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# -Bow Shock

Heliosheath

# Voyager 1

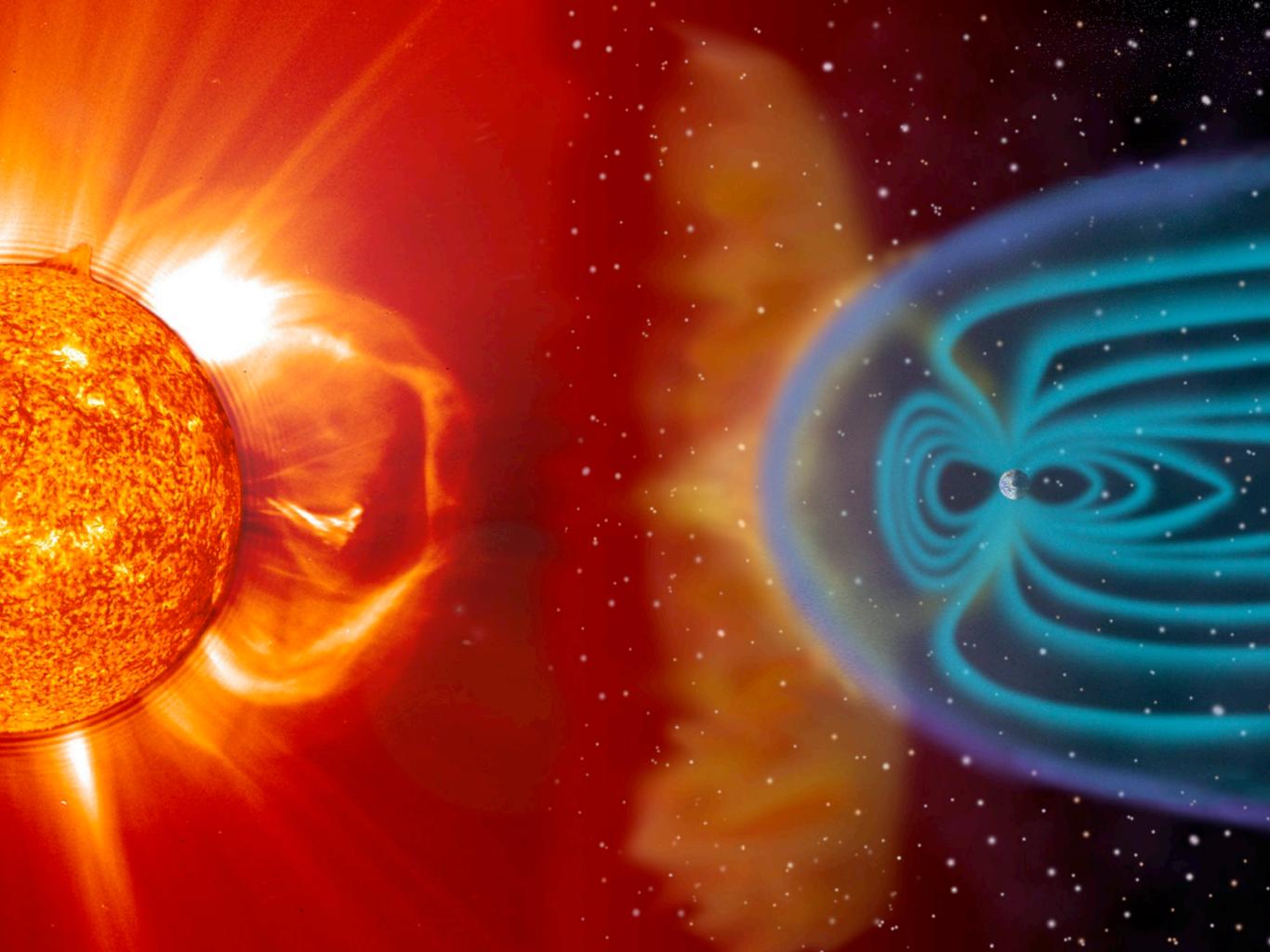
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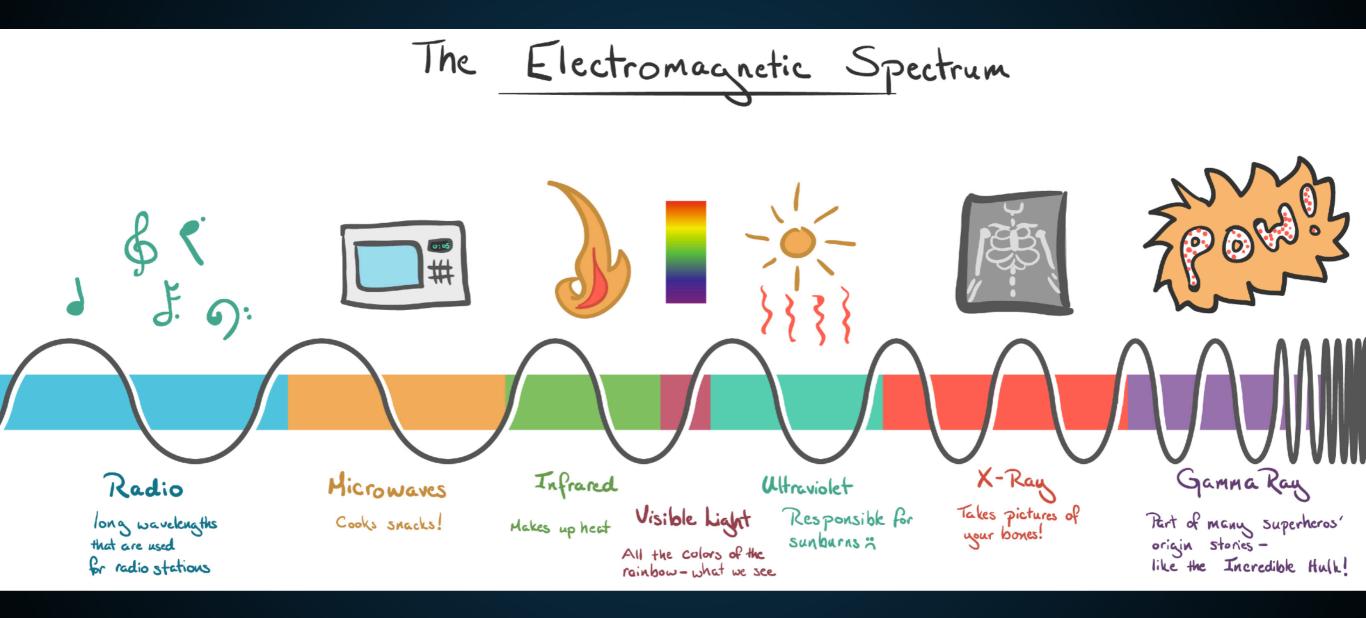
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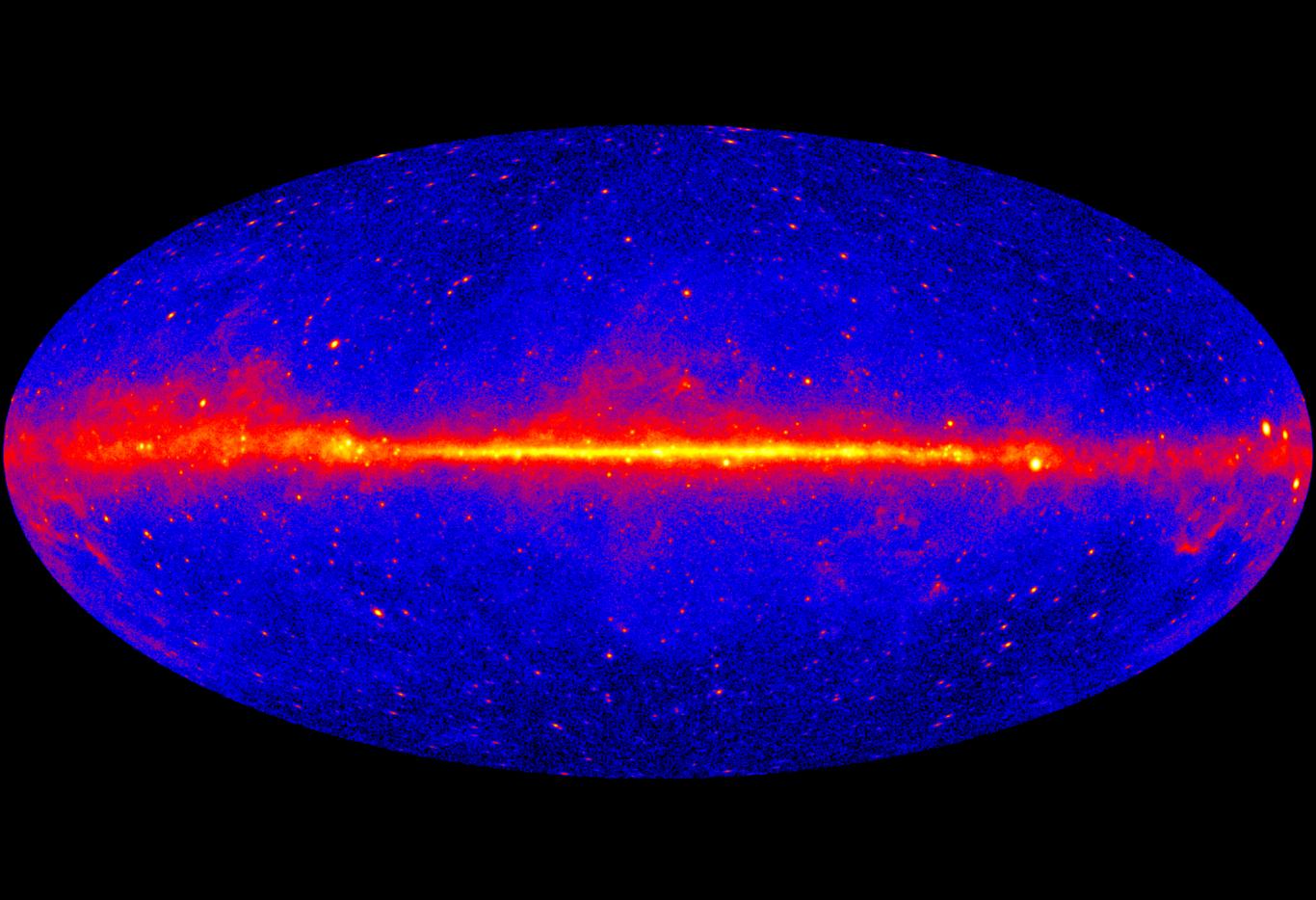
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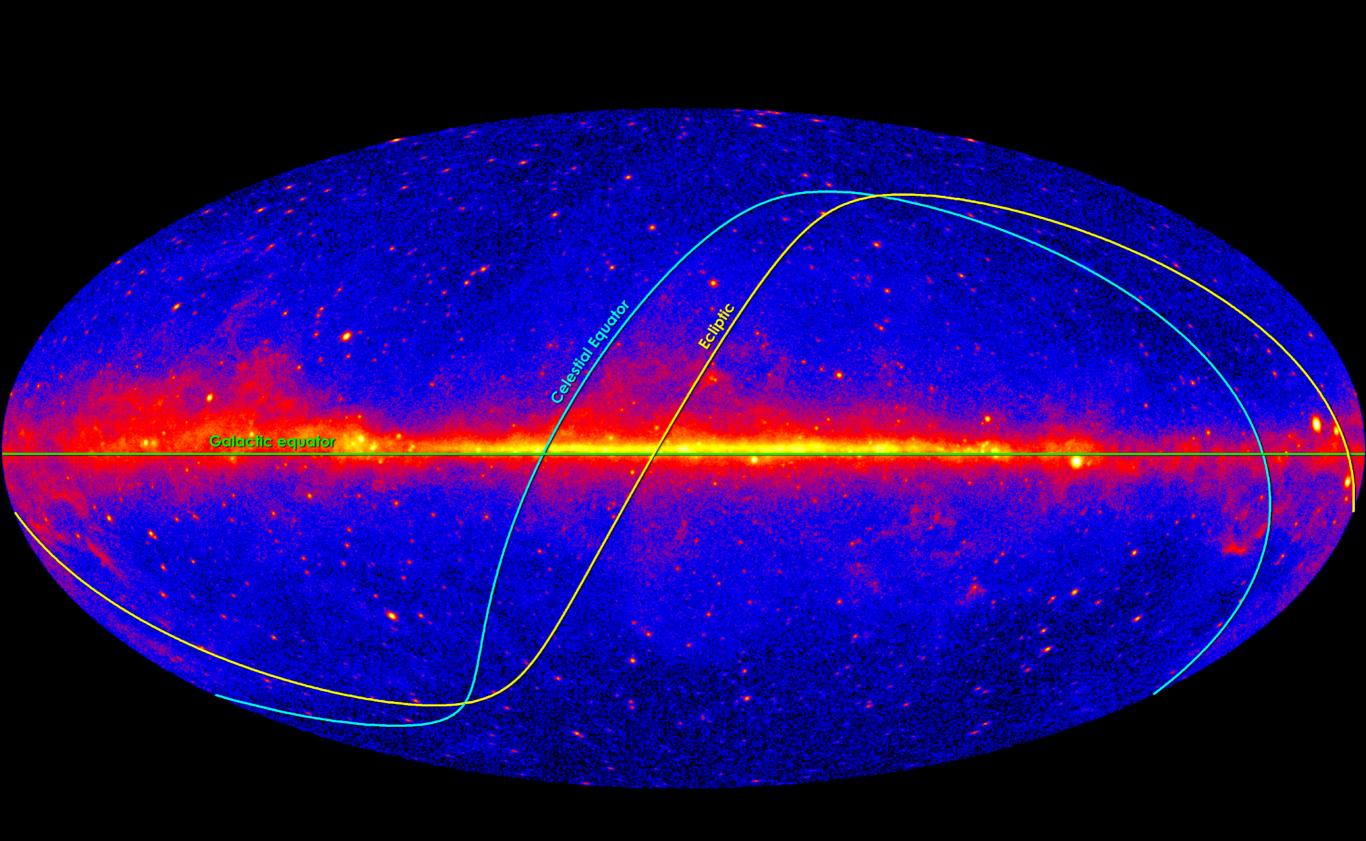
Heliopause

Heliosphere









#### **CRAZY FINE TUNING**

# Solar gamma-ray flux is approximately:

 Solar disk gamma-ray flux:

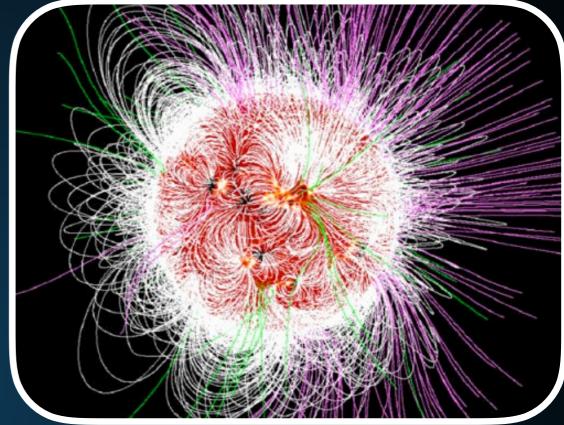
$$6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

name 录合	assoc name 1	energy flux ↓↑ [erg/cm^2/s]	assoc name
3FGL J0835.3-4510	PSR J0835-4510	8.93008e-09	Vela
3FGL J0633.9+1746	PSR J0633+1746	4.15261e-09	Geminga
3FGL J0534.5+2201	PSR J0534+2200	1.47178e-09	Crab
3FGL J1709.7-4429	PSR J1709-4429	1.31463e-09	
3FGL J2254.0+1608	3C 454.3	1.23418e-09	
3FGL J2021.5+4026	LAT PSR J2021+4026	8.83261e-10	
3FGL J2028.6+4110e	Cygnus Cocoon	6.57388e-10	
3FGL J1836.2+5925	LAT PSR J1836+5925	5.98187e-10	
3FGL J1855.9+0121e	W44	5.35680e-10	
3FGL J2021.1+3651	PSR J2021+3651	5.03626e-10	
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3FGL J0240.5+6113	LS I+61 303	4.72665e-10	
3FGL J1809.8-2332	PSR J1809-2332	4.47994e-10	
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3FGL J0534.5+2201i	Crab	3.92571e-10	
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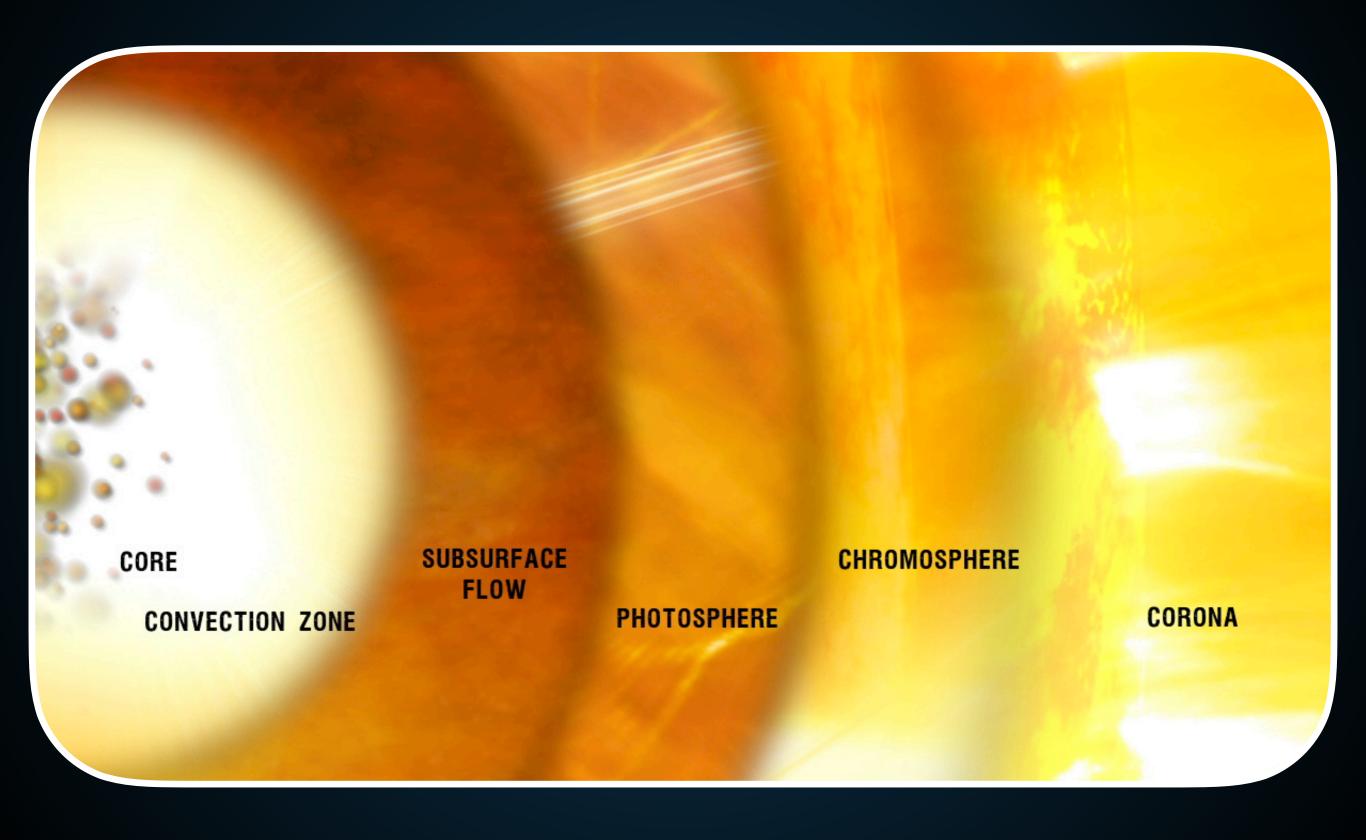
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### GAMMA-RAYS - WHY?









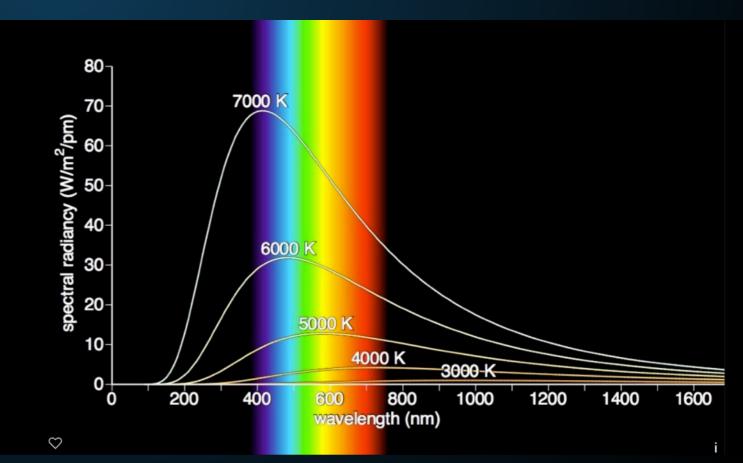
# How are these gamma rays produced?

#### THERMAL MECHANISMS

$$T_{\odot}$$
 = 6000 K = 0.5 eV

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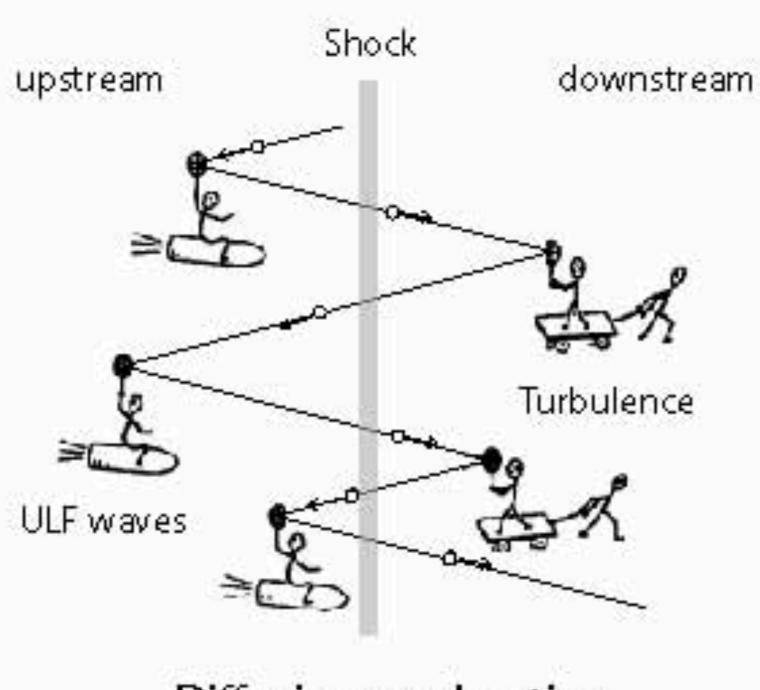


# Thermal production of gamma-rays is suppressed by exp[-10<sup>9</sup>] = 0

#### **GAMMA-RAYS - HOW?**

#### NON-THERMAL MECHANISMS



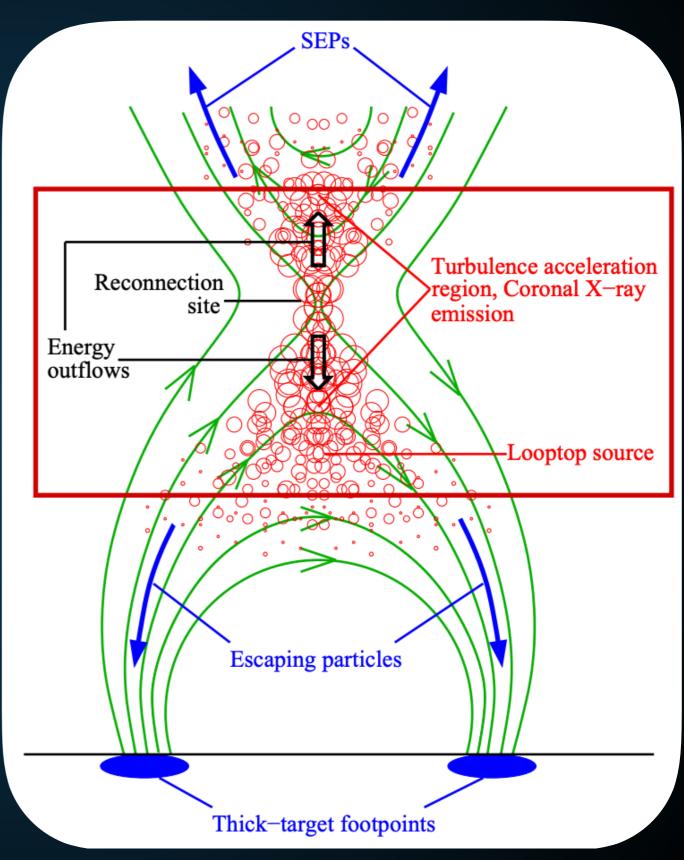


Diffusive acceleration

#### WHAT IS THE ENERGY SCALE?

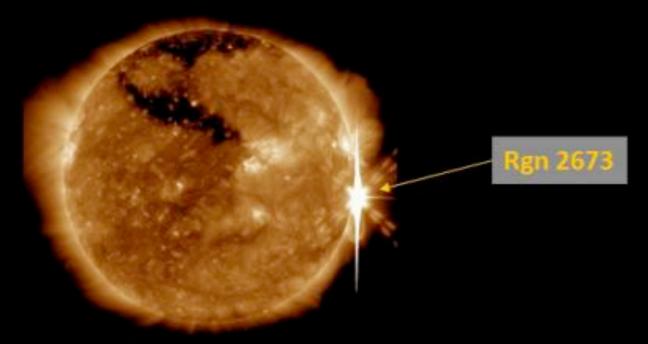
# • Solar Flares and Reconnection events.



