

Title: Our Self-Annihilating Neighbours

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Abstract: One of the most exciting, albeit slightly speculative, components of the Fermi mission is to search for evidence of energetic events related to dark matter decay or annihilation. The best targets for this search are regions where we suspect there is dark matter, but see few conventional gamma-ray sources such as molecular clouds, cosmic ray sources, or compact objects. Much emphasis has been placed on local dwarf satellites in particular, since many of these systems show evidence for relatively deep potential wells, but have few stars and no recent star formation. In this talk I will propose another possible target for indirect dark matter searches, among our nearby galactic neighbours.



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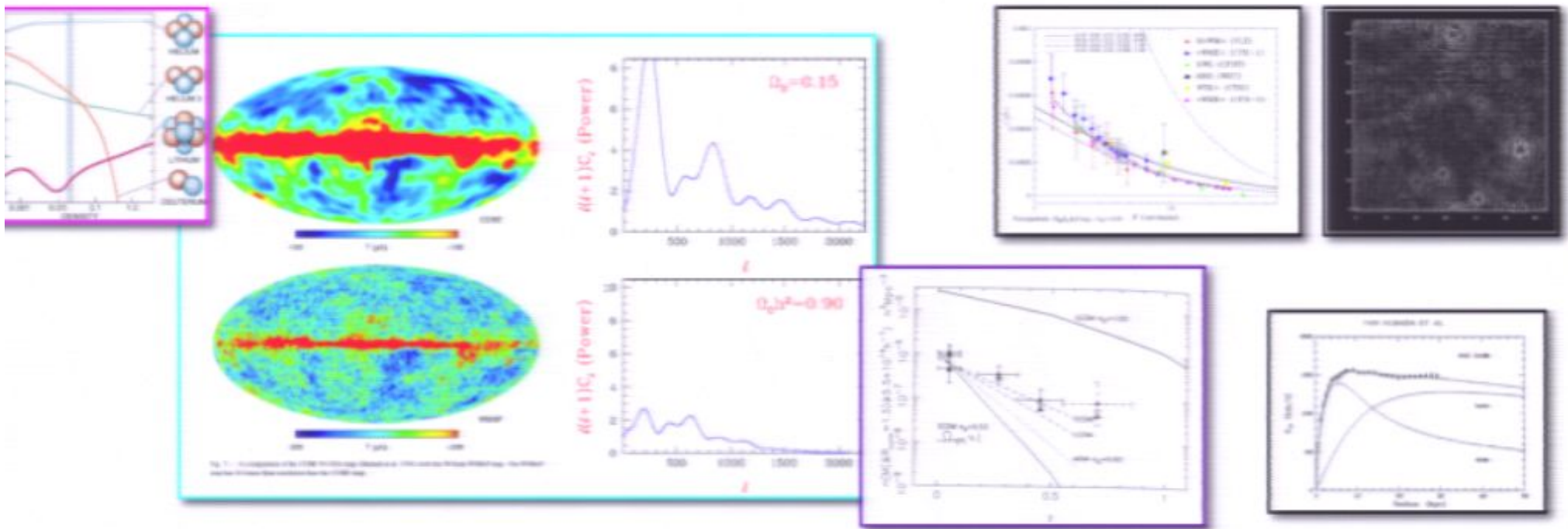
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The Evidence for Dark Matter

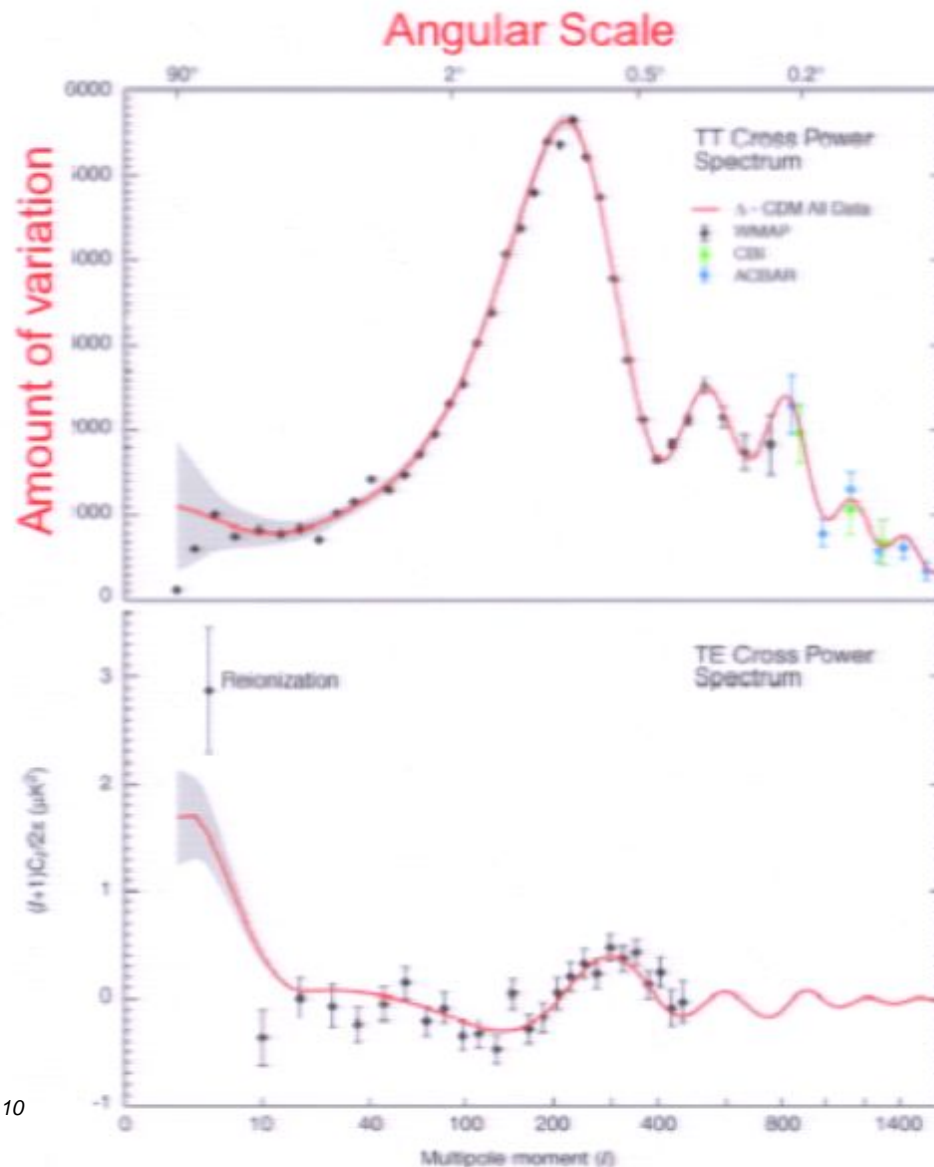
Over the past three decades, growing evidence from many different scales and redshifts:

nucleosynthesis ; CMB ; local structure / cluster number counts / weak lensing



Ω_b	\ll	Ω_m	\ll	Ω_T
$0.0235h^{-2} \pm 0.0008$	\ll	$0.1345h^{-2} \pm 0.0055$	\ll	1.0
0.045 \pm 3%		0.23 \pm 4%		1.0

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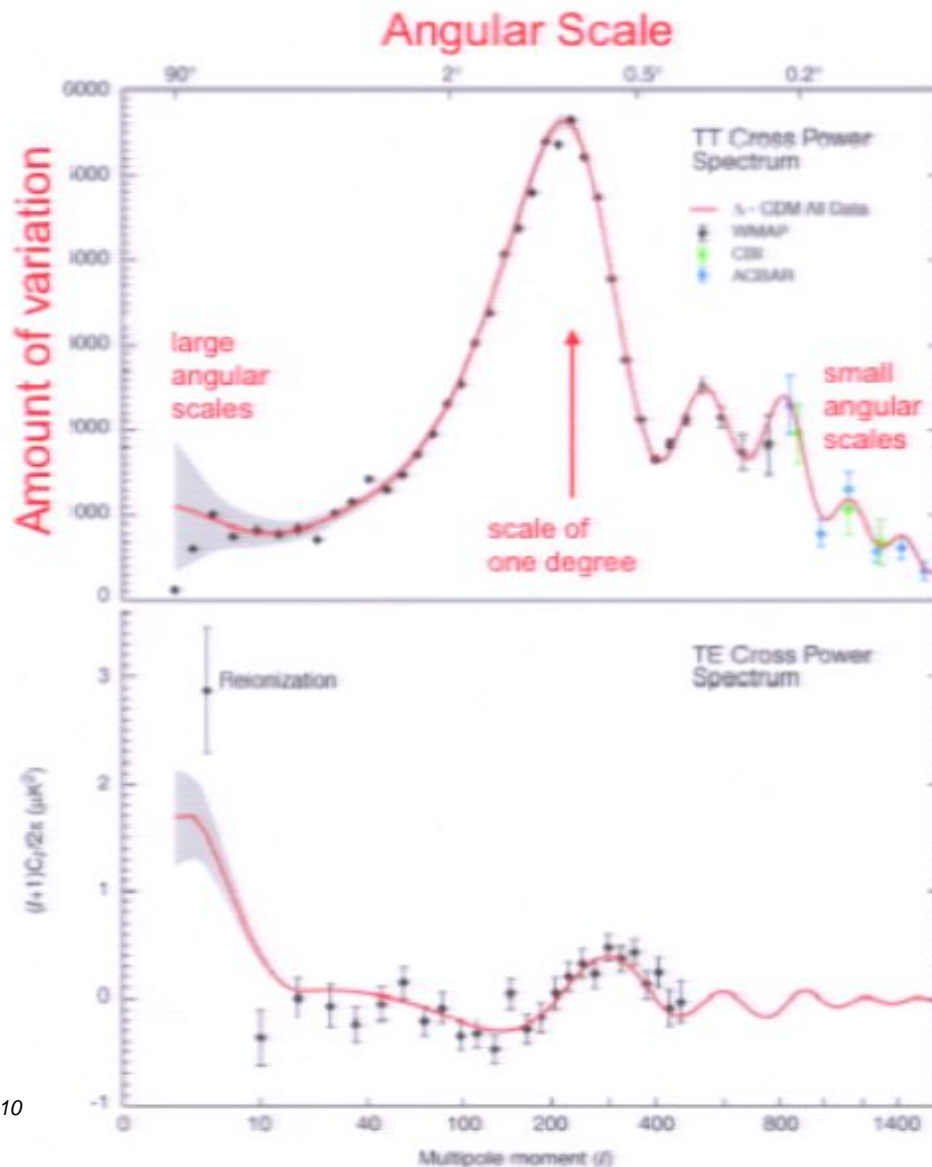
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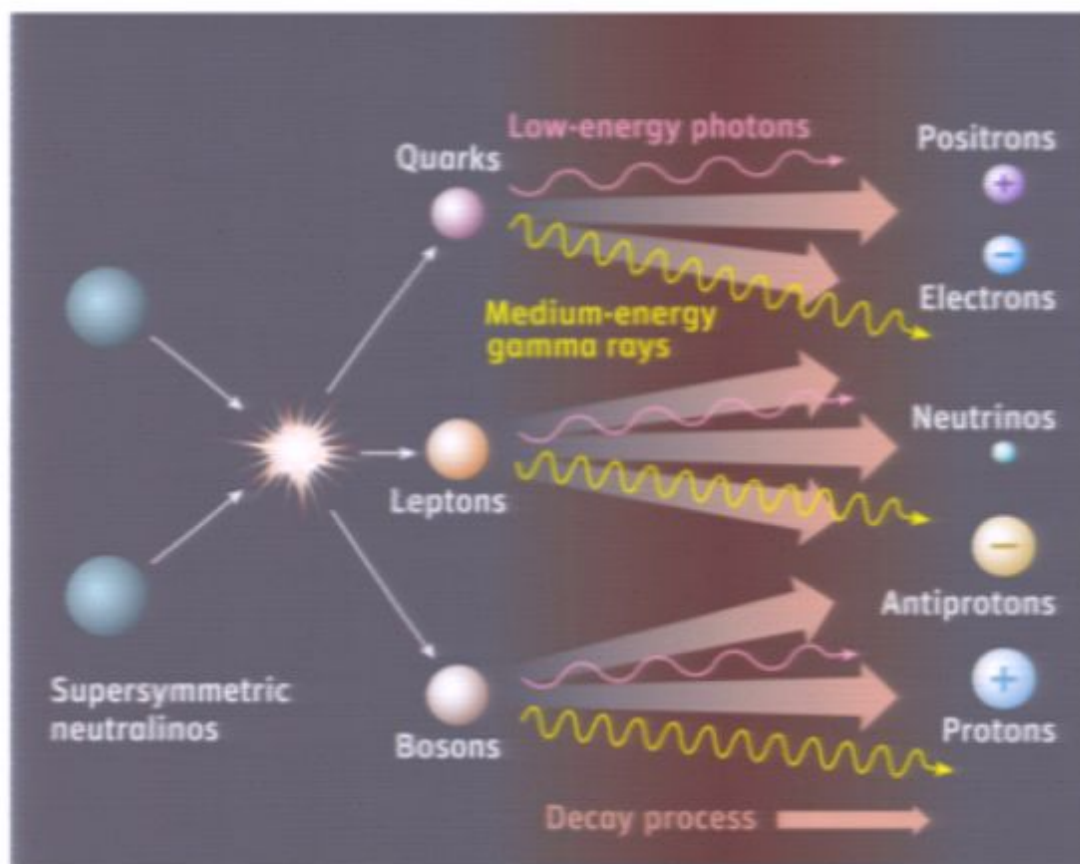
But how to pin it down the identity of the DM particle?

Direct (lab) or Indirect (observational) detection

Direct detection: Identify DM particle in the laboratory

Indirect detection: Search for indirect products of dark matter annihilation, decay or interaction, e.g.:

- high-energy gamma-rays in the 100 GeV – TeV range
- high-energy neutrinos
- high energy cosmic-ray matter or anti-matter particles (electrons & positrons, protons)



Annihilation signals in the Gamma-ray range

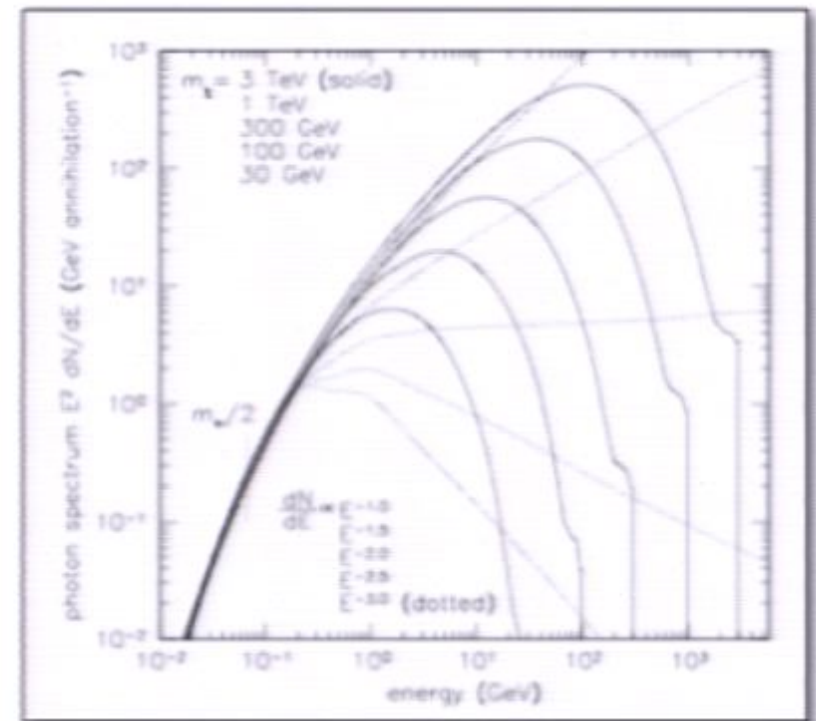
Majorana fermion WIMPs can annihilate with one another, producing pairs of quarks, leptons, photons, etc.

