

# Searching for Dark Matter Signals from the Center of the Milky Way

Focus on recent work with: **IC**, Zhong, McDermott, Surdutovich, PRD **105**, 103023 (2022) (will mention other works with Tim Linden and Dan Hooper as well)

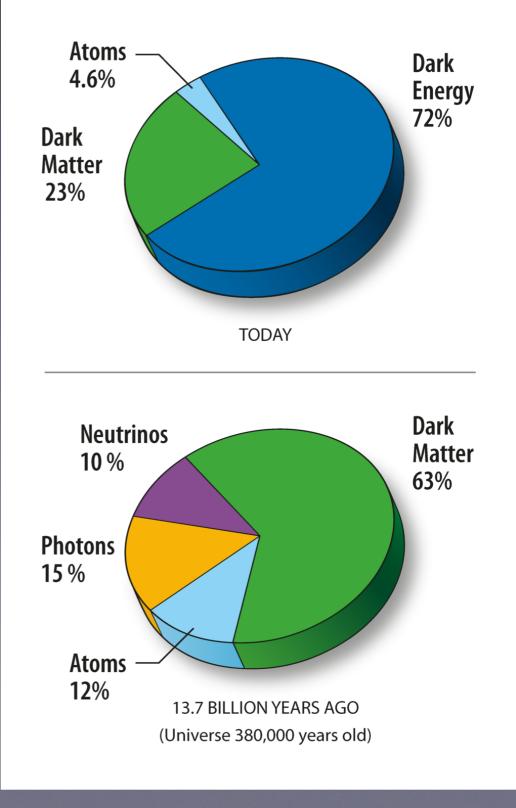


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### Why Dark Matter?

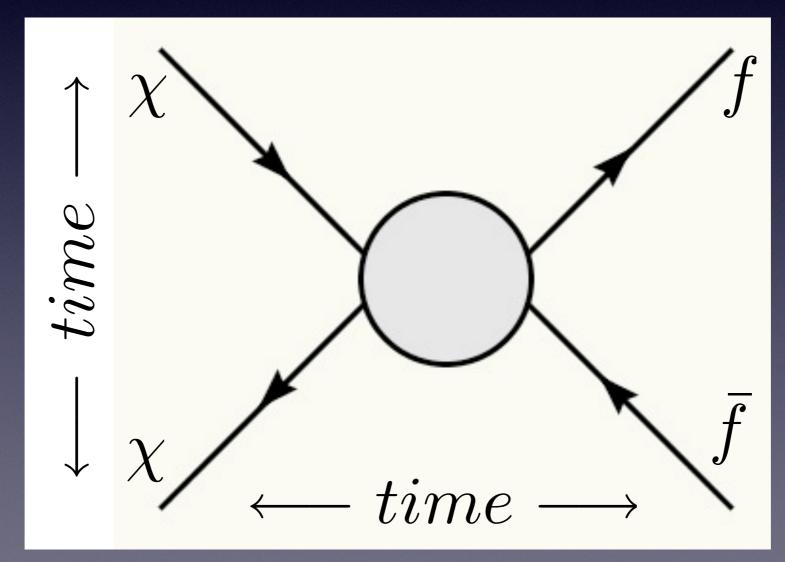
- THERE IS A LOT OF "IT" (now and in the past history of the Universe)
- WE FIND EVIDENCE FOR "IT" IN MANY ASTROPHYSICAL SYSTEMS
- WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT "IT" IS.





### Production (accelerators) The significance of Dark Matter (DM): <u>We are searching</u> Cosmic mays/indirecticdetection (PAMELA/ FACTASIS WMAR odels: Weakly Interacting Massive Directed Wertion (DAMA/XENON/CDMS...)

Searching for Interaction of DM with Known Physics



### The challenges of Indirect Searches for WIMPs The Questions:

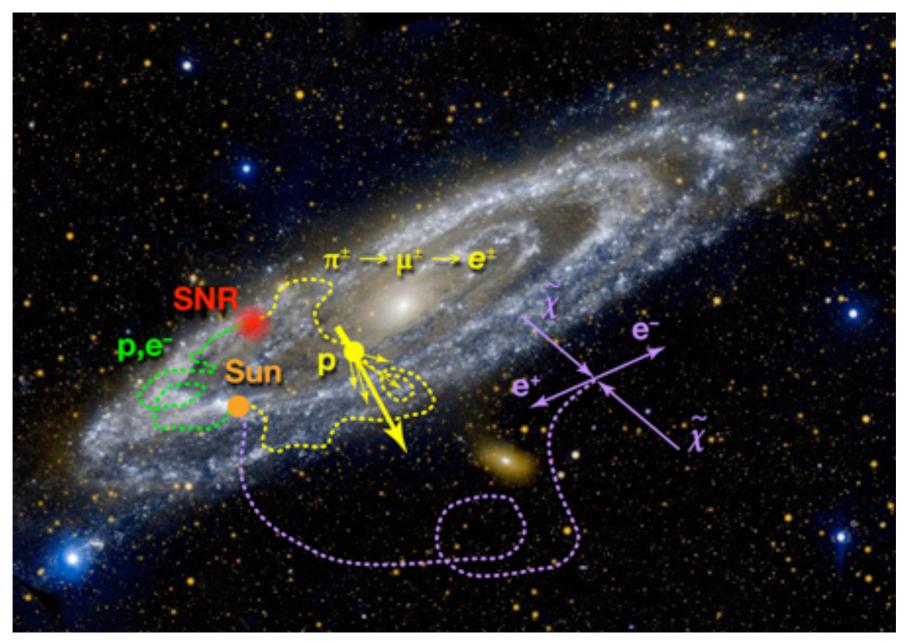
- Are we fully exploring the data? Is there a signal lurking within our observations?
- Do we have a good control of "systematics"? If Dark Matter is the Signal, do we understand the background astrophysical uncertainties & astrophysical alternatives?

#### Will discuss

i) connection between cosmic rays and gamma rays in the and modeling the Milky Way
ii) using gamma ray observations to search for dark matter

iii) associations with antimatter cosmic rays

### A rough sketch of the Milky Way



With CR spectral measurements we can understand the properties of the Interstellar Medium (ISM), and probe sources of high energy cosmic rays (CRs) including dark matter that could give a signal in antimatter.

### The AMS-02 experiment on ISS

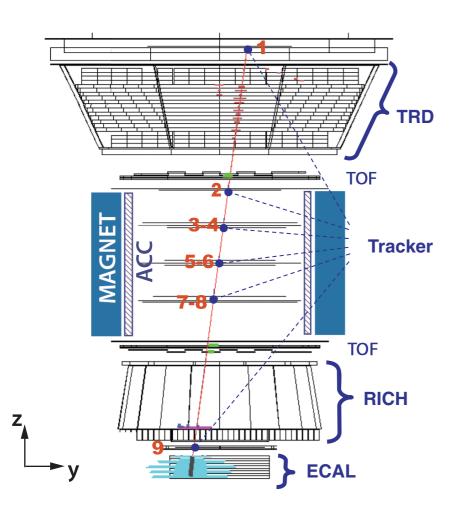


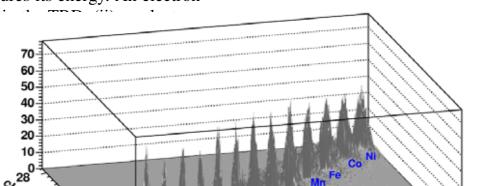
FIG. 1 (color). A 1.03 TeV electron event as measured by the AMS detector on the ISS in the bending (y-z) plane. Tracker planes 1–9 measure the particle charge and momentum. The TRD identifies the particle as an electron. The TOF measures the charge and ensures that the particle is downward-going. The RICH independently measures the charge and velocity. The ECAL measures the 3D shower profile, independently identifies the particle as an electron, and measures its energy. An electron

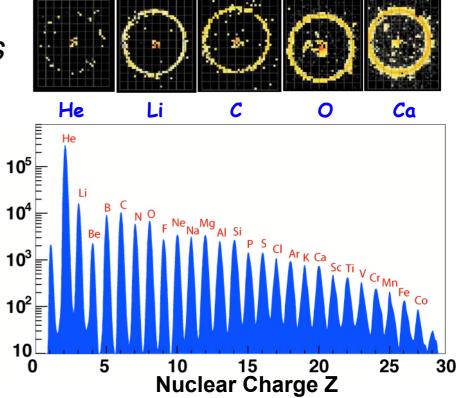
is identified by (i) an electron signal signal in the ECAL, and (iii) the magnet.



Lunched on May 2011, will collect data for 20 yrs. Measuring all CR nuclei species up to Ni.

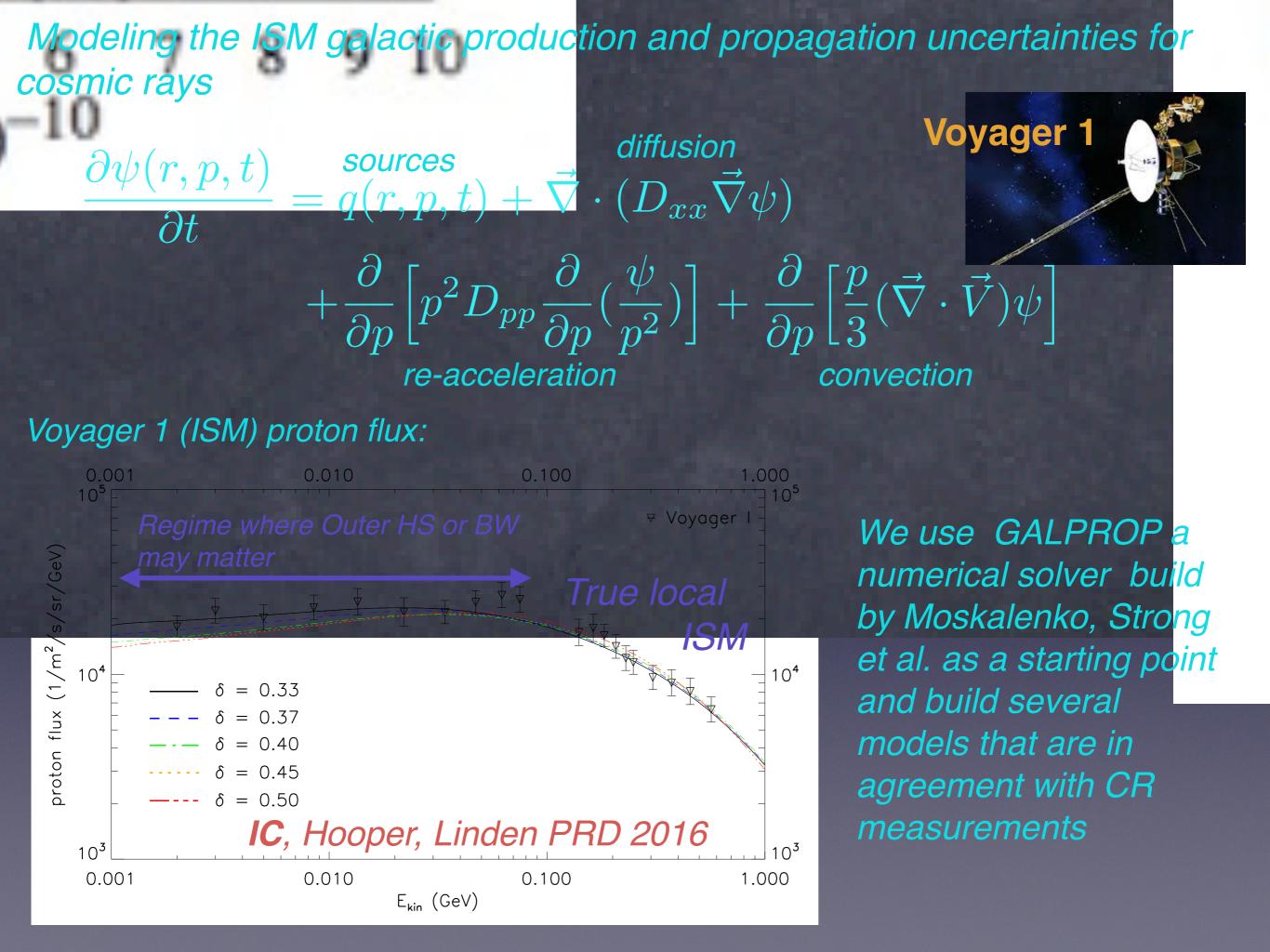
positron fraction, positrons, electrons spectra, antiproton/proton anti-nuclei? B/C, Be10/Be9



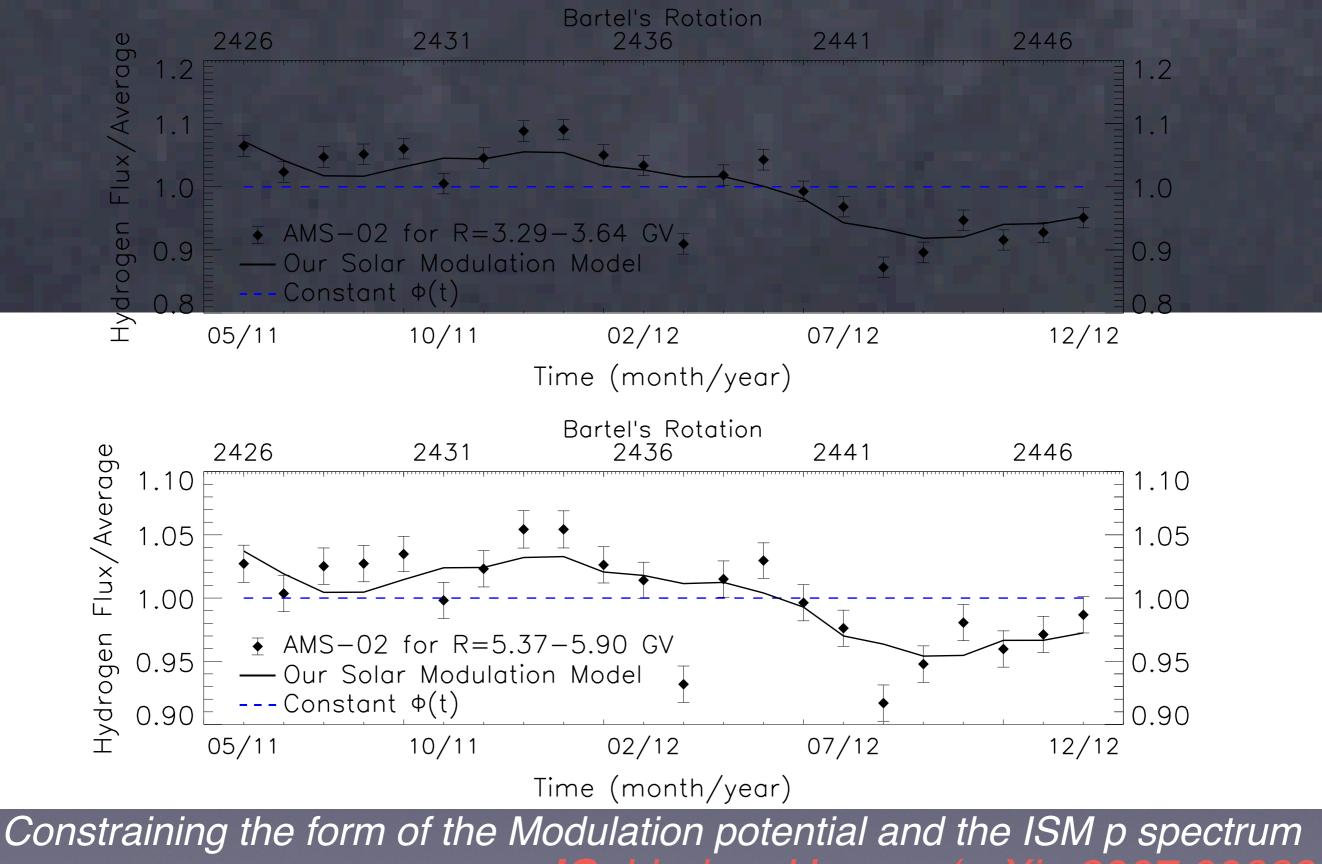


Modeling the ISM galactic production and propagation uncertainties for cosmic rays

Voyager 1  $\frac{\partial \psi(r, p, t)}{\partial t} = \begin{array}{l} \text{sources} & \text{diffusion} \\ q(r, p, t) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (D_{xx} \vec{\nabla} \psi) \end{array}$  $+\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{\psi}{p^2} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \frac{p}{3} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}) \psi \right]$ re-acceleration convection

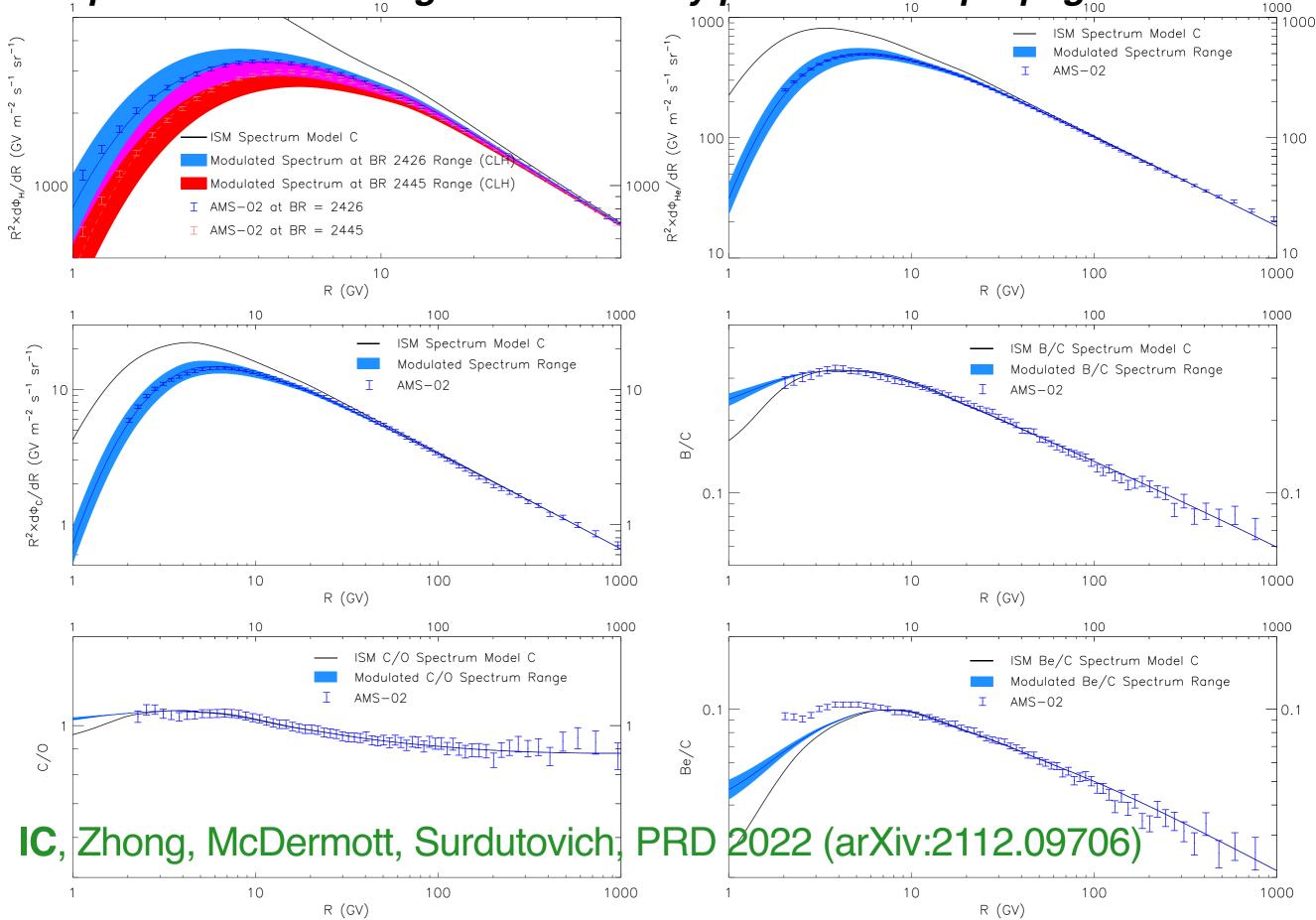


## Cross-checking with the PROTON data that account for the majority of observed cosmic rays; monthly AND total (i.e ISM & Solar Modulation):



in a recursive manner.

