



# Searching DM (WIMP and ALP) from gamma ray observations

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# STRONG CP PROBLEM

## 1 Why Axions?

Before 1975, QCD was described by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{q}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - M_q)q.$$

But after 1975, the following  $\theta$  term is known to be present due to the discovery of instanton solutions in nonabelian gauge theories<sup>1,2</sup>

$$\frac{\bar{\theta}}{16\pi^2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

where  $\bar{\theta} = \theta_{\text{QCD}} + \theta_{\text{QFD}}$  which violates CP. From the experimental bound on the neutron electric dipole moment<sup>3</sup>,  $|\bar{\theta}|$  is required to be less than  $10^{-9}$ . This is “the strong CP problem”.

# WHAT IS AXION?

The axion solution of the strong CP problem is to introduce a dynamical field axion ( $a$ ) so that  $\bar{\theta}$  is settled very near 0.<sup>4</sup> In this case, one can study the following Lagrangian below the electroweak scale, after integrating out the quark fields,

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \bar{q}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - M_q)q + \frac{a}{32\pi^2 F_a} F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu a \partial_\mu a. \quad (2)$$

Here,  $\bar{\theta}$  turns out to be  $\bar{\theta} = a/F_a$  where  $F_a$  is called the axion decay constant. In this model,  $\bar{\theta}$  is a dynamical field. But, for a moment consider  $\bar{\theta}$  as a decay constant and mass of the pion. Using  $z = m_u/m_d$ ,

$$m_a = \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1+z} \left( \frac{f_\pi m_\pi}{f_a/N} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$= 0.60 \text{ meV} \frac{2\sqrt{z/0.56}}{1+(z/0.56)} \left( \frac{10^{10} \text{ GeV}}{f_a/N} \right). \quad (11)$$

This relation is shown for  $z = 0.56$  [101] and  $f_a/N \rightarrow f_a$  in Fig. 1 (from [24]); note that  $z$  could be within 0.3–0.6 [2].

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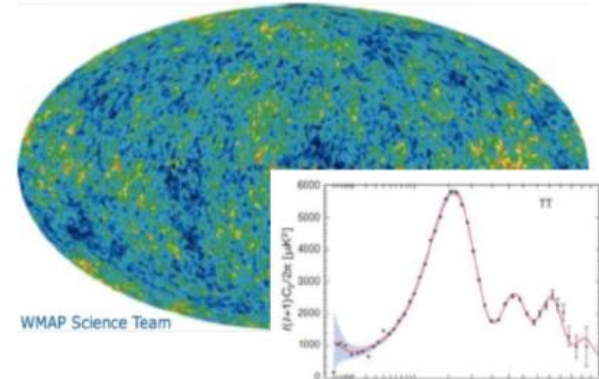
# DARK MATTER

- Ordinary matter (4.9%)
- **Dark matter (26.8%)**
- Dark energy (68.3%)

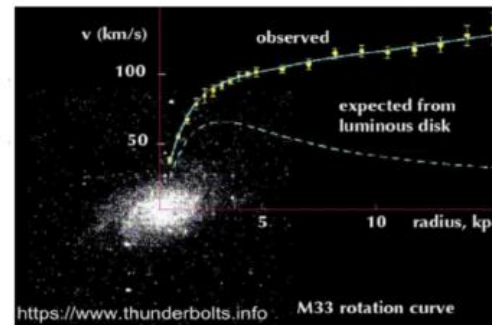
Gravitational Lensing



CMB Power Spectrum



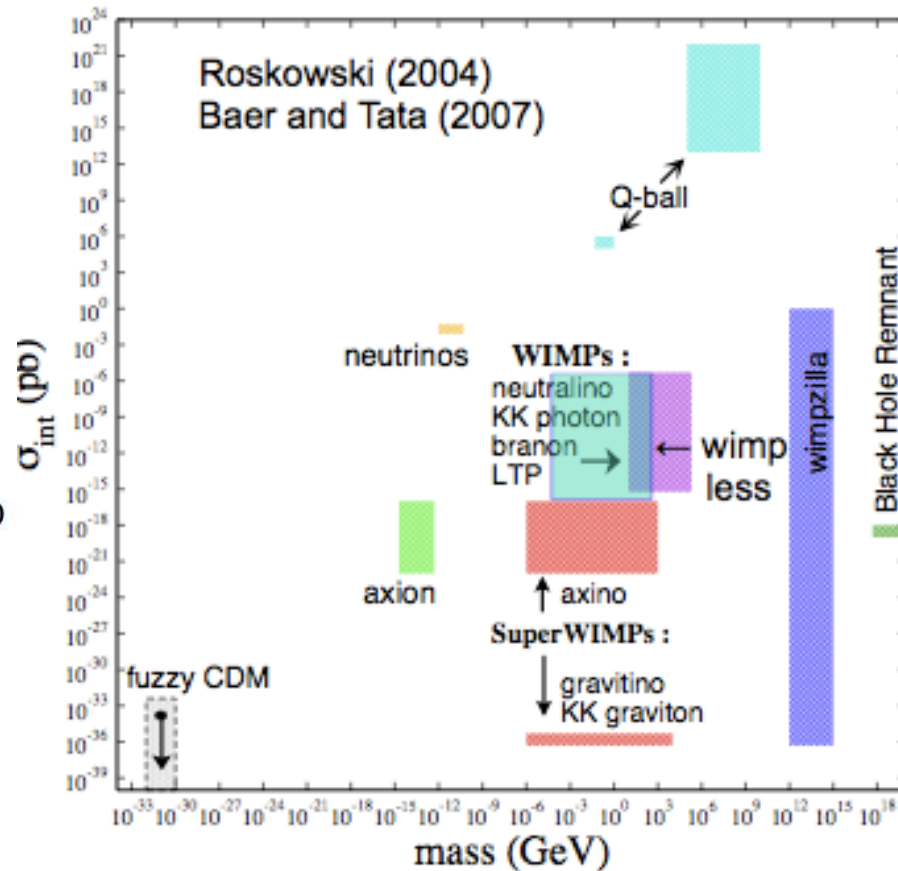
Kinematics of Galaxies and Galaxy Clusters





# DARK MATTER CANDIDATES

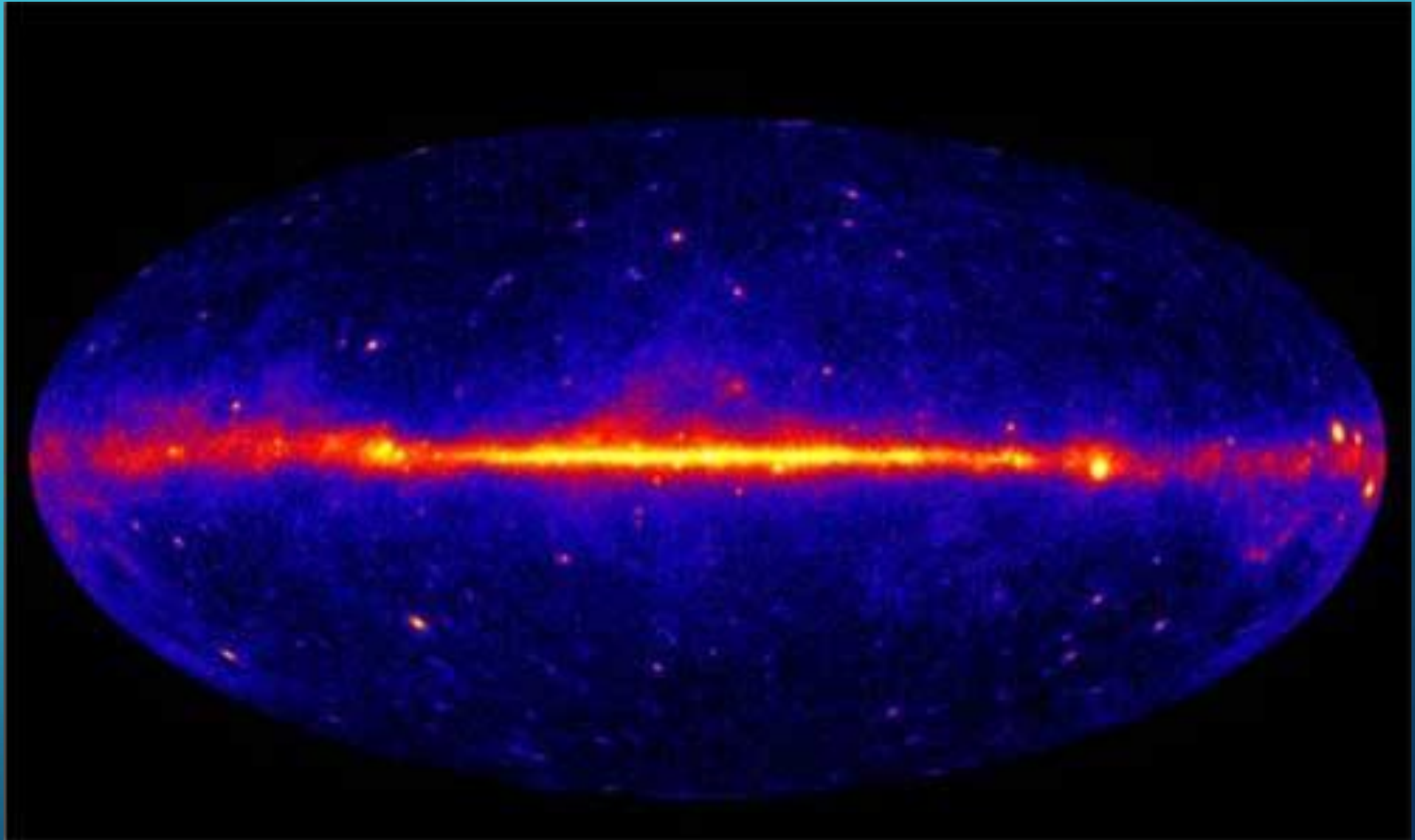
- WIMPs
- **Axion/ALP**
- Sterile Neutrino
- Gravitino