Direct (in-situ) photon production by various mechanisms (see below).

e.g. quark-antiquark pairs \Rightarrow hadronization
 \Rightarrow pions

Resulting pion bump at $\sim m_\chi/25$ ranges from 1-100 GeV depending on WIMP mass

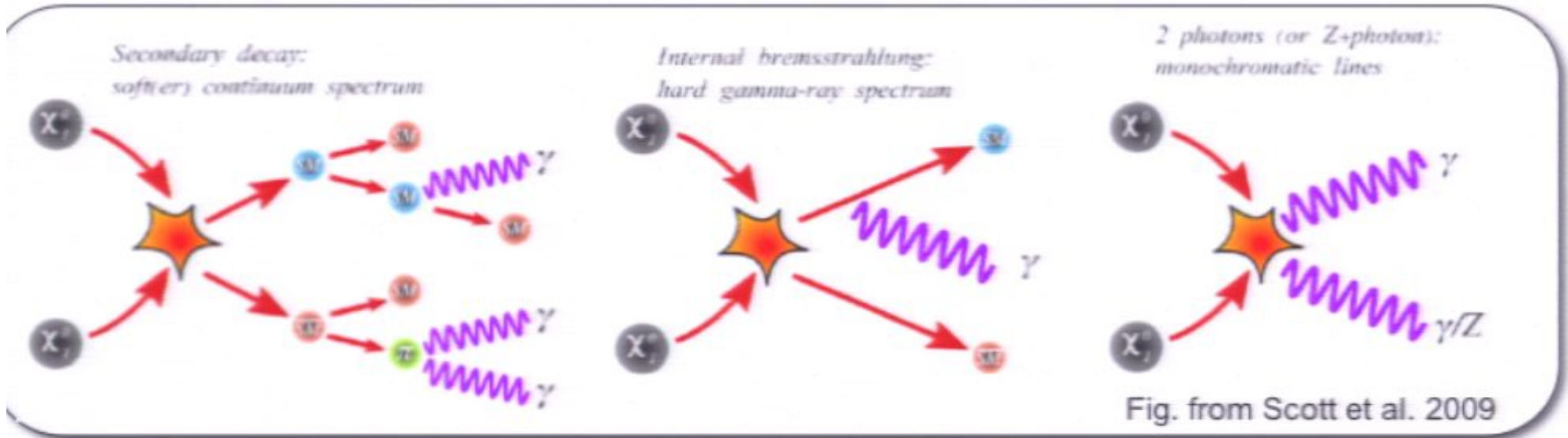
Spectrum has sharp energy cutoff at m_χ , so very different from, e.g., emission from power-law cosmic-ray proton spectrum



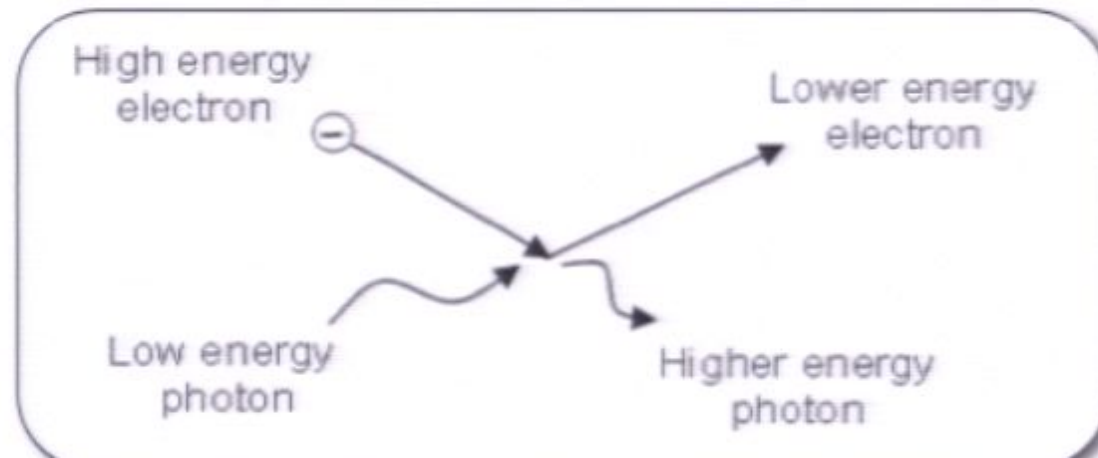
Baltz, Taylor & Wai 2007 - spectrum from DarkSUSY/Pythia

Photon yield

- In situ photons:** Directly created in the annihilation process (annihilation channels).

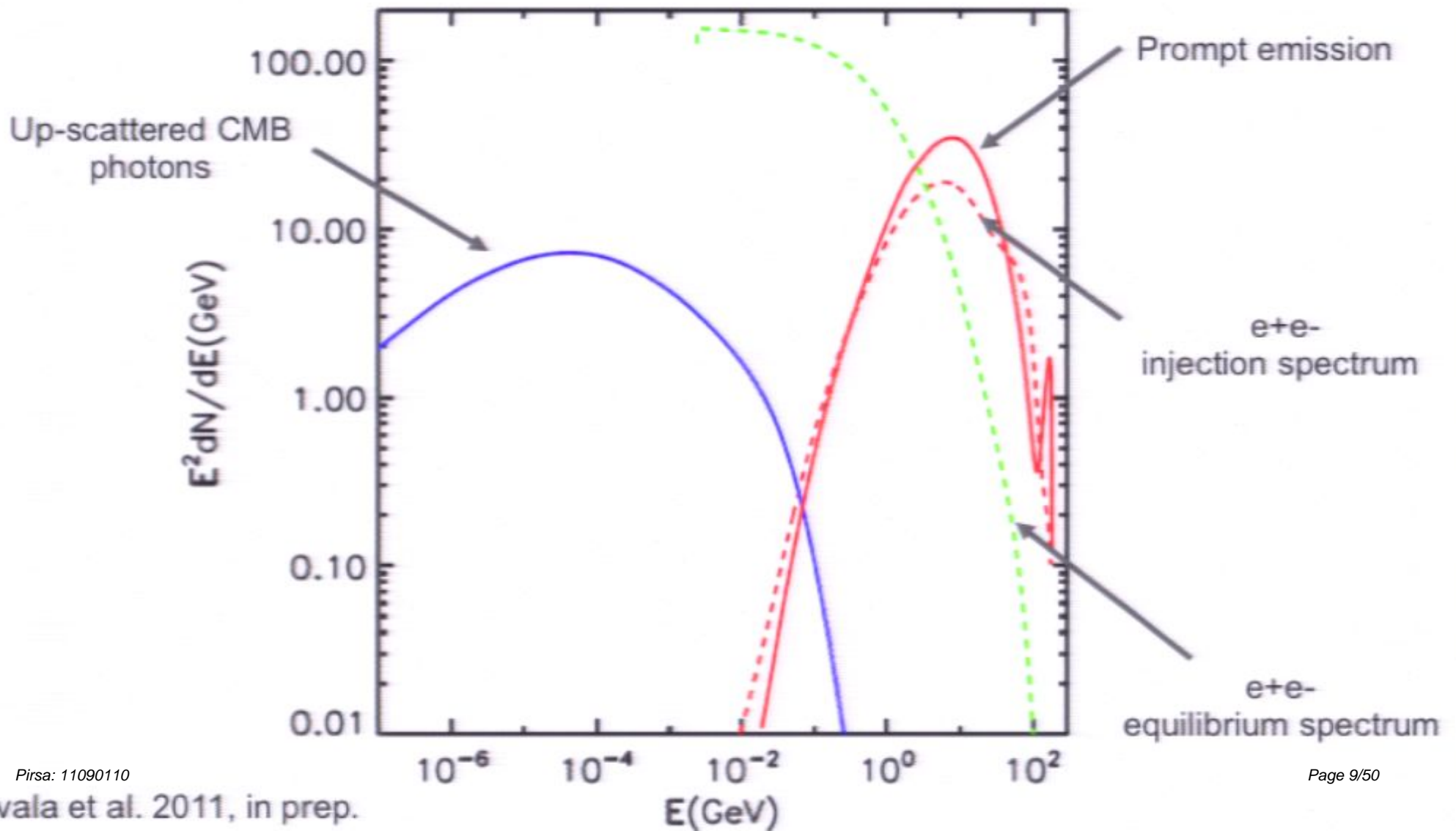


- Up-scattered photons:** Background photons gain energy through Inverse Compton scattering with electrons and positrons produced in the annihilation: e^+e^- injection spectra \rightarrow e^+e^- equilibrium solution \rightarrow photon background \rightarrow final IC photon spectrum.



Photon yield (example)

$$m_\chi \sim 200 \text{ GeV}, \chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b} \text{ and } \langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 6.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



The annihilation signal

The surface brightness of a distant CDM halo goes as:

$$\text{flux/solid angle} = J(x, y) \times \Phi(\Delta E)$$

where

$$J(x, y) = \int \rho^2(x, y, z) dz$$

and

$$\Phi(\Delta E) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_W^2} \int_{\Delta E} E \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE} dE$$

J is the astrophysical factor, which depends only on the spatial distribution of CDM;

Φ is the particle physics factor, which depends on the candidate particle.

Because of the ρ^2 weighting, the annihilation signal will trace the densest parts of the CDM distribution.

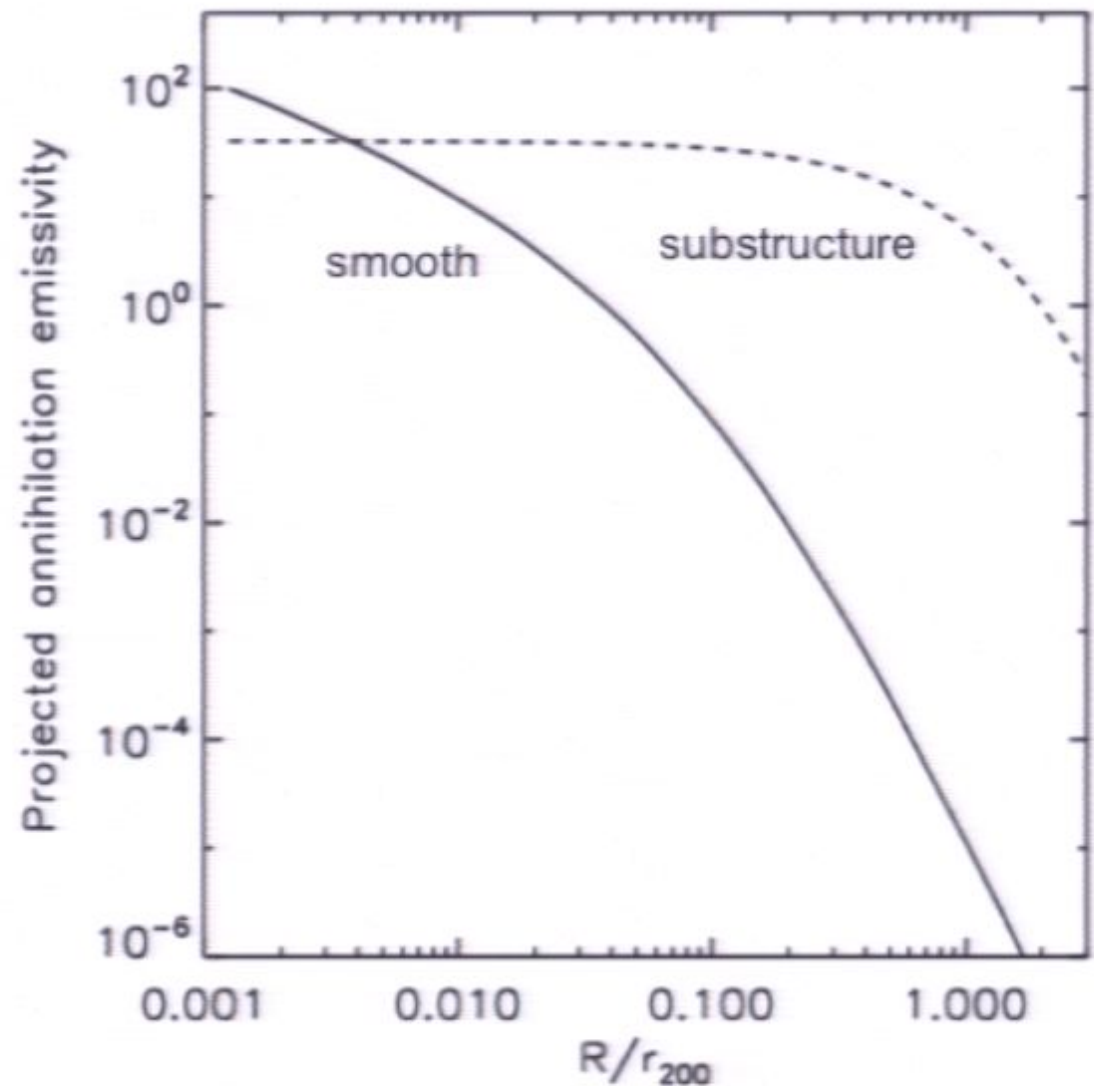
We can further distinguish two components to J , the contribution from smooth halos and the contribution from halo substructure.

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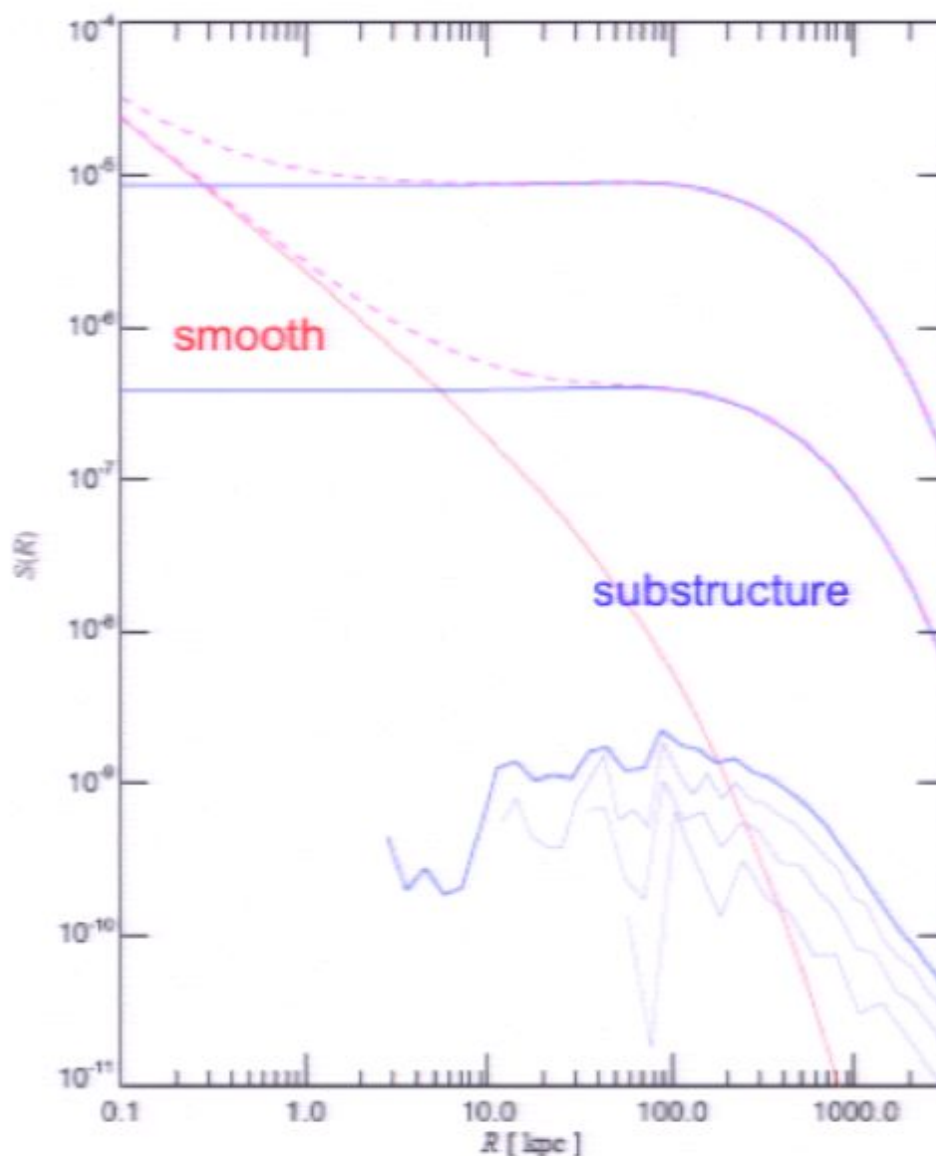


