

Fitting the Fermi-LAT GeV excess: on the importance of the propagation of electrons from dark matter

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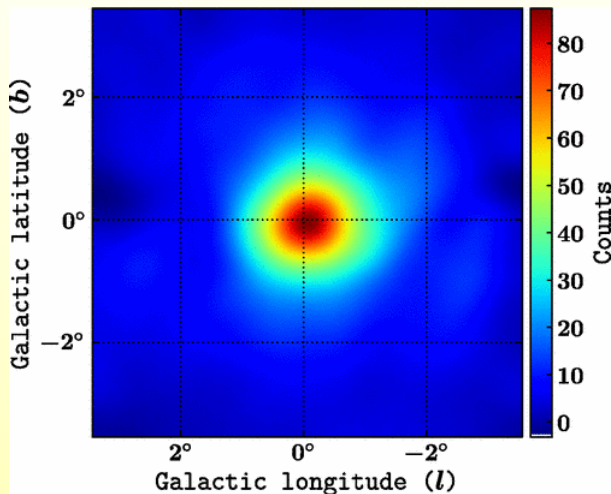
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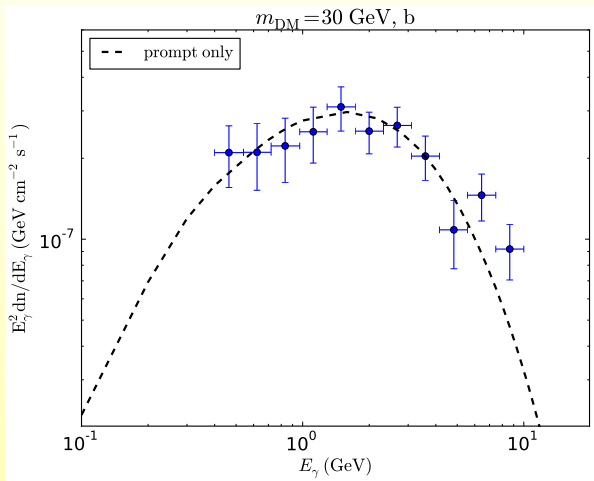
- GC excess in γ -rays between 0.1 and 10 GeV in Fermi data
Fermi-LAT collaboration 2009
Hooper & Linden 2011
Gordon & Macias 2013
Abazajian *et al.* 2014
Daylan *et al.* 2014
- Within region smaller than $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$ around the GC
- Spherically symmetric
- Obtained by subtracting known sources



Gordon & Macias 2013

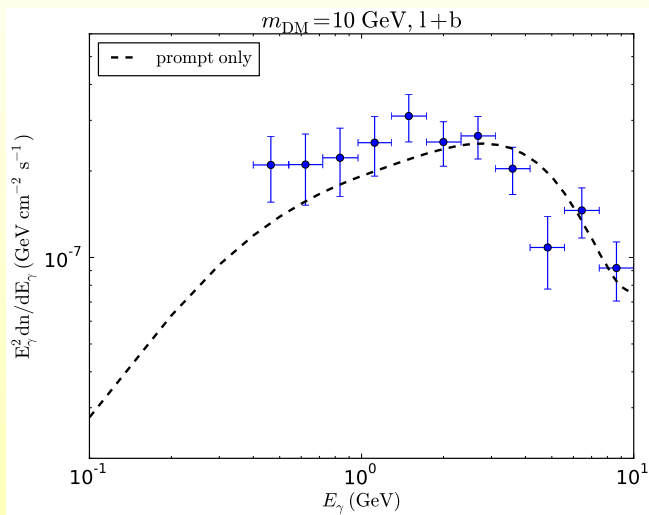
Best fit a priori for prompt emission only for $b\bar{b}$

$$\rho \propto r^{-1.2}, \langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

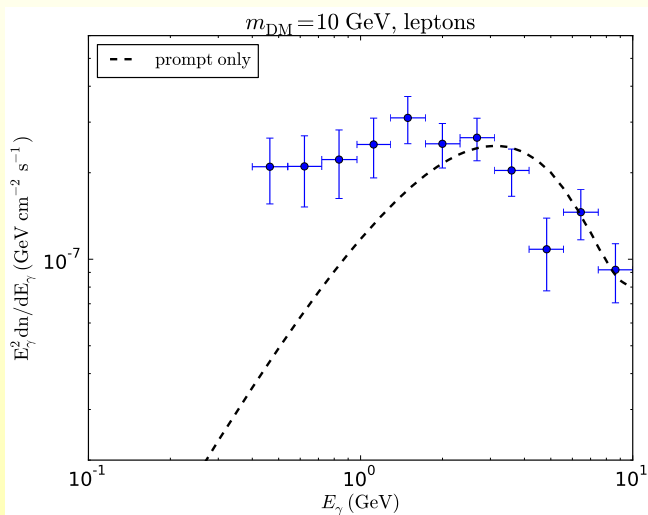


Data points from [Gordon & Macias 2013](#)

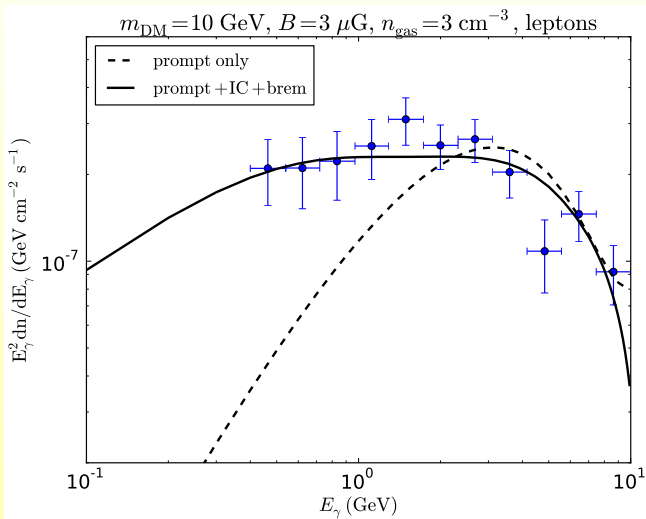
Relatively good fit with mixture of leptons and b quarks



But we're nowhere near a priori with leptons only...



Unless we include inverse Compton and Bremsstrahlung!



TL, C. Boehm, J. Silk, arXiv:1403.1987

Diffusion-loss equation

$$K\nabla^2\psi + \frac{\partial}{\partial E}(b_{\text{tot}}\psi) + q = 0 \quad (1)$$

- $\psi(\vec{x}, E)$ cosmic-ray spectrum after propagation
- K diffusion coefficient: $K(E) = K_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^\delta$ with $E_0 = 1$ GeV
- $b_{\text{tot}}(E)$ total energy loss rate (IC, synchrotron, Bremsstrahlung...)
- $q(\vec{x}, E)$ source term $\propto \rho^2$ for DM annihilations

Spectrum of e^- and e^+ after propagation

$$\psi(\vec{x}, E) = \frac{\kappa}{b_{\text{tot}}(E)} \int_E^\infty \tilde{I}_{\vec{x}}(\lambda_{\text{D}}(E, E_S)) \frac{dn}{dE}(E_S) dE_S \quad (2)$$

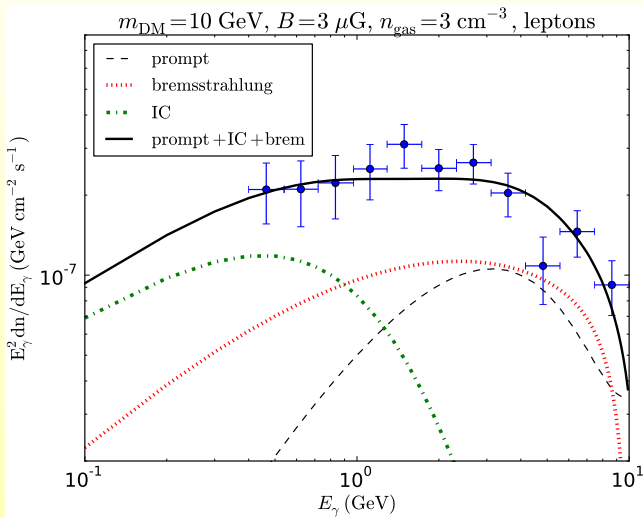
- κ normalization factor \propto annihilation cross section
- $b_{\text{tot}}(E)$ total energy loss rate
- $\tilde{I}_{\vec{x}}$ **halo function** \rightarrow fundamental quantity for diffusion
- $\lambda_{\text{D}}(E, E_S)$ diffusion length
- $\frac{dn}{dE}$ injection spectrum

