

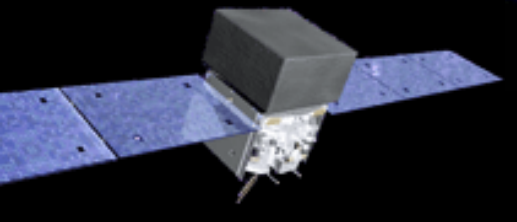
# Fermi Large Area Telescope

and

# Propagation of Cosmic Rays

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for the LAT collaboration



# GLAST - Fermi

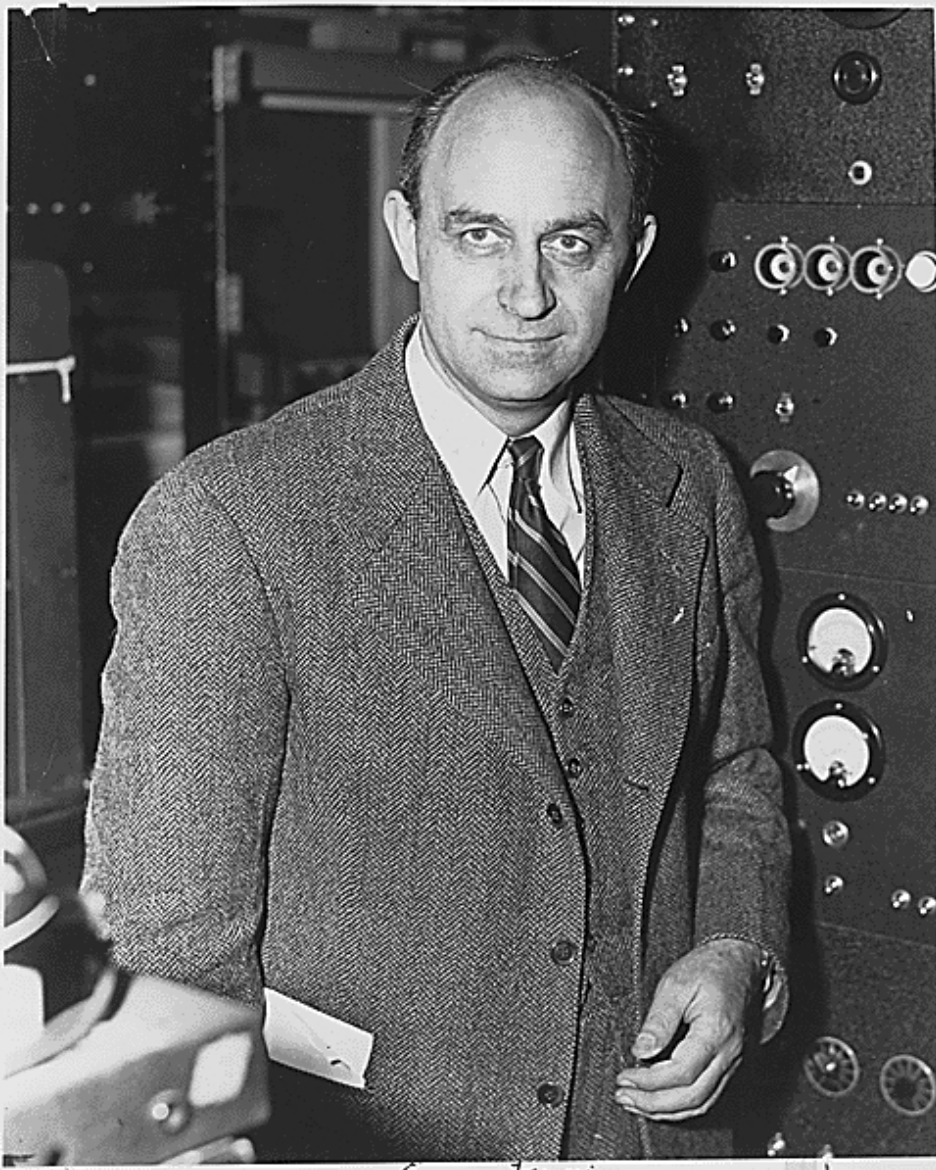
- Two instruments: Large Area Telescope (LAT), 20 MeV - >300 GeV
  - Surveys the whole sky every 2 orbits
- Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM), 10 keV - 25 MeV
  - $4\pi$



DATA BECAME PUBLIC ON AUGUST 11, 2009!

# Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope (*Fermi*)

DoE - NASA - international partnership

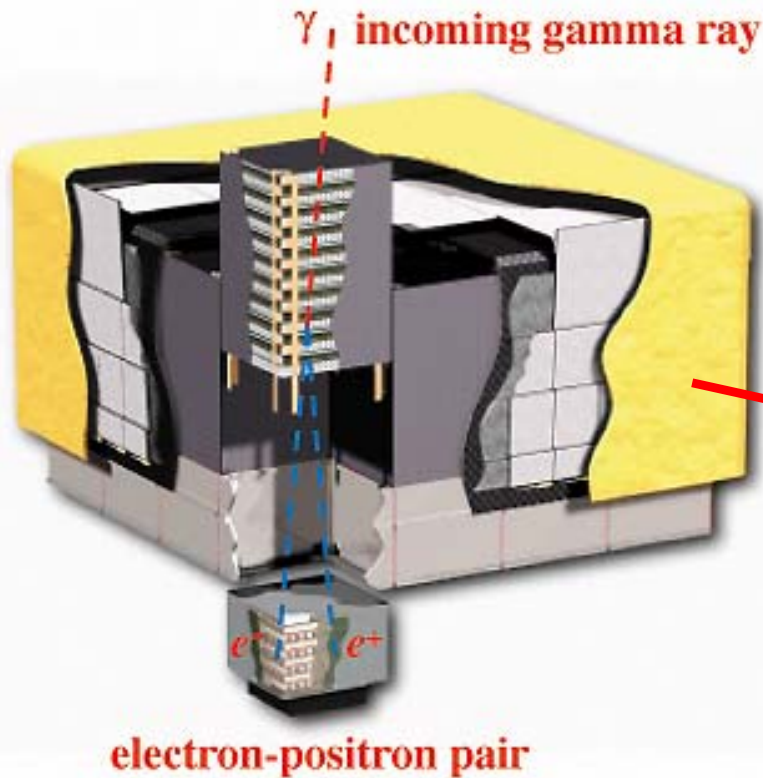
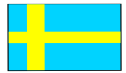
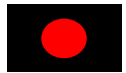
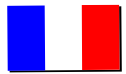


*GLAST* renamed *Fermi* by  
NASA on August 26, 2008

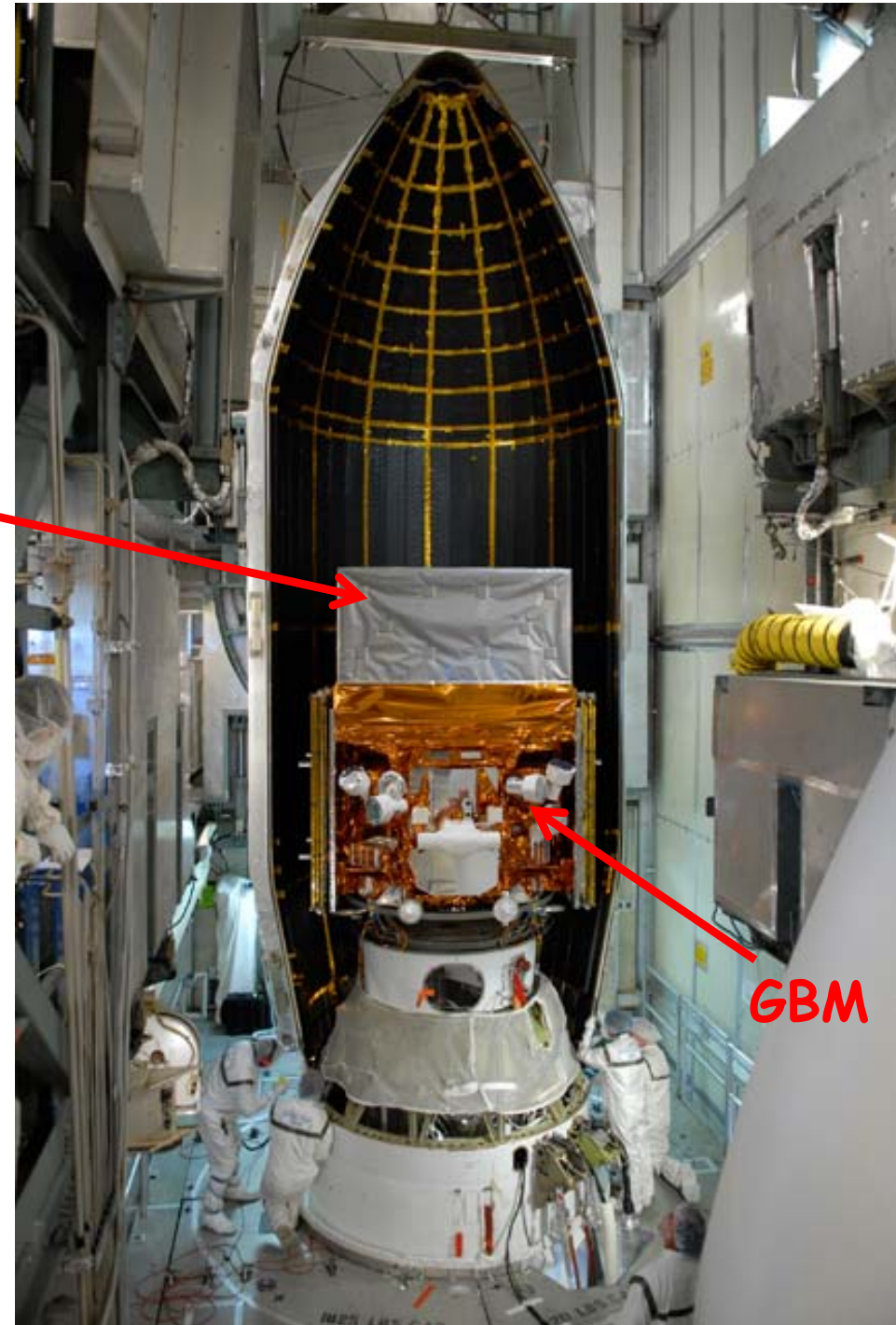
<http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

“ Enrico Fermi (1901-1954) was an Italian physicist who immigrated to the United States. He was the first to suggest a viable mechanism for astrophysical particle acceleration. This work is the foundation for our understanding of many types of sources to be studied by the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, formerly known as *GLAST*. ”

# The Large Area Telescope (LAT)

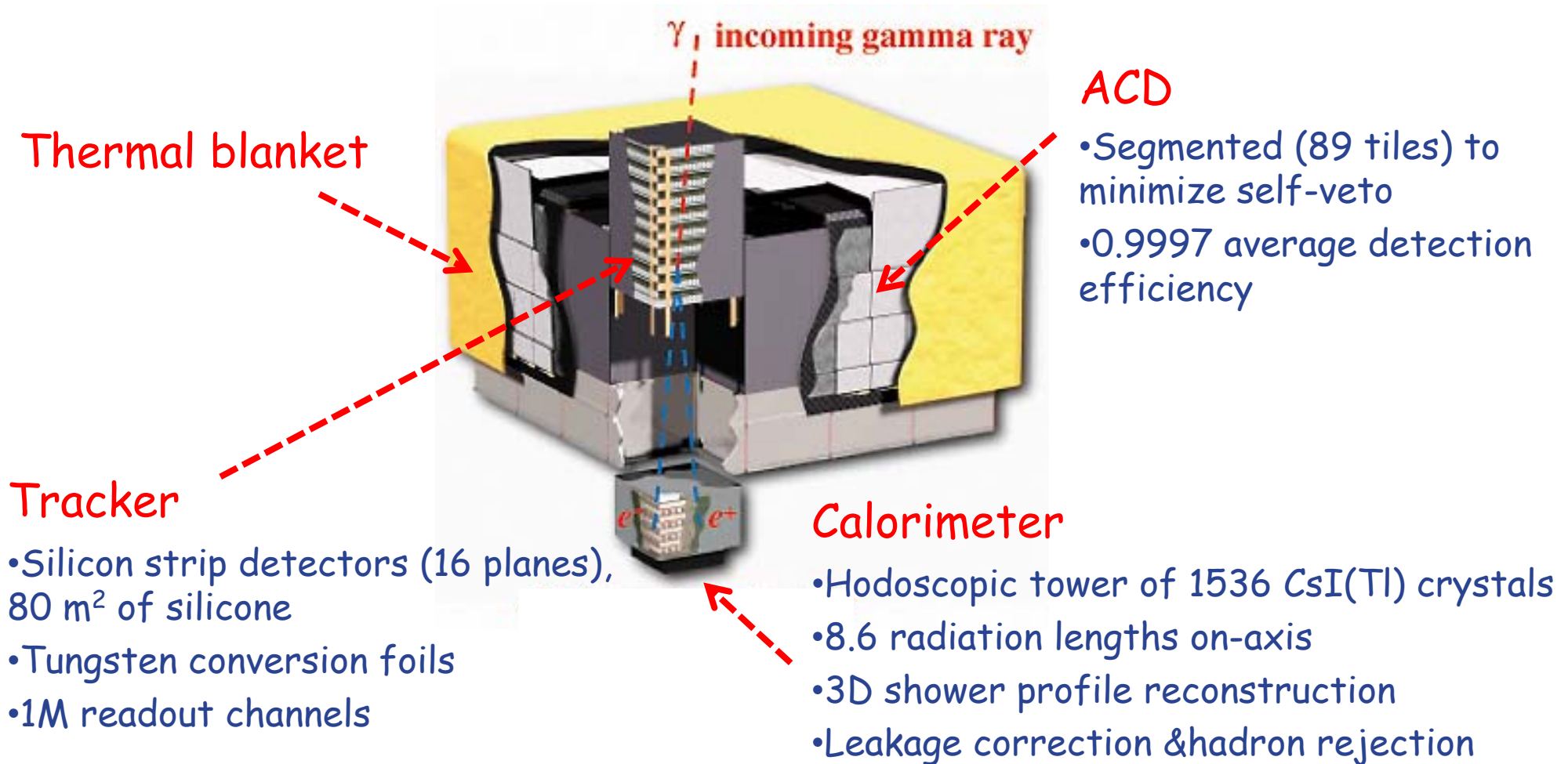


LAT images the sky one photon at a time:  
 $\gamma$ -ray converts in LAT to an electron and a positron; direction and energy of these particles tell us the direction and energy of the photon



# The LAT

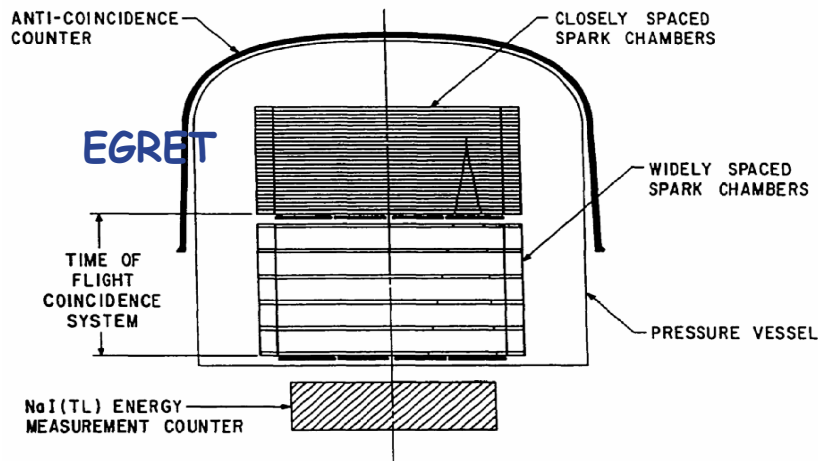
- Modular design
- 4x4 array of identical towers
- Anti-coincidence detector (ACD)



# LAT as a Gamma-Ray Telescope

	Years	Ang. Res. (100 MeV)	Ang. Res. (10 GeV)	Eng. Rng. (GeV)	$A_{eff} \Omega$ (cm <sup>2</sup> sr)	# $\gamma$ -rays
<b>EGRET</b>	<b>1991–00</b>	<b>5.8°</b>	<b>0.5°</b>	<b>0.03–10</b>	<b>750</b>	<b><math>1.4 \times 10^6</math>/yr</b>
<b>AGILE</b>	<b>2007–</b>	<b>4.7°</b>	<b>0.2°</b>	<b>0.03–50</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b><math>4 \times 10^6</math>/yr</b>
<b>Fermi LAT</b>	<b>2008–</b>	<b>3.5°</b>	<b>0.1°</b>	<b>0.02–300</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b><math>1 \times 10^8</math>/yr</b>

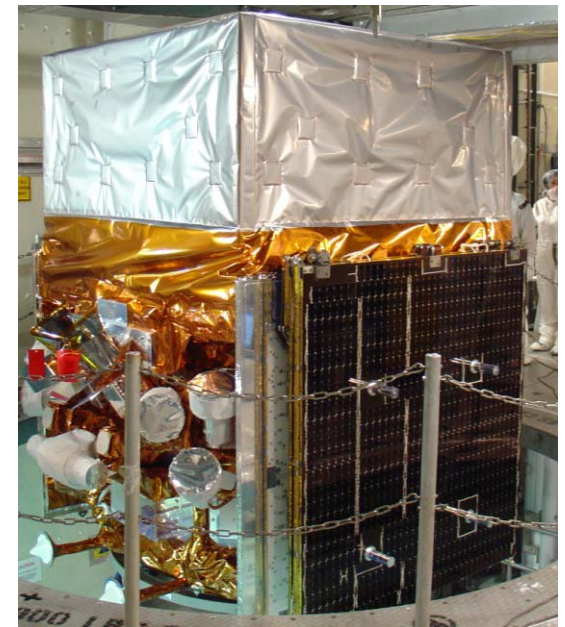
- LAT has quickly surpassed EGRET and AGILE celestial gamma-ray totals
- Unlike EGRET and AGILE, LAT is an effective **All-Sky Monitor** whole sky every ~3 hours



**CGRO EGRET**



**AGILE (ASI)**



**Fermi / LAT**

# Fermi LAT Science

## > 2000 AGNs

blazars and radiogal =  $f(\theta, z)$   
evolution  $z < 5$   
Sag A\*

## 10-50 GRB/year

GeV afterglow  
spectra to high energy

## $\gamma$ -ray binaries

Pulsar winds  
 $\mu$ -quasar jets

## Cosmic rays and clouds

acceleration in Supernova remnants  
OB associations  
propagation (Milky Way, M31, LMC, SMC)  
Interstellar mass tracers in galaxies



## Possibilities

starburst galaxies  
galaxy clusters  
measure EBL  
unIDs

## Dark Matter

neutralino lines  
sub-halo clumps

## CR electrons

20 GeV - a few TeV

## Pulsars

emission from radio and X-ray pulsars  
blind searches for new Gemingas  
magnetospheric physics  
pulsar wind nebulae

# Fermi LAT Collaboration

- **France**
  - IN2P3, CEA/Saclay
- **Italy**
  - INFN, ASI, INAF
- **Japan**
  - Hiroshima University
  - ISAS/JAXA
  - RIKEN
  - Tokyo Institute of Technology
- **Sweden**
  - Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
  - Stockholm University
- **United States**
  - Stanford University (SLAC and HEPL/Physics)
  - University of California at Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics
  - Goddard Space Flight Center
  - Naval Research Laboratory
  - Sonoma State University
  - Ohio State University
  - University of Washington

## Principal Investigator:

**Peter Michelson (Stanford University)**

~270 Members

(~90 Affiliated Scientists, 37 Postdocs,  
and 48 Graduate Students)

construction managed by

**Stanford Linear Accelerator Center  
(SLAC), Stanford University**



# GLAST at the launch pad

Kennedy Space Flight Center  
Delta II heavy  
June 11, 2008



Peter Michelson

Bill Atwood

The last final check of ignition...