Repeating for multiple Cosmic-Ray species we can constrain the physical processes affecting the cosmic-ray production & propagation







#### Inner Galaxy

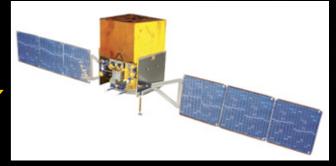
### Galactic Center

← Galactic longitude, ℓ

### third dimension (not shown) — energy The Fermi-LAT Gamma-ray SKY

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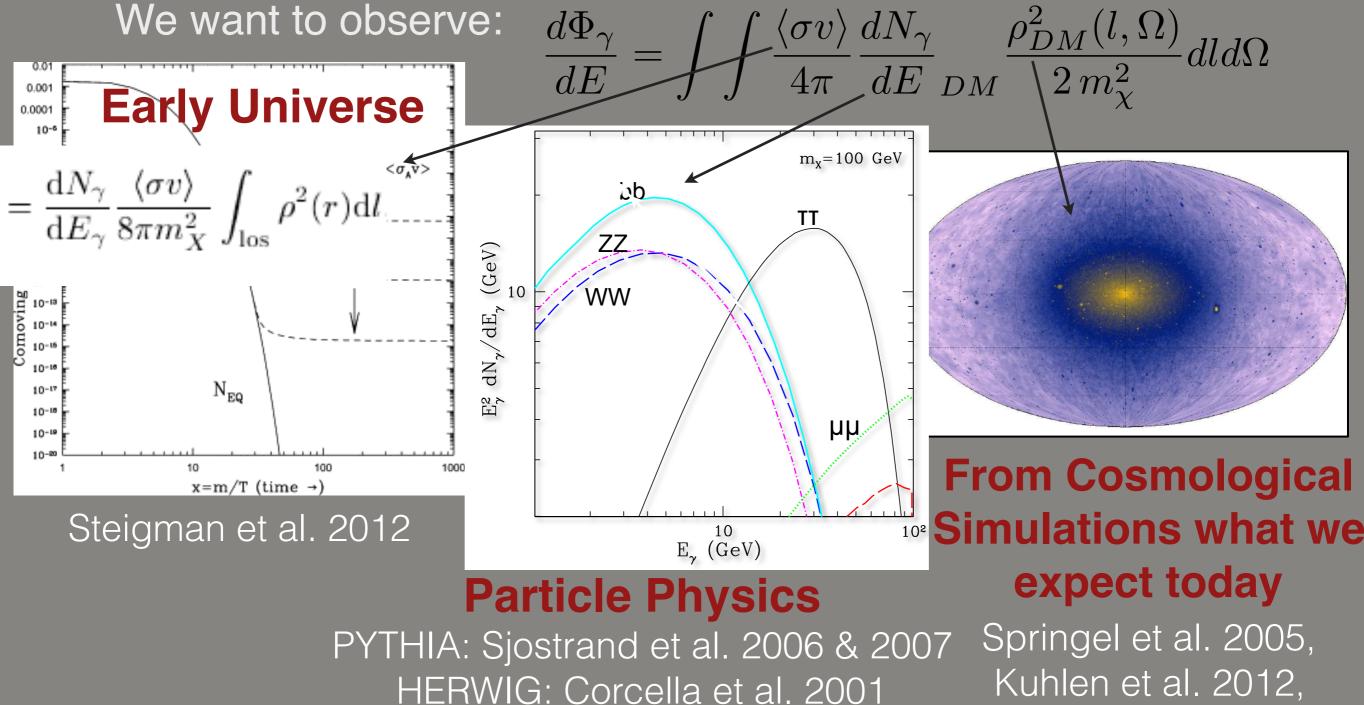
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iv)"extended sources"(Fermi Bubbles, Geminga, Vela ...)

iv)misidentified CRs (isotropic due to diffusion of CRs in the Galaxy)

### BUT ALSO the UNKOWN, e.g. Looking for DM annihilation signals

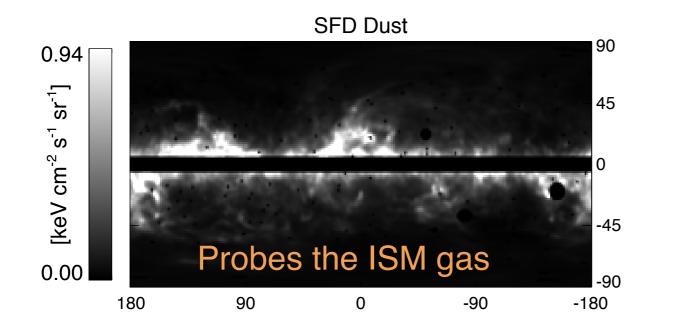
### For a DM annihilation signal

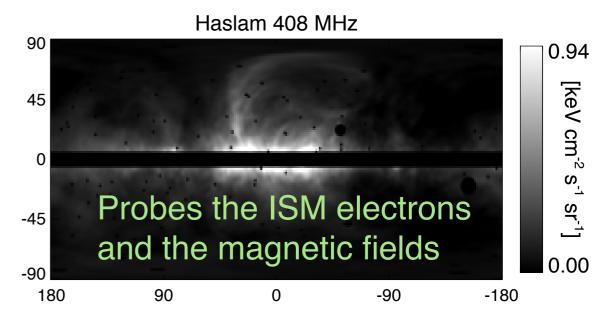


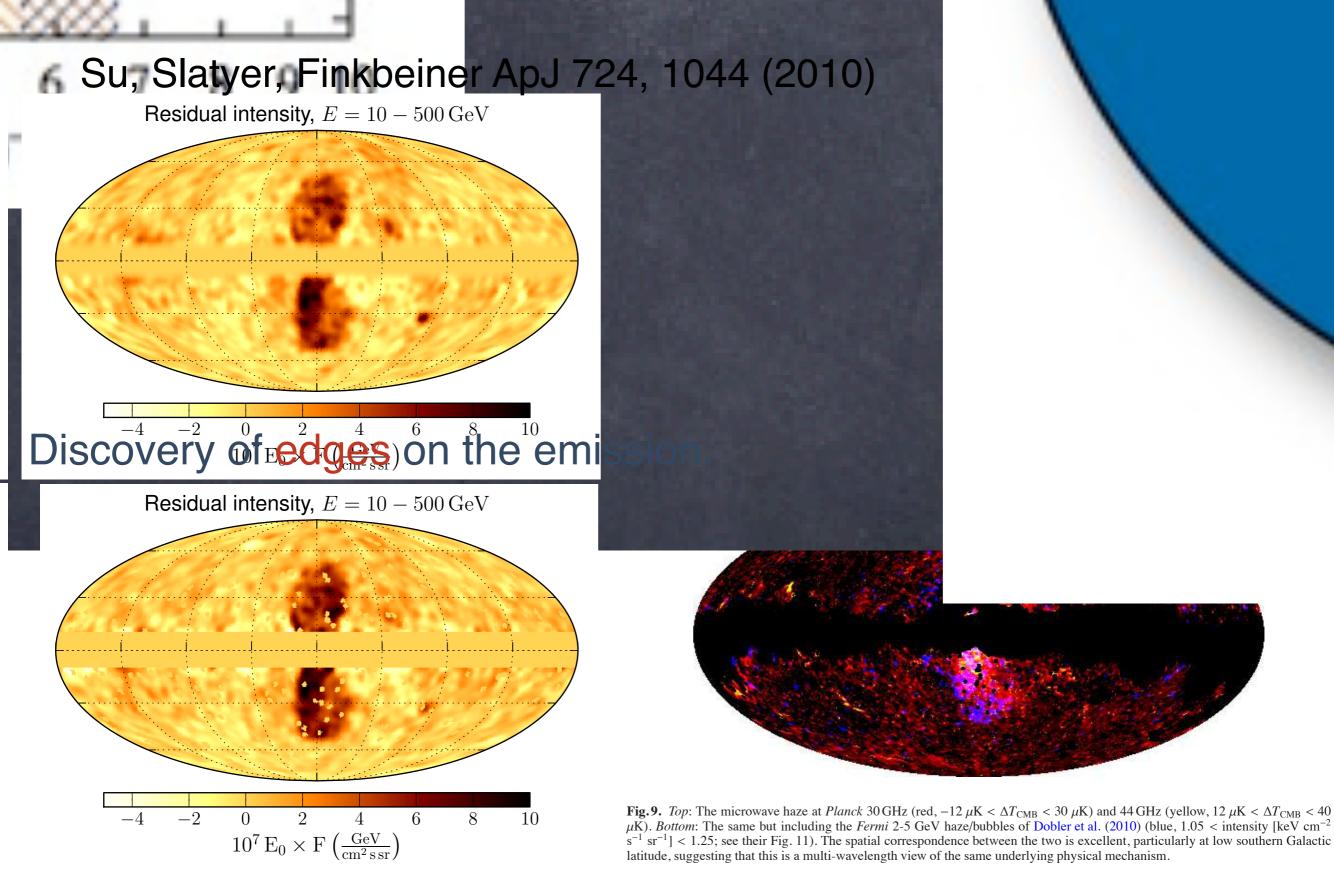
Vera-Ciro et al. 2014

#### Using templates on Gamma-ray maps —> It's first use led to the discovery of the Fermi(Haze)-Bubbles

Dobler, Finkbeiner, IC, Slatyer, Weiner, ApJ, 2010

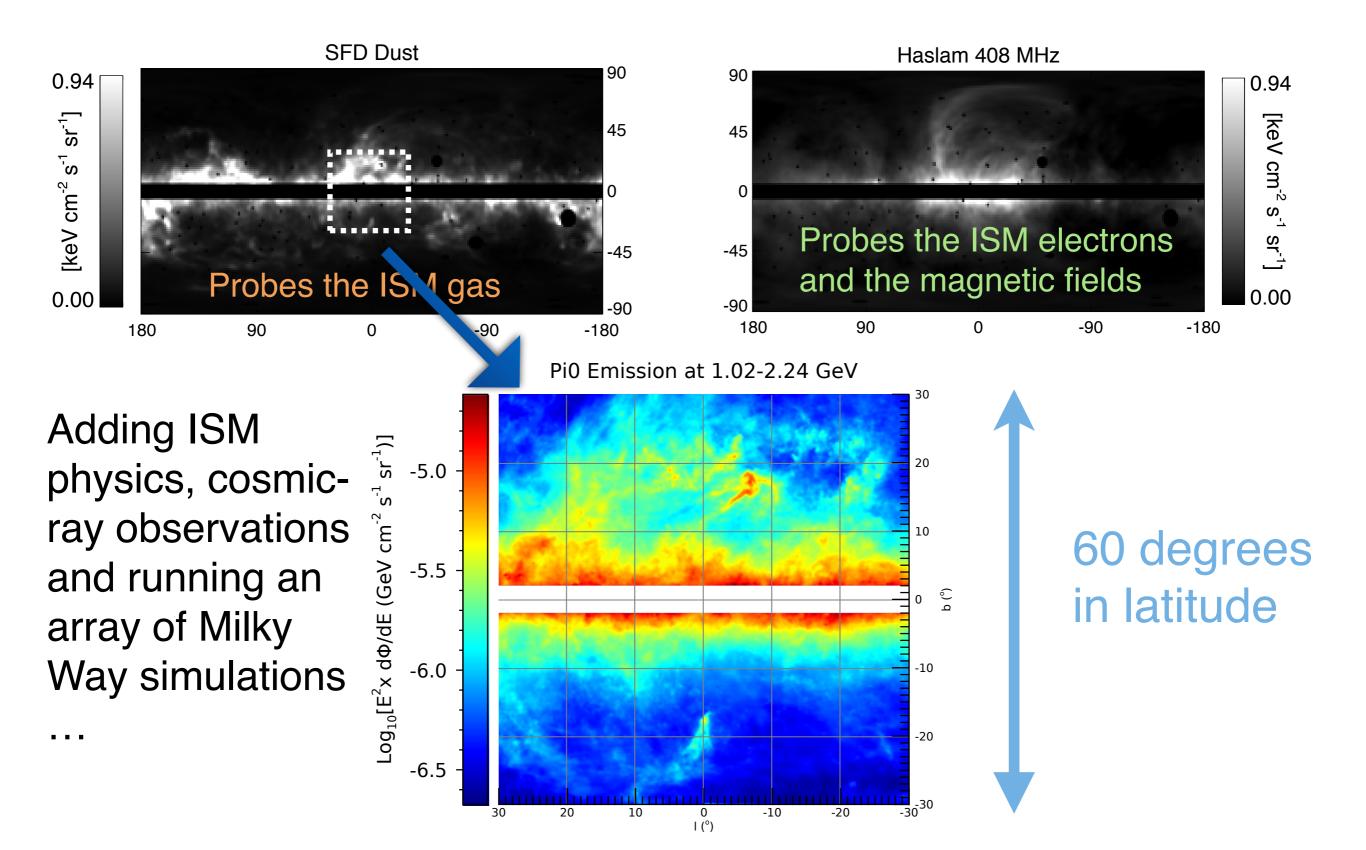




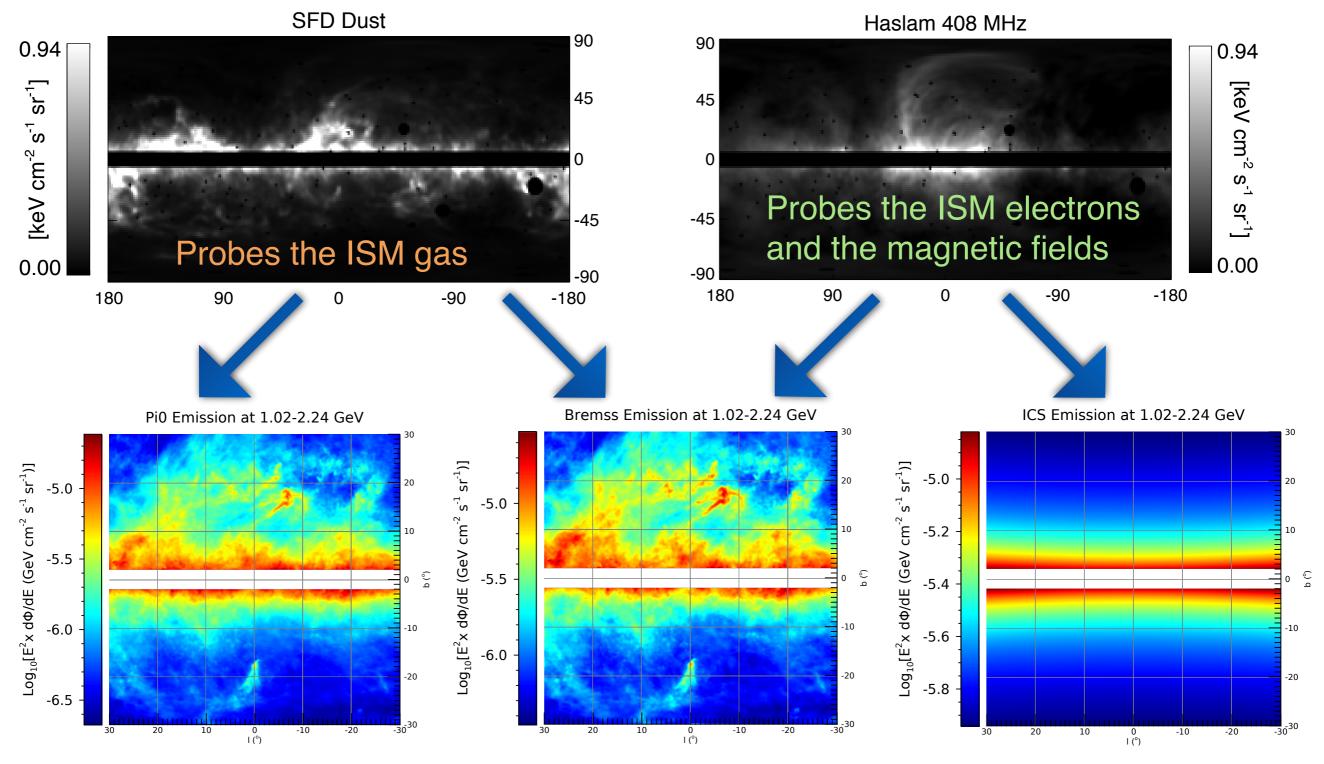


#### Fermi-LAT Collaboration Result ApJ 2014

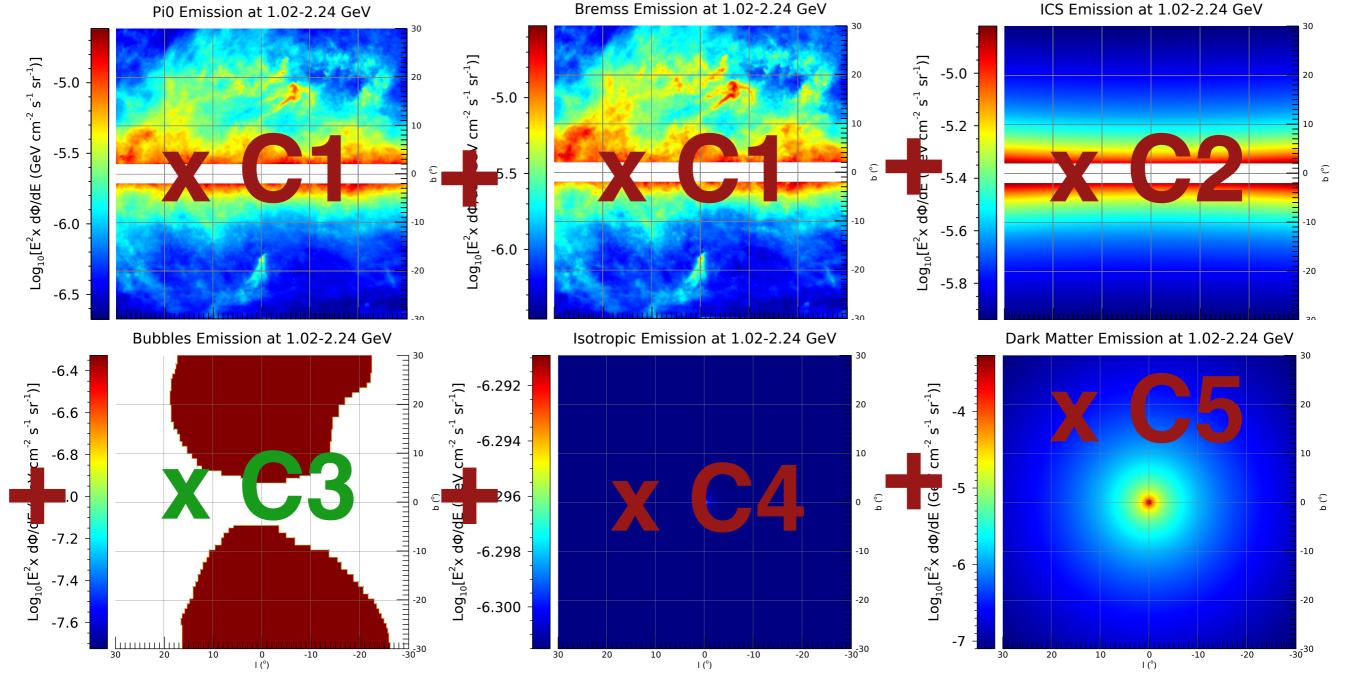
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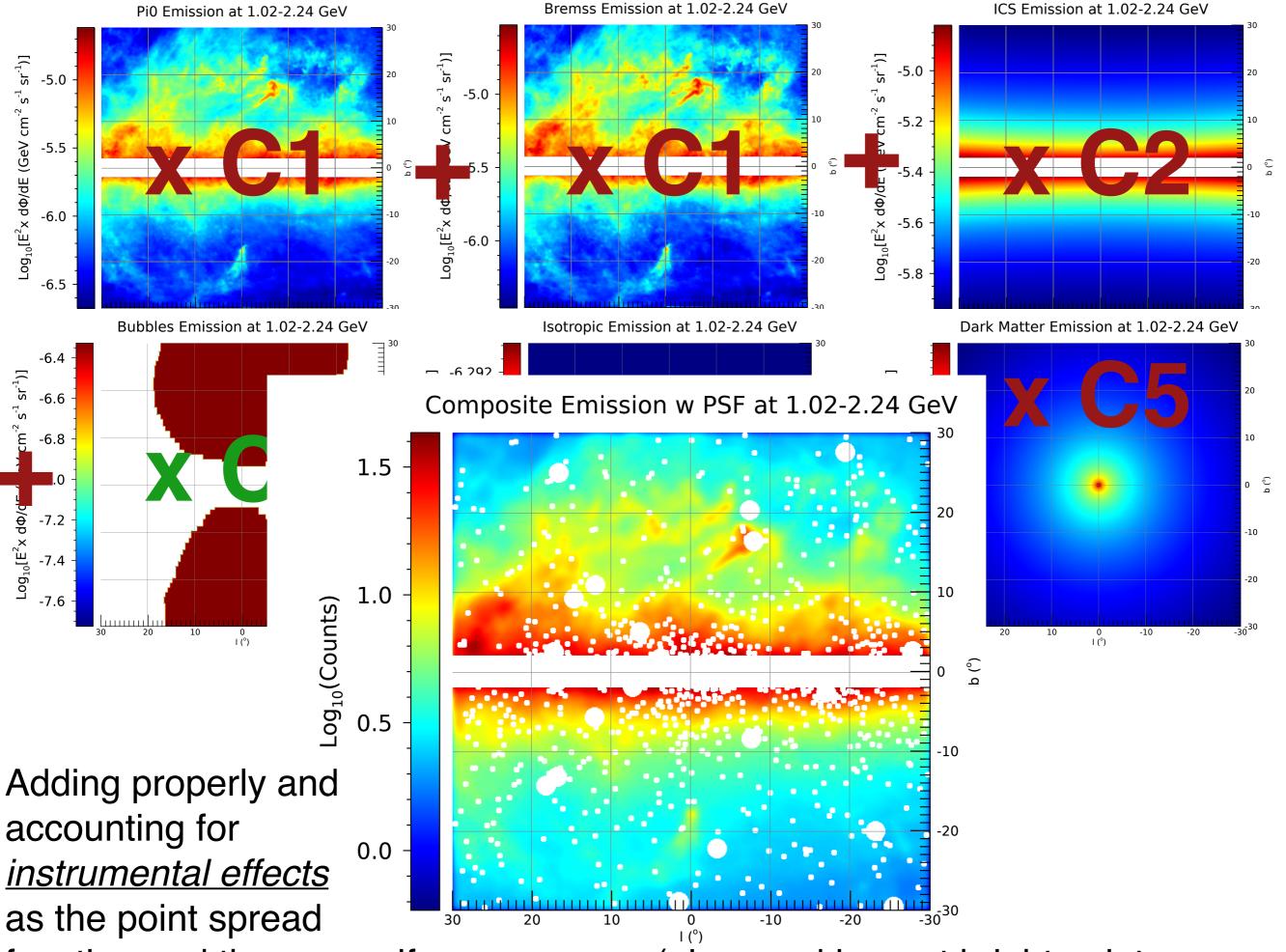


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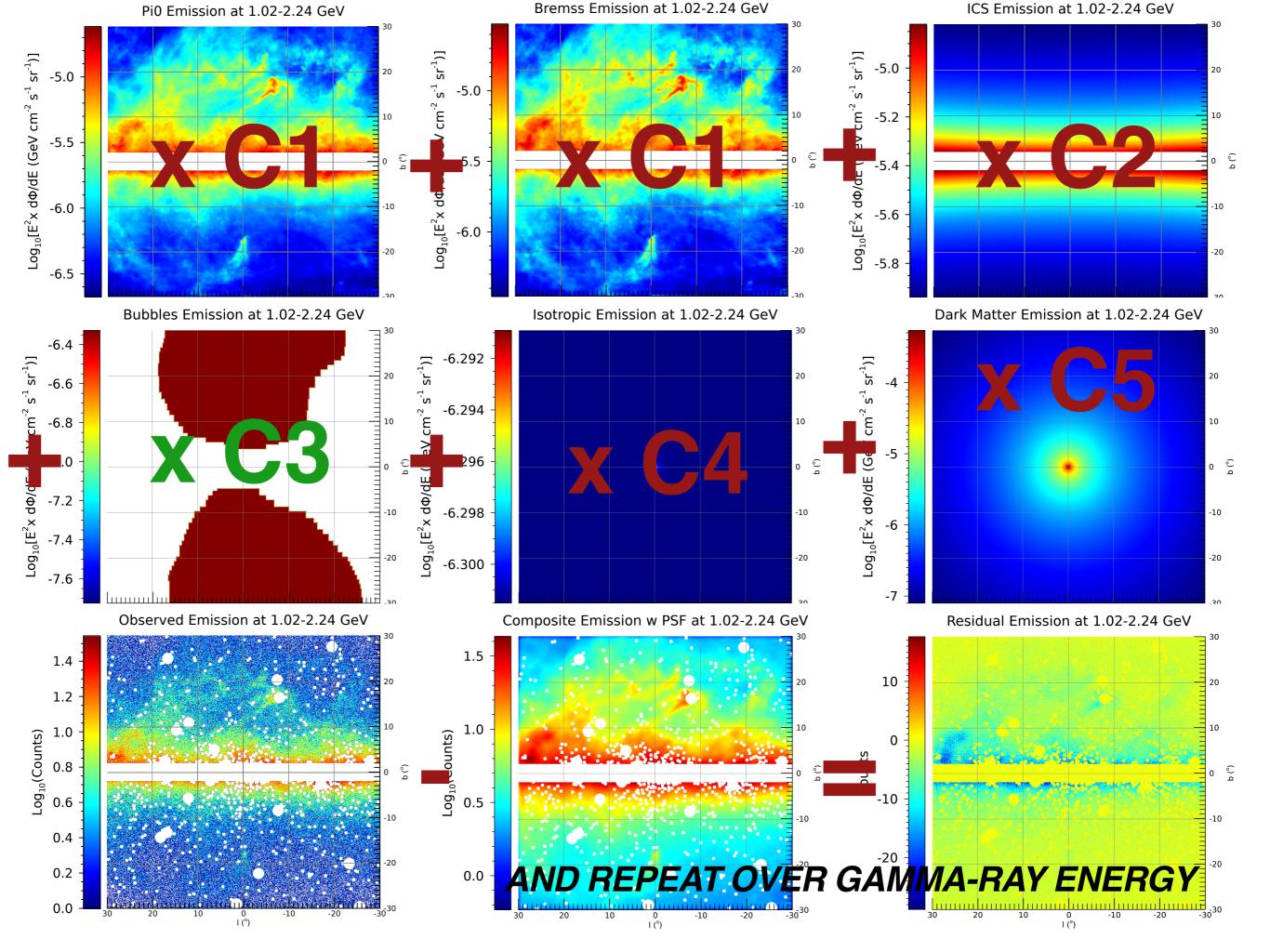