Computing \tilde{I} with Green's functions

$$\tilde{I}_{\vec{x}}(\lambda_D(E, E_S)) = \int_{\text{DZ}} d\vec{x}_S G(\vec{x}, E; \vec{x}_S, E_S) \left(\frac{\rho(\vec{x}_S)}{\rho_\odot} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

- $G(\vec{x}, E; \vec{x}_S, E_S) \equiv G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_S, \lambda_D(E, E_S))$ Green's function
- Trick for steepness of ρ : logarithmic steps
- G becomes infinitely peaked for $\lambda_D \rightarrow 0$ (i.e. $E \rightarrow E_S$)
 \implies trick: defining different regimes for G
 (TL, C. Boehm, J. Silk, arXiv:1311.0139)

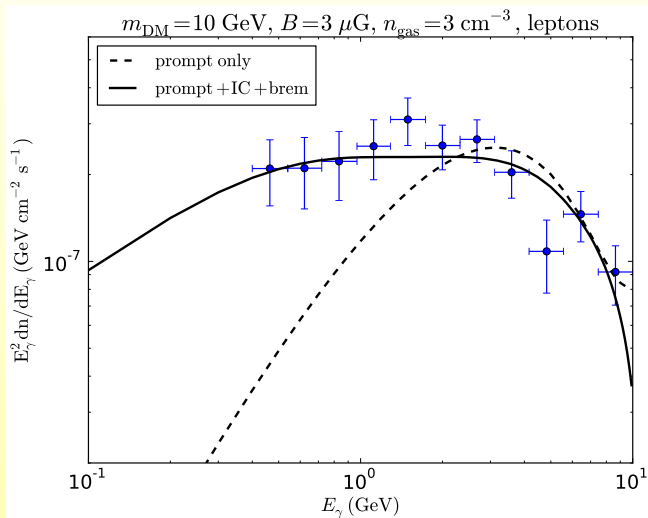
All contributions of the same order of magnitude



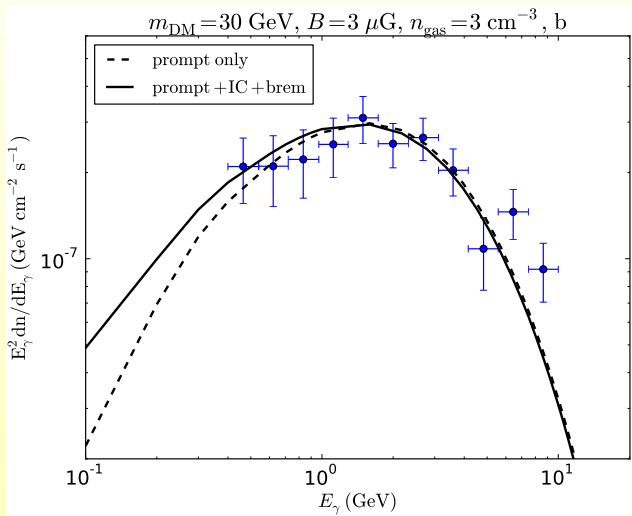
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Best fit for democratic annihilation into leptons!