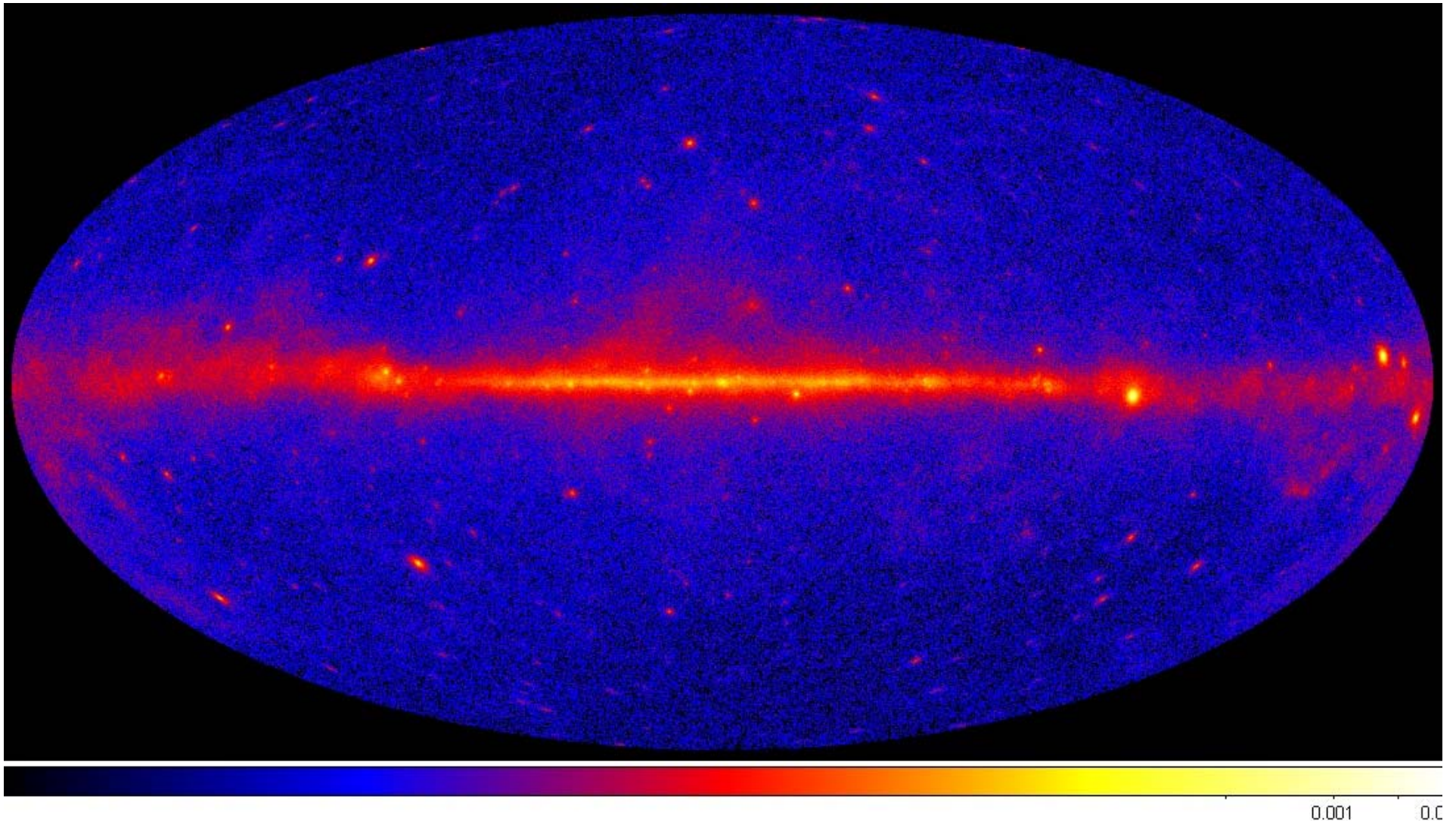
KITP - Santa Barbara, Aug.14,2009



Circular orbit at 565 km  
Inclination 25.6°  
Lifetime  $\geq 5$  years

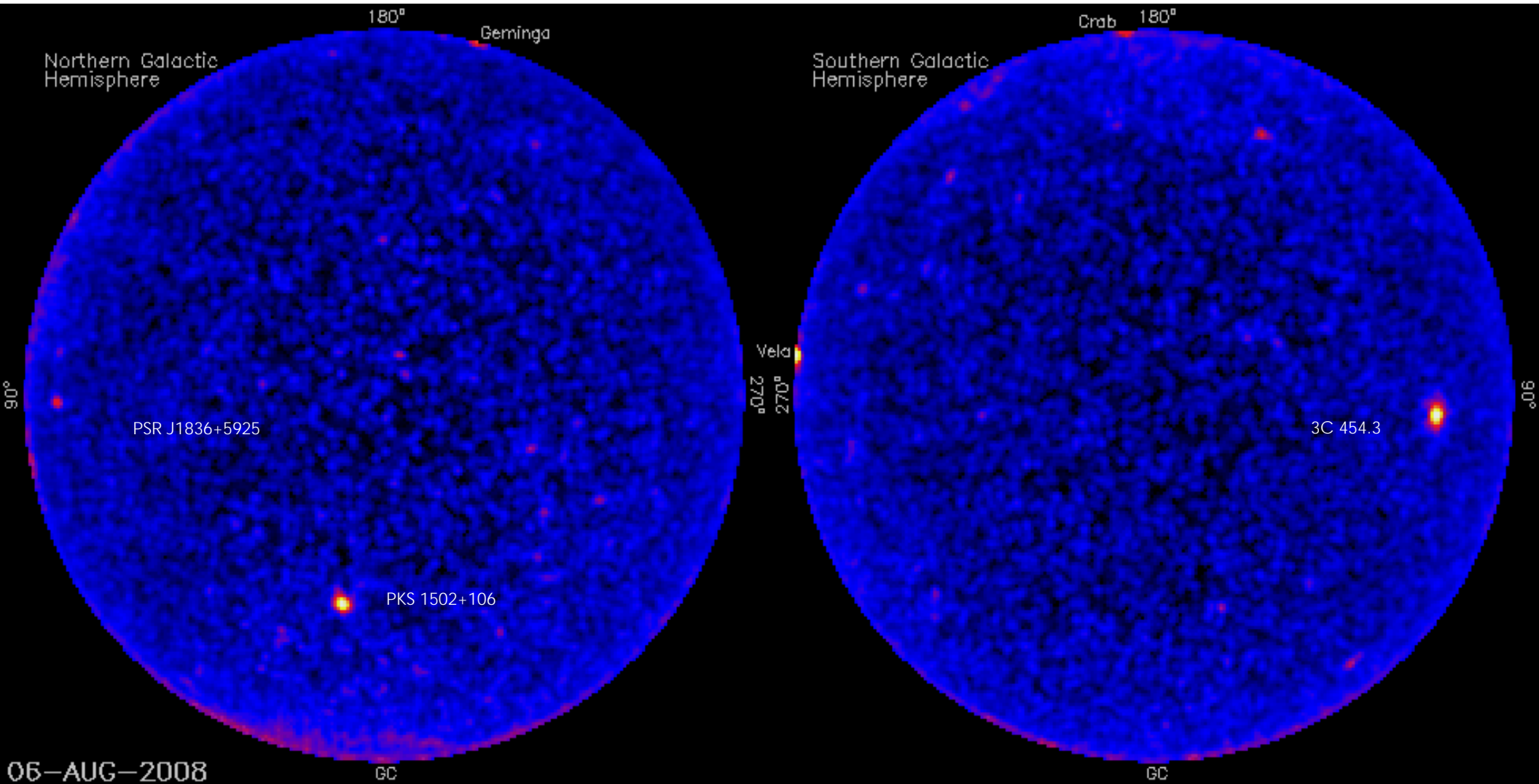


# First 3 Months Skymap (Counts)



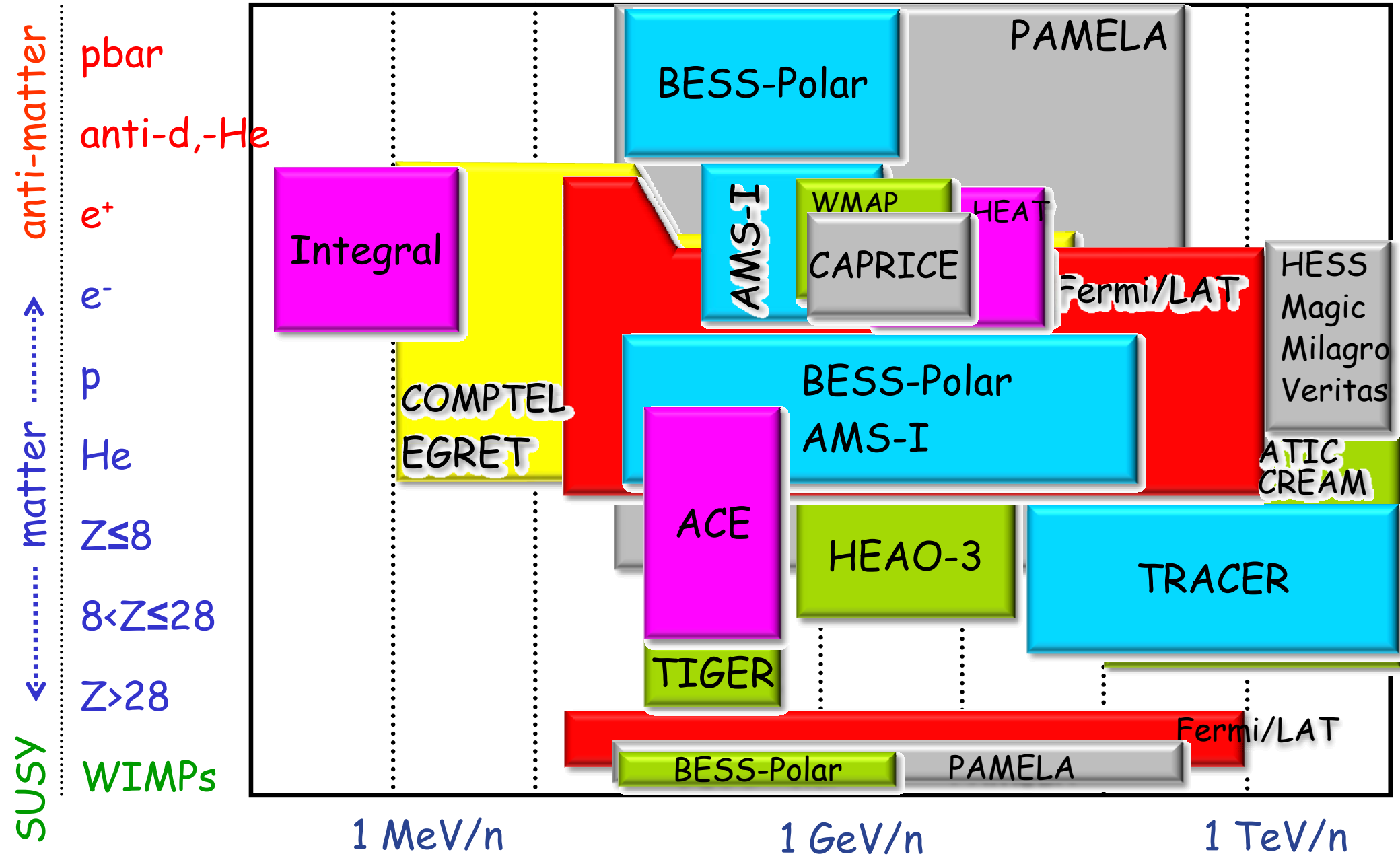
The diffuse emission is the brightest source on the sky: ~80% of all photons

# First 3 months of LAT data



First movie in gamma rays ever shot!

# A Constellation of CR and gamma-ray (also CR!) instruments





# Primary electrons in Cosmic Rays

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## Letters

### Observation of the Cosmic Ray Electron-Positron Ratio from 100 Mev to 3 bev in 1964

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*Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies and Department of Physics  
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois*

R. H. HILDEBRAND

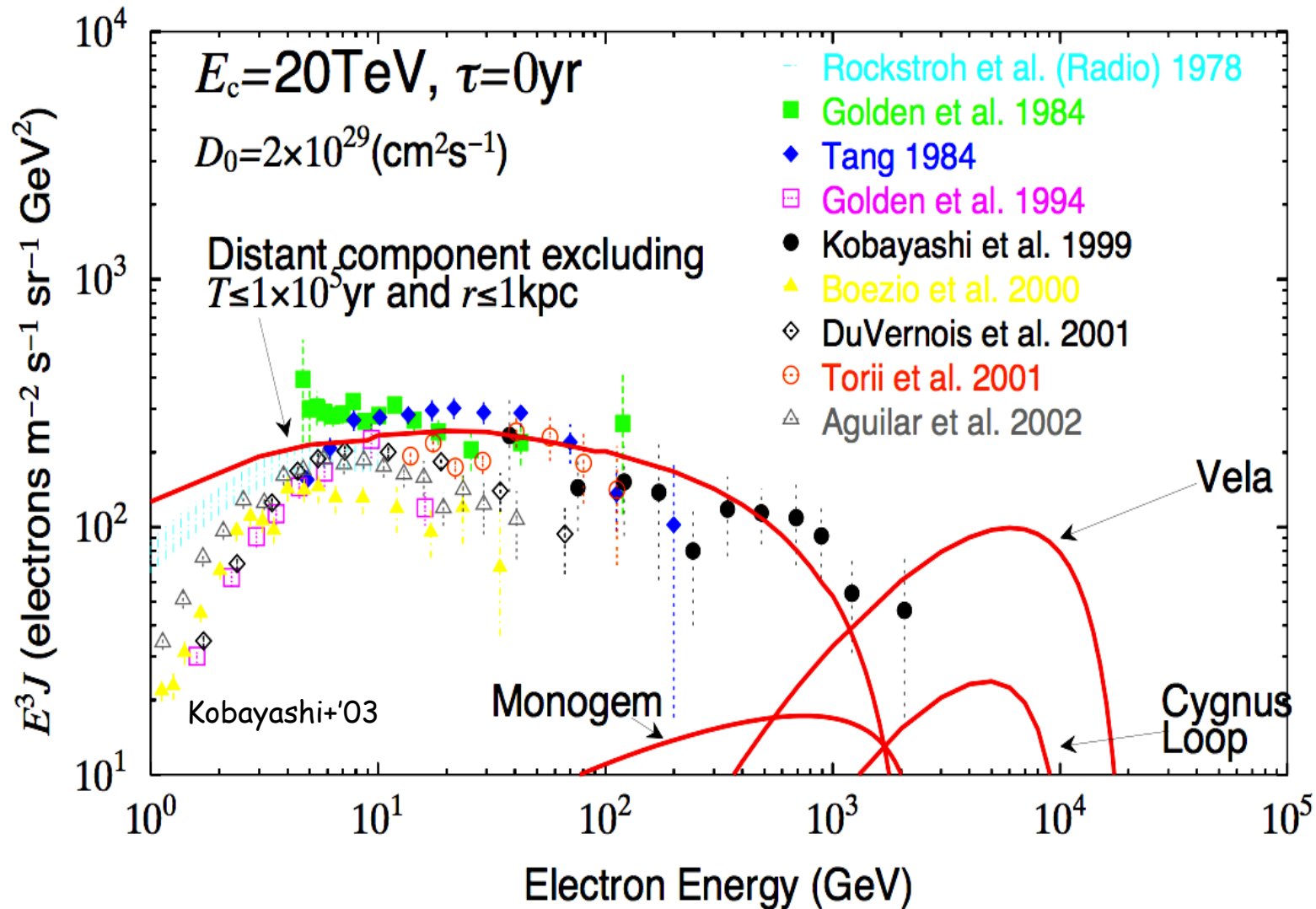
*Argonne National Laboratory and University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois*

ment. In 1963, DeShong, Hildebrand, and Meyer  
[1964] reported the results of an experiment  
designed to measure this ratio in the energy in-  
terval from 100 to 1000 Mev. They found an  
excess of negative electrons which led them to  
conclude that the electron component consists  
mainly of directly accelerated particles. Their

Now, ~45 years later  
we are discussing a  
possibility of primary  
positrons in CRs

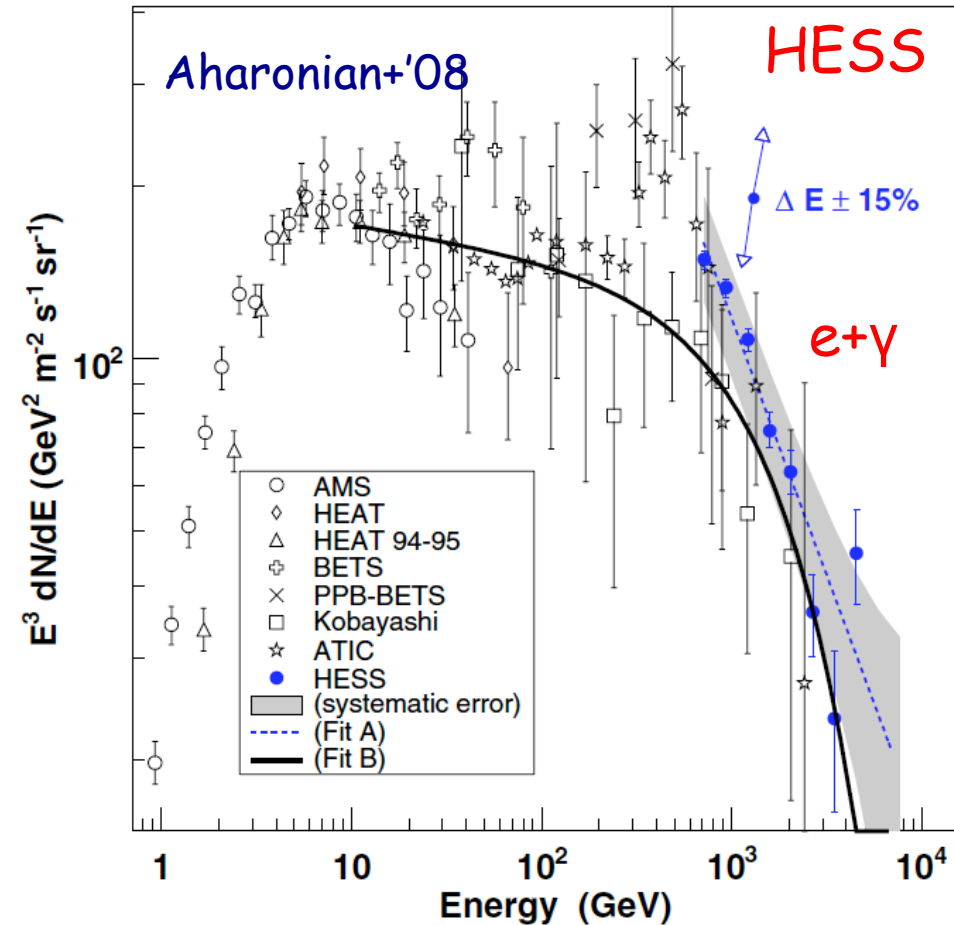
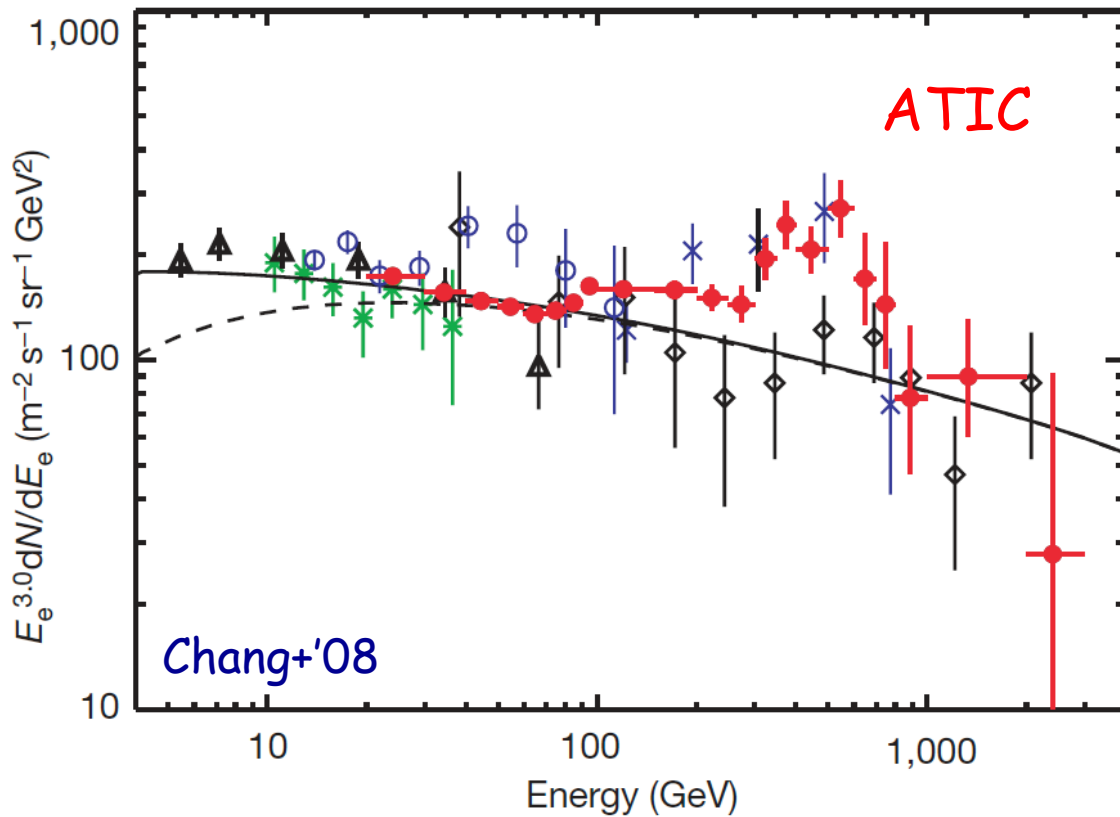
# Early Measurements of CR Electrons

Early measurements of CR electrons and predictions of possible spectral features associated with local SNR

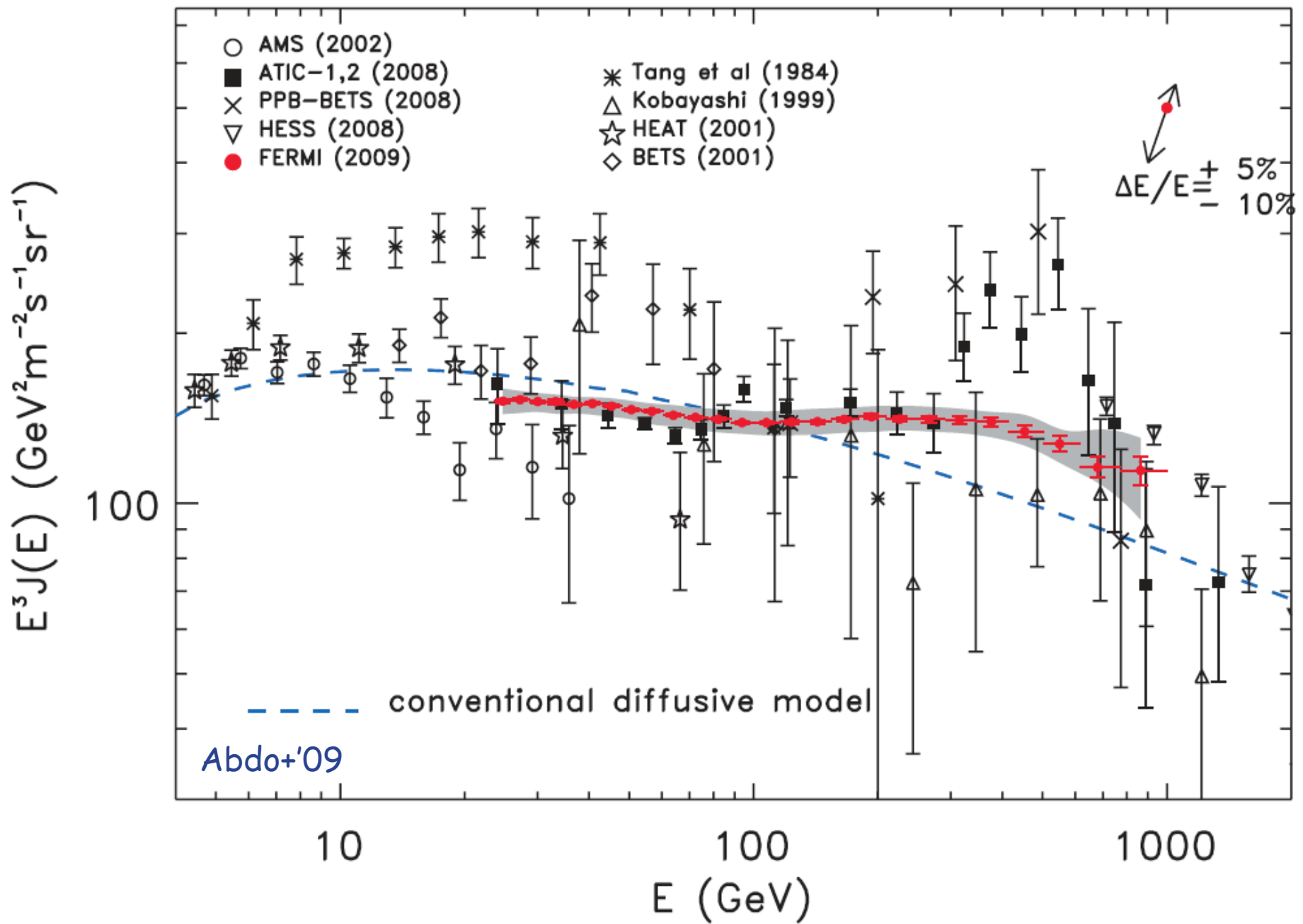


# CR Electrons "Pre-LAT"

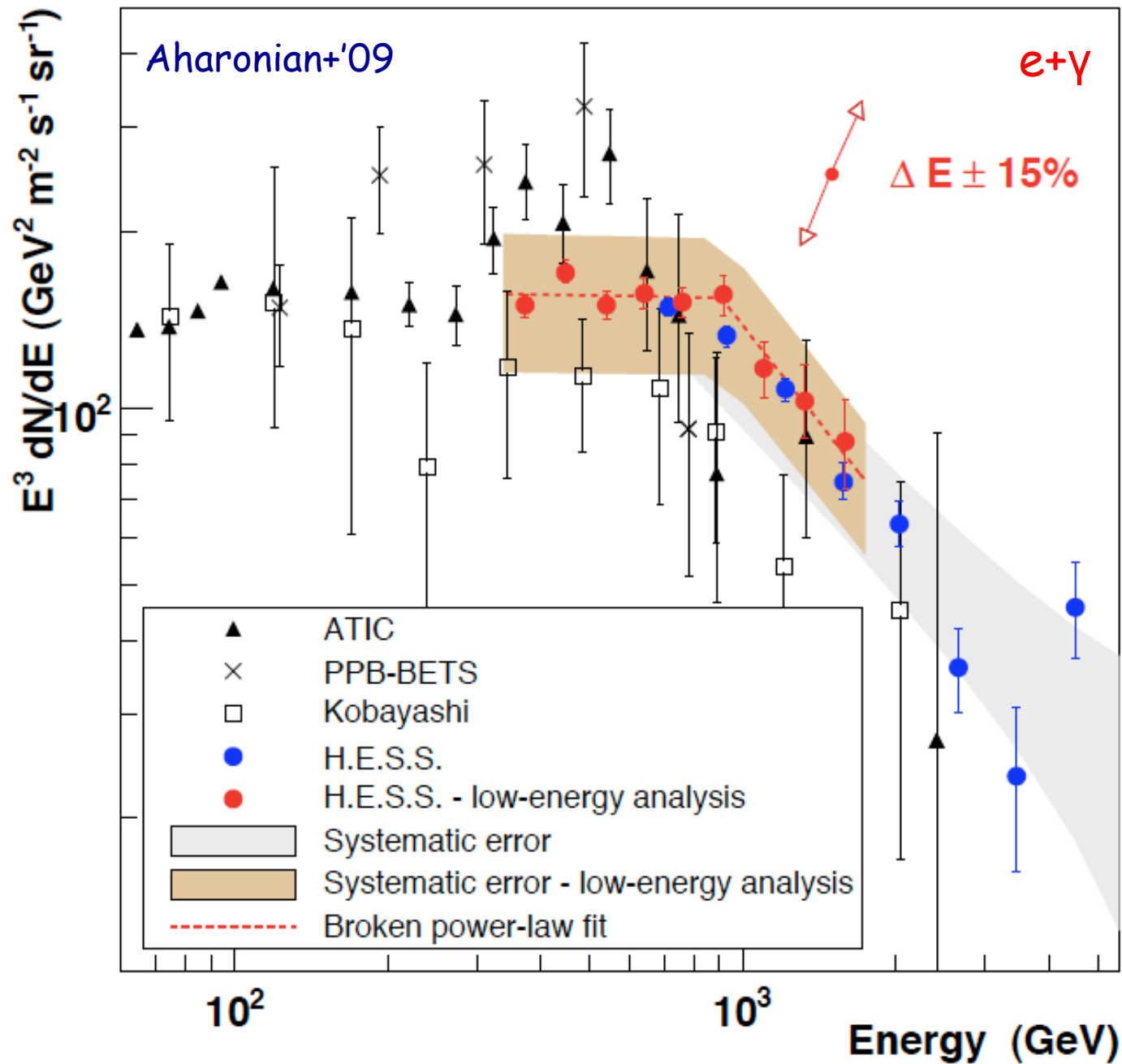
- Combined measurements from balloons and ground
- Most recent: ATIC (3+ flights) and HESS