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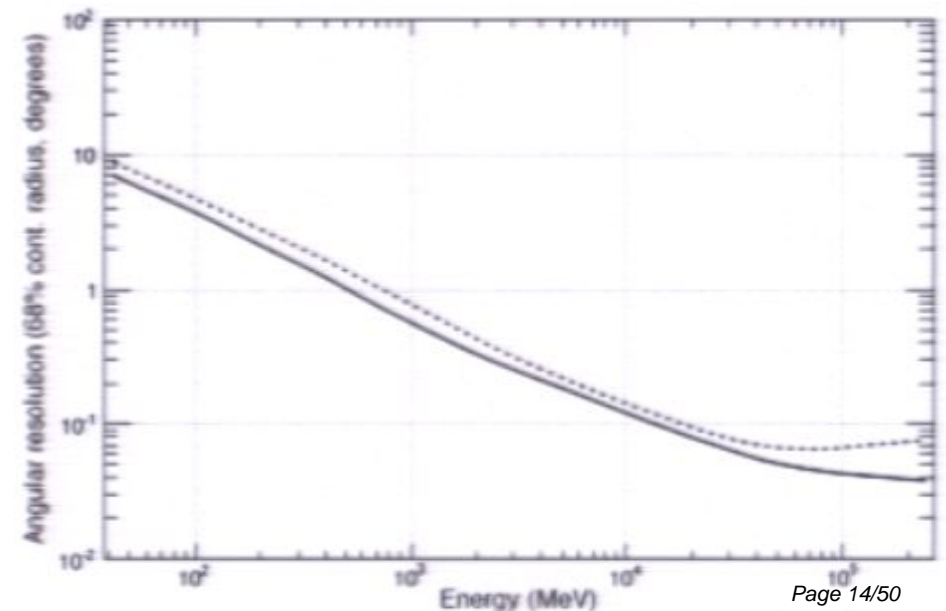
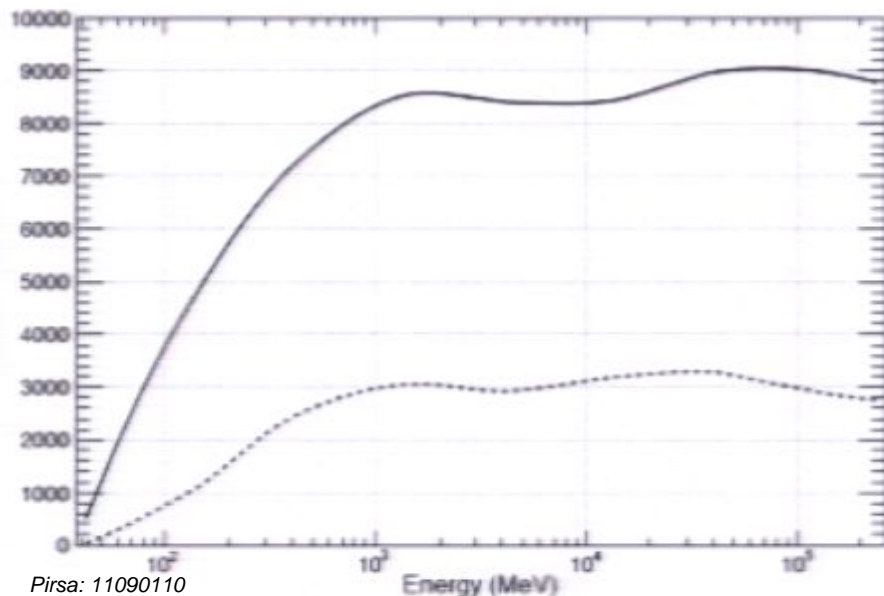
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The Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT):

FOV: 2.4 sr
Energy range: 20 MeV-300 GeV
effective area: $\sim 8000\text{-}9000\text{ cm}^2$
energy resolution: $\sim 10\%$
angular resolution: 0.15 deg at 10 GeV
0.6 deg at 1 GeV



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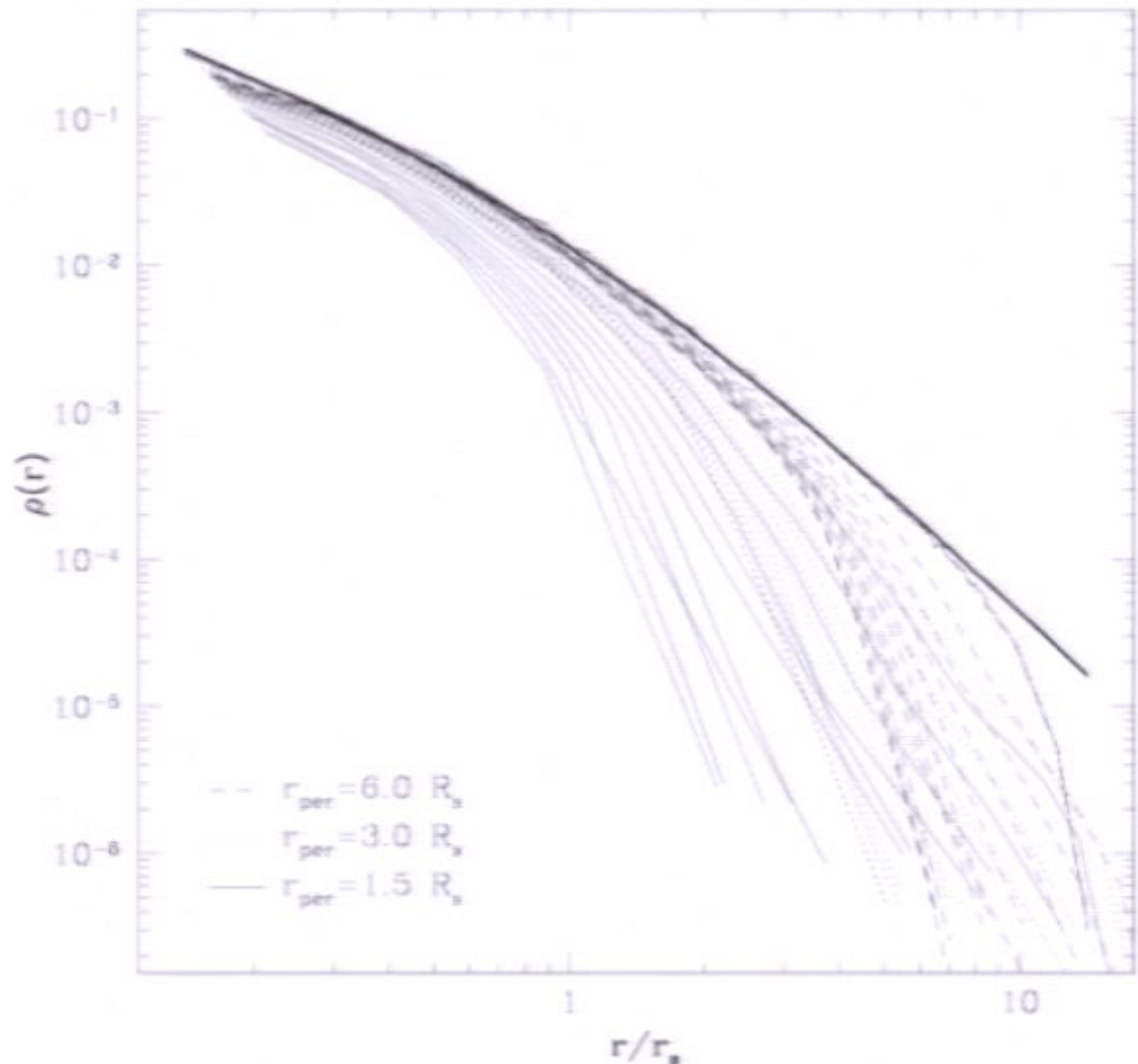


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(Hayashi et al. 2003):

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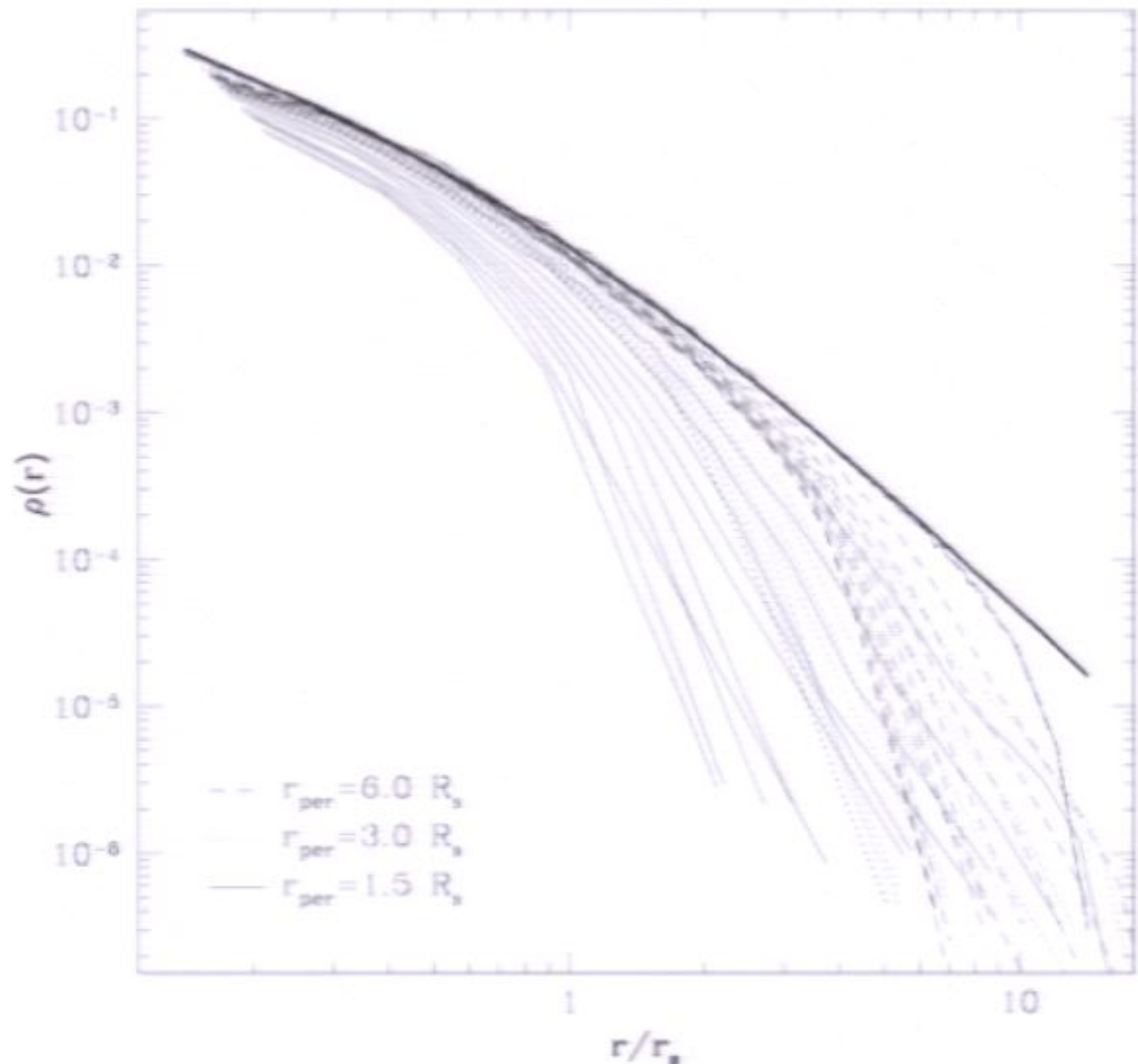


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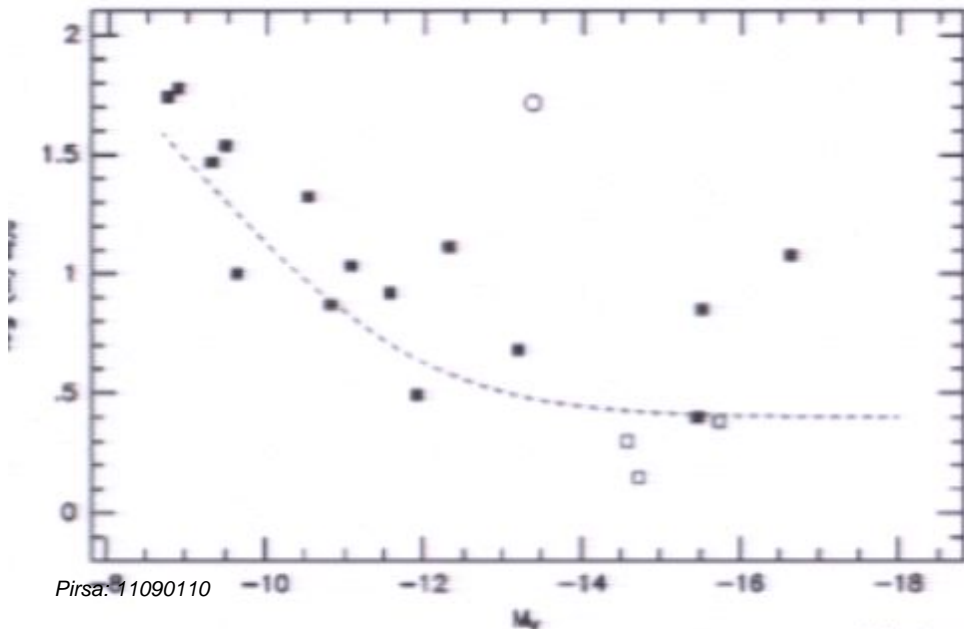


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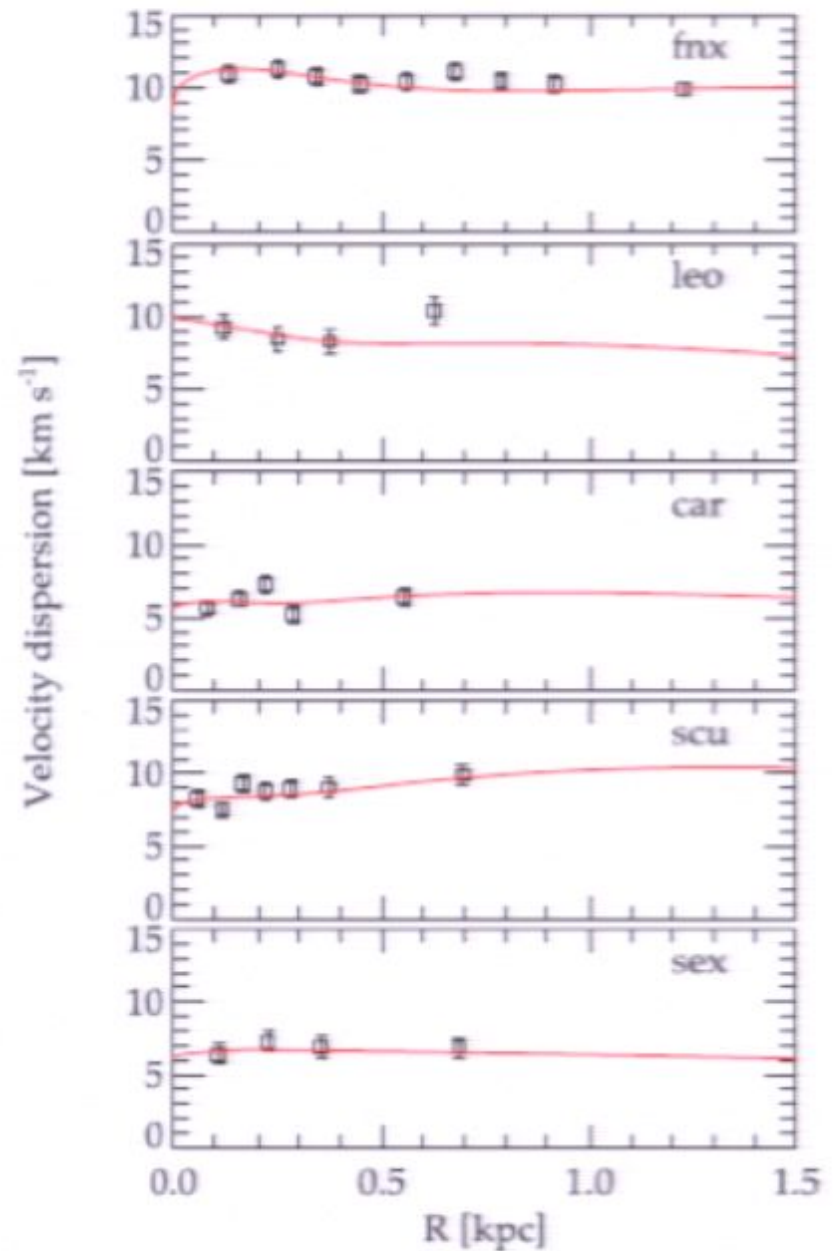
* Also there is observational evidence that these objects are indeed dark matter-dominated: velocity dispersions imply mass-to-light ratios of 100 or more

* Sizes well-suited to angular resolution of LAT (half-light radii of 0.05-1.3 deg)



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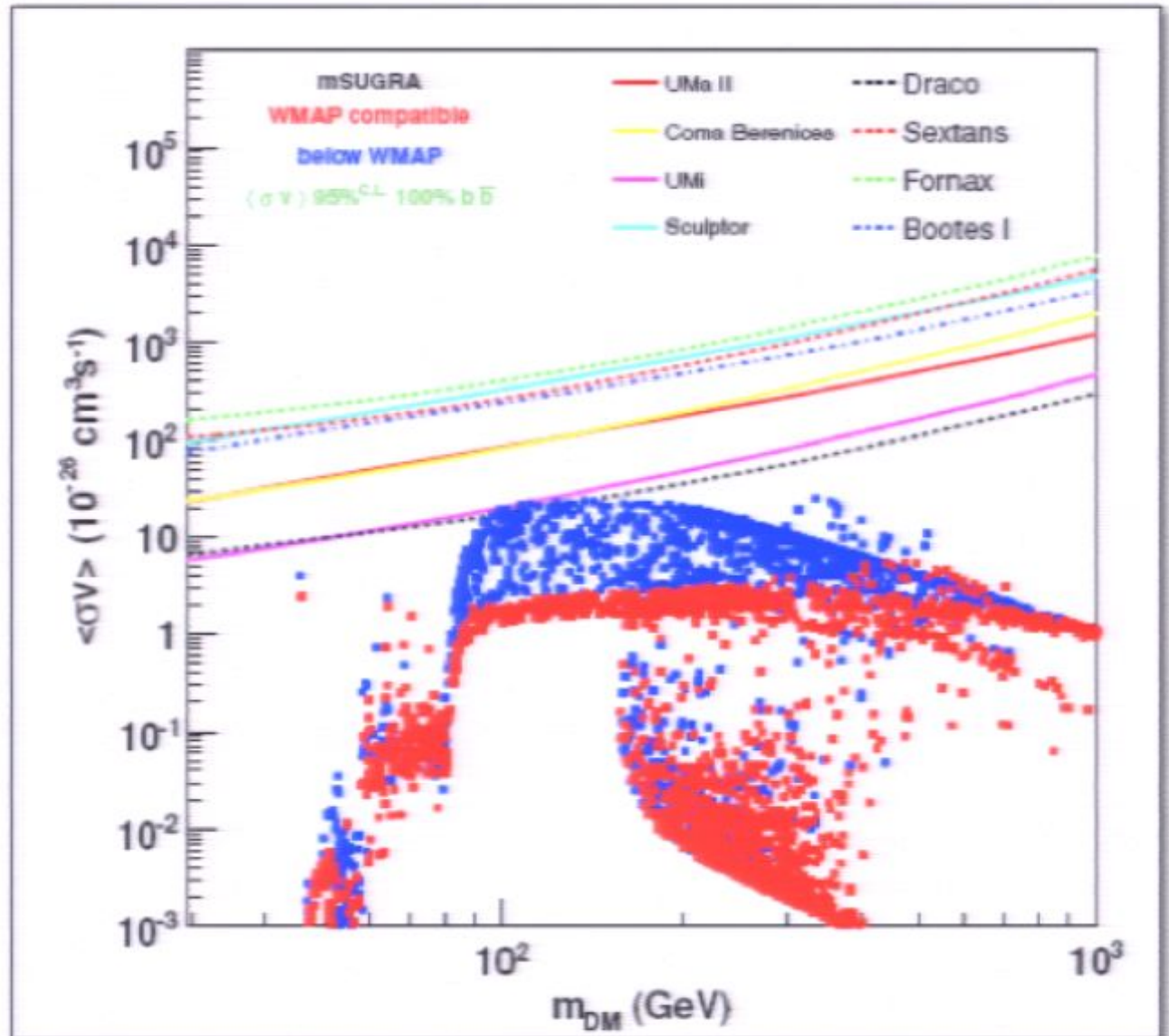
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Abdo et 2010:

* search for an annihilation signal from 14 dwarf satellites of the MW

* no detection, only constraint on cross-section

* limit depends on specific WIMP model, but roughly
 $\langle \sigma v \rangle > 10^{-25} - 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$



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But are satellites the best place to look?

