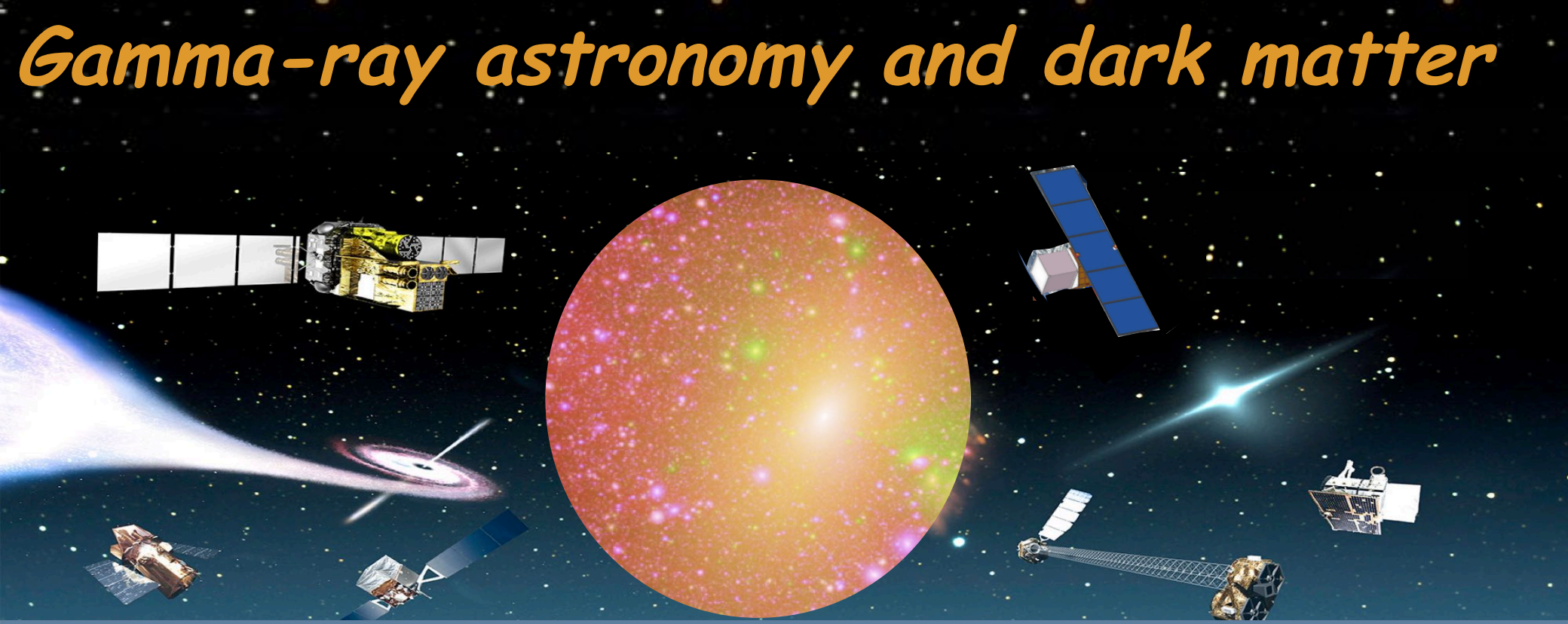
Gamma-ray astronomy and dark matter



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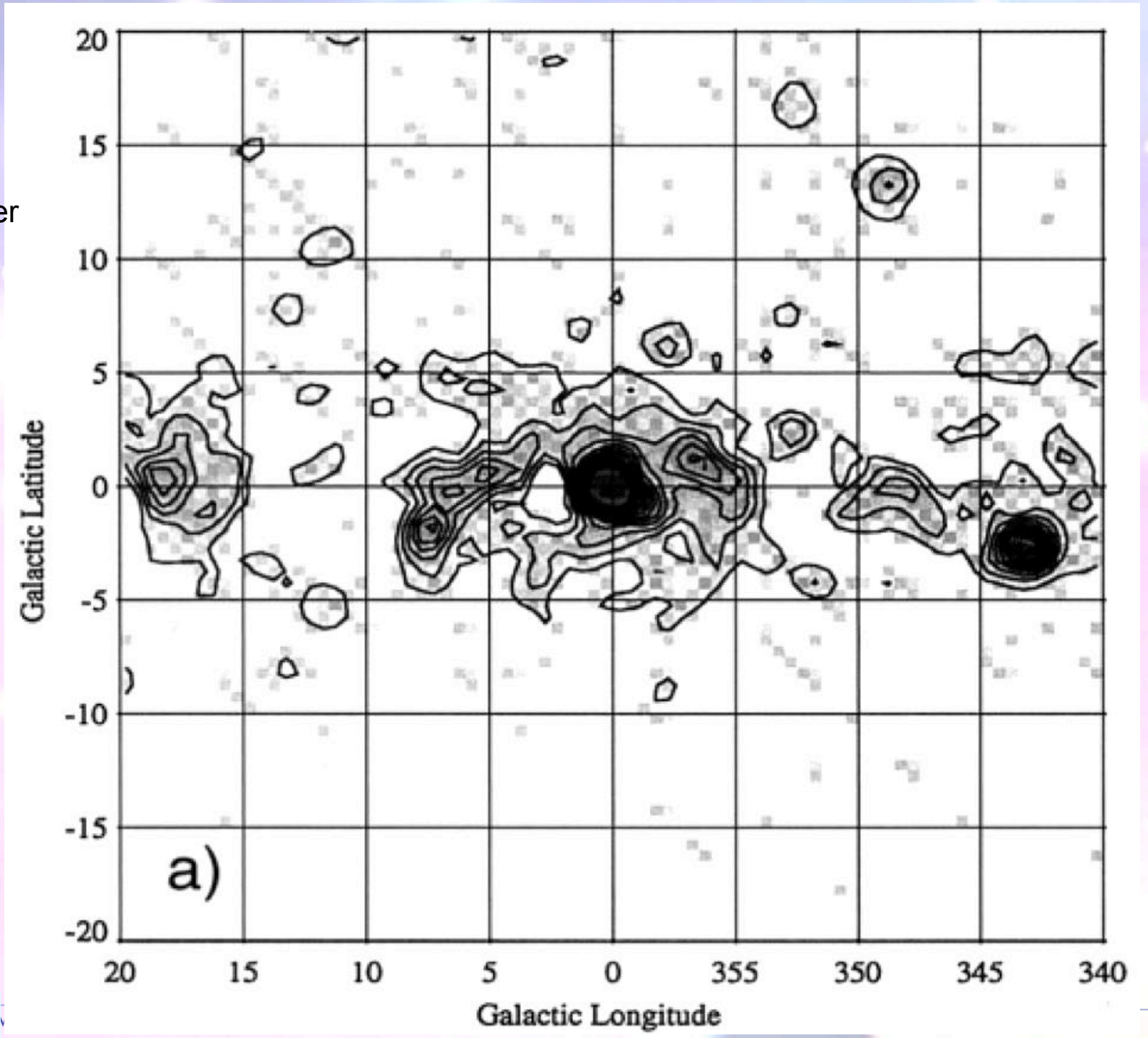
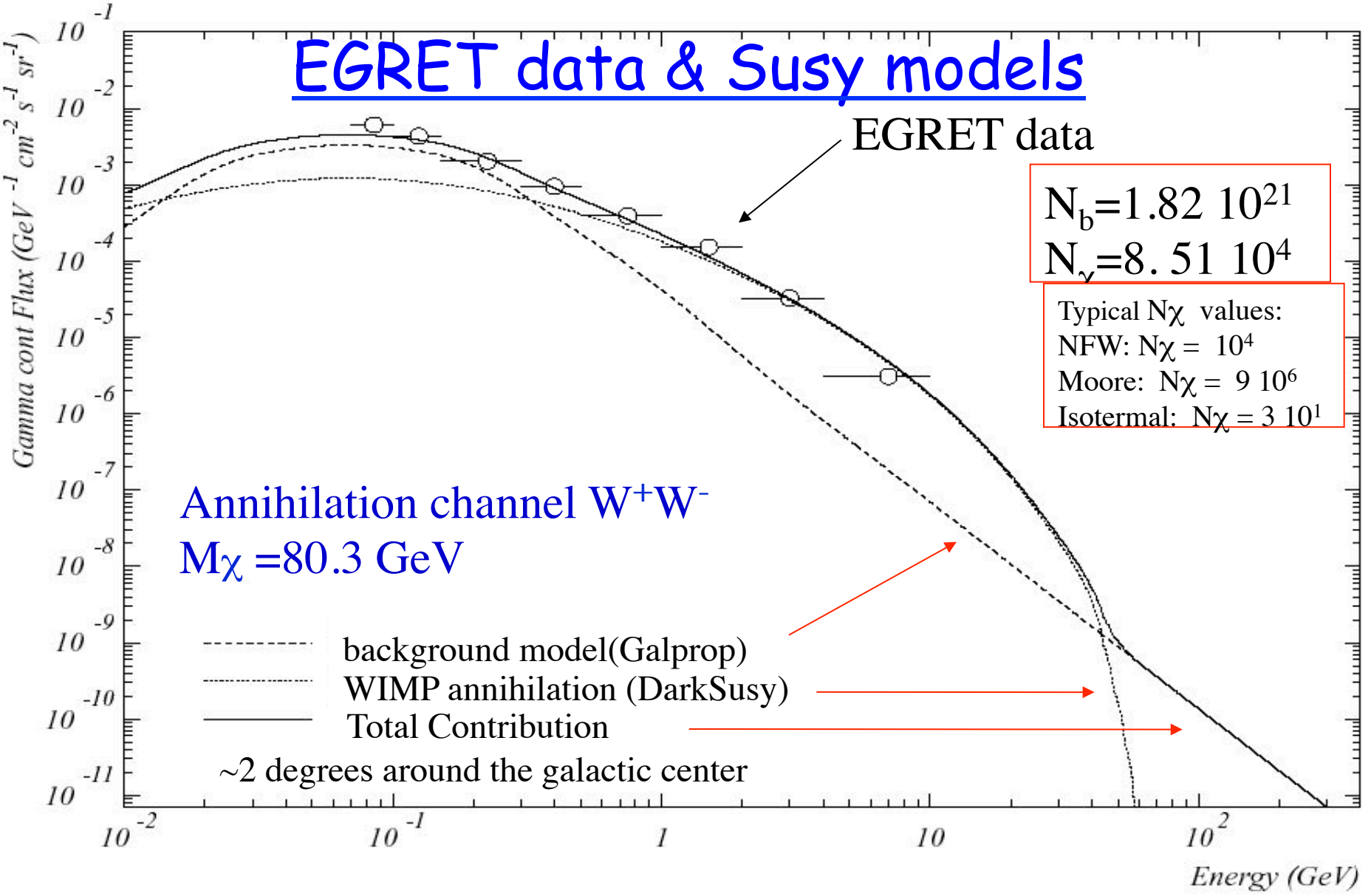
EGRET,
E > 1GeV