Many candidates with mass and cross section spanning many orders of magnitude

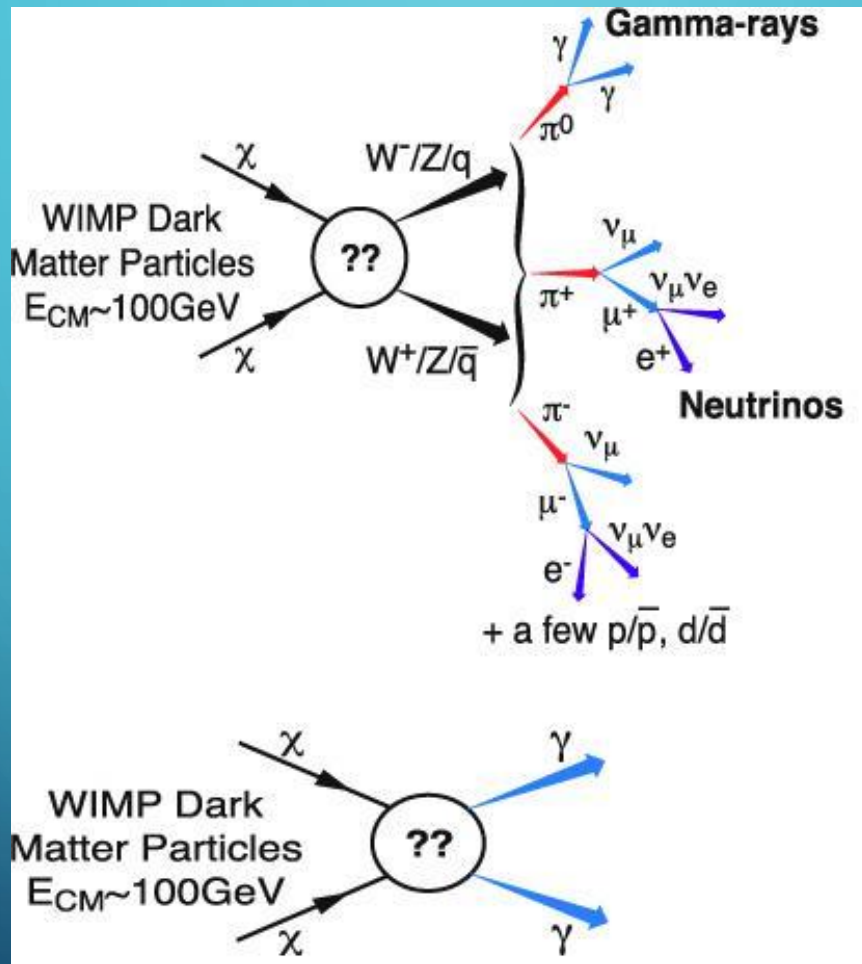


# Fermi gamma-rays can provide good test of the DM models

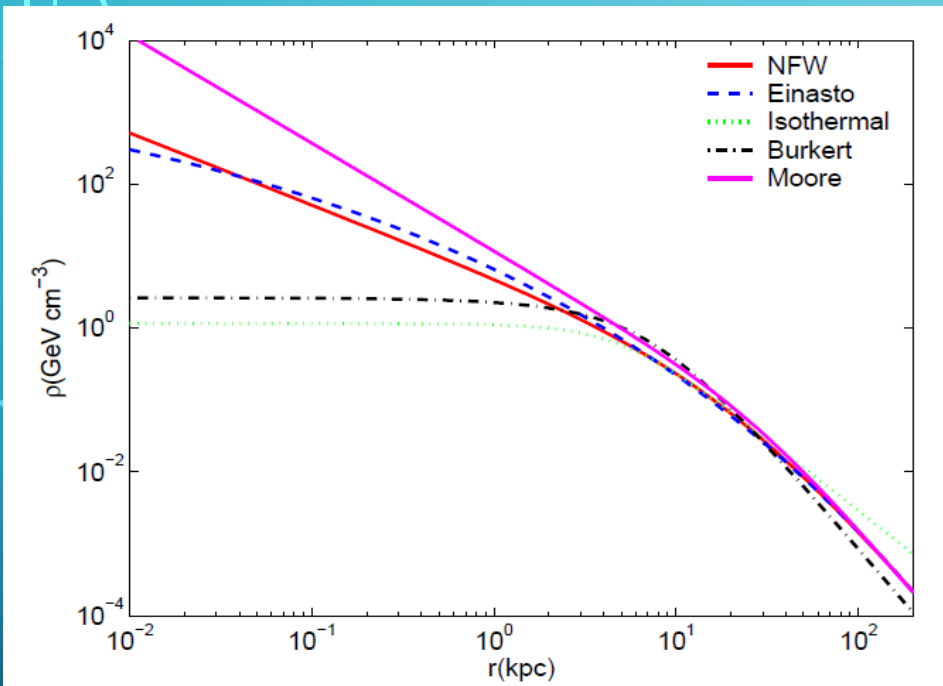


- Galactic center
- Galactic halo
- Dwarf galaxies
- Clusters
- Extra-galactic diffuse
- Line search

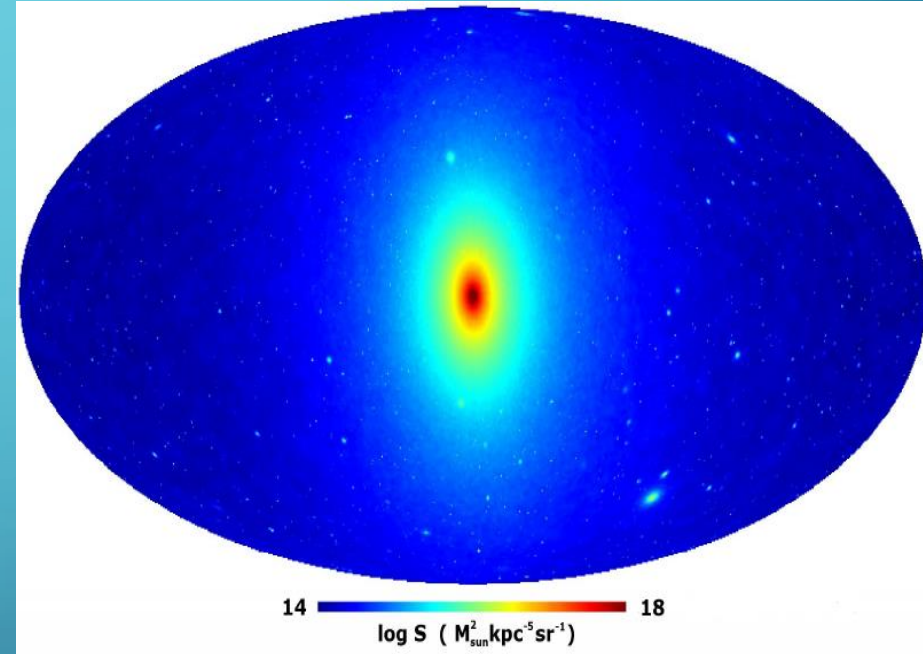
# The signal depends on the DM annihilation channel



# THE GAMMA-RAY SKY MAP PRODUCED BY DARK MATTER ANNIHILATION IN OUR GALAXY

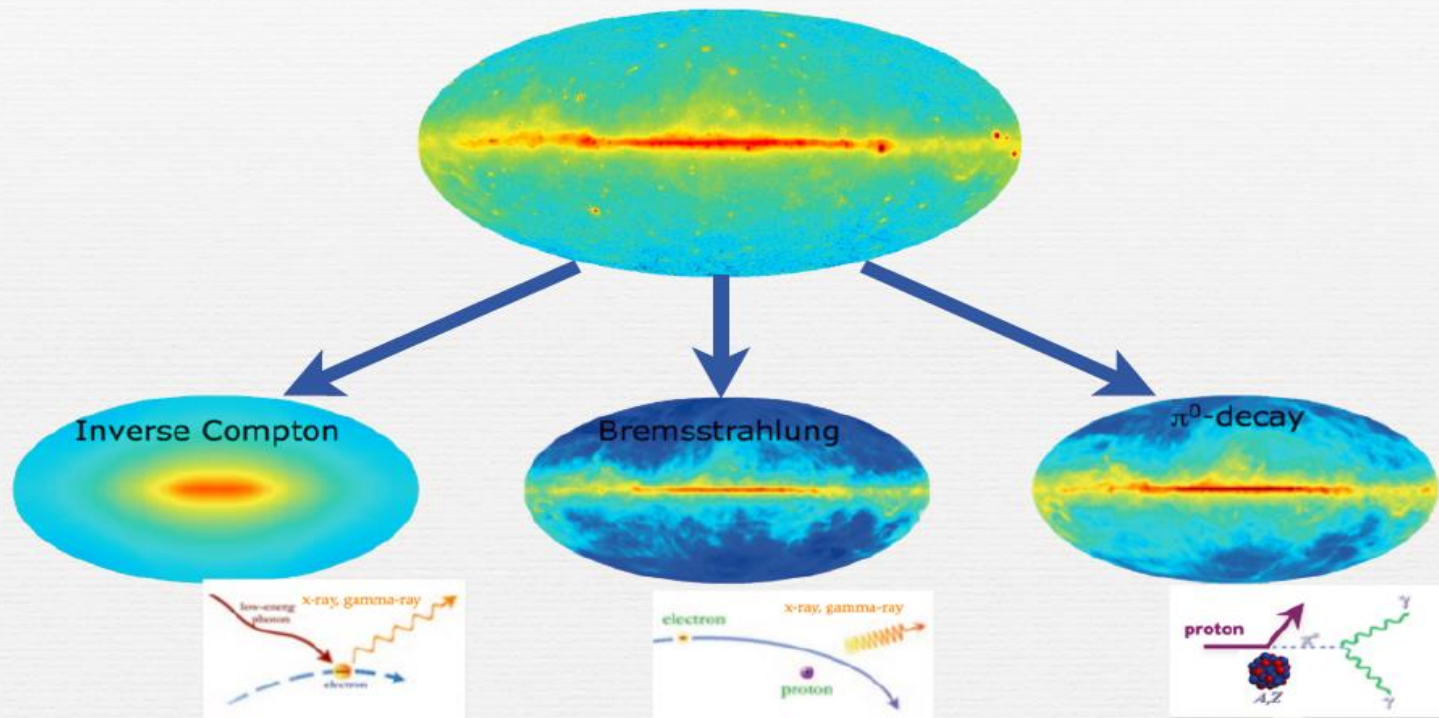


The J-Factor of different dark matter profile models.



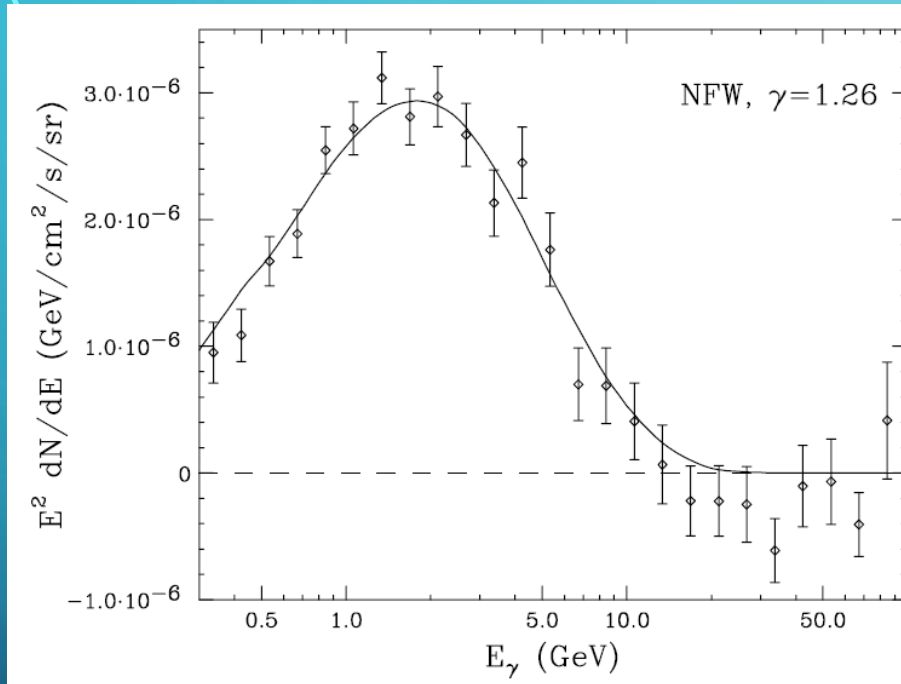
The Galaxy center is the best region to detect dark matter.