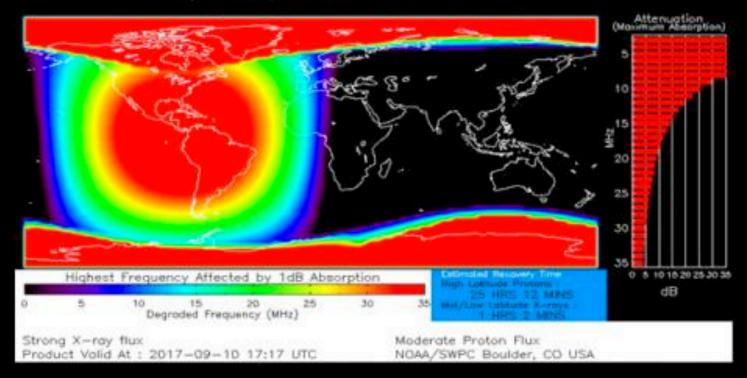


#### Petrosian (2016; 1605.04022)

#### Strong Radio Blackout 10 Sep 17 at 1606 UTC



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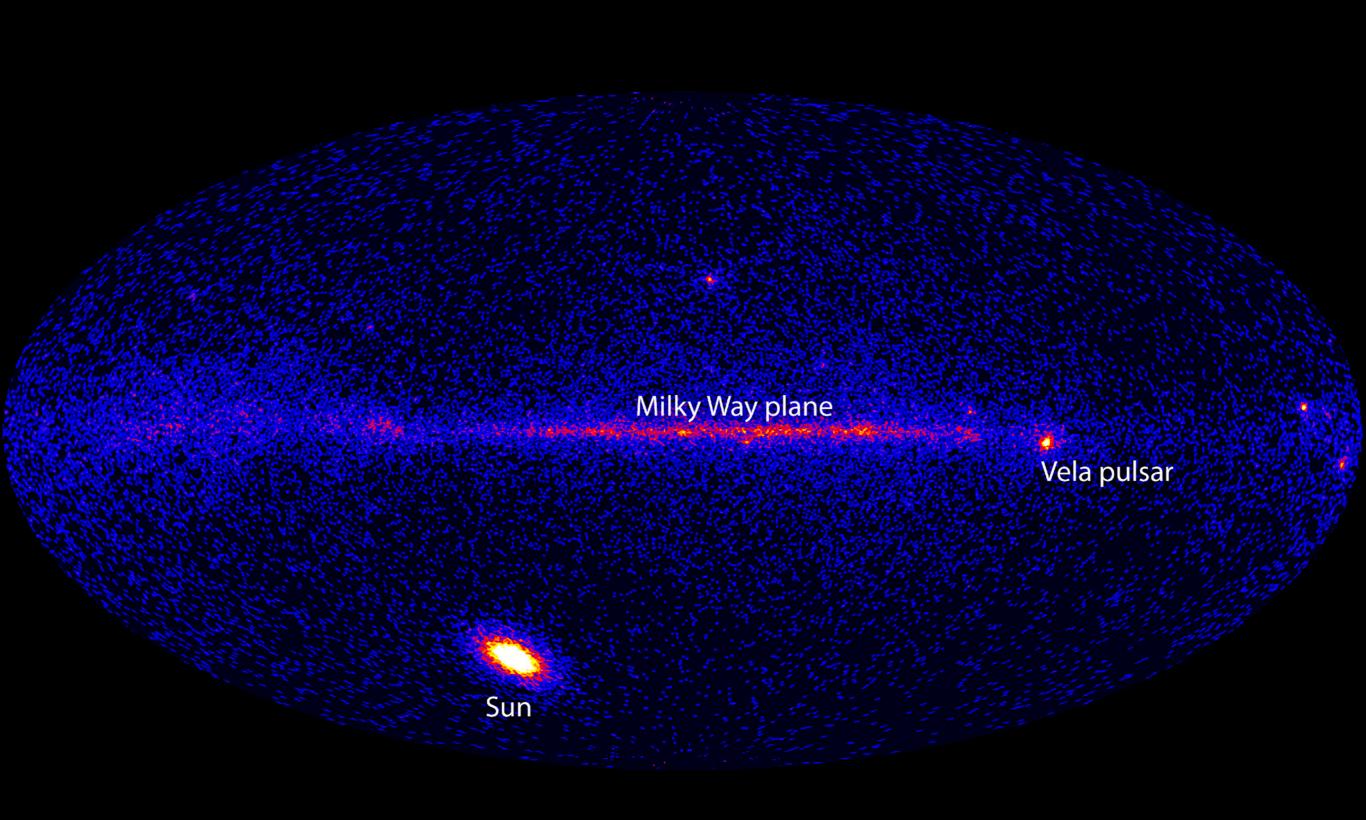




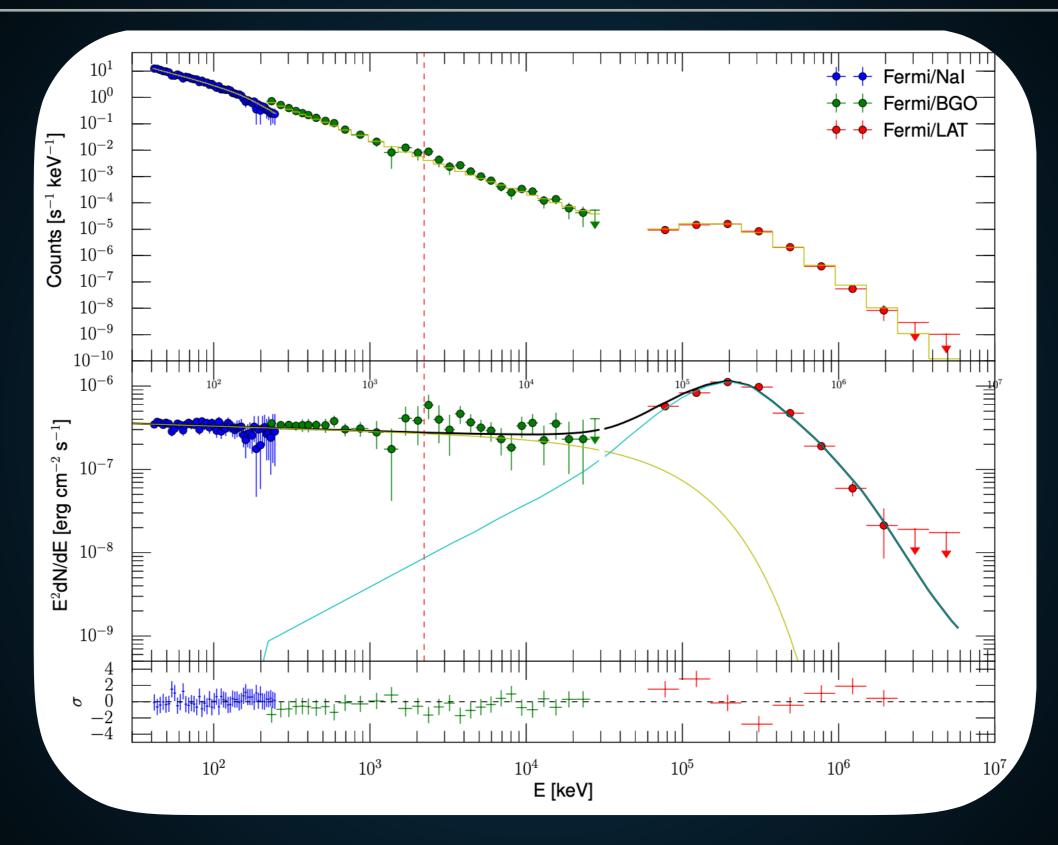
<u>PRIMARY AREA of IMPACTS</u> Large portions of sunlit side of Earth

#### POSSIBLE EFFECTS

<u>HF Radio</u>: Wide area of blackouts; loss of contact for up to an hour over sunlit side of Earth <u>Navigation</u>: Low frequency communication degraded for about an hour



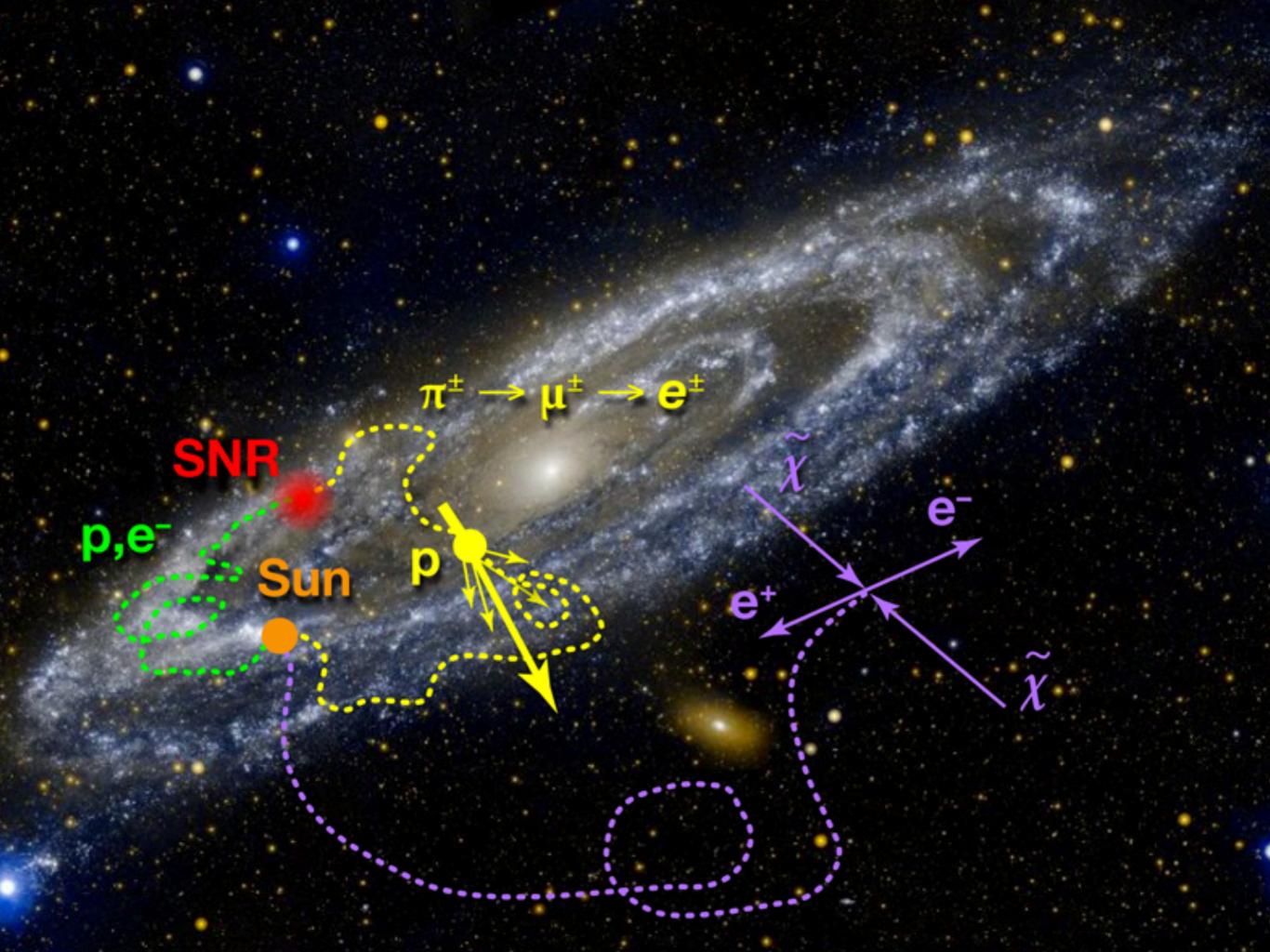
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Solar Flare gamma-rays are low energy (E<sub>max</sub> = 4 GeV)

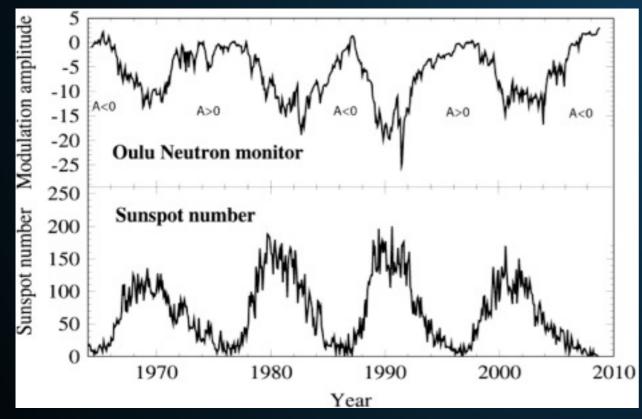
# Exploiting the Energy of Galactic Cosmic-Rays

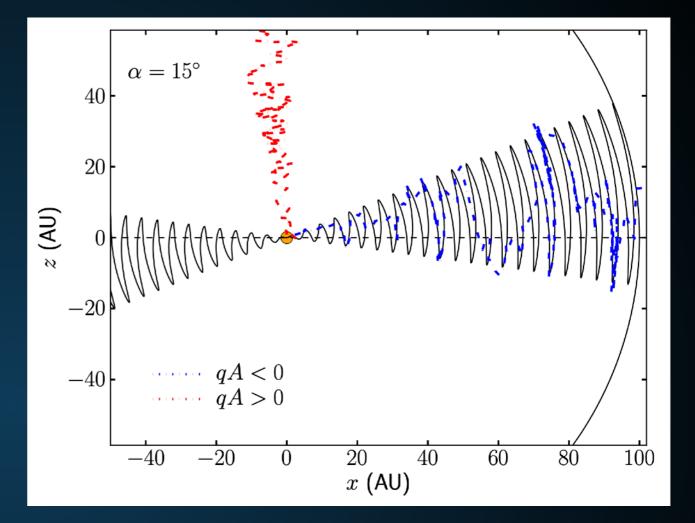




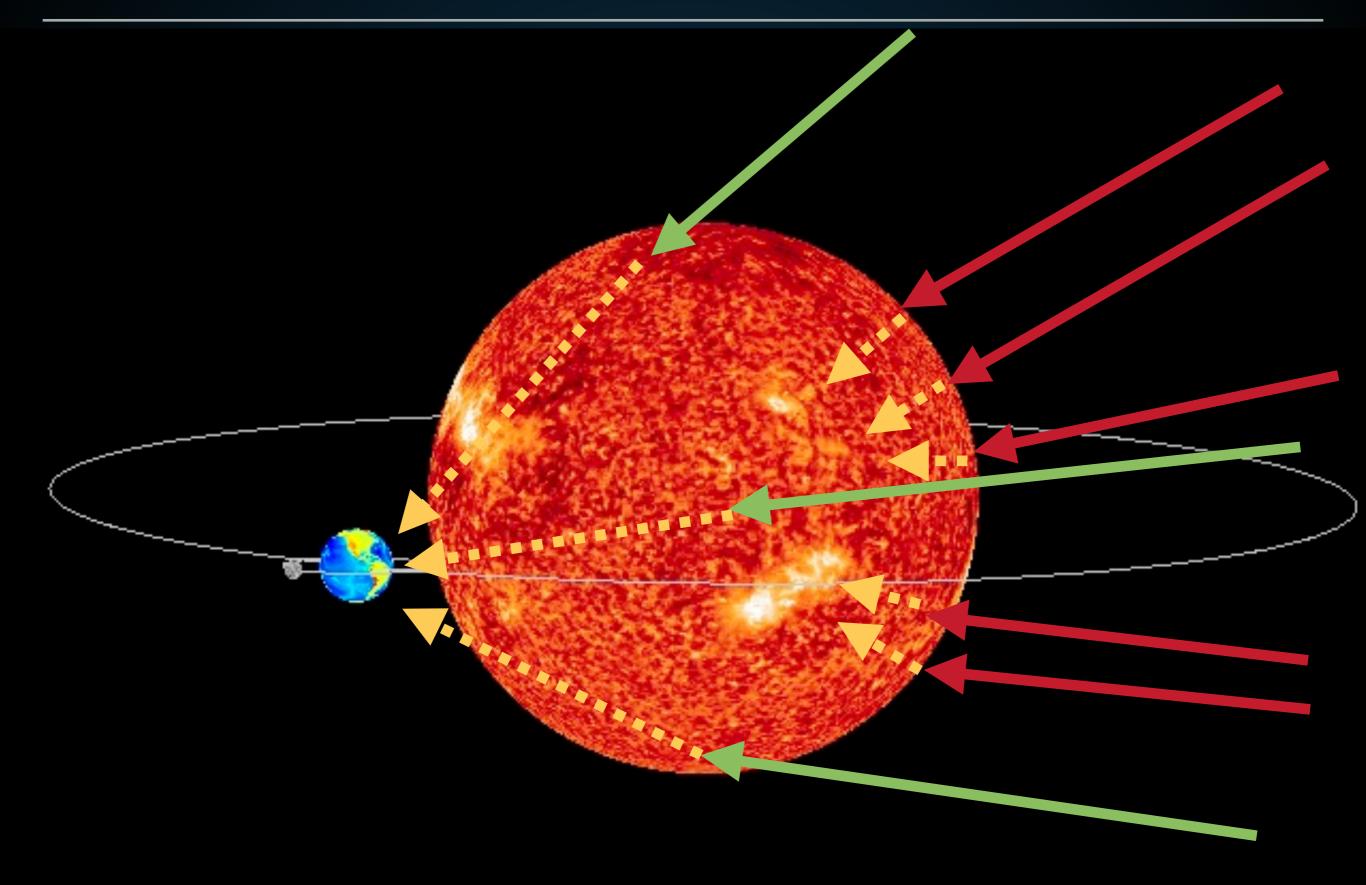
 Cosmic-Rays must first fight the heliospheric potential to arrive at the Sun.

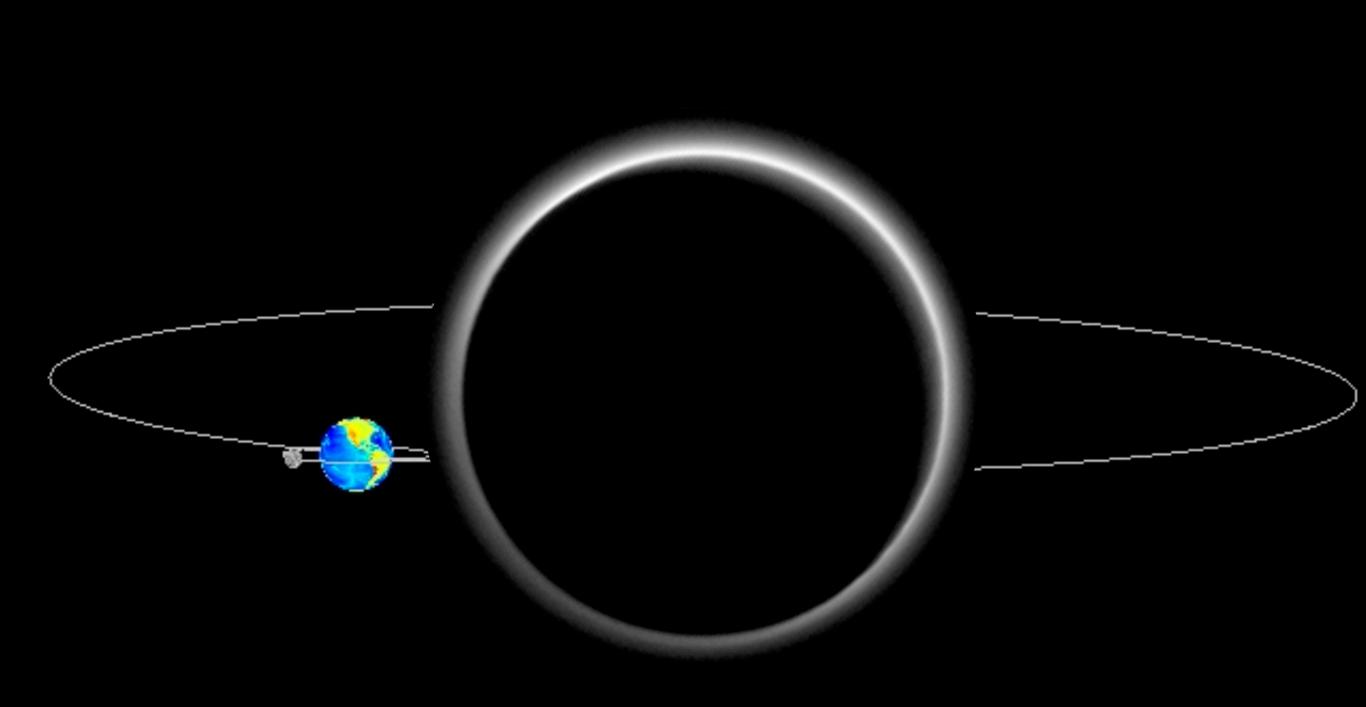
Valdes-Galicia & Gonzalez (2016)

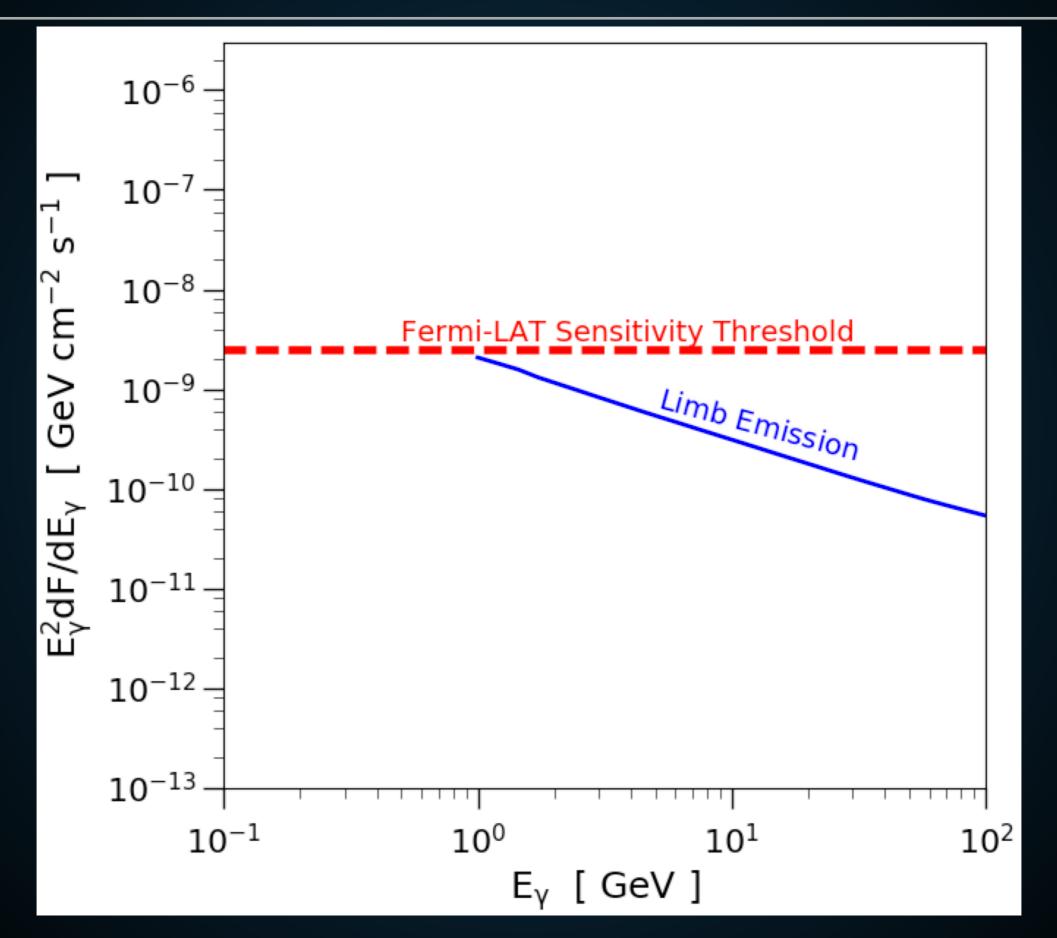




$$\Phi(R,t) = \phi_0 \left(\frac{|B_{\text{tot}}(t)|}{4\,\text{nT}}\right) + \phi_1 H(-qA(t)) \left(\frac{|B_{\text{tot}}(t)|}{4\,\text{nT}}\right) \left(\frac{1 + (R/R_0)^2}{\beta(R/R_0)^3}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha(t)}{\pi/2}\right)^4$$







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#### SIGNATURES OF COSMIC-RAY INTERACTIONS ON THE SOLAR SURFACE

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#### ABSTRACT

We estimate the fluxes of neutrinos, gamma rays, antiprotons, neutrons, and antineutrons that result from collisions of high-energy Galactic cosmic rays with the solar atmosphere. The results are sensitive to assumptions about cosmic-ray transport in the magnetic fields of the inner solar system. The high-energy photon flux should be observable by the Gamma Ray Observatory. The neutrino flux should produce less than one event per year in the next generation of neutrino telescopes. The antiproton flux is unobservable against the Galactic background. The neutron and antineutron fluxes are detectable only if neutrons produced in terrestrial cosmic-ray events may be discriminated against.

