



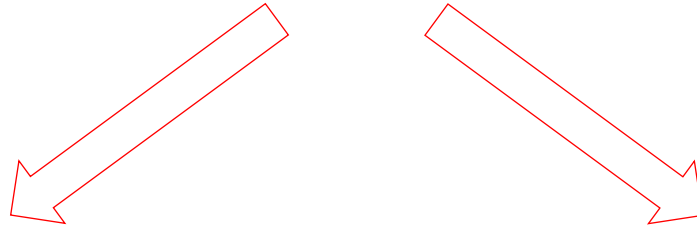
# Smoking guns in the gamma-ray sky

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**What would make for a  
convincing signal  
of particle dark matter in the  
gamma ray sky?**



# Gamma rays from DM



**Annihilation**  
 $\sim \rho^2$

**Decay**  
 $\sim \rho$

**Different search **strategies** are needed**

# Where to look for DM annihilation?

## J-factors

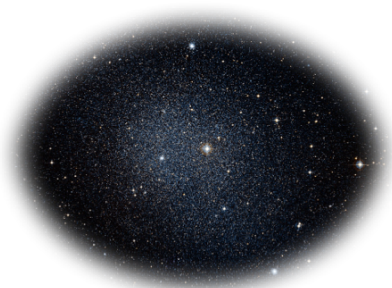
$$\Phi_\gamma = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{sM_\chi^2} \sum_i Br_i \frac{dN_\gamma^i}{dE} \times J$$

$$J(D, \Delta\Omega) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} \rho_{\text{DM}}^2(r(s)) ds d\Delta\Omega'$$



**Galactic center**

$J = 10^{22} - 10^{23}$



**Dwarf spheroidals**

$J = 10^{17} - 10^{19}$



**Galaxy clusters**

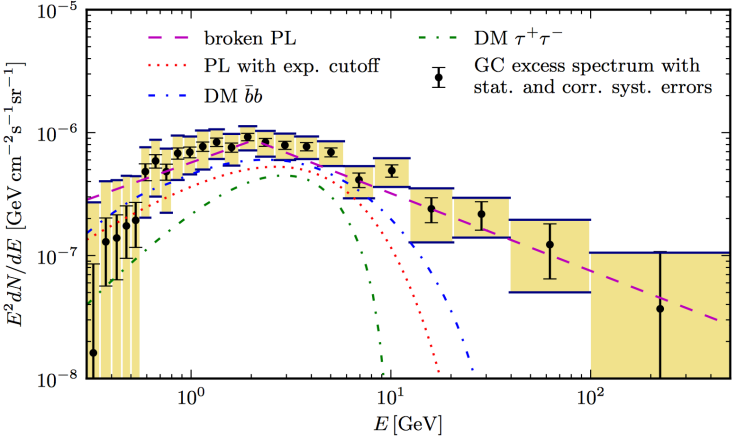
$J = 10^{15} - 10^{19}$

(in units  $\text{GeV}^2/\text{cm}^5$ )

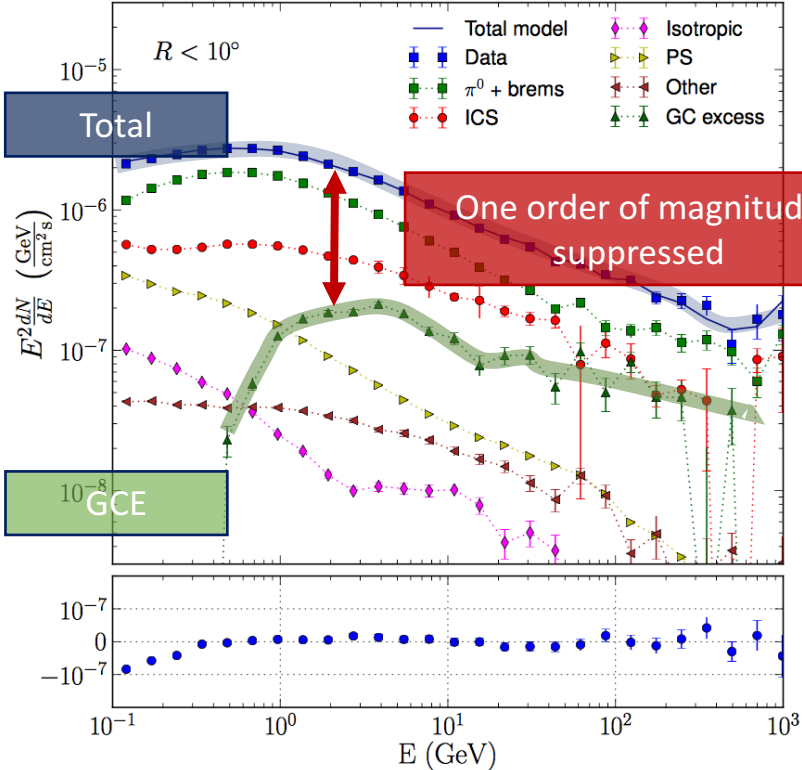


# Galactic center: How to search for DM?

At the example of the observed gamma-ray Galactic center excess at about 2 GeV.