# LAT measurements ( $e^-e^+$ )



# More HESS electron data

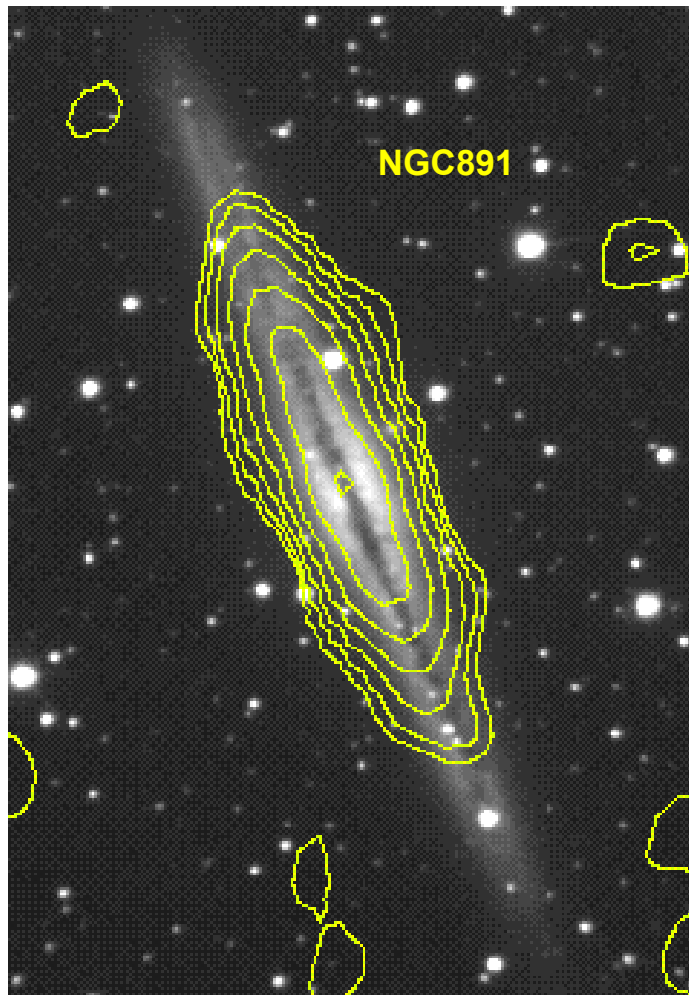


# Interpretation

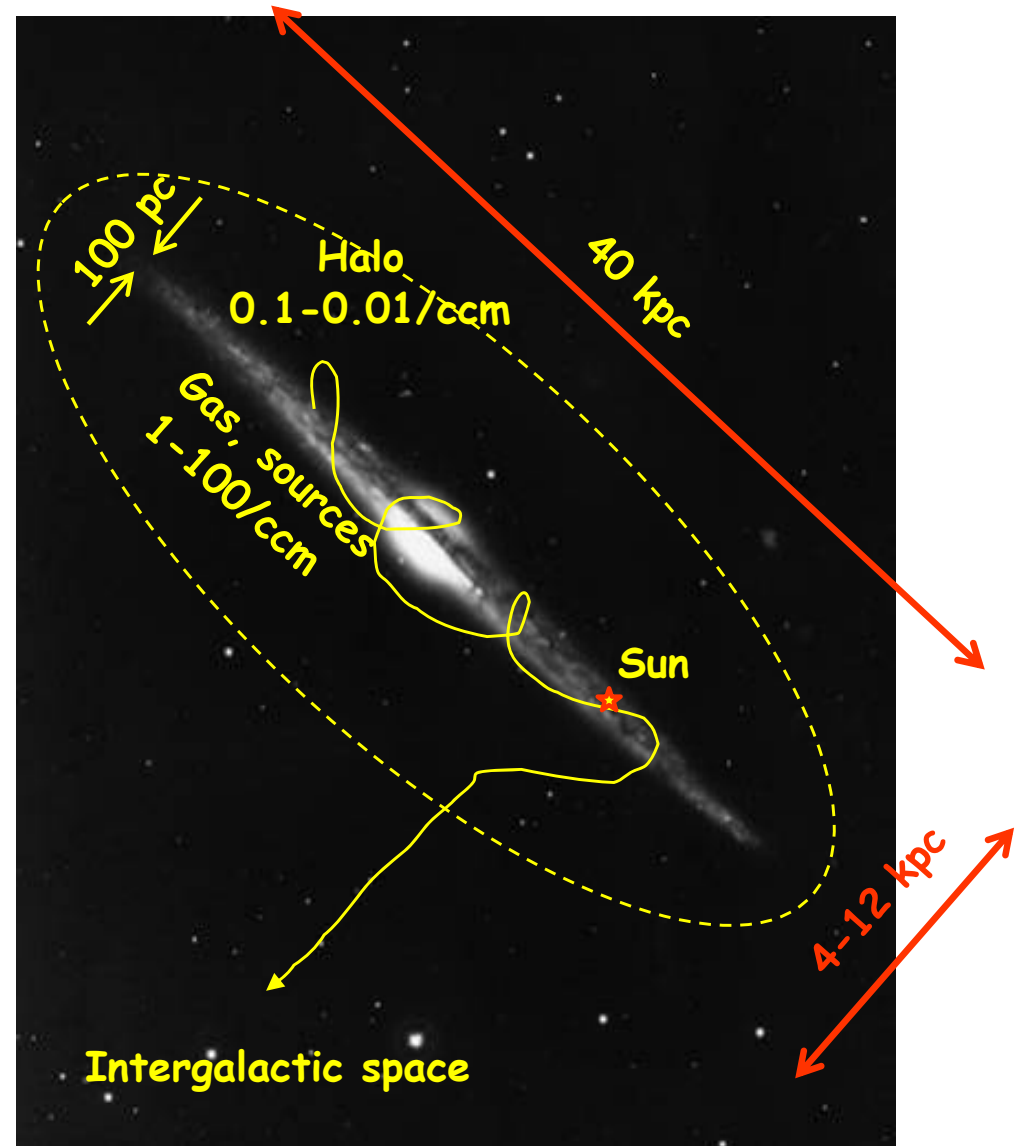
- The CR electron spectrum appears to be flatter (power-law index  $\sim 3$ ) than previously thought
- Has a sharp cut off at  $\sim 1$  TeV (consistent with expectations)
- The origin of the CR lepton (electrons + positrons) spectrum can't be understood based on the lepton data alone
- The key is to look at the lepton spectrum in conjunction with data on other CR species and CR propagation models
- This is related to both scenario: astrophysical and "exotic"

# CR Propagation: the Milky Way Galaxy

Optical image: Cheng et al. 1992, Brinkman et al. 1993  
Radio contours: Condon et al. 1998 AJ **115**, 1693

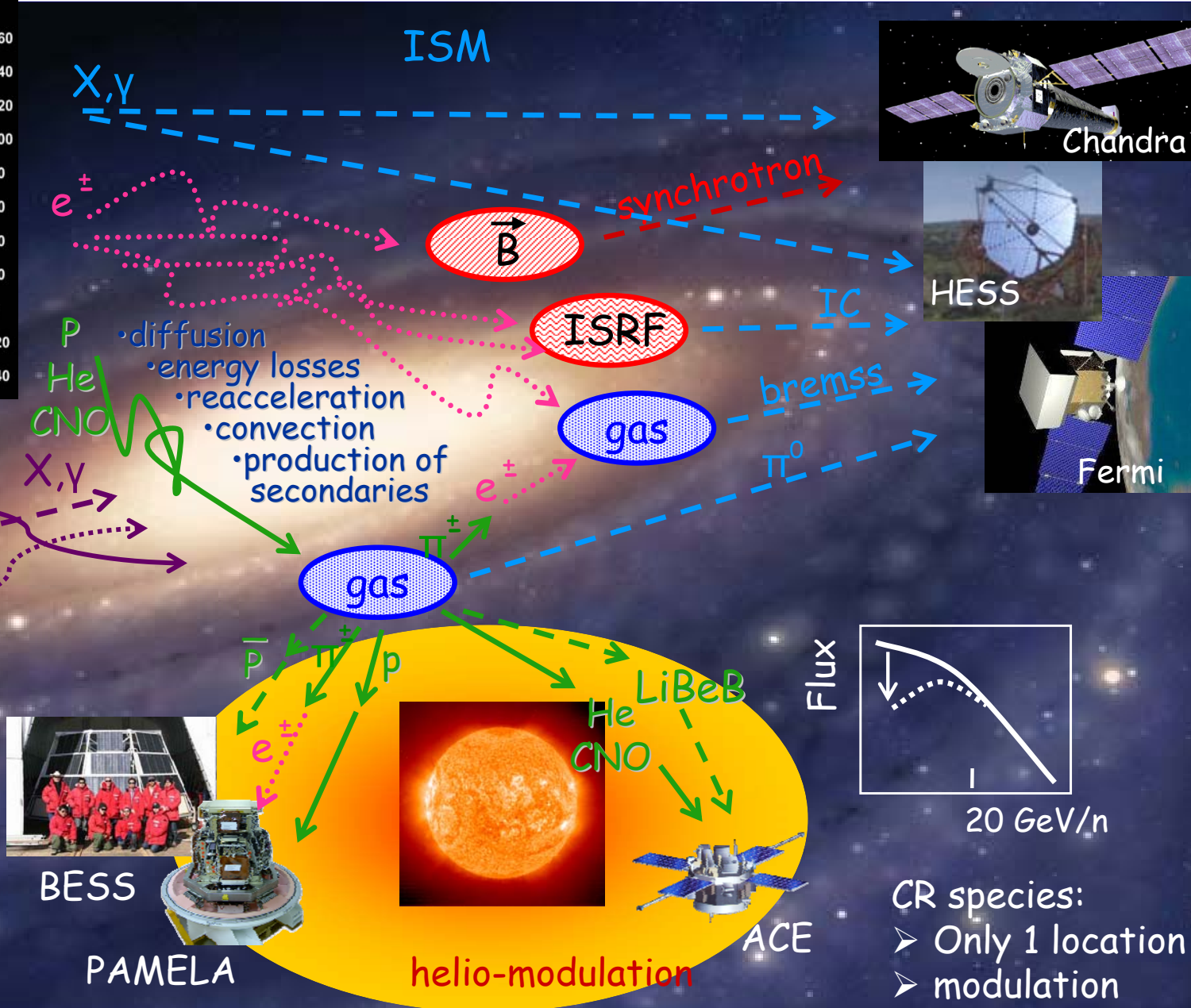
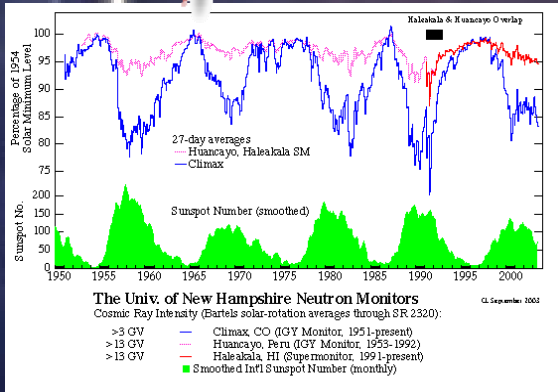
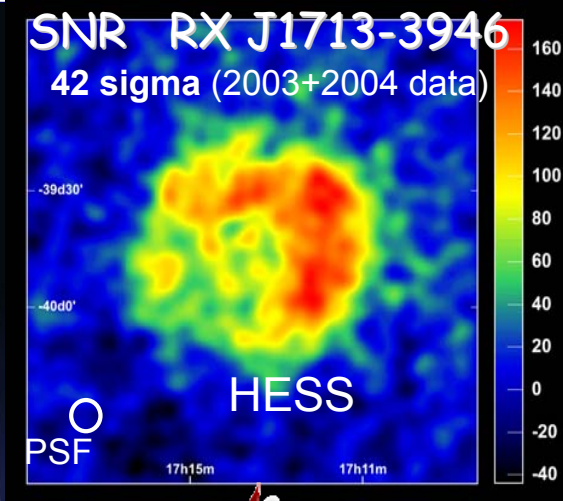


R Band image of NGC891  
1.4 GHz continuum (NVSS), 1,2,...64 mJy/ beam



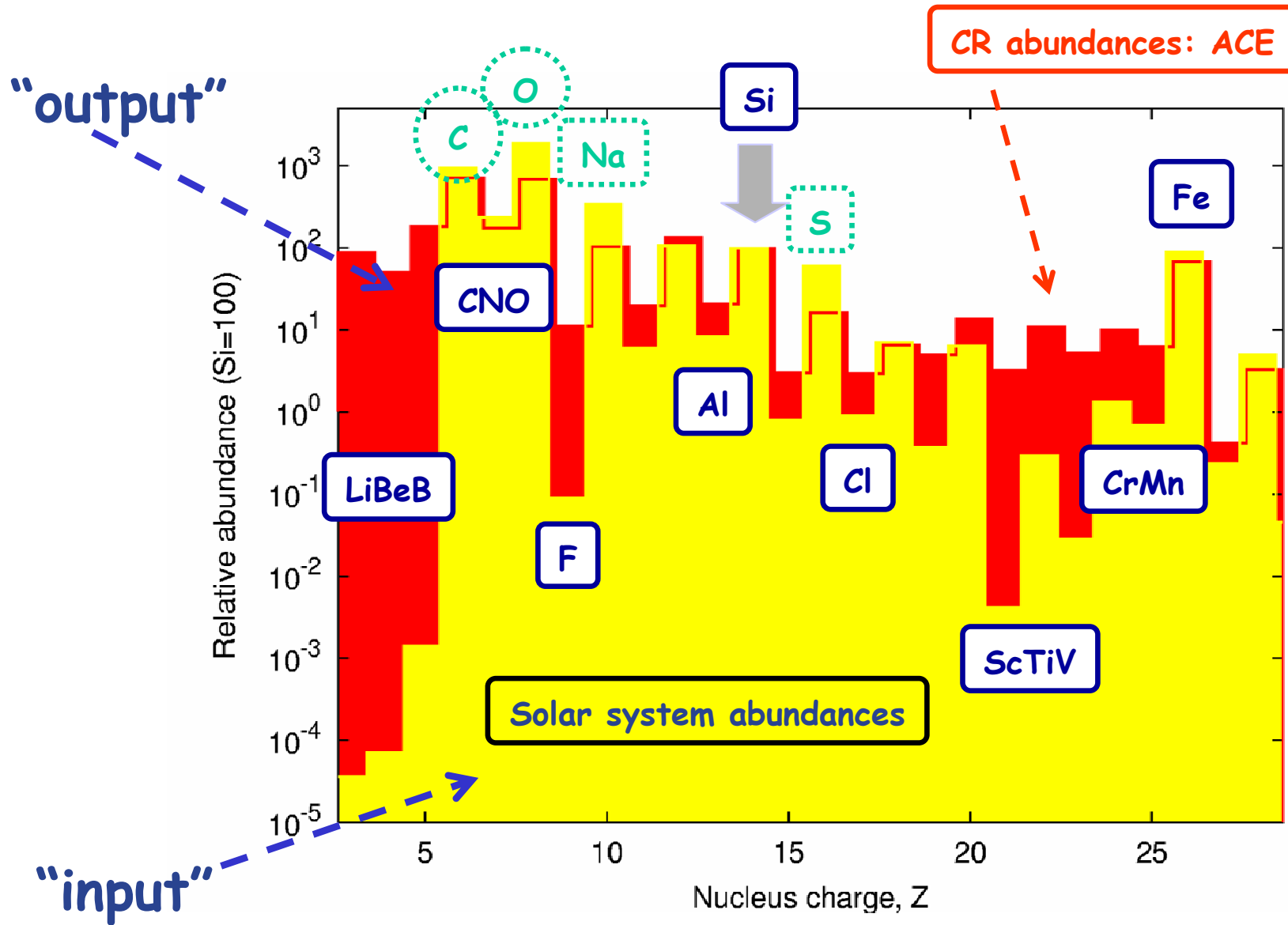
"Flat halo" model (Ginzburg&Ptuskin 1976)

# CRs in the Interstellar Medium

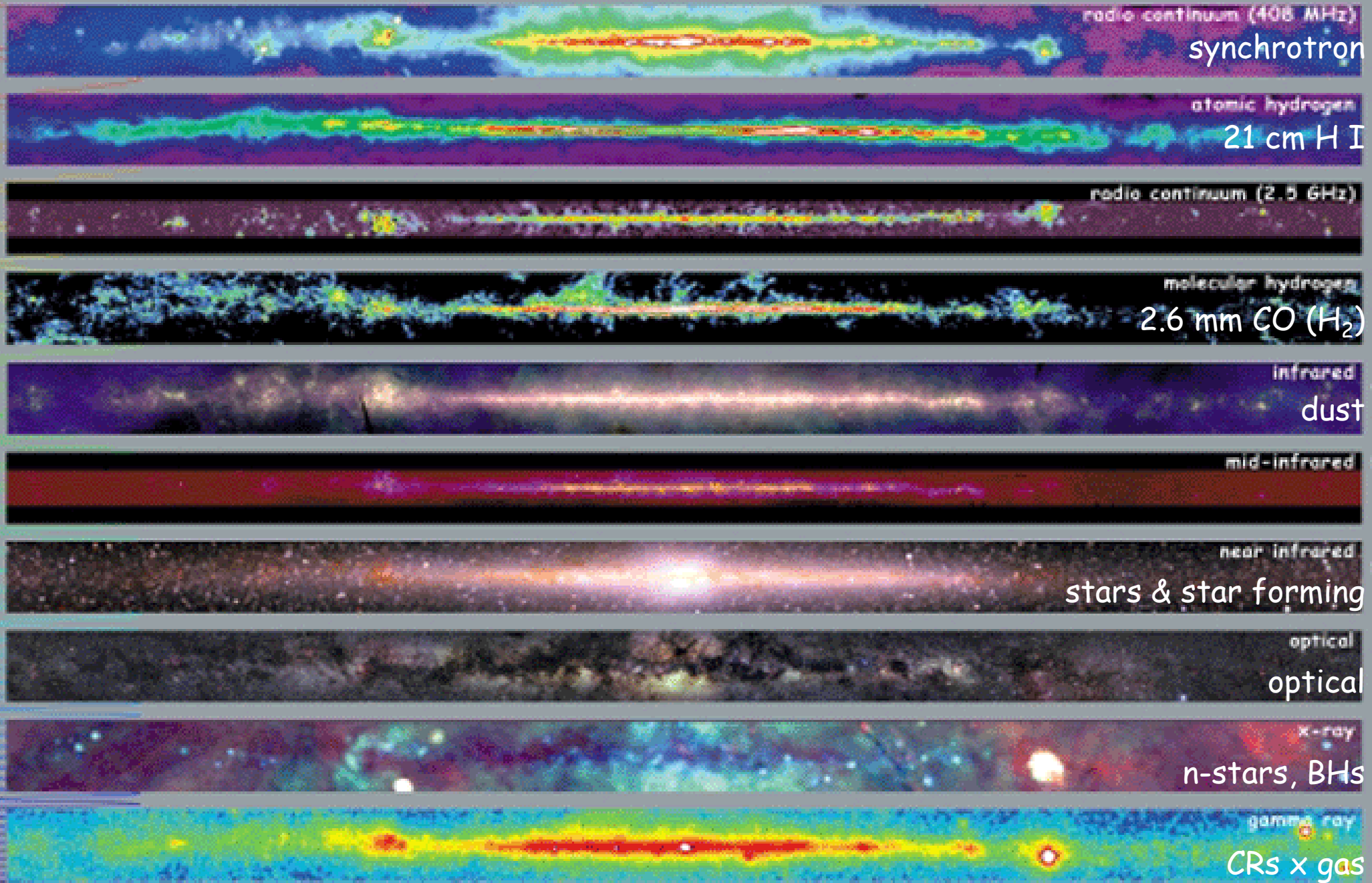




# Elemental abundances in CRs and in the Solar System



# Components of the ISM: Views from the Inside



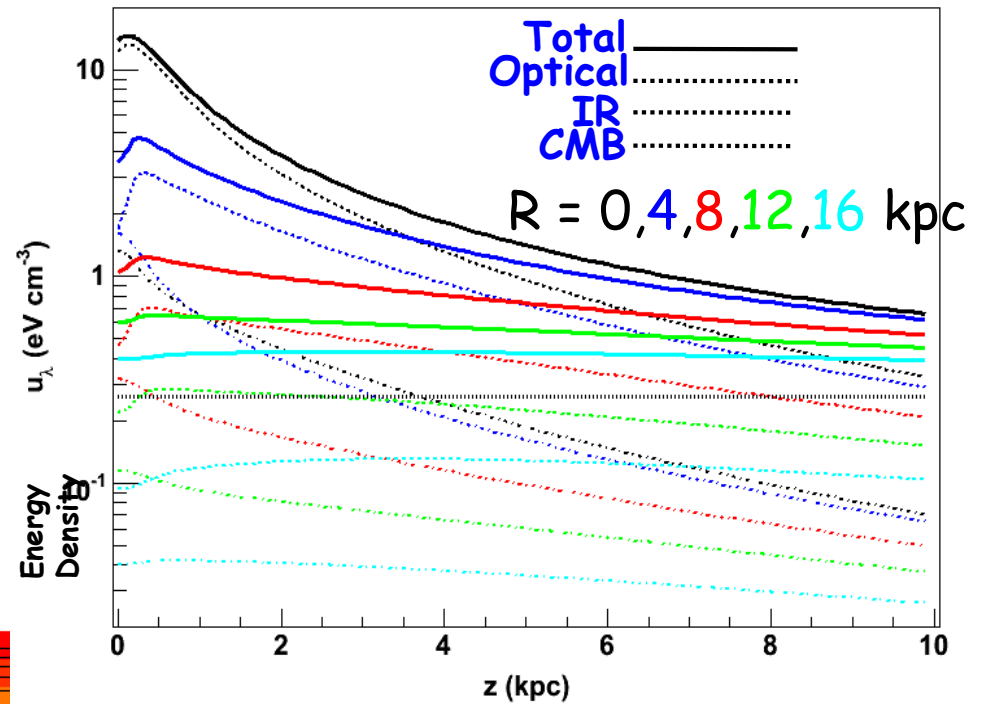
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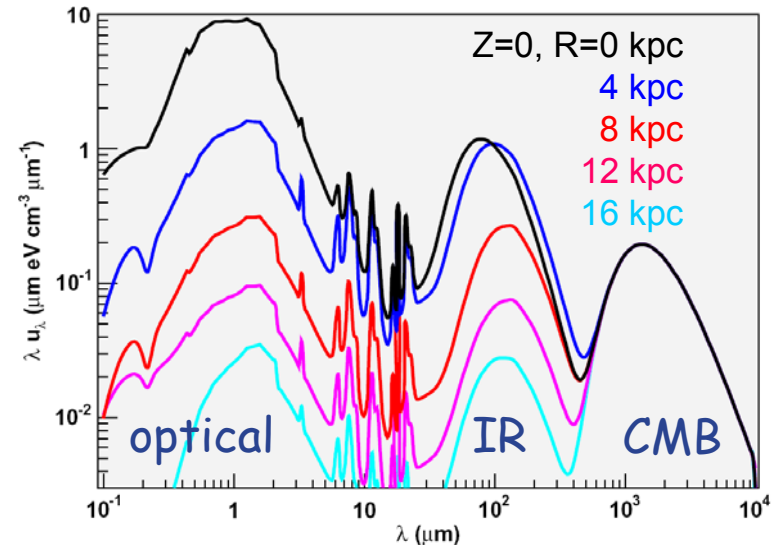
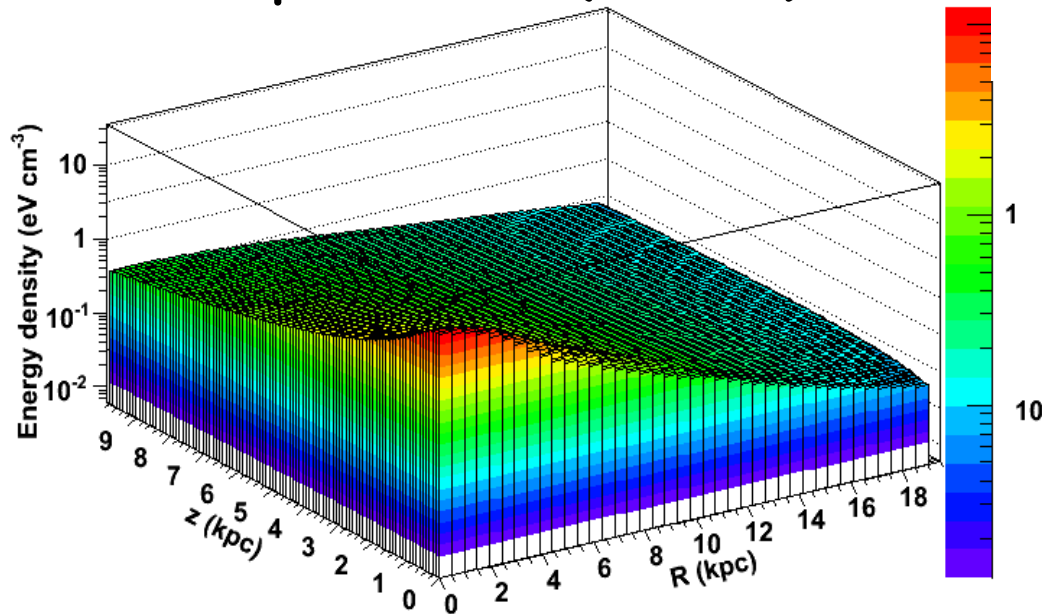
## Multiwavelength Milky Way

# ISRF: Large Scale Distribution

- Requires extensive modeling:
  - Distribution of stars of different stellar classes in the Galaxy
  - Dust emission
  - Radiative transfer
- The  $z$  scale height is large, takes 10s of kpc at  $R = 0$  kpc to get to level of CMB

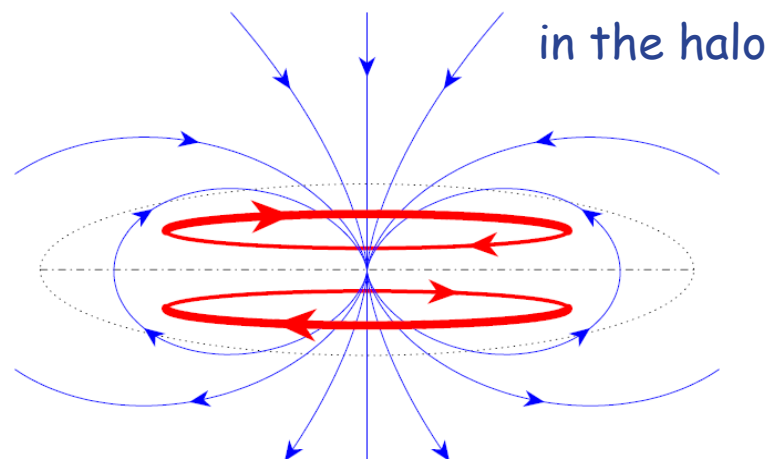
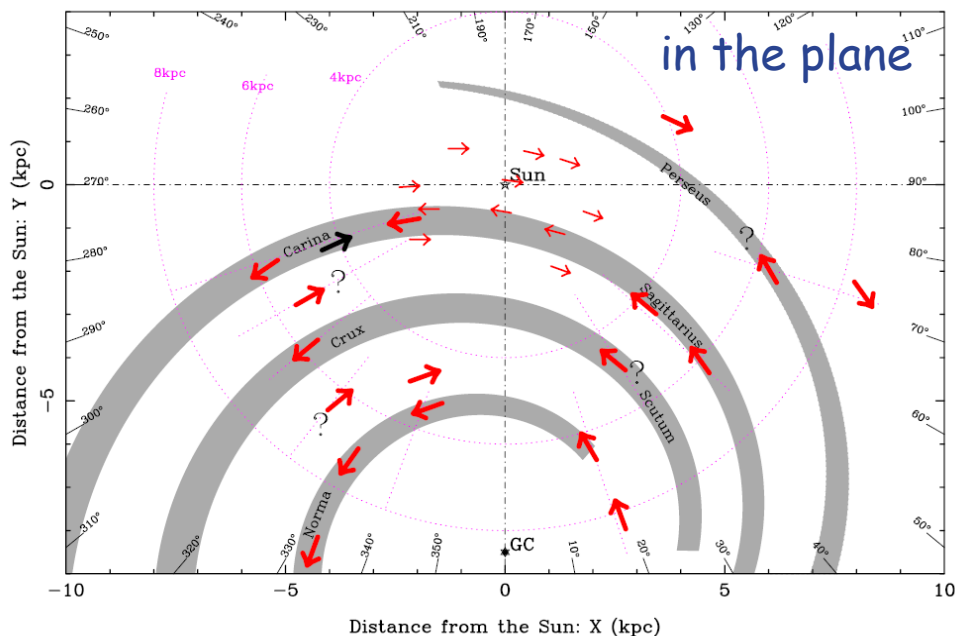


Optical + IR (no CMB)



