

# The Fermi Large Area Telescope and the Quest for Dark Matter signals

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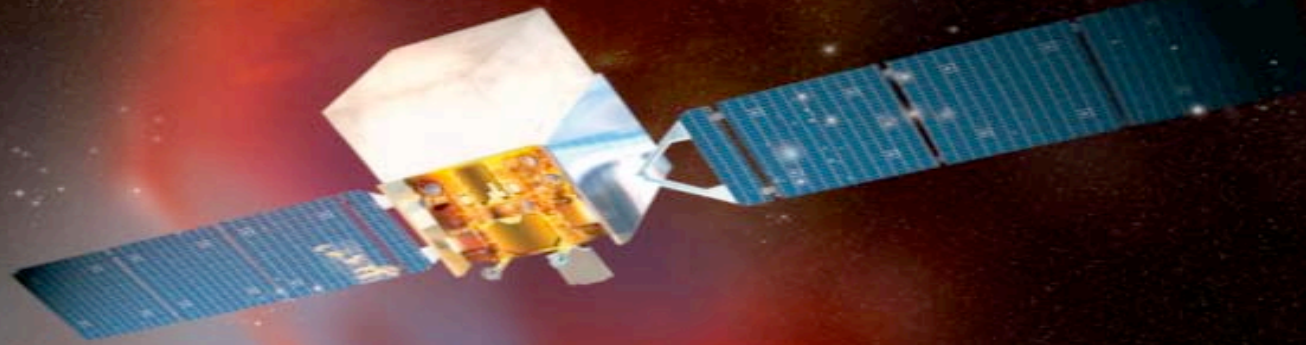
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# Fermi

Gamma-ray Space Telescope



Fermi Symposium, 2-5 November 2009

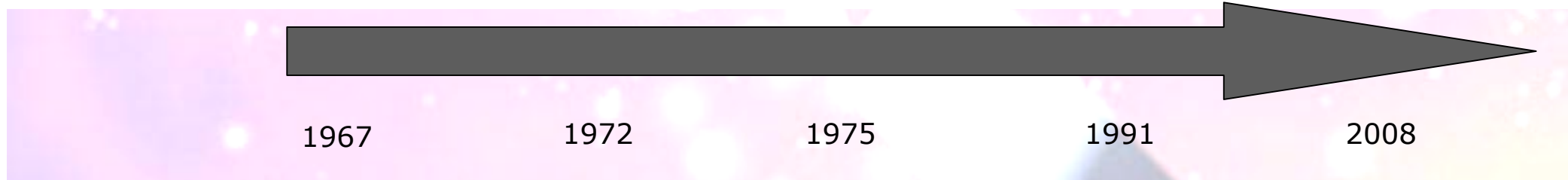
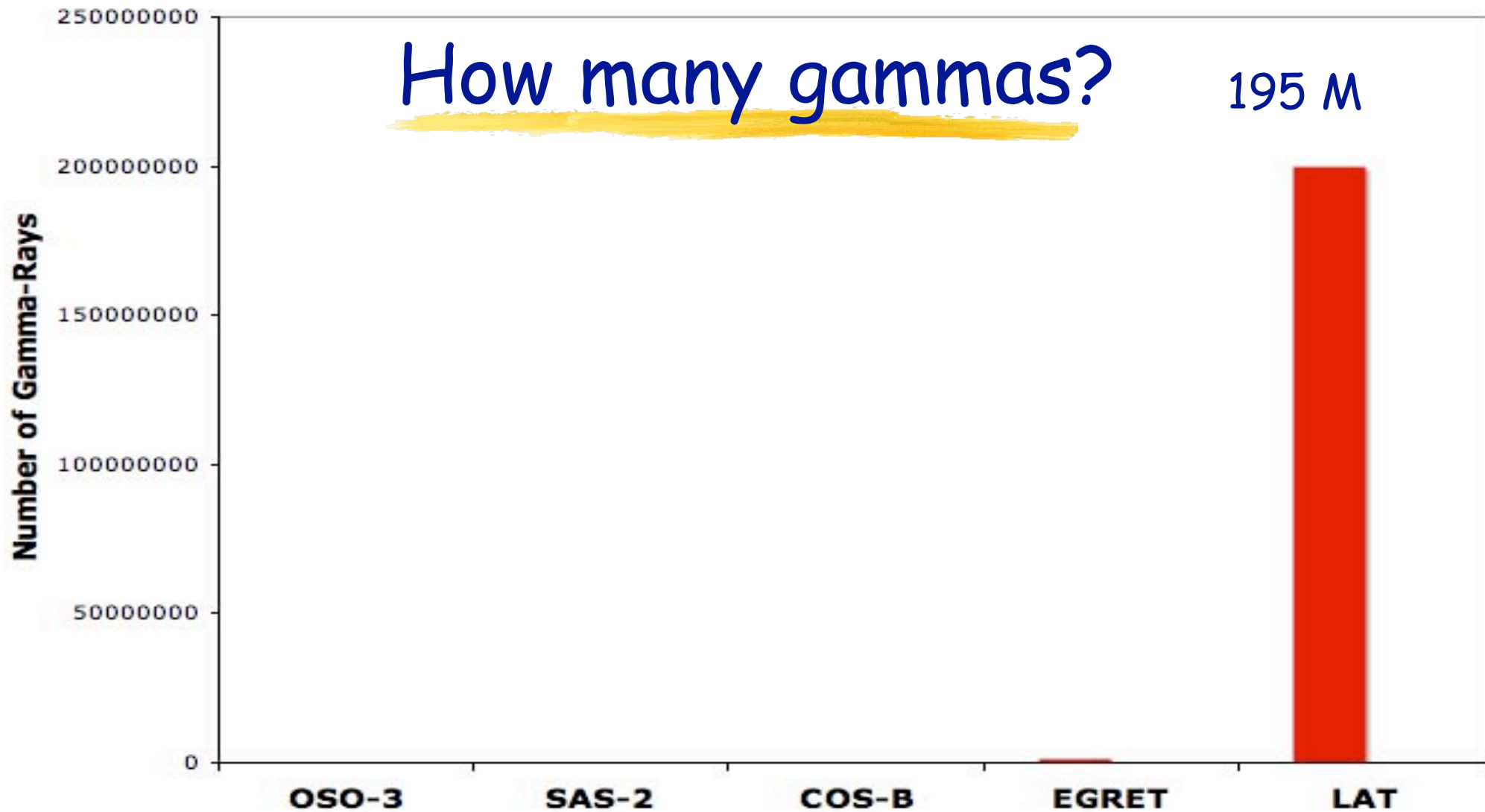


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in Washington DC

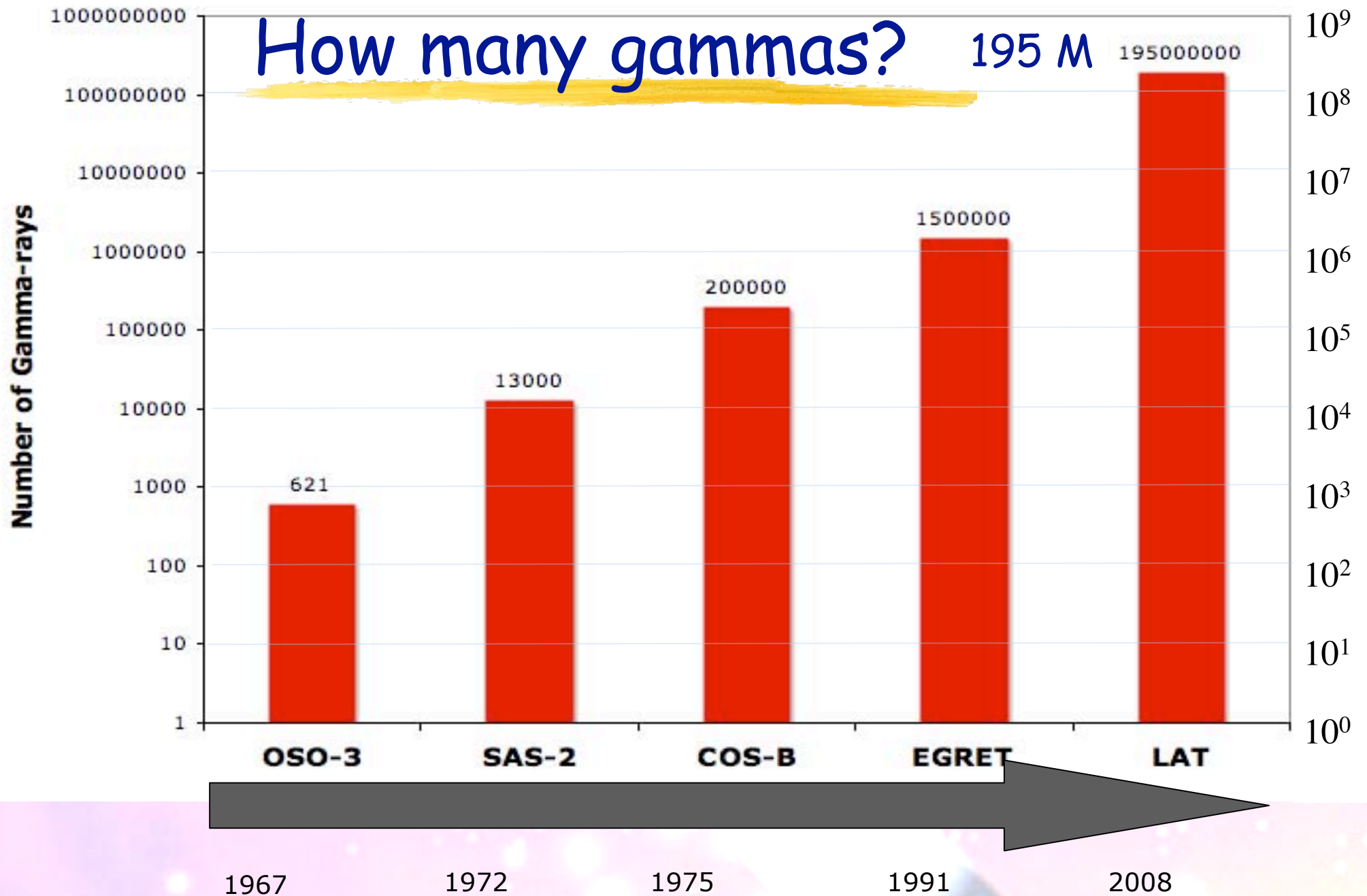
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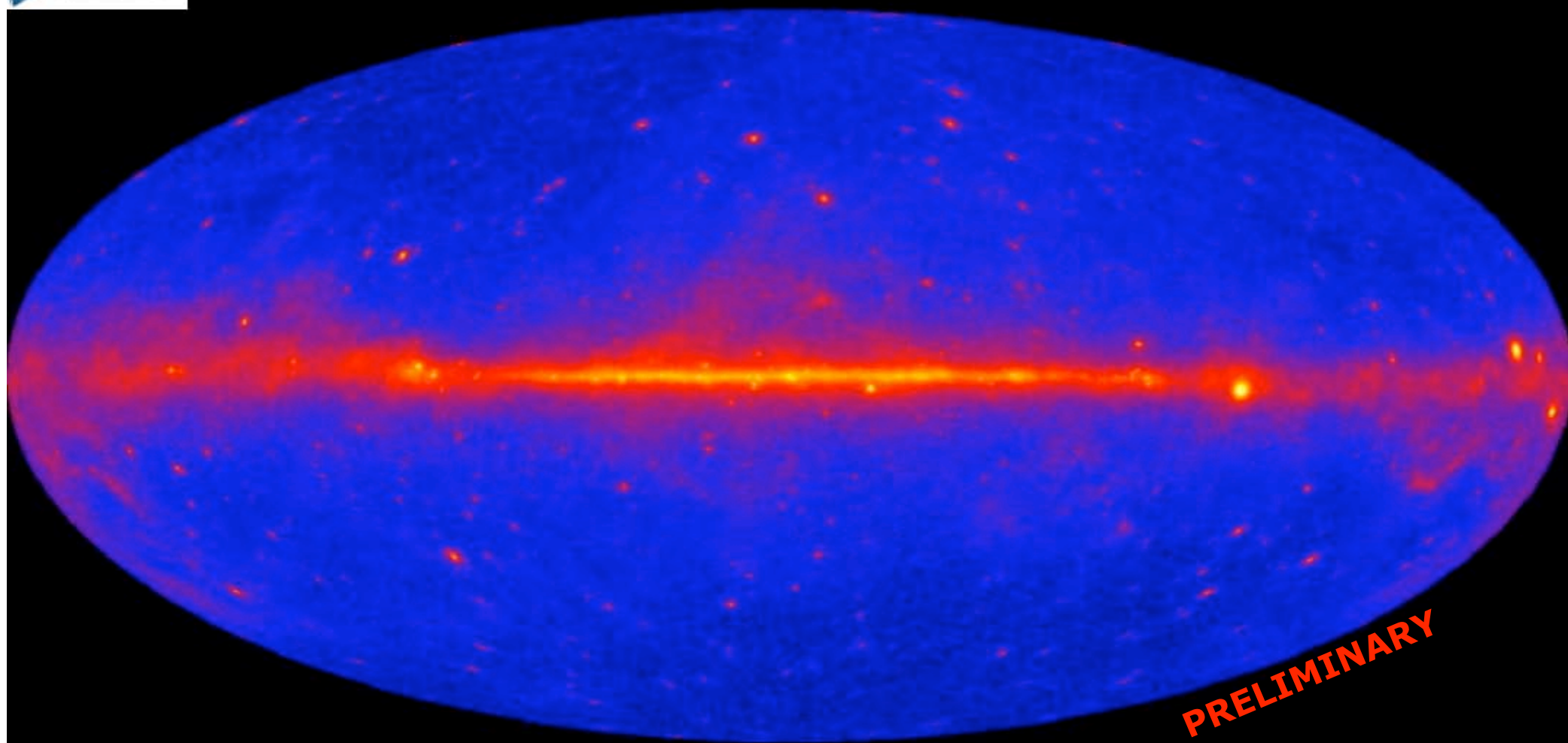
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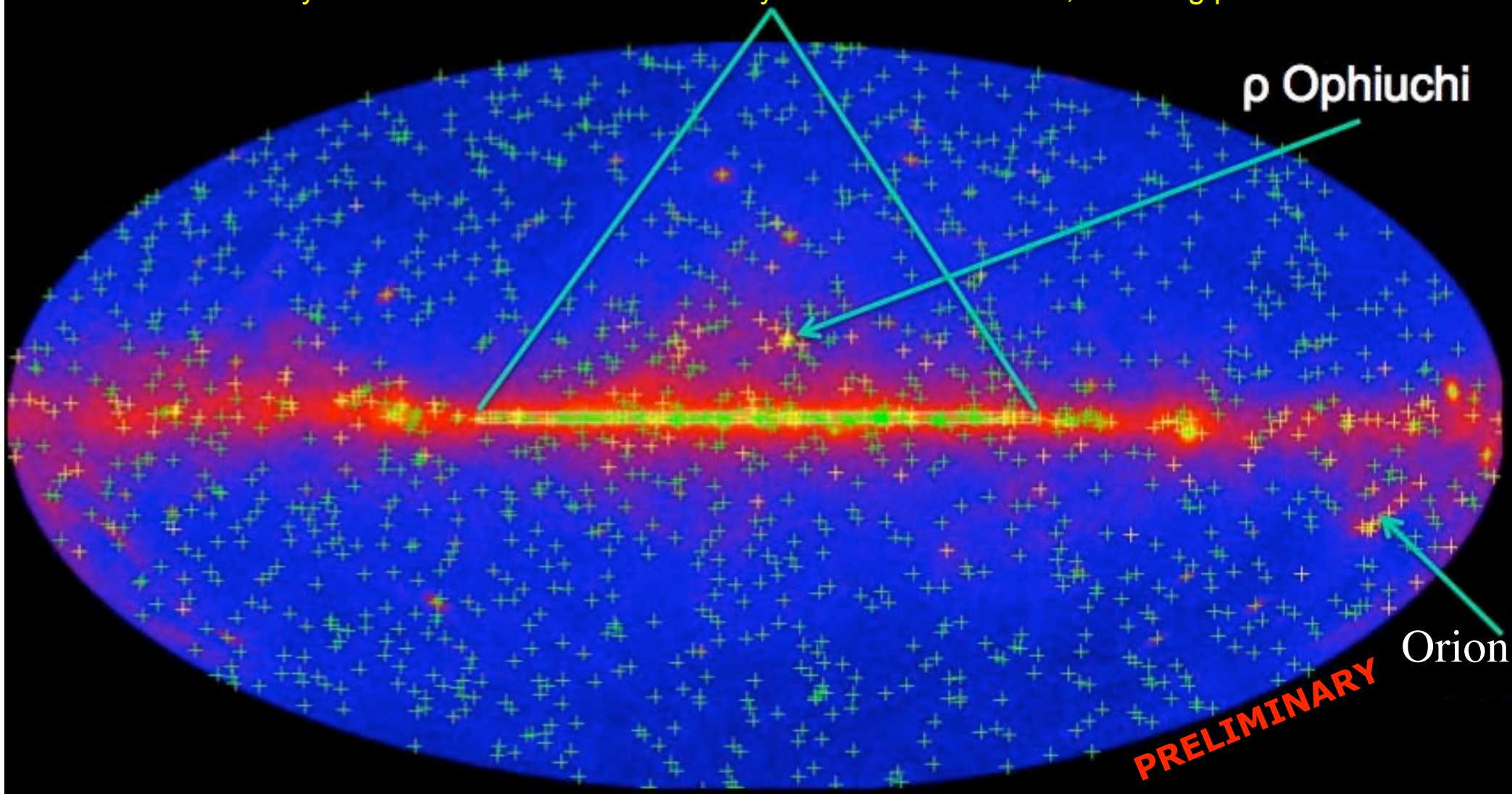


**PRELIMINARY**

- **Front > 200 MeV, Back > 400 MeV, log color scale**
- **Galactic coordinates, Aitoff projection**

# First Fermi LAT Catalog

The Galactic ridge ( $|\text{lat}| < 1^\circ$ ,  $|\text{lon}| < 60^\circ$ ) has serious difficulties: sources are close to each other, are not high above the background below 3 GeV, and the Galactic diffuse model is very uncertain there. We now plan to set Galactic ridge sources apart entirely (some 120 sources), and warn against using them without detailed analysis. Of course there are still many true sources in there, including pulsars and SNRs.



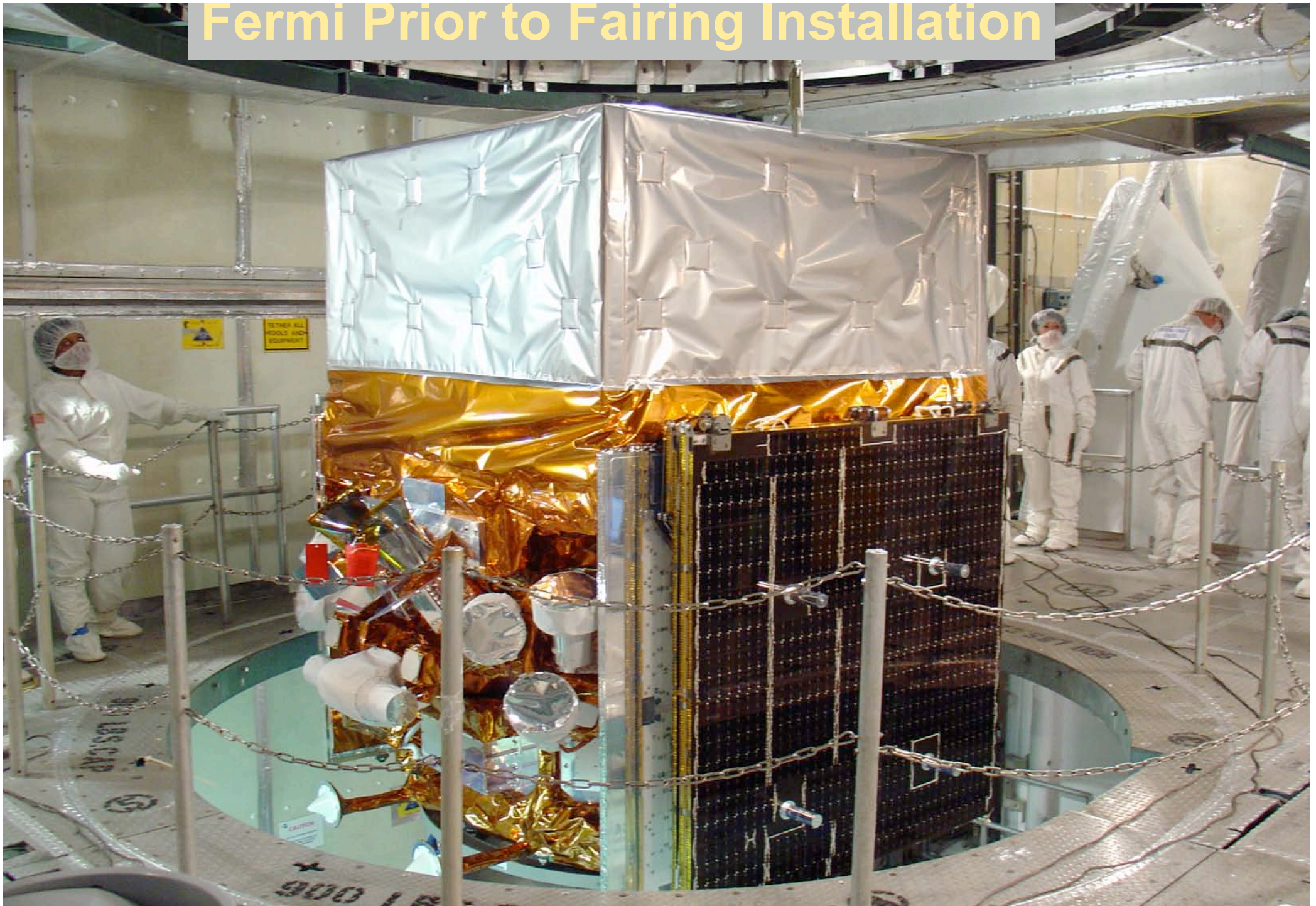


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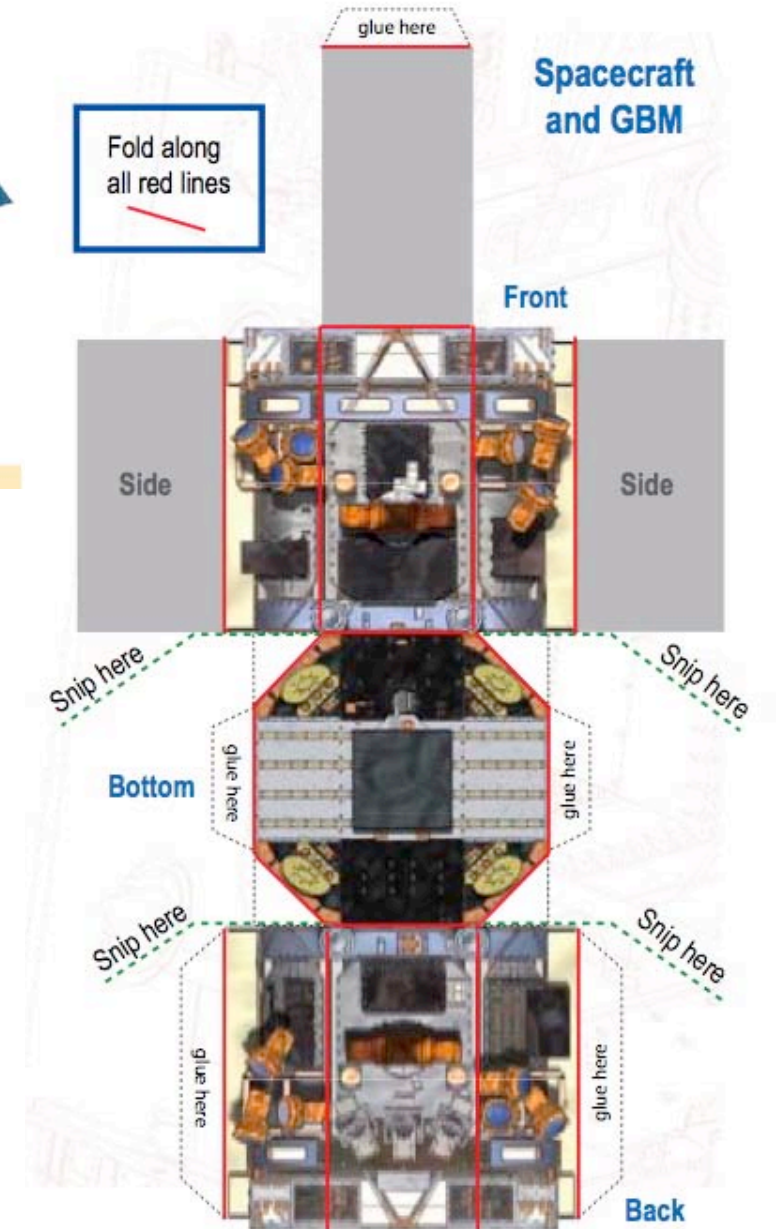
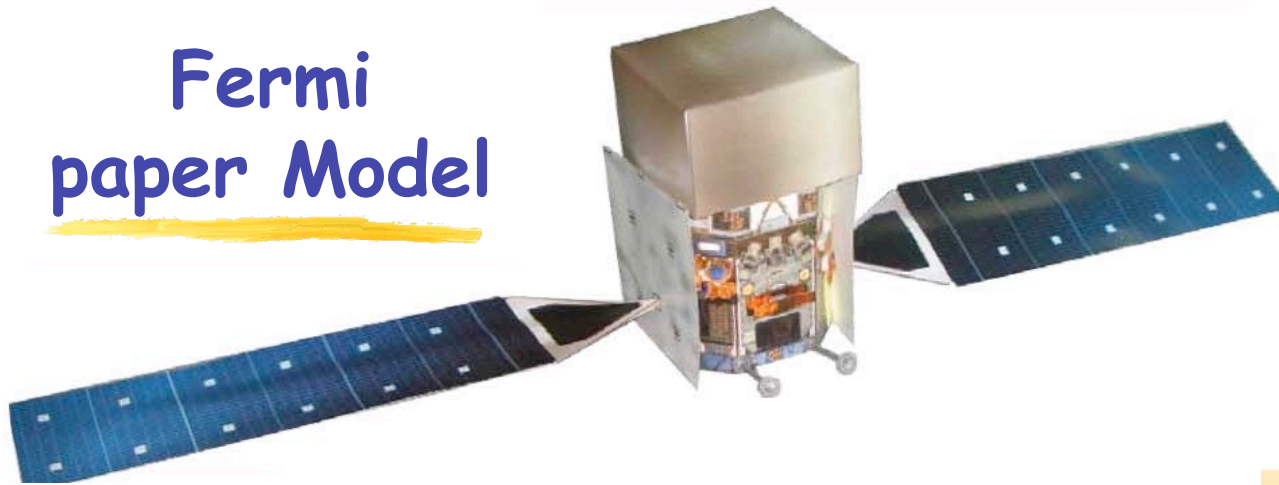
- Typical 95% error radius is 10'.
- Absolute accuracy is better than 1'
- About 250 sources show evidence of variability
- Half the sources are associated positionally, mostly with blazars and pulsars
- Other classes of sources exist in small numbers (XRB, PWN, SNR, starbursts, globular clusters, radio galaxies, narrow-line Seyferts)

# Fermi Prior to Fairing Installation





# Fermi paper Model



- <http://people.roma2.infn.it/~aldo/GLASTpaperModel.pdf>

**Fermi  
inside the Delta 2**





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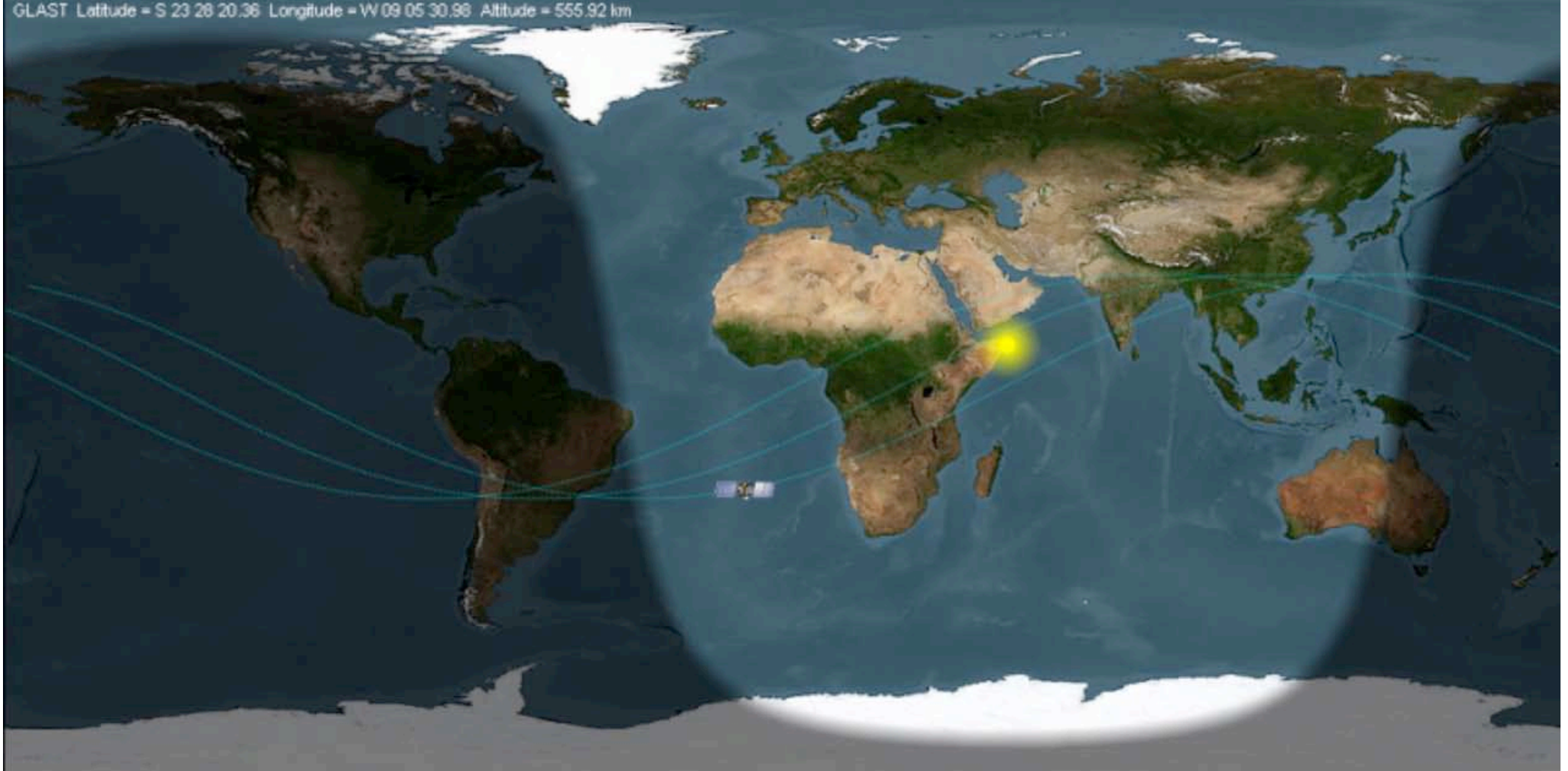


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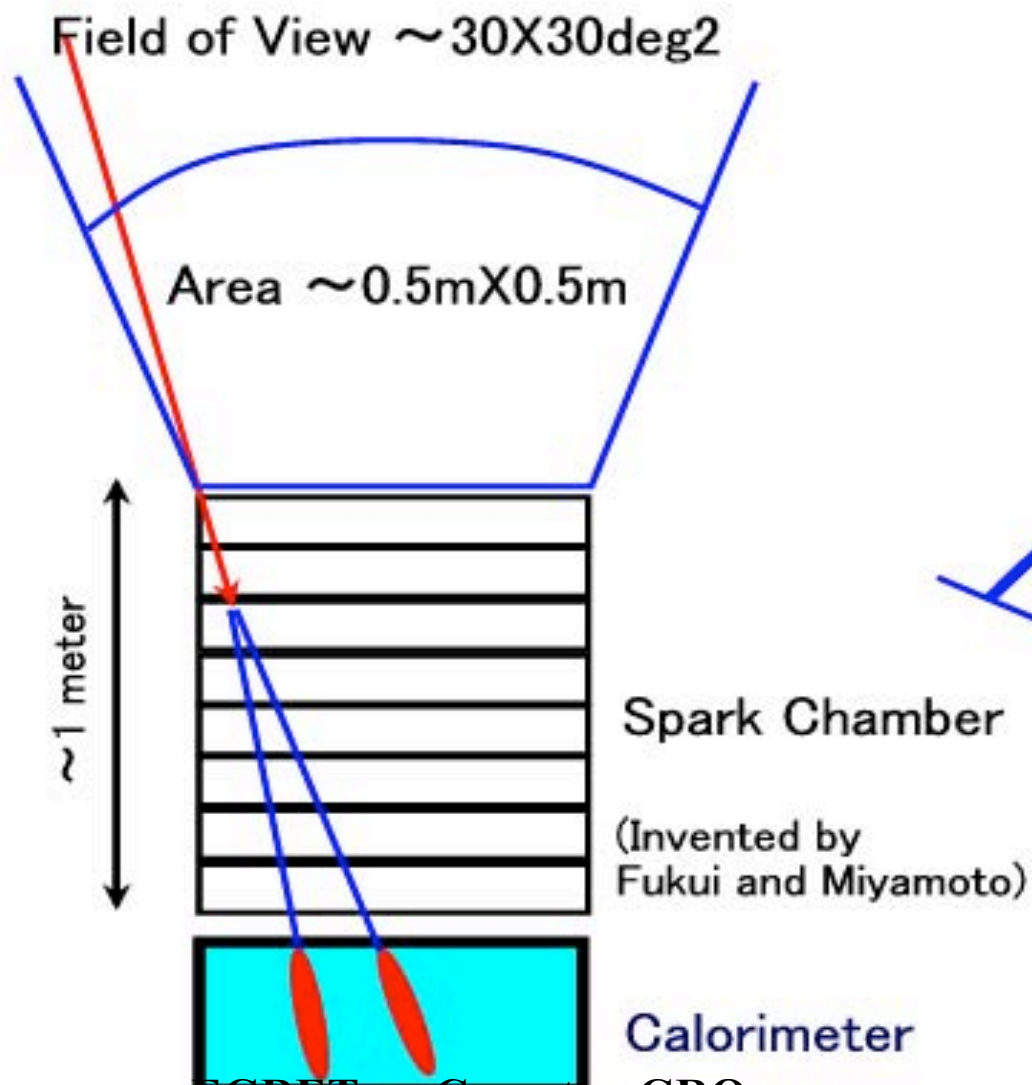
# Fermi in orbit

GLAST Latitude = S 23 28 20.36 Longitude = W 09 05 30.96 Altitude = 555.92 km

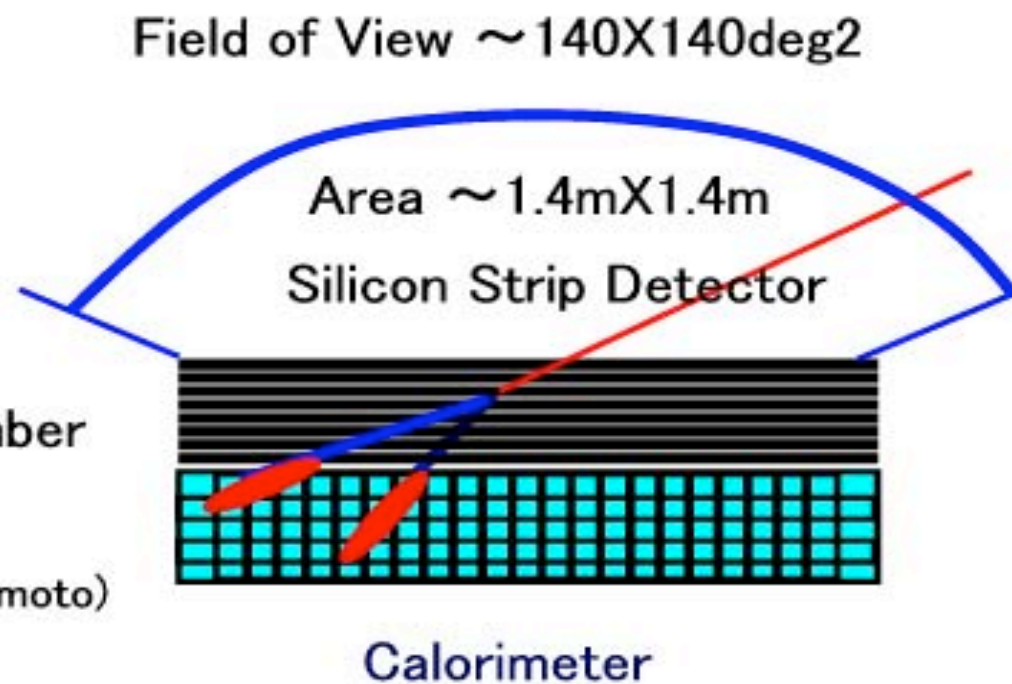


- Track the satellite: <http://observatory.tamu.edu:8080/Trakker>
- Watch Fermi as it orbits over you home town:  
[http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/GLAST/news/glast\\_online.html](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/GLAST/news/glast_online.html)

# EGRET(Spark Chamber) VS. GLAST(Silicon Strip Detector)



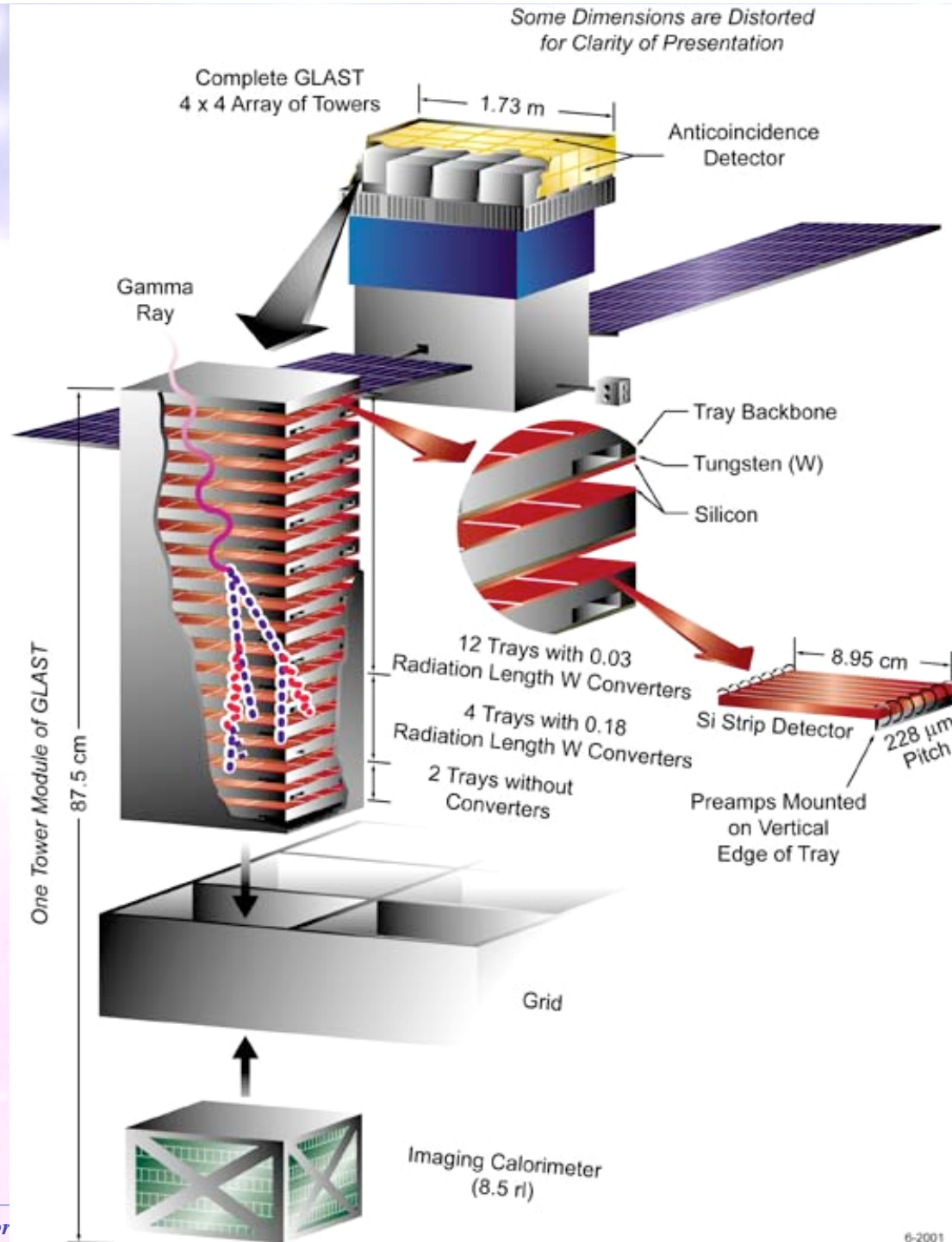
EGRET on Compton GRO  
(1991-2000)