IC, Zhong, McDermott, Surdutovich, PRD 2022 (arXiv:2112.09706)

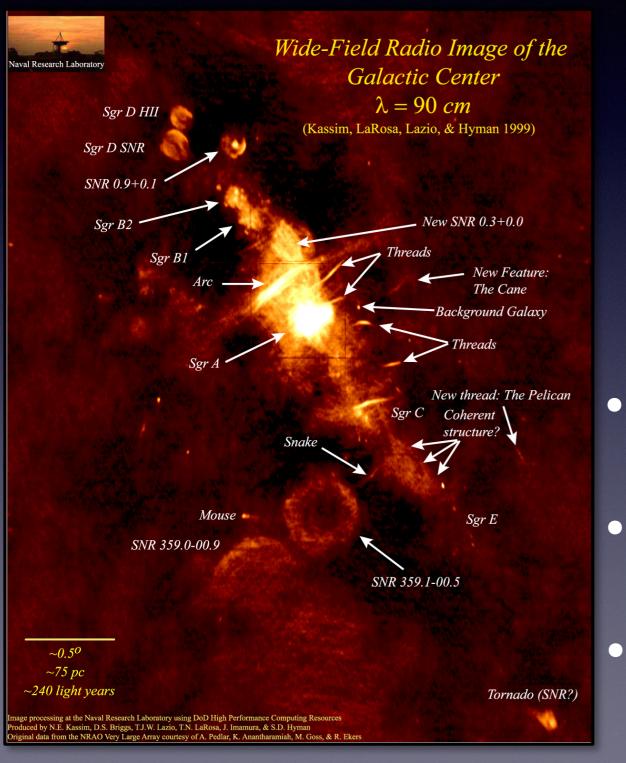


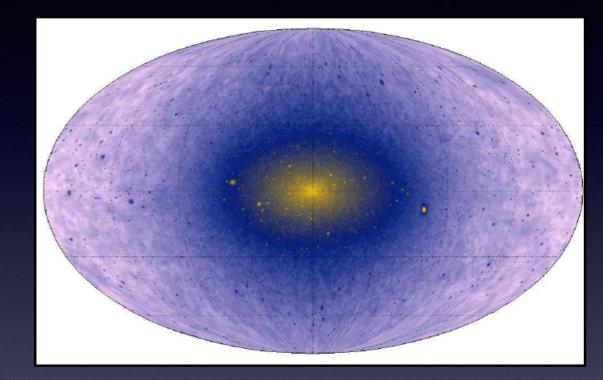


function and the non-uniform exposure (also masking-out bright point sources)



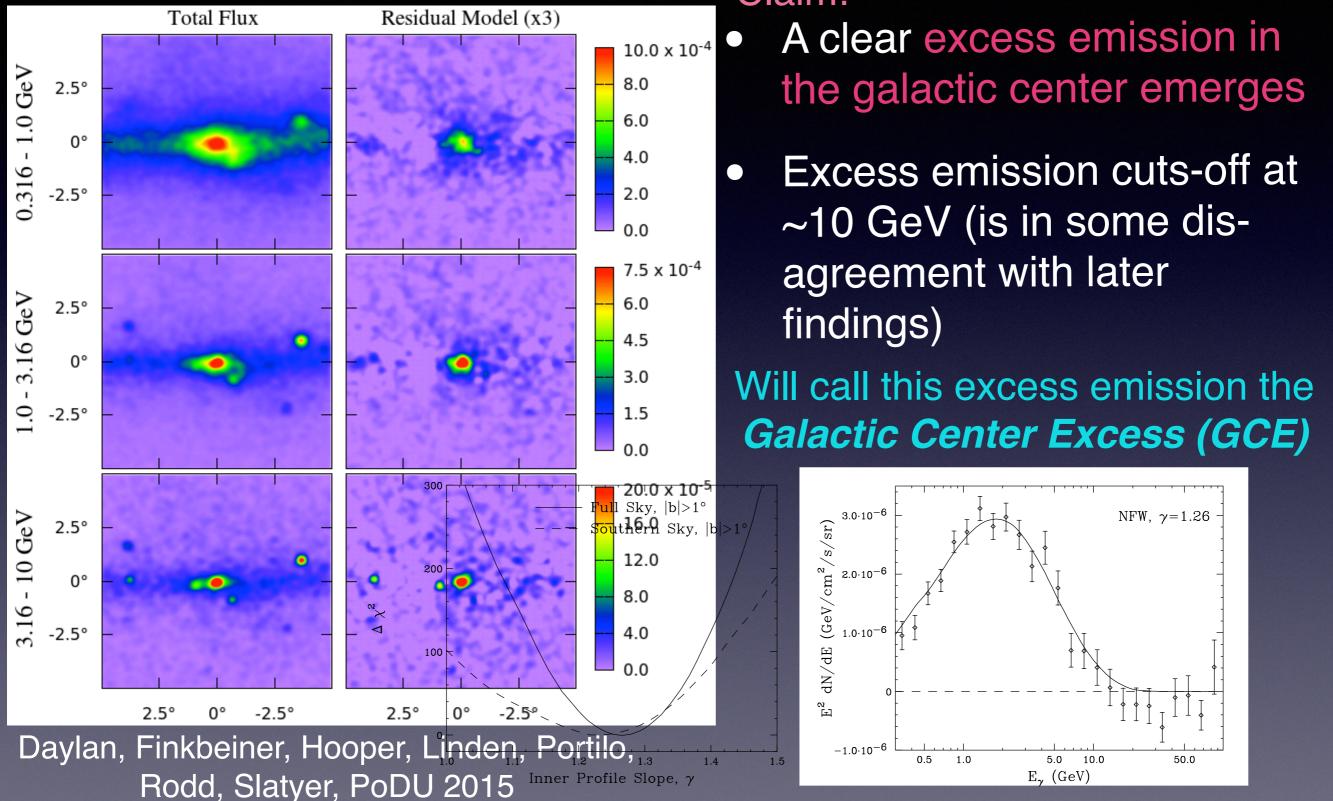
#### The galactic center A place to look for Dark Matter Annihilation





- The region of the galactic center is complex with large uncertainties.
- A DM annihilation signal peaks but also has significant uncertainties..
  - Take advantage of multi-wavelength searches.

### Looking for excesses in the galactic center Using Templates: Claim:

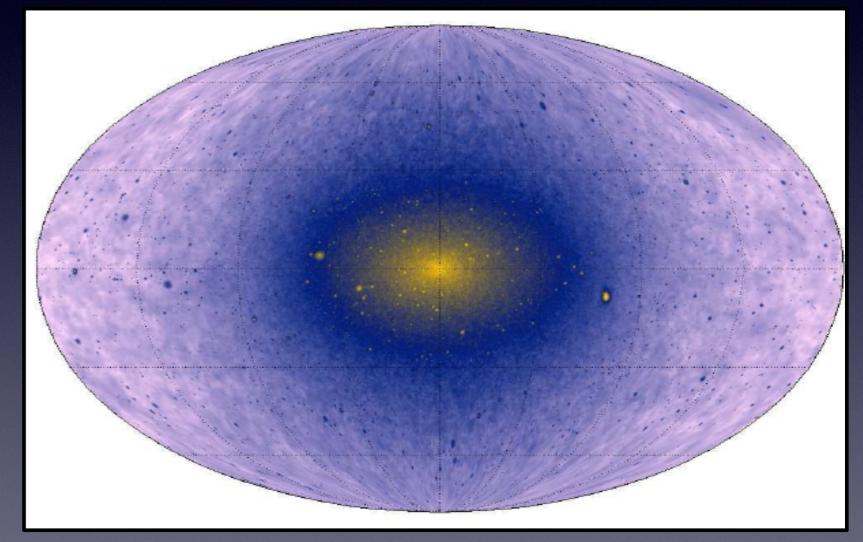


Also: Hooper & Goodenough PRL 2011, Abazajian JCAP 2011, Hooper & Linden PRD 2011, Gordon & Macias PRD 2014, Zhou et al. PRD 2015, Ajello et al. ApJ 2016

### Going to High Latitudes (Inner Galaxy)

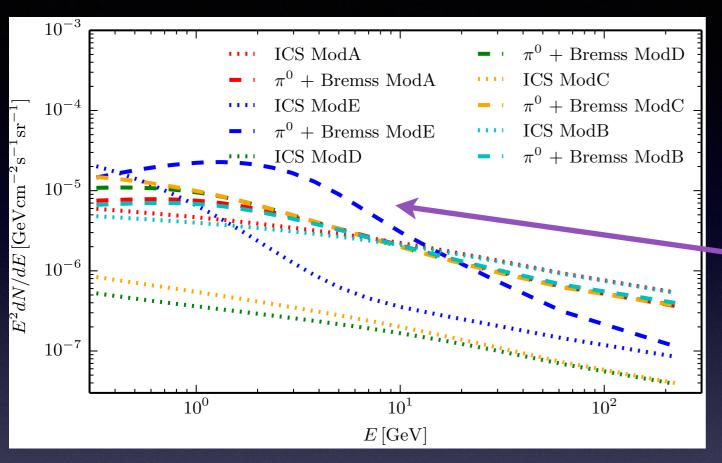
Advantages of looking further away from the center:

i)For a DM signal, you now have a prediction on the spectrum and its normalization based on the DM distribution.



ii) Different region on the galactic sky suffers from different uncertainties in the background gamma-ray flux.

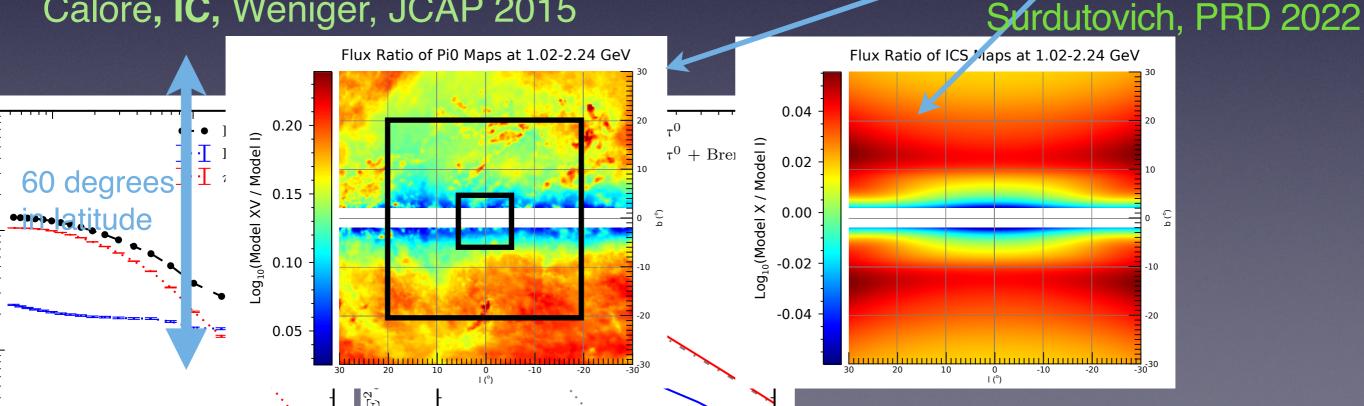
#### Modeling the background gamma-ray sky: Interplay with **Cosmic-Rays & the ISM**



The exact astrophysics model assumptions can affect both the gamma-ray background spectrum and its morphology on the galactic sky.

Zhong, McDermott,

#### Calore, IC, Weniger, JCAP 2015



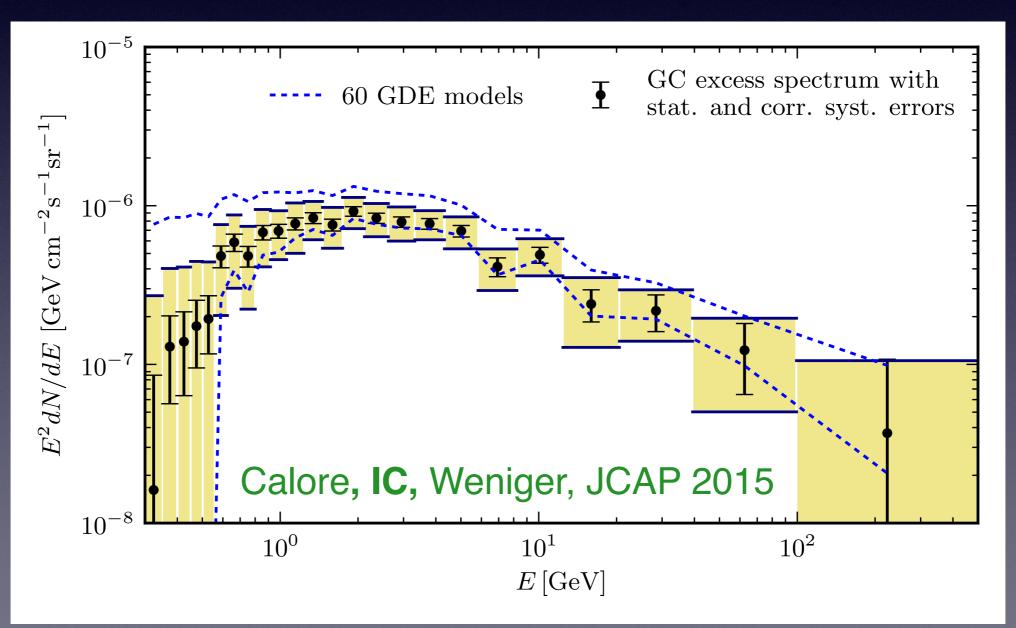
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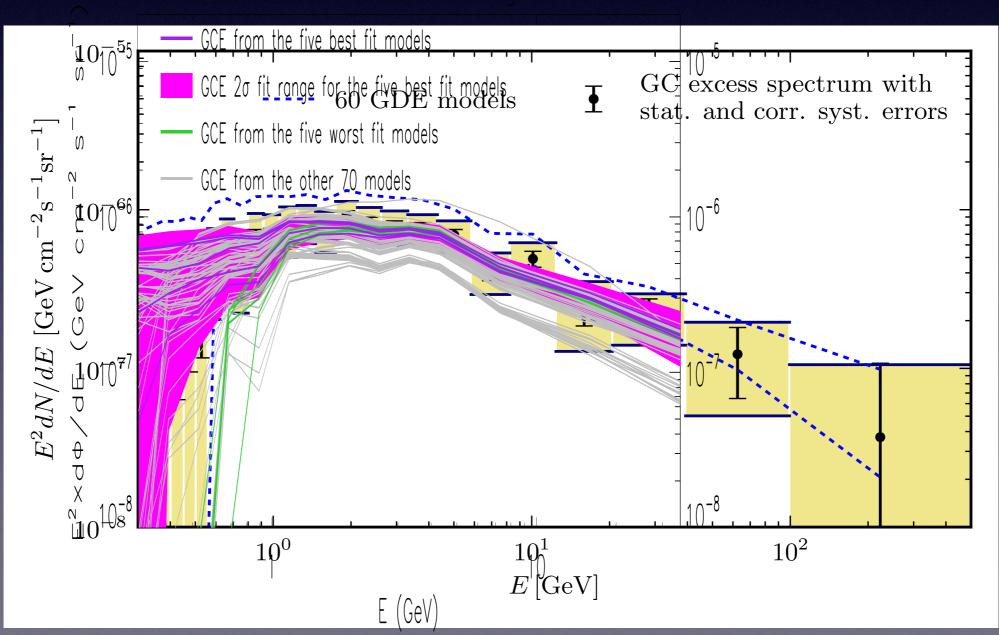
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It turns out that it actually does not affect dramatically the excess spectrum:



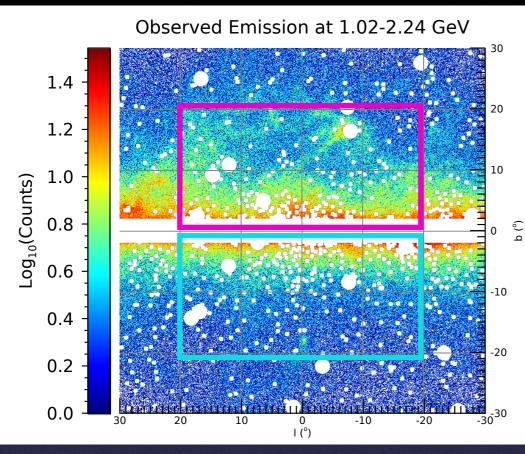
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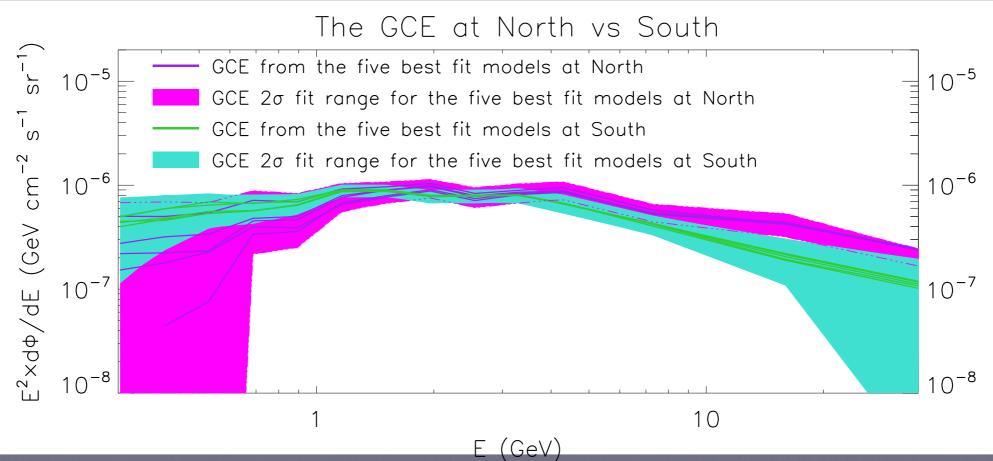
The GCE from all 80 diffuse background models

### The profile for the GCE. Does it look like a DM signal?

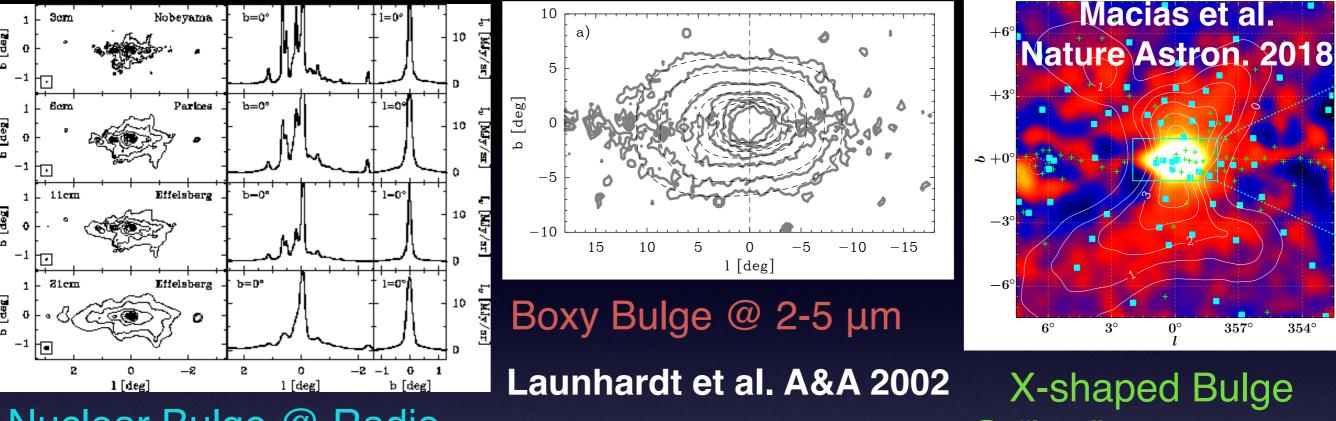


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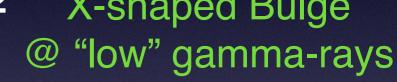
#### North Roughly consistent between southern and northern galactic hemisphere as expected from dark matter

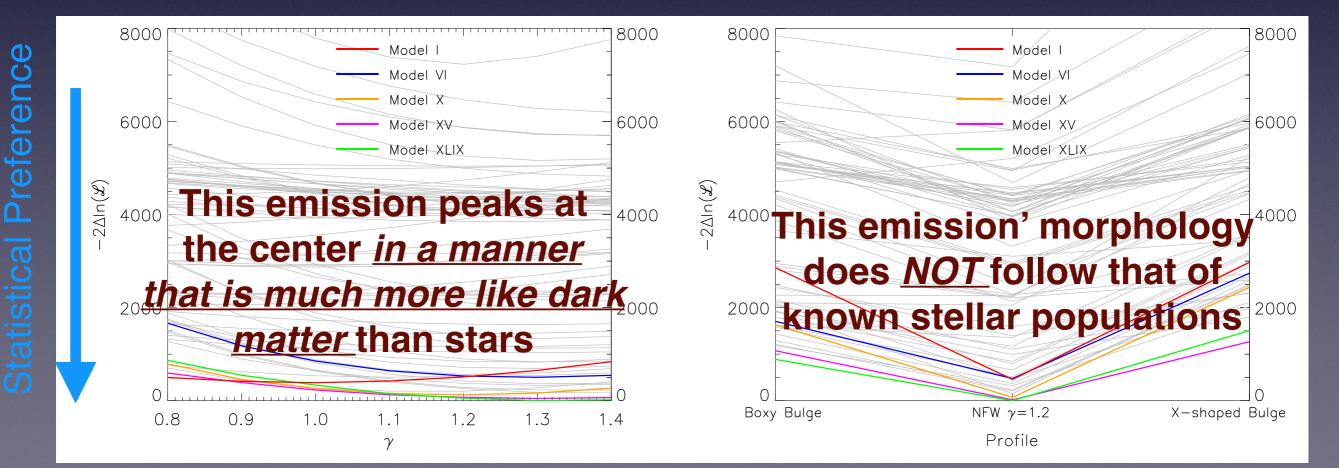


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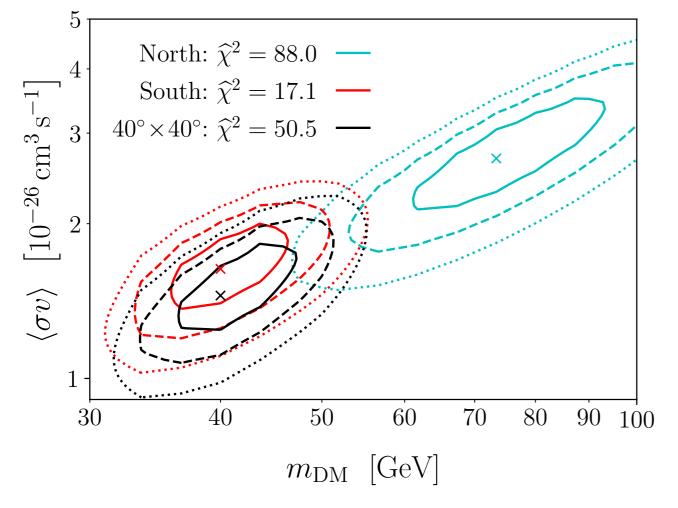
#### Nuclear Bulge @ Radio



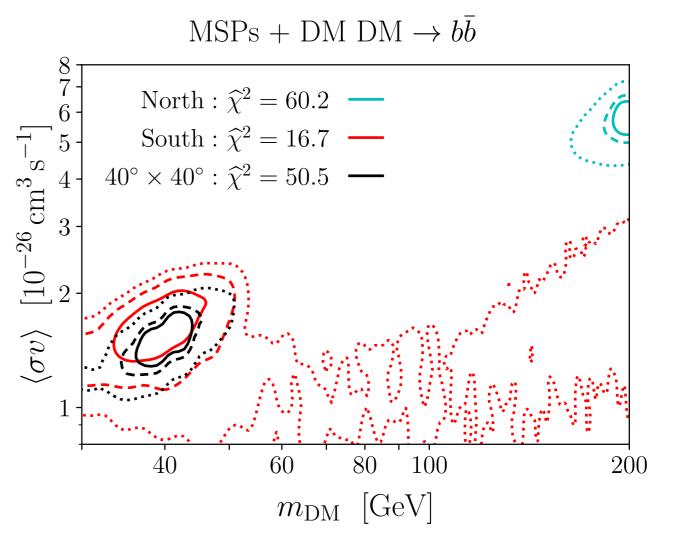


#### If this is a DM annihilation signal what do we learn about the particle physics?

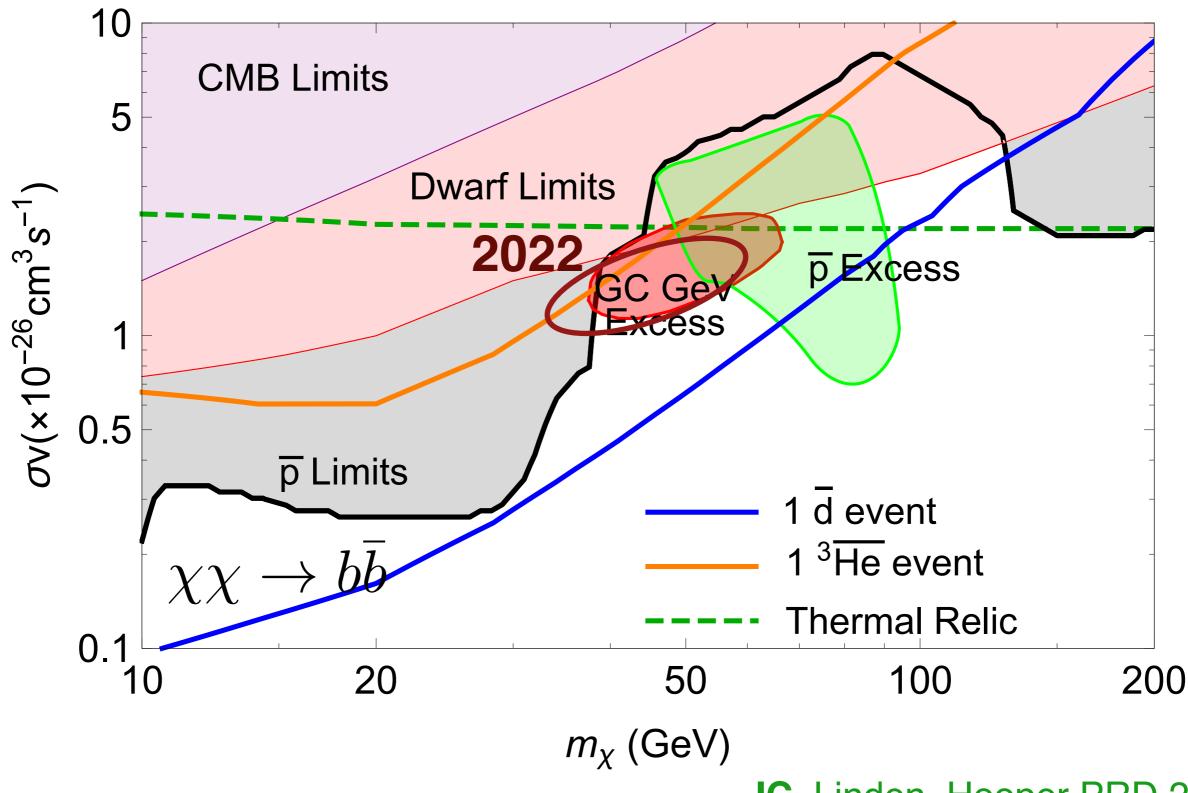




Adding an MSP component affects the fits on the more "dirty" (more galactic gas) Northern Hemisphere, but the Southern Hemisphere and the overall Inner Galaxy fit are fairly unaffected. The mass range preferred very much within the WIMP range.



### Combining all Indirect DM searches



IC, Linden, Hooper PRD 2020

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Maps, Astrophysical Models and Correlated Errors publicly available via Zenodo

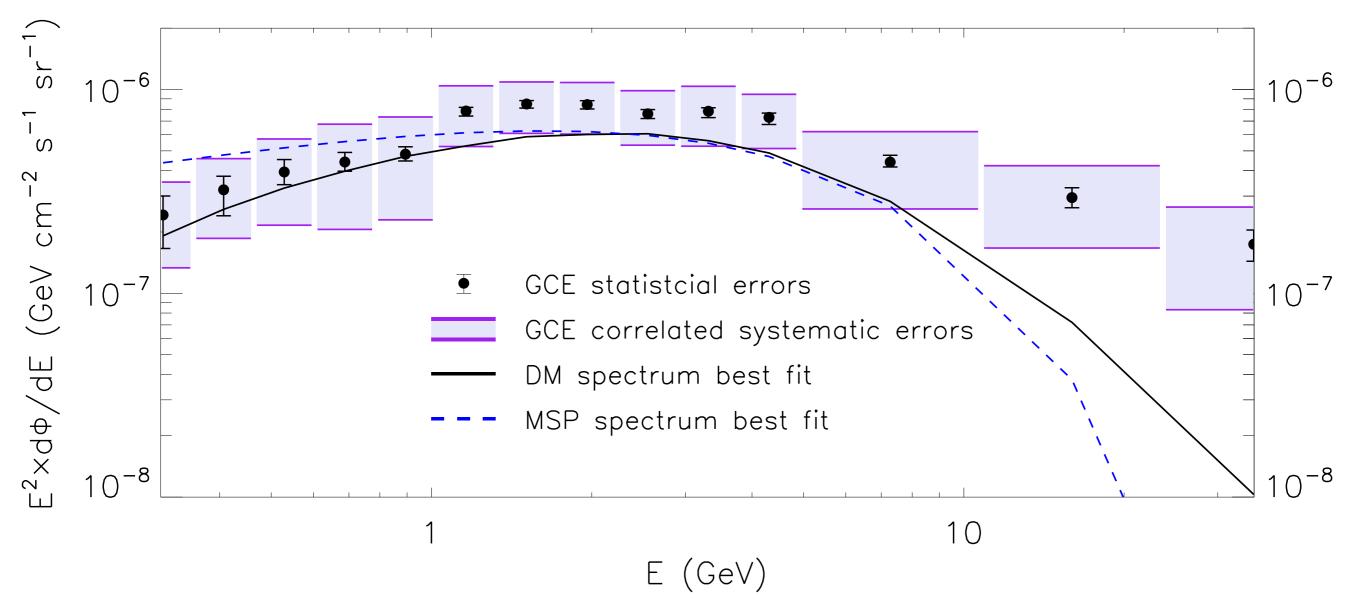
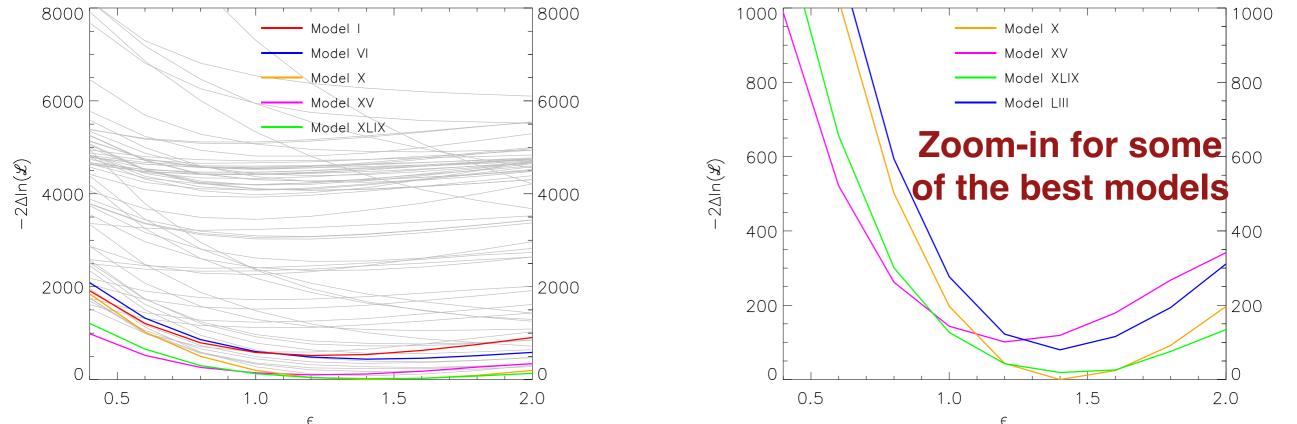
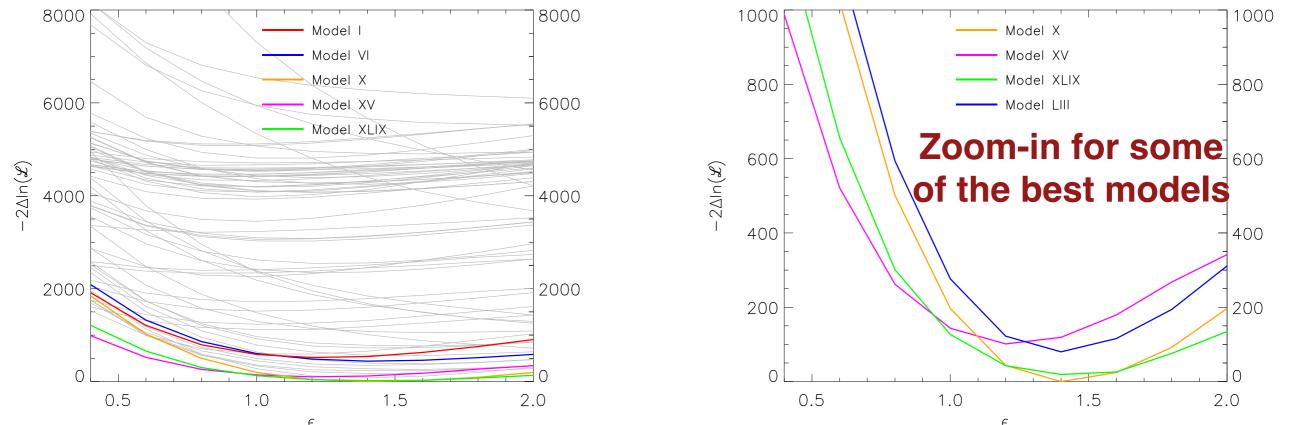


TABLE V. The first four principal components of the systematic uncertainty contribution to the covariance matrix, defined as in Eq. (16), in units of  $10^{-7}$  GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>.

$PC_i$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$	$\Phi_4$	$\Phi_5$	$\Phi_6$	$\Phi_7$	$\Phi_8$	$\Phi_9$	$\Phi_{10}$	$\Phi_{11}$	$\Phi_{12}$	$\Phi_{13}$	$\Phi_{14}$
$PC_1$	2.52	2.37	2.47	2.43	2.19	2.35	2.08	1.83	1.65	1.69	1.38	1.09	0.67	0.34
$PC_2$	-1.70	-1.07	-0.16	0.14	0.54	0.42	0.40	0.31	0.58	0.41	0.56	0.48	0.41	0.33
$PC_3$	0.27	0.06	-0.53	-0.22	-0.21	-0.18	-0.08	0.25	0.04	0.45	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.24
$PC_4$	0.20	-0.15	0.15	-0.14	0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.27	0.08	-0.25	0.11	0.25	0.27	0.17

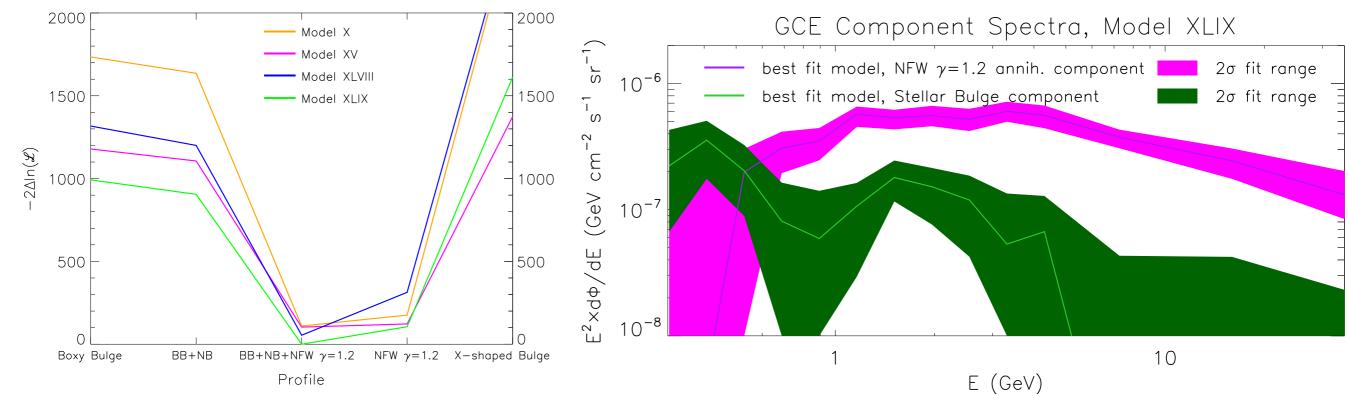


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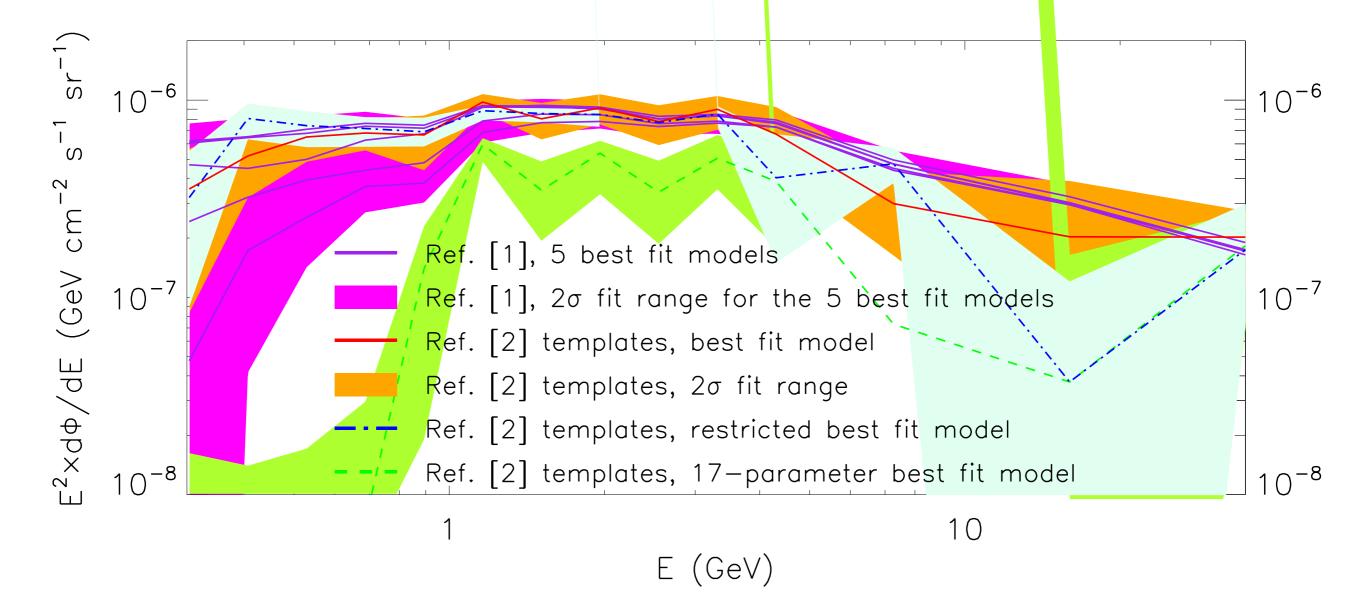
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Even when we allow for an additional stellar bulge component (probing MSPs) component, we still get preference for a dominant cuspy NFW-like profile



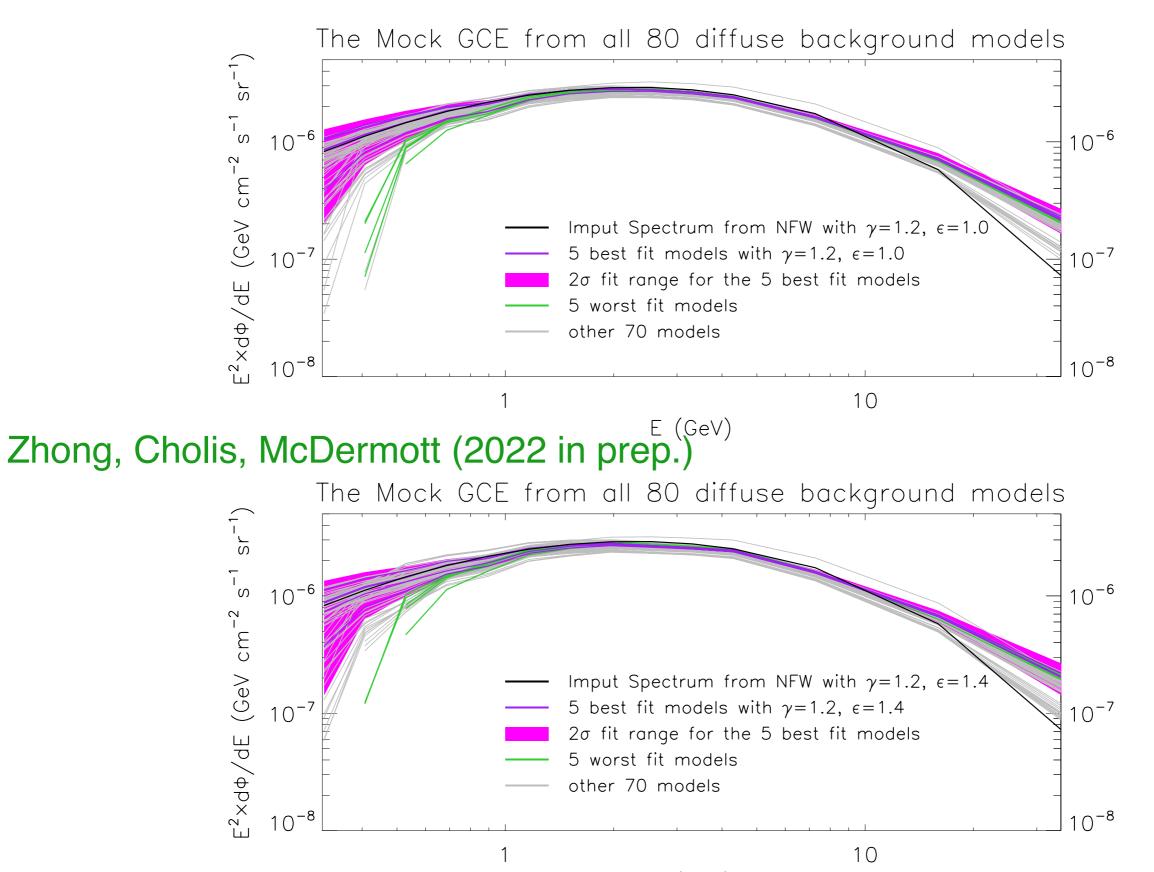
#### **Ongoing Preliminary:**

Comparison with Abazajian et al. 2020 results. We use their templates and still find a NFW-like GCE irrespective of the fitting method.