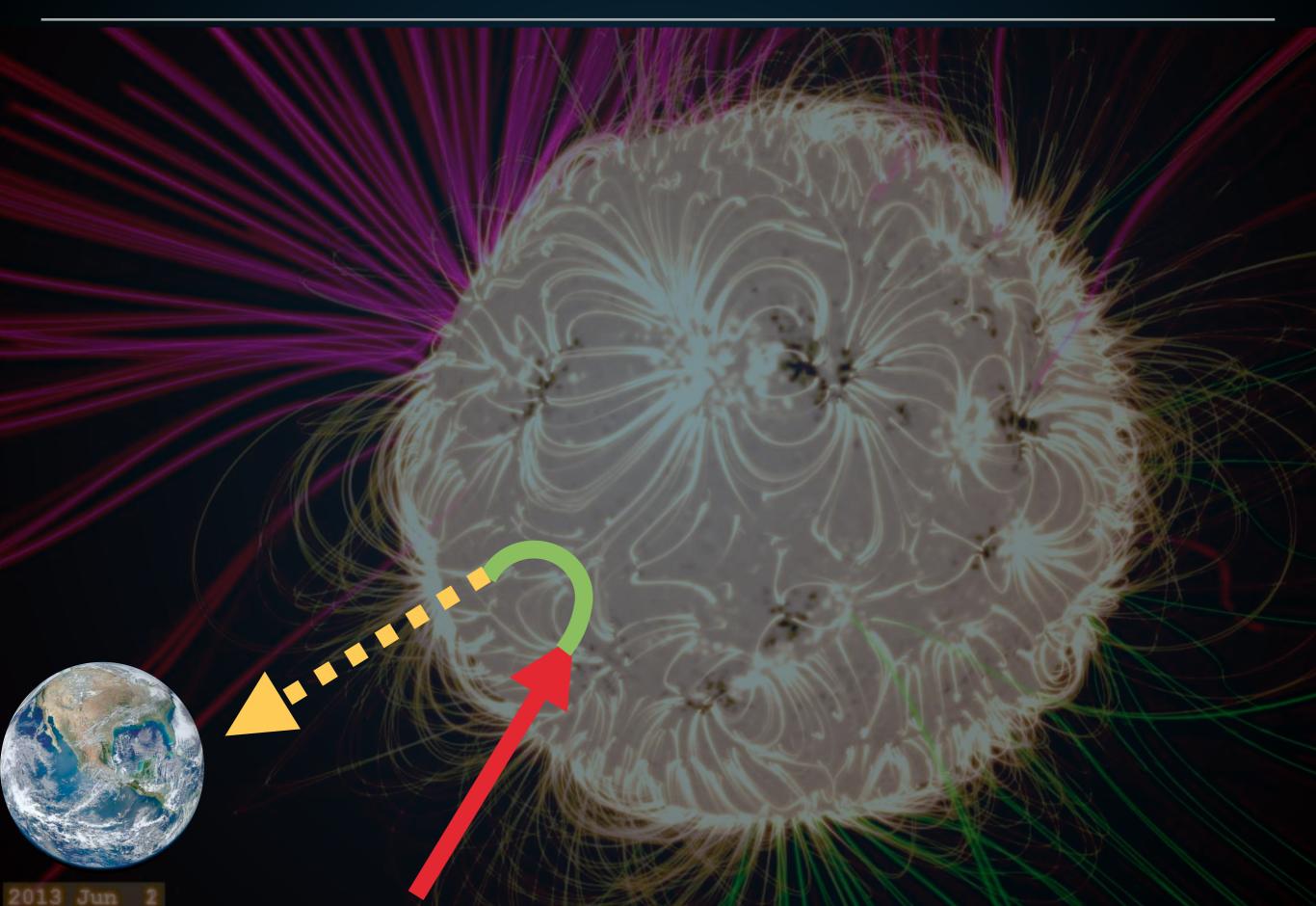
Subject headings: cosmic rays: general — gamma rays: general — neutrinos — Sun: activity

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The interactions of high-energy cosmic-ray nuclei with matter have been studied in a variety of settings. In our own atmosphere, these interactions produce cascades which include, or in turn produce, detectable fluxes of electrons, positrons, muons, gamma rays, Čerenkov light, neutrons and other nuclear fragments, and neutrinos. Interactions with interstellar gas are thought to produce the observed Galactic flux of  $\gamma$ -rays (Mayer-Hasselwander et al. 1982; Fichtel & Kniffen 1984; Fichtel et al. 1977) with energies above ~ 500 MeV, antiprotons (Stephens & Golden 1987), and positrons (Protheroe 1982). In this paper we explore another place where interactions between cosmic-ray nuclei and gas may produce observappropriate thickness to generate high-energy photons without reabsorbing them. The high-energy cascade products would then be suppressed from the naive value by an amount of order  $h_{\oplus}/R_{\oplus} \sim 10^{-3}$ , where  $h_{\oplus}$  is the scale height of Earth's atmosphere, and  $R_{\oplus}$  is Earth's radius. Although we will argue otherwise, one might worry that a similar suppression occurs for the Sun.

Third, to calculate fluxes from the Sun, one must take into account the details of the solar atmosphere. For example, typical cascades will take place in a less dense environment than for Earth, and that increases the yields of some byproducts.

Despite these uncertainties, it is possible to make some quick

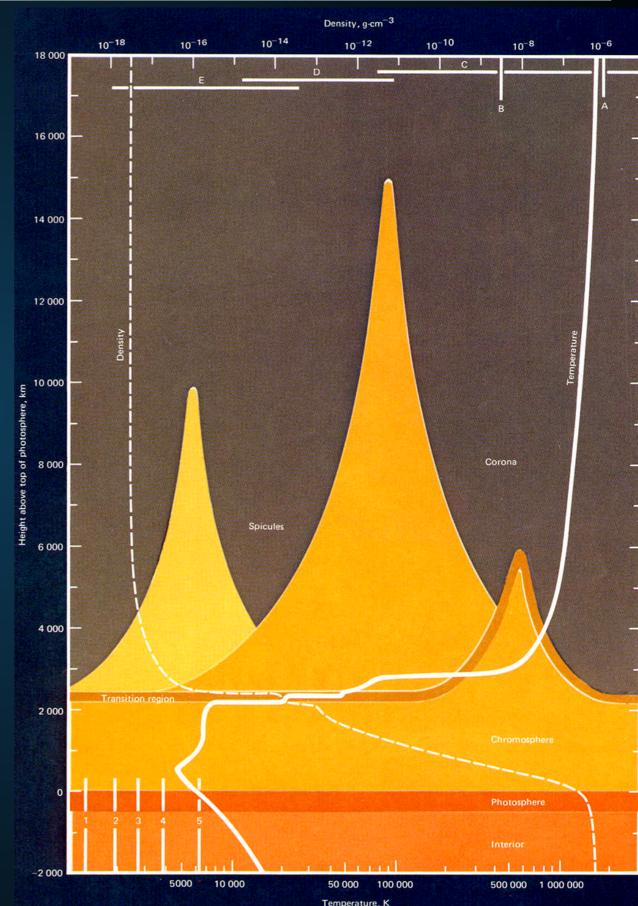


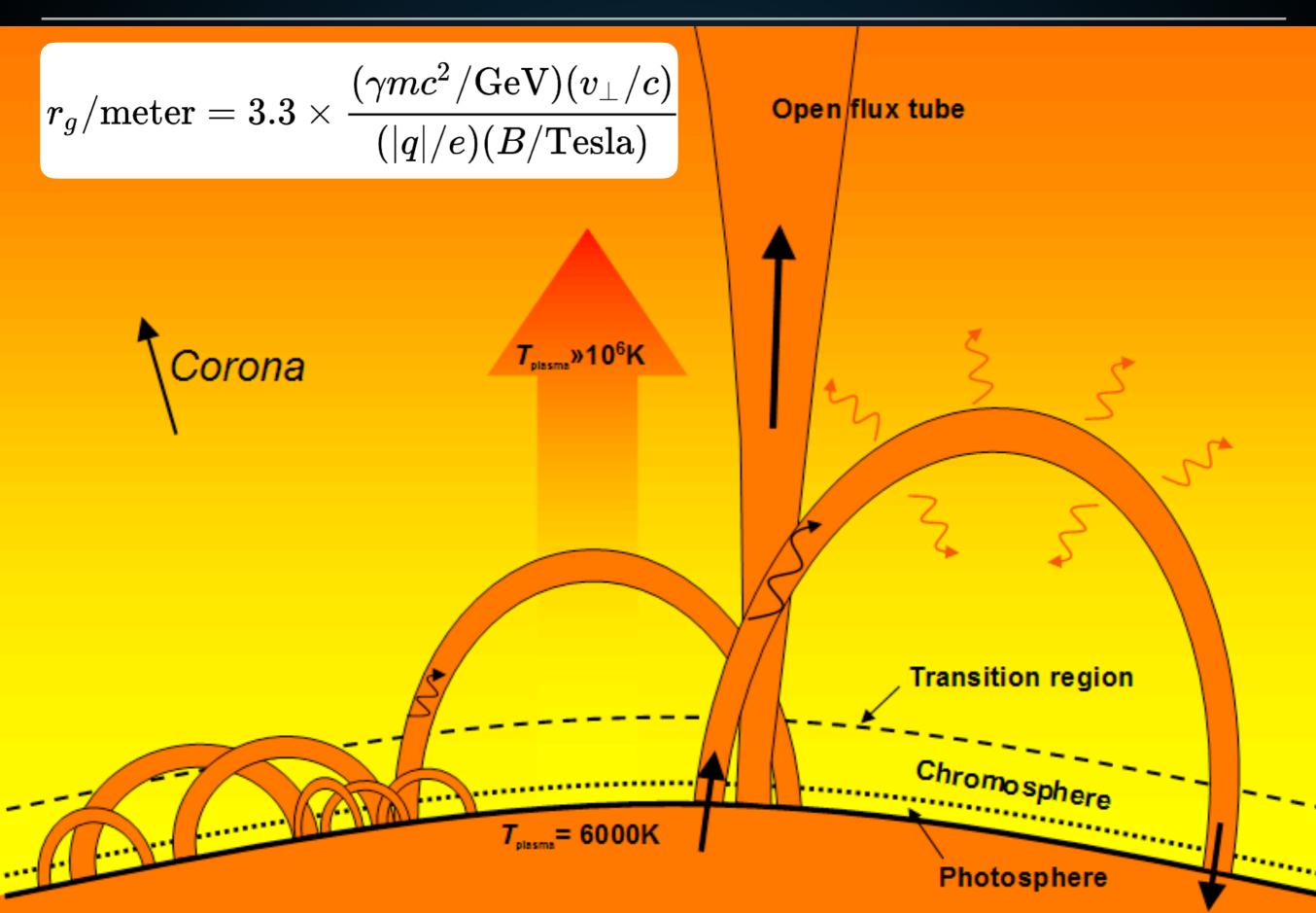
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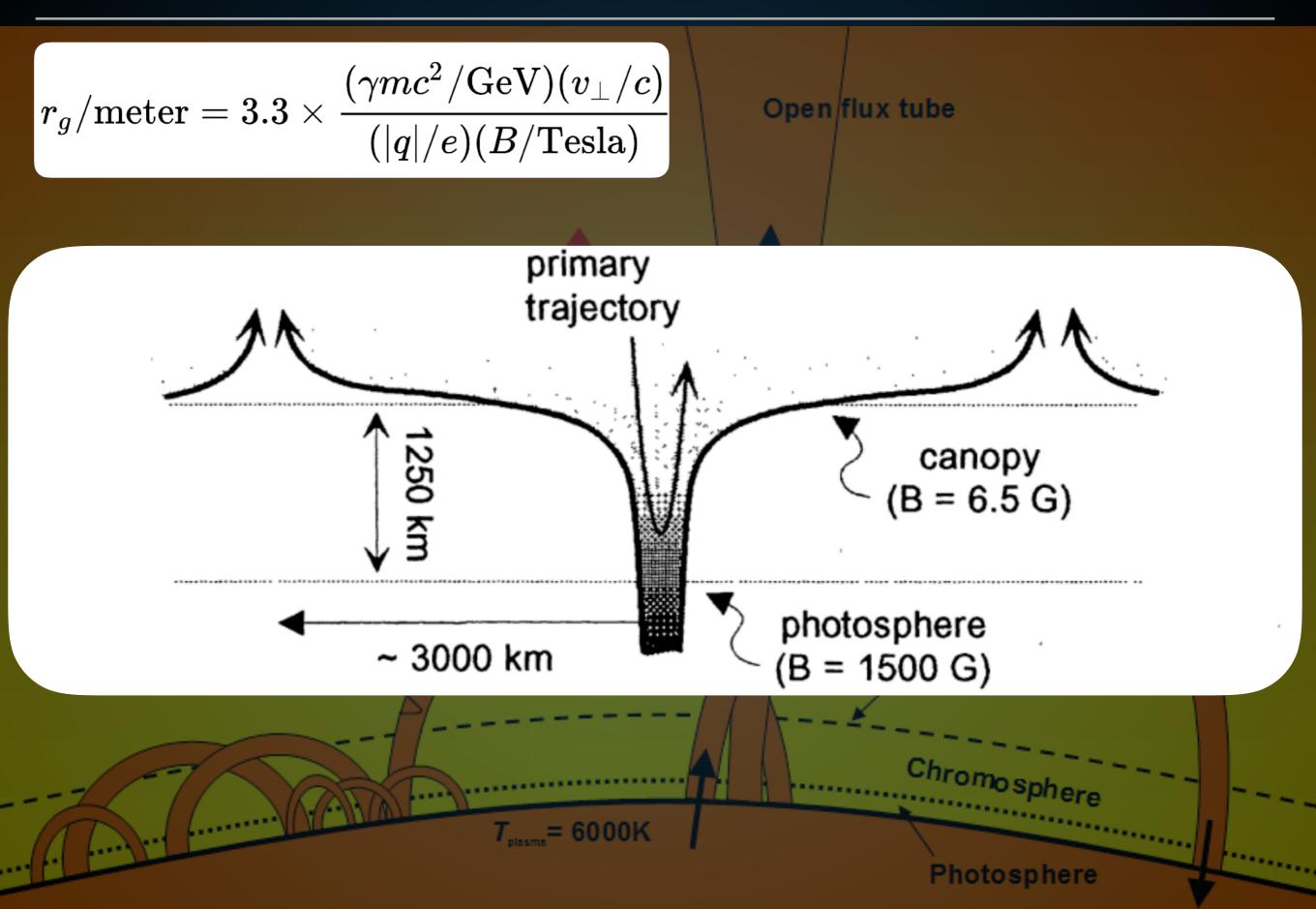
Photosphere Magnetic Field:1-10 GGyroradius (100 GeV):3300 km

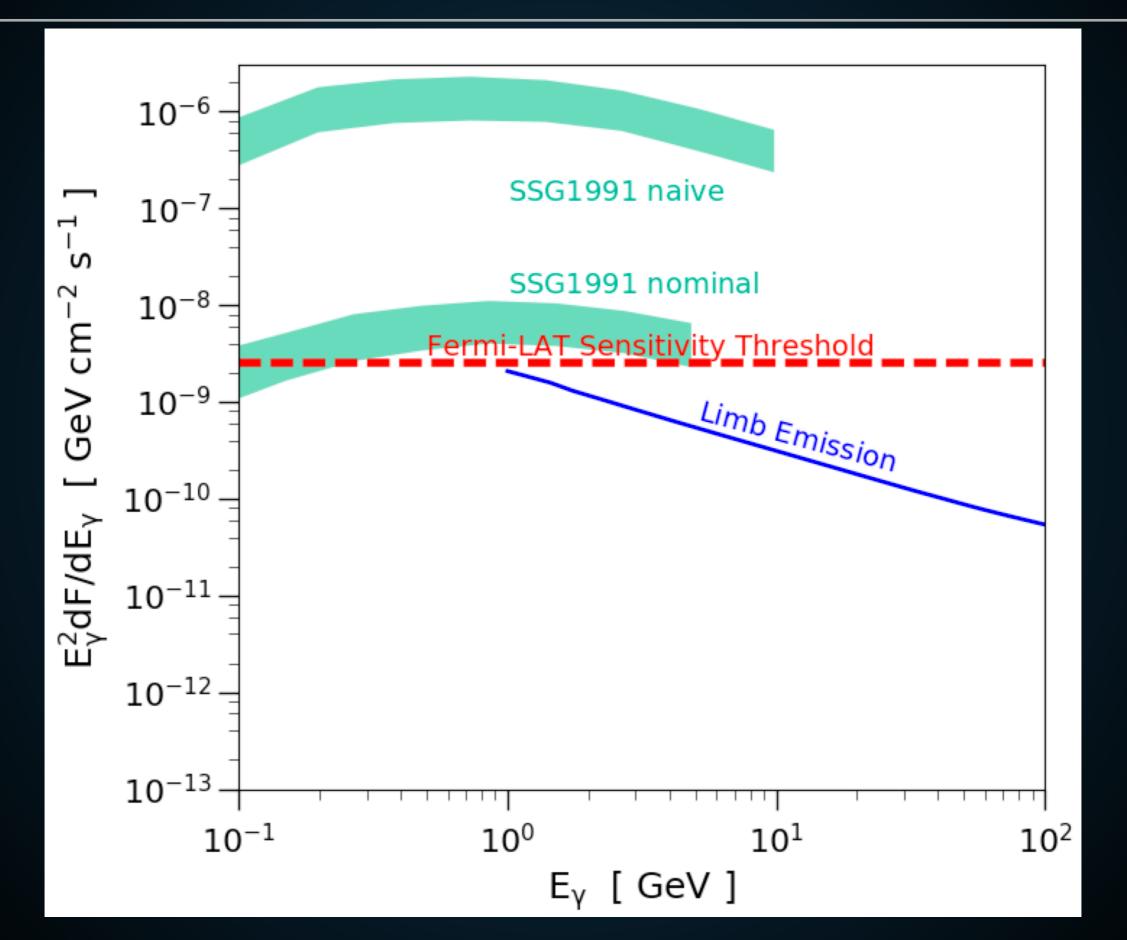
 Cosmic rays encounter a grammage of 330 g cm<sup>-2</sup>

 Cosmic rays die before reflecting within the solar surface.









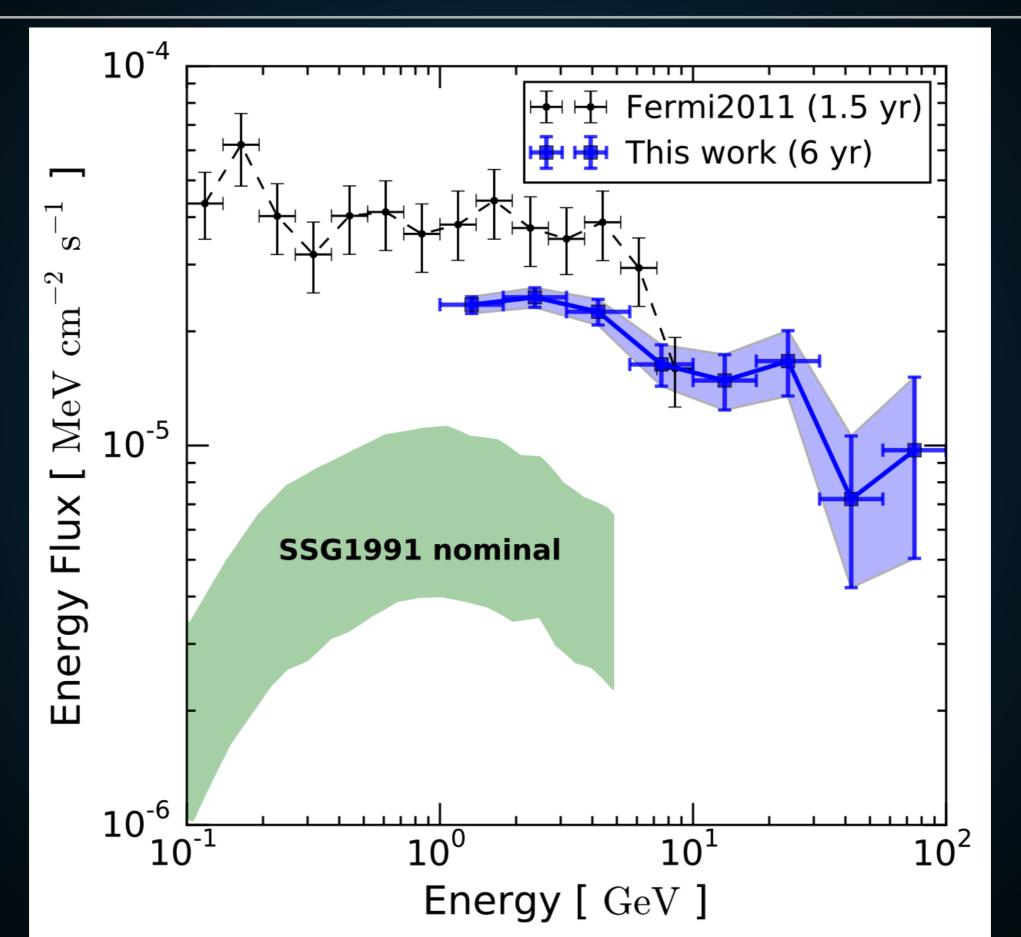
# Let the observations be your guide...



### GAMMA-RAYS - WHAT?



#### **OBSERVATIONS - INTENSITY**

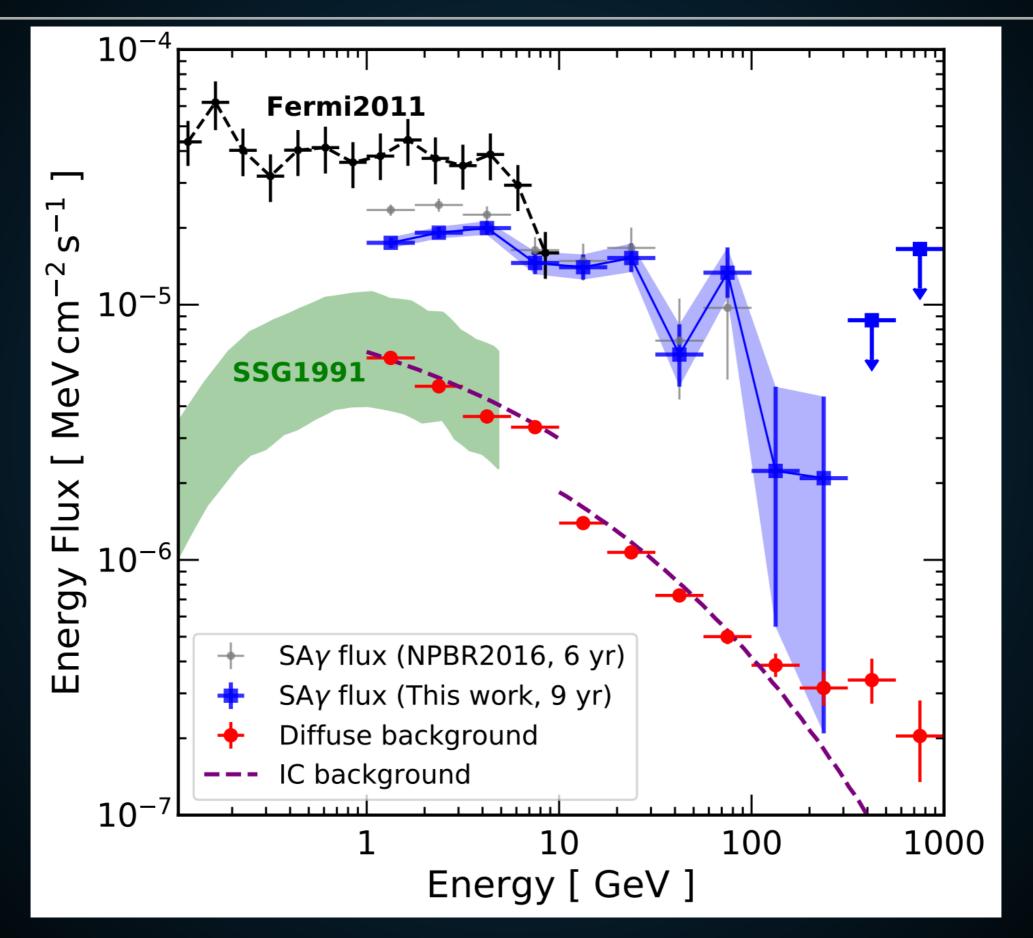


GAMMA-RAYS - WHAT?





