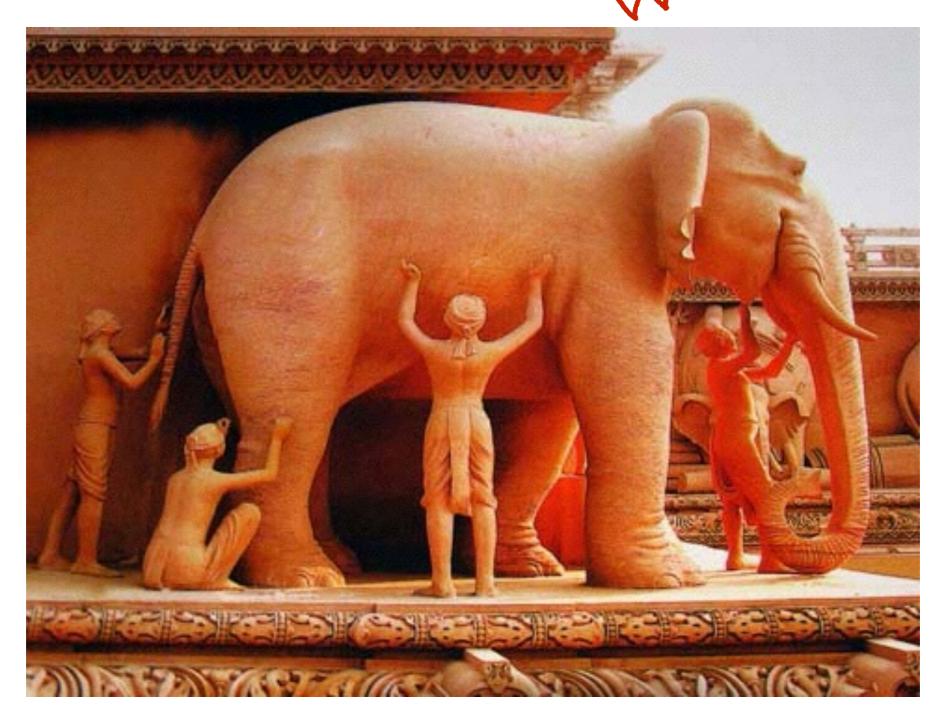
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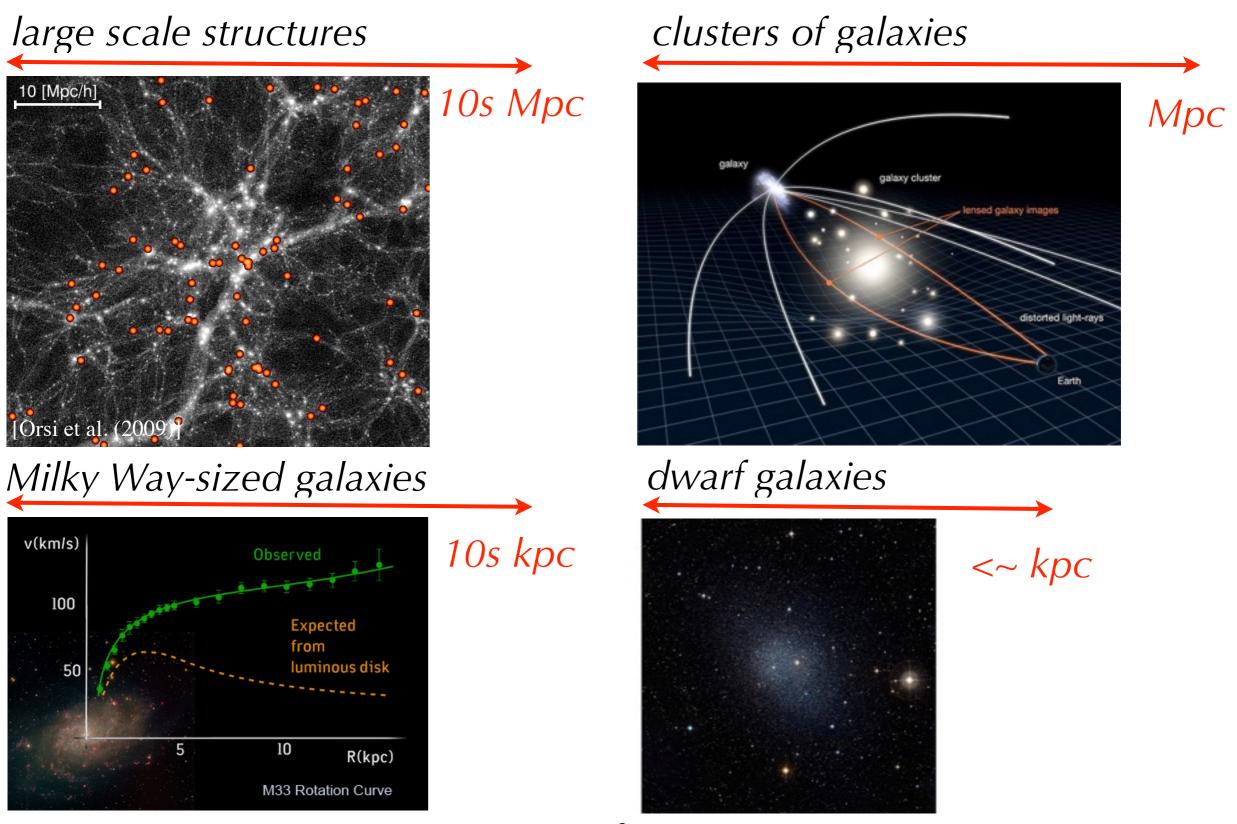


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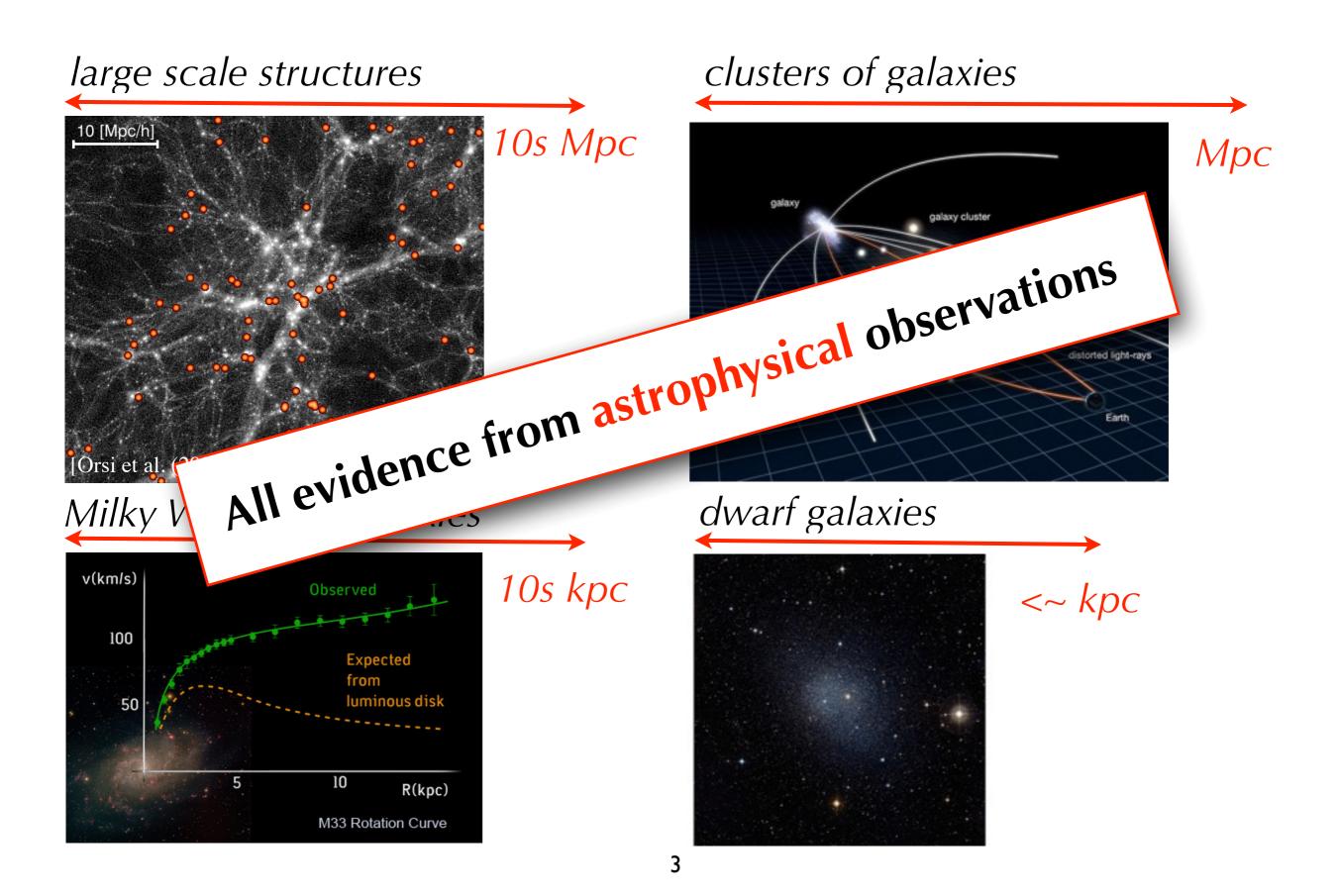
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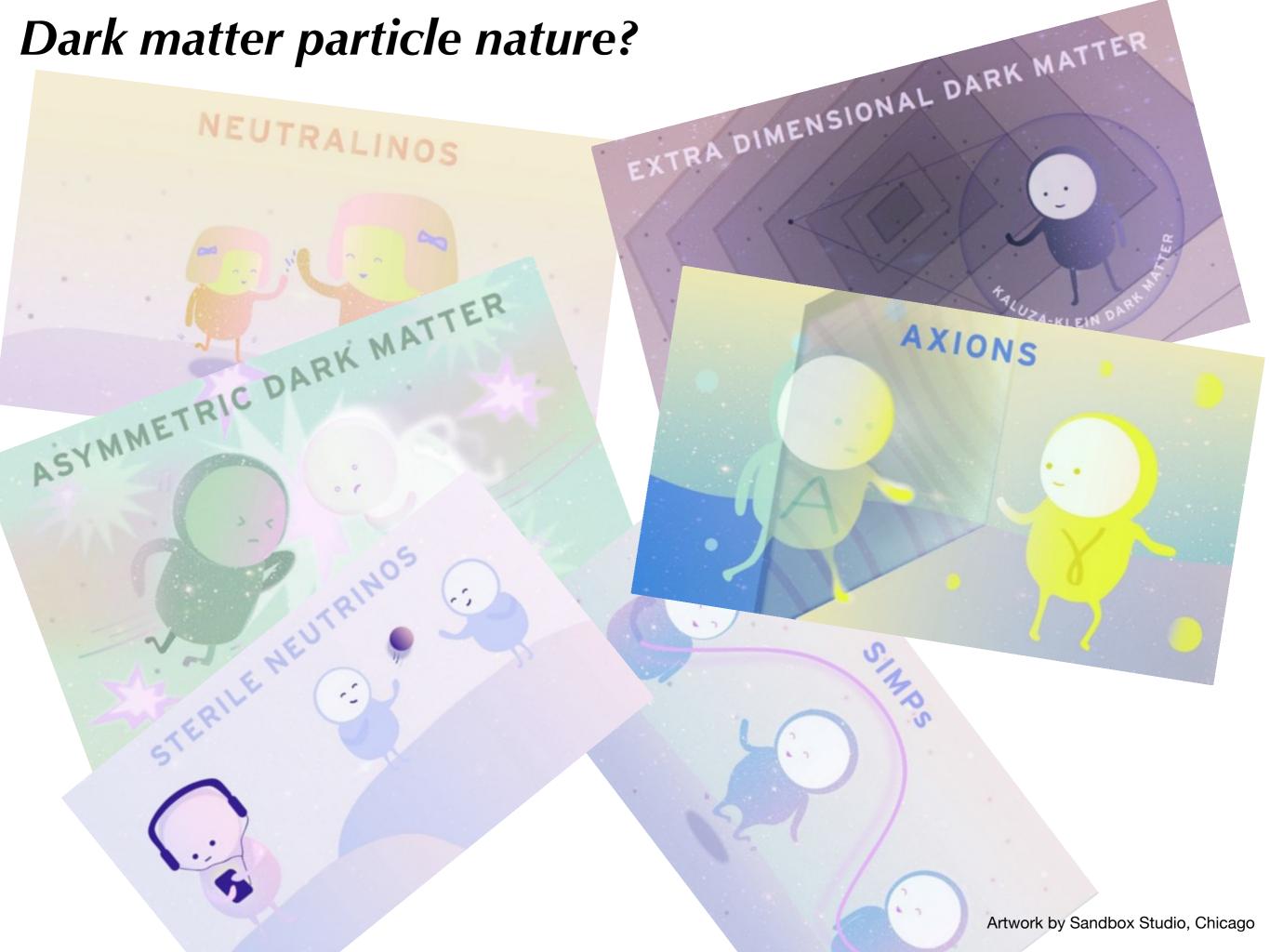
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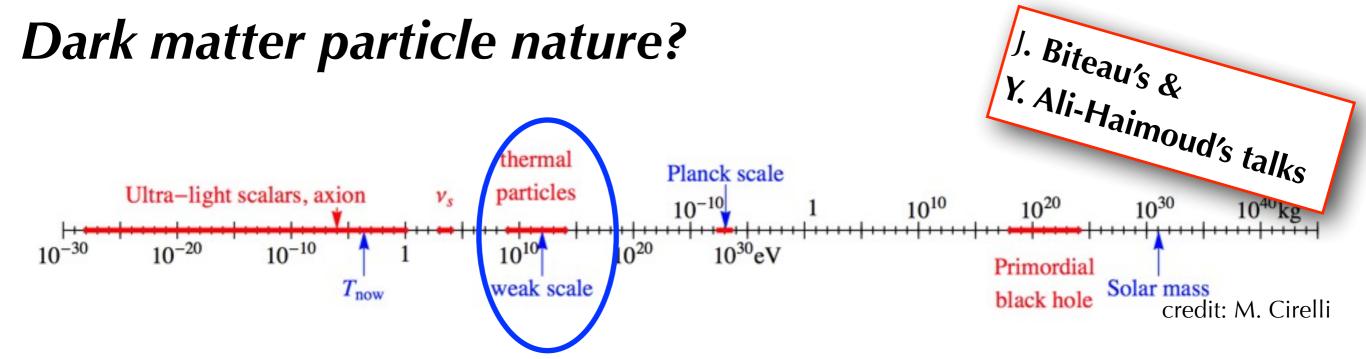
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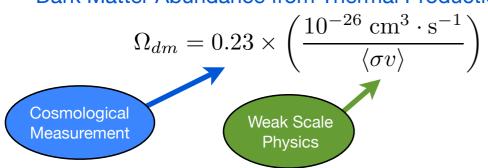




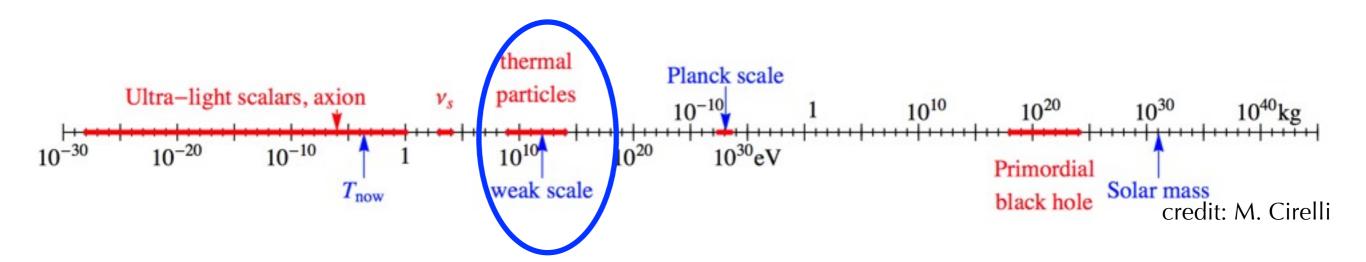
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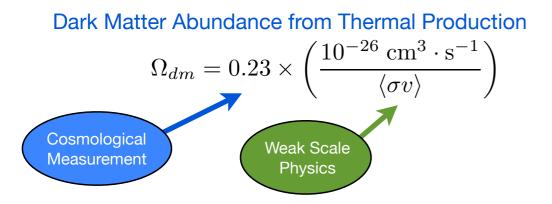


### Dark matter particle nature?



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postmodern view "Like all tyrannies, there is a single yoke of control: the one thing we know about WIMPs is their relic abundance. We've lived with this tyranny for a long time. It's provided all of us with jobs... and some of us with tenure."