Calore+ 2014 Background model systematics for the Fermi GeV excess



## Determination through a template fit:

- Hadronic interactions and bremsstrahlung
- Inverse Compton scattering
- GC excess
- Isotropic emission
- Point sources
- Extended sources, Cygnus, LMC
- Loop I
- Sun and Moon templates
- (Fermi bubbles)

Fermi-LAT 2017 THE Fermi GALACTIC CENTER GEV EXCESS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR DARK MATTER

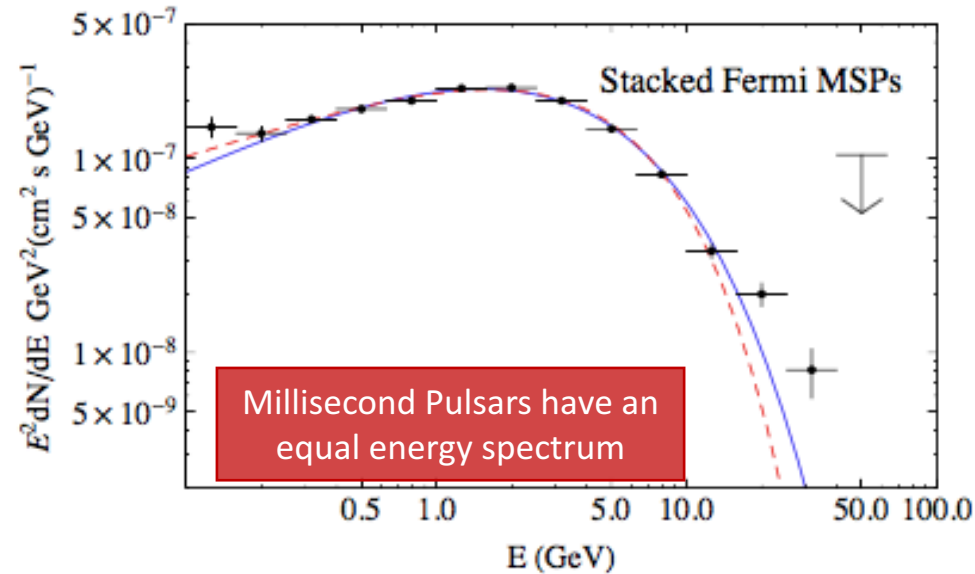
# Galactic center: What's the difficulty?

## Problem

- Many gamma-ray sources at the center
- Astrophysical background is not well known
- Signal to background ratio is low  
=> DM and astrophysics might easily be confused e.g.

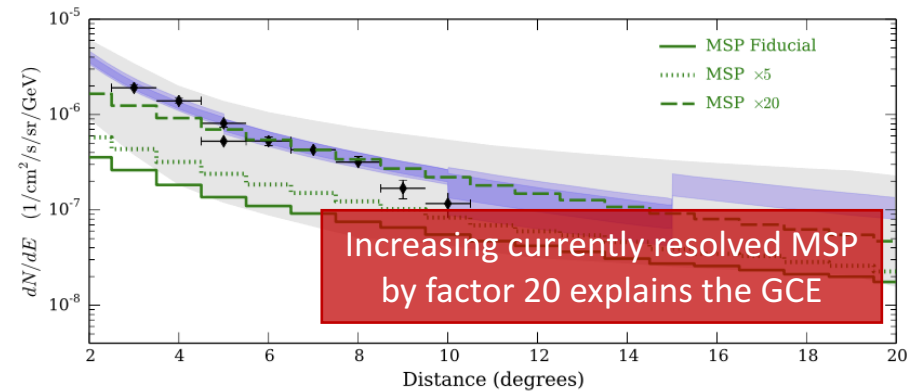
## Approach

- Identification of point sources in the Galactic center, e.g. with X-rays



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NEW DETERMINATION OF THE SPECTRA AND LUMINOSITY FUNCTION OF GAMMA-RAY MILLISECOND PULSARS.



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GAMMA-RAY FLUXES FROM THE GALACTIC CENTER AND BEYOND.

