

Title: Astrophysical Constraints on Dark Matter Annihilation with Sommerfeld Enhancement

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Abstract: Dark matter models with an annihilation cross section enhanced by a Sommerfeld mechanism have been proposed in the past years to explain a number of observed anomalies, such as the excess of high energy positrons in cosmic rays reported by PAMELA. However, this enhancement can not be arbitrarily large without violating a number of astrophysical measurements. In this talk, I will discuss the degree to which these measurements can constrain Sommerfeld-enhanced models. In particular, I will talk about constraints coming from the observed abundance of dark matter and the extragalactic background light measured at multiple wavelengths.

Astrophysical constraints on dark matter annihilation with Sommerfeld enhancement



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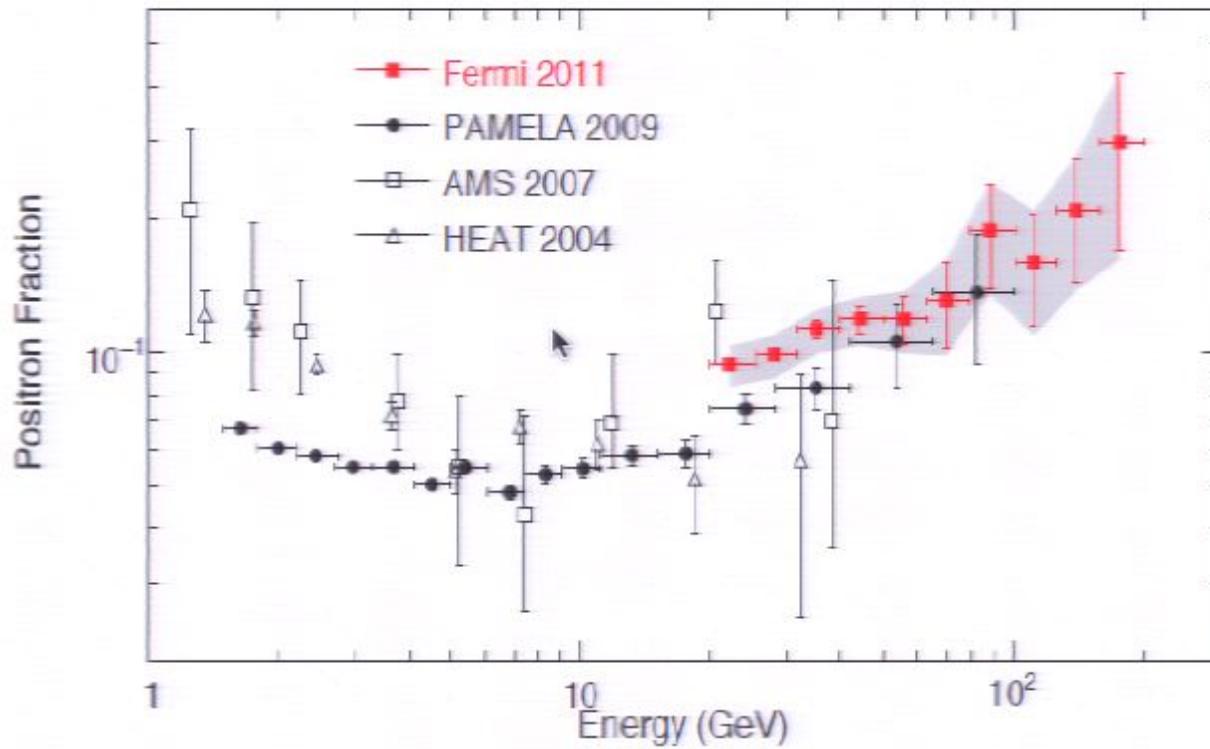
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Outline

- Sommerfeld enhancement (brief motivation and description)
- Relic density constraints
- CMB constraints
- DM annihilation in halos and the Extragalactic Background Light (X- and Gamma-rays)
- EBL constraints

Why boosting DM annihilation?



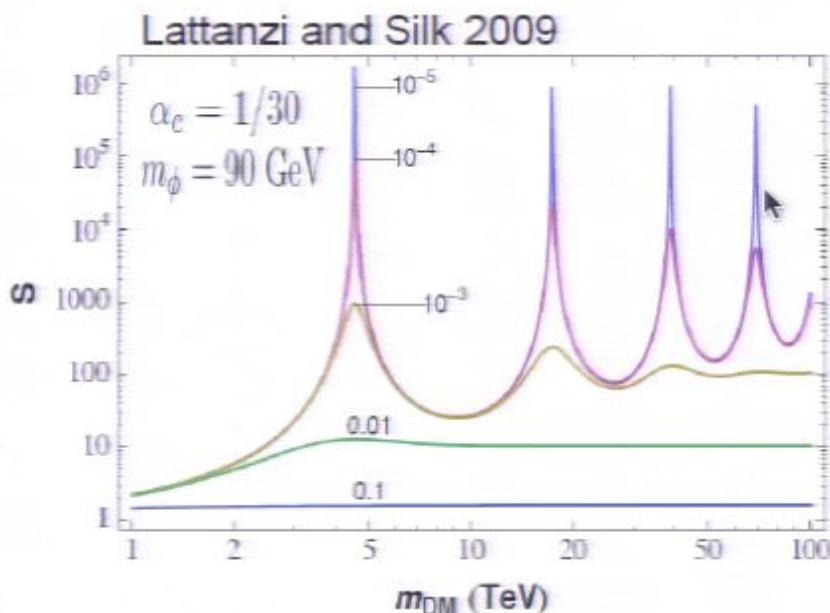
The case for DM annihilation

- WIMP annihilation can explain cosmic ray anomalies but: large cross section $BF > O(100)$ over thermal relic value: $3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ (e.g. Bergström et al. 2009) and annihilation mainly to leptons, proton/antiproton channel suppressed (PAMELA data).
- A new force carrier ($m_\phi \sim \text{GeV}$) acting between the annihilating WIMPs enhances the cross section via a **Sommerfeld mechanism** (Hisano et al. 2004, Arkani-Hamed et al. 2009, ...). If $m_\phi < 2m_p$, then decay into antiprotons is kinematically forbidden.

Sommerfeld enhancement

Simplified case, a scalar boson as a force carrier, Yukawa potential

$$\frac{1}{m_\chi} \frac{d^2 \Psi(r)}{dr^2} + V(r) \Psi(r) = -m_\chi \beta^2 \Psi(r) \quad V(r) = -\frac{\alpha_c}{r} e^{-m_\phi r}$$



$$\sigma = \sigma_0 S_k \quad S_k = \frac{|\psi_k(0)|^2}{|\psi_k^{(0)}(0)|^2}$$

Coulomb approximation ($m_\phi \rightarrow 0$):

$$S = \frac{\pi \alpha_c}{\beta} \left(1 - e^{-\pi \alpha_c / \beta} \right)^{-1}$$

$$S(\beta) \propto 1/\beta \quad \text{if } \beta \ll \pi \alpha_c$$

General behaviour:

1) if $\beta^2 \gg m_\phi \alpha_c / m_\chi \rightarrow$ Coulomb case

2) if $\beta^2 \ll m_\phi \alpha_c / m_\chi \rightarrow$ bound states if $m_\chi = 4m_\phi n^2 / \alpha$

3) Close to "resonances" $\rightarrow S(\beta) \propto 1/\beta^2$

4) Saturation at very low velocities, finite life time of the bound states

Relic density constraints

Boltzmann equation: $\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left(n_\chi^2 - (n_\chi^{EQ})^2 \right)$

Thermal average: $x_\chi = m_\chi/T_\chi$

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \langle \sigma v \rangle_S \left(\frac{x^{3/2}}{2\pi^{1/2}} \int_0^1 S(\beta) \beta^2 e^{-x\beta^2/4} d\beta \right) = \langle \sigma v \rangle_S \mathcal{S}(x_\chi)$$

Note that:

$$S(\beta) \propto 1/\beta \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}(x_\chi) \propto x_\chi^{1/2} \propto 1/\sigma_{vel}$$
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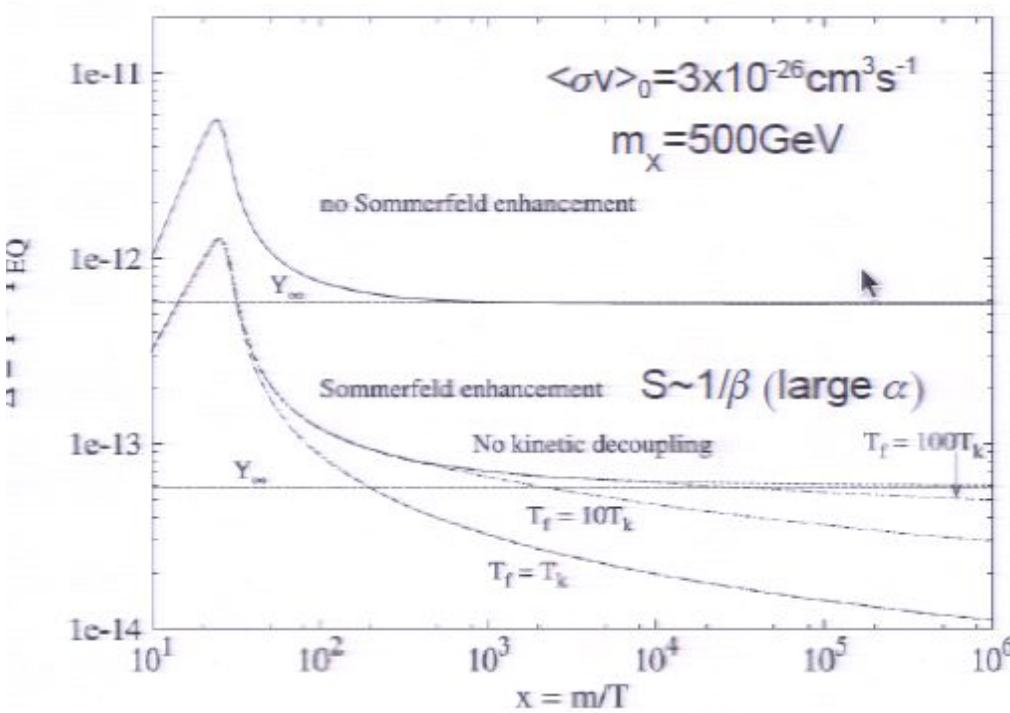
Dark matter abundance: $\Omega_\chi h^2 = \Omega_{DM} h^2 \sim 0.1143$