Neal Weiner, on the 'tyranny' of the WIMP
 Miracle paradigm (F. Tanedo, DMNotes)

### WIMP hypothesis is predictive:

thermal freeze-out (early Univ.) indirect detection (now)

SM

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production at colliders

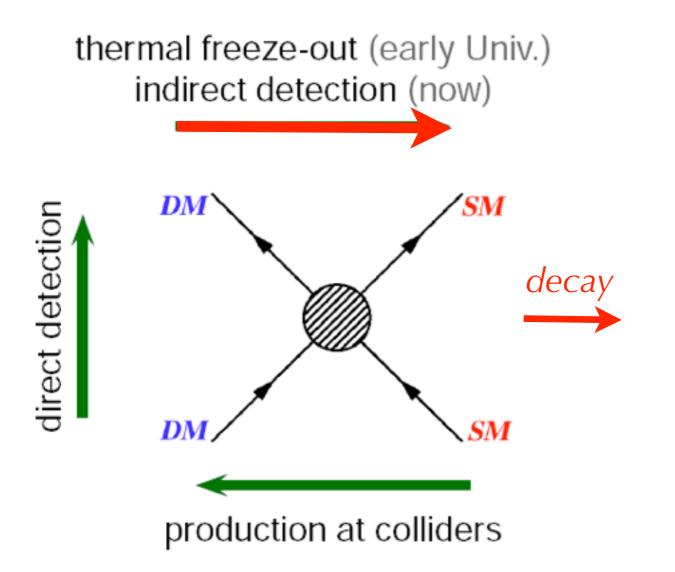
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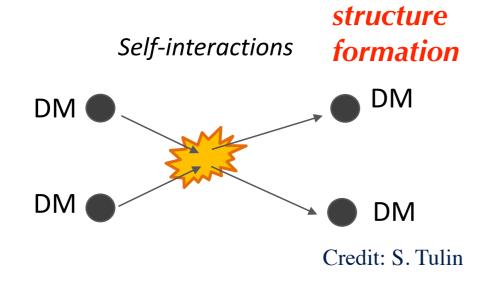
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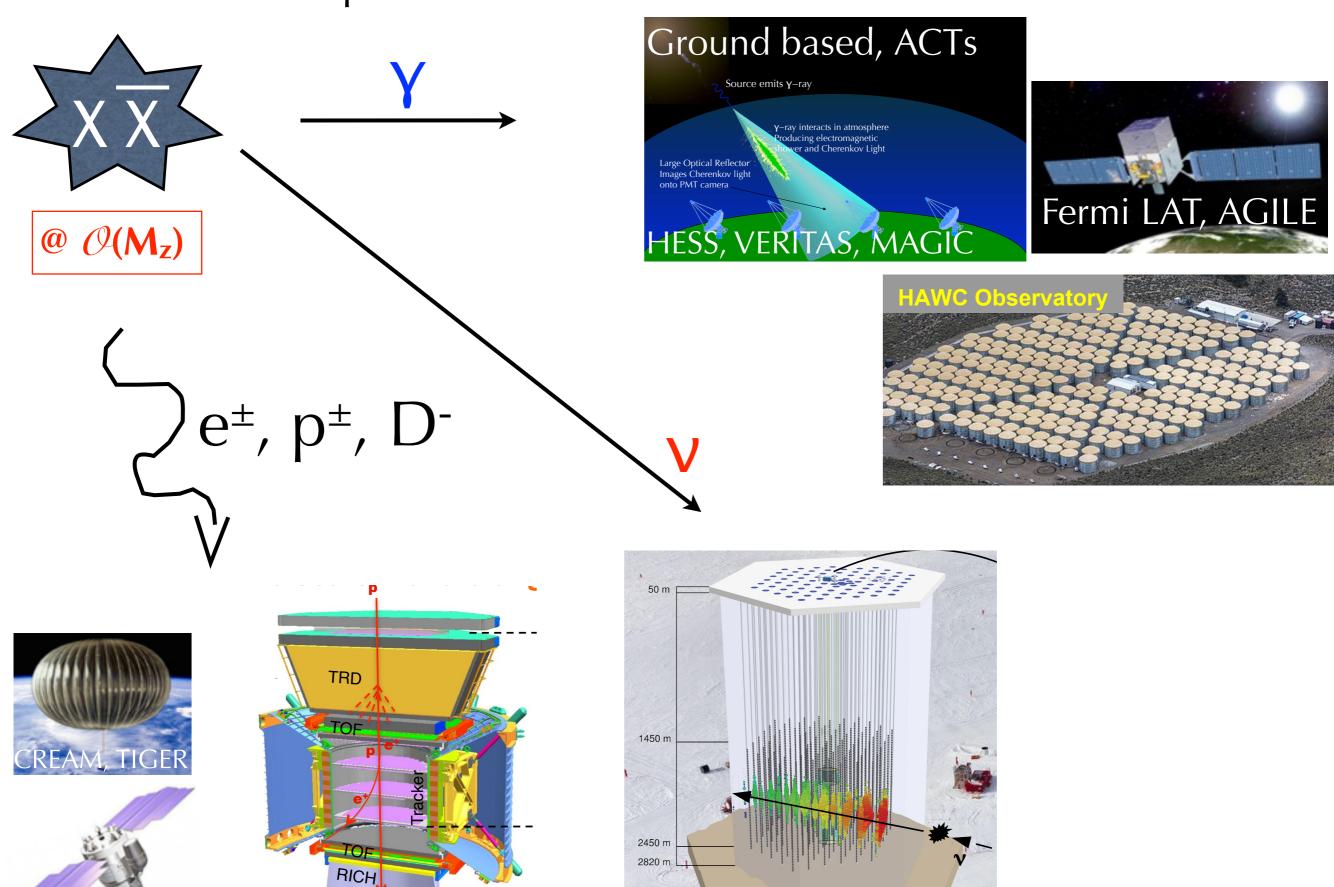




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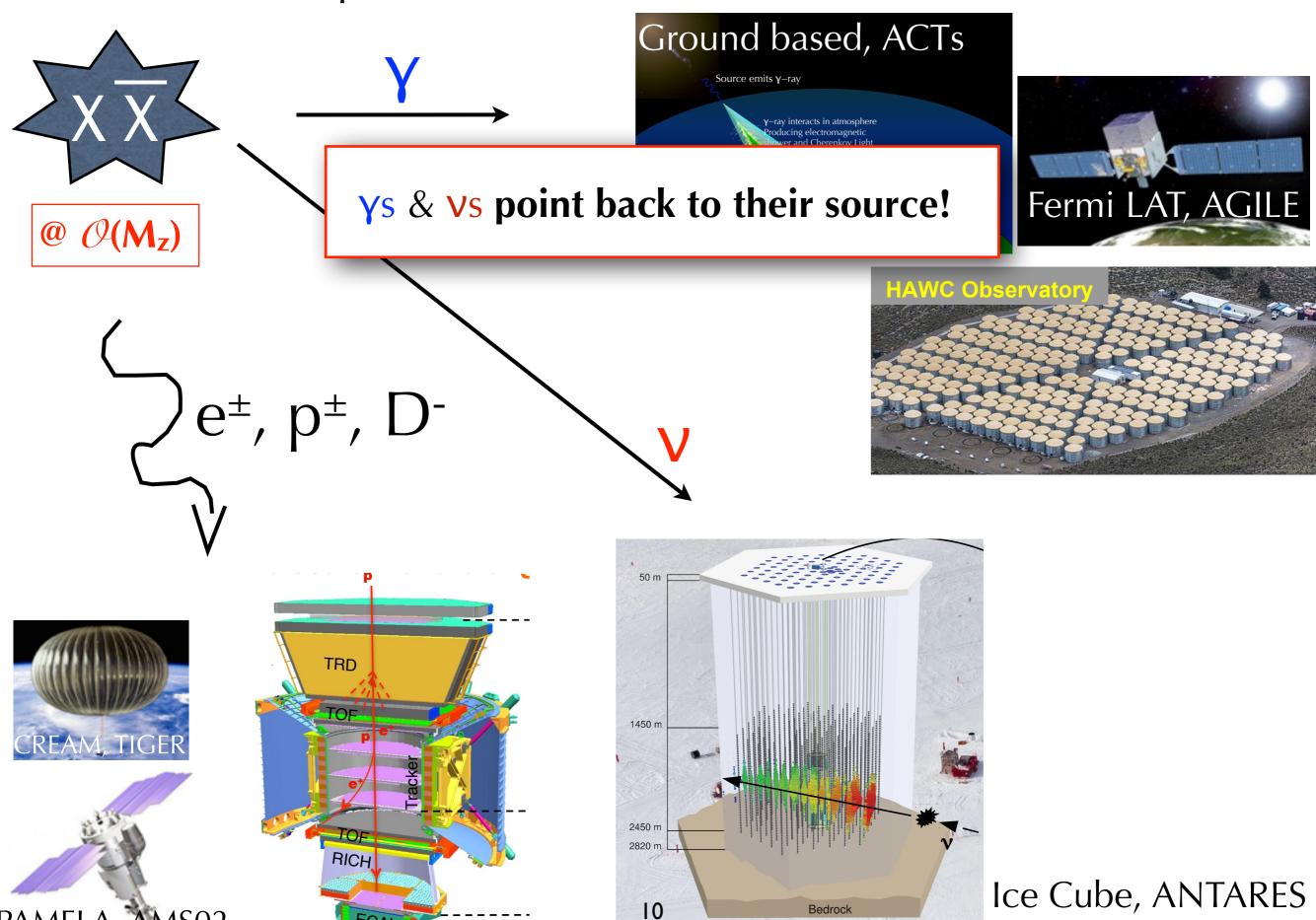


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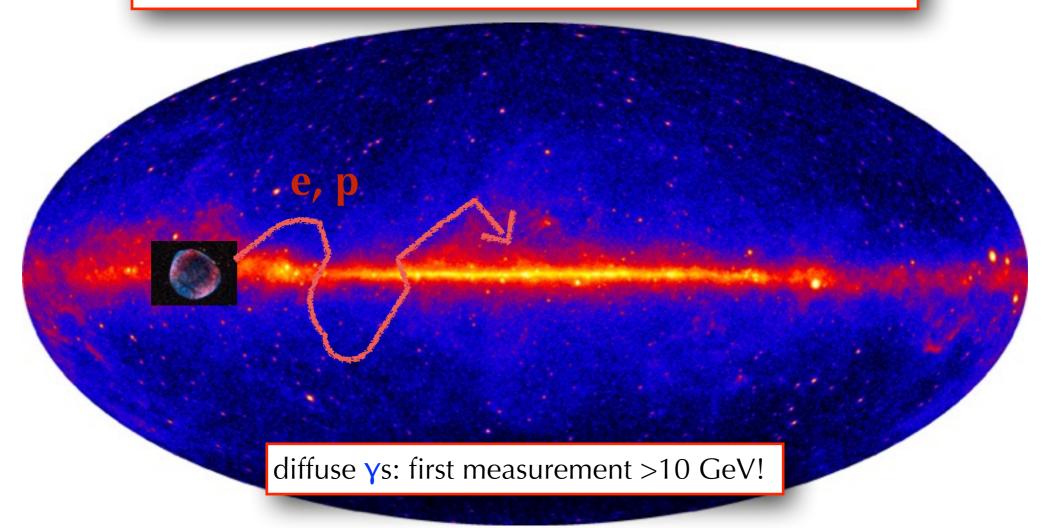
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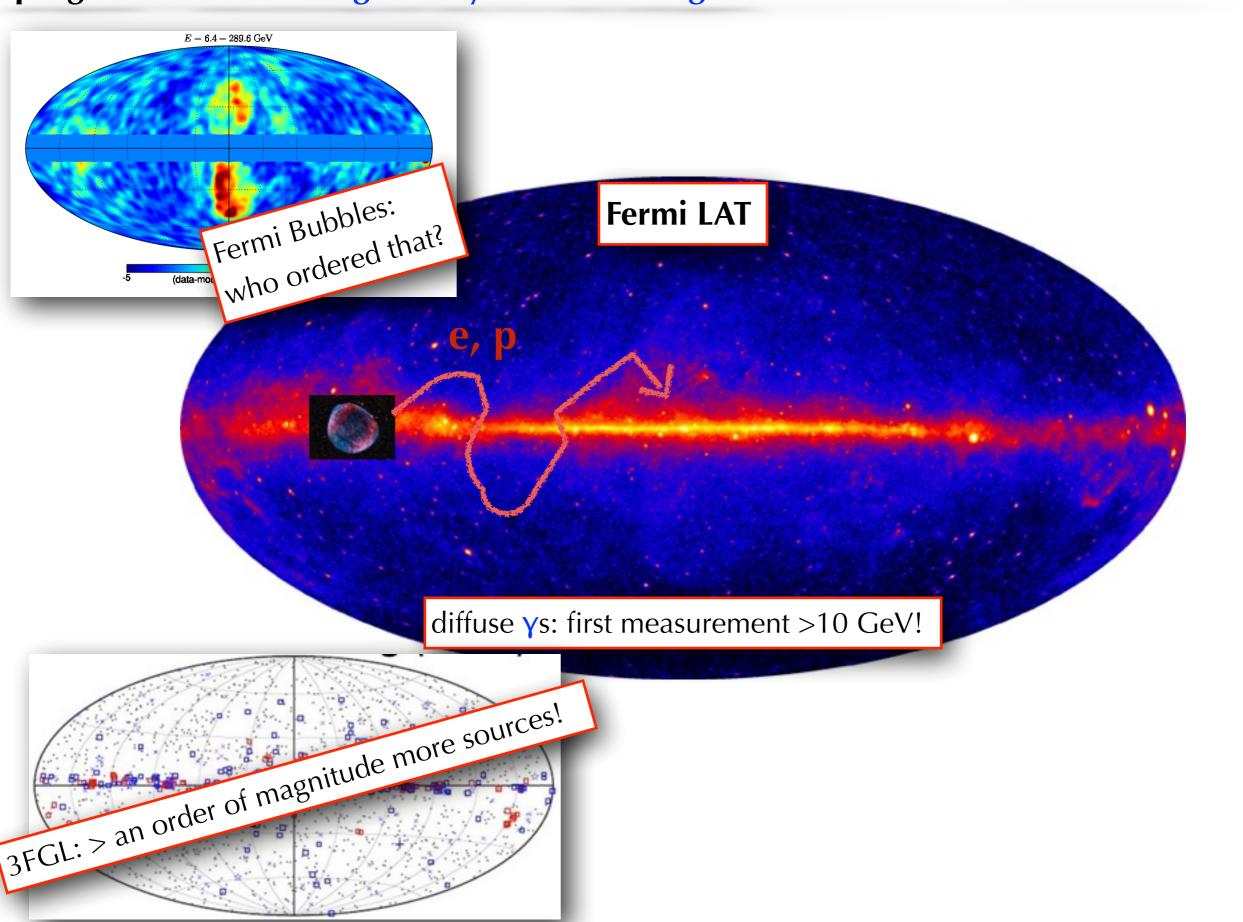
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Fermi LAT: launched 2008,

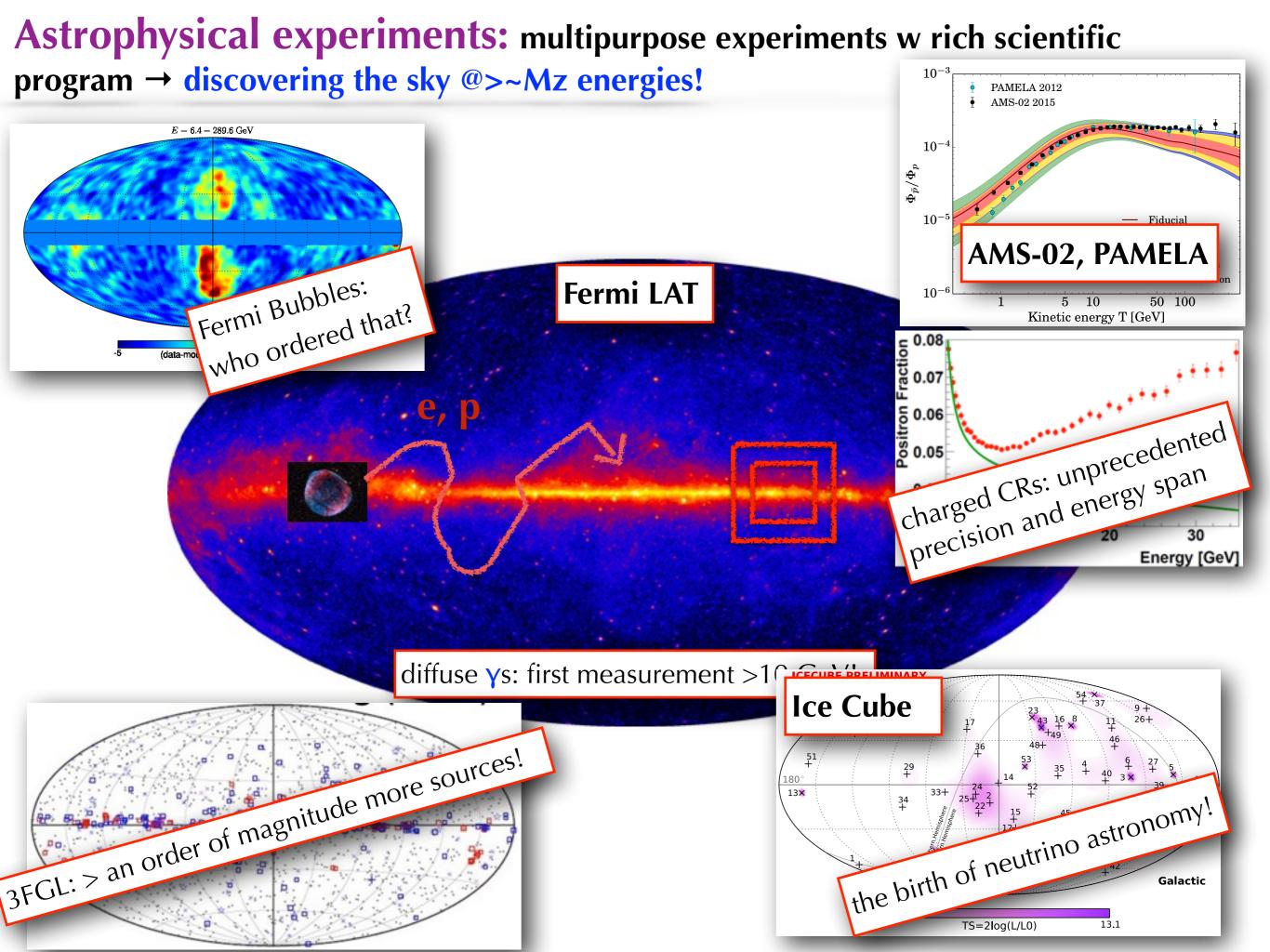
energy range: 30 MeV->300GeV, whole sky coverage



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#### Why indirect searches?

 direct detection and collider searches are cleaner environments with 'controlled' backgrounds

#### • Important:

- to detect/measure DM remotely/in places where it was discovered
- direct link to early universe physics
- ideally: detect it in the Lab AND astrophysical objects. *Multiple handle* on its properties.