# Diffuse Galactic $\gamma$ -ray Emission: Origin

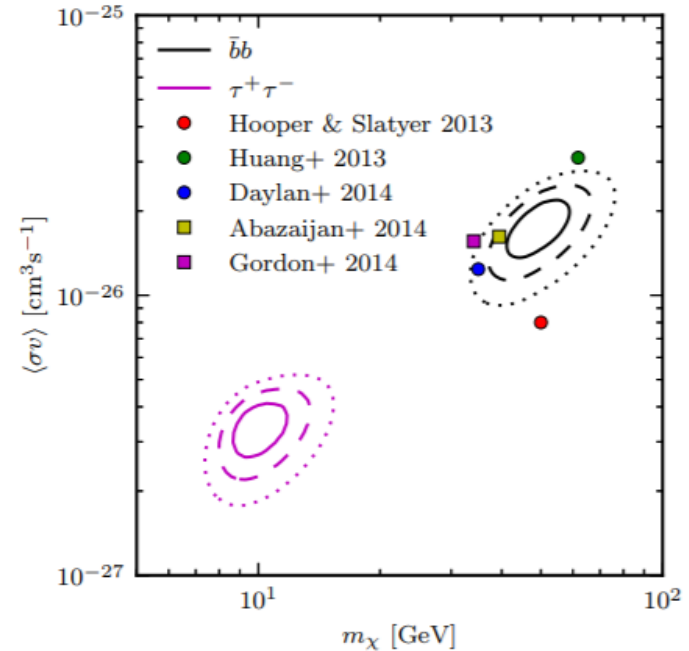


Subtract the Known components and the Residual part might be the signal of DM

# THE GEV EXCESS



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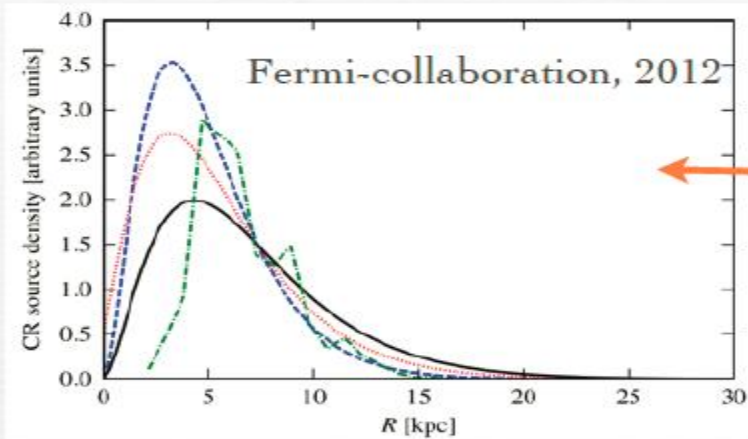
Calore et al. 2015



# GeV excess in the Milky Way: The role of diffuse galactic gamma-ray emission templates

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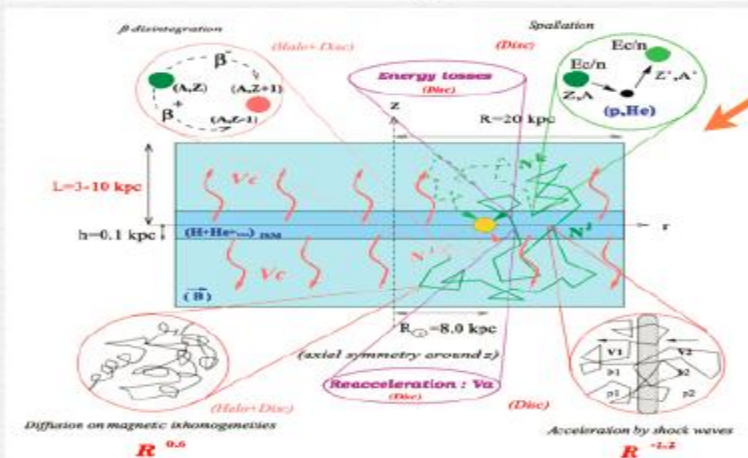
## Diffuse Galactic $\gamma$ -ray Emission: Models



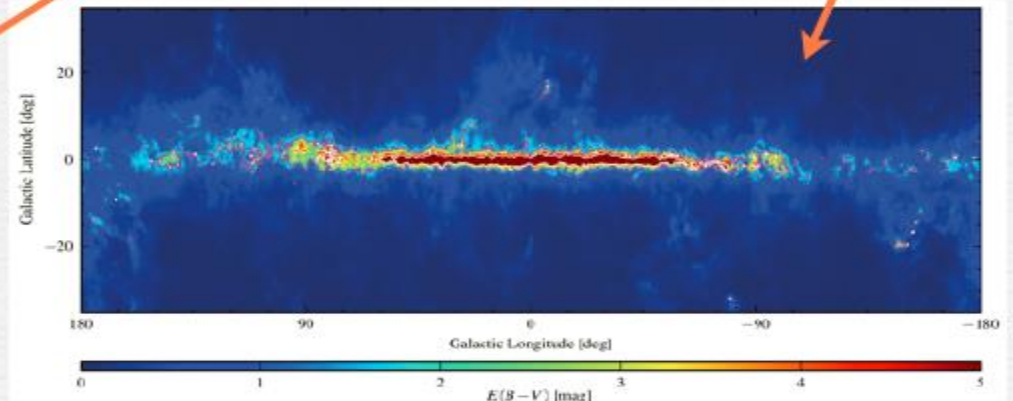
	Sources	Propagation		Targets	
Value	SS	ZZ	R	T	C
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01	Lorimer	6 kpc	30 kpc	Optically thin	5 mag
10	Yusifov	8 kpc			
11	OB stars	10 kpc			

Note. SS stands for CR source density for the  $E(B - V)$  magnitude

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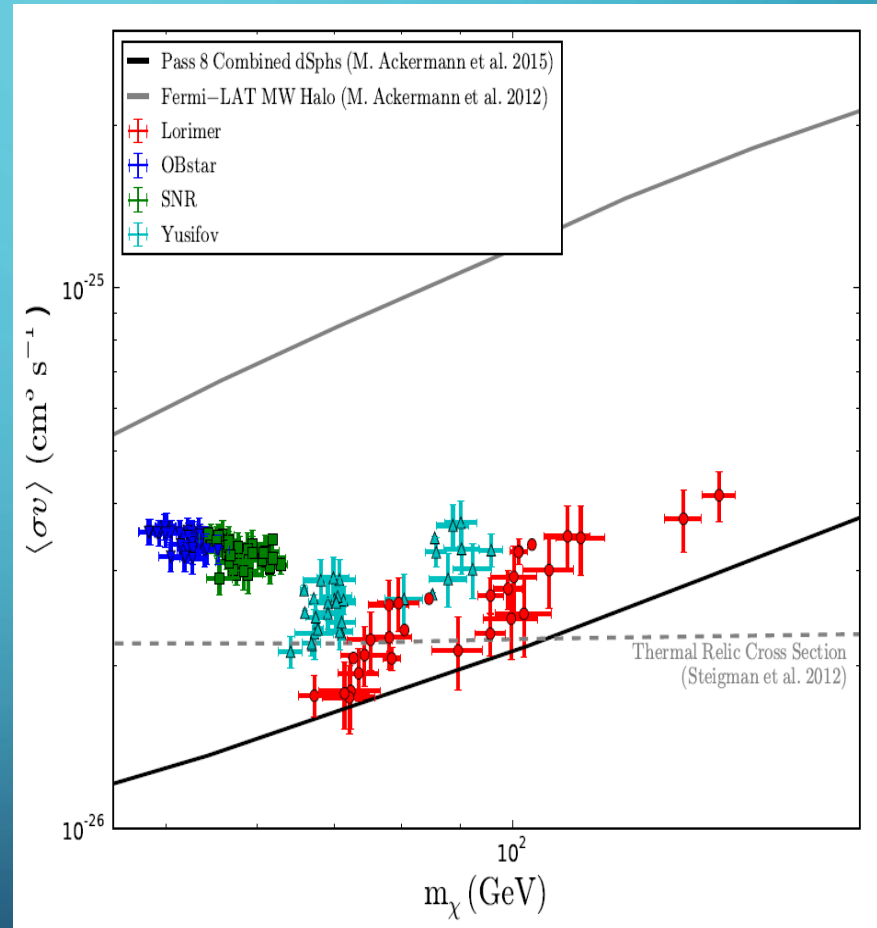
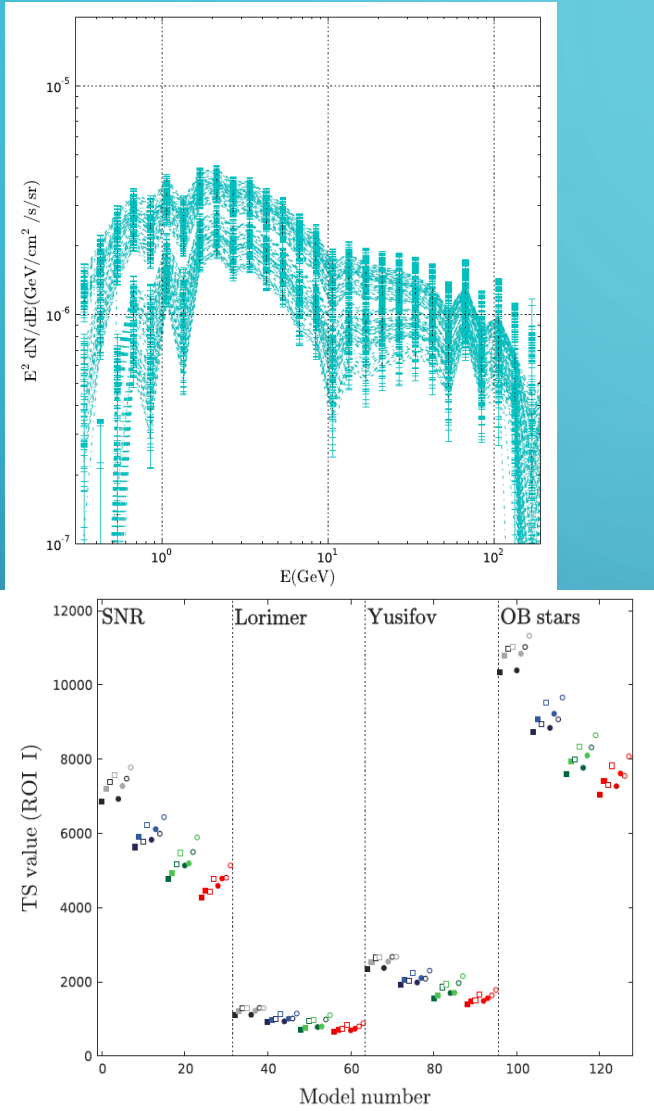


