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Gamma Ray Signals from Dark Matter

Concepts, Status and Prospects

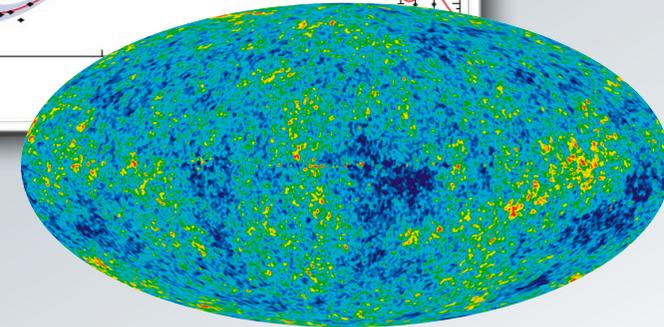
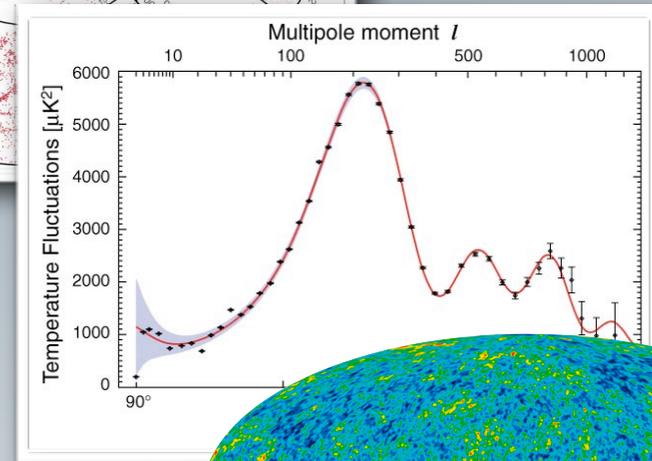
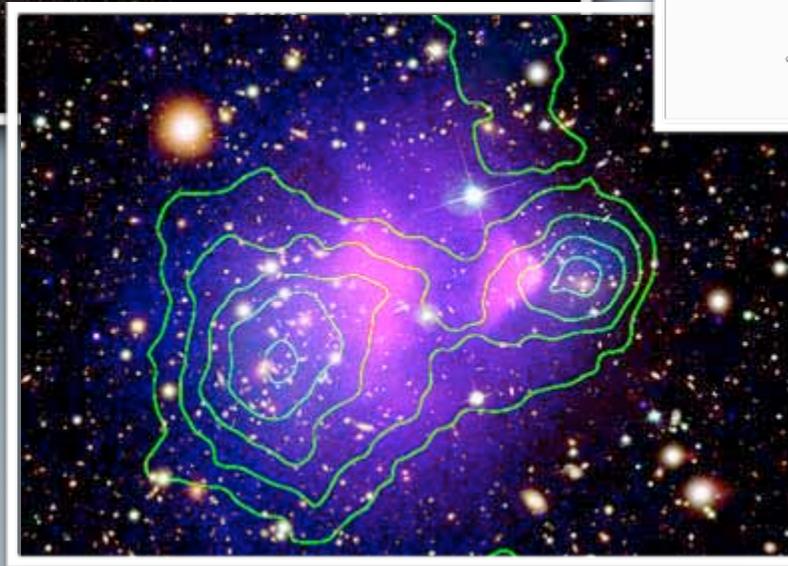
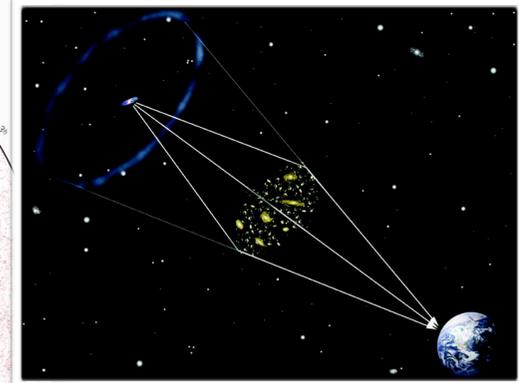
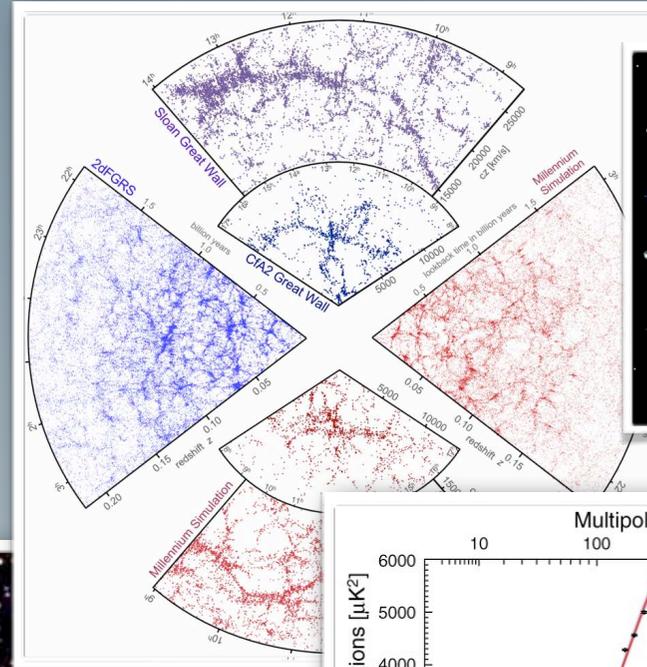
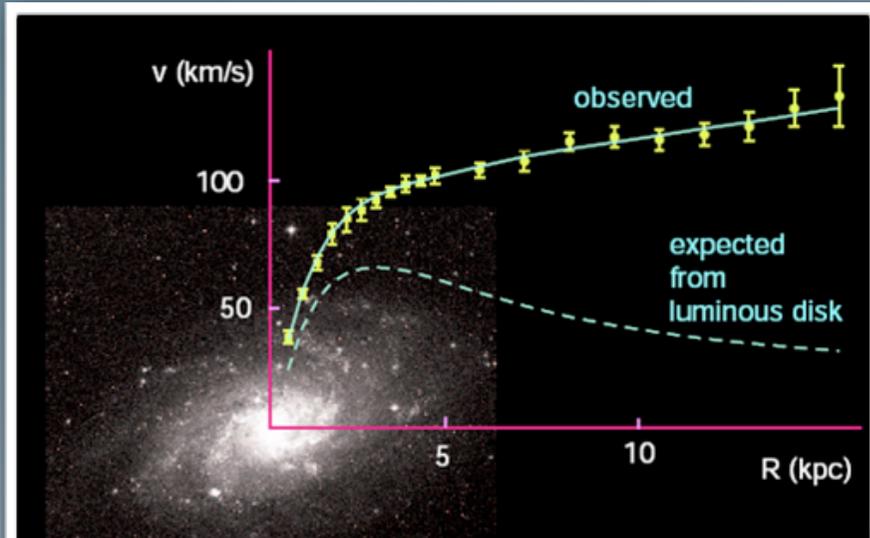
see also **review**:

T. Bringmann & C. Weniger, *Physics of the Dark Universe I*, 194 (2012) [[1208.5481](#)]

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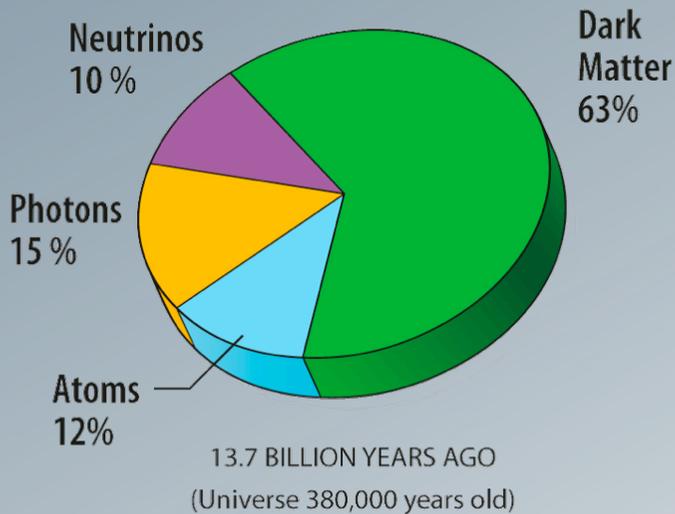
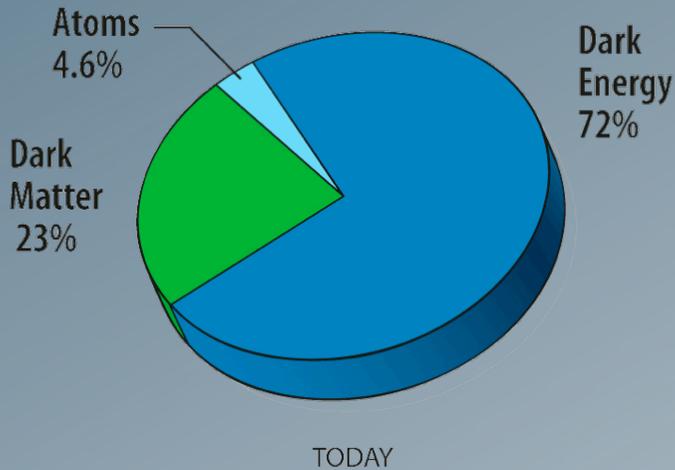


Dark matter all around



➔ *overwhelming evidence on all scales!*

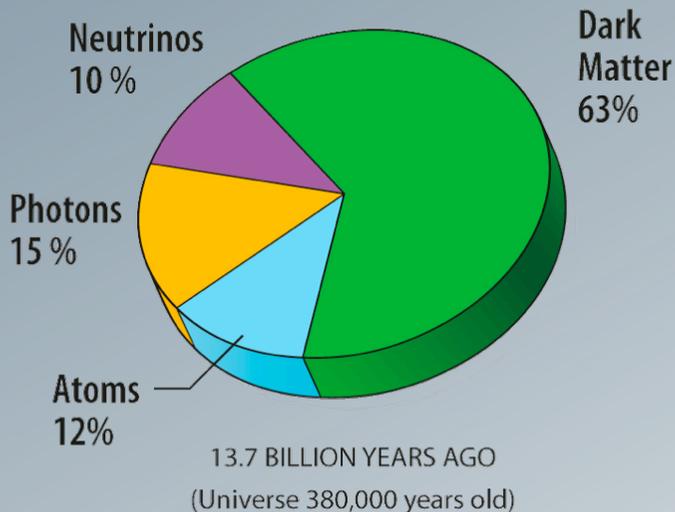
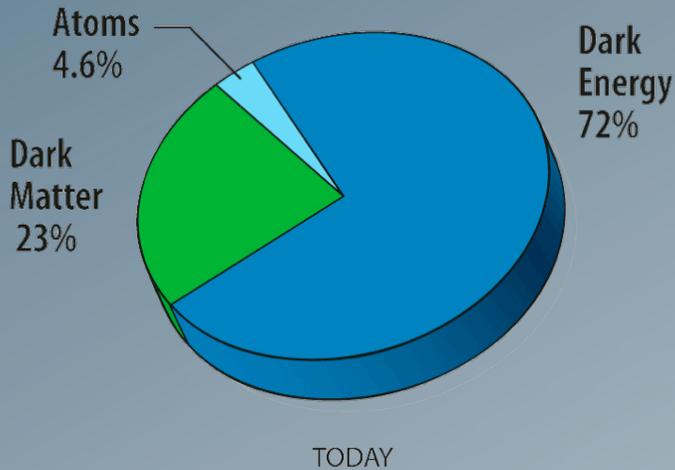
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- **WIMPS** are particularly good candidates:

- ✓ **well-motivated** from particle physics [SUSY, EDs, little Higgs, ...]
- ✓ **thermal** production “automatically” leads to the right relic abundance

The WIMP “miracle”

- The number density of **W**eakly **I**nteracting **M**assive **P**articles in the early universe:

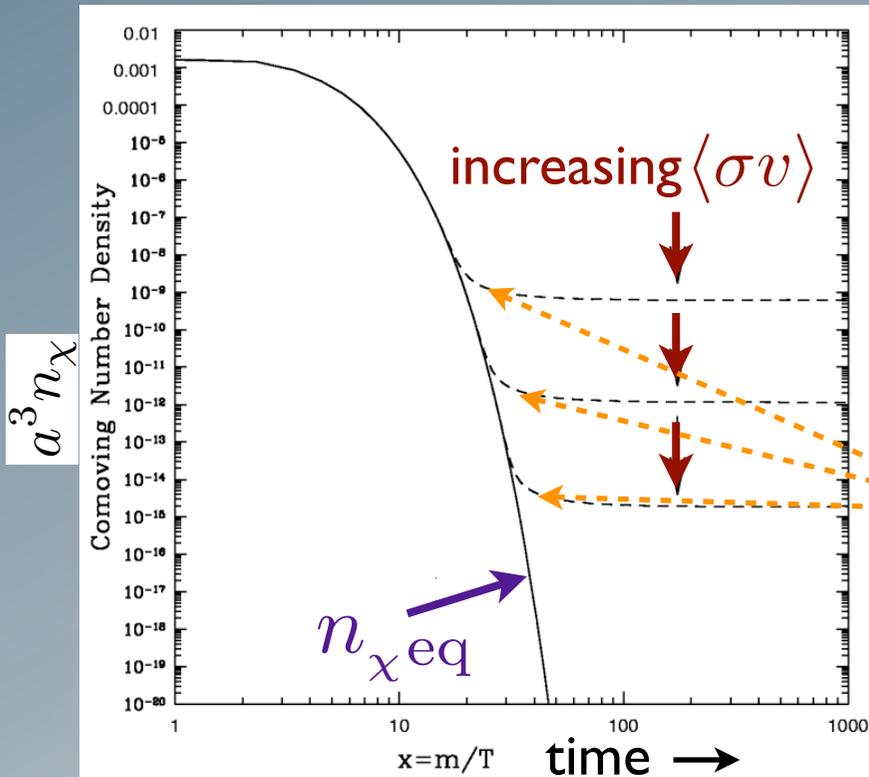


Fig.: Jungman, Kamionkowski & Griest, PR'96

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle\sigma v\rangle (n_\chi^2 - n_{\chi eq}^2)$$

$\langle\sigma v\rangle$: $\chi\chi \rightarrow \text{SM SM}$ (thermal average)



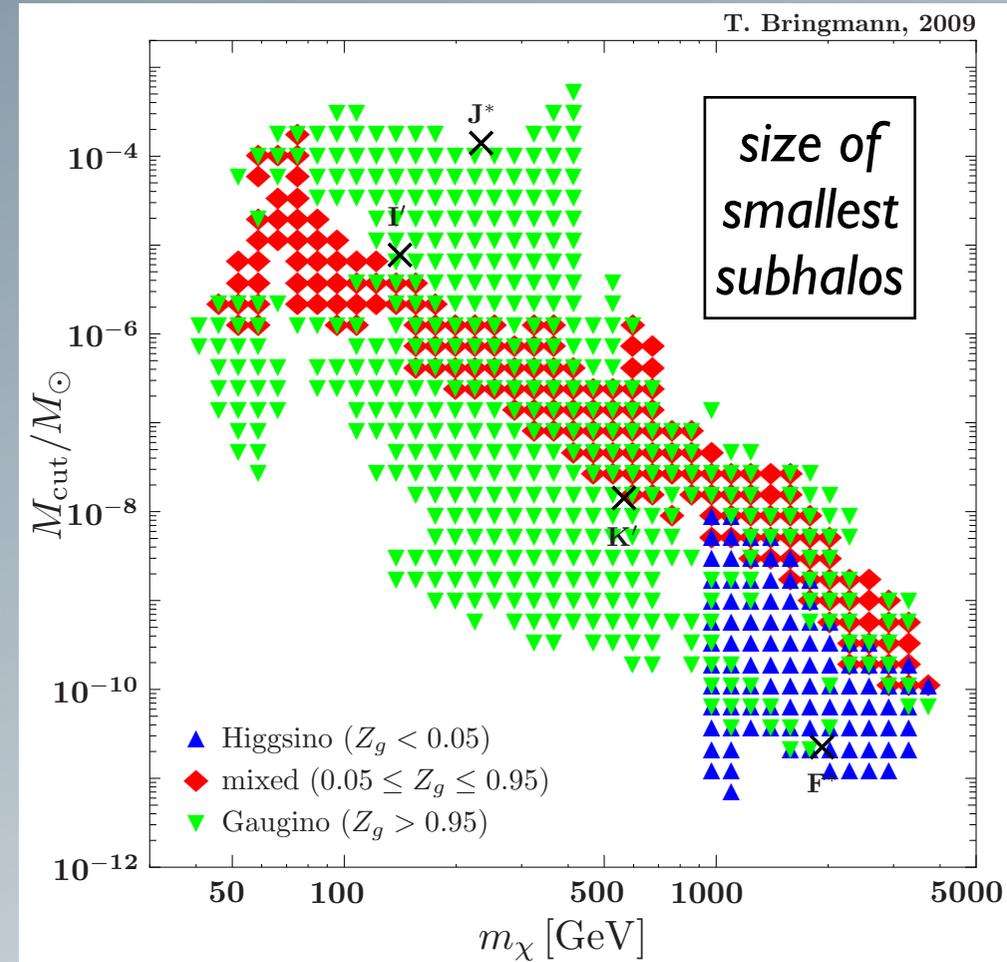
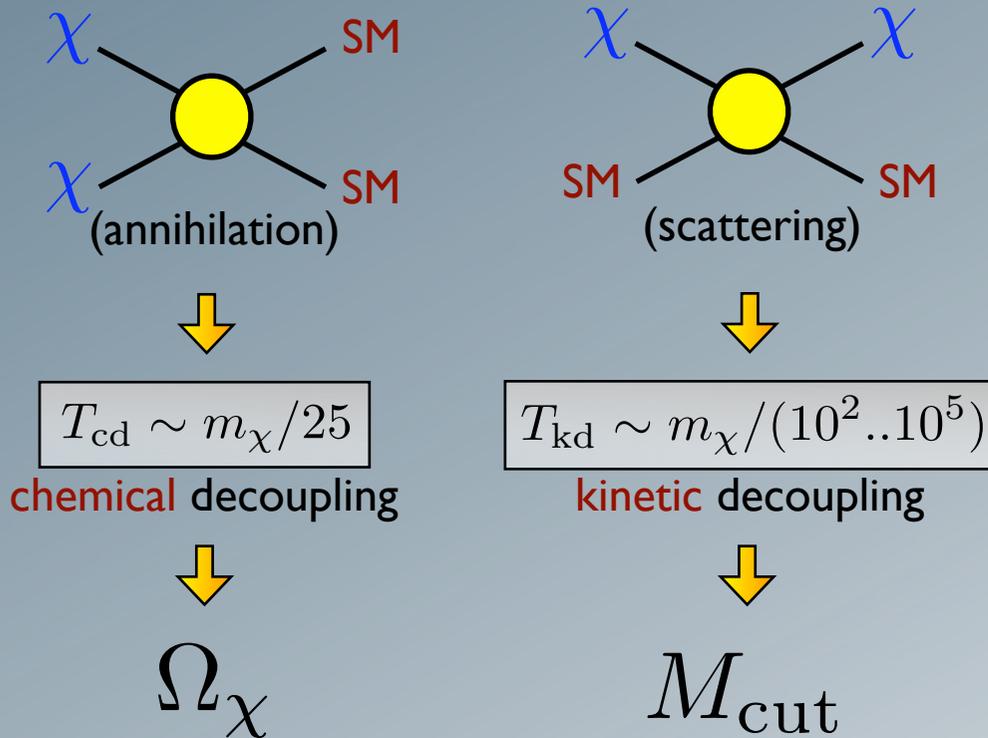
“Freeze-out” when annihilation rate falls behind expansion rate
 $(\rightarrow a^3 n_\chi \sim \text{const.})$

for weak-scale interactions!

- Relic density (today): $\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle} \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$

Freeze-out \neq decoupling!

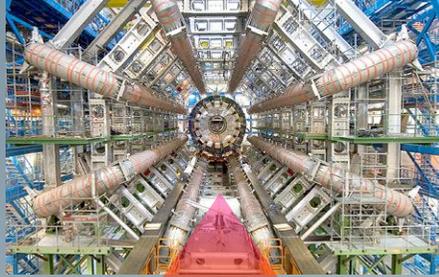
- WIMP interactions with **heat bath** of SM particles:



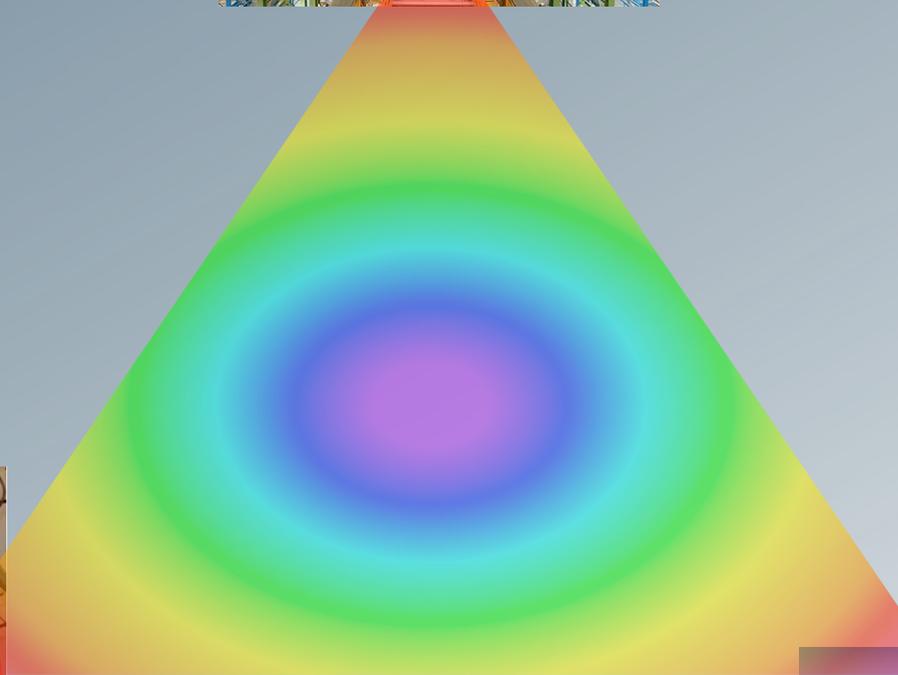
- no “typical” $M_{cut} \sim 10^{-6} M_\odot$, but highly **model-dependent**
- a window into the **particle-physics nature** of dark matter!

TB, NJP '09

Strategies for DM searches



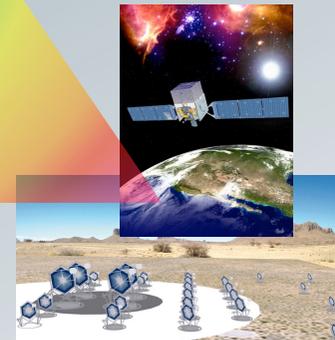
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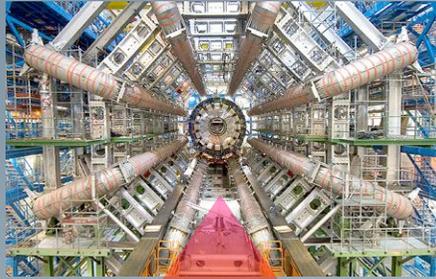
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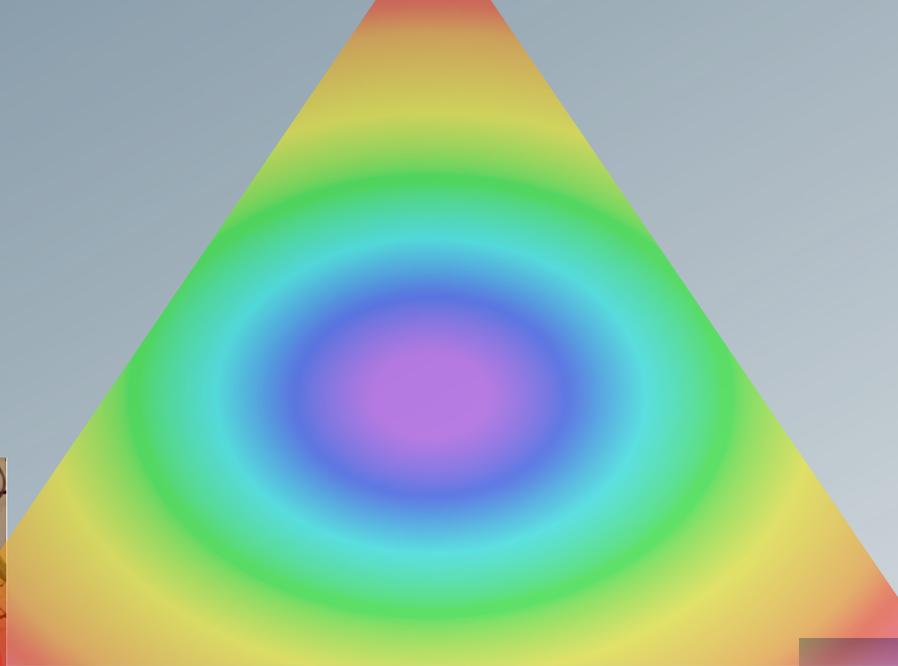
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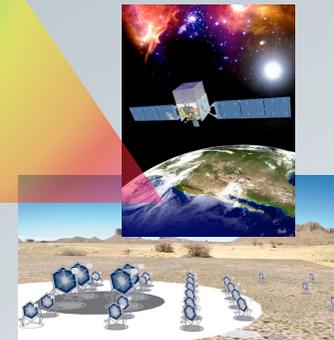
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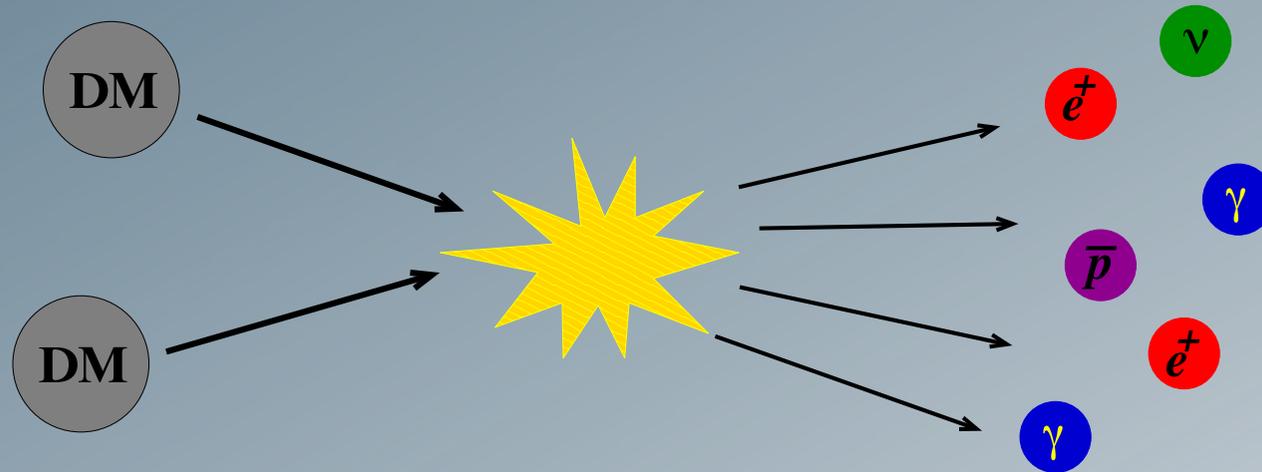


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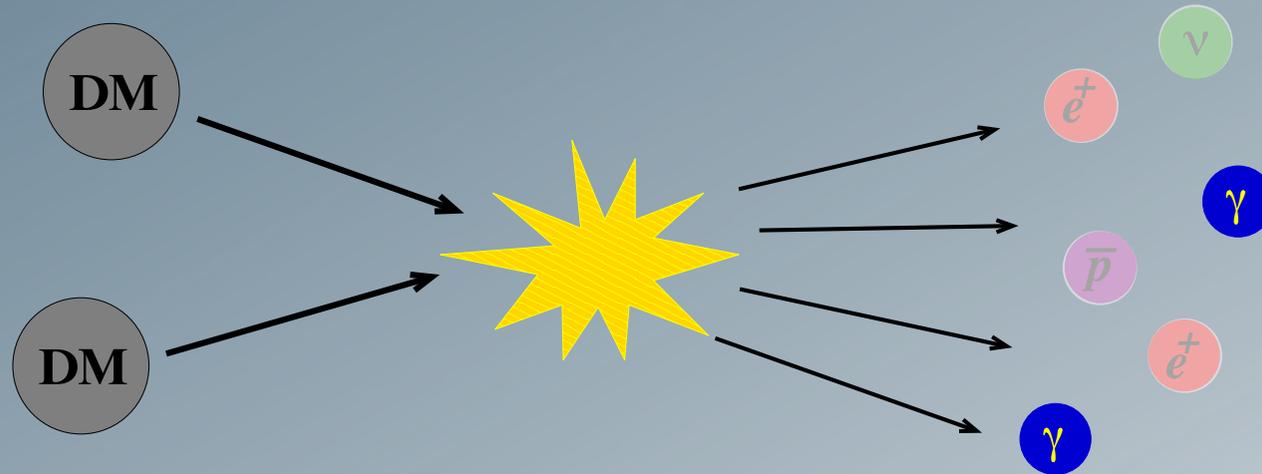
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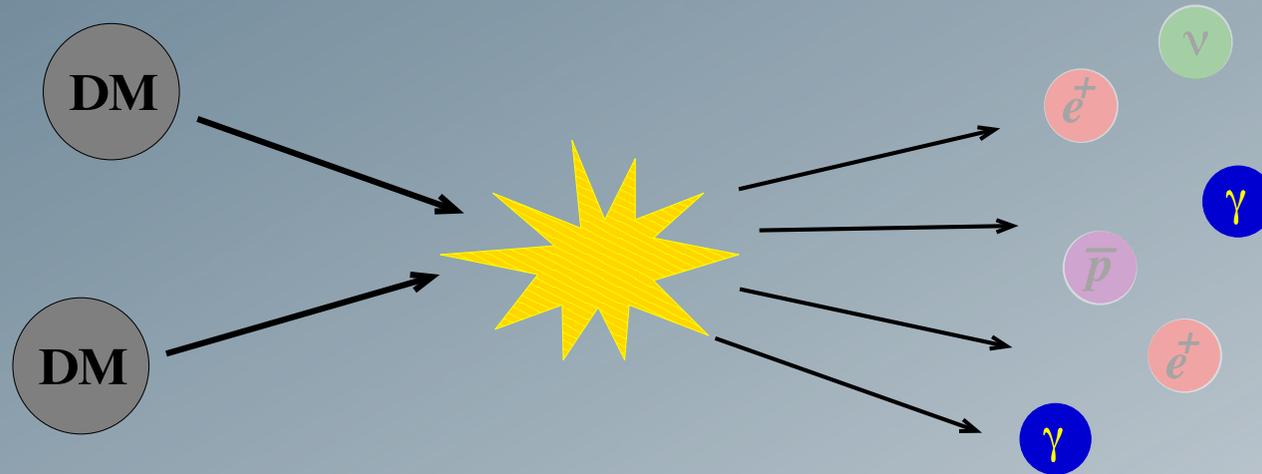
- DM has to be (quasi-)**stable** against decay...
- ... but can usually pair-**annihilate** into SM particles
- Try to spot those in **cosmic rays** of various kinds
- The **challenge**: i) absolute **rates**
 - ~> regions of high DM densityii) **discrimination** against other sources
 - ~> low background; clear signatures

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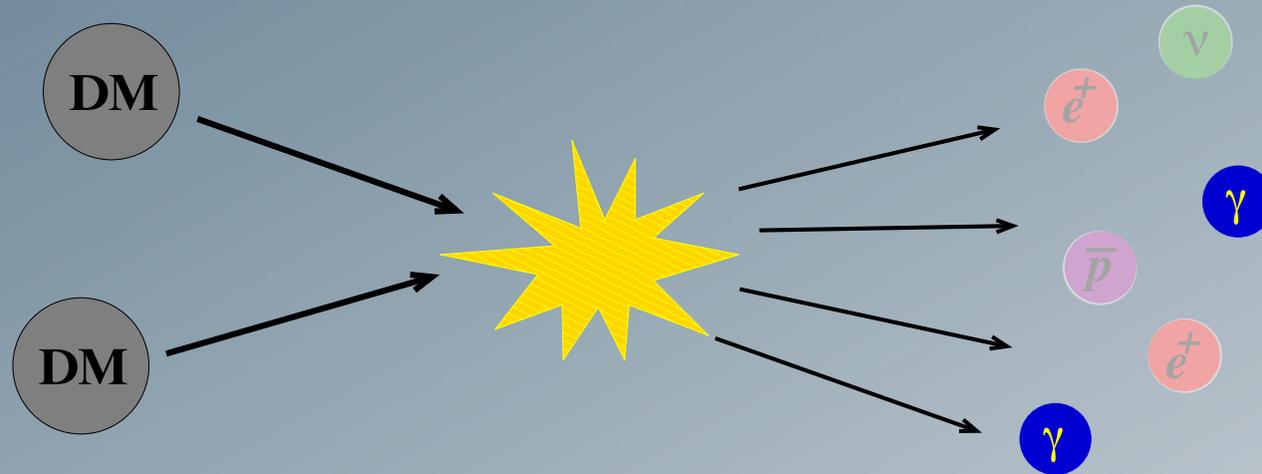
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m_χ : WIMP mass ($50 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_\chi \lesssim 5 \text{ TeV}$)

B_f : branching ratio into channel f

N_γ^f : number of photons per ann.