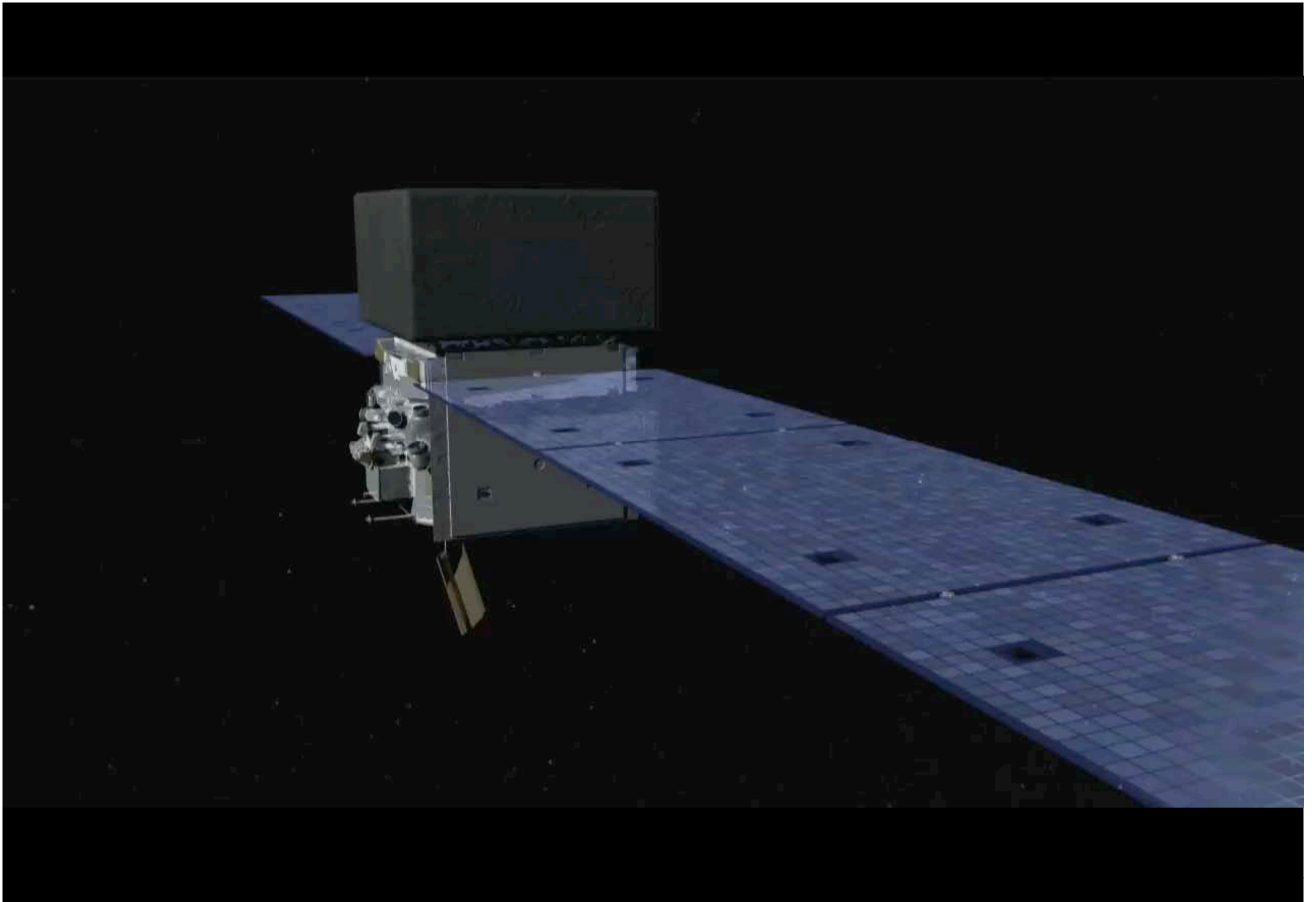


GLAST Large Area Telescope  
(2006-2015)

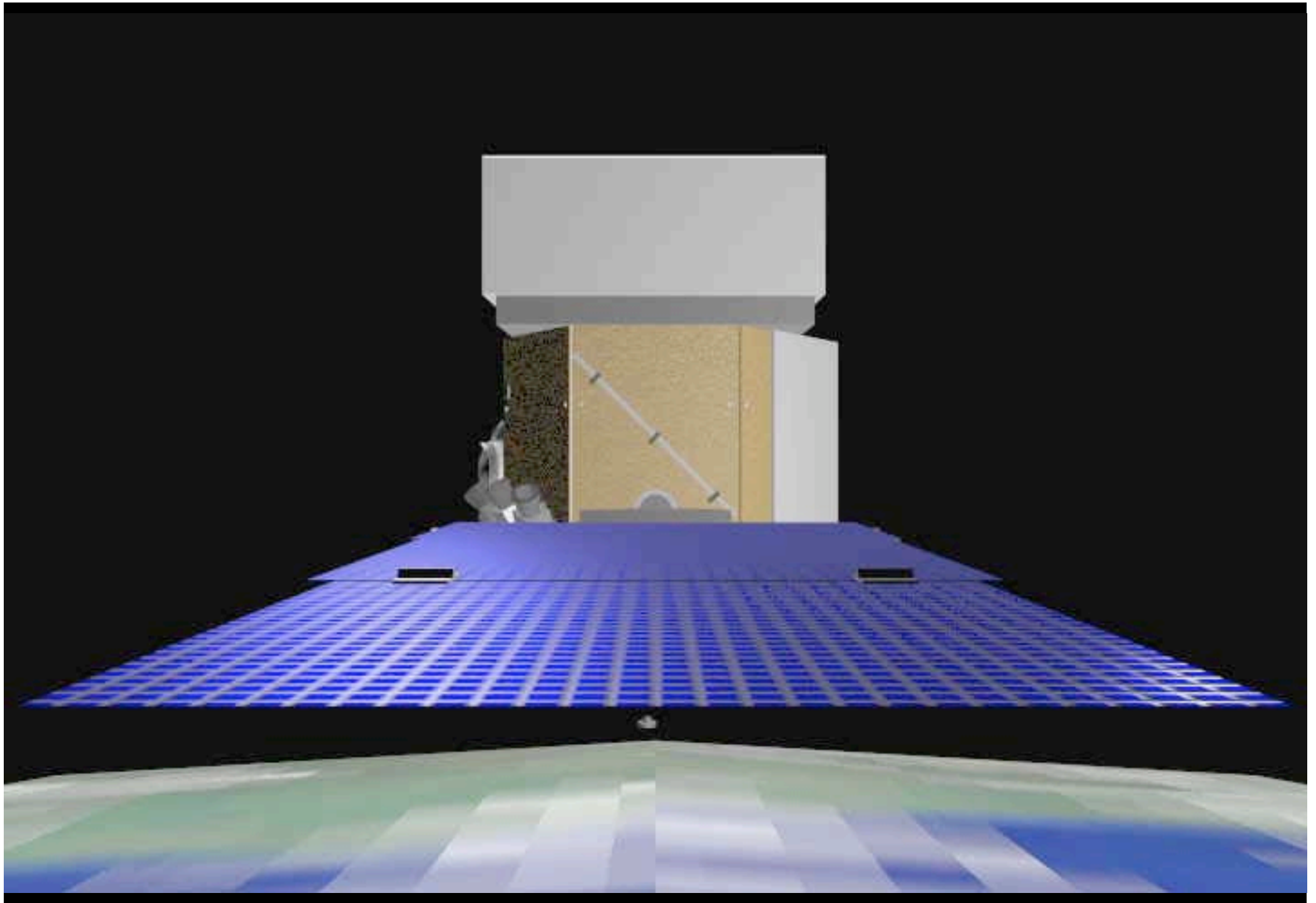
# Gamma-Ray Large Area Space Telescope

## GLAST Scheme

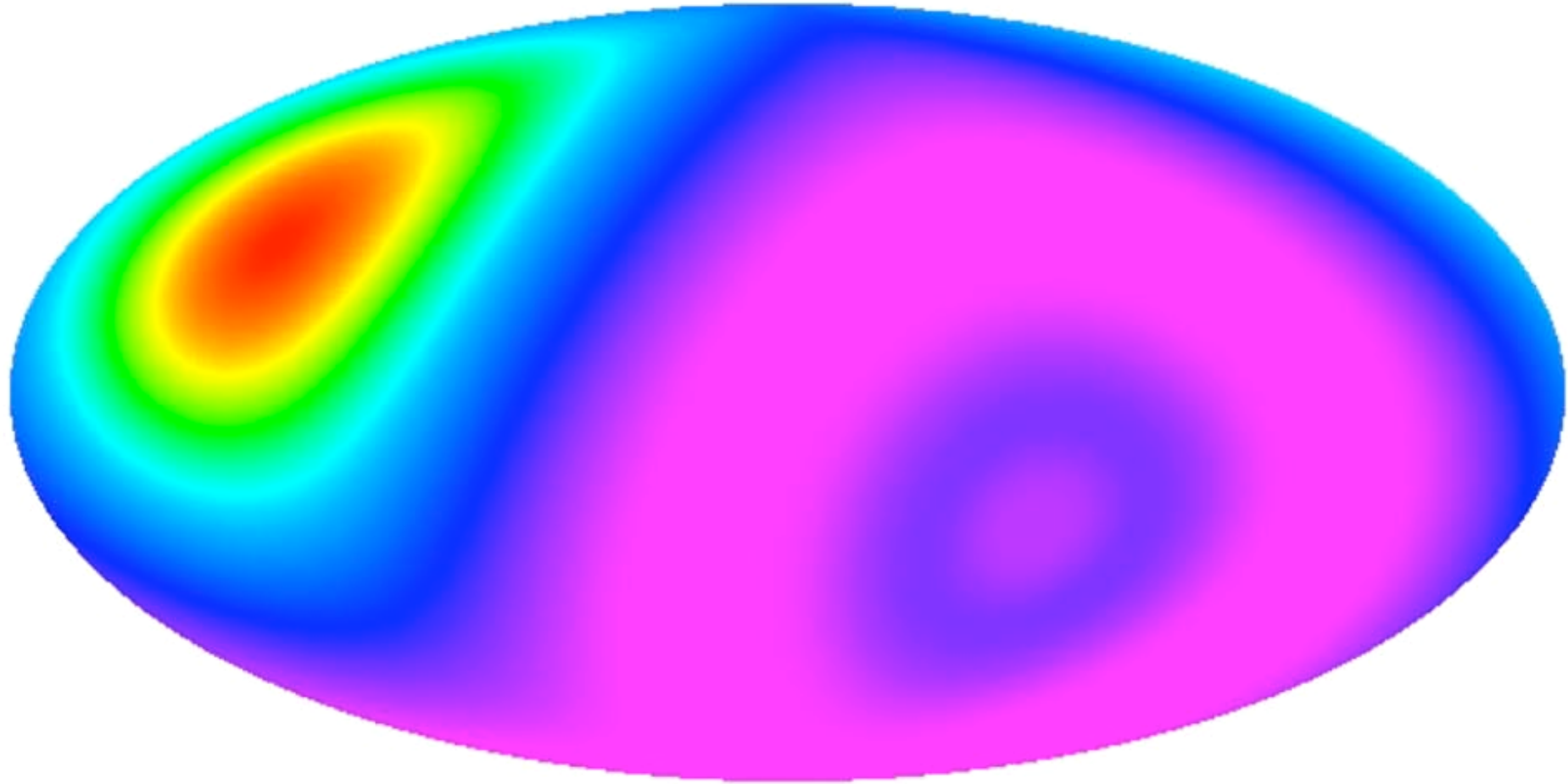








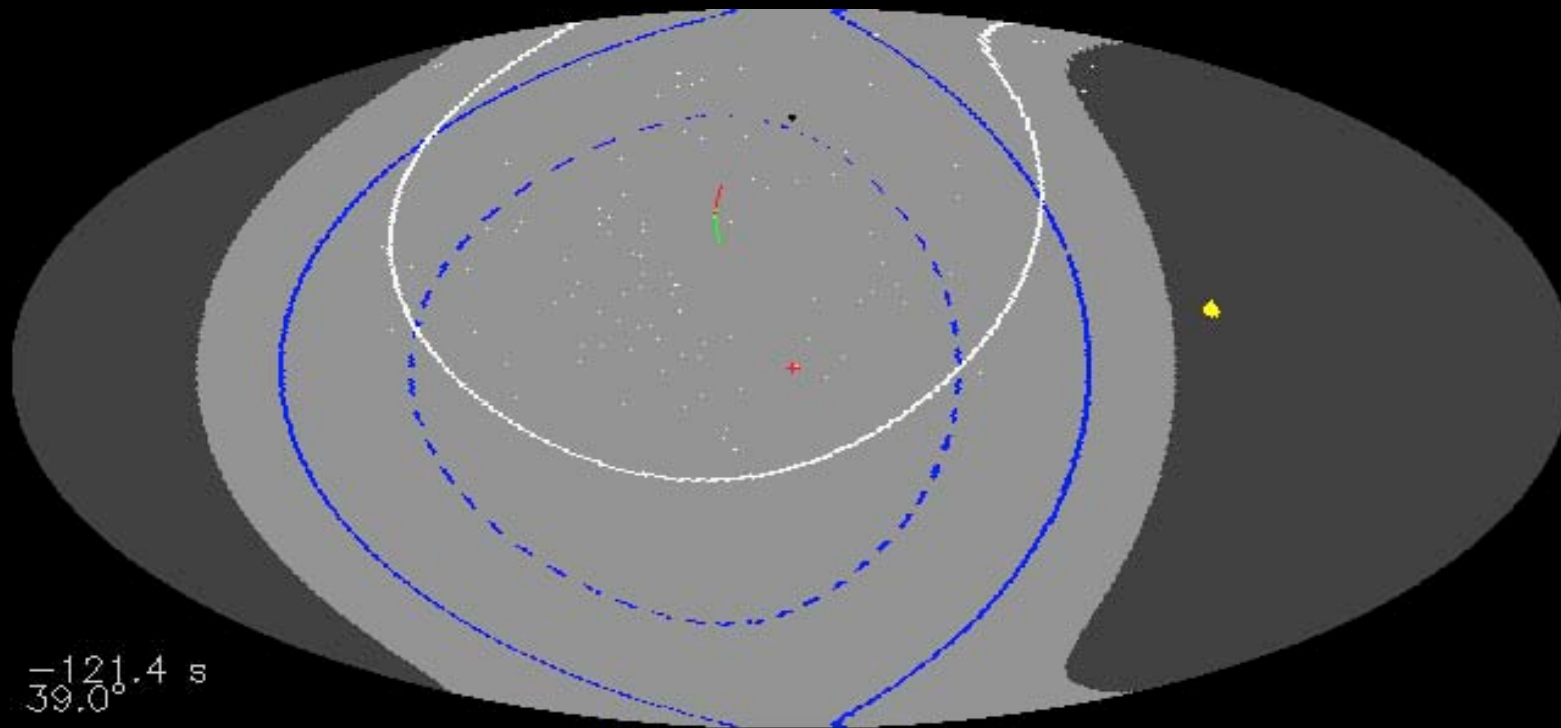
# Simulated Fermi LAT exposure for five years of all-sky scanning at 100 GeV



# GRB 090902B - Autonomous Repoint Request

LAT pointing in celestial coordinates from -120 s to 2000 s

- Red cross = GRB 090902B
- Dark region = occulted by Earth ( $\theta_z > 113^\circ$ )
- White line = LAT FoV ( $\pm 66^\circ$ )
- Blue lines =  $20^\circ$  (Earth avoidance angle) /  $50^\circ$  above horizon
- White points = LAT transient events (no cut on zenith angle)

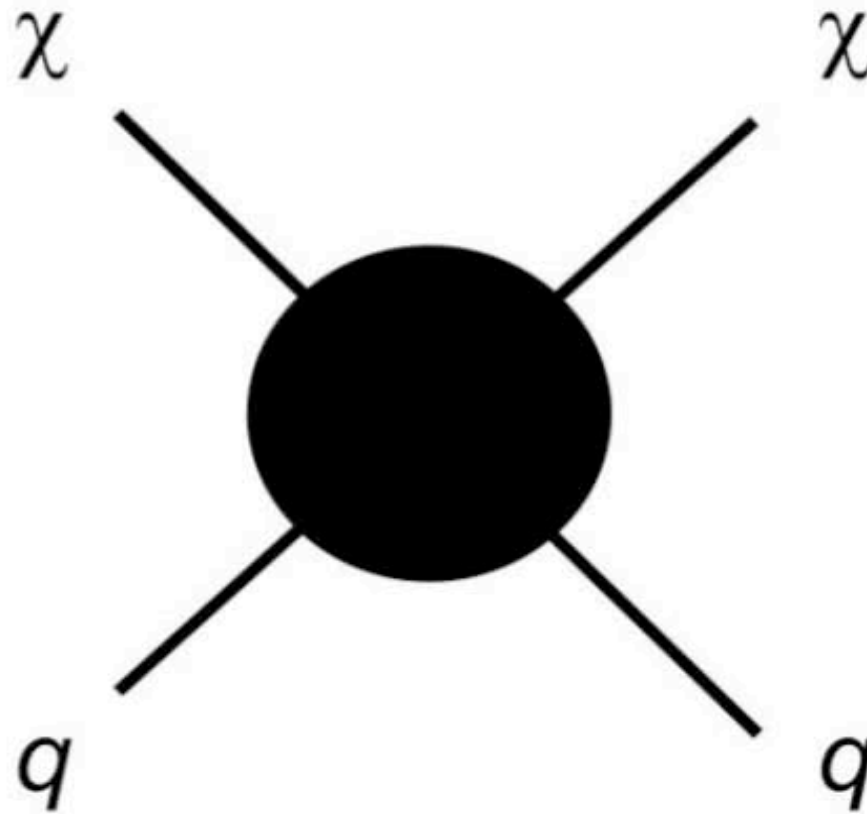


Public data → GRB090902B paper submitted to ApJL, arXiv:0909.2470



# Dark Matter Search

Efficient annihilation now  
(Indirect detection)



Efficient production now  
(Particle colliders)



Efficient scattering now  
(Direct detection)



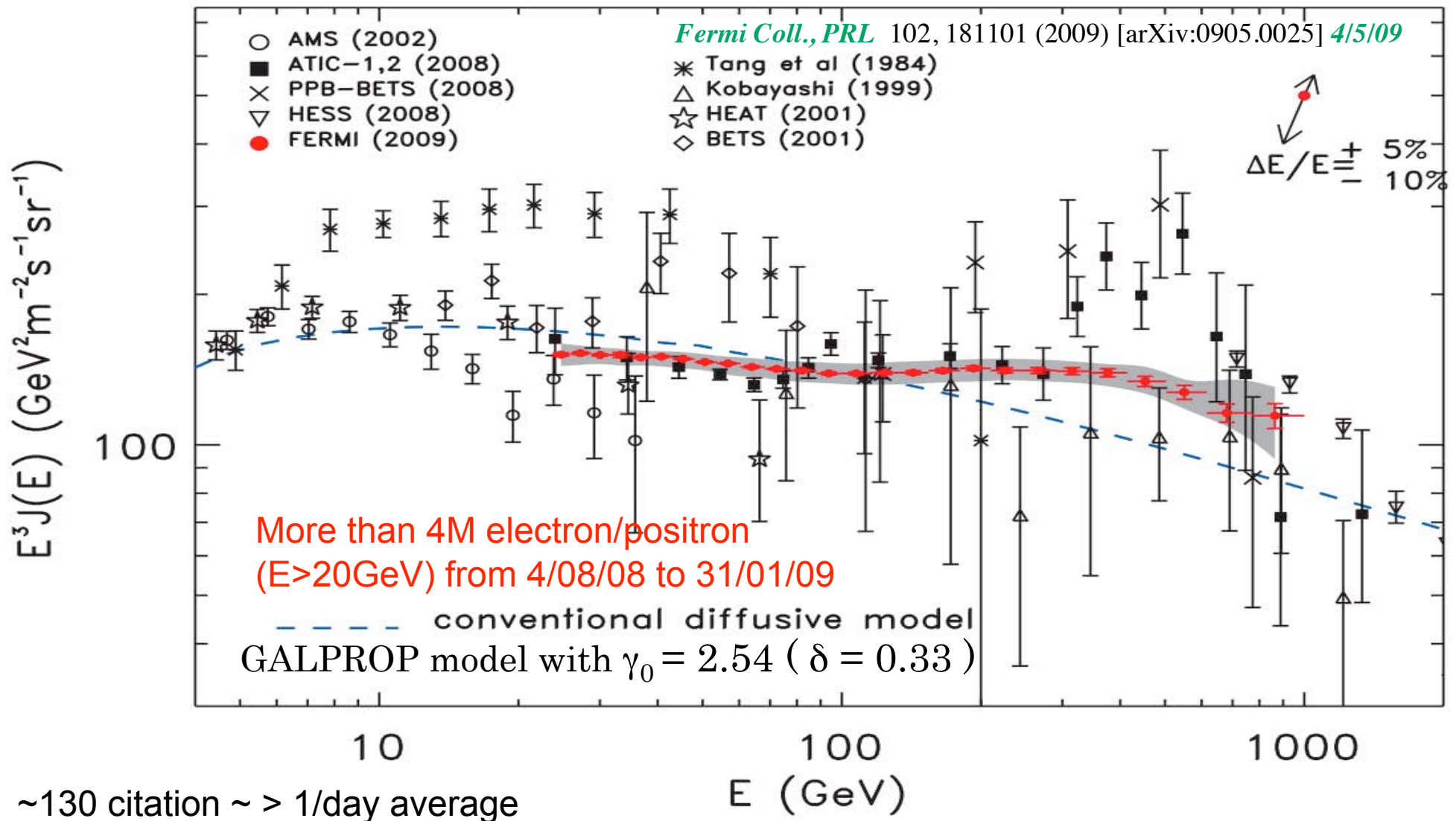
# Neutralino WIMPs



Assume  $\chi$  present in the galactic halo

- $\chi$  is its own antiparticle  $\Rightarrow$  can annihilate in galactic halo producing gamma-rays, antiprotons, positrons....
- Antimatter not produced in large quantities through standard processes (secondary production through  $p + p \rightarrow \text{anti } p + X$ )
- So, any extra contribution from exotic sources ( $\chi \chi$  annihilation) is an interesting signature
- ie:  $\chi \chi \rightarrow \text{anti } p + X$
- Produced from (e. g.)  $\chi \chi \rightarrow q / g / \text{gauge boson} / \text{Higgs boson}$  and subsequent decay and/ or hadronisation.

# Fermi-LAT CRE data vs the conventional *pre-Fermi* model



Although the feature @~600 GeV measured by ATIC is not confirmed  
Some changes are still needed respect to the *pre-Fermi* conventional model

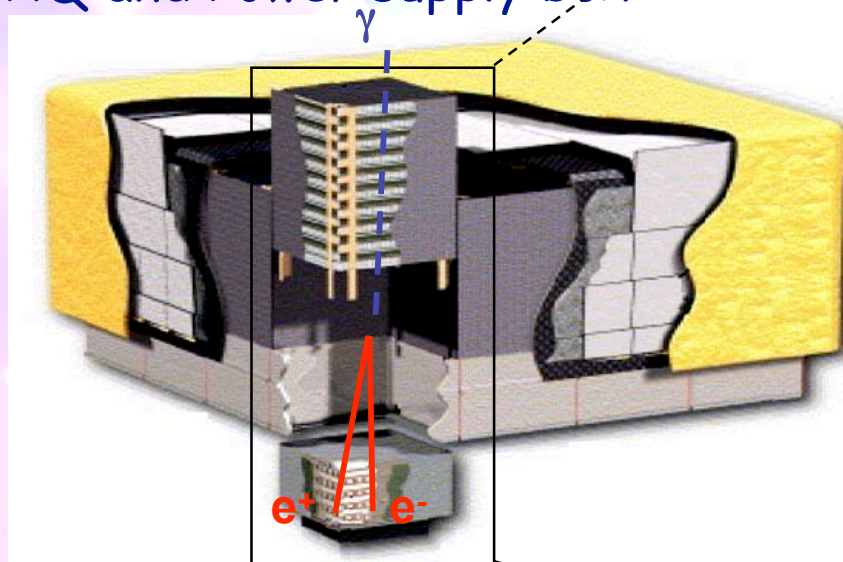




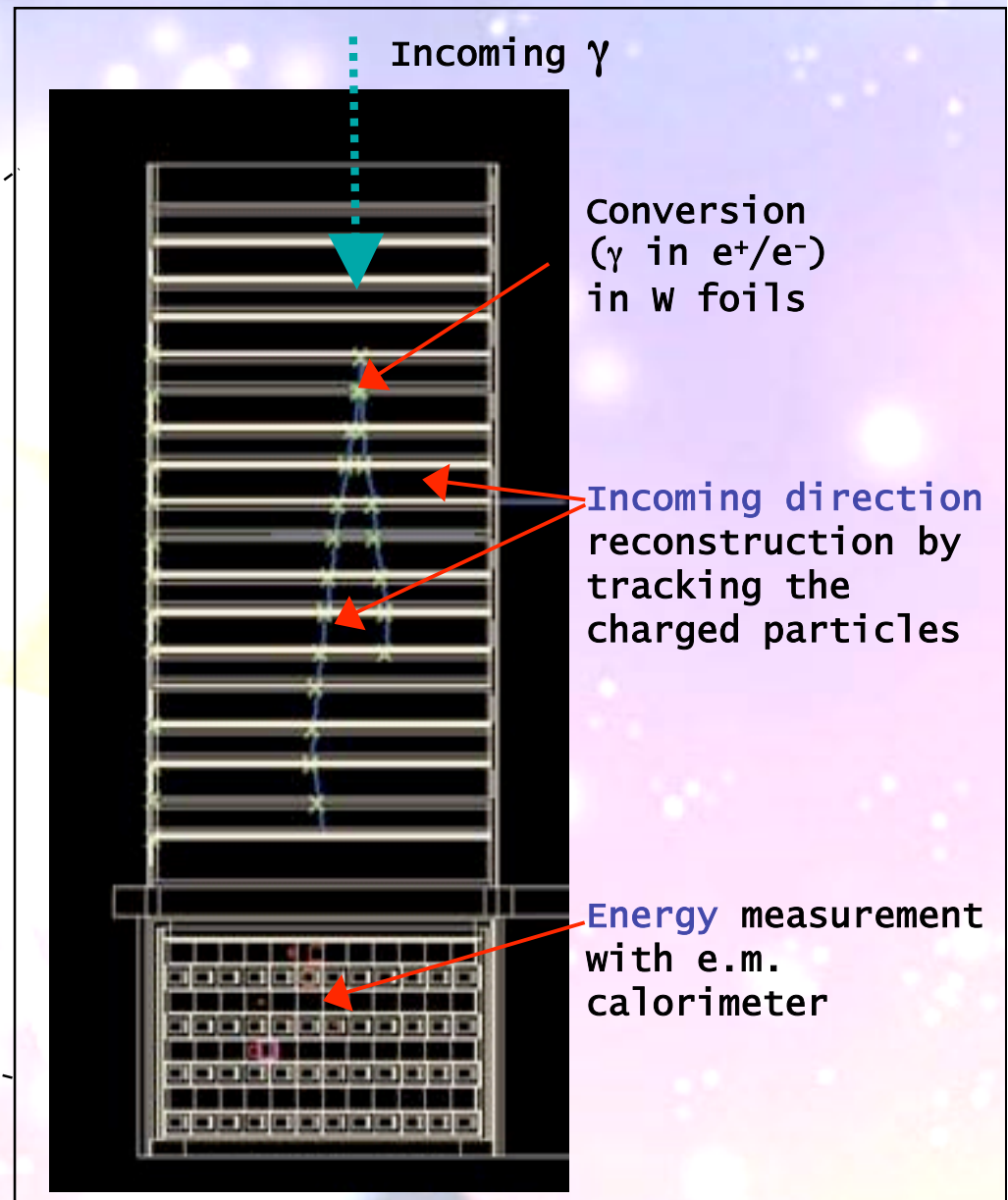
# How Fermi LAT detects gamma rays

4 x 4 array of identical towers with:

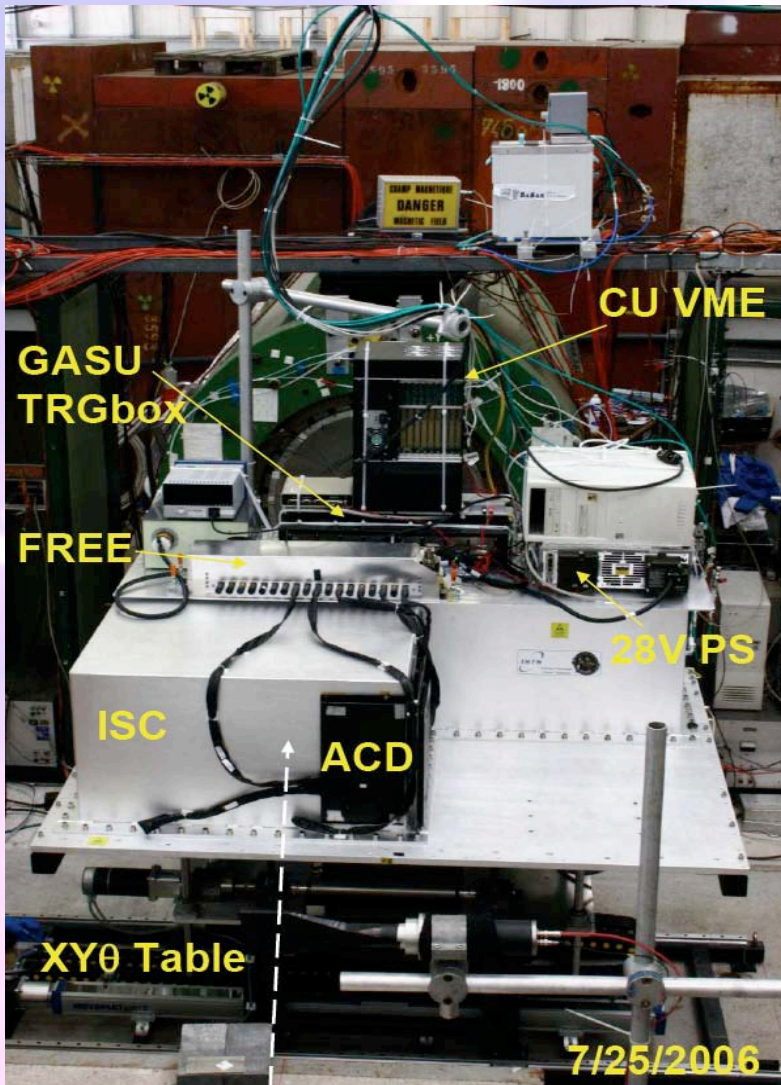
- Precision Si-strip tracker (**TKR**)
  - With W converter foils
- Hodoscopic CsI calorimeter (**CAL**)
- DAQ and Power supply box



An anticoincidence detector around the telescope distinguishes gamma-rays from charged particles



# The CERN Beam Test Campaign



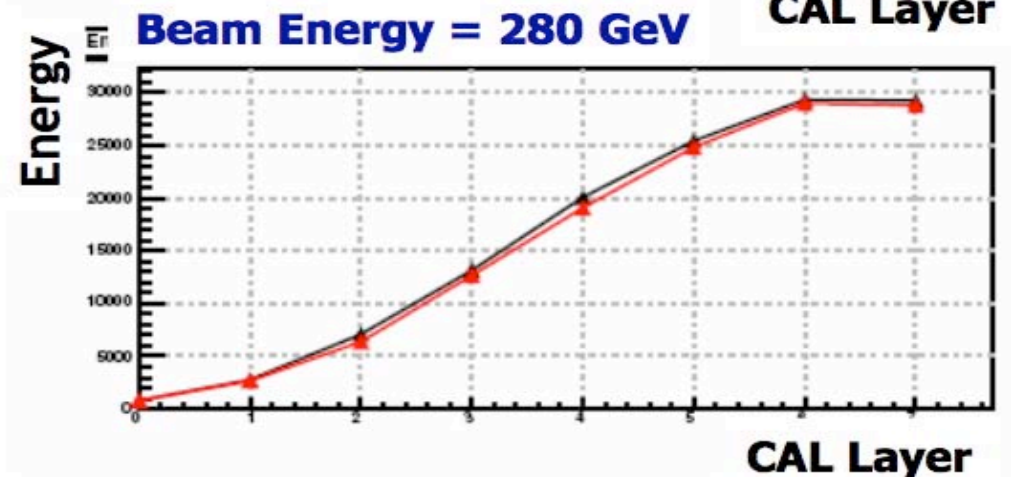
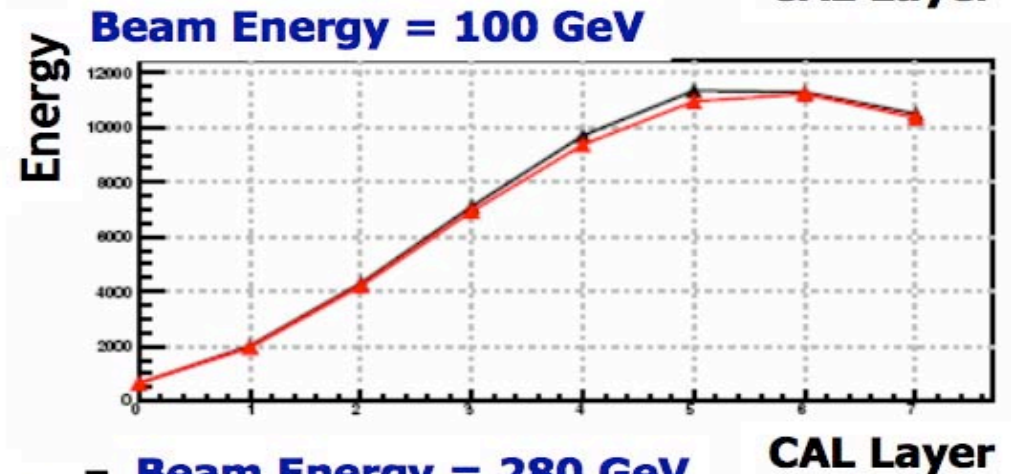
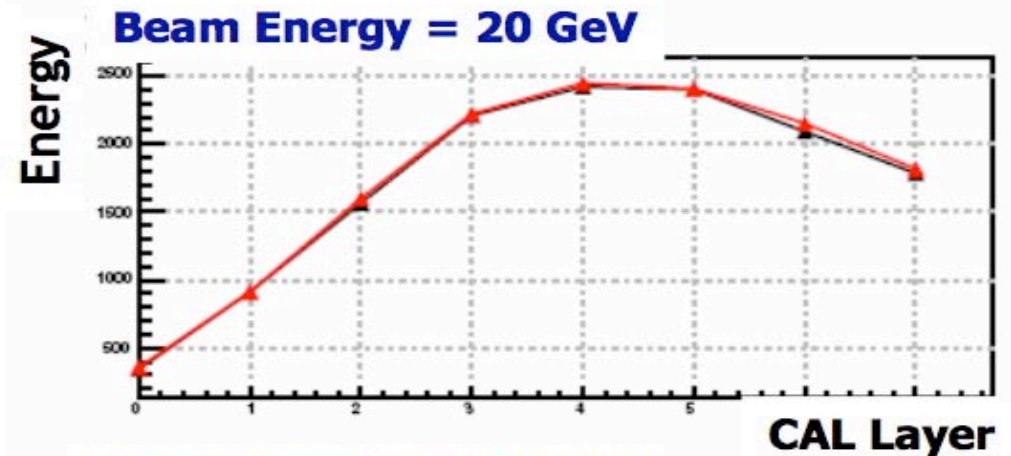
- 4 weeks at PS/T9 area (26/7-23/8)
  - Gammas @ 0-2.5 GeV
  - Electrons @ 1,5 GeV
  - Positrons @ 1 GeV (through MMS)
  - Protons @ 6,10 GeV (w/ & w/o MMS)
- 11 days at SPS/H4 area (4/9-15/9)
  - Electrons @ 10,20,50,100,200,280 GeV
  - Protons @ 20,100 GeV
  - Pions @ 20 GeV
- Data, data, data...
  - 1700 runs, 94M processed events
  - 330 configurations (particle, energy, angle, impact position)
  - Mass simulation
- A very dedicated team
  - 60 people worked at CERN
  - Whole collaboration represented

# Energy reconstruction

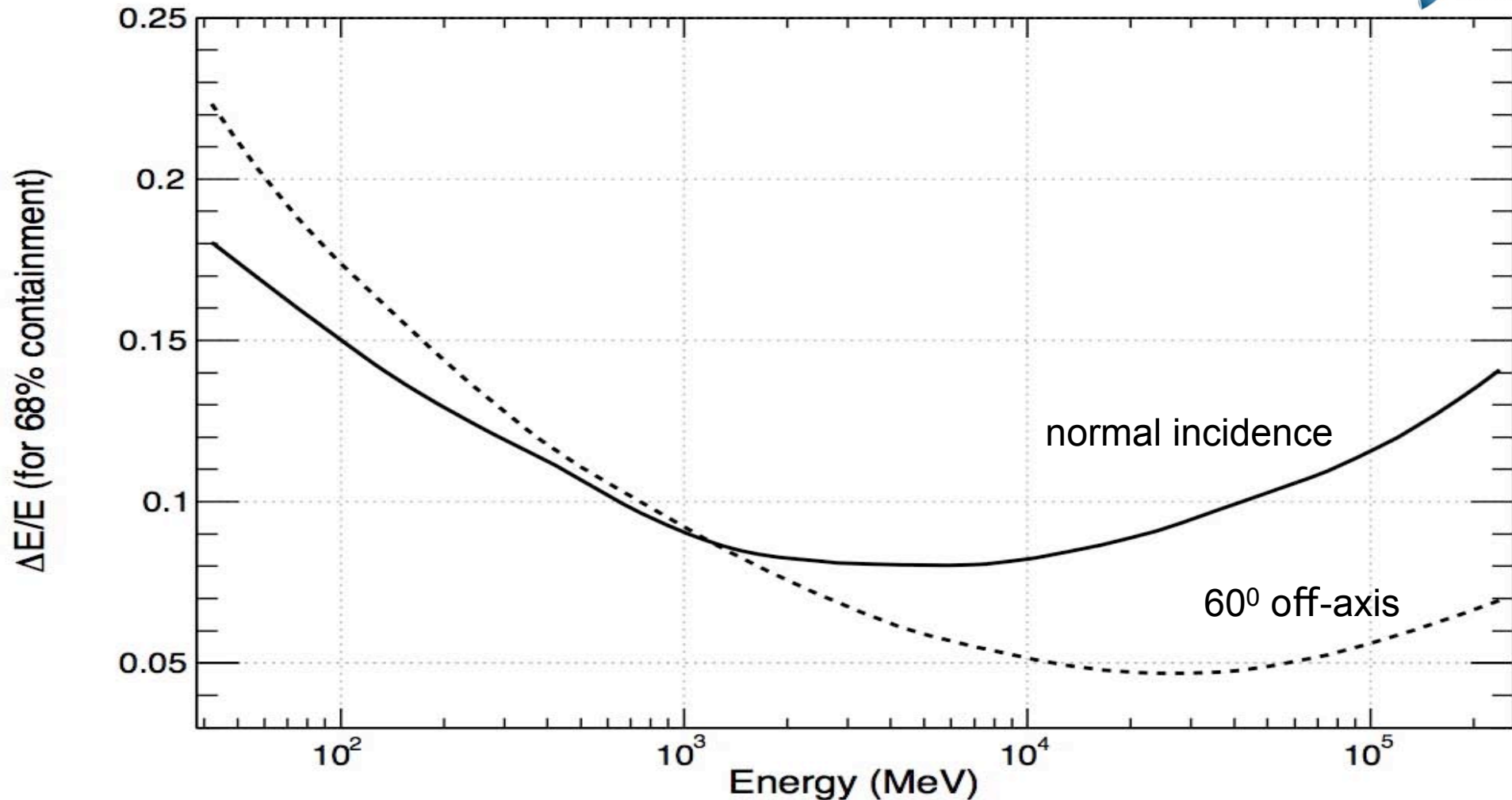
Reconstruction of the most probable value for the event energy:

- based on calibration of the response of each of 1536 calorimeter crystals
- energy reconstruction is optimized for each event
- calorimeter imaging capability is heavily used for fitting shower profile
- tested at CERN beams up to 280 GeV with the LAT Calibration Unit

Very good agreement between shower profile in beam test data (red) and Monte Carlo (black)



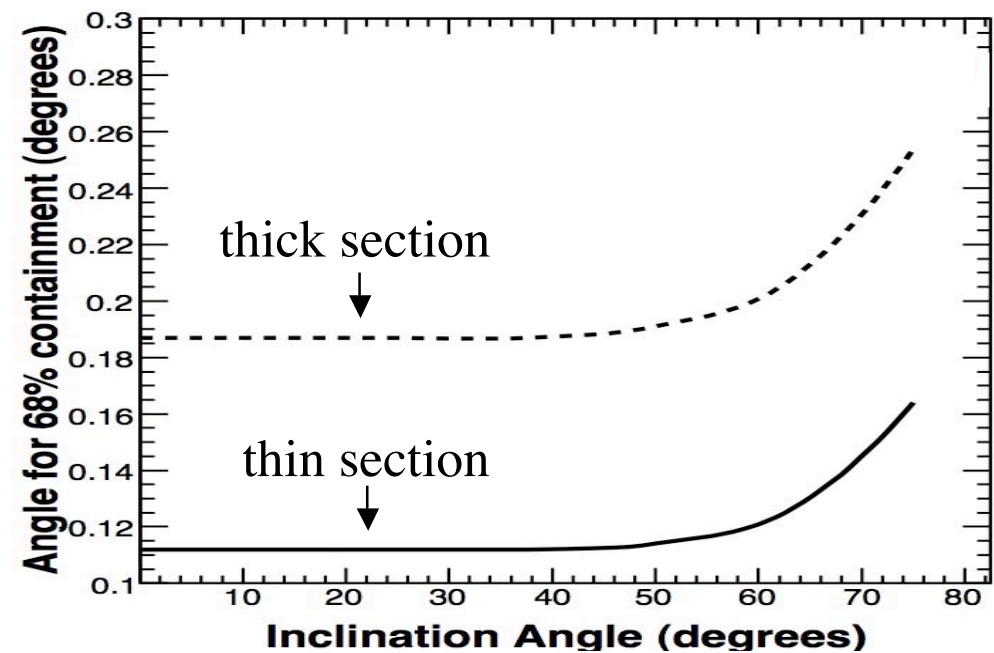
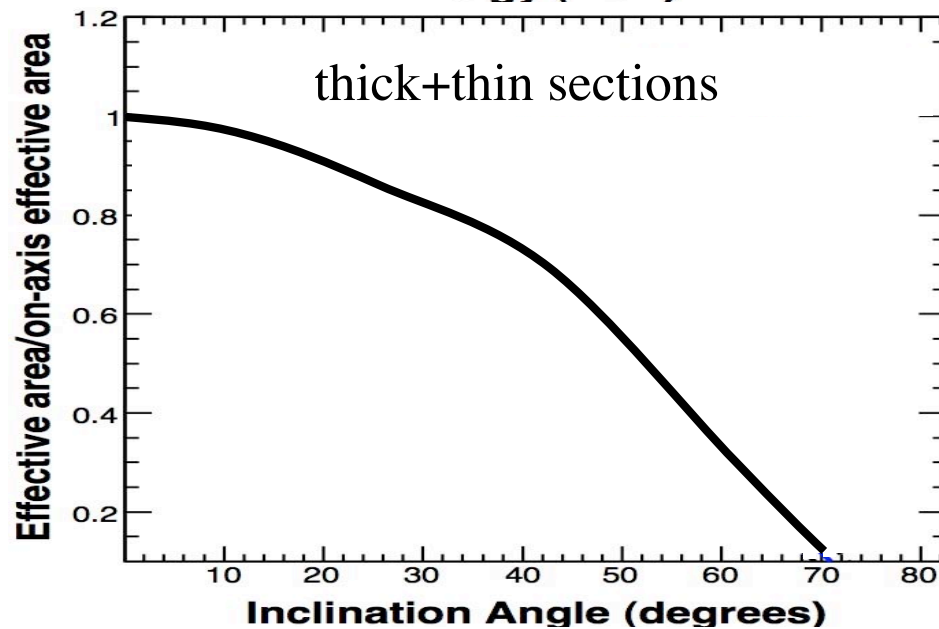
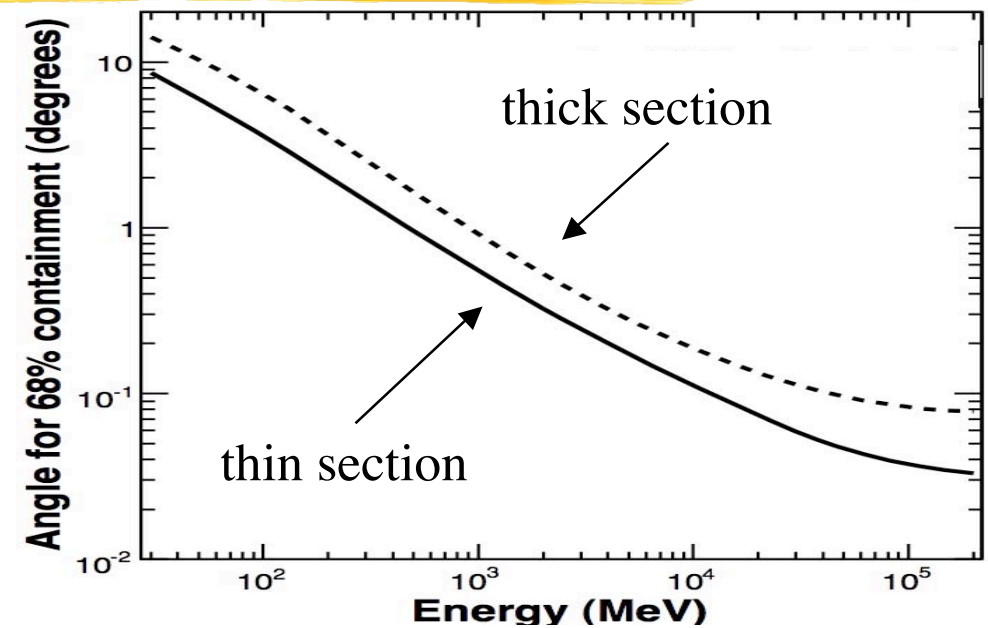
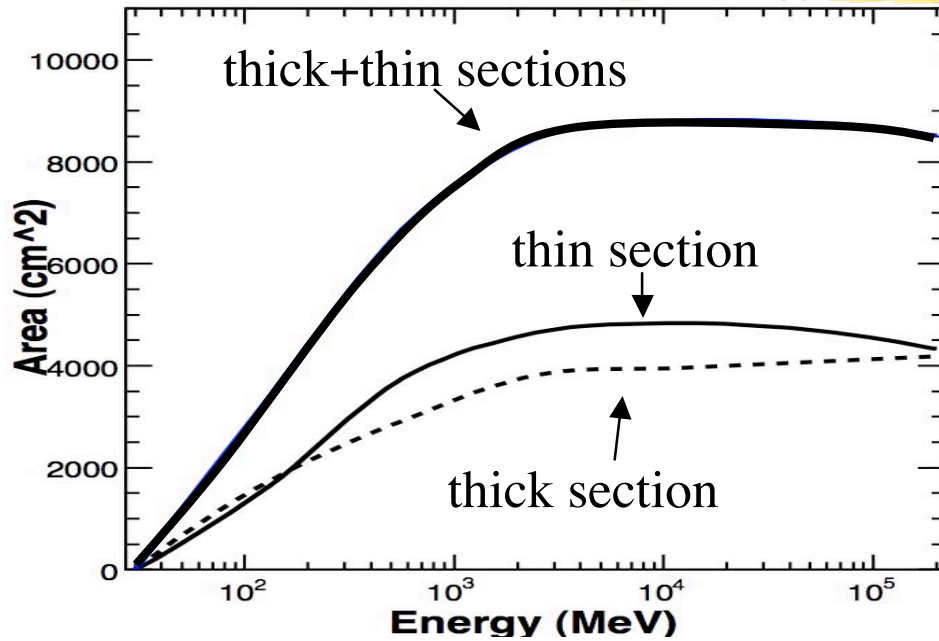
# Energy Resolution



The LAT sensitivity extends to higher energies ( $> 300$  GeV) than that of any previous space-based gamma-ray mission, opening the unexplored energy range above 30 GeV. The energy range of the LAT will overlap those of the next generation ground-based TeV gamma-ray instruments, allowing for inter-calibration between the LAT and these instruments.



