A search for dark matter using sub-PeV gamma-rays observed by Tibet AS_γ

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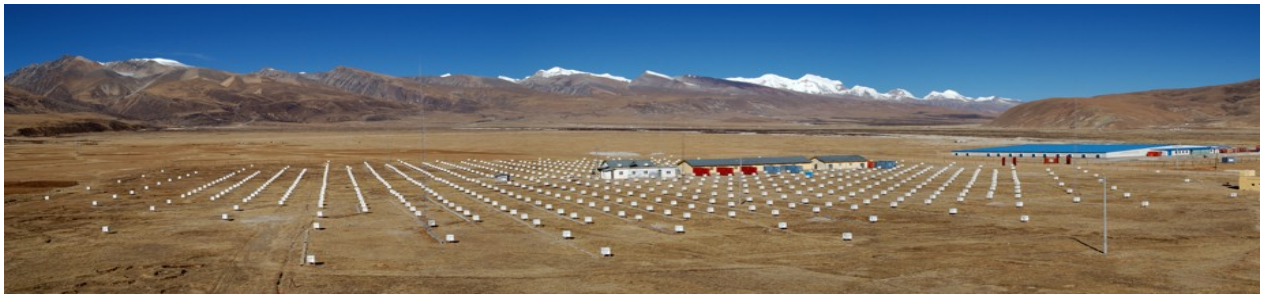
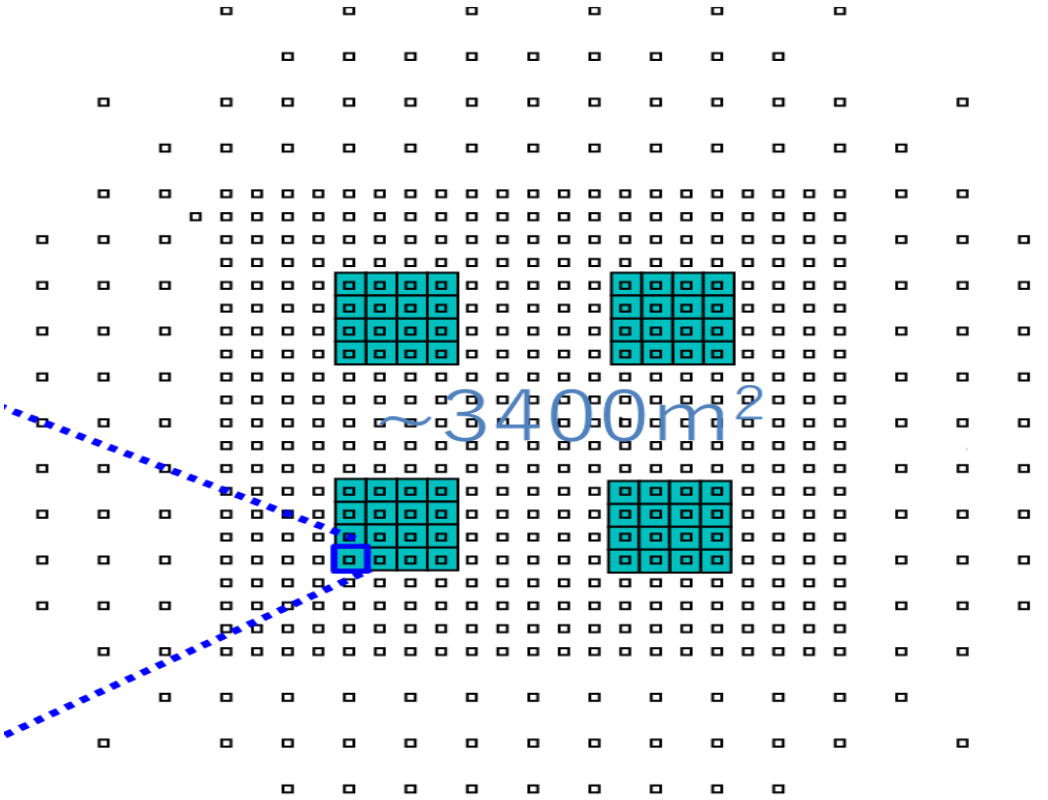
Tibet AS+MD



- ✔ Area: ~1.5 Eiffel tower
- ✔ Hybridize with muon detector.
- ✔ 2.4 m underground
- ✔ Muon with energy greater than 1 GeV



Livetime: 719 days from February 2014 to May 2017

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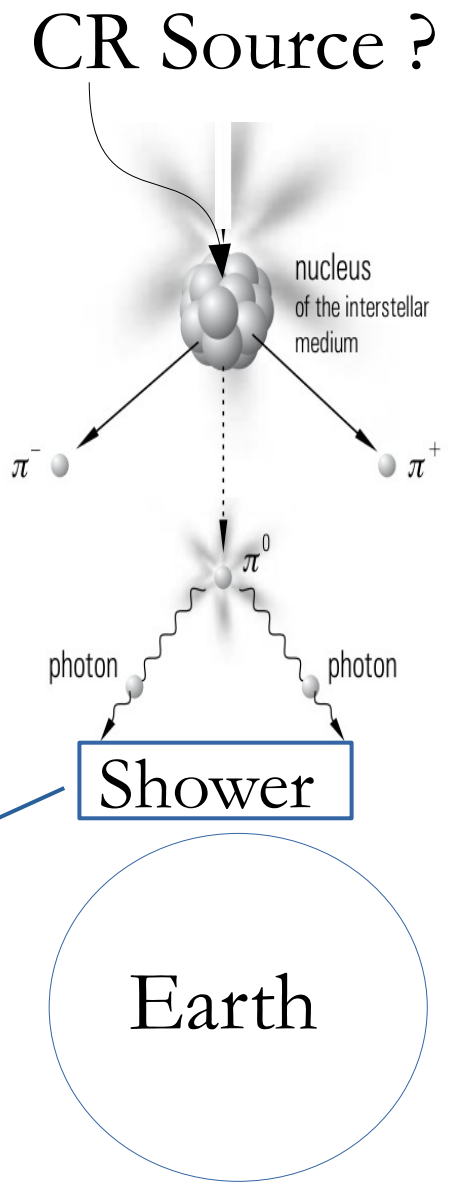
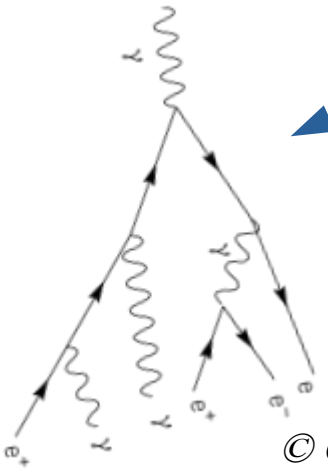
Muon detector: gamma and cosmic ray (CR) discrimination

What is it observing?

- ✔ Are not deflected by interstellar magnetic fields.
- ✔ Observation of ~100 TeV gamma ray predict the Galactic origin of the PeV cosmic ray.





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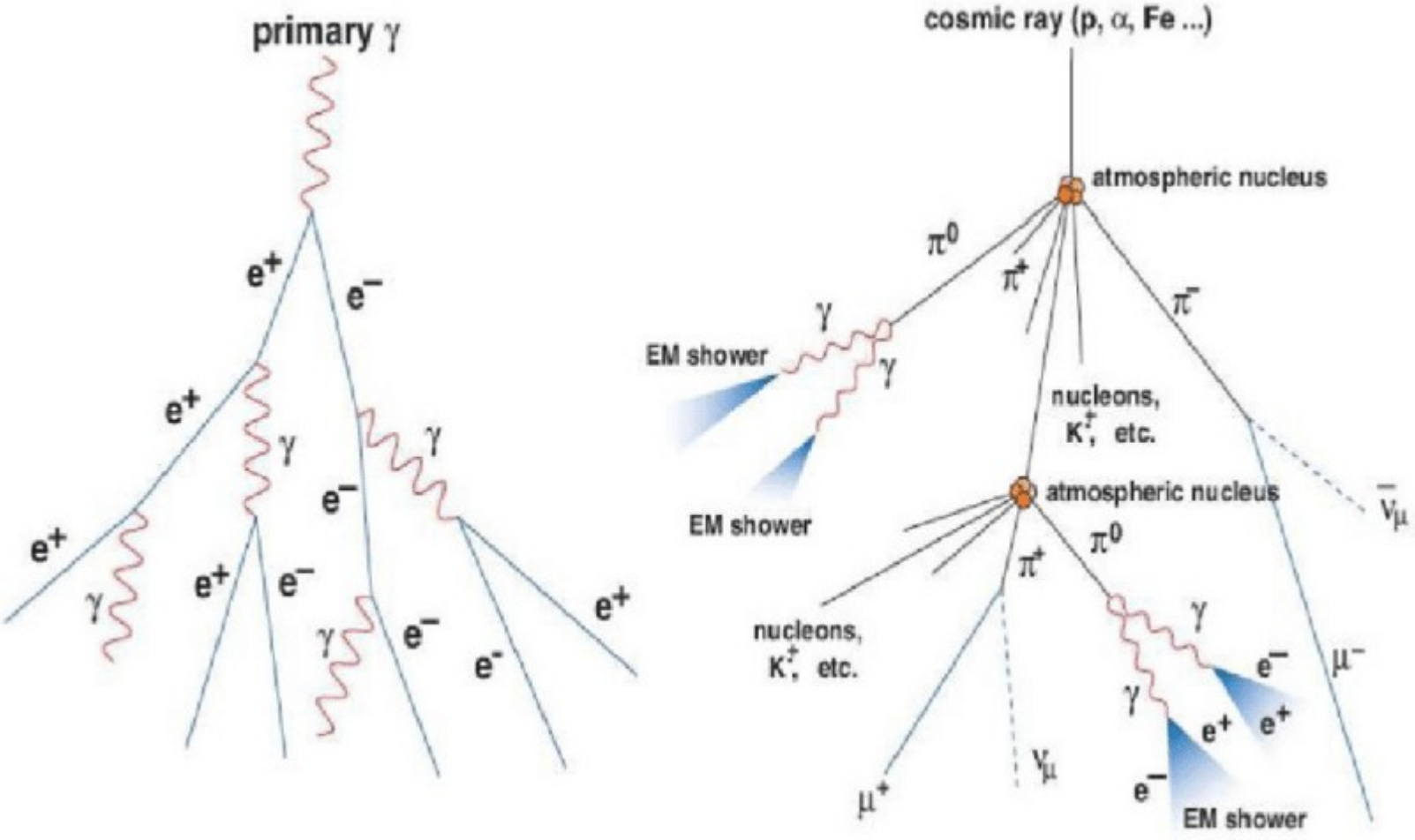

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Occasional γ-p interaction gives rises shower similar to hadronic shower

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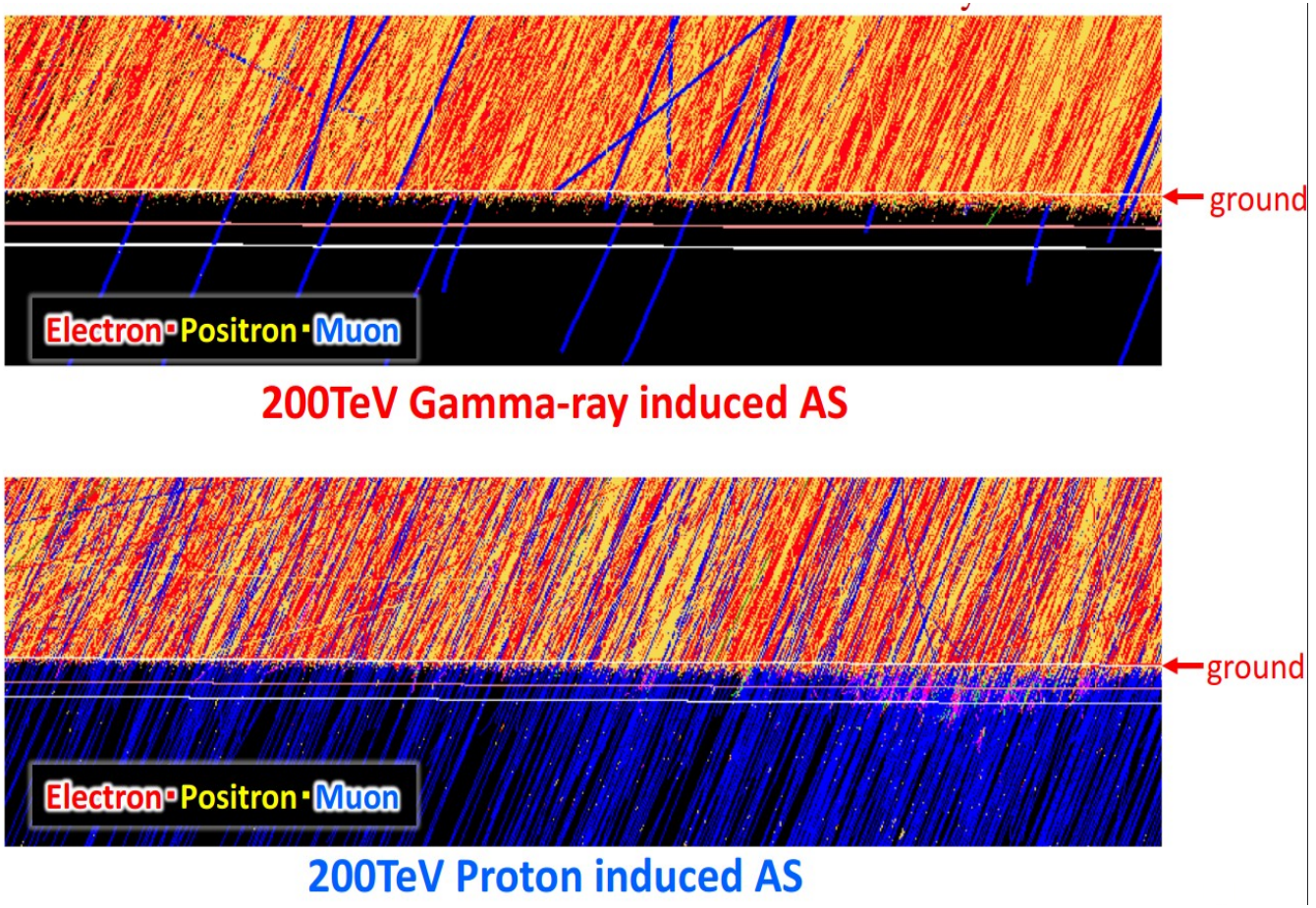

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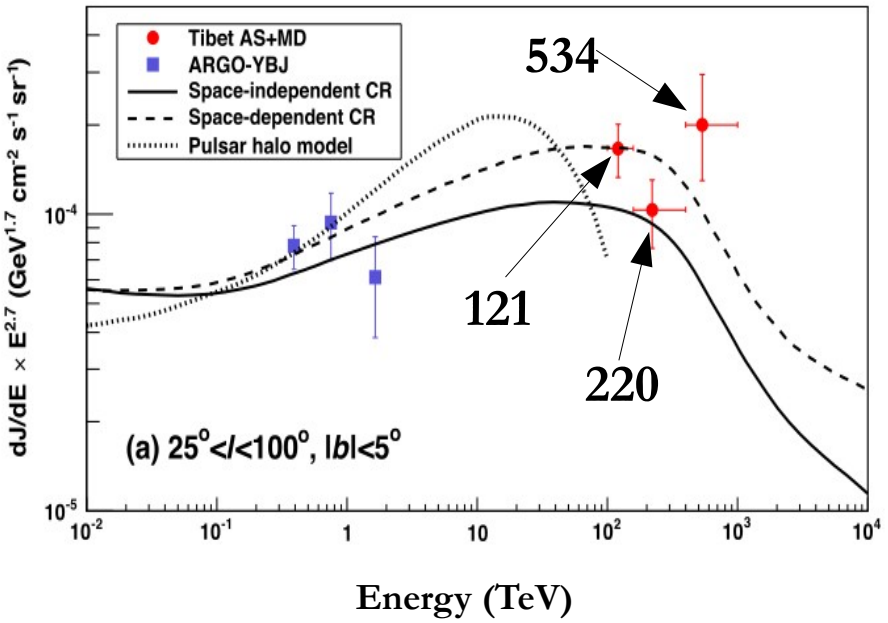
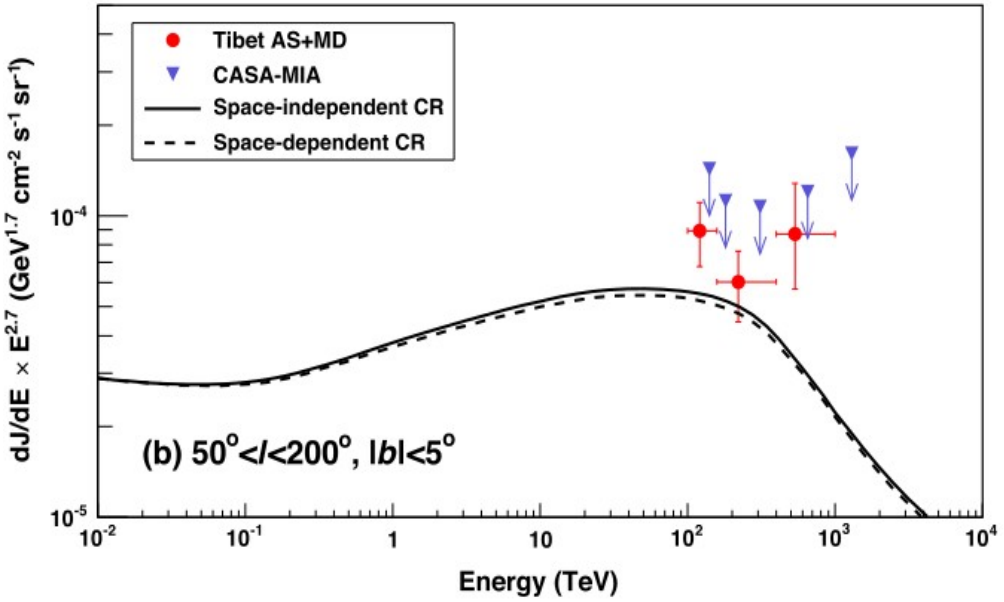
Result: Observed Flux





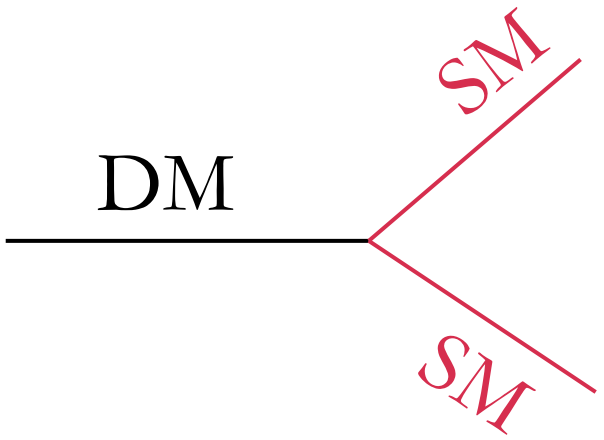
✔ **First detection of sub-PeV diffuse gamma rays.**

✔ Space dependent and space independent cosmic ray model seems to fit well with data, proposed in 1804.10116

✔ Several recent proposals e.g., see 2104.09491, 2104.03729, 2104.05609

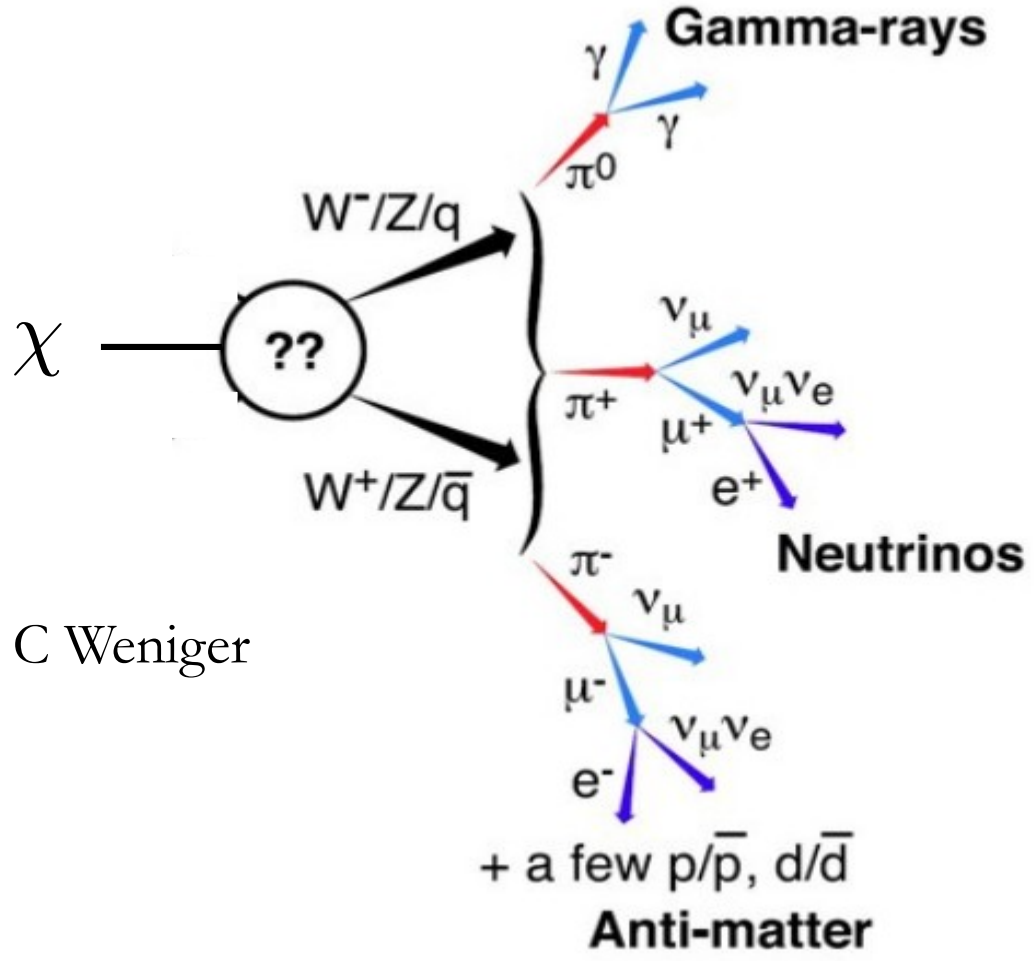
What are we doing?