Kinetic decoupling: after freeze-out, scattering with SM particles keep $T_x = T$, after kinetic decoupling T_x drops as $1/a^2$ ("colder" than radiation):

$$x_\chi = x \quad \text{for } t < t_{KD}$$
$$x_\chi = x^2/x_{KD} \quad \text{for } t > t_{KD}$$

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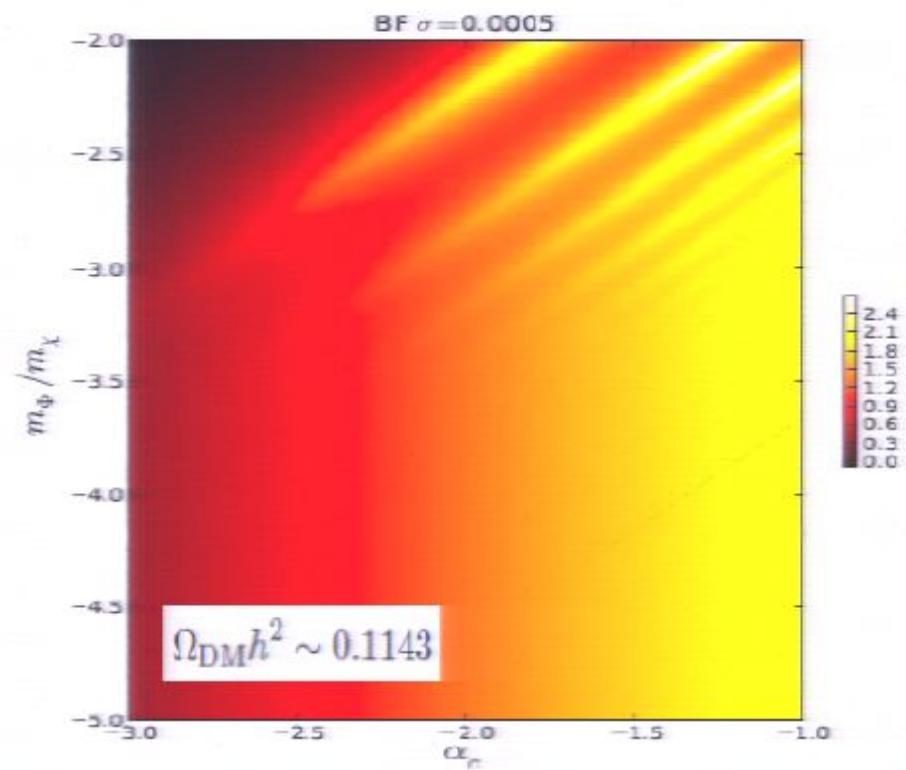
Dent et al. 2010



- If $S \sim 1/\sigma$ then $Y \sim 1/\ln x$ for $x > x_{kd}$
- If $S \sim 1/\sigma^2$ then $Y \sim 1/x$ for $x > x_{kd}$
- $\langle\sigma v\rangle_0$ needs to be lower than the case without enhancement (a factor of a few) to give the correct relic density
 - Kinetic decoupling temperature is a relevant parameter, the larger it is, the stronger the suppression on the relic density

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Zavala et al. 2010



BF(relative to $\langle\sigma v\rangle_0 = 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$) < 100
for $\alpha < 10^{-2}$, $m_\Phi/m_\chi < 10^{-3}$, $m_\chi \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$, $T_{kd} = 8 \text{ MeV}$

$$BF = \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle_0^{\Omega_{DM}} S(\sigma_{\text{vel,h}})}{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}}$$

Feng et al. 2010, "maximal" BF up to
 $m_\chi \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$ is < 300

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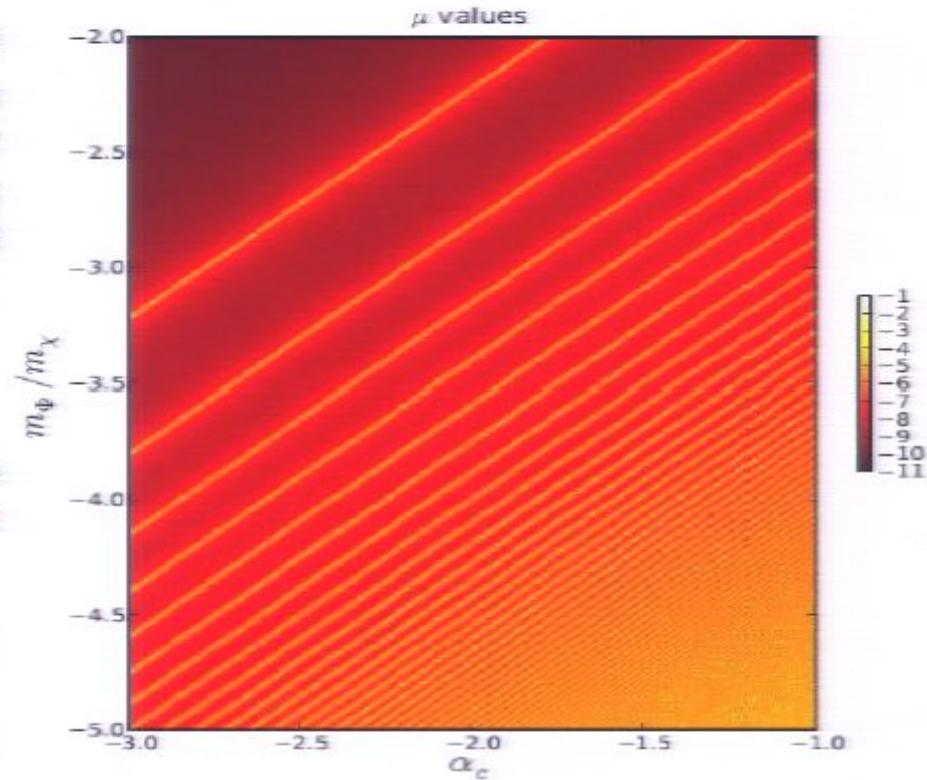
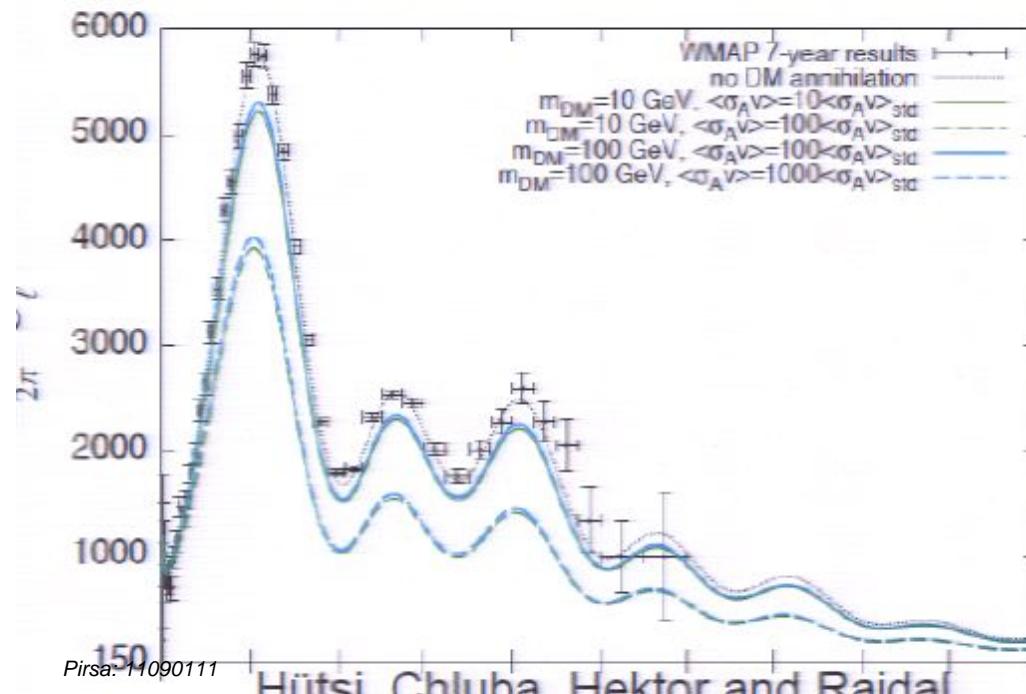
CMB constraints

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CMB energy spectrum: energy injection at $10^4 < z < 10^6$ effectively produces a Bose-Einstein energy spectrum with chemical potential μ instead of a pure black body spectrum (Illarionov and Sunyaev 1975). Limit by COBE/FIRAS $|\mu| < 9 \times 10^{-5}$. "f" is the fraction that ionizes and heats the IGM.

$$\mu = 1.4 \frac{\delta \rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} = 1.4 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{\dot{\rho}_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} dt = 1.4 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{f m_\chi \langle \sigma v \rangle n_\chi^2}{\rho_{\gamma,0} a^4} dt,$$

Injection at $10^3 < z < 10^4$ produces a y-type distortion to the CMB (Hannestad and Tram 2011). Both are weak constraints.



