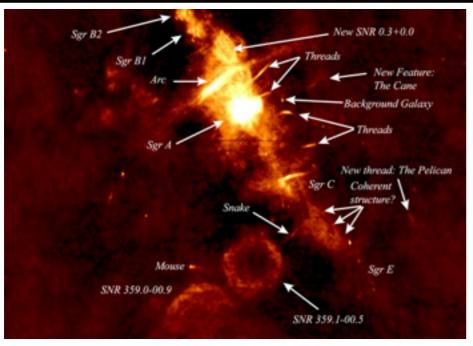
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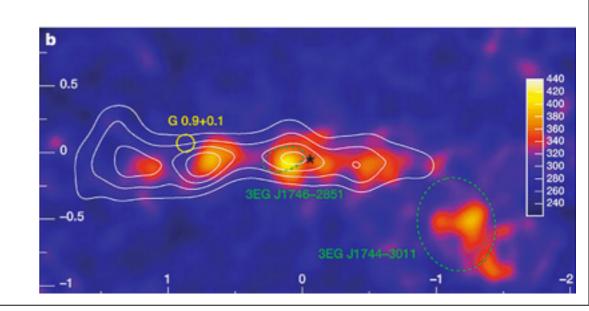
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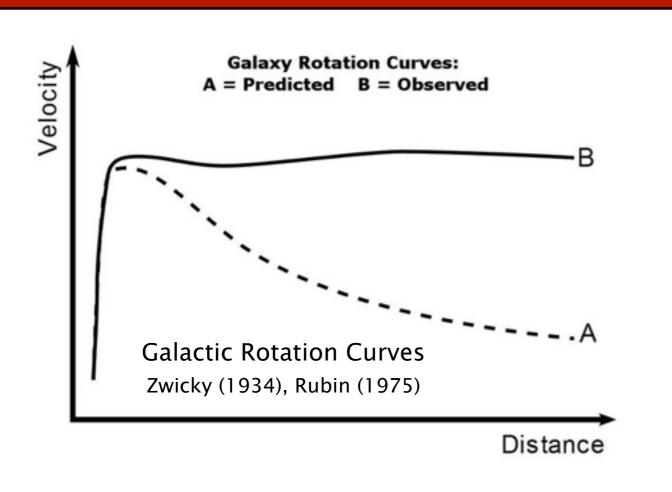
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 $E_{\chi} = 1 - 3 \text{ GeV}$

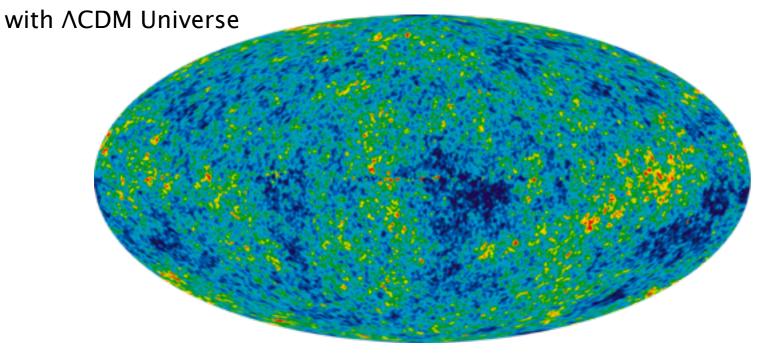
Motivating Question: Particle Dark Matter





8σ rejection of some modified gravity theories (2006)

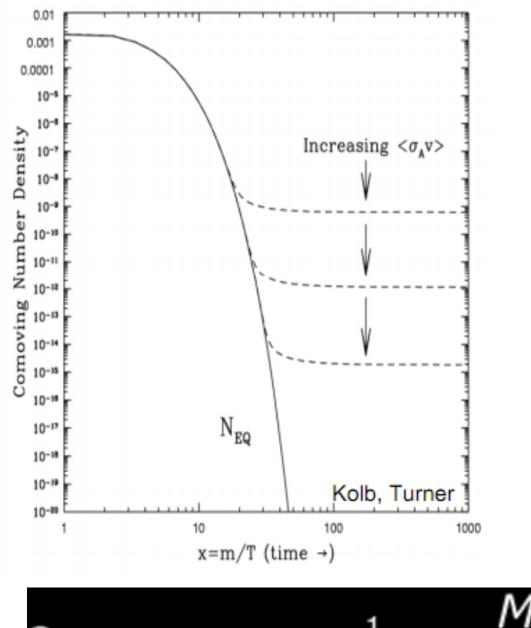


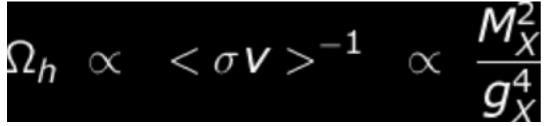


Also:

Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
Gravitational Lensing
Type IA Supernova
Structure Formation
Lyman-alpha Forest

Motivating Question: WIMP Dark Matter Detection

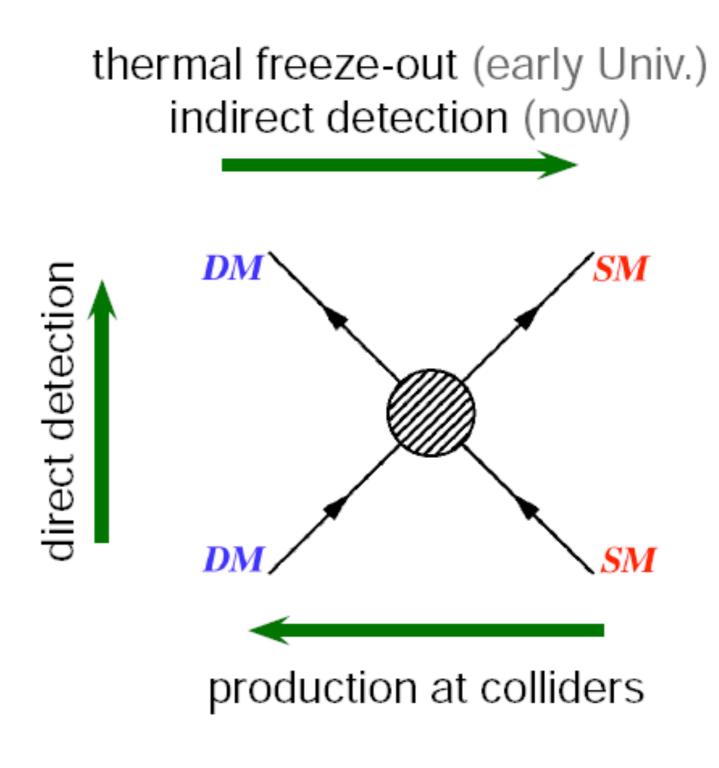




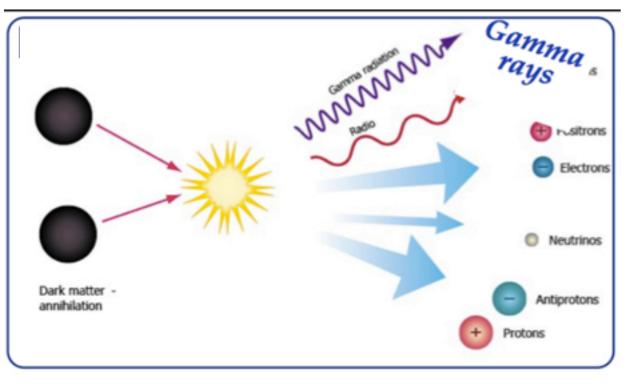
$$M_{\chi}^{2} = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

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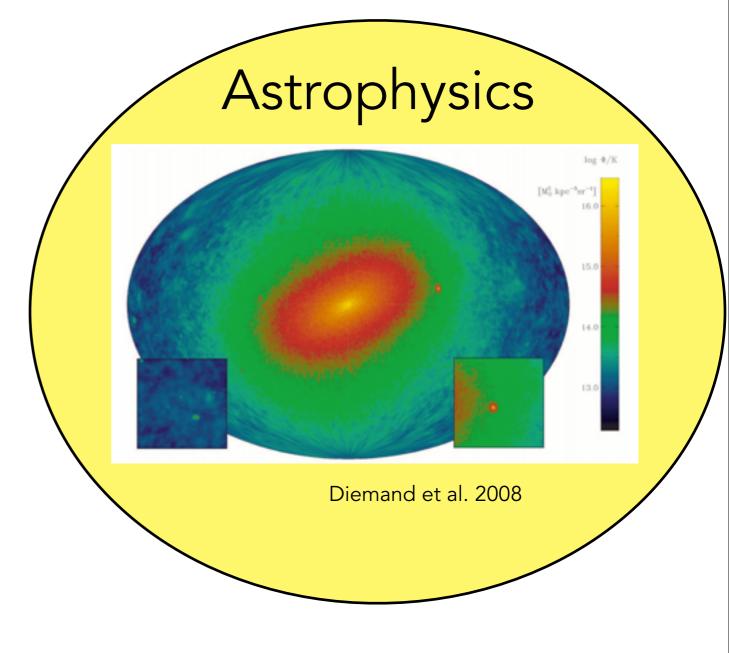
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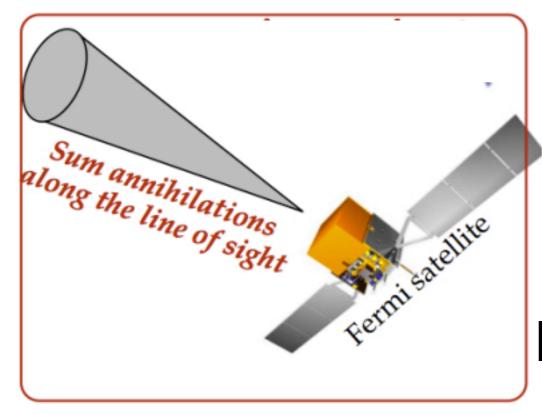
Motivating Question: Dark Matter Indirect Detection



Particle Physics



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Instrumental Response

Dark Matter Indirect Detection

Particle Physics Motivating Question: Why would the galactic center be an interesting place to look for Dark Matter? Instrumental Response

The J-Factor of the Galactic Center

Ackermann et al. 2012		Dwarfs				
Name	1	b	d	$\overline{\log_{10}(J)}$	σ	ref.
	\deg .	\deg .	kpc	$\log_{10}[{ m GeV}]$	V^2 cm ⁻⁵]	
Bootes I	358.08	69.62	60	17.7	0.34	[15]
Carina	260.11	-22.22	101	18.0	0.13	[16]
Coma Berenices	241.9	83.6	44	19.0	0.37	[17]
Draco	86.37	34.72	80	18.8	0.13	[16]
Fornax	237.1	-65.7	138	17.7	0.23	[16]
Sculptor	287.15	-83.16	80	18.4	0.13	[16]
Segue 1	220.48	50.42	23	19.6	0.53	[18]
Sextans	243.4	42.2	86	17.8	0.23	[16]
Ursa Major II	152.46	37.44	32	19.6	0.40	[17]
Ursa Minor	104.95	44.80	66	18.5	0.18	[16]

 Corresponds to the relative annihilation rate of the region compared to other astrophysical sources

$$\Phi_{\gamma} \propto J = \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega} \int d\Omega \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} \rho^2(l) dl(\psi)$$

 The J-factor of the galactic center is approximately:

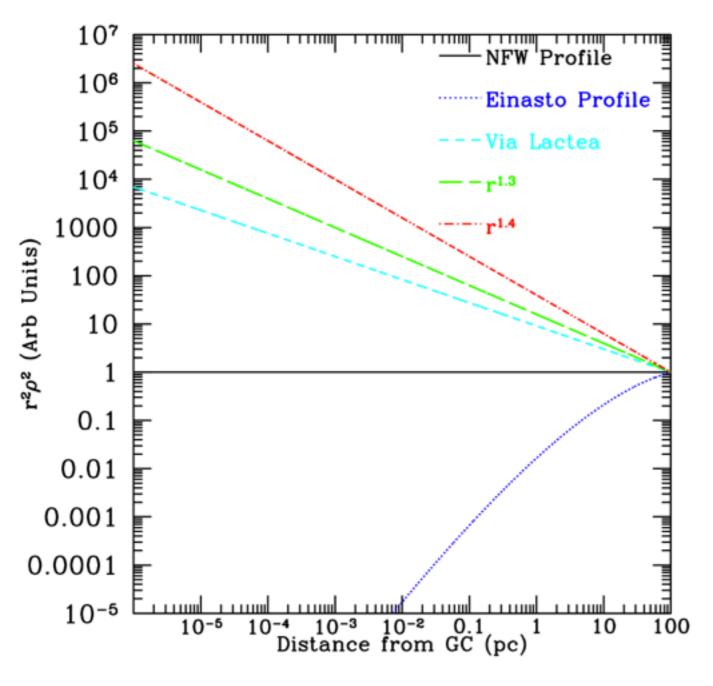
$$log_{10}(J) = 23.91$$

for a region within 100 pc of the Galactic center and an NFW profile

Ackermann	et al. 2010	C	lusters

/ (CICCI IIIalili CC al.				
Cluster	RA	Dec.	z	$J~(10^{17}~{ m GeV^2~cm^{-5}})$
AWM 7	43.6229	41.5781	0.0172	$1.4^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$
Fornax	54.6686	-35.3103	0.0046	$6.8^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$
M49	187.4437	7.9956	0.0033	$4.4^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$
NGC 4636	190.7084	2.6880	0.0031	$4.1^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$
Centaurus (A3526)	192.1995	-41.3087	0.0114	$2.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$
Coma	194.9468	27.9388	0.0231	$1.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$

Negative: The Profile Dependence



 Assumptions for the slope of the inner dark matter profile can make orders of magnitude differences in the expected dark matter annihilation rate

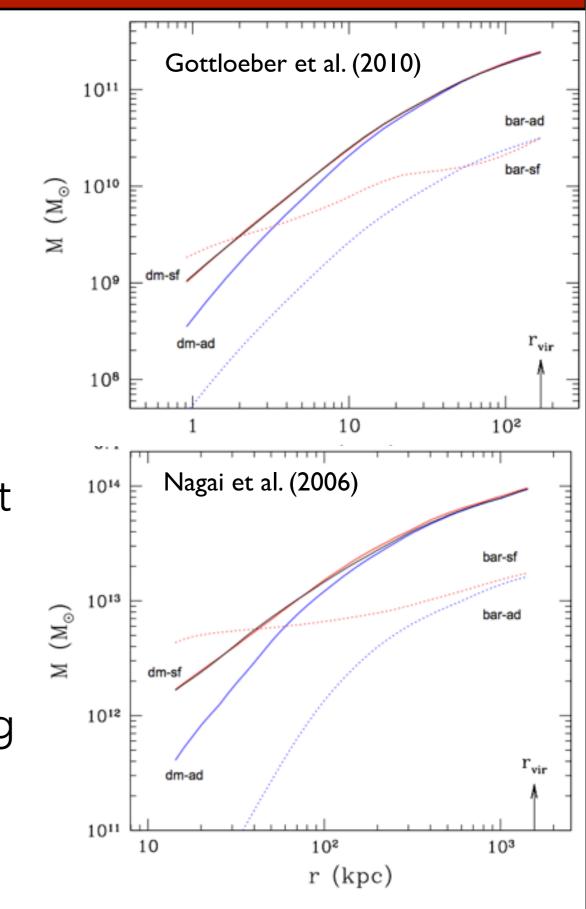
Dark Matter is not a dominant gravitational source near the galactic center, so there are few observational handles on the dark matter density in the GC region

Positive! Progress in Simulations

• Simulations including the effects of baryonic contraction show a steepening of the spectral slope from $\gamma \approx 1.0$ to $\gamma \approx 1.2-1.5$

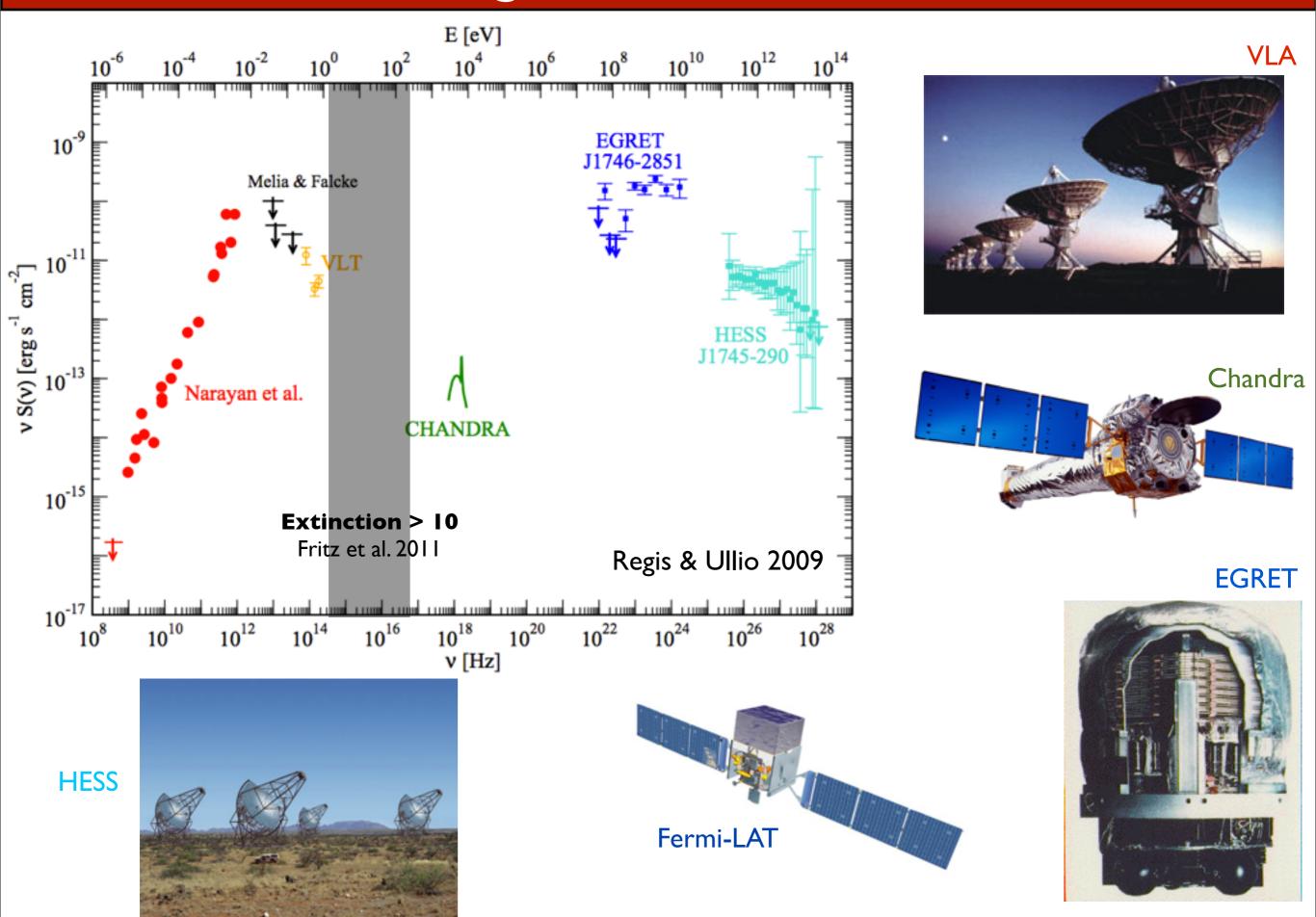
 Much more work is required to understand the dark matter content of the GC region

