

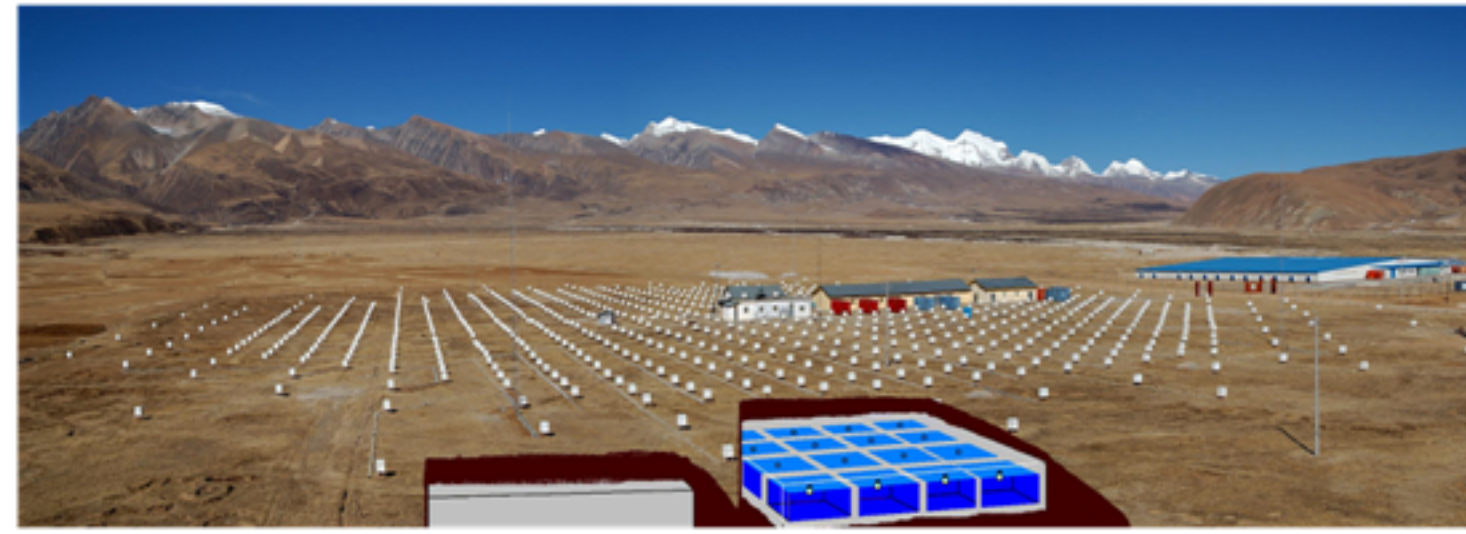
# THE HIGH-ENERGY DIFFUSE GALACTIC EMISSION: REACHING THE PEV FRONTIER FOR NEUTRINOS AND GAMMA RAYS

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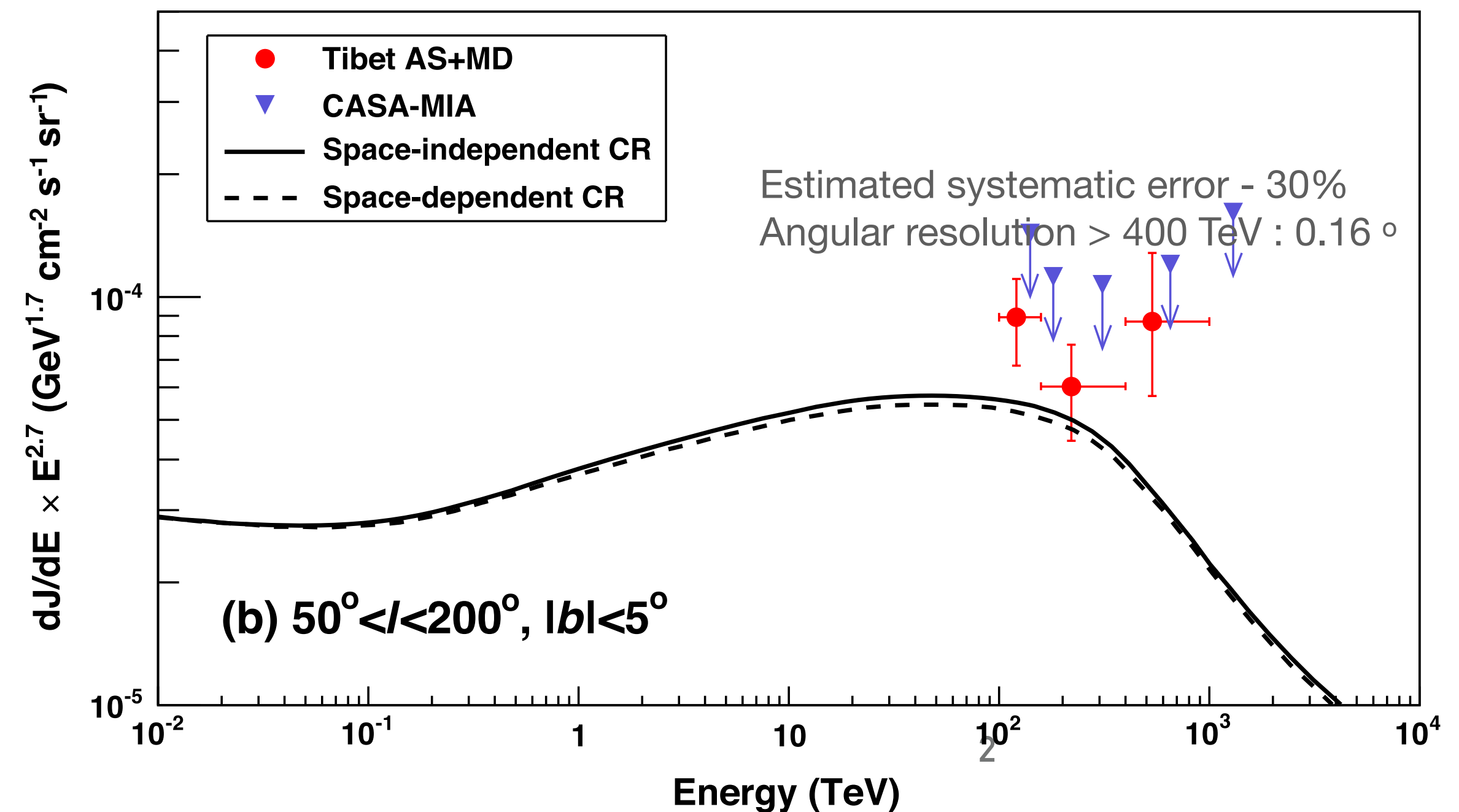
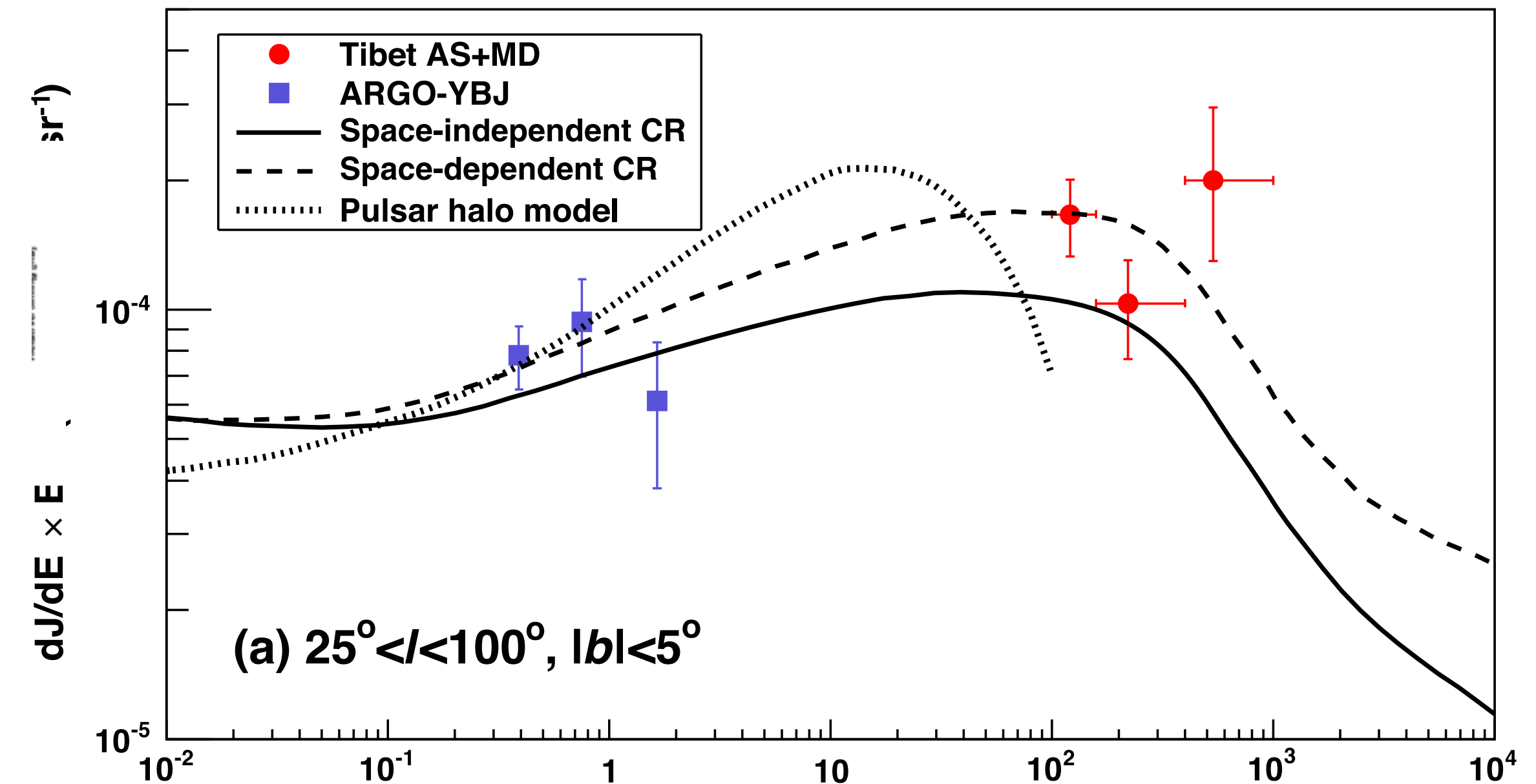
# MOTIVATION: TIBET AS $\gamma$ RESULTS

Tibet AS $\gamma$  coll., PRL 2021



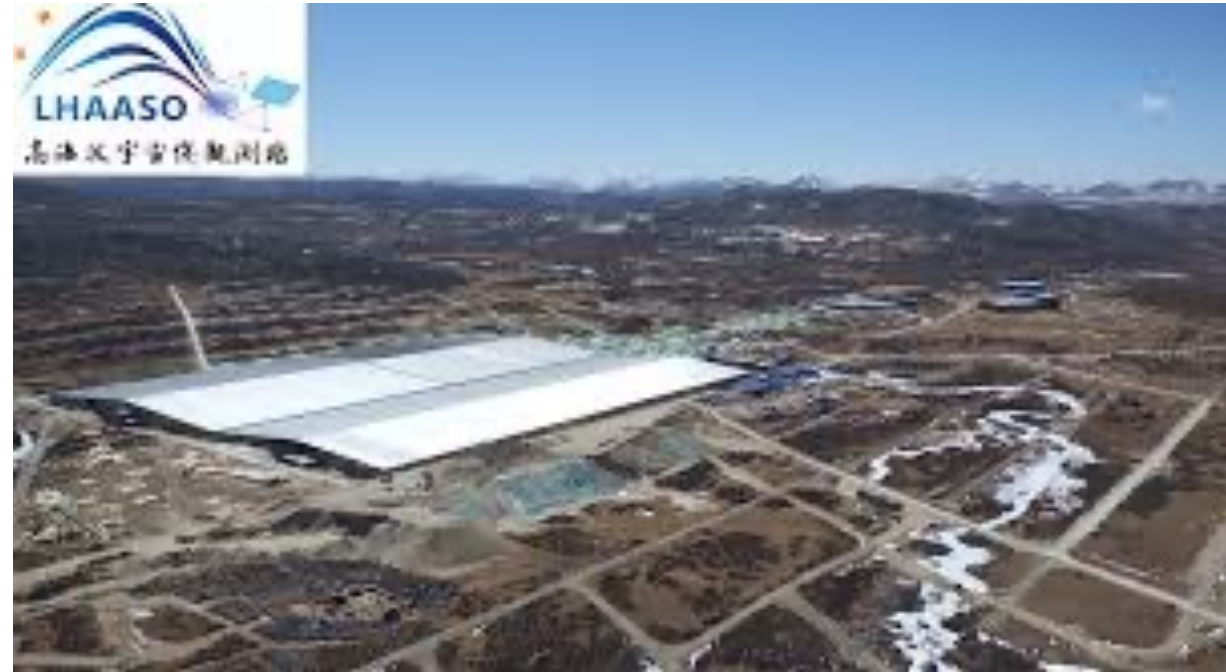
Air-Shower + muon detector at 4300 m a.s.l.

- **First detection of the  $\gamma$ -ray diffuse emission from the Galactic plane in the PeV domain.**  $5.9\sigma$  significance (ON/OFF analysis. 23 events  $E > 398$  TeV  $|b| < 10^\circ$ , 10 ev.  $|b| > 20^\circ$ )
- No events from known TeV sources above 398 TeV while above 100 TeV TeVCAT sources contribute a 13%
- 4 events (out of a total number of 10 above 398 TeV) from the Cygnus Cocoon ( $l \approx 80^\circ$ )
- Under the hypothesis the emission is originated by CRs, a **good agreement with the predictions of a space-dependent CR transport scenario is claimed — as we will show in a while!**



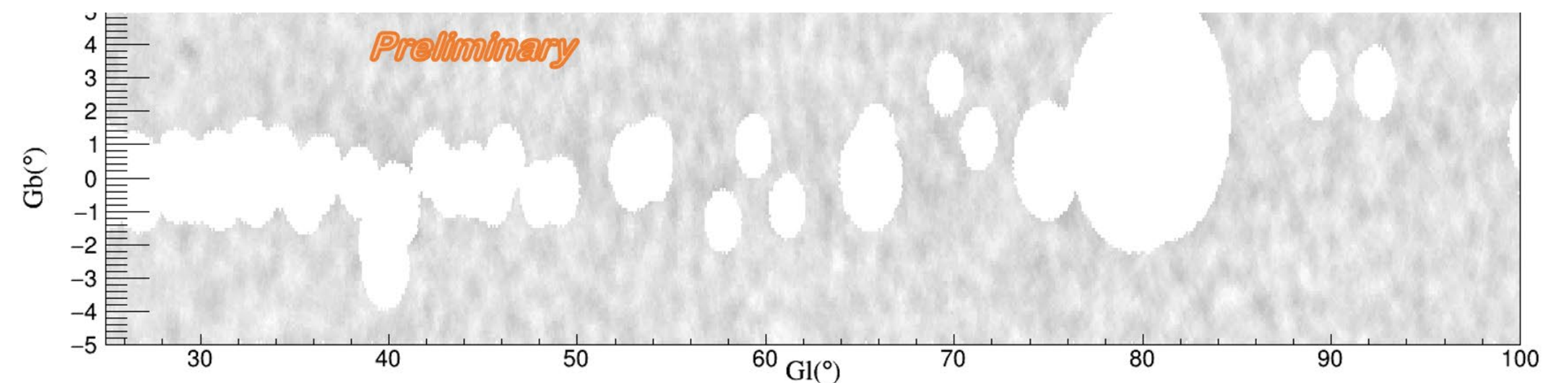
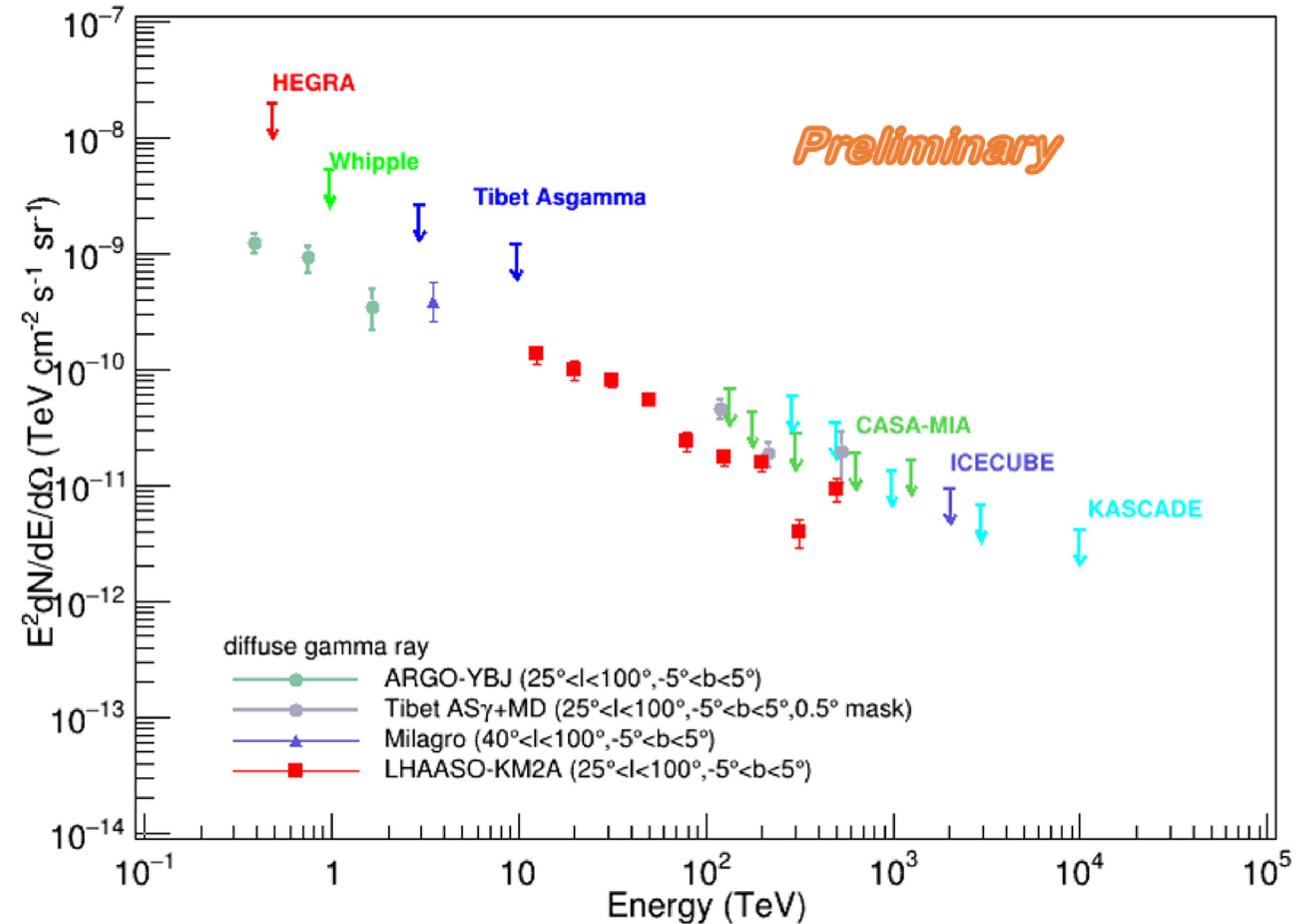
# LHAASO (PRELIMINARY) RESULTS