# Fermi LAT MC Derived Performance



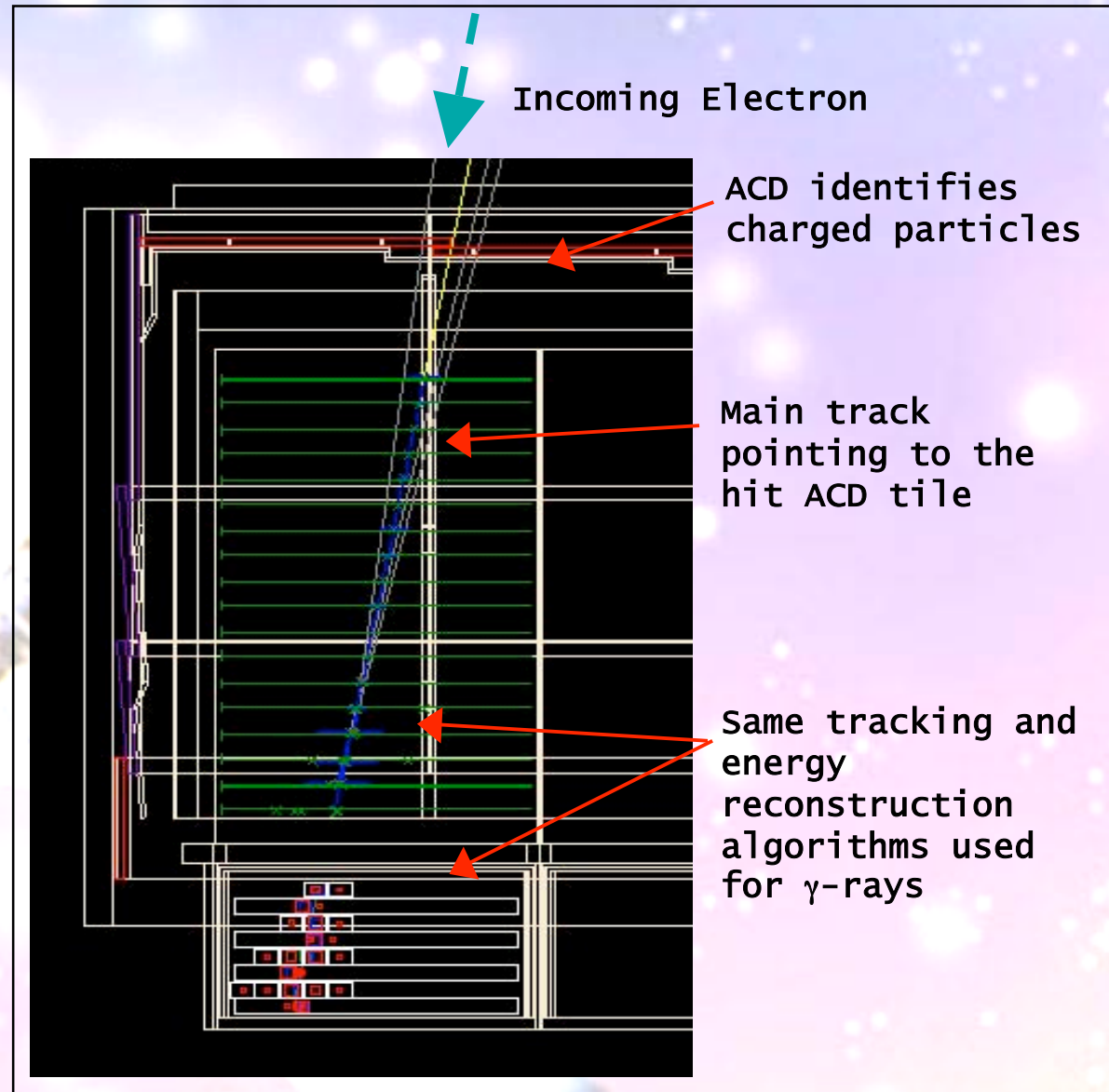
# How Fermi LAT detects electrons

## Trigger and downlink

- LAT triggers on (almost) every particle that crosses the LAT
  - ~ 2.2 kHz trigger rate
- On board processing removes many charged particles events
  - But keeps events with more than 20 GeV of deposited energy in the CAL
  - ~ 400 Hz downlink rate
- Only ~1 Hz are good  $\gamma$ -rays

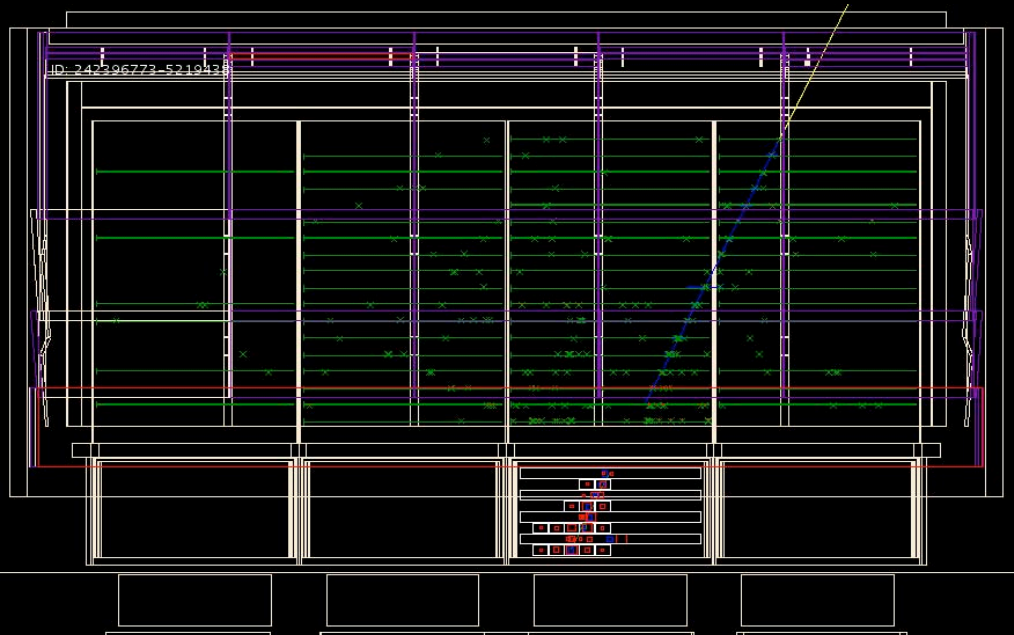
## Electron identification

- The challenge is identifying the good electrons among the proton background
  - Rejection power of  $10^3$  -  $10^4$  required
  - Can not separate electrons from positrons



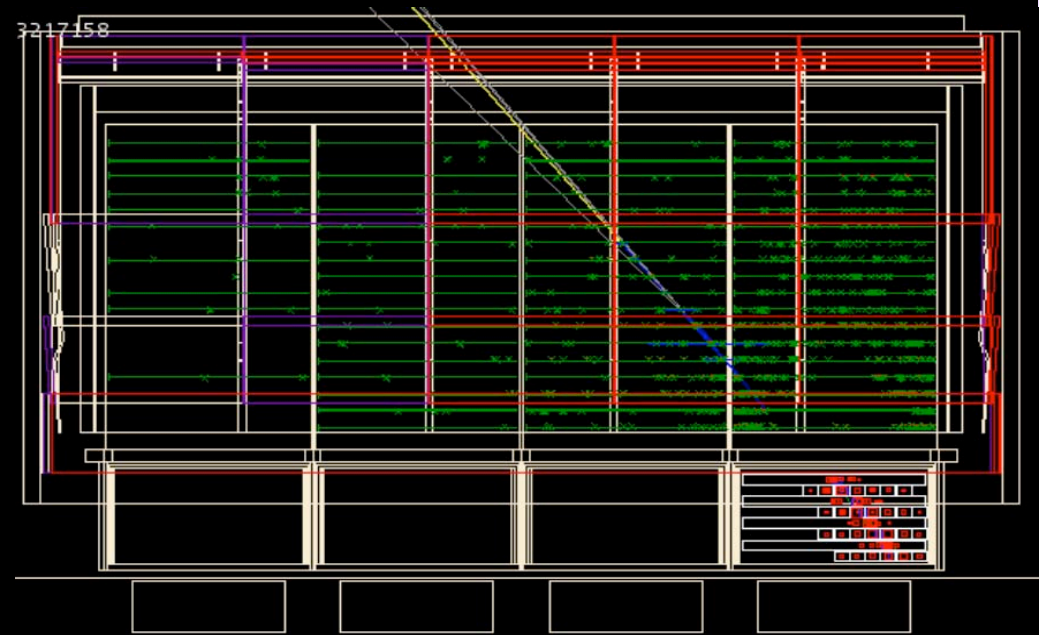
# Event topology

**A candidate electron  
(recon energy 844 GeV)**



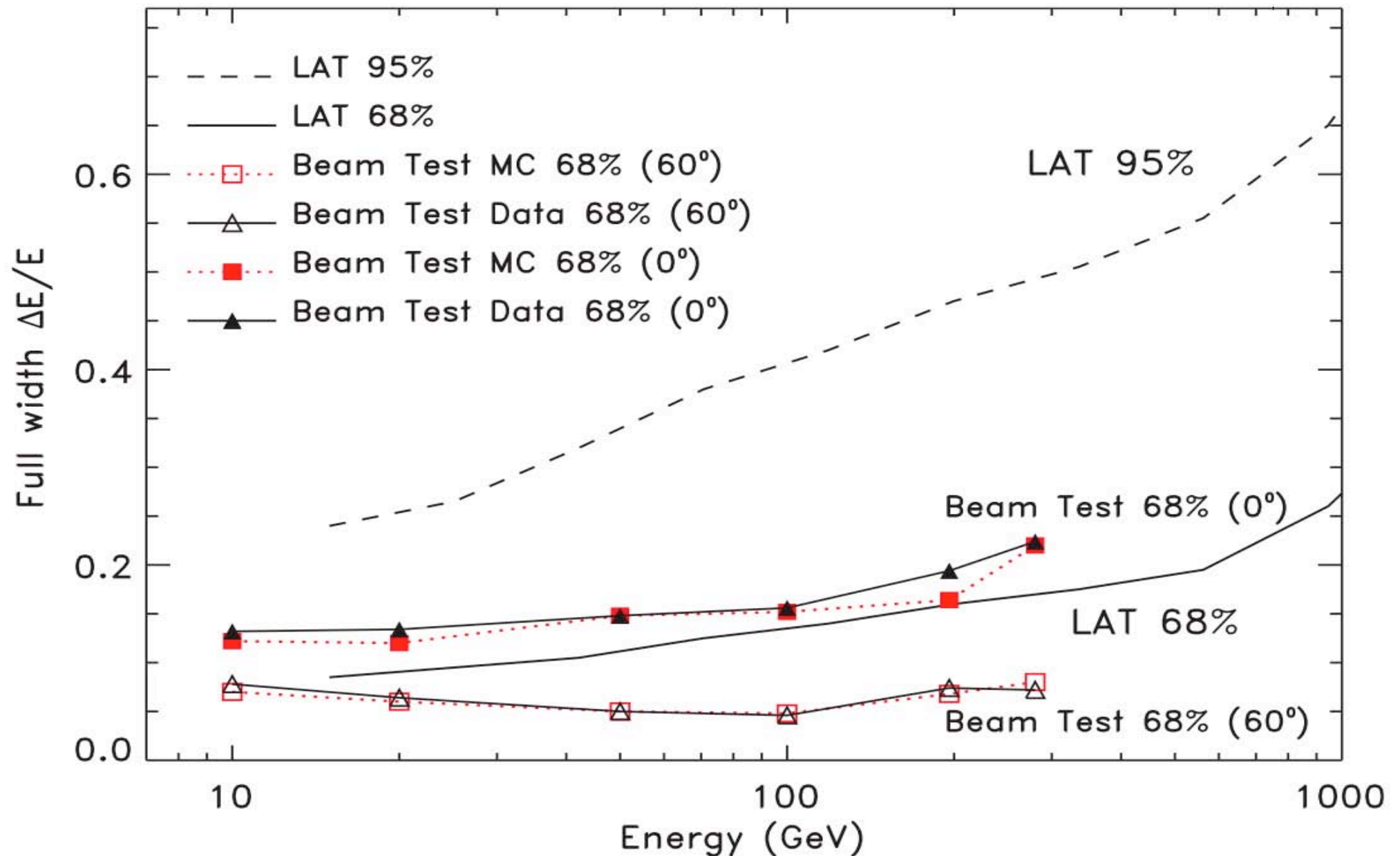
- TKR: clean main track with extra-clusters very close to the track
- CAL: clean EM shower profile, not fully contained
- ACD: few hits in conjunction with the track

**A candidate hadron  
(raw energy > 800 GeV)**



- TKR: small number of extra clusters around main track
- CAL: large and asymmetric shower profile
- ACD: large energy deposit per tile

# Fermi LAT Energy resolution for electrons



# Energy resolution checks - High X0 events

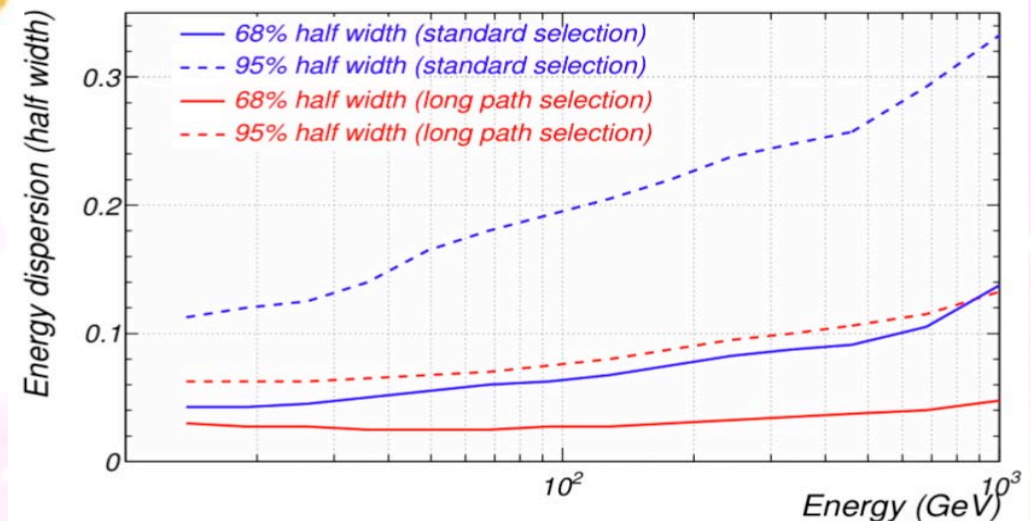
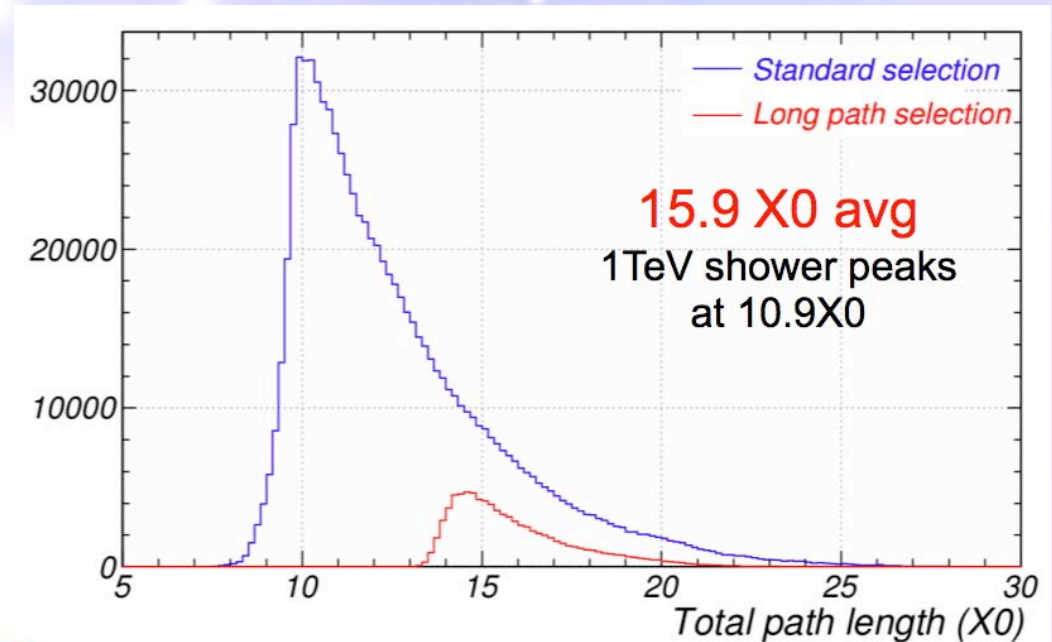
Select subsample of events with long path-length (HI-X0)  $X_0 > 13$

12 X0 in CAL + minimum track length in TKR + events contained in a single CAL module

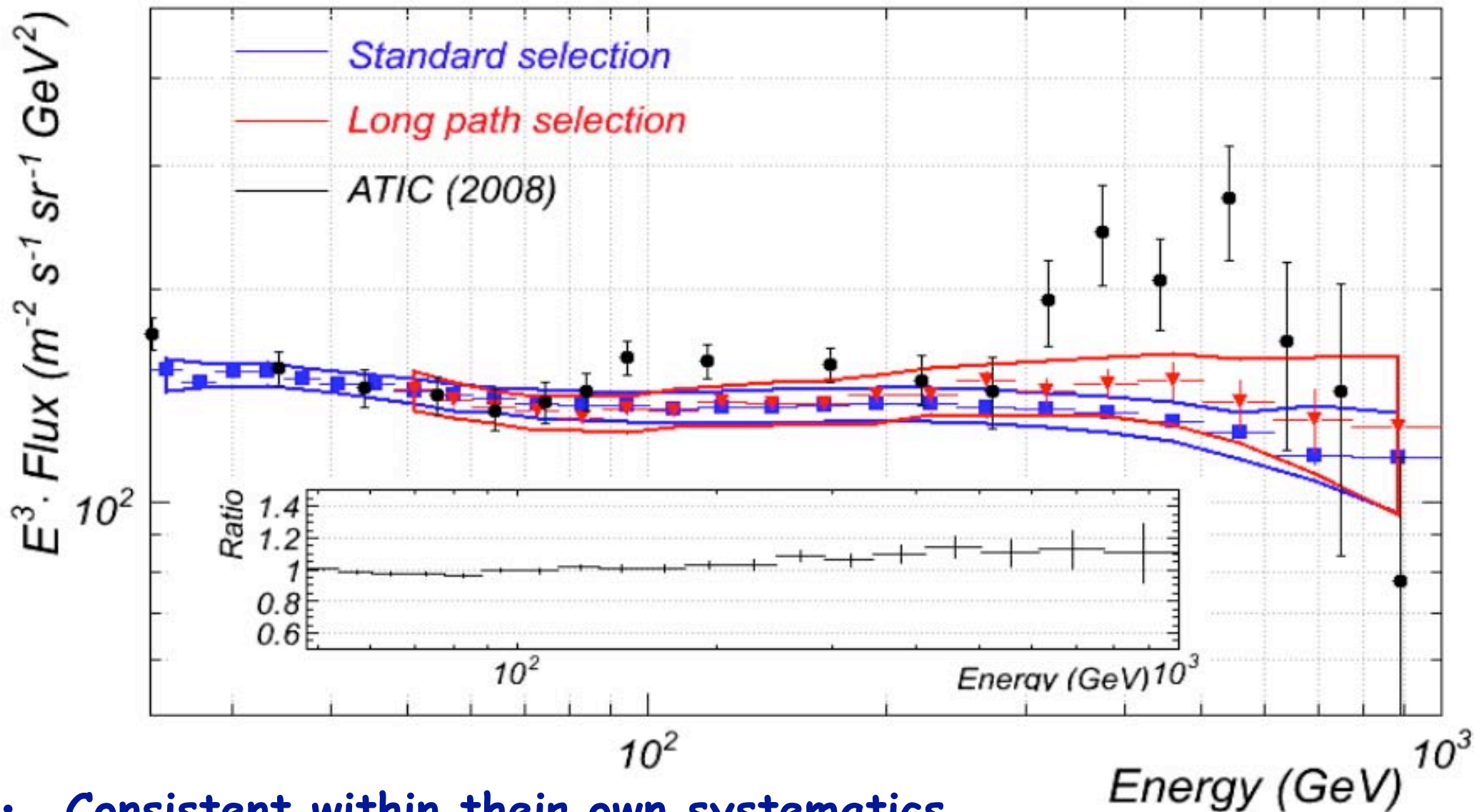
Energy resolution Down to 5% at 1 TeV (68% containment half-width) 😊

Instrument acceptance to ~ 5% of standard and limited to a specific portion of instrument phase space

-> **Much higher systematics** 🏠

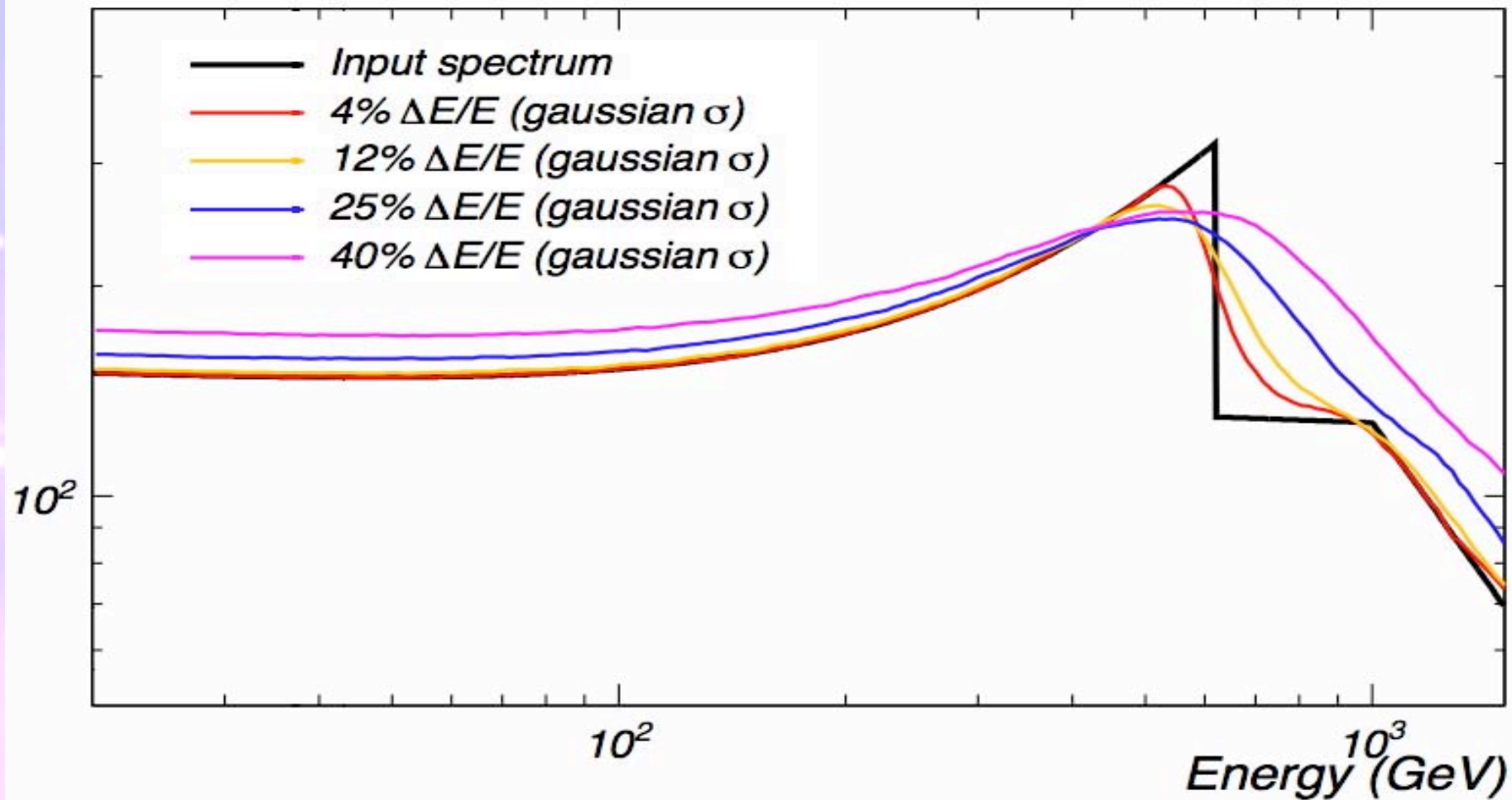


# Comparison of standard and high-X0 spectra



- Consistent within their own systematics

# Simulation of LAT response to spectral features with artificially worsened resolution

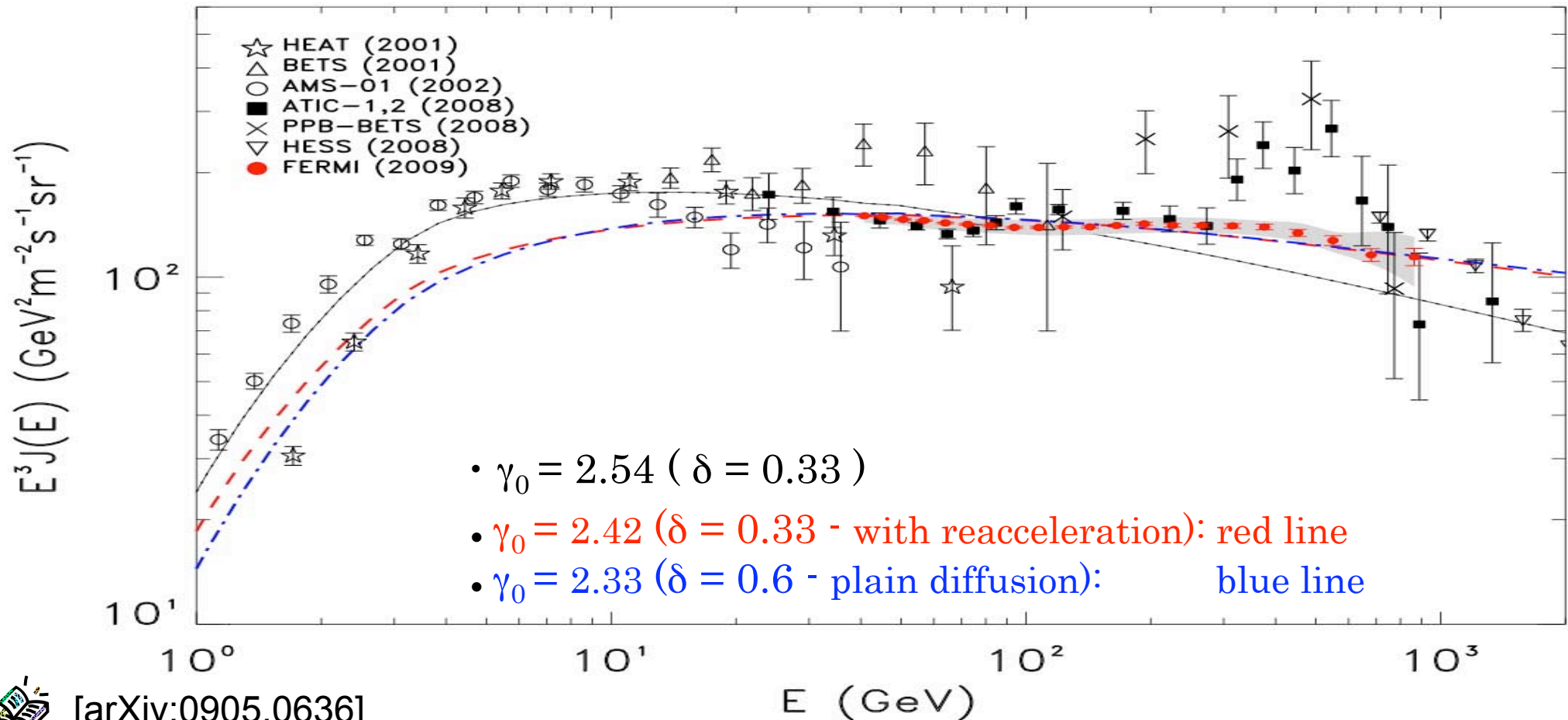


- the Fermi LAT energy resolution is adequate to detect prominent spectral features
- the Fermi spectrum is NOT dependent on the energy resolution of the bulk of the events





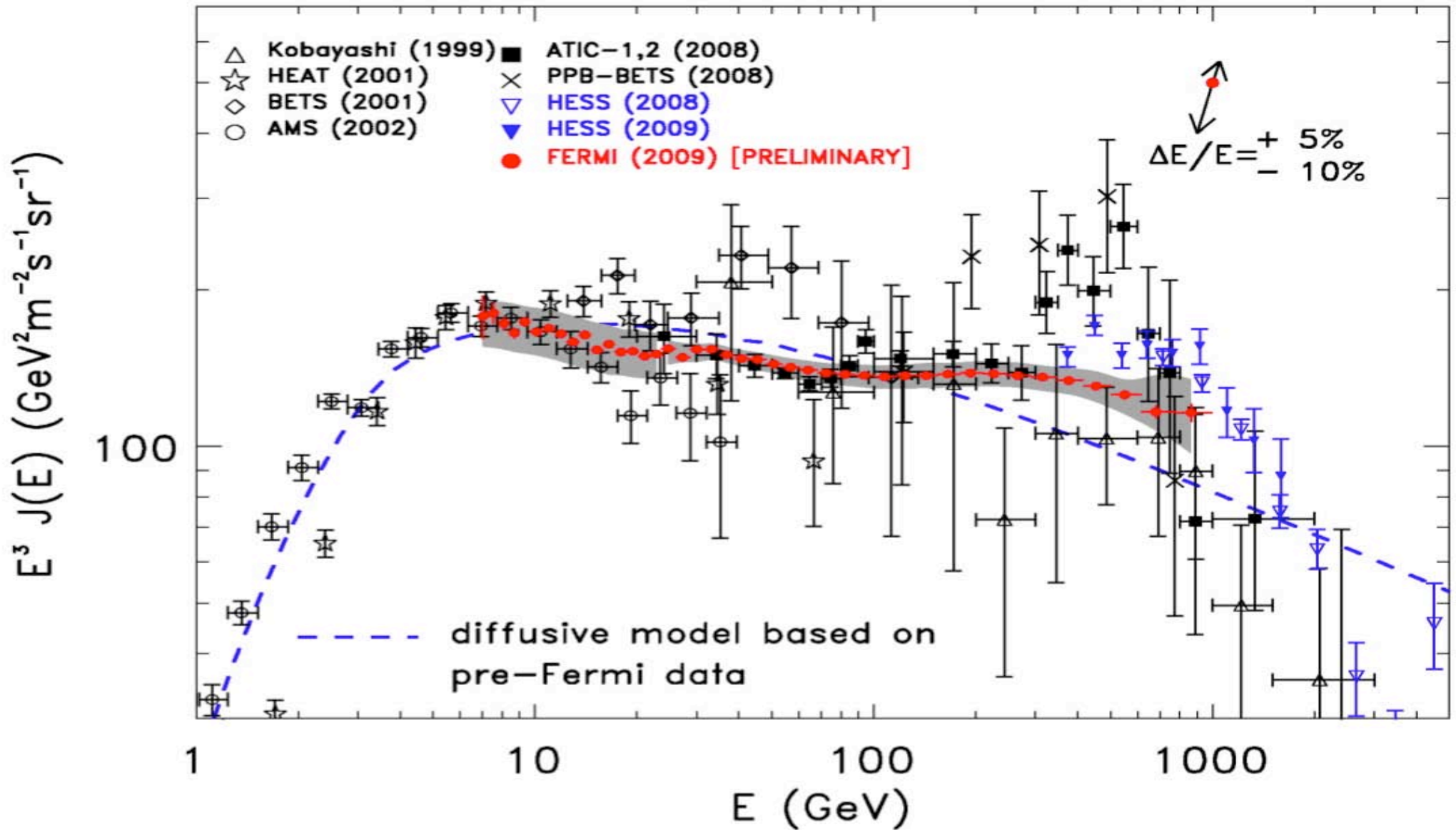
# Cosmic Ray Electron propagation models



Model #	$D_0$ ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\delta$	$z_h$ (kpc)	$\gamma_0$	$N_{e^-}$ ( $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1} \text{GeV}^{-1}$ )	$\gamma_0^p$
0	$3.6 \times 10^{28}$	0.33	4	2.54	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	2.42
1	$3.6 \times 10^{28}$	0.33	4	2.42	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	2.42
2	$1.3 \times 10^{28}$	0.60	4	2.33	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	2.1

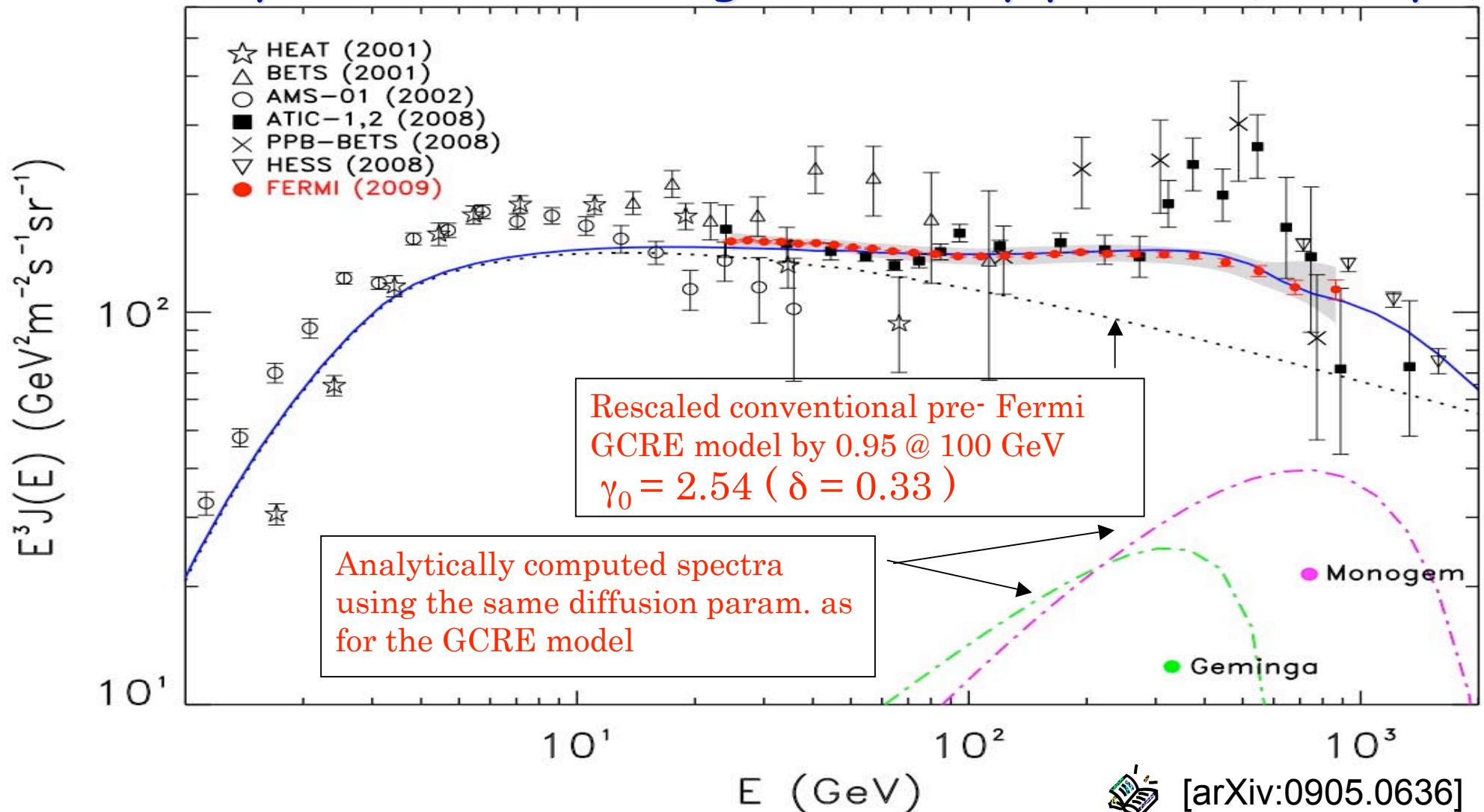
Models 0 and 1 account for CR re-acceleration in the ISM, while 2 is a plain-diffusion model. All models assume  $\gamma_0 = 1.6$  below 4 GeV.

