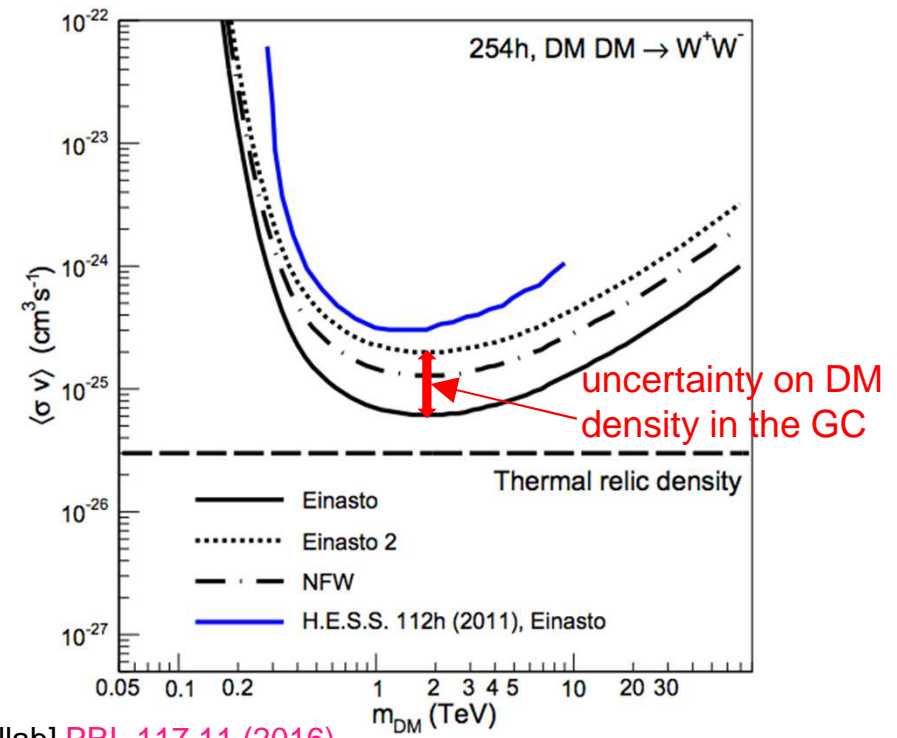
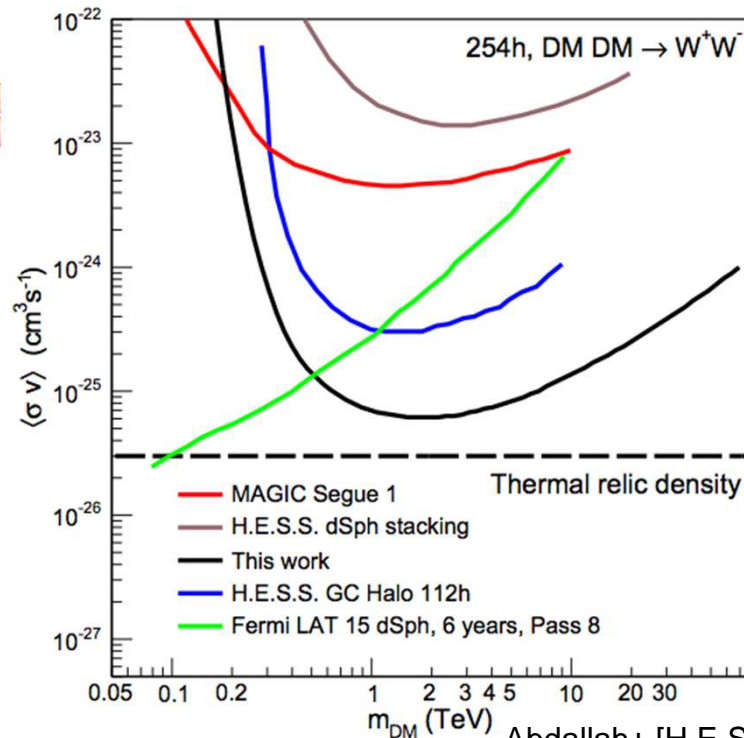


The Fermi LAT Collab  
[PRL 115, 23 \(2015\)](#)