S.P. Zhao et al. - LHAASO coll., ICRC 2021



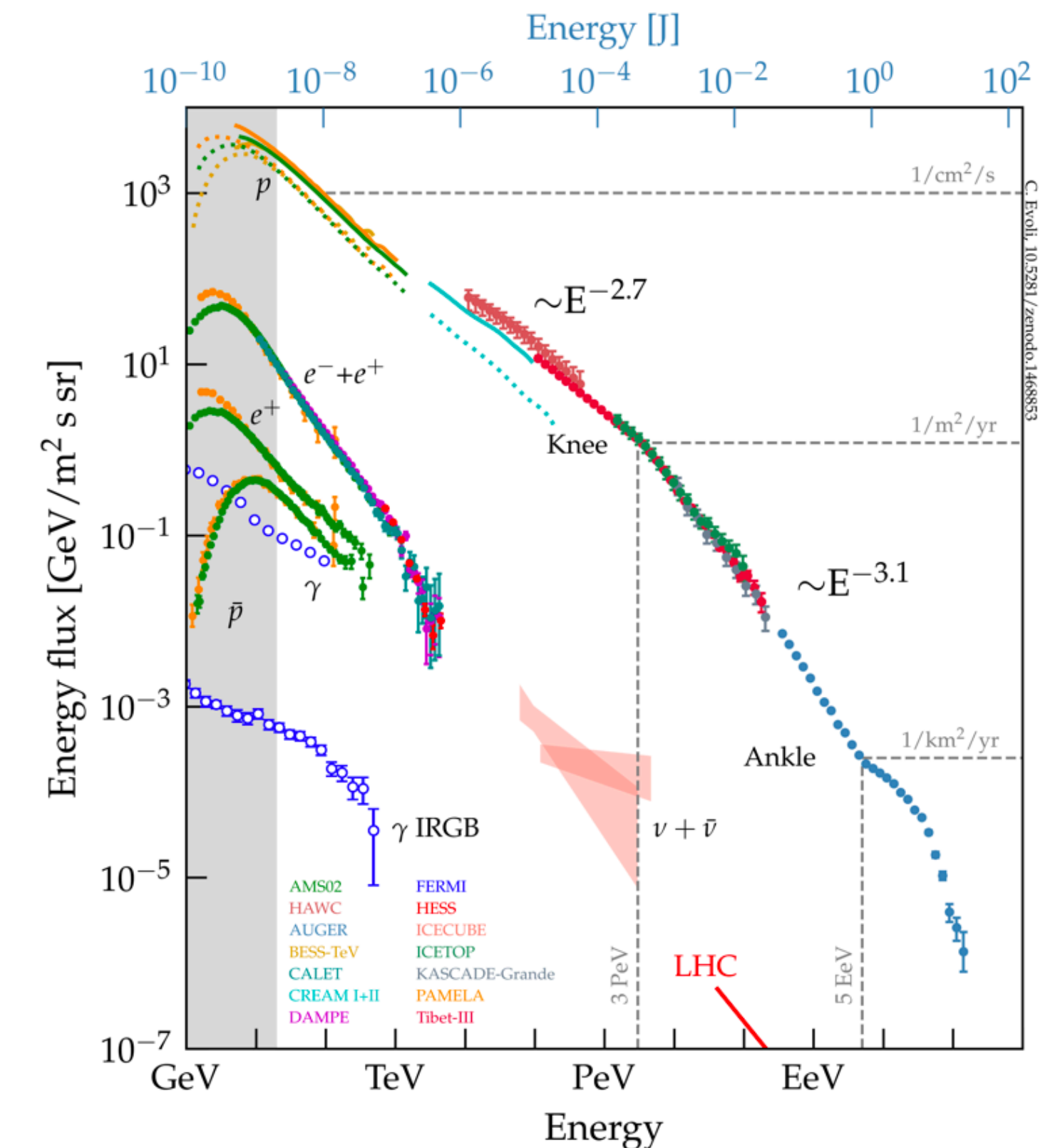
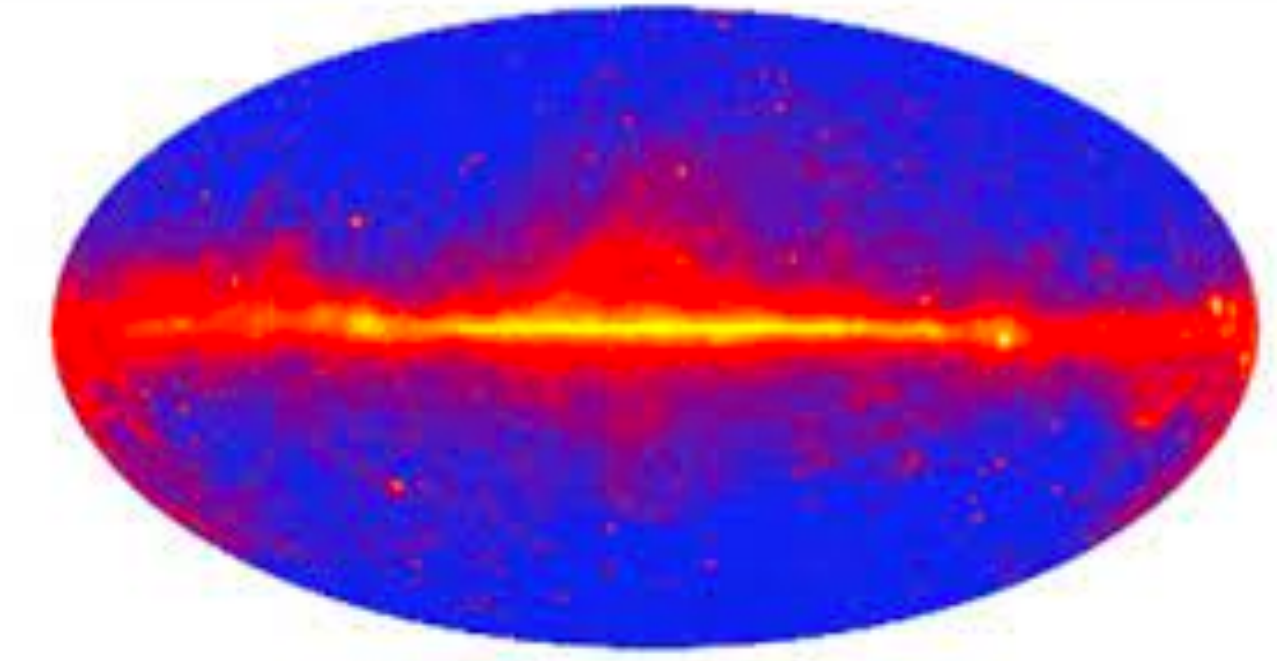
Air-Shower + muon detector at 4400 m a.s.l.

- Statistics is larger compared to Tibet results
- Energy threshold lower than Tibet
- TeVCAT sources were masked



# SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS

- Does this emission share the same nature of the **“truly diffuse”** interstellar emission (originated by the CR sea) as measured by Fermi-LAT? or it is the superposition of many *unresolved sources*?
- Is the spectral shape and normalization of the inferred primary CR population different from the local one?
- What is the CR spectrum and composition around the PeV ?
- **What are the implications for the search of Galactic neutrinos and what would we learn detecting the Galactic neutrino diffuse emission?**

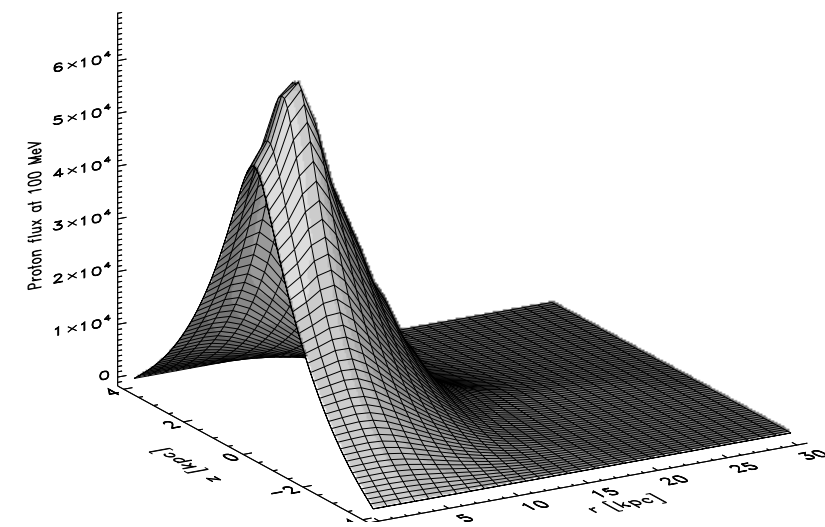


# MODELLING THE INTERSTELLAR DIFFUSE EMISSION

## The conventional scenario

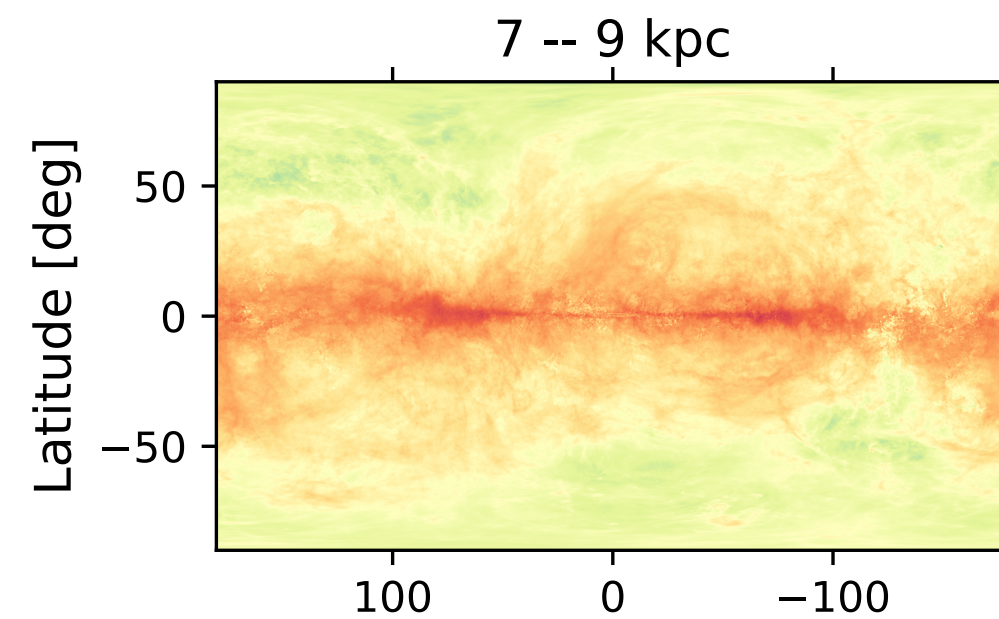
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CR spatial/energy distribution from numerical codes (GALPROP/DRAGON)

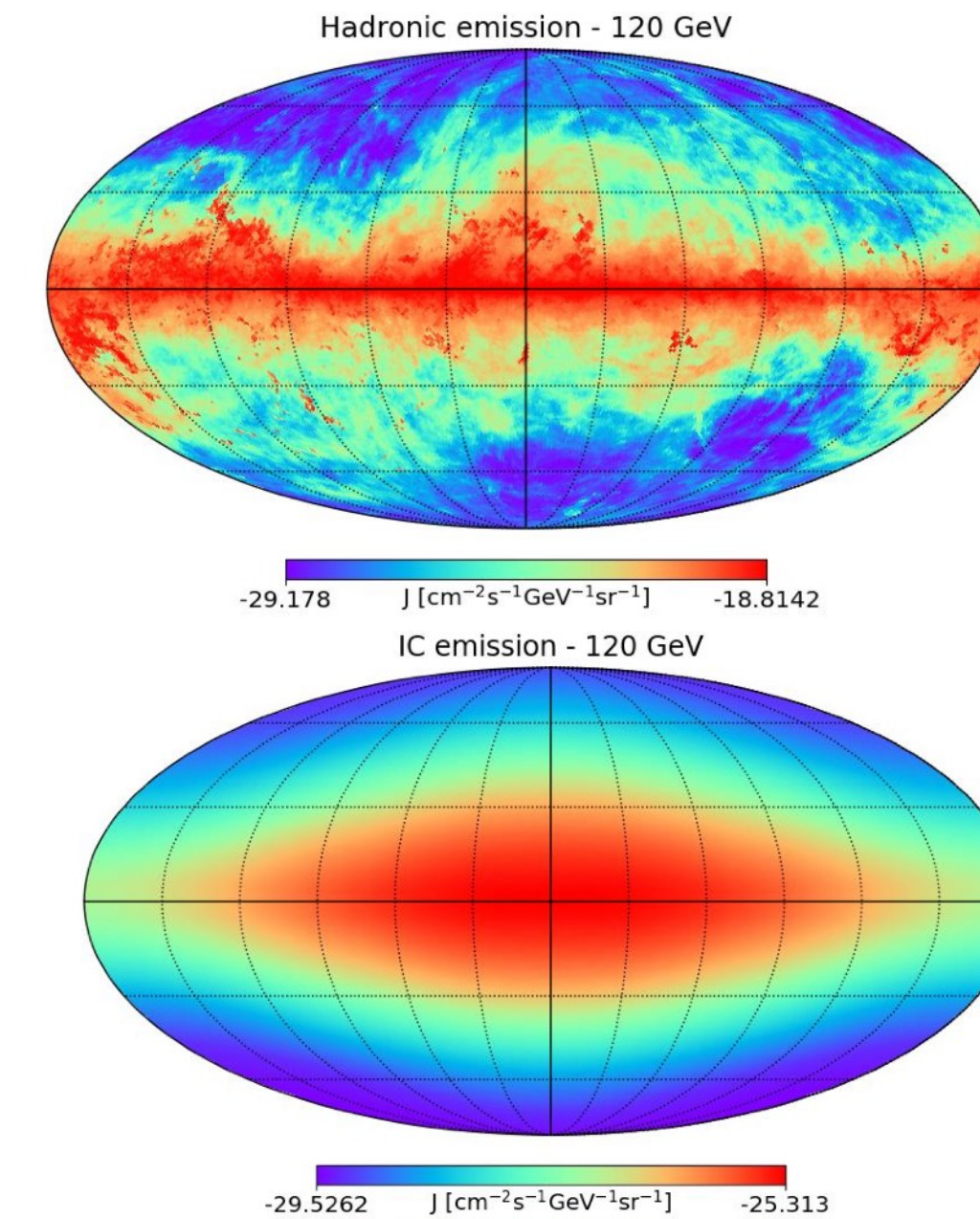


(b) Propagated protons at 100 MeV

Astrophysical inputs : gas maps , interstellar radiation fields, magnetic fields



LOS integration GALPROP/HERMES



Schematically, for CR nuclei

given a (uniform) source spectrum

$$J_s(\rho, \mathbf{x}) \propto n_s(\mathbf{x}) \rho^{-\alpha}$$

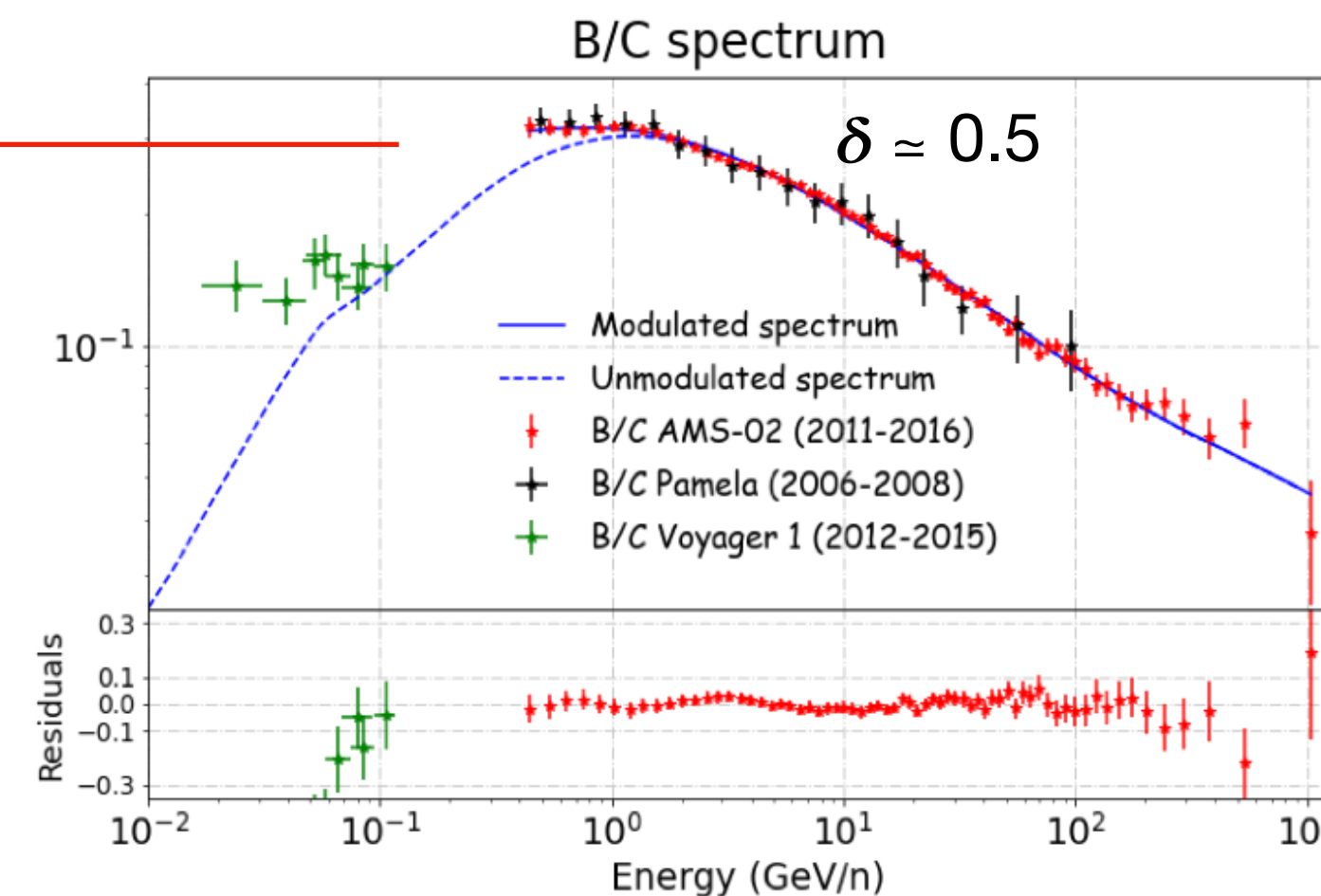
for a uniform diffusion coefficient

$$D(\rho, \mathbf{x}) \propto D_0 \rho^{-\delta}$$

$\rho$  : particle rigidity

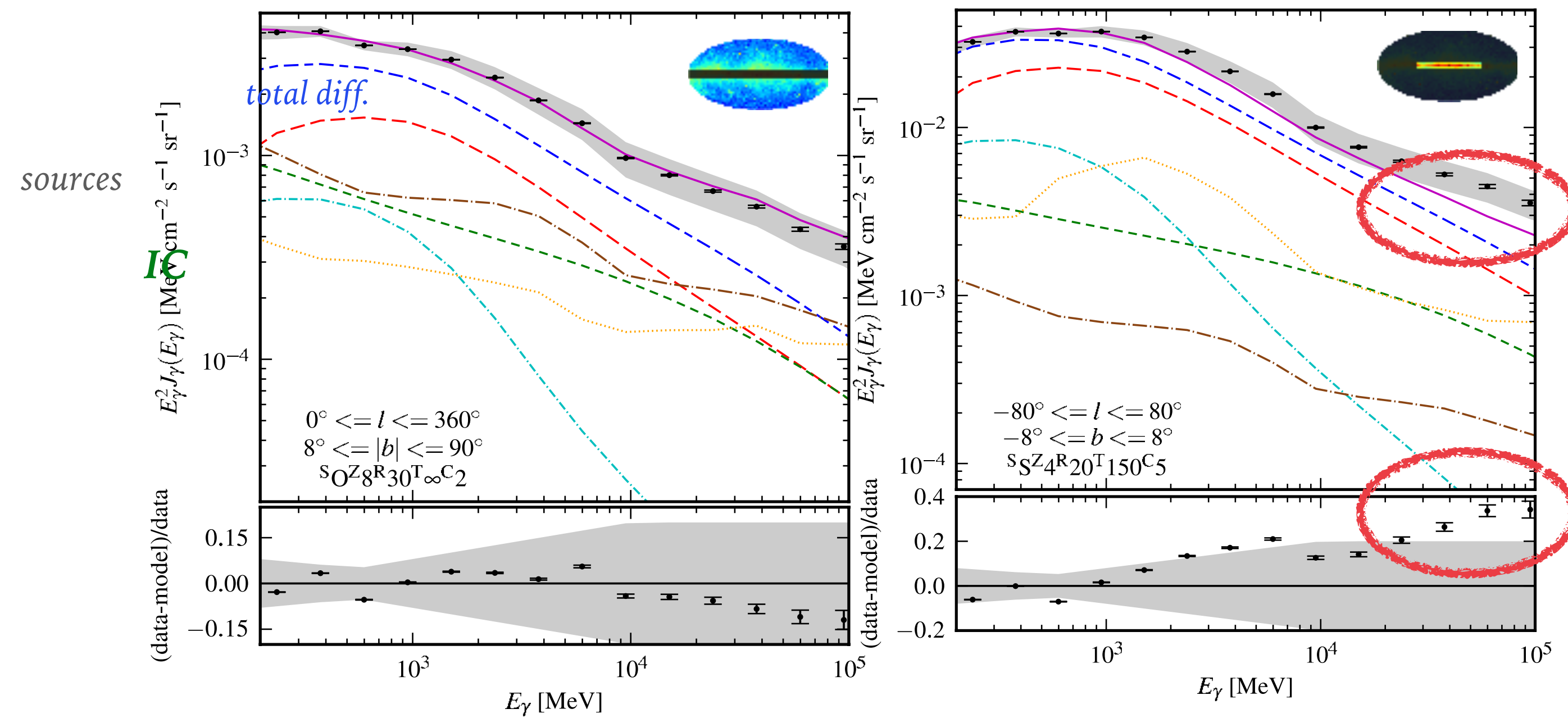


$$J_{\text{CR}}(\rho, \mathbf{x}) \propto J_0(\mathbf{x}) \rho^{-(\alpha + \delta)} \quad \text{in the whole Galaxy}$$



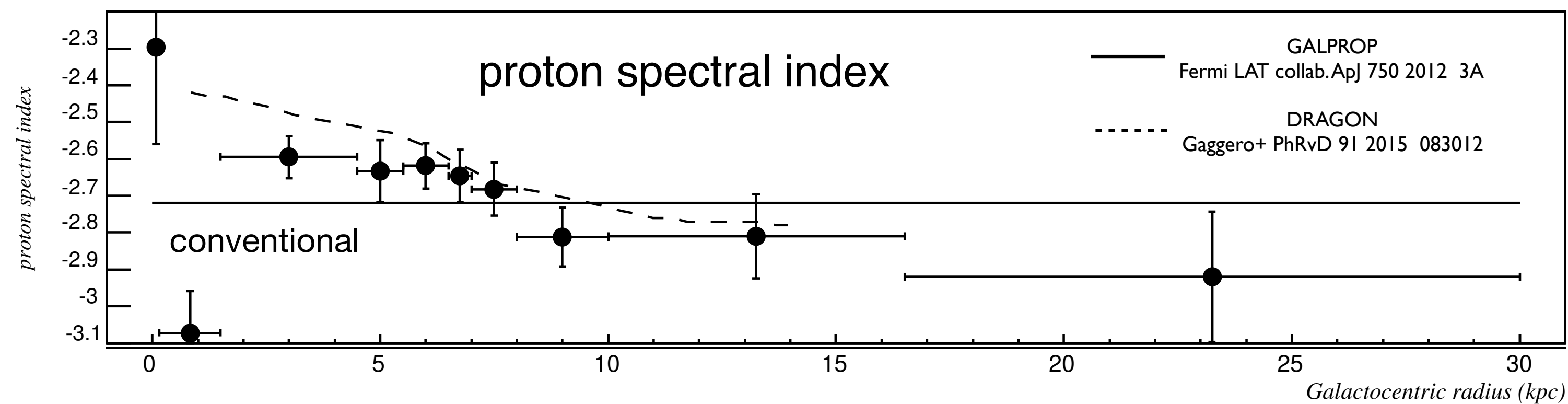
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## The conventional approach - **issues**



Fermi-LAT coll. 2012

Fermi-LAT coll. 2016



# MODELLING THE INTERSTELLAR DIFFUSE EMISSION

## The KRA $\gamma$ or “gamma optimized” scenario

Schematically, for CR nuclei

given a (uniform) source spectrum  $J_s(\rho, \mathbf{x}) \propto n_s(\mathbf{x}) \rho^{-\alpha}$