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle = 0.86 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

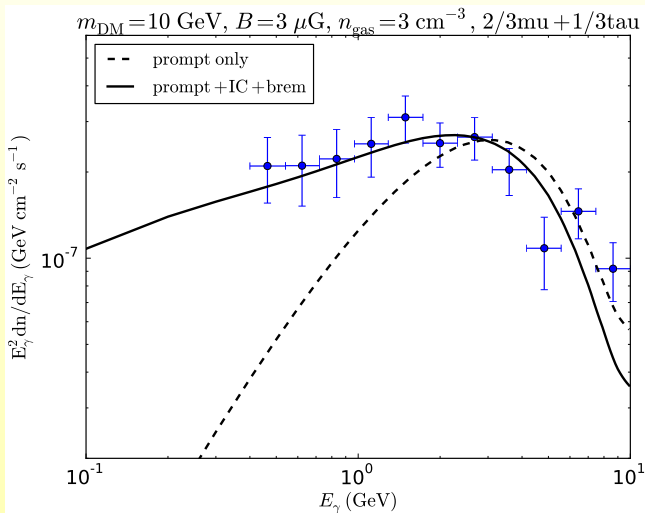


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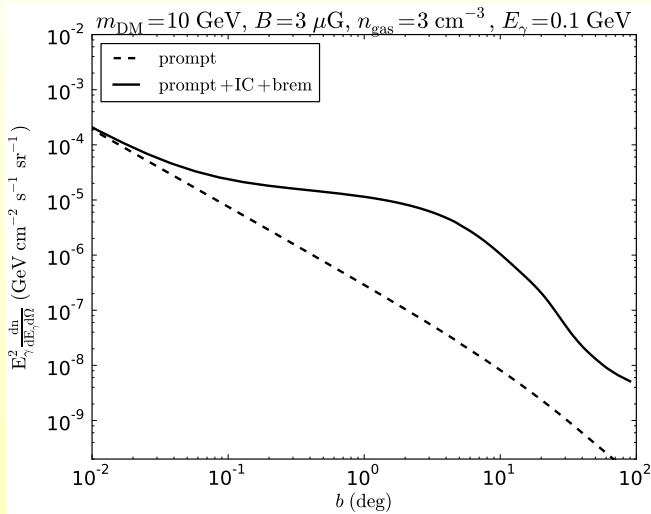
Fit for $b\bar{b}$ only slightly affected

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Very good fit with only muons and taus (cf. AMS limits on e^+e^- ,
 Bergström *et al.* 2013, Ibarra *et al.* 2014)



Emission from diffusion extends to $\sim 10^\circ$



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Conclusion

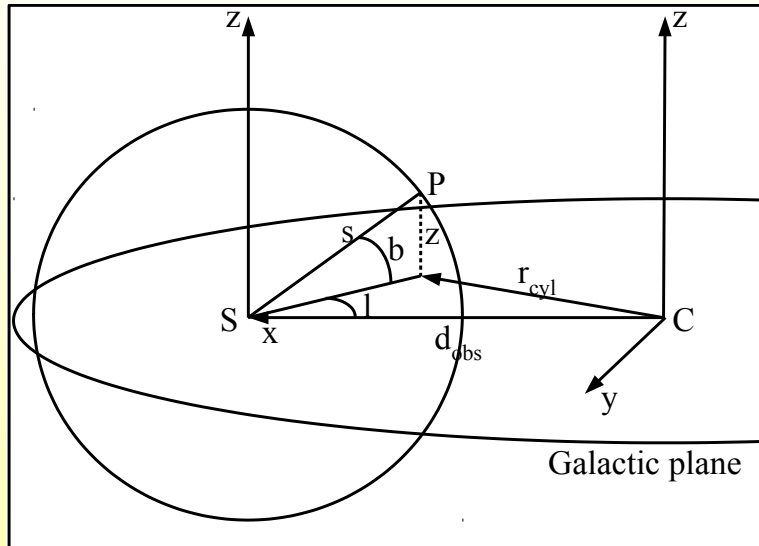
- Pretty strong case for DM
- But very important to include all relevant processes
- $b\bar{b}$ and 30 GeV is not the only possibility: DM can be 10 GeV and annihilate into leptons