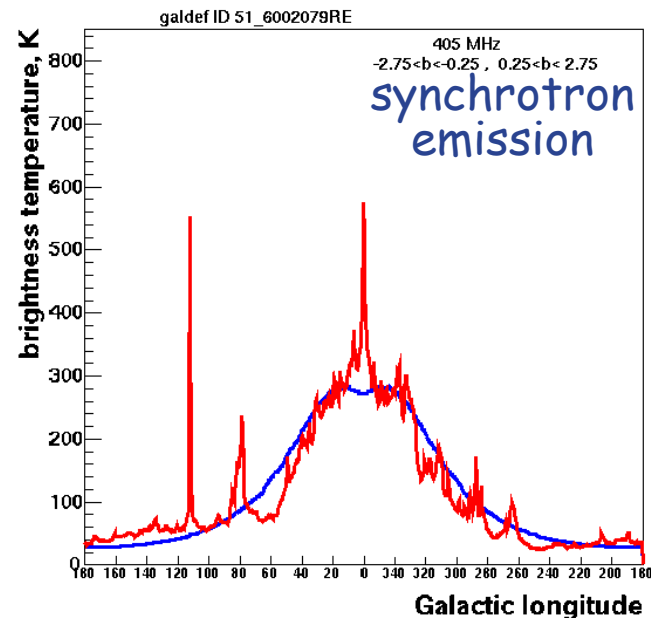
# Galactic magnetic field

## Regular B-field: large-scale structure



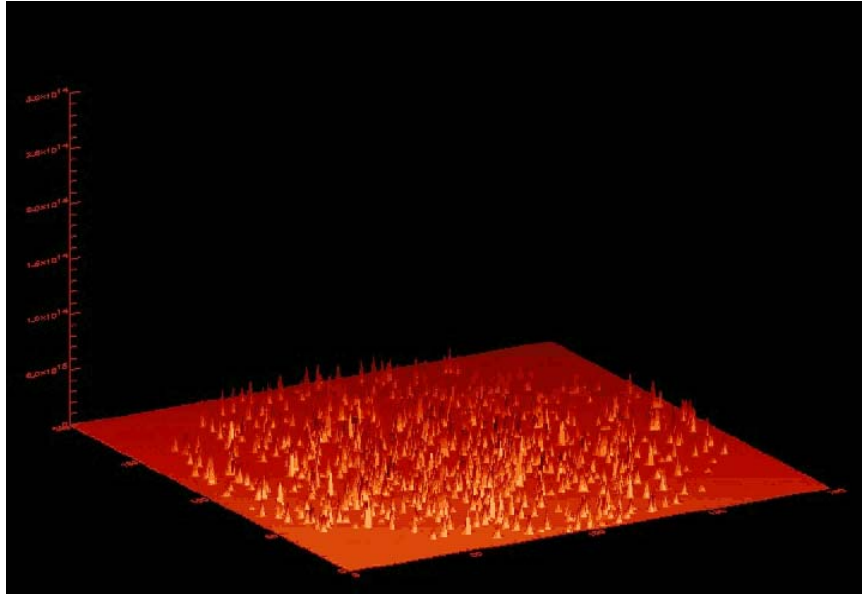
Han'08

- Plane: bisymmetrical field with reversals on arm-interarm boundaries
- Halo: azimuth B-fields with reversed directions below and above the plane
- Random field  $\approx$  Regular field
- Consistent with observations of the synchrotron emission

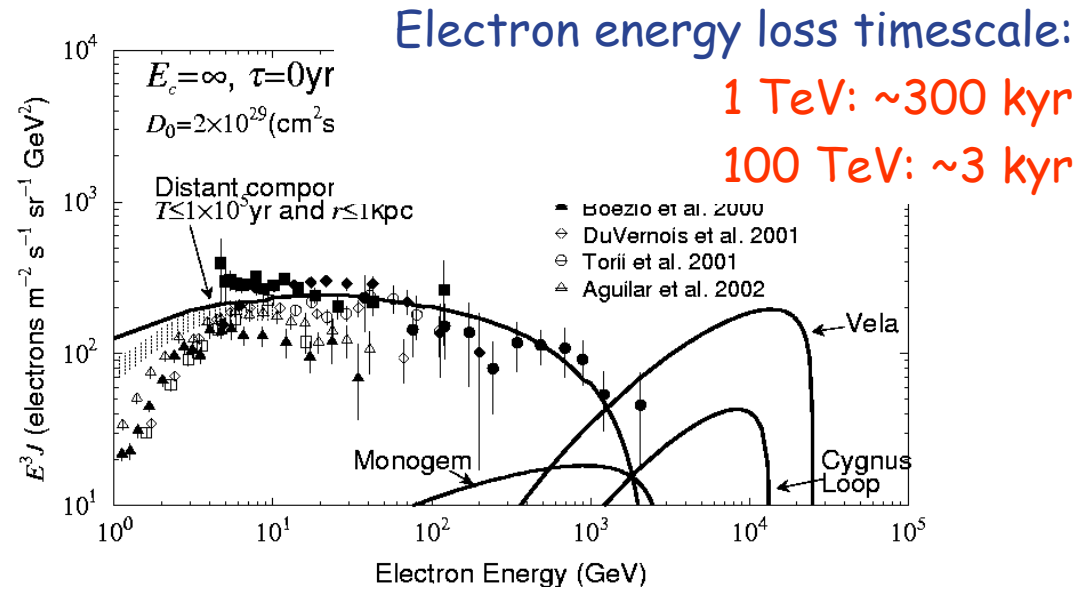
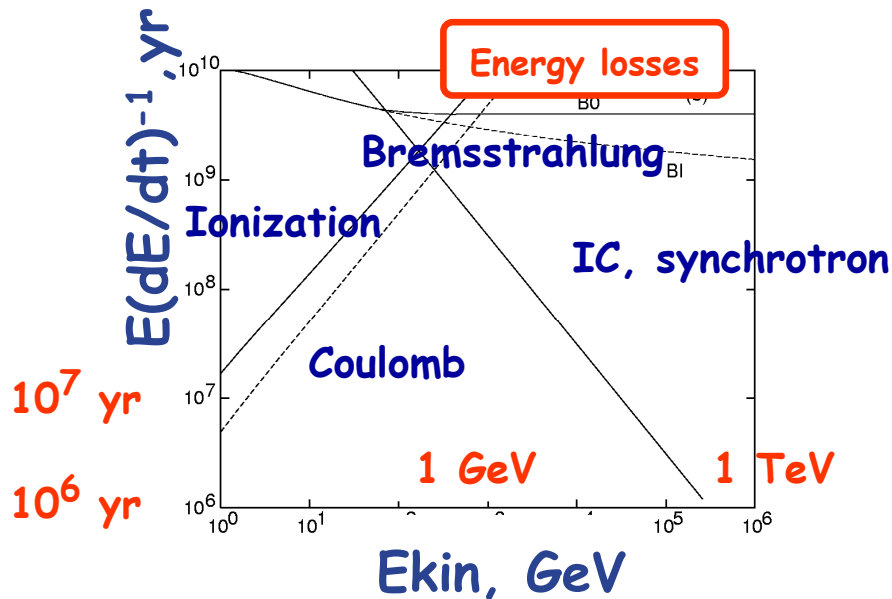
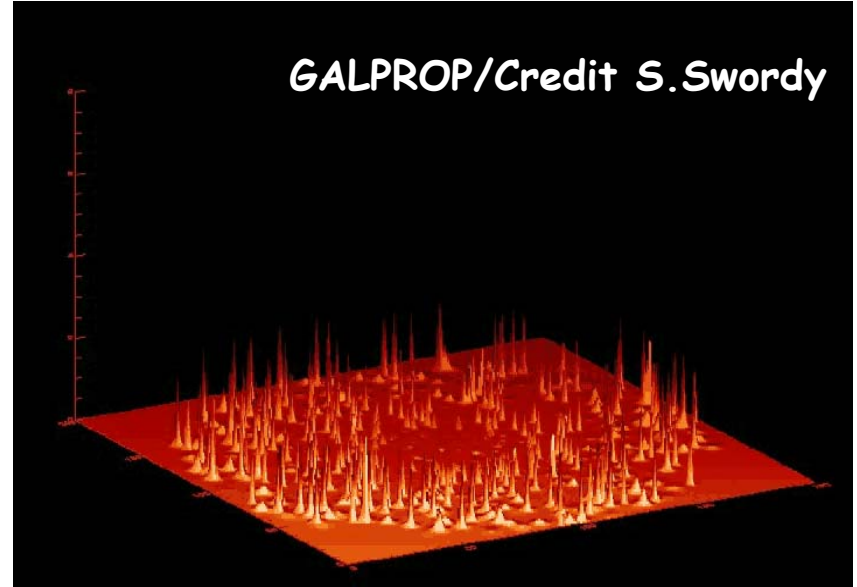


# Electron Fluctuations/SNR Stochastic Events

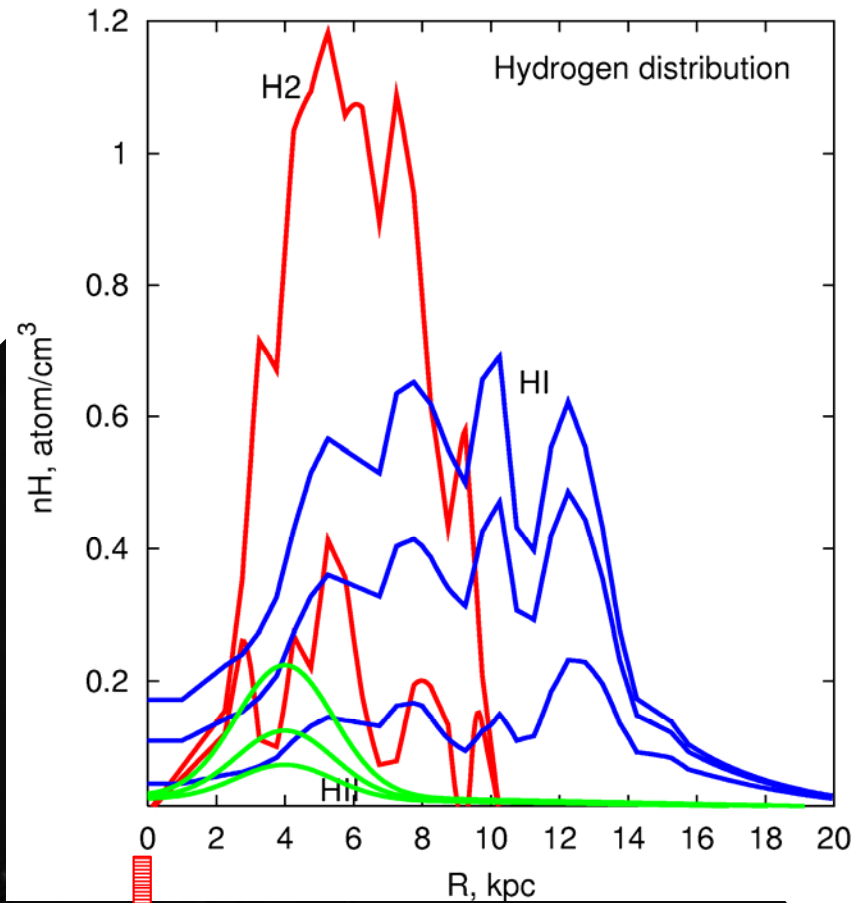
GeV electrons



100 TeV electrons



# Gas distribution in the Milky Way



**Molecular hydrogen  $H_2$**  is traced using  $J=1-0$  transition of  $^{12}CO$ , concentrated mostly in the plane ( $z \sim 70$  pc,  $R < 10$  kpc)

**Atomic hydrogen H I** has a wider distribution ( $z \sim 1$  kpc,  $R \sim 30$  kpc)

**Ionized hydrogen H II** - small proportion, but exists even in halo ( $z \sim 1$  kpc)

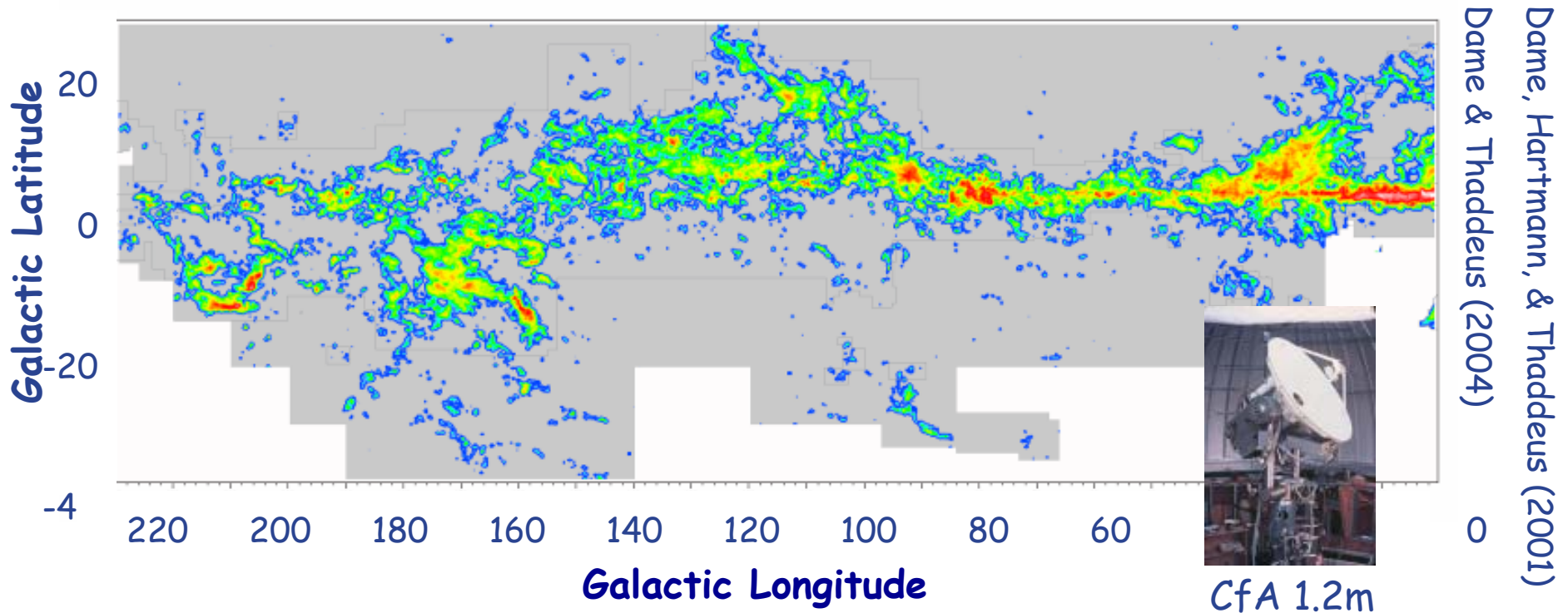
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# CO maps

## ► Extend CO surveys to high latitudes

- newly-found small molecular clouds will otherwise be interpreted as unidentified sources, and clearly limit dark matter studies

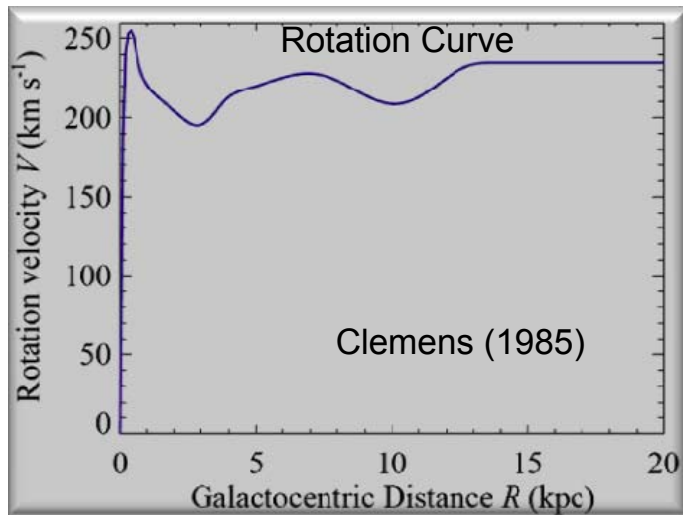


## ► $C^{18}O$ observations (optically thin tracer) of special directions (e.g. Galactic center, arm tangents)

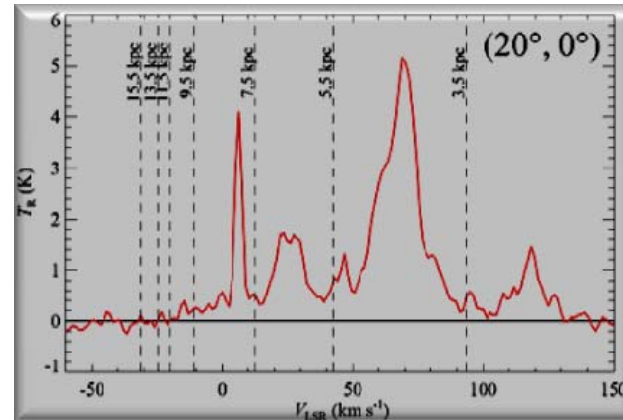
- assess whether velocity crowding is affecting calculations of molecular column density, and for carefully pinning down the diffuse emission

# Distribution of interstellar gas

- Neutral interstellar medium - most of the interstellar gas mass
  - 21-cm H I & 2.6-mm CO (surrogate for H<sub>2</sub>)
  - Differential rotation of the Milky Way - plus random motions, streaming, and internal velocity dispersions - is largely responsible for the spectrum
  - Rotation curve  $V(R) \Rightarrow$  unique line-of-sight velocity-Galactocentric distance relationship

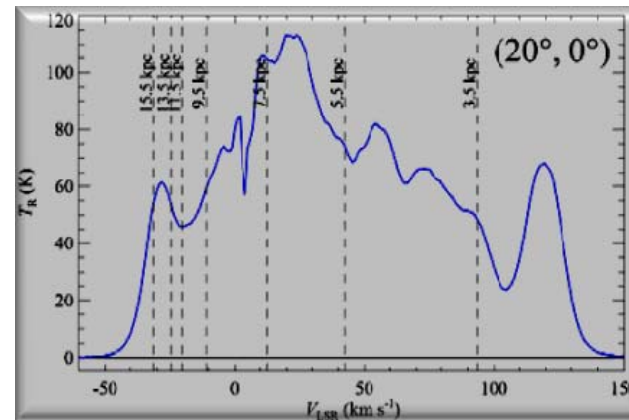


CO



Dame et al. (2001)

H I



Kalberla et al. (2005)

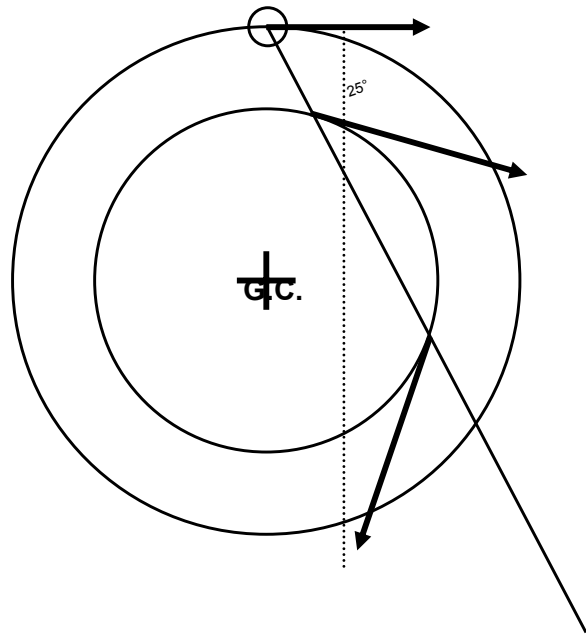
W. Keel

- This is the best - but far from perfect - distance measure available
- Column densities:  $N(\text{H}_2)/W_{\text{CO}}$  ratio assumed; a simple approximate correction for optical depth is made for  $N(\text{H I})$ ; self-absorption of H I remains



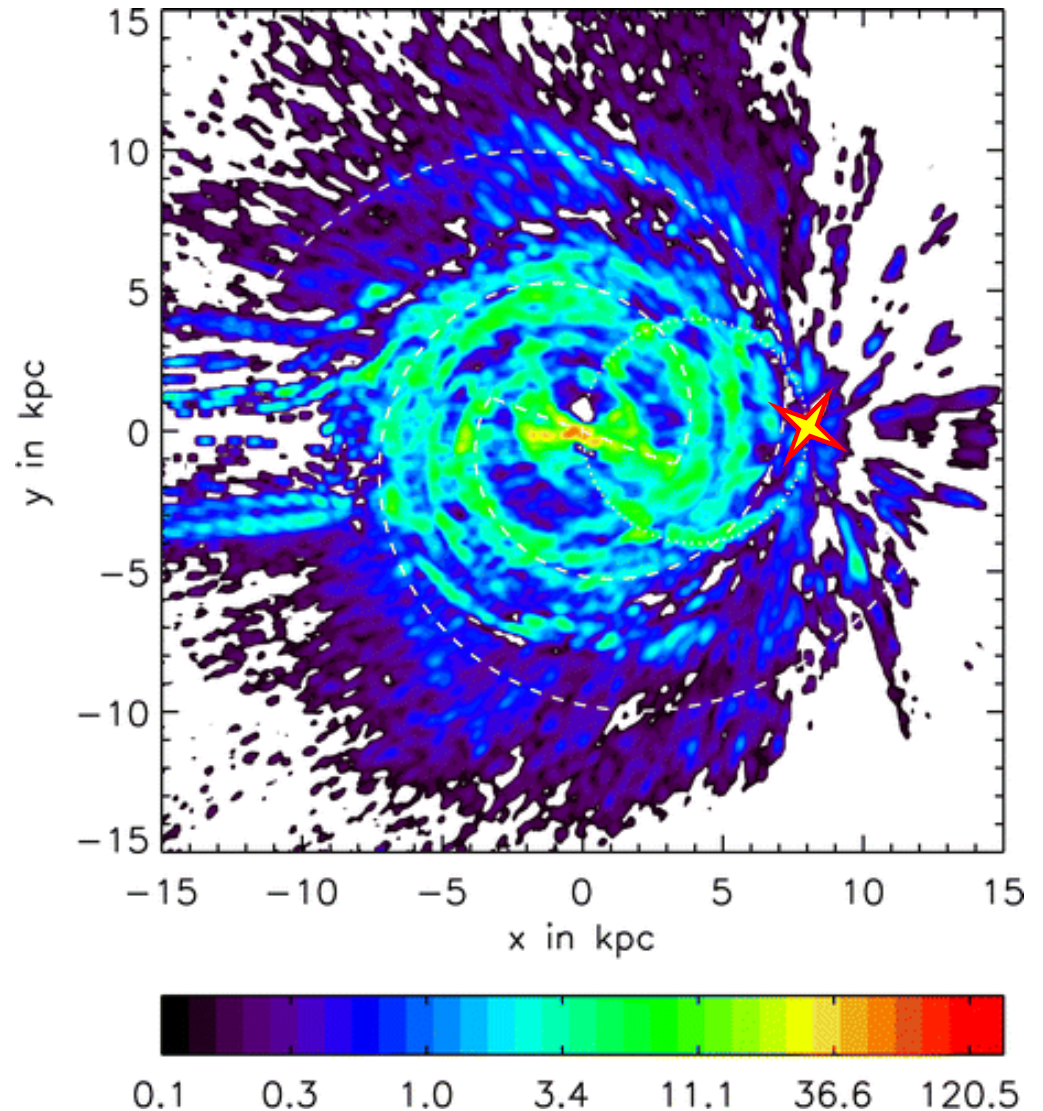
# More on gas in the Milky Way

Surface mass density of the  $H_2$  in  $M_{\text{sun}} \text{pc}^{-2}$



Problems:

- Near-far ambiguity
- No velocity information in the Center-Anticenter direction



Pohl+'08

# Problems to deal with...

## H<sub>2</sub> gas

- The conversion factor  $X = M(\text{H}_2) / W_{\text{CO}}$  is unknown, most probably variable, and is determined from the diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray emission itself

## HI gas

- Spin temperature is unknown, it can significantly vary; usually used the same temperature  $\sim 125\text{K}$  for HI gas for the whole Galaxy
- Self absorption (cold gas cloud in front of the emitting cloud); the optical depth is very large

# Nuclear Reaction Network+Cross Sections

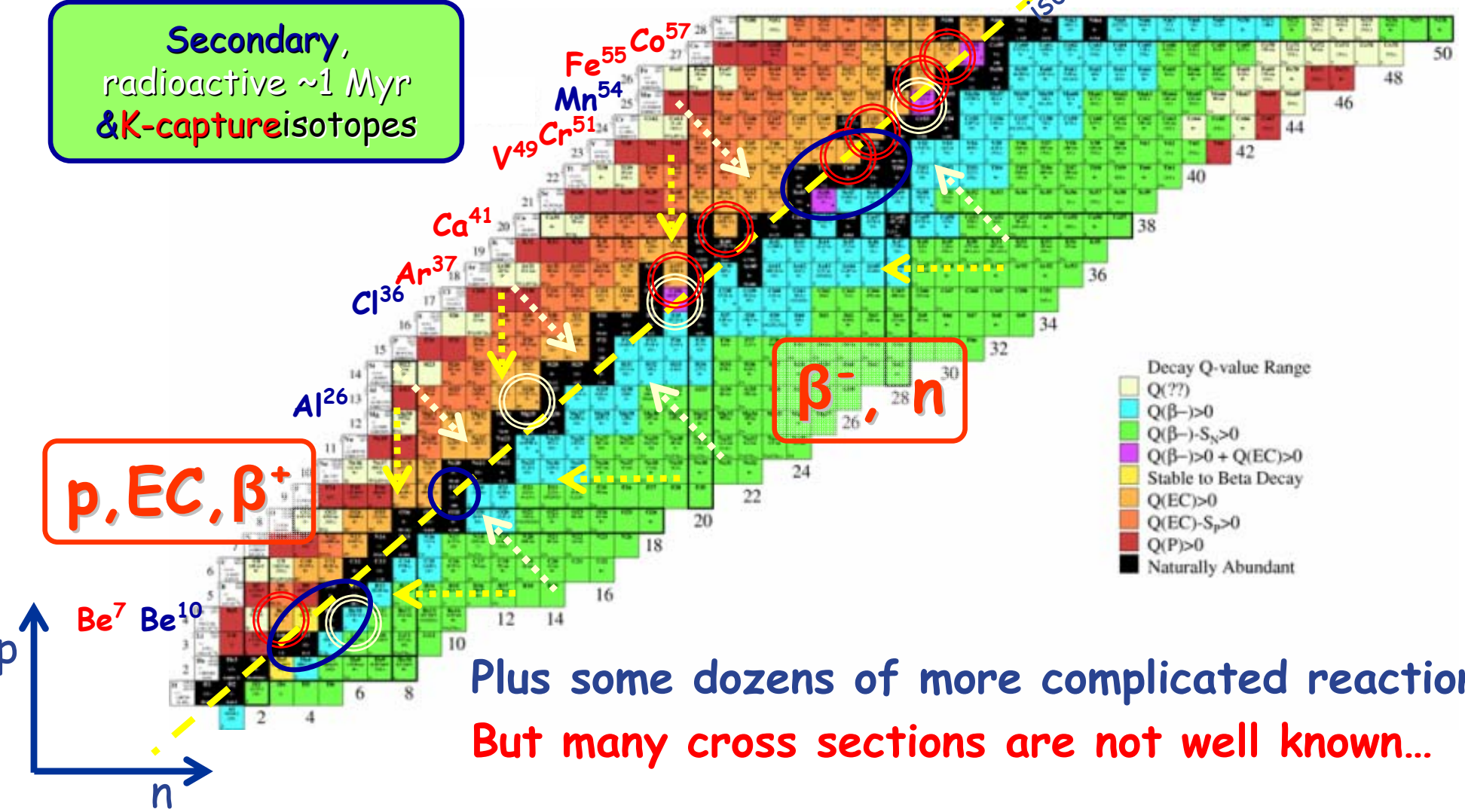
Many different isotopes are produced via spallations of CR nuclei:  
 $A+(p,He)\rightarrow B^*+X$