CMB power spectrum: e.g. Slatyer et al. 2009, limits based on WMAP5:

$$\frac{\lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \langle \sigma v \rangle}{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}} \lesssim \frac{120}{f} \left(\frac{m_\chi}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right)$$

f~0.25 for annihilation into SM particles, except electrons (f~0.7) and neutrinos (f~0)

Cosmic background radiation from dark matter annihilation

- Energy of photons per unit area, time, solid angle and energy range received by an observer located at $z=0$.

$$I = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathcal{E}(E_0(1+z), z) \frac{dr}{(1+z)^4} e^{-\tau(E_0, z)}$$

- Contribution from all dark matter structures along the line of sight of the observer (assumption: no contribution from unclustered DM).
- The volume emissivity of photons (energy of photons produced per unit volume, time and energy range) can be written as:

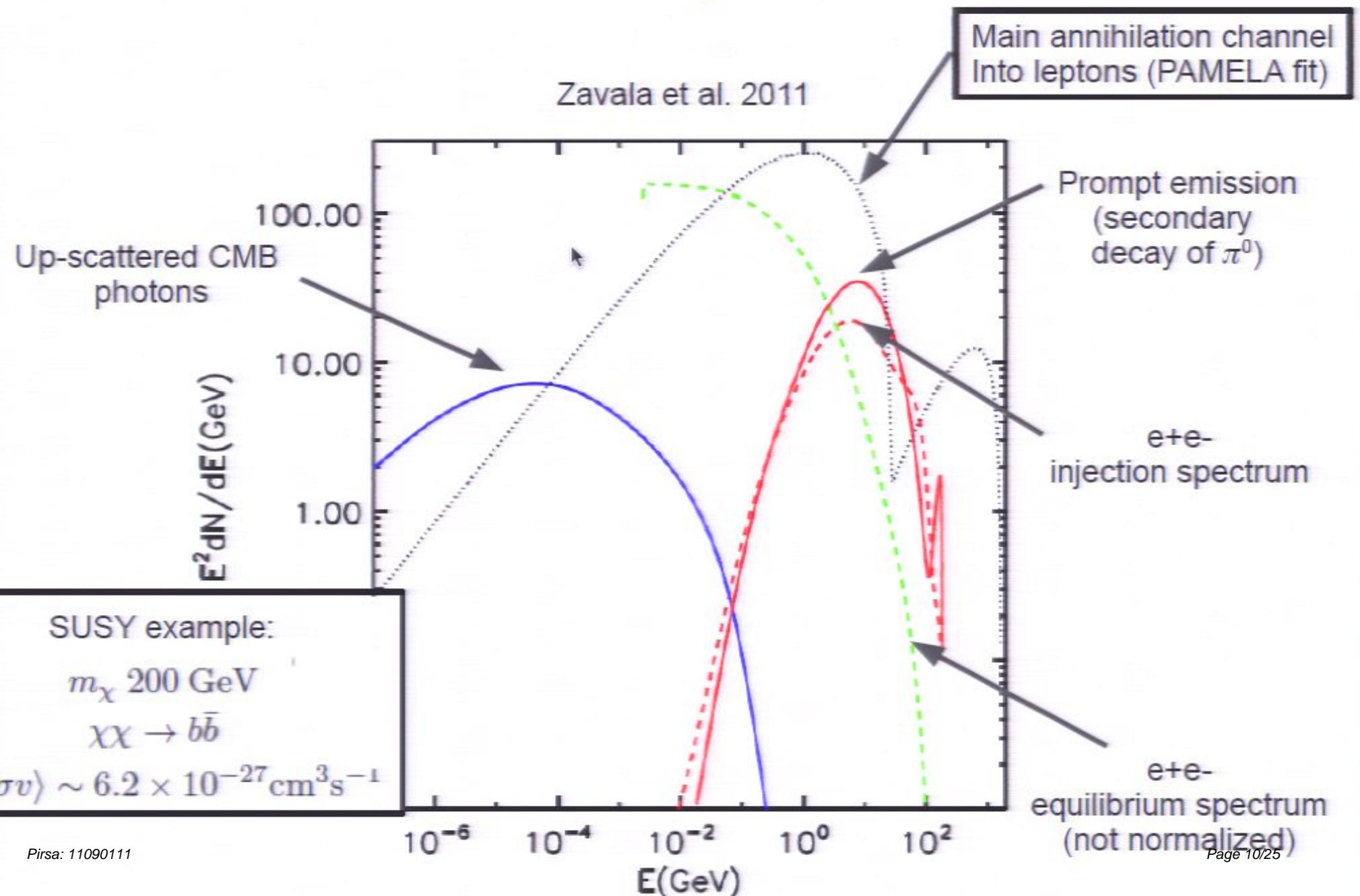
$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{f_{\text{WIMP}}}{2} E \rho_\chi(\vec{x})^2$$

- Properties of dark matter as a particle:

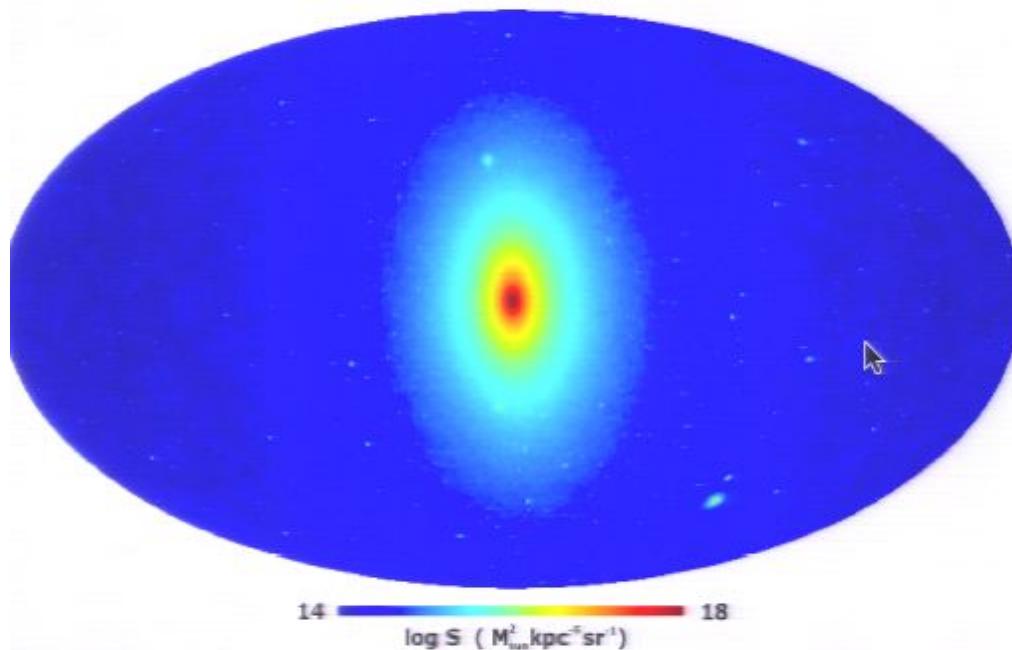
$$f_{\text{WIMP}} = \frac{dN}{dE} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_\chi^2}$$

- The density squared dependence is connected to the gravitational interactions of dark matter.

Photon yield



Annihilation in DM halos



Via-Lactea II simulation

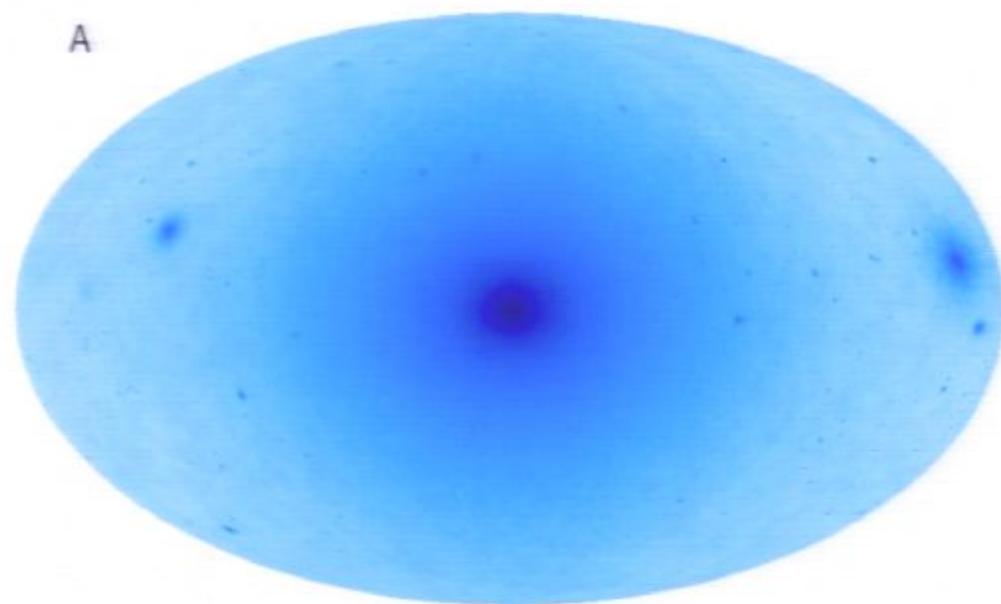
MW-like halo

$m_{DM} \sim 4100 \text{ Msun}$ (Kuhlen et al. 2009)

