

# Primordial black holes as a dark matter candidate?

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- Other indirect signatures of (primordial and astrophysical) BHs: radio and X-ray emission
- Our simulation
- Our results
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- Future perspectives: SKA, MeerKAT...

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- Is there an anomalous emission from the inner Galaxy?
- The template fitting and its limits
- The importance of the background
- Our analysis: no more GC excess
- Other interpretations



# Introduction: The Dark Matter puzzle

**Virial Theorem:**

$$2K = -U$$

kinetic energy      potential energy

average galaxy speed

cluster radius

$$M \sim \frac{r \langle v^2 \rangle}{G}$$

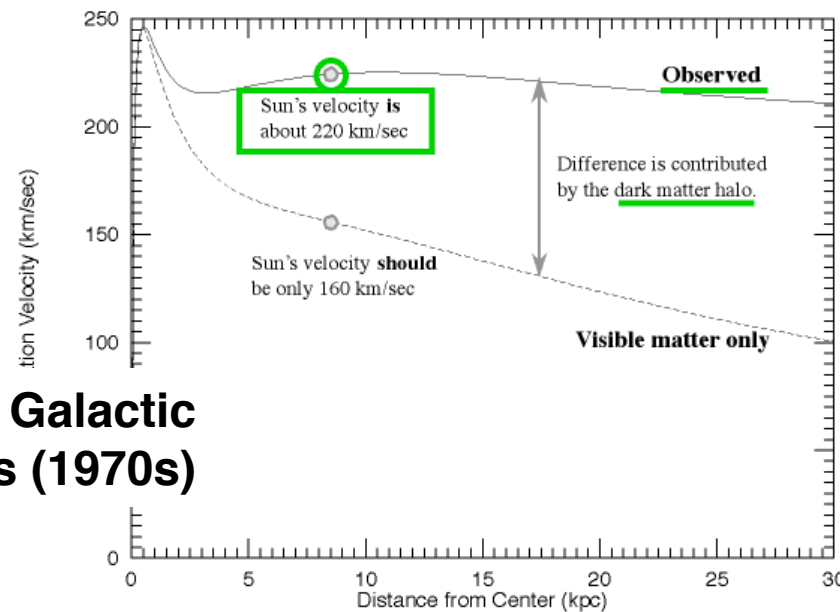
cluster mass      Newton's gravitational constant

**Fritz Zwicky**

10x more matter than we can see!!

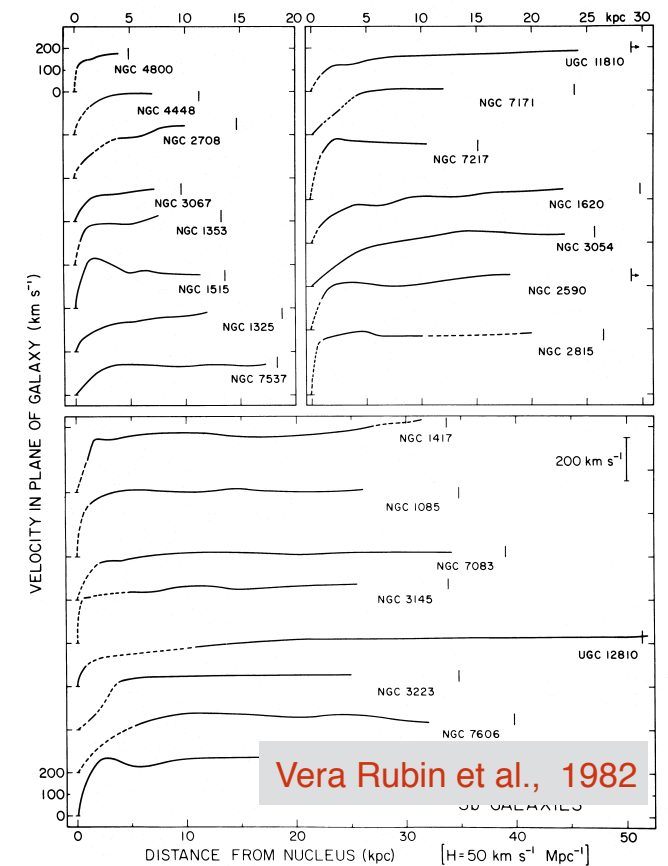


**Dark Matter at Galaxy cluster scales (anomalous mass-to-light ratio, 1930s)**



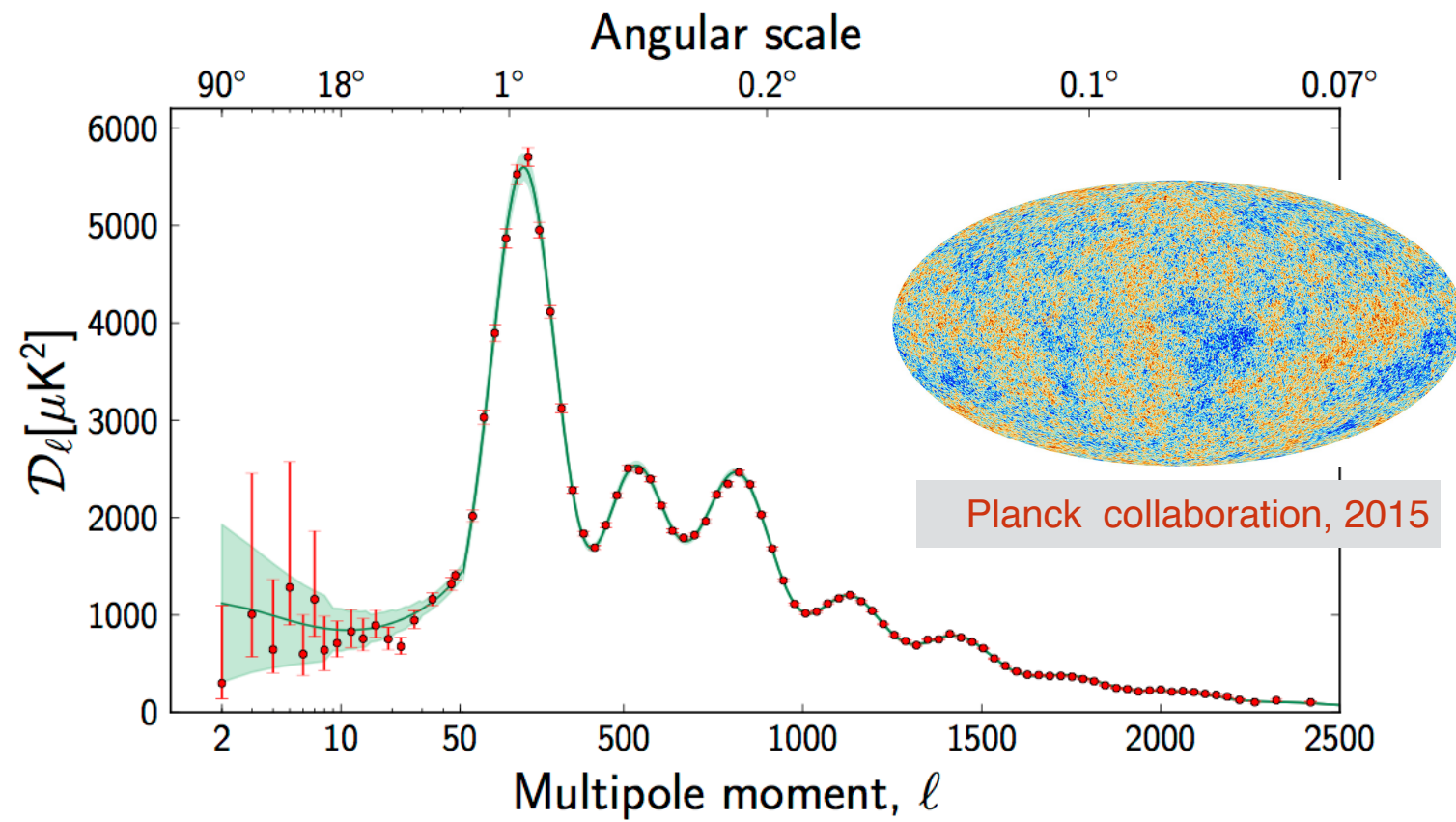
**Dark Matter at Galactic scales (1970s)**

Vera Rubin (1928-2016)



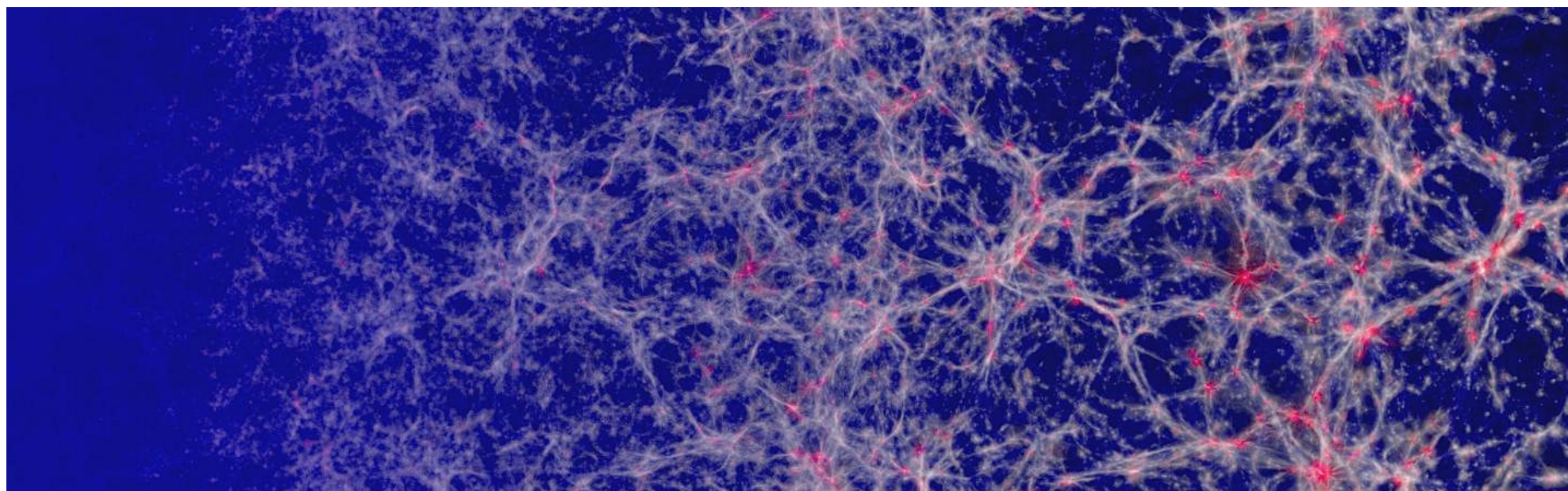


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**Dark Matter at  
cosmological scales**

**Dark Matter as a  
crucial ingredient in  
structure formation**



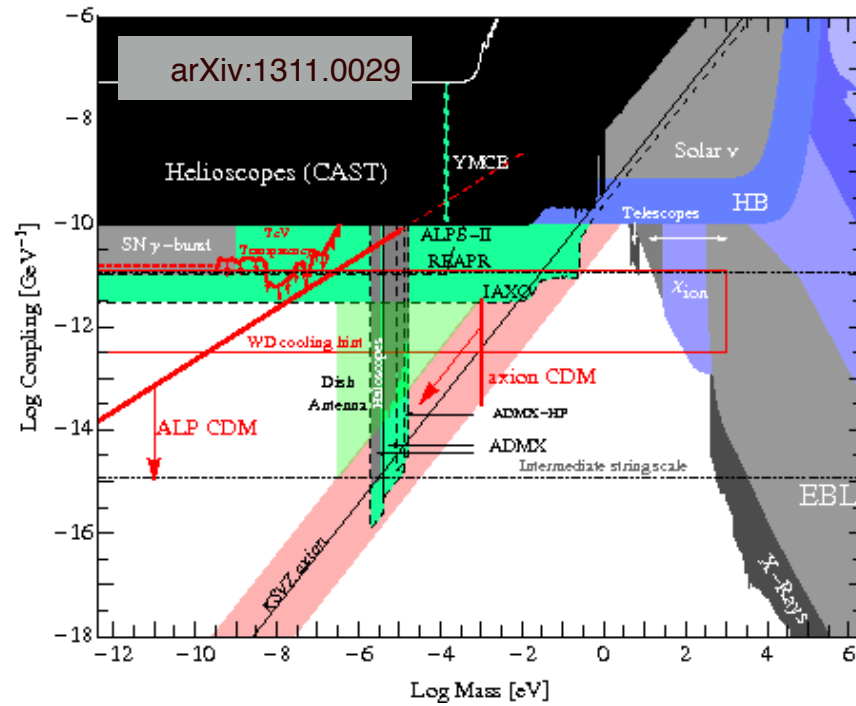
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# Dark Matter candidates

$10^3 \text{ eV}$

## — Axion-like particles



## — Fuzzy Dark Matter

$\lambda_{dB} \sim 1 \text{ kpc} \sim \text{size of a dSph Galaxy}$

[see recent paper: Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten 2016]

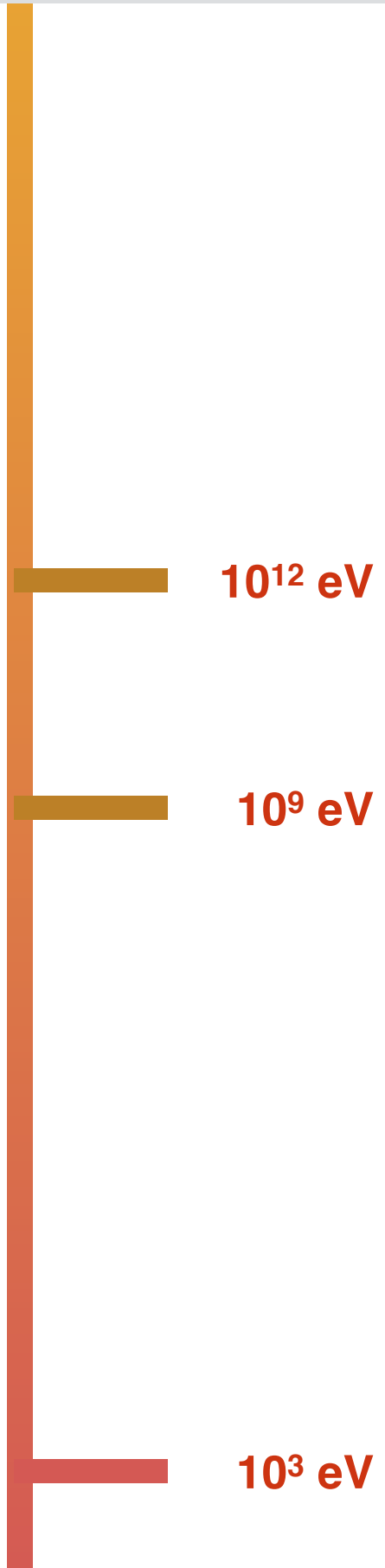


Fornax dSph seen from San Esteban (Chile) - 14Dec2003

$10^{-22} \text{ eV}$



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$10^{12}$  eV

– **Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPS)**  
*e.g. neutralino in MSSM*

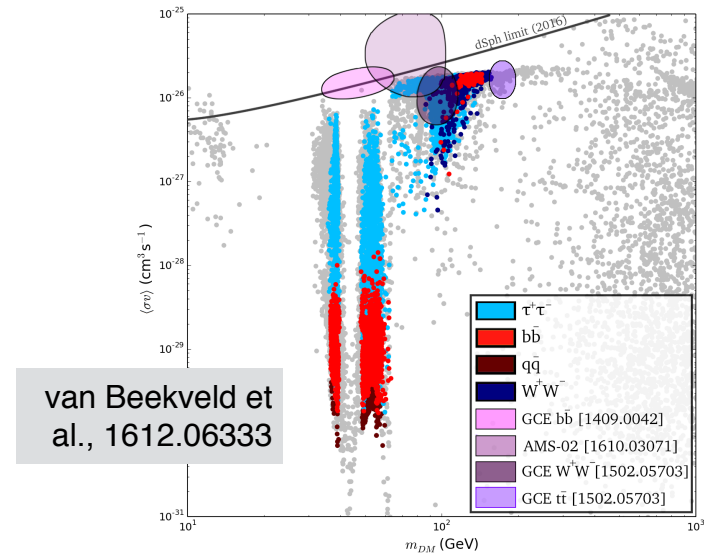
$10^9$  eV

very large parameter space  
**strong limits** from direct detection  
**indirect detection channels:** **gamma rays** (from dSph, from inner Galaxy, line features); **CR antiprotons, positrons** anti-deuterium, anti-helium; **neutrinos** from WIMP capture in the Sun...