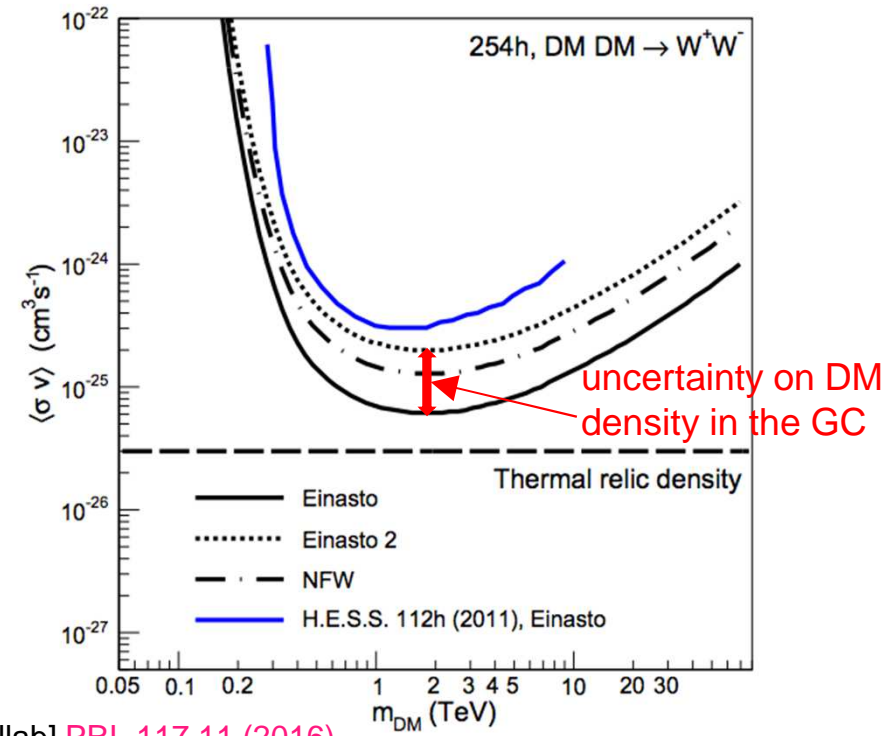
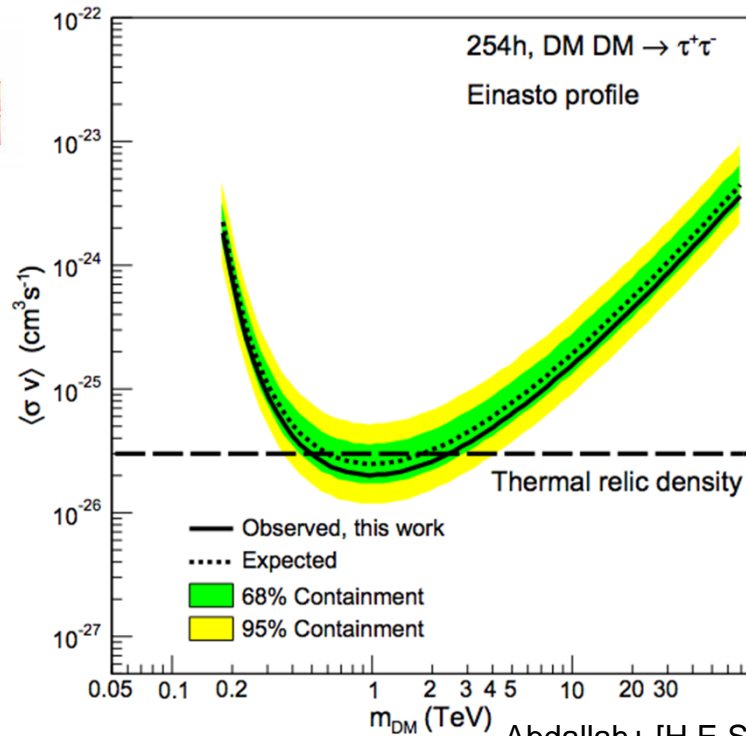
- **Joint likelihood analysis of 15 well characterized dwarf galaxies**
- **Limits exclude thermal relic  $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{ann}}$  in  $b\bar{b}$  channel for  $5 \text{ GeV} < m_\chi < 100 \text{ GeV}$**