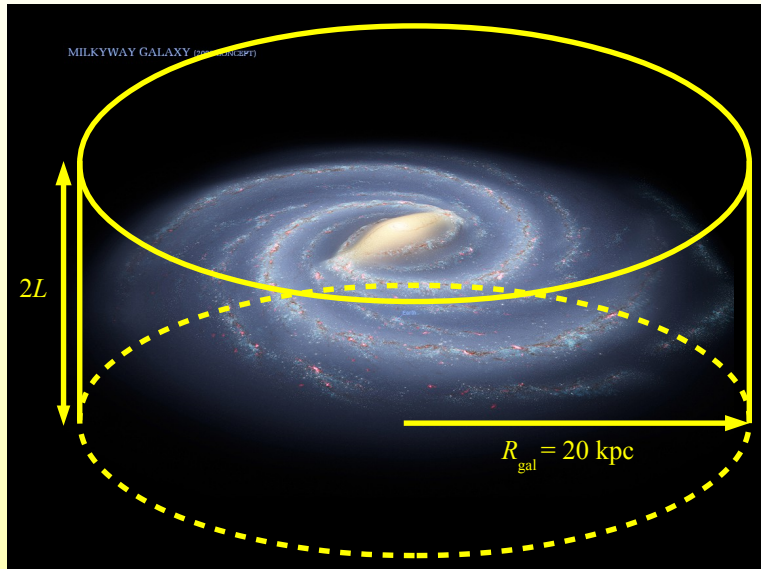
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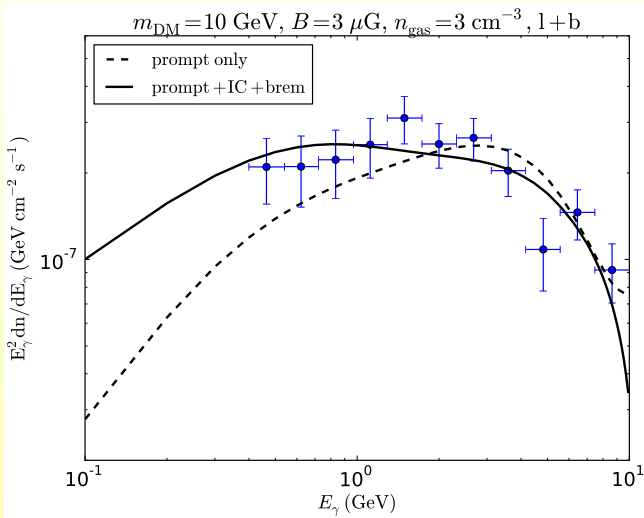
The GC gamma-ray excess

Additional input: diffusion

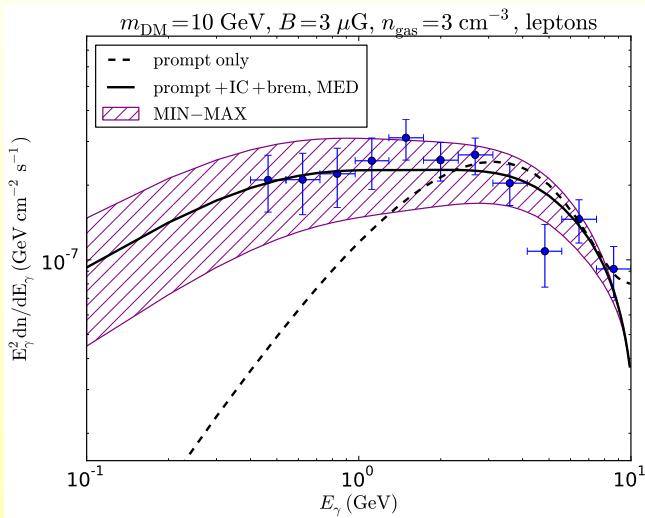
Fitting the Fermi-LAT GeV excess with the leptonic channels





Data from Gordon *et al.*, arXiv:1306.5725

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