 This is imperative for understanding the signals from indirect detection

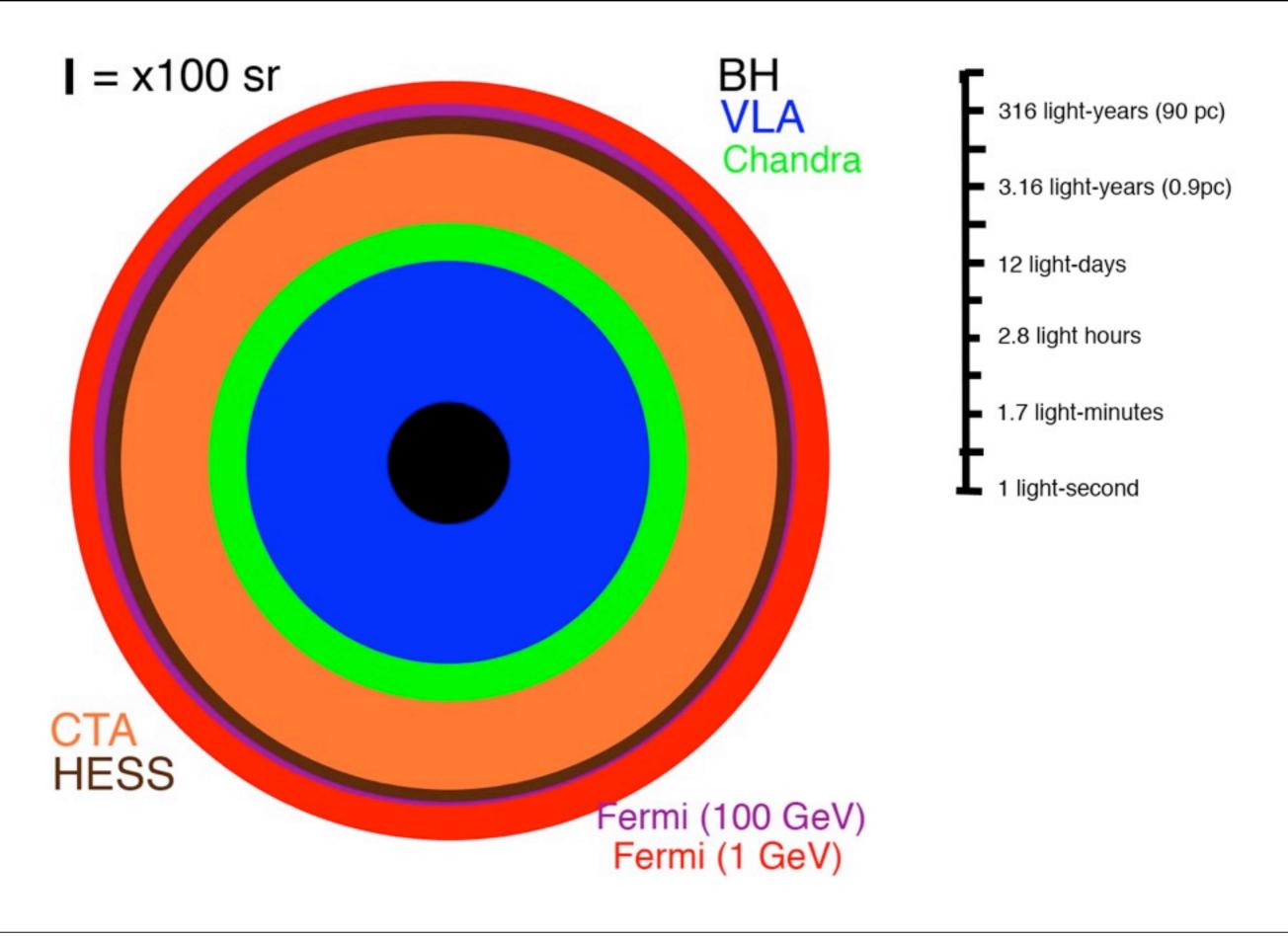


as reported in Gnedin et al. 2011

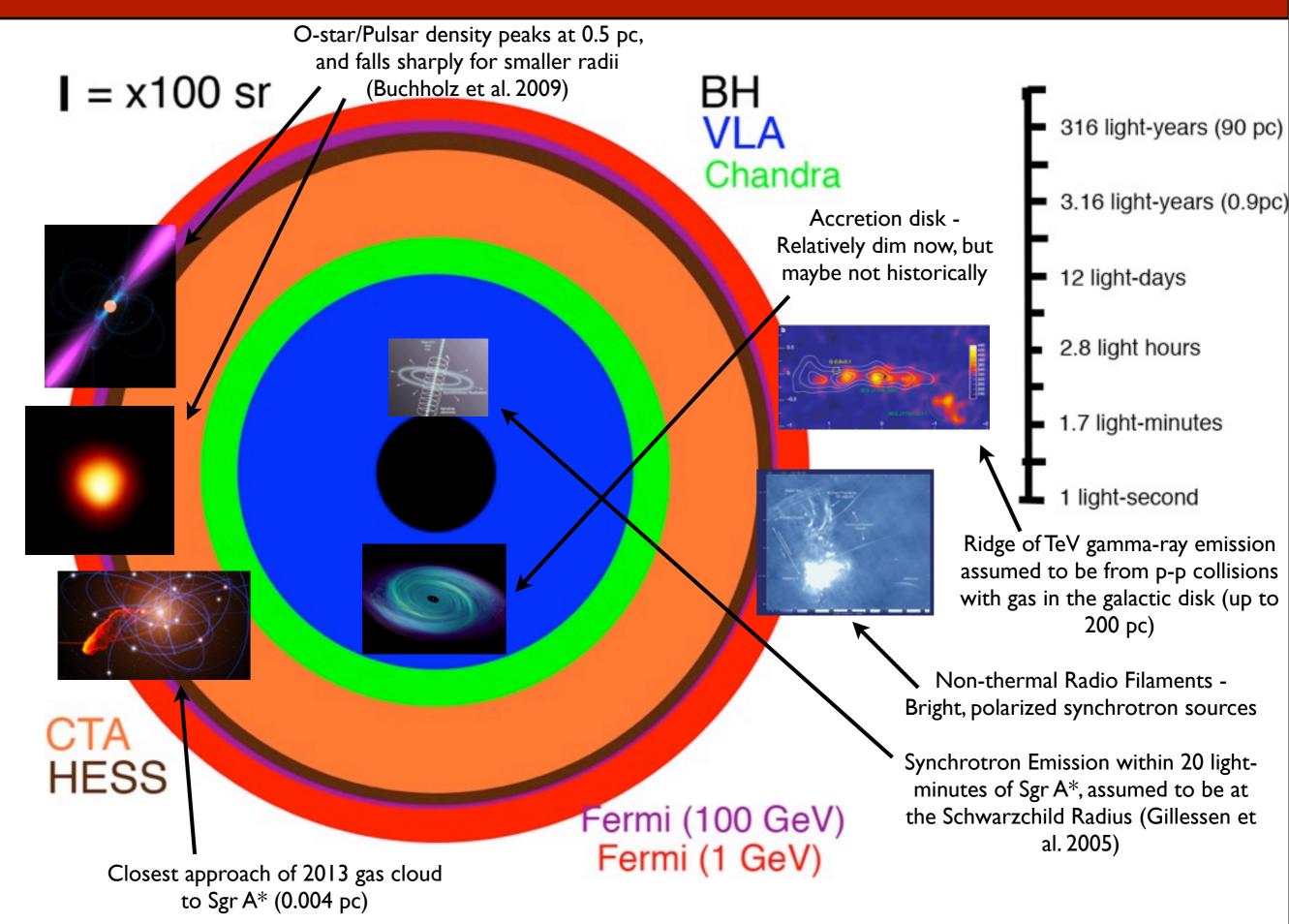
The Multi-wavelength Galactic Center



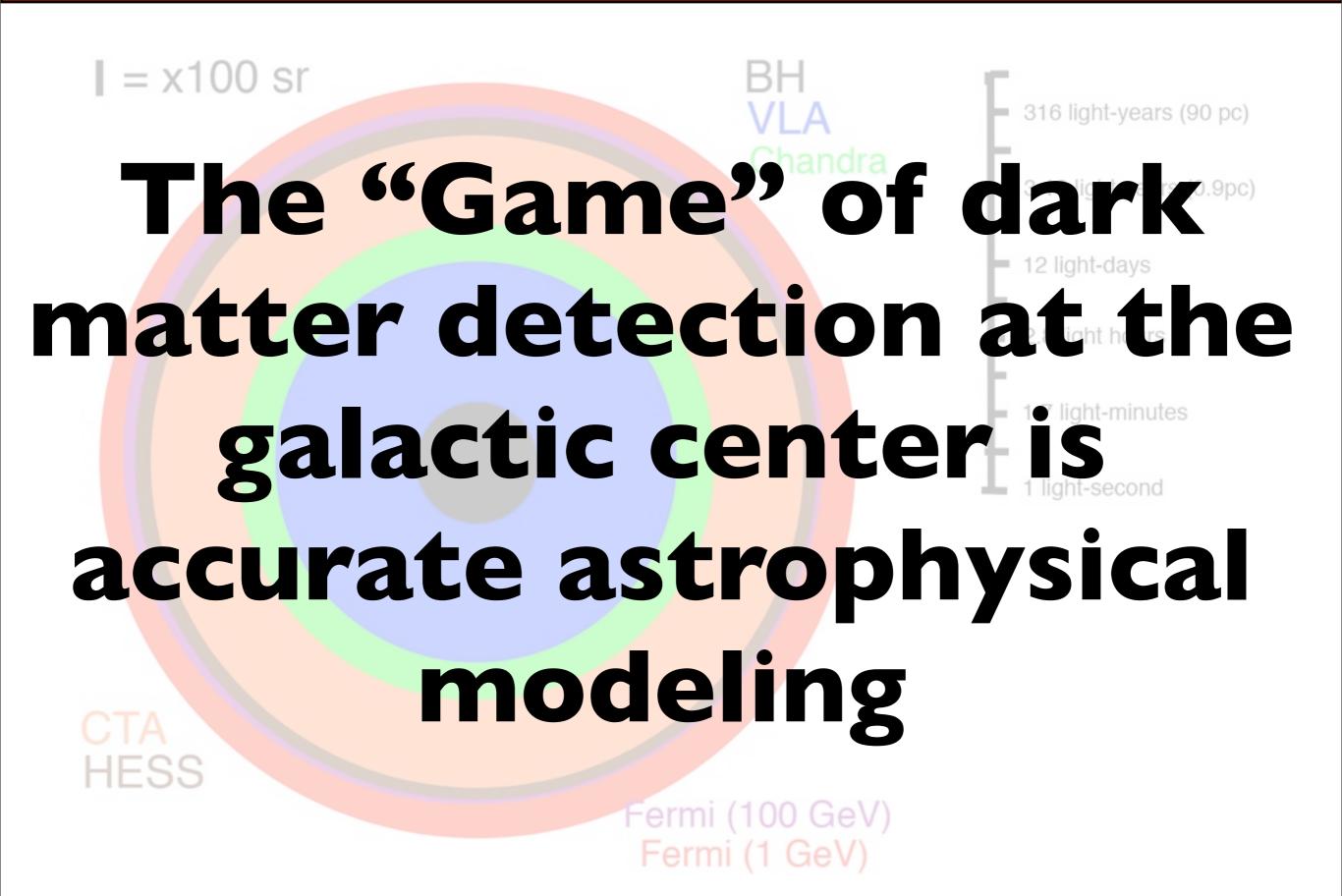
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The Galactic Center "Zoo"



Angular Scales of the Galactic Center



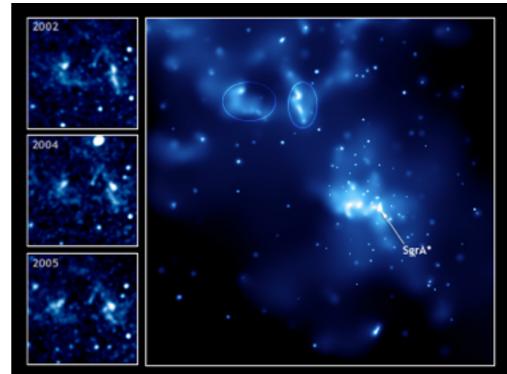
History of Galactic Center Observations (in 60 seconds)

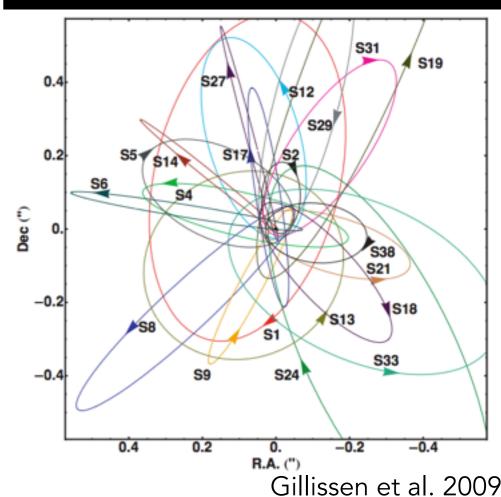
Muno et al. 2007

 Sgr A* Discovered via radio observations in 1974

 Measurements of stellar motion confirm the status of the central object as a black hole (Gillissen et al. 2009)

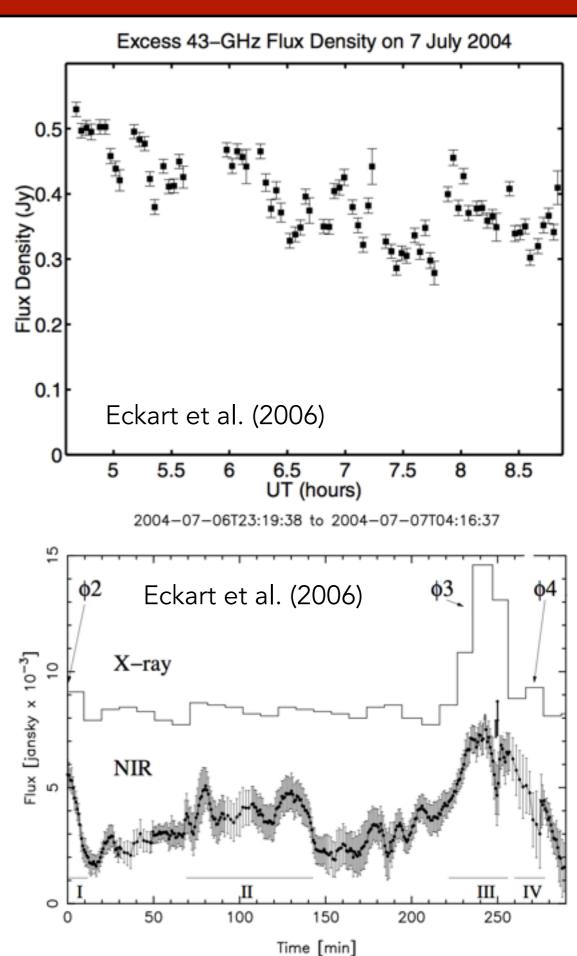
 Majority of radio emission thought to stem from accretion disk, rather than at BH event horizon (Doeleman et al. 2008)





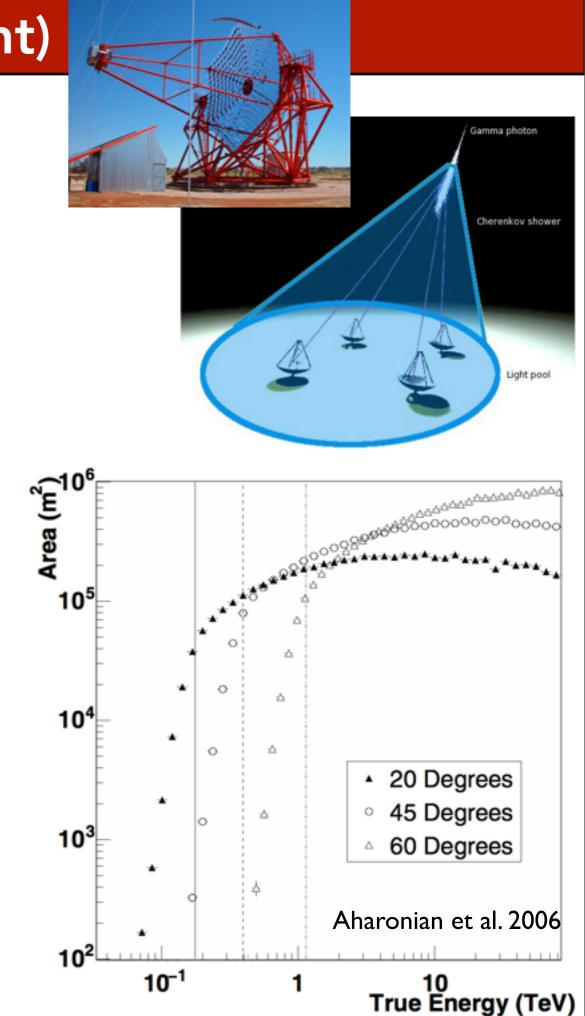
Variability at the Galactic Center

 Sgr A* is highly variable (on multiple time scales) at both radio and X-Ray energies



HESS Telescope (2004-Present)

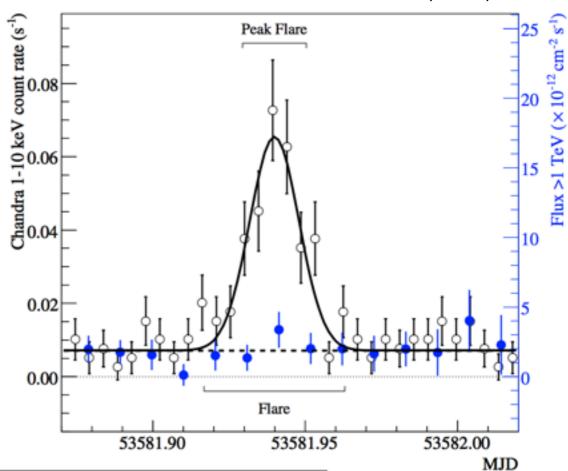
- HESS is an Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope built in Namibia
- Effective over the energy range ~500 GeV - 100 TeV with an effective area on the order of 10⁵ m².
- Energy Resolution ~ 10%
- Angular Resolution (>1 TeV) ~
 0.075°.
- Total Observation of the Galactic Center: 93h/112h



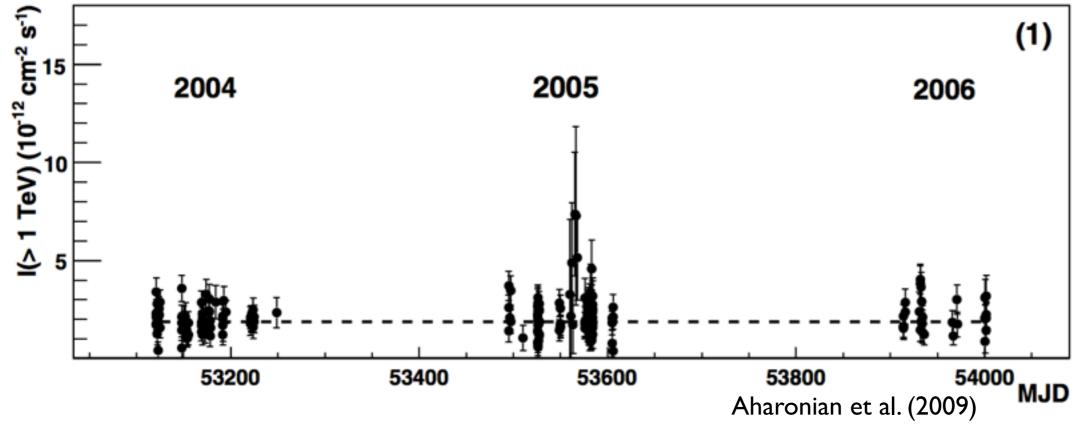
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 However, HESS shows no variability, even during outbursts observed by Chandra

 This implies that the source of the emission is spatially distinct from lower energy sources



Aharonian et al. (2008)



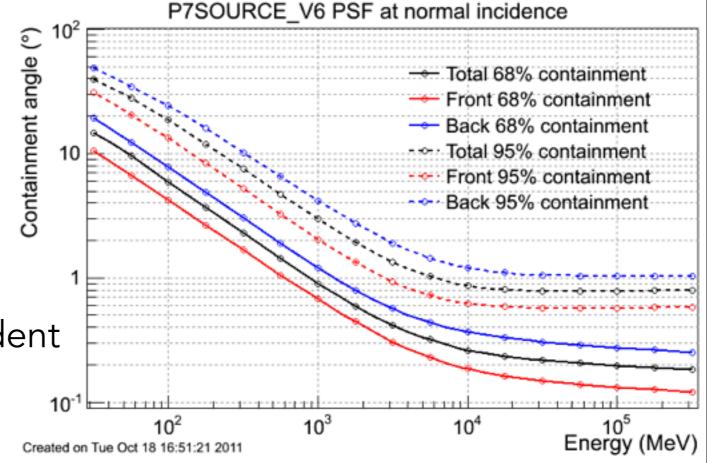
Fermi Telescope (2008-Present)

 Fermi-LAT is a space based gammaray detector with an effective energy range of 20 MeV-300 GeV

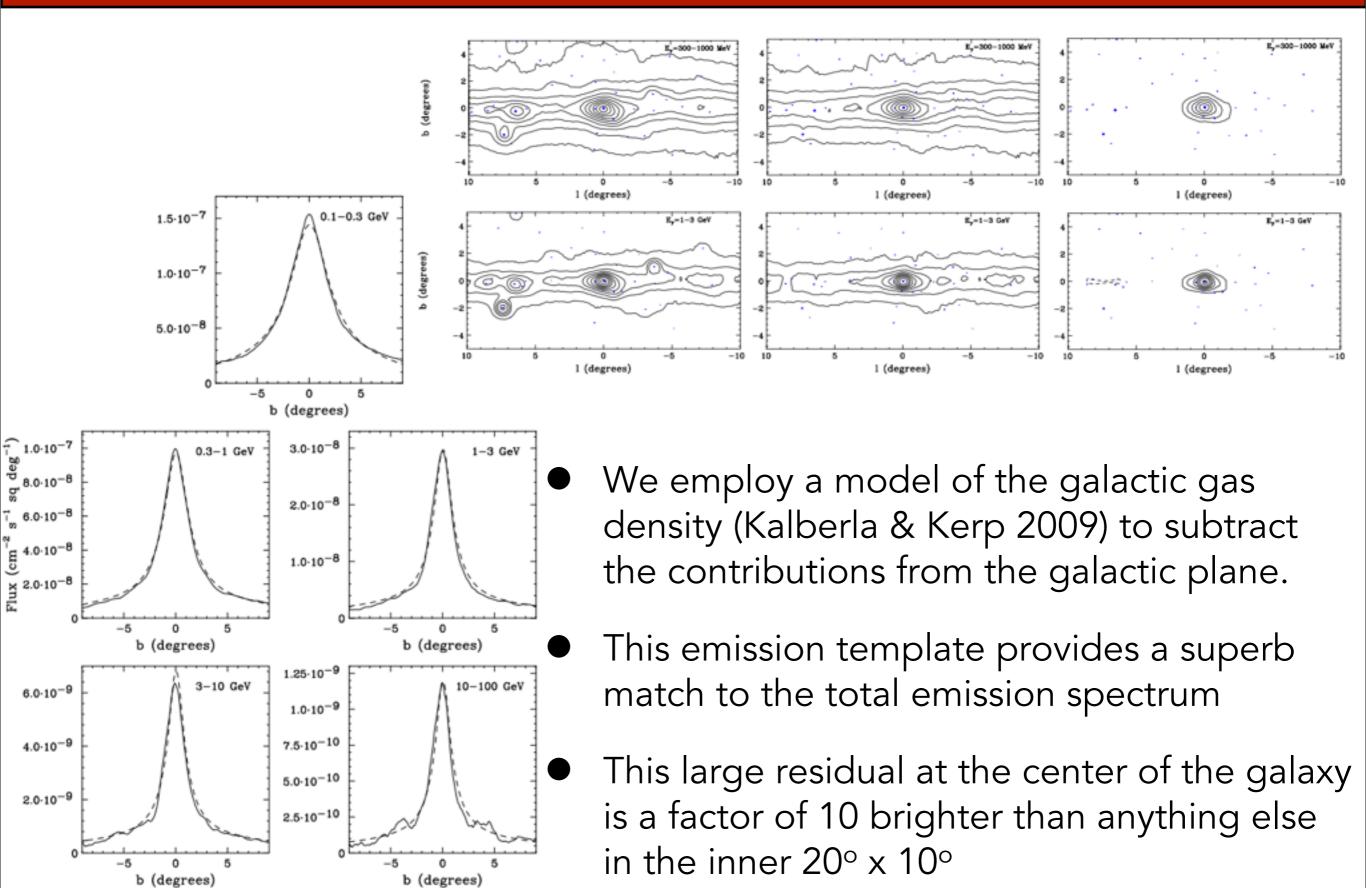


- Effective Area ~ 0.8 m²
- Field of View ~ 2.4 sr
- Energy Resolution ~ 10%
- Angular Resolution: Energy Dependent