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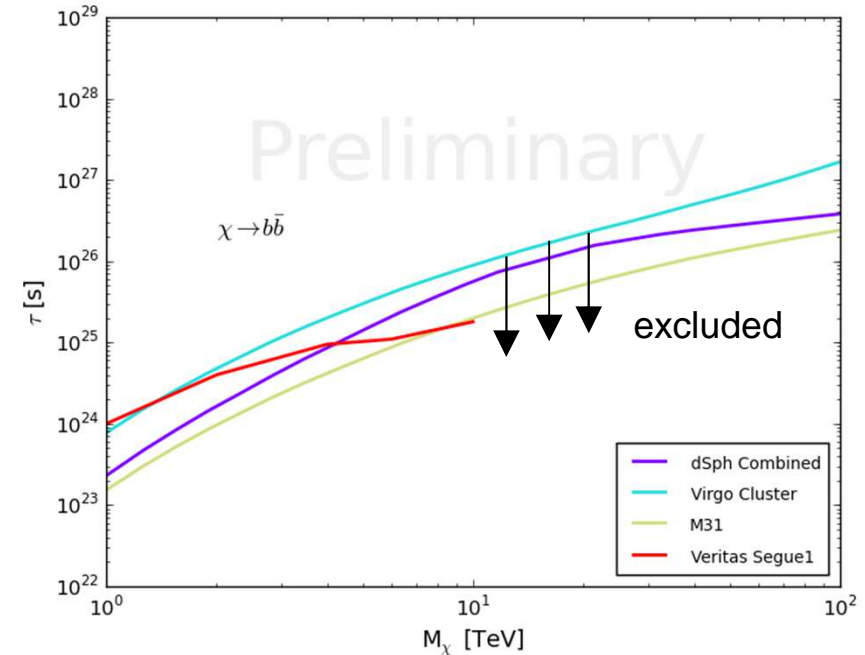
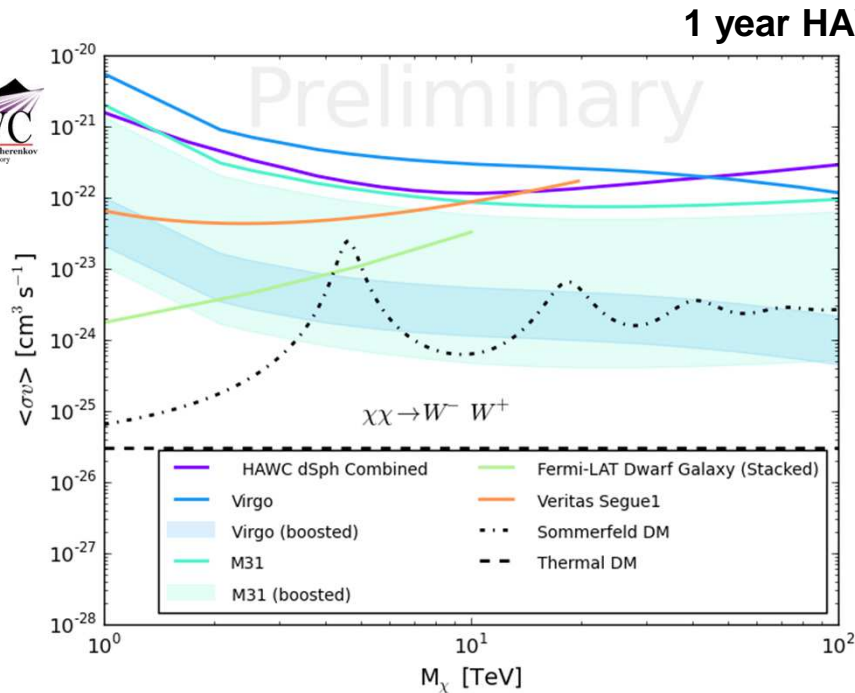
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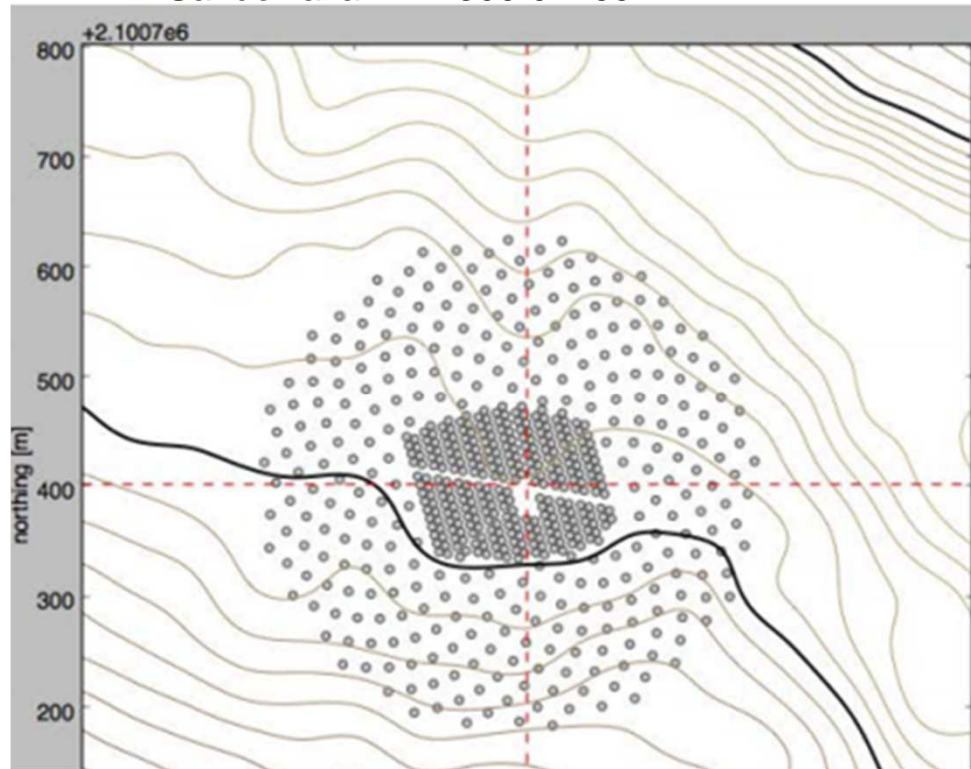


- For gamma-rays >5 TeV, best sensitivity comes from the High Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory (HAWC)
    - HAWC has a wide field of view making it sensitive to extended objects
    - HAWC surveys  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the sky every day, including several DM targets
  - No excesses observed, limits extend out to the highest DM masses
    - will be able to test DM decay models proposed to explain the IceCube neutrinos
      - Typically PeV mass DM with lifetime  $\sim 1e27$  s
- e.g. A. Esmaili+ (2013) arXiv:1308.1105, K. Murase+ (2015) 1503.04663v2