Mayer-Hasselwander et al, 1998



EGRET data & Susy models



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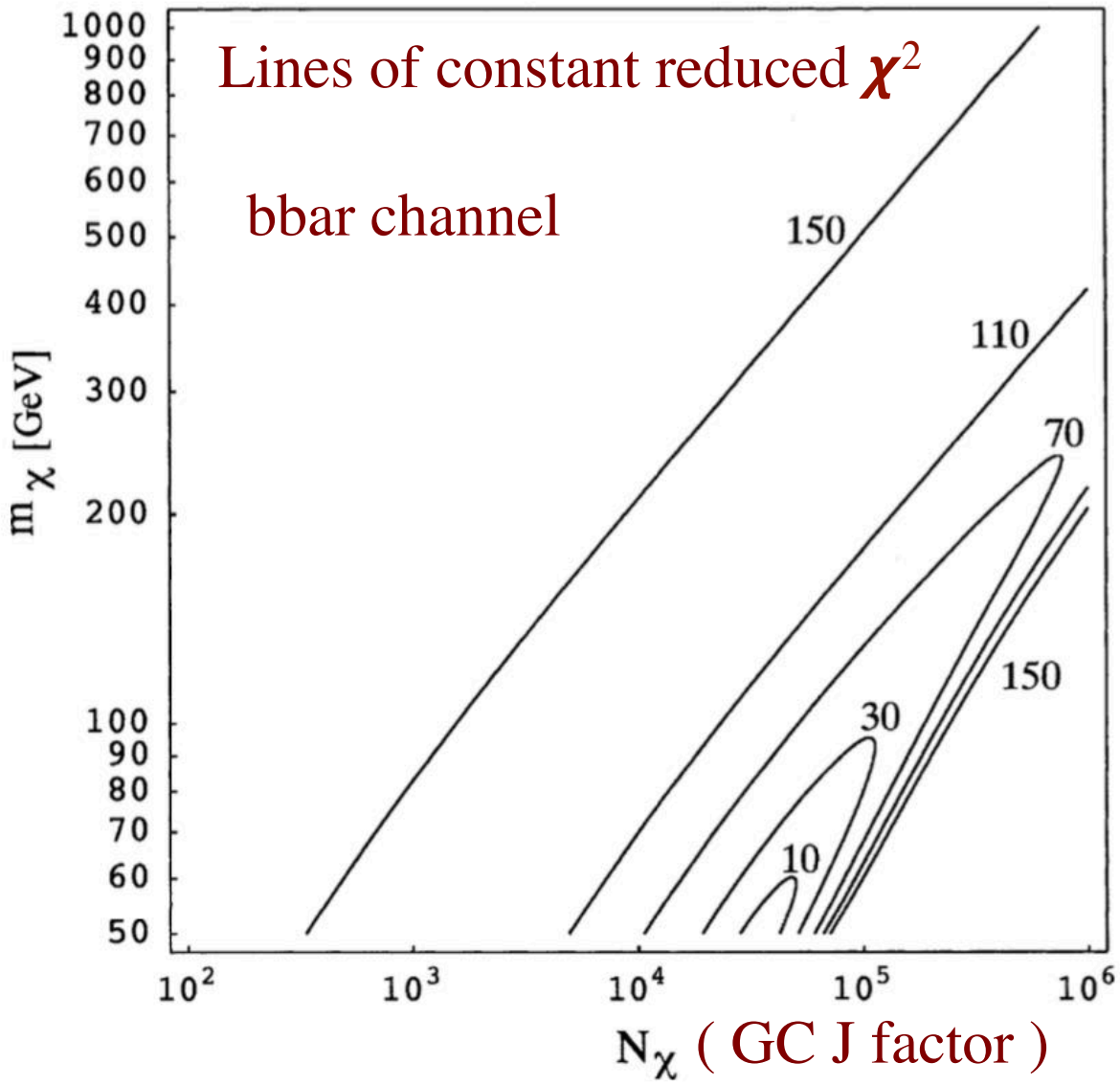
Lines of constant reduced χ^2 corresponding to best fits of the EGRET GC excess

Very similar to the mass range found with the EGRET data in 2004 !

mass ~ 50- 80 GeV



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the GALACTIC CENTER : any hints of Dark Matter?

the beginning of the history :

The Galactic Center as a Dark Matter Gamma-Ray Source
A.Morselli, A. Lionetto, A. Cesarini, F. Fucito, P. Ullio, Nuclear Physics B 113B (2002) 213-220 [astro-ph/0211327]
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Possible Evidence For Dark Matter Annihilation In The Inner Milky Way From The Fermi Gamma Ray Space Telescope
Lisa Goodenough, Dan Hooper arXiv:0910.2998

Indirect Search for Dark Matter from the center of the Milky Way with the Fermi-Large Area Telescope
Vincenzo Vitale, Aldo Morselli, the Fermi/LAT Collaboration
Proceedings of the 2009 Fermi Symposium, 2-5 November 2009, eConf Proceedings C091122 **arXiv:0912.3828** **21 Dec 2009**

Search for Dark Matter with Fermi Large Area Telescope: the Galactic Center
V.Vitale, A.Morselli, the Fermi-LAT Collaboration NIM A 630 (2011) 147–150 (Available online 23 June 2010)

Dark Matter Annihilation in The Galactic Center As Seen by the Fermi Gamma Ray Space Telescope
Dan Hooper , Lisa Goodenough . (21 March 2011). 21 pp. **Phys.Lett. B697 (2011) 412-428**

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Background model systematics for the Fermi GeV excess
F.Calore, I. Cholis, C. Weniger JCAP03(2015)038 **arXiv:1409.0042v1**

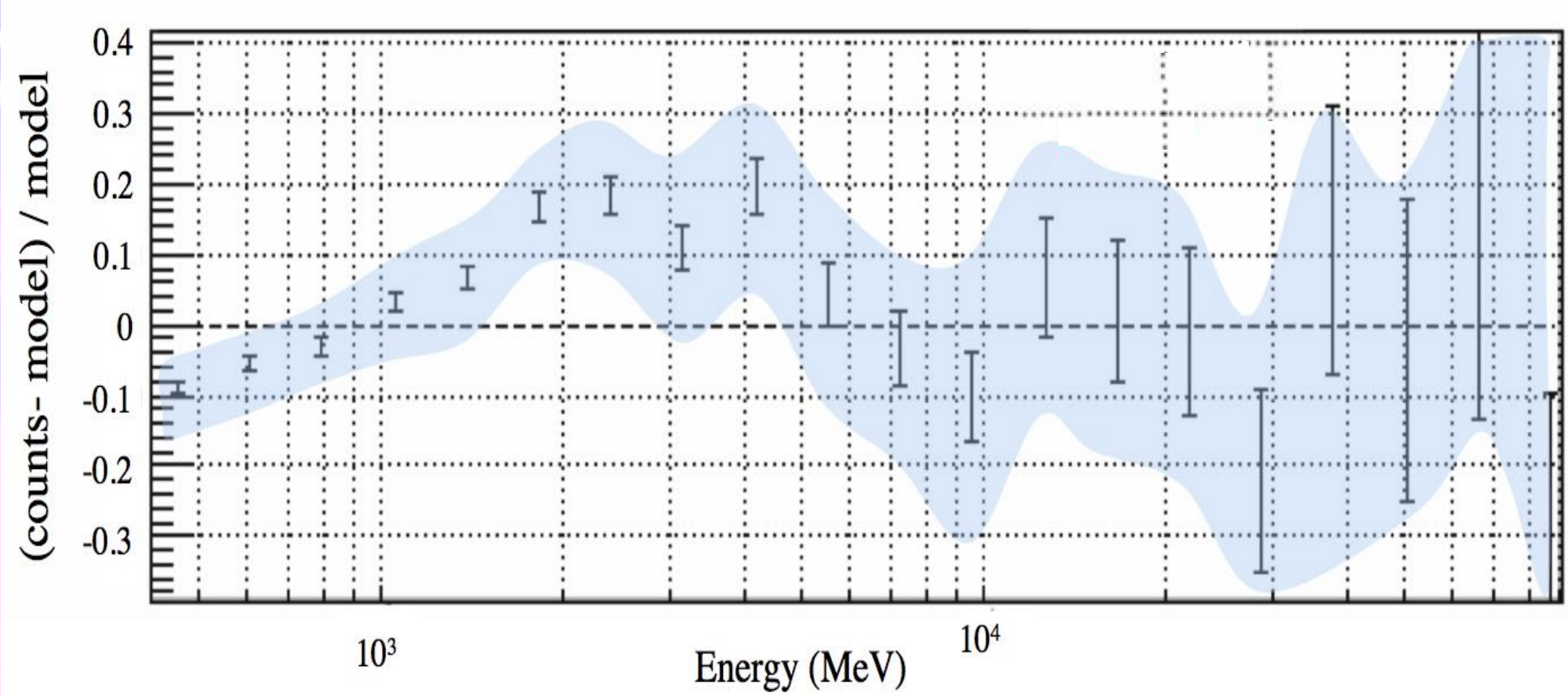
Fermi-LAT observations of high-energy γ-ray emission toward the galactic centre
M. Ajello et al.[Fermi-LAT Coll.] **Apj 819:44 2016 arXiv:1511.02938**
(using Pass7, Pass8 analysis in progress)

The GeV excess

7°x7°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 ~10% at 100 MeV, decreasing to 5% at 560 MeV and increasing to 20% at 10 GeV