Secondary,  
 radioactive ~1 Myr  
 & K-capture isotopes

$p, EC, \beta^+$

$\beta^-, n$

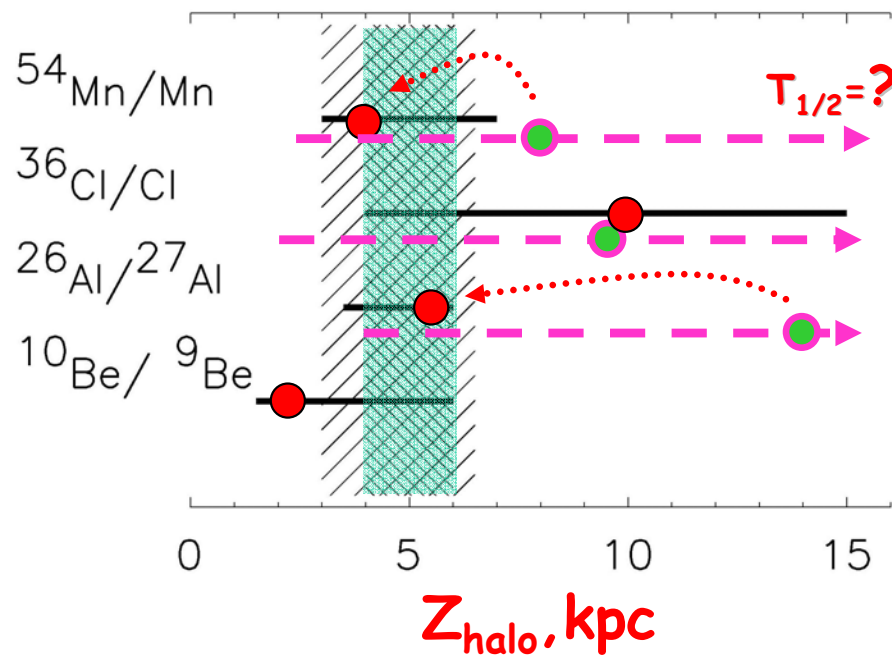
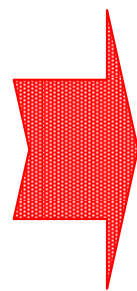
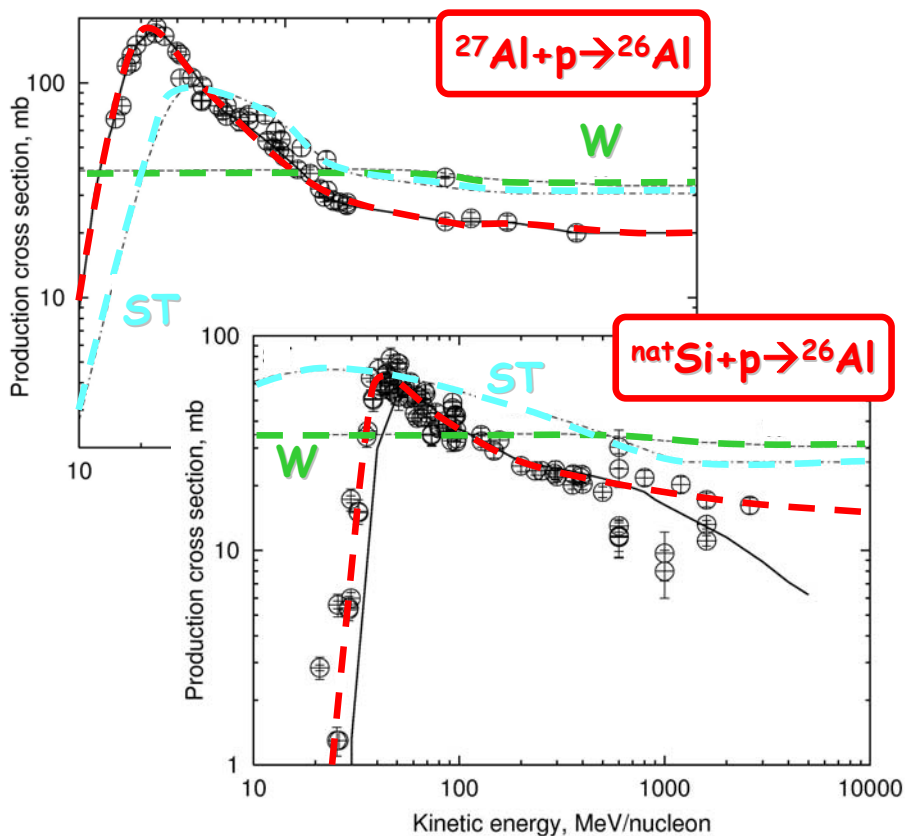
"stable" isotopes



Plus some dozens of more complicated reactions  
 But many cross sections are not well known...

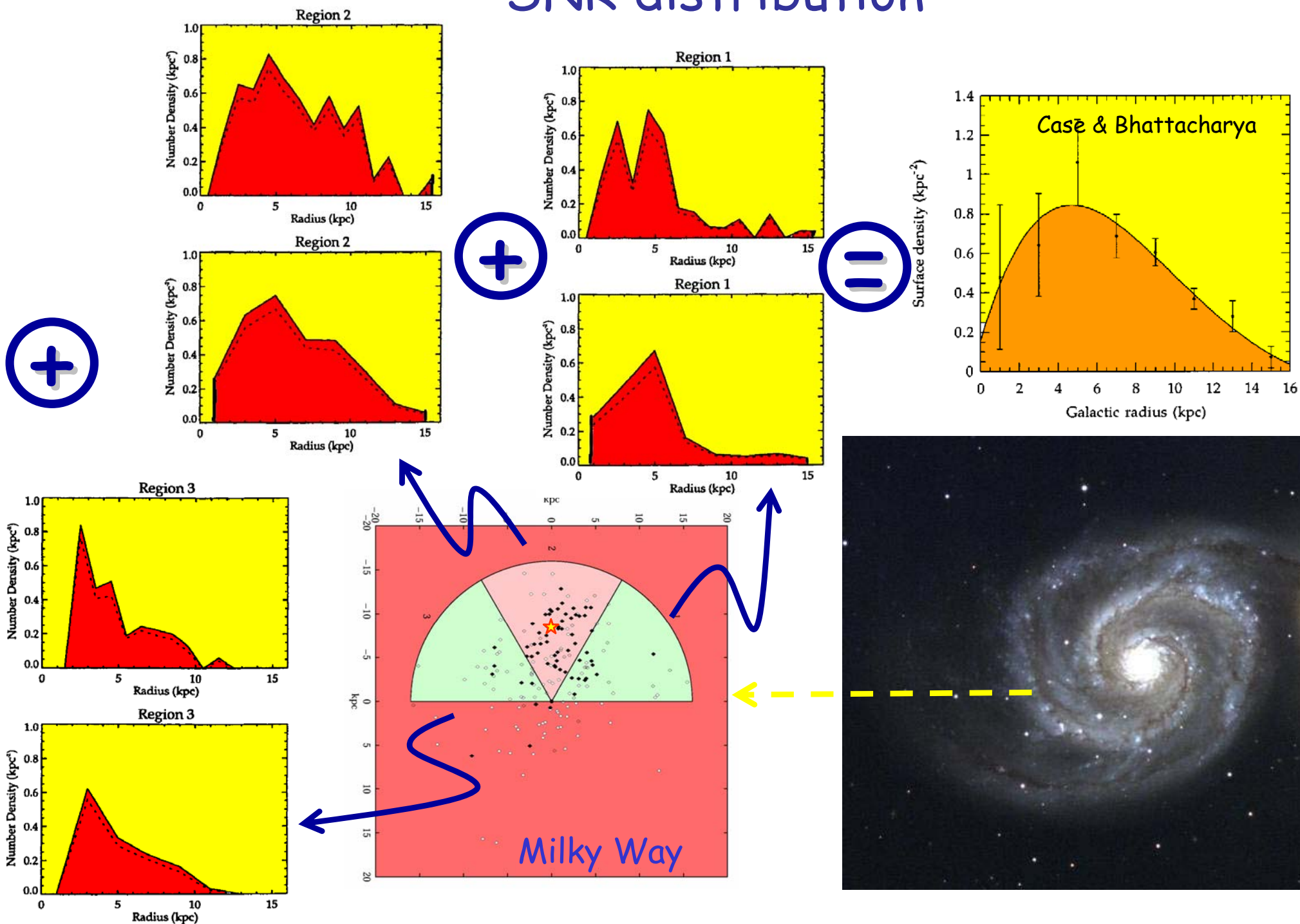
# Effect of Cross Sections: Radioactive Secondaries

Different size from different ratios...

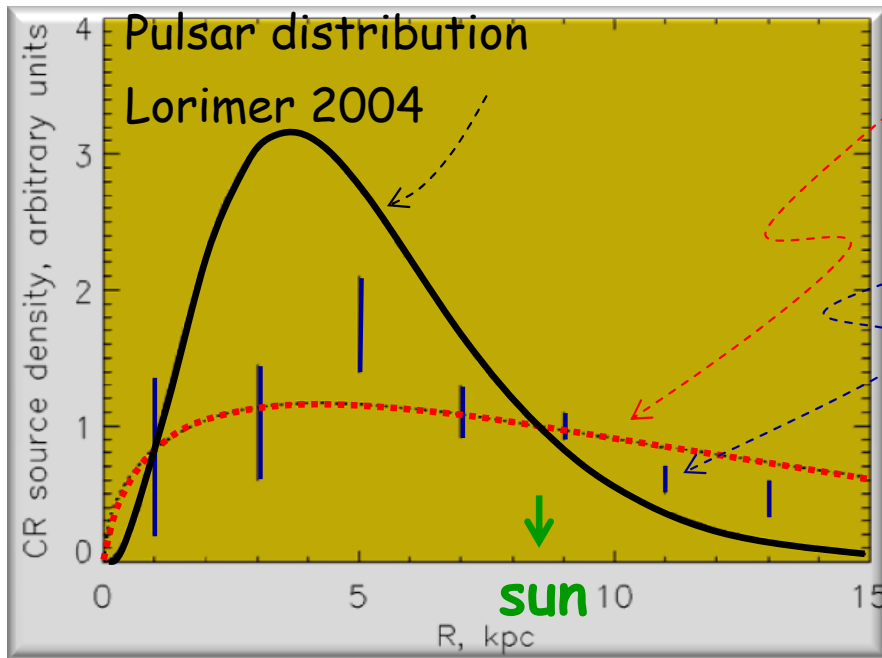


- Errors in CR measurements (HE & LE)
- Errors in production cross sections
- Errors in the lifetime estimates

# SNR distribution



# Distribution of CR Sources & Gradient in the CO/H<sub>2</sub>



CR distribution from diffuse gammas  
(Strong & Mattox 1996)

SNR distribution (Case & Bhattacharya 1998)

$$X_{CO} = N(H_2) / W_{CO}$$

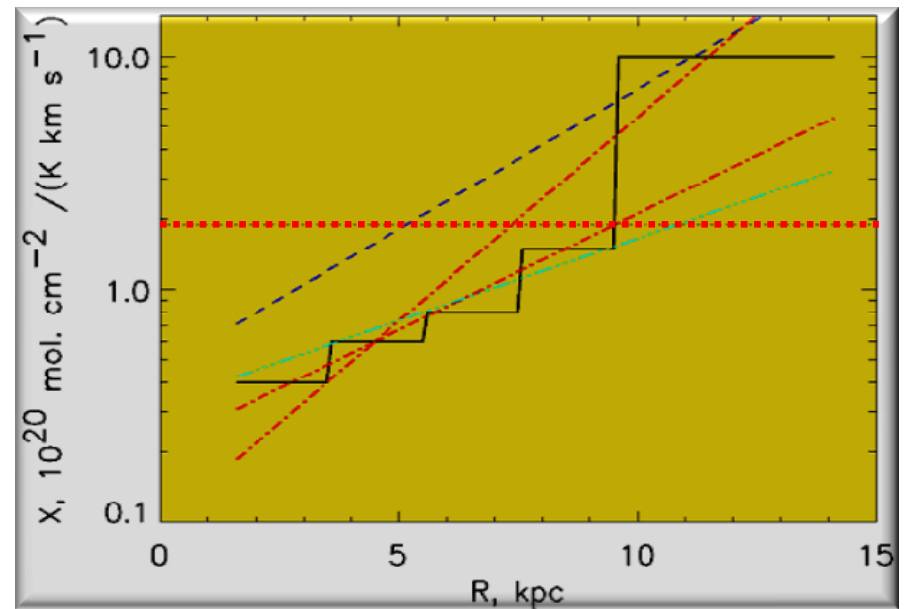
Histo - This work, Strong et al.'04

----- - Sodroski et al.'95,'97

$1.9 \times 10^{20}$  - Strong & Mattox'96

$\sim Z^{-1}$  - Boselli et al.'02

$\sim Z^{-2.5}$  - Israel'97,'00,  $[O/H]=0.04, 0.07$  dex/kpc



# Transport Equations ~90 (no. of CR species)

$$\frac{\partial \psi(\vec{r}, p, t)}{\partial t} = q(\vec{r}, p) \text{ sources (SNR, nuclear reactions...)}$$

**diffusion**  $+ \vec{\nabla} \cdot [D_{xx} \vec{\nabla} \psi - \vec{V} \psi]$

**convection**  
(Galactic wind)

**diffusive reacceleration**  $+ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial p} \frac{1}{p^2} \right]$   
(diffusion in the momentum space)

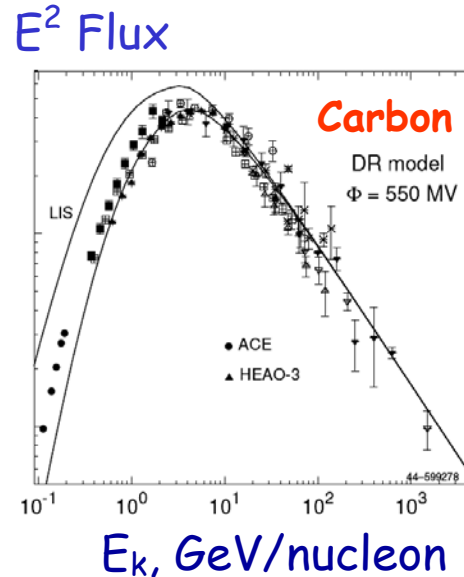
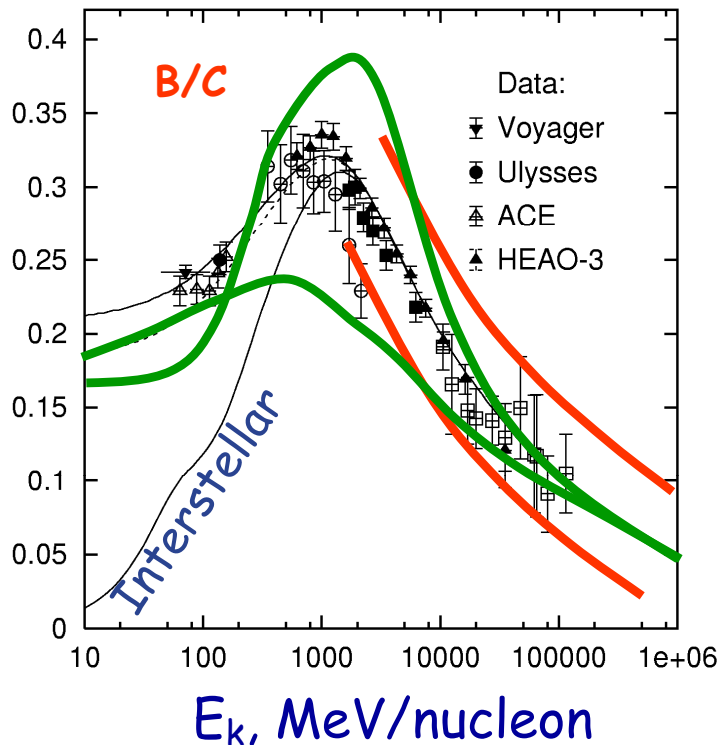
**E-loss**  $- \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \frac{dp}{dt} \psi - \frac{1}{3} p \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} \psi \right]$

**fragmentation**  $- \frac{\psi}{\tau_f} - \frac{\psi}{\tau_d}$  **radioactive decay**

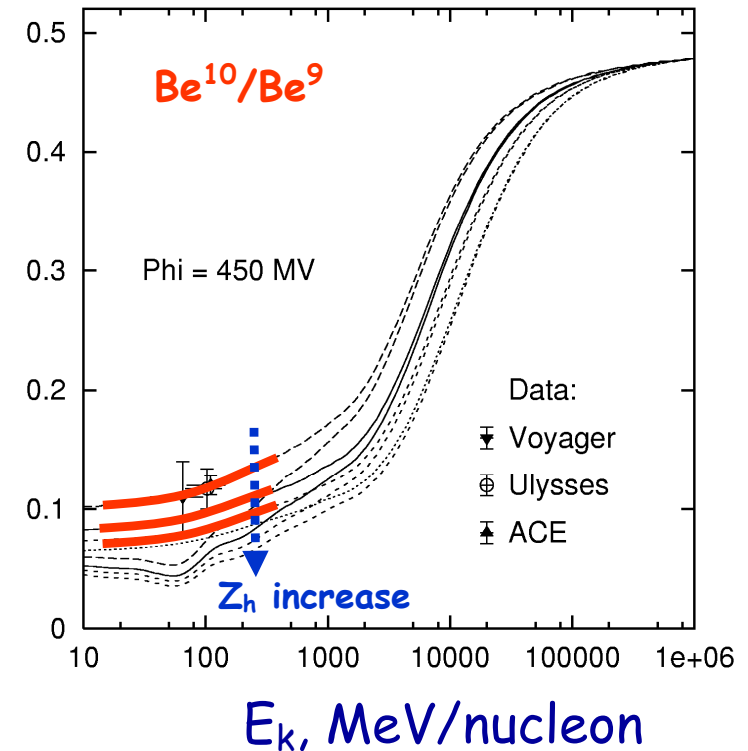
+ boundary conditions

$\psi(\mathbf{r}, p, t)$  – density  
per total momentum

# Fixing Propagation Parameters



## Radioactive isotopes: Galactic halo size $Z_h$



Using secondary/primary nuclei ratio & flux:

- Diffusion coefficient and its index
- Propagation mode and its parameters (e.g., reacceleration  $V_A$ , convection  $V_z$ )
- **Propagation params are model-dependent**
- Make sure that the spectrum is fitted as well

Parameters (model dependent):

$$D \sim 10^{28} (\rho/1 \text{ GV})^\alpha \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

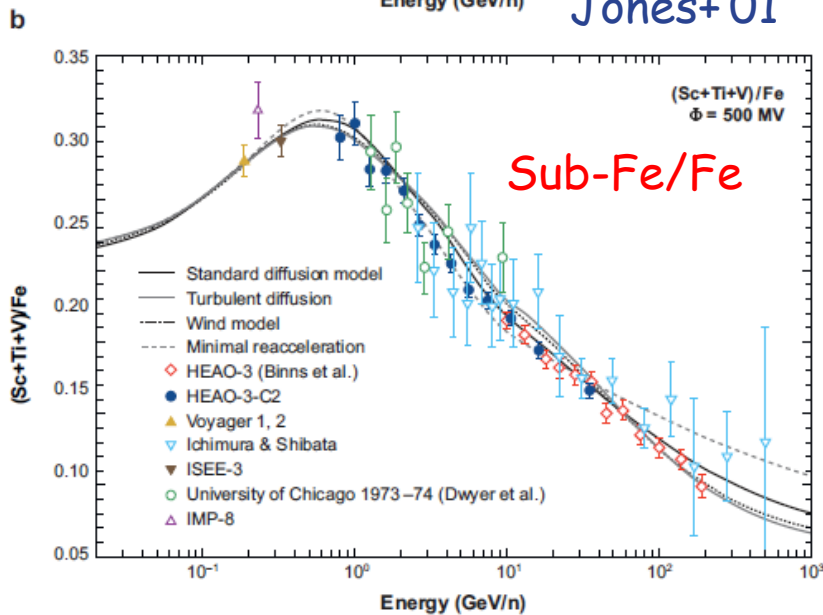
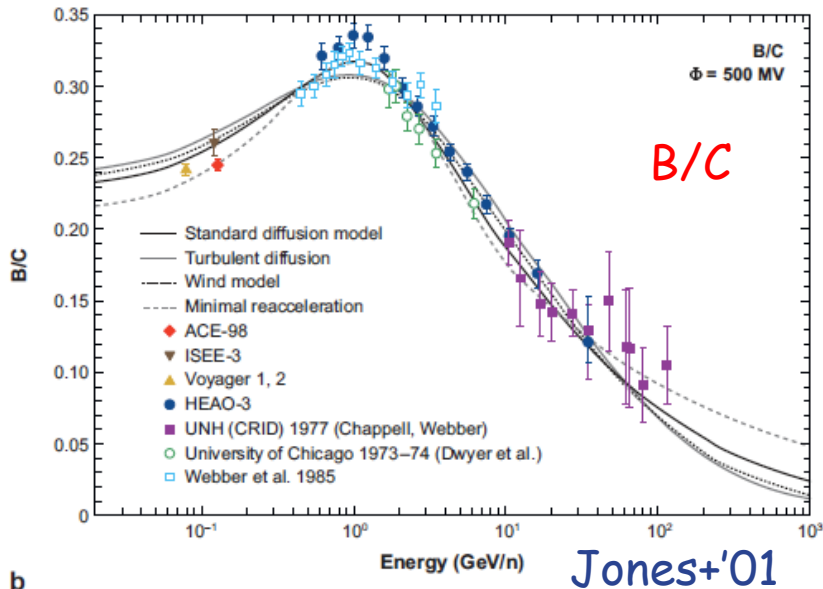
$$\alpha \approx 0.3-0.6$$

$$Z_h \sim 4-6 \text{ kpc}$$

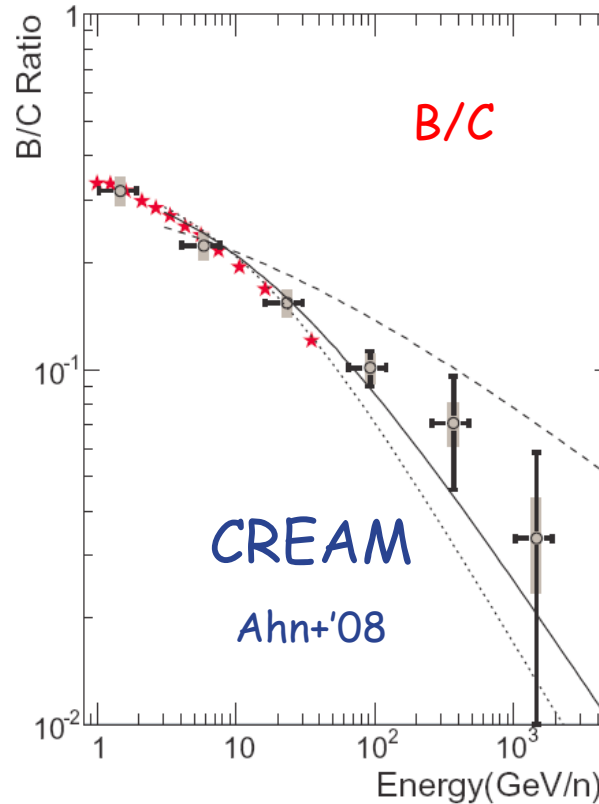
$$V_A \sim 30 \text{ km/s}$$



# Secondary/Primary Nuclei Ratio



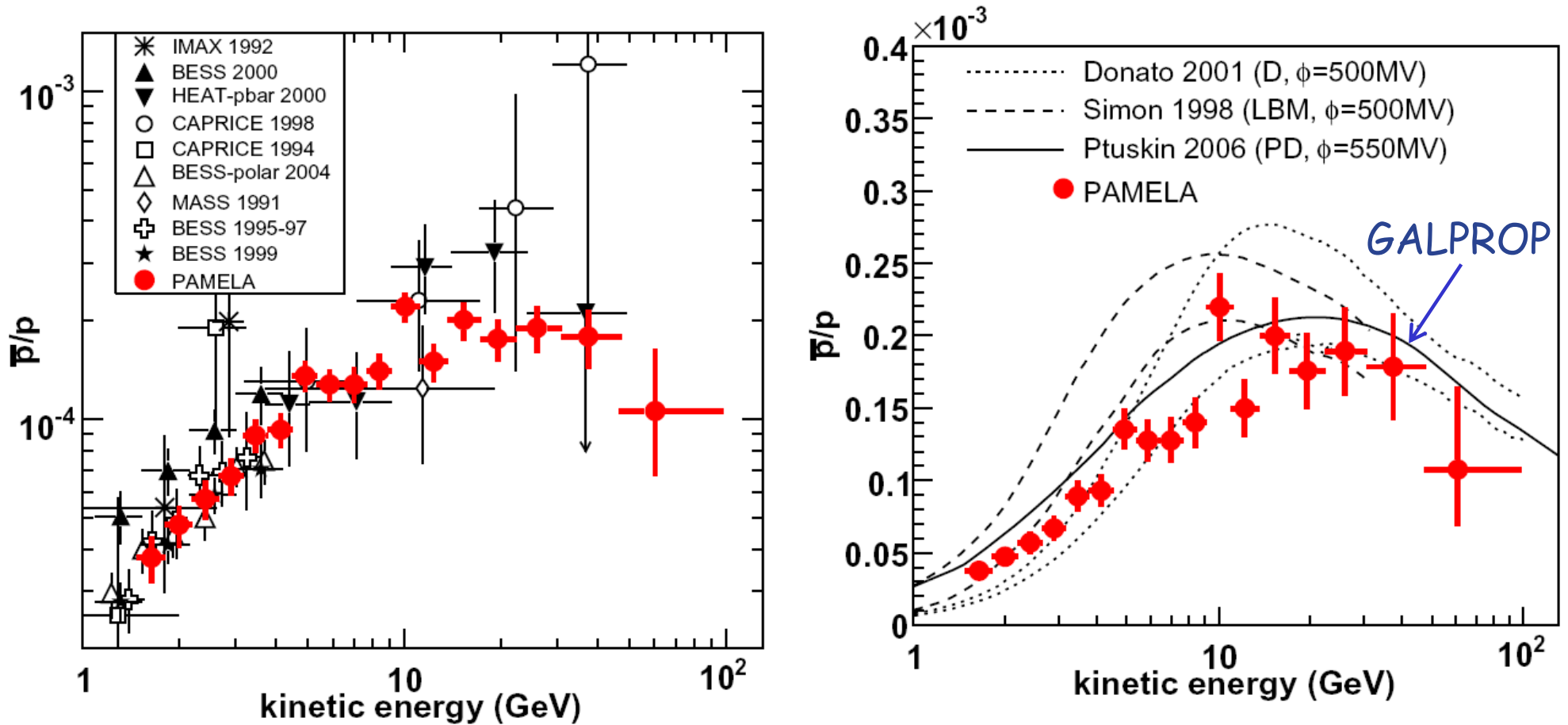
Being tuned to one type of sec/pri ratio (e.g. B/C ratio) the propagation model should be **automatically** consistent with all sec/pri ratios (sub-Fe/Fe, He<sup>3</sup>/He<sup>4</sup>, pbar/p...)



B/C ratio in CR is declining  $>1$  GeV/n, not rising!

# Pamela: pbar/p ratio

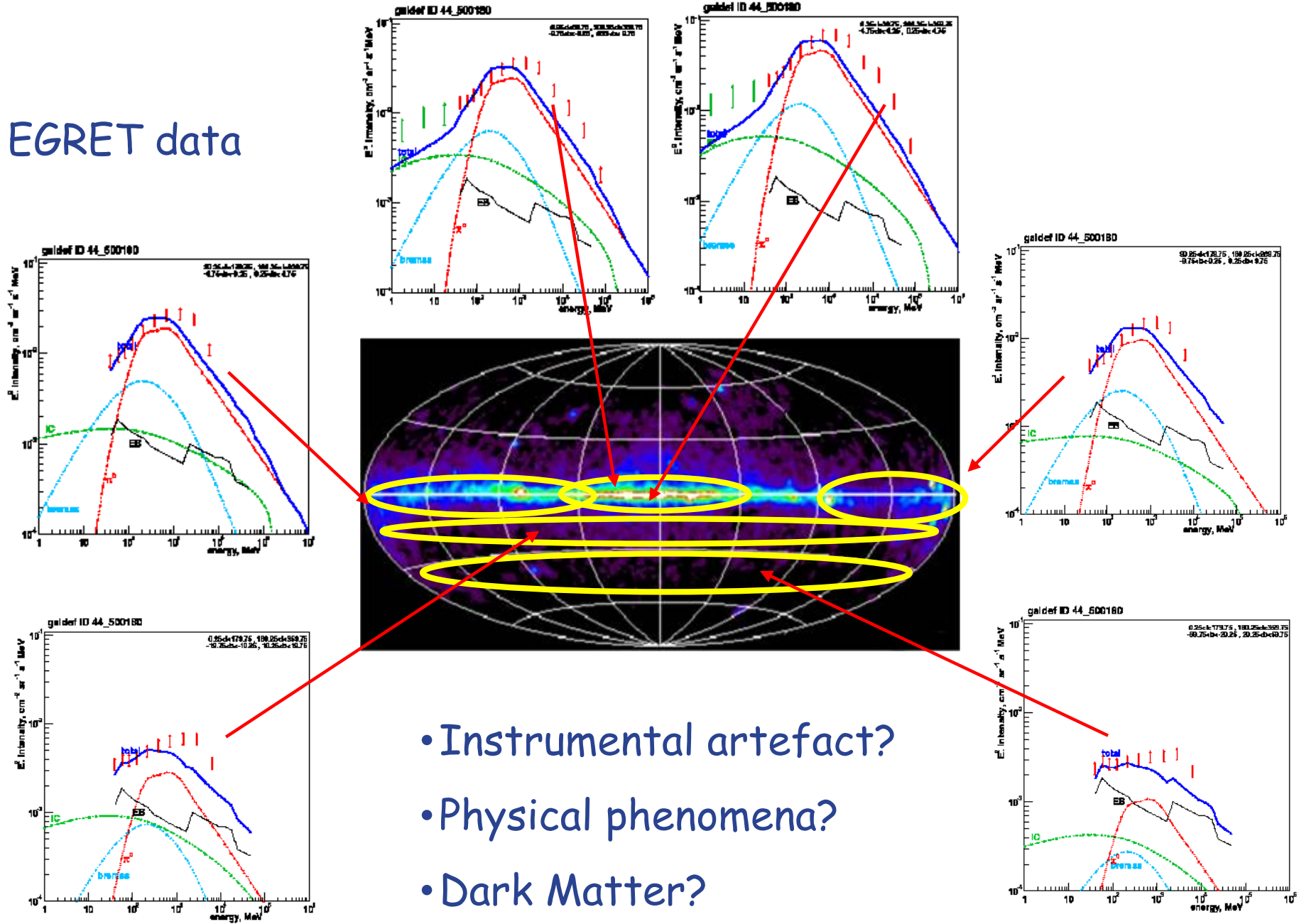
- Pbar/p ratio is consistent with secondary origin



Adriani+'08 (arXiv:0810.4994)

# The famous GeV $\gamma$ -ray excess

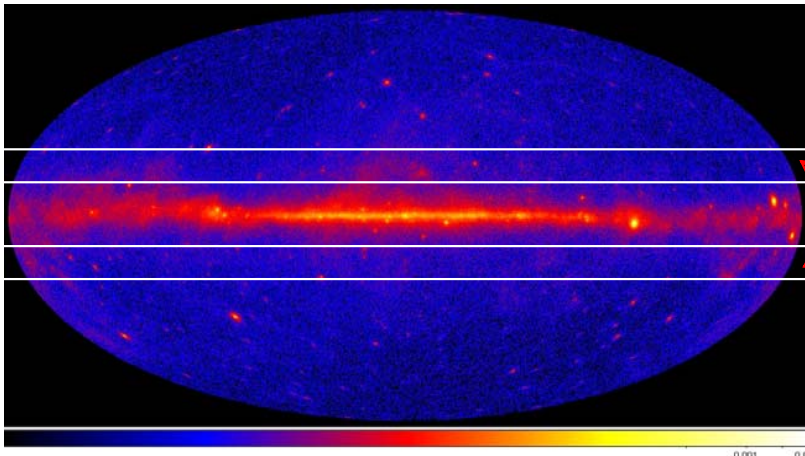
EGRET data



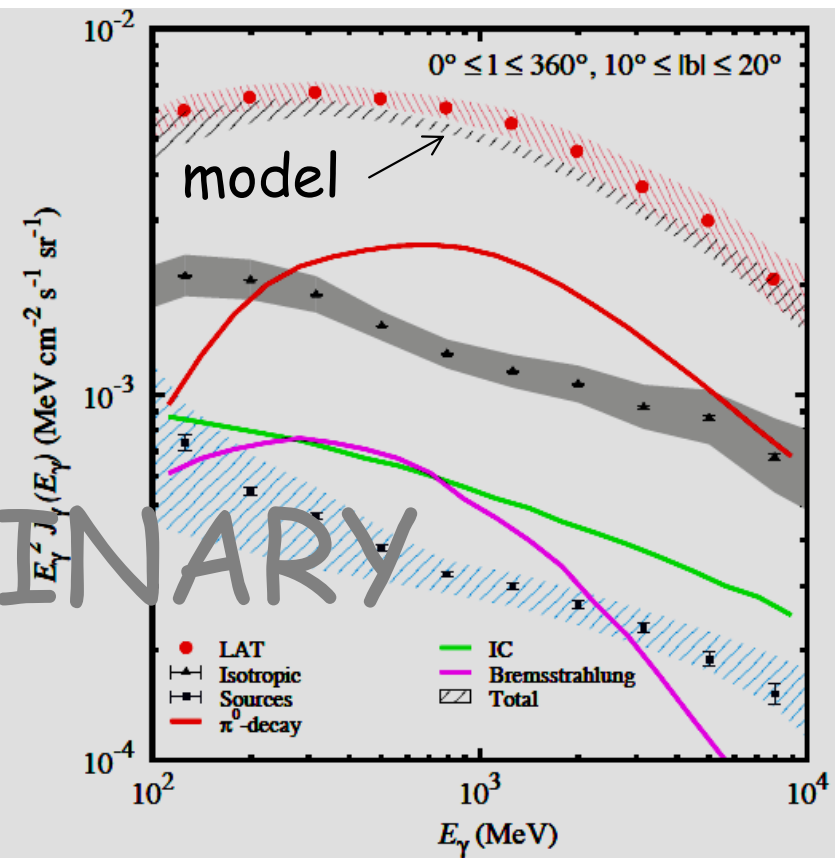
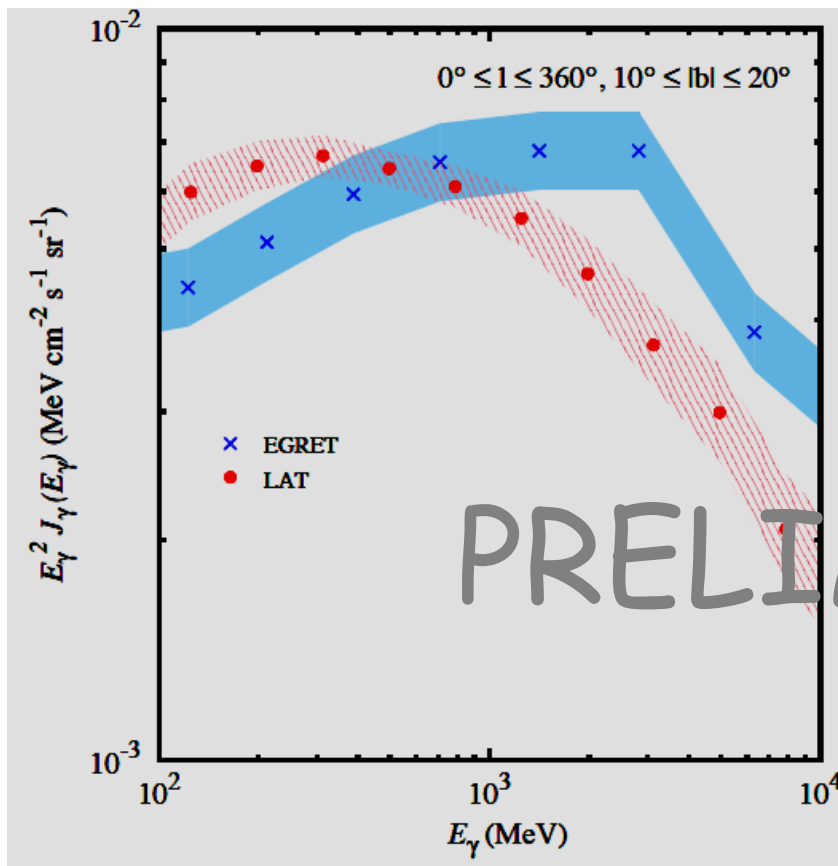
- Instrumental artefact?
- Physical phenomena?
- Dark Matter?

Strong+'00,'04

# Fermi/LAT: Diffuse emission at mid-latitudes



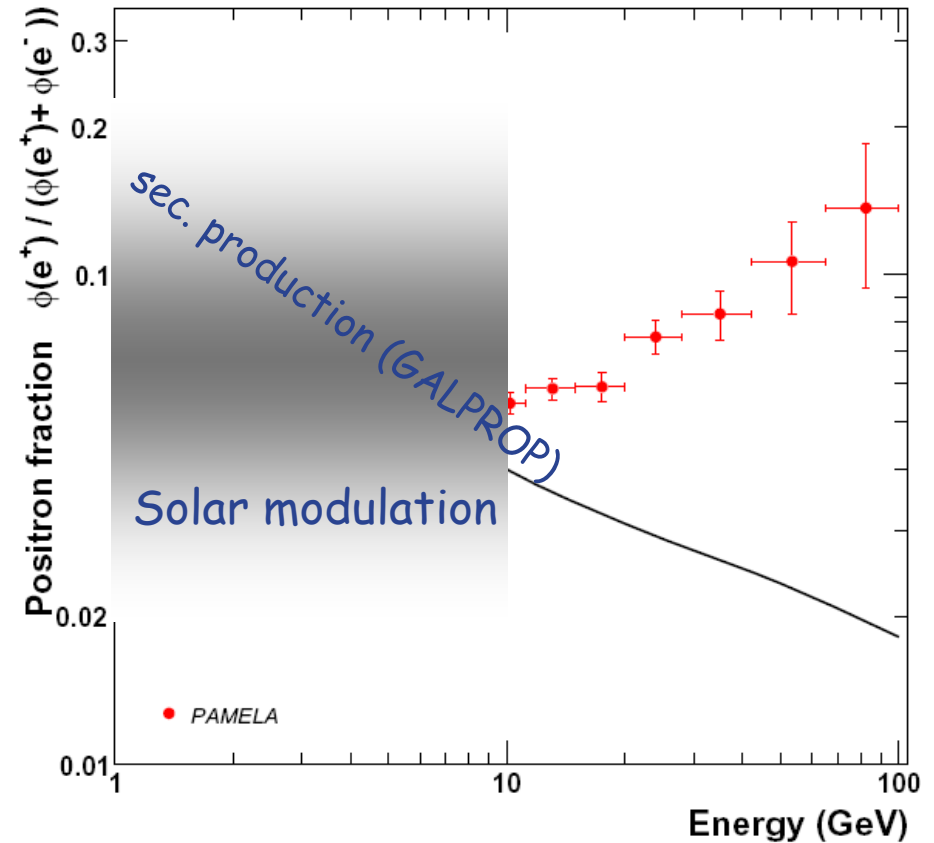
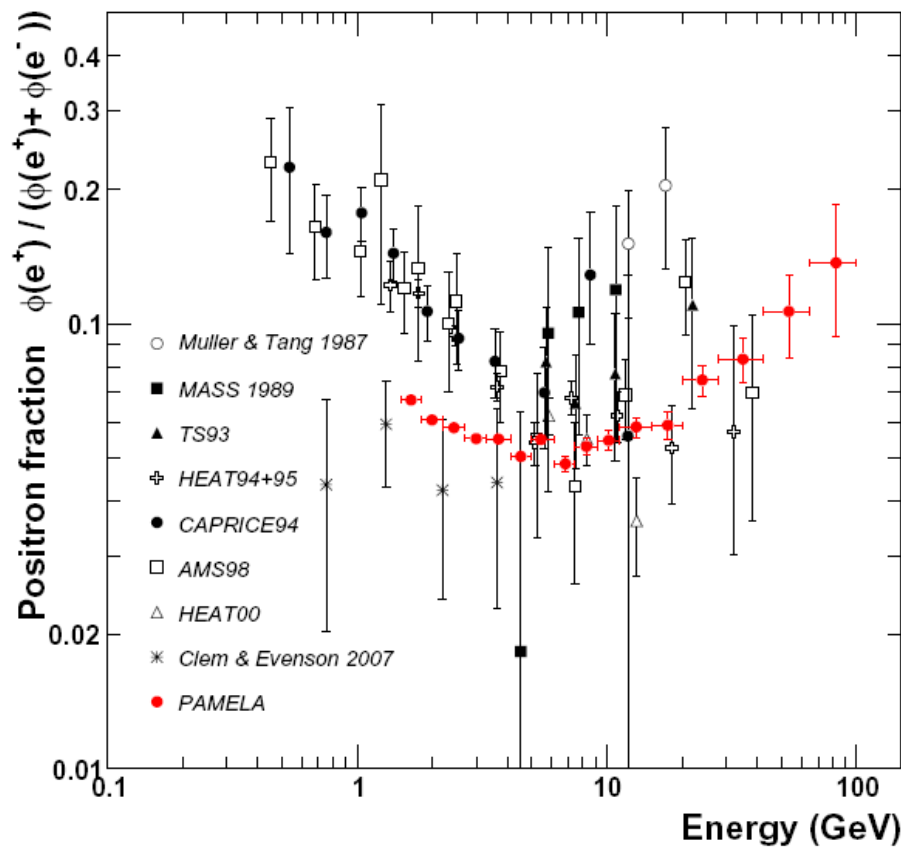
Conventional GALPROP model is in agreement with the LAT data at mid-latitudes (mostly local emission)



PRELIMINARY

# Pamela: positron fraction

- Excess in positron fraction is confirmed and extended to higher energies



Adriani+'08

# Reasons for the positron fraction to rise

- Main reason - primary positrons are perhaps unavoidable
- There is no deficit in papers explaining the PAMELA positron excess (>300 papers since Oct 2008!)
  - Various species of the dark matter (most of papers)
  - Pulsars
  - SNRs
  - Microquasars
  - a GRB nearby
  - ...
- Perhaps we have to discuss a deficit of positrons, not their excess!
- Unfortunately, they are >99.7% wrong!
- Reason - we do not know the **positron spectrum**, just the ratio...

# Scientific Impact (using NASA ADS)

- ATIC electrons: >200 citations (in ~1 yr)
- Fermi LAT electrons: >100 citations (in ~1/2 yr)
- HESS electrons: ~100 citations (in <1 yr)
- PAMELA positron fraction: >300 citations (in ~1 yr)
- PAMELA antiprotons: >150 citations (in <1 yr)

# The Key Question

Last couple of years the Cosmic Ray and Astrophysical communities were exposed to the overwhelming amount of new and accurate data and are expecting more to come...

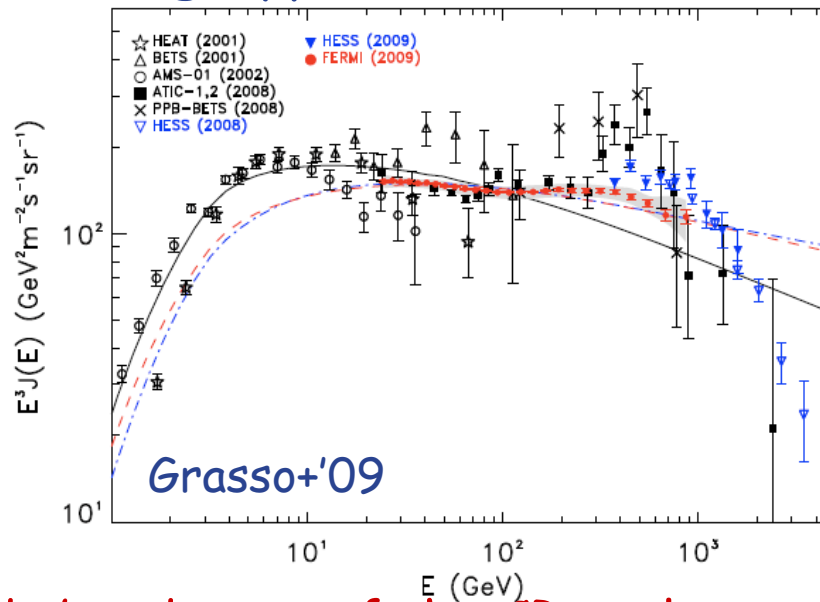
It will probably take a few years to fully appreciate the significance of new information, but it is absolutely clear that we are currently on the verge of dramatic breakthroughs in Astrophysics, Particle Physics, and Cosmology and may soon be able to resolve century-old puzzles such as the origin of cosmic rays and dark matter. Hopefully before 100th anniversary of V.Hess flight in 2012!

The key question to answer is how these new discoveries fit or do not fit into the "standard picture" of the Milky Way galaxy



# Hypotheses Currently on the Table: Standard CRs

- Currently there is no dominating hypothesis consistent with all sorts of data



- **Pros**

- Agrees with spectra and abundances of the CR nuclear component
- Consistent with the spectrum of the diffuse emission
- The CR electron spectrum can be easily matched

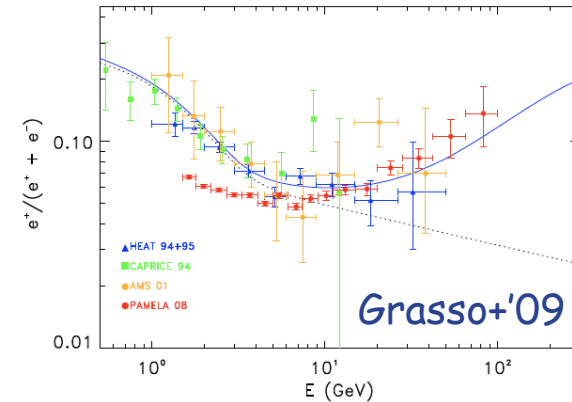
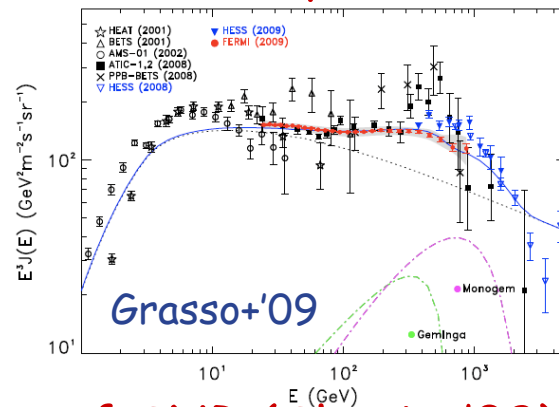
- **Cons**

- Disagreement with CR electron measurements at low energies
- It is hard to make the positron fraction to rise given the pbars are consistent with secondary origin (the same progenitor, pp-interactions, for both)

# Hypotheses Currently on the Table: Astrophysical Source(s)

## ■ Pros

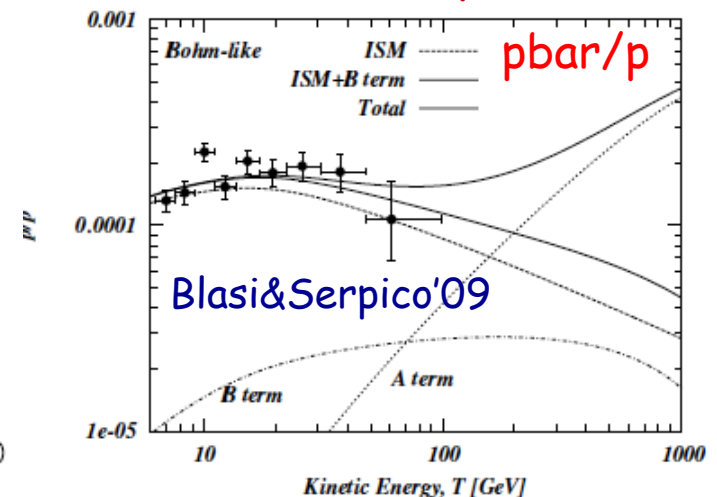
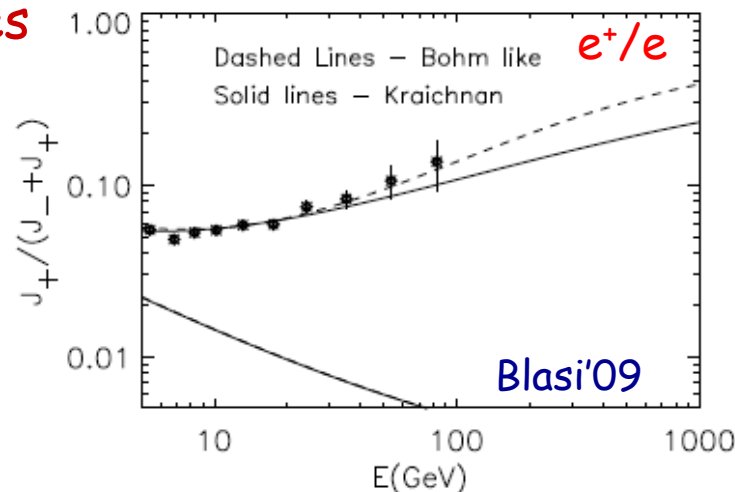
- Pulsars are a viable explanation (Aharonian+'95...), they are the sources of primary electrons and positrons



- Inhomogeneity of SNR (Shaviv+'09)

## ■ Cons

- Pulsars: The spectrum of accelerated particles is unknown
- SNRs accelerate all particles including nucleons, but sec/pri ratio decreases



# Hypotheses Currently on the Table: DM

- Pros
  - WIMPs with leptonic final states
  - The WIMP mass and the “boost factor” can be adjusted
- Cons
  - Leptonic final states may lead to a strong gamma-ray signal (not observed)
  - Hard to prove unless a clear spectral feature is discovered

# Early Discoveries of New Particles in CRs

1929

Bothe (Nobel Prize 1954) and Kolhorster verified that the cloud chamber tracks were curved. Thus the cosmic radiation was charged particles