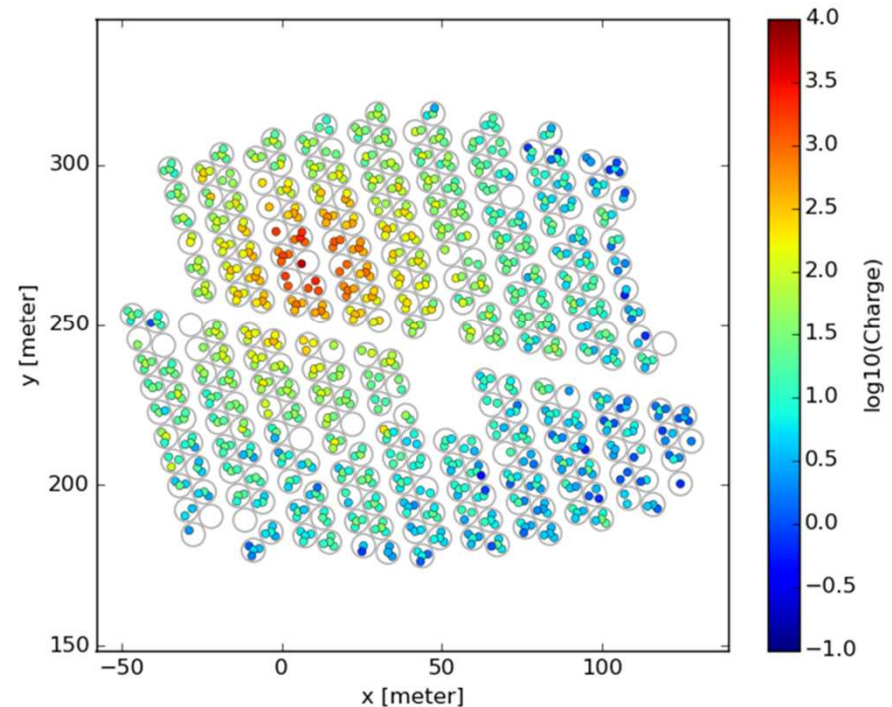
# FUTURE GAMMA RAY PROSPECTS

# Upgrade to HAWC Observatory

A. Sandolval arXiv:1509.04269

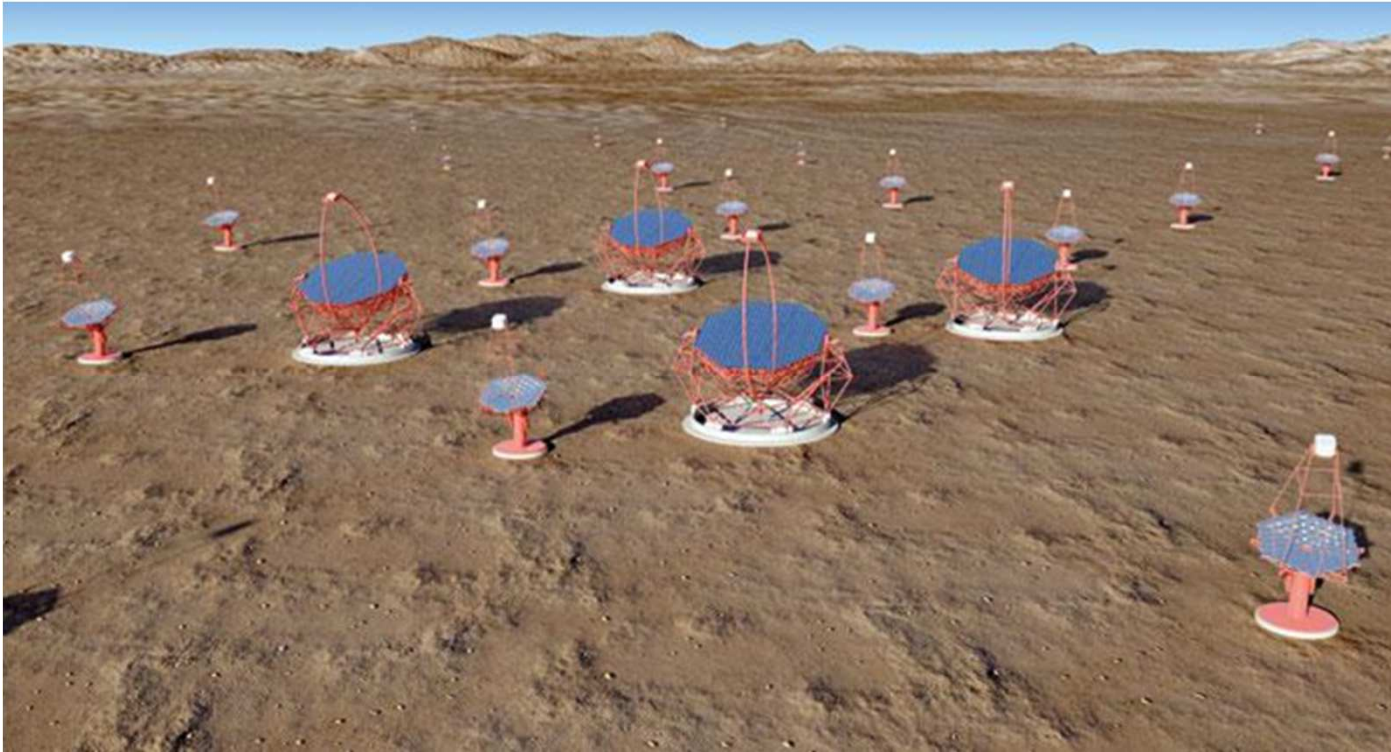


~60 TeV gamma ray event  
from the Crab Nebula



- Upgrade to HAWC array is underway
  - increase collection area with sparse array of small tanks
- Provide better measure of highest energy air showers
  - expected gain in sensitivity above 10 TeV of 3-4
  - will allow HAWC to search for the highest energy gamma-ray ever observed