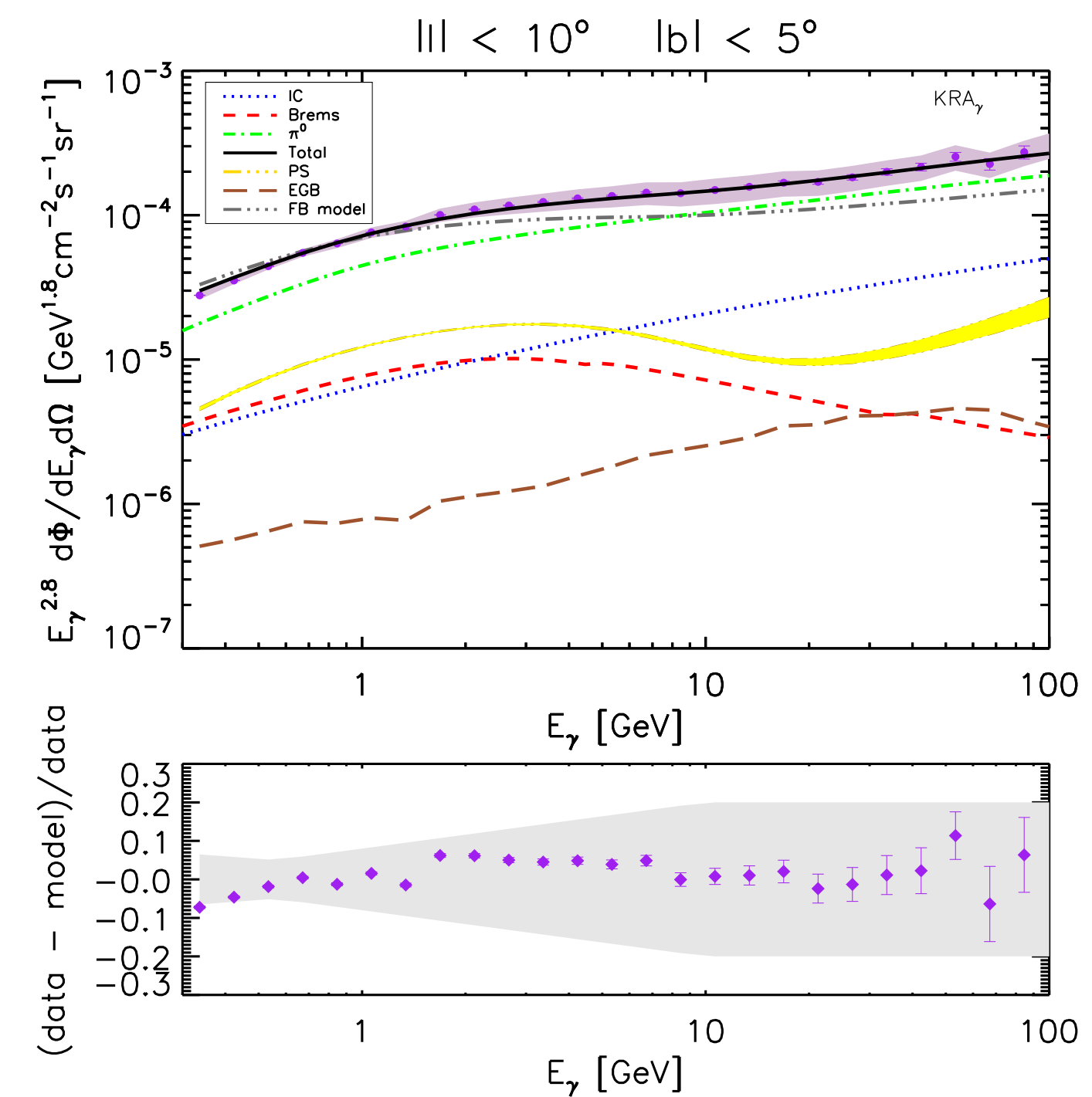
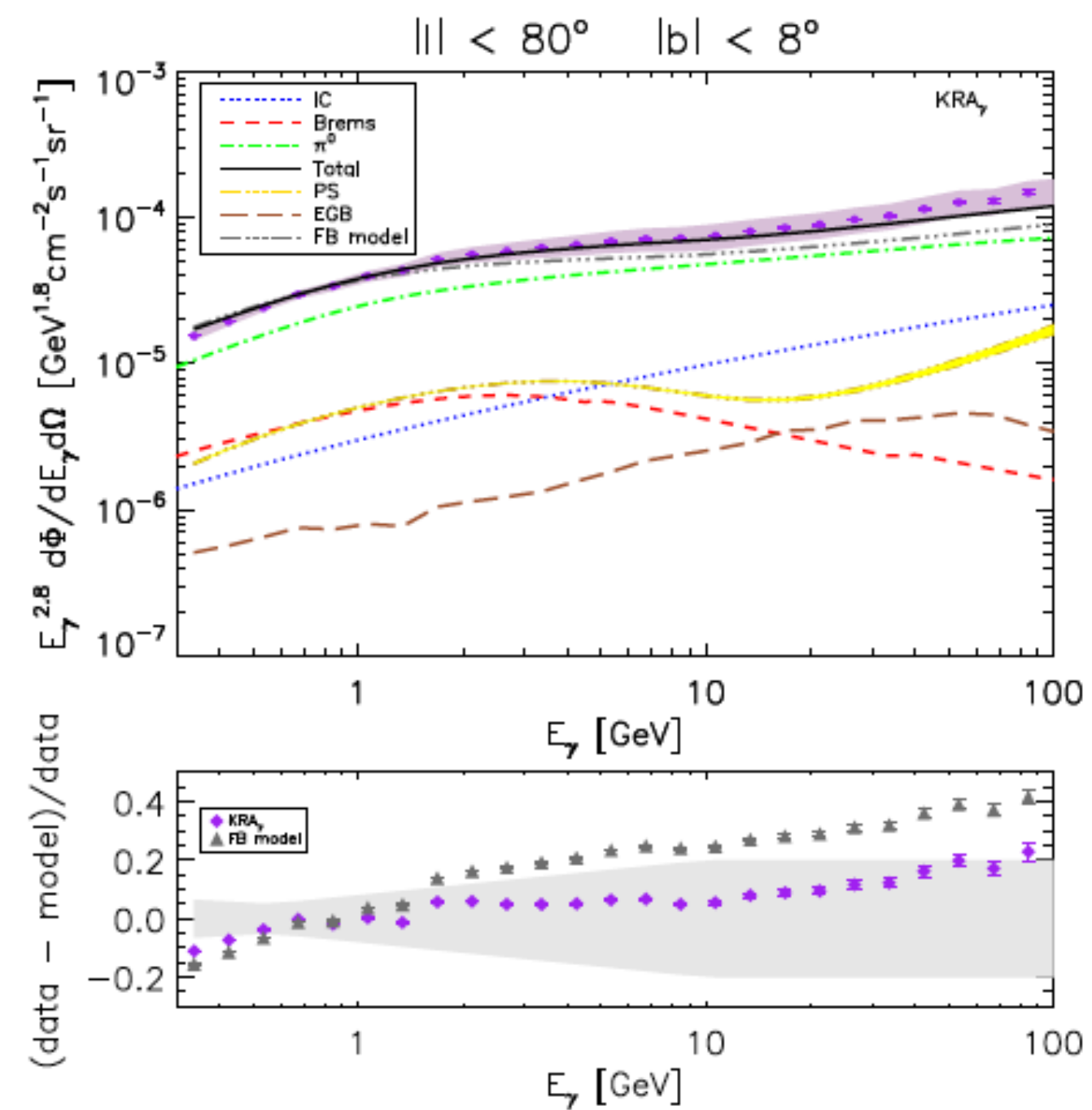
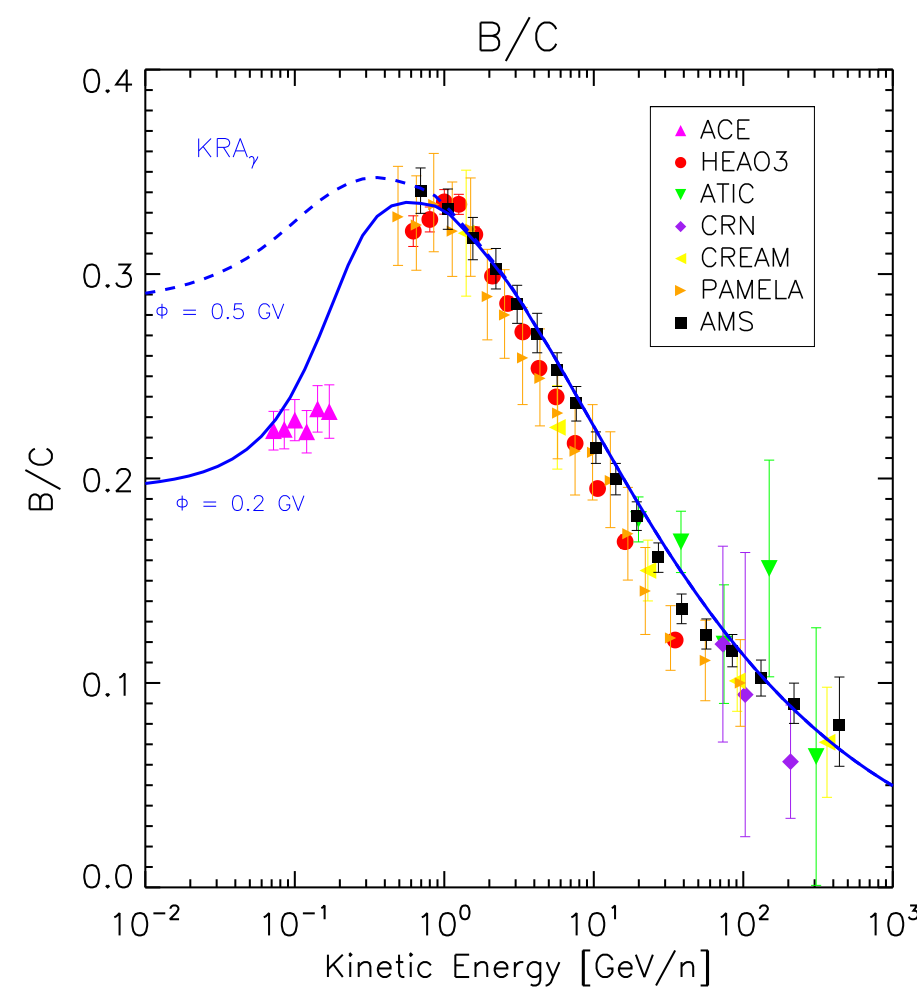
$$J_{CR}(\rho, \mathbf{x}) \propto J_0(\mathbf{x}) \rho^{-(\alpha + \delta(\mathbf{x}))}$$

Unfactorized rigidity-position dependence

for **not uniform** diffusion coefficient  $D(\rho, \mathbf{x}) \propto D_0 \rho^{-\delta(\mathbf{x})}$

Gaggero, Urbano, Valli & Ullio, PRD 2015

$\delta(R) = A R + B$  for  $r < 11$  kpc

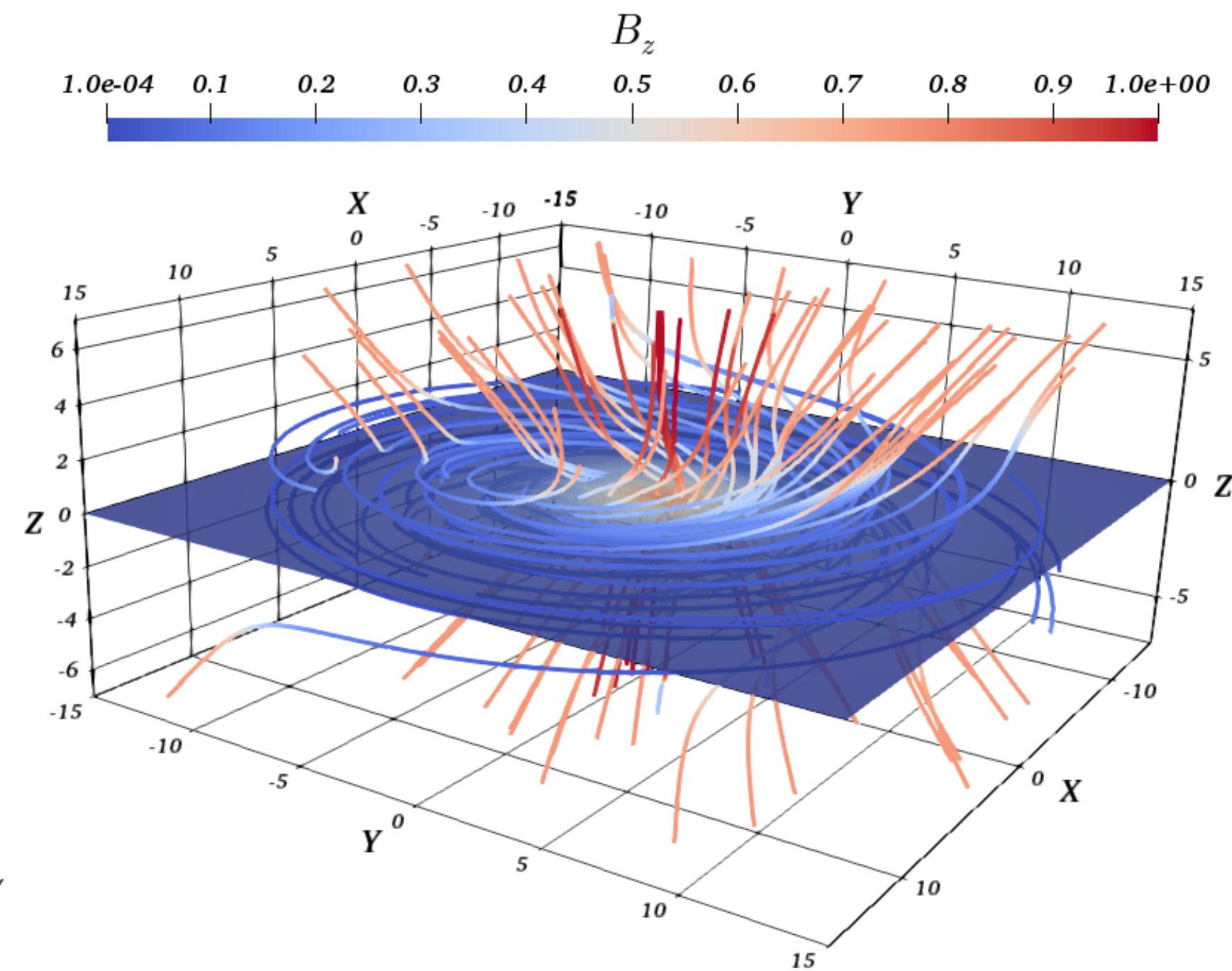


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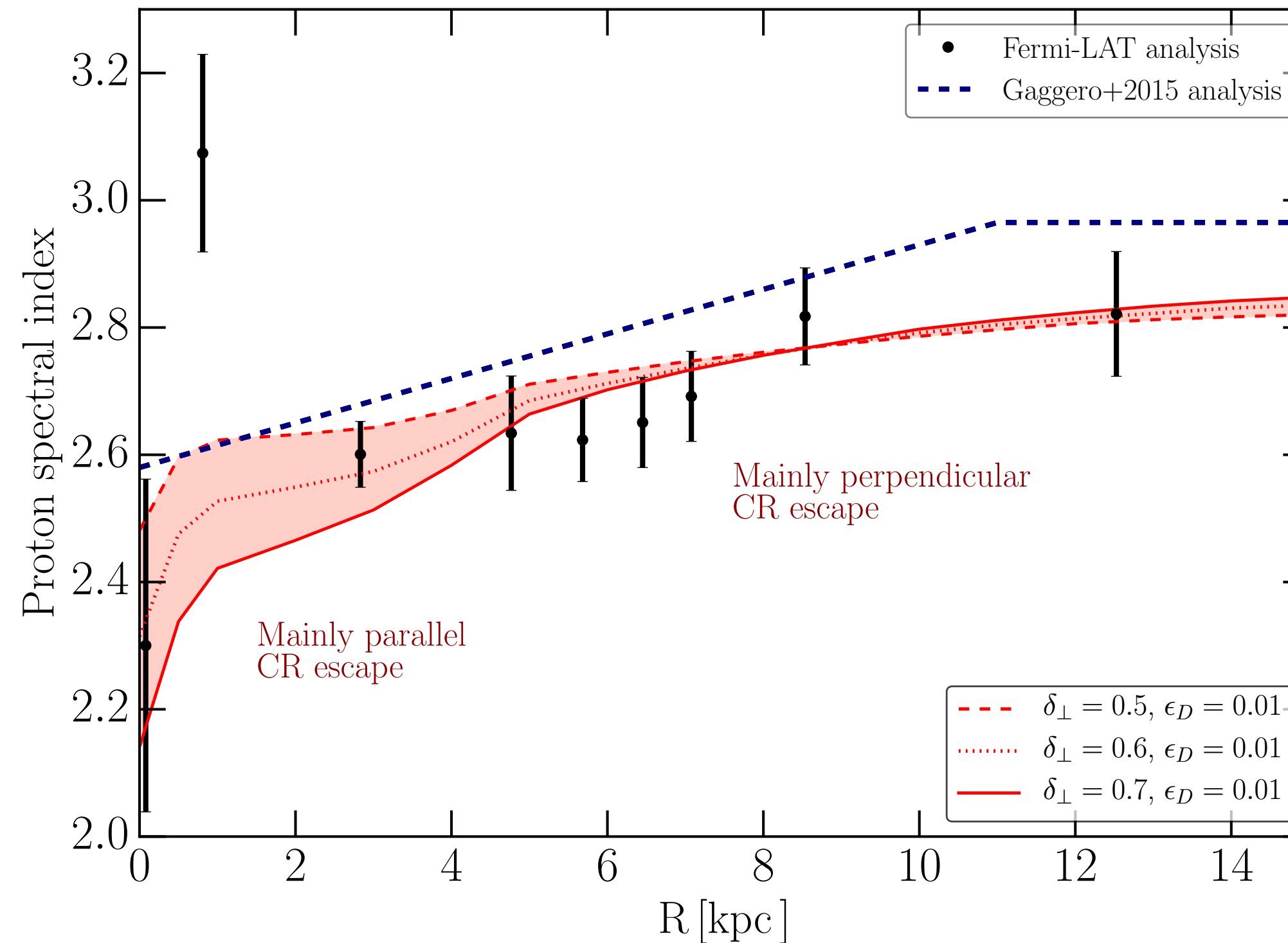
## The KRAy or “gamma optimized” scenario

Cerri, DG, Vittino, Evoli & Grasso, JCAP 2017

### An interesting physical interpretation?



Magnetic field model  
*Jansson & Farrar ApJ 2012*  
*Terral & Ferriere 2016*



- **Poloidal** magnetic field become more relevant toward the GC
- CR escape via **parallel diffusion** (irrelevant at large radii) becomes dominant at small  $R$
- Parallel diffusion seems to exhibit a harder scaling with rigidity *Casse+ 2001, De Marco+ 2007, Snodin + 2015]*