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Fermi-collaboration, 2012

# The template dependence of GEV excess signal



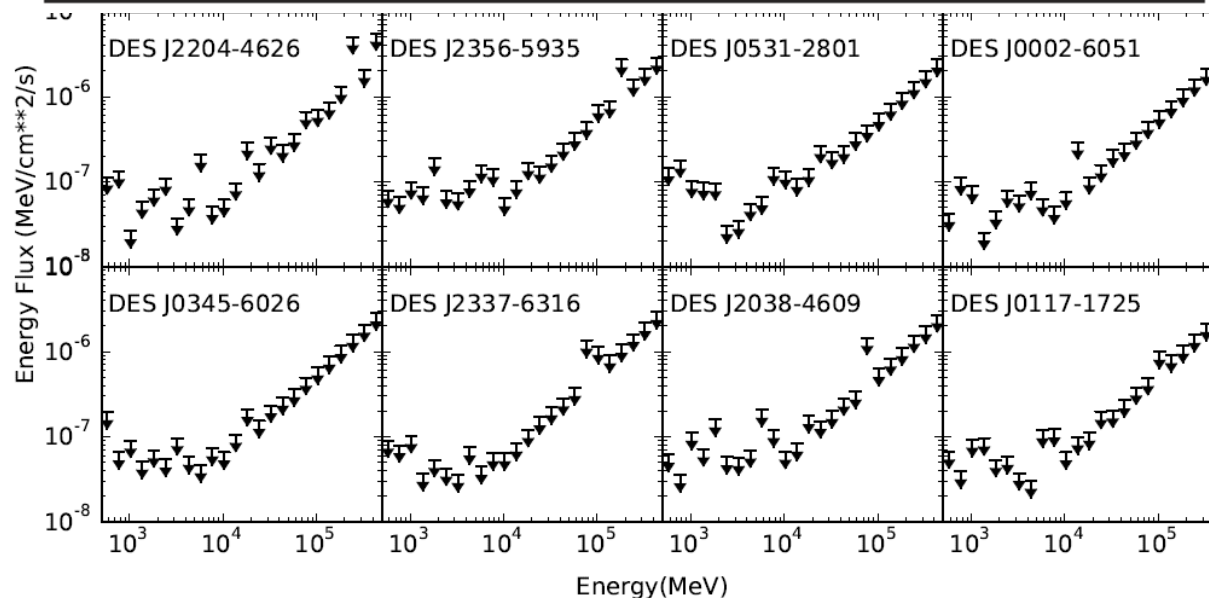


# GEV EXCESS IN THE DWARF GALAXIES?

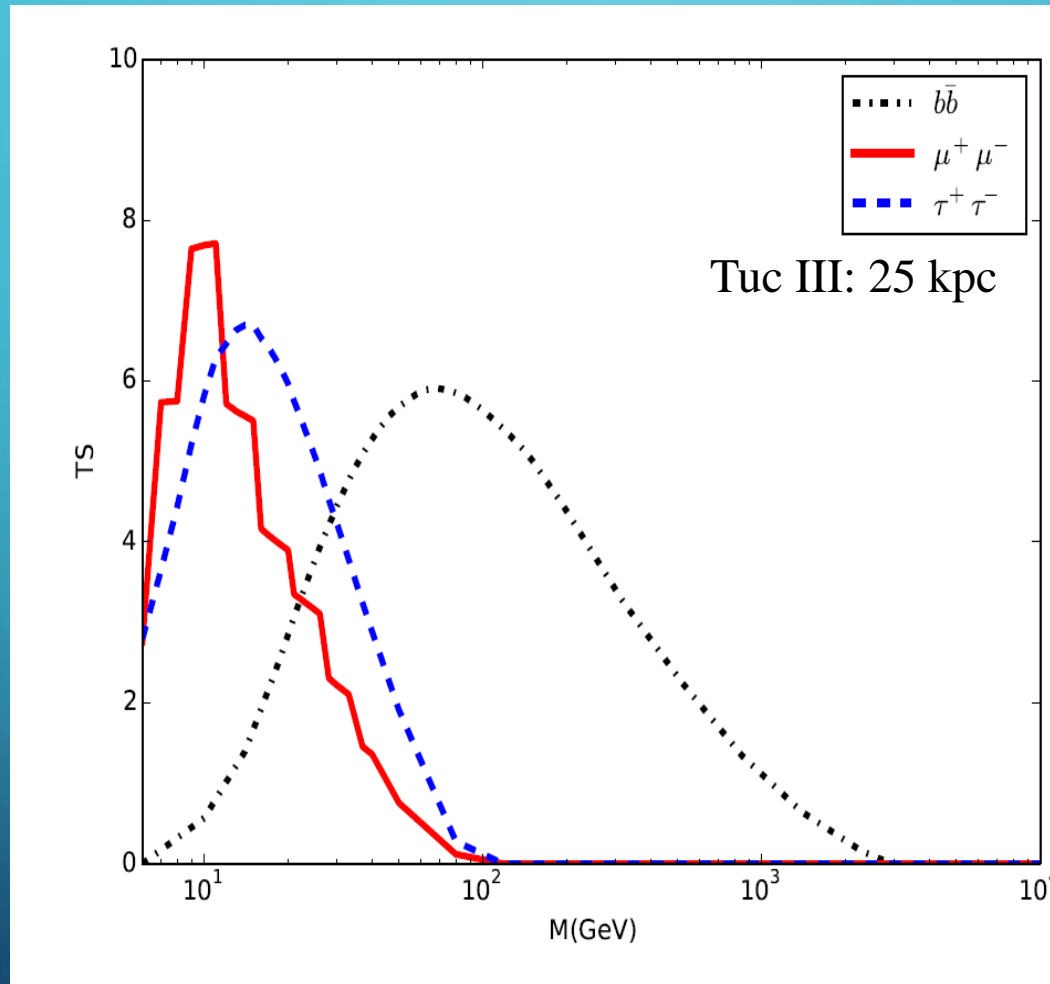
TABLE I: DES2 dSph Candidates and the Estimated J-factors

Name	$(l, b)^a$ (deg)	Distance <sup>b</sup> (kpc)	$\log_{10}(\text{Est.}J)^c$ $\log 10(\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-5})$
DES J2204-4626	(351.15, -51.94)	$53 \pm 5$	18.8
DES J2356-5935	(315.38, -56.19)	$25 \pm 2$	19.5
DES J0531-2801	(231.62, -28.88)	$182 \pm 18$	17.8
DES J0002-6051	(313.29, -55.29)	$48 \pm 4$	18.9
DES J0345-6026	(273.88, -45.65)	$92 \pm 13$	18.3
DES J2337-6316	(316.31, -51.89)	$55 \pm 9$	18.8
DES J2038-4609	(353.99, -37.40)	$214 \pm 16$	17.6
DES J0117-1725	(156.48, -78.53)	$30 \pm 3$	19.3

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# GeV Excess in the Dwarf Galaxies?



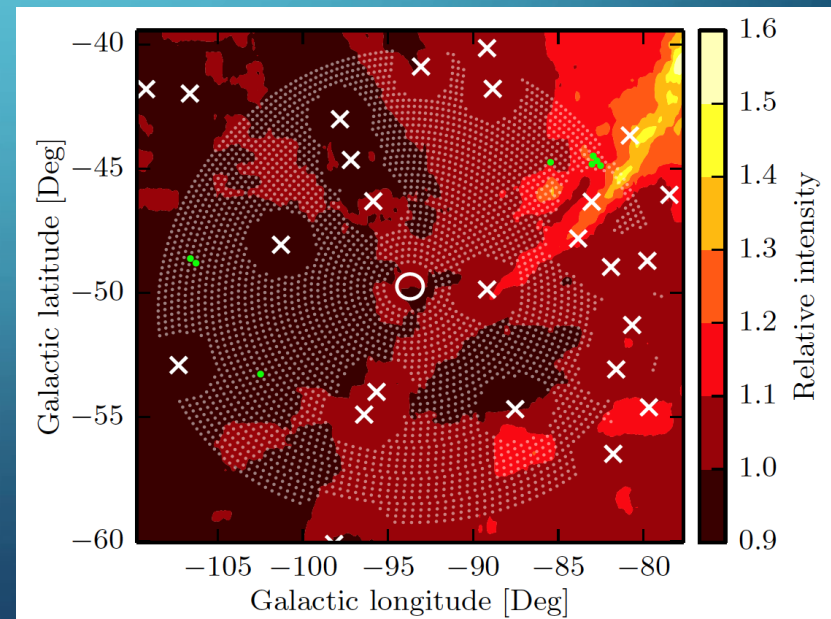
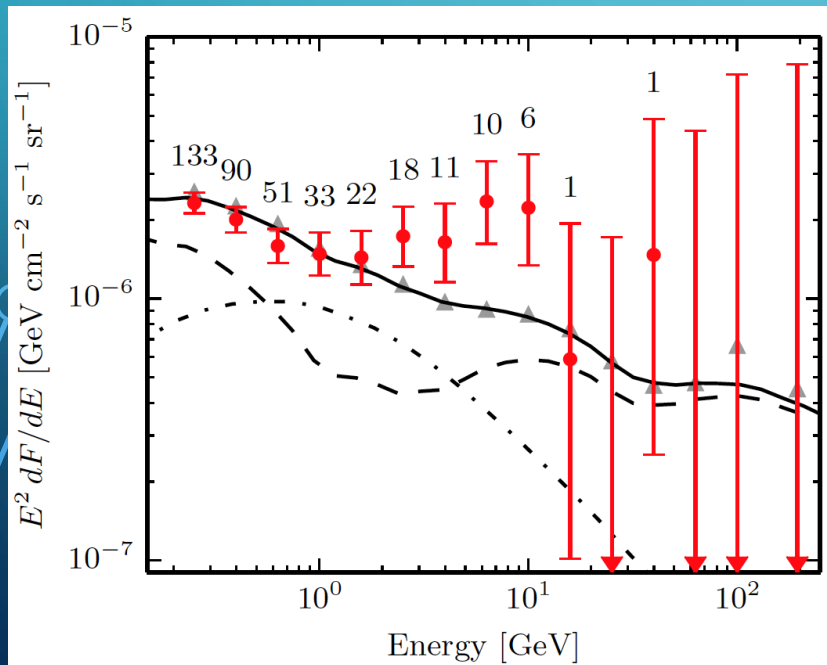
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# Evidence for Gamma-ray Emission from the Newly Discovered Dwarf Galaxy Reticulum 2