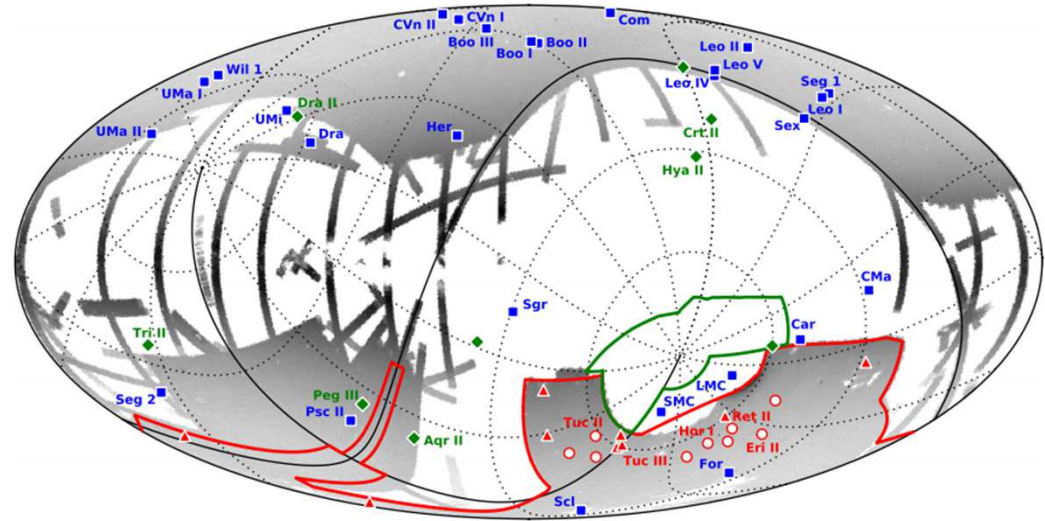
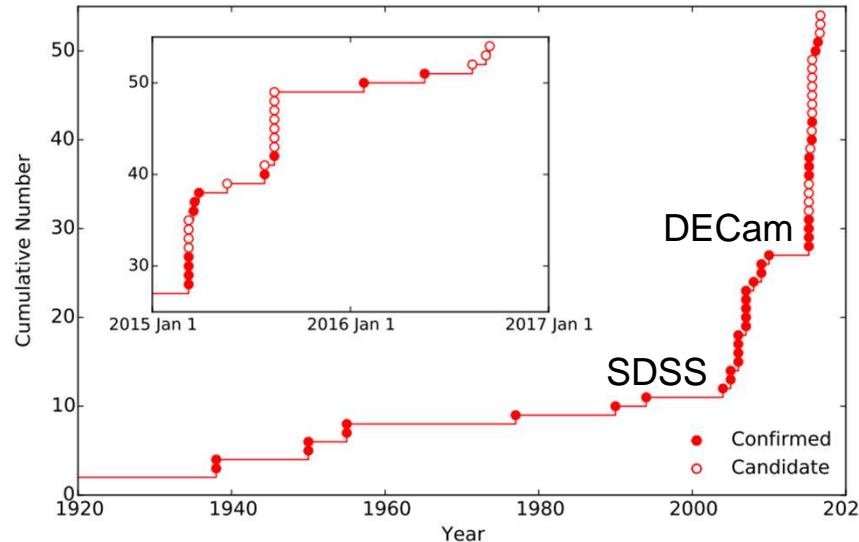
# The Cherenkov Telescope Array



- **CTA is a next-generation gamma-ray observatory**
- **International Consortium combines existing ACT expertise**
- **Plan for Northern and Southern array -> full sky coverage**
  - **sites will be La Palma, Spain and Paranal, Chile**
- **Will increase TeV point source sensitivity by ~10x relative to current instruments**



# Growing Number of Known Dwarf Galaxies



Dark Energy Survey Year 2 Data: Drlica-Wagner+, [2015ApJ...813..109D](#)

Dark Energy Survey Year 1 Data: Bechtol+, [2015ApJ...807...50B](#)

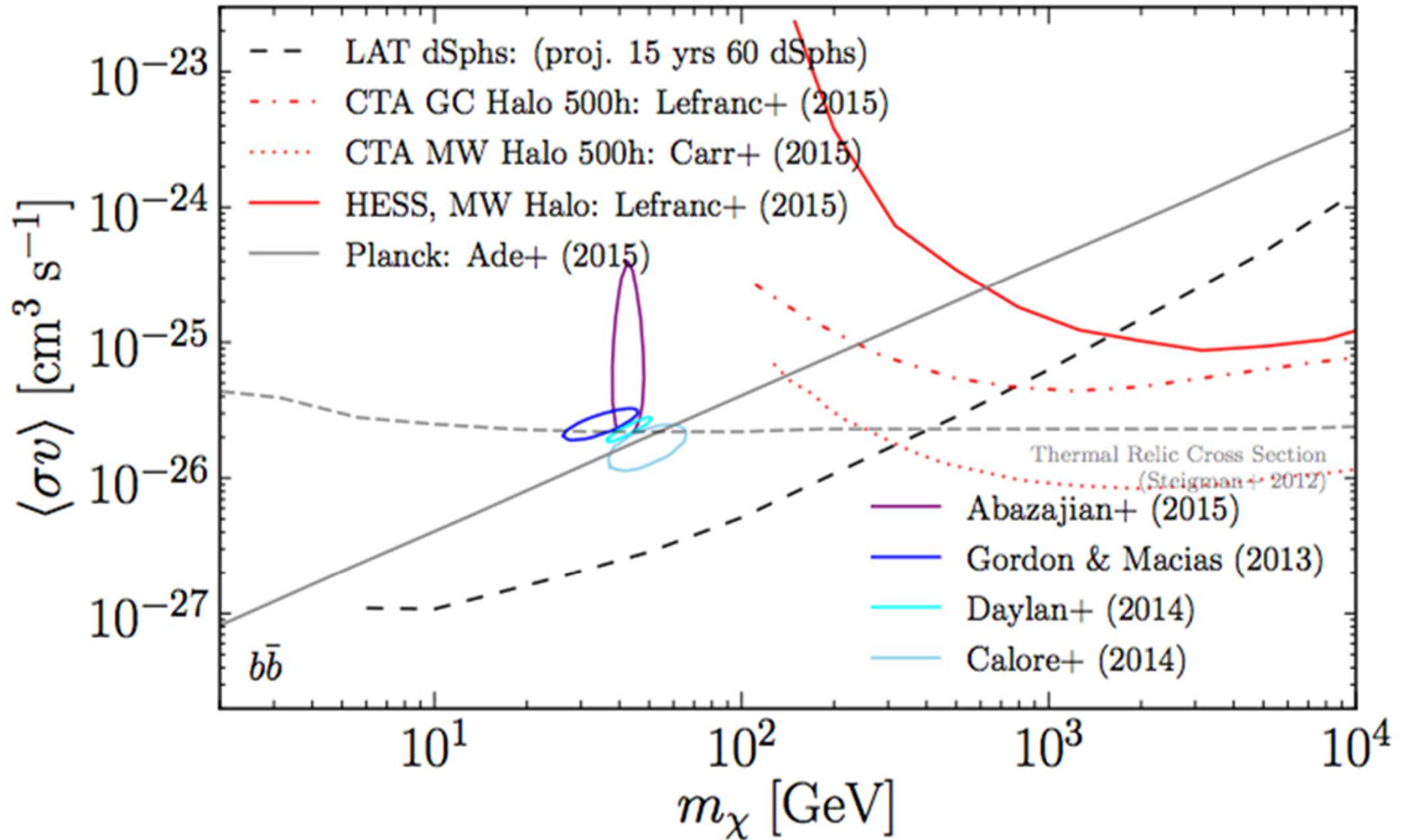
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- **Deep photometric surveys in optical astronomy have led to the discovery of numerous new Milky Way-satellites**
  - Spectroscopic follow up necessary to determine if they are DM-dominated dwarf galaxies. Many new dwarf galaxies have already been spectroscopically confirmed
- **LSST & other surveys will continue to find new dwarf galaxies**
  - Wide field of view survey instruments (e.g. Fermi LAT, HAWC) will have already observed these new DM targets



# Expected Future Sensitivity



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# Summary

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- **Evidence for DM exists on all cosmic scales**
  - **all observational evidence for dark matter comes from space; we must continue investigating dark matter in its cosmic setting**
- **Dark matter annihilations (decay) are predicted to produce a cascade of secondary standard model particles**
  - **We can search for these cosmic messengers with a network of ground-based and space-based observatories**
- **Some intriguing anomalies exist that require extensive follow up work from all experiments to complete the picture**
  - **The fundamental particle properties of DM (e.g. mass) must be the same from all messengers and targets**
- **The future is bright and full of exciting questions!**
  - **We need to continue our multimessenger indirect detection quest to complement terrestrial experiments and gain a complete picture of the DM puzzle**

**EXTRA SLIDES**

# Gamma rays from DM Annihilation



What we observe

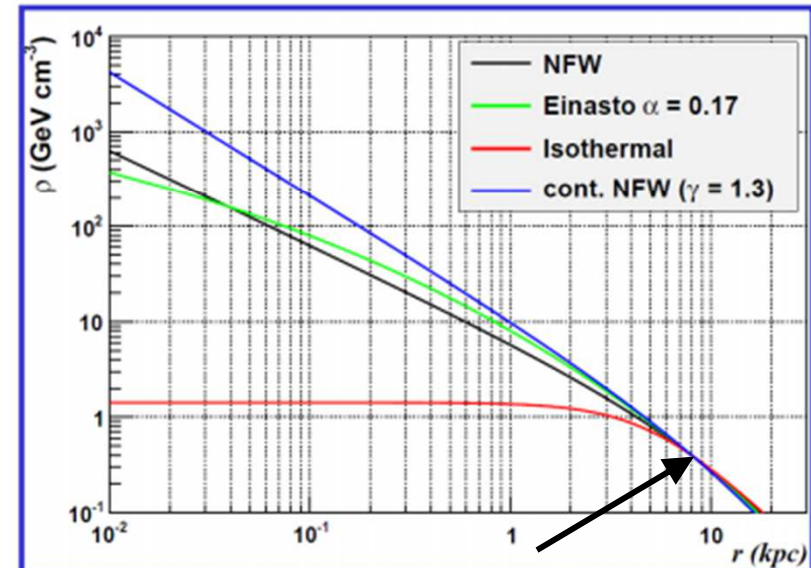
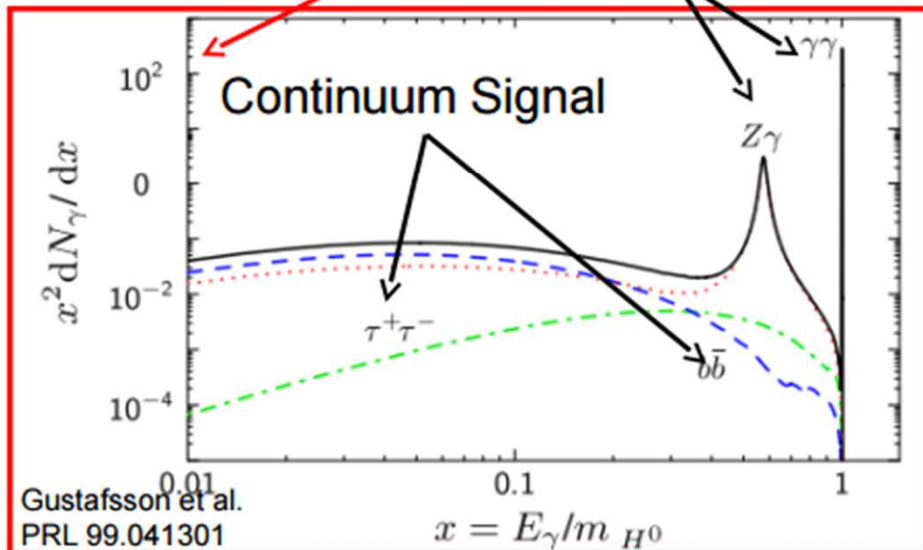
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Astrophysics