$$D_{\parallel} \propto \rho^{1/3} \quad D_{\perp} \propto \rho^{1/2}$$

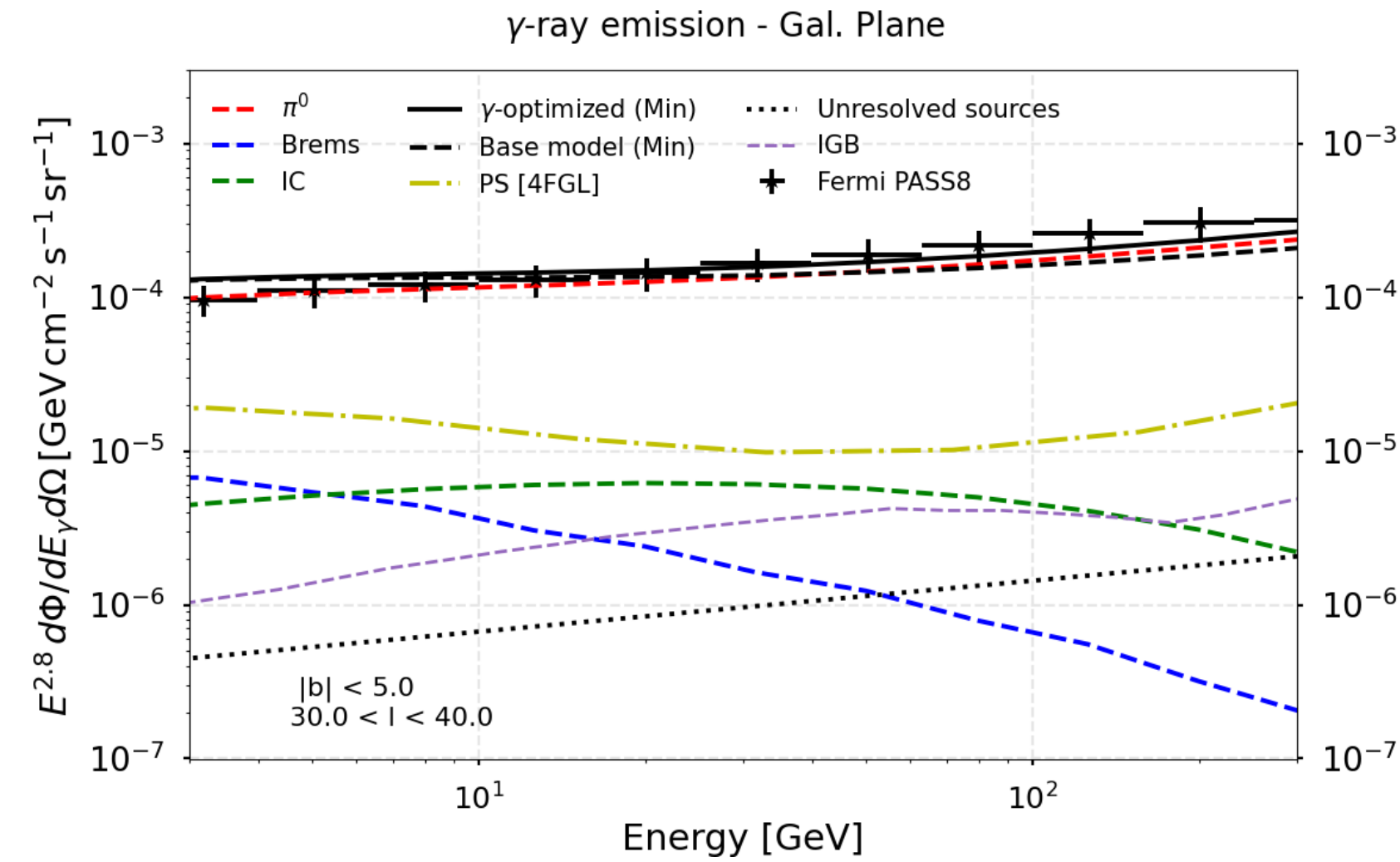
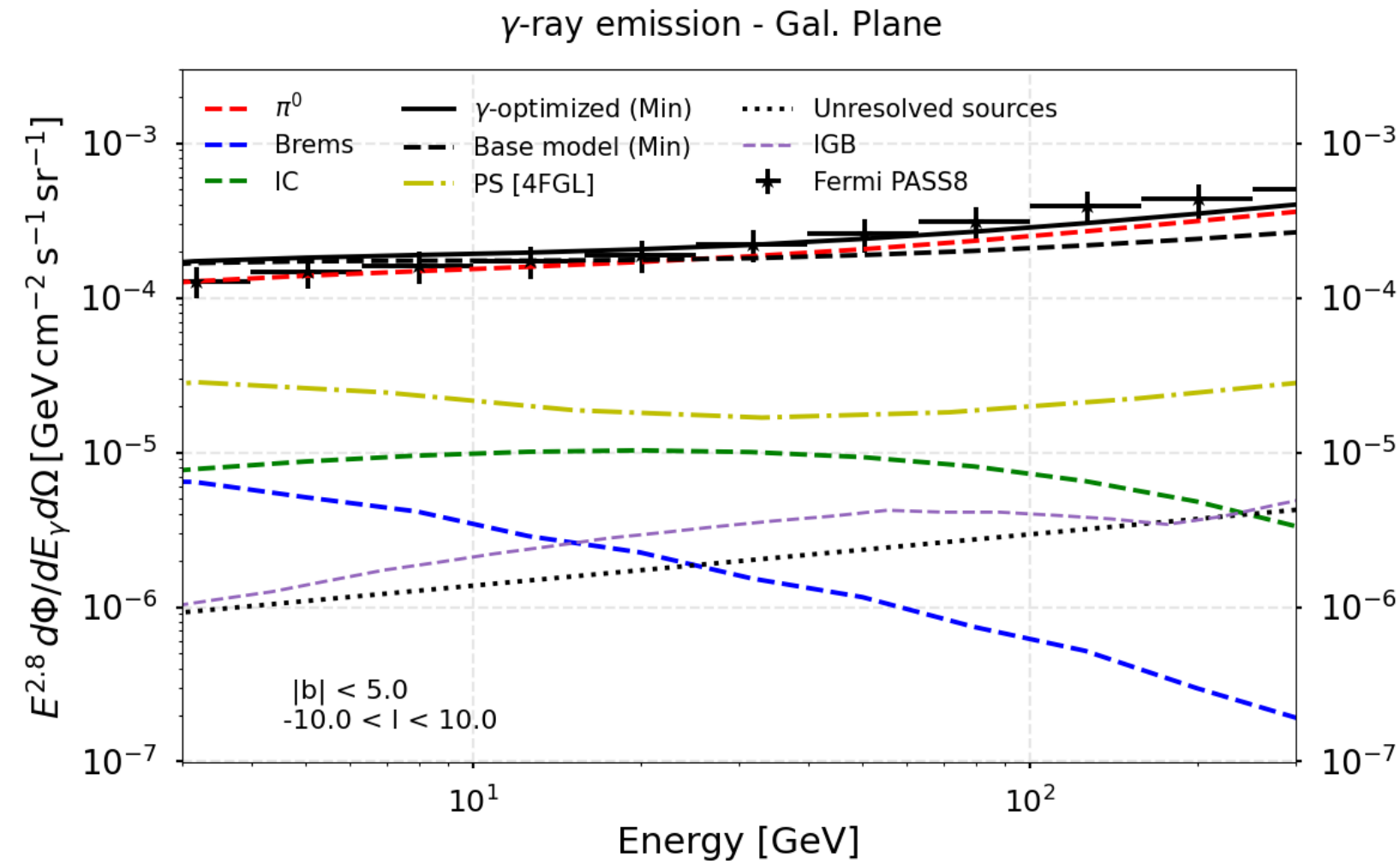
→ **CR spectrum becomes harder** for  $R \rightarrow 0$  (same effect at all relevant energies)



# THE UPDATED “GAMMA-OPTIMIZED” MODELS

## Updated models compared to Fermi-LAT data

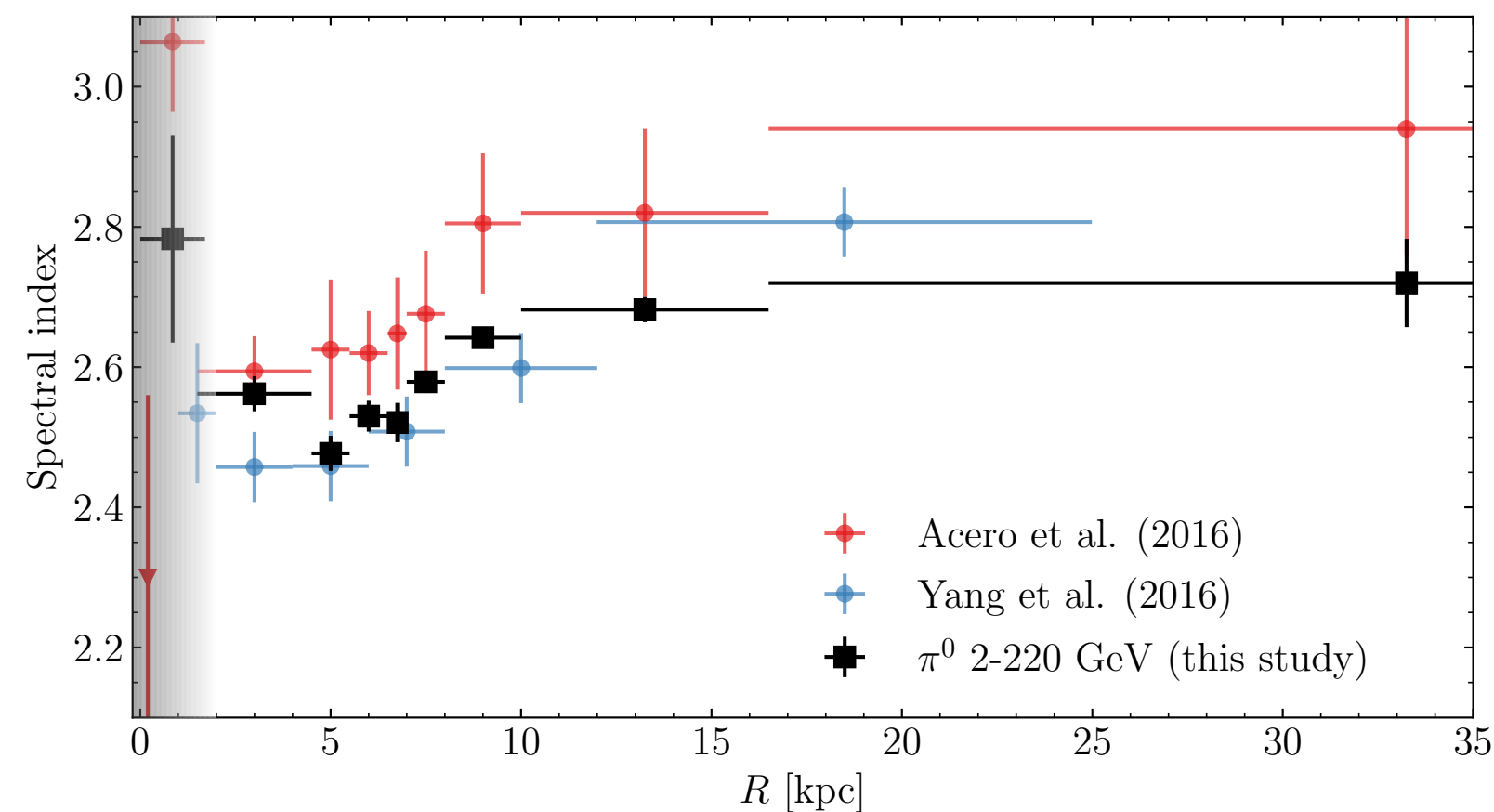
*P. De La Torre Luque, D. Gaggero, DG, O. Fornieri, K. Hegberts, C. Steppa, C. Evoli, 2203.15759*



The model was retuned on most recent Fermi-LAT data, taking into account more recent analyses of the hardening trend

The model adopts a hardening of the source spectrum at 300 GeV to reproduce AMS-02 data

CR (proton) spectral index as inferred from several analysis of *Fermi*-LAT  $\gamma$ -ray data

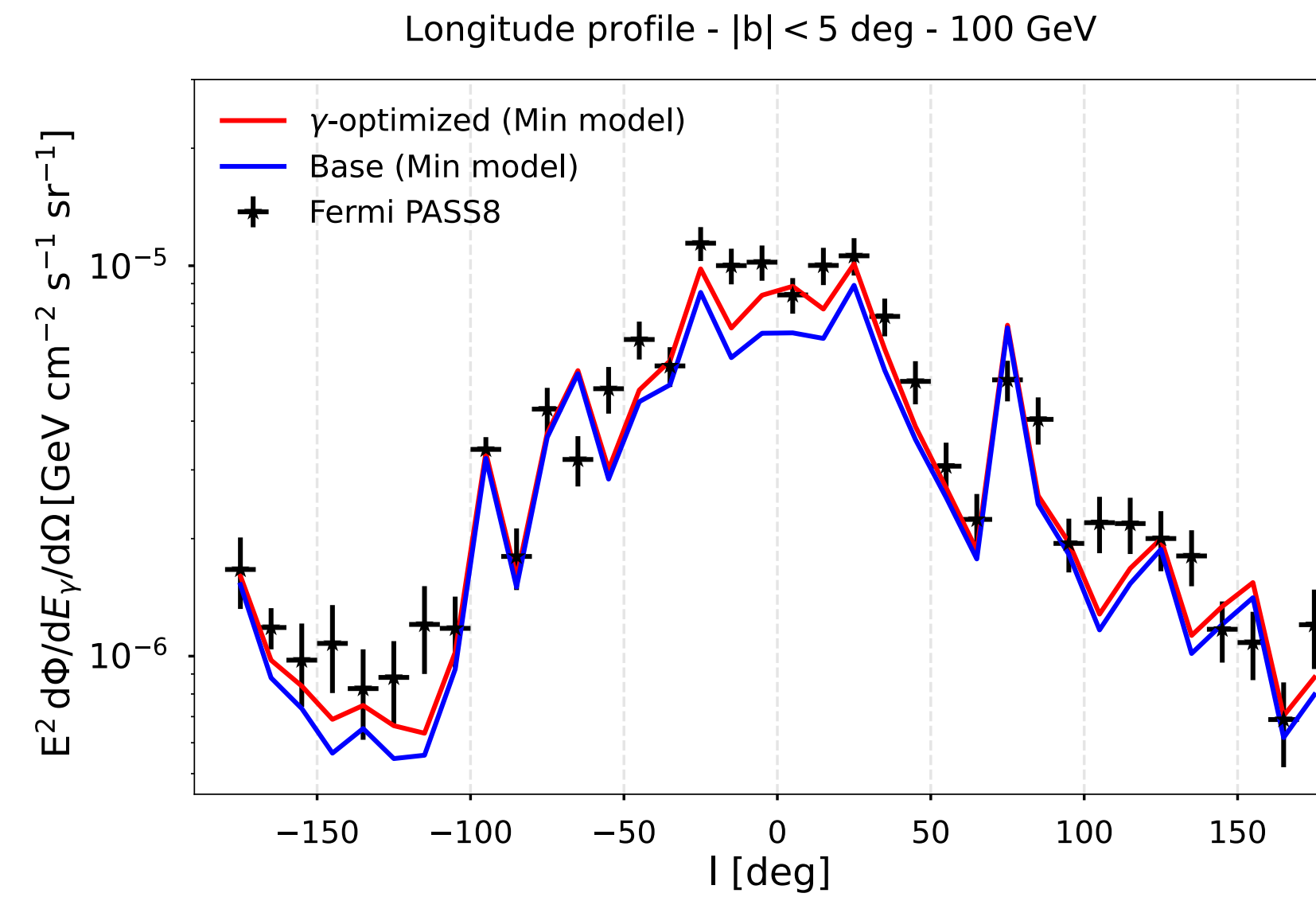
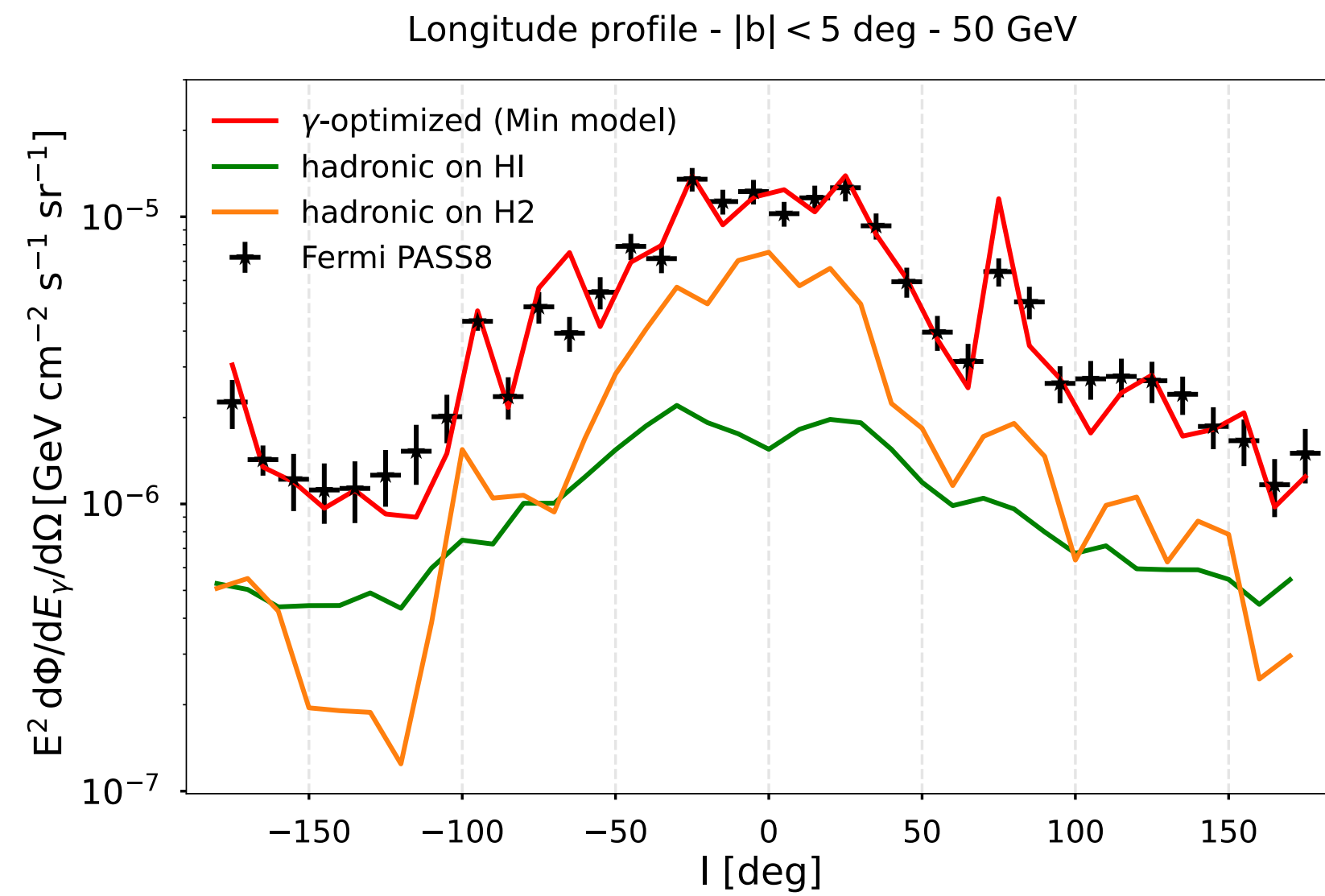


We include an unresolved source model based on the H.E.S.S. galactic plane survey  
*[Steppa & Egberts A&A 2022]*

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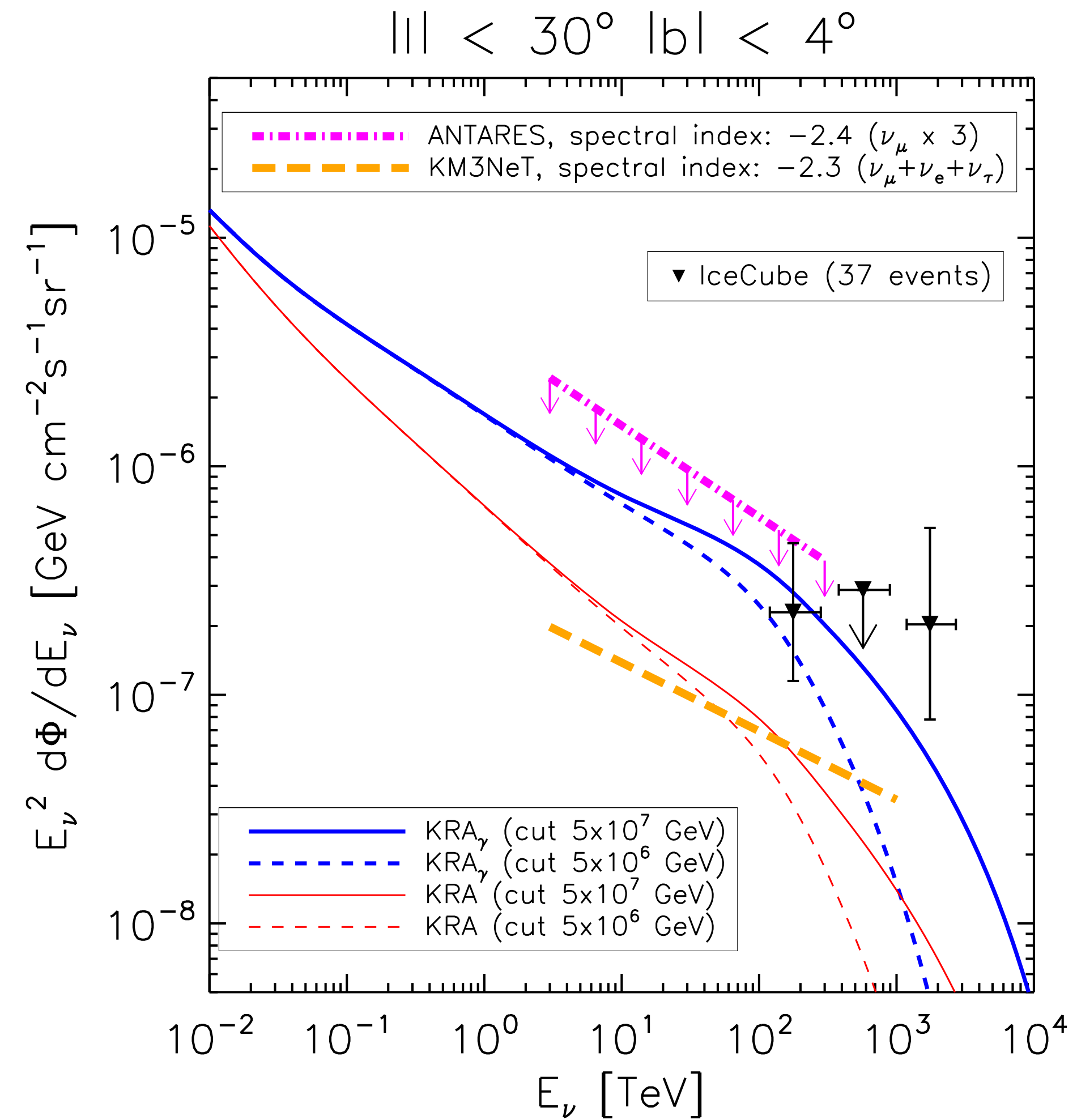
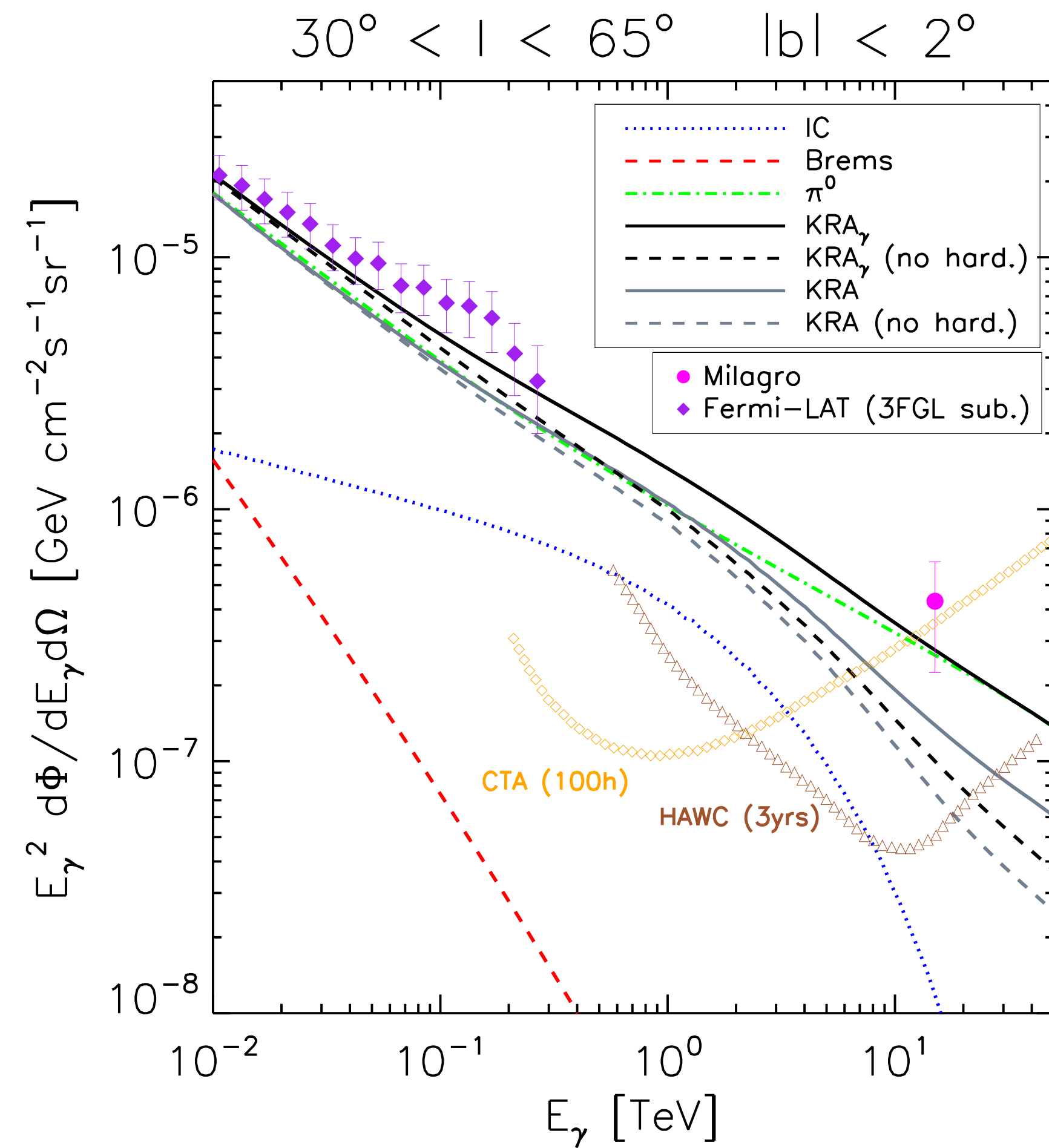


