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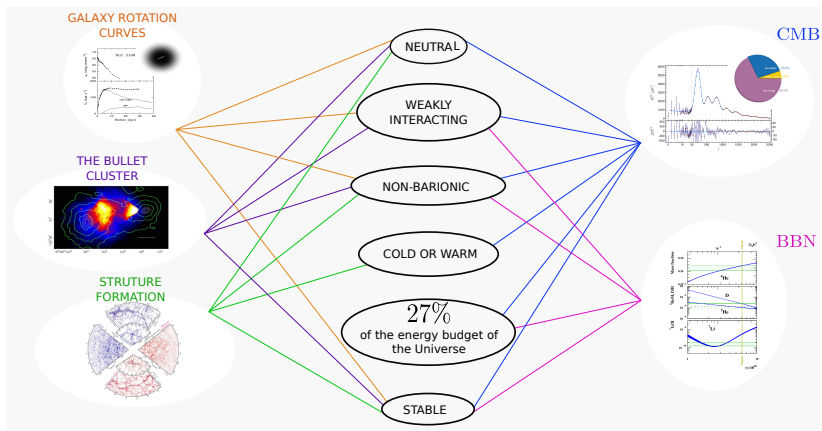
# Searching for Secluded Dark Matter with Present and Future TeV Gamma-ray Observatories

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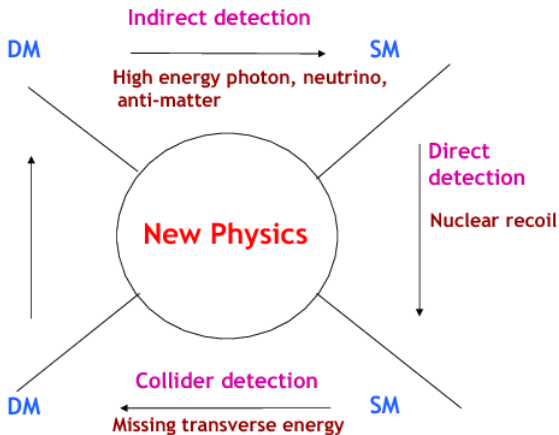
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# What are the main evidences for the Dark Matter Existence?

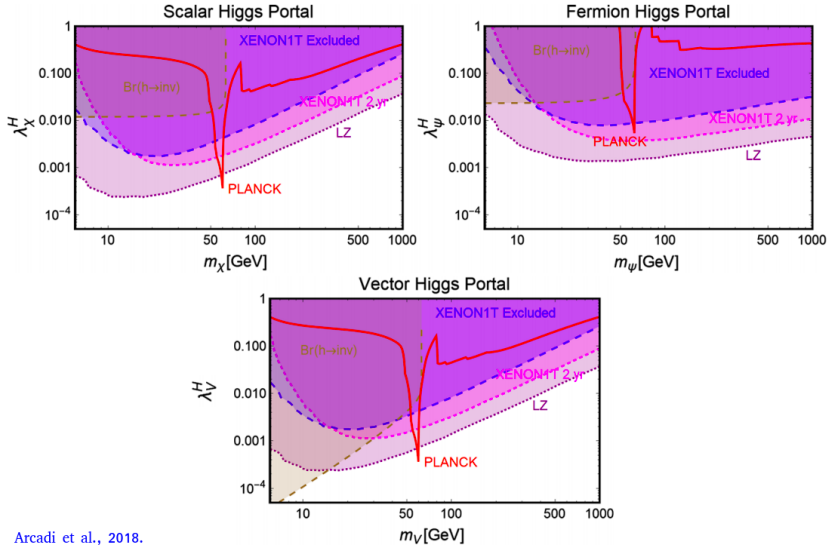


**Main candidates: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles → WIMPs!**

# Detection Methods



# Stringent limits on WIMPs



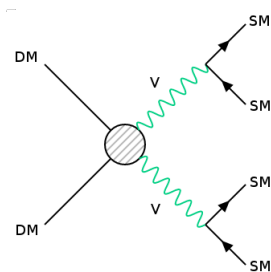
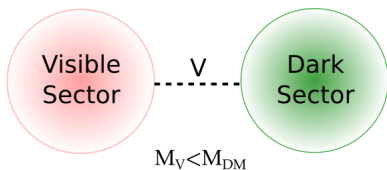
Arcadi et al., 2018.