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J-factor – Line of sight integral over a ROI

Monochromatic Signal



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$r_{\text{sub}} = 8.5 \text{ kpc}$

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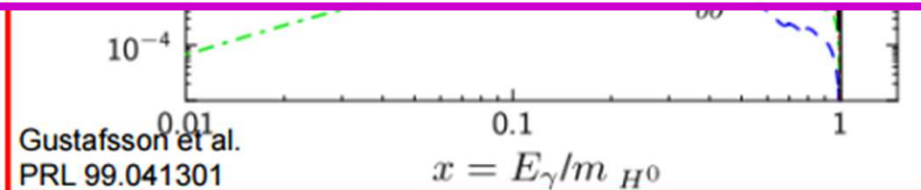
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J-factor – Line of sight

Target	Distance (kpc)	J factor (GeV <sup>2</sup> cm <sup>-5</sup> )	Angular Extent (°)
Galactic center / halo (§4.4)	8.5	3 × 10 <sup>22</sup> to 5 × 10 <sup>23</sup>	> 10
Known Milky Way satellites (§4.5)	25 to 300	3 × 10 <sup>17</sup> to 3 × 10 <sup>19</sup>	< 0.5
Dark satellites (§4.6)	25 to 300	up to 3 × 10 <sup>19</sup>	< 0.5
Galaxy Clusters (§4.7)	> 5 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	up to 1 × 10 <sup>18</sup>	up to ~ 3
Cosmological DM (§4.8)	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	-	Isotropic

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Table 1: Summary table of DM search targets discussed in this paper.