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Halo profiles

Λ CDM N -body simulations

$$\rho_{\text{NFW}} = \frac{c}{r(a+r)^2}$$

$$\rho_{\text{Einasto}}(r) = \rho_s e^{-\frac{2}{\alpha} \left[\left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right]}$$

$(\alpha \approx 0.17)$

↪ rather stable result

Fits to rotation curves?

$$\rho_{\text{Burkert}} = \frac{c}{(r+a)(a^2+r^2)}$$

$$\rho_{\text{iso}} = \frac{c}{(a^2+r^2)}$$

↪ conflicting observational claims

- Situation a bit unclear; effect of **baryons?**
(But could also lead to a **steepening** of the profile!)
- Difference in annihilation flux several orders of magnitude for the **galactic center**
- Situation much better for e.g. **dwarf galaxies**

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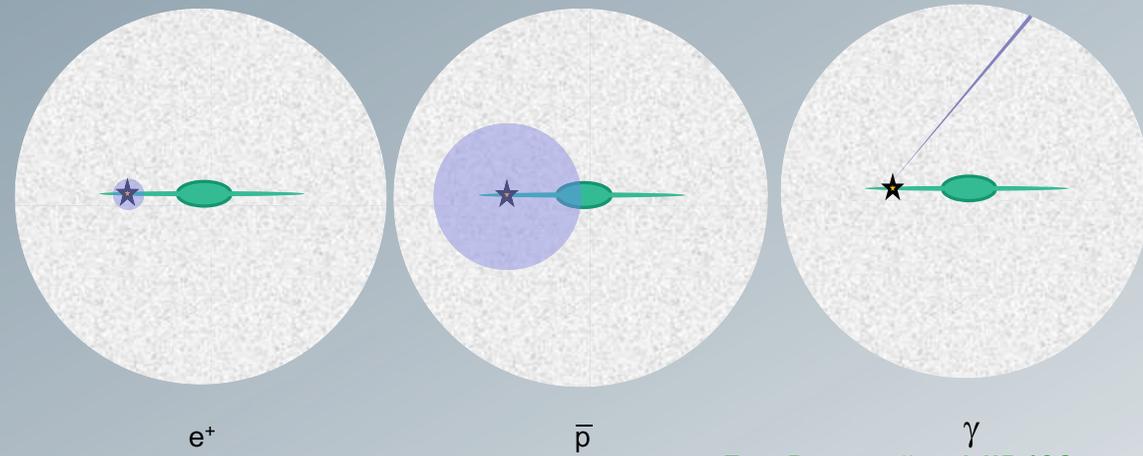


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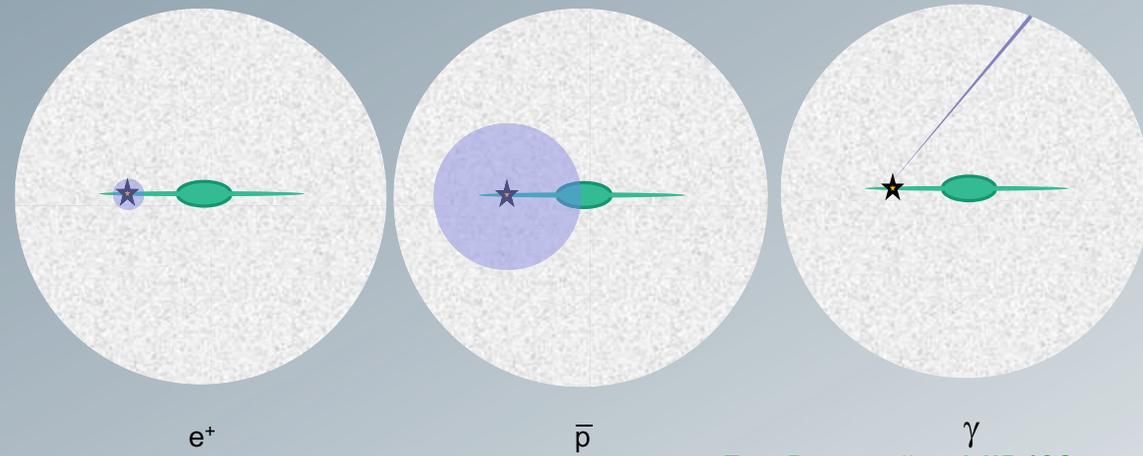
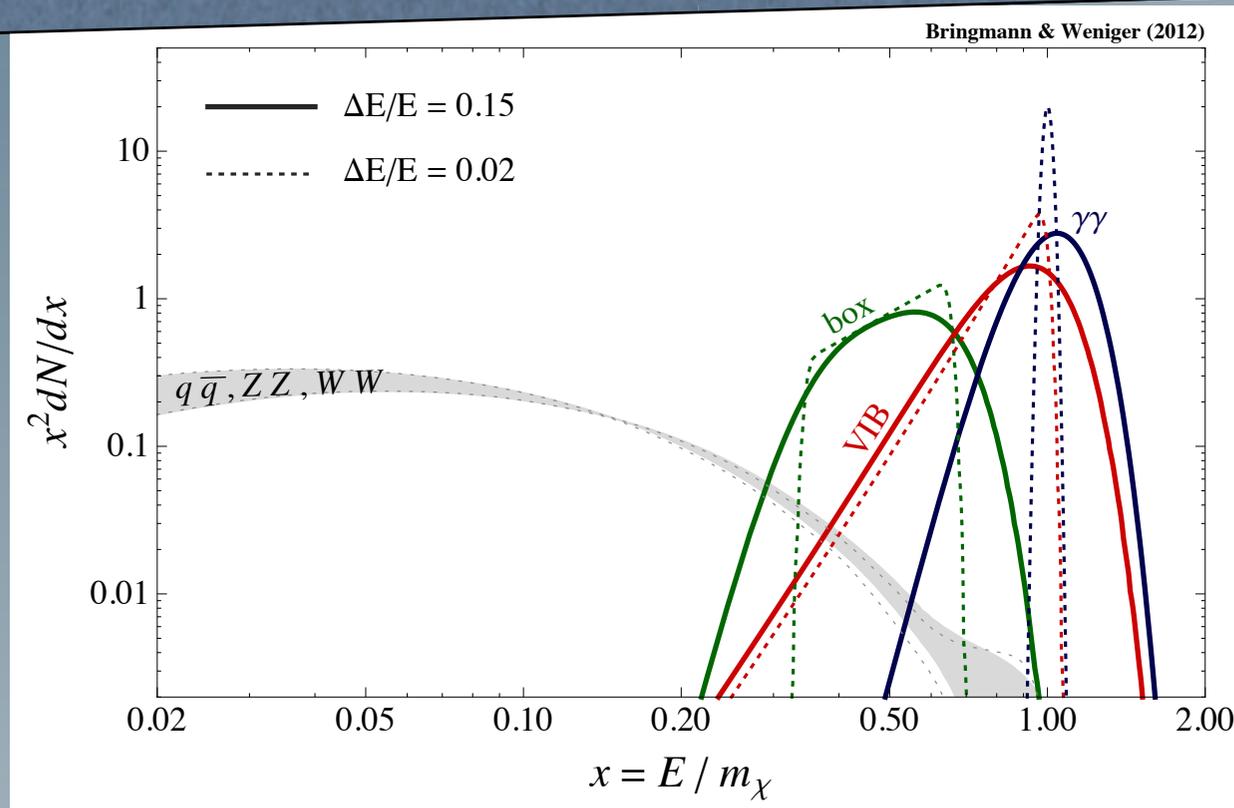


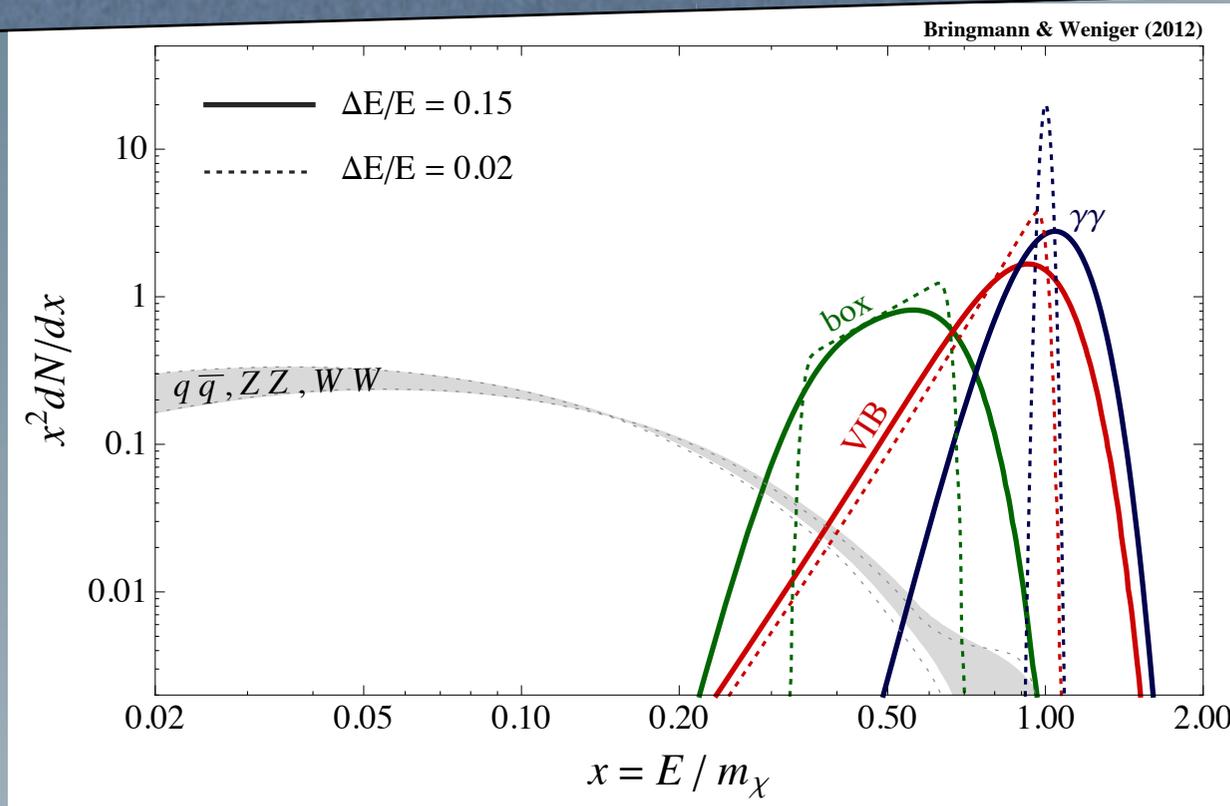
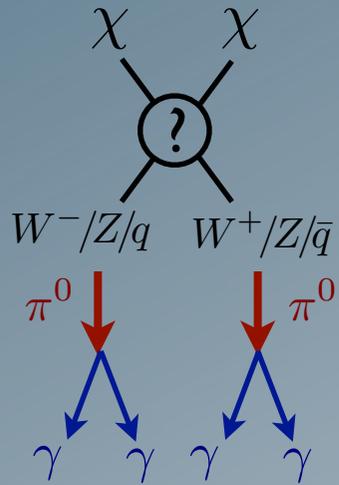
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- “**Boost factor**”
 - each decade in M_{subhalo} contributes about the same
e.g. Diemand, Kuhlen & Madau, ApJ '07
 - \rightarrow important to include realistic value for M_{cut} !
 - depends on uncertain form of microhalo profile ($c_v \dots$) and dN/dM (large extrapolations necessary!)

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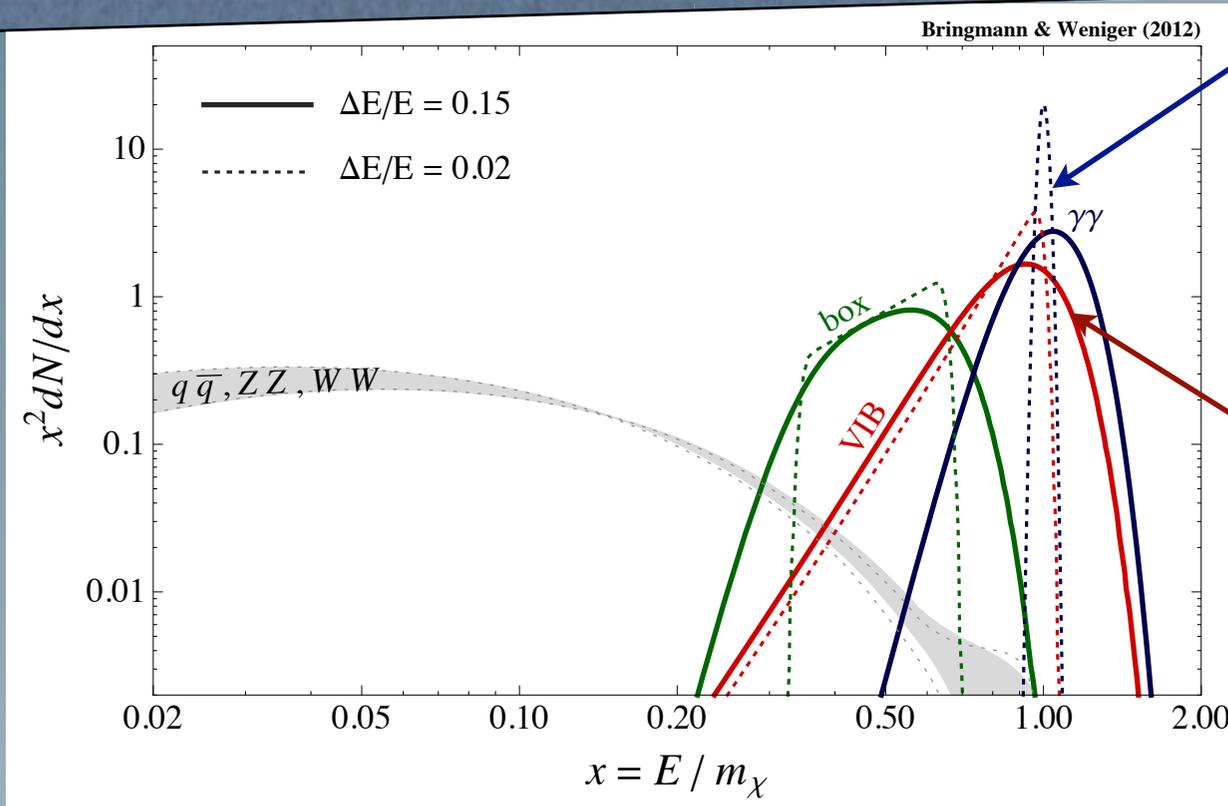
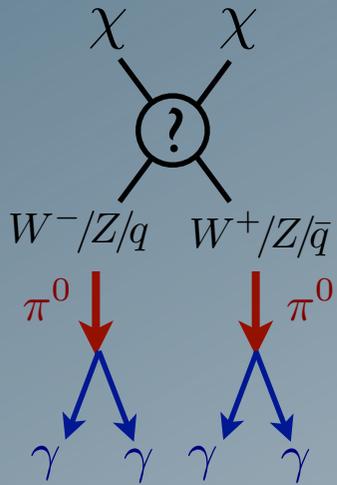


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Monochromatic lines

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z, \gamma H$$

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$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \bar{f}f\gamma, W^+W^-\gamma$$

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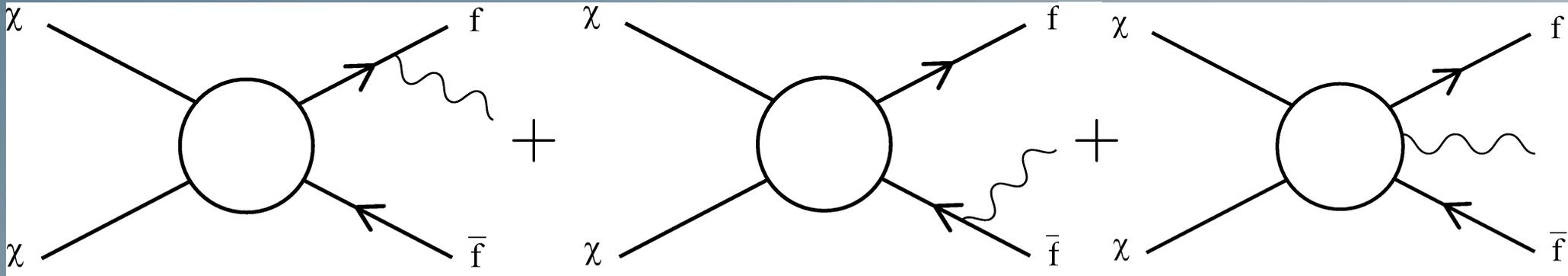
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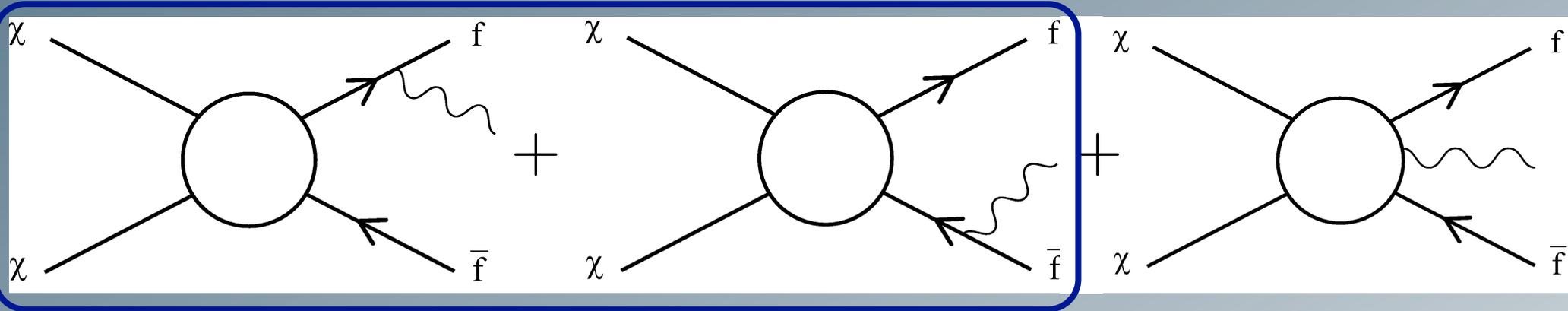
- direct annihilation to photons
- model-dependent 'smoking gun' spectral features near $E_\gamma = m_\chi$

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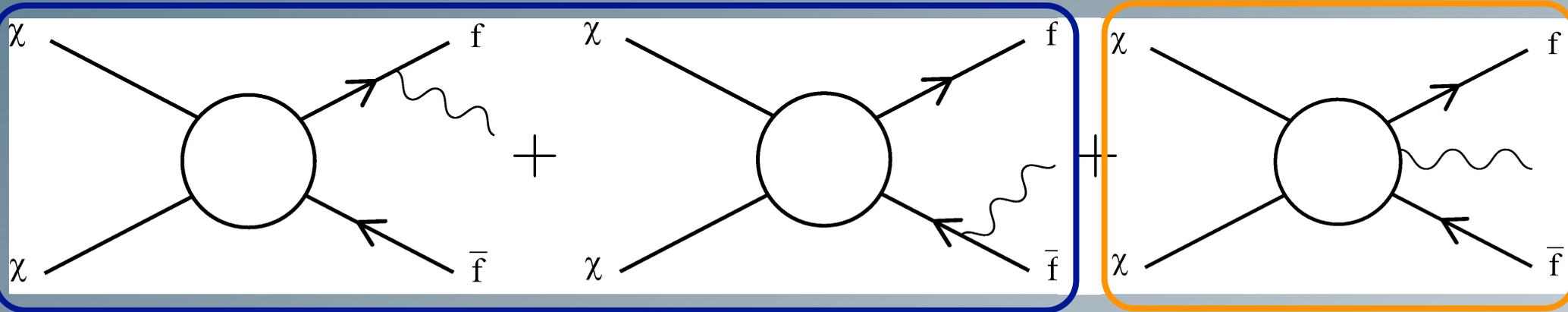
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“Virtual” IB [TB, Edsjö & Bergström, JHEP '08]

- dominant in **two cases**:
 - f bosonic and t-channel mass degenerate with m_χ
Bergström, TB, Eriksson & Gustafsson, PRL'05
 - symmetry restored for 3-body state Bergström, PLB '89
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- Full implementation in DarkSUSY, scan cMSSM and MSSM:

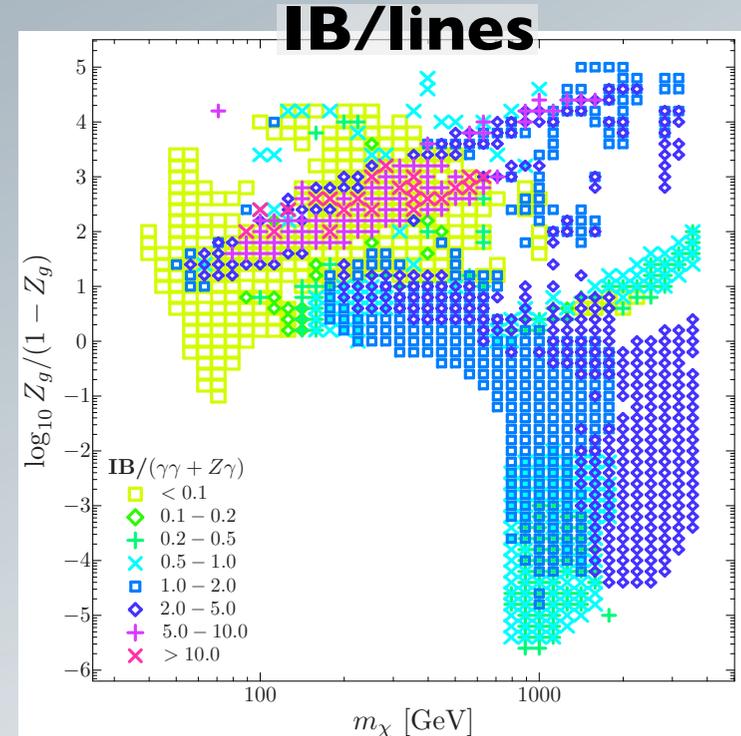
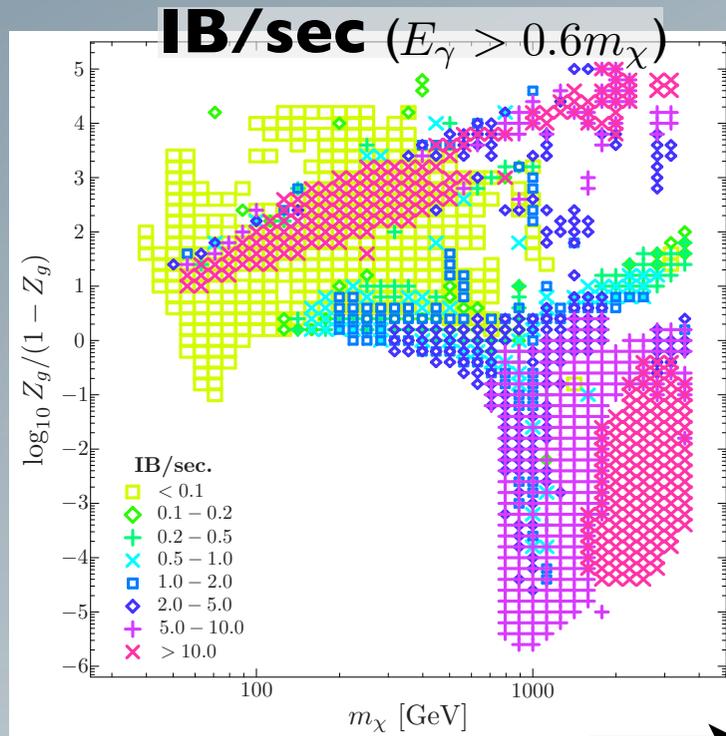
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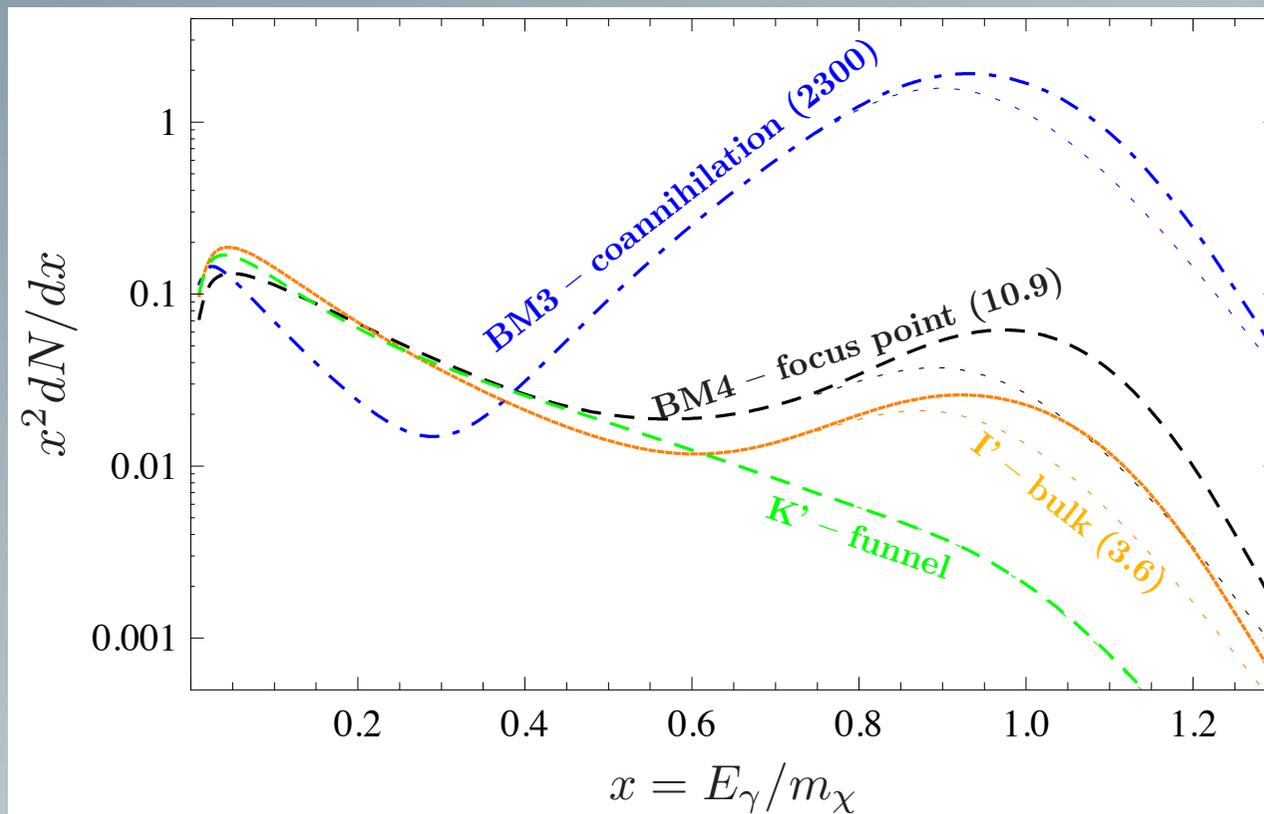
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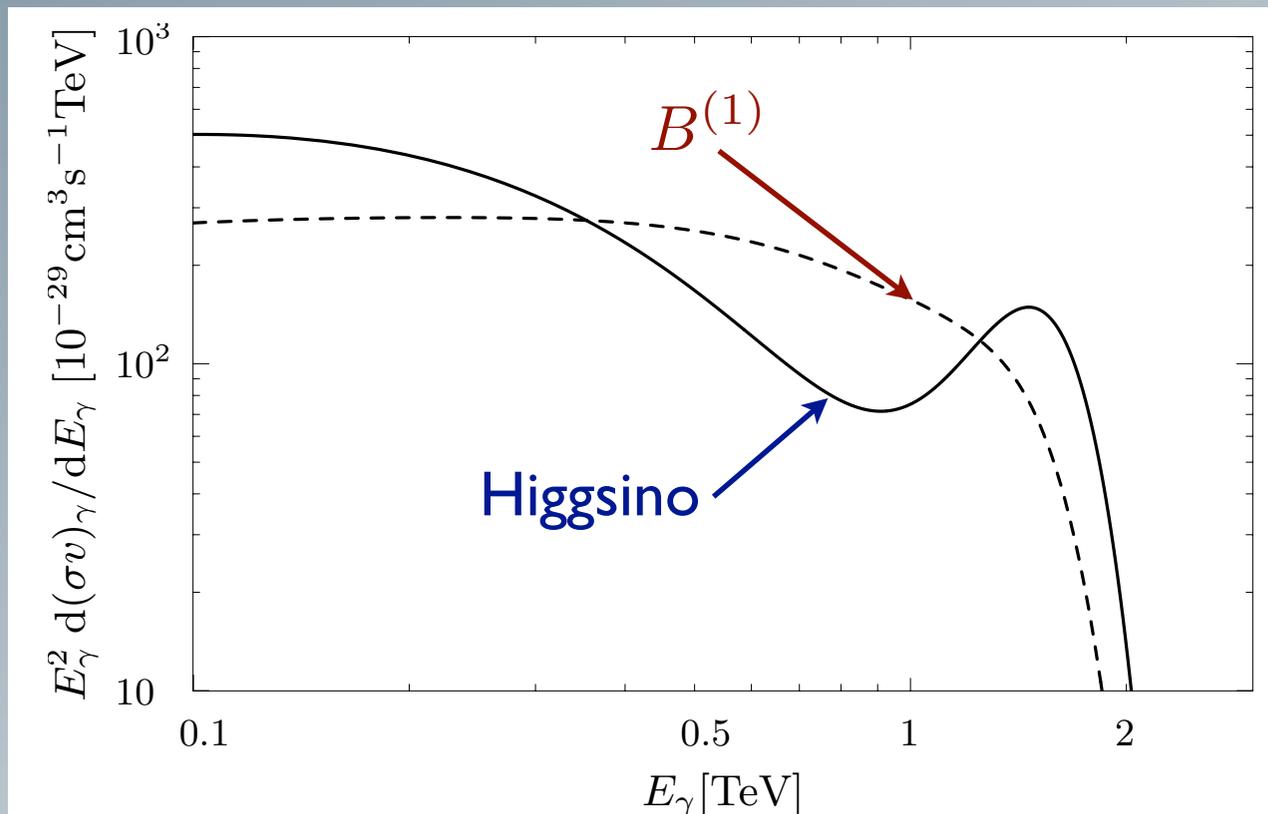
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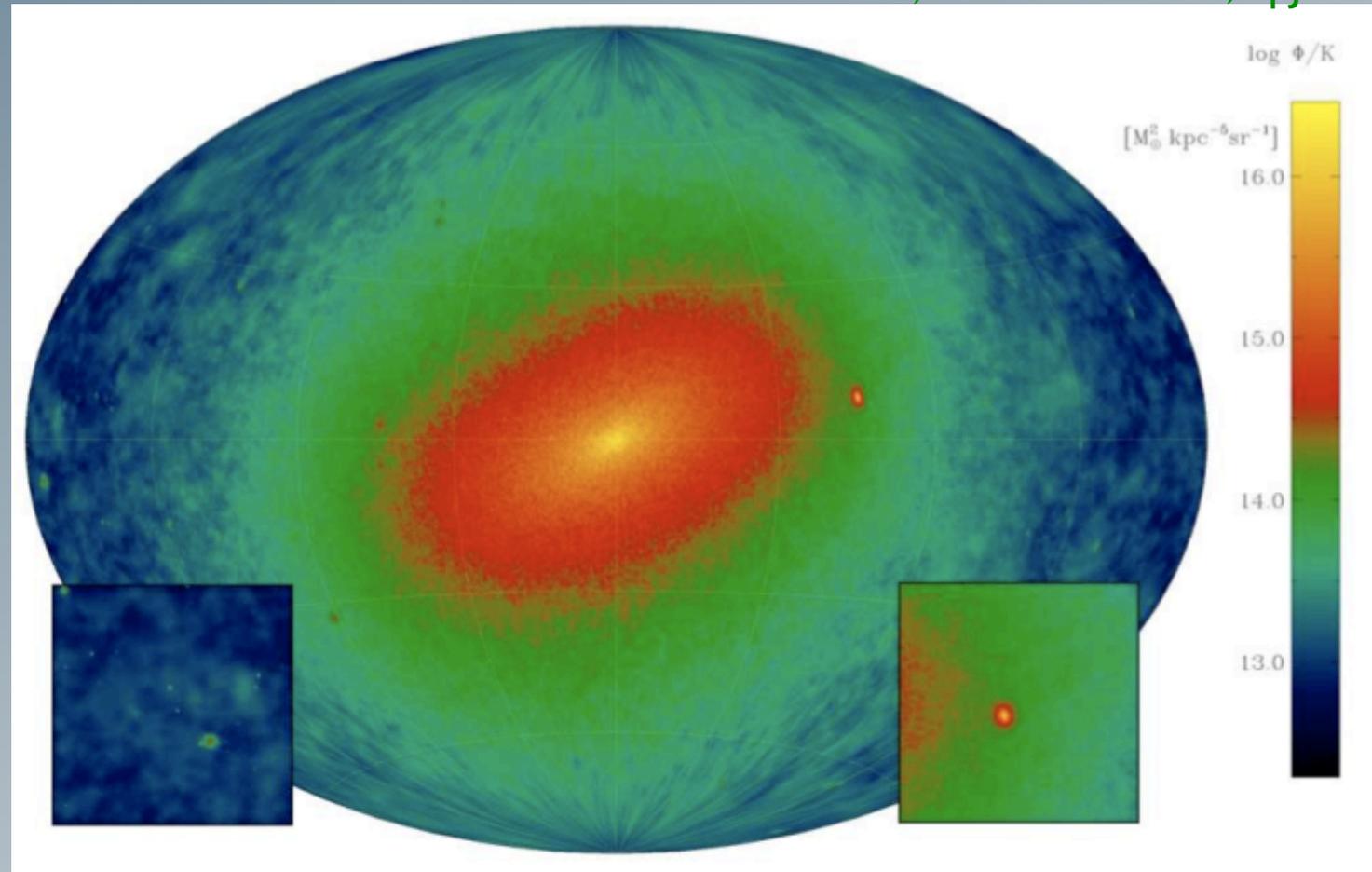
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Bergström et al., '06

