



The gamma-ray galactic center excess with multi-messenger observations

Focus on recent work with:

IC, Zhong, McDermott, Surdutovich, PRD **105**, 103023 (2022)

McDermott, Zhong, **IC** MNRAS Letters, **522**, L21-L25 (2023)

Also ongoing work in Zhong, **IC** (in prep)

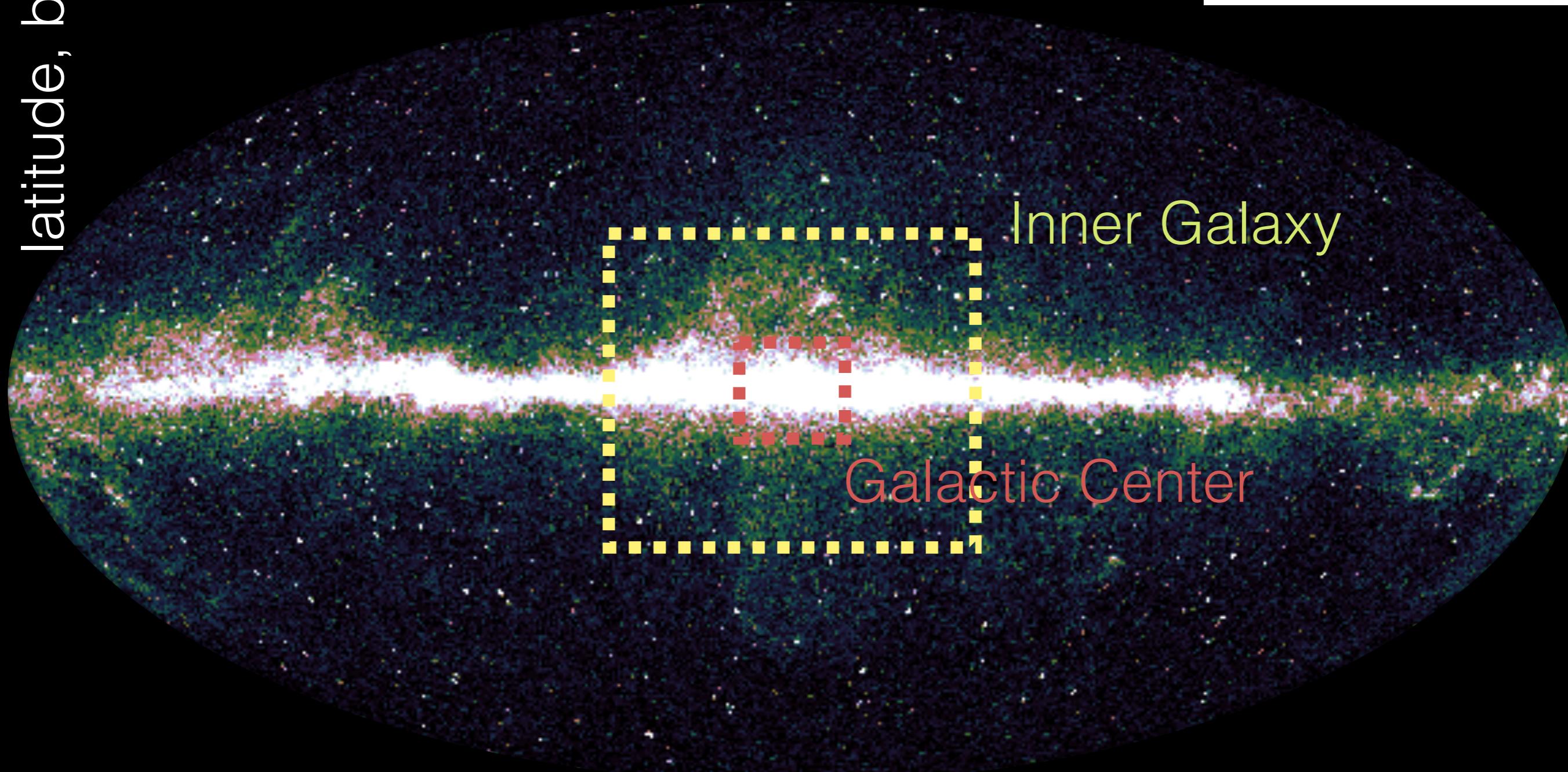
(will mention other works with Tim Linden and Dan Hooper as well)

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The Fermi-LAT Gamma-ray SKY

latitude, b



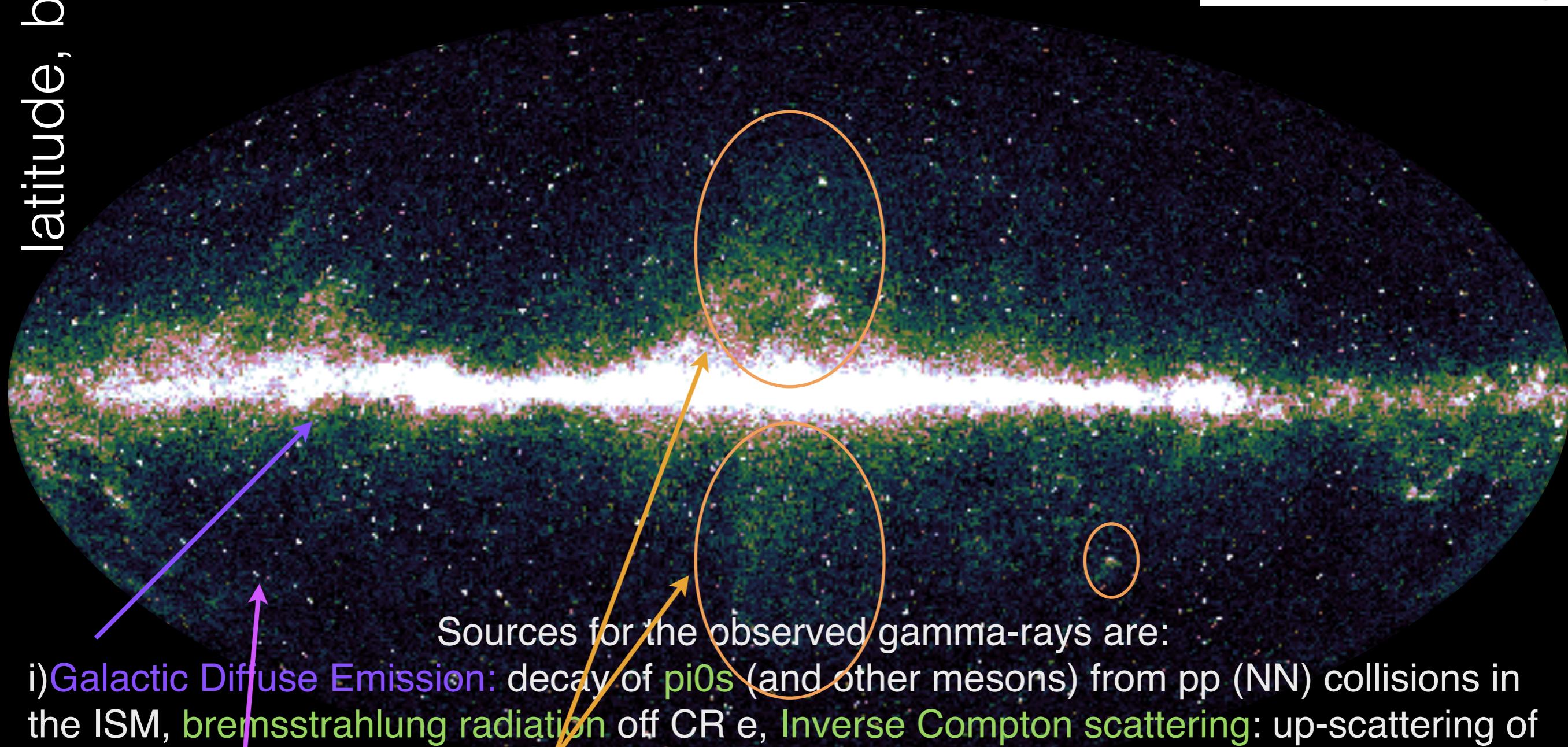
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Sources for the observed gamma-rays are:

- i) Galactic Diffuse Emission: decay of **pi0s** (and other mesons) from pp (NN) collisions in the ISM, **bremsstrahlung radiation** off CR e, Inverse Compton scattering: up-scattering of CMB and IR optical photons from CR e
- ii) from **point sources** (galactic or extra galactic)
- iii) **Extragalactic Isotropic**
- iv) "extended sources" (Fermi Bubbles, Geminga, Vela ...)
- iv) misidentified CRs (isotropic due to diffusion of CRs in the Galaxy)

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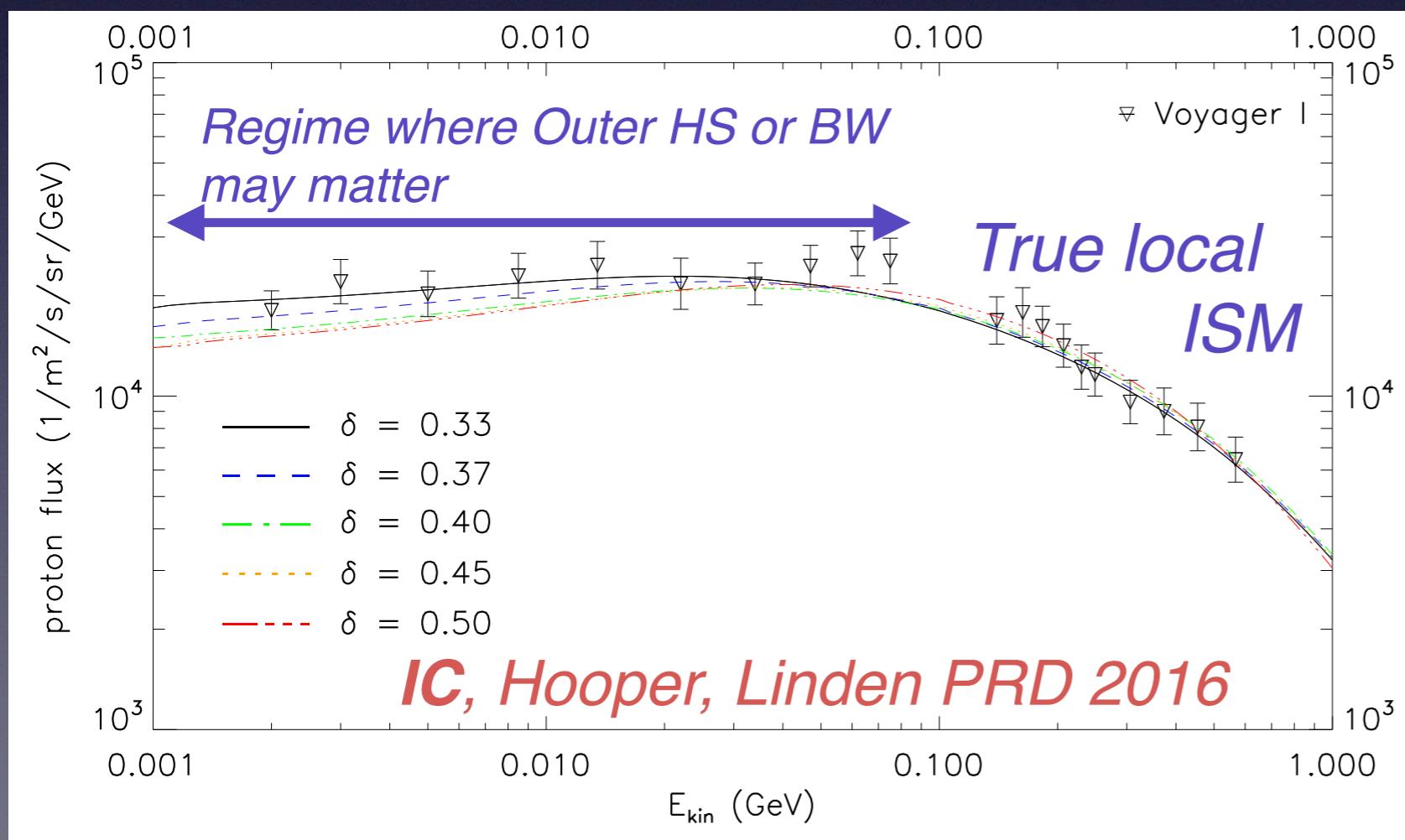
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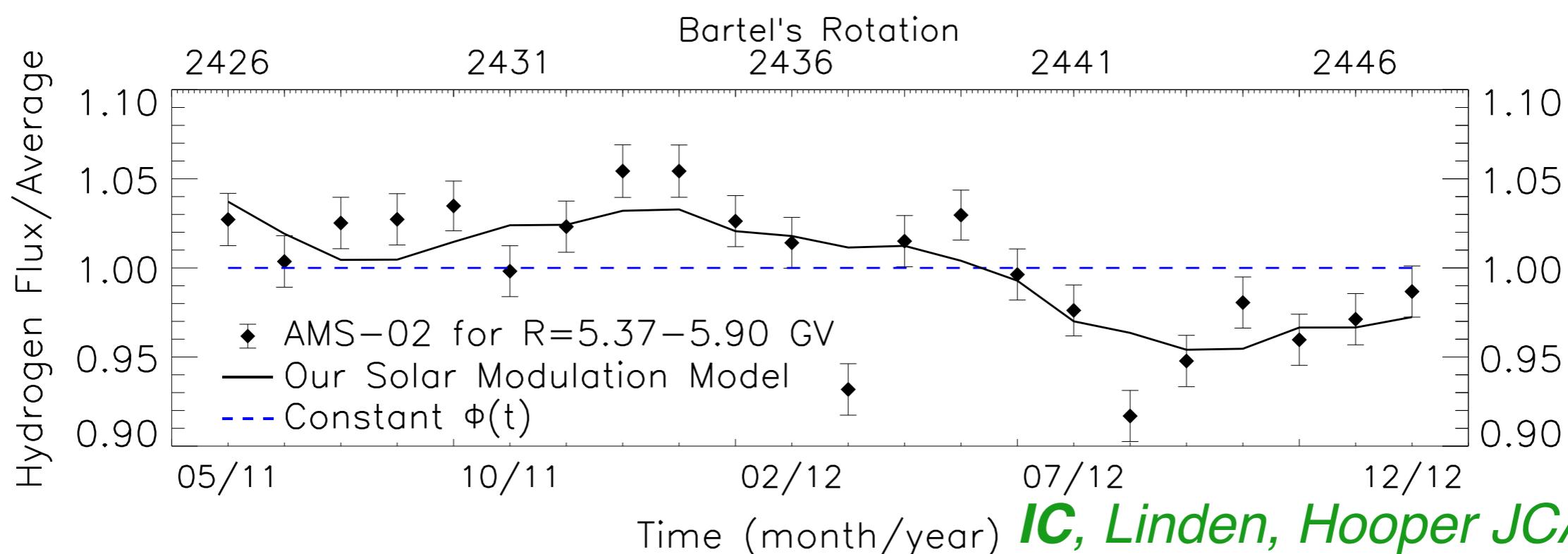
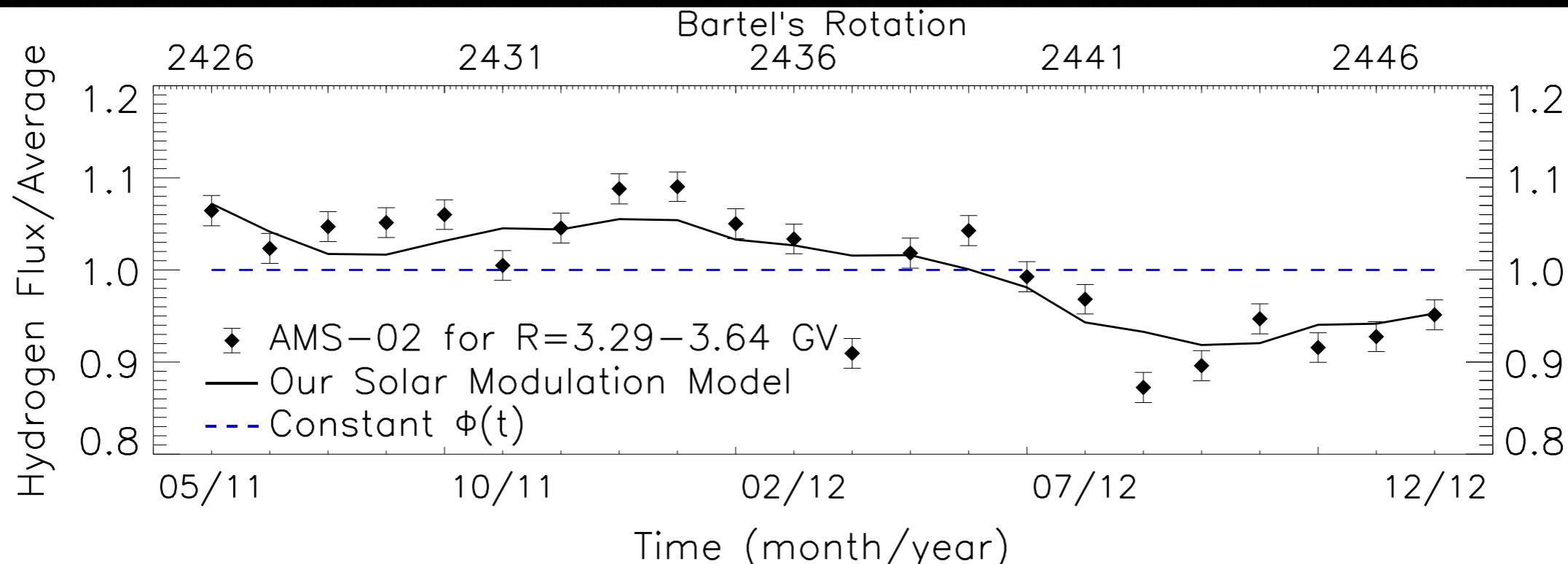


Voyager 1 (ISM) proton flux:



We use *GALPROP* a numerical solver build by Moskalenko, Strong et al. as a starting point and build several models that are in agreement with CR measurements

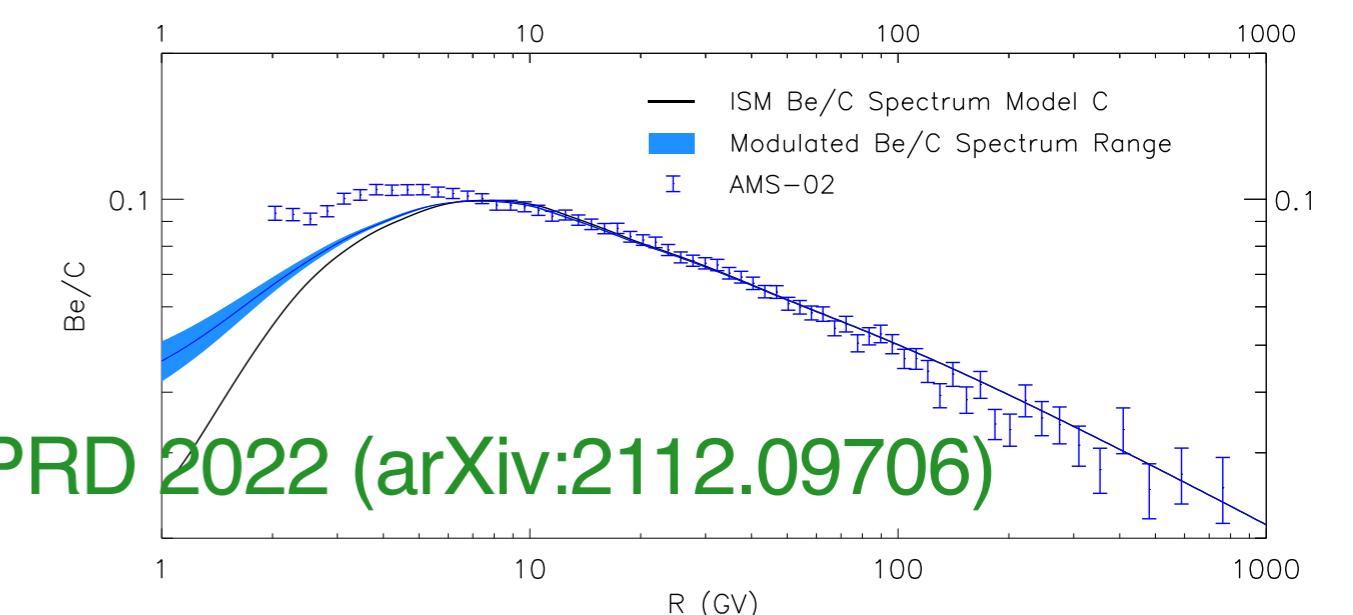
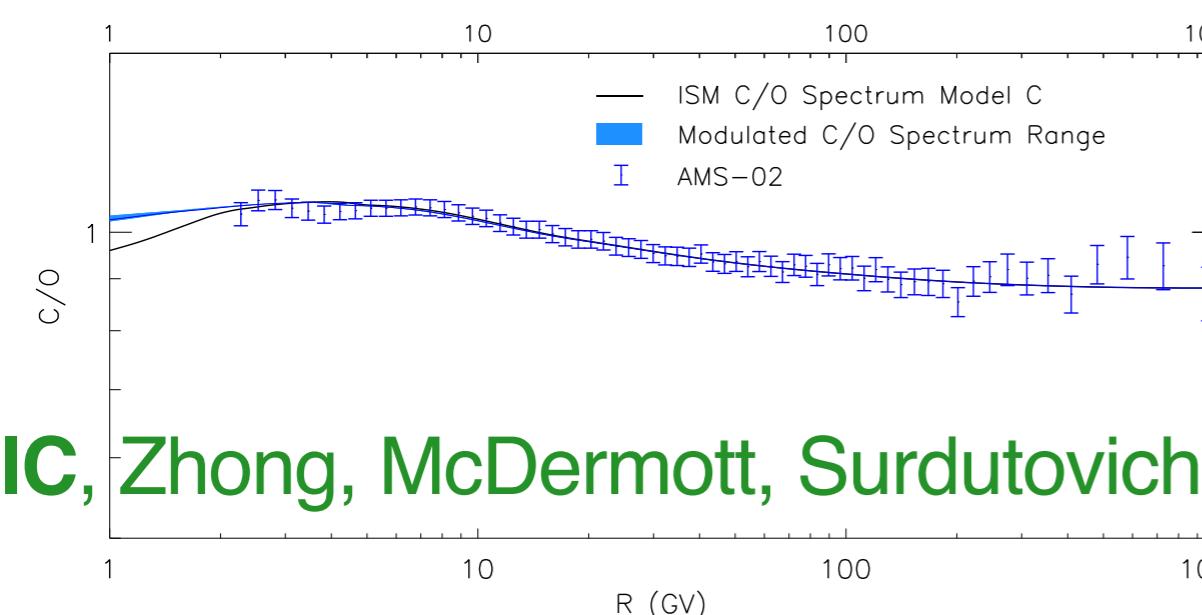
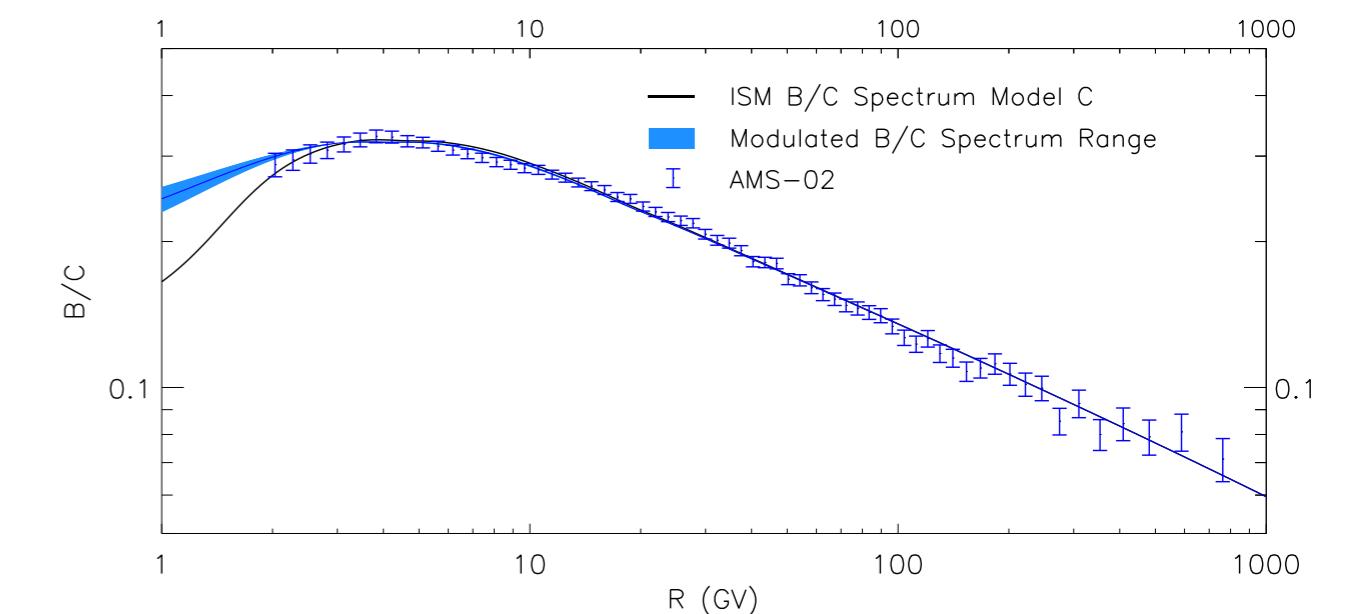
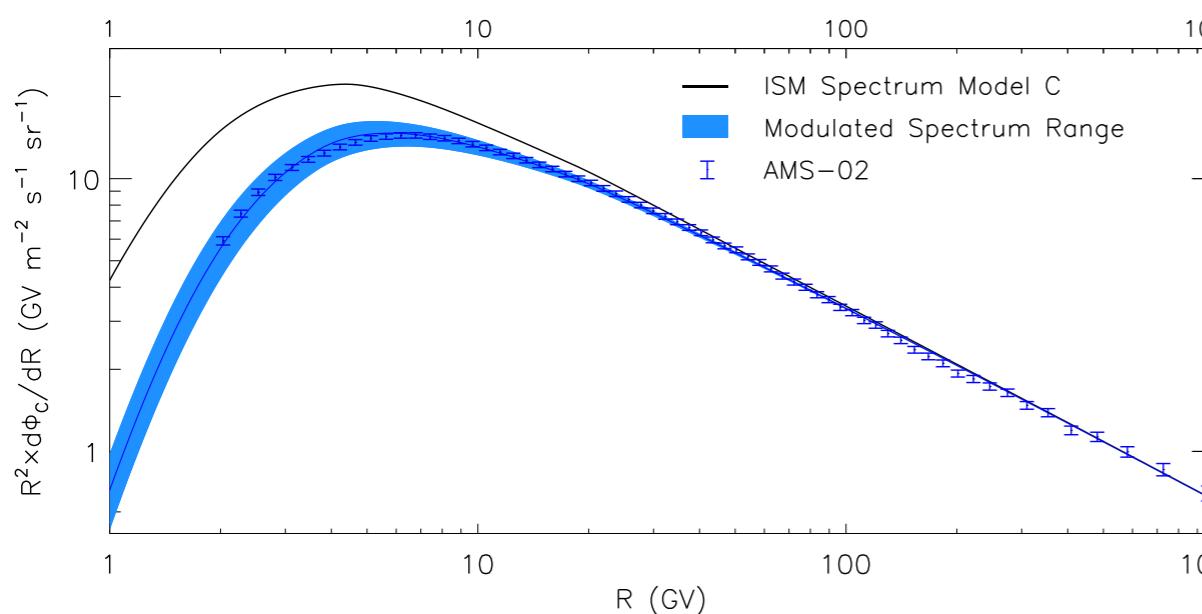
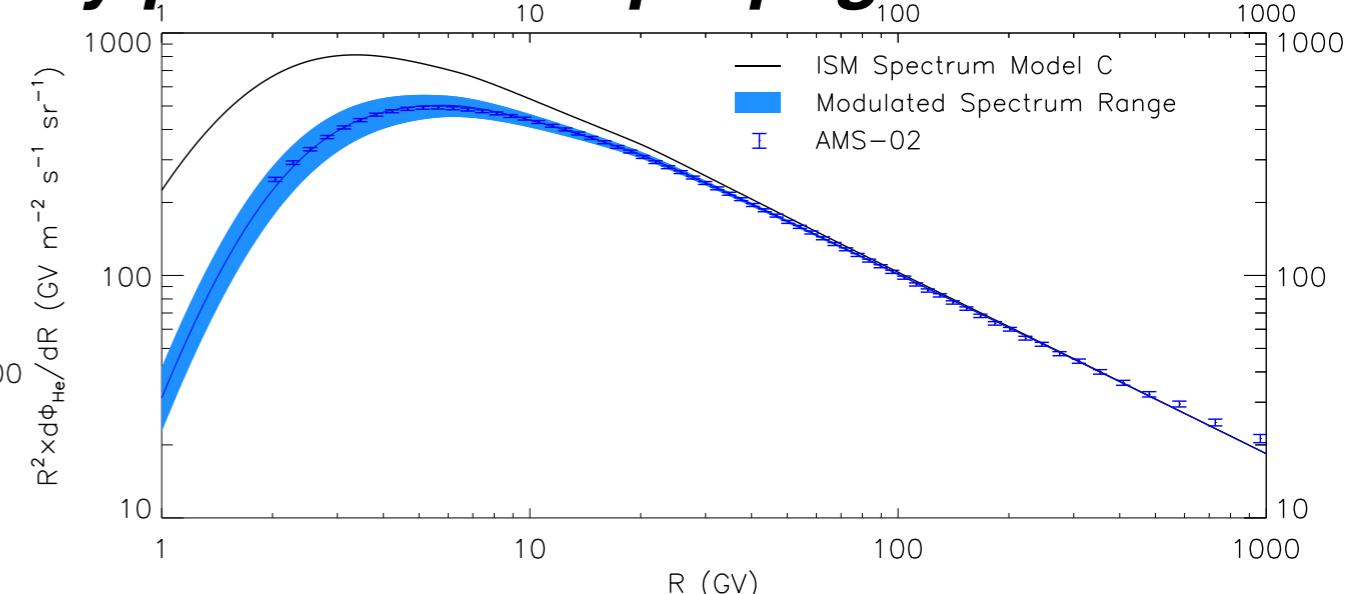
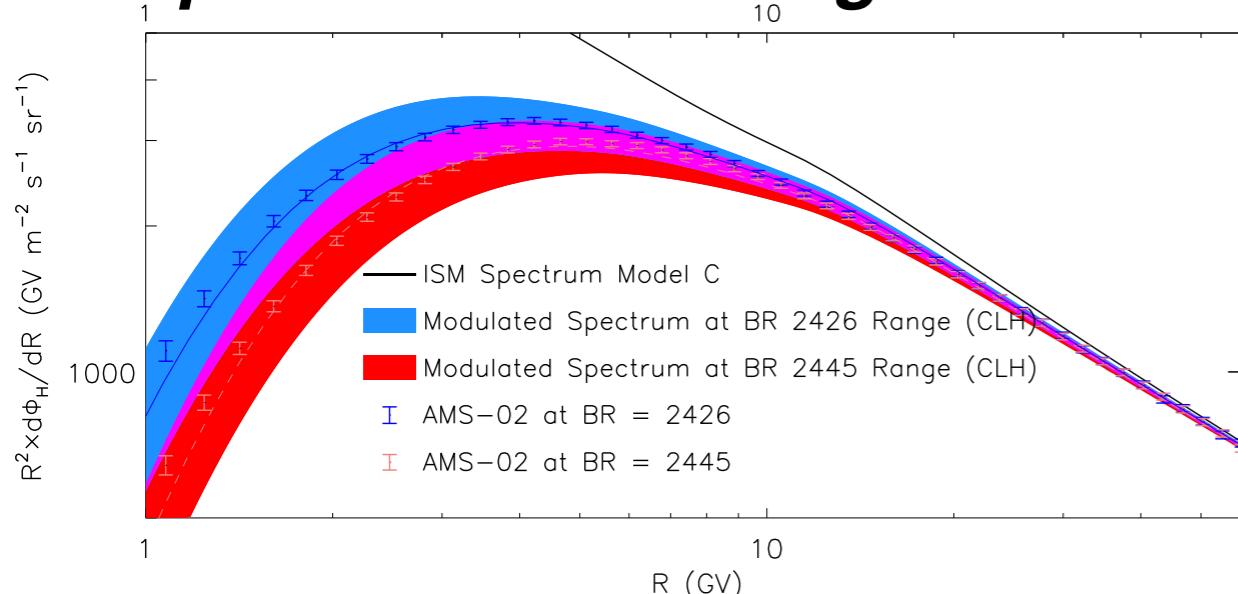
Cross-checking with the PROTON data that account for the majority of observed cosmic rays; monthly AND total (i.e ISM & Solar Modulation):



