

# Connecting cosmic-ray physics, gamma-ray data and dark matter detection.

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# Outline

## 1) The basic picture of CR propagation in the Galaxy

## 2) Going beyond the standard lore:

→ the role of large-scale structure: 2D vs 3D simulations

→ dropping the assumption of homogeneous diffusion and implications for the gamma rays: solving the “gradient problem”, and the “slope problem”

→ the role of charge-dependent modulation

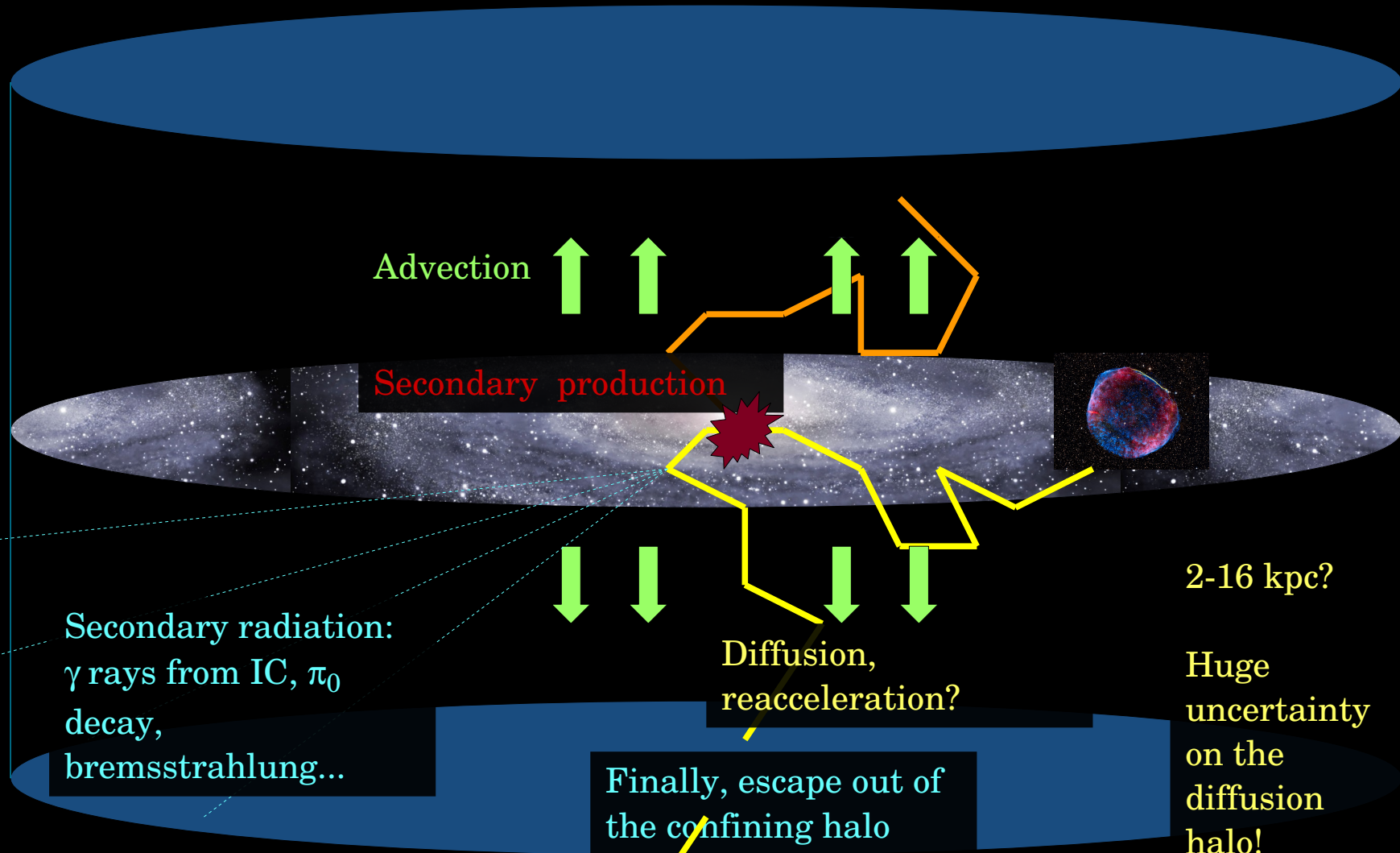
## 3) The importance of CR physics for a better understanding of DM indirect detection: the GC excess as a reference case

→ constraining the DM origin of the GC excess with antiprotons

→ the importance of accurate physical modeling of the GC region



# The basic picture of CR propagation





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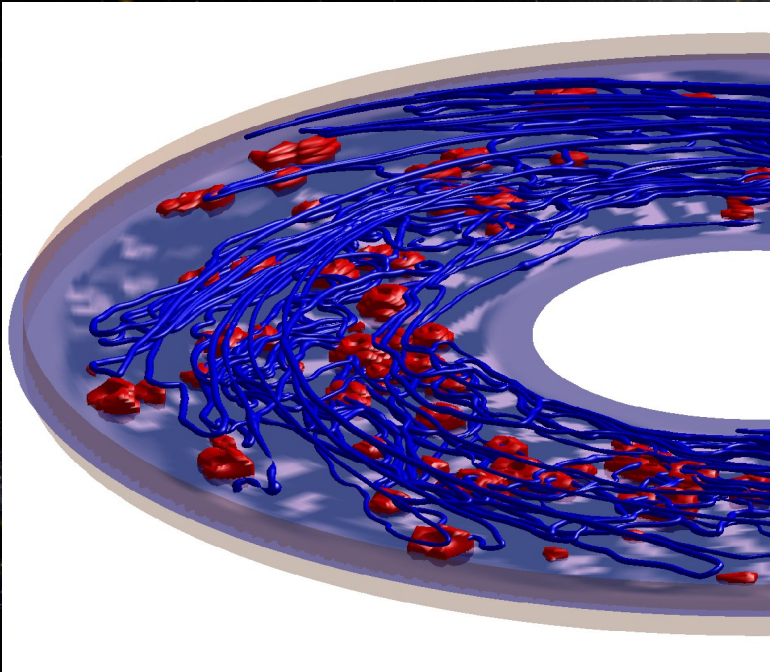
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## Spatial diffusion term.

*due to the interaction with the Galactic magnetic field*

*In general  $D$  is a position-dependent tensor  $D_{ij}$   
→ In most literature so far, with only very few exceptions, diffusion is treated in a oversimplified way and  $D$  is taken as a spatial-independent scalar in the whole Galactic disk and halo*





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**Energy losses** due to the interaction with the ISM: gas, magnetic fields, diffuse radiation field in the IR, optical, UV

→ this term is important for low-energy hadrons and high-energy leptons (IC scattering, synchrotron emission)



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Reacceleration



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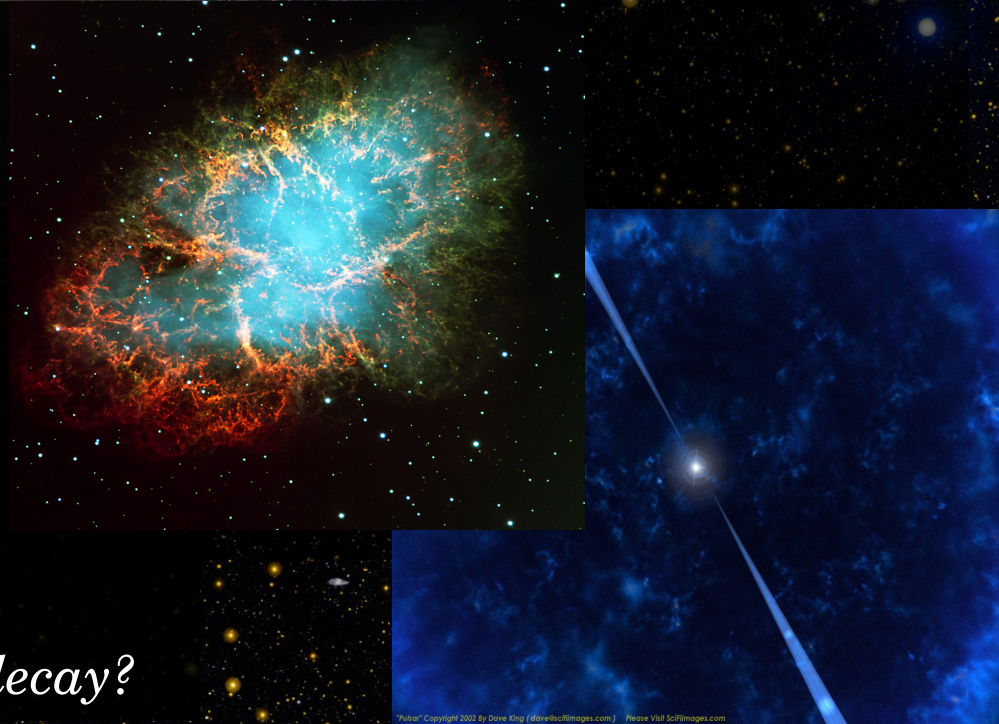
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## Primary source term.

*Protons, nuclei, electrons are accelerated by SNR shocks*

→ Other classes of CR accelerators?  
(maybe pulsars?)

→ CRs coming from DM annihilation / decay?

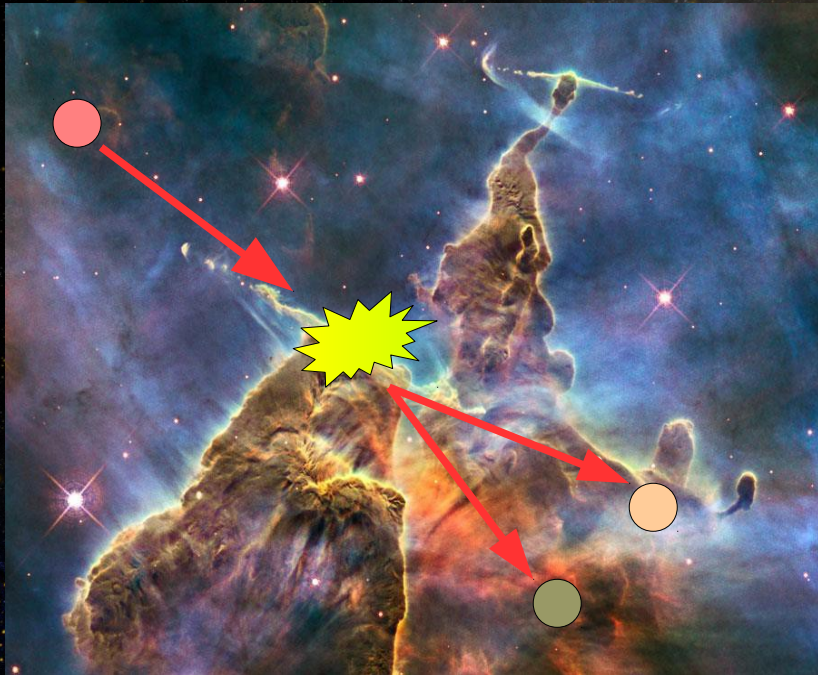




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Spallation source term from heavier nuclei interacting with interstellar gas.

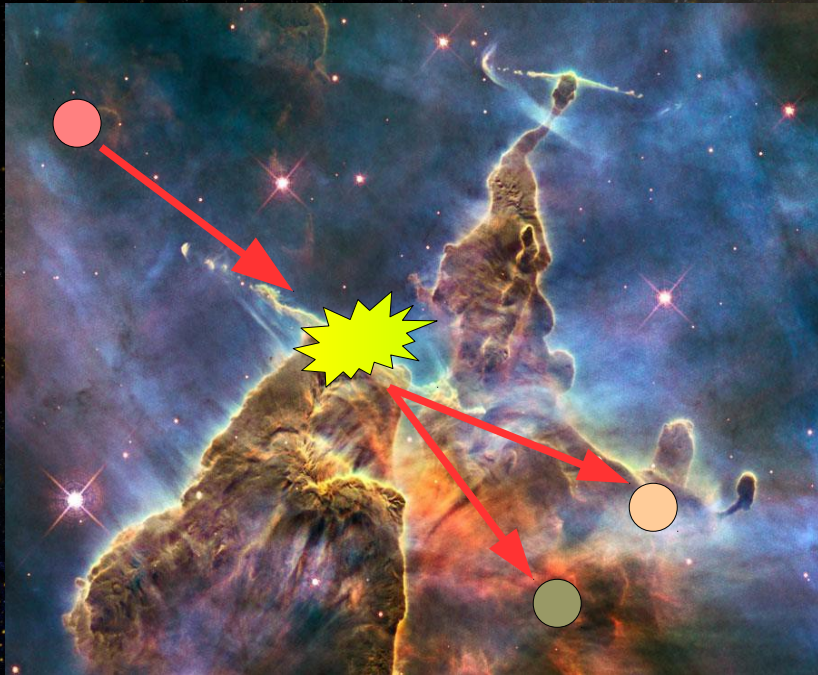
*For Li, Be, B and antiparticles (positrons, antiprotons) this is the dominant source term.*



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Spallation loss  
term



# Cosmic ray physics is apparently easy...

The complicated physics describing the interaction between CRs and Alfvén waves can be parametrized by a relatively simple diffusion-reacceleration-loss equation.

The usual assumptions are:

1) **CRs are injected in the Galaxy mainly by SNRs.**

SNRs are located on the Galactic plane.

Catalogues are incomplete; many tracers exist  
*A smooth spatial source function is assumed, with small contribution from the central region*

**Injection spectrum:** power law in rigidity, with arbitrary number of breaks

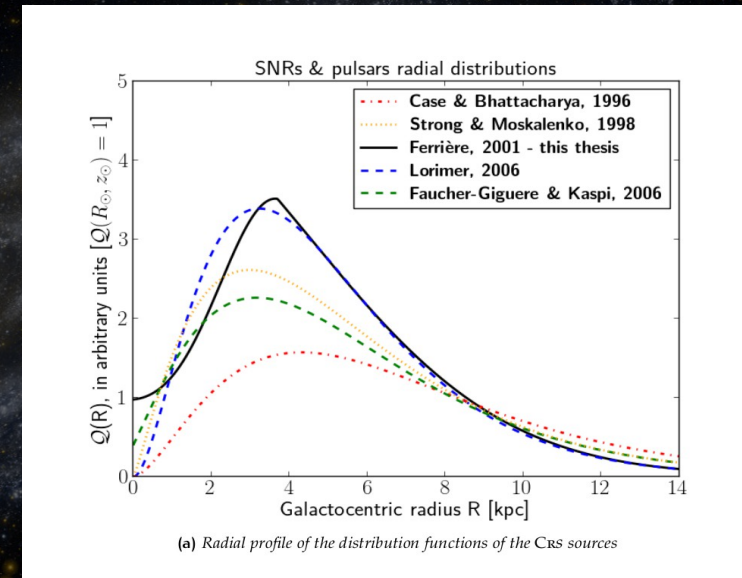
$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} = p^\alpha$$

2) **CRs diffuse in the same way all through the Galactic halo.**

*The Galaxy is a uniform box with no structure.*

$$D = D_0 \beta p^\delta$$

The diffusion coefficient is rigidity dependent





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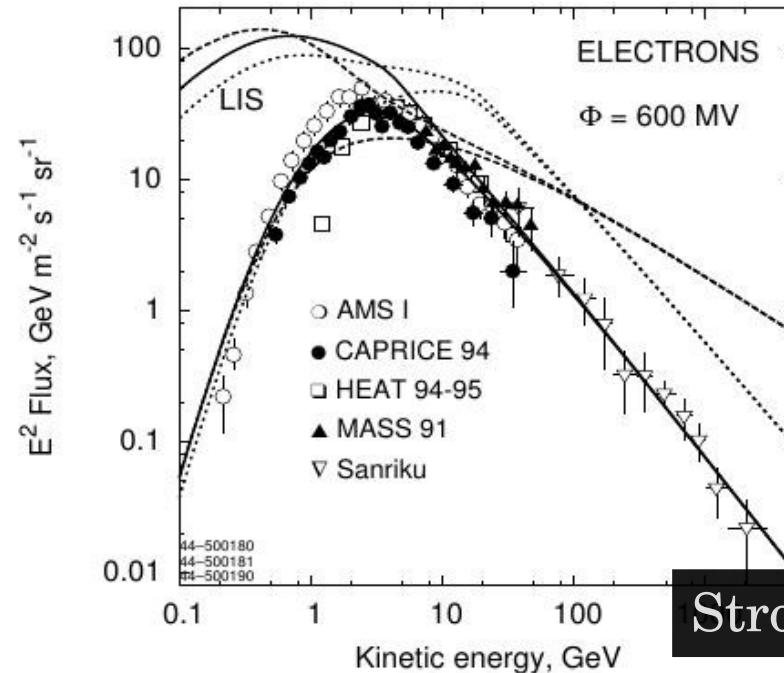
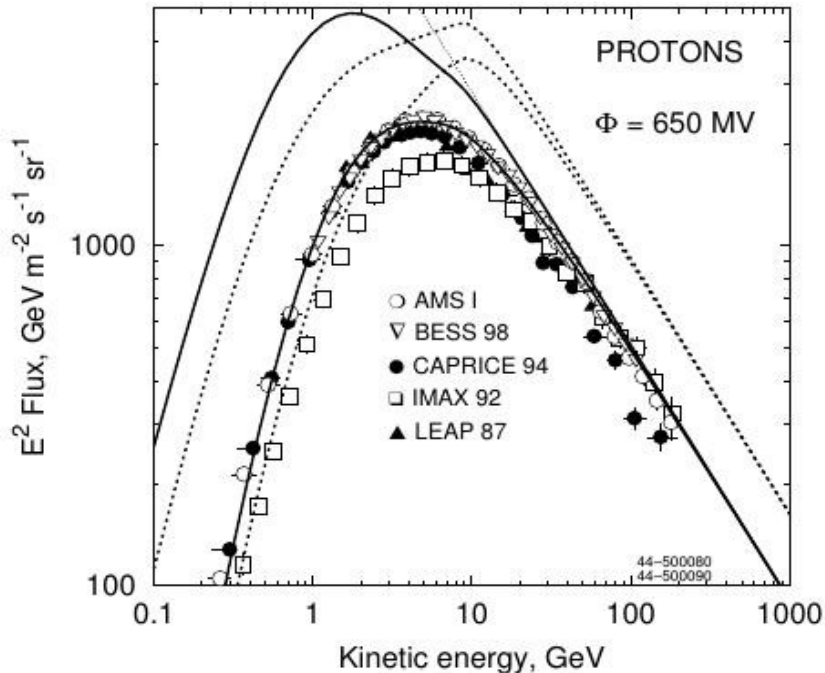
In this framework, the propagated spectra of nuclei are easily computed solving the diffusion equation in 2D ( $R, z$ ): azimuthal symmetry.

At high energy

→ Propagated slope = inj. Slope +  $\delta$

At low energy (< 10-20 GeV)  
modulation...)

→ Other effects (reacceleration, convection, solar modulation...)



Strong 2004

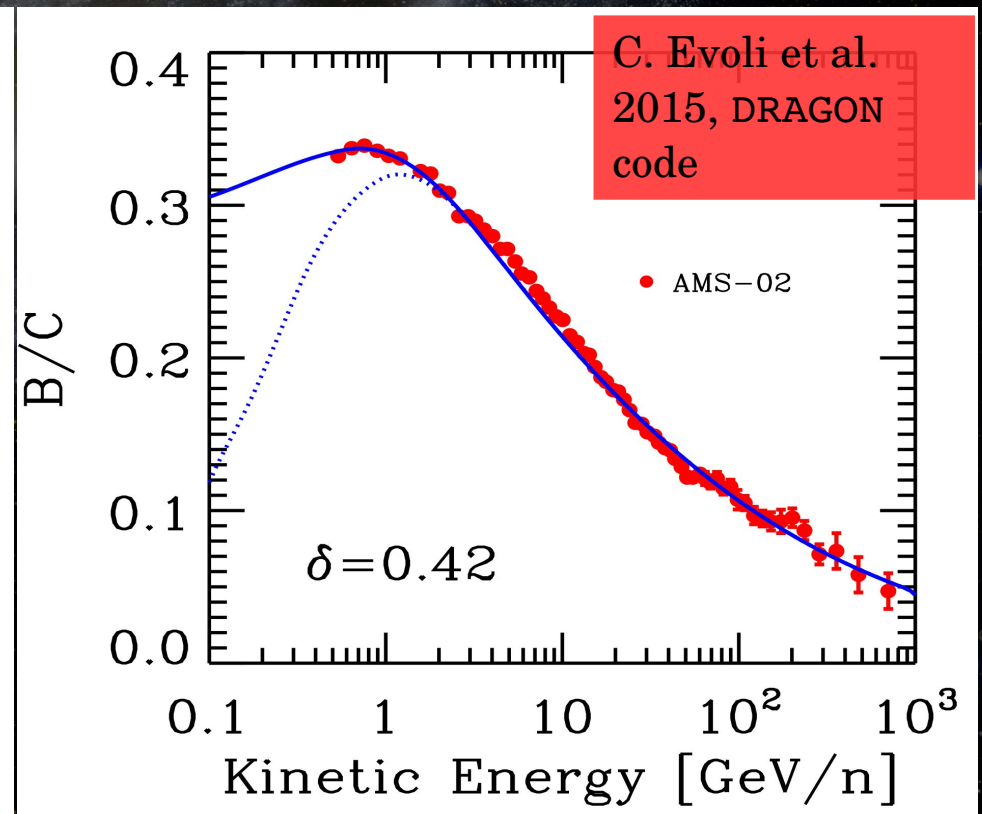
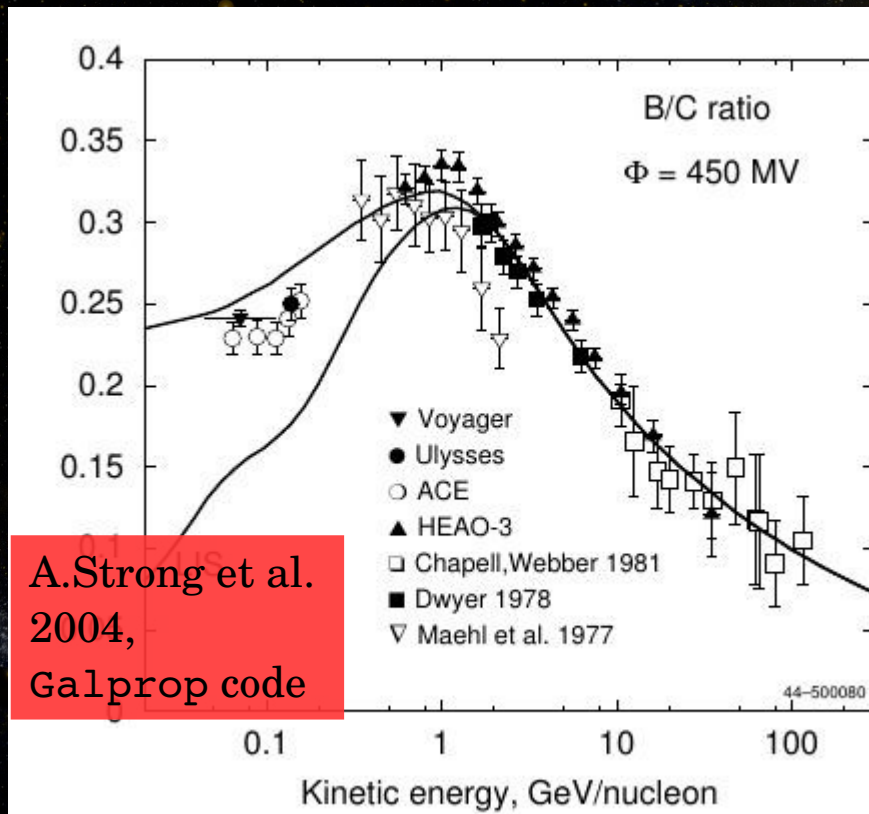


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The value of  $\delta$  is not determined by primary species because of the degeneracy with the injection slope

**It is fixed by Secondary/Primary ratios  $\rightarrow$  they do not depend on the inj. slope.**

Data quality has dramatically improved through the years! Now it is important to look at the uncertainty in the spallation cross section (check M.N.Mazziotta contribution for a comprehensive computation of nuclear cross sections with Fluka code; this new set of cross section will be implemented in the new release of DRAGON)





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With **DRAGON** it is possible to solve the diffusion equation in the most general 3D anisotropic mode.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = & Q + \alpha_{xx} \partial_x^2 f + \alpha_{yy} \partial_y^2 f + \alpha_{zz} \partial_z^2 f \\ & + 2\delta_{xy} \partial_x \partial_y f + 2\delta_{xz} \partial_x \partial_z f + 2\delta_{yz} \partial_y \partial_z f \\ & + u_x \partial_x f + u_y \partial_y f + u_z \partial_z f \end{aligned}$$

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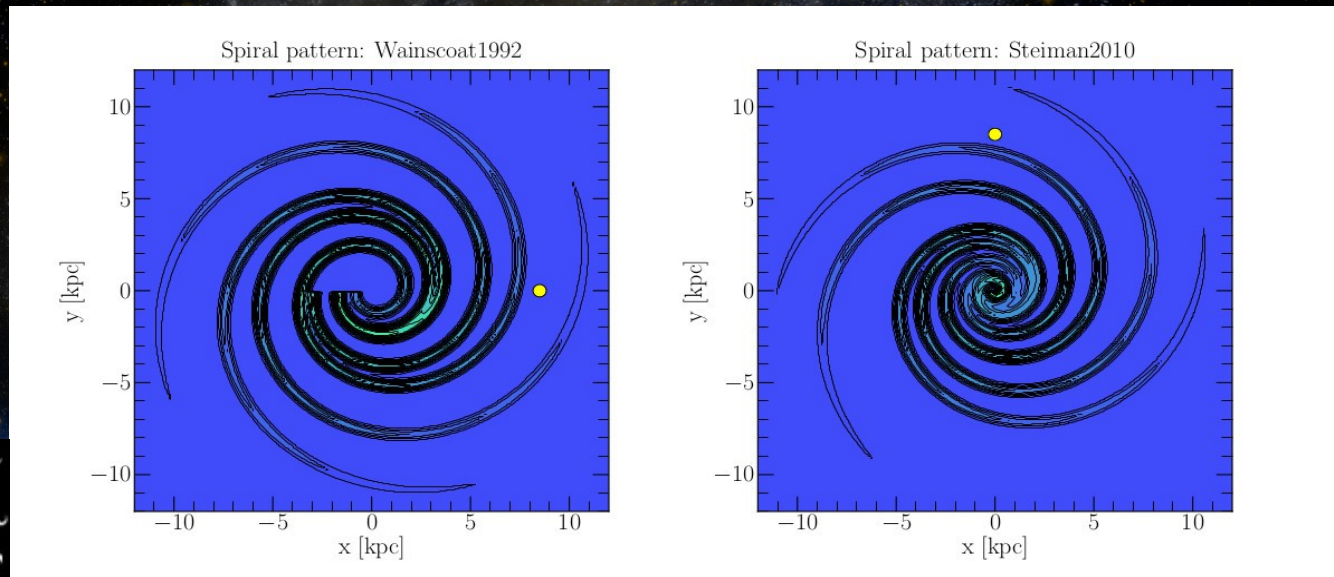
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The 3D spiral structure of the Galaxy is implemented in **DRAGON**  
(models from Wainscoat 1992, used also by Blasi&Amato 2011; Steiman 2010)





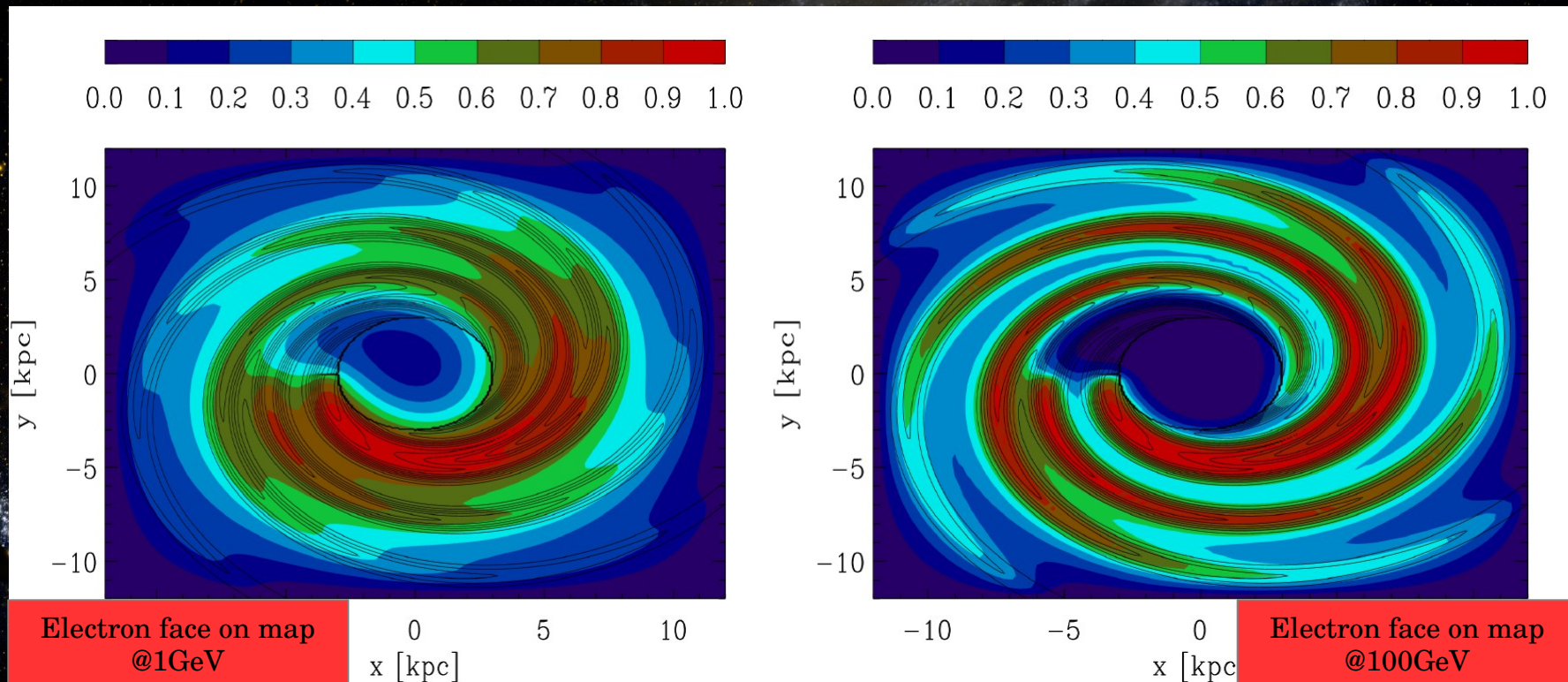
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CR electrons and positrons lose energy very efficiently due to IC and synchrotron emission: they stay closer to the sources





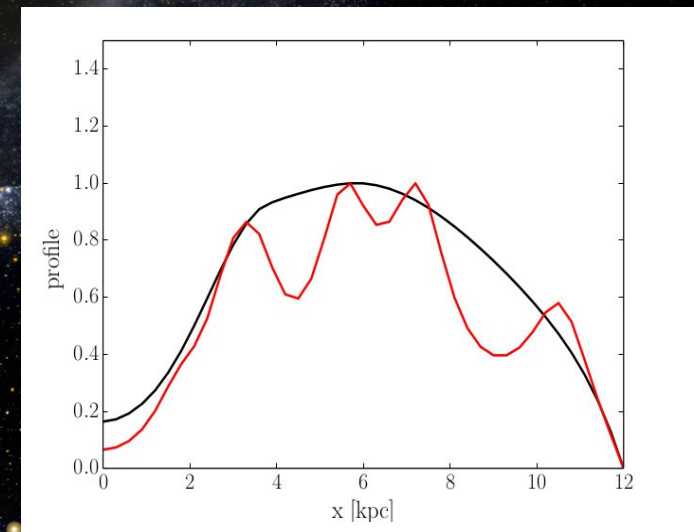
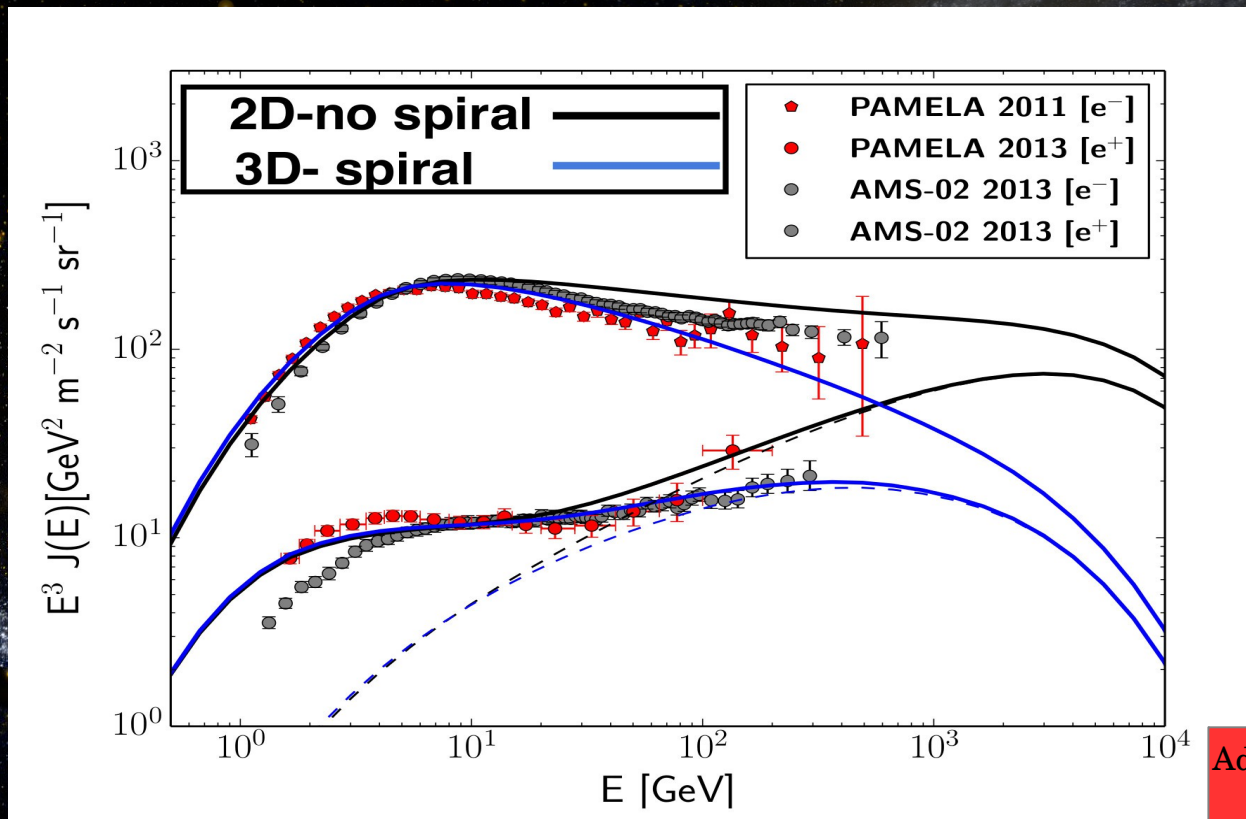
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G. Di Bernardo et al.  
2015

Adapted from D. Gaggero et al., PRL 111 (2013)

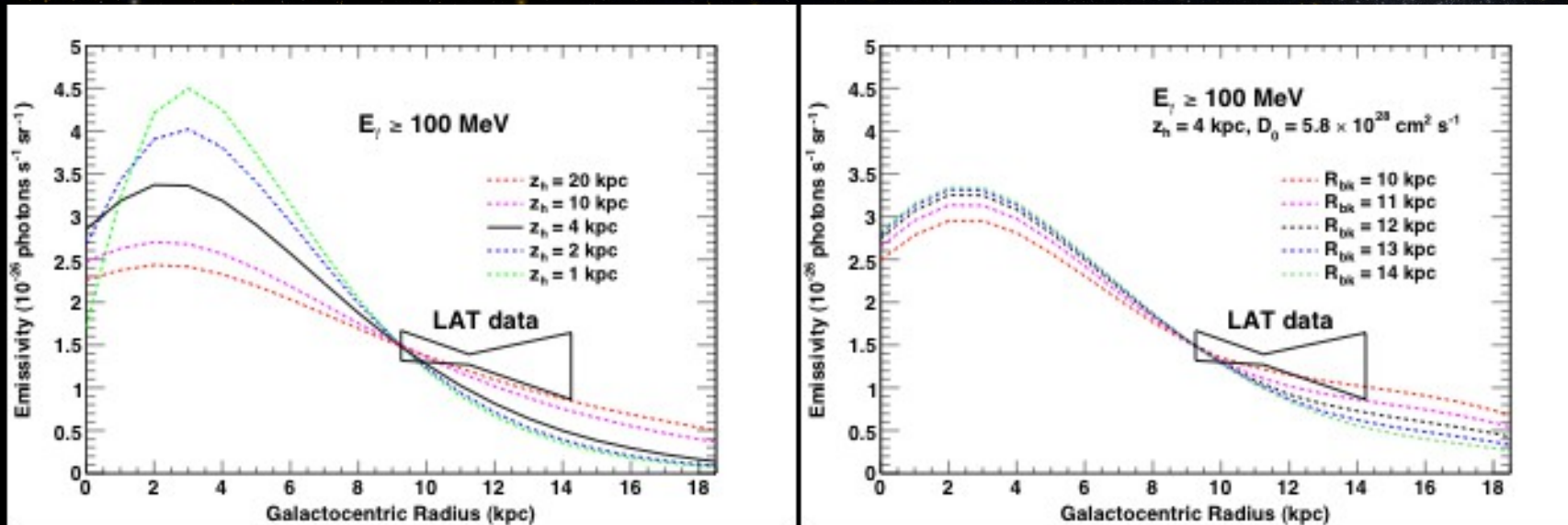


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## 2. Spatial gradients in the normalization of the CR diffusion coefficient



### Motivation: Gradient problem



This problem was already known in the EGRET era and then confirmed by Fermi-LAT

→ the CR gradient *along the Galactocentric  $R$*  can be inferred from gamma-ray diffuse data;

→ the CR gradient derived from numerical simulations (in which the SNR or pulsar profile is used as a source function) turns out to be steeper than the observed one!



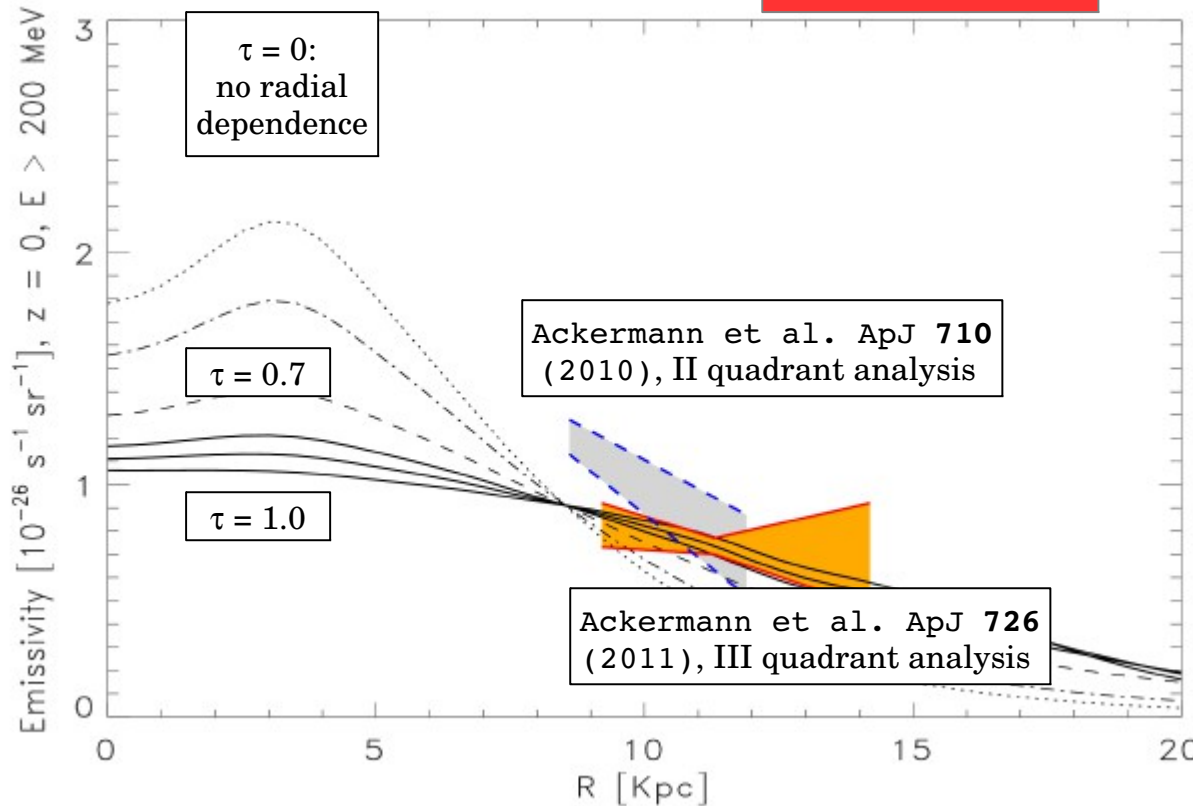
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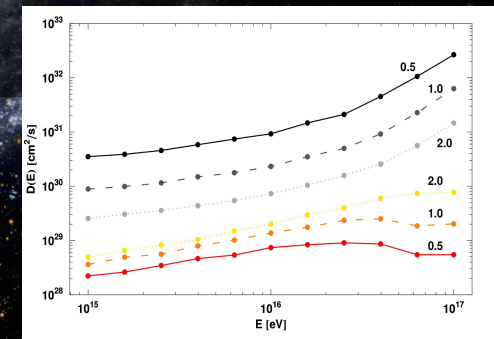


Results: **Gradient Problem solved** if the diffusion coefficient is assumed to vary with R:  $D(r,z) = D_0 Q(r,z)^\tau$

C. Evoli et al., PRL (2012)



This scenario is strongly supported by numerical simulations about diffusion in a turbulent magnetic field (see *De Marco et al. 2007*)



Perpendicular diffusion plays a major role in CR escape. **Simulations show that  $D_{\text{perp}}$  increases with increased turbulence level, and a larger turbulence level is expected near CR sources!**



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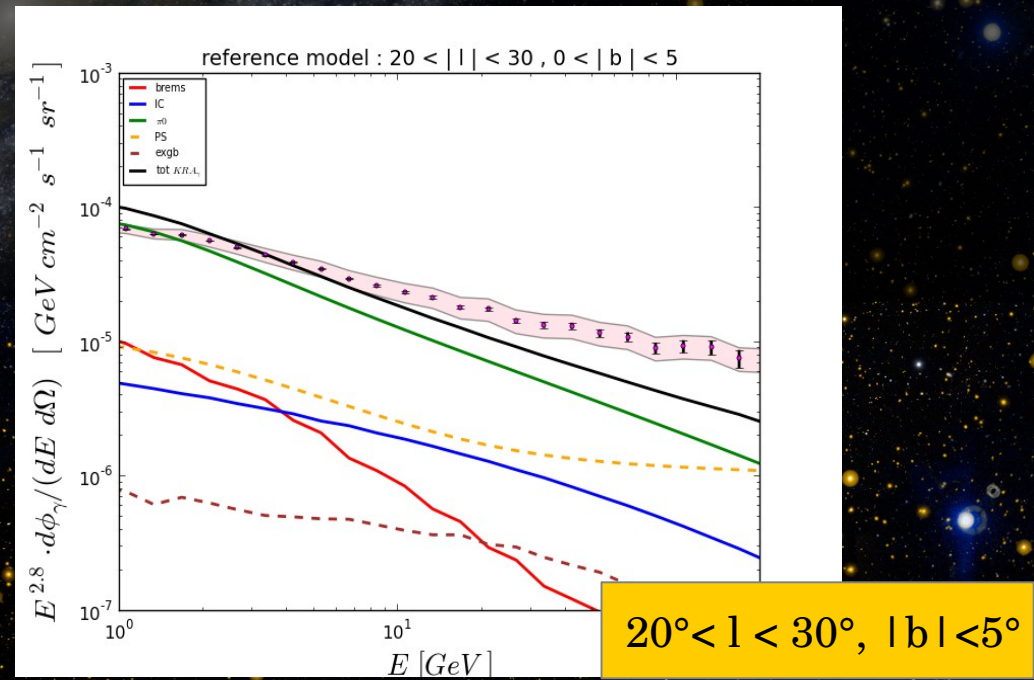
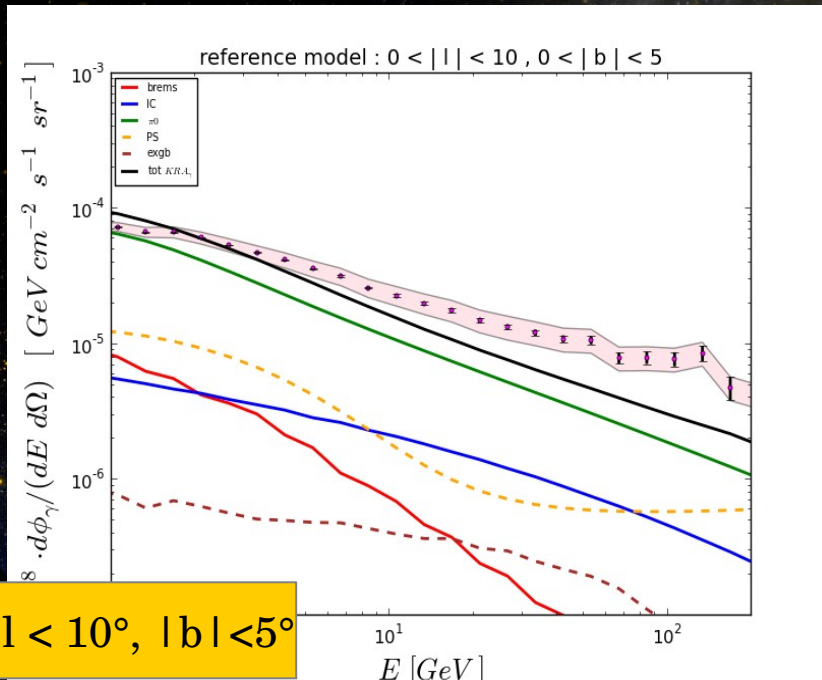
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→ *the problem is more serious on the Galactic plane, especially looking at sky windows pointing towards the inner Galaxy!*





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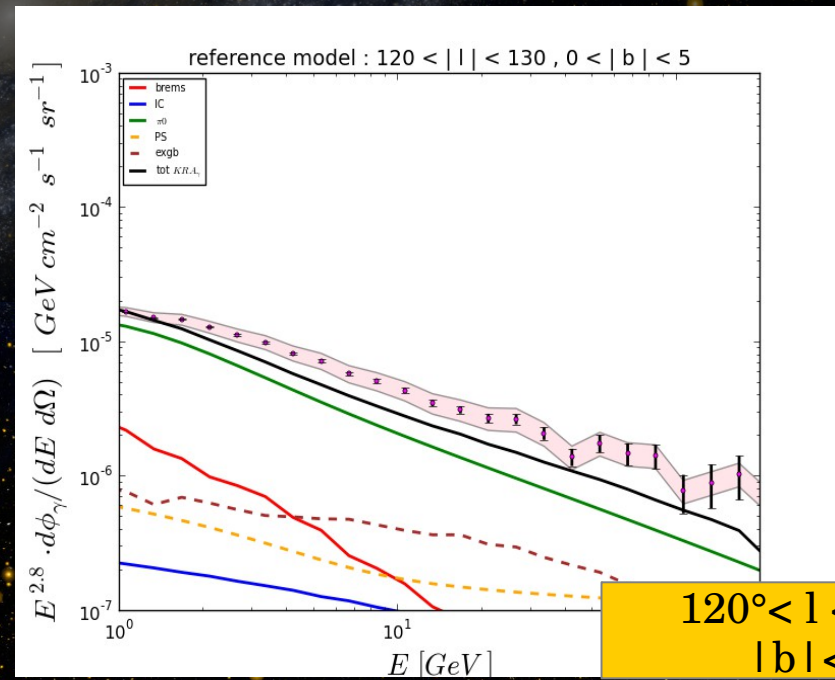
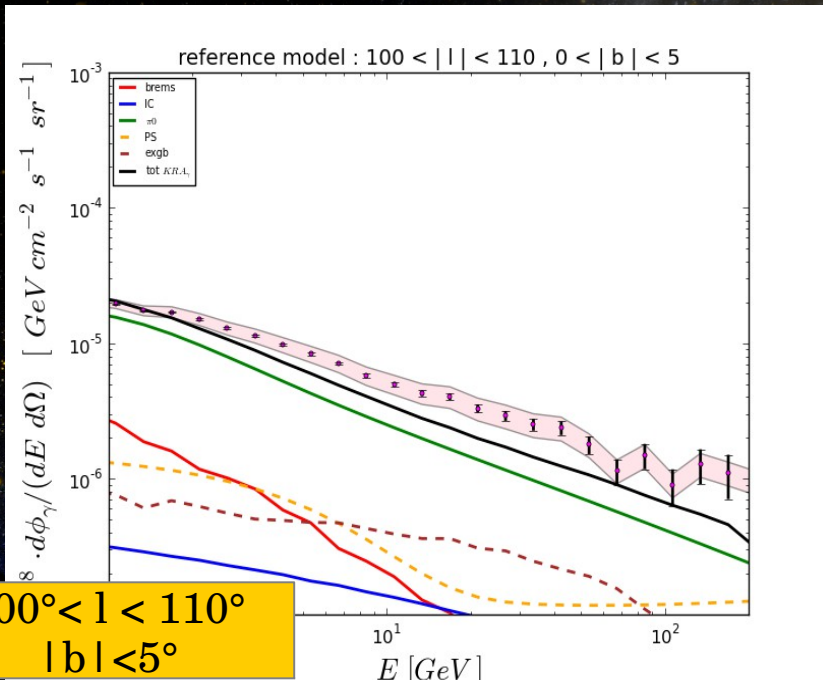
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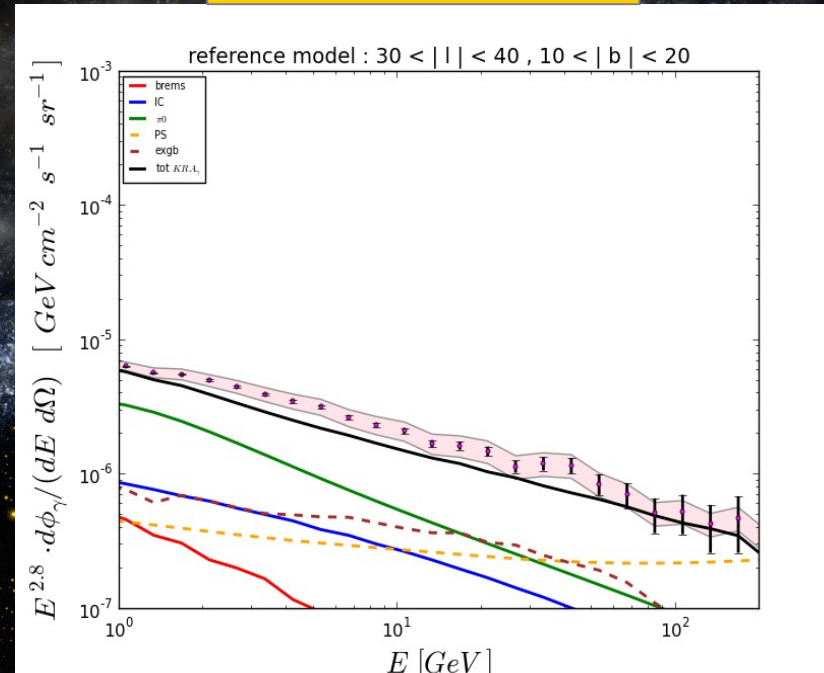


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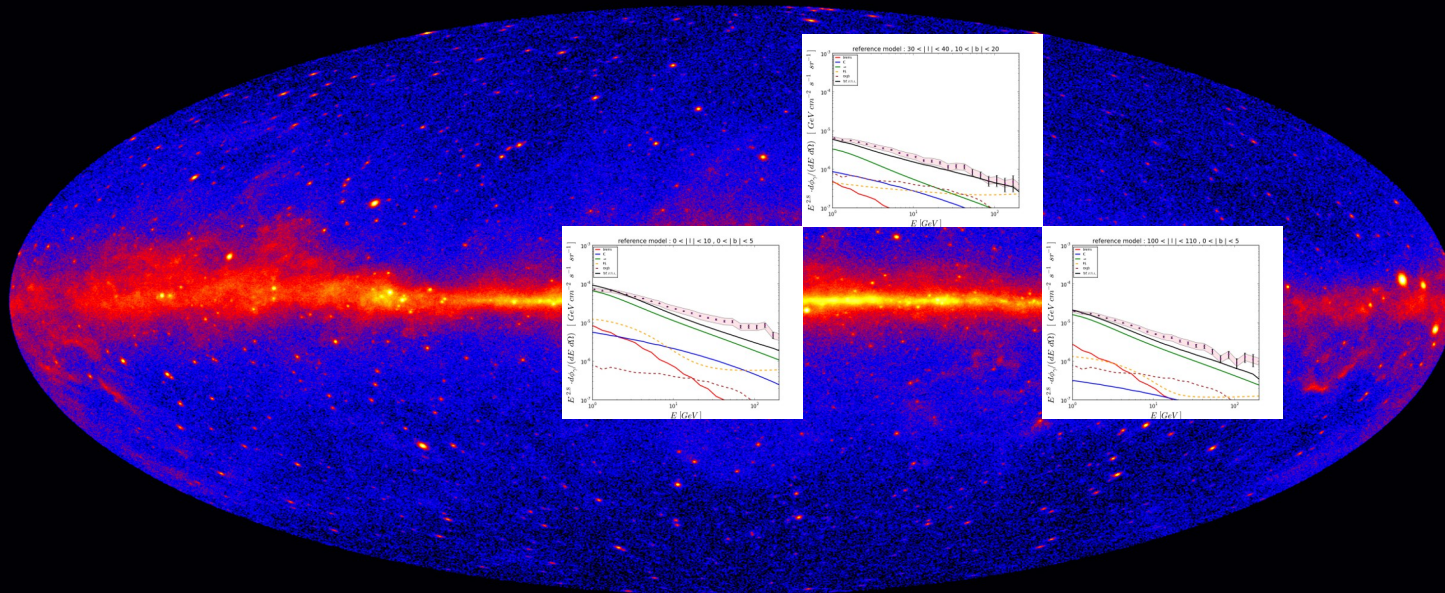
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*The idea:*

- we drop the over-simplified assumption of homogeneous diffusion
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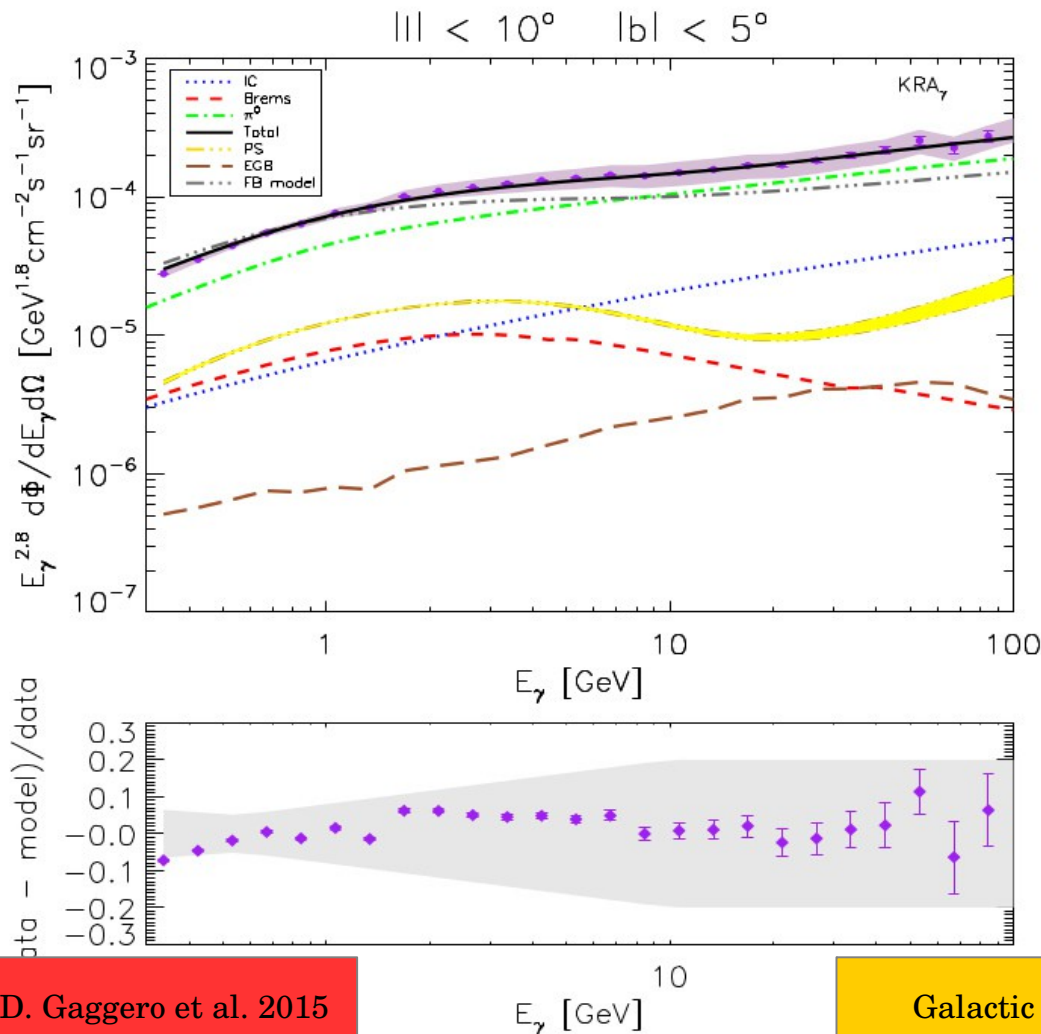




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Results obtained with DRAGON and GammaSky:



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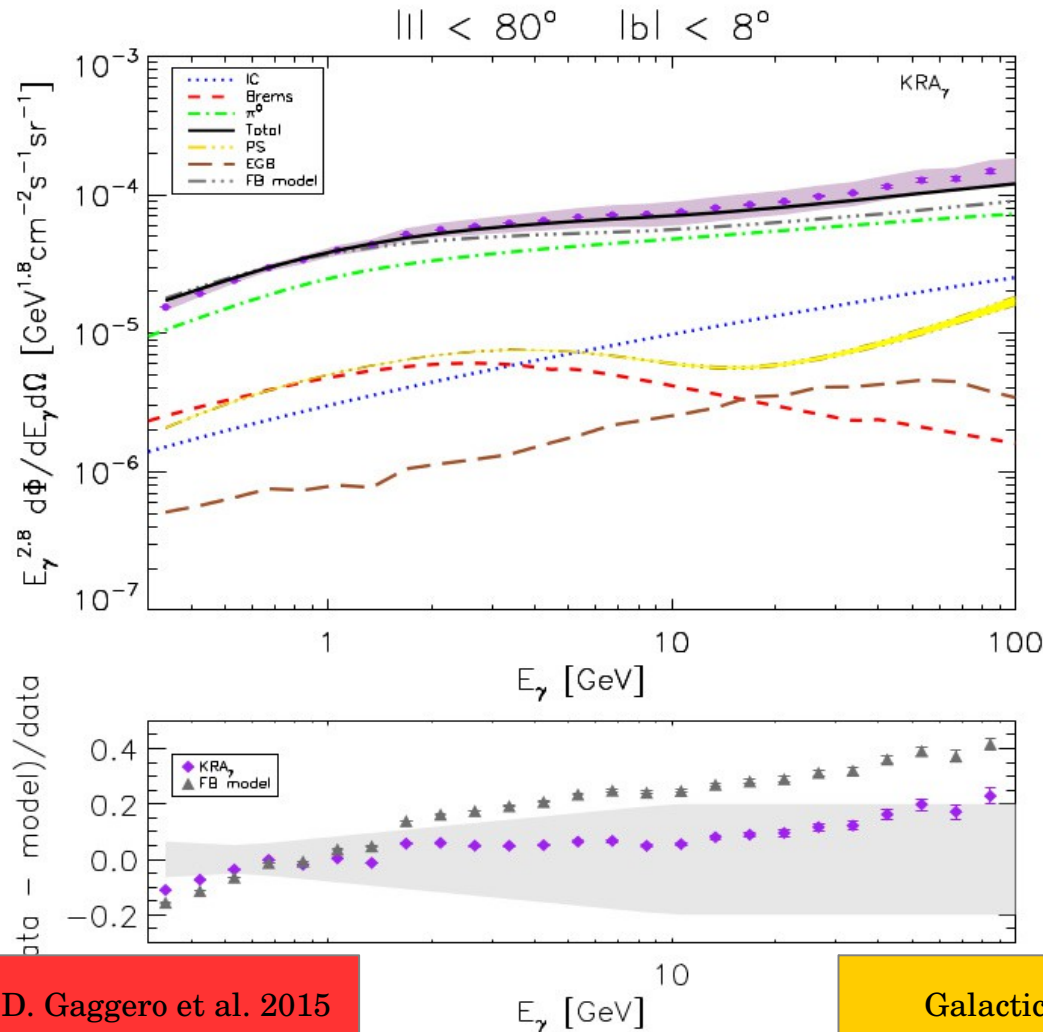
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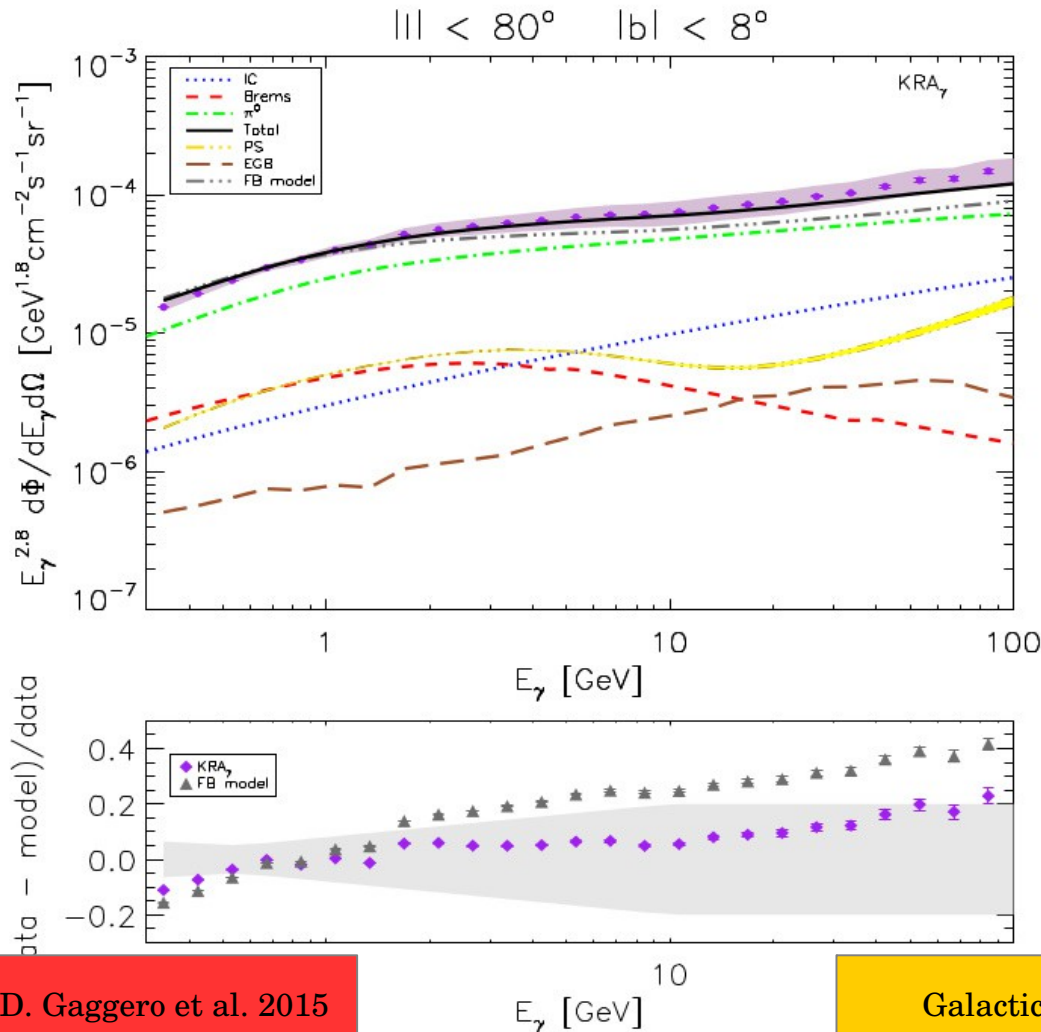
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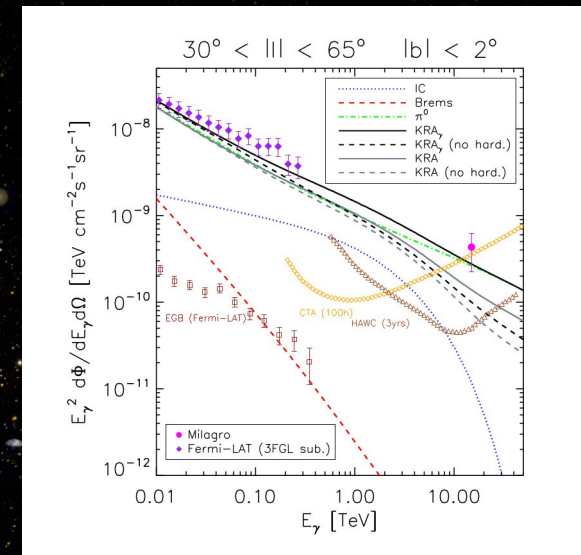
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Check the talks by Dario Grasso and Antonio Marinelli for implications at the TeV!

The MILAGRO excess is explained with this framework





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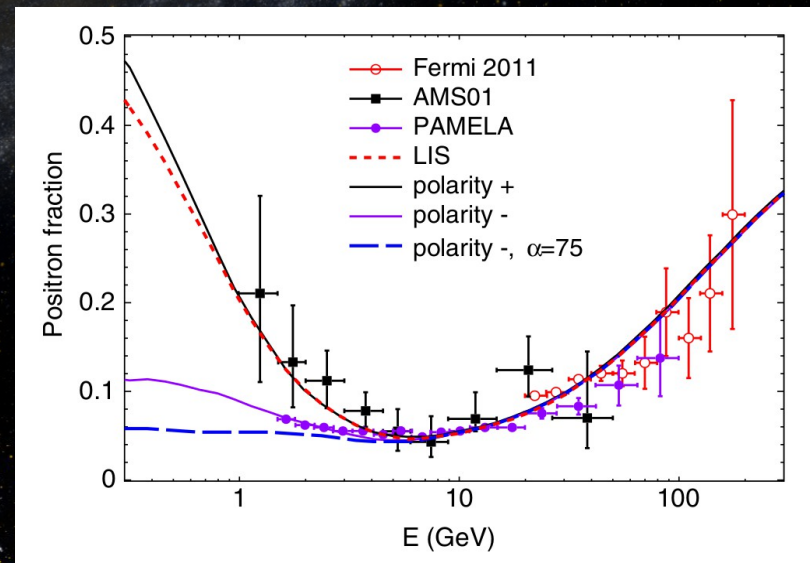
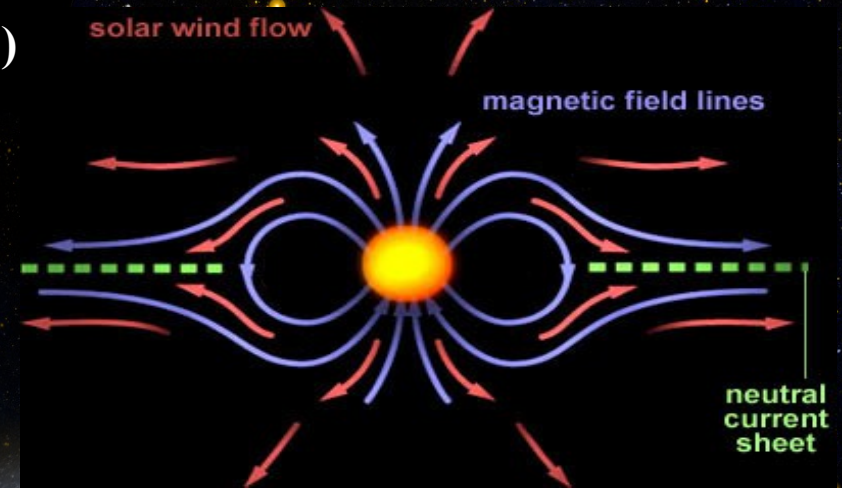
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→ The effect of this process is very different for positive and negative particles (see e.g. Maccione 2013)





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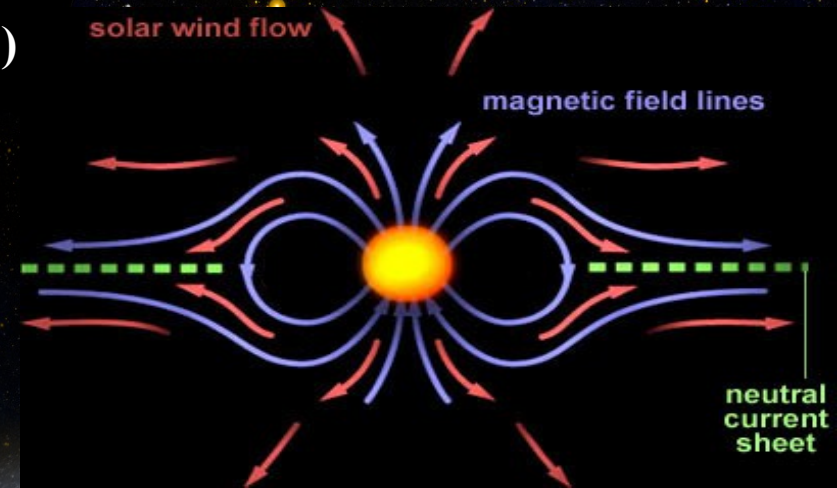
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→ In spite of that, the standard way to treat Solar modulation consists in a phenomenological formula (Gleeson and Axford 1964) where charge-dependent effects are completely neglected!

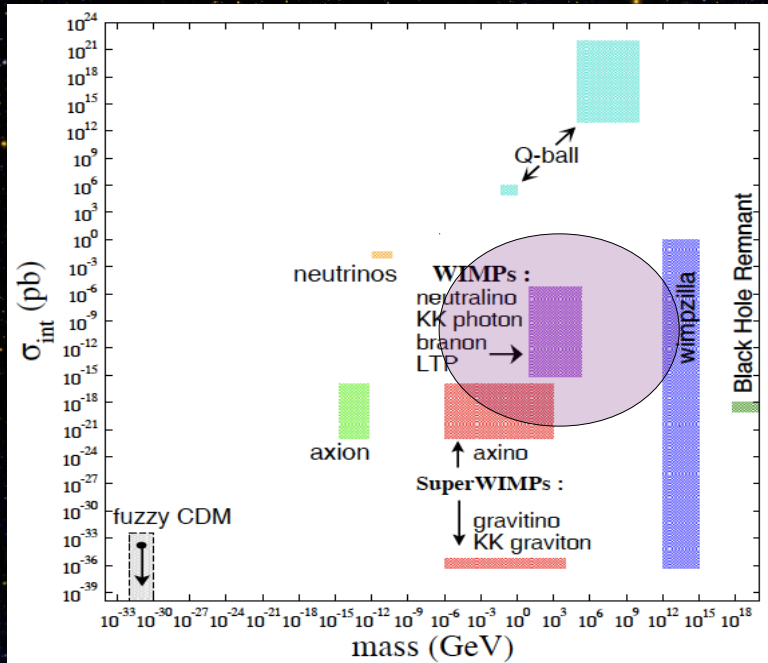
$J$  is the CR flux

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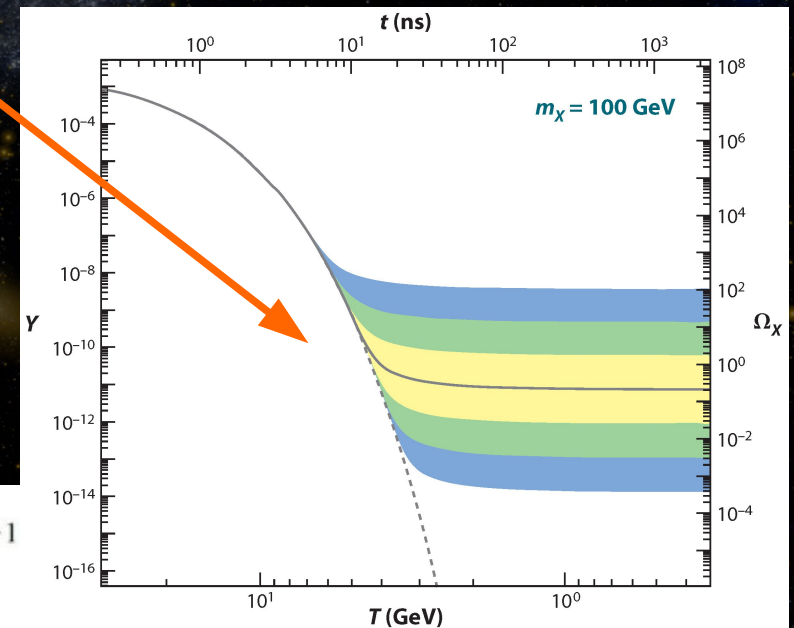


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The most popular ones (namely the WIMPs, e.g. the lightest supersymmetric particle in the minimal supersymmetric extension of the SM) are in the mass range  $O(\text{GeV}) \rightarrow O(\text{TeV})$

→ It is well known that *WIMPs can provide the correct relic density*

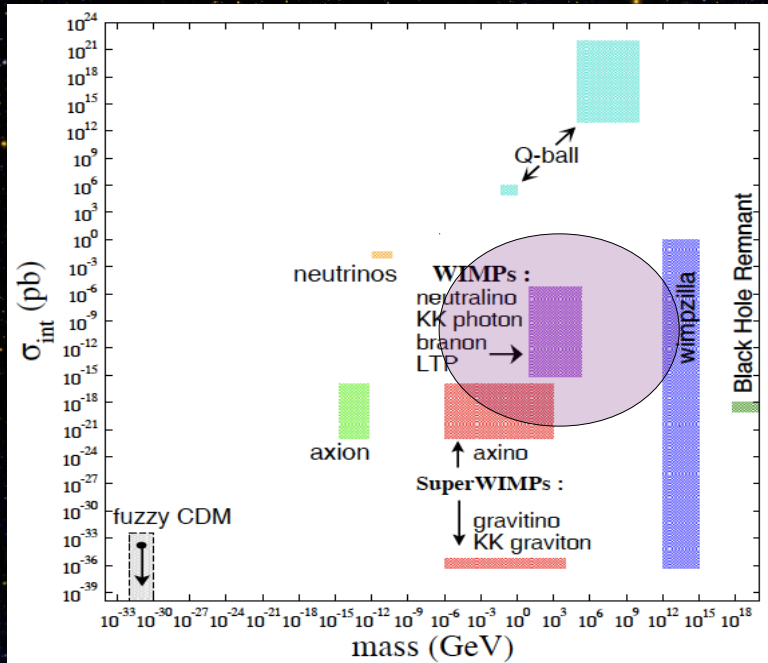
(Lee&Weinberg  
PRL 1977,  
Gondolo&Gelmini,  
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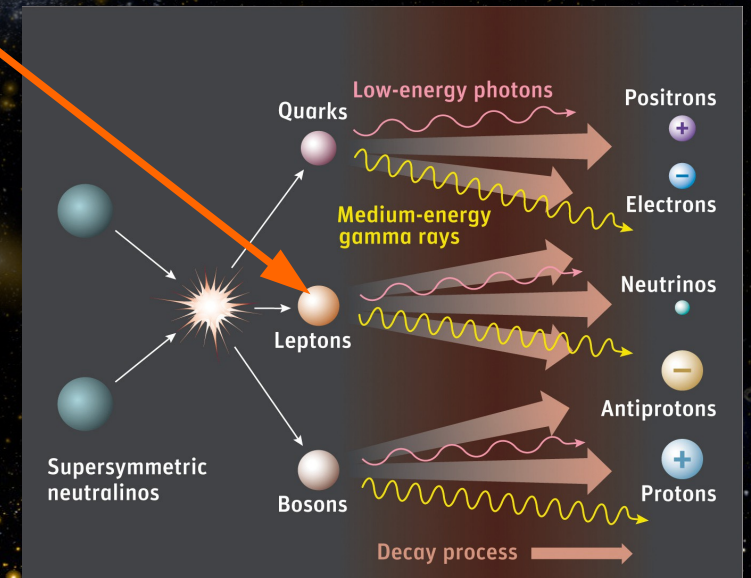
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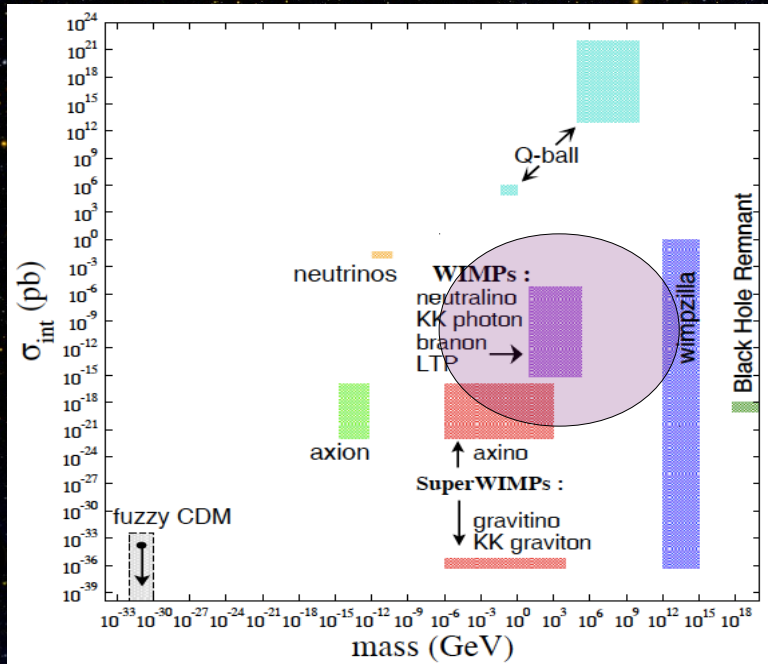
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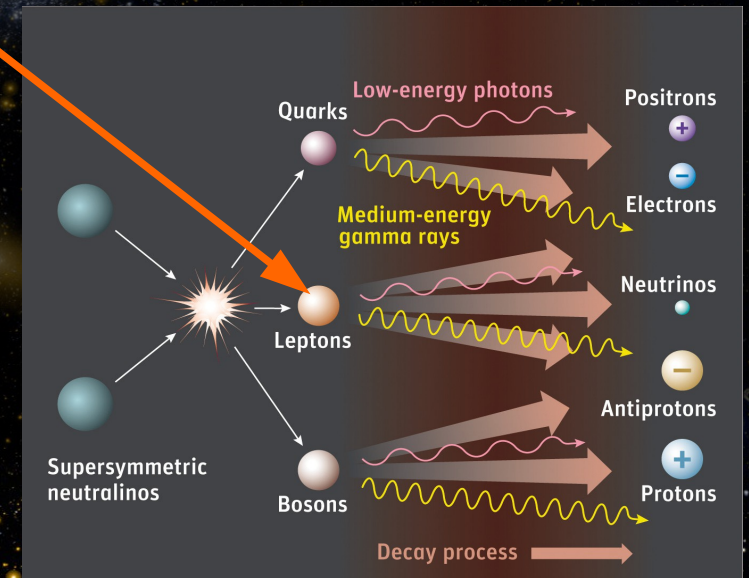


Particle physics provides many DM candidates

The most popular ones (namely the WIMPs, e.g. the lightest supersymmetric particle in the minimal supersymmetric extension of the SM) are in the mass range  $O(\text{GeV}) \rightarrow O(\text{TeV})$

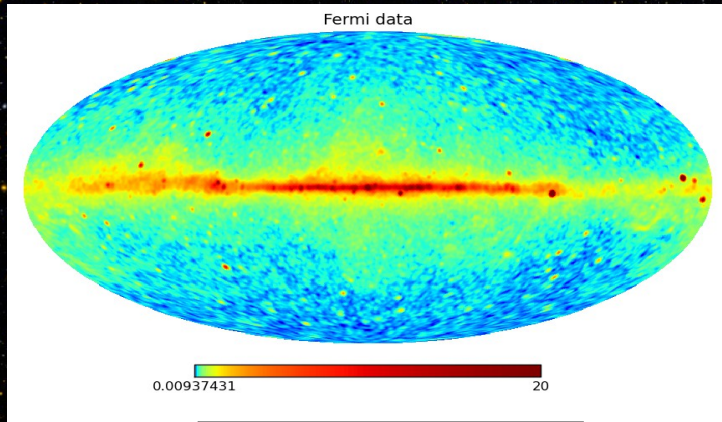
→ they may show up in either CRs or gamma-ray/synchrotron emission (“multimessenger indirect detection”)

That's why the DM community has been so interested for a long time in CR physics!





# The Galactic center excess

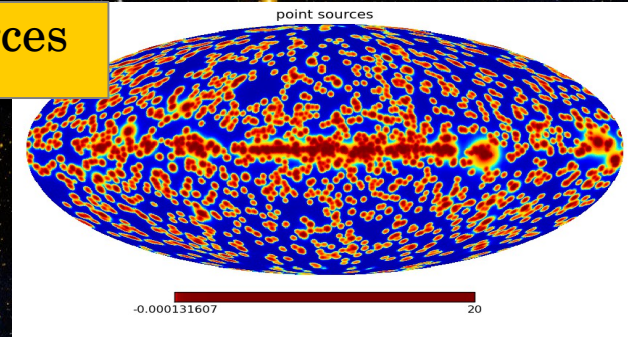


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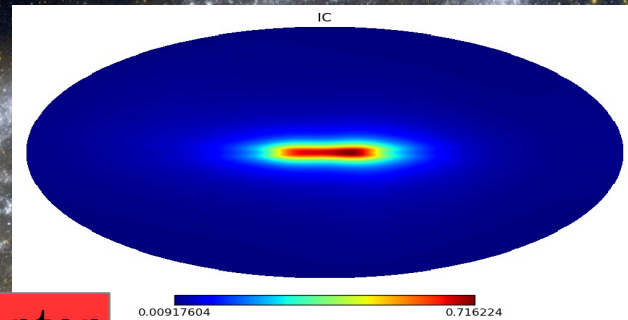
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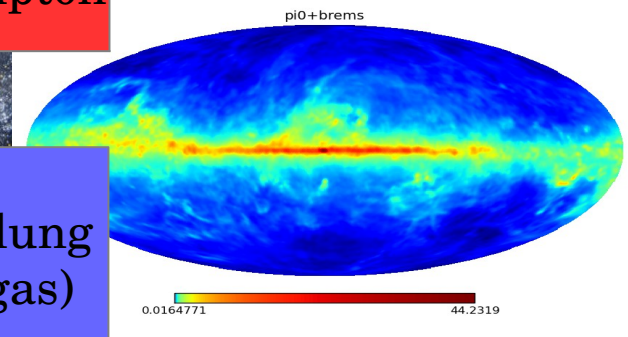
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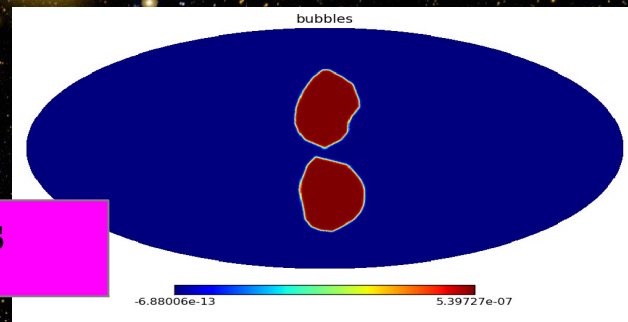
Inverse Compton



$\pi_0$  +  
bremsstrahlung  
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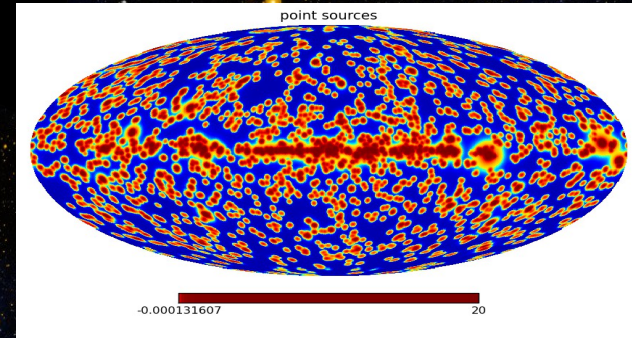
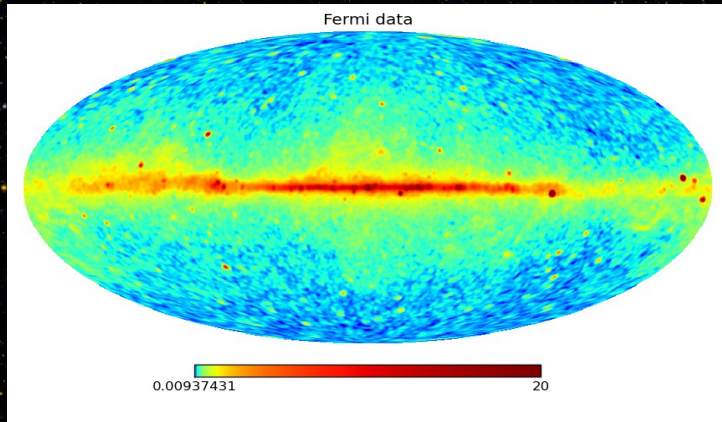


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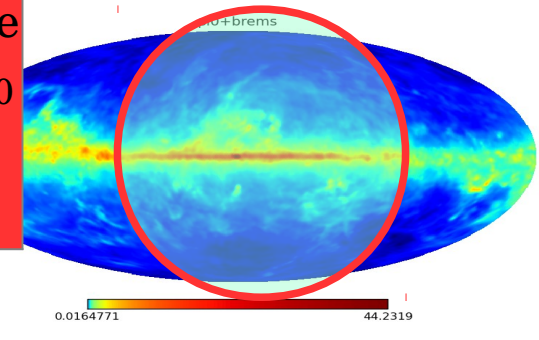
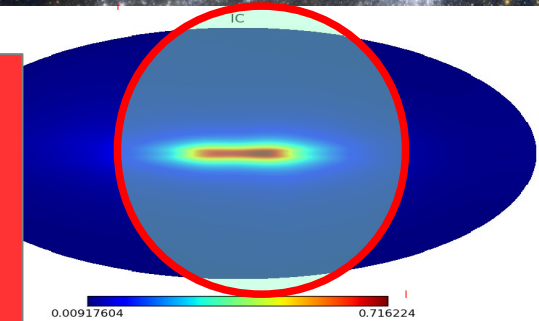




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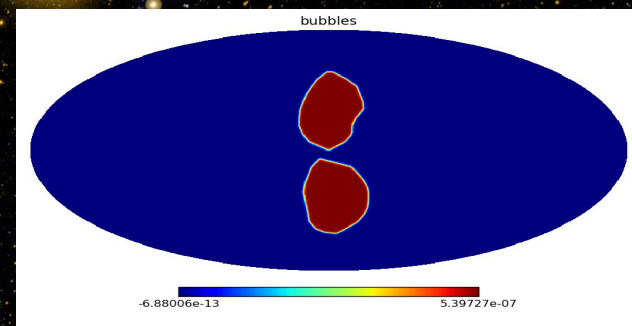


Notice the difference between the smooth IC template and the high-detailed  $\pi_0$  template!



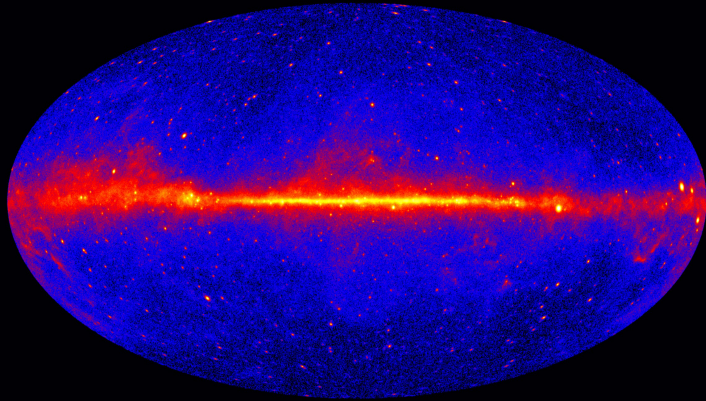
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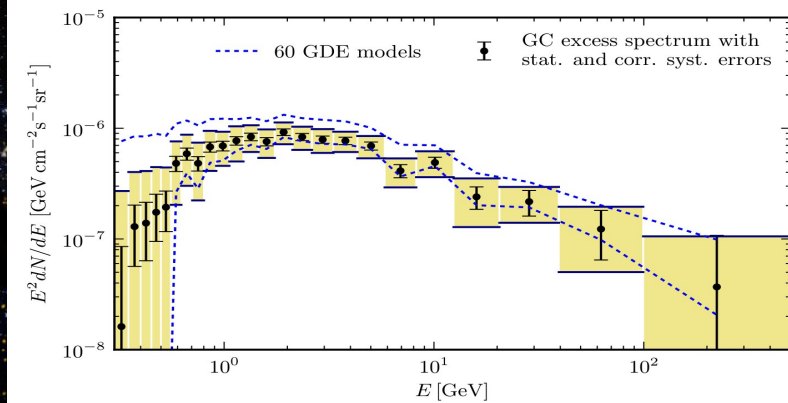
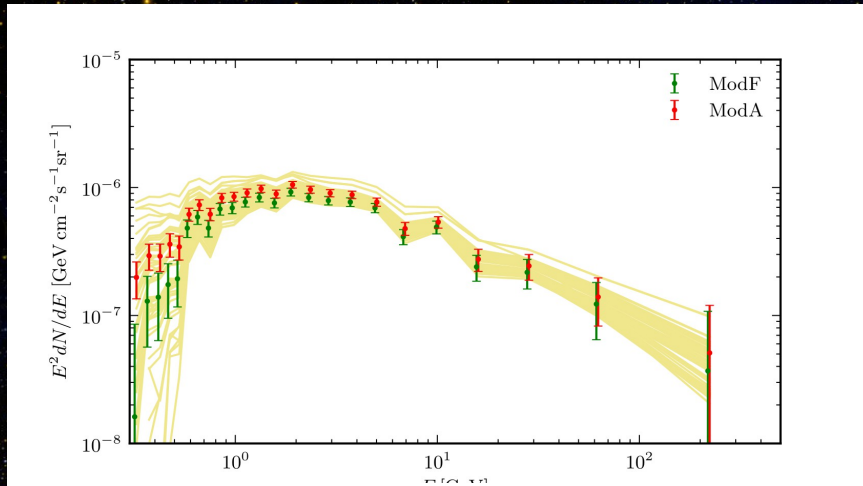
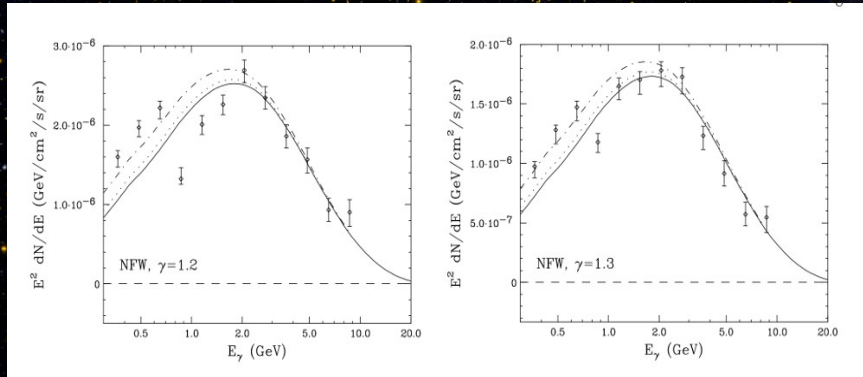
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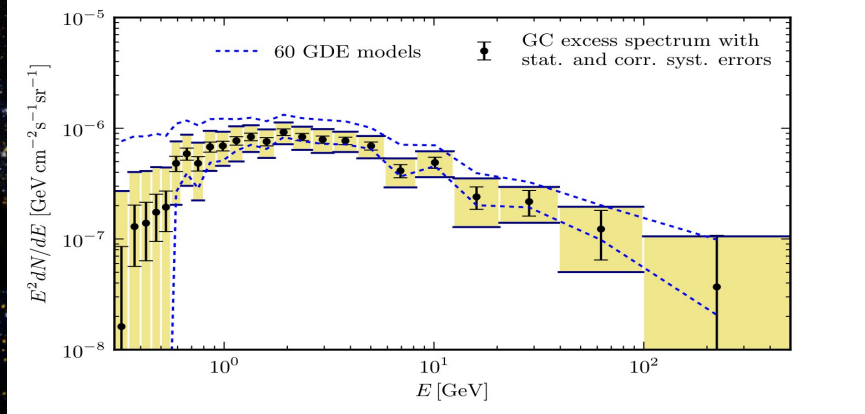
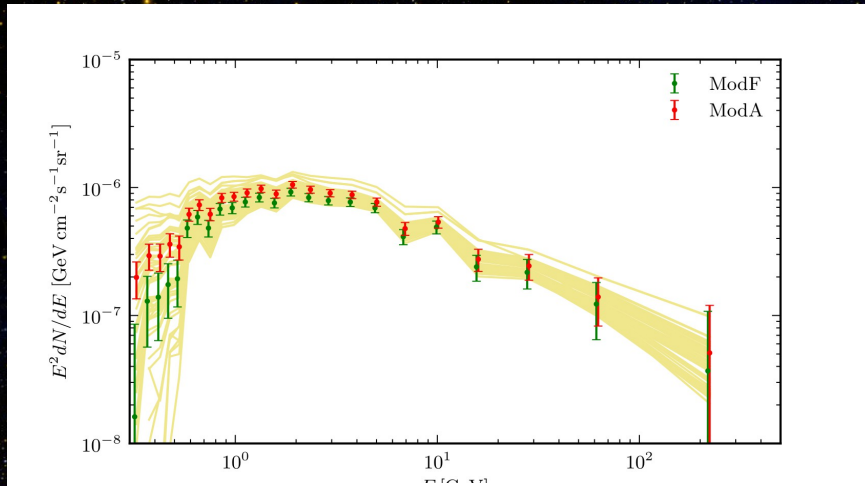
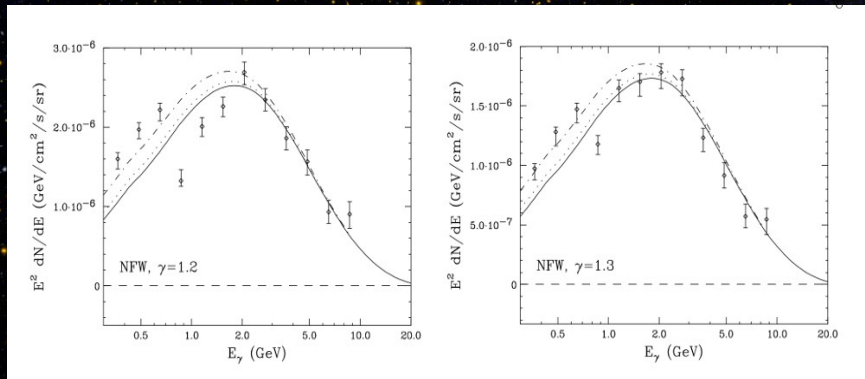
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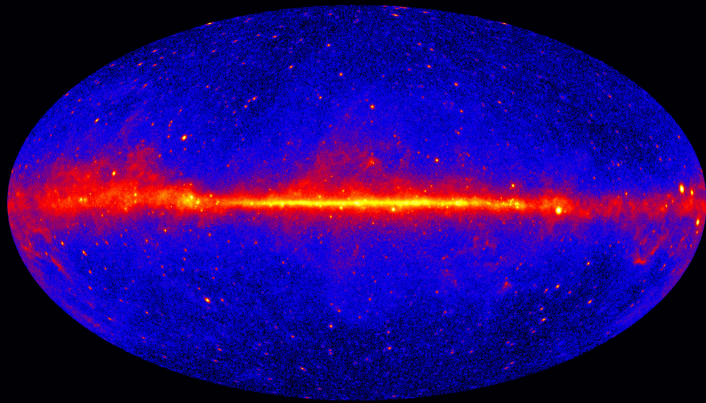
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→ Very natural explanation of the excess spectrum in terms of DM particles annihilating with standard cross section predicted from cosmology

→ Comprehensive analysis by *Calore et al.* about uncertainties of the spectrum, relying on 60 Galprop runs for the background + principal component analysis of the correlation matrix



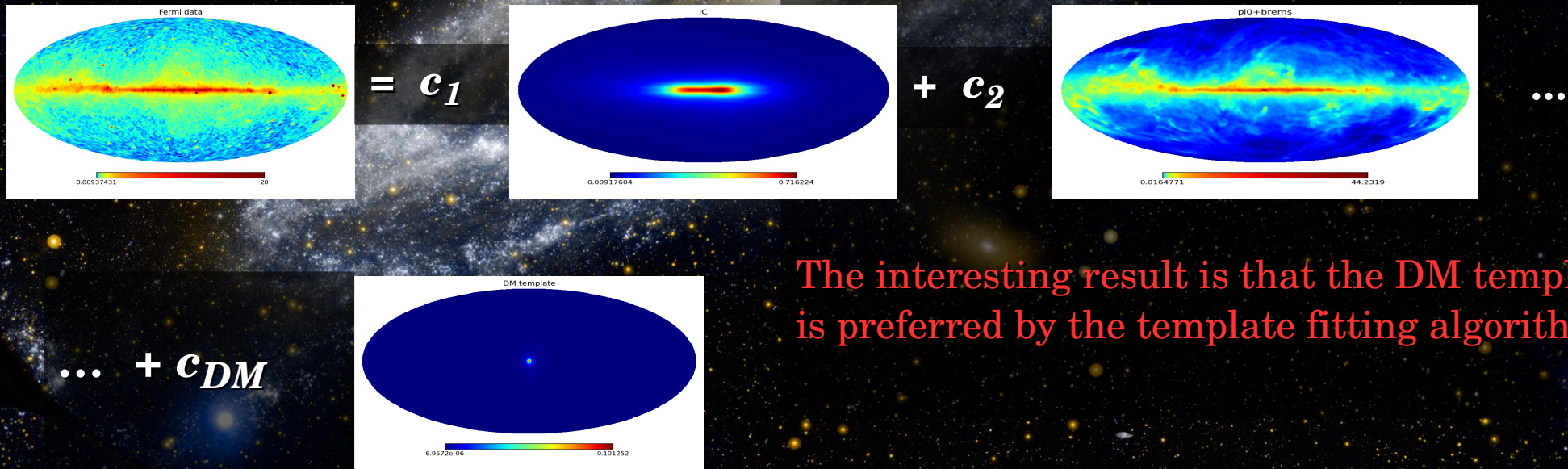
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Fermi-LAT data

All these results rely on the “template fitting” technique:

→ the gamma-ray map is written, for each energy bin, as a sum of the astrophysical templates, and the coefficients are left free to float



The interesting result is that the DM template is preferred by the template fitting algorithm



# The Galactic center excess

Two key questions are:

**Can we explain this excess with astrophysics?**

→ or may it be reabsorbed by a particular astrophysical template?

**Is the DM interpretation in tension with other observables?**

→ in particular, the antiprotons may provide a stringent bound

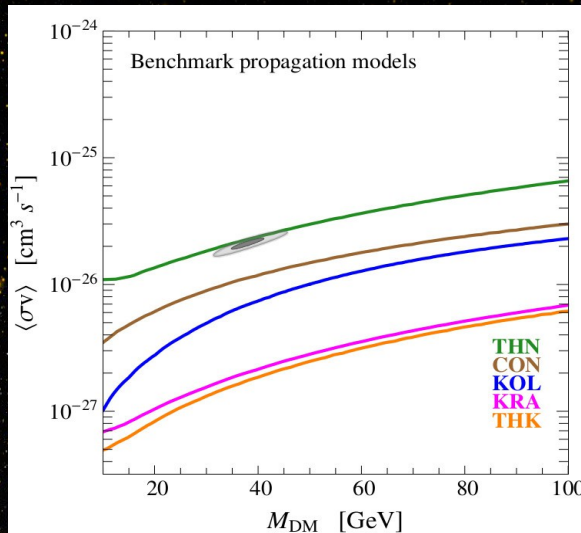
**Let's see how these questions connect with all the issues presented in the first part!**



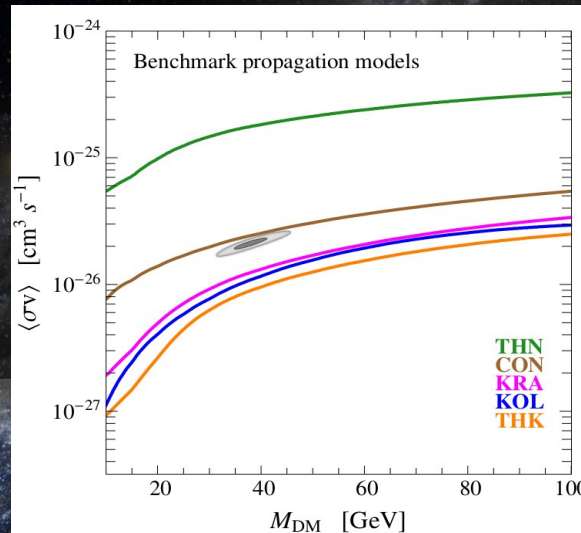
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Is the DM interpretation of the Galactic center excess in tension with antiprotons?

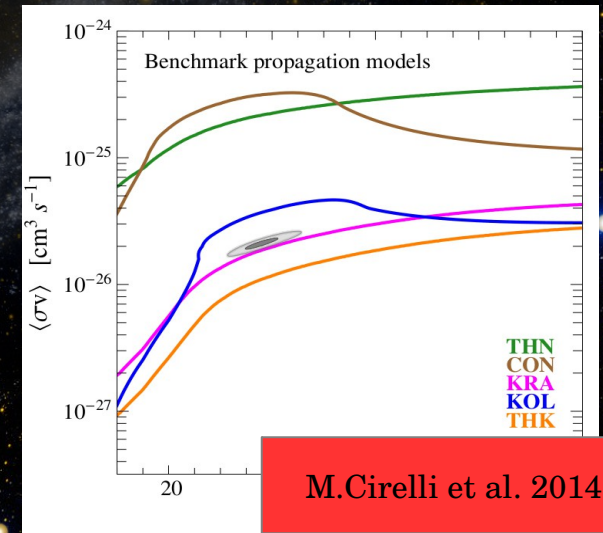
→ *it depends on how much you trust the current knowledge on charge dependent modulation and on the halo size (the first uncertainty I pointed out in the first part)!!* ←



In this case the modulation potential of the antiprotons is the same as the modulation potential of the protons (ok as first guess)



In this case the modulation potential of the antiprotons is allowed to vary by a 50% around the modulation potential of the protons



In this case the modulation potential of the antiprotons is free (a bit unrealistic!!)

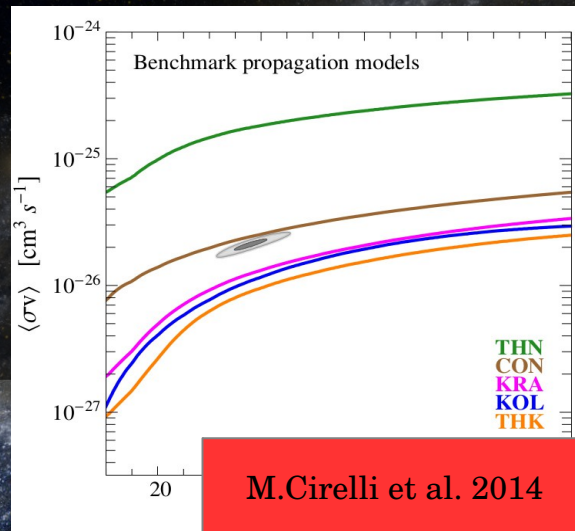


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A more precise knowledge of  
→ the details of solar modulation  
→ the halo size of the Galaxy  
→ the details of the propagation models  
are important to produce a solid bound!



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This is, in our opinion, the most realistic case, and we verified with the Heliospheric propagation code Helioprop (Maccione 2013) that *the modulated antiproton spectra are well approximated with a force-field approach with a potential equal to the proton one plus / minus 50%, depending on the parameters involved*



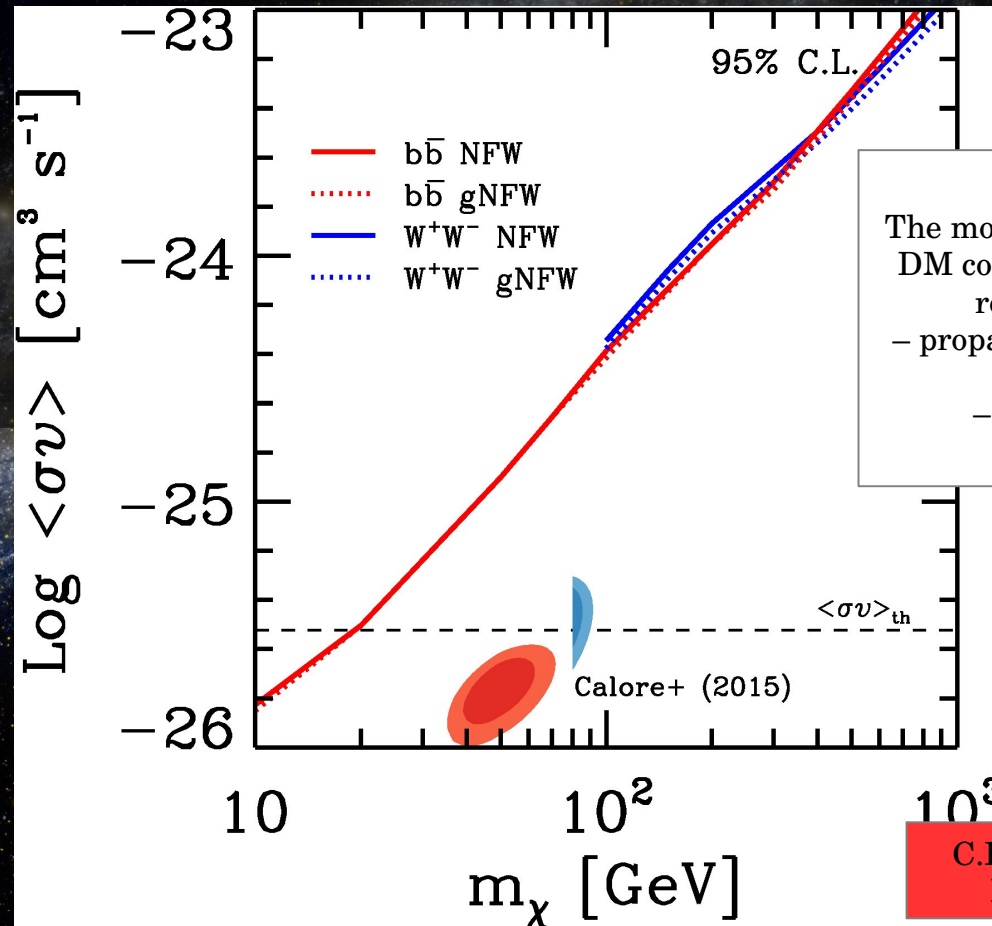
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The bottom line of all this issue is:

Although the best-fit propagation models of CRs are in tension with the DM interpretation, the current status of the uncertainties do not allow to rule out the scenario!



The most conservative DM constraints with respect to:  
– propagation models  
– halo size



# The Galactic center excess

Can we explain this excess with astrophysics?

## A population of millisecond pulsars?

*Wang et al. 2005 – Gordon and Macias 2013 – Hooper et al. 2013 – Calore et al. 2014 – Cholis et al. 2014 ...*

→ problems with the  
luminosity function?

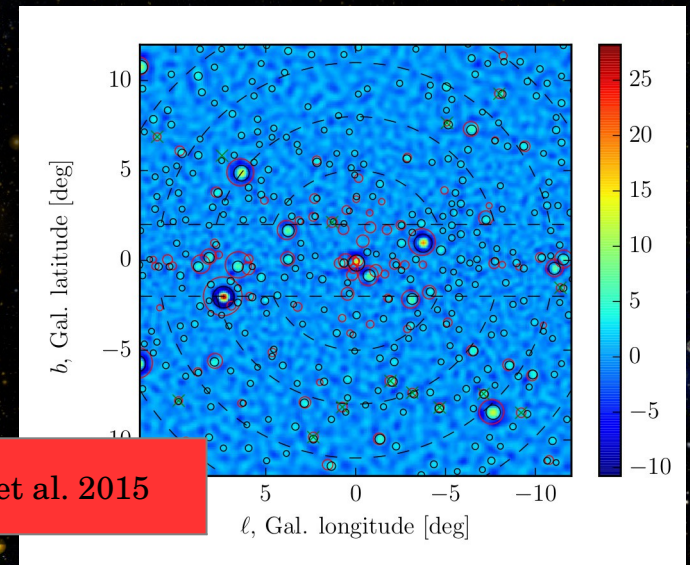
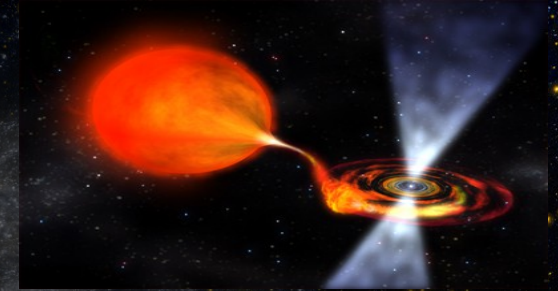
*under debate: see Petrovic et al. 2014*

→ strong hints in favour of this interpretation come from two  
independent analyses based on

*Non-Poissonian photon statistics: see Lee et al. 2015*

*Wavelet transforms: see Bartels et al. 2015*

A population of point sources is favoured by  
these analyses



Bartels et al. 2015



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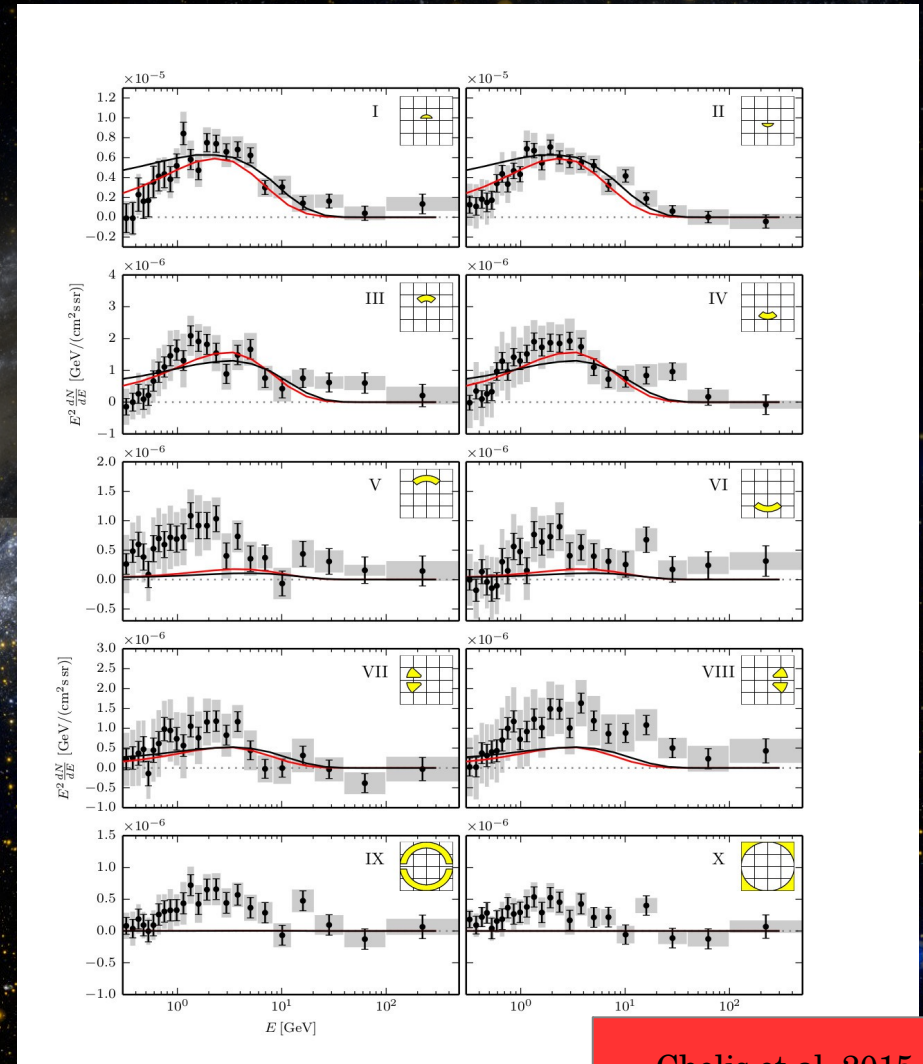
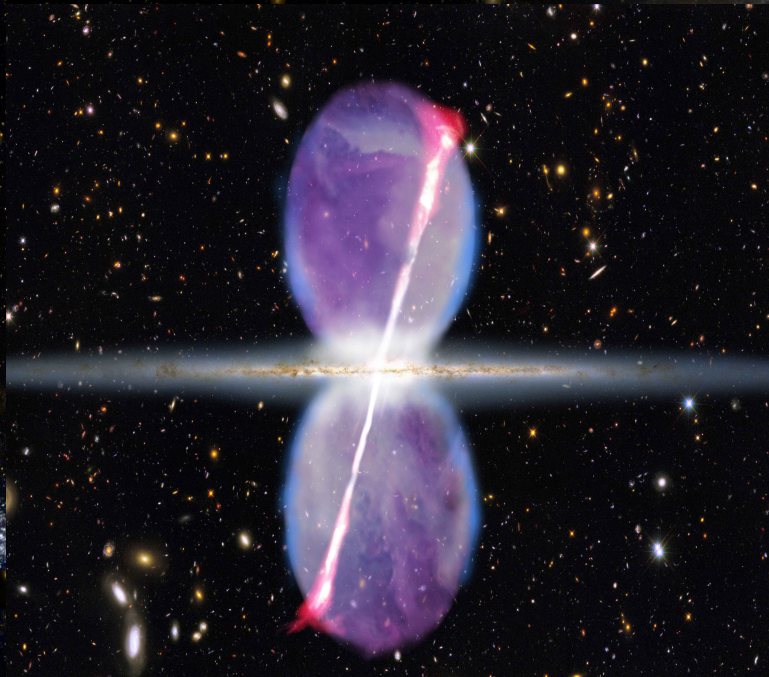
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## Transient phenomena?

*Carlson et al. 2014 – Petrovic et al. 2015*

*More recently: Cholis et al. 2015*

→ problems with spectra  
and morphology

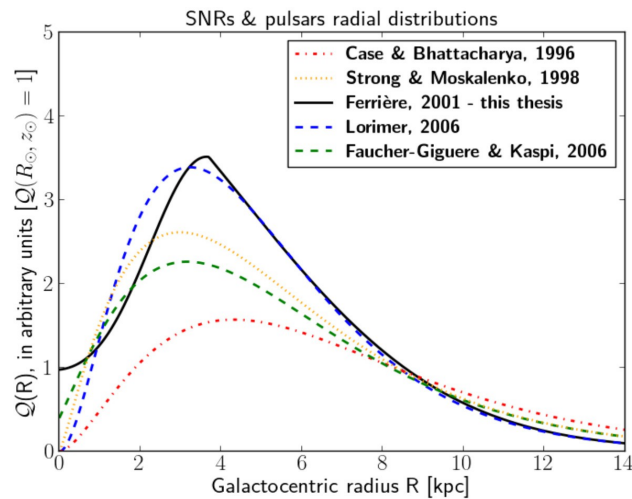




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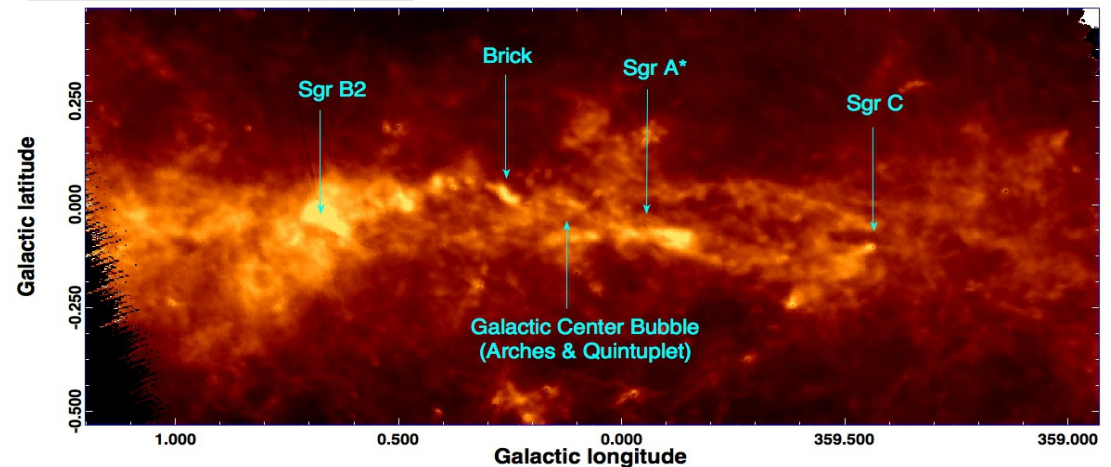
## What about a standard CR source?

- The spirit of this talk is to show that understanding details about CR propagation and diffusion is crucial to understand any DM claim
- **We know that all CR models used in these analyses are not designed to reproduce correctly the GC region!**
- In particular there are problems with the CR source term.  
The source function is extrapolated from SNR and pulsar catalogues fail to account for the very active star-forming region located in the inner Galaxy



(a) Radial profile of the distribution functions of the CRs sources

Dust temperature map of the inner Central Molecular Zone

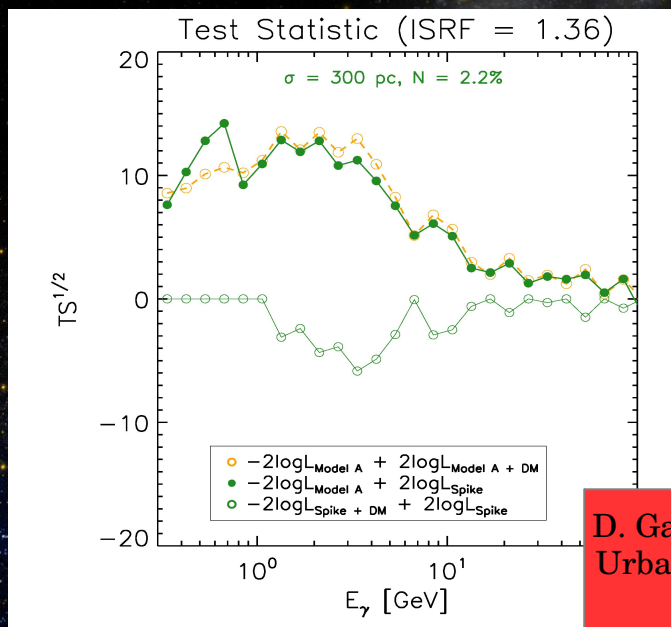




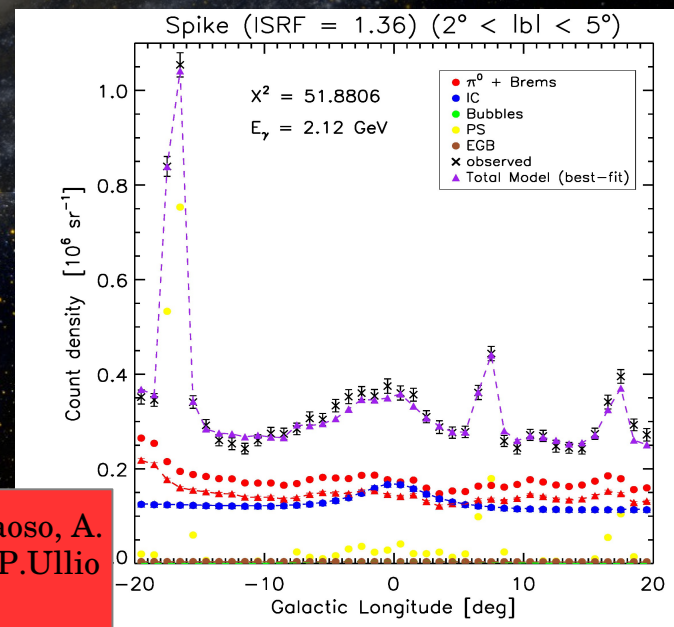
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## What about a standard CR source?

→ We considered a steady-state source in the center (see Alfredo Urbano's talk) compatible with current estimates on the Star Formation Rate in the inner Galaxy  $\sim 1\%$  of the total SFR in the Galaxy according to several papers e.g. *Figer, ApJ 601 (2004)* and re-implemented the template-fitting algorithm with the IC template computed accordingly. **This scenario does not show any evidence of excess. From the likelihood point of view, this picture works almost as well as the DM case.**



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# The Galactic center excess

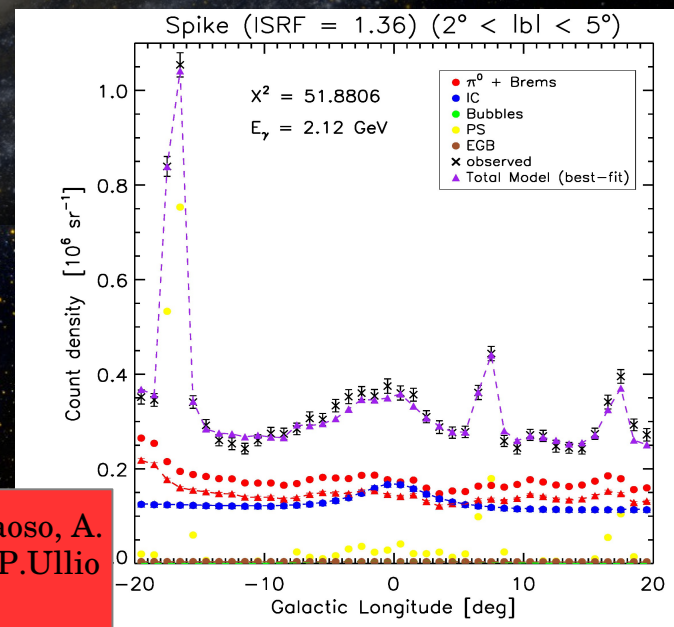
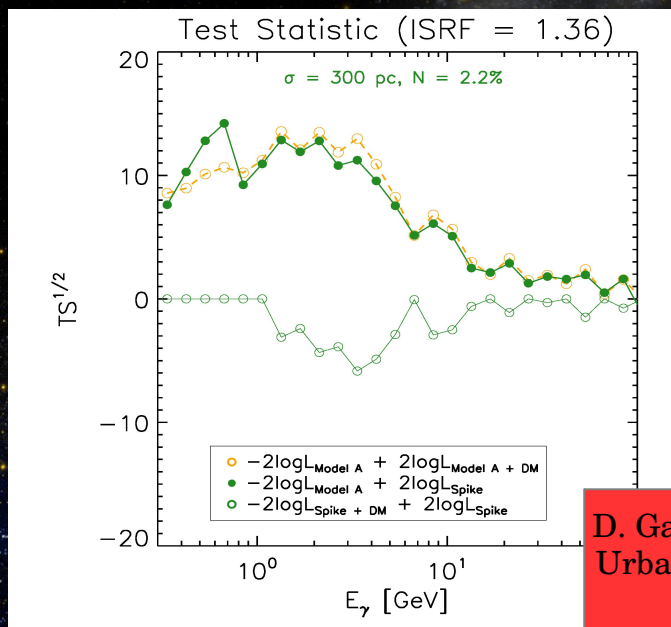
The bottom line on the GC issue is that we still have to understand what is going on.

→ The DM scenario is appealing and viable

→ Astrophysical interpretations are still possible

In this context:

- A more accurate modelling of the CR source distribution and propagation in the inner Galaxy is compelling – better characterization of the sources – role of anisotropic diffusion? Remember from the first part of the talk that diffusion may behave in a not trivial way!



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# Conclusions

1) Many observations in several channels suggest that it is necessary to go beyond the standard simplified picture of CR propagation in the Galaxy and in the Heliosphere:

- *the CR gradient inferred from gamma rays is too flat* compared to simulations
- *the gamma-ray spectra turn out to be harder* in the Galactic Center region (tension with the outcome of numerical codes)
- *there is evidence for charge-dependent effects* in solar modulation

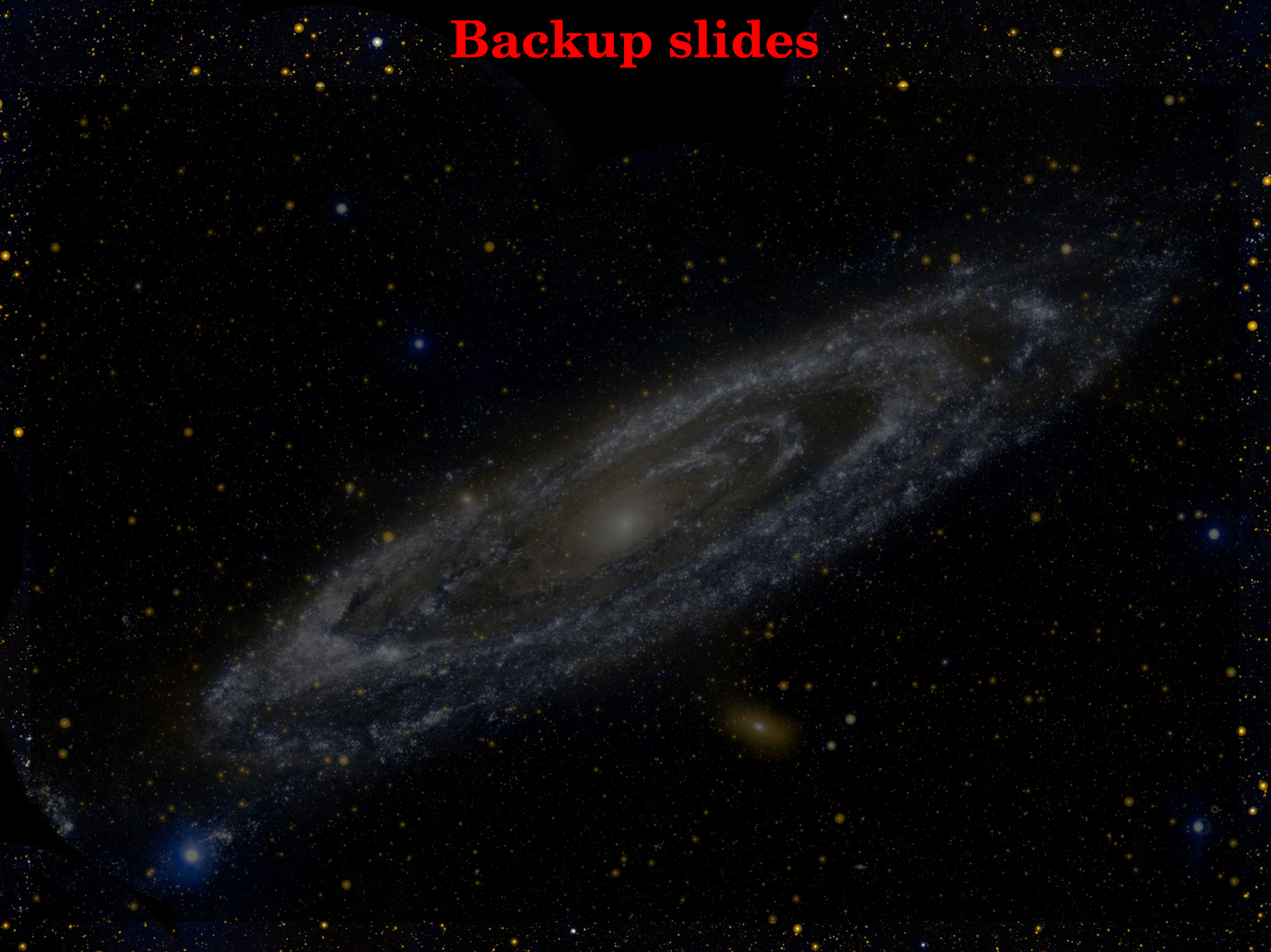
2) **DM indirect detection requires a detailed knowledge of all these issues.**

• We considered the GC excess and tried to address several questions:

- *how do we interpret the template fitting machinery used to identify the excess?* we find that models with harder diffusion coefficient in the inner Galaxy provide an interpretation
- *is the DM interpretation of the excess in tension with the antiproton data?* we find that the knowledge of solar modulation and CR propagation plays a crucial role
- *can we explain the excess with astrophysics?* A millisecond pulsar population? An enhanced CR acceleration in the central region (steady-state or sequence of bursts)

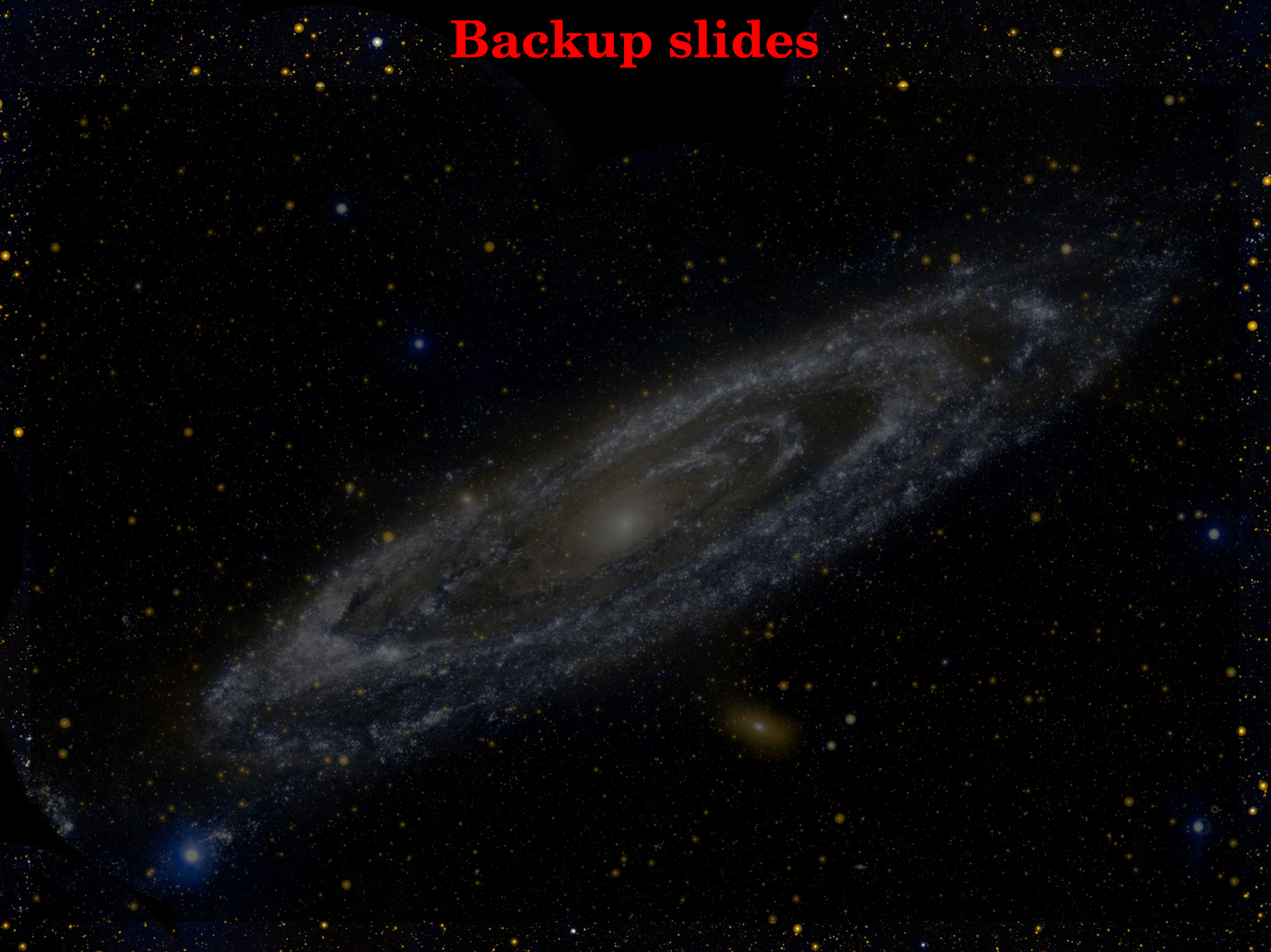


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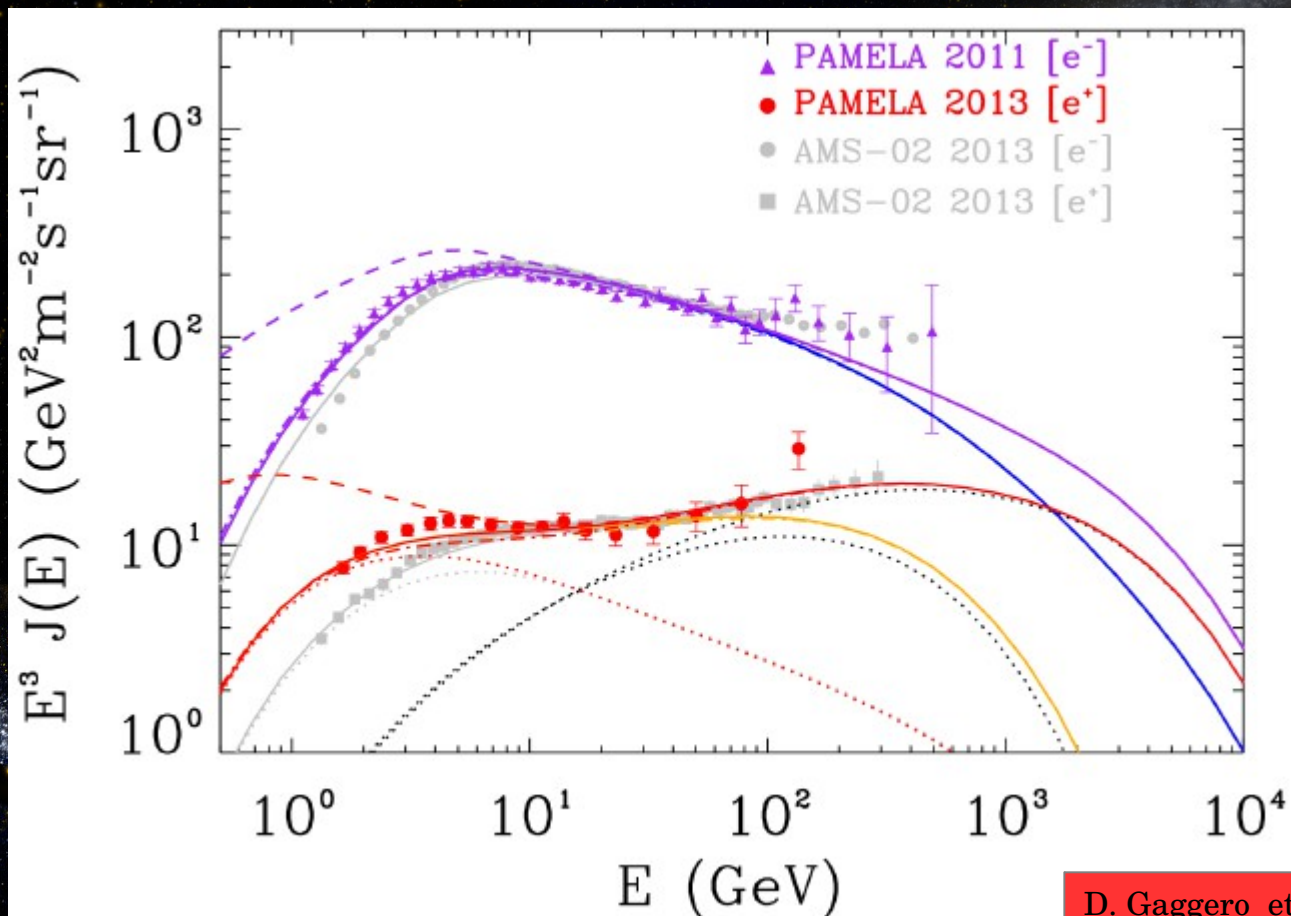
# Ongoing work using DRAGON



## A 3D model of the Galaxy

Our models are able to reproduce PAMELA and AMS-02 leptonic spectra (AMS separate lepton fluxes are still preliminary)

The propagation setups are tuned on light nuclei ratio





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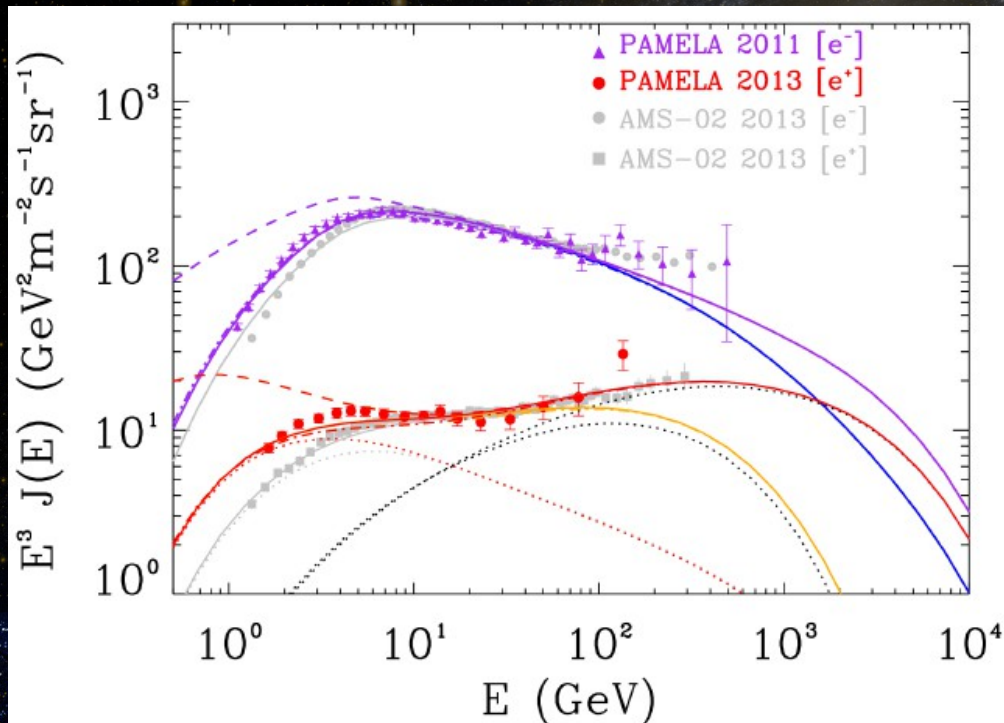


## A 3D model of the Galaxy

Ingredients of our models:

1) Primary electron component with sources located in the arms; injection index = -2.5, **much harder than the value needed in a 2D scenario and in less tension with CR shock acceleration theory.**

The residual discrepancy with the predicted value from the theory (-2 – -2.3) can be due to the details of the escape mechanism from the source





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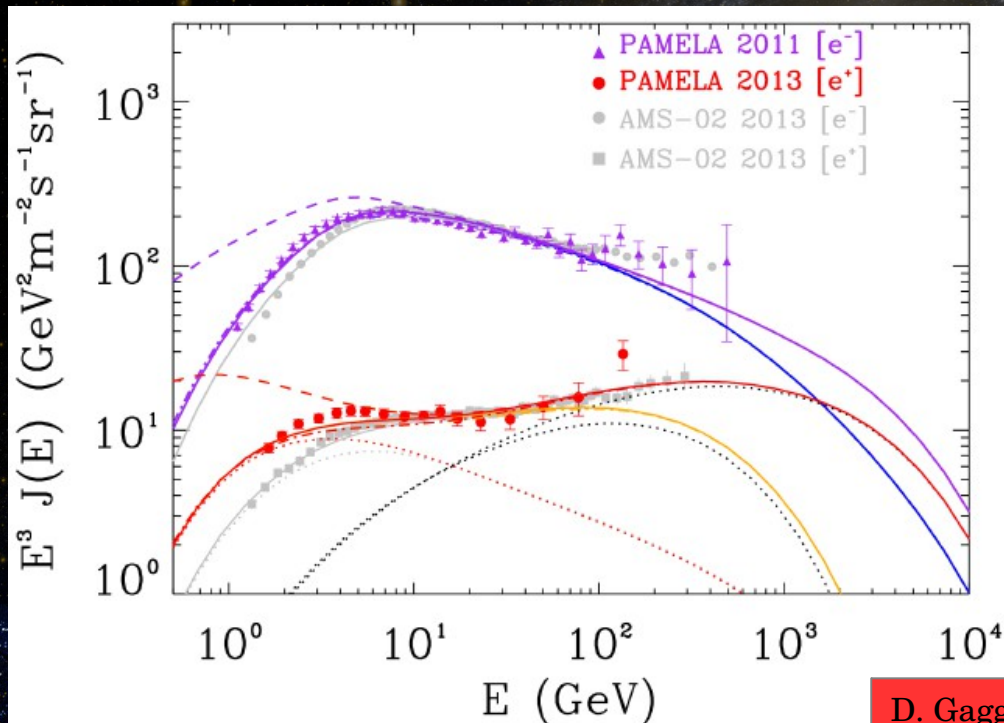
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2) Secondary electrons and positrons produced by spallation of heavy nuclei on interstellar gas

Dotted red line: secondary positrons

Notice (again) that the secondary positrons cannot account for the measured positrons at high energy by PAMELA and AMS!





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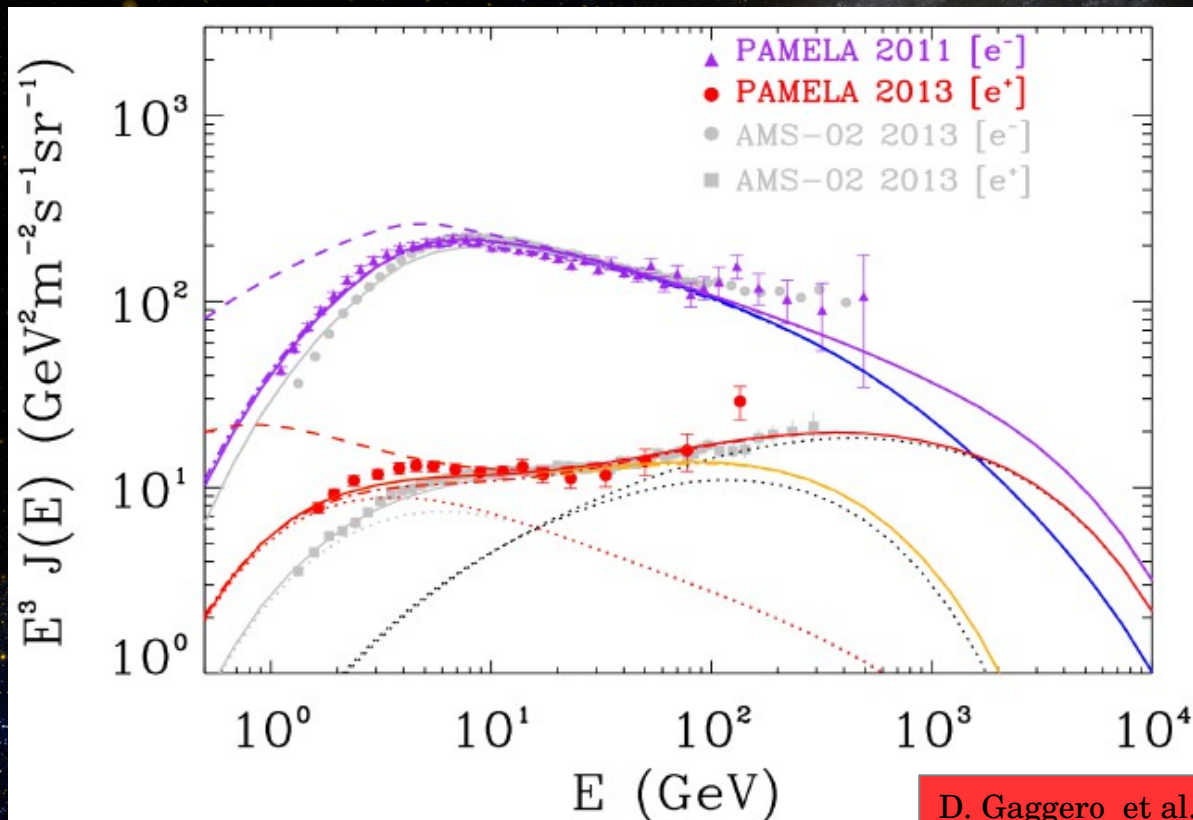


## A 3D model of the Galaxy

Ingredients of our models:

3) Primary “extra” component of electrons and positrons with source term in the arms and harder injection spectrum and harder injection spectrum

→ Origin: *pulsar population? Enhanced production of secondaries within the accelerator? DM?*





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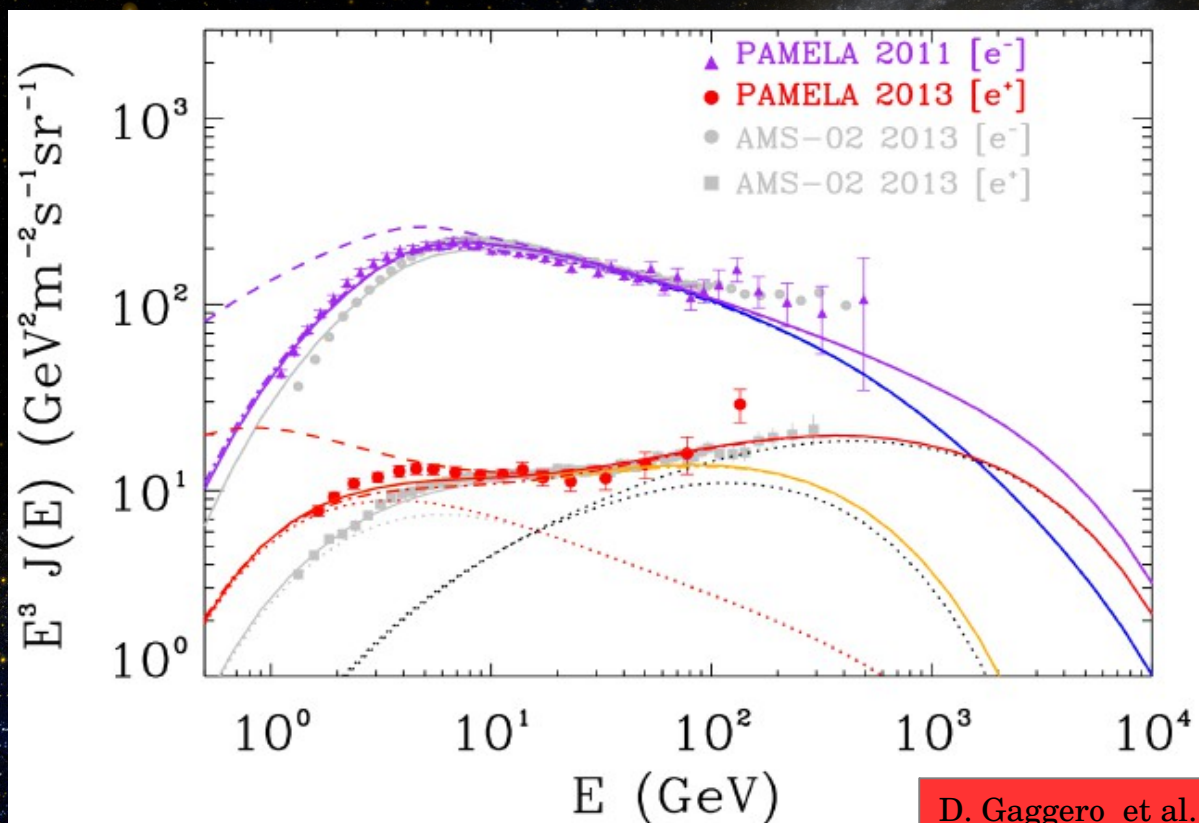
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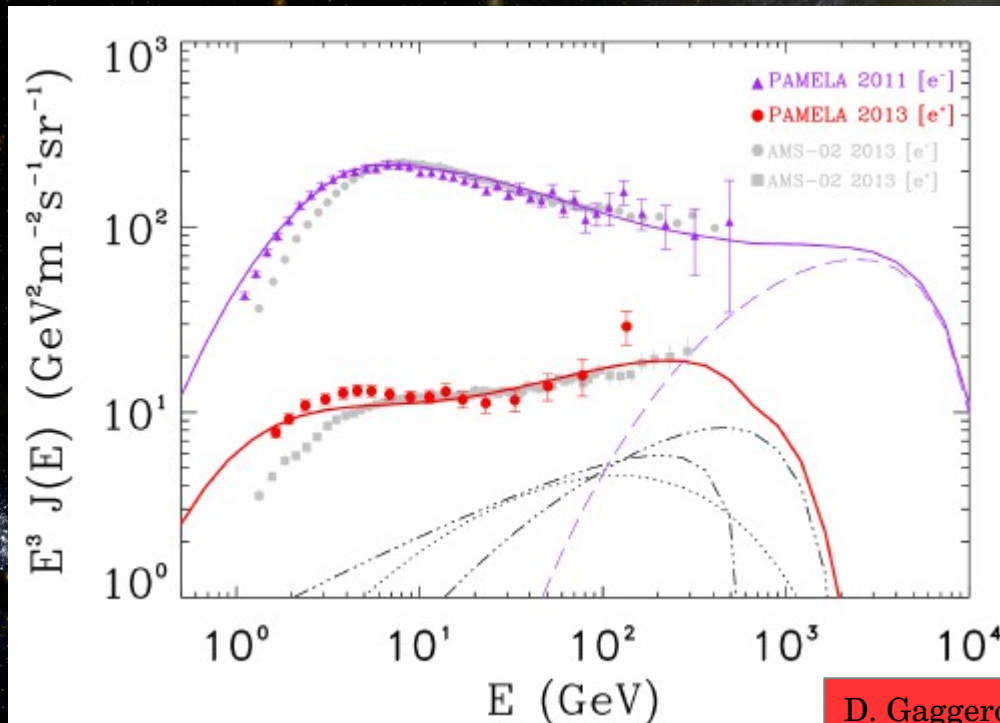
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*The pulsar scenario is more compatible with a 1 TeV cutoff  $\rightarrow$  in that case the contribution of some local sources is needed*



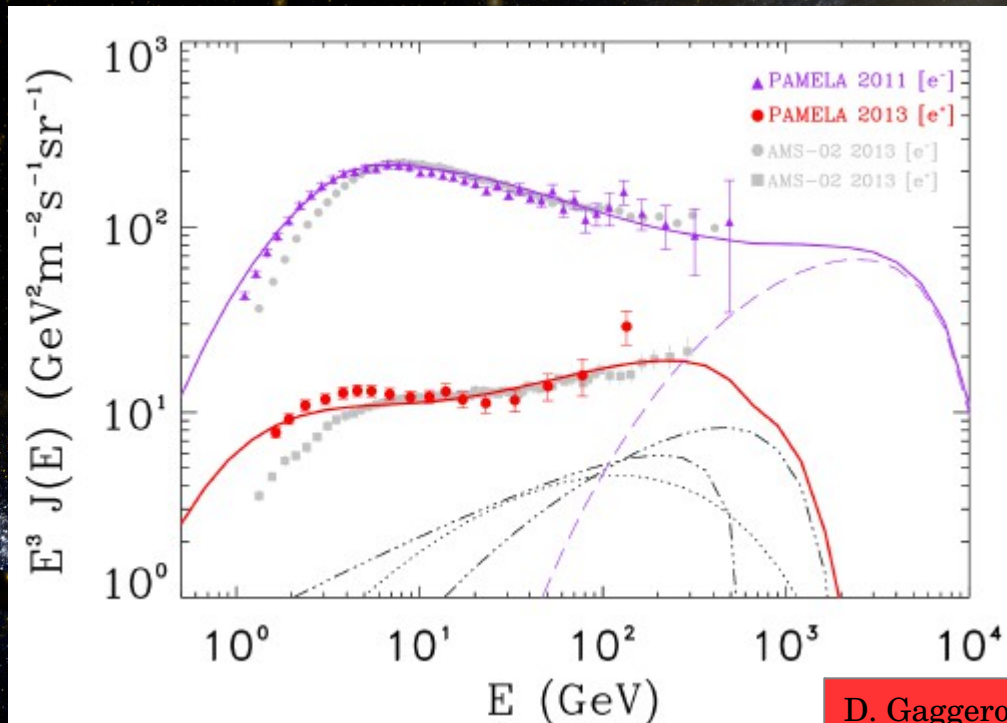


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Solar modulation is treated in a realistic way using the numerical package **HelioProp**





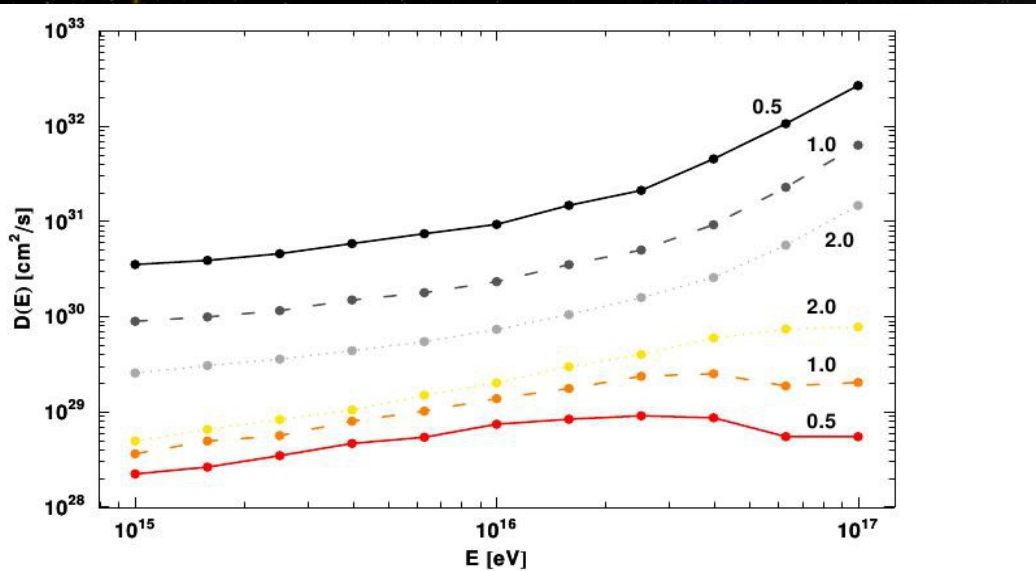
# Going beyond the standard lore

## 2. Spatial gradients in the **normalization** of the CR diffusion coefficient



*The idea:*

→ the properties of diffusion should depend on the turbulence level!



**Figure 3.** Parallel and perpendicular diffusion coefficients as a function of energy for three levels of turbulence. The upper three lines are the parallel diffusion coefficients, while the bottom three represent the perpendicular one. The level of turbulence,  $\delta B/B_0$  is given by the numbers attached to the lines.

The parallel diffusion coefficient ***decreases*** with increasing turbulence

The perpendicular diffusion coefficient ***increases*** with increasing turbulence



# Going beyond the standard lore

## 2. Spatial gradients in the **normalization** of the CR diffusion coefficient



*Our model:*

We consider a diffusion coefficient that changes with the position using DRAGON  
We use the 2D version for now just to illustrate the effect!

**The idea is that where more CR sources are present, more turbulence is expected → a faster CR perpendicular diffusion**

We link the diffusion coefficient to the source function in a phenomenological way:

$$D(r,z) = D_0 Q(r,z)^\tau$$

We consider  $\tau$  as a free parameter and tune it against recent data on CR gradient inferred from gamma-ray observation



# Going beyond the standard lore

## 2. Spatial gradients in the **normalization** of the CR diffusion coefficient



Results: **Gradient Problem solved!**

$$D(r,z) = D_0 Q(r,z)^\tau$$

C. Evoli et al., PRL  
(2012)