# new : Fermi Electron + Positron spectrum in October 2009



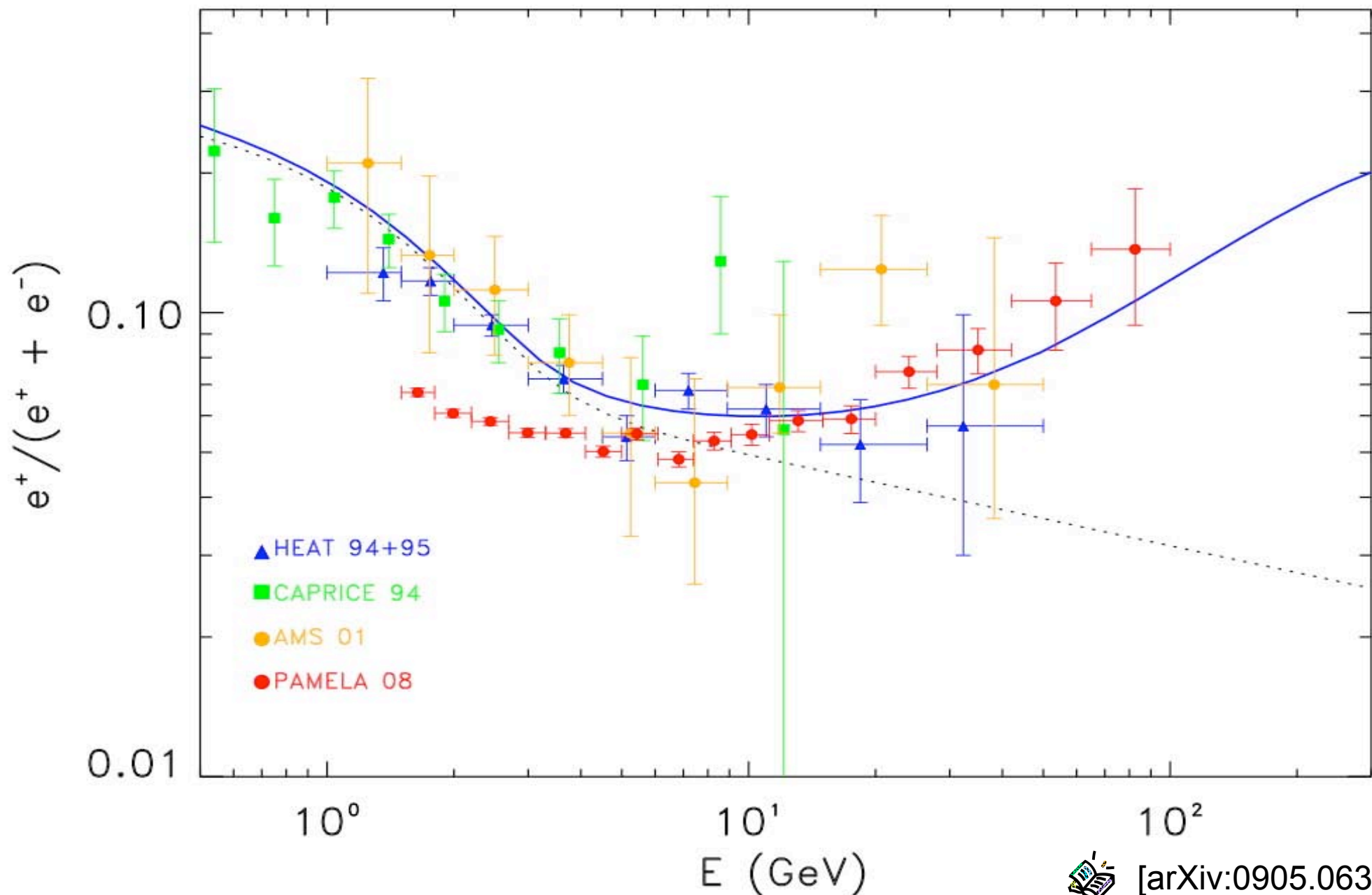
Extended Energy Range (7 GeV – 1 TeV) One year statistics (8M evts)

# The CRE spectrum accounting for nearby pulsars ( $d < 1$ kpc)



This particular model assumes: 40%  $e^\pm$  conversion efficiency for each pulsar  
 • pulsar spectral index  $\Gamma = 1.7$   $E_{\text{cut}} = 1$  TeV . Delay = 60 kyr

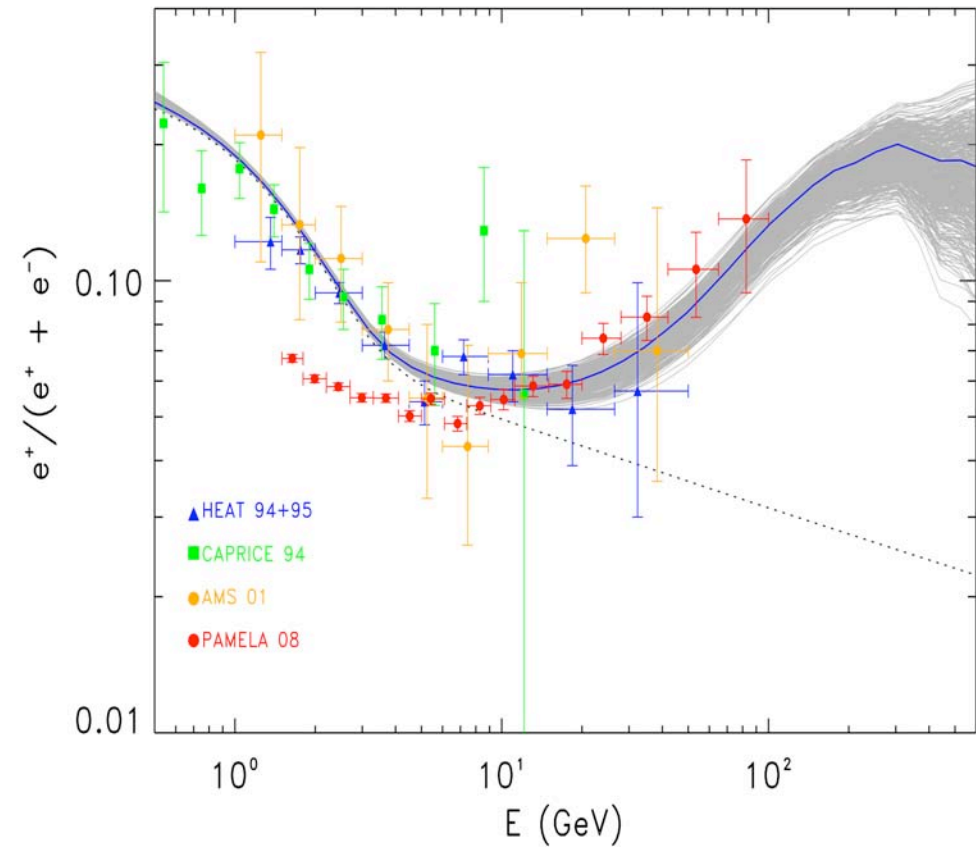
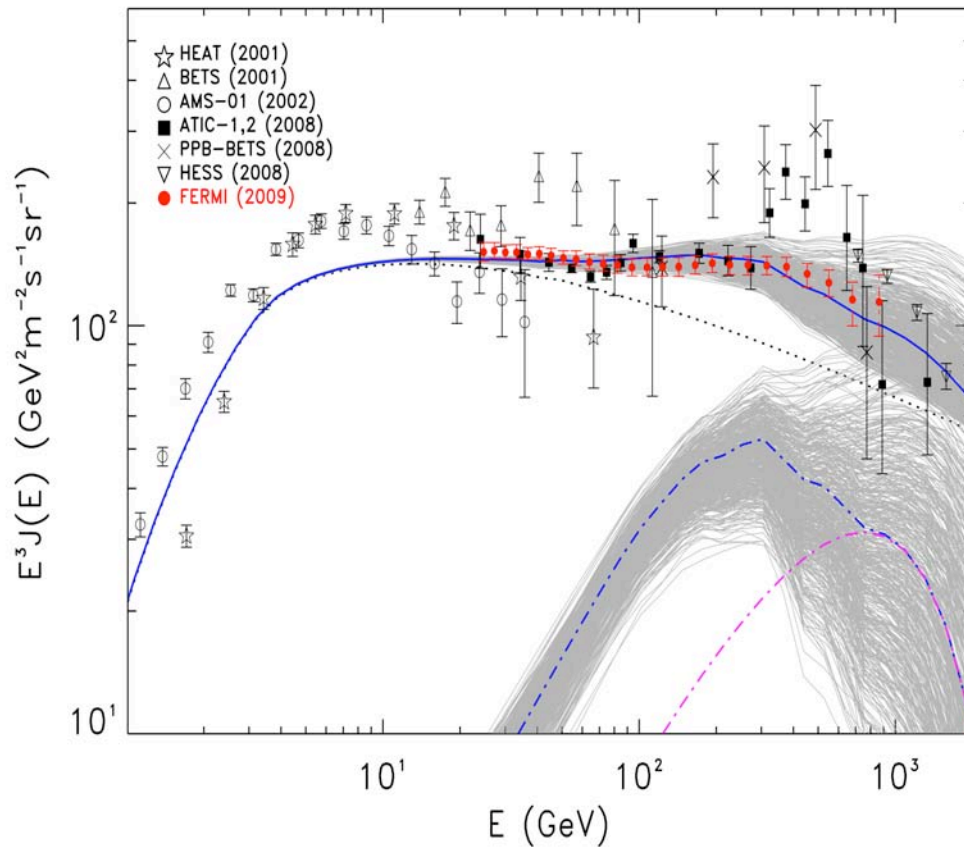
# the positron ratio accounting for nearby pulsars ( $d < 1$ kpc)



[arXiv:0905.0636]

# What if we randomly vary the pulsar parameters relevant for $e^+e^-$ production?

*(injection spectrum,  $e^+e^-$  production efficiency, PWN “trapping” time)*

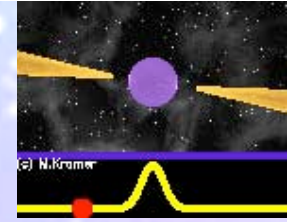


*Under reasonable assumptions, electron/positron emission from pulsars offers a viable interpretation of Fermi CRE data which is also consistent with the HESS and Pamela results.*



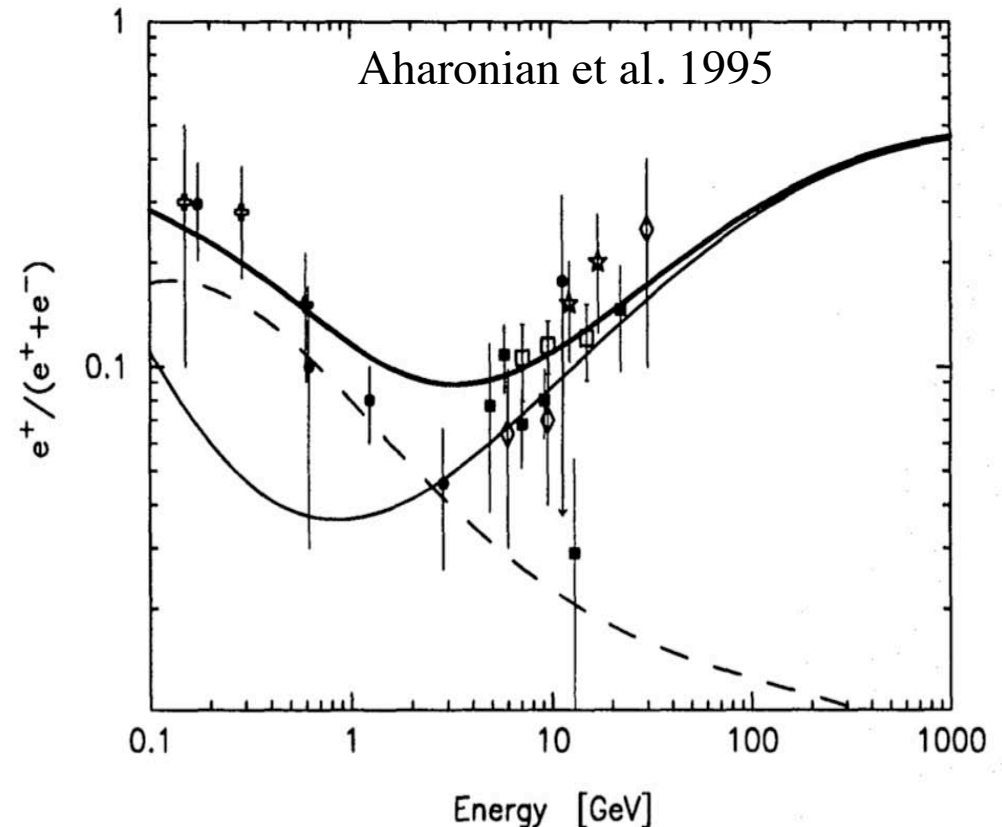
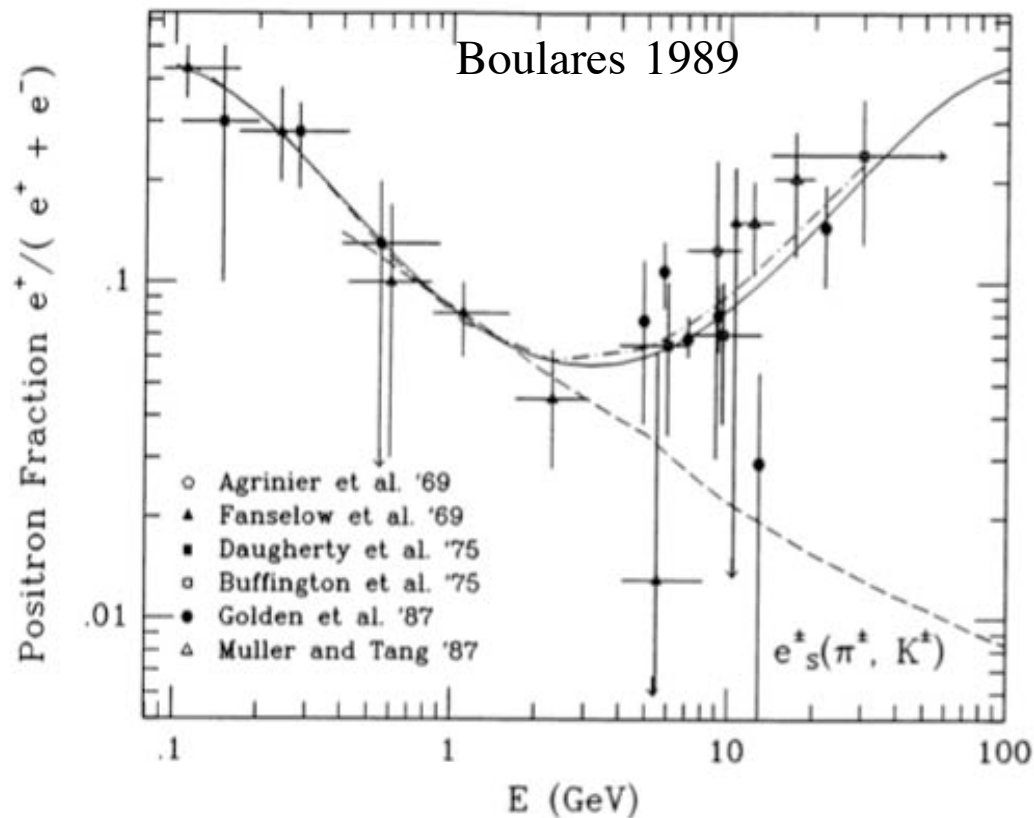
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# Pulsars as sources of $e^{-/+}$ pairs

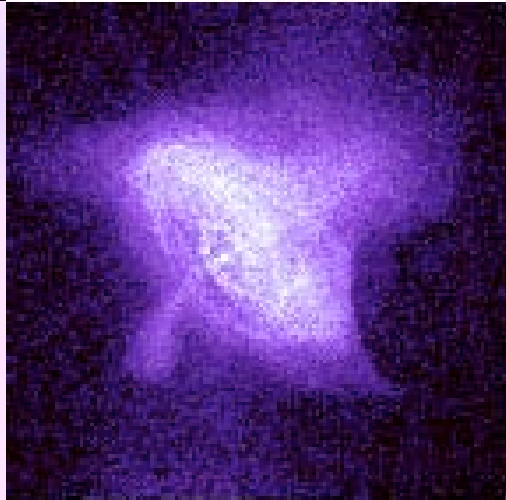
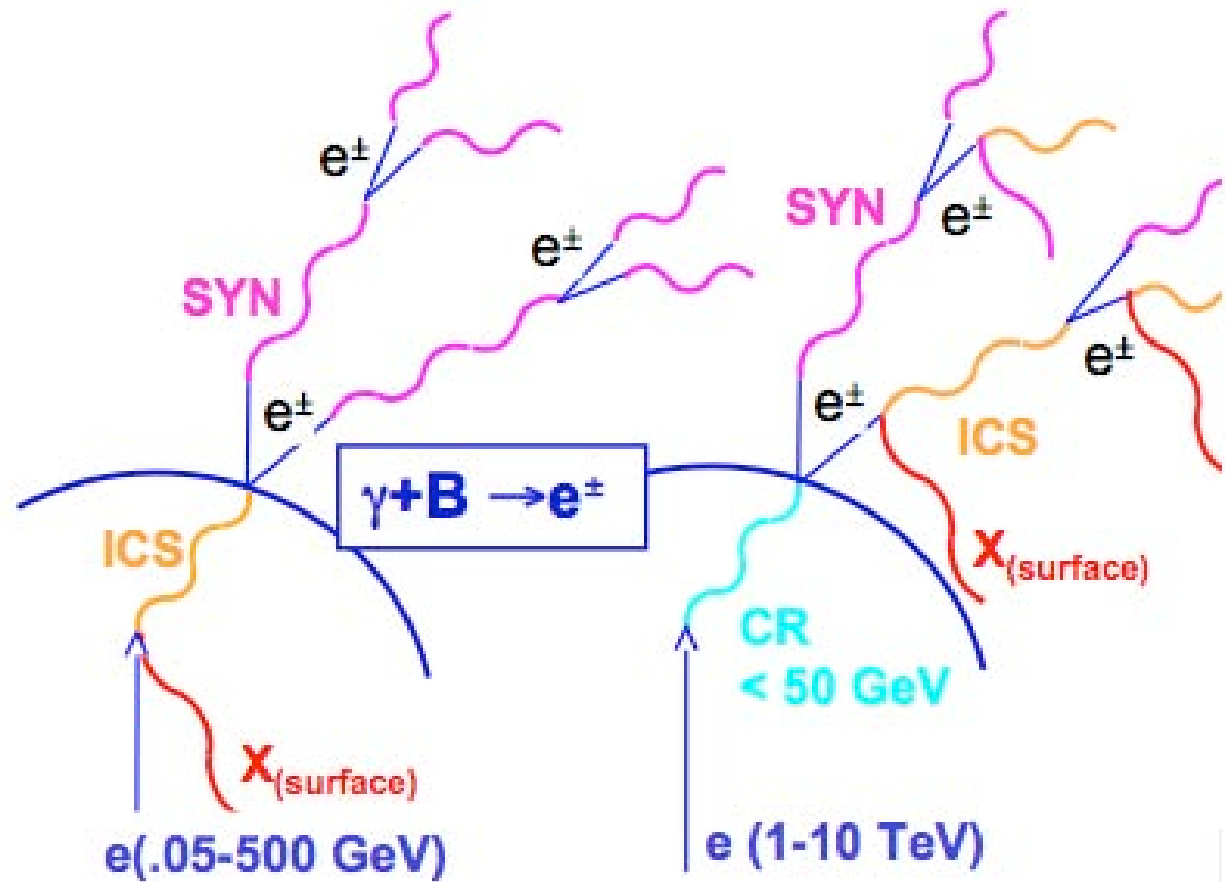
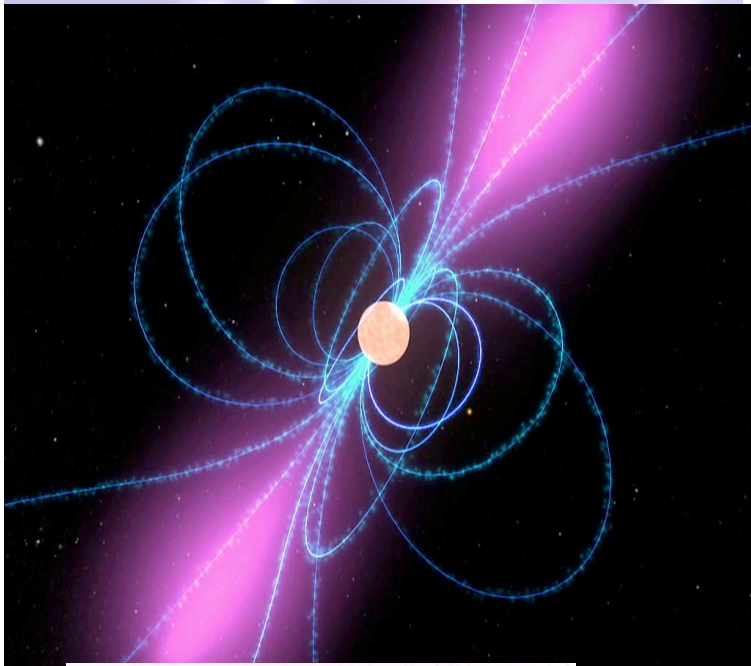


not a new idea

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# Pulsars as sources of $e^{-/+}$ pairs



$e^{\pm}$  pairs are produced in the magnetosphere and accelerated by the electric fields and/or the pulsar wind.



Crab Pulsar Wind Nebula (PWN)

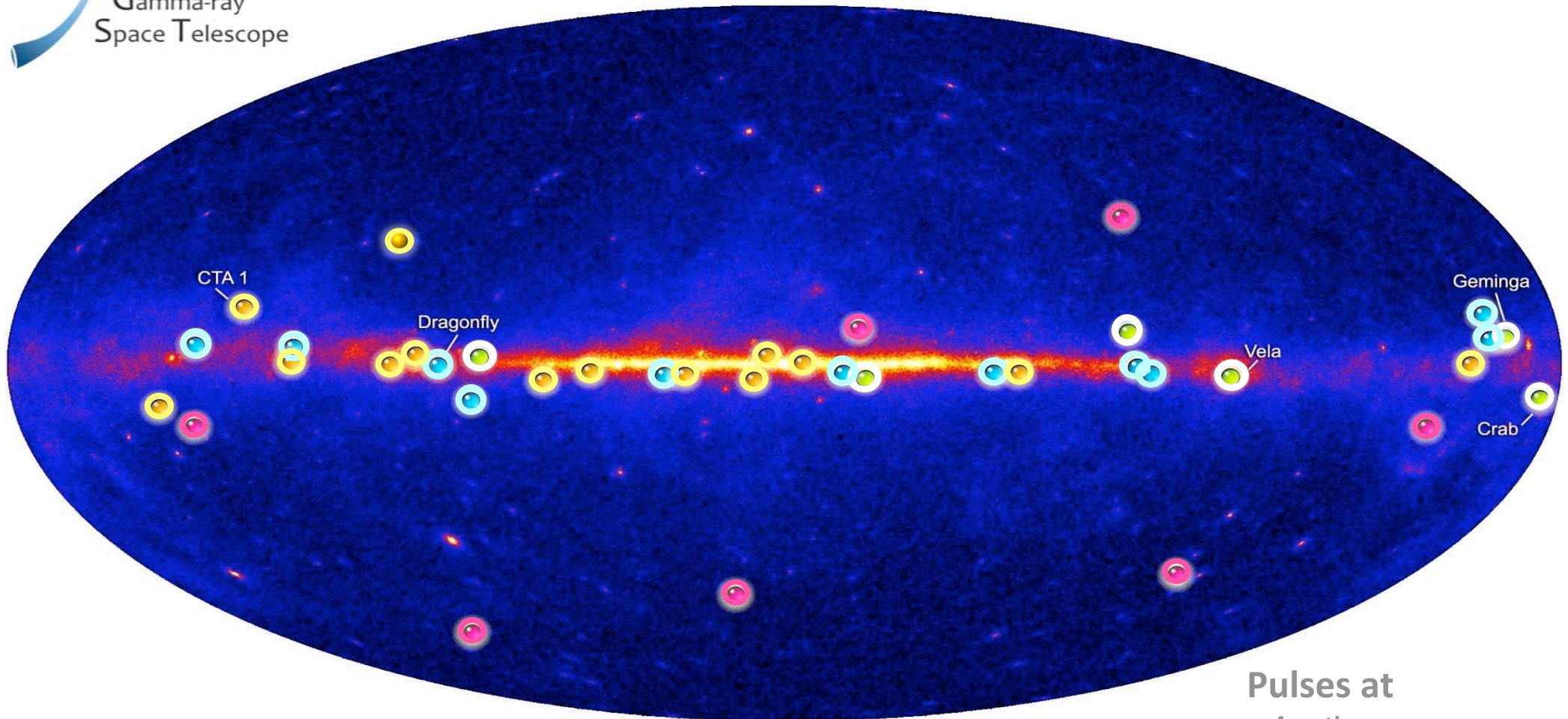
16 Gamma-Ray Pulsars Through Blind Frequency Searches

Science 325 (5942), 840-844

A Population of Gamma-Ray Millisecond Pulsars Seen with Fermi

Science 325 (5942), 848-852

(14 August 2009)



Pulses at  
1/10<sup>th</sup> true rate

# The Pulsing $\gamma$ -ray Sky

- New pulsars discovered in a blind search
- Millisecond radio pulsars
- Young radio pulsars
- Pulsars seen by Compton Observatory EGRET instrument



# Science

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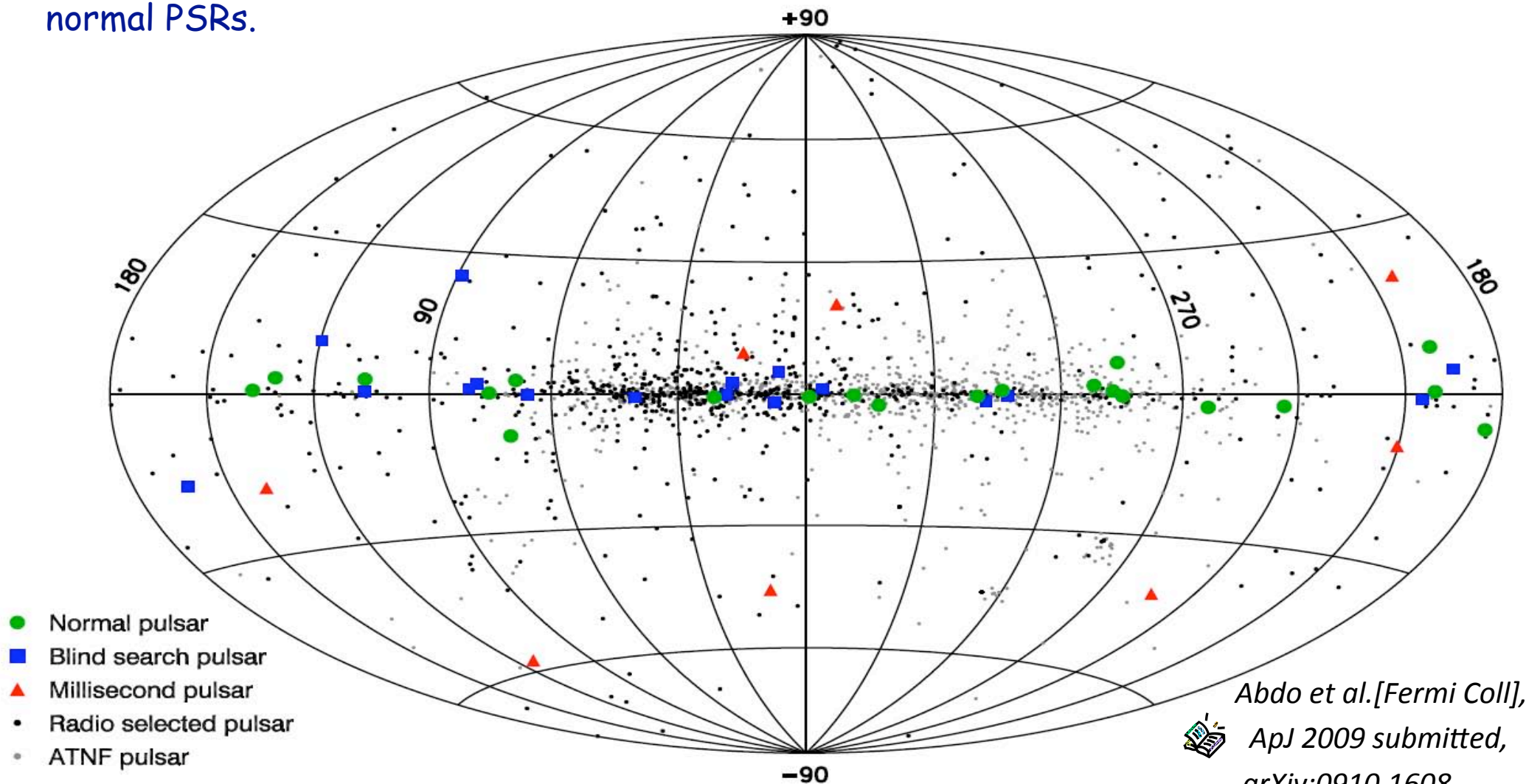
Fermi  
Detecting Gamma-Ray Pulsars


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# The pulsar catalog

In addition to the search for new pulsars, 762 known pulsars with ephemerides were searched for pulsations in nine months of data.

=> 46 pulsars were detected: 16 blind search PSRs, 8 radio-loud MSPs, 22 radio-loud normal PSRs.



Abdo et al. [Fermi Coll],  
 ApJ 2009 submitted,  
 arXiv:0910.1608.

# Pulsars

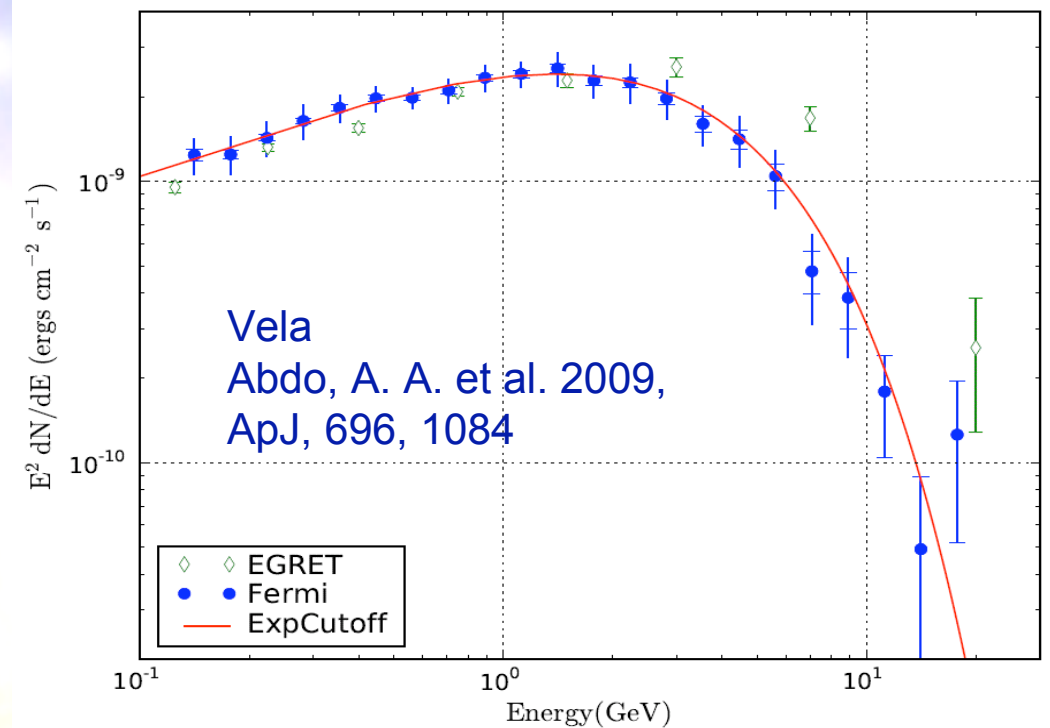
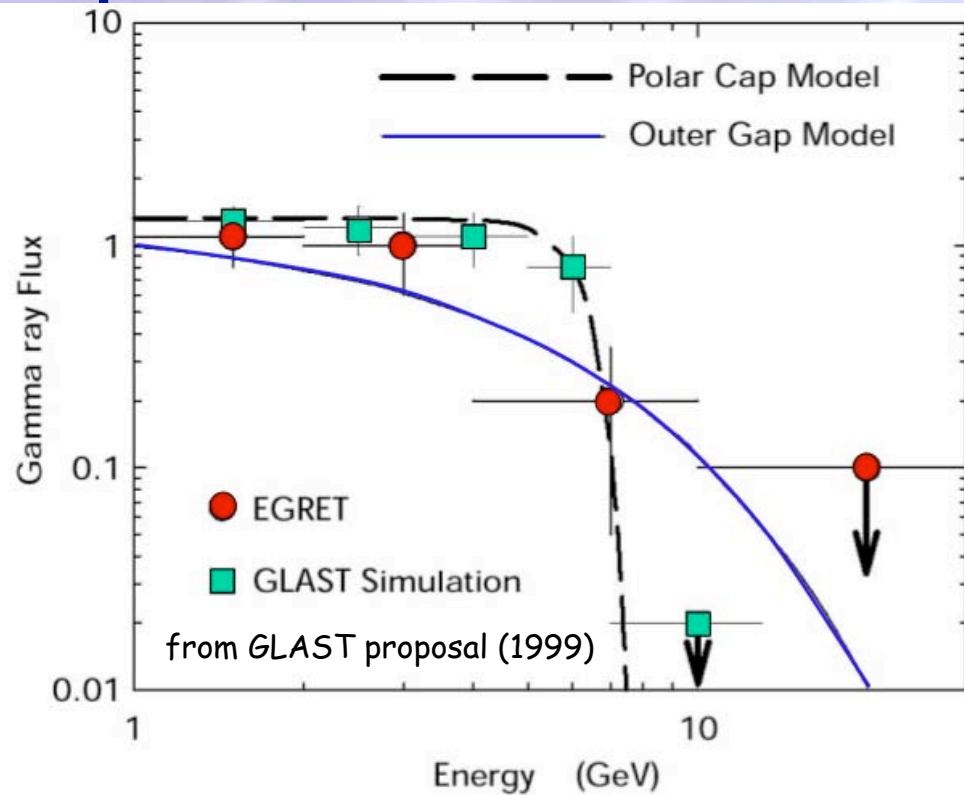
1. On purely energetic grounds they work (relatively large efficiency)
2. On the basis of the spectrum, it is not clear
  1. The spectra of PWN show relatively flat spectra of pairs at Low energies but we do not understand what it is
  2. The general spectra (acceleration at the termination shock) are too steep

The biggest problem is that of escape of particles from the pulsar

1. Even if acceleration works, pairs have to survive losses
2. And in order to escape they have to cross other two shocks

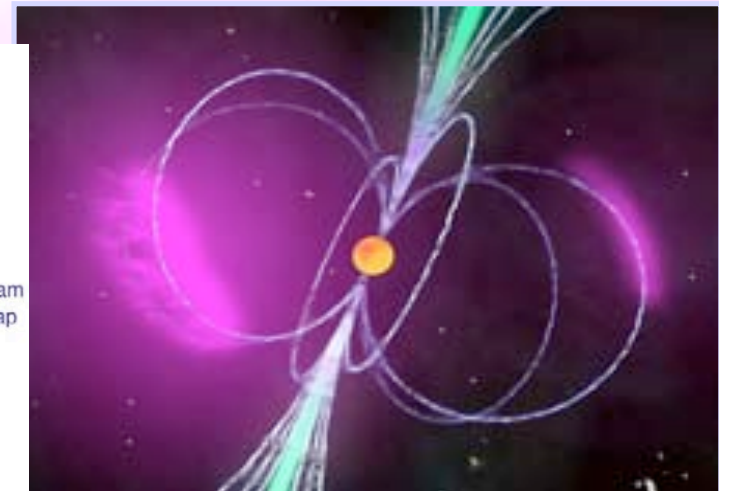
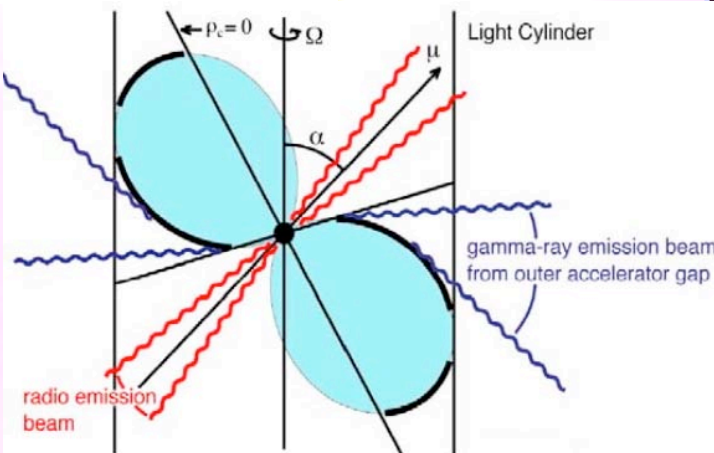
New Fermi data on pulsars will help to constrain the pulsar models

# Spectral measurements and emission models

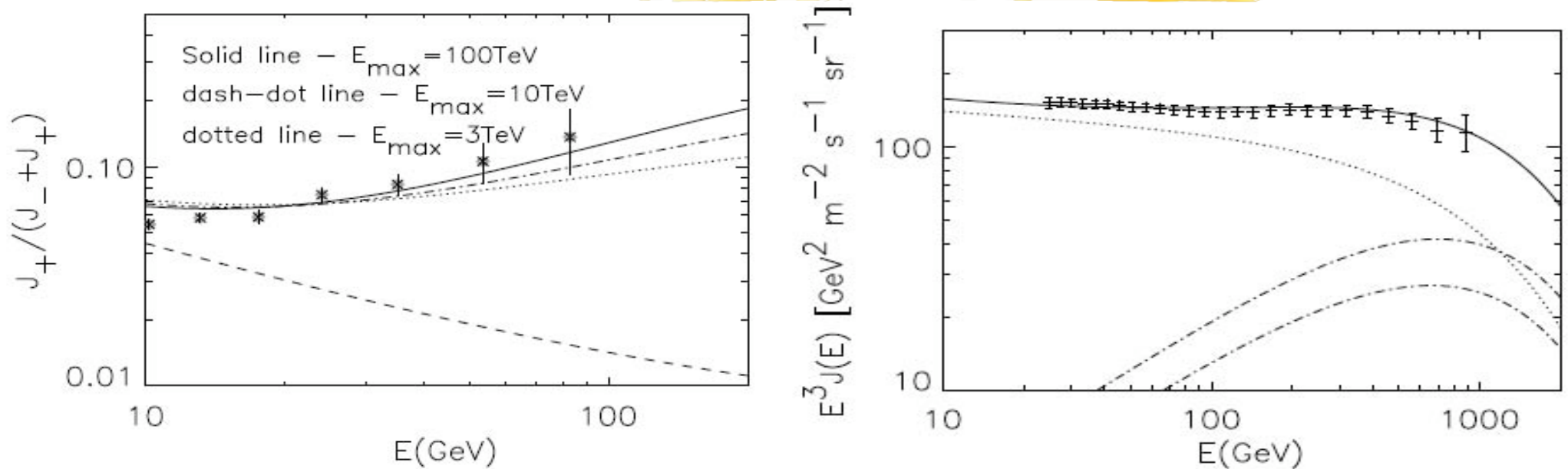


Evidence of  $\gamma$ -ray emission in the outer magnetosphere due to absence of super-exponential cutoff

- Radio and  $\gamma$ -ray fan beams separated
- $\gamma$ -ray only PSRs



# other Astrophysical solution

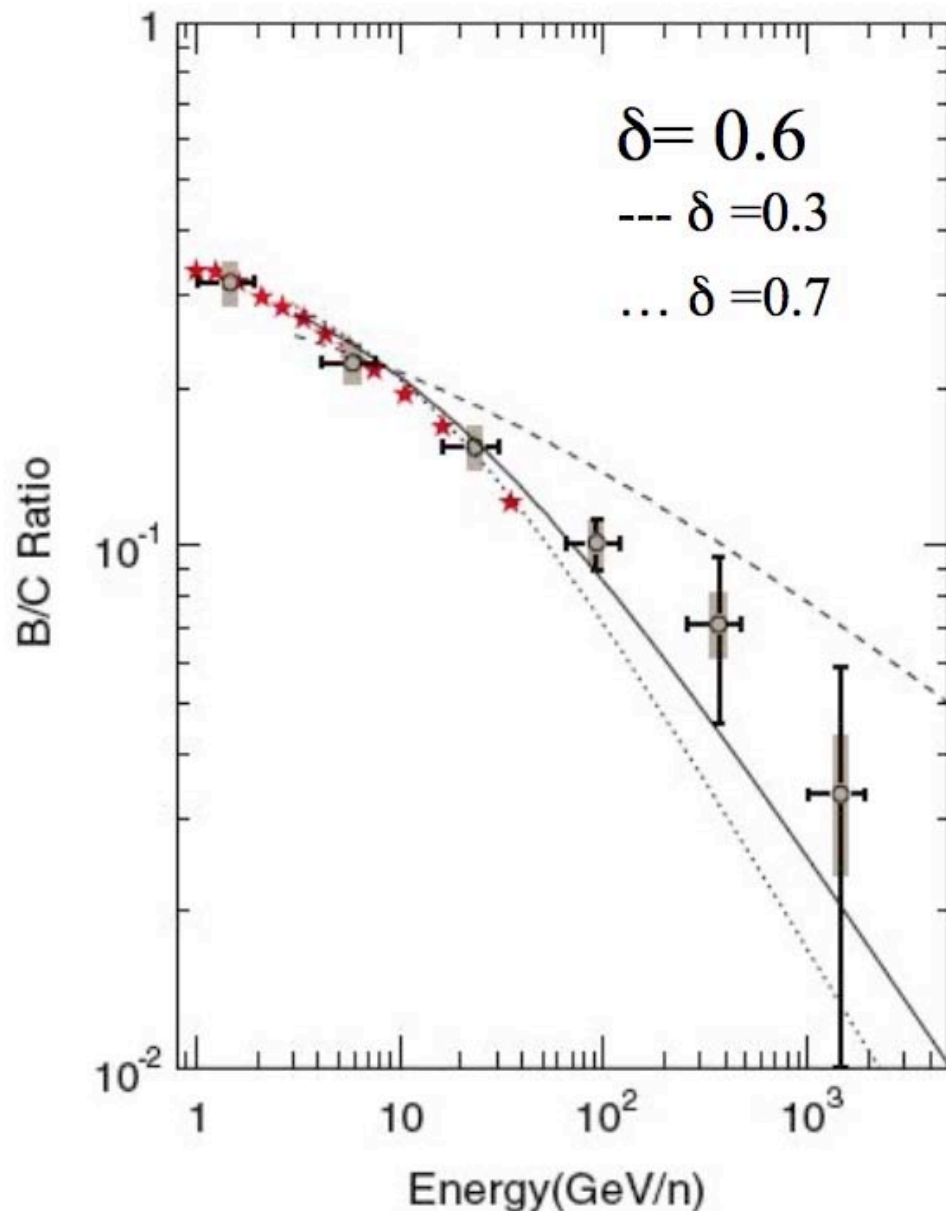


- Positrons created as secondary products of hadronic interactions inside the sources
- Secondary production takes place in the same region where cosmic rays are being accelerated
- > Therefore secondary positron have a very flat spectrum, which is responsible, after propagation in the Galaxy, for the observed positron excess



Blasi, arXiv:0903.2794

# Boron-to-Carbon Ratio

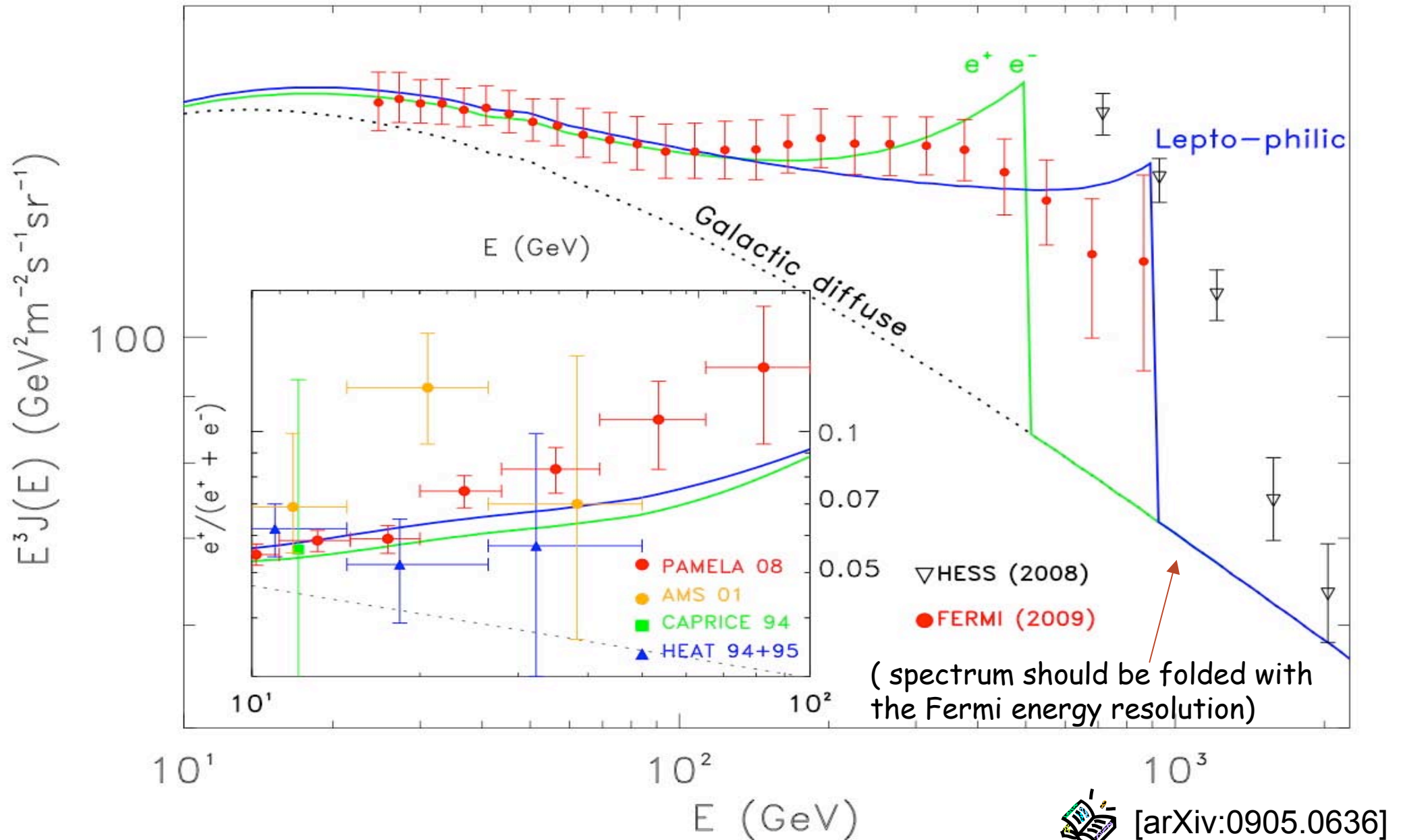


- spallation during propagation only
- spallation also during acceleration

CREAM: Ahn et al. 2008, *Astroparticle Phys.* **30**, 133

A rise would rule out the DM and pulsar explanation of the PAMELA positron excess.