IC, Linden, Hooper JCAP 2022

Constraining the form of the Modulation potential and the ISM p spectrum in a recursive manner. **Also IC, McKinnon PRD 106, 063021 2022**

Repeating for multiple Cosmic-Ray species we can constrain the physical processes affecting the cosmic-ray production & propagation



The ISM propagation conditions that fit the local spectra

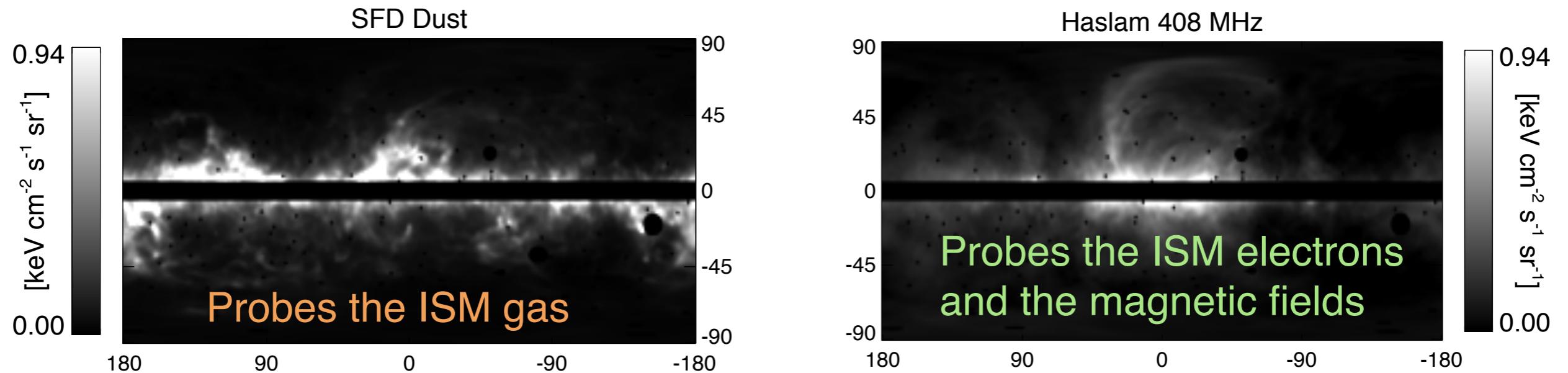
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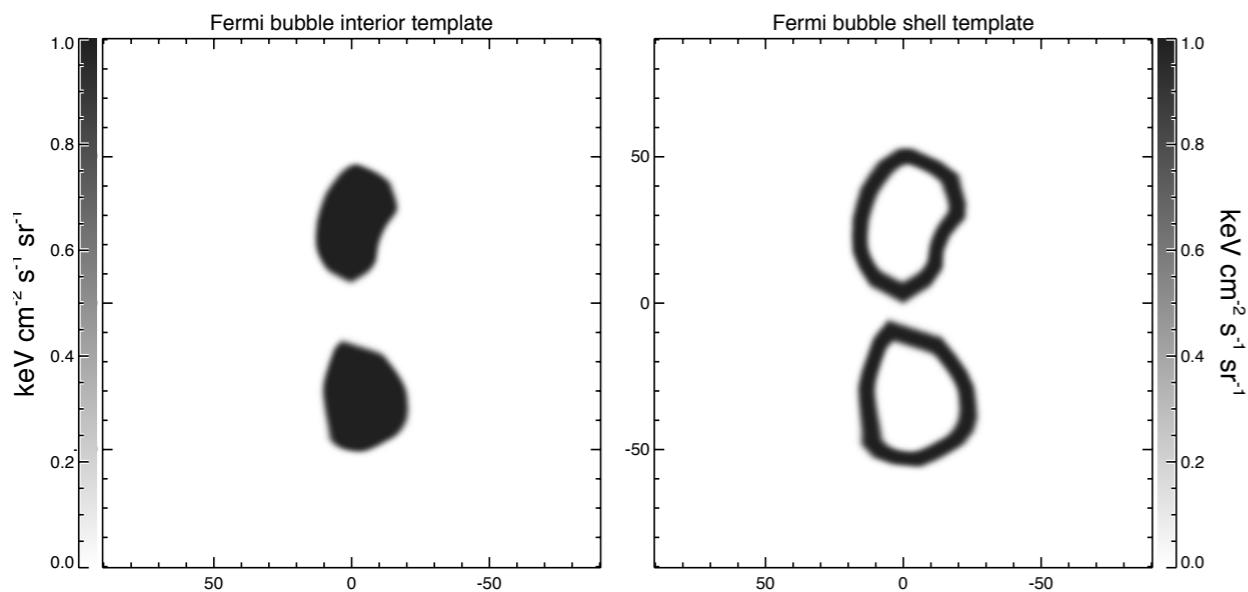
**Using templates on Gamma-ray maps →
It's first use led to the discovery of the Fermi(Haze)-Bubbles**

Dobler, Finkbeiner, IC, Slatyer, Weiner, ApJ, 2010

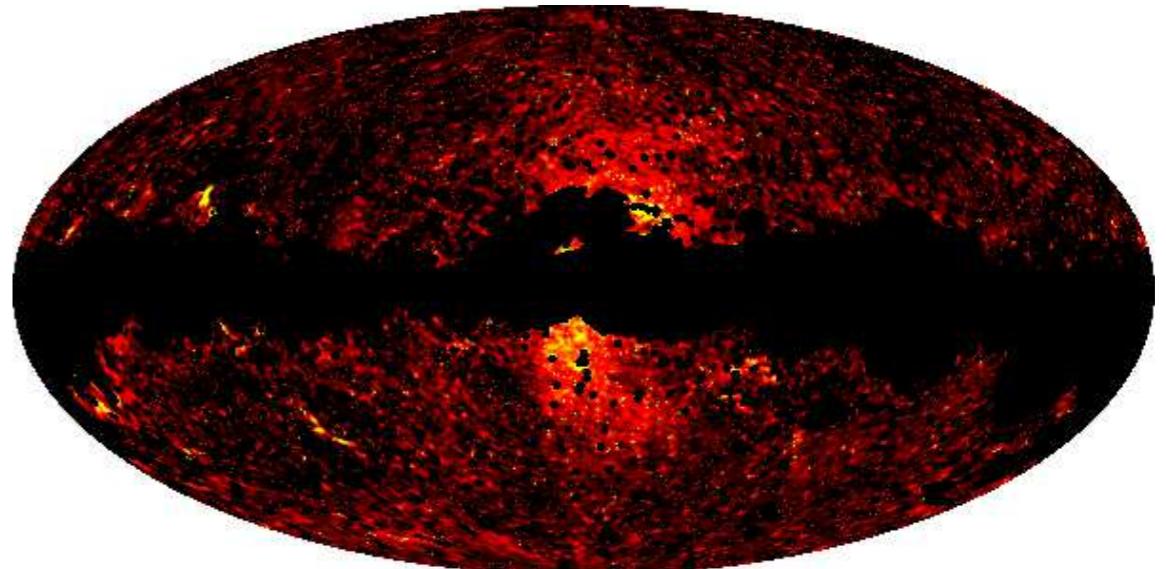


Fermi Bubbles

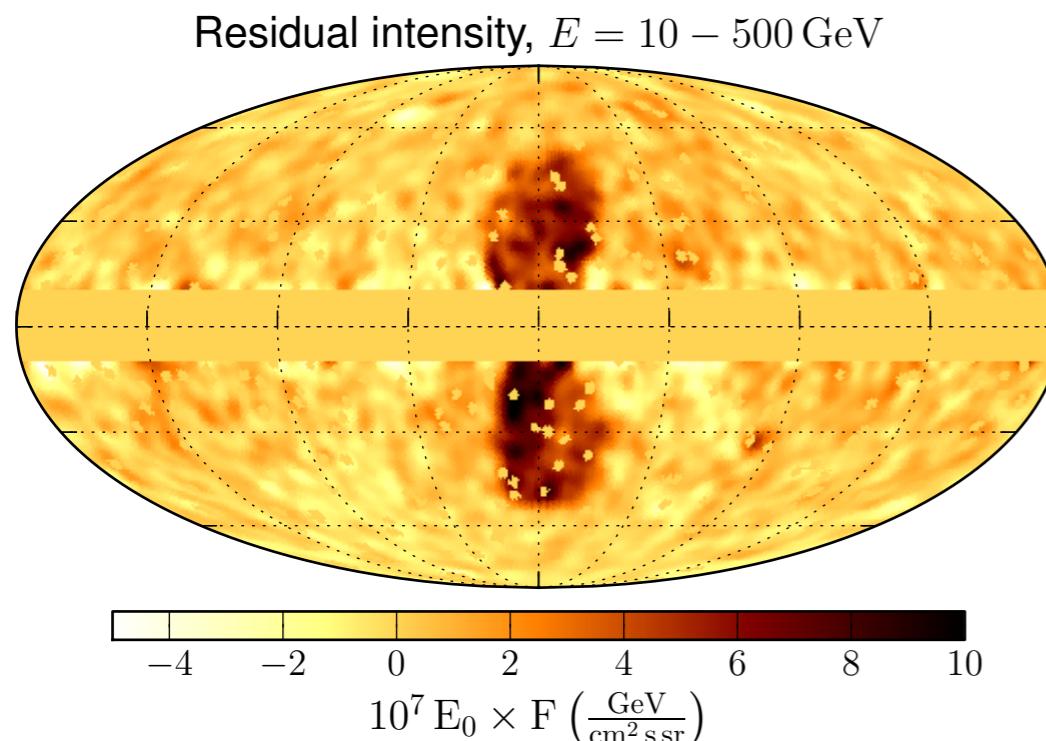
Su et al. ApJ 724, 1044 (2010)



Planck intermediate results. IX. Detection of the Galactic haze with Planck



Discovery of edges on the emission.



Planck Coll. A&A 2013

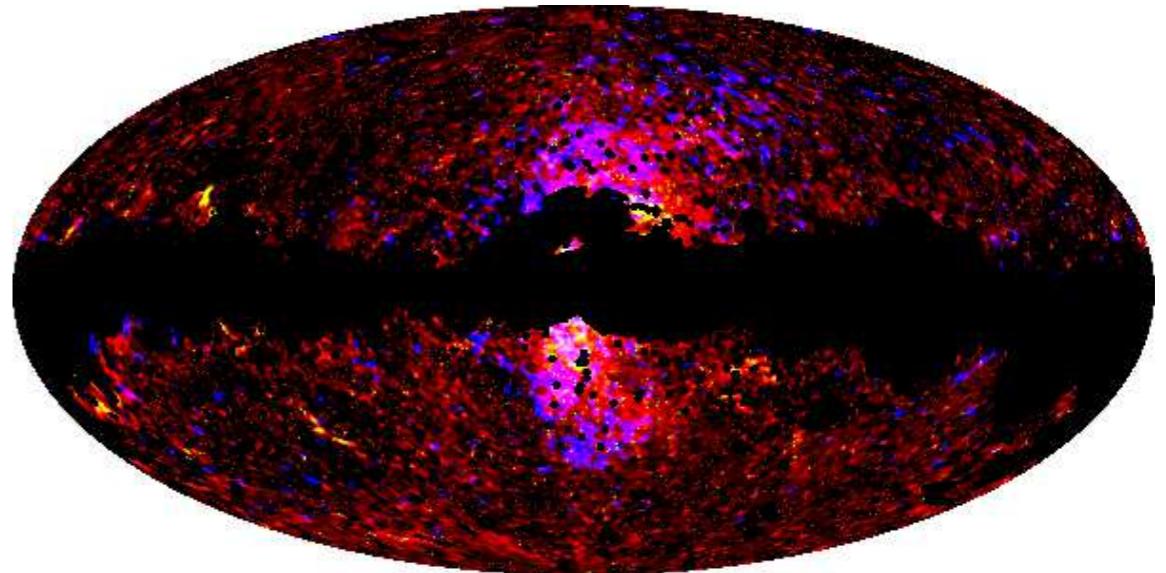
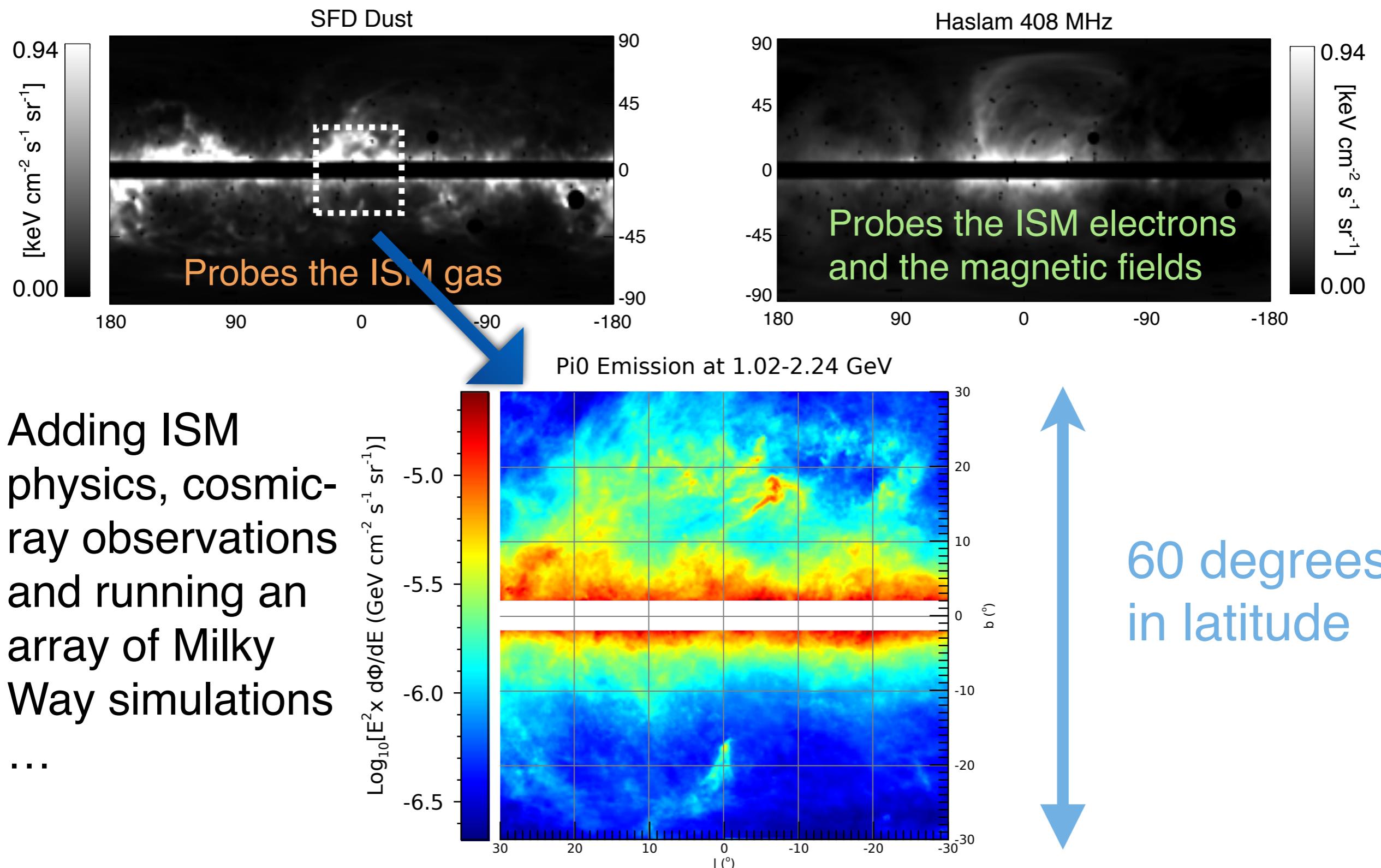


Fig. 9. Top: The microwave haze at Planck 30 GHz (red, $-12 \mu\text{K} < \Delta T_{\text{CMB}} < 30 \mu\text{K}$) and 44 GHz (yellow, $12 \mu\text{K} < \Delta T_{\text{CMB}} < 40 \mu\text{K}$). Bottom: The same but including the Fermi 2-5 GeV haze/bubbles of Dobler et al. (2010) (blue, $1.05 < \text{intensity } [\text{keV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}] < 1.25$; see their Fig. 11). The spatial correspondence between the two is excellent, particularly at low southern Galactic latitude, suggesting that this is a multi-wavelength view of the same underlying physical mechanism.

Fermi-LAT Collaboration
Result ApJ 2014

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This is a **starting point**. For the inner galaxy we allow for **greater ranges** to account for uncertainties on the ISM conditions of the inner galaxy. As:

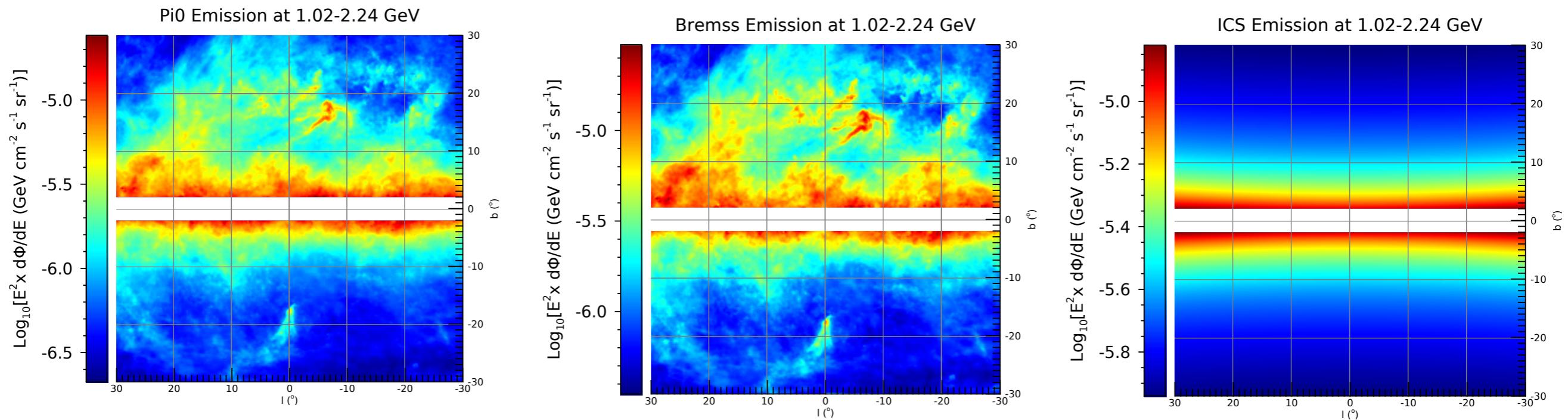
TABLE II. Galactic diffuse model parameters z_L is in kpc, D_0 is in $\times 10^{28}$ cm 2 /s, v_A is in km/s, $dv_c/d|z|$ is in km/s/kpc. N^p and N^e are the cosmic-ray proton and electron differential flux dN/dE normalizations at the galactocentric distance of 8.5 kpc. They are defined at 100 and 34.5 GeV for the protons and electrons respectively and are in units of $\times 10^{-9}$ cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ sr $^{-1}$ MeV $^{-1}$. See text for full details.

Name	z_L	D_0	δ	v_A	$dv_c/d z $	S^N/S^e	α_1^p/α_2^p	α_1^e/α_2^e	N^p/N^e	B-field	ISRF	H2	HI	HII
I	4.0	5.00	0.33	32.7	55	Pul/Pul	1.35/2.33	1.5/2.25	4.13/3.33	200030050	1.36,1.36,1.0	9	5	1
II	6.0	7.1	0.33	50.0	0	Pul/SNR	1.89/2.30	1.40/2.10	2.40/2.20	050100020	1.0,1.0,1.0	2*	1	1
III	5.6	4.85	0.40	40.0	0	Pul/Pul	1.50/1.90	1.5/2.25	2.40/1.55	200050040	1.4,1.4,1.0	9	4	1
VI	6.0	2.00	0.33	0	200	Pul/SNR	1.60/2.10	1.6/2.30	2.32/5.70	200030050	1.4,1.4,1.0	9	5	1
X	10.0	8.00	0.33	32.2	50	Pul/SNR	1.40/1.80	1.4/2.35	1.90/3.20	200040050	1.4,1.4,1.0	0	5	2
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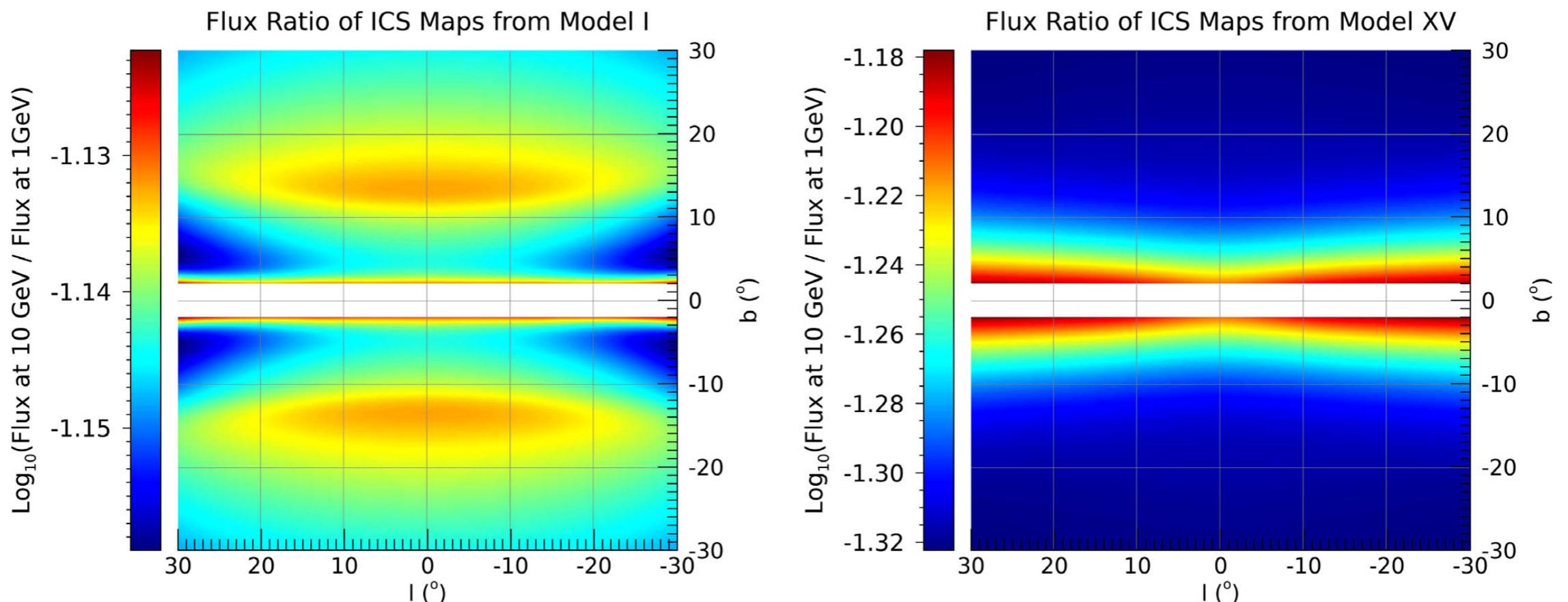
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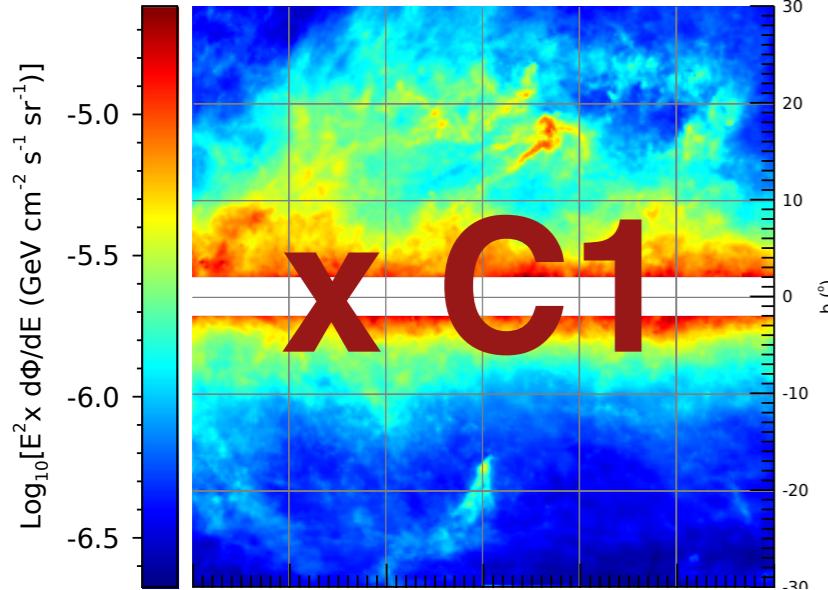
Every model predicts its own unique combination of diffuse emission maps:



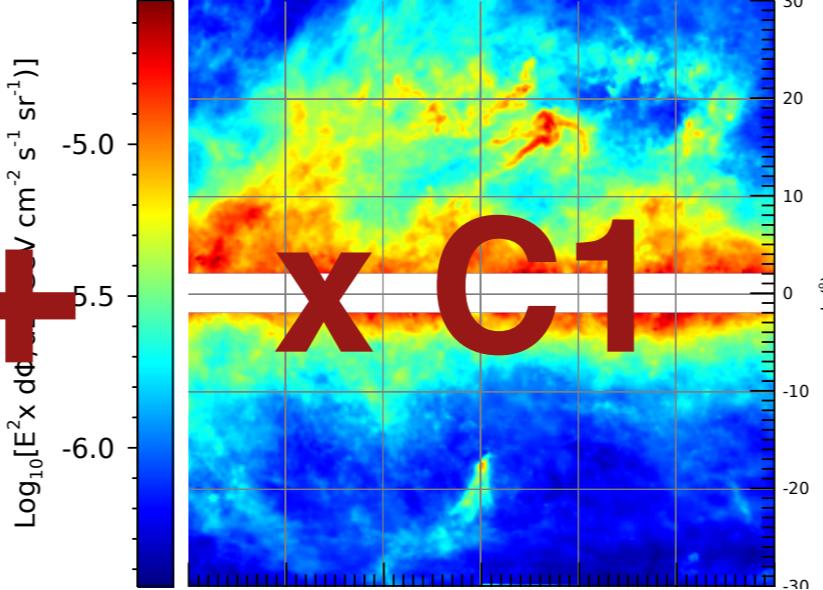
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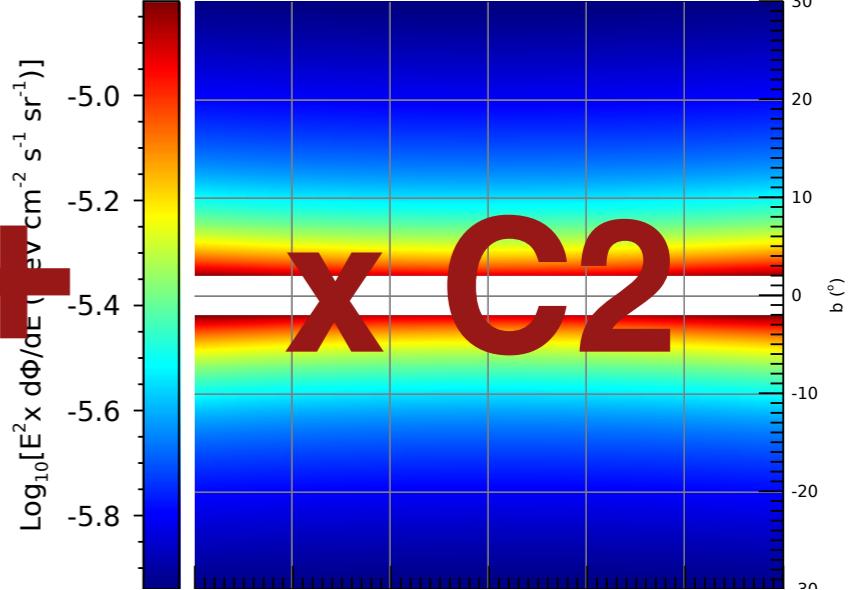
Pi0 Emission at 1.02-2.24 GeV