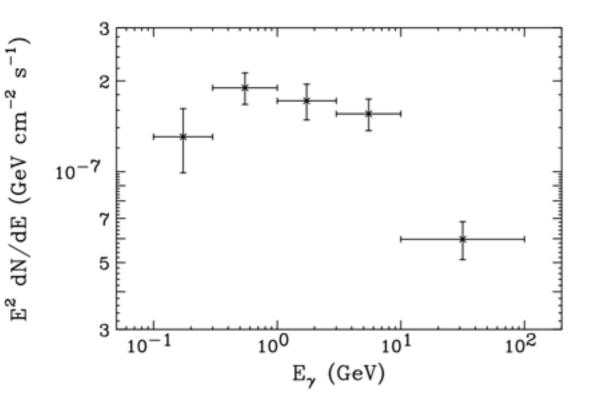


Subtracting the Astrophysical Background: Fermi



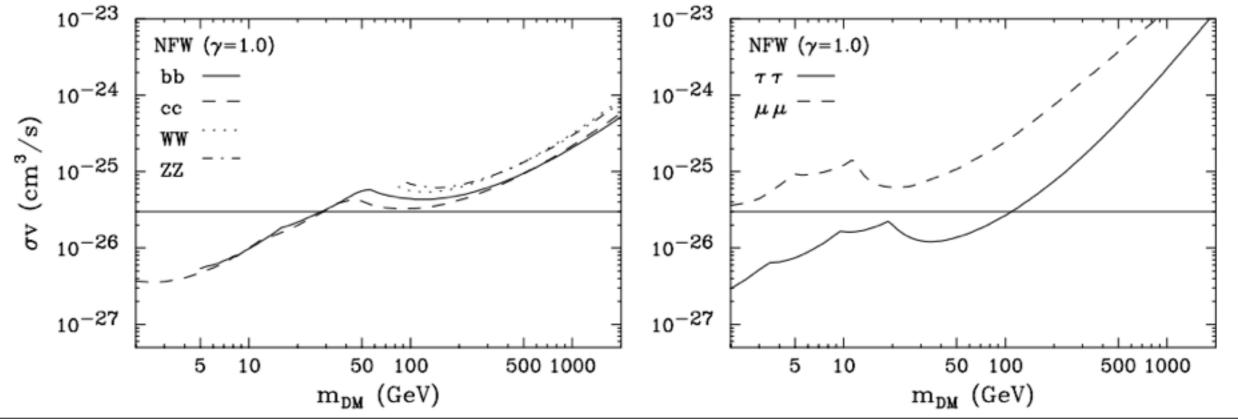
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Dark Matter Limits in the Simplest Way Possible

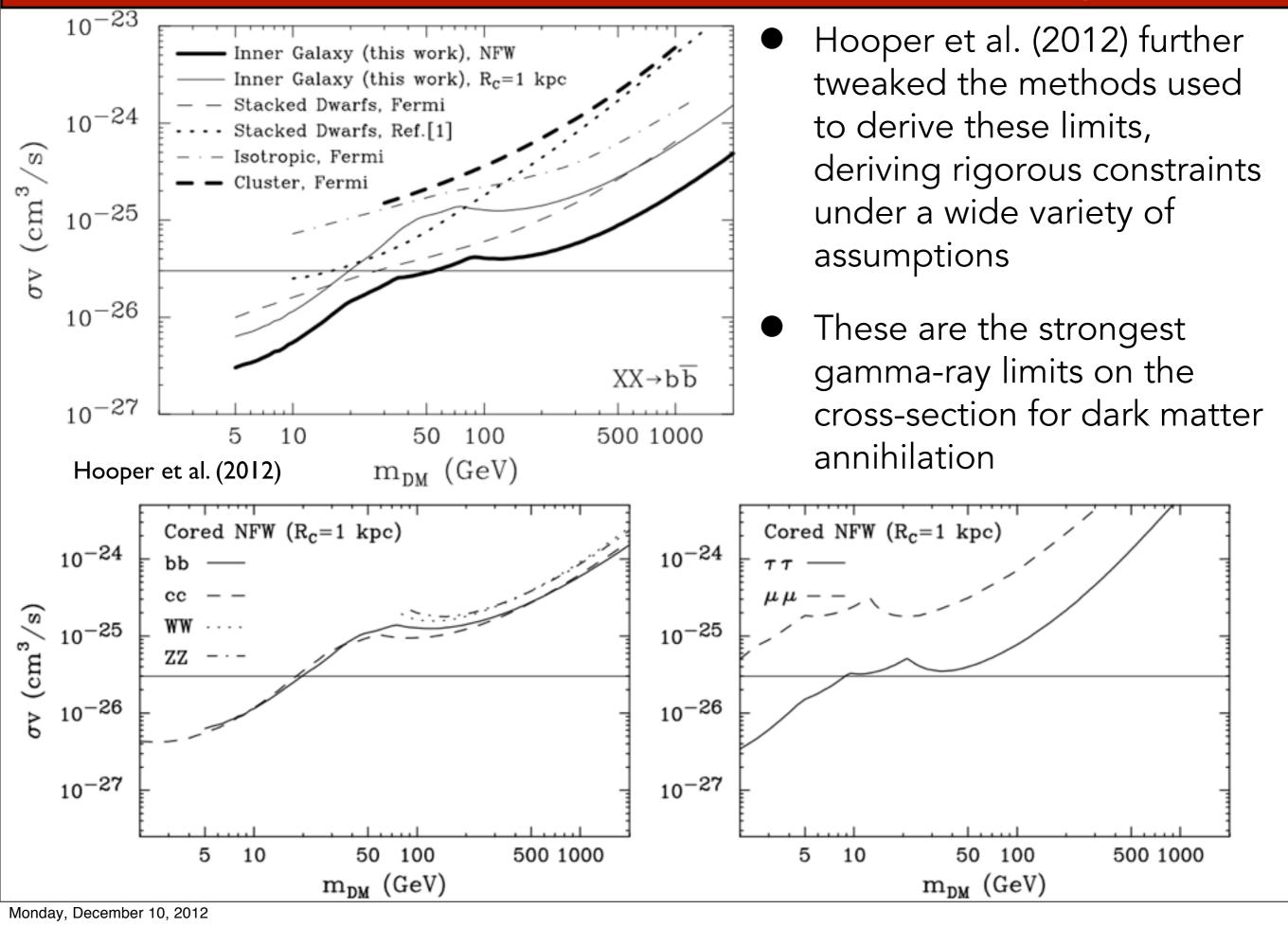


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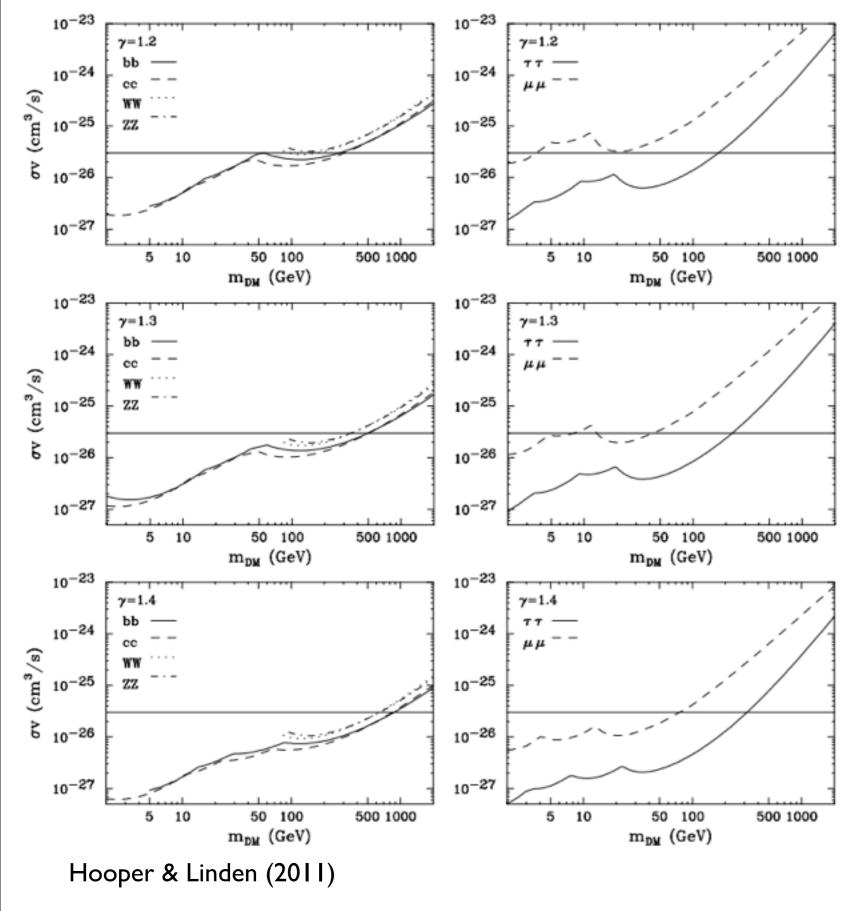
- After subtracting emission from known point sources, and an extrapolation of the line-of-sight gas density, the following "galactic center" emission is calculated
- This directly corresponds to a limit on the dark matter interaction cross-section which depends only on assumed dark matter density profile



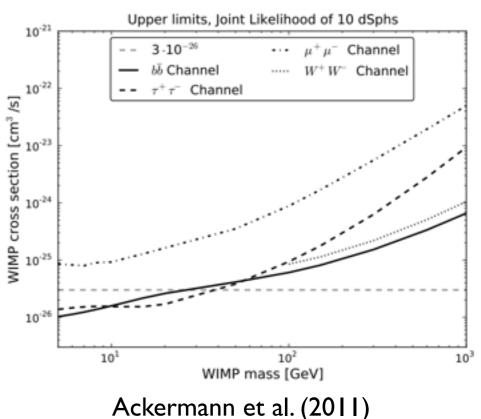
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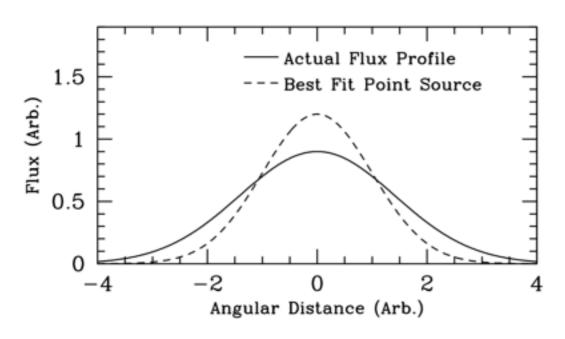
 With some adiabatic contraction of the inner dark matter profile, these limits can become substantially stronger than any other indirect detection limit

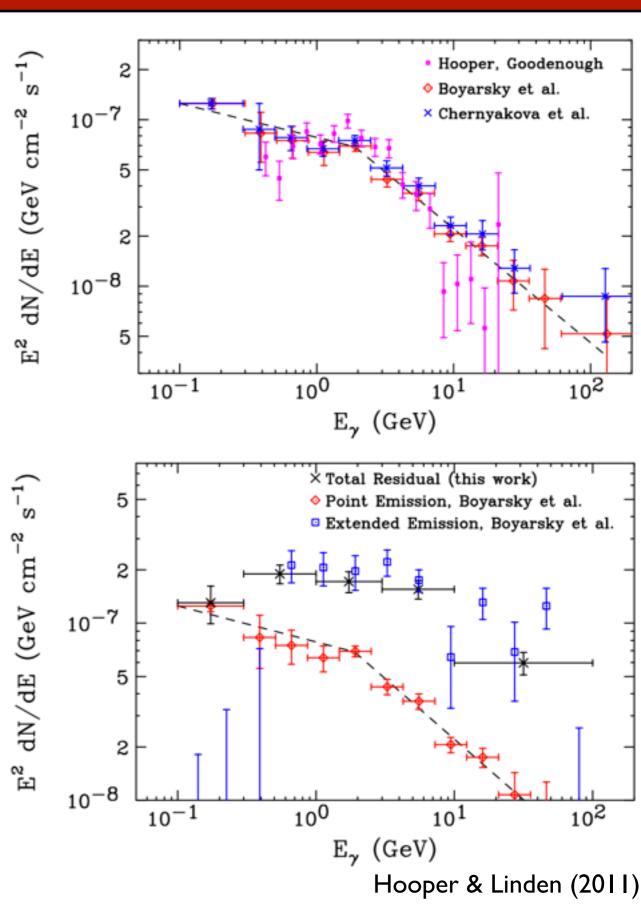


Understanding the GC Point Source: Fermi

 Several efforts have been made to fit the GC point source, using both best-fitting point-source tools from the Fermi collaboration (Boyarsky et al. Chernyakova et. al), as well as independent software packages (Hooper & Goodenough)

 In all cases, the morphology of the observed emission cannot be fully accounted for by a single point source smeared out by the angular resolution of the Fermi-LAT

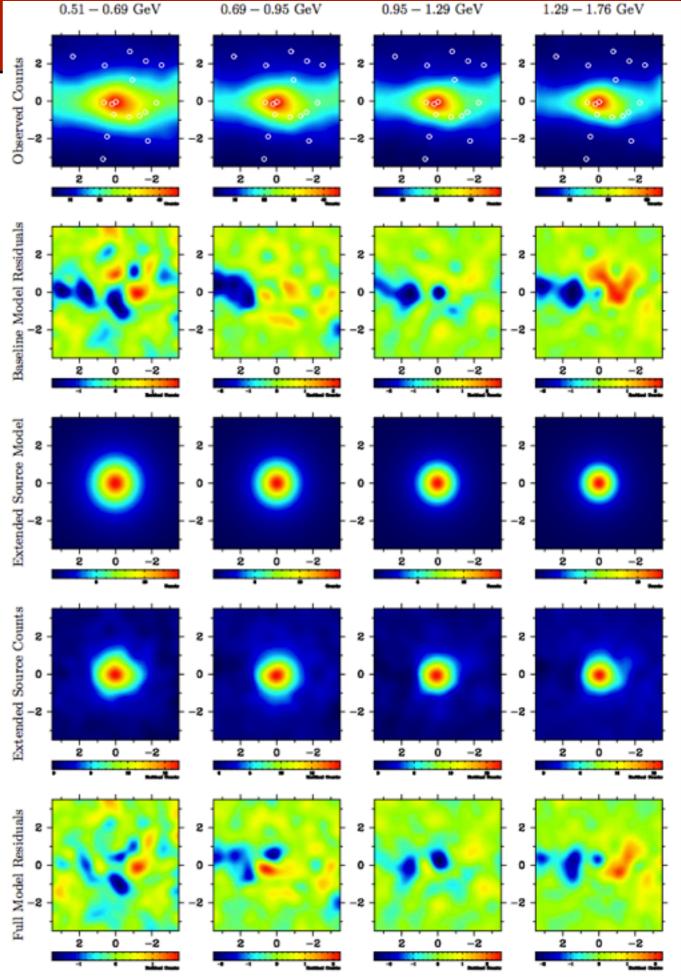




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Abazajian & Kaplinghat (2012)

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Spatial Model	Spectrum	TS	$-\ln \mathcal{L}$	$\Delta \ln \mathcal{L}$
Baseline	_	_	140070.2	_
Density $\Gamma = 0.7$	LogPar	1725.5	139755.5	314.
Density ² $\gamma = 0.9$	LogPar	1212.8	139740.0	330.
Density ² $\gamma = 1.0$	LogPar	1441.8	139673.3	396.
Density ² $\gamma = 1.1$	LogPar	2060.5	139651.8	418.
Density ² $\gamma = 1.2$	LogPar	4044.9	139650.9	419.
Density ² $\gamma = 1.3$	LogPar	7614.2	139686.8	383.
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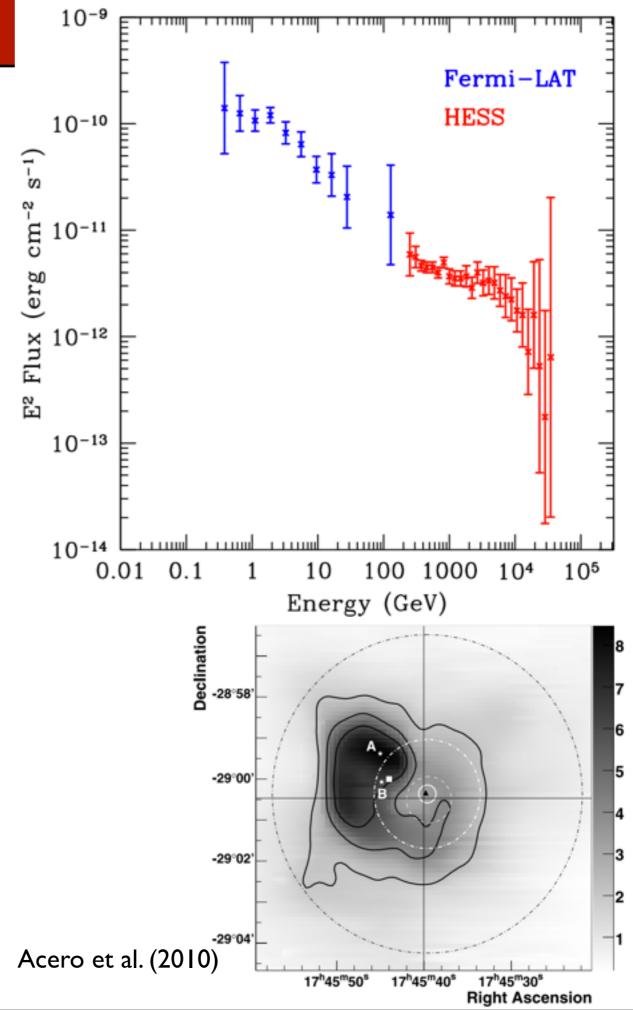
 Note: Two different, and independent methods find strong evidence for a bright, spatially extended, spherically symmetric residual at the position of the galactic center

• What can we learn from this?

Looking at the Point Source

- The HESS spectrum is well fit by the Fermi acceleration of protons and their subsequent interaction with galactic gas
- Can the combined Fermi + HESS spectrum be described in the same way?