#### **OBSERVATIONS - SPECTRUM**

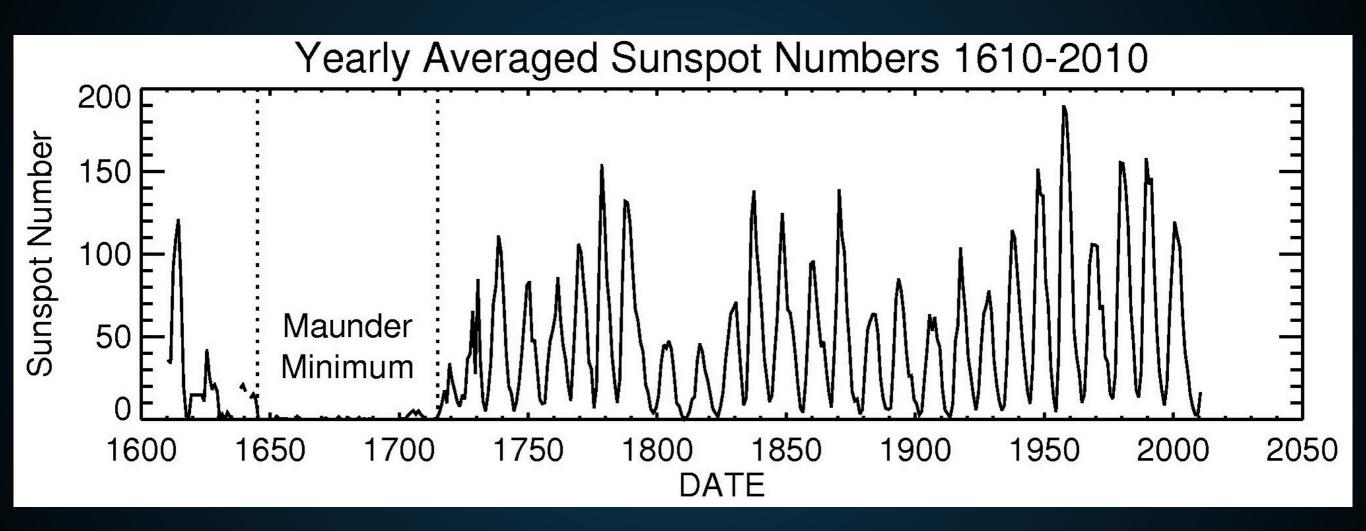


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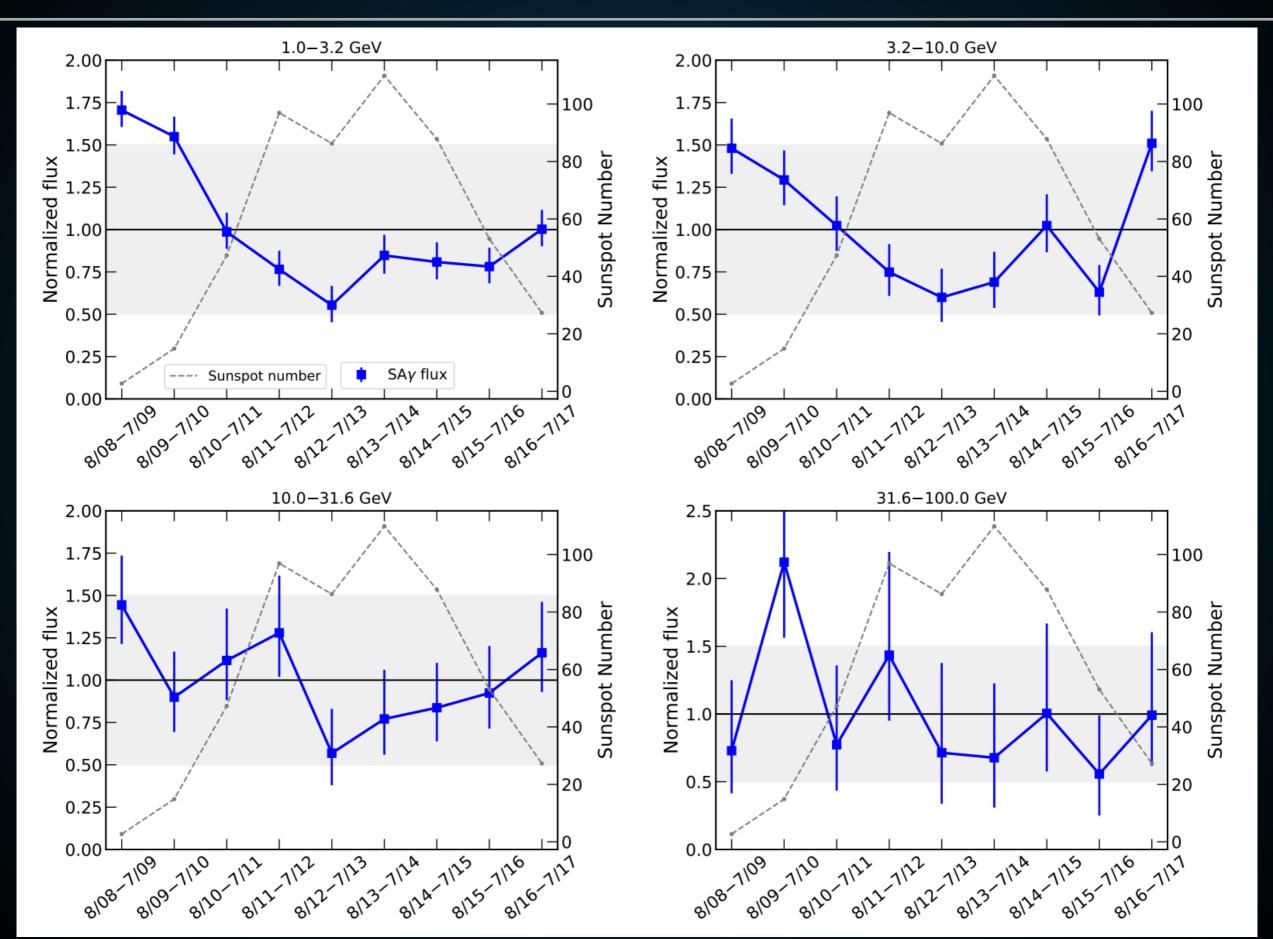
Spectrum





#### **OBSERVATIONS - TIME VARIABILITY**

#### Tang et al. 2018 (1804.06846)

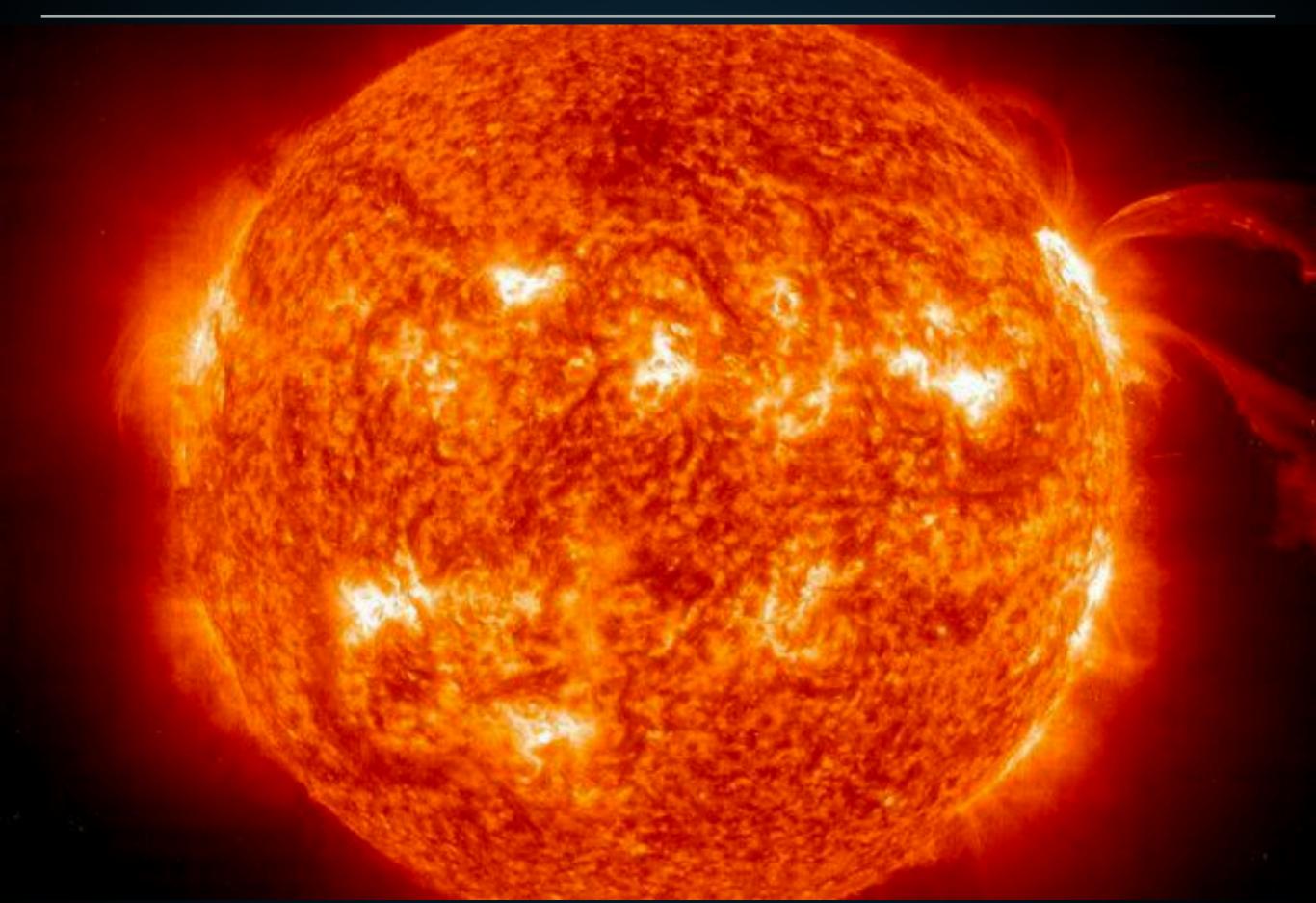


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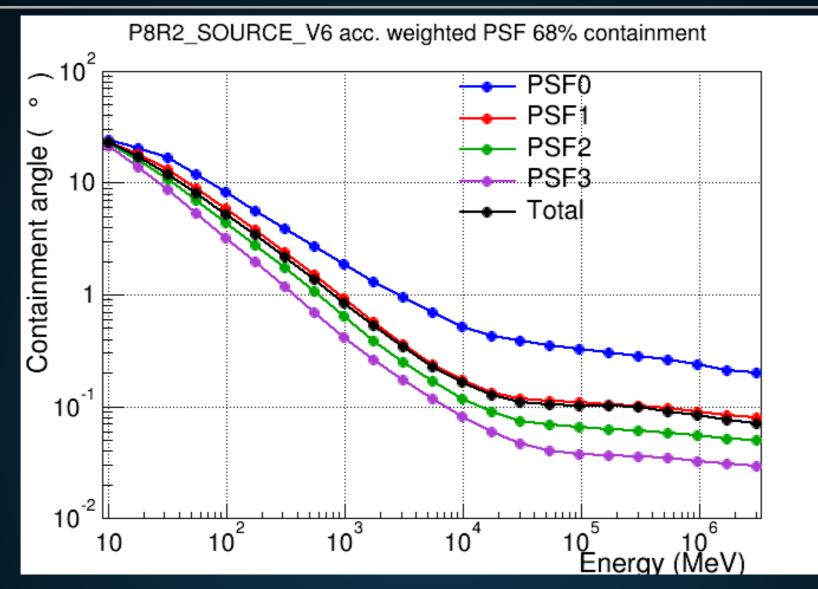
Intensity Spectrum Time Variability



## A MORPHOLOGICAL STUDY



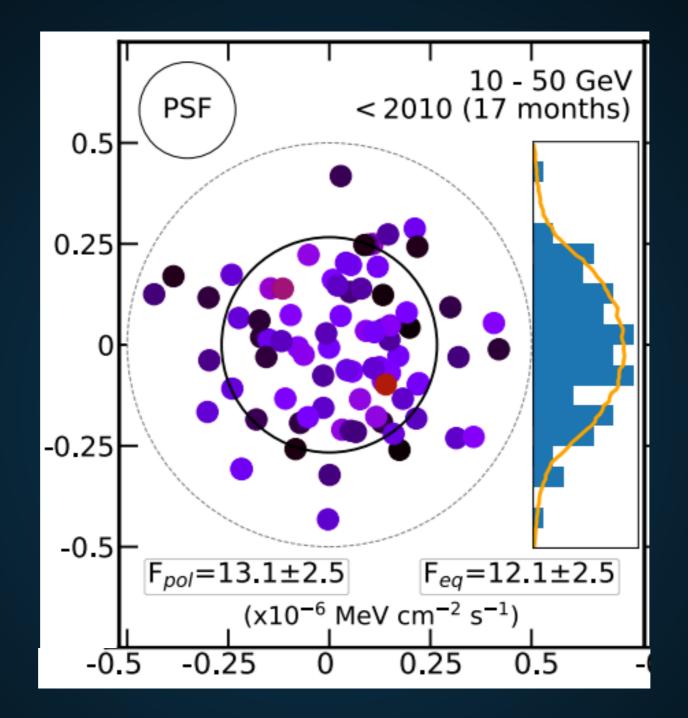
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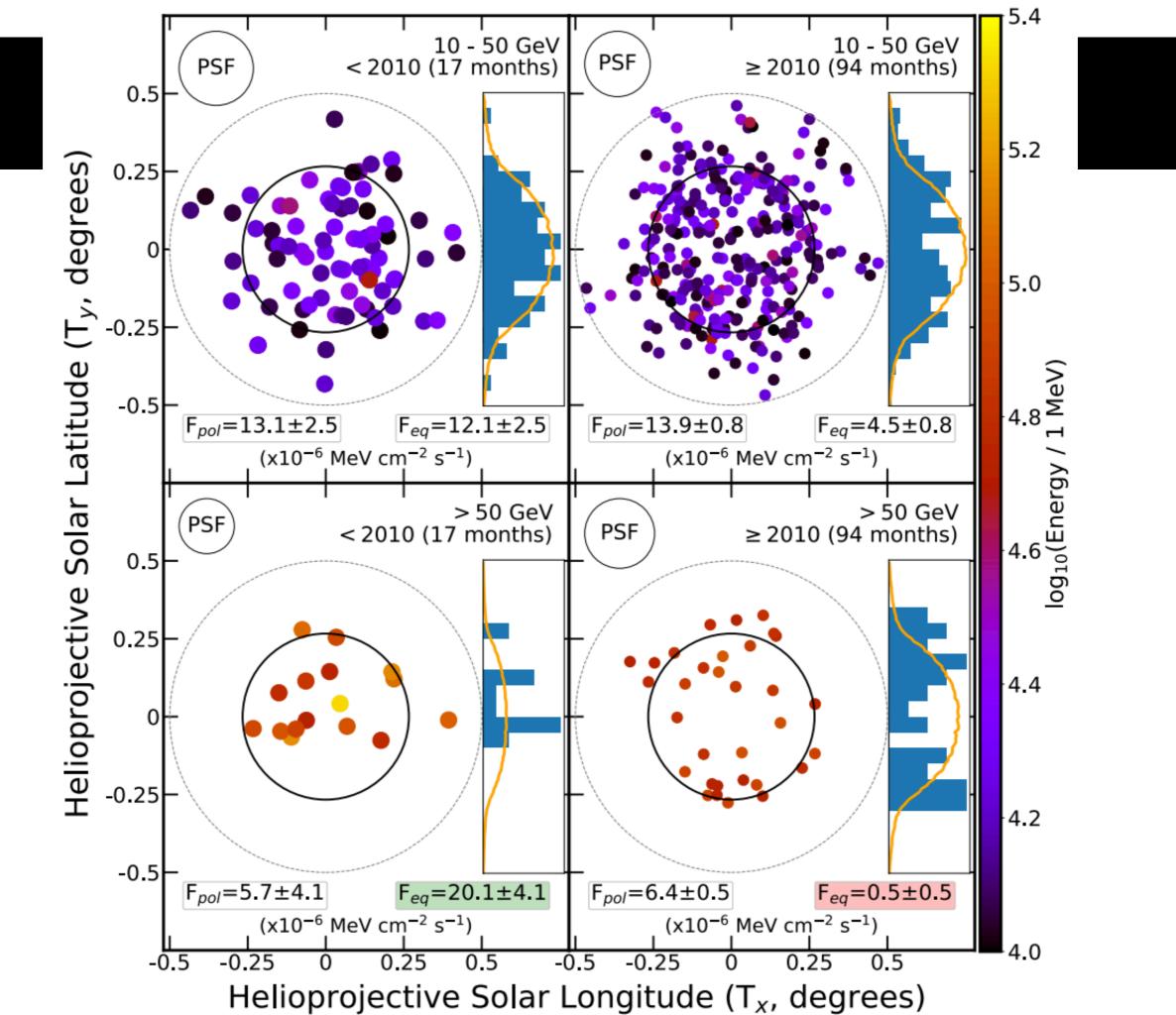
Examine 9 years of gamma-ray data.

- Re-map each photon into Helioprojective Coordinates to conserve solar rotation and position.
- Examine events >10 GeV, where PSF <  $\Theta_{0}$ .

## A MORPHOLOGICAL STUDY



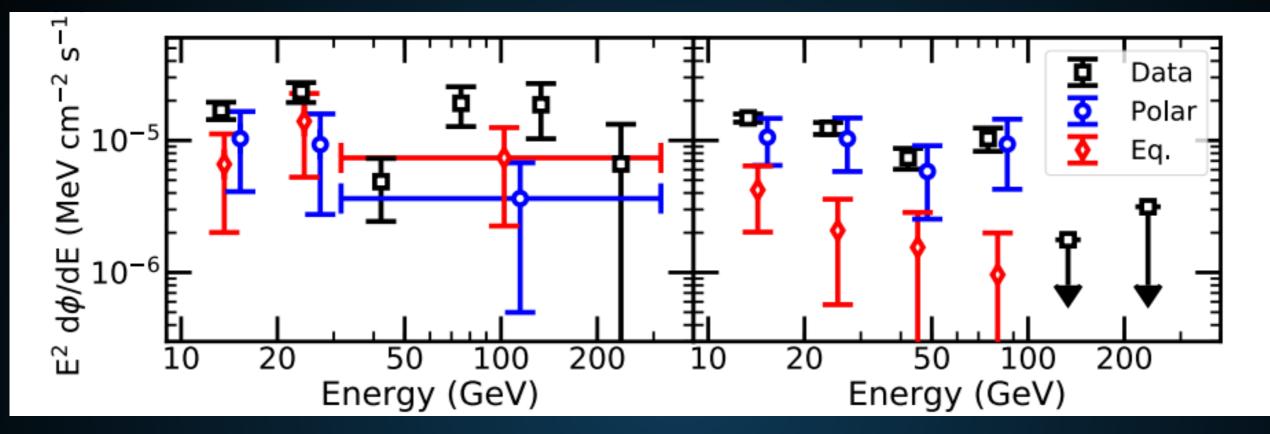
- The entire disk is luminous.
- The limb does not appear bright.



Intensity Spectrum Time Variability Morphology



## SPECTRAL VARIABILITY



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- The polar component has a constant spectrum, the equatorial component does not.

## SPECTRAL VARIABILITY

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2008-12-13 07:04:07	103.3 GeV	260.346	-23.102	0.399°	UltraCleanVeto	PSF0	EDISP2	Χ	Χ	0.00052
2009-03-22 08:43:13	117.2 GeV	1.337	0.703	0.255°	UltraCleanVeto	PSF1	EDISP3	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.00027
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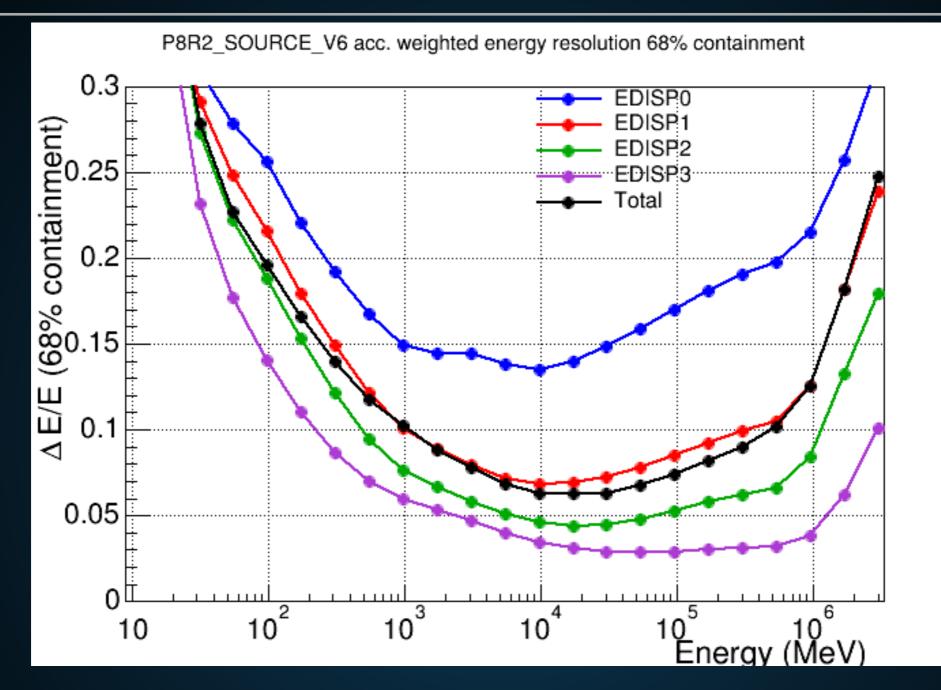
#### **SPECTRAL VARIABILITY**

A New Event!—While finalizing this letter, we found a new >100 GeV event. Observed on February 13, 2018 at 17:49:15 UTC, the event has an energy of 162 GeV, is located 0.36° from the solar center, passes the UltraCleanVeto event selection, and belongs to the PSF0 and EDISP3 event classes. As we re-enter solar minimum, this is the first >100 GeV event recorded within  $0.5^{\circ}$  of the sun since 2009. The event may be connected to a Earth-bound CME observed on February 12, 2018.<sup>1</sup> Preliminary work indicates that this event increases the significance of the >100 GeV time variability above  $5\sigma$ , and provides evidence that the upcoming solar minimum will provide a substantial flux of high-energy events.

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Intensity X **Spectrum** X **Time Variability** X Morphology X **Spectral Variability** 

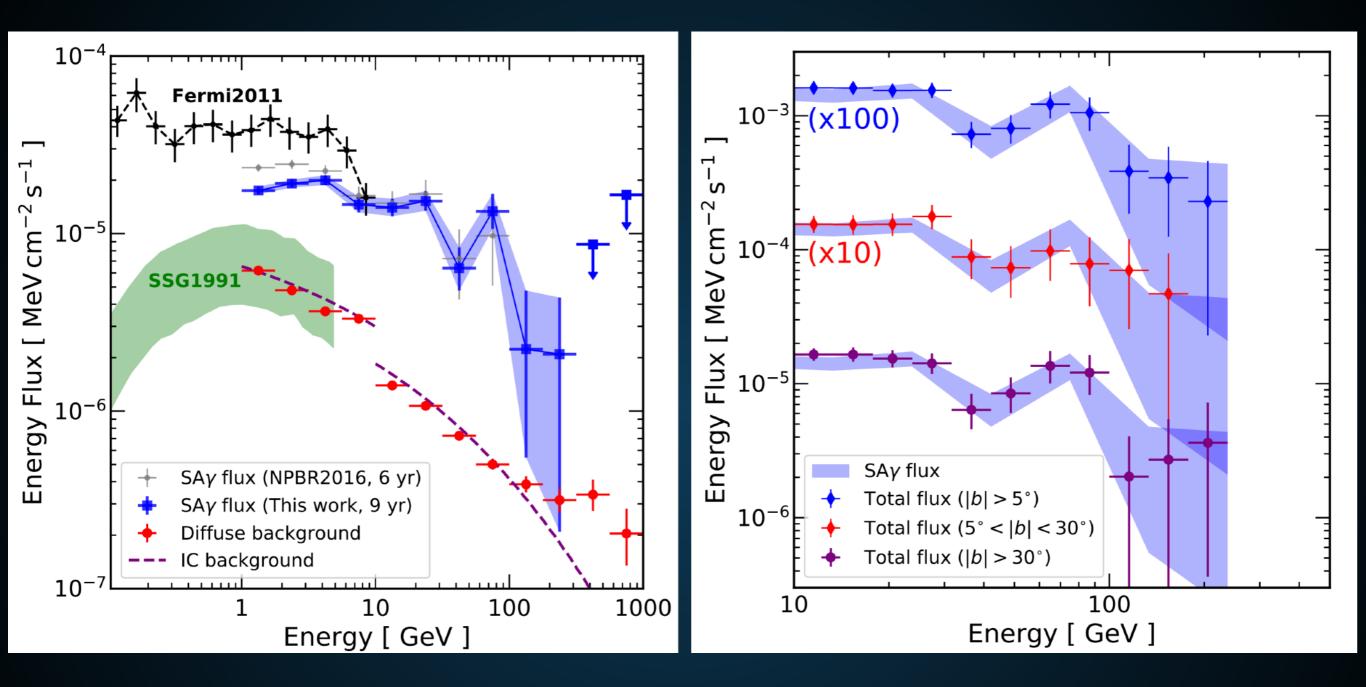
## A SPECTRAL STUDY



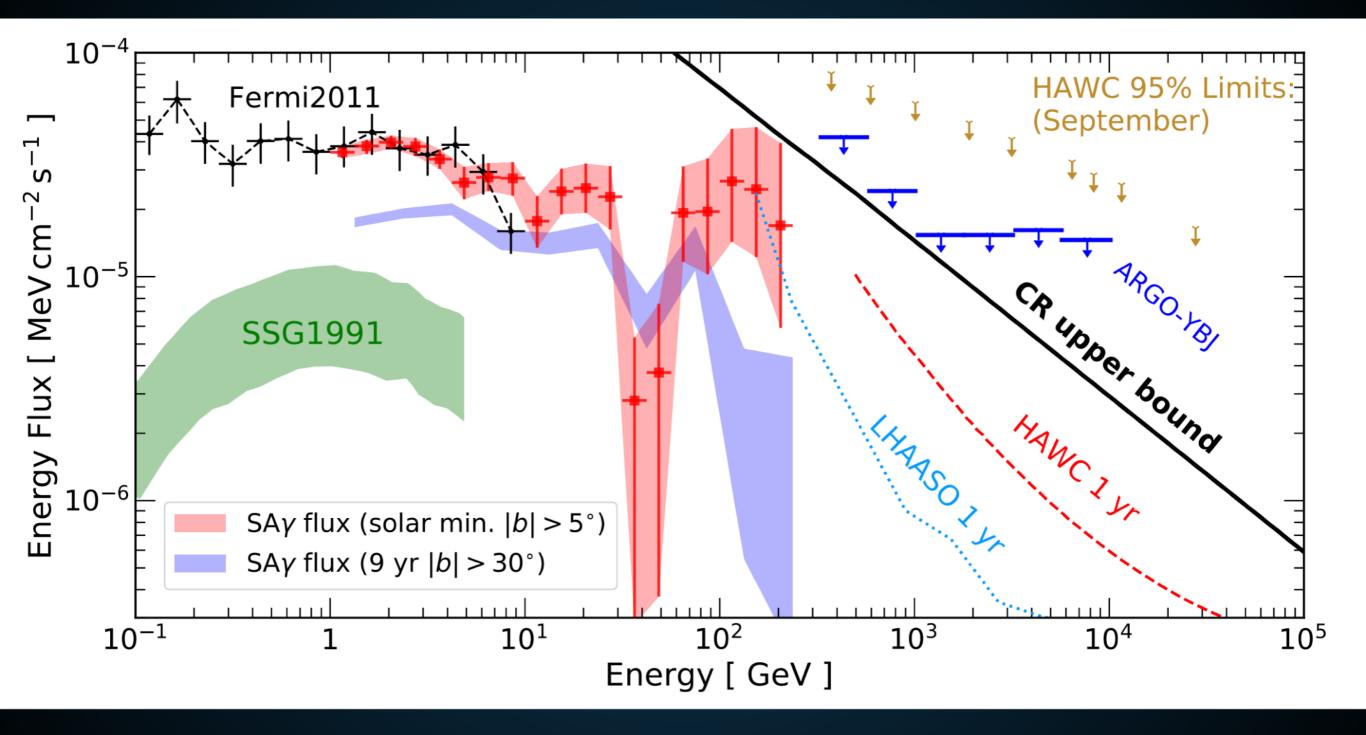
Examine 9 years of gamma-ray data.

- Utilize all events more than 5° from the Galactic plane
- Convolve each event with a best-fit energy dispersion.

#### GAMMA-RAYS - SPECTRAL DIP



 Significant dip in the gamma-ray spectrum between 30-50 GeV.