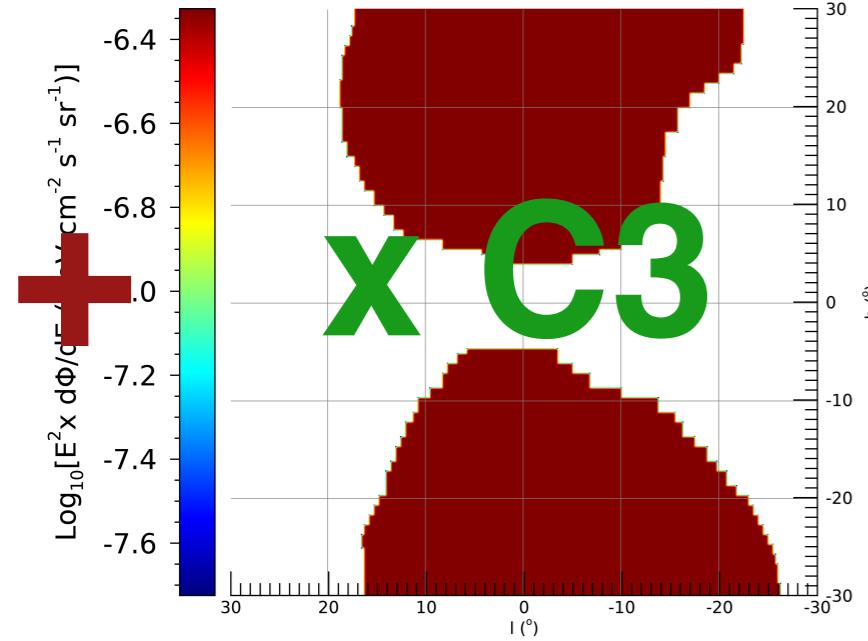
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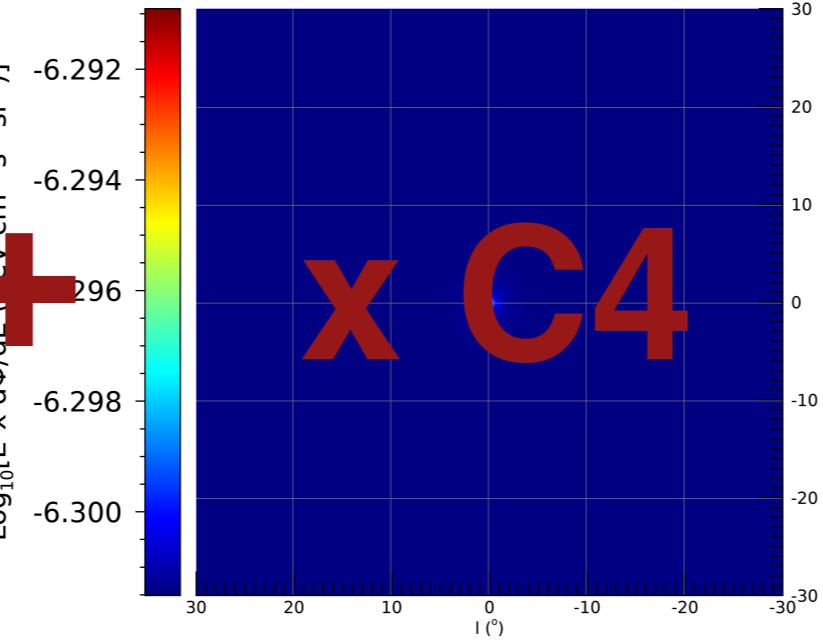
ICS Emission at 1.02-2.24 GeV



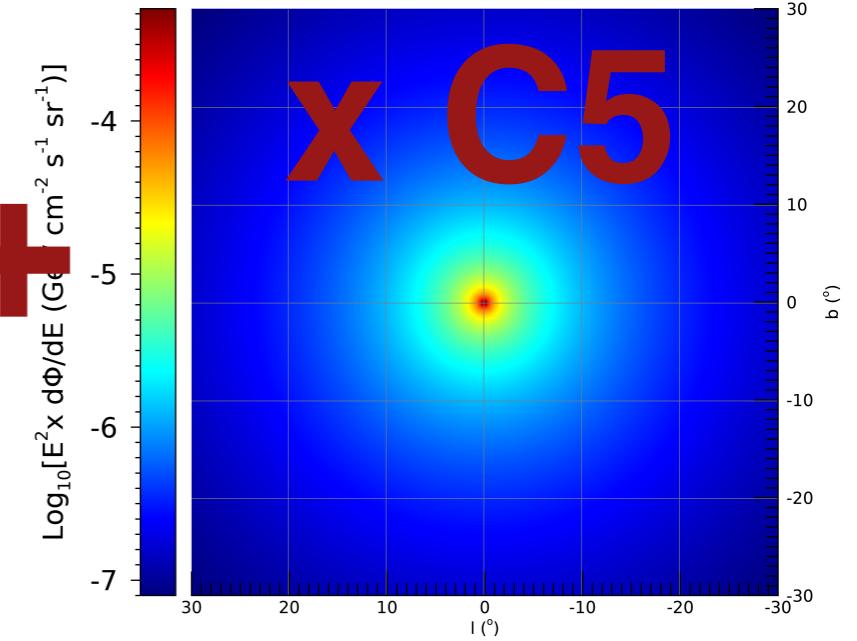
Bubbles Emission at 1.02-2.24 GeV

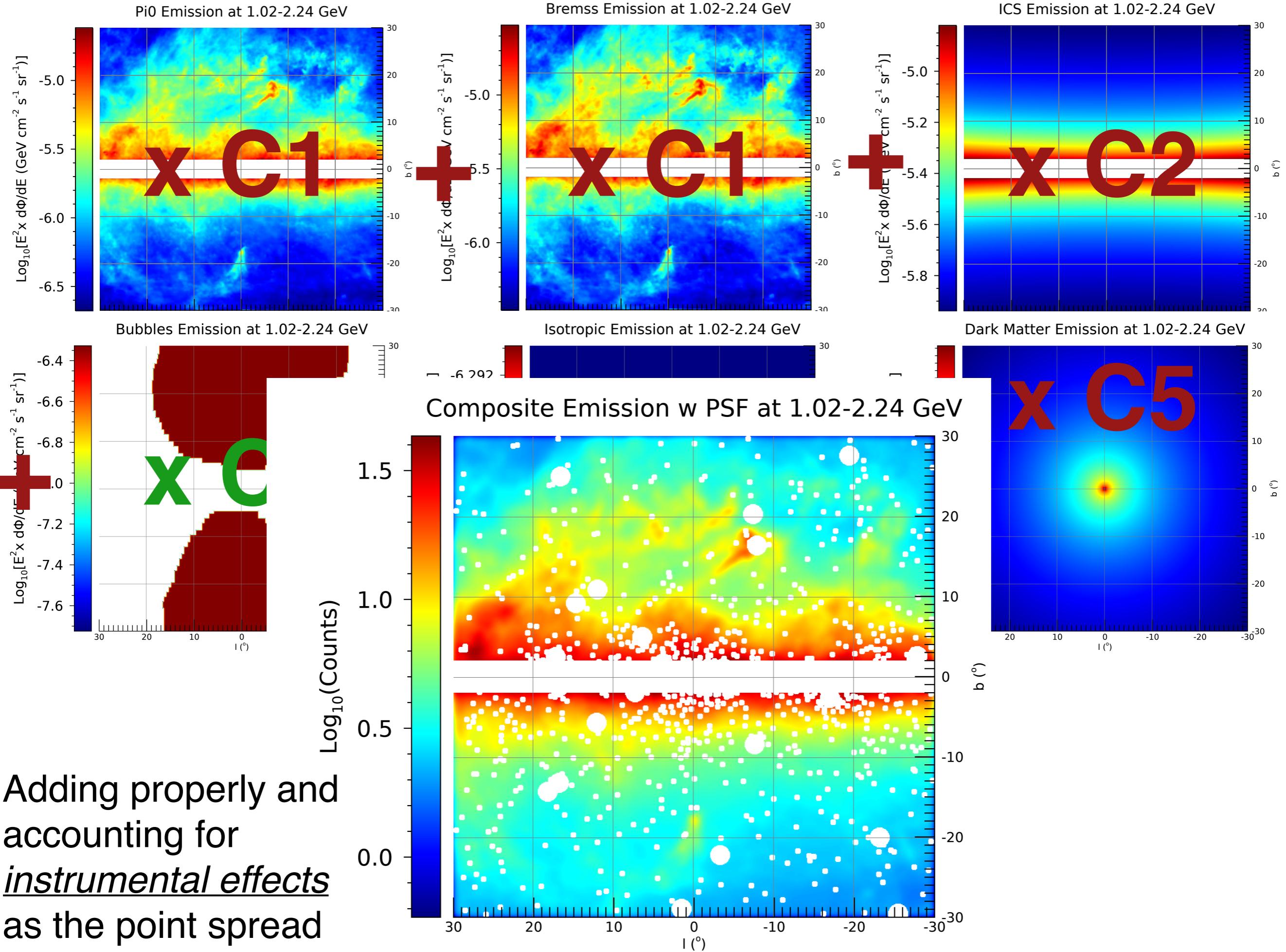


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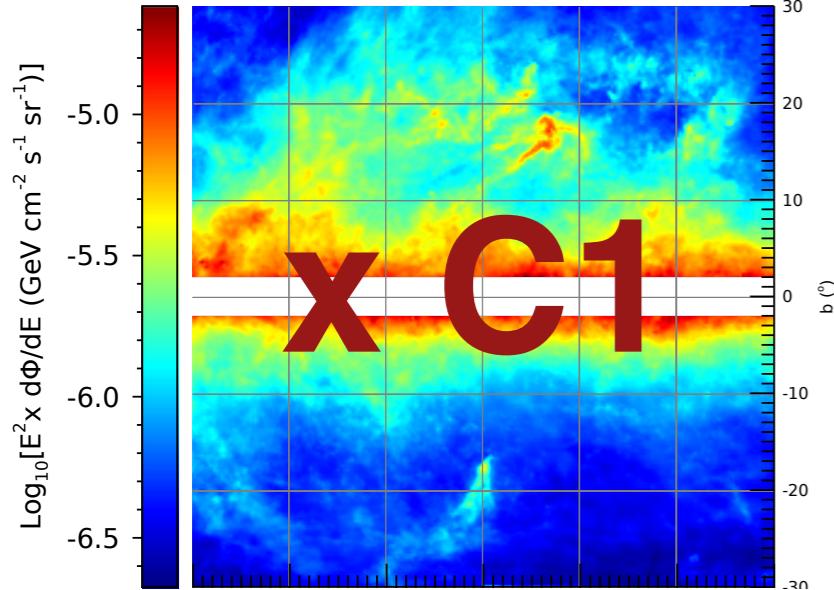


Dark Matter Emission at 1.02-2.24 GeV

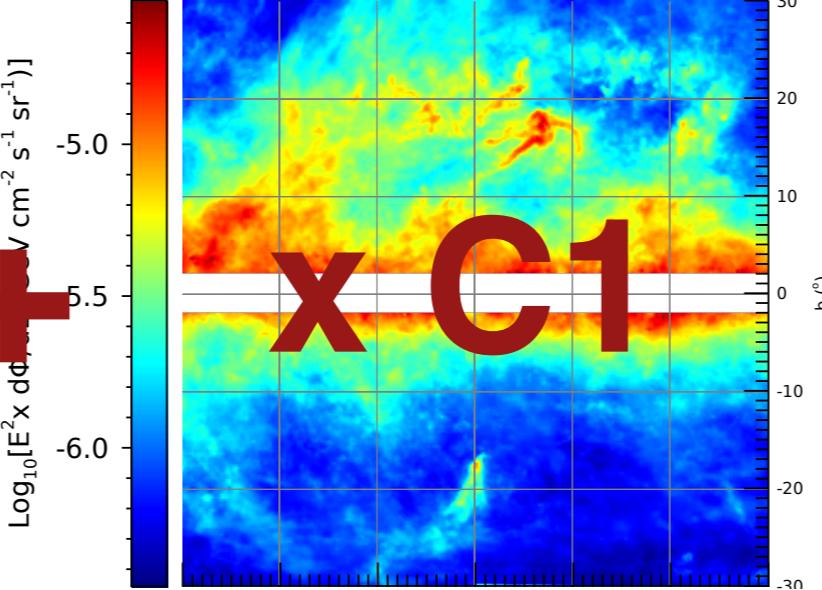




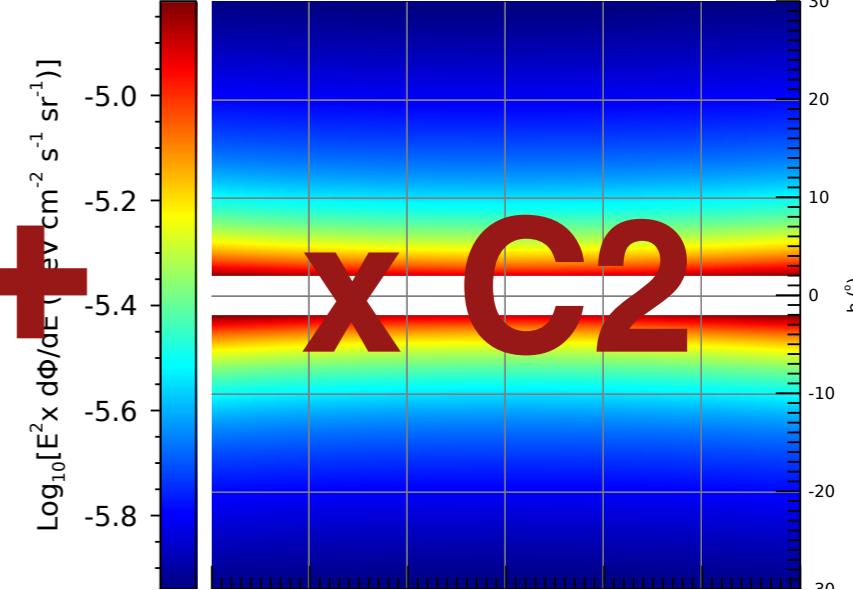
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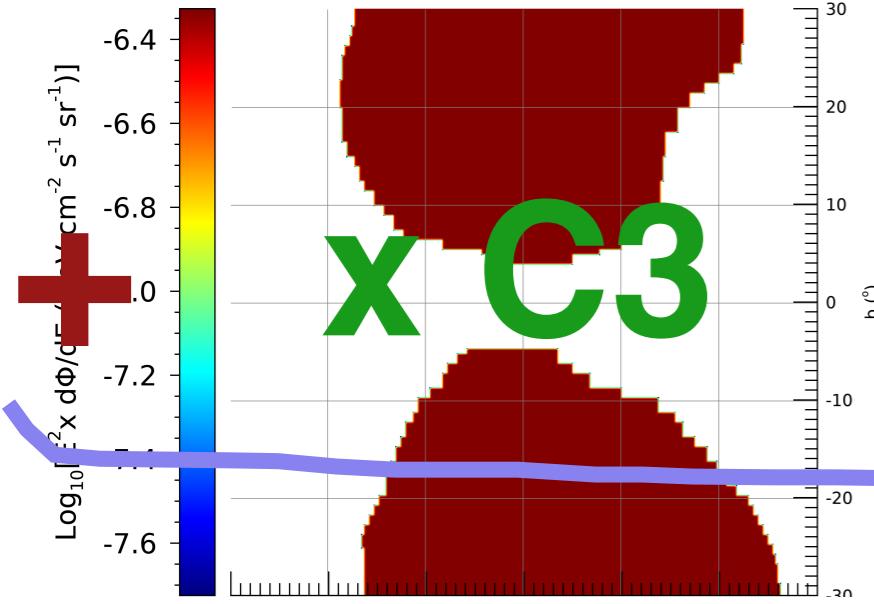
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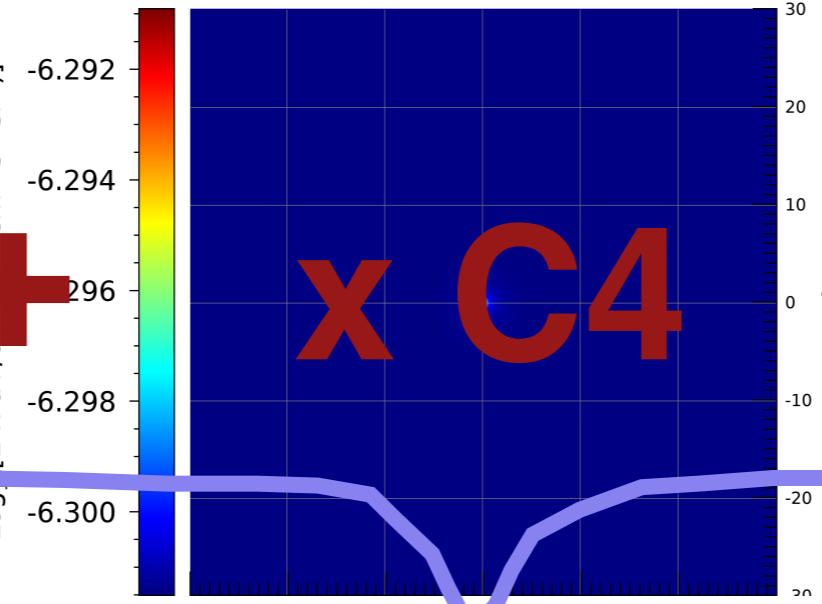
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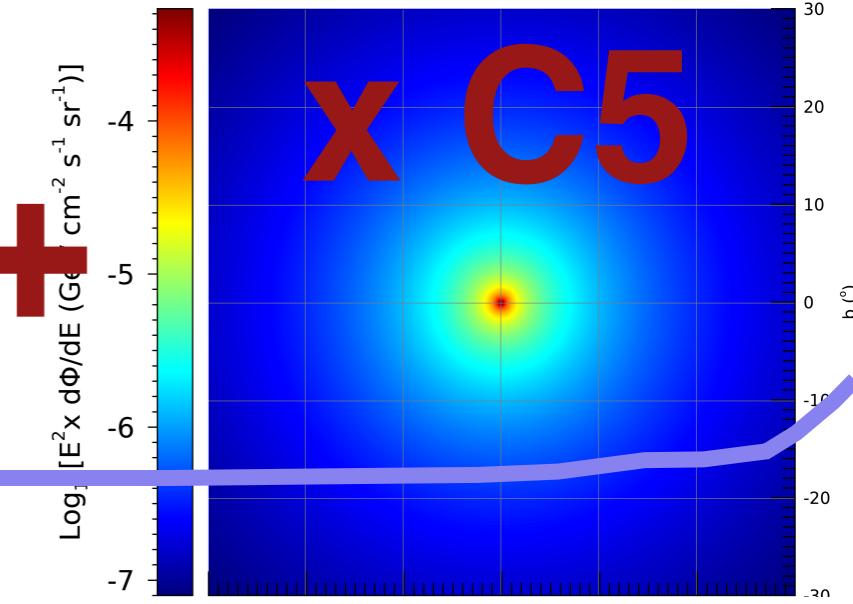
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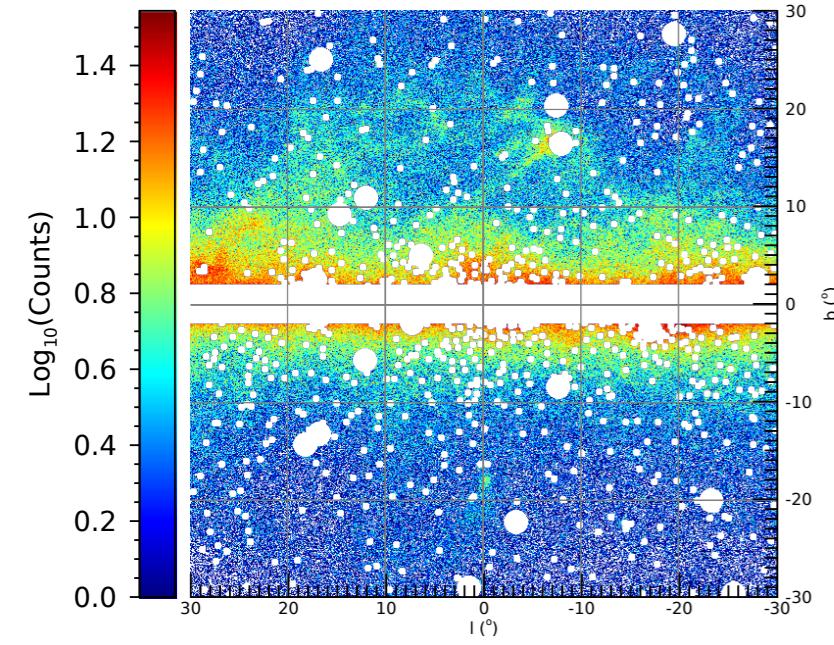
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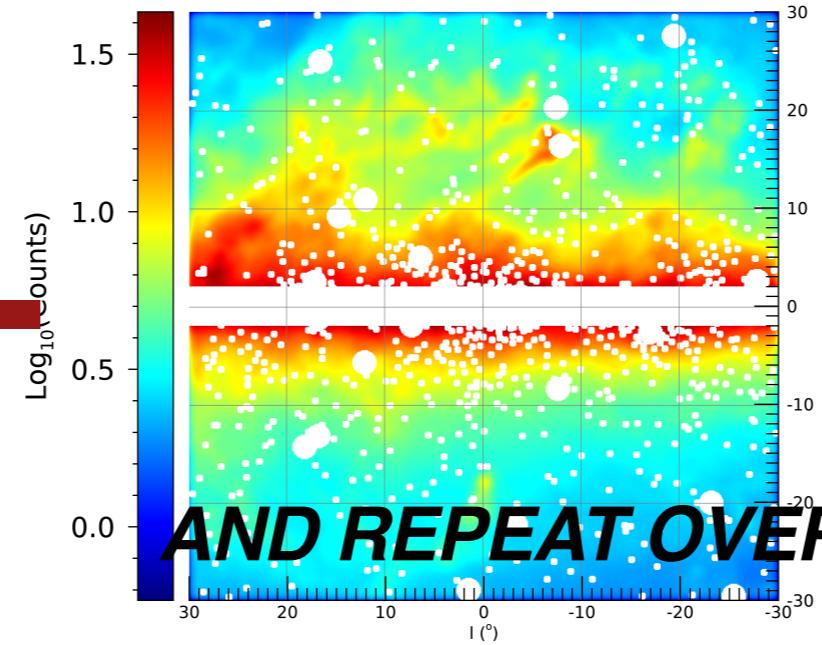
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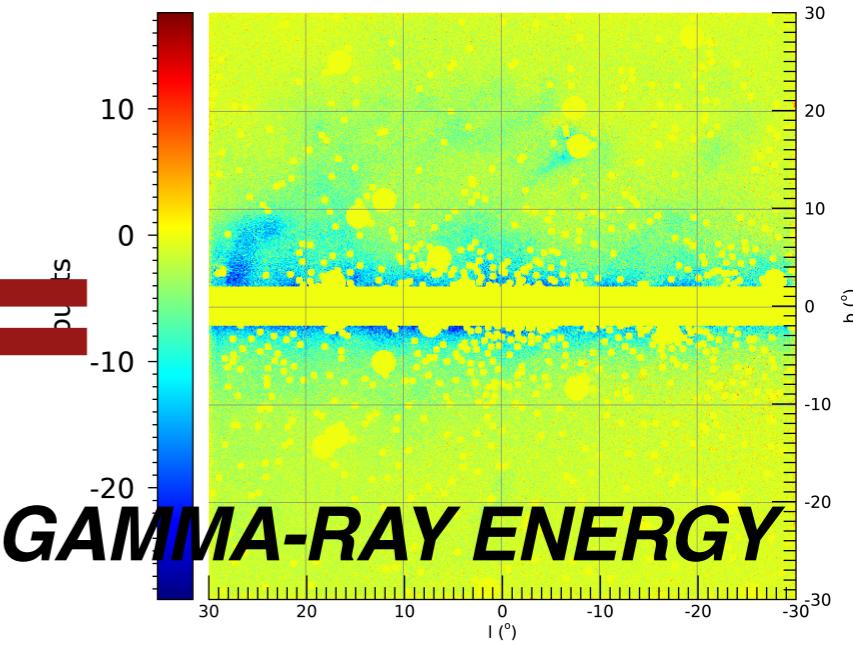
Observed Emission at 1.02-2.24 GeV



Composite Emission w/ PSF at 1.02-2.24 GeV



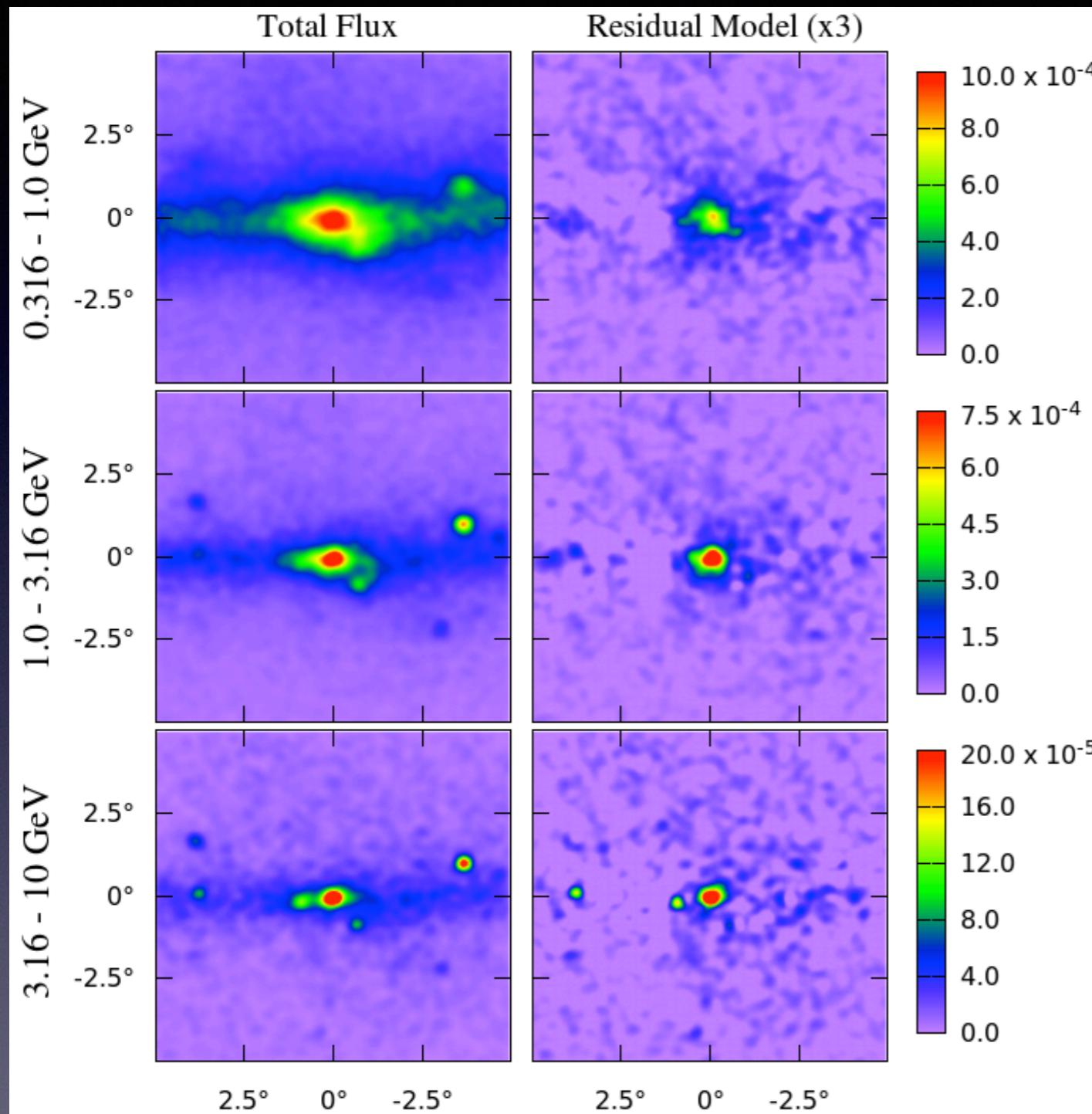
Residual Emission at 1.02-2.24 GeV



AND REPEAT OVER GAMMA-RAY ENERGY

Looking for excesses in the galactic center

Using Templates:

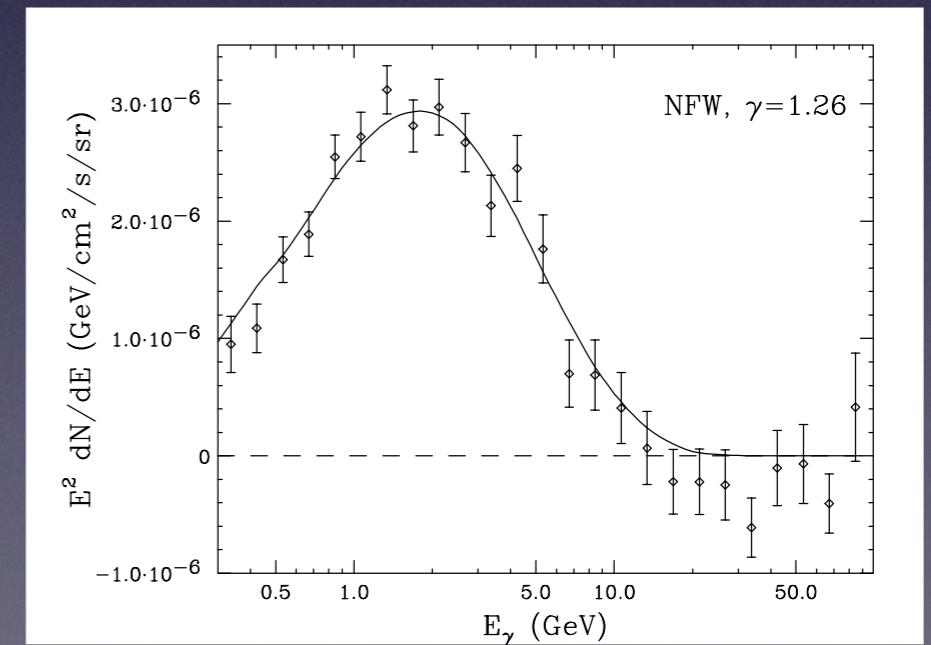


Daylan, Finkbeiner, Hooper, Linden, Portillo,
Rodd, Slatyer, PoDU 2015

Claim:

- A clear excess emission in the galactic center emerges
- Excess emission cuts-off at ~ 10 GeV (is in some disagreement with later findings)

Will call this excess emission the
Galactic Center Excess (GCE)

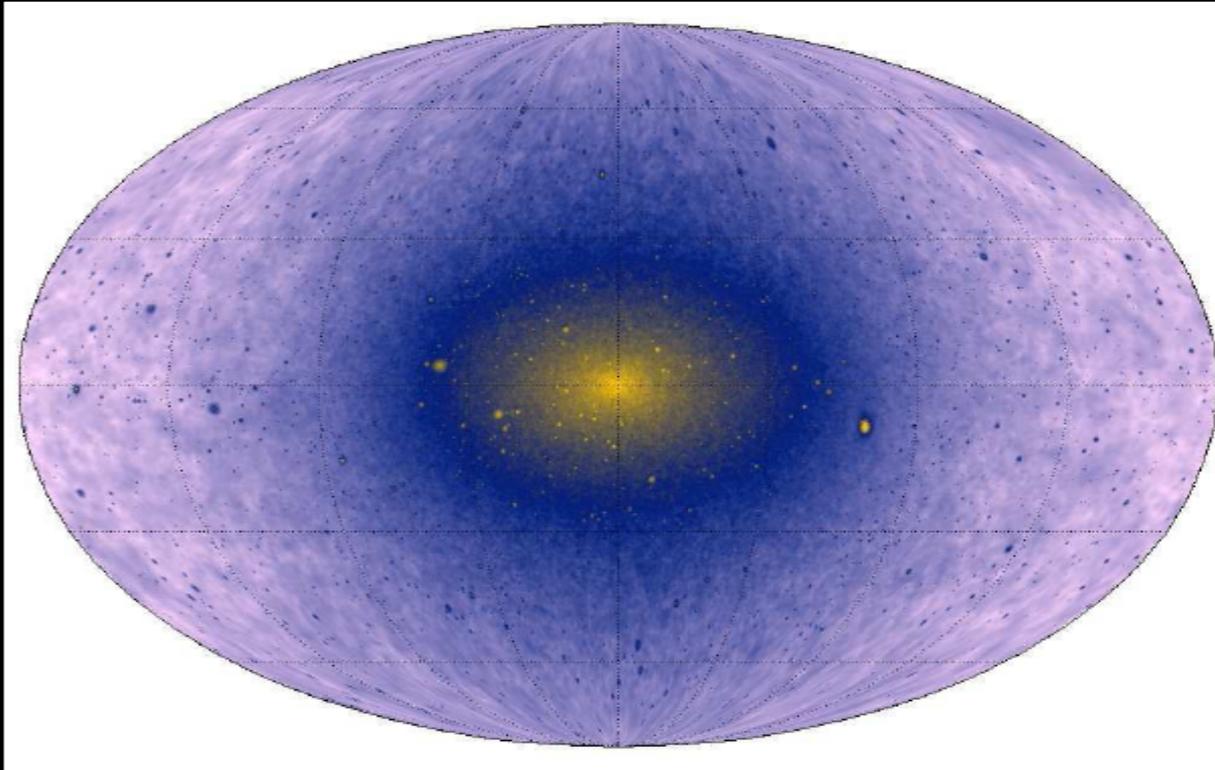


Also: Hooper & Goodenough PRL 2011, Abazajian JCAP 2011, Hooper & Linden PRD 2011,
Gordon & Macias PRD 2014, Zhou et al. PRD 2015, Ajello et al. ApJ 2016