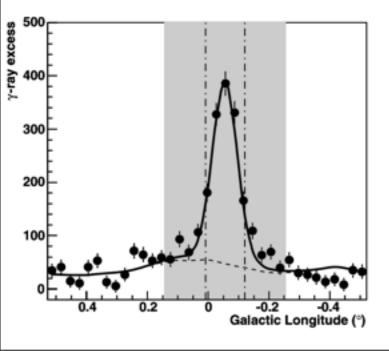
- Problem 1: The spectrum at GeV energies is significantly softer than at TeV energies - some modification is needed to control this transition
- Problem 2: The H.E.S.S. spectrum is point-like, with a better angular resolution than Fermi-LAT

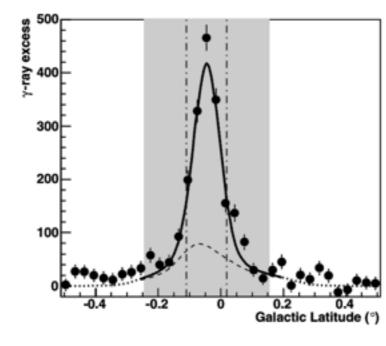


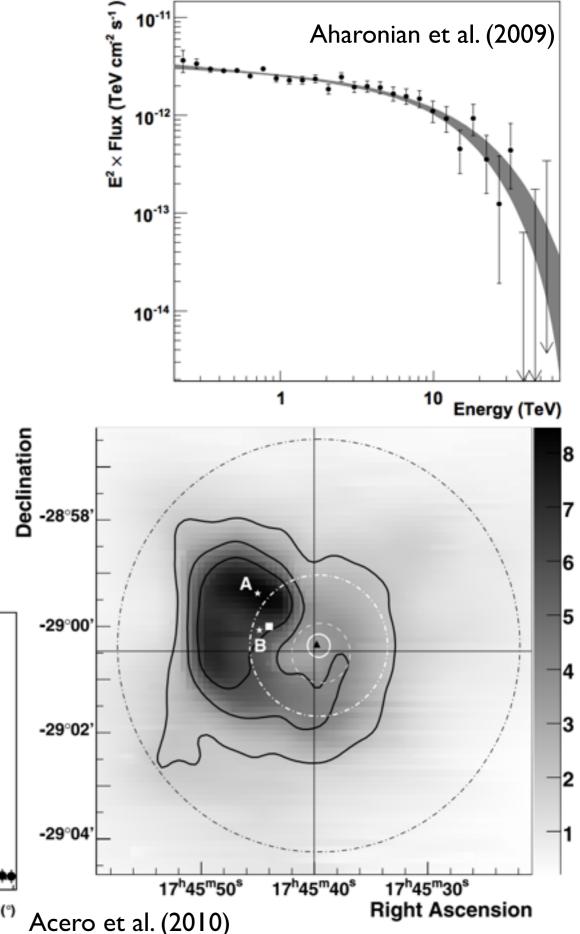
Understanding Astrophysical Backgrounds: HESS

 HESS spectrum well matched by flat E⁻² spectrum, up to energies of ~10 TeV, where an exponential cutoff is observed

 HESS source is localized to within 13" of Galactic center (solid white curve) - the 68% and 95% confidence levels on the source extension are at ~1 and 3 pc



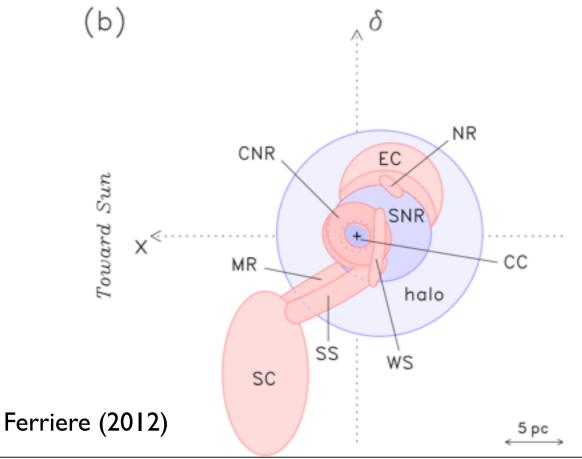


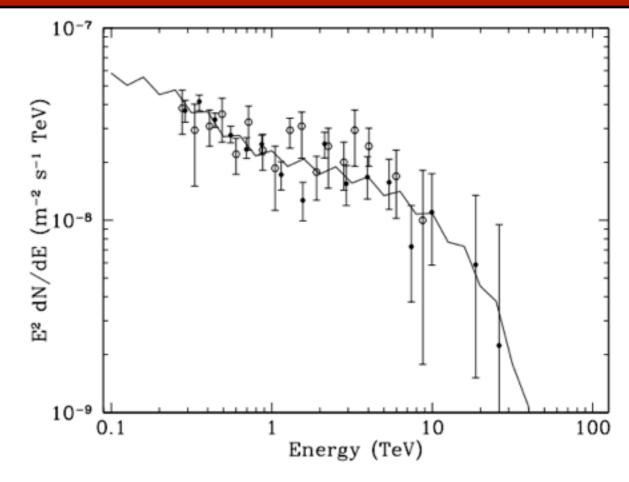


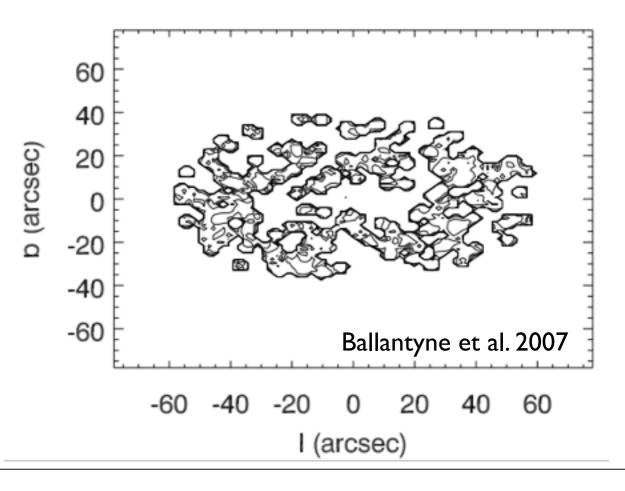
Fitting the Residual: Hadronic Processes

 A recent model examined the possibility that protons injected from the galactic center encountered the circumnuclear ring

 This region of high density molecular gas would produce bright gamma-ray emission upon the interaction with energetic protons



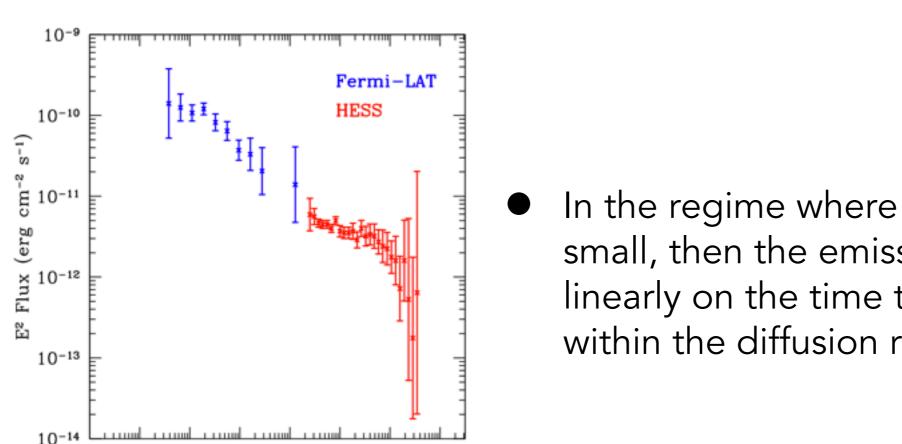




Controlling the Emission Spectrum with Diffusion

We can imagine two scenarios for cosmic-ray transport from the central black hole: <u>rectilinear</u> or <u>diffusive</u> transportation

In the regime where the diffusion stepsize exceeds the diffusion region, the emission intensity is energy independent, and an E⁻² proton injection spectrum corresponds directly to an E⁻² gamma-ray spectrum



In the regime where the diffusion step is small, then the emission intensity depends linearly on the time the particle spends within the diffusion region

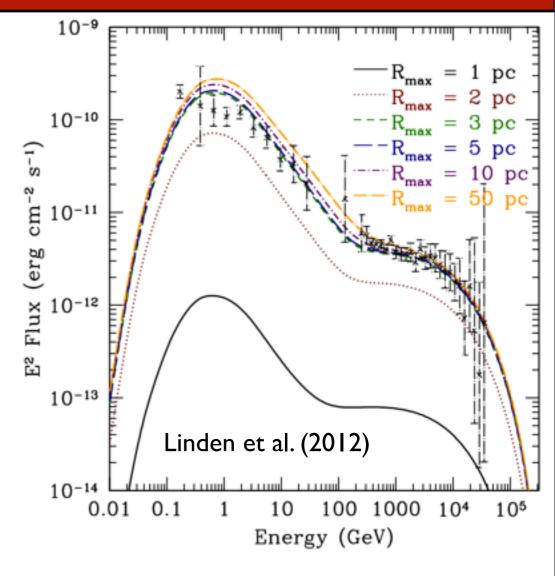
Energy (GeV)

Modeling Benefits of the Hadronic Scenario!

 Under the assumption that the proton source has a power-law spectrum and is in steady-state, then the slope of gamma-ray emission strongly constrains the diffusion constant in the galactic center region:

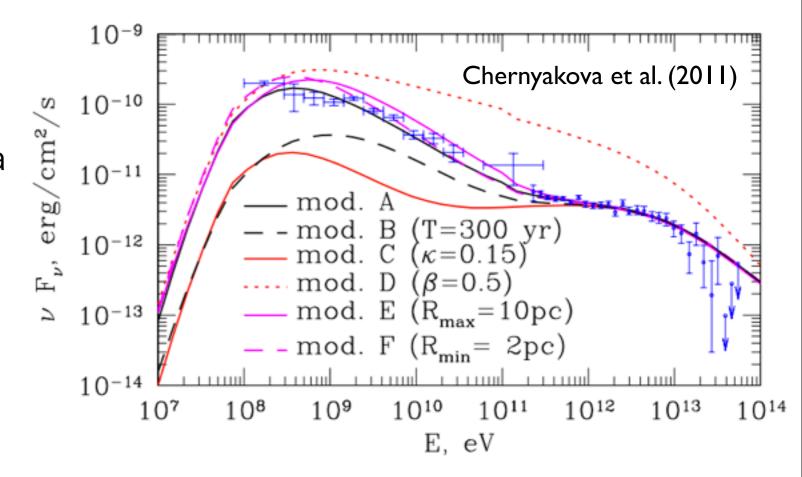
$$D_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{26} (E/1 \text{ GeV})^{0.91}$$

 This adds additional constraints to the an understanding of lepton diffusion and propagation in the galactic center region



Hadronic Emission Models for Fermi and HESS

By setting allowing the diffusion constant to float to a set of best fit values - a single hadronic emission model can fit the entirety of the Fermi/ HESS data



 Several model parameters can also be adjusted, such as the duration of particle injection, the occurrence of recent flares, the maximum radius for diffusion etc.

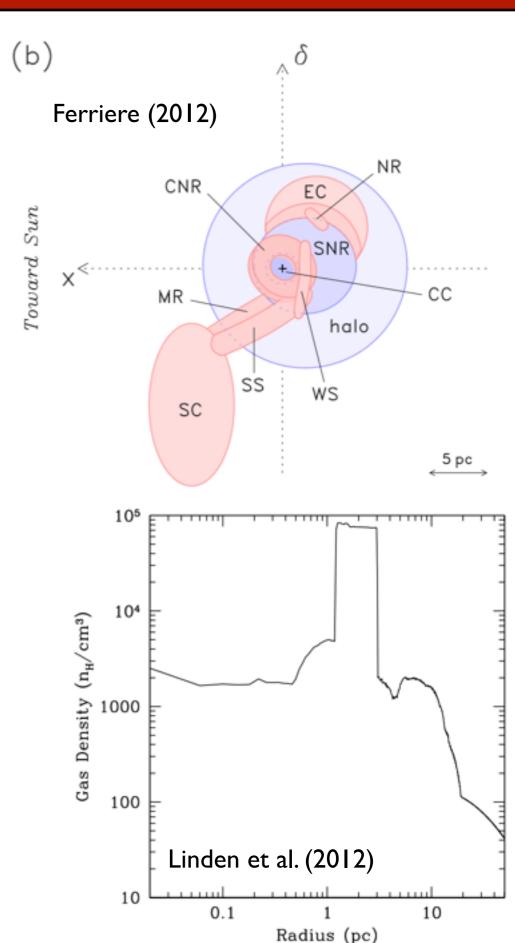
Models are formed with a step-function gas density profile (1000 n_H/cm⁻³ within 3 pc of the galactic center, and 0 n_H/cm⁻³ outside)

Employing a Realistic Gas Model

 Detailed models of the galactic gas density exist in the literature

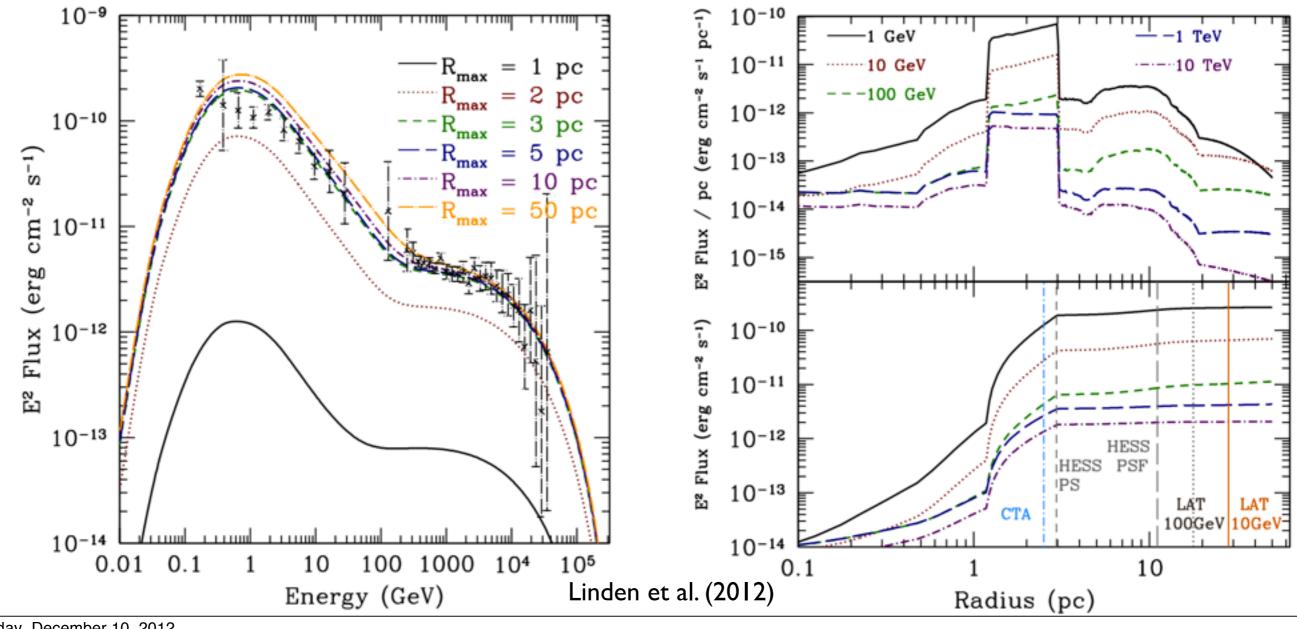
 We employ a spherically symmetric model for galactic gas, and use this to calculate the morphology of the gammaray emission as a function of energy

 By far the dominant feature is the Circumnuclear ring between 1-3 pc from the GC

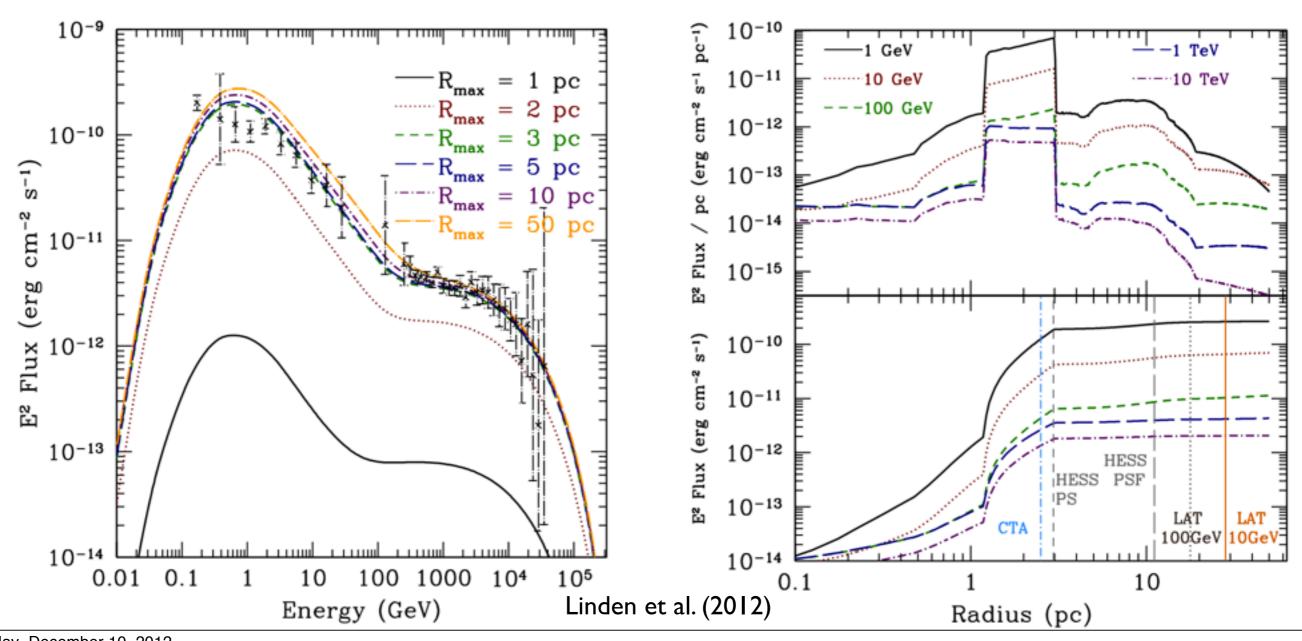


Employing a Realistic Gas Model

- The vast majority of emission stems from within 3 pc of the galactic center at all energies
- This lies below the PSF of all current gamma-ray instruments
- This effectively rules out hadronic interactions from Sgr A* as the source of the Fermi-LAT excess

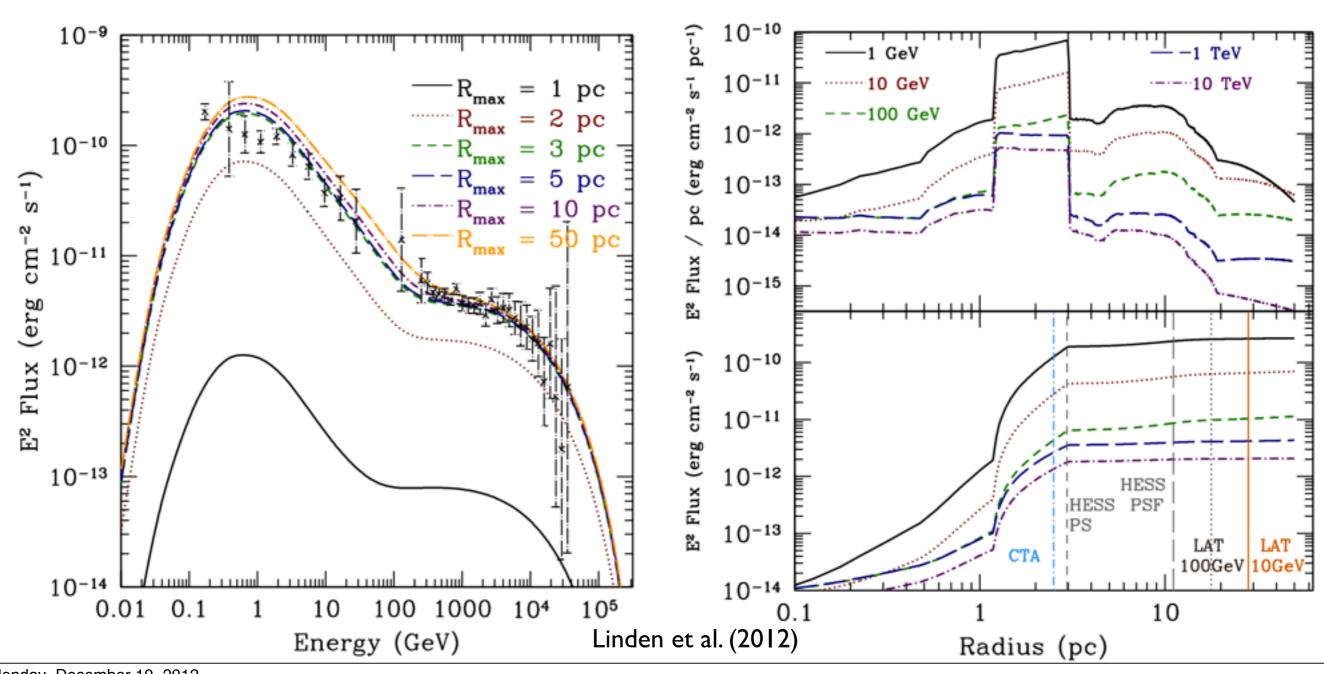


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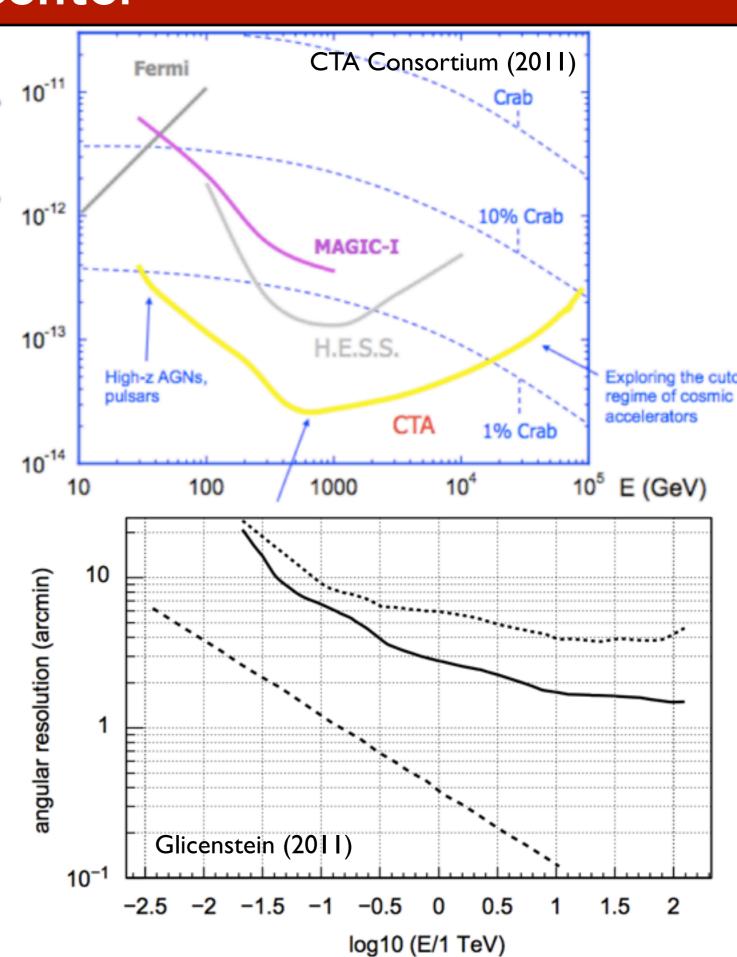
But CTA may be able to probe this emission profile directly!