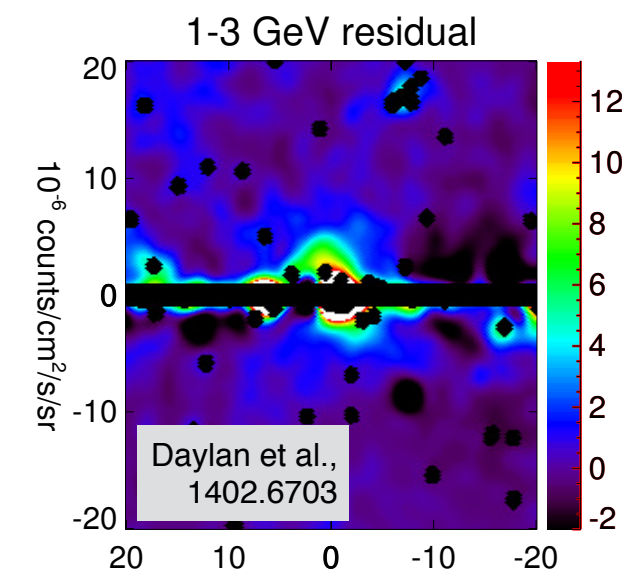
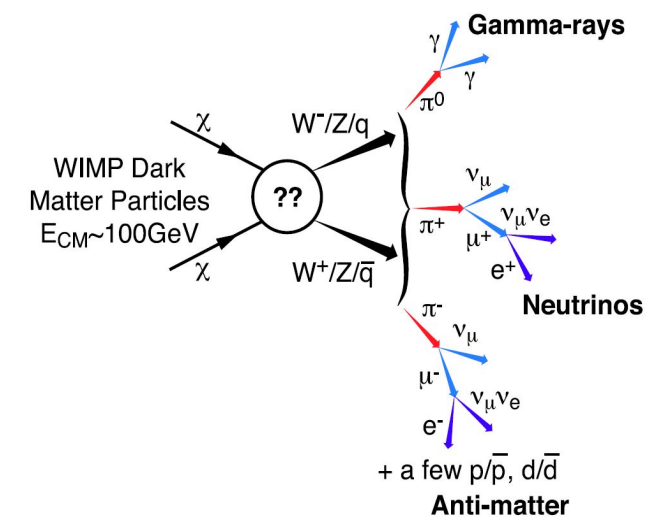
a recent **tentative claim** of detection: “*γ-ray GeV excess*”  
*V. Vitale et al., 2009 [arXiv:0912.3828]; L Goodenough and D. Hooper, 2009; T. Daylan et al., 2014 [arXiv:1402.6703]; F. Calore et al., 2014 [arXiv:1409.0042]*  
 (probably due to mis-modeling of the background: see D. Gaggero et al. 2015, E. Carlson et al. 2015)

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– **Warm dark matter (e.g. sterile neutrinos)**

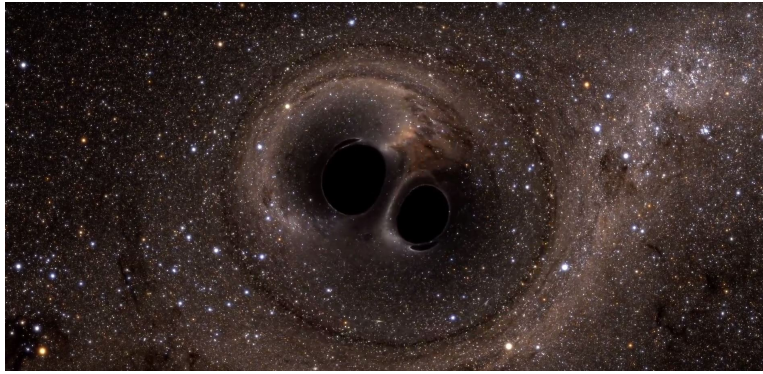


van Beekveld et al., 1612.06333





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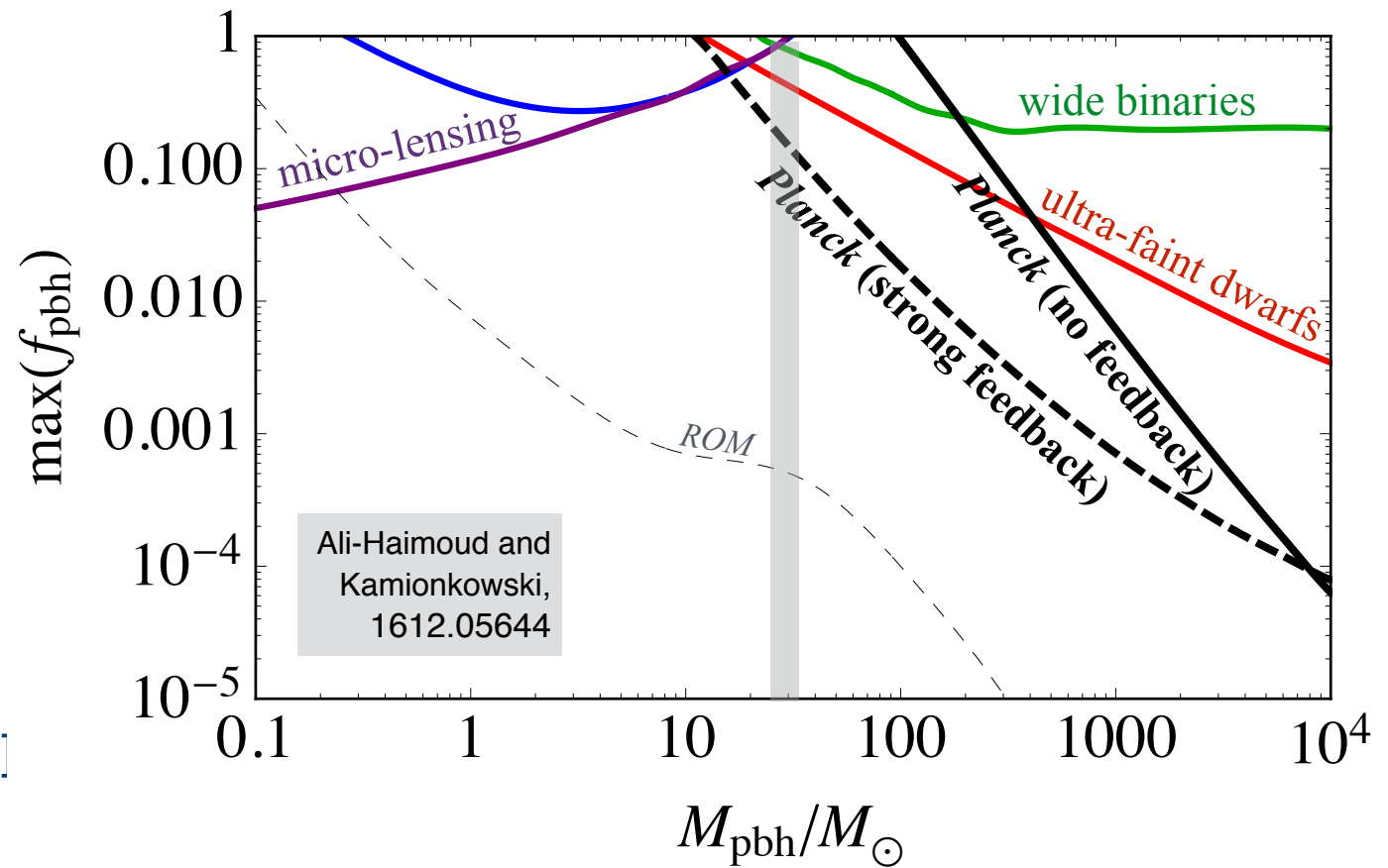


$10^{57}$  GeV  $\sim 10^{33}$  g  $\sim 1$  Msun

## — Primordial black holes (PBHs)

[Zeld'ovich and Novikov 1966, Hawking 1971]

- large mass range
- should have formed before BBN
- **many constraints** from lensing, wide binaries, Galactic disk stability
- very popular in the 80s, less considered after MACHO project (Alcock 2001)



## — WIMPs

1 GeV

Credit for the BBH system:  
Bohn et al. (see <http://www.black-holes.org/lensing>)



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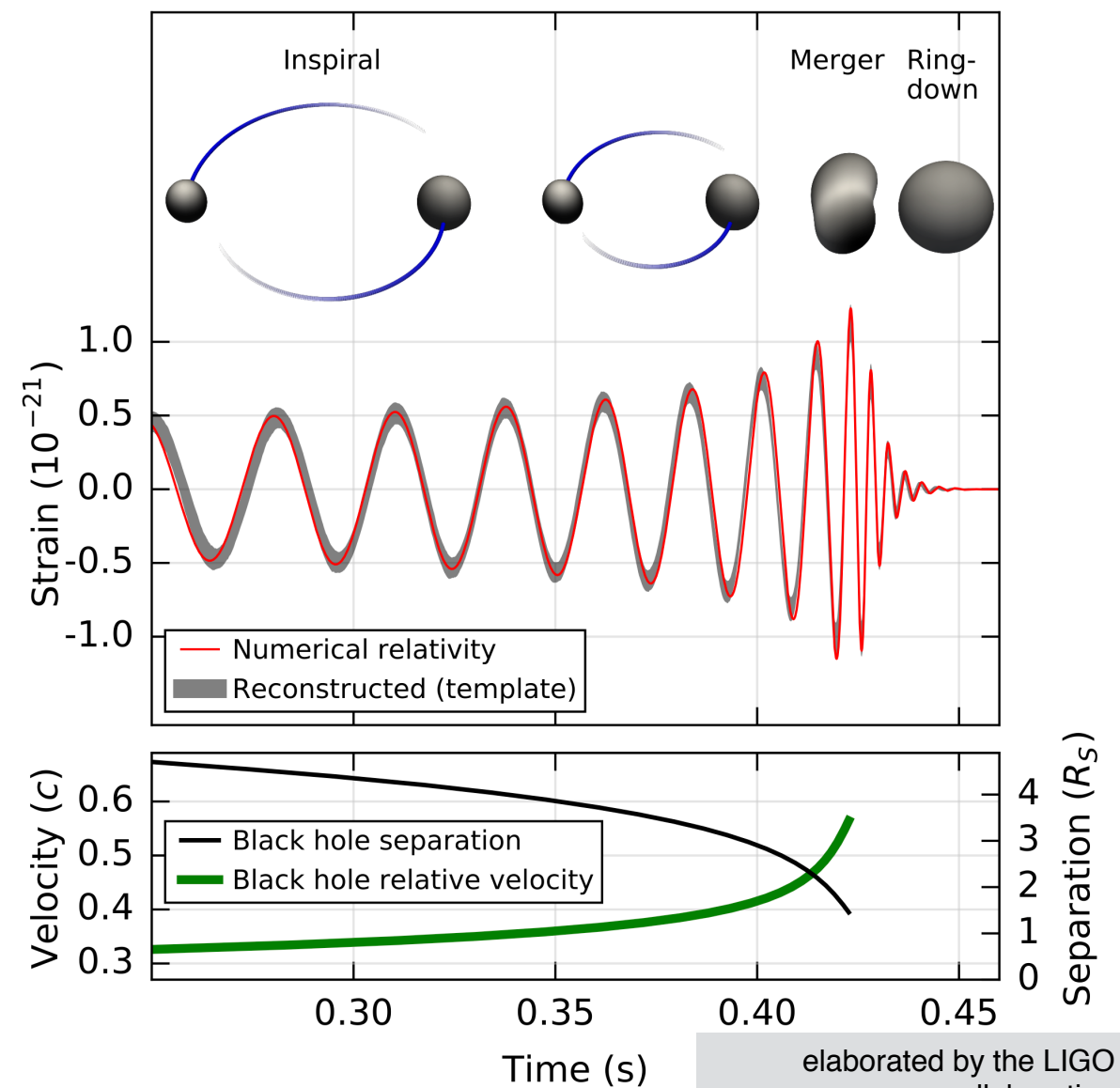
## GW150914 and its implications

- The **first direct detection of a gravitational wave signal**
- The waveform is compatible with a merging of two massive black holes
- A recent accurate estimate of the parameters (arXiv:1606.01210):

Source-frame total mass $M^{\text{source}}/M_{\odot}$	$65.6^{+4.1}_{-3.8}$
Source-frame chirp mass $\mathcal{M}^{\text{source}}/M_{\odot}$	$28.3^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$
Source-frame primary mass $m_1^{\text{source}}/M_{\odot}$	$35.6^{+4.8}_{-3.4}$
Source-frame secondary mass $m_2^{\text{source}}/M_{\odot}$	$30.0^{+3.3}_{-4.4}$
Source-frame final mass $M_f^{\text{source}}/M_{\odot}$	$62.5^{+3.7}_{-3.4}$
Luminosity distance $D_L/\text{Mpc}$	$440^{+160}_{-180}$
Source redshift $z$	$0.094^{+0.032}_{-0.037}$

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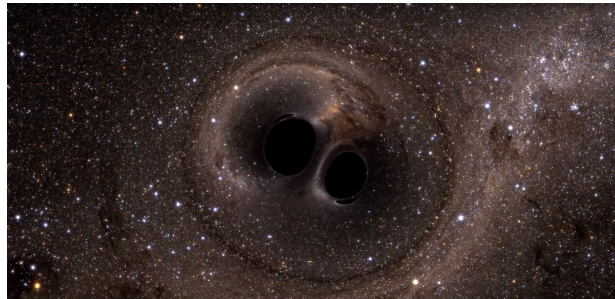
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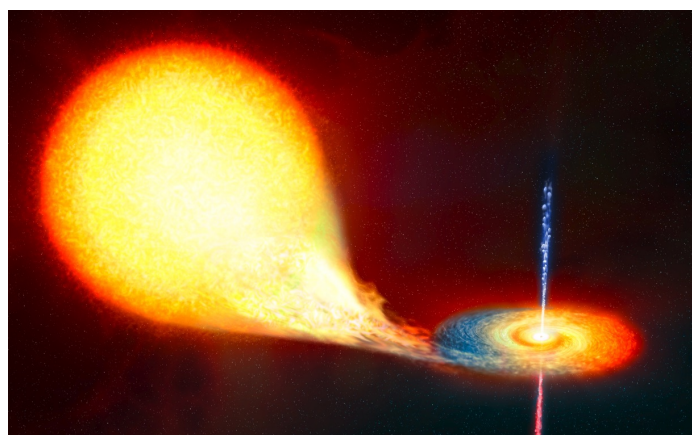
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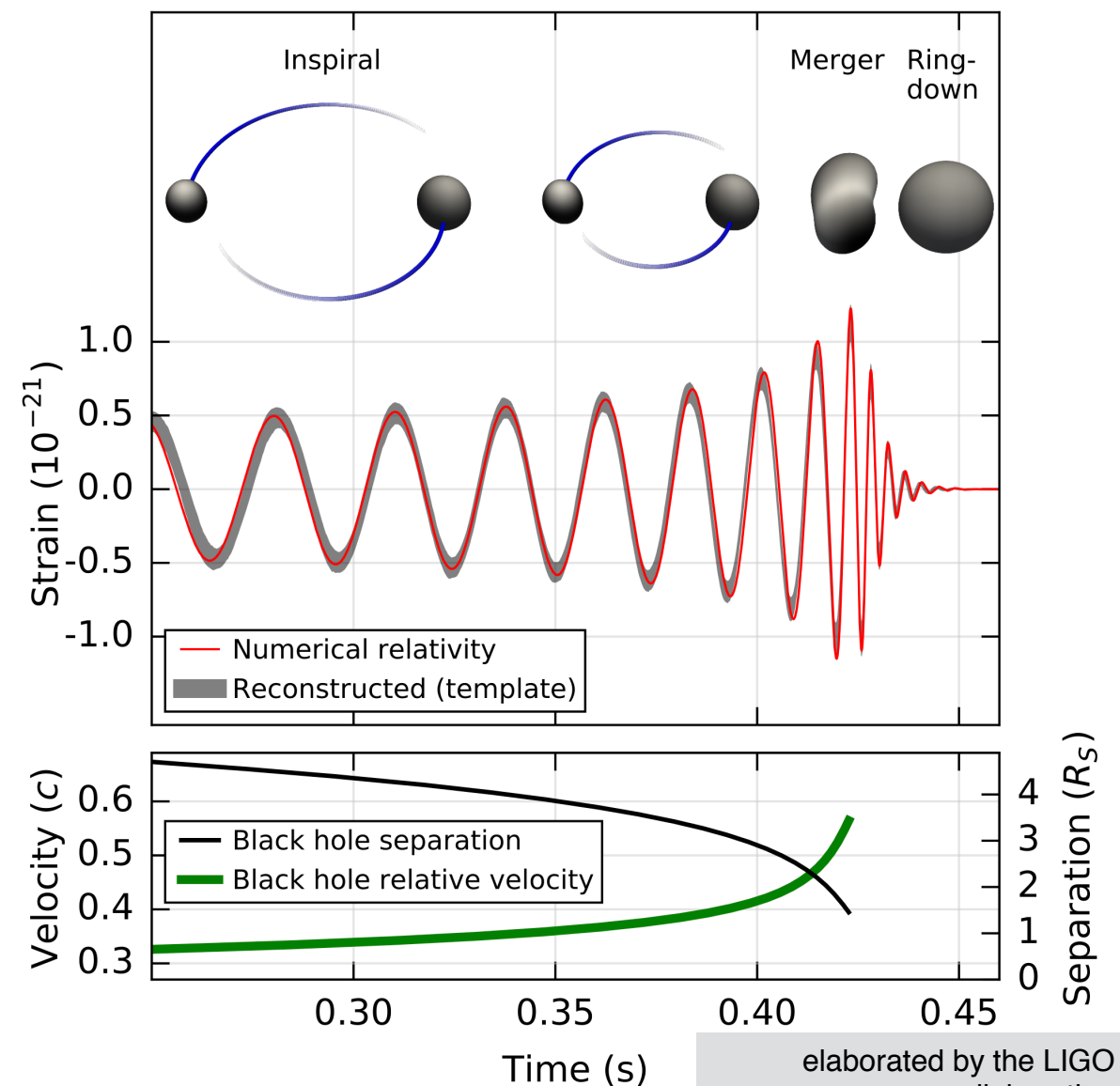
- The **first direct detection of stellar-mass black holes with  $M$  as large as  $30 M_{\odot}$**

(stellar-mass black holes discovered so far are in X-ray binaries. BH masses ranging from  $\sim 3$  to  $\sim 15$  solar masses; e.g. GRS 1915+105,  $M = 14 \pm 4 M_{\text{sun}}$ , [arXiv:0111540](#))



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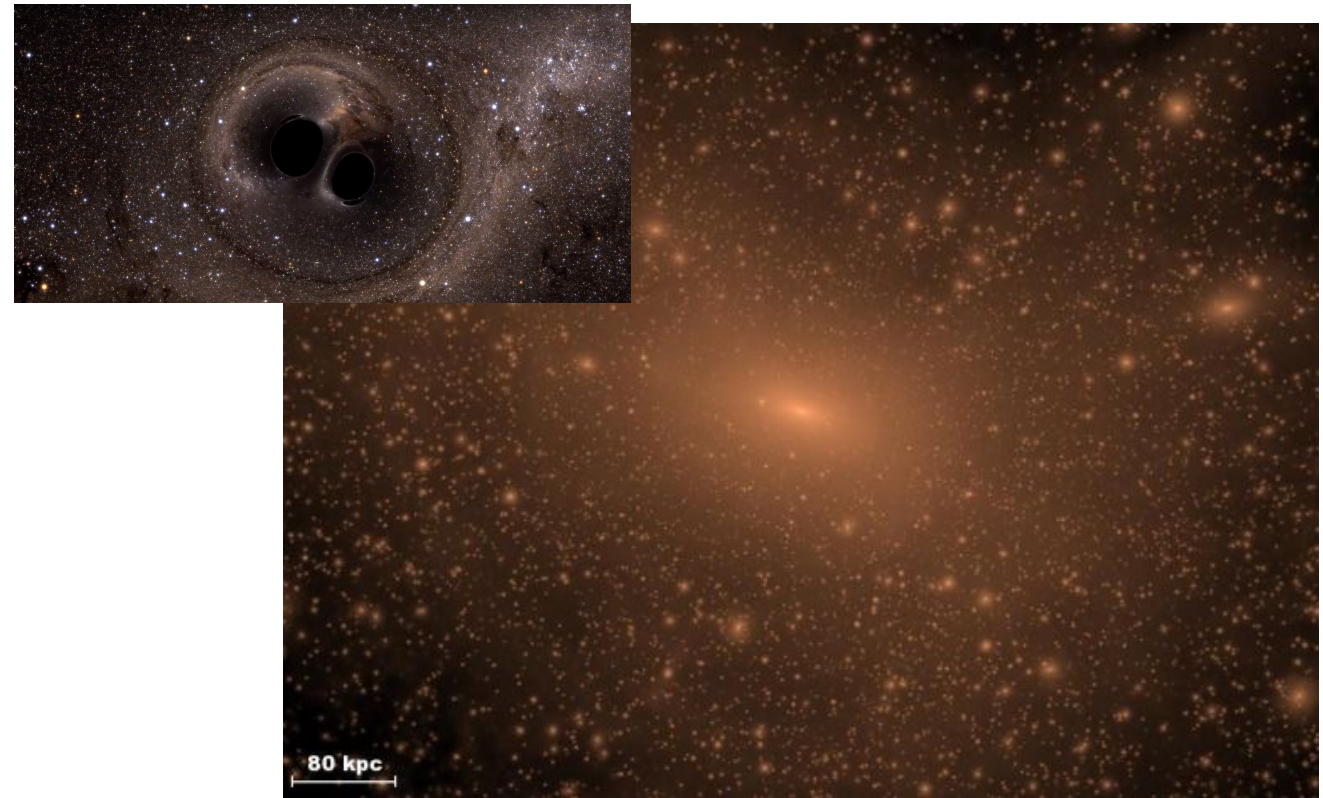