Going to High Latitudes (Inner Galaxy)

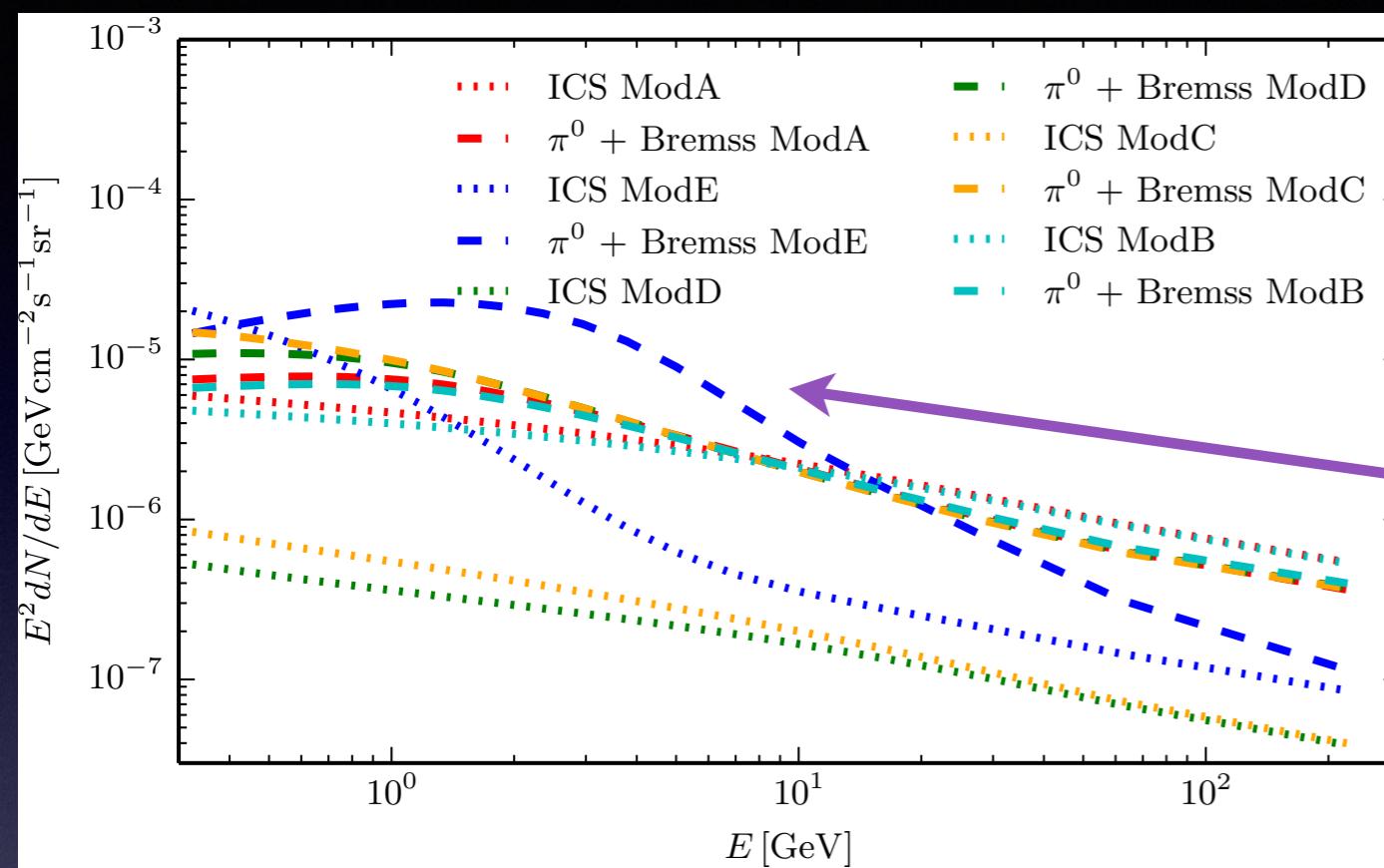
Advantages of looking further away from the center:

- i) For a DM signal, you now have a prediction on the **spectrum** and its **normalization** based on the DM distribution.



- ii) Different region on the galactic sky suffers from different uncertainties in the background gamma-ray flux.
- iii) A region that does not have too many very young and energetic sources that might affect the CR propagation on a local scale. That relates to avoiding the stronger inhomogeneities in diffusion, that exist along the disk. Similar argument for the interstellar radiation field.

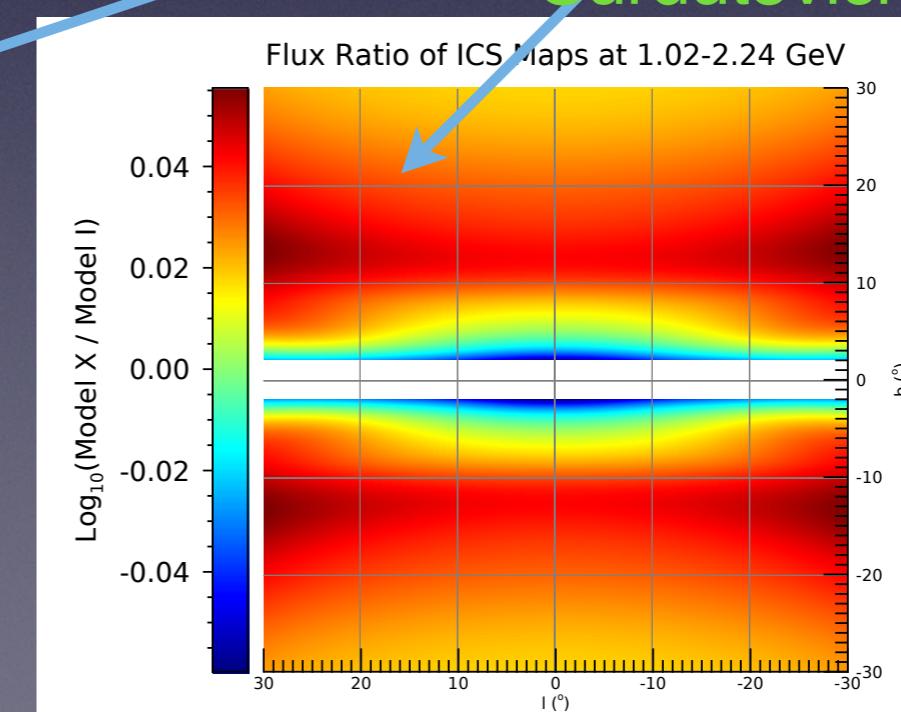
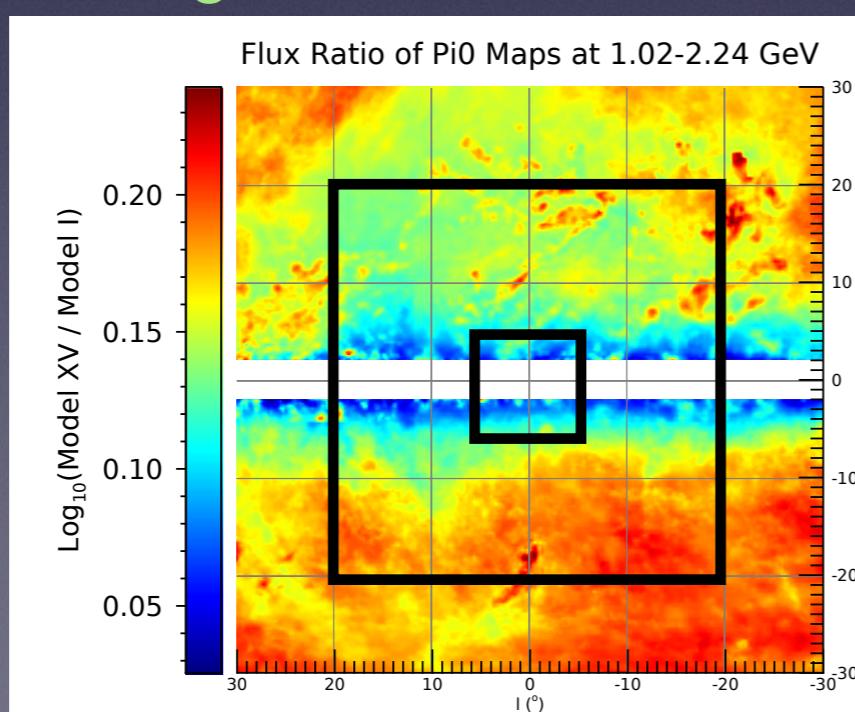
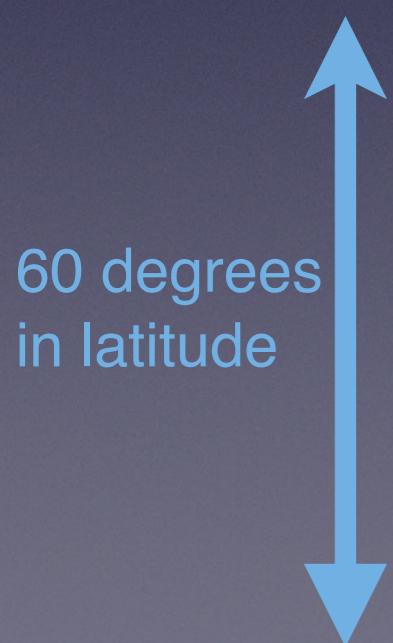
Modeling the background gamma-ray sky: Interplay with Cosmic-Rays & the ISM



Calore, IC, Weniger, JCAP 2015

The exact astrophysics model assumptions can affect both the gamma-ray background spectrum and its morphology on the galactic sky.

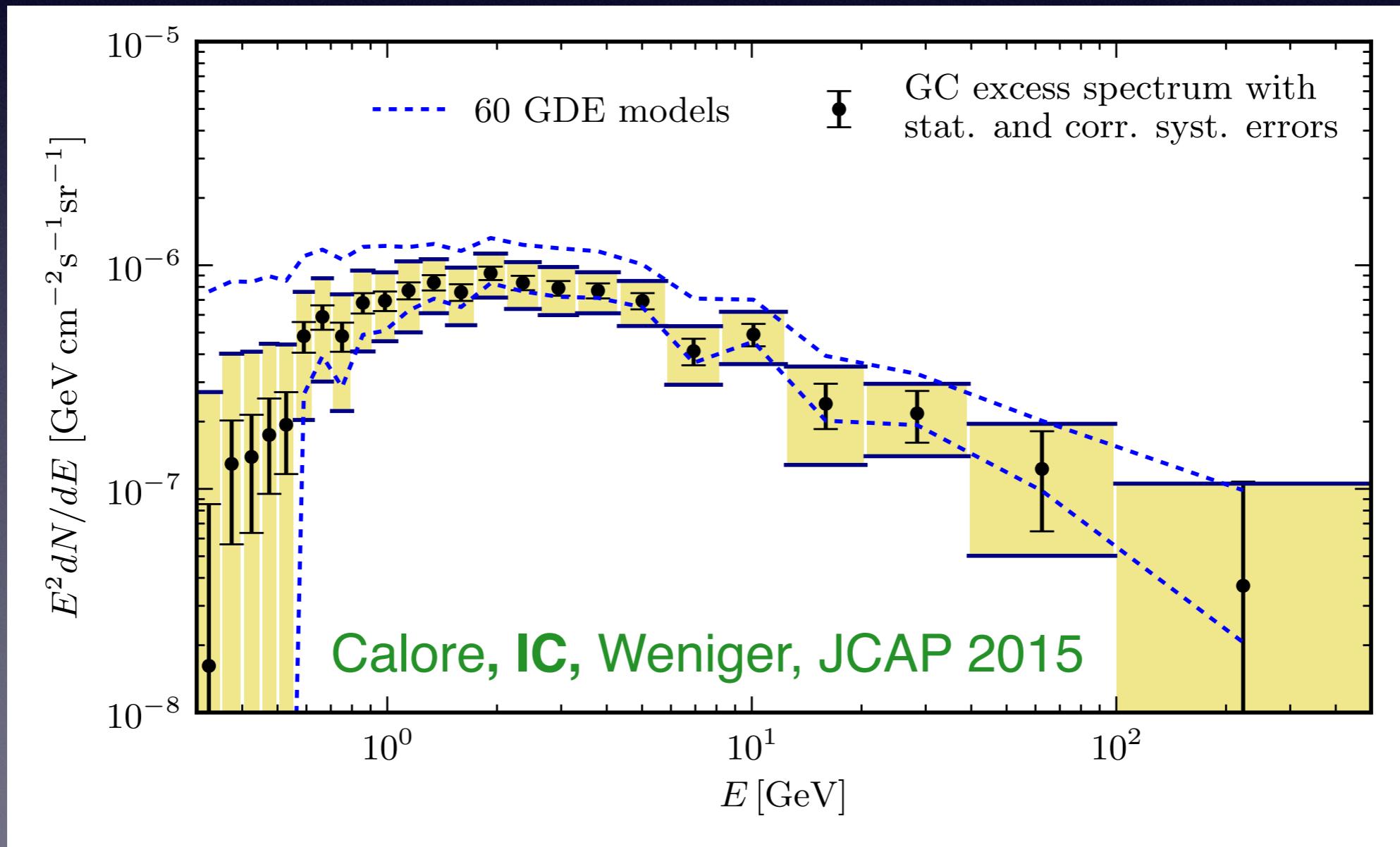
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Accounting for the galactic diffuse emission uncertainties

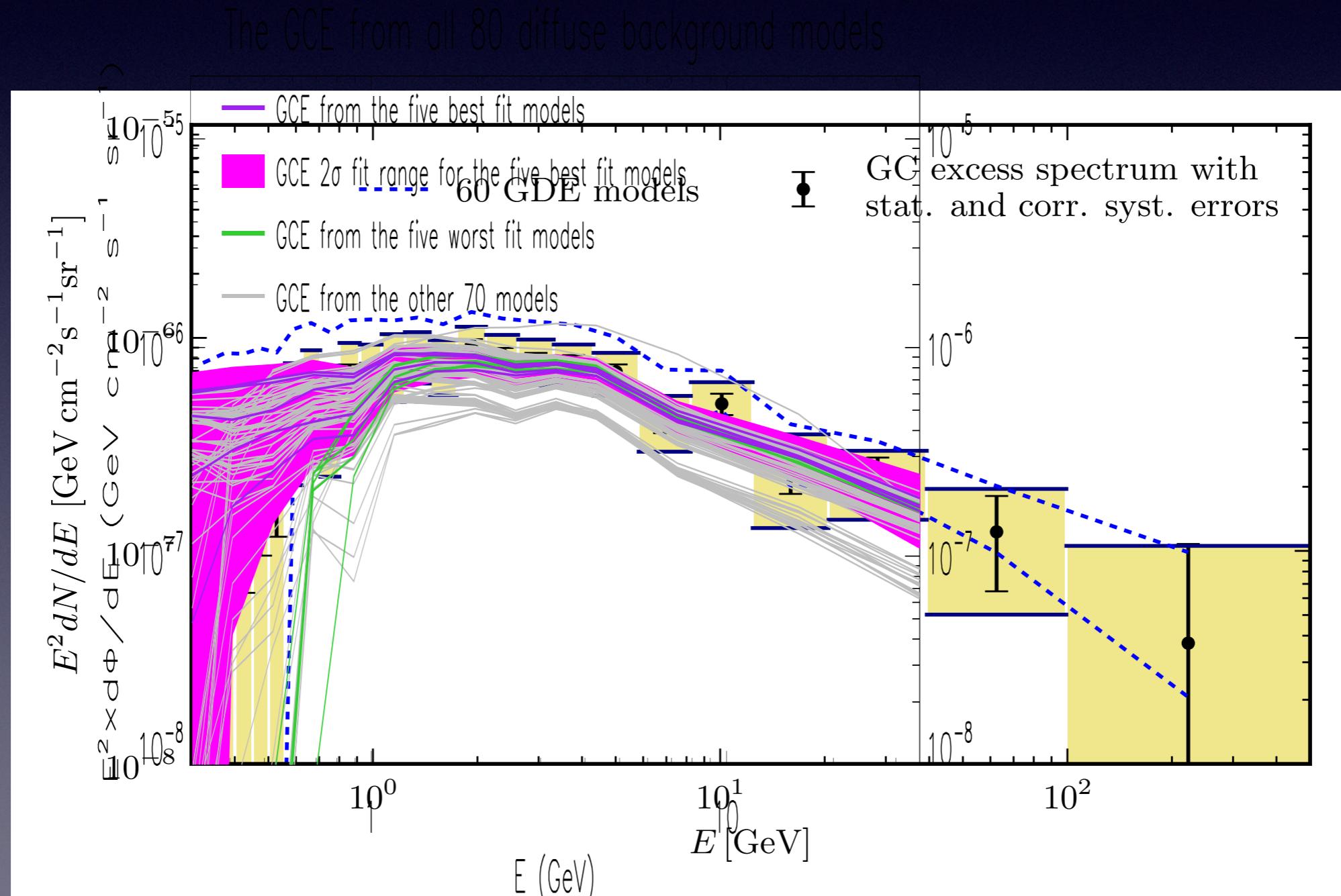
We use models, accounting for **uncertainties** related to the **diffusion** of CRs, the presence of **convective winds**, diffusive re-acceleration, energy losses, CR **injection sources**, gas and other **interstellar medium properties**. From the existing literature and in 2015 we created our own (60) models—> **6660** different Templates!

It turns out that it actually does not affect dramatically the excess spectrum:



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Maps, Astrophysical Models and Correlated Errors publicly available via Zenodo

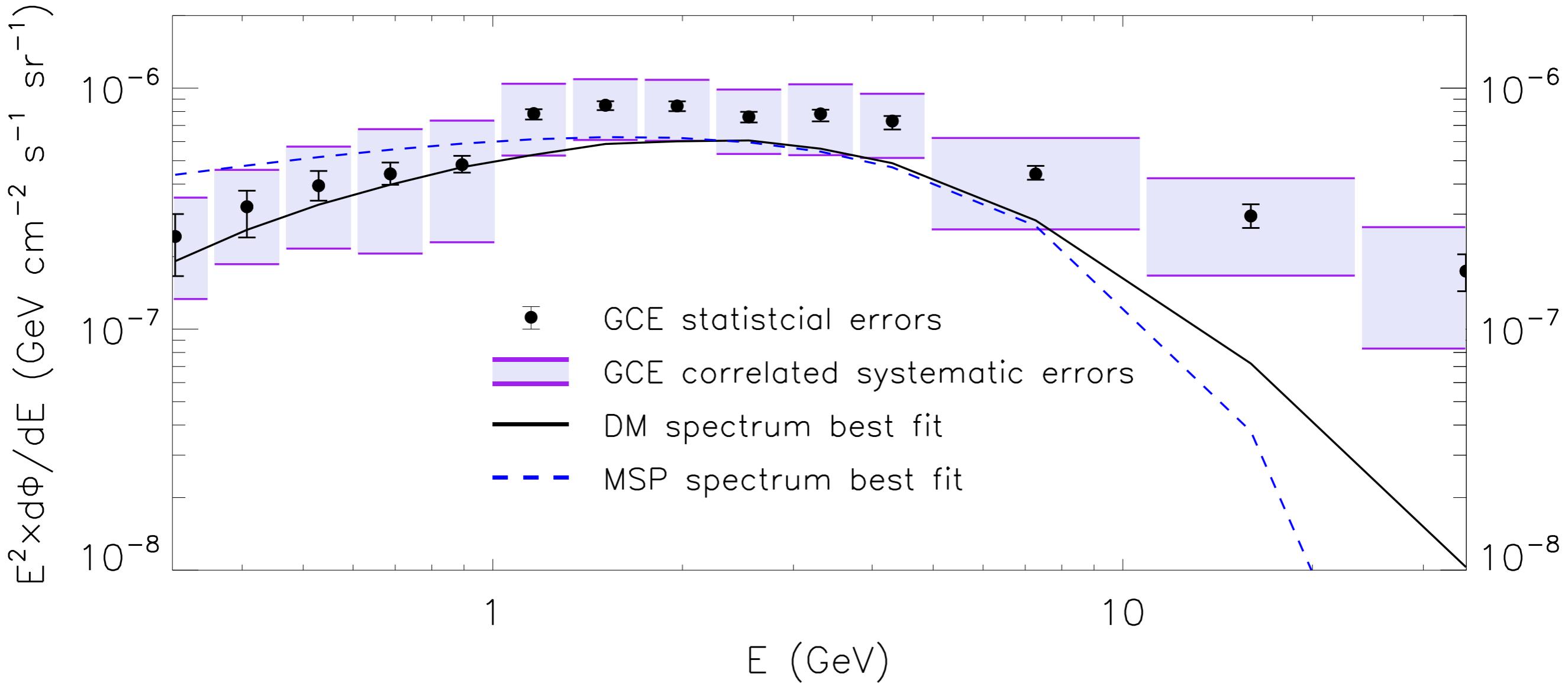
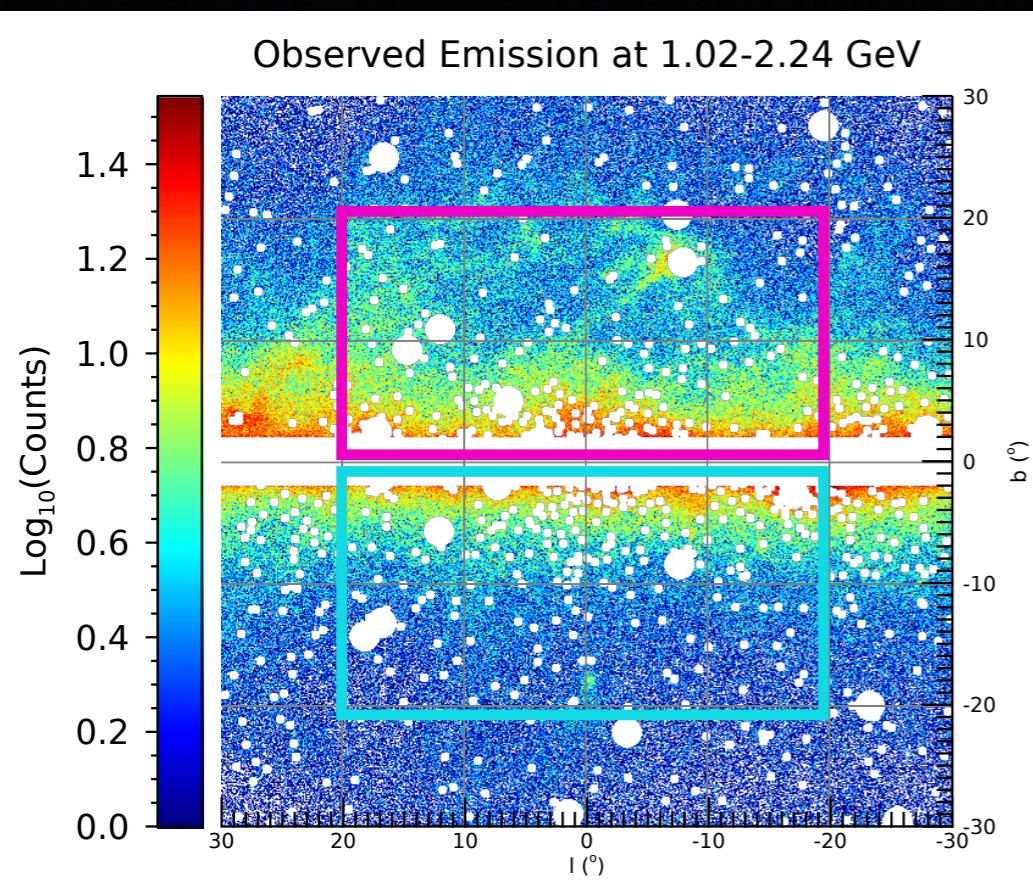


TABLE V. The first four principal components of the systematic uncertainty contribution to the covariance matrix, defined as in Eq. (16), in units of $10^{-7} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$.

PC_i	Φ_1	Φ_2	Φ_3	Φ_4	Φ_5	Φ_6	Φ_7	Φ_8	Φ_9	Φ_{10}	Φ_{11}	Φ_{12}	Φ_{13}	Φ_{14}
PC_1	2.52	2.37	2.47	2.43	2.19	2.35	2.08	1.83	1.65	1.69	1.38	1.09	0.67	0.34
PC_2	-1.70	-1.07	-0.16	0.14	0.54	0.42	0.40	0.31	0.58	0.41	0.56	0.48	0.41	0.33
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PC_4	0.20	-0.15	0.15	-0.14	0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.27	0.08	-0.25	0.11	0.25	0.27	0.17

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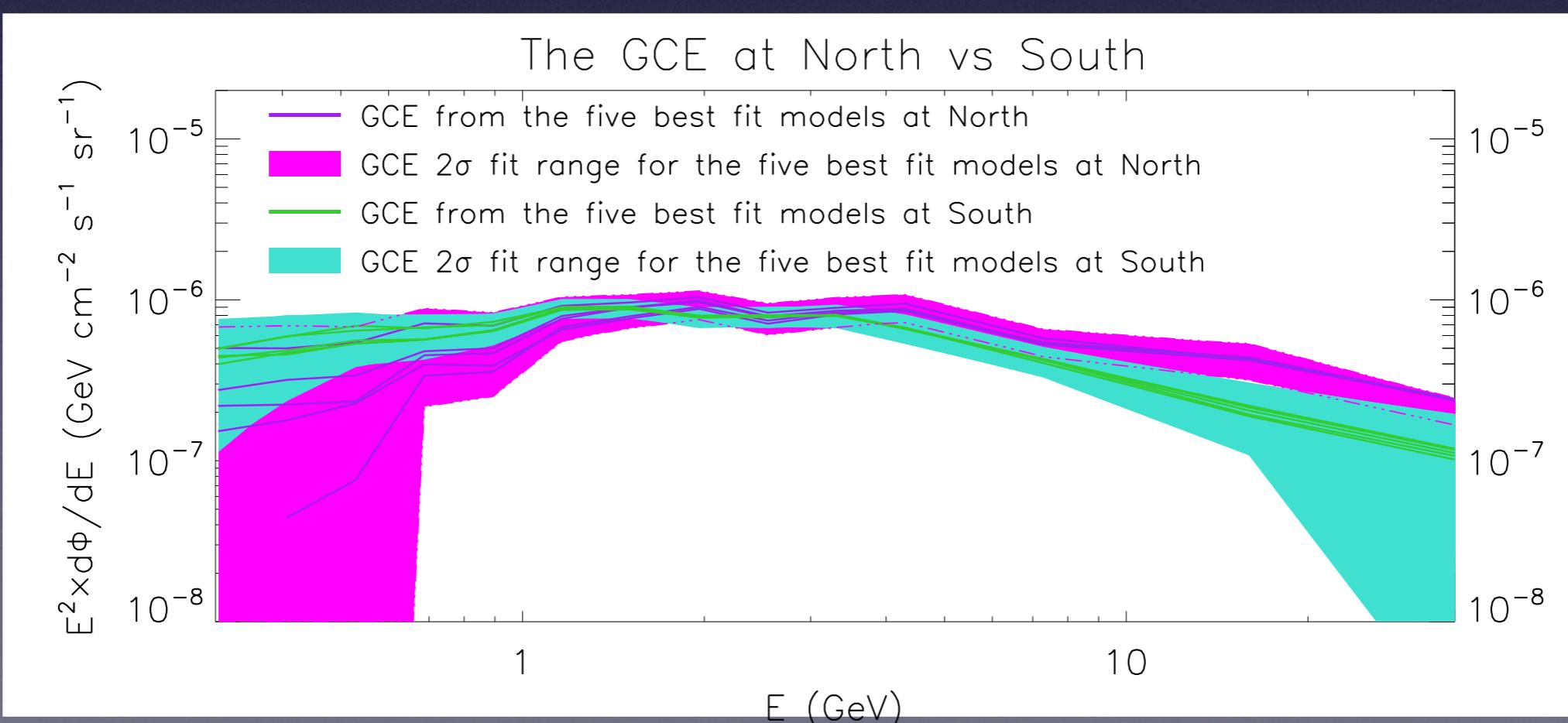
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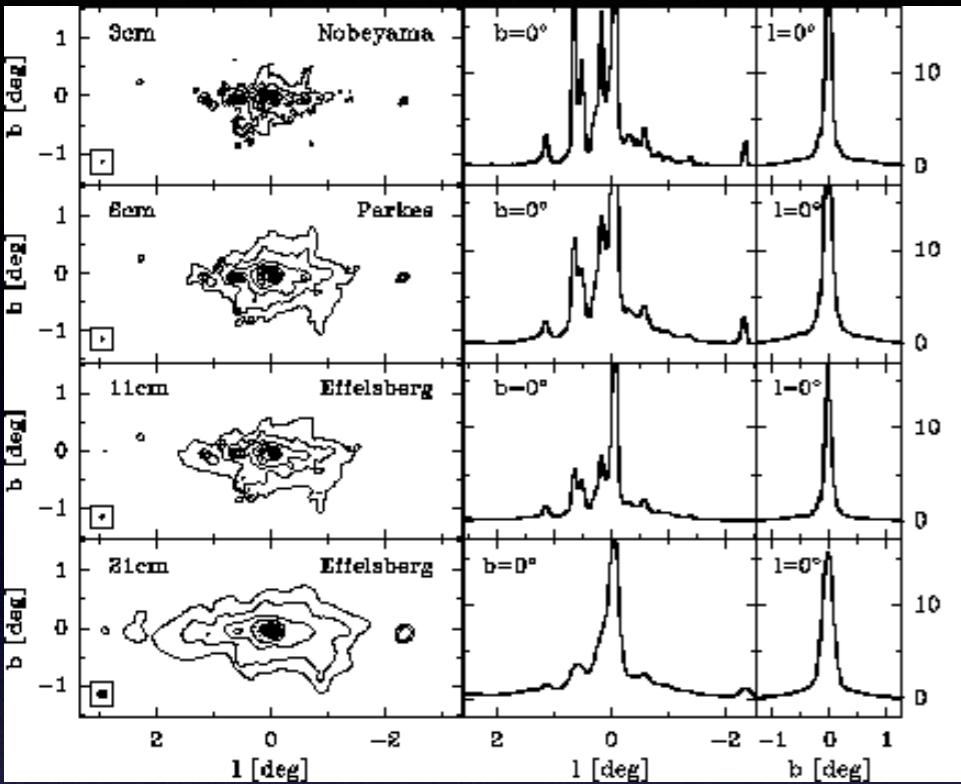
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Roughly consistent between southern and northern galactic hemisphere as expected from dark matter