Observed Flux: Whether this observation could be used for detection of dark matter?



Decaying DM: gamma-ray spectrum

$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}$$



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Decaying DM + Background < Data

DM Flux

$$\frac{d^2\phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma d\Omega}(E_\gamma) = \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega}\int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \frac{1}{4\pi m_\chi \tau_\chi}\frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}(E_\gamma)$$

$$\int_0^{s_{\rm max}} \rho_\chi(s,b,l)\, e^{-\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(E_\gamma,s,b,\ell)} ds$$

$\rho_\chi(s,b,l)$: NFW

$e^{-\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(E_\gamma,s,b,\ell)}$: Attenuation

Background

Different cosmic ray models
- Space dependent CR, 1804.10116
- Space independent CR, 1804.10116
- Hybrid gamma-model, 2104.09491

Data

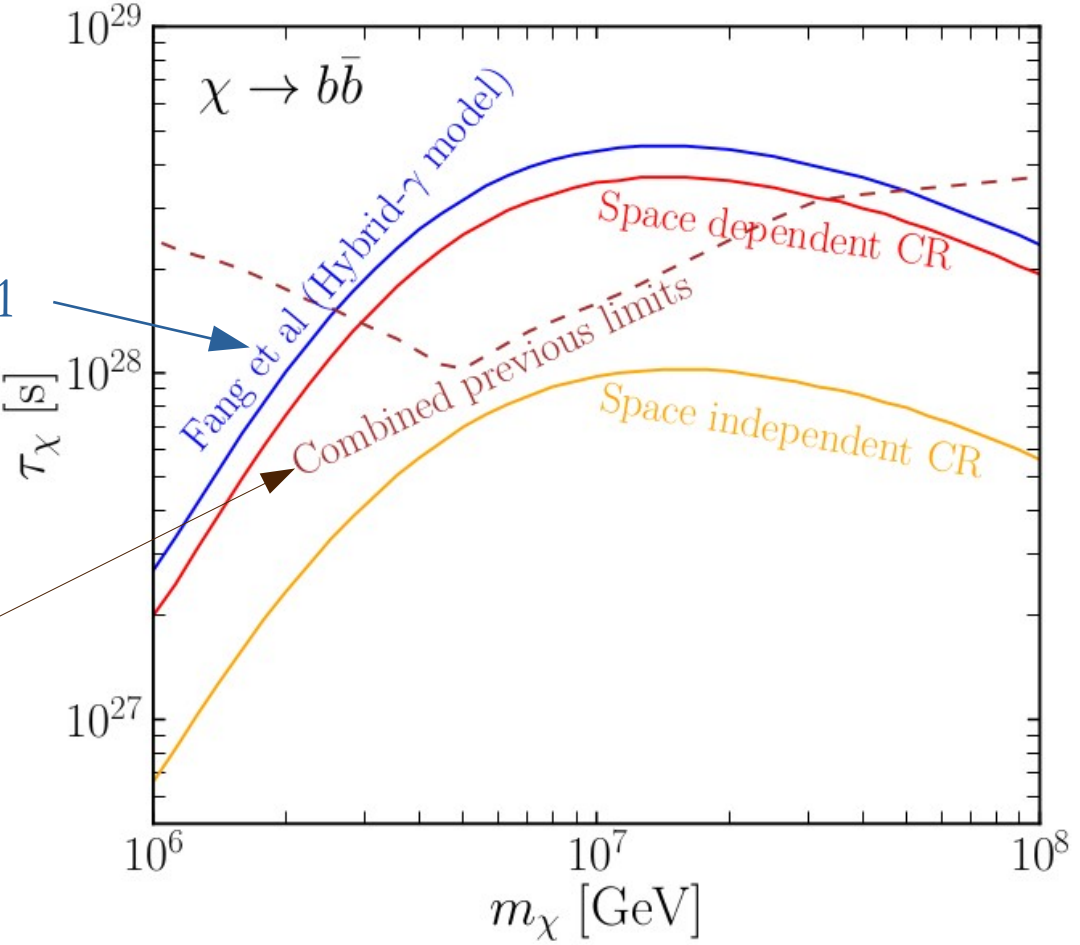
TABLE S2. Galactic diffuse gamma-ray fluxes measured by the Tibet AS+MD array.

Energy bin (TeV)	Representative E (TeV)	Flux ($25^\circ < l < 100^\circ, \lvert b\rvert < 5^\circ$) (TeV^{-1} cm^{-2} s^{-1} sr^{-1})	Flux ($50^\circ < l < 200^\circ, \lvert b\rvert < 5^\circ$) (TeV^{-1} cm^{-2} s^{-1} sr^{-1})
$100 - 158$	121	$(3.16 \pm 0.64) \times 10^{-15}$	$(1.69 \pm 0.41) \times 10^{-15}$
$158 - 398$	220	$(3.88 \pm 1.00) \times 10^{-16}$	$(2.27 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-16}$
$398 - 1000$	534	$(6.86\ ^{+3.30}_{-2.40}) \times 10^{-17}$	$(2.99\ ^{+1.40}_{-1.02}) \times 10^{-17}$

Amenomori et al 2104.05181 PRL

Decaying DM: Limits

✔ We have done a χ^2 analysis to set the limits.



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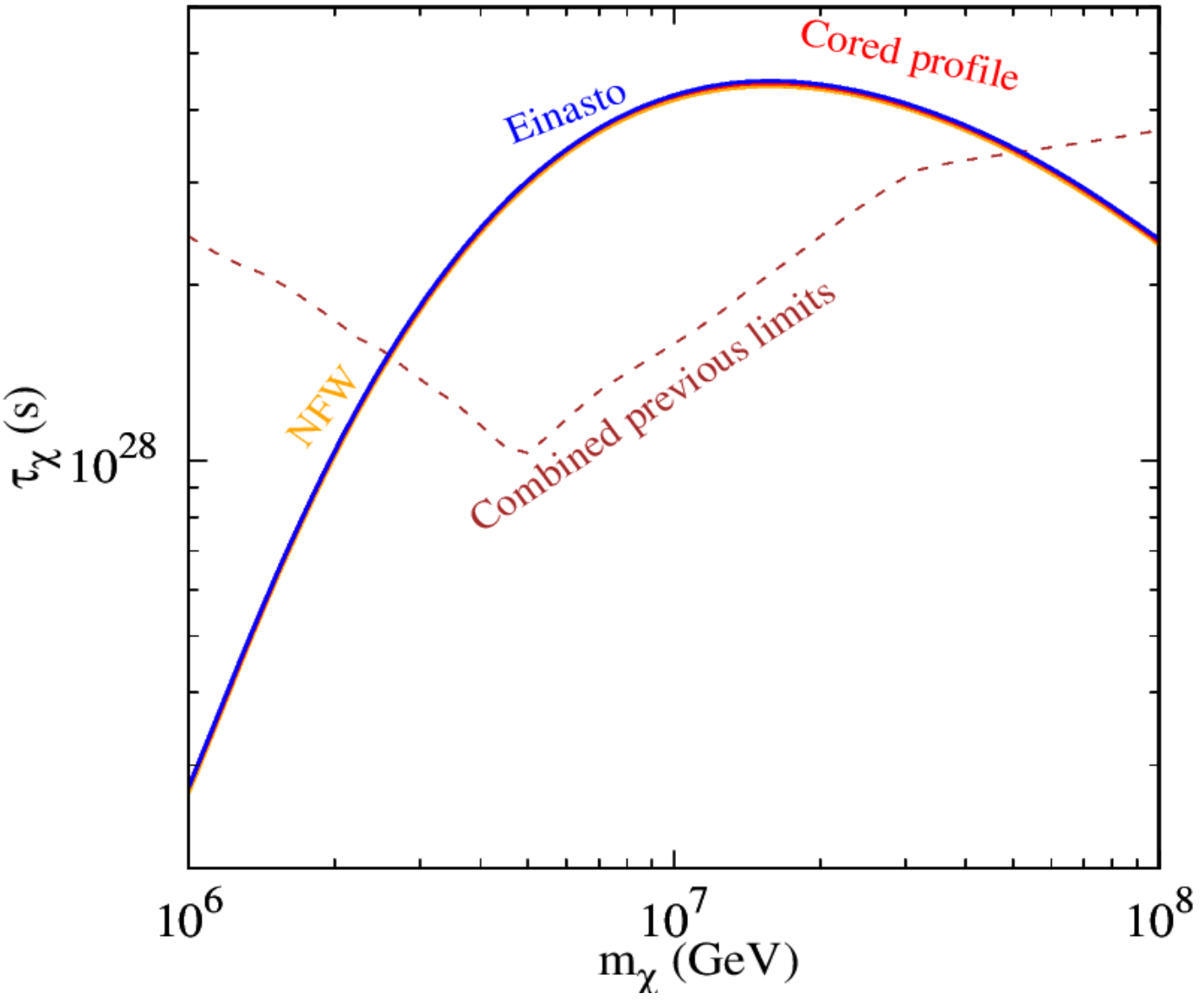
Related work: 2105.01826

Decaying DM limits: DM profile



@ Our limits are robust.

Conclusion

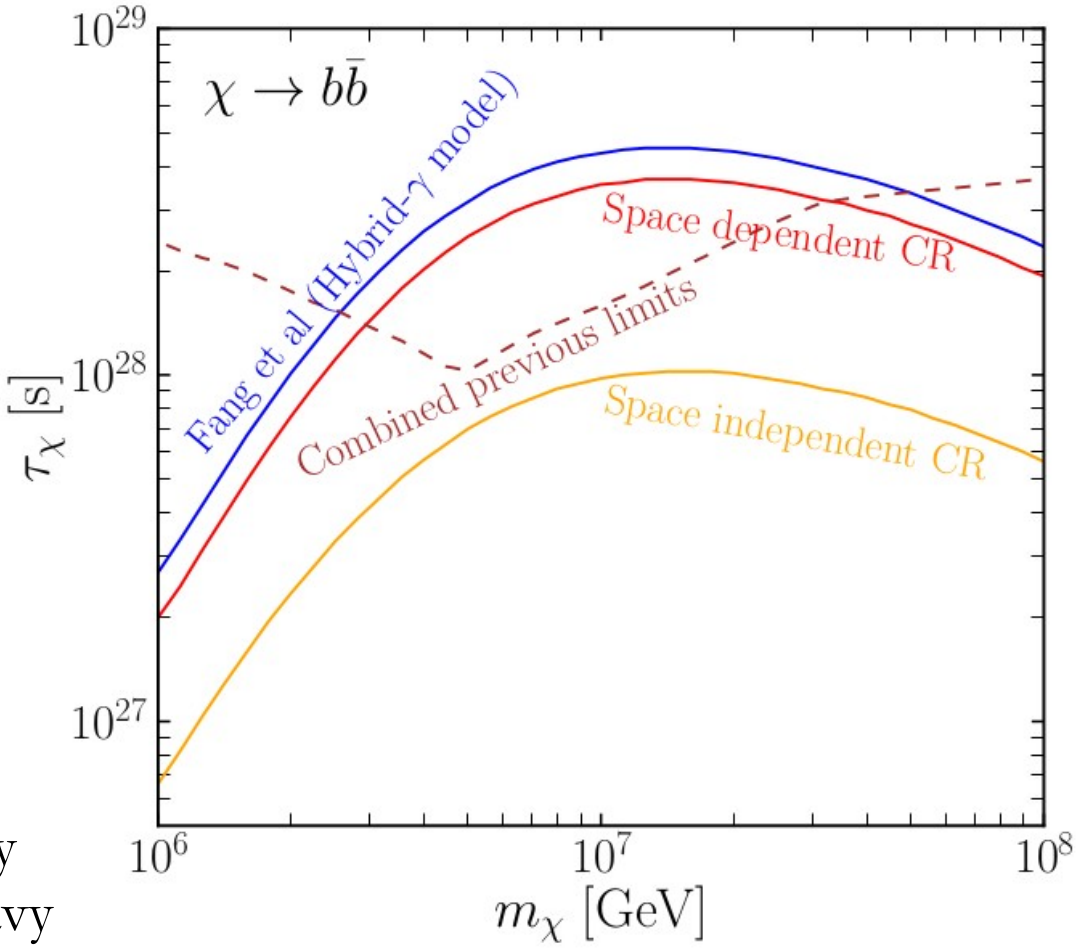
✔ Recently, Tibet AS_γ collaboration has discovered the first sub-PeV diffuse gamma-rays from the MW Galactic disk.

✔ Data broadly agrees with prior theoretical expectations

✔ We study the impact of this discovery on PeV scale decaying DM

✔ We find that data provides strongest bound on most of the final states

➔ Near future data of these high-energy gamma-rays can be used to discover heavy decaying DM.