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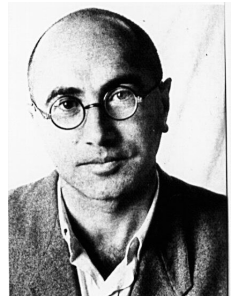
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## Brief summary on primordial black holes as DM candidate

- Primordial black holes first proposed by [Zel'dovich and Novikov](#) [*Y. B. Zel'dovich and I. D. Novikov, Soviet Astronomy 10, 602 (1967)*]
- [Hawking](#) proposed that early-Universe fluctuations could lead to the formation of PBHs with masses *down to the Planck mass* [*S. Hawking, Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 152, 75 (1971)*]; see also [*Carr and Hawking, MNRAS 168 (1974)*]



**Astrophysical black holes:**  $\sim 10^9 M_\odot$  down to  $\sim 1 M_\odot$

density:  $\rho_S = 10^{18} \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{-2} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$

compare to early-Universe density:  $\rho_C = 10^6 \left( \frac{t}{\text{s}} \right)^{-2} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$

**Low-mass primordial black holes can form at early times ( $\ll 1$  s)**

*PBHs can form at early times when the Jeans length scale and the Schwarzschild length are comparable*



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in general, **PBHs can span an enormous mass range**

- > those formed at the Planck time ( $10^{-43}$  s) would have the Planck mass ( $10^{-5}$  g),
- > those formed at 1 s would be as large as  $10^5 M_{\odot}$

if the mass is too low, the PBH have enough time to evaporate (Hawking-Bekenstein radiation)

$$t_{\text{evaporation}}[\text{s}] = 10^{71} \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^3$$

- **Chapline** was among the first to suggest the PBHs as a DM candidate [G. F. Chapline, Nature (London) 253, 251 (1975)]

**typical ranges** for a PBH as DM candidate:

$M \sim 10^{16}$  g ( $10^{-17} M_{\odot}$ ) —  $10^{39}$  g ( $10^5 M_{\odot}$ )

size  $\sim 10^{-13}$  cm —  $10^{10}$  cm

number in our Galaxy  $\sim 10^{29}$  —  $10^6$

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- The “crazy idea” proposed by the Johns Hopkins team: ***did LIGO detect the DM?*** (in the form of primordial black holes)
- As we will see, *the hypothesis that DM is made of PBHs is currently not well constrained in the mass window explored by LIGO!*
- **Most of the argument in *Bird et al.* is based on estimates on rates:**
  - ☆  $30 M_{\odot}$  BH merging rate estimated by the LIGO collaboration: **2 - 53 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>**
  - ☆ *What would be the merging rate of primordial black holes, if they are the bulk of the Dark Matter in the Universe?*

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$$= 1.37 \times 10^{-14} M_{30}^2 v_{\text{pbh}-200}^{-18/7} \text{ pc}^2$$

$$\mathcal{R} = 4\pi \int_0^{R_{\text{vir}}} r^2 \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{nfw}}(r)}{M_{\text{pbh}}} \right)^2 \langle \sigma v_{\text{pbh}} \rangle dr$$

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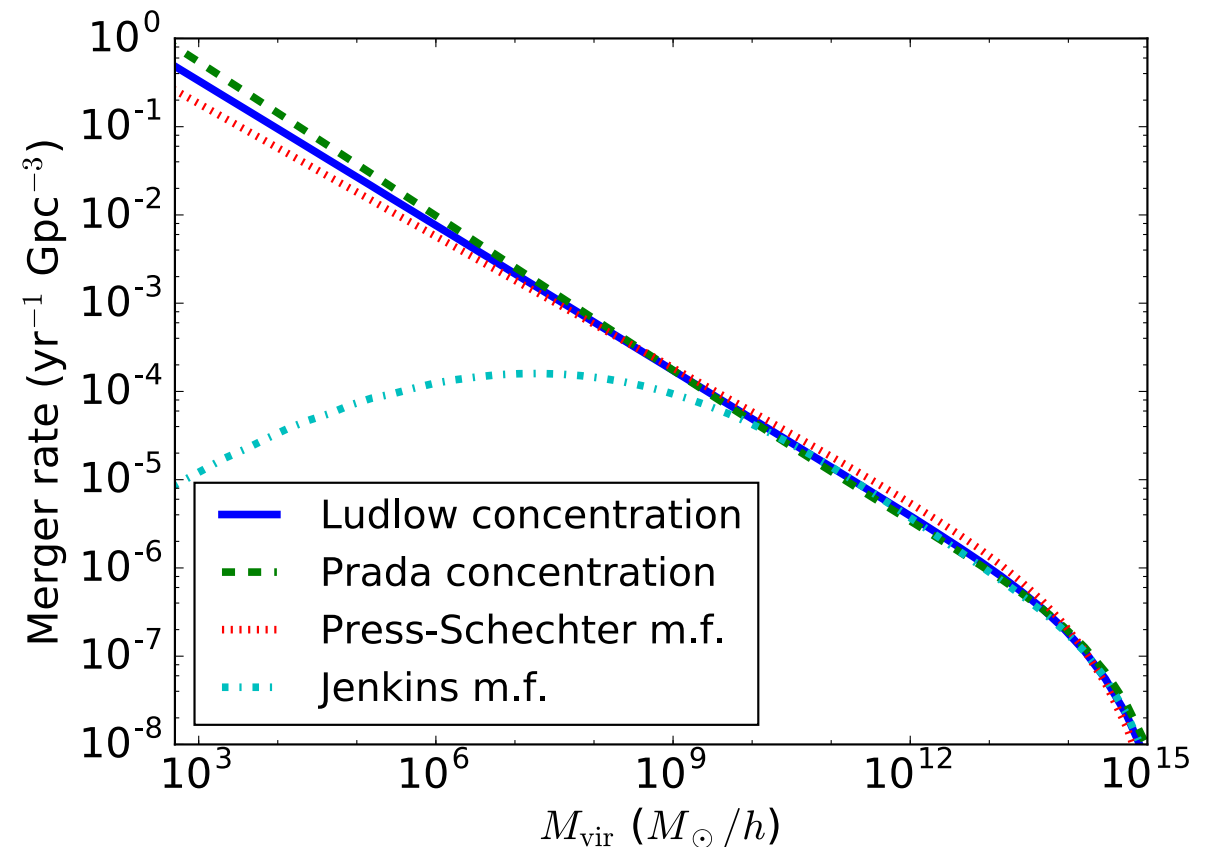


FIG. 2. The total PBH merger rate as a function of halo mass. Dashed and dotted lines show different prescriptions for the concentration-mass relation and halo mass function.

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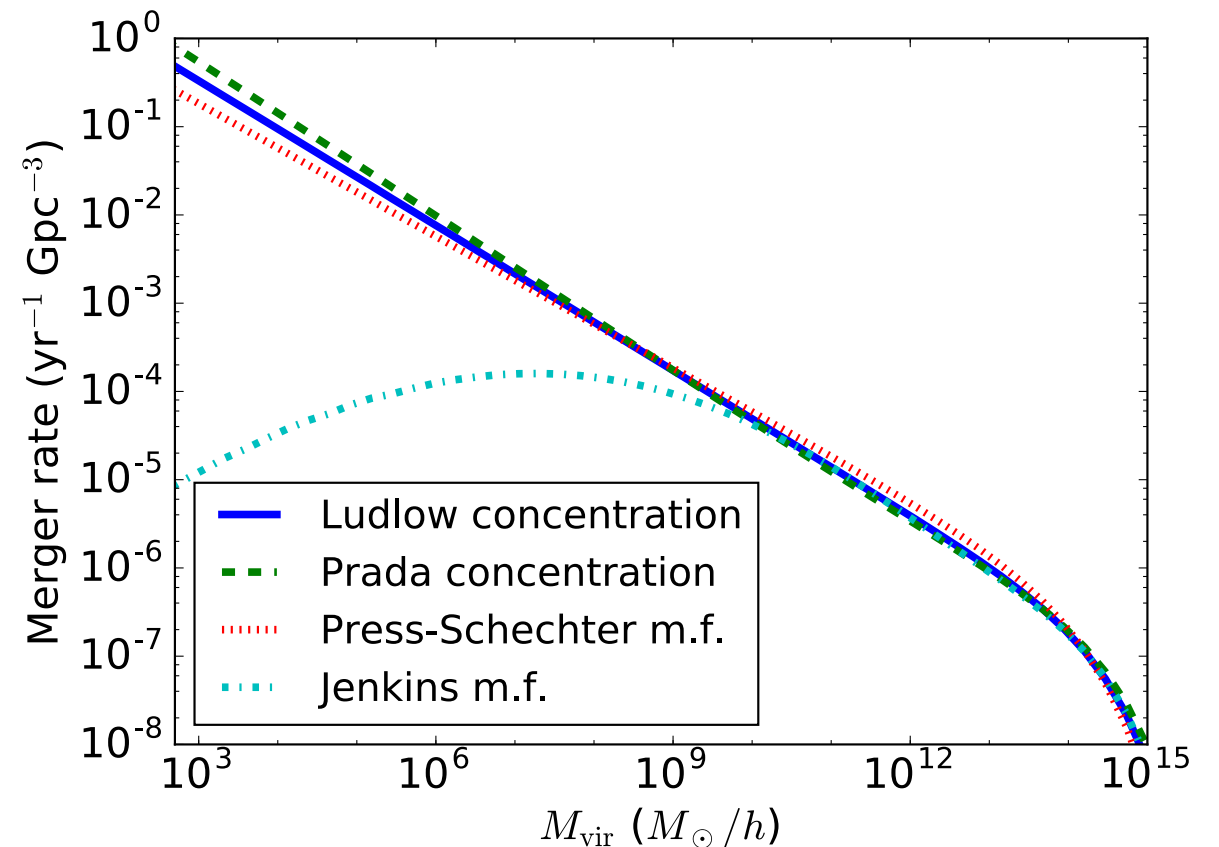
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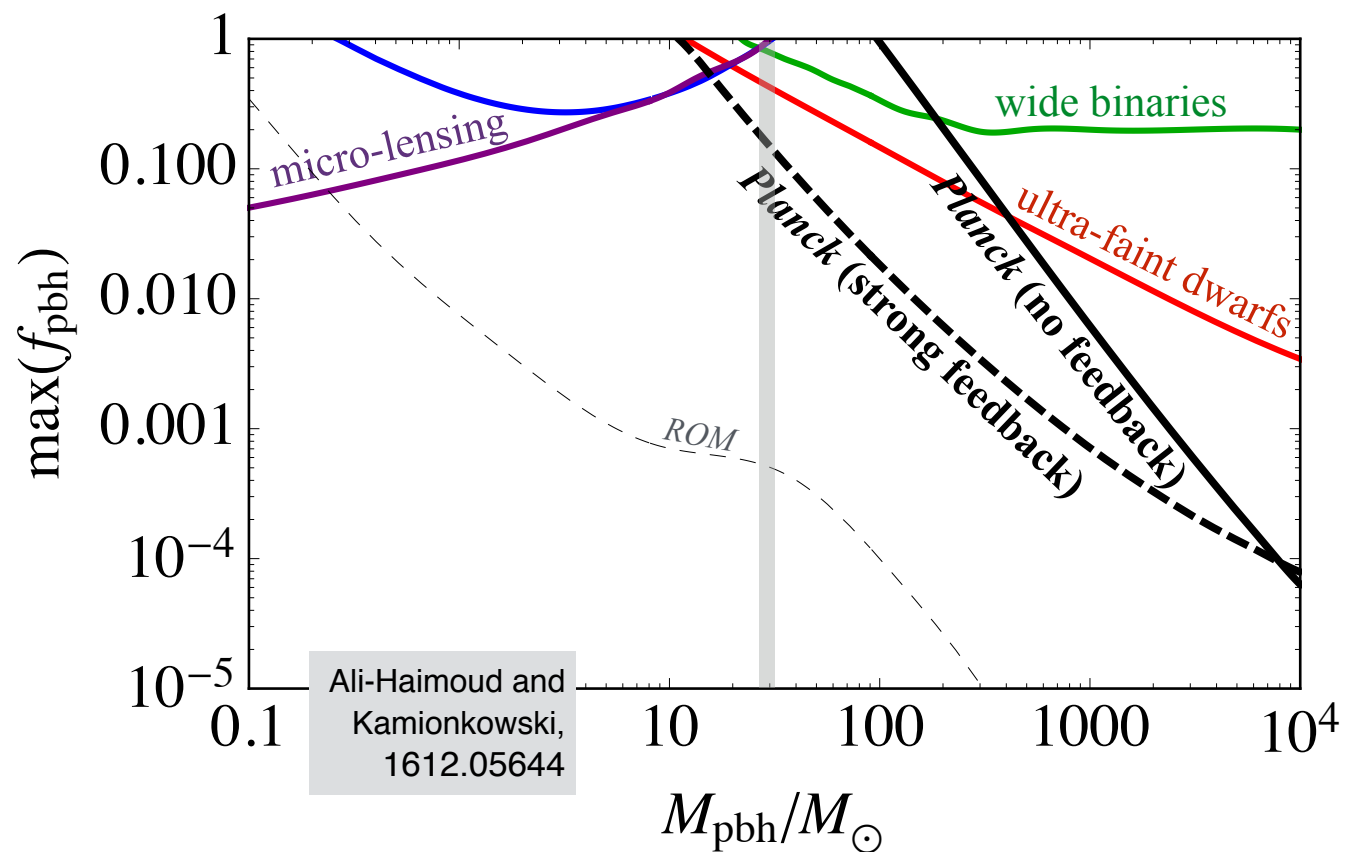


**Compatible with the rate inferred by the LIGO collaboration!**



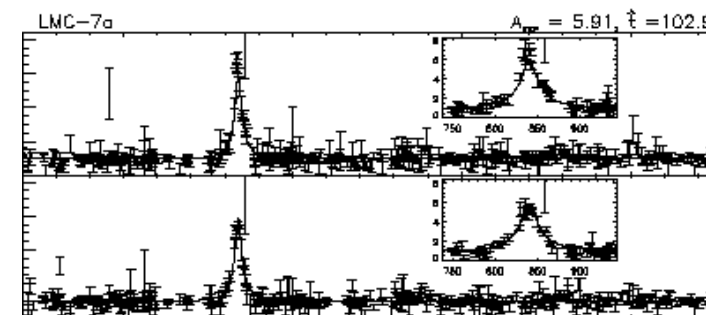
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## Existing constraints on DM as PBHs



### • Lensing constraints

**blue line:** MACHO project [*Alcock et al. 2000*]: search for micro-lensing events towards the Large Magellanic Cloud. 13-17 short-duration events reported no long-duration ( $> 150$  days) events  $\rightarrow$  constraints up to 30 Msun

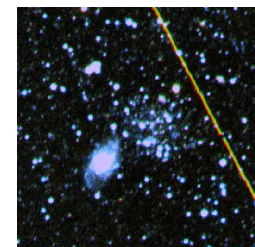


**purple line:** EROS project [*Tisserand et al. 2007*]; similar strategy, based on a 7-year monitoring of  $\sim 10^6$  bright stars in the LMC and SMC

### • Dynamical constraints

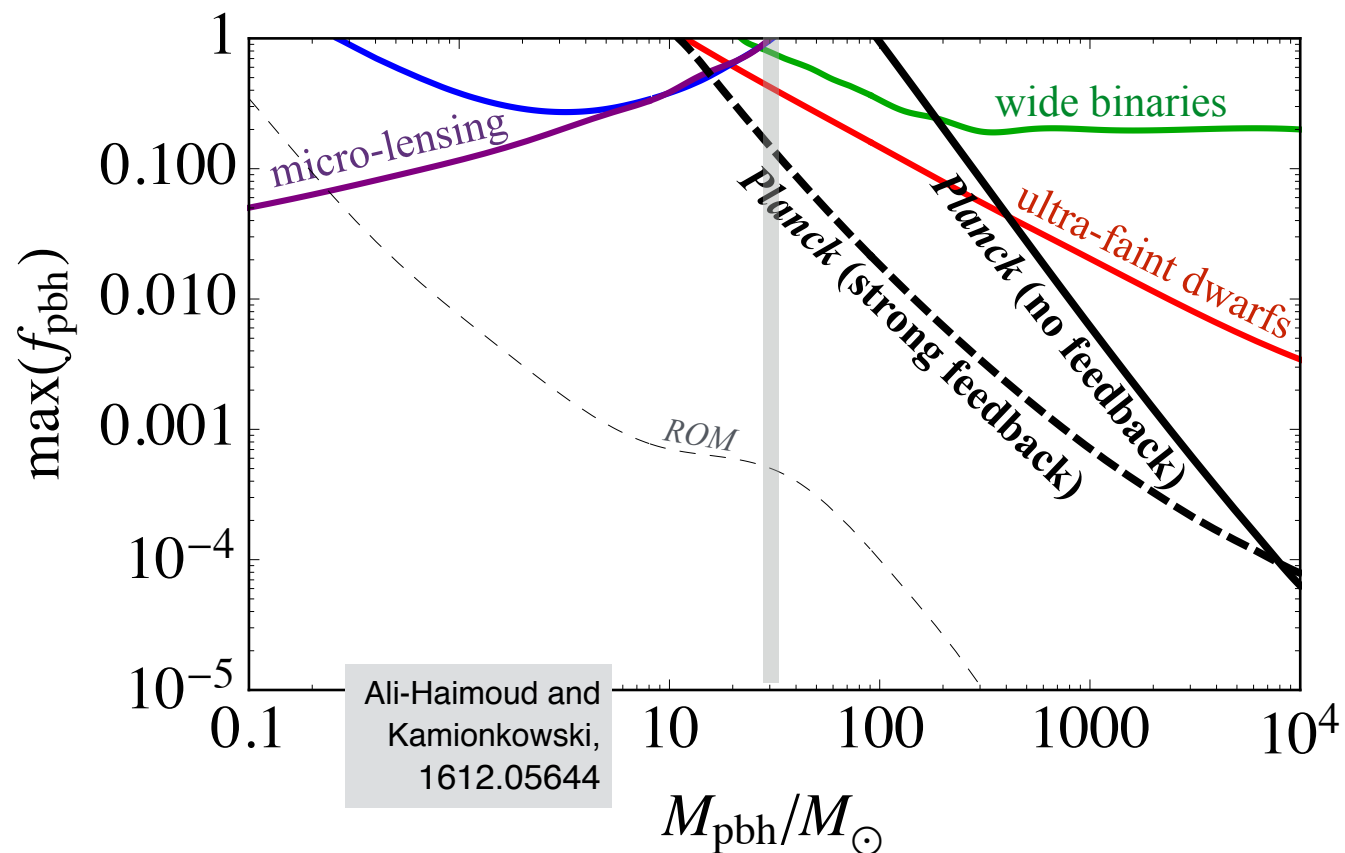
**green line:** disruption of wide binaries [*1406.5169*]

**red line:** ultra-faint dwarfs [*Brandt 1605.03665*], constraint based on a recently discovered star cluster near the center of the ultra-faint dwarf galaxy Eridanus II. MACHO dark matter would lead it to higher velocity dispersions until it dissolves into its host galaxy



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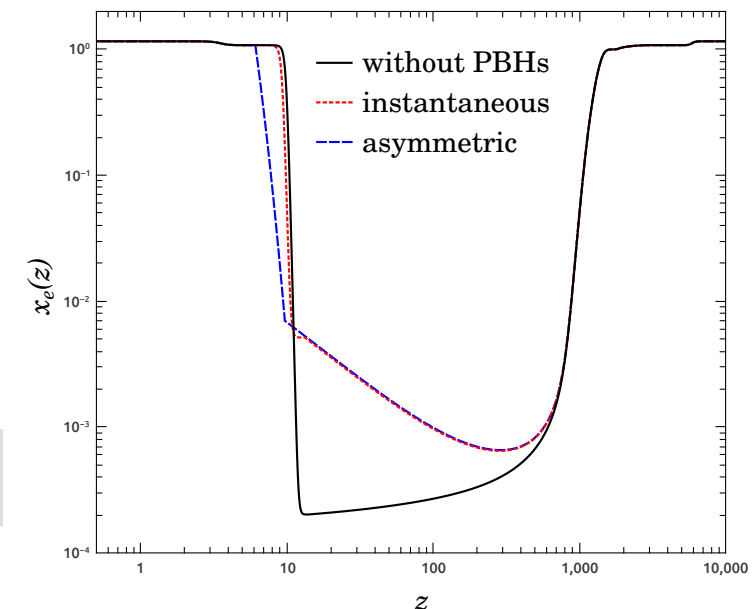


## • Early universe constraints:

PBHs, if present in the early Universe, would accrete, radiate, heat up and partially reionizing the Universe (strong-feedback case assumes that the local gas is entirely ionized due to the PBH radiation).