Virgo Consortium's Aquarius Project

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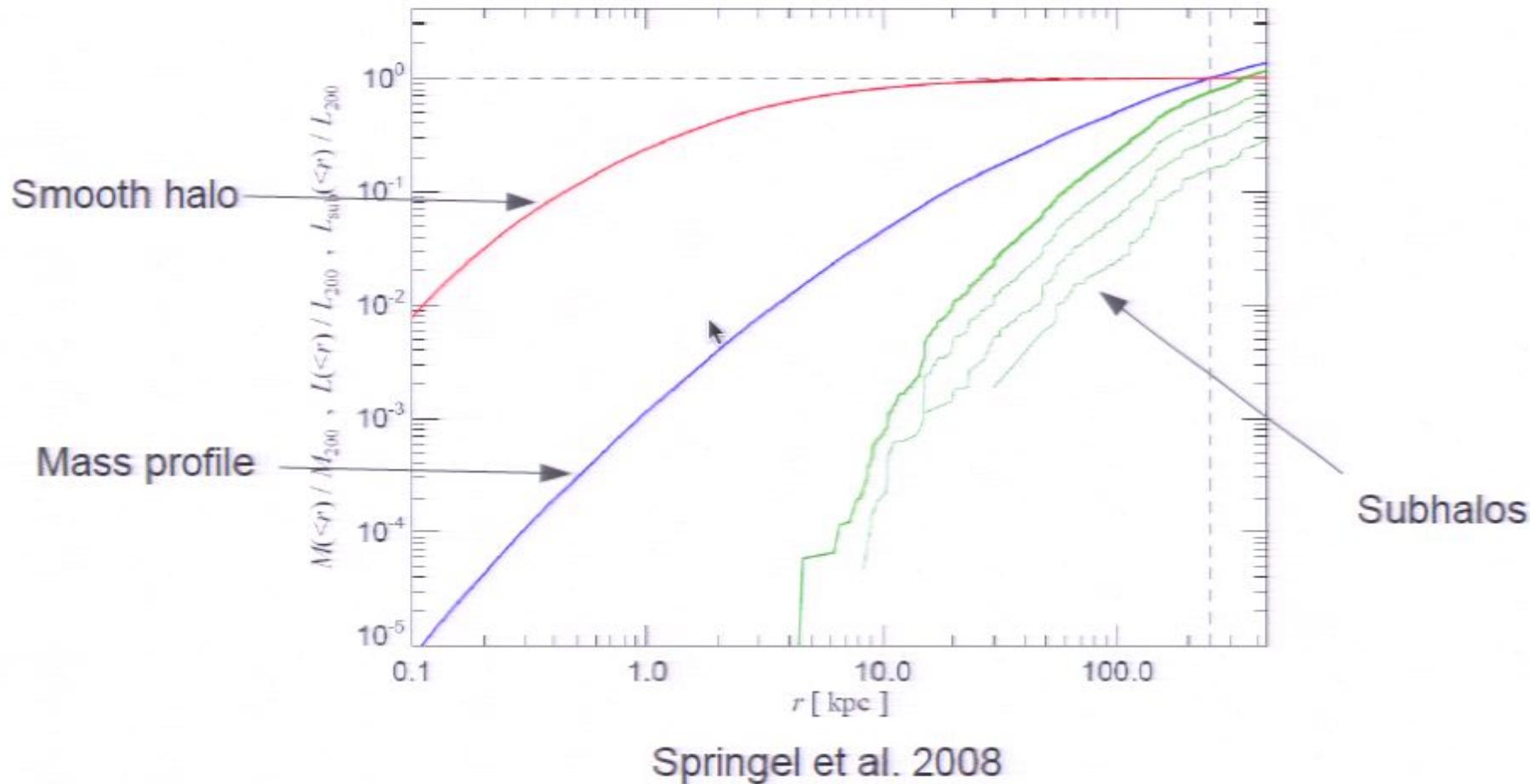
$m_{DM} \sim 1500 \text{ Msun}$ (Springel et al. 2008)



- Total luminosity of a smooth DM halo (formula roughly agrees with summation over particle densities):

$$L'_h = \int \rho_{\text{NFW}}^2(r) dV = \frac{1.23 V_{\text{max}}^4}{G^2 r_{\text{max}}}$$

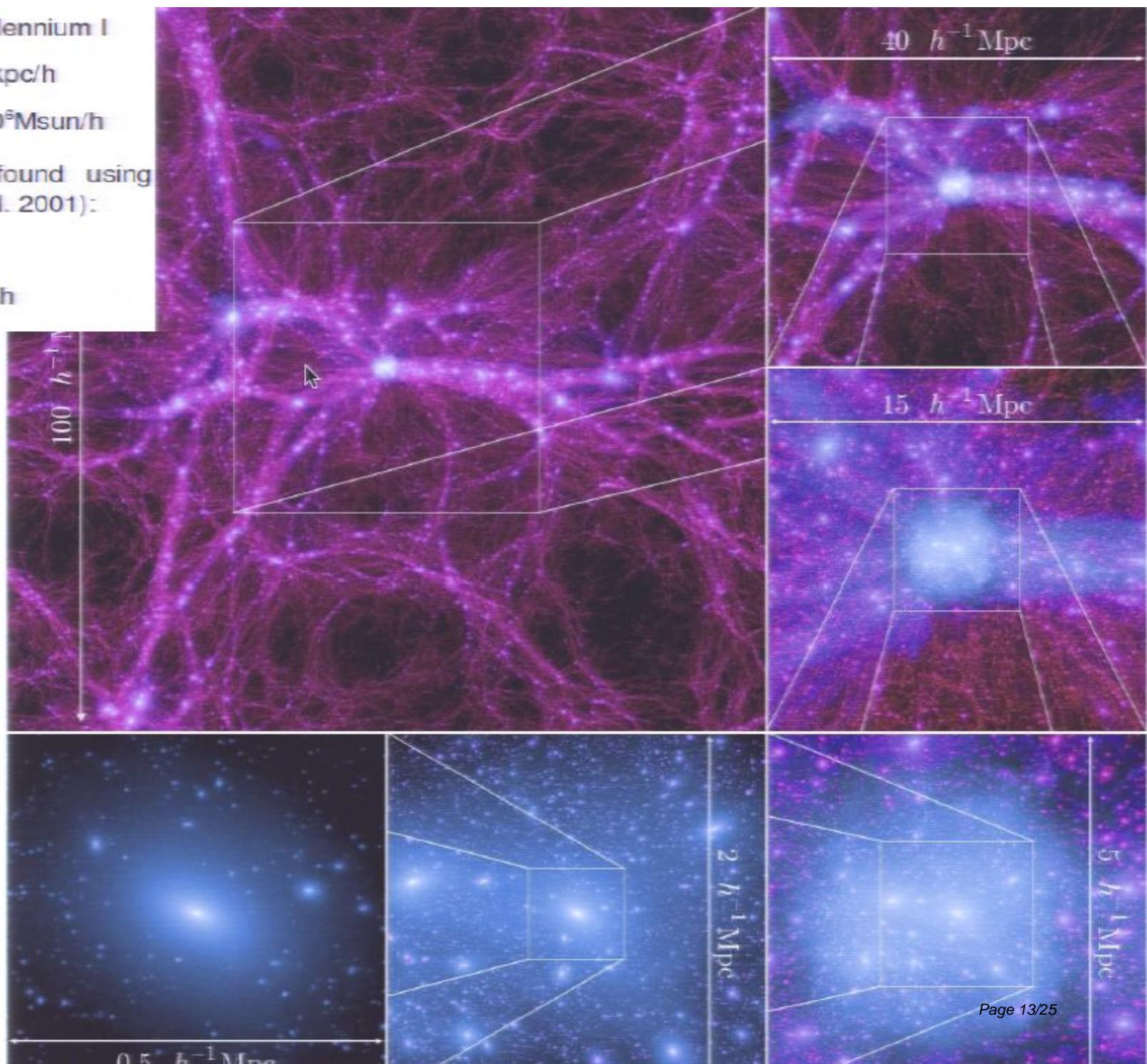
Annihilation in DM halos (substructure)



- Substructures within halos have a dominant role for external observers. Their contribution to the total luminosity is uncertain $\sim 2 - 2000$ times the contribution of the smooth component for a MW-like halo (once their minimum mass is extrapolated to \sim Earth mass).

Millennium-II (Boylan-Kolchin et al. 2009)

