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Gamma-ray Space Telescope

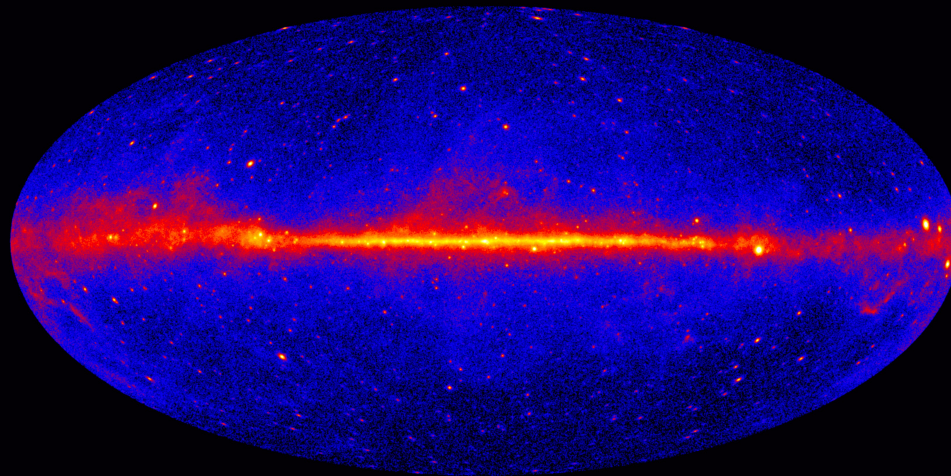
# The High-Energy Interstellar Medium : New insights from (not only) Fermi

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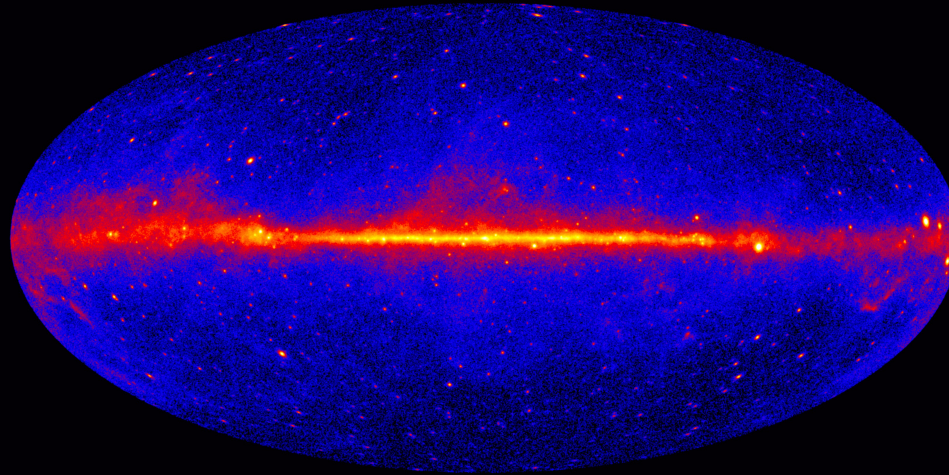
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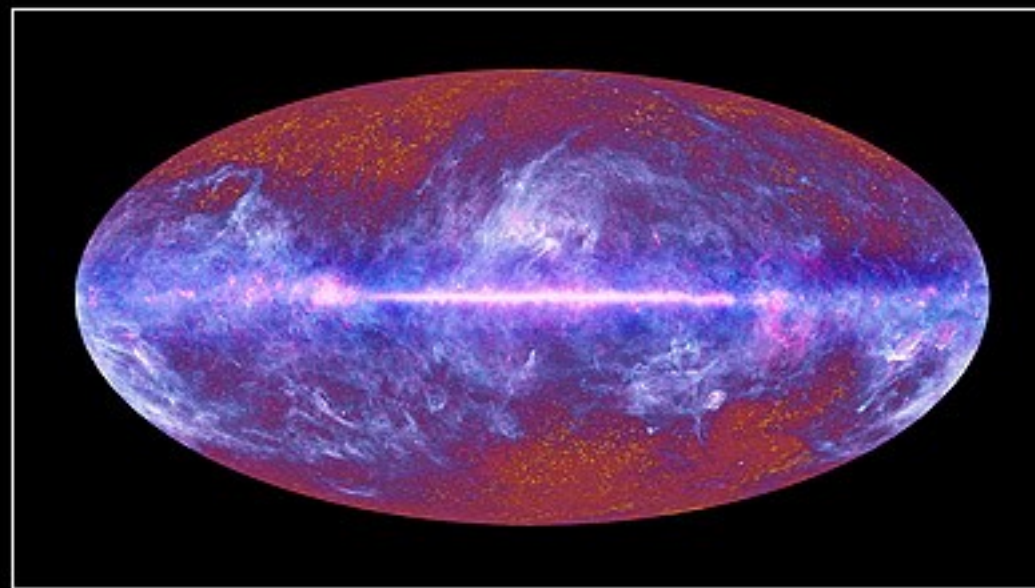
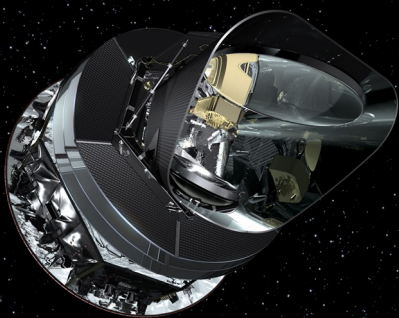


2 years





2 years



1 year

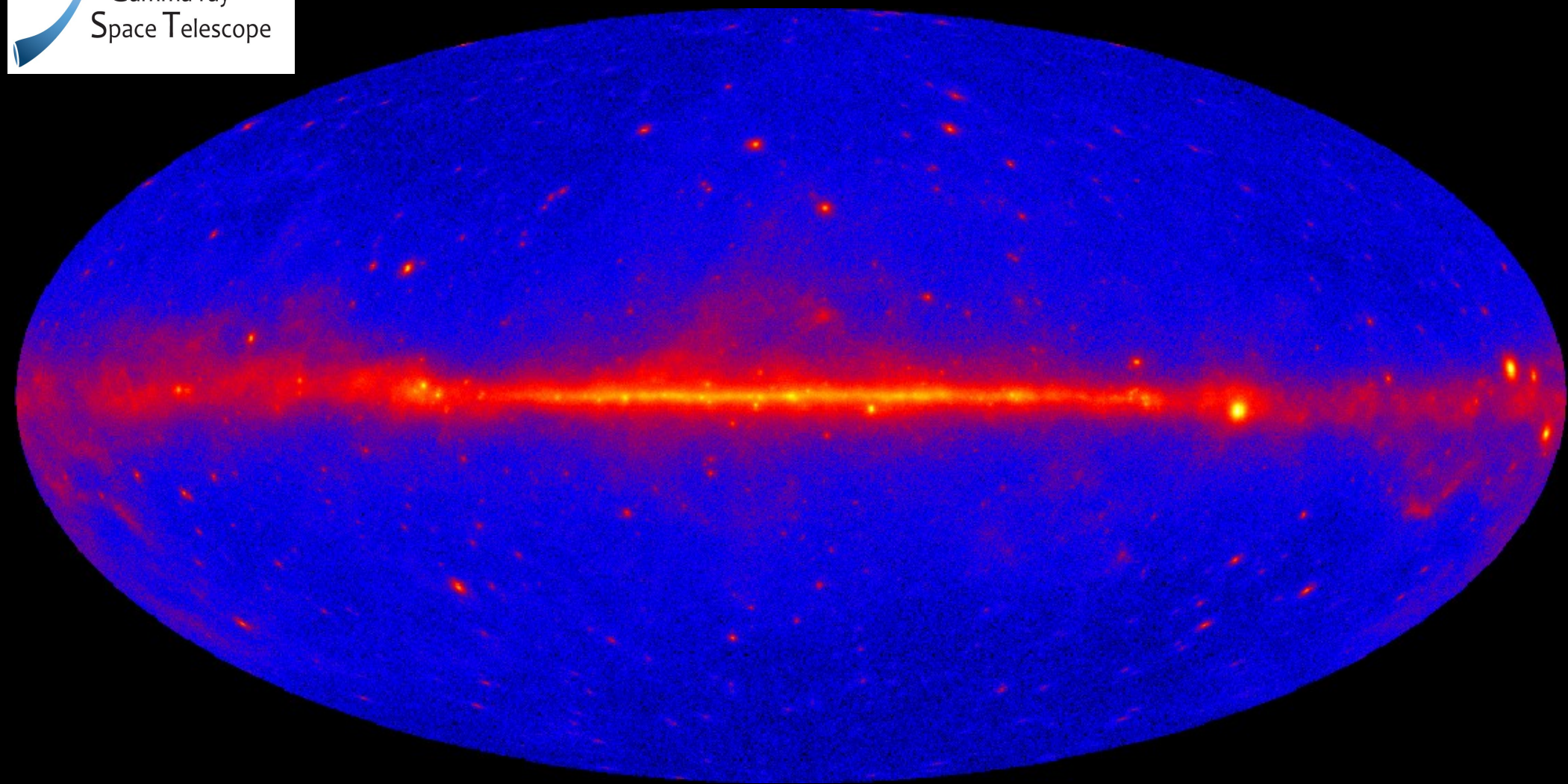
The Planck one-year all-sky survey



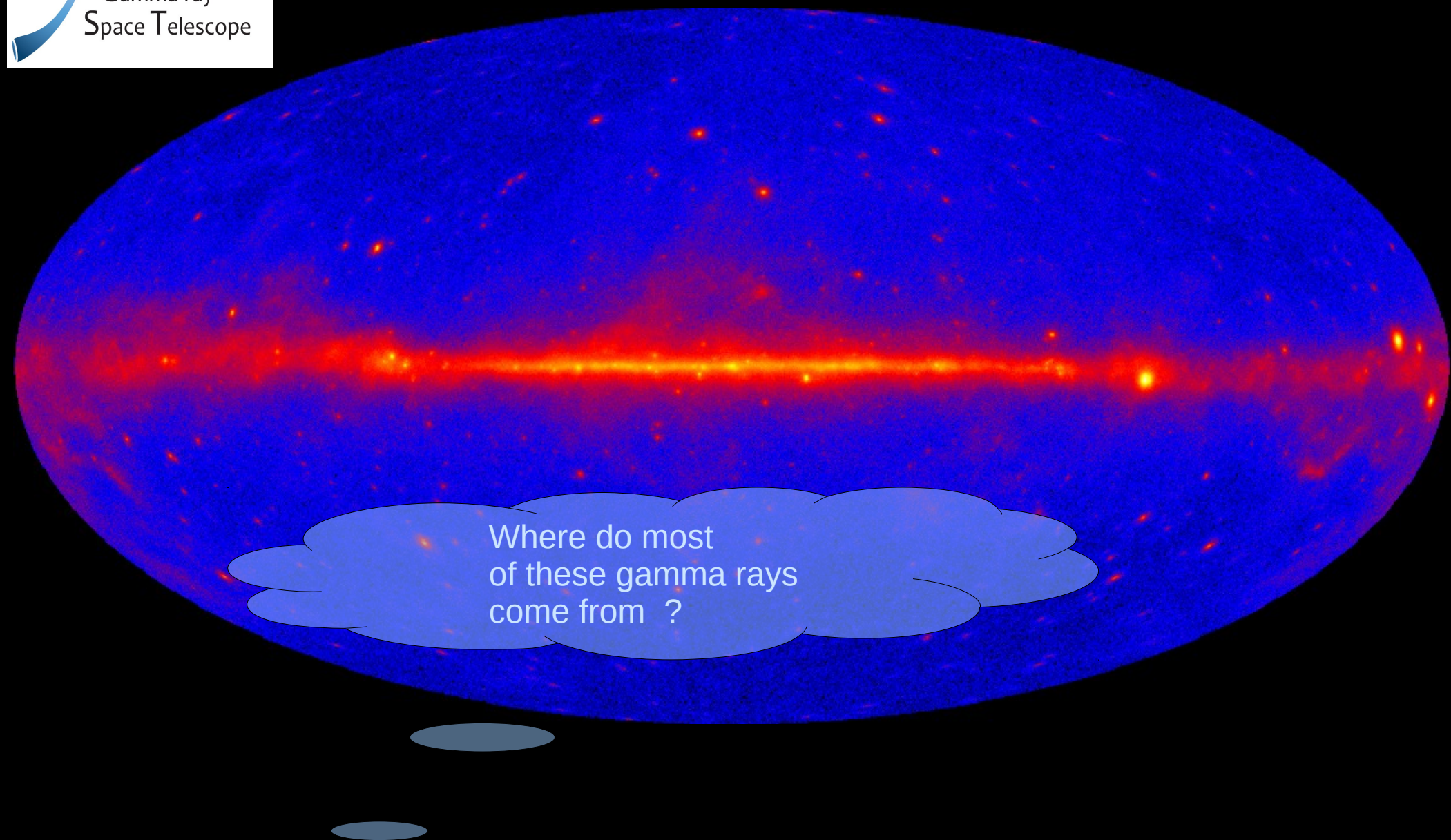
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Both flying now. A lot of common astrophysics !







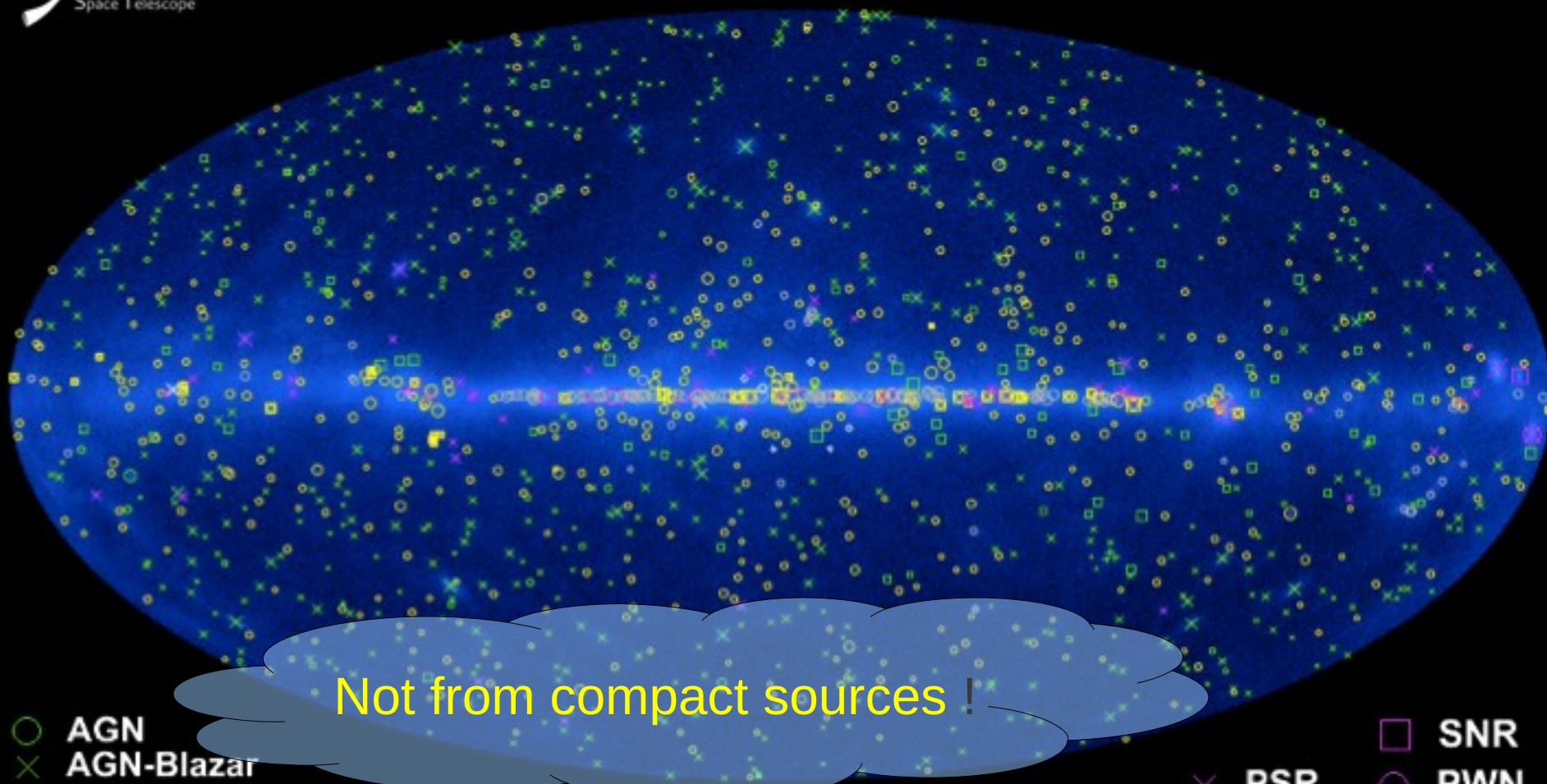


Where do most  
of these gamma rays  
come from ?





# The Fermi LAT 1FGL Source Catalog



Not from compact sources !

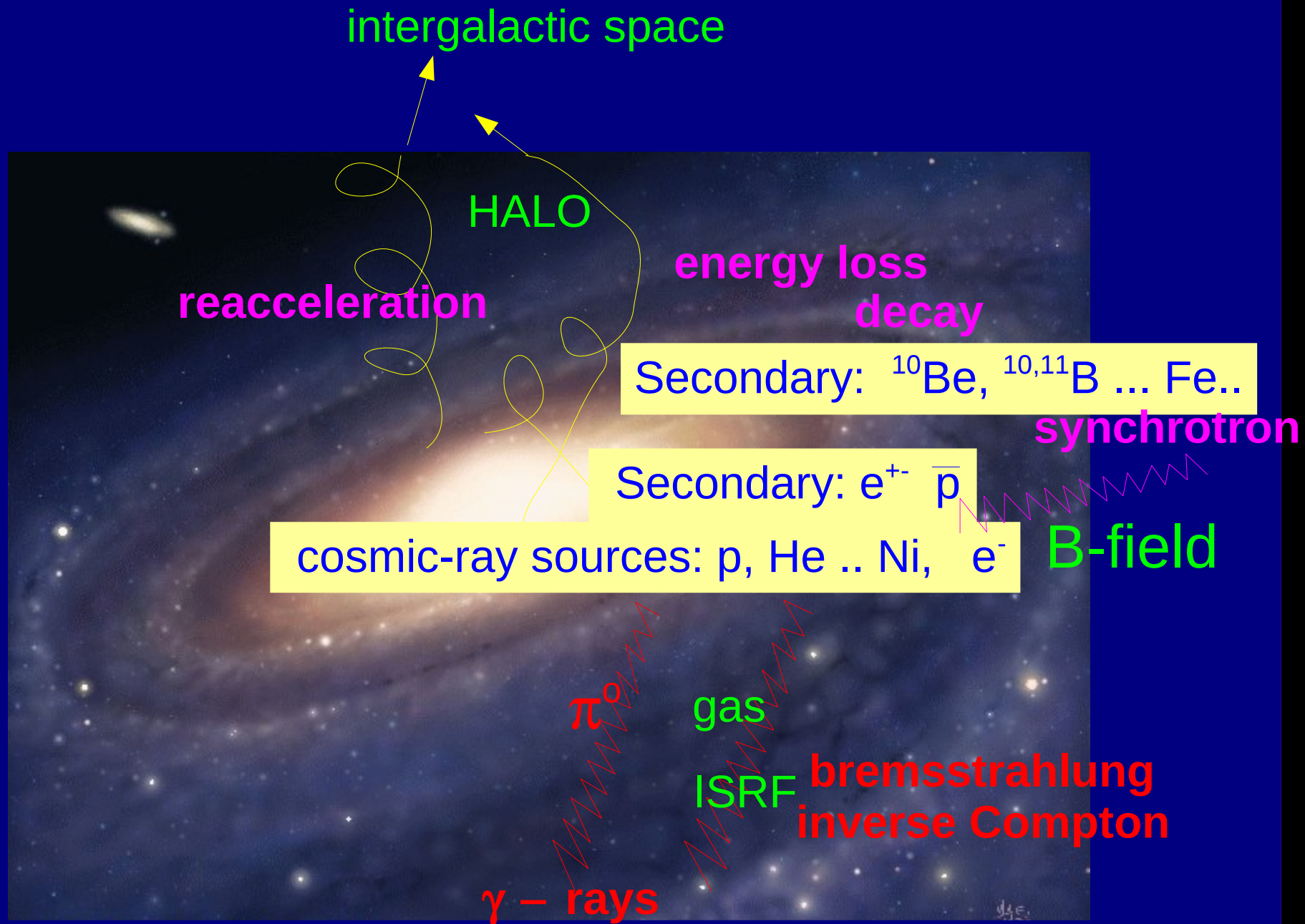
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|---|--------------------|
| ○ AGN   | □ SNR              |
| × AGN-Blazar  | ○ PWN              |
| □ AGN-Non Blazar                                    | × PSR              |
| ○ No Association                                    | ⊗ PSR w/PWN        |
| □ Possible Association with SNR and PWN             | ◇ Globular Cluster |
| ○ Possible confusion with Galactic diffuse emission | × HXB or MQO       |
| □ Starburst Galaxy                                  |                    |
| + Galaxy  |                    |





focus : cosmic-ray production & propagation in the Galaxy

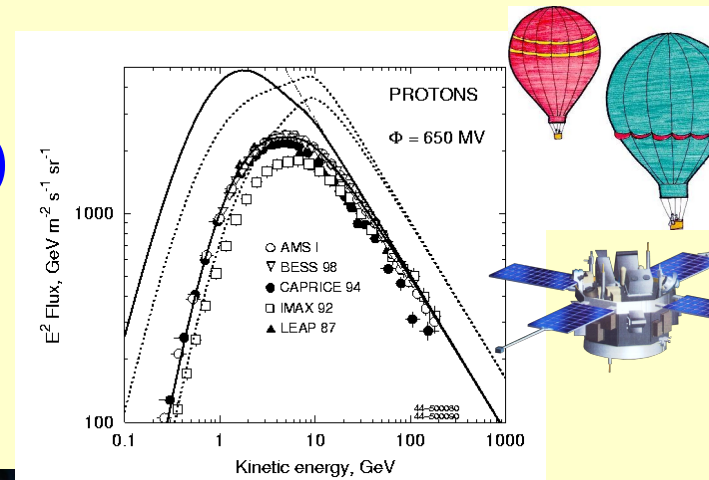
# COSMIC RAYS





The **goal** : use *all* types of data in self-consistent way to test models of cosmic-ray propagation.

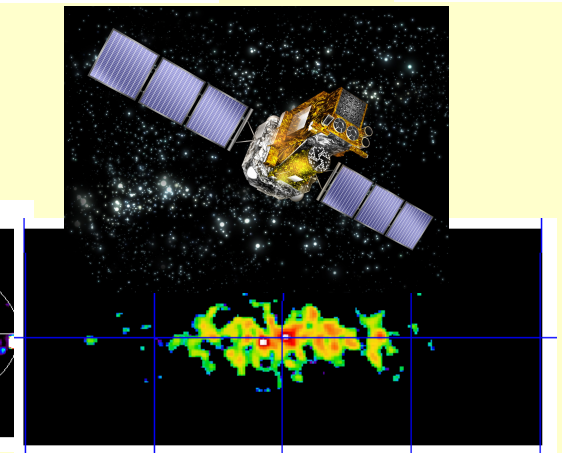
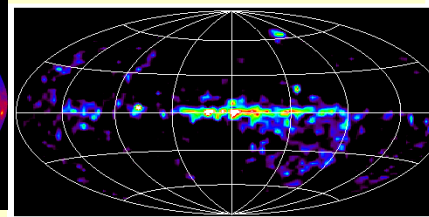
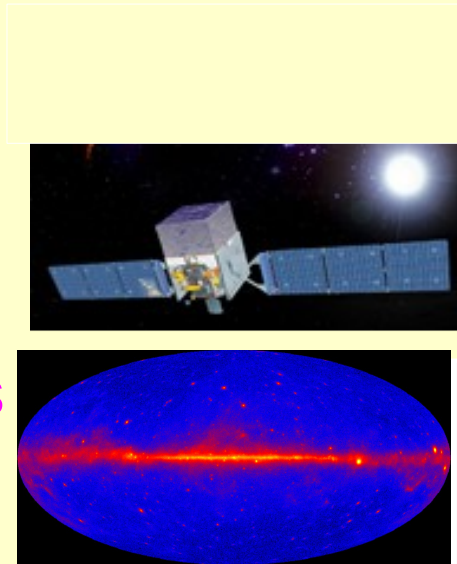
Observed *directly, near Sun*:  
primary spectra (p, He ... Fe;  $e^-$ )  
secondary/primary (B/C etc)  
secondary  $e^+$ , antiprotons...



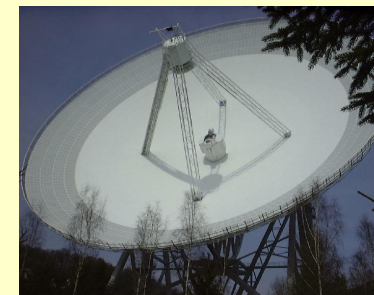
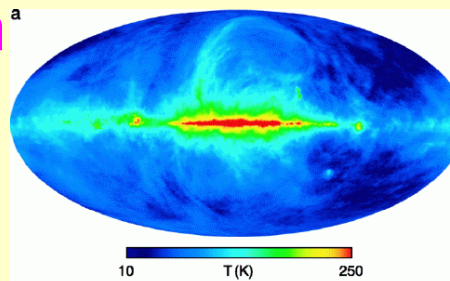
Victor Hess before his 1912 balloon in Austria, during which he discovered cosmic rays



Observed  
from whole  
Galaxy:  
 $\gamma$  - rays



synchrotron<sup>a</sup>



# GALPROP code

Built up over more than 15 years by a small (but growing) team.

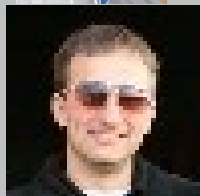
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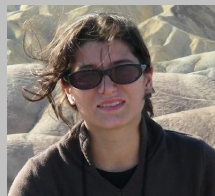
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## GALPROP

Public code

Dedicated website *galprop.stanford.edu* for code and forum

Web-based runs without installing code ! Runs on dedicated server

Used in many papers / year

Adopted as standard model for Fermi, for both diffuse and source analysis

Need such a model to do justice to the quality of Fermi data

Other applications include contribution to Planck Galaxy model.

# Cosmic-ray propagation

$$\frac{\partial \psi(\underline{r}, p)}{\partial t} = q(\underline{r}, p)$$

cosmic-ray sources (primary and secondary)

$$+ \nabla \cdot (D_{xx} \nabla \psi - v \psi)$$

diffusion                      convection

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} [p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial p} / p^2]$$

diffusive reacceleration (diffusion in p)

$D_{pp} D_{xx} \sim p^2 v_A^2$

$$- \frac{\partial}{\partial p} [dp/dt \psi] - p/3 (\nabla \cdot v) \psi$$

momentum loss                      adiabatic momentum loss  
ionization, bremsstrahlung

$$- \psi / \tau_f$$

nuclear fragmentation

$$- \psi / \tau_r$$

radioactive decay



# How cosmic-ray propagation is computed

## GALPROP code

Linear equation, easy to solve.

2D or 3D grid, resolution down to 100 pc

$dn/dt = \text{source terms} + \text{propagation terms}$

$\Delta t \sim 1000 \text{ yrs}$

for steady-state, evolve until  $dn / dt = 0$

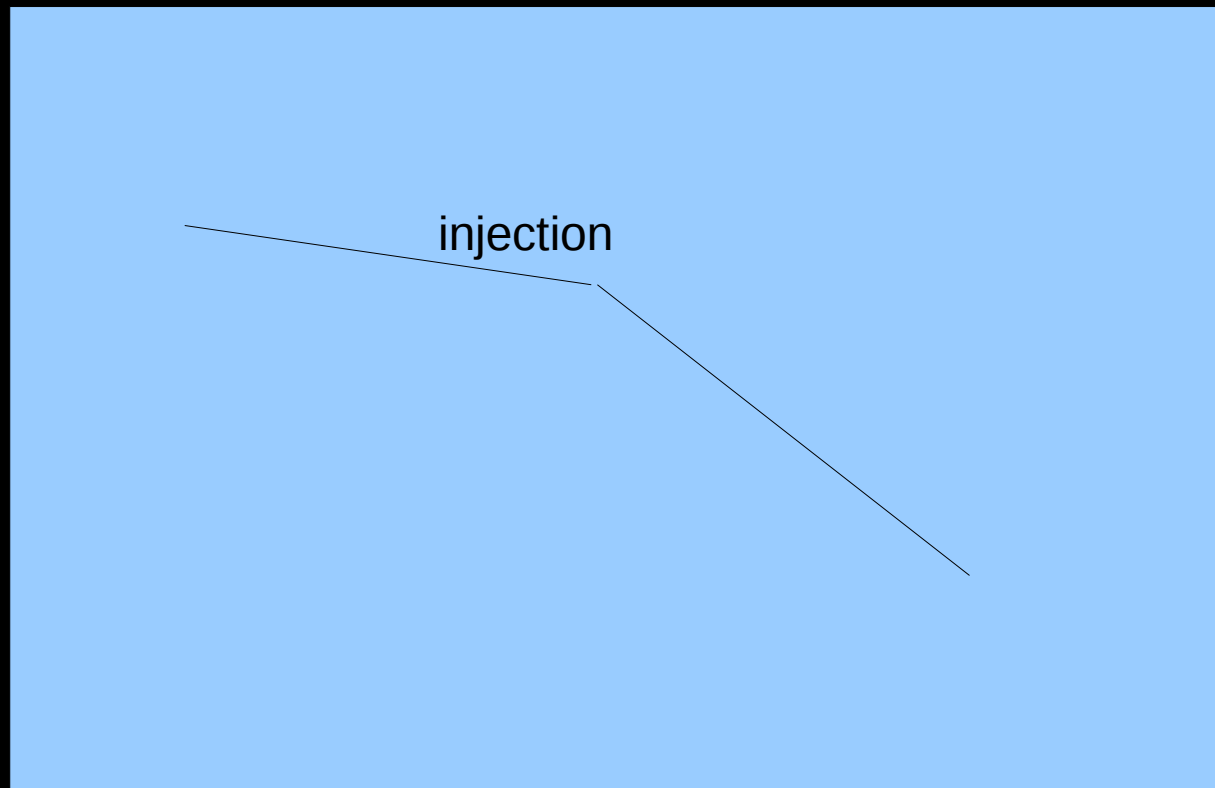
or time-dependent solution if required e.g. for stochastic sources.

Cosmic-ray nuclei: start from  $^{64}\text{Ni}$  and work down in (A, Z)  
including secondary production  
plus secondary positrons, electrons, antiprotons

primary electrons: separate species

# Producing the cosmic-ray spectrum

$J(E)$

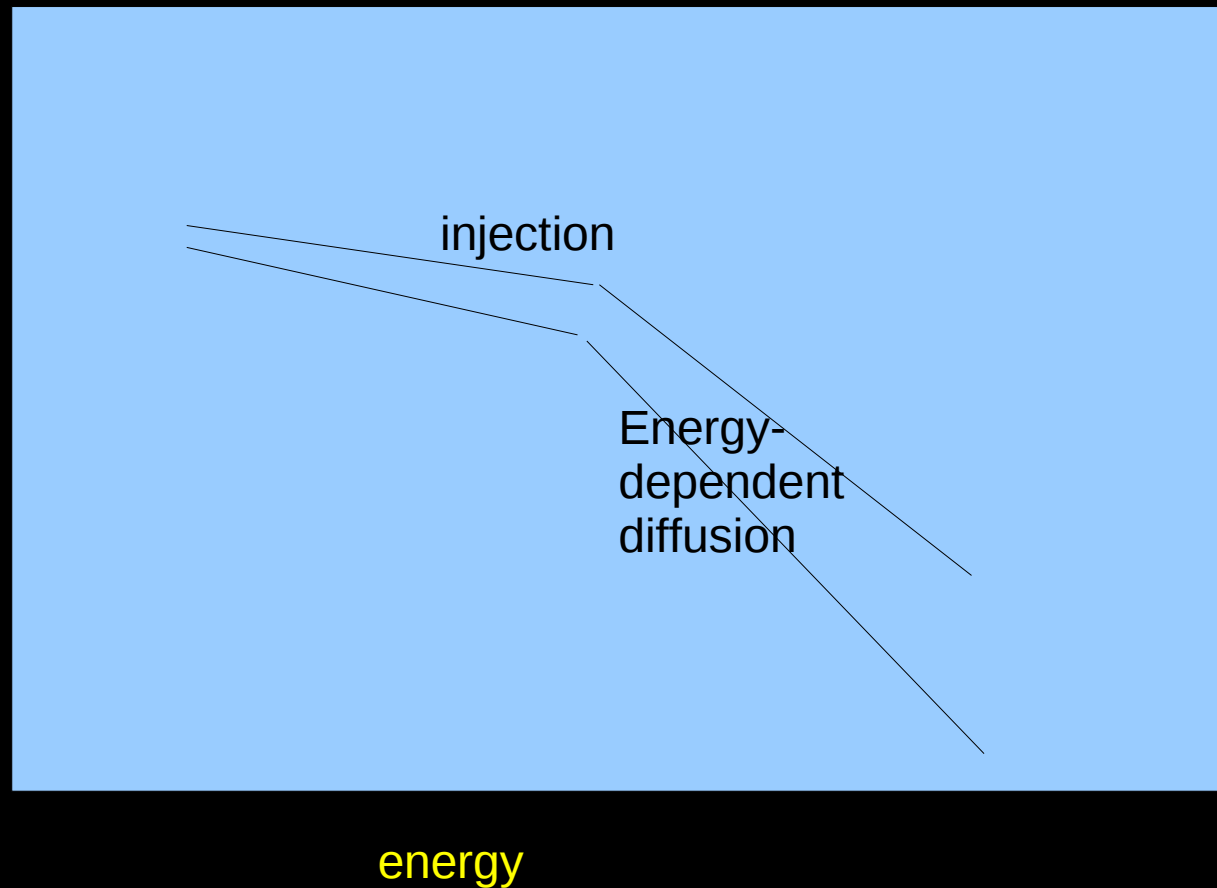


energy



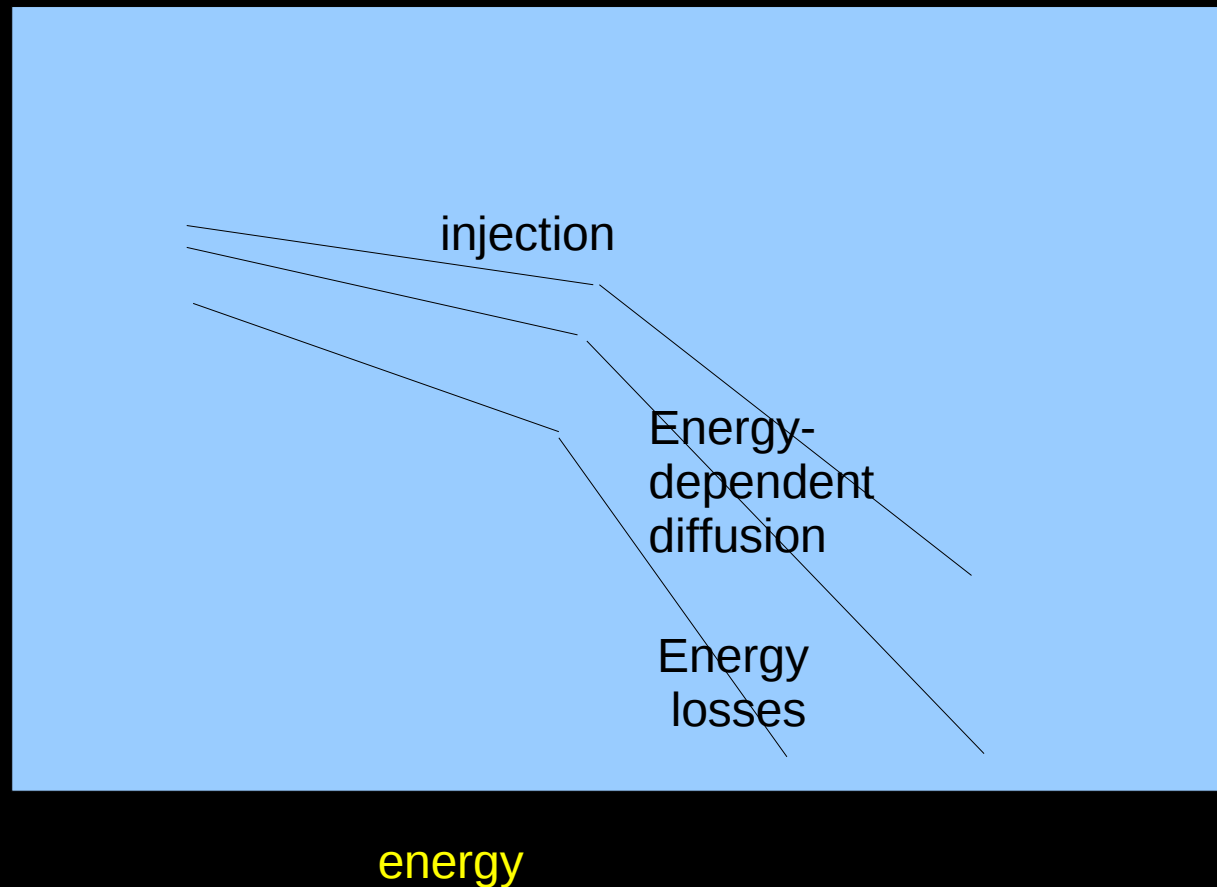
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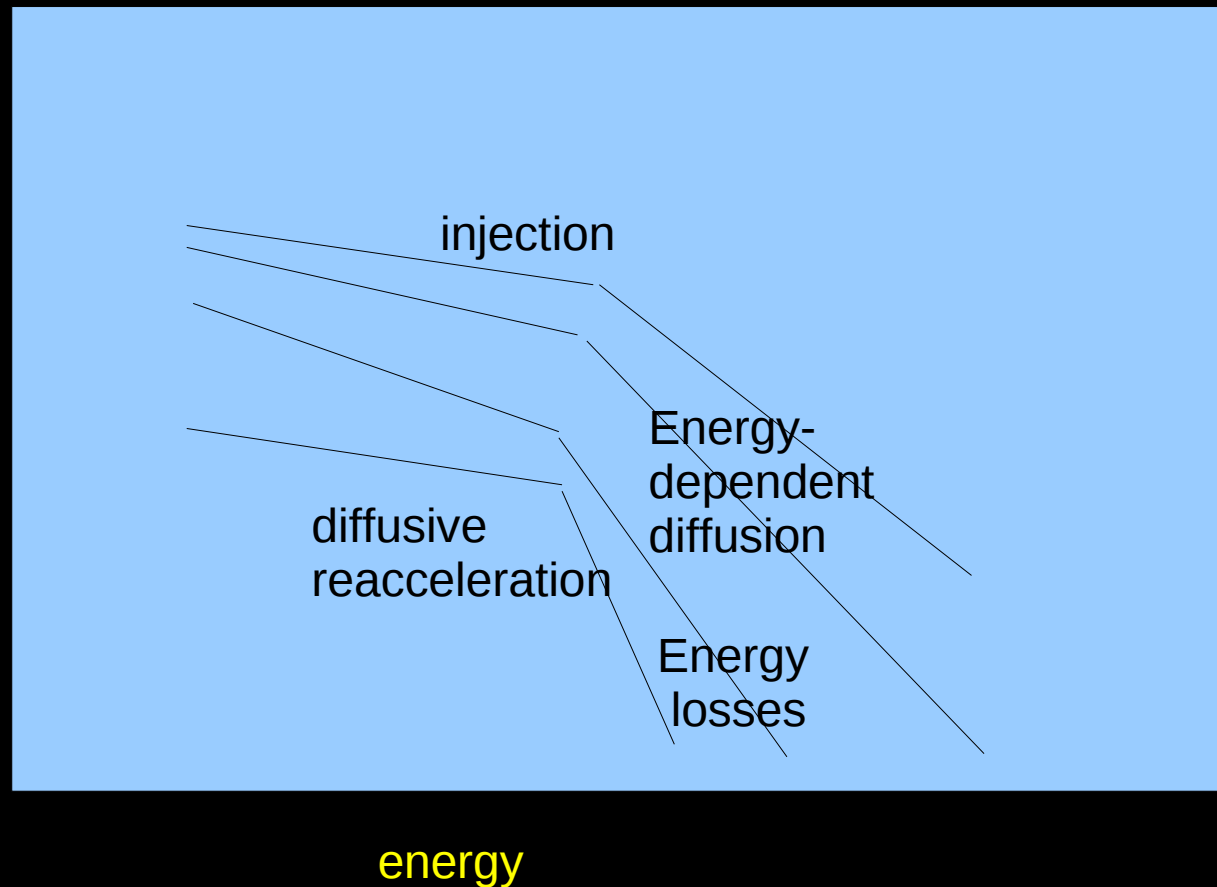
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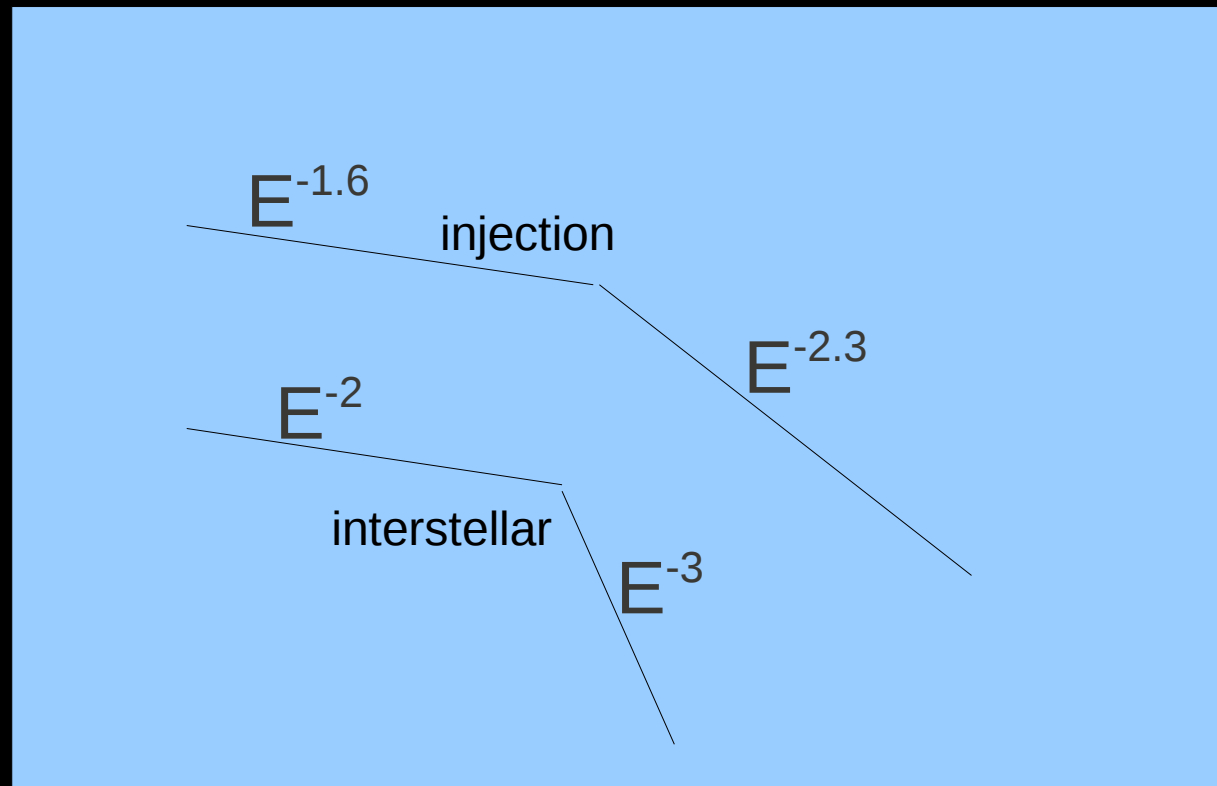