# Dwarf spheroidals: The perfect place to search?

## 24 dSphs around the Milky Way

- 9 "classical" (discovered in previous century)
  - 15 "ultra-faint" with very little baryonic matter
- All of them are devoid of gas

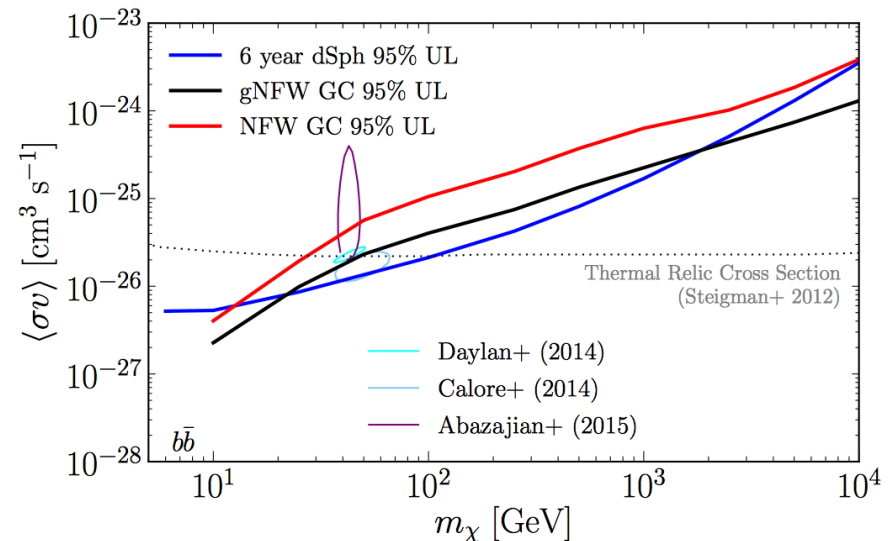
### Why to look at dwarfs?

- Galactic center is a the most plentiful source, but suffers from a backgrounds
- Dwarf galaxies are cleaner
- Possible future observation signals are more convincing

### Largest systematic uncertainty

- Dark matter density profile

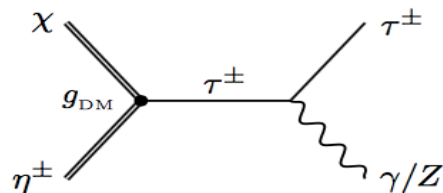
Comparison of DM annihilation sensitivity between **Galactic center** and **dwarfs**



# Theory: How to boost annihilation?

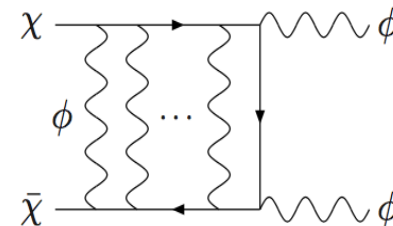
## Coannihilation

- Thermal production in the early Universe can be affected by other (heavier) dark sector particles
- This changes the annihilation rate
- Boost by several orders of magnitude



## Sommerfeld

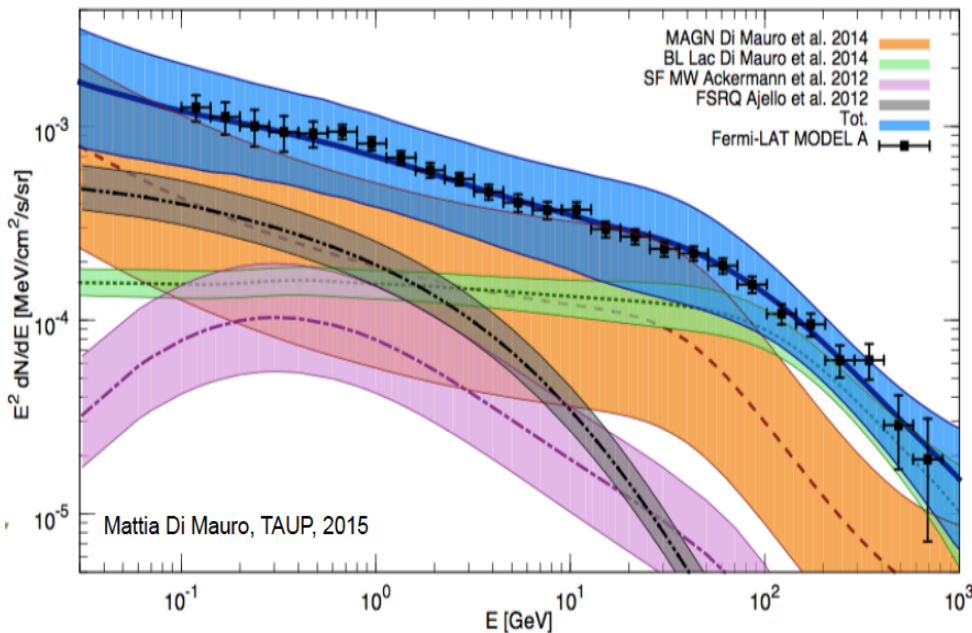
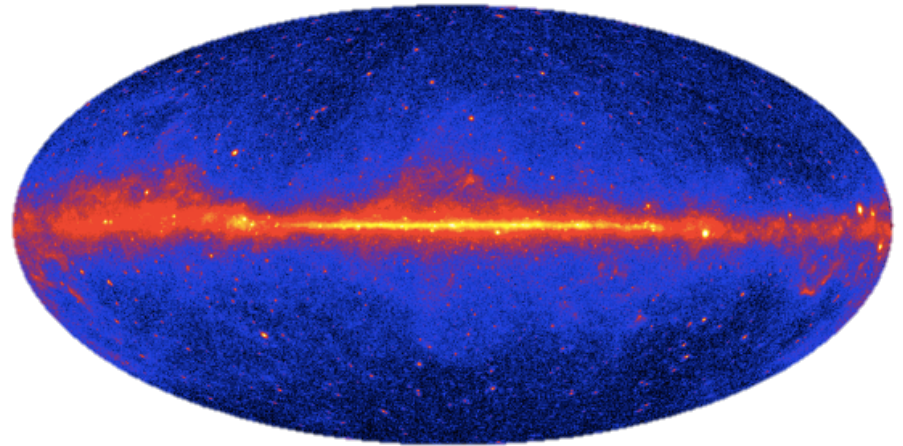
- Due to new (BSM) long range forces
- Speculated to boost annihilation by up to 9 orders of magnitude





# Where to look for DM decays?

Decaying DM signal provides a more isotropic signal, which can be probed with isotropic gamma-ray background (IGRB)



To produce a noticeable contribution above 100 GeV one needs to have DM lifetime of order

$$\tau \sim 10^{28} - 20^{31} \text{ s}$$

# Spectral features

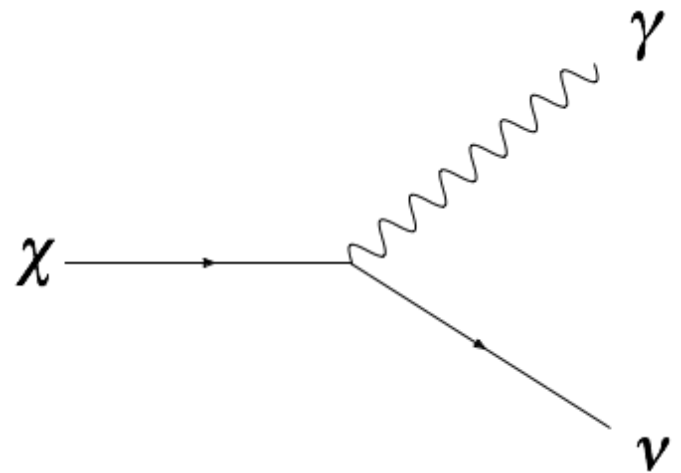
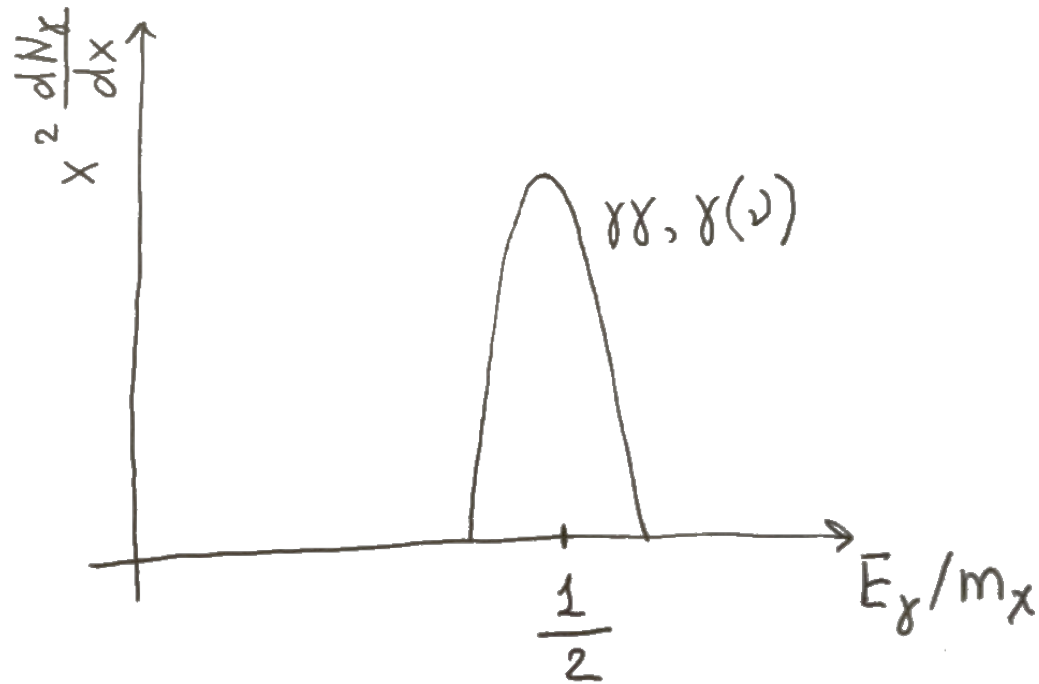
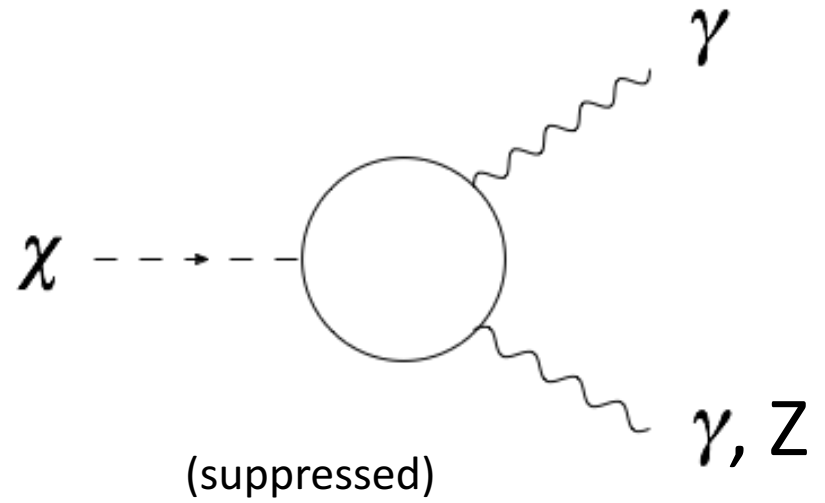
Spectral features can provide a clear smoking gun signature for both annihilating and decaying dark matter

- Lines
- Boxes
- Triangles
- etc.





# Lines

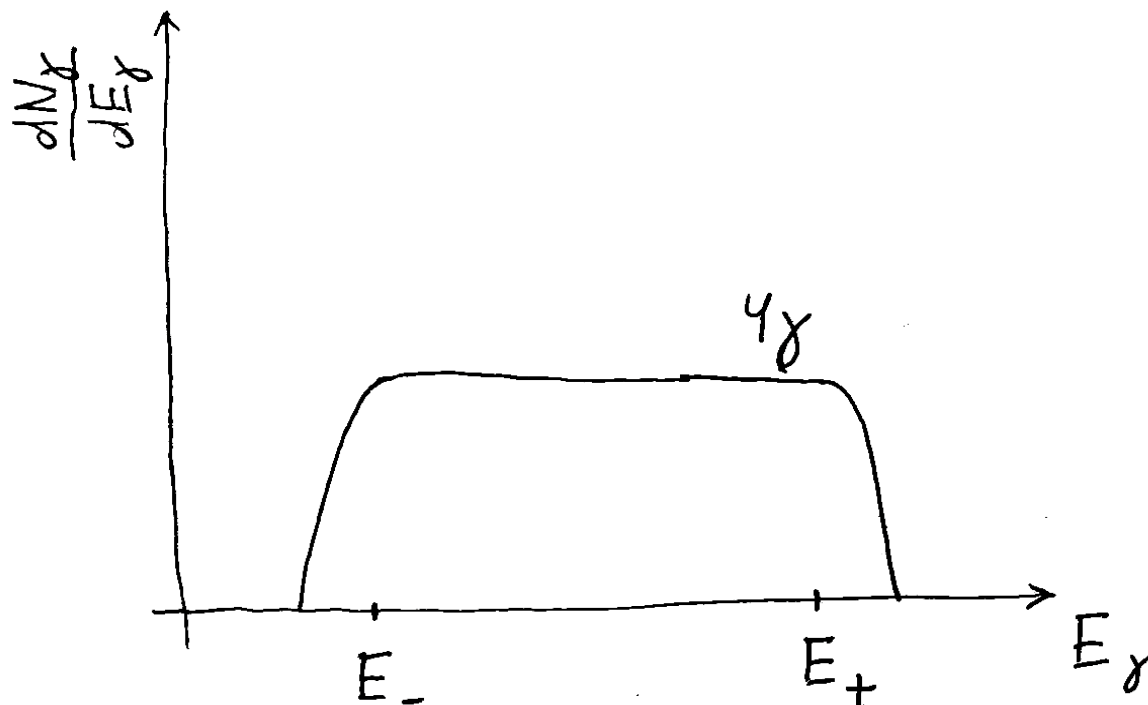


# Boxes

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$$



$$m_\chi > m_\phi$$



$$E_\pm = (m_\chi/2) \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (m_\phi/m_\chi)^2} \right)$$

Ibarra+, JCAP, 2012



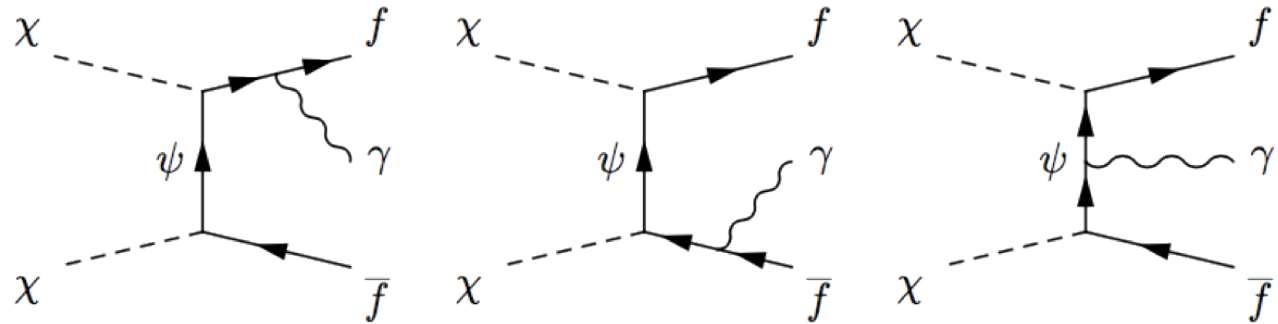
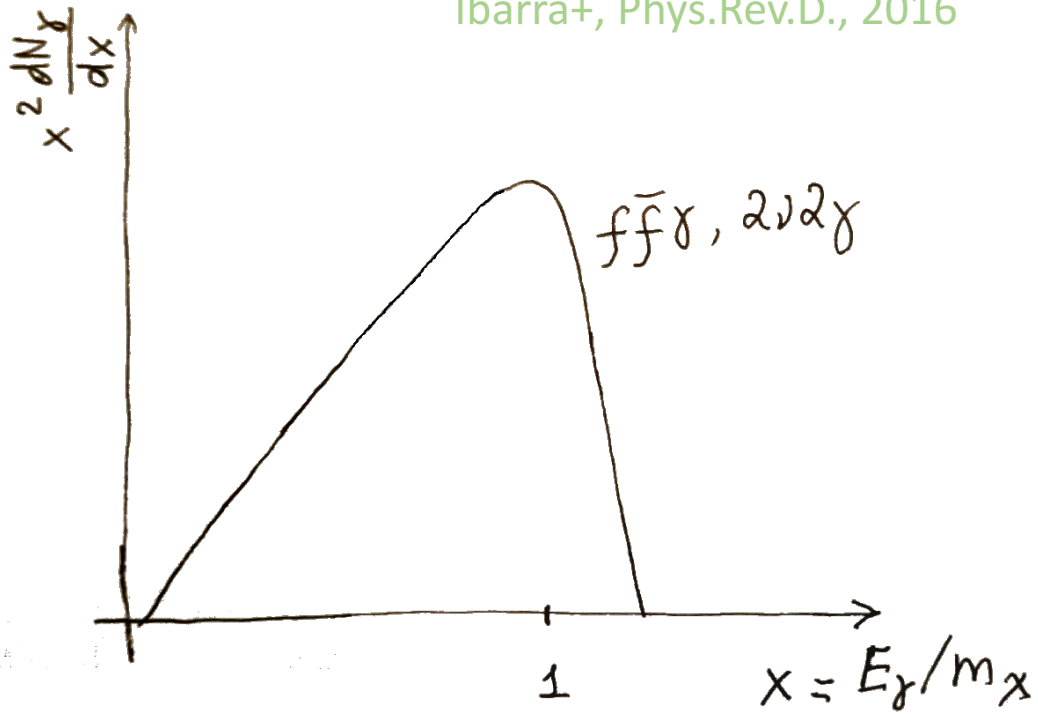
# Triangles



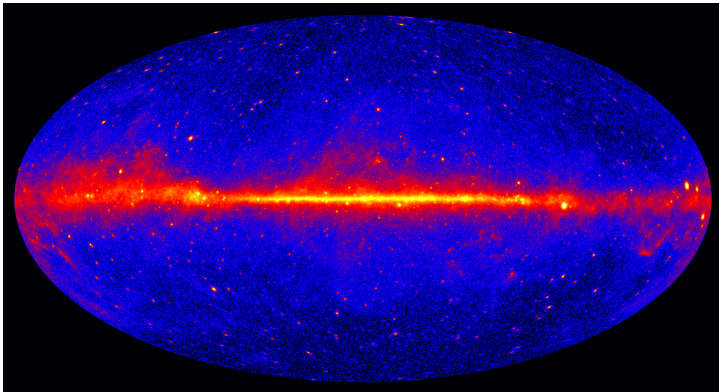
Ibarra+, Phys.Rev.D., 2016

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow 2\gamma 2\nu$$

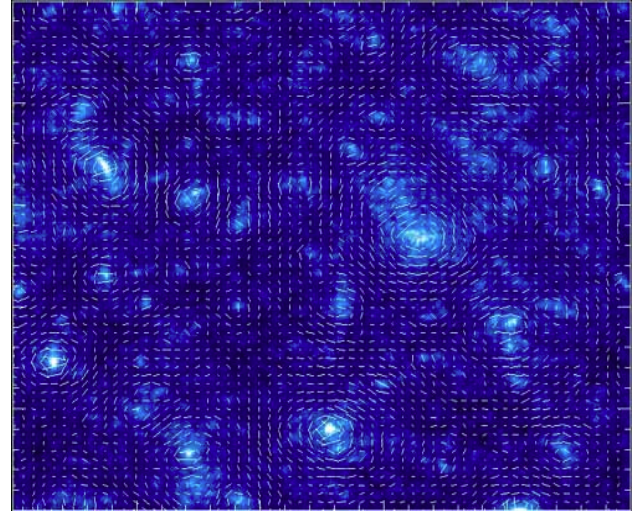
or internal bremsstrahlung



# Cross correlations: A clever idea to look for DM signals from massive regions



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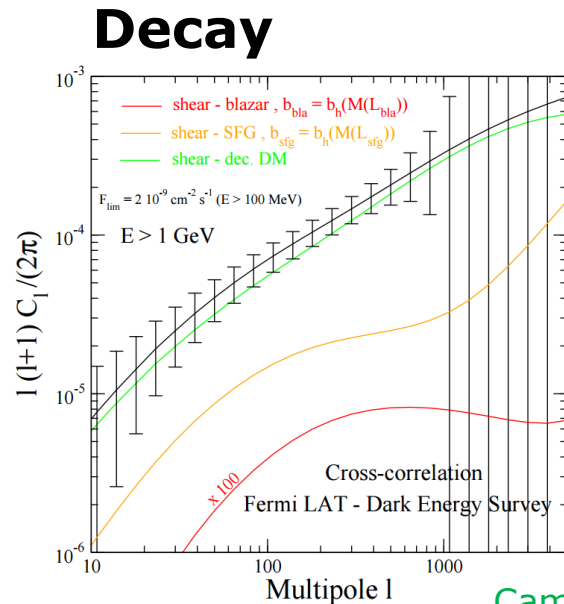
- Visible matter (i.e. clusters) trace DM density
- Any DM signal is expected to be correlated with the mass distribution (cosmic shear, weak lensing, galaxy distribution,...)

**Task:** Measure and calculate prediction for correlation multipole moments

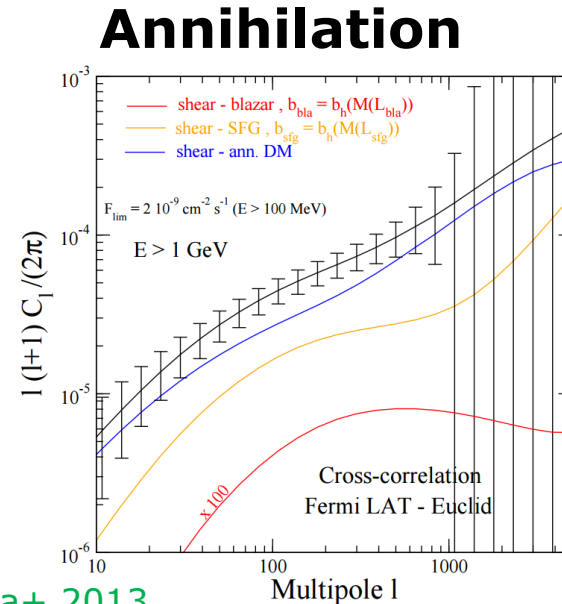
$$\langle I(\vec{n}_1)I(\vec{n}_2) \rangle \longrightarrow C(\theta) \longrightarrow C_l$$

# Cross correlations: Sensitivity prediction

- Excellent sensitivity for annihilation and decay
- Systematic uncertainty due to DM halo modelling



Camera+ 2013



For a 100 GeV DM mass and thermal cross-section the signal is larger than background; this is a smoking gun for detection.

# Conclusion

- Annihilating and decaying dark matter scenarios require **different strategies**:
  - ❖ Dwarf spheroidals – perfect for *annihilating* DM
  - ❖ IGRB – for *decaying* DM
- Some models with **extended dark sector** can provide the **boost** of DM annihilations.
- Energy **spectrum morphology** are important for both annihilations and decays and would make a **convincing** discovery
- Cross-correlations – another way of looking for DM in gamma rays
- Improving **angular and energy resolution** is crucial for smoking gun signature detection.



**Backup**

# Particle models with coannihilation

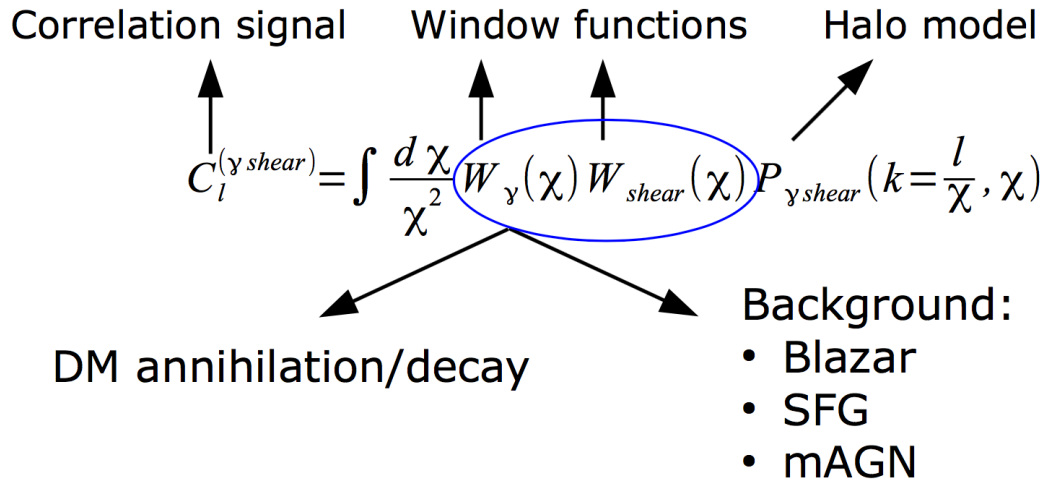
year	model	Boost factor in $\langle\sigma v\rangle$
1991, K. Greist	LSP+squarks, $N_x=2$ , $g_2/g_1=3$ to 18, $\sigma_{22}=\sigma_{21}=\sigma_{11}$	increase [200,350)
1992, Satoshi Mizuta	Higgsino-Dominant LSPs. $H^{\pm}, A H^{\pm} \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ mediated by the W.	much larger than that of the annihilation
1997, Joakim Edsjo, Paolo Gondolo	Heavy higgsino-like neutralinos.	increase [2,10)
	Models with $ \mu  \sim  M_1 $ . if lightest neutralino is more higgsino-like or gaugino-like.	increase [1,100)
2006, Kyoungchul Kong et al.	Kaluza-Klein Dark Matter with Universal Extra Dimensions.	reduce the effective annihilation cross-section, and therefore increase the LKP relic density.
...	... (lots of work)	...
2016, John Ellis et al.	Gluino-neutralino coannihilations.	s channel leading to a smaller gluino annihilation cross section and hence a larger relic density.
2017	EFT/Simplified models of dark matter.	Depending on the mass spectrum and interaction.(increase or decrease)

# Particle models with lines

- Gravitinos in R-parity violating vacua (or sneutrino in bilinear R-parity breaking)
- Hidden SU(2) vectors

Ibarra+, Int.J.Mod.Phys., 2013

# Cross correlations



Fornengo+ 2015