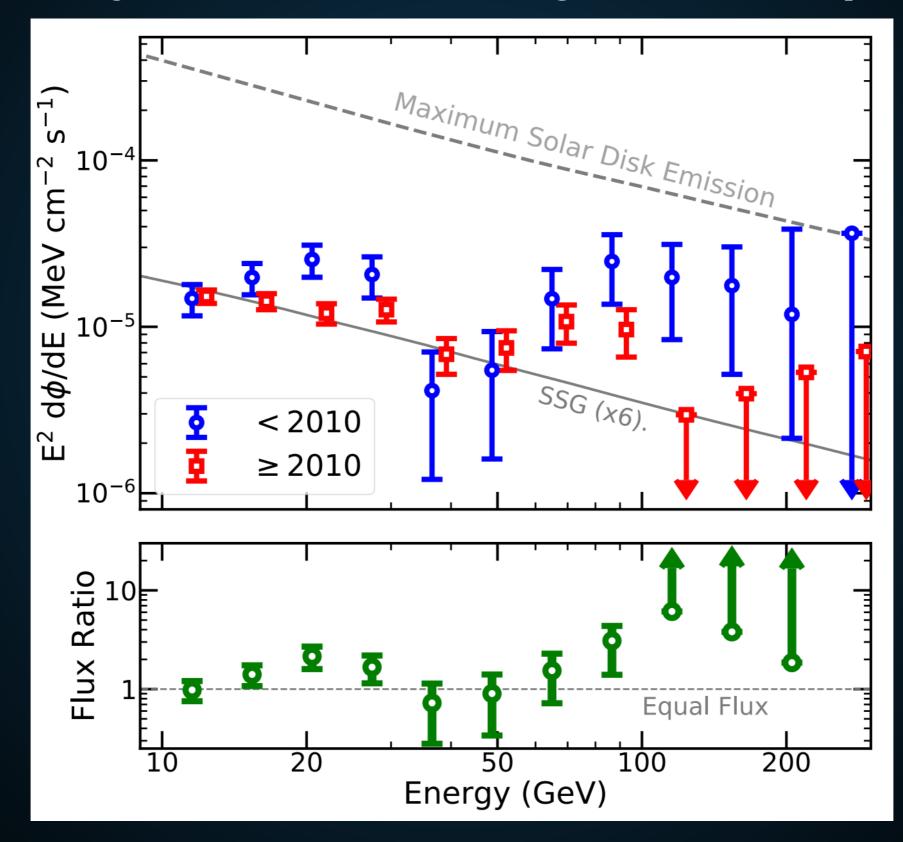


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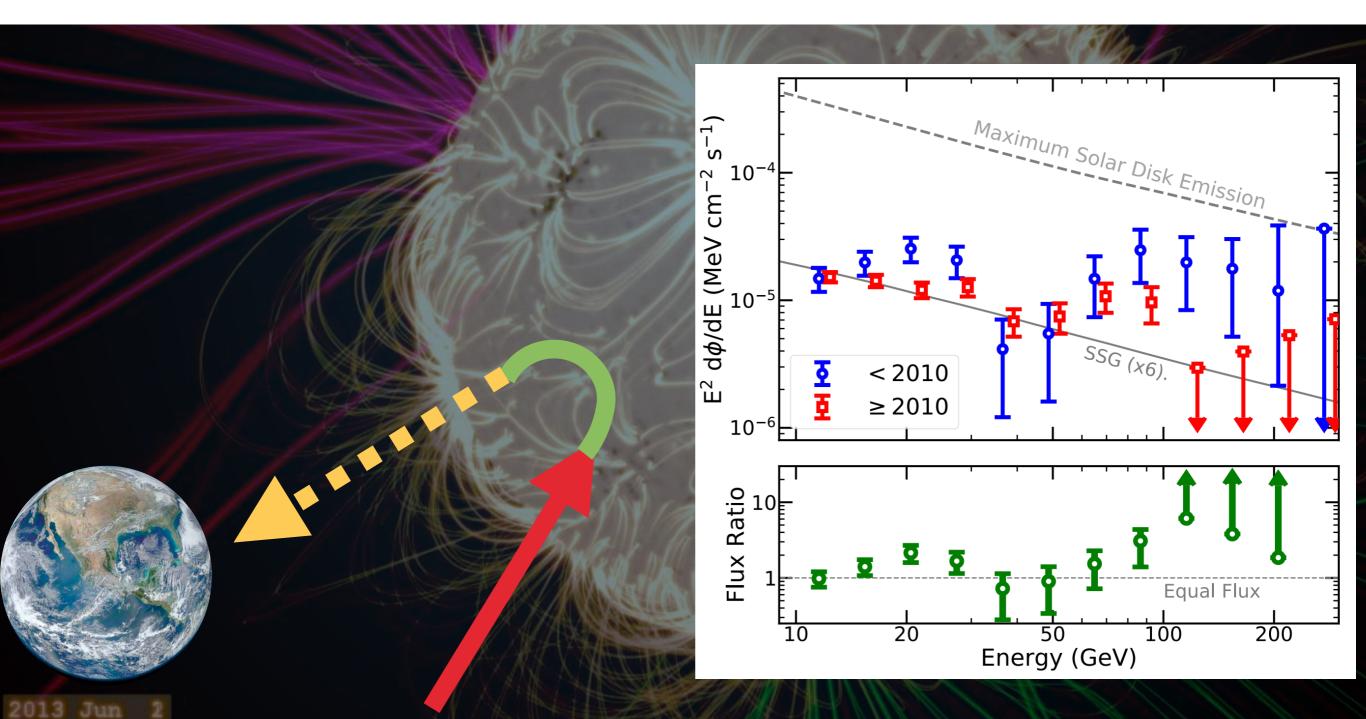
# Oh wait... that's basically everything. How do we model this?

## Gamma-Ray Emission much brighter than expected



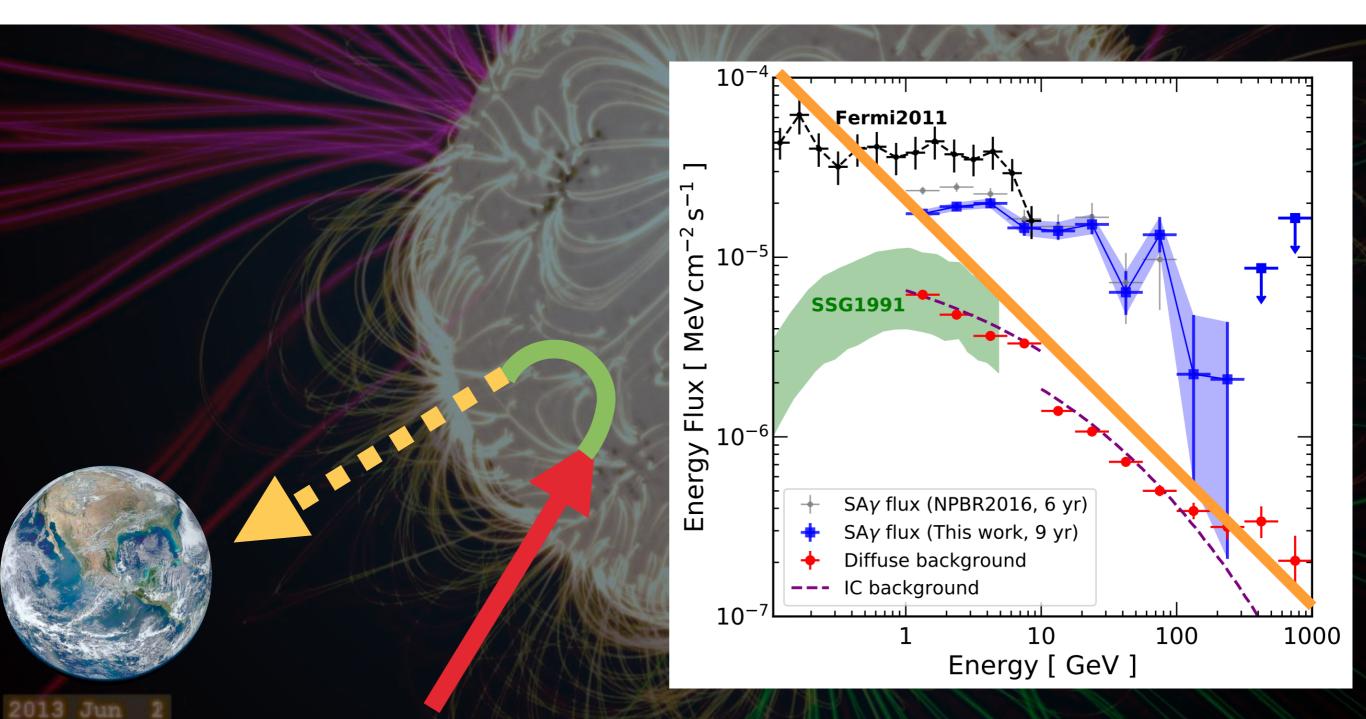
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$$\Phi_{\odot}(E_{\gamma}) = \pi R_{\odot}^2 \Phi_{\rm CR}(E_{\rm CR}) C(E_{\gamma}, E_{\rm CR}) f_{\rm sur} f_{\rm turn} f_{\rm int}$$



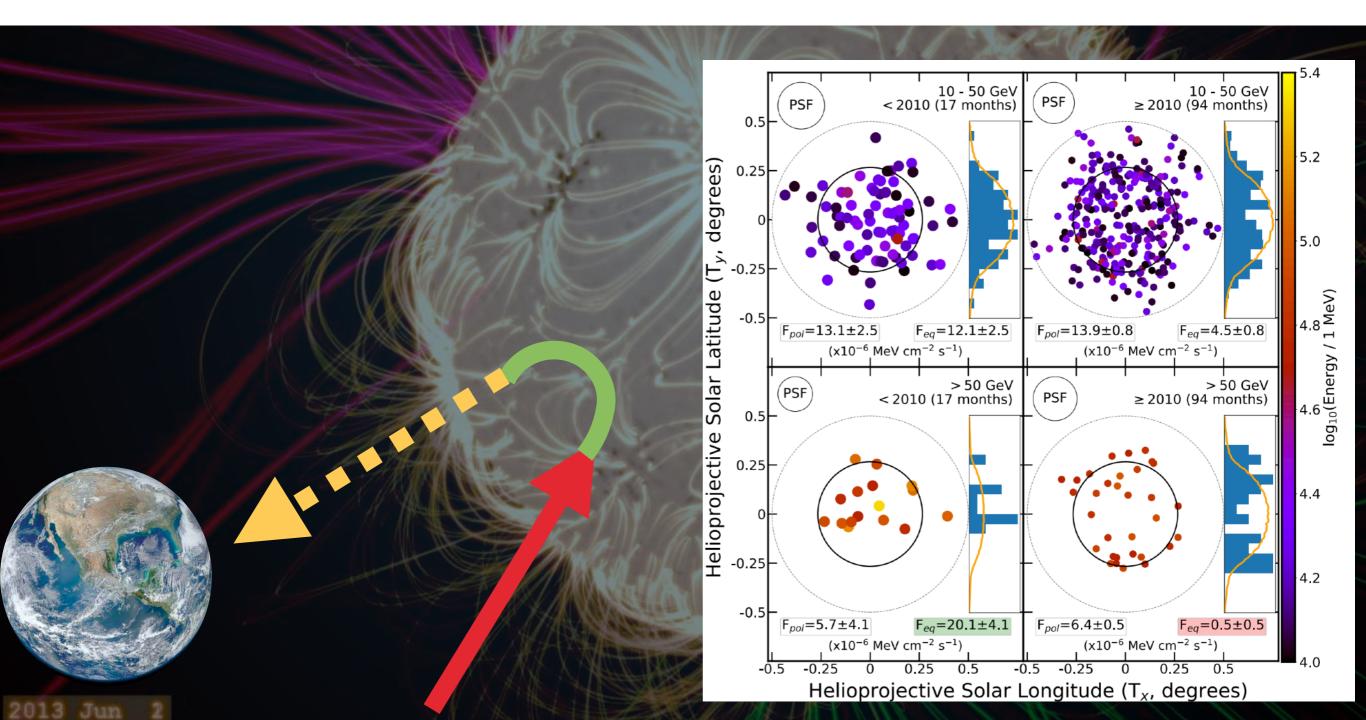
## Gamma-Ray spectrum much harder than expected

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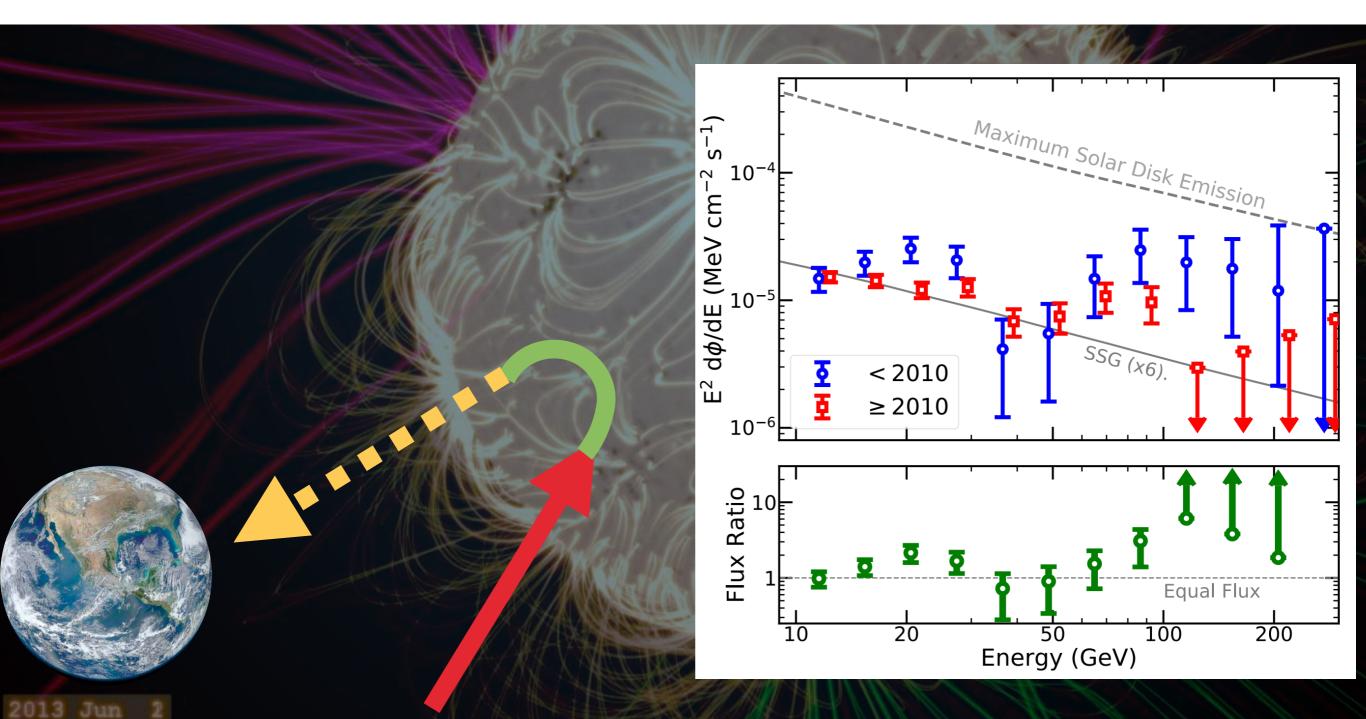
## Gamma-Ray morphology not uniform

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## Evidence for two different emission mechanisms?

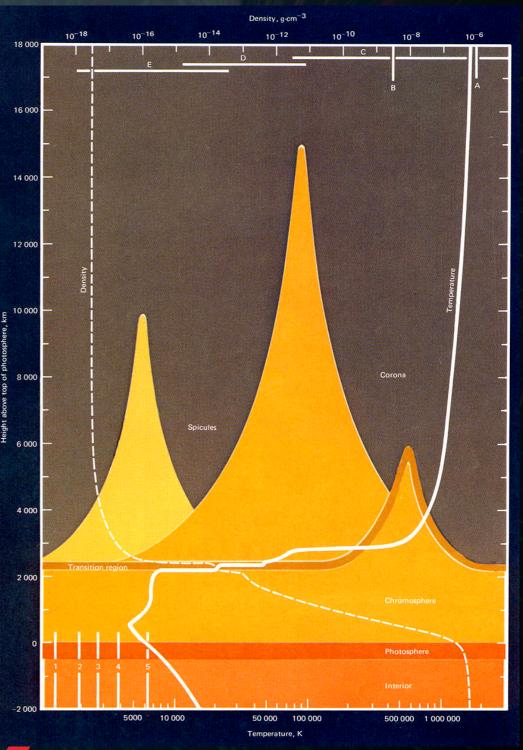
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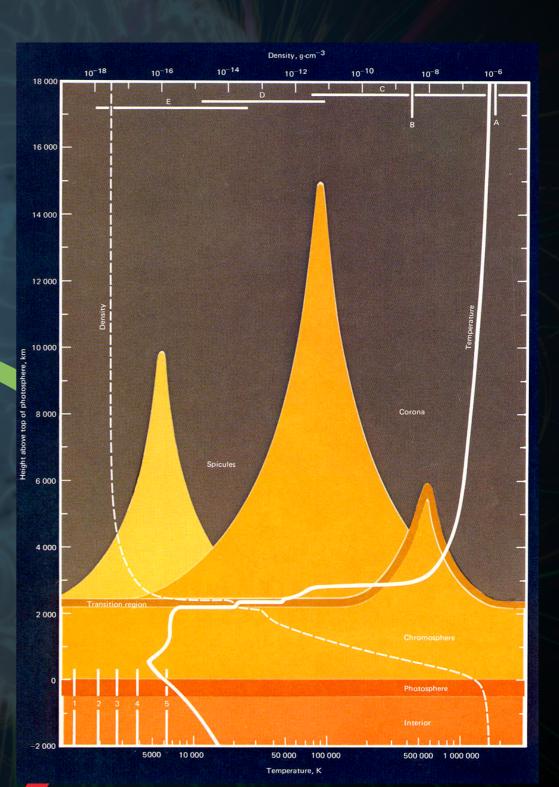
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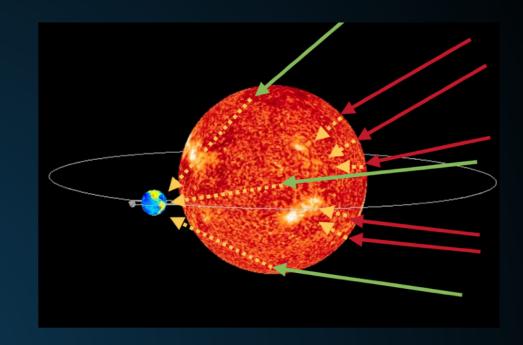


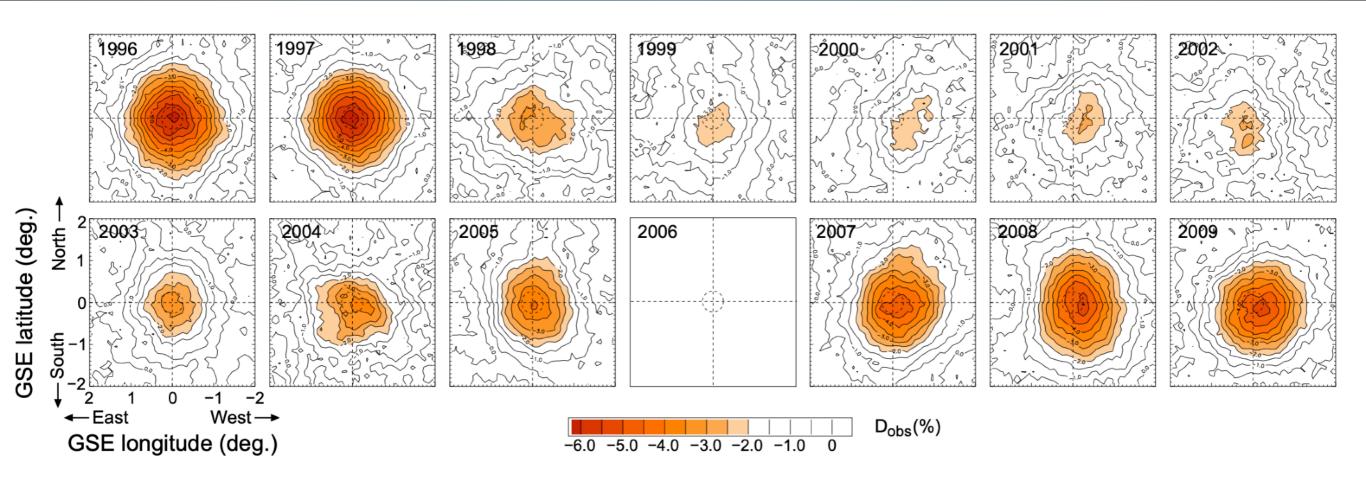
- Possibilities
  - Cosmic-Ray Storage



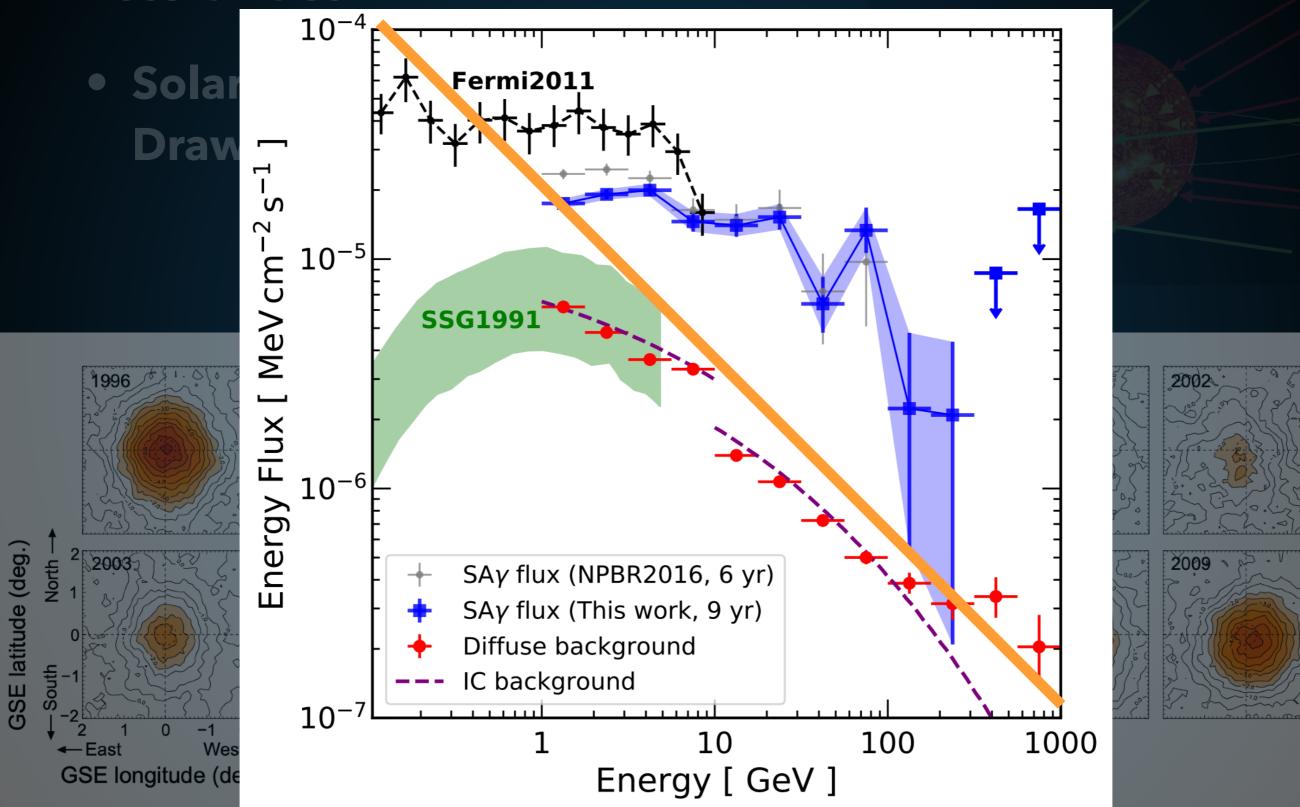
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Solar Magnetic Fields
 Draw in Cosmic-Rays