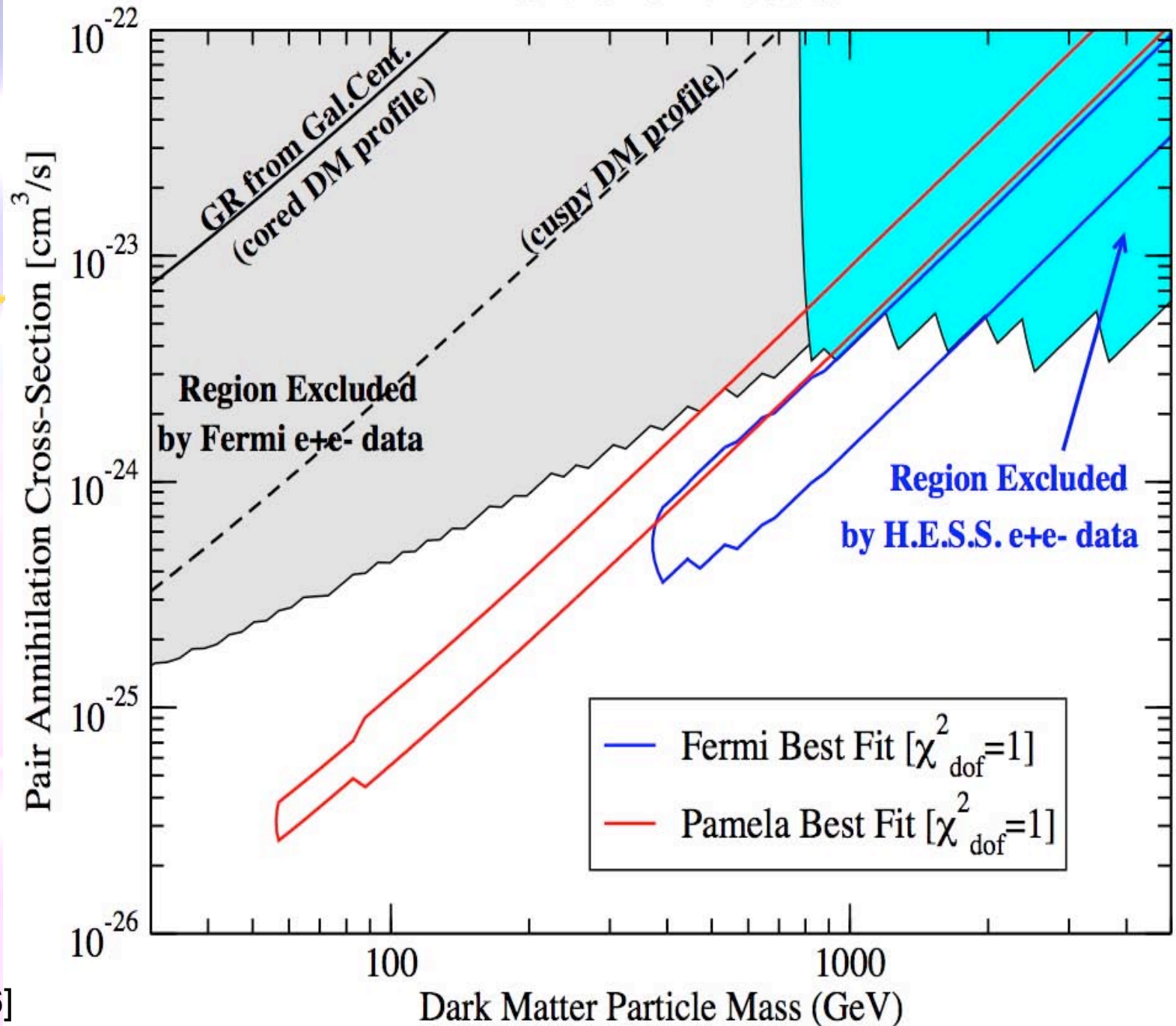
# Predictions for the CRE spectrum from two specific dark matter models



[arXiv:0905.0636]

# Pure $e+e-$ Models

the dark matter pair annihilation always yields a pair of monochromatic  $e+e-$ , with injection energies equal to the mass of the annihilating dark matter particle

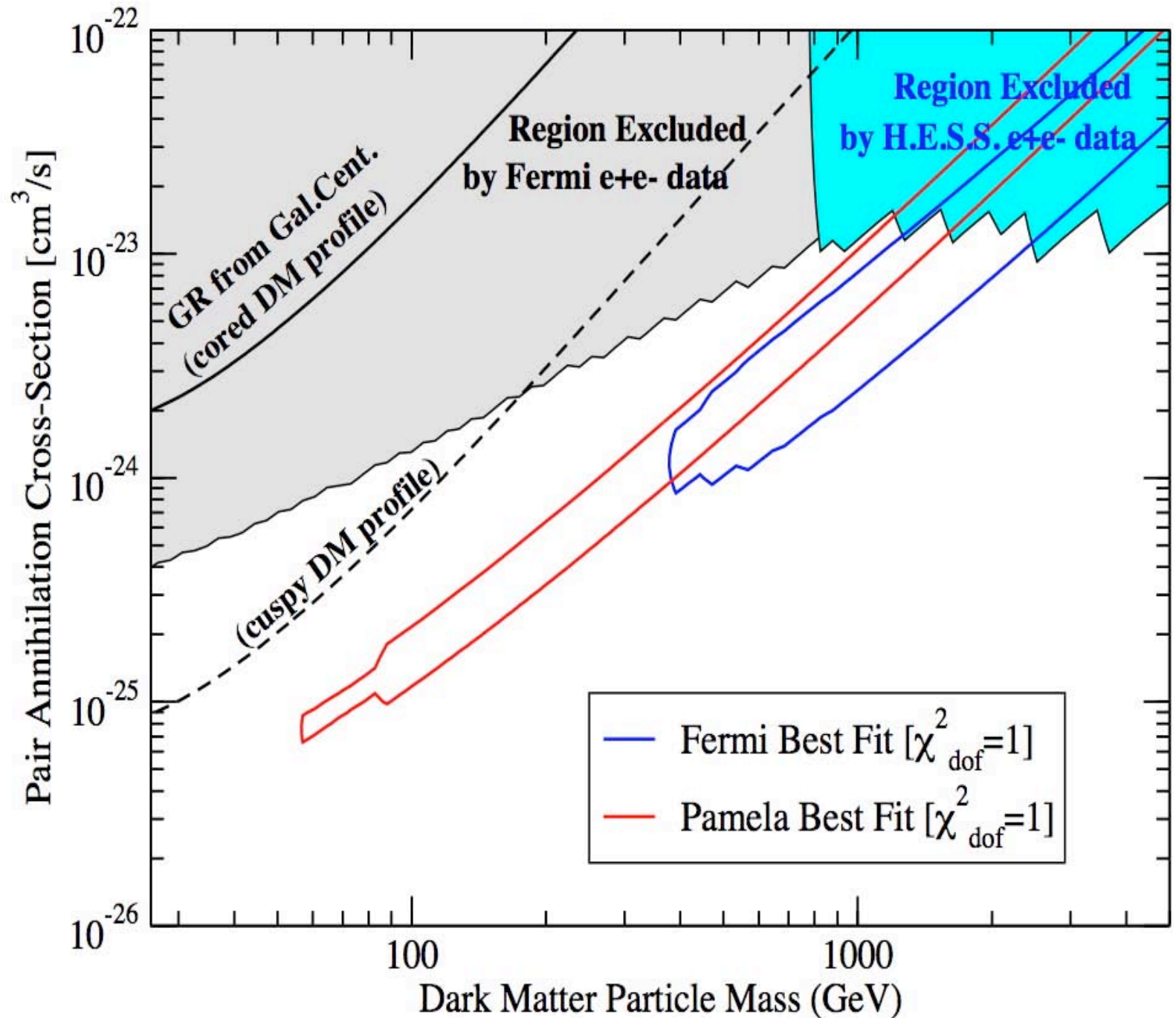


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# Lepto-philic Models

here we assume a democratic dark matter pair-annihilation branching ratio into each charged lepton species: 1/3 into  $e^+e^-$ , 1/3 into  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and 1/3 into  $\tau^+\tau^-$ . Here too antiprotons are not produced in dark matter pair annihilation.

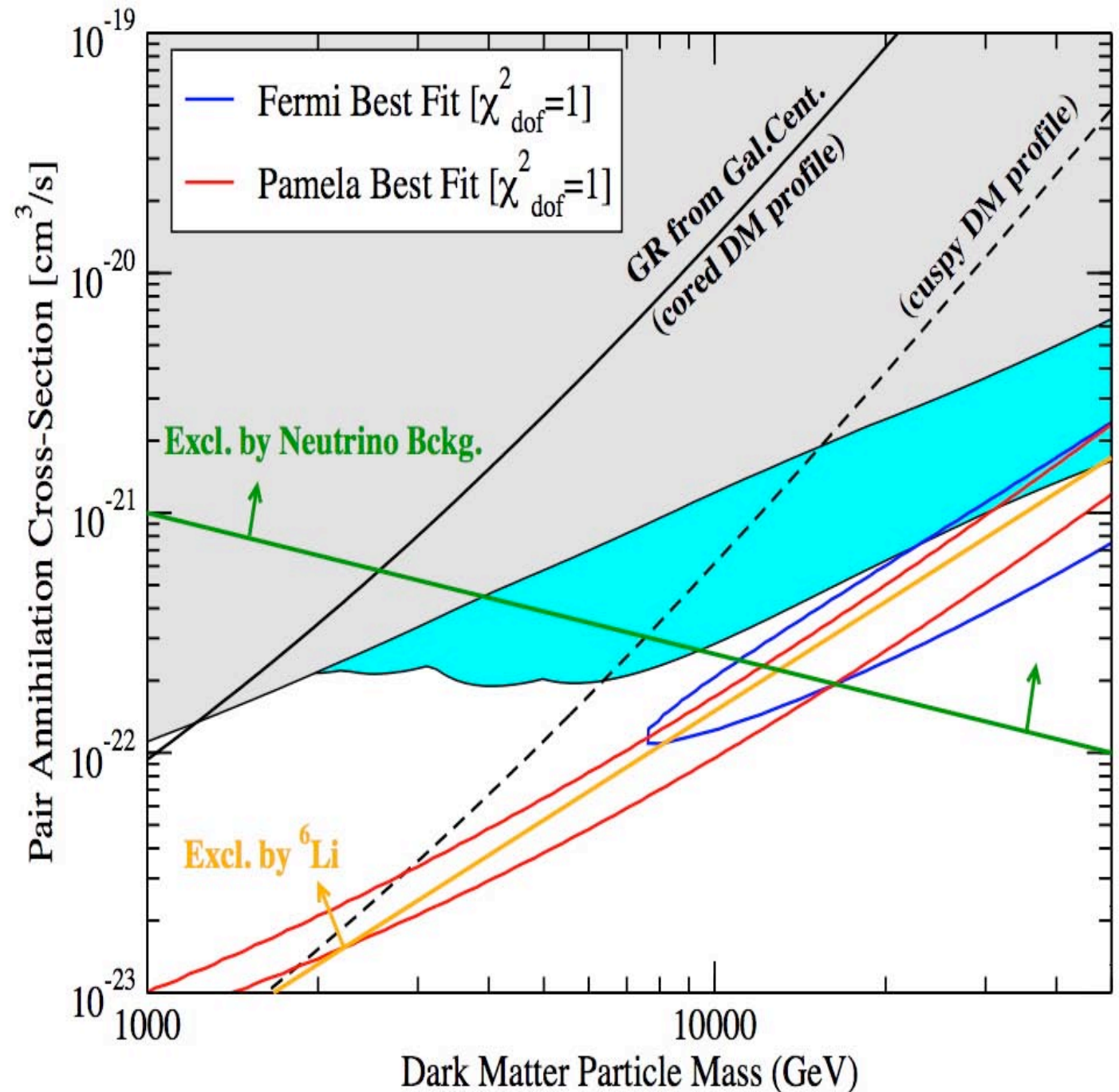


# Super-heavy Models (ann. in gauge bosons)

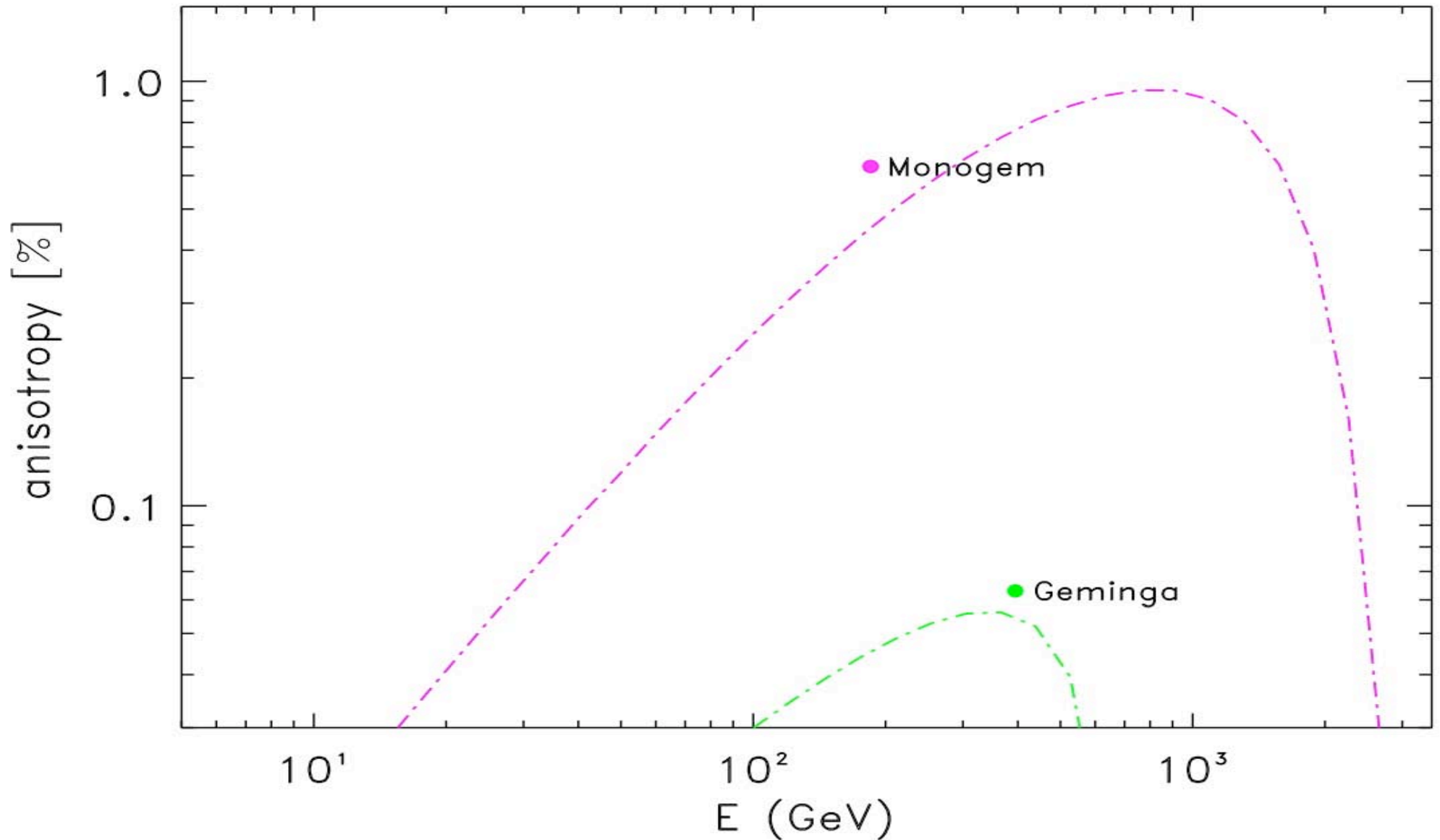
Super-heavy dark matter models: antiprotons can be suppressed below the PAMELA measured flux if the dark matter particle is heavy (i.e. in the multi-TeV mass range), and pair annihilates e.g. in weak interaction gauge bosons. Models with super-heavy dark matter can have the right thermal relic abundance, e.g. in the context of the minimal supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model



[arXiv:0905.0636]

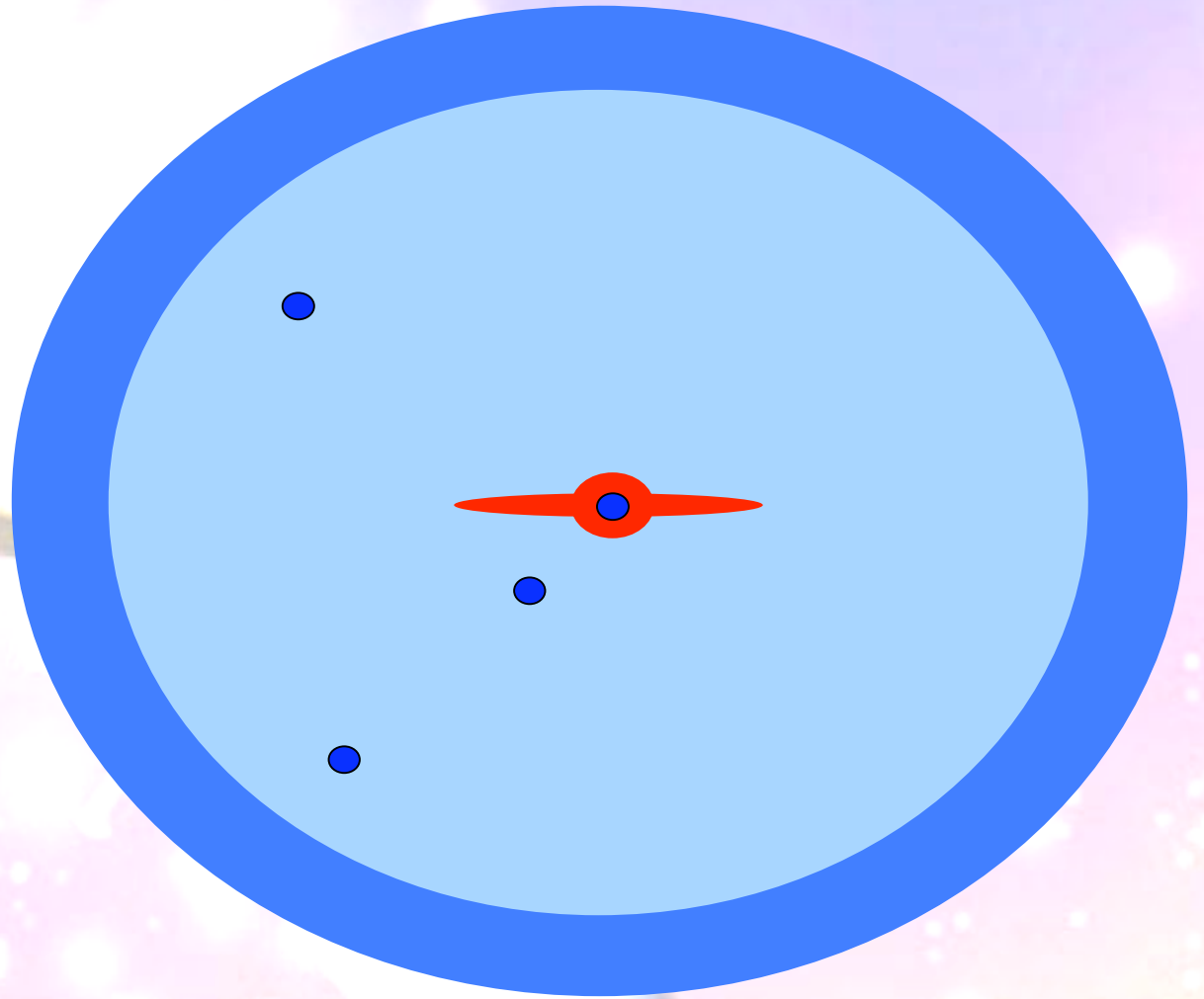


# electron + positron expected anisotropy in the directions of Monogem and Geminga



# Where should we look for Dark Matter with FERMI ?

- Galactic center
- Galactic satellites
- Galactic halo
- Extra-galactic



# Search Strategies

## Satellites:

Low background and good source id, but low statistics

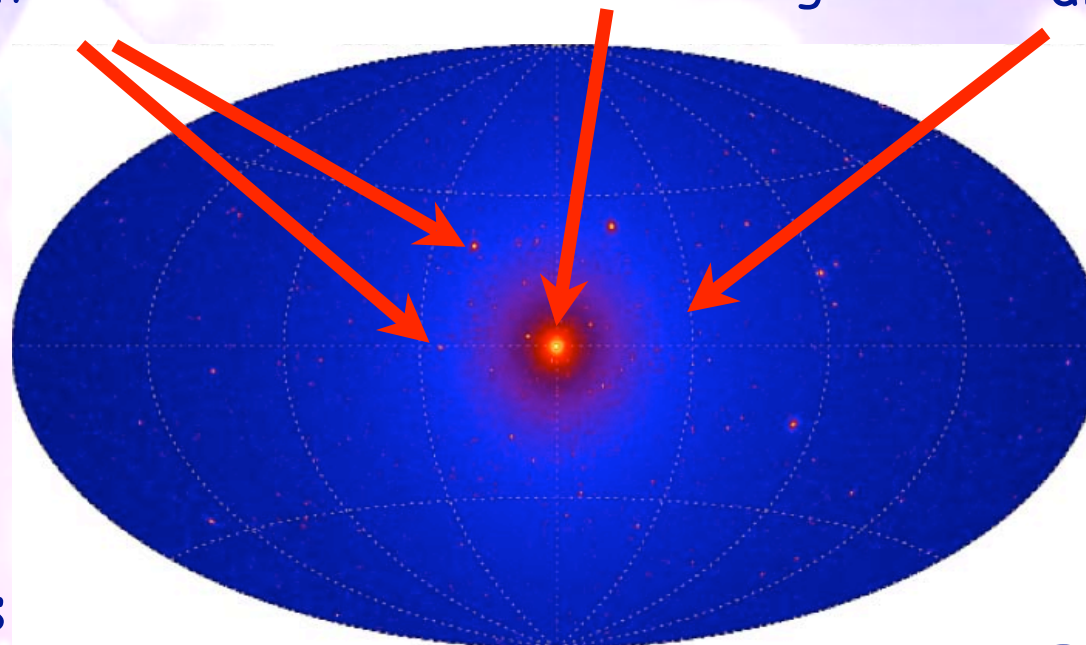
## Galactic center:

Good statistics but source confusion/diffuse background

## Milky Way halo:

Large statistics but diffuse background

All-sky map of gamma rays from DM annihilation  
arXiv:0908.0195  
(based on Via Lactea II simulation)



And electrons!  
and Anisotropies

## Spectral lines

No astrophysical uncertainties, good source id, but low statistics

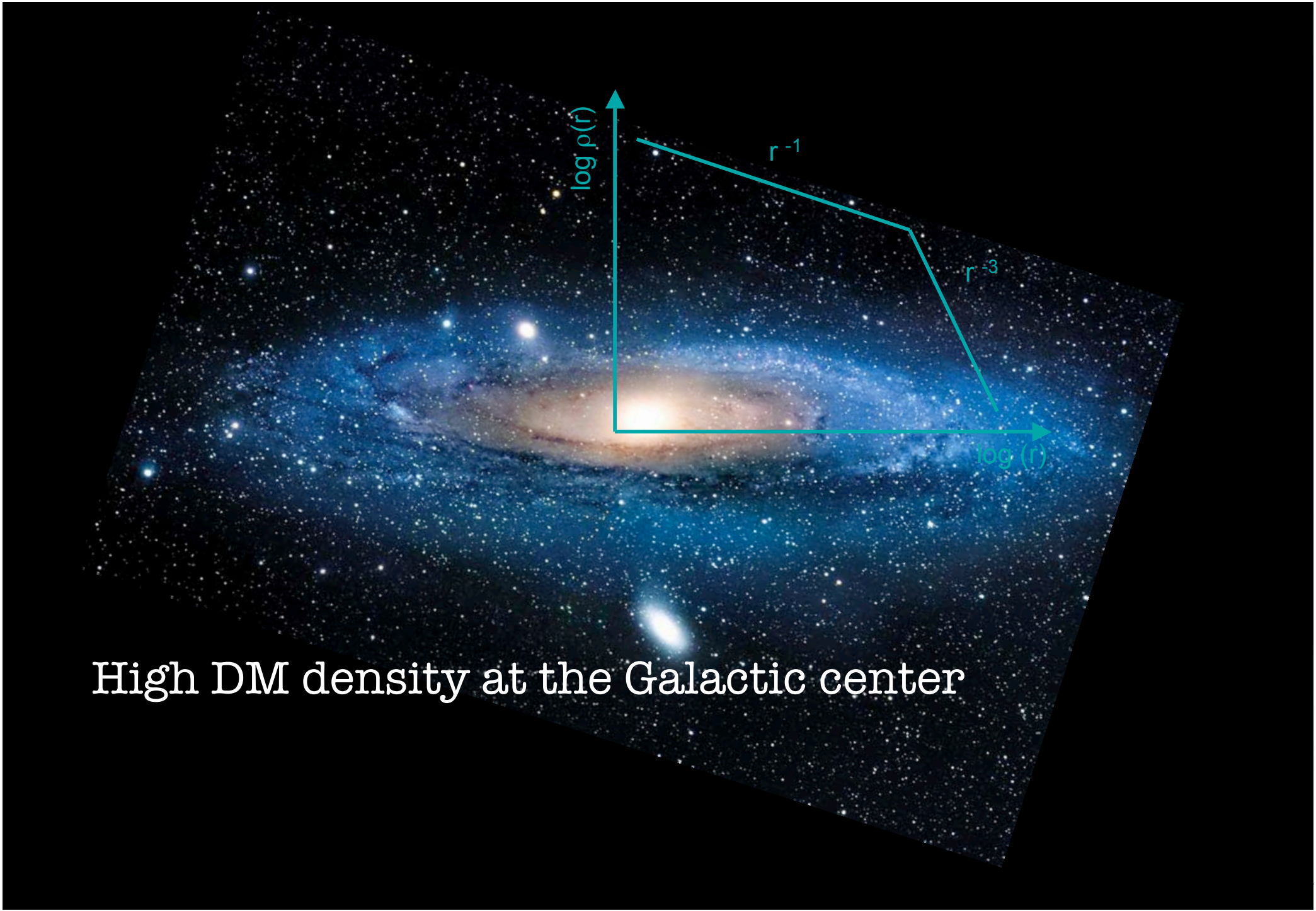
## Galaxy clusters:

Low background but low statistics

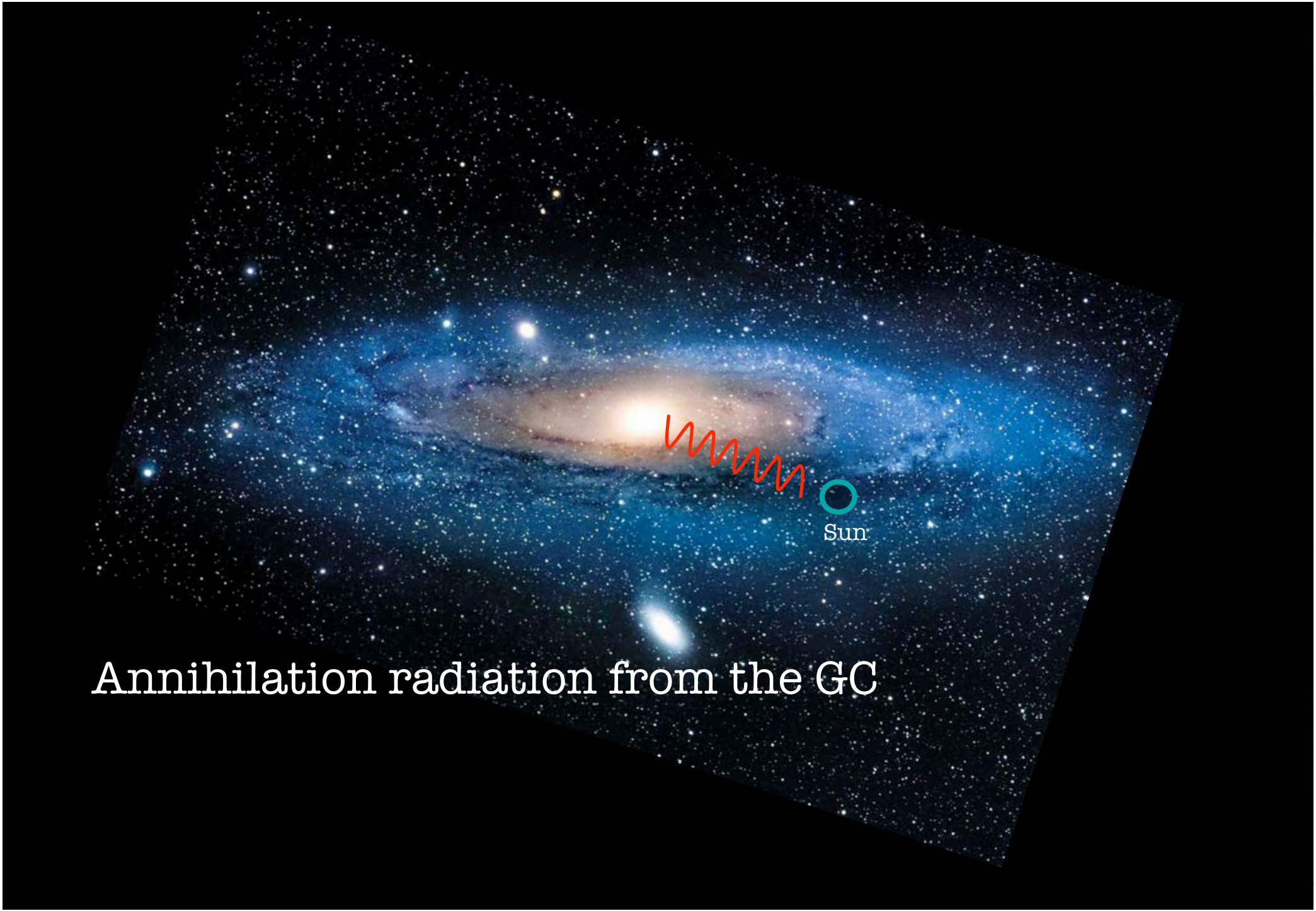
## Extra-galactic:

Large statistics, but astrophysics, galactic diffuse background

 Pre-launch sensitivities published in Baltz et al., 2008, JCAP 0807:013 [astro-ph/0806.2911]



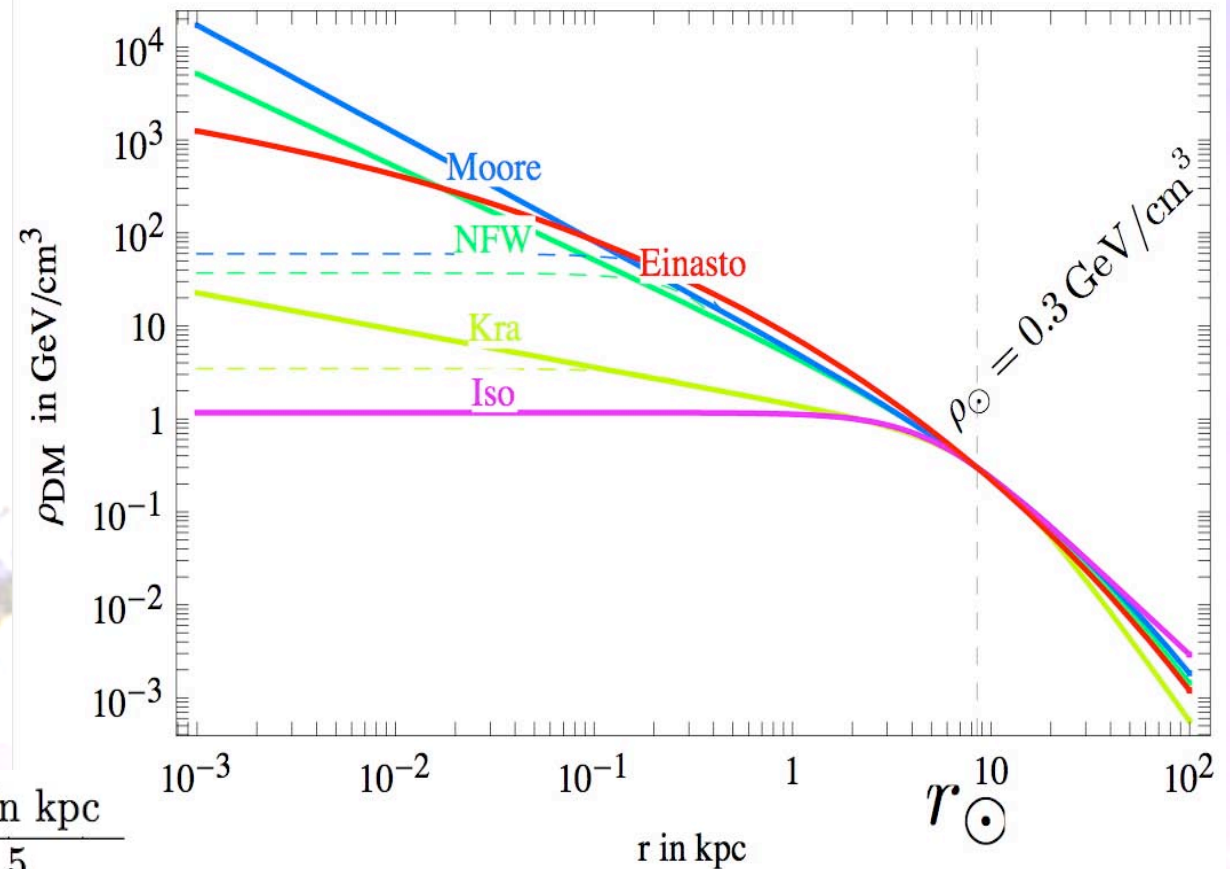
High DM density at the Galactic center



Annihilation radiation from the GC

# The Galactic Center possible profiles

$$\rho(r) = \rho_{\odot} \left[ \frac{r_{\odot}}{r} \right]^{\gamma} \left[ \frac{1 + (r_{\odot}/r_s)^{\alpha}}{1 + (r/r_s)^{\alpha}} \right]^{(\beta-\gamma)/\alpha}$$

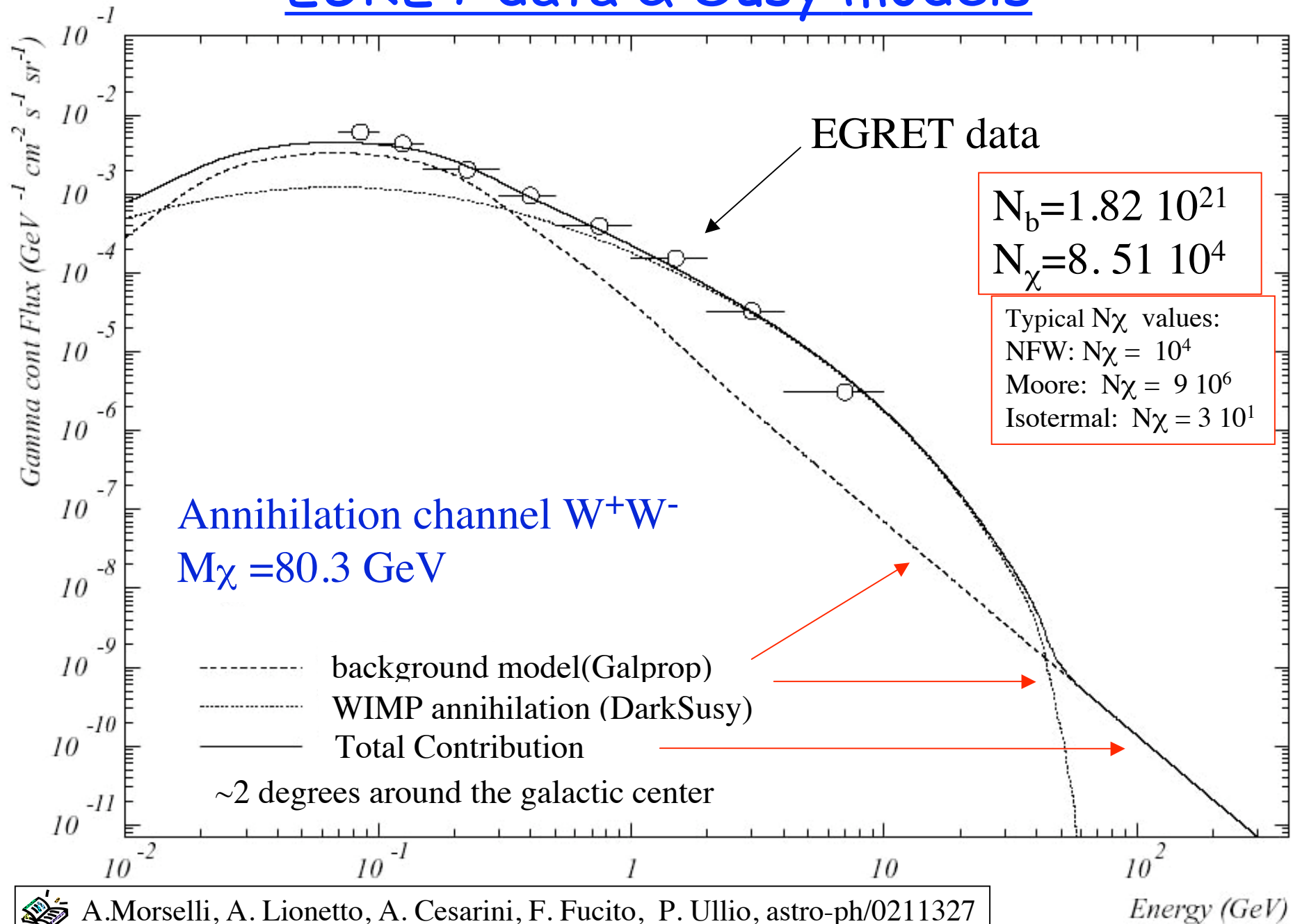


Halo model	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$r_s$ in kpc
Cored isothermal	2	2	0	5
Navarro, Frenk, White	1	3	1	20
Moore	1	3	1.16	30