South

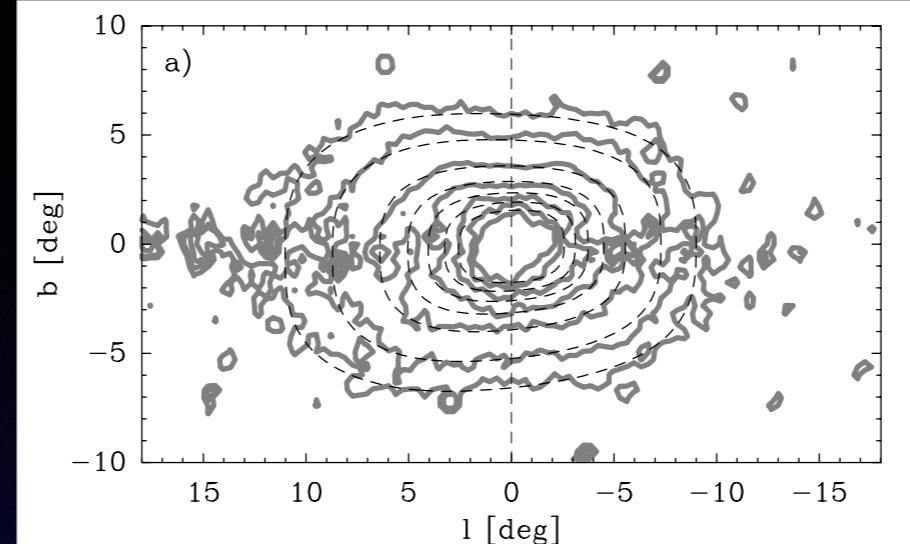


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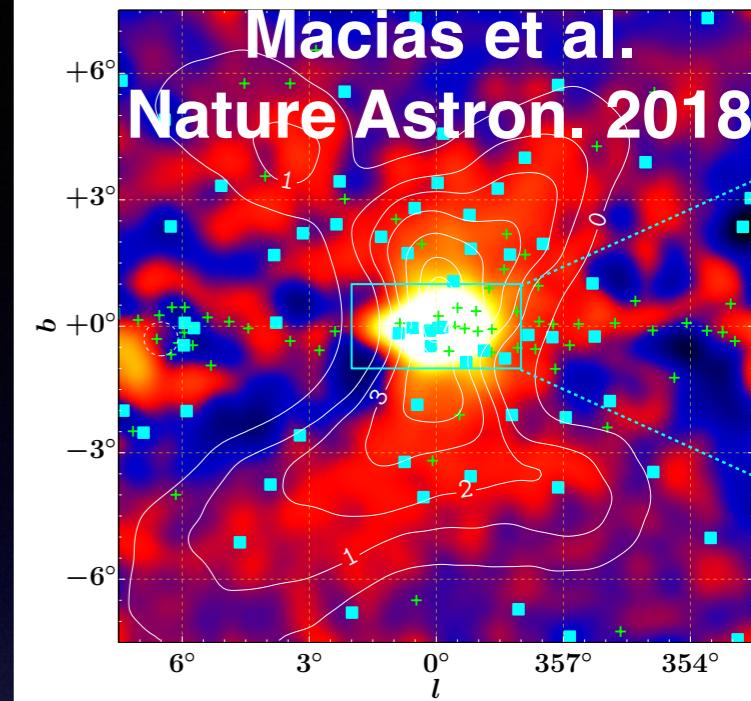
Nuclear Bulge @ Radio

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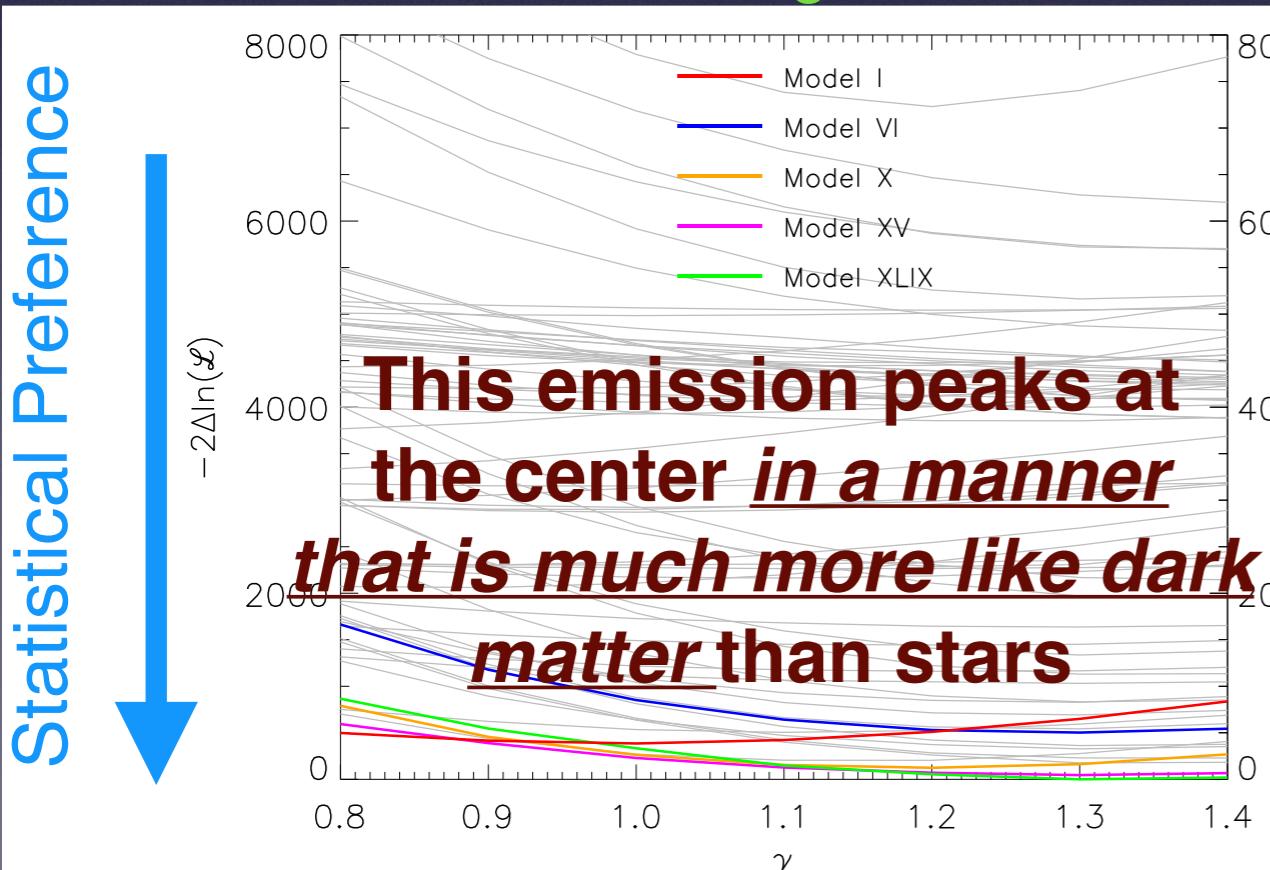
Boxy Bulge @ 2-5 μm

Launhardt et al. A&A 2002

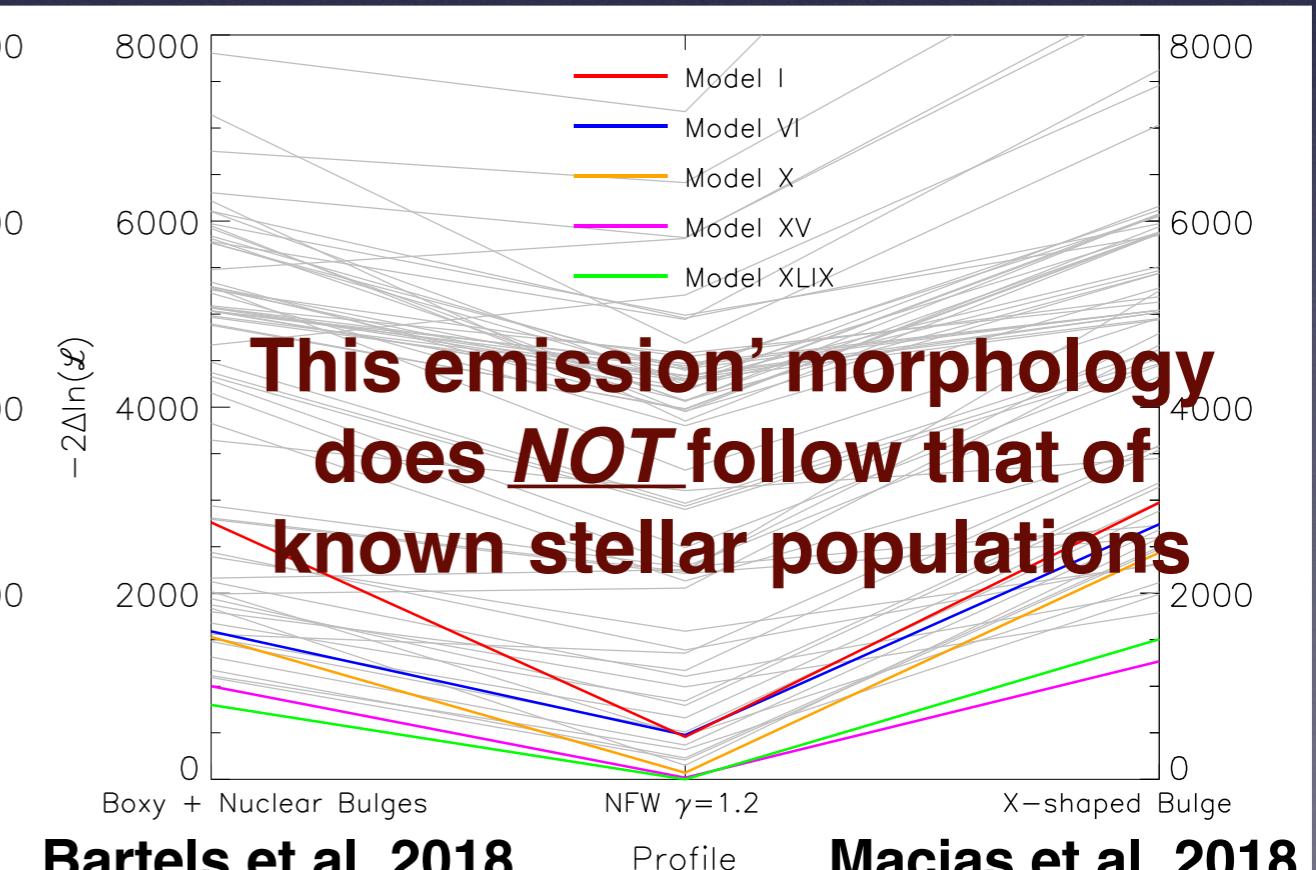


X-shaped Bulge
@ “low” gamma-rays

Macias et al.
Nature Astron. 2018

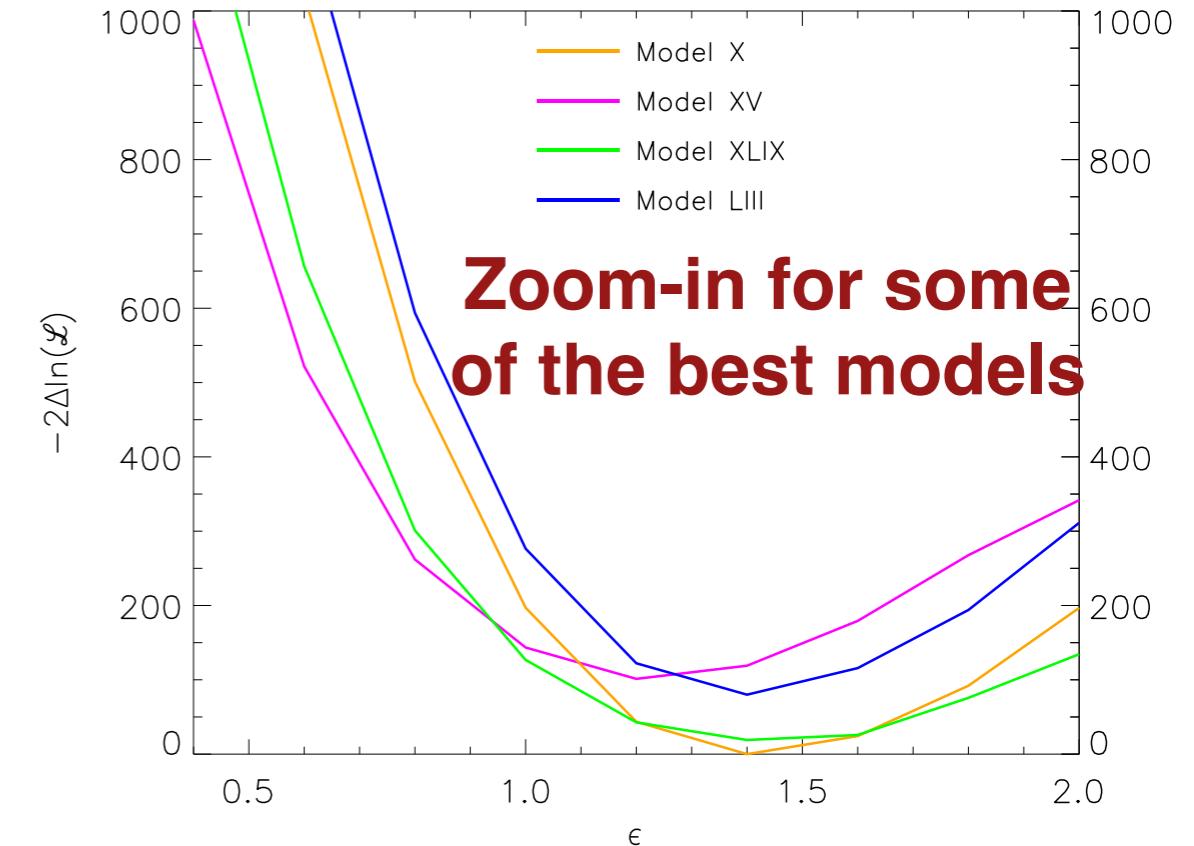
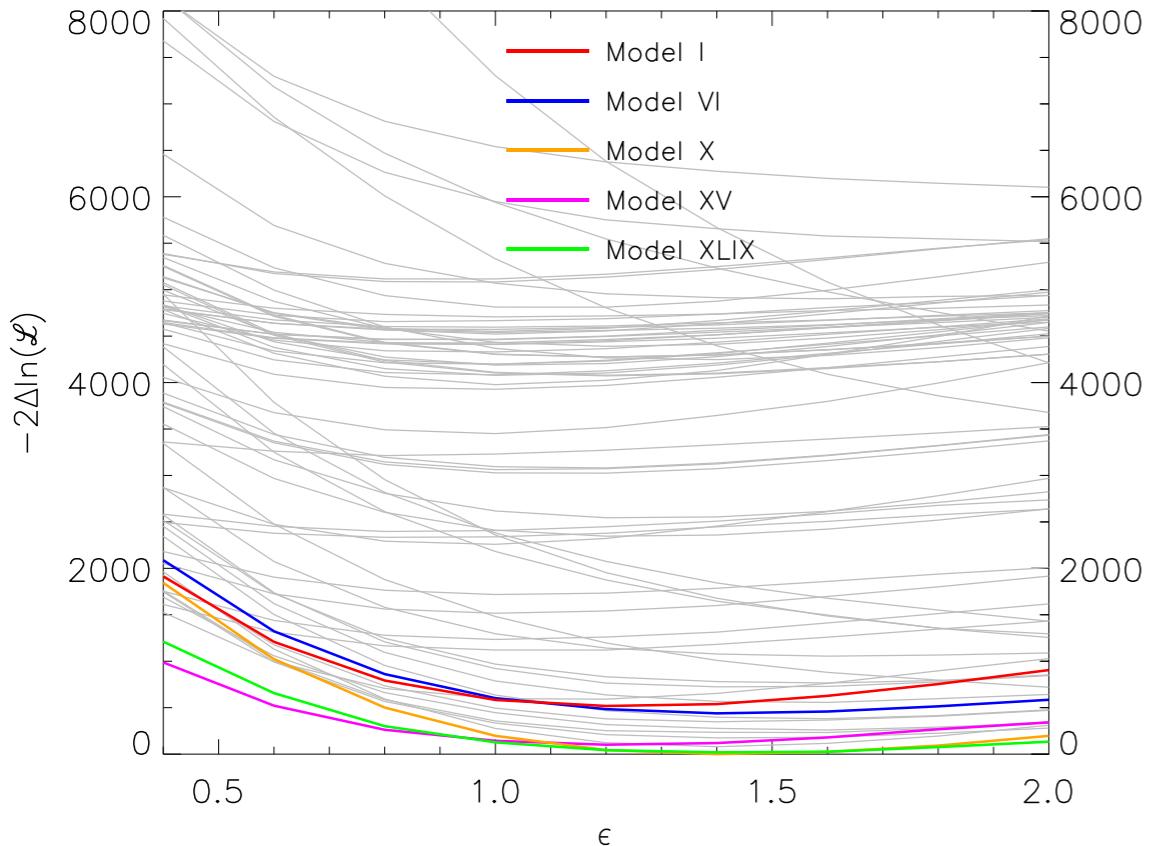


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Bartels et al. 2018

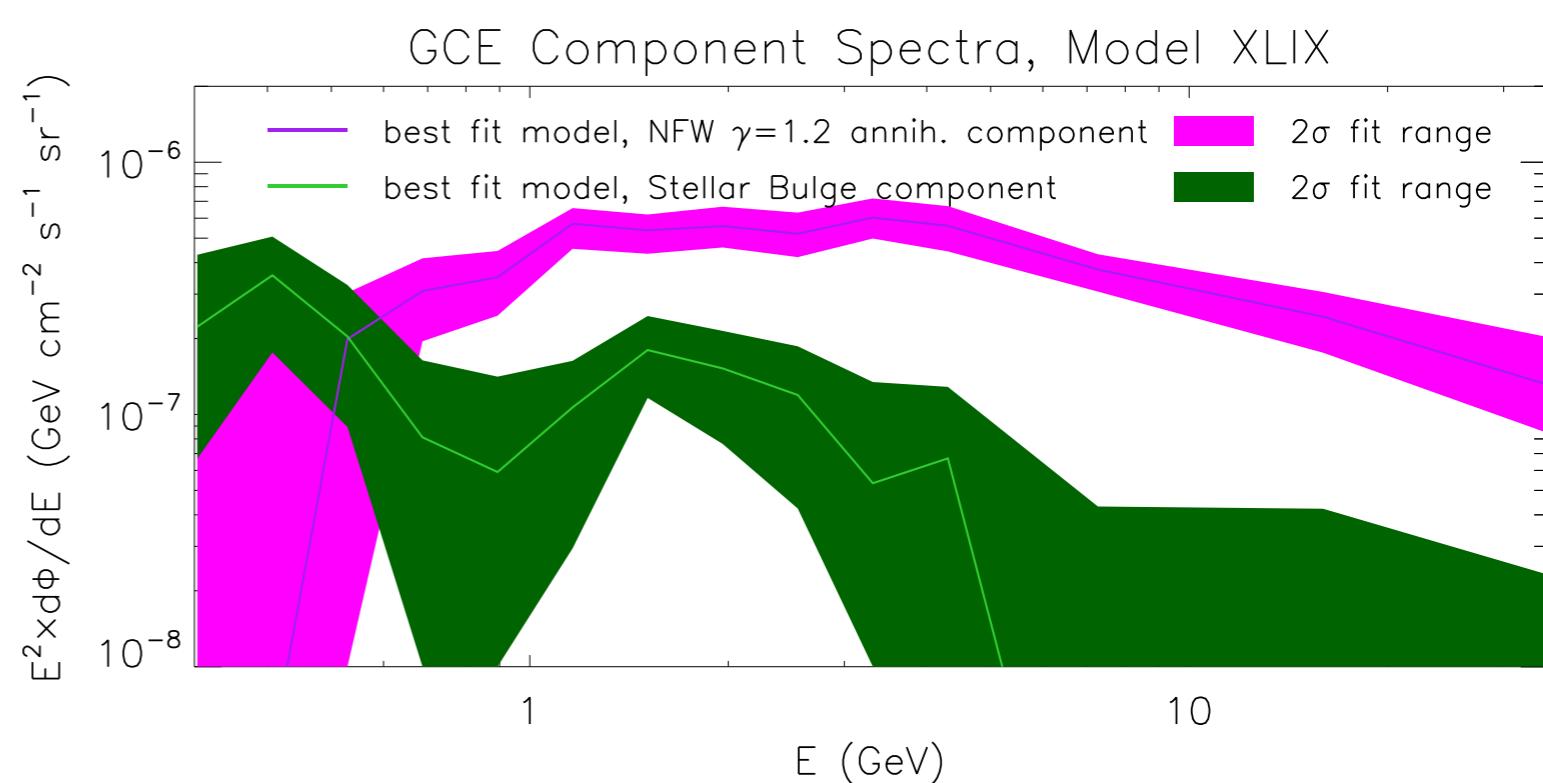
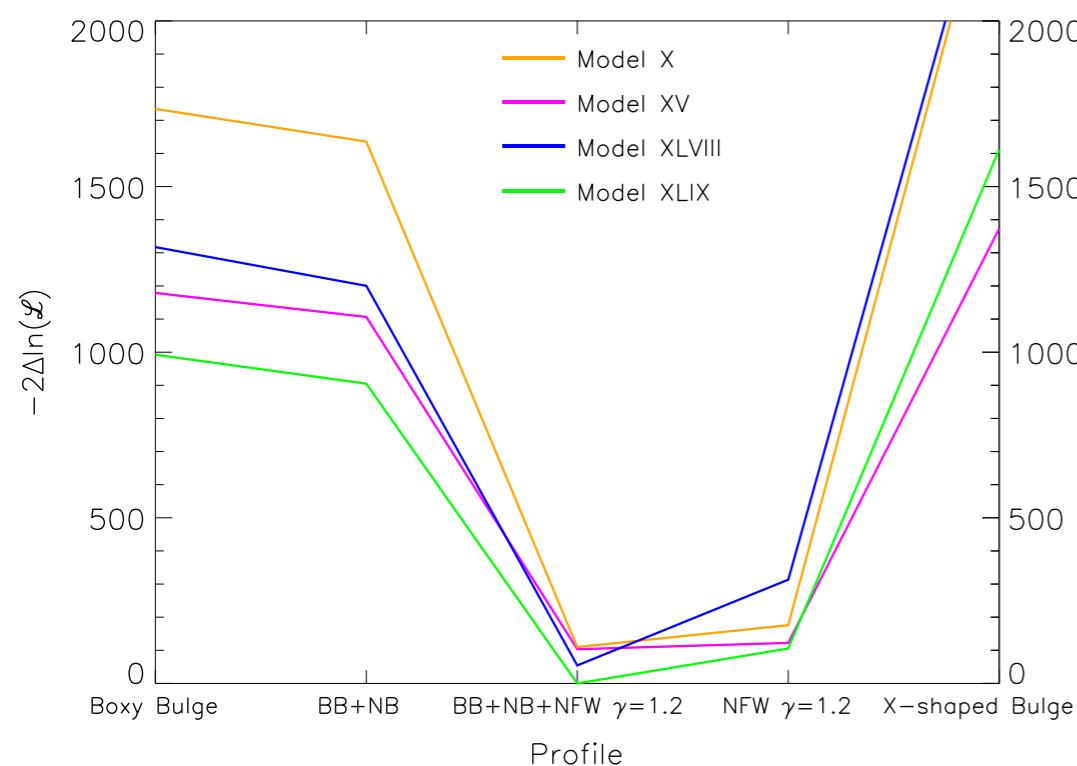
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Results do not change substantively between 4FGL, 4FGL-DR2 (and also 4FGL-DR3) point source catalogues

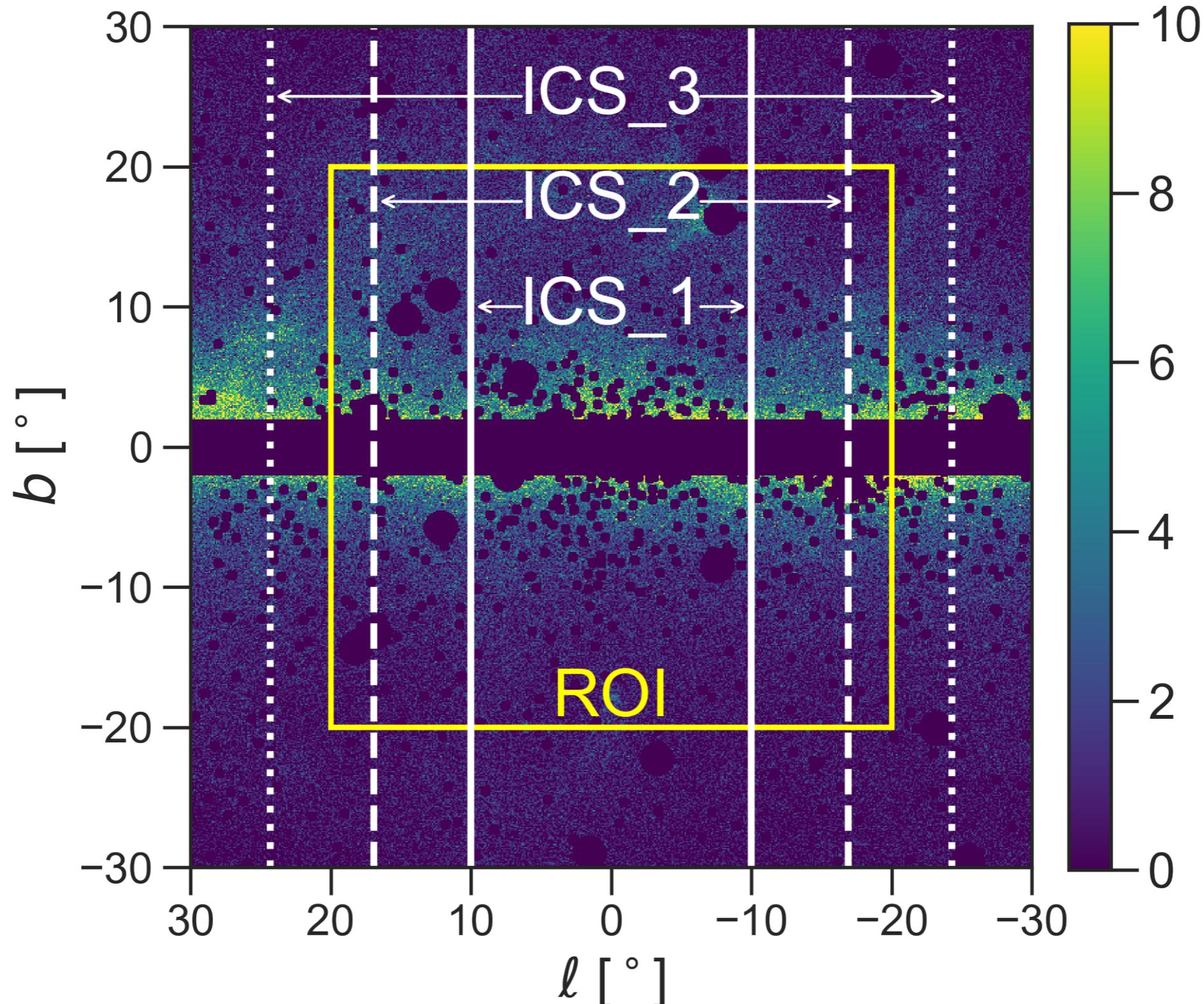
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Even when we allow for an additional **stellar bulge component** (probing MSPs) component, we still get **preference for a dominant cuspy NFW-like profile**



Comparison with other recent results that come to different conclusions. The ring-based approach