# Producing the cosmic-ray spectrum

Example: electrons

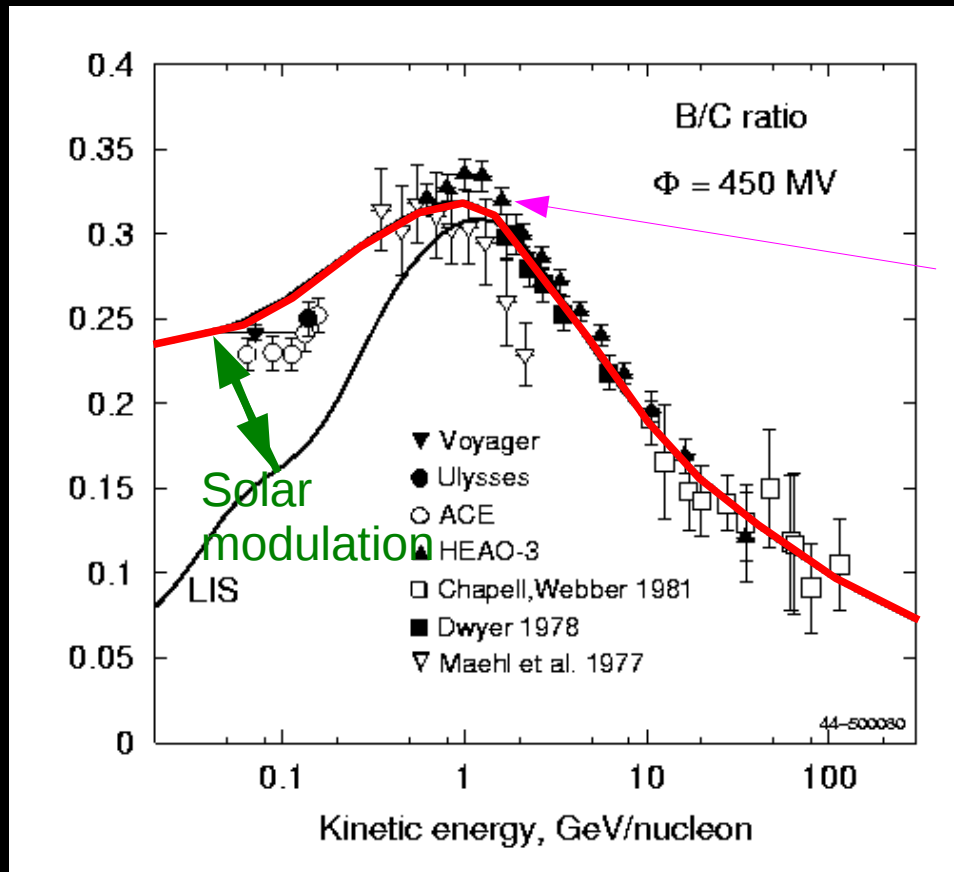
$J(E)$



energy

Key data : cosmic-ray secondary/primary ratios: e.g. Boron/Carbon probes cosmic-ray propagation parameters

## Boron / Carbon



Peak in B/C can be explained by **diffusive reacceleration** with Kolmogorov spectrum giving diffusion coefficient energy dependence

Spatial diffusion

$$D_{xx} \sim \beta p^{1/3}$$

Momentum space diffusion

$$D_{pp} \sim 1 / D_{xx}$$

Without reacceleration, need a change to constant  $D$  at low energy to get B/C peak  
However reacceleration not proven !

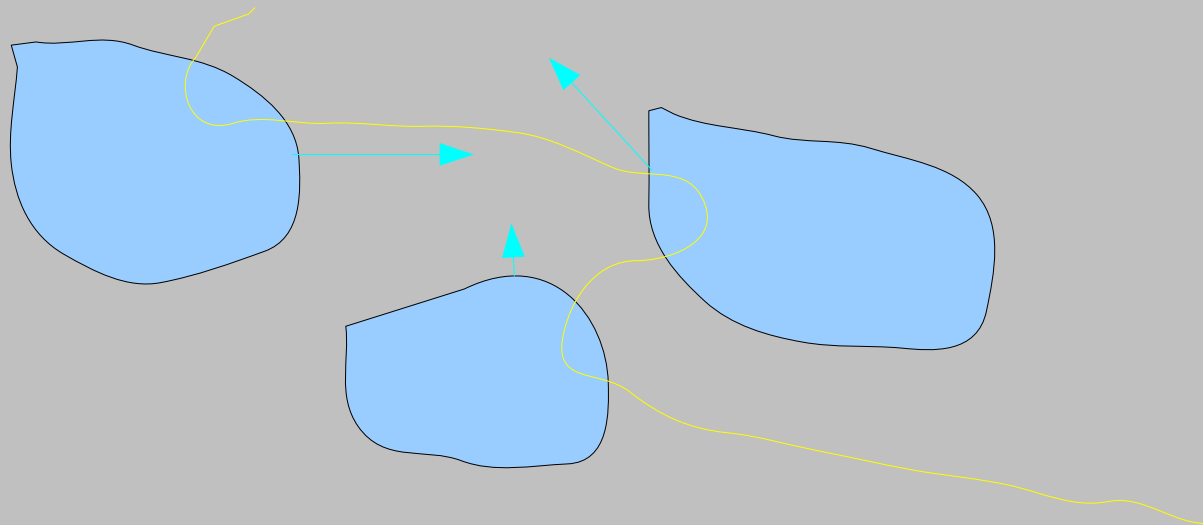
## Diffusive reacceleration

Cosmic rays diffuse by scattering on magnetic irregularities

'clouds'

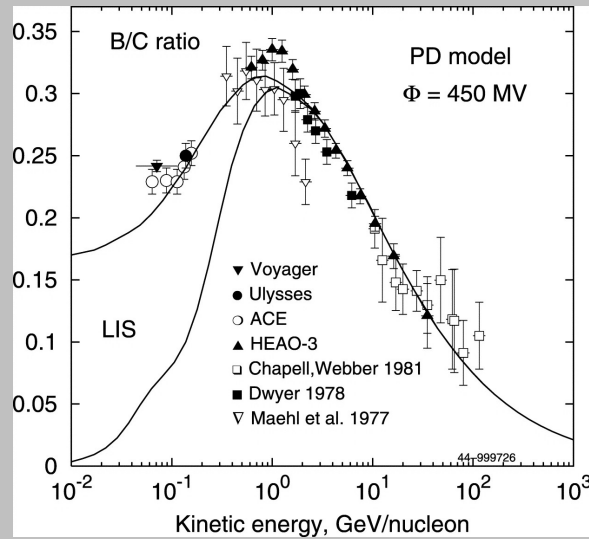
Moving clouds → momentum transfer

→ diffusion in momentum space = diffusive reacceleration

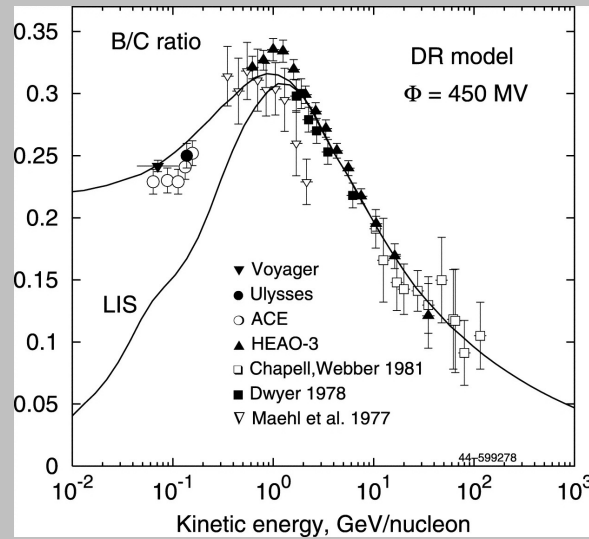




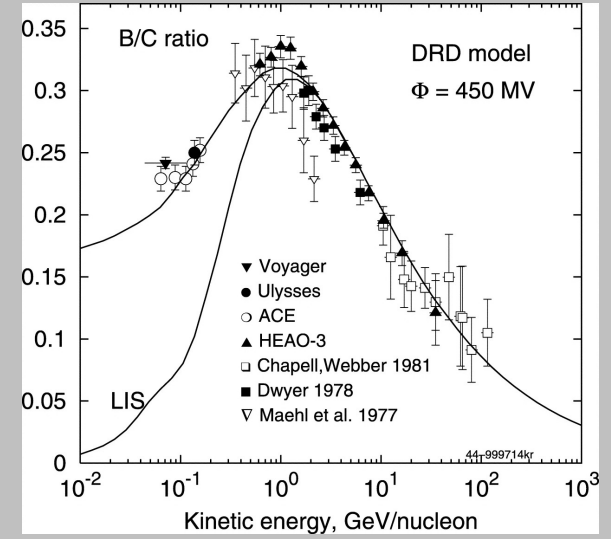
plain diffusion



diffusive reacceleration

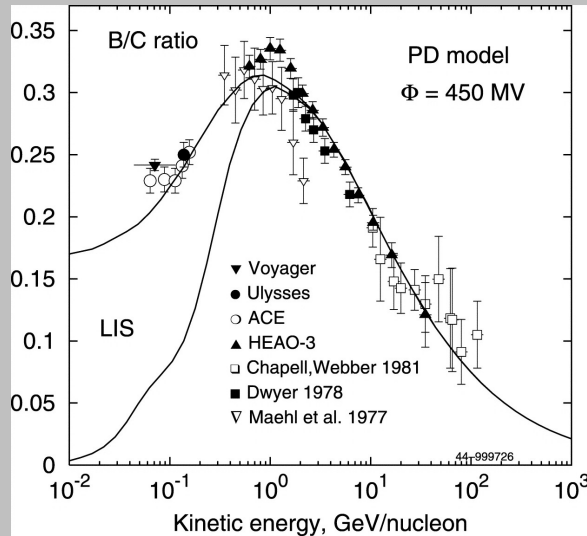


wave damping

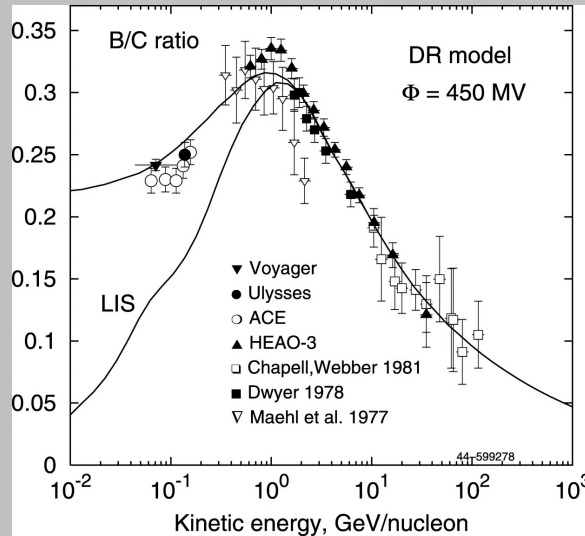


For any model, first adjust parameters to fit Boron/Carbon

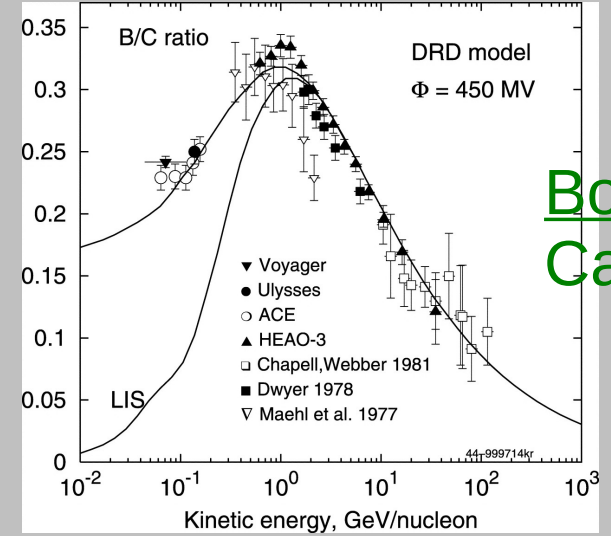
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diffusive reacceleration



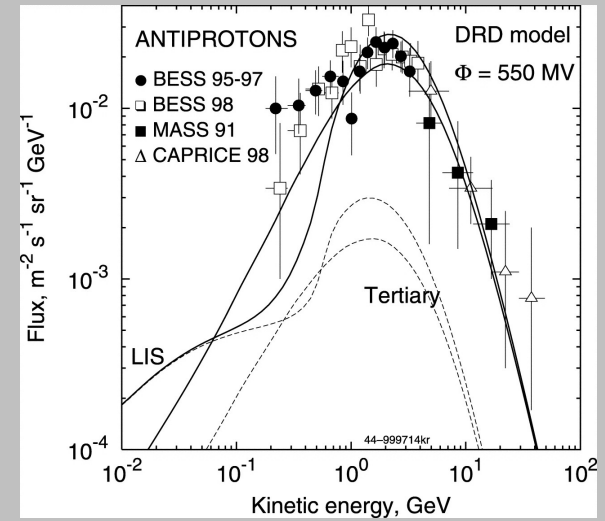
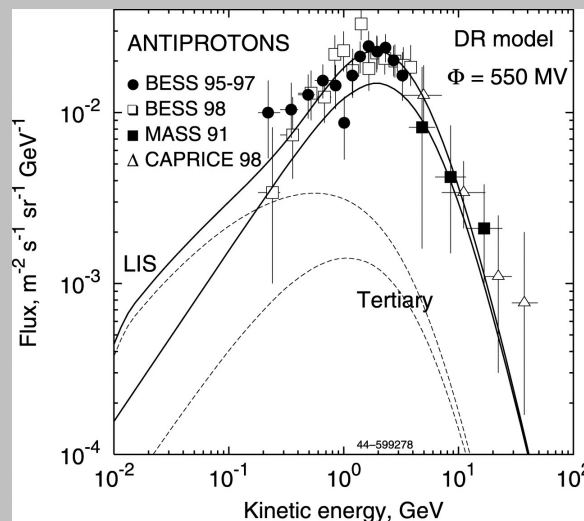
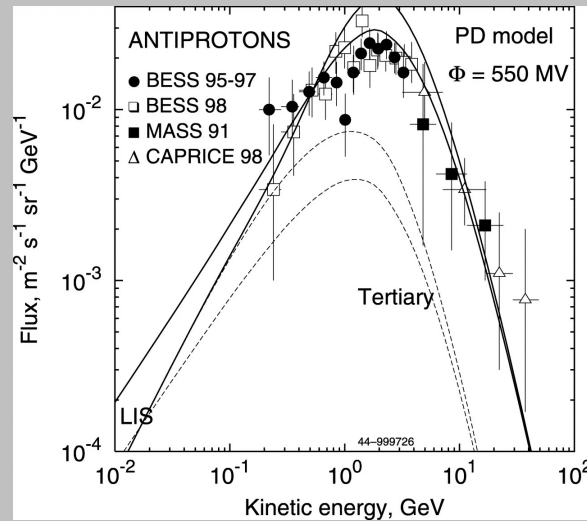
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Boron/  
Carbon

then predict the other cosmic-ray spectra

antiprotons

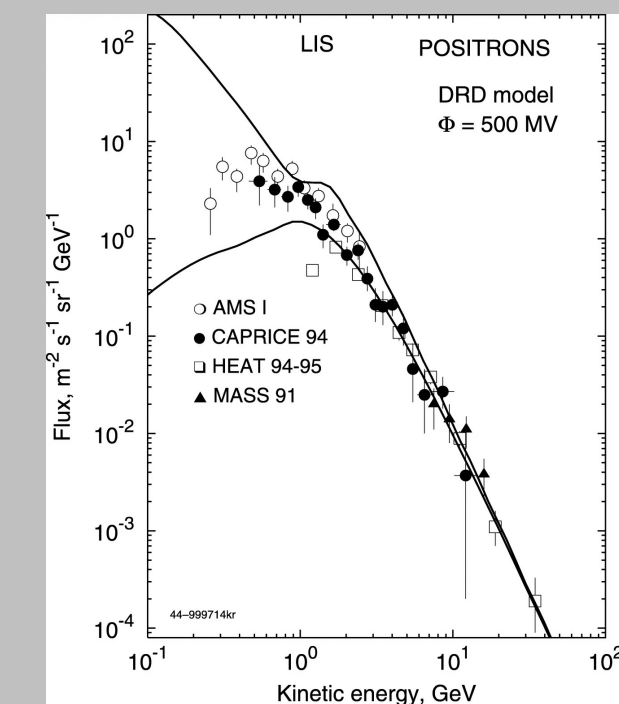
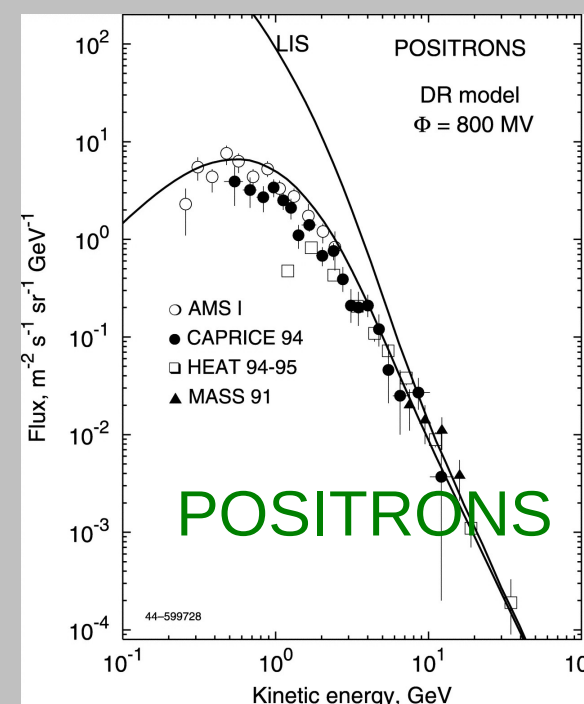
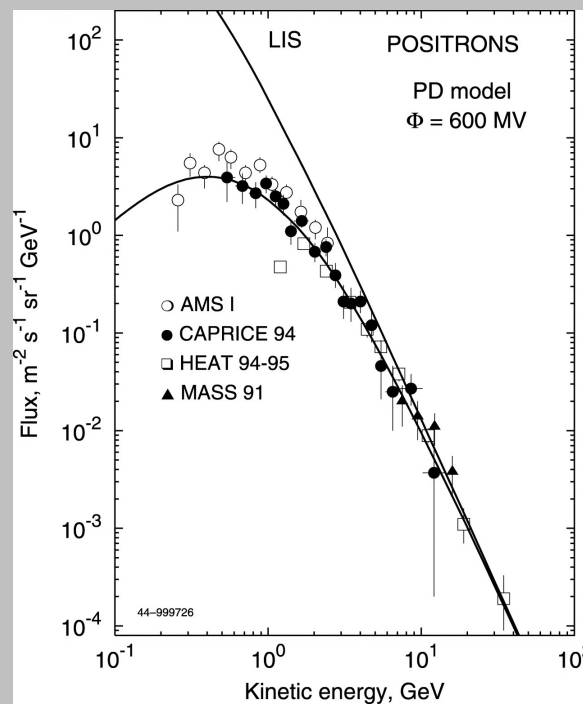
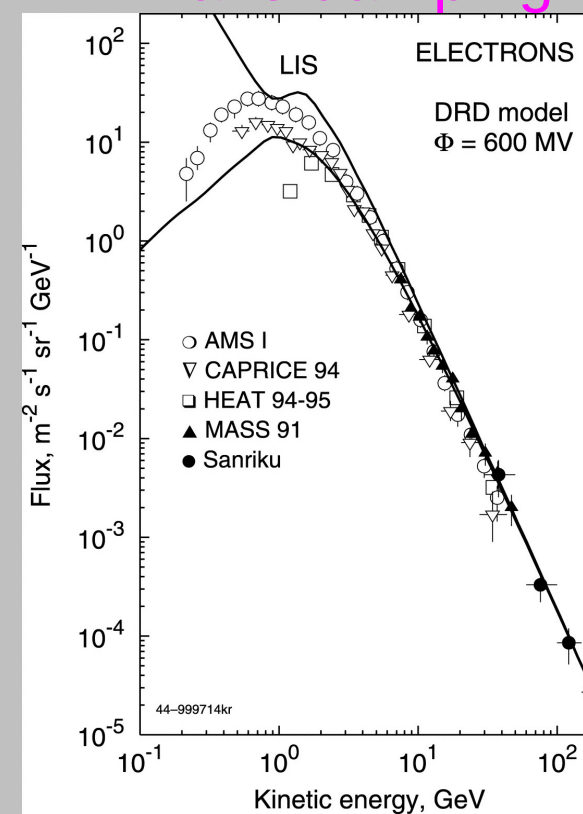
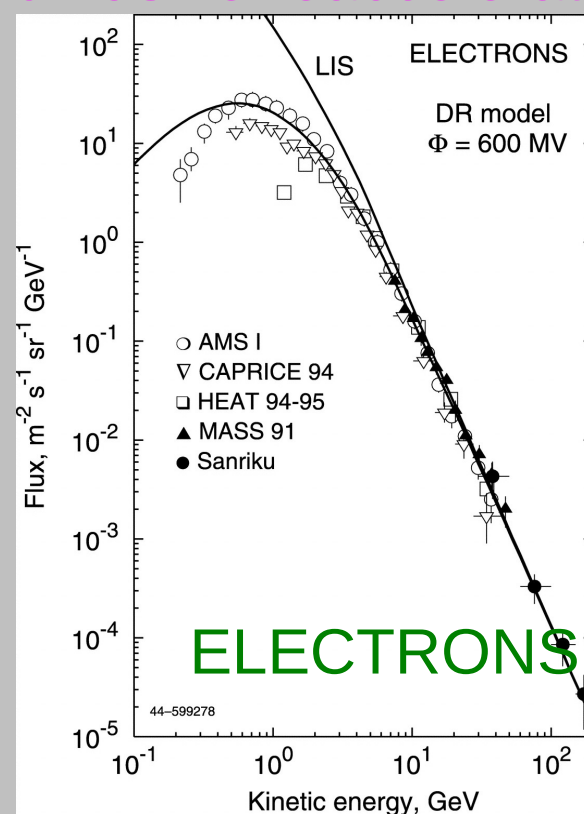
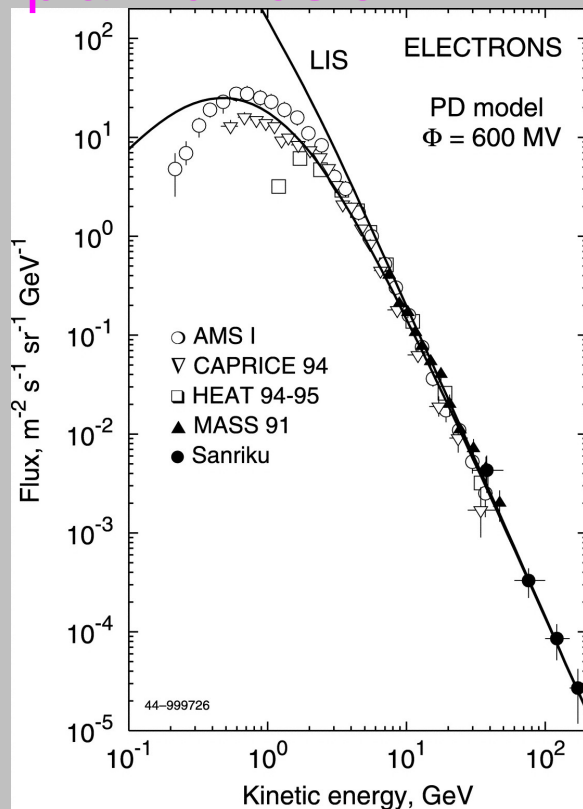


Ptuskin et al. 2006 ApJ 642, 902

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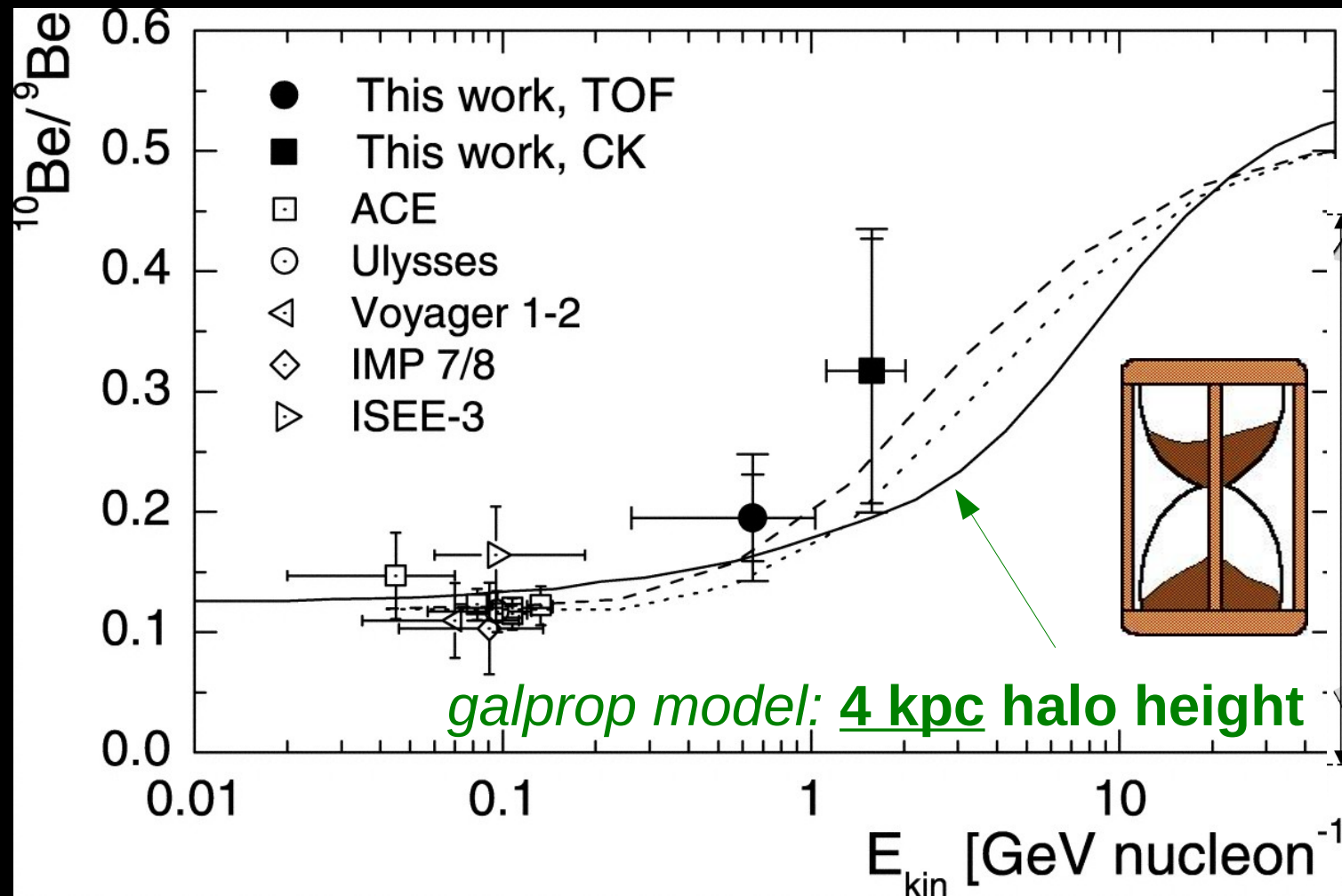
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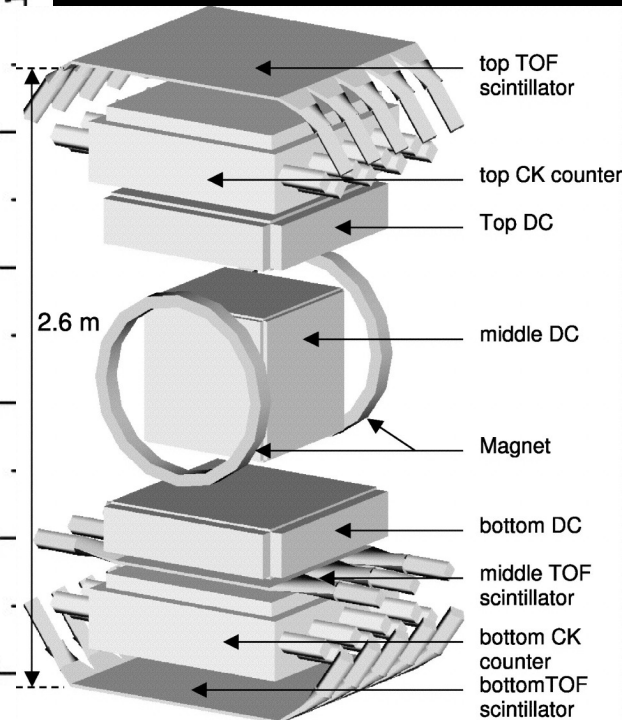




# Radioactive nuclei: cosmic-ray clocks set limits on size of Galactic cosmic-ray halo

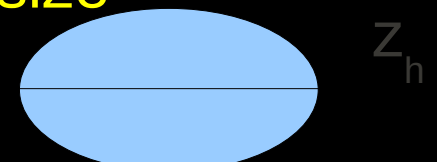


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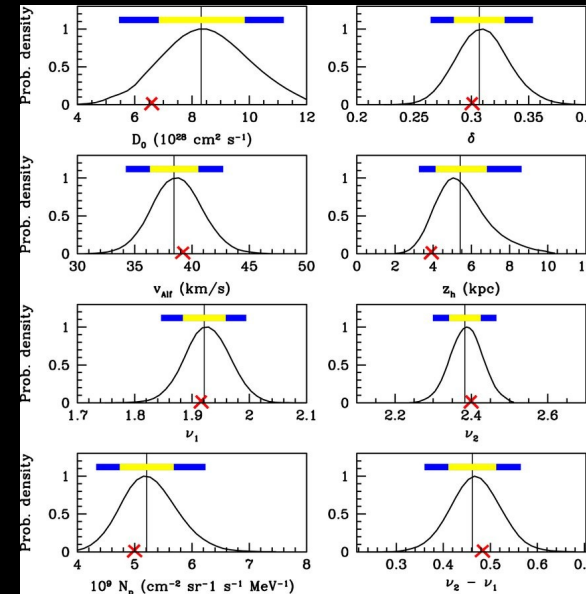
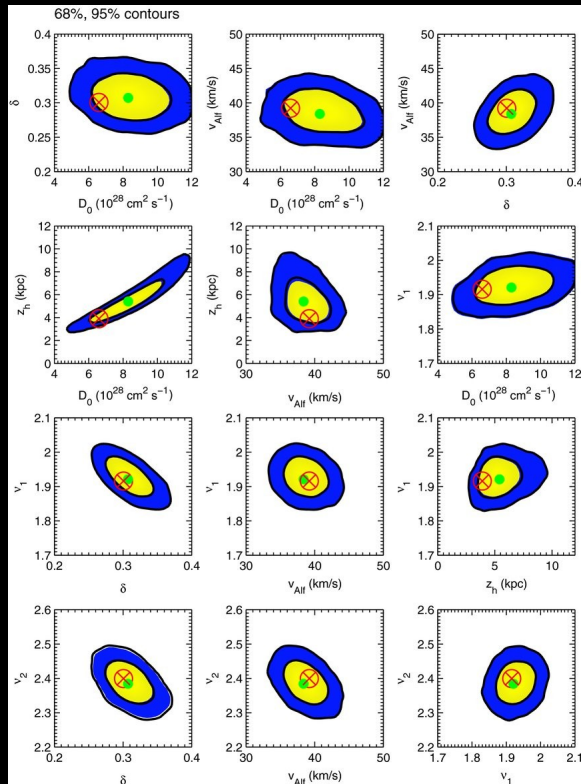


Hams et al. 2004 ApJ 611, 892

$^{10}\text{Be}$  decays in  $10^6$  years,  $^9\text{Be}$  is stable  
so ratio sensitive to cosmic-ray confinement time, halo size  
Cosmic-ray halo height = 4 – 10 kpc



## CONSTRAINTS ON COSMIC-RAY PROPAGATION MODELS FROM A GLOBAL BAYESIAN ANALYSIS

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## History of gamma-ray astronomy

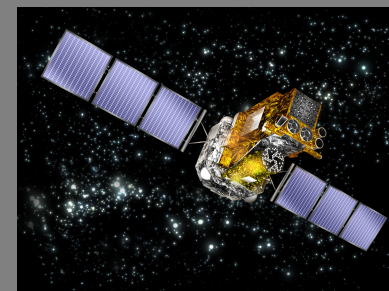


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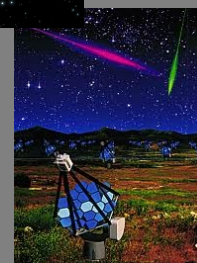
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1972 SAS-2	spark chamber	30-200 MeV	5°	5000	3
1975 COS-B	spark chamber	70-500 MeV	3°	100K	13
1991 CGRO	spark chamber	30 MeV-10 GeV	1°	1M	200
2008 Fermi	Si	30 MeV- 1 TeV	0.1°	40M+	1500+

### 'MeV astronomy' CGRO-COMPTTEL, INTEGRAL

NB no more MeV missions planned !



### 'TeV astronomy' Cerenkov: Whipple.....HESS, MAGIC..CTA



# INTERSTELLAR EMISSION RESULTS FROM FERMI-LAT



Fermi Gamma Ray Observatory  
Launched 2008  
maps the whole sky every 3 hours  
30 MeV – 300 GeV  
arcminute resolution  
data public immediately



The Photon database currently holds 519001463 photons collected between 2008-08-04T15:43:37 and 2011-03-28T18:59:22

For the results shown here:

1-2 years of data

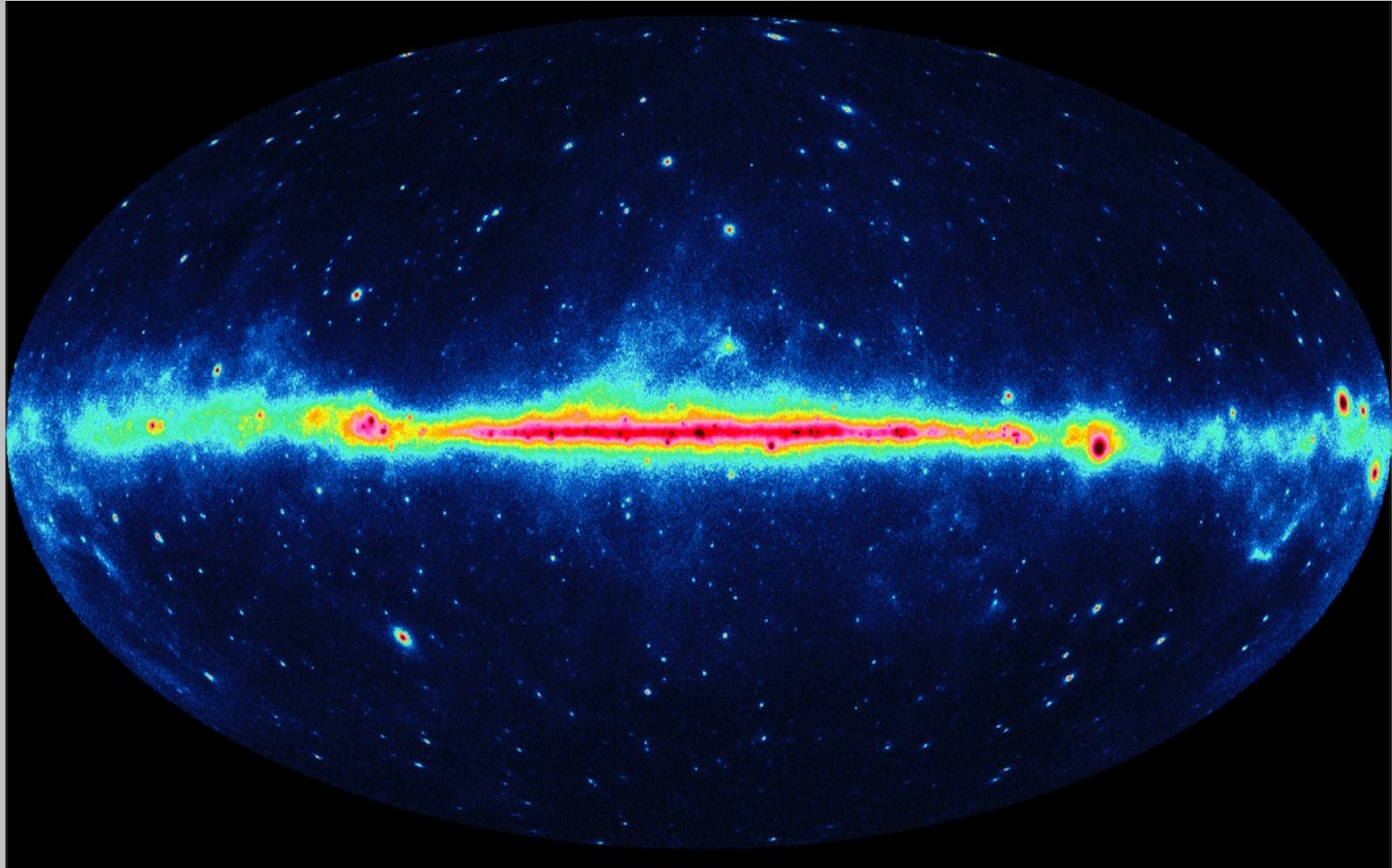
Low background event class (developed for extragalactic background study)

+ Fermi-measured cosmic-ray electron spectrum



# Fermi-LAT

## Gamma rays 1-10 GeV



# *Modelling*

## *Cosmic-ray propagation*

### *Gamma rays*

### *Synchrotron*

3D gas model based on 21-cm (atomic H), CO (tracer of H<sub>2</sub>) surveys

cosmic-ray sources  $f(\underline{r}, E)$

interstellar radiation field  $f(\underline{r}, \nu)$

nuclear cross-sections database

energy-loss processes

**B**-field model

$\gamma$  – ray, synchrotron

# Modelling the gamma-ray sky

## Main ingredients of **GALPROP** model

cosmic-ray spectra  $p$  ,  $He$  ,  $e^-$  ,  $e^+$  (including secondaries)

cosmic-ray source distribution follow e.g. SNR/pulsars

Secondary / primary ratios (B/C etc) for propagation parameters  
halo height = 4 - 10 kpc (from radioactive cosmic-ray nuclei)

Interstellar radiation field (Frankie code) (-> inverse Compton)

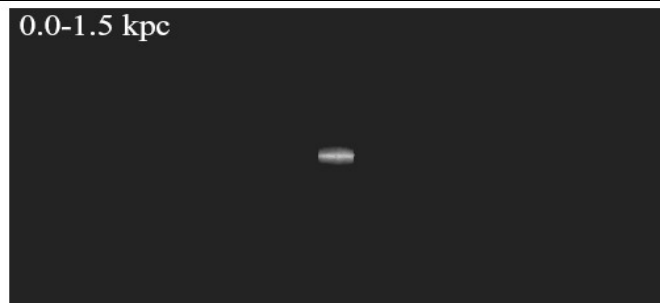
B-field (electron energy losses, synchrotron emission)

HI, CO, dust surveys

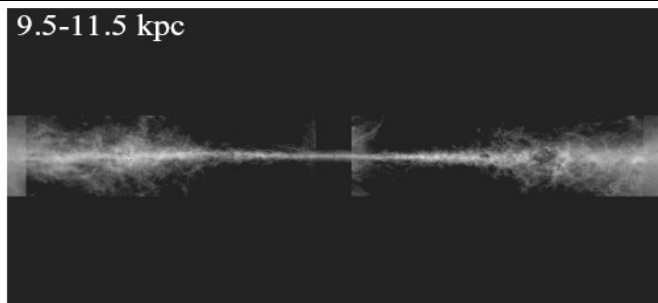
CO-to-H<sub>2</sub> conversion a function of position in Galaxy

Fermi 1<sup>st</sup> Year Source Catalogue

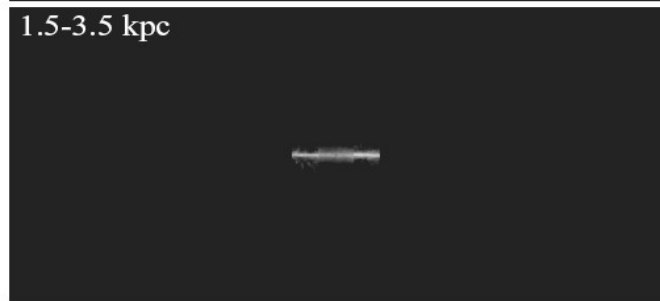
0.0-1.5 kpc



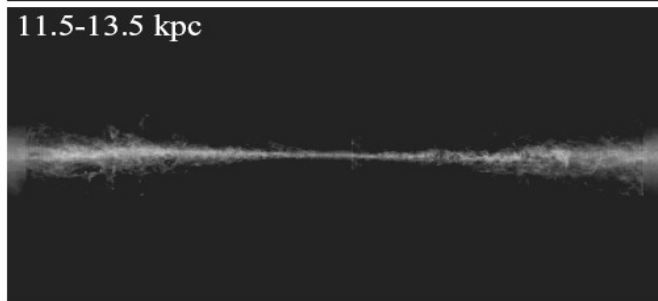
9.5-11.5 kpc



1.5-3.5 kpc



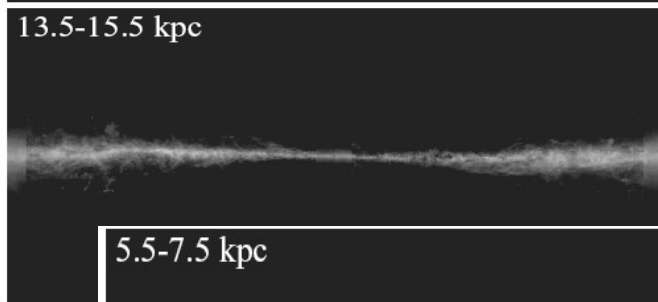
11.5-13.5 kpc



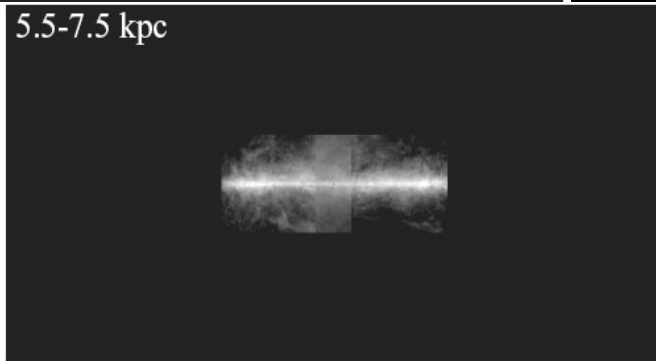
3.5-5.5 kpc



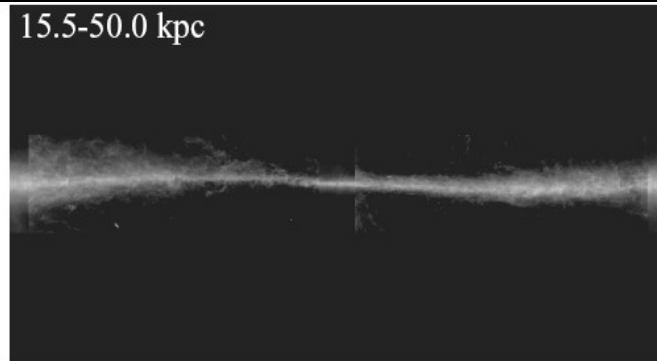
13.5-15.5 kpc



5.5-7.5 kpc

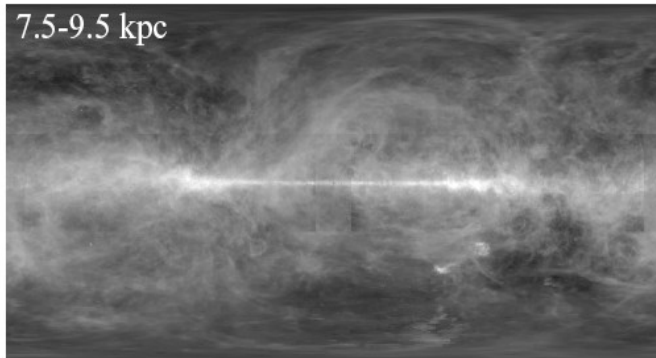


15.5-50.0 kpc

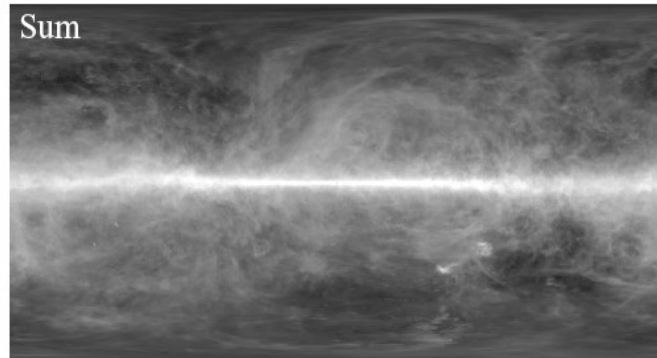


Gas Rings: HI  
Local Galaxy

7.5-9.5 kpc



Sum



Gas Rings: HI  
Inner &  
Outer Galaxy

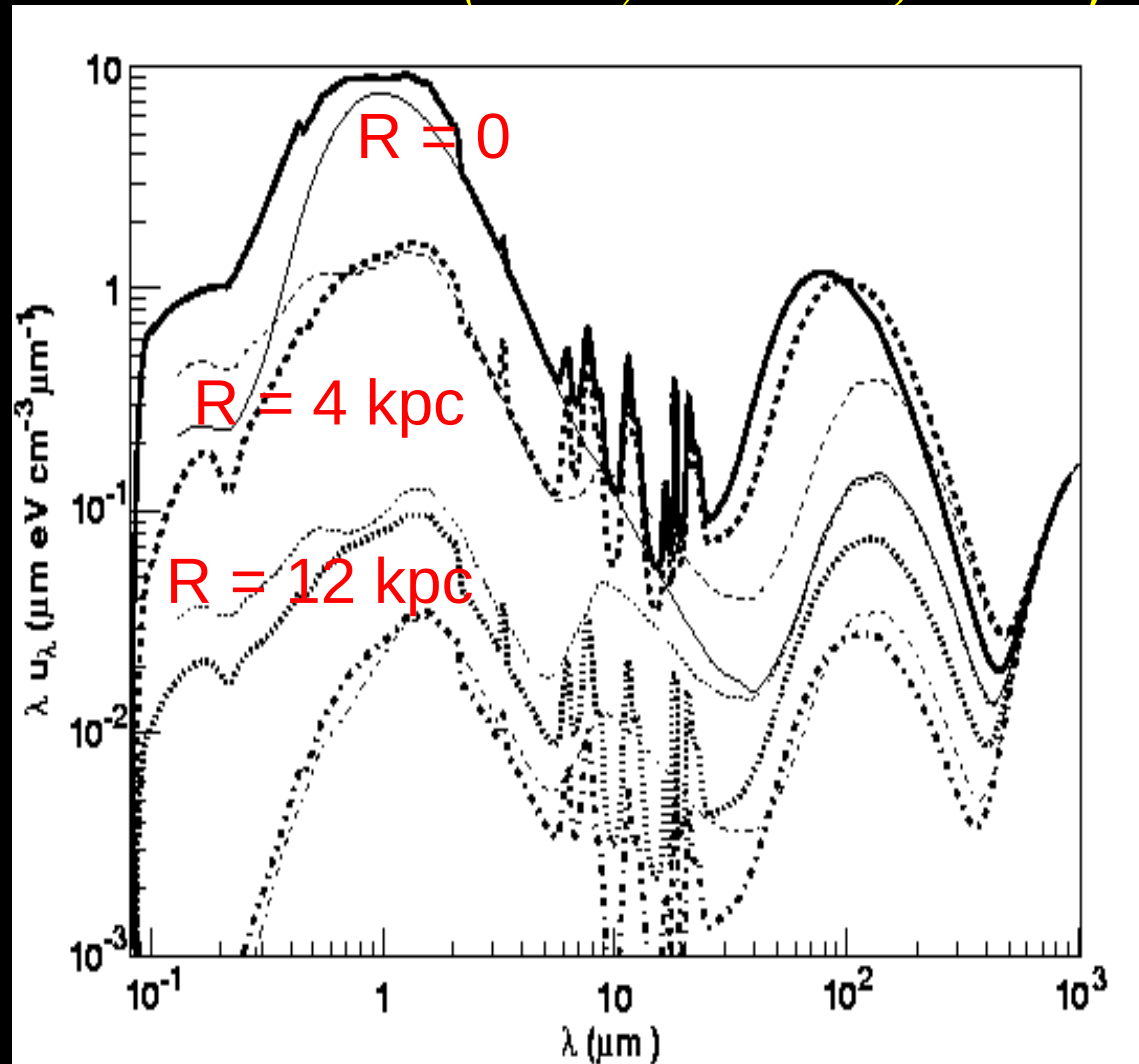


# Interstellar Radiation Field

(for electron  $dE/dt$ , inverse Compton  $\gamma$ -rays):  
new model (*Troy Porter, Stanford*)

**New ISRF**  
using latest  
information

stellar  
populations,  
dust  
radiative  
transfer



UV optical

IR

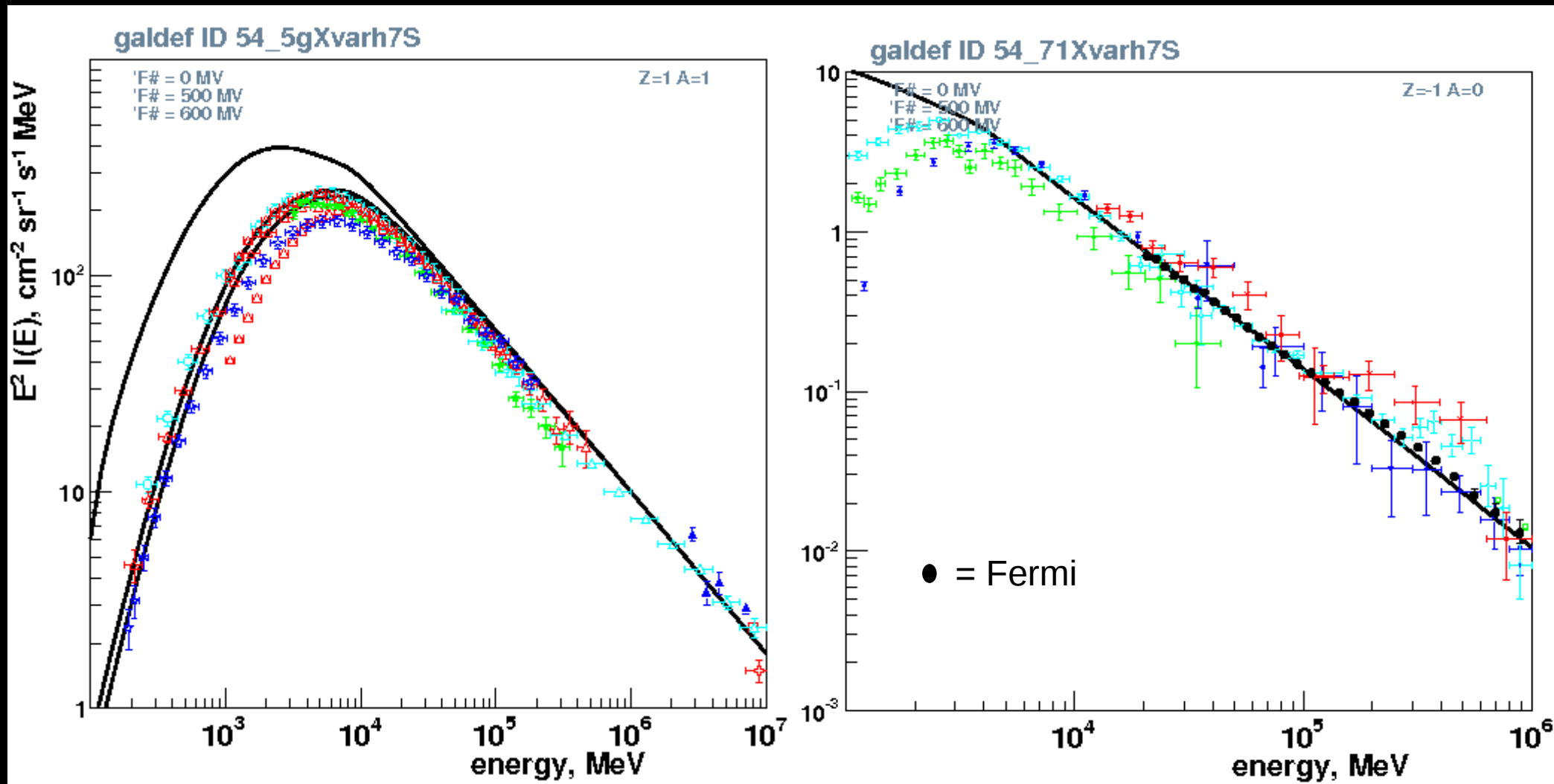
FIR

CMB

# Use a model based on *locally-measured* cosmic rays

## PROTONS

## ELECTRONS



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CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS  
INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR STUDIES

March 12, 1949

Professor G. Cocconi  
Cornell University  
Laboratory of Nuclear Studies  
Ithaca, New York

Dear Cocconi:

Excuse my answering in English your letter, since by doing so I can dictate to my secretary. I have been very much interested by your statement that you have evidence of the existence of large showers up to  $10^{17}$  eV.

The reason why, according to the theory on the origin of cosmic rays that I have proposed, no electrons should be found, is that I postulate the existence throughout the interstellar space of a magnetic field with an intensity of about  $10^{-5}$  -  $10^{-6}$  gauss. If this assumption is correct, the radiation loss for a fast electron is quite large and prevents it from acquiring a sizeable energy. This mechanism of energy loss by electrons is much more efficient in removing fast electrons than the mechanism of the inverse Compton effects discussed by Feenberg and Primakoff. On the other hand, the existence of this last effect is much less hypothetical because all that is needed to produce it is the existence of the stellar light in the space traversed by the cosmic rays during their life. I have not read the article of Feenberg and Primakoff with particularly great attention, but as far as I can see, their conclusions seem to me to be sound.

You probably know that Teller recently has maintained that the cosmic radiation may be of solar origin and may be held within the limits of the planetary system by some suitable kind of magnetic field. Even if this hypothesis is correct, one could hardly expect to find electrons of high energy in the cosmic radiation. Probably the main reason to eliminate them is the same inverse Compton effect considered by Feenberg and Primakoff, which becomes much stronger because the particles are supposed to travel in the vicinity of the sun and are exposed, therefore, to a much stronger radiation than they would be in the interstellar space.

For all these reasons, it seems to me highly improbable that electrons of as high energy as you mention could be found in the cosmic radiation. On the other hand, all these arguments should not be overestimated, and an experimental check on them, if possible, is certainly worth while.

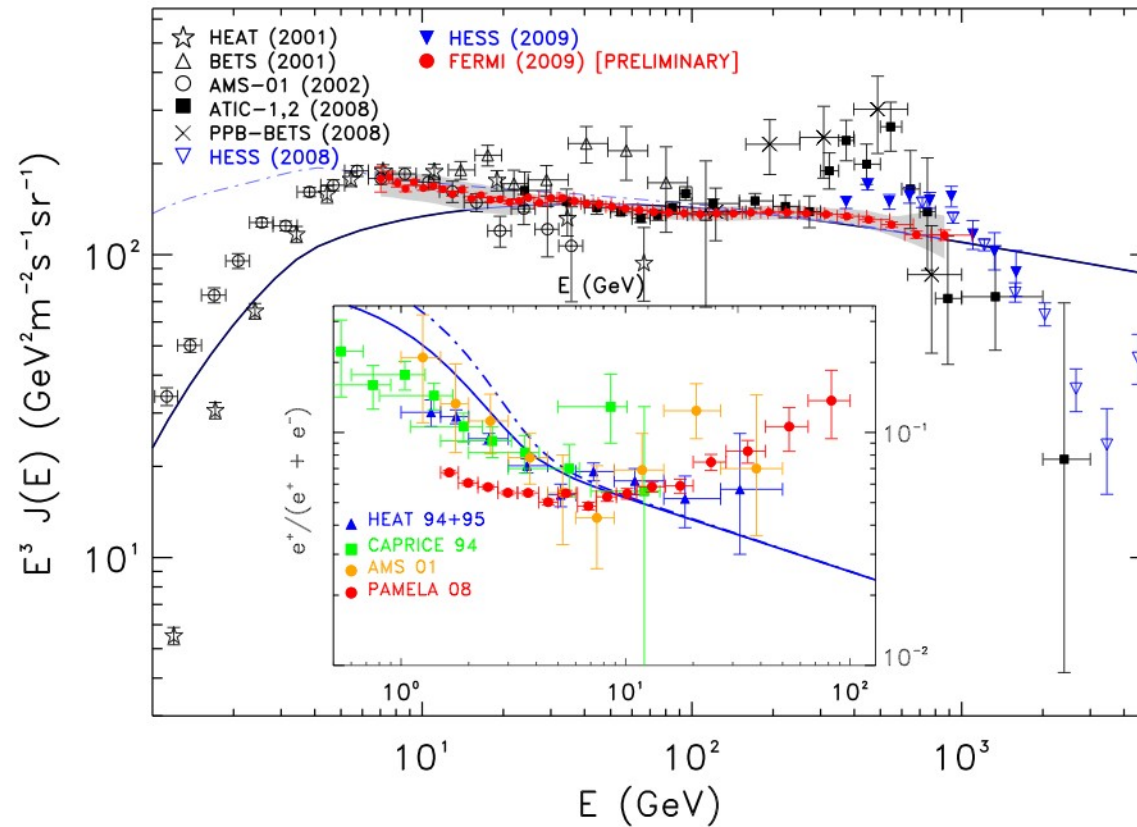
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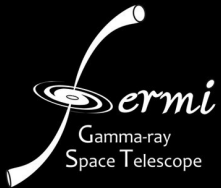
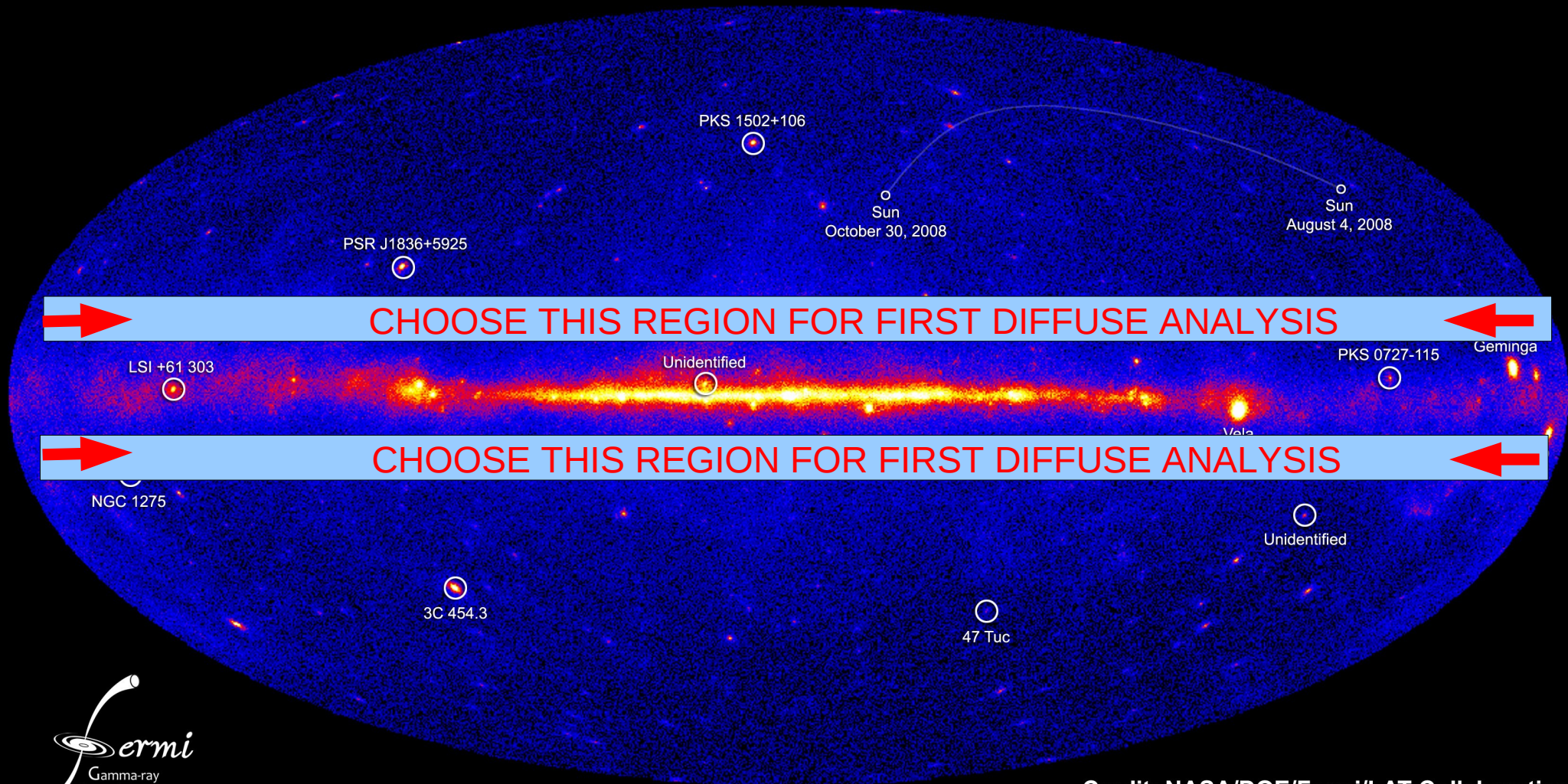
# Electron spectrum measured by Fermi-LAT 7 GeV – 1 TeV





# FIRST LIGHT ON DIFFUSE GAMMA RAYS

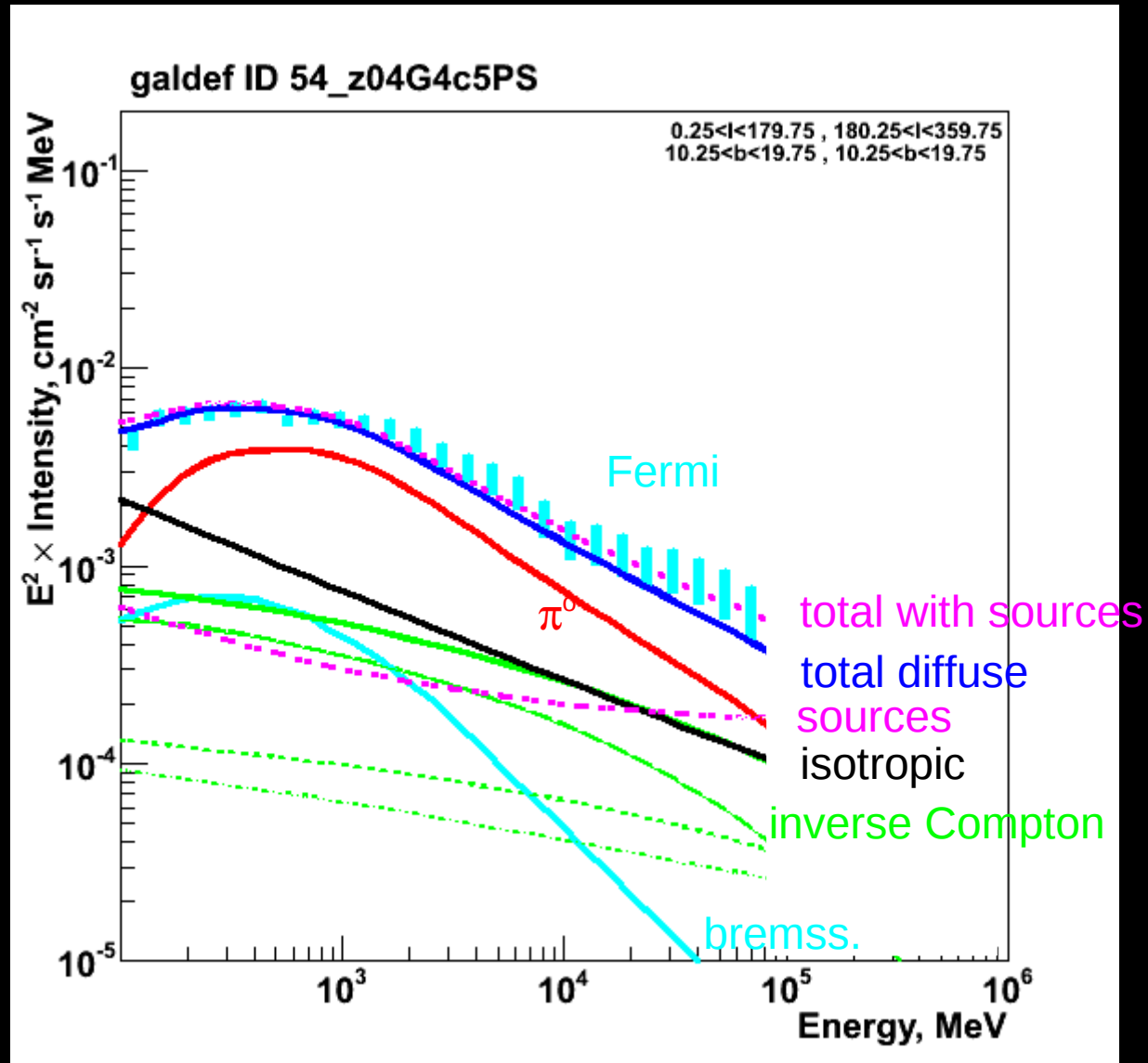
NASA's Fermi telescope reveals best-ever view of the gamma-ray sky



Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi/LAT Collaboration

# INTERMEDIATE LATITUDES

$$+10 < b < +20$$

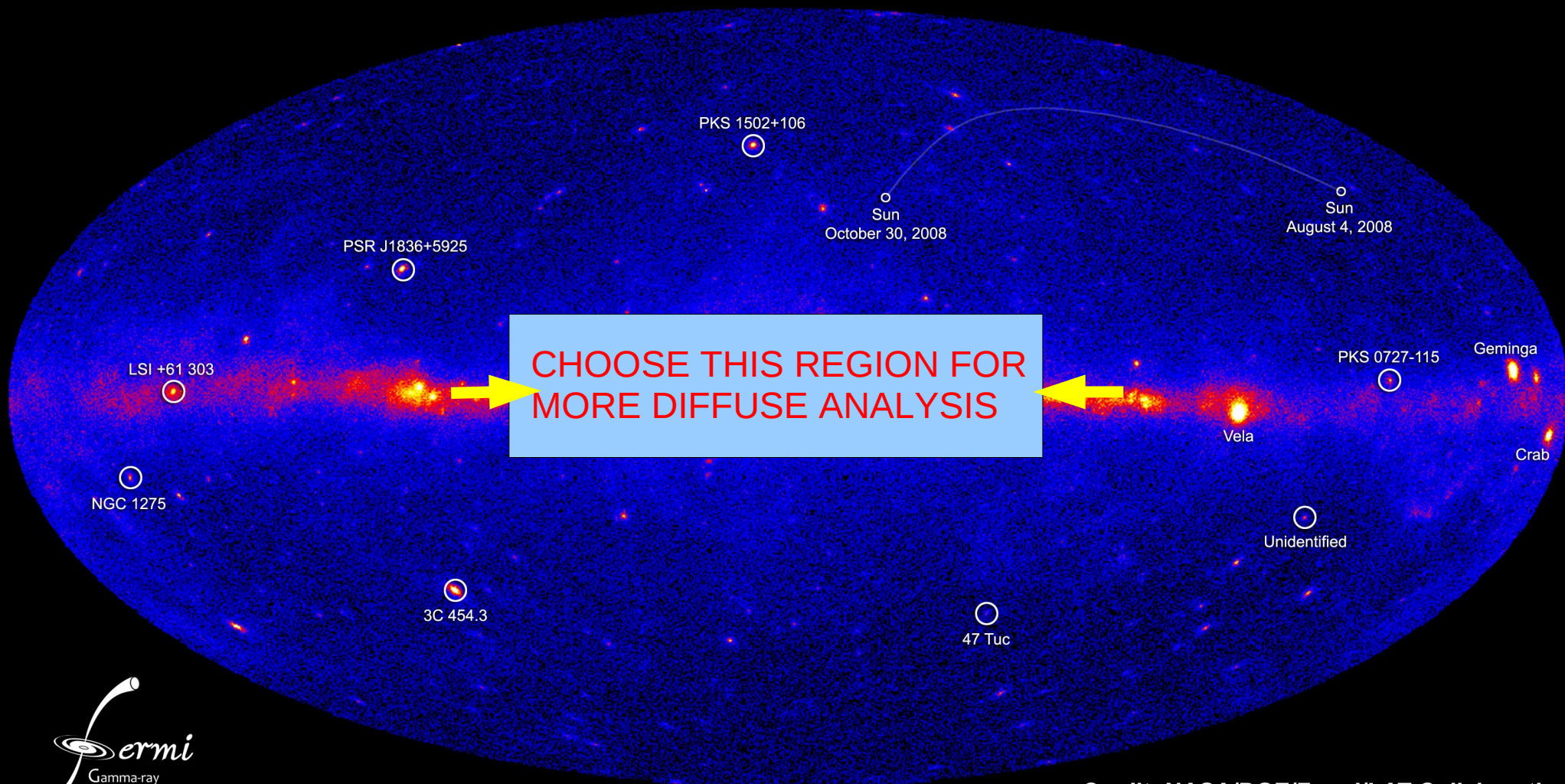


Good agreement overall with *a-priori* model



## MORE LIGHT ON DIFFUSE GAMMA RAYS

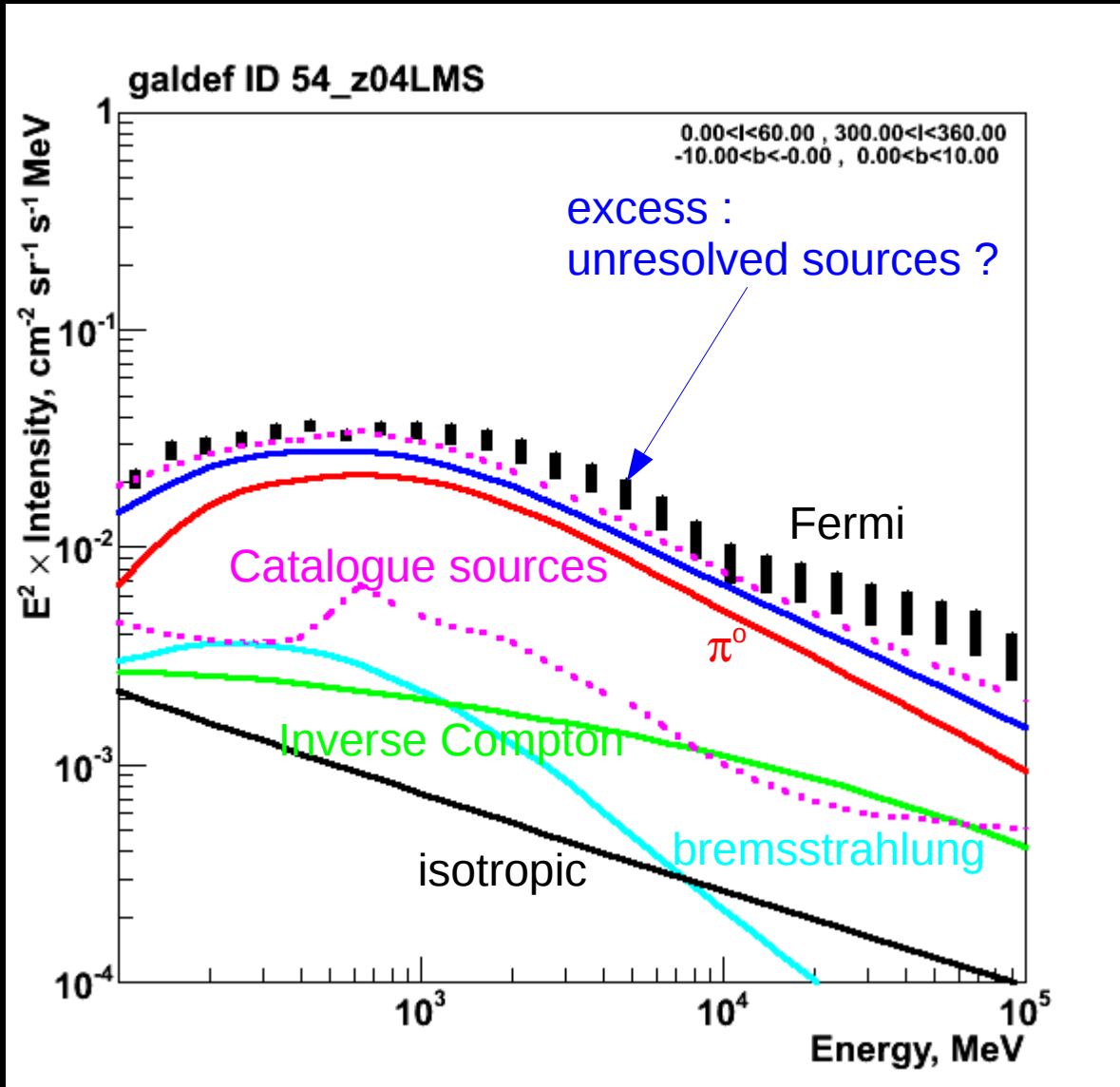
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# Inner Galaxy