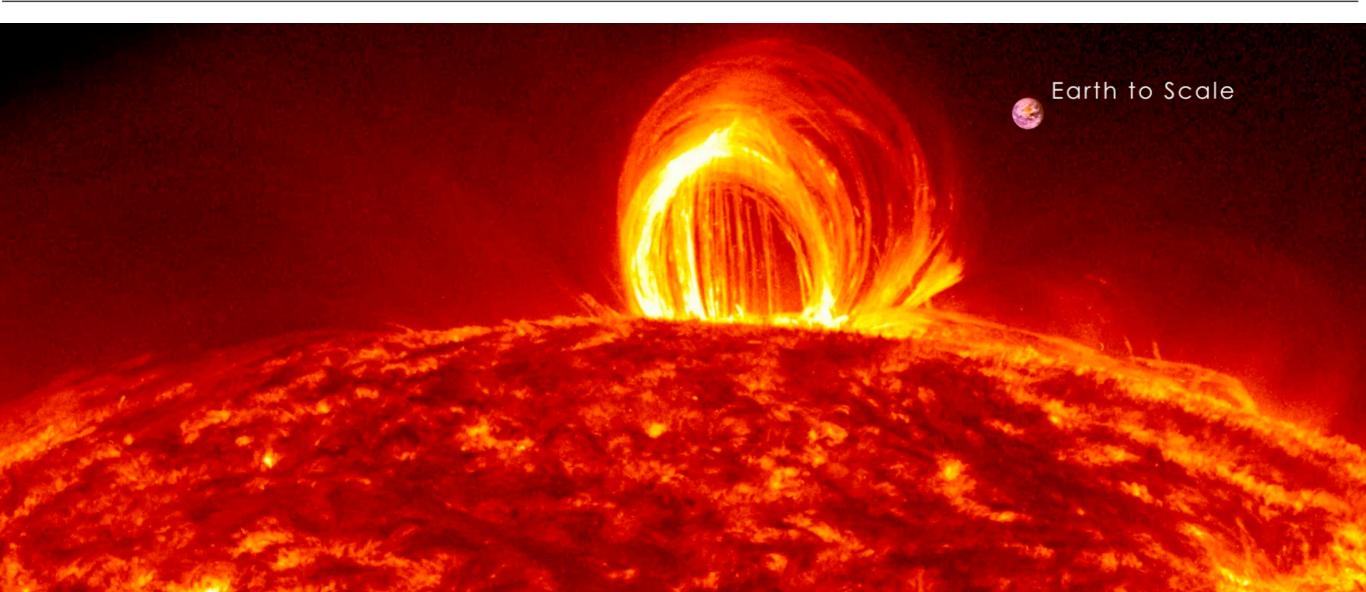




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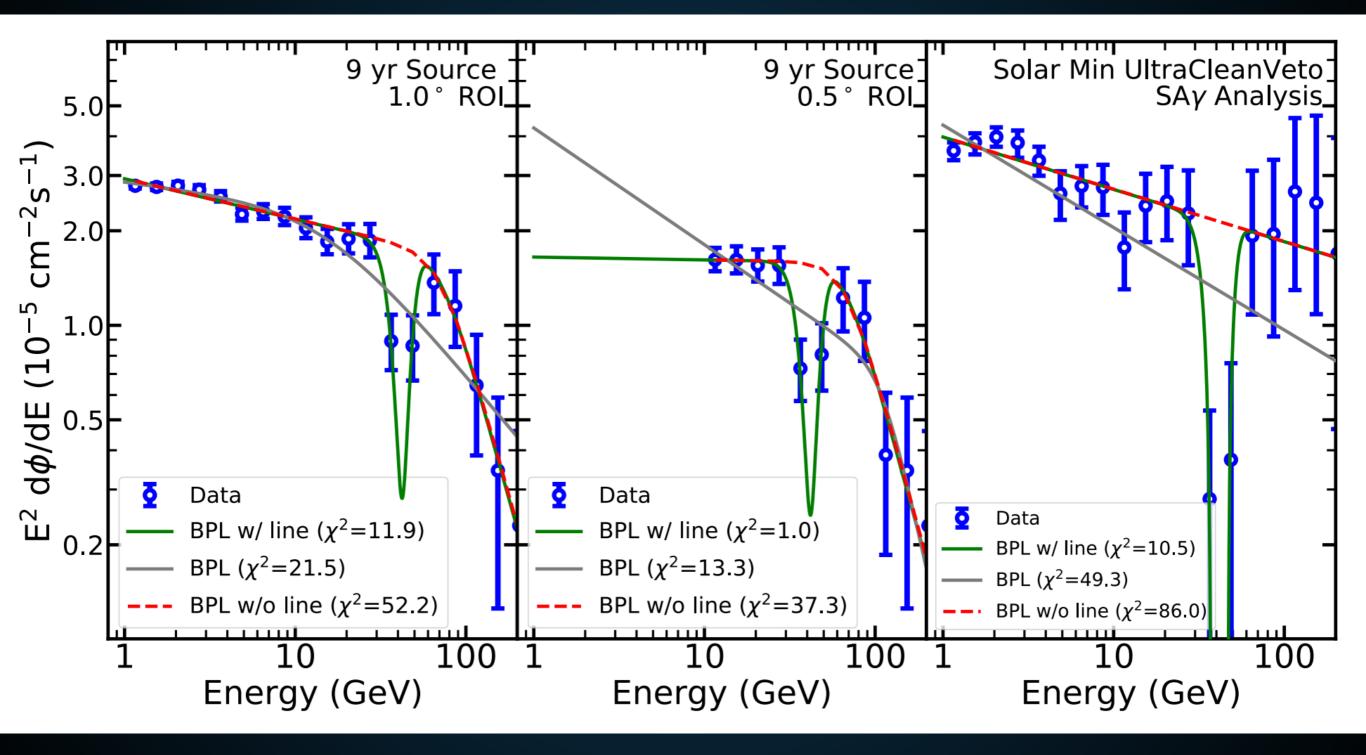


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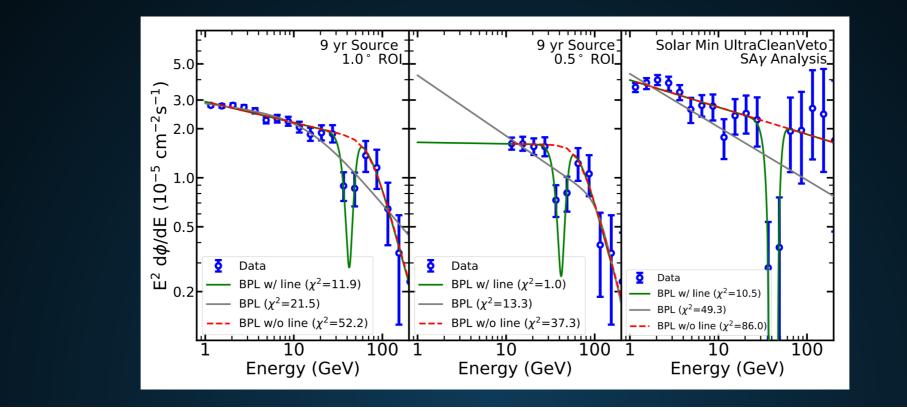


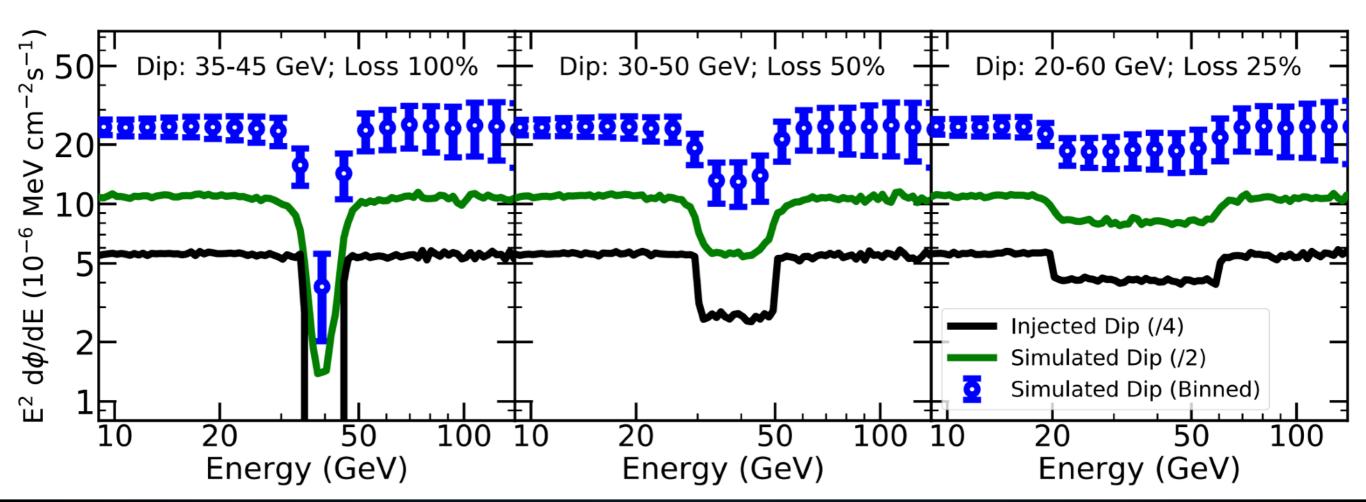
## What About this spectral dip?





#### THE SPECTRAL DIP?

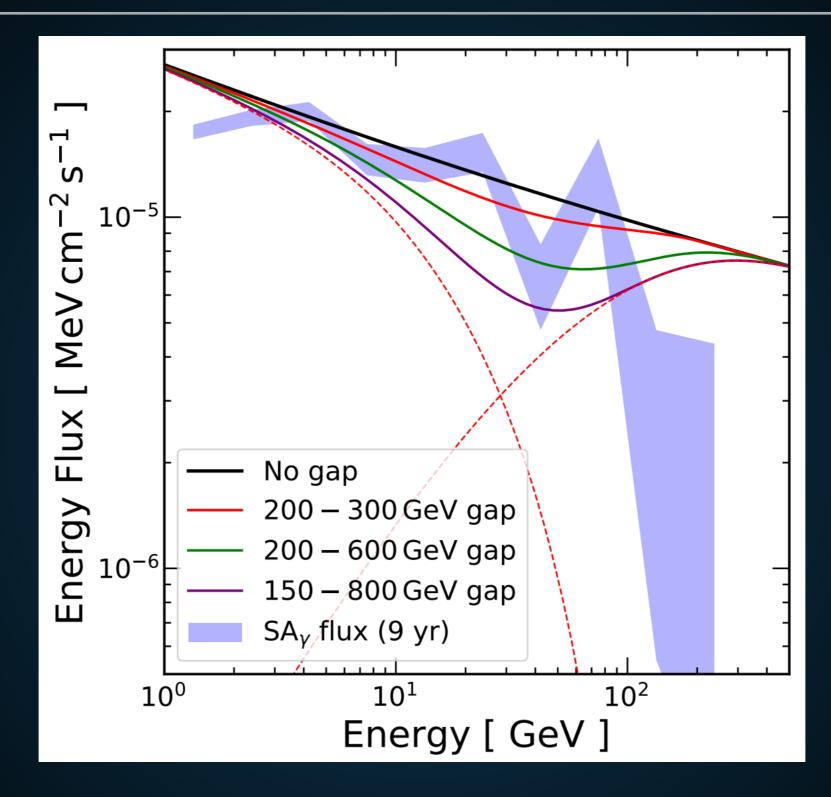




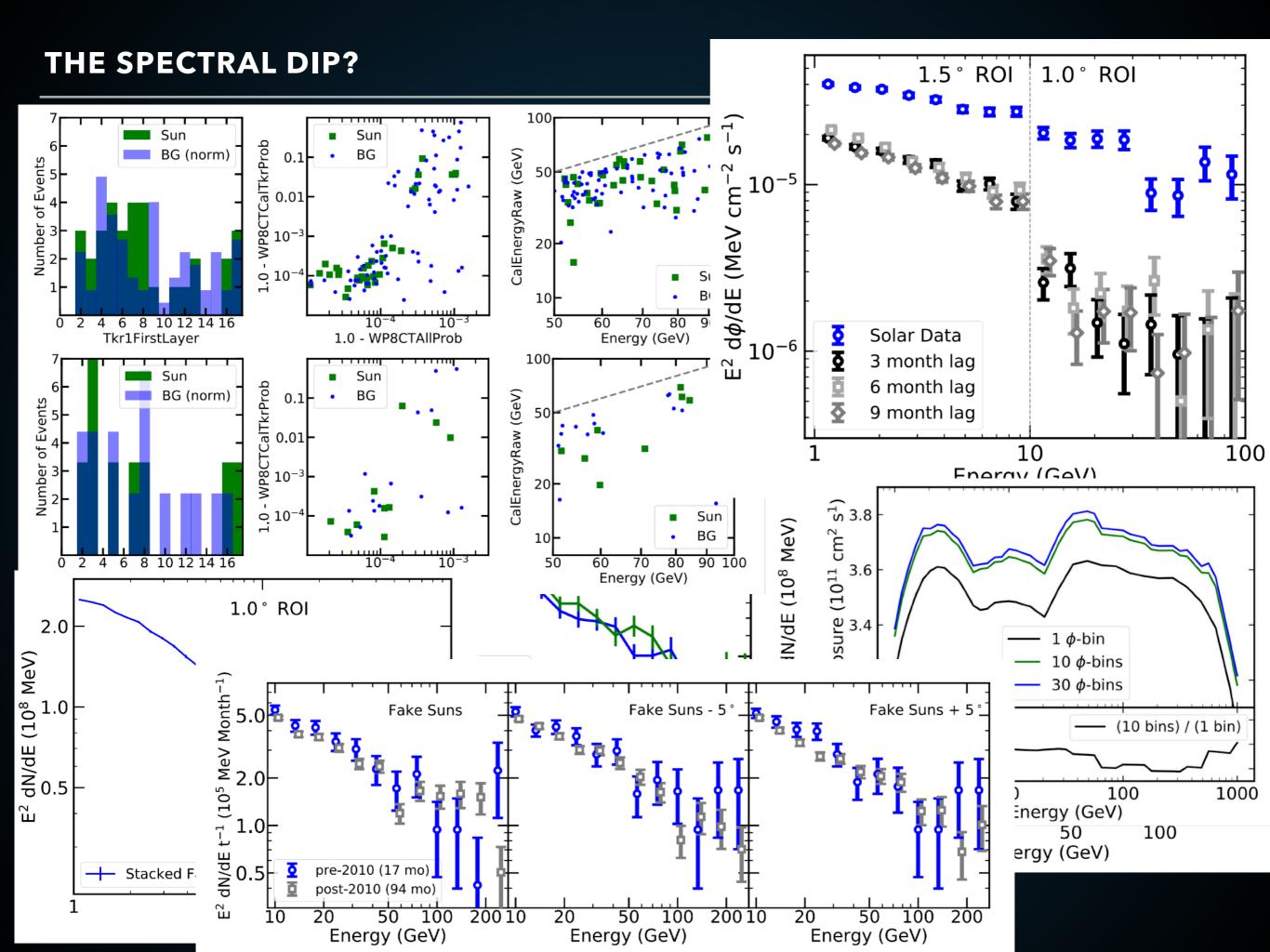
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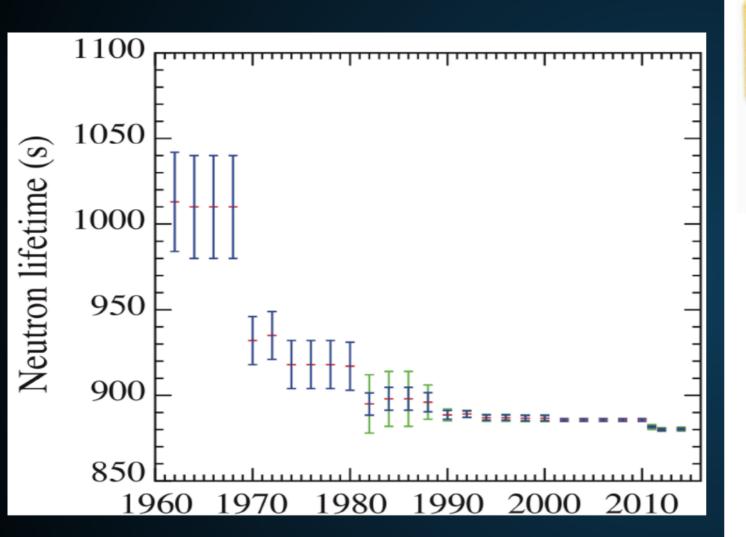
- **1. Hadronic Physics**
- 2. Gamma-ray Absorption
- **3. Instrumental Artifacts**

#### THE SPECTRAL DIP?



 Hadronic processes cannot produce the amplitude and width of the spectral dip.  No clear mechanism for how energy-dependent photon absorption would work...





Υ incoming gamma ray

AntiCoincidence Detector
 (ACD)

• Silicon-strip tracker

CsI Calorimeter

The Large Area Telescope (LAT) is designed for observations of celestial γray sources from 20 MeV to >300 GeV.

### Why is the <u>AntiCoincidence Detector</u> Necessary?

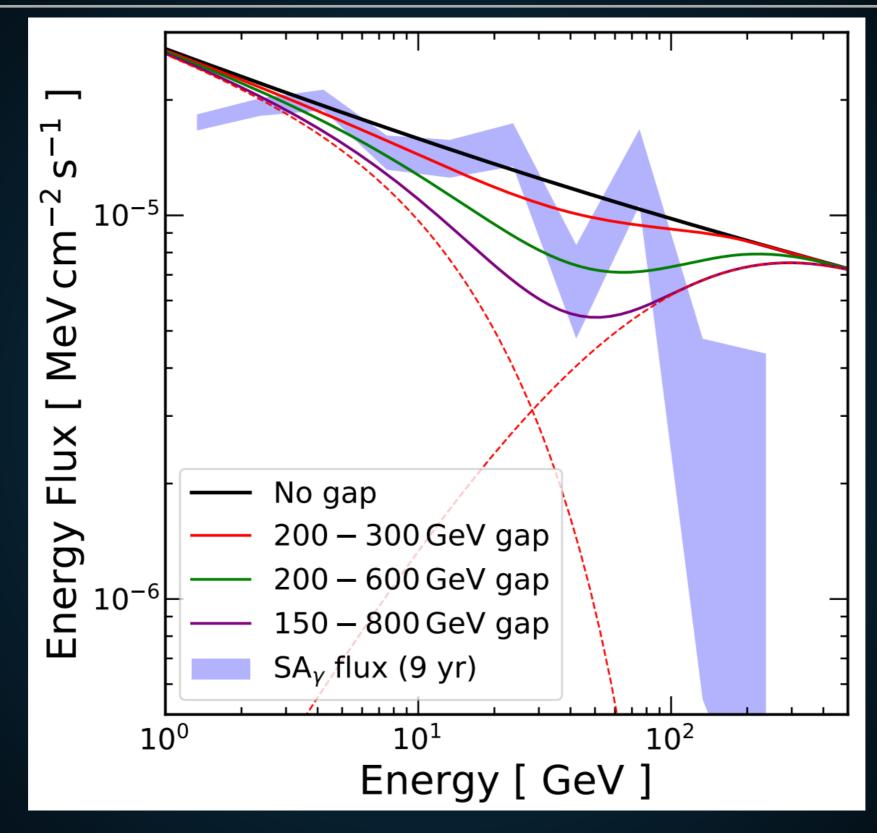
• The LAT instrument must identify cosmic  $\gamma$  rays in a background of charged cosmic rays 3-5 orders of magnitude more intense (mainly protons and electrons).

•ACD is the outermost LAT detector, surrounding the top and sides of the tracker.

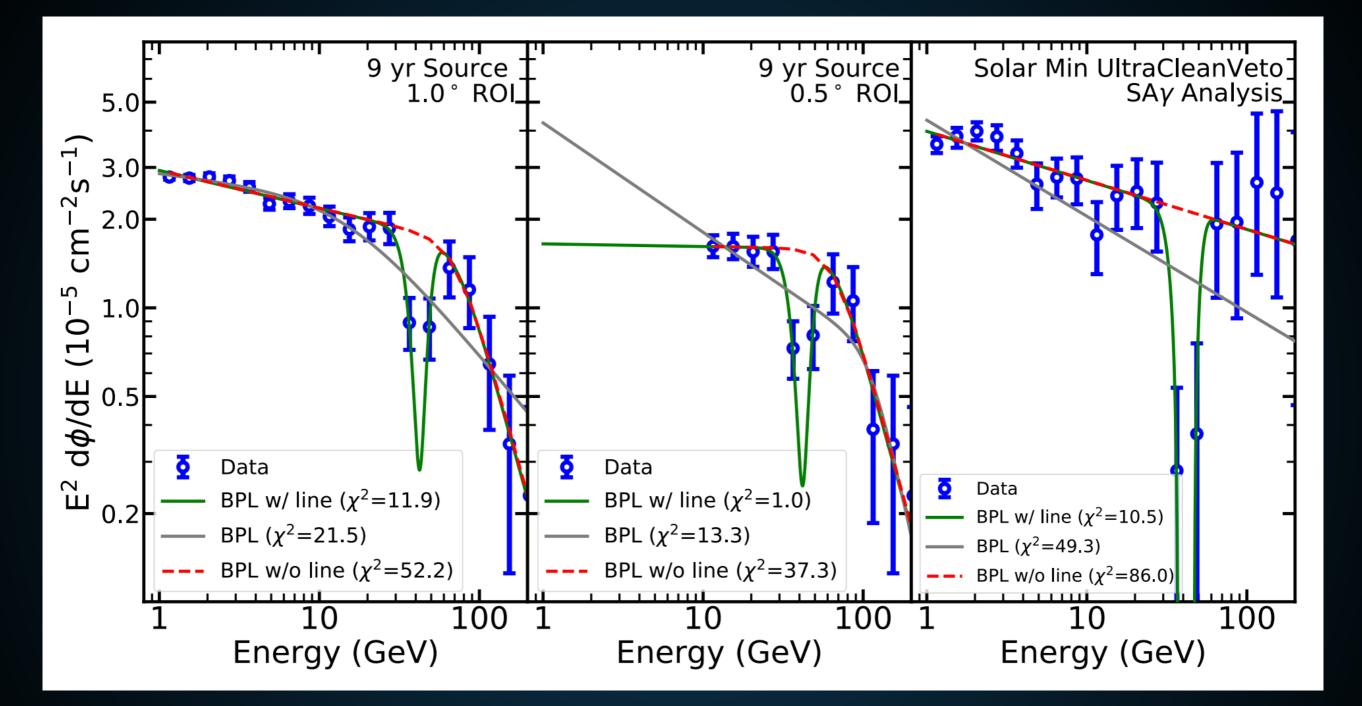
• The majority of the rejection power against cosmic rays will be provided by the ACD.

• The required efficiency for charged particle detection for the ACD is 0.9997 averaged over the entire area.

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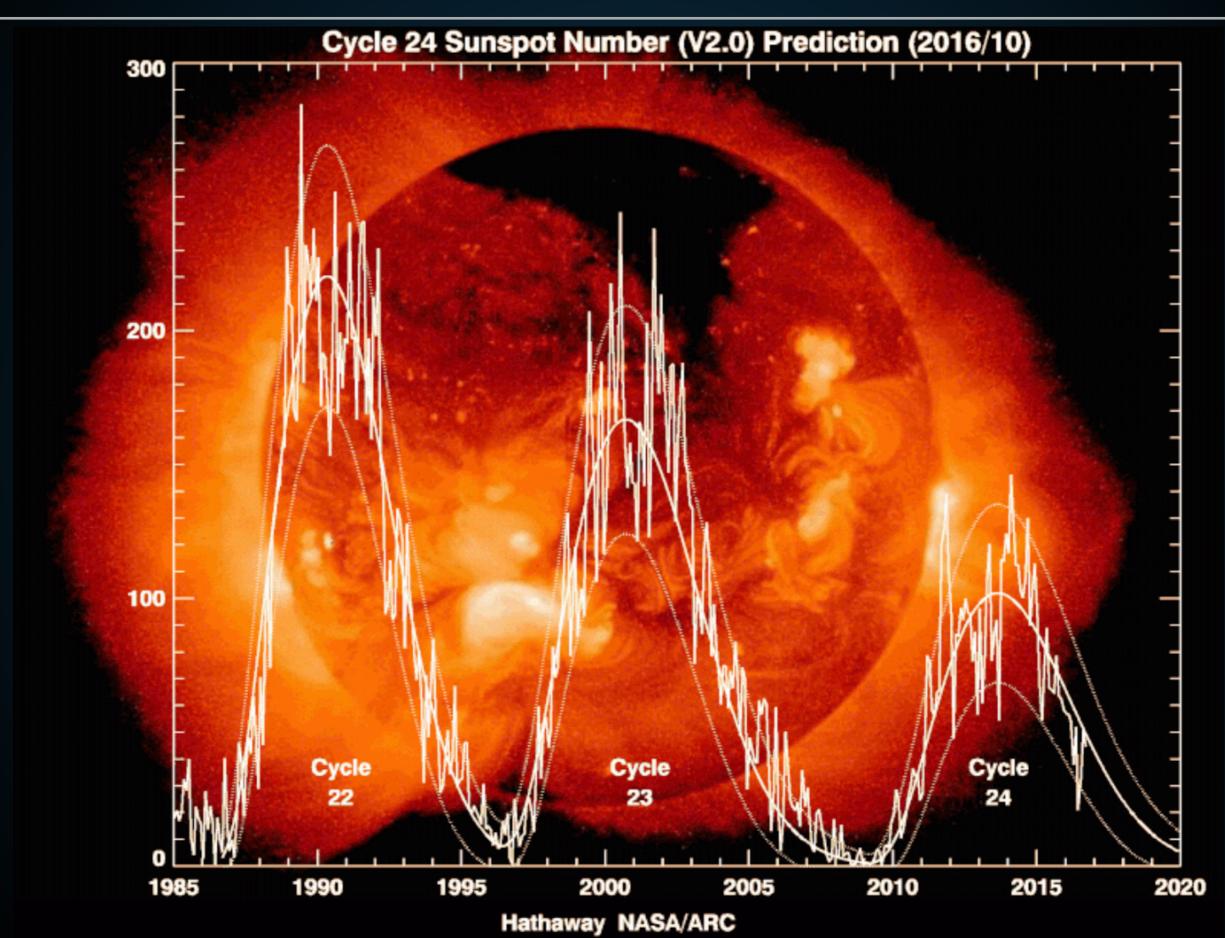


A combination of a real dip and low statistics?



Or maybe new physics?

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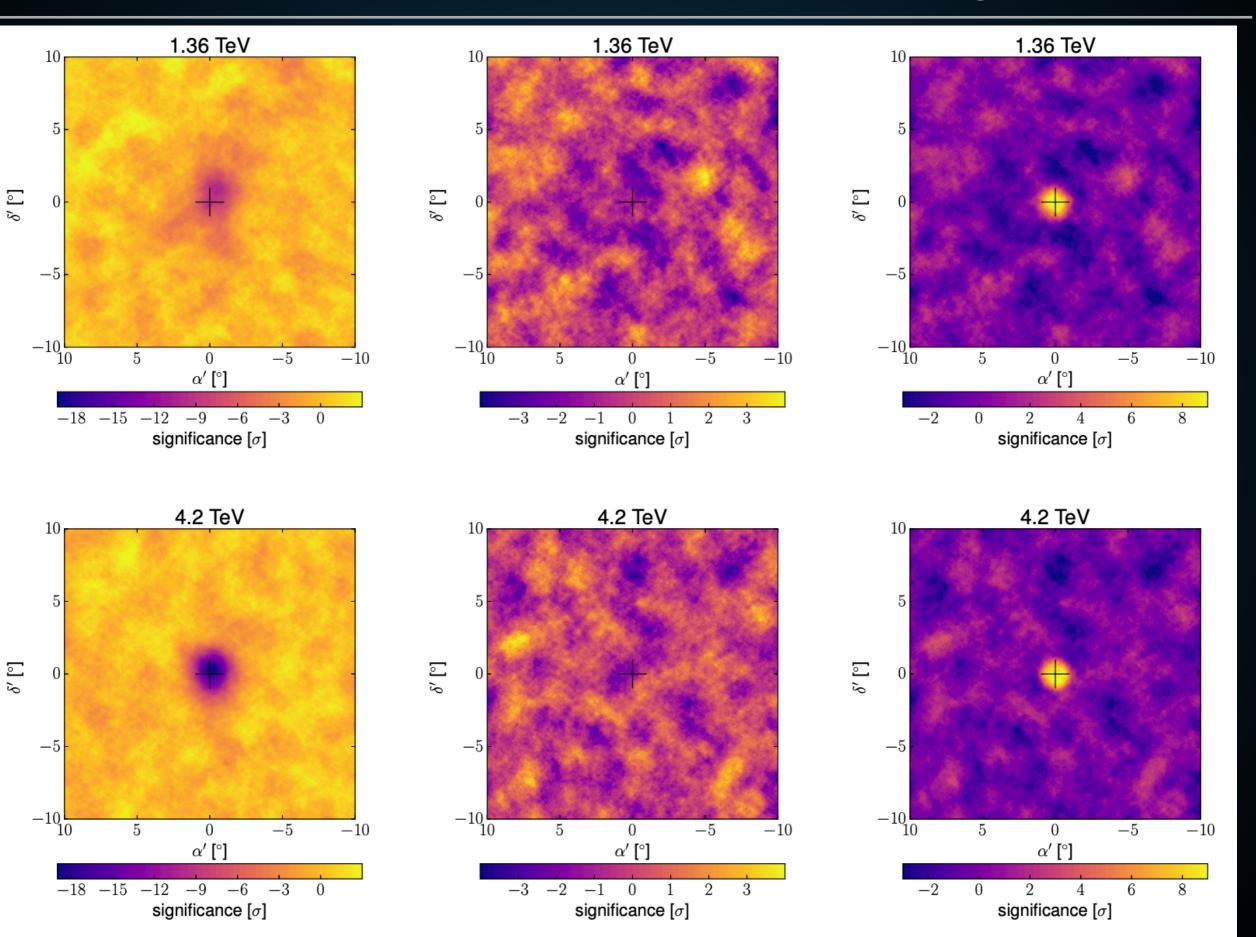


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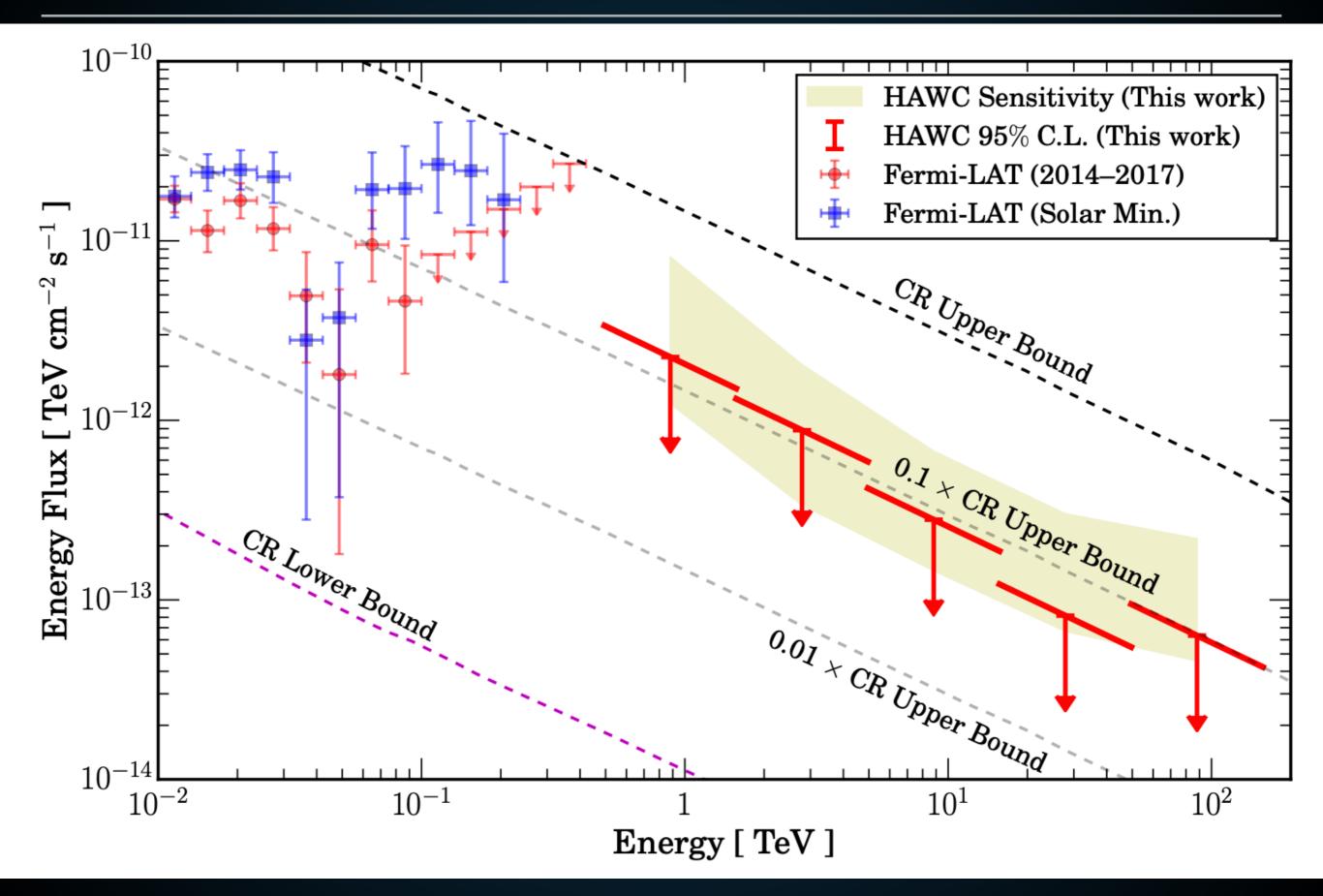


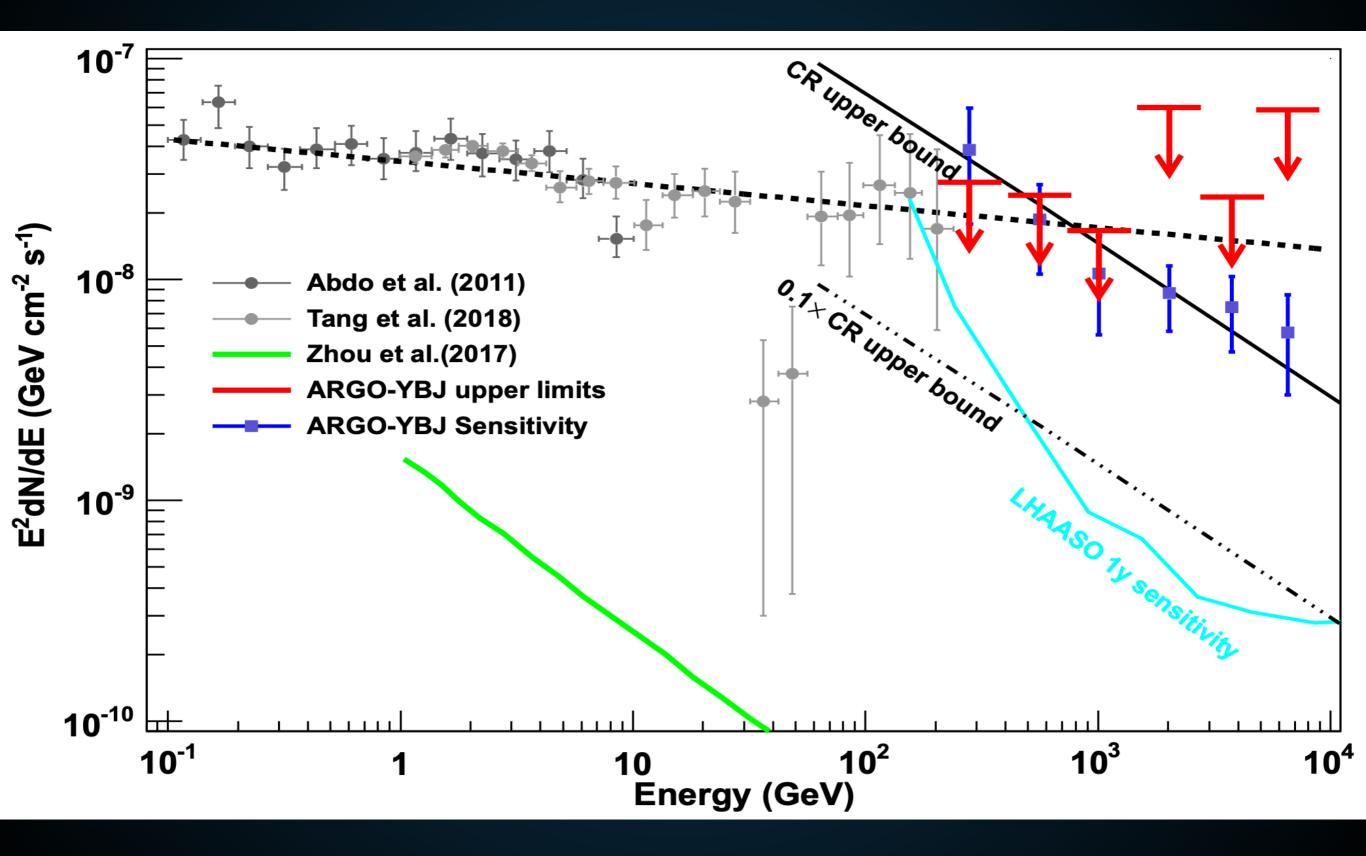


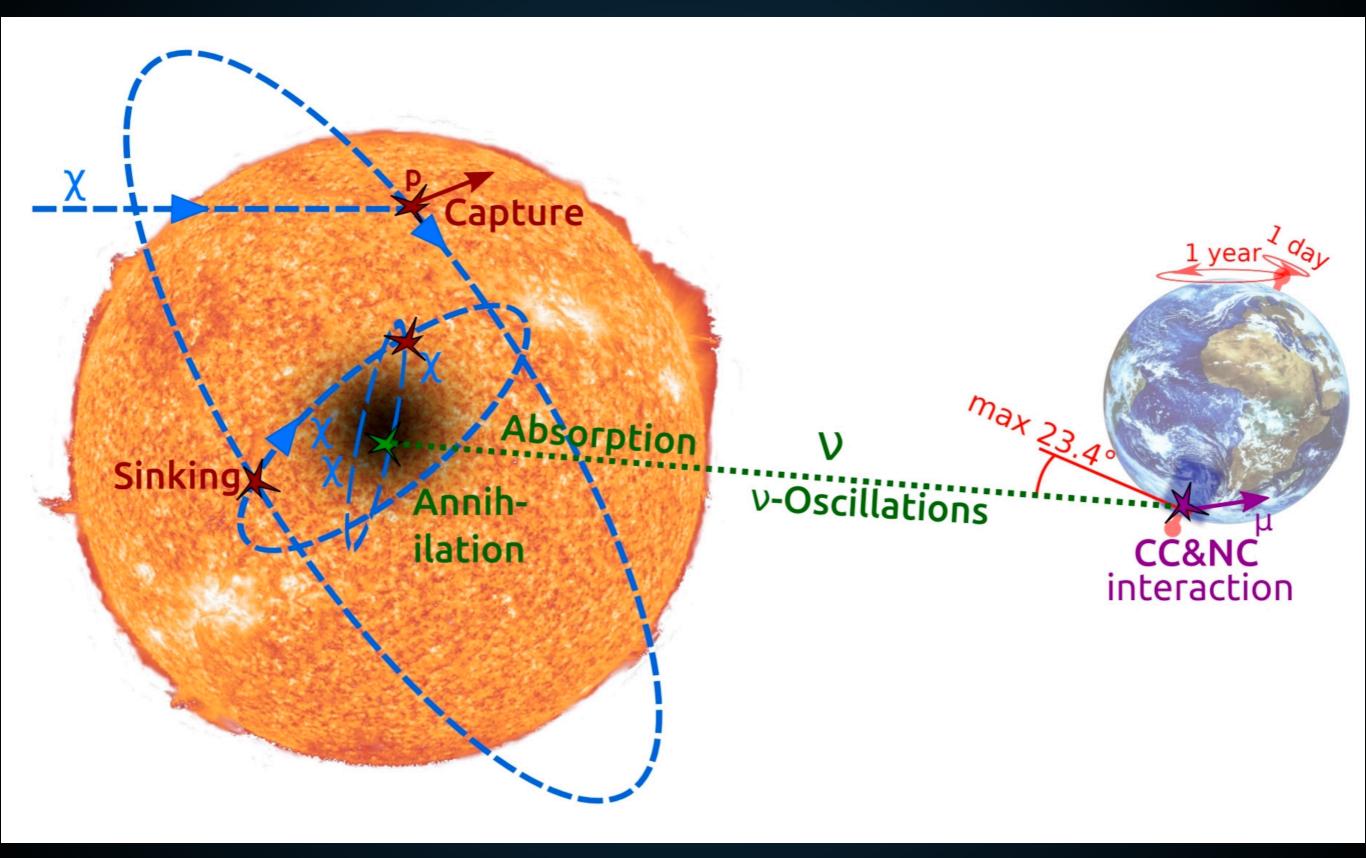
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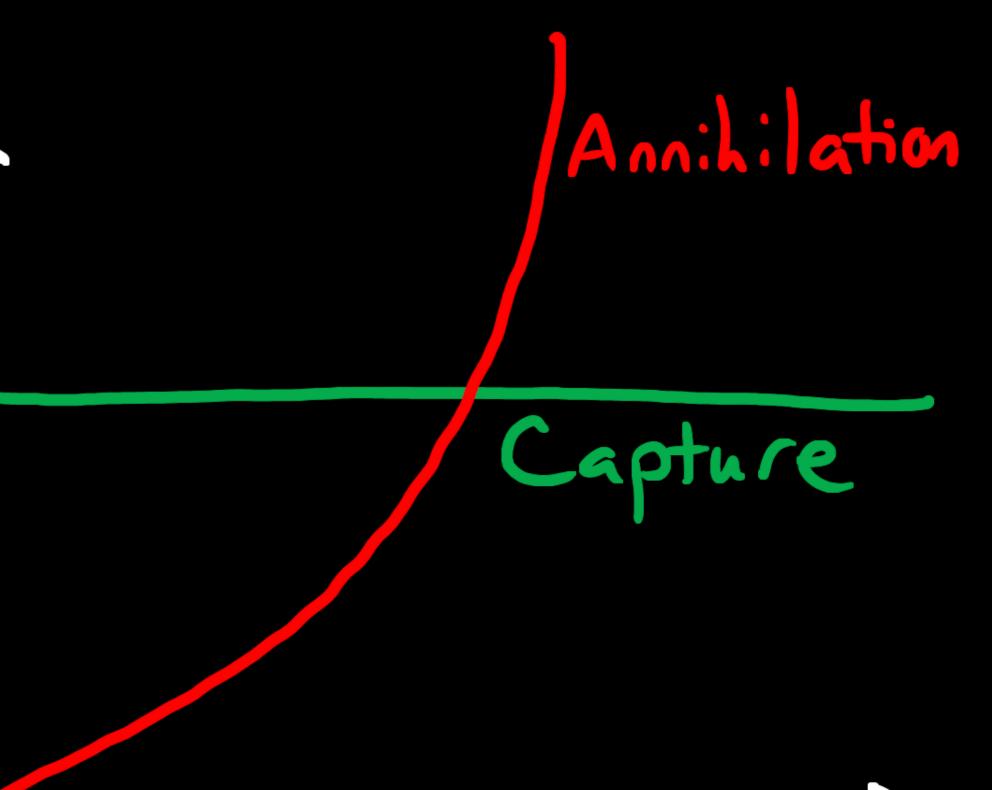
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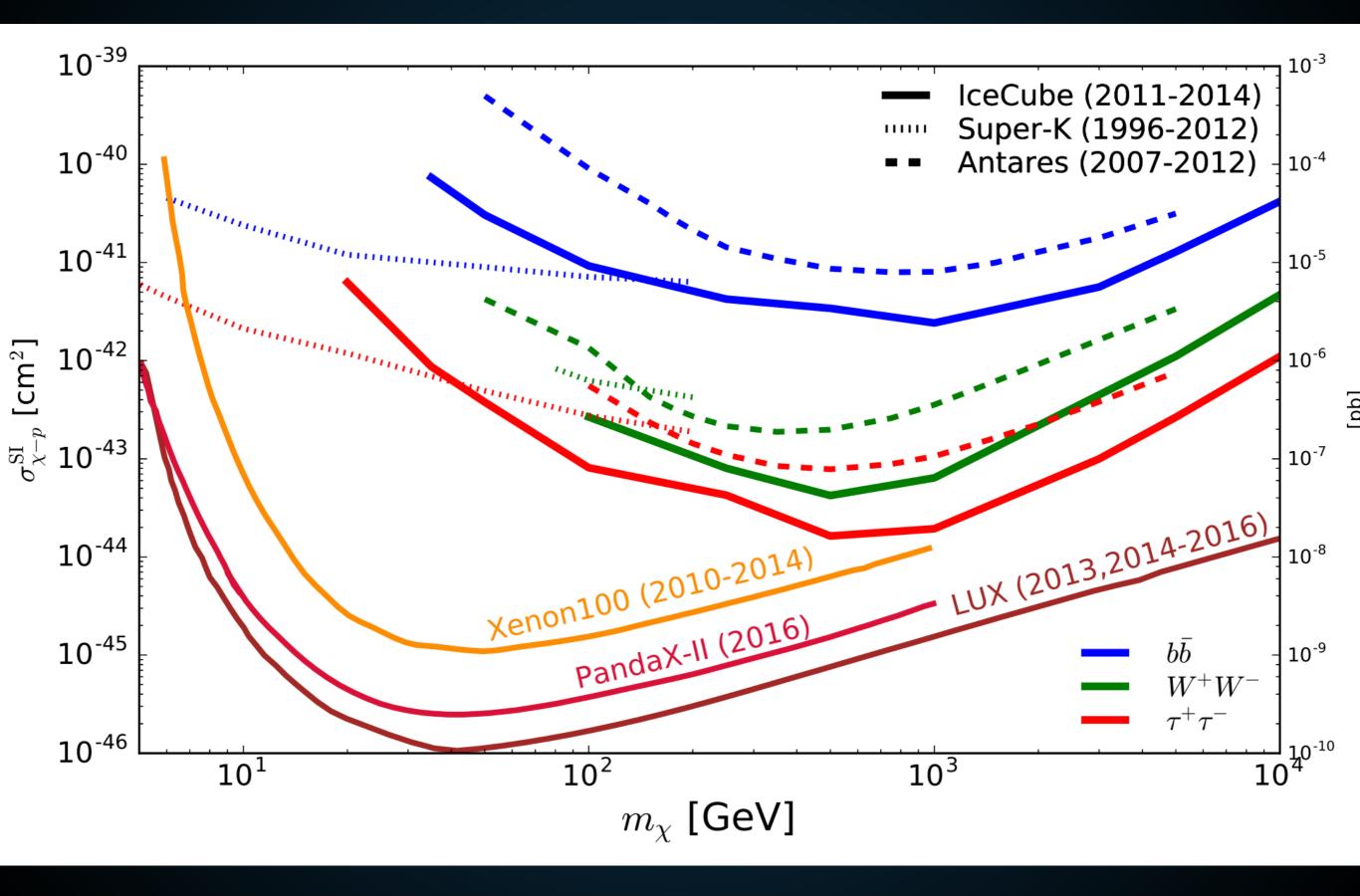