CTA and the Galactic Center

 However, CTA may be able to distinguish between these models:

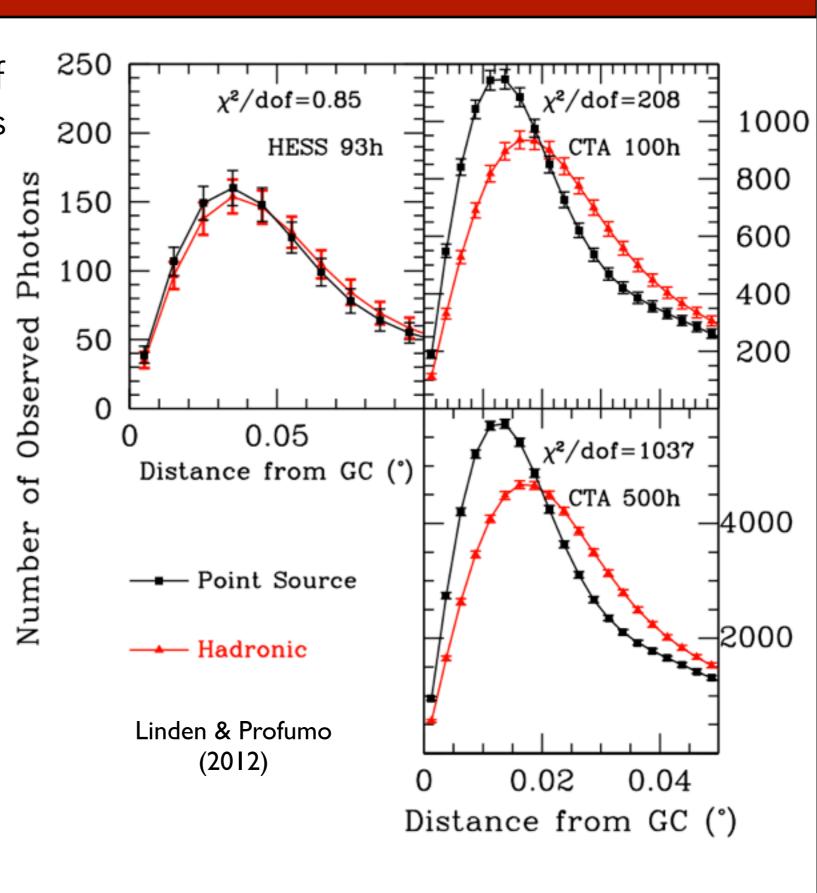
- The instrument specifications for CTA are not yet entirely known, so we employ the following:
 - An order of magnitude improvement in the effective area over HESS
 - A reduction in the PSF from 1-10 TeV from 0.075° to 0.03°



CTA and the Galactic Center

 By convolving our models of the gas and proton densities in the galactic center region with the PSF and effective area of each instrument, we can determine whether CTA can distinguish between these scenarios

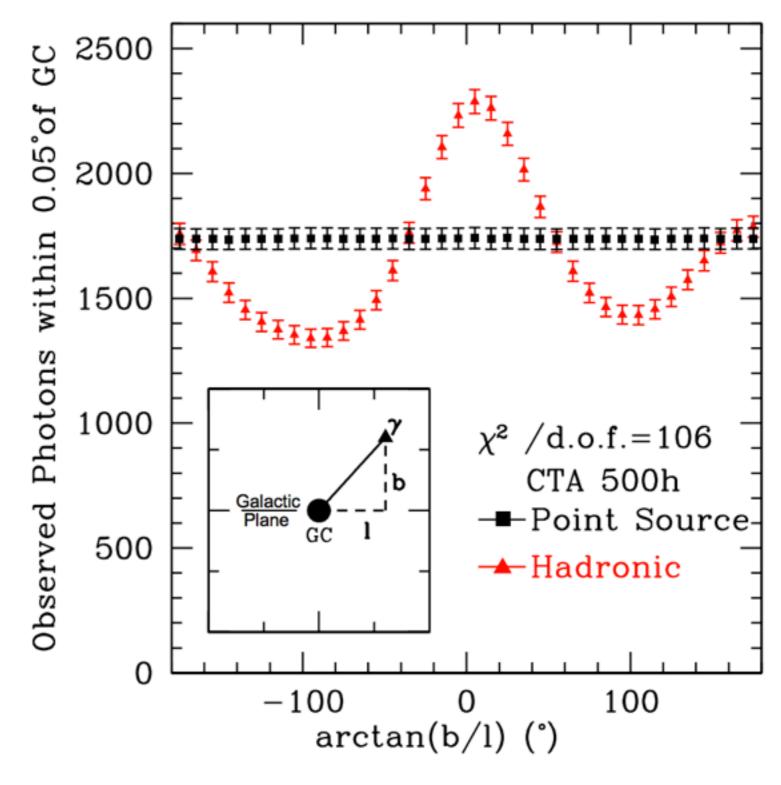
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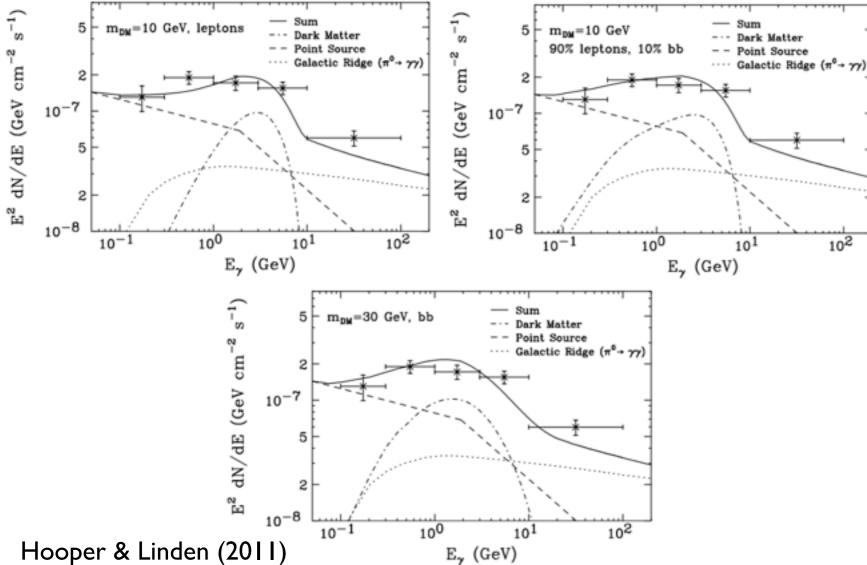
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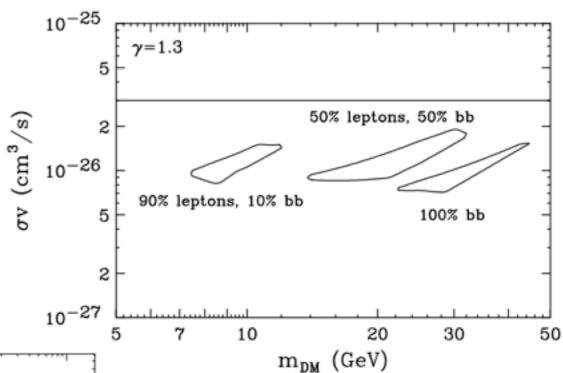


Linden & Profumo (2012)

Story 2: Low-Mass Dark Matter

- For a best fitting profile γ = 1.3, we find an available parameter space for dark matter models which match the observed GC excess
- These models are compatible with estimates for the relic density of dark matter





The models combine with best fitting astrophysical backgrounds such as the GC point source and the galactic ridge, to fit the total GC excess

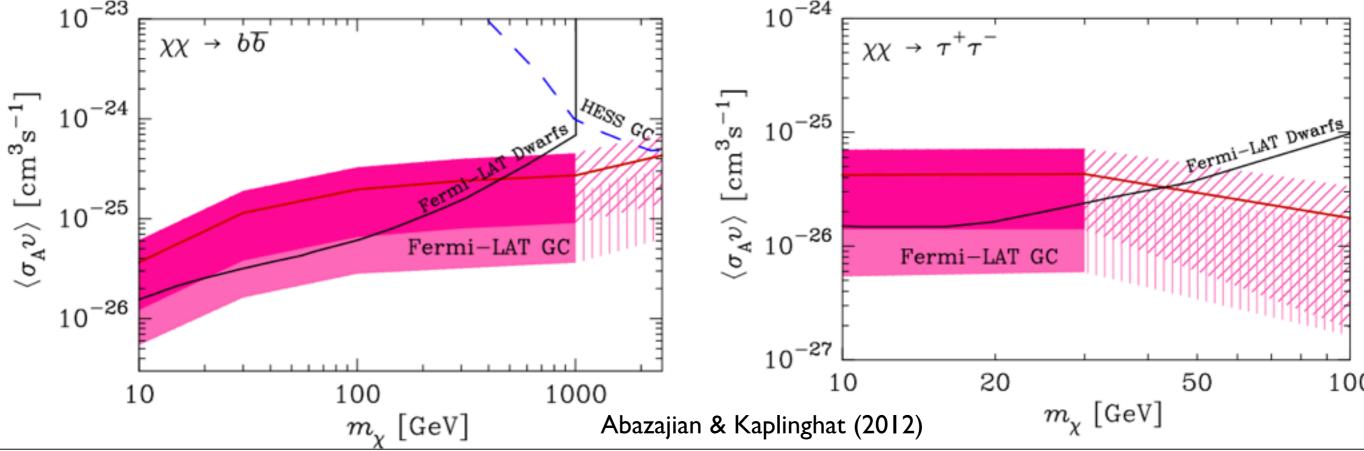
Best fitting Models for Low-Mass Dark Matter

Abazajian & Kaplinghat find a wider range of dark matter masses which provide improved fits to the data

 However, fits with low dark matter mass are much, much better

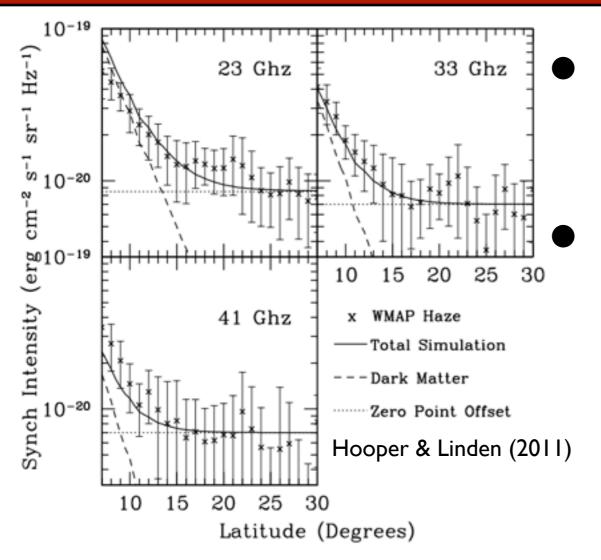
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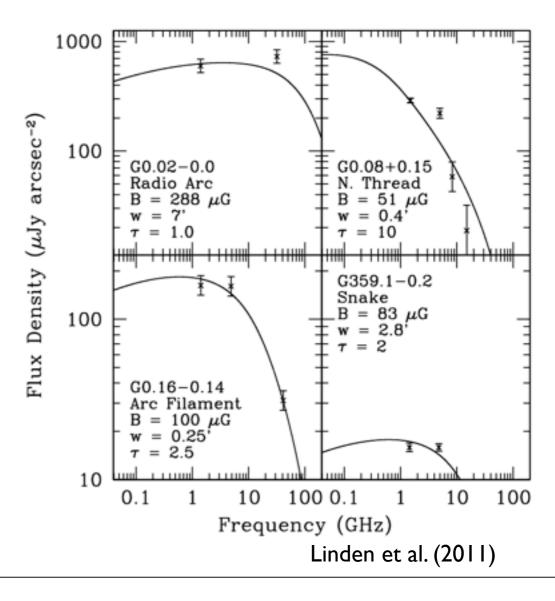
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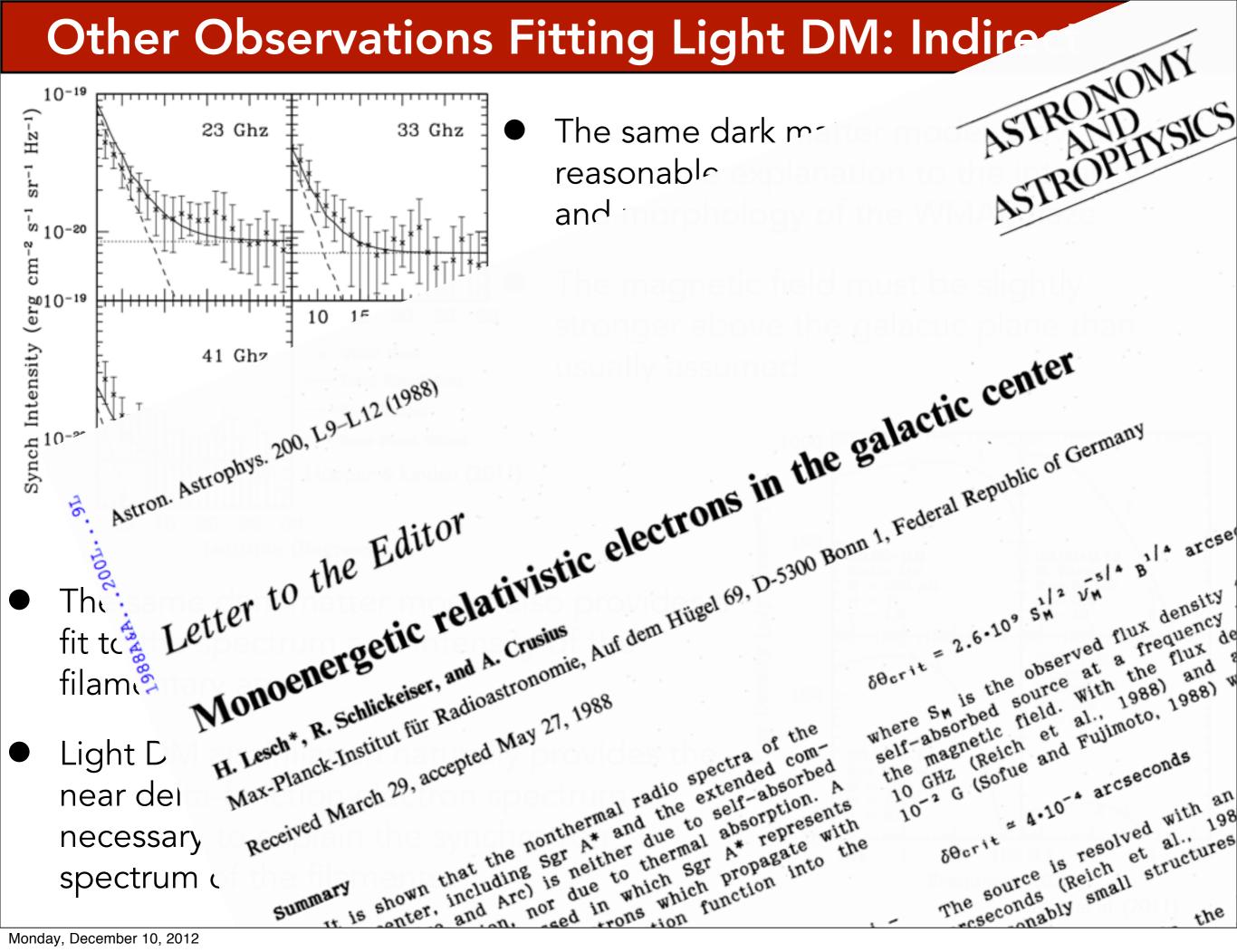
Other Observations Fitting Light DM: Indirect



- The same dark matter model provides a reasonable explanation to the intensity and morphology of the WMAP haze
- The magnetic field must be slightly stronger above the galactic plane than usually assumed

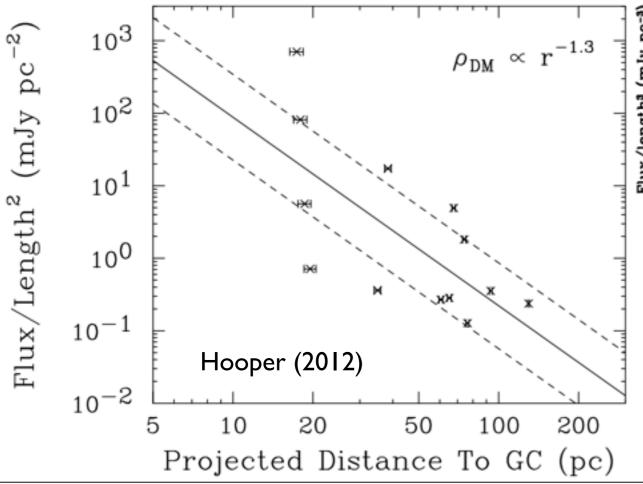
- The same dark matter model also provides a fit to the spectrum and intensity of the filamentary arcs
- Light DM annihilation naturally provides the near delta-function electron spectrum necessary to explain the synchrotron spectrum of the filaments

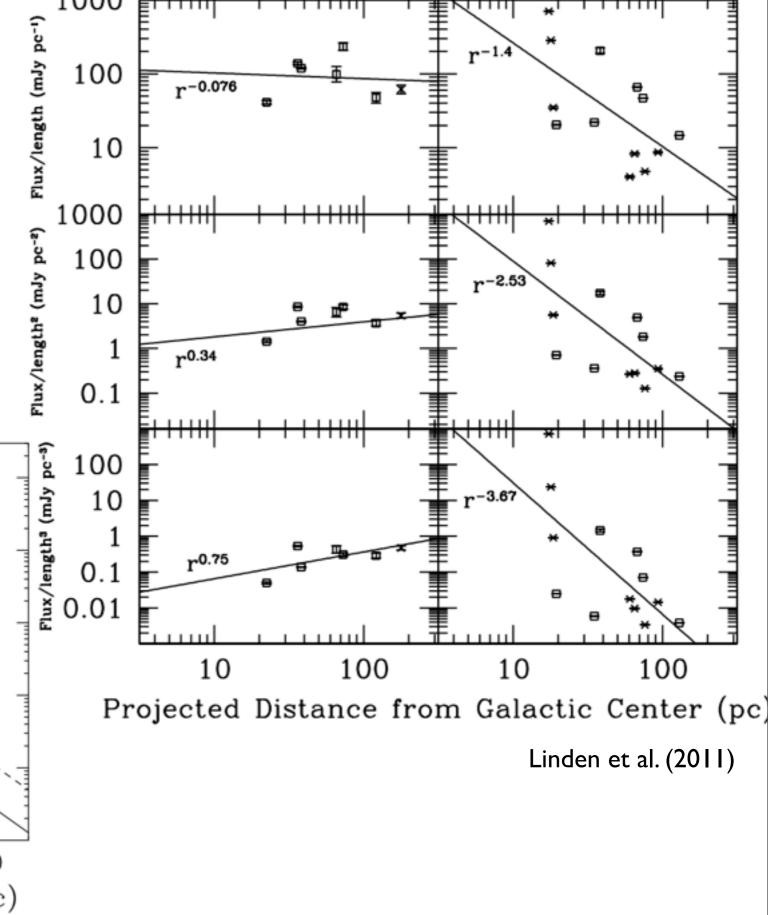




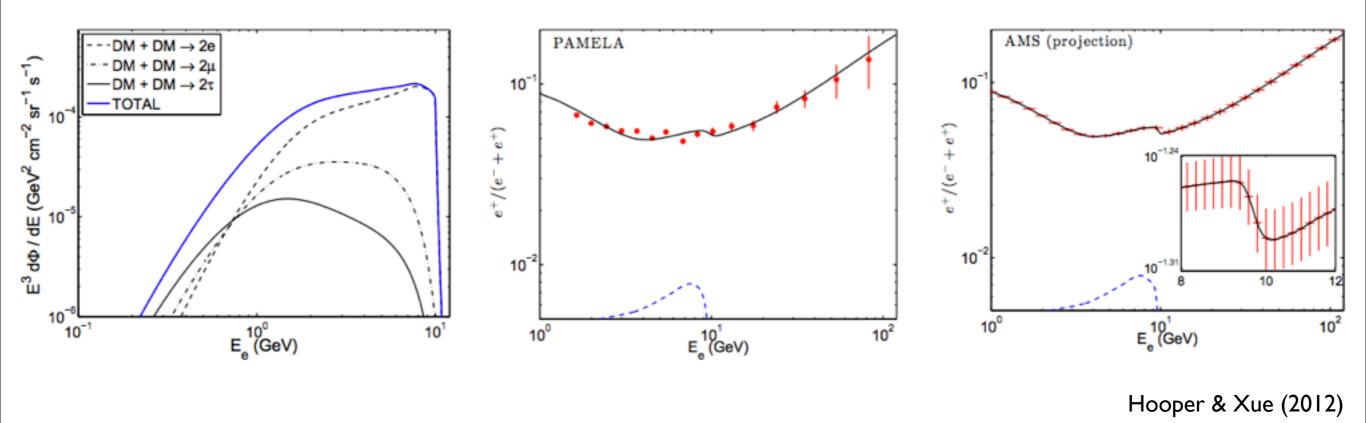
The Radial Dependence of the Filamentary Arcs

- The intensity of multiple filamentary arcs show a strong dependence on their distance from the galactic center
- This is expected in dark matter models, but not in most astrophysical interpretations of the filaments





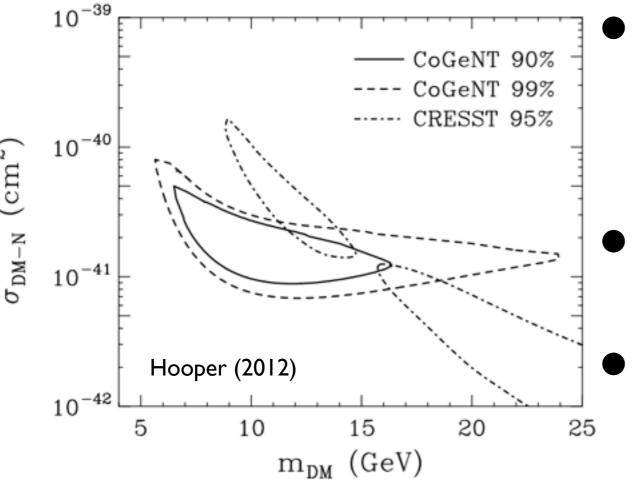
Other Observations Fitting Light DM: Indirect



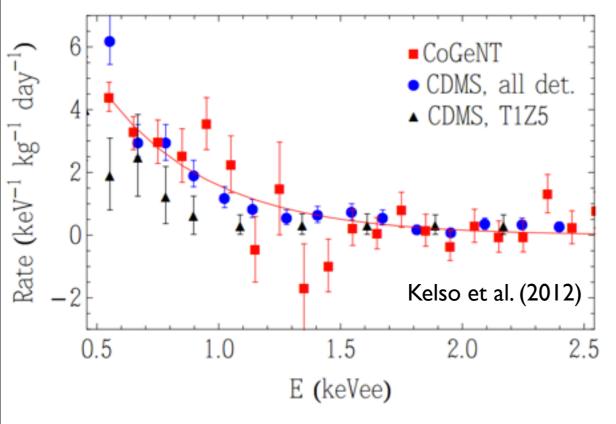
• Light, leptophilic Dark Matter models will be observable by AMS.

