





### Dark matter – Indirect searches



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# Is dark matter really dark?



- Many DM models predict energy transfer from the dark into the visible sector
- Very roughly speaking, even a tiny (1: billion trillion) energy transfer from the dark into the visible sector, over the curse of billions of years, would be visible in astronomical observations
- This is the target of indirect searches for dark matter

$$H_0^{-1} \sim 10^{18} \,\mathrm{s}$$

### Energy transfer mechanisms



### Average energy densities in Universe



### Relevant radiation mechanisms



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# Lots of signal candidates over the years



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### 1) Dark matter self-annihilation



### The annihilation cross section

**s-wave annihilation**  $(\sigma v \approx \text{const})$   $\rightarrow$  Direct link between relic density and velocity weighted cross section today



s-wave: 
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{T \sim \text{GeV}} = (\sigma v)_{v=0}$$

in general

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{T \sim \text{GeV}} \neq (\sigma v)_{v=0}$$

Example MSSM7 (rescaled by DM fraction)



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# DM annihilation/decay and cosmic rays

#### DM self-annihilation into gamma rays

Gunn+ 1978; Stecker 1978, ...

#### Proposal to search for anti-protons from MSSM neutralinos

Silk & Srednicki 1984; ...

#### Searching for neutrinos from the Sun

Silk, Olive & Srednicki 1985; Press & Spergel 1985; ...

#### Searches for gamma-ray lines

Bergström & Snellmann 1988; Rudaz 1989; ...



#### Decay

Very model dependent (sterile neutrinos, R-partiy violating gravitino DM, axions, ...)

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### Distribution of rest DM mass energy

How much energy is dumped into photons, neutrinos, electrons, protons and deuterons depends on the **annihilation channel**.

**Leptonic channels** 

**Hadronic channel** 



Cirelli et al. (2010) "PPPC4DMID"

### Gamma-ray spectral features



# Differential intensity of DM signal photons

#### **Differential signal intensity**



**Differential flux** from a region  $\Delta V$  at distance *D*.

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# Spatial characteristics

Signal is approx. proportional to column square density of DM:

#### **Extended or diffuse:**

(for observations with gamma rays)

#### **Galactic DM halo**

- good S/N
- difficult backgrounds
- angular information

#### **Extragalactic**

- nearly isotropic
- only visible close to Galactic poles
- angular information
- Galaxy clusters?

review on N-body simulations: Kuhlen, Vogelsberger & Angulo (2012)



#### **Point-like:**

(for observations with gamma rays)

#### Galactic center (~8.5 kpc)

- brightest DM source in sky
- but: bright backgrounds

#### DM clumps

- w/o baryons
- bright enough?
- boost overall signal

#### **Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies**

- harbour small number of stars
- otherwise dark (no gamma-ray emission)

### Dark matter profile

The DM distribution very close (<1kpc) to the Galactic center is observationally only poorly constrained.



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### Dark matter substructure boosts



$$\langle \rho^2 \rangle_V = B_F \langle \rho \rangle_V^2$$

#### **Relevance of substructure**

- Effective contribution depends critically on concentration-mass relation
- Tidal forces diminish subtructure in inner Galaxy
- Usually not sizeable in the inner Galaxy or in dwarf spheroidals
- Largest for massive Galaxy clusters

Some recent work: Moline+ 1603.04057, Okoli+ 1711.05271

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# (Secondary photons)

Various mechanisms can generate photon signals from high energetic electrons and positrons.



#### nrumiano

#### **Inverse Compton emission**

Up-scattering of the interstellar radiation field (starlight, dust emission, CMB) to GeV energies



# Fermi LAT - Galactic center GeV excess





#### The Fermi GeV bulge emission

- Initial claims by Goodenough&Hooper (2009) [see also Vitale&Morselli (2009)]
- Controversial discussion in the community for six years
- In 2015, existence of "GeV excess" finally got the blessing from the Fermi LAT collaboration
- Is it a DM signal?

... Hooper & Linden 11; Boyarsky+ 11; Abazajian & Kalpinghat 12; Hooper & Slatyer 13; Gorden & Macias 13; Macias & Gorden 13; Huang+ 13; Abazajian+ 14; Daylan+ 14; Zhou+ 14; Calore+ 14; Huang+15; Cholis+ 15; Bartels+ 15; Lee+ 15, ...)

#### Information field theory:



Huang+ 15

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## Fermi LAT GeV excess - Status

#### Situation

- Thousands of (hypothetical) millisecond pulsars in the Galactic bulge could potentially cause the emission (spectrum works) Abazajian 2010
- Production plausibly related to disruption of globular clusters Brandt & Kocsis 2015

#### **Photon clustering**

- Point source origin of emission suggests clustering of photons, supported by waveflet fluctuation analysis
- Non-Poissonian template fit results recently retracted (but not relevant for wavelet analysis) Lee+15, see also Leane+19

#### **Spatial distribution**

 Excess emission appears to trace stellar mass in Galactic bulge rather than a spherical (DM) profile → Suggests astrophysical origin Bartels+18

But: Situation remains unclear, difficult to make definitive statements with photon data alone  $\rightarrow$  Radio searches (MeerKAT should find ~10 bulge MSPs within 100 h in a dedicated survey, maybe 2019/2020?) Calore+15









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# Searches in dwarf spheroidal galaxies



#### **Dwarf spheroidal galaxies**

- 9 classical dwarfs
- >25 ultra-faint dwarfs around found in recent surveys (SDSS, DES)
- dSphs have very large M/L ratios  $\rightarrow$  Completely DM dominated
- Astrophysically inactive  $\rightarrow$  no gamma-ray emission expected
- $\rightarrow$  Perfect target for DM annihilation signal searches

### "J-values" in the literature



#### Situation

- Still quite some discussion about J-values in the literature (e.g. Bonnivard+ '15, Geringer-Sameth+ '15, Charbonnier+ '11, Walker+ '11)
- Impact of tri-axiality somewhere around factor 2 (Bonnivard+ '15, Hayashi+ '16)
- Non-parametric approach can reduce J-values by up to factor 4 (Ullio & Valli 2015)
- Still, thanks to combination of sources, limits are arguably the most robust

# Fermi LAT - Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies



**Latest Fermi coll. limits** from 39 dSphs, only for half o them the J-value is kinematically determined

 $\rightarrow$  GeV excess OK (thanks to excesses in 4 dSphs)

**Recent analysis of 27 dSphs with J-value**, using Bayesian and Frequentist methods, long tail J-value priors  $\rightarrow$  GeV excess in tension [Hoof+ 2018]

#### **Ongoing J-values discussion**

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# Line constraints in general $\chi \chi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- Gamma ray lines, virtual internal Bremsstrahlung, etc, would provide clear discoveries against astro bkgs
- Observational constraints are usually strongest from the Galactic center (highest statistics, ~no bkg confusion)
- Branching ratios small as well → Only in exceptional cases the leading constraint





### H.E.S.S. - Galactic center



Abdallah, H. et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 111301 (2016).

#### DM searches with Cherenkov telescopes

- Large CR backgrounds imply that brightest targets are best  $\rightarrow$  GC
- Strongest limits from HESS GC halo observations, recent updates use improved stat. method (HESS 2016)
- Relevant limits at ultra-high-energy gamma rays (m>100 TeV) come from IceCube [e.g., Murase & Beacom 2012]
- Constraints practically disappear for cored profiles





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### Outlook GeV - TeV energies



From Drlica-Wagner, A. & Others. arXiv [astro-ph.CO] (2019). See also Carr, J. & Others. PoS ICRC2015, 1203 (2016).



• Obtaining subthermal constraints is challenging, requires understanding bkgs at ~1% level

Silverwood, H., CW, Scott, P. & Bertone, G. JCAP 1503, 055 (2015); Balázs, C. et al. 2017; Pