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Astronomical anomalies: dark matter or astrophysics?

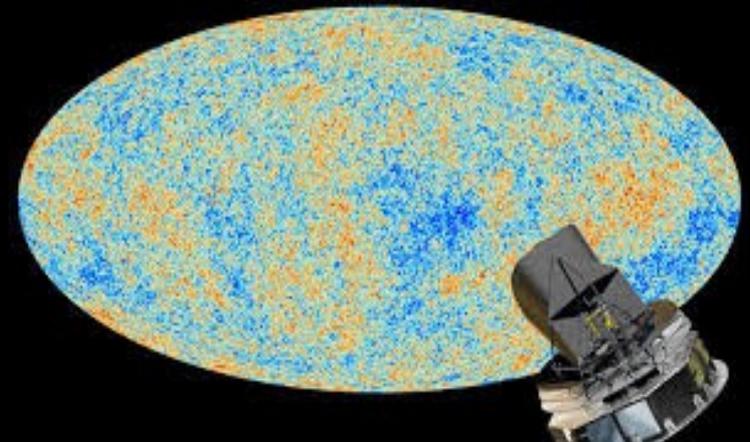
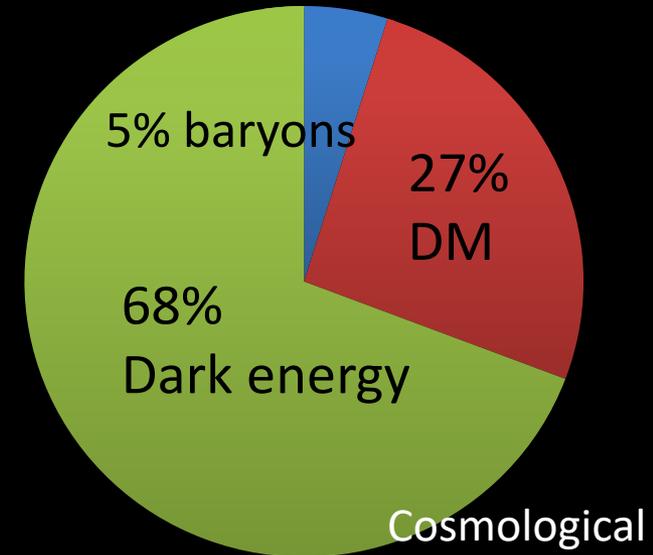
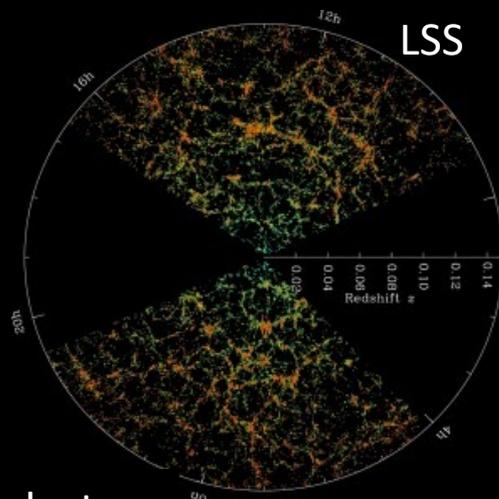
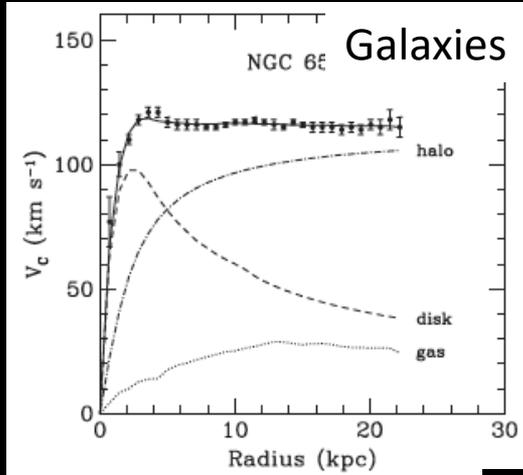
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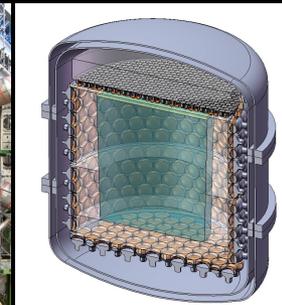
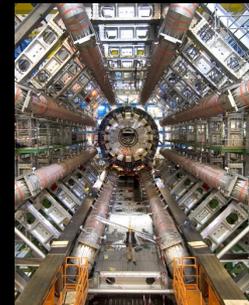
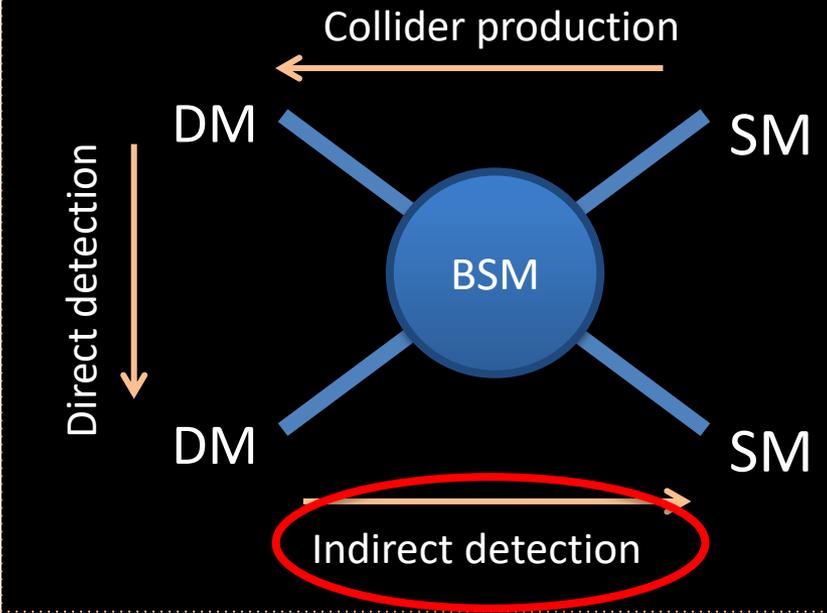
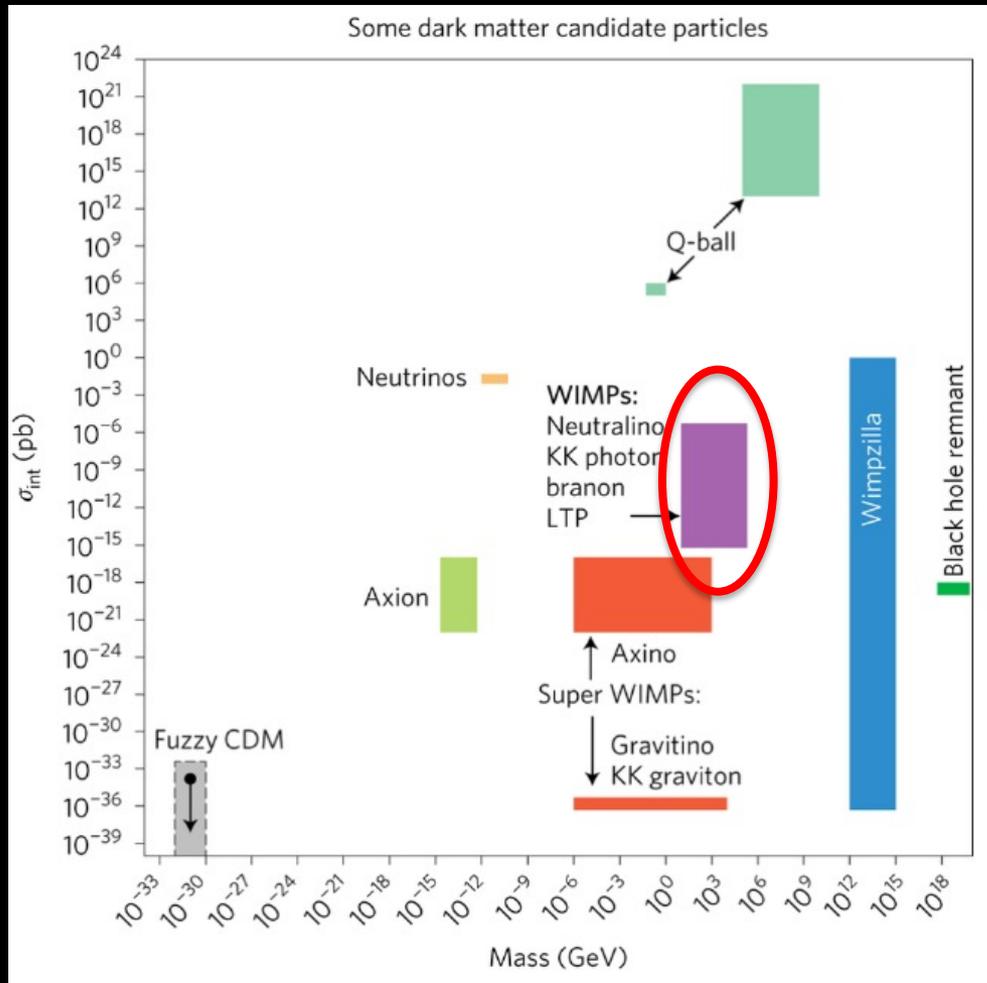
Dark matter: evidence

- Astronomical data on many scales point to the presence of dark matter

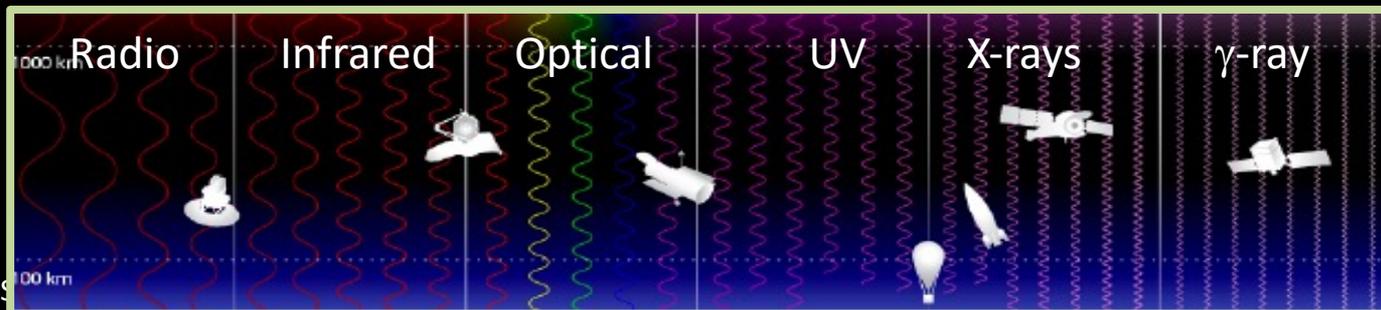
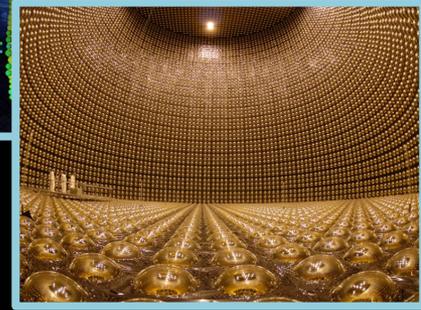
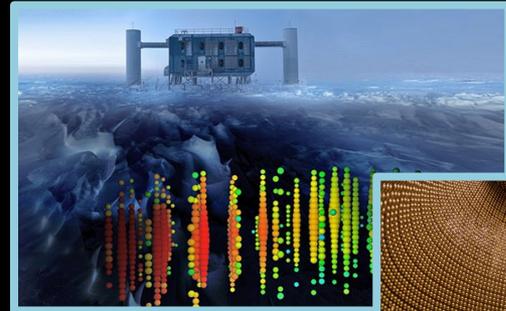
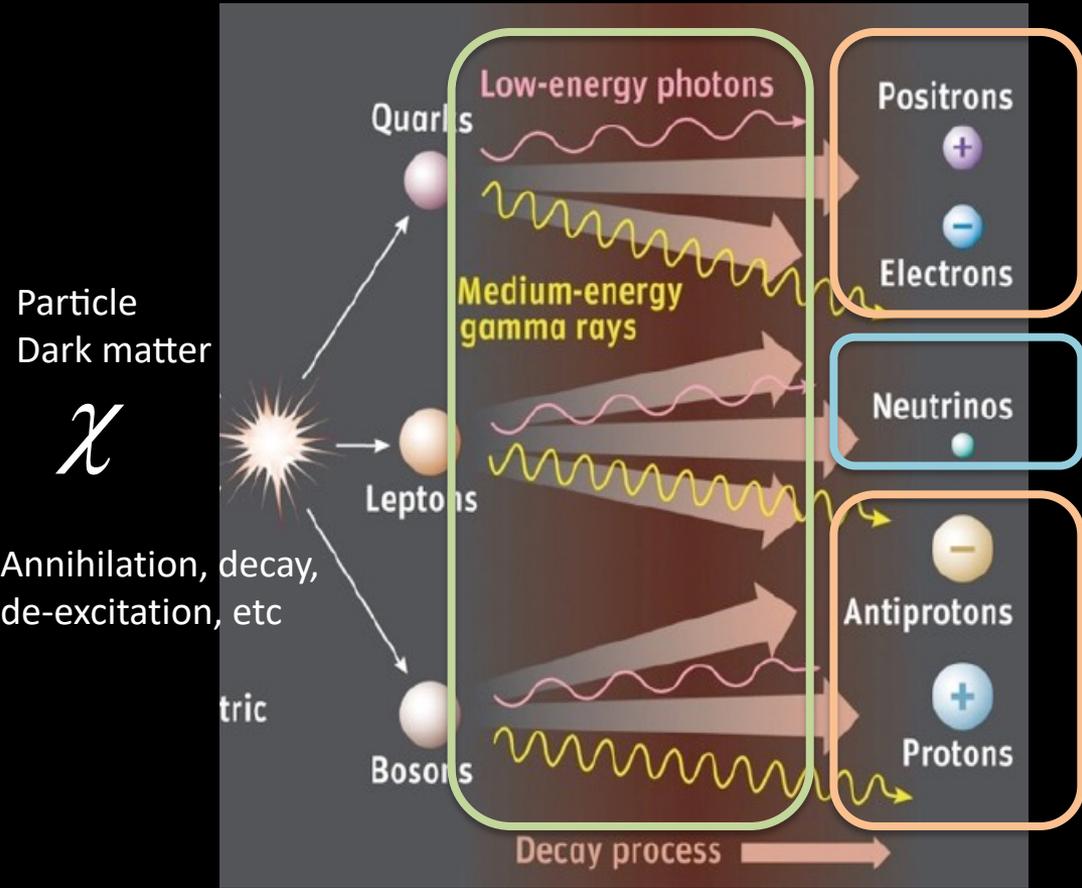


What is dark matter?

There is no stable, non-relativistic, and neutral particle(s) in the Standard Model that could be dark matter → something new



The multi-messenger hunt



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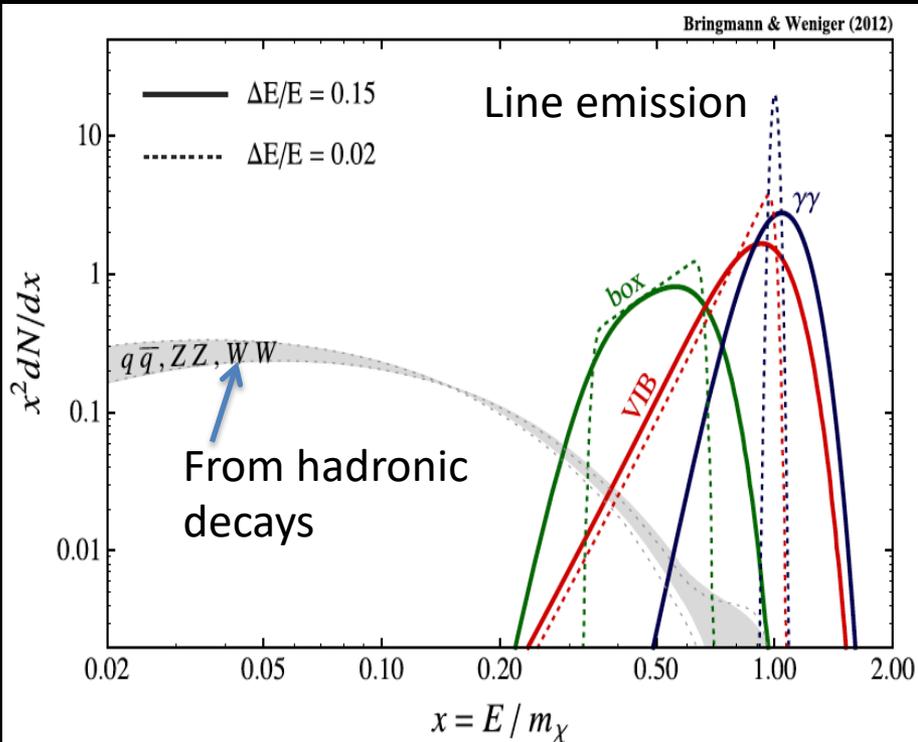
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Spectral energy distribution per annihilation

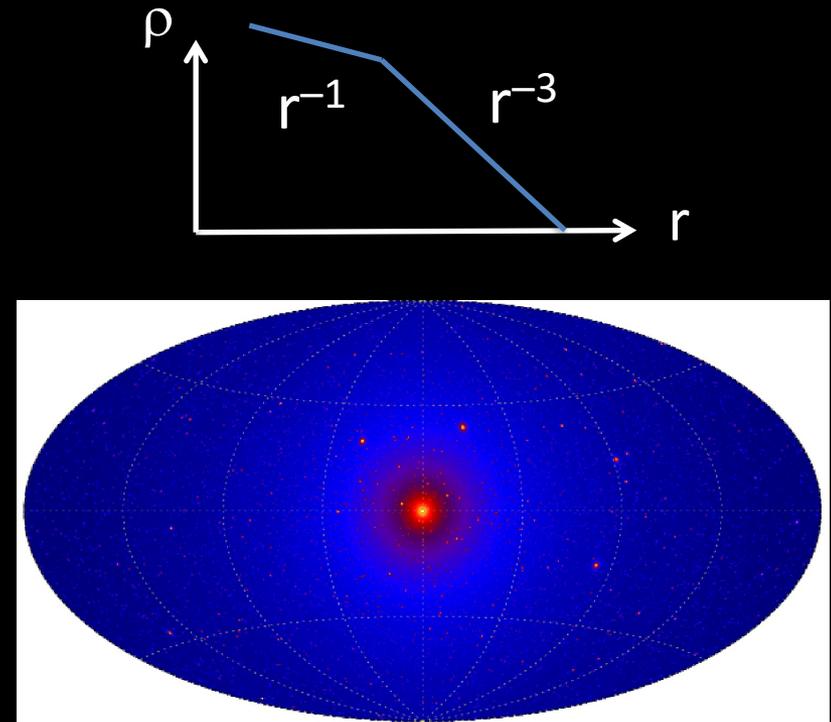
$$\Phi(E, \psi) = \frac{\sigma_A v}{8\pi m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE} \int dl \rho [r(l, \psi)]^2$$

Boost or
"J-factor"

Prompt component



Dark matter distribution, eg, NFW



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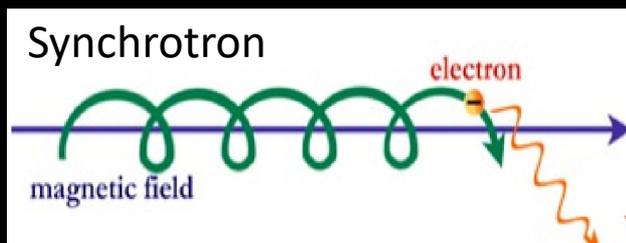
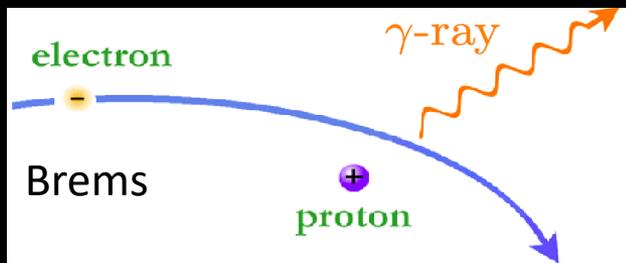
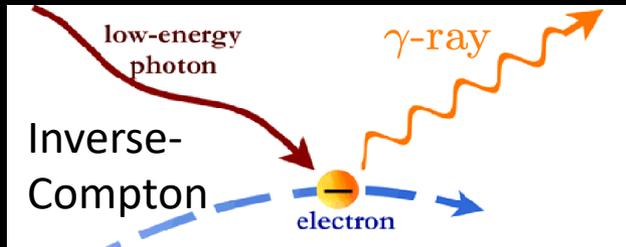
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Secondary component



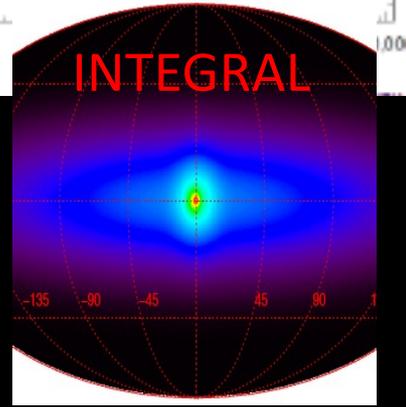
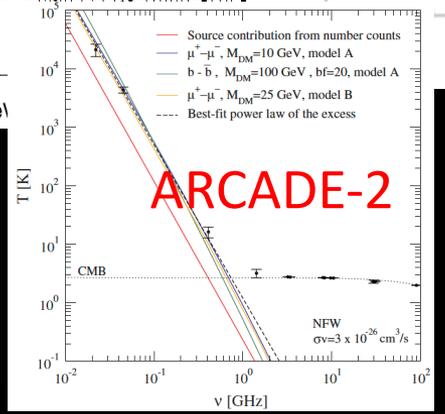
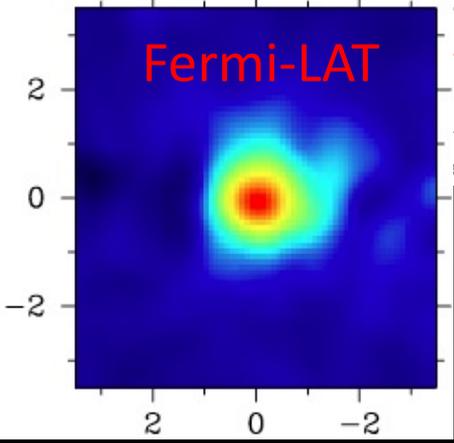
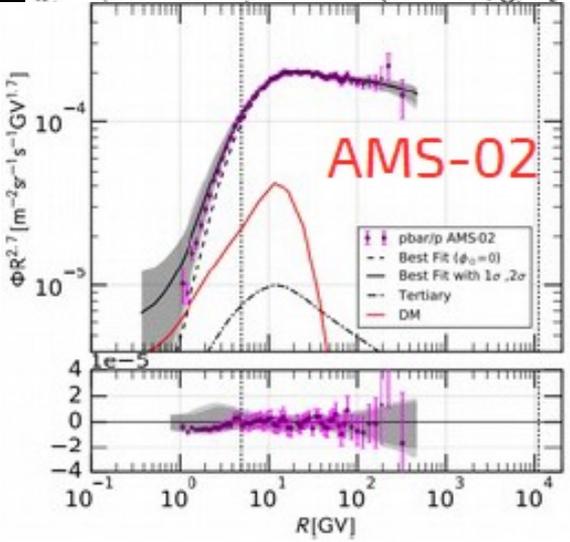
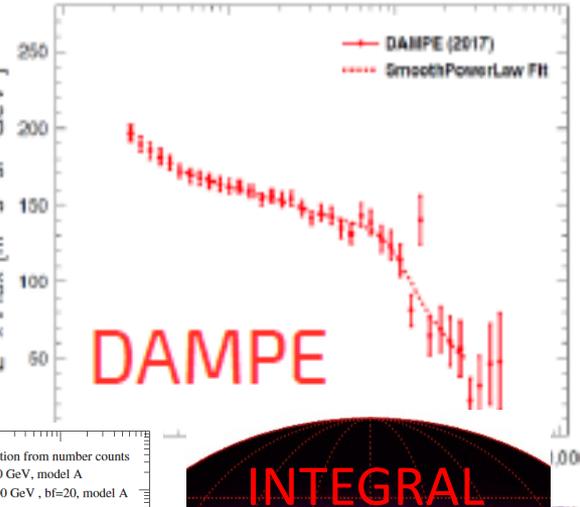
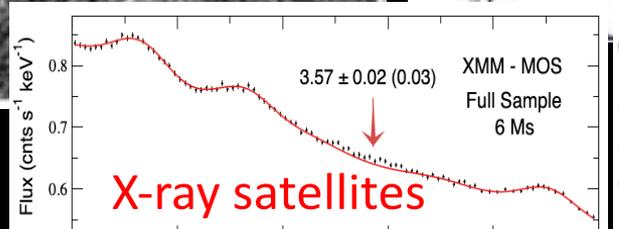
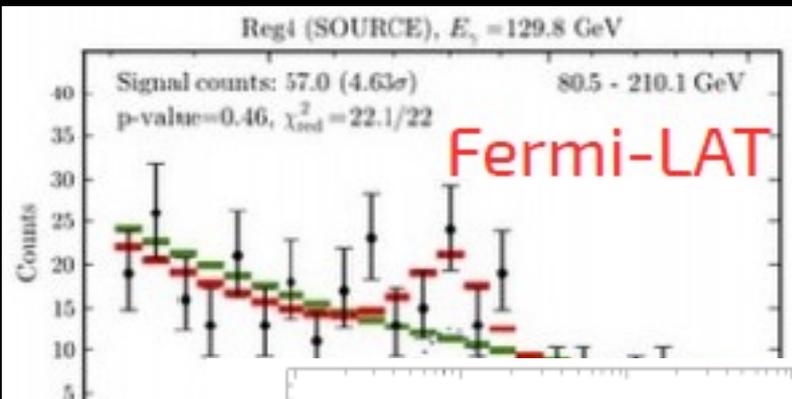
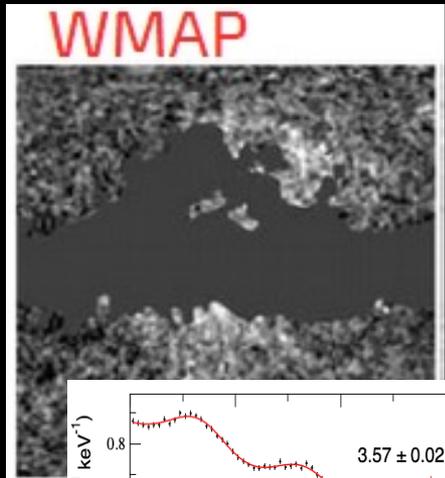
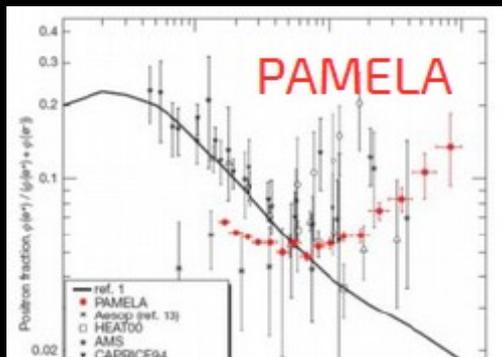
Charged particle propagation

- Source (injection properties)
- Diffusion
- Energy losses (IC, syn, hadronic,...)
- Advection
- Reacceleration

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{dn_e}{dE_e}(E_e, r, t) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[D(E_e) \vec{\nabla} \frac{dn_e}{dE_e}(E_e, r, t) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial E_e} \left[\frac{dE_e}{dt}(r) \frac{dn_e}{dE_e}(E_e, r, t) \right] + \delta(r) Q(E_e, t)$$

Many, many anomalies over the years



Types of anomalies



Excesses

- Signal above known sources and known backgrounds
- Critically depends on
 - How confident we are at extrapolating source properties
 - How well we think we can model backgrounds

Lines

- Narrow excesses (consistent with energy resolution) in addition to known emission lines
- Critically depends on
 - Completeness of emission line databases
 - Calibration of detector

Recurring theme: astrophysical systematics

Anomalies for today

Story of continuum

1. **GeV gamma-ray excess**

Story of lines

2. **511 keV line excess**
3. **130 GeV line**
4. **3.5 keV X-ray line**

Story of anti-particles

5. **Anti-proton**
6. **Positron (if time)**

Main question:

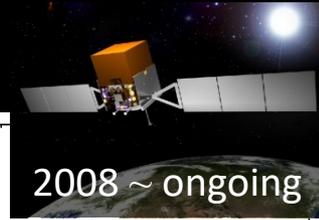
New astrophysics??

Or first non-gravitational evidence for dark matter??

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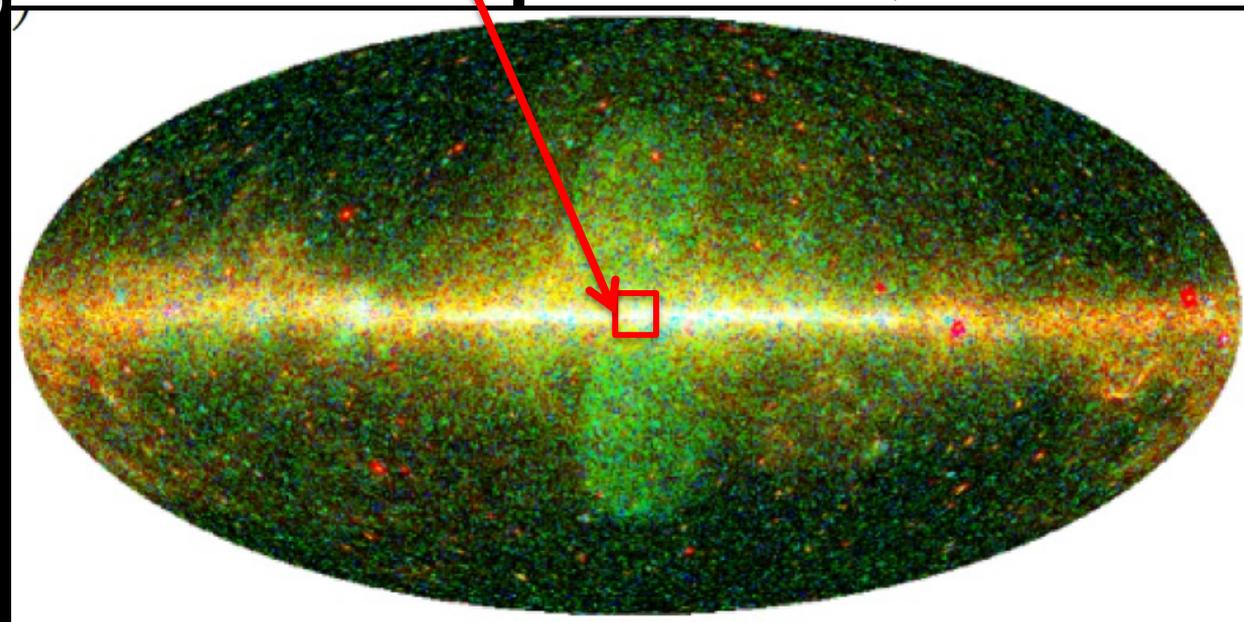
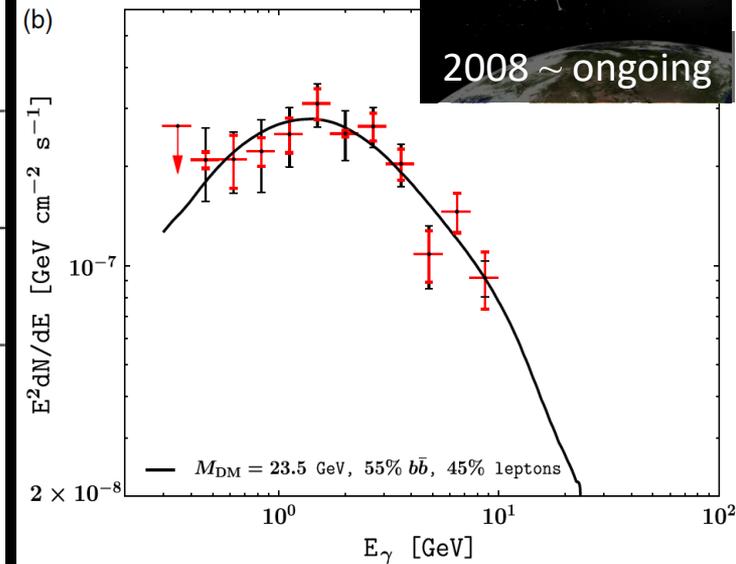
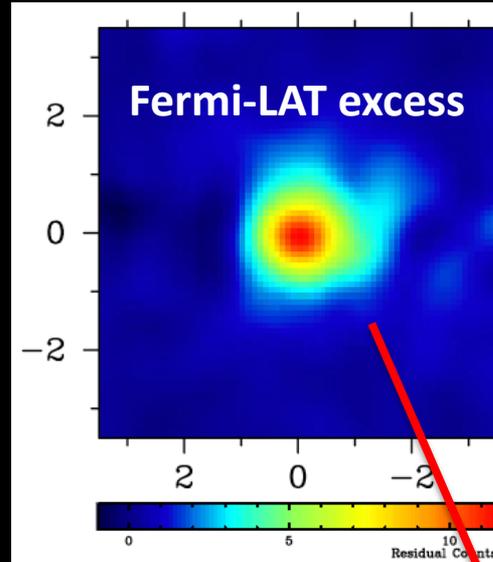
- Brief background
- Anomaly relative to what?
- Dark matter vs astrophysics
- Current status

GeV gamma-ray excess



Excess: unexplained excess found in Fermi-LAT data

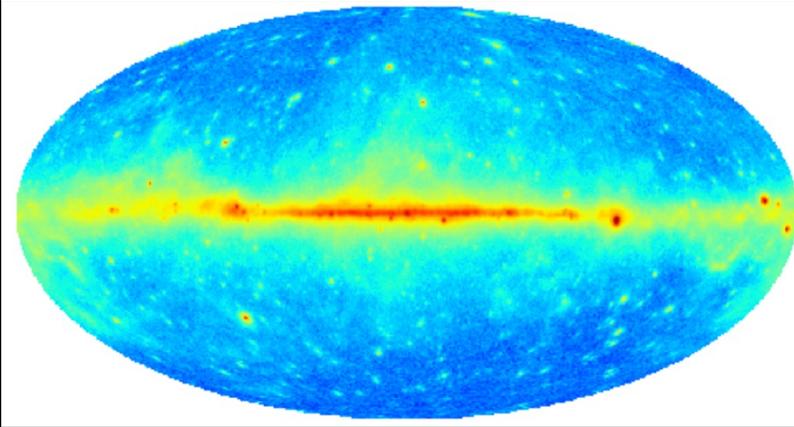
- Since 2009
- Spectra peaks at \sim GeV
- Seen out to \sim 10 deg
- Significance \sim 20–60 σ
- Many systematics checks



Goodenough & Hooper (2009) *Fermi Coll.* (2016)
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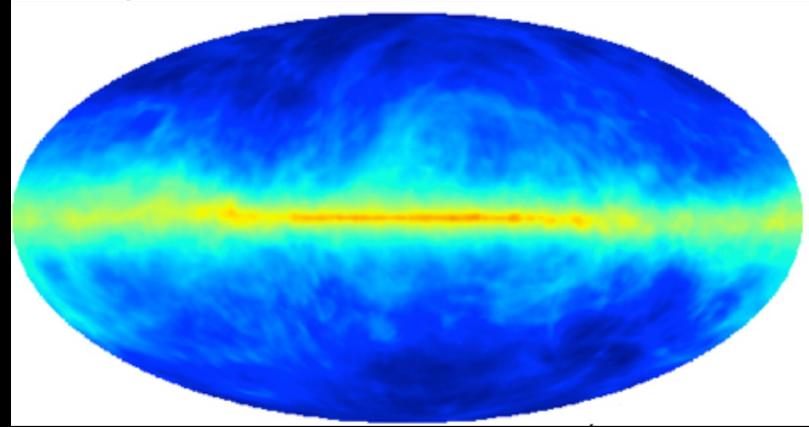
Excess relative to what?

Data



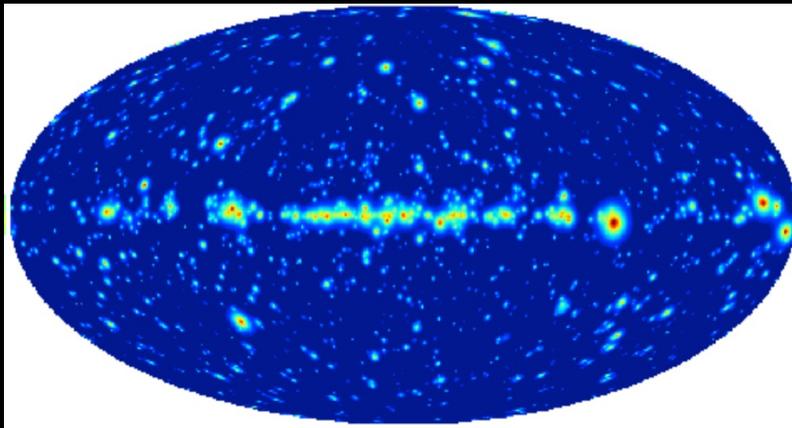
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Cosmic-ray related emission



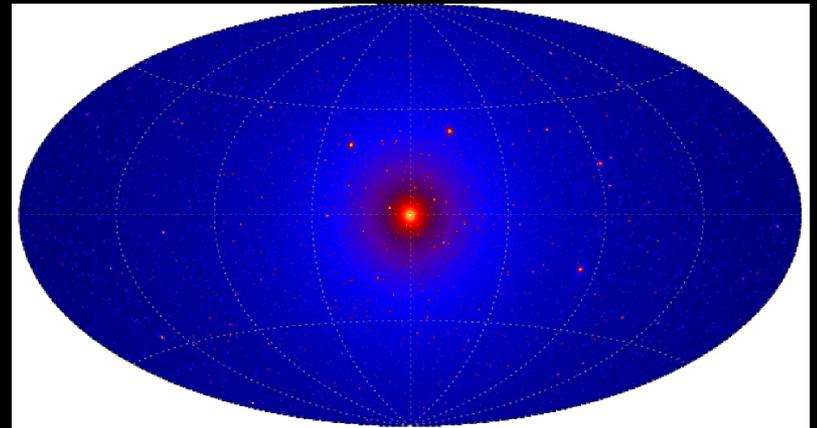
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Known sources



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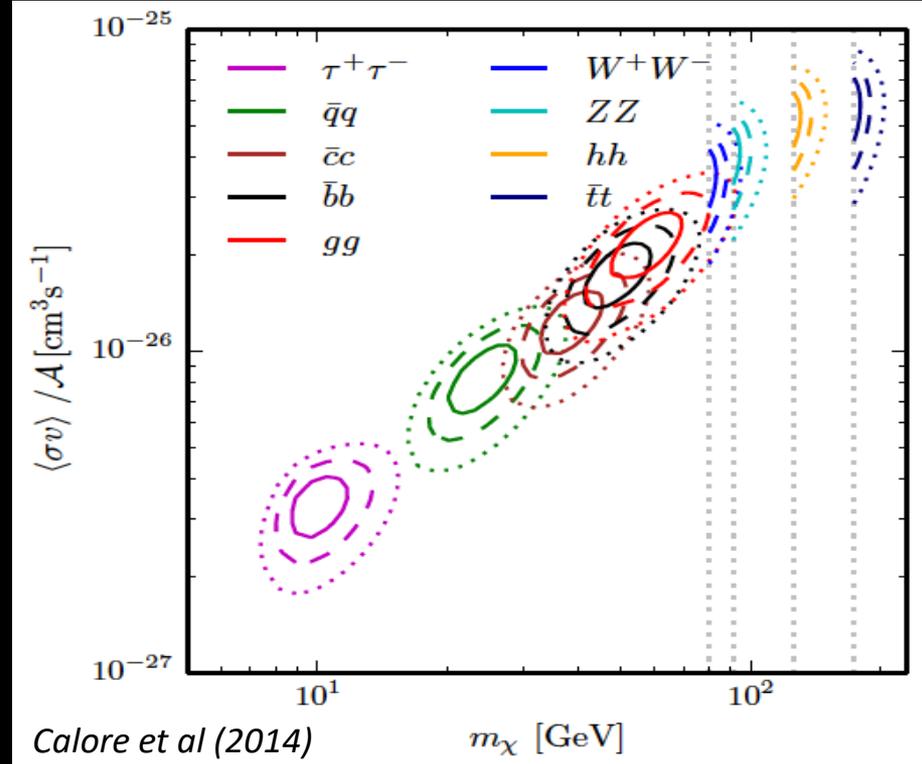
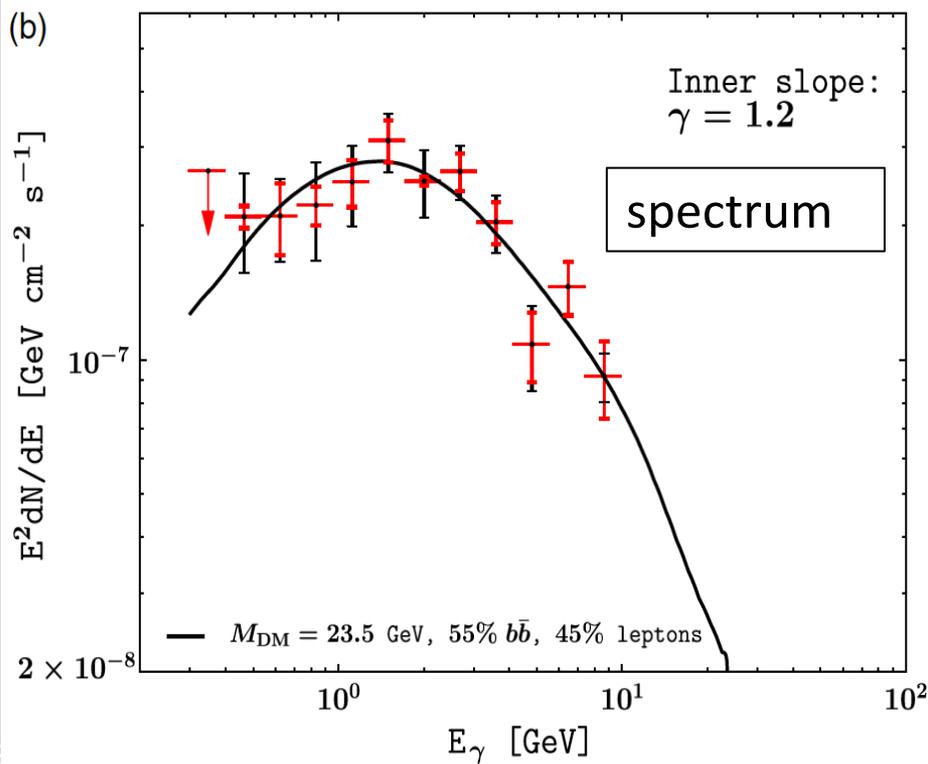
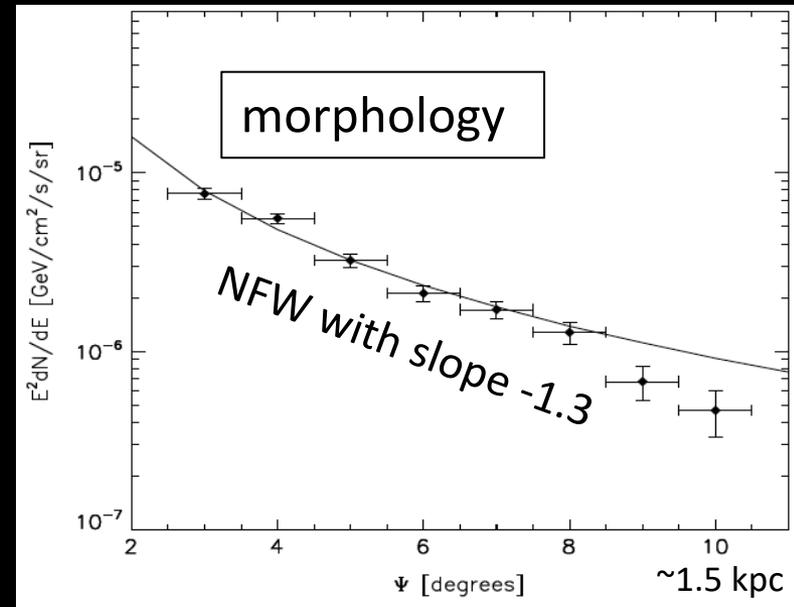
New sources, e.g., dark matter



Is it dark matter?

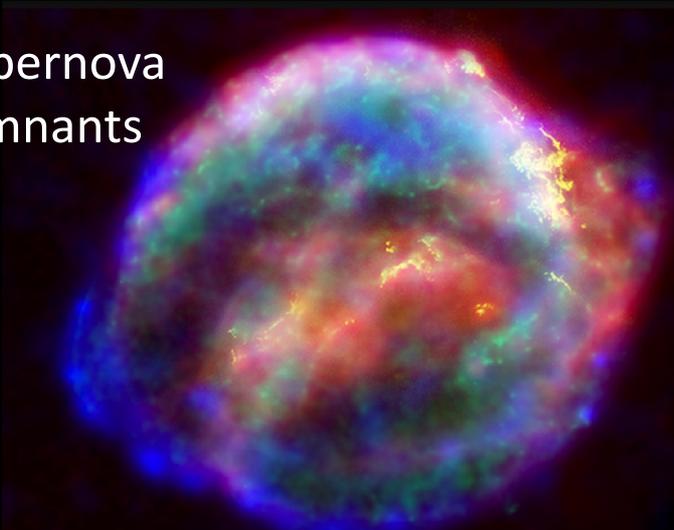
All features consistent with WIMPs

- Spectrum suggests 10~100 GeV mass, approx. thermal cross sections
- Spatial morphology largely spherical, NFW-like, and centered on dynamical center

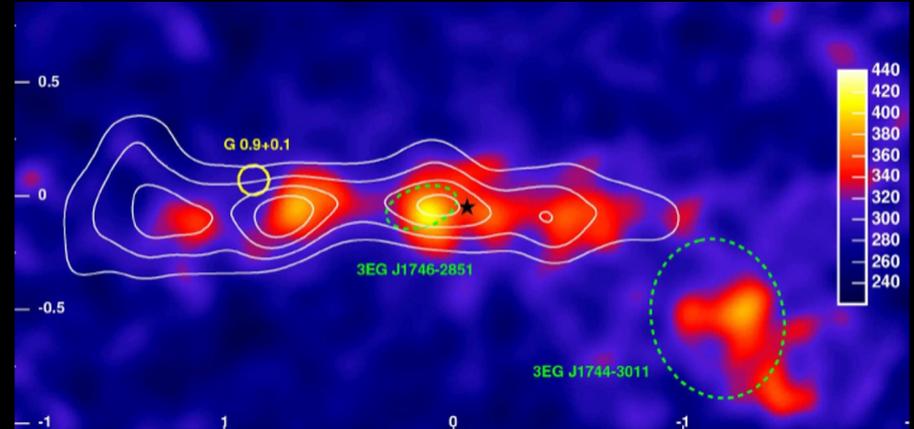


Galactic Center is rich & complex

Supernova
remnants



Supermassive black hole

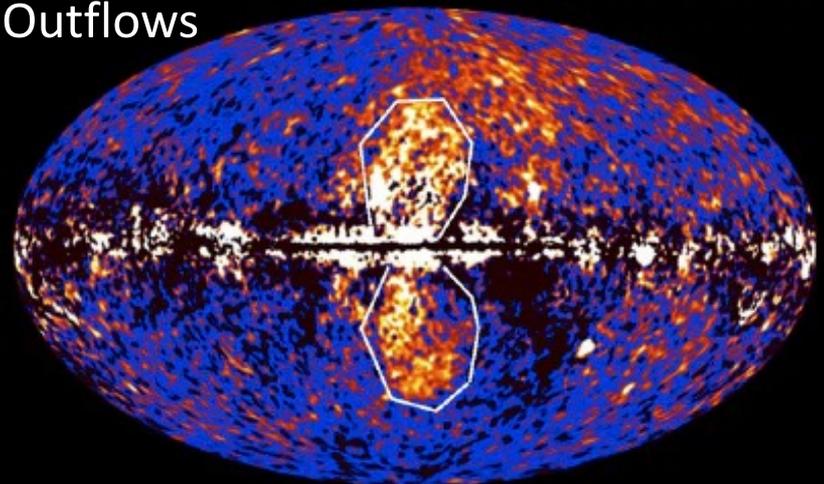


→ Multiple source classes injecting $\sim 10^{38}$ erg/s

Pulsars



Outflows

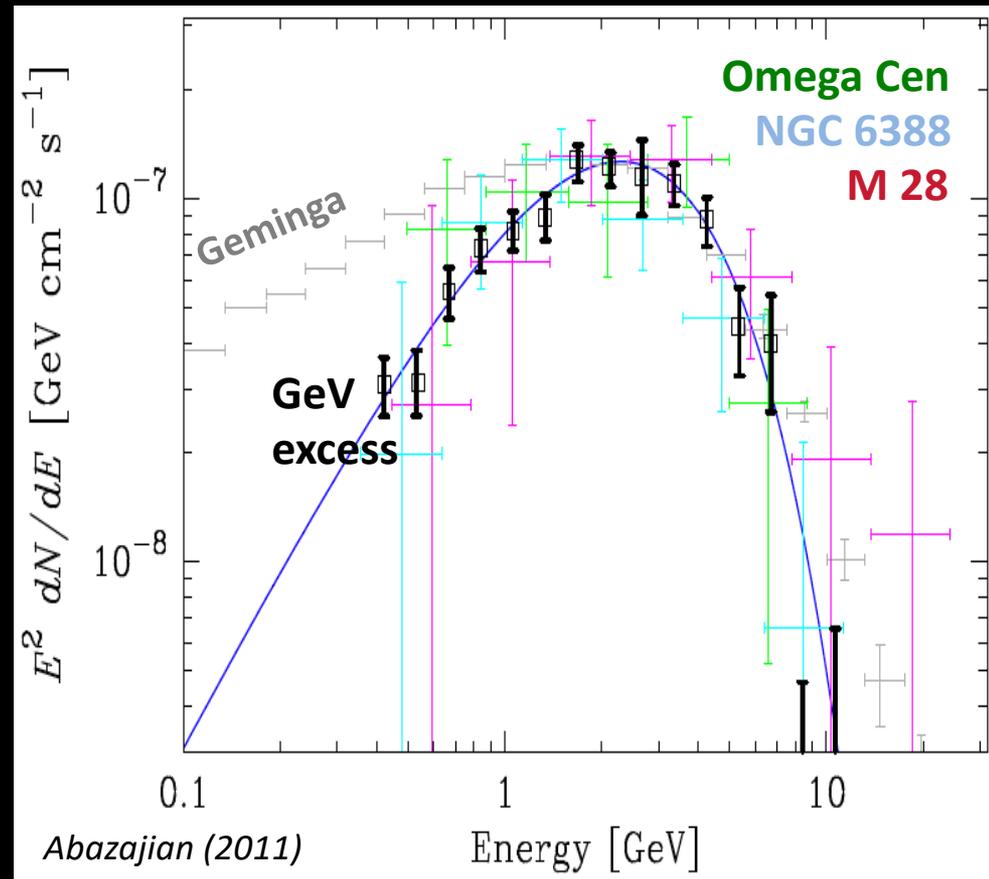
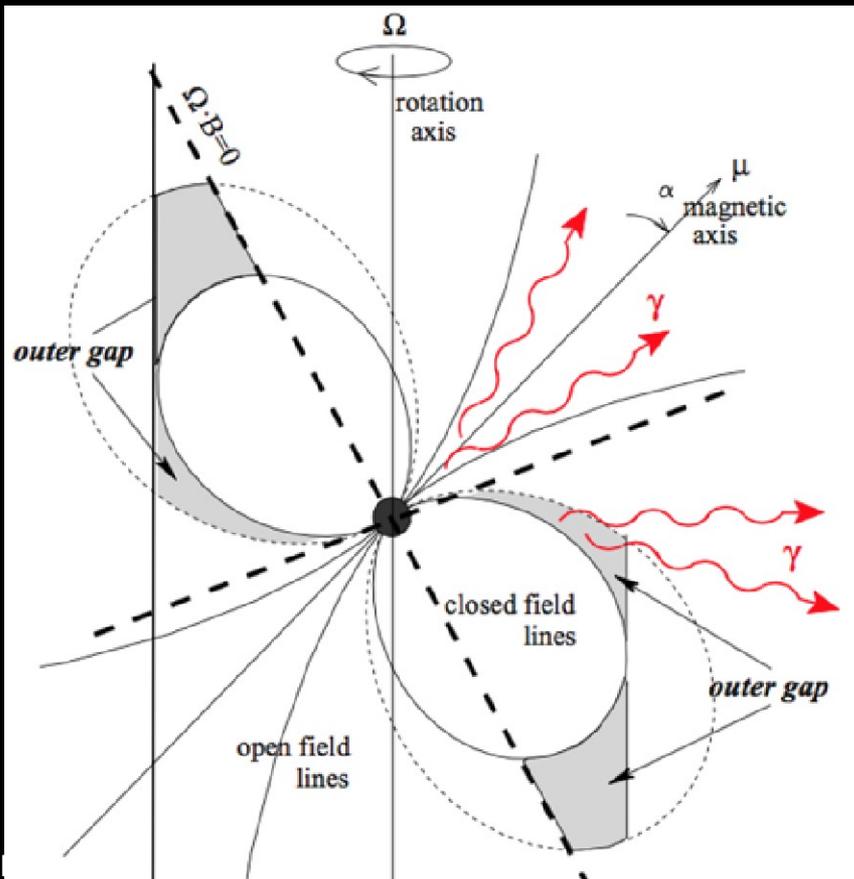


Millisecond pulsars

A strongly motivated candidate

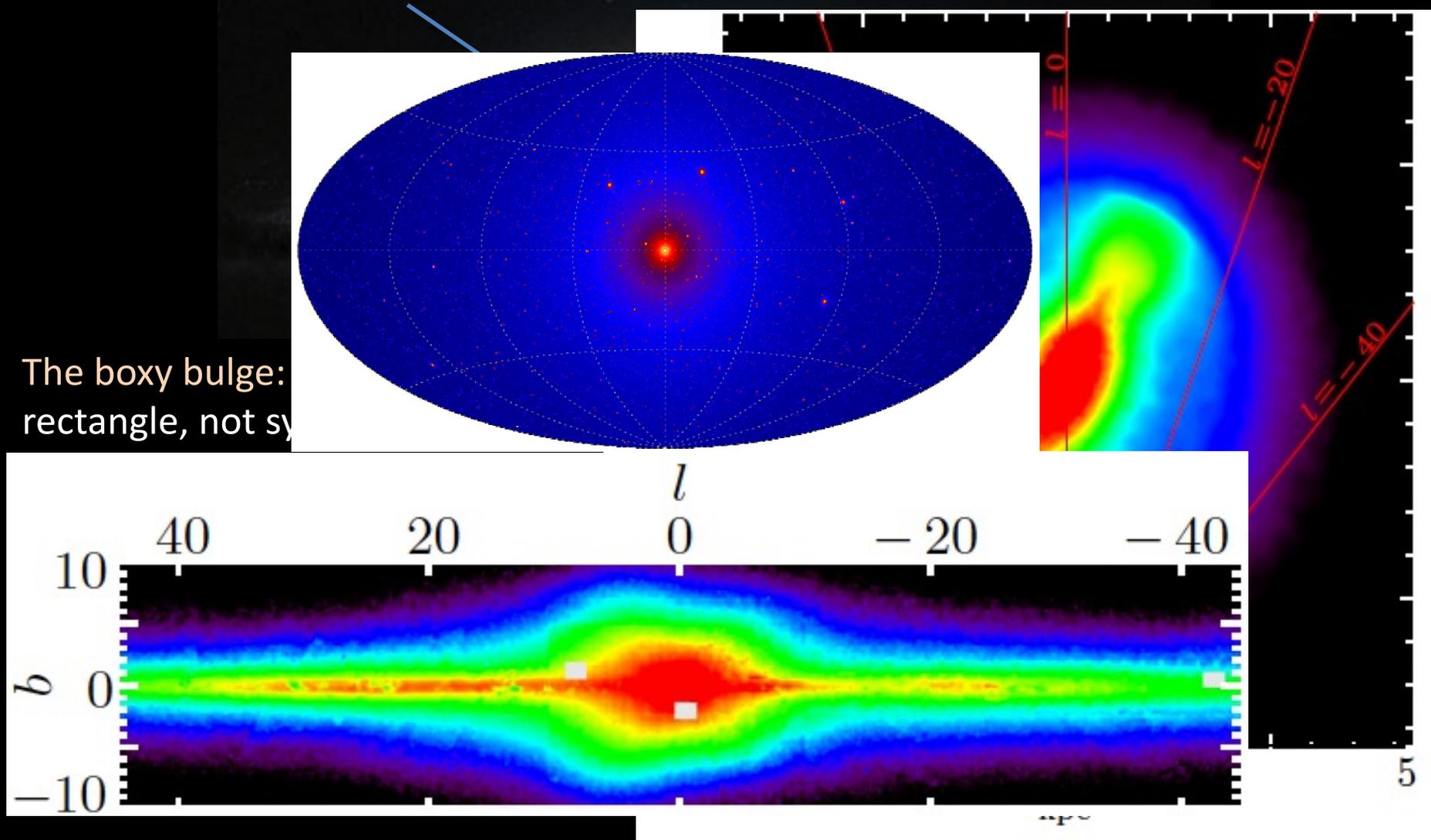
- Rapidly spinning old neutron stars
 - Likely created by binary effects
- Known sources (100s found) but not modeled in the galactic center

- ✓ Spectra are very similar to the GeV excess
- ✓ $O(10^4)$ needed in the Galactic Center (quite reasonable)



Millisecond pulsar morphology

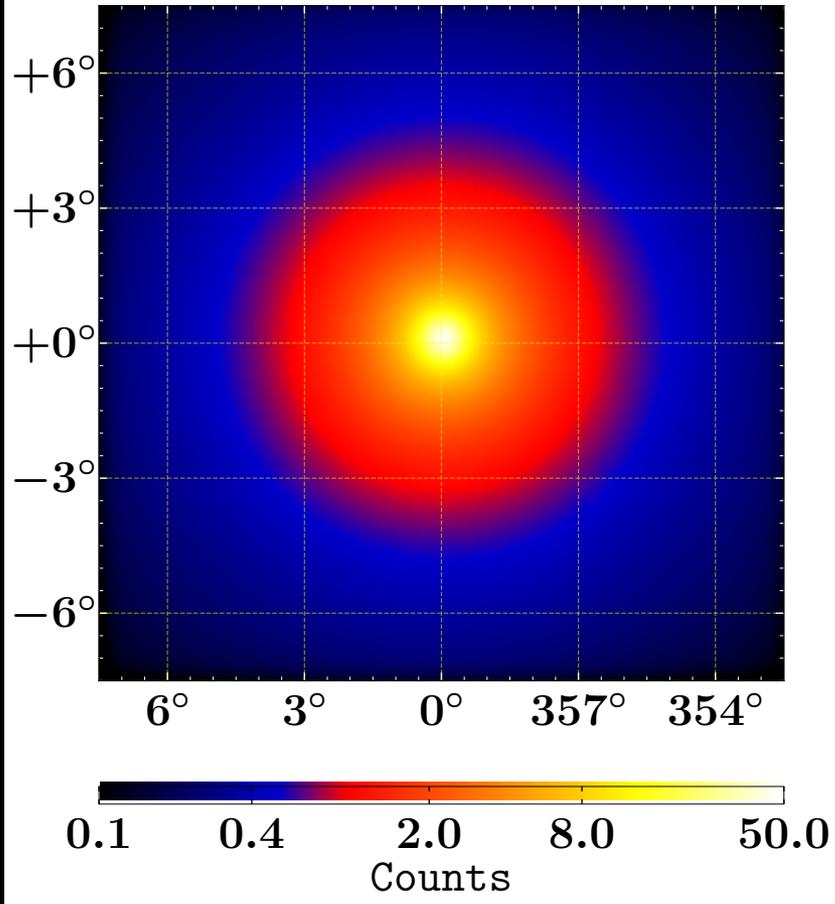
Bulge: $\sim 1/3$ mass of the Galaxy and very old (> 8 Gyrs)



The hypothesis

Dark matter annihilation

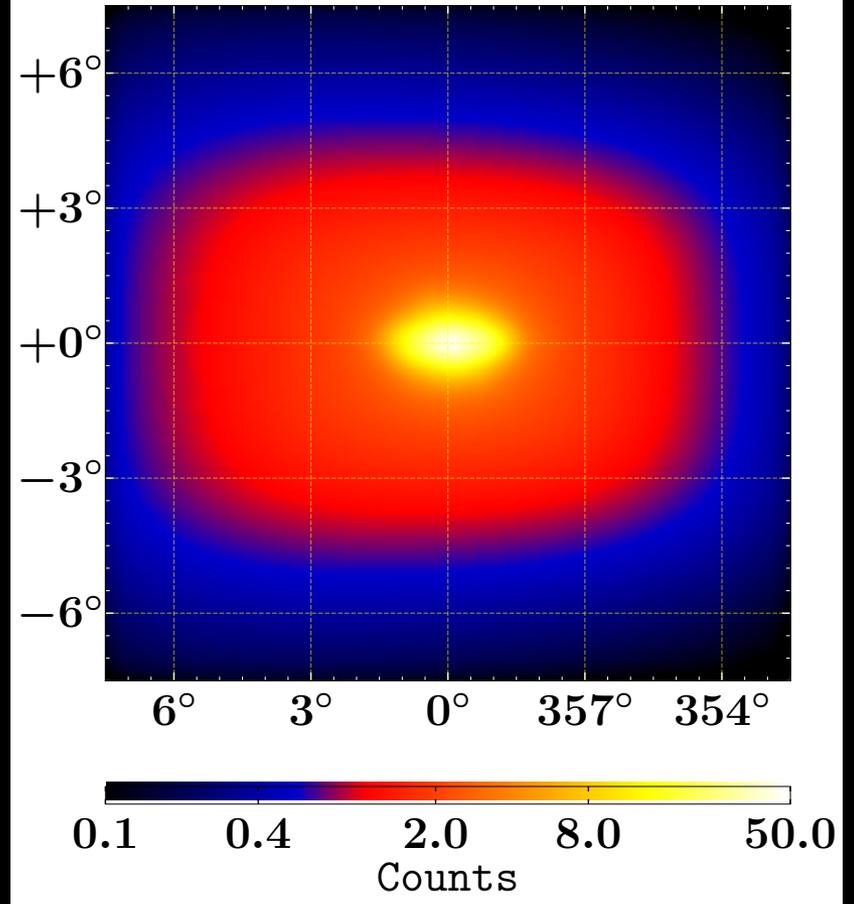
1.1 – 2.8 GeV



VS

Astrophysics (pulsar)

1.1 – 2.8 GeV

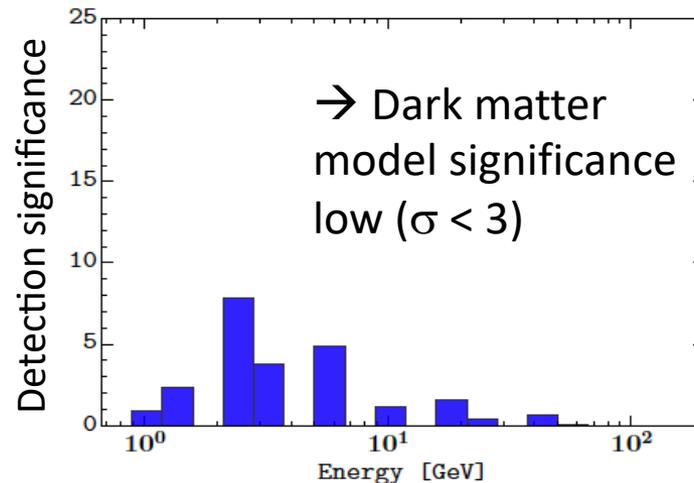
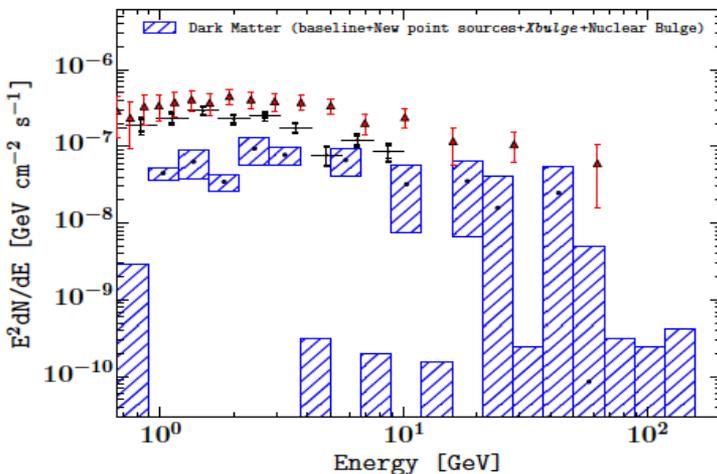
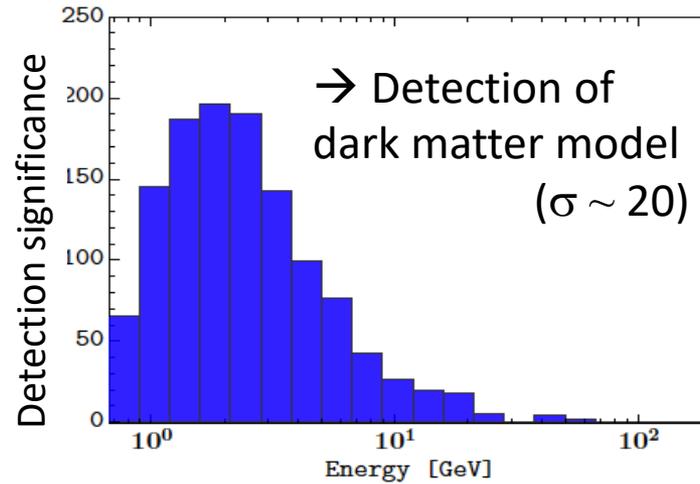
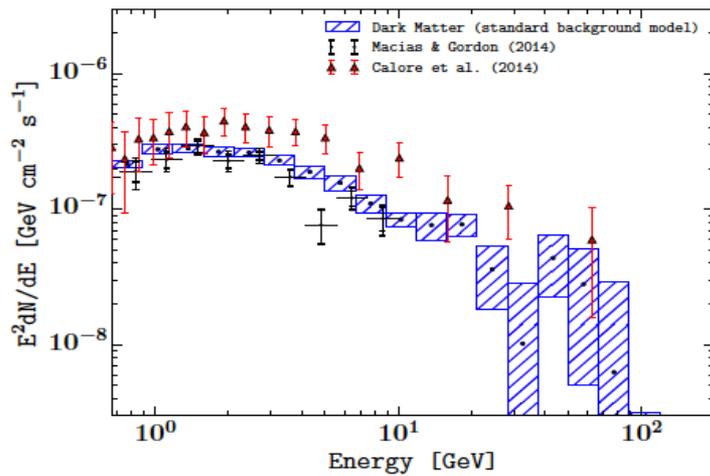


(Here: Freudenreich 1998)

Galactic bulge preferred over dark matter for the Galactic centre gamma-ray excess



Macias et al (2018)



↖ **WITHOUT** bulge
(representative of previous studies)

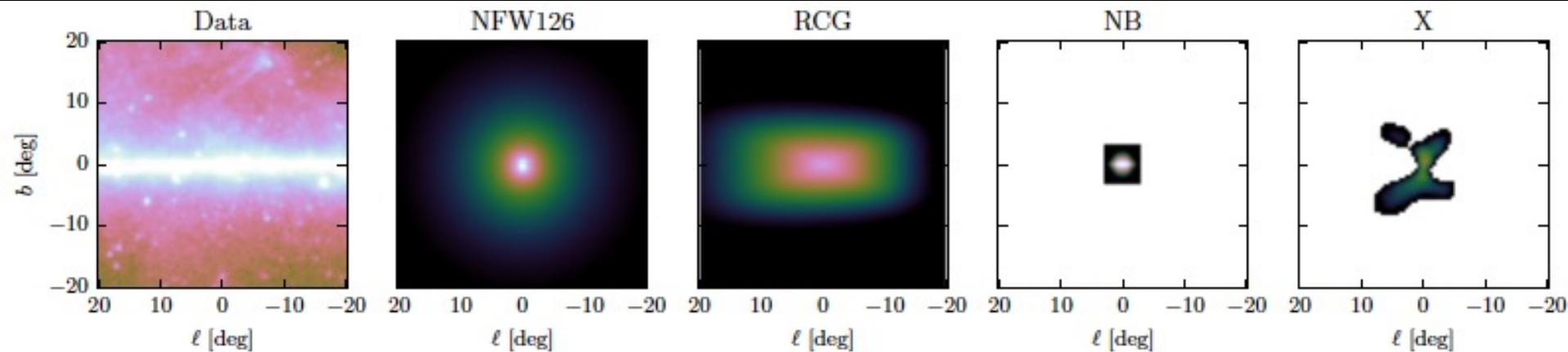
← **WITH** bulge
Including our new extended bulge, the **data no longer needs a dark matter component**

SkyFACT : a hybrid approach

SkyFACT = **Sky** Factorization with **Adaptive Constrained Templates**

Hybrid method to study diffuse gamma rays that combines adaptive spatial-spectral template regression and image reconstruction to account for small-scale model inaccuracies.

Storm et al (2017)



We demonstrated that the stellar bulge model provides a significantly better fit ($> 10\sigma$) to the data than the DM-emission related Einasto or contracted NFW profiles. Hence the GCE appears to simply trace stellar mass in the bulge, not the dark matter density squared

Fit in central 40x180 degrees, which facilitates the fitting of gas template rings (x3) and provides leverage to disentangle components.

Bartels et al (2018)

Evidence for dark matter

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baseline+NP+Boxy bulge+NFW	NB	-169566.0	-169553.3	25	2.7	19
baseline+NP+Boxy bulge+NFW	NFW	-169598.2	-169553.3	90	7.6	19
baseline+NP+NFW	Boxy bulge+NFW	-169623.3	-169553.0	140	10.0	2 × 19
baseline+NP+NFW	X-bulge+NFW	-169623.3	-169531.0	185	10.8	2 × 19
baseline+NP+NFW	X-bulge	-169697.2	-169542.0	310	16.1	19
baseline+NP+NFW	Boxy bulge	-169697.2	-169566.0	262	14.6	19
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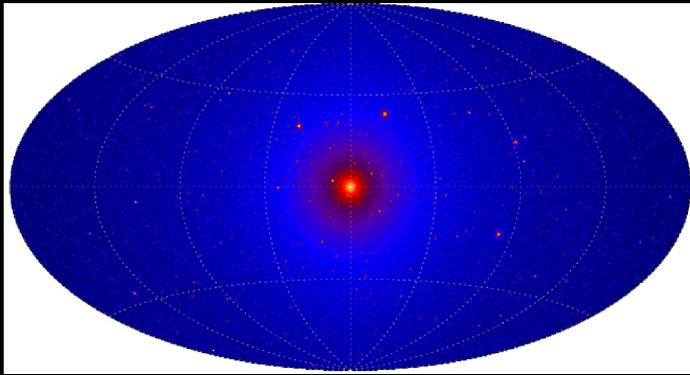
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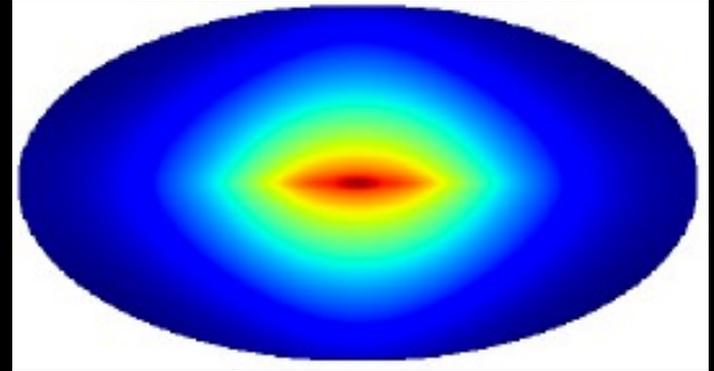
Many astrophysical systematics

1. Bulge model
2. Fermi bubble model
3. Background (IC models)
4. Background (gas maps)
5. Point source catalogs

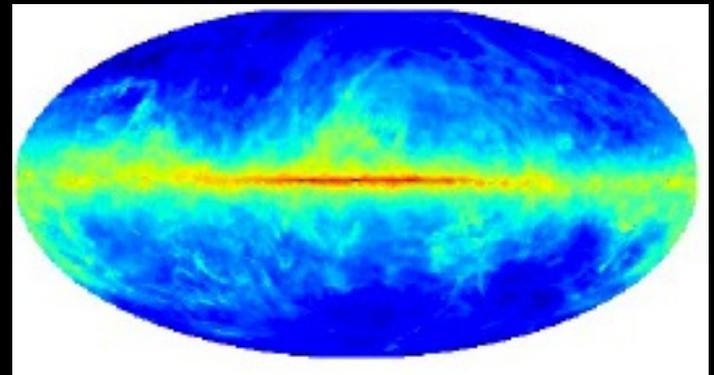
Dark matter



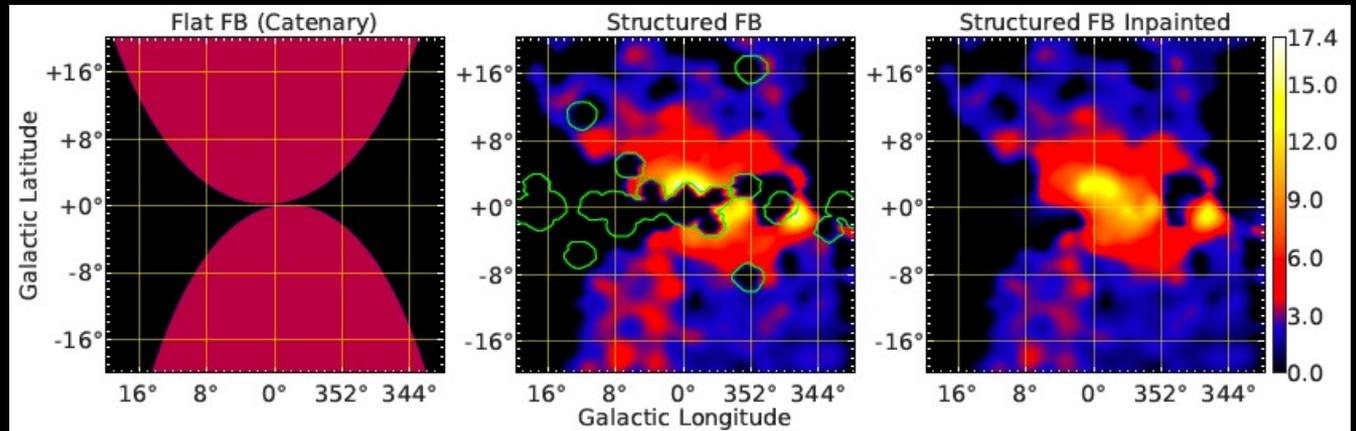
IC



gas



Fermi bubble

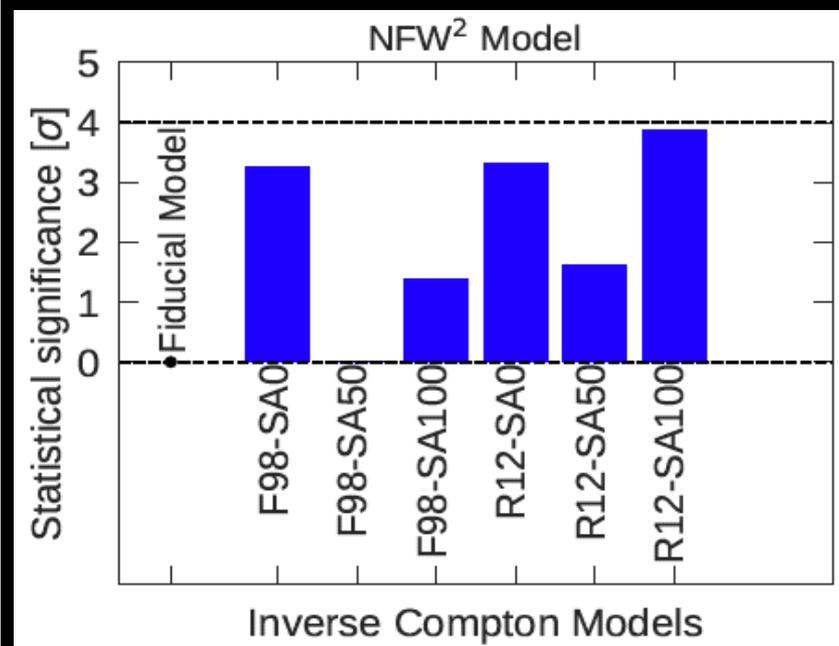
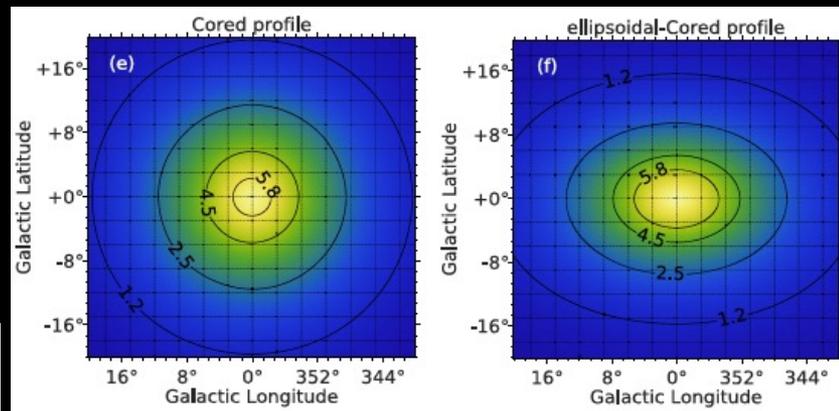
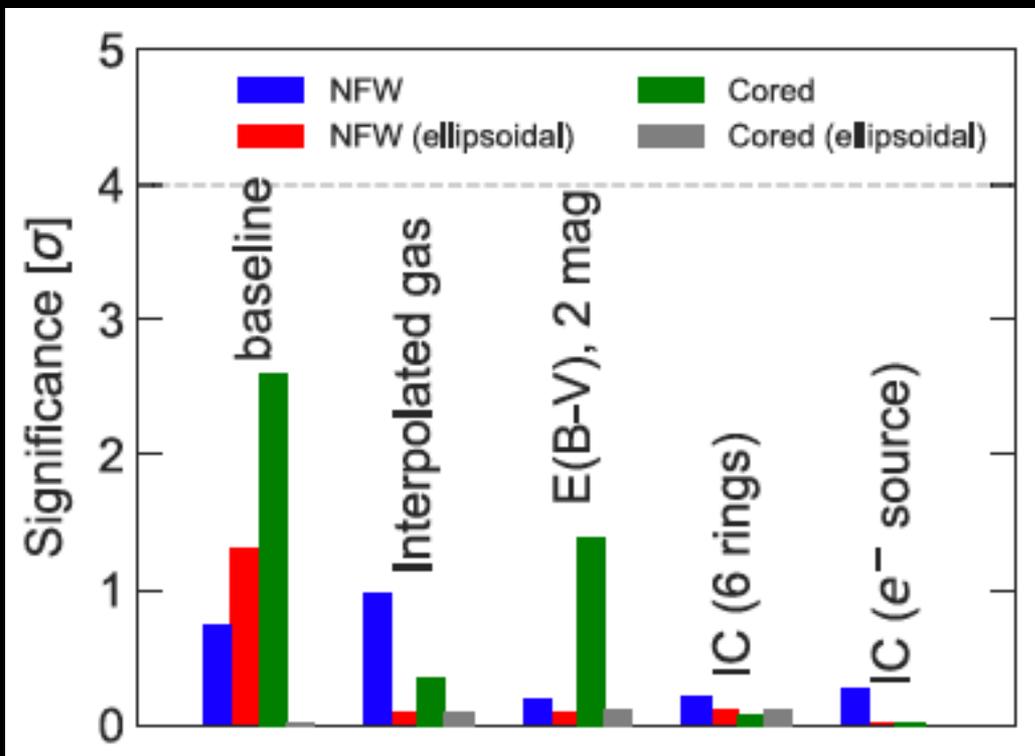


Some systematics

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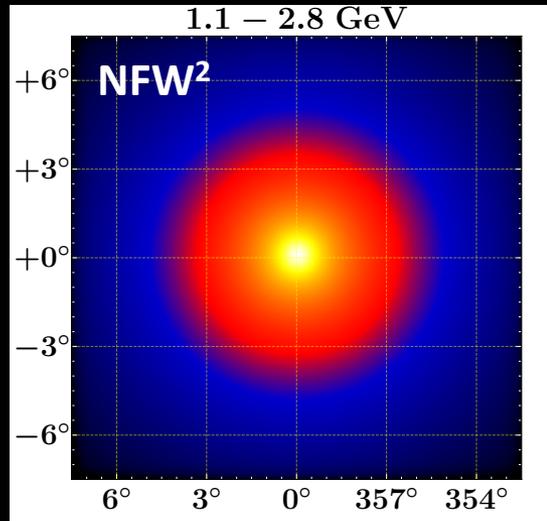
1. IC: photon distributions, e^{\pm} distributions
2. Dark matter: slope, cores, asymmetry
3. Gas: distributions, dark gas models
4. Bulge: different tracers

➔ **Dark matter model not detected**



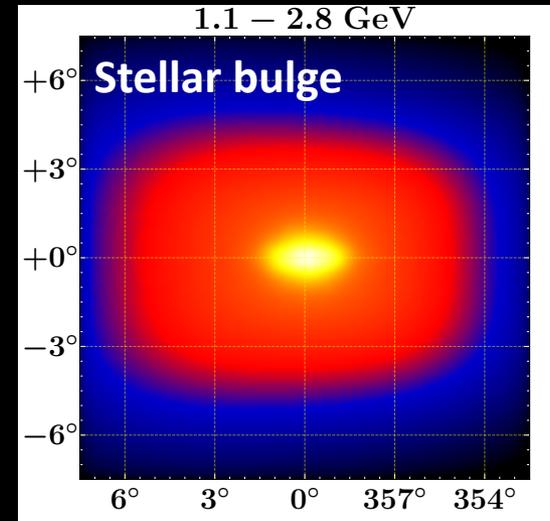
Hypotheses

Dark matter annihilation

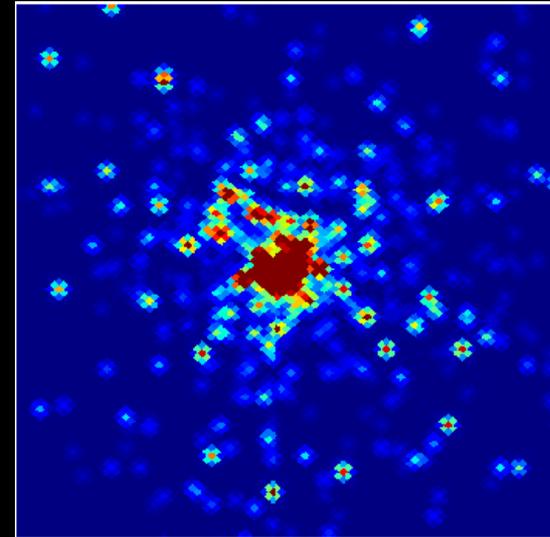
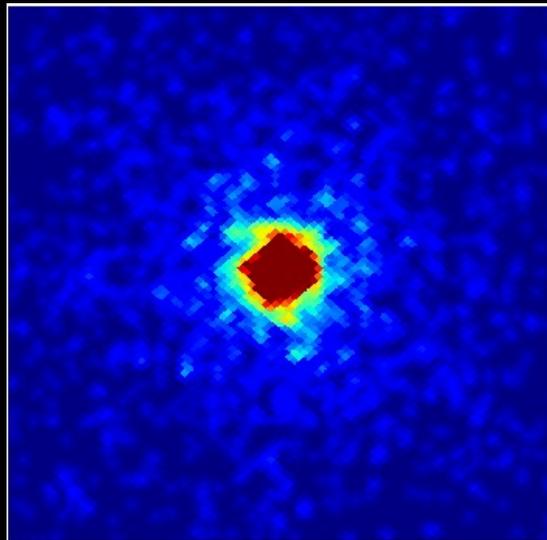


VS

Astrophysics (pulsar)



VS





Evidence for Unresolved γ -Ray Point Sources in the Inner Galaxy

Model as smooth (DM motivated) & grainy (pulsar motivated) templates

Results:

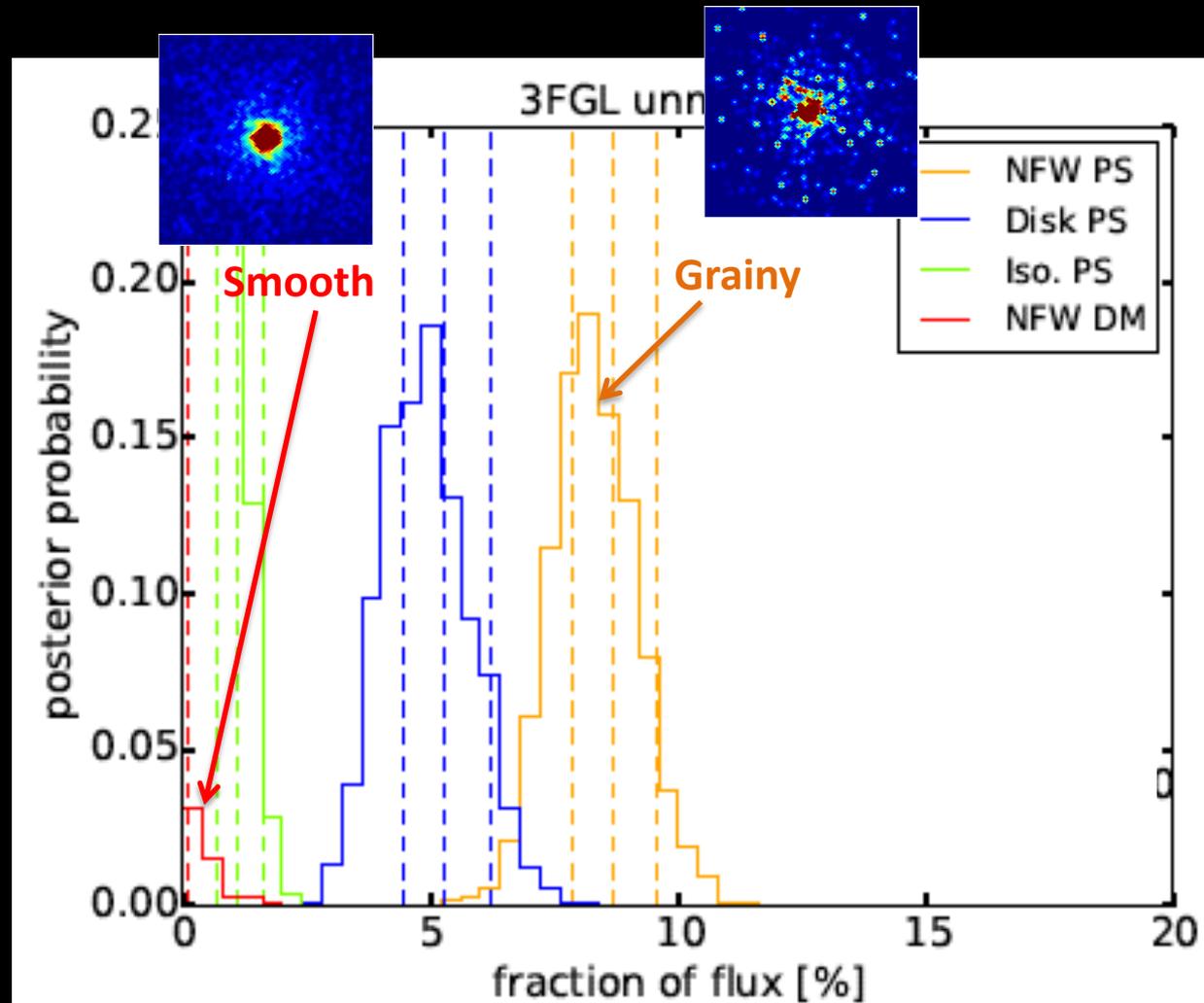
- Smooth: $\sim 0\%$
- Grainy: $\sim 8.7\%$

If grainy model is not added, smooth becomes $\sim 8\%$

- Preference for grainy over smooth source
- Grainy motivates faint pulsars

Lee et al (2016)

See also Bartels et al (2016)

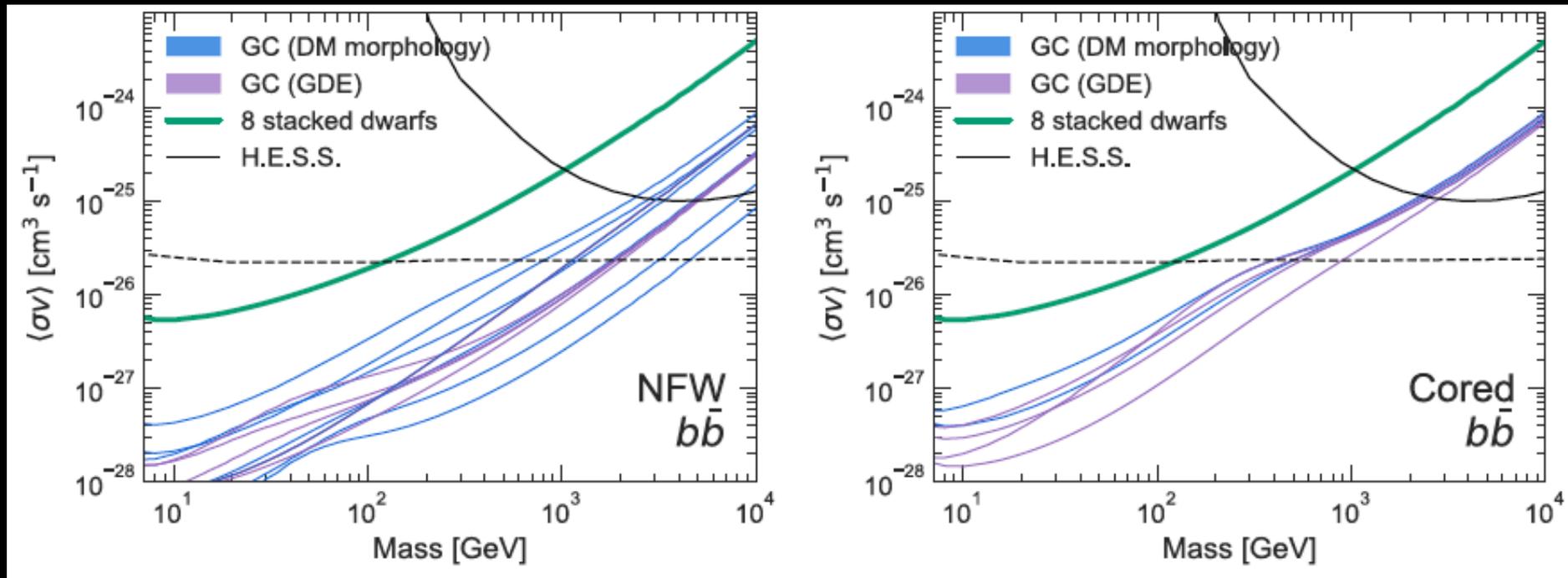


Dark matter implications

Perhaps we found a physically-motivated, *better astrophysical model* which provides a better explanation of the data than DM annihilation

→ Constrains thermal dark matter up to ~ 500 GeV

Abazajian et al (2020)



- Impacts of NFW slope [0.5,1.5] & sphericity
- Impacts of background modeling

- Impacts of core (1 kpc) & sphericity
- Impacts of background modeling

However...

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Dark Matter Strikes Back at the Galactic Center

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A Phantom Menace: On the Morphology of the Galactic Center Excess

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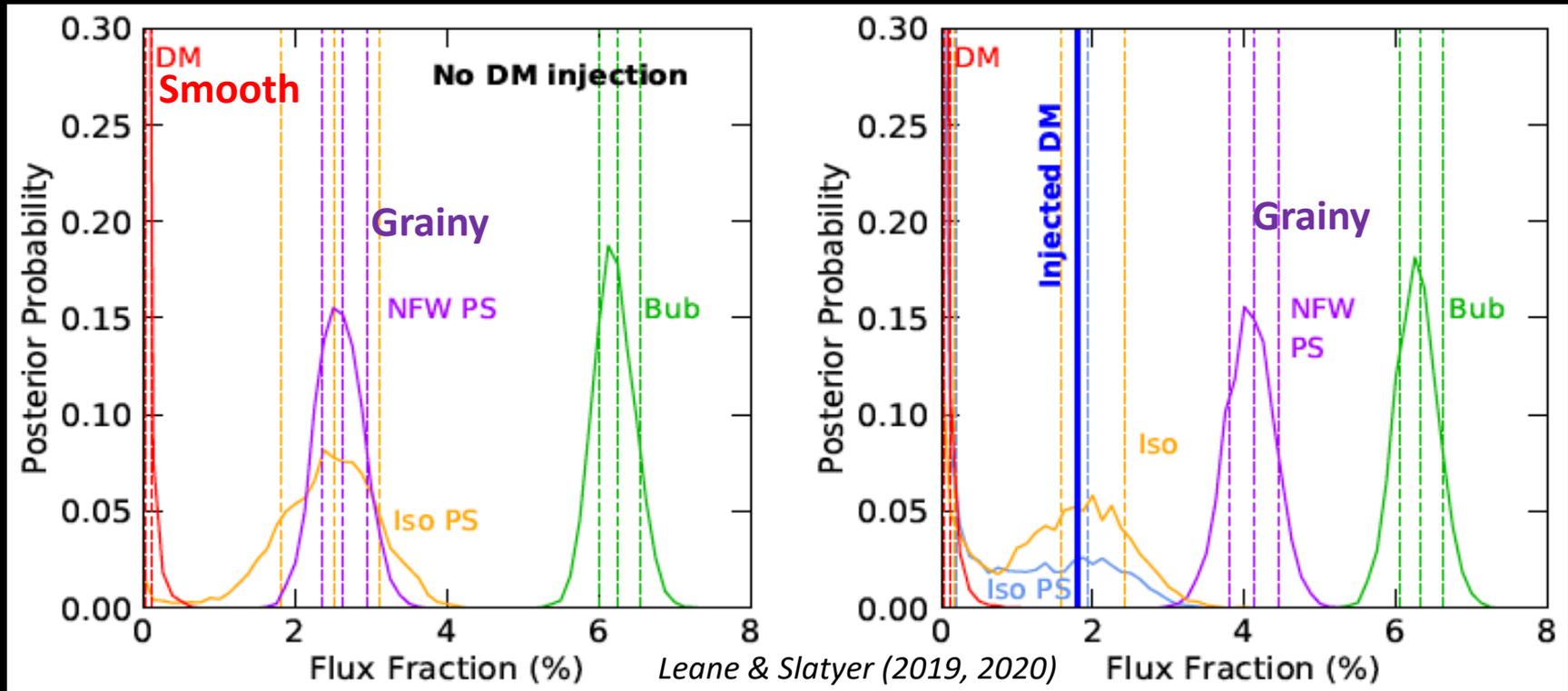
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Ongoing developments

Smooth vs grainy

Faint end is experimentally indistinguishable from a smooth source.

Leane & Slatyer (2019, 2020), Chang et al (2019), Zhong et al (2019), Buschmann et al (2020), Calore et al (2021)



Morphology

Many new strategies, some find preference for the bulge, others do not. Systematic comparison warranted.

Macias et al (2019), Abazajian et al (2020), di Mauro (2021), Calore et al (2021), Pohl et al (2022), McDermott et al (2022)

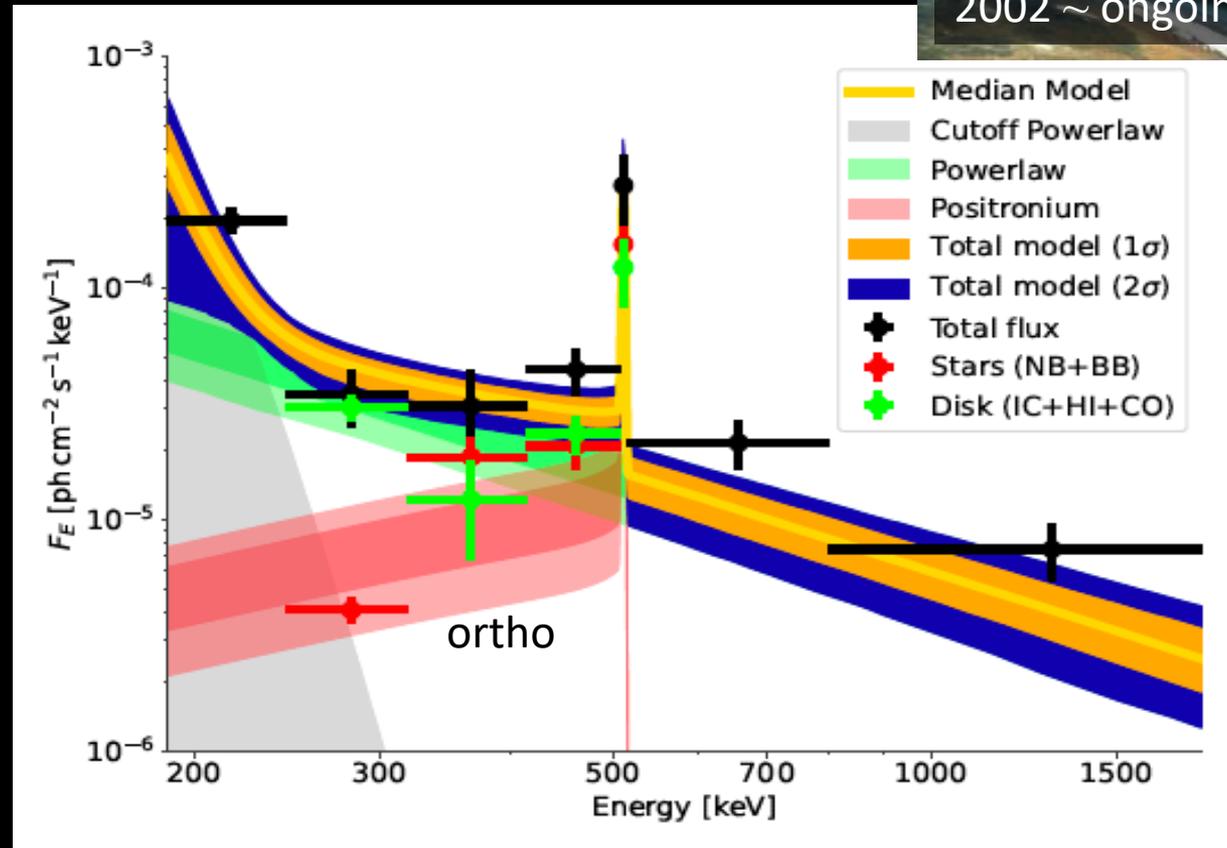
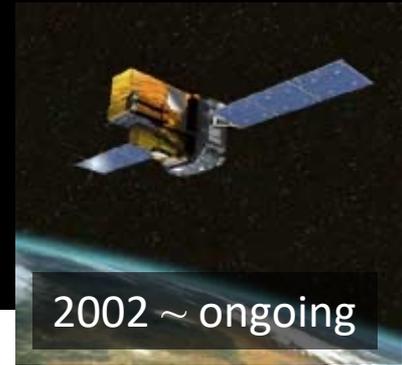
STORY OF THREE LINES

511 keV excess

Excess: Strong signal of positronium decays seen by INTEGRAL
(requires $\sim 2 \times 10^{43}$ e⁺ /s)

Relative to: various astrophysical sources in the Milky Way

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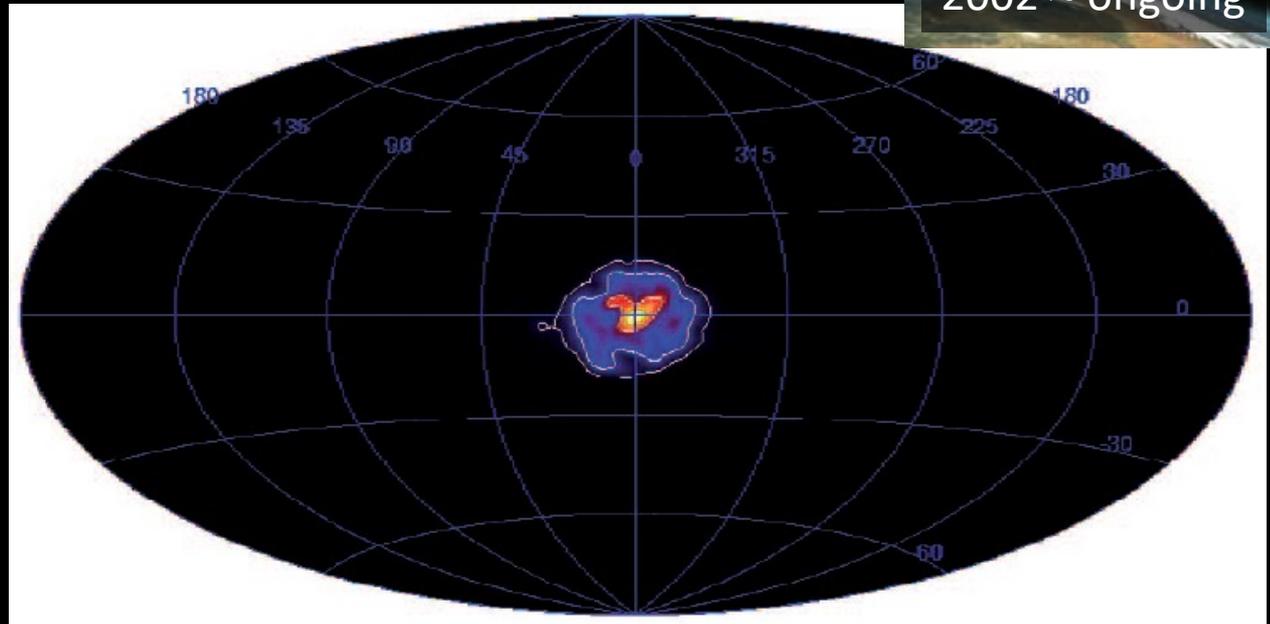
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The signal is **much too luminous** in the
Galactic Center :

- Bulge / disk ~ 1
- But predicted < 0.5



2002 ~ ongoing



Knodlseder et al 2005, Weidenspointer et al 2008, Siegert et al 2016

Maybe a dark matter related phenomenon *e.g., Boehm et al (2004), Finkbeiner & Weiner (2007)*

Detailed morphology study

Which model combinations best describe the data?

Map	Process/Population
BB	stars ($1.25\text{--}4.9\ \mu\text{m}$)
NB	stars ($2.2\text{--}240\ \mu\text{m}$)
XB	stars ($3.4\text{--}4.6\ \mu\text{m}$)
IC	$e^\pm + \gamma \rightarrow e^\pm + \gamma$
CO	CO, $J = 1 \rightarrow 0$ at 115 GHz
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FB	Fermi Bubbles (GeV)

Siegert et al (2021)

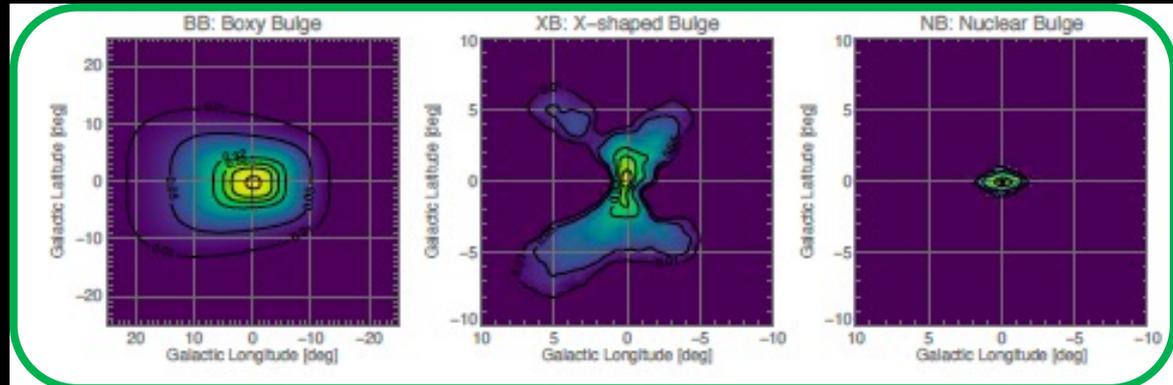


Figure 2. Bulge maps: Boxy Bulge (asinh, left), X-bulge (asinh, zoom, middle), and Nuclear Bulge (log, zoom, right).

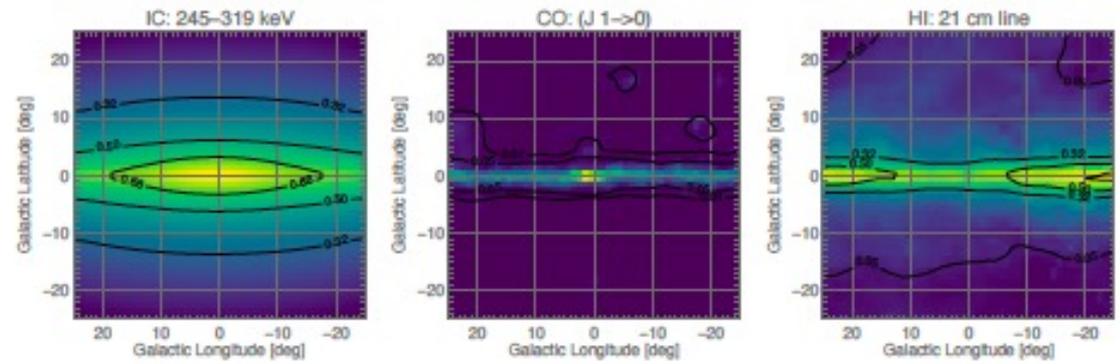
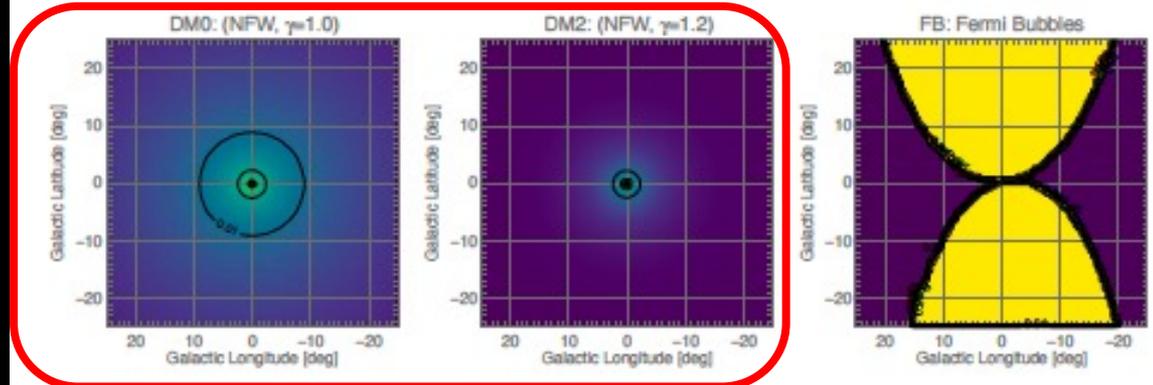


Figure 3. Disk maps: Inverse Compton (asinh, left), Planck CO (asinh, middle), and HI 21 cm survey (asinh, right).



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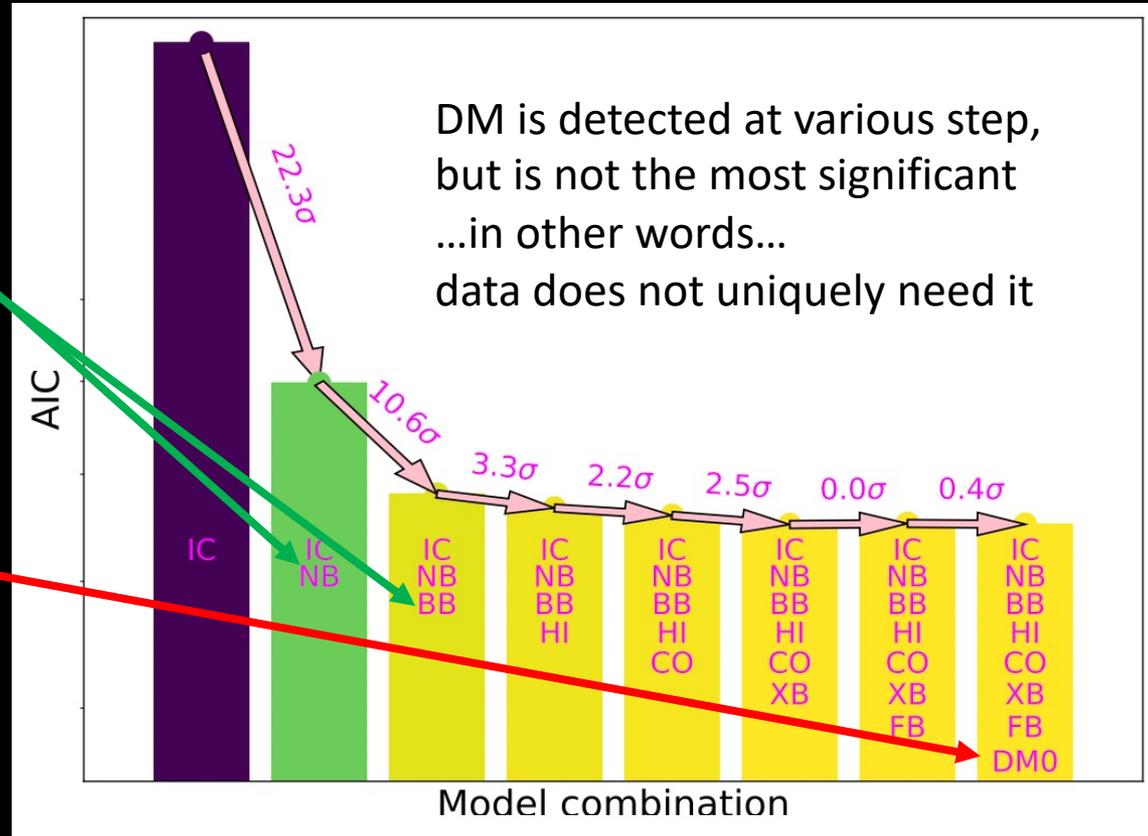
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Parallels with GeV excess:

- When mutually exclusive, dark matter and bulge are both detected
- When simultaneously added, the dark matter significance become negligible

Add sources sequentially:



→ **Better astrophysical model**

provides a good description of the data and excludes a symmetric DM model

Gamma-ray line

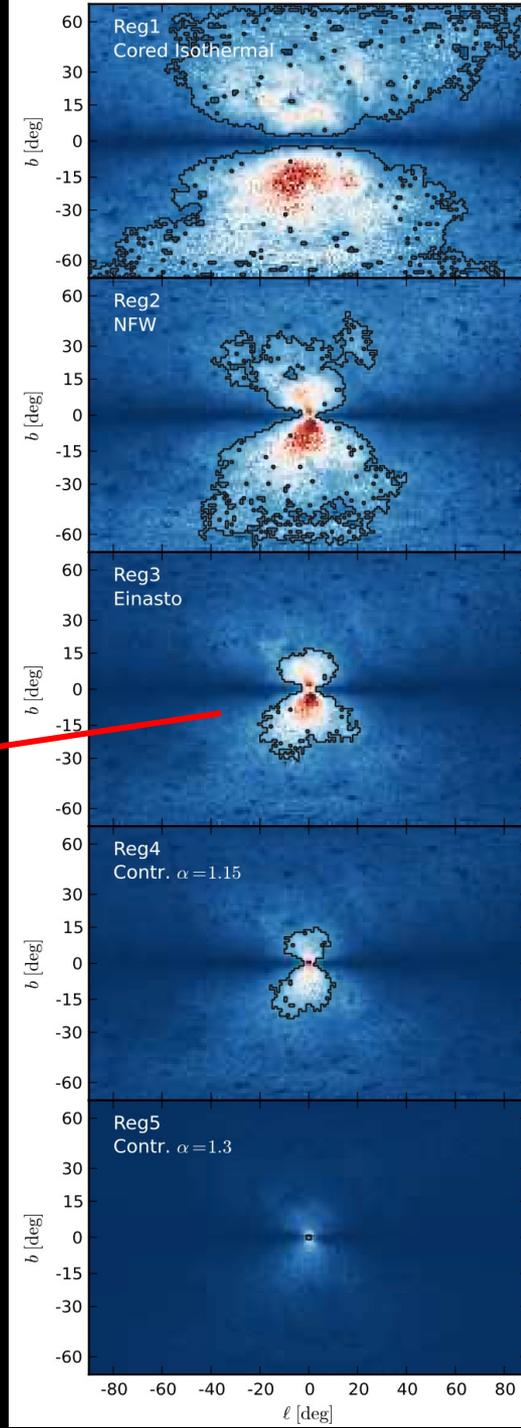
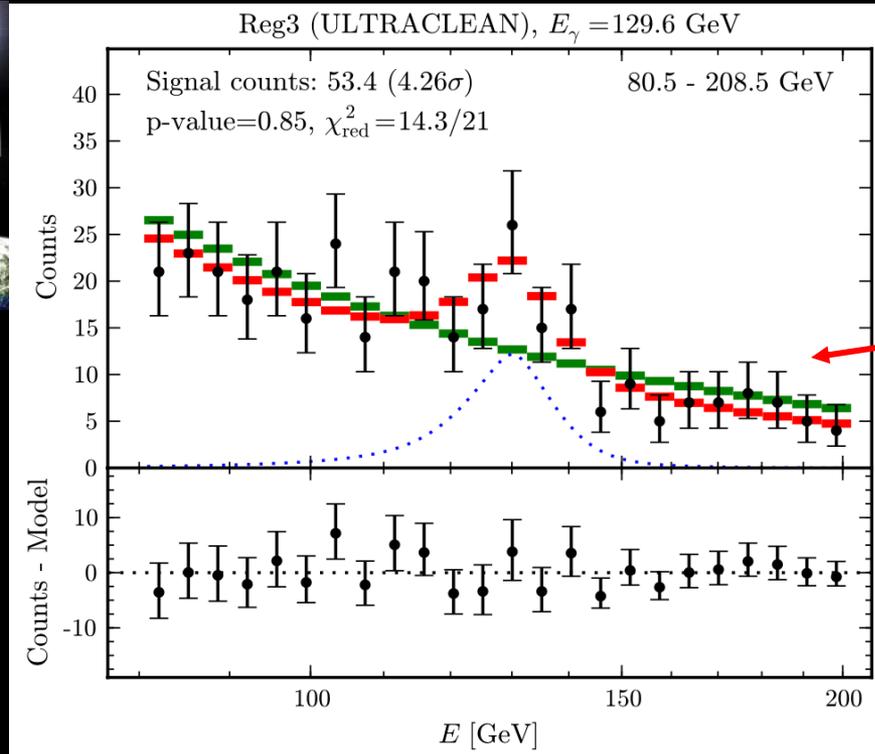
Line: at ~ 130 GeV from the Galactic Center region.

Relative to: power-law diffuse emission

Weniger (2012)



Significance: 3.2σ
(after trials factor)



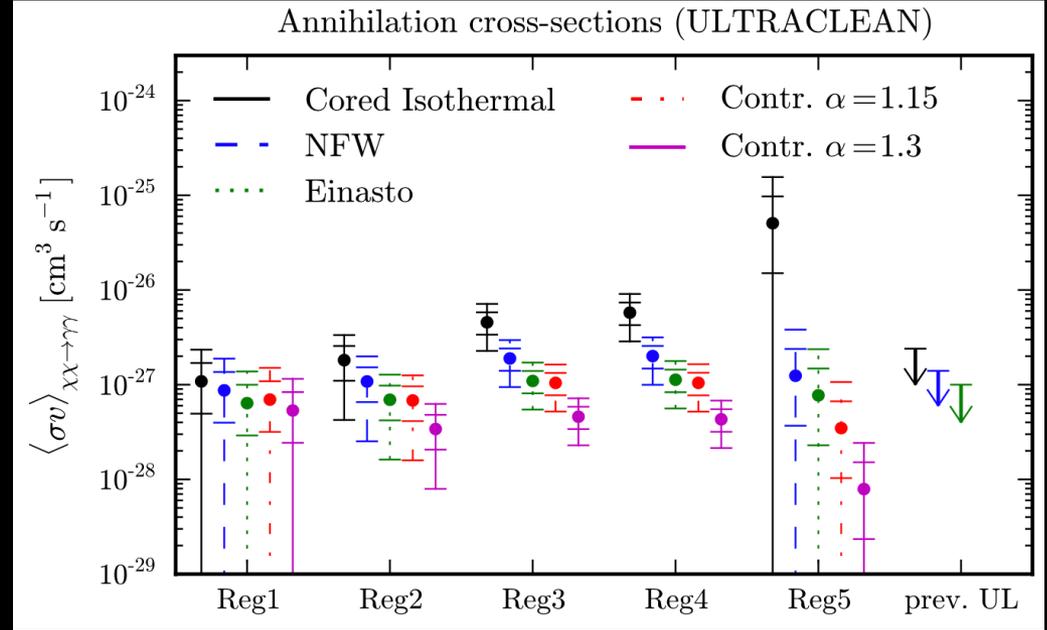
Subsequently observed in galaxy clusters and unassociated LAT sources too.

Hektor et al (2013), Su & Finkbeiner (2013)

Origin of the 130 GeV line

If interpreted as dark matter \rightarrow

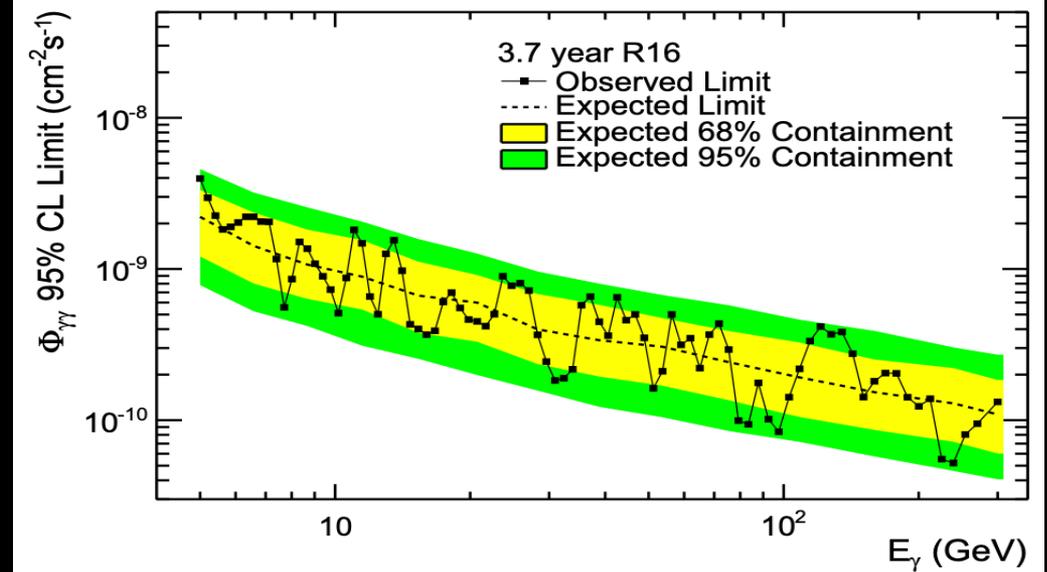
Weniger (2012)



However, ultimately the line disappeared:

updated understanding of detector calibration

Fermi collab. (2014)



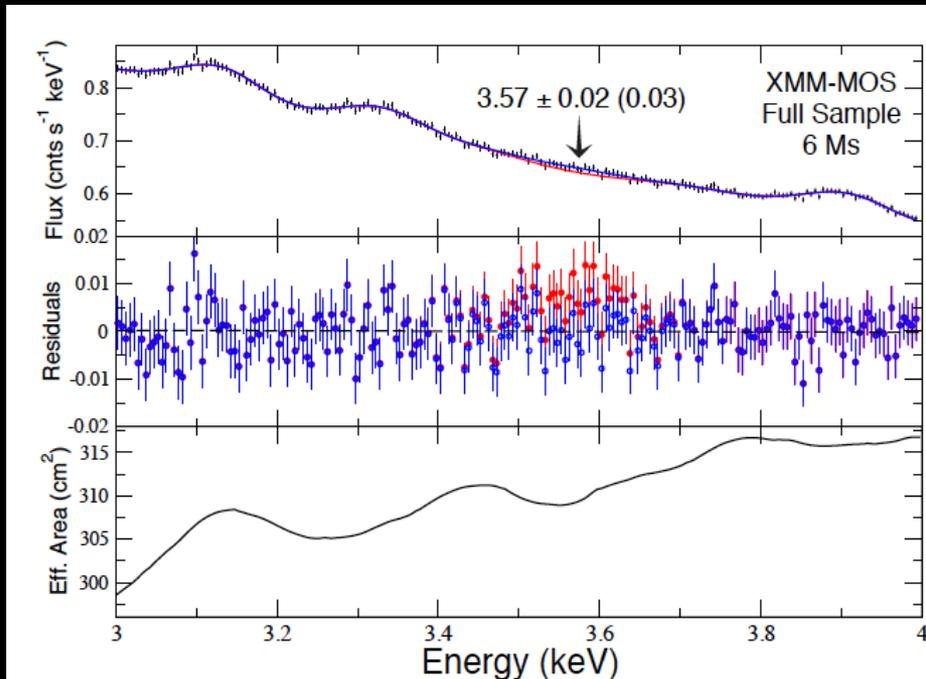
X-ray lines

Line: X-ray regime contains many atomic transition lines, but unexpected lines are sometimes found

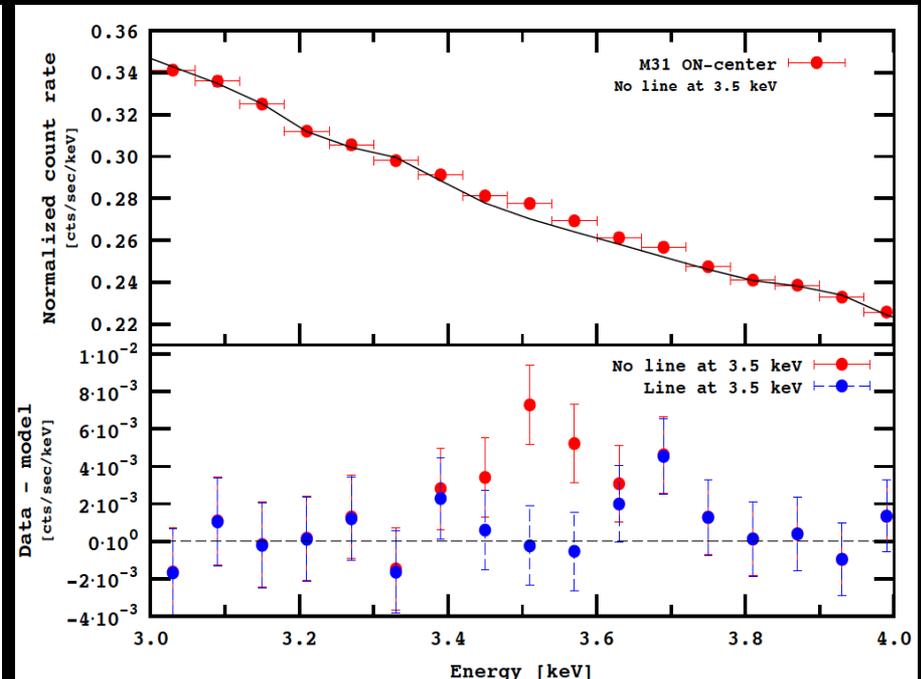
$$E_{\gamma} = 3.5 \text{ keV}$$

- 73 galaxy clusters 4 to 5 σ with XMM
- Range $z = 0.01$ to 0.35
- Perseus 2.2 σ with Chandra

- Perseus 2.3 σ with XMM
- M31 3 σ with XMM
- Combined $\sim 4\sigma$



Bulbul et al (2014)

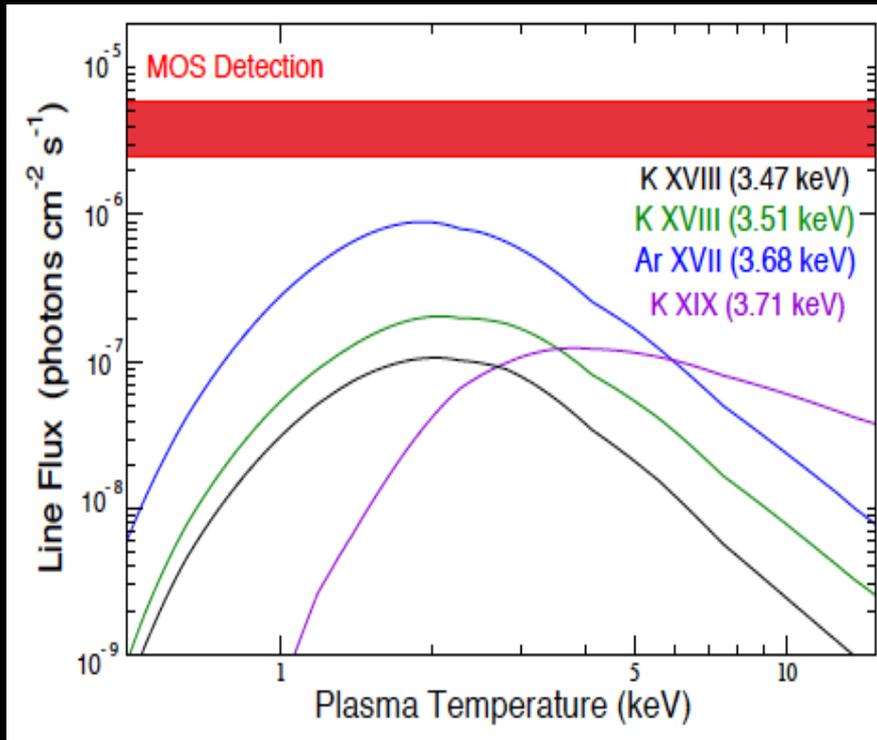


Boyarisky et al (2014)

Metal line origin?

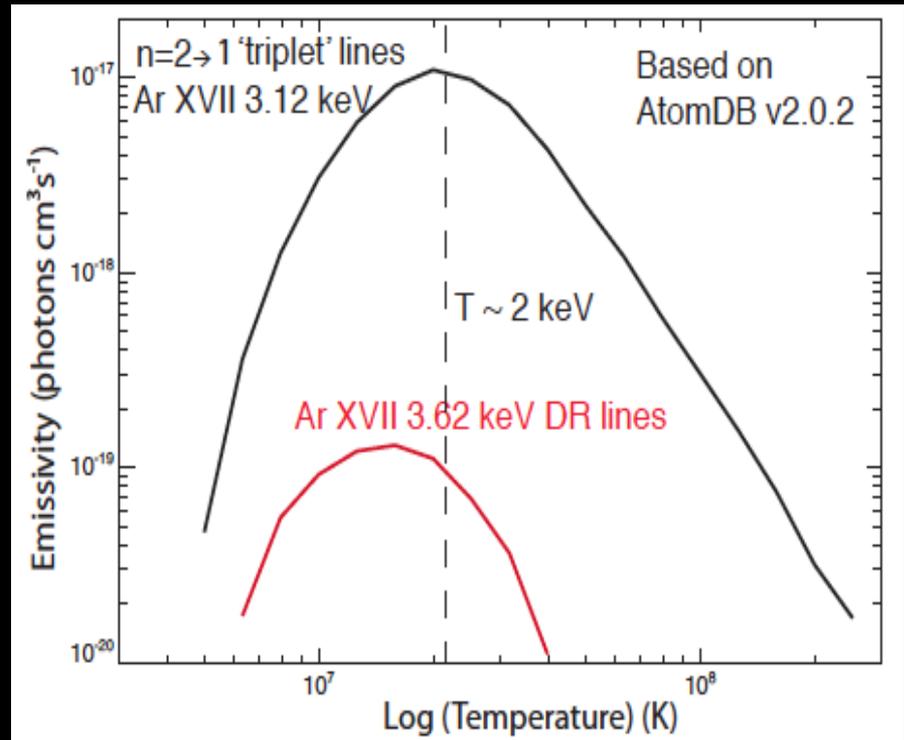
Relative to: modeling the complex atomic line emissions of the plasma.
The line is difficult to explain with current models.

Bulbul et al (2014)



Fluxes of known lines in the 3.5 keV energy range are too small for typical plasma temperatures

Bulbul et al (2014)



Many nuclei have accompanying lines that produce a problem, e.g., Ar XVII

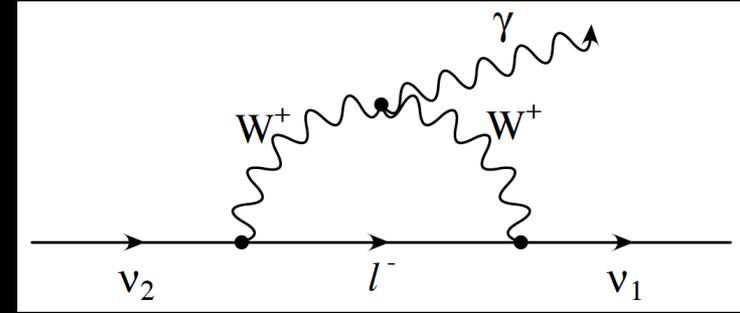
Is it dark matter?

keV sterile neutrino dark matter: can radiatively decay to active neutrinos + X-ray

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It can be produced via oscillations and has attractive features beyond CDM

Abazajian (2014)



CDM

Sterile neutrino dark matter

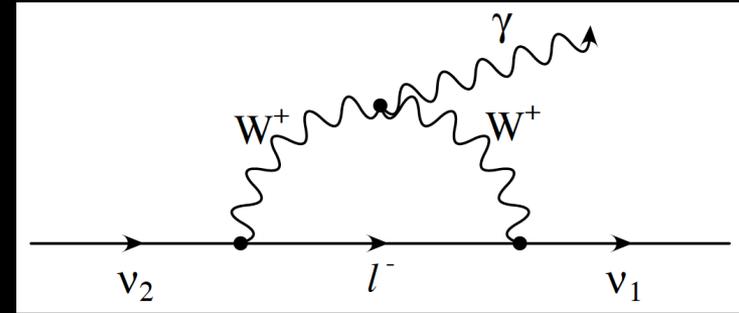
Suppression of small-scale power

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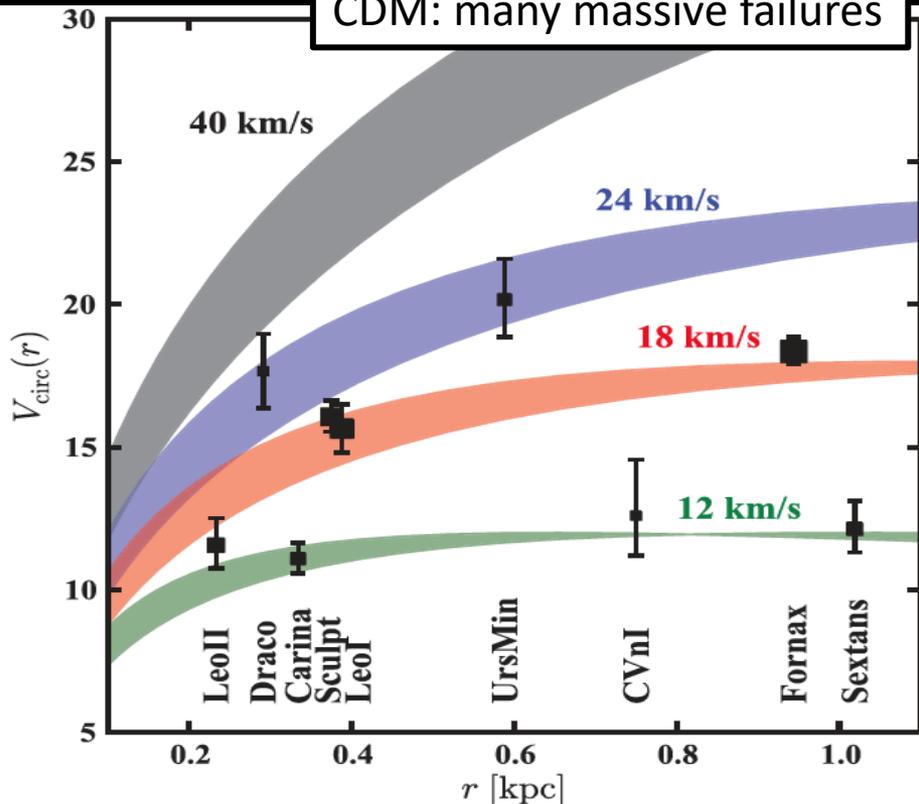
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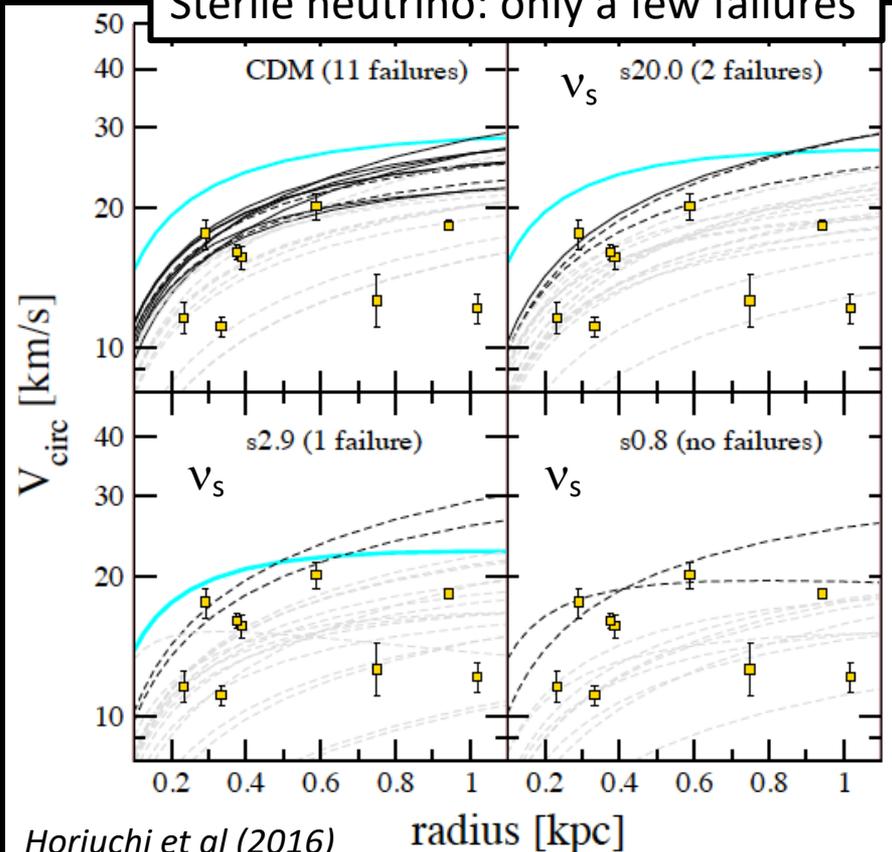
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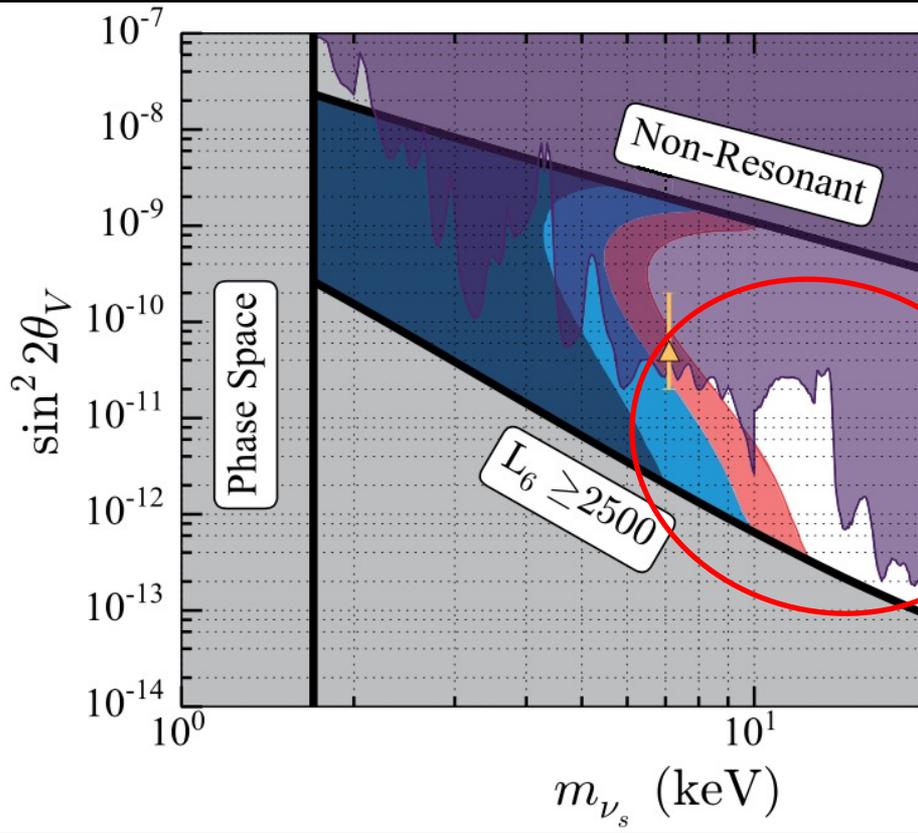
CDM: many massive failures