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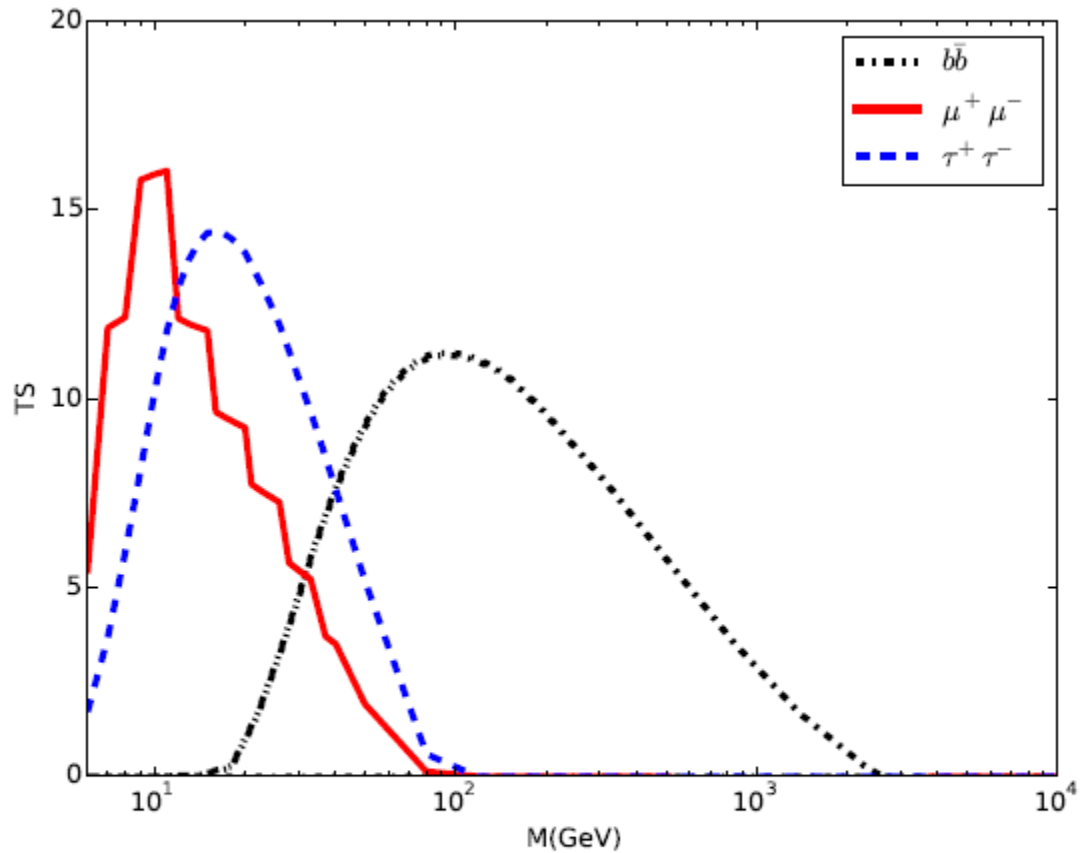
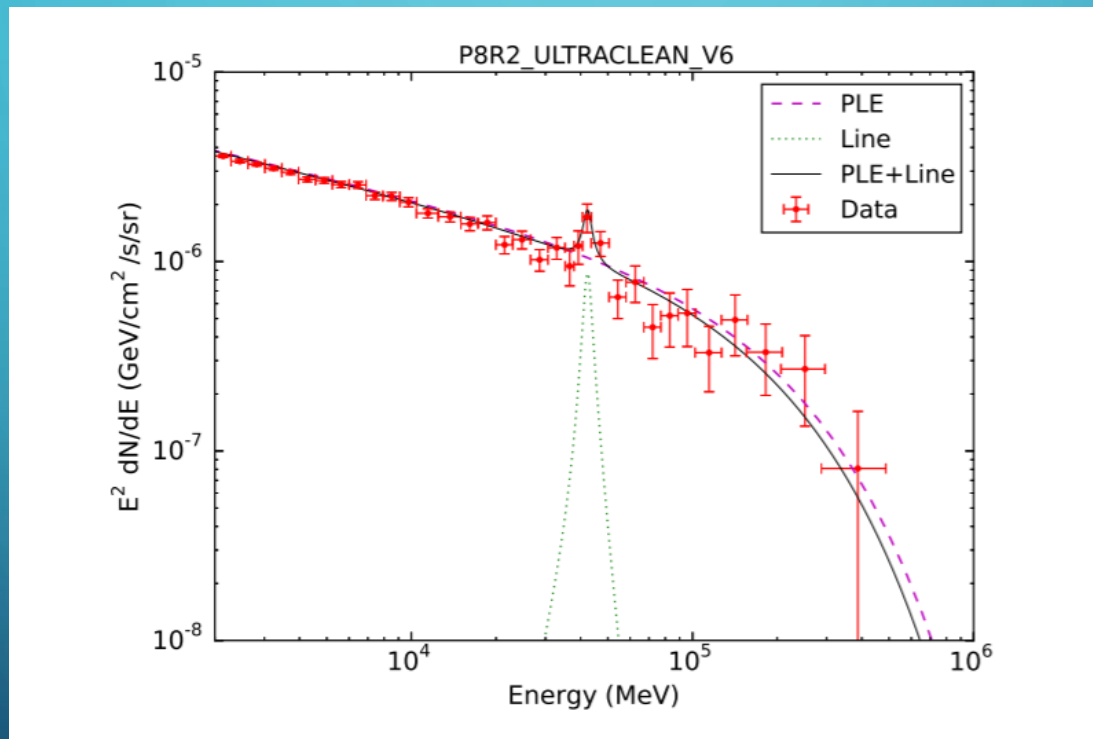


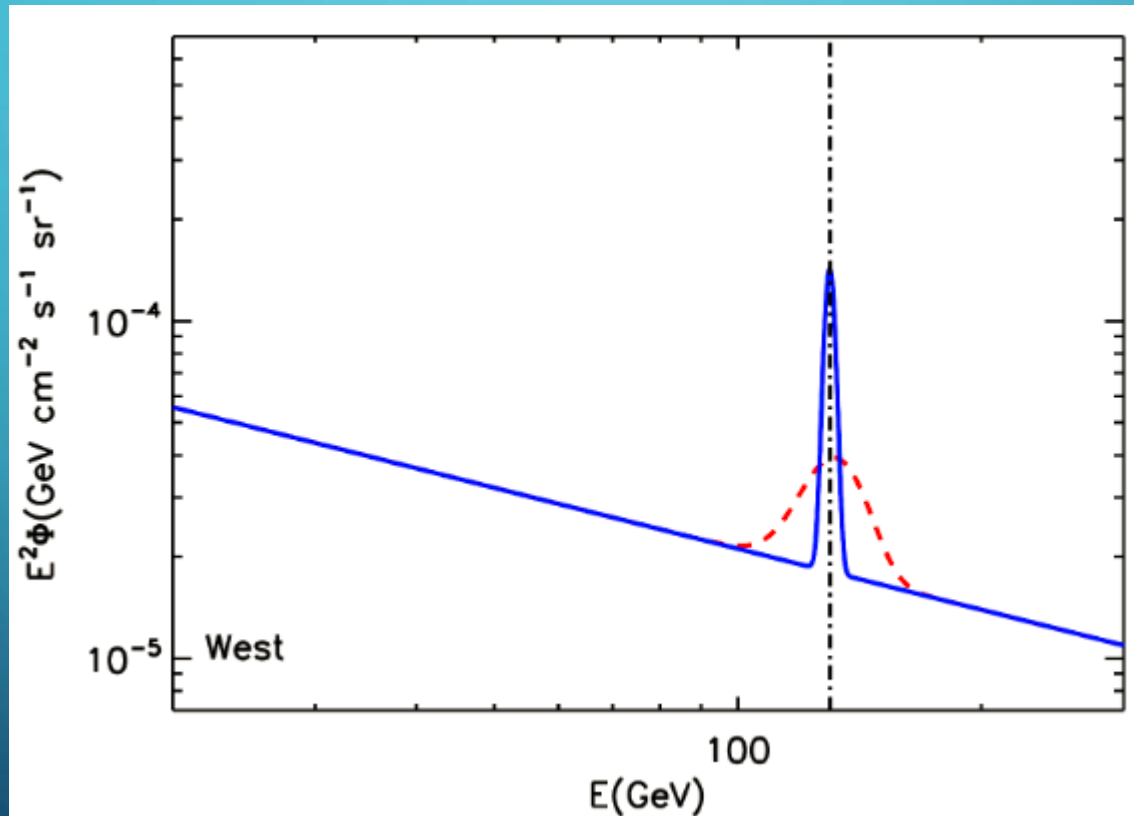
FIG. 4: The TS value of the possible dark matter annihilation signal in the combined  $\gamma$ -ray data in the directions of both Ret II and Tuc III. The dark matter annihilation channels are labeled in the plot.

# SEARCH FOR A GAMMA-RAY LINE FEATURE FROM A GROUP OF NEARBY GALAXY CLUSTERS



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# GAMMA RAY LINE DETECTED BY DAMPE



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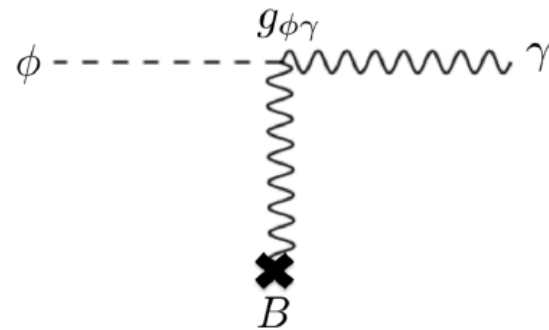


# EXPLORE AXION AND ALP IN GAMMA RAY DATA

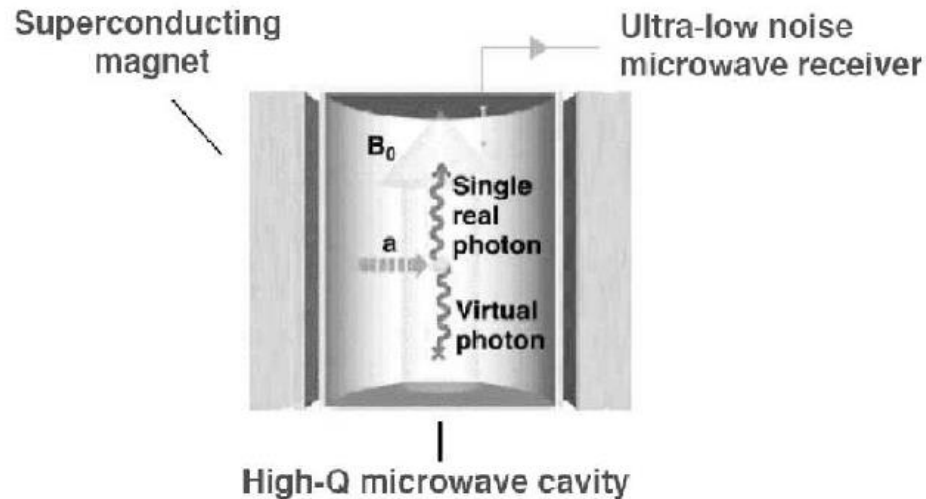
- Primakoff Process :  
Axions and ALPs can convert to photons and vice versa in electromagnetic fields
- As for axion, the axion mass is proportional to the coupling. For ALPs, they are mutually independent.

$$\mathcal{L} = g_{a\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a,$$

↑  
the coupling



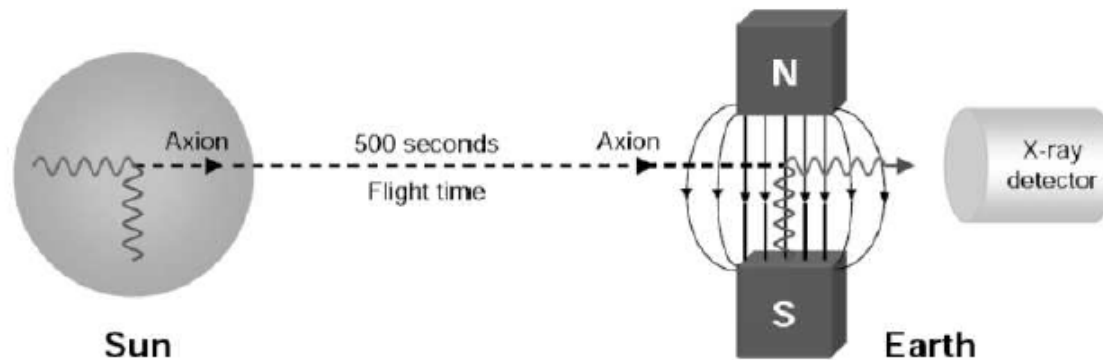
# LIGHT SHINING IN BLACK BOX



**Fig. 1.** Schematic principle of the microwave cavity experiment to look for cold dark matter axions. First an axion would be resonantly converted into a quasi-monochromatic photon in the magnetic field permeated microwave cavity. Then an