$300^\circ < l < 60^\circ, |b| < 10^\circ$



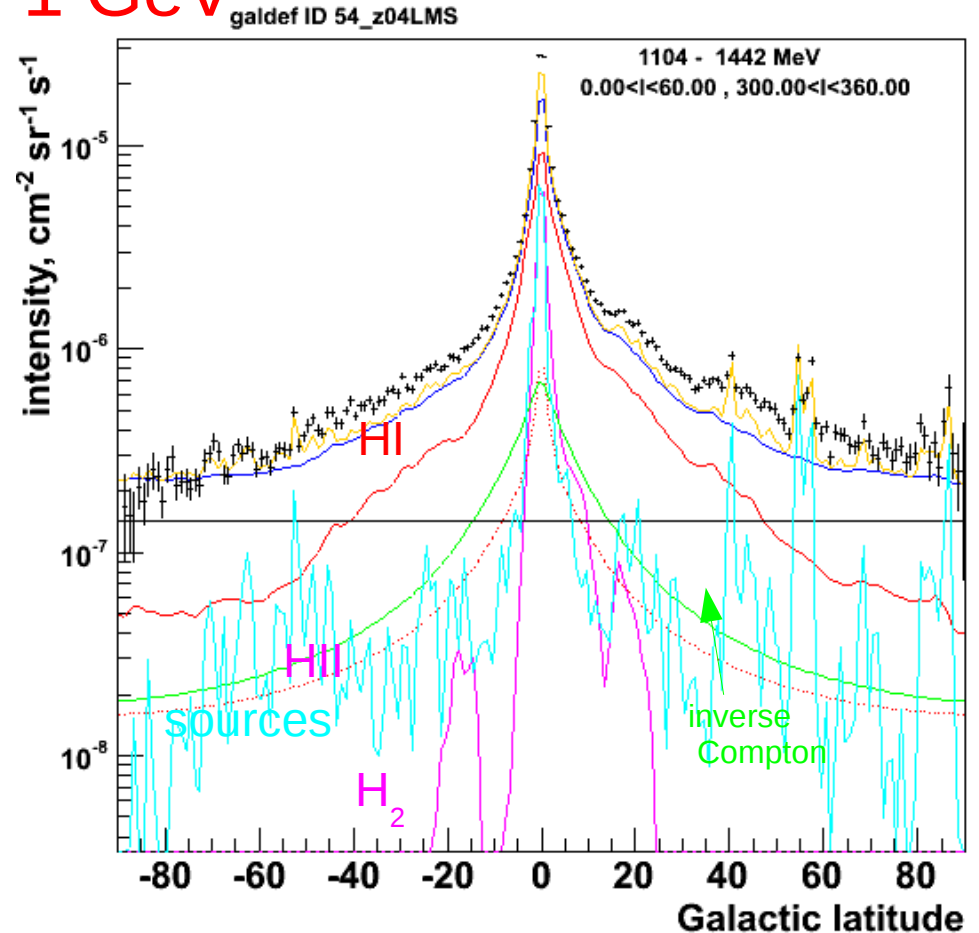
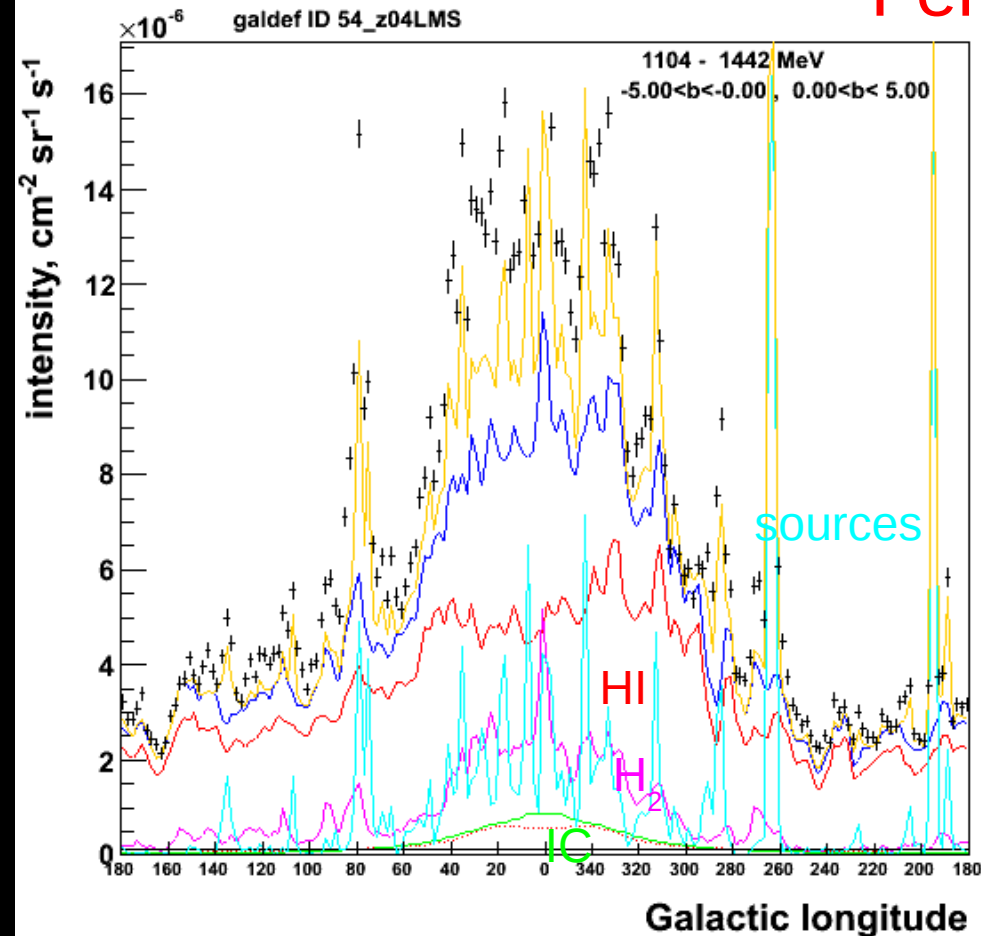
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## LONGITUDE PROFILE LOW LATITUDES

## LATITUDE PROFILE INNER GALAXY

Fermi 1 GeV



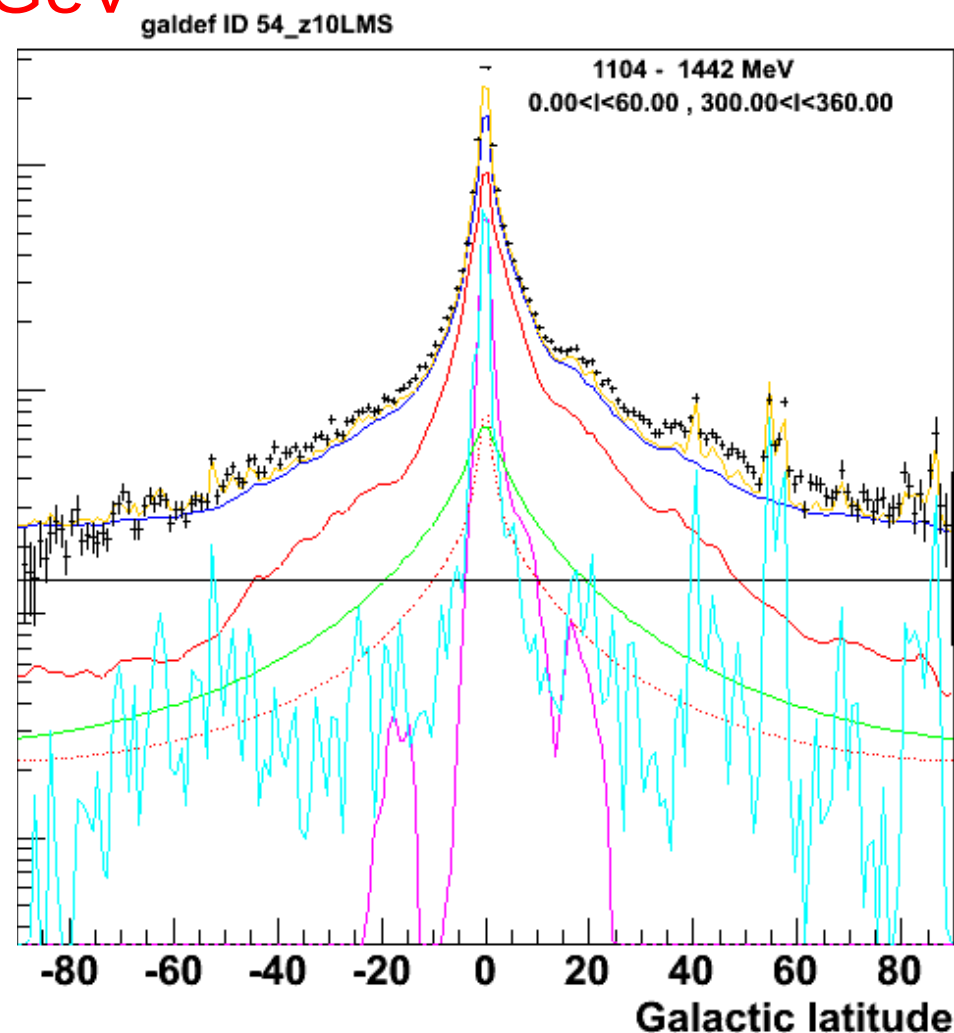
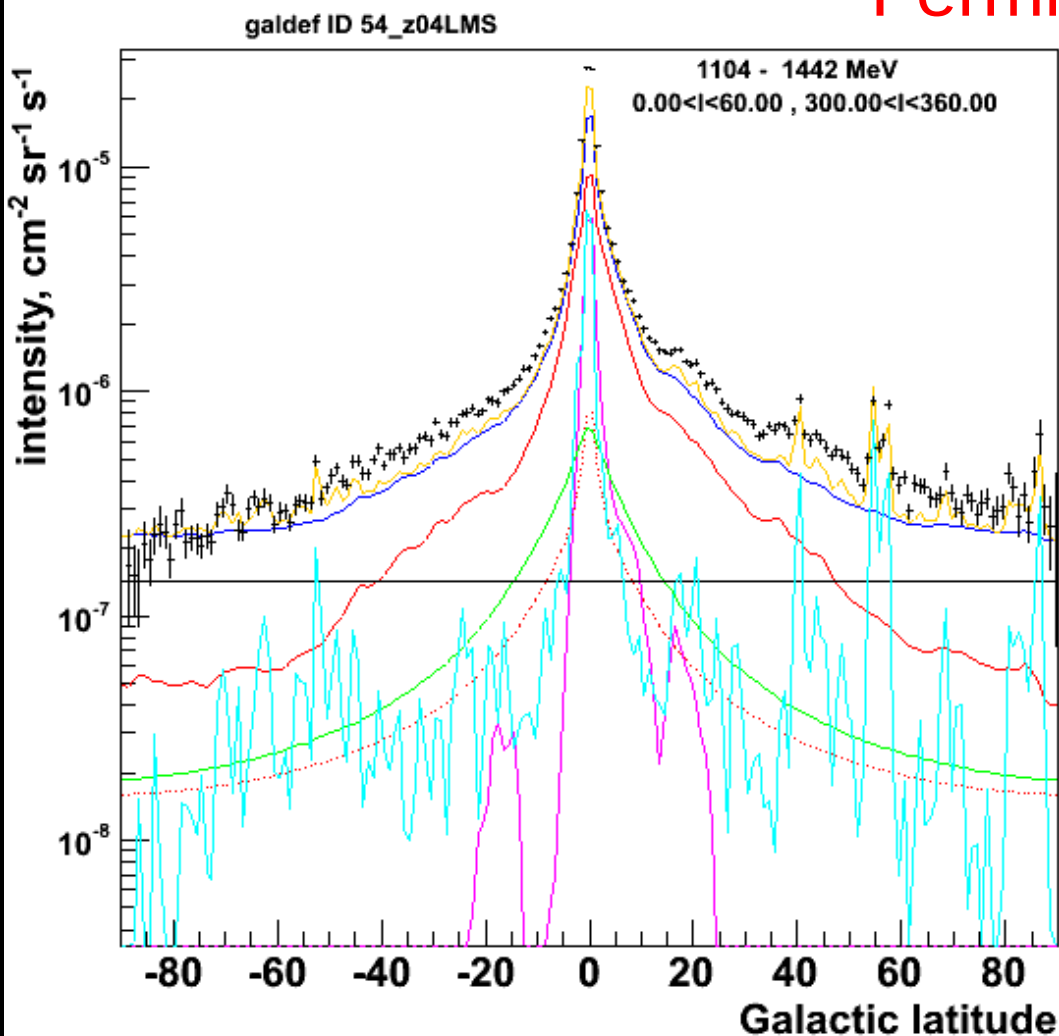
Agrees within 15% over 2 decades of dynamic range  
The observed flux is the sum of many components:  
importance of modelling them all !

# EVIDENCE FOR LARGE COSMIC-RAY HALO

4 kpc halo height

10 kpc halo height

Fermi 1 GeV



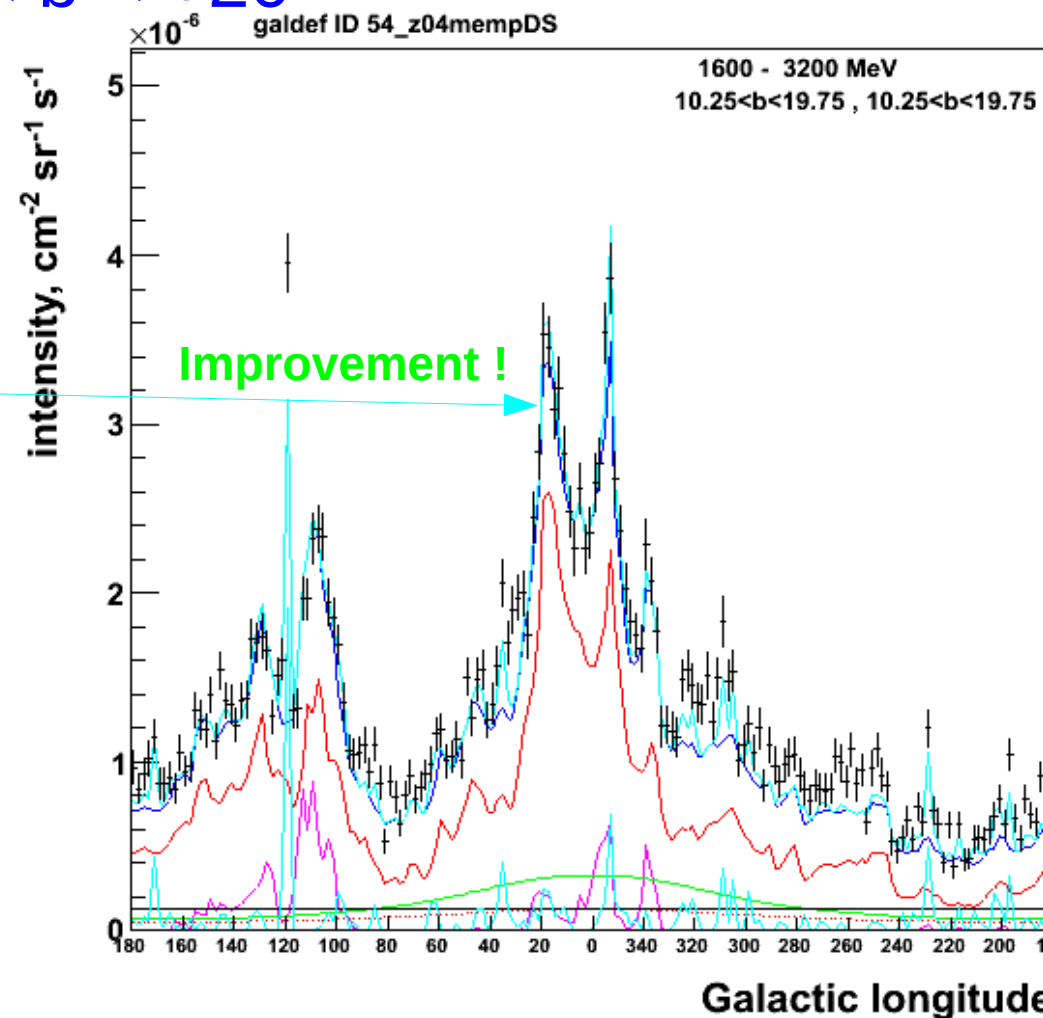
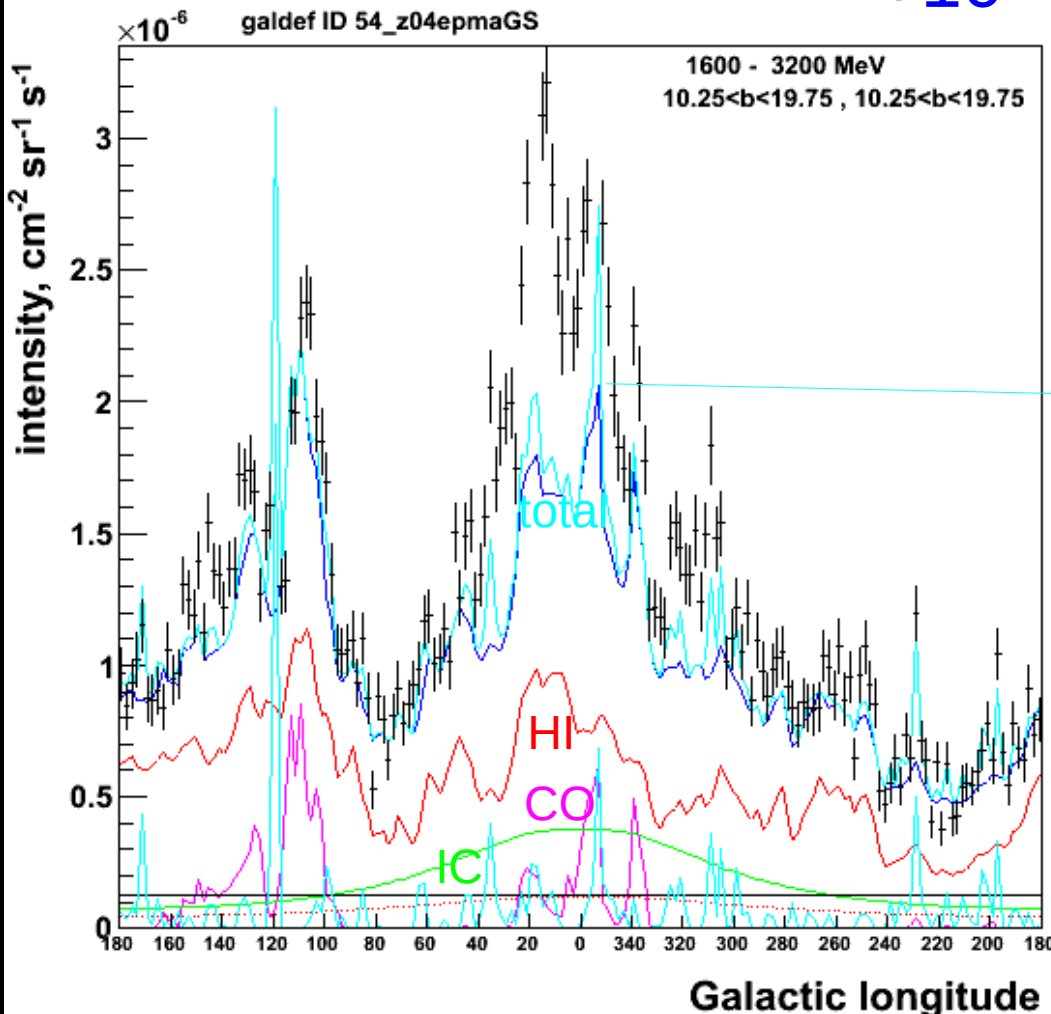
inverse Compton at high latitudes suggests a large cosmic-ray halo  
Important for halo magnetic field ! Relevant to Planck !

HI + CO

GAS TRACER

dust

$$+10^\circ < b < +20^\circ$$



Fermi: GeV gamma rays from cosmic-ray + gas interactions

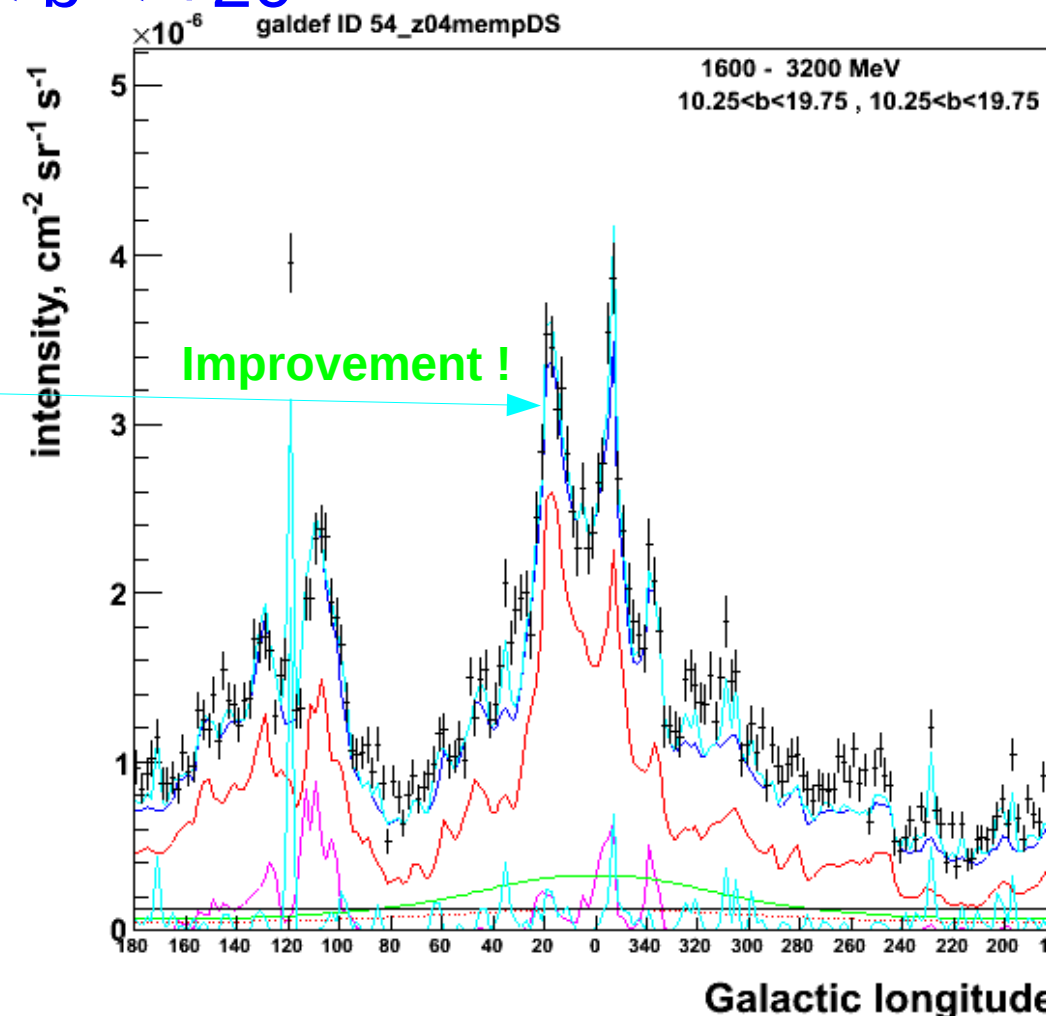
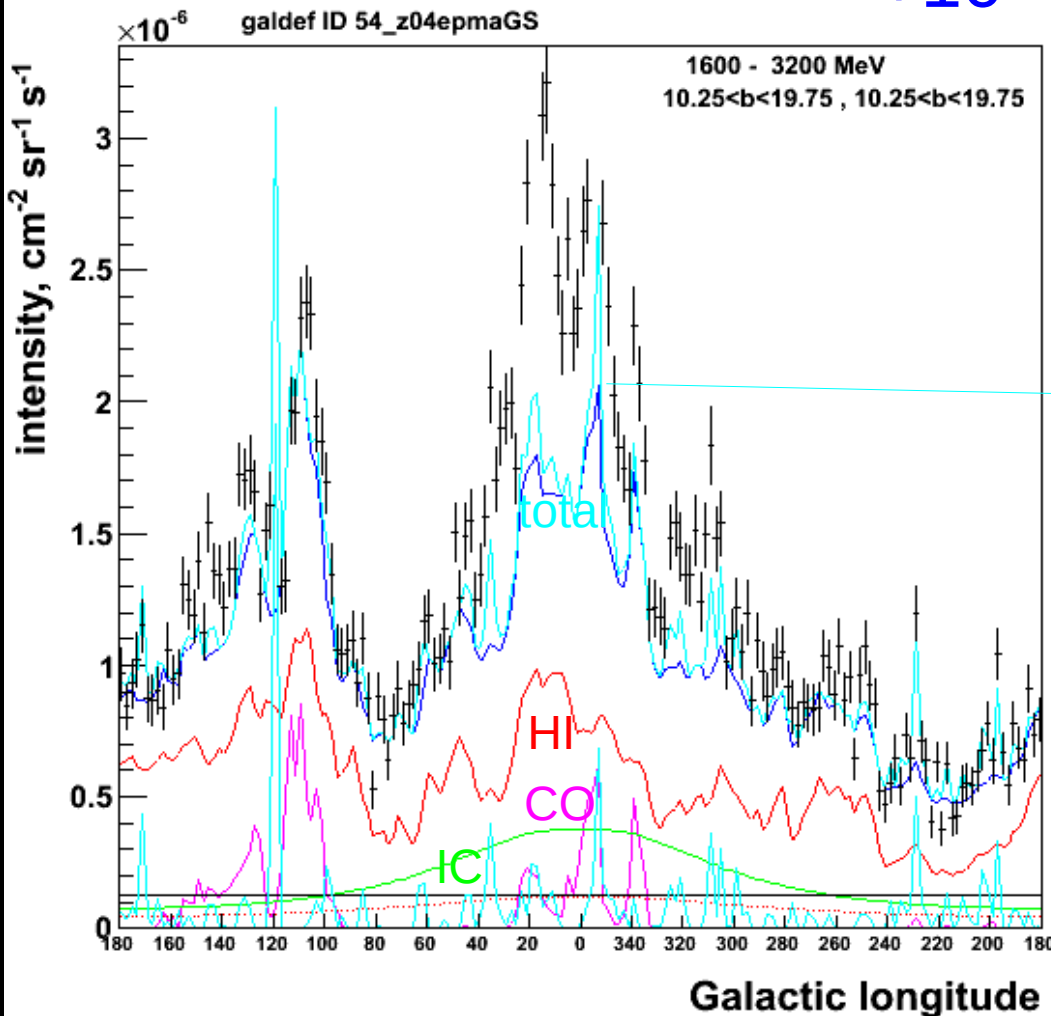
Dust emission (IRAS + DIRBE) is a better tracer of local gas than HI+CO !  
(Grenier, Casandjian: found this in EGRET data: 'dark gas')

HI + CO

GAS TRACER

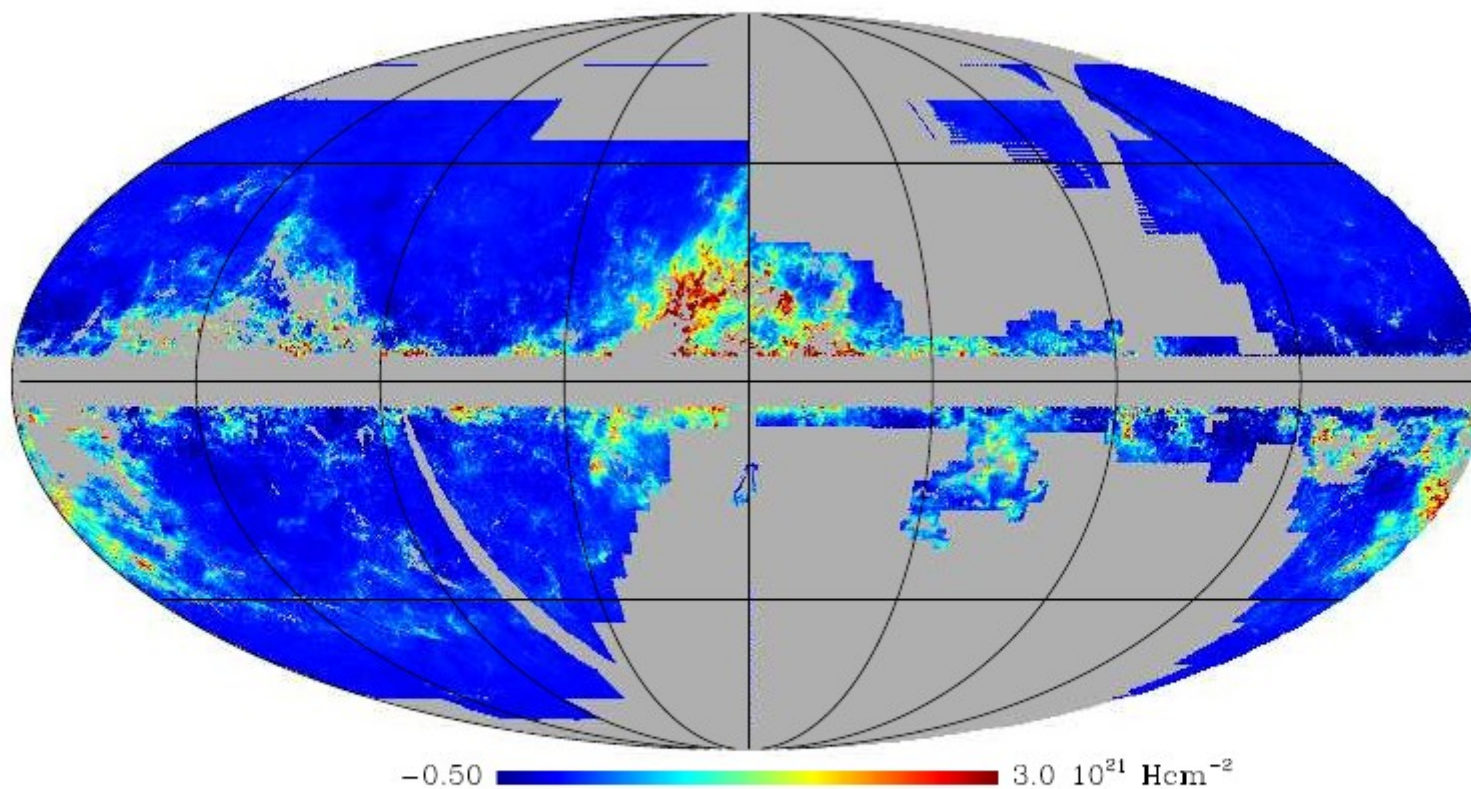
dust

$$+10^\circ < b < +20^\circ$$



Fermi: GeV gamma rays from cosmic rays  
'dark gas': independent evidence from  
Planck (arXiv:1101.2029)

In the solar neighbourhood, the derived mass of the dark gas, assuming the same dust emissivity as in the HI phase is found to correspond to  $\approx 28\%$  of the atomic mass and  $\approx 118\%$  of the molecular gas mass. The comparison of this value with the recent



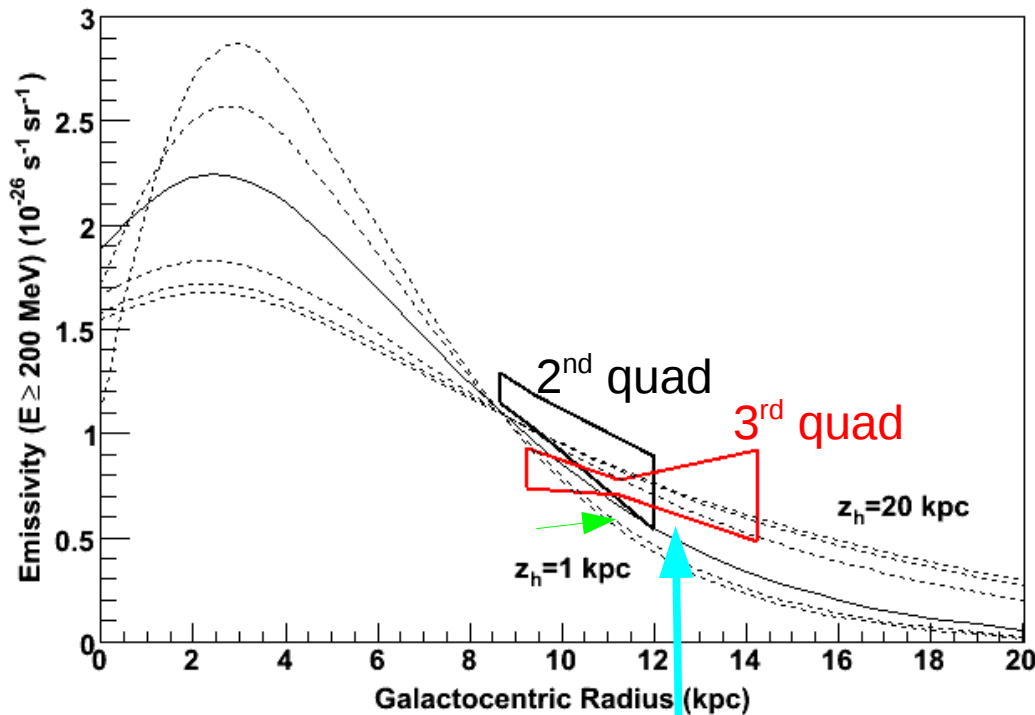
**Fig. 8.** Map of the excess column density derived from the 857 GHz data. The map is shown in Galactic coordinates with the Galactic centre at the centre of the image. The grey regions correspond to those where no *IRAS* data are available, regions with intense CO emission ( $W_{\text{CO}} > 1 \text{ K km s}^{-1}$ ) and the Galactic plane ( $|b_{||}| < 5^\circ$ ).



# Gamma-ray emissivity distribution in *outer* Galaxy

From Fermi-LAT

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Galactic Quadrants



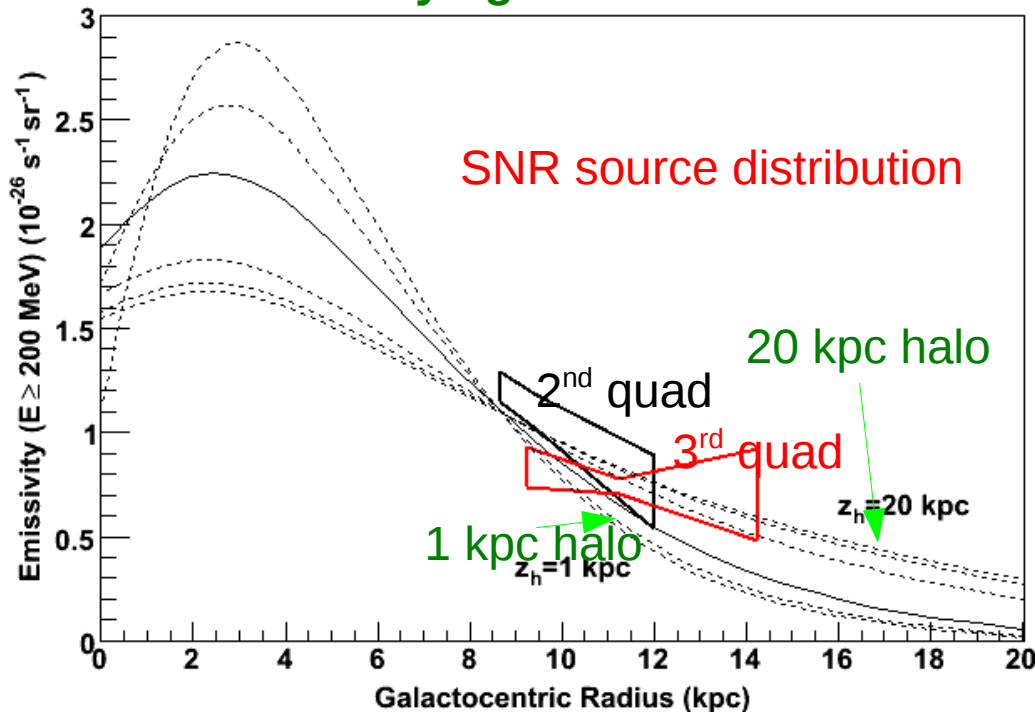
More cosmic-rays in outer Galaxy than expected !

# Gamma-ray emissivity distribution in outer Galaxy

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Galactic Quadrants

varying the *halo size*



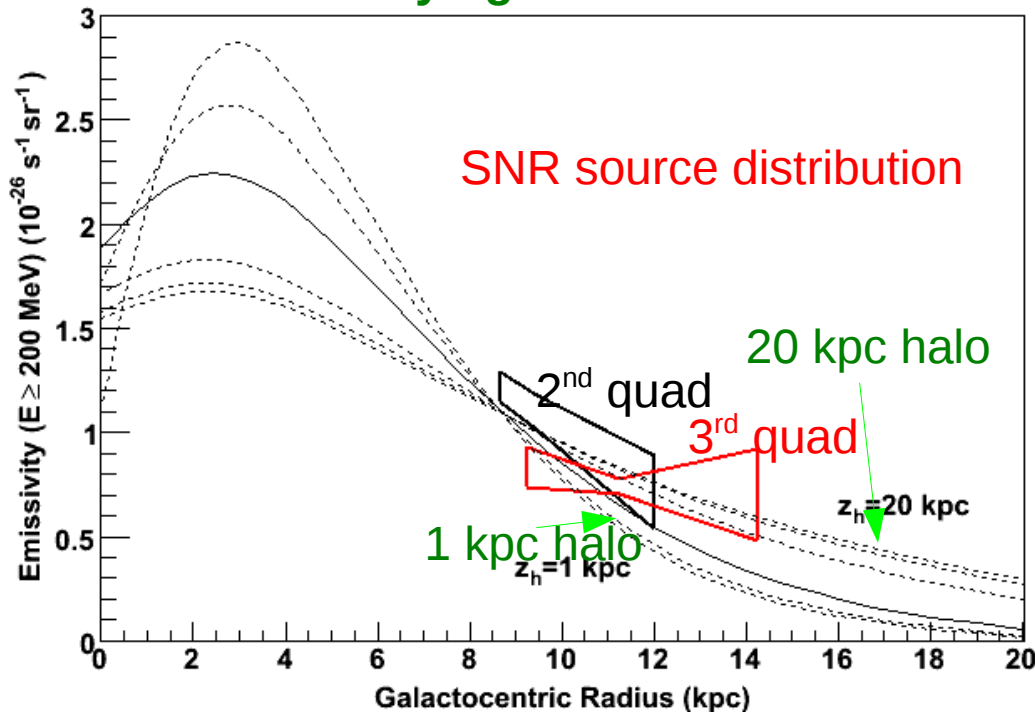
More cosmic-rays in outer Galaxy than expected !  
More evidence for large halo, which widens the distribution ?