#### McDermott, Zhong, Cholis (2022 in prep.)

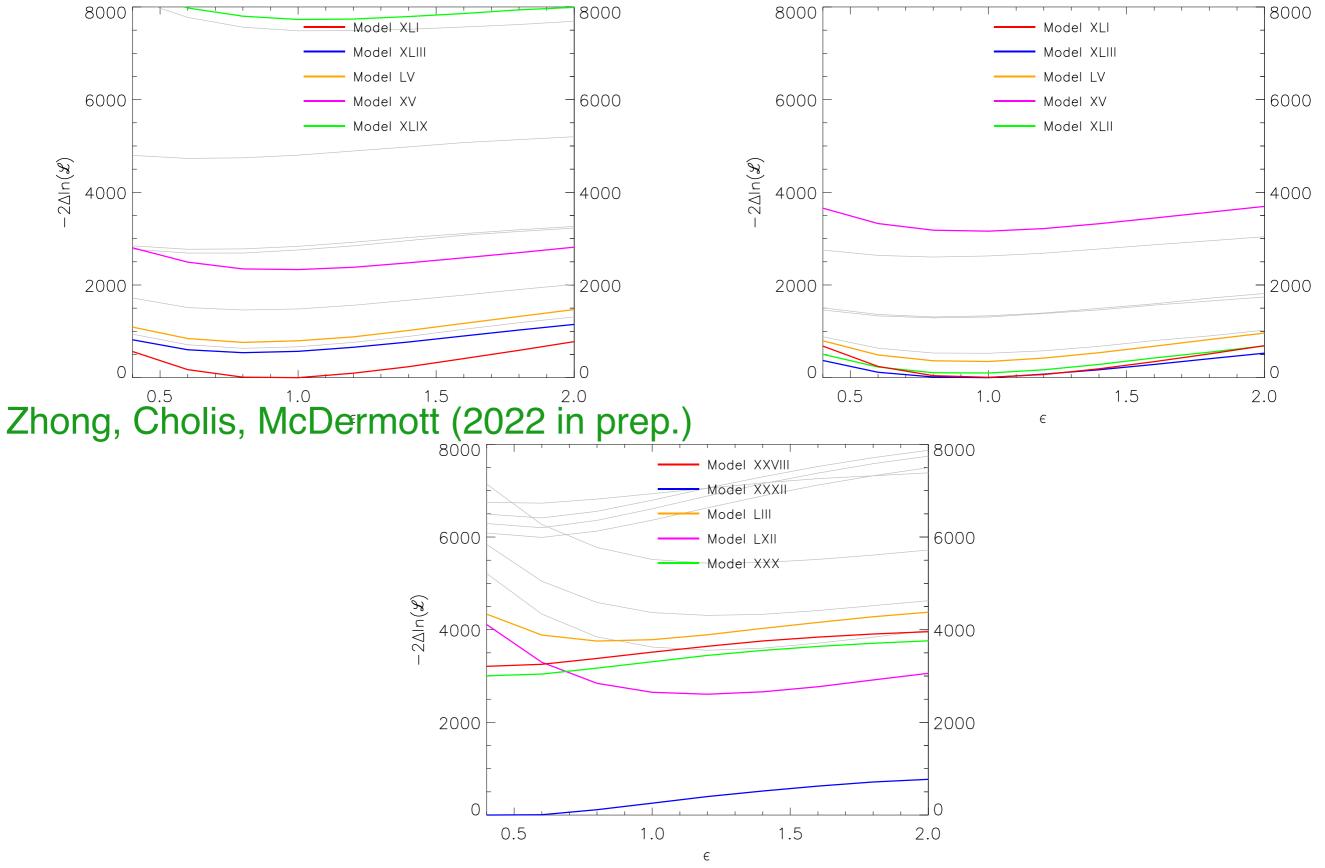
#### Ongoing Preliminary: Further Tests of injected Mock Maps versus what we recover from the fits:

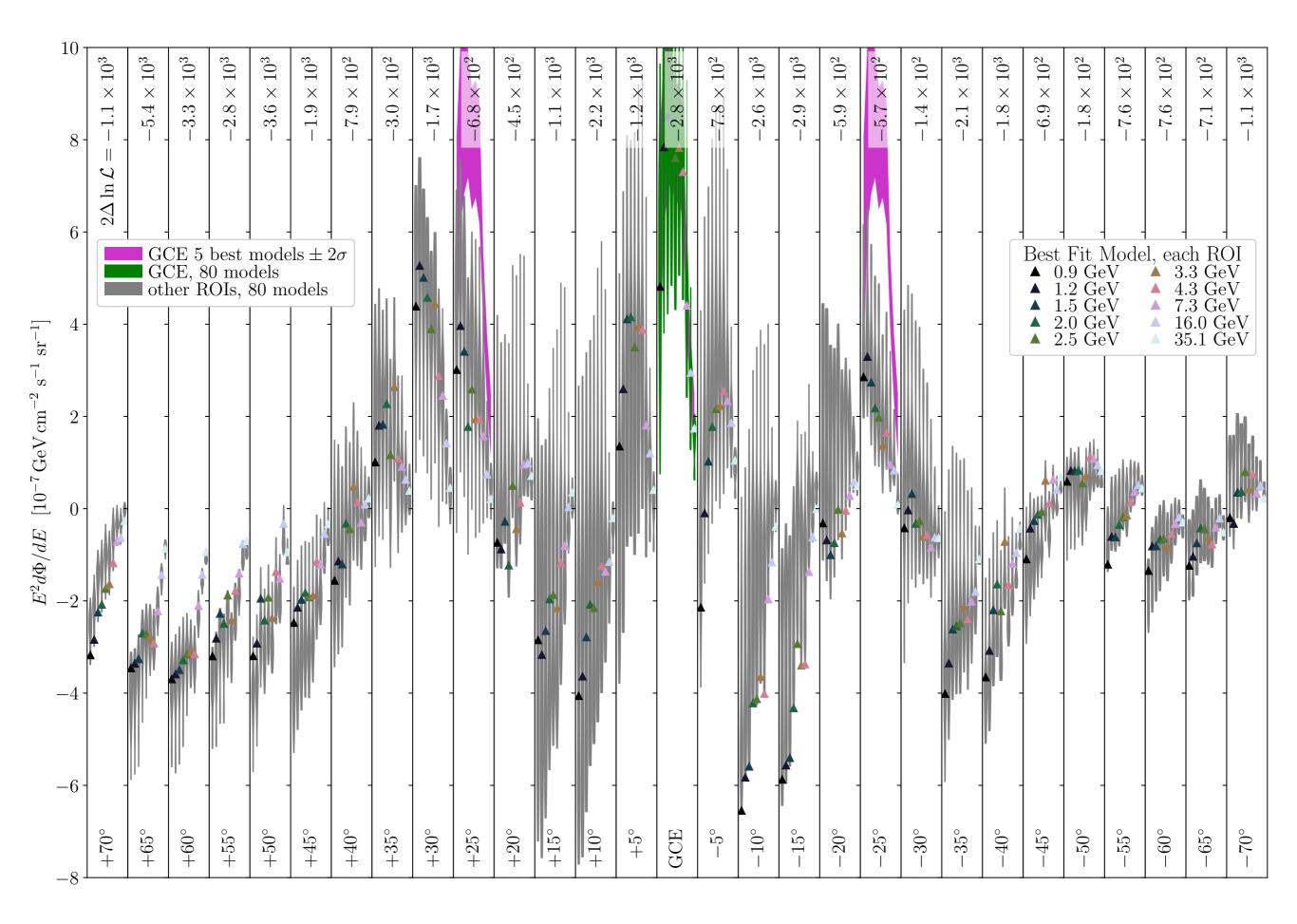


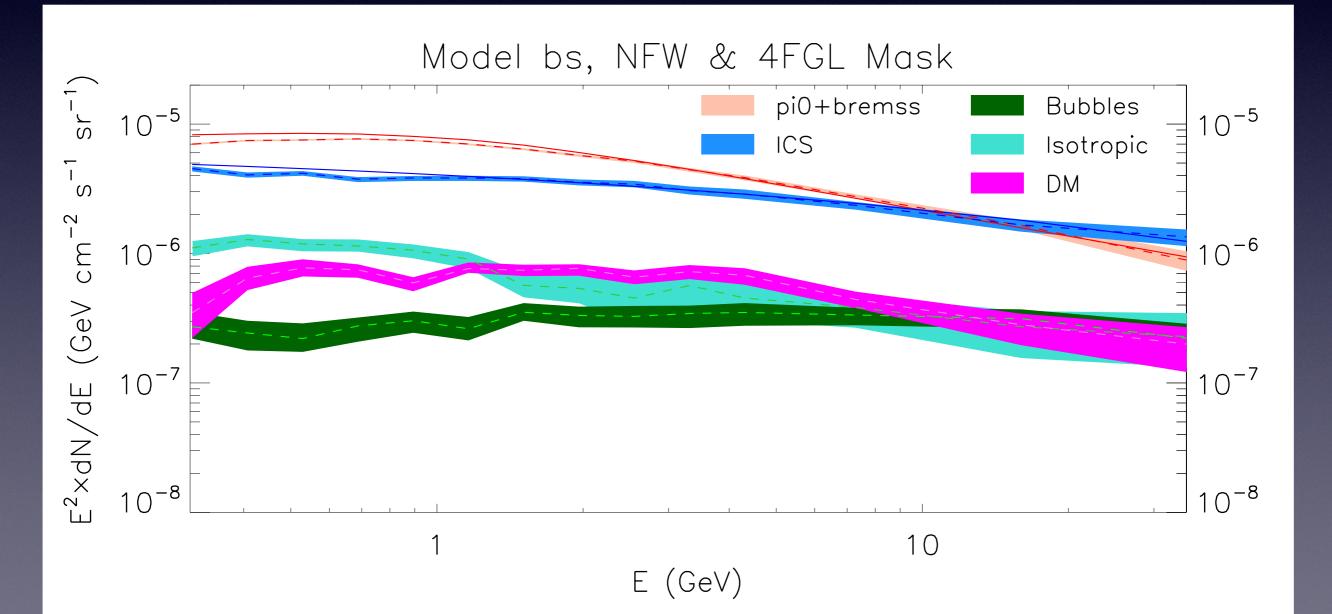
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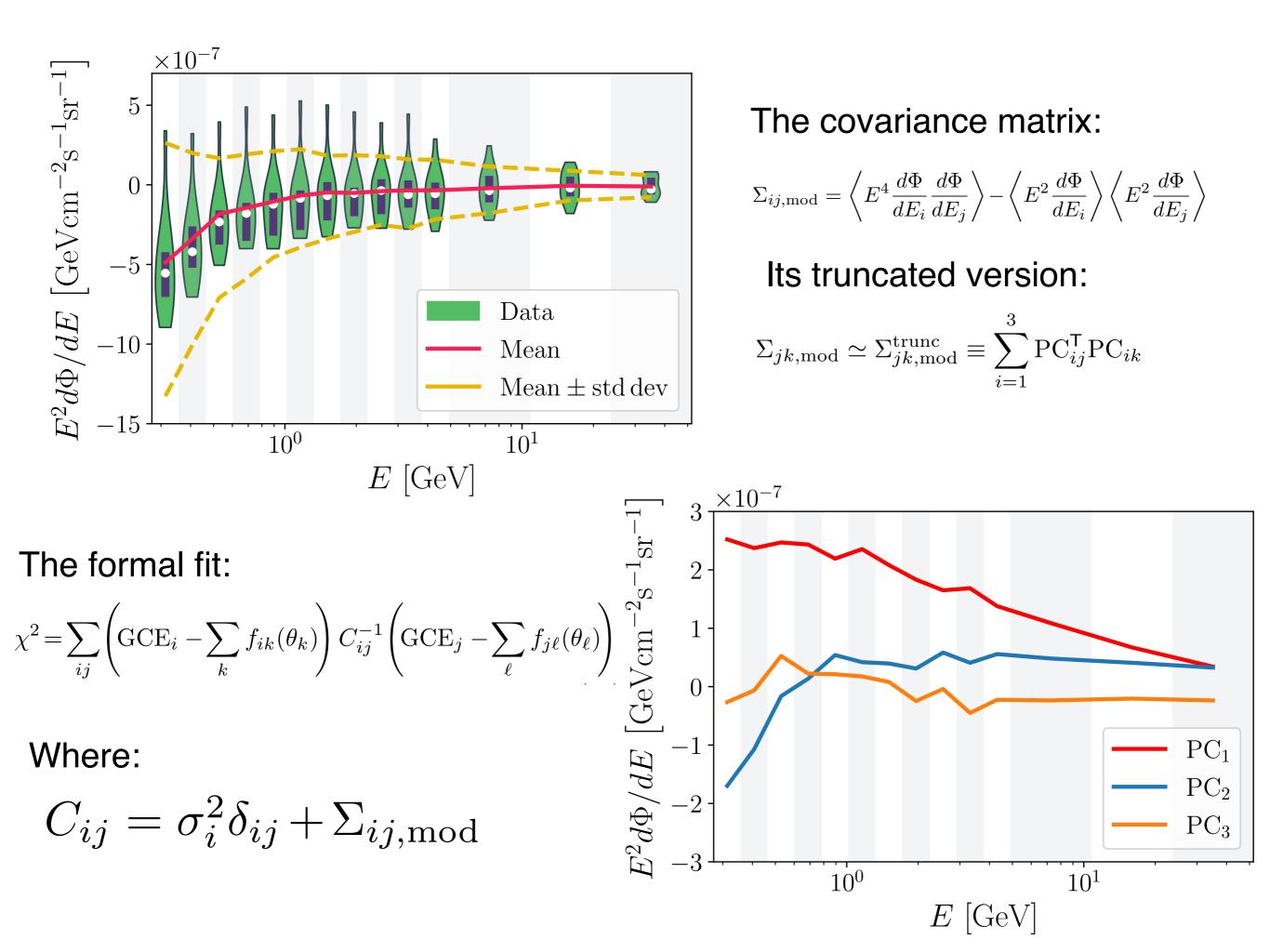
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### Further Tests on the GCE morphology with Alternative Wavelet based Masks:



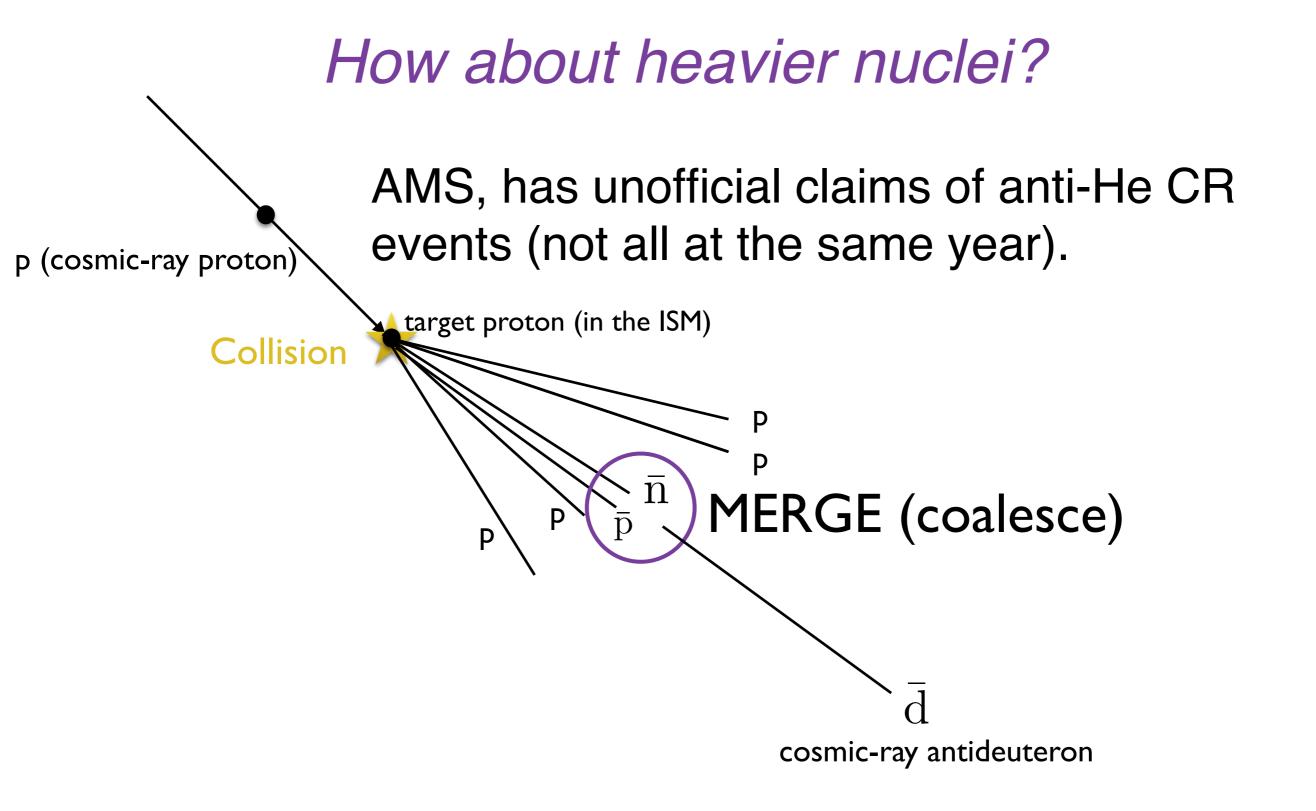




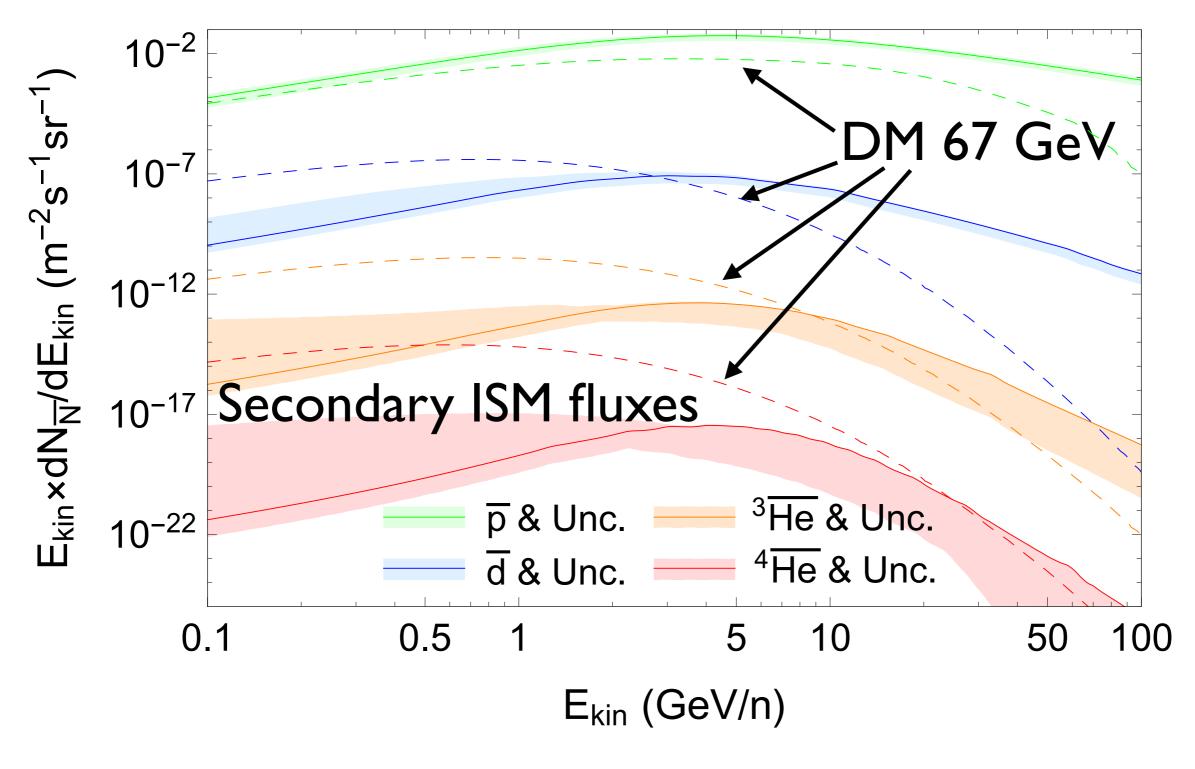


#### Looking at the antiproton to proton ratio find an the excess at~3 sigma Supernova, also seen in IC, Hooper, Linden PRD 2017 ISM Model I $10^{-24}$ $\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ 12 $m_{\chi}$ =80 GeV bb <u>p</u>/p ratio (×10<sup>-4</sup>) 8 $10^{-25}$ 0.50 $\sigma v = 1.3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 4 ov (cm<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) م Thermal $\Delta \ln(\mathcal{L})$ 0 0.10 Excess 0.05 $\sim$ 0.5 50 5 500 -8 Residual <u>p</u>/p (×10<sup>-5</sup>) $2\sigma$ Limit $10^{-27}$ -12 ╷<sub>┙┙<sup>┶╁</sup>┰┟┨╏<sup>┫</sup>╋╋╋</sup>┙┙</sub> -16 -2 ISM Model I -20 -21.8 10<sup>-28</sup> -6 10 100 1000 0.5 5 50 500 $m_{\chi}$ (GeV) Ekin (GeV/n) IC, Tim Linden, Dan Hooper PRD 2019

See also A. Cuoco et al. PRD 2019 Earlier results: Cuoco et al. PLR 2017,Cui et al. PRL 2017



#### Antimatter flux Uncertainties



IC, Linden, Hooper PRD 2020

#### And a little extra positrons....

energies.

#### Utilizing cosmic-ray positron and electron observations to probe the averaged properties of Milky Way pulsars

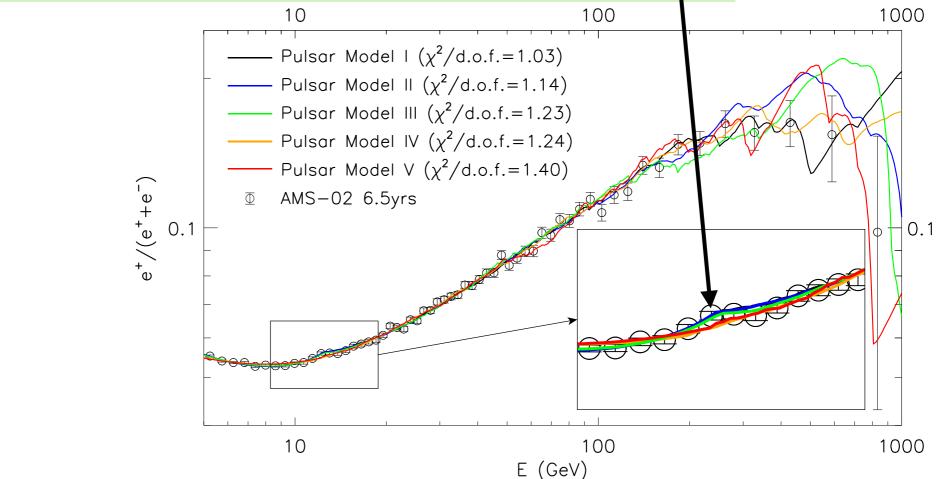
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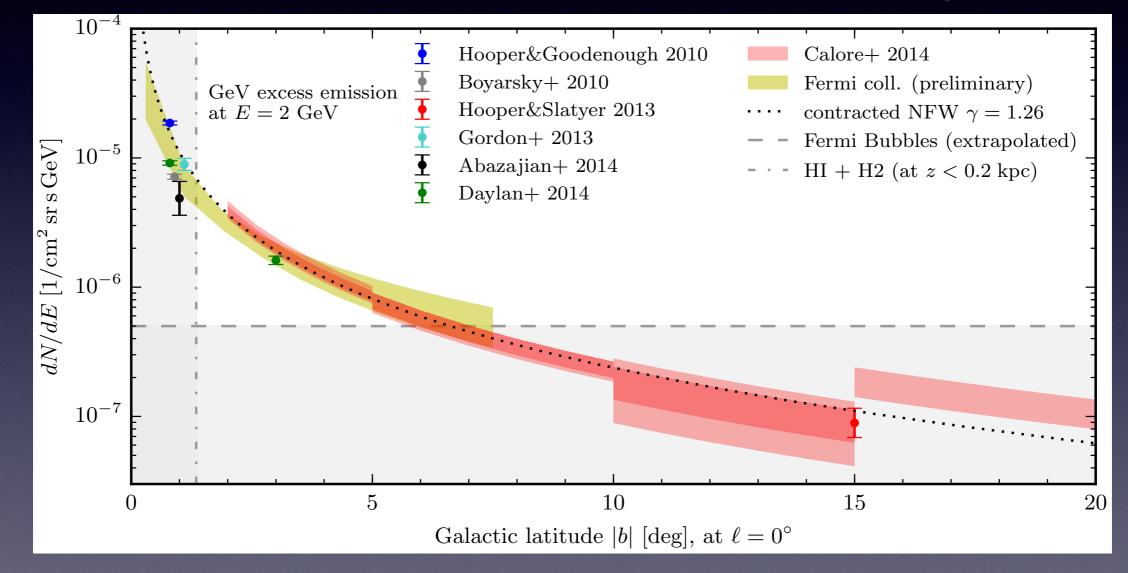
Pulsars have long been studied in the electromagnetic spectrum. Their environments are rich in highenergy cosmic-ray electrons and positrons likely enriching the interstellar medium (ISM) with such particles. In this work we use recent cosmic-ray observations from the *AMS-02*, *CALET*, and *DAMPE* 

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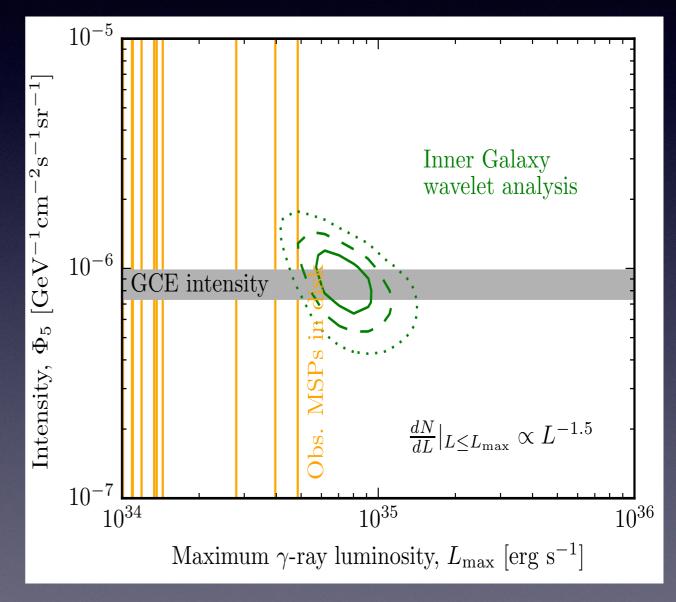
The flux associated to the excess emission at 2 GeV vs galactic latitude: Calore, IC, McCabe, Weniger, PRD 2015



The excess signals from different analyses, agree within a factor of less than 2 in terms of total emission.