W.Bothe

1932

a discovery of positron by C. Anderson (Nobel Prize 1936)



C. Anderson

1937

a discovery of muon by Neddermeyer & Anderson and simultaneously by Street & Stevenson

1947

pions predicted by Yukawa (1935, Nobel Prize 1949) to explain the force that binds the nucleus together were discovered (Cecil Powell et al.; Nobel Prize 1950)



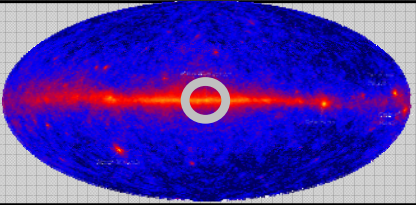
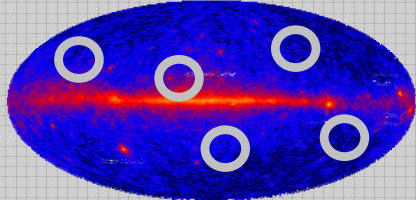
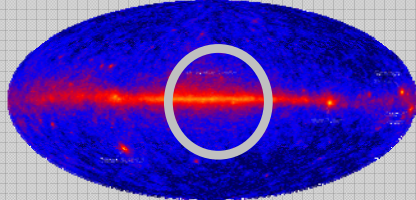
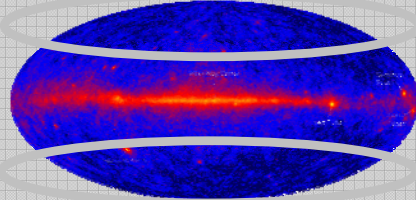
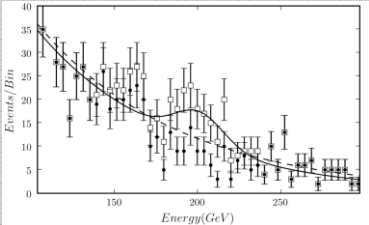
H.Yukawa

kaons were discovered by Rochester & Butler



C.Powell

# Searching for Dark Matter

Search Technique	advantages	challenges
<b>Galactic center</b> 	<b>Good Statistics</b>	<b>Source confusion/Diffuse background</b>
<b>Satellites, subhalos Point sources</b> 	<b>Low background, Good source id</b>	<b>Low statistics</b>
<b>Milky Way halo</b> 	<b>Large statistics</b>	<b>Galactic diffuse background</b>
<b>Extra-galactic</b> 	<b>Large Statistics</b>	<b>Astrophysics, galactic diffuse background</b>
<b>Spectral lines</b> 	<b>No astrophysical uncertainties, good source id</b>	<b>Low statistics</b>



# Morphology of the Diffuse Emission @ 150 GeV

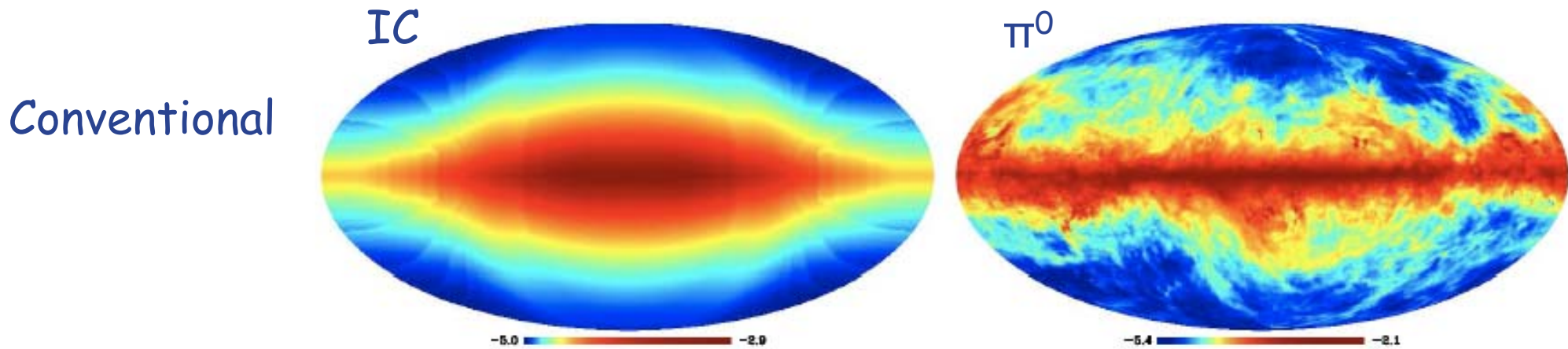


FIG. 9: Sky-map at 150 GeV of the emissions associated to Galactic primary+secondary CRs in the "conventional" model B0. The intensity is shown in logarithmic scale and units [ $\text{MeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ ]. *Left Panel:* Inverse Compton radiation. *Right Panel:*  $\pi^0$ -decay emission.

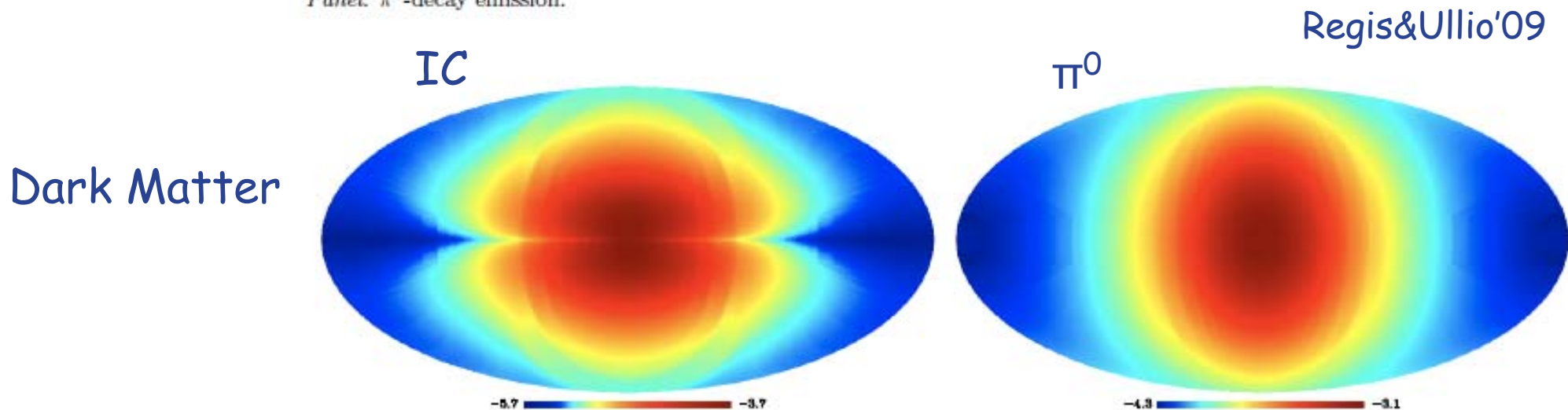


FIG. 10: Sky-map at 150 GeV of the emissions induced by WIMP annihilations in the propagation model B0. The intensity is shown in logarithmic scale and units [ $\text{MeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ ]. *Left Panel:* Inverse Compton radiation in the DMe scenario. *Right Panel:*  $\pi^0$ -decay emission in the DM $\tau$  scenario.

# 205 Preliminary LAT Bright Sources

## Census of Associations (not Identifications)

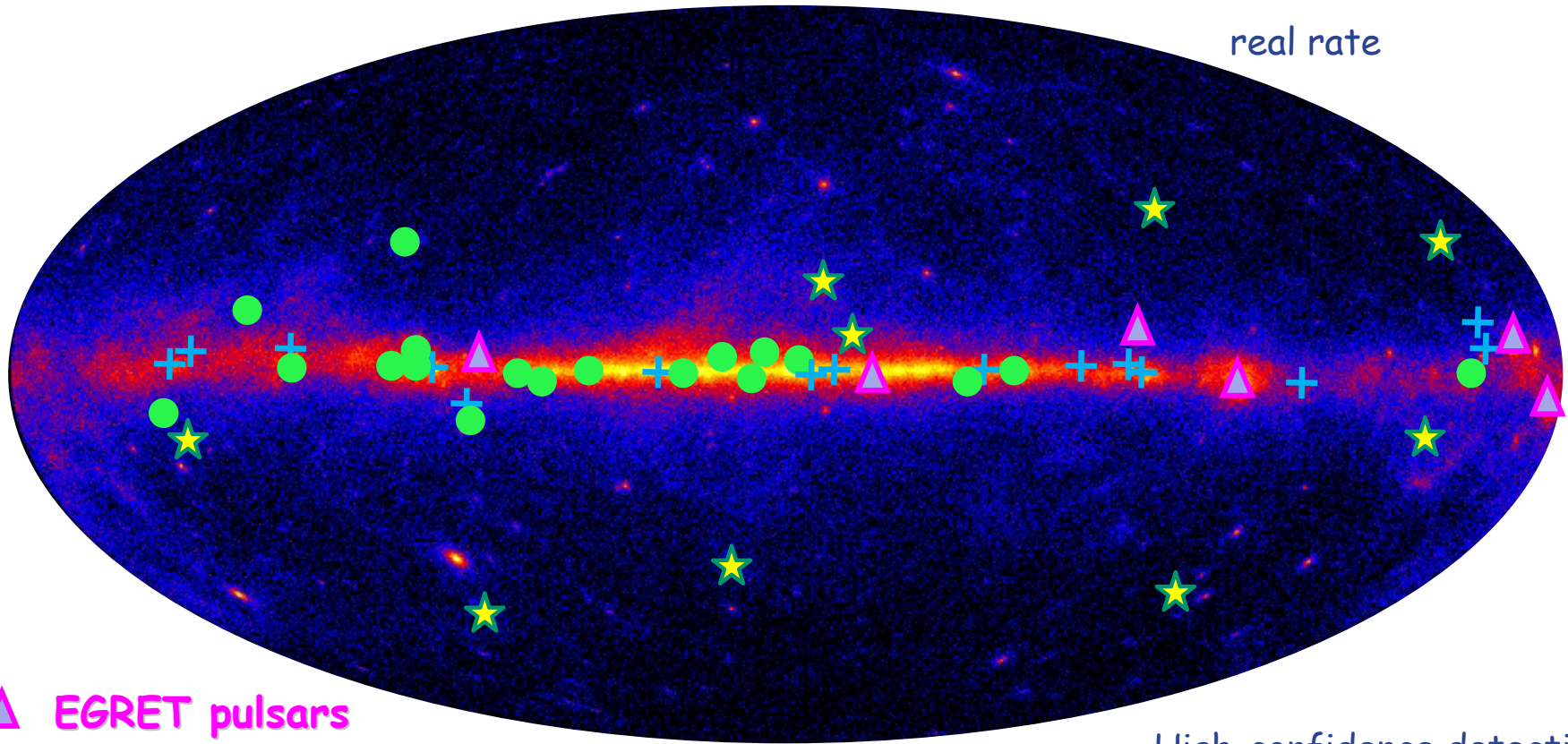
<b>Class</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Radio/X-ray pulsar</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>LAT pulsar</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Globular cluster (pulsars?)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>HMXB</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>LMC</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Flat Spectrum Radio Quasars</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Bl Lac Objects</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Blazar, uncertain type</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Radio galaxies</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Special cases (under study)</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Unassociated</b>	<b>37</b>

# Fermi Pulsars

33 gamma-ray and radio pulsars (including nine ms psrs)

16 gamma-ray only pulsars

Pulses at 1/10<sup>th</sup>  
real rate

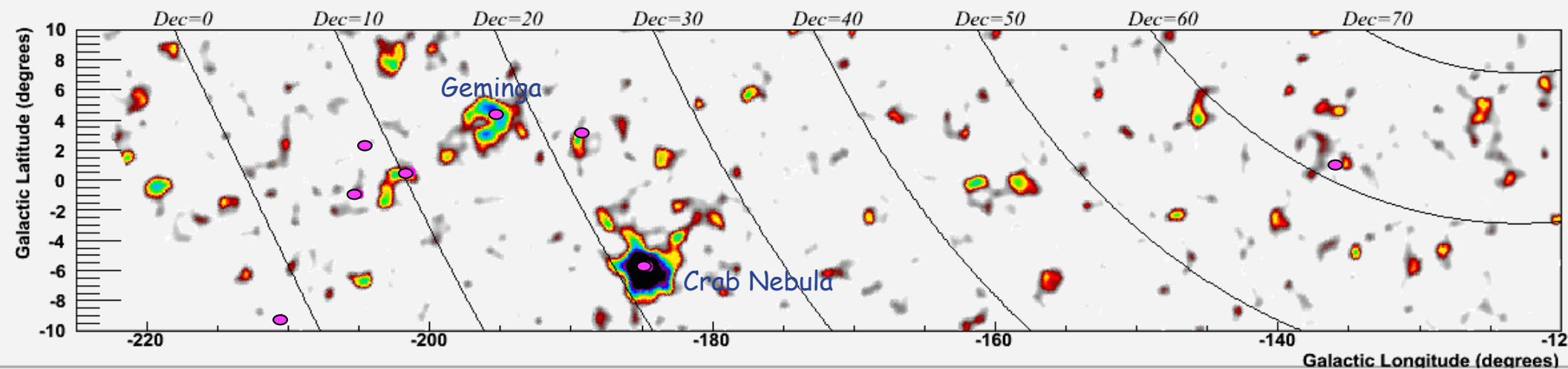
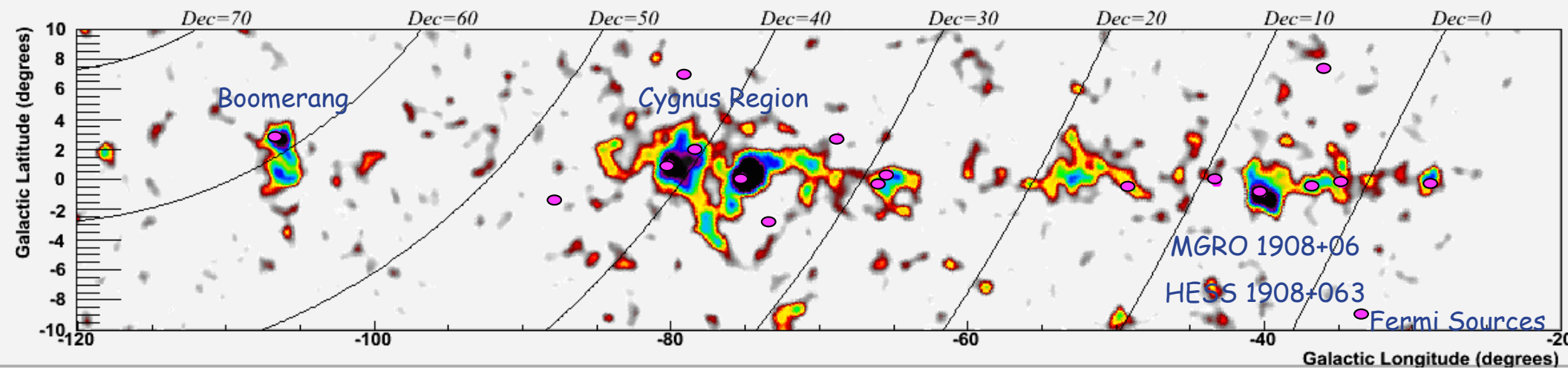


- ▲ EGRET pulsars
- + young pulsars discovered using radio ephemeris
- pulsars discovered in blind search
- ★ millisecond pulsars discovered using radio ephemeris

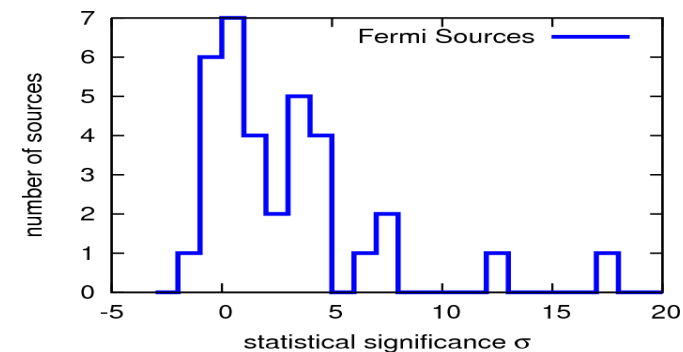
High-confidence detections  
through 2/28/2009



# Milagro Skymap



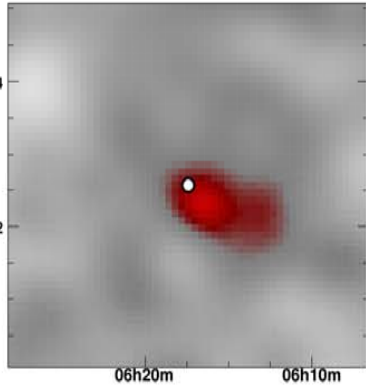
- 34 Fermi BSL Galactic sources above declination of  $-5^\circ$
- 14 detected by Milagro above  $3\sigma$ 
  - FDR Miller 2001 estimates 1% false positive rate
- 5 new TeV sources
- Geminga  $6.3\sigma$  as extended source ( $2.6^\circ$  fwhm)



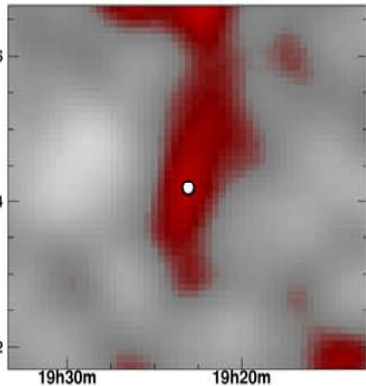
# Milagro: TeV Observations of Fermi Sources

IC433  
SNR  
MAGIC  
VERITAS

J0617.4+2234



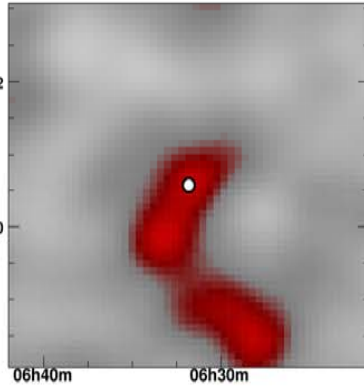
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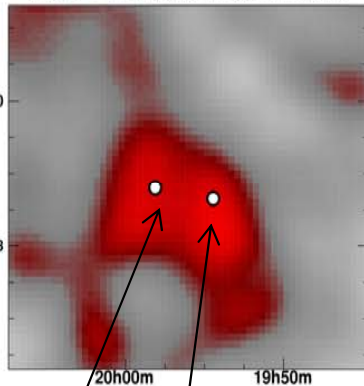
W51  
HESS J1923+141  
SNR

Radio pulsar  
J0631+10  
(new TeV source)

J0631.8+1034



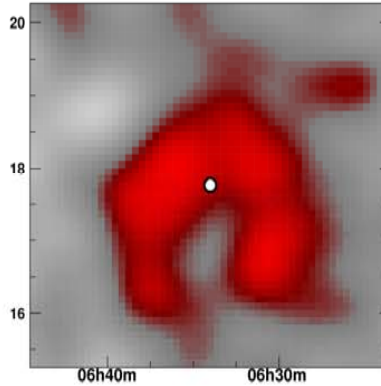
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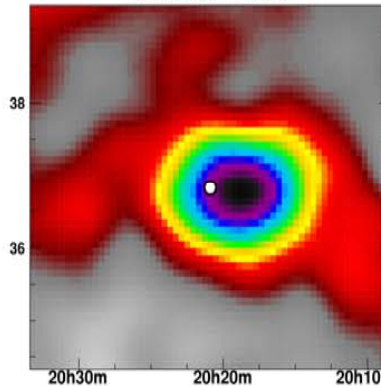
G65.1+0.6 (SNR)  
Fermi Pulsar (J1958)  
New TeV sources

Geminga  
Pulsar  
Milagro C3

J0634.0+1745



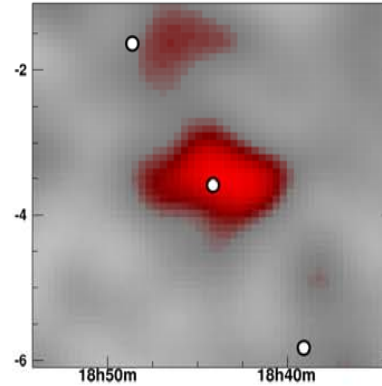
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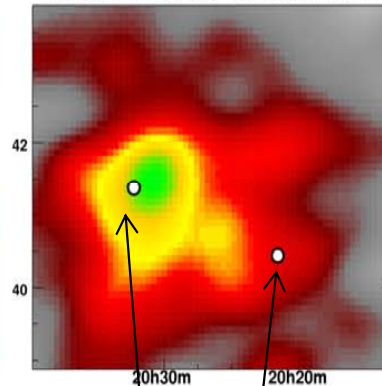
Pulsar  
(AGILE/Fermi)  
MGRO 2019+37

unID  
(new TeV source)

J1844.1-0335



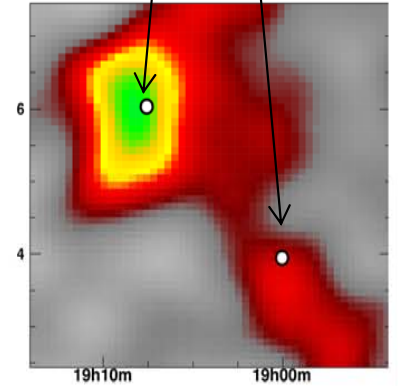
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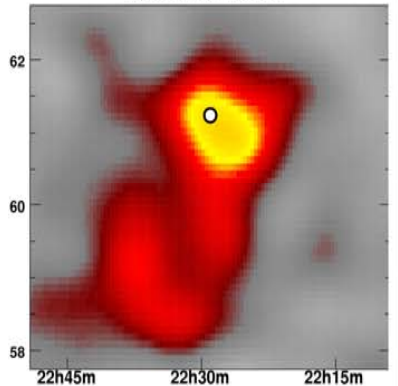
Fermi Pulsar  
 $\gamma$ Cygni SNR  
Fermi Pulsar  
HESS 2032+41  
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MAGIC 2032+4130

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Fermi Pulsar  
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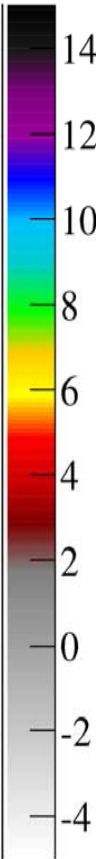
J1900.0+0356/J1907.5+0602