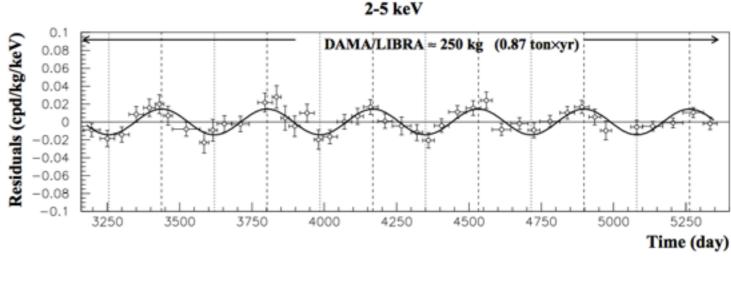
 Solar Modulation must be taken into account (marginally) at these energy levels

Other Observations Fitting Light DM: Direct



- Light Dark Matter (~10 GeV) provides a compelling fit to the excesses currently observed by DAMA, CoGeNT and CRESST
- Light Dark Matter may also be compatible with observed signal/limits at CDMS
 - This issue will be resolved on the experimental side, with current and upcoming data

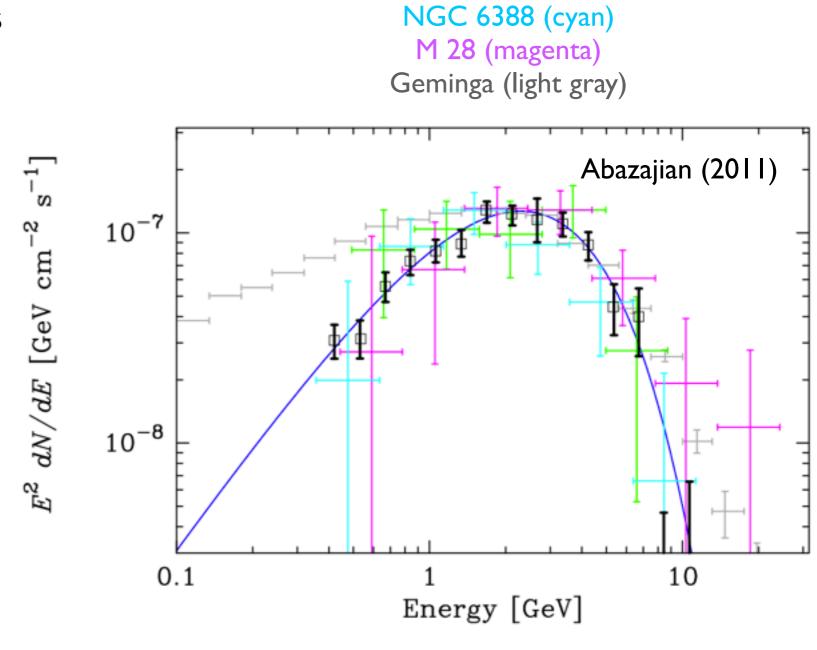




Story 3: Milli-second Pulsars

 Populations of Millisecond pulsars have been observed in multiple globular clusters (Terzan 5, Omega Cen, NGC 6388, M 28)

 GC source is ~200 brighter than Omega Cen - which correlates nicely with the 1000x larger mass of the GC region



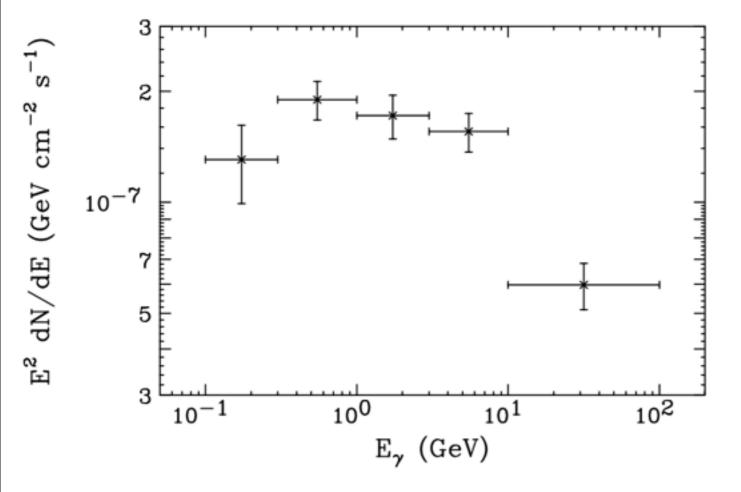
Hooper & Goodenough (black)

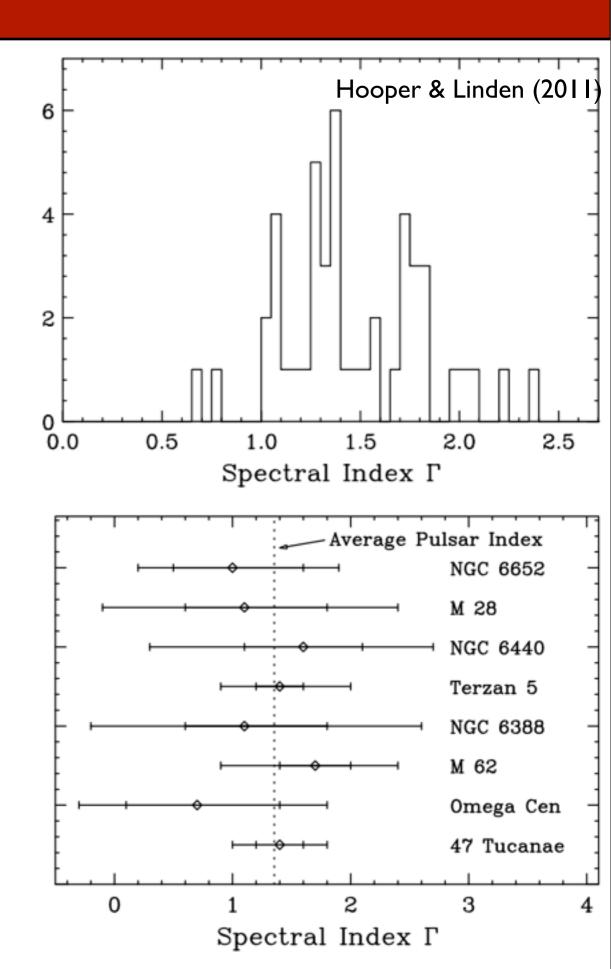
Omega Cen (green)

Millisecond Pulsar Spectrum

Number of Pulsars

 But is the spectrum of the observed residual (Γ <≈ 1.0) too hard below 1 GeV?

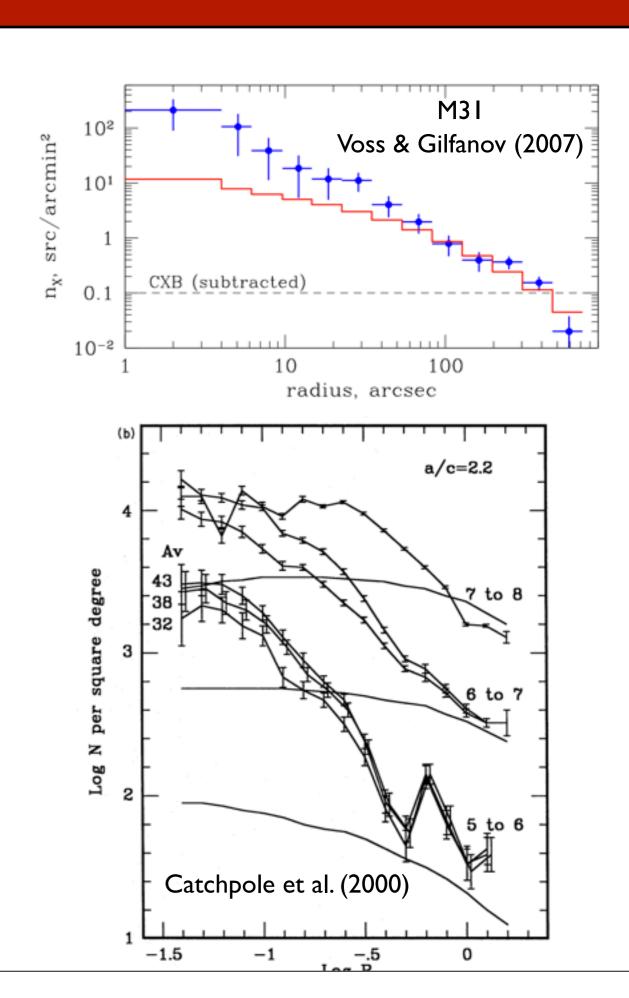




Millisecond Pulsar Density

• Must explain the high density of pulsars near the Galactic Center $(\sim r^{-2.6})$

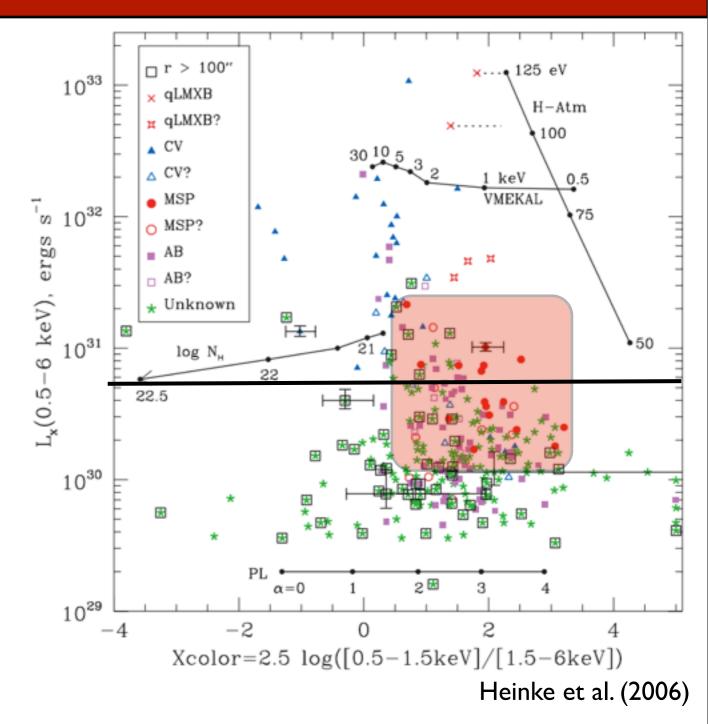
- Single stars and X-Ray point sources are not as compact towards galaxy centers
 - Two body interactions in the densest clusters?
 - Mass segregation?



Can the Distribution of GC MSPs be Determined?

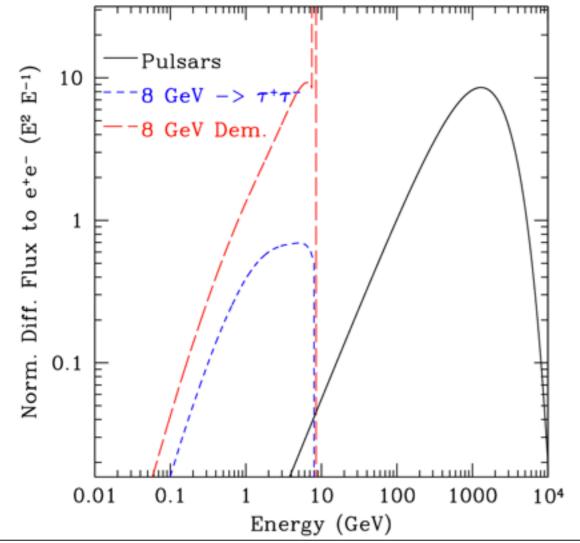
 X-Ray observations find a total of 2347 point sources within 40 pc of the GC - this could include a large population of MSPs

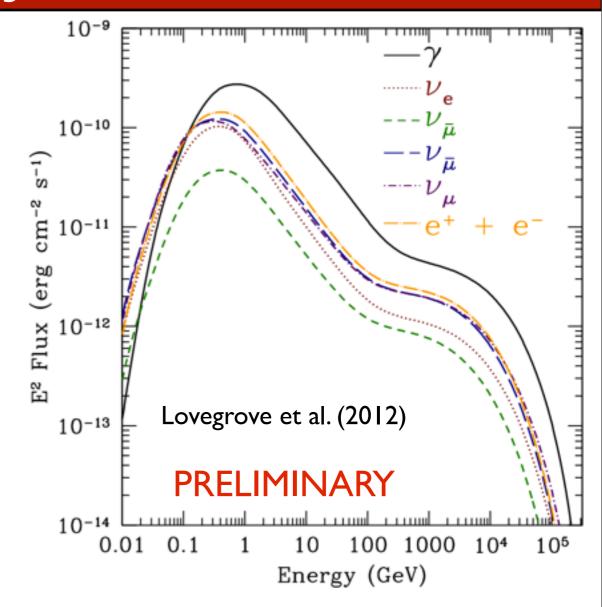
 MSPs exist in a particular location on the luminositycolor diagram in 47 Tuc



Understanding the Secondary Emission

- Another method for distinguishing between gamma-ray emission models is to investigate the production of electron and positron pairs
- These charged leptons will lose considerable energy to synchrotron radiation, producing a bright radio signal in the galactic center





Positive: The angular resolution of radio telescopes is significantly greater than gamma-ray observatories

Negative: The diffusion and energy loss time of charged electrons adds additional uncertainties to the model

Conclusions

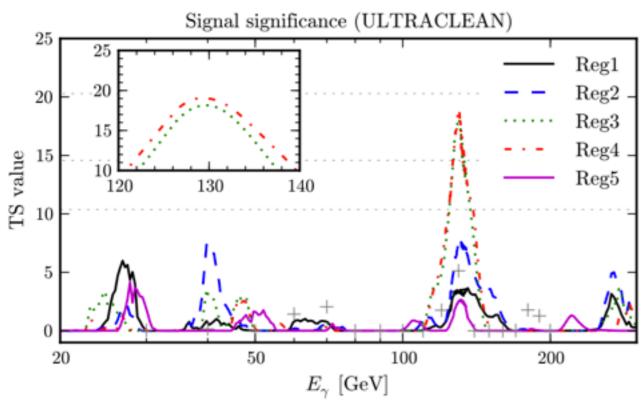
There is **strong** evidence for an extended, spherically symmetric, excess in
 ~1 GeV gamma-ray emission surrounding the galactic center

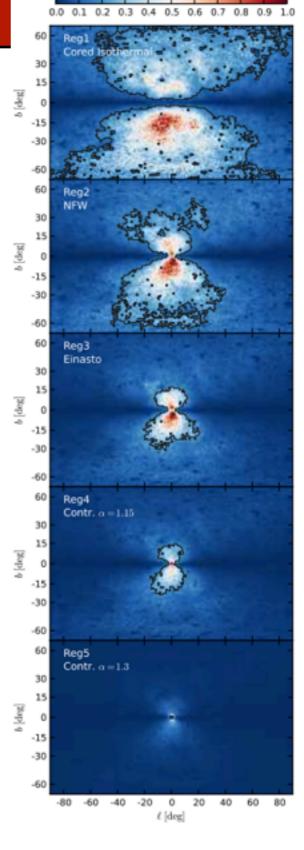
 This excess is not easily accounted for by any known astrophysical model and the background subtraction models used indicate that it is not correlated with galactic gas

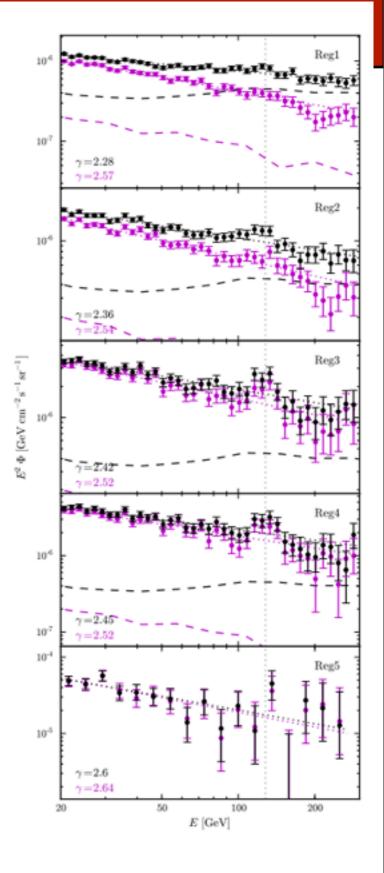
 Dark Matter Annihilation and Pulsars both provide plausible models for this excess - the best statistical fit stems from dark matter annihilation, but the plausibility of the MSP model forces us to take it seriously

 New observations, and also novel models, are needed to separate these components

 Weniger (2012) provoked a firestorm with a claim of a 130 GeV line in the Fermi-LAT data near the GC



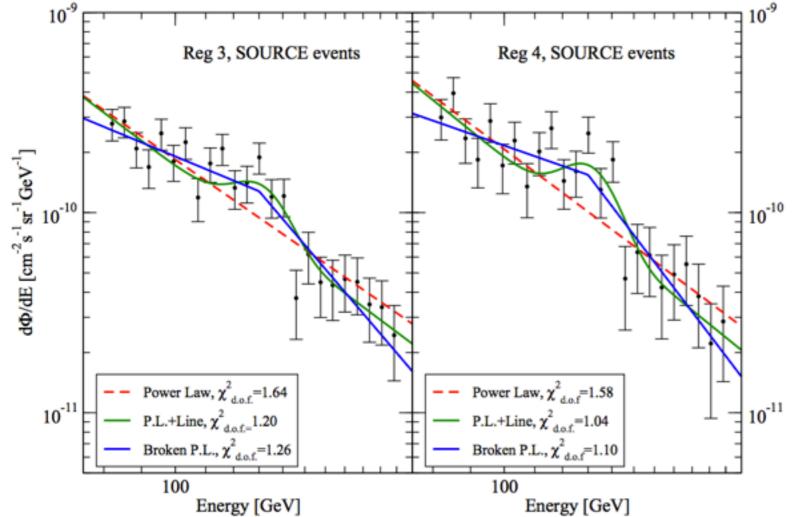


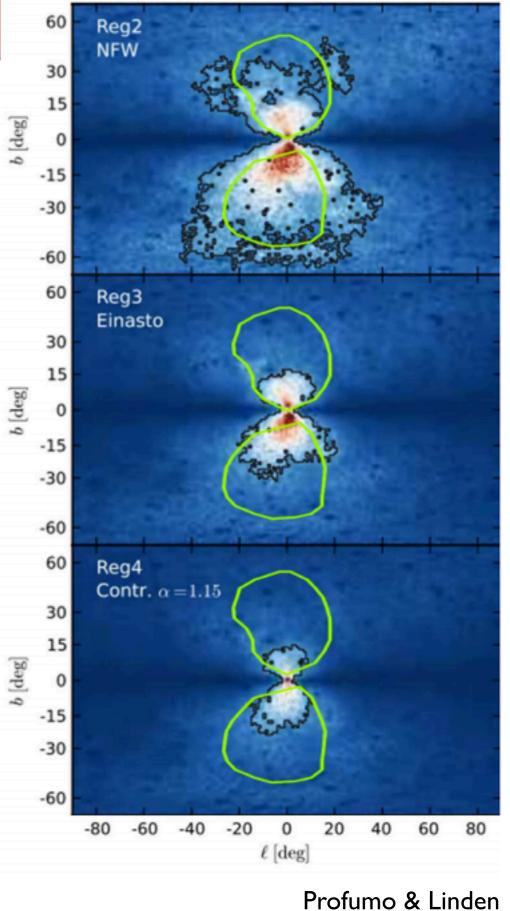


Weniger (2012)

 The emission could also be compatible with a broken power-law

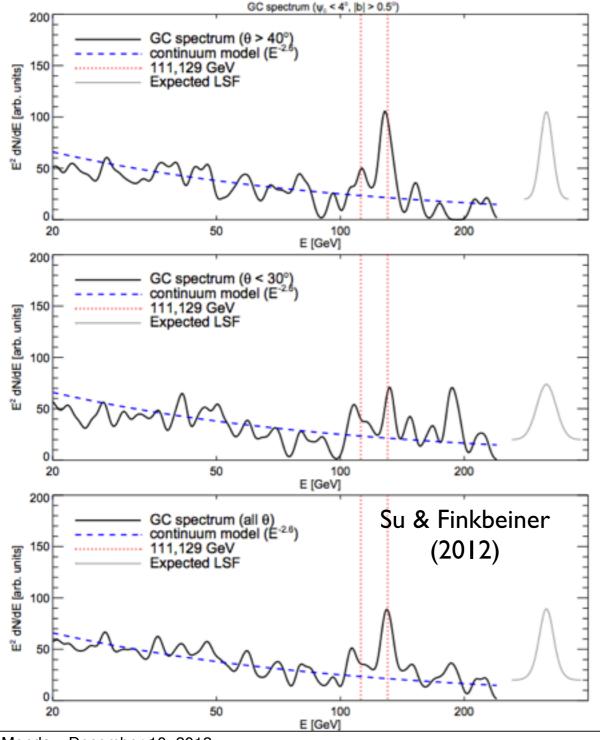
 That broken power-law could be driven by the Fermi bubbles