### Gamma rays (&neutrinos)

particle physics

#### structure formation

$$\left( \frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi(\Delta\Omega,E_{\gamma})}{\mathrm{d}E_{\gamma}} \right)$$

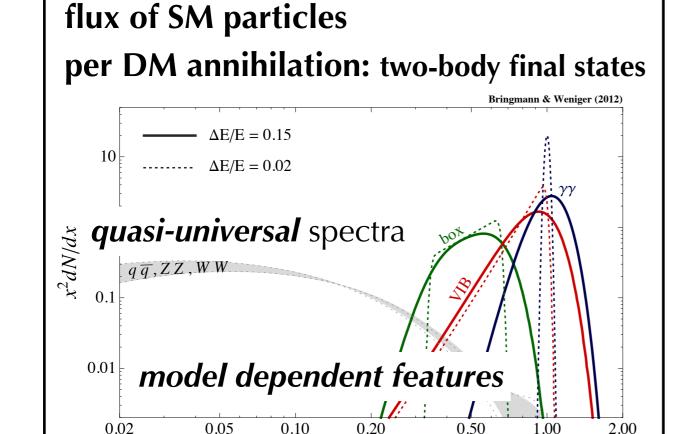
$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{(\sigma_{\rm ann} v)}{2 \, m_{\chi}^2}$$

$$X \quad \sum_{i} BR_{i} \frac{dN_{\gamma}^{i}}{dE_{\gamma}}$$

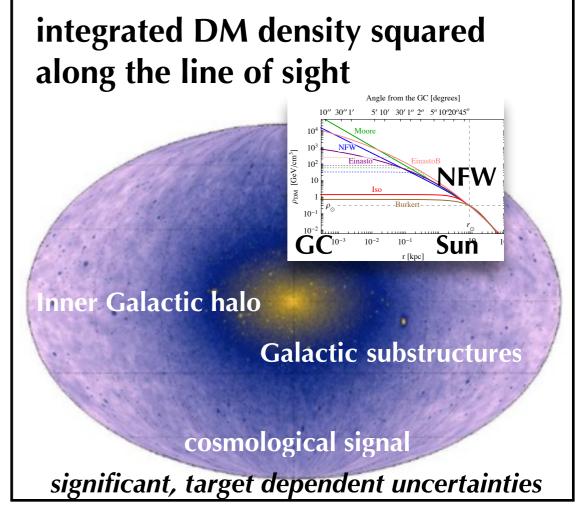
 $\chi \qquad \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\log} \mathrm{d}s \, \rho^2(s, \Omega)$ 

this is what we are after!



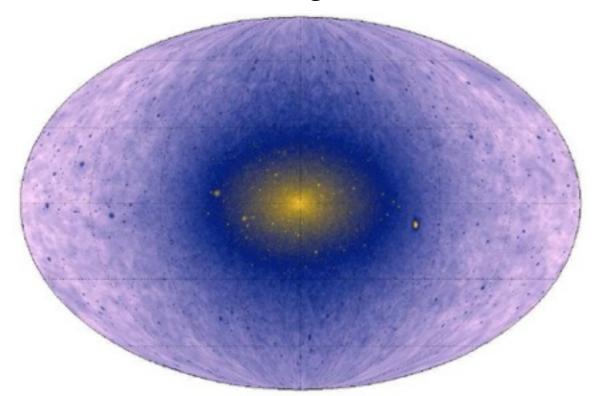


 $x = E / m_{\chi}$ 



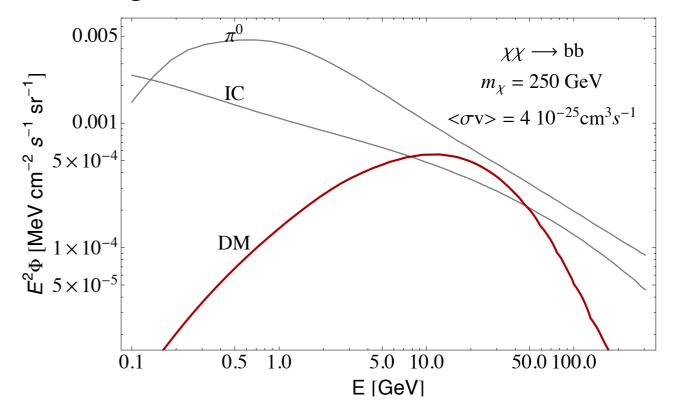
### DM search - the challenge

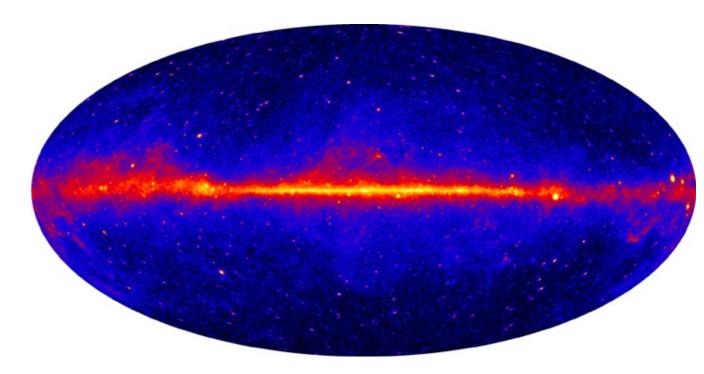
#### look for an uncertain signal hidden in uncertain backgrounds



WIMPs gamma ray signals, as (expected to be) seen from the Earth







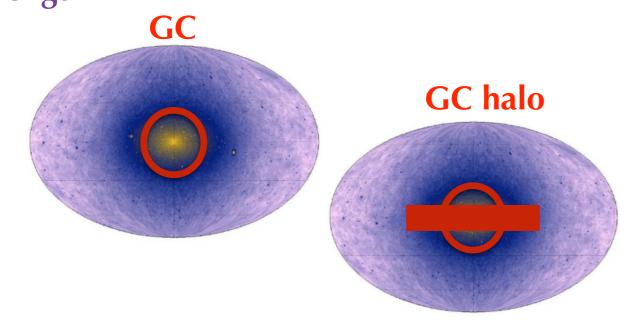
gamma ray sky, >1 GeV, 5yr Fermi LAT

### Strategies

signal strength GC **GC** halo cumulative extragalactic signal dwarf satellites spectral line Signal counts: 57.0 (4.63 $\sigma$ ) p-value=0.46,  $\chi^2_{red}$ =22.1/22 80.5 - 210.1 GeV clusters of galaxies robustness

## Strategies

signal strength



1) search for generic WIMP signatures and use rich astrophysical data to model (or measure) the backgrounds

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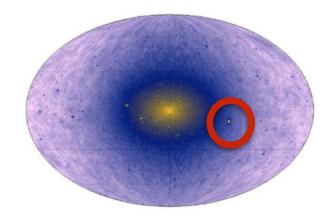
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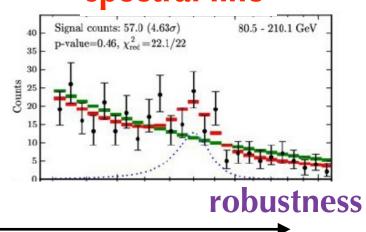
or, look for the 'smoking guns'

'zero' astro backgrounds, but expected signals (for vanilla DM) low need luck, or optimised analysis techniques

#### dwarf satellites



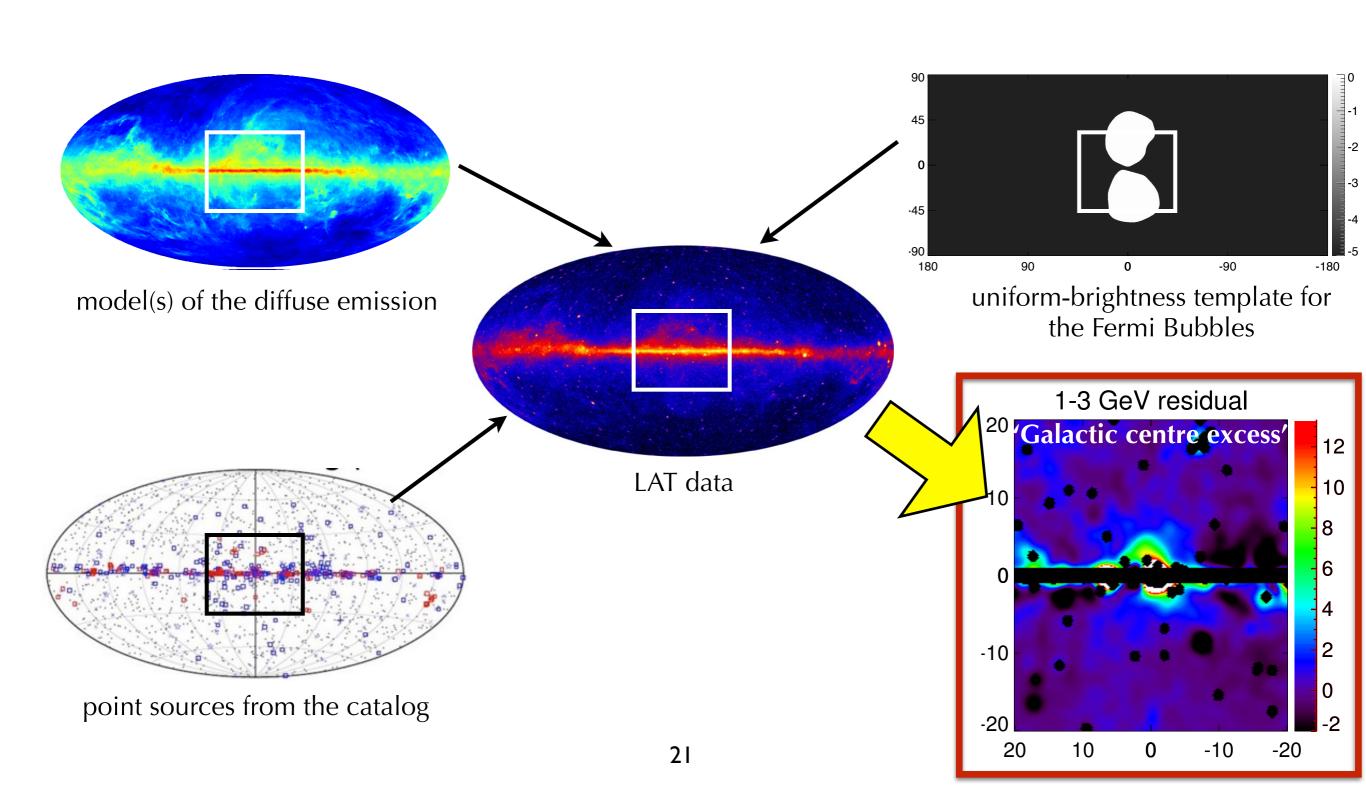
#### spectral line

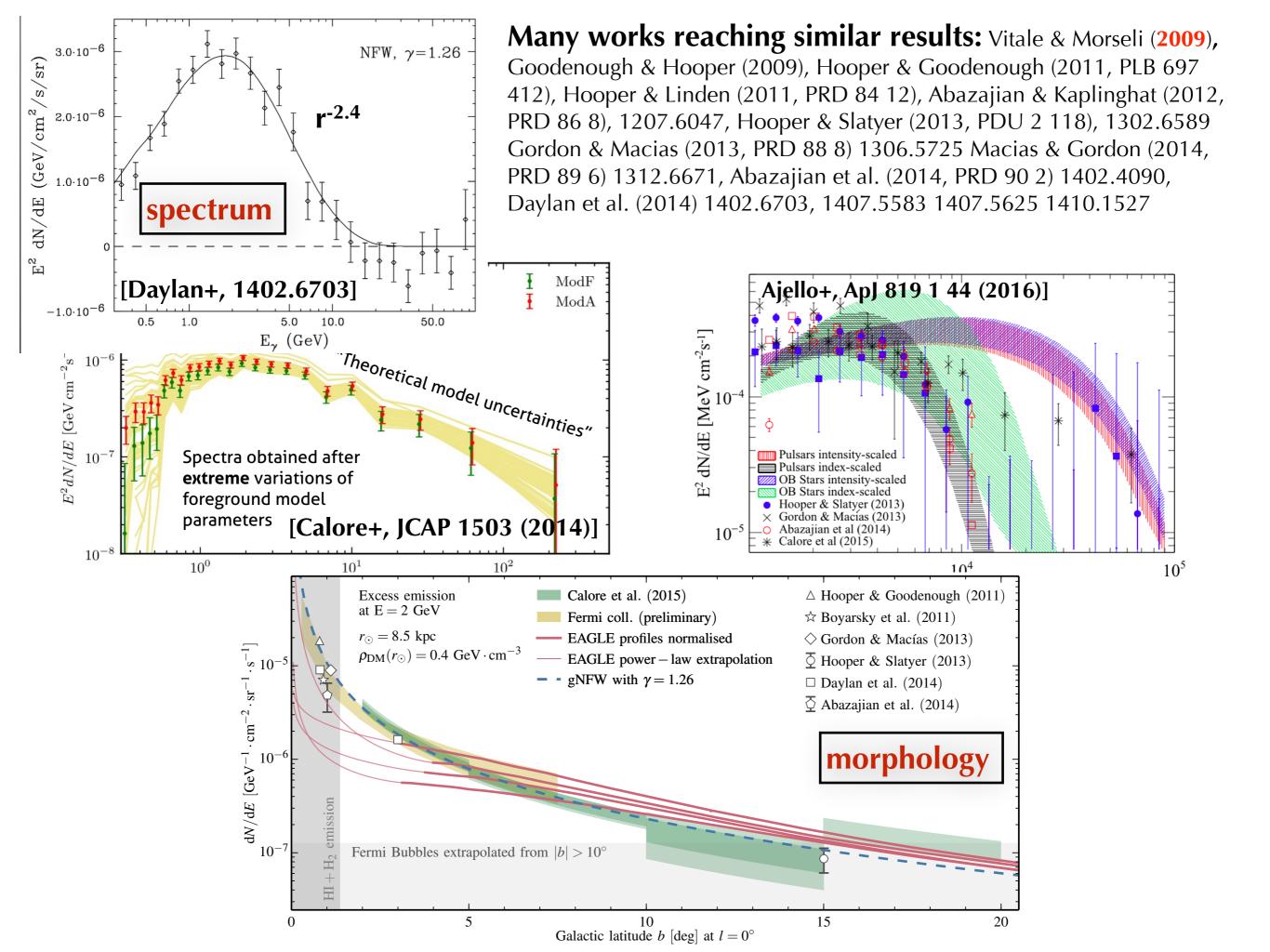


### DM search in the inner Galaxy

#### general approach

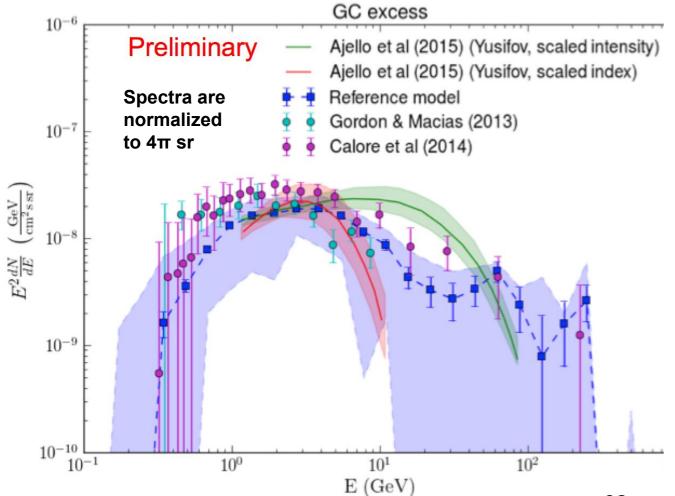
apply *template fitting* procedure to the inner ~<20 deg with addition of the FBs