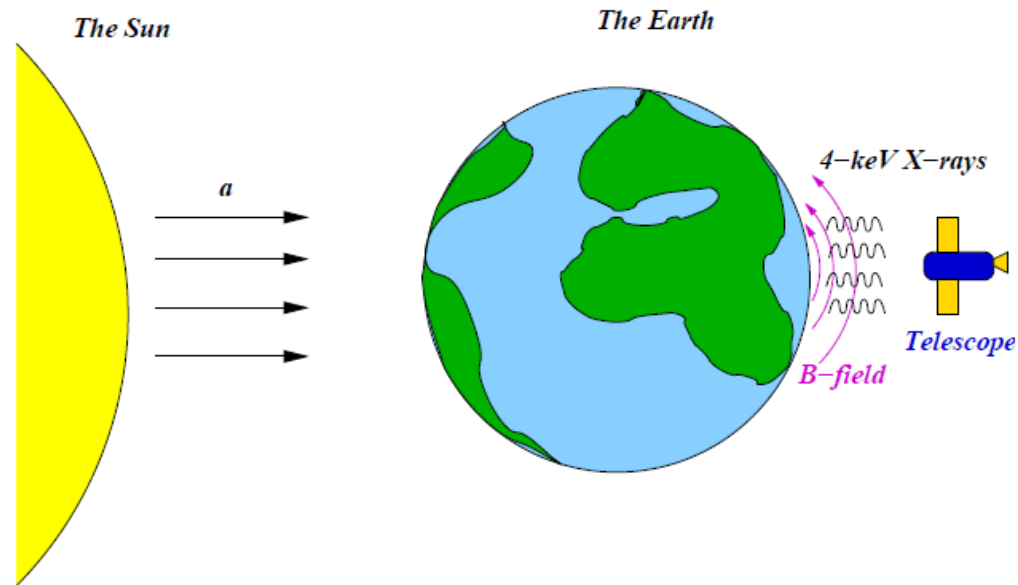
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# SOLAR AXIONS SEARCHES



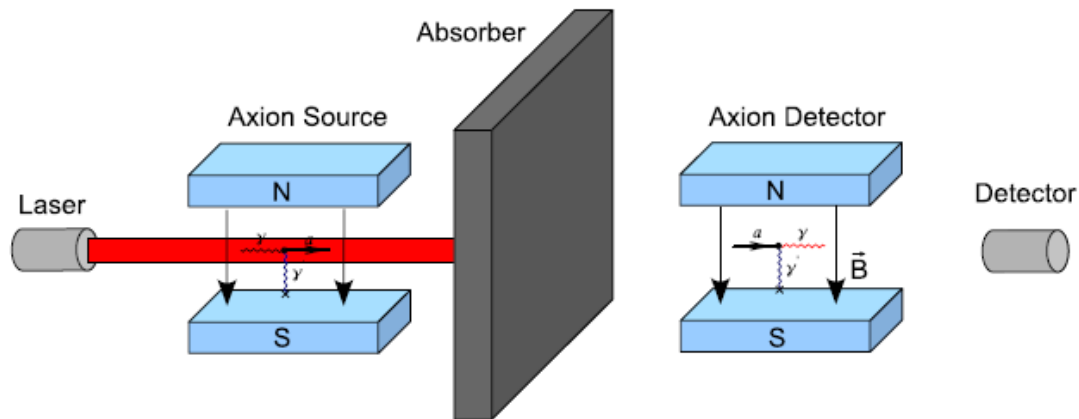
**Fig. 4.** Working principle of an axion helioscope. Axions produced in the Sun core by the Primakoff effect would be converted back into photons in a strong magnetic field. Eventually these photons, which have the same energy spectrum as the incoming axions, could be collected by a X-ray detector placed at the end of the magnet field area.

# GEMAGNETIC AXION CONVERSION



**Fig. 7.** The observational setup to detect geomagnetic converted axions (GECOSAX). The Sun is used as an axion source and a satellite based X-ray observatory to detect the photons from geomagnetically converted axions. The Earth acts as a shield for direct X-rays coming from the Sun and other X-ray sources on the sky

# LIGHT SHINING THROUGH A WALL



**Fig. 10.** Schematic view of a photon regeneration or light shining through a wall experiment. A polarized laser beam enters a transverse magnetic field from the left.

The pioneering experiment based on this technique was performed by the Brookhaven-Fermilab-Rutherford-Trieste (BFRT) collaboration.

The background is a dark blue gradient. In the corners, there are white line-art patterns resembling circuit traces or fiber optic paths, with small circles at the end of the lines.

# EXPLORE AXION AND ALP IN GAMMA RAY DATA

# THE SURVIVAL PROBABILITY

$$P_{\text{osc}} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2 \left[ \frac{g_{a\gamma} B s}{2} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}}{E_\gamma} \right)^2} \right], \quad (3)$$

where  $s$  is the size of the domain and  $B$  is the magnetic field component along the polarization vector of the photon, which is assumed to be approximately constant within that domain. We have also defined an effective mixing angle  $\theta$  and characteristic energy  $\mathcal{E}$  via

$$\sin^2(2\theta) = \frac{1}{1 + (\mathcal{E}/E_\gamma)^2}, \quad \mathcal{E} \equiv \frac{m^2}{2g_{a\gamma} B}, \quad (4)$$

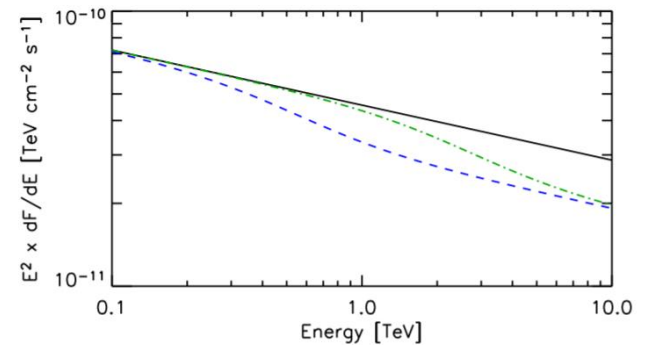


FIG. 1: A typical power-law  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum (solid line) and its distortion for photon-ALP conversion with  $\mathcal{A} = 1/3$  and critical energies  $\mathcal{E} = 500$  GeV (dashed lines) and  $\mathcal{E} = 2.5$  TeV (dashed-dotted line). See text for details.

Hooper, Dan *et al.* Phys.Rev.Lett. 99 (2007)  
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# HOW TO CALCULATION THE THE SURVIVAL PROBABILITY

Von-Neumann-like commutator equation, e.g. [69],

$$i \frac{d\rho}{dx_3} = [\rho, \mathcal{M}], \quad (3)$$

with the mixing matrix  $\mathcal{M}$ . The photon-ALP mixing is induced by the transversal magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_\perp$  only. For a homogenous field orientated along  $x_2$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_\perp = B\hat{e}_2$ , the mixing matrix reads [12, 70],

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_\perp & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_\parallel & \Delta_{a\gamma} \\ 0 & \Delta_{a\gamma} & \Delta_a \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta_\parallel \equiv \Delta_{\text{pl}} + 3.5 \Delta_{\text{QED}}, \quad (10)$$

$$\Delta_\perp \equiv \Delta_{\text{pl}} + 2 \Delta_{\text{QED}}, \quad (11)$$

$$\Delta_{a\gamma} \equiv \frac{1}{2} g_{a\gamma} B_T \simeq 1.52 \times 10^{-2} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{B_T}{10^{-9} \text{ G}} \right) \text{ Mpc}^{-1}, \quad (12)$$

$$\Delta_a \equiv -\frac{m^2}{2E} \simeq -7.8 \times 10^{-3} \left( \frac{m}{10^{-13} \text{ eV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{E}{10^2 \text{ keV}} \right)^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}, \quad (13)$$

with

$$\Delta_{\text{pl}} \equiv -\frac{\omega_{\text{pl}}^2}{2E} \simeq -1.1 \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{E}{10^2 \text{ keV}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{n_e}{10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right) \text{ Mpc}^{-1}, \quad (14)$$

$$\Delta_{\text{QED}} \equiv \frac{\alpha E}{45\pi} \left( \frac{B_T}{B_{\text{cr}}} \right)^2 \simeq 4.1 \times 10^{-16} \left( \frac{E}{10^2 \text{ keV}} \right) \left( \frac{B_T}{10^{-9} \text{ G}} \right)^2 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}, \quad (15)$$

Equation (3) is solved by means of the transfer matrix  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $\rho(x_3) = \mathcal{T}(x_3, 0; E)\rho(0)\mathcal{T}^\dagger(x_3, 0; E)$ , with the initial condition  $\mathcal{T}(0, 0; E) = 1$ , e.g. [17, 23, 38, 72]. Neither the magnetic field in the Perseus cluster nor the Galactic magnetic field are homogeneous. Therefore, the path in the different  $B$  fields is split up into  $N$  segments. In each segment,  $\mathbf{B}_\perp$  is assumed to be constant and forms an angle  $\psi_i$ , ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) with the  $x_2$  axis. The  $B$  field is modeled as a divergence-free homogeneous isotropic field with Gaussian turbulence [40] The full transfer matrix is then

$$\mathcal{T}(x_{3,N}, x_{3,1}; \psi_N, \dots, \psi_1; E) = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{T}(x_{3,i+1}, x_{3,i}; \psi_i; E). \quad (5)$$

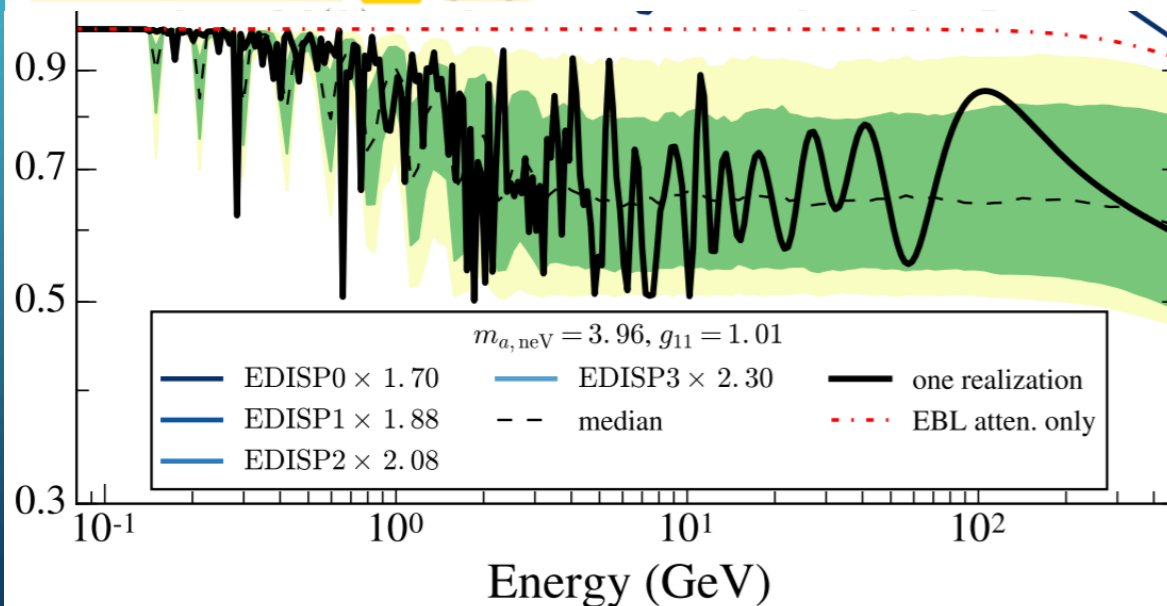
In this setup, the probability to observe a photon of either polarization  $\rho_{jj} = \text{diag}(\delta_{1j}, \delta_{2j}, 0)$  after the  $N$ -th domain is given by

$$P_{\gamma\gamma} = \sum_{j=1,2} \text{Tr}(\rho_{jj}\mathcal{T}\rho_0\mathcal{T}^\dagger). \quad (6)$$