Works: Macias et al. Nature Astron. 2018, Macias et al. JCAP 2019,
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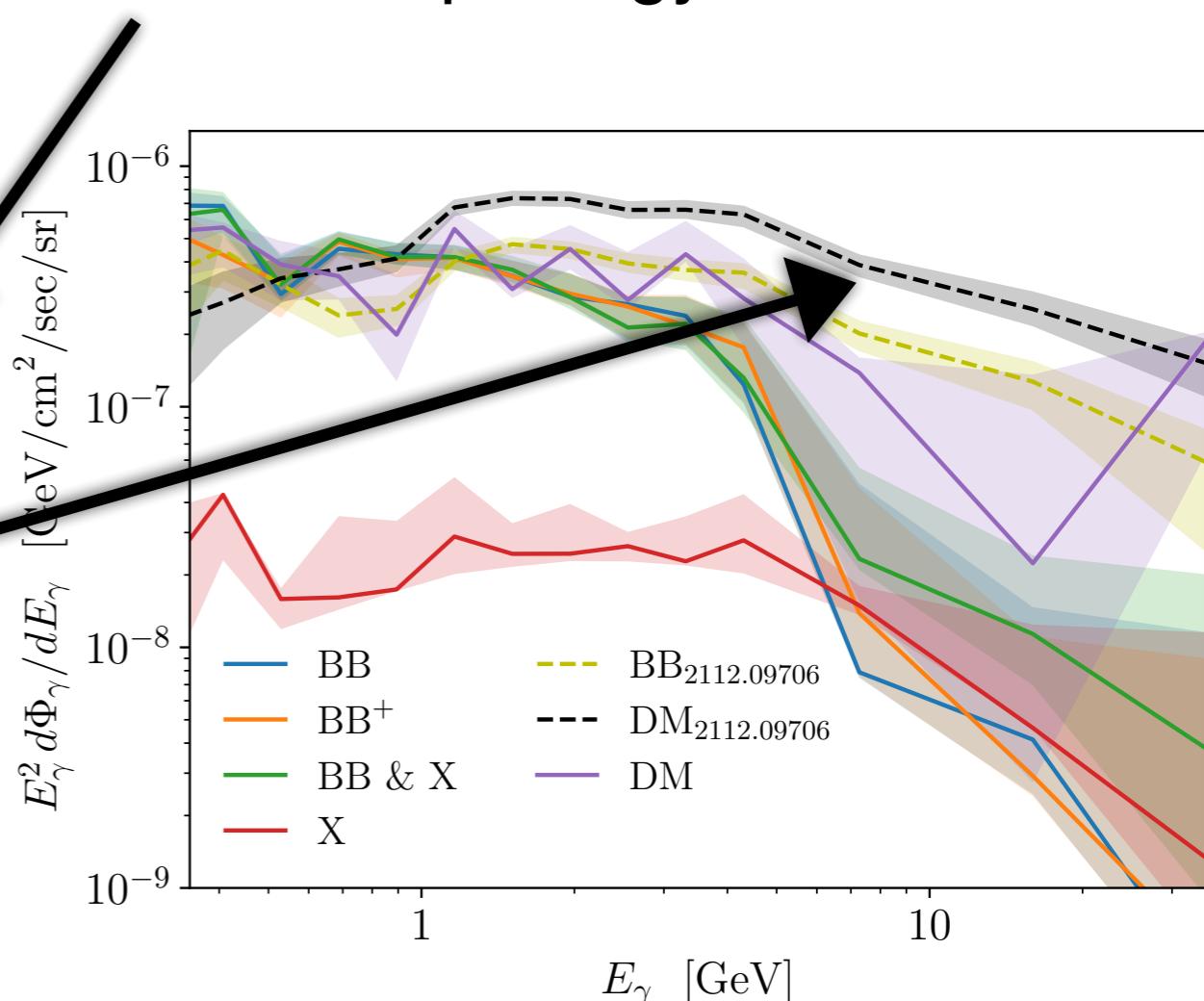
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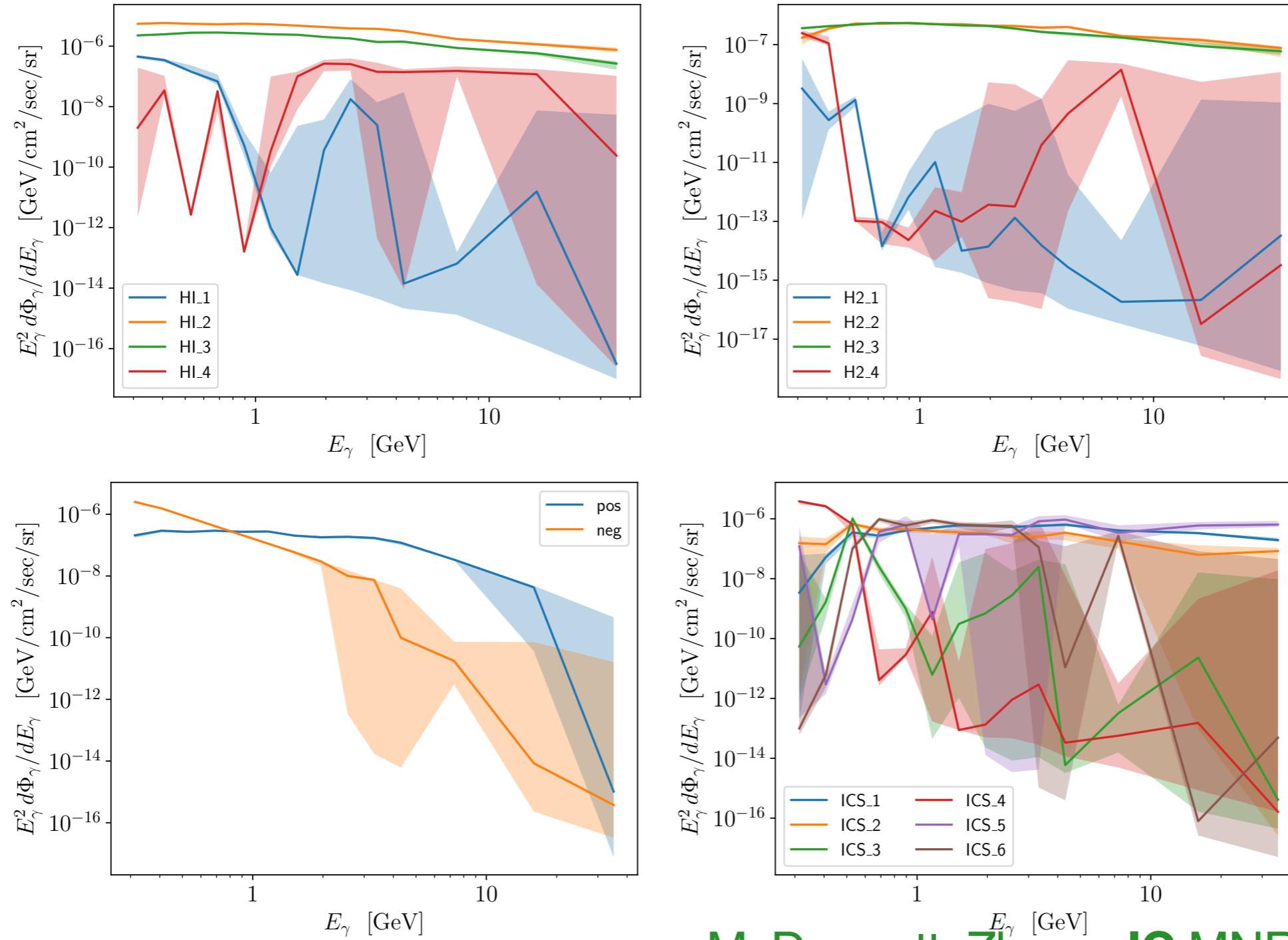


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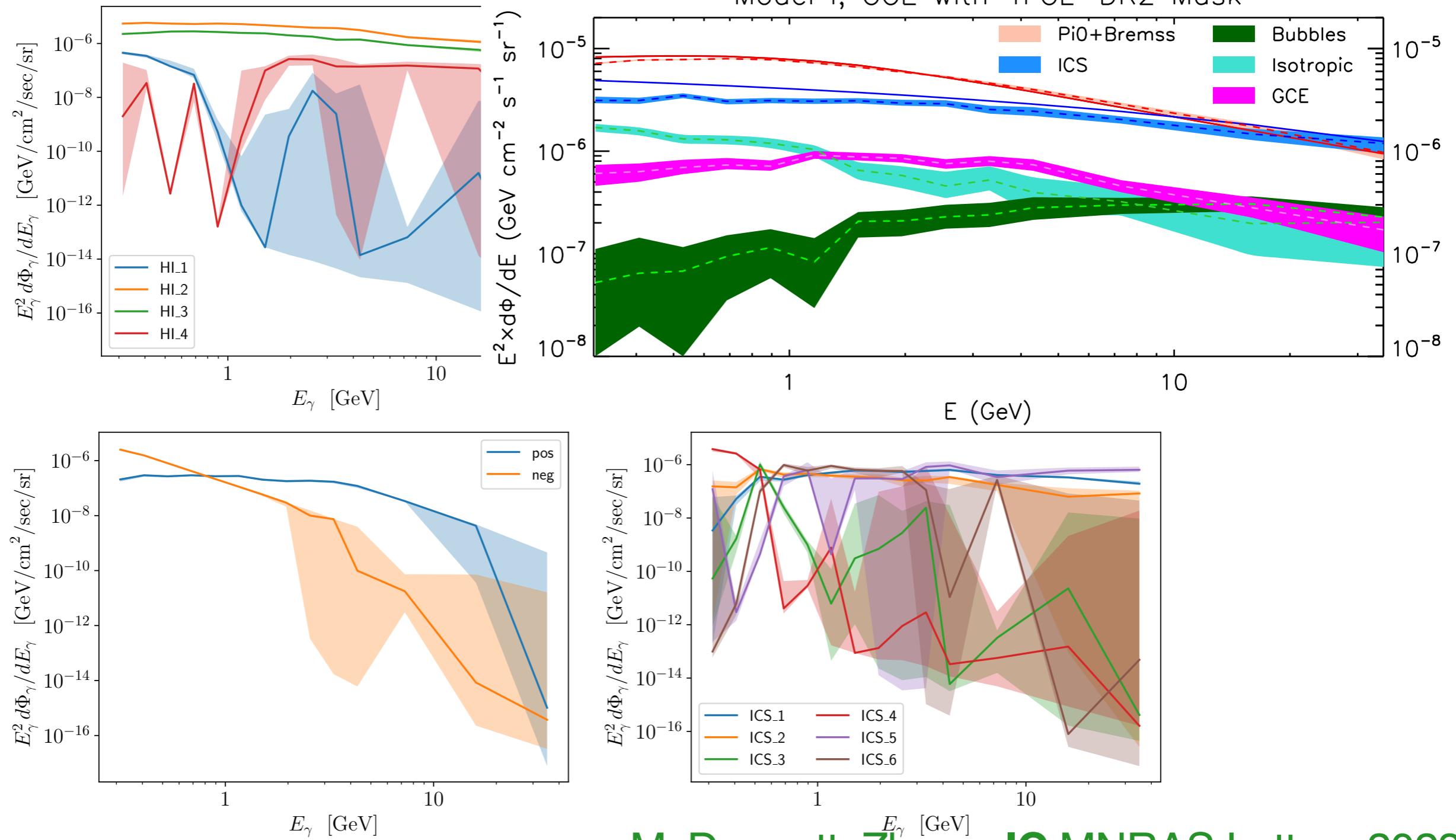


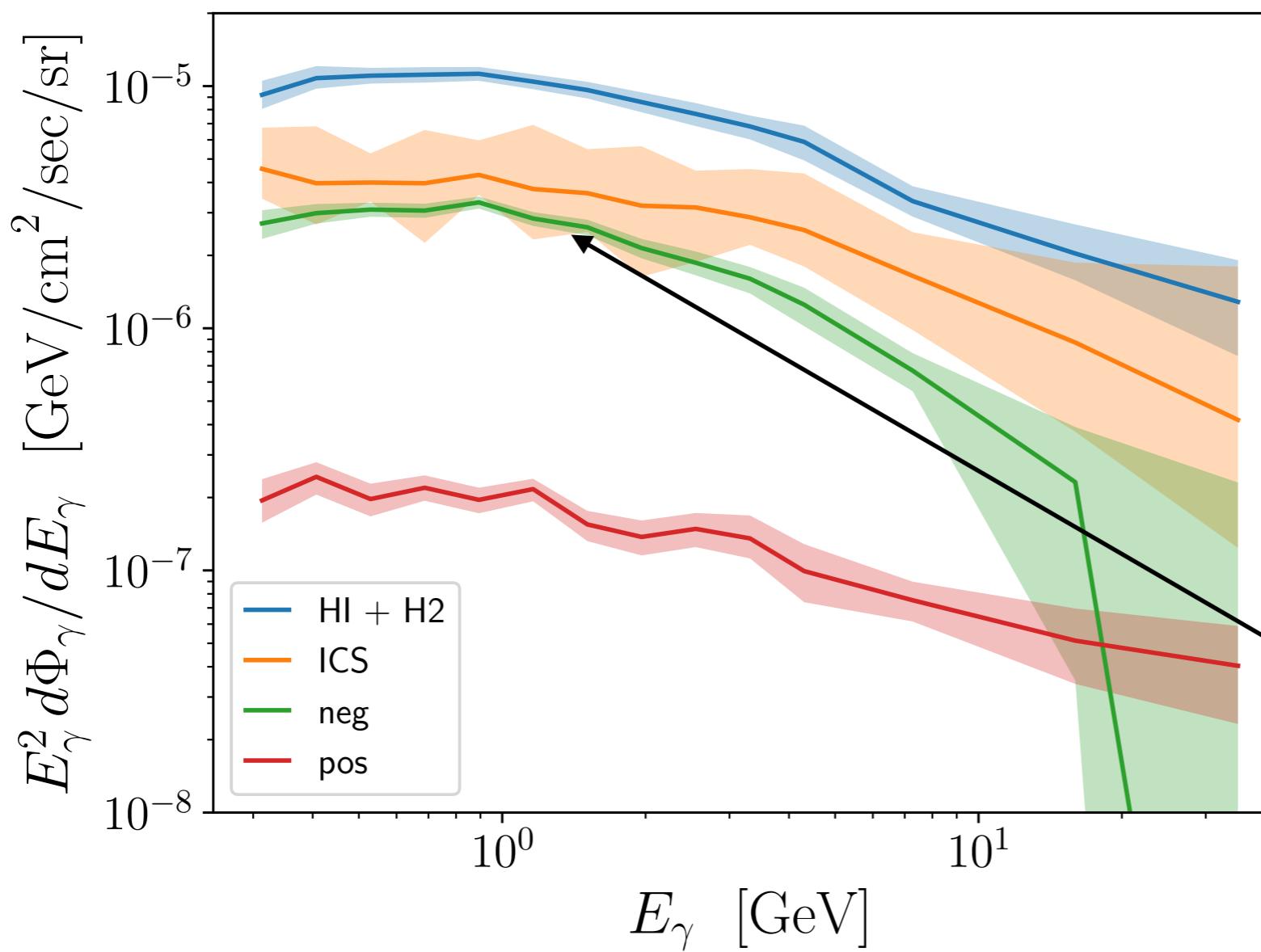
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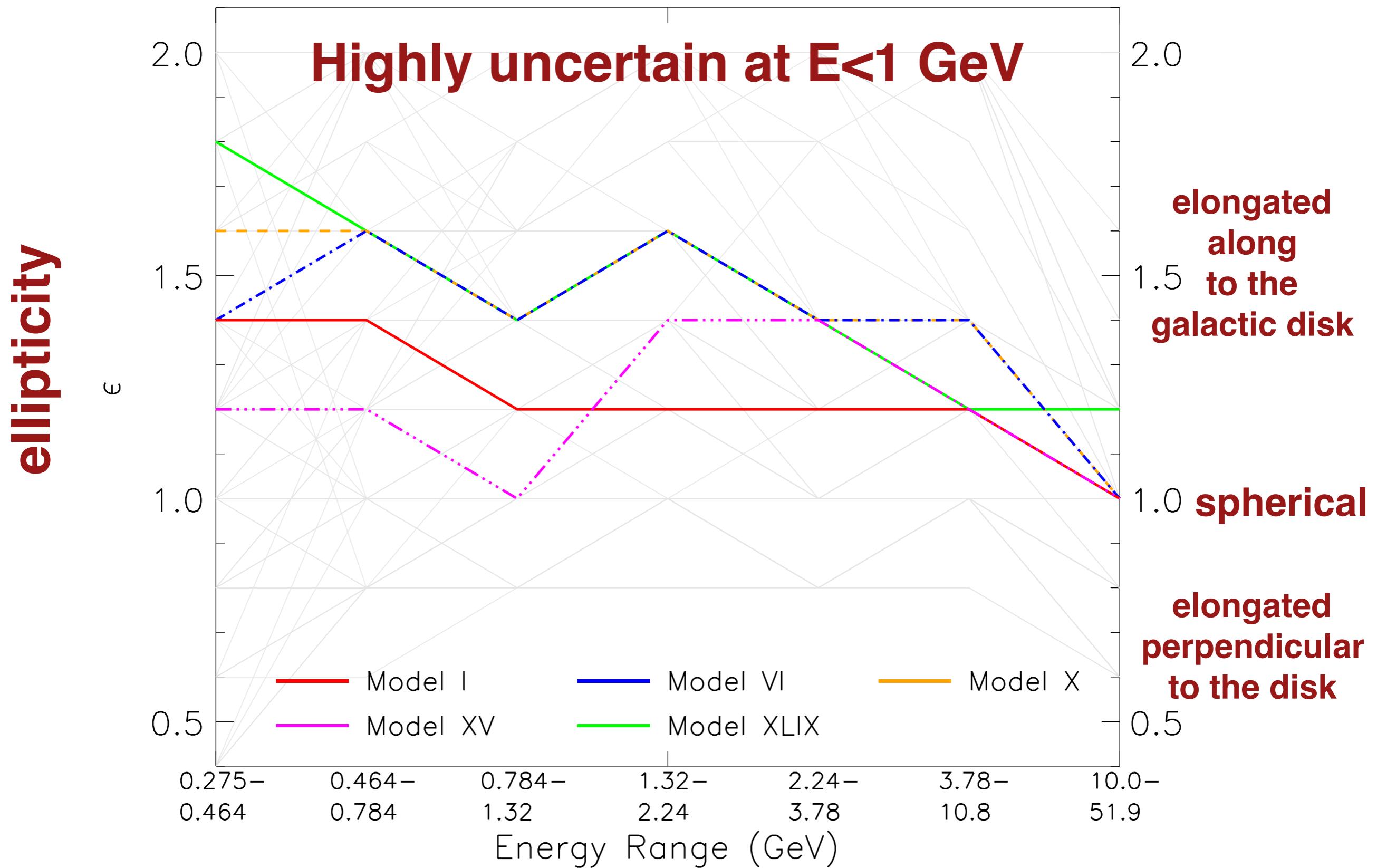
$-2\Delta\ln \mathcal{L}$
 1805
 574
 -52
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Lower is better
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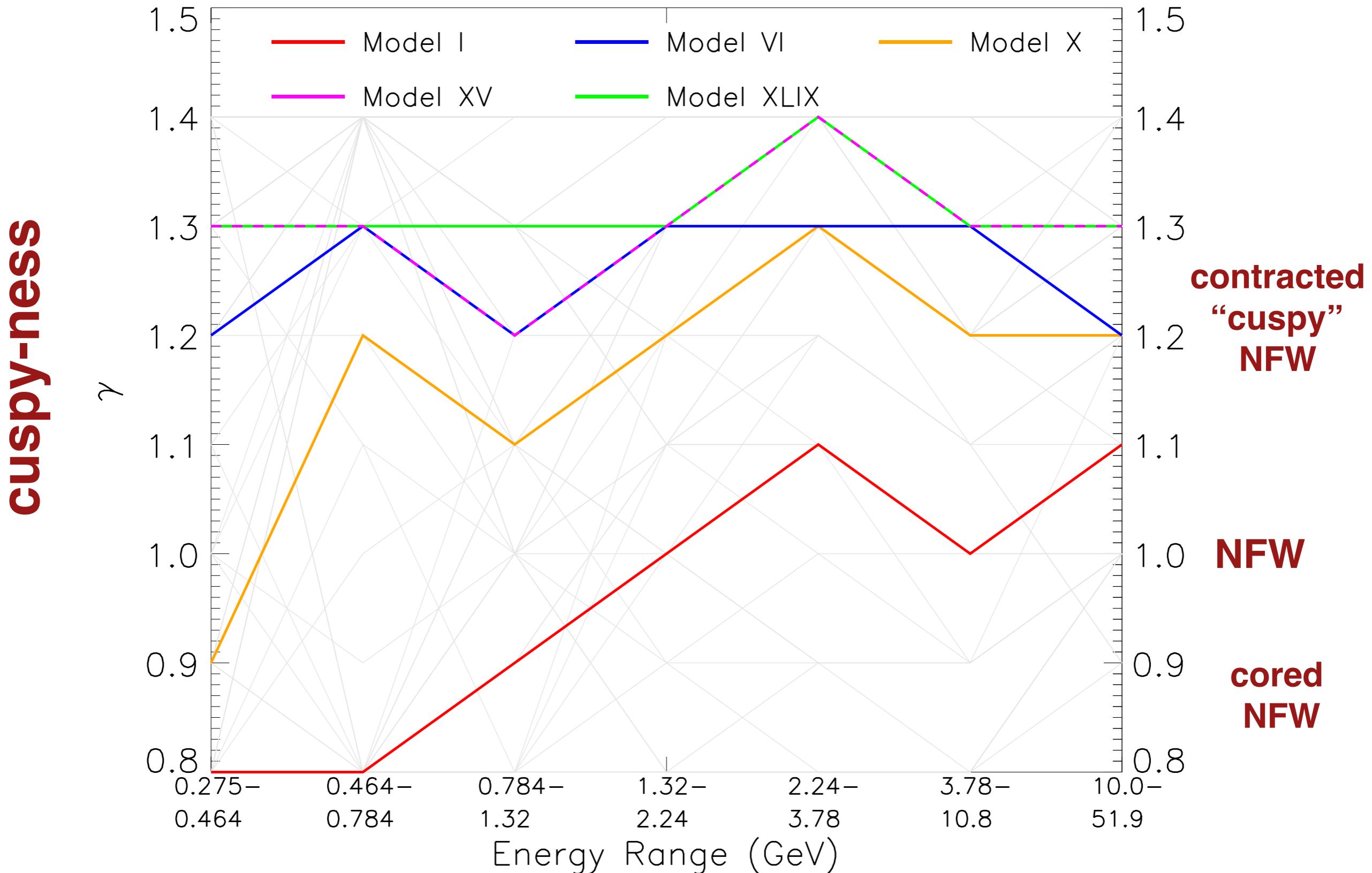
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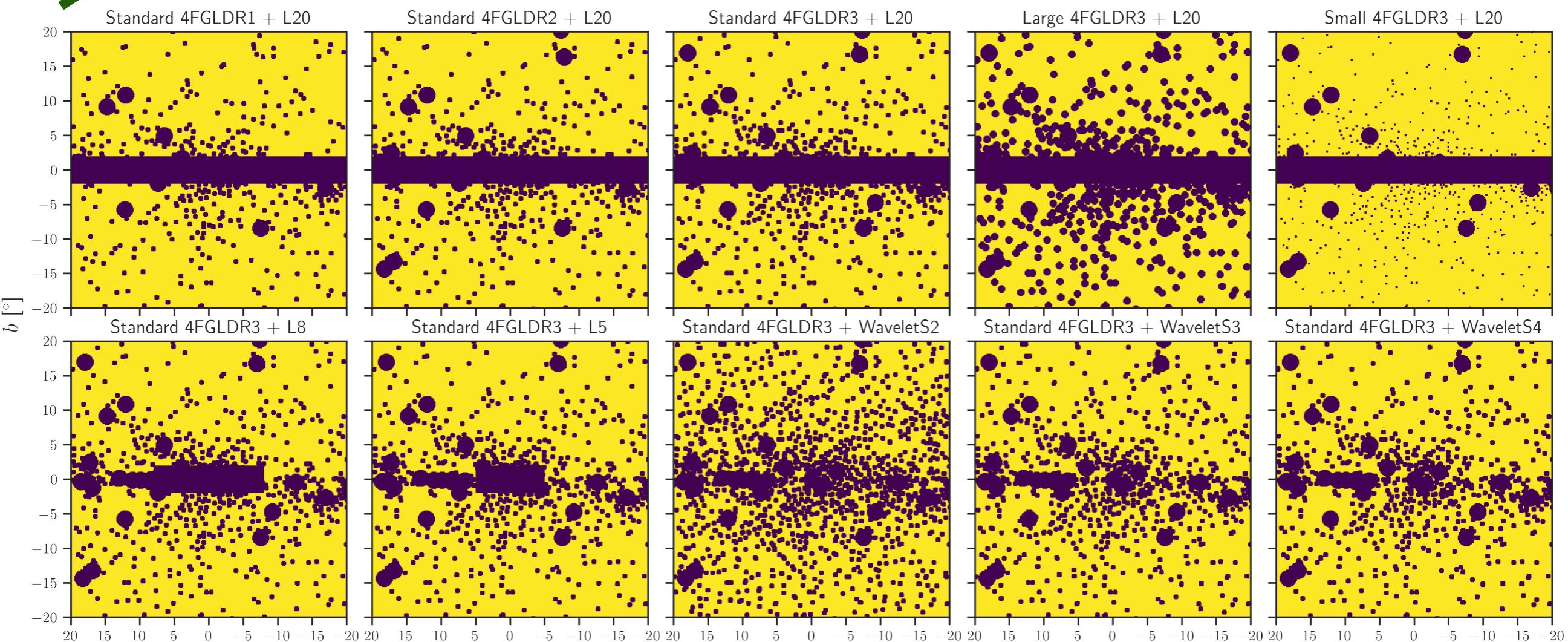
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Ongoing Preliminary: Zhong, IC 2023 in prep

Further Tests on the GCE morphology with Alternative Masks, including using wavelets to identify hot-spots:

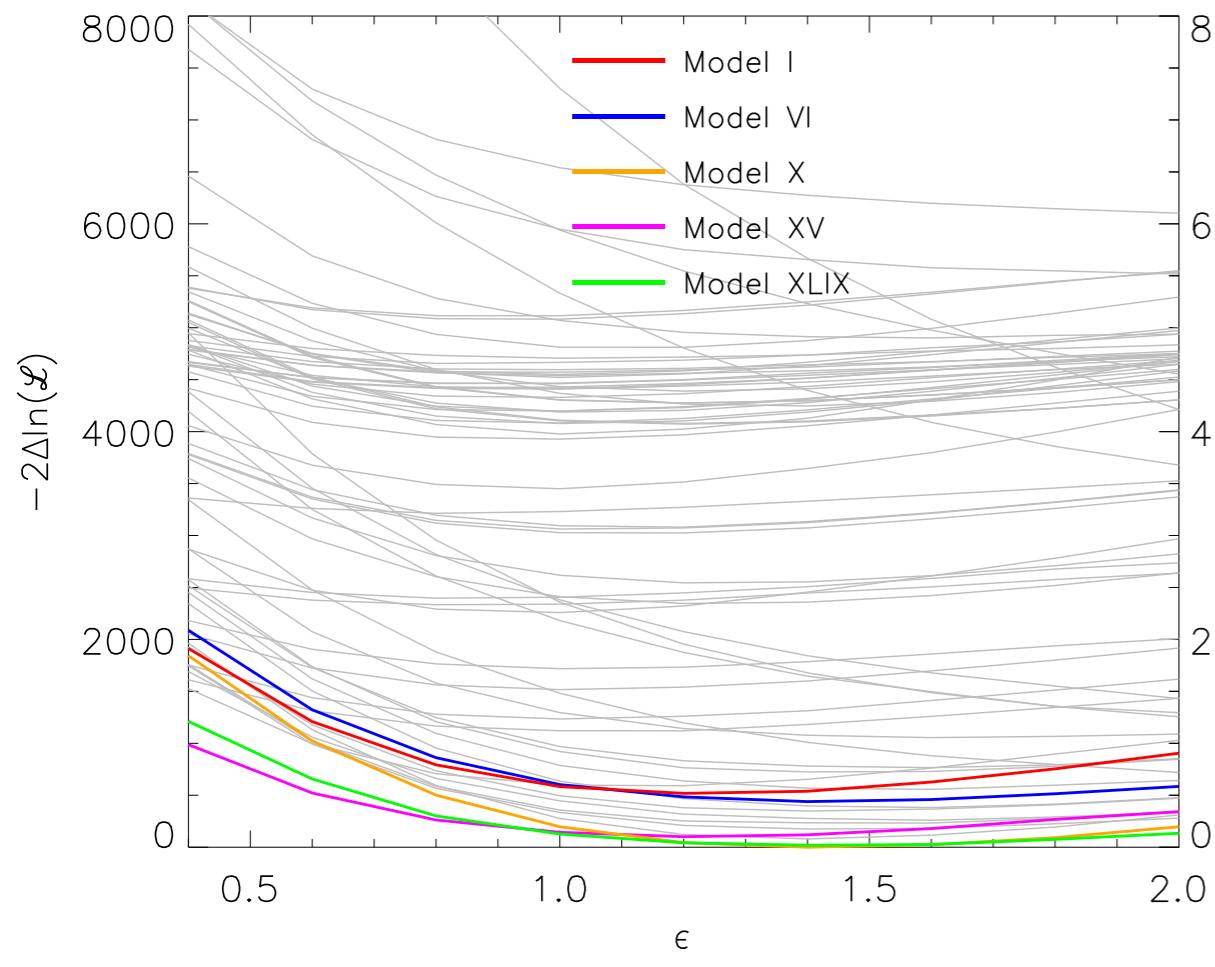
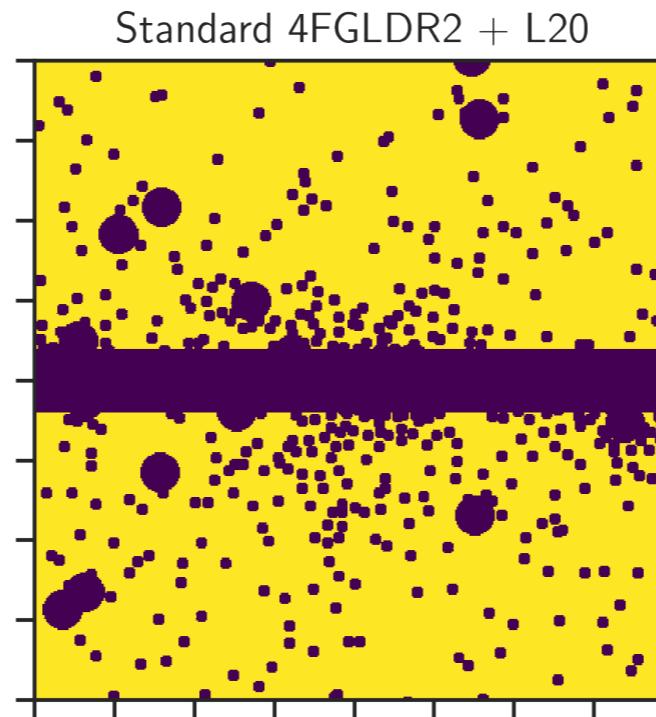
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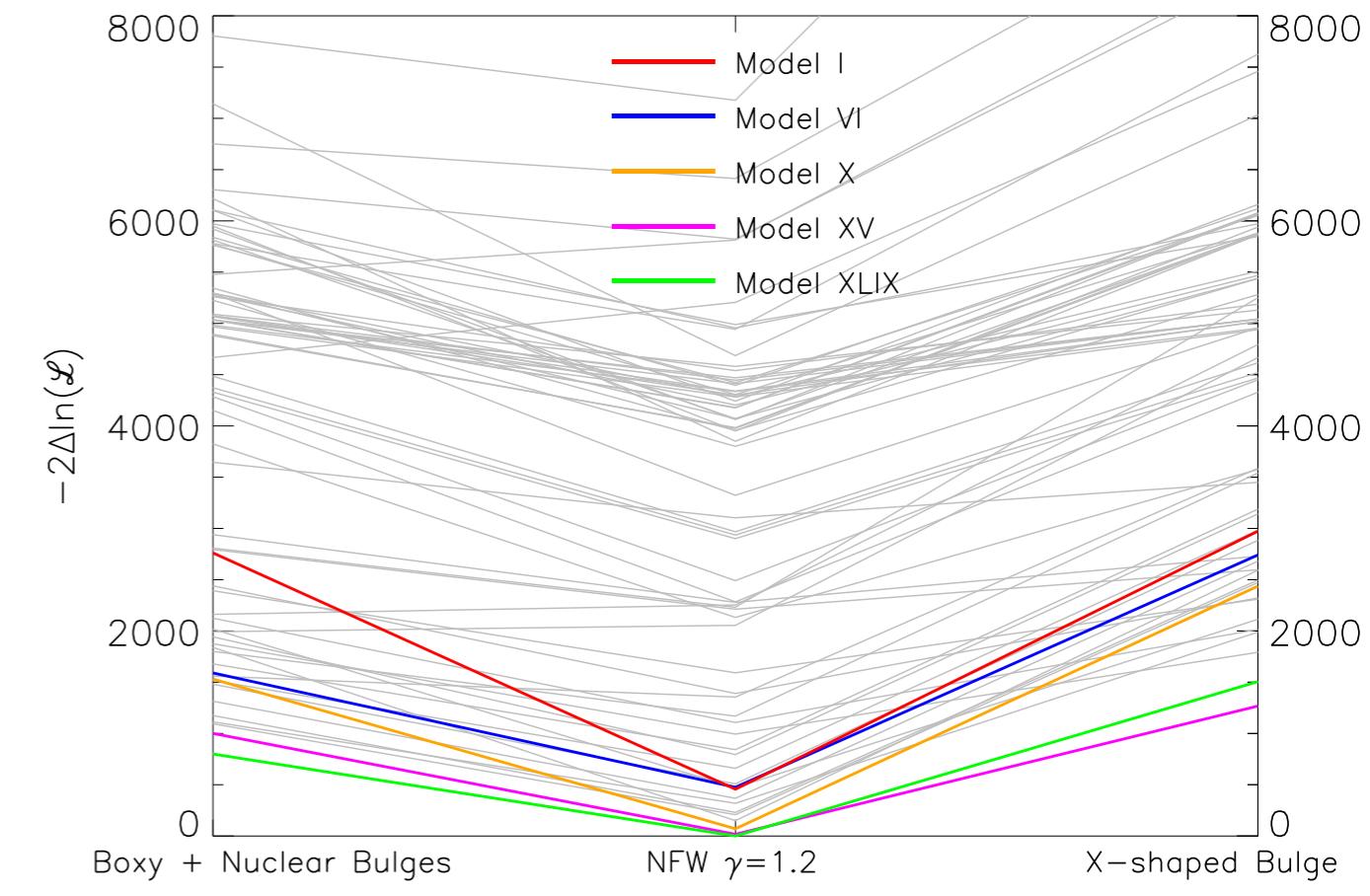
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4FGLDR2 (standard mask) IC, Zhong, McDermott, Surdutovich, PRD 2022



Ellipticity



Bartels et al. 2018

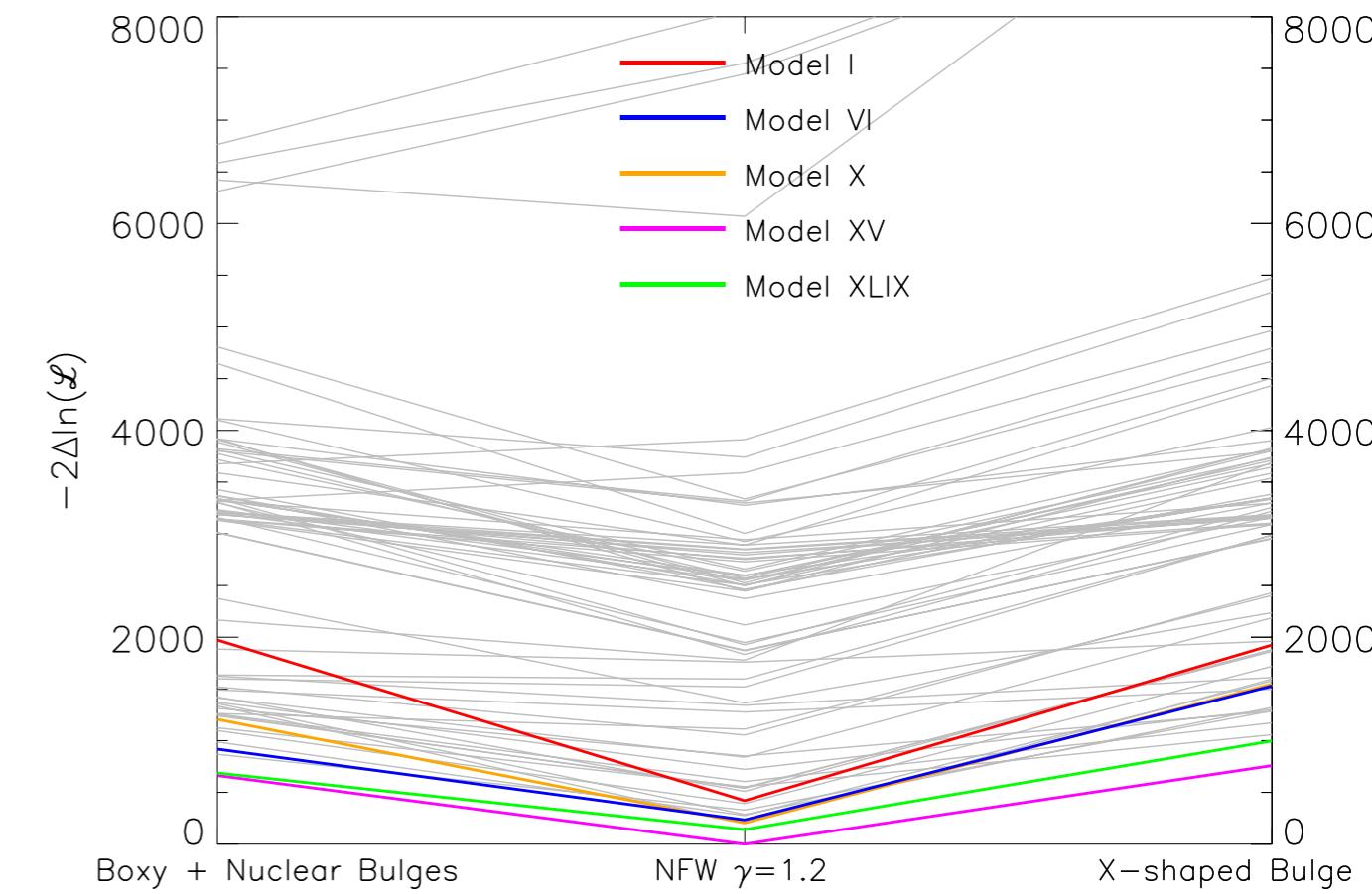
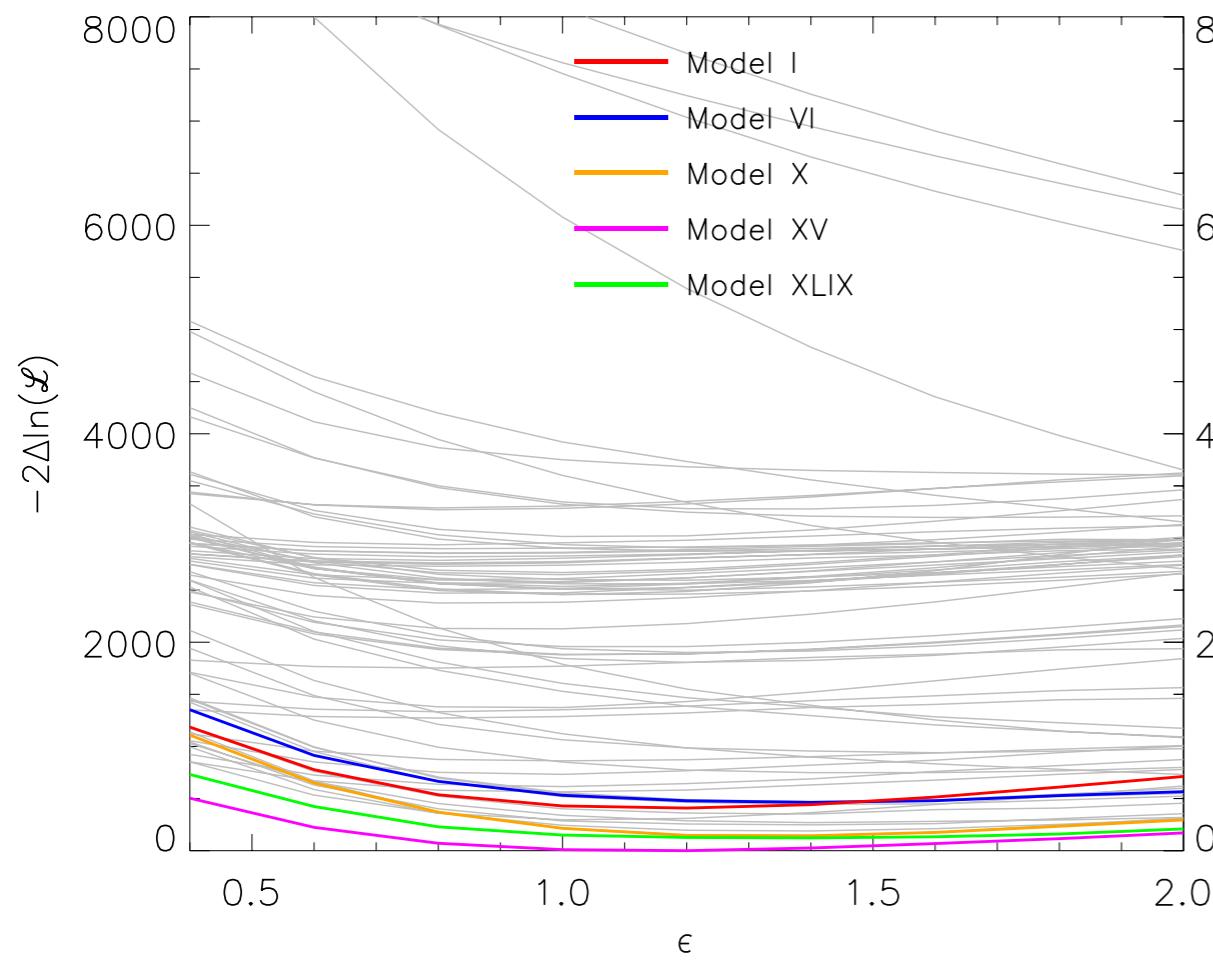
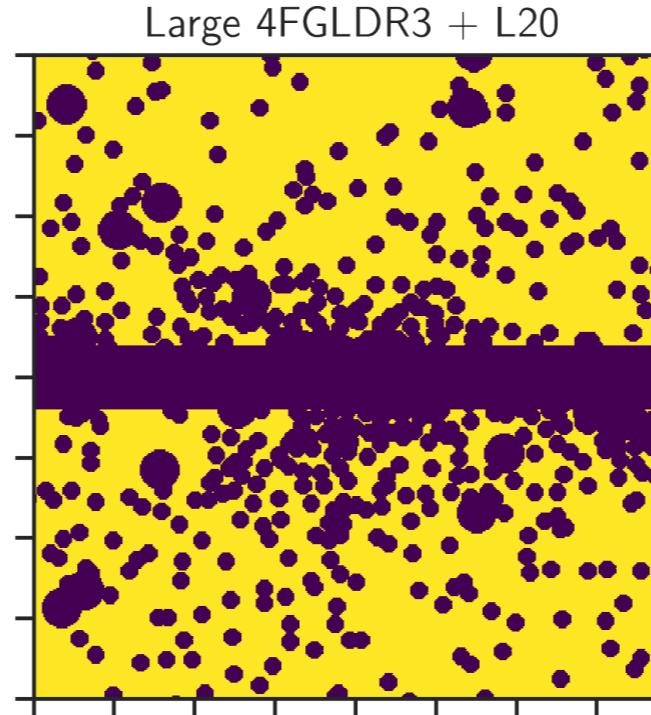
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Spherical NFW vs Bulges

4FGLDR3 (large mask)

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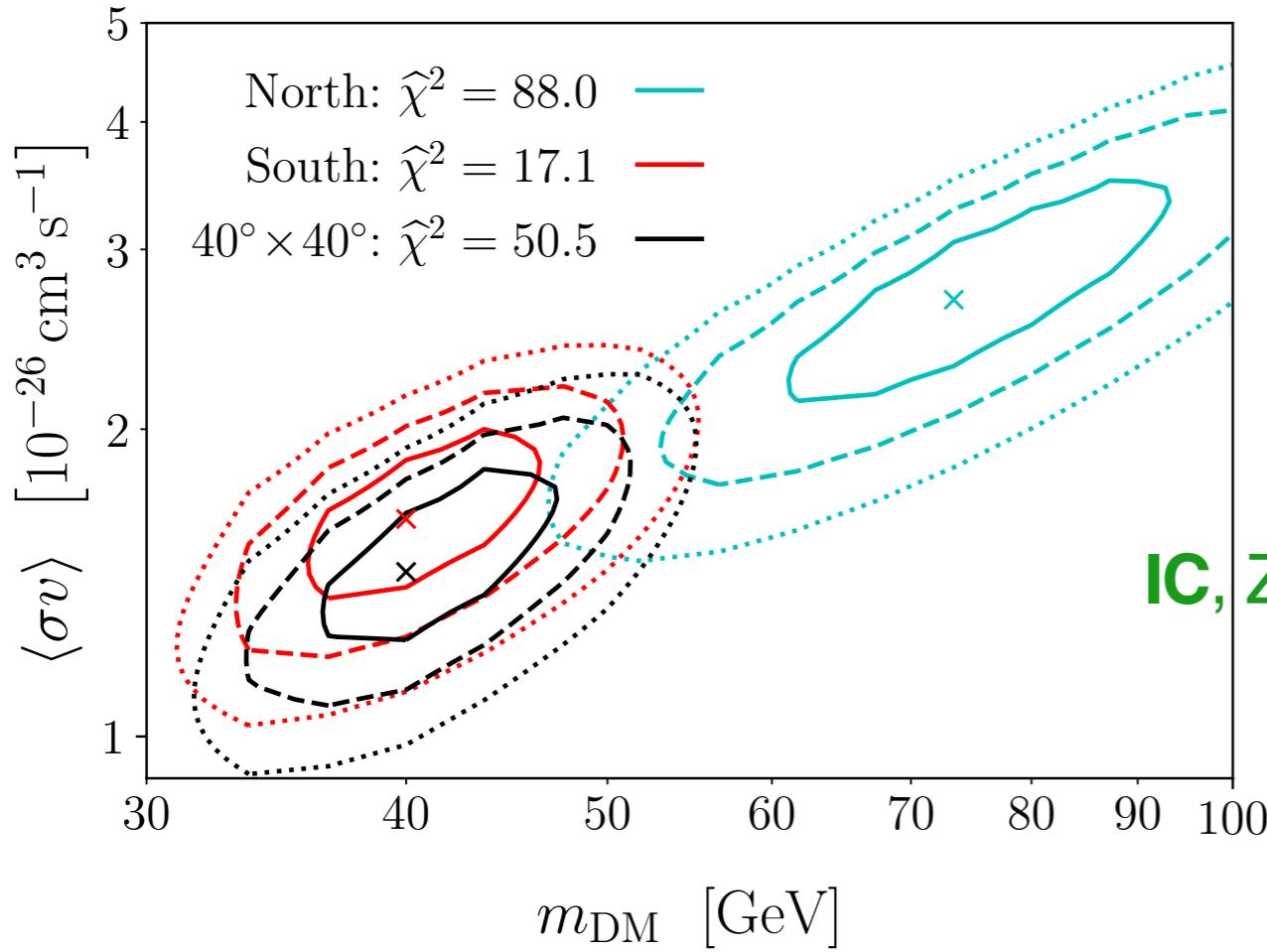
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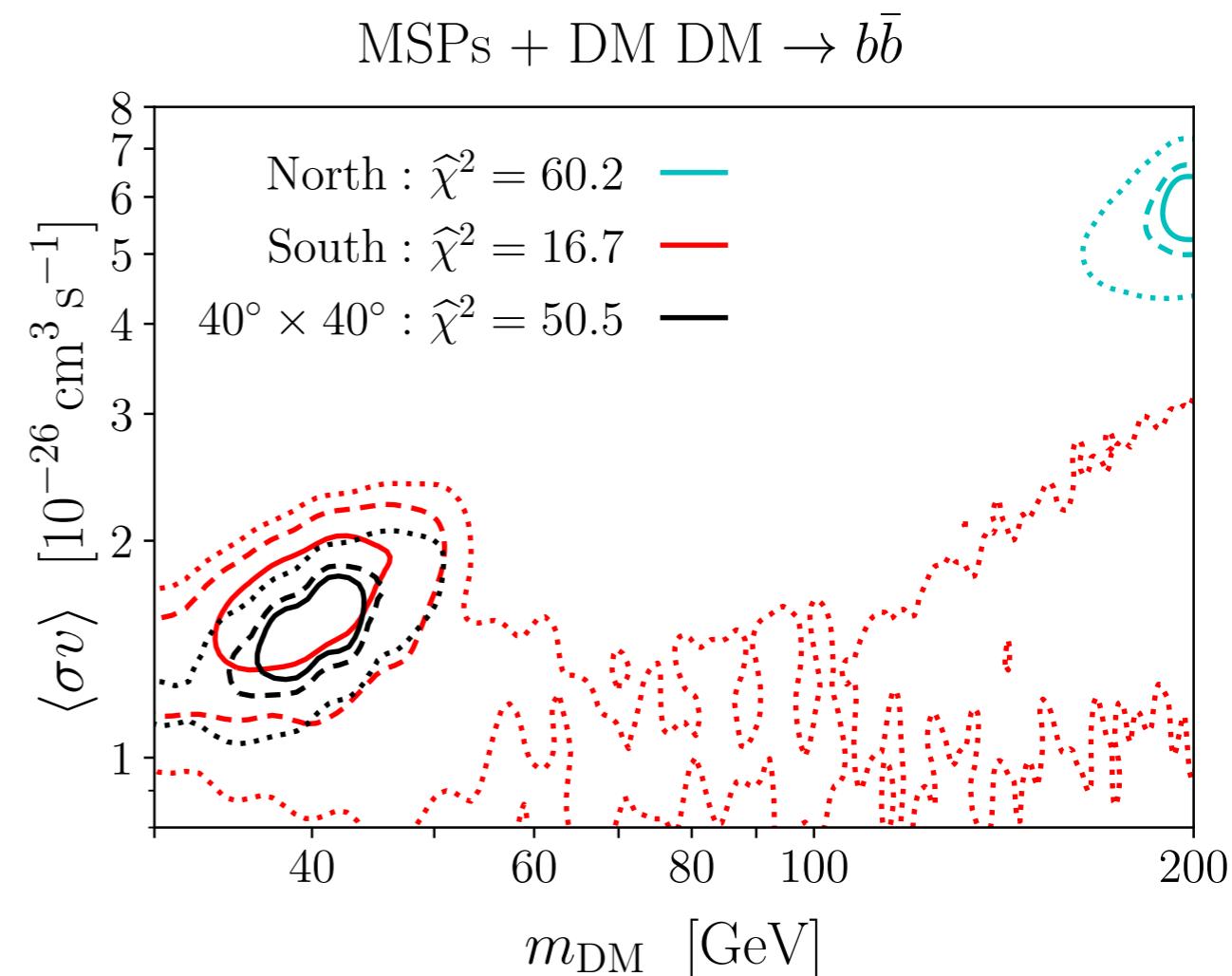
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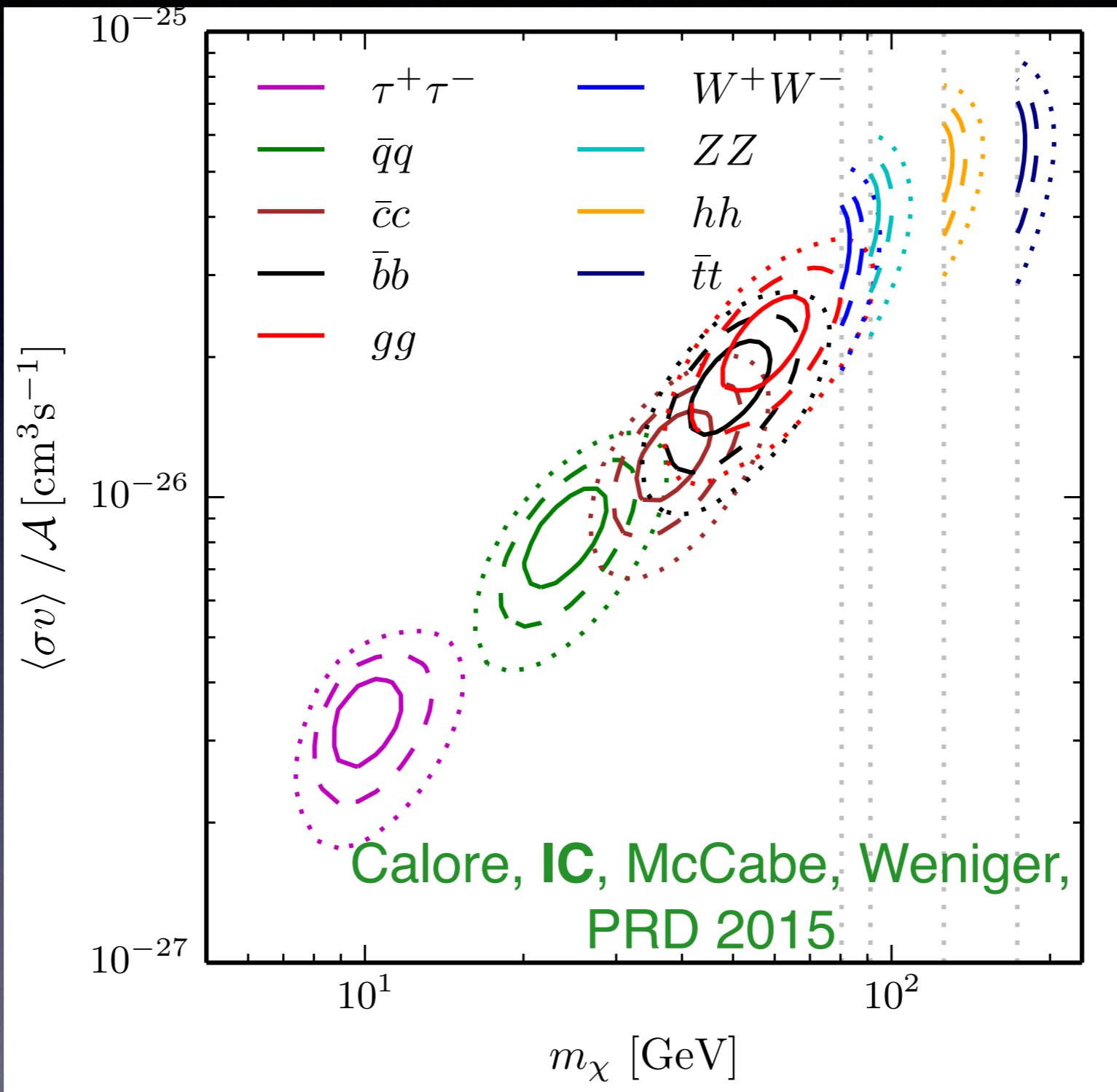
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Adding an MSP component affects the fits on the more “dirty” (more galactic gas) Northern Hemisphere, but the Southern Hemisphere and the overall Inner Galaxy fit are fairly unaffected.

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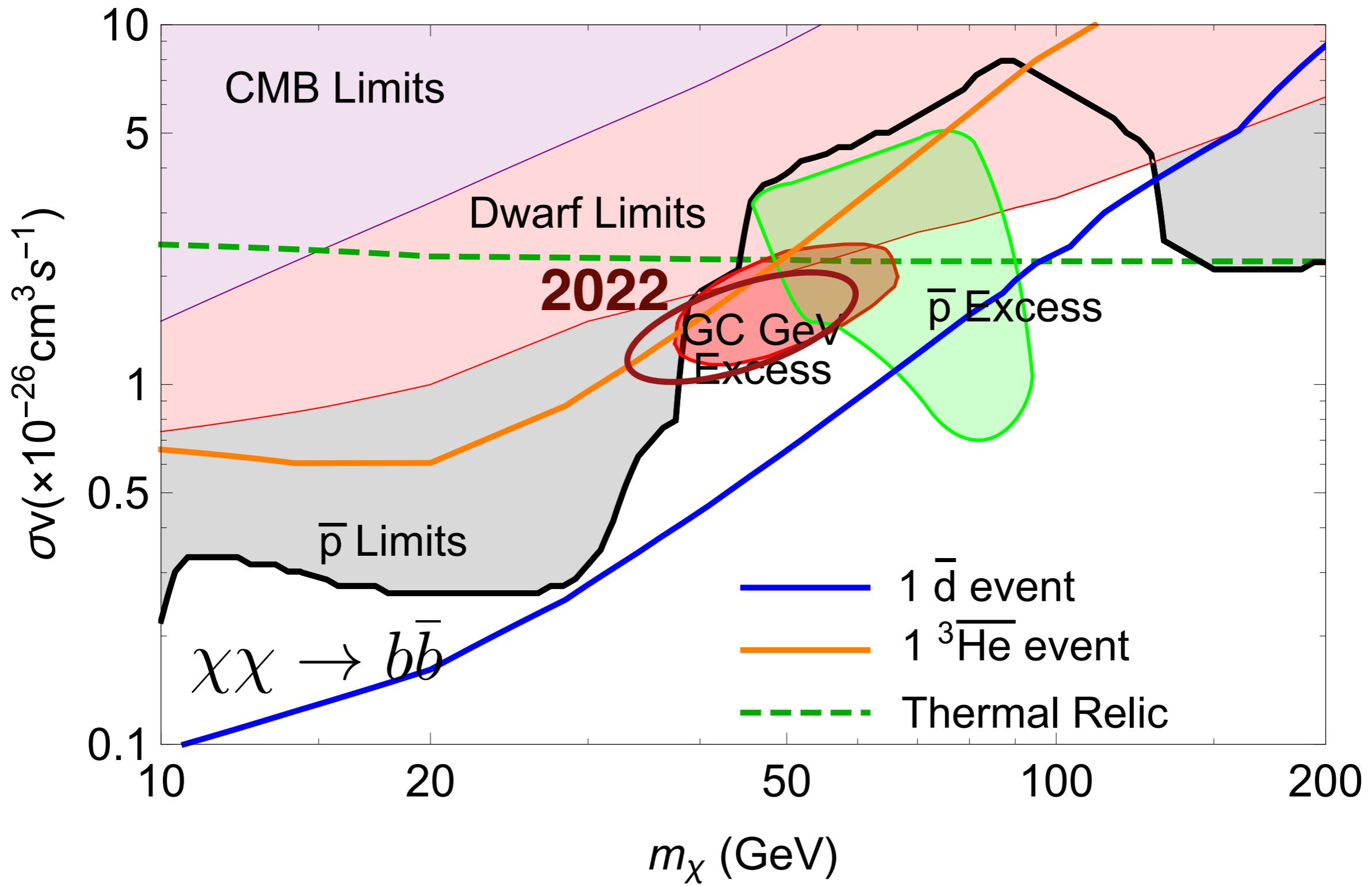


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Combining all Indirect DM searches



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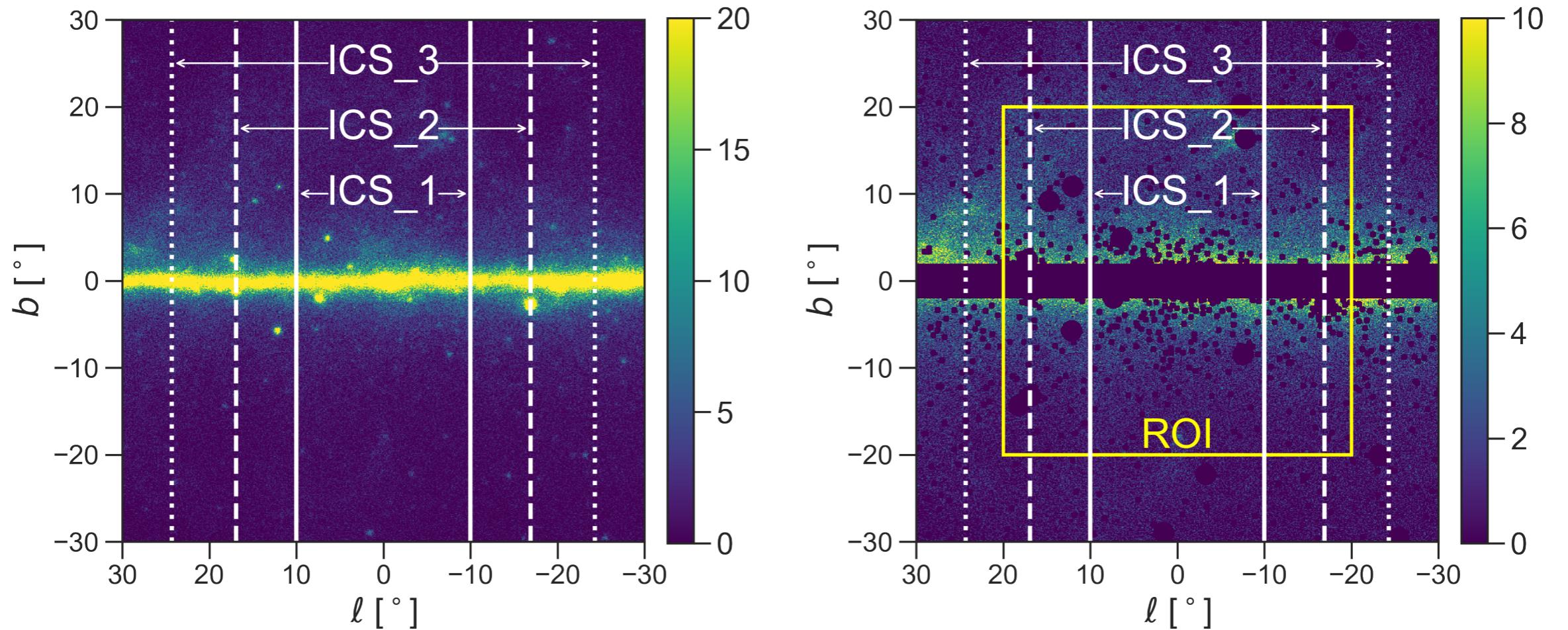
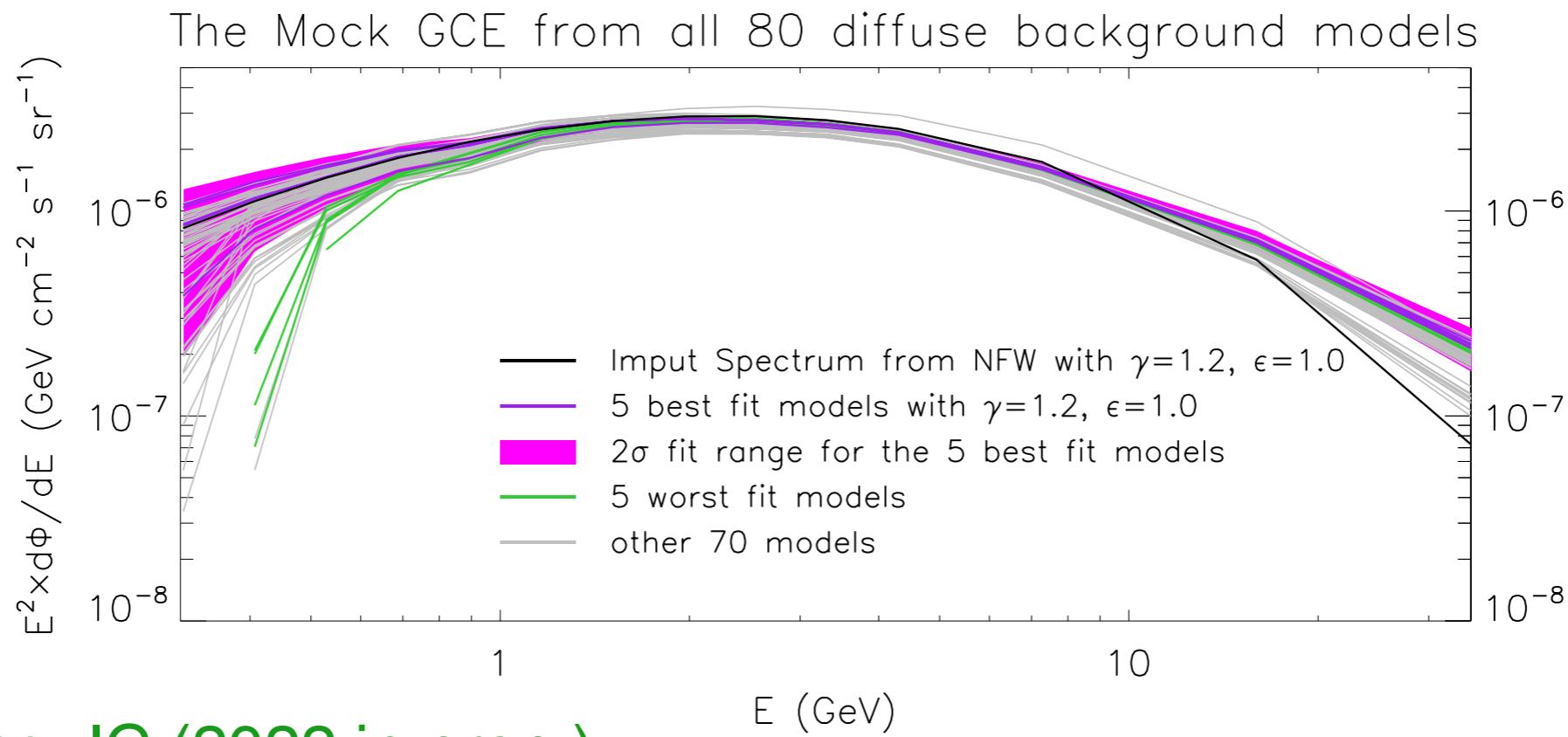


