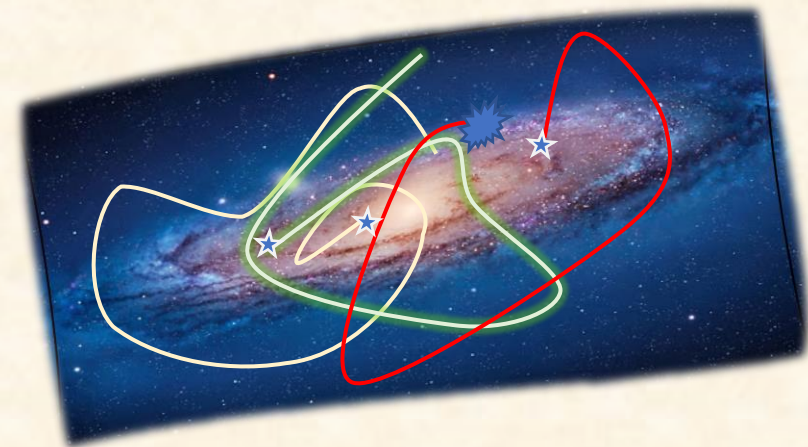
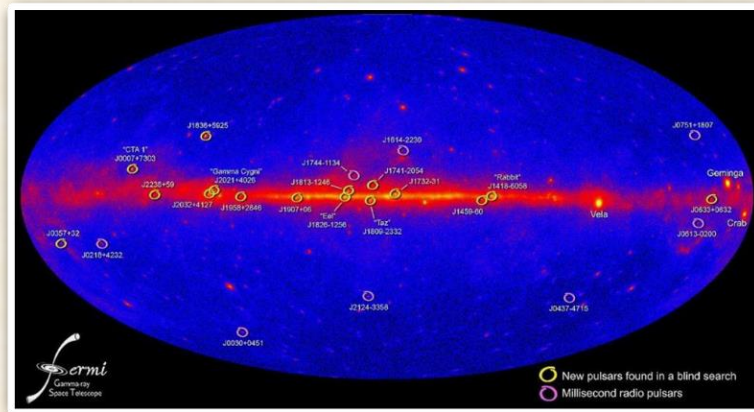


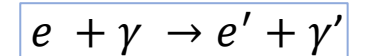
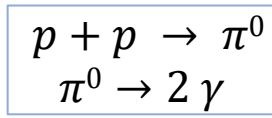
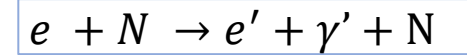
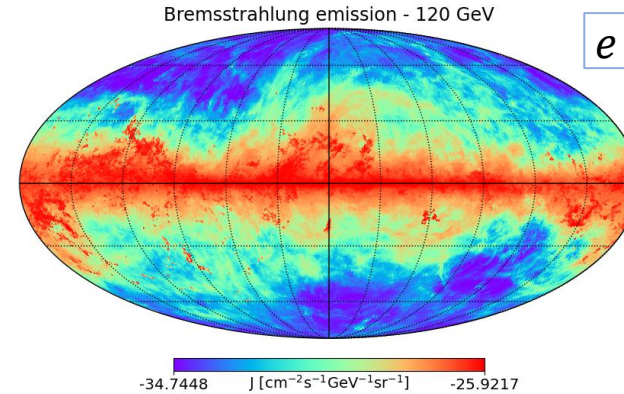
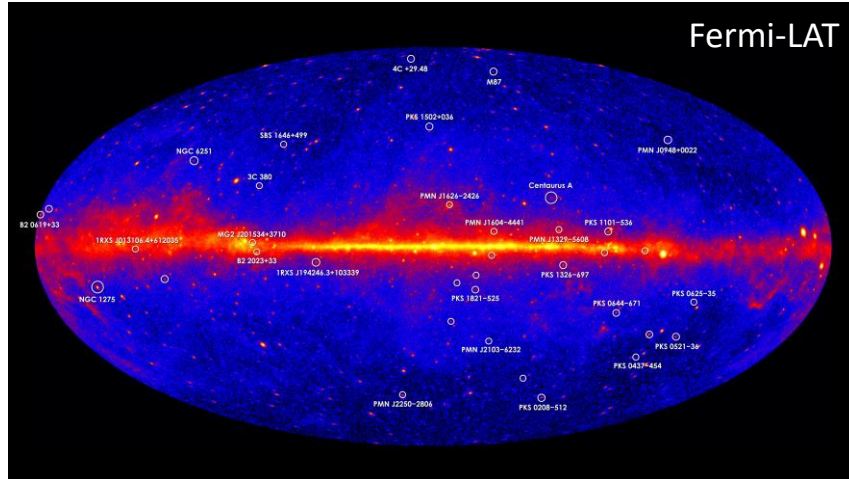
# The Galactic diffuse emission meets the PeV frontier

Based on **ArXiv: 2203.15759** and **ArXiv: 2209.10011** in collaboration with D. Grasso, D. Gaggero, C. Evoli, O. Fornieri, K. Egberts, C. Steppa, A. Marinelli



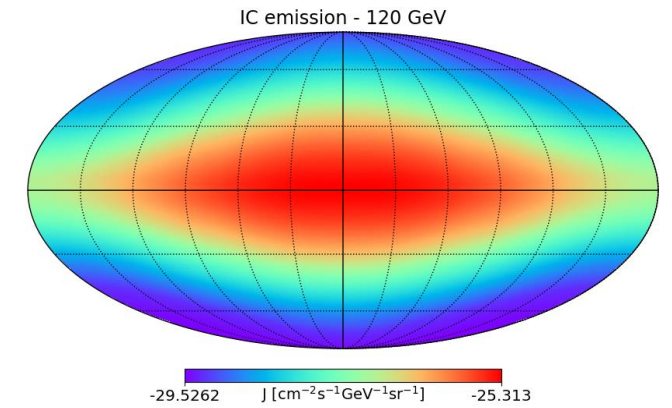
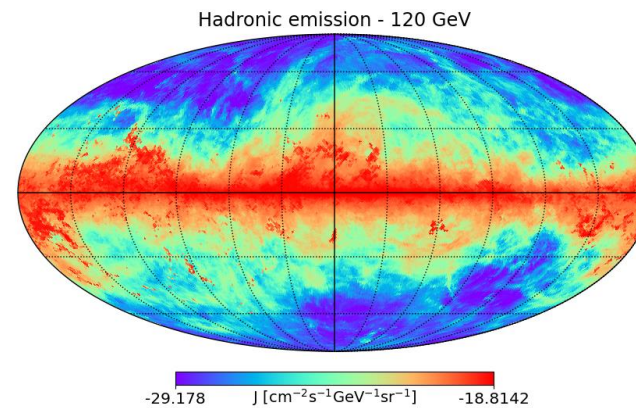
# The Gamma-ray diffuse sky

Diffuse emission totally correlated with the propagation of cosmic rays  
 Dominated by protons, He (and  $e^-$ )



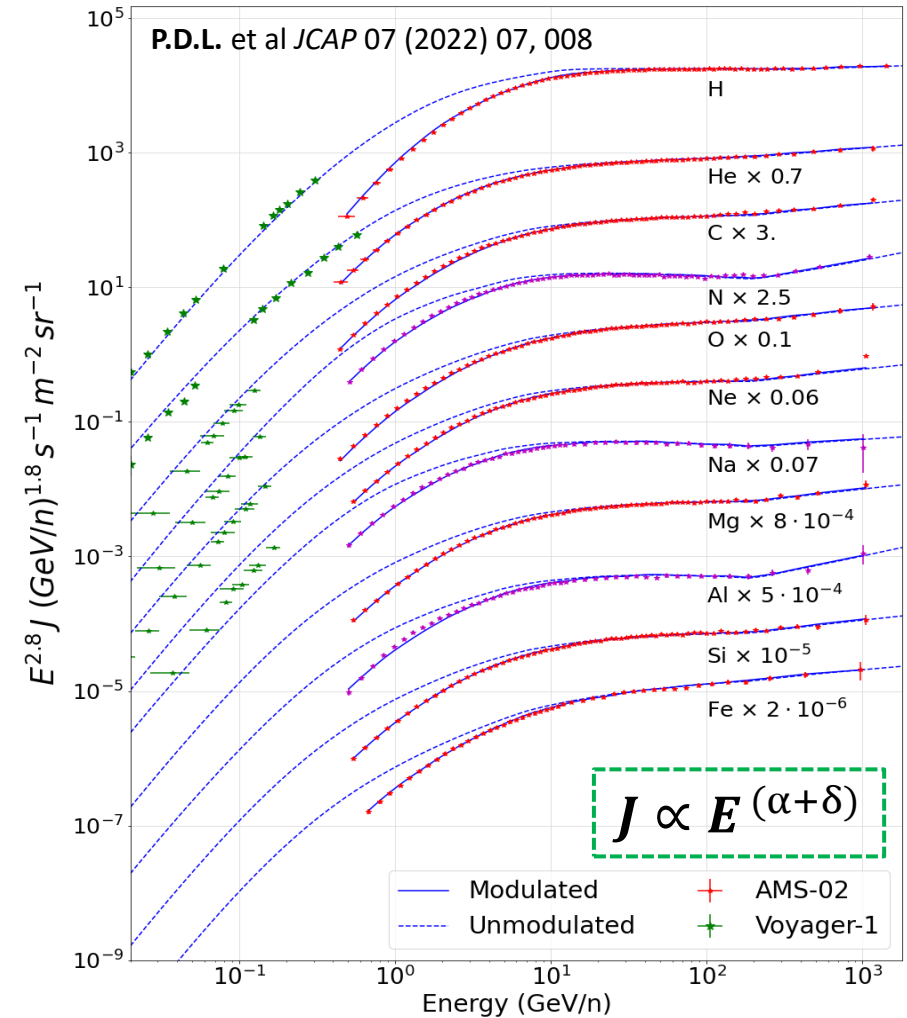
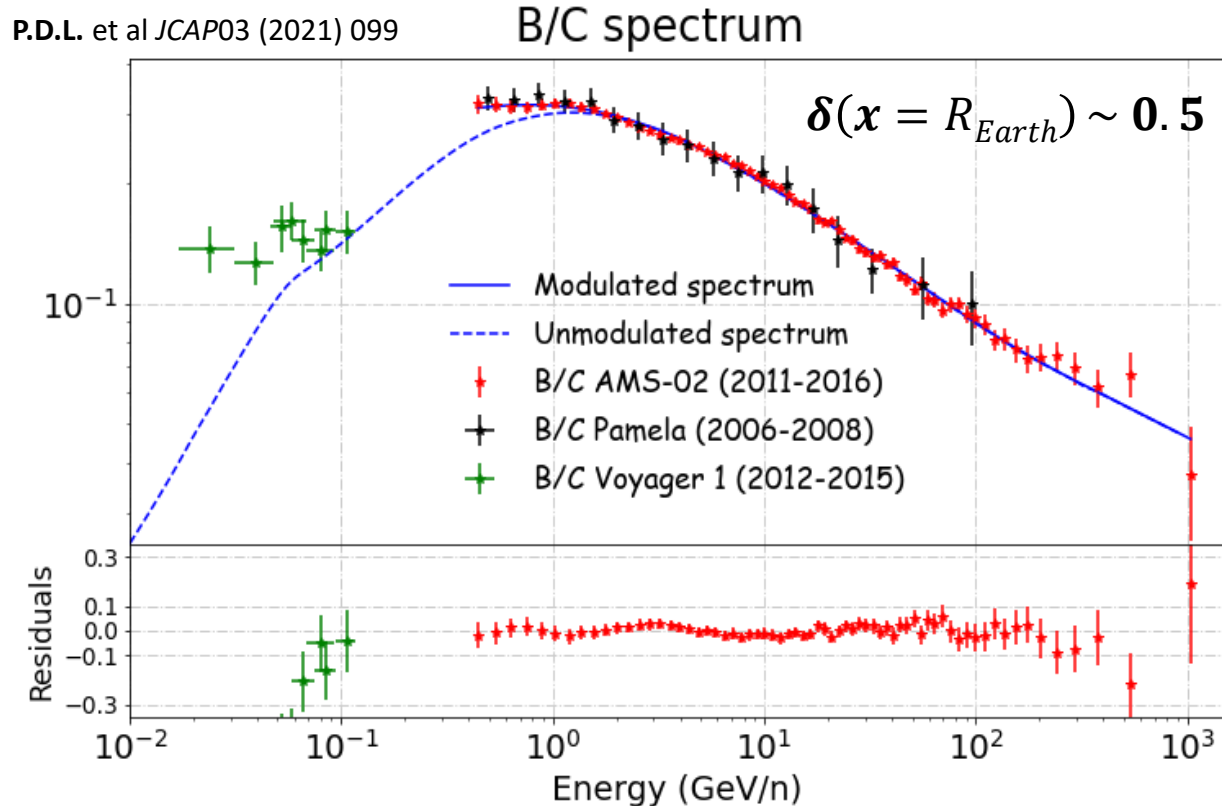
**Hadronic (and Bremss.) emission follows the ISM gas distribution**

**IC emission depends on the energy density of the ISRFs**



# Galactic gamma-ray diffuse emission – Local cosmic rays

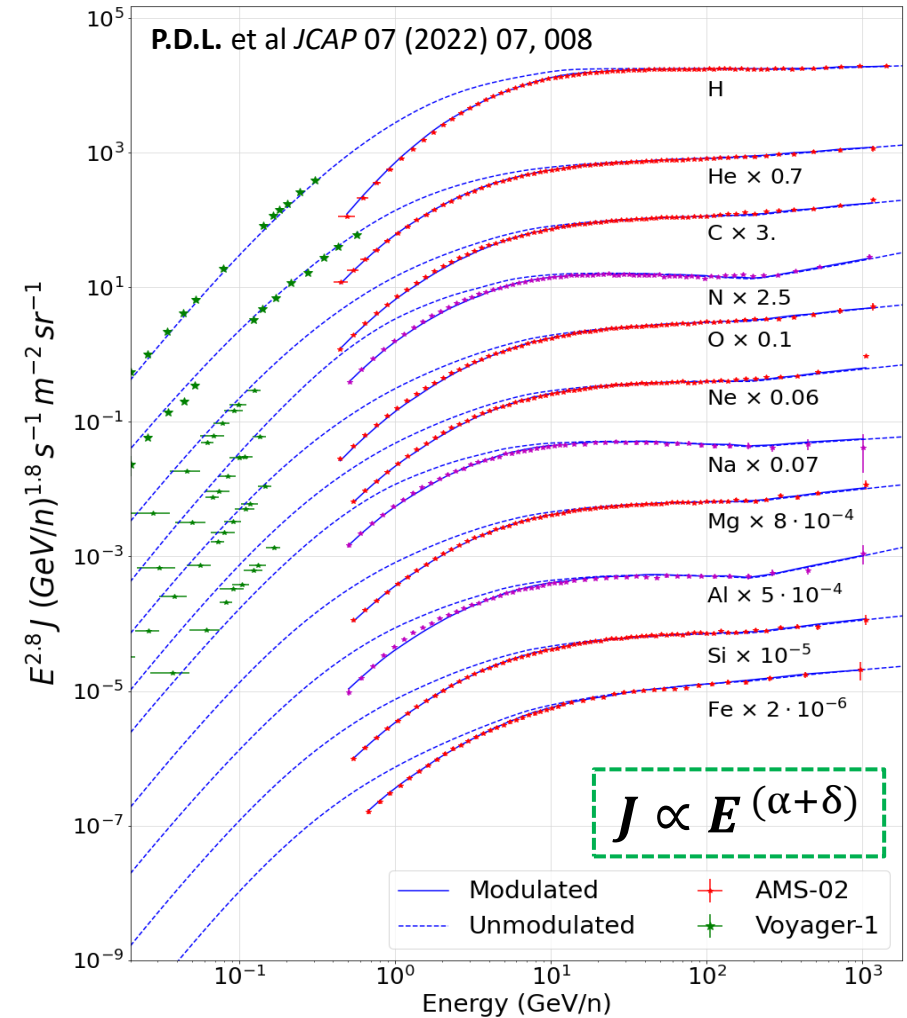
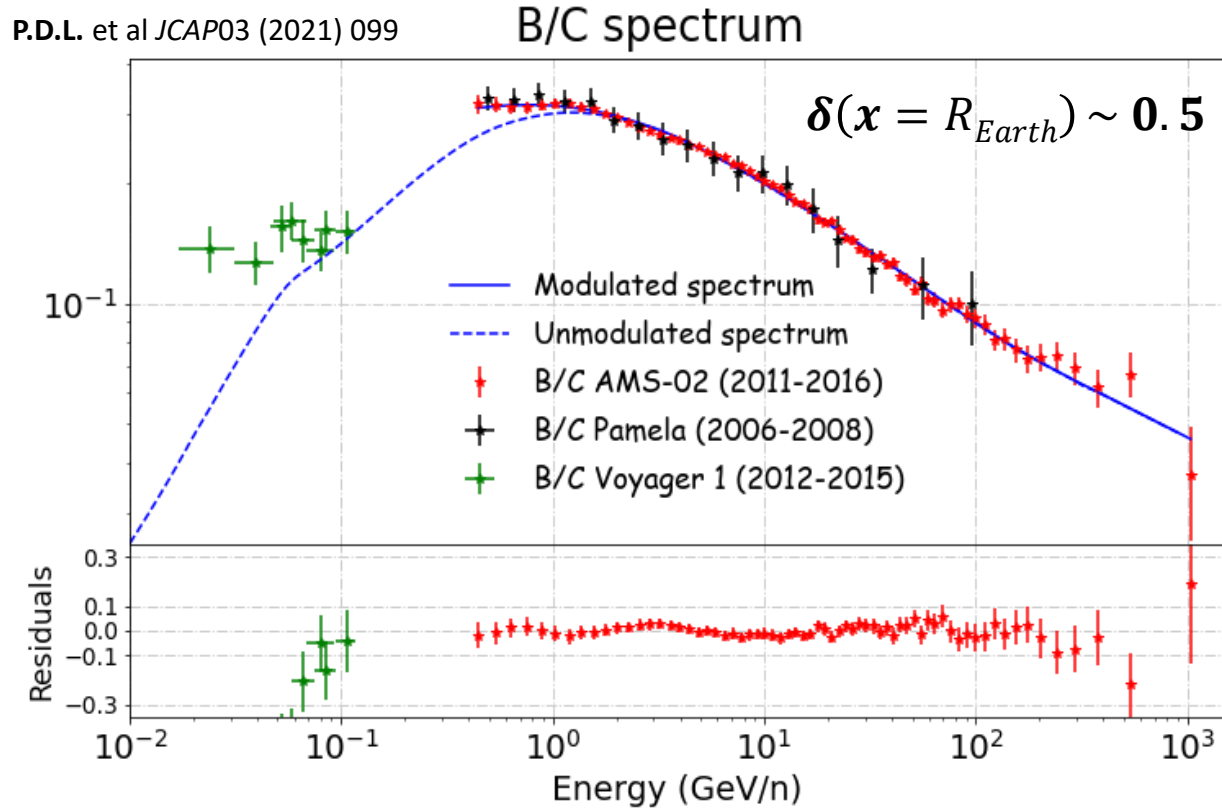
Too limited information on Galactic CR propagation to build theoretical models beyond the Solar System