**Performed with HERMES**

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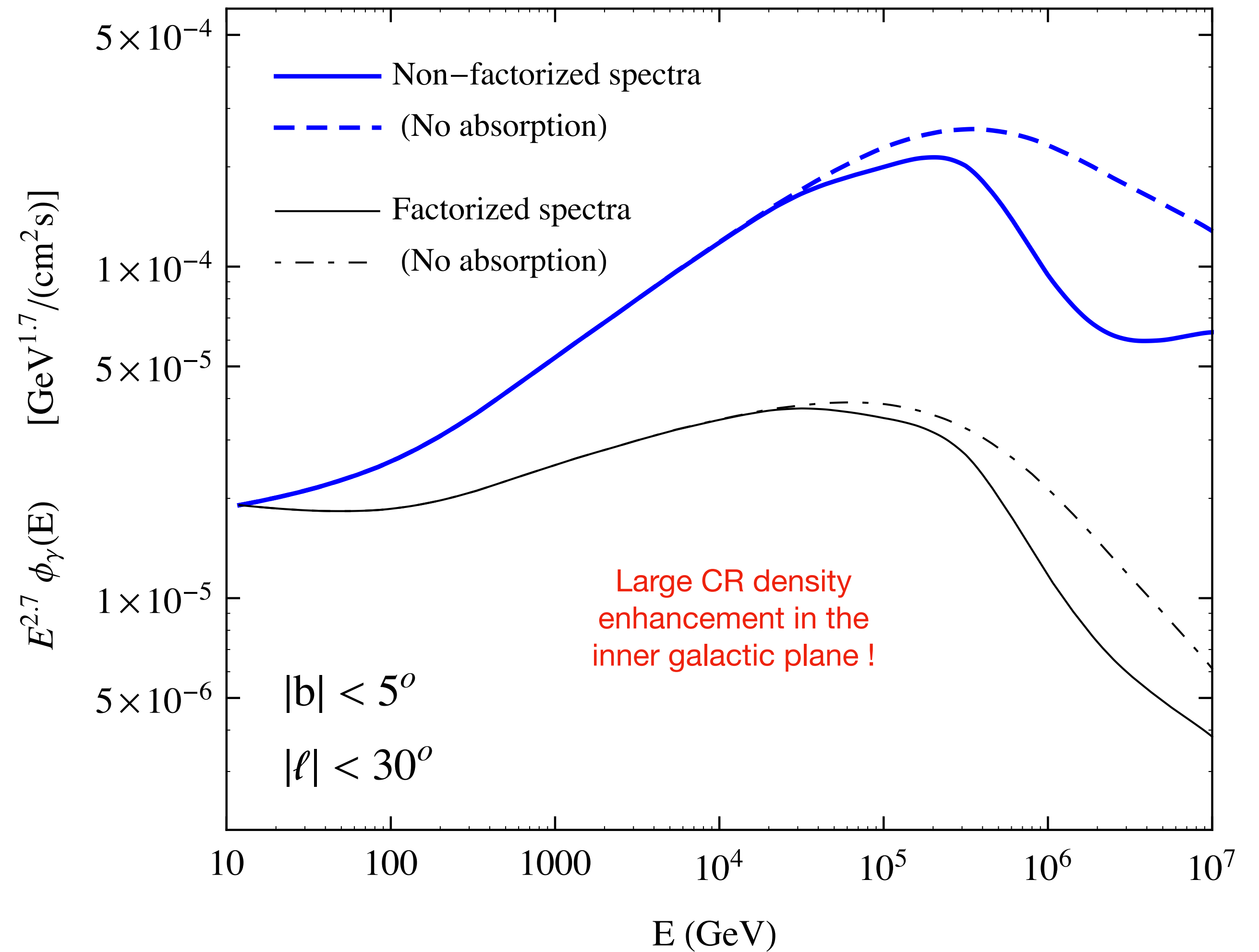
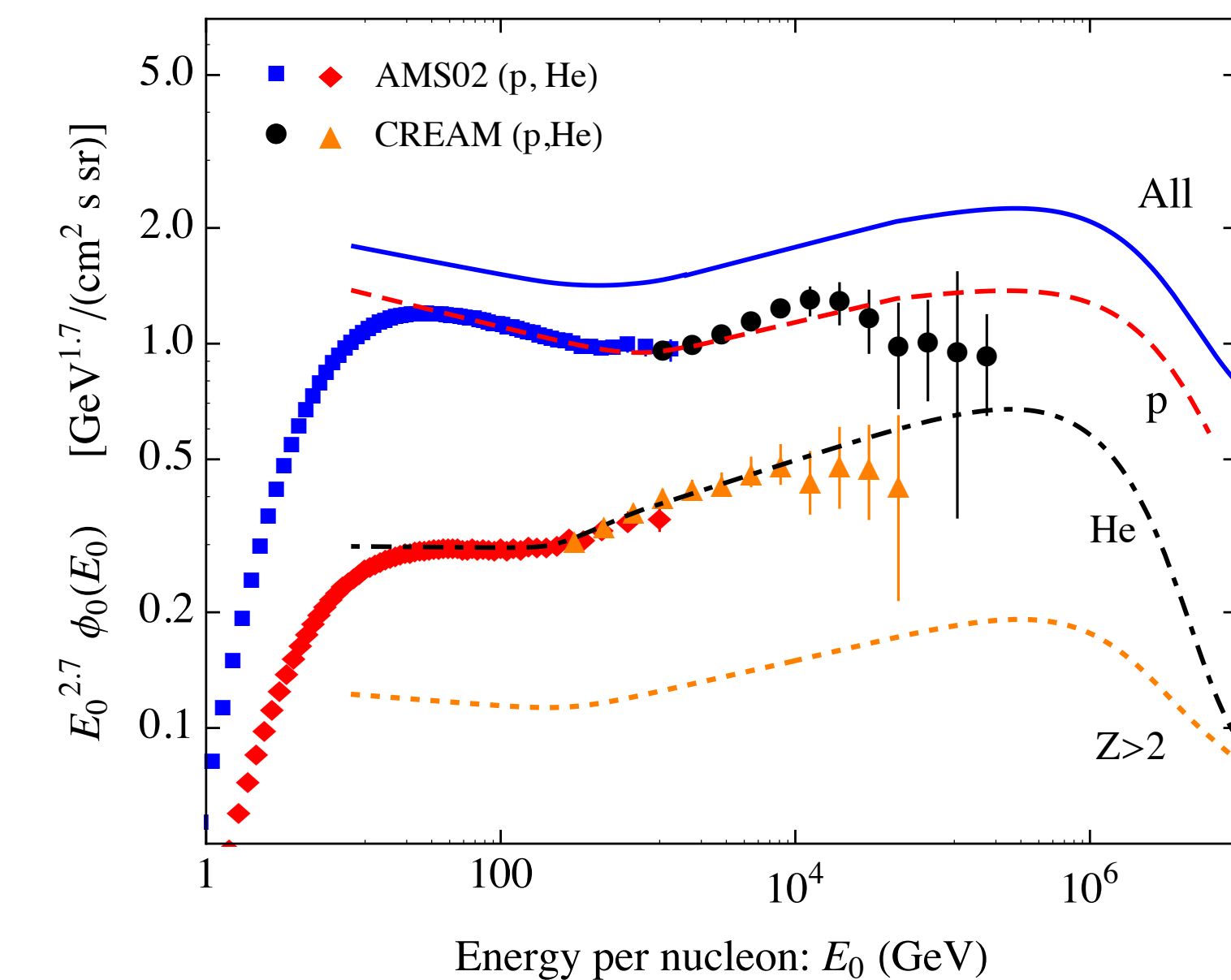
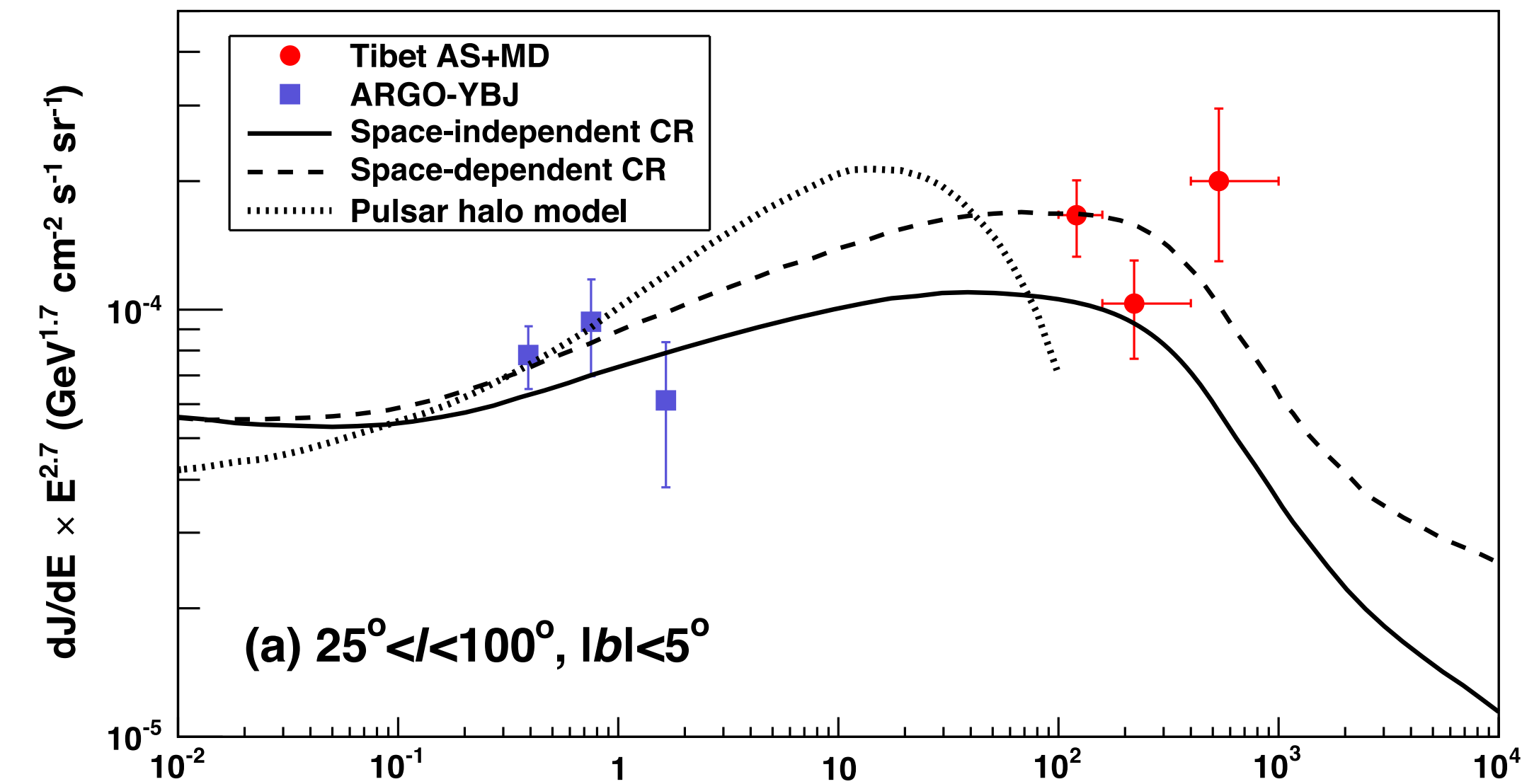
# TOWARDS THE PEV DOMAIN: GAMMA RAYS AND NEUTRINO PREDICTIONS IN 2015

Gaggero, D.G., A. Marinelli, Urbano, Valli *ApJ L* 2015



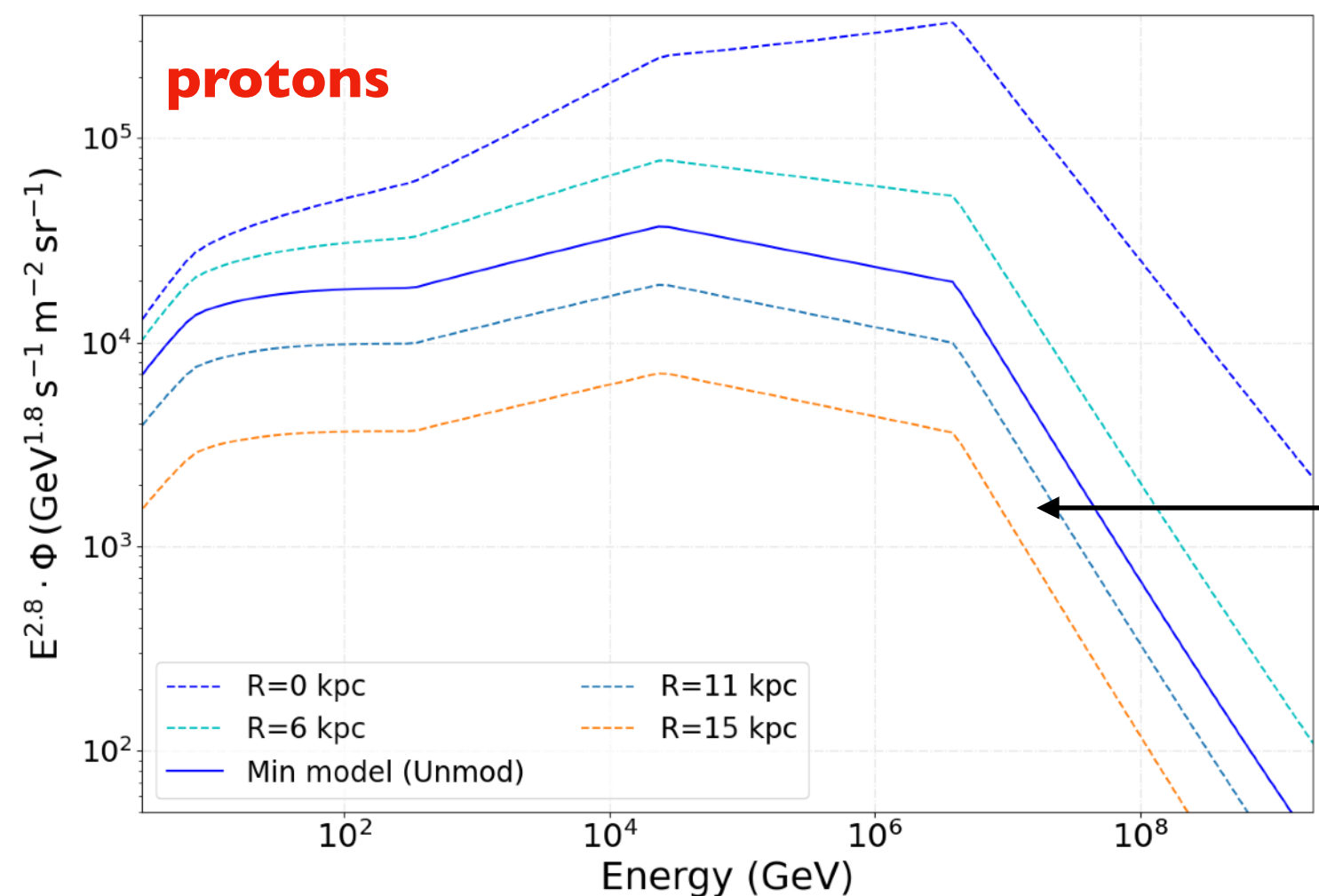
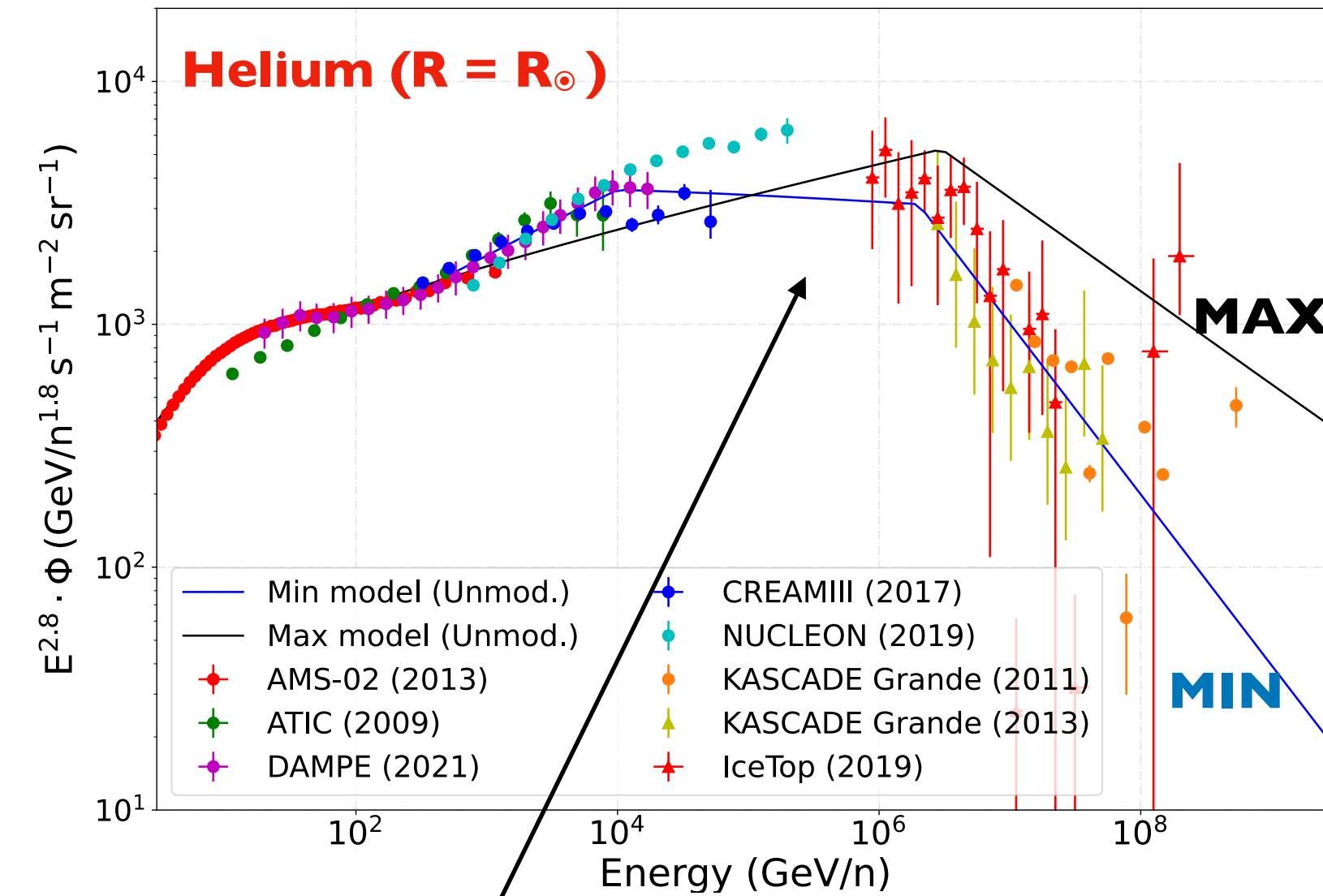
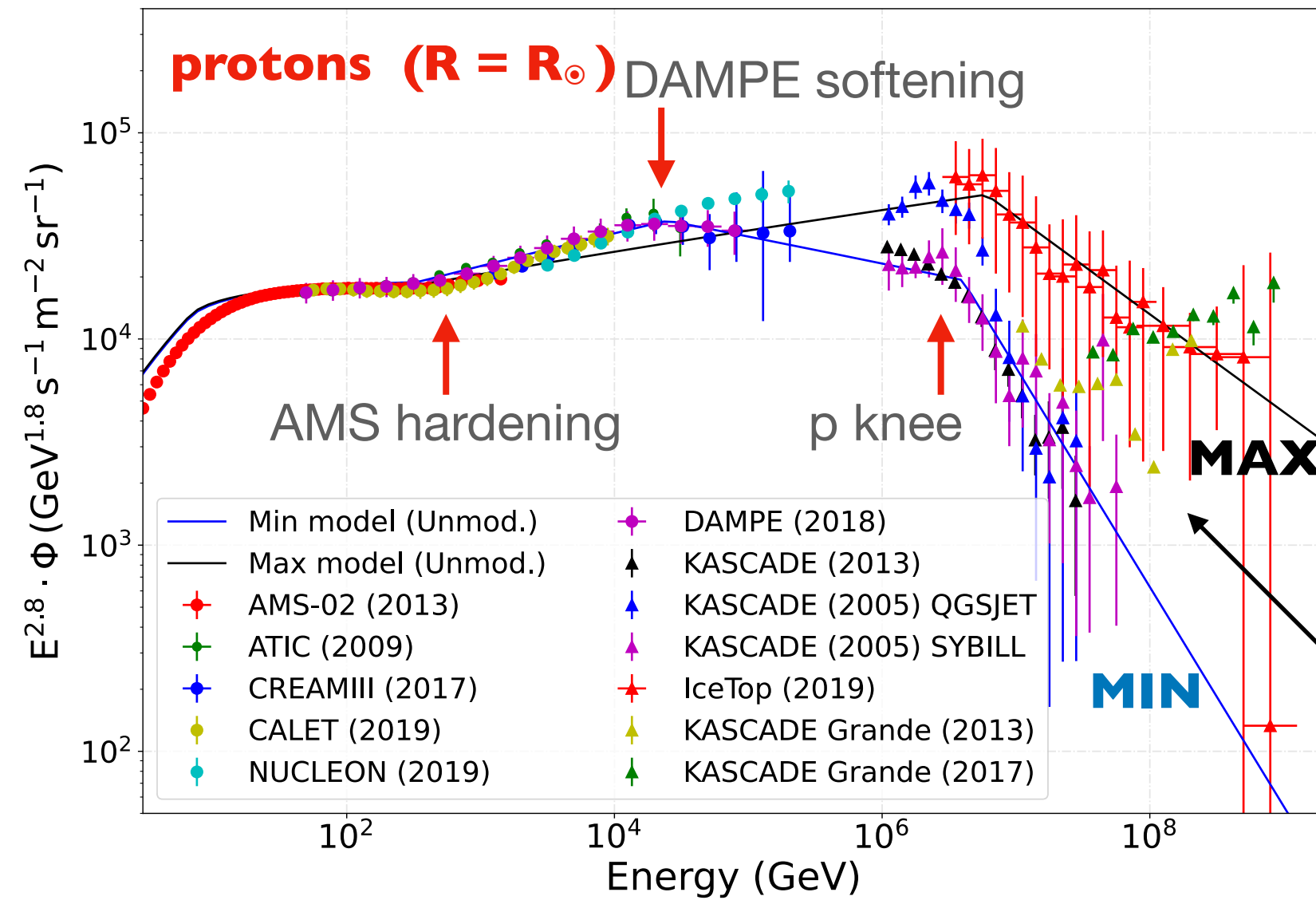
# TOWARDS THE PEV DOMAIN: SEMI-ANALYTICAL RESULTS

*Lipari & Vernetto, 2018*



# OUR NEW RESULTS: DIFFERENT FITTING STRATEGIES OF PRIMARY CR SPECTRA ABOVE 100 TEV

P. De La Torre Luque et al., 2203.15759



Different lines represent **local** propagated spectra that **bracket the uncertainty** in the very-high energy domain due to different results of different data analyses.

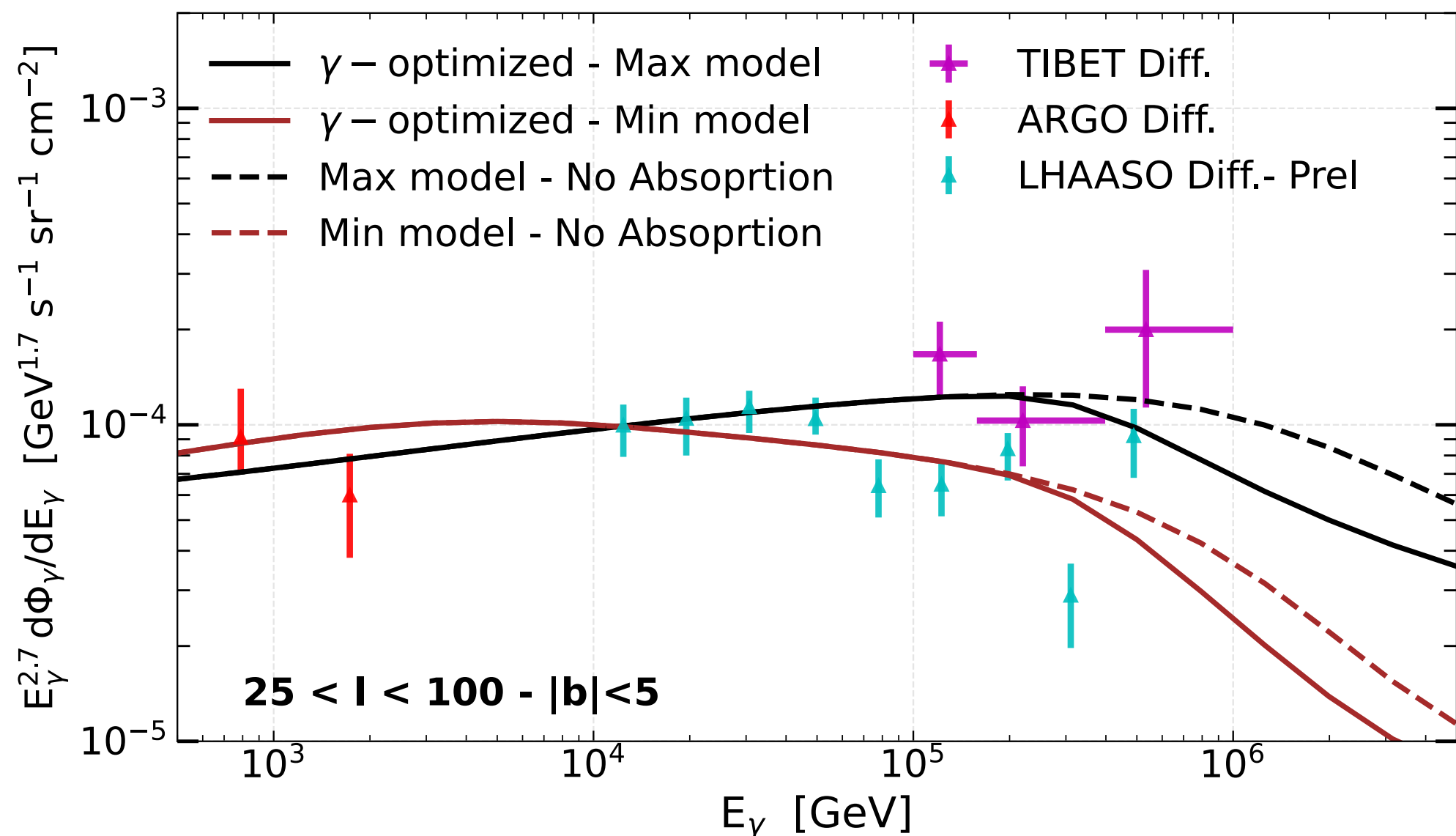
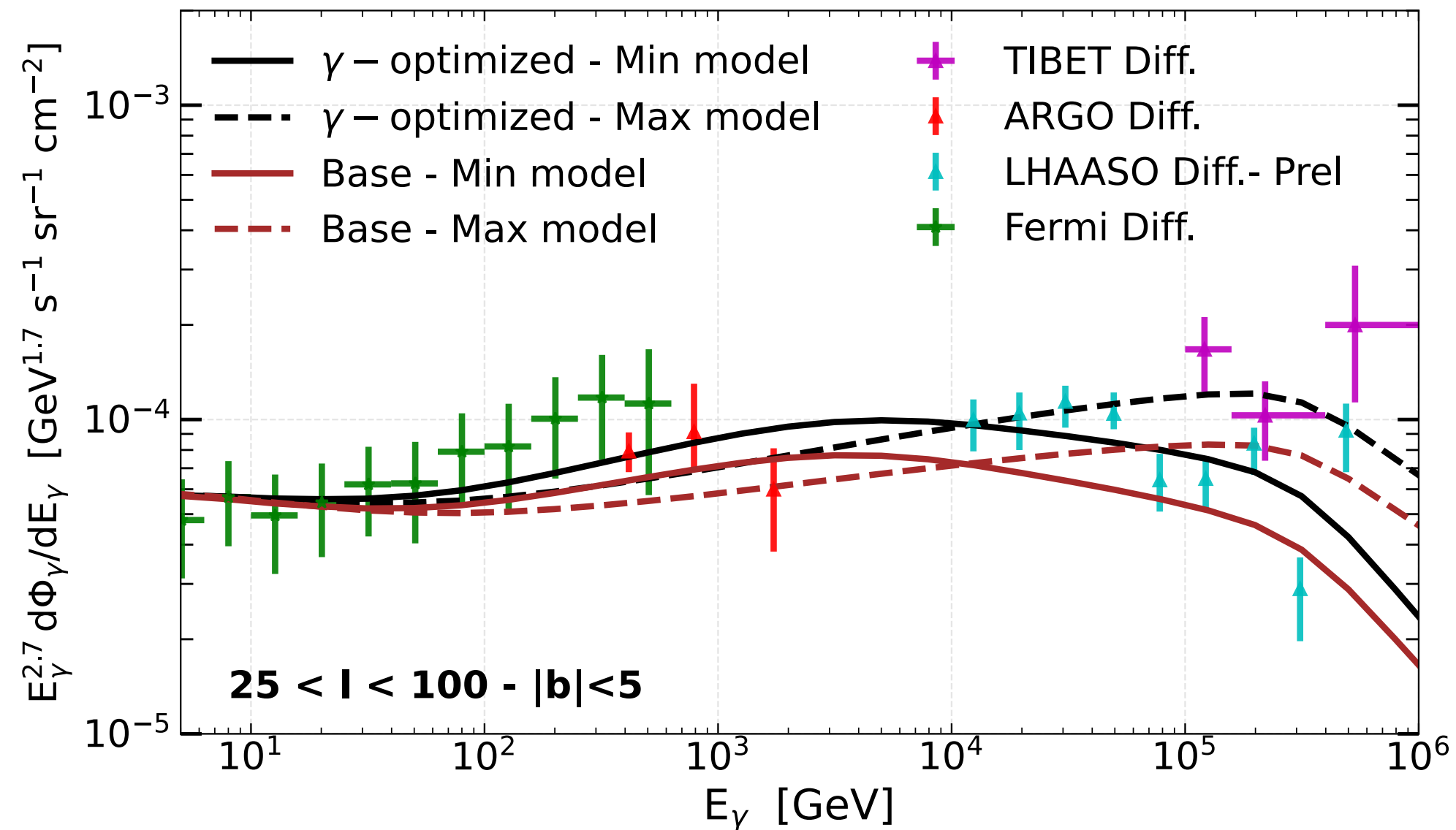
Propagated spectra at **several Galacto-centric radii** for the  $\gamma$ -optimized scenario

*The source spectra is assumed to be the same in the whole Galaxy*

# OUR NEW RESULTS

Compared with Tibet and LHAASO data

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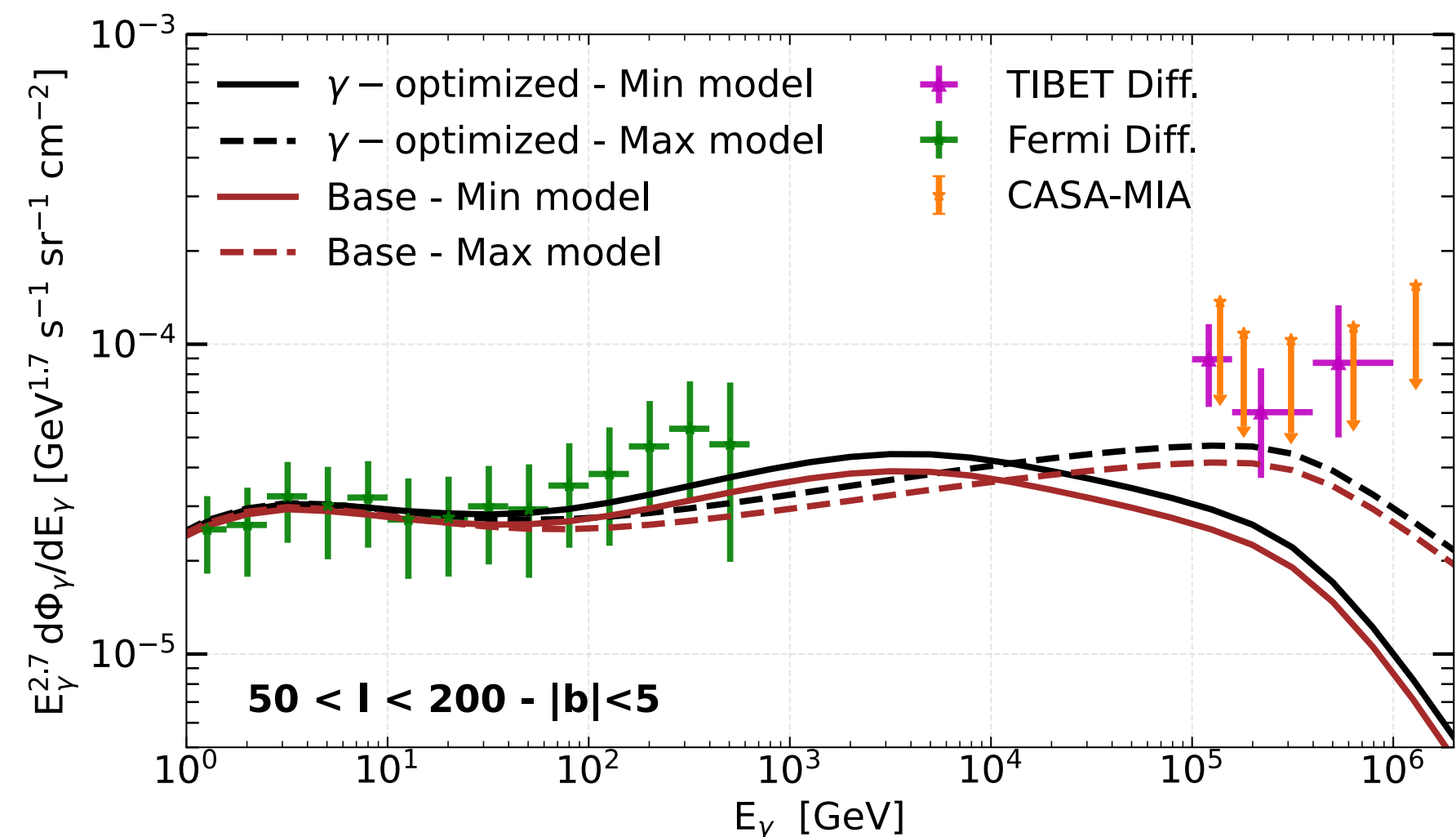
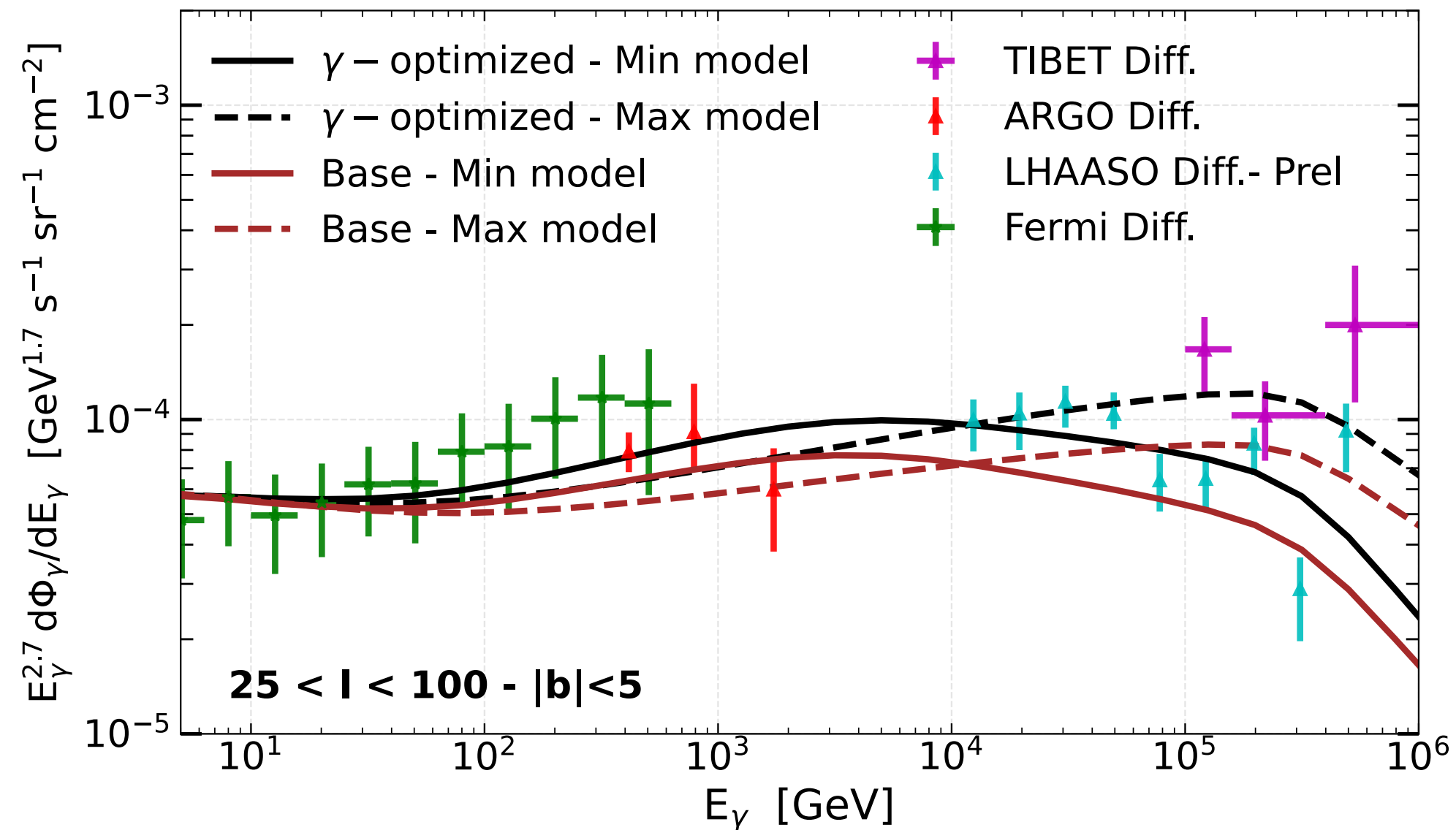