# Alternative scenarios



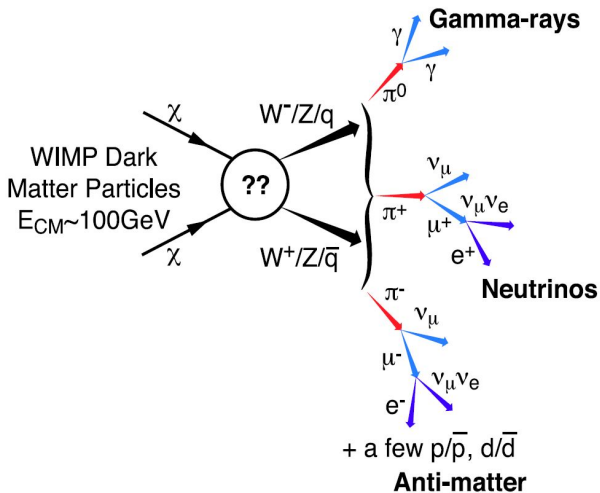
# Secluded Models



## Motivation

- Escape from the stringent limits from direct and collider searches;
- It can be probed by indirect detection experiments;
- We will focus on TeV secluded models;
- Channels:  $V \rightarrow 4e$ ,  $V \rightarrow 4\mu$ ,  $V \rightarrow 4\tau$ ,  $V \rightarrow 4q$ , and  $V \rightarrow 4b$ .

# Indirect Detection

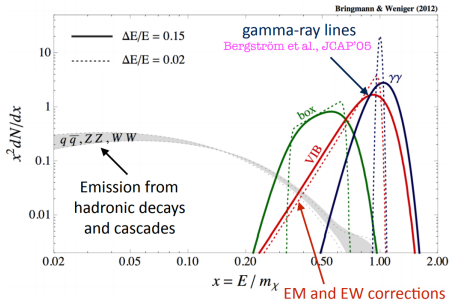


# $\gamma$ -ray Flux

$$\gamma\text{-ray Flux: } \frac{\Phi_\gamma}{dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{8\pi m_{DM}^2} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE} \int ds \int d\Omega \rho_{DM}^2$$

Particle Physics J-Factor

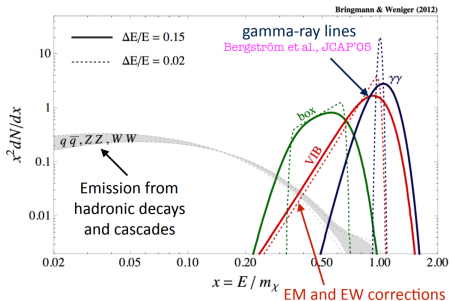
## Spectral Energy Distribution



# $\gamma$ -ray Flux

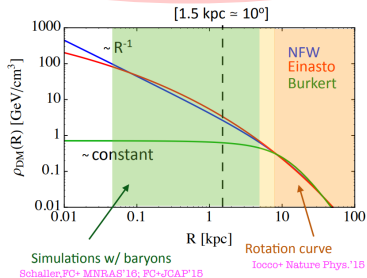
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## Spectral Energy Distribution



Pictures from Calore, 2018.

## Spatial Distribution



# Gamma-ray spectrum for Secluded TeV I

$$\frac{dN^\gamma}{dx_1} = 2 \int_{t_{1,\min}}^{t_{1,\max}} \frac{dx_0}{x_0 \sqrt{1 - \epsilon_1^2}} \frac{dN^\gamma}{dx_0} \quad (1)$$

with  $\epsilon_1 = m_V/m_{DM}$ , and

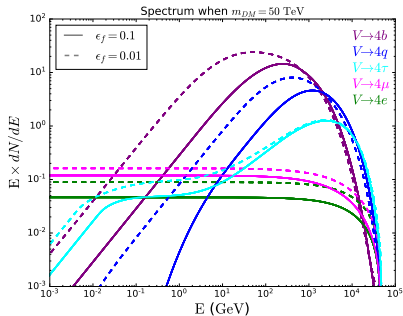
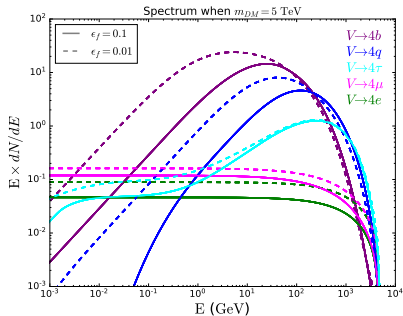
$$t_{1,\min} = \frac{2x_1}{E_1^2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \epsilon_1^2} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$t_{1,\max} = \text{Min} \left[ 1, \frac{2x_1}{E_1^2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon_1^2} \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