Such an increase in the free-electron abundance would change the CMB temperature and polarization power spectra.

Planck measurements do not allow for large deviations from the standard recombination history  $\rightarrow$  tight bounds for large and luminous PBHs



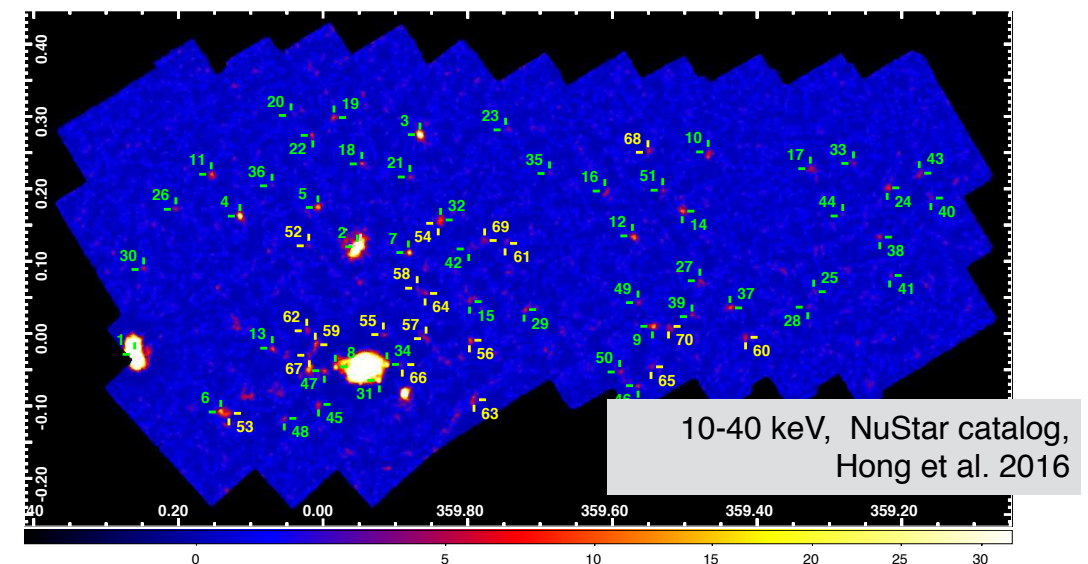
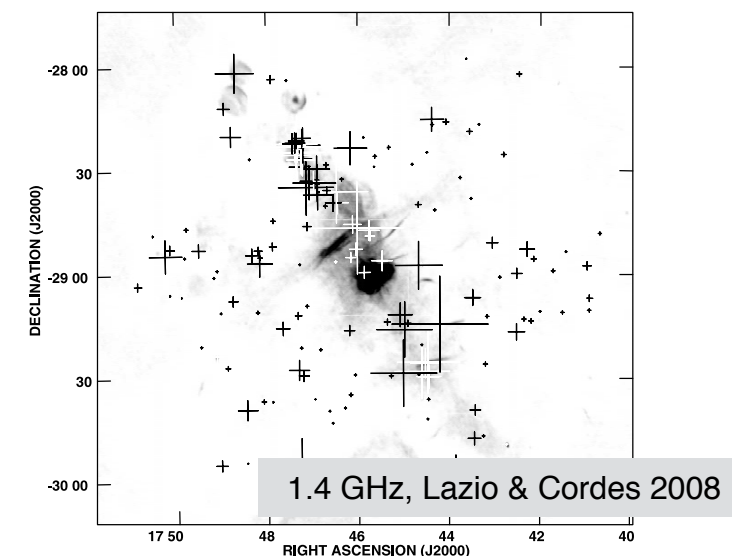


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## Our idea: why not using current astronomical observations in the radio and X-ray band?

see D. Gaggero, G. Bertone, F. Calore, R. Connors, M. Lovell, S. Markoff, E. Storm, “Searching for Primordial Black Holes in the radio and X-ray sky”, arXiv:1612.00457

- If  $\sim 30M_{\odot}$  PBHs are the DM, there should be  **$\sim 10^{11}$  objects of this kind in the Milky Way, and  $\sim 10^8$  in the Galactic bulge.** (as a comparison, we expect  $\sim 10^8$  astrophysical stellar-mass black holes in our Galaxy, see e.g. Fender et al. 1301.1341 “The closest black holes”)
- The question is: given the large amount of gas in the inner Galaxy, **how easy is it to hide such a large population of black holes?** Given conservative estimates of the accretion rate and radiative efficiency, **is this population of PBHs compatible with current radio and X-ray observations?**



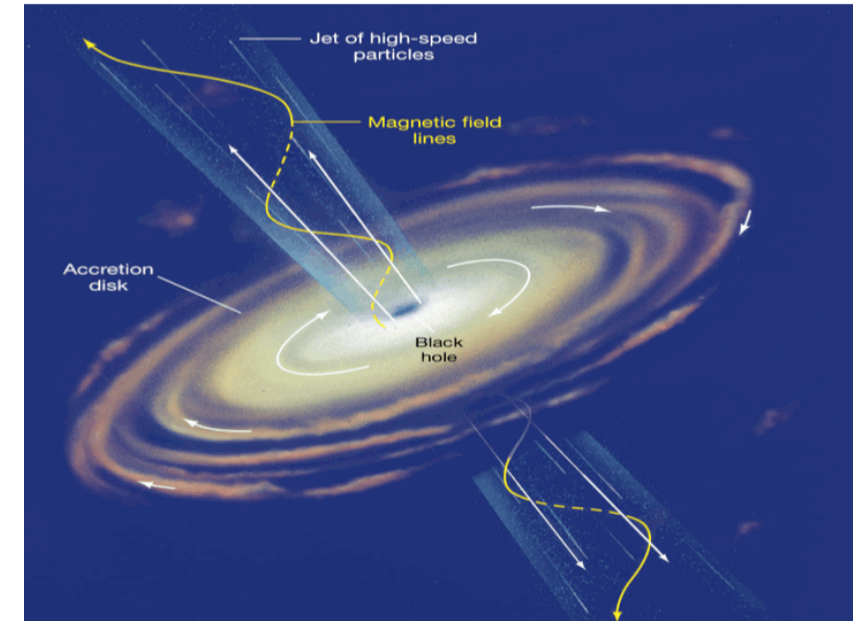
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—> *what is a conservative estimate of the radio and X-ray emission?*



Very complicated phenomenology, high uncertainties. We had to parametrize the problem and adopt simplified, **conservative** assumptions.

**1) we parametrize the accretion rate as a fraction of the Bondi-Hoyle rate:**

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi\lambda(GM_{BH})^2\rho(v_{BH}^2 + c_s^2)^{-3/2}$$

we choose a **conservative value  $\lambda = 0.01$** , inspired by isolated neutron star population estimates and studies of active galactic nuclei accretion. *Larger values would imply a large population of bright X-ray sources corresponding to nearby isolated neutron stars.*

*Caveat: it can be even smaller, see final discussion!*

*R. Perna, et al., ApJ 598, 545 (2003), astro-ph/0308081*

*S. Pellegrini, ApJ 624, 155 (2005), astro-ph/050203, "Nuclear Accretion in Galaxies of the Local Universe: Clues from Chandra Observations"*



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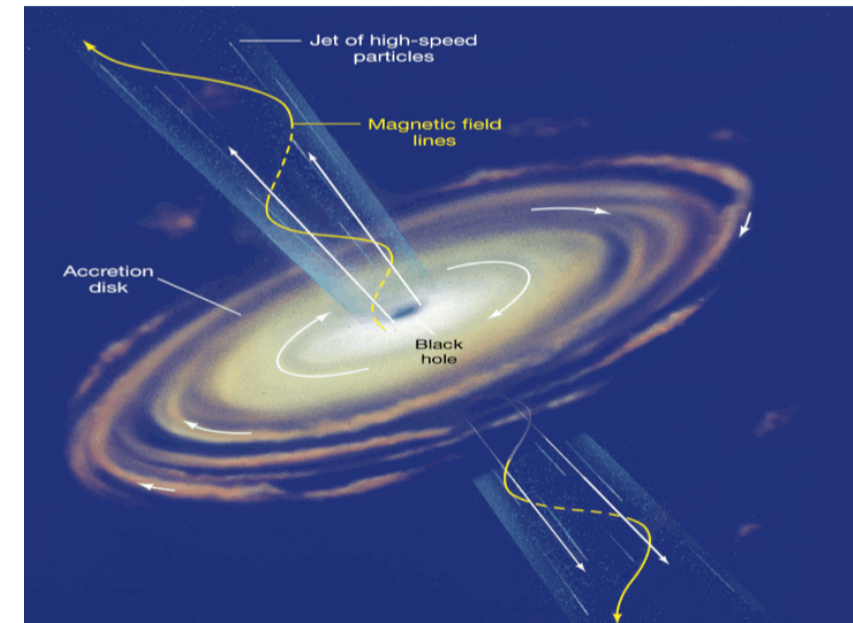
**2) We parametrize the radiative efficiency:** given the low accretion rate, **we conservatively assume radiative inefficiency**, and a non-linear scaling of this kind

$$L_B = \eta \dot{M} c^2 \quad \eta = 0.1 \dot{M} / \dot{M}_{\text{crit}} \text{ for } \dot{M} < \dot{M}_{\text{crit}}$$

**Physical picture:** *advection-dominated accretion* in which the gas cooling timescales greatly exceed the dynamical timescales; mass loss from the disc or internal convective flows.

see *Narayan and Yi 1994, "Advection-Dominated Accretion: A Self-Similar Solution"*

and also *Blanford and Begelman 1998: "On the Fate of Gas Accreting at a Low Rate onto a Black Hole"*



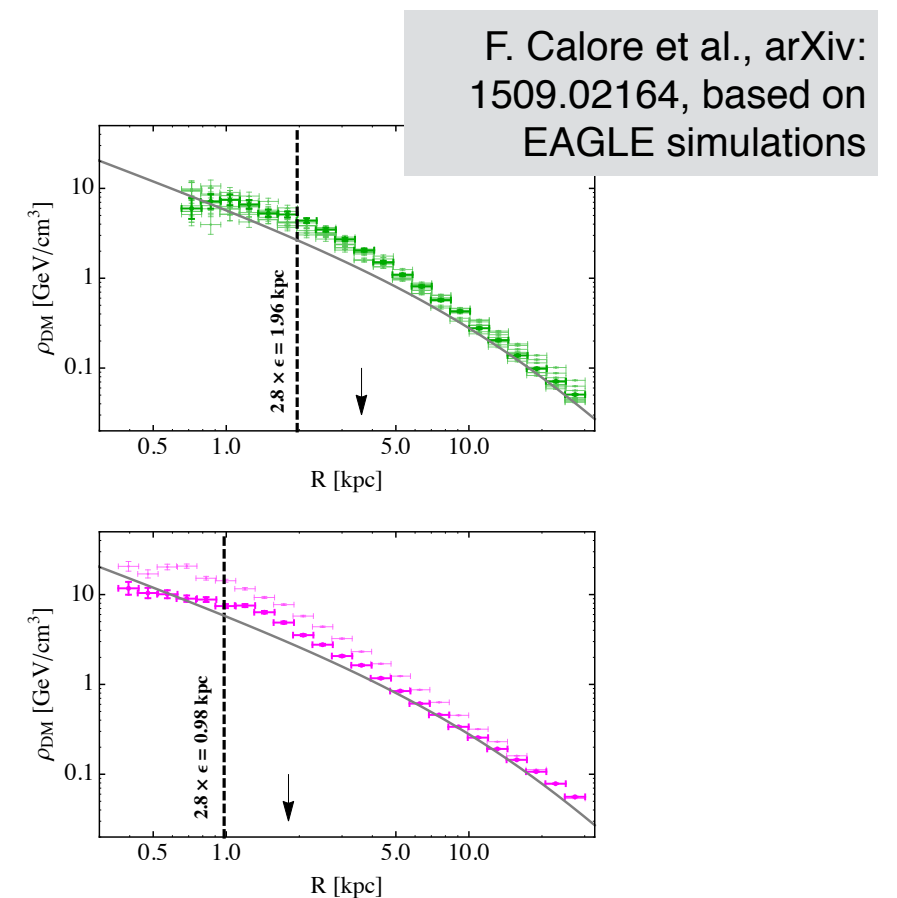
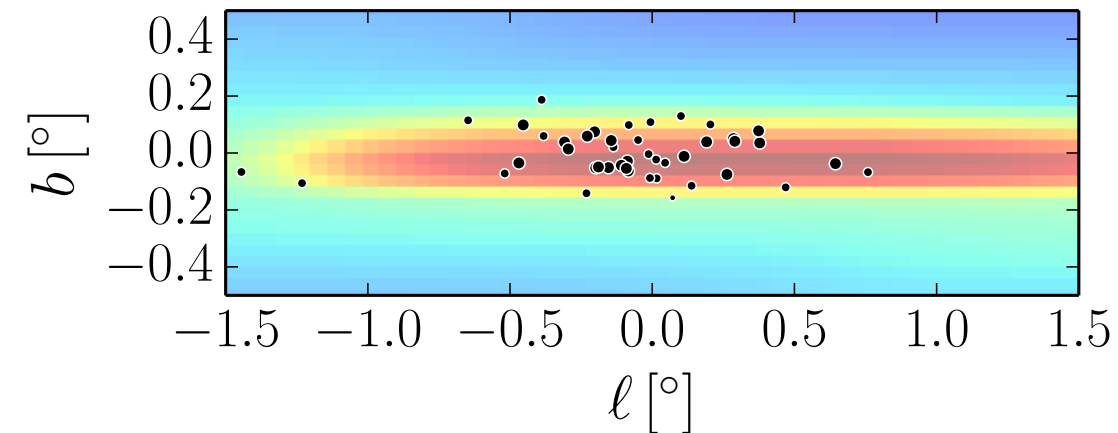
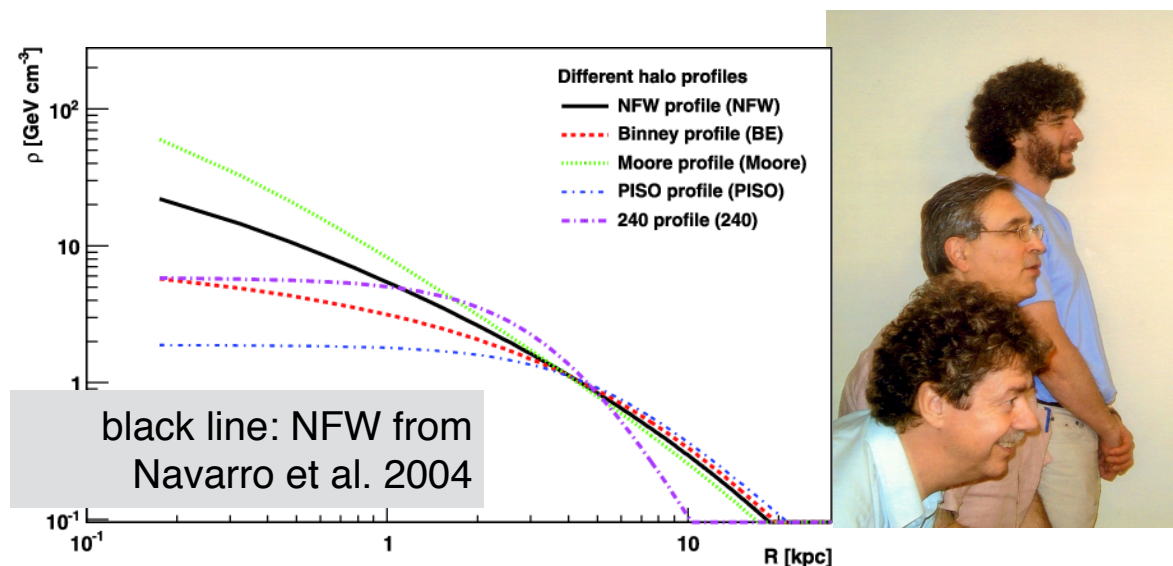
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## Our MC simulation

We set up a MC simulation in which **we populate the Galaxy with PBHs**, and compute the predicted X-ray and radio luminosity; then **we produce simulated maps of predicted bright X-ray and radio sources**

**Spatial distribution of PBHs:** We consider as a benchmark the NFW distribution.

We also consider other variations, based on numerical simulations with baryons (see *F. Calore et al., arXiv:1509.02164*)