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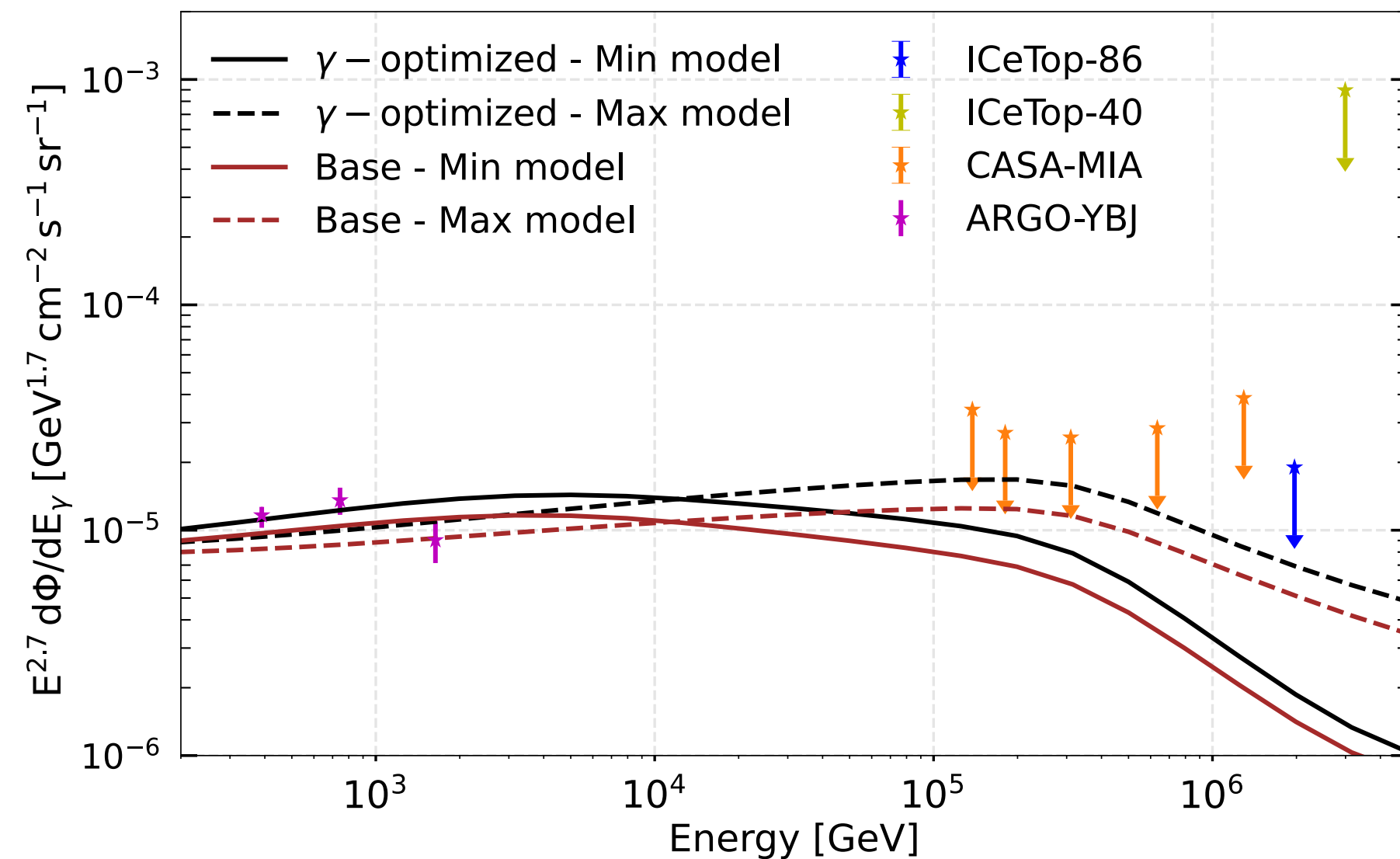
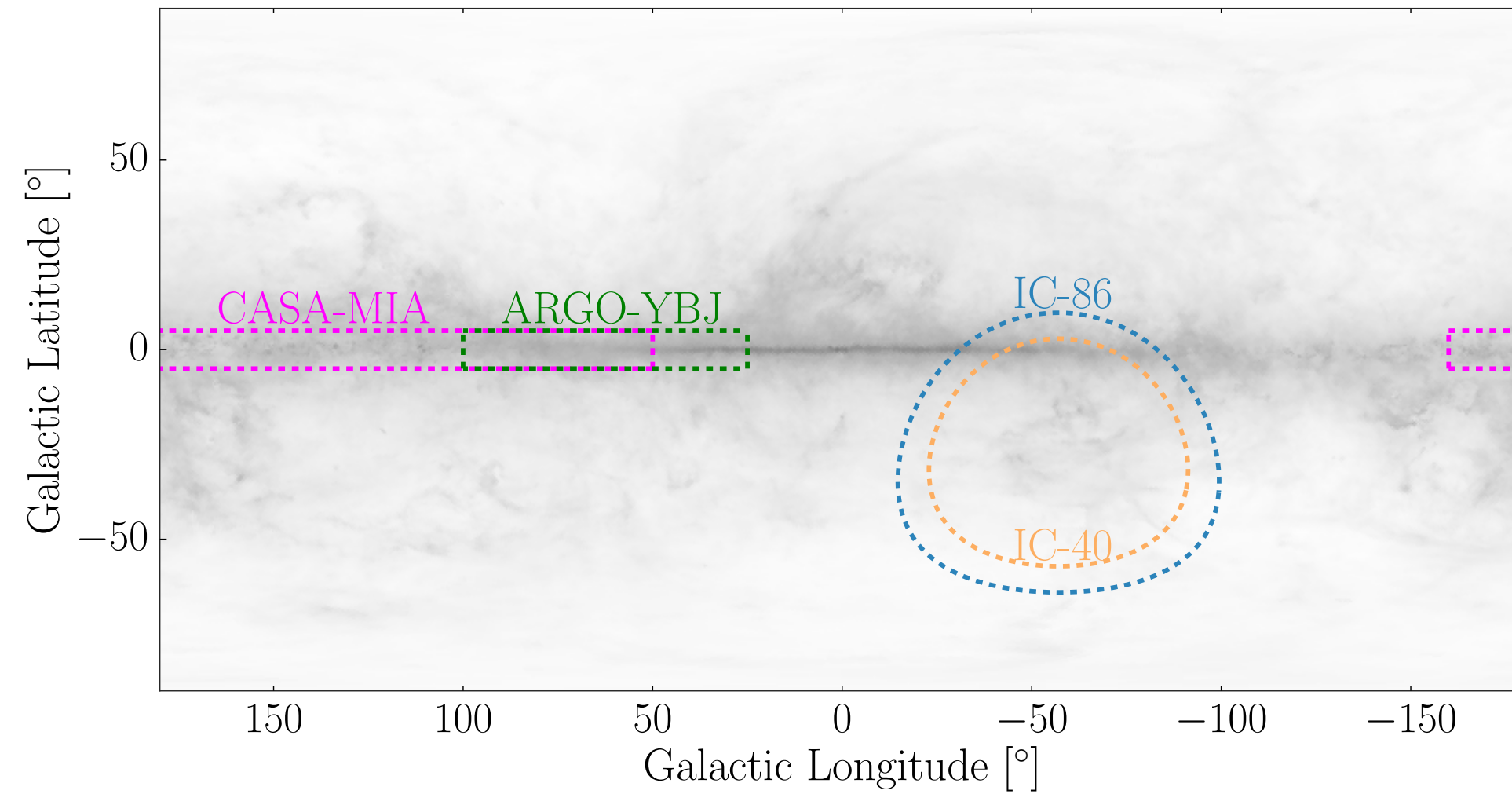


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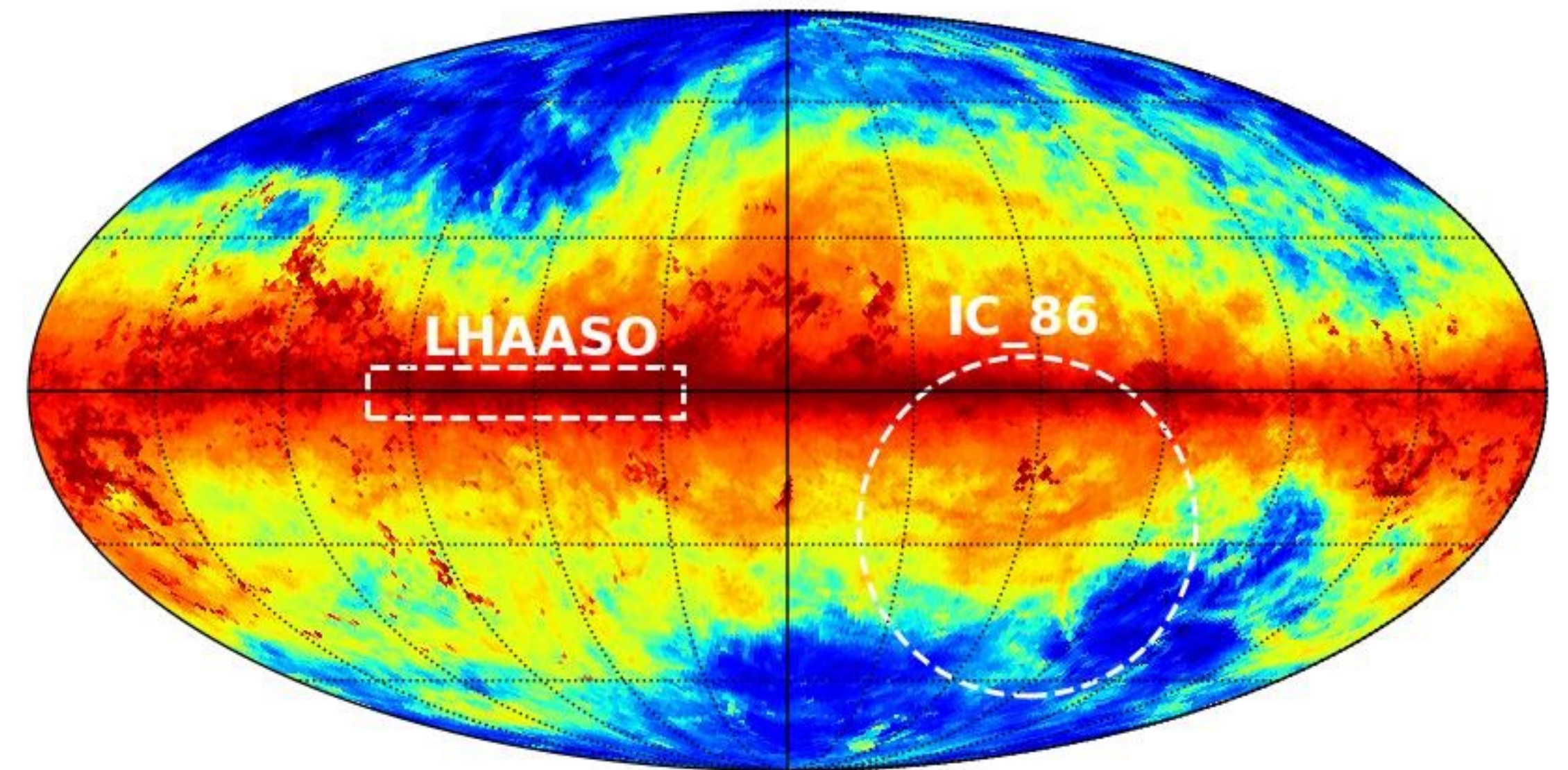
# NEW RESULTS

Compared with IceTop data

*IceCube coll., Astrophys.J. 891 (2019) 9*



100 TeV  $\gamma$ -ray sky simulated with HERMES



3.24993e-21  $J$  [ $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{GeV}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ ] 2.86481e-16

Performed with HERMES

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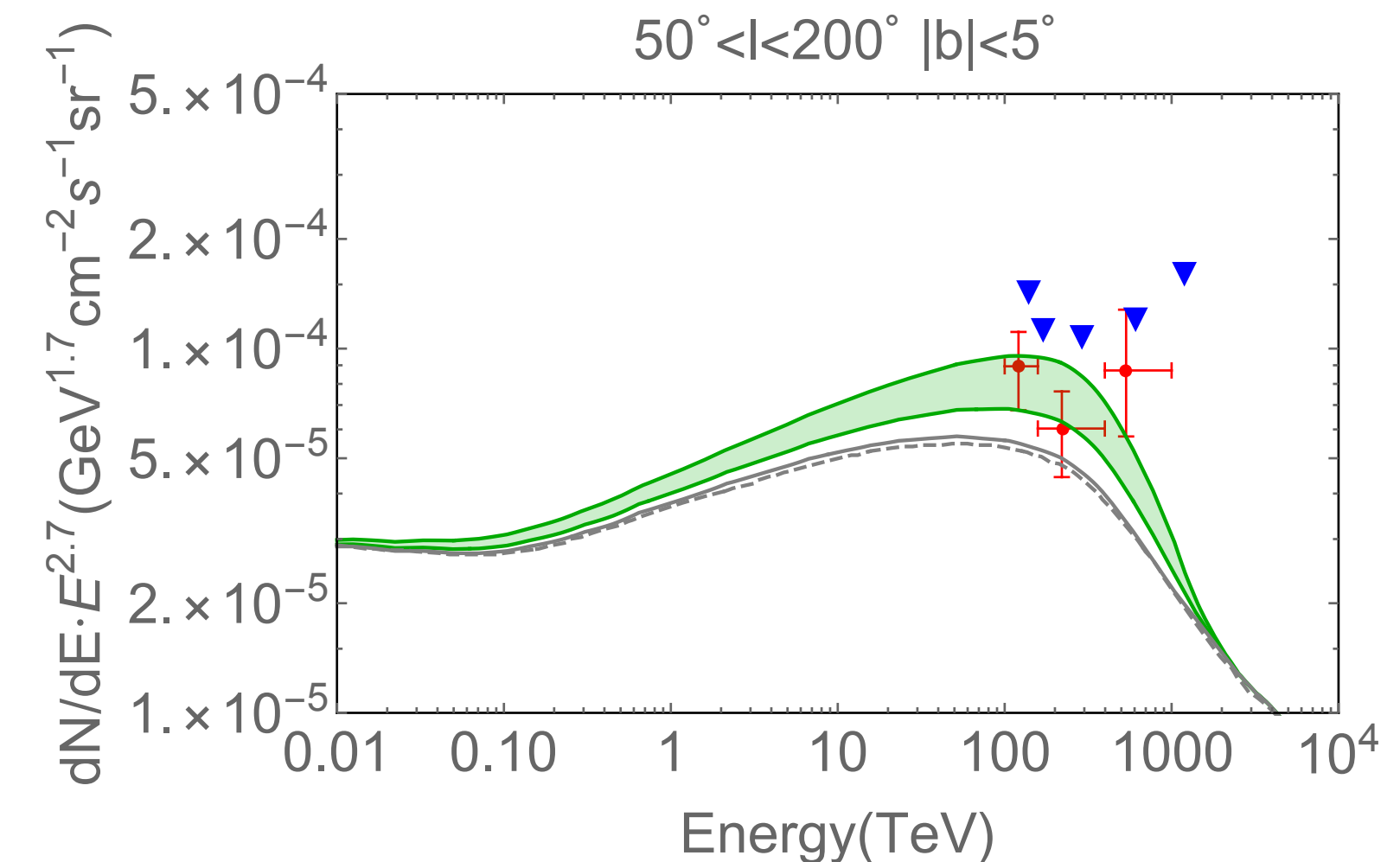
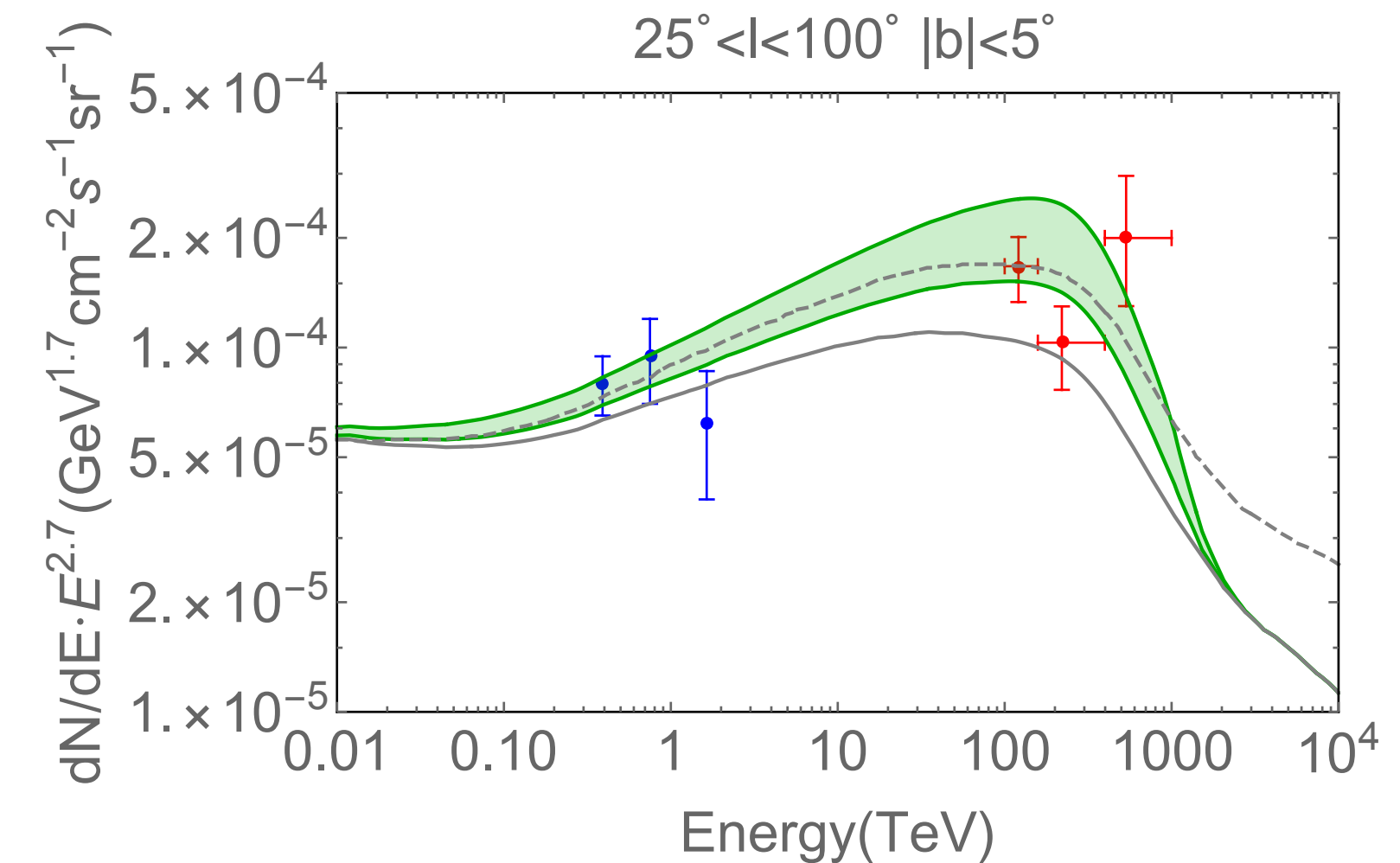
# A LARGER CONTRIBUTION FROM UNRESOLVED SOURCES ?

*Vecchiotti et al., 2107.14584*

Although unlikely (no emission from TeVCAT above 400 TeV was found) an interpretation of Tibet and LHAASO results is these terms cannot be excluded

It assumes leptonic accelerators (PWNe, TeV halos) as the main unresolved sources

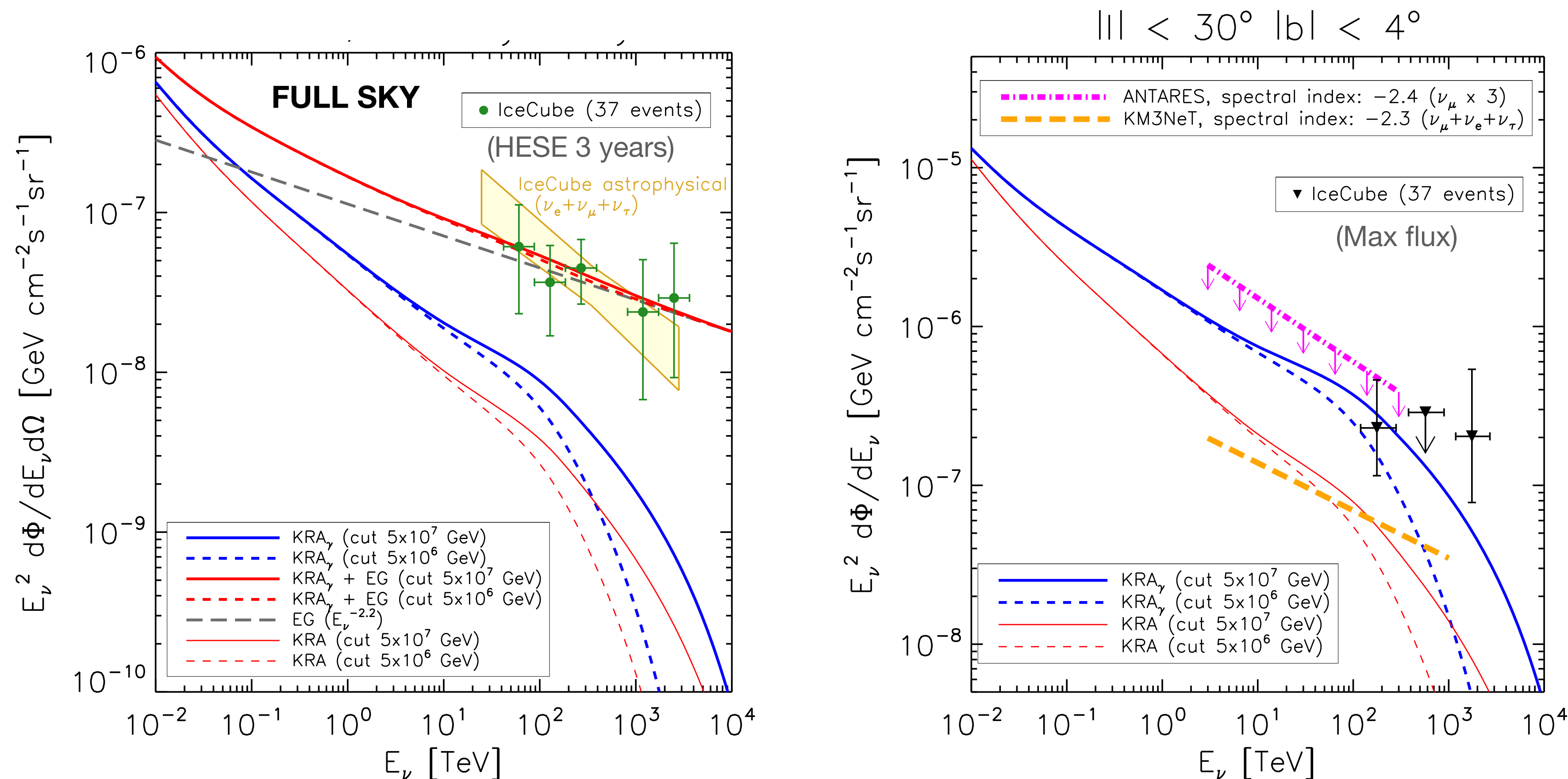
It might provide a better agreement with Tibet results for  $50 < l < 200^\circ$



# NEUTRINO DIFFUSE EMISSION FROM THE GALAXY

Gaggero, D.G., A. Marinelli, Urbano, Valli *ApJ L* 2015

The enhancement of the hadronic  $\gamma$ -ray emission predicted by the  $\gamma$ -optimized models must have a corresponding effect for neutrinos.  
Here we show the prediction obtained with the  $KRA_\gamma$  models in 2015.