# A simple Question: Can the CSP Be Bright Enough?

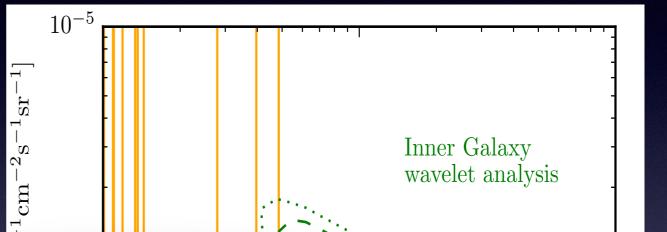
- Given an assumption about the "luminosity function" (the dependence of N<sub>PS</sub> on L<sub>PS</sub>), can ask if "point source-y" PSs are compatible with unresolved PSs accounting for the GCE
- Claim in 2015 was "yes" if the luminosity function had a power-law index α<sub>L</sub>=1.5



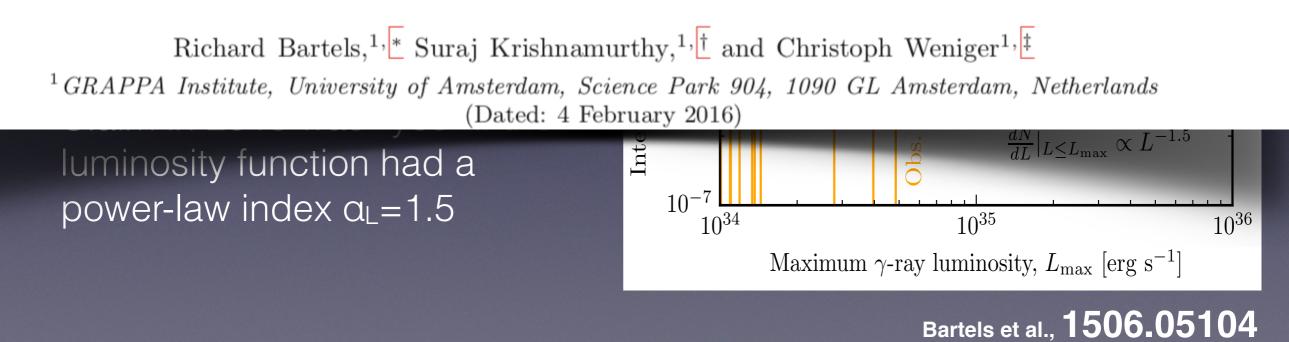
Bartels et al., 1506.05104

# An alternative Millisecond pulsars (recycled pulsars)

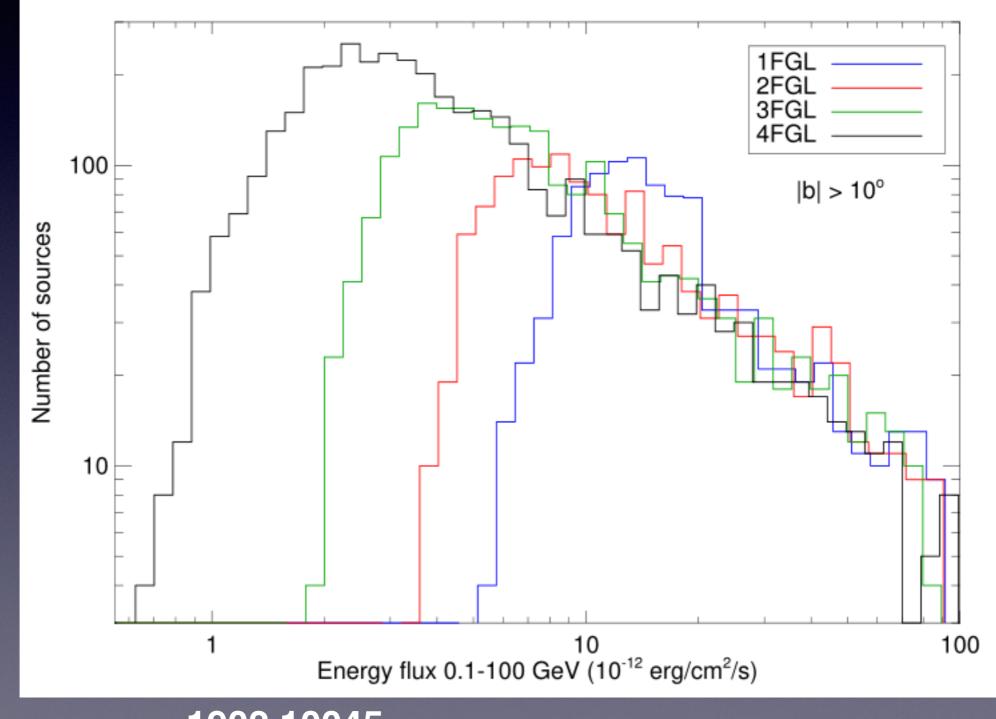
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Strong Support for the Millisecond Pulsar Origin of the Galactic Center GeV Excess

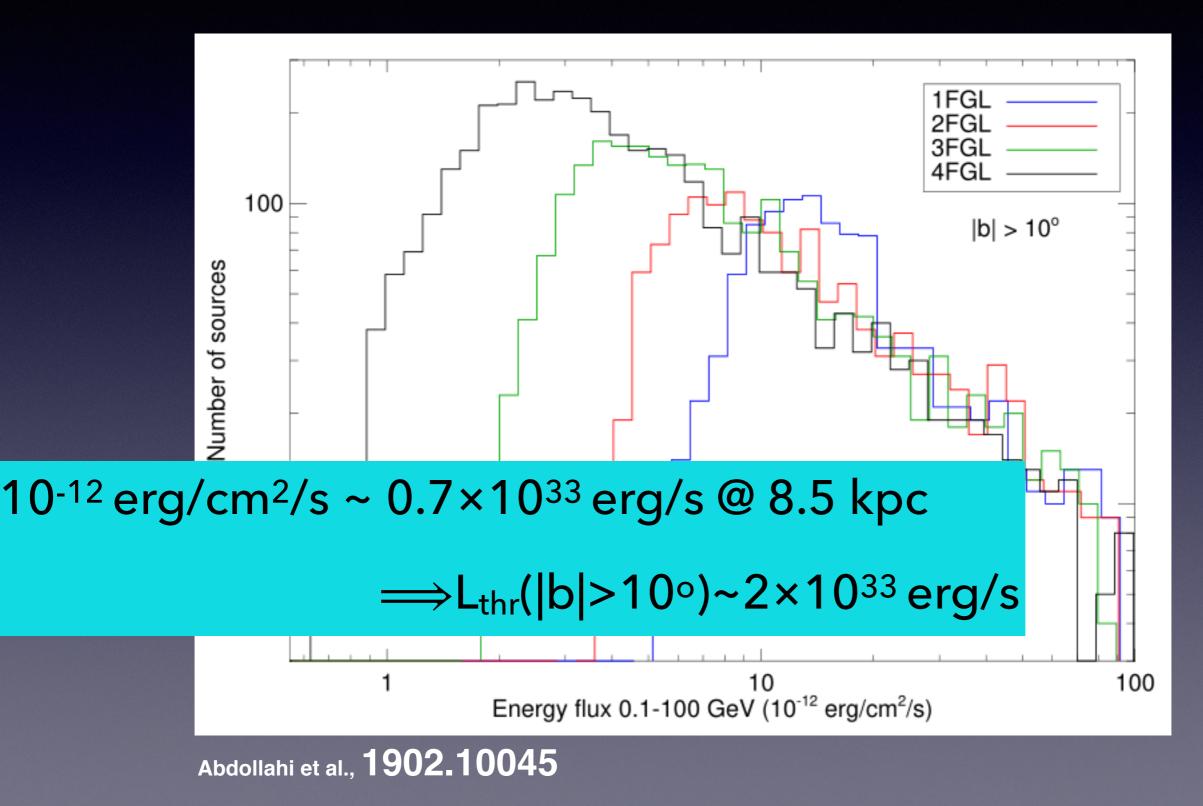


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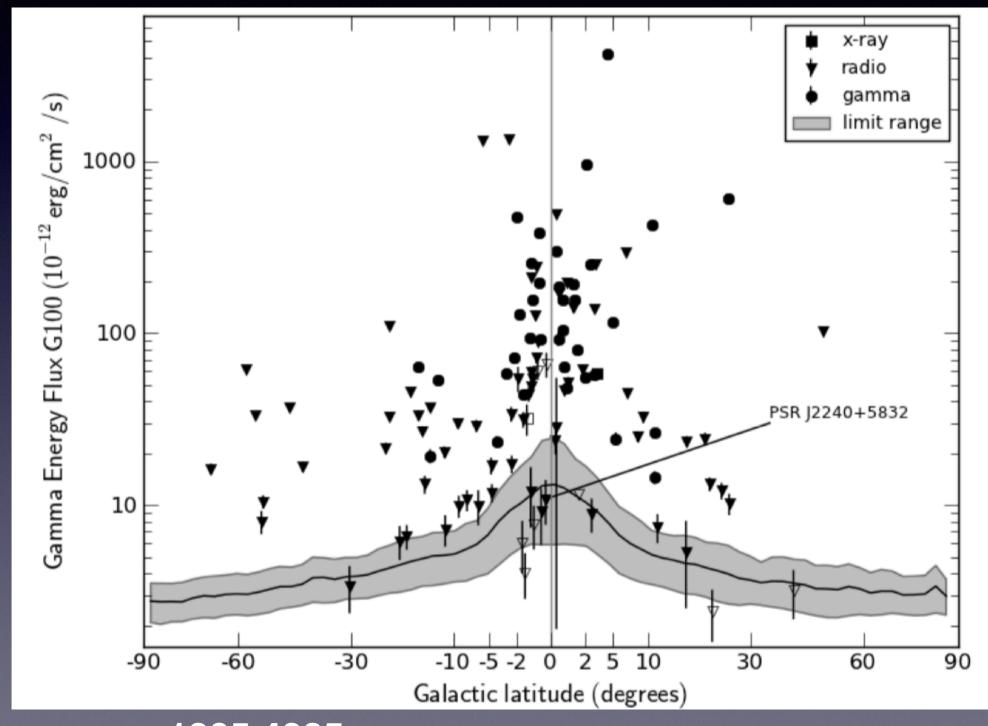


Abdollahi et al., **1902.1004**5

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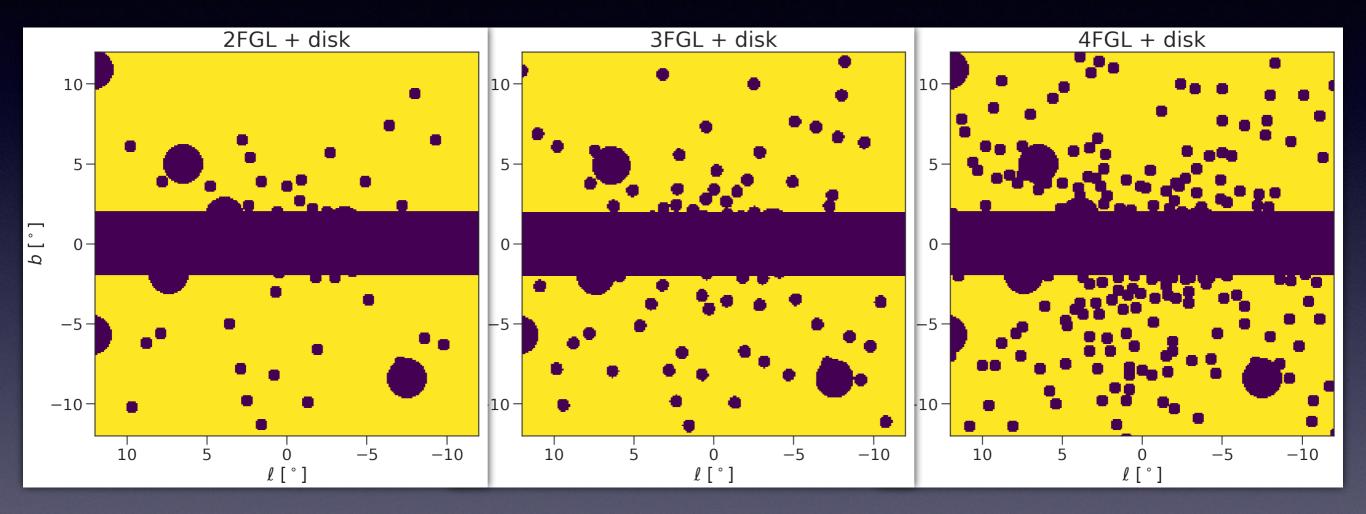


### b-dependence of detection



Abdo et al., **1305.4385** 

### The Masks of different Fermi Catalogs (#FGL)

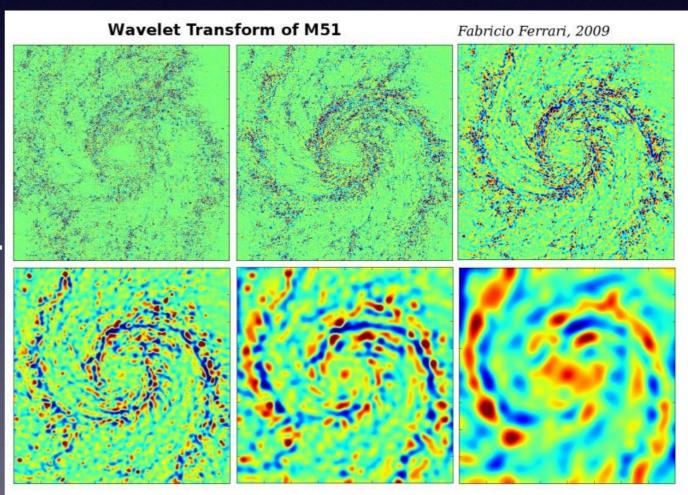


#### What are wavelets?

Wavelets have been used in image compression (JPEG), denoising, fast signal identification, even in HEP data

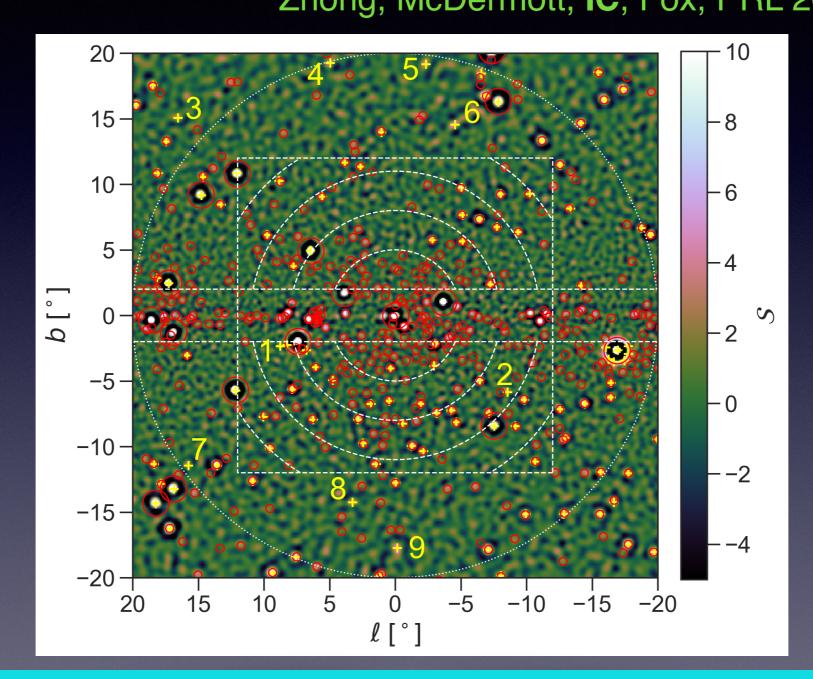
Allow analysis of data in both time/space and frequency space

Different type of structures will have a different power at different levels of the decomposition (e.g. edges and other small scale structures vs larger scale variations).



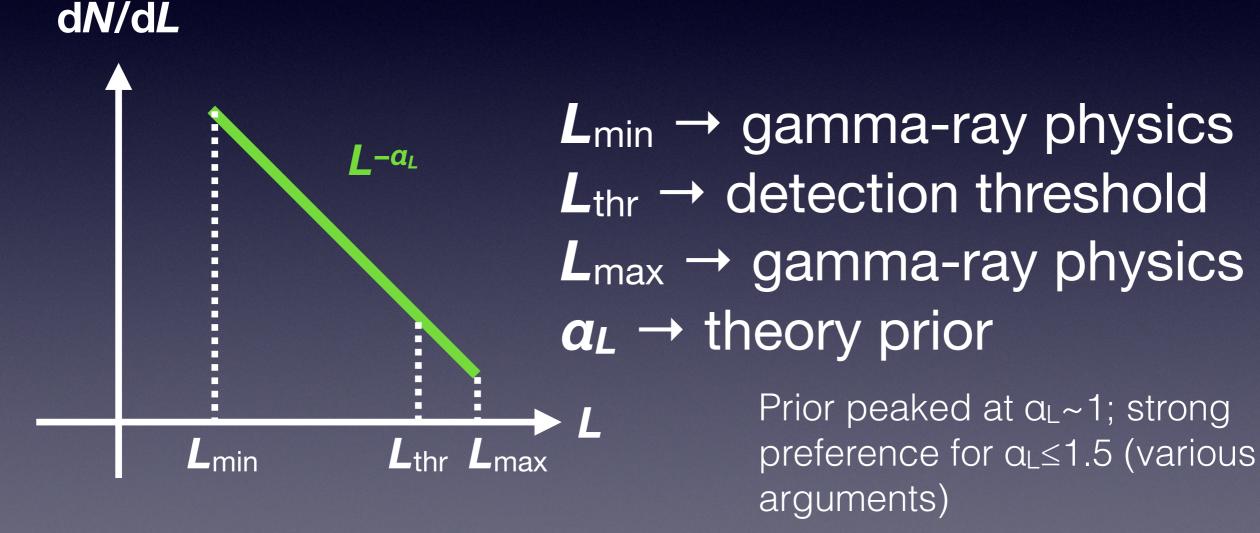
Wavelets can find these different structures.