Same cosmology as Millennium I
100 Mpc/h box and $\epsilon=1\text{kpc}/h$
 $N_p = 2160^3$, $m_{\text{DM}} = 6.89 \times 10^9 \text{Msun}/h$
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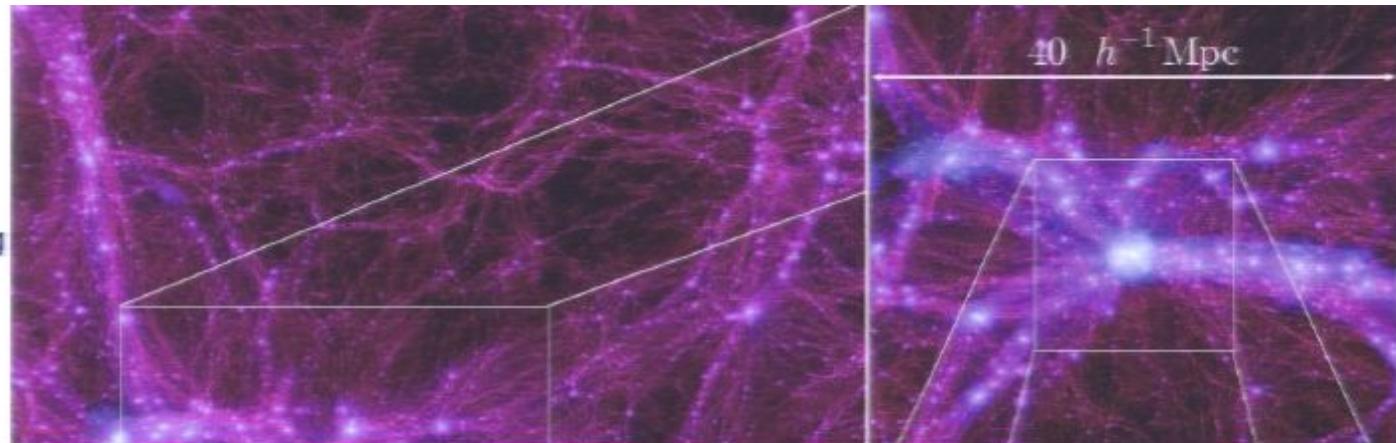
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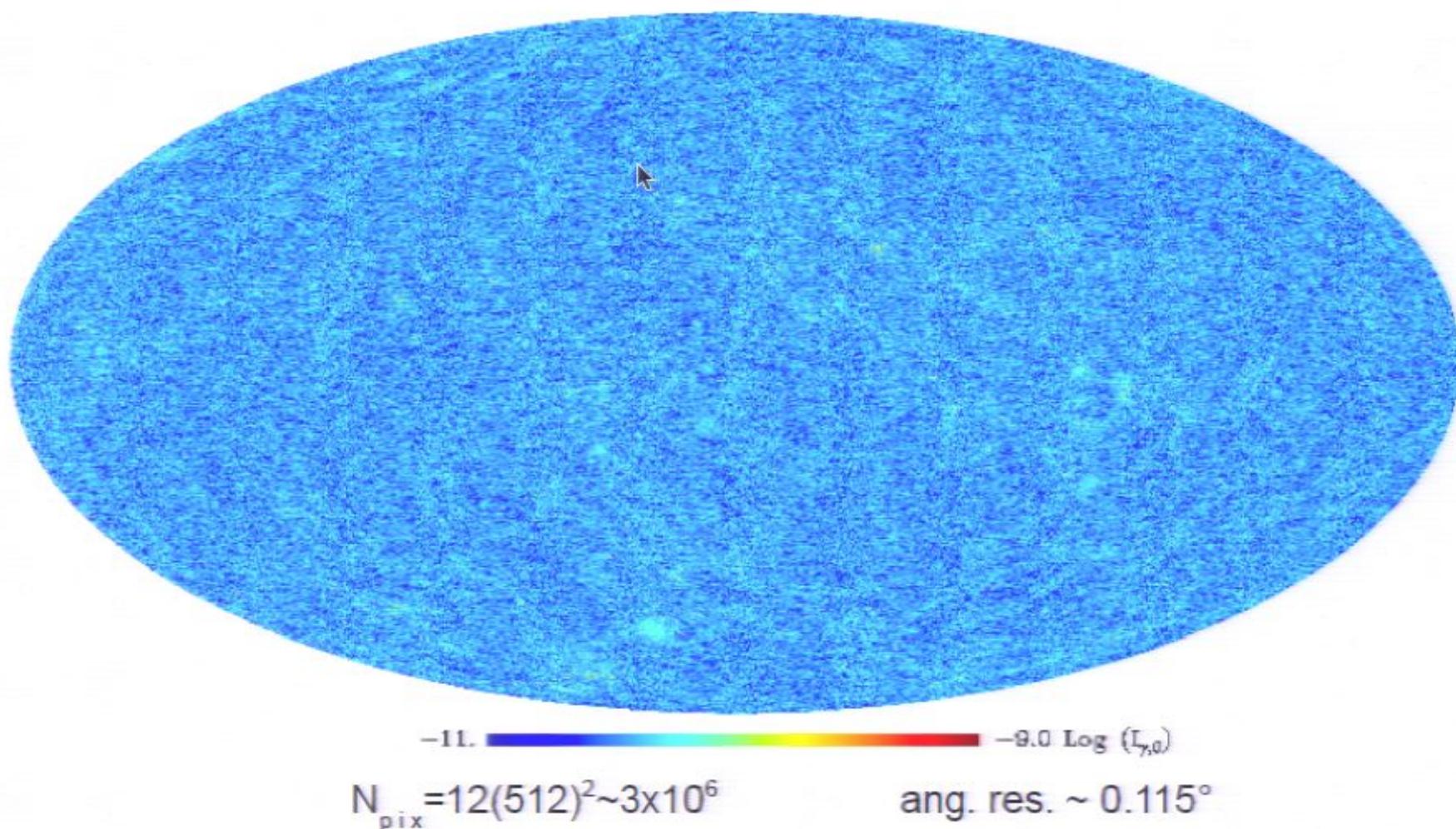
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All-sky maps

- Simulation of the past light cone with resolved DM halos and subhalos as sources (assuming scaling law for luminosity, NFW profile)
- Spatial distribution and temporal evolution given by MS-II
- Extrapolation to unresolved sources down to earth masses (two orders of magnitude uncertainty)
- Photon yield given as input from a particle physics model
- Sommerfeld enhancement included as a $S(\sigma_{\text{vel}})$ function

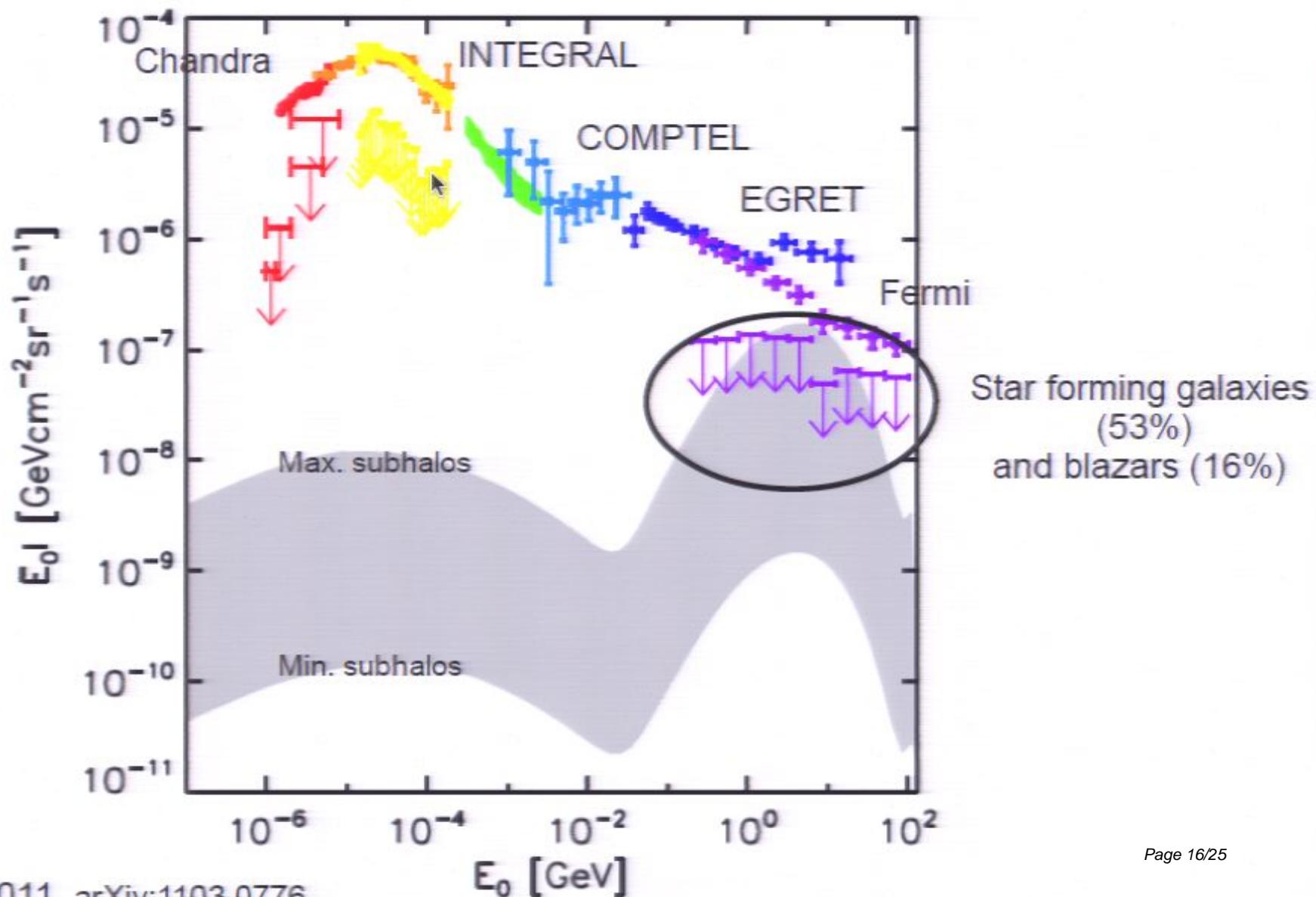


All-sky maps (resolved structures up to $z \sim 10$, $E = 10\text{GeV}$)



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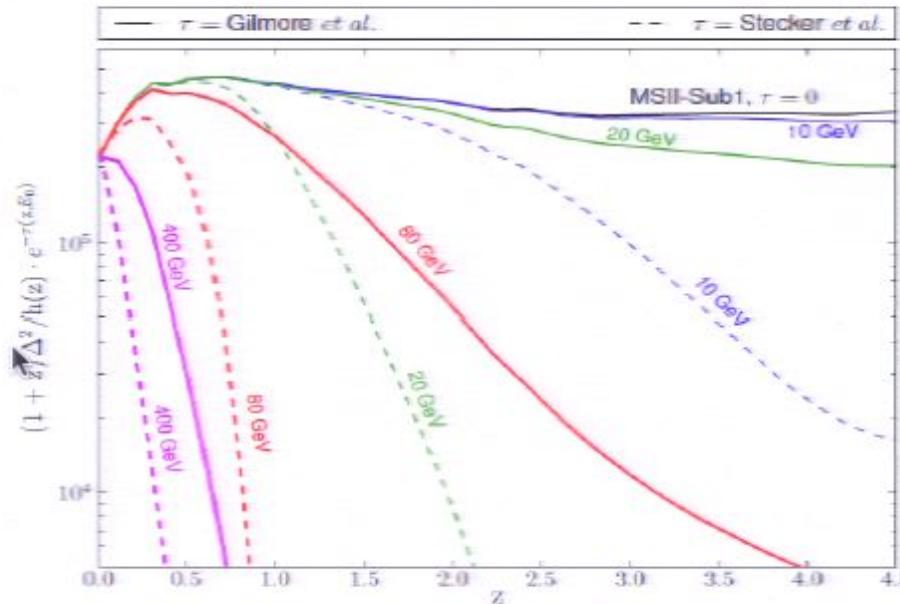
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“factoring out” the astrophysical part of the signal