# Galactic gamma-ray diffuse emission – Local cosmic rays

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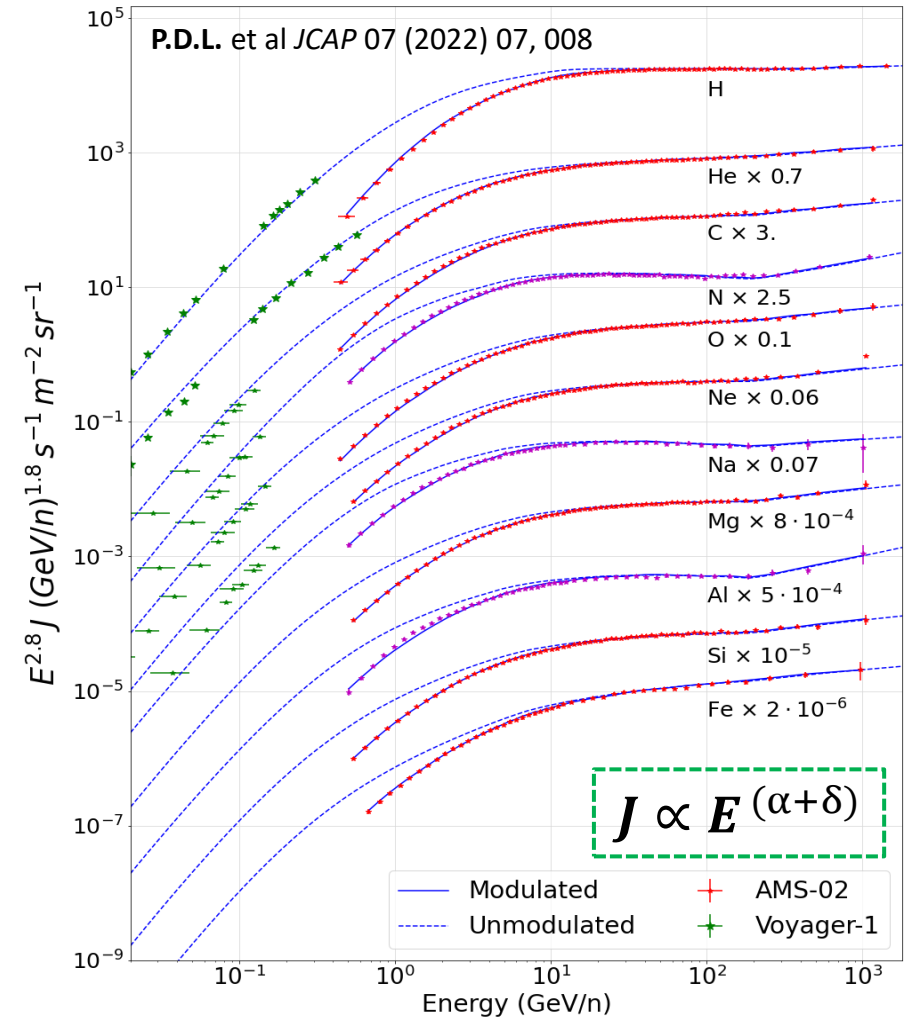
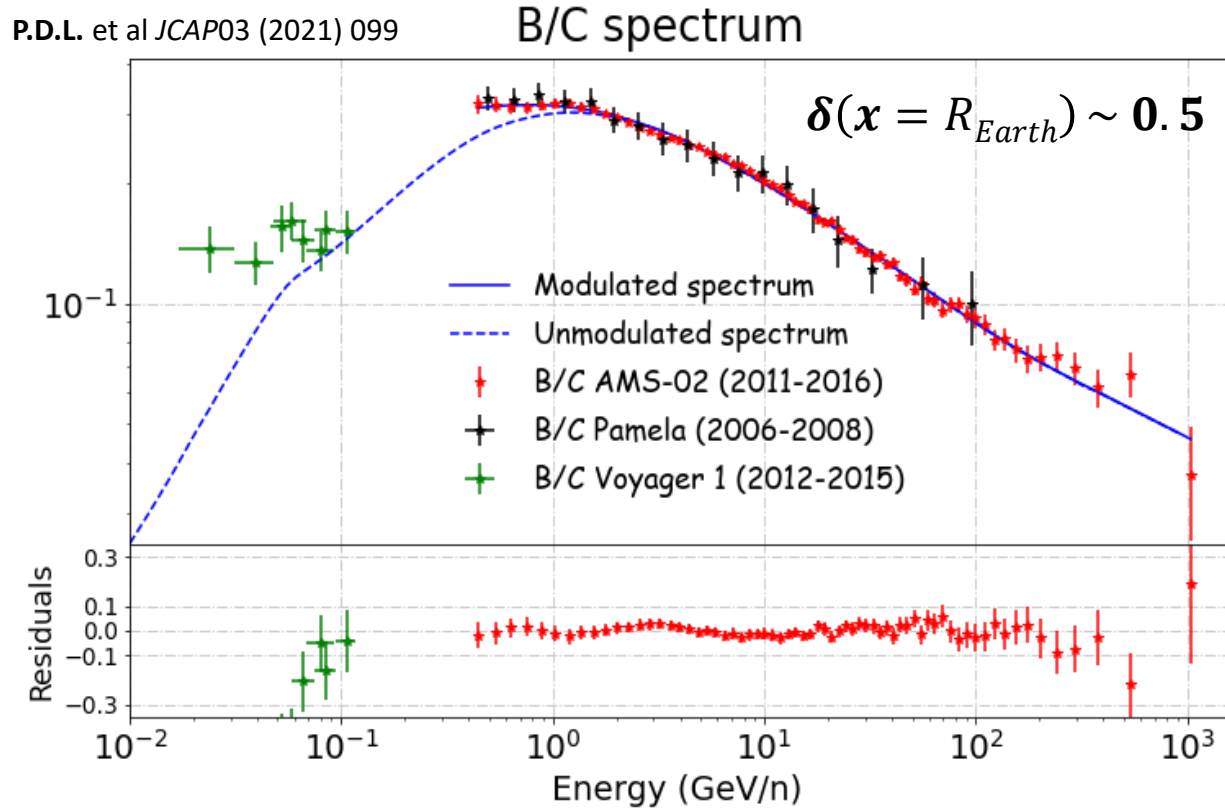
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# Galactic gamma-ray diffuse emission – Hardening towards the centre

## Progressive hardening of the gamma-ray diffuse spectrum towards the centre

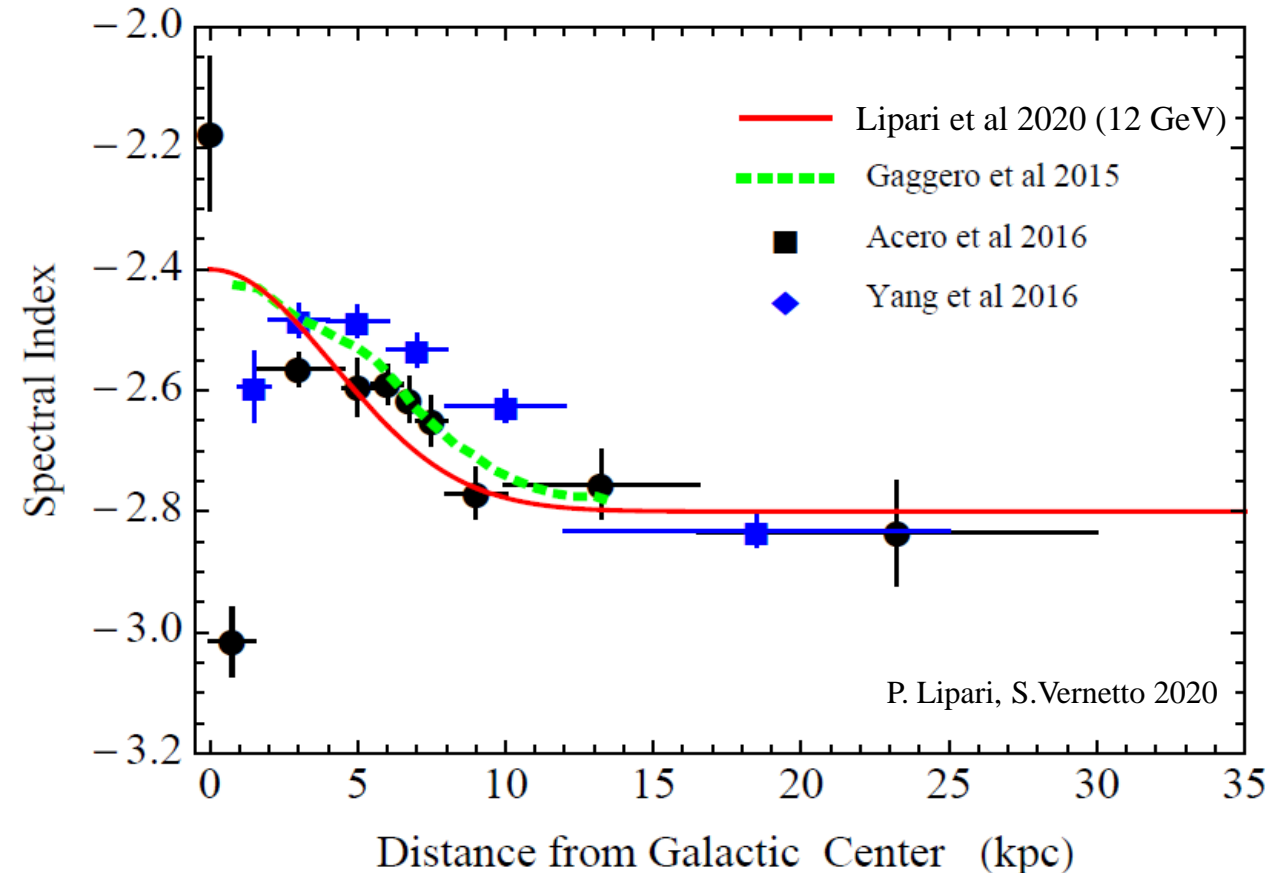
Diffuse gamma-ray spectrum essentially follows the spectrum of CR protons:

Purely diffusive –  $\phi \propto E^{-(\alpha + \delta)}$

Advection dominated –  $\phi \propto E^{-\alpha}$

Transient effects and source injection not isotropic ( $\alpha(r, z)$ )?

The conventional picture of **spatially-constant diffusion** is not able to explain this consistently



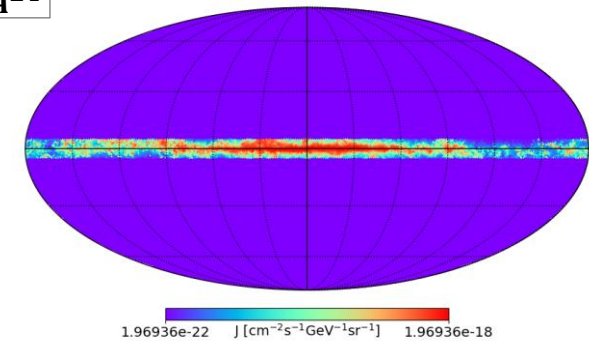
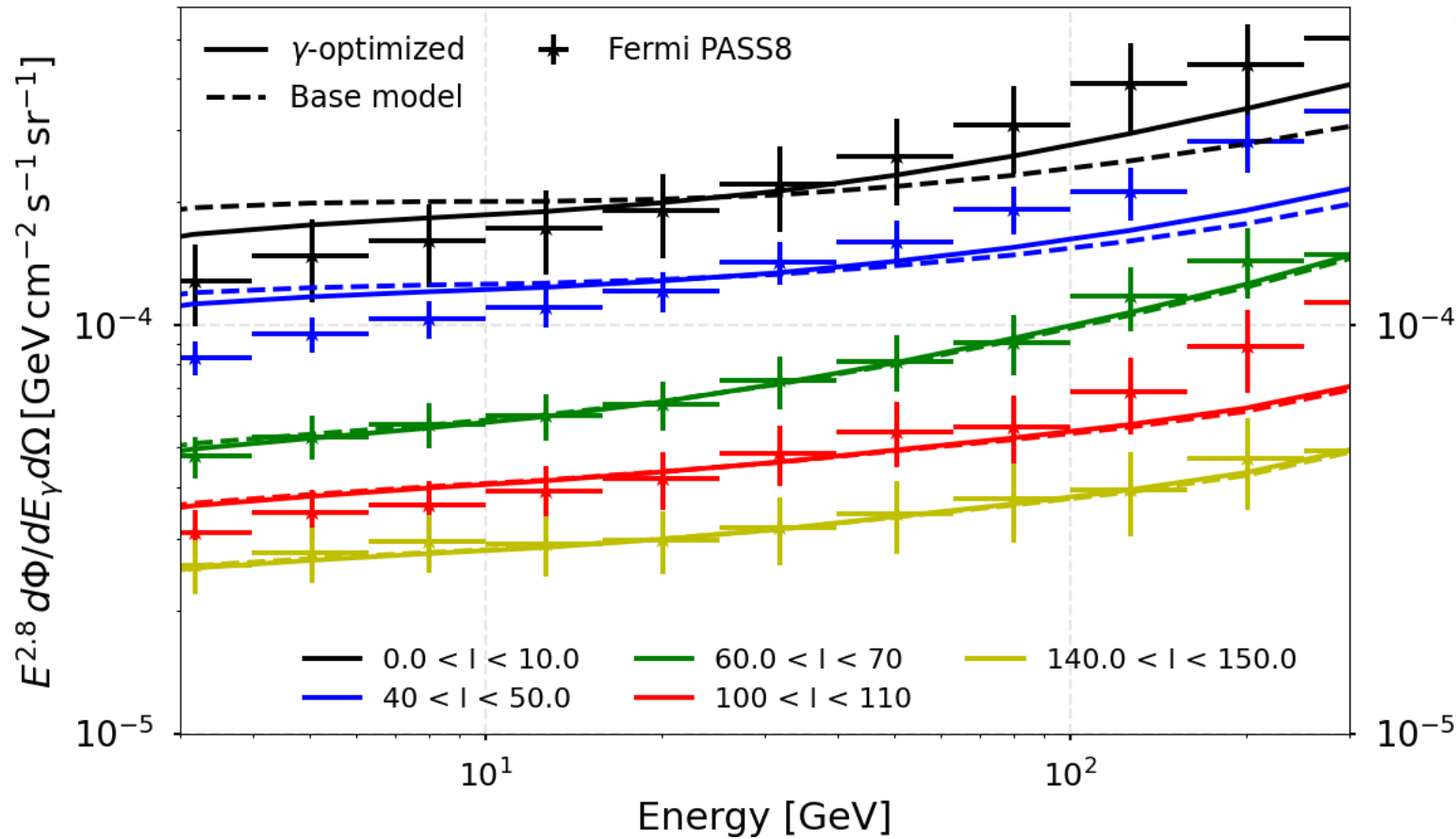
# Inhomogeneous diffusion model

Diffusion coefficient changes towards the Galaxy centre  $D \propto E^{\delta(R)}$

$$\delta(R) = \delta_0 + \delta_A R$$

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$\gamma$ -ray emission - Gal. Plane  $|b| < 5$



**DRAGON2**

$$D = D_0 \beta \left( \frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{\delta(R)}$$