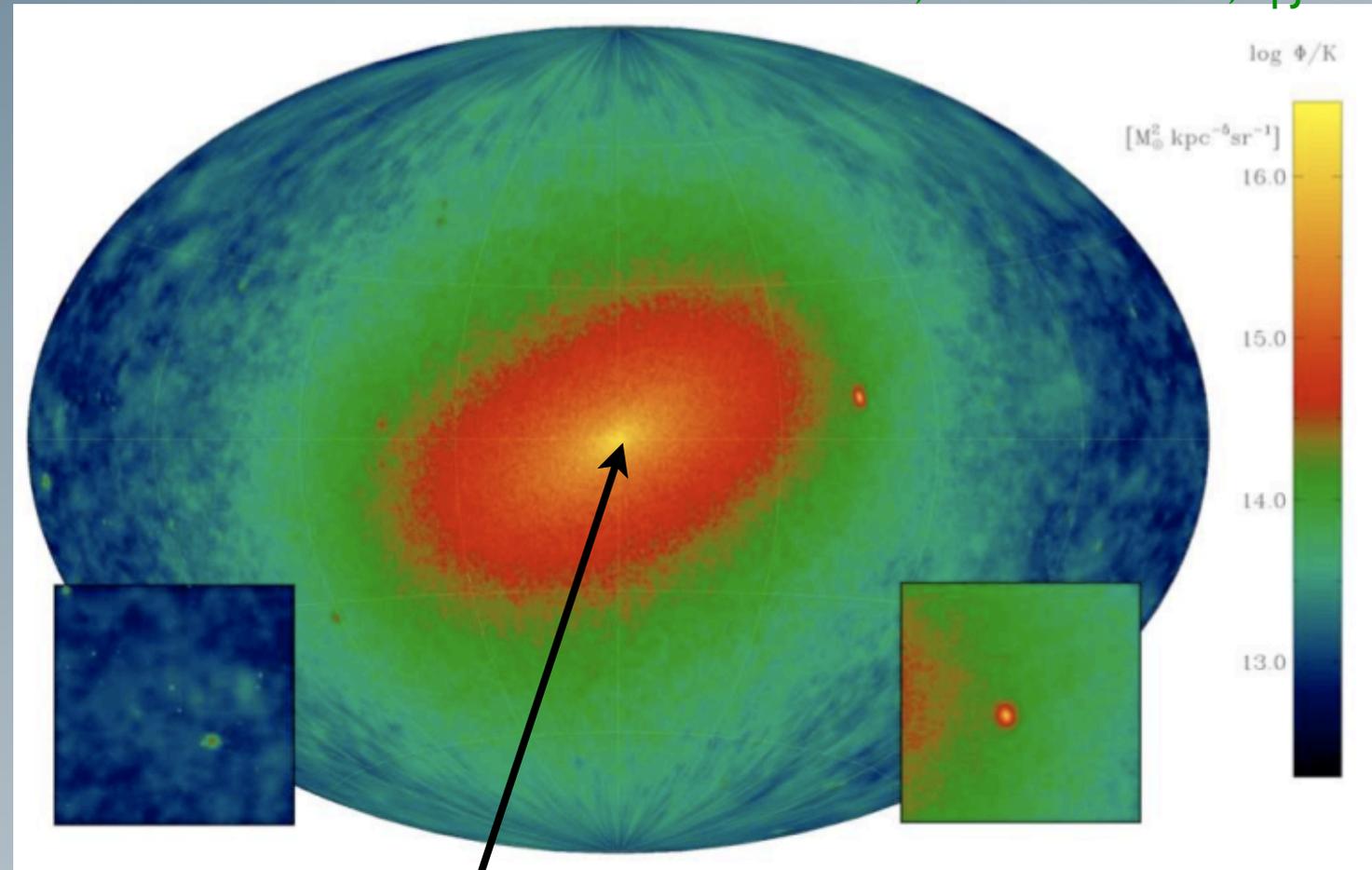
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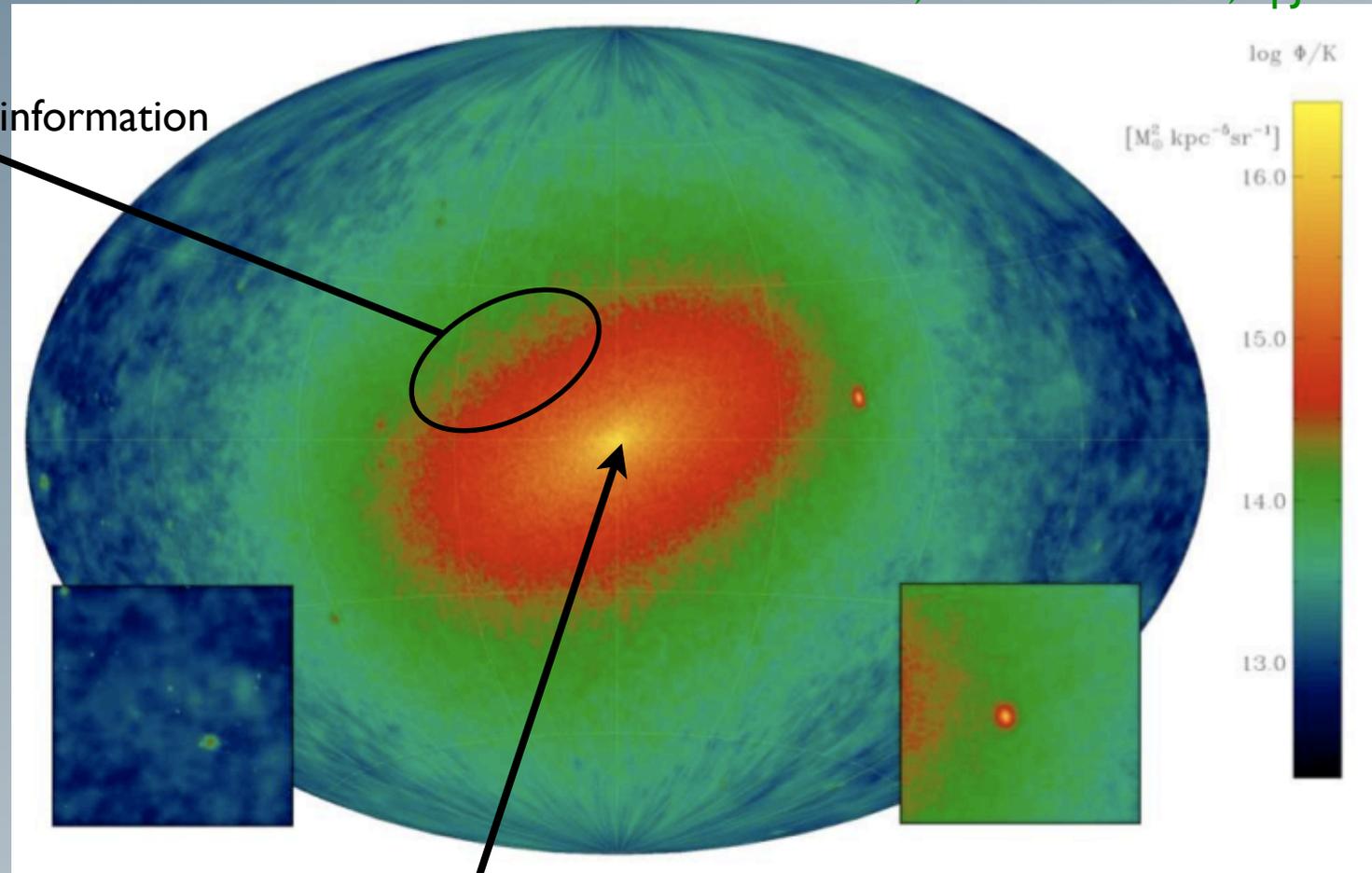
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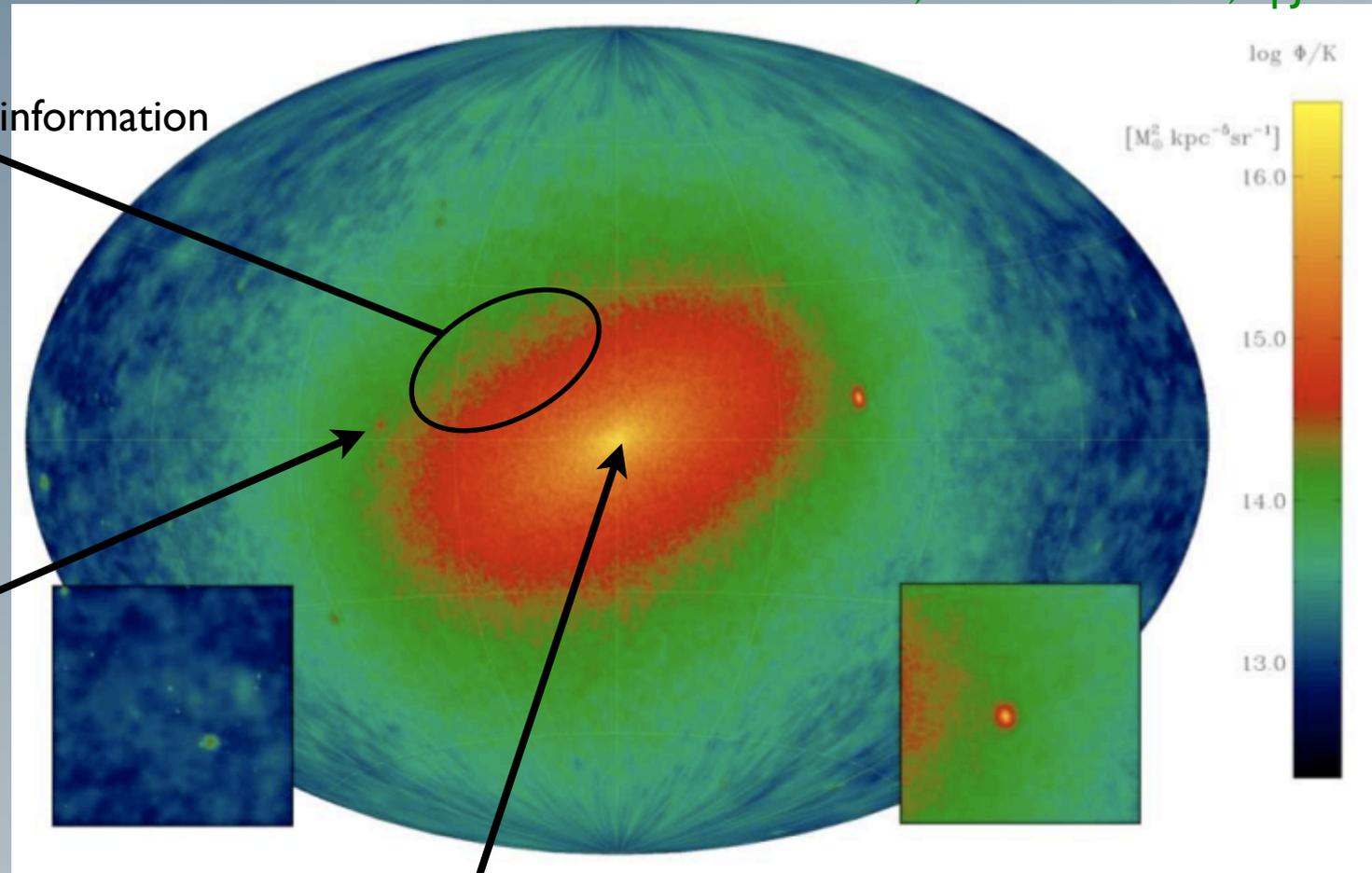
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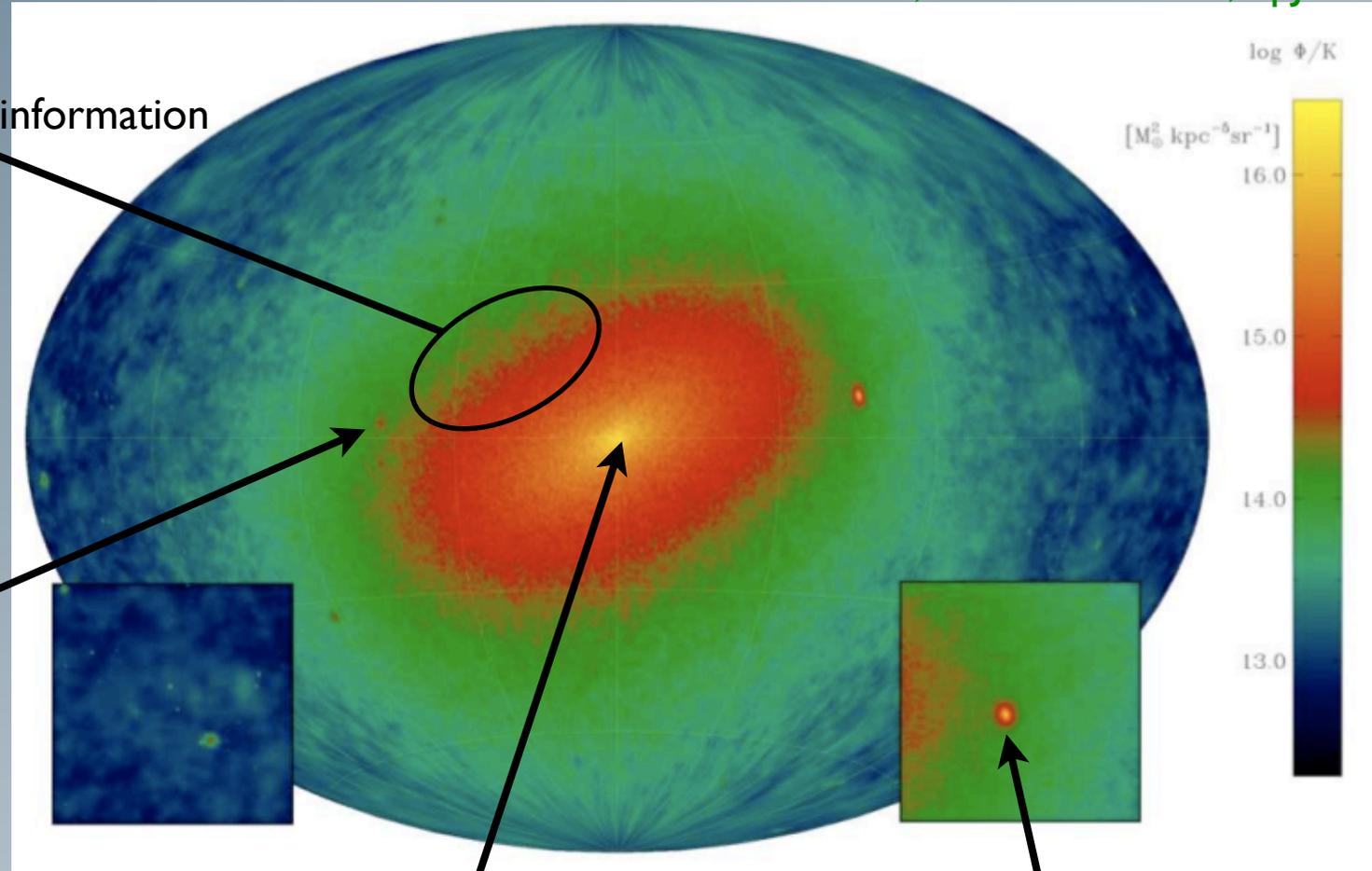
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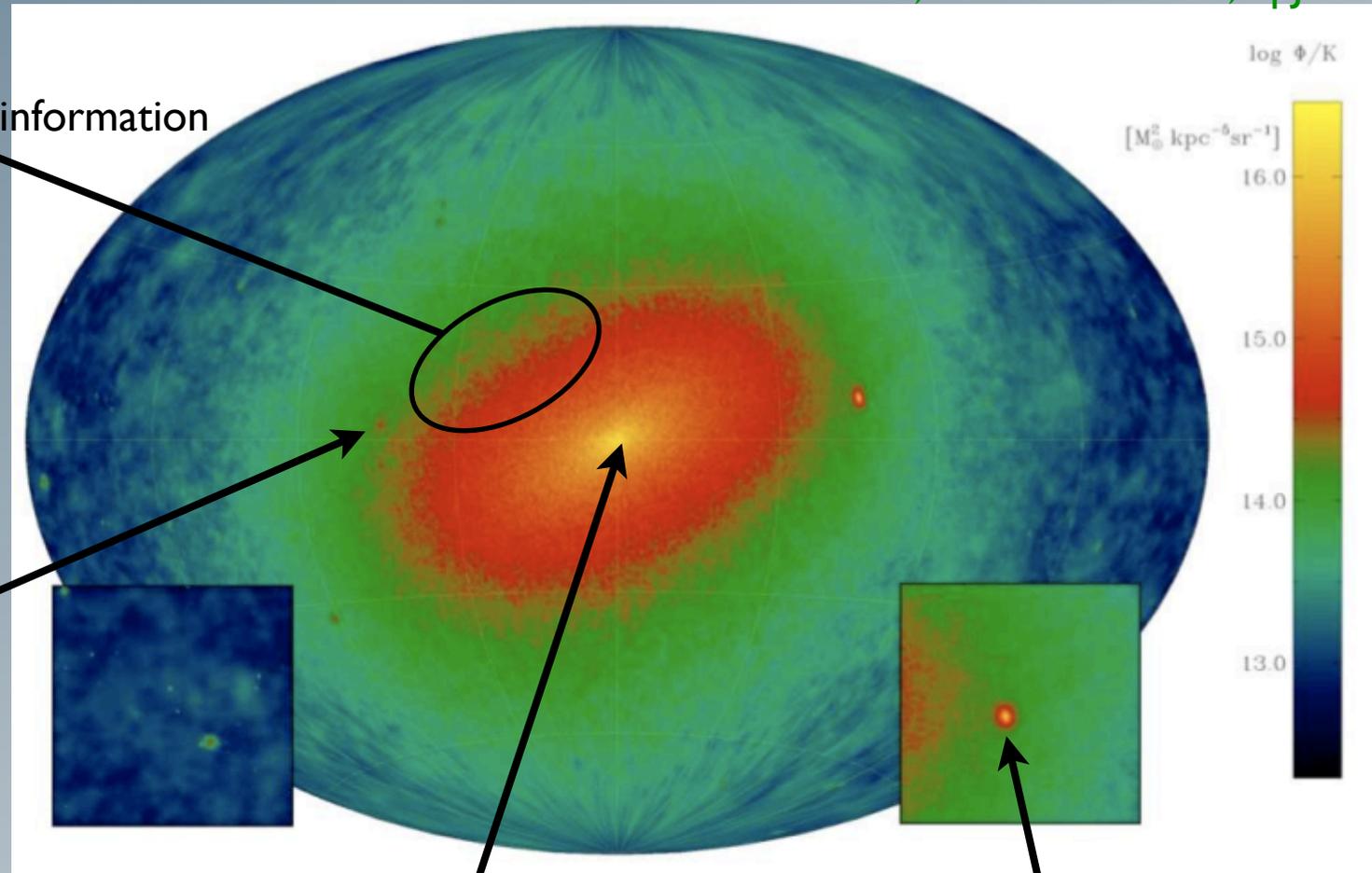
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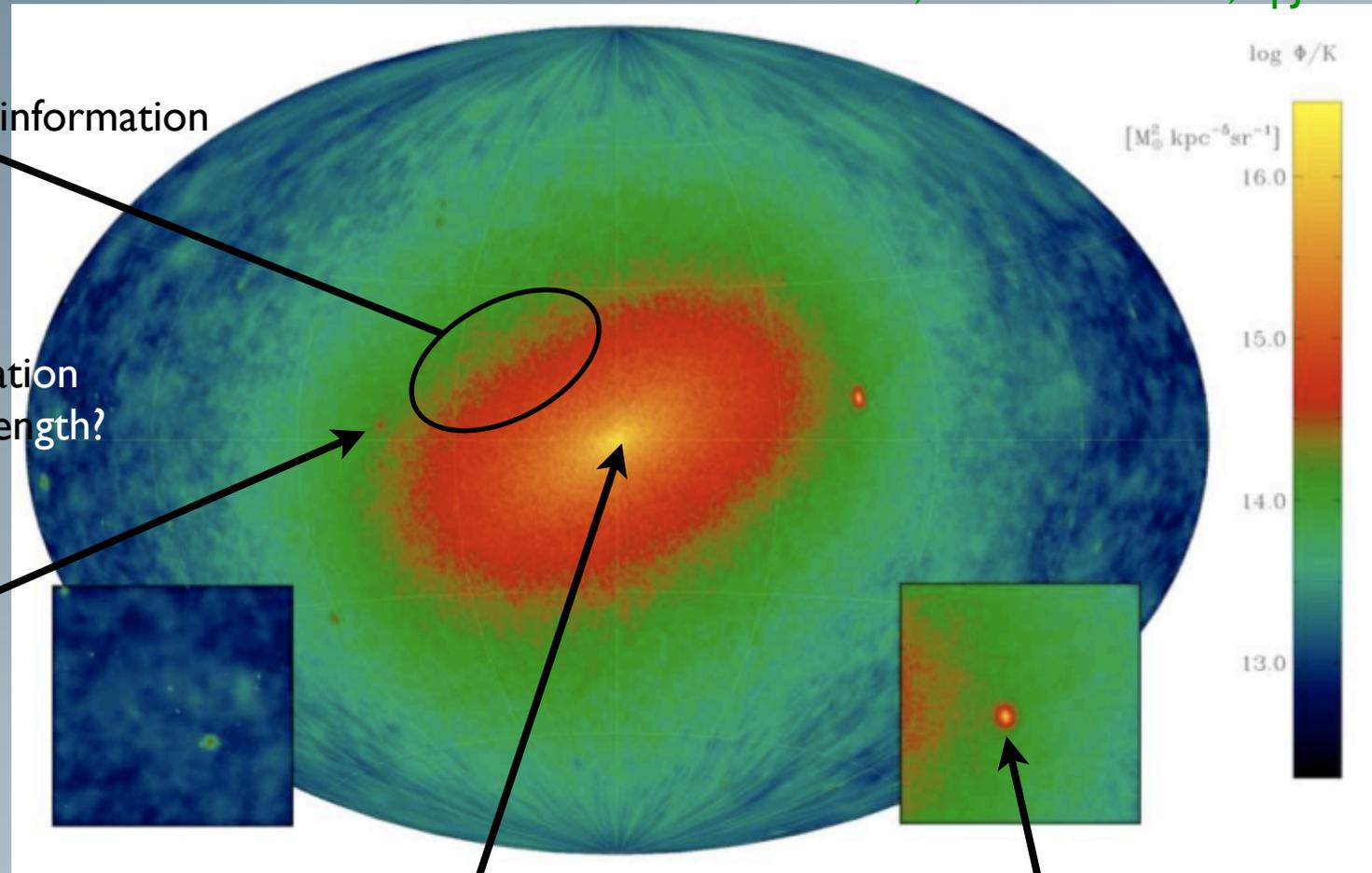
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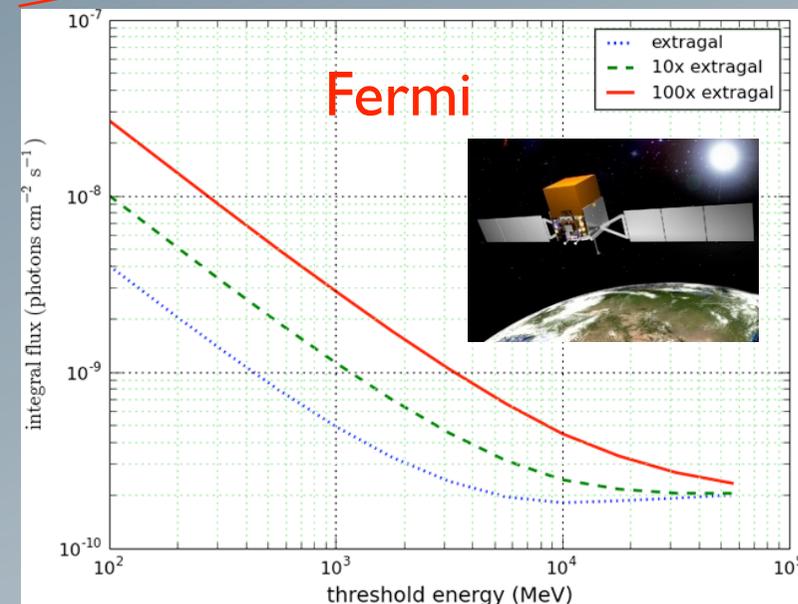
Sensitivities

Space-borne

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- large field of view
- upper bound on resolvable E_γ

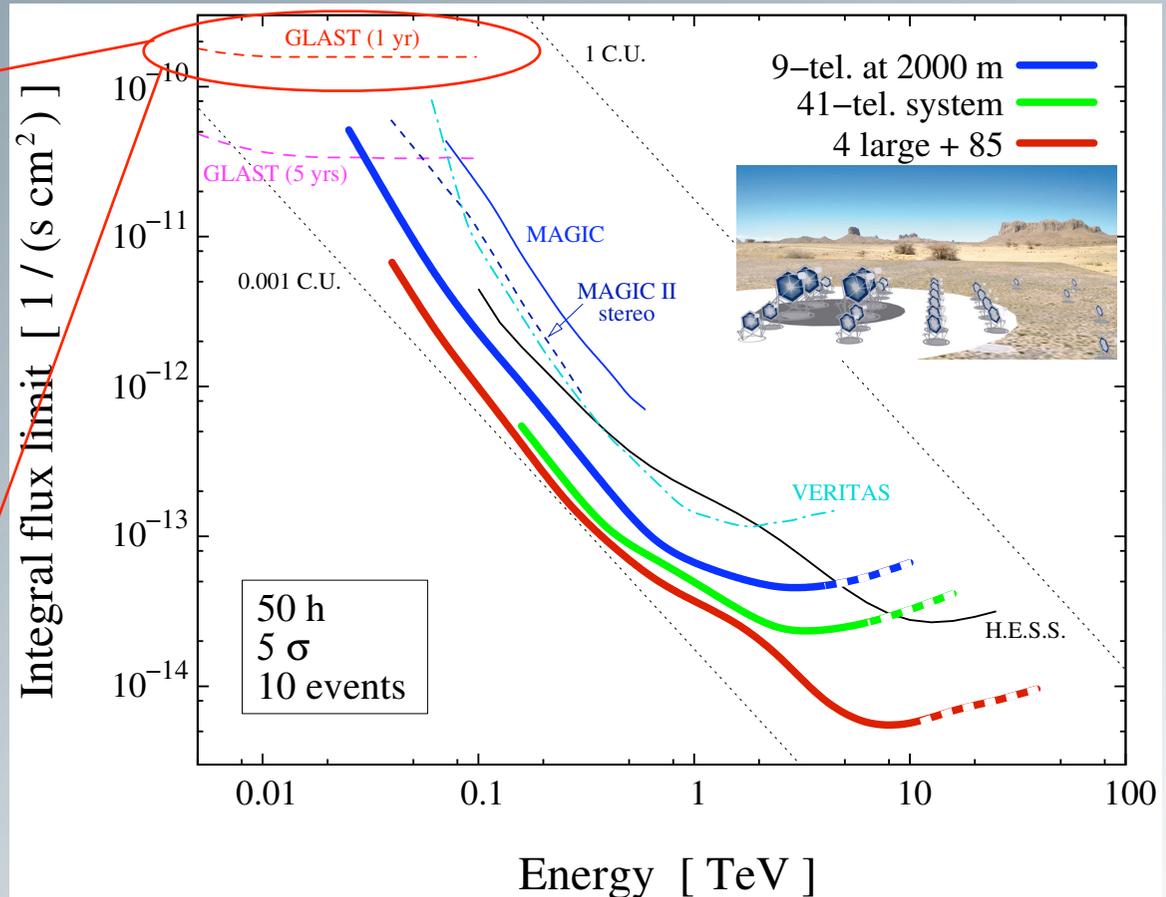
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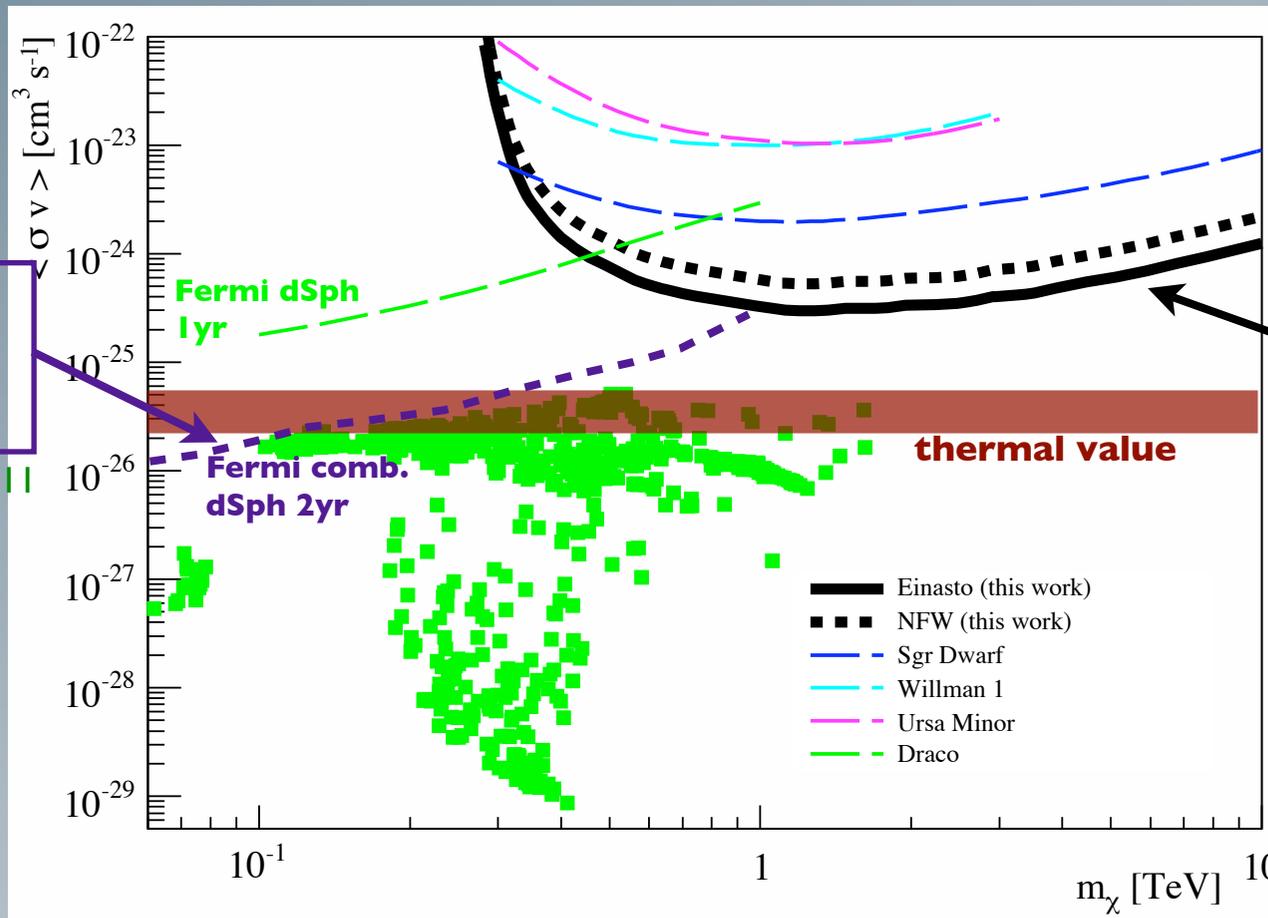
Fermi

(from the LAT webpage)



Constraints: current state

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[typical assumption: 100% annihilation into $\bar{b}b$]

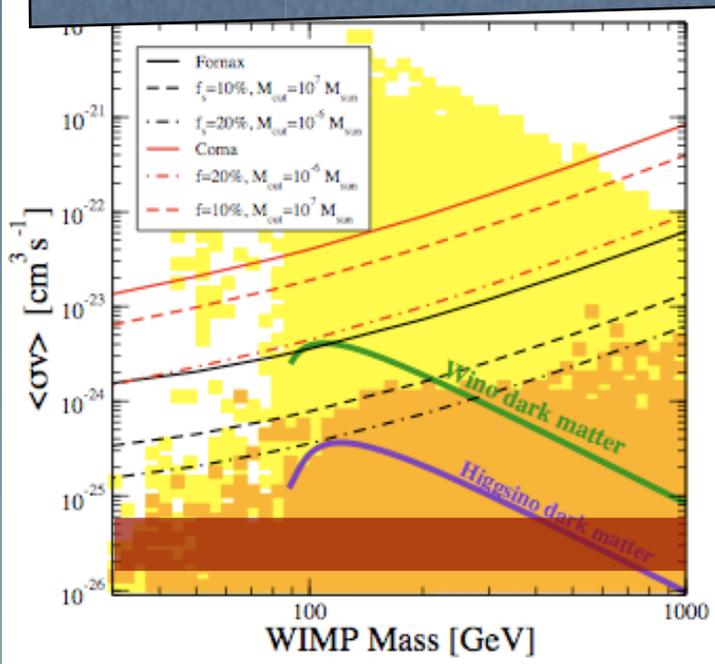


Dwarf galaxy observations by Fermi-LAT
Ackermann et al, PRL '11

Galactic center observations with HESS
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➔ **Indirect searches start to be very competitive!**

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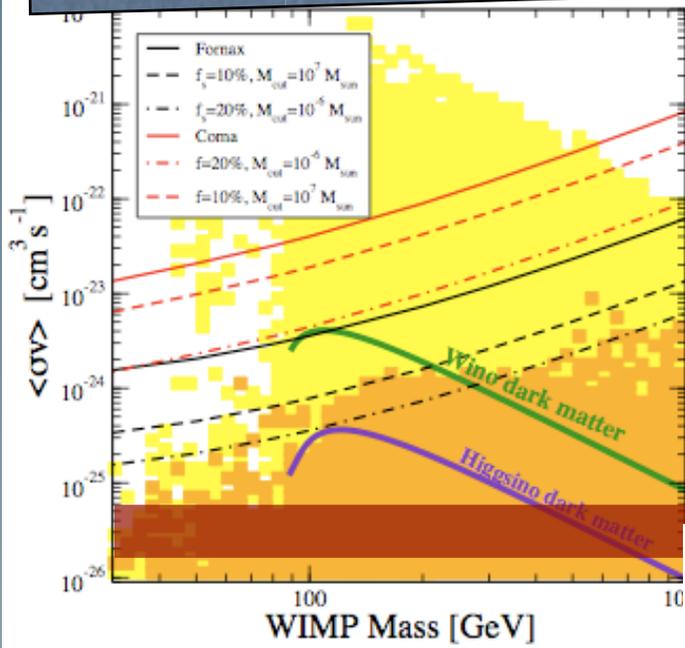


Almost as
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(NB: much better
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Ackermann *et al*, JCAP '10
[Fermi-LAT collaboration]

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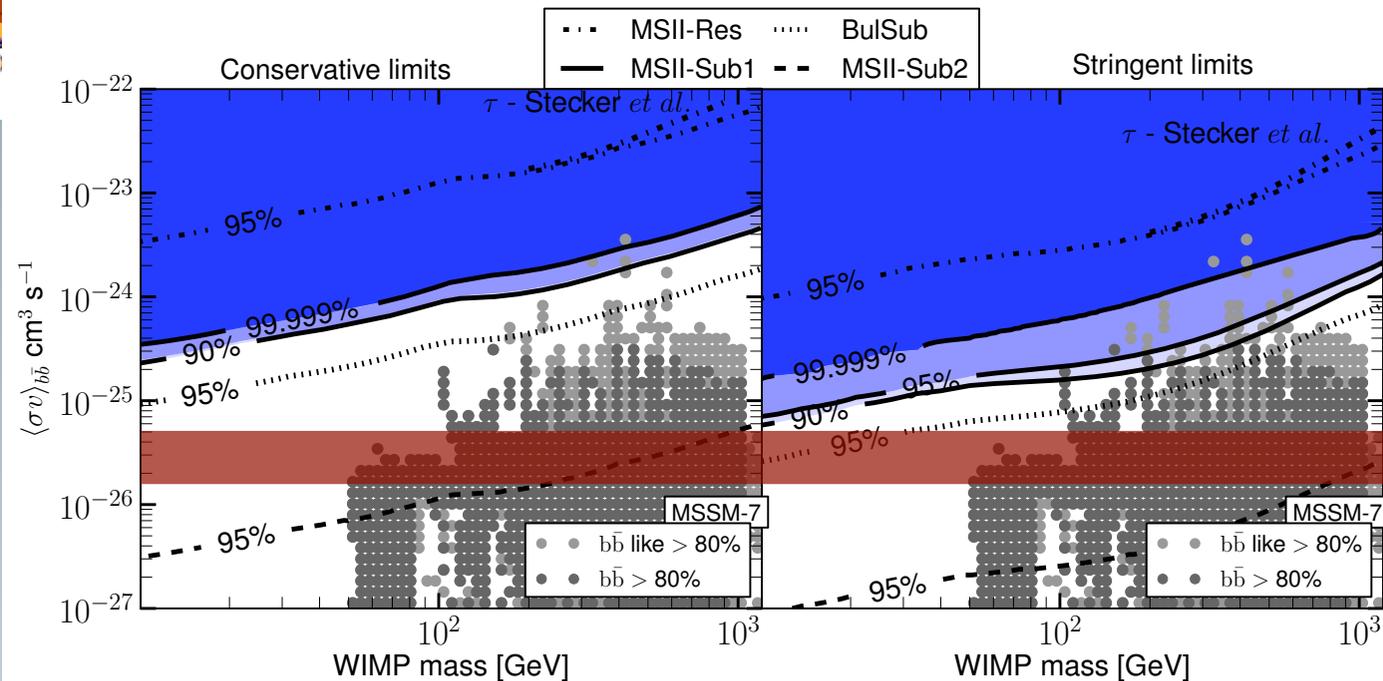


Constraints from the **diffuse gamma-ray background** depend strongly on subhalo model

Abdo *et al*, JCAP '10
[Fermi-LAT collaboration]

Almost as
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(NB: much better
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UCMHs

- **U**ltra**c**ompact **M**inihalos are DM halos that form shortly after matter-radiation equality

Ricotti & Gould, ApJ '09

- isolated collapse
- formation by radial infall (Bertschinger, ApJS '95)

$$\rightarrow \rho \propto r^{-9/4}$$

- Excellent targets for indirect detection with **gamma rays**

Scott & Sivertsson, PRL '09
Lacki & Beacom, ApJ '10

- Required density contrast at horizon entry:

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \sim 10^{-3} \quad @ \quad z \gg z_{\text{eq}}$$

- PBH: $\delta \gtrsim 0.3$
- typical observed value: $\delta \sim 10^{-5}$ at 'large' scales

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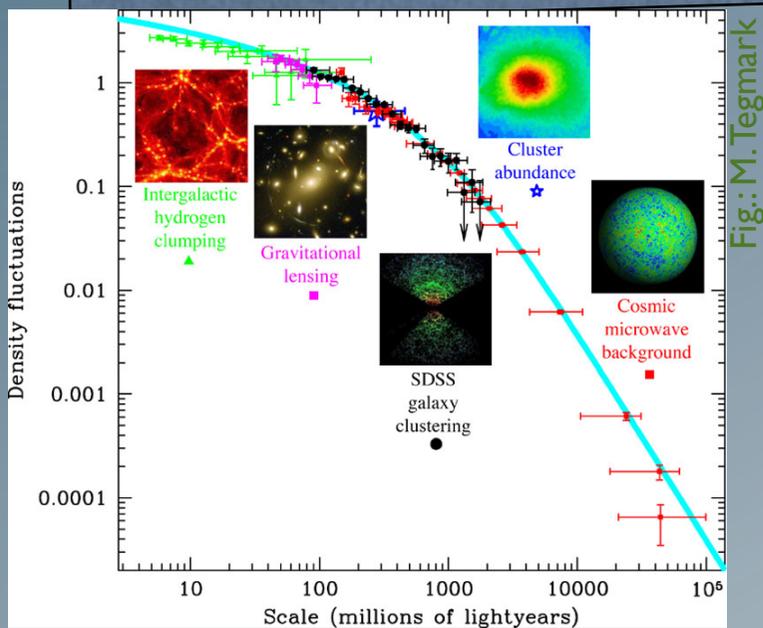


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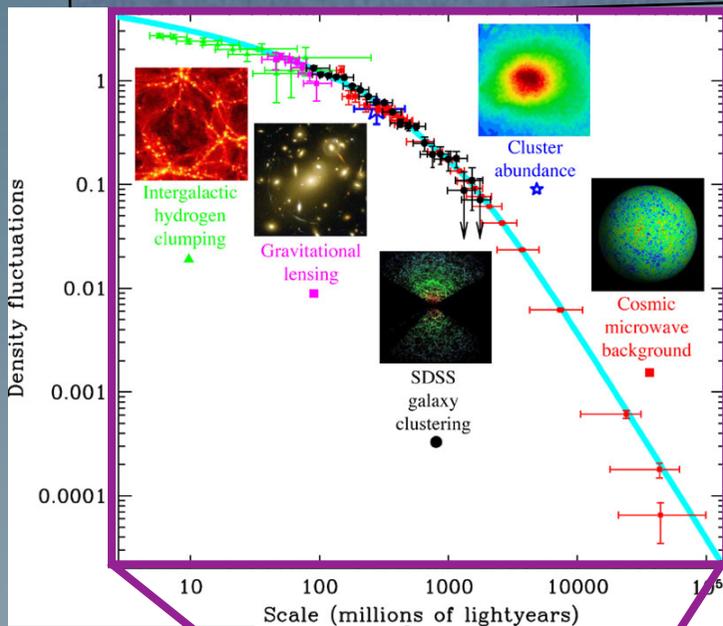
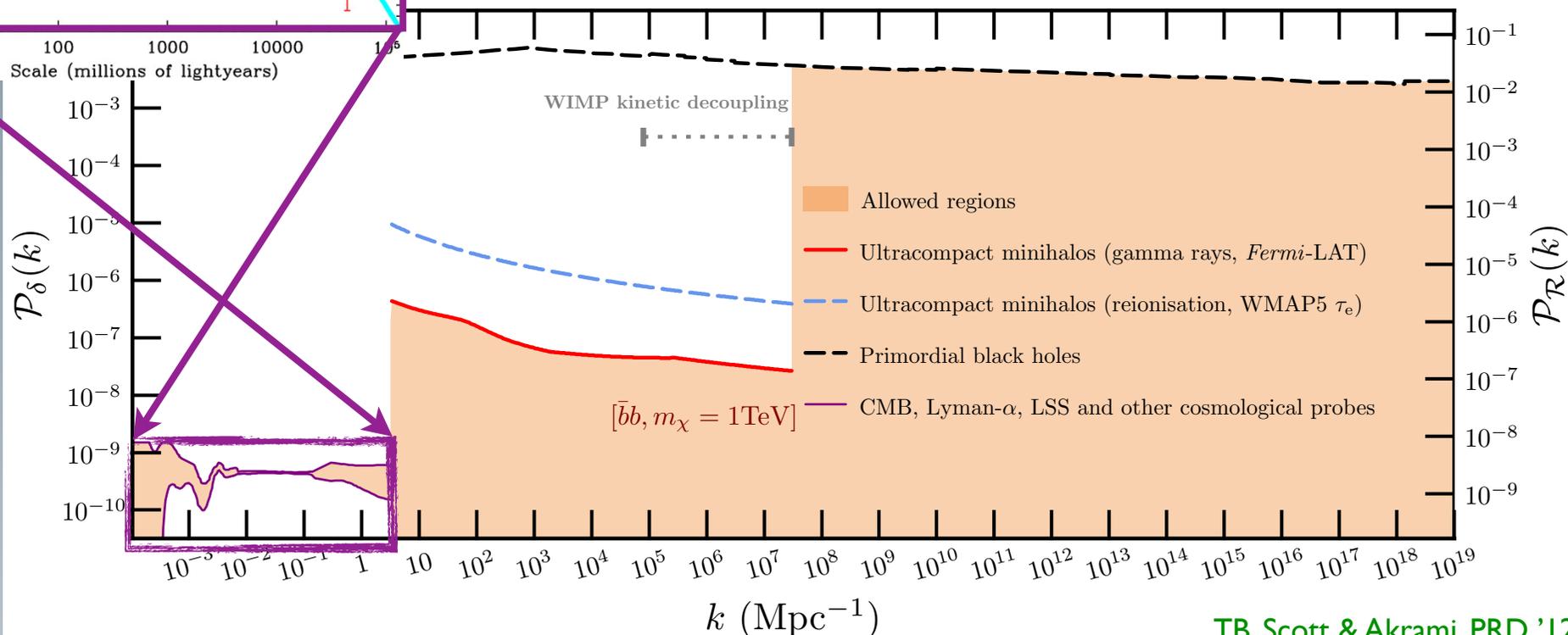
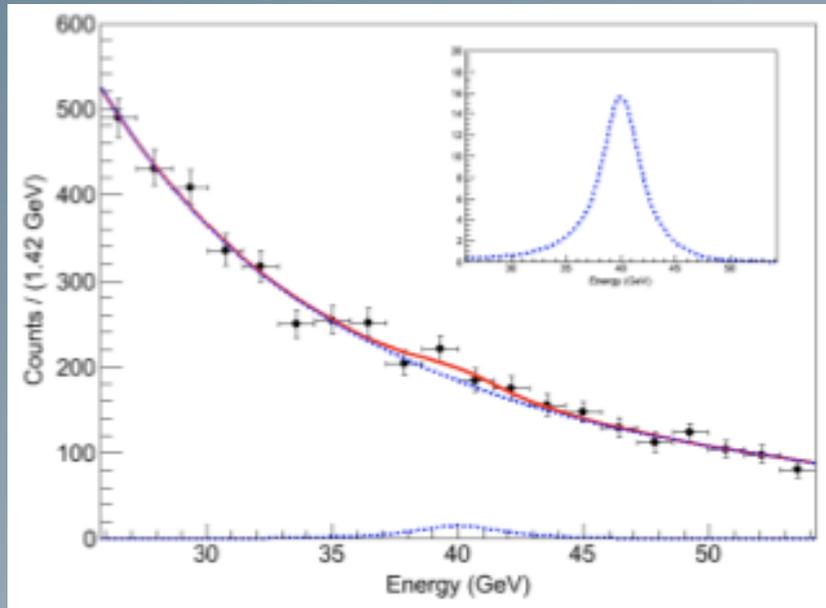


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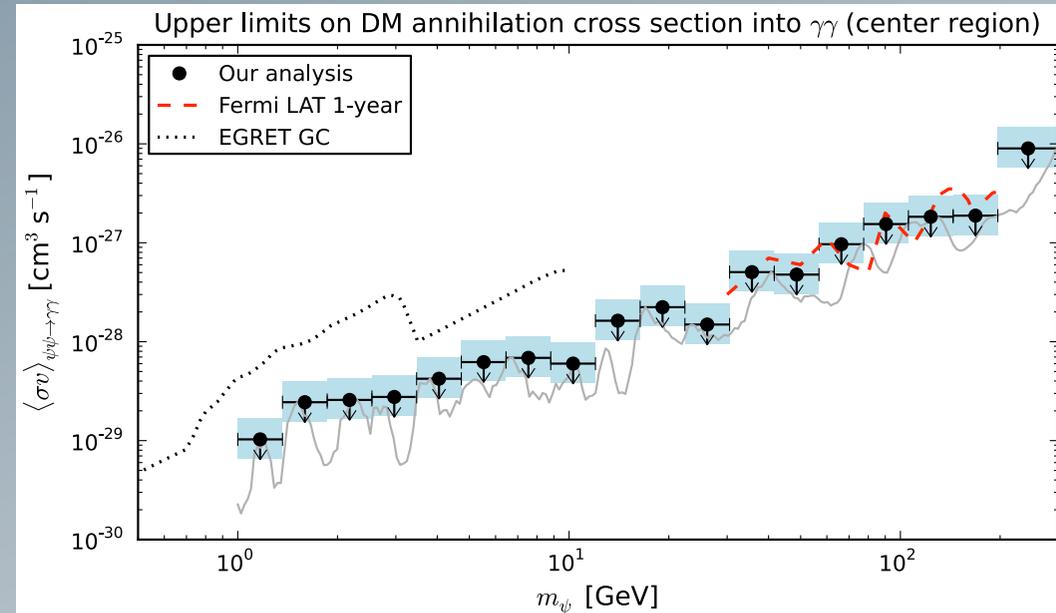


Line signals (before 03/2012)

- Fermi all-sky search for **line signals**:



Abdo et al, PRL '10



Vertongen & Weniger, JCAP 2011

- not (yet) probing too much of WIMP parameter space
(NB: **natural** expectation $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\gamma\gamma} \sim \alpha_{\text{em}}^2 \langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{therm}} \simeq 10^{-30} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)
- NB: 1y data, simple choice of target region...
- No significant changes after 24 months of data...

Ackermann et al, PRD '12

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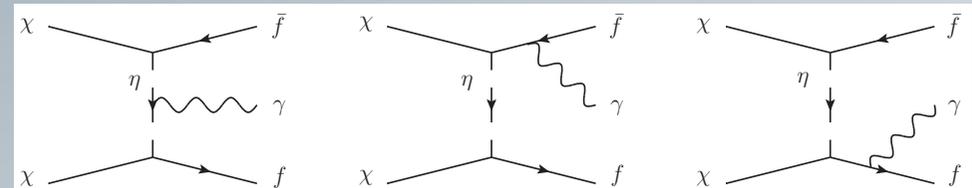
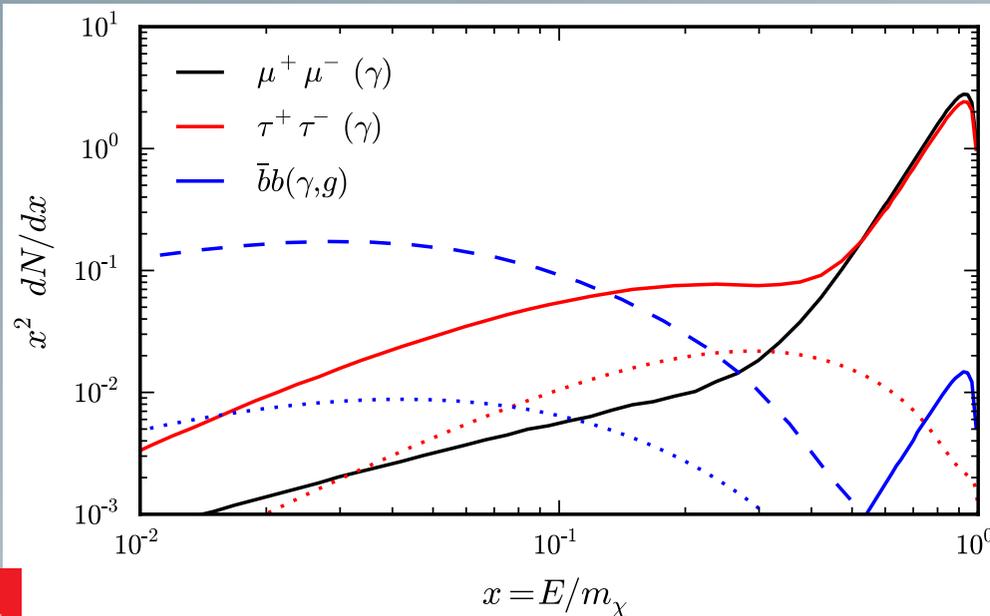
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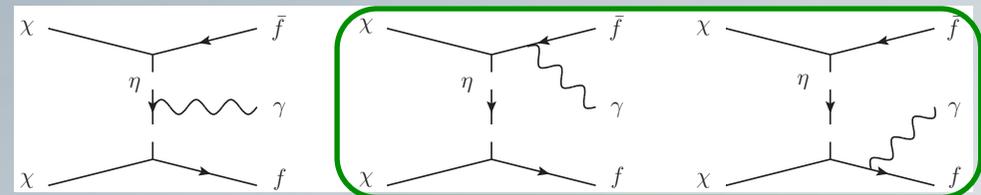
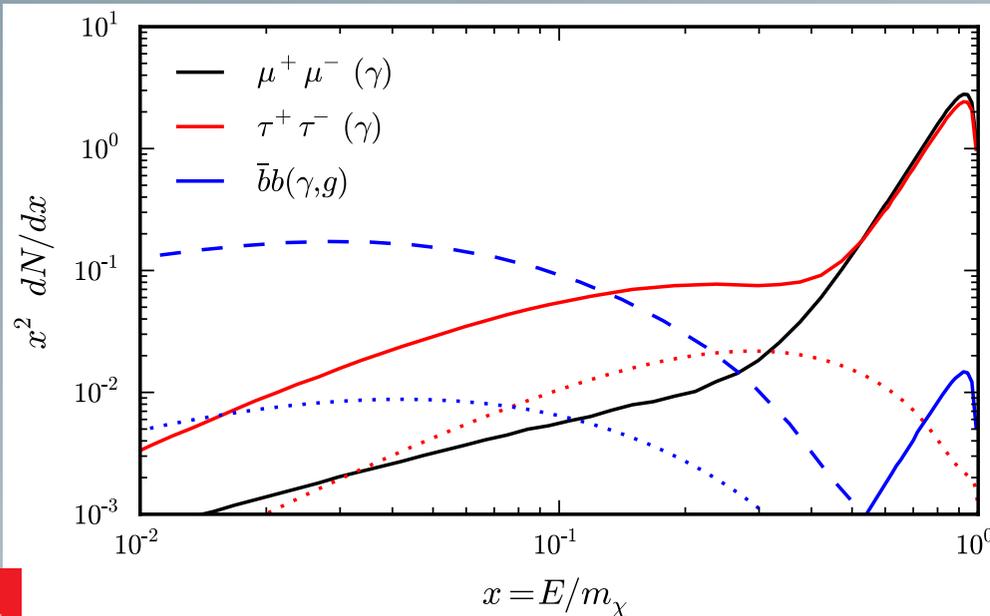
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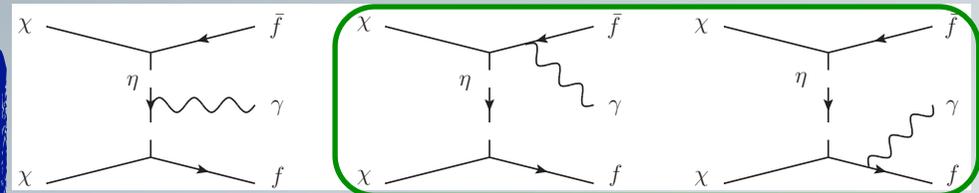
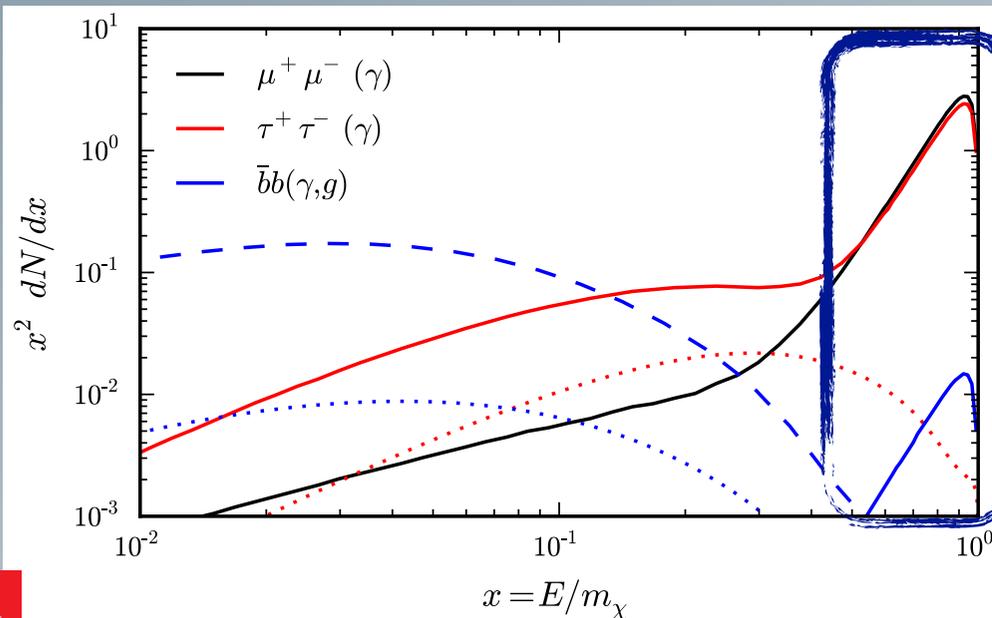
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- **New** idea: data-driven approach to optimize ROI

- estimate **background** distribution from observed

LAT **low-energy** photons $1 \text{ GeV} \leq E_\gamma \leq 40 \text{ GeV}$

- Define grid with $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$
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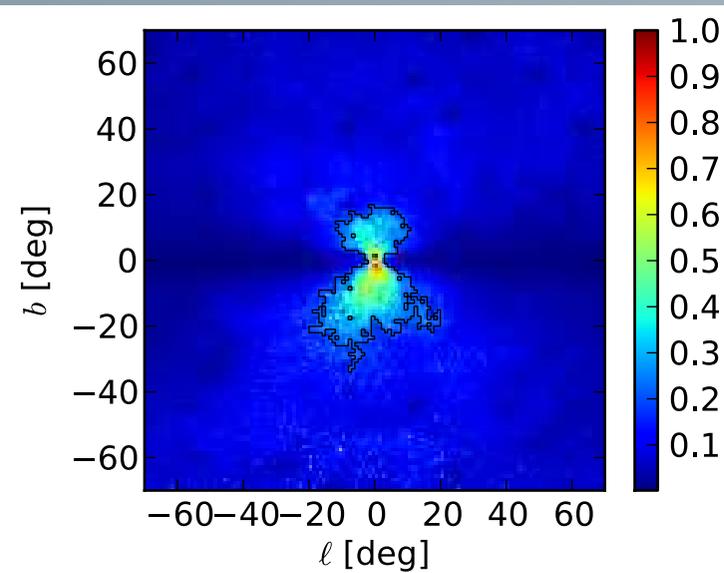
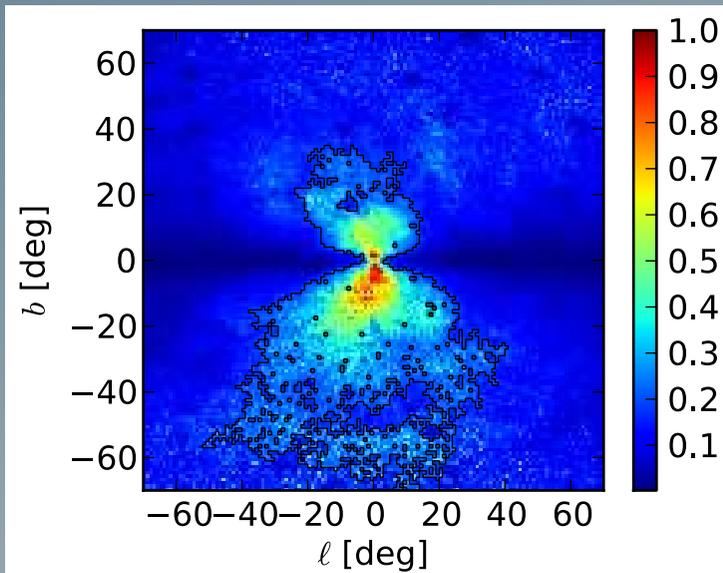
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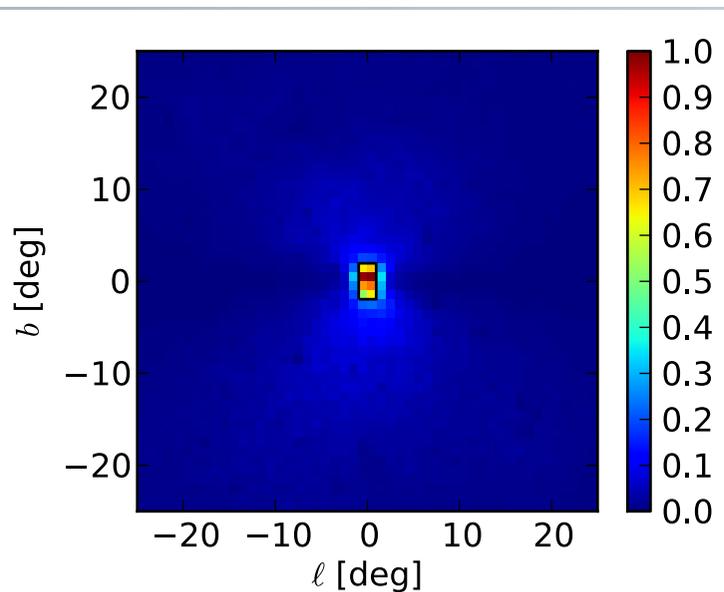
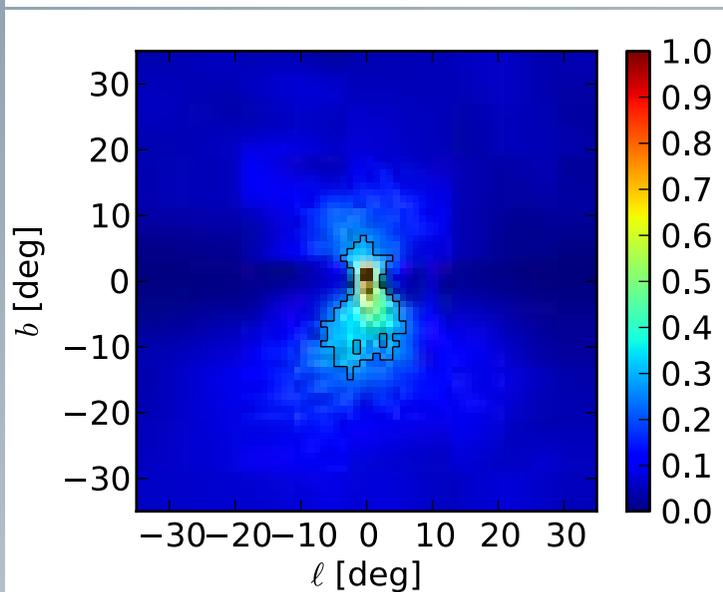
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'NFW'



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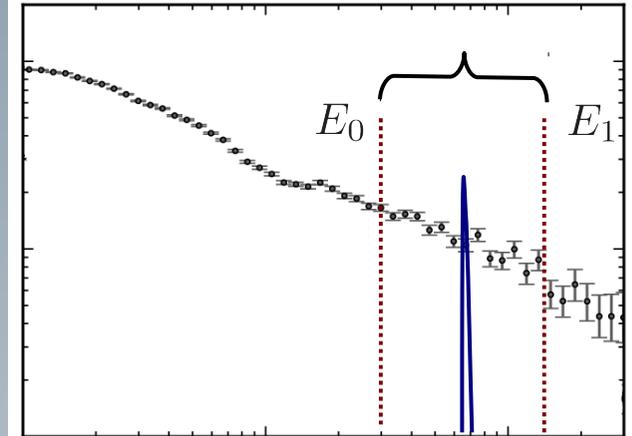
'adiabatic contraction'

Color scale: signal to background

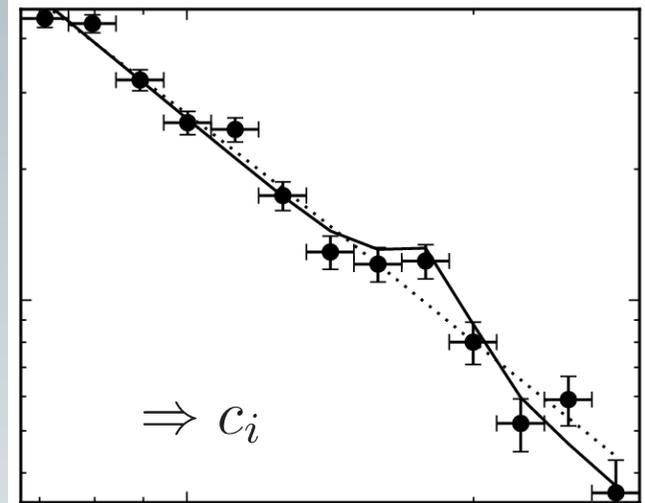
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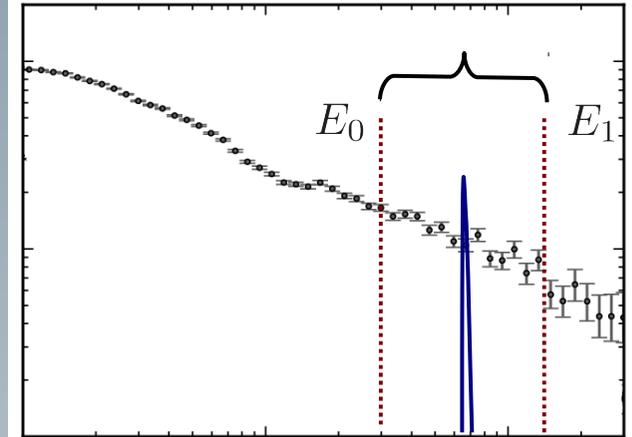
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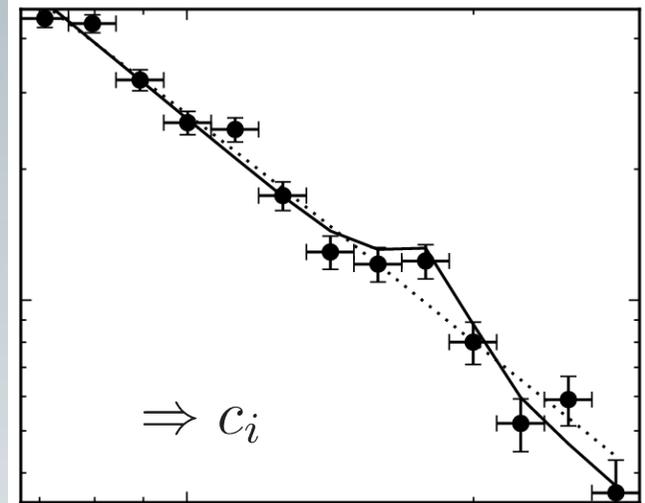
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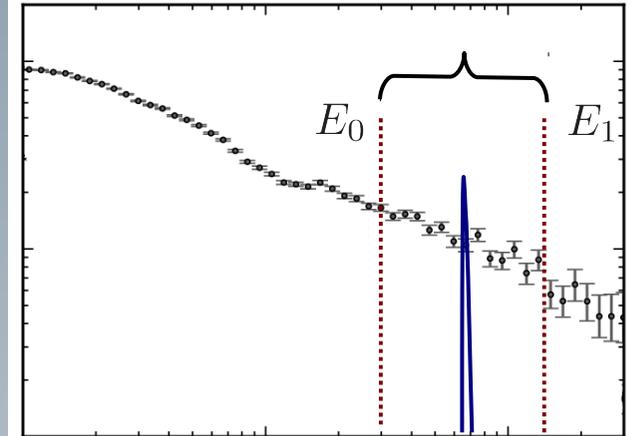
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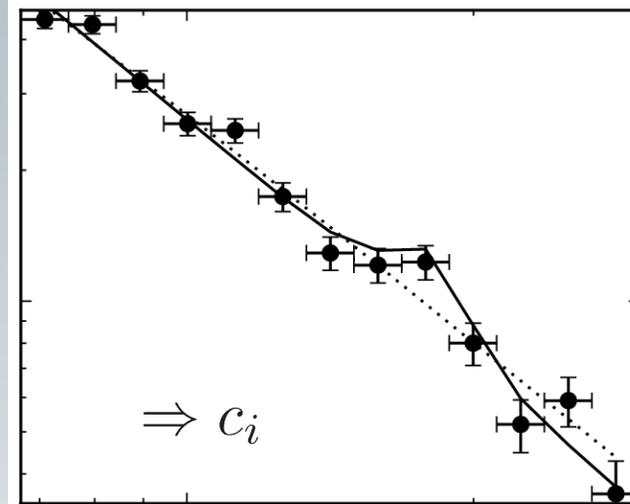
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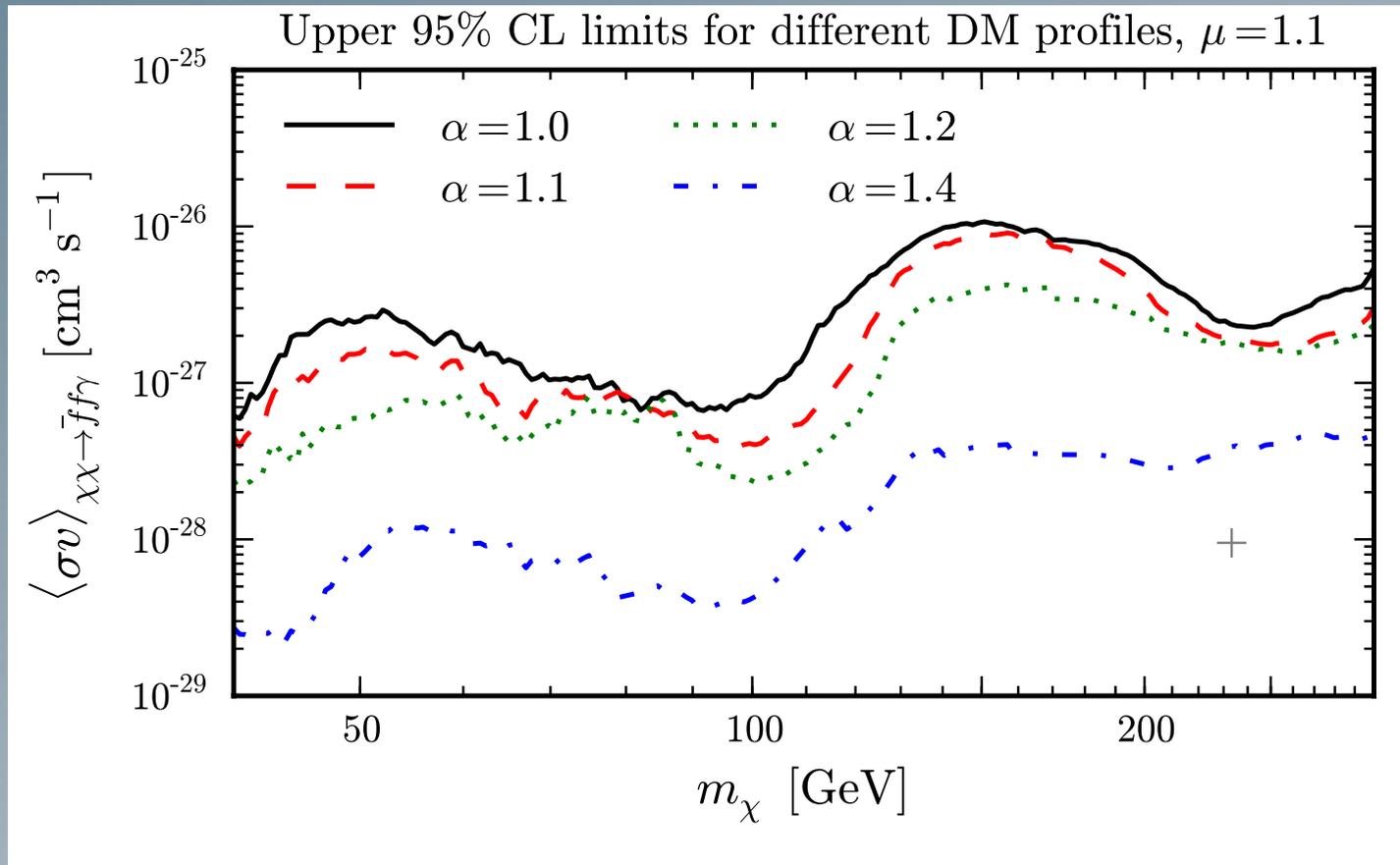
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→ significance (without trial correction): $\sim \sqrt{TS} \sigma$

(95% Limits derived by profile likelihood method: increase S until $\Delta(-2 \ln \mathcal{L}) = 2.71$, while refitting/ ‘profiling over’ the other parameters)