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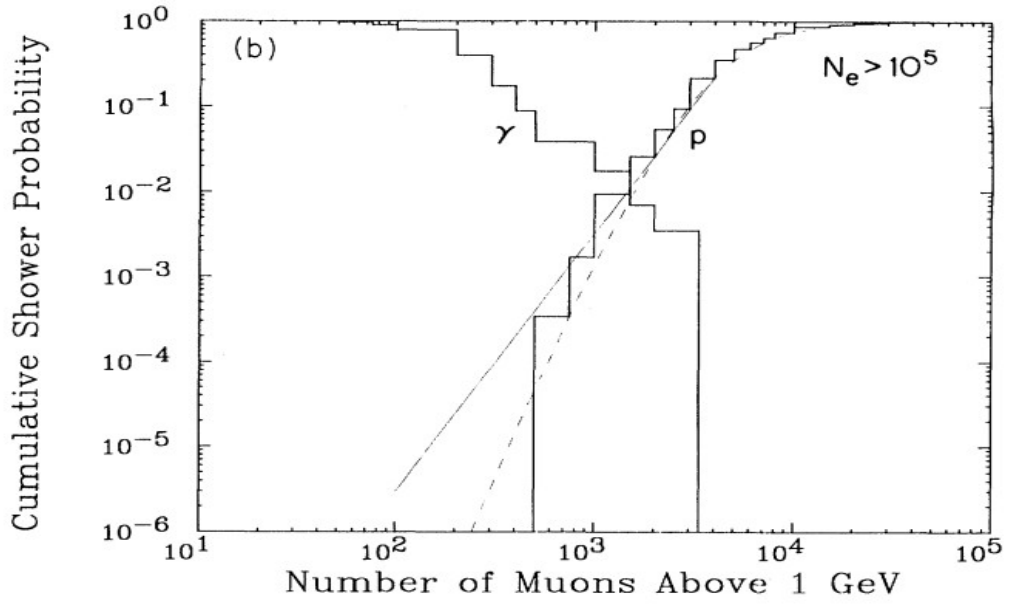
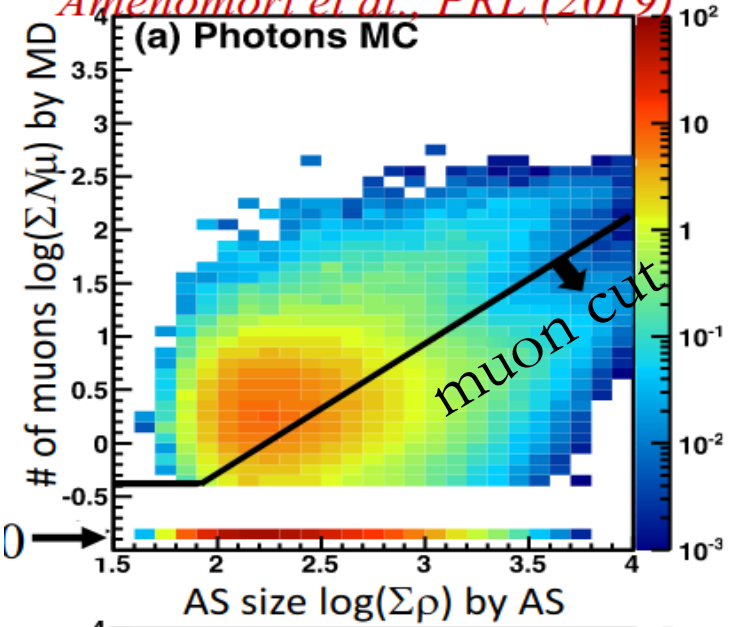
Photon Proton Shower: Tibet AS$_\gamma$

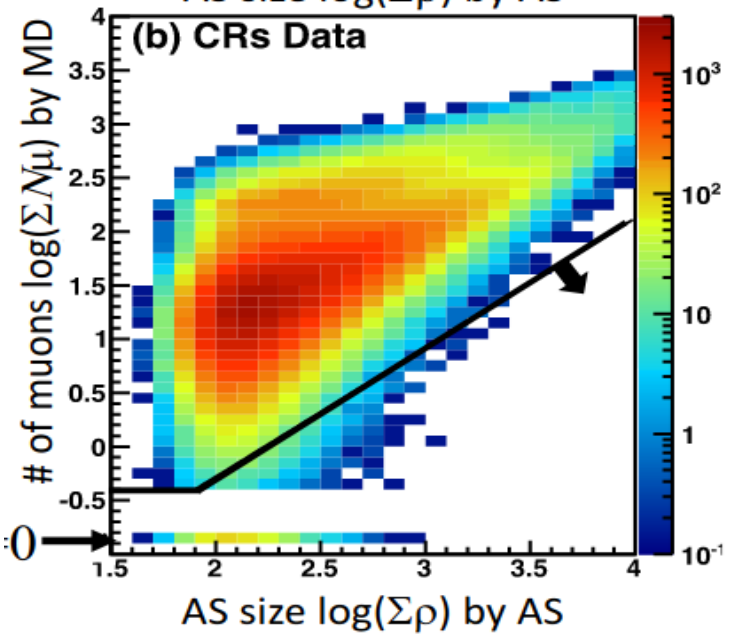


	$N_\mu < 75$	$N_\mu < 100$	$N_\mu < 200$	$N_\mu < 300$
Percentage of γ-ray signals retained	10%	20%	60%	83%
Level of cosmic-ray background				
Solid line fit	10^{-5}	1.5×10^{-5}	4×10^{-5}	10^{-4}
Dashed line fit	$<10^{-7}$	10^{-7}	6.6×10^{-7}	4×10^{-6}

Gaisser et al PRD 91'

Amenomori et al., PRL (2019)