S/N calculation for a single source: (Springel et al 2008, Gao et al. 2011)

$$S/N = f_{\text{shape}}(\theta_h/\theta_{\text{psf}}) \left[\frac{t A_{\text{eff}}}{B} \right]^{1/2} \frac{F}{(\theta_h^2 + \theta_{\text{psf}}^2)^{1/2}},$$

Where B is the background, F is the source flux, A_{eff} is the effective area and t is the exposure time

Result: local dwarfs 6×10^{-5} - 5×10^{-3} times S/N_{MW}

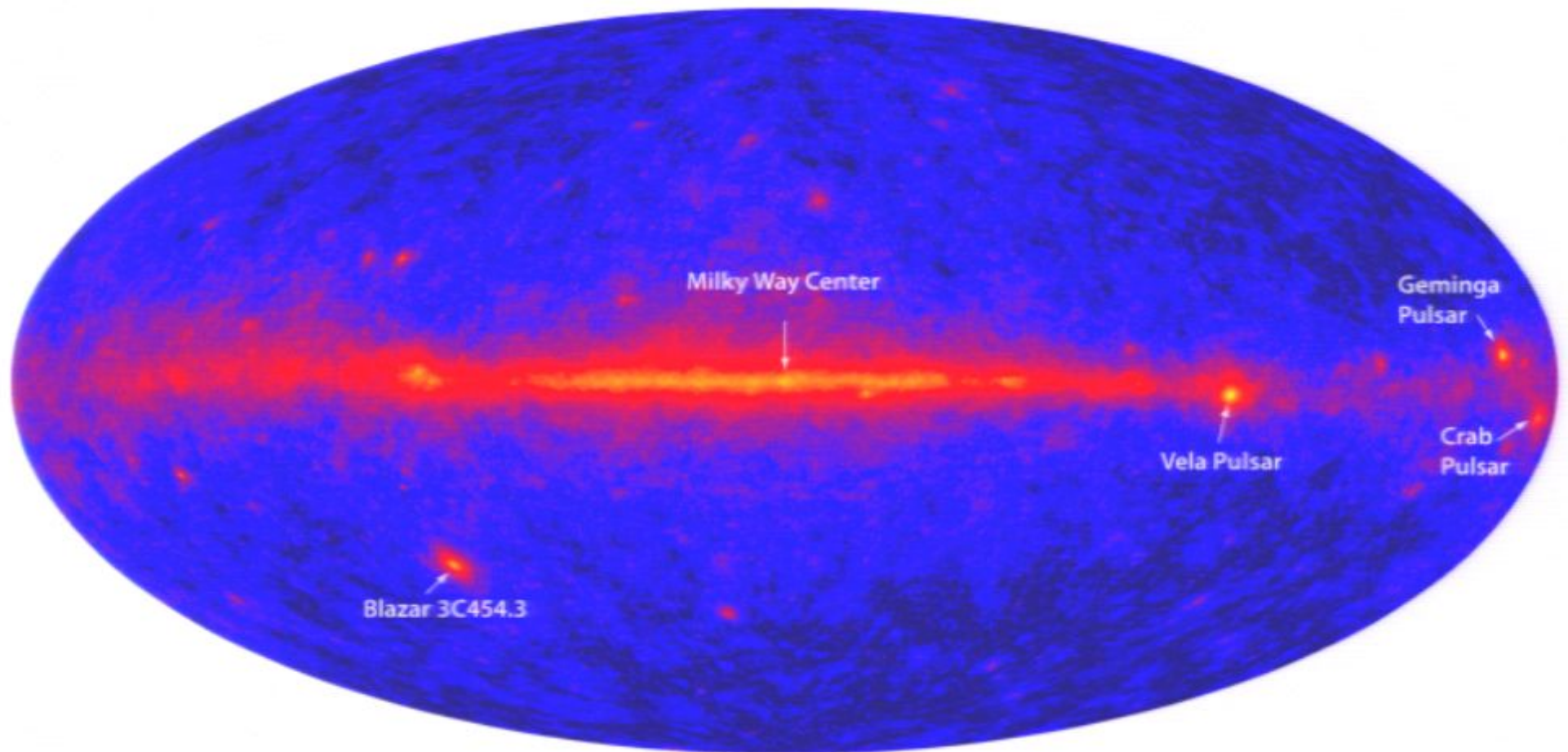
versus massive galaxy clusters 2×10^{-3} - 1.3×10^{-2} times S/N_{MW}

Also another problem with satellites: which subhalos do they trace?

N.B. finds that M31 has a an expected S/N 9×10^{-3} times S/N_{MW}

so why not look at giant galaxies?

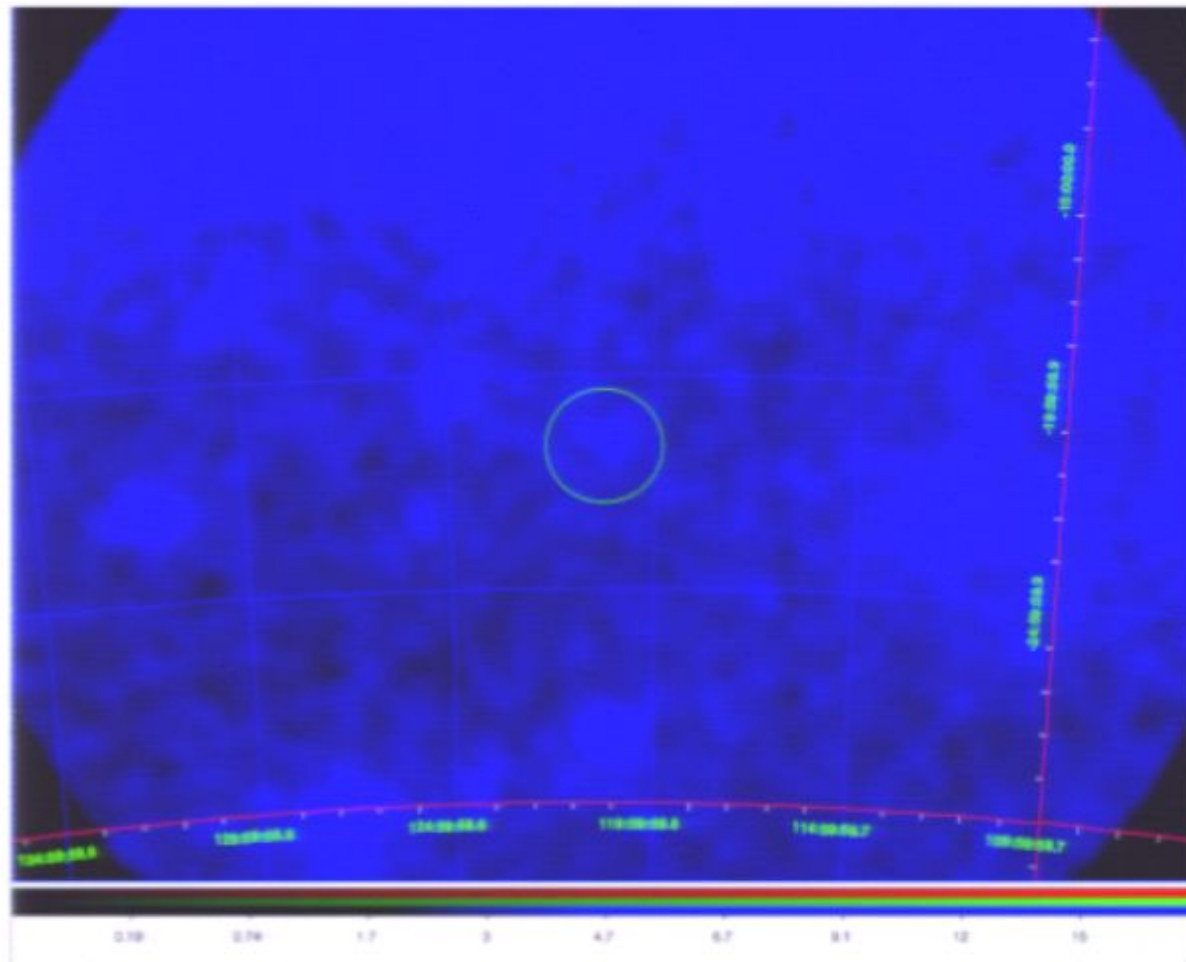
The main contributor to gamma-rays:
cosmic-ray/ISM interactions



Cosmic-ray protons collide with ISM protons, producing gamma-rays. Thus the gamma-ray flux traces both star formation (the source of cosmic ray protons) and dense gas in the ISM (HI or molecular gas).

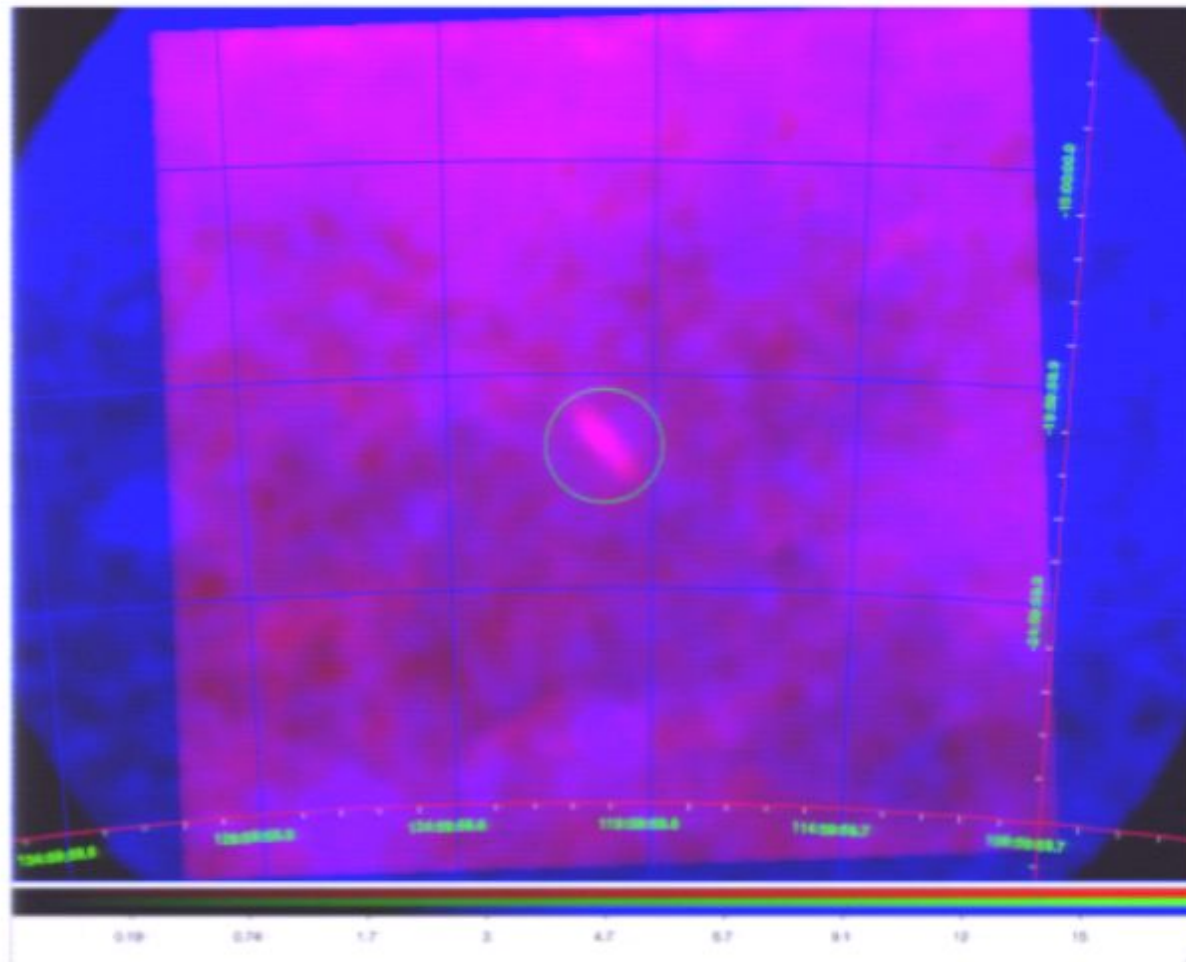
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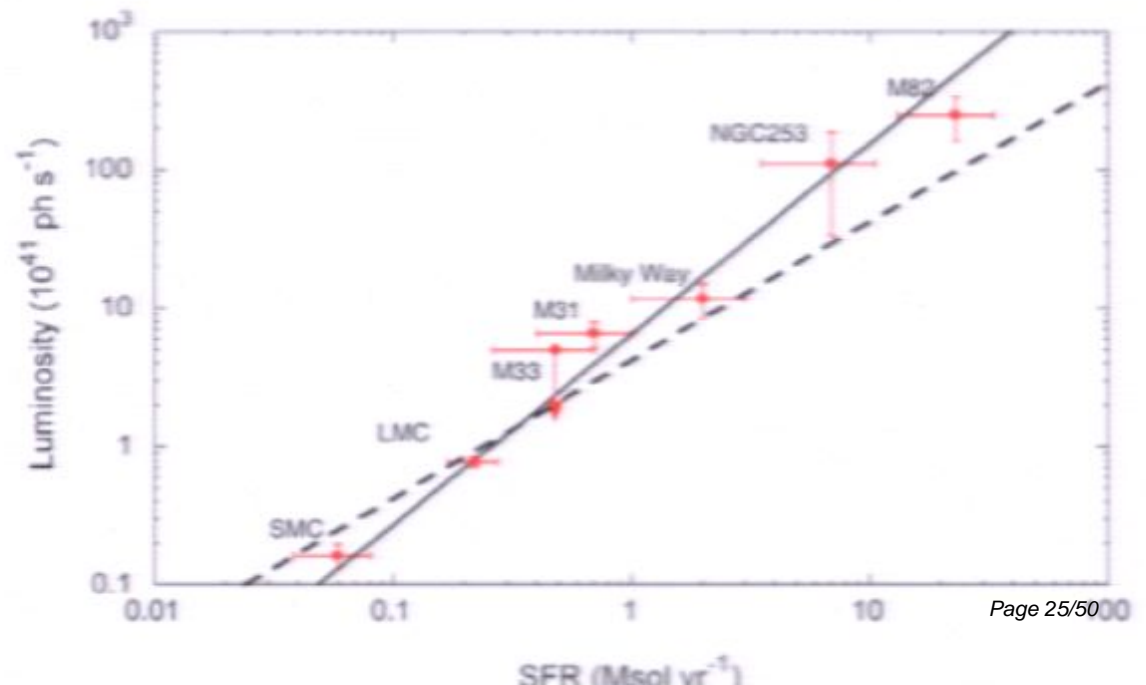
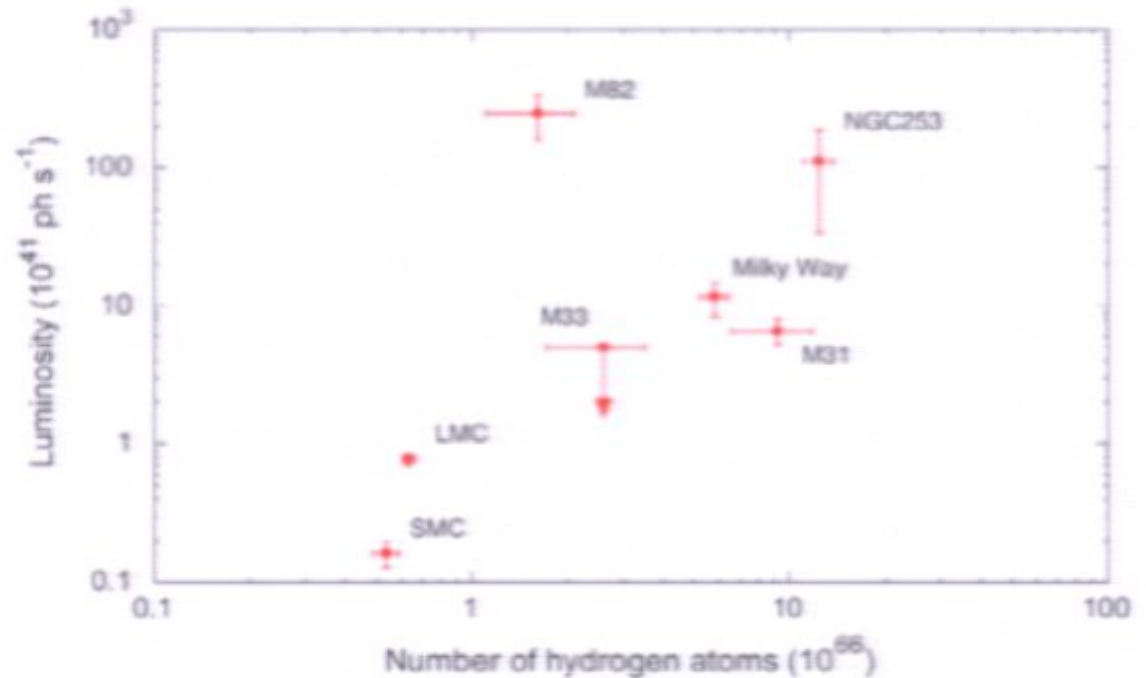