# Gamma-ray emissivity distribution in outer Galaxy

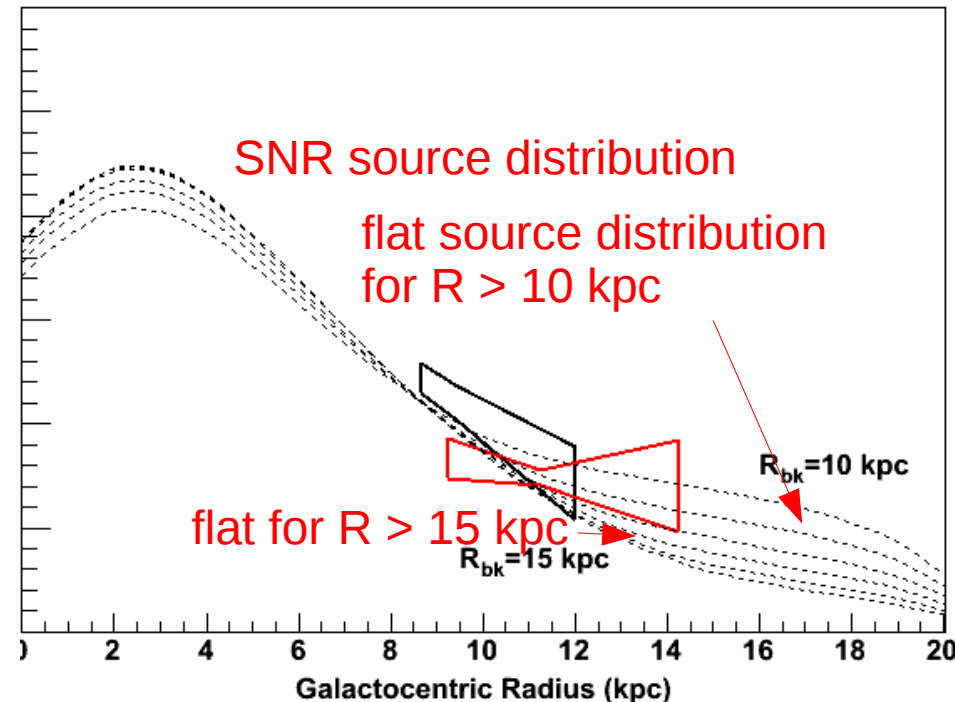
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Galactic Quadrants

varying the *halo size*



varying the *source distribution*



More cosmic-rays in outer Galaxy than expected !

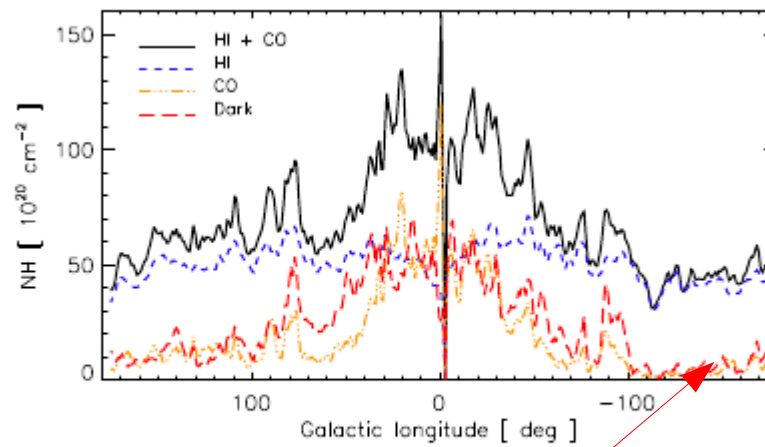
More evidence for large halo ? More sources in outer Galaxy (what are they ?)

Or **more gas** than traced by HI + CO ?

'dark gas' : independent evidence from  
Planck (arXiv:1101.2029)

but not enough to explain the gamma rays ?

In the solar neighbourhood, the derived mass of the dark gas, assuming the same dust emissivity as in the H I phase is found to correspond to  $\approx 28\%$  of the atomic mass and  $\approx 118\%$  of the molecular gas mass. The comparison of this value with the recent



**Fig. 2.** Longitude profile of H I, CO and dark gas. The dark gas represents a significant fraction of the gas column density, and dominates the CO outside of the molecular ring.

Planck (arXiv:1101.2032)

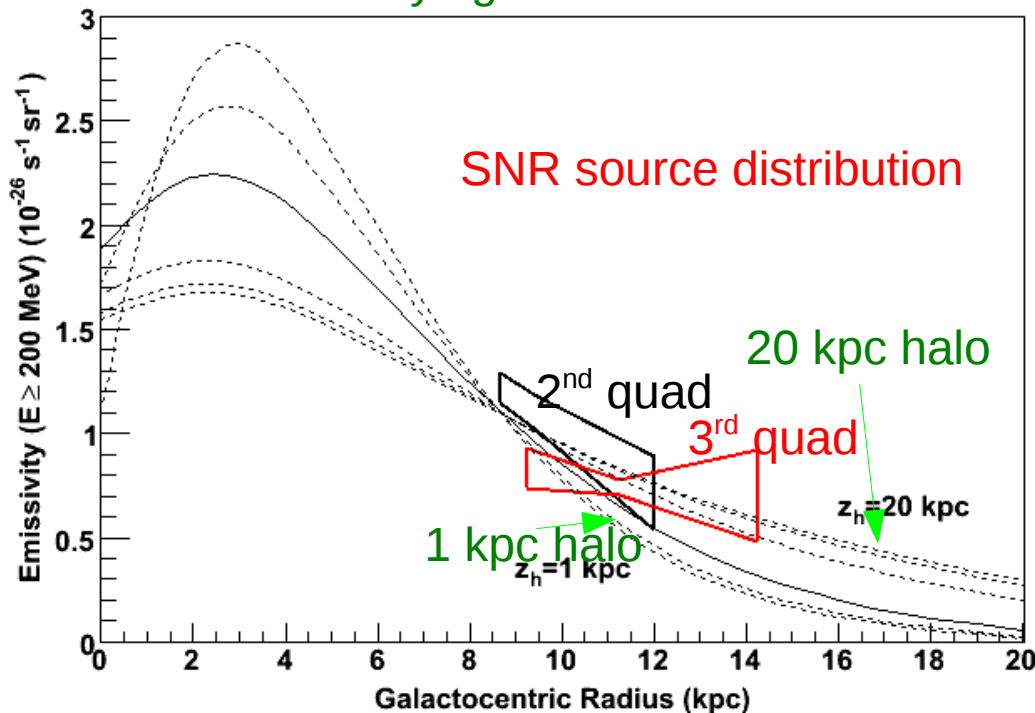
Not enough dark gas in outer Galaxy to explain Fermi gamma rays ?

# Gamma-ray emissivity distribution in outer Galaxy

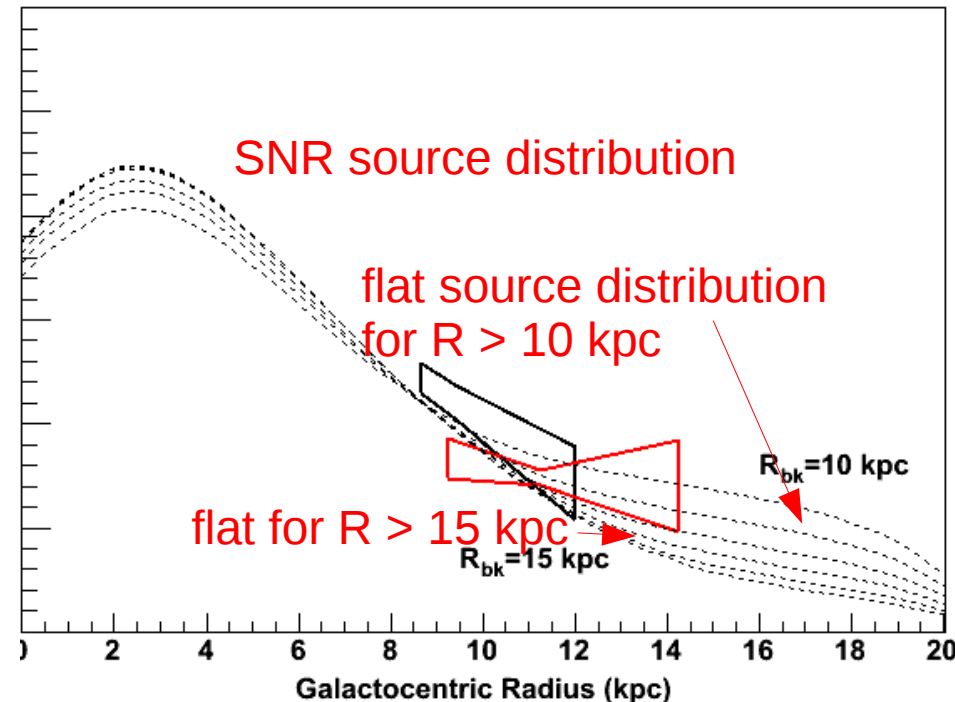
From Fermi-LAT

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Galactic Quadrants

varying the *halo size*



varying the *source distribution*

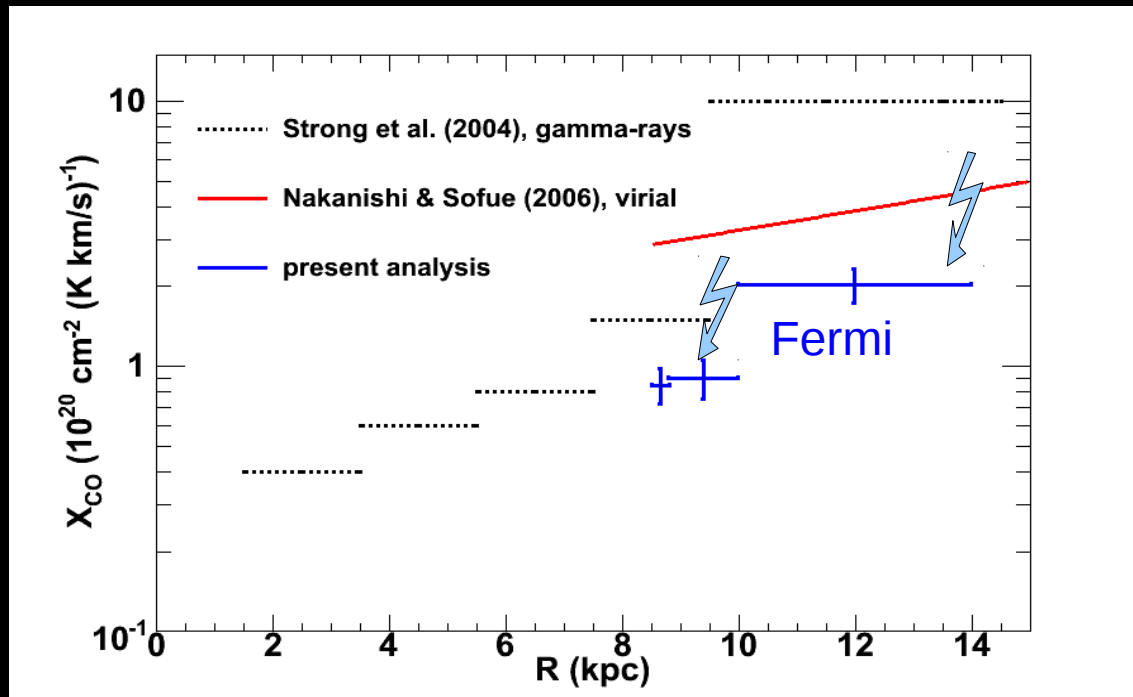


Implications for synchrotron / B-field models

Important for Planck ! Maybe can break degeneracy cosmic rays /gas



Fermi measures molecular gas content of the outer Galaxy by comparing gamma-ray emissivities of molecular and atomic hydrogen



Scaling factor  $X_{\text{CO}}$  from  $^{12}\text{CO}$  to  $\text{H}_2$   
Local and Outer Galaxy (2<sup>nd</sup> quadrant)

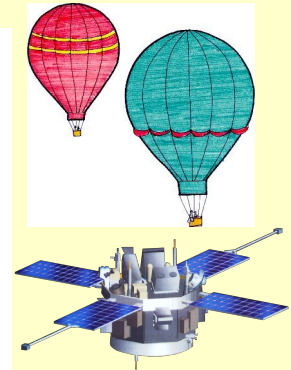
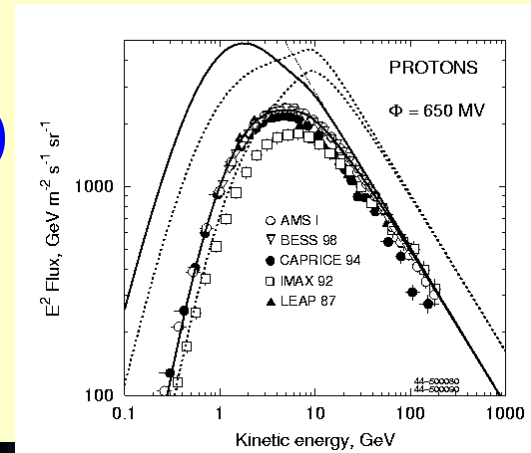
Confirms *increase* from inner to outer Galaxy

Abdo et al (2010) ApJ 710, 133

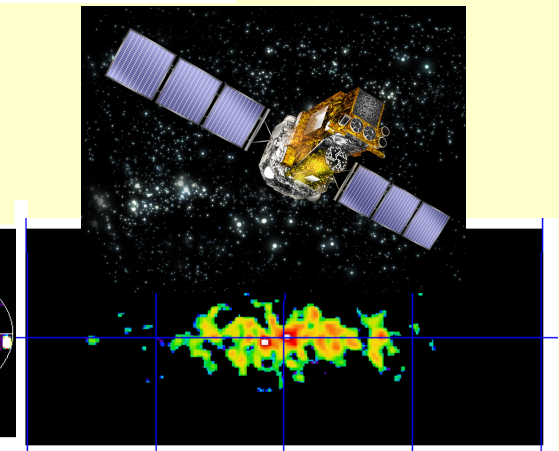
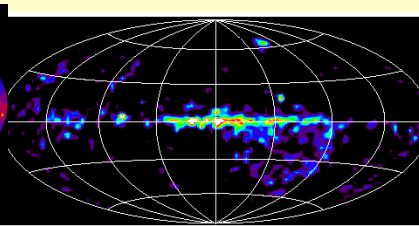
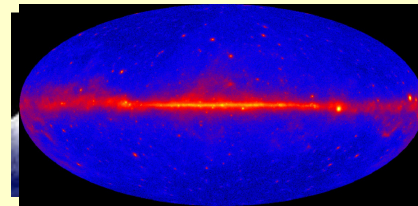
# Cosmic Ray Electrons Synchrotron and Magnetic Fields

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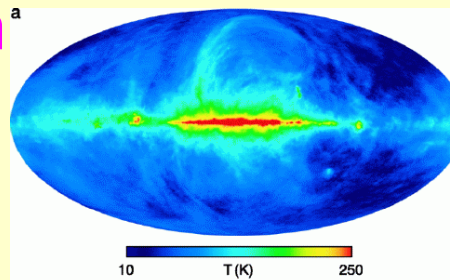
Observed *directly, near Sun*:  
primary spectra (p, He ... Fe;  $e^-$ )  
secondary/primary (B/C etc)  
secondary  $e^+$ , antiprotons...



Observed  
from whole  
Galaxy:  
 $\gamma$  - rays

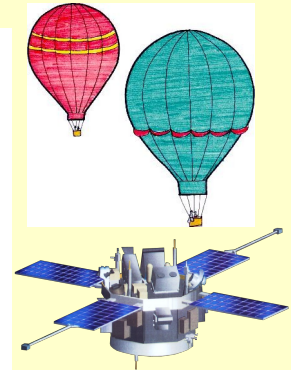
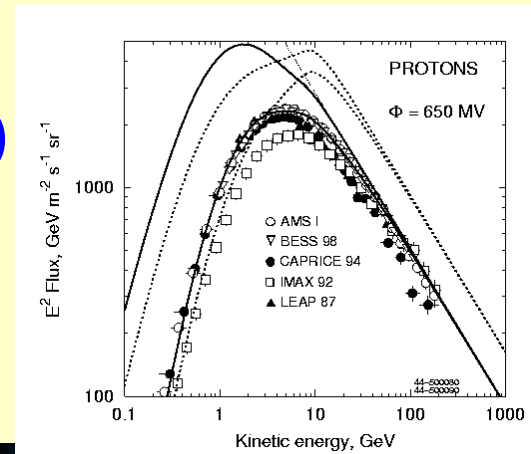


synchrotron<sup>a</sup>



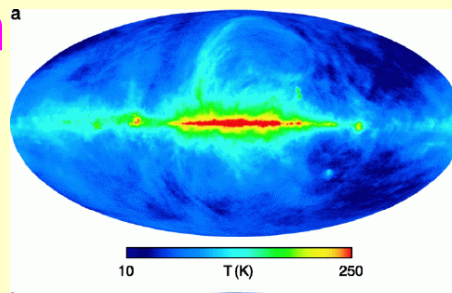
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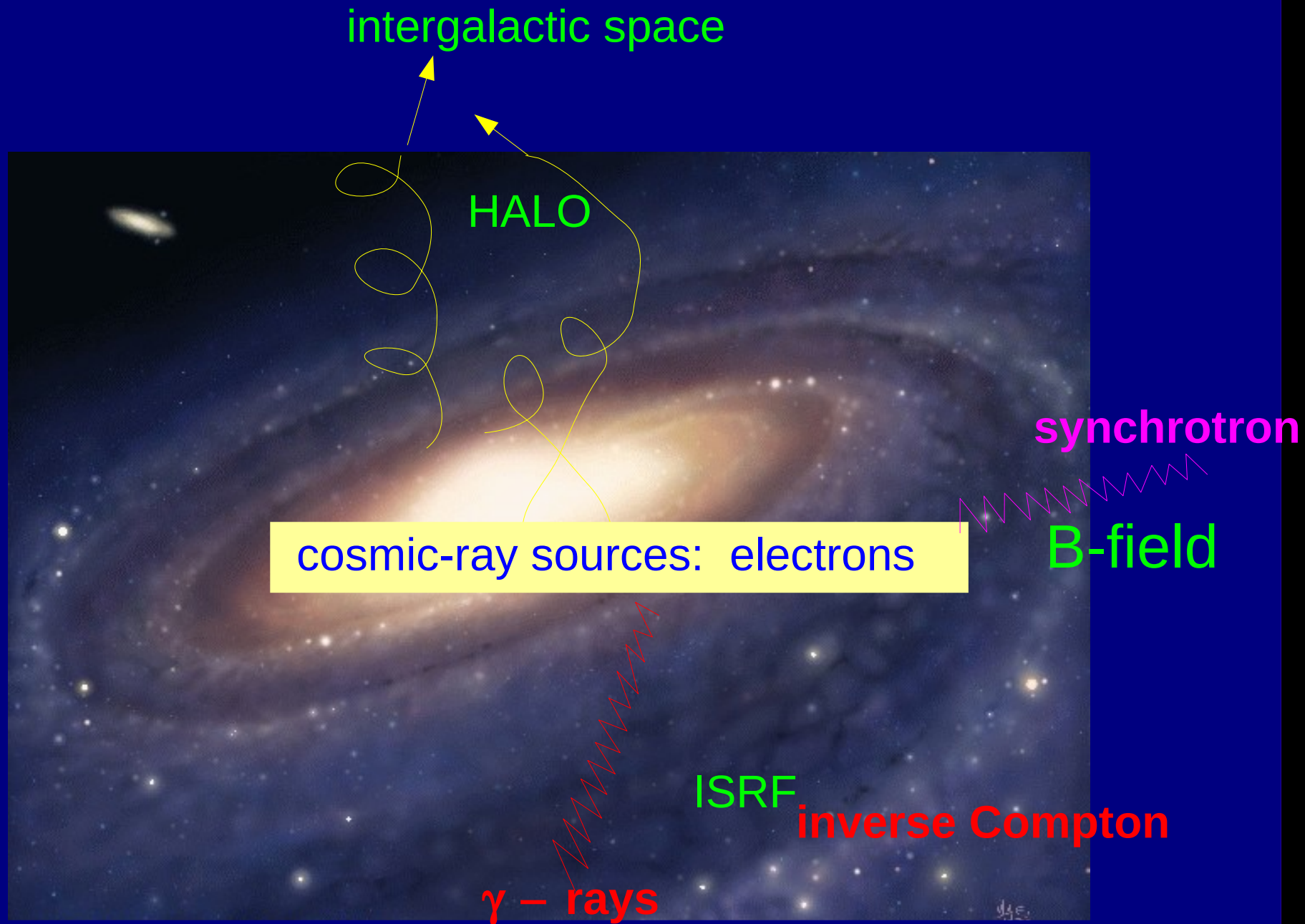
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Observed from whole Galaxy:  
**Long-term goal : put Planck in this context**

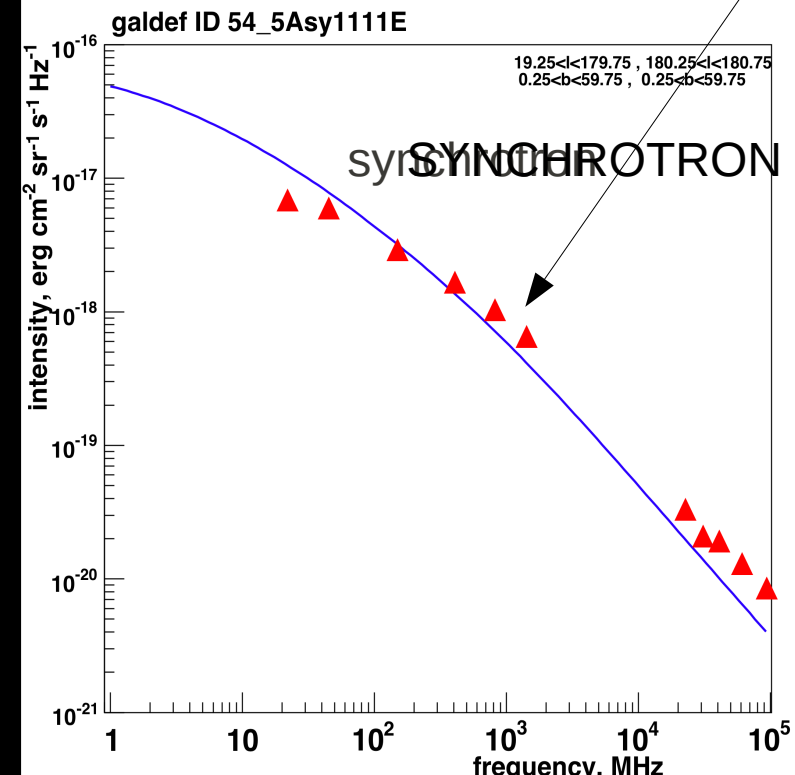
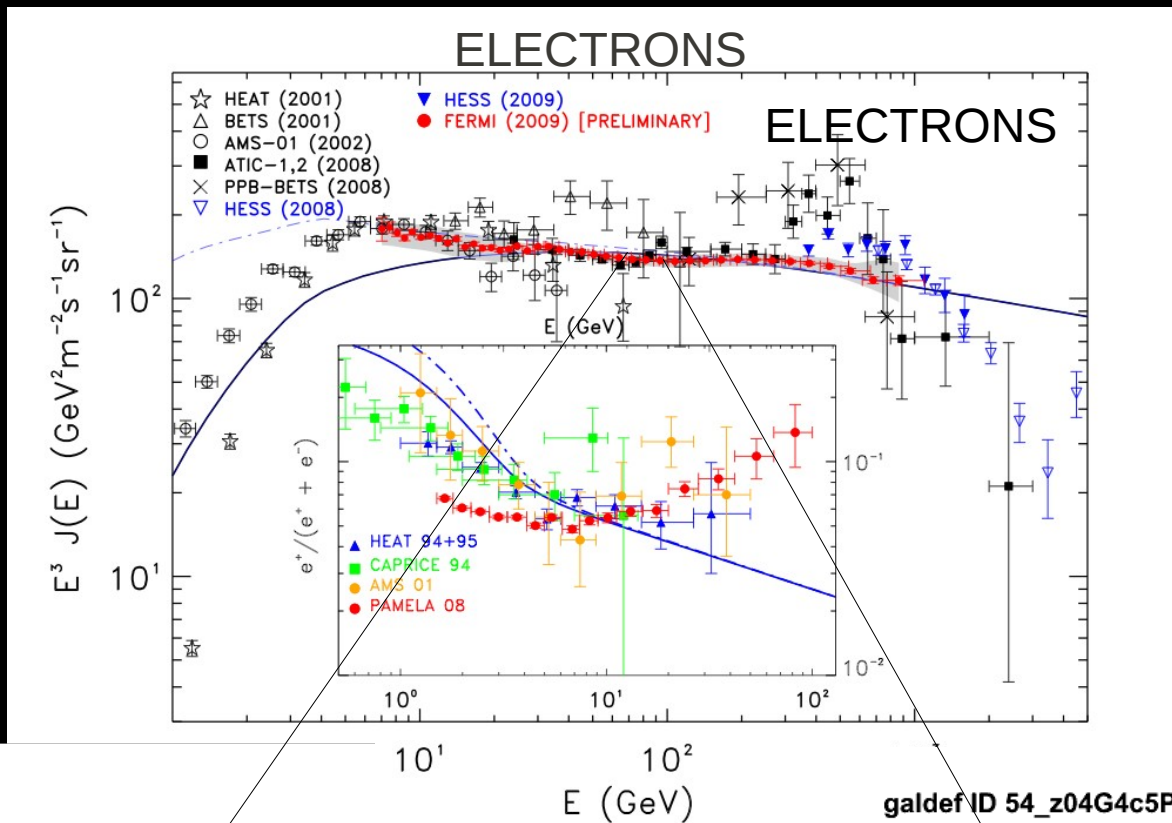
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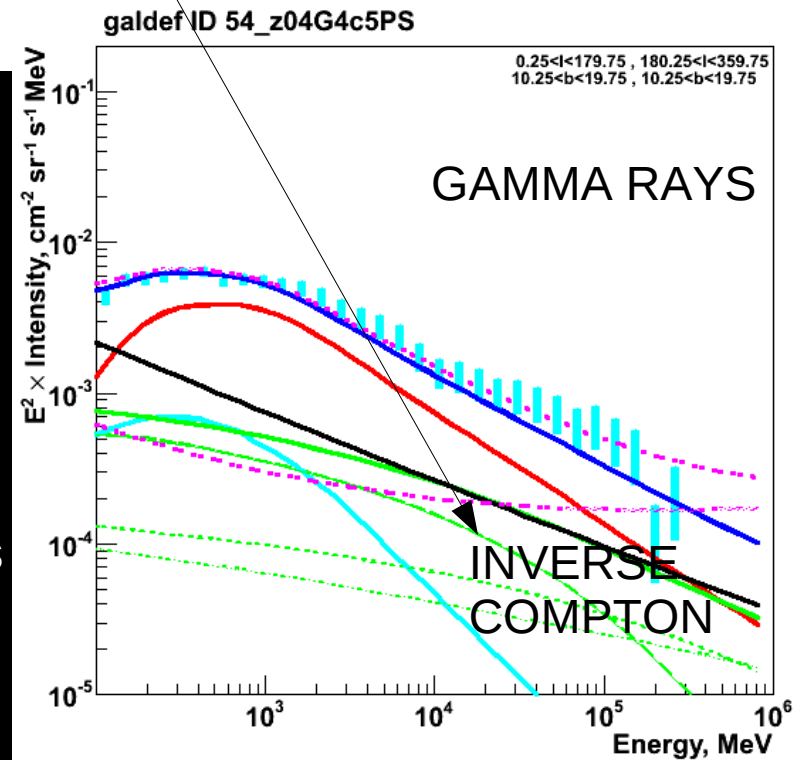


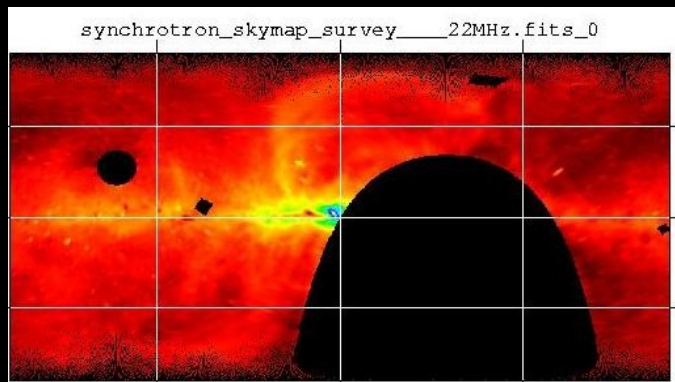
Cosmic-ray electrons provide the link radio – gamma ray  
Hence (one of the) Fermi – Planck connection(s) !



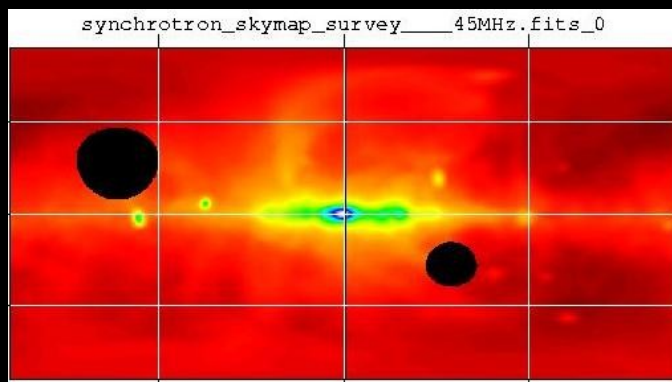


SAME  
 ELECTRONS  
 for  
 RADIO  
 and  
 GAMMA RAYS !  
 good constraints  
 on models

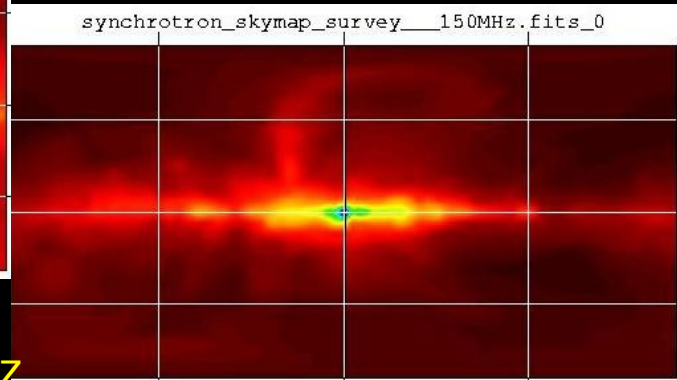




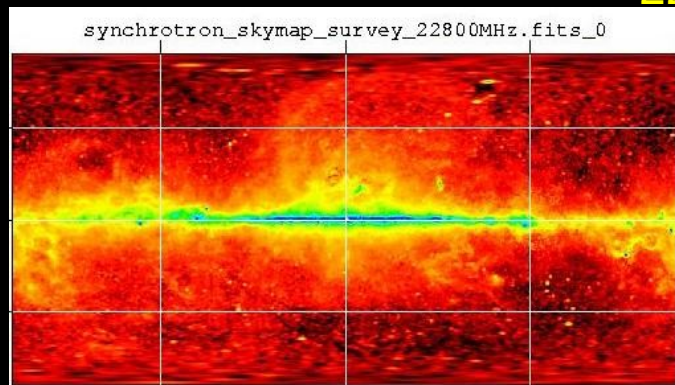
22 MHz



45 MHz



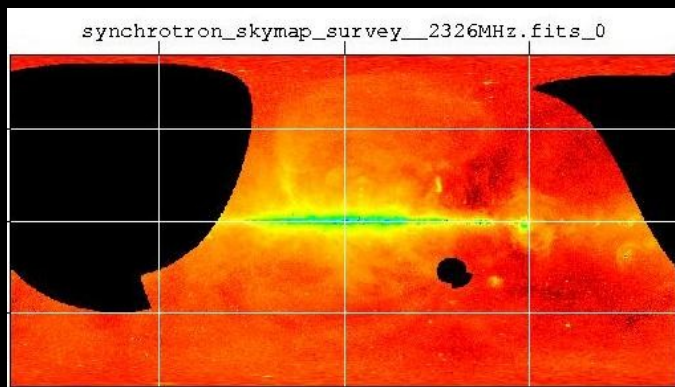
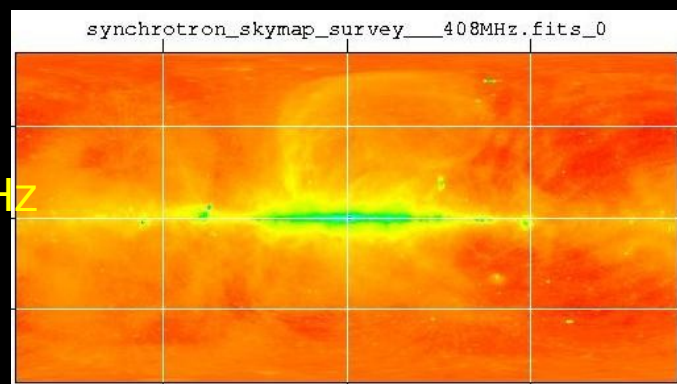
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23 GHz

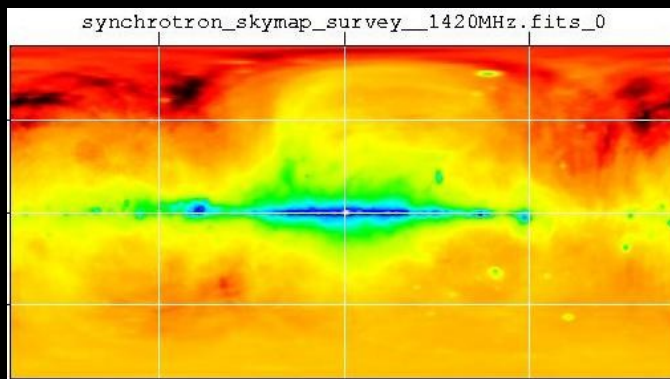
Continuum  
sky surveys

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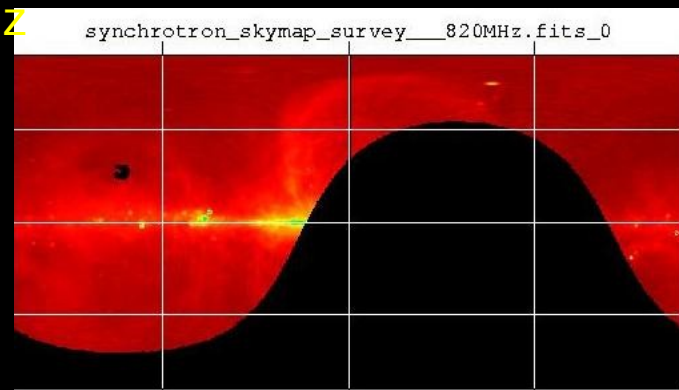


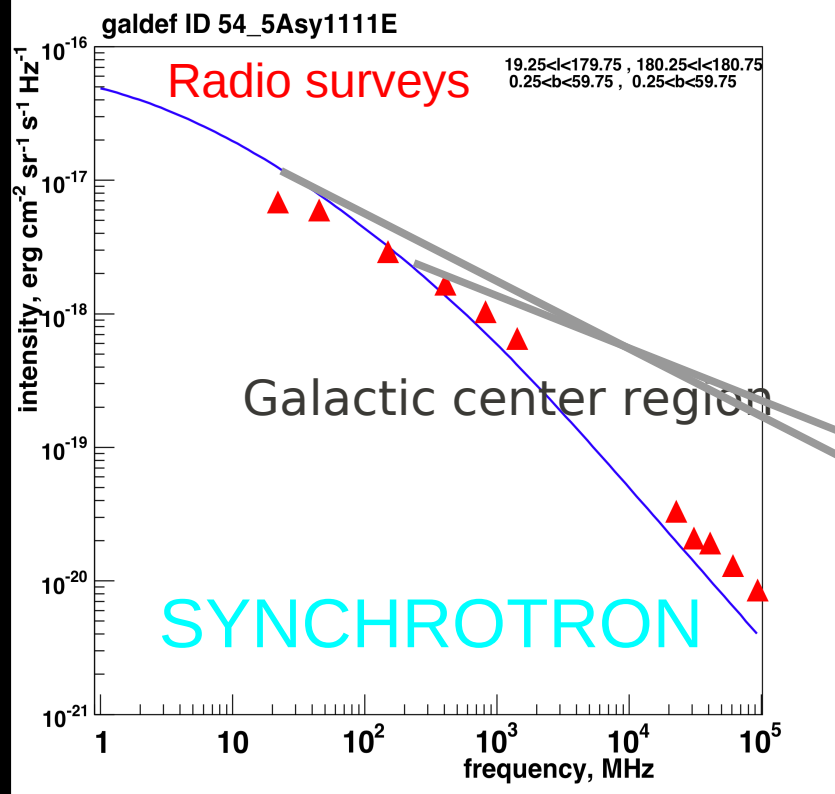
2.3 GHz

1.4 GHz

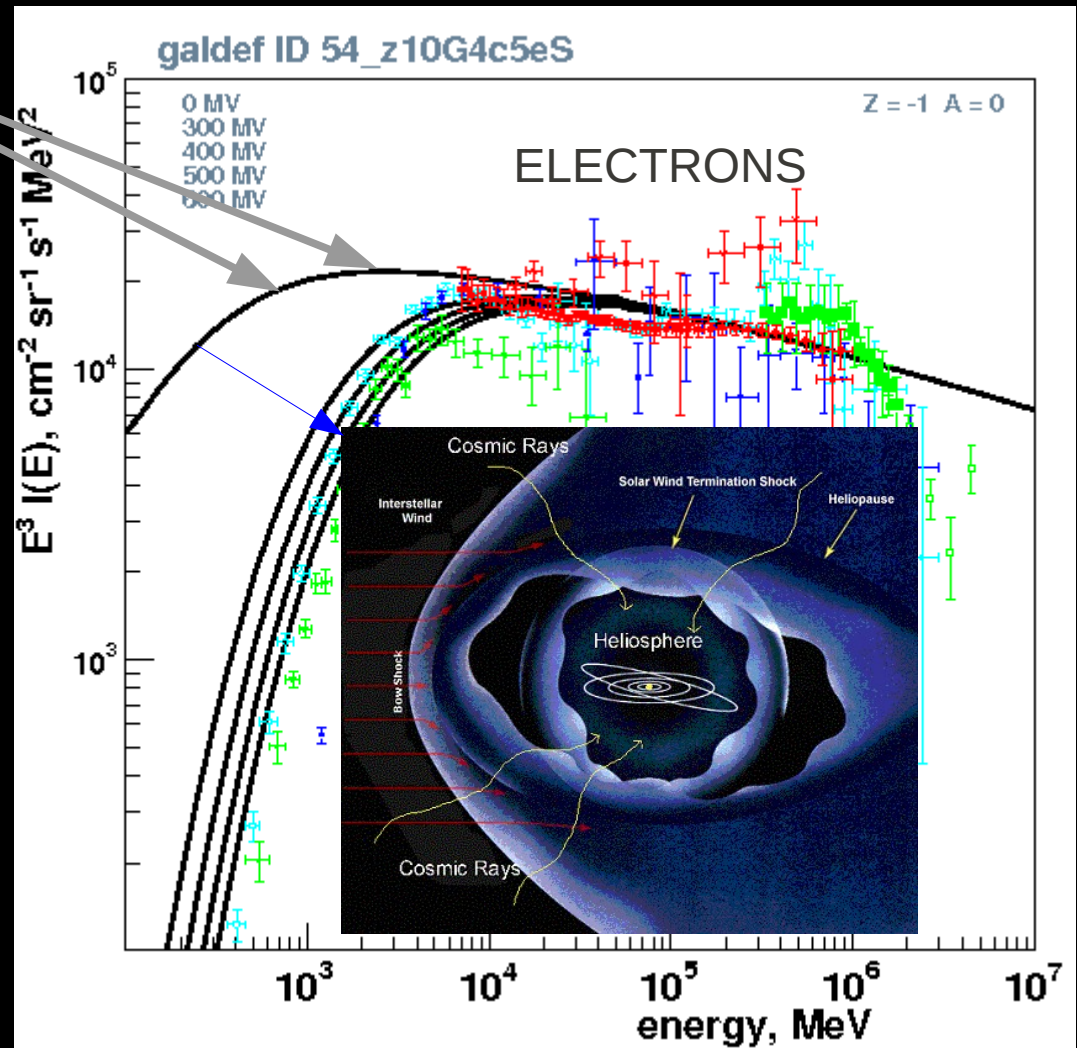


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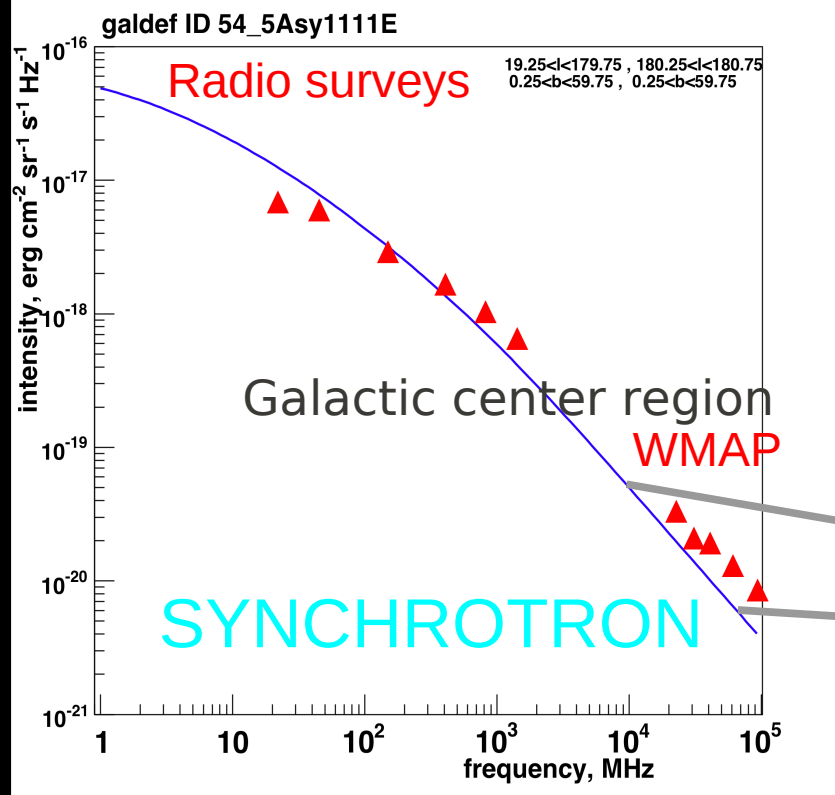


GALPROP  
model



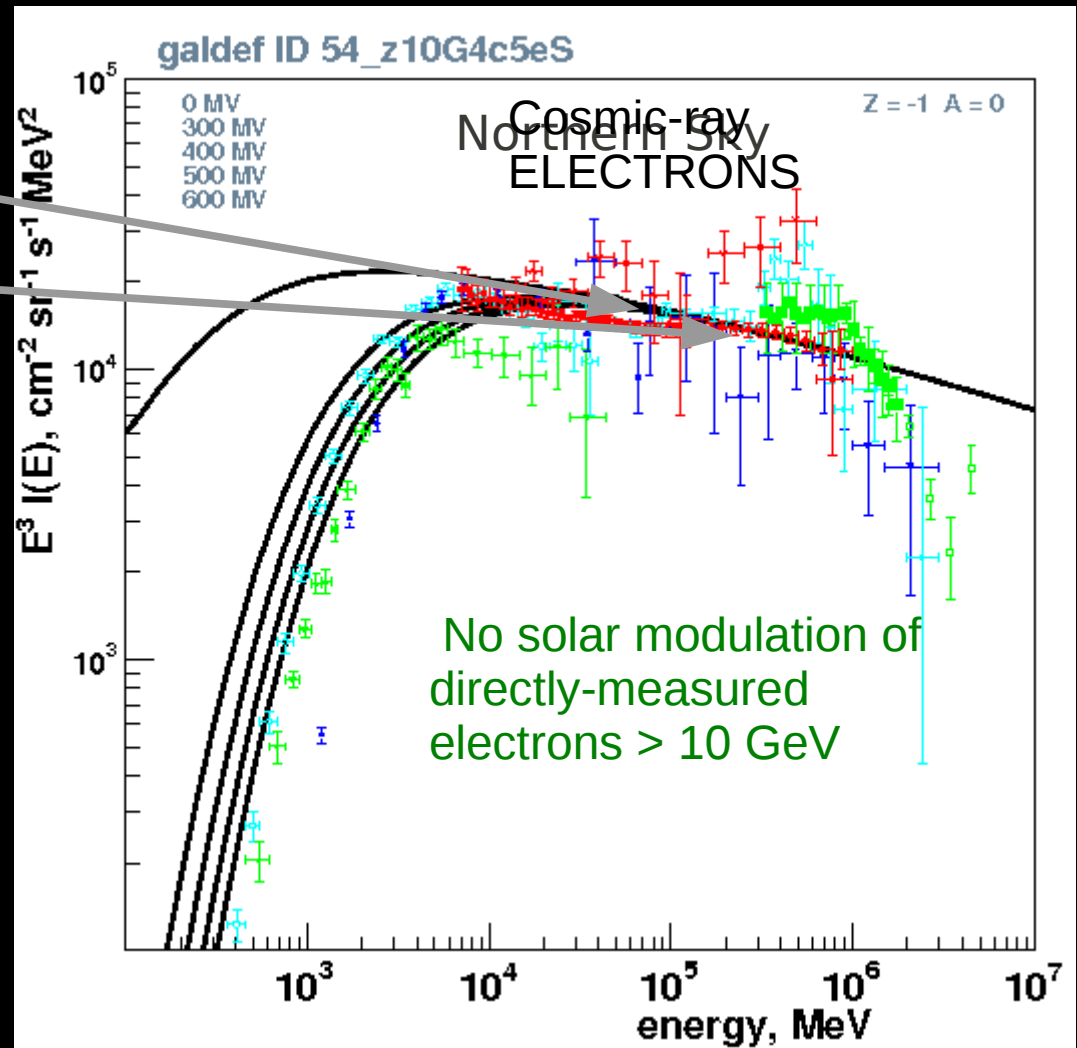
radio provides essential probe of  
interstellar electron spectrum at  
 $E < \text{few GeV}$   
to complement direct measurements  
and determine solar modulation

electrons have huge uncertainty  
due to modulation here

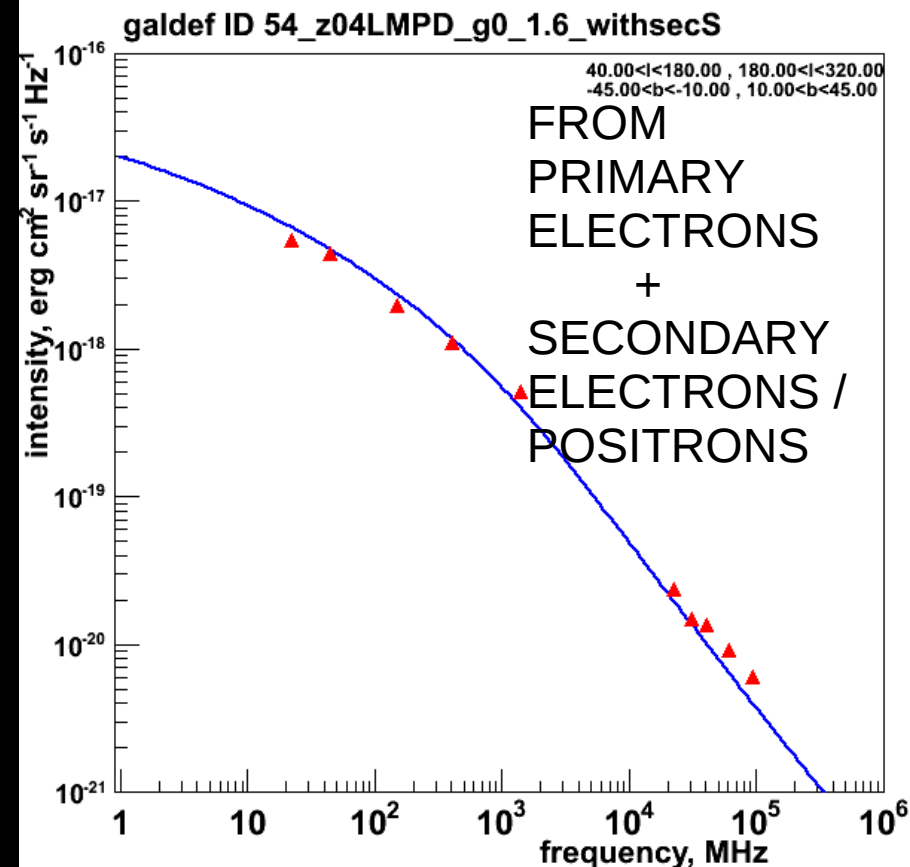
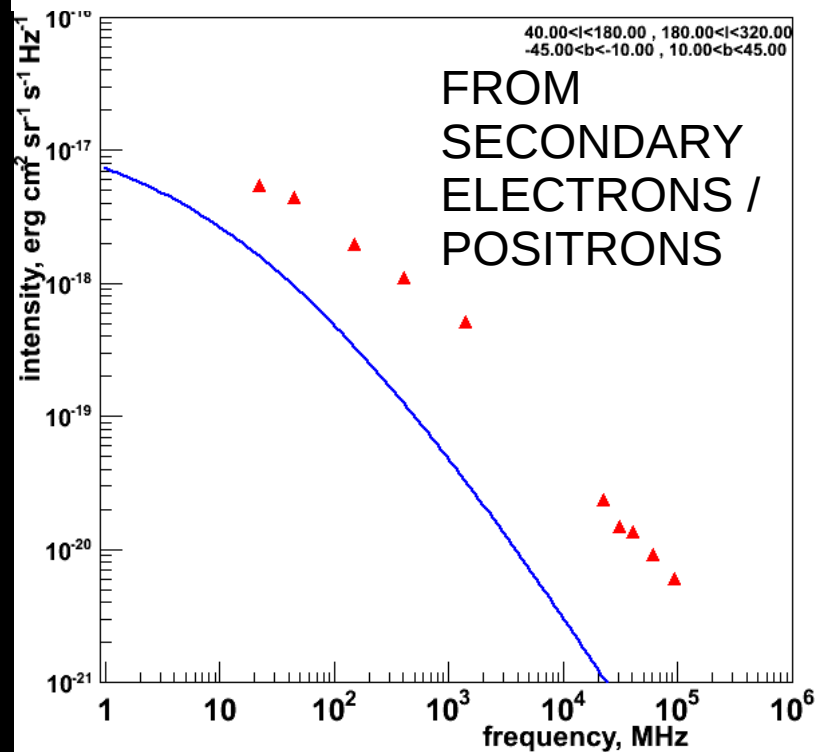
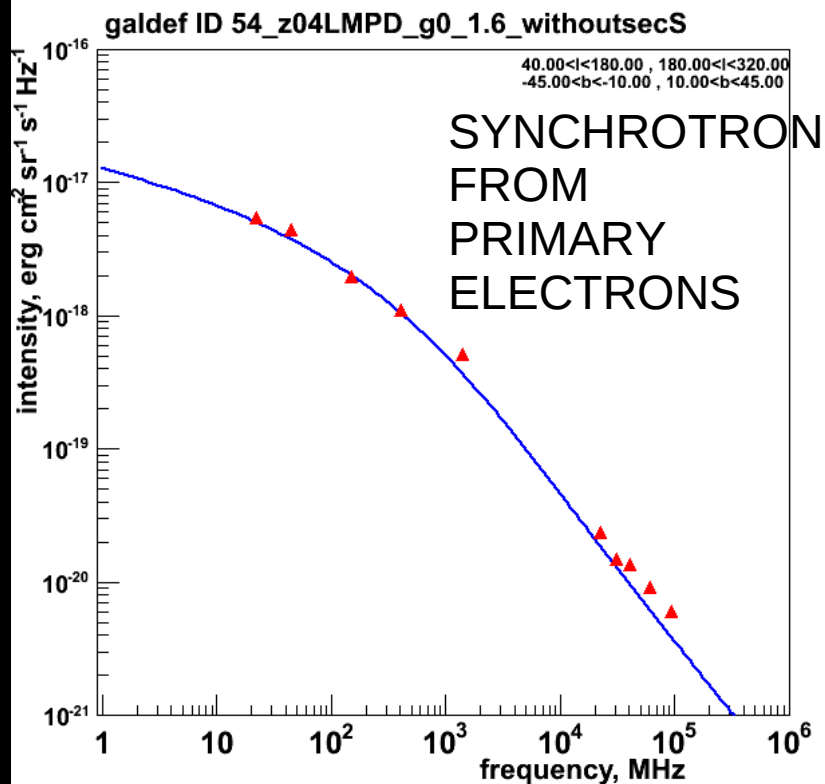


GALPROP  
model

microwaves provide essential probe of  
interstellar electron spectrum  
10 - 100 GeV





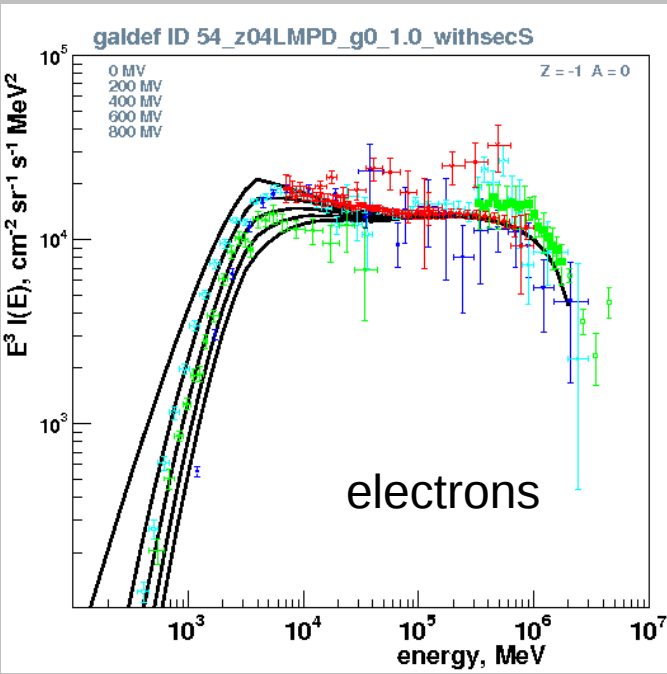


*Secondary positrons  
(and secondary electrons)  
are important for synchrotron*



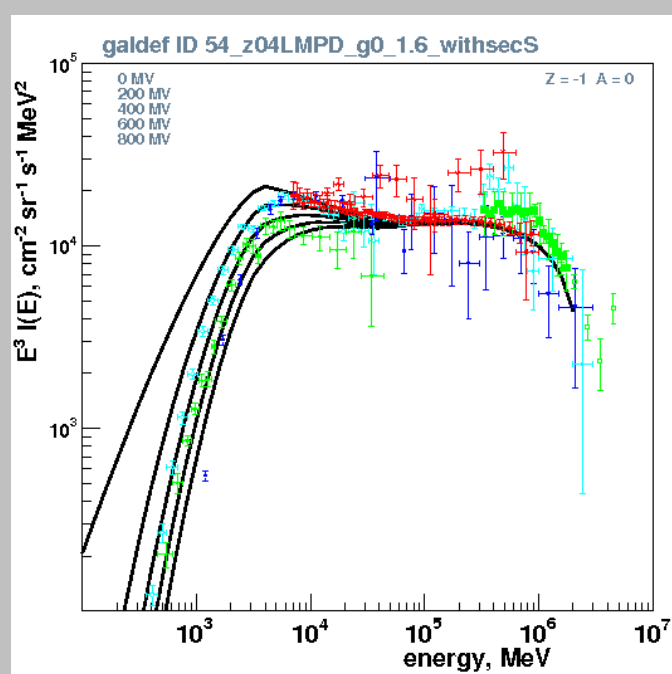
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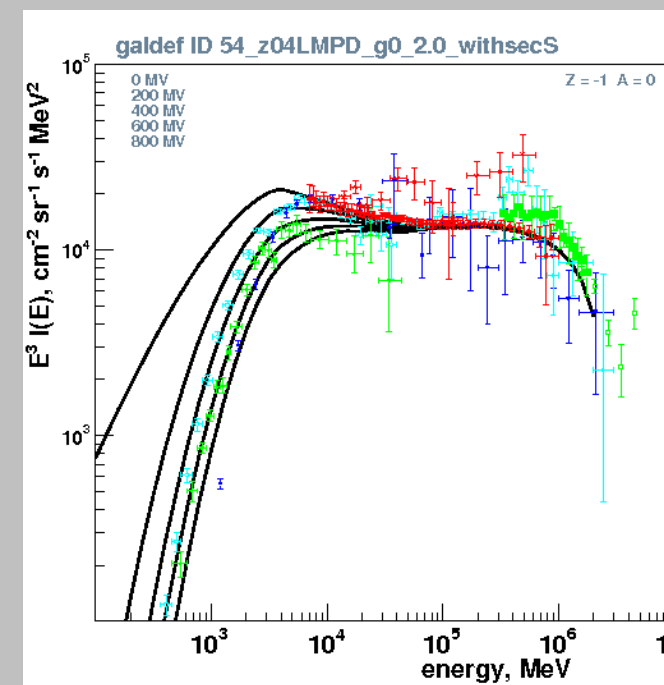
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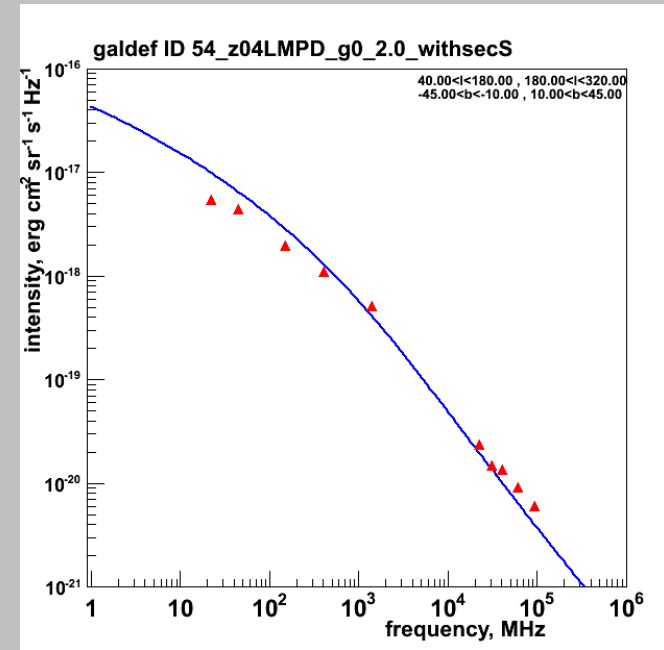
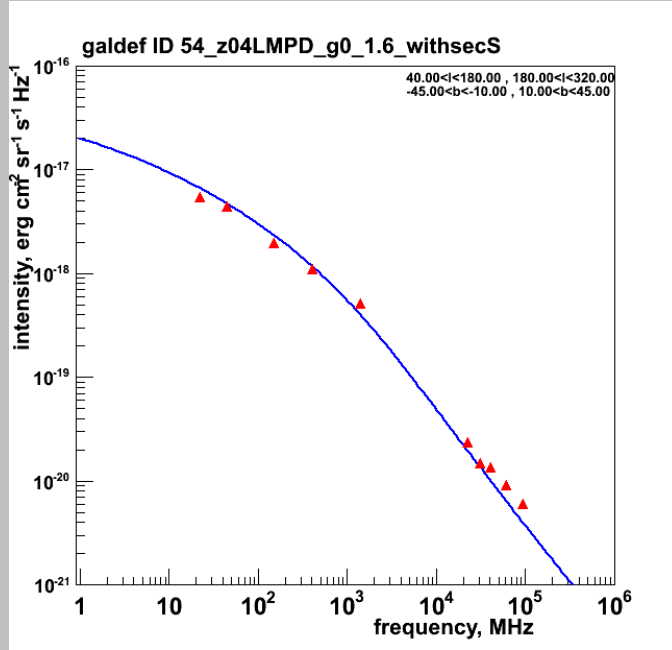
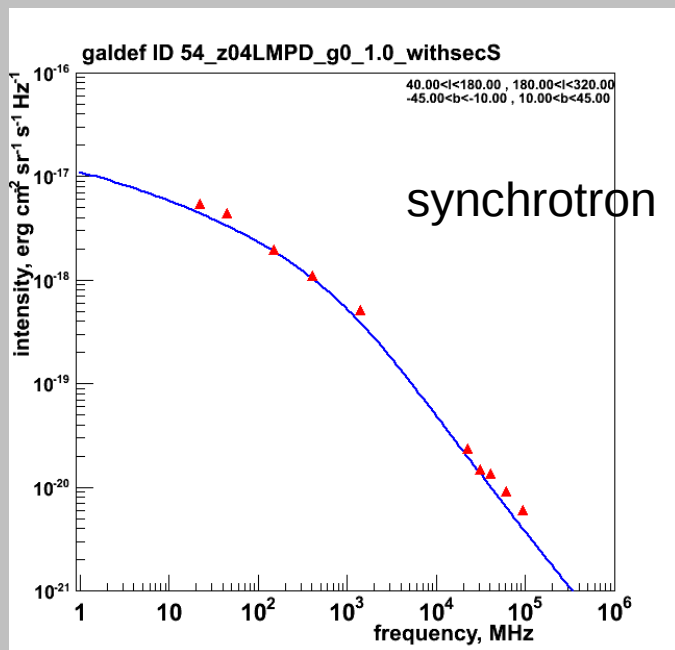


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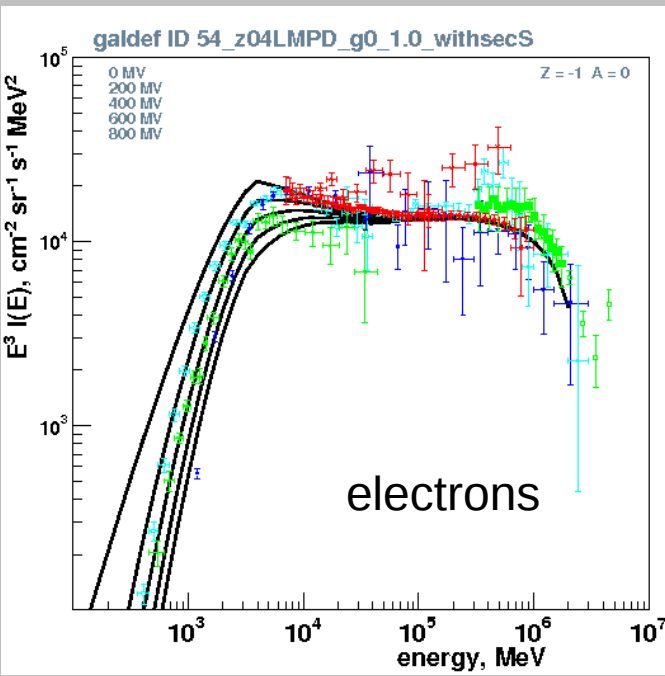


excluded by synchrotron !



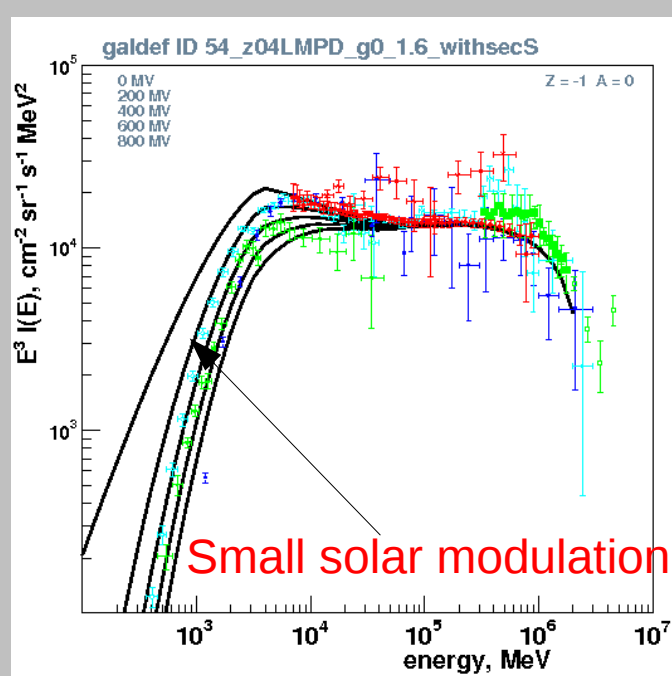
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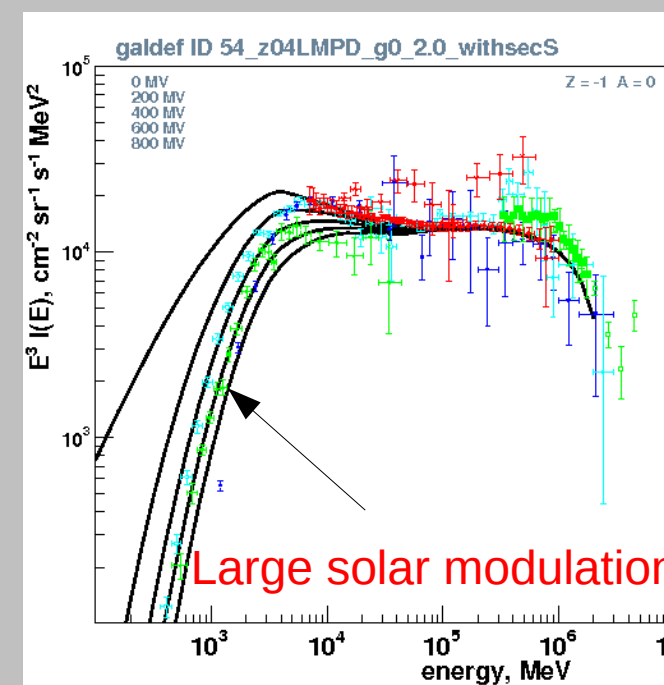
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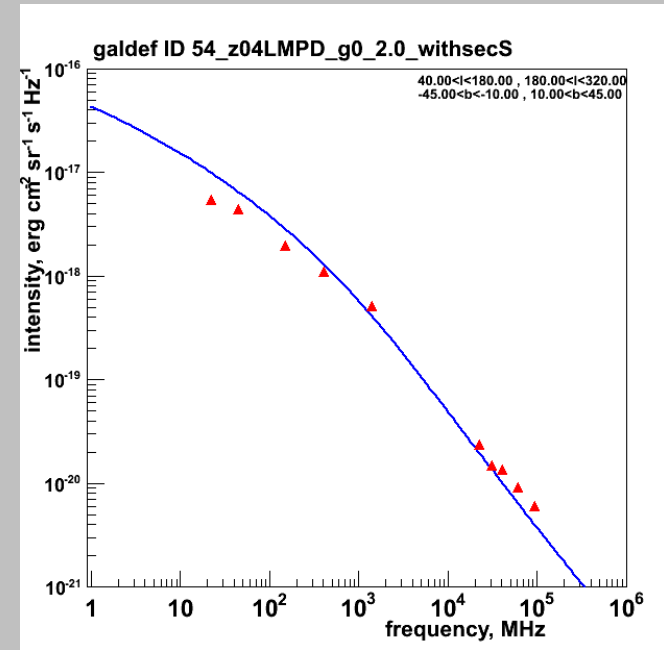
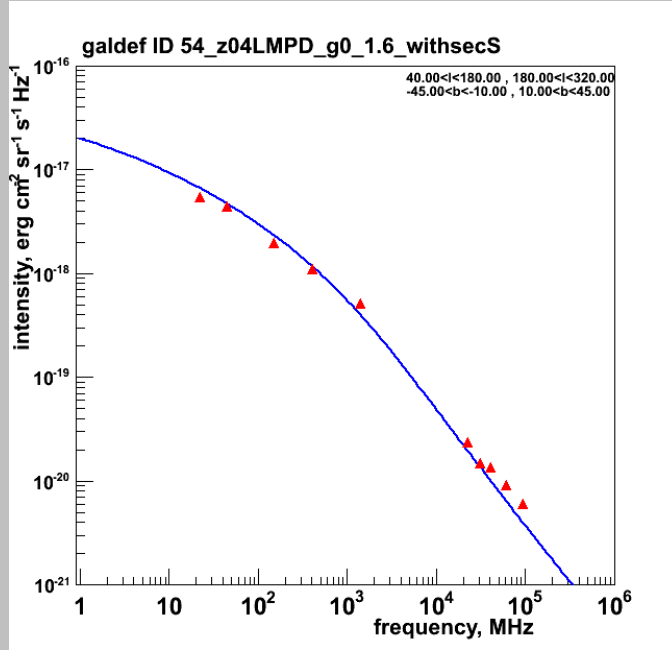
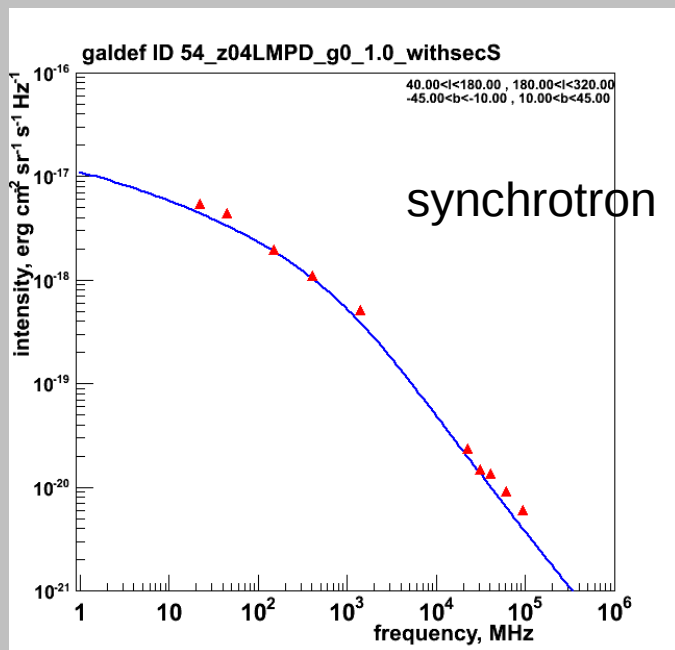


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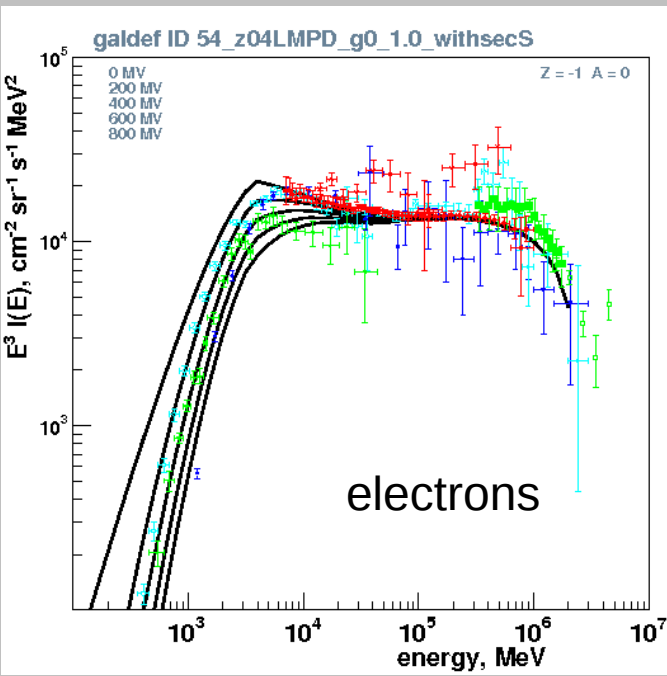


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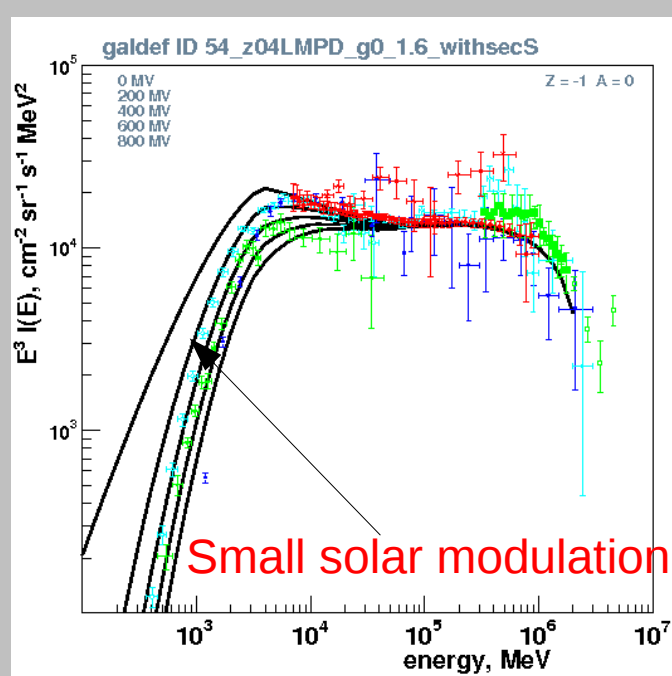
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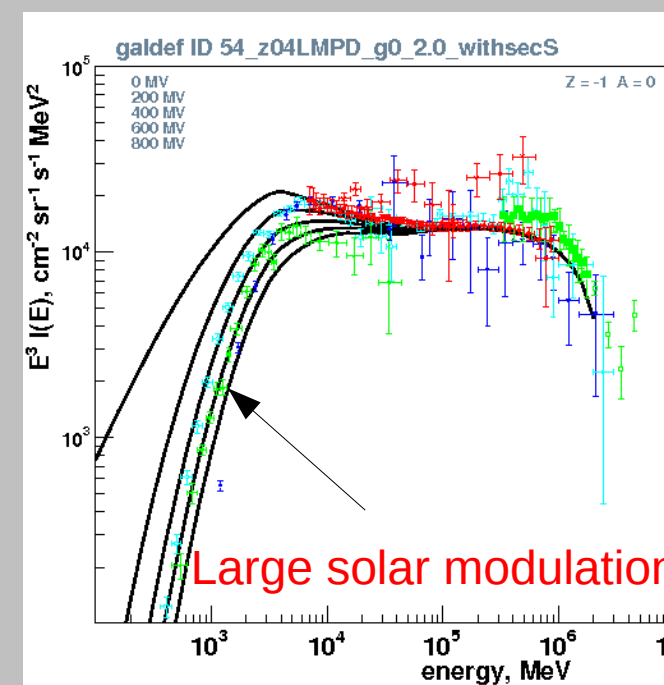
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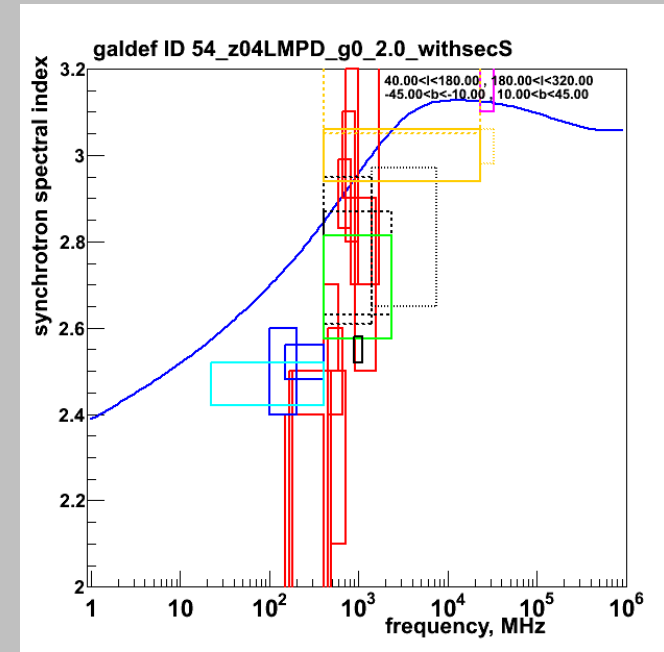
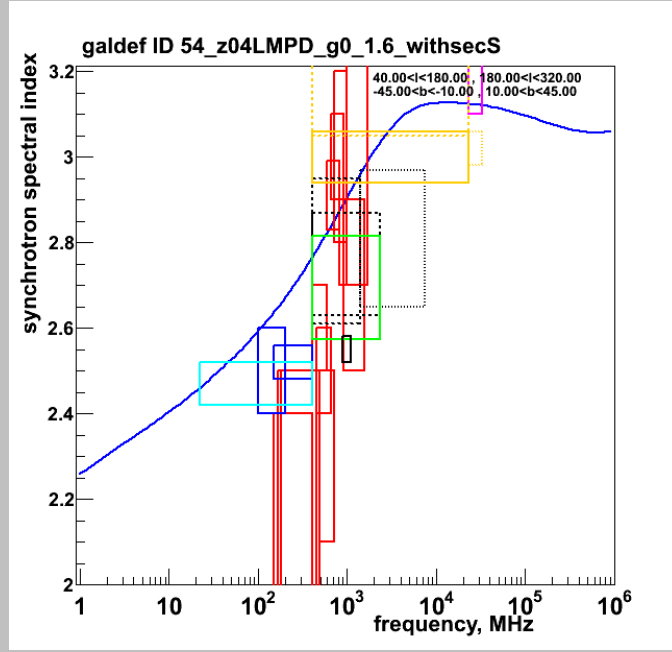
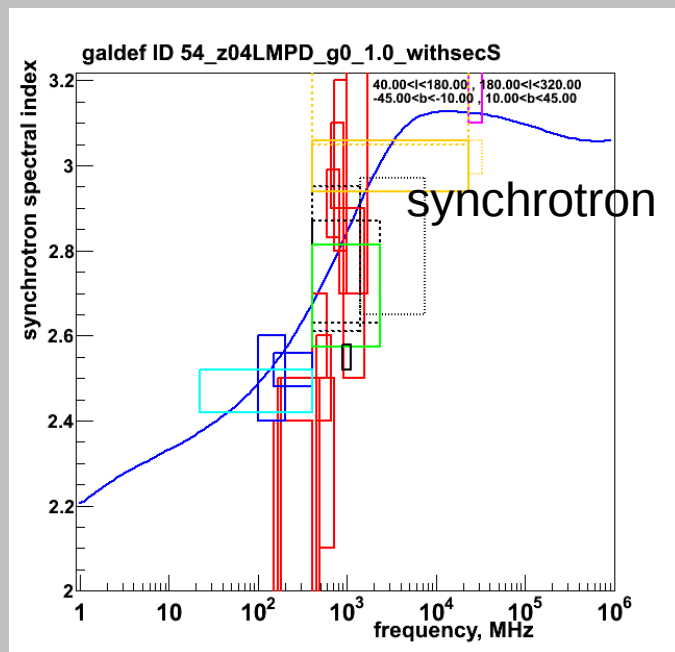


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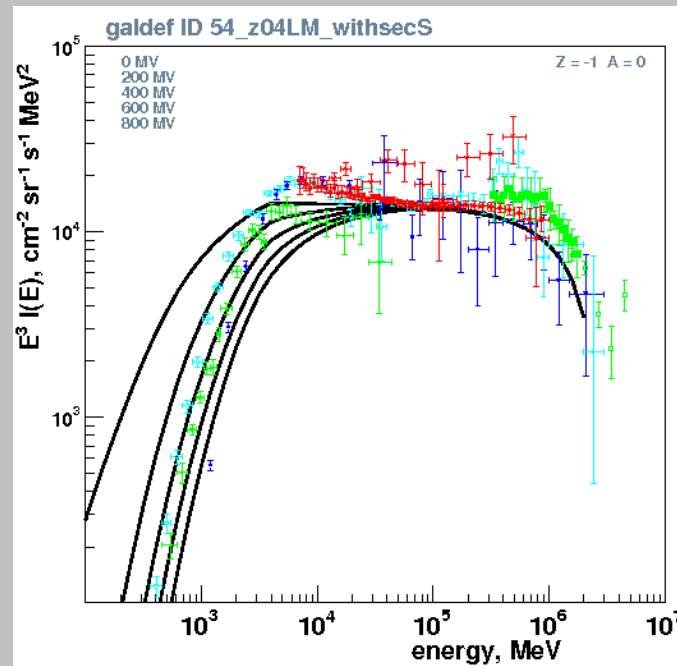
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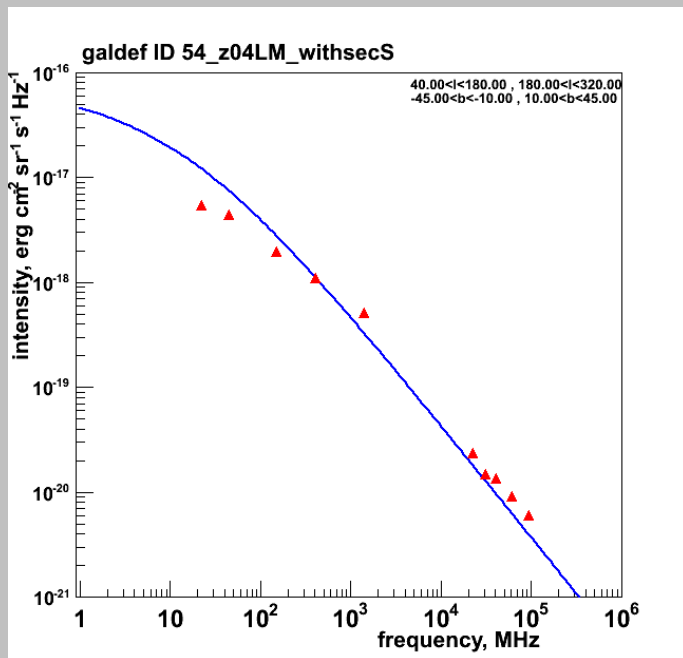
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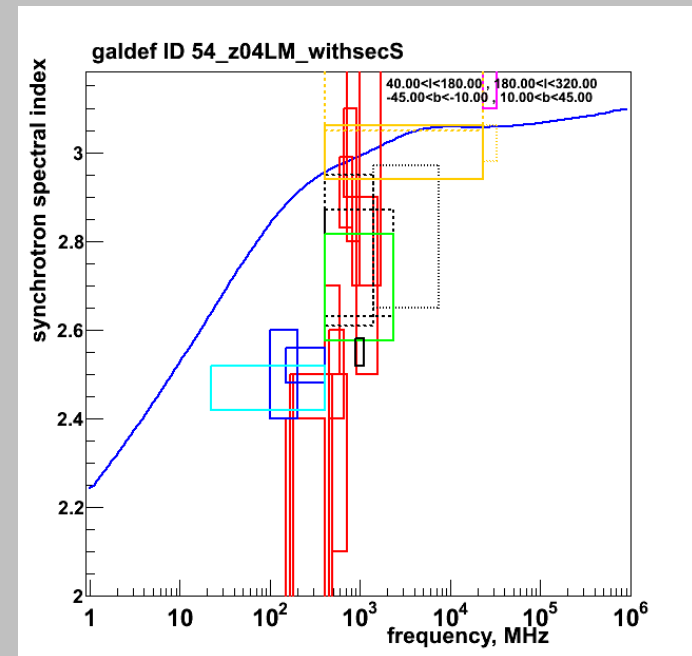
# Reacceleration model – in trouble with synchrotron



ELECTRONS



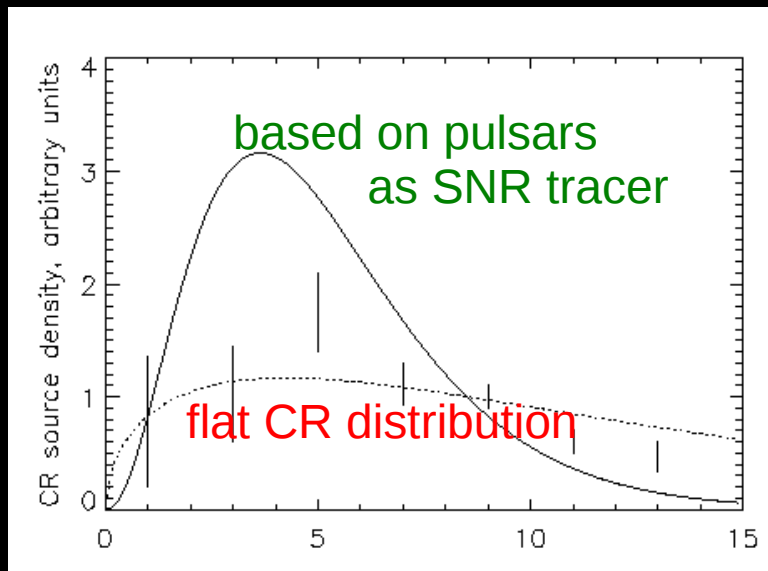
SYNCHROTRON



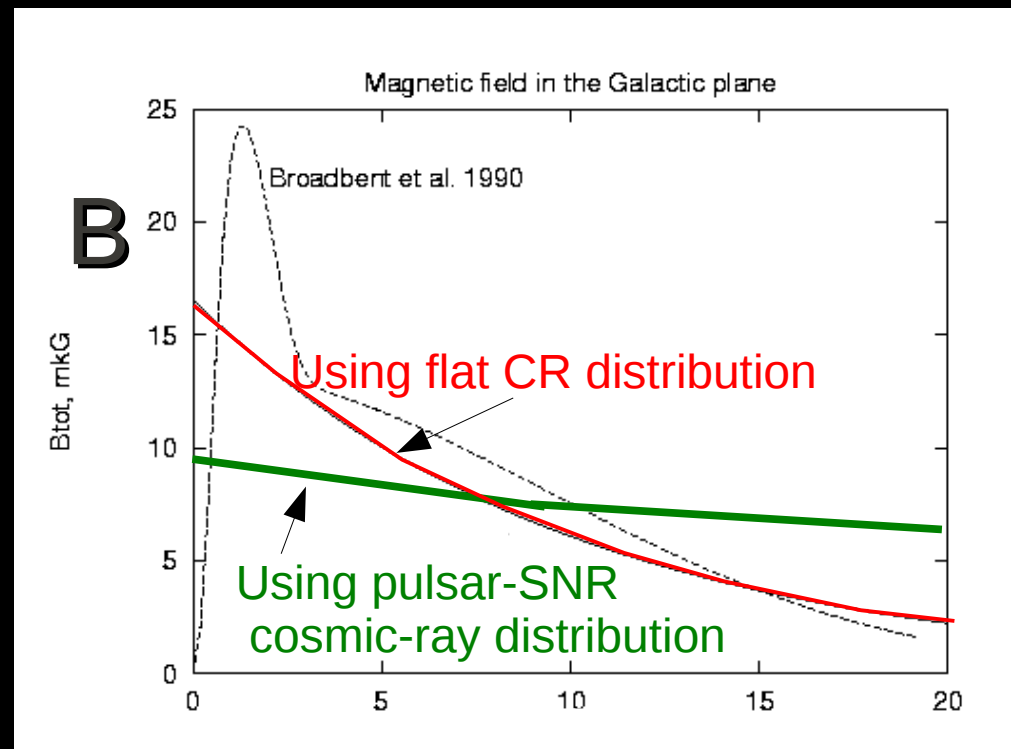
*from synchrotron and cosmic-ray propagation model :*

$$B_{\text{tot}} (\mu\text{G}) = 7 e^{- (R - R_0) / 30 \text{ kpc} - |z| / 4 \text{ kpc}}$$

**cosmic-ray source distribution**



$R$ , kpc



$R$ , kpc

Using cosmic-ray distribution consistent with Fermi data,  
essentially no  $R$ -dependence of  $B_{\text{tot}}$

Only by combining gammas, electrons and synchrotron data can we get  $B_{\text{tot}}$  !

Relevant to Planck !

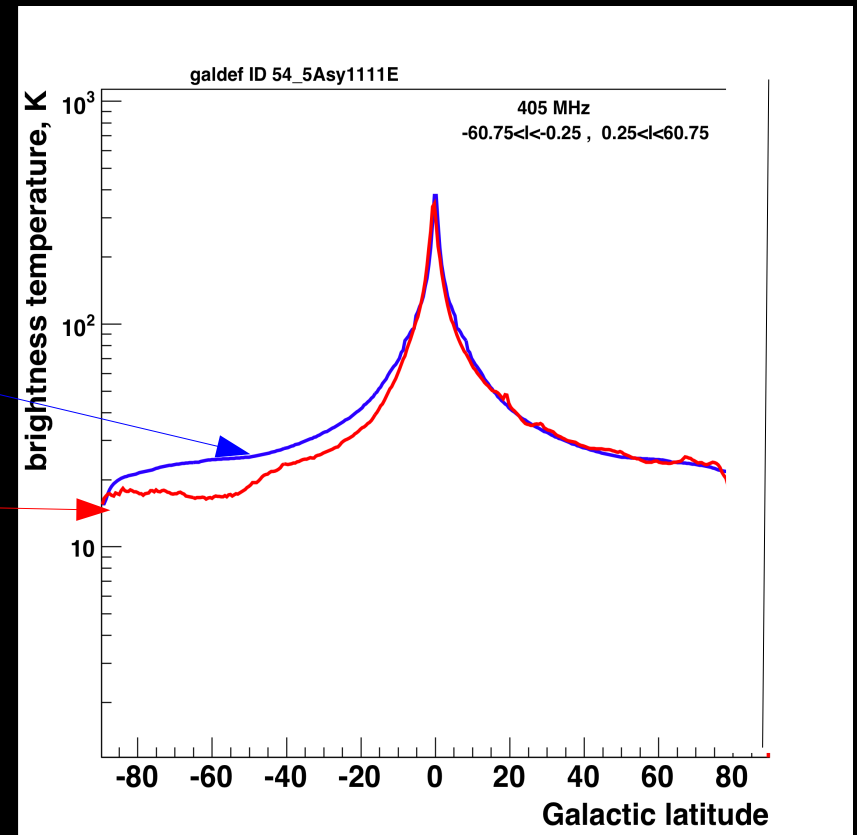
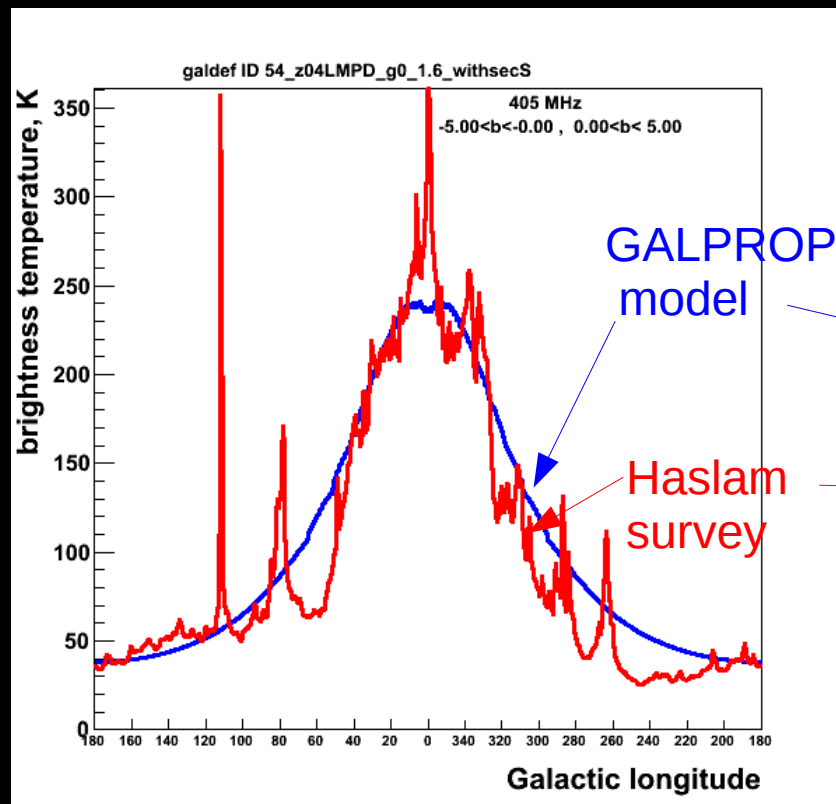


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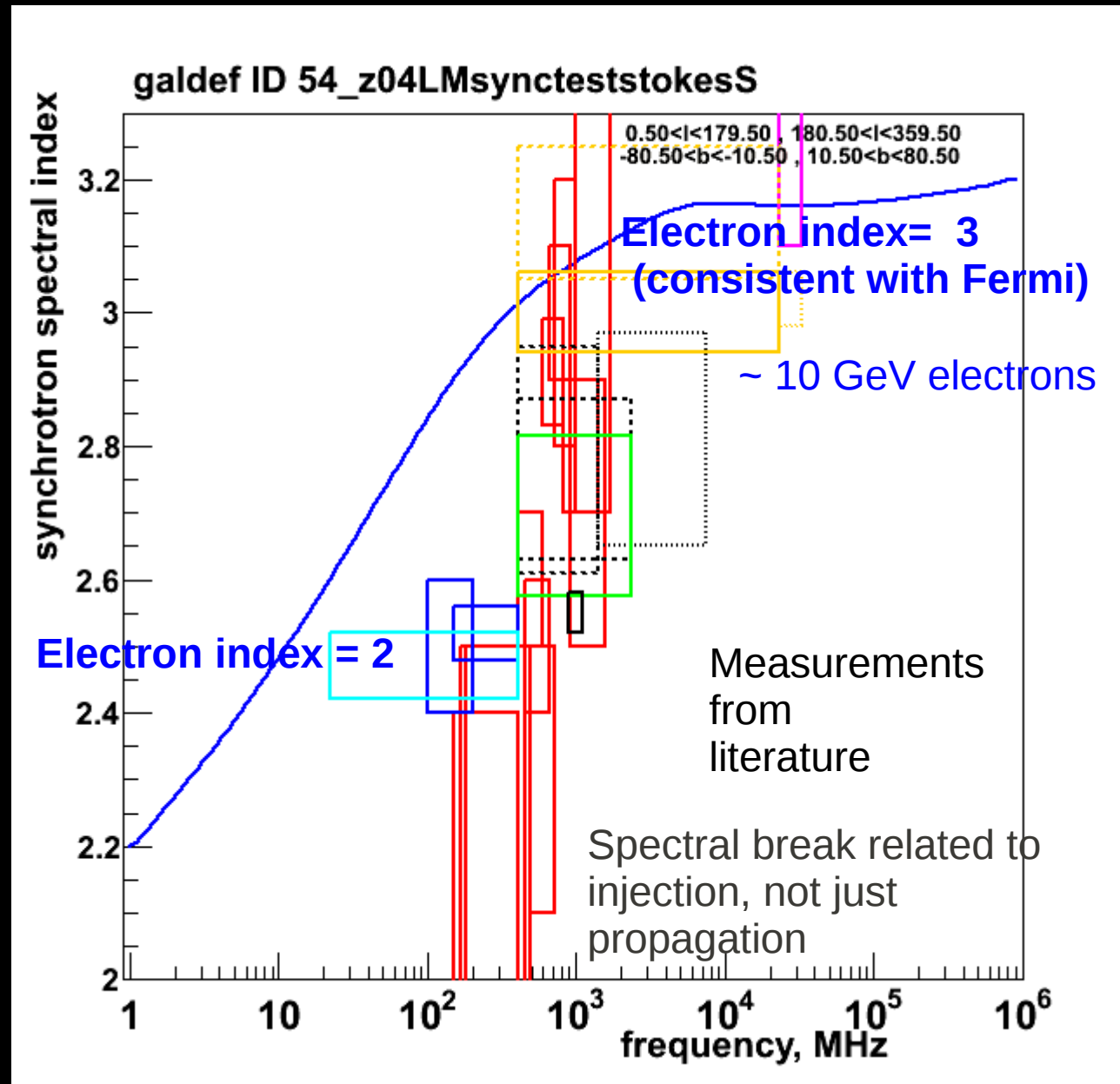
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408 MHz

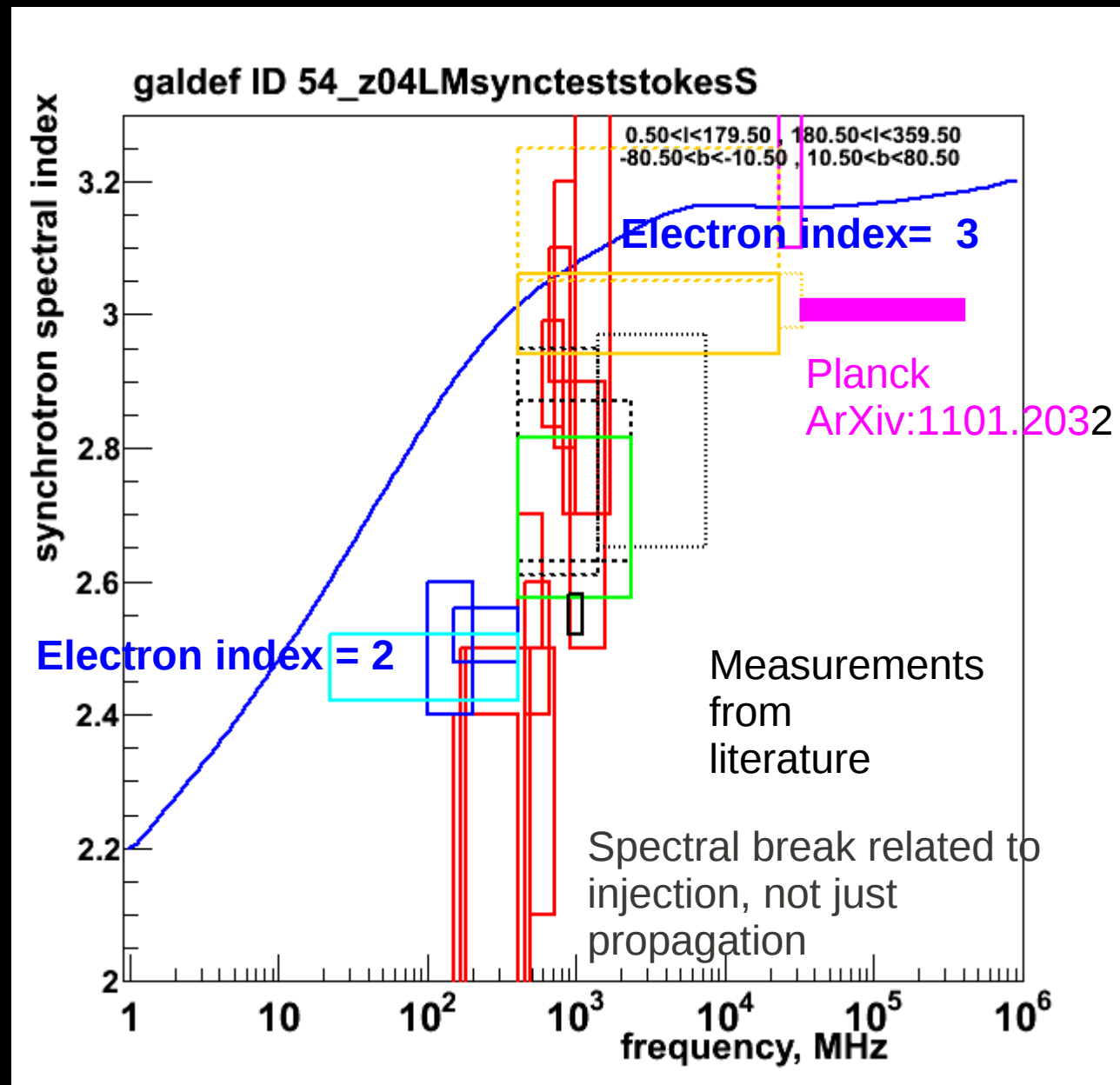
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# Synchrotron Spectral index vs frequency

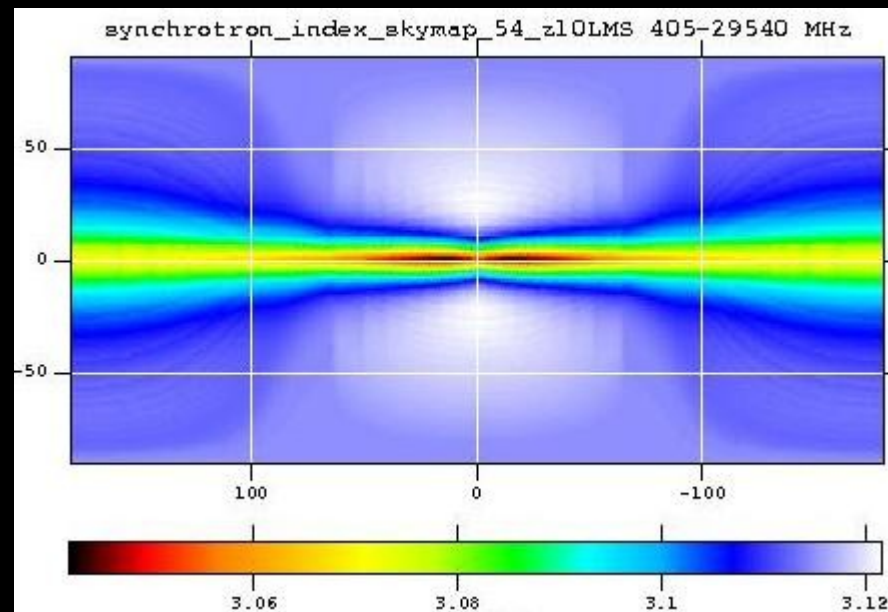


# Synchrotron Spectral index vs frequency



## Model Synchrotron spectral index

408 MHz – 23 GHz

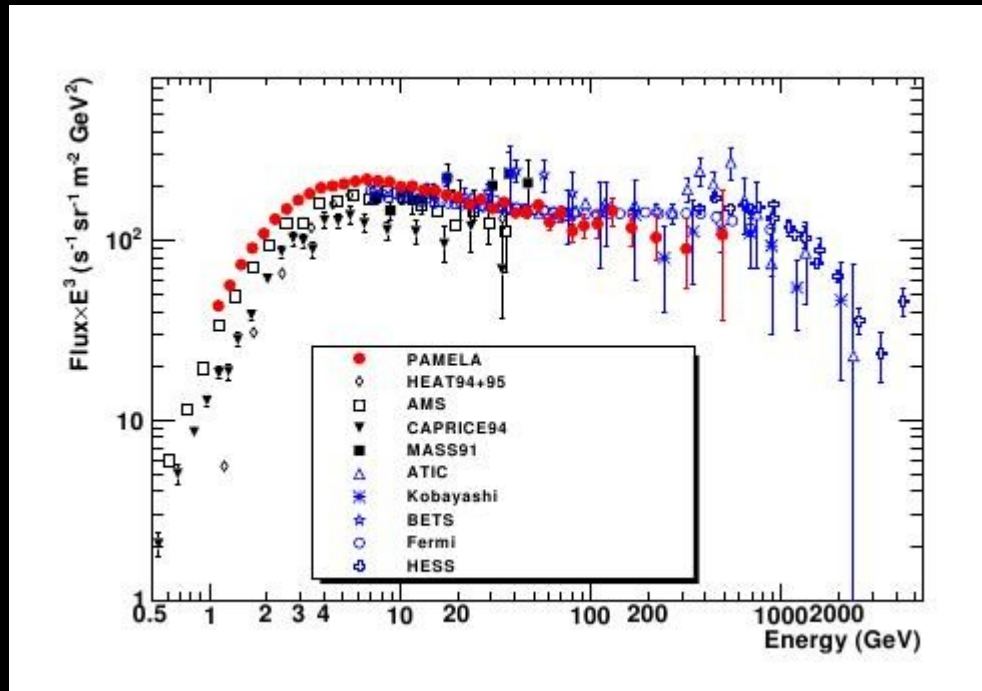


Model predicts small but systematic variations.

Reality is of course much more complex.

The model gives a minimum underlying variation from electron propagation.

New !  
PAMELA satellite measures cosmic-ray electrons  
Phys Rev Letter March 2011



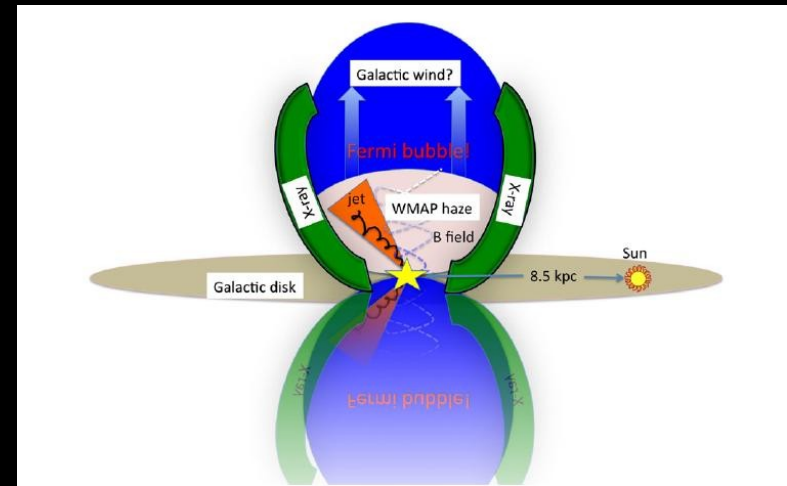
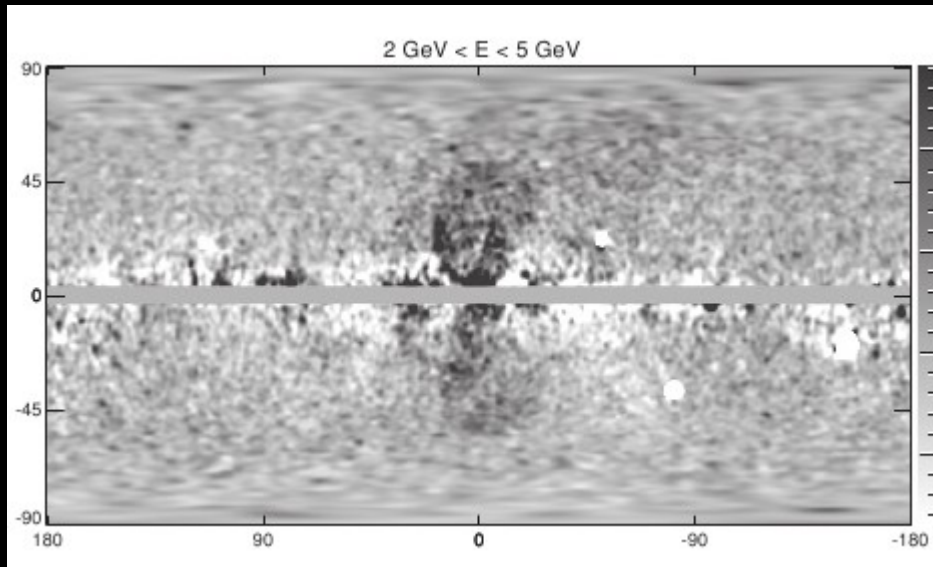
Down to 1 GeV ( c.f. Fermi  $> 7$  GeV)  
Consistent, a bit higher than Fermi at low energies  
Slightly steeper, as expected since Fermi includes positrons

Coming soon: AMS-02, launch 19 April.



## GIANT GAMMA-RAY BUBBLES FROM *FERMI*-LAT: ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEUS ACTIVITY OR BIPOLAR GALACTIC WIND?

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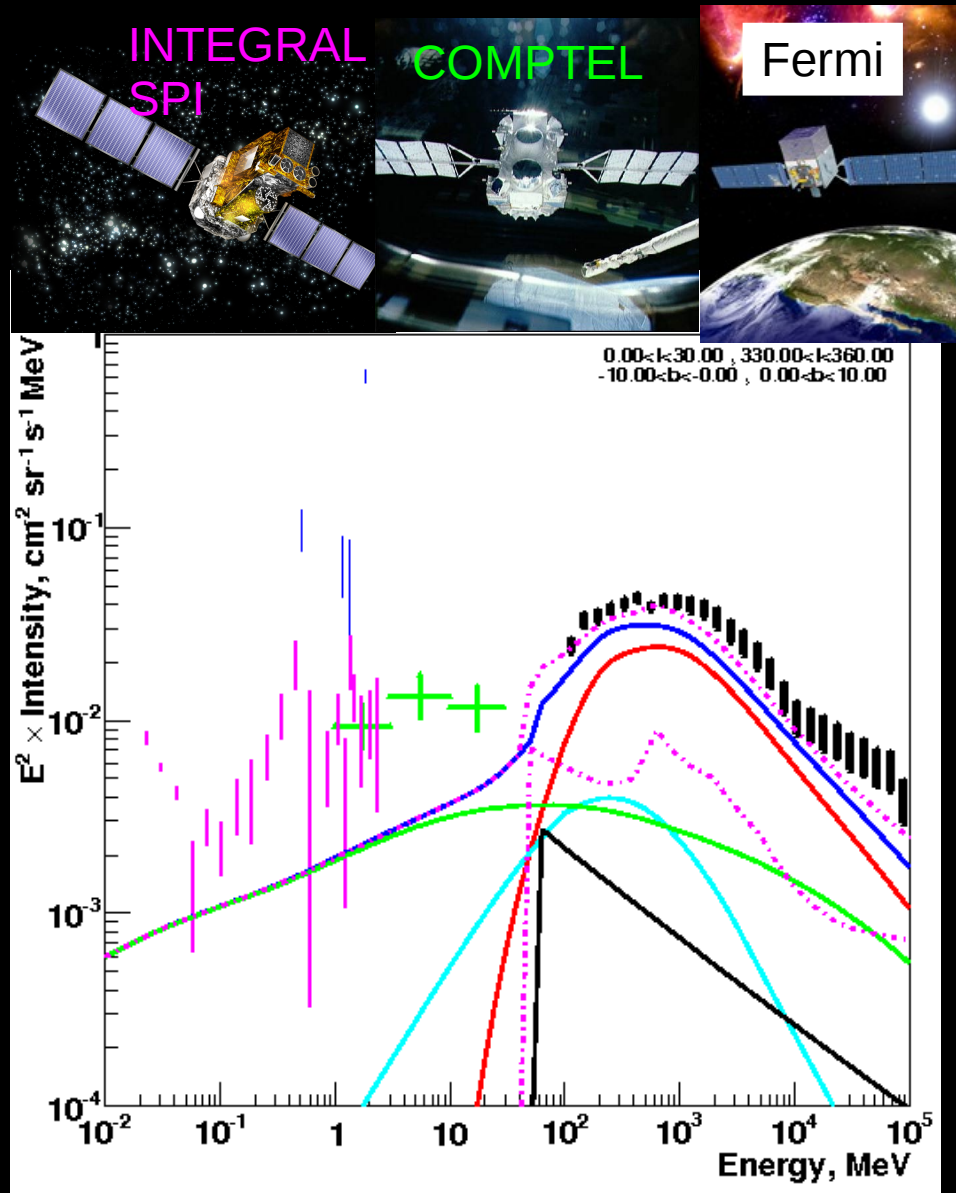


kpc-scale features centred on GC

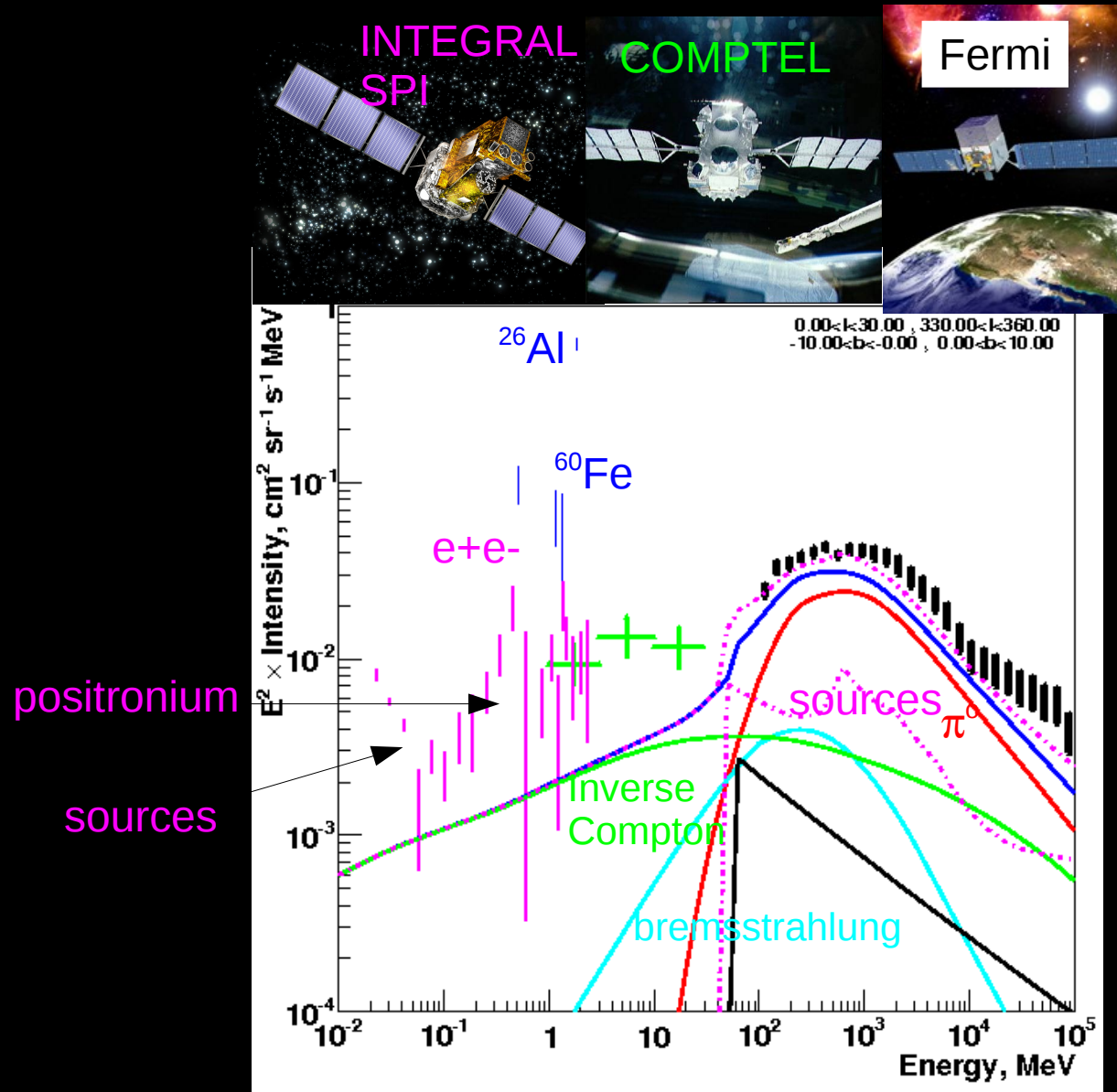
Details depend on foreground model used (features ~ 10% of total intensity) !

Presumably inverse Compton – electrons → radio → relevant to Planck

# Inner Galaxy: keV to TeV



# Inner Galaxy: keV to TeV



GeV electrons – inverse Compton - important for MeV gamma rays !

# AN ALIEN'S VIEW OF THE GALAXY

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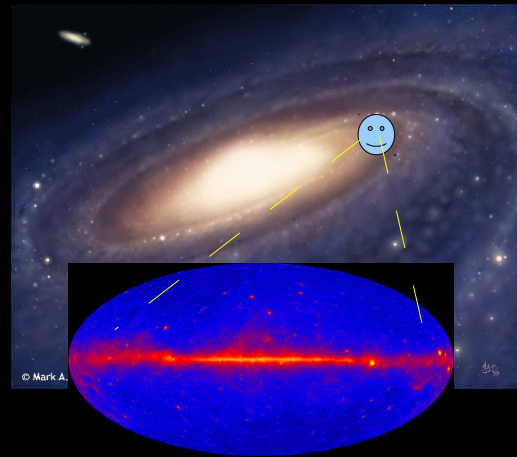
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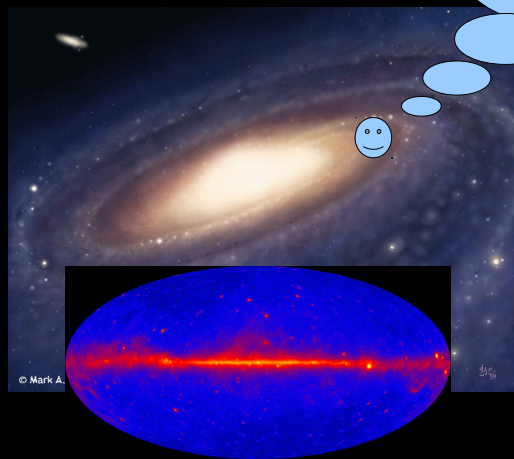
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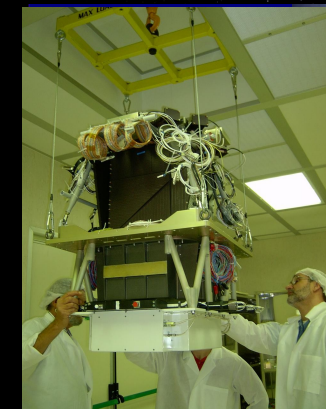
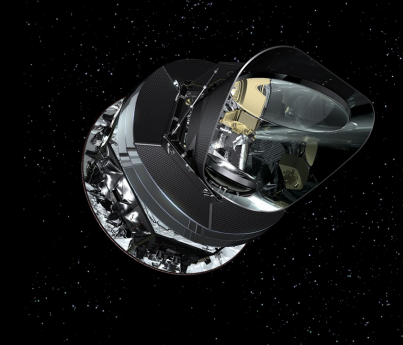
Since we live inside the Galaxy,  
global properties like  
multiwavelength luminosity (SED)  
are not easy to deduce.



what does it  
look from out  
there ?