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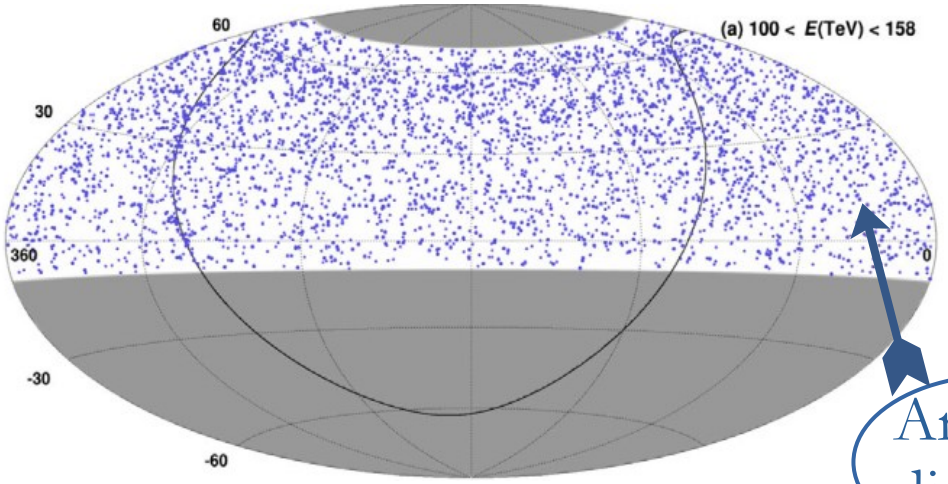
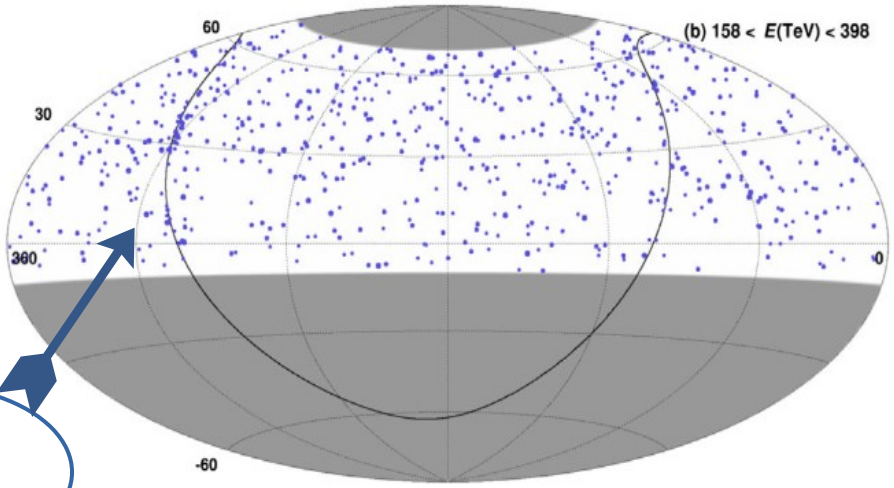
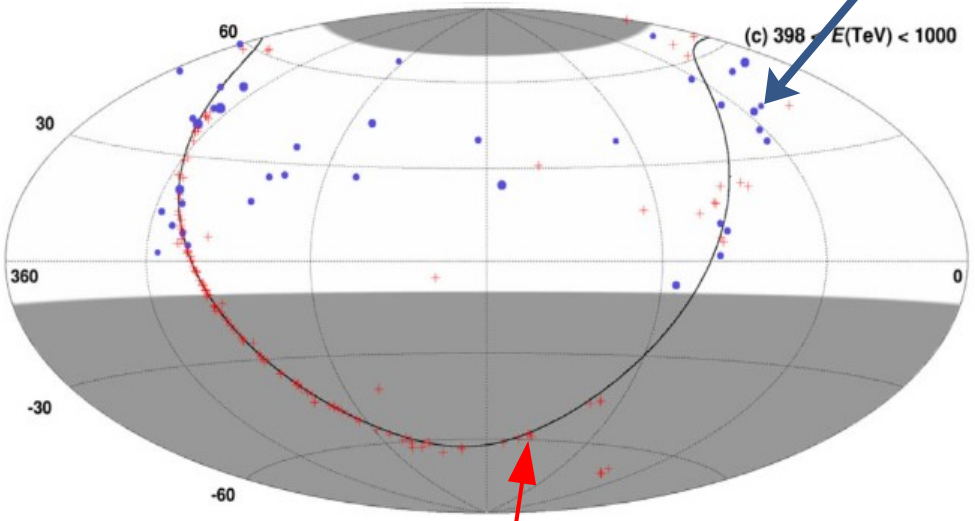
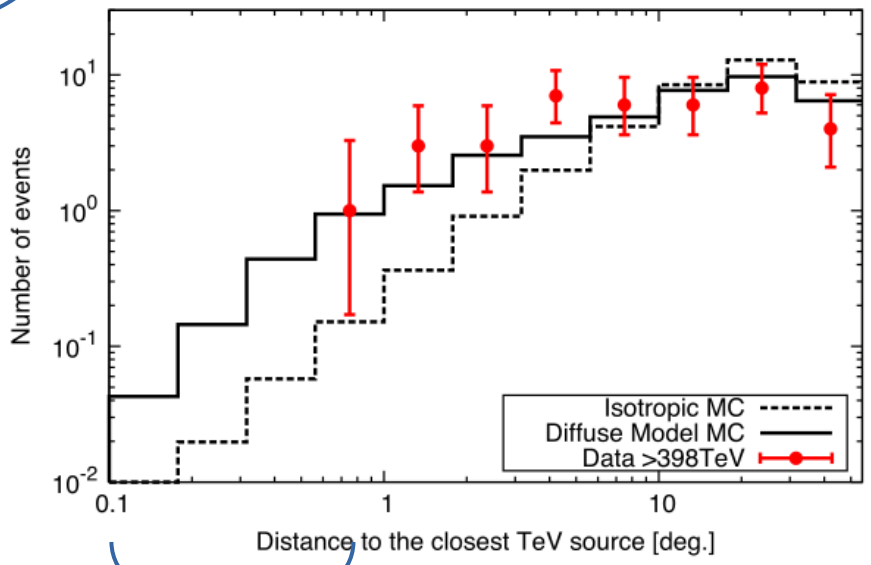