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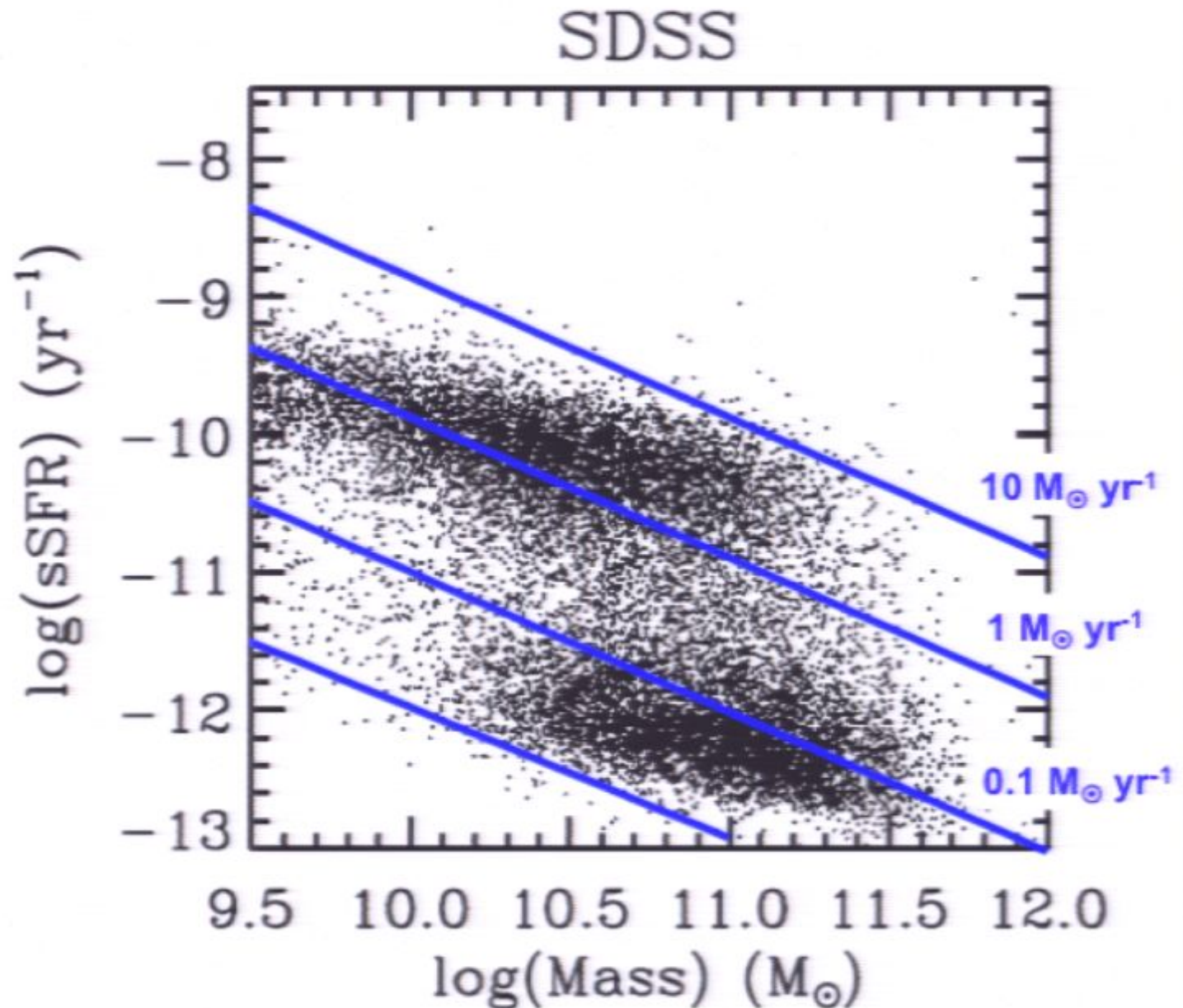


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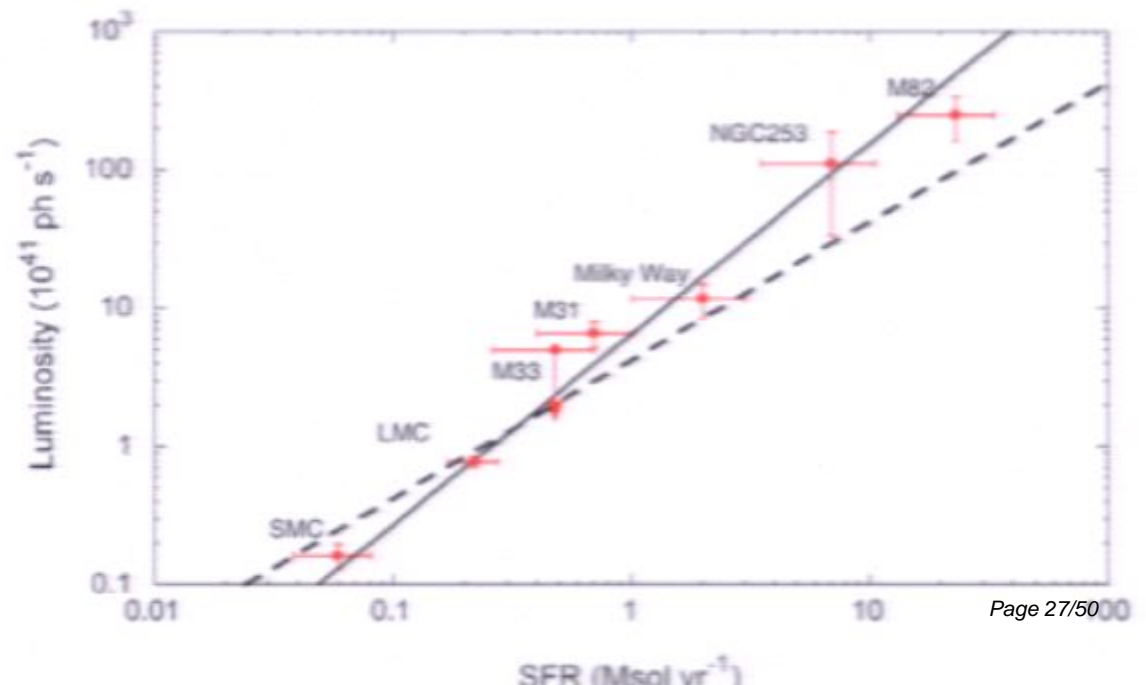
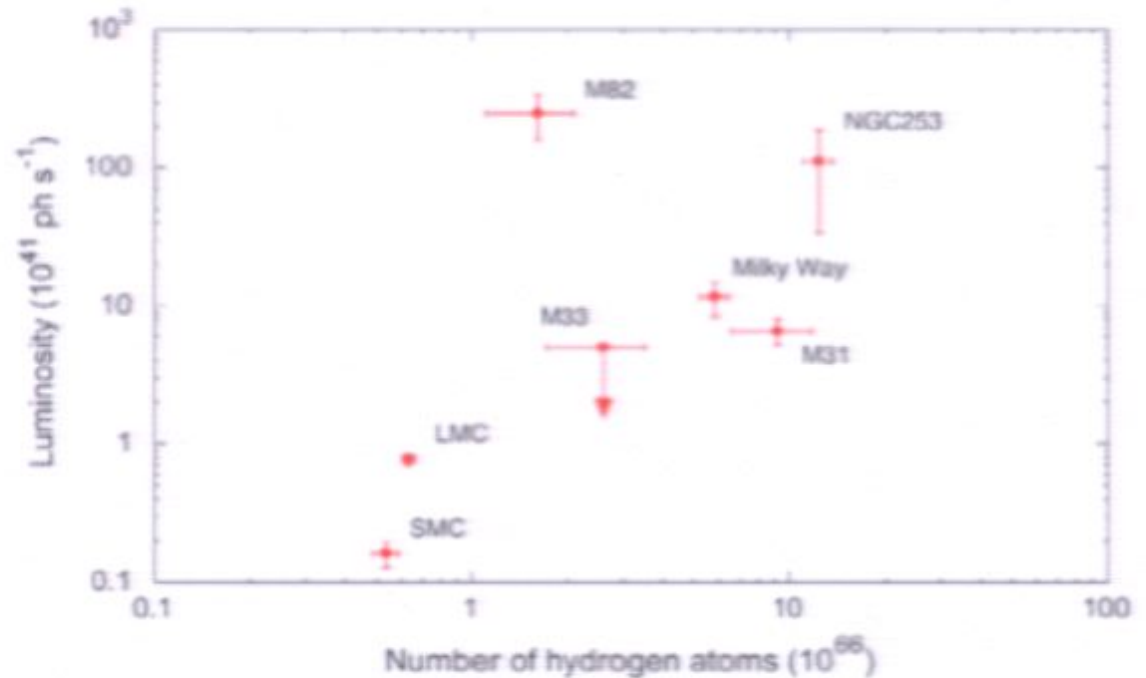


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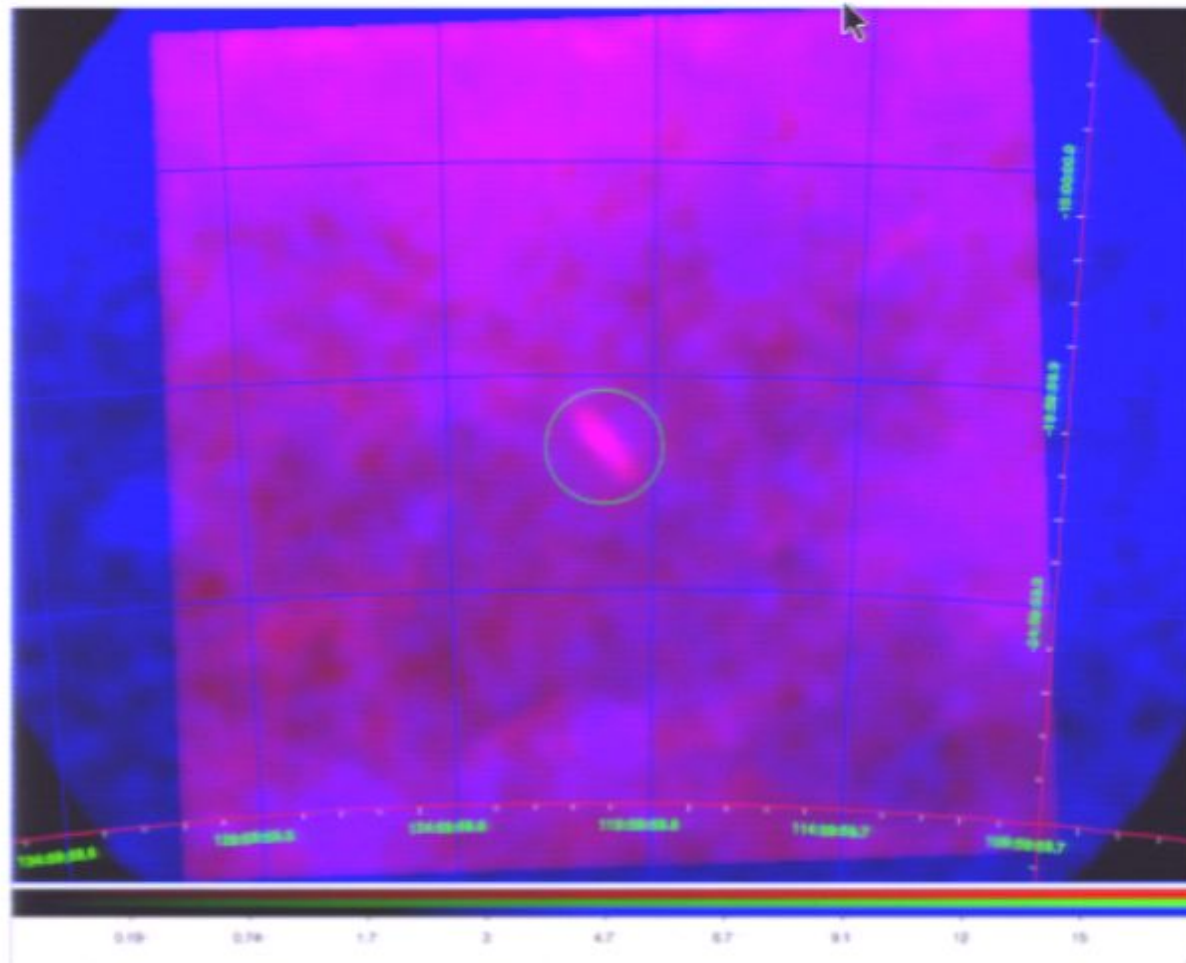
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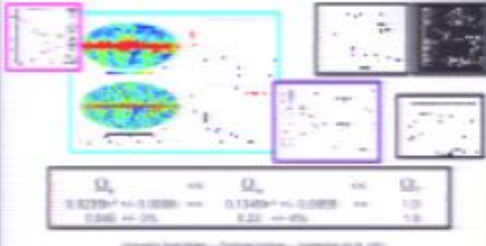