**Base model:** Constant ( $\delta_A = 0$ )  
 **$\gamma$ -optimized model:**  $\delta_A = 0.04$   
 $\delta_0 = 0.17$

# Inhomogeneous diffusion model ( $\delta \rightarrow \delta(R)$ )

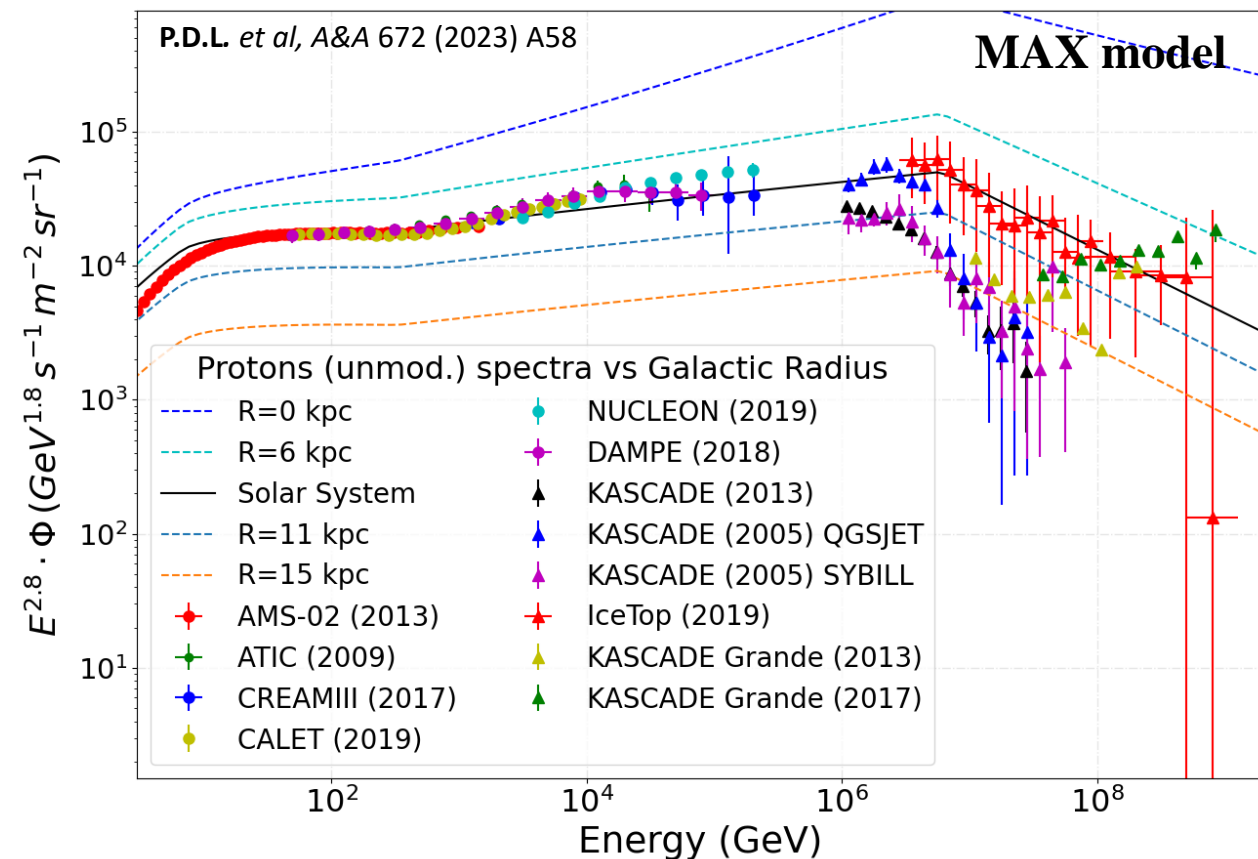
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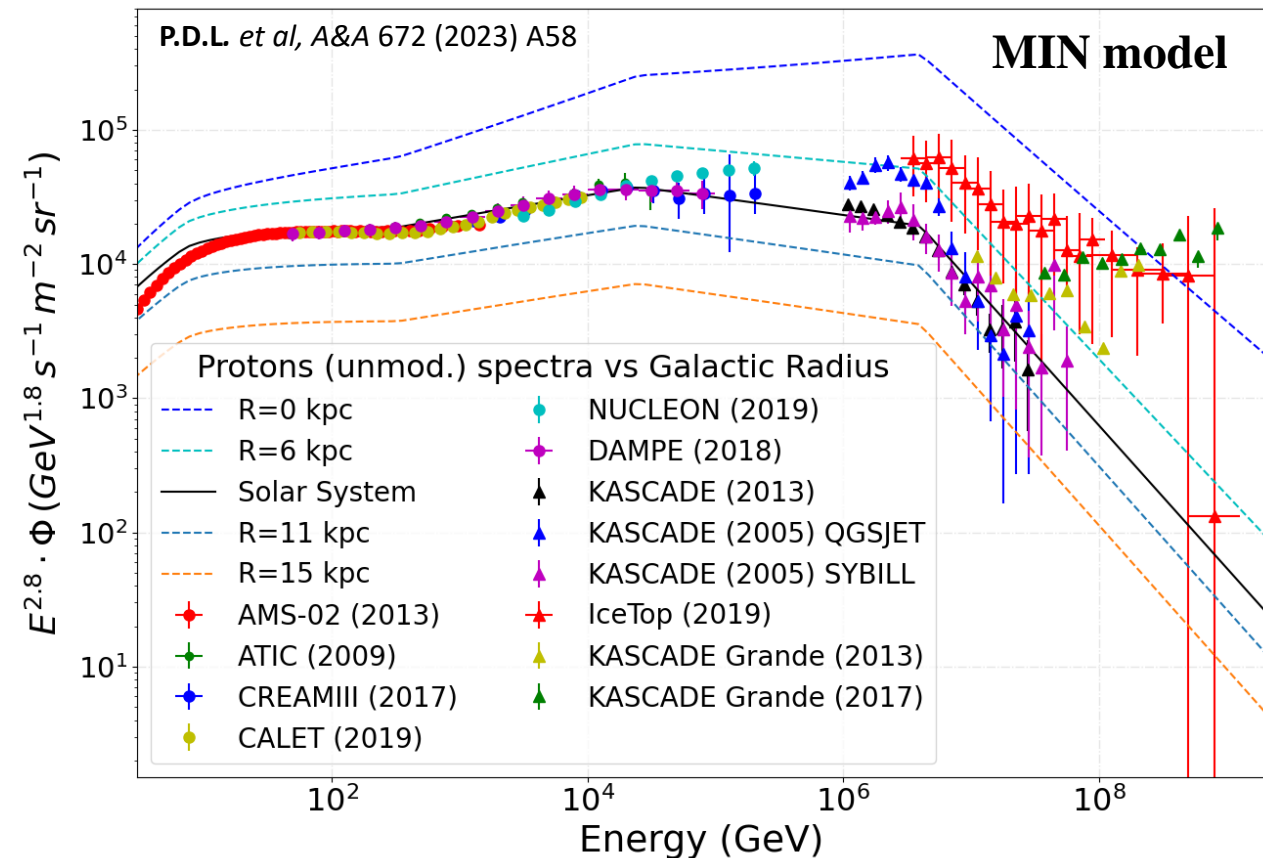
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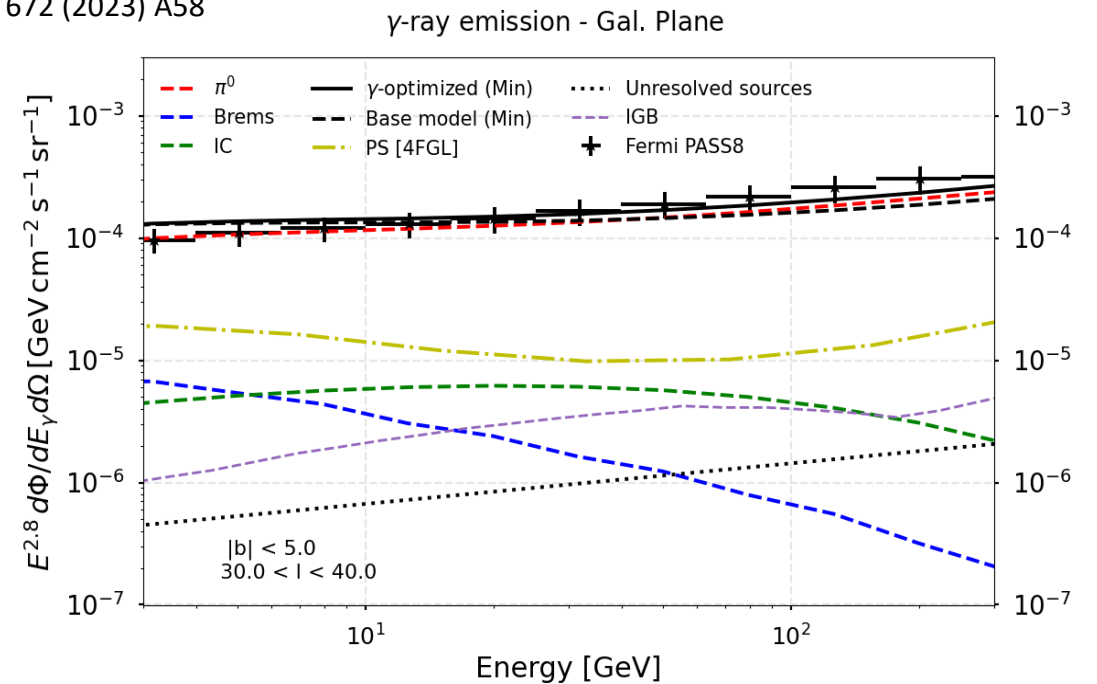
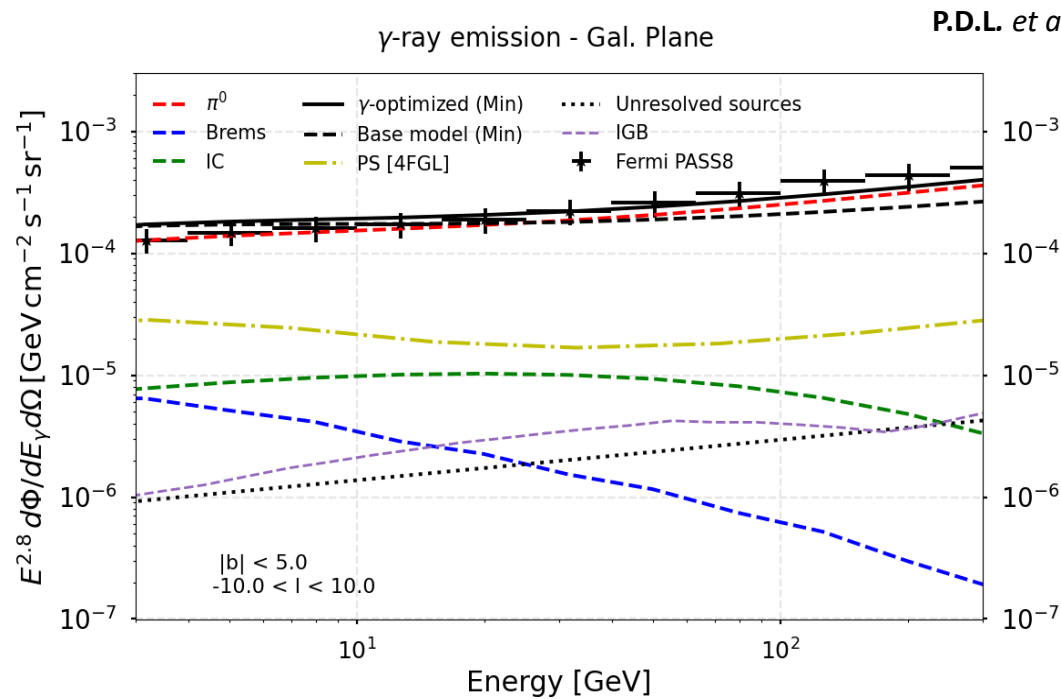
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# Inhomogeneous diffusion model The different components

- The diffuse emission at GeV energies dominate over the emission sources emission (4FGL catalogue)
- Unresolved point sources (UPS) become more important at higher energies ([Steppa+ A&A 643, A137 \(2020\)](#))
- Isotropic gamma-ray background (IGB) contains Extra-galactic plus Fermi's instrumental background

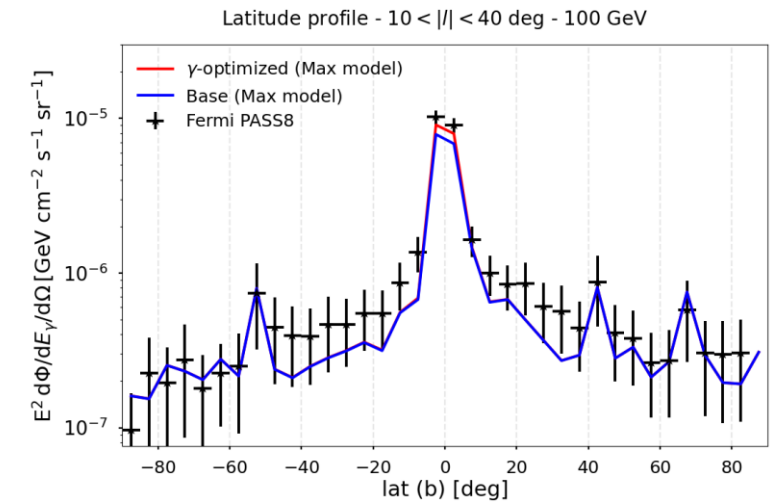
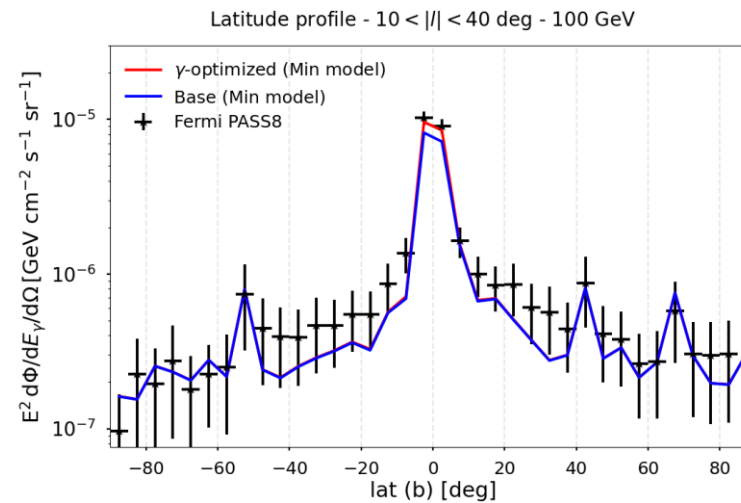
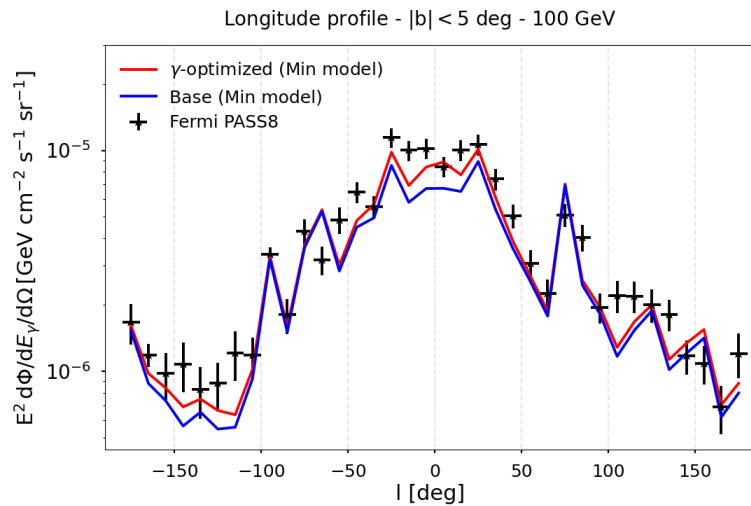
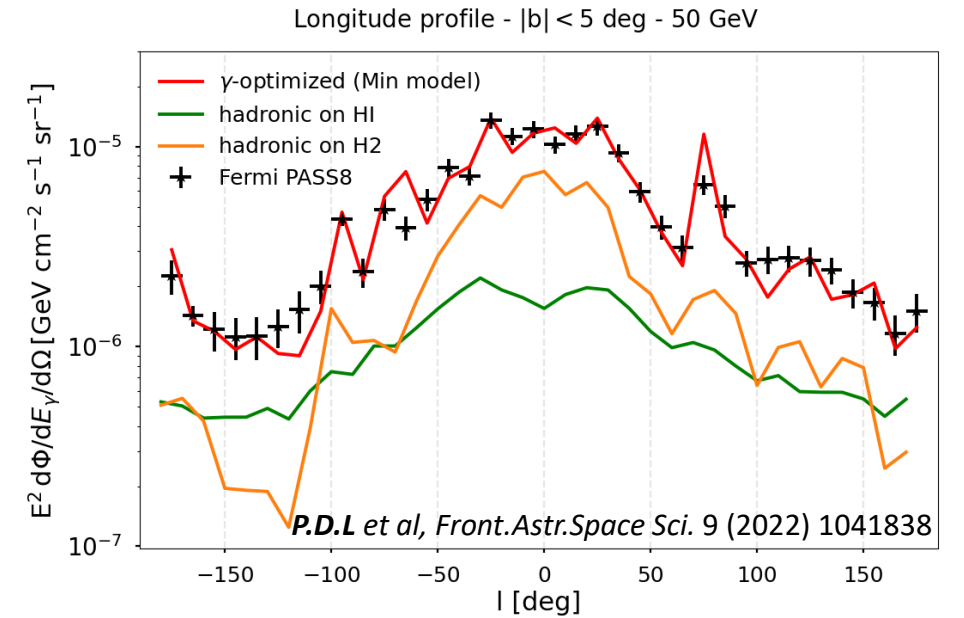


# $\gamma$ -optimized model vs Fermi

ISM gas distribution based on the ring gas model developed by Q. Remy

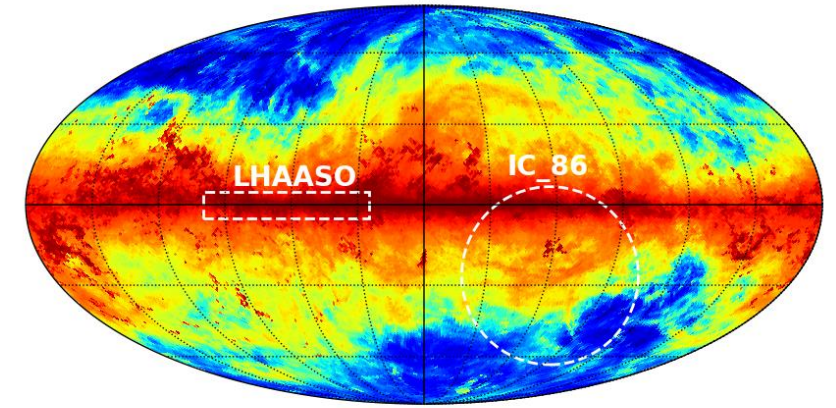
ISRF distribution (CMB + IR + Stellar) from Vernetto&Lipari Phys. Rev. D 94, 063009

XCO factor divided in rings to tune the normalization  
(Different approaches can be used)



# Inhomogeneous diffusion model

The diffuse emission meets TeV data

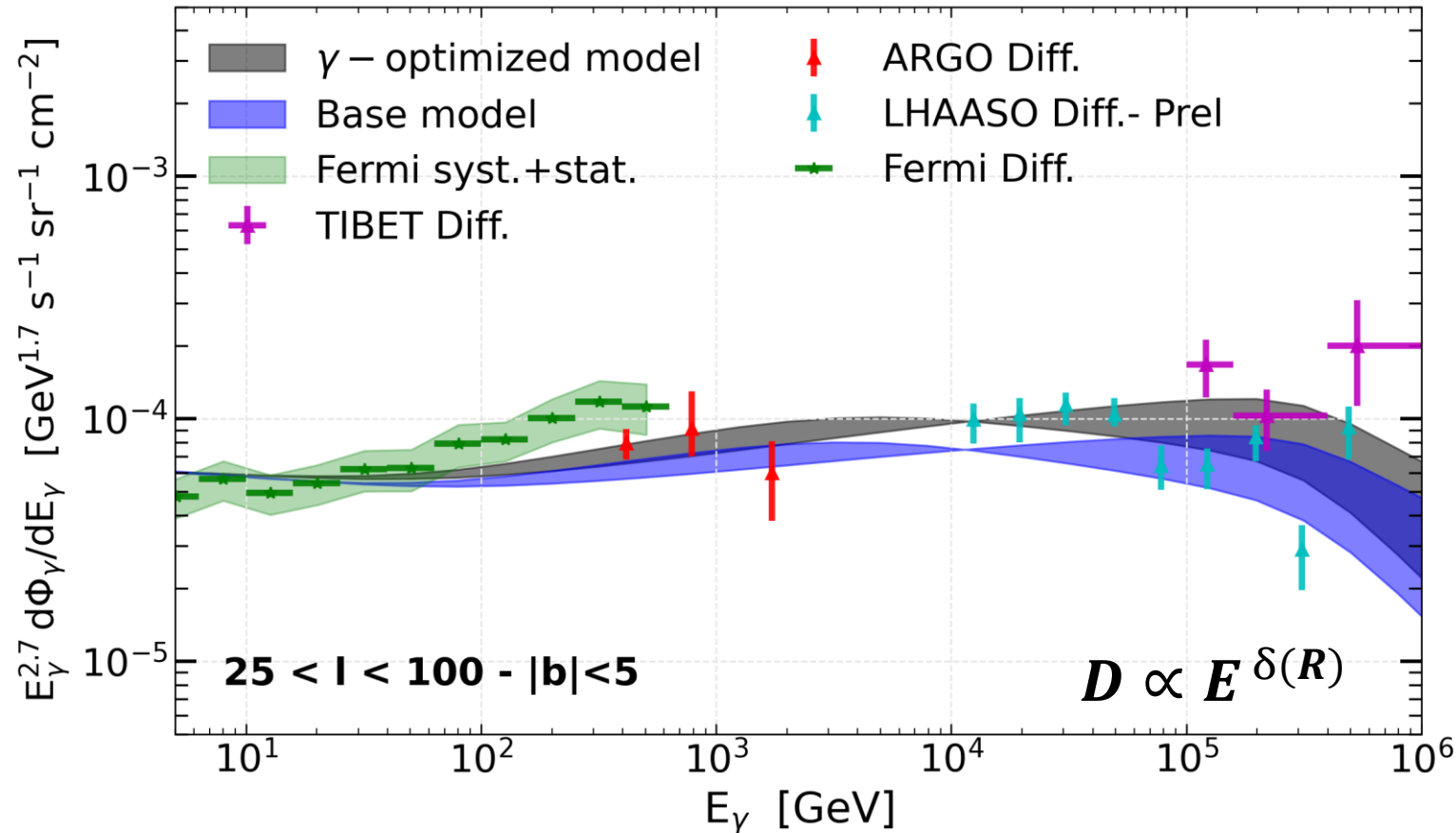


3.24993e-21  $J$  [ $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{GeV}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$ ] 2.86481e-16