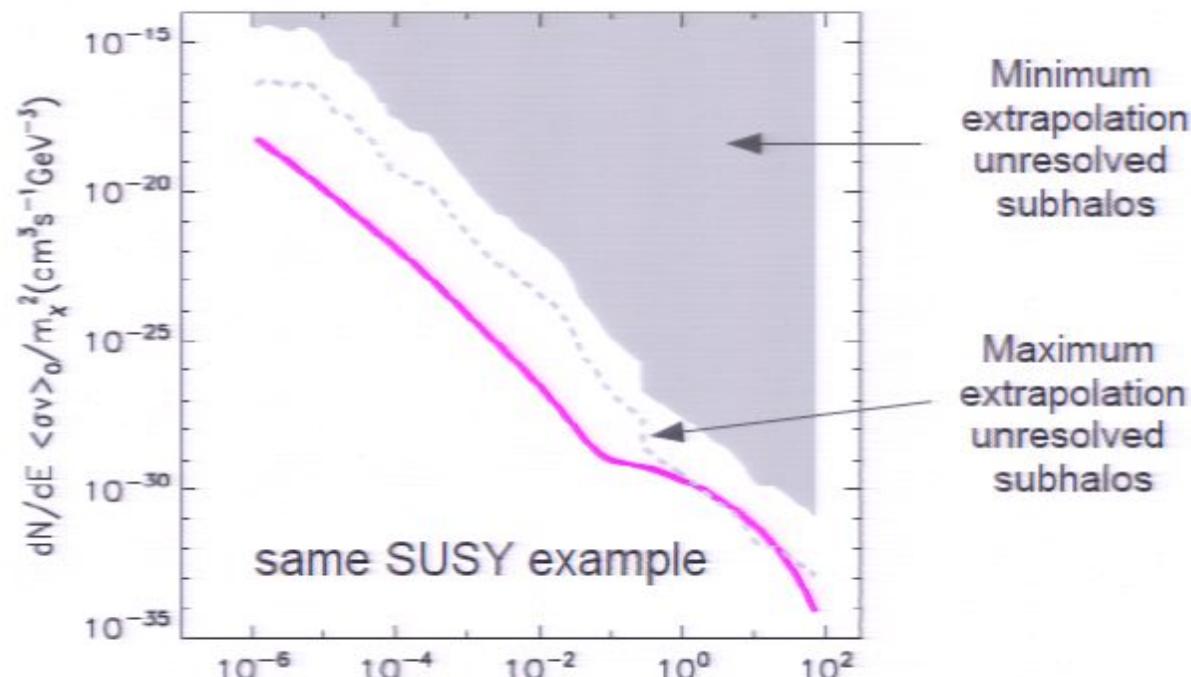
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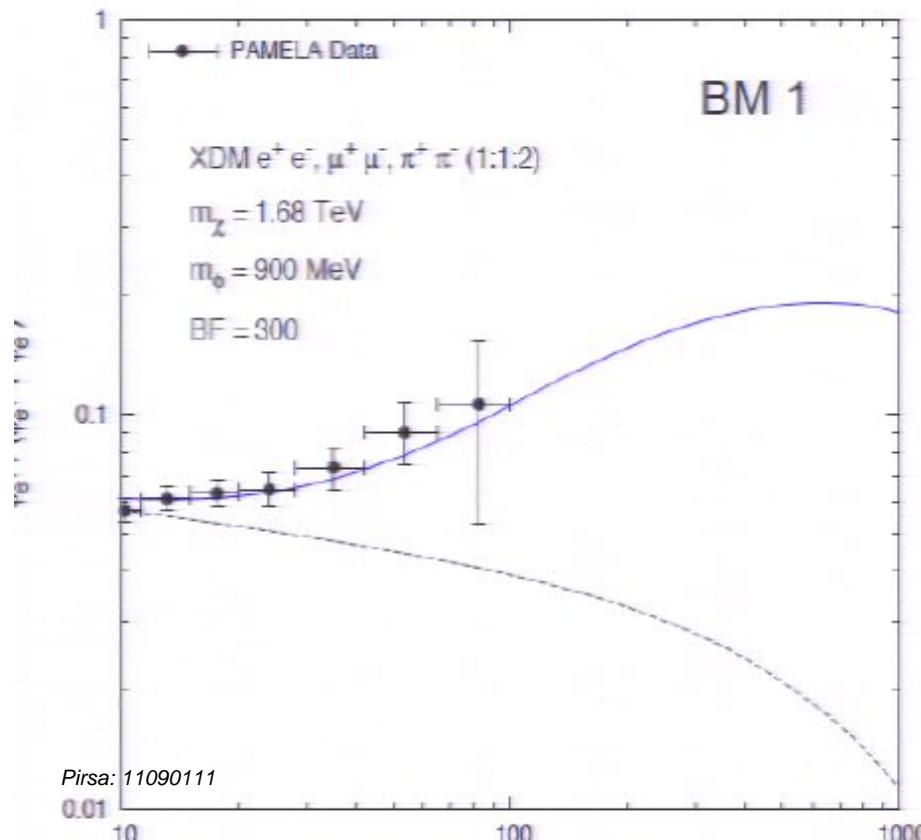