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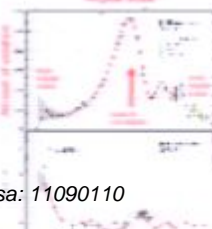
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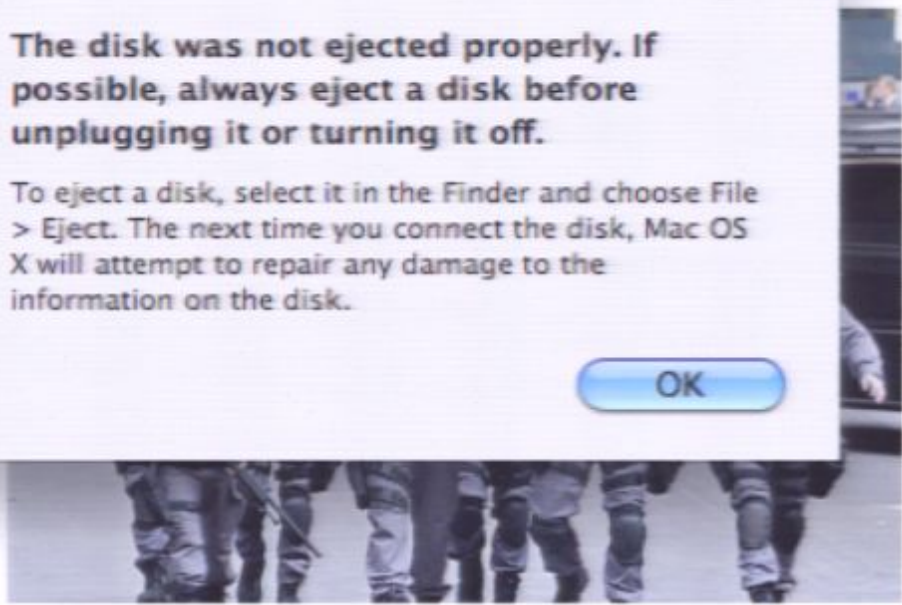
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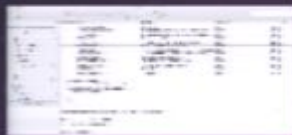
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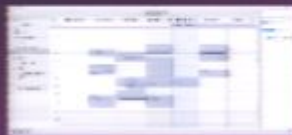
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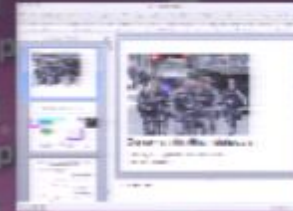
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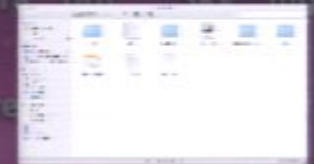
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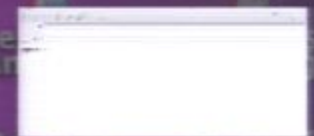
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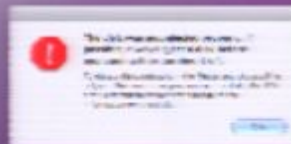
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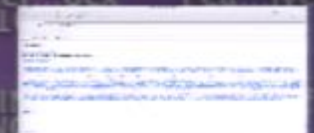
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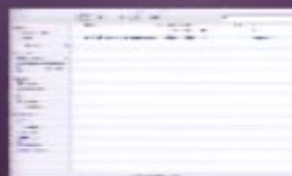
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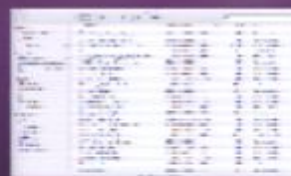
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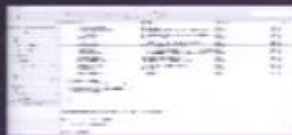


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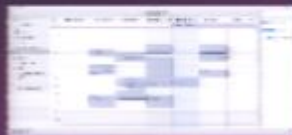


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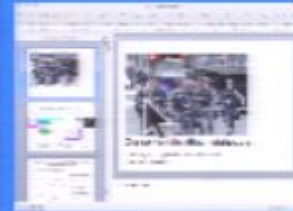
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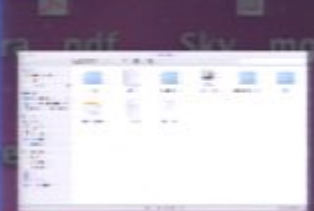
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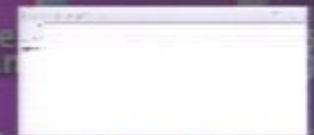
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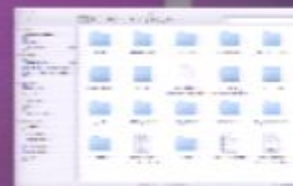
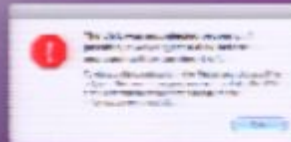
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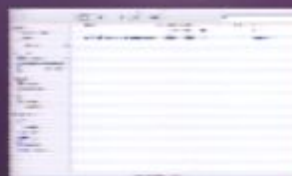
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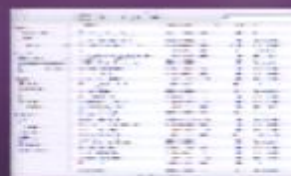
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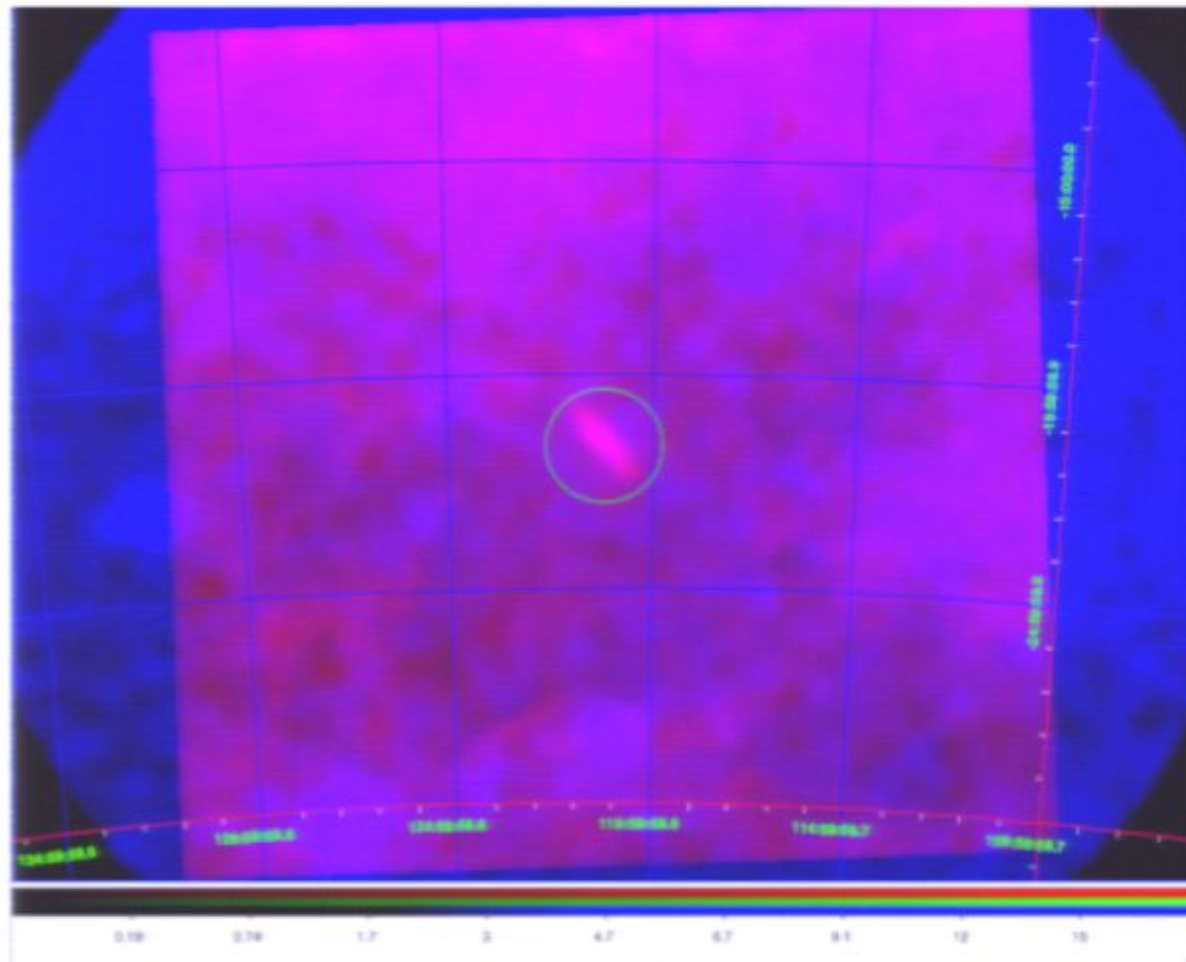


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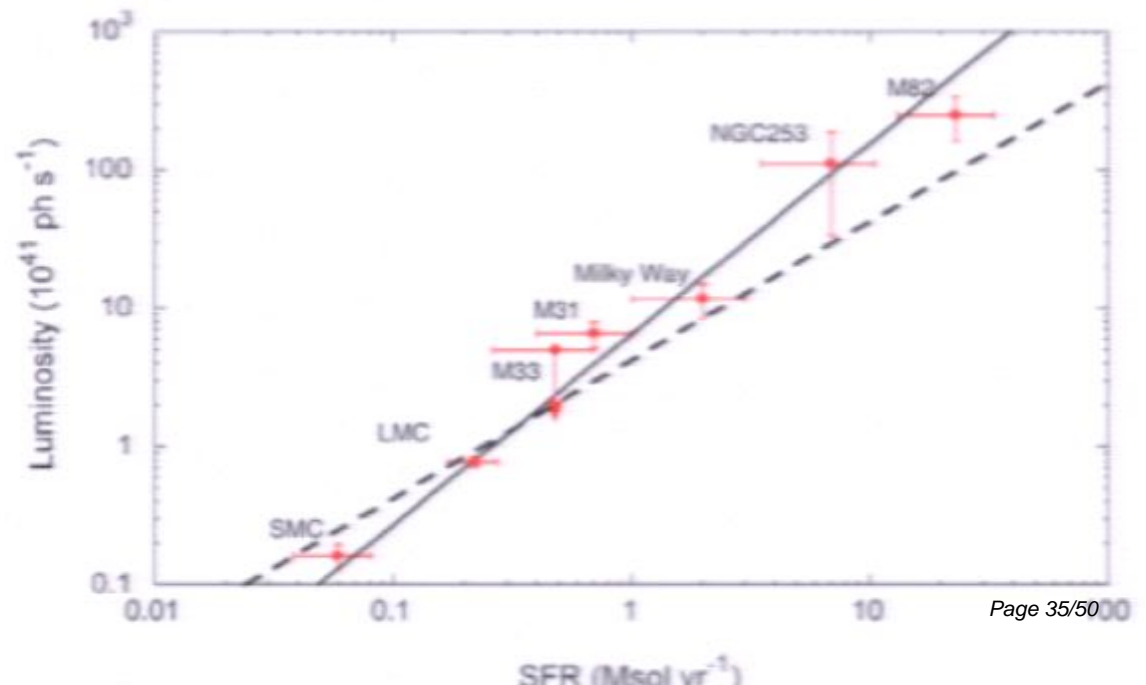
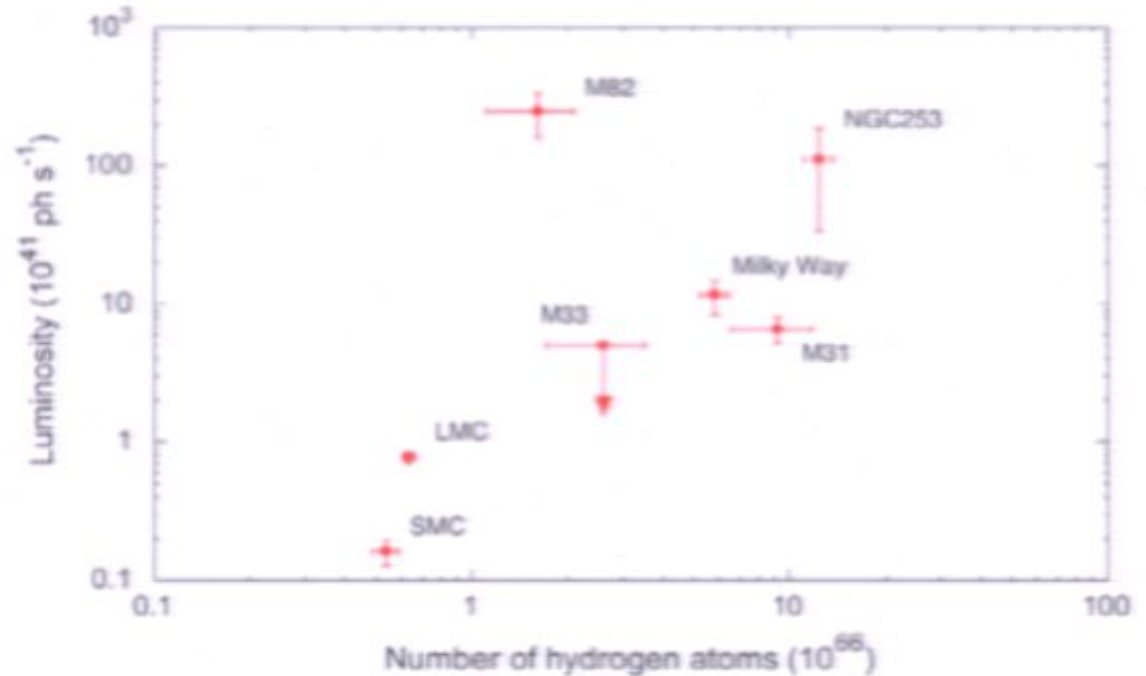


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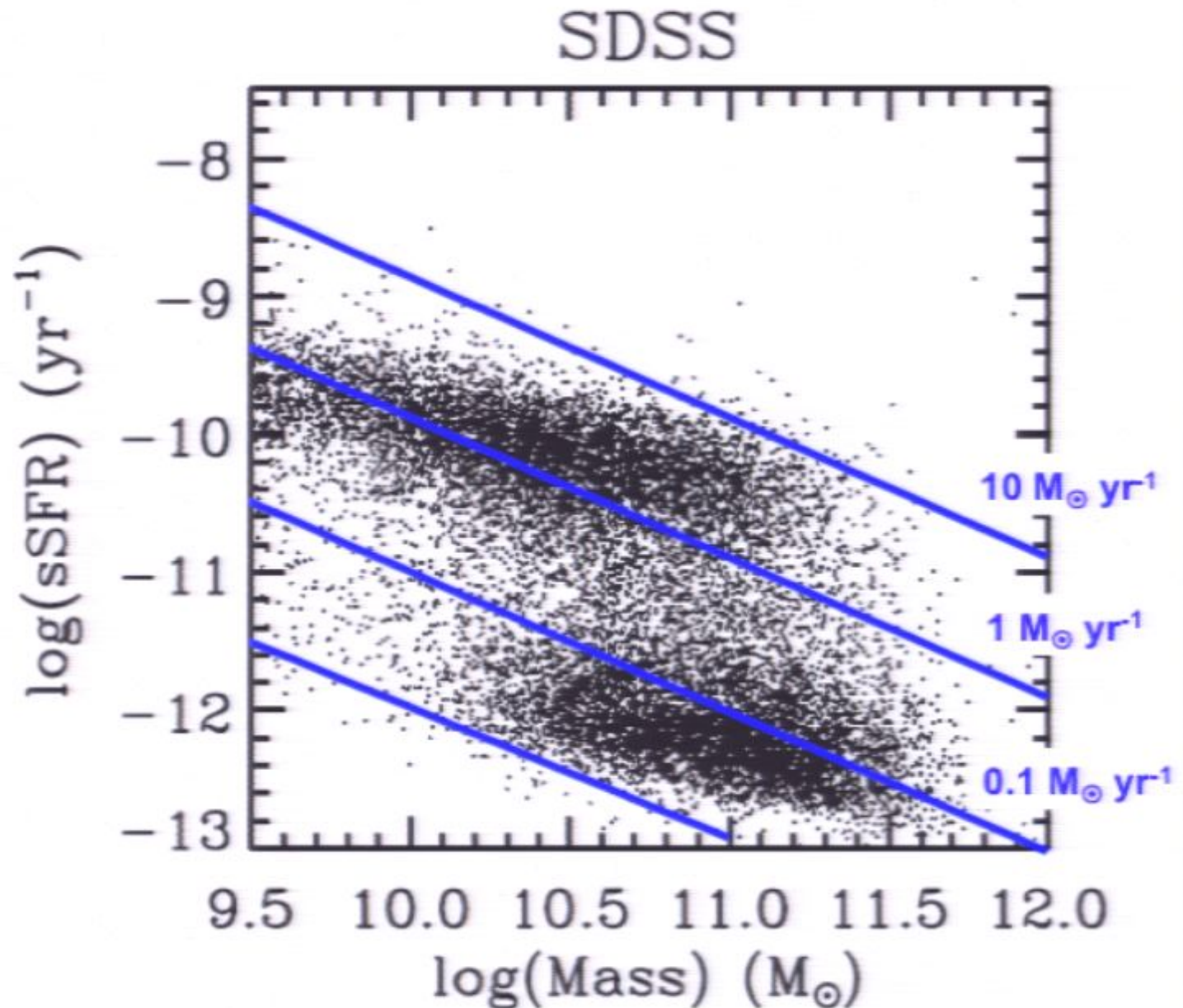


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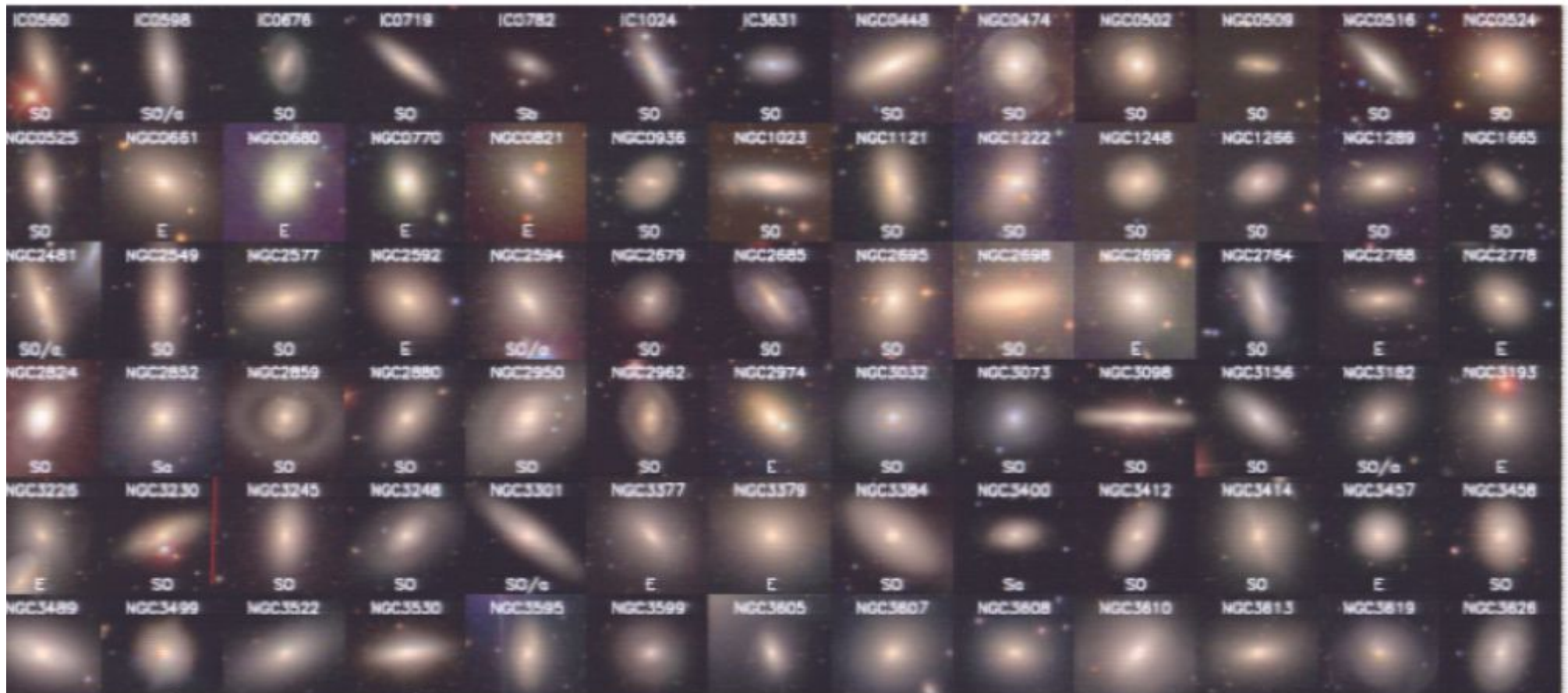
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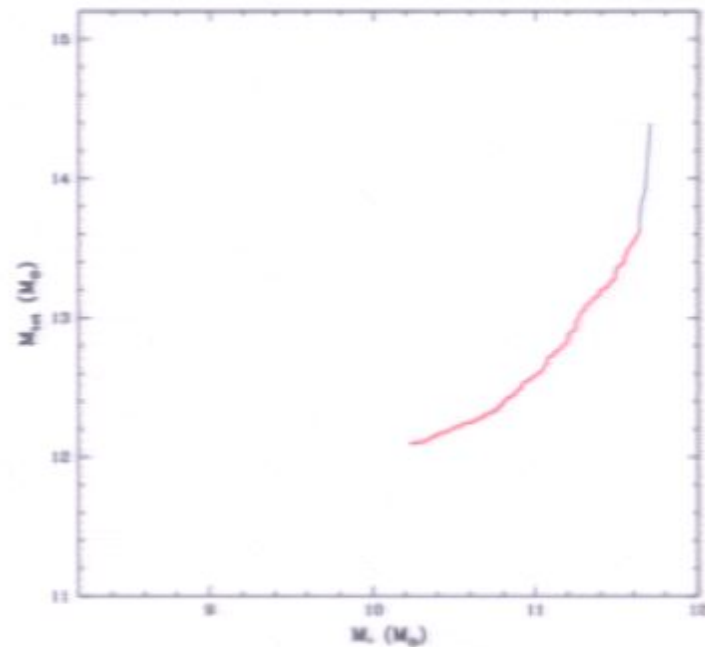
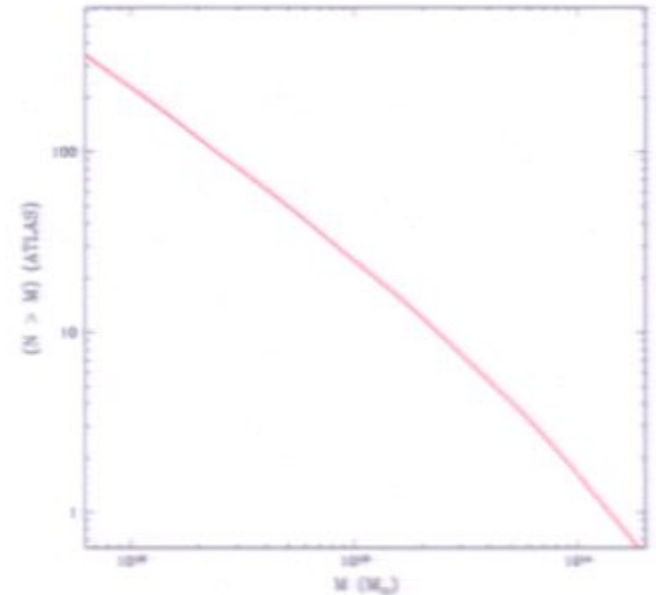
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Sample has M_K , but how to estimate halo mass?

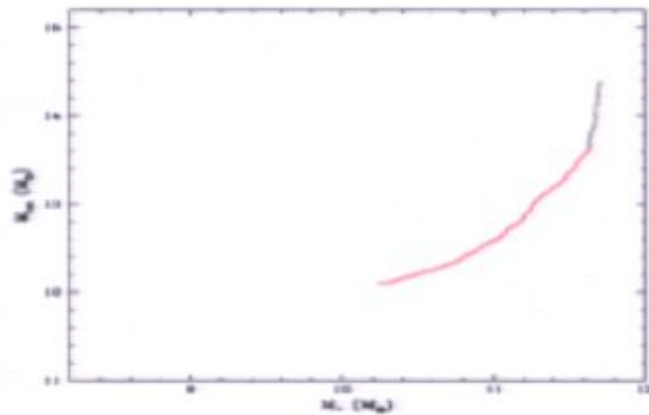
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Then try abundance matching to predictions for the equivalent volume ($1.16e5 \text{ Mpc}^3$), i.e. 6th brightest elliptical lives in 6th most massive halo

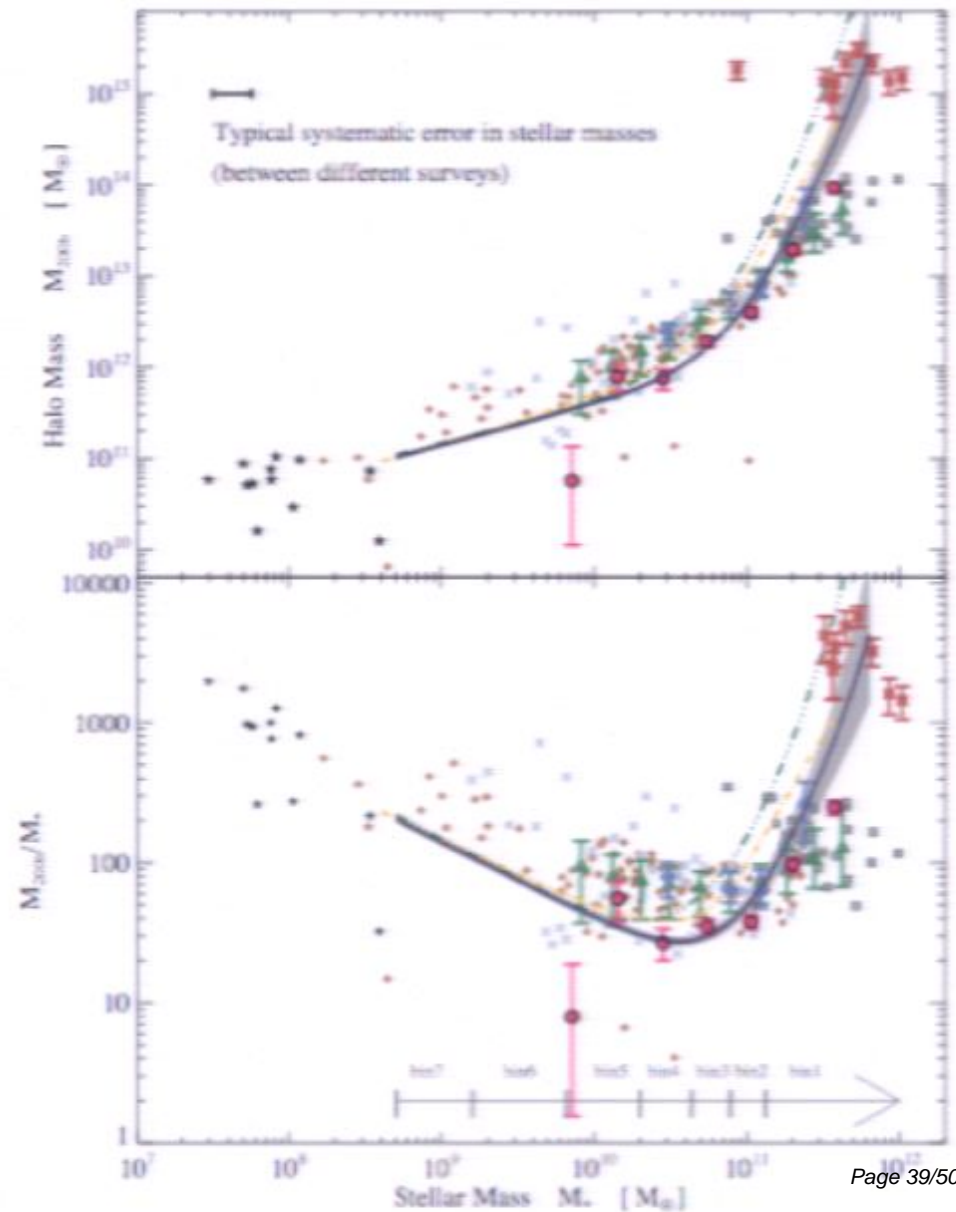
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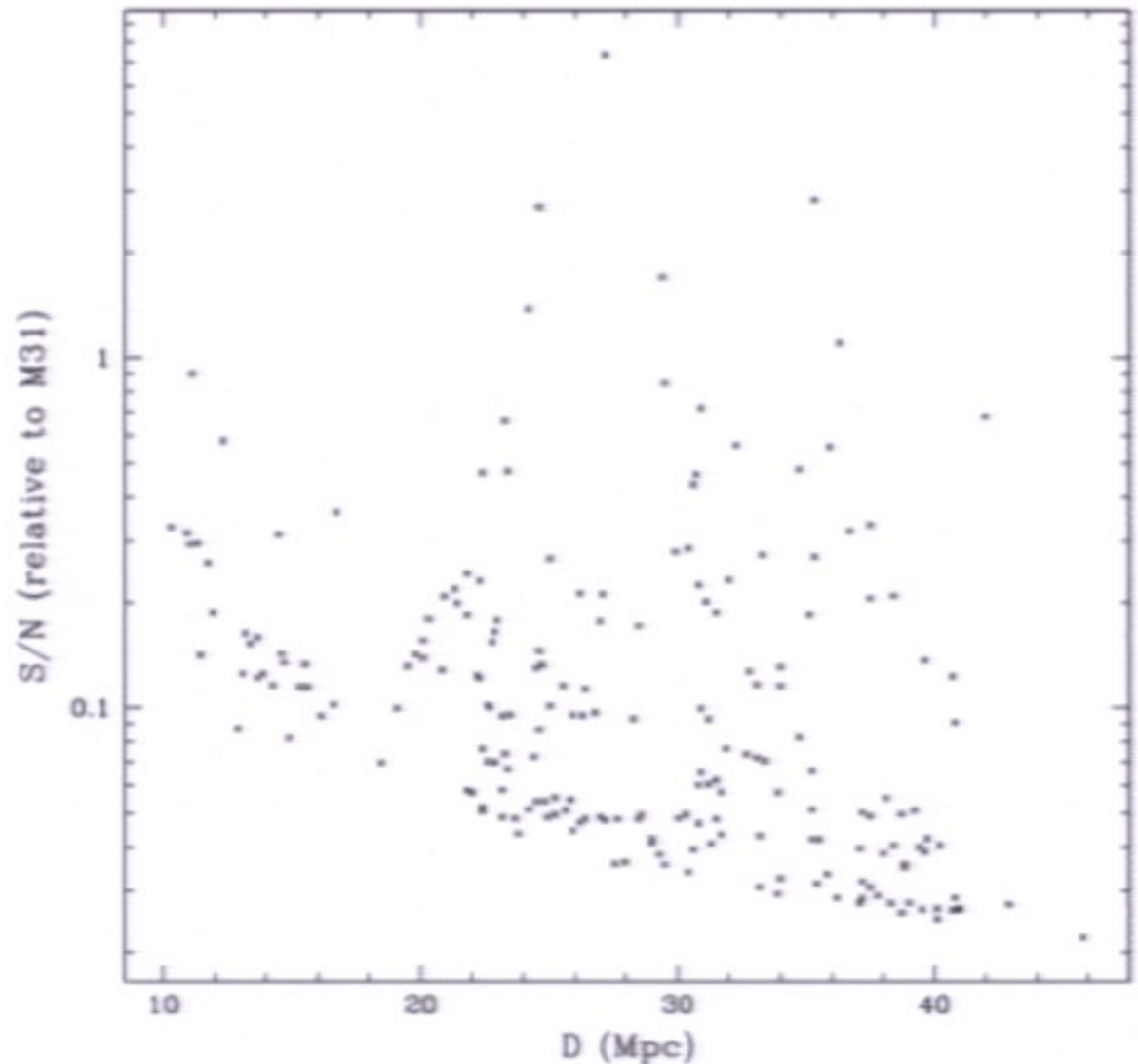