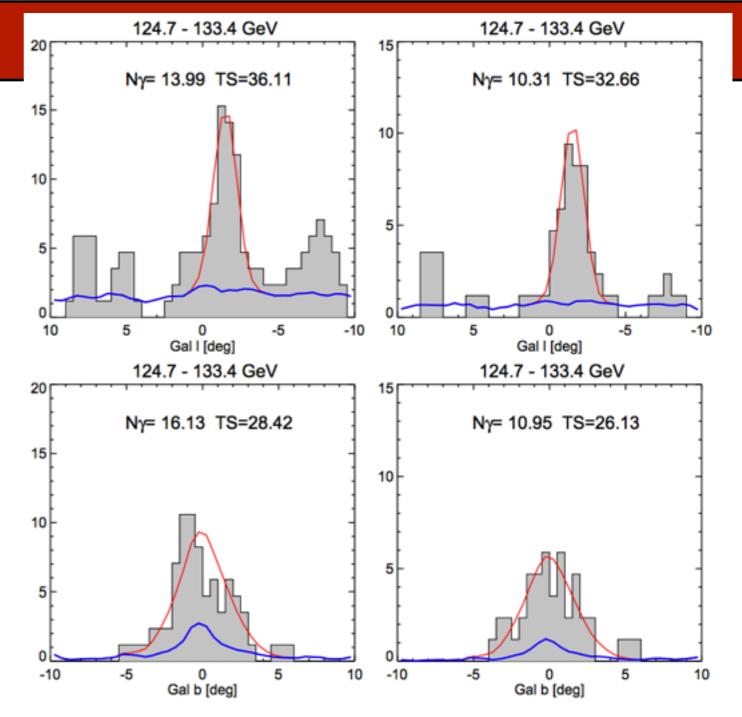




Profumo & Linden (2012)

 Su & Finkbeiner confirmed the result of Weniger (2012) using a template based analysis





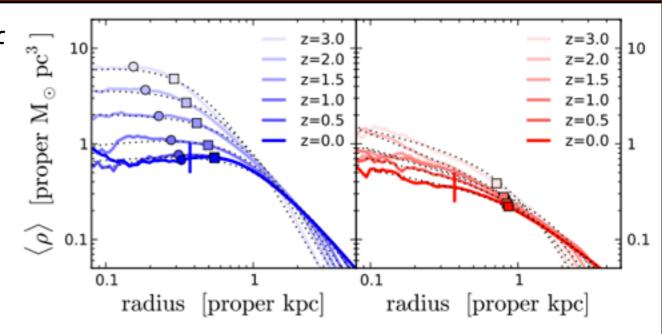
 They found the line signal to be highly concentrated near the GC

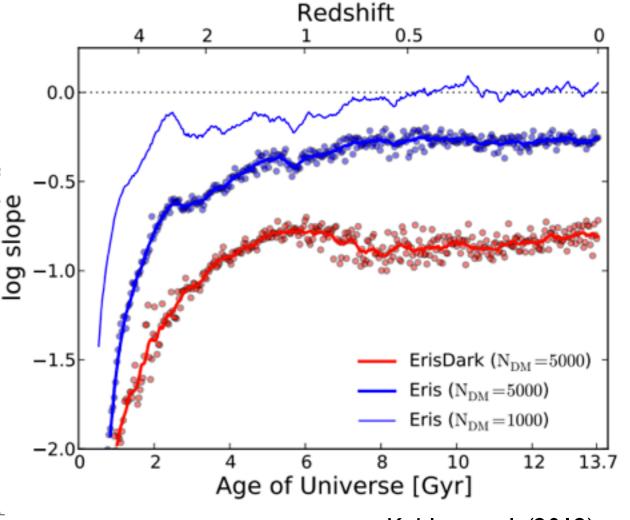
 They also found tentative evidence for a second gamma-ray line at ~110 GeV

 Kuhlen et al. showed that the peak of the central dark matter density could peak ~100 pc away from the dynamical center of the galaxy

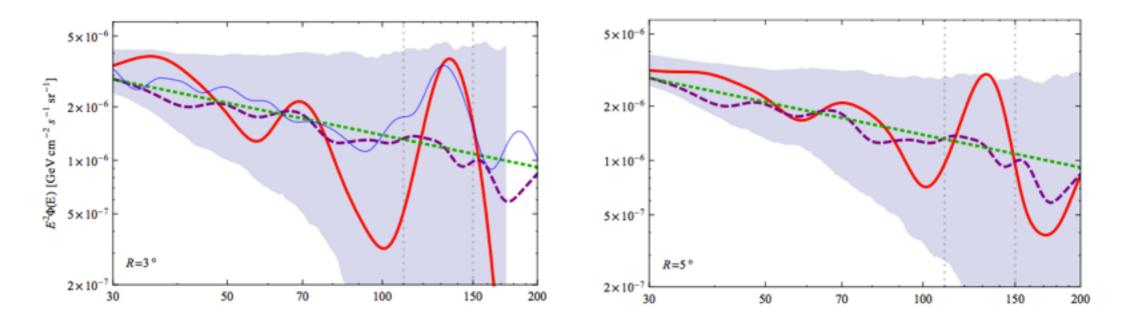
 However, this occurs in highly cored profiles, while the distribution of 130 line photons is more similar to an Einasto profile

Models	Before trials	After trials (one line)	=
Gaussian (centered)	5.0σ	3.7σ	-;
Gaussian (off center, $\theta > 40^{\circ}$)	5.5σ	3.7σ	-
$\text{unbinned } \ell$	5.2σ	3.2σ	ì
unbinned ℓ ($\theta > 40^{\circ}$)	4.9σ	2.8σ	_
unbinned b	4.8σ	3.5σ	
unbinned $b \ (\theta > 40^{\circ})$	4.6σ	3.2σ	
NFW $\alpha = 1.0$ (off center)	6.1σ	4.5σ	
NFW $\alpha = 1.2$ (off center)	6.5σ	5.0σ	
NFW $\alpha = 1.3$ (off center)	6.0σ	4.4σ	
NFW $\alpha = 1.4$ (off center)	5.6σ	3.8σ	
NFW $\alpha = 1.5$ (off center)	5.2σ	3.2σ	
Einasto (off center)	6.6σ	5.1σ	





- Hektor, Raidal, & Tempel examined the population of Galaxy Clusters and found some evidence of a line signal
- However, the projected cross-section and radial distribution do not match
 a dark matter candidate, and are **not** consistent with the GC



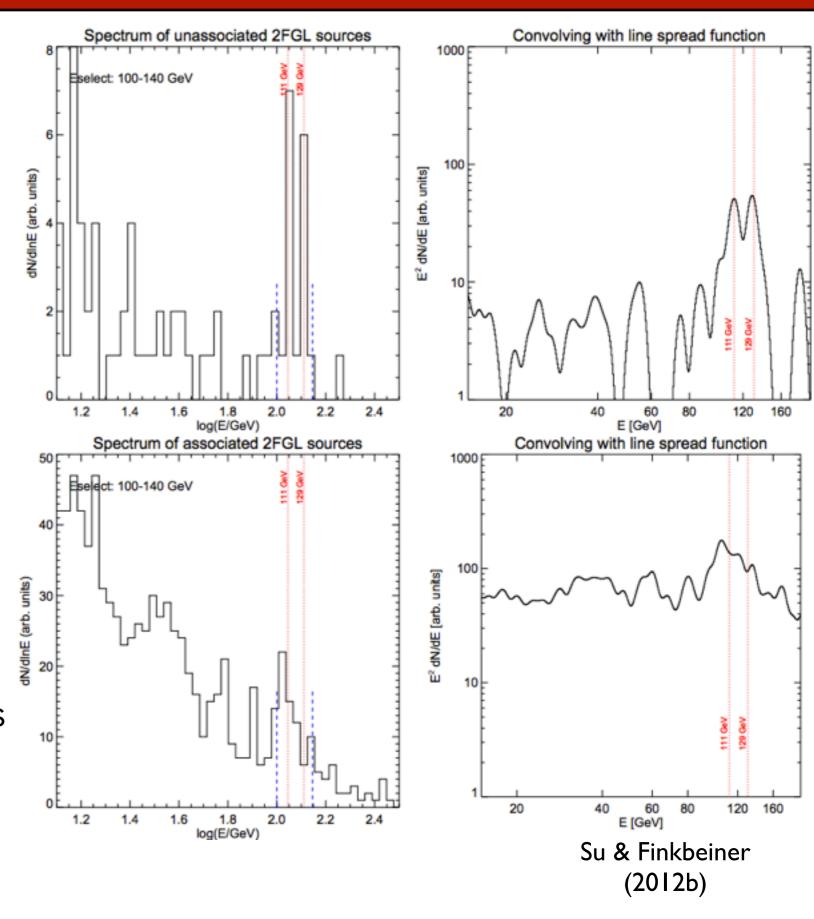
Hektor et al. (2012)

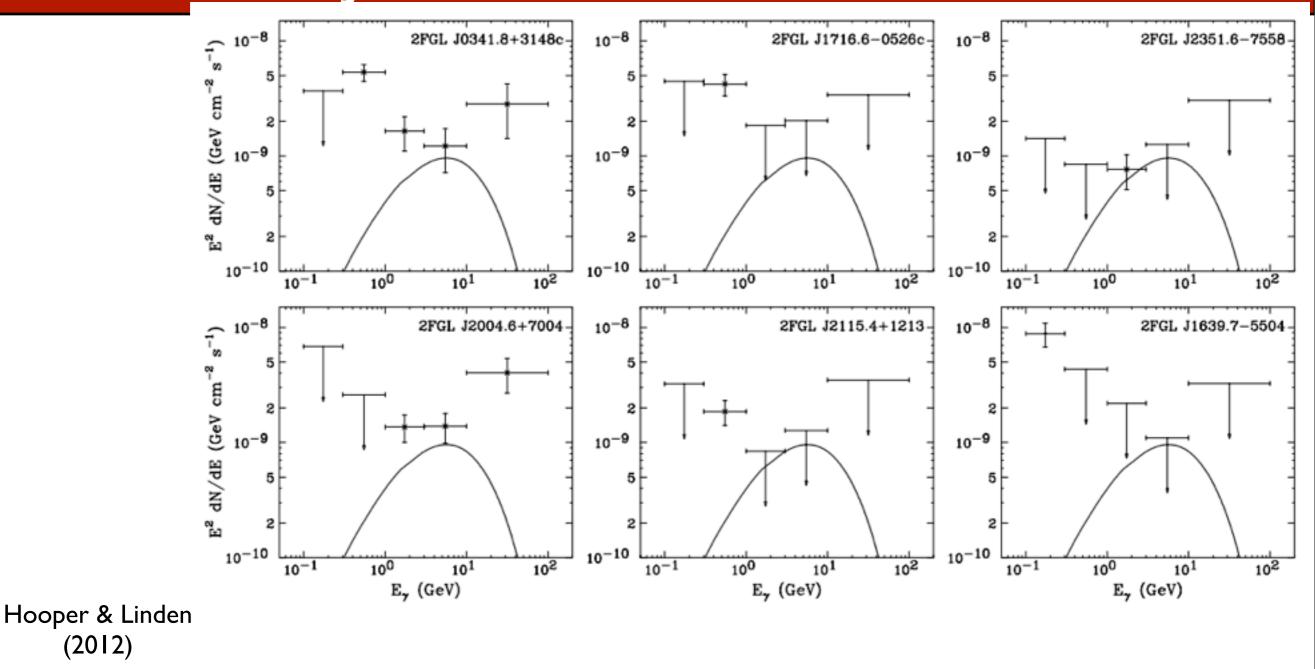
Radius R (deg)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15
$N~(110150~{ m GeV})$	2	4	6	10	16	24	30	35	40	48	101
$N~(20300~{ m GeV})$	15	55	114	219	336	504	666	875	1105	1370	3044
$N_{\mathrm{signal}} \ (110150 \ \mathrm{GeV})$	1.6	2.2	2.0	3.2	4.5	5.6	7.2	9.5	8.8	7.4	4.6
Significance (σ)	2.0	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9

 A second Su & Finkbeiner paper examined the population of unassociated point sources, and found evidence for a gamma-ray line at the same energies

 This could be evidence that several of the unassociated point sources host dark matter subhalos

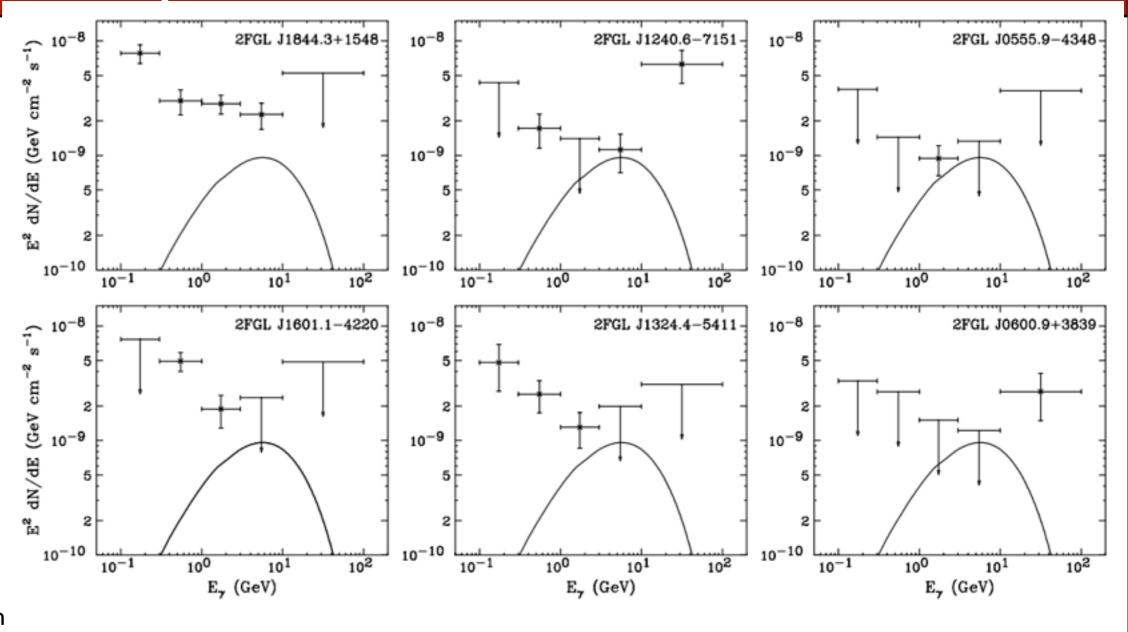
The associated point sources can be used as a control sample for this hypothesis, and show no evidence of a line





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(2012)



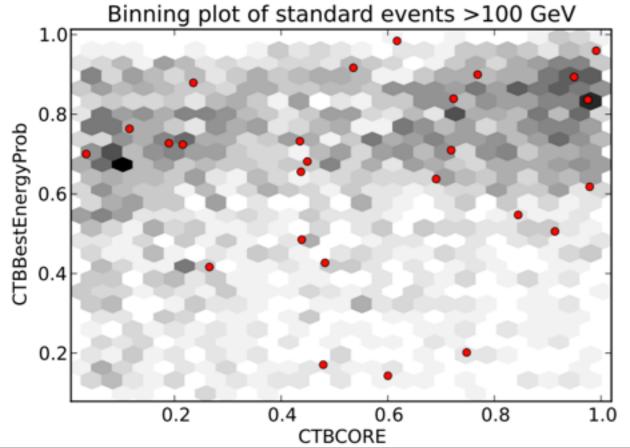
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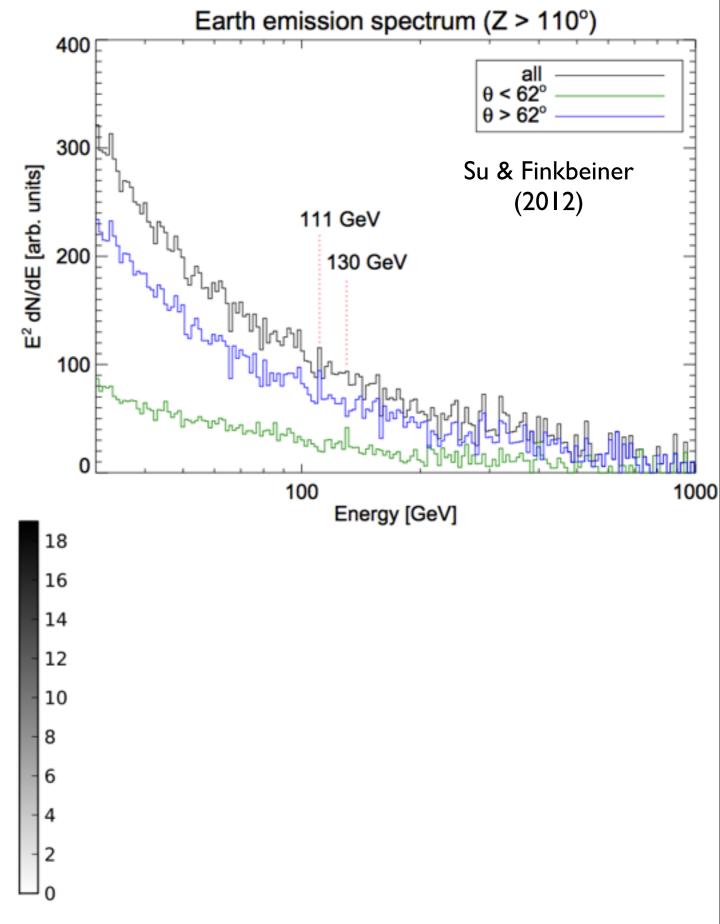
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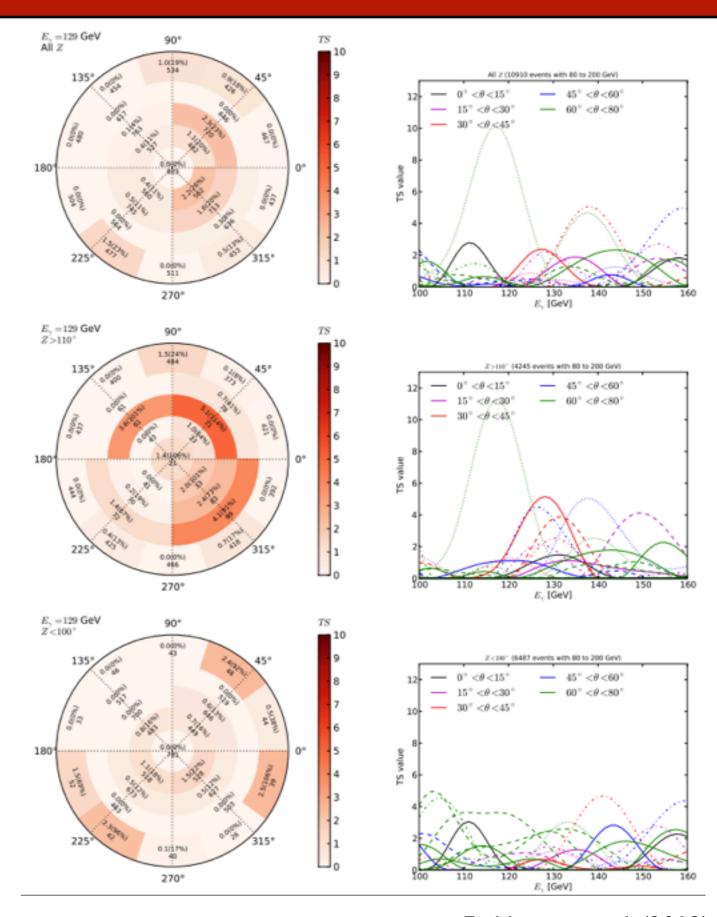


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 The significance of the line signal appears to populate the full plane of instrumental phase space



Finkbeiner et al. (2012)

Conclusions - 130 GeV Line

• The line signal observed at the galactic center is statistically significant

 There is currently no convincing evidence for line signals anywhere else in the gamma-ray sky

All current explanations for the gamma-ray line are unconvincing

Help!? (HESS-II? New Observation Strategies? Smart models?)