The spatially-dependent ( **$\gamma$ -optimized**) models, tuned on Fermi-LAT data are also **favoured by very high energy detectors** like LHAASO

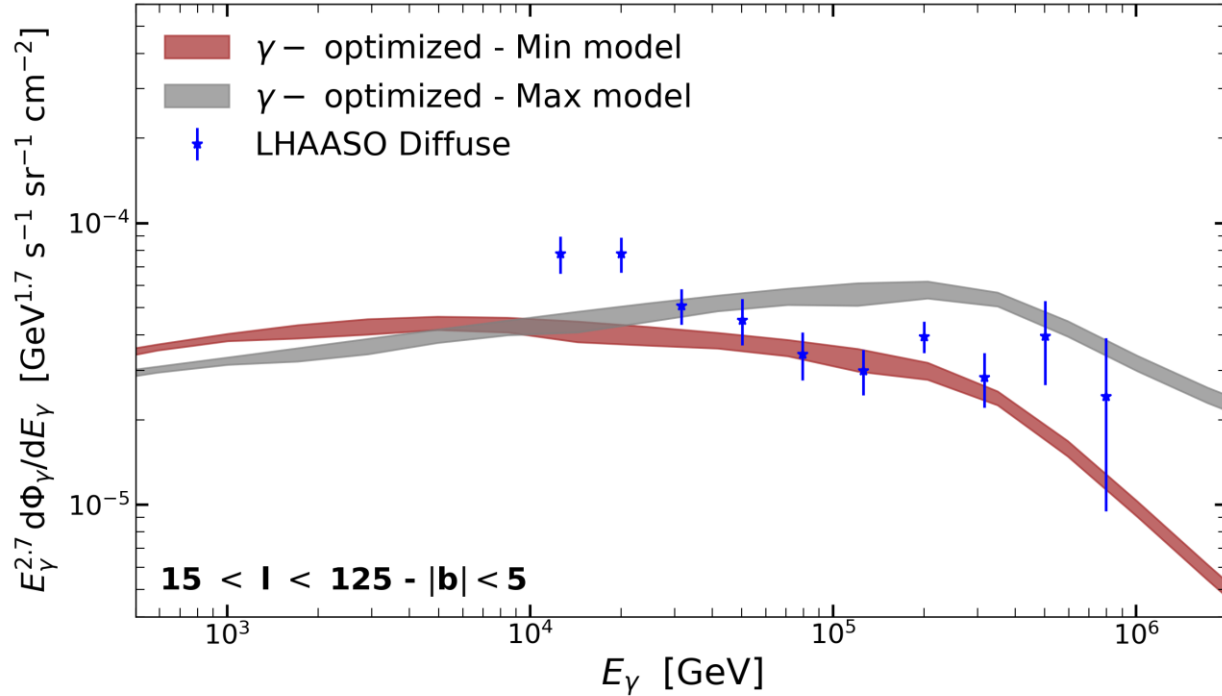
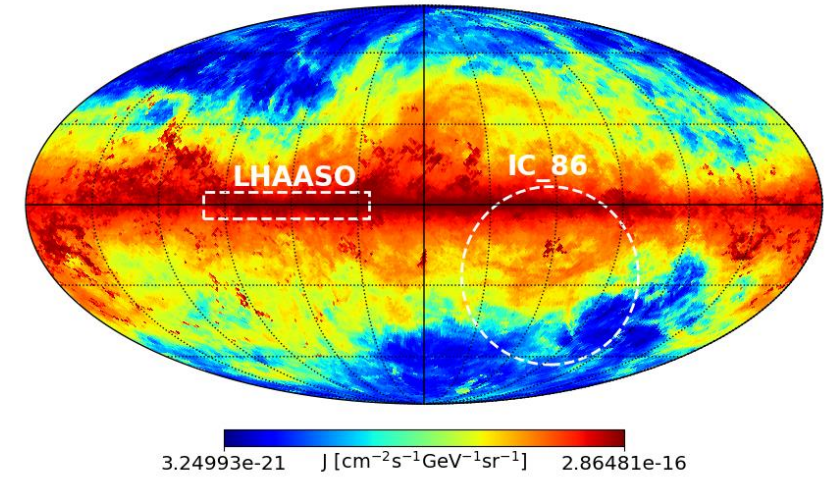
Important implications for future experiments like CTA and for dedicated studies of the Galactic Centre (GeV excess)

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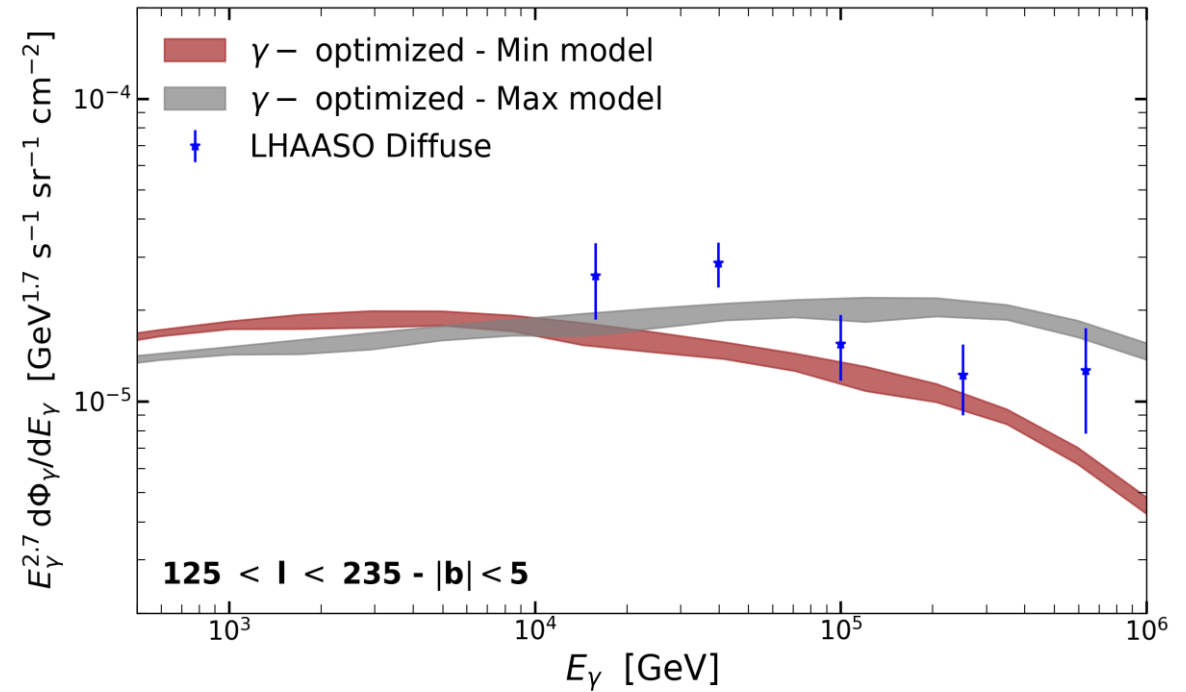


# Inhomogeneous diffusion model

## LHAASO diffuse emission

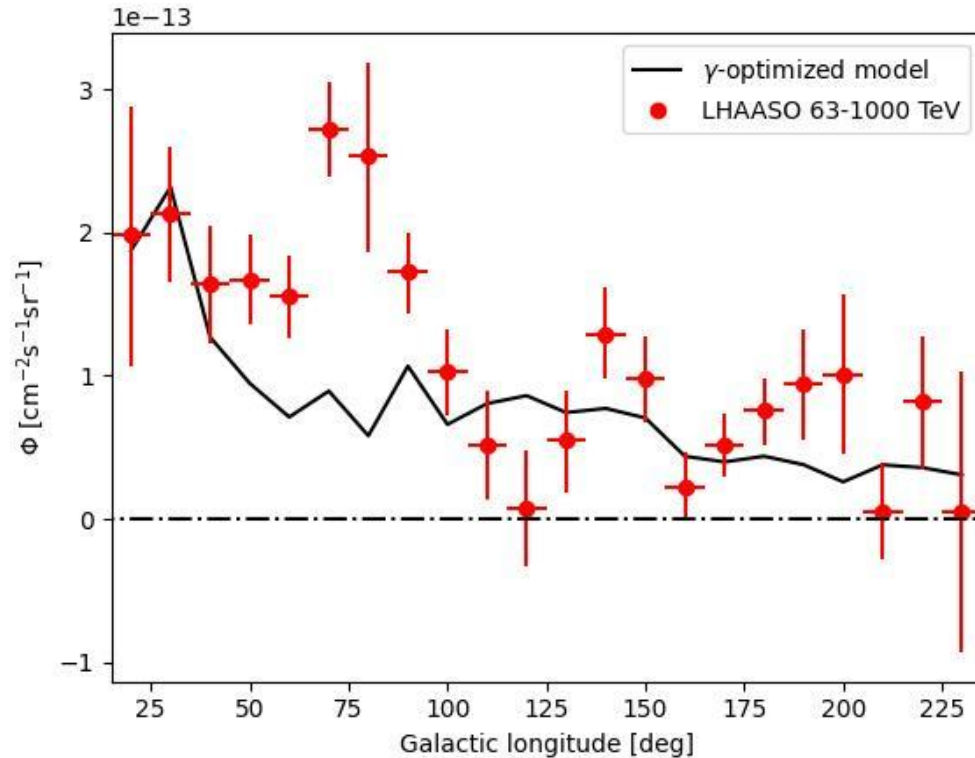
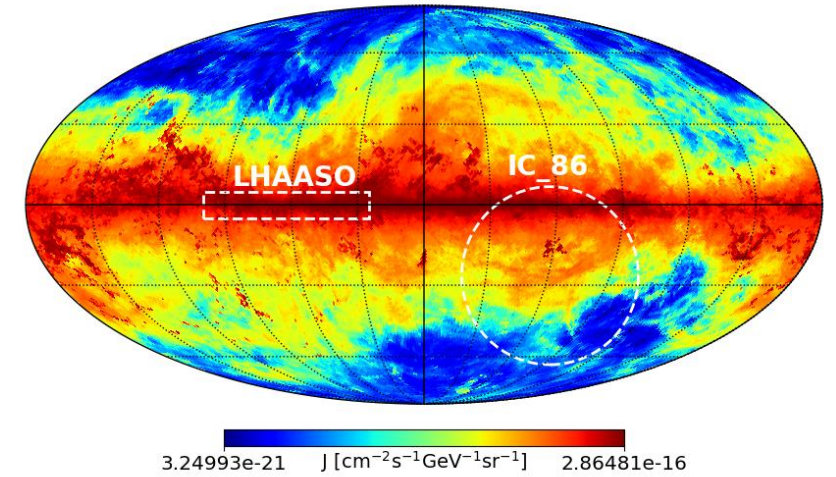


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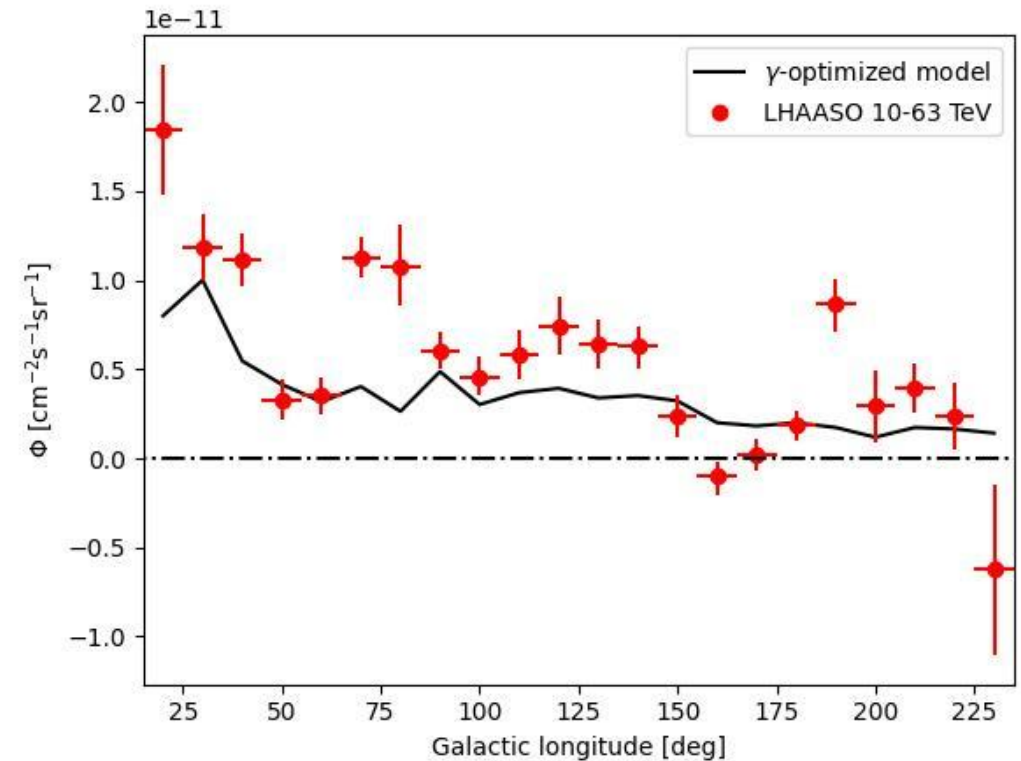


# Inhomogeneous diffusion model

## Longitude profiles vs LHAASO



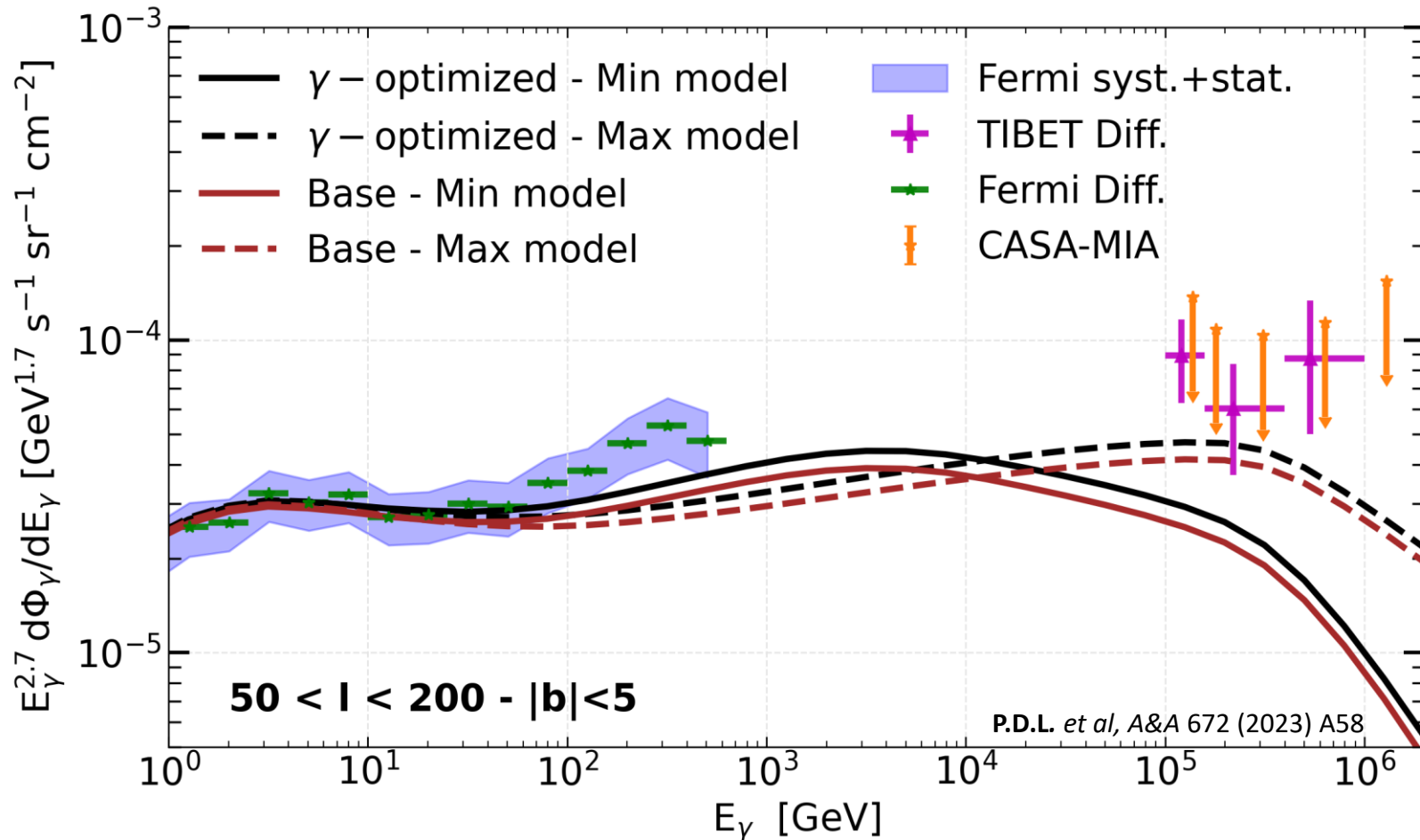
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# Inhomogeneous diffusion model

External Galactic regions

Both models under-produce TIBET data  $\rightarrow$  **Region very affected by the emission of unresolved sources!**  
(dependent on the experiment)



The effect of the inhomogeneous transport in such externals regions is small, therefore, **more data at these ROIs can help solving the degeneracy between emission from unresolved sources and the truly diffuse emission**