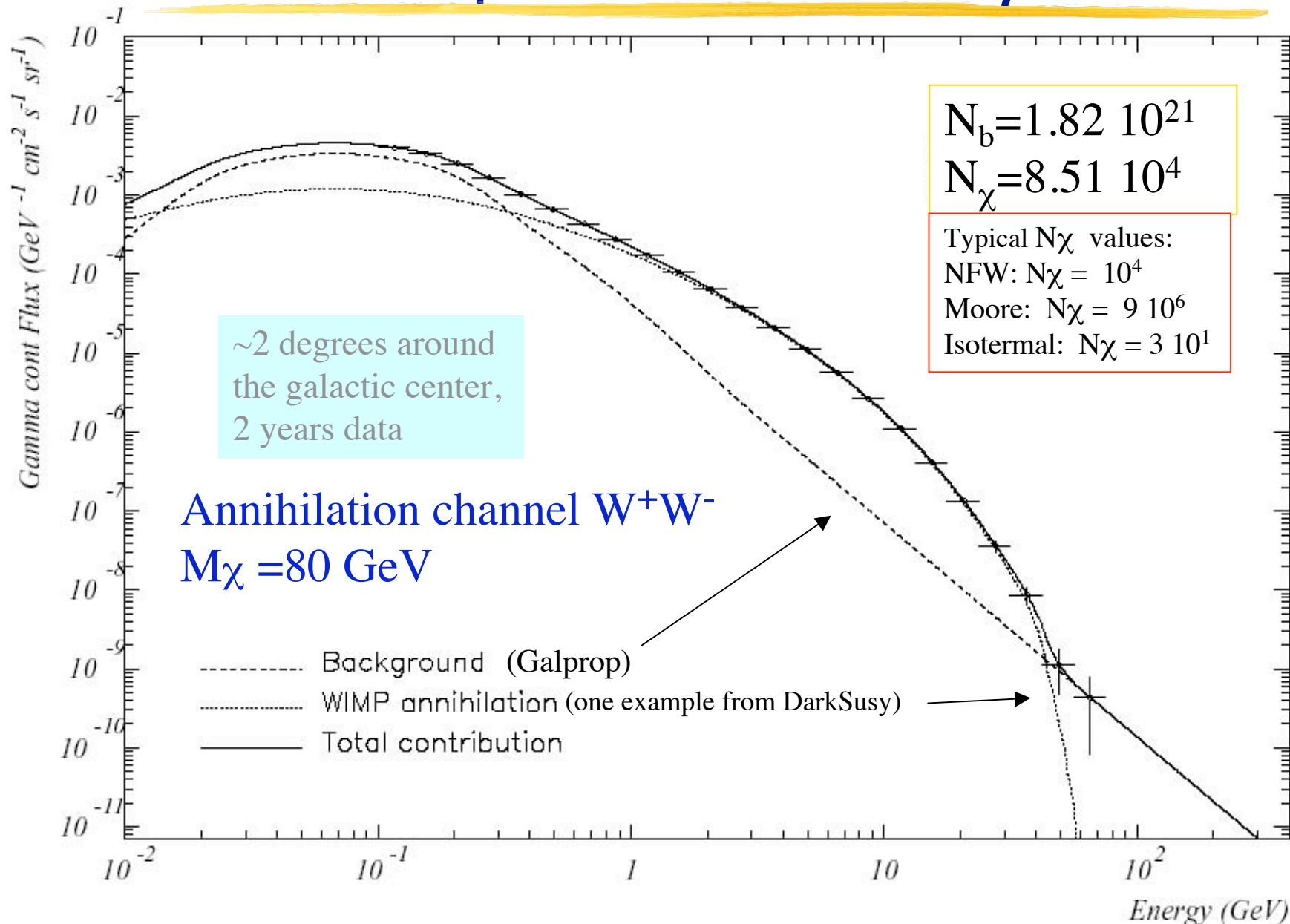
Einasto |  $\alpha = 0.17$      $r_s = 20$  kpc     $\rho_s = 0.06$  GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>



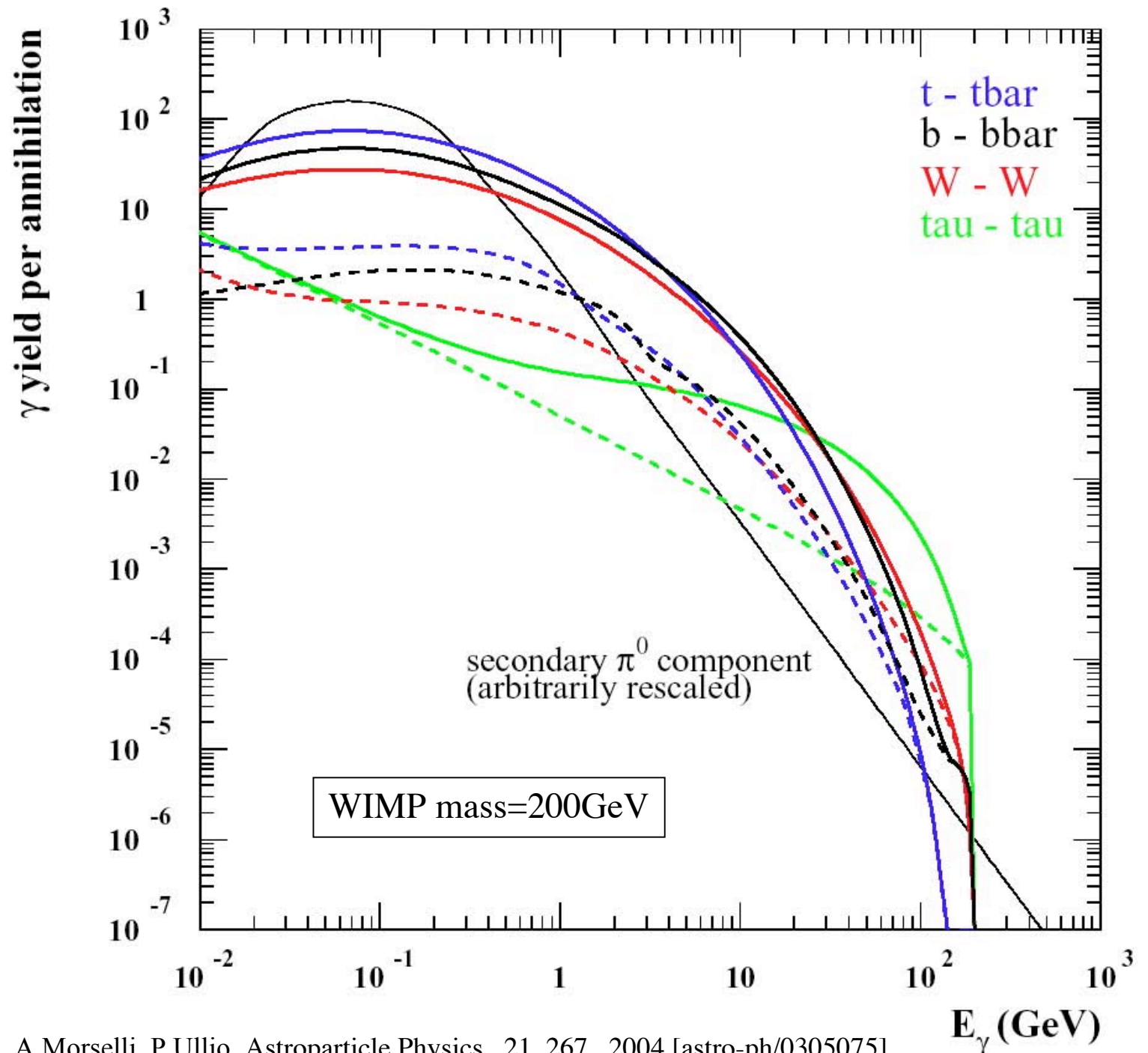
# EGRET data & Susy models



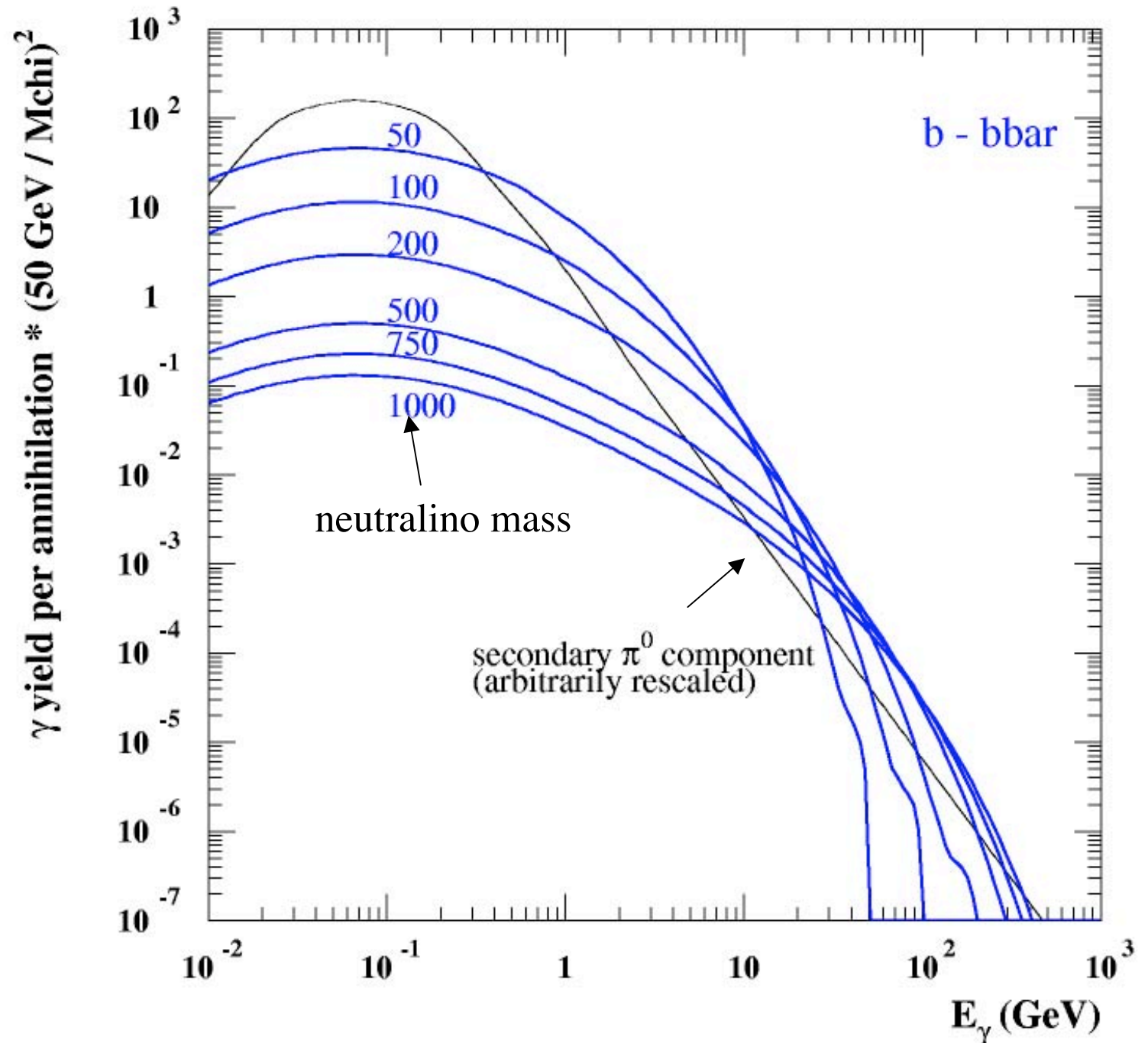
# Fermi Expectation & Susy models



Differential yield for each annihilation channel



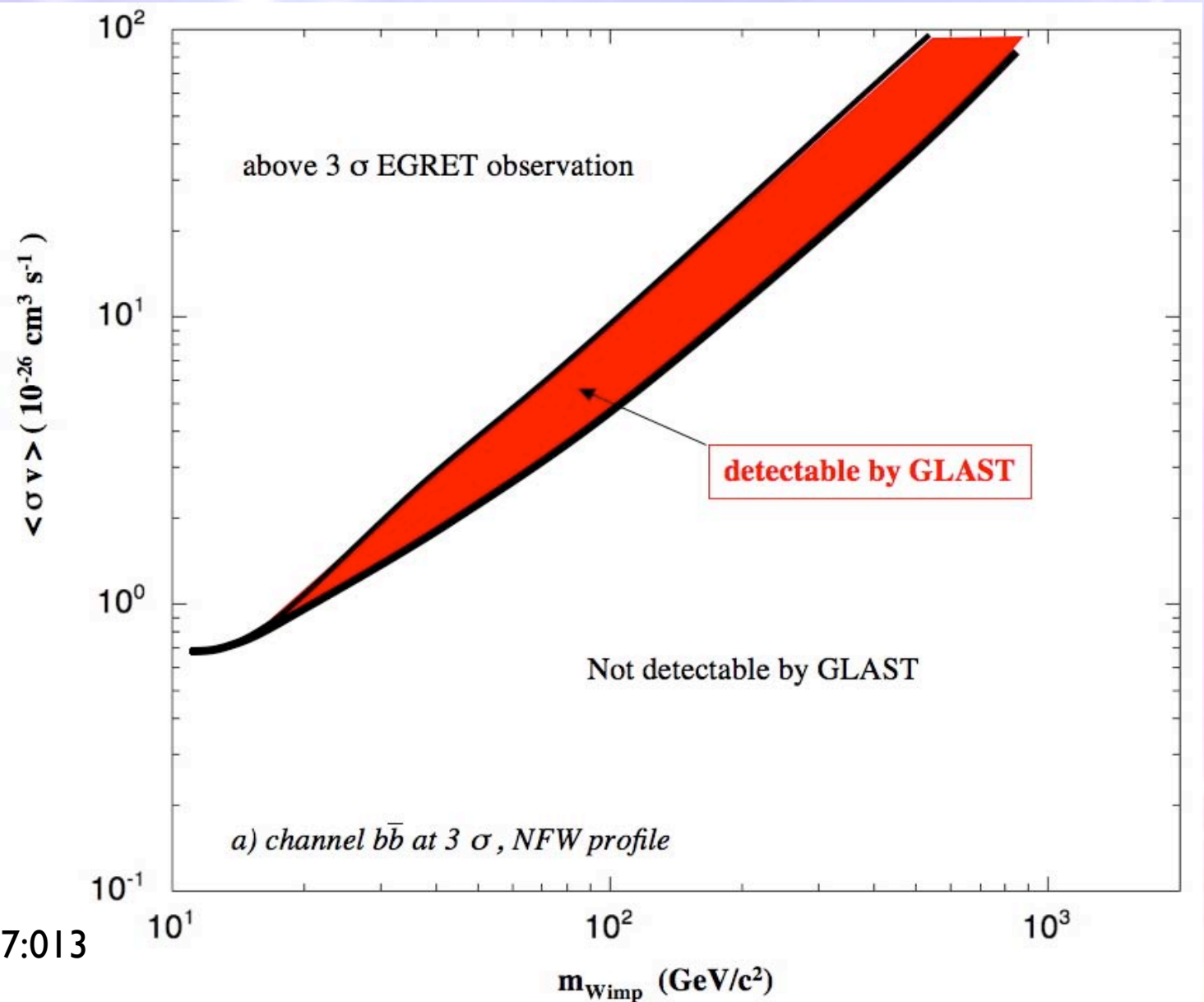
Differential yield  
for b bar



# Model independent results for the GC

after the Fermi  
Galactic Diffuse  
Emission data

5 years of  
operations,  
truncated NFW



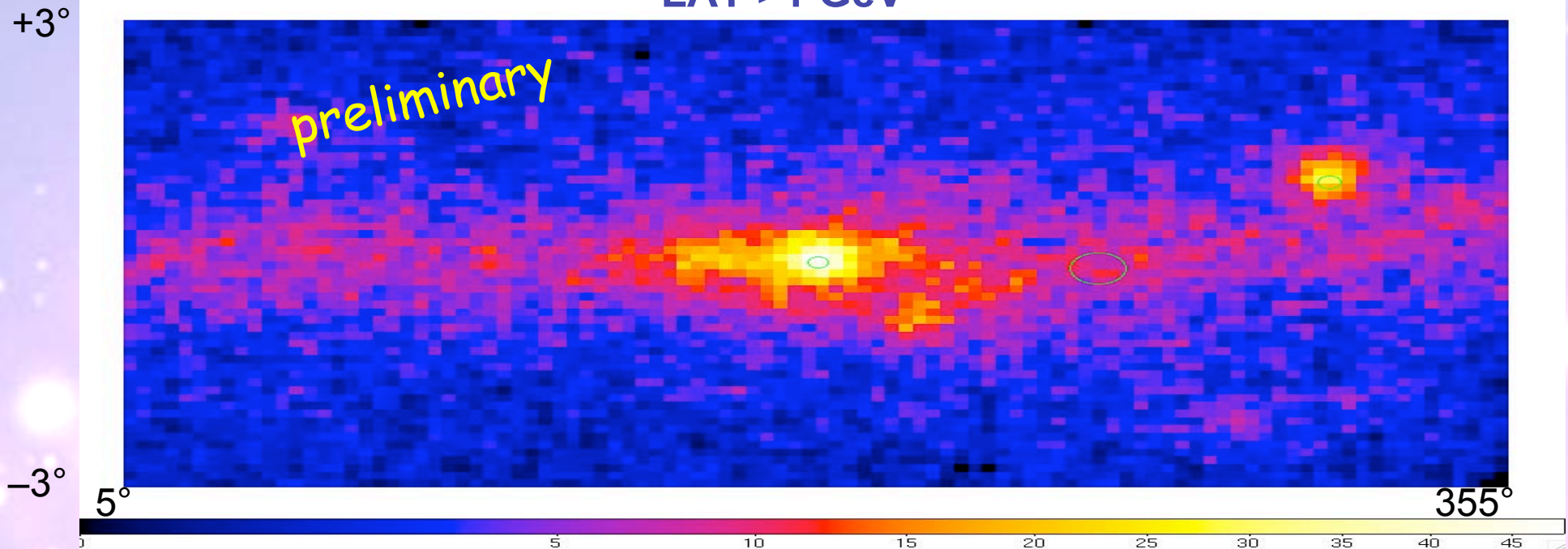
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# Search for DM in the GC

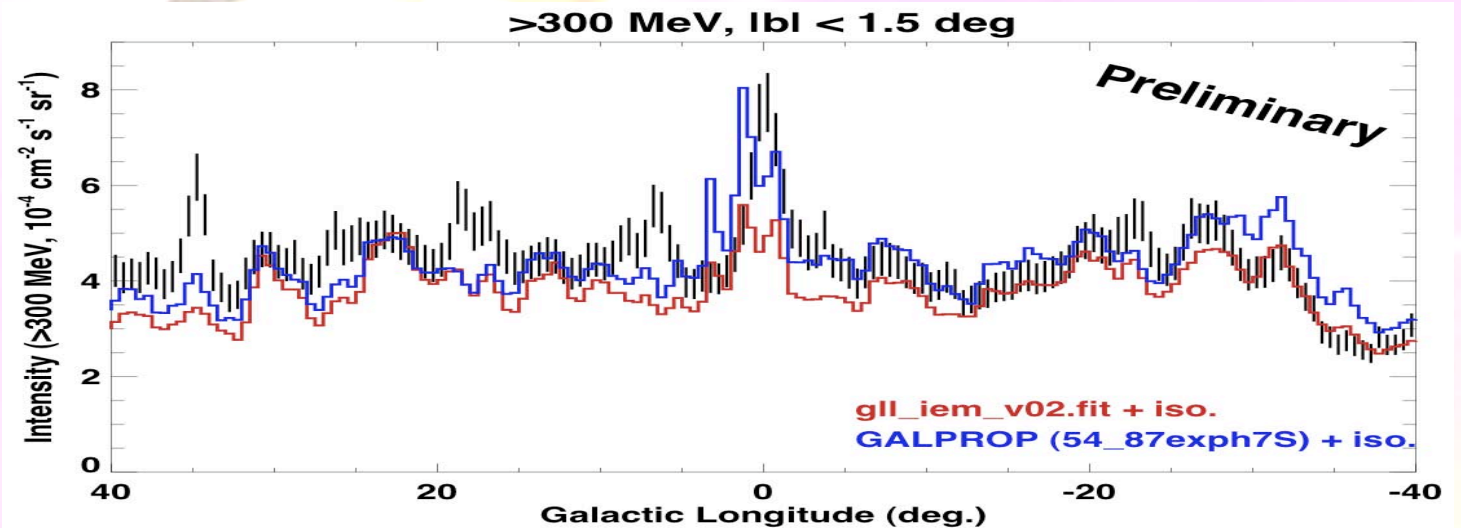
- Steep DM profiles  $\Rightarrow$  Expect large DM annihilation/decay signal from the GC!
- Good understanding of the astrophysical background is crucial to extract a potential DM signal from this complicated region of the sky:
  - source confusion: energetic sources near to or in the line of sight of the GC
  - diffuse emission modeling: uncertainties in the integration over the line of sight in the direction of the GC, very difficult to model

# Fermi LAT Observations of the GC

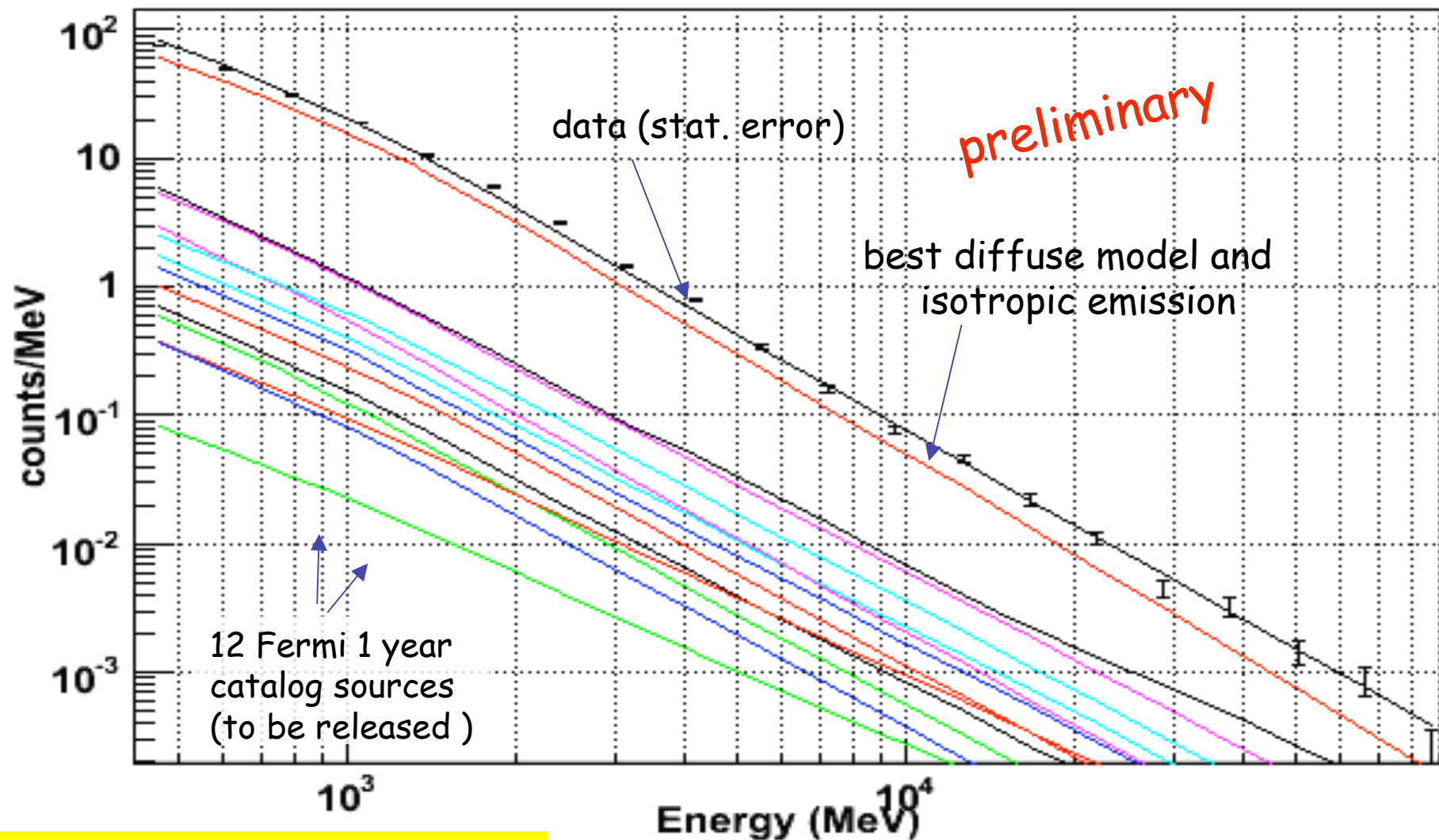
LAT >1 GeV



12-month data set, Diffuse class,  
**Front** only  
smoothed with  $\sigma = 0.1^\circ$   
BSL source location circles overlaid



# Spetrum $(E > 400 \text{ MeV}, 7^\circ \times 7^\circ \text{ region centered on the Galactic Center analyzed with binned likelihood analysis})$

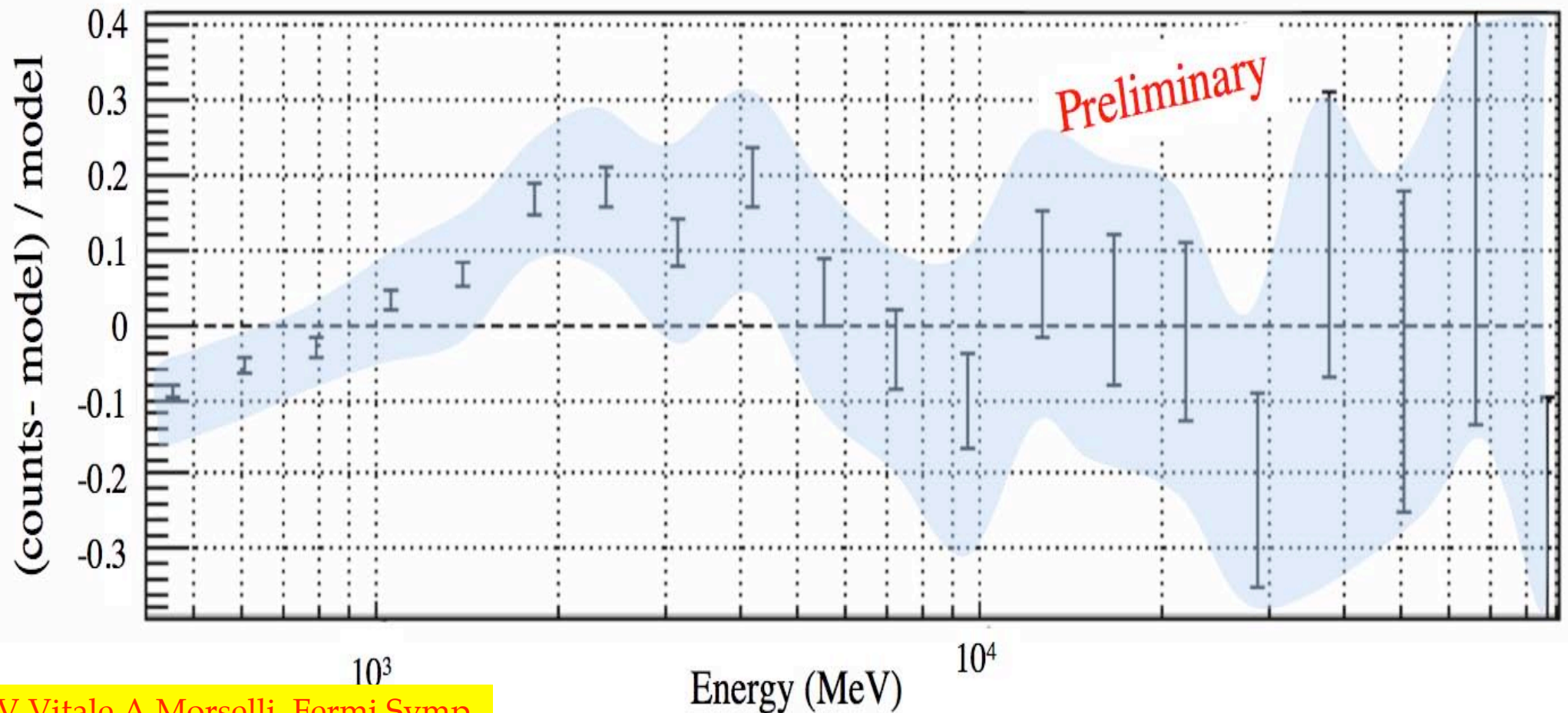




# GC Residuals

$7^\circ \times 7^\circ$  region centered on the Galactic Center  
11 months of data,  $E > 400$  MeV, front-converting events  
analyzed with binned likelihood analysis )

- The systematic uncertainty of the effective area (blue area) of the LAT is  $\sim 10\%$  at 100 MeV, decreasing to 5% at 560 MeV and increasing to 20% at 10 GeV

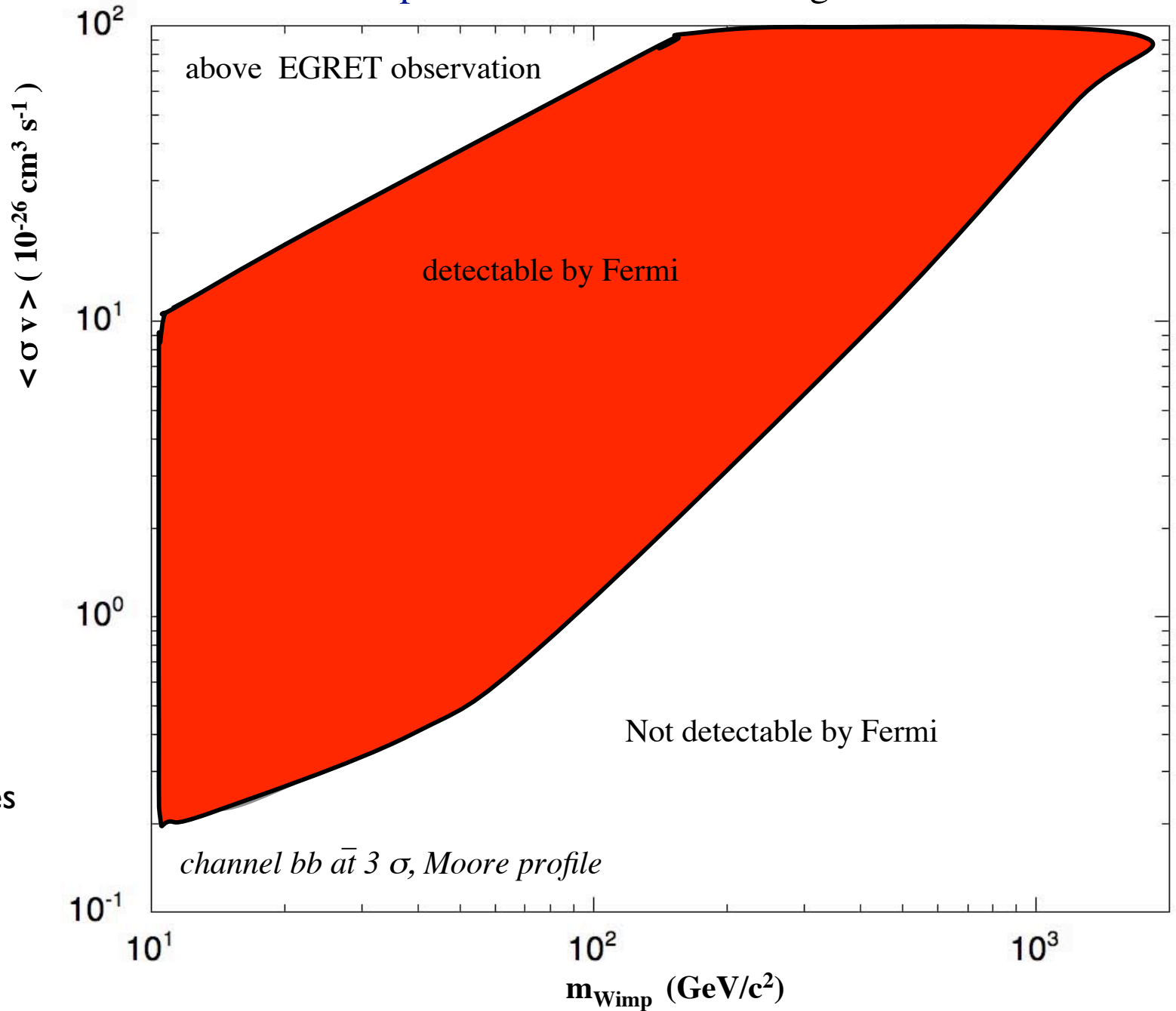


# Search for DM in the GC

- ➔ Model generally reproduces data well within uncertainties. The model somewhat under-predicts the data in the few GeV range (spatial residuals under investigation)
- ➔ Any attempt to disentangle a potential dark matter signal from the galactic center region requires a detailed understanding of the conventional astrophysics
- More prosaic explanations must be ruled out before invoking a contribution from dark matter if an excess is found (e.g. modeling of the diffuse emission, unresolved sources, ....)
- Analysis in progress to updated constraints on annihilation cross section

# Model independent results for the Sagittarius Dwarf

after the Fermi  
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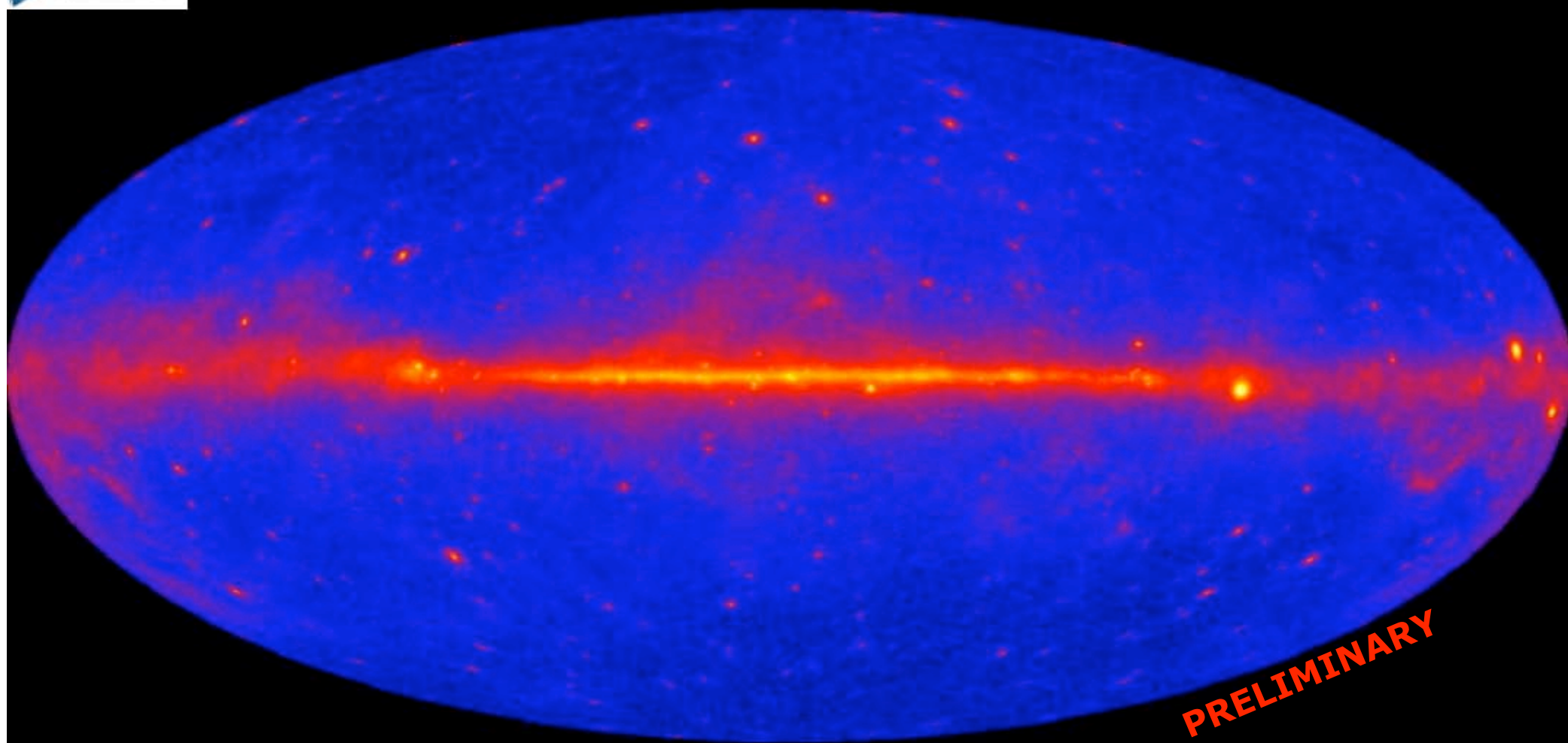


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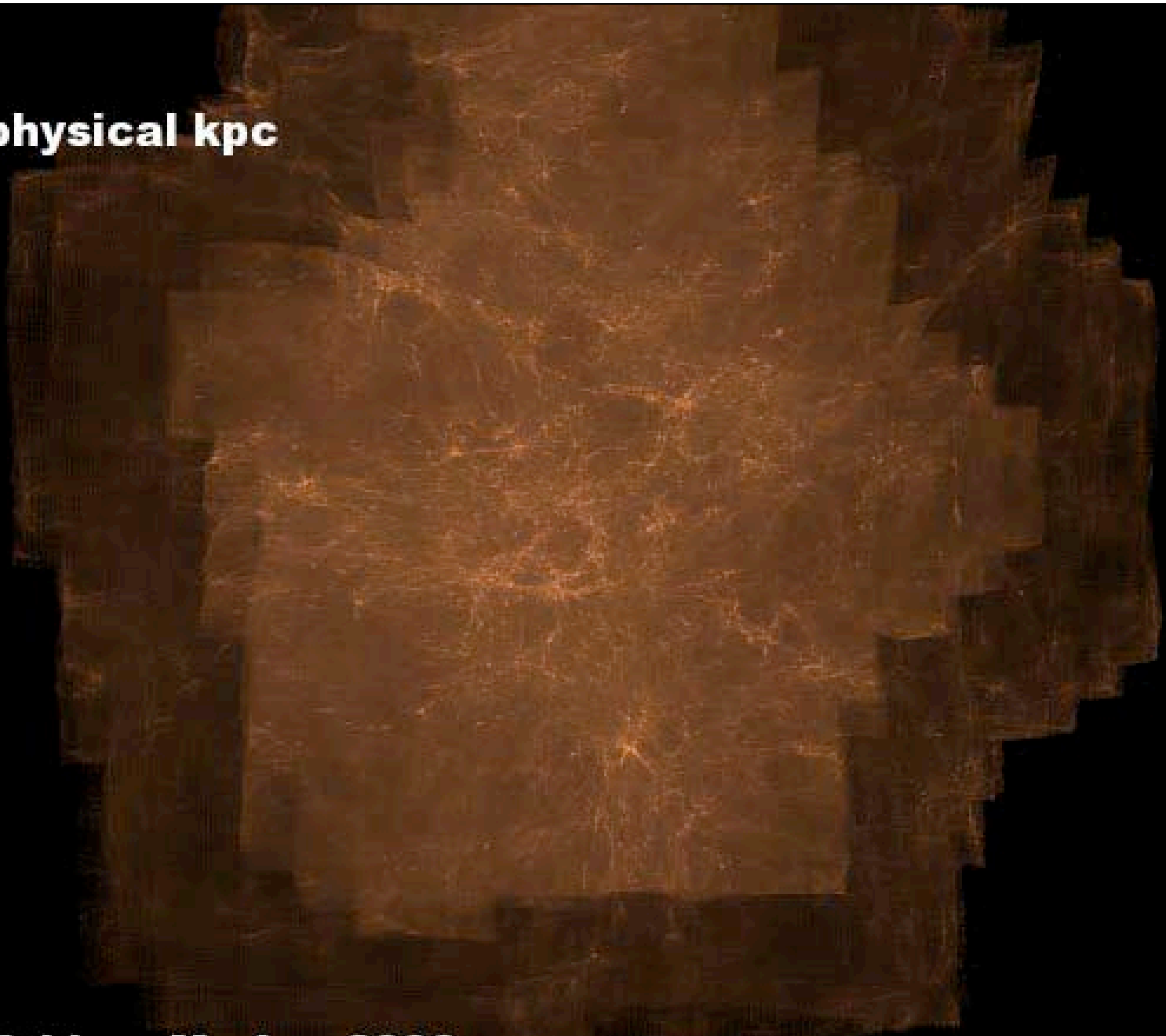
- About 250 sources show evidence of variability
- over half sources are associated positionally, mostly with blazars and pulsars
- Other classes of sources exist in small numbers (XRB, PWN, SNR, starbursts, globular clusters, radio galaxies, narrow-line Seyferts)
- a lot of remaining sources have no obvious associations with known gamma-ray emitting types of astrophysical objects.