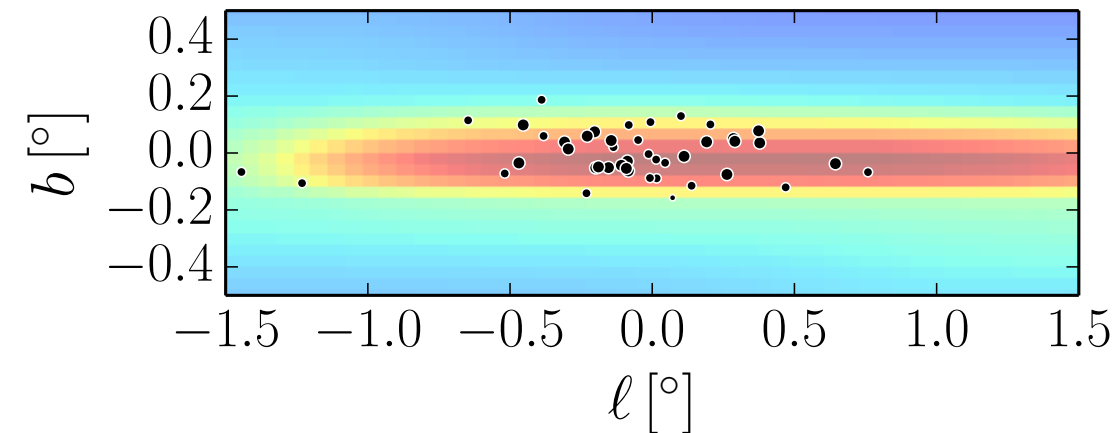




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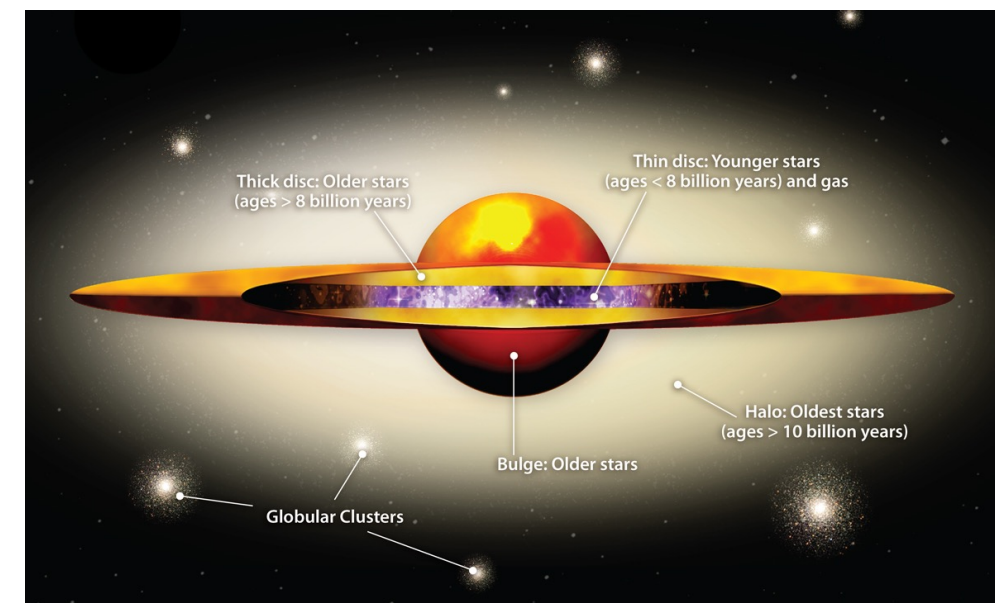
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**Velocity distribution:** we consider, for each radius  $R$ , a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution centered on  $v = \sqrt{(G M(< R))/R}$ .

We use a spherical average of a mass model of the Milky Way  $M(R)$  from *McMillan 1608.00971 (2016)*, including DM halo and baryonic structures (bulge, thin and thick stellar disk, gas distribution).



*Our simplified treatment, in the low- $v$  tail, is compatible with the more accurate Eddington formalism, which holds under the assumption of spherical symmetry and isotropy*

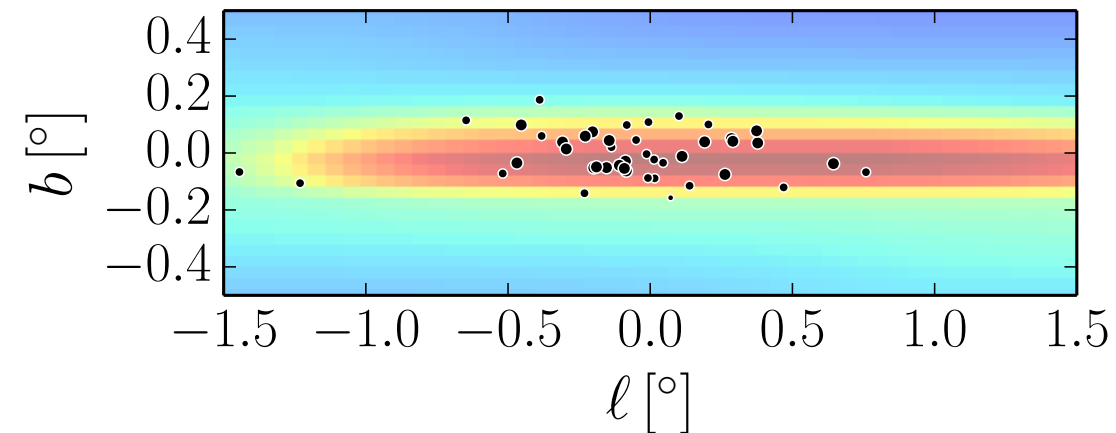
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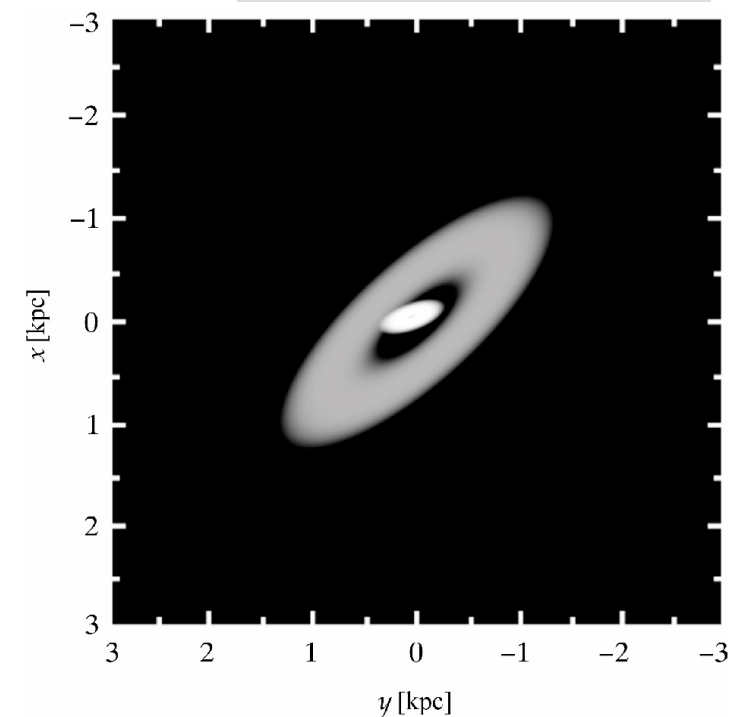
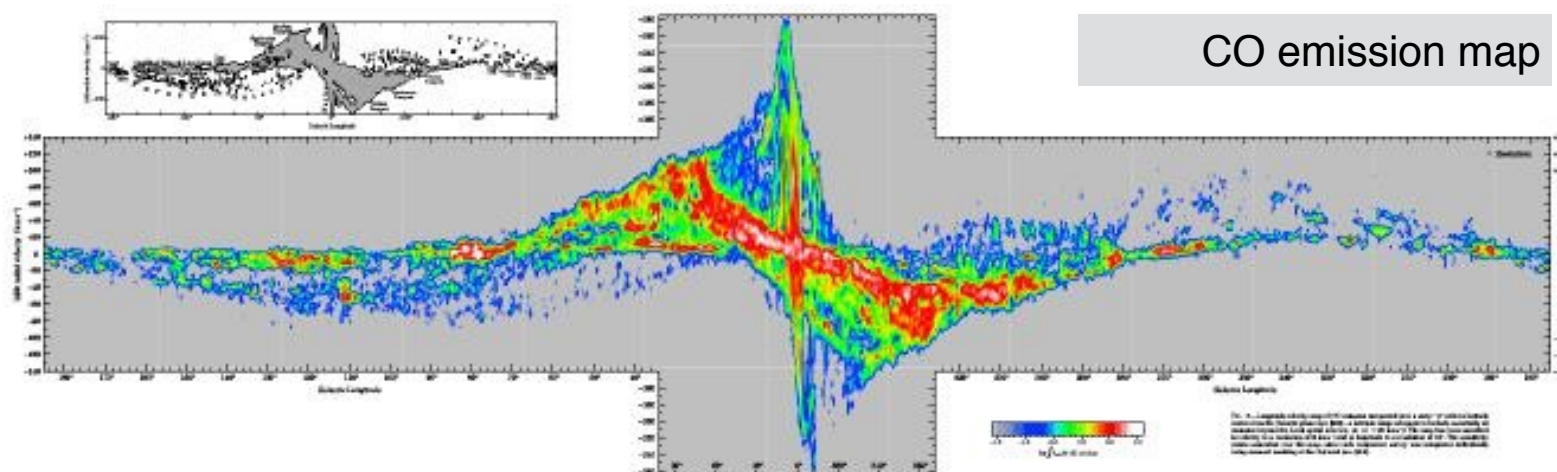
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Zoomed-in analytical 3D model of the distribution of interstellar gas in the inner Galactic bulge, from K. Ferrière 2007





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## Comparison with the X-ray and radio data

### X-rays:

We assume that 30% of the bolometric luminosity lies in the 2-10 keV band (*Fender 2013*)

We extrapolate to the 10-40 keV band assuming a hard power-law (index 1.6)

We compare against the **NuStar catalog** (*Hong et al. 2016*) data in the 10-40 keV band

threshold:  $8 * 10^{32}$  erg/s

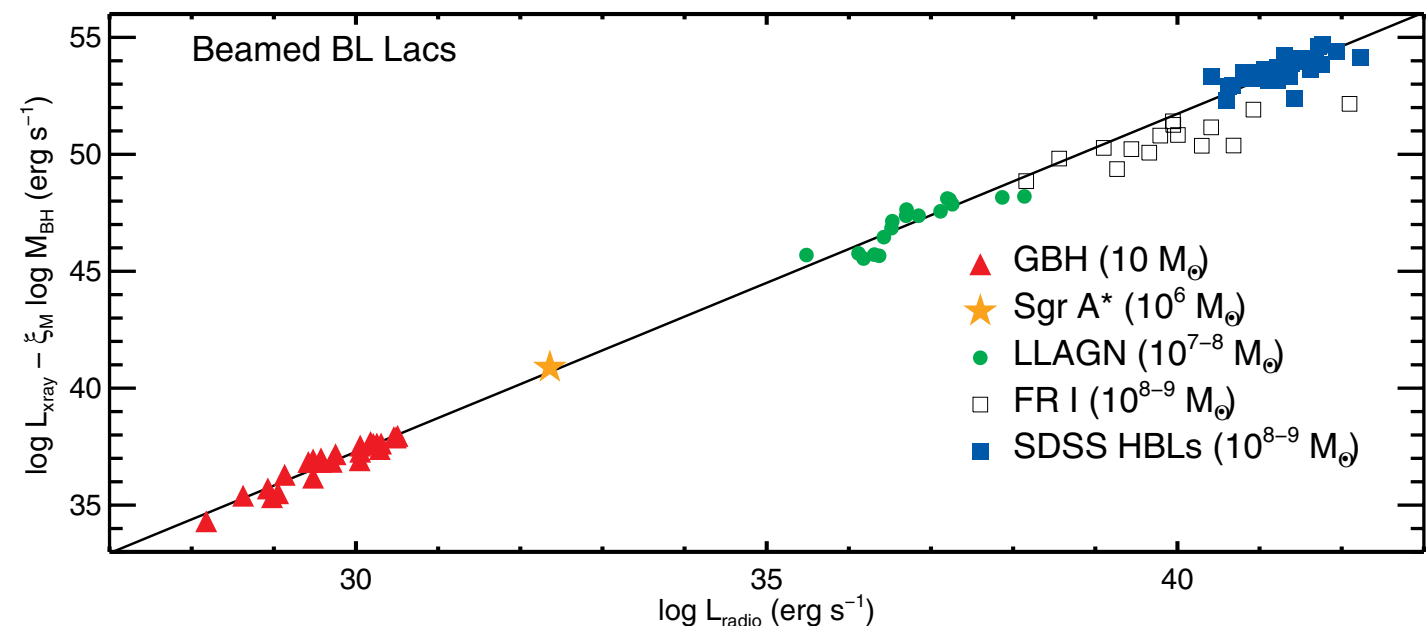
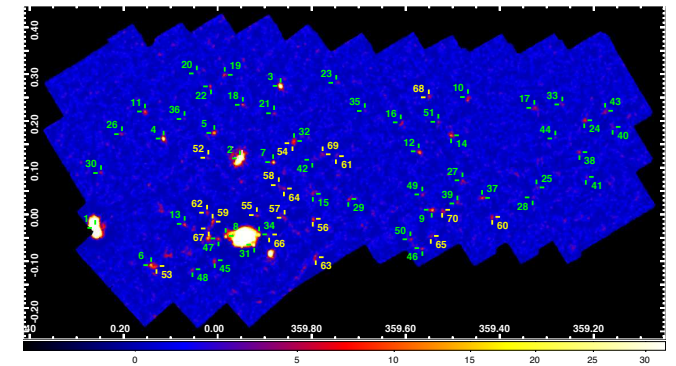
ROI:  $-0.9^\circ < l < 0.3^\circ$ ;  $-0.1^\circ < b < 0.4^\circ$

### Radio:

Here the prediction is even more complicated

We rely on the empirical *fundamental plane relation* between soft X-ray and radio luminosity [see e.g. *Plotkin et al. 2013*]

We convert X-ray fluxes into radio fluxes (1 GHz) and compare to the number of predicted point sources to the **VLA catalog** (threshold  $\sim 1$  mJy; we consider the ROI:  $-0.5^\circ < l < 0.5^\circ$ ;  $|b| < 0.4^\circ$ )



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## Results and discussion

### X-rays:

We predict  **$170 \pm 13$  bright X-ray sources**, given the assumptions we discussed

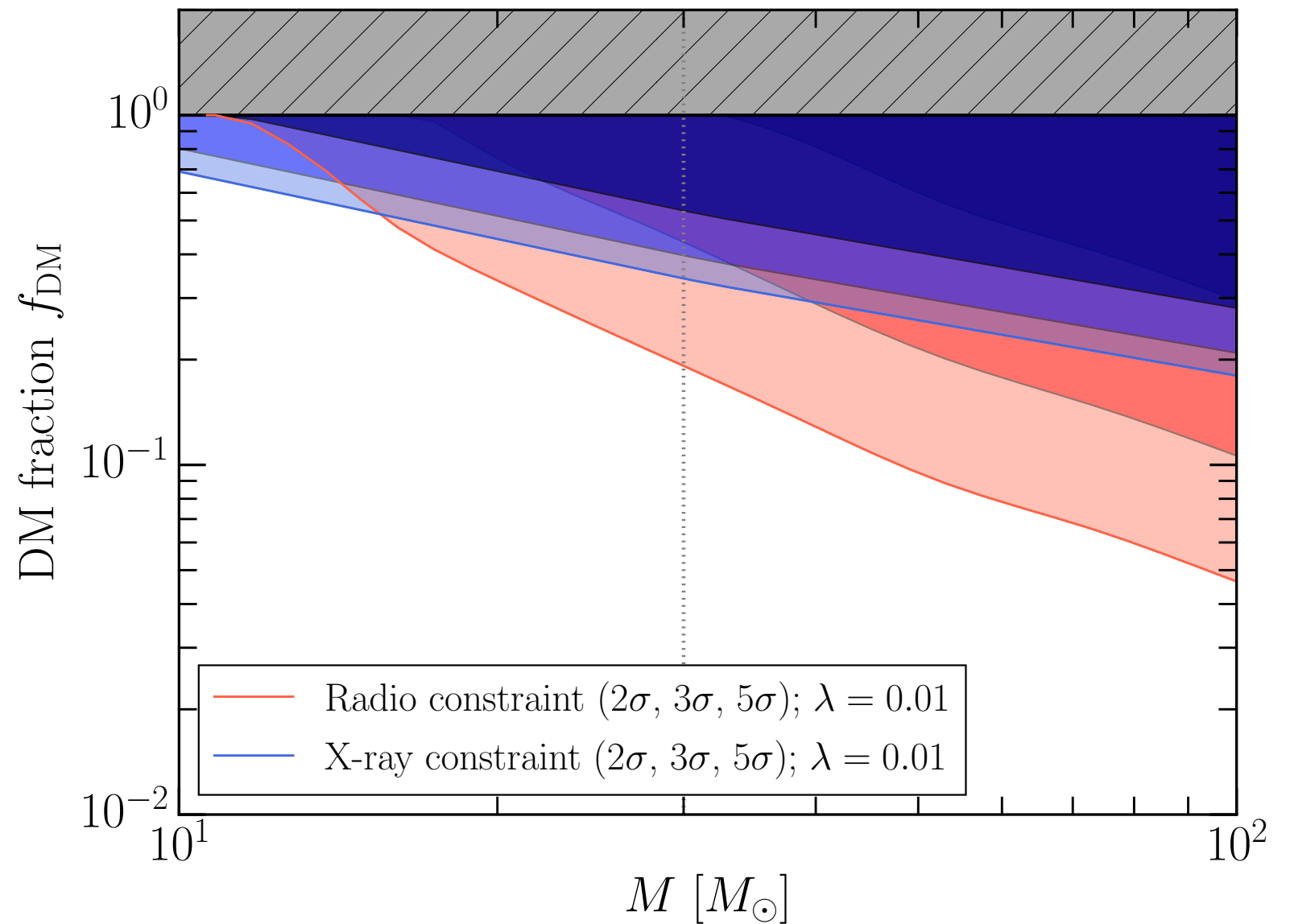
*number of observed sources in the ROI: 70* (40% of those are cataclysmic variables)

### Radio:

We predict  **$21 \pm 5$  bright radio sources** in the ROI

total number of radio sources in the ROI: 170

*number of candidate black holes in the ROI: 0*, assuming that BHs obey the Fundamental Plane relation