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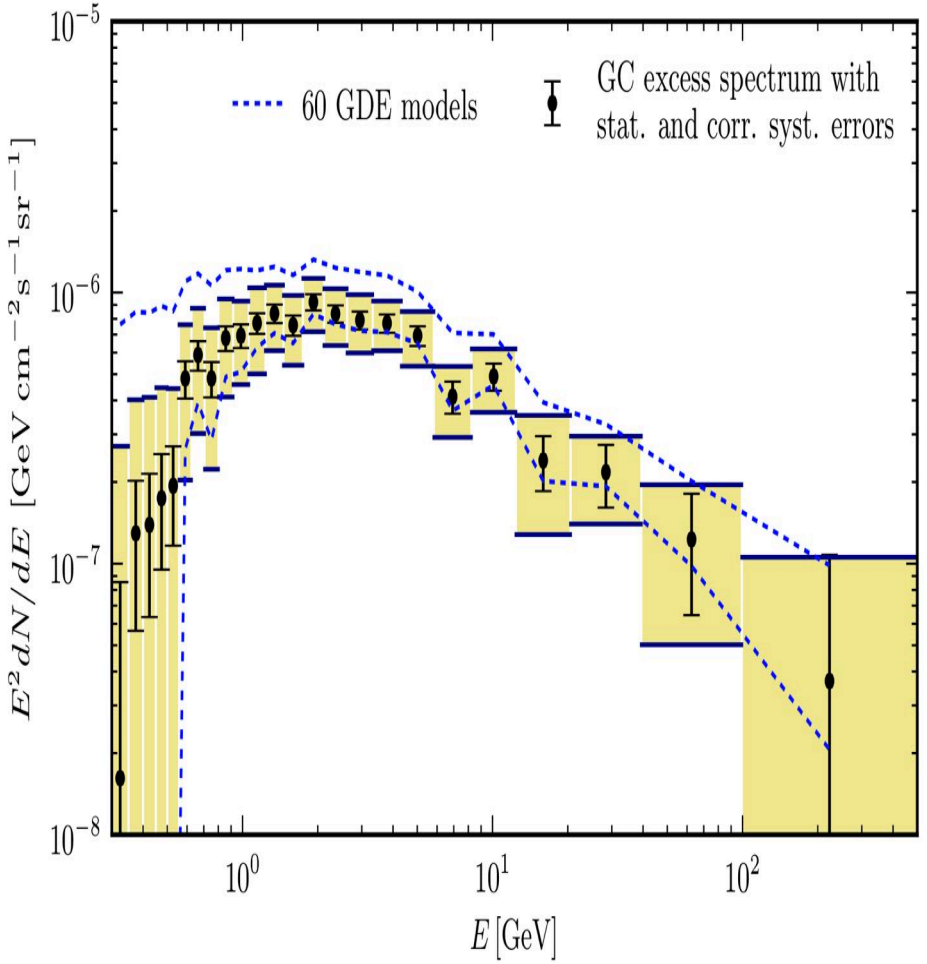
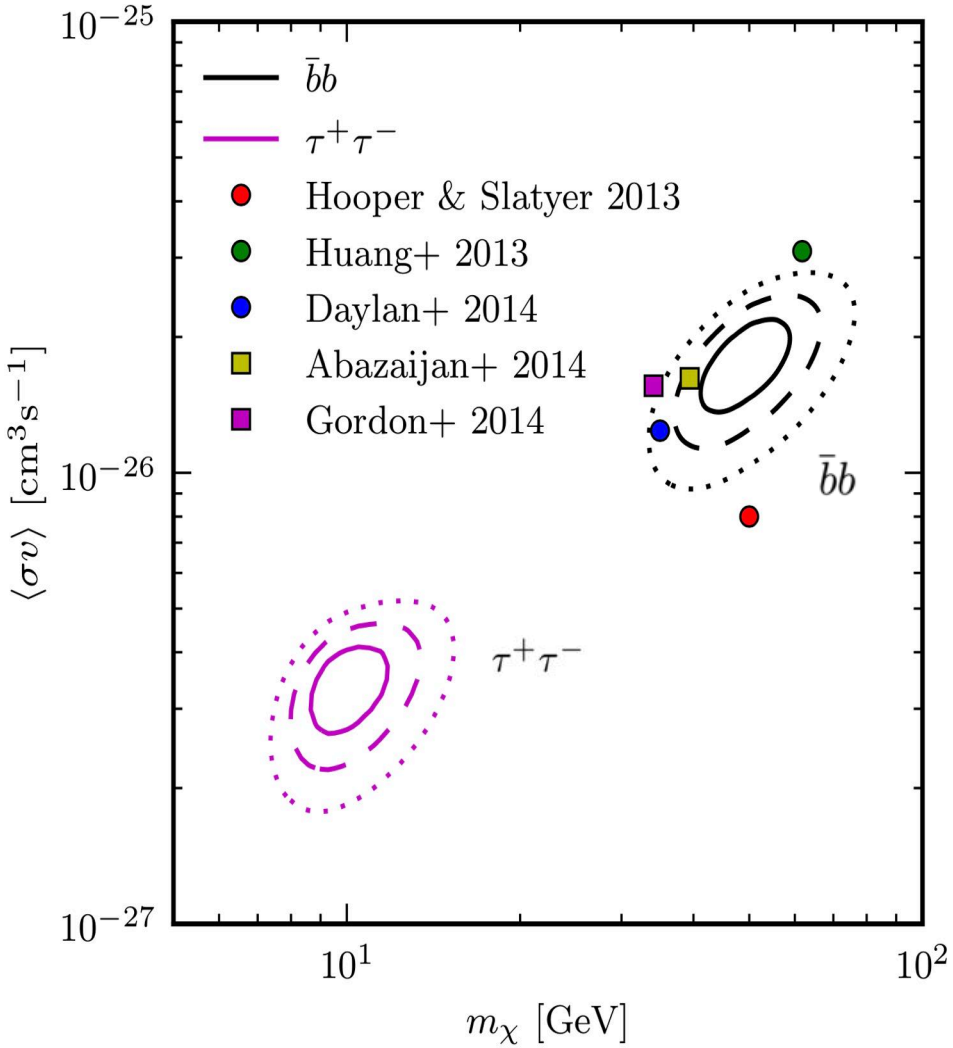
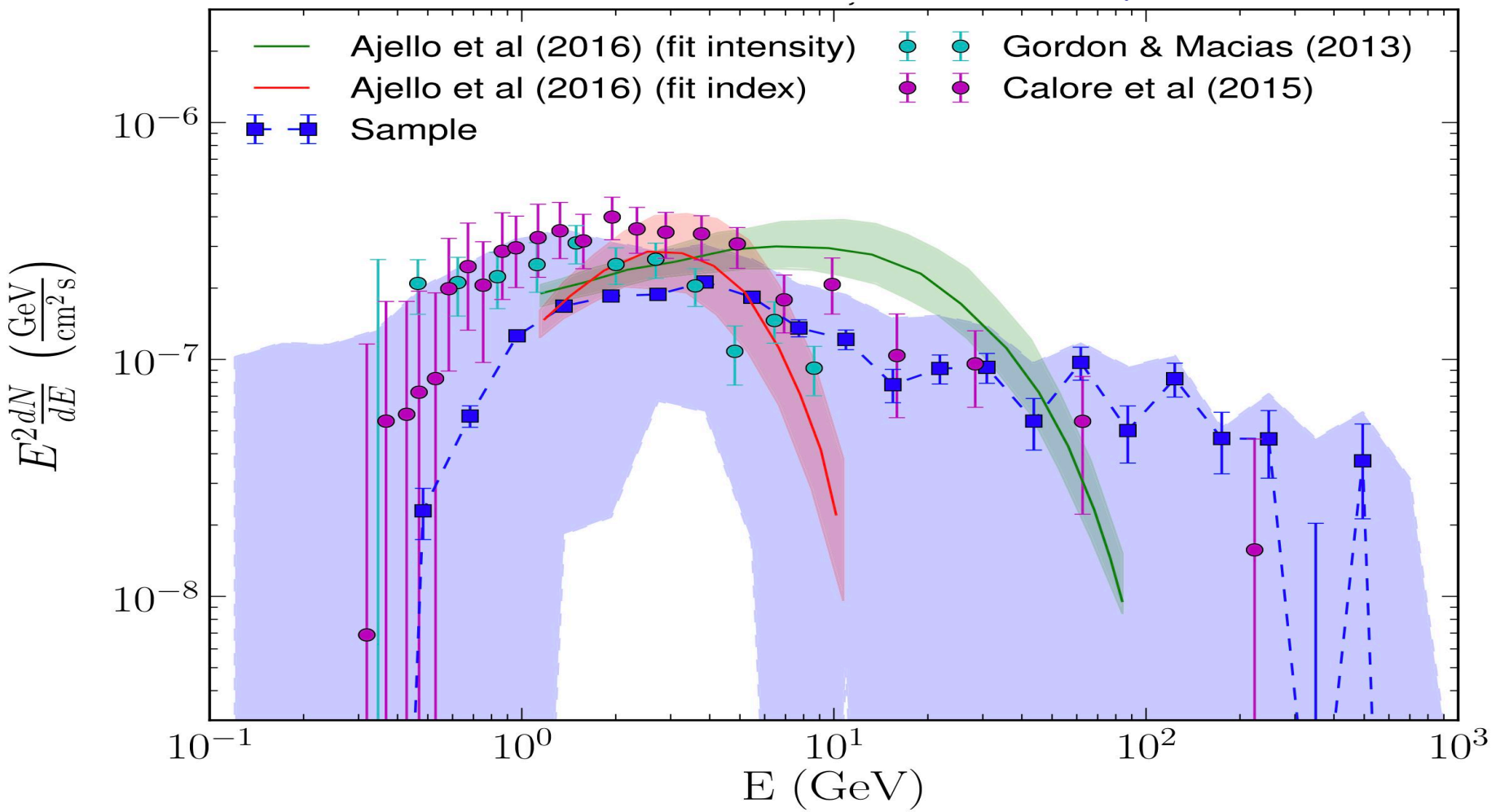




A lot of activity outside the Fermi collaboration with claims of evidence for dark matter in the Galactic Center

Calore et al, arXiv:1409.0042v1

The GeV excess (Pass8 analysis)



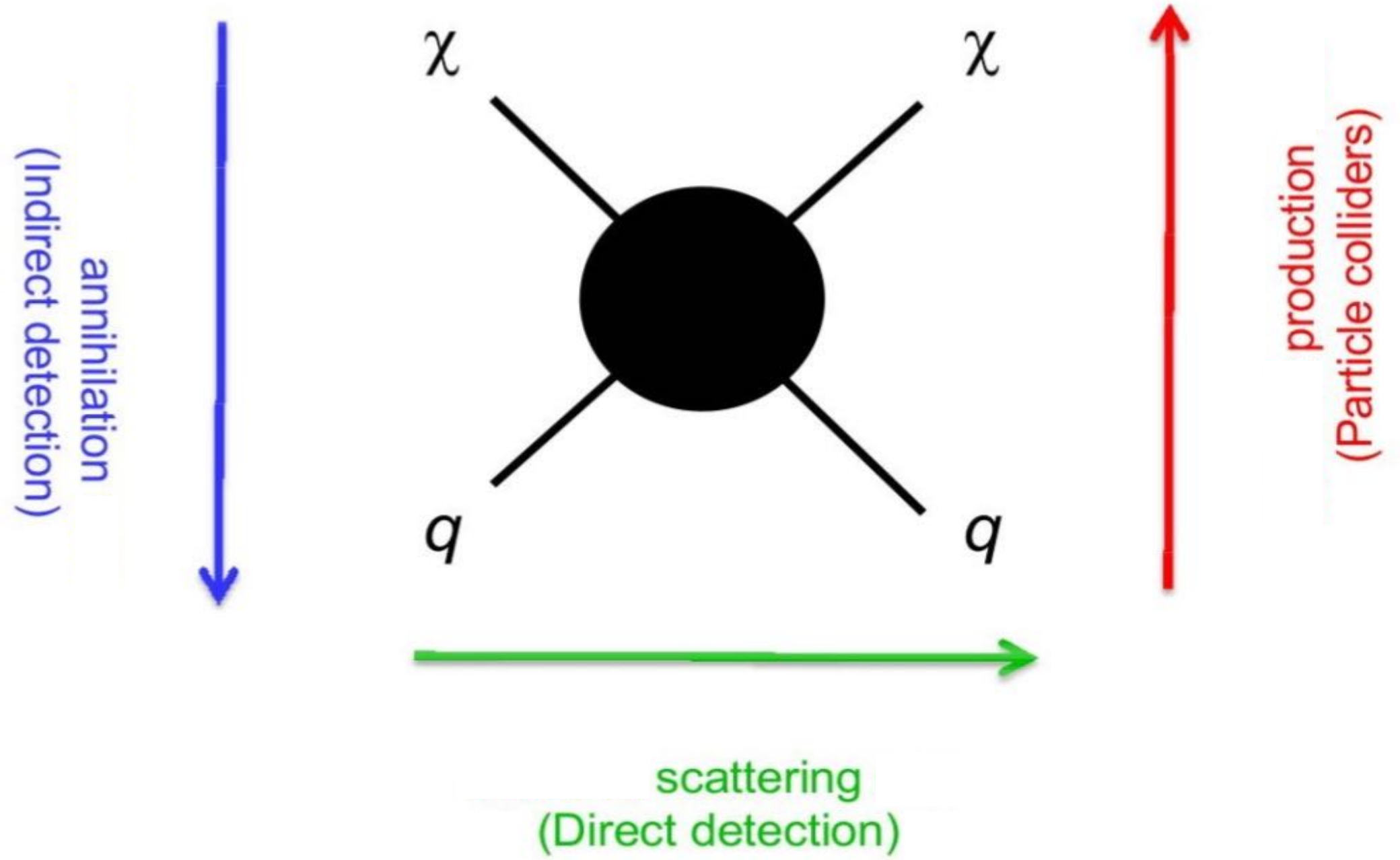
following uncertainties have relatively small effect on the excess spectrum

- Variation of GALPROP models - Distribution of gas along the line of sight

- **Most significant sources of uncertainty are:**

- Fermi bubbles morphology at low latitude - Sources of CR electrons near the GC

Fermi-LAT Collaboration Apj 840:43 2017 May 1 arXiv:1704.03910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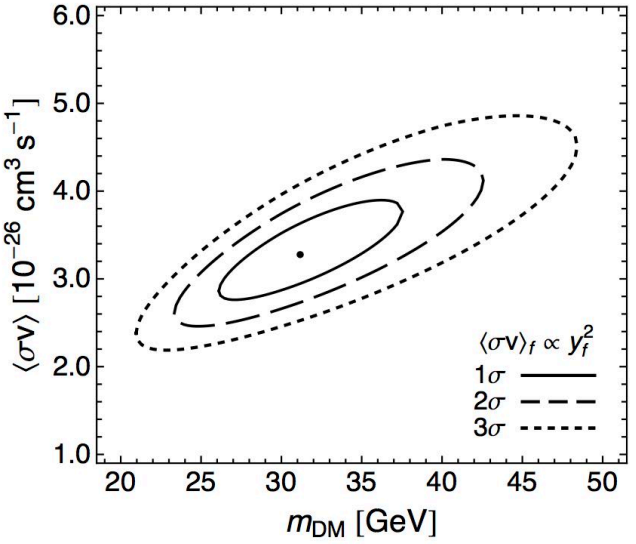
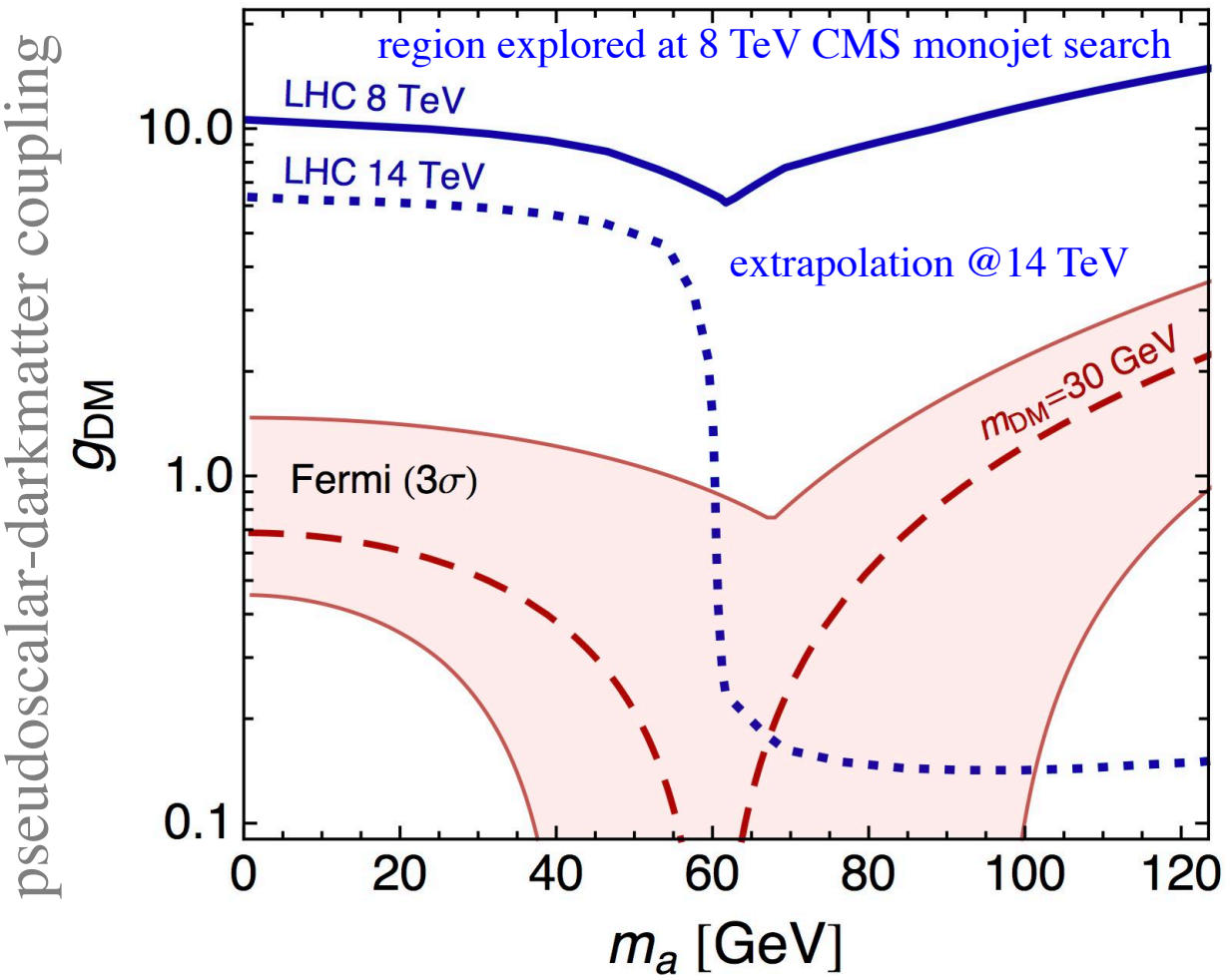
Galactic Center and Dark Matter

GeV excess fit



note:this plot is valid only for a particular model of coy Dirac dark matter that annihilates primarily into b quarks via a pseudoscalar



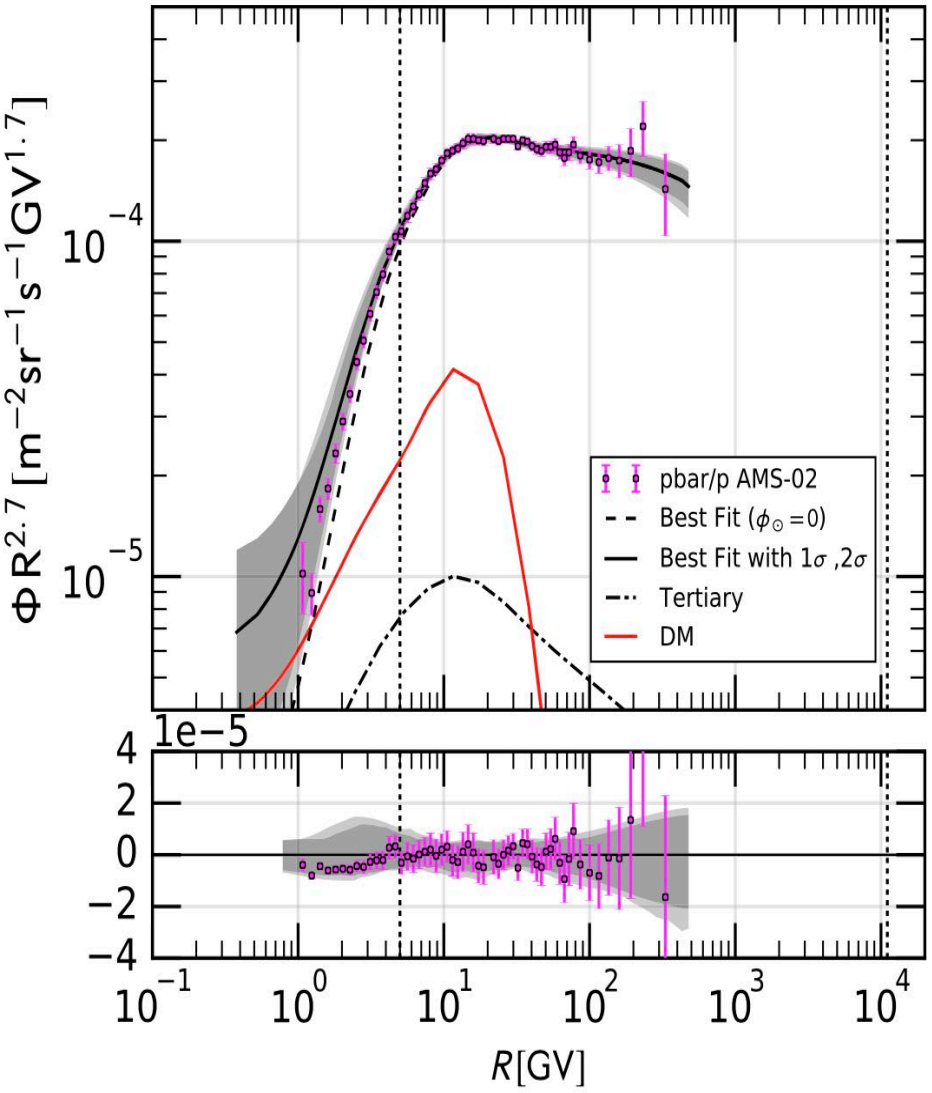
Se non è vero è ben trovato

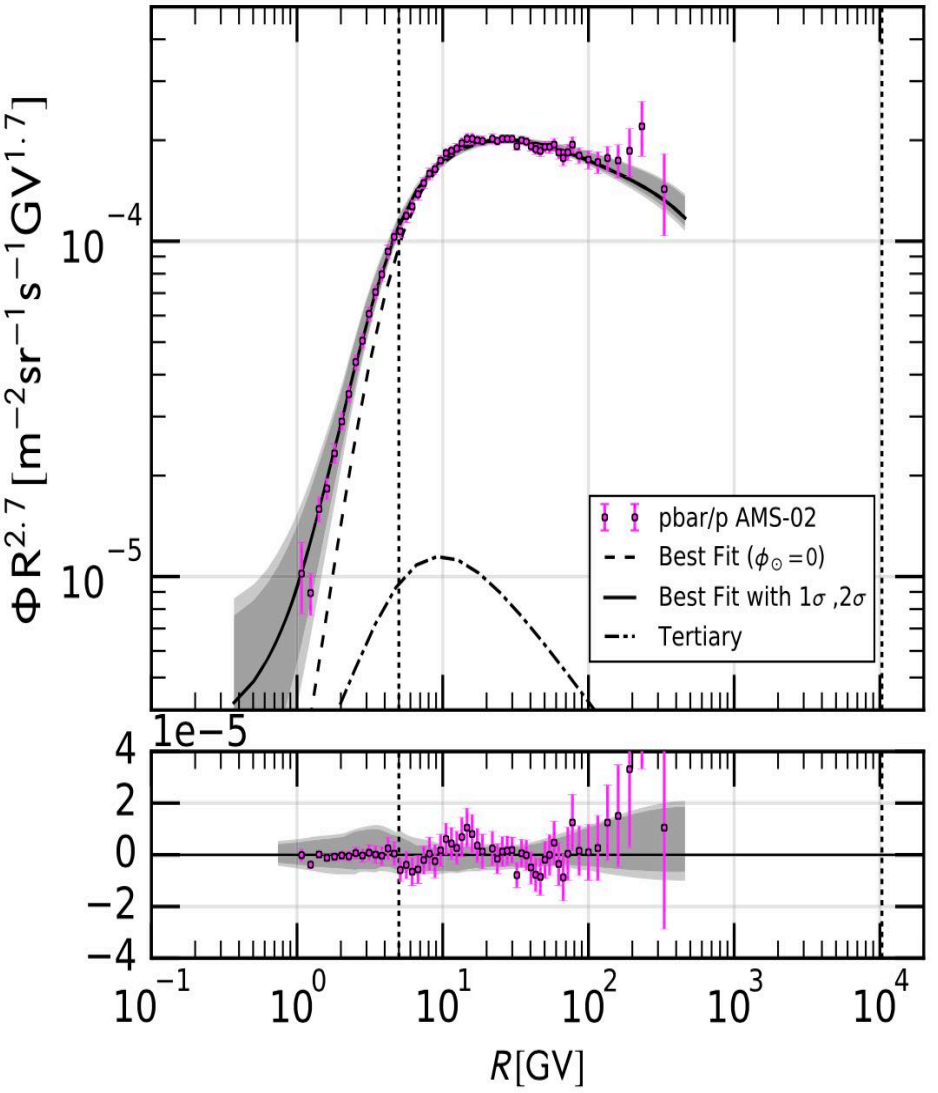
(If it is not true, it is well conceived)

Bœhm et al. JCAP05(2014)009

arXiv:1401.6458

a bump in the antiproton spectrum?