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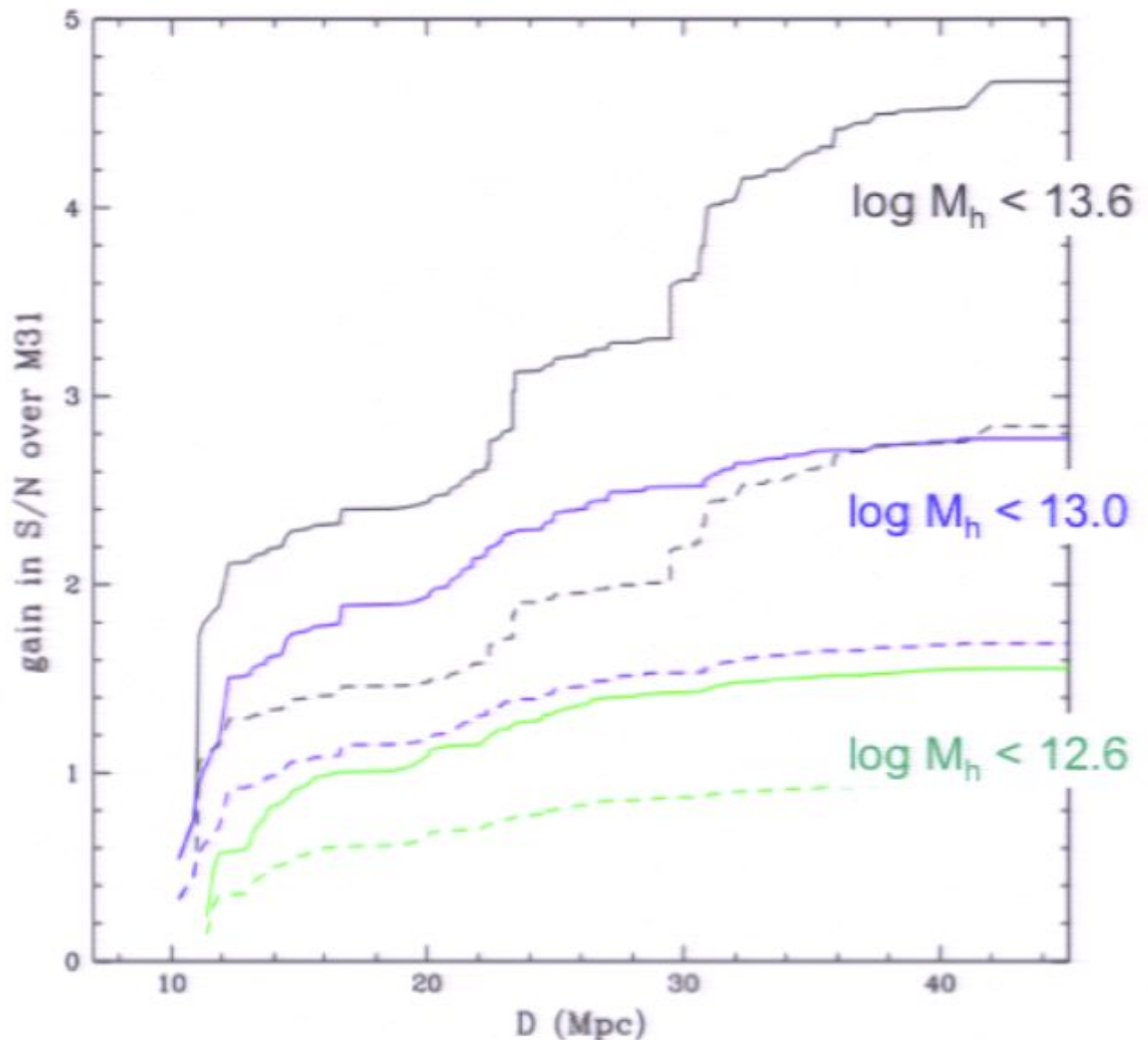
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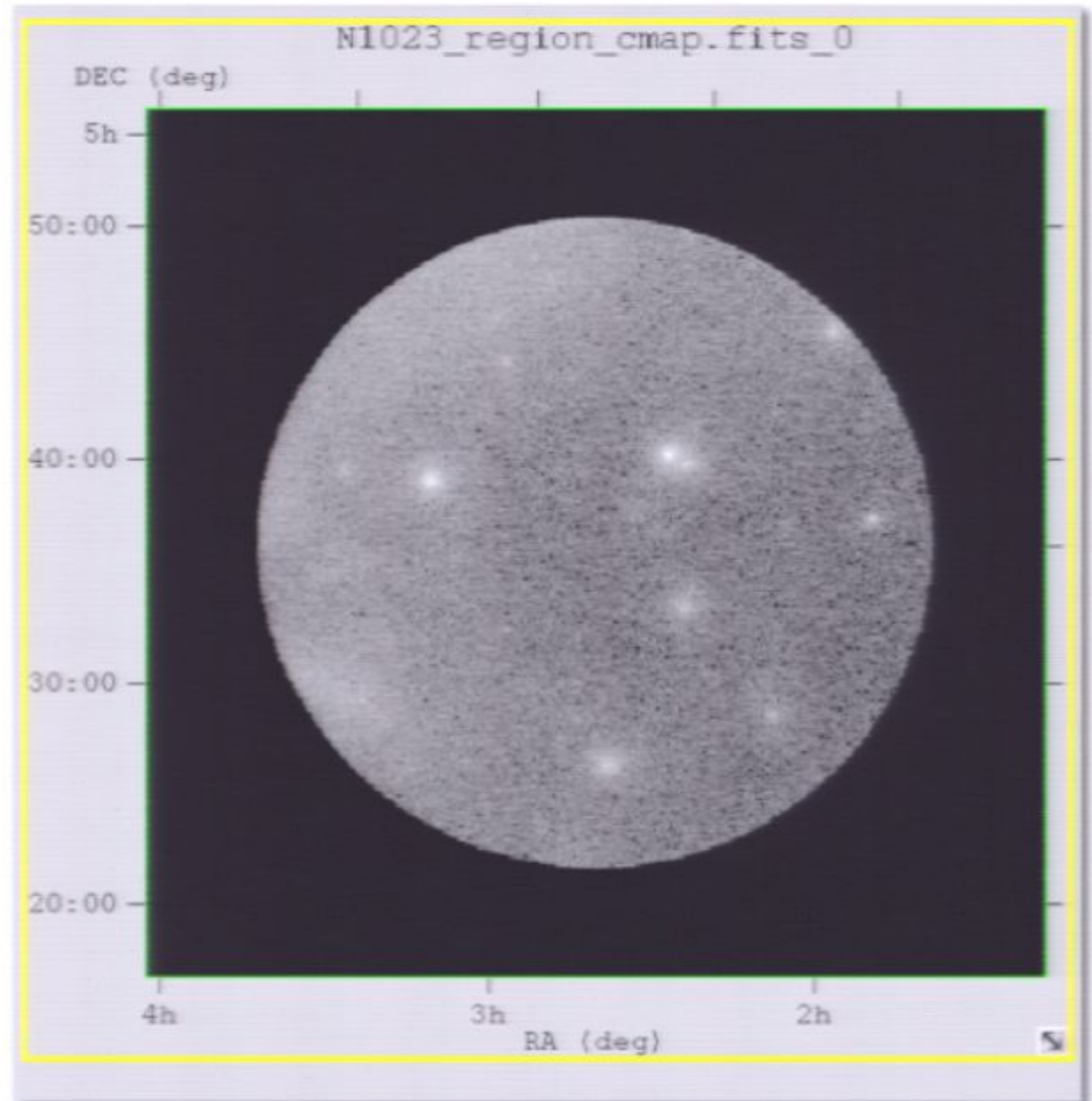
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Conclusions

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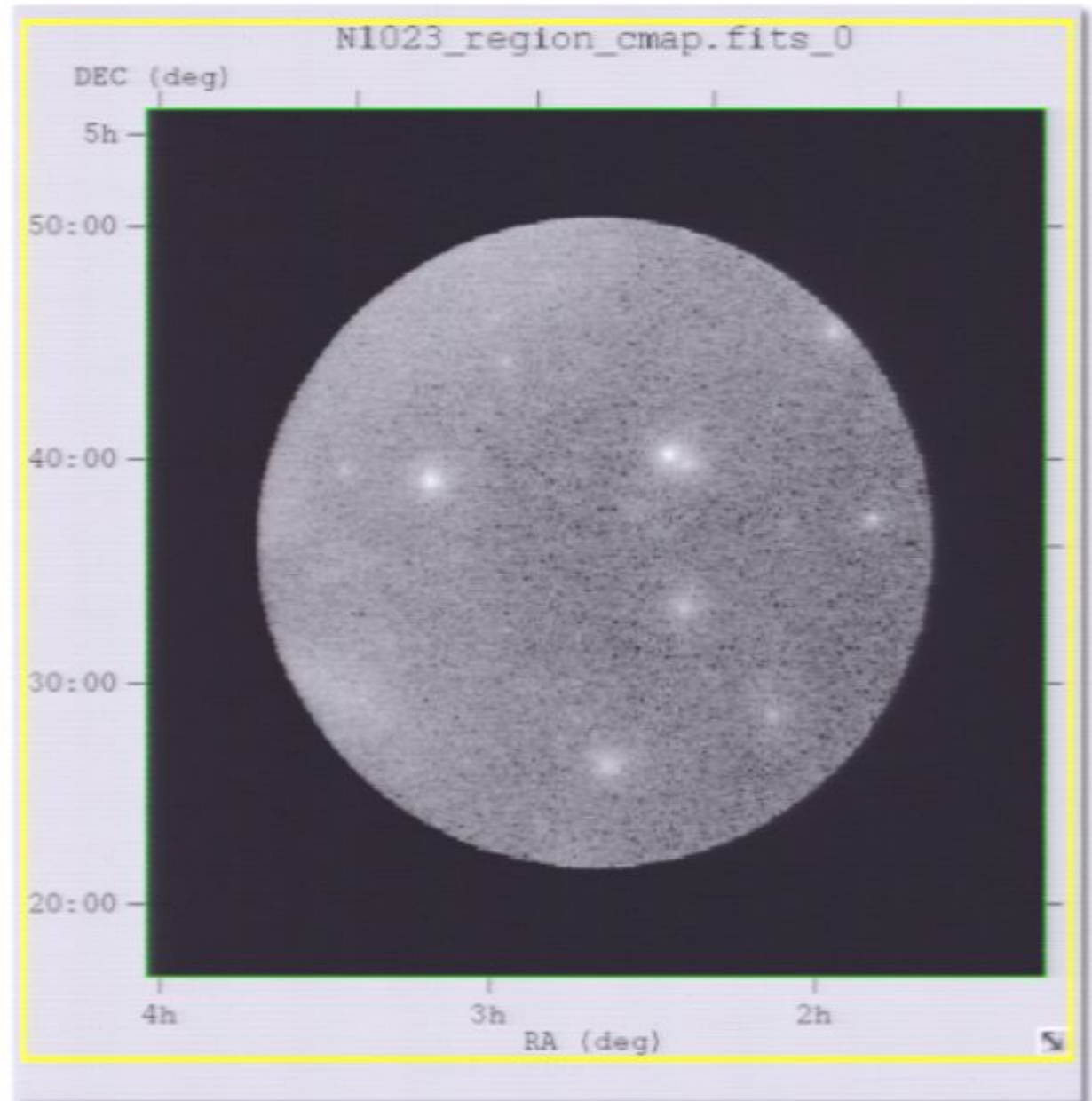
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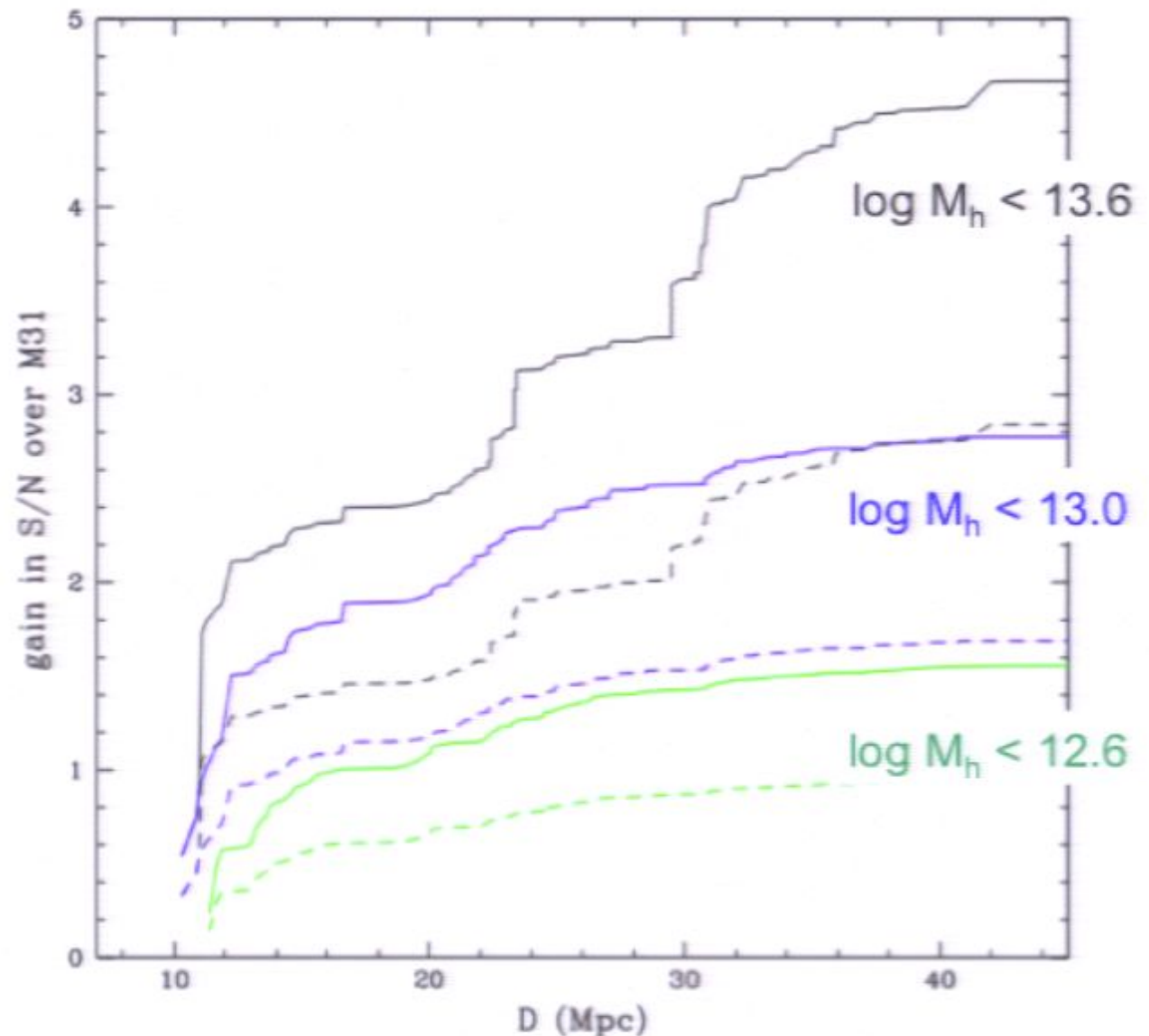
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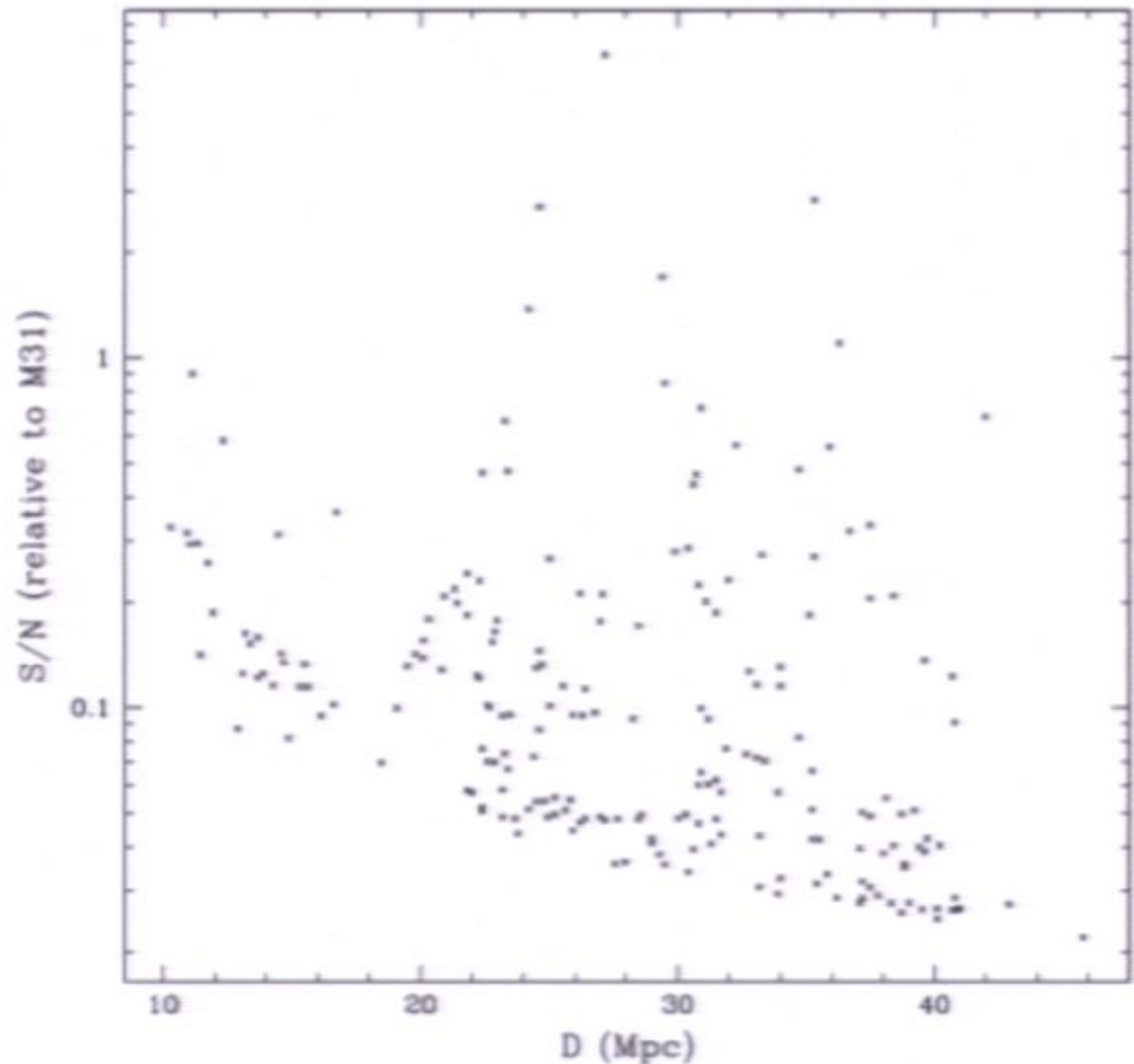


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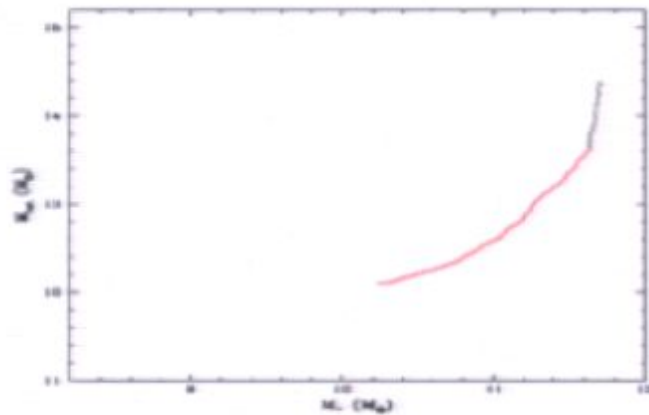
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