J2229.0+6114



Fermi Pulsar  
Milagro (C4)  
3EG 2227+6122  
Boomerang PWN

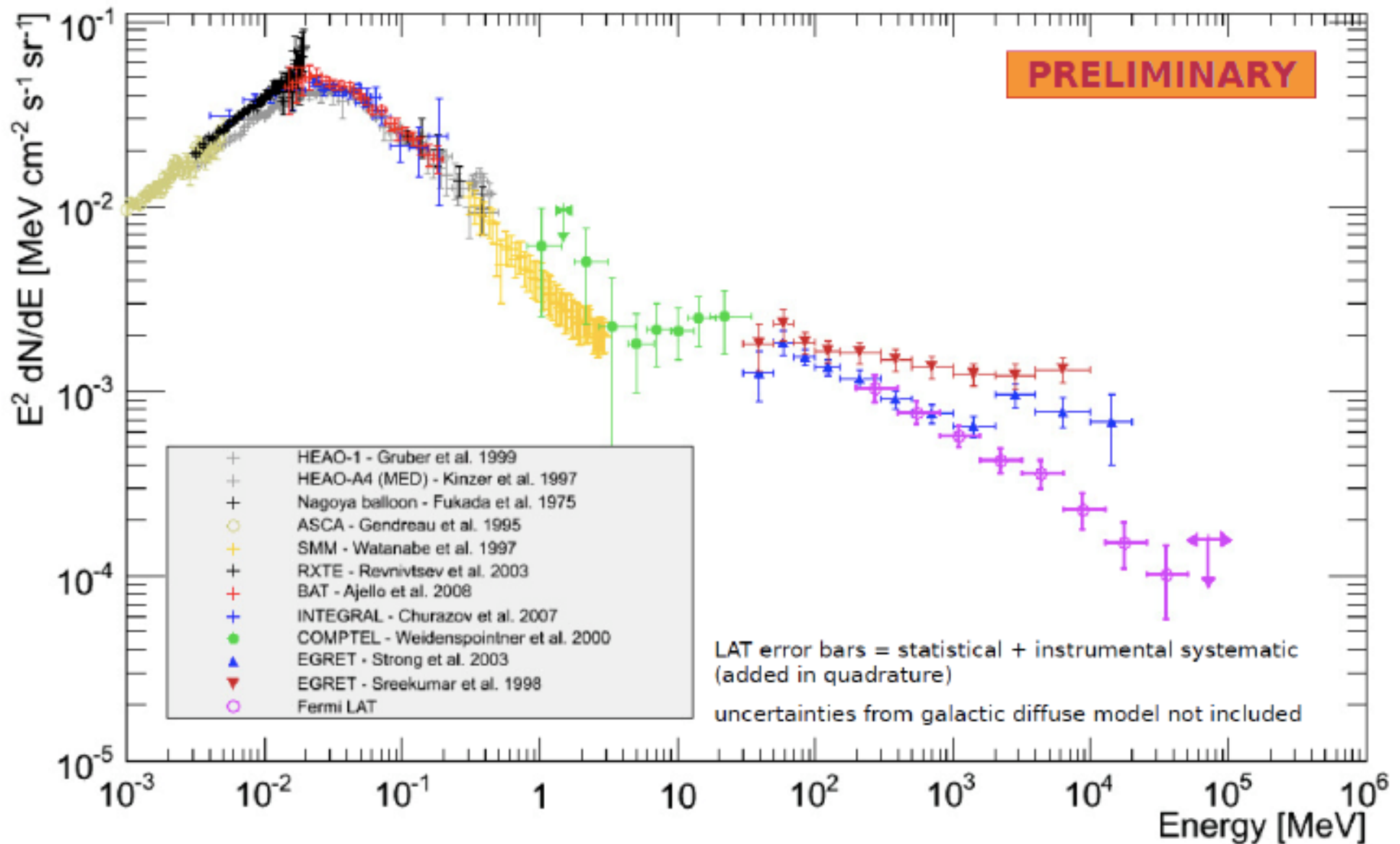


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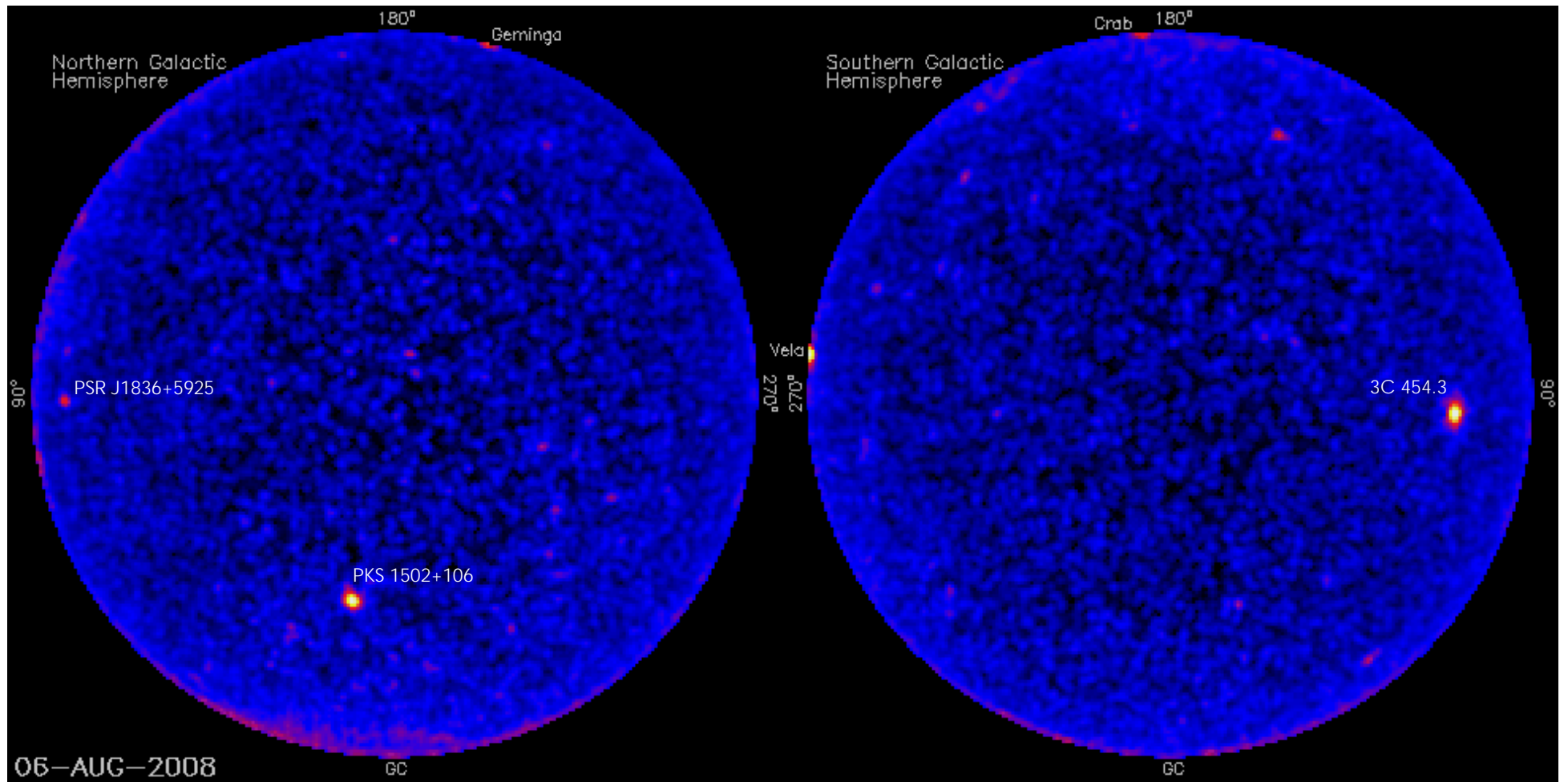
# (Some) Important Questions to Answer

- How large is the positron fraction at HE (PAMELA)
  - Identifies the nature of sources of primary positrons
- If SNRs are the sources of primary positrons, this should also affect secondary nuclei...
  - Measure the secondary nuclei (PAMELA, CREAM...)
- How typical for the local Galactic environment is the observed Fermi/LAT spectrum
  - If this is the typical spectrum than the sources of primary positrons are distributed in the Galaxy (could be pulsars, SNRs, or DM)
  - If this spectrum is peculiar than there is a local source or sources of primary positrons
  - The answer is in the diffuse gamma-ray emission (Fermi/LAT)
- Dark matter vs Astrophysical source
  - Distribution of the IC emission at HE (Fermi/LAT)
- **WE HAVE ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS IN PLACE (in the orbit) TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS**

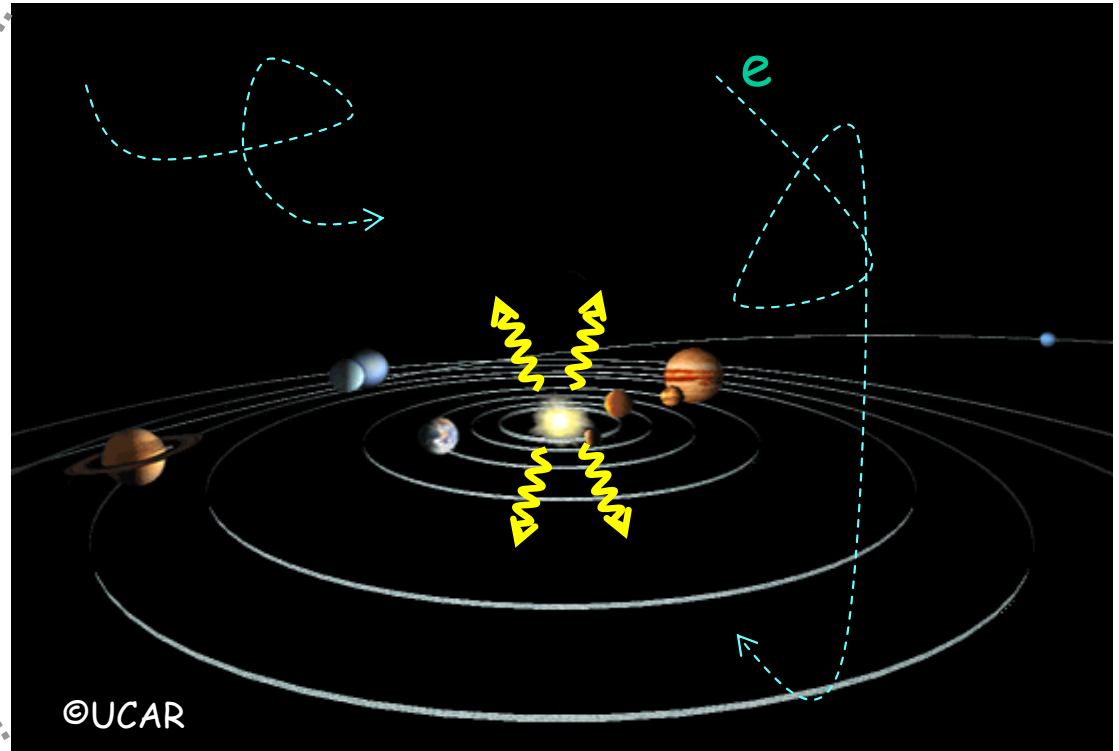
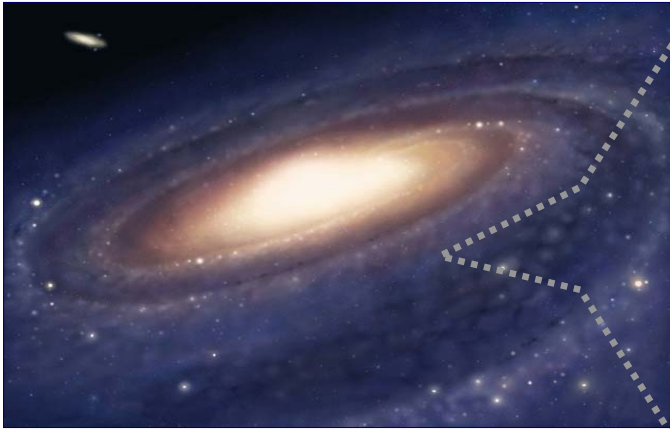
# SED of the isotropic diffuse emission (1 keV – 100 GeV)



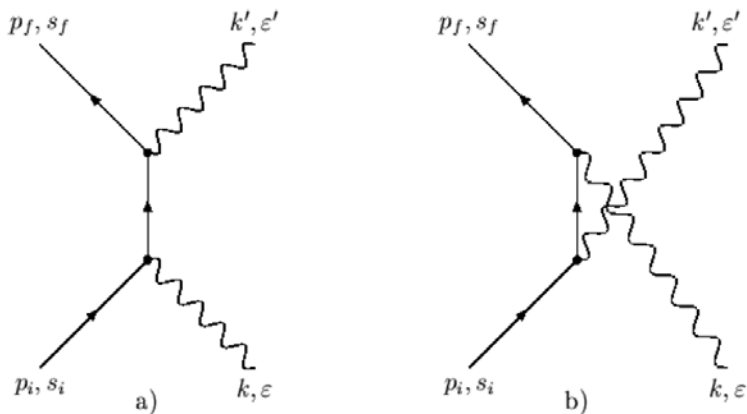
# First 3 months of LAT data



# Inverse Compton scattering on Solar Photons



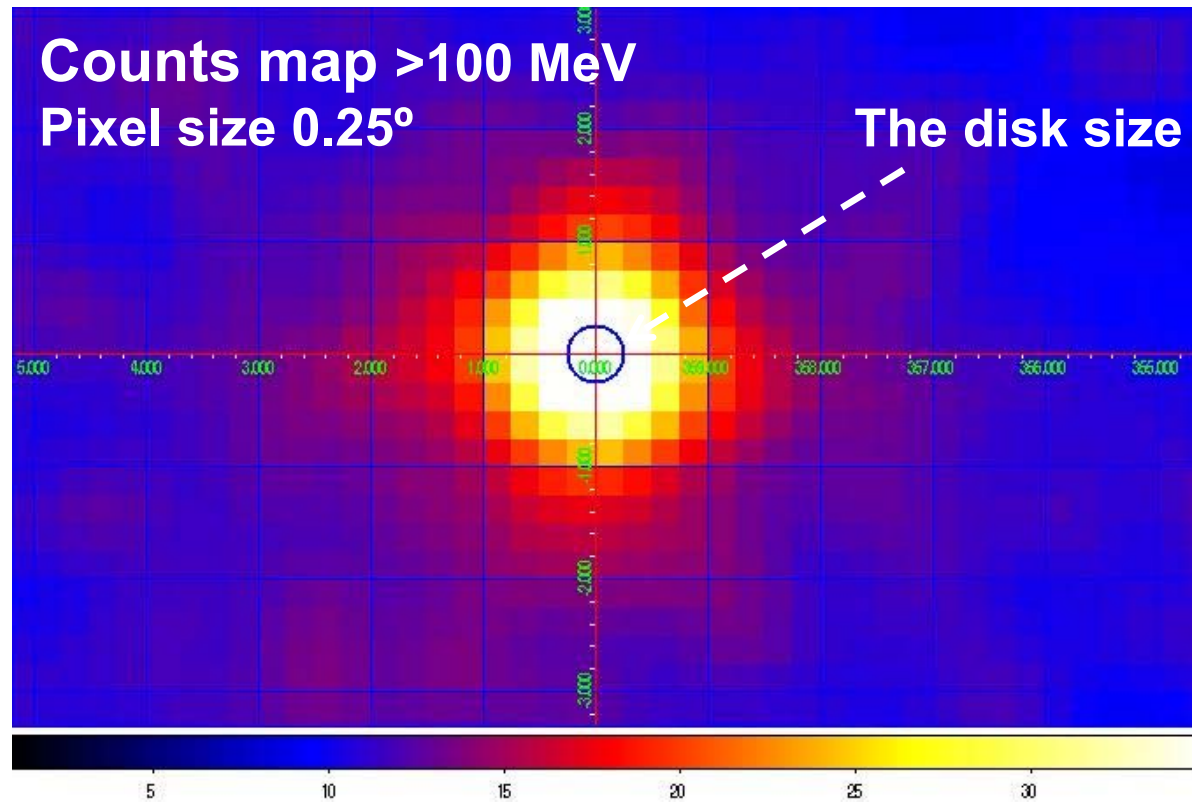
QED



The heliosphere is filled with Galactic CR electrons and solar photons

- electrons are isotropic
- photons have a radial angular distribution

# The Sun: 5 months of observations



Source Flux (>100 MeV)  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (albedo+IC, preliminary)

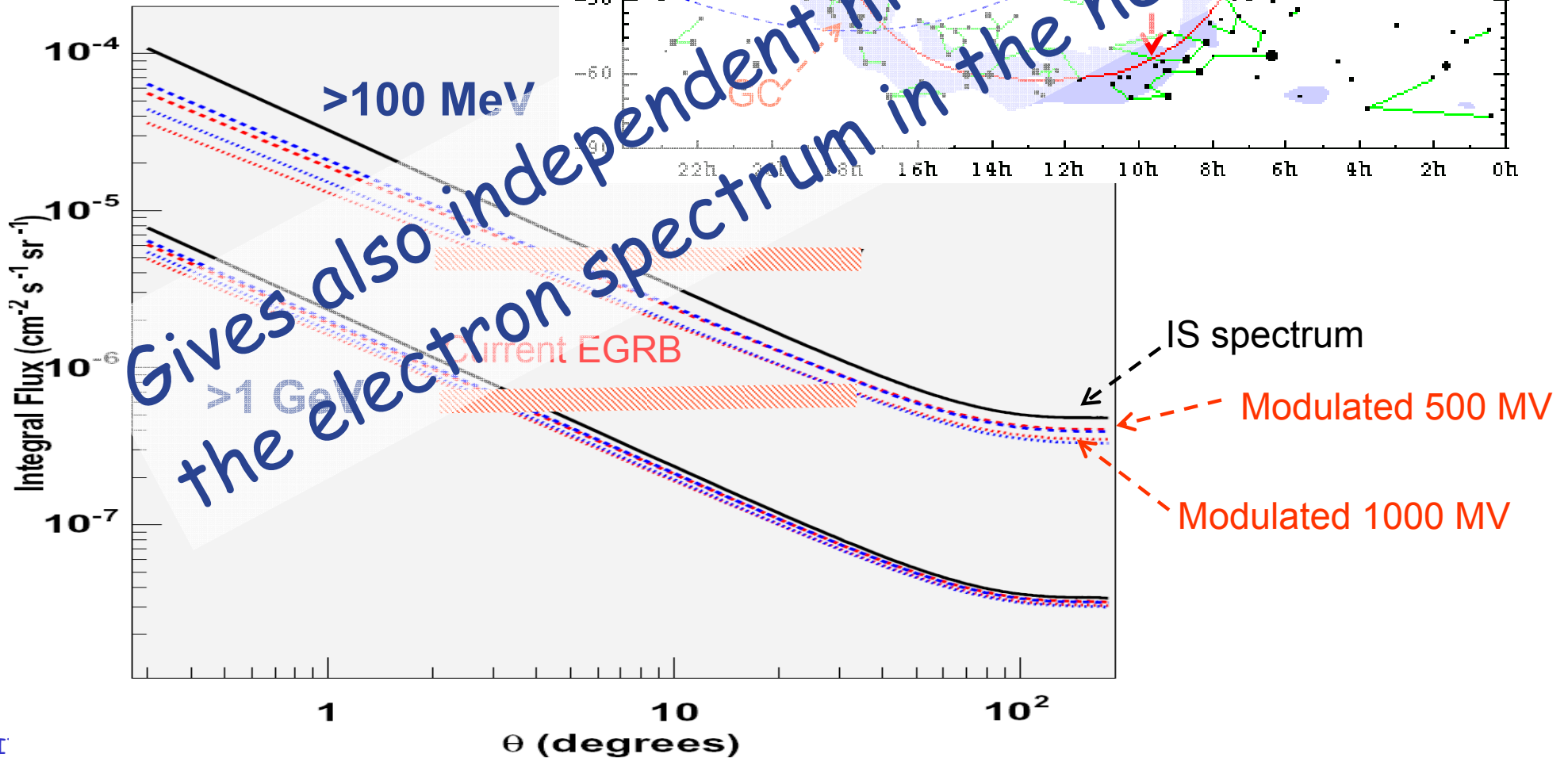
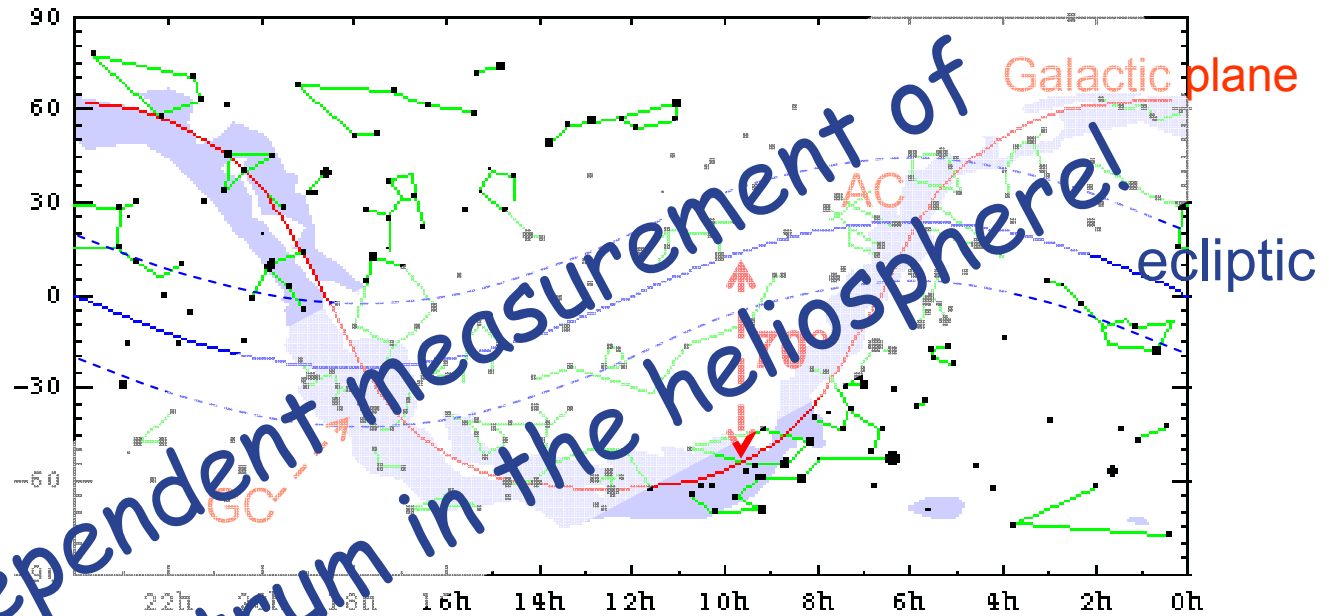
Expected IC Flux (>100 MeV)  $\sim 4.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (near the solar min, IM+'06)

EGRET Flux (>100 MeV) = not found (Thompson+'97)

$= (4.44 \pm 2.03) \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (albedo+IC, Orlando&Strong'08)

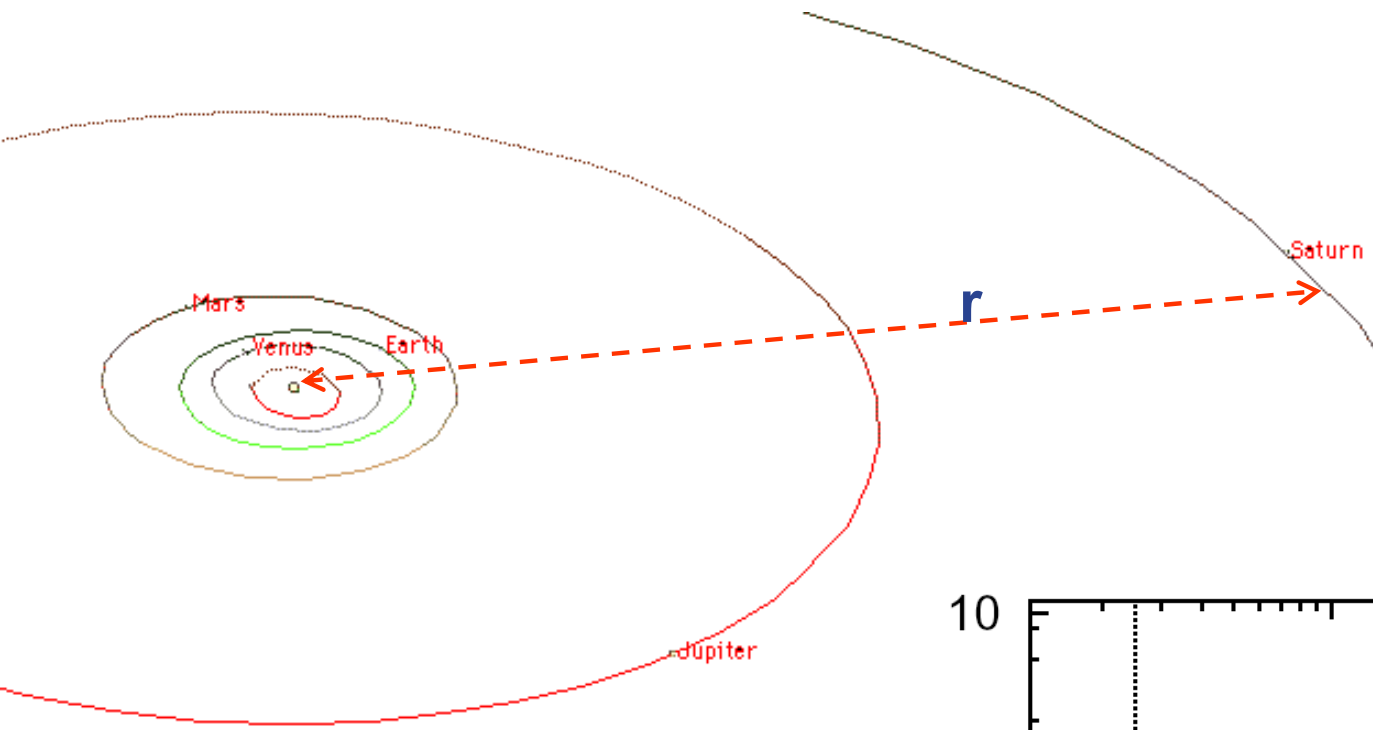
# The ecliptic

Averaged over one year, the ecliptic will be seen as a bright stripe on the sky, but the emission comes from all directions





# Spectrum of CR electrons in the heliosphere



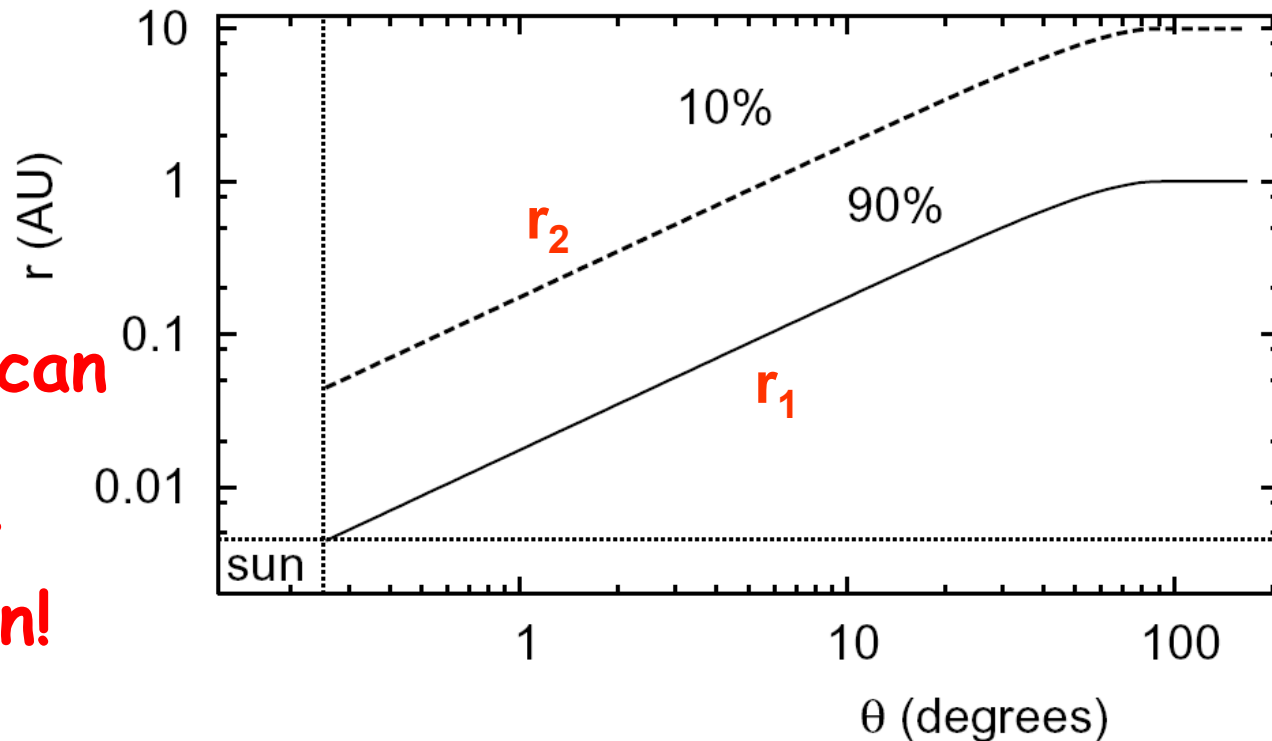
$$\text{Flux}_{IC} \sim 1/r$$

$$r_1 \text{ (AU)} = \sin \alpha, \quad \alpha < 90^\circ$$

$$r_1 \text{ (AU)} = 1, \quad \alpha > 90^\circ$$

$$r_2 = 10r_1$$

Looking at different elongation angles one can probe the electron spectrum at different distances from the sun!





Thank you !

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