# REAL MAGNETIC FIELD SITUATION

## Intra-cluster magnetic field

Faraday RM observations and magneto-hydrodynamic simulations suggest that the magnetic field in galaxy clusters is turbulent and that its strength follows the electron density  $n_e(r)$  of the intra-cluster medium (ICM),  $B(r) = B_0(n_e(r)/n_e(r = 0))^\eta$  [46–48]. We model the turbulent component as a divergence-free homogeneous isotropic field with Gaussian turbulence with zero mean and a variance  $\sigma_B$  [40]. The energy density follows a



# THE GAMMA RAY DATA IN ALP MODEL

Under the ALP hypothesis, characterized by  $P_{\gamma\gamma} \equiv P_{\gamma\gamma}(E, m_a, g_{a\gamma}, \mathbf{B}_j)$  for one random turbulent  $B$ -field realization  $\mathbf{B}_j$ , the expected number of photons is calculated through

$$\mu_{ik'} = \sum_k \mathcal{D}_{kk'}^i \int_{\Delta E_k} dE P_{\gamma\gamma} F(E) \mathcal{E}^i(E), \quad (2)$$

where the integration runs over the true energy bin  $\Delta E_k$ ,  $\mathcal{E}^i$  is the exposure, and  $\mathcal{D}_{kk'}^i$  is the energy dispersion for event type EDISP $i$ . Under the null hypothesis,  $P_{\gamma\gamma}$  reduces to the EBL attenuation. The parameters of the intrinsic source spectrum  $F(E)$ ,  $N$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ , are further nuisance parameters. For each tested ALP parameter

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## Search for Spectral Irregularities due to Photon–Axionlike-Particle Oscillations with the Fermi Large Area Telescope

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We report on the search for spectral irregularities induced by oscillations between photons and axionlike-particles (ALPs) in the  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum of NGC 1275, the central galaxy of the Perseus cluster. Using six years of *Fermi* Large Area Telescope data, we find no evidence for ALPs and

For the turbulence spectrum, we assume values derived from RMs of the cool-core cluster A 2199 [52], which has a comparable number of member galaxies. The fiducial parameter choices are summarized in Tab. I.

Parameter	Value
$\sigma_B$	$10 \mu\text{G}$
$r_{\text{max}}$	500 kpc
$\eta$	0.5
$q$	-2.8
$\Lambda_{\text{min}}$	0.7 kpc
$\Lambda_{\text{max}}$	35 kpc

TABLE I. Fiducial model parameters for the intra-cluster magnetic field in Perseus.

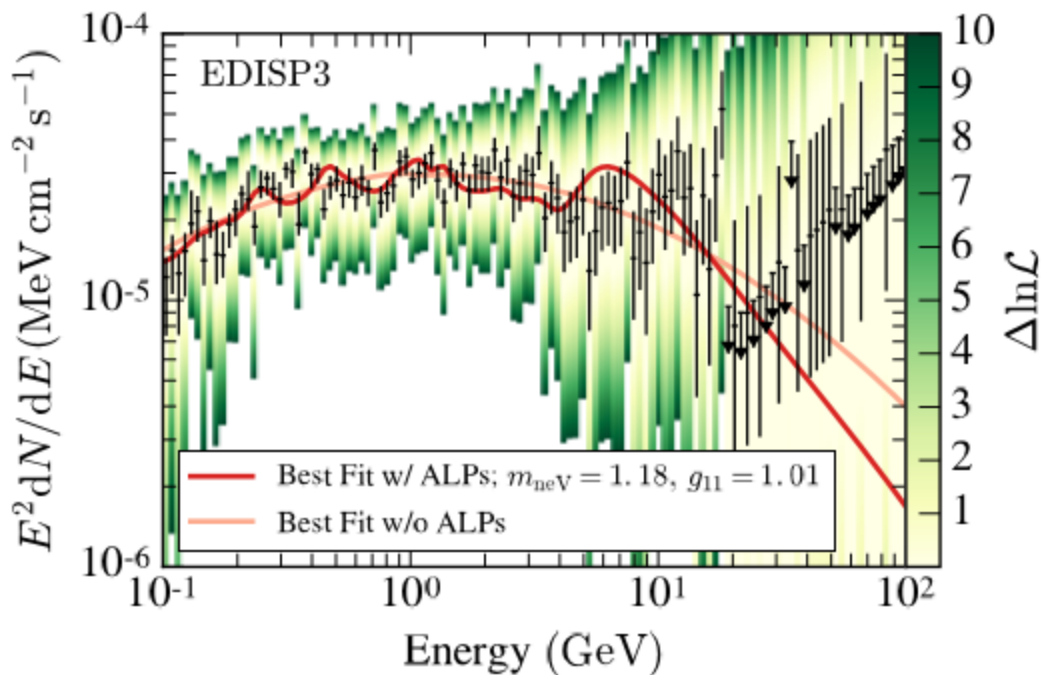


FIG. 1. The likelihood curves (shown in color) for the EDISP3 event type.  $\Delta \ln \mathcal{L} = 0$  corresponds to the maximum likelihood in each bin (black points). The error bars indicate an increase of the likelihood by  $2\Delta \ln \mathcal{L} = 1$ . The best-fit spectrum of the joint likelihood without an ALP (with an ALP with  $m_{\text{neV}} = 1.2$  and  $g_{11} = 1$ ) is shown as a light (dark) red solid line.



# THE RESULT

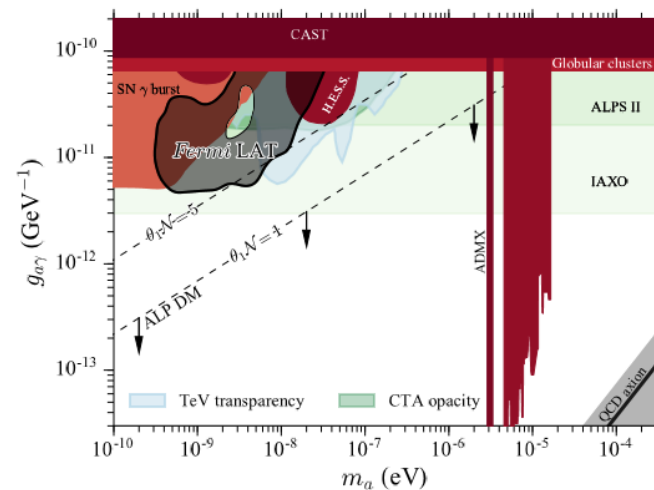
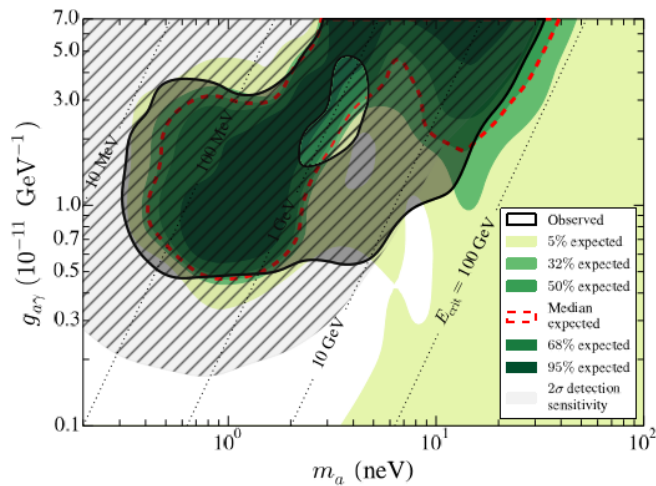
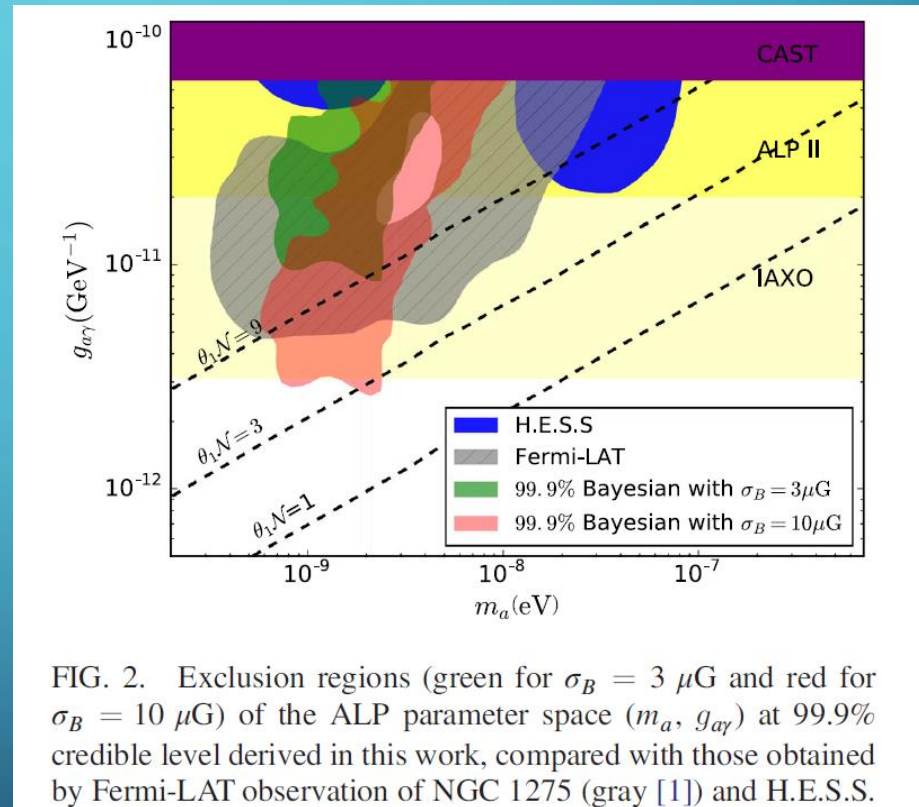


FIG. 2. *Left*: Observed and expected 95% confidence limits on the ALP parameters from 400 Monte-Carlo simulations. Dotted lines correspond to constant critical energies. The hatched gray region shows the parameters where ALPs are detectable at the  $2\sigma$  confidence level (median sensitivity). *Right*: Comparison of *Fermi*-LAT limits with other works. Other Limits are shown in red, expected sensitivities in green. The parameter space where ALPs could explain a low  $\gamma$ -ray opacity is shown in blue. ALPs below the  $\mathcal{N}\theta_1 = 1$  line could account for all the DM. The QCD axion is shown as a gray shaded band and solid black line. See, e.g. [67] and references therein.