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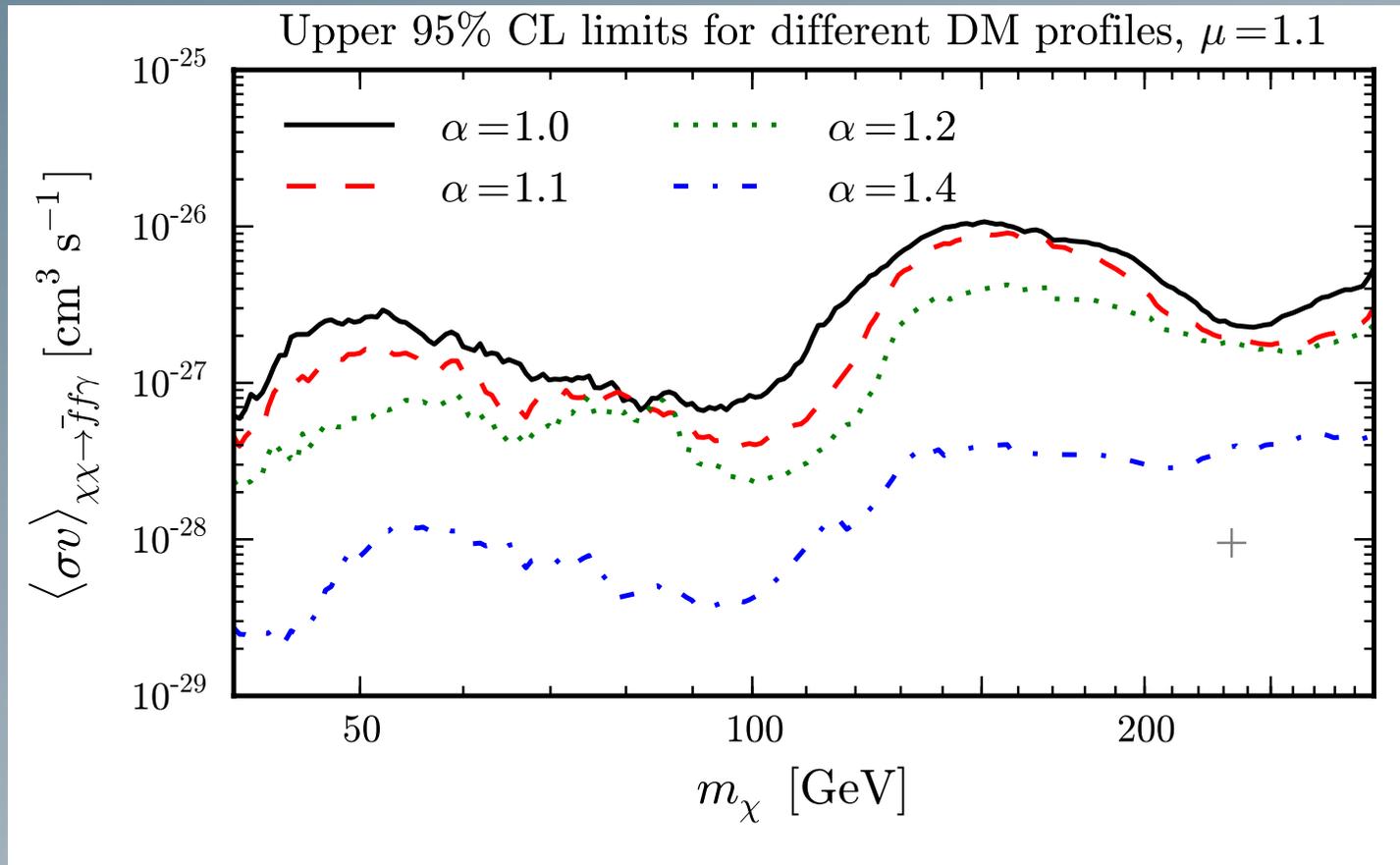
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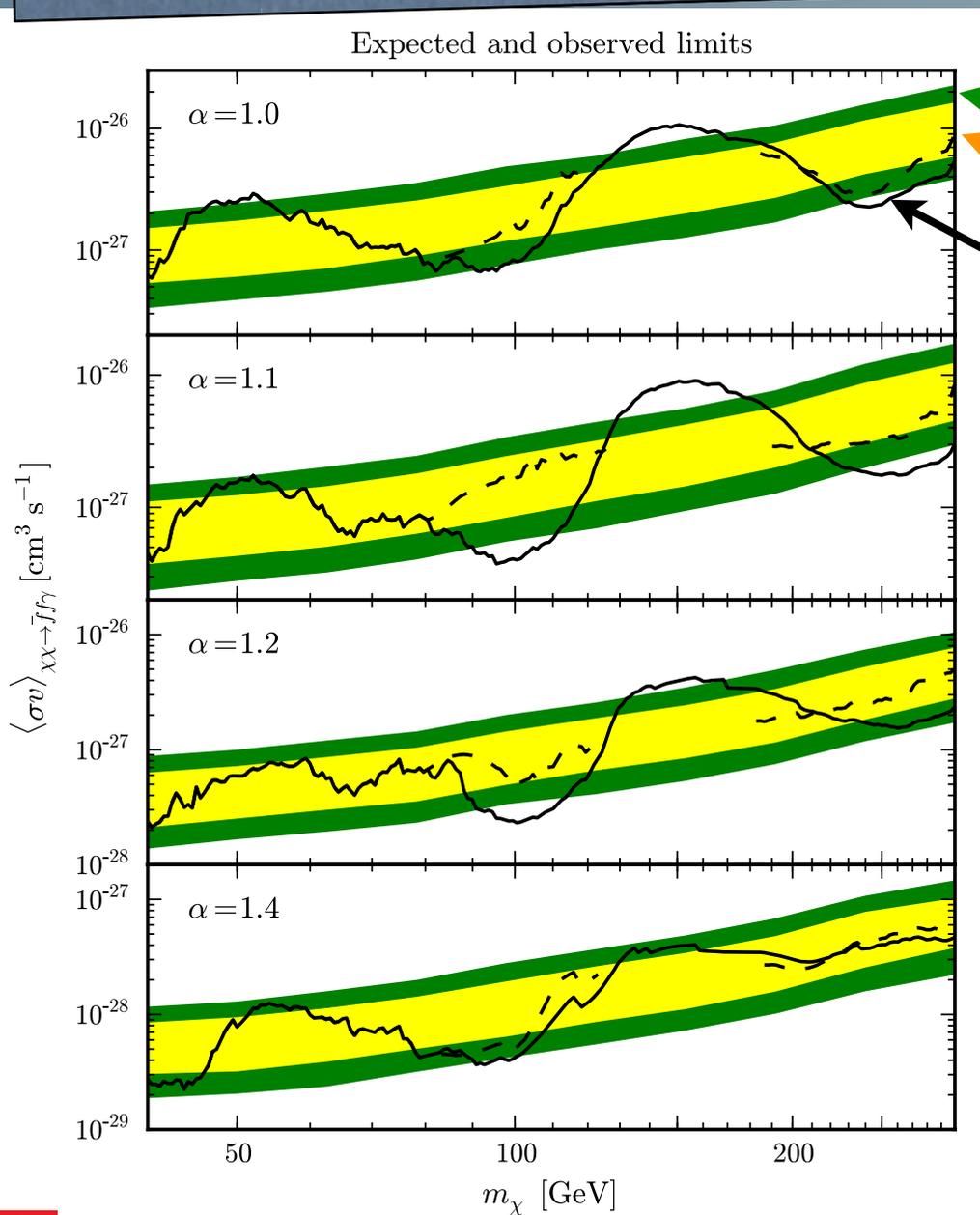
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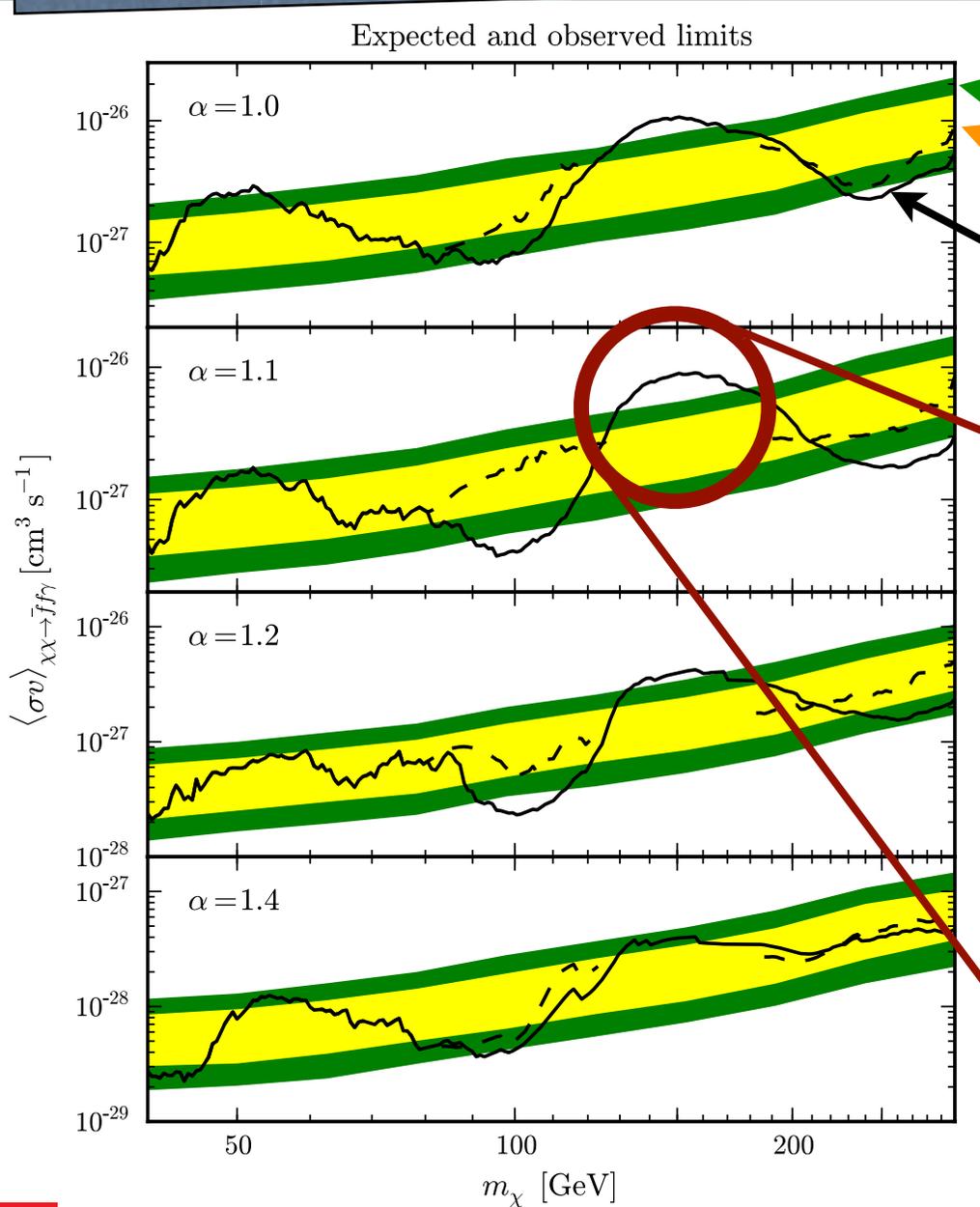
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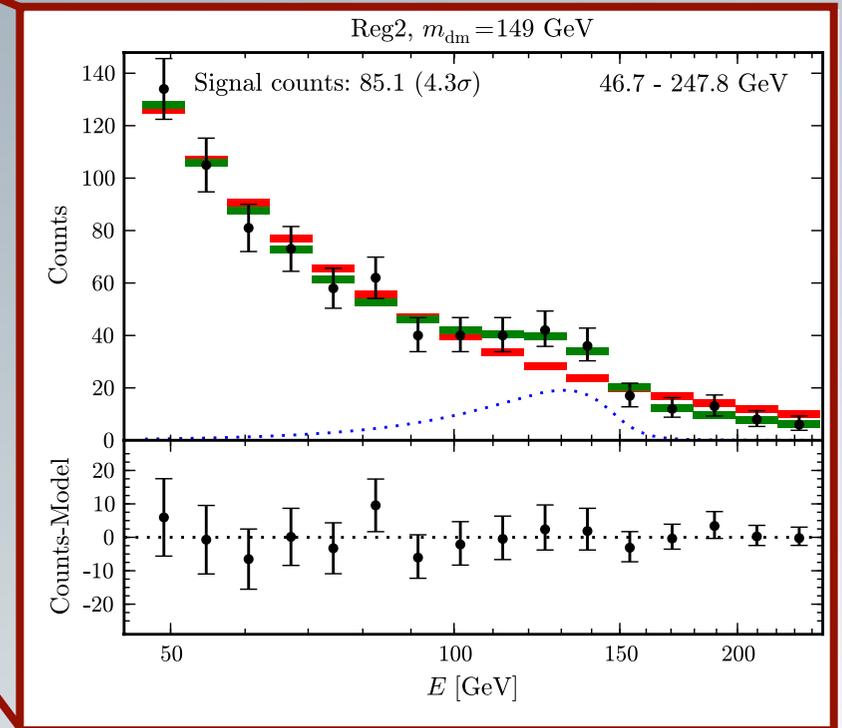


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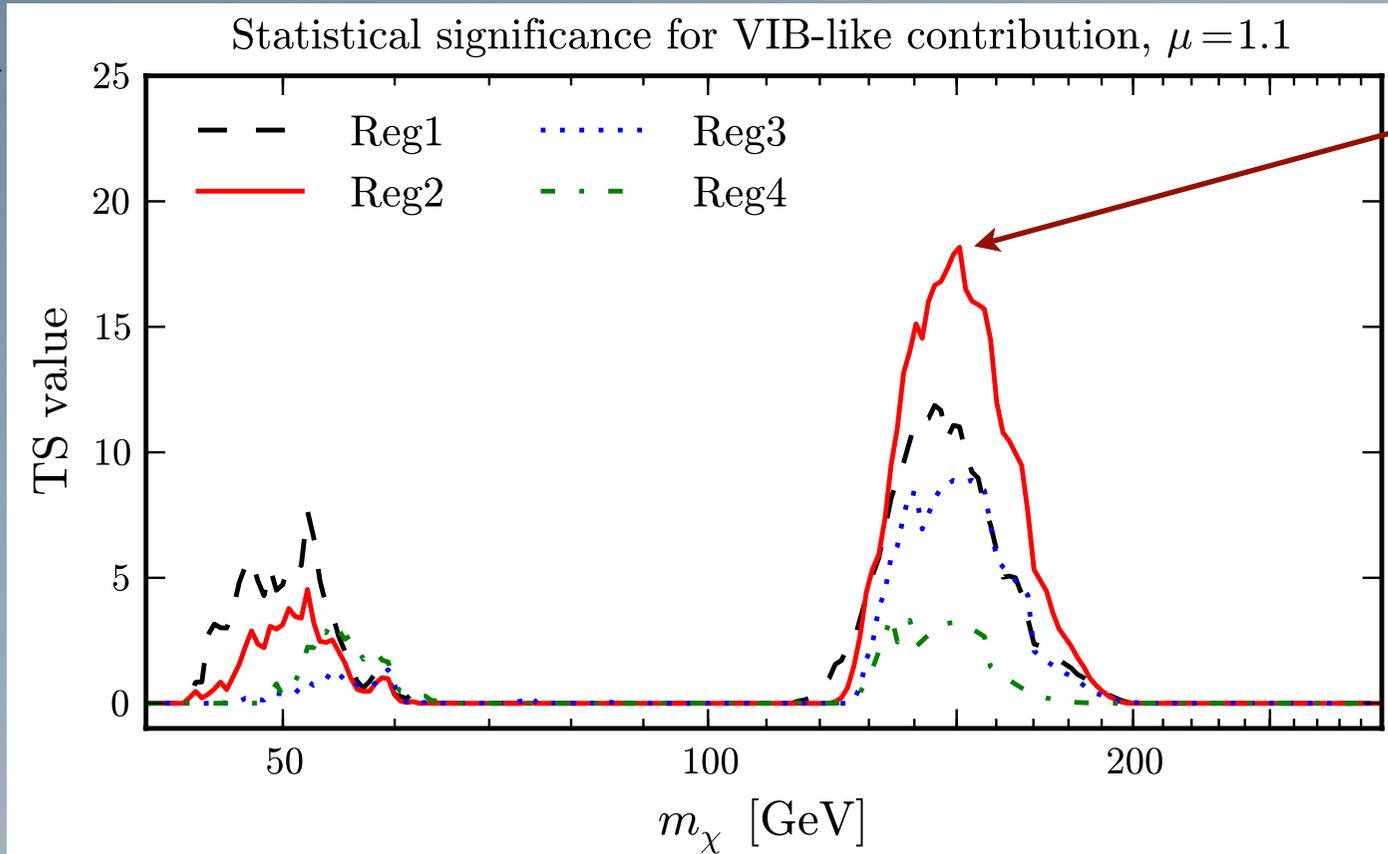


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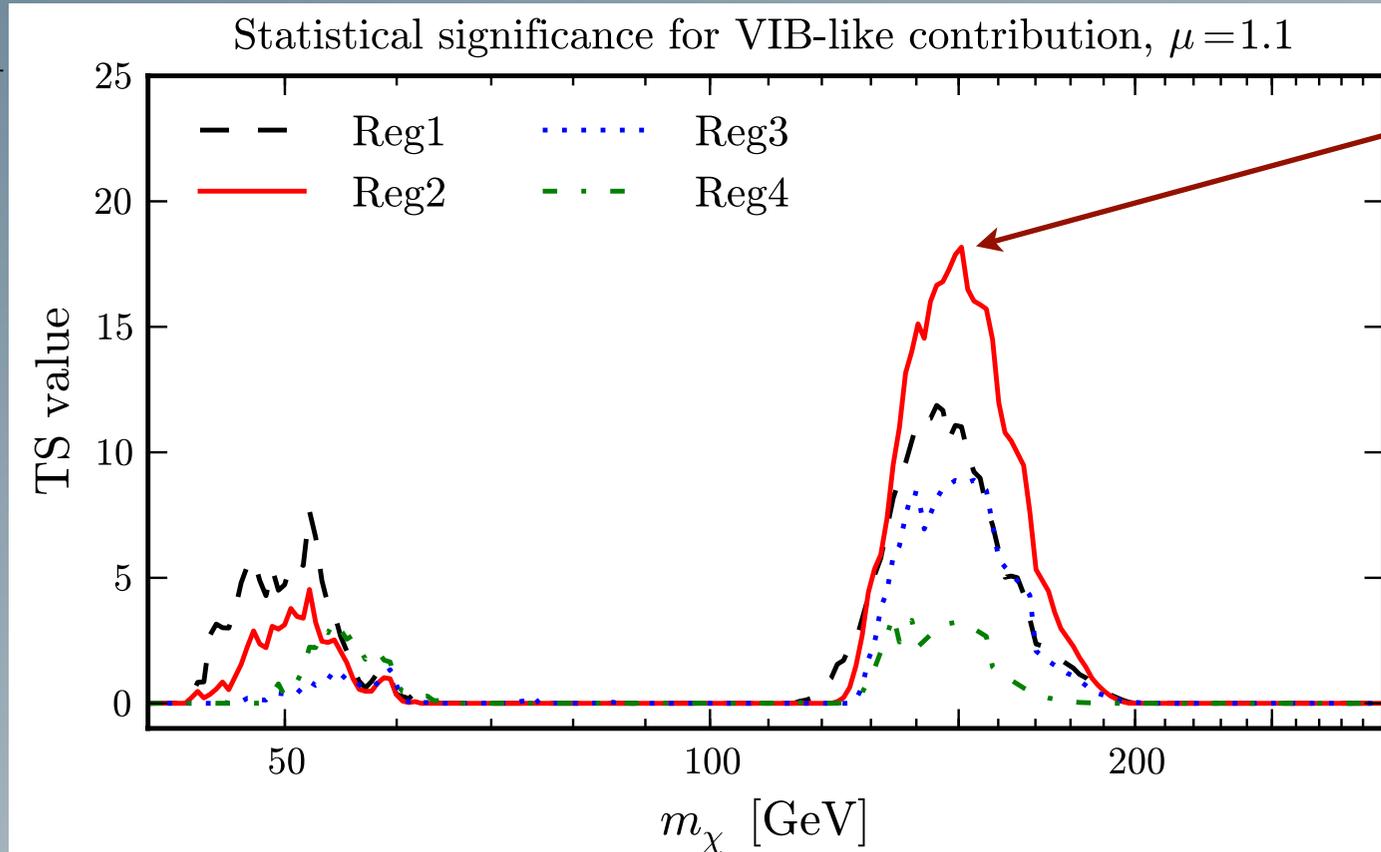
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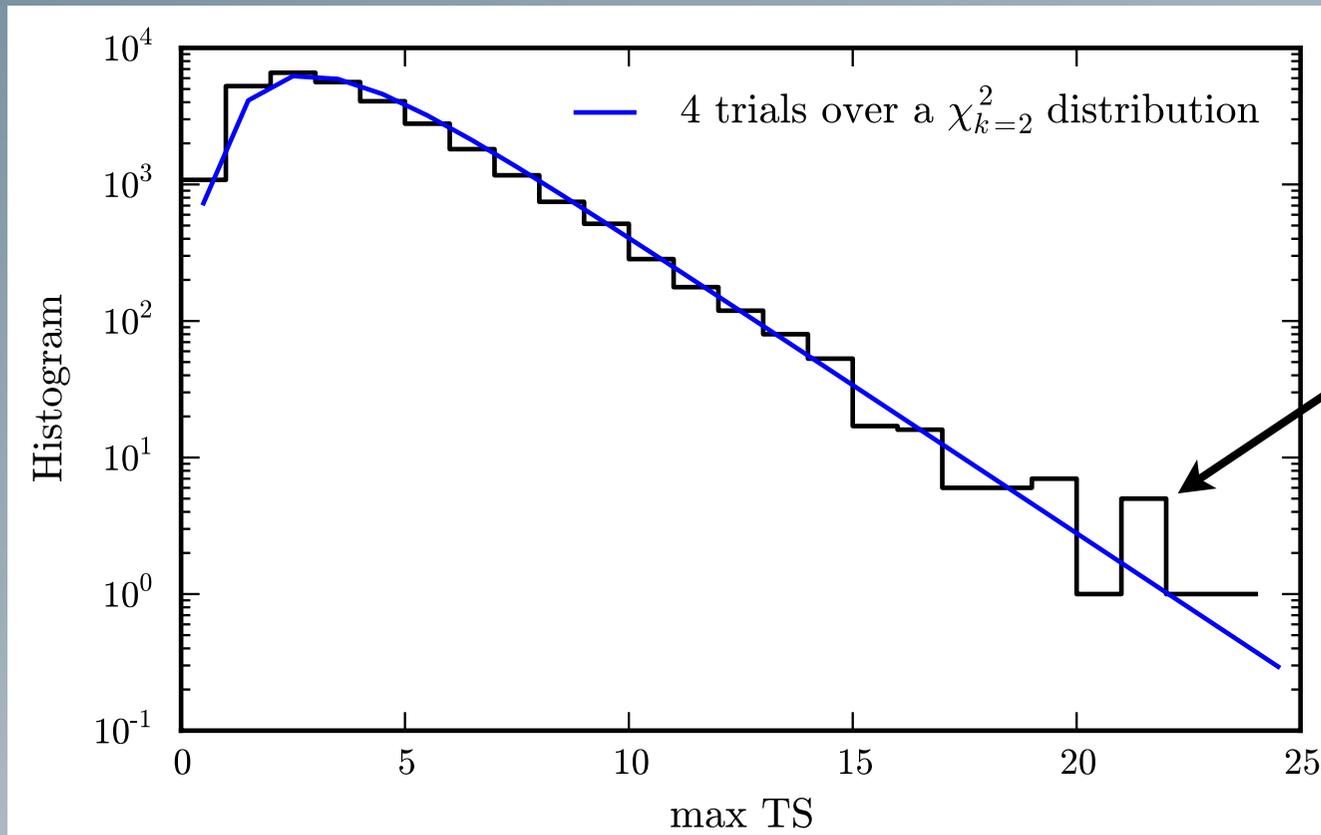
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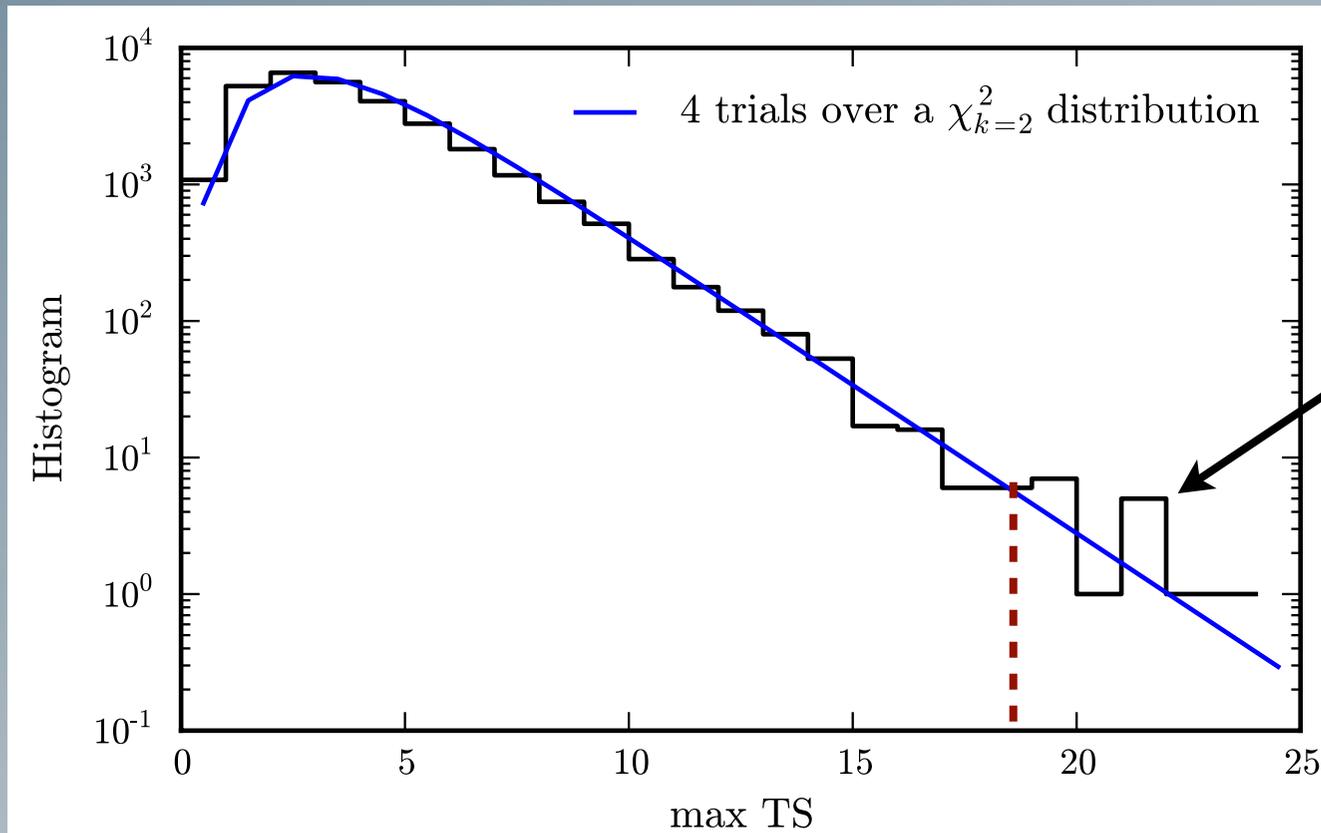
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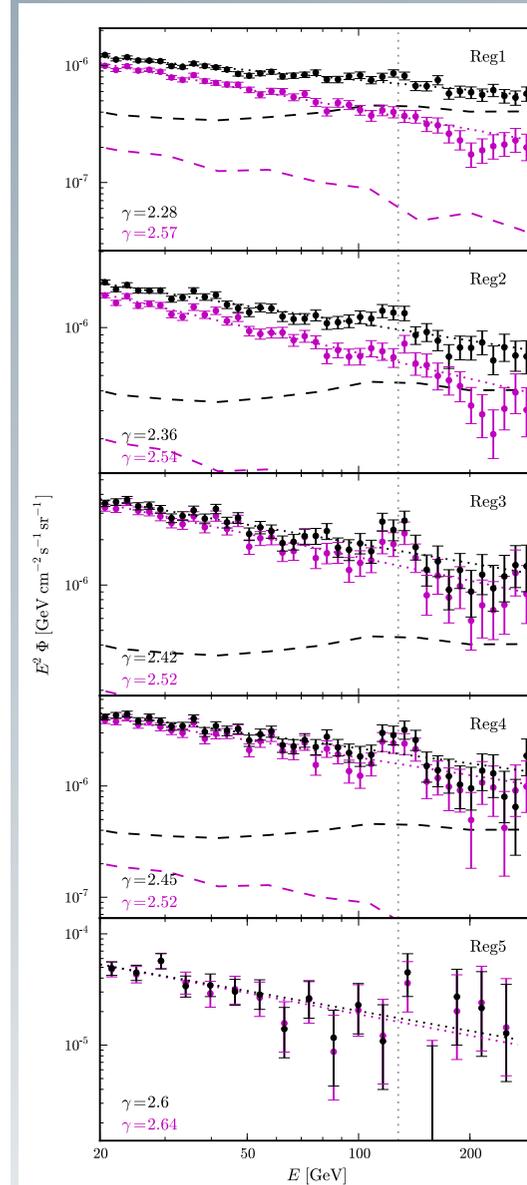
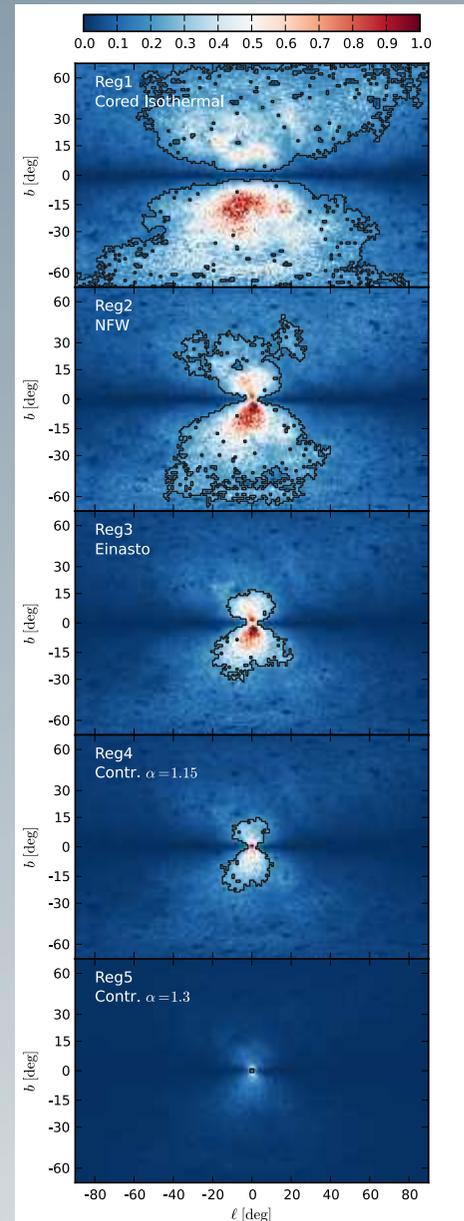
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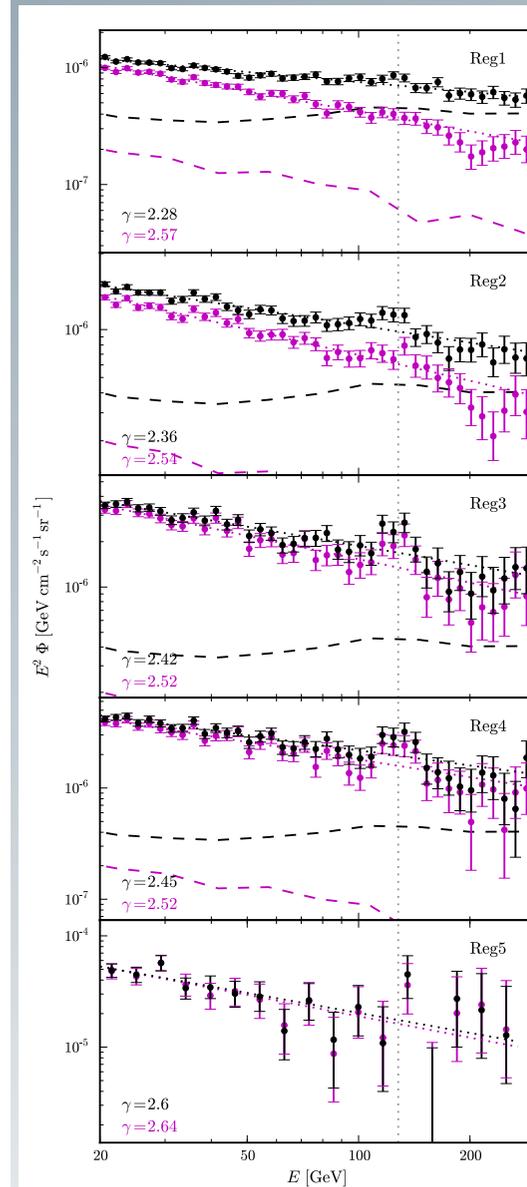
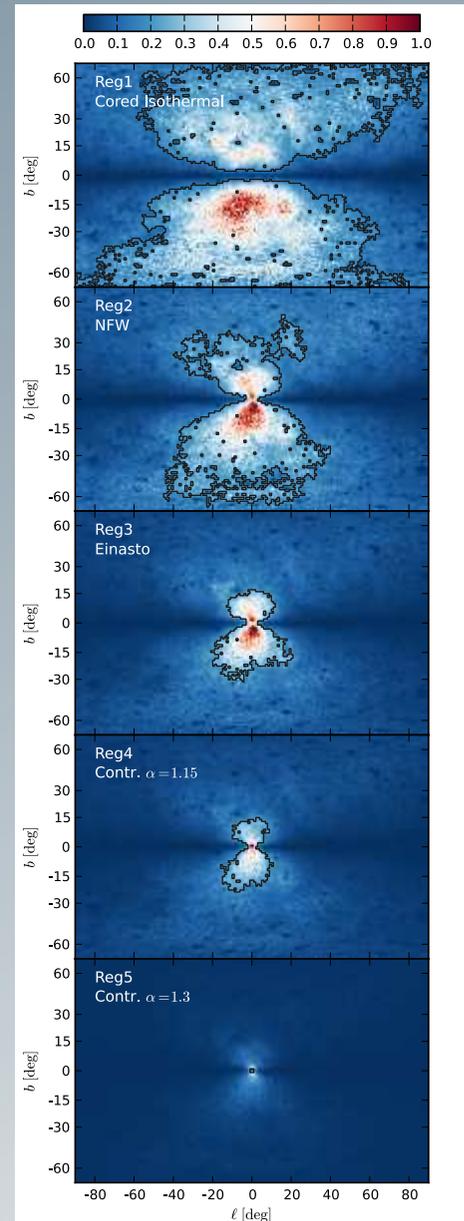
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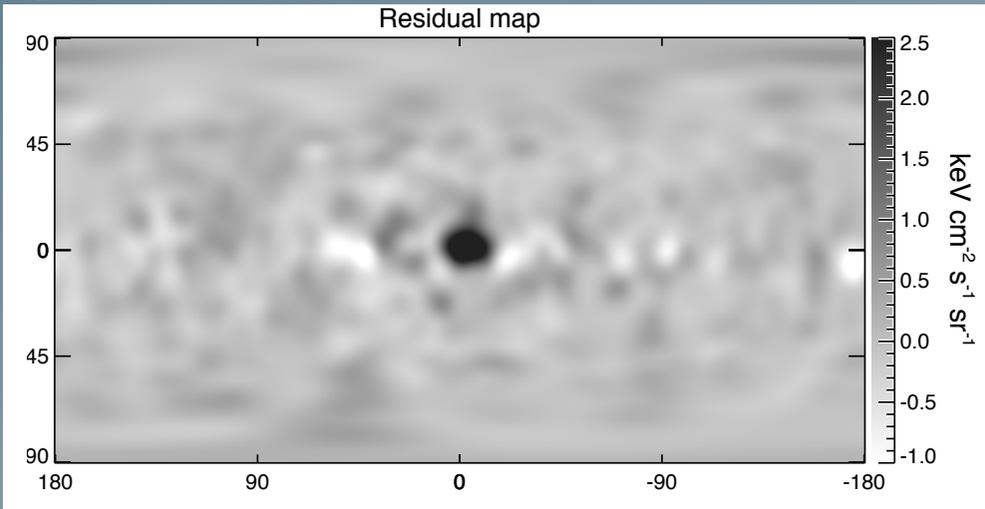
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→ *triggered significant interest in the community...* [~100 citations after 9 months!]