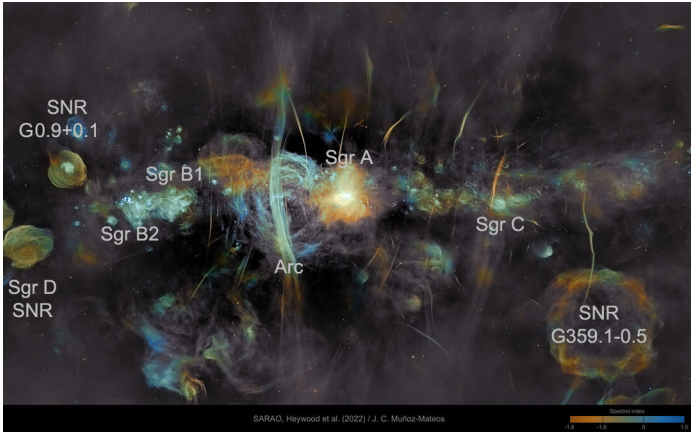
We can also define,

$$\epsilon_f = \frac{2m_f}{m_V}. \quad (4)$$

# Gamma-ray spectrum for Secluded TeV II



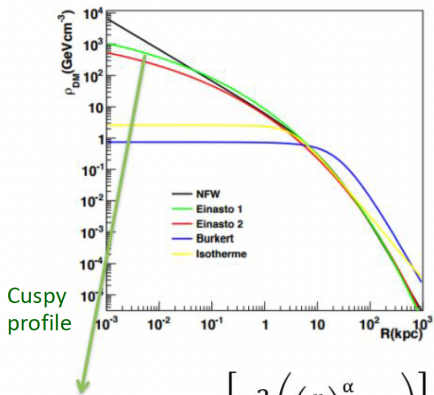
# Target: Galactic Center



- Proximity ( 8kpc)
- Region with high (possibly) central DM density: core or cusp?
- High astrophysical background in gamma rays



# Dark Matter distribution in the GC



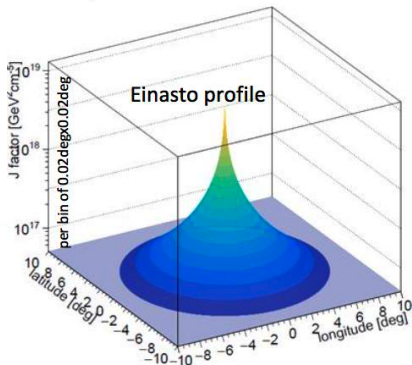
$$\rho_{\text{Ein1}}(r) = \rho_s \exp \left[ \frac{-2}{\alpha} \left( \left( \frac{r}{r_s} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right) \right]$$

parametrized with

$$\alpha = 0.17$$

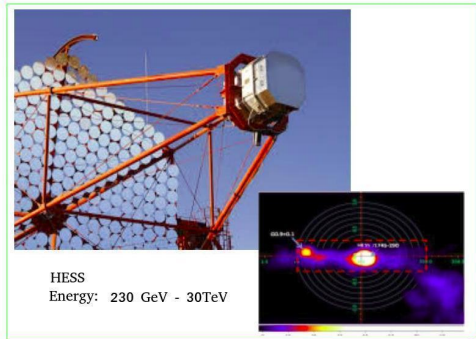
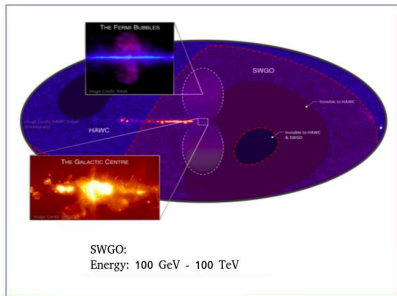
$$r_s = 21 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\rho_s = 0.07 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$$



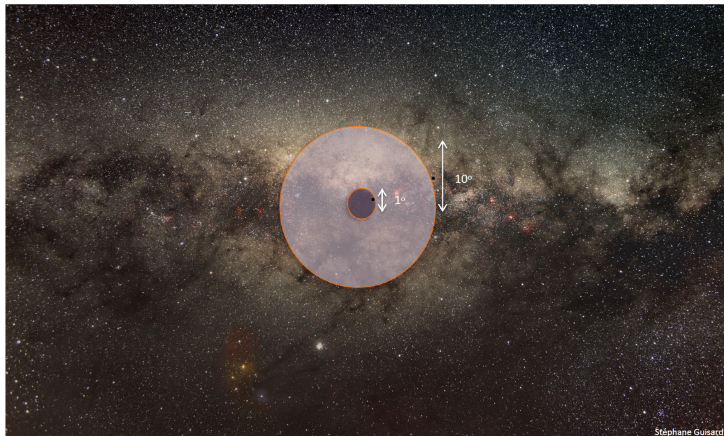
- Here we assume an Einasto profile (*for comparison with cored see AV et al 2019 arXiv:1906.03353*)
- Morphology helps to discriminate between a DM gamma-ray signal and the residual isotropic hadronic background

# $\gamma$ -ray Experiments



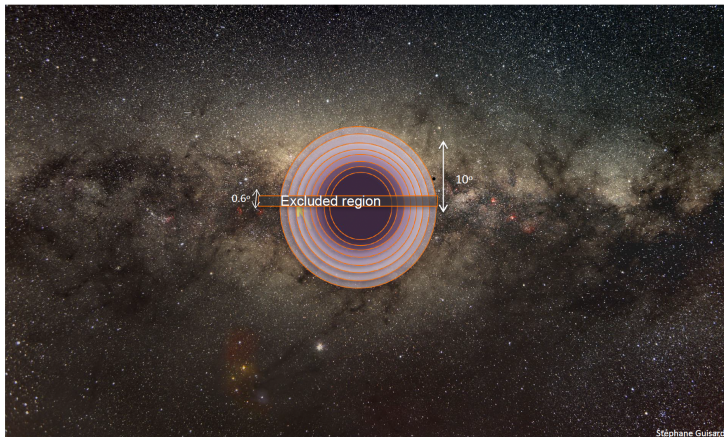
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- Search for signal in the inner  $r < 1^\circ$  for HESS (254h) and CTA (500h) and  $r < 10^\circ$  for SWGO (10 yrs)

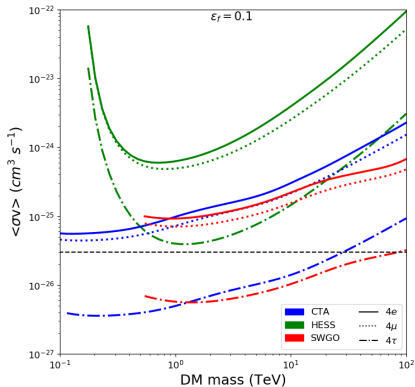
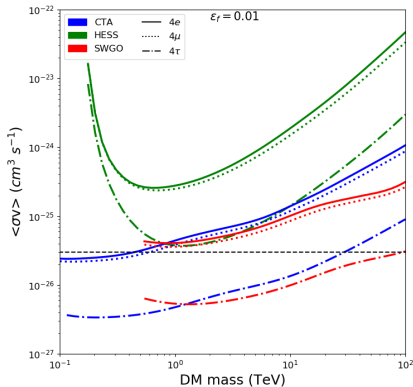


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- Exclusion of  $\pm 0.3^\circ$  band in latitude to avoid strong astrophysical background
- 2D likelihood analysis with spectral and spatial information of signal and background

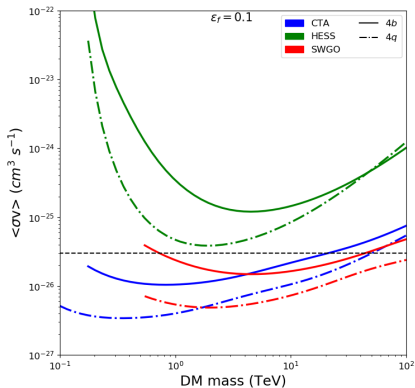
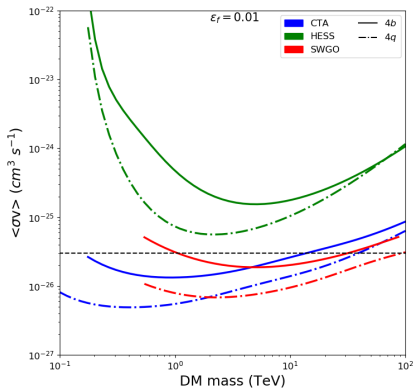


# Annihilation cross-section limits - Leptons



- For  $\tau^+\tau^-$ : combined (CTA,SWGO) sensitivity smaller than thermal relic cross-section ( $3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for all masses below 100 TeV
- For  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $e^+e^-$ : less constraining and large dependency on  $\epsilon_f$

# Annihilation cross-section limits - Quarks



- For  $q\bar{q}$ : combined (CTA,SWGO) sensitivity smaller than thermal relic cross-section for all masses below 100 TeV
- For  $b\bar{b}$ : combined (CTA,SWGO) sensitivity smaller than thermal relic cross-section for all masses below 20-40 TeV

# Conclusions

- Secluded models are good alternatives to the standard WIMP scenario;
- In this work we explored the complementarity between three different experiments looking at the Galactic Center: SWGO, HESS and CTA;
- We found stringent limits able to explore the standard WIMP annihilation cross section, even at the whole energy range explored in this work.
- Paper under internal review by CTA consortium (soon on ArXiV)



**Thank you!!**



**Secluded Models @ TeV  $\gamma$ -ray experiments**