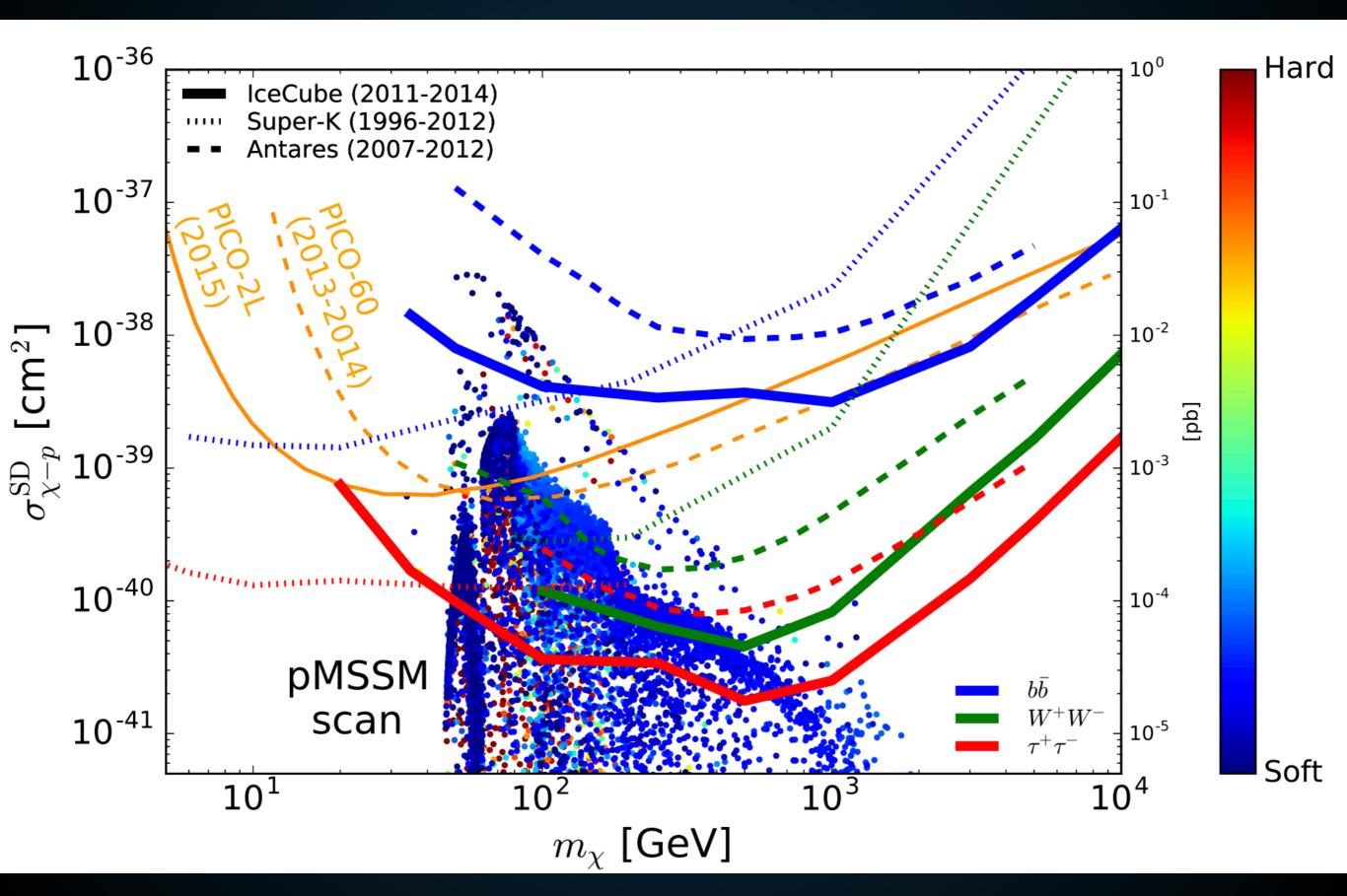




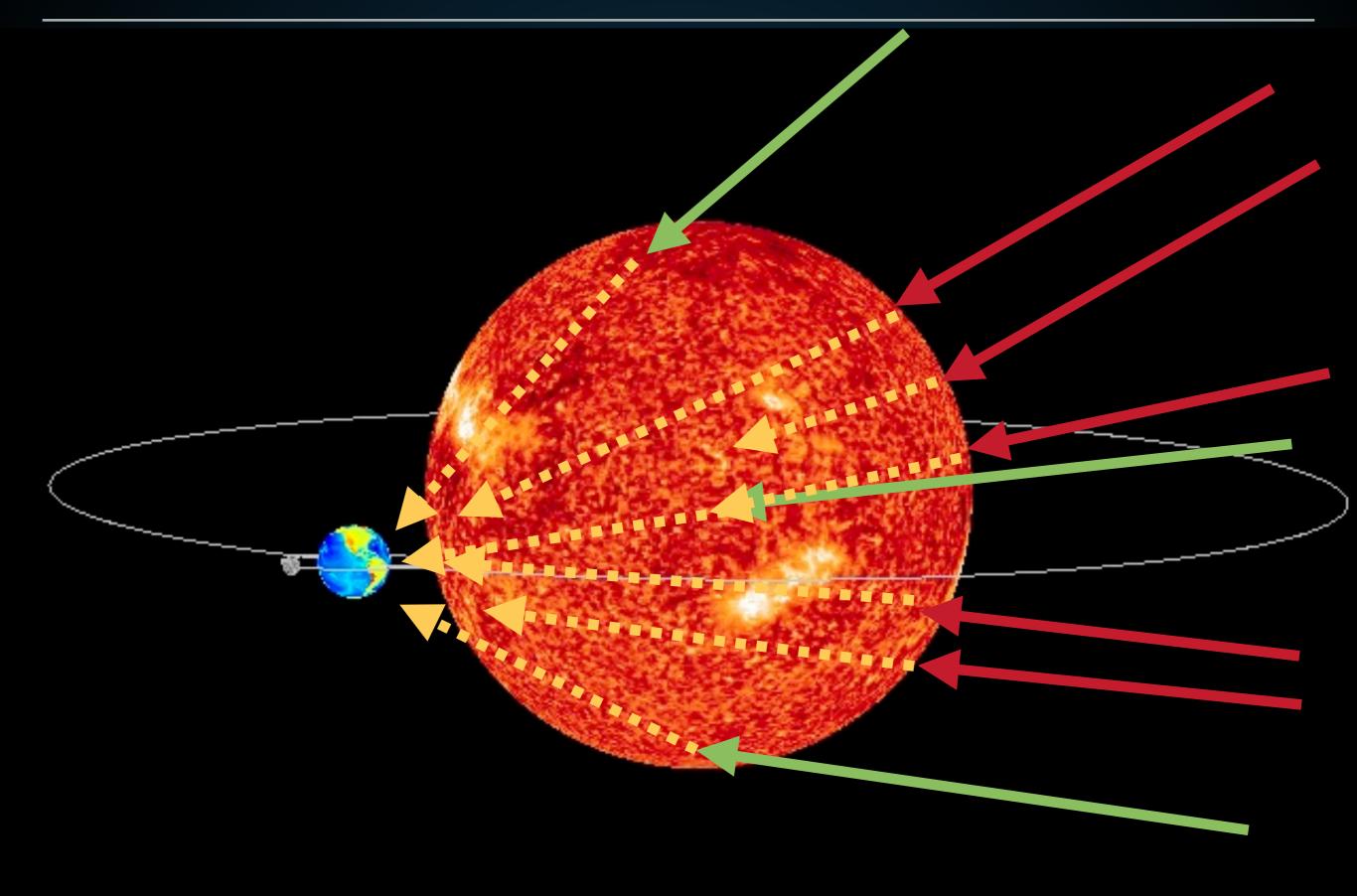




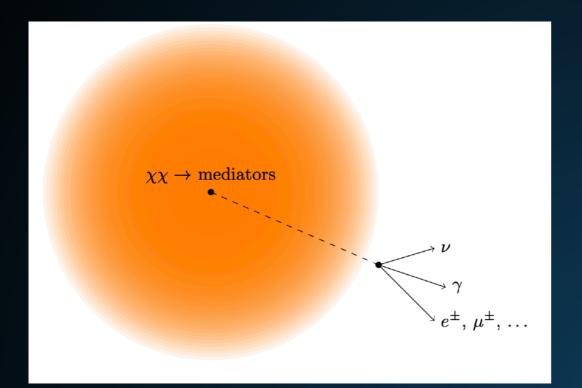




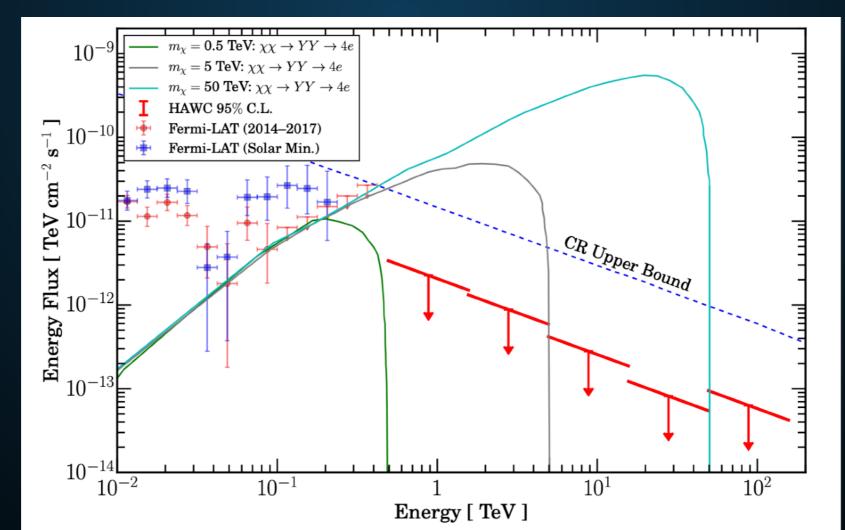
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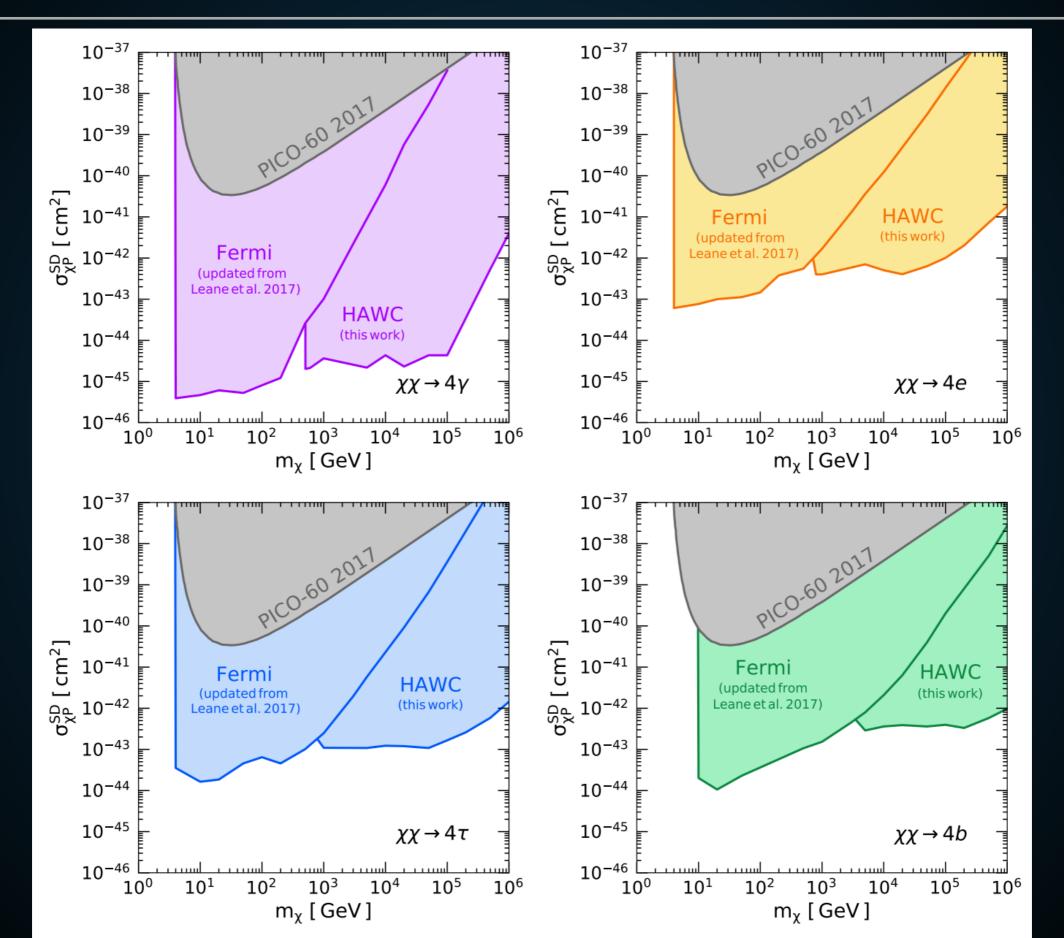
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## Can set limits on the gammaray signal, if annihilation goes to long-lived mediators.



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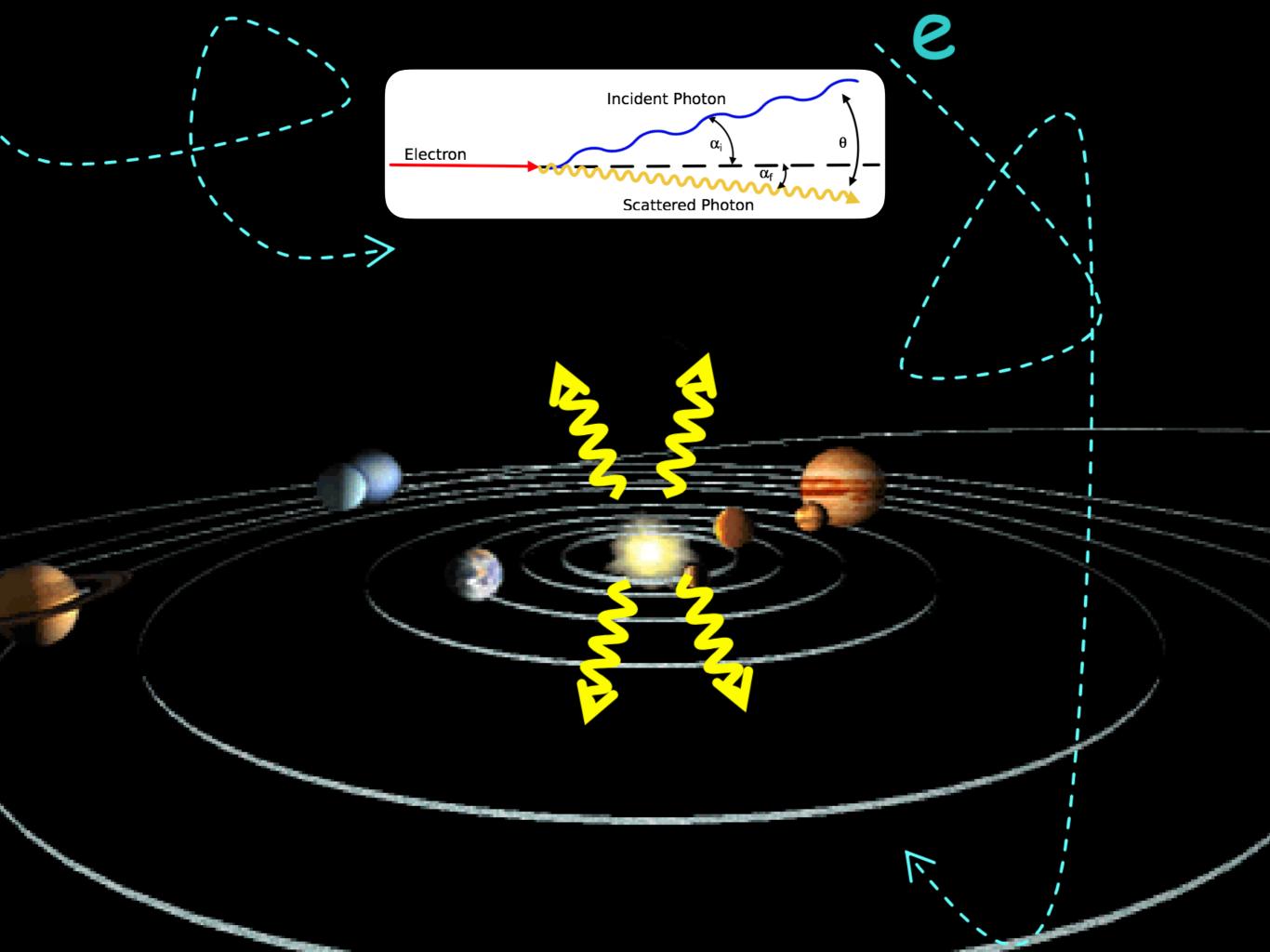


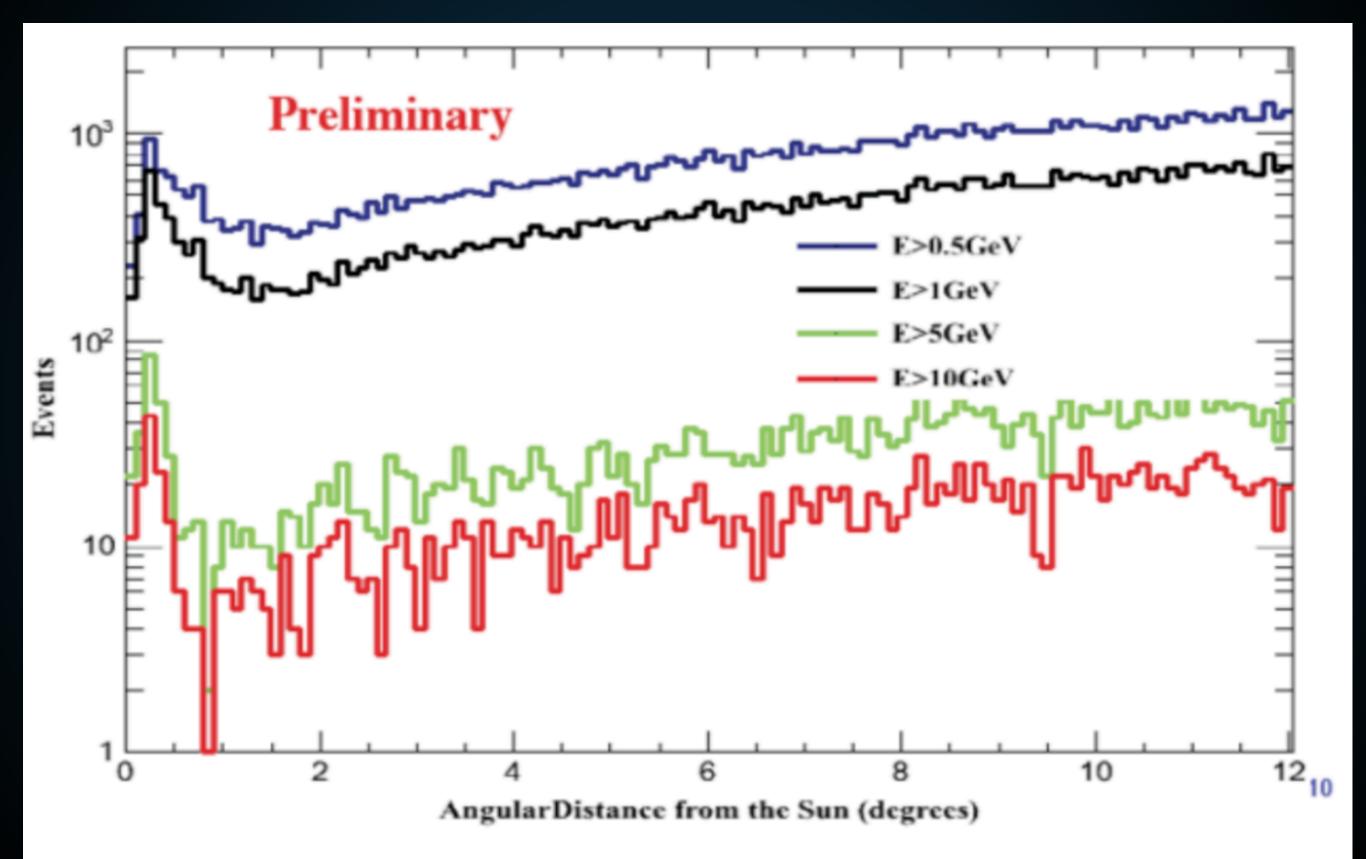
• We see - but we don't understand (solar gamma-ray emission).

- More work is needed:
  - Joint-Analysis of gamma-ray and magnetohydrodynamic data.
  - Detailed models of cosmic-ray propagation below the photosphere

 Opportunity to make fundamental advancements in our understanding of cosmic-ray propagation and dark matter annihilation.



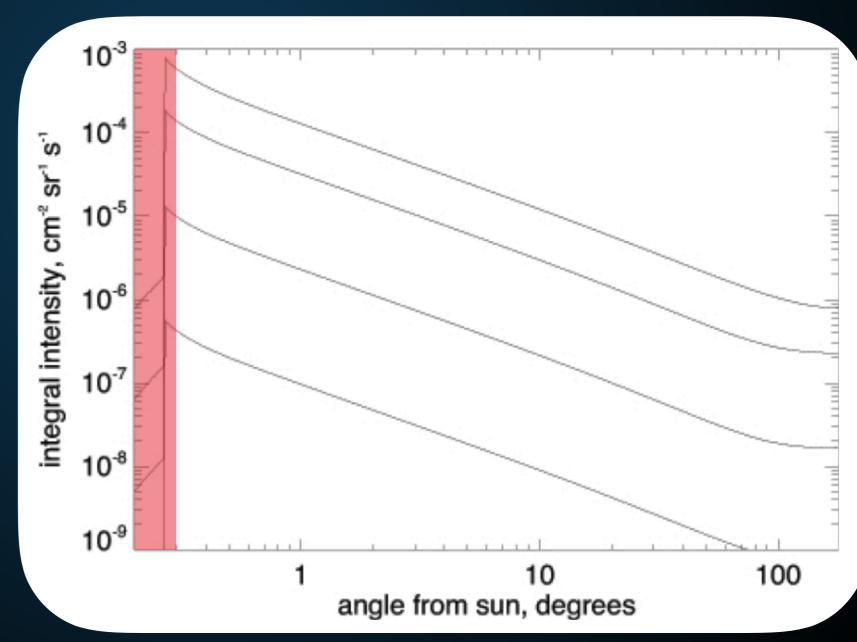




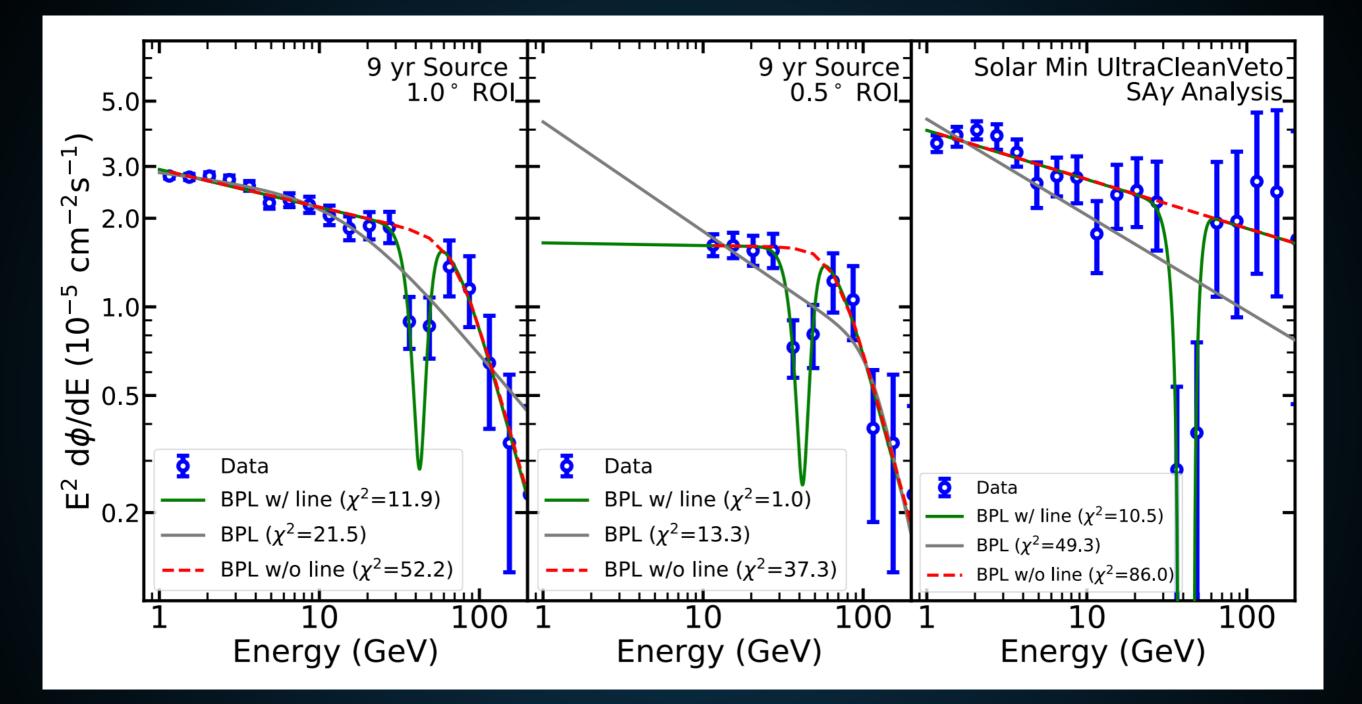
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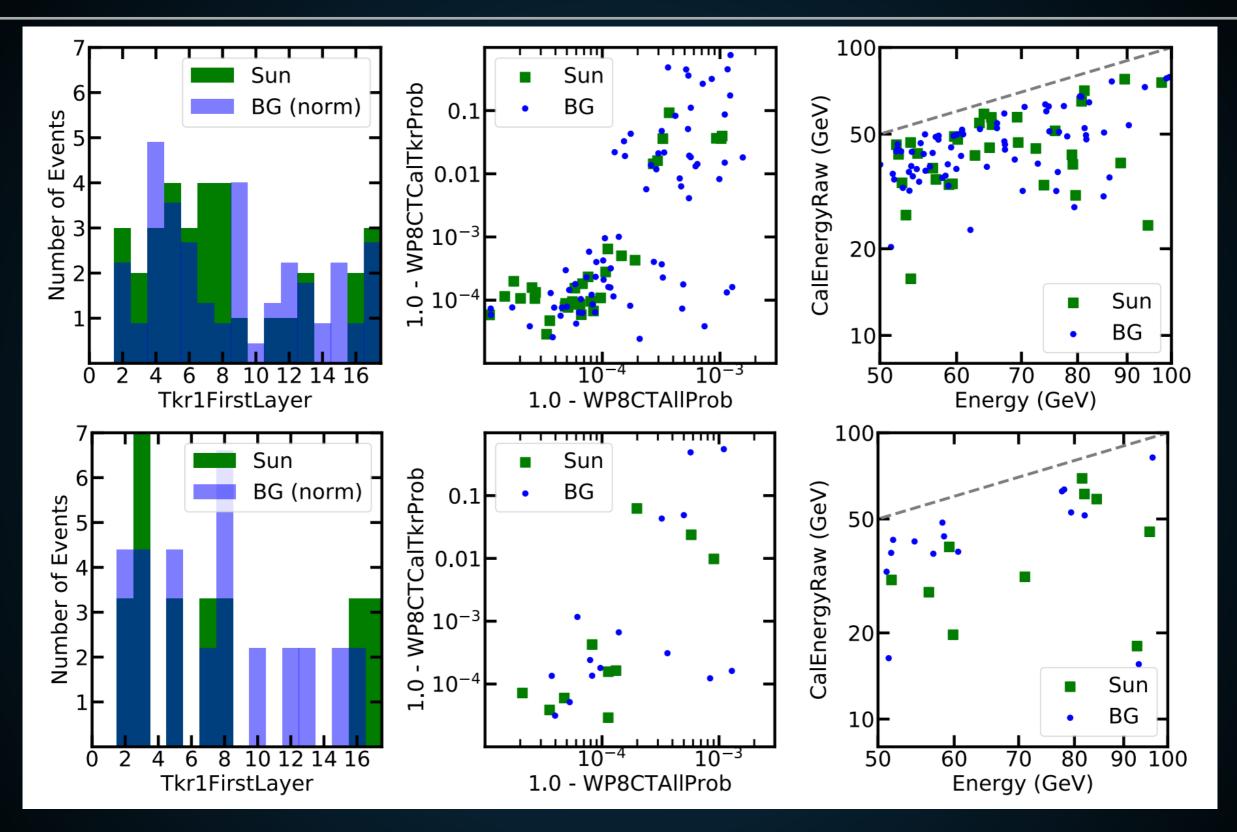
 Inverse Compton Scattering is Kinematically suppressed across the solar disk



# What about the solar disk itself?

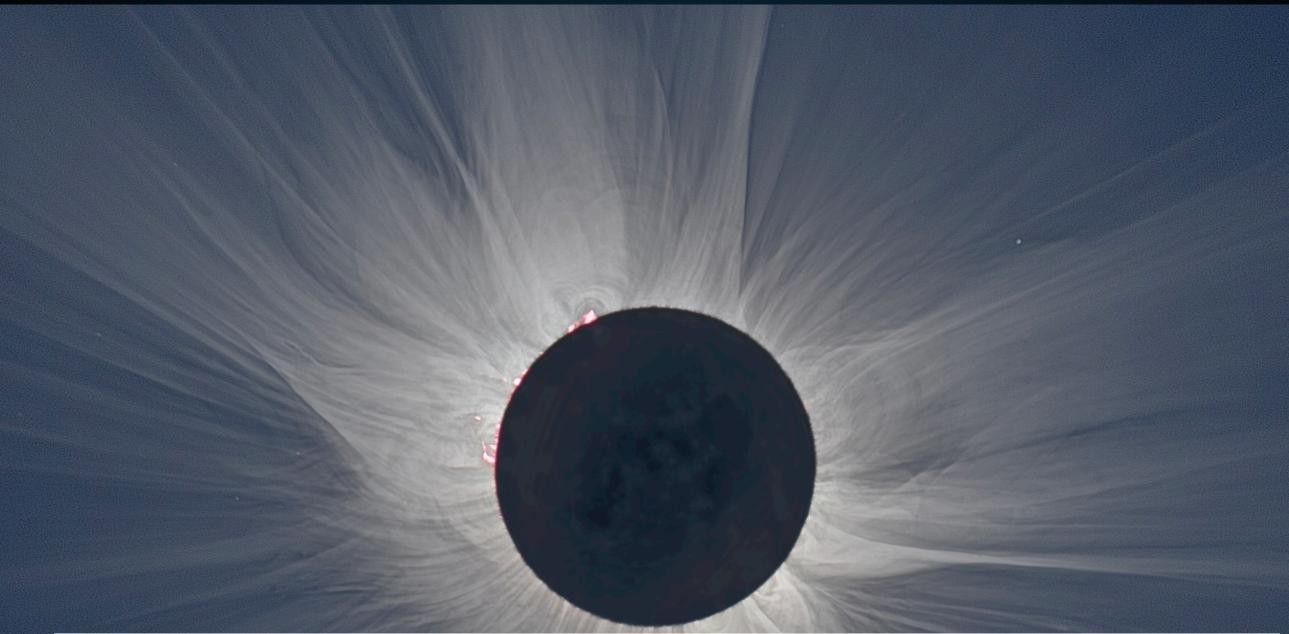


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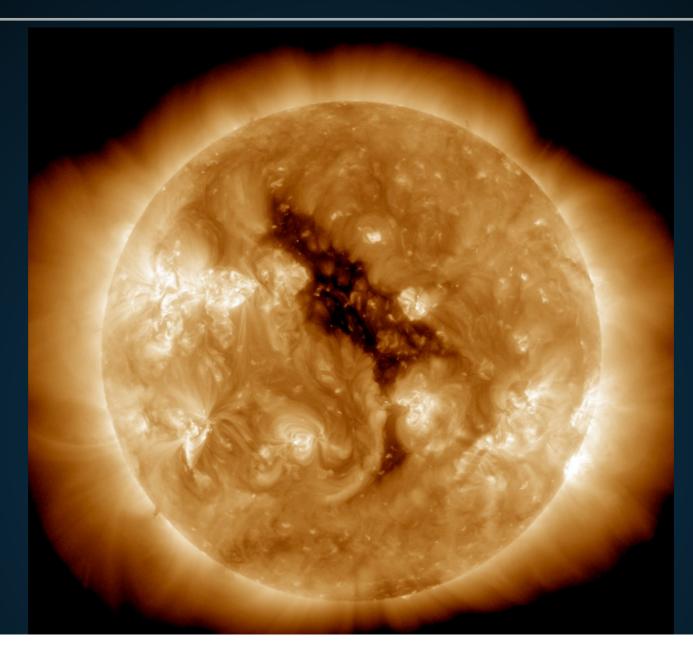
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2009-03-22 08:43:13	117.2 GeV	1.337	0.703	0.255°	UltraCleanVeto	PSF1	EDISP3	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.00027
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