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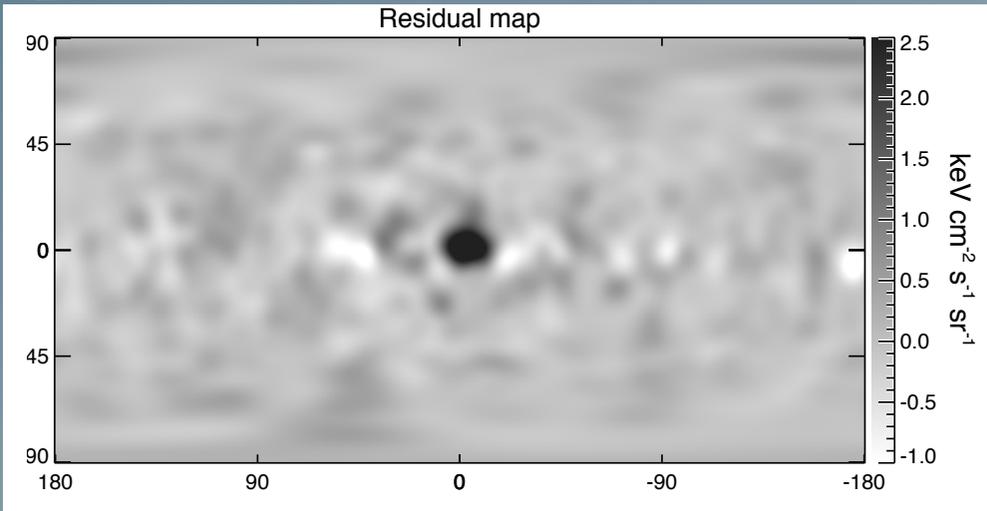
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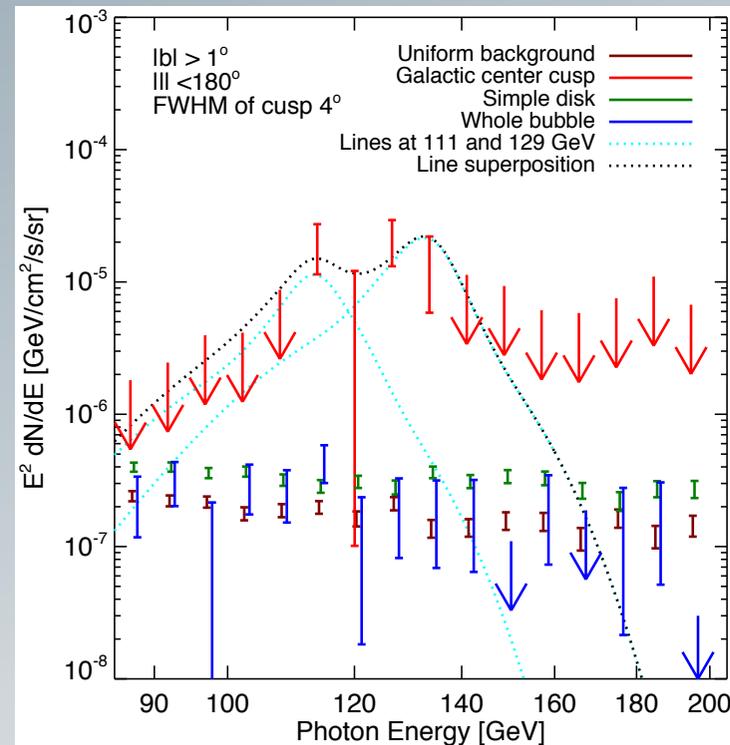
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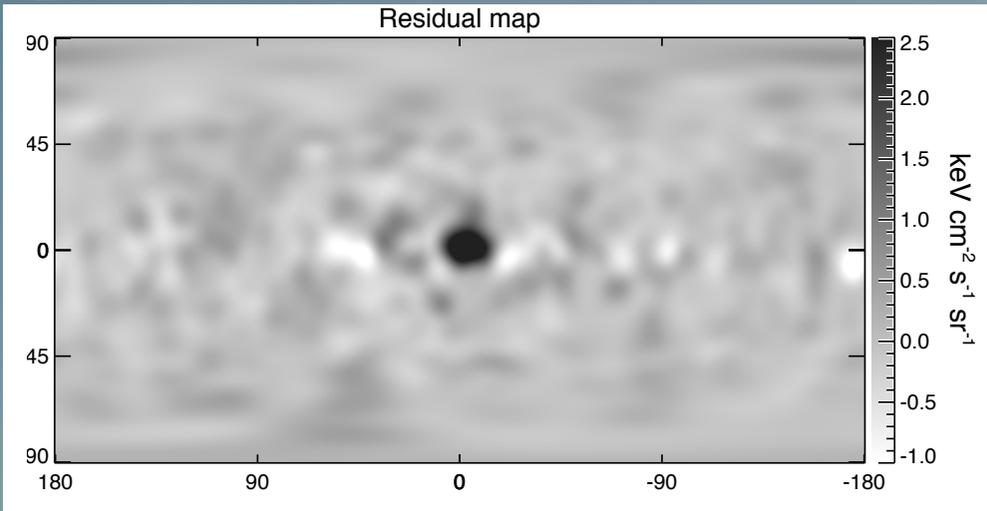
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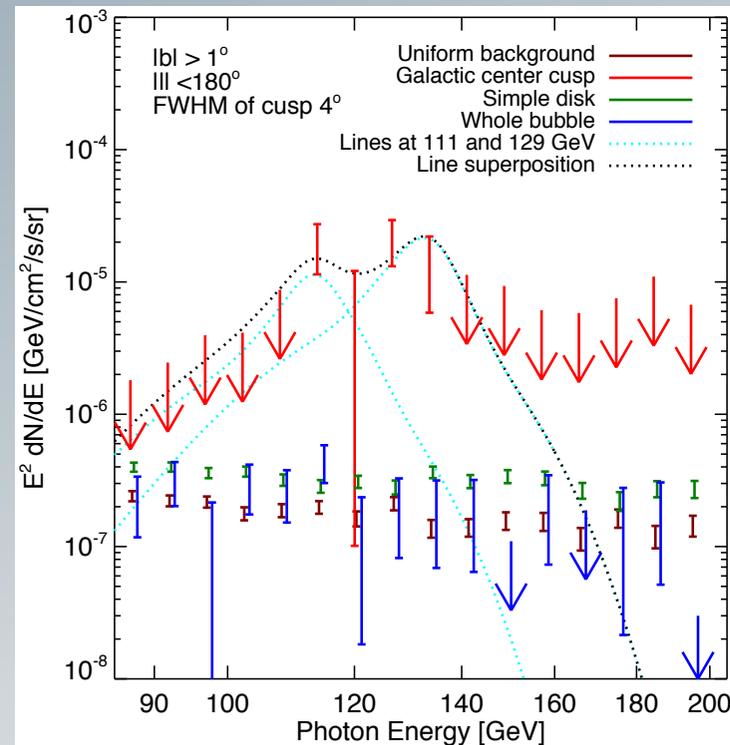


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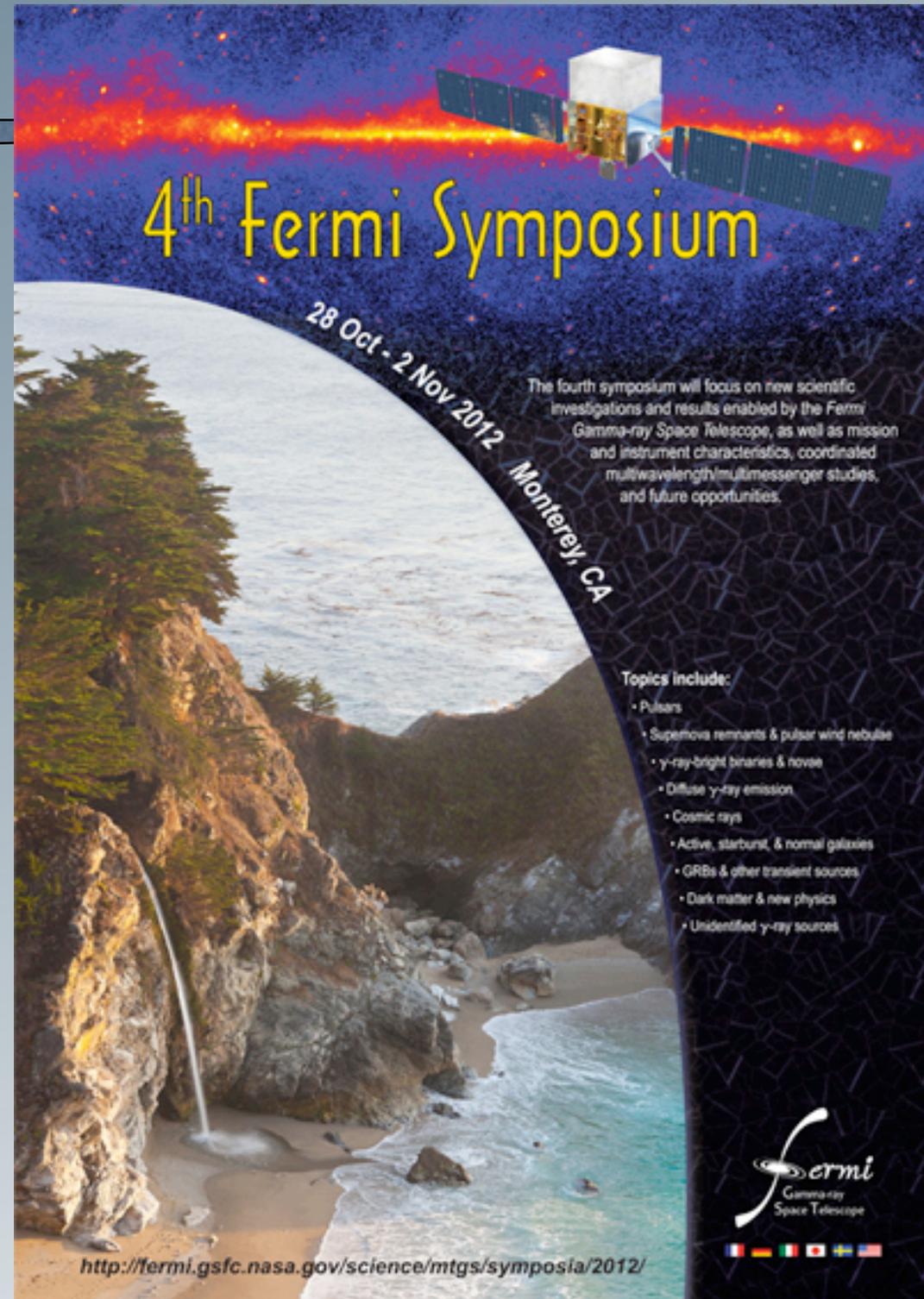
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4th Fermi Symposium

28 Oct - 2 Nov 2012 Monterey, CA

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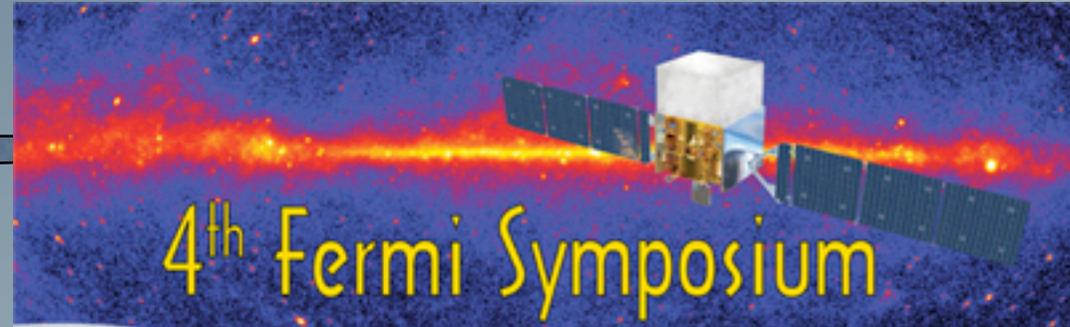
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<http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/mtgs/symposia/2012/>



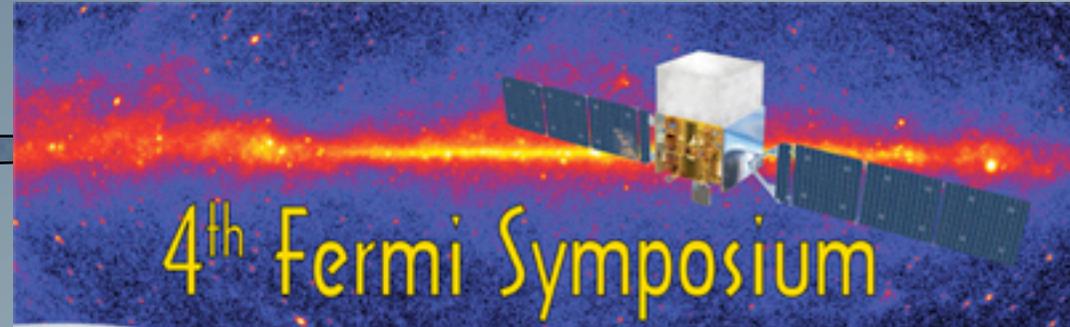
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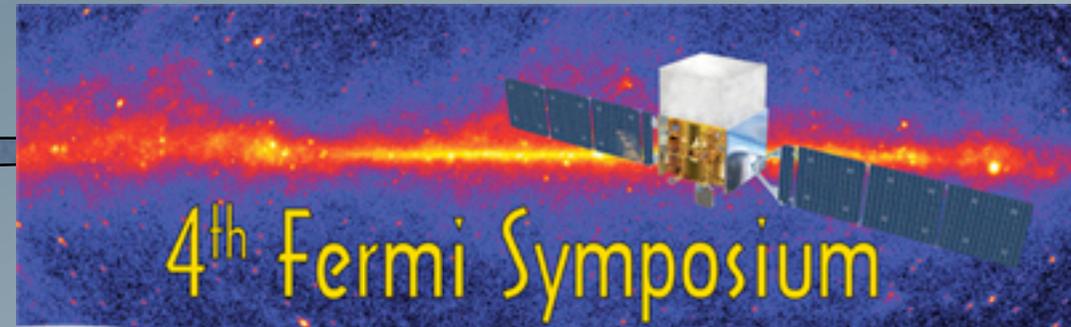
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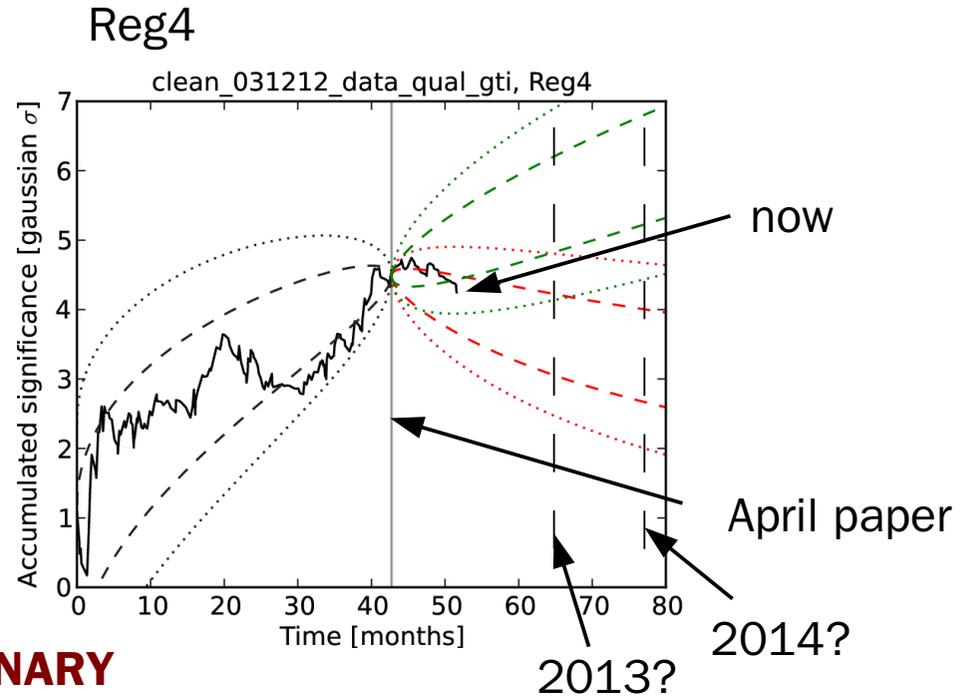
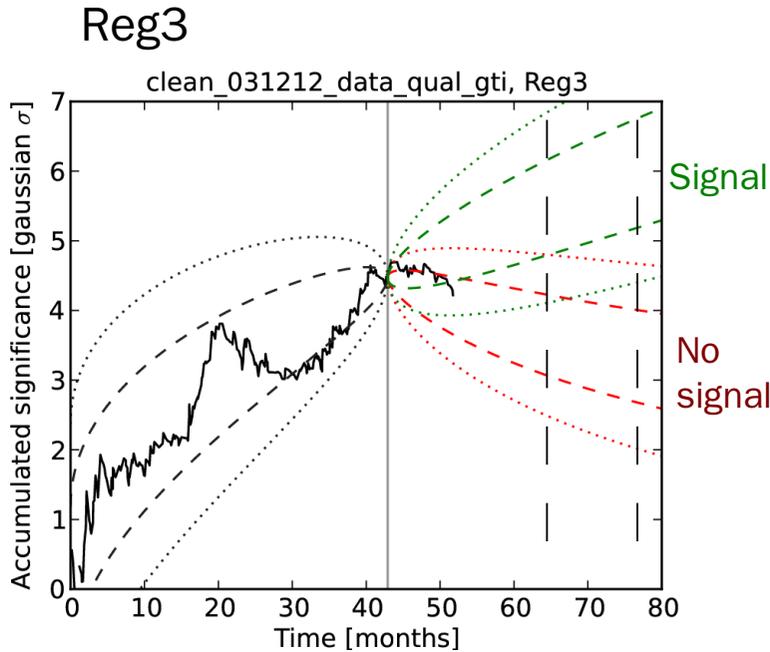
- Bottom line:
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- **instrumental**
- **statistical**
- **real**



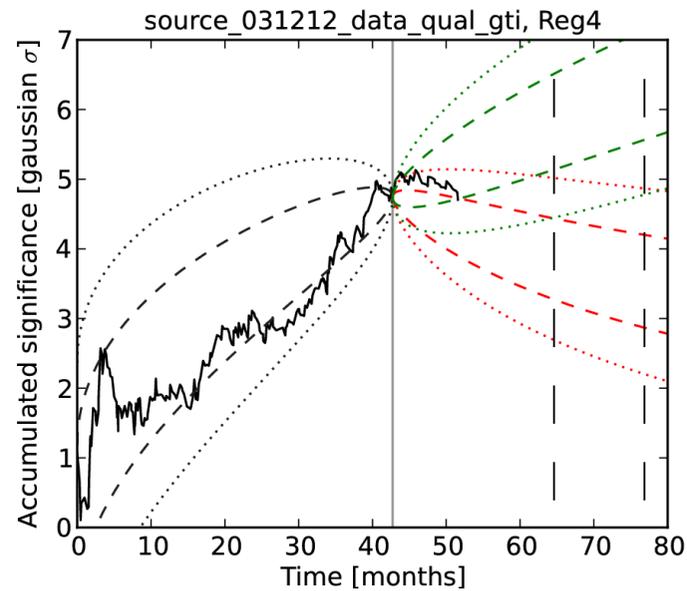
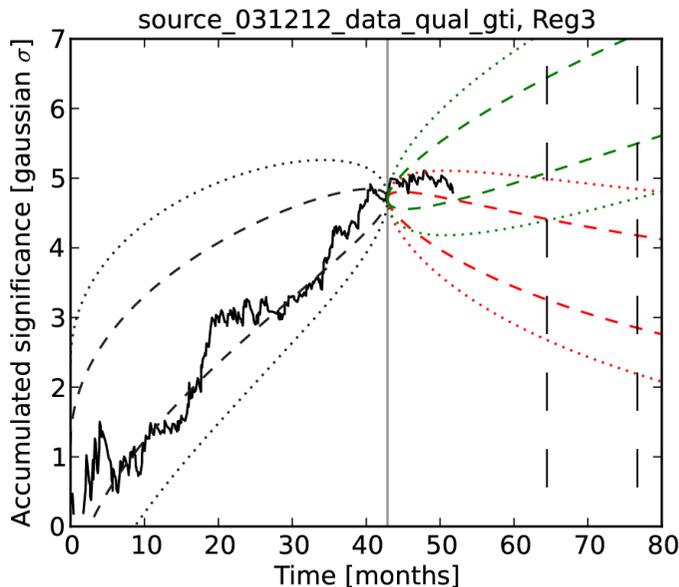
The fate of the 130 GeV line?

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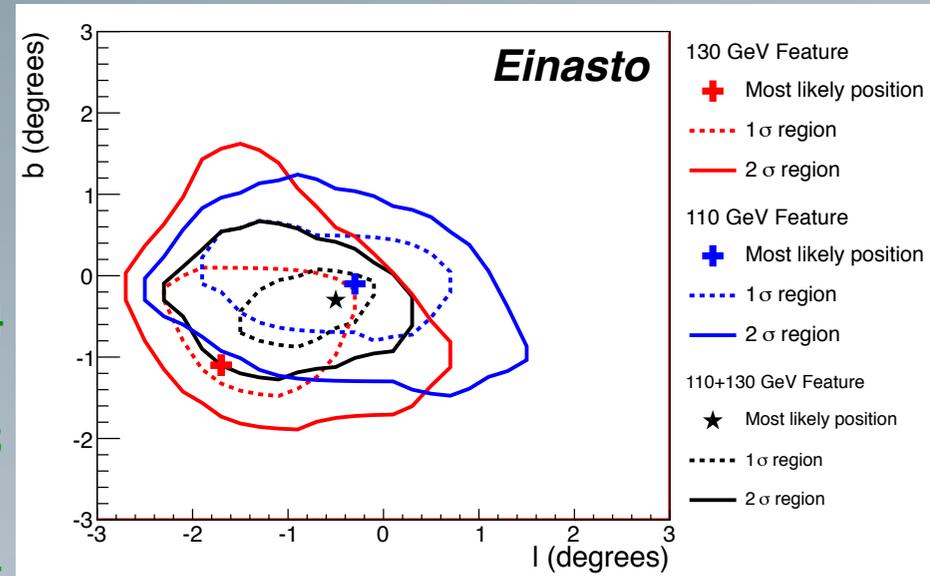


Bands: Analytical projection for $\pm 1\sigma$ and $\pm 2\sigma$ bands, assuming Gaussian noise with $S/B \sim 0.4$ and neglecting uncertainties in fiducial TS value; projections do not take into account expected improvements with PASS8

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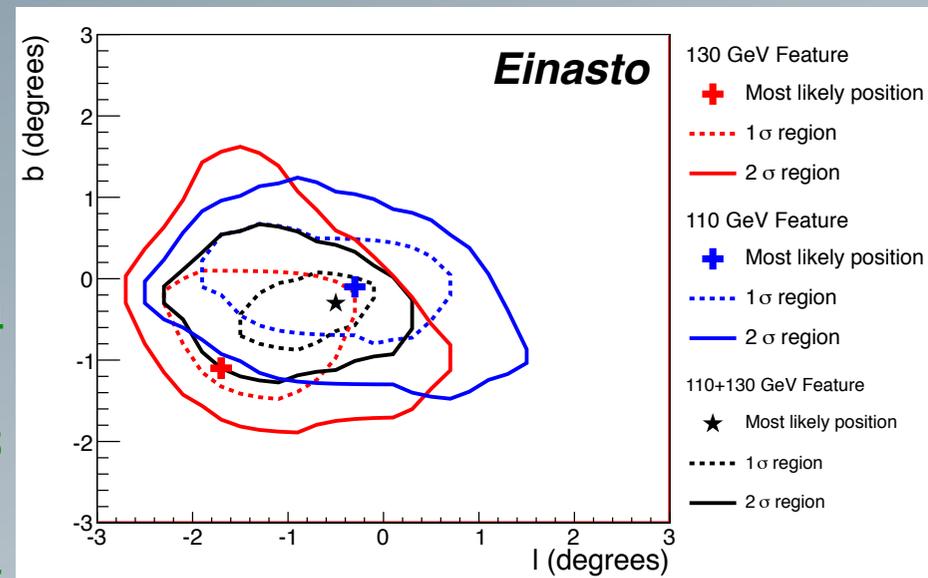
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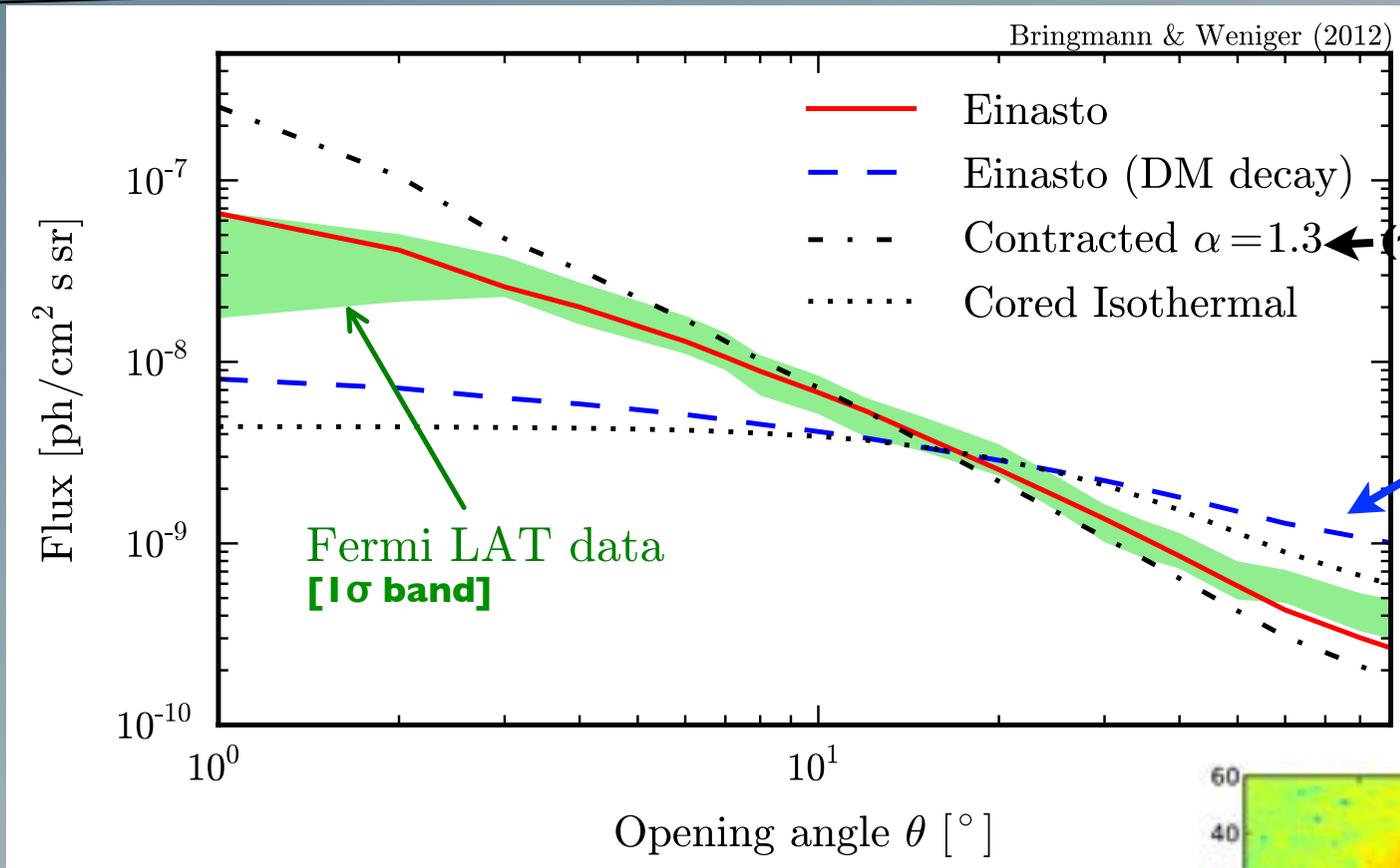
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- **A contamination from the earth limb?**
- (weak?) indication for line(s) at same energy! *Su & Finkbeiner, 1206.1616*
- would be a **serious** challenge to the DM interpretation
- atm completely unknown what could cause such a line...
- several indications for *statistical fluctuation* *Finkbeiner, Su & Weniger, 1209.4562*
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[e.g. only for very specific incident angles; no lines in astrophysical photons at these angles]

Signal profile



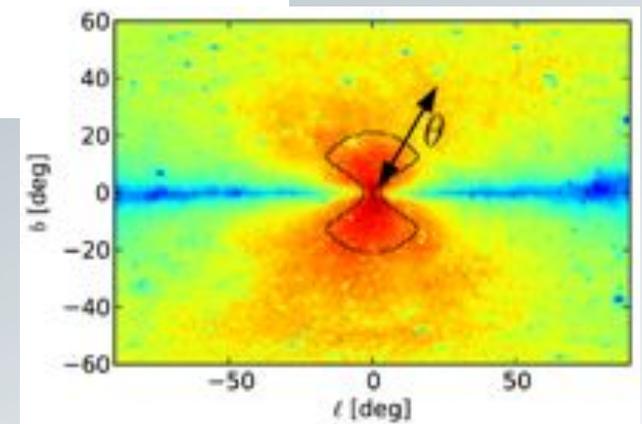
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NB: decaying DM no option!

→ Signal **not** compatible with **point source**, but (almost) only with standard **NFW** or **Einasto** profile!

[Symmetry around GC checked by masking half ROIs]



ROI [Color scale: signal to background]

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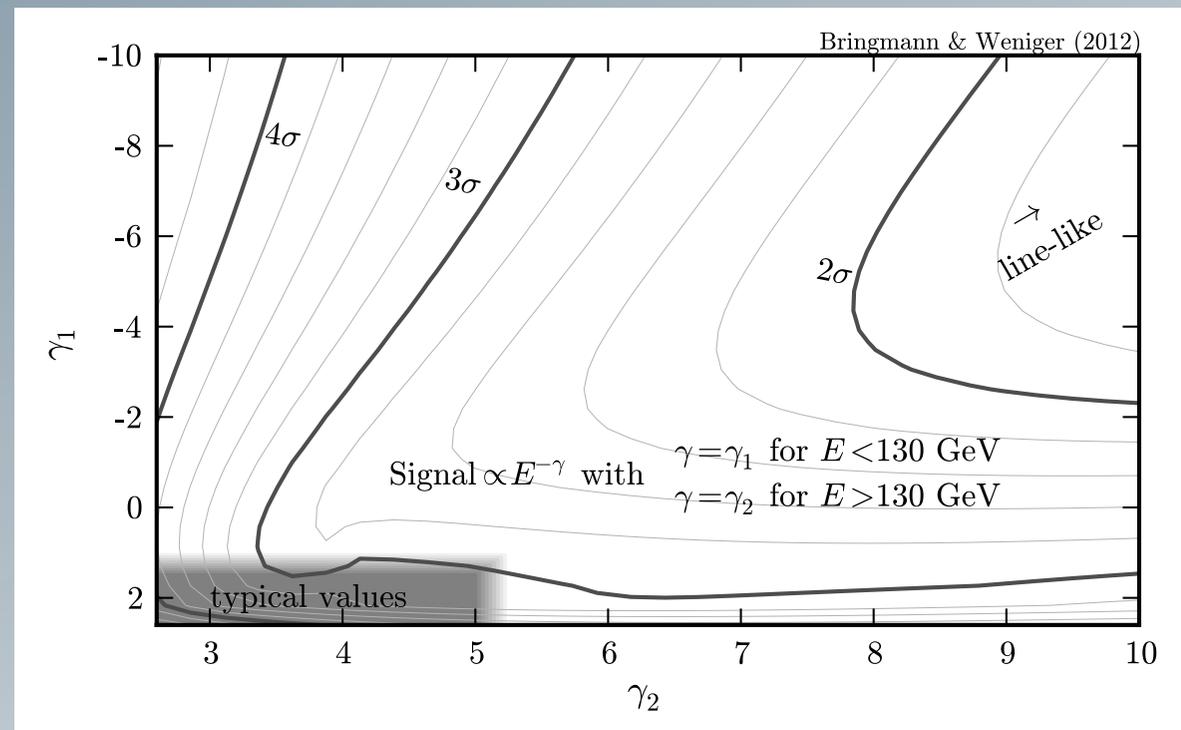
- Signal proportional to

$$E^{-\gamma} \exp\left[-(E/E_{\text{cut}})^2\right]$$

also **disfavored** wrt

line **by at least 3σ**

[same for astro-physical toy example:
ICS from mono-energetic e^\pm]



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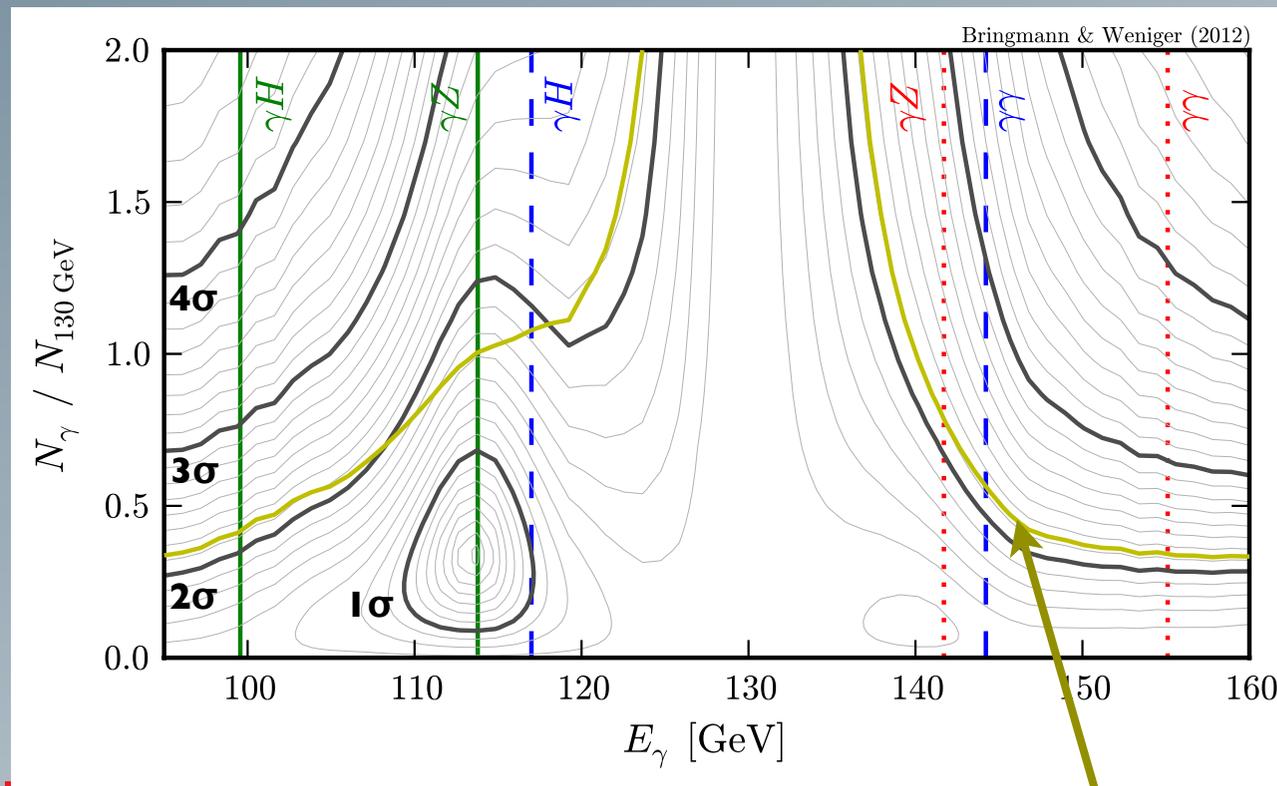
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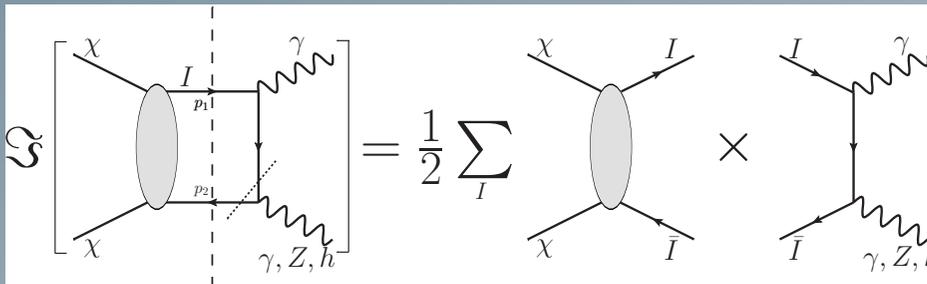
- usually at least two lines (eff. operators...)
- relative rates provide important constraints on viable models
- currently weak (1.4σ) indication for **2nd line**

see also:

Rajaraman, Tait & Whiteson, JCAP '12
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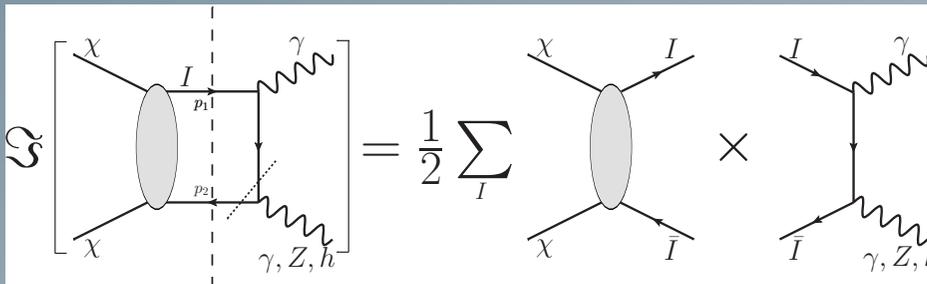


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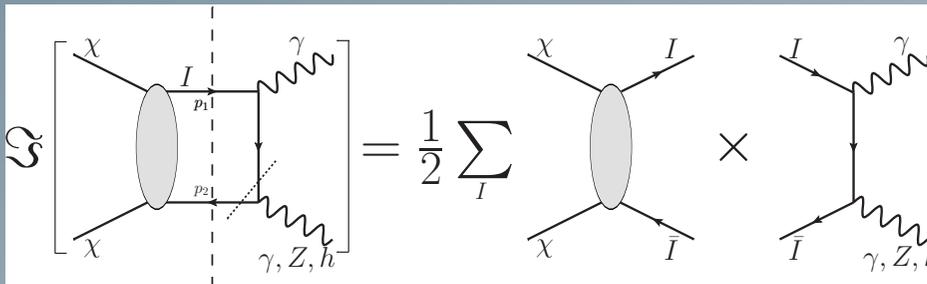
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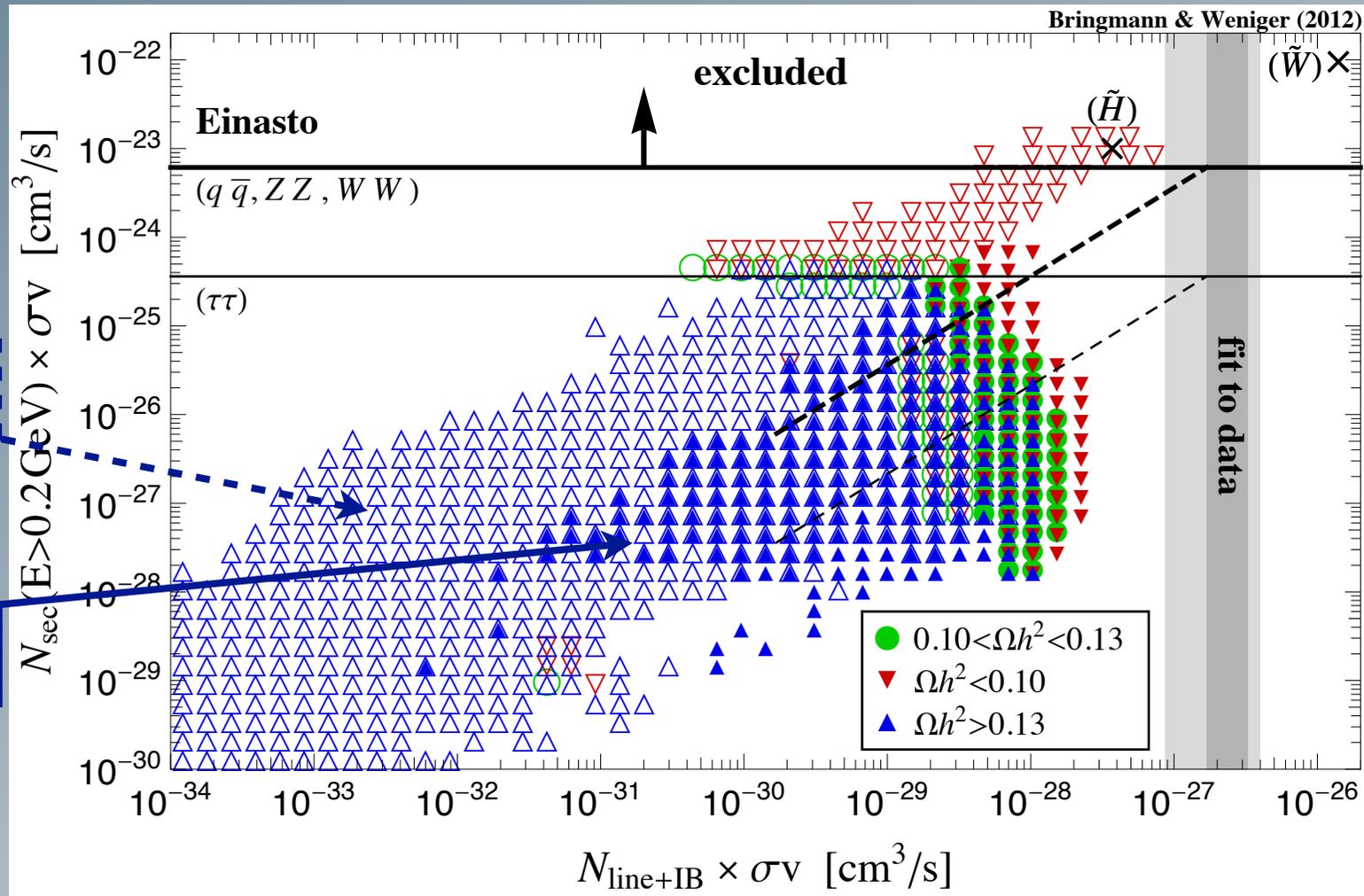
- Possible exceptions:

- only new particles in loop (independent model-building motivation?)
- cascade decays (fine-tuning to get narrow box!?)

- Internal Bremsstrahlung**

A SUSY scan

[cMSSM + MSSM-7; keep only models with correct mass and line-like spectra]



➔ *VIB more likely explanation than lines?*

(see also Bergström, PRD '12, Shakya 1209.2427, ...)

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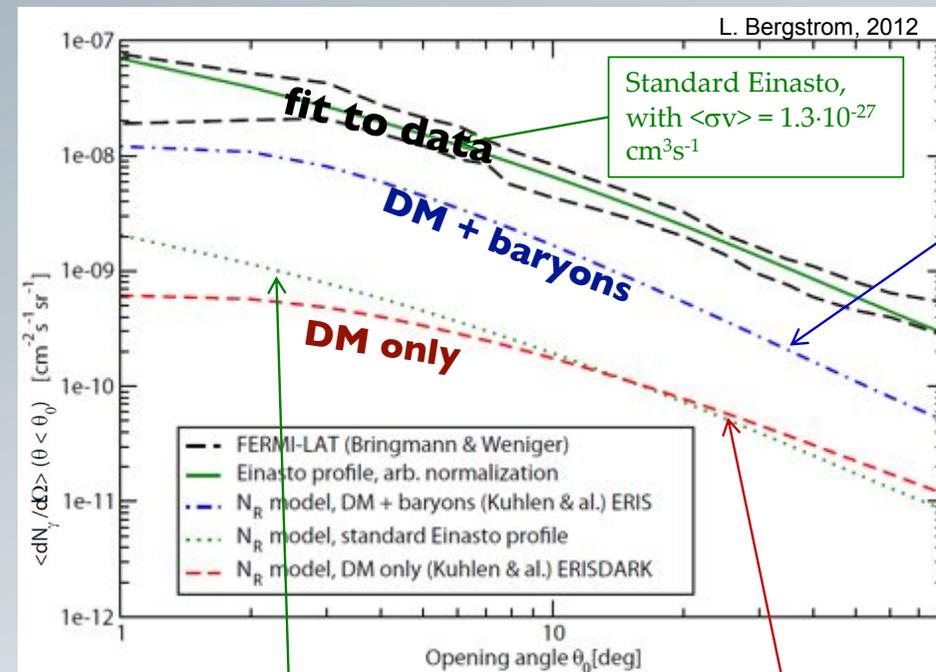
- Still **maybe possible** through

- larger *local DM density* than

$$\rho_{\odot}^{\chi} = 0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

(e.g. factor 2-3 claimed when including oblate halo and 'dark disk': [Garbari et al, MNRAS '12](#))

- Enhanced DM profile due to effect of **baryons** as in new ERIS simulation
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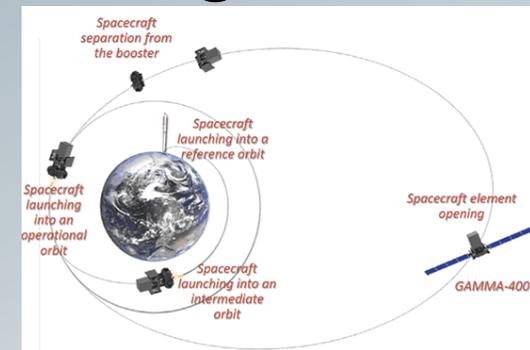
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• final word possibly by **GAMMA-400**
Galper et al., I210.1457

- launch around 2018
- greatly improved **angular** and **energy** resolution (at the expense of sensitivity)
- $\sim 5\sigma$ signal significance **after 10 months!**
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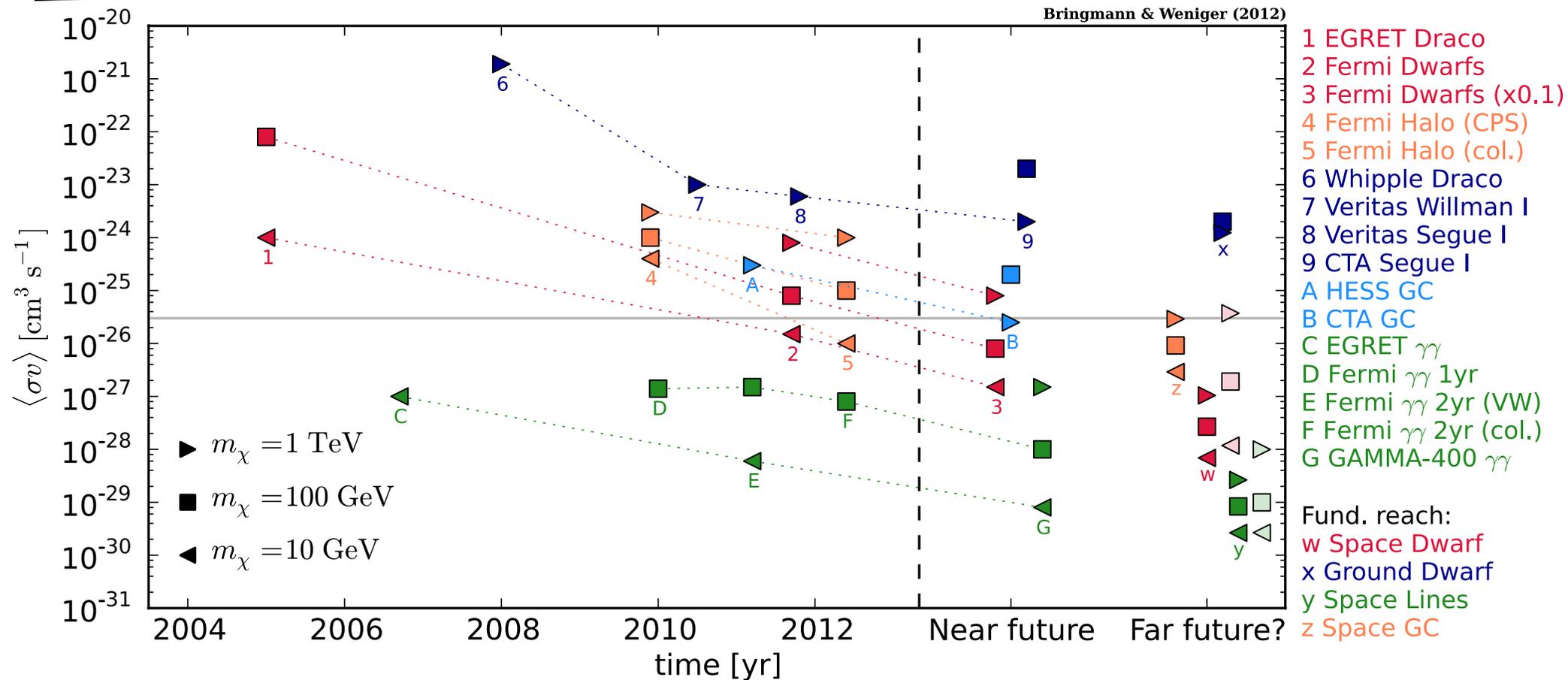
→ may also provide further information about the spectrum!

[NB: Similar performance expected by chinese **DAMPE** & **HERD**!]

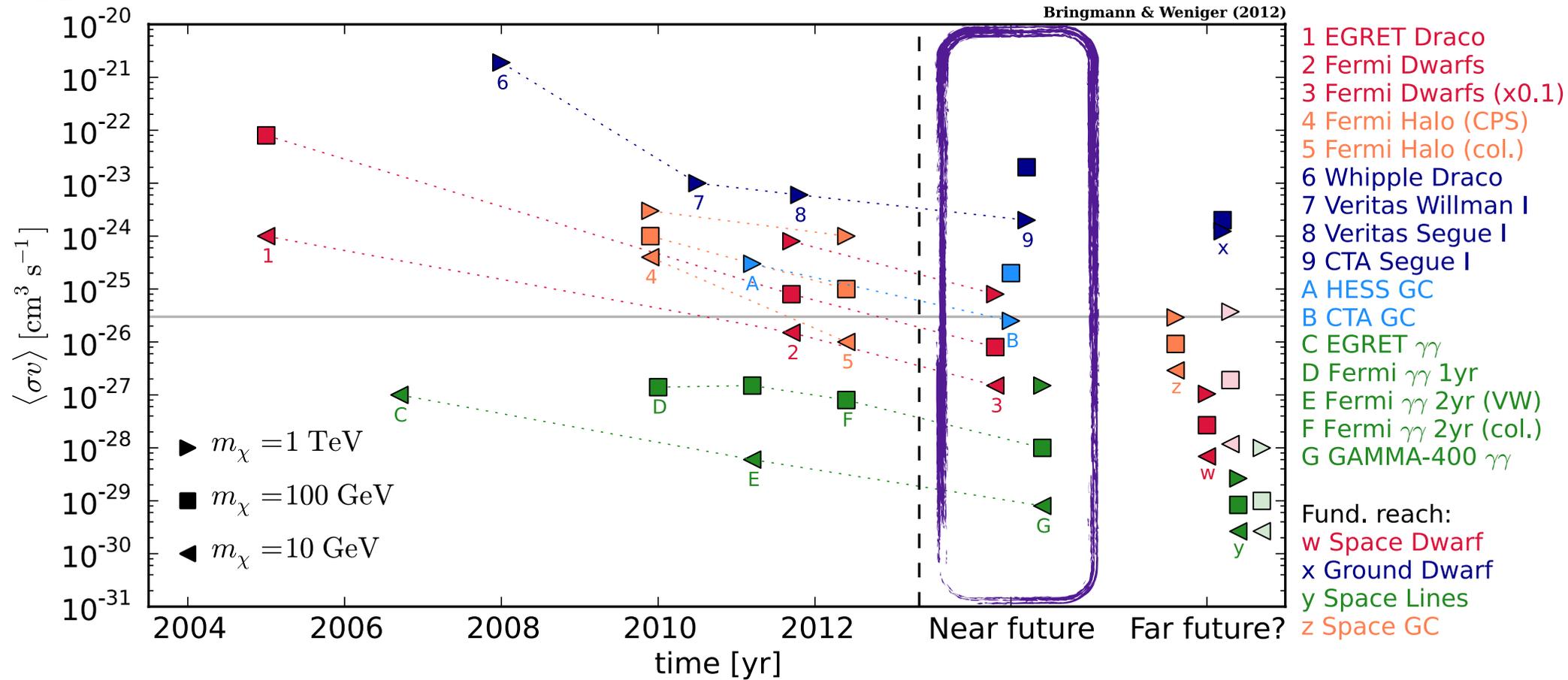


	Fermi	GAMMA-400	H.E.S.S.
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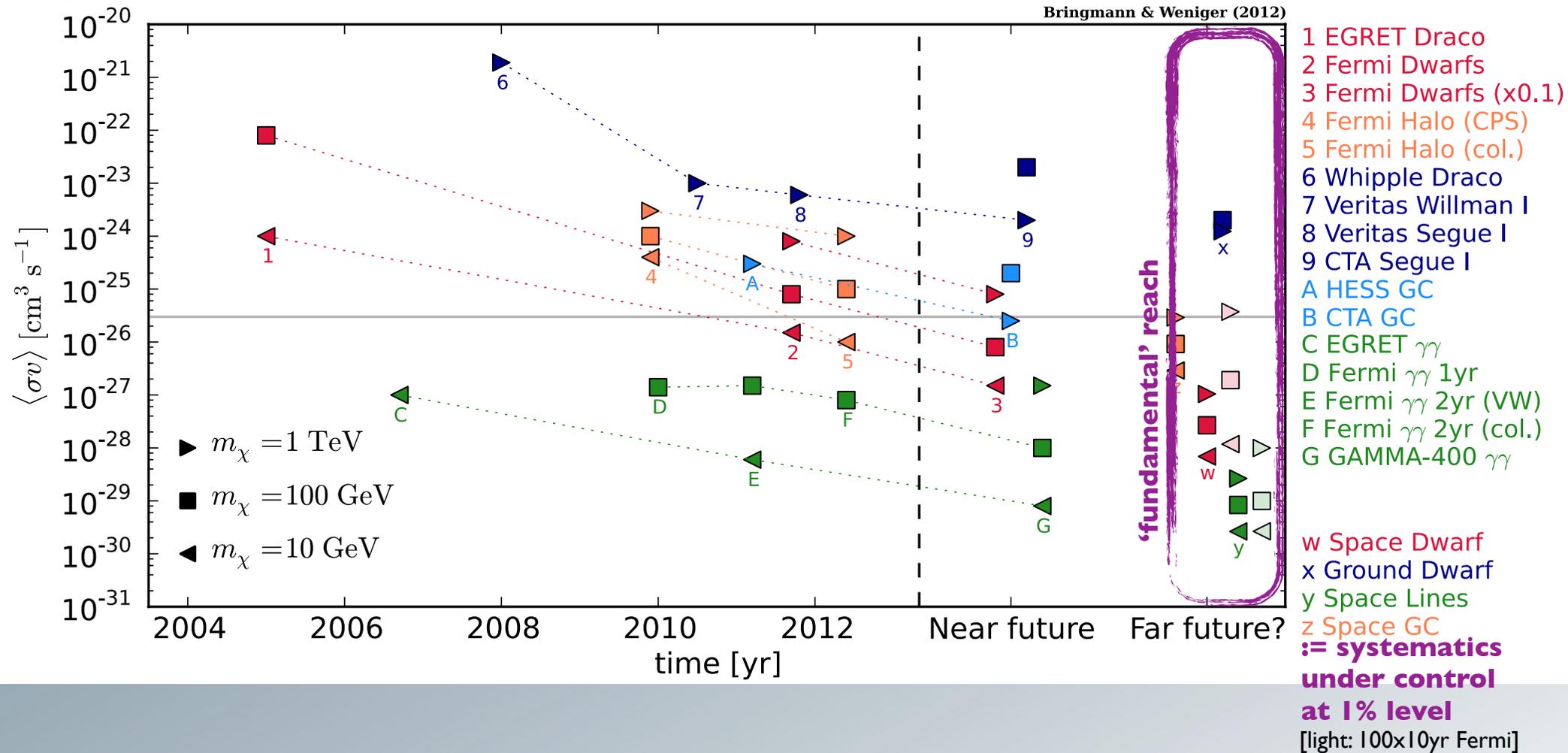


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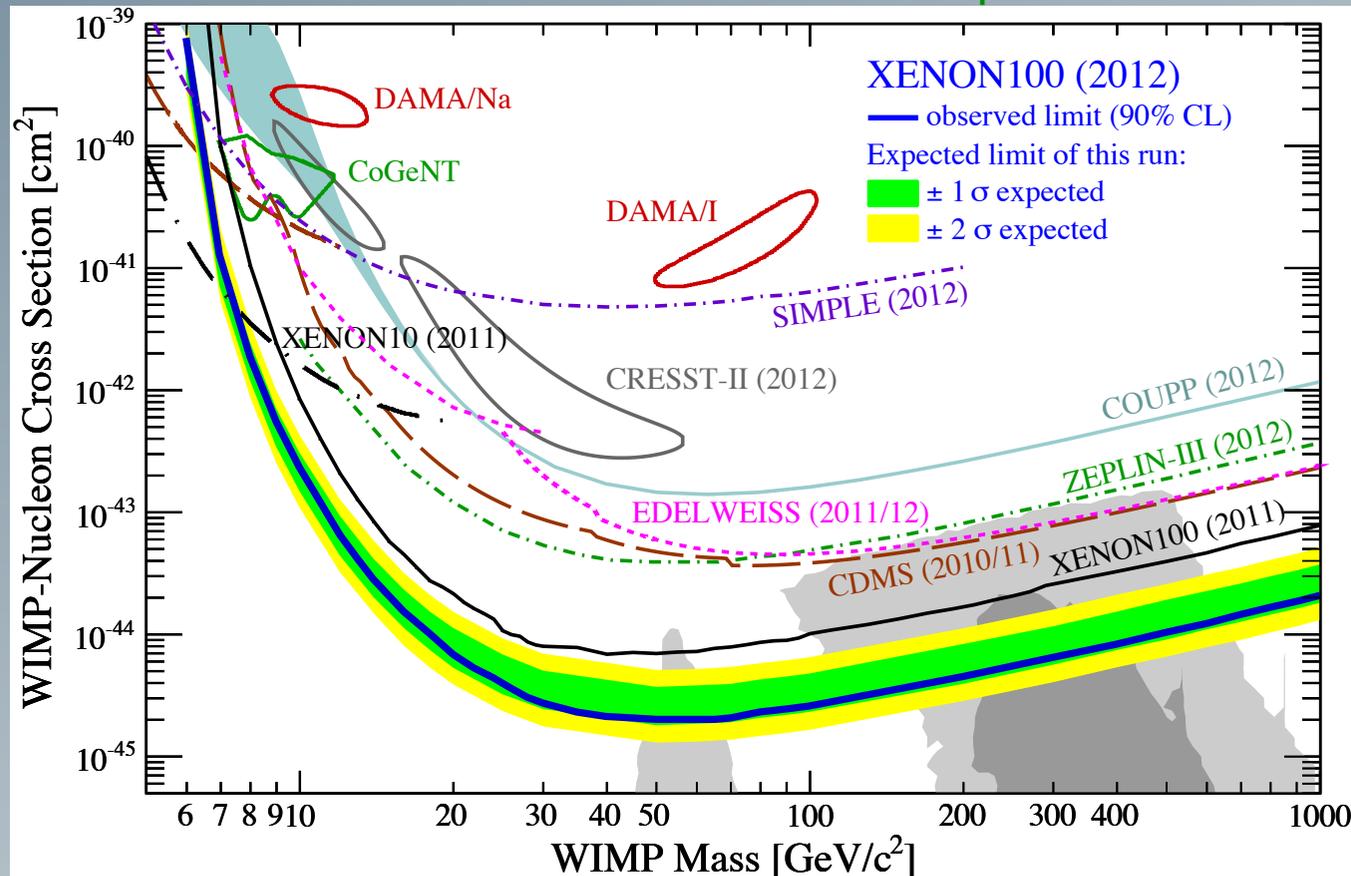


- further significant improvement possible** with current technology
- in particular **space-based instruments** (but **need very large exposures**)
- earth-based** soon **systematics-limited** \rightsquigarrow need to e.g. reject e^- -background!

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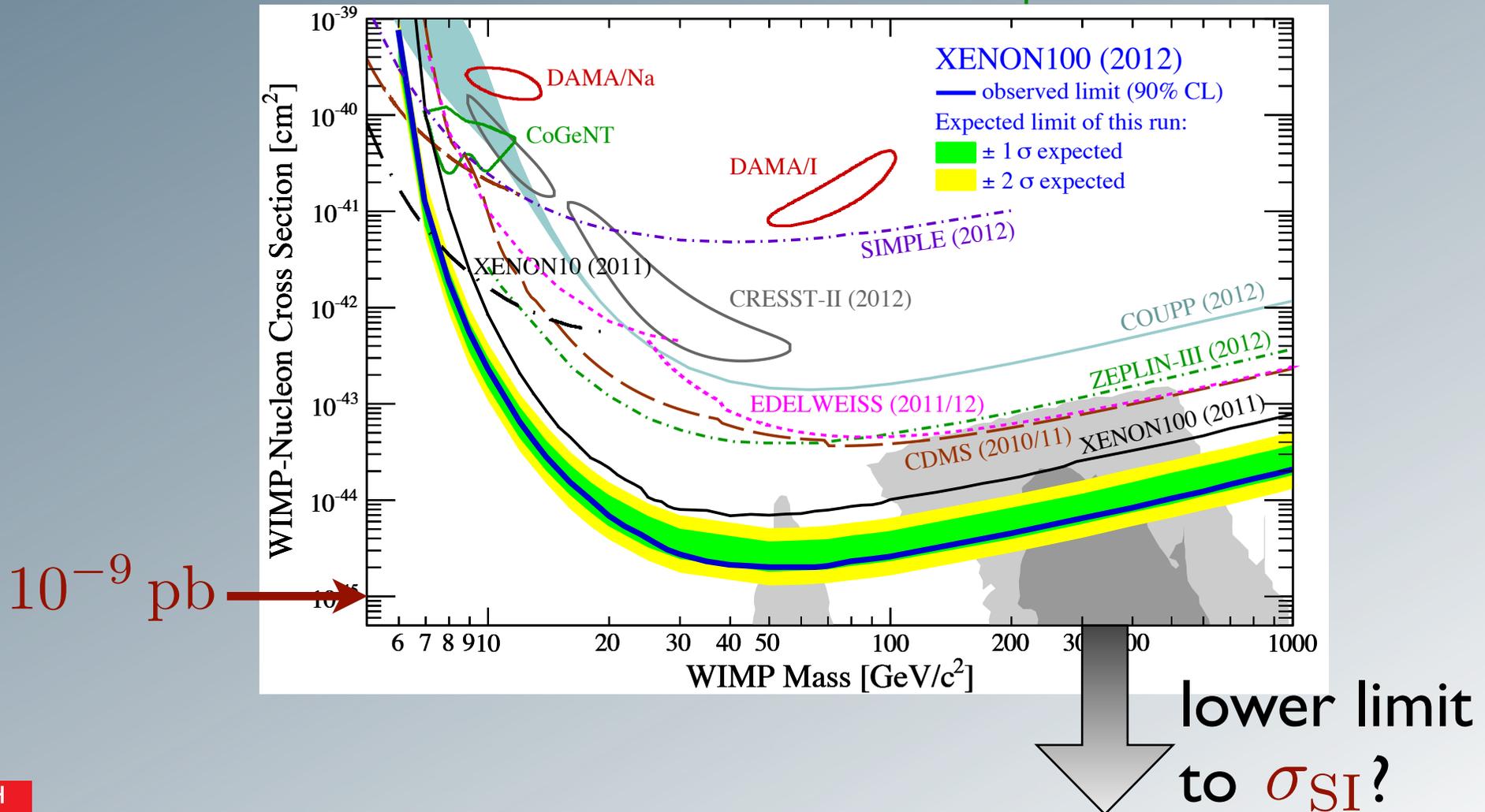
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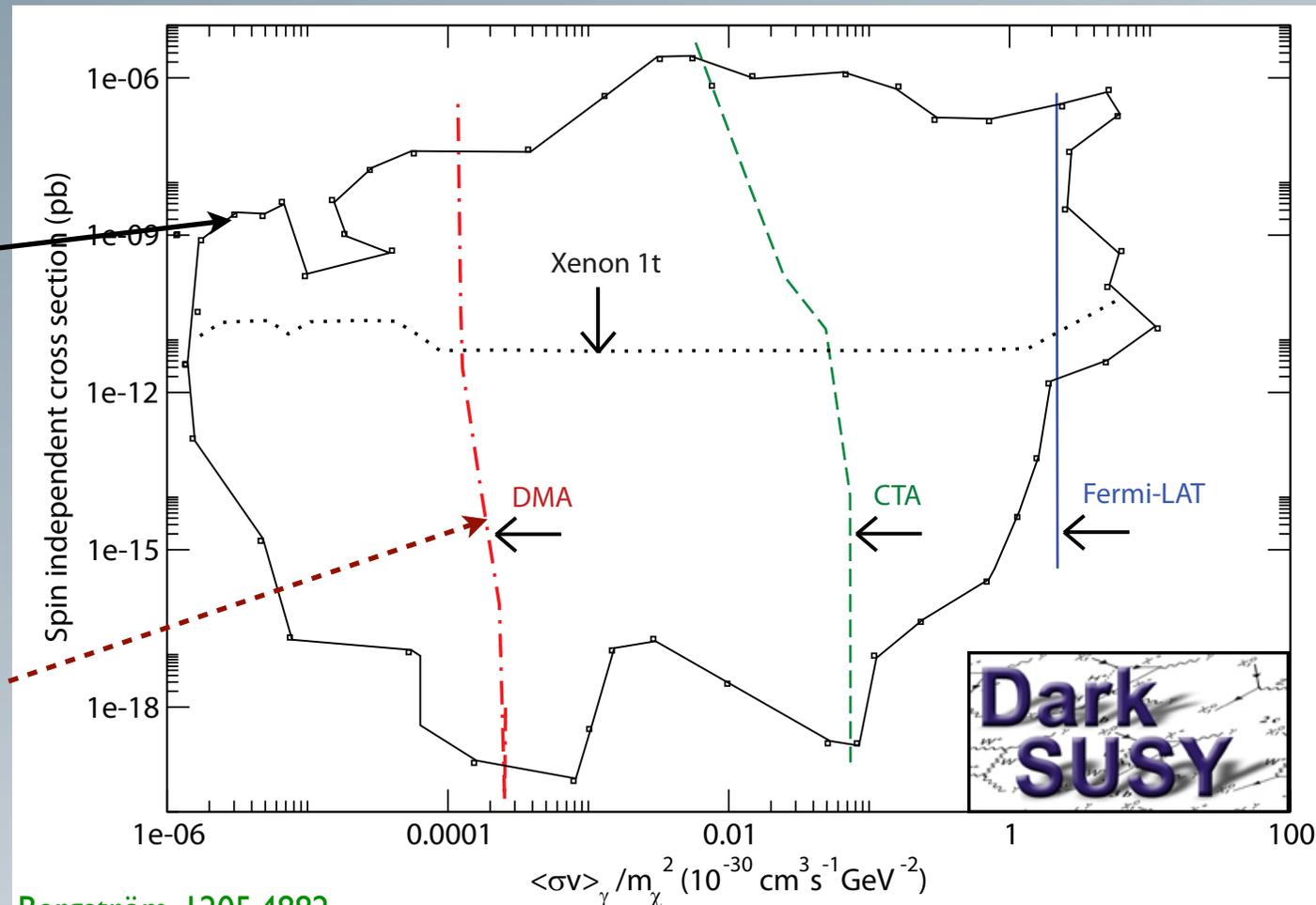
- Direct and indirect searches probe SUSY parameter space from an ‘**orthogonal**’ direction [Bergström, TB & Edsjö, PRD '11](#)
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MSSM scan

- relic density, (pre-LHC) collider bounds OK
- Galactic center (NFW, no boost)

The “Dark Matter Array”:

- $10 \times A_{\text{eff}}(\text{CTA})$
- $E > 10 \text{ GeV}$
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[Bergström, 1205.4882](#)