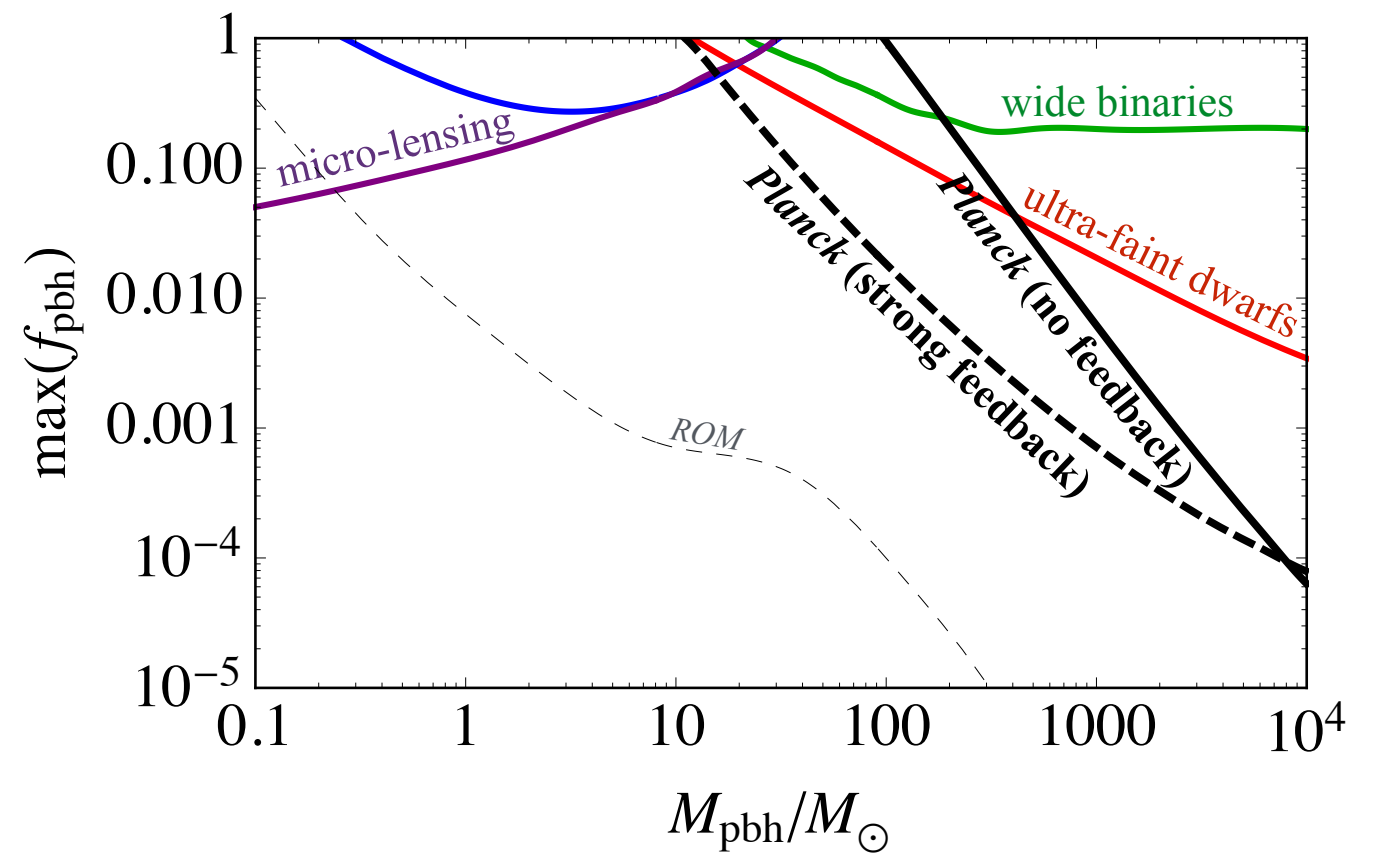
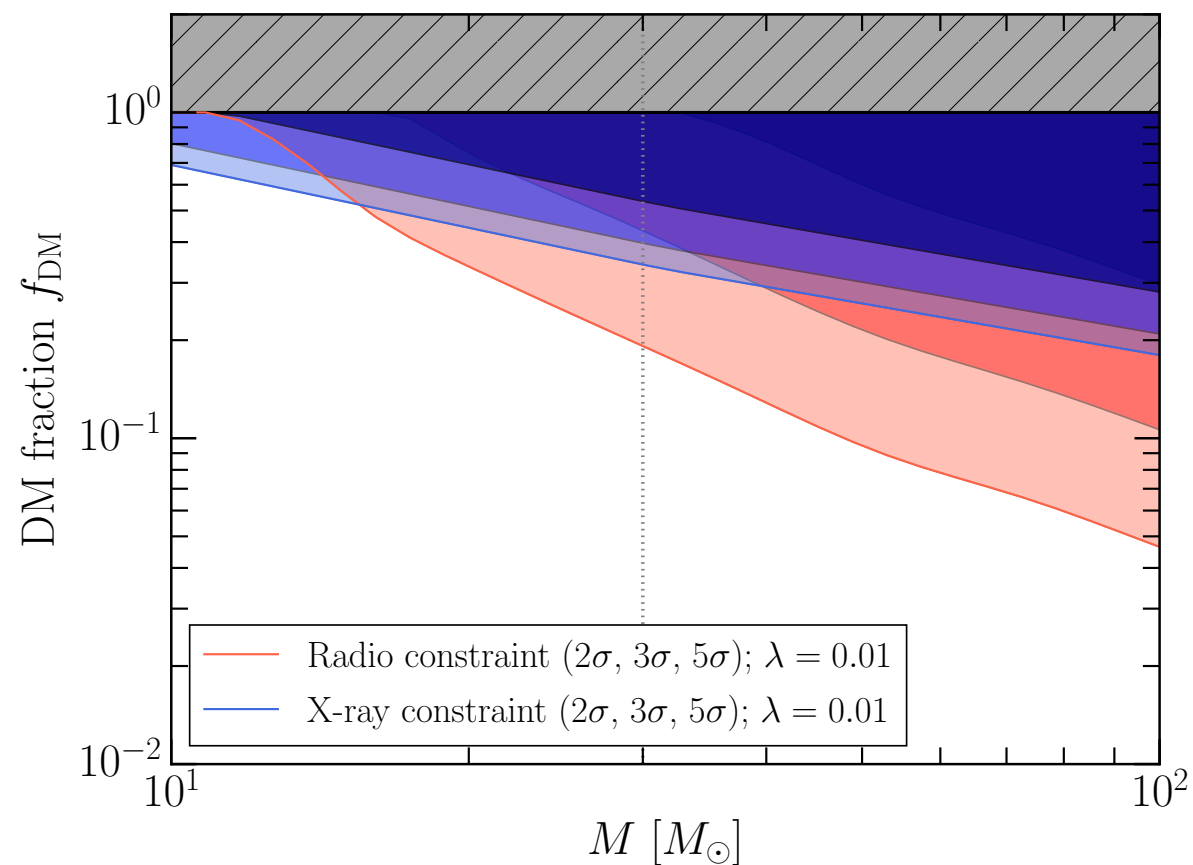




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Our constraints compared to other constraints (from lensing, CMB, stellar dynamics)

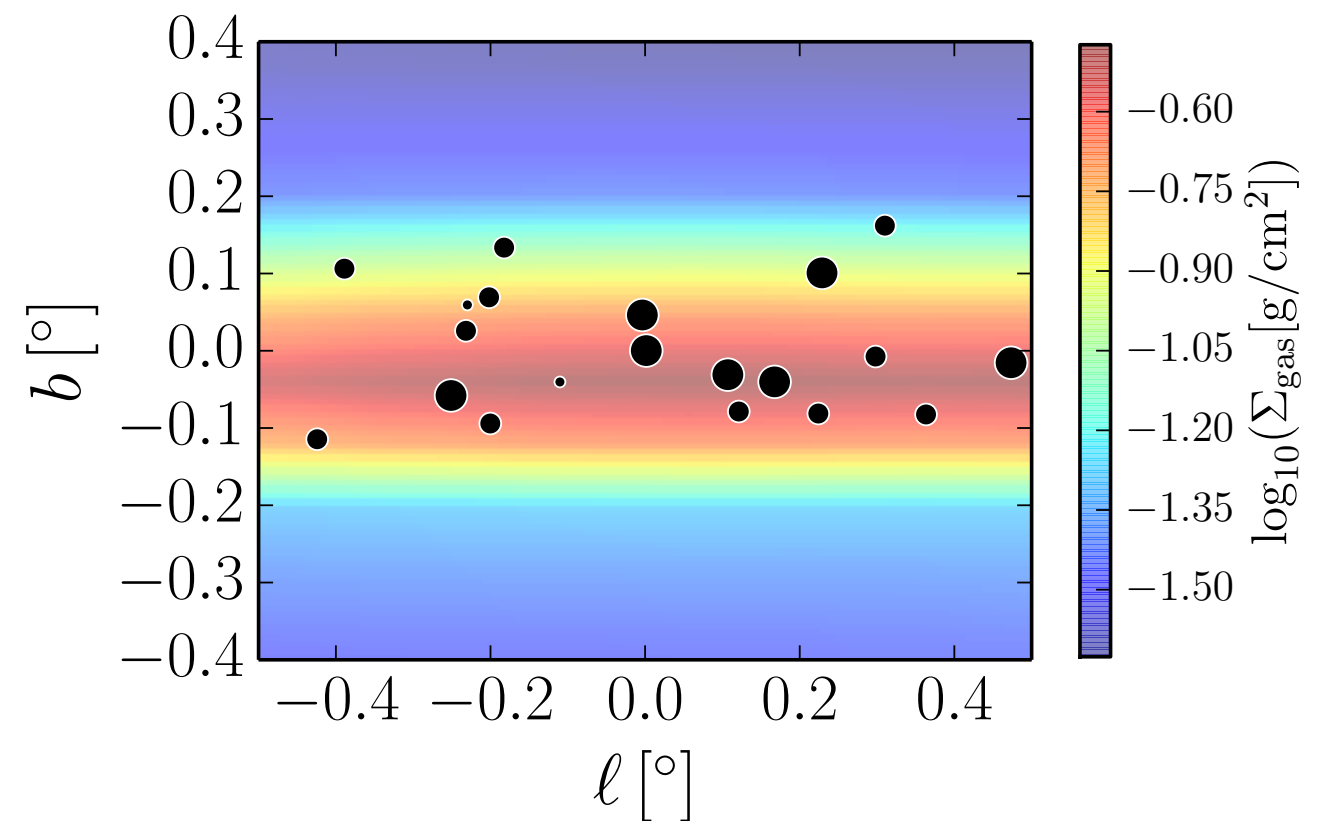
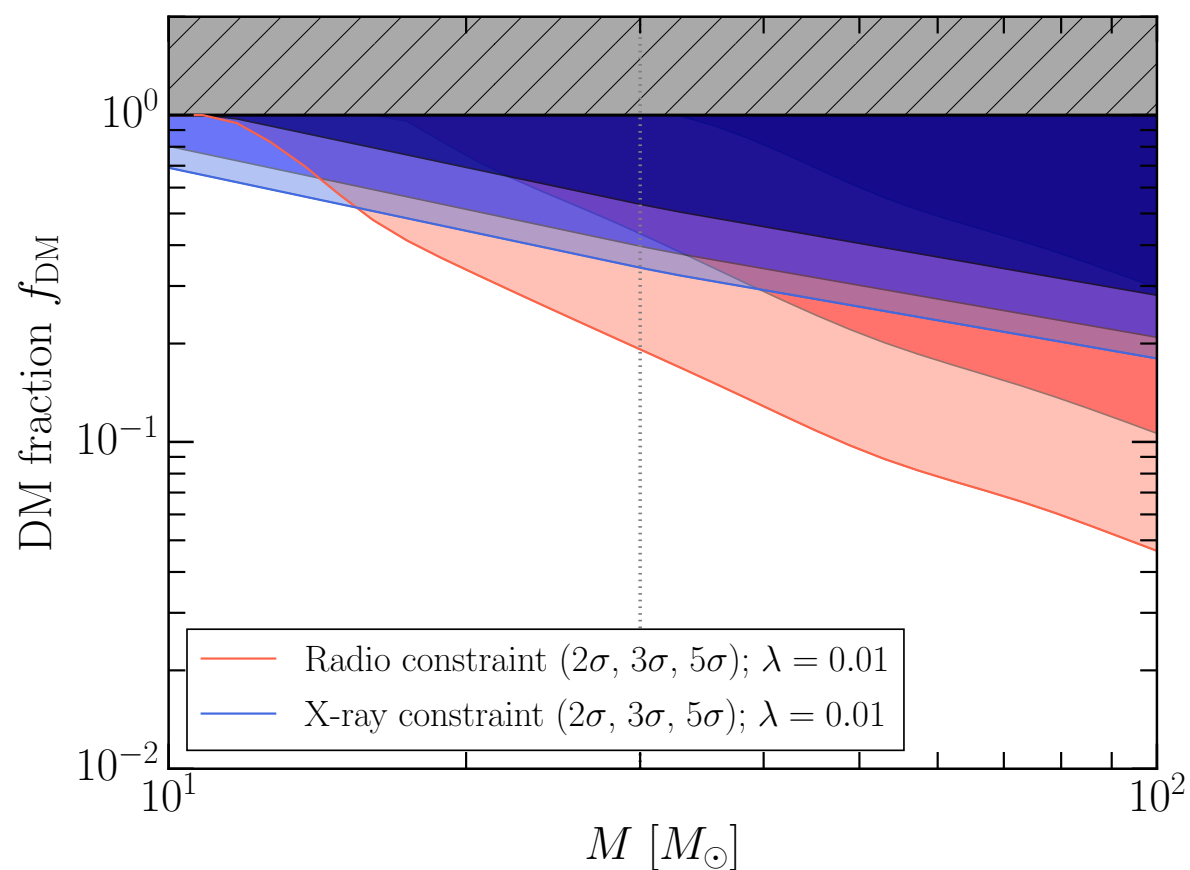


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## Results and discussion

Where does the constraining power comes from?

Only the low-velocity ( $< 10$  km/s) black holes crossing the high-density regions matter!  
A very tiny fraction of the BHs are bright (above NuStar or VLA threshold) sources.



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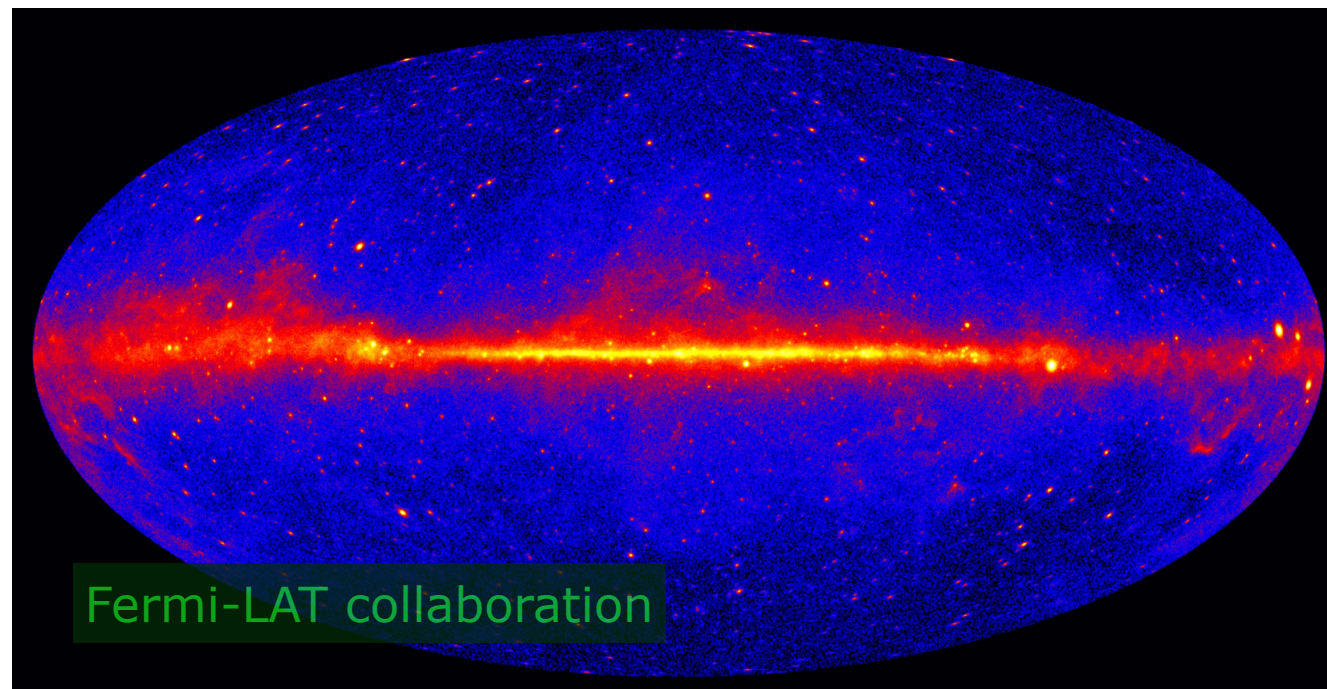
## Conclusions of Part 1

- 1) The idea that PBHs are the DM (quite popular, e.g., in the 1980s) has recently been discussed *again* in the DM community, after the LIGO discovery of a massive BBH system
- 2) **Several constraints exist** on this scenario, from lensing, dynamical arguments, early-universe studies. The 10-50 Msun window is very weakly constrained though.
- 3) We asked ourselves: If the PBHs are the DM, **how easily can they be hidden?**
- 4) **We set up a MC simulation** to predict the number of bright X-ray and radio sources we should see in a tiny ROI around the GC, if PBHs are the bulk of the DM.
- 5) We considered a very conservative scenario (much more conservative than many papers on CMB constraints)
- 6) Despite all the caveats and uncertainties, **we got a significant constraint in this mass window!**
- 7) **The idea that PBHs are the DM is unlikely in our opinion**



# Part 2: The $\gamma$ -ray inner Galaxy excess

## Searching for signatures of WIMP dark matter annihilation in gamma-ray maps



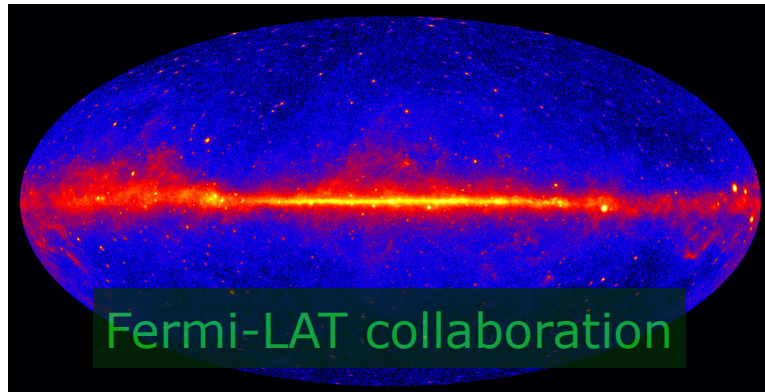
The diffuse gamma rays are a precious tool in the astroparticle community since they are able to track the CR distribution in different positions of the Galaxy

Main processes: *pion decay*, *Inverse Compton scattering*, *bremsstrahlung*

300 MeV up to  $>300$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  **Fermi-LAT** has been providing the most accurate maps ever