Sterile neutrino: only a few failures

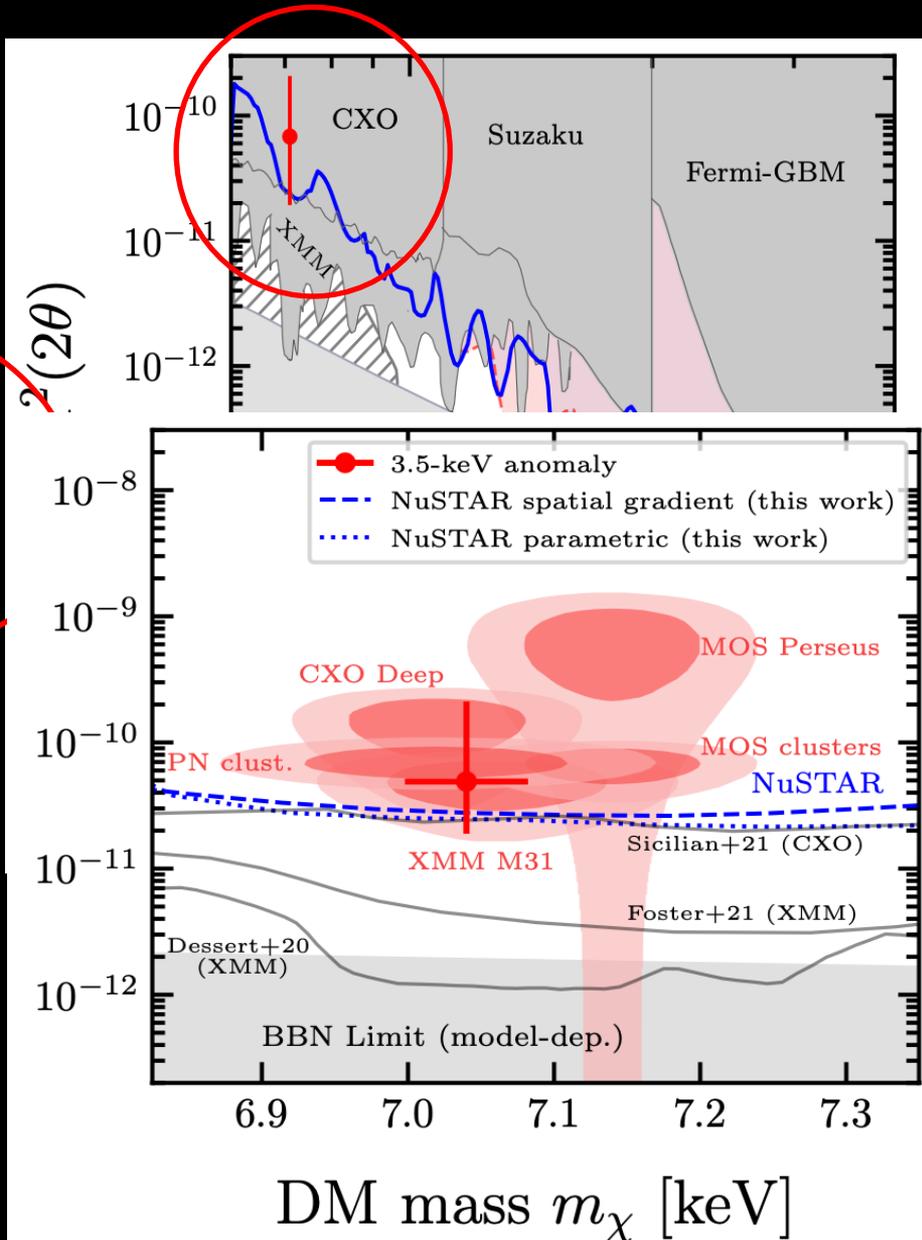


Many constraints



Cherry & Horiuchi (2017)
See also Schneider (2016), DES (2021), others

Oscillation-based production of ~ 7.1 keV sterile neutrino constrained, but no obvious astrophysical explanation



STORY OF ANTI-PARTICLES

Anti-proton excess

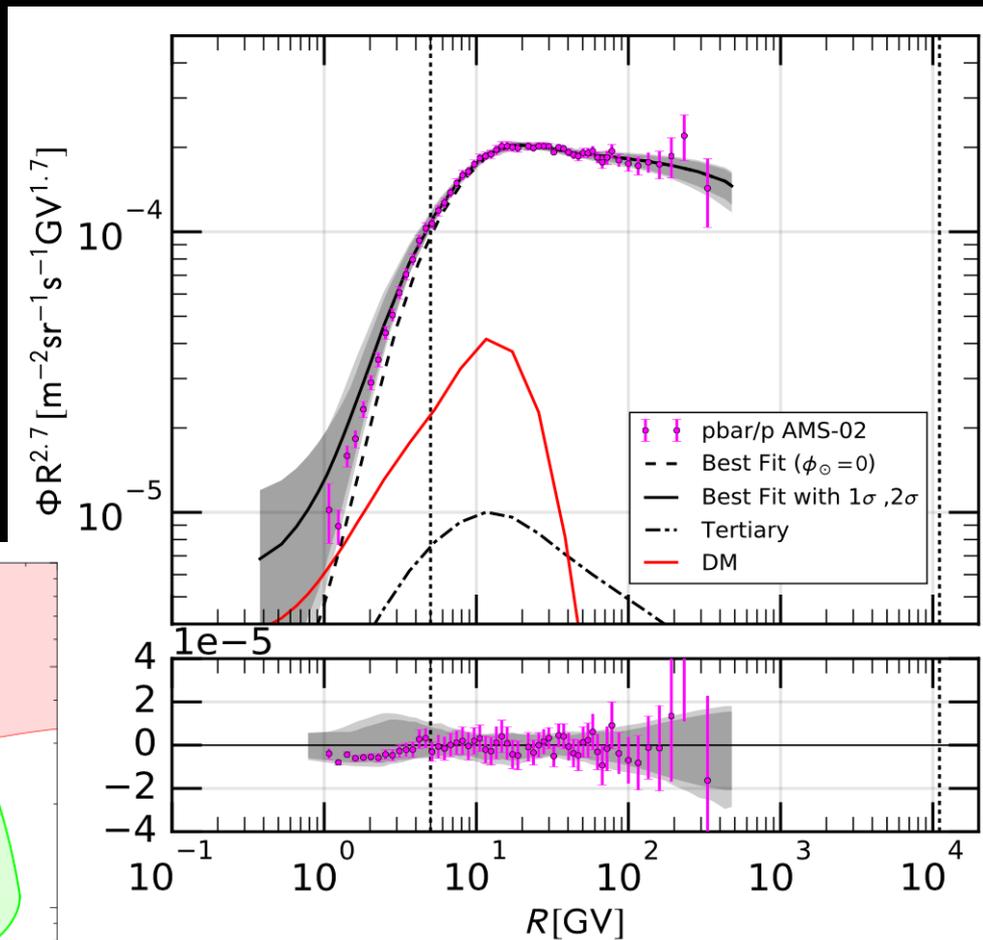
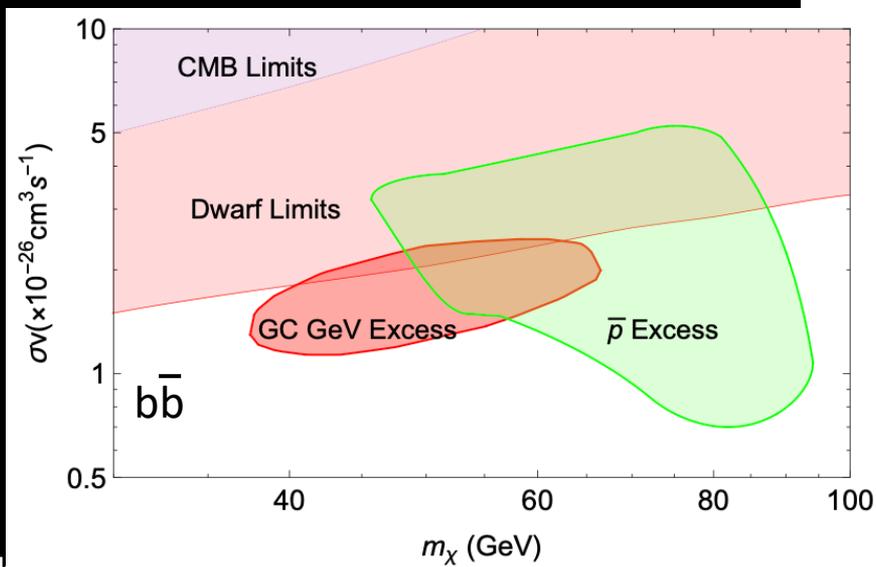
Anti-protons are useful probes of new physics

Excess, relative to what?

Secondaries produced by pp collisions of astrophysical cosmic rays.

Excesses in PAMELA & AMS-02 (usually at $\sim 3-6\sigma$)

Is it dark matter? Intriguing connection to GeV excess



Cuoco et al (2017)

Cholis et al (2019)

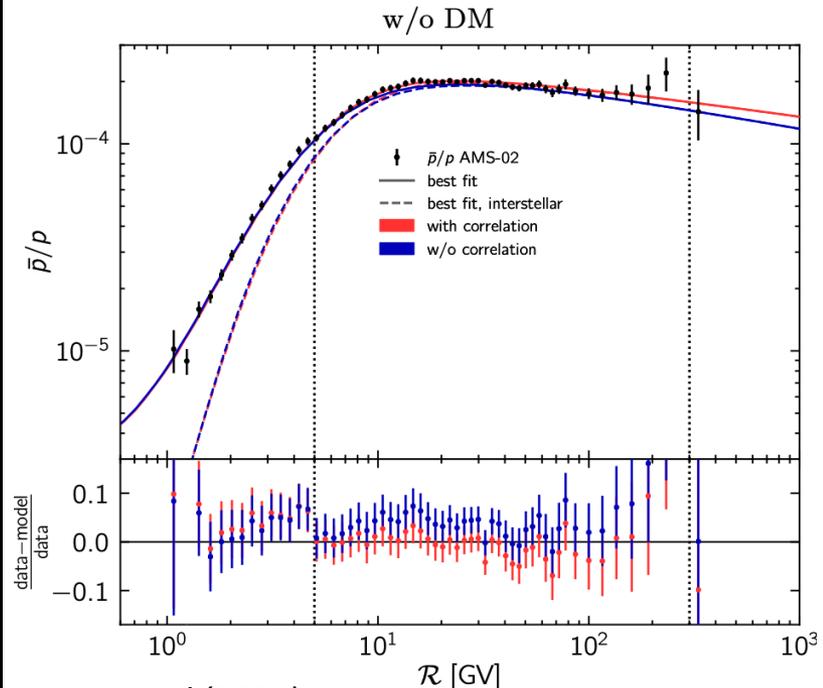
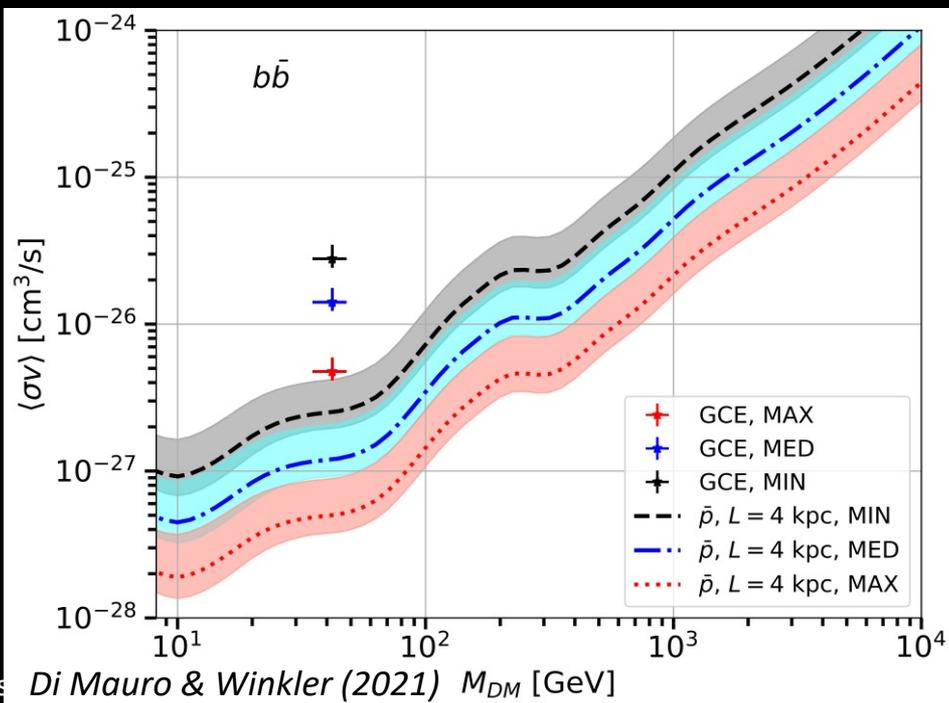
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But systematics are a major concern

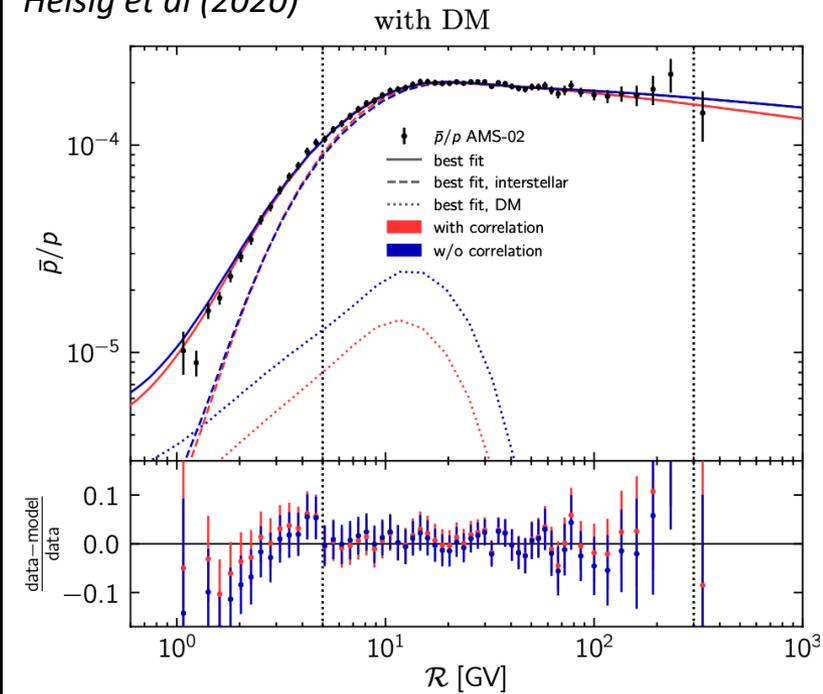
- Cross sections
- Solar modulation
- Injection & propagation
- Correlating errors

➔ Removes need for DM

➔ Actually constraints GeV excess



Heisig et al (2020)



Positron excess

Positrons are $\sim 1/10$ electrons, but sensitive to local sources

Excess: seen in positrons relative to electrons by many experiments, but became prominent with the PAMELA satellite measurements

PAMELA collaboration (2008)

Later confirmed by Fermi-LAT and AMS-02

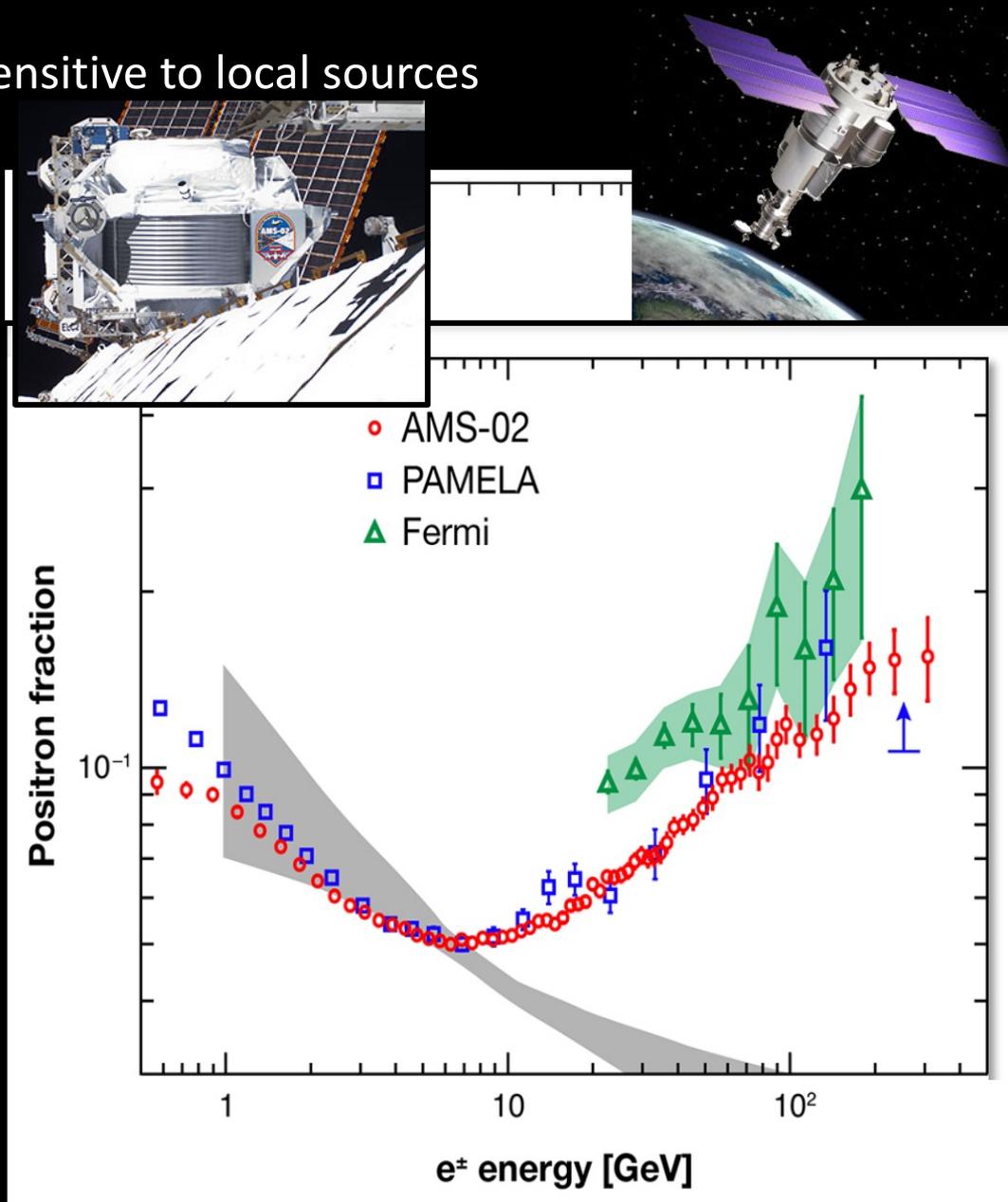
Fermi collaboration (2012)

AMS-02 collaboration (2014)

Relative to: secondary positrons from CR-induced charged meson decays.

Background model do not predict a rising fraction

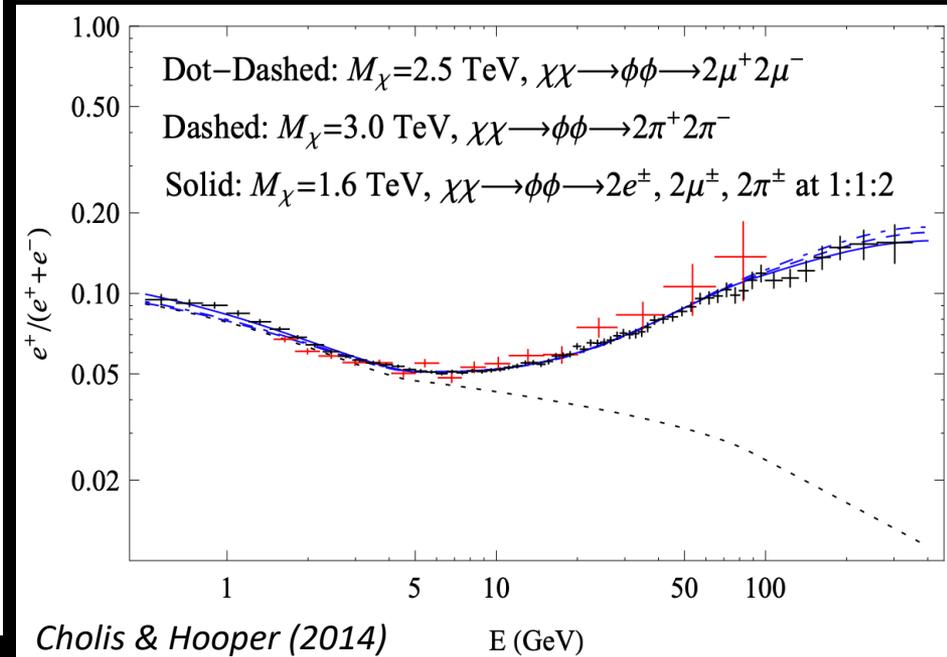
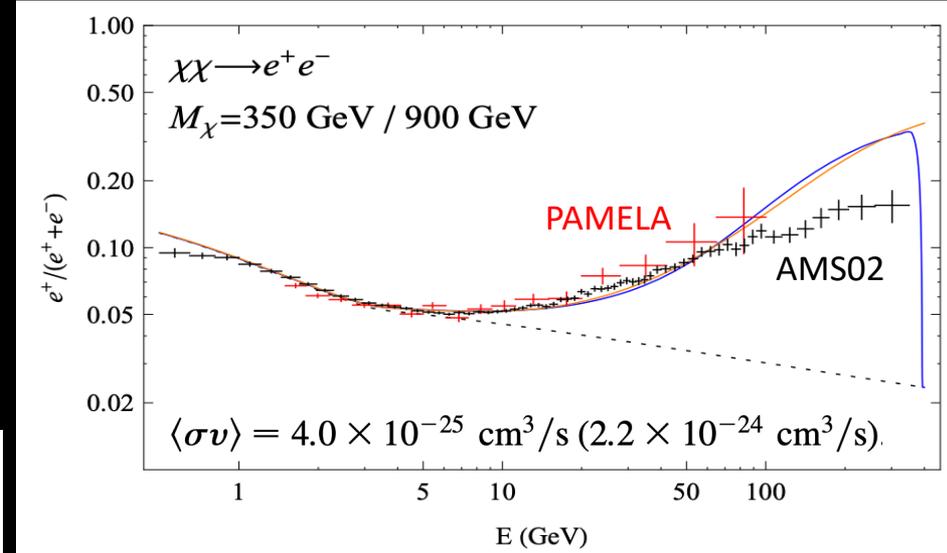
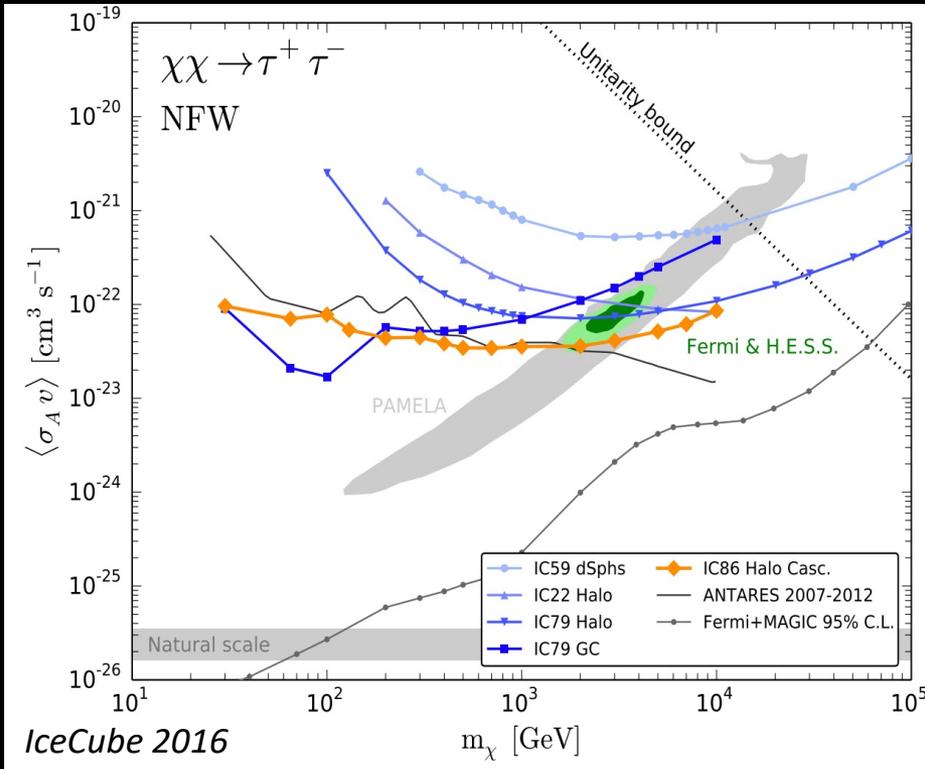
→ suggests some new source



Is it dark matter?

Some tweaks: dark matter are a source of local positrons, but

- Quite massive & large cross sections
- Constraints limit channels to e and μ
- New data cannot be matched with annihilation into 2-body final states

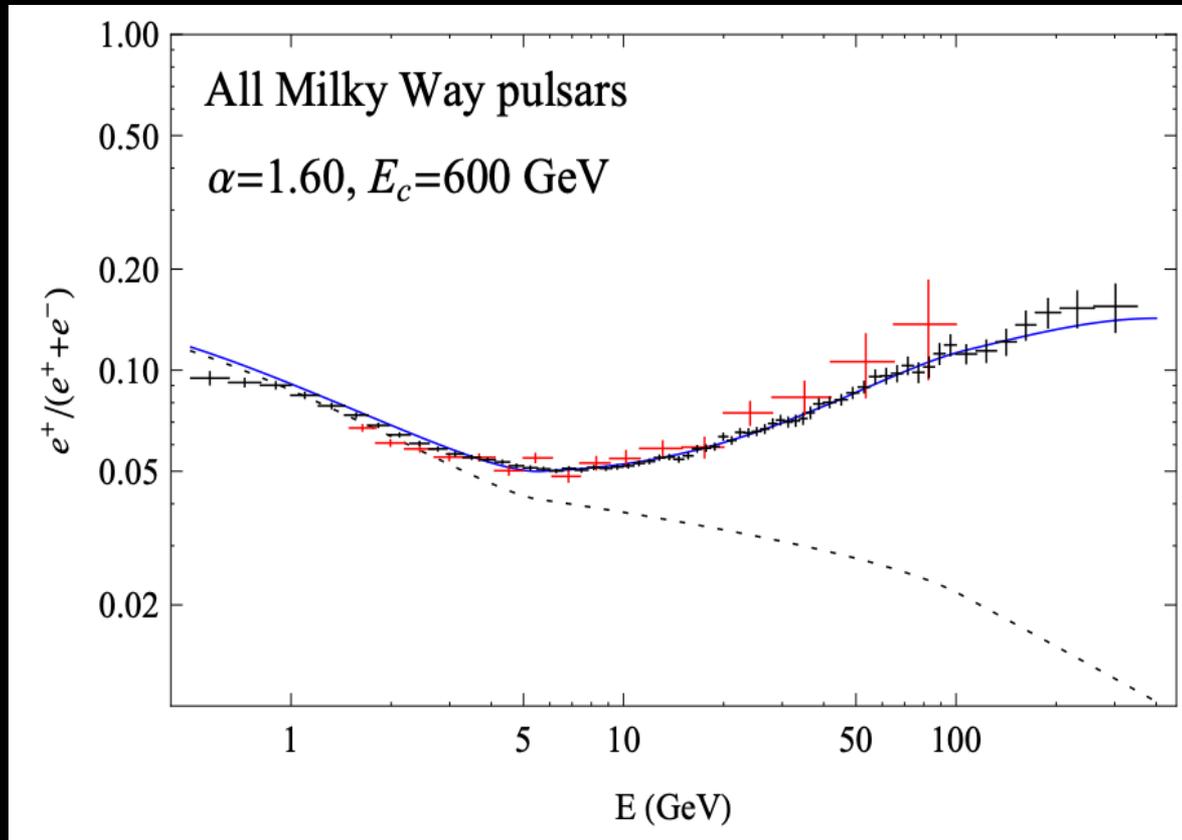


Astrophysical possibilities

Pulsars: common, suitable leptonic systems. Readily explains e^+ fraction.

Main uncertainties are:

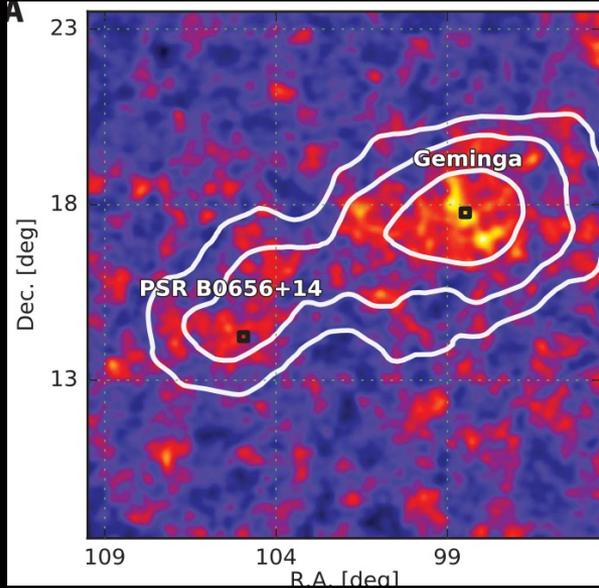
- Injection e^+e^- properties
- Propagation physics (global vs local)



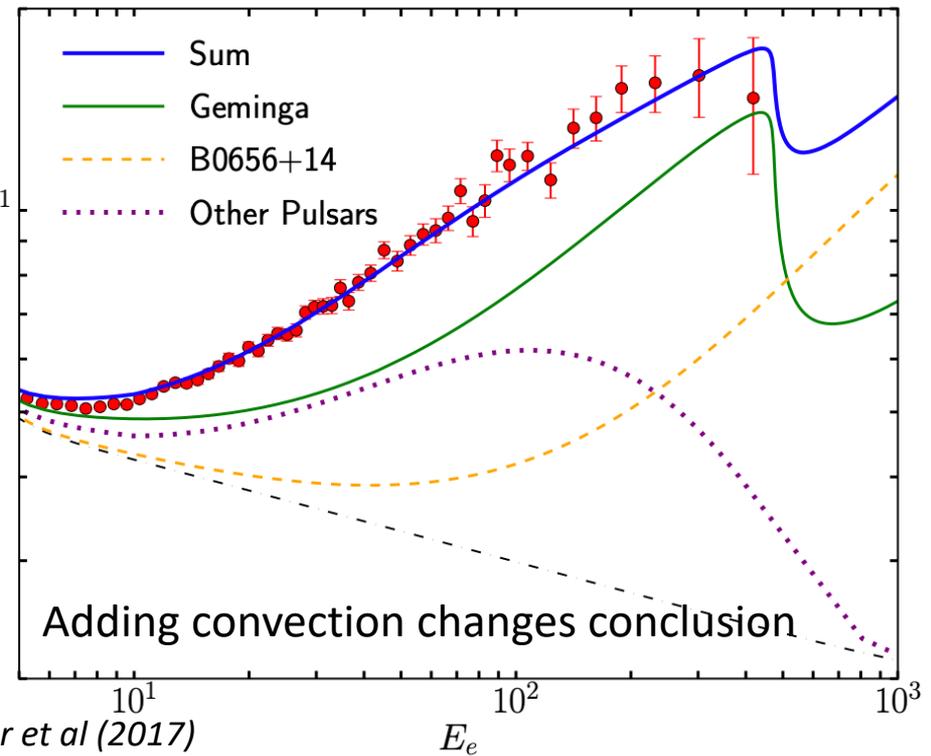
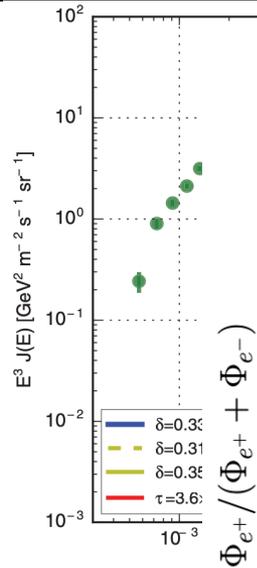
Cholis & Hooper (2014)

Importance of propagation

TeV halos: HAWC discovered very small halos, showing strong local enhancement of diffusive transport
 → argued to rule out large pulsar contributions to e^+ excess



HAWC collab (2017)



Hooper et al (2017)

Pulsar scenario works, with **flexible cosmic-ray propagation**

Concluding remarks

- Astronomical observations have revolutionized our understanding of high-energy phenomena in the Milky Way. At the same time, this has created opportunities to further searches of dark matter physics
- **There have been many, many searches & anomalies. *This is natural as we push the frontier of sensitivity. It is expected and should not be discouraged.***
 - Dark matter is usually capable of explaining these anomalies, given dark matter's rich phenomenology
 - Meanwhile, most anomalies have been explained by non-DM effects: a combination of backgrounds and astrophysical sources. *We should not be discouraged. This leads to improved sensitivity to dark matter.*
 - Some anomalies still remain debated, including the GeV excess
- **In the future we can expect some resolutions to current anomalies, but at the same time, also new anomalies & surprises → stay tuned!**

Thank you!

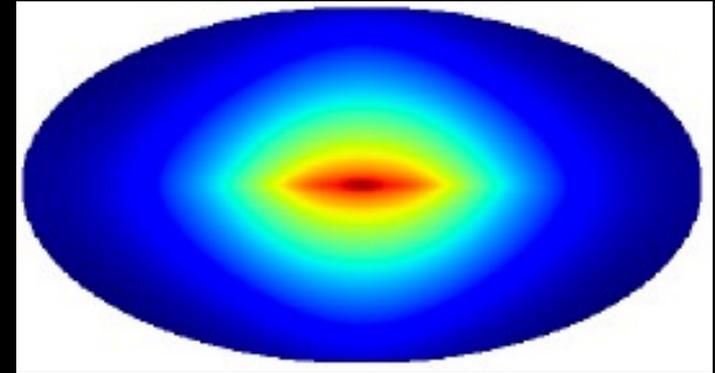
BACKUP

Background systematics

Many astrophysical systematics

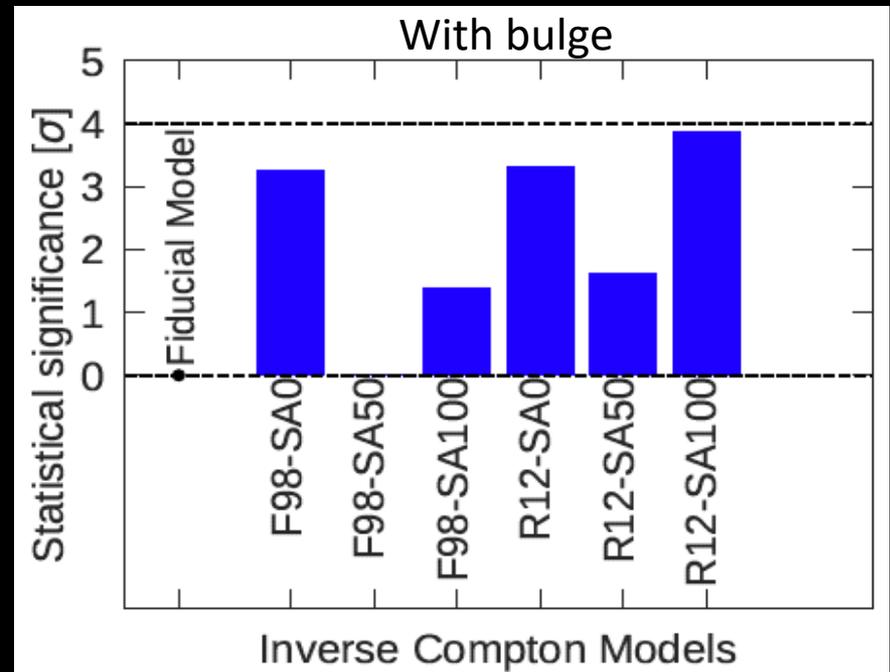
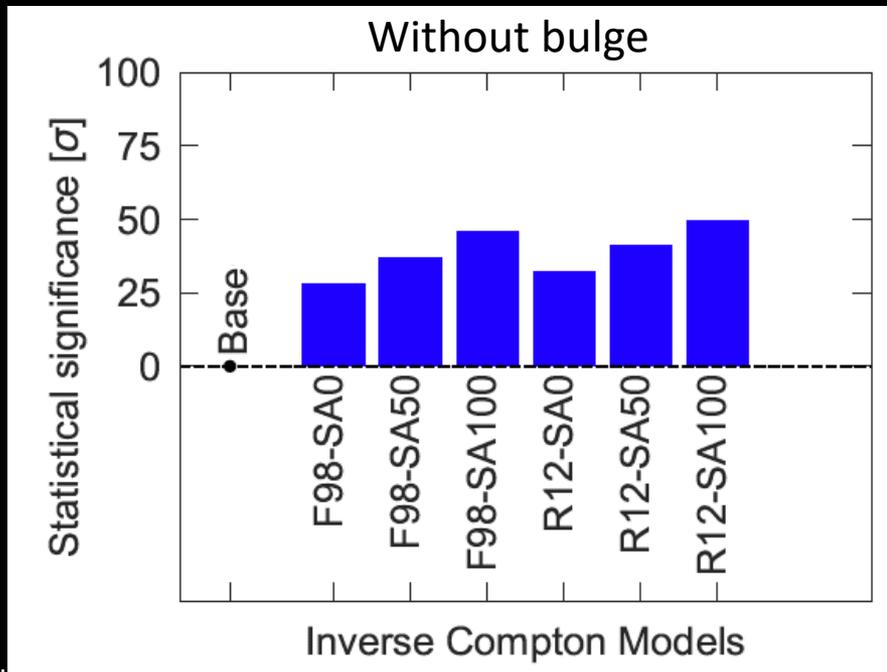
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2. Fermi bubble model
3. Background (IC models)
4. Background (gas maps)
5. Point source catalogs

IC



Significance of NFW² for bulge and IC model combinations

Macias et al (2018, 2019)



More systematics

Kuhlen et al (2012)

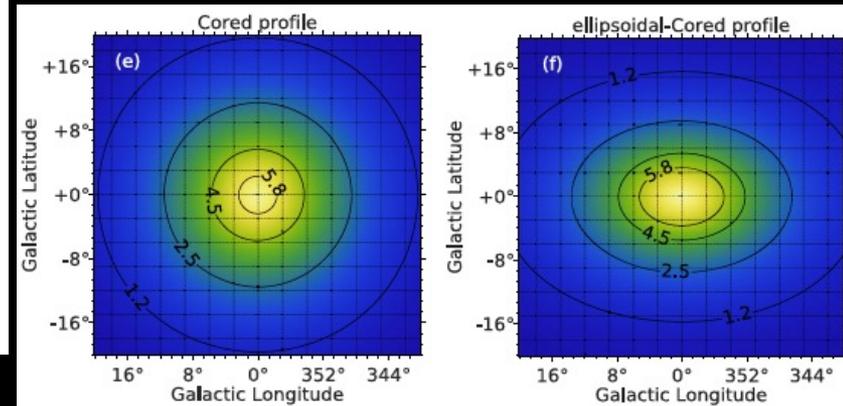
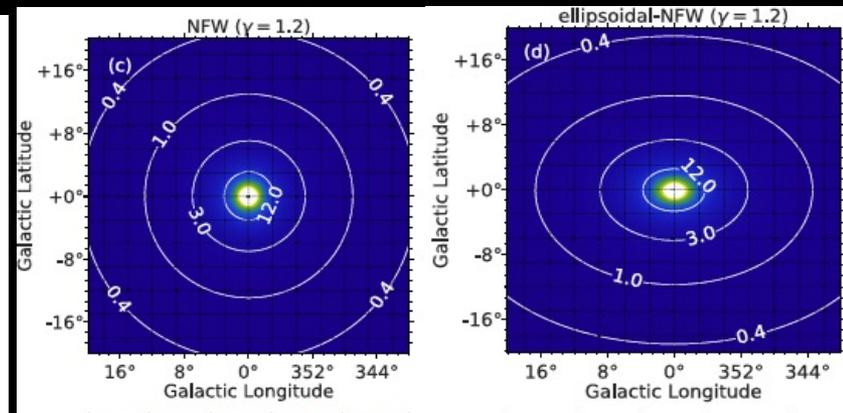
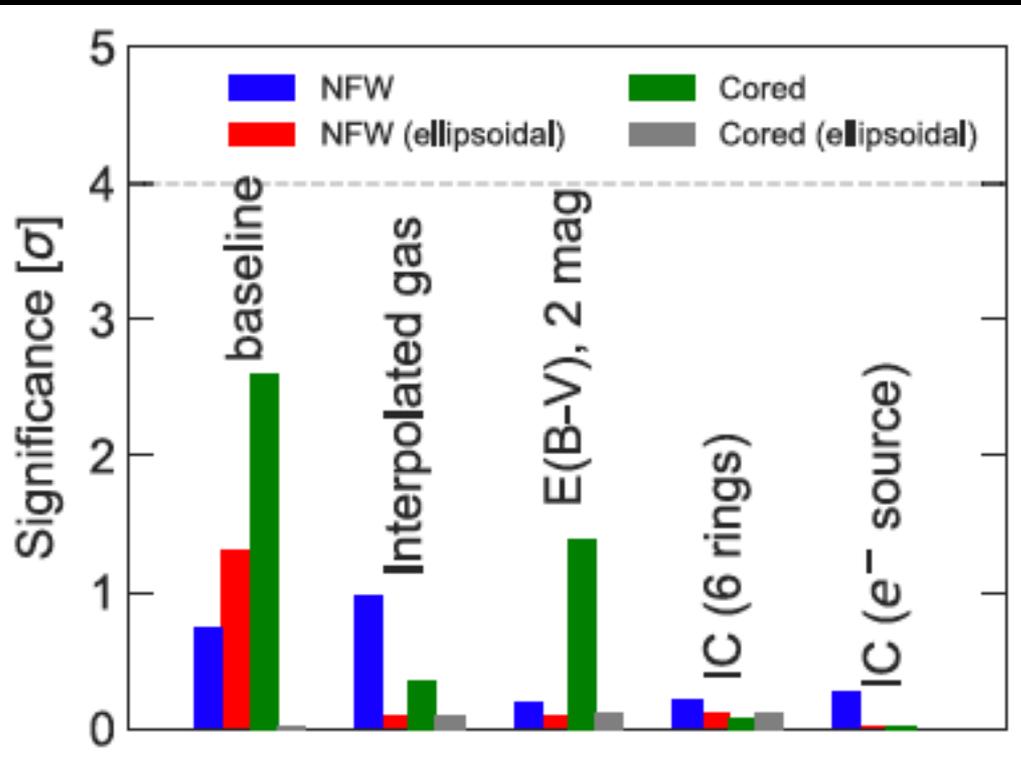
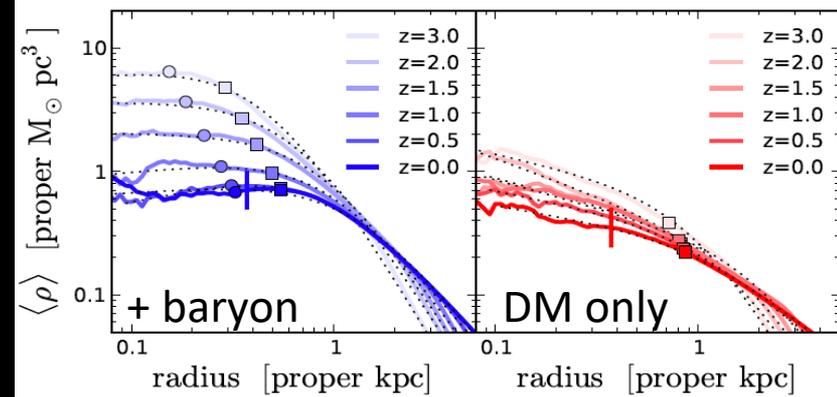
Dark matter variations:

1. Inner slope, including cores
2. Asymmetry

→ Try $\gamma [0.5, 1.5]$, 1kpc core, axis ratio 0.7

Eg, bulge kinematics, Eris, FIRE simulations

→ **Dark matter model not detected**



Abazajian, Horiuchi, et al (2020)

Baseline model	Add. source	ΔAIC_{511}	ΔAIC_{oPs}	ΔAIC_{\pm}
IC	HI	10.9	4.7	15.6
IC	FB	25.2	9.9	35.1
IC	BB	89.1	192.4	281.5
IC	CO	64.6	239.0	303.6
IC	HI+CO	104.5	278.1	382.6
IC	NB	123.8	383.8	507.6
IC	DM2	134.8	375.8	510.6
IC	DM0	164.3	433.3	597.6
IC	BB+NB	162.0	456.2	618.2
IC- BB+NB	CO	-2.0	-1.7	-3.7
IC- BB+NB	DM2	-0.5	-0.8	-1.3
IC- BB+NB	DM0	3.6	-1.1	2.5
IC- BB+NB	CO+HI	-1.4	16.8	15.4
IC- BB+NB	HI	-0.3	16.3	16.0
IC+BB+NB+HI	DM0	4.8	0.8	5.6
IC+BB+NB+HI+CO	DM0	4.6	1.3	5.9