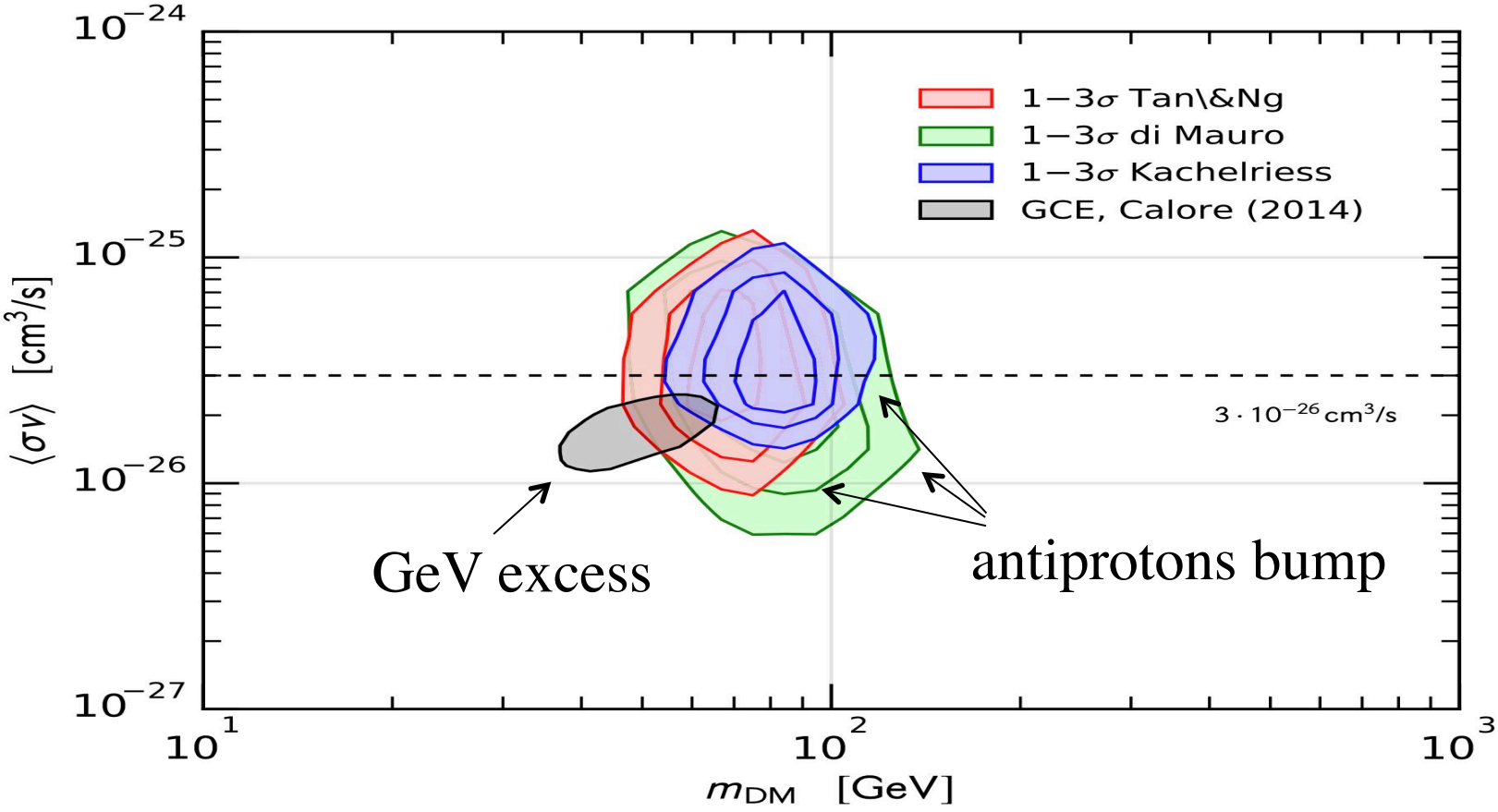




A.Cuoco et al., PRL 118, 191102 (2017) 12 May

a bump in the antiproton spectrum?

if yes it points to ~ same mass needed to explain the GeV excess



Confirmation of the signal will require a more accurate study of the systematic uncertainties, i.e., the antiproton production cross section, and the modeling of the effect of solar modulation

A.Cuoco et al., PRL 118, 191102 (2017) 12 May

The GeV excess : Other explanations exist

- past activity of the Galactic center

(e.g. Petrovic et al., arXiv:1405.7928, Carlson & Profumo arXiv:1405.7685)

- Series of Leptonic Cosmic-Ray Outbursts

Cholis et al. arXiv:1506.05119

- Stellar population of the X-bulge and the nuclear bulge

Macias et al. arXiv:1611.06644

- Molecular Clouds in the disk

De Boer et al. arXiv:1610.08926

- Population of pulsars in the Galactic bulge

e.g. , Yuan and Zhang arXiv:1404.2318v1, Lee et al. arXiv:1506.05124, Bartels et.al. 1506.05104

M.Ajello et al. [Fermi-LAT Coll.] Phys. Rev. D 95, 082007 (2017) [arXiv:1704.07195]

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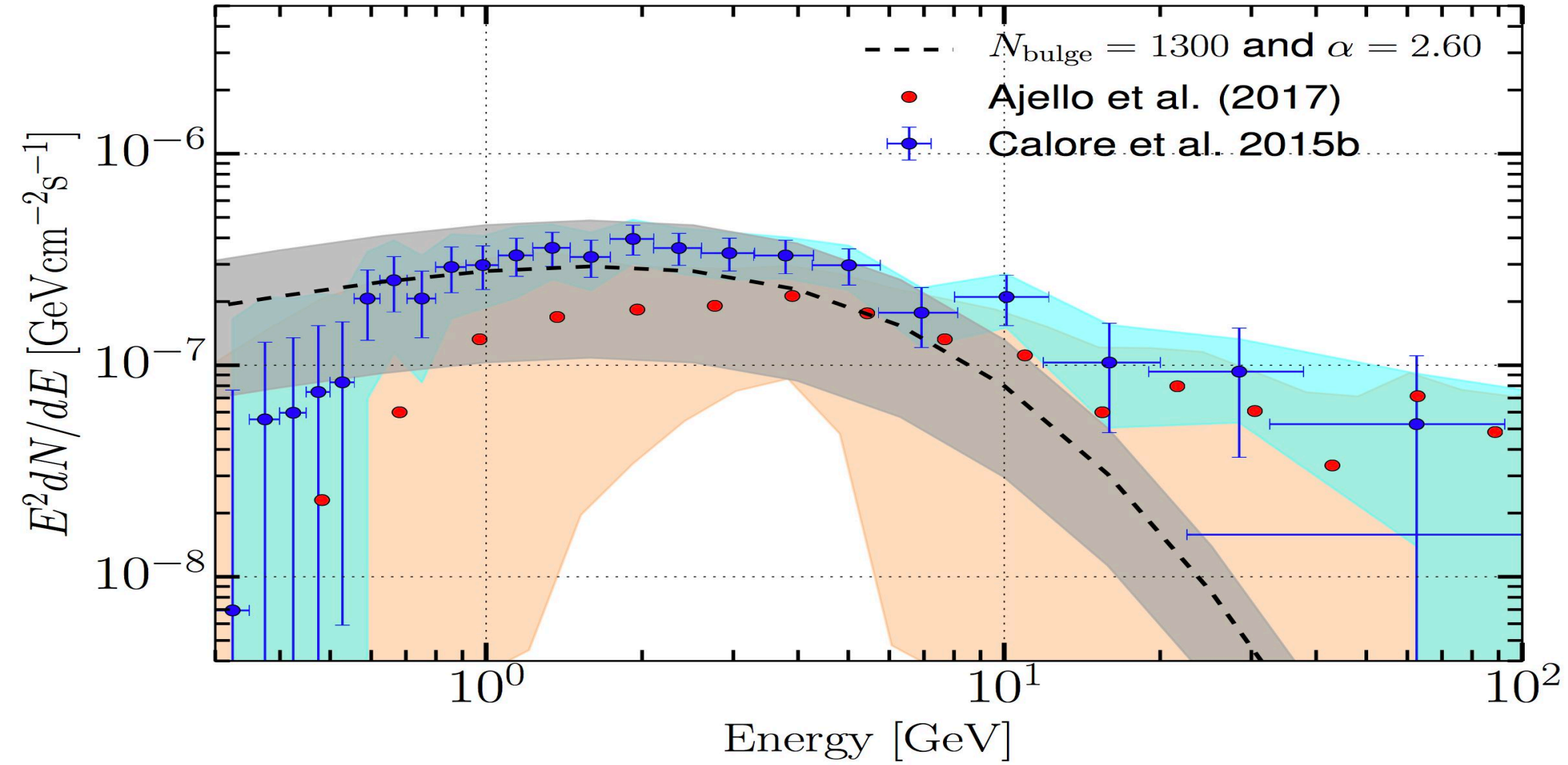
How to discriminate between different hypothesis ?

Population of pulsars in the Galactic bulge and the GeV excess



a population with about 2.7 γ-ray pulsars in the Galactic disk for each pulsar in the Galactic bulge is consistent with the population of known γ-ray pulsars as well as with the spatial profile and energy spectrum of the GC excess

M.Ajello et al. [Fermi-LAT Coll.] Apj sub. [arXiv:1705.00009]

How to discriminate between different hypothesis ?

eROSITA

- Modeling of the Fermi bubbles
- Look for correlated features near the Galactic center

HESS, MAGIC, CTA

- Fermi bubbles near the GC are much brighter
- Possible to see with Cherenkov telescopes?

Radio observations, MeerKAT, SKA

- Search for individual pulsars in the halo around the GC

Radio surveys, Planck

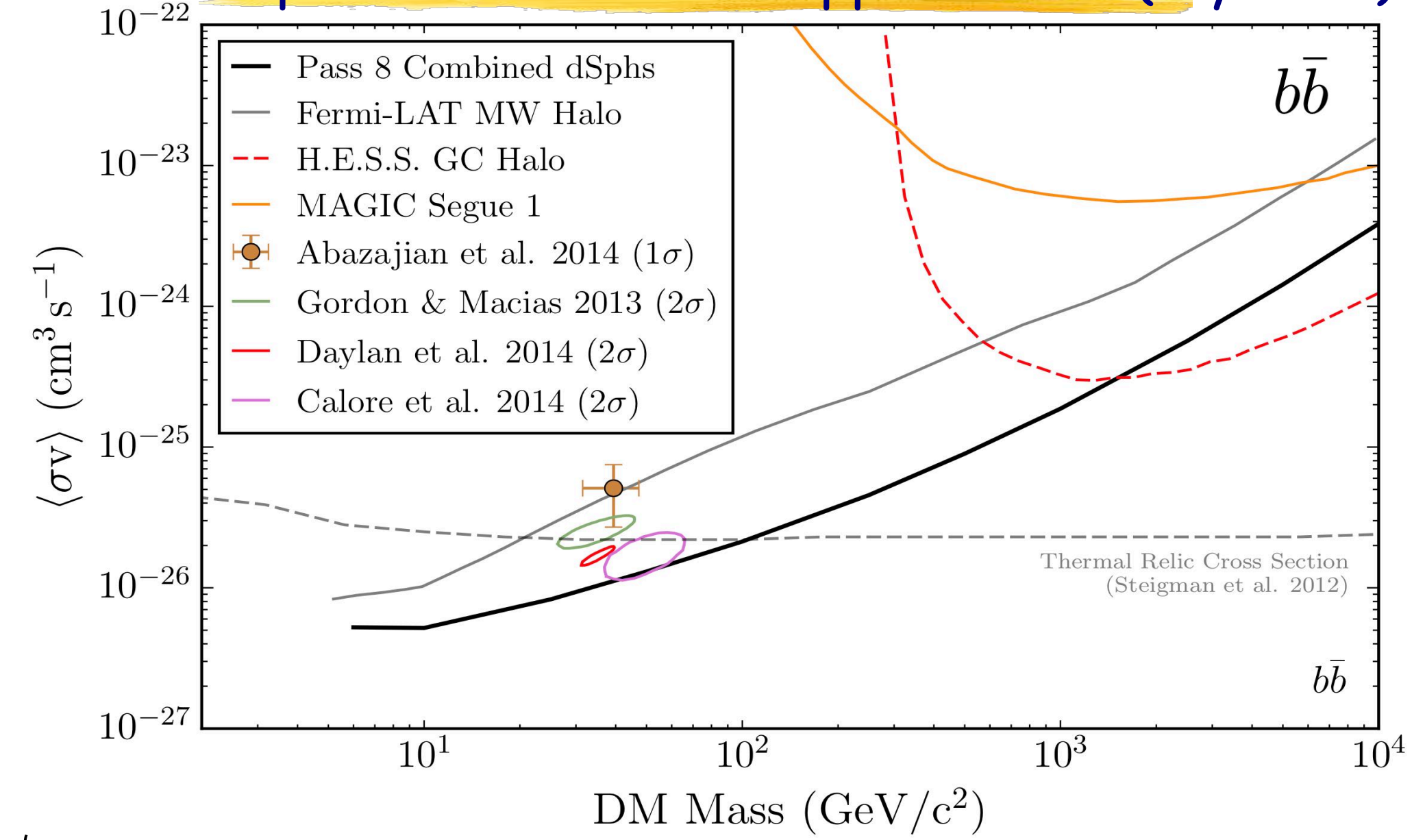
- Look for correlated synchrotron emission near the GC

More Fermi LAT analysis

- Diffuse emission modeling
- Analysis of point sources near the GC

But ultimately We need a new experiment with better angular resolution below 100 MeV

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies upper-limits (6 years)



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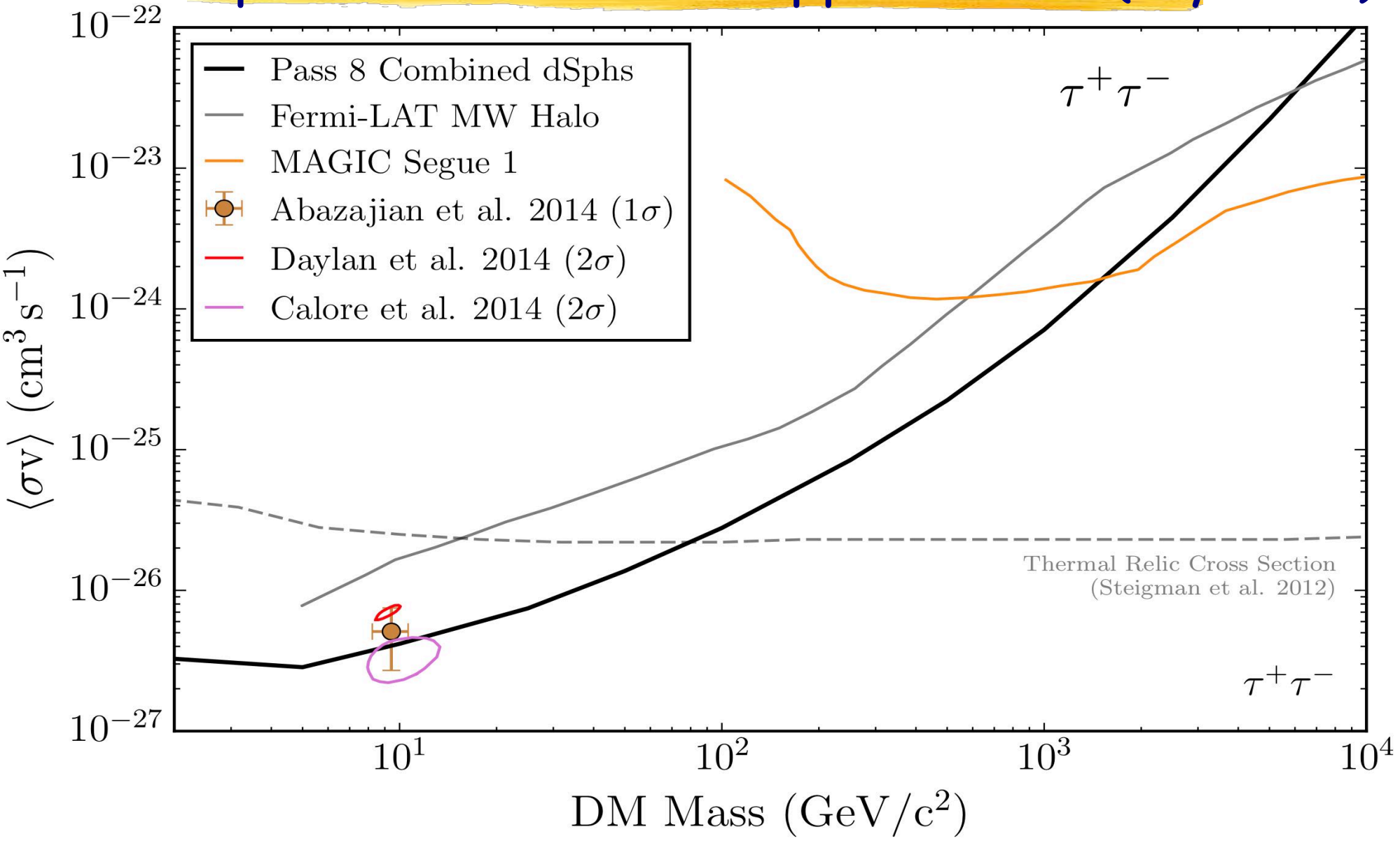

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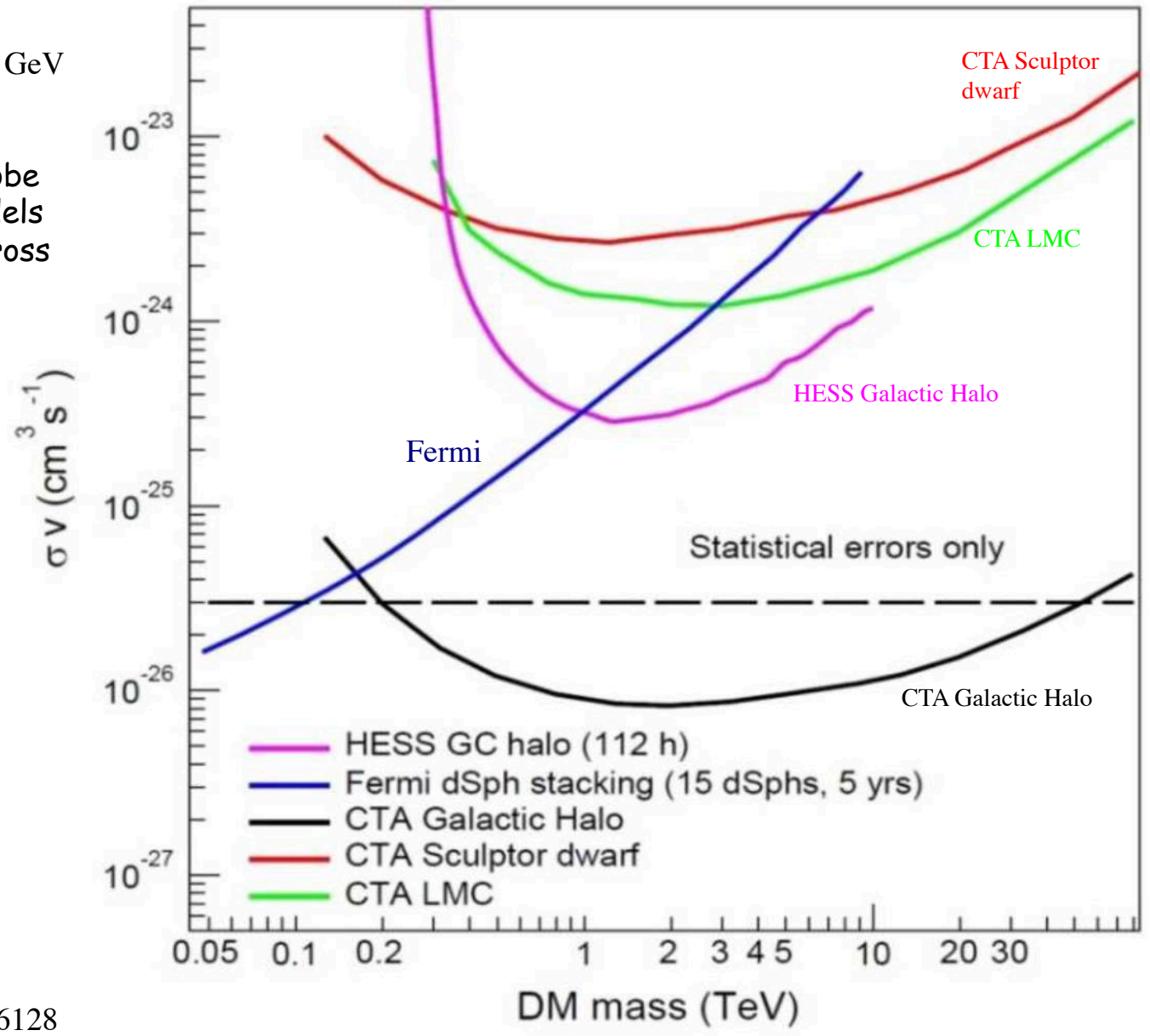
CTA
See talk
by Patrizia Caraveo