#### GCE: "Wavelet" search for point-like gamma-ray sources Zhong, McDermott, IC, Fox, PRL 2020 (1911.12369)

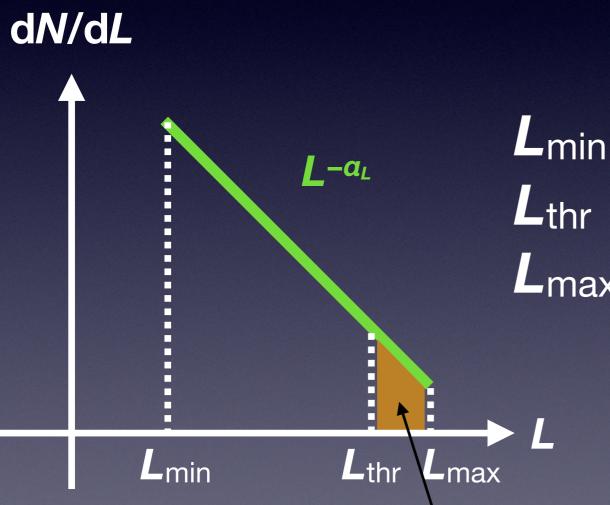


#### 117 peaks (w/ S>4) $\supset$ 109 peaks near 4FGL

### How to characterize a Central Source Population?

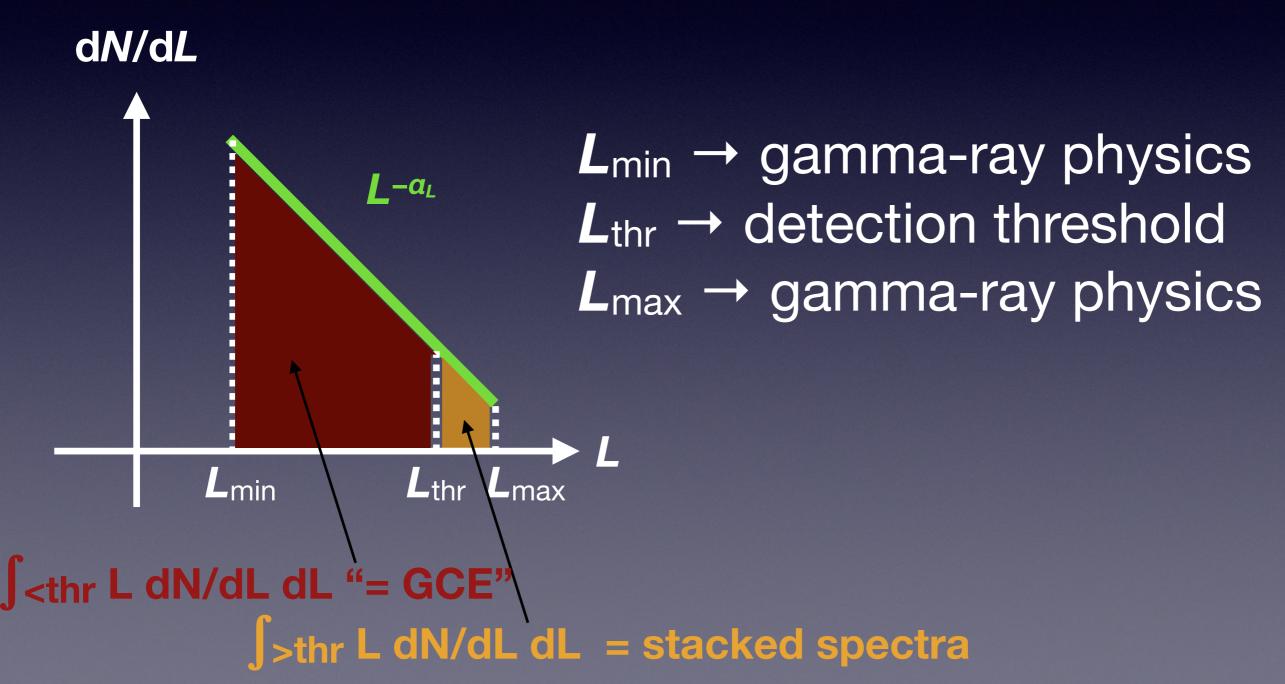


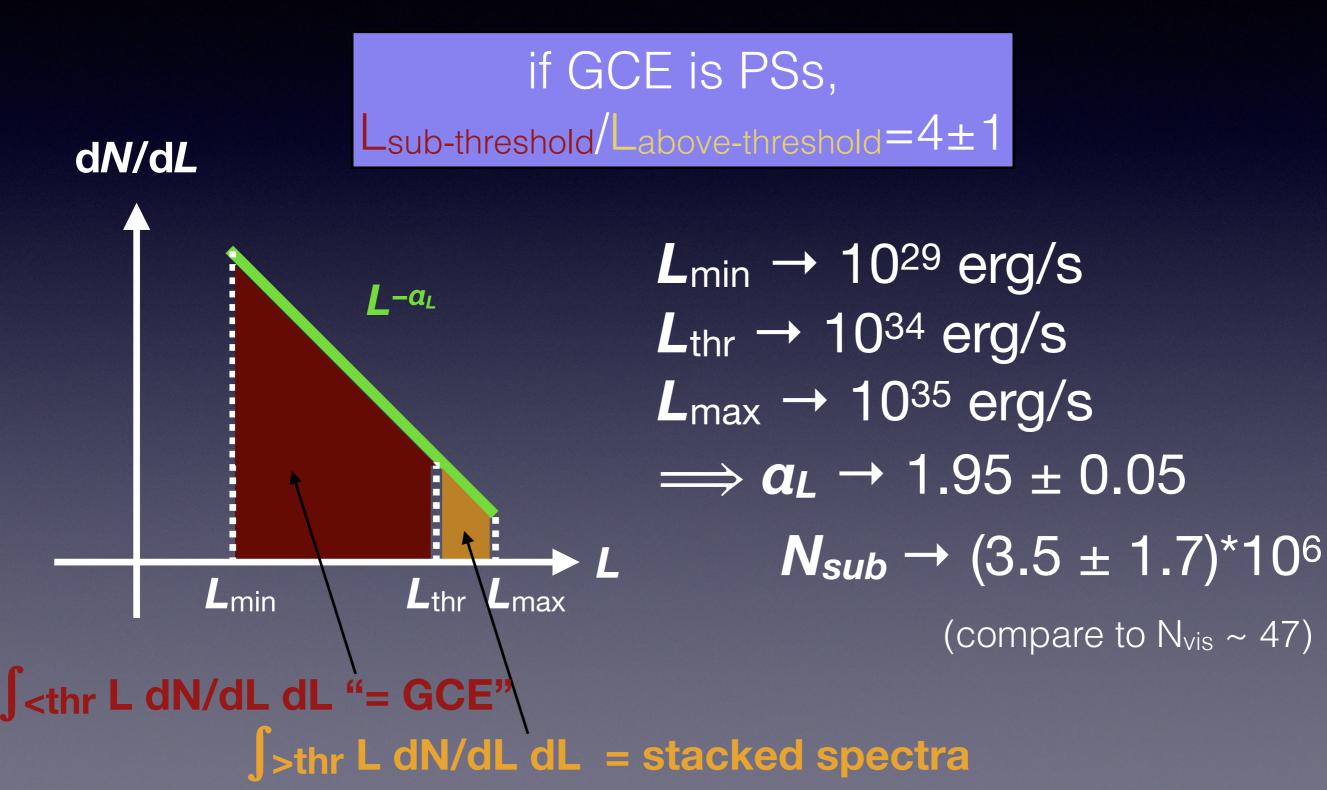
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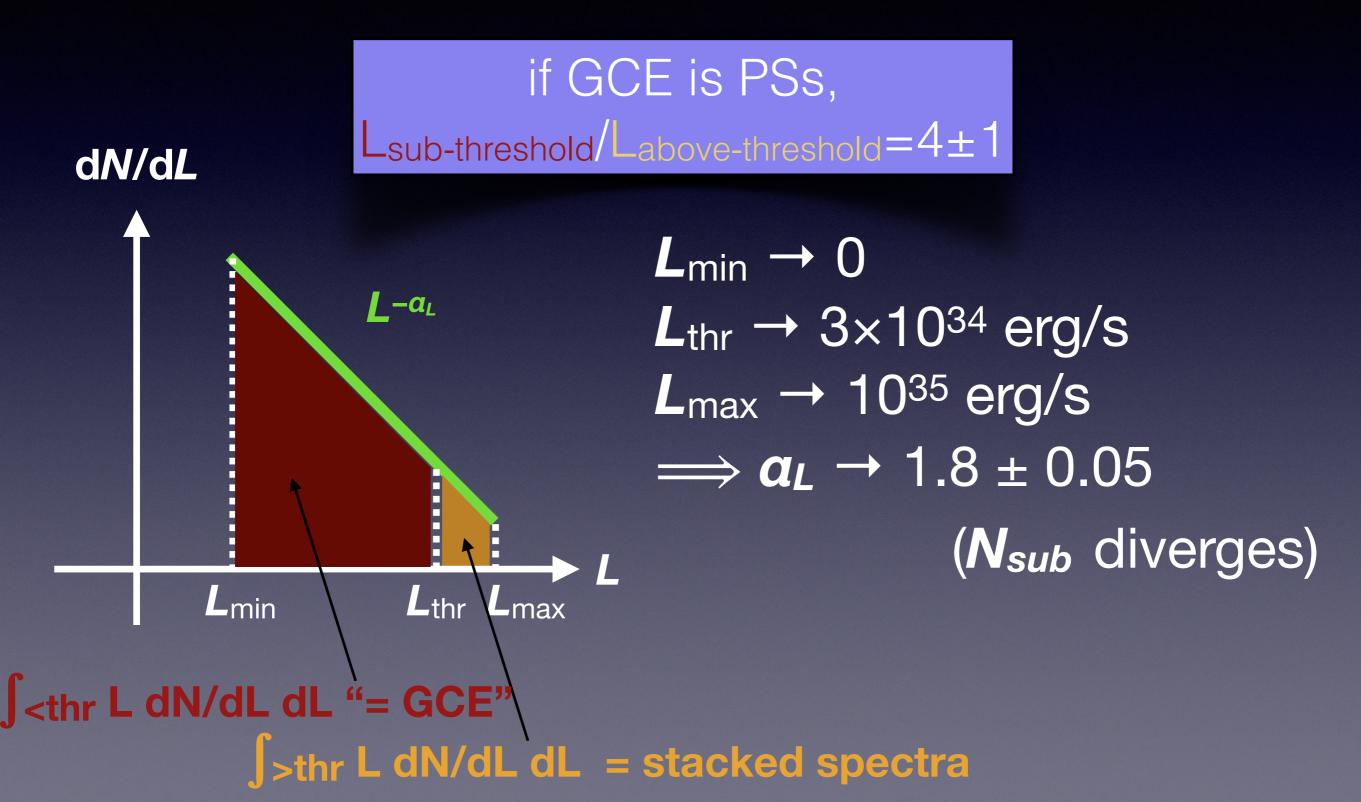


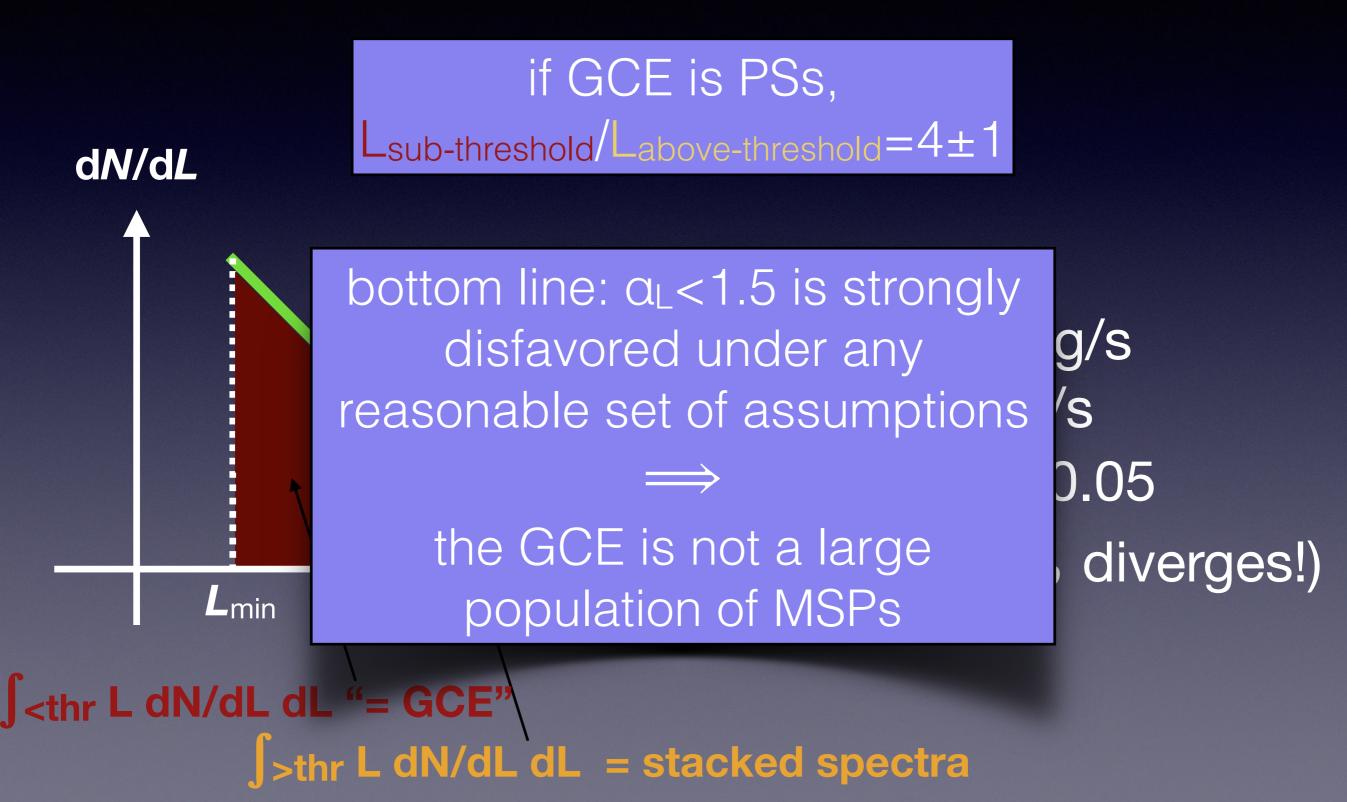
 $L_{min} \rightarrow gamma-ray physics$  $L_{thr} \rightarrow detection threshold$  $L_{max} \rightarrow gamma-ray physics$ 

 $\int$ >thr L dN/dL dL = stacked spectra



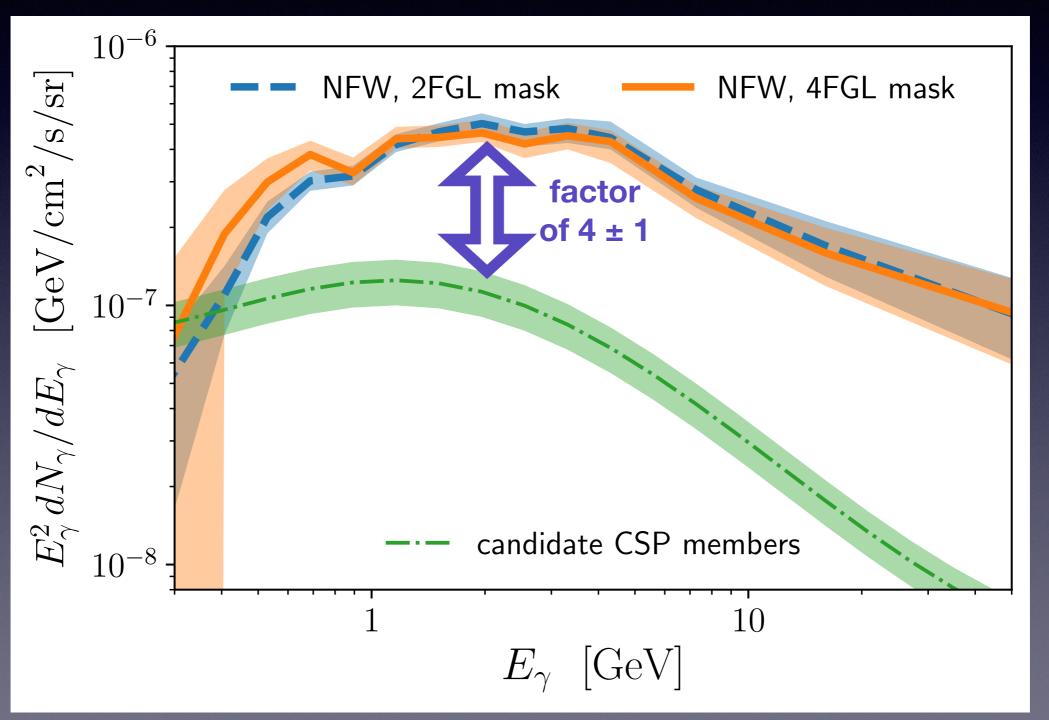




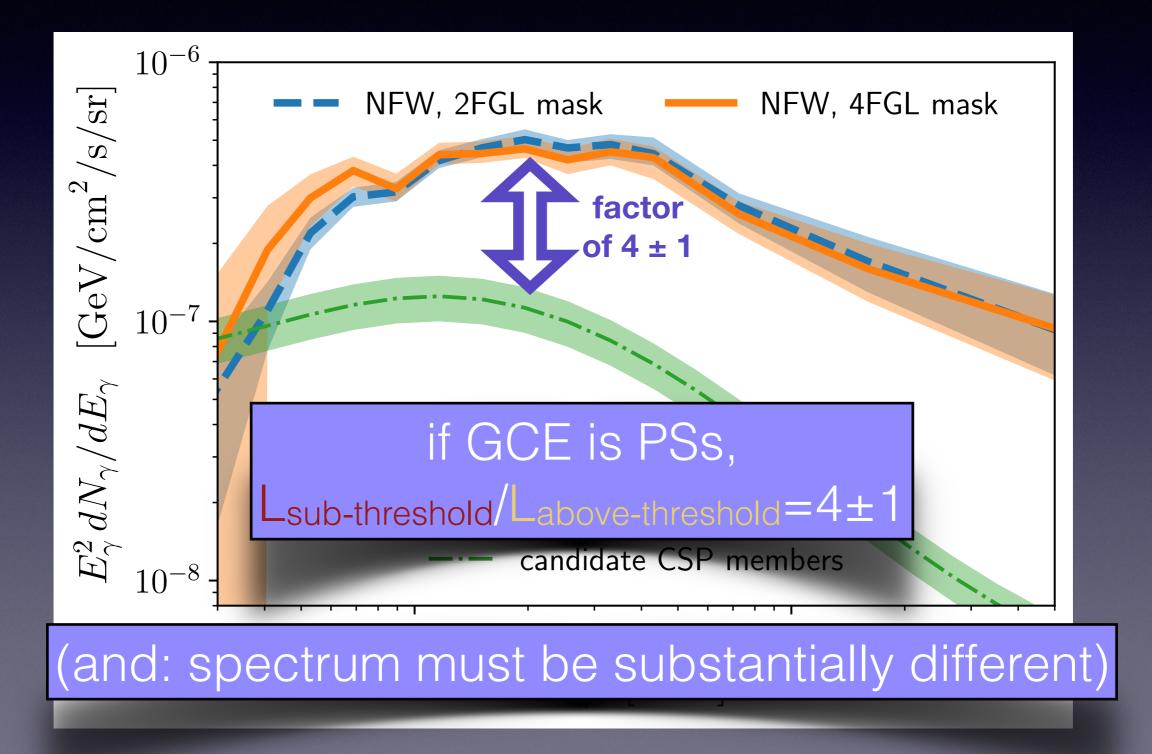


### Compare Spectra

#### Zhong, McDermott, IC, Fox, PRL 2020 (1911.12369)



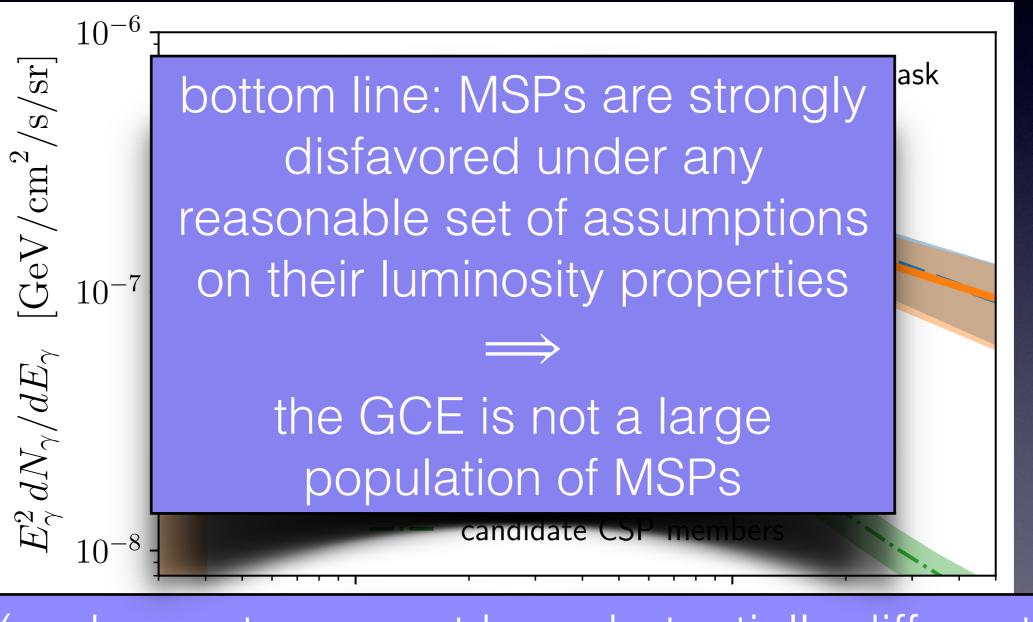
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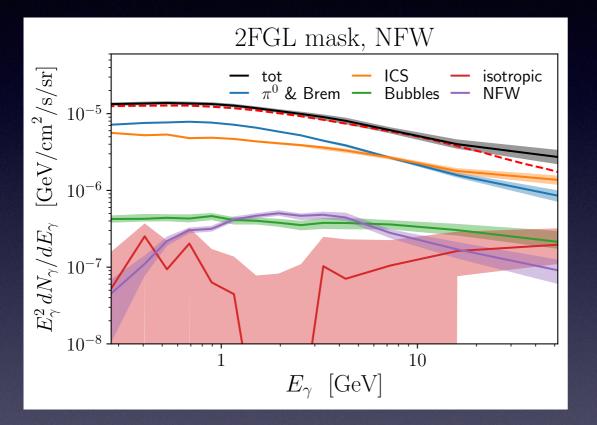
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Leane & Slatyer PRD 2020

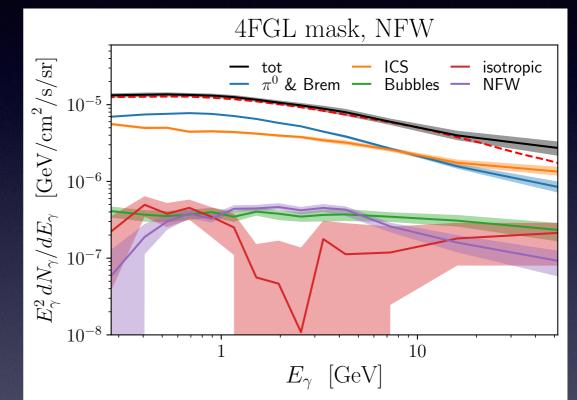


(and: spectrum must be substantially different)

### GCE: Template Fit Results



#### Zhong, McDermott, IC, Fox, PRL 2020

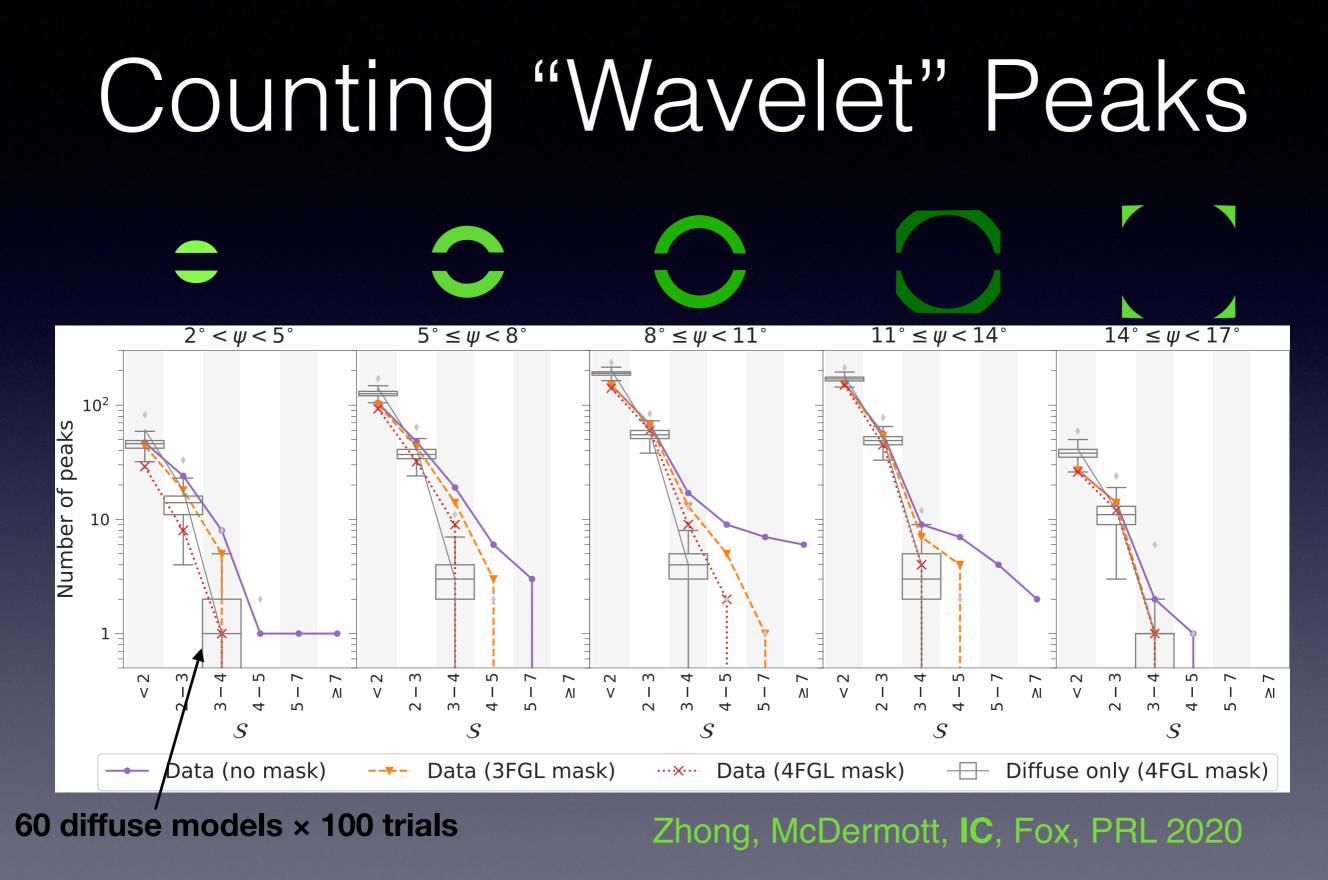


#### preference slightly smaller (fewer photons)

TABLE I. Difference in  $-2 \ln \lambda$  (lower numbers are better) at the best fit points of each model, summed over energy bins, compared to our best fit for each mask.

Type of Mask	NFW	gNFW	no excess
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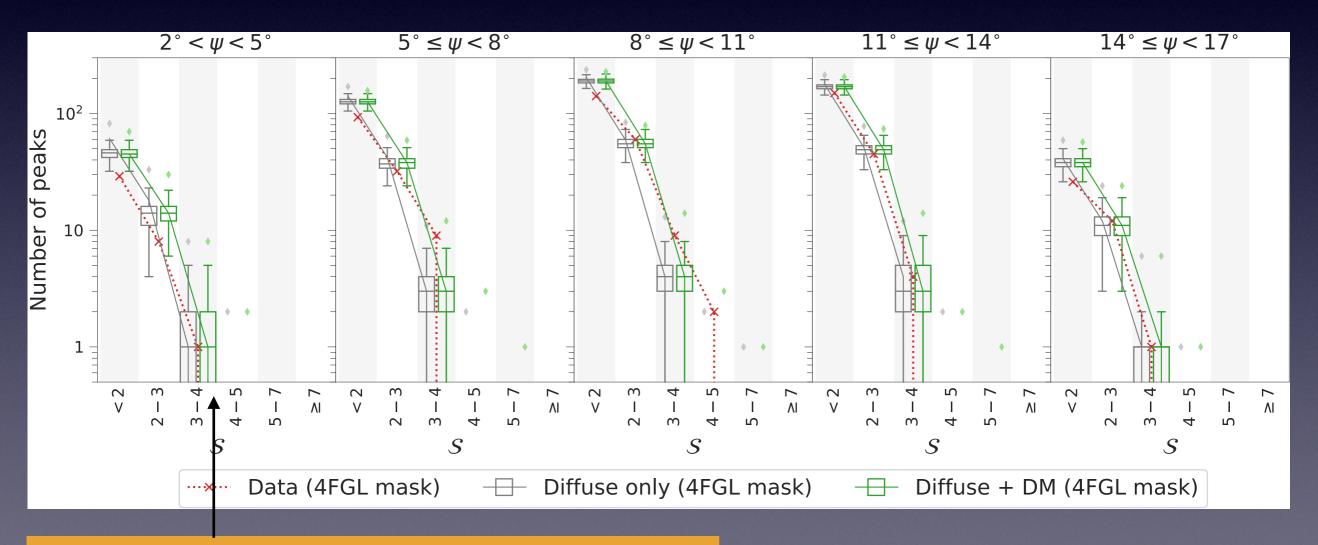
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2FGL	-	476	5430
4FGL	-	368	3600



wavelet statistics change qualitatively with 4FGL!

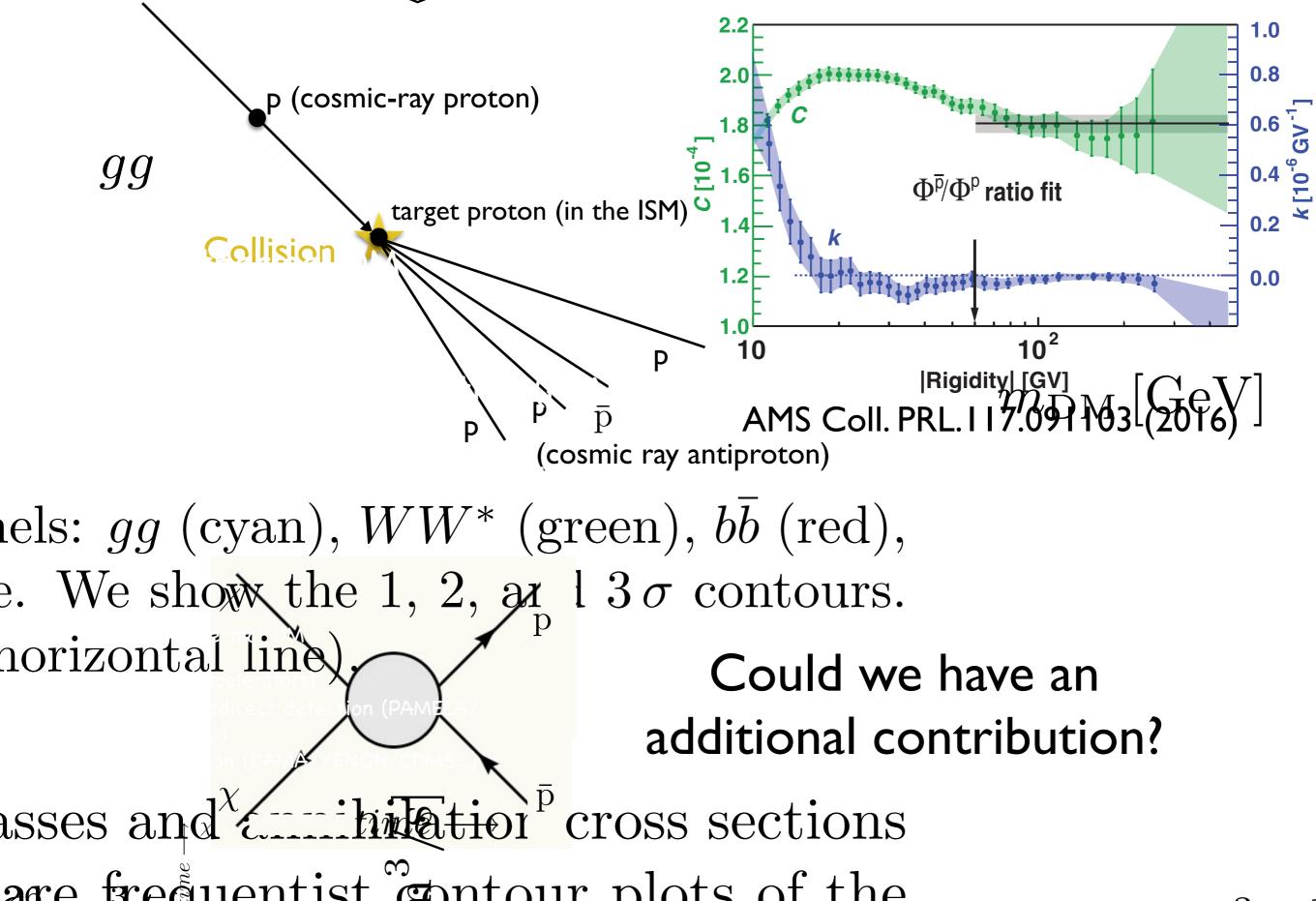
#### DM or Cosmic-Ray Burst activity still work

No additional small-scale structure, so it looks just as good as diffuse-only



**3 DM models × 60 diffuse models × 100 trials** 





# What about the Antiproton to Proton Ratio Uncertainties?

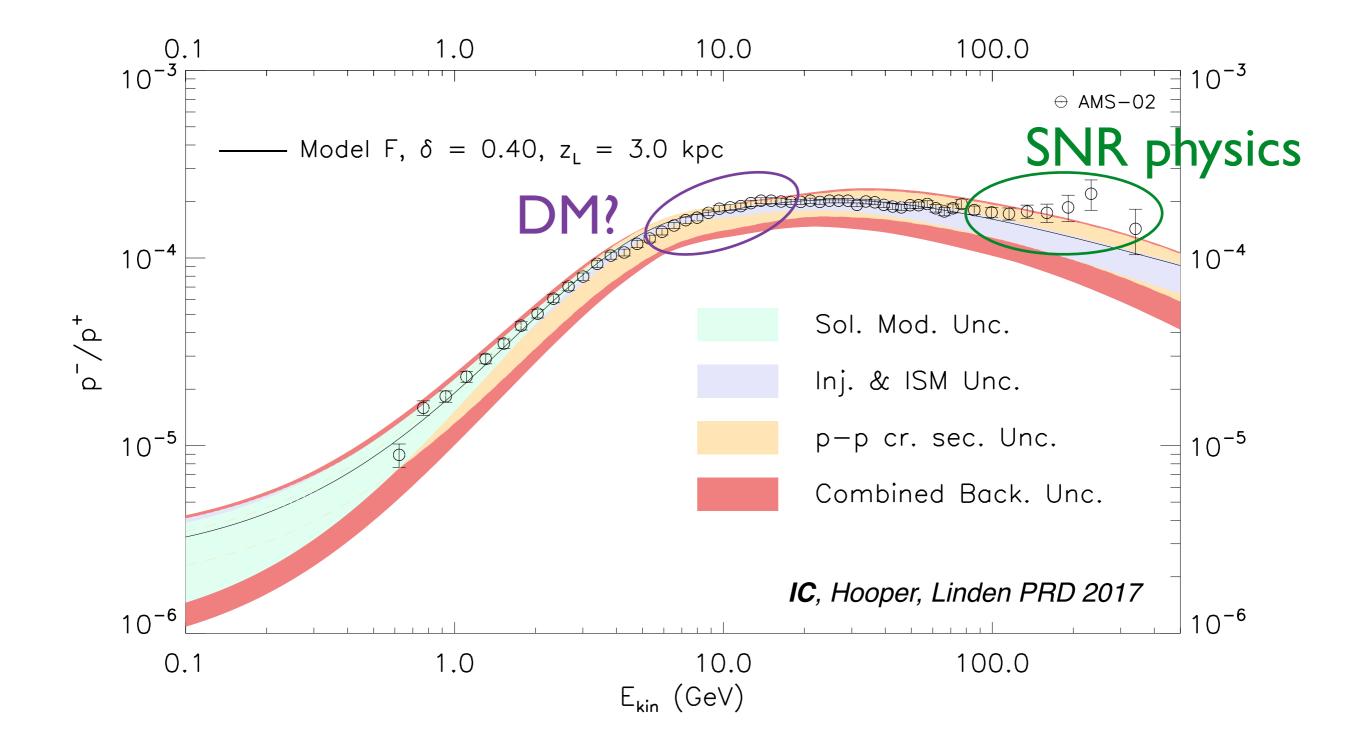
Antiprotons background uncertainties are very large.

They are associated with:

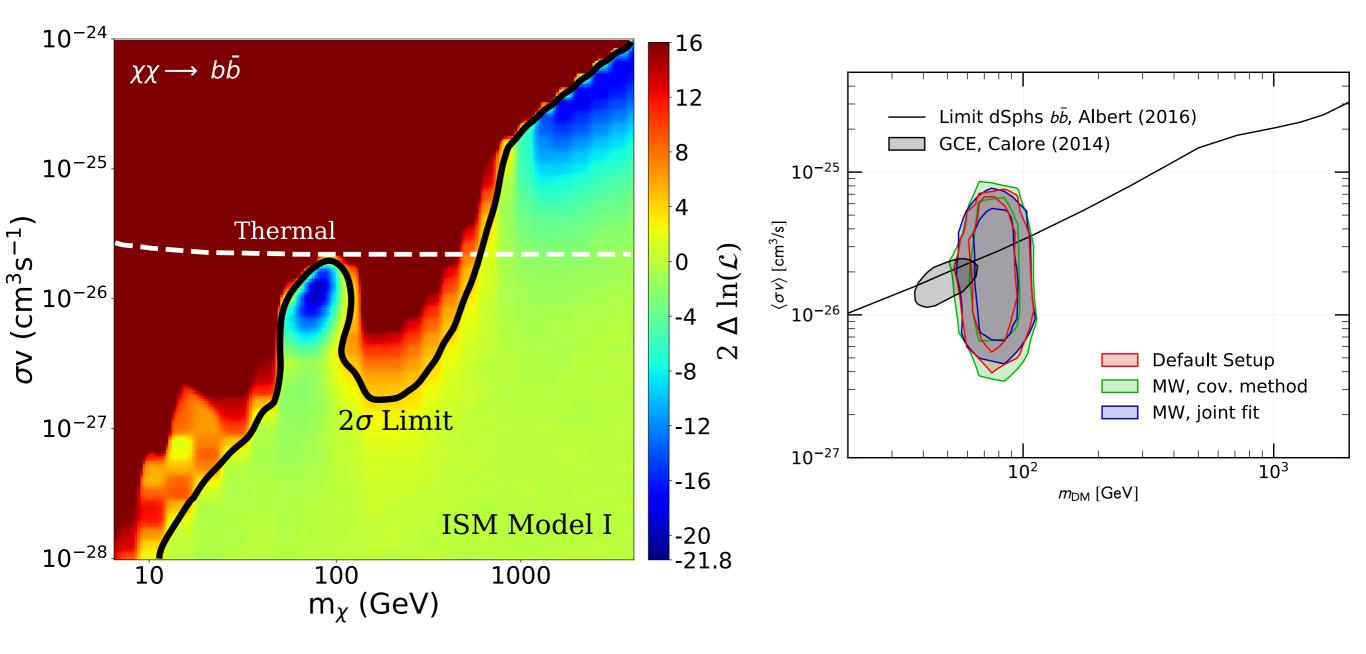
- *i) the antiproton production cross-section from CR protons and heavier nuclei collisions with the ISM gas*
- *ii) the propagation of CRs through the ISM*

*iii) Solar Modulation (the propagation of CRs through the Heliosphere)* 

### Combining all uncertainties together and marginalizing over them:

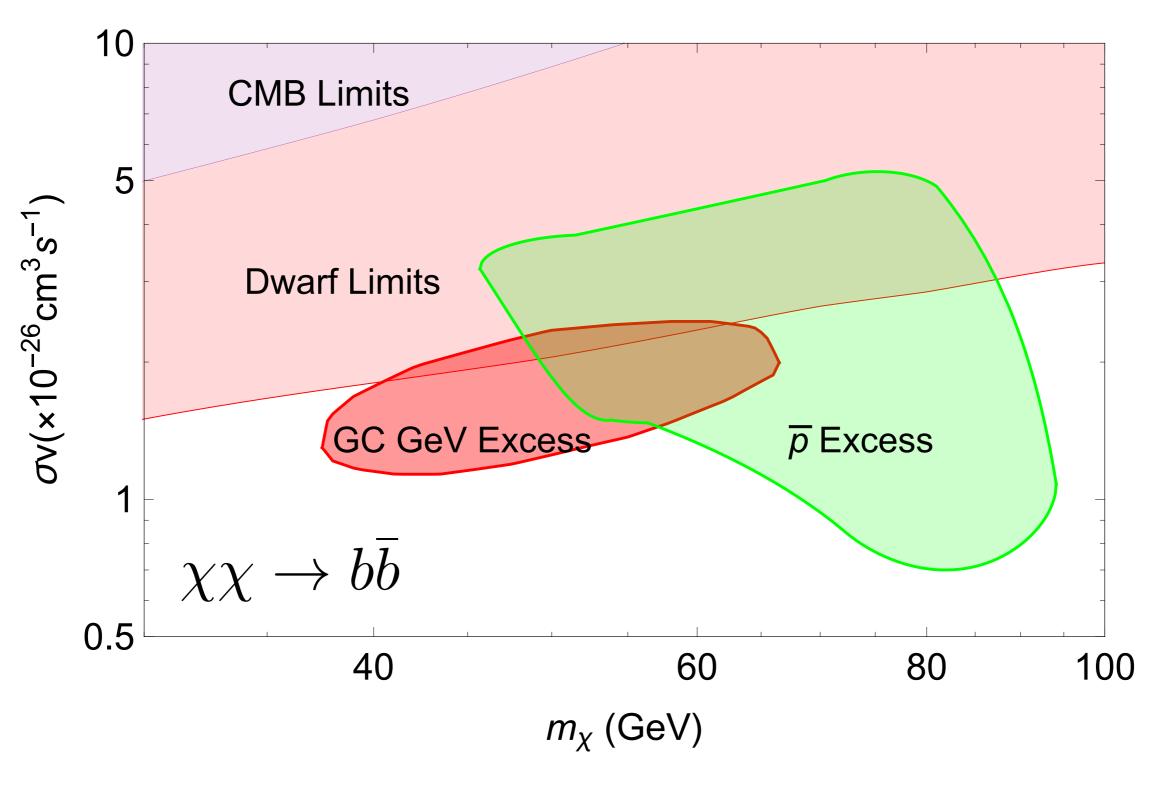


### Looking at the antiproton to proton ratio find an the excess at~3 sigma

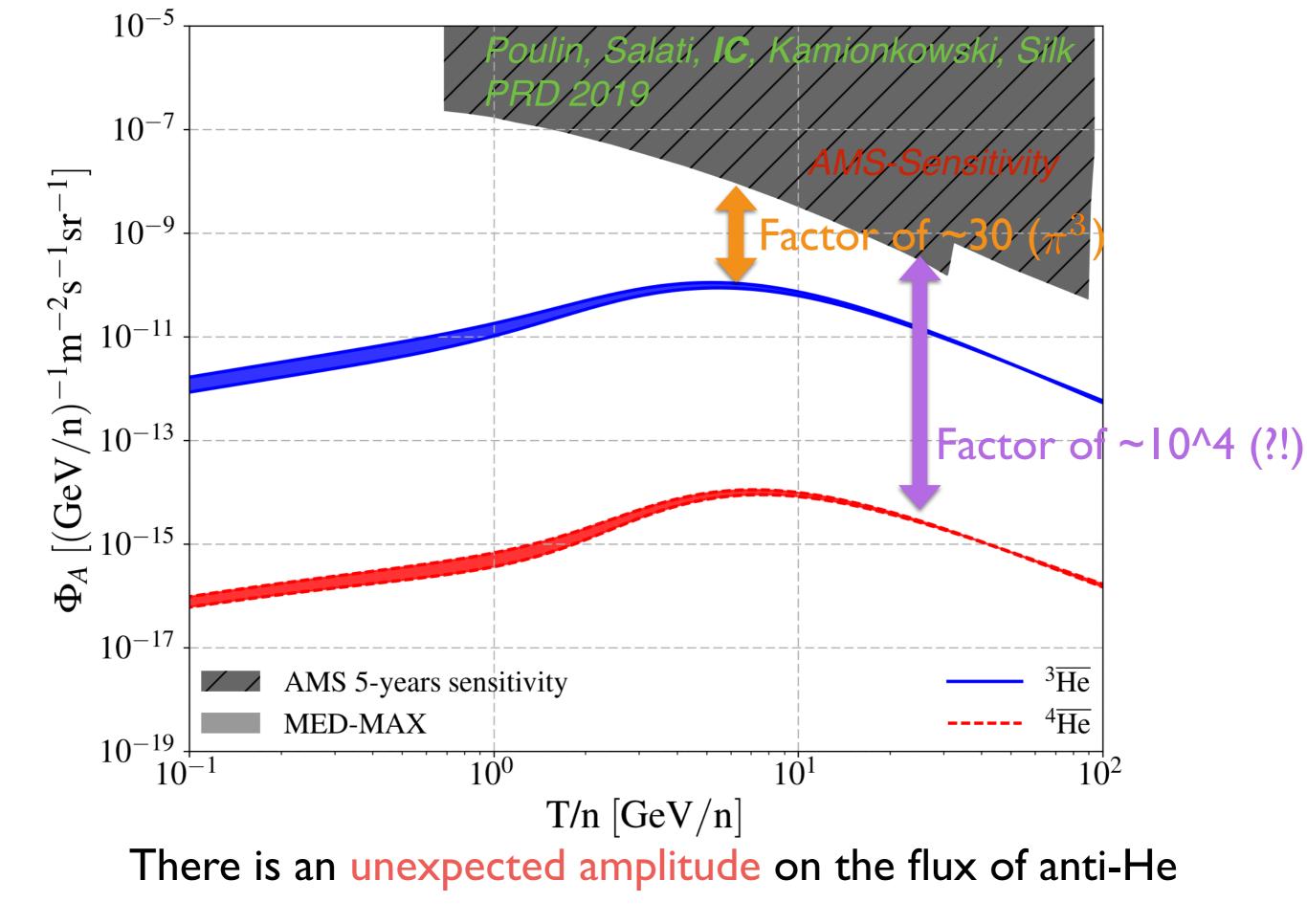


#### IC, Tim Linden, Dan Hooper PRD 2019

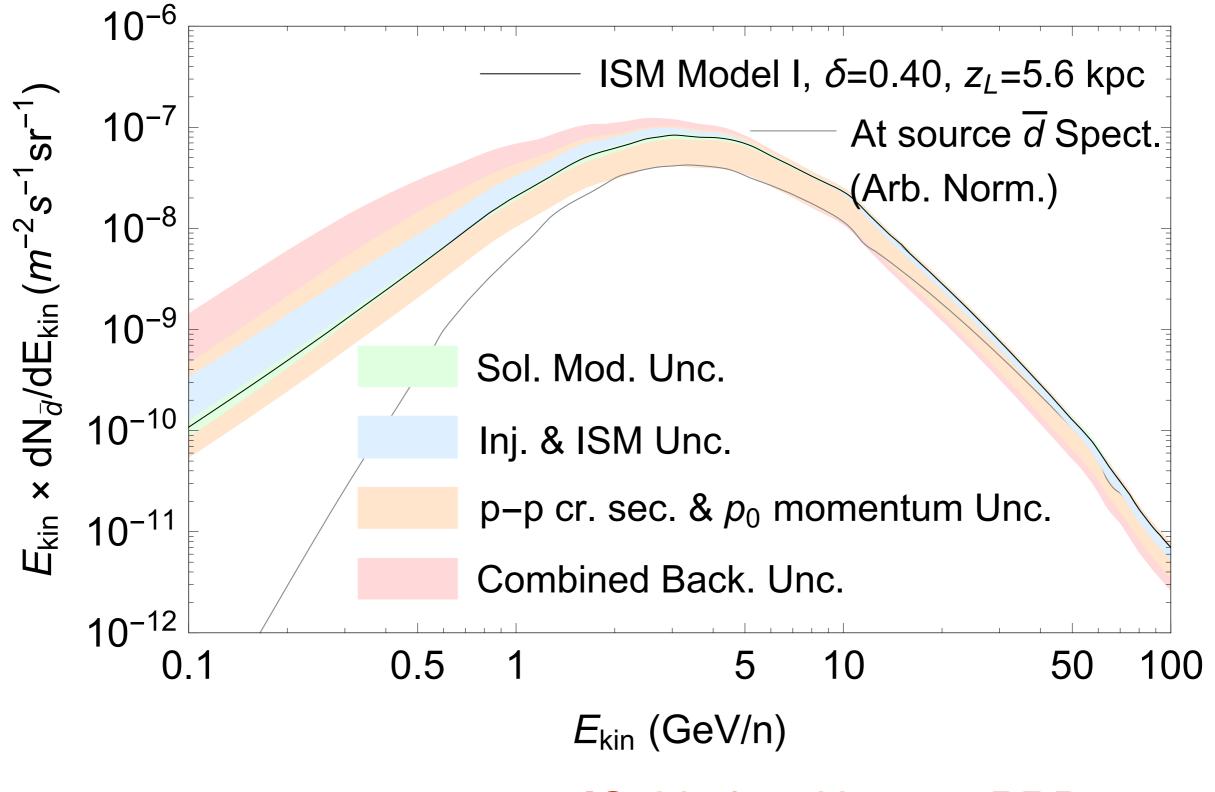
A. Cuoco et al. PRD 2019



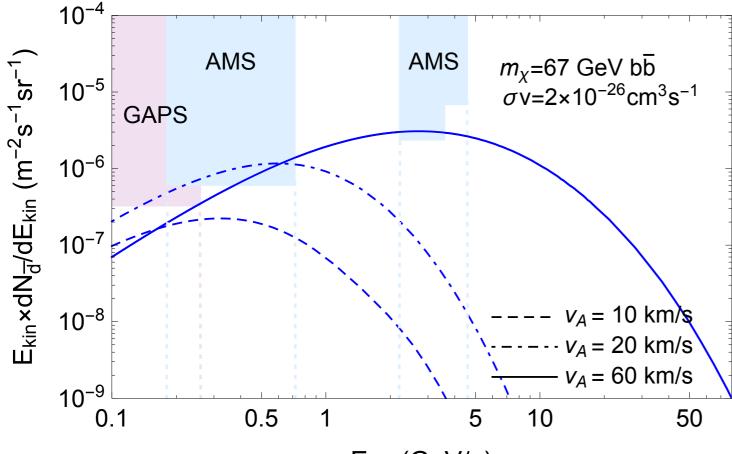
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#### Anti-deuterons Uncertainties



IC, Linden, Hooper PRD 2020



E<sub>kin</sub> (GeV/n)

Diffusive re-acceleration in regions of high turbulence can reshape antimatter cosmic-ray spectra from energies where instruments can not detect them to energies where AMS02 and future GAPS can.

IC, Linden, Hooper PRD 2020