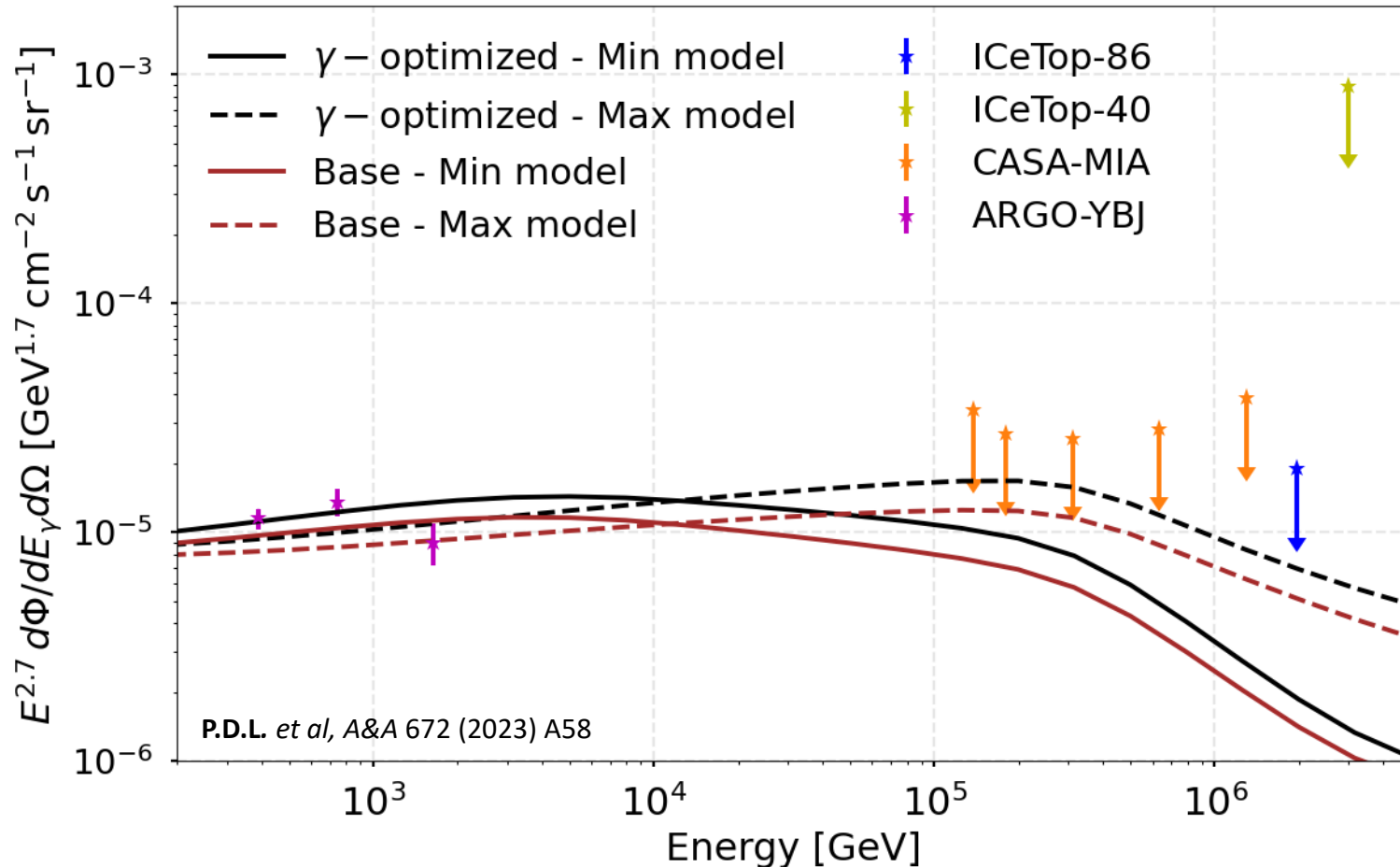
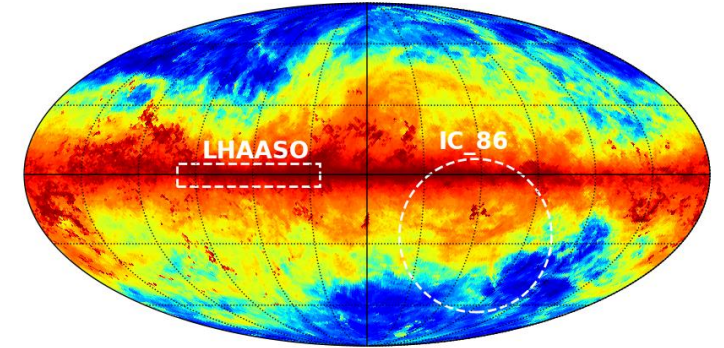
See also:

Vecchiotti et al  
*ArXiv:2107.14584*

Linden and Buckman *PRL*  
120, 121101 (2018)

# Inhomogeneous diffusion model

## External Galactic regions



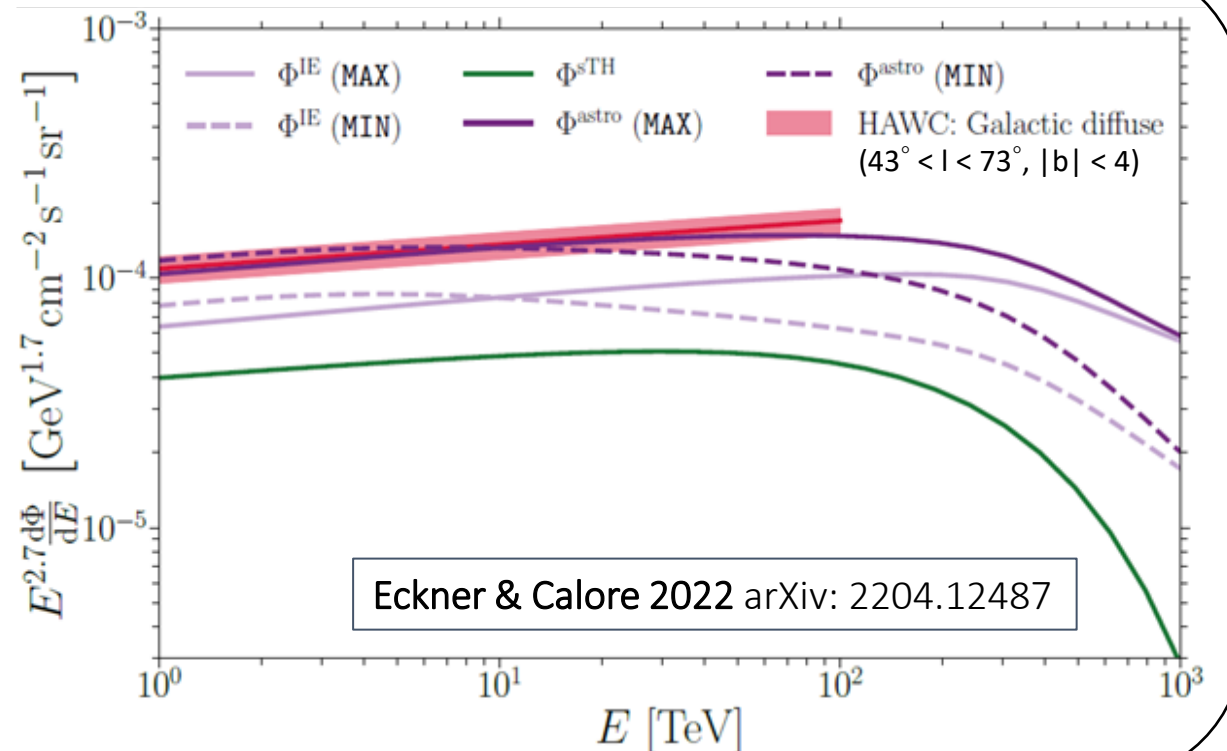
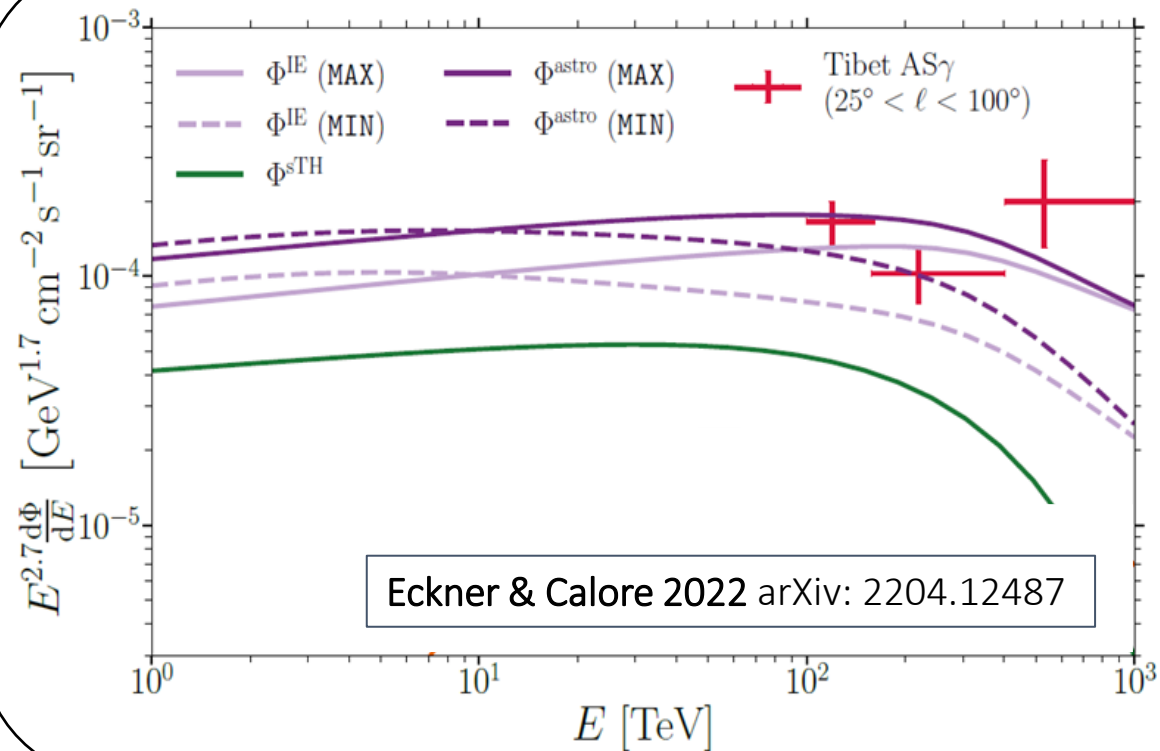
Within the **region of sensitivity of IceTop** there is little difference between models conventional diffusion and the gamma-optimized models

**Observations in this region** seem to be **around the corner!** In addition, unresolved sources may play a crucial role here

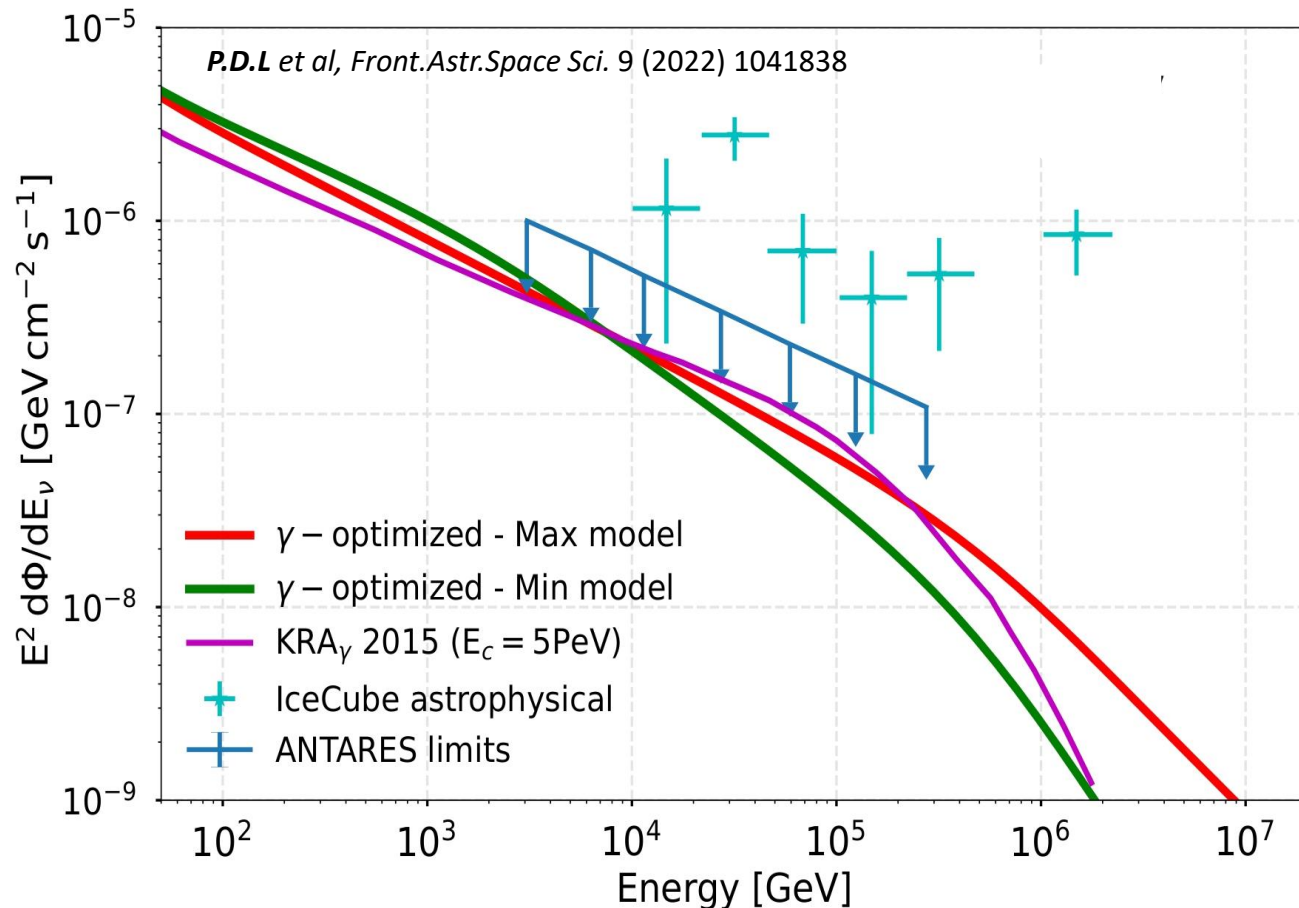


# Total diffuse emission $\rightarrow$ MAX/MIN (truly diffuse) + Unresolved sources contribution

Compatibility with the total diffuse emission from the TeV (HAWC) to the PeV (TIBET)



# Diffuse gamma-ray production: detection of neutrinos as a smoking gun



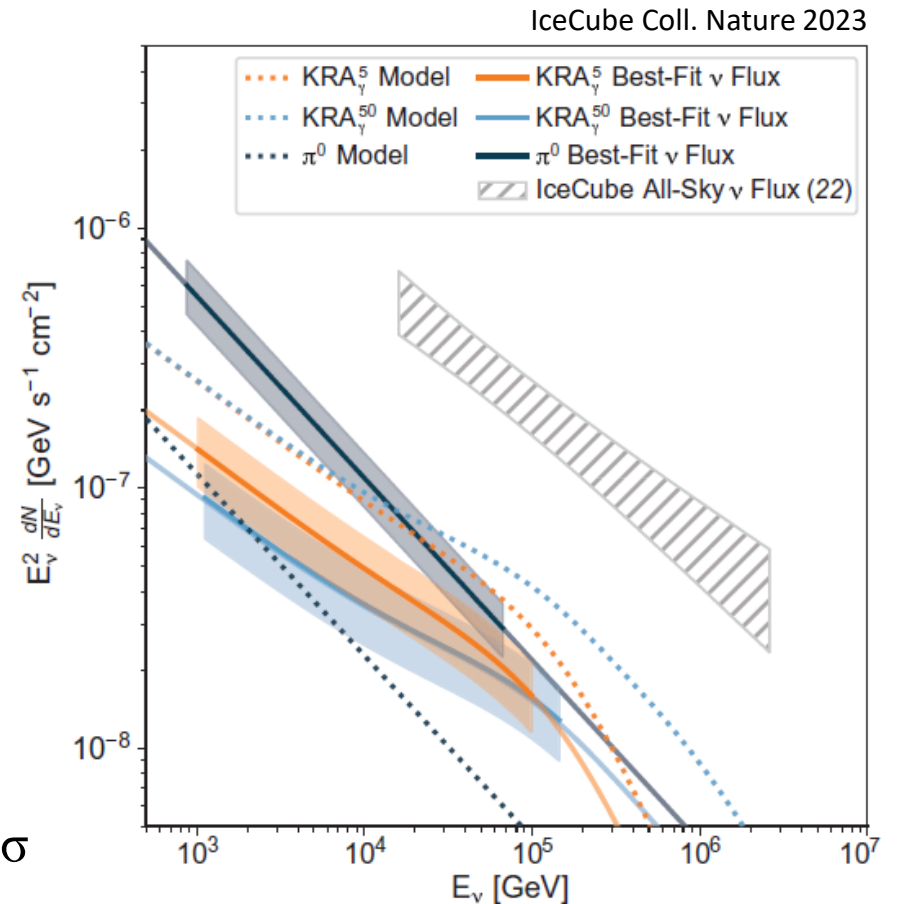
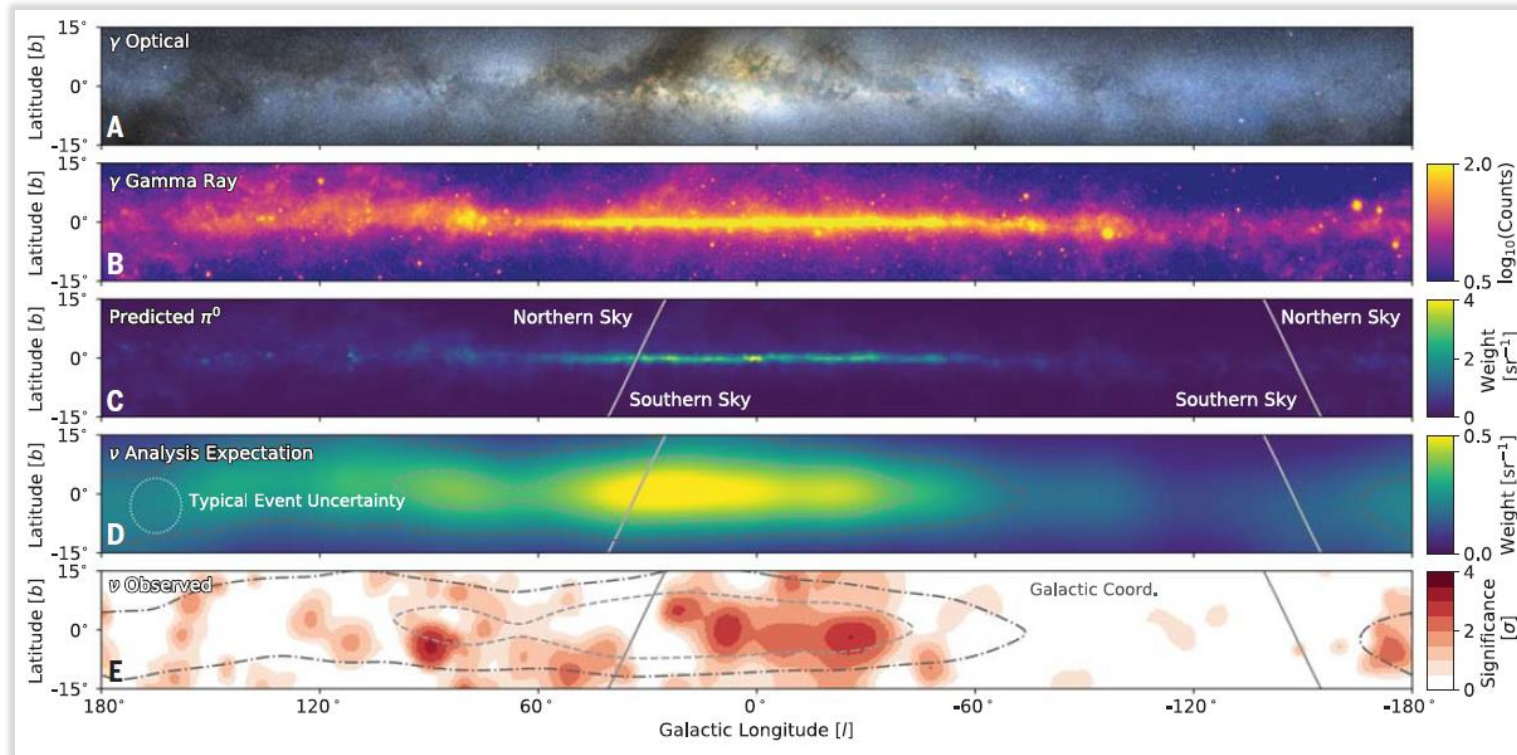
Neutrinos are also generated by CR collisions with ISM. This emission is similar in intensity and spectral shape to the gamma-ray emission

$2\sigma$  hint observed by IceCube (Aartsen, et al. 2019, *Astrop. J.*, 886, 12).

$4.1\sigma$  observed in track-like IceCube events (arXiv: 2208.080423).

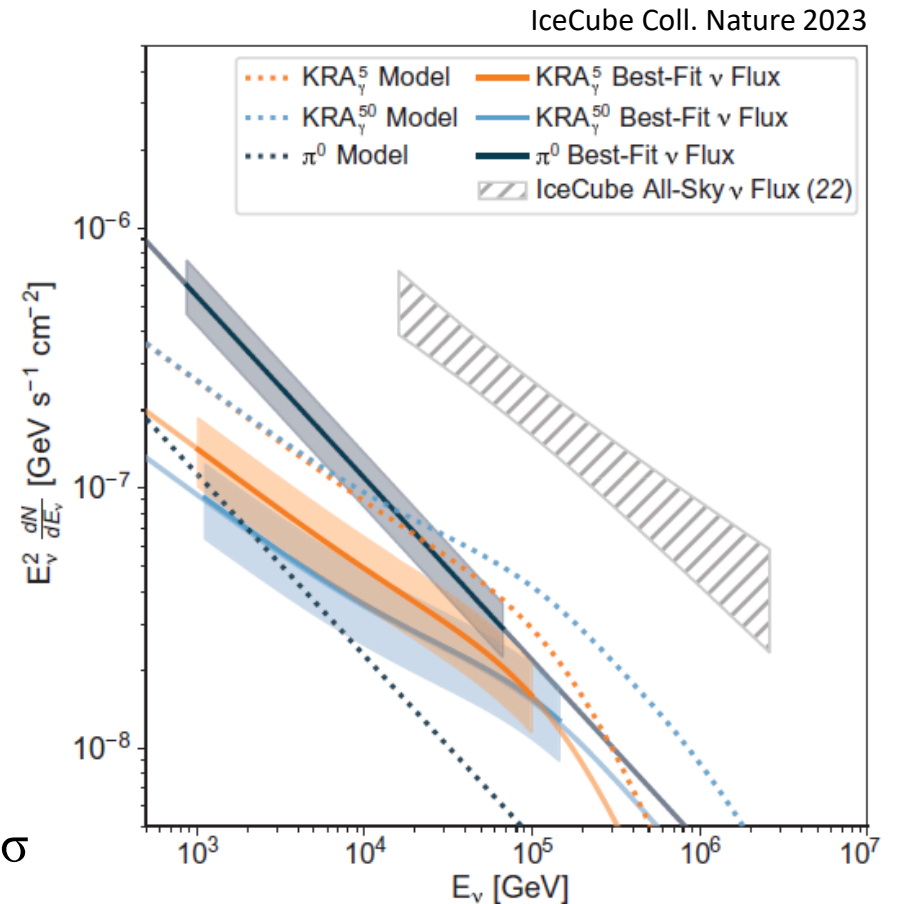
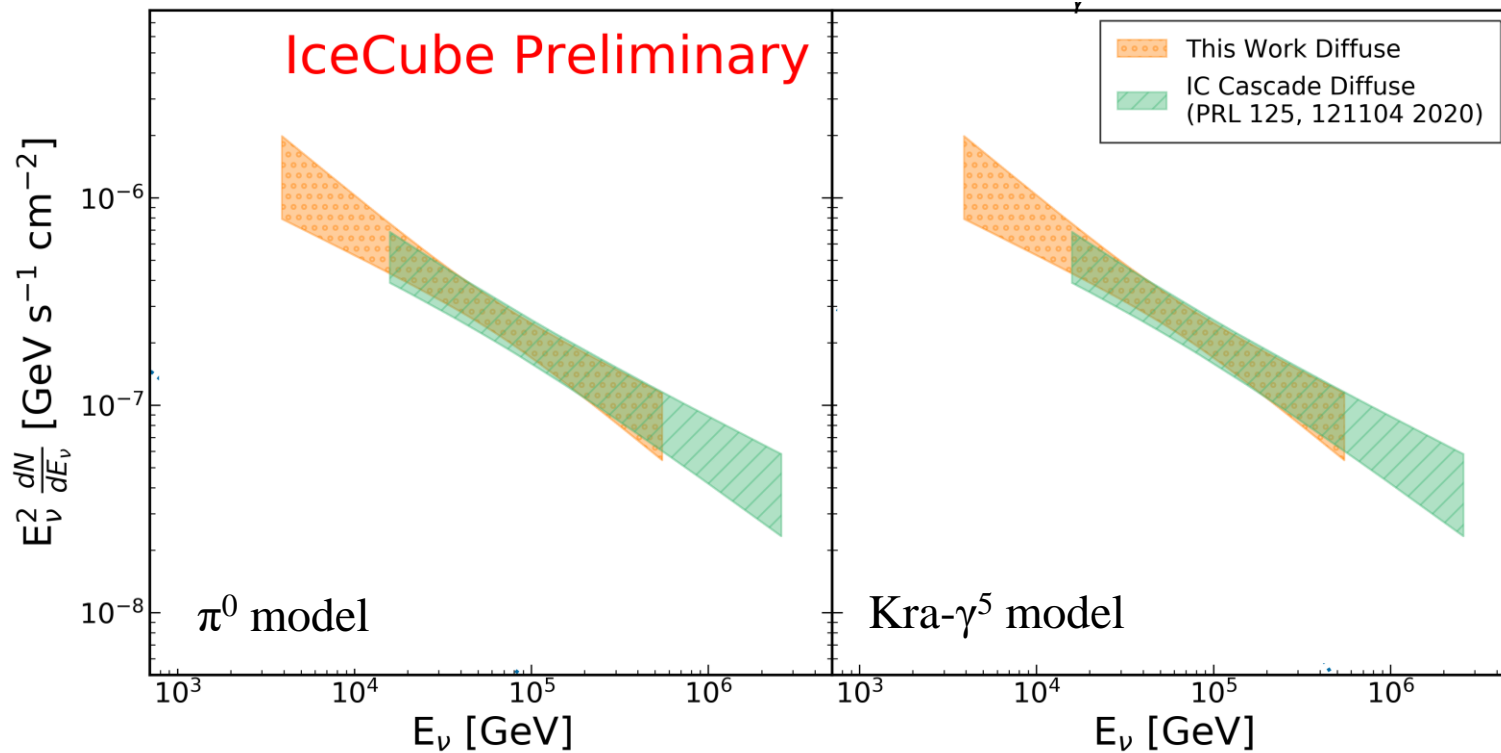
Indication that a Galactic diffuse component (10-20% of the total flux above 200 TeV) is already identified by IceCube.

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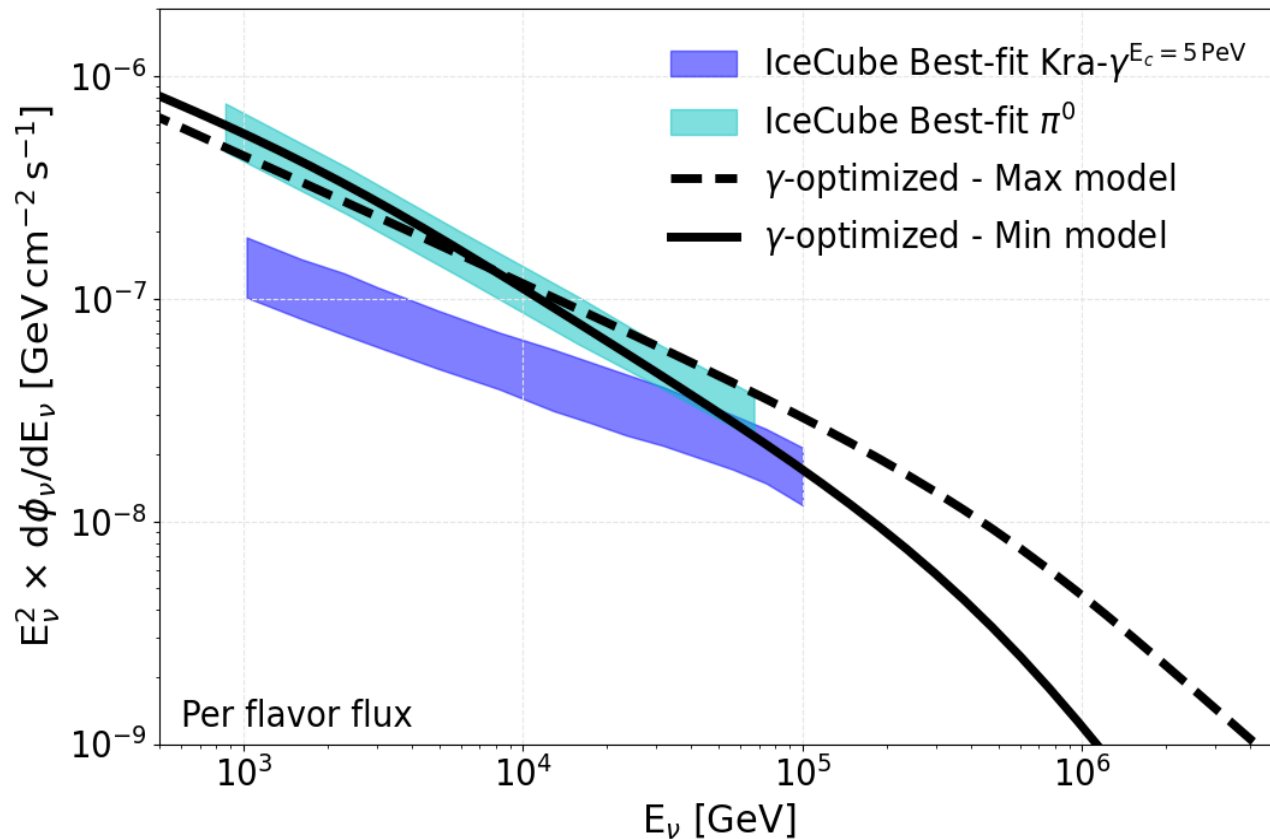
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**This model predicts a neutrino flux in excellent agreement with the best-fit measurements of IceCube**

However, no much room for high-energy neutrino sources  $\rightarrow$  Most PeVatrons observed in  $\gamma$  rays have a leptonic origin

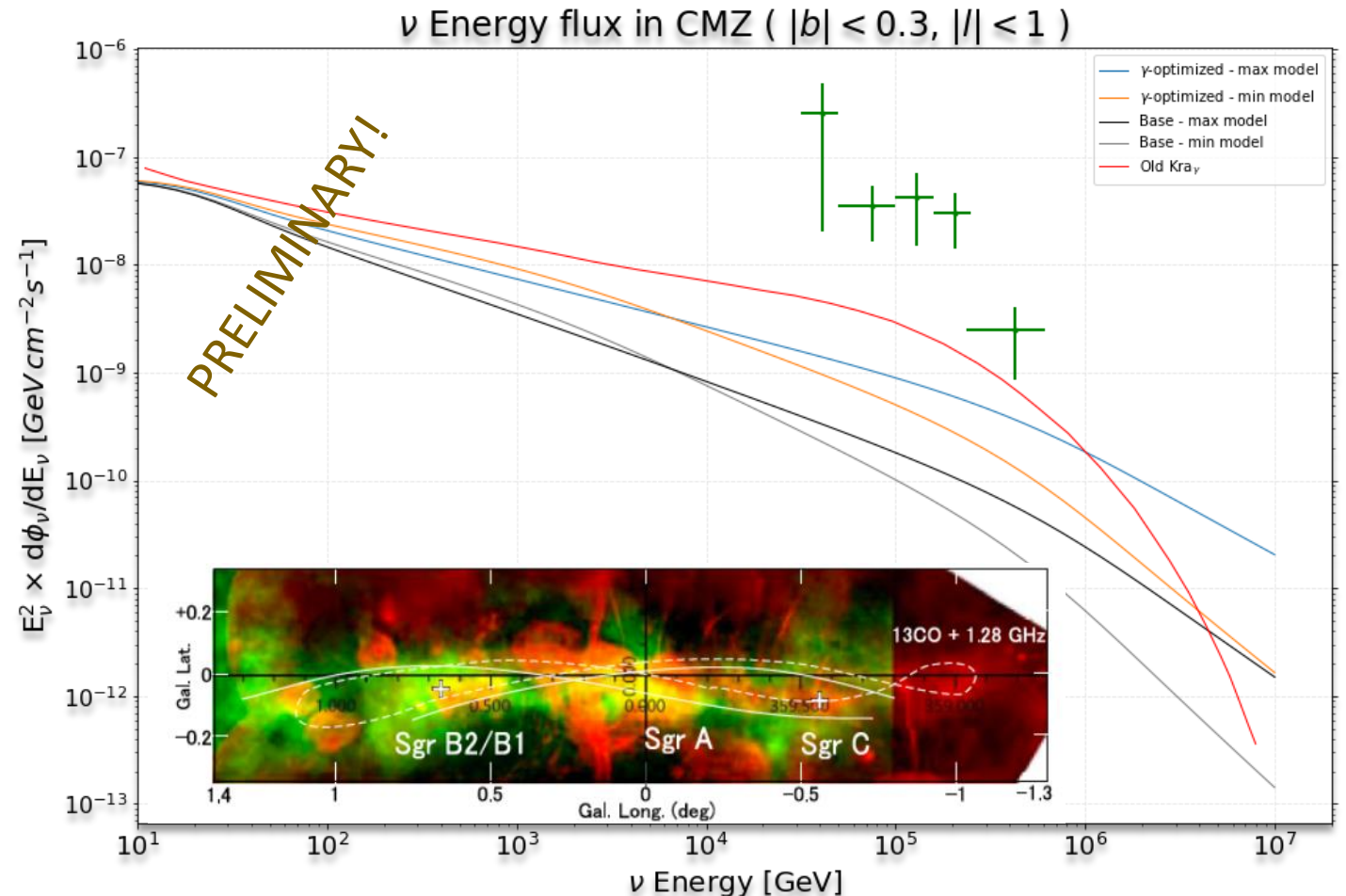
IceCube observation slightly favour the scenario of a Galactic flux correlated with the CR distribution, although uncertainties are enormous

$\gamma$ -optimized model predicts both the observed high-energy neutrino and high-energy  $\gamma$ -ray emissions perfectly

# The CMZ offers a wonderful test!

**The CMZ is the region where more gas is concentrated** and where the spectral assumptions of different models can have very large discrepancy.

Obtained from the last release of track-like events collected by IceCube between 2008 and 2018, through-going tracks, that reach the detector from all directions, as well as track events that start within the instrumented volume



# TO CONCLUDE

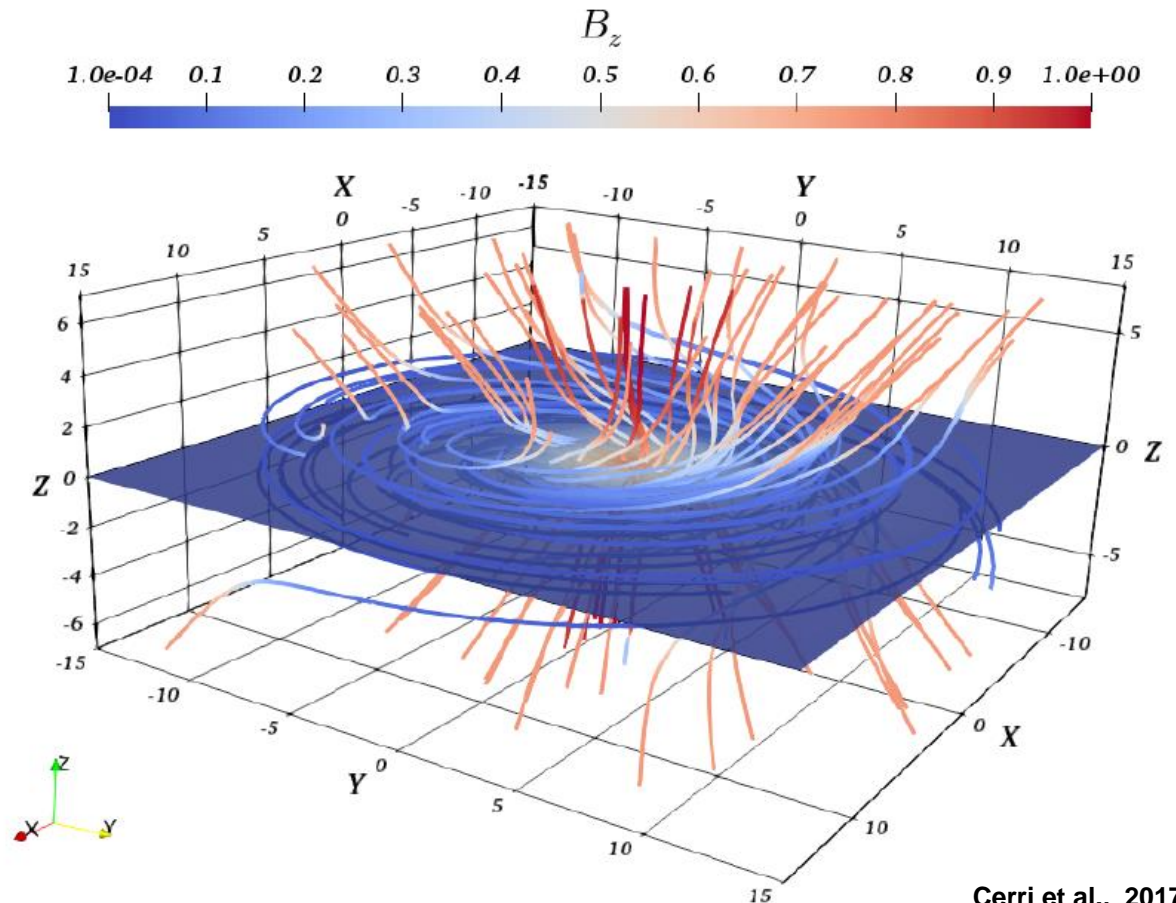
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- **Gamma rays** offer crucial information about the **propagation of cosmic rays** in different zones of the Galaxy, although many ingredients are involved and uncertainties are very high...
- The predictions from the  $\gamma$ -optimized model (modelled from GeV Fermi data) explain perfectly both, LHAASO and IceCube observations
- **Precise predictions (not only fits to data!) of unresolved sources and extended sources** are needed to improve our models

# Inhomogeneous diffusion model ( $\delta \rightarrow \delta(R)$ )

Many reasons to believe that the turbulence is progressively different towards the Galactic centre:

- Magnetic field intensity (and direction)
- Gas distribution (contributing to damping of MHD waves)
- Distribution of sources
- Anisotropy of turbulence cascade
- Non-steady particle distribution?

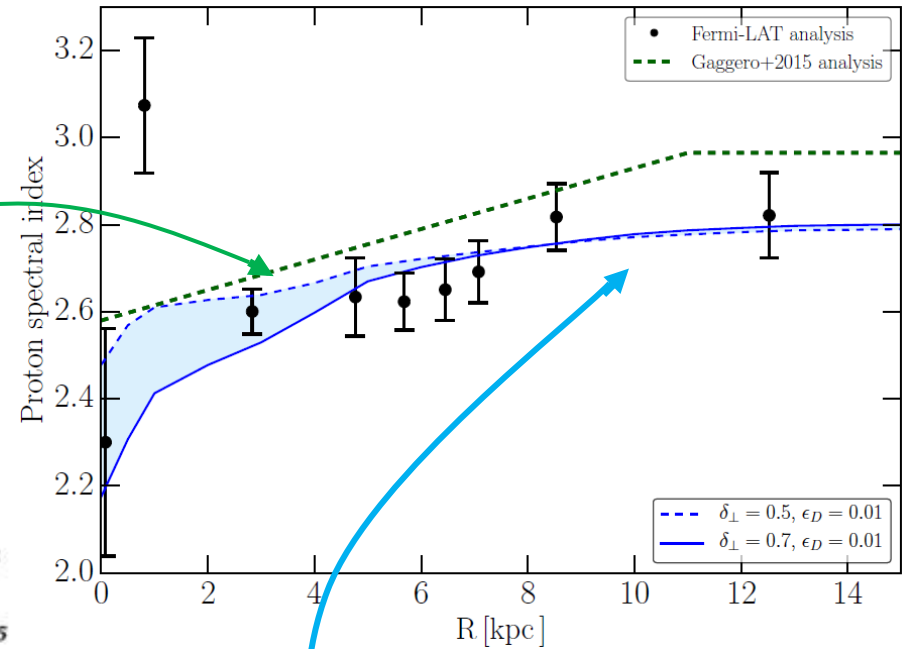
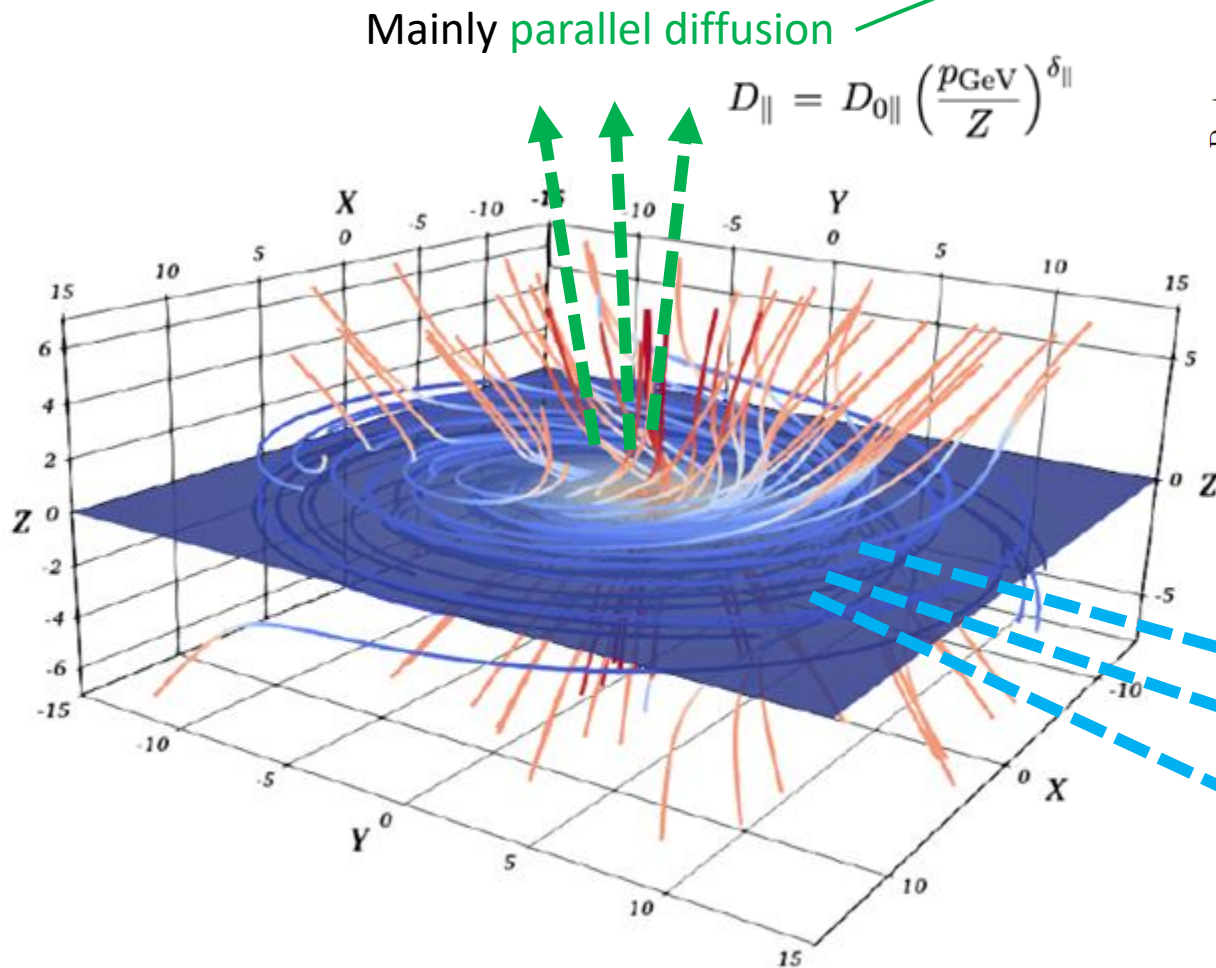


Cerri et al., 2017



# Non-uniform diffusion:

Anisotropic diffusion (Respect to the magnetic field)



Cerri et al JCAP10(2017)019

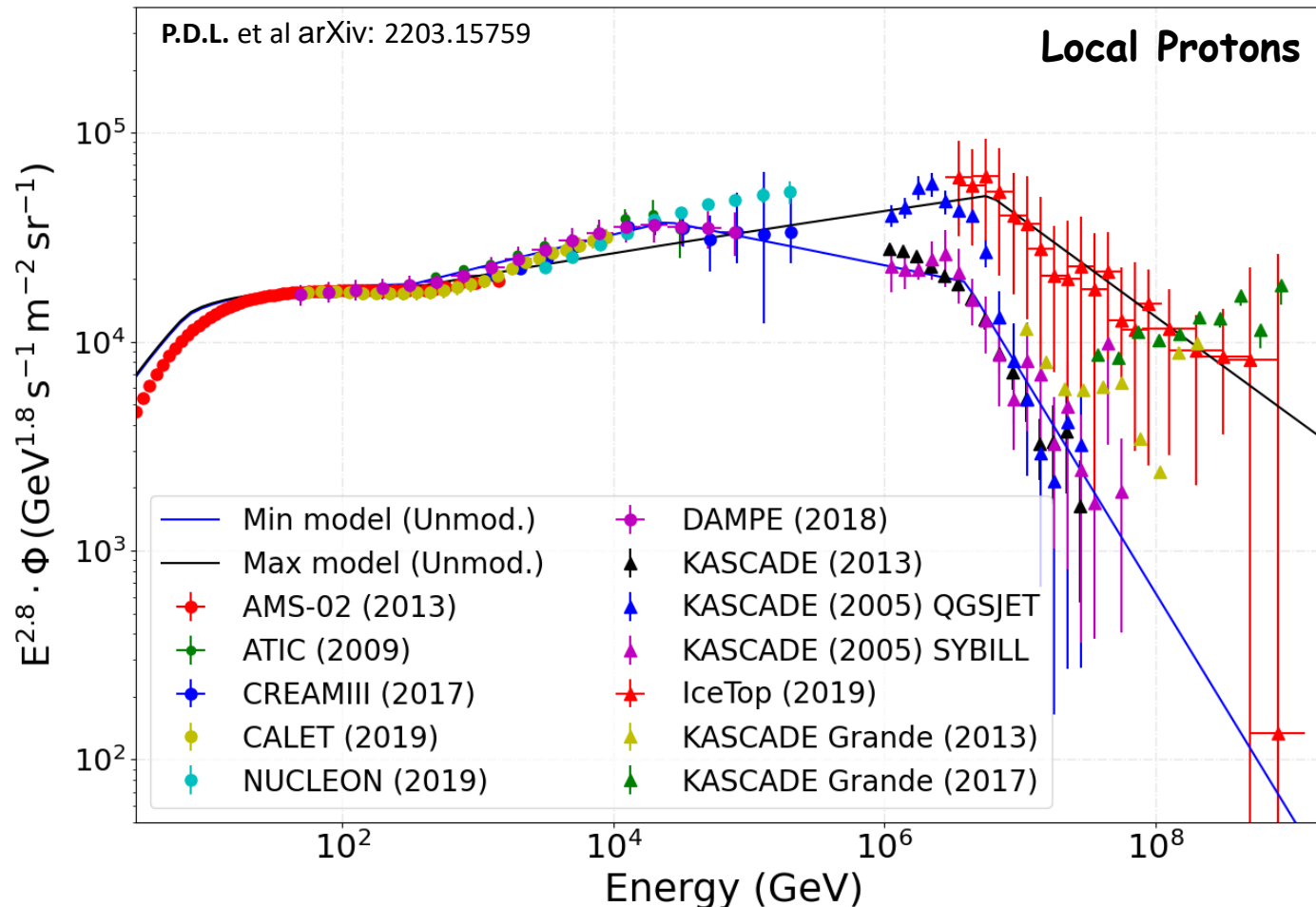
Light version of DRAGON (fully anisotropic):  
<https://github.com/sscerr/DRAGONCELLO>

Mainly perpendicular diffusion

$$D_{\perp} = D_{0\perp} \left( \frac{p\text{GeV}}{Z} \right)^{\delta_{\perp}}$$

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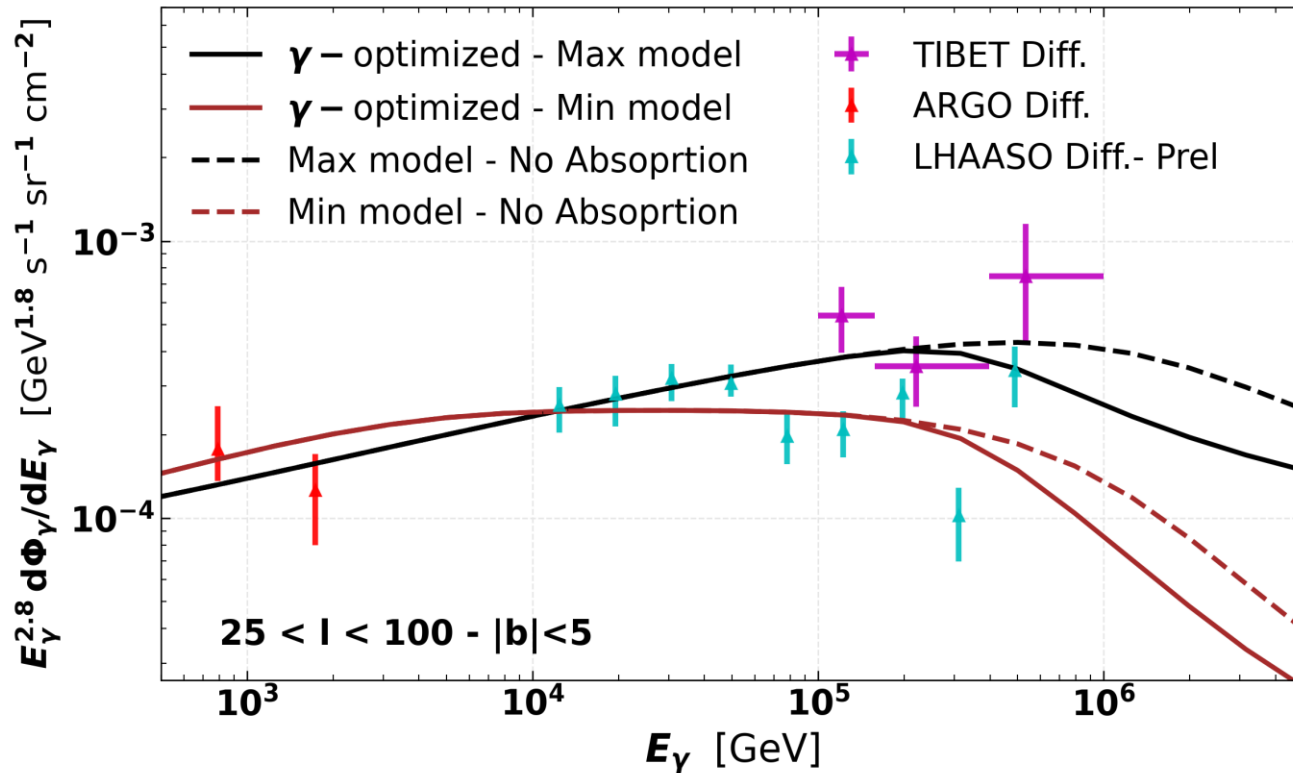
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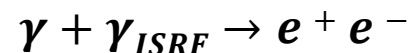
MAX and MIN models allow us to have an idea of the uncertainties on the local CR spectra of protons and helium at different energies, but they do not represent the full uncertainty involved !!

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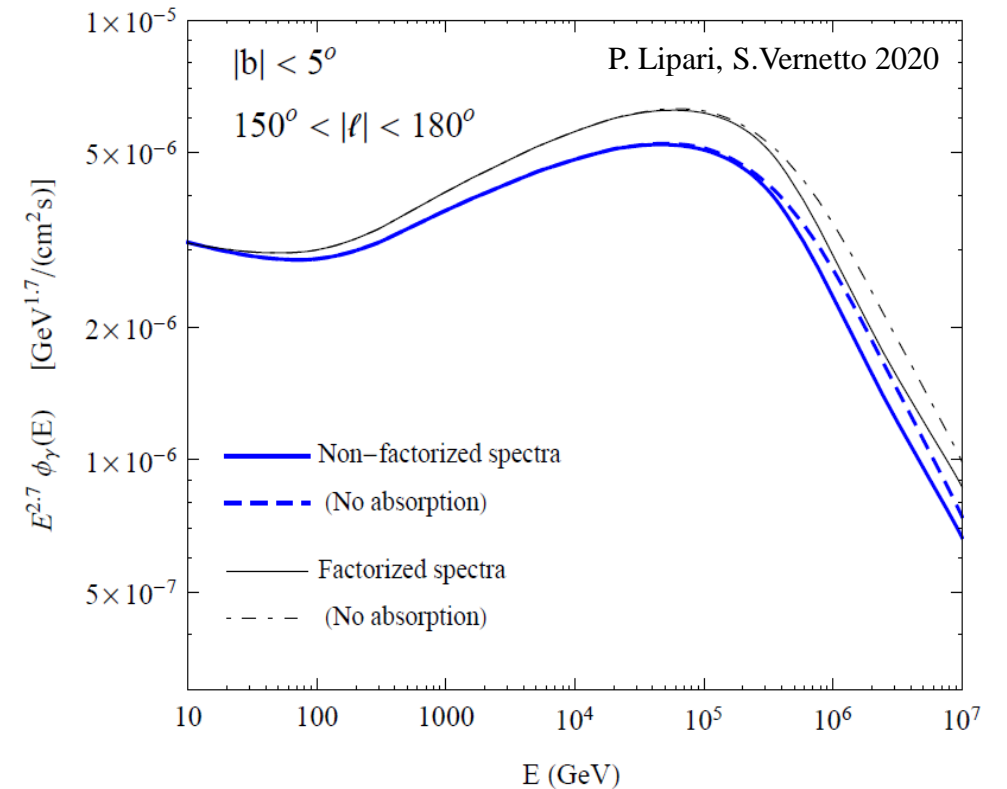
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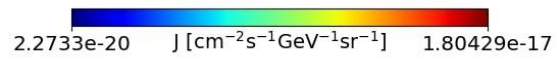
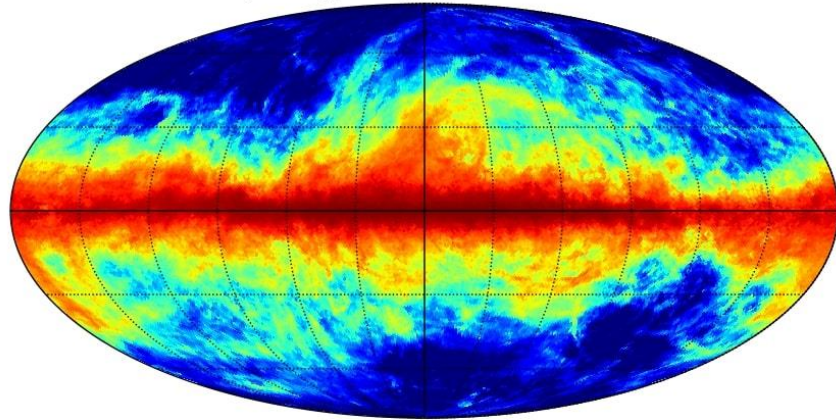
Absorption of very high energy gamma rays becomes important