Arrival direction



Known TeV sources



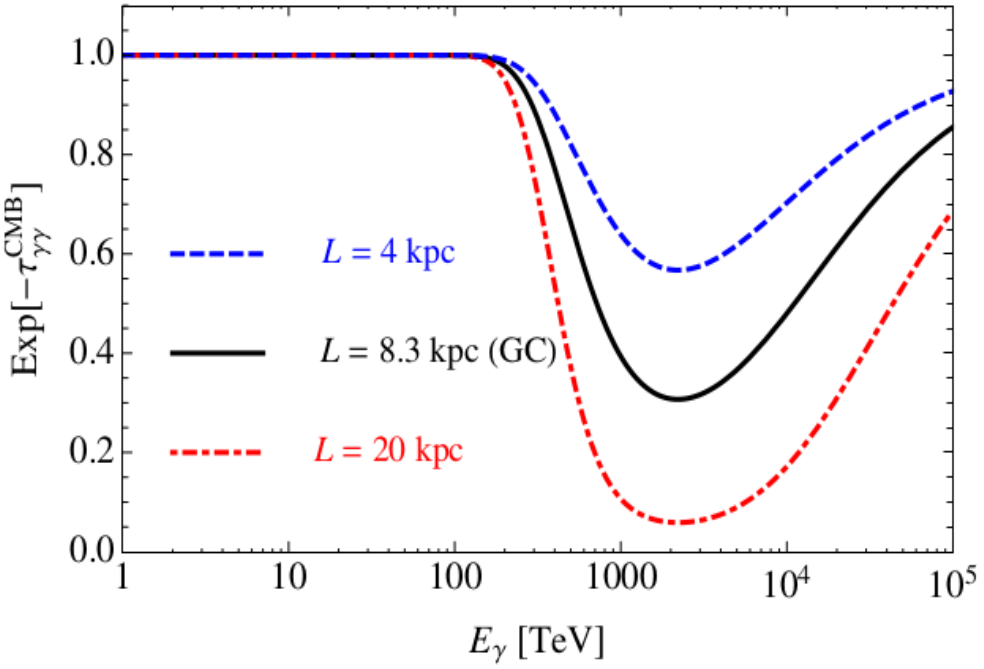
Diffuse gamma ray event

Decaying DM: Attenuation

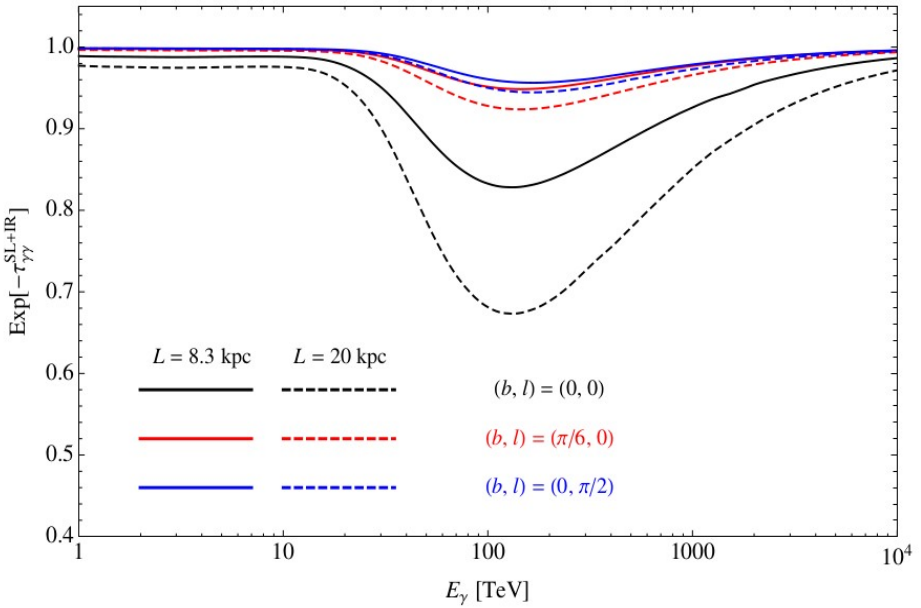
Pair production: $\gamma + \gamma_b \to e^+ e^-$ $\quad \gamma_b$ { CMB, Starlight, Infrared }

Attenuation $\sim e^{(-L/\lambda)}$ $\quad$ Mean free path $\lambda = 1/n_b \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$

CMB

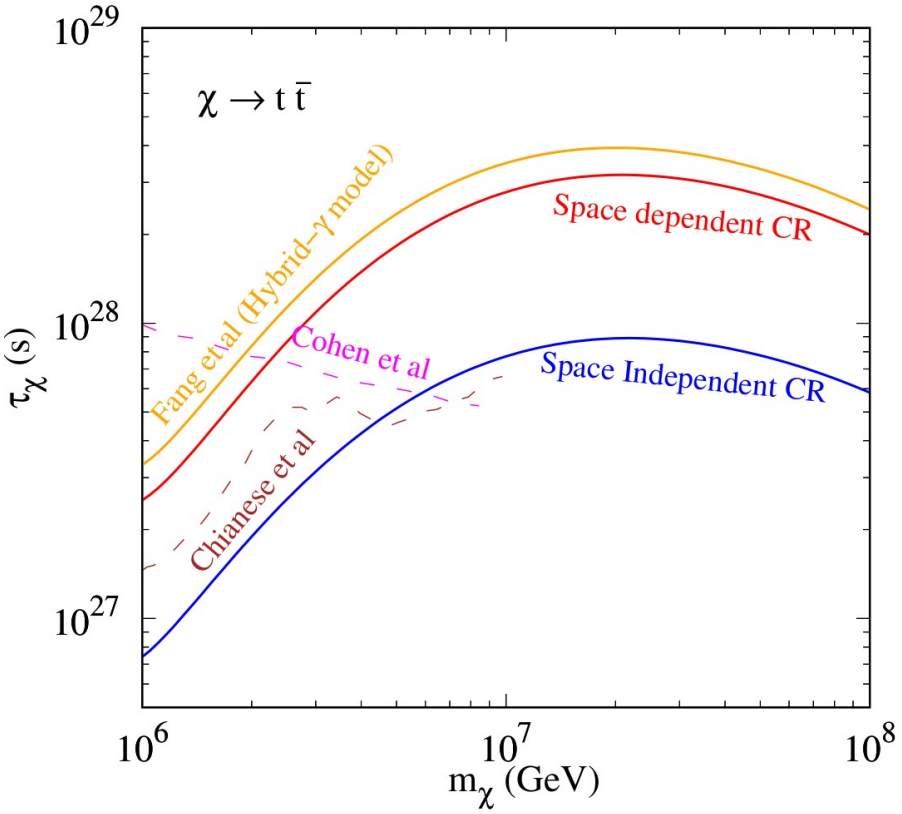


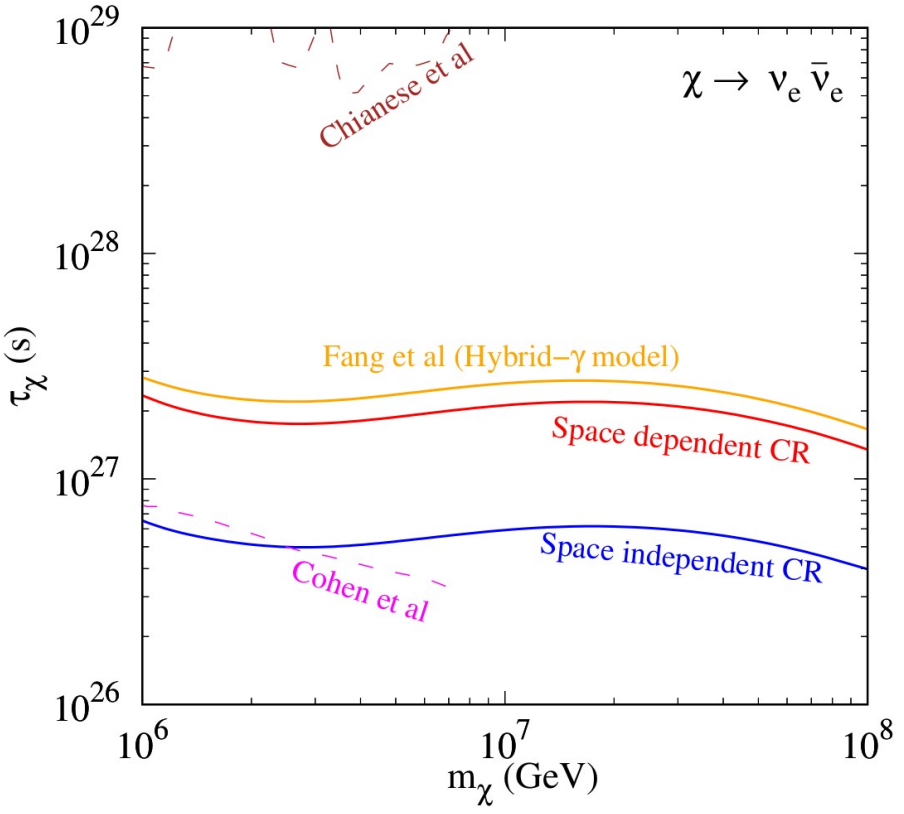
SL+IR



@ A 100 TeV photon must originate from our galaxy.

Decaying DM: Limits





- ✔ For some of the channels (e.g., $t\bar{t}$) our bounds are stronger than previous limits.
- ✔ For some of the channels (e.g., $\nu\bar{\nu}$) our bounds are not as strong as previous limits.