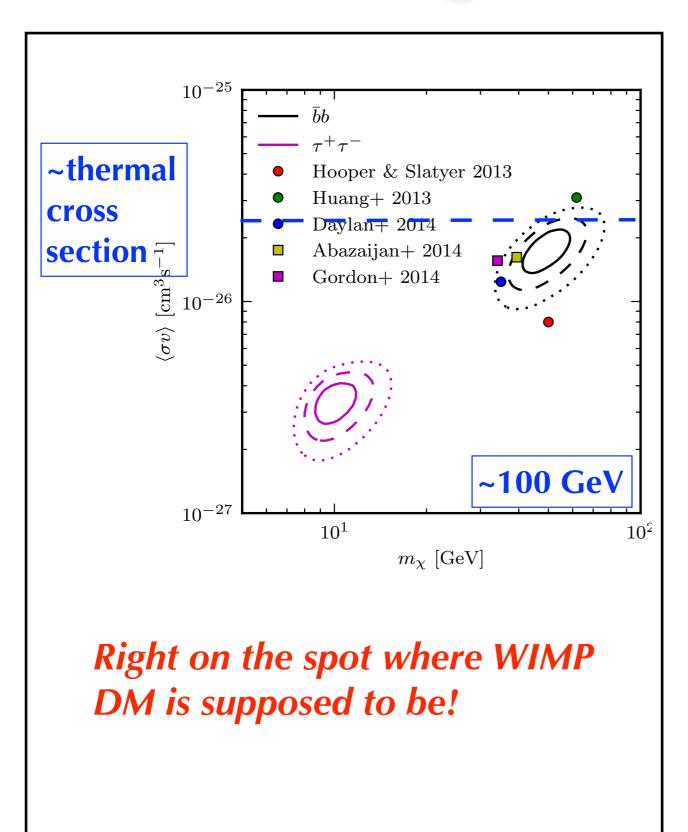
#### **Updated Fermi LAT analysis (preliminary)**

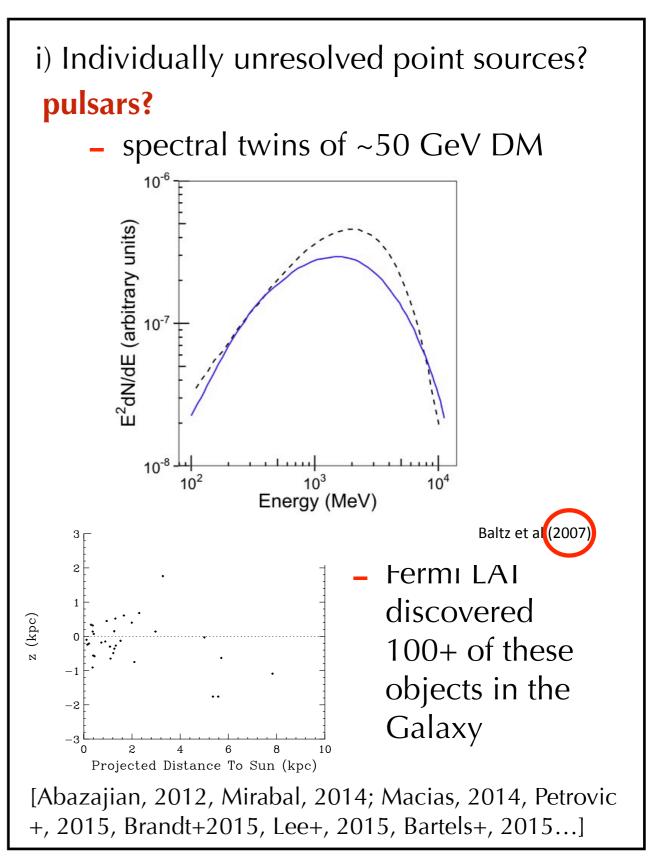
- uses more data (80m)
- uses improved event selection: **pass 8** (improved angular and energy resolution, increased effective area at the high- and low-energy ends)
- checks additional systematic uncertainties:
  - GALPROP model parameters variations
  - Alternative gas maps (softer GCE spectrum < 1GeV)
  - Include additional sources of **CR electrons near the GC** (Gaggero+2015, Carlson+2015; GCE reduced)
  - add data driven template of the Fermi Bubbles (excess >10 GeV gone)



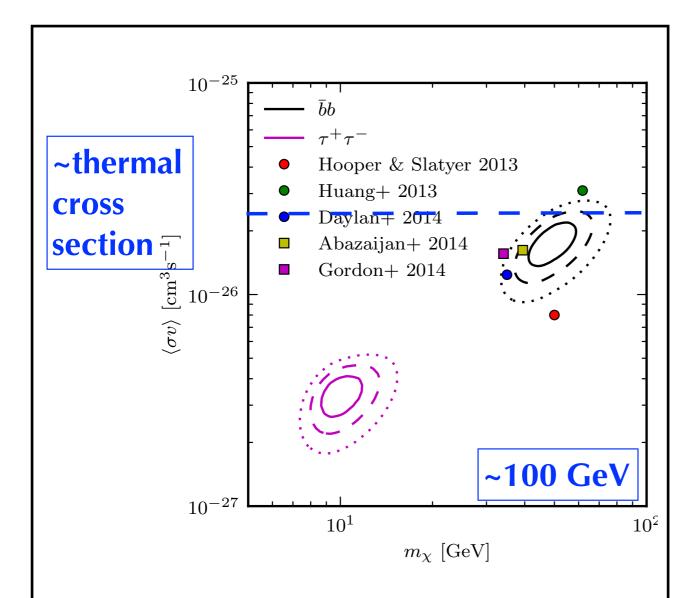
New emission component in the Galactic centre appears robust to various checks of the systematic uncertainty its exact spectral features are model dependent

### Origin of the excess?



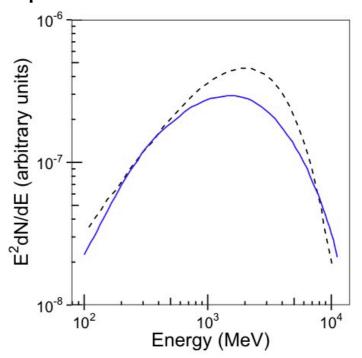


## Origin of the excess?



Right on the spot where WIMP DM is supposed to be!

- i) Individually unresolved point sources?pulsars?
  - spectral twins of ~50 GeV DM



[Abazajian, 2012, Mirabal, 2014; Macias, 2014, Petrovic +, 2015, Brandt+2015, Lee+, 2015, Bartels+, 2015...]

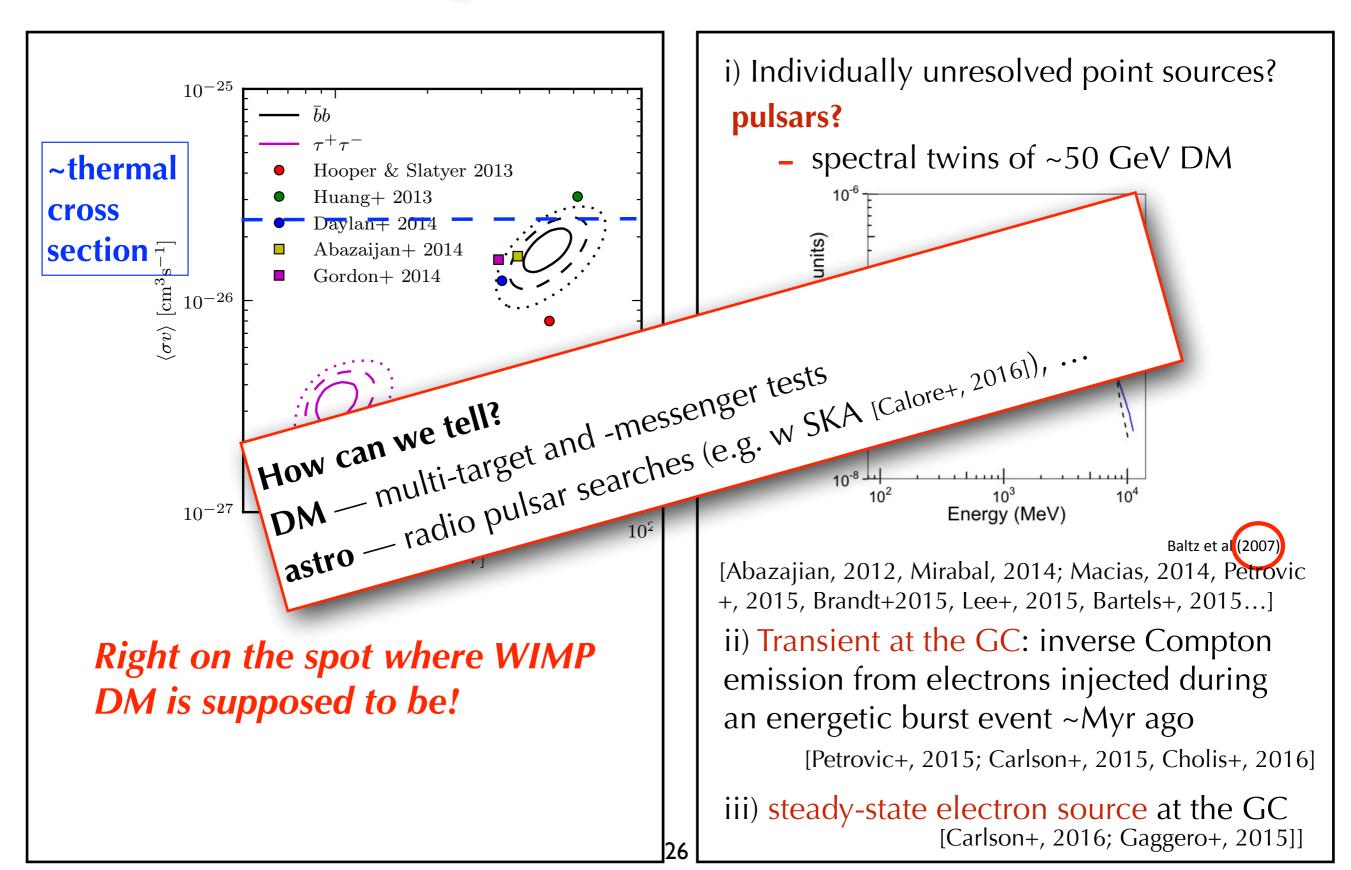
ii) Transient at the GC: inverse Compton emission from electrons injected during an energetic burst event ~Myr ago

[Petrovic+, 2015; Carlson+, 2015, Cholis+, 2016]

Baltz et al (2007)

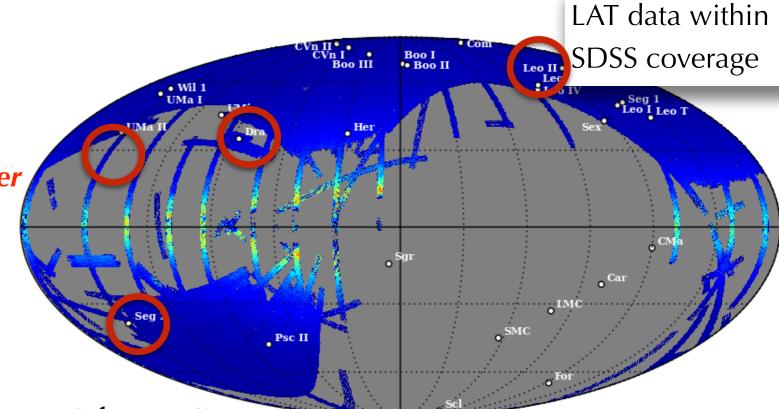
iii) steady-state electron source at the GC [Carlson+, 2016; Gaggero+, 2015]]

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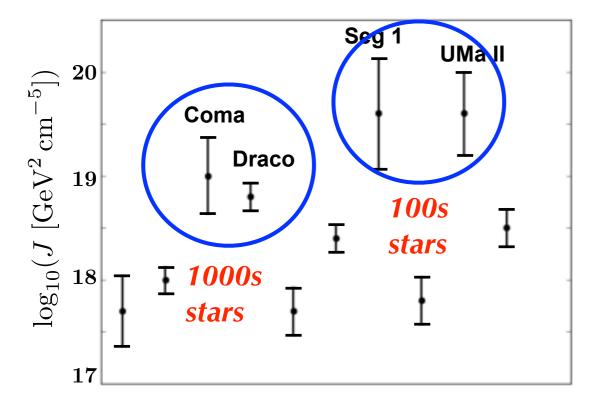
**Dwarf spheroidal galaxies** are **the cleanest targets** for DM search

- old stars -> no high energy emission
- 100+ times more dark than visible matter
- located in quiet regions of the sky



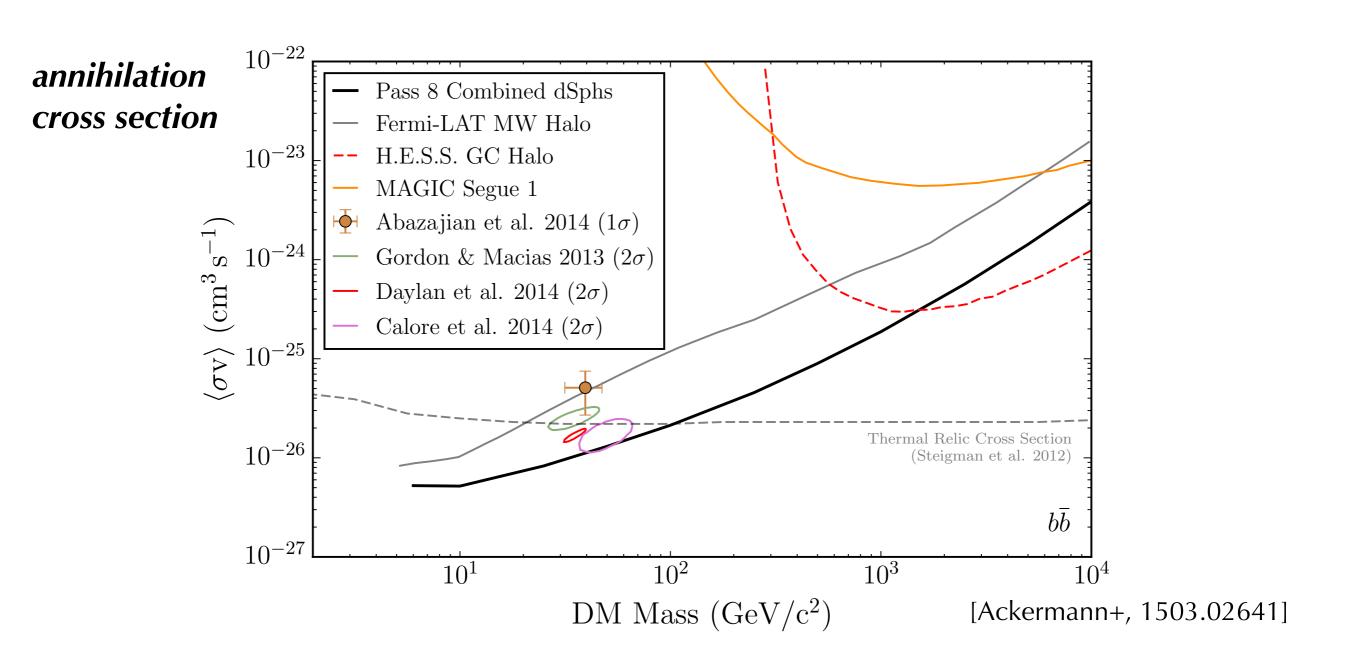
The biggest uncertainty: dark matter content 'J factors'!

Determined from stellar velocity dispersion



#### Fermi LAT analysis method:

- construct the **joint likelihood**, combining info from:
  - 15 dSphs
  - photon angular resolution information
  - J factor uncertainties (caveat Ullio+, 1603.07721)

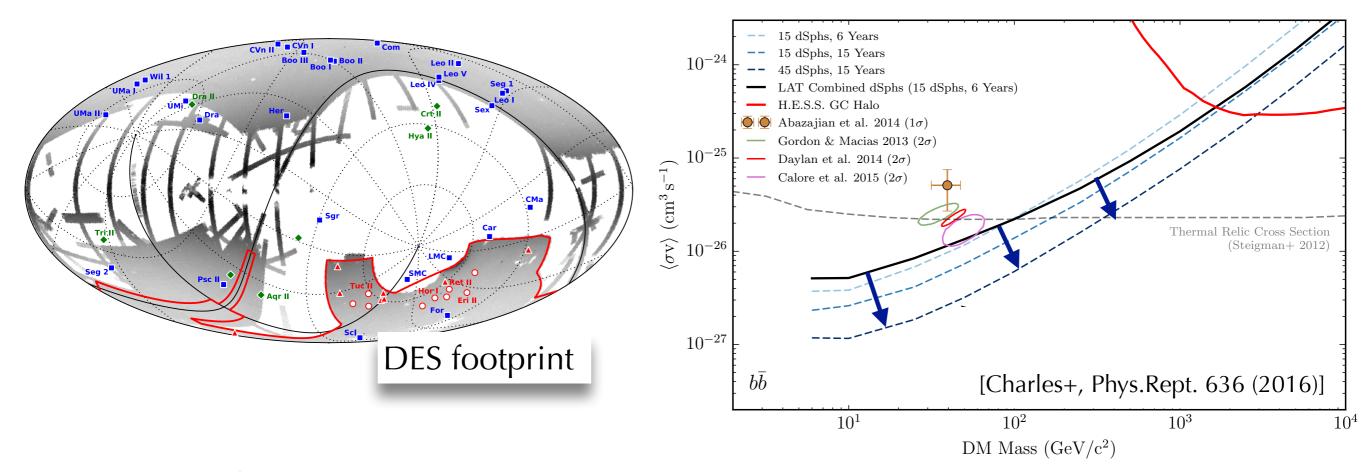


#### One of the strongest DM limits to date

GCE dark matter origin in tension with complementary gamma ray observations

#### More targets coming up!

In 2015 discoveries by optical surveys have roughly *doubled* the number of candidate dSphs (*DES (2013 -)*, Pan-STARSS (2008-))



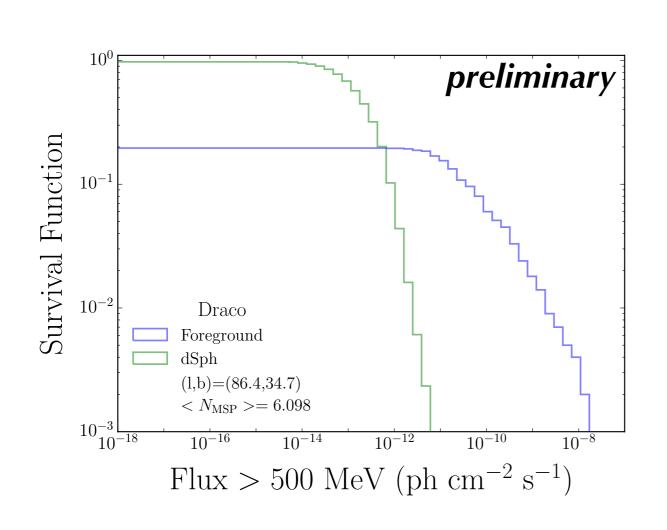
- 1st year of DES: 8 new dSphs candidates No significant gamma ray emission (local significance of 2.4σ for Reticulum II dSph, [Drlica-Wagner, 1503.02632])
- 2nd year DES/LAT paper (submitted): 28 confirmed and 17 dSph candidates, stay tuned!

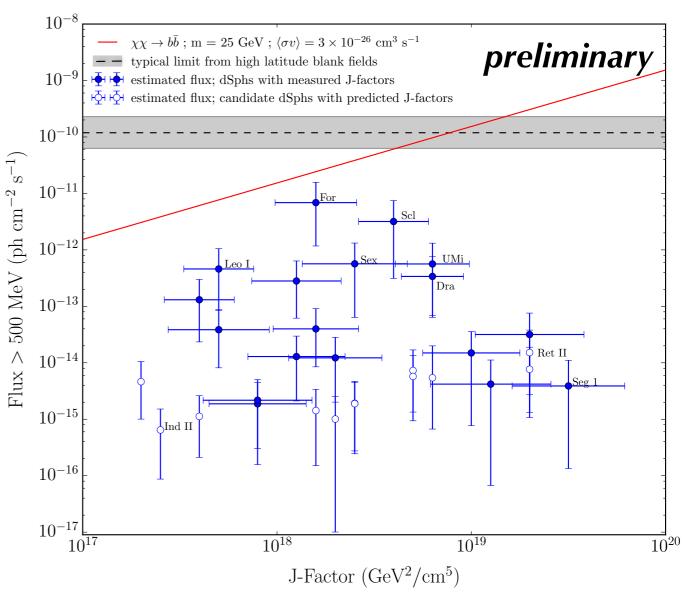
[Bechtol+ 1503.02584, Belokurov+, 1403.3406, Laevens+, 1503.05554] [Gerringer-Sameth et al. 2015, Hooper & Linden 2015, Li et al. 2016]

#### More targets coming up!

Food for thought: Pulsars present irreducible background to WIMP search

As we find more dSphs, could they ultimately show up also in that 'smoking gun' target?



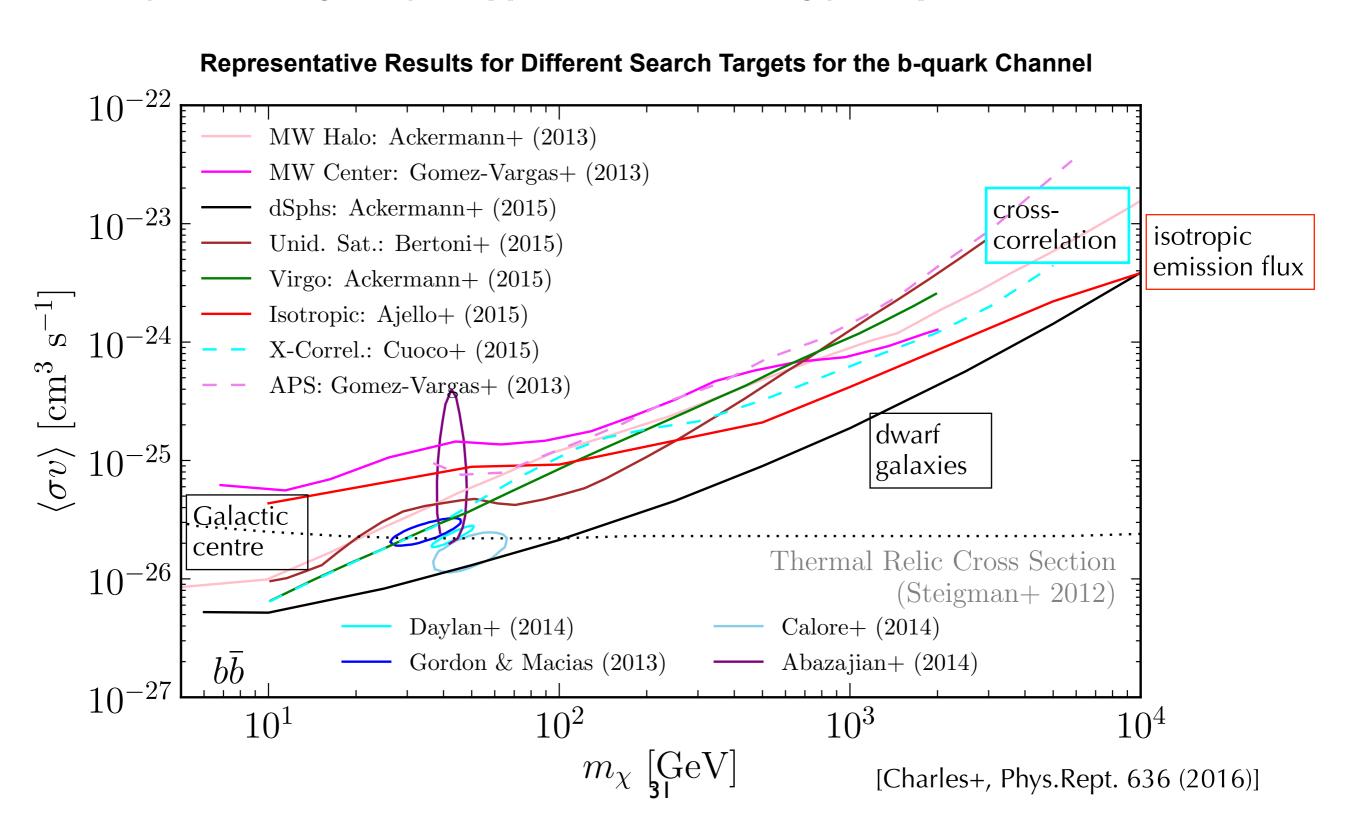


[Winter, GZ, Bechtol, Vandenbroucke, 1607.06390]

dSphs are "safe" for DM searches in GeV gamma rays (in the immediate future), except for possibly the highest stellar mass "classical" dSphs

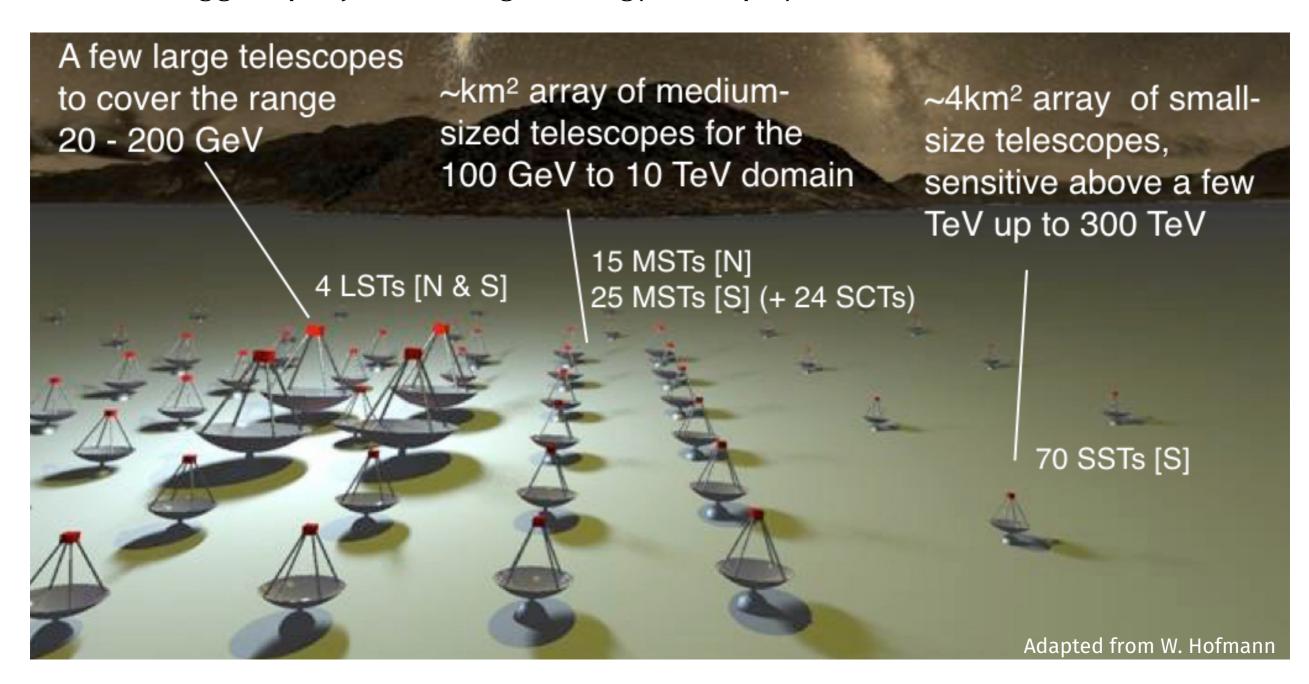
### Outlook - LAT looks at many DM targets!

#### Many interesting analysis approaches, increasingly competitive constraints



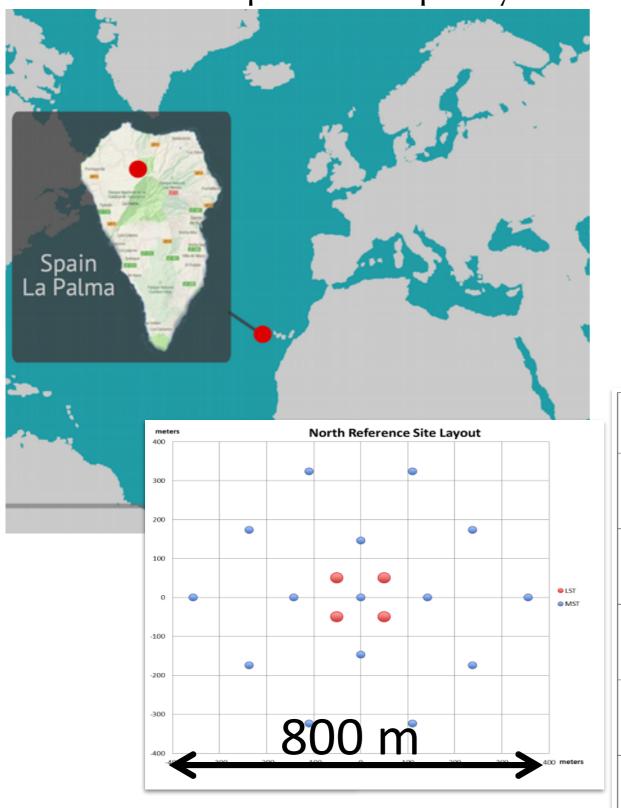
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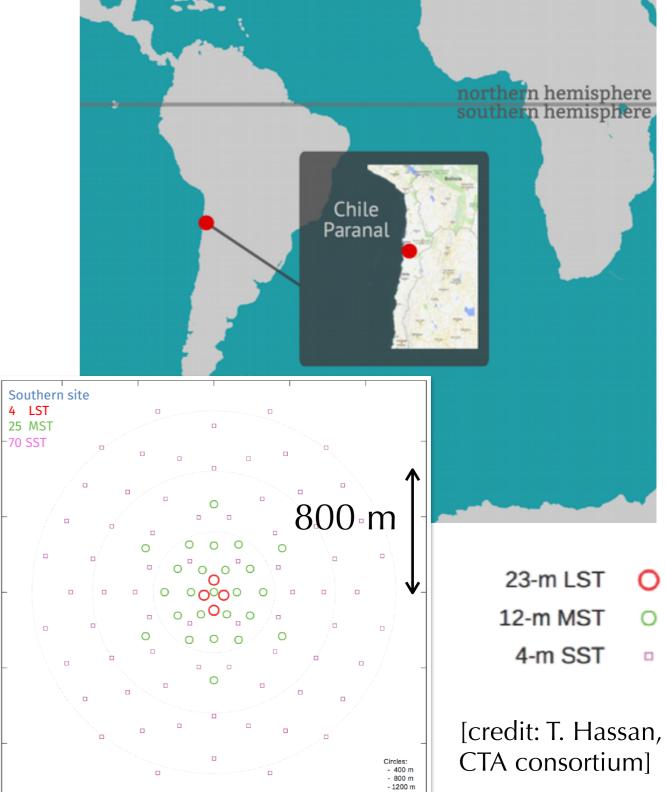
one of the biggest projects in high energy astrophysics