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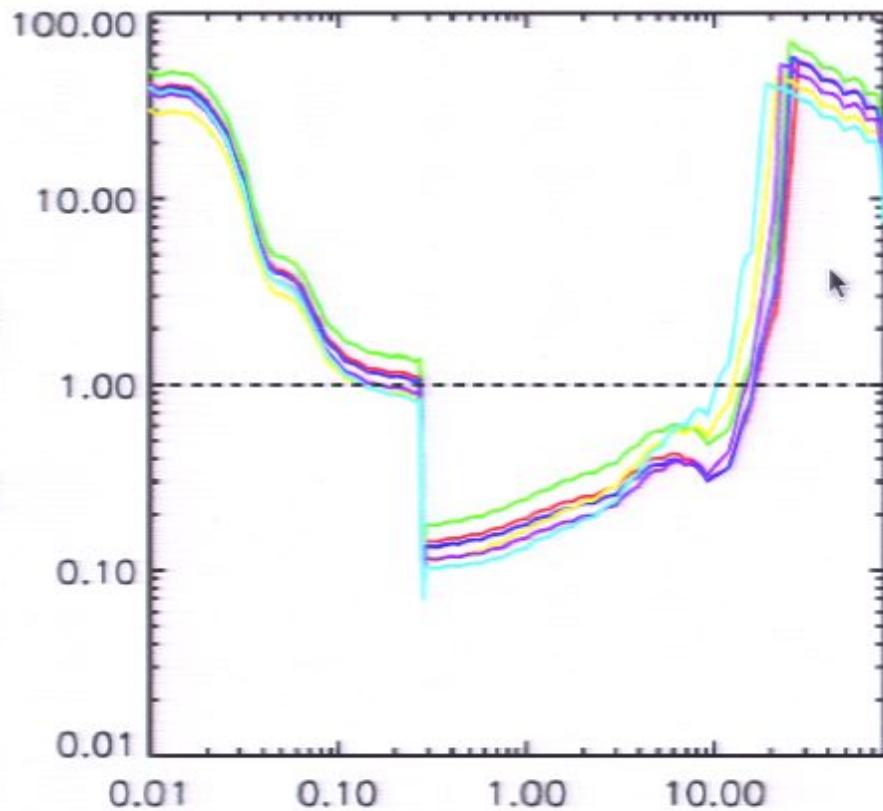
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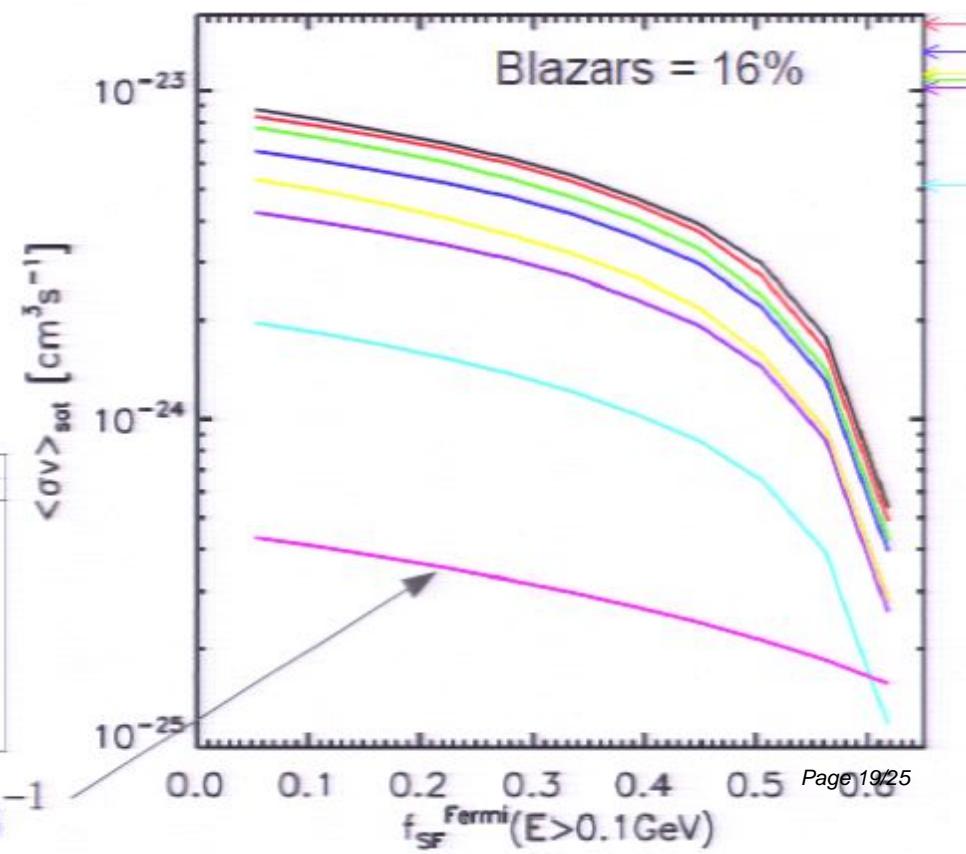
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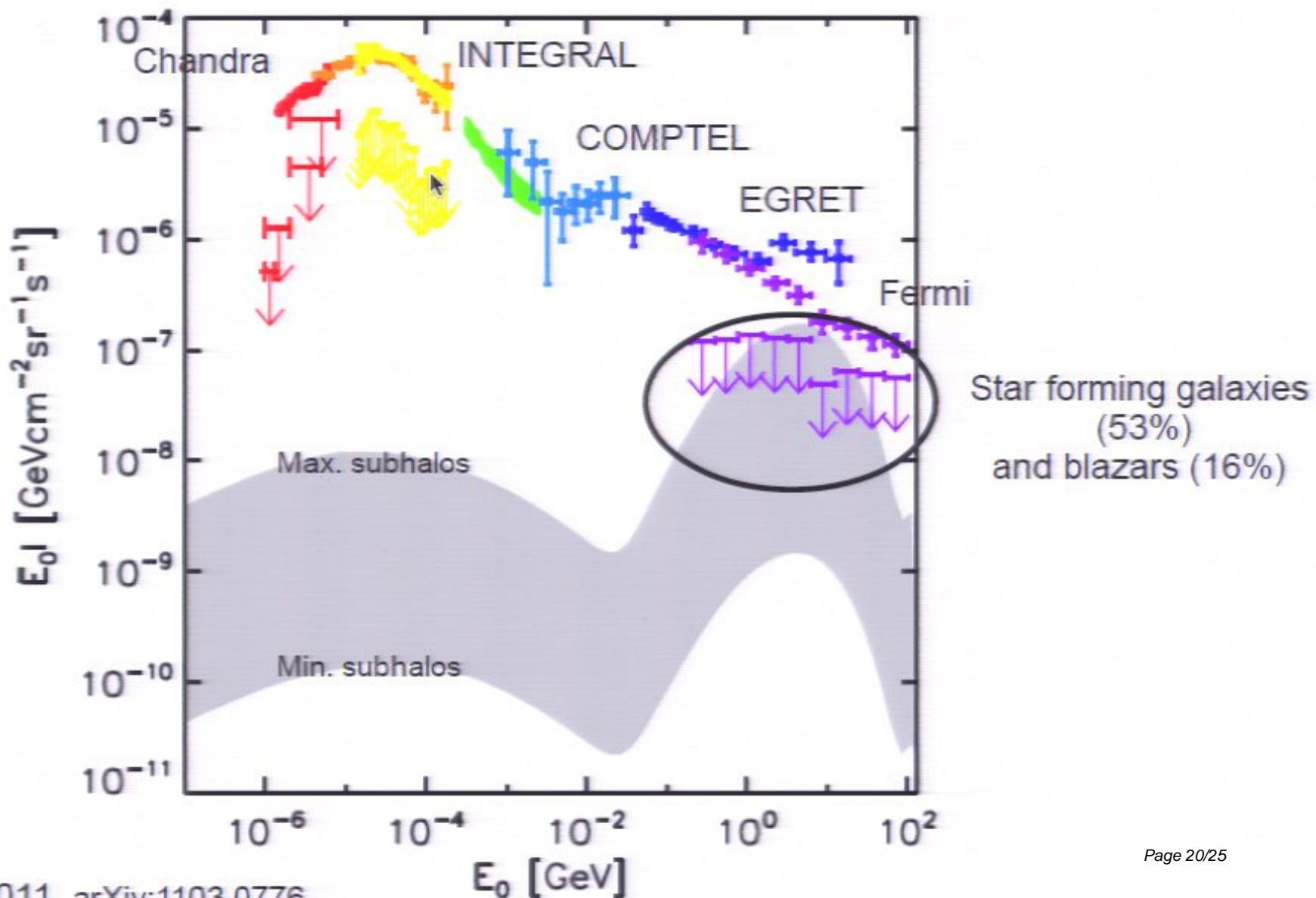
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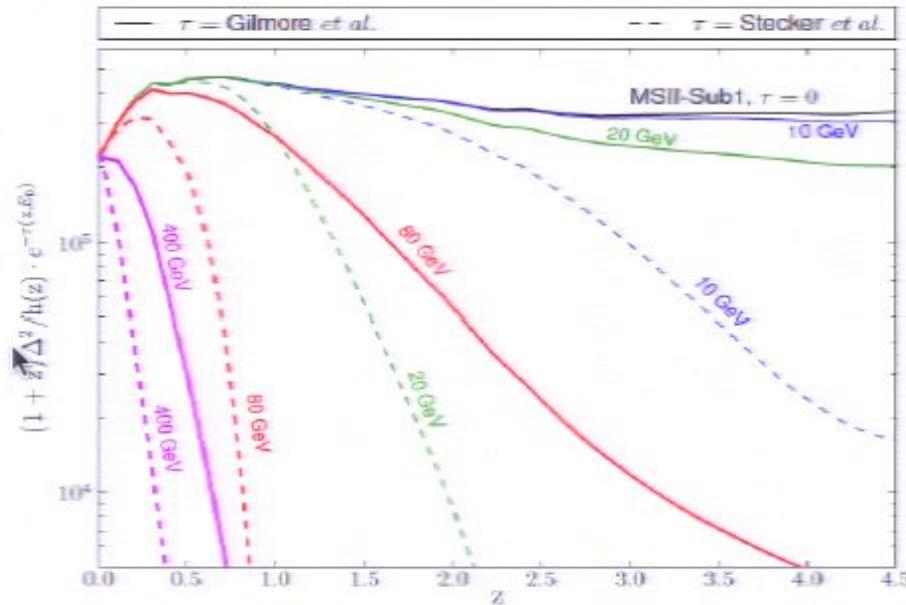
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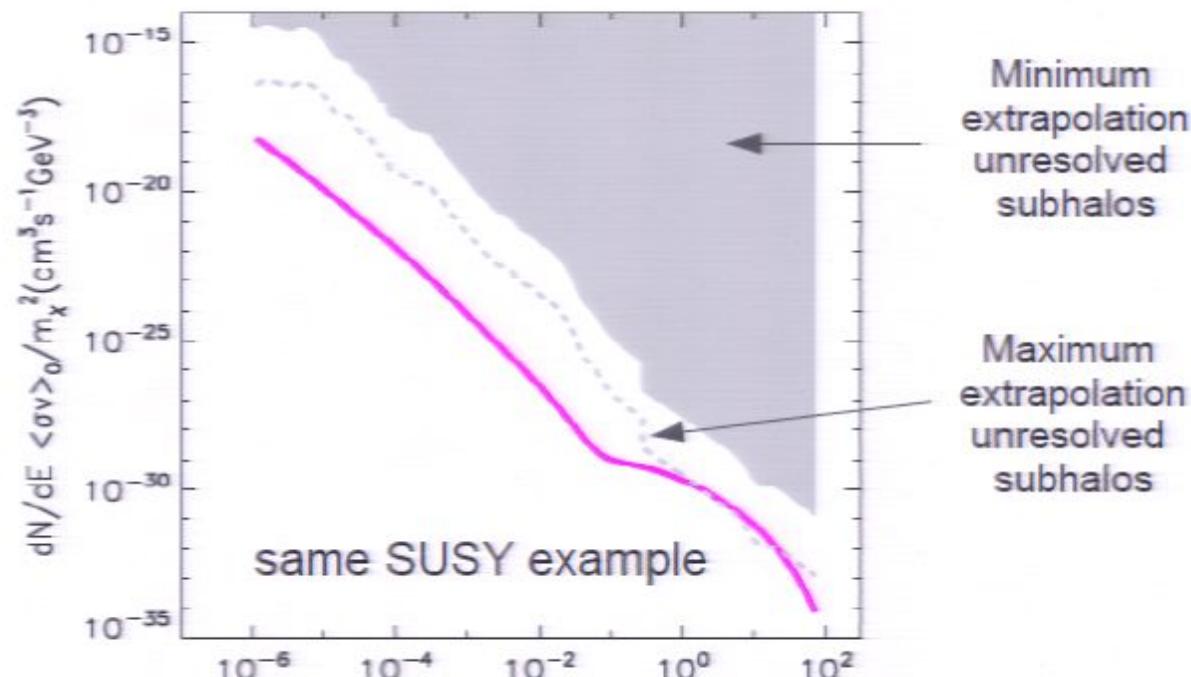
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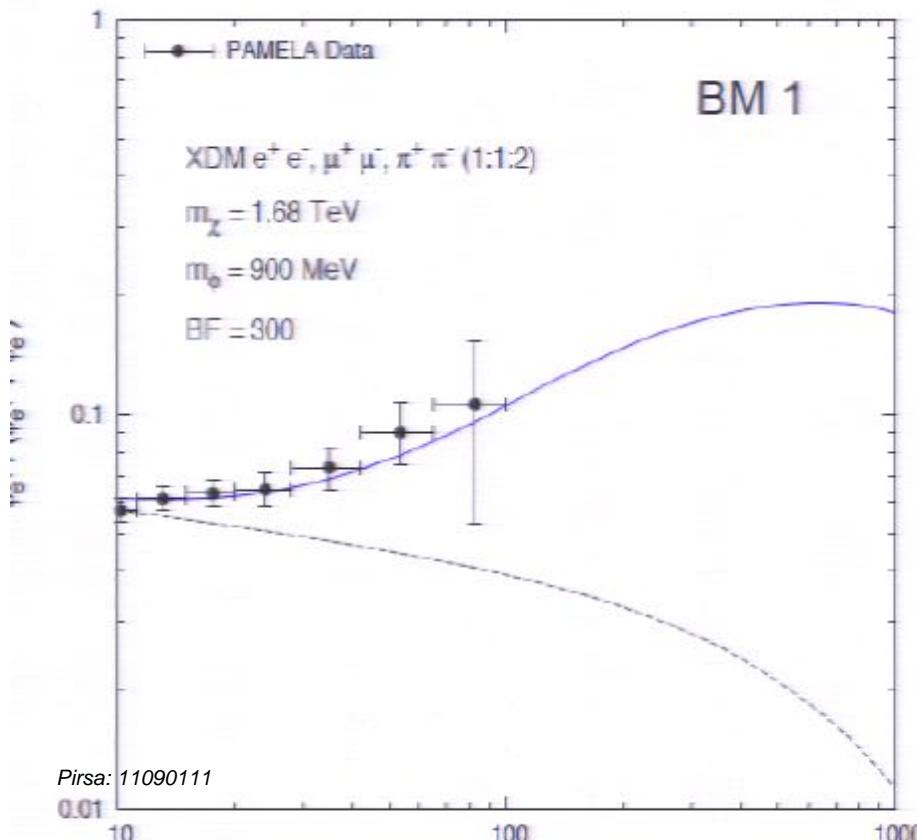


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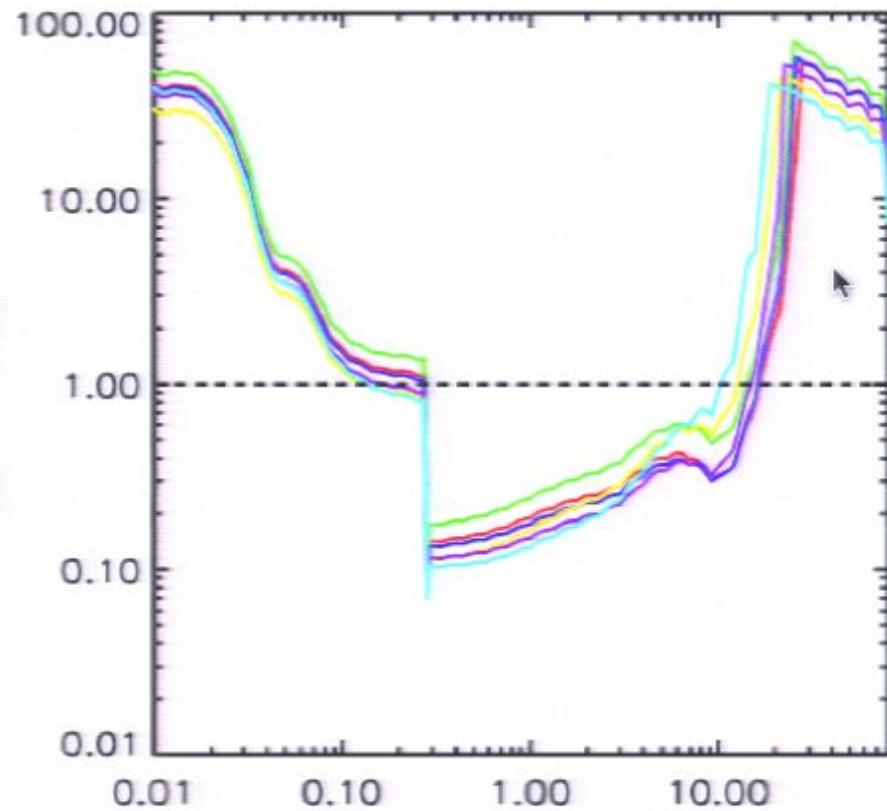
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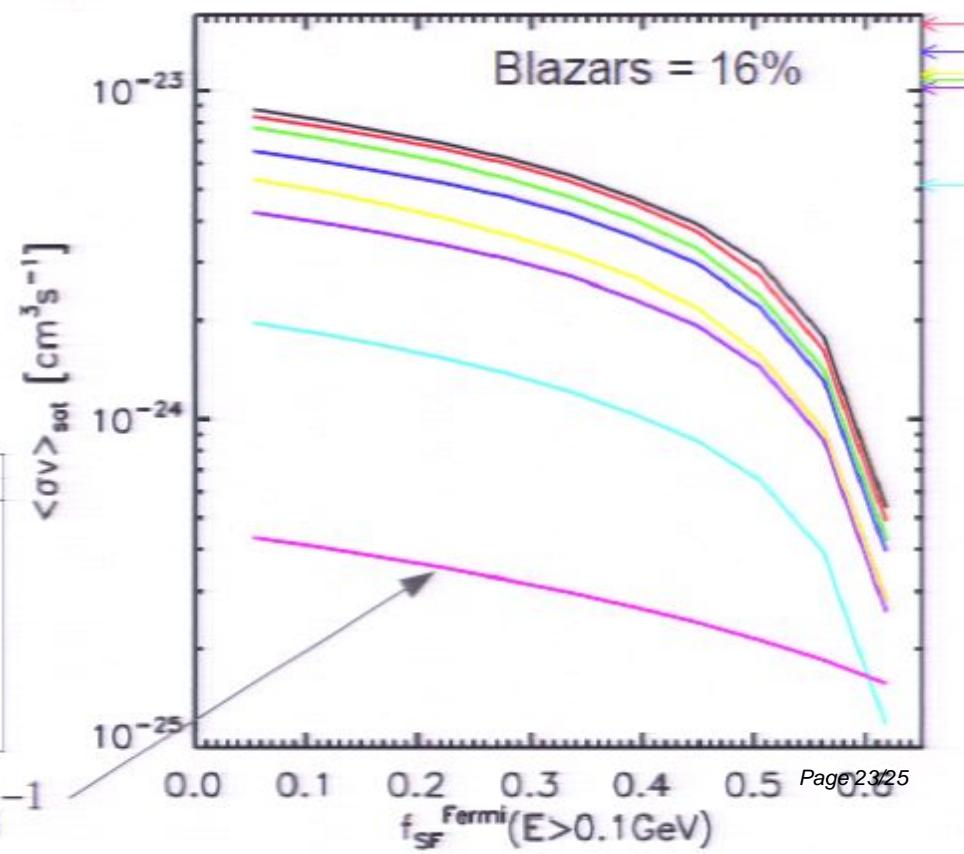


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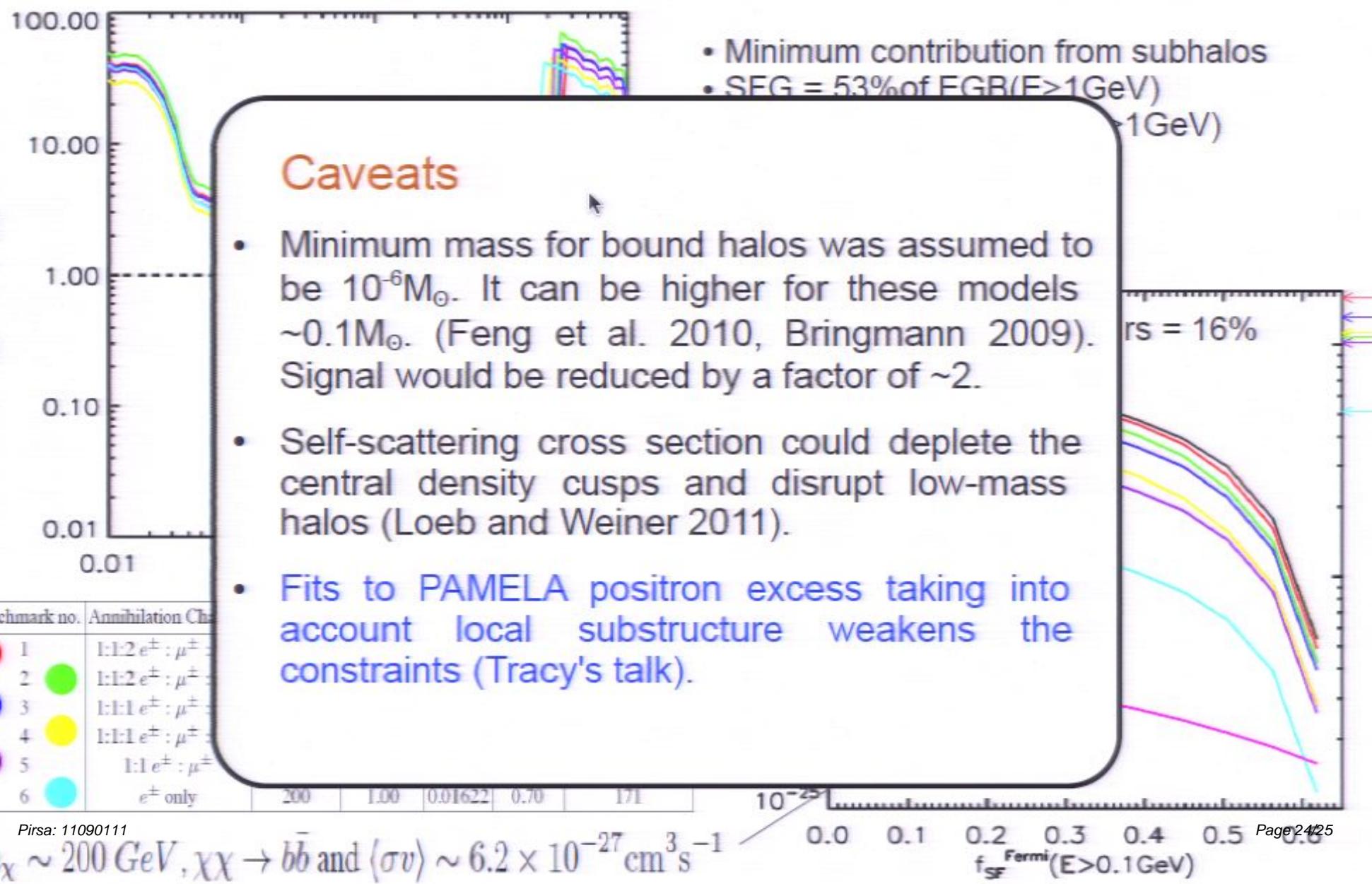


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Summary and Conclusions

- Sommerfeld-enhanced models can explain the cosmic-ray anomalies, but they need to be consistent with independent astrophysical constraints: correct relic abundance and CMB already constrain the boost factor to be less \sim few hundred.
- We have obtained predictions from the simulated all-sky maps of the cosmic X- and gamma-ray background from DM annihilation including:
 - Photon yield given by a WIMP model (in situ photons and up-scattered photons of the CMB). Model-independent, can be used for Sommerfeld-enhanced models.
 - Dark matter spatial distribution using Millennium-II simulation, uncertainty of \sim 2 orders of magnitude in extrapolation to unresolved structures.
- Isotropic component constrained by observations of the cosmic background, and contributions from blazars and star forming galaxies: although is not as clean as the CMB, it is a powerful tool to constrain the intrinsic properties of dark matter.