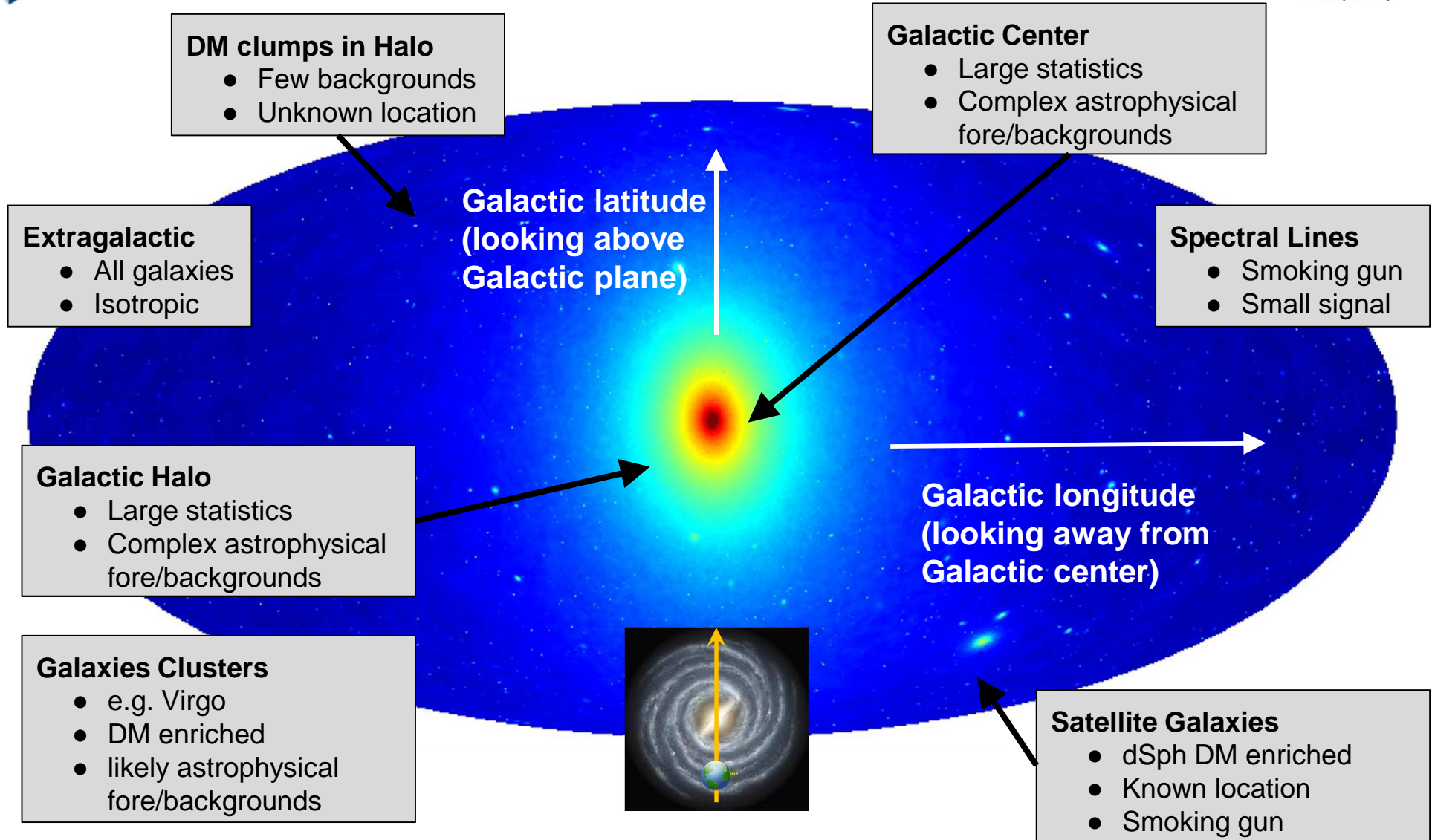


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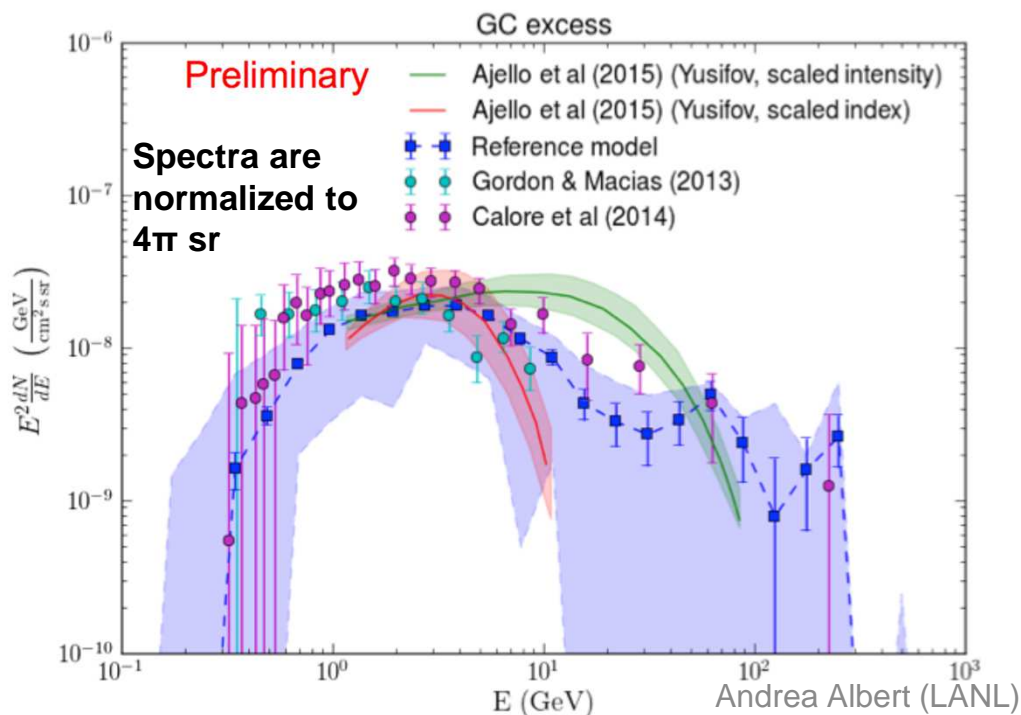
$r_{\text{sup7}} = 8.5 \text{ kpc}$



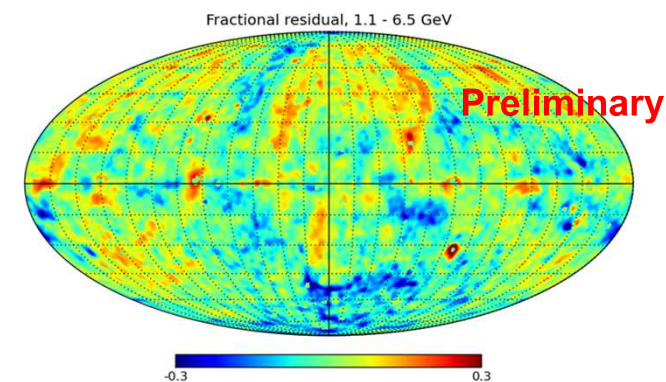
# Expected Gamma rays from Dark Matter



- Preliminary results from new Fermi GC analysis have been shown
  - A. Albert, D. Malyshev, A. Franckowiak, L. Tibaldo, E. Charles, et al
- Goal: study the effects of varying diffuse emission modeling on the GeV excess
  - see backup slides for modeling details
- Results: Excess persists, large spectral uncertainties at low and high energies



Fractional residual, 1.1 – 6.5 GeV



Fractional residual, 1.1 -- 6.5 GeV  
no excess template included in fit