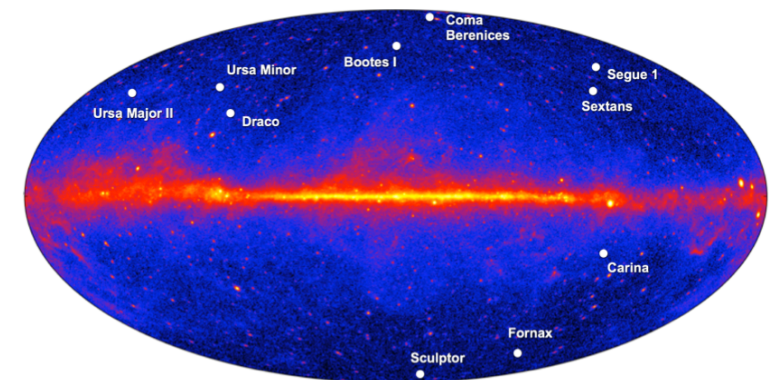
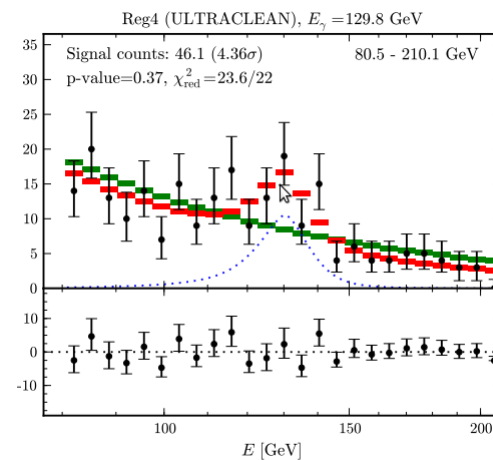
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Interesting features relevant for DM searches

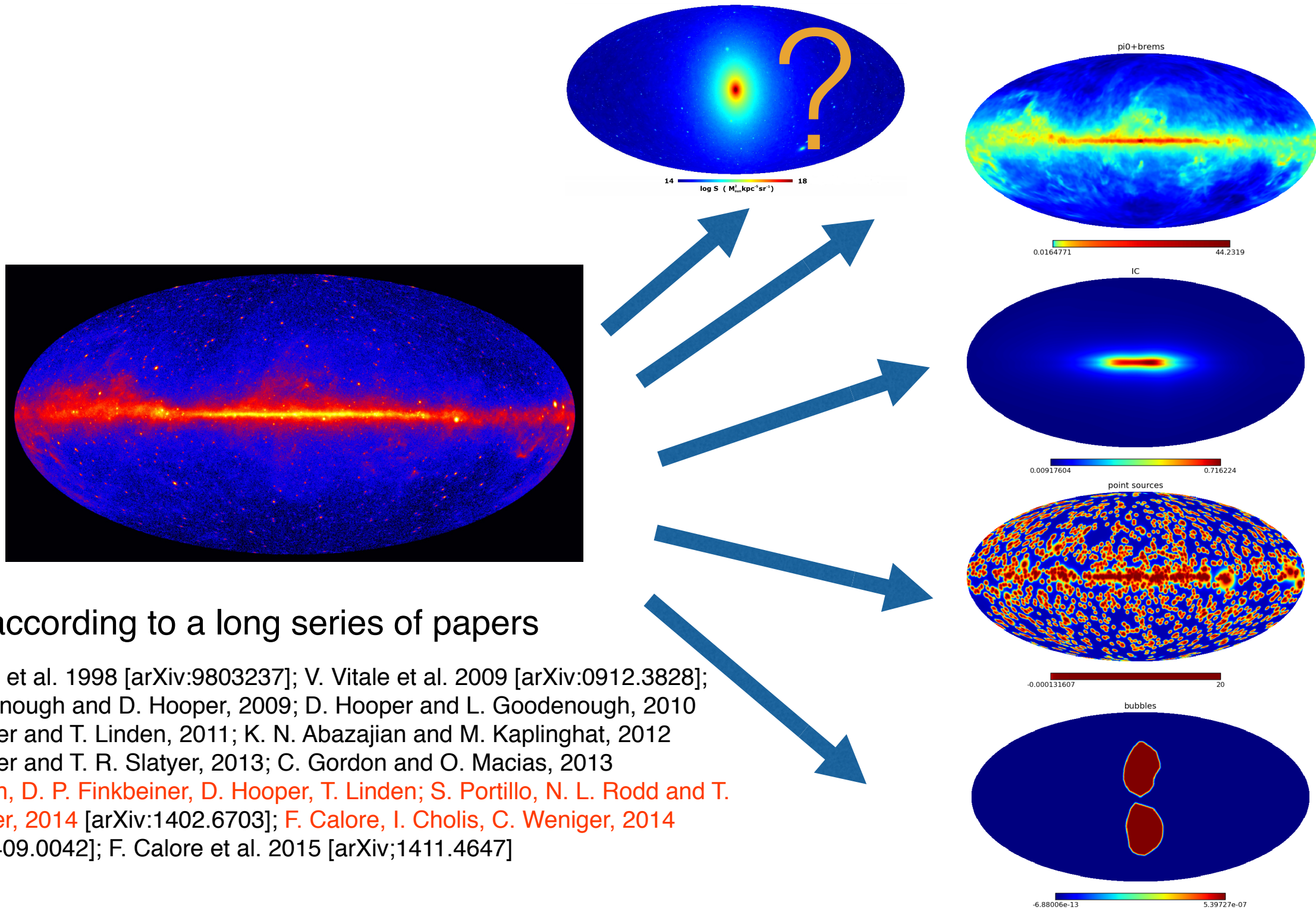
- **gamma-ray line?** *no detection yet*
- *significant* gamma-ray emission from **dwarf spheroidal Galaxies?** *no detection yet*
- **gamma-ray excesses** from inner Galaxy? There's a tentative claim to be discussed





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Does a NFW template improve the fit of the Fermi-LAT data?



**yes**, according to a long series of papers

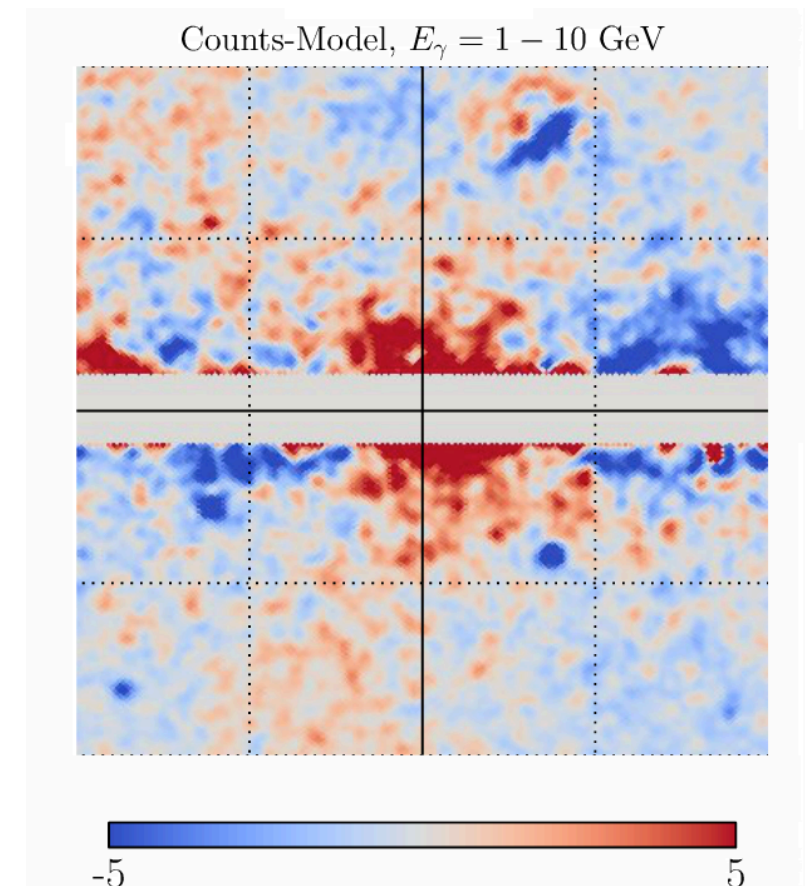
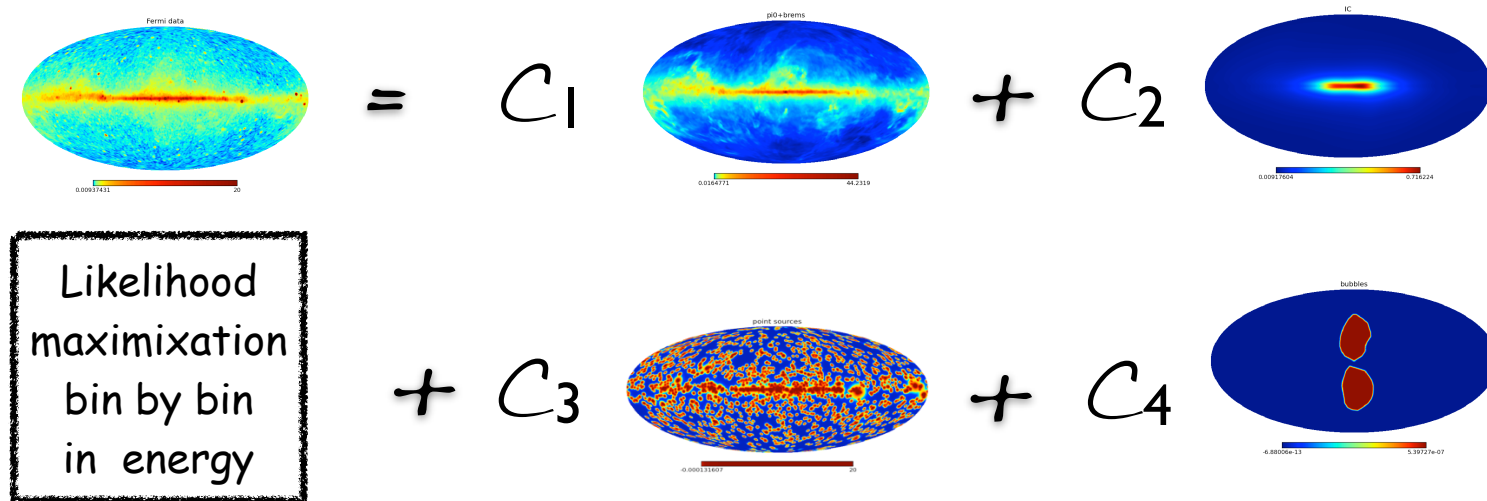
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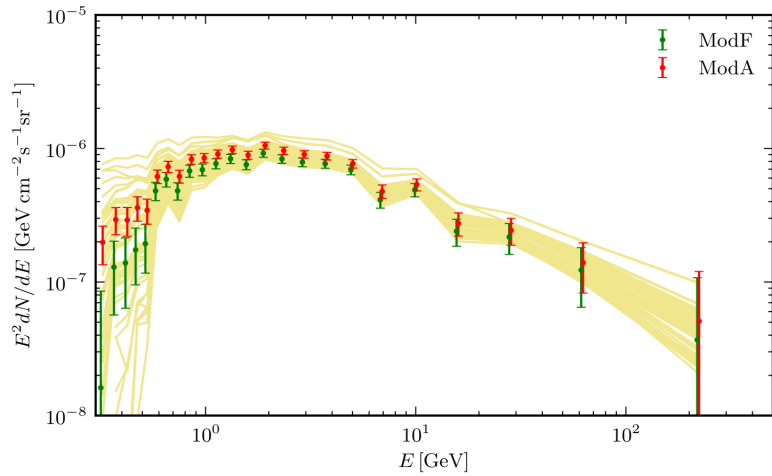
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If you try to model the gamma-ray emission taking into account the diffuse emission from  $\pi^0$  decay, the Inverse Compton emission, and all the other known gamma-ray sources, you end up missing something in the inner Galaxy



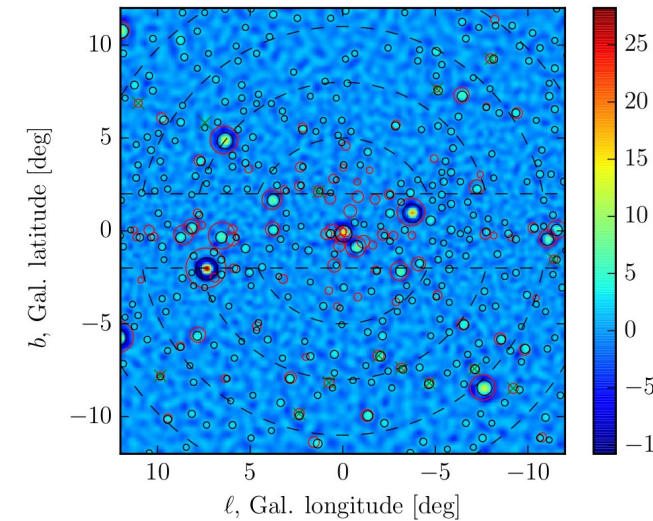
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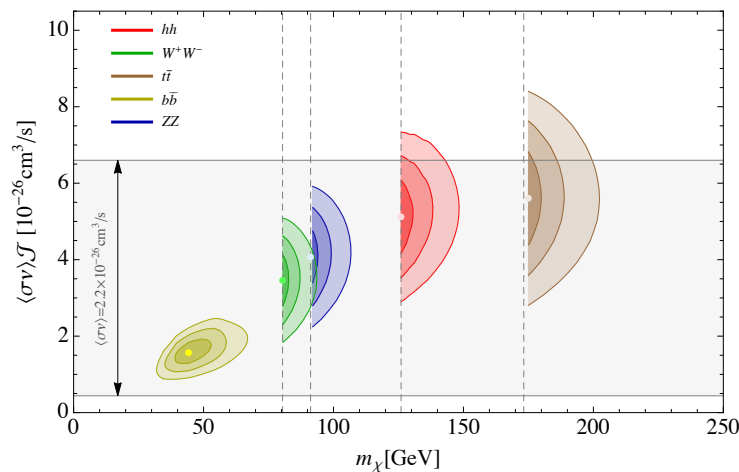
Calore et al 2015

The spectrum of the signal is compatible with 40 GeV DM annihilating in conventional channels, with the reference thermal cross section!

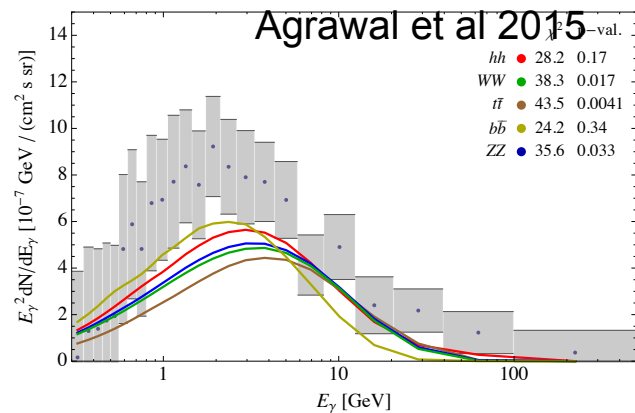
**A “compelling case of dark matter detection”, a new class of sources, or maybe a mis-modeling of the background?**



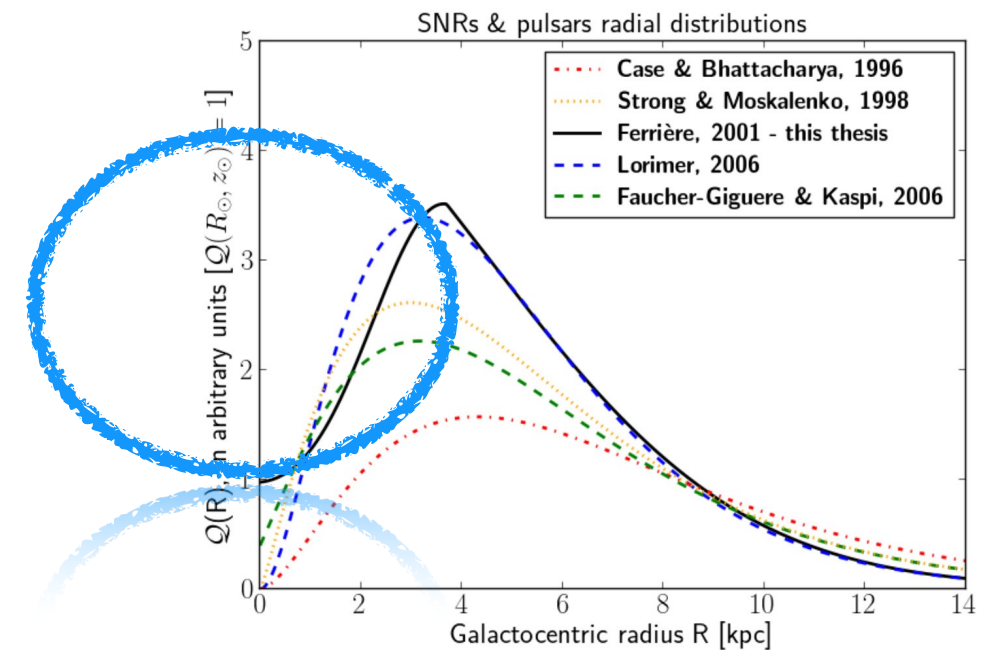
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The background models assume no sources in the center... is that reasonable?



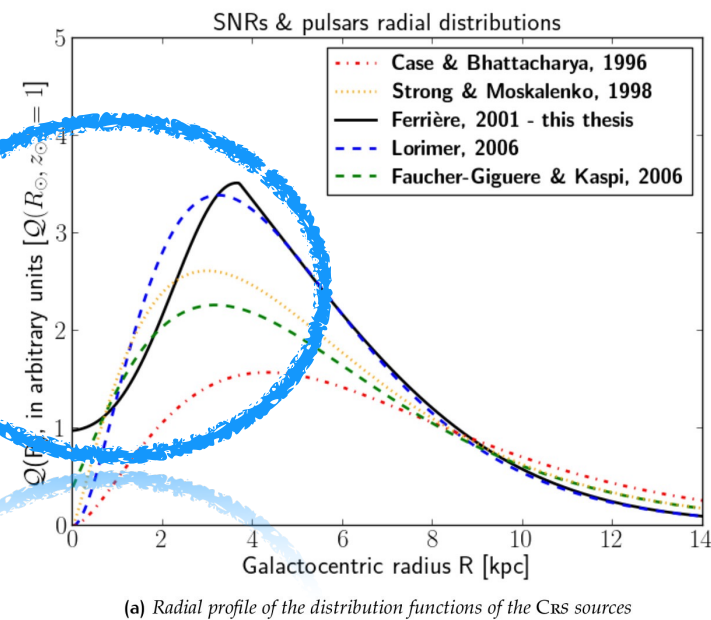
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(a) Radial profile of the distribution functions of the CRS sources

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## Astrophysical interpretations

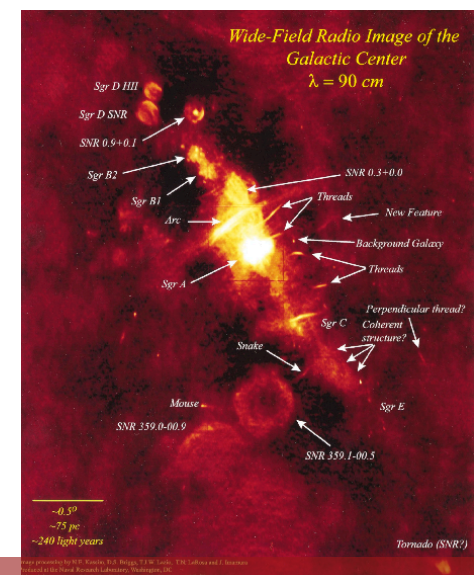


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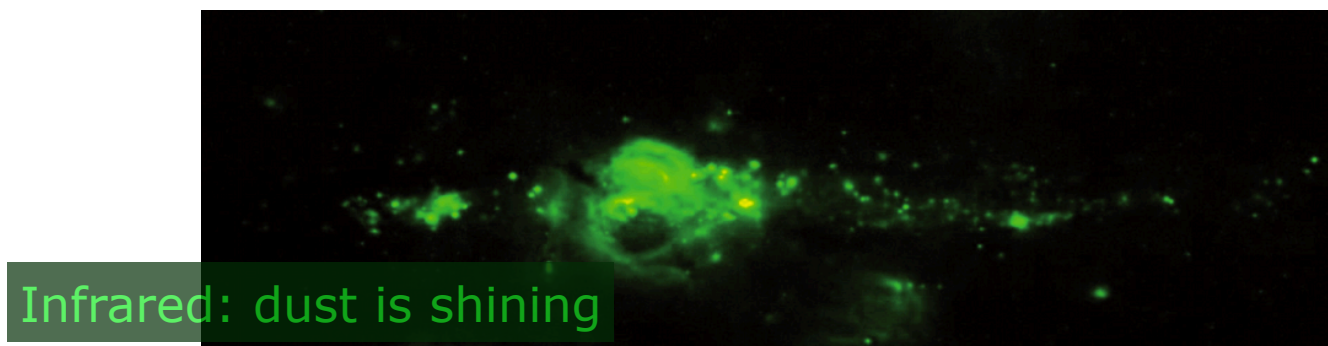
**Probably it's not realistic: A very efficient star formation is going on**

According to [Figer et al. 2004 ApJ 581 2002] 1% of the total SFR takes place in the inner 2-300 pc

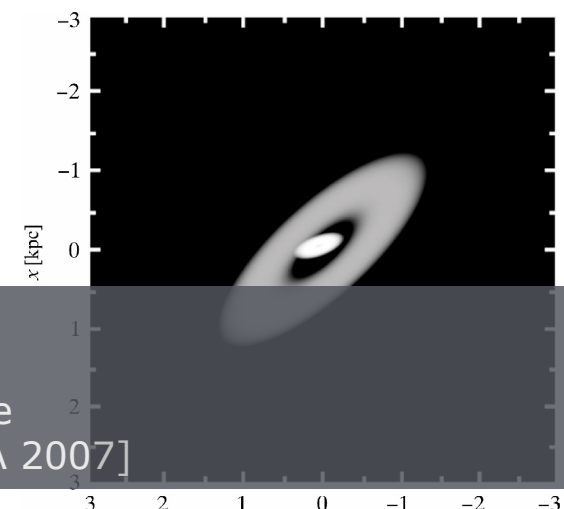
(2 order of magnitude more than the average); see also [Longmore et al. 1208.4256]



Radio (90 cm): electrons spiraling in a highly magnetized environment are shining. Nonthermal filaments, SNRs... [LaRosa et al. ApJ 119 2000]



A large reservoir of molecular gas: the Central Molecular Zone [K. Ferrière et al., A&A 2007]



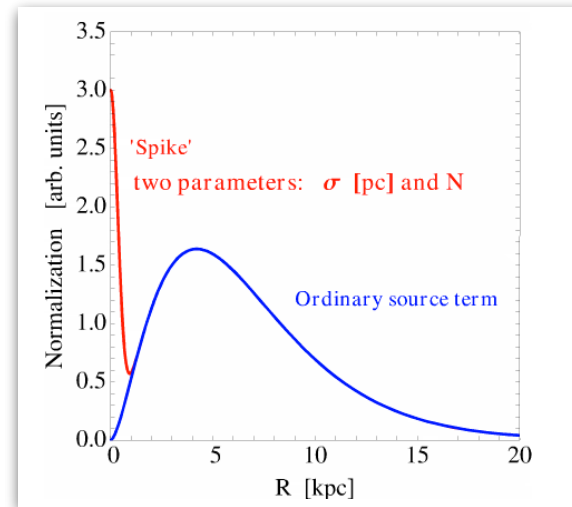


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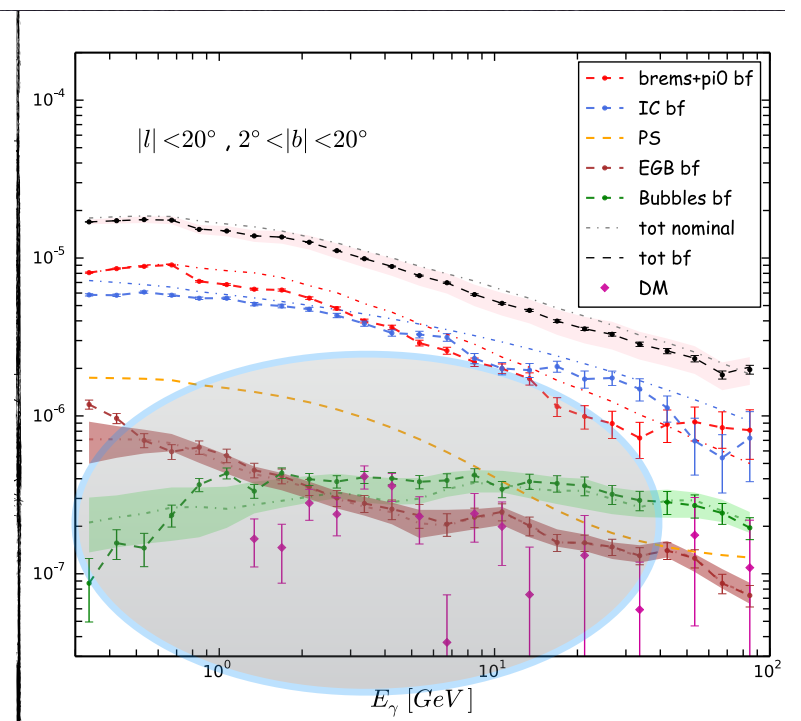
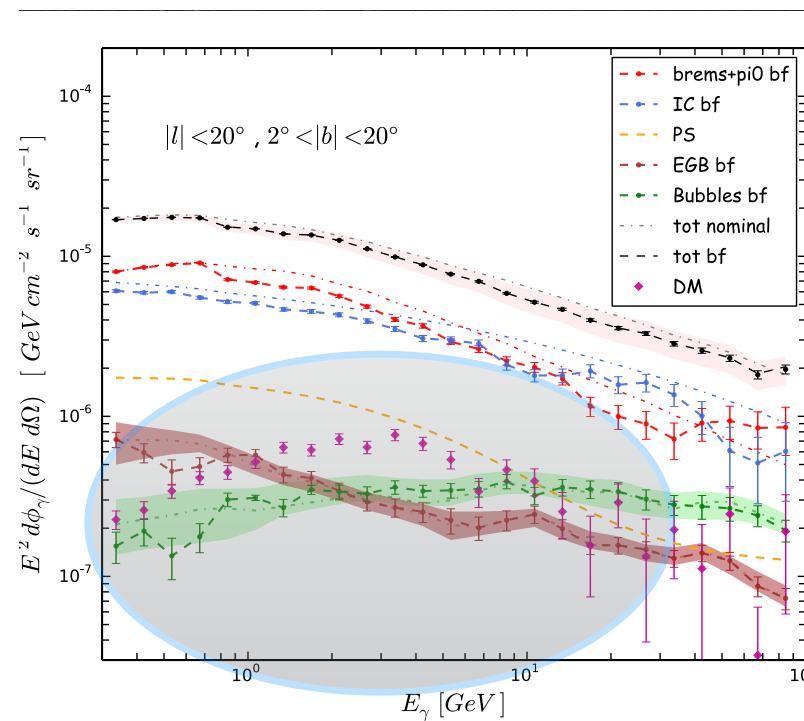
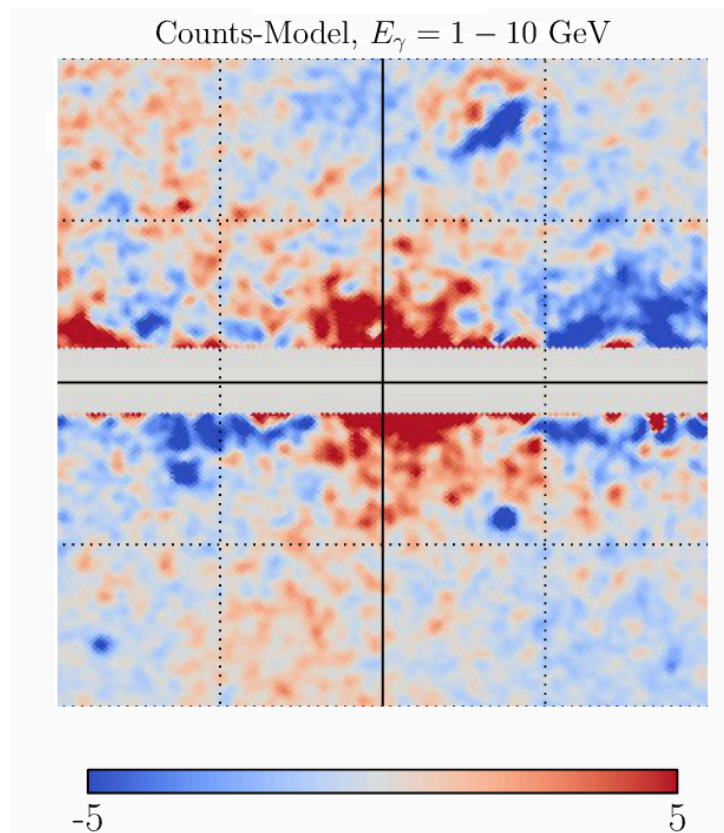
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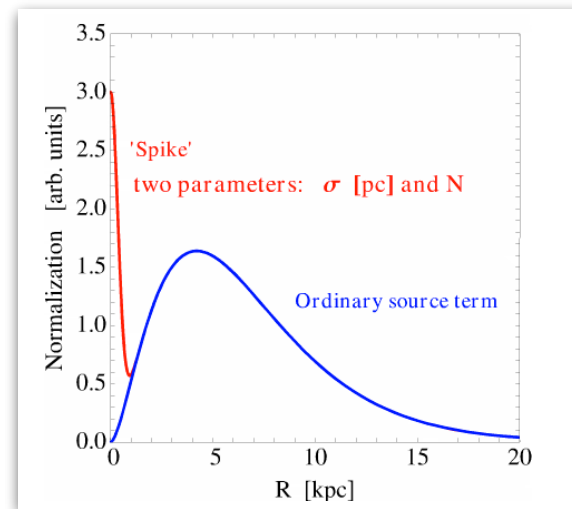


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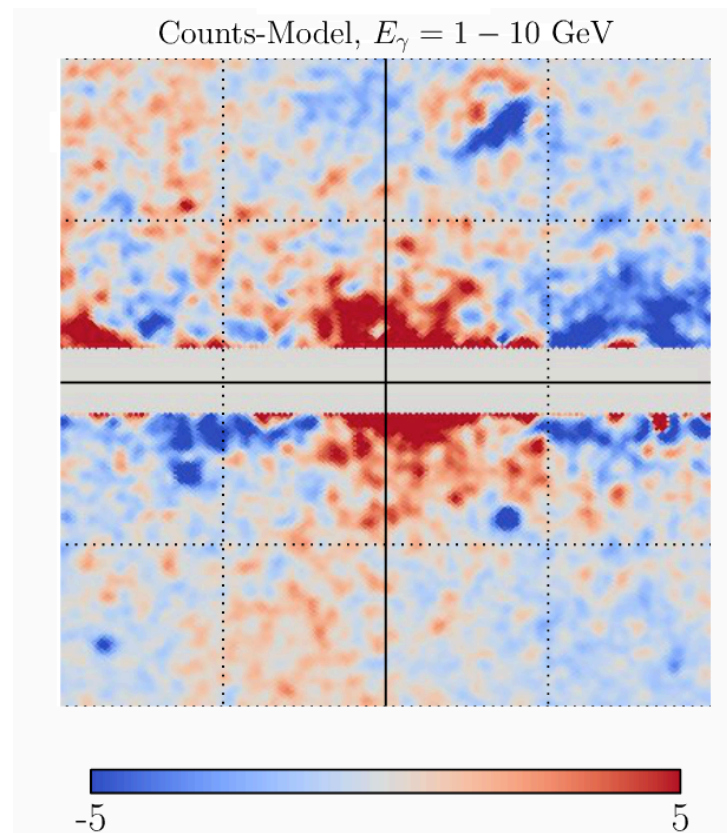
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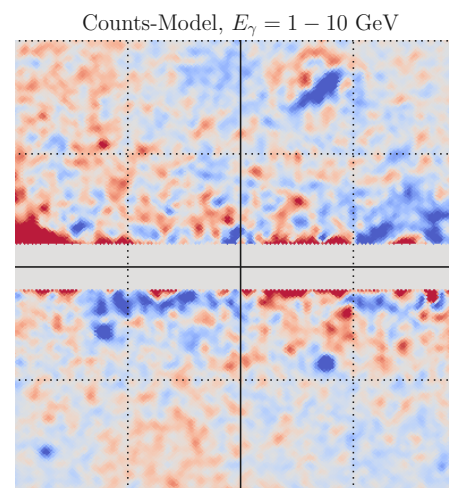
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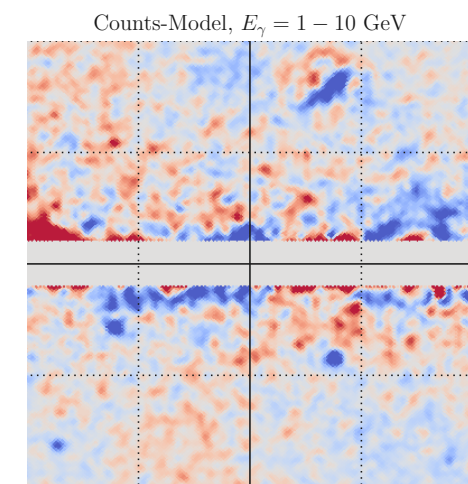
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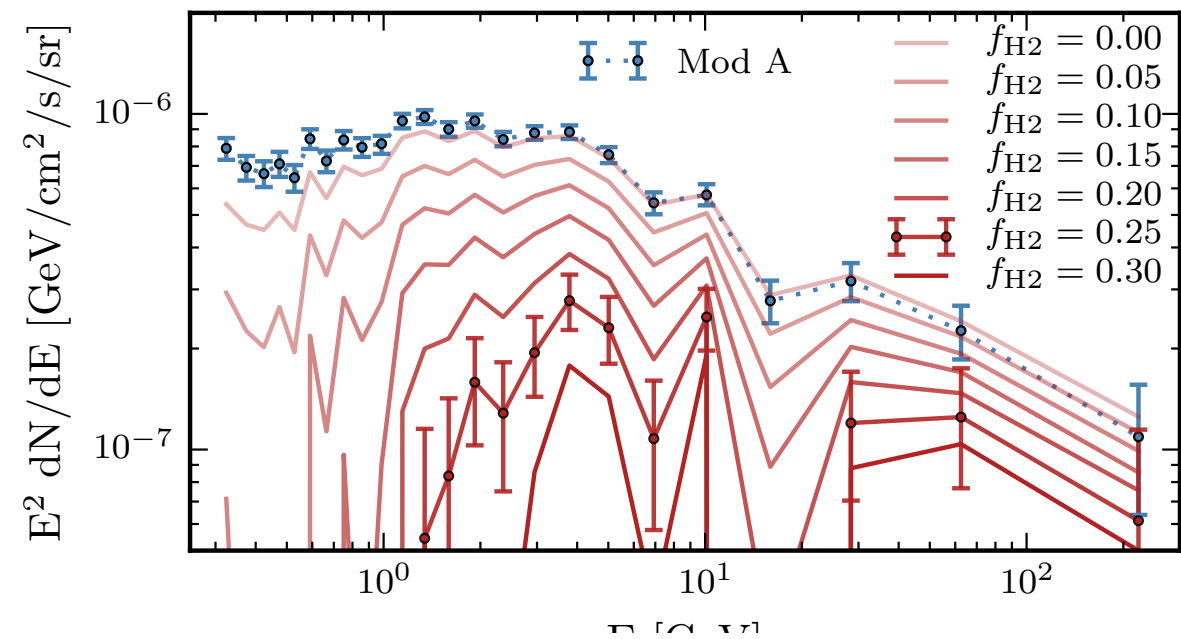
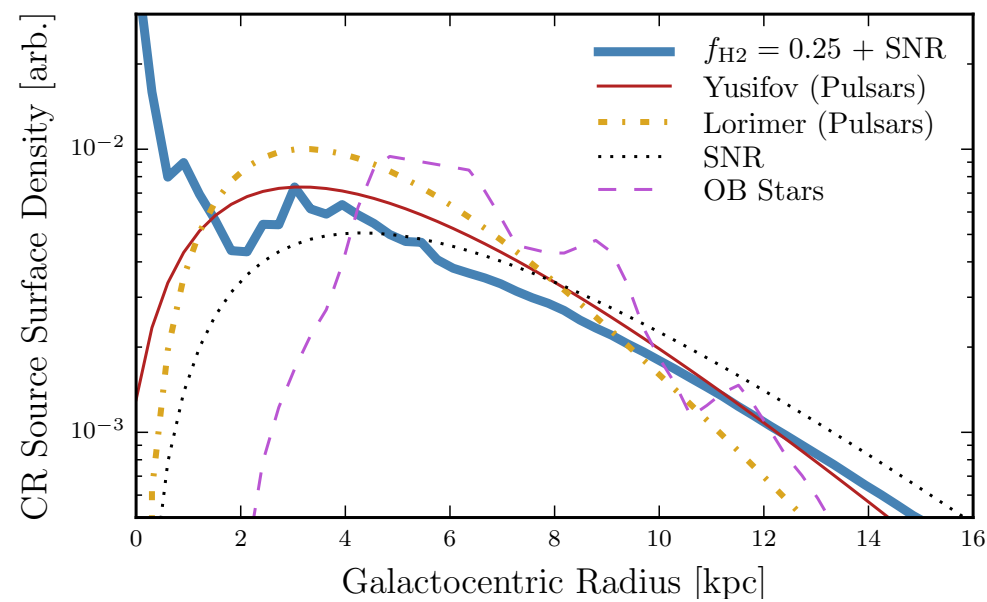


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## Conclusions of Part 2

- 1) The gamma-ray maps are interesting for WIMP DM searches
- 2) **A tentative claim** of a GeV excess from the inner Galaxy exists
- 3) Many astrophysical explanations exist
- 4) The claim triggered an interesting debate —> **It became clear that most CR propagation models are not adequate to describe the inner Galaxy!**



**Thank you for your attention!**

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