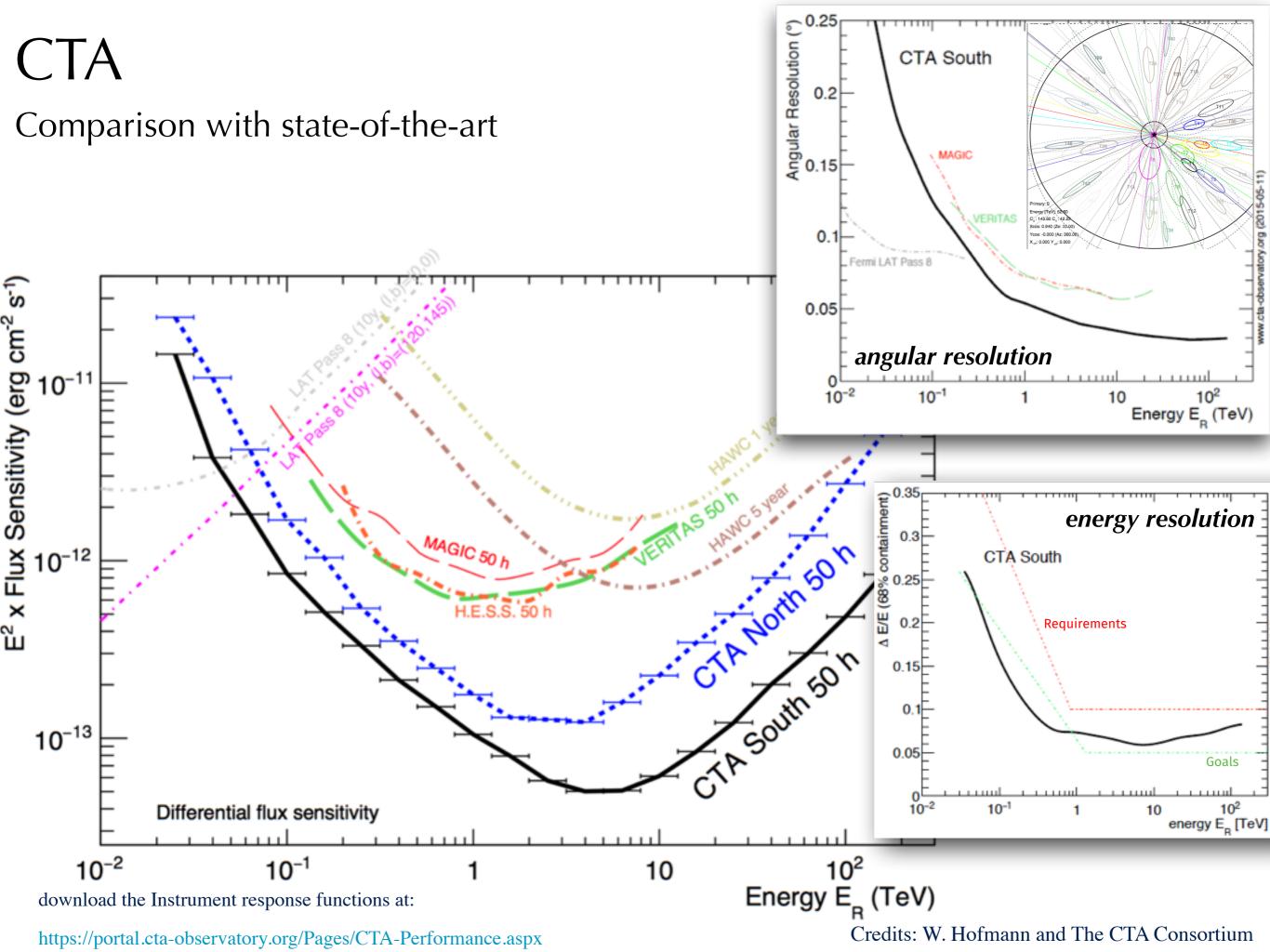


### Future with the CTA

sites and example telescope layouts

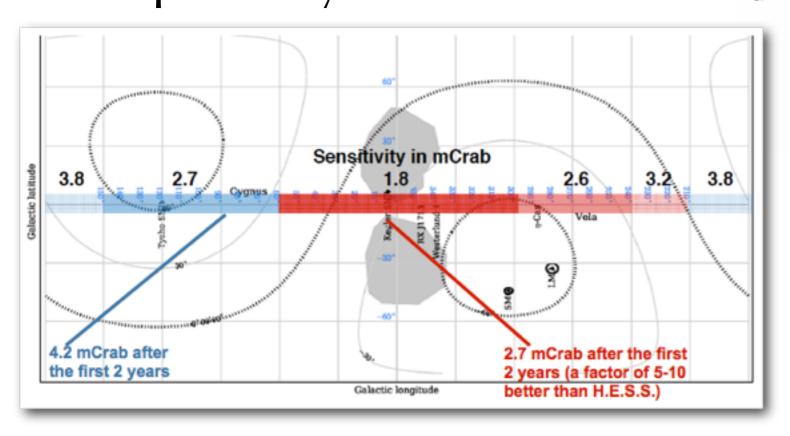






CTA as a whole-sky observatory

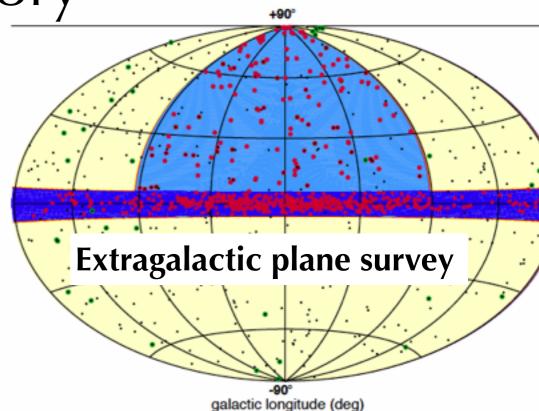
ground based telescopes are **pointing**, but **large sky surveys** planned for CTA (thanks to a large number of CTA telescopes) **Galactic plane survey** 



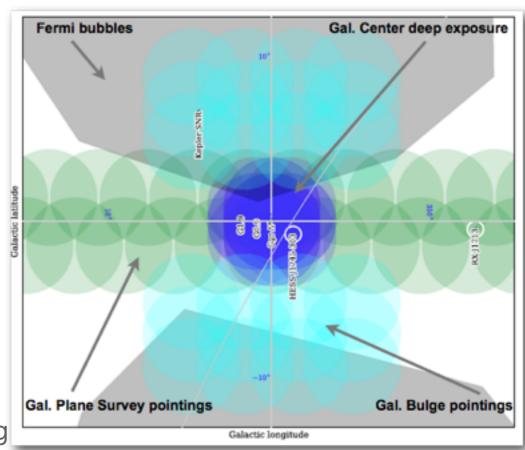
#### **Galactic centre**

525 h deep exposure to uniformly cover the central 5 deg

+ 300 h extended survey, 10x10 deg



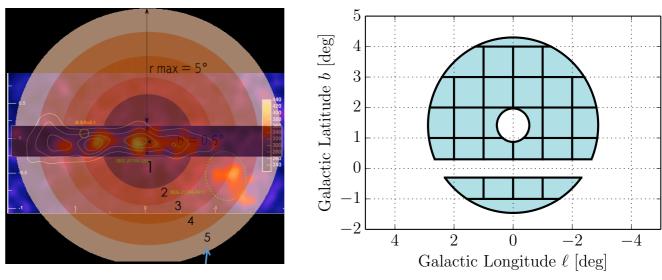
1/4 of the sky ( $\sim 10^4 \text{ deg}^2$ ) Limiting flux  $\sim 5 \text{ mCrab}$ 



### CTA @ the Galactic centre

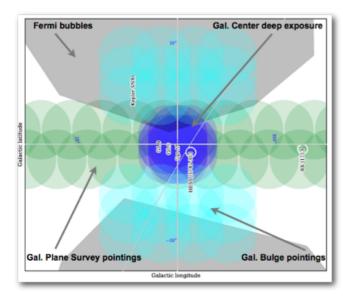
Exploration of the most promising techniques and strategies ongoing:

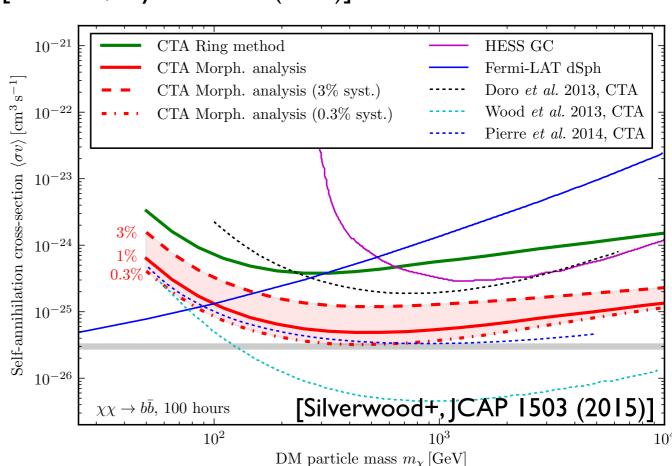
data analyses approaches:
 traditional 'ring background'
 method vs 2D likelihood
 morphology studies to fight CR
 backgrounds



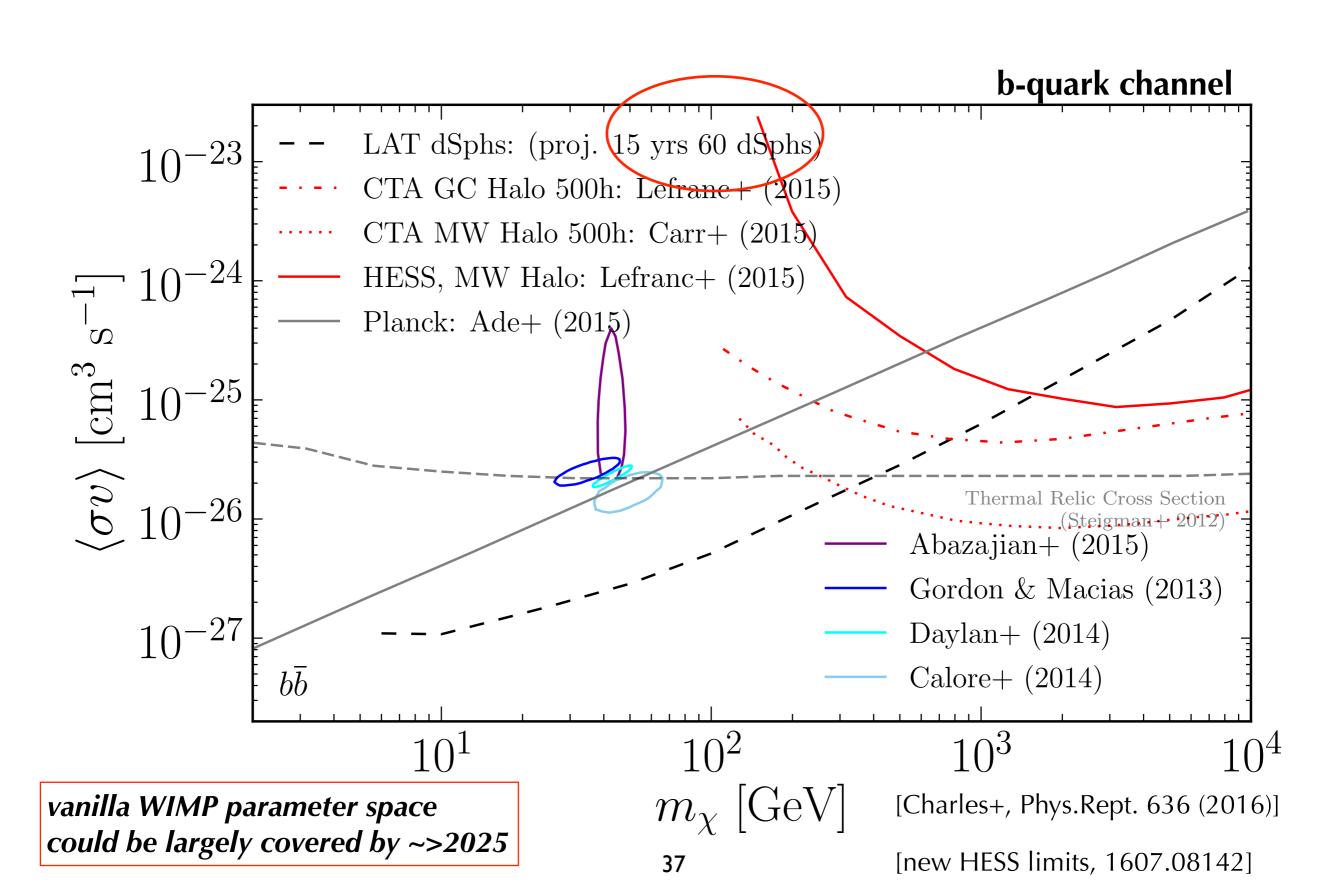
[Lefranc+, Phys.Rev. D91 (2015)]

- impact of Galactic diffuse emission
- instrumental systematics

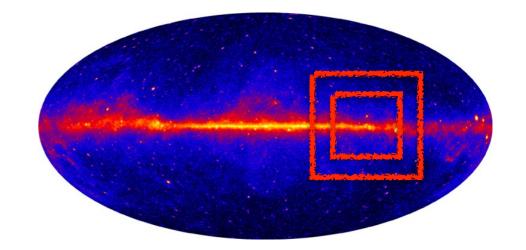




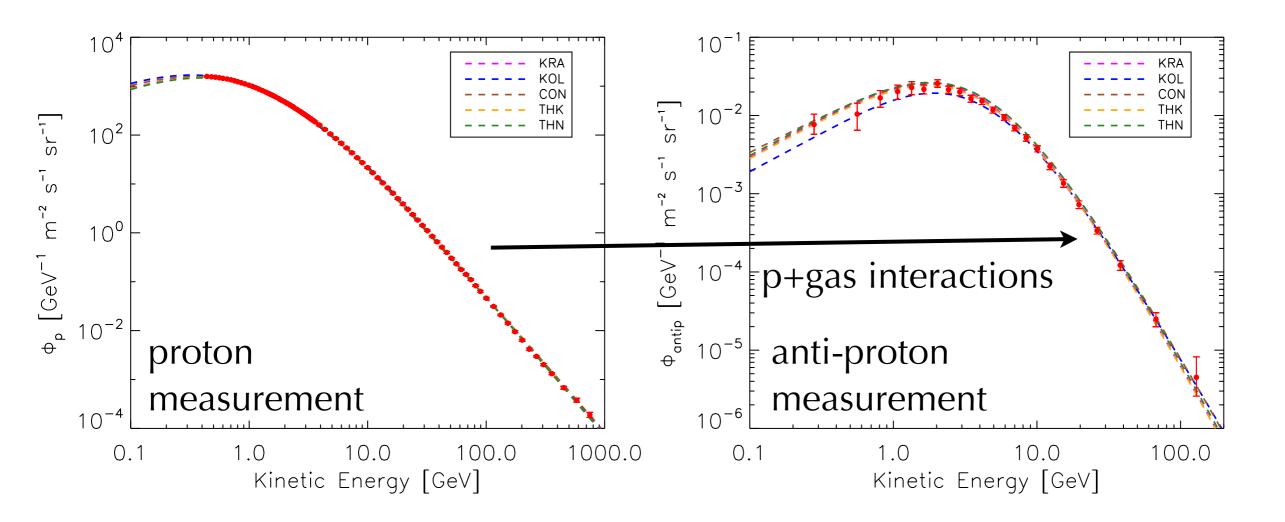
## Outlook - LAT & CTA



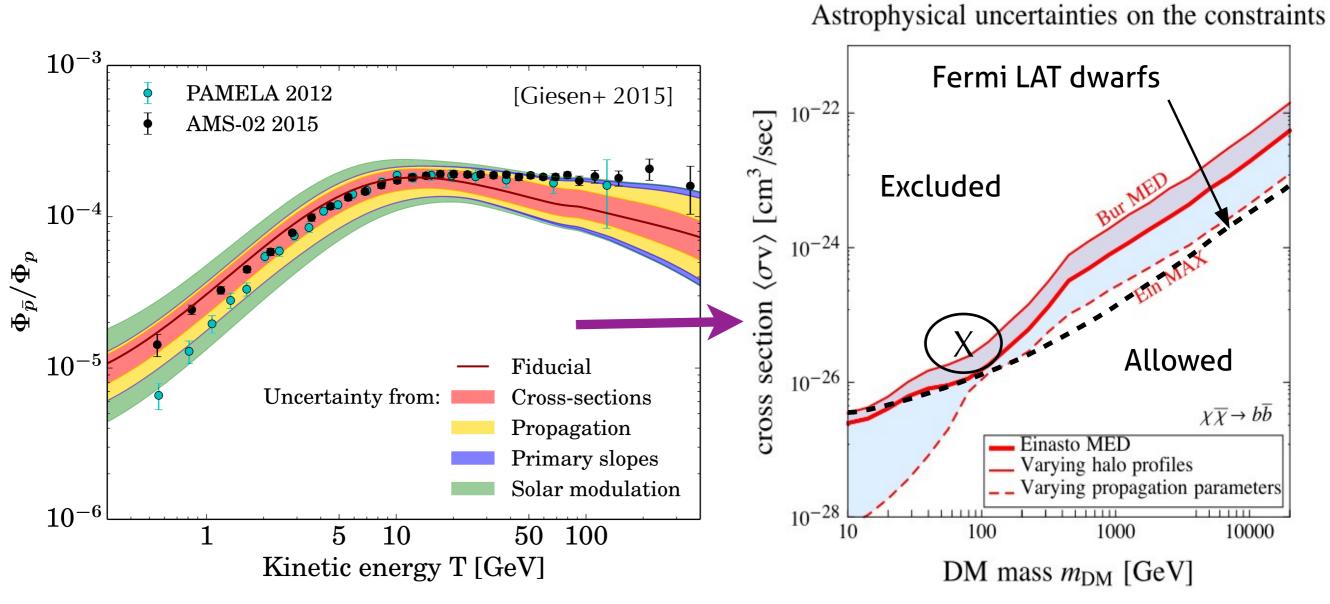
## Anti-protons



- reasonable handle on astrophysical backgrounds: anti-protons are mainly produced in pp or pHe interactions and constrained by measured p fluxes
- good containing power on exotic contributions