# NEUTRINOS FROM THE GP

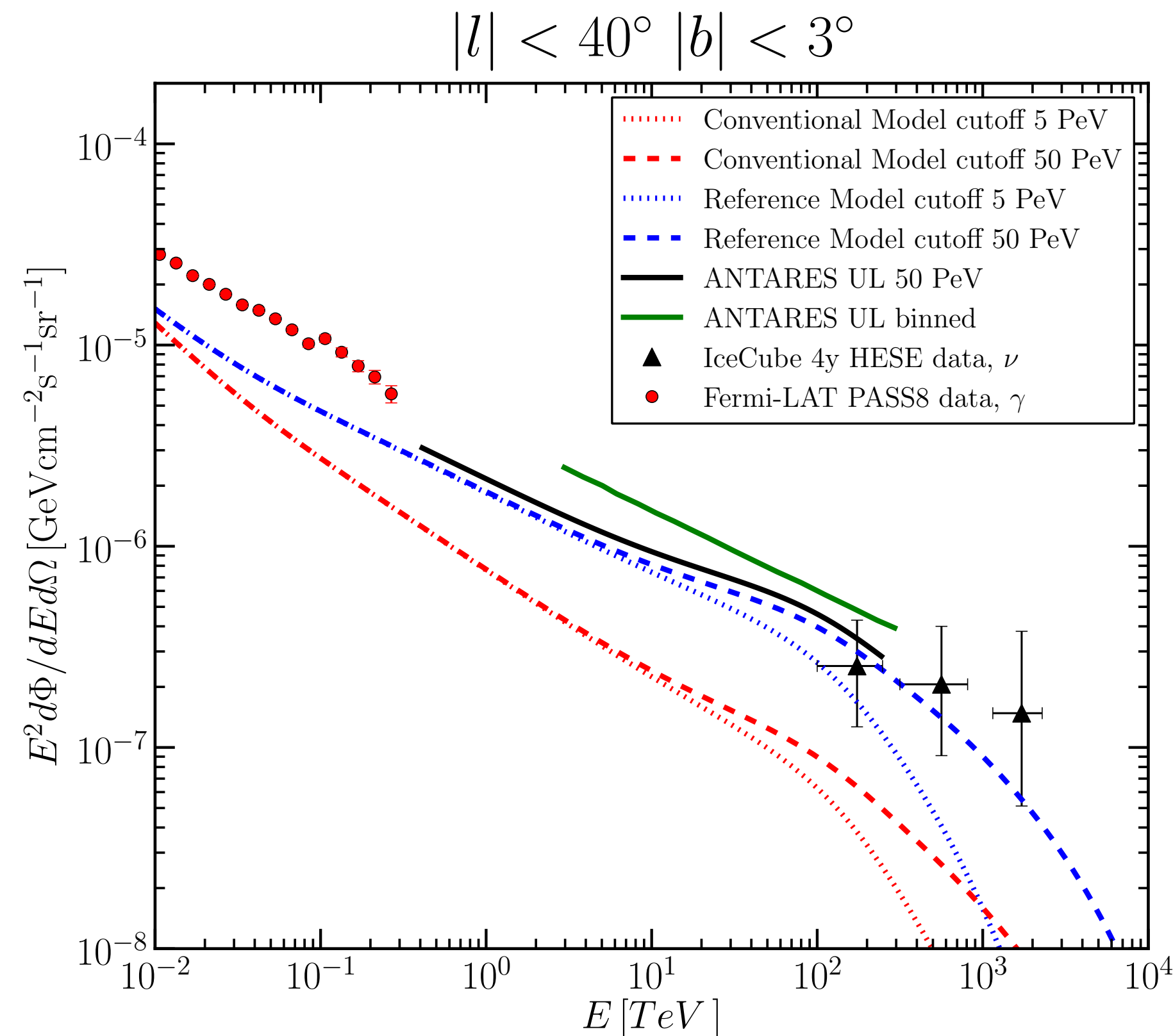
*IceCube + ANTARES constraints*

ANTARES coll. + DG & D.Grasso PRD 2017

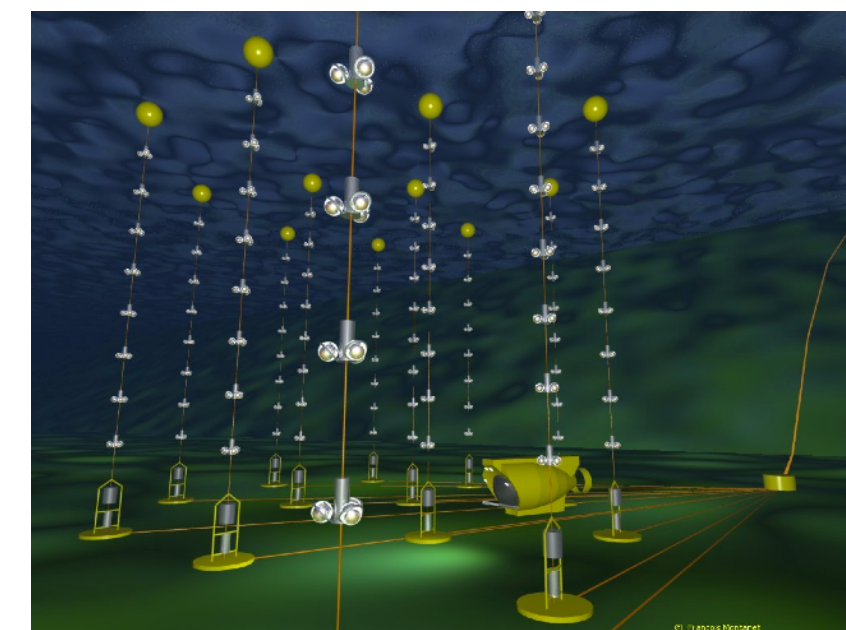
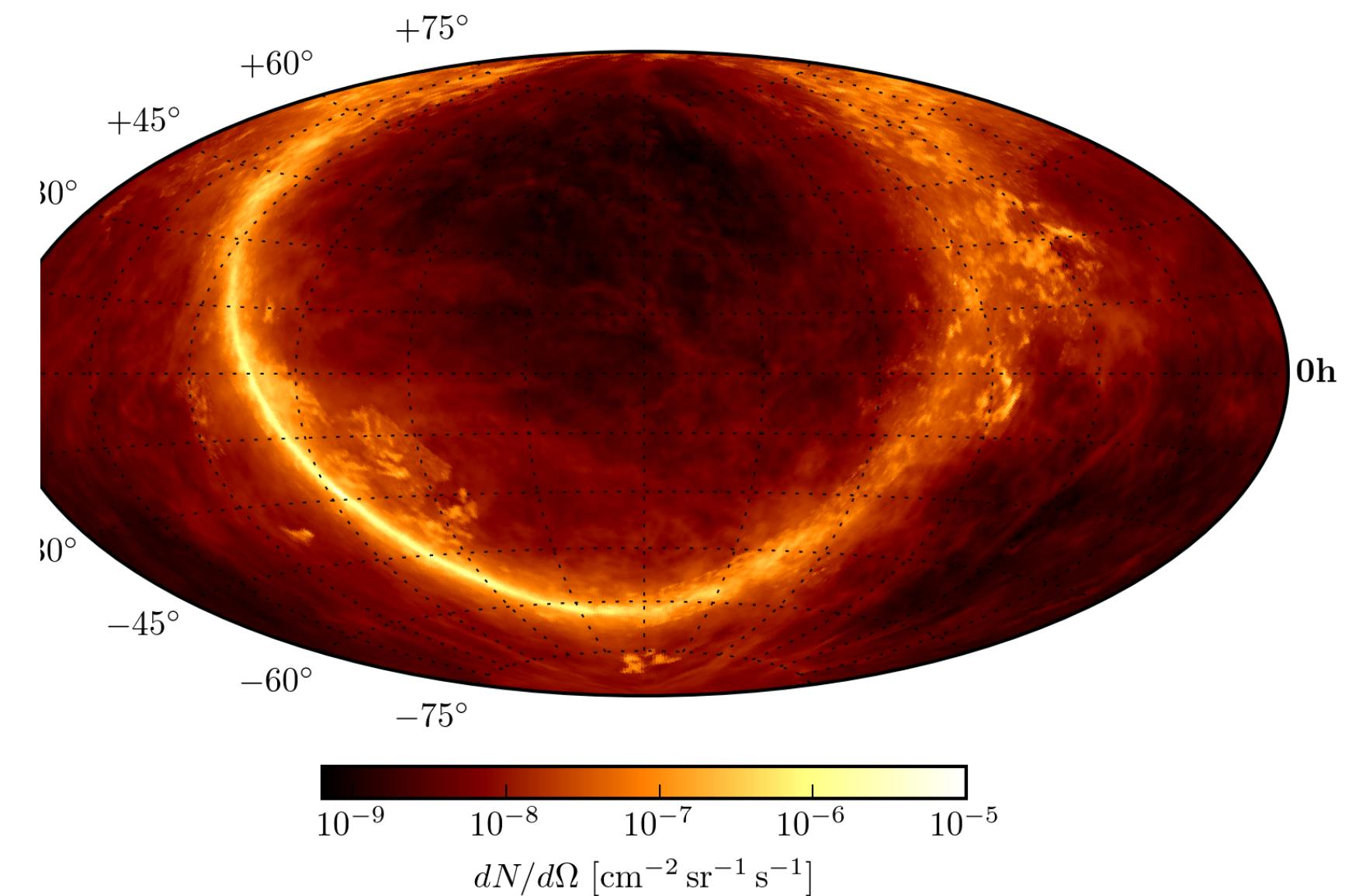
“New Constraints on all flavour Galactic diffuse neutrino emission with the **ANTARES** telescope” [arXiv:1705.00497]

- Upper limits at 90% CL on the three flavour neutrino flux based on 9 years of ANTARES data (2007 - 2015)
- Limits are compared to *reference models* for the expected diffuse emission

Energy cut-off	$\mu^*$	$\sigma^*$	$\mu_{\text{data}}^{\text{sh}}$	$\mu_{\text{data}}^{\text{tr}}$	p-val†
5 PeV	11.6	13	1.9	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	0.67
50 PeV	13.7	12	2.6	$7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.54



Maximum-likelihood analyses based on the  $KRA\gamma$  templates (hadronic component)



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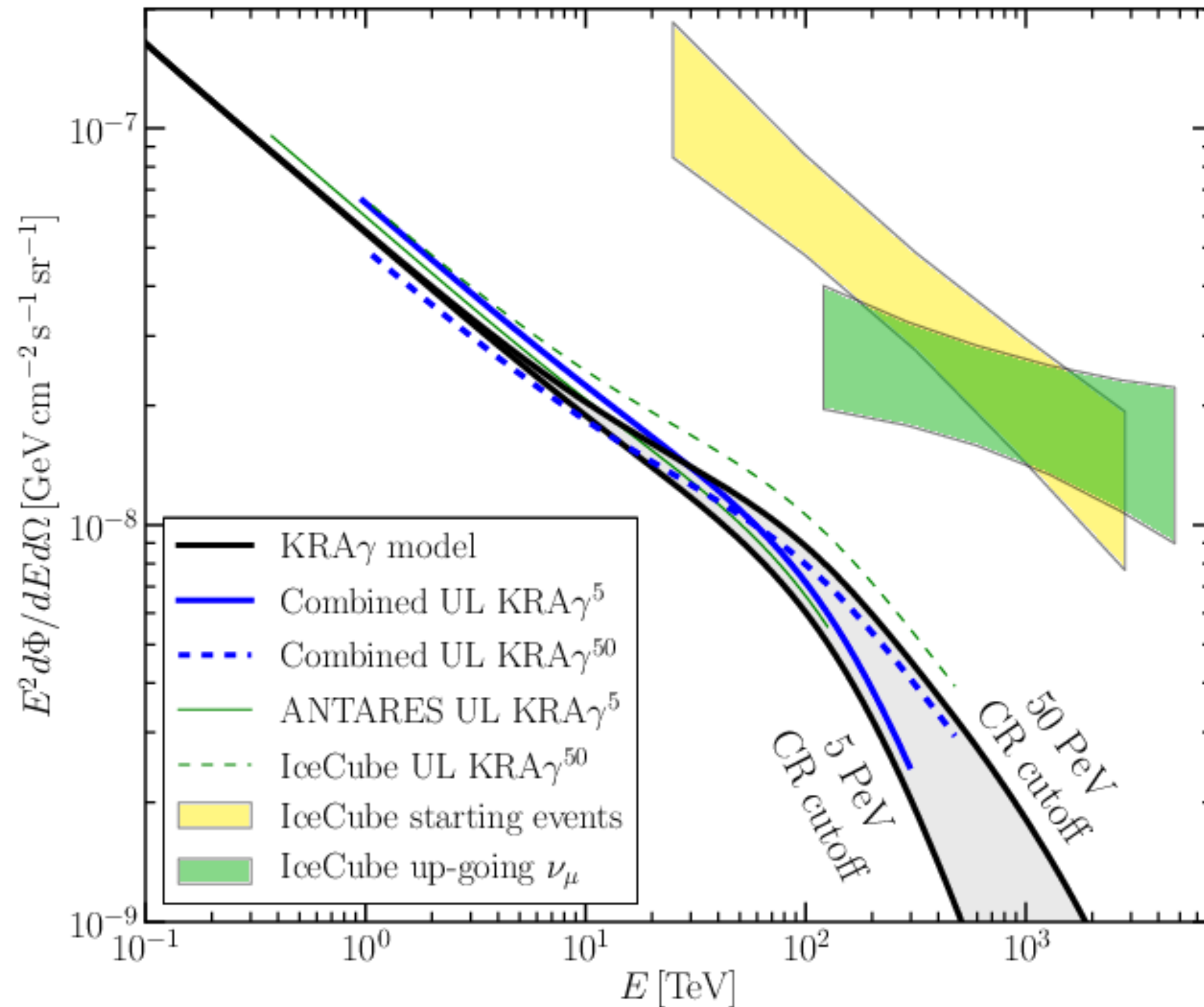
*ANTARES + IceCube + DG & D.Gaggero ,APJ 2018*

“Joint constraints on Galactic diffuse neutrino emission from the **ANTARES** and **IceCube** neutrino telescopes” [arXiv:1808.03531]

- Combined ULs at 90% confidence level on the three-flavor  $\nu$  flux of the reference Galactic models.
- **10 years of ANTARES showers and tracks** (218 showers, 2.6 should come from  $KRA_\gamma$  Galactic model),
- **7 years of IceCube tracks** (730130 events with 191 events expected from the optimistic Galactic model)

Table 1. Sensitivities and results of the analysis on the  $KRA_\gamma$  models with the 5 and 50 PeV cutoffs.

Energy cutoff	Sensitivity [ $\Phi_{KRA_\gamma}$ ]			Fitted flux [ $\Phi_{KRA_\gamma}$ ]	$p$ -value [%]	UL at 90% CL [ $\Phi_{KRA_\gamma}$ ]
	Combined	ANTARES	IceCube			
5 PeV	0.81	1.21	1.14	0.47	29	1.19
50 PeV	0.57	0.94	0.82	0.37	26	0.90



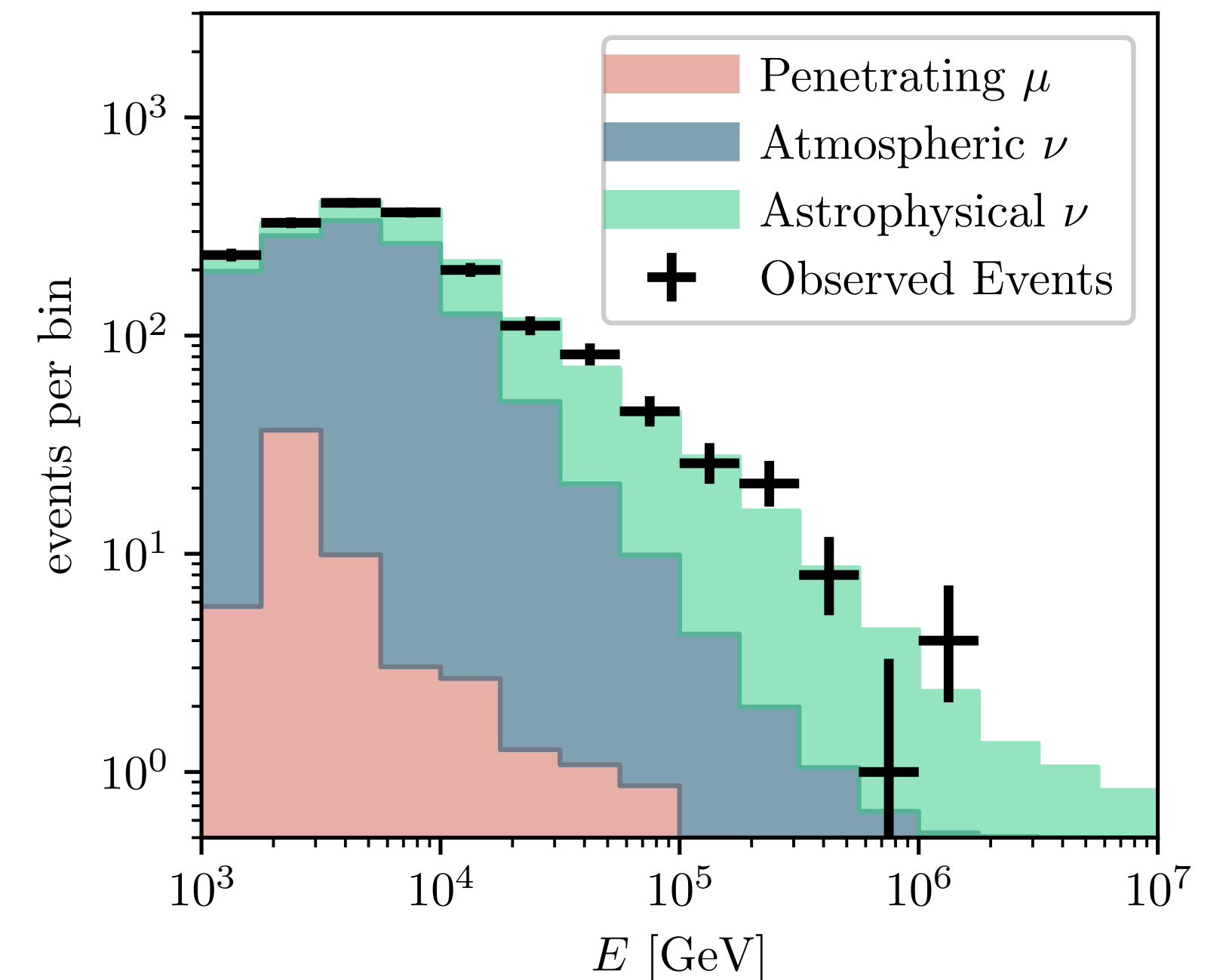
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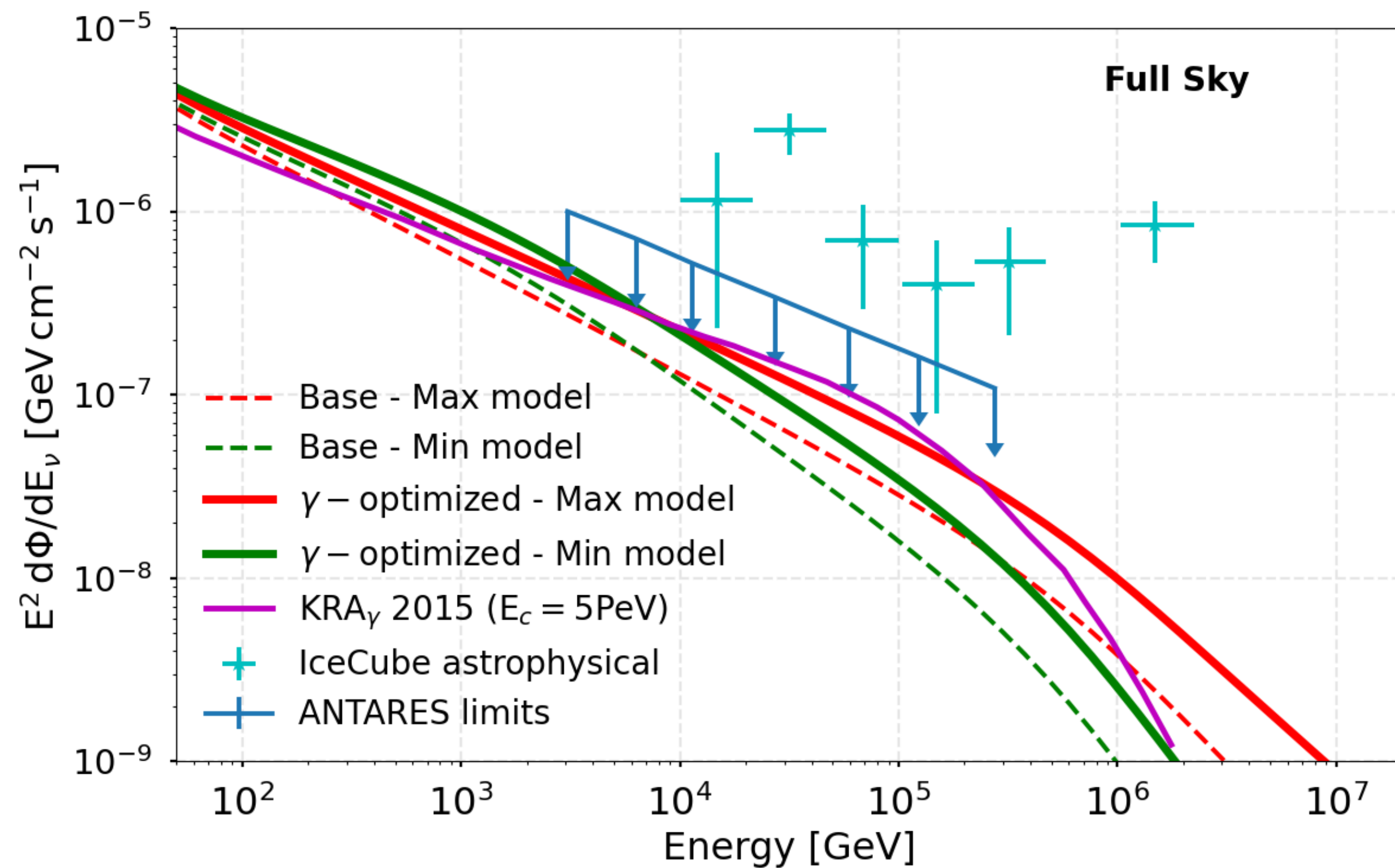
“Search for Sources of Astrophysical Neutrinos Using Seven Years of **IceCube Cascade Events**” [[arXiv:1907.06714](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.06714)]

- Analysis of **seven years** of IceCube *cascade* data (interaction vertex inside the detector) in order to search for high energy neutrino emission from a number of Galactic astrophysical source candidates
- No detection confirmed, however some relevant hints
- The most significant source was RX J1713.7-3946, a well-known SNR. Post-trial p-value = 0.28
- **2 $\sigma$  hint for a Galactic component consistent with the optimistic “Gamma” models**
- Compare with another **2 $\sigma$  hint for a Galactic component in the HESE data above 100 TeV** [[IceCube ICRC contributions, 1710.01191](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.01191)]



# PREDICTIONS WITH THE UPDATED MODELS

*De La Torre Luque, DG, Gaggero, Marinelli, accepted by Frontiers*



- The predictions of the old KRA $_\gamma^5$  are very close to those of the  $\gamma$ -optimized Max.
- If IceCube were to detect evidence for GP emission compatible with those models, the spatial-dependent propagation models would be favoured.

# CONCLUSIONS

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- Tibet AS $\gamma$  and LHAASO (if confirmed) provided the first evidence of  $\gamma$ -ray diffuse emission from the Galactic plane up to the PeV.
- We showed that their results are naturally consistent with Fermi-LAT and ARGO-YBJ if the emission is originated by the galactic CR population
- Our results seems to favour a space-dependent CR transport scenario though, due to the uncertainties in the source spectrum above the 100 TeV, a solid confirmation requires more data especially at low Galactic longitudes.
- IceCube and KM3Net may soon provide stronger and complementary pieces of evidence of that scenario with strong implications for CR physics