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PRELIMINARY

**$z=11.9$**

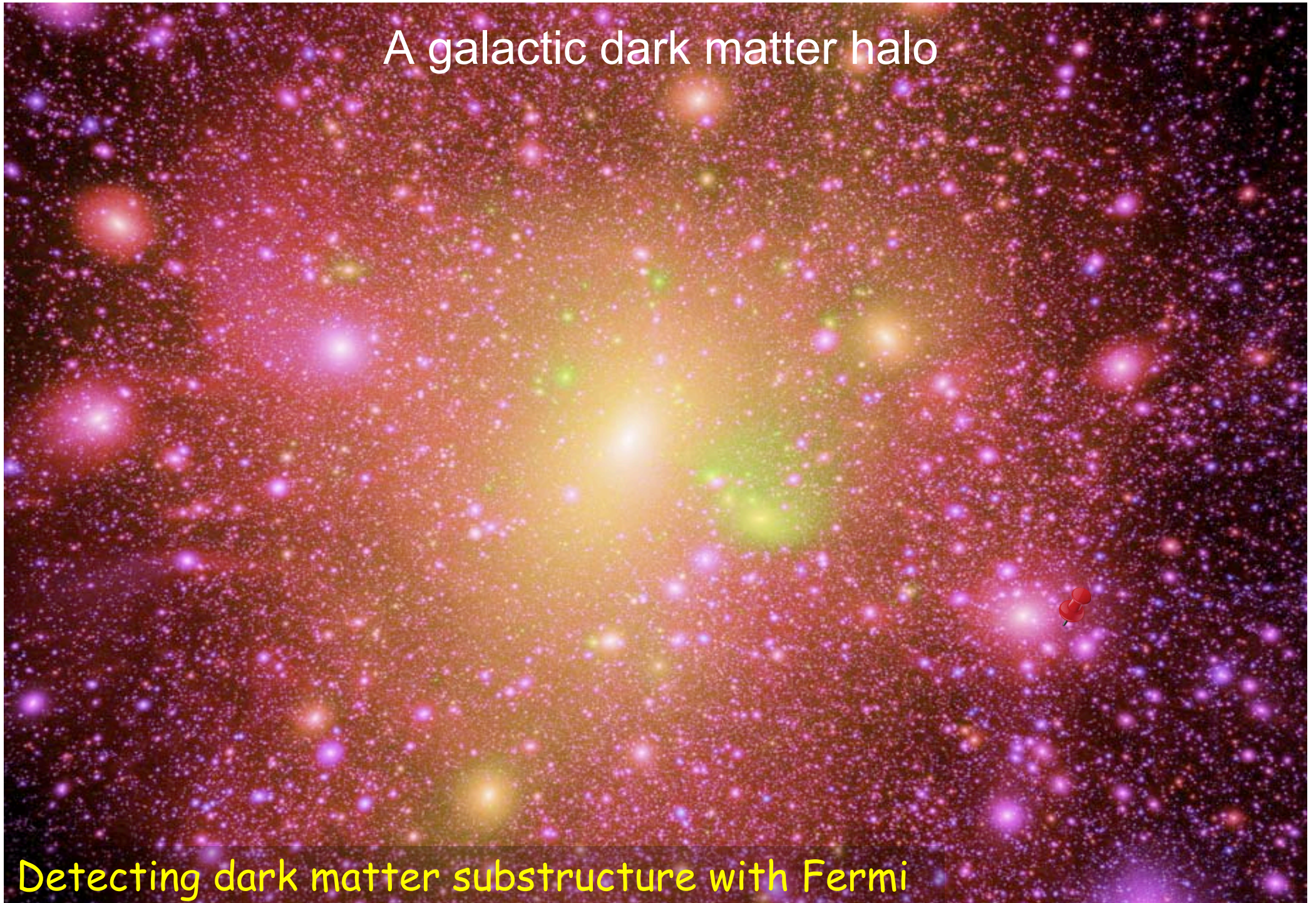
**800 x 600 physical kpc**



**Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006**

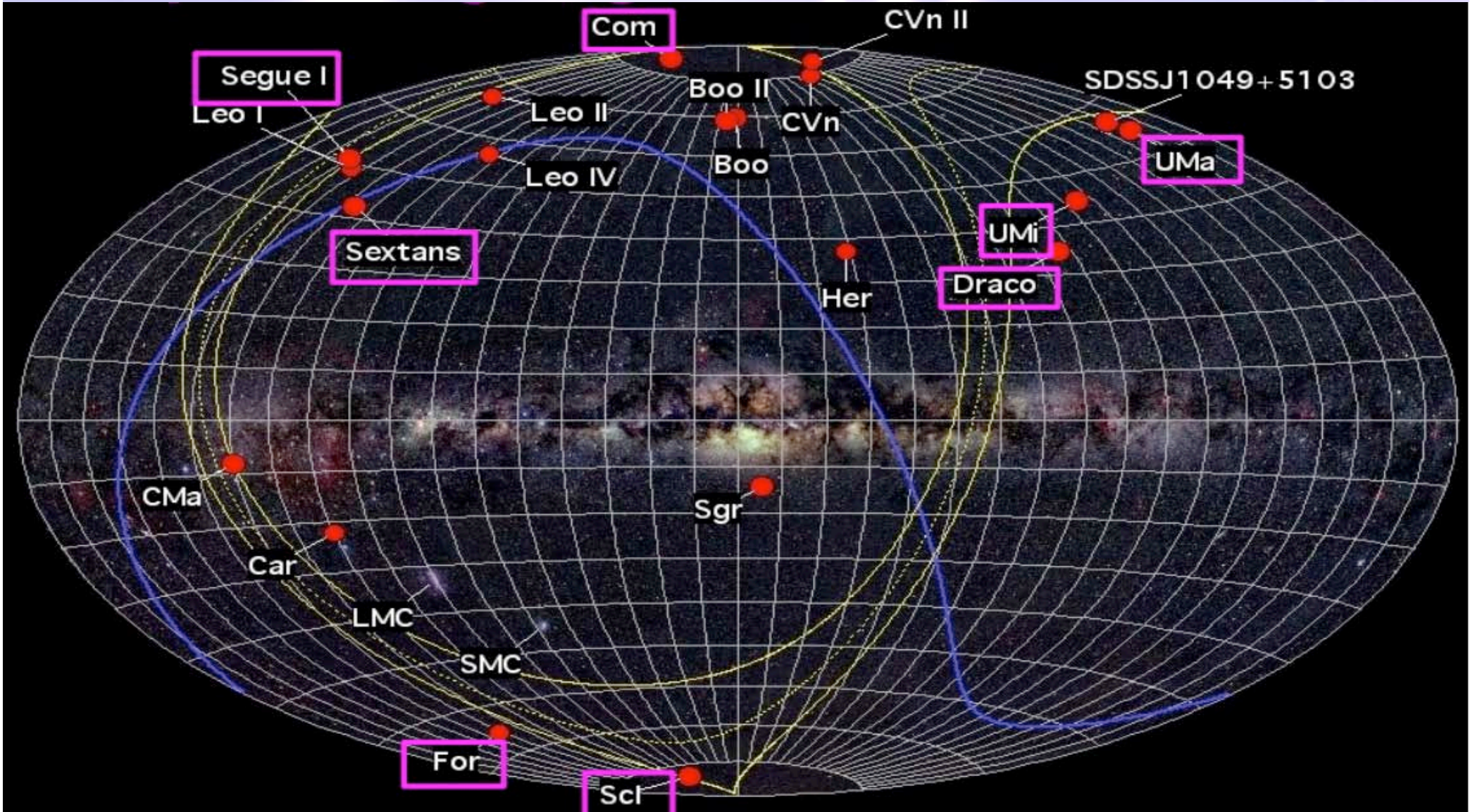
*A galactic dark matter halo*

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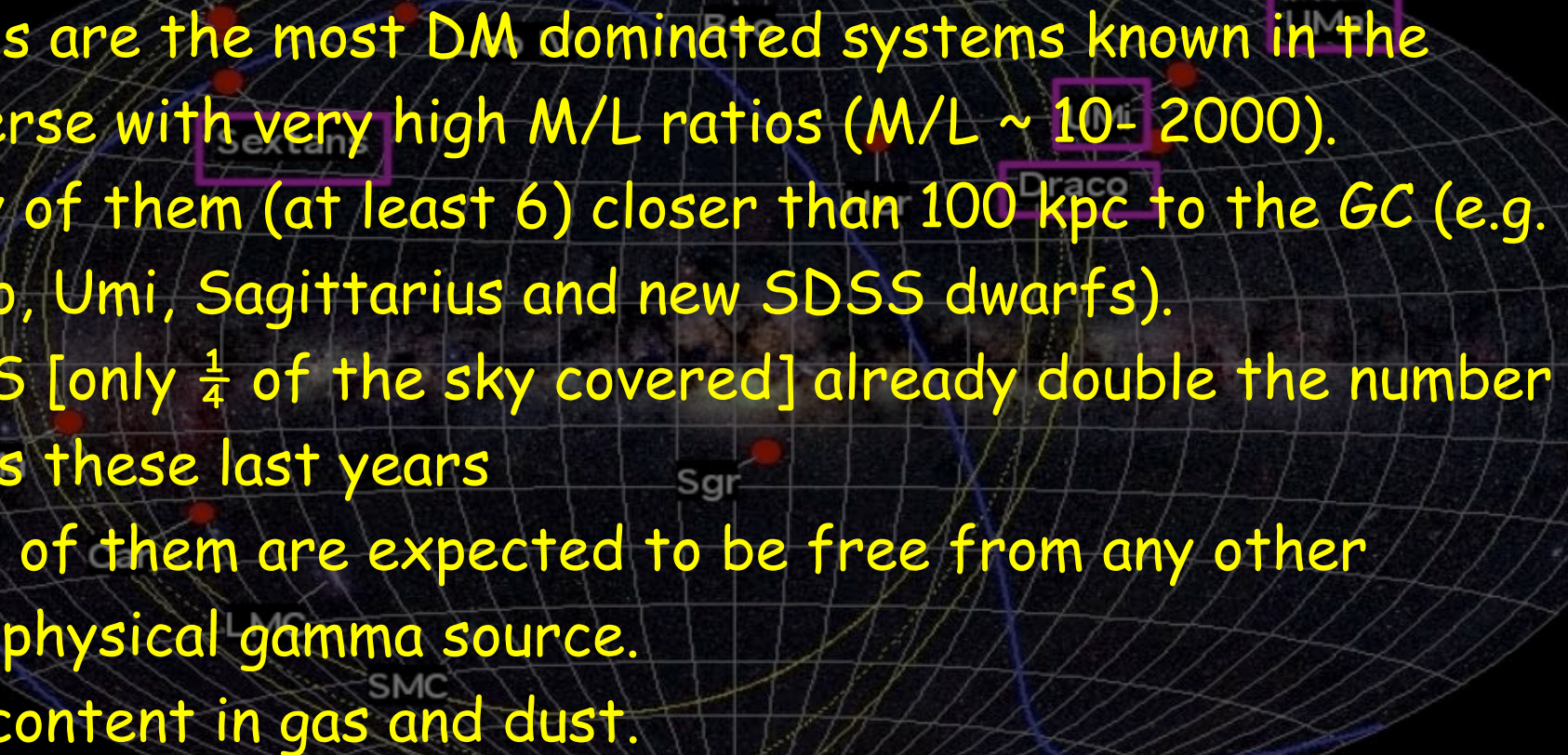
Detecting dark matter substructure with Fermi

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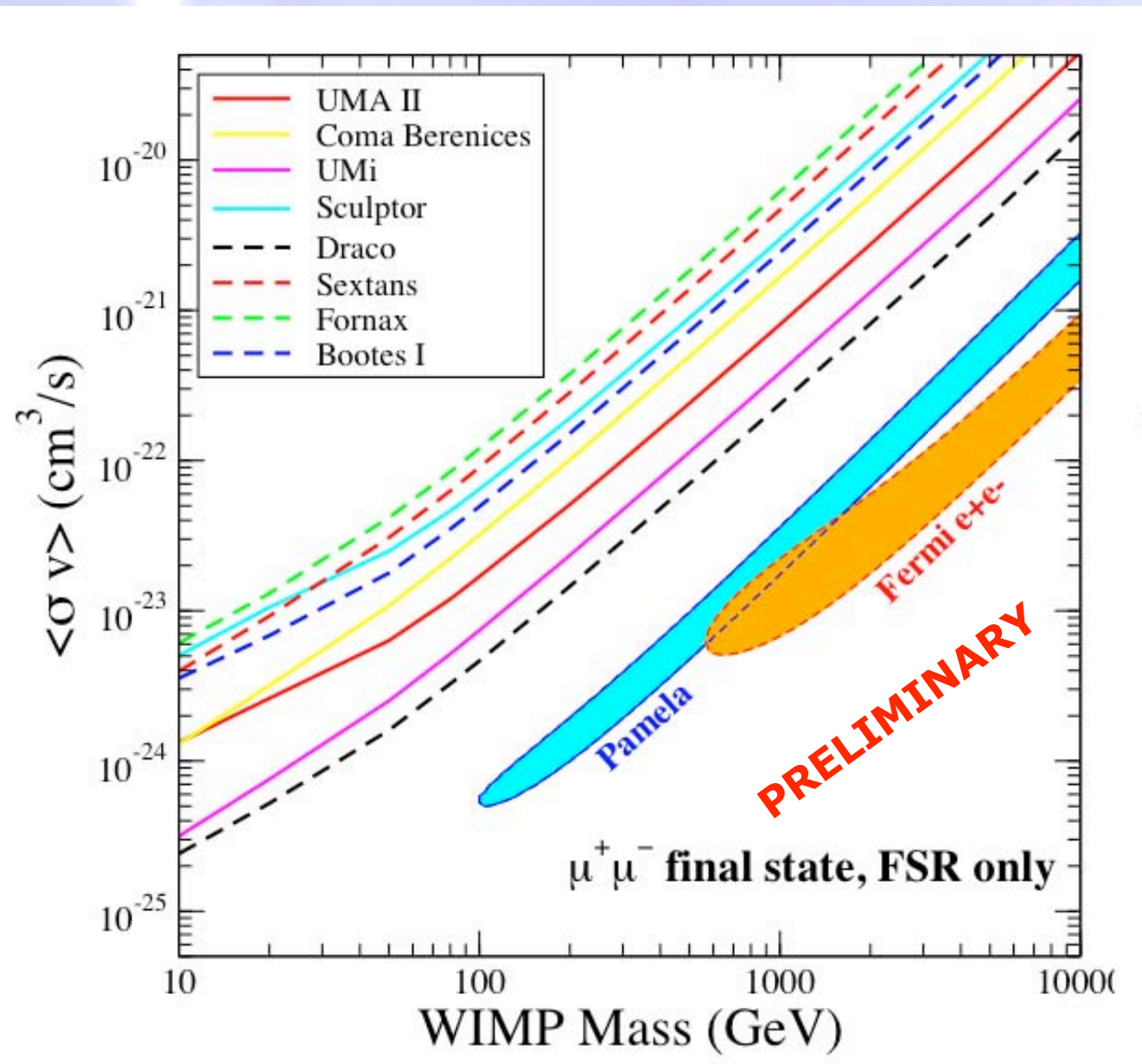
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- dSphs are the most DM dominated systems known in the Universe with very high M/L ratios ( $M/L \sim 10-2000$ ).
  - Many of them (at least 6) closer than 100 kpc to the GC (e.g. Draco, Umi, Sagittarius and new SDSS dwarfs).
  - SDSS [only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the sky covered] already double the number of dSphs these last years
  - Most of them are expected to be free from any other astrophysical gamma source.
  - ✓ Low content in gas and dust.

# Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies upper-limits

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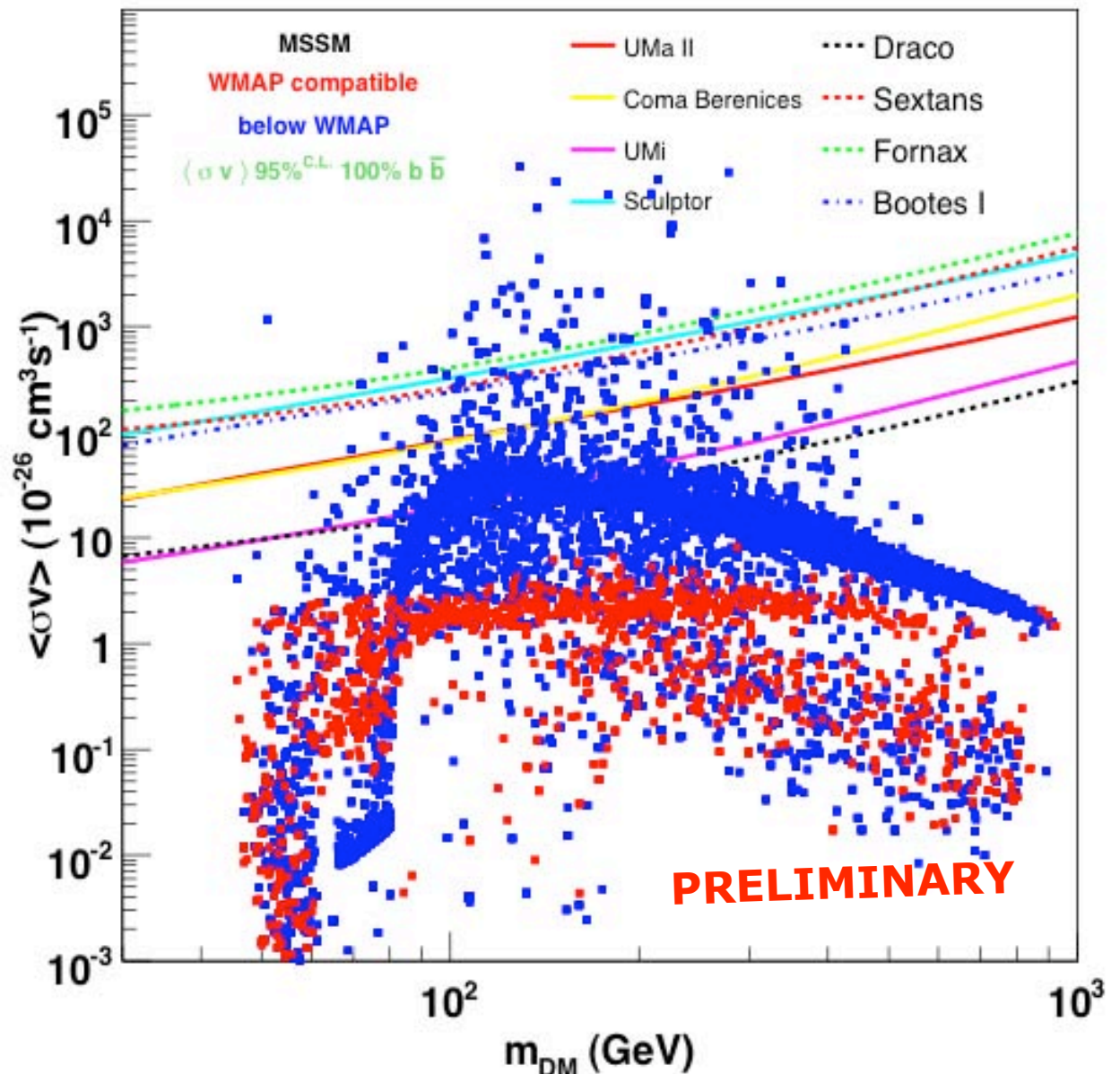


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# Inverse Compton Emission and Diffusion in Dwarfs

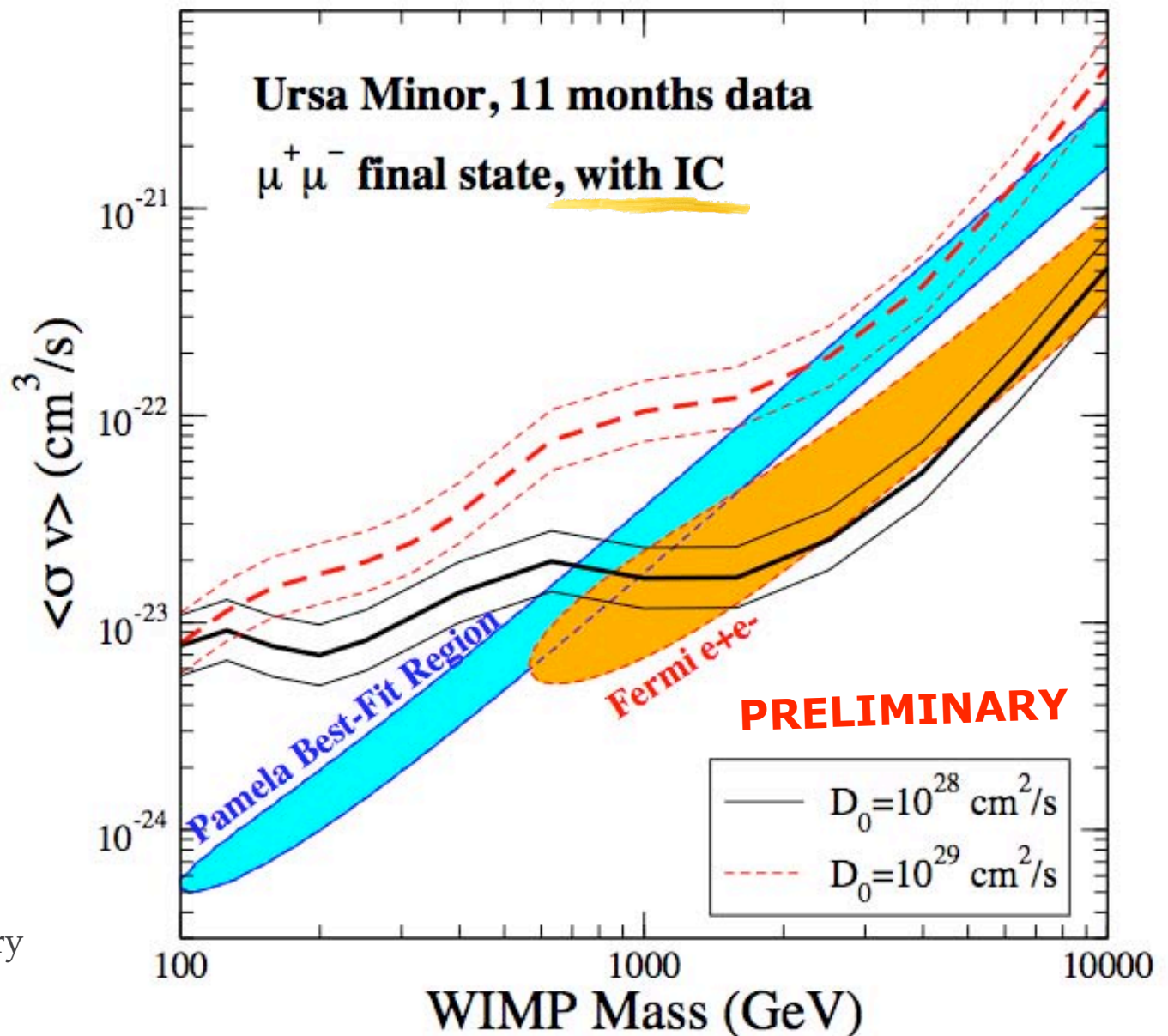
- We expect significant IC gamma-ray emission for high mass WIMP models annihilating to leptonic final states.
- The IC flux depends strongly on the uncertain/unknown diffusion of cosmic rays in dwarfs.
- We assume a simple diffusion model similar to what is found for the Milky Way  
 $D(E) = D_0 E^{1/3}$  with  $D_0 = 10^{28} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$   
(only galaxy with measurements, scaling to dwarfs ?? )

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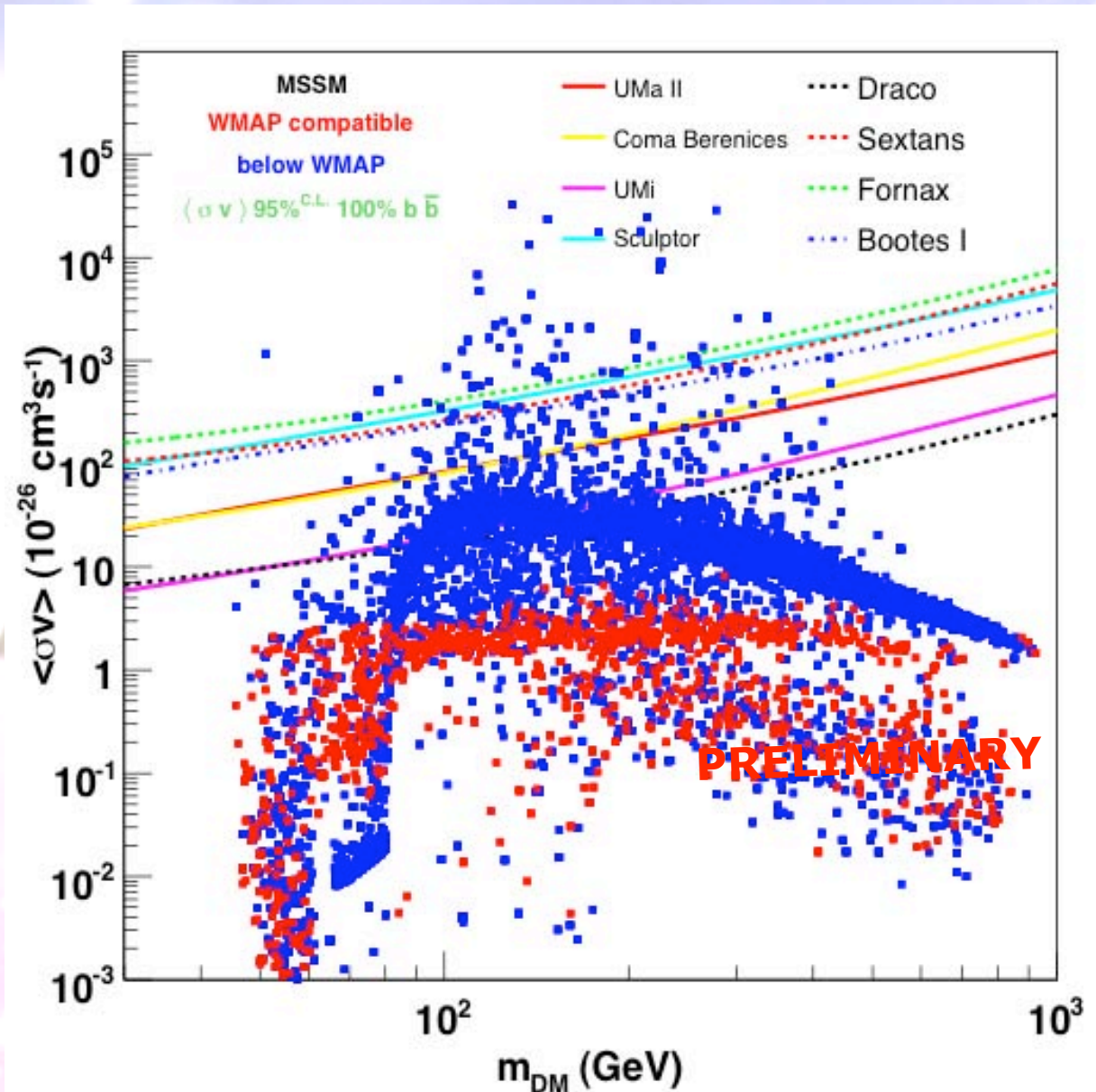
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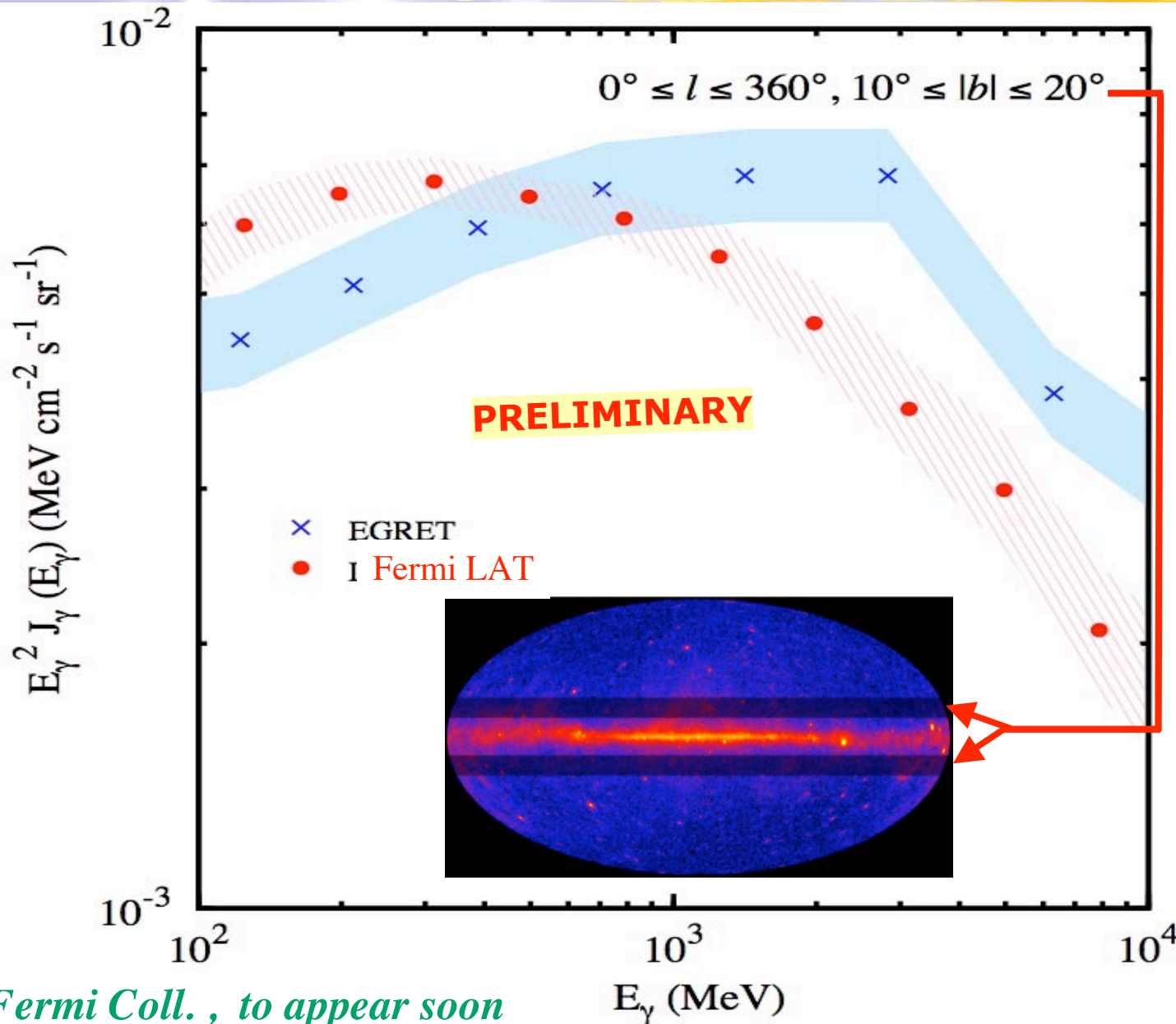
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# The Galactic Diffuse Emission



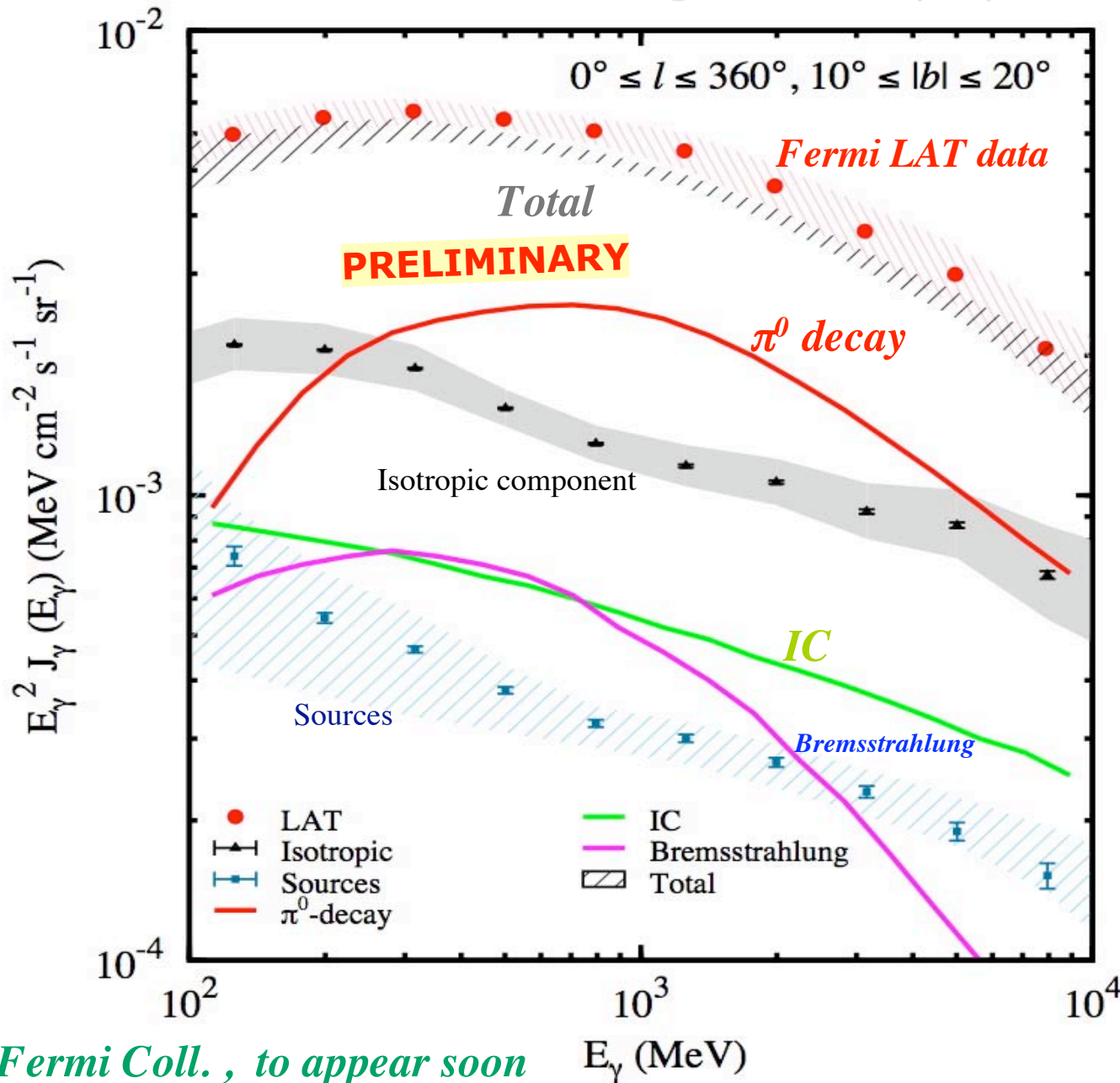
- Spectra shown for mid-latitude range → GeV excess in this region of the sky is **not** confirmed.

- Sources are **not** subtracted but are a minor component.

- LAT errors are dominated by systematic uncertainties and are currently estimated to be ~10% → this is **preliminary**.

*Fermi Coll., to appear soon*

# 2009: Fermi-LAT diffuse gamma-ray spectrum first measurements



EGRET GeV excess was not observed  $\Rightarrow$   
 Conventional models (based on the locally measured CR fluxes) can be used

The conventional model with  $\gamma_0 = 2.54$  ( $\delta = 0.33$ ) gives a satisfactory description of Fermi-LAT gamma-ray data

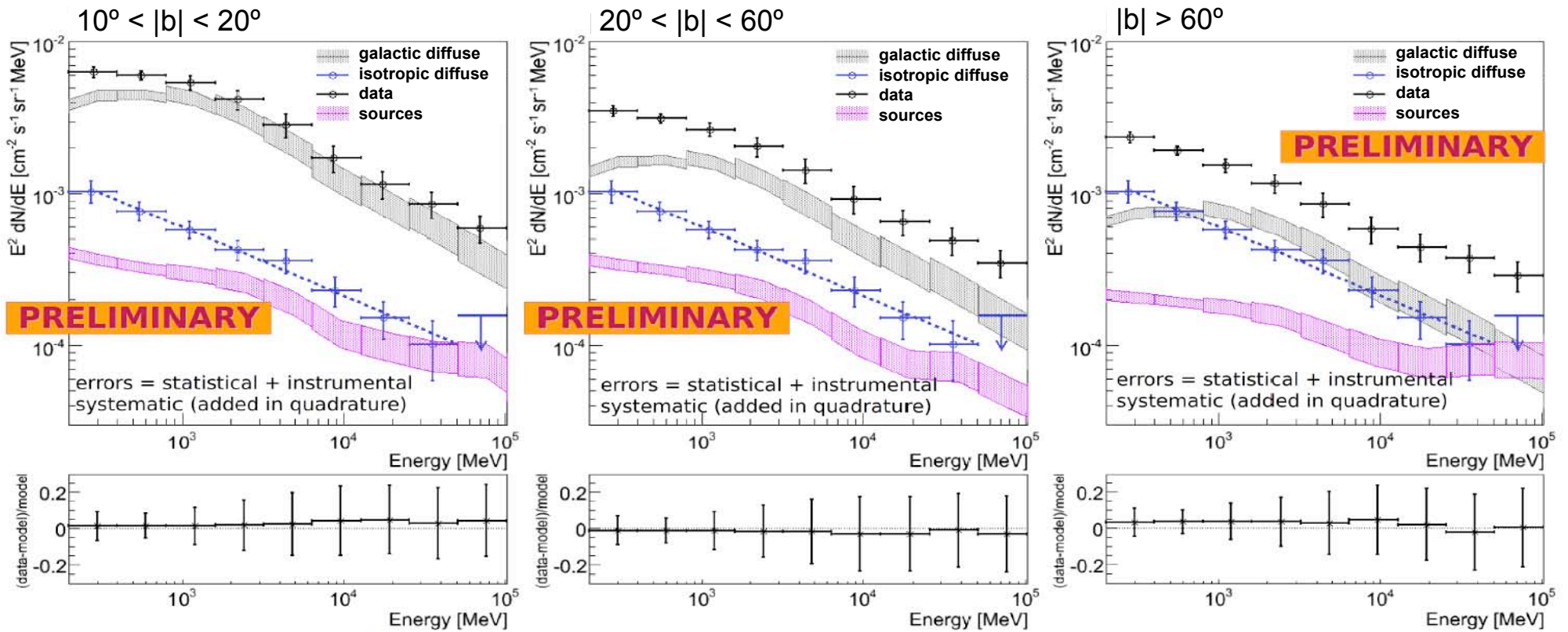
Conventional model are weakly affected by small changes in the electron spectrum.