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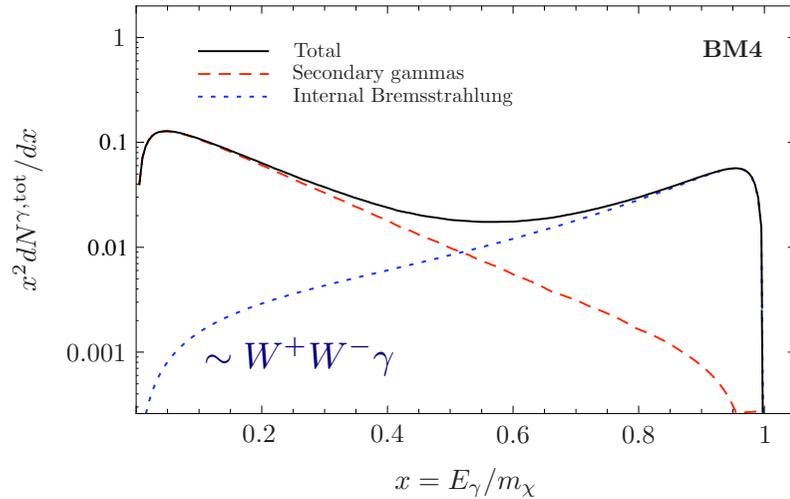
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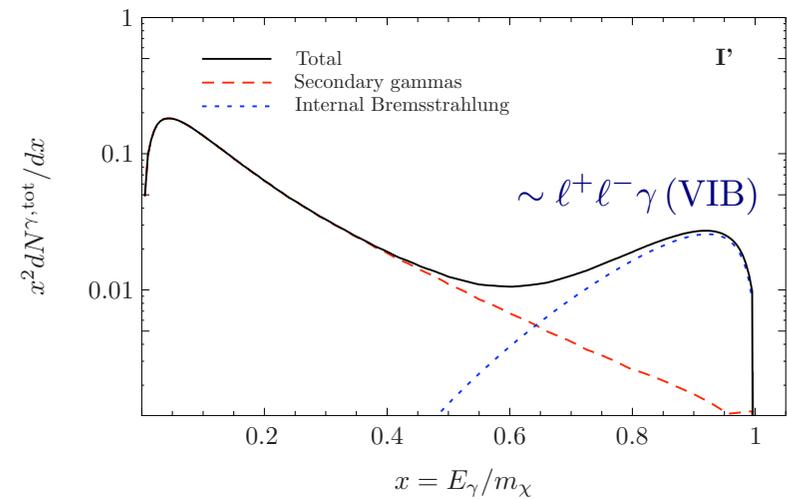
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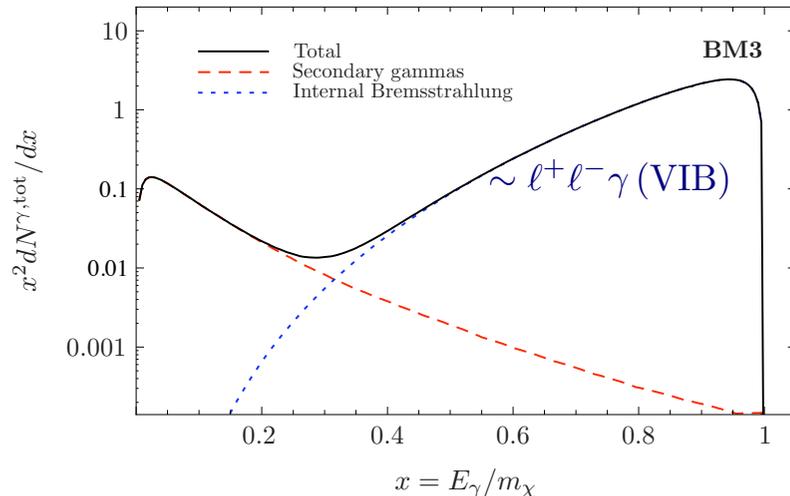
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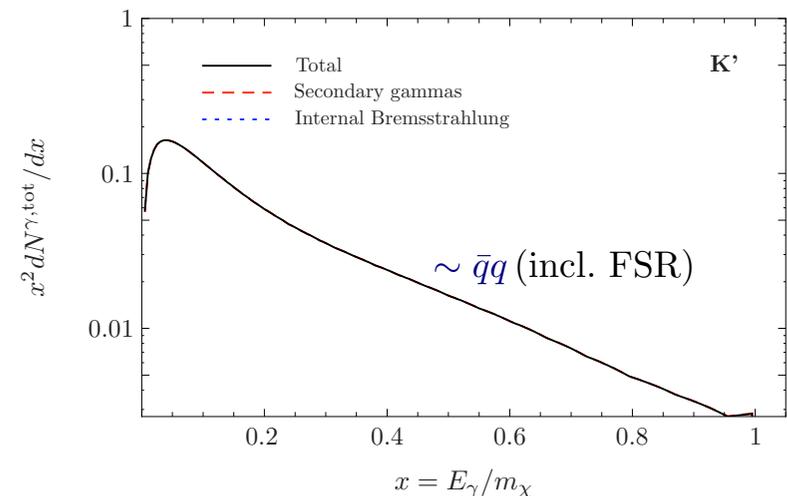
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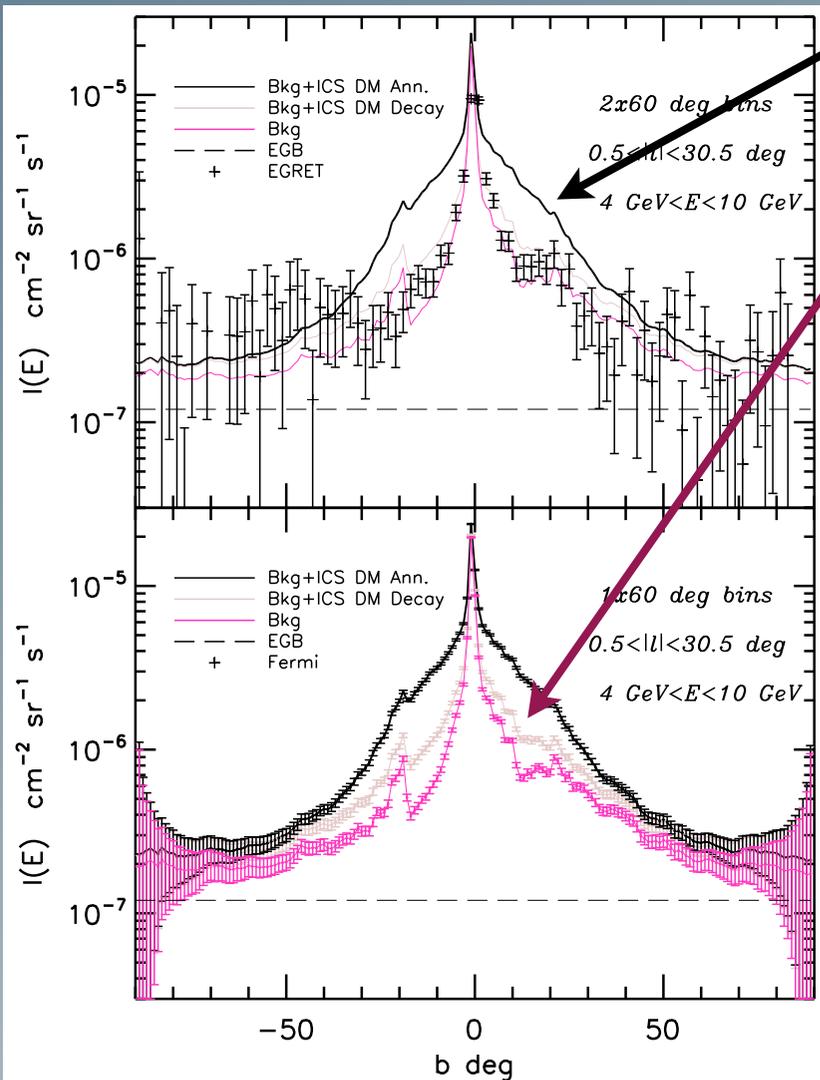


funnel region ($m_\chi = 565$ GeV)



(benchmarks taken from TB, Edsjö & Bergström, JHEP '08 and Battaglia et al., EPJC '03)

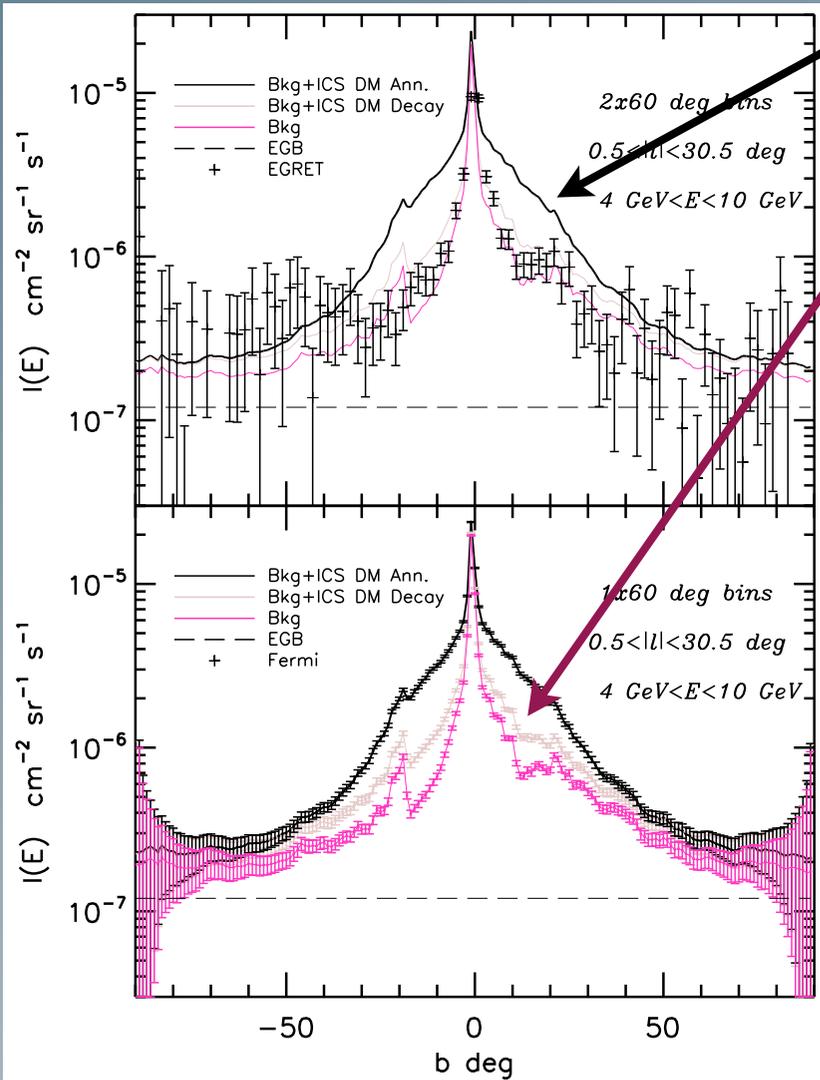
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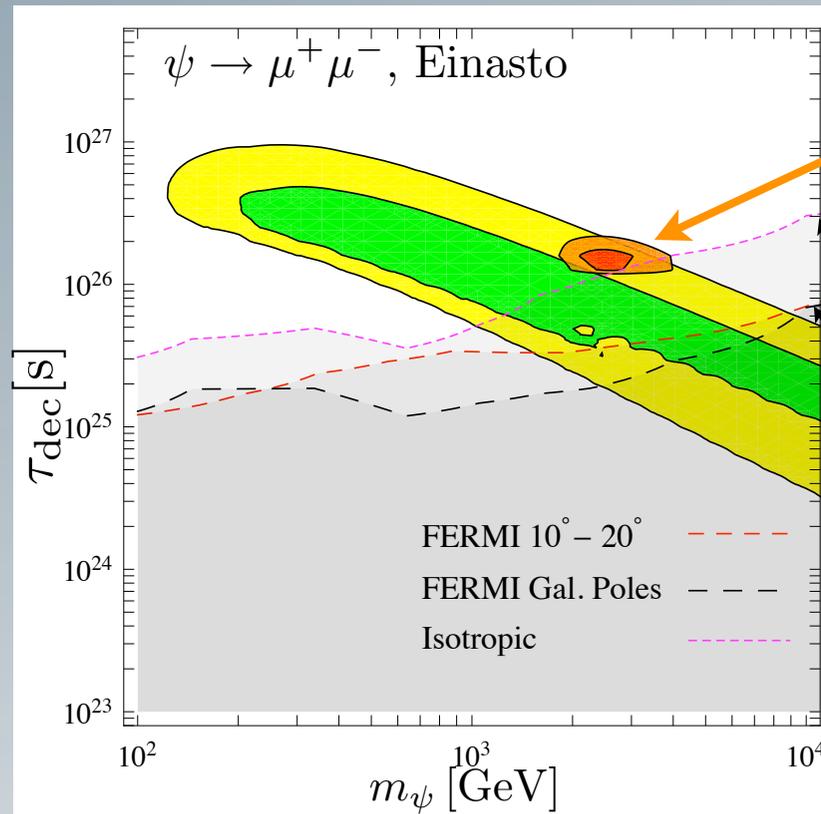
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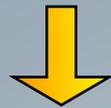
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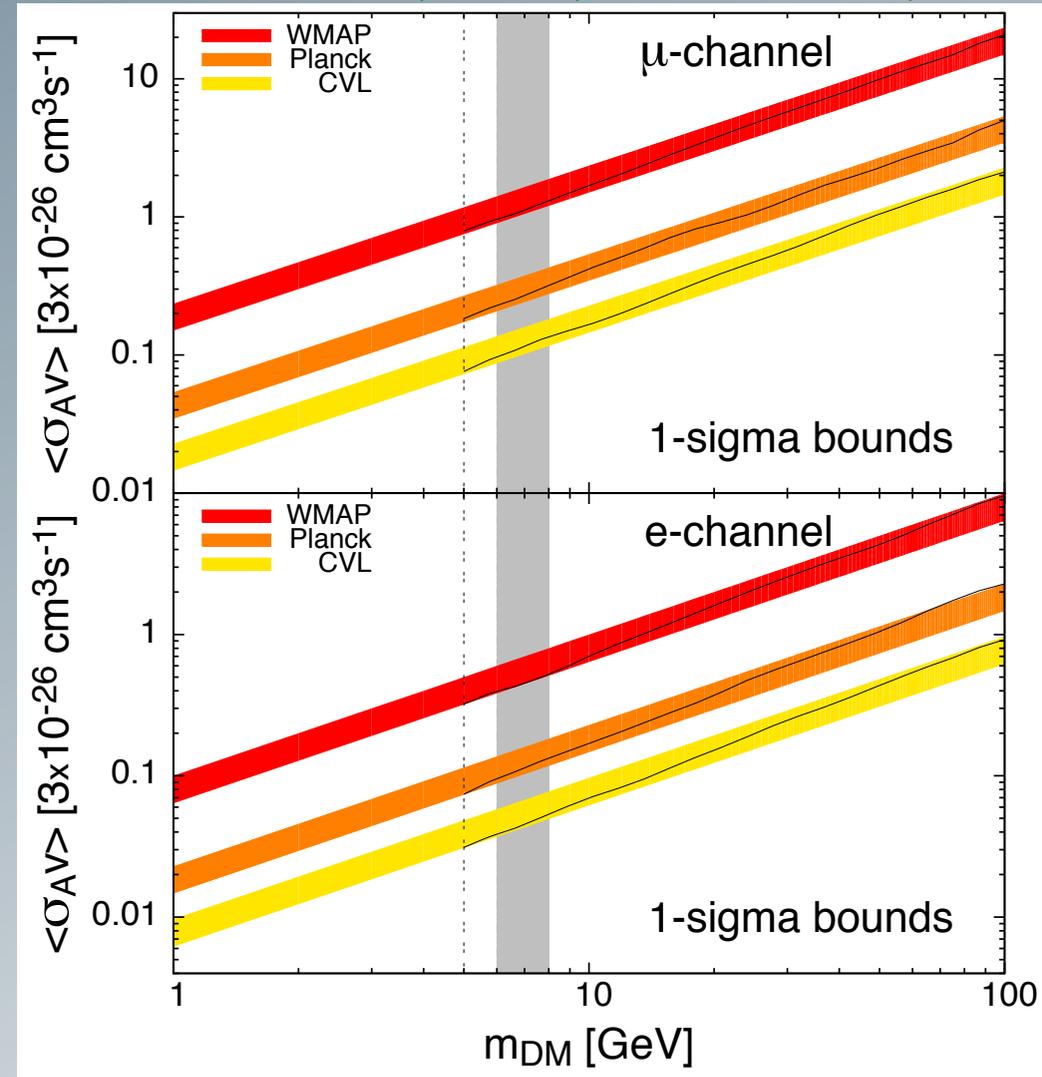
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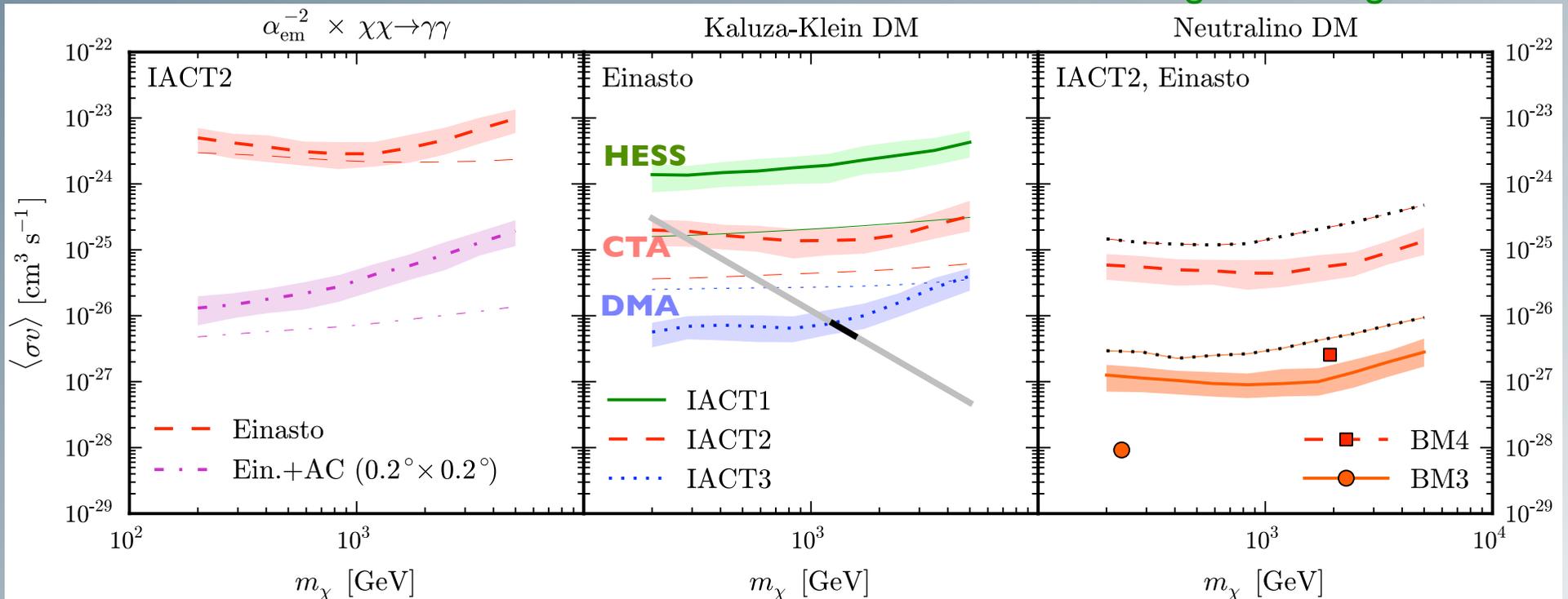


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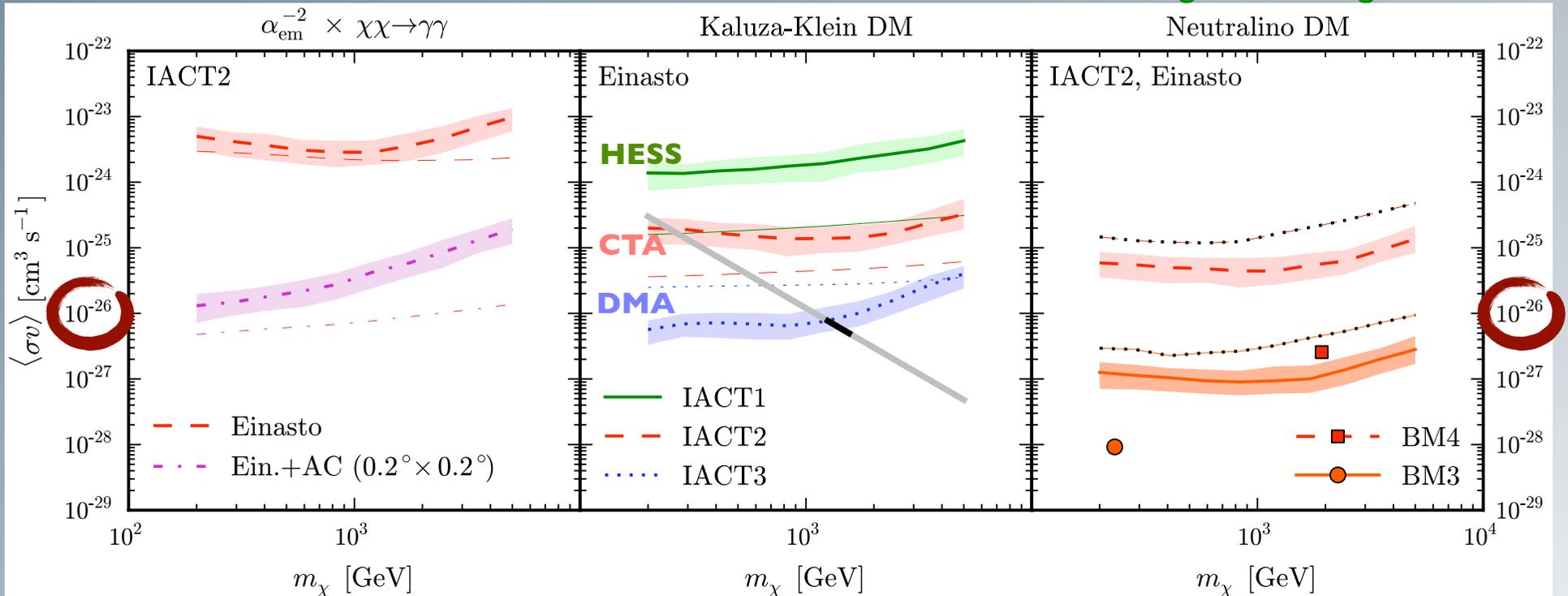
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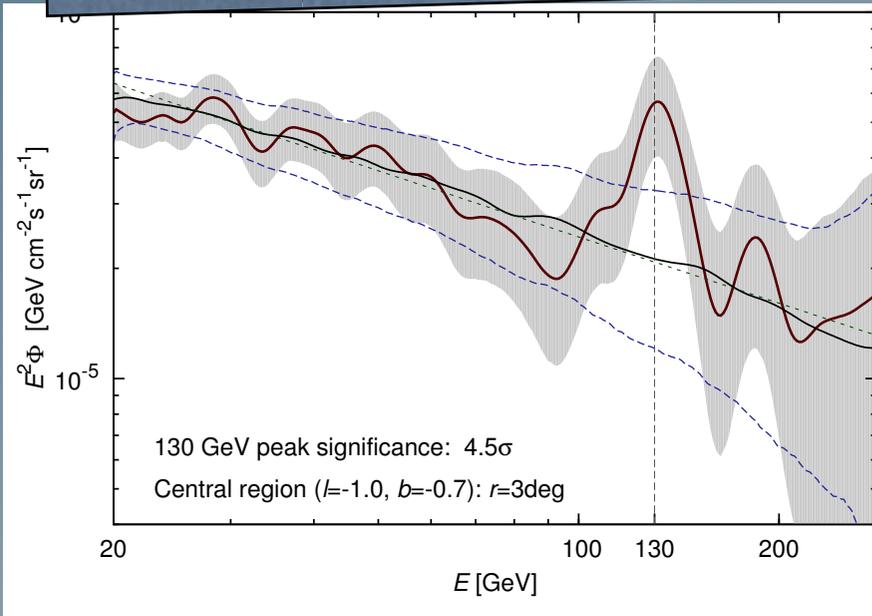
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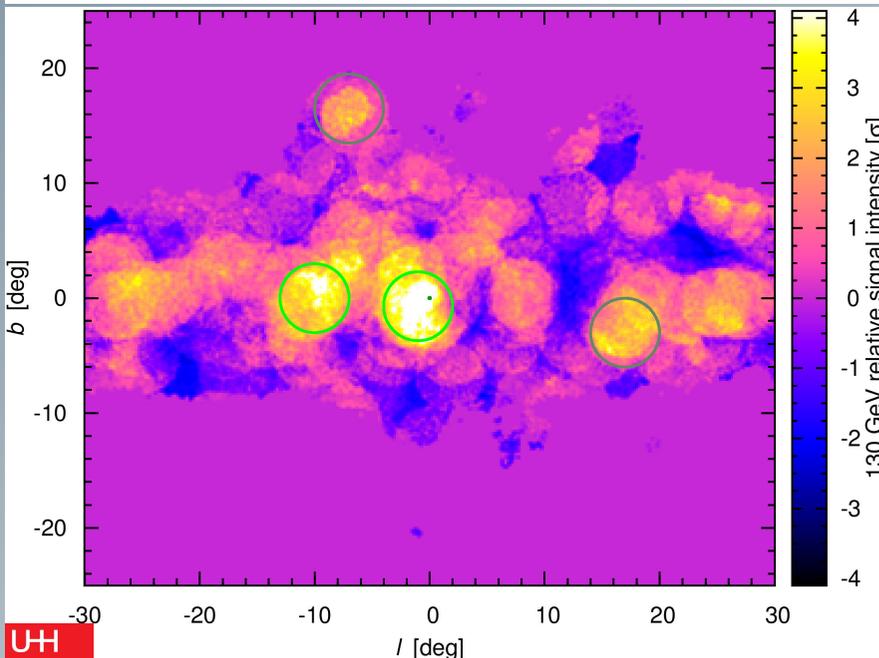
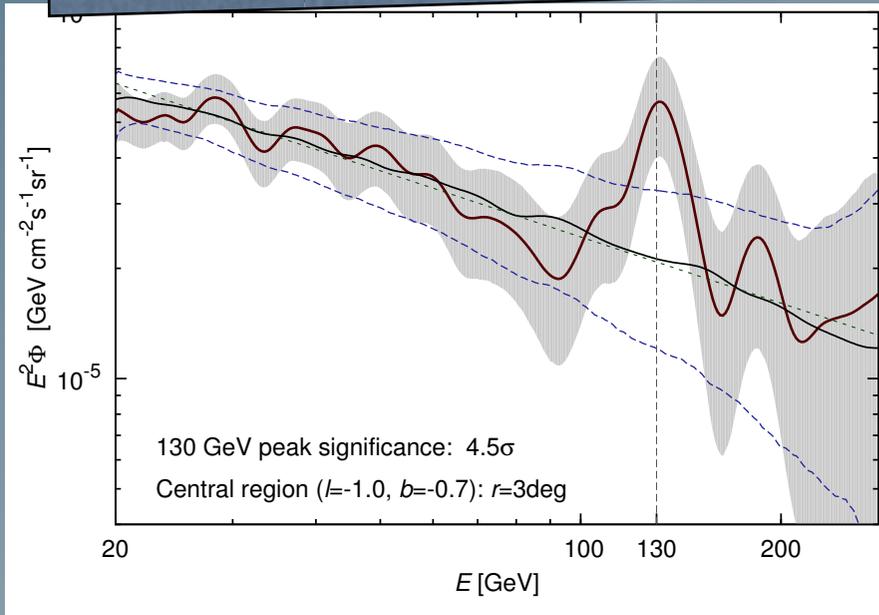
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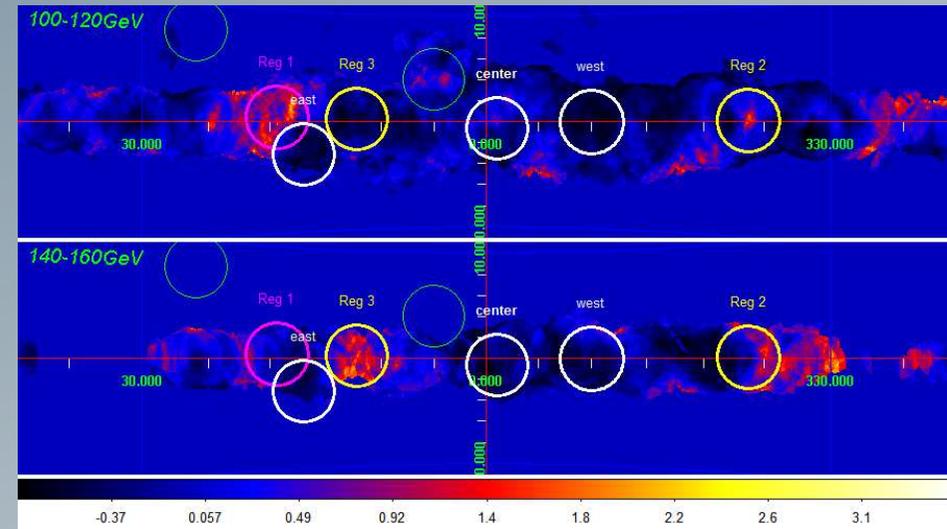
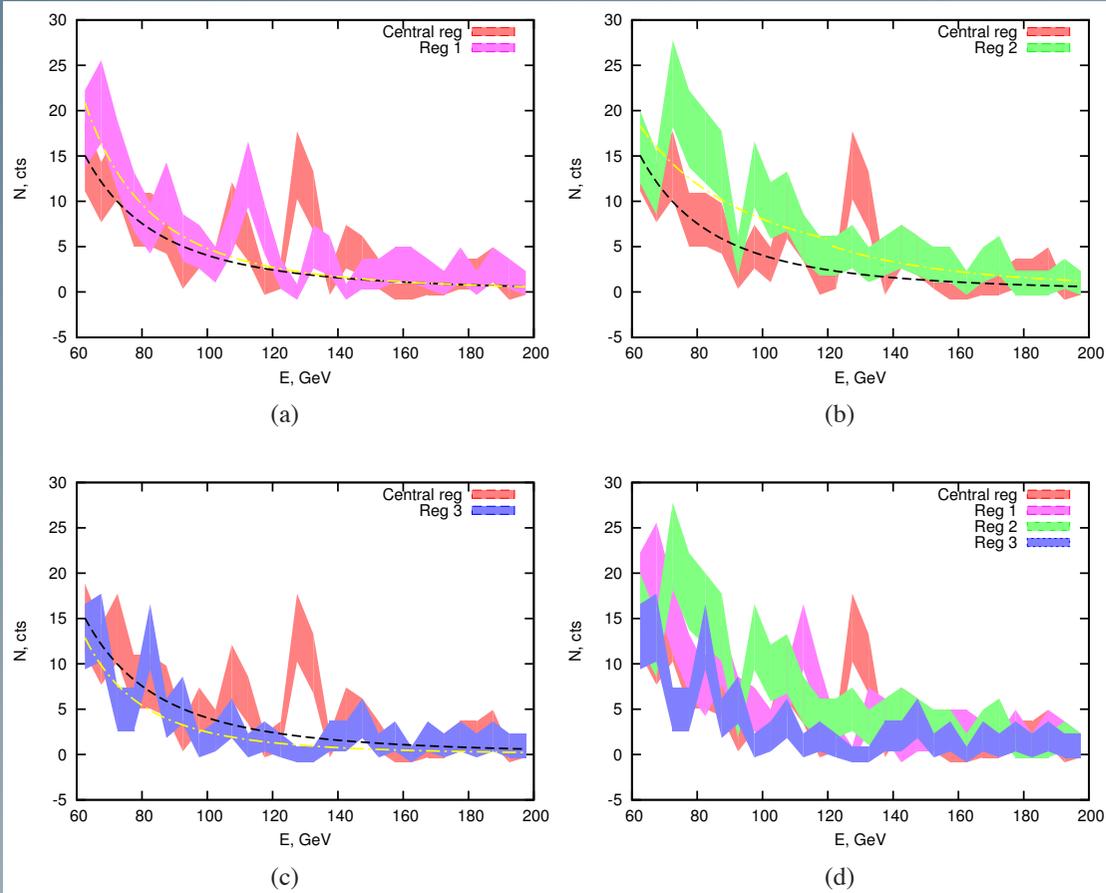
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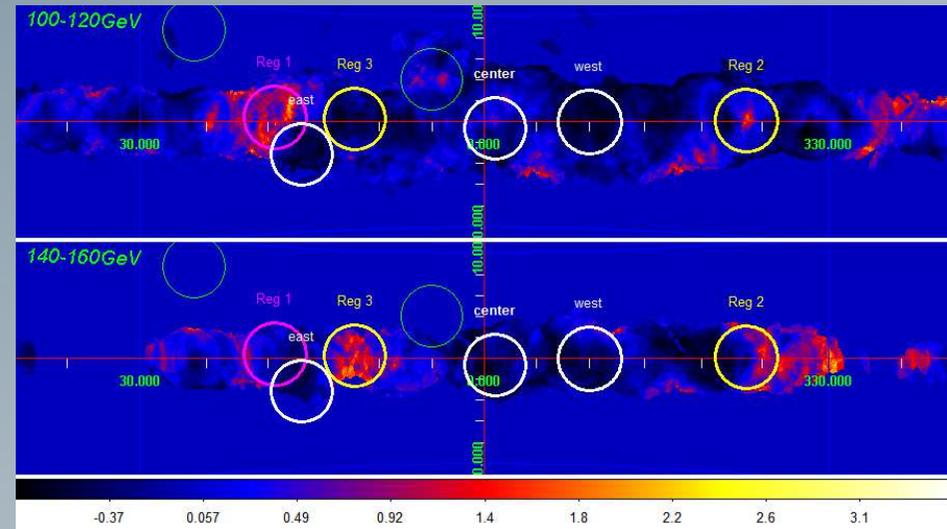
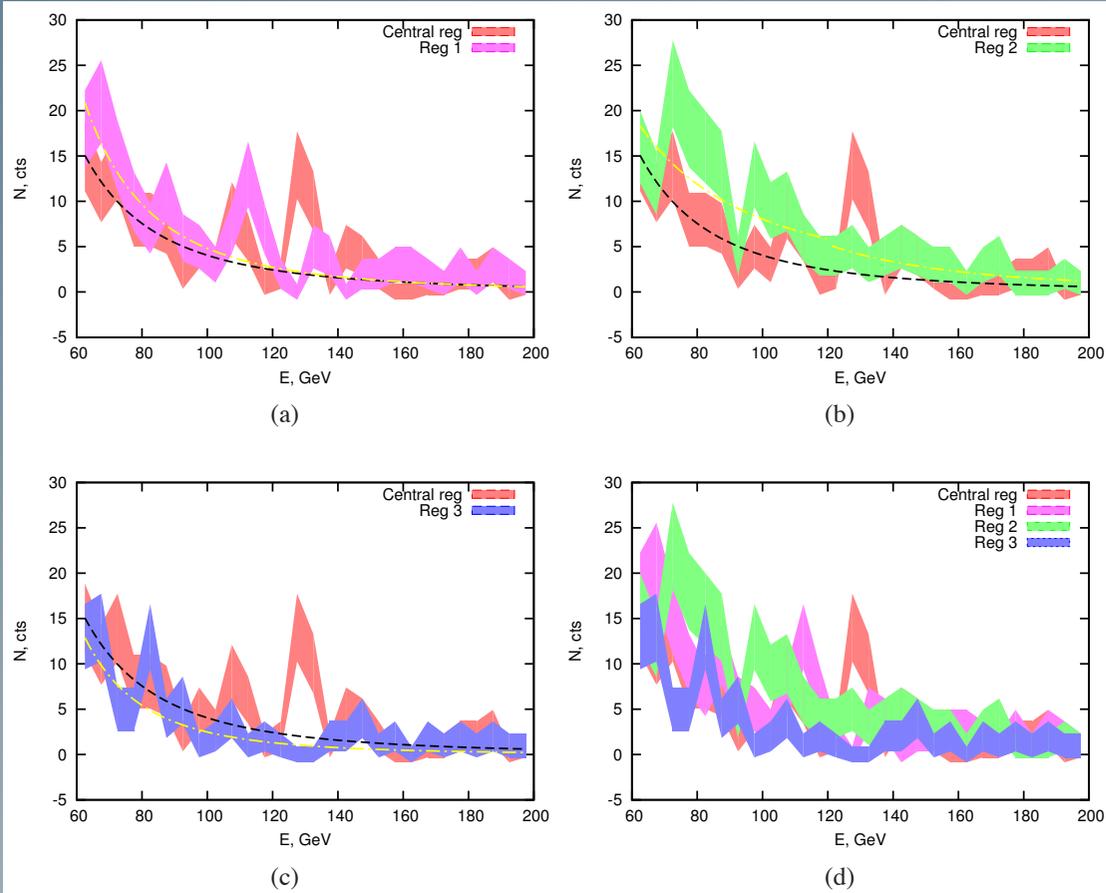
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➔ Need to **carefully** quantify LEE for **lines**!

Line analysis: more details

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