# OUR WORK (I)

- Searching the ALP signal from the Fermi LAT data in BL Lac object PKS 2155-304 ( $z=0.116$ )
- Similar method was used as in Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 161101



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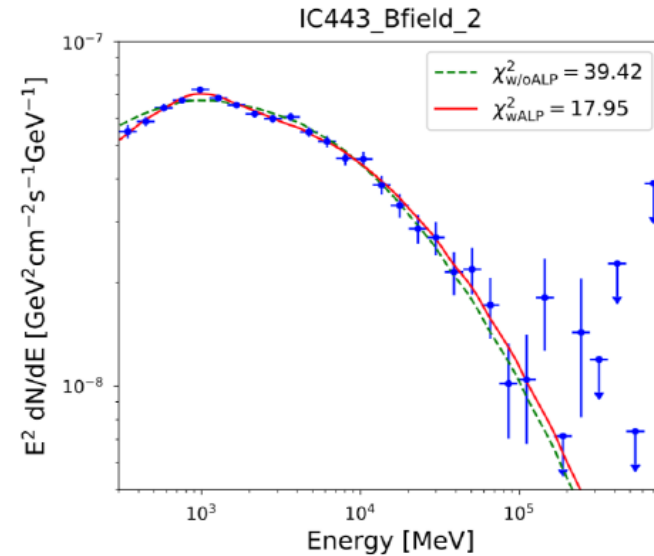
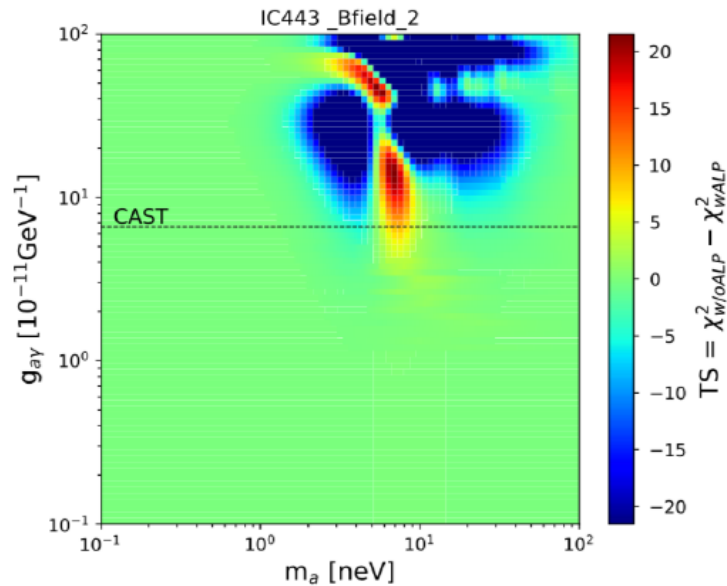
- Searching for spectral oscillations due to photon-ALP conversion using the Fermi-LAT observations of bright supernova remnants
- Data Analyses:  
Calculate **survival probabilities for photons** from SNRs.  
Perform **the Chi-Square analysis** on the Fermi-LAT spectra for the models with or without the photon-ALP oscillation separately.

Name	lon [°]	lat [°]	d [kpc]	$TS_{Bfield1}$	$TS_{Bfield2}$	$TS_{Bfield3}$
IC443	189.065	3.235	1.5	21.2	21.5	21.8
W44	6.660	-0.180	1.9	4.7	3.4	3.2
W51C	49.131	-0.467	5.5	2.2	3.1	5.0

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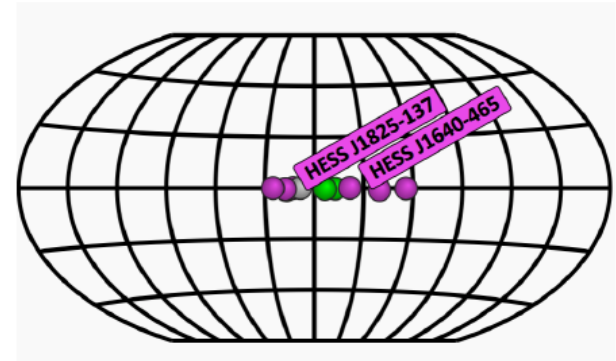
IC443: Show an intriguing indication of photon-ALP mixing?



The best-fit parameters is excluded by the CAST experiment.

# OUR WORK (III)

- Constraints on ALP properties with H.E.S.S. observations of Galactic gamma-ray sources
- Samples: Some bright sources located in the Galactic plane

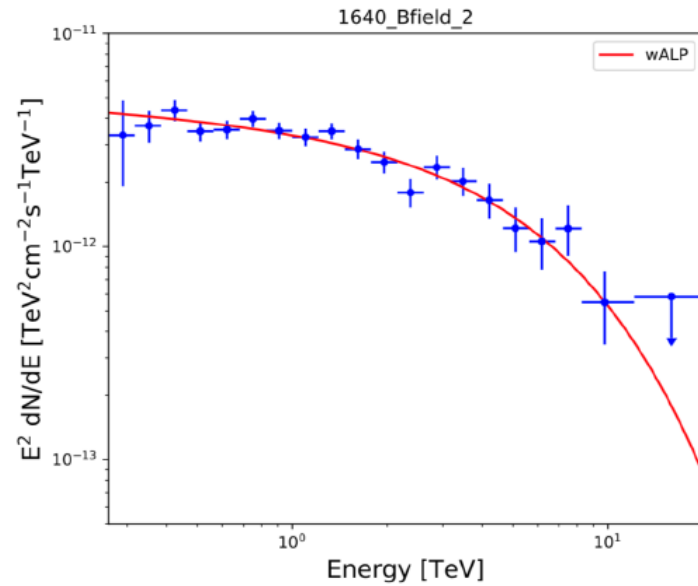
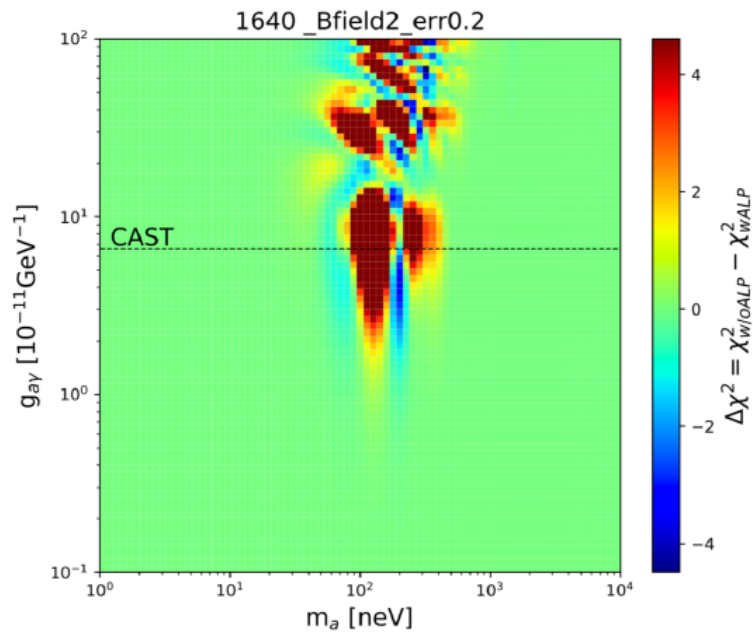


Name	Distance ▲	Gal Lat	Gal Lon
RX J1713.7-3946	1.0 kpc	-0.4726856243282...	347.335519025031
LS 5039	2.5 kpc	-1.27810570904673	16.9021857350709
HESS J1731-347	3.2 kpc	-0.6698	353.5424
HESS J1825-137	3.9 kpc	-0.6968714372208...	17.7106538603428
HESS J1813-178	4.7 kpc	-0.0262889491377...	12.8115067285094
MSH 15-52	5.2 kpc	-1.19304386512435	320.330329434916
HESS J1804-216	6.0 kpc	-0.0284	8.4002
HESS J1303-631	6.6 kpc	-0.3340222360313...	304.213243514506
HESS J1837-069	6.6 kpc	-0.1157232713989...	25.1775852624532
HESS J1640-465	8.6 kpc	-0.0185900990789...	338.317160821871

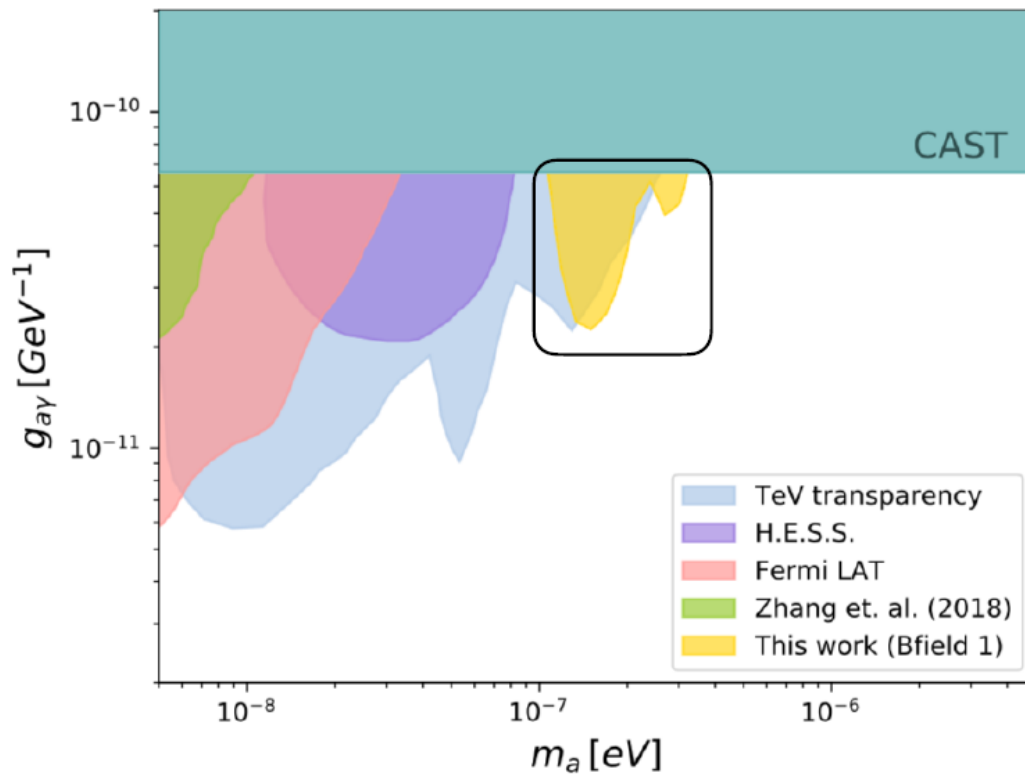
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HESSJ1640-465 D=8.6kpc

**Red regions** are excluded.



# OUR WORK (III)



A part of the parameter space explaining the low  $\gamma$ -ray opacity of the universe can be excluded by the H.E.S.S. observations.



# SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

- Galactic magnetic field model (using three different model)
- Energy binning
- The detector's energy resolution and effective area

# CONCLUSIONS

- No confirm ALP signals was found in gamma ray data
- Lots of tight constrains were obtained
- Best energy resolution is important and DAMPE is helpful.

# DISCUSSIONS

- Constrains with optical data?
- Constrains with X-ray data?
- Combine the data of different band for one single source?
- Other possible target?



THE END

THANK YOU