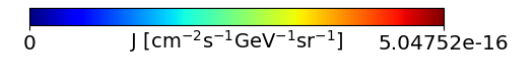
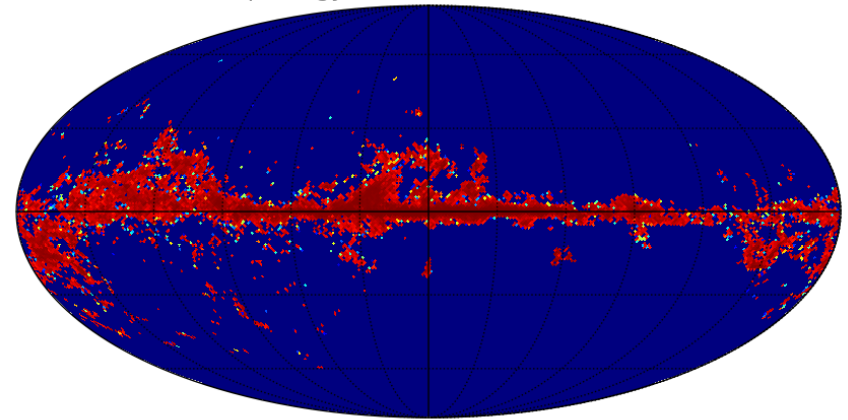
**Absorption** from the CMB dominates over the other ISRFs (IR from dust, Optic and UV from stars and extra-galactic background light)



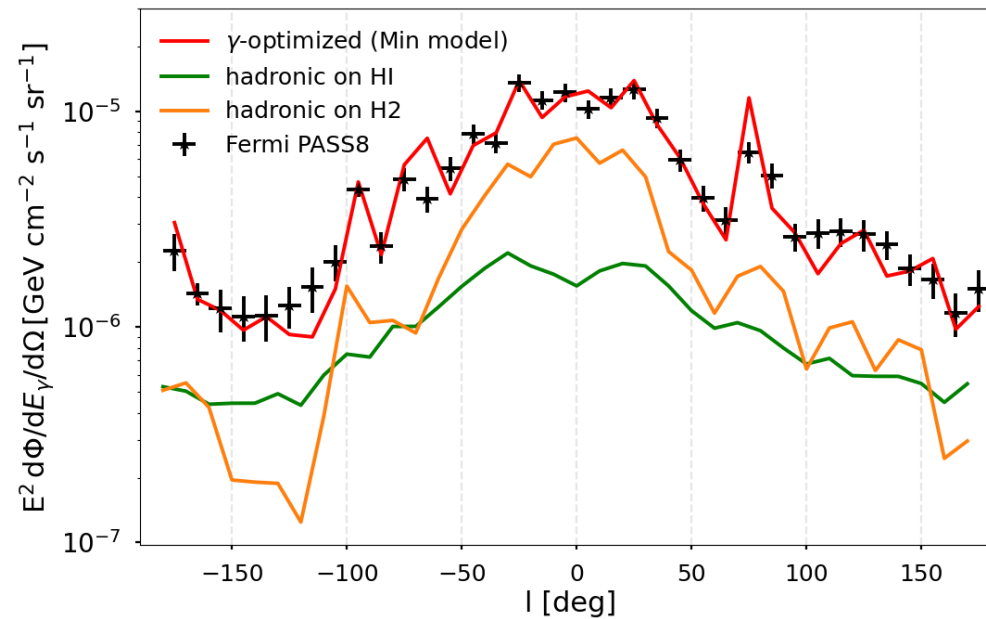
Morphology hadronic emission on HI



Morphology hadronic emission on H2

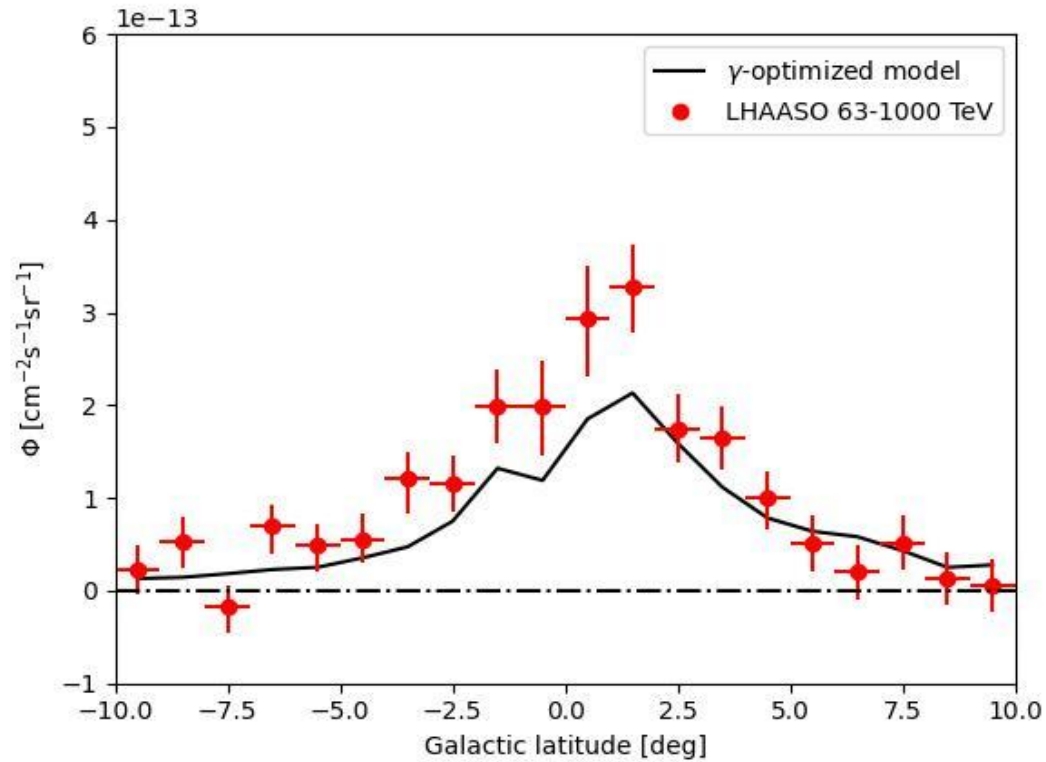
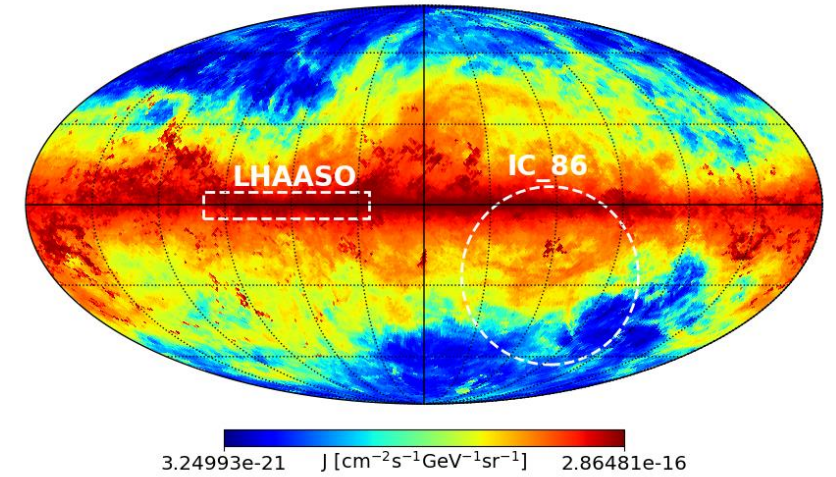


Longitude profile -  $|b| < 5$  deg - 50 GeV

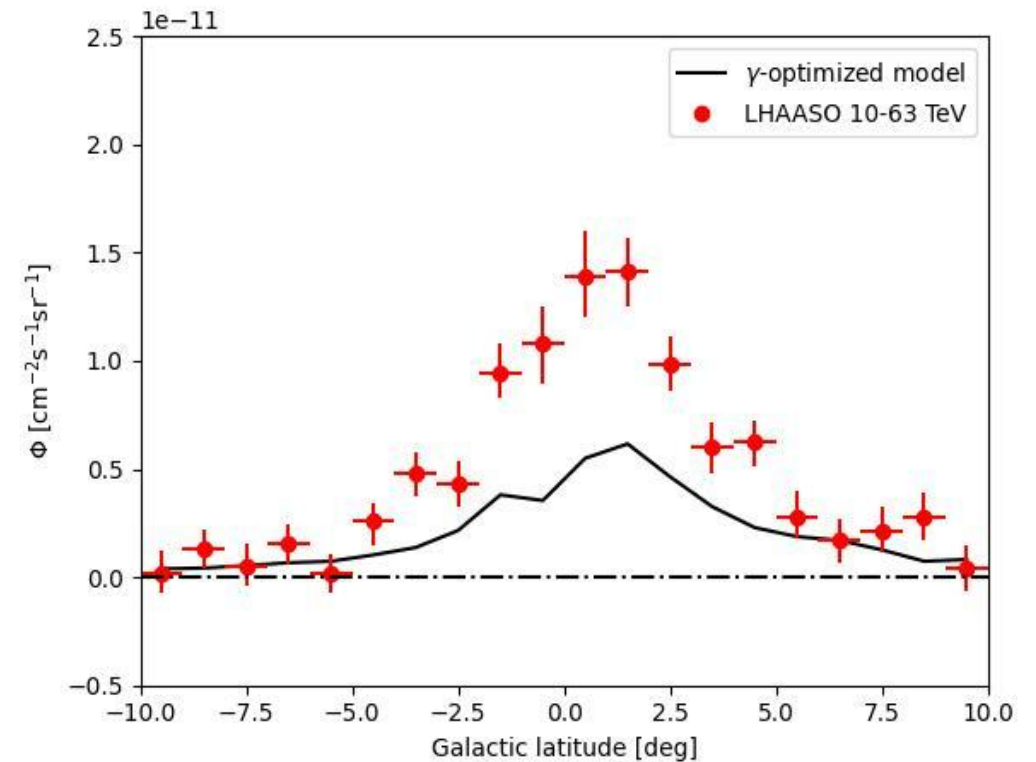


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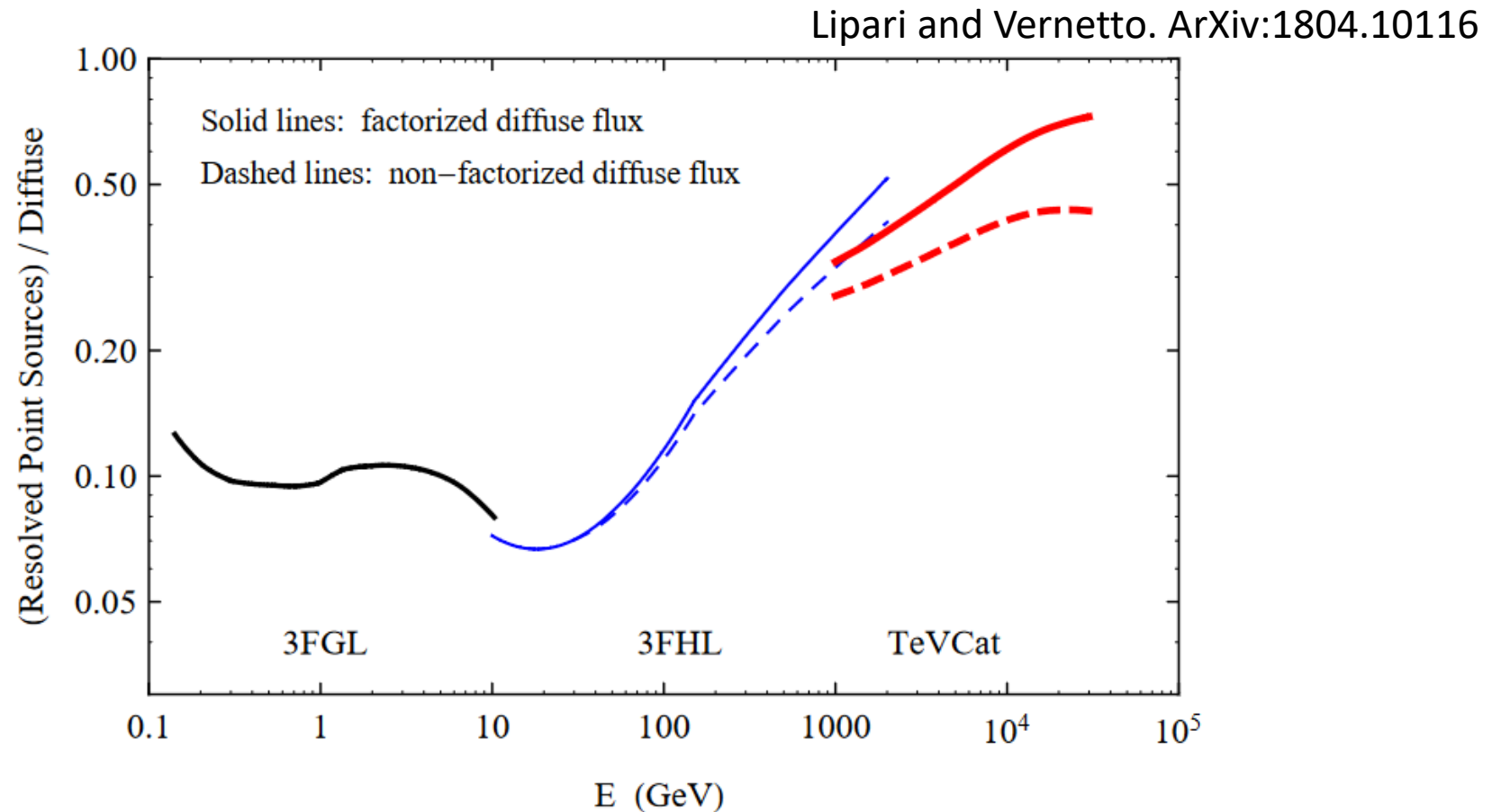
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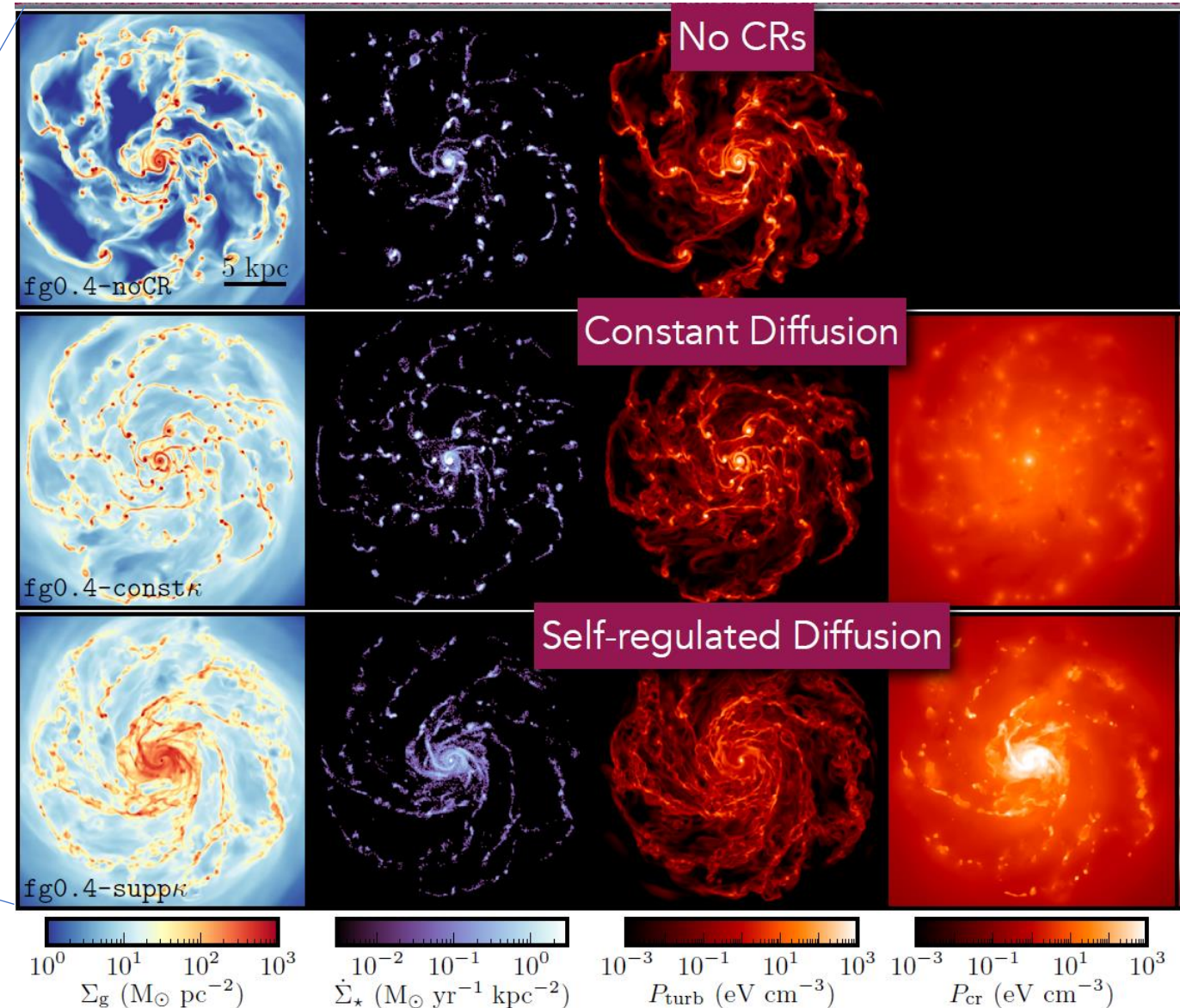


# Should the galactic neutrino emission be dominated by sources?



# A few implications ...

- Injection mechanism and acceleration of CRs (PeVatrons?)
- Environments of PWNe and SNRs as well as the mechanism of turbulence generation and propagation, ...
- Astrophysical plasmas, magnetic fields, ionization rates in MCs, ...
- Galaxy formation
- GeV excess?



# TeV halos and inhibited diffusion of leptons around Pulsar Wind Nebulae (PWNe)

Probably similar phenomena is present around every source injecting CRs ...