Conclusions - Galactic Center

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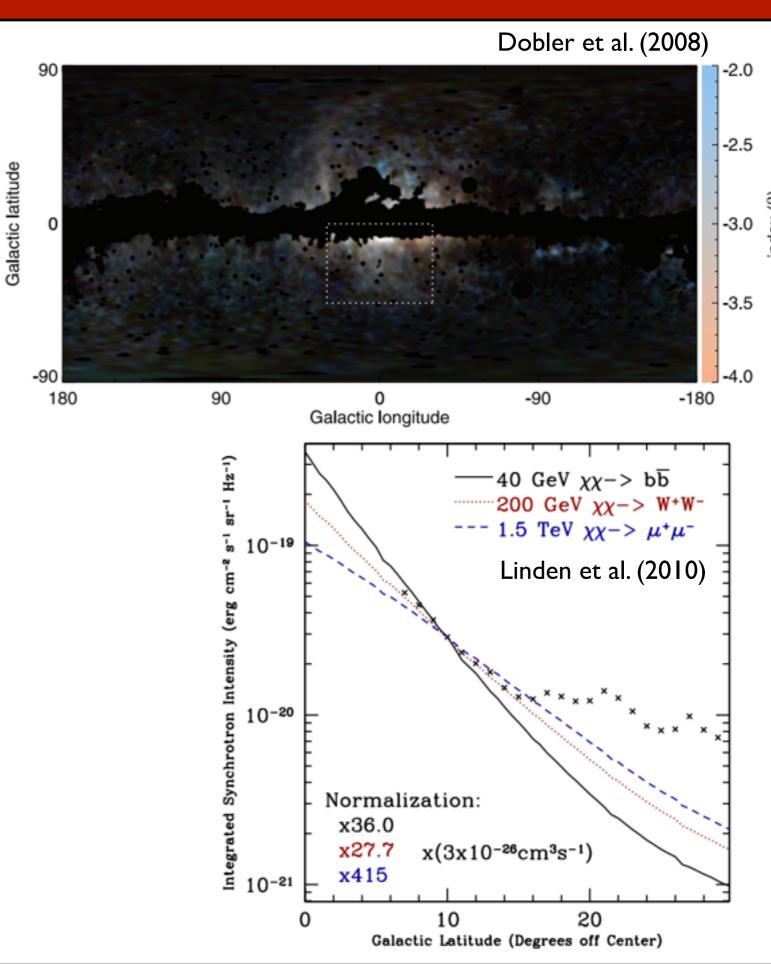
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Extra Slides

What is the WMAP Haze?

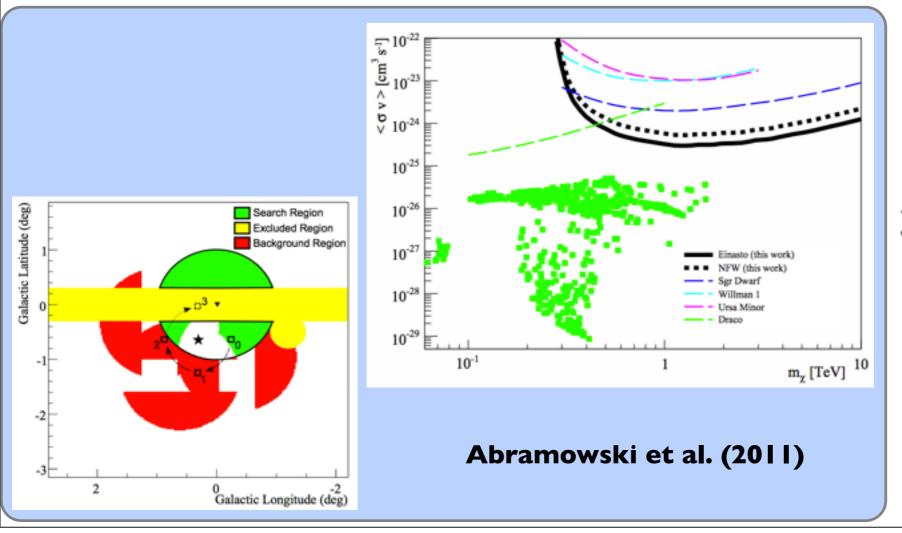
- Discovered by Doug Finkbeiner in 2004
- Synchrotron origin determined by subsequent observations
- Hard spectrum difficult to fit with lepton injection spectra typical of astrophysical phenomena
- Well fit by dark matter models with typical annihilation cross-sections and spectra
- However, modifications are needed to magnetic fields in galactic halo

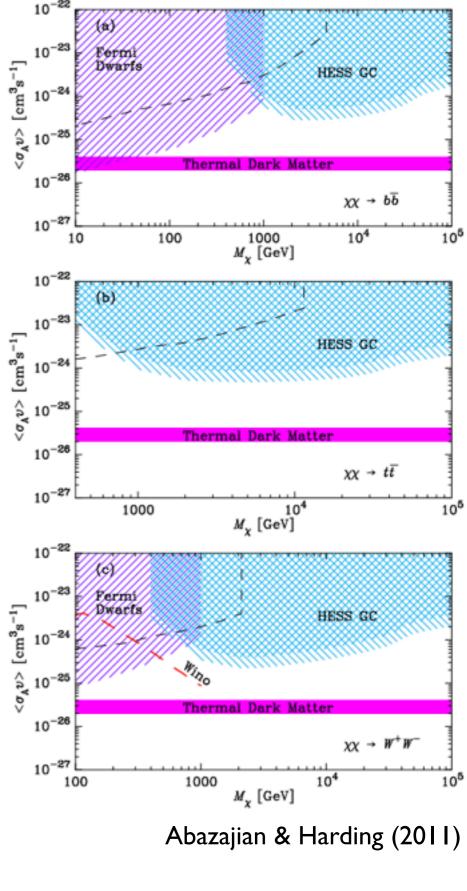


HESS Limits on TeV Dark Matter

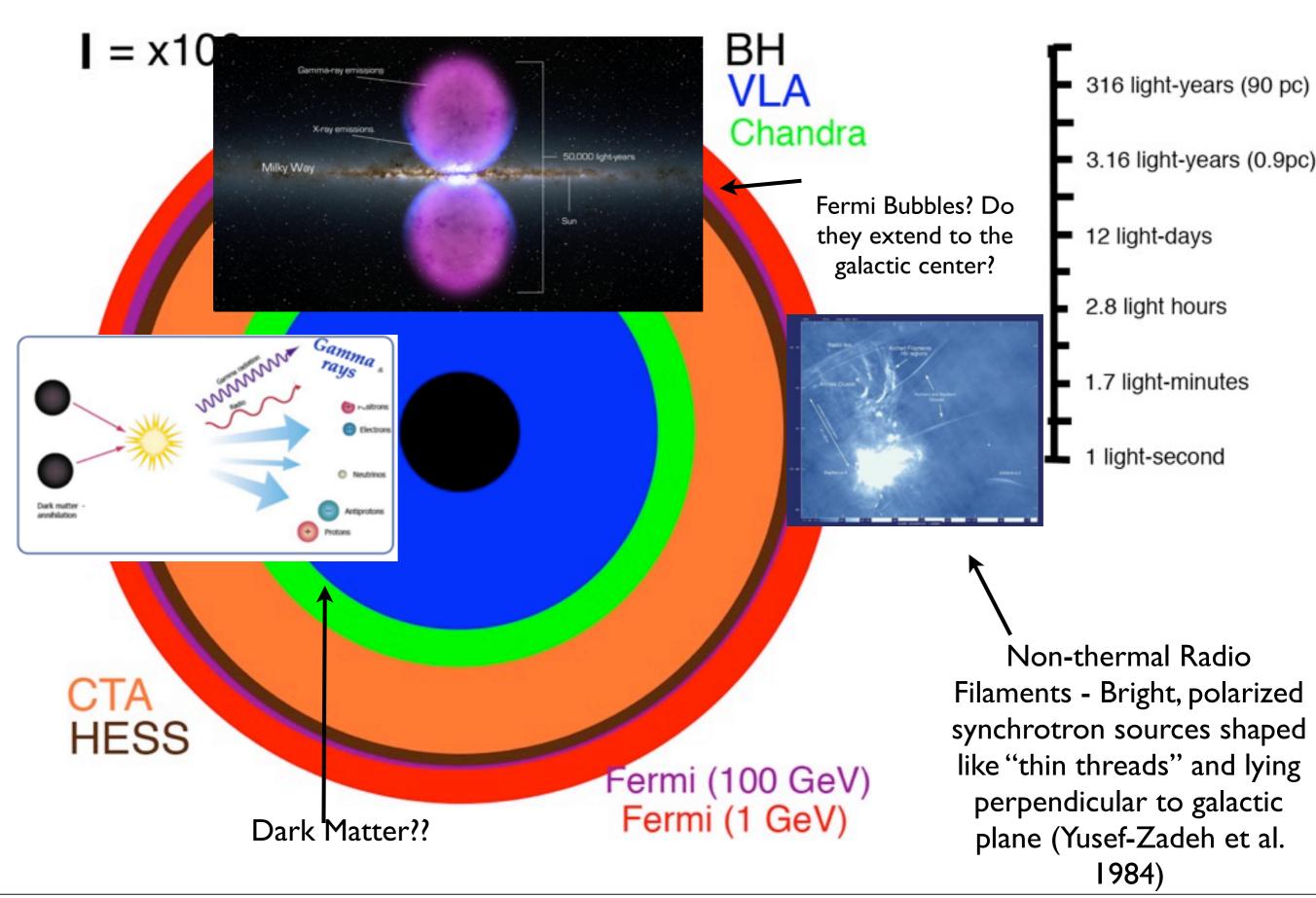
 HESS observations of the Galactic center, and Galactic Halo provide the strongest indirect limits on TeV dark matter

 Limits are strongly profile dependent -background subtraction weakens bounds on isothermal dark matter models as well

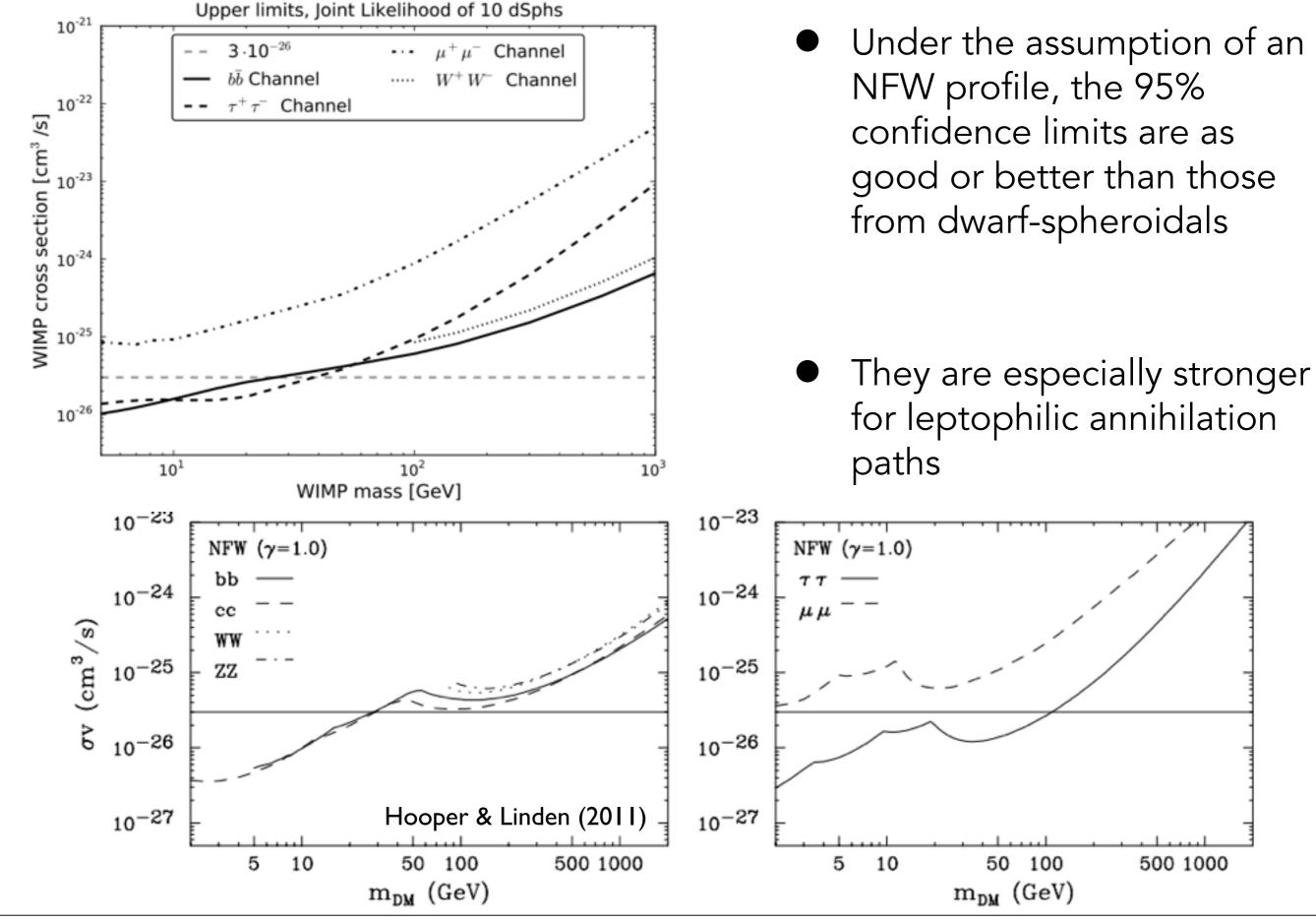




And some surprises!

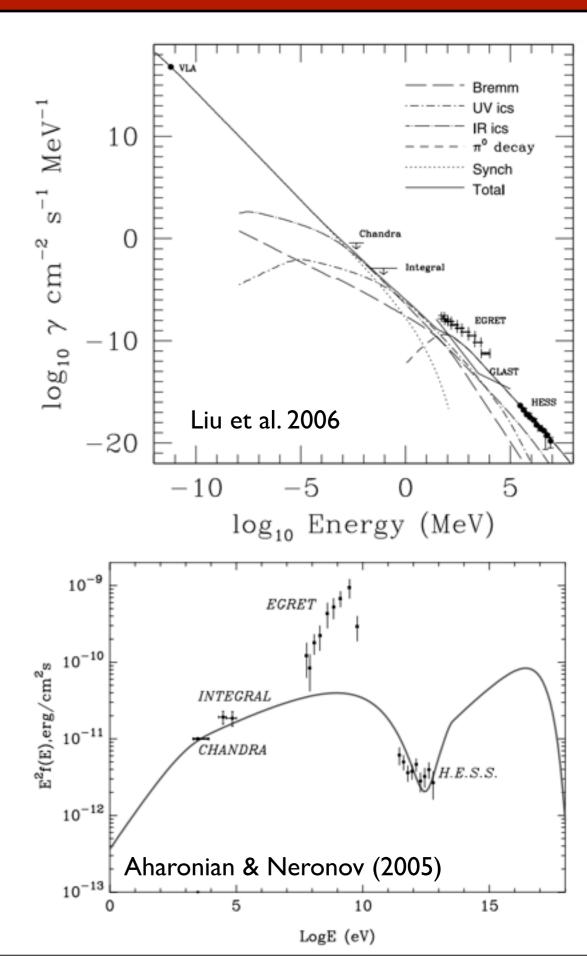


Comparison to Other Indirect Detection Regimes



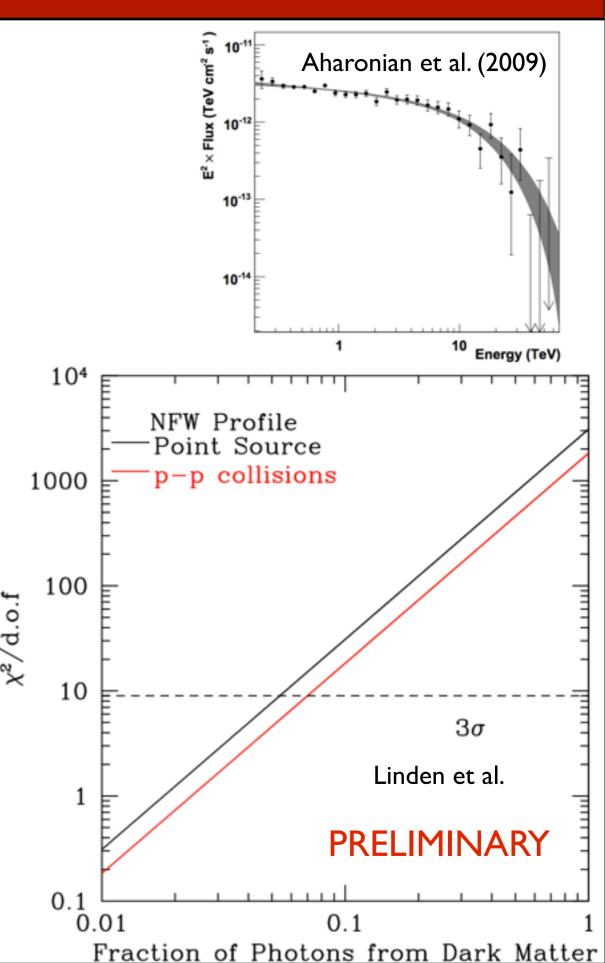
Fitting the Residual: Hadronic Processes

- The lack of variability indicates that the emission may be stemming from a region farther away from the GC itself
- A recent model examined the possibility that protons emitted from the galactic center produce gamma-rays through their subsequent interaction with galactic gas
- This has the potential to produce the vast majority of emission from TeV scales all the way down to radio energies
- Normalization depends sensitively on diffusion (stay tuned!)

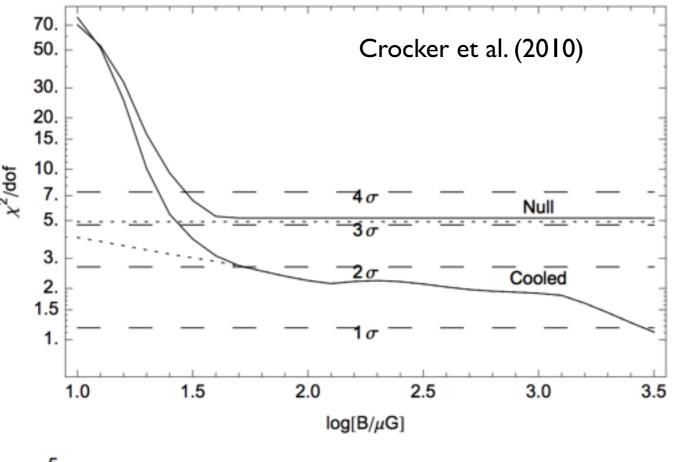


Dark Matter at the Galactic Center

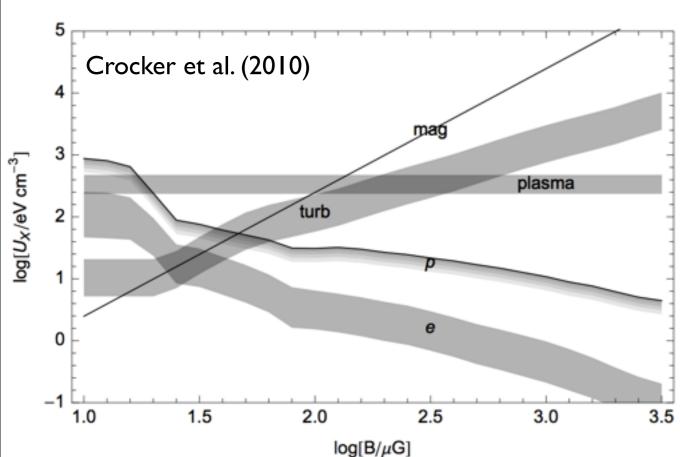
- Can use a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test after finding the CDF for the radial profile of dark matter annihilation
- Since the CDFs for dark matter and the background point-source can be compared linearly, strong limits can quickly be set on dark matter annihilation
- Limits on photon counts can then be translated to a limit on annihilation crosssection
- Of course, large uncertainties exist, stemming from models in the gas density, and in the ratio of background emission stemming from point-source vs. gas



Models of the Galactic Center Magnetic Field



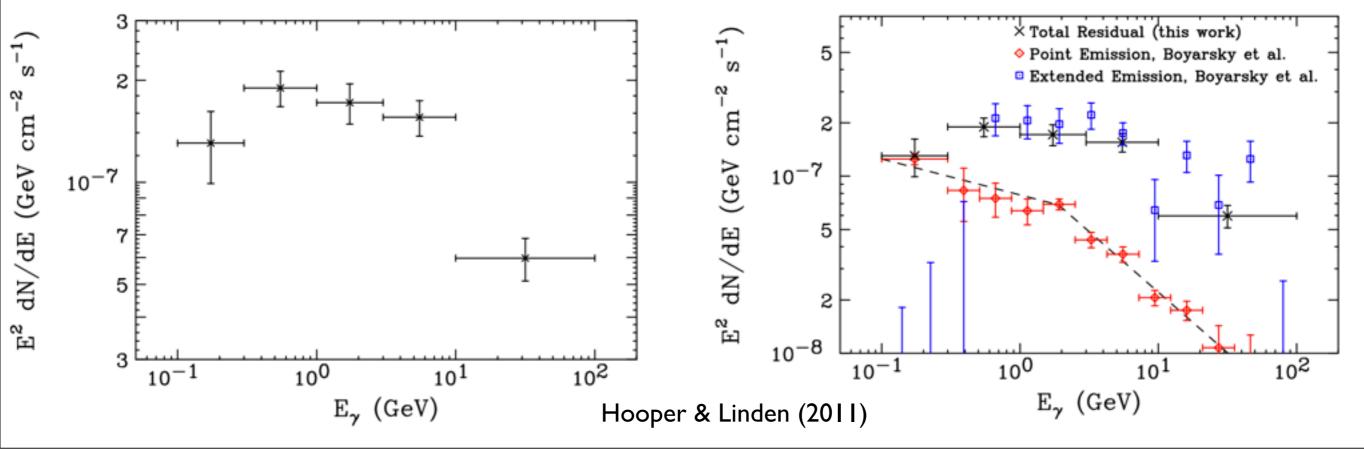
 This is particularly interesting in light of recent models which have set a minimum strength of 50 μG on the magnetic fields in the galactic center (best fit range 100-300 μG)



 This almost ensures that synchrotron is the dominant energy loss mechanism for high energy electrons

 In the hadronic scenario, the diffusion parameters are set by the fit to the gamma-ray data **Note:** Models of light dark matter and millisecond pulsars seek only to explain the bump in the Fermi GeV spectrum.

In both cases, another mechanism (such as proton emission from the galactic center) must be responsible for the TeV emission



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