HESS, FERMI, CTA DM upper-limits

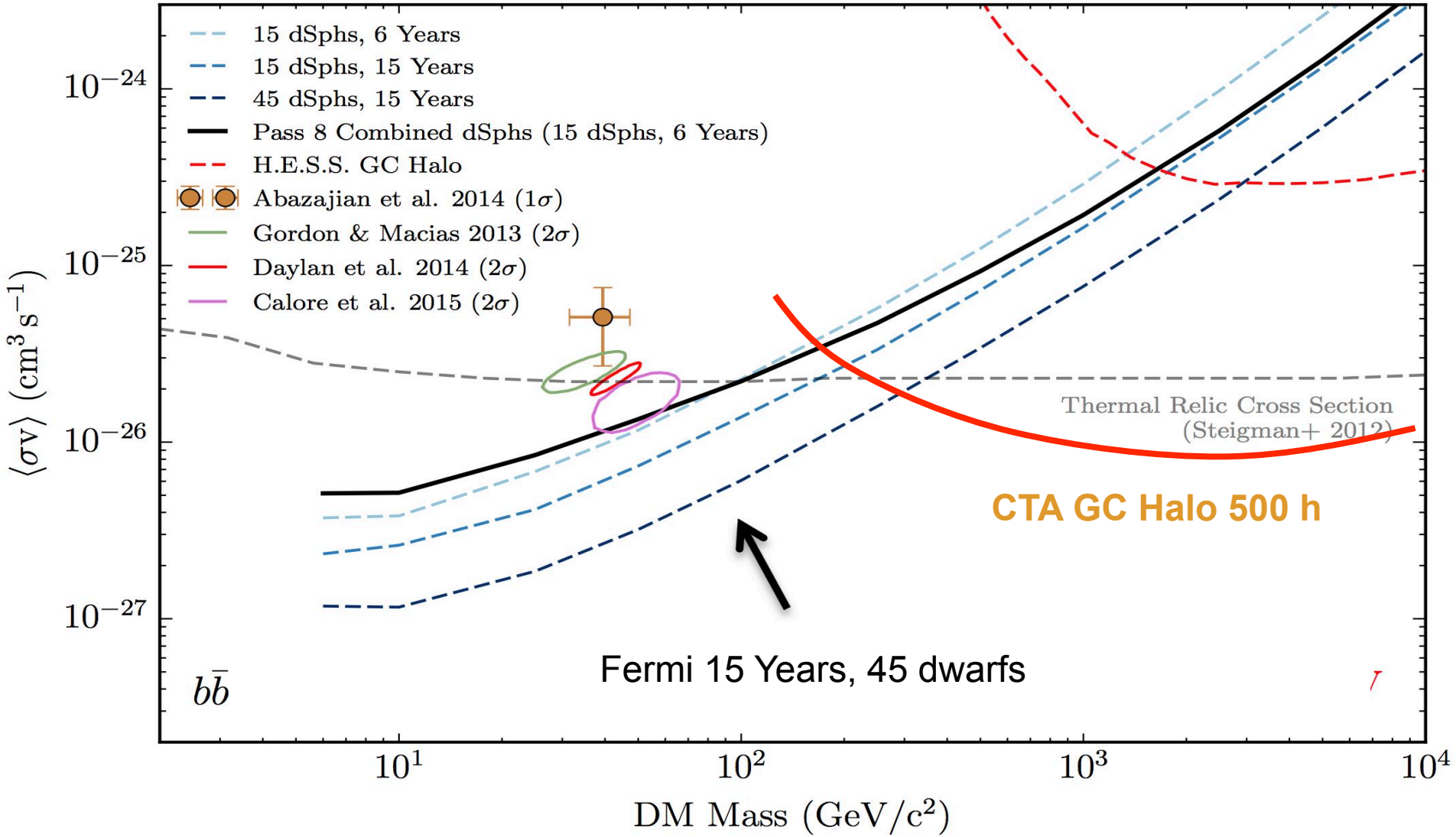
CTA 500 hr, statistical only, NFW, 30 GeV

Together Fermi and CTA will probe most of the space of WIMP models with thermal relic annihilation cross section



Carr et al. 2015 arXiv:1508.06128

DM limit improvement estimate in 15 years (2008- 2023)



CTA sensitivity curve from Carr et al. 2015 500 hr, statistical only, NFW, 30 GeV threshold arXiv:1508.06128

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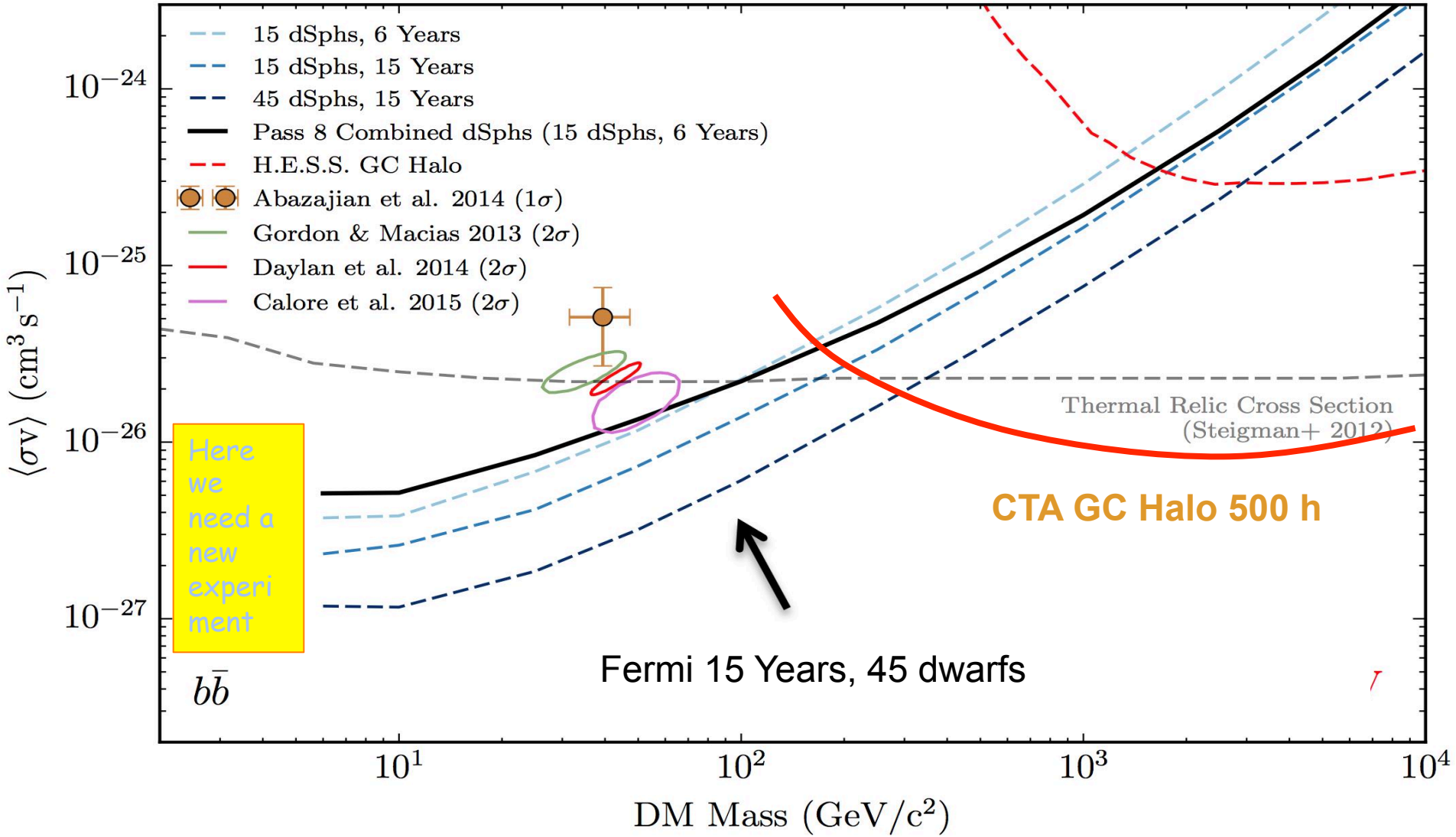

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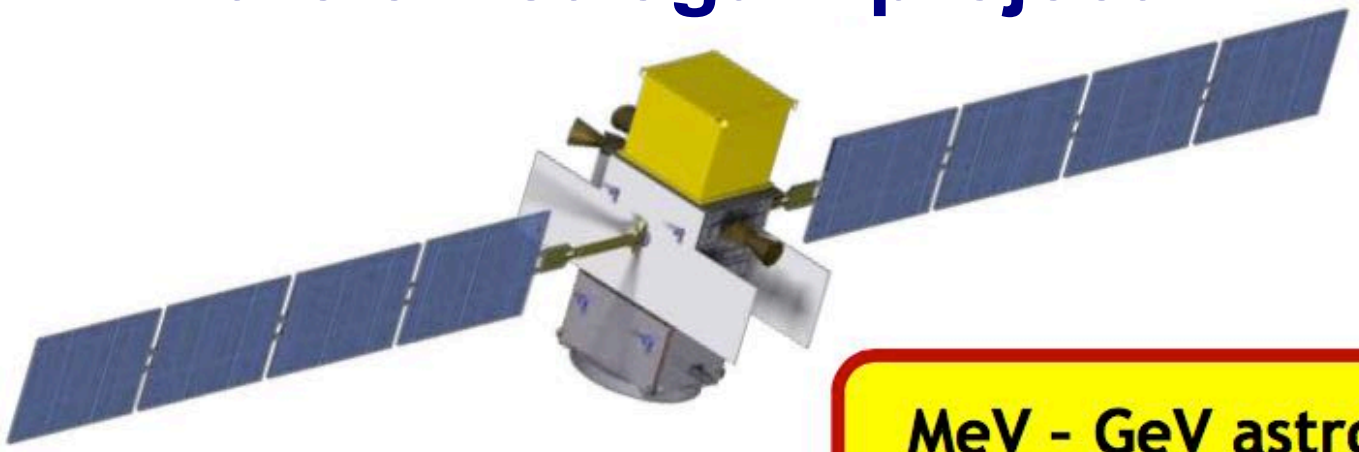
The next gamma-ray MeV-GeV mission:

the e-Astrogam project



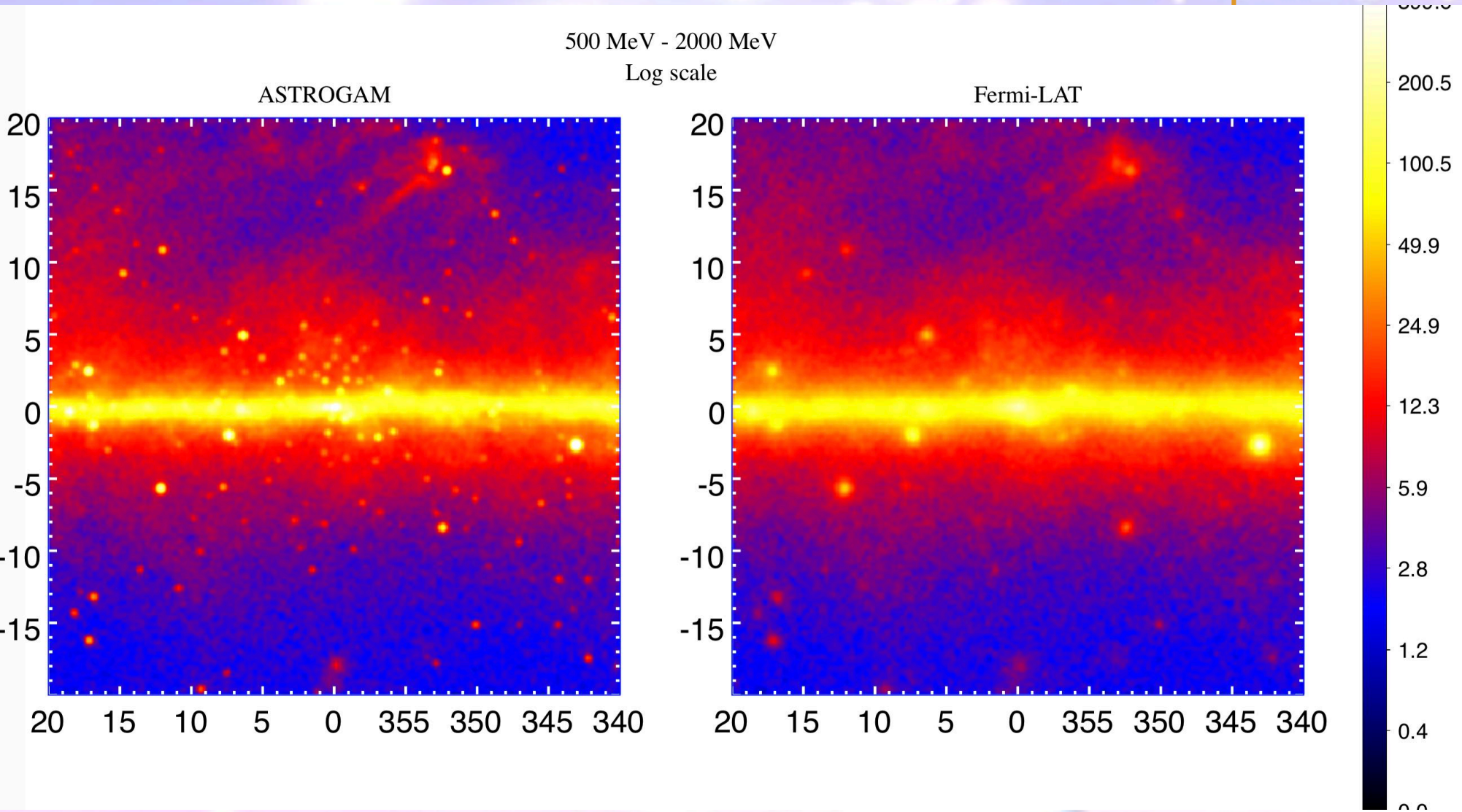
MeV - GeV astrophysics
MeV - GeV community

Proposed for the ESA M4 call; currently under study for enhancement and reconfiguration for the ESA M5 call. ASTROGAM is **focused on gamma-ray astrophysics in the range 0.3-100 MeV** with excellent capability also at GeV energies.

See talk by Alessandro De Angelis

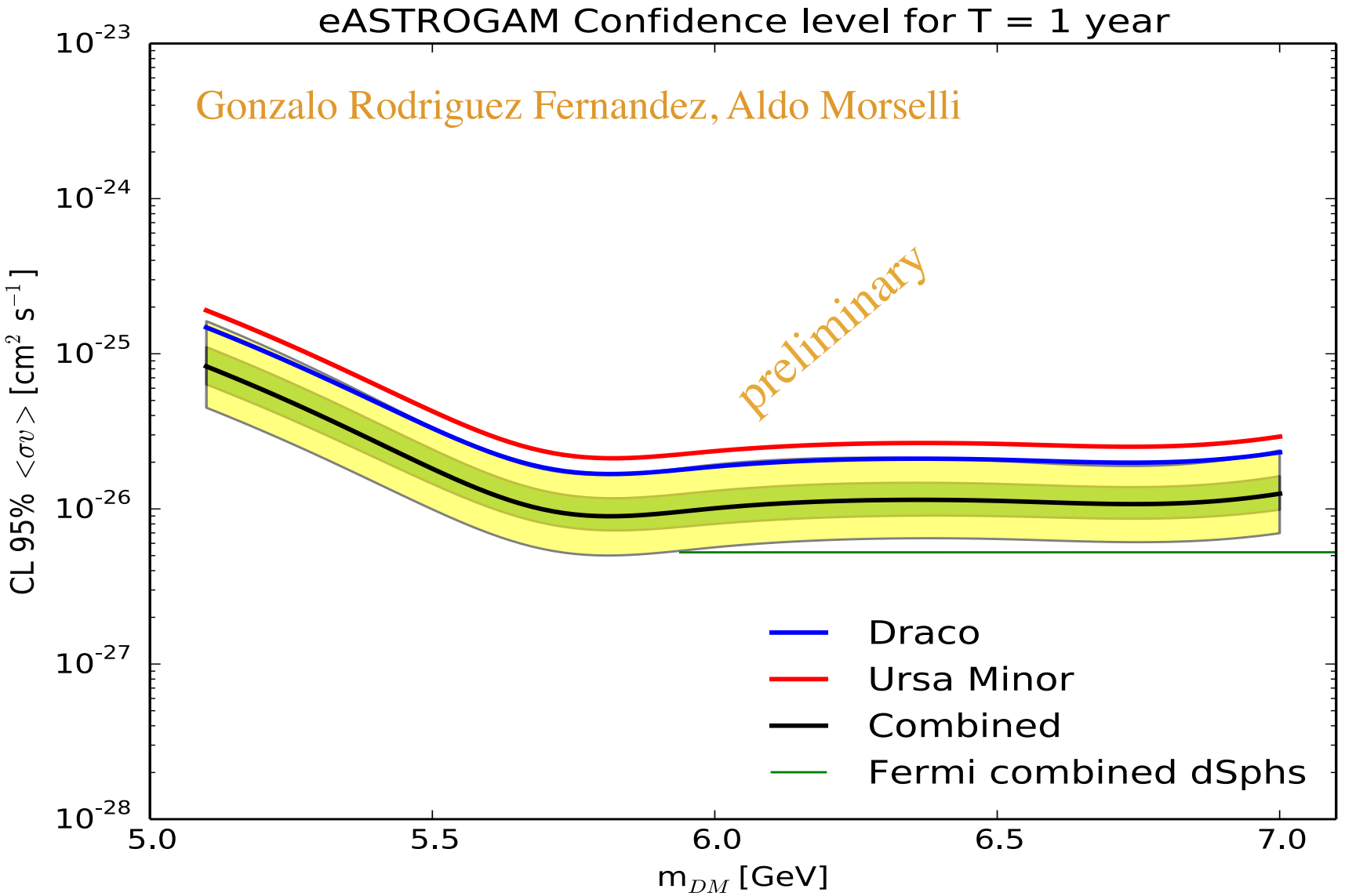
Galactic Center Region 0.5-2 GeV

Fermi PSF Pass7 rep v15 source



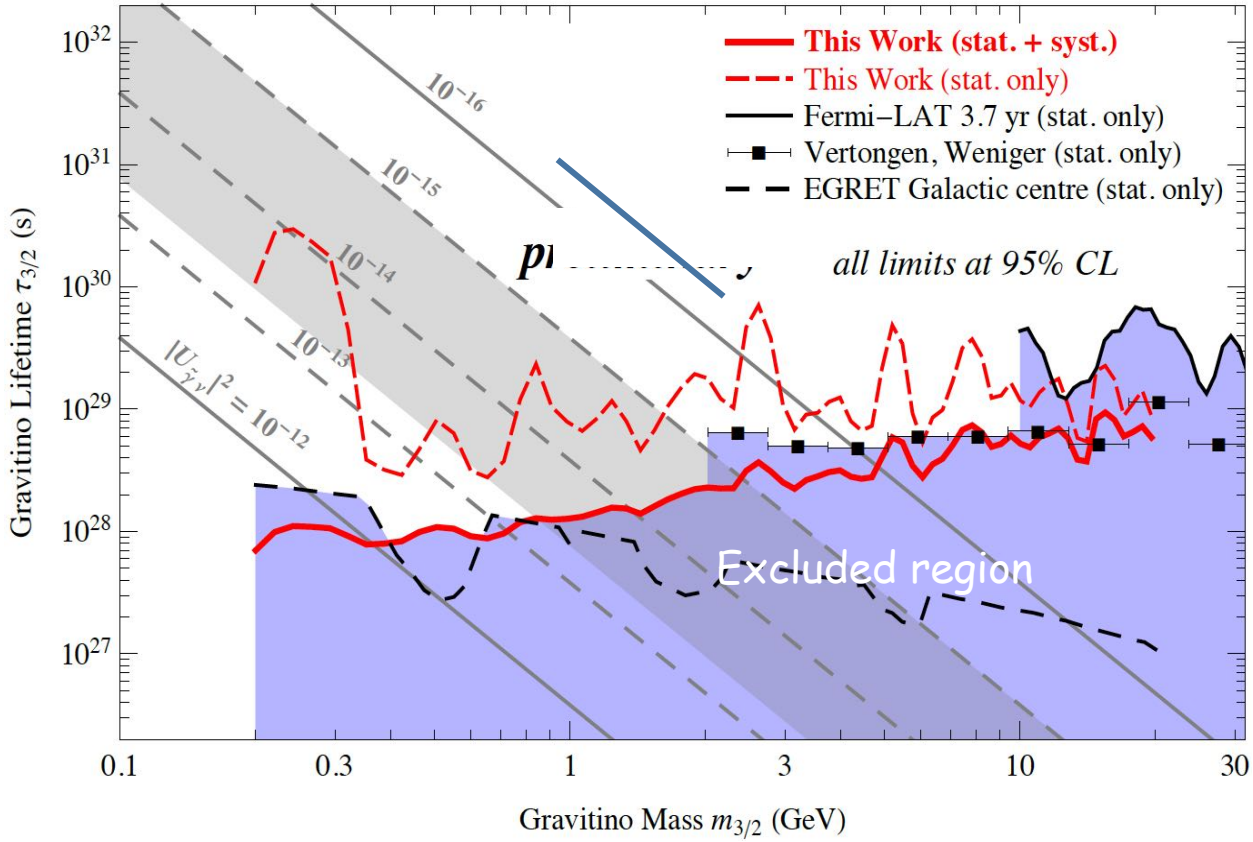
Morselli, Gomez Vargas, preliminary

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies upper-limits (1 years)



Low Energy Line Search

- *Modeling effective area*
- *background emission*
- *not masking known point sources*: because the broad PSF of the LAT at low energies.



This Analysis is Systematics Limited

JCAP 10(2014) 023,[arXiv:1406.3430]

To improve this search better energy and angular resolutions at energies below 100 MeV are needed.
Would be interesting to see the limits for e-ASTROGAM

Conclusions

Detection of gamma rays from the annihilation or decay of dark matter particles is a promising method for identifying dark matter, understanding its intrinsic properties, and mapping its distribution in the universe (in synergy with the experiments at the LHC and in the underground laboratories).

In the future it would be extremely important to extend the energy range of experiments at lower energies (compared to the Fermi energies)

(e-AstroGAM, AMEGO)

and higher energies (CTA, HAWC)

Thank you !

The Dark Arts are many, varied, ever-changing, and eternal. Fighting them is like fighting a many-headed monster, which, each time a neck is severed, sprouts a head even fiercer and cleverer than before. You are fighting that which is unfixed, mutating, indestructible. – Severus Snape, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

it will be hard but we will keep trying