## Anti-protons



#### Relevant uncertainties for CR BG:

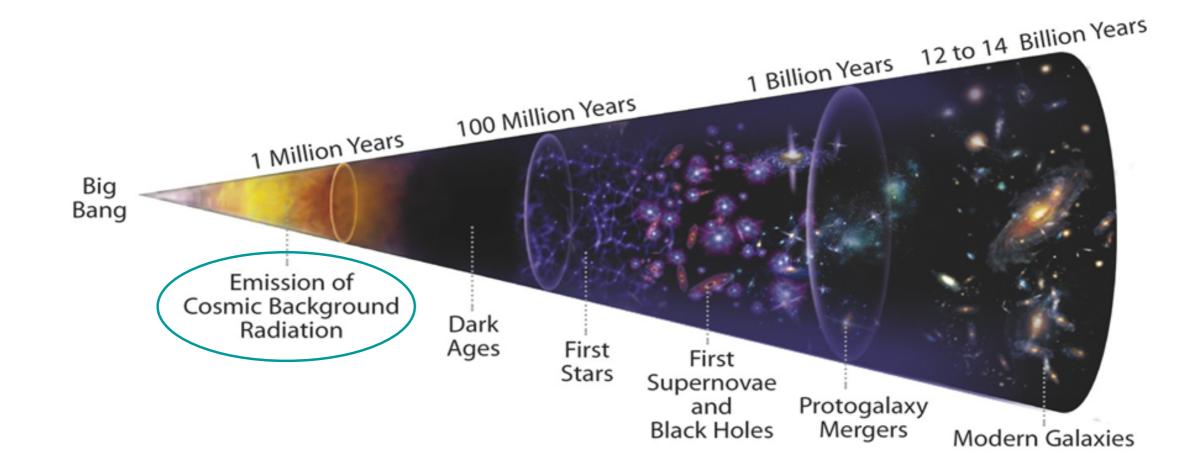
- pbar production cross-section
- spectrum of CR primaries
- CR propagation
- solar modulation (below ~10 GeV)

No excess above secondary backgrounds! (Giesen+ 2015, Kappl+ 1506.04145, Evoli+ 1504.05175)

## Early Universe



- DM ann/decays could affect the early universe evolution:
  - ▶ **BBN** (T~1 MeV): energy injections destroy formed nuclei
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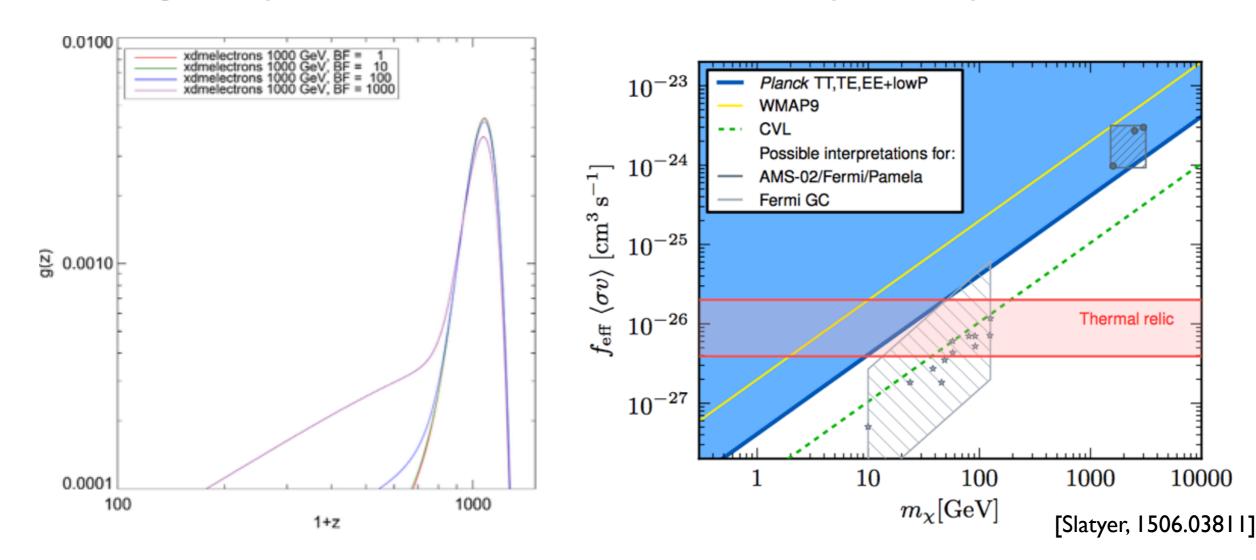


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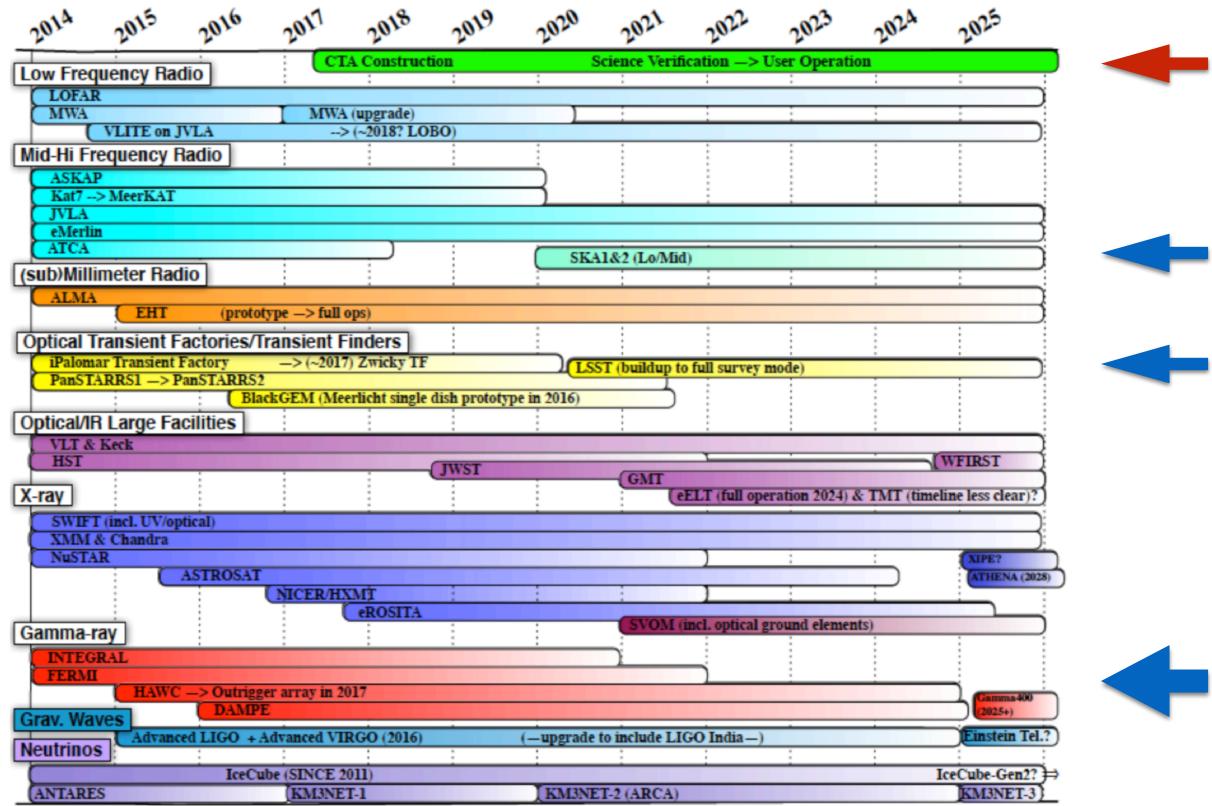
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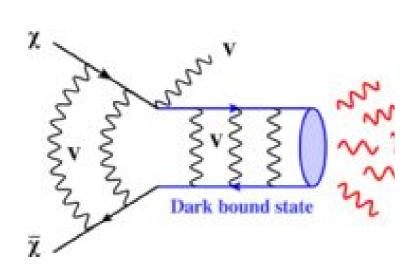
#### more observations!

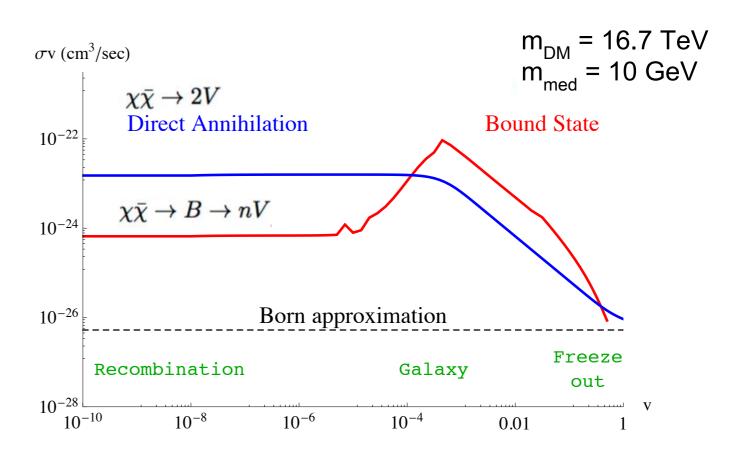






e.g. relax an assumption on trivial dark sector -> **bound states of DM** (WIMPonium, Darkonium...) and their signatures

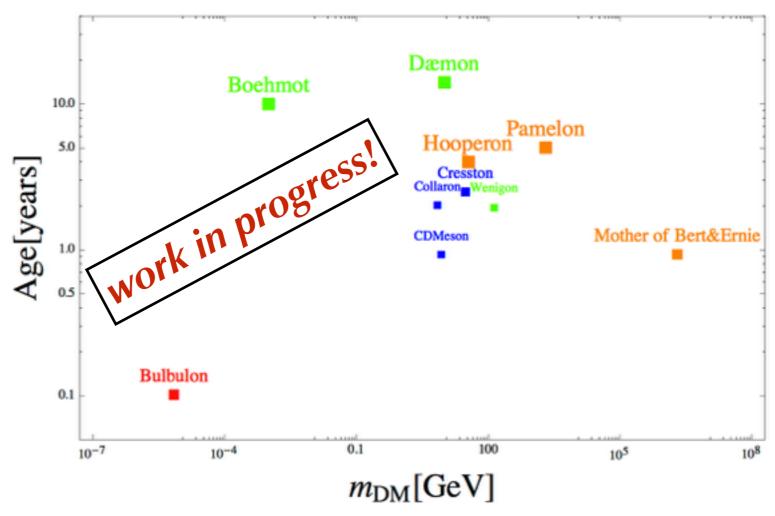




[Zhang+, PRD2016]

## Future?

- The field of astrophysics is being re-defined by high-quality data, extending over a larger dynamical range.
- DM search is an outstanding effort for over 50 years: the tools are now finally in the right ballpark!
- More data coming up stay tuned!



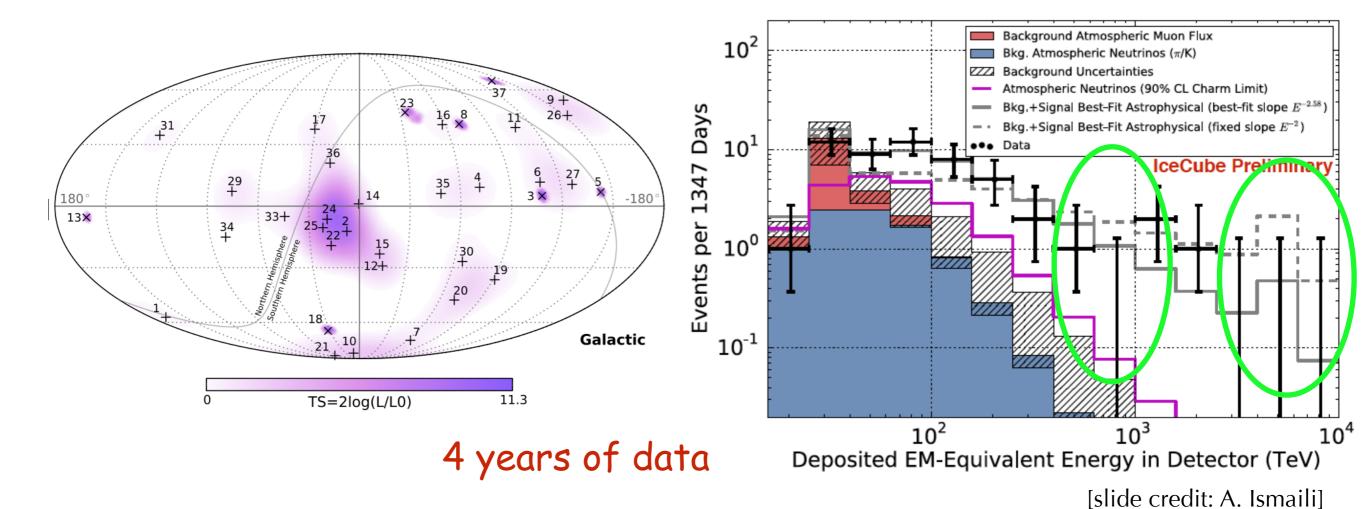
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# Extra Slides

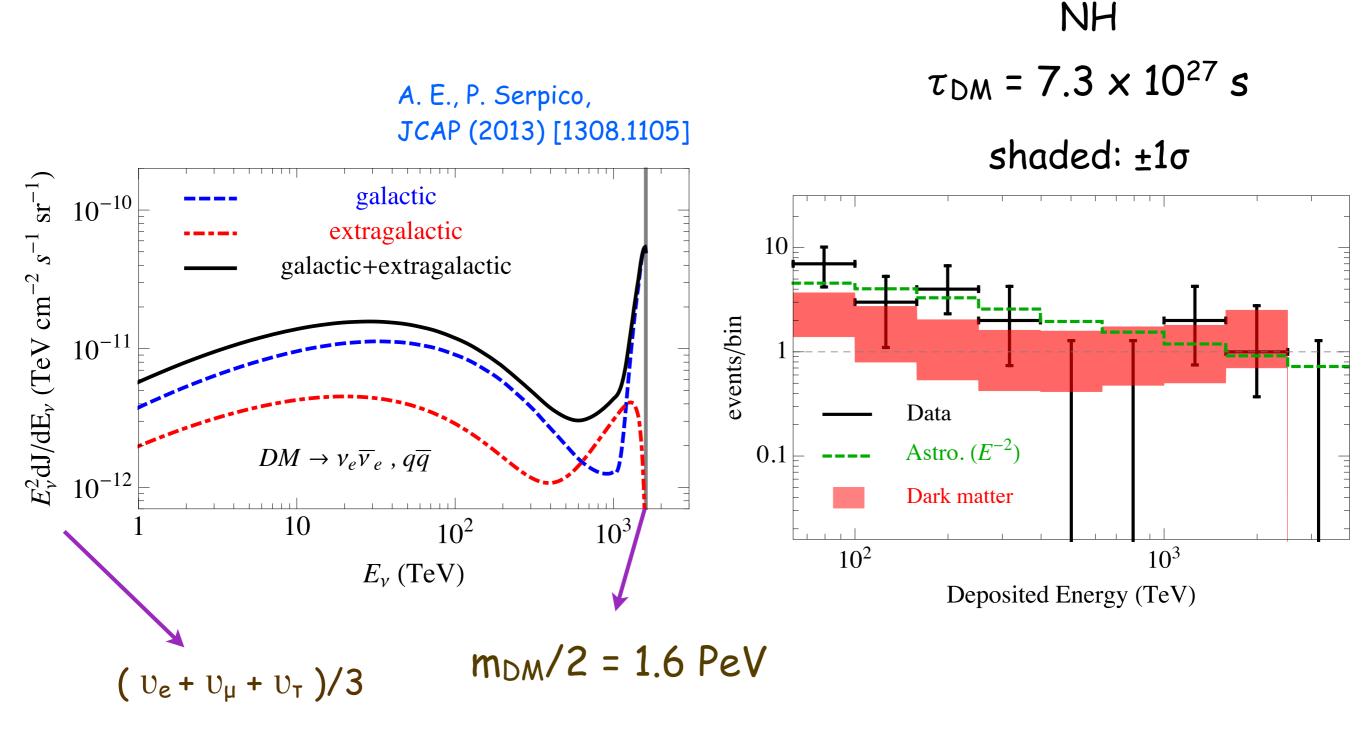
### Neutrinos?