EXPERIMENTS



THEORY

intergalactic space

HALO

Secondary:  $^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10,11}\text{B}$  ...  $\text{Fe..}$

Secondary:  $e^+$   $\bar{p}$

cosmic-ray sources:  $p$ ,  $\text{He}$  ..  $\text{Ni}$ ,  $e^-$

synchrotron

B-field

$\pi^0$

gas

ISRF

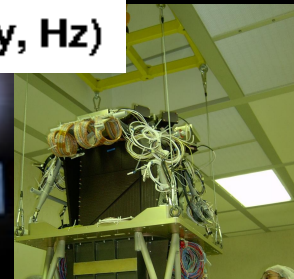
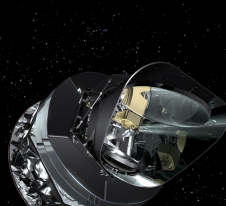
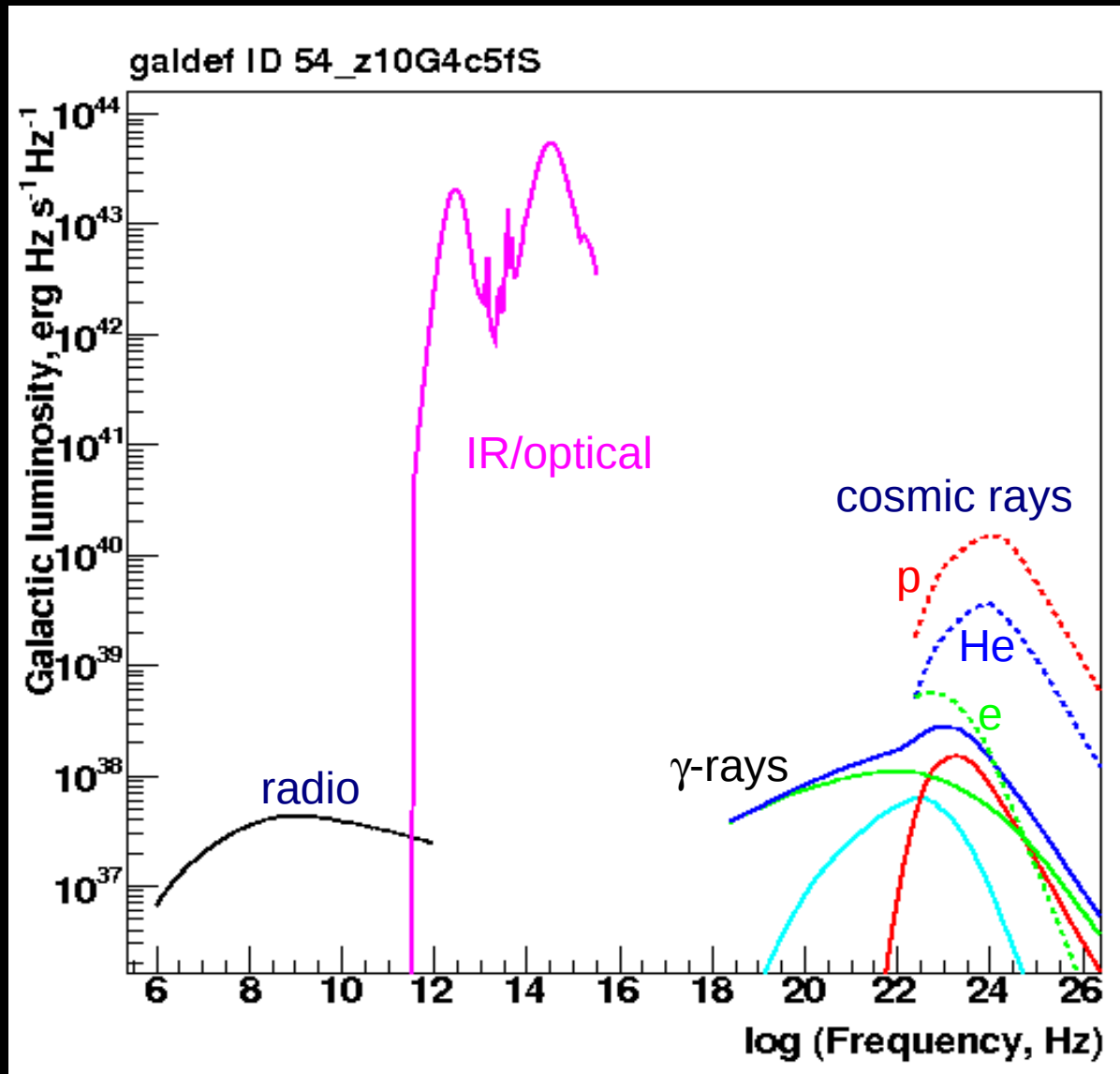
bremsstrahlung

inverse Compton

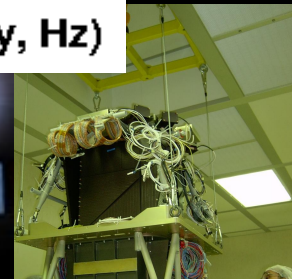
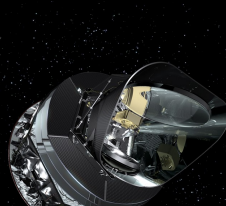
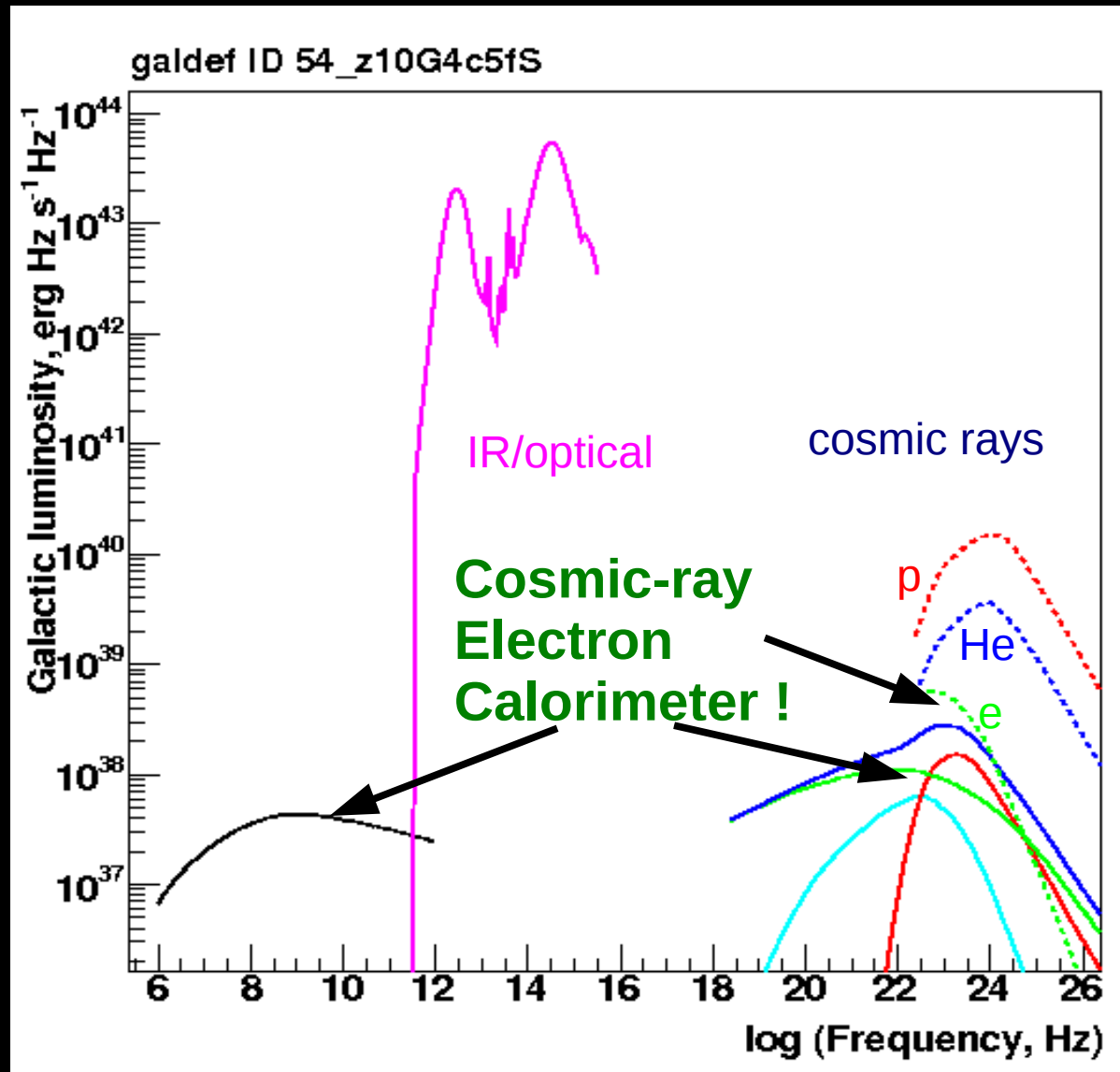
$\gamma$  - rays

GALPROP : models all that !

# Galaxy luminosity over 20 decades of energy



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# Galaxy luminosities

based on GALPROP model

Fermi gamma rays and electrons

Cosmic-ray nuclei	$10^{41}$	
Cosmic-ray electrons	$1.6 \cdot 10^{39}$	
Gamma rays > 100 MeV	$1.2 \cdot 10^{39}$	
$\pi^0$ -decay	$7 \cdot 10^{38}$	
bremsstrahlung	$1 \cdot 10^{38}$	
inverse Compton	$4 \cdot 10^{38}$	< 100 MeV: $8 \cdot 10^{38}$
Synchrotron	$4 \cdot 10^{38}$	
Optical + IR	$10^{44}$	

erg s<sup>-1</sup>

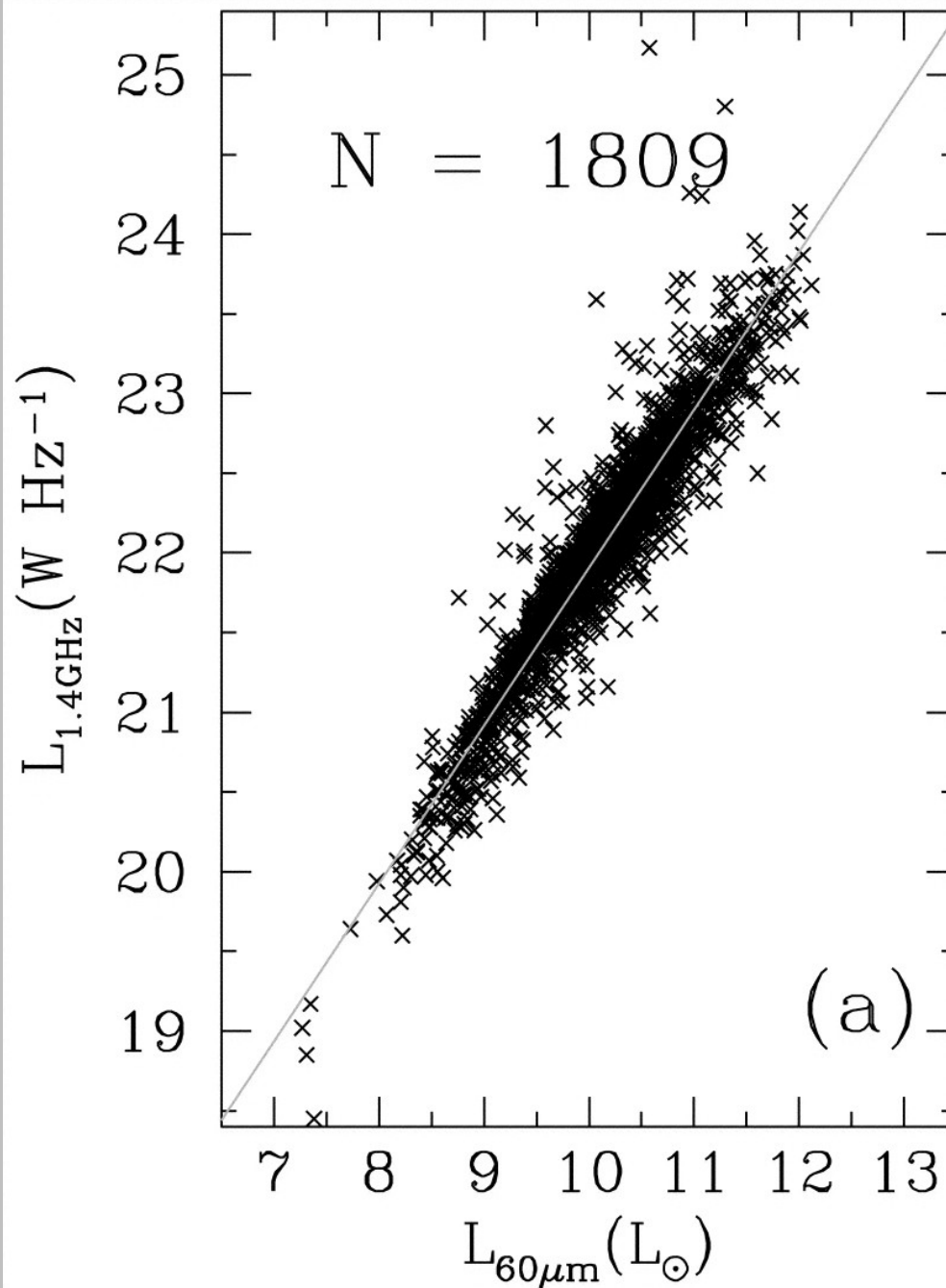
1% of nuclei energy converts to gamma rays

75% of electron energy converts to inverse Compton gamma rays

25% of electron energy converts to synchrotron radiation

Galaxy is electron calorimeter ! - but only if inverse Compton is included, not just synchrotron

## FIR / radio correlation



**Cosmic ray electron  
Calorimetry**

**Star-formation**

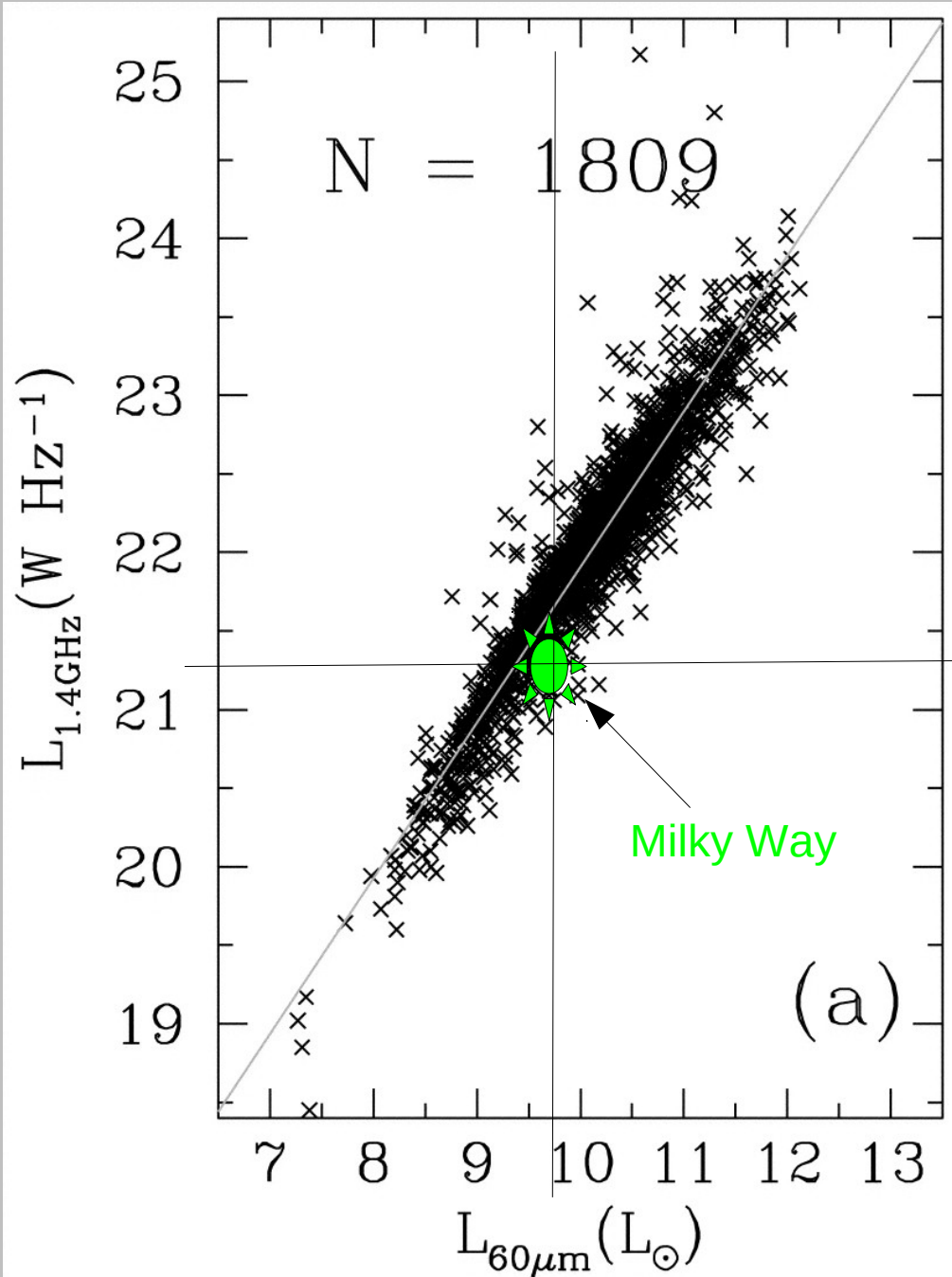
**v**

**Cosmic rays**

**v**

**Synchrotron**

## FIR / radio correlation



Cosmic ray electron  
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Star-formation

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Synchrotron

# Nearby galaxies detected by Fermi

Large Magellanic Cloud

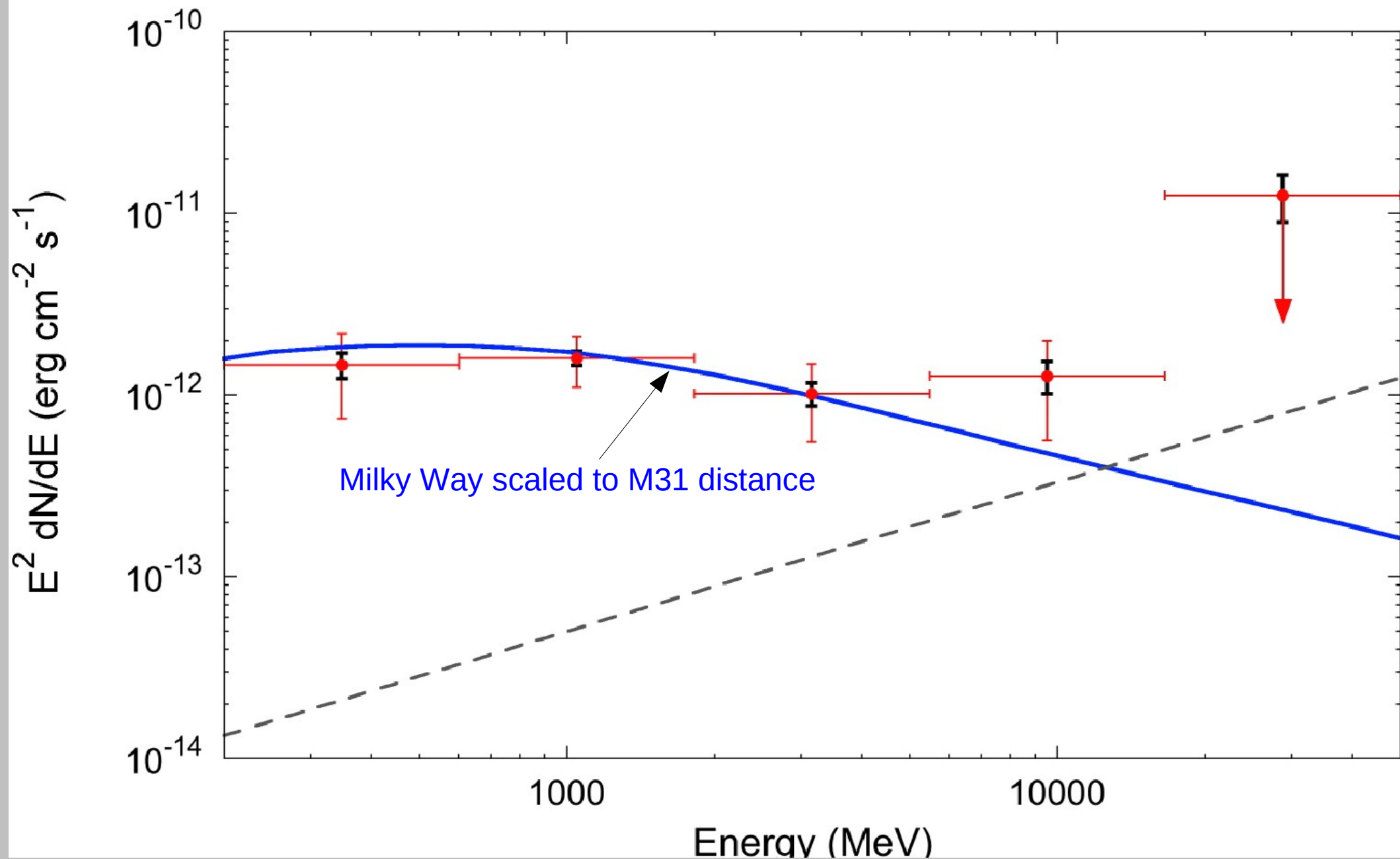
Small Magellanic Cloud

M31          Andromeda: normal Galaxy

NGC253 starburst

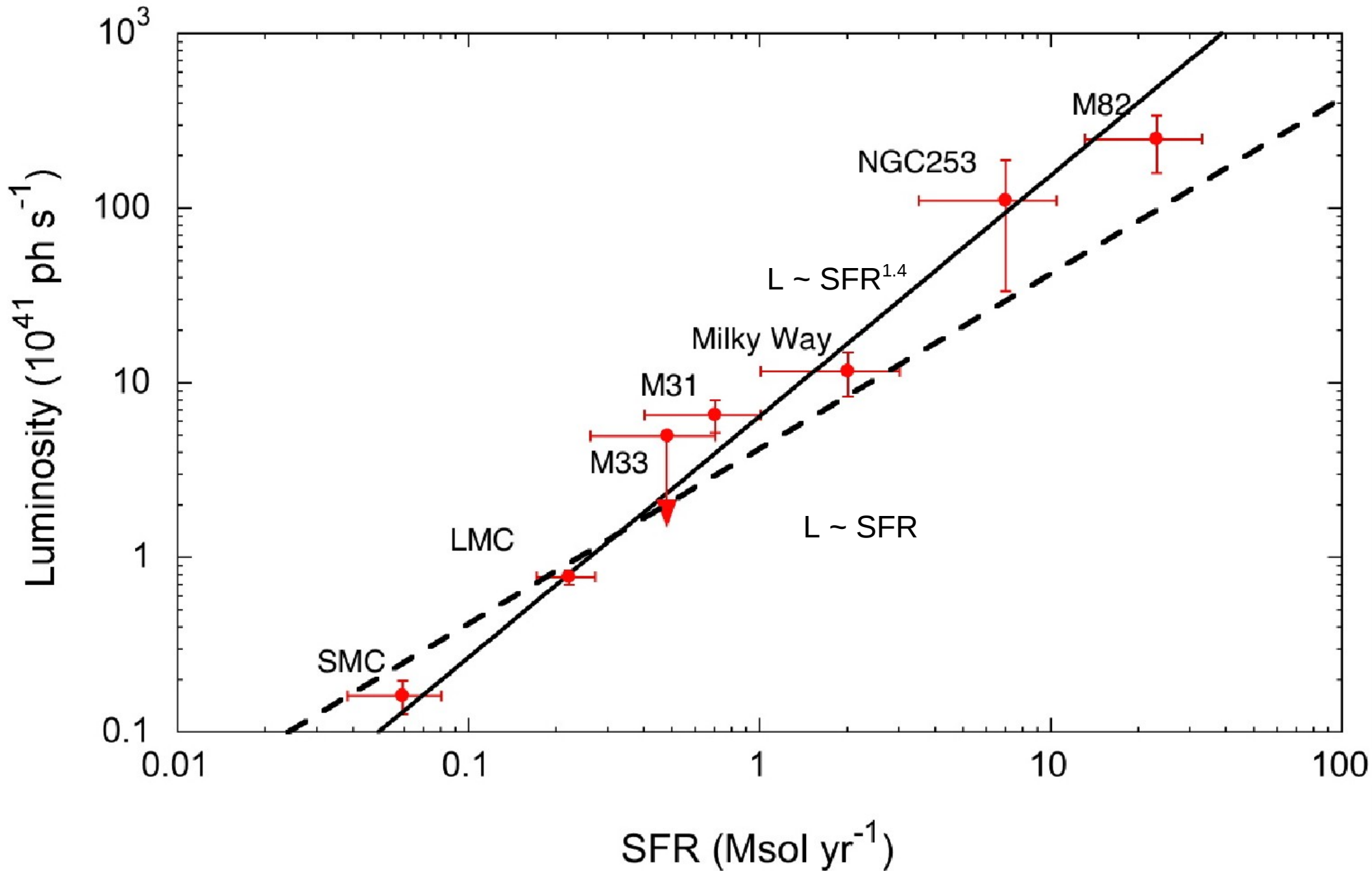
M82          starburst

# M31 – first external galaxy detected in gamma rays !

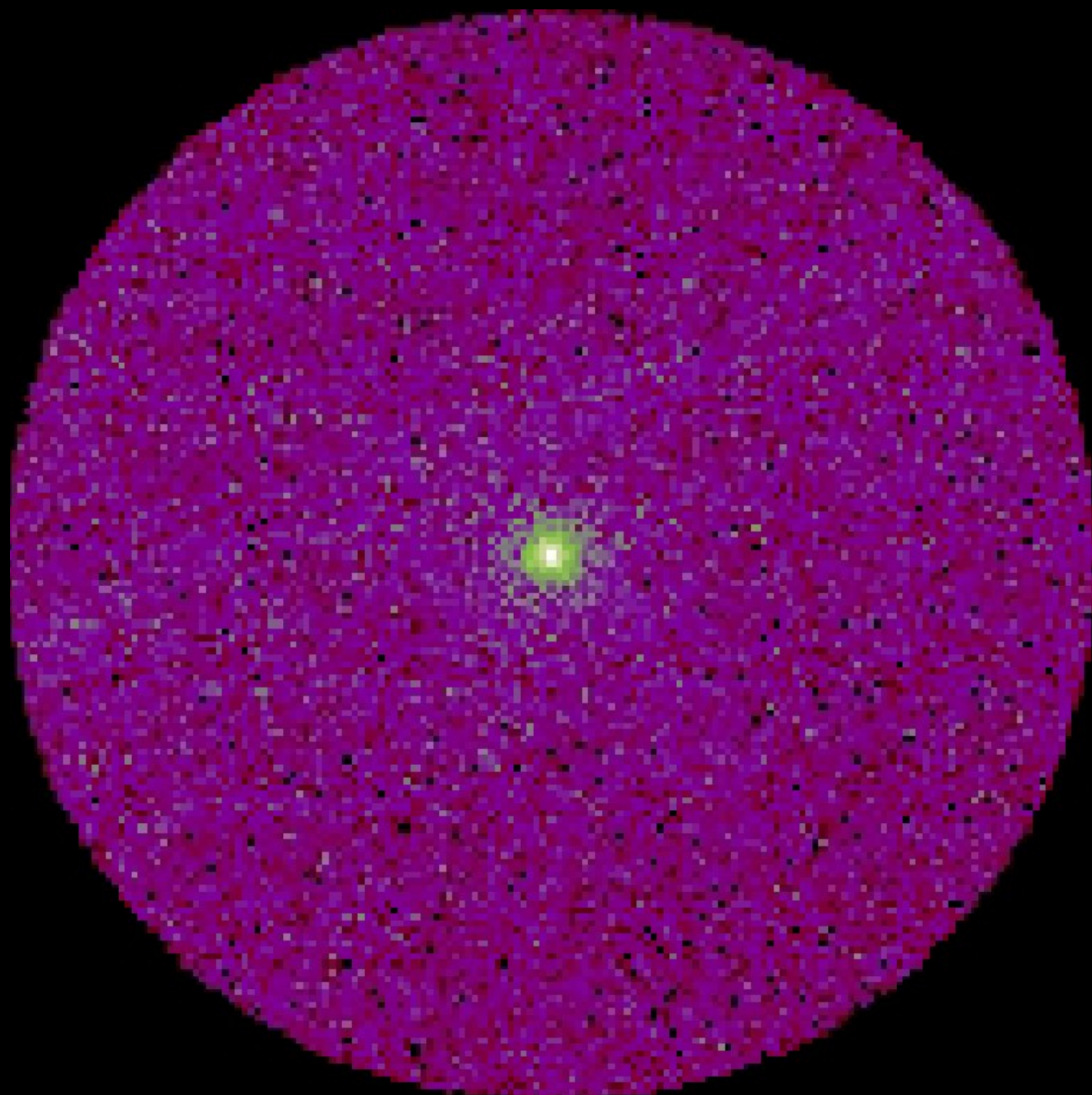




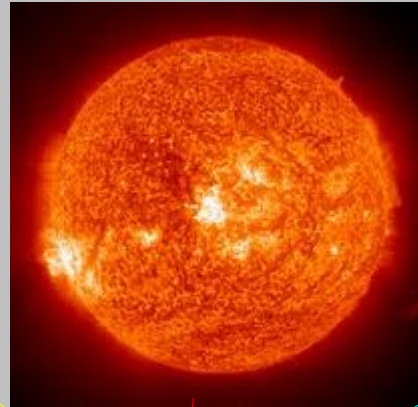
# Gamma-ray luminosity correlates with star-formation rate



Search for more normal + starburst galaxies with Fermi underway !



Cosmic-ray electron



Solar photon

Gamma ray



Inverse Compton scattering

Gamma rays from the 'quiet sun'

Inverse Compton of cosmic ray electrons on starlight.  
Gamma-ray halo around the sun

Predicted by us in 2008

Amazingly never done before although simple calculation shows important  
(not even by the gurus of gamma-ray astronomy)

Detected in EGRET data at limit of sensitivity

Flux about 1/10 Crab : a strong source !

Fermi-LAT sees the sun daily and can do a deep study.  
Shows up as a track in allsky maps, can confuse other sources.

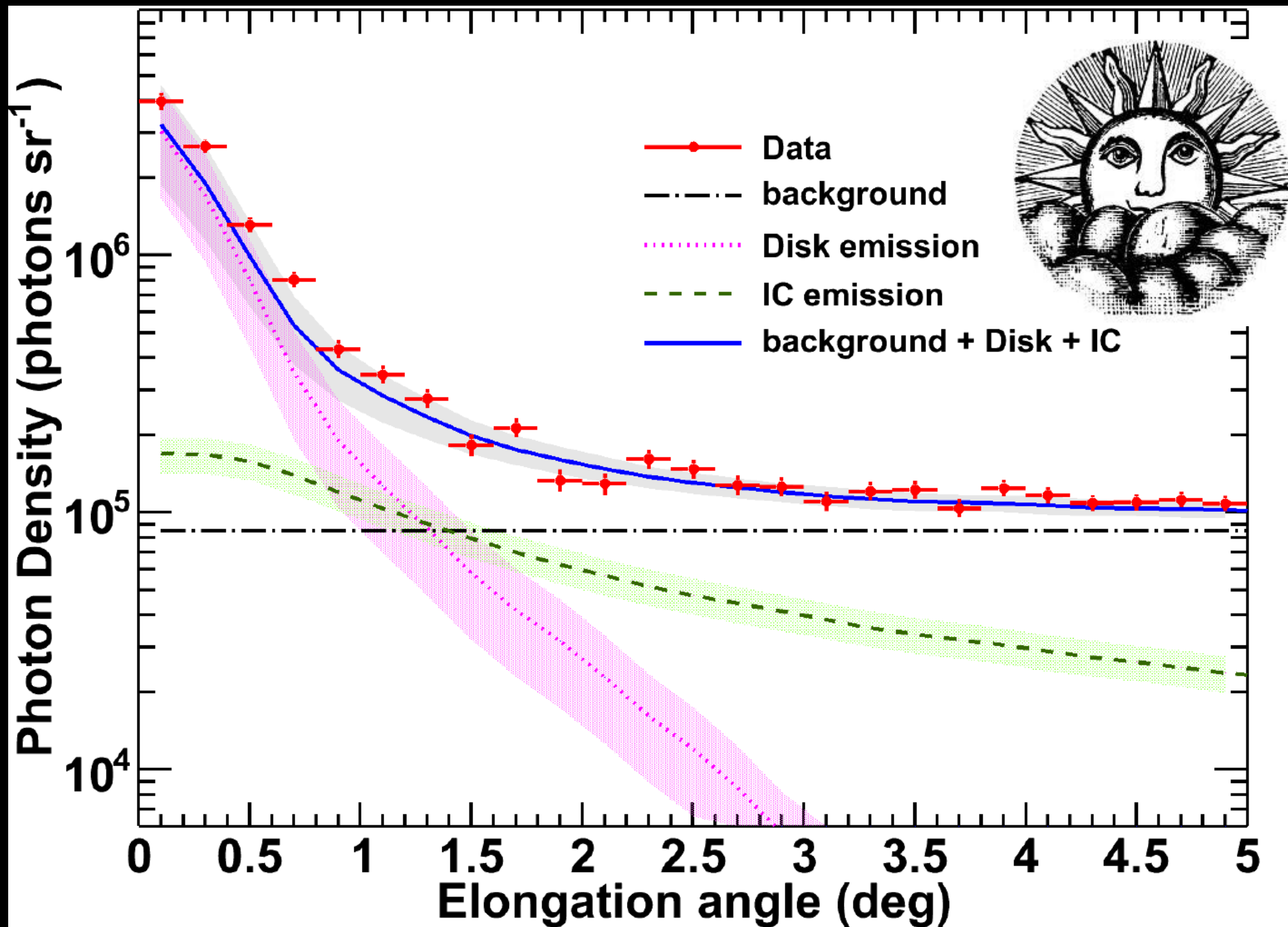
Probes cosmic-ray electrons in the inner heliosphere which no spacecraft has done.

Thought: what about synchrotron of those same electrons in the solar B-field ?  
Something for radioastronomers ?

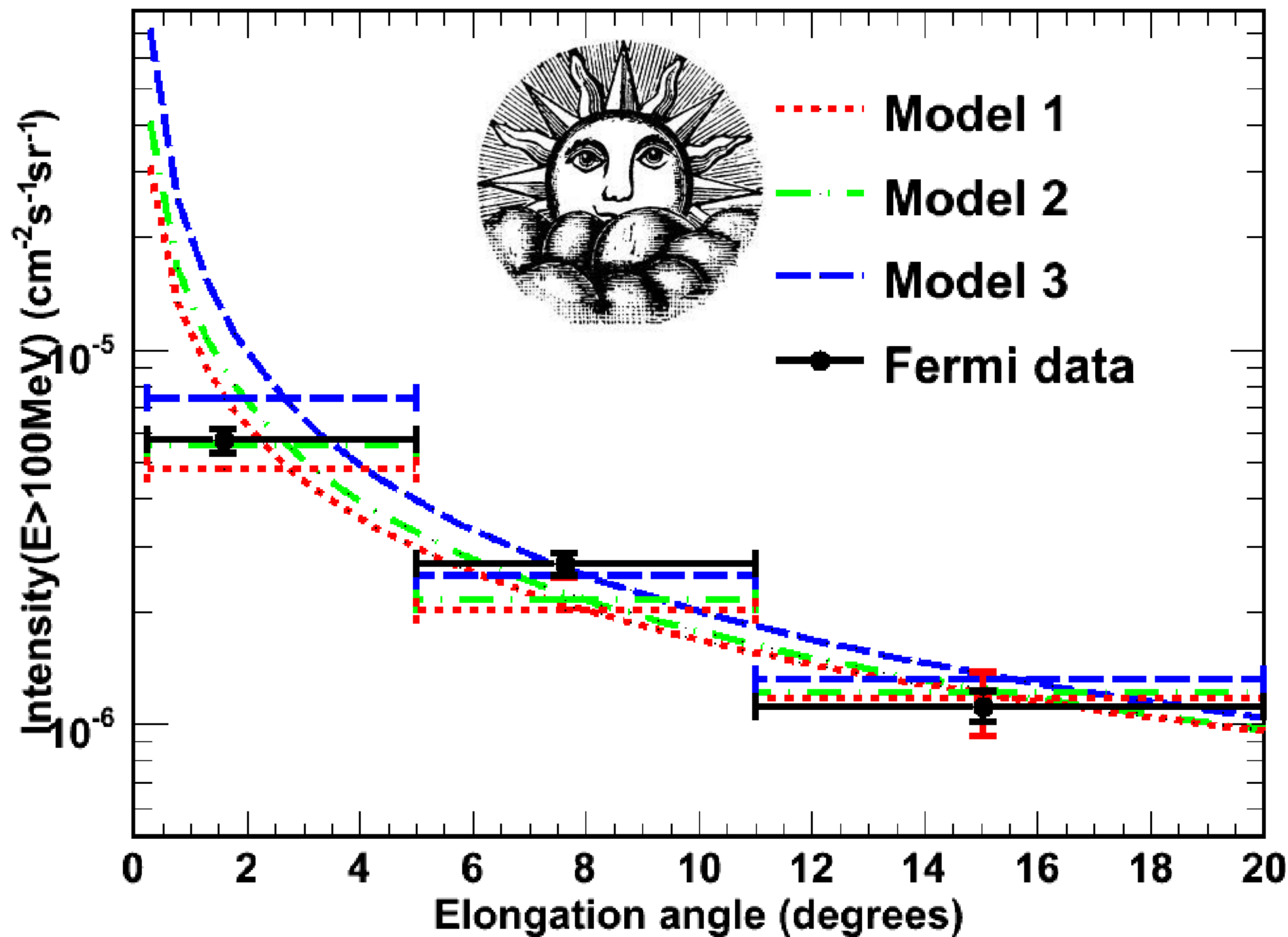
Also see gamma-ray emission from cosmic-ray protons interacting with the solar surface:  
Very difficult to calculate !











Many years of solar minimum  
(maximum of Galactic cosmic rays getting to us)



Now solar activity increasing,  
many flares seen by Fermi !



Expect to see electron modulation effect on inverse Compton gamma rays

# Outlook

Fermi operational, 2 years so far.

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Significant implications for Planck Galactic science.

Essential to exploit synergy between  
cosmic-rays - gammas – microwave - radio