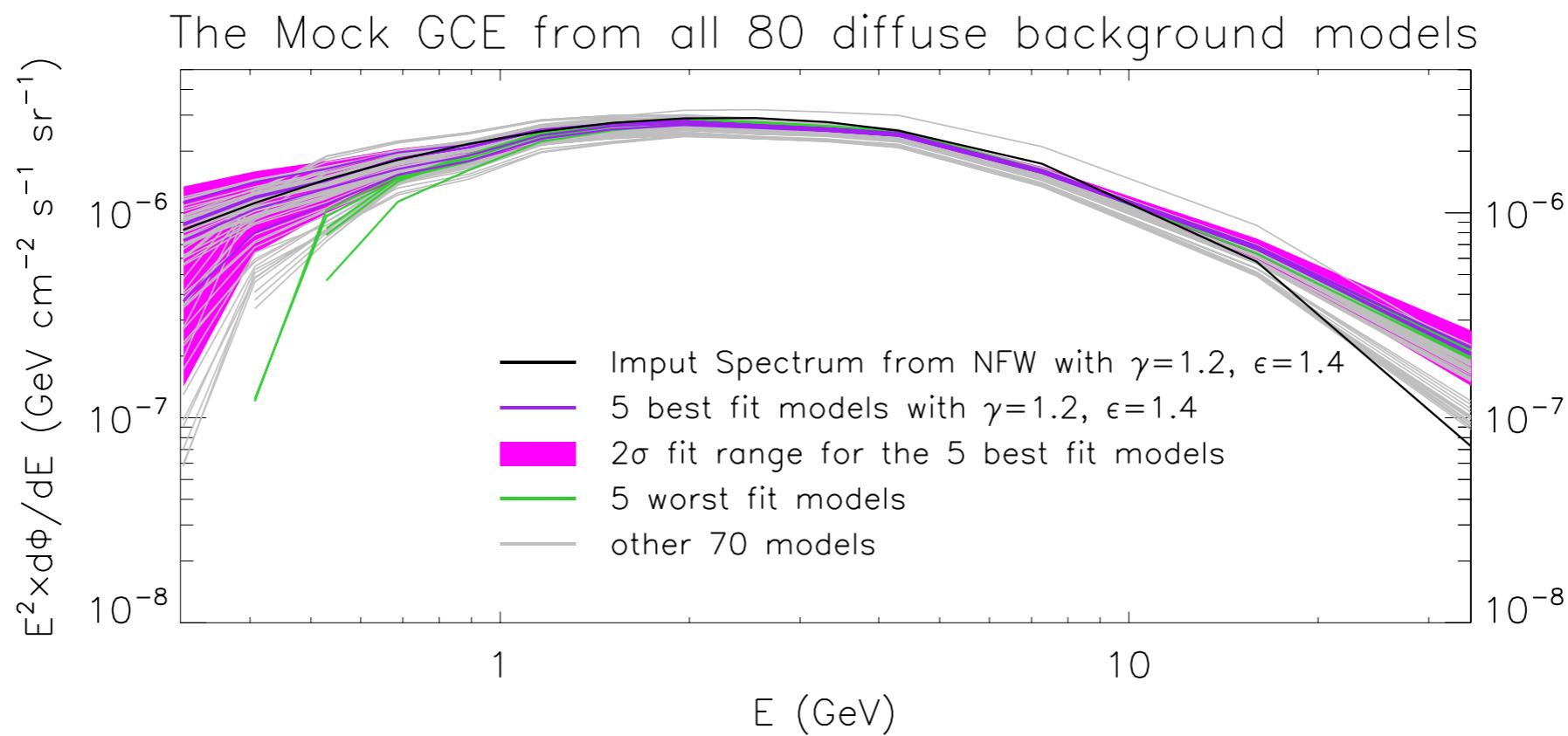
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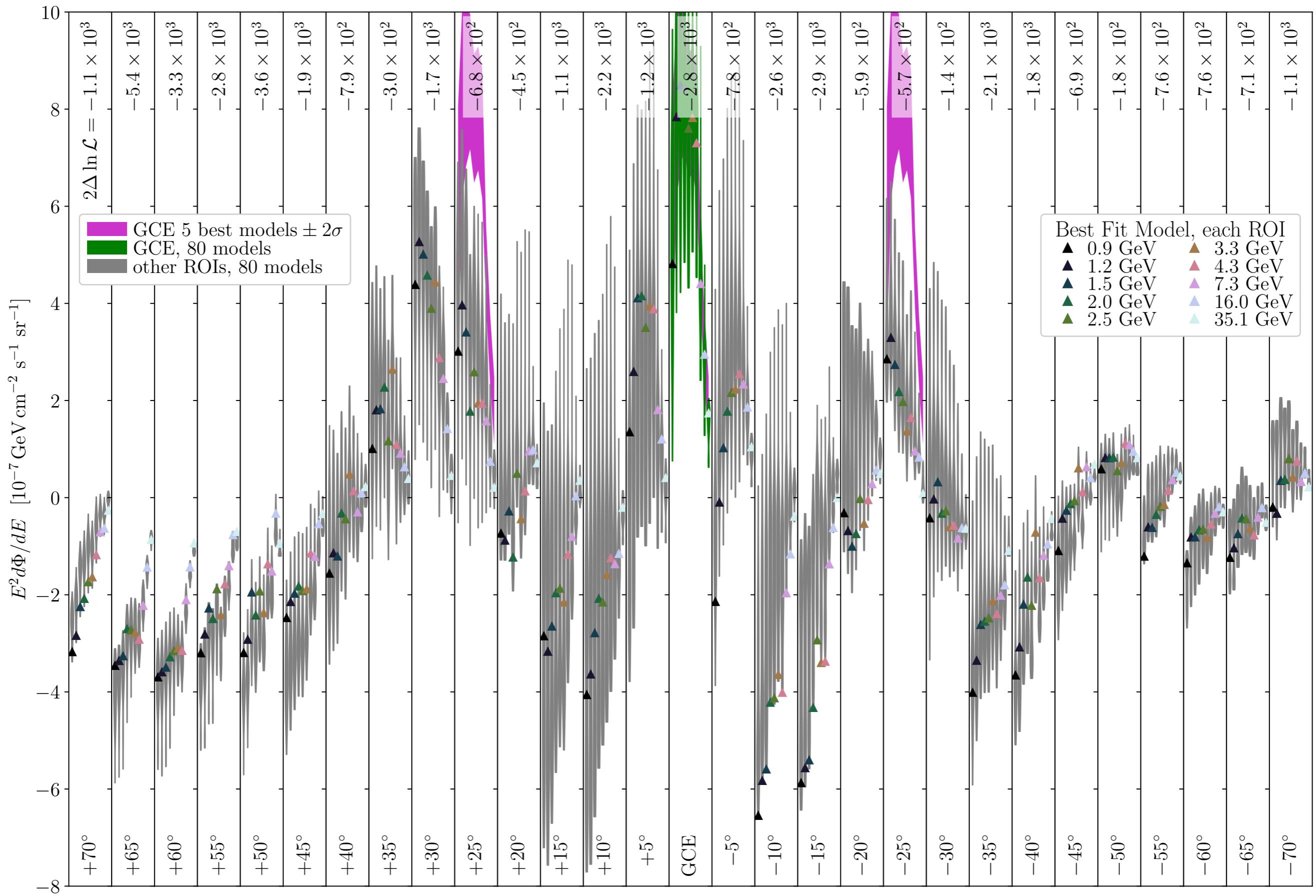
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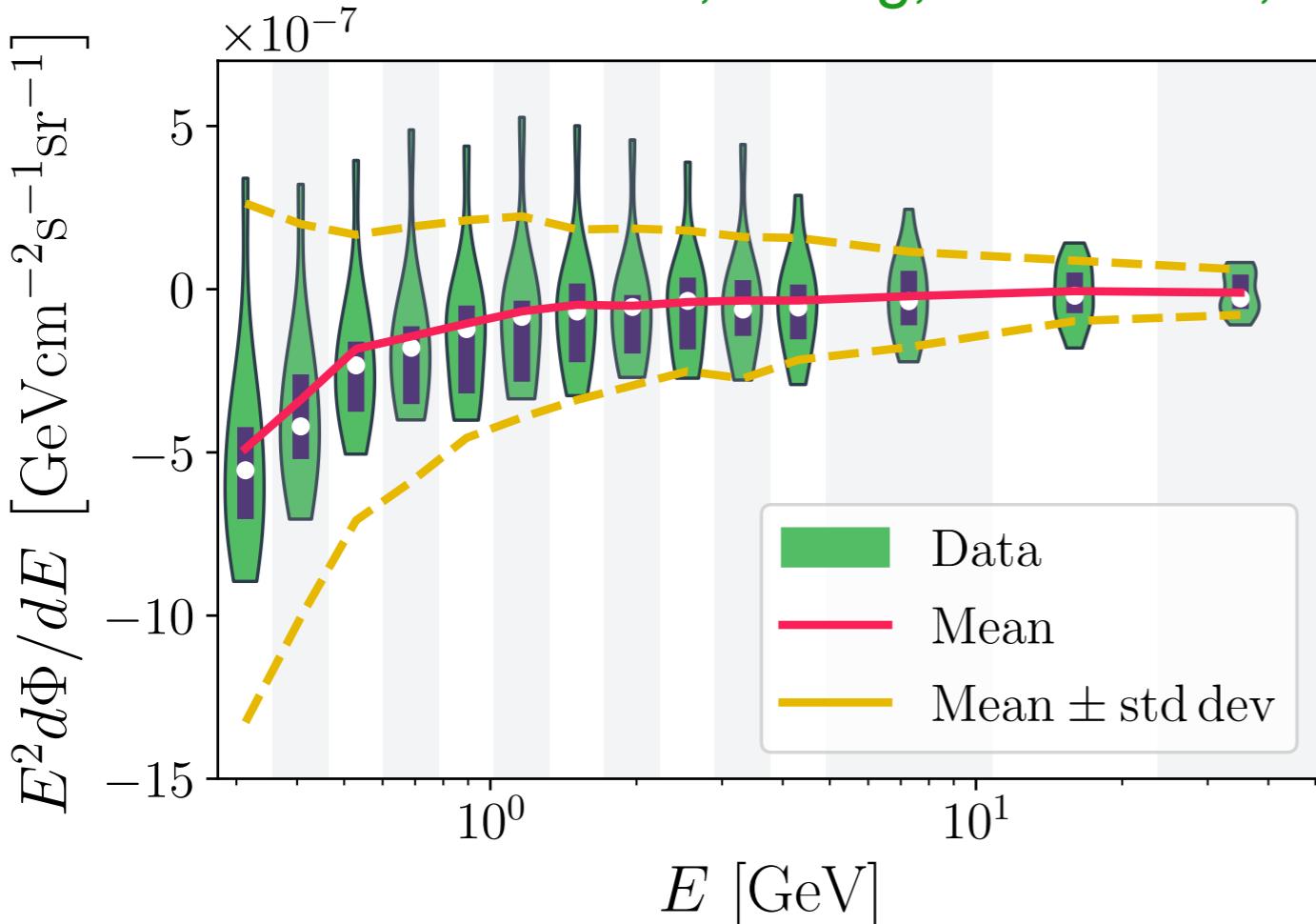
Ongoing Preliminary: Further Tests of injected Mock Maps versus what we recover from the fits:



Zhong, IC (2022 in prep.)







The covariance matrix:

$$\Sigma_{ij,\text{mod}} = \left\langle E^4 \frac{d\Phi}{dE_i} \frac{d\Phi}{dE_j} \right\rangle - \left\langle E^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dE_i} \right\rangle \left\langle E^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dE_j} \right\rangle$$

Its truncated version:

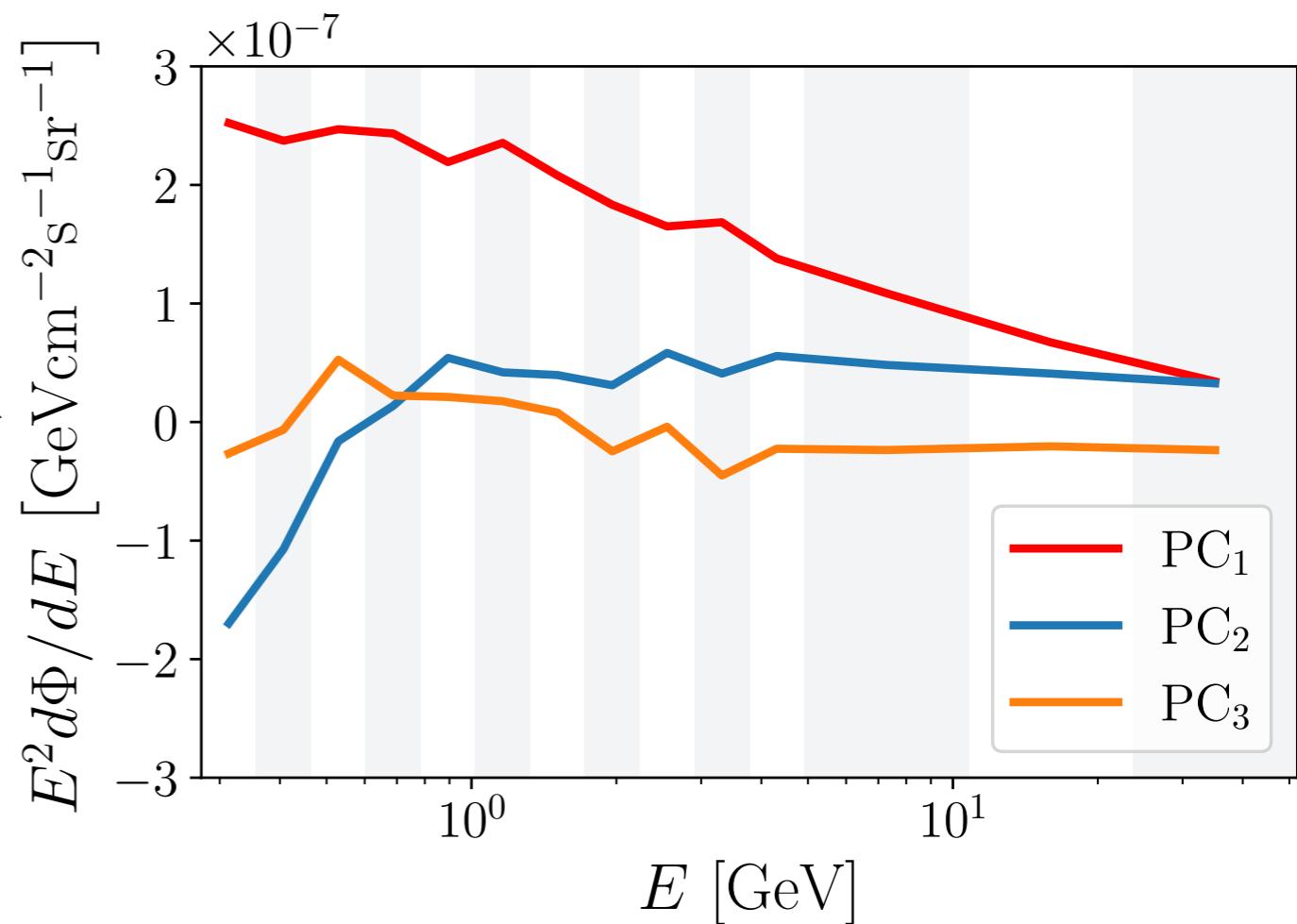
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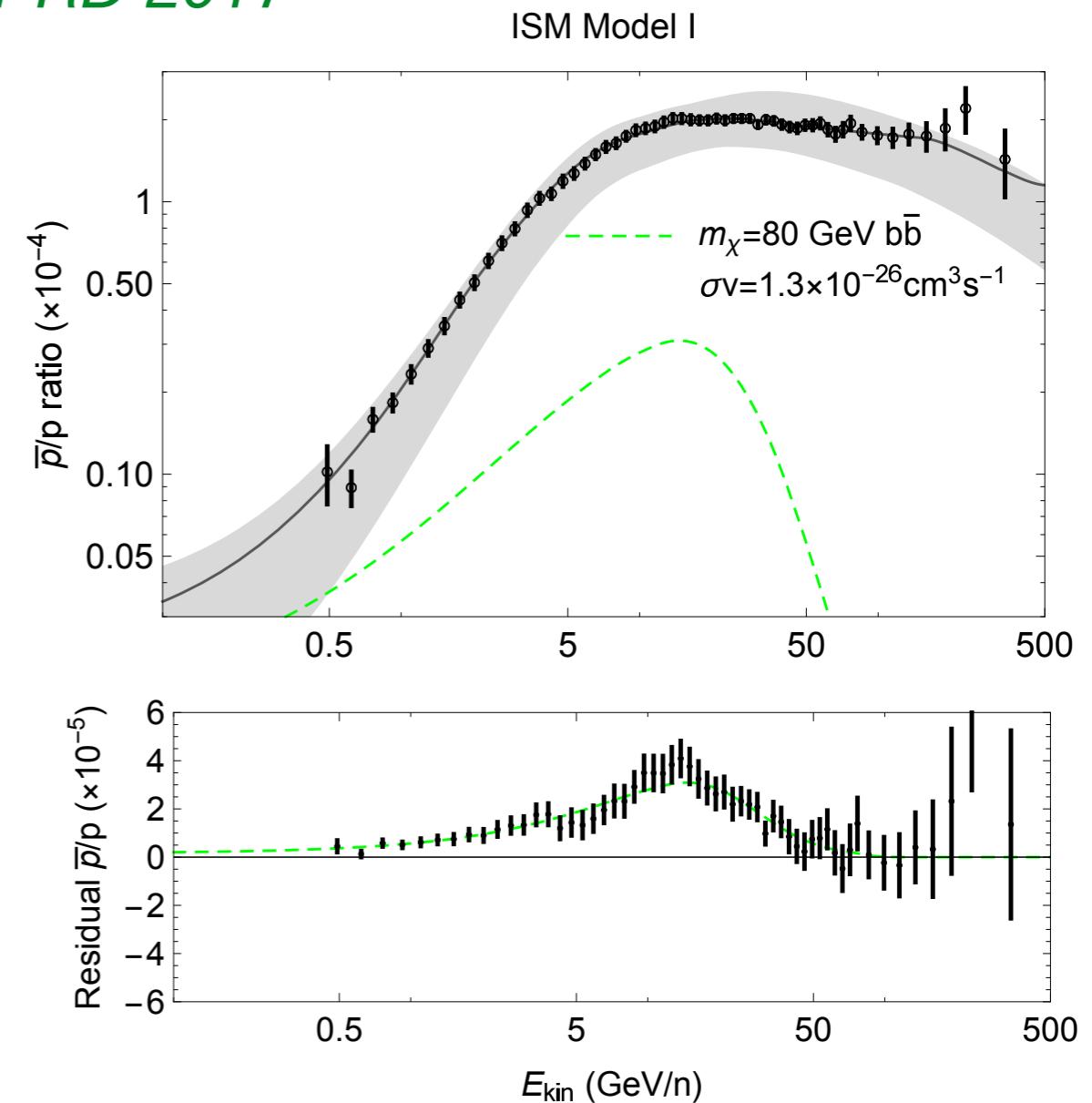
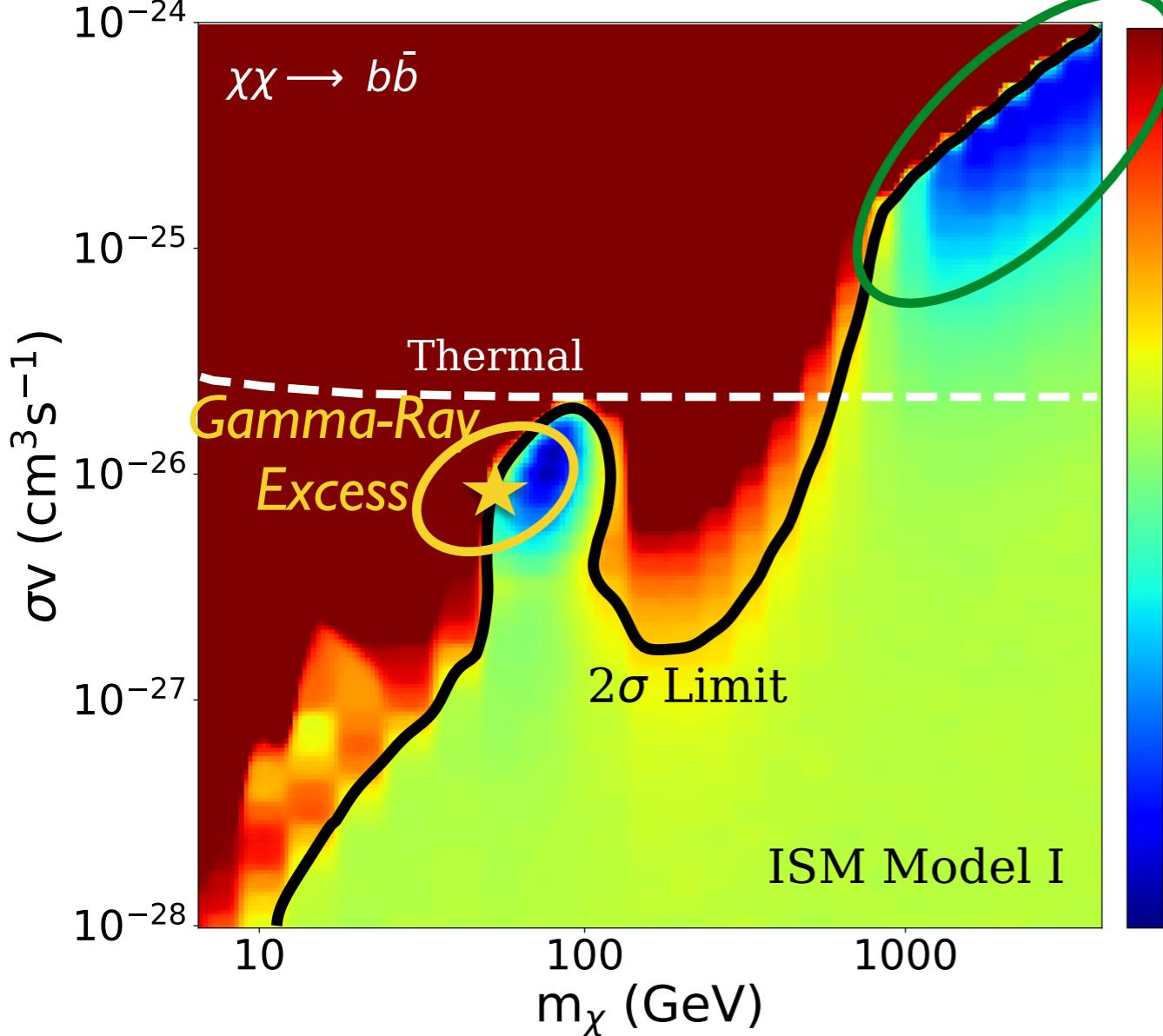
Where:

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Looking at the antiproton to proton ratio find an the excess at~3 sigma

Supernova,
also seen in IC, Hooper, Linden PRD 2017

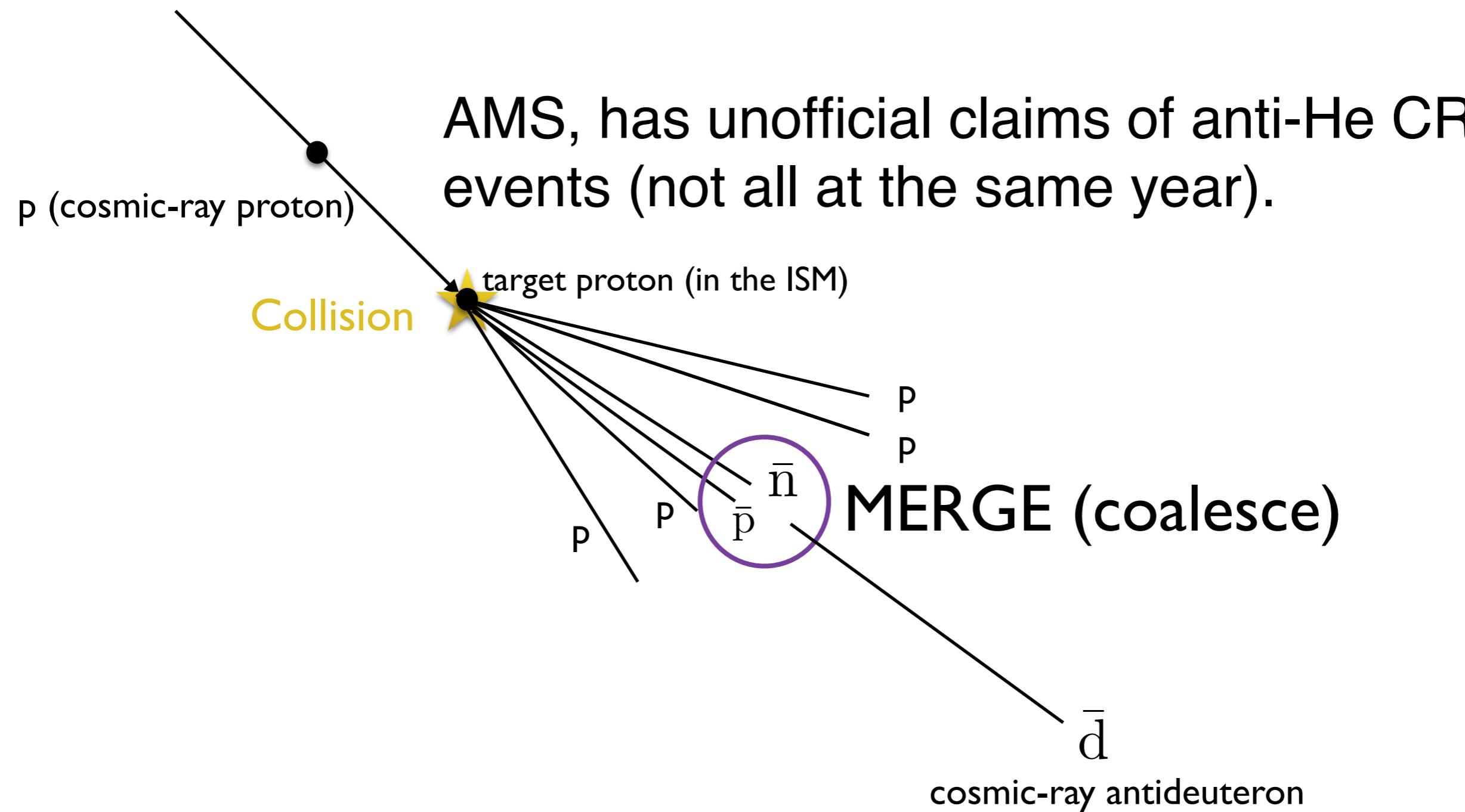


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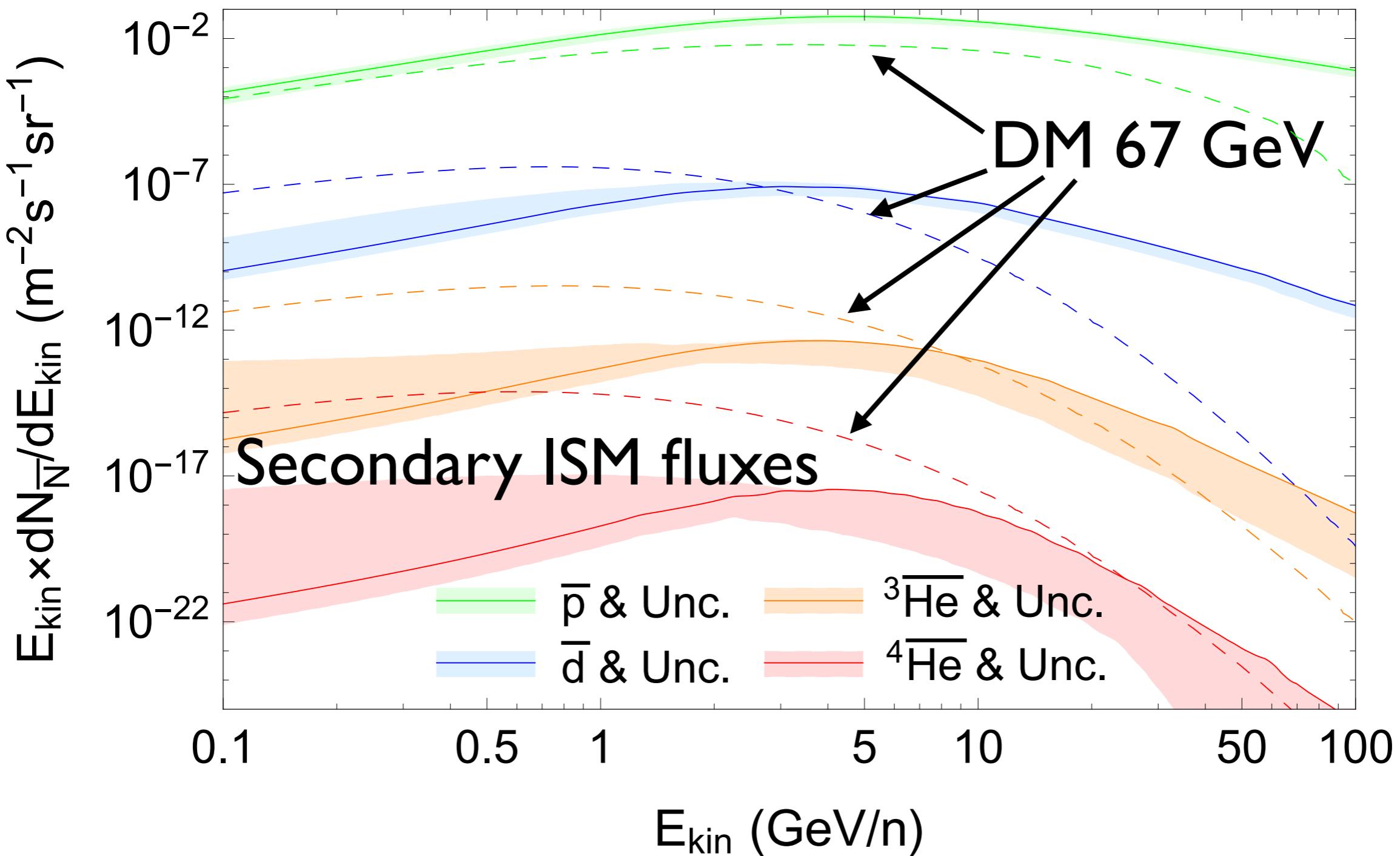
See also A. Cuoco et al. PRD 2019

Earlier results: Cuoco et al. PLR 2017, Cui et al. PRL 2017

How about heavier nuclei?



Antimatter flux Uncertainties



IC, Linden, Hooper PRD 2020

And a little extra positrons....

Utilizing cosmic-ray positron and electron observations to probe the averaged properties of Milky Way pulsars

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