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# The LAT isotropic diffuse flux (200 MeV - 100 GeV)



Low galactic latitudes

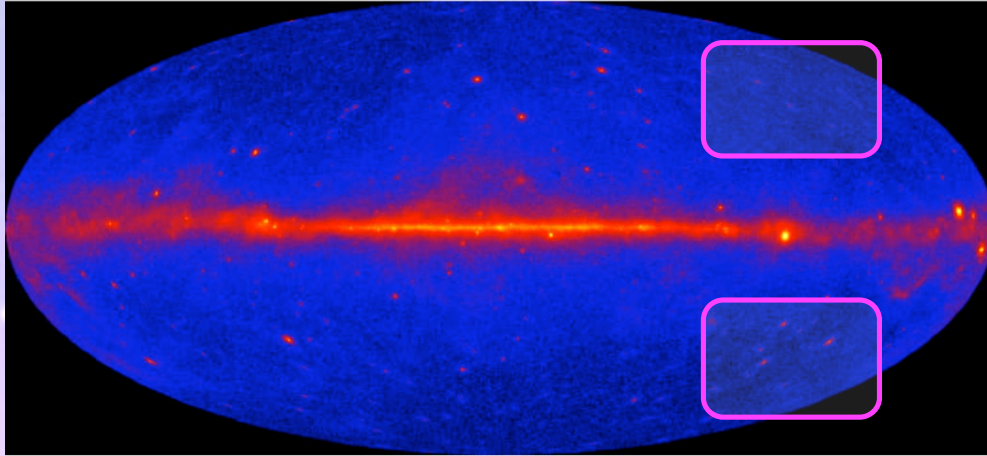
High galactic latitudes

Galactic poles

-  Galactic diffuse flux (from fit)
-  Total point source contribution (from fit)
-  **Isotropic diffuse emission** (isotropic component from fit, residual CR background subtracted)
-  LAT data
-  Power law fit to isotropic diffuse emission with index  $\gamma = 2.45$

**error bars / bands:**  
 statistical error +  
 LAT effective area  
 uncertainty +  
 residual background  
 contamination  
 uncertainty

# Accurate Measurements of Local CRs

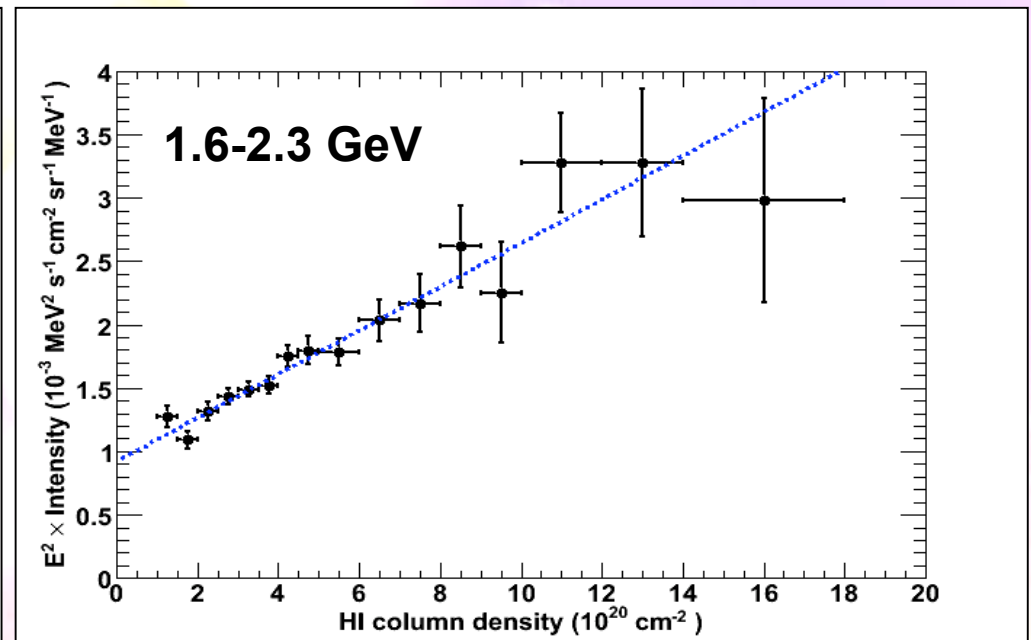
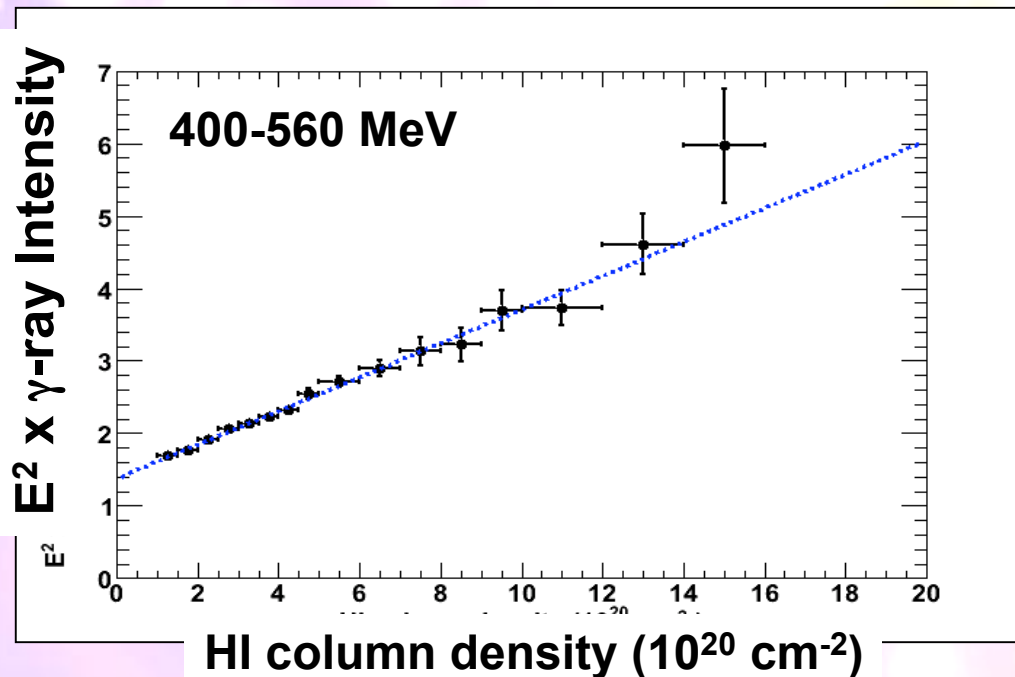


Mid-high lat. region in 3<sup>rd</sup> quadrant:

- small contamination of IC and molecular gas
- correlate  $\gamma$ -ray intensity and HI gas column density



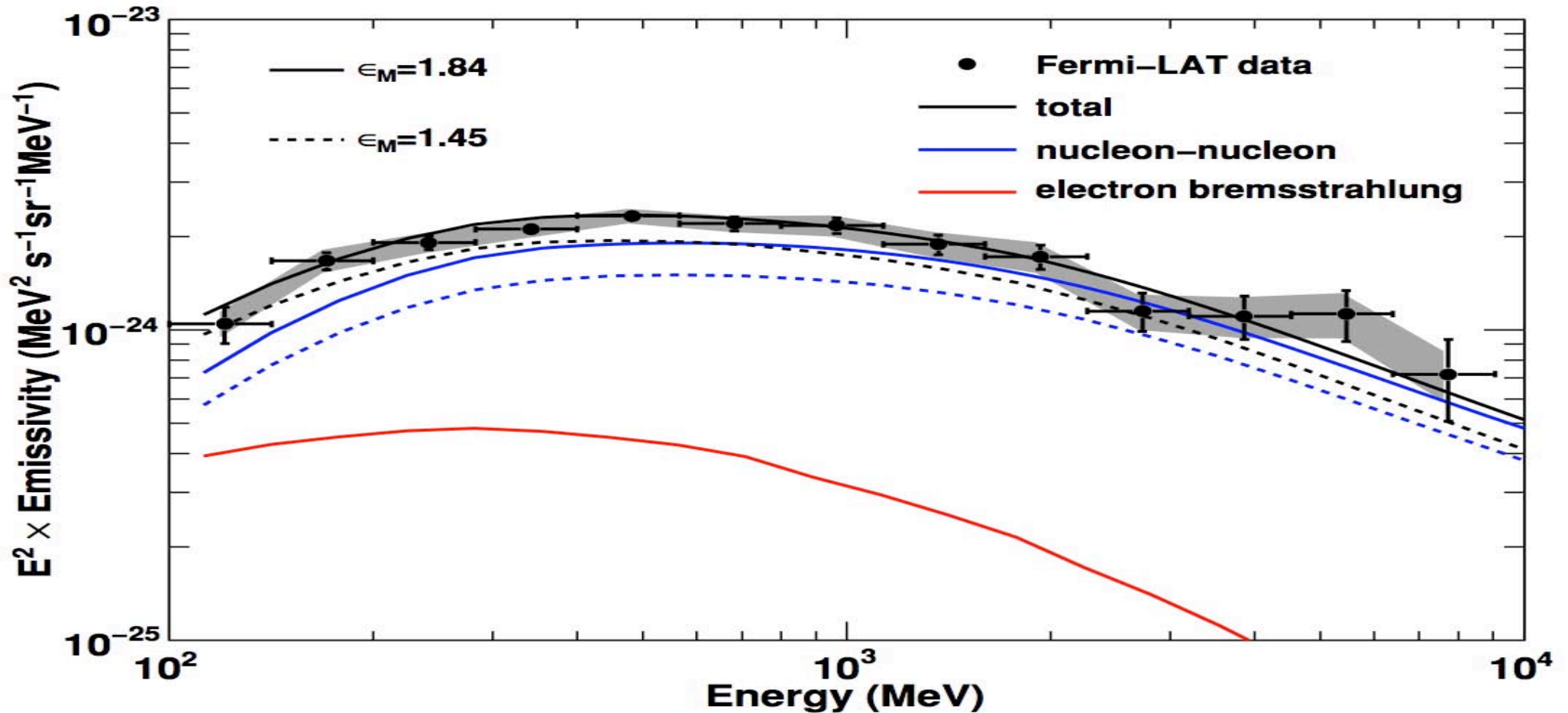
Abdo et al. [Fermi Coll.]  
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# Diffuse emission

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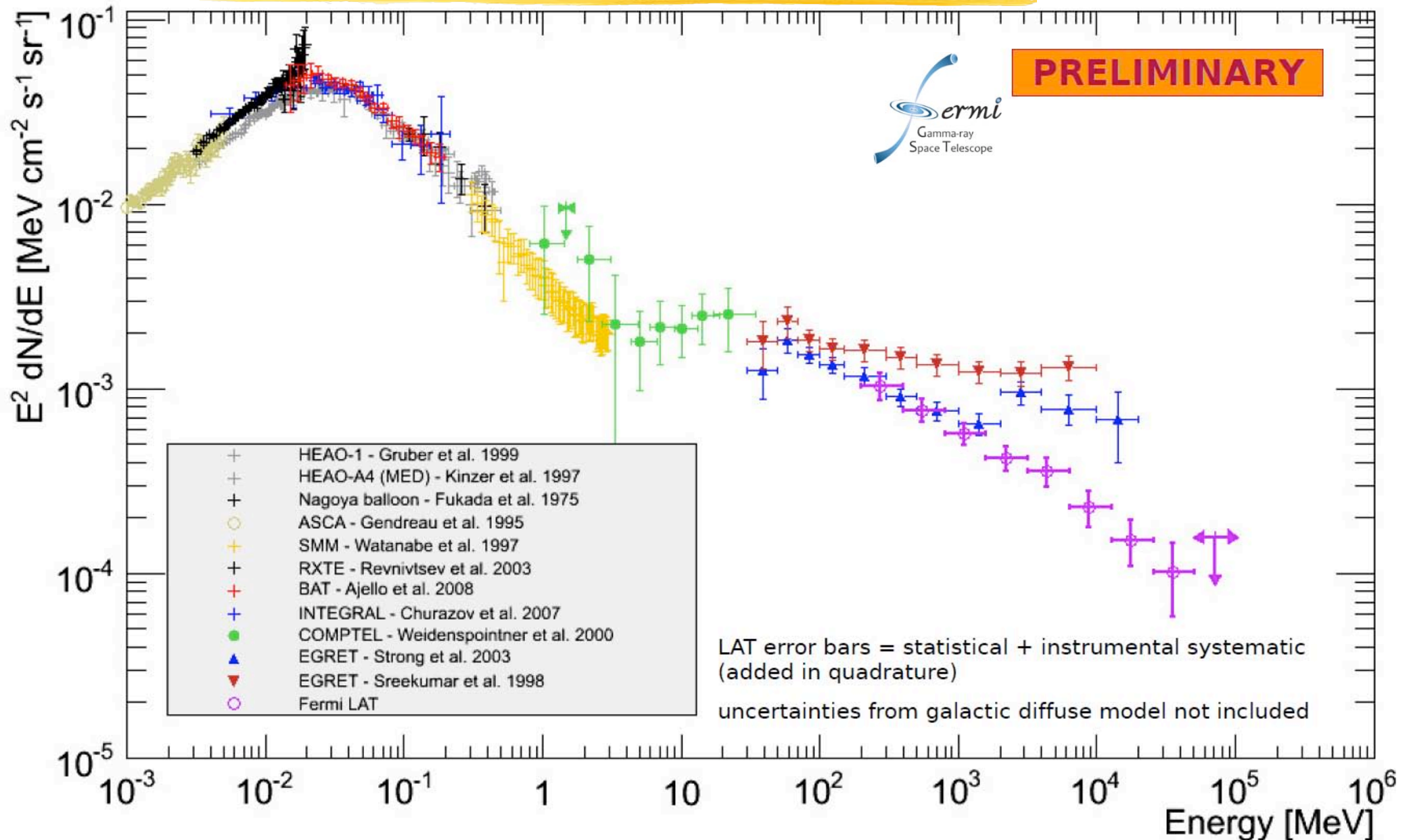
- Best quality  $\gamma$ -ray emissivity spectrum in 100 MeV-10 GeV ( $T_p = 1-100$  GeV)
- Agree with the model prediction from the local interstellar spectrum (LIS)



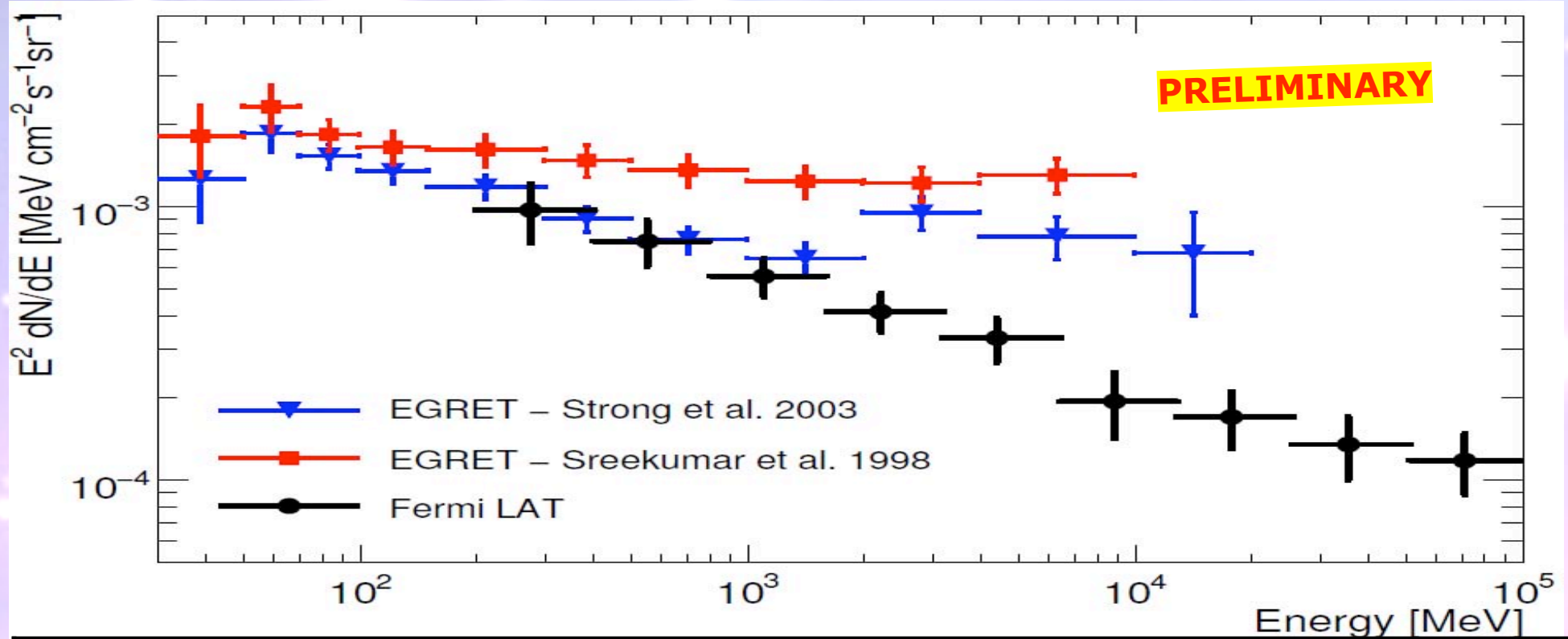
**Prove that local CR nuclei spectra are close to those directly measured at the Earth**

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# SED of the isotropic diffuse emission (1 keV-100 GeV)

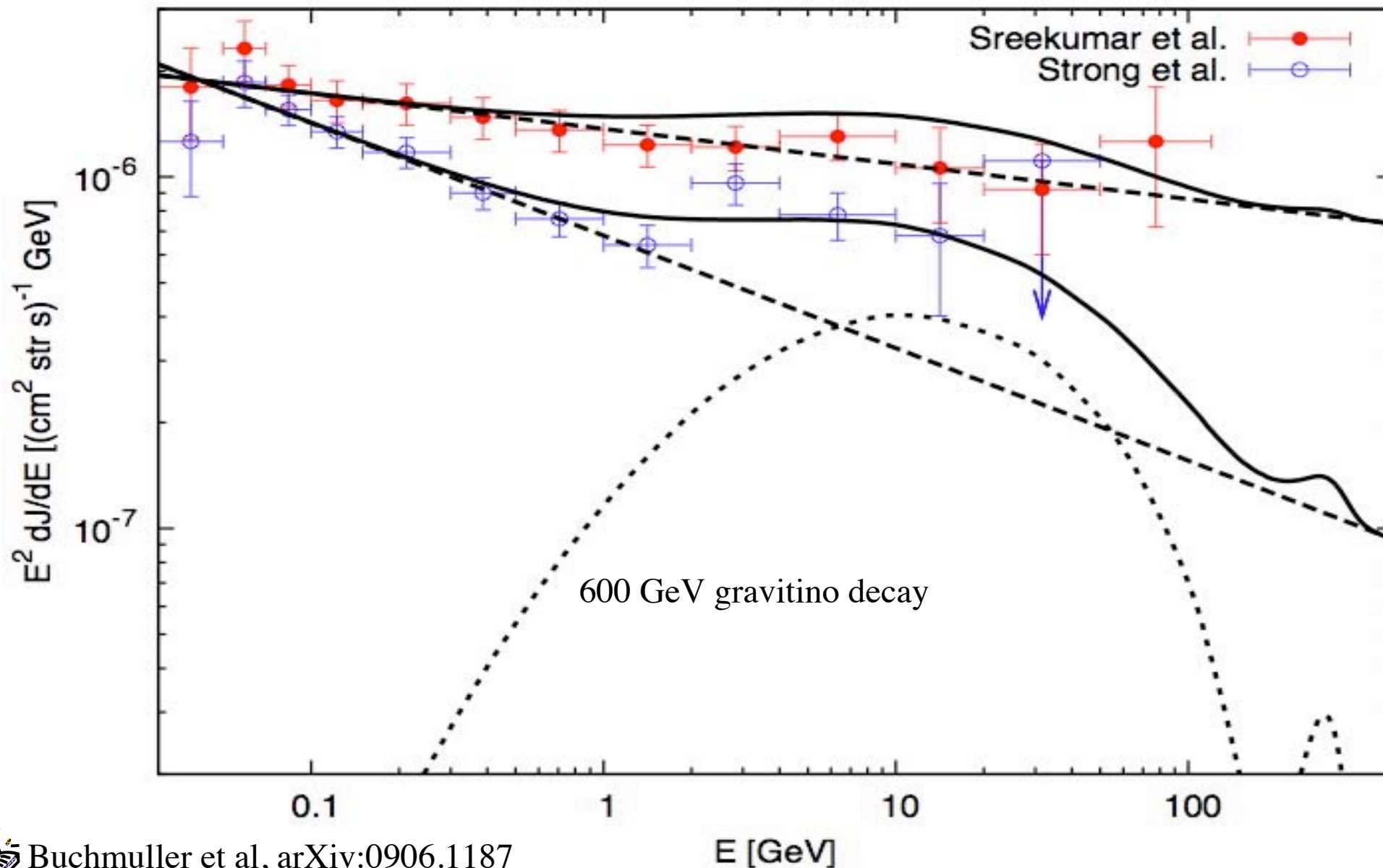



# SED of the isotropic diffuse emission (1 keV-100 GeV)



	Flux, $E > 100$ MeV	spectral index
<b>Fermi LAT</b>	<b>1.03 +/- 0.17</b>	<b>2.41 +/- 0.05</b>
EGRET (Sreekumar et al., 1998)	1.45 +/- 0.05	2.13 +/- 0.03
EGRET (Strong et al. 2004)	1.11 +/- 0.10	
LAT + resolved sources below EGRET sensitivity	1.19 +/- 0.18	2.37 +/- 0.05
	$\times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$	

# extragalactic gamma-ray spectrum

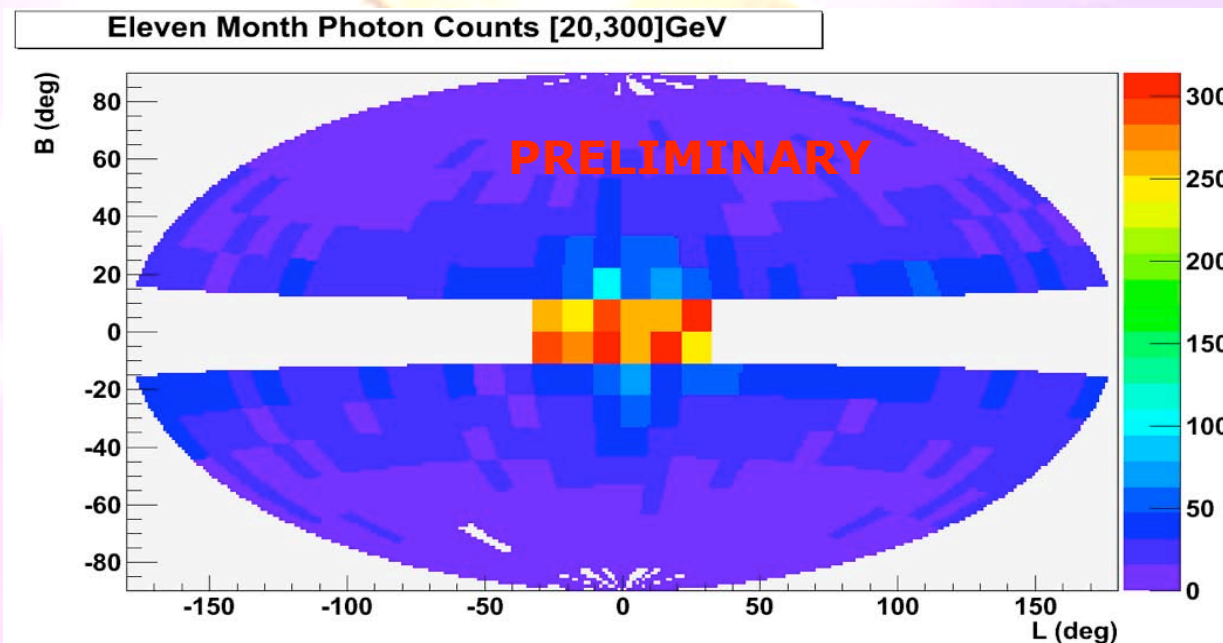


 Buchmuller et al, arXiv:0906.1187

# Search for Spectral Gamma Lines

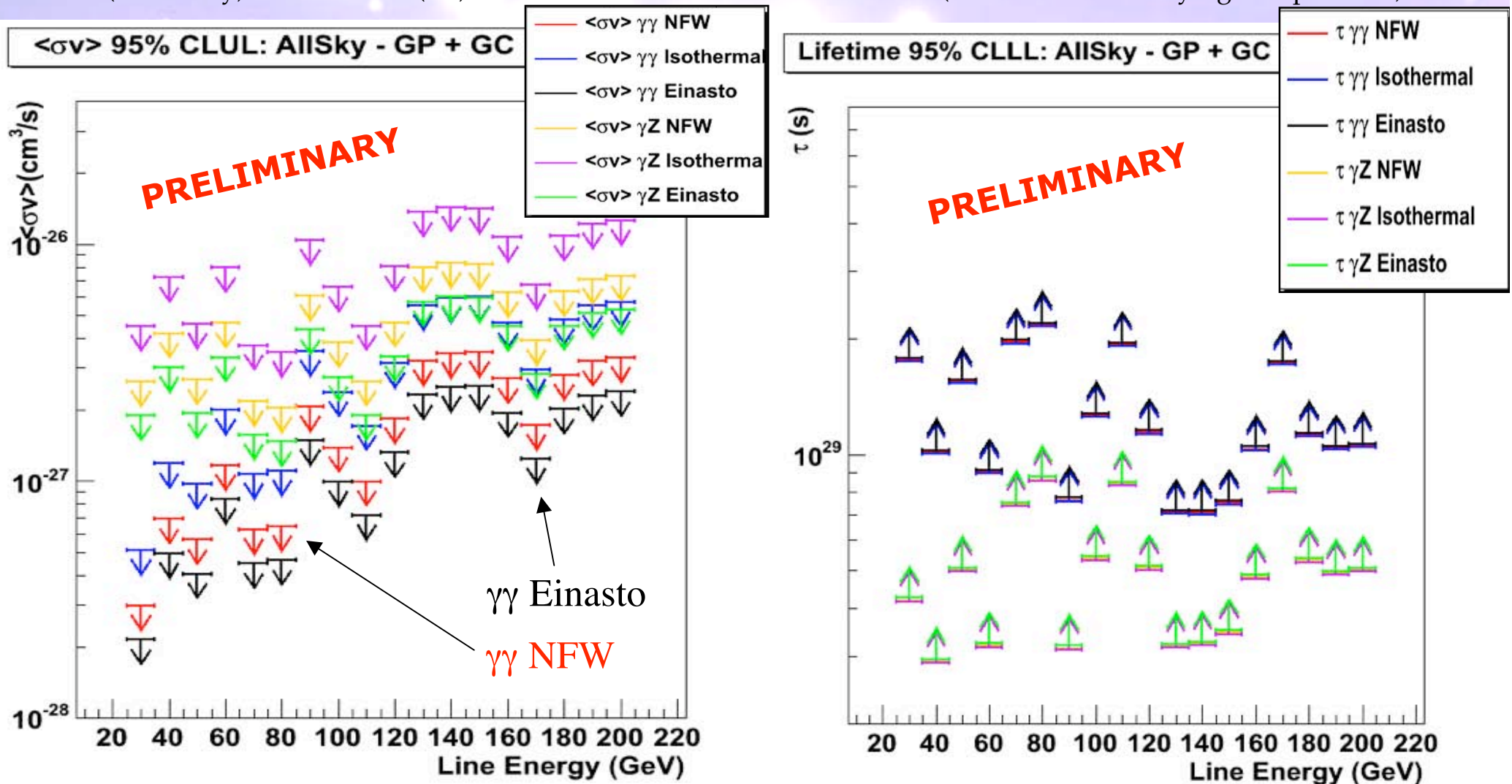
➔ Smoking gun signal of dark matter

- Search for lines in the first 11 months of Fermi data in the 30-200 GeV energy range
- Search region
  - ▶  $|b| > 10^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  around galactic center
- Remove point sources (for  $|b| > 10^\circ$ ). The data selection includes additional cuts to remove residual charged particle contamination.



# Search for Spectral Gamma Lines

- ➔ No line detection, 95% CL flux upper limits are placed
- For each energy (WIMP mass) the flux ULs are combined with the integral over the line of sight of the DM density<sup>2</sup> (or density) to extract UL (LL) on the annihilation cross section  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  (or lifetime for decaying DM particles)

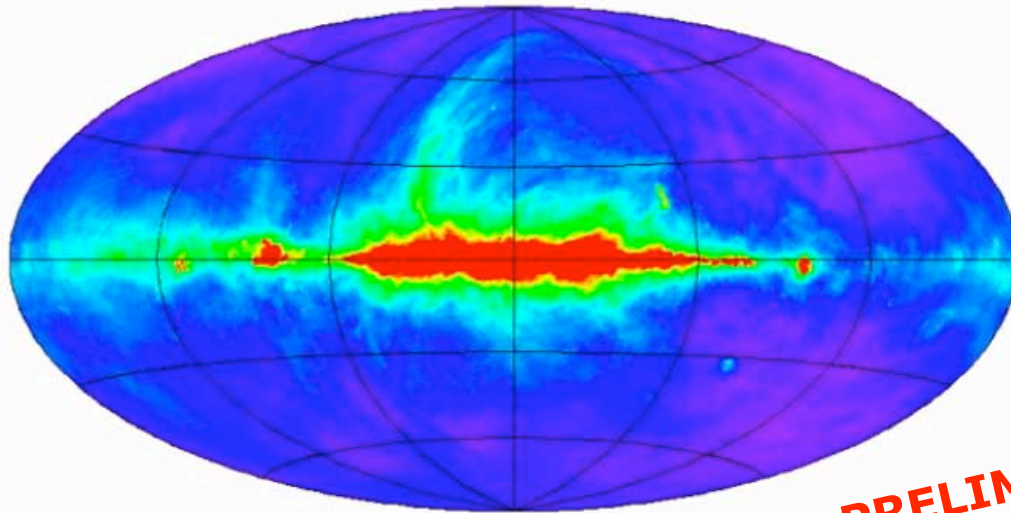




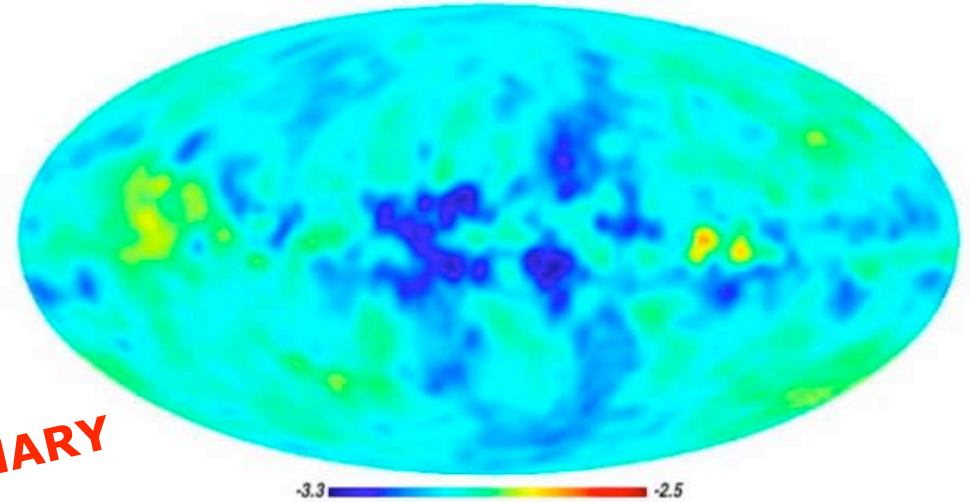
# Loop I region

hot gas superbubble possibly reheated by successive supernova explosions

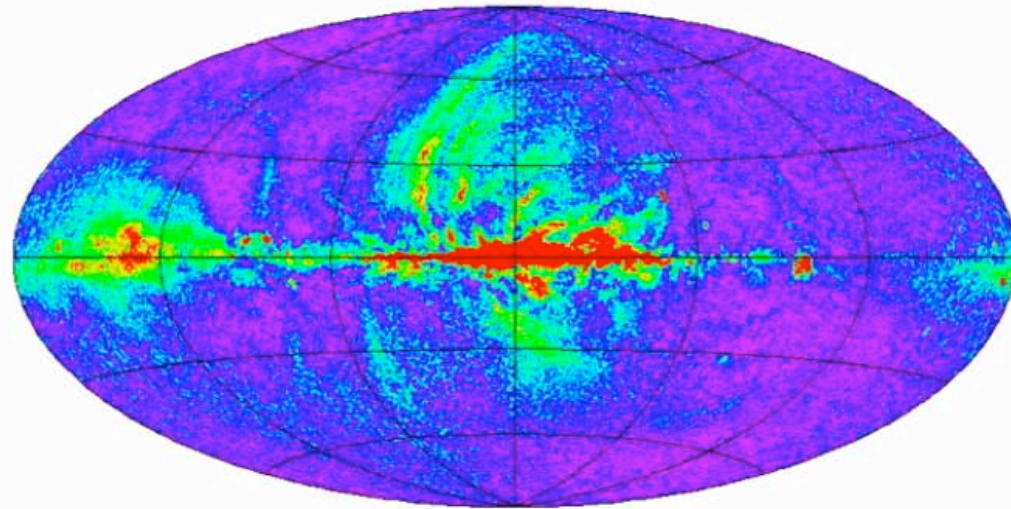
408MHz, Haslam *et al.*, 1981



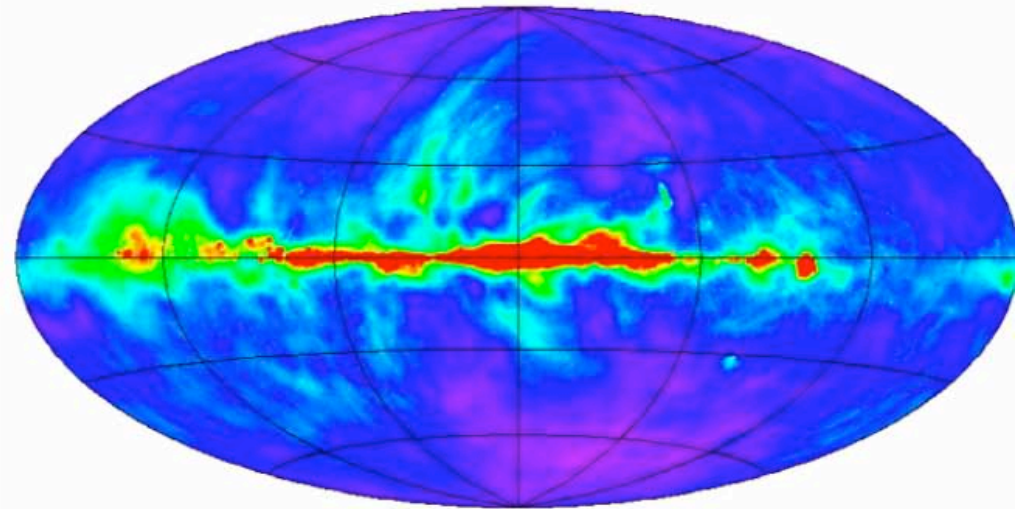
Synchrotron spectral index between 408MHz and 23GHz  
Miville-Deschênes *et al.*, 2008



**PRELIMINARY**



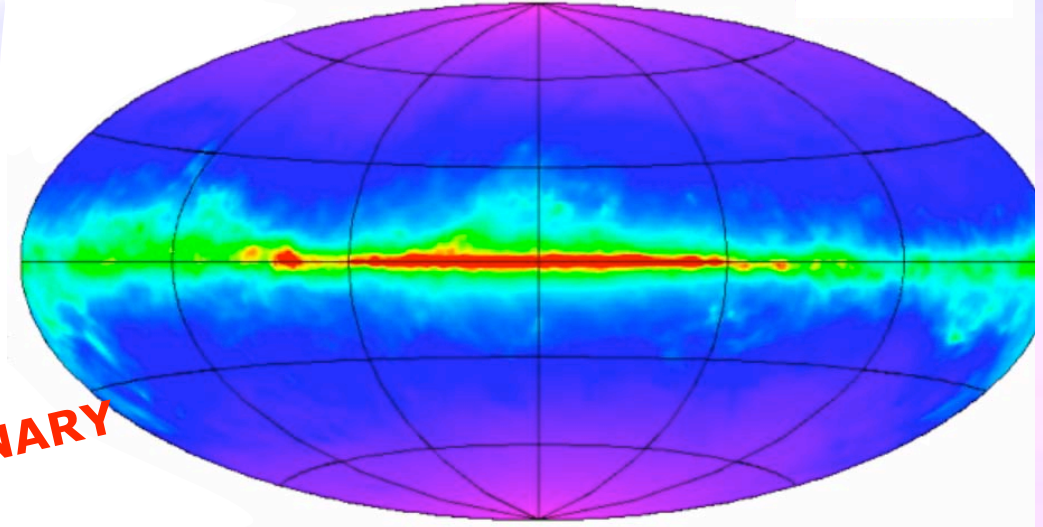
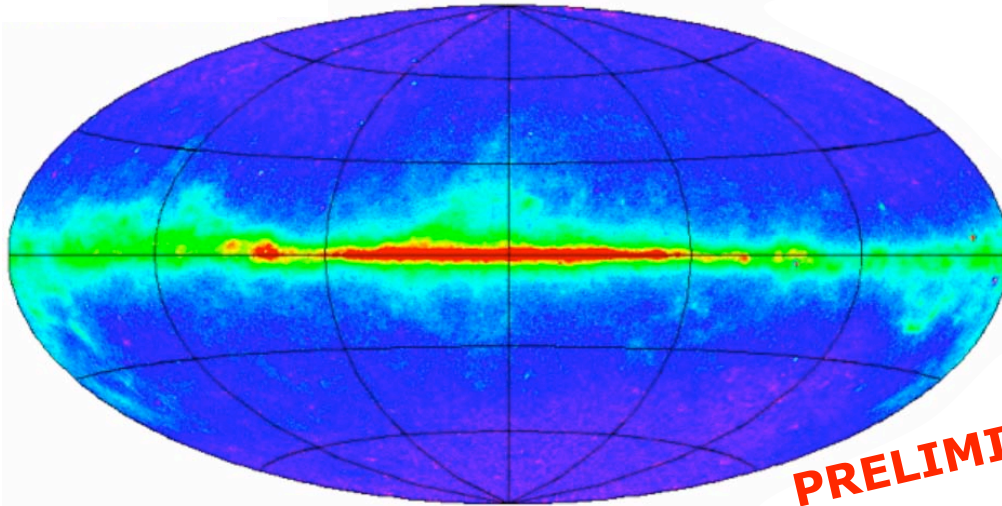
WMAP polarized emission at 23GHz, Page *et al.*, 2007



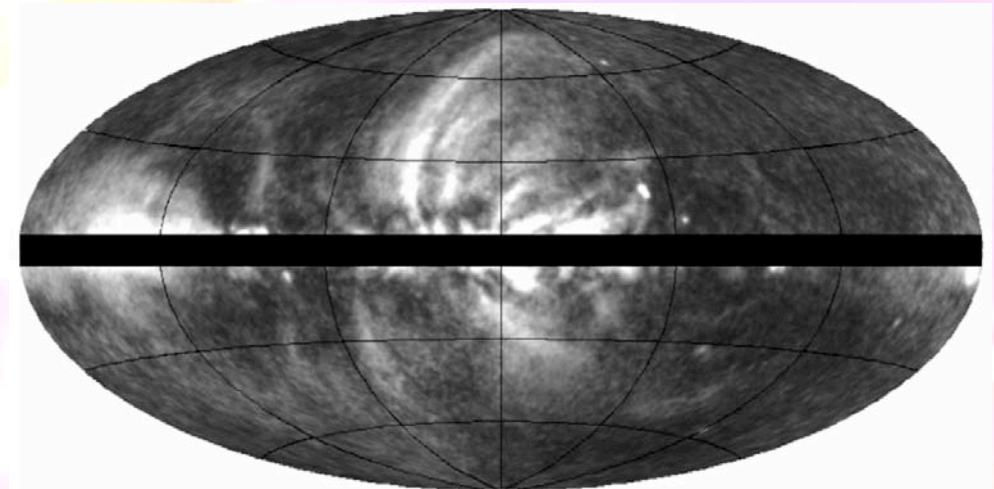
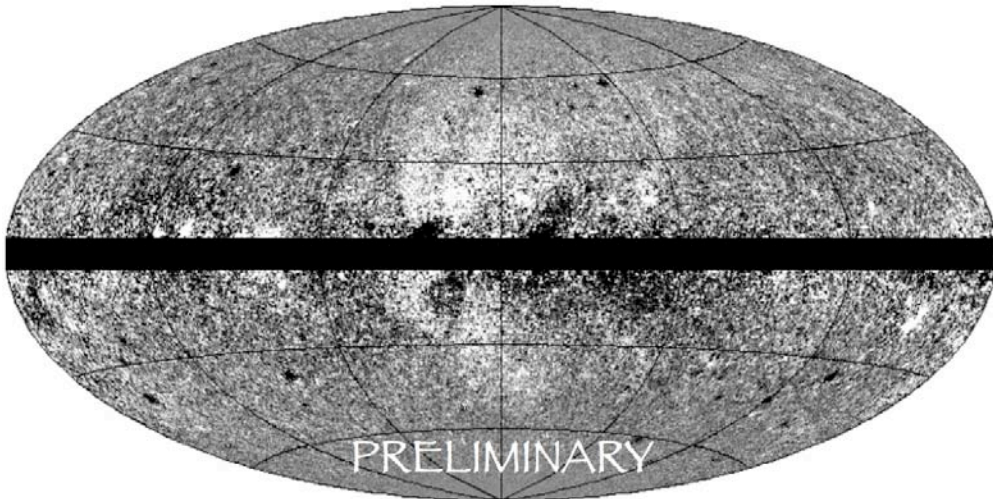
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# Loop I region

Fermi-LAT counts map for  $E > 300 \text{ MeV}$  with sources removed      diffuse model counts prediction for  $E > 300 \text{ MeV}$



Residual map (data-model) for photons with  $E > 300 \text{ MeV}$

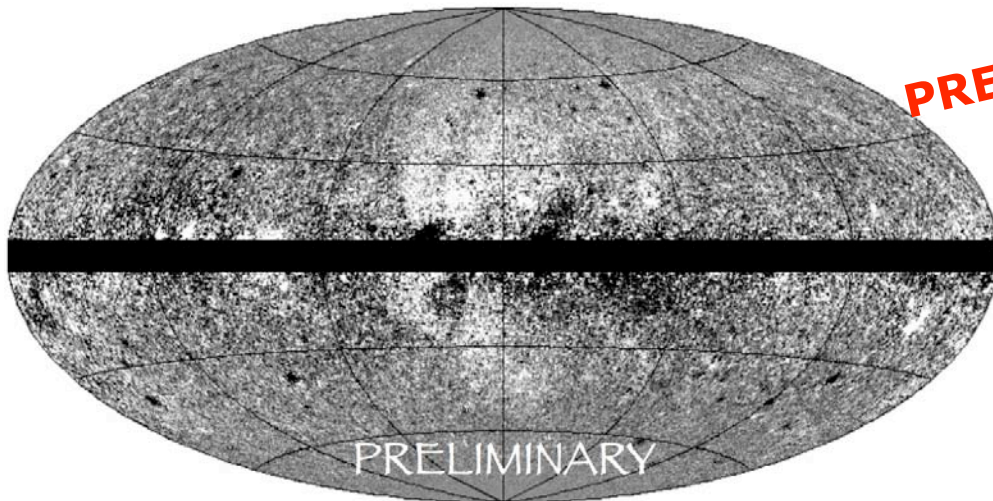


WMAP 23GHz polarized intensity convolved with Fermi-LAT PSF for  $E > 300 \text{ MeV}$

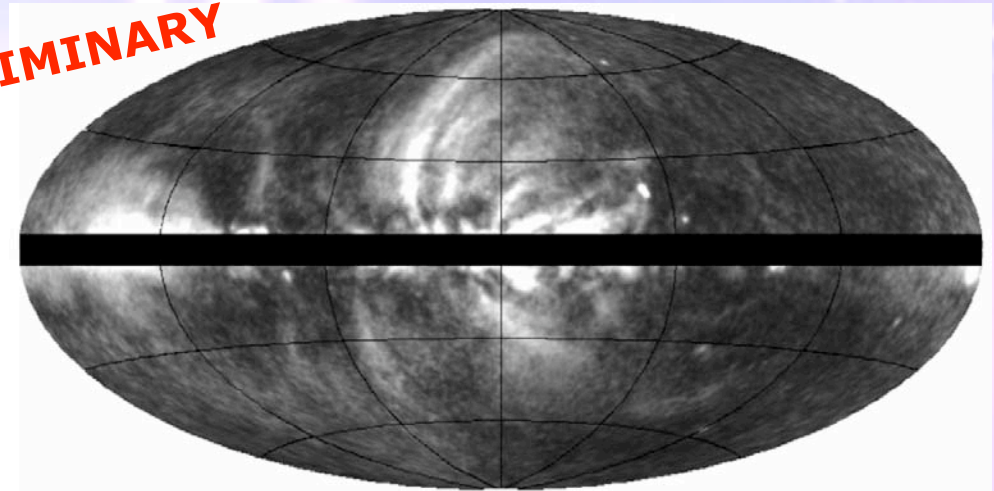
# Loop I region

Residual map (data-model) for photons with  $E > 300$  MeV

convolved WMAP 23GHz polarized intensity



PRELIMINARY



- The spatial relation between the radio and  $\gamma$ -ray data suggests that synchrotron-emitting hard electrons also produce  $\gamma$  rays by upscattering the local radiation field.
  - A bremsstrahlung origin is less likely because of the hardness of the  $\gamma$  rays and because the excess better coincides with the radio spur than with the dense rim of compressed atomic hydrogen.
- Inverse Compton emission from the Milky Way (as calculated by GALPROP) together with this fainter local excess linked with Loop I can fully account for the Fermi-LAT data. It seems that no obvious haze or additional diffuse structure is needed.

# Conclusion:

The Electron+positron spectrum (CRE) measured by Fermi-LAT is significantly harder than previously thought on the basis of previous data

Adopting the presence of an extra  $e^+$  primary component with  $\sim 2.4$  spectral index and  $E_{\text{cut}} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$  allow to consistently interpret Fermi-LAT CRE data (improving the fit), HESS and PAMELA

Such extra-component can be originated if the secondary production takes place in the same region where cosmic rays are being accelerated (to be tested with future B/C measurements)

- or by **pulsars** for a reasonable choice of relevant parameters (to be tested with future Fermi pulsars measurements)
- or by annihilating **dark matter** for model with  $M_{\text{DM}} \approx 1 \text{ TeV}$
- Improved analysis and complementary observations

(CRE anisotropy, spectrum and angular distribution of diffuse  $\gamma$ , DM sources search in  $\gamma$ ) are required to possibly discriminate the right scenario.

# 2nd Conclusion : Gamma

- No discovery (yet)... 🙄
- .... however promising constraints on the nature of DM have been placed 😊
- In addition to increased statistics, better understanding of the astrophysical and instrumental background will improve our ability to reliably extract a potential signal of new physics or set stronger constraints
- Further improvements are anticipated for analysis that benefits from multi-wavelength observations (for example **galactic center**, dwarf spheroidal galaxies and DM satellites)

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