- ✓ deficit of events in the energy range ~ (400 1000) TeV
- cut-off in events: no events observed with energy > 2 PeV
- $\checkmark$  angular distribution of events show mild anisotropies (enhanced toward GC)

none of the above-mentioned issues are significant

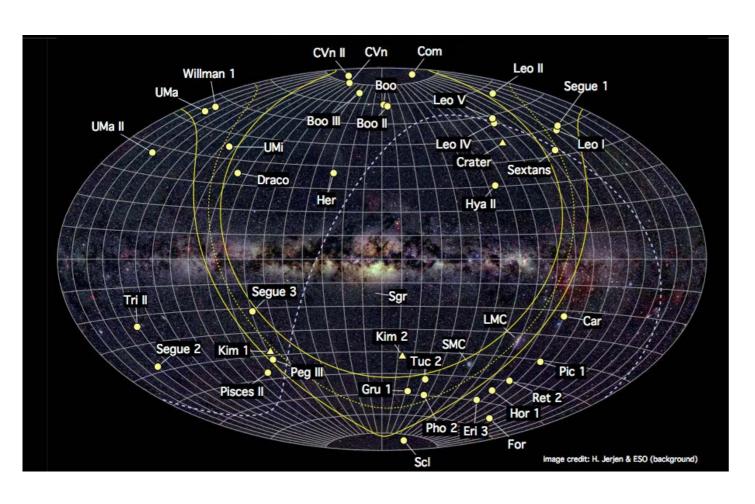


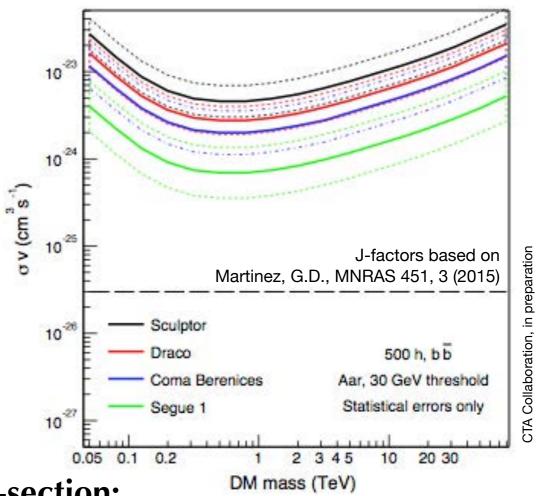
### Neutrinos?



PeV-scale decaying DM with generic decay channels, can naturally explain these features. The required lifetime is allowed by the current limits. Both the energy and angular distributions mildly prefer DM interpretation.

# CTA @ the dSphs

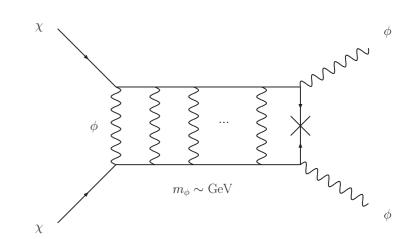




#### **Expected sensitivity does not reach the thermal cross-section:**

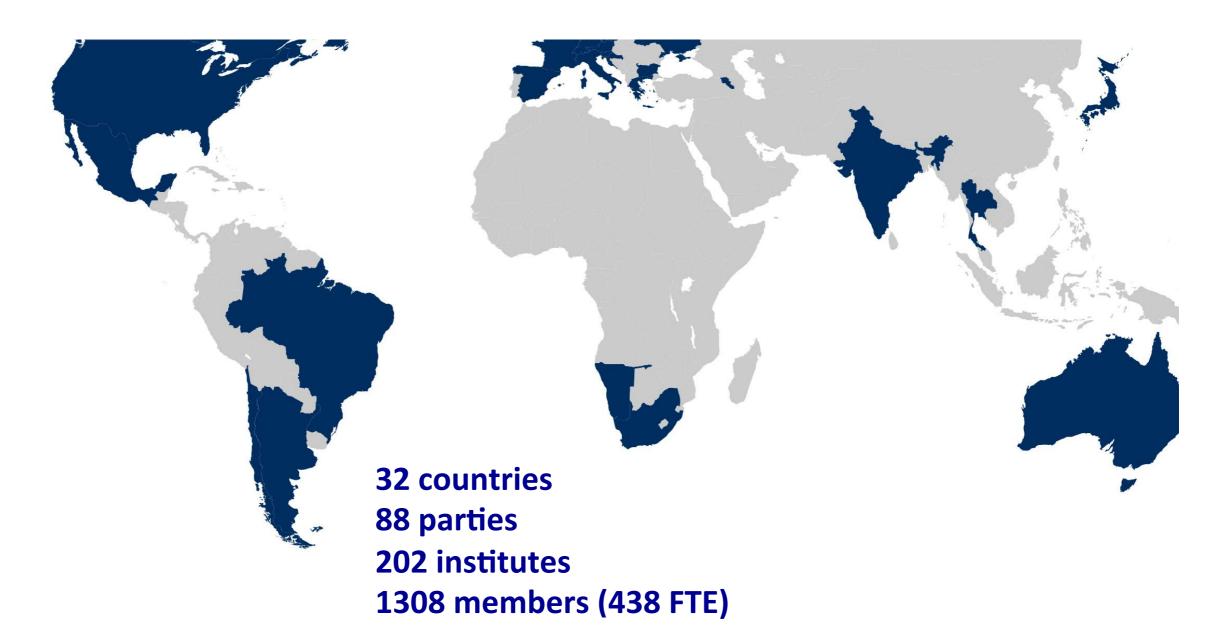
sensitive to models with significant **Sommerfeld enhancement** (TeV dark  $\alpha/v$  matter) [e.g. Hisano+, 2008; Abazajian+ 2012; Bringmann+, 2014; Garcia-Cely+, 2016; ...]

Current plan: focus on the most promising dSph target



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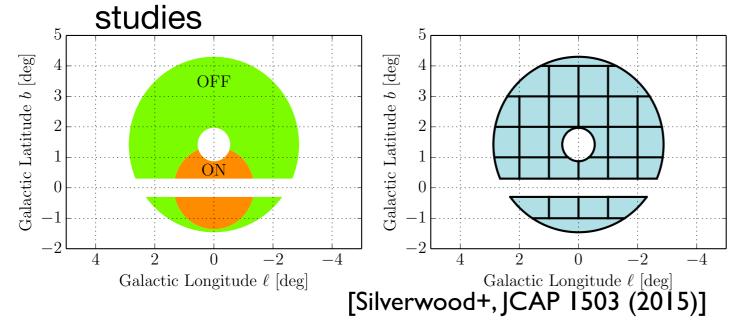
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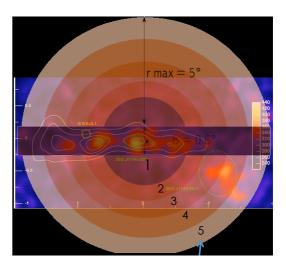
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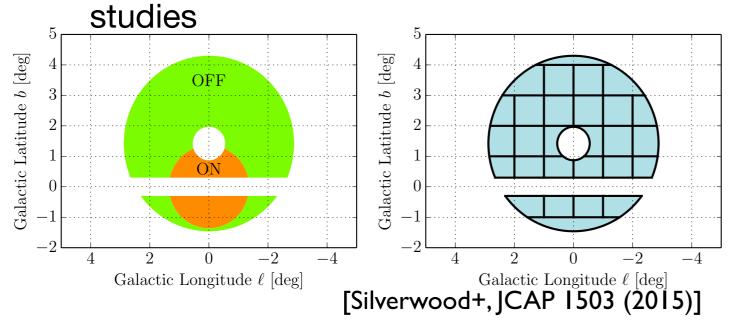


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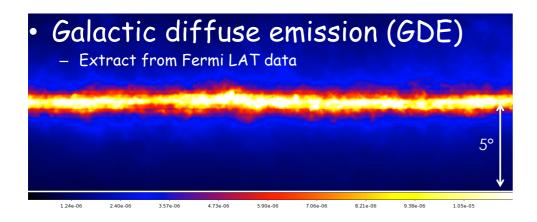
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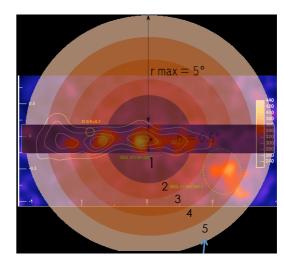
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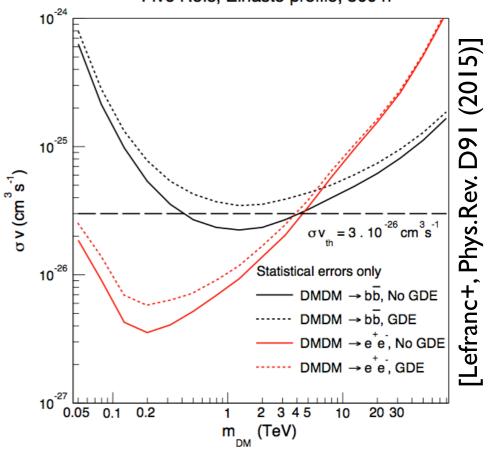


impact of Galactic diffuse emission





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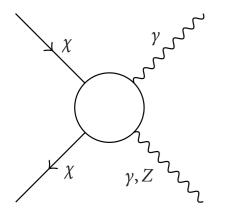


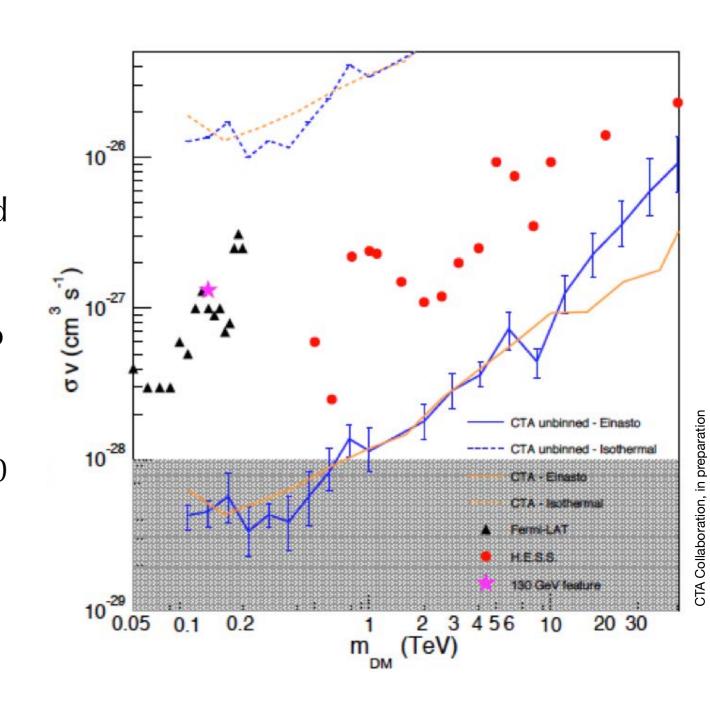
# CTA @ spectral lines

## CTA excellent energy resolution — high sensitivity to spectral line search!

- data within a circle of 1 deg radius around the center
- •standard astrophysical emission taken into account as background
- ▶ sensitivity improvement by a factor of ~10 expected

Line signal (loop level  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ )





## Gamma rays

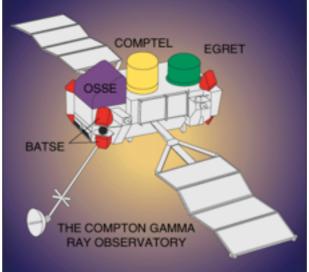
atmosphere is not transparent to gamma rays

→ satellites

**EGRET** 1991-2001

**Fermi LAT** 2008-

(AGILE 2007-)





- → or ground based:
  - i) Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes

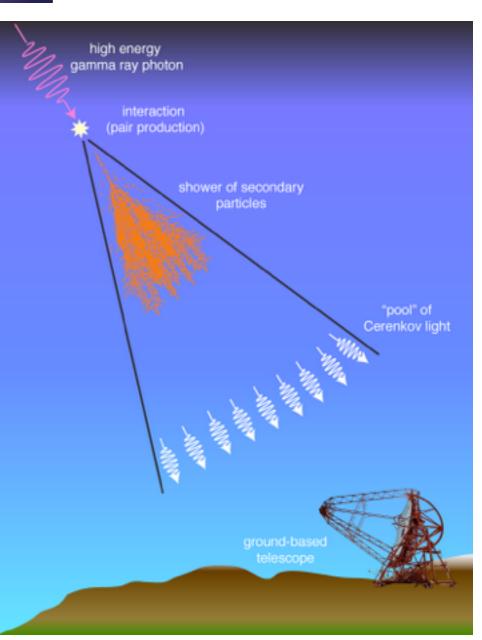
WHIPPLE 10m (1968-2013) - the beginning of gamma ray astronomy

H.E.S.S. (2002 - ), MAGIC (2004 - ), VERITAS (2007 - )

ii) Air shower arrays ('with buckets of water')

*MILAGRO* (2001-2008) *HAWC* (2010 - )

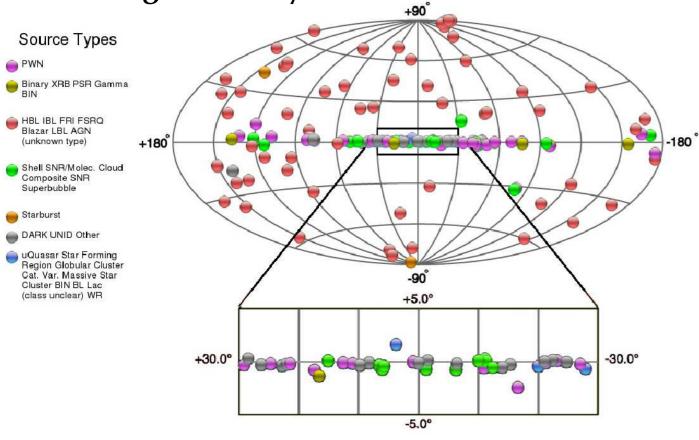




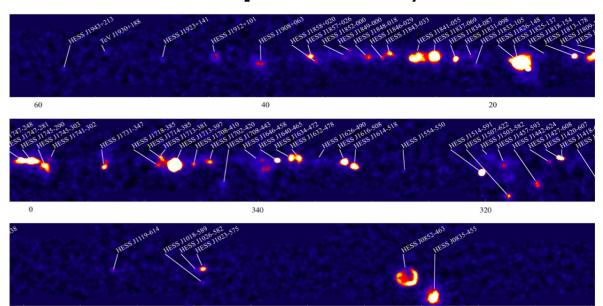
## The TeV sky

IACTs are pointing telescopes!

170 VHE gamma-ray sources

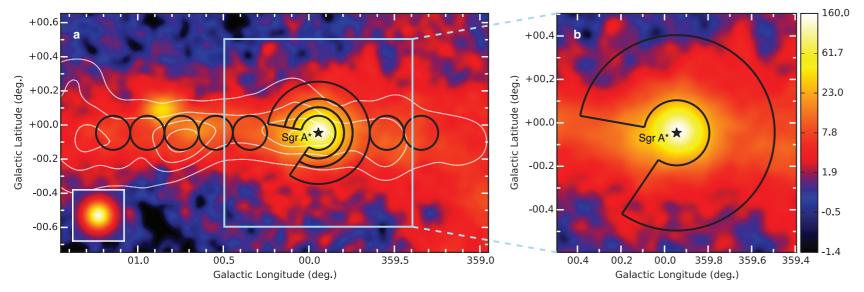


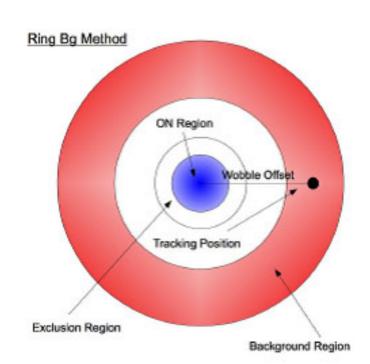
#### 2nd Galactic plane survey, H.E.S.S.



H.E.S.S. Collaboration, 2016

#### **Extended emission from the Galactic centre ridge**





H.E.S.S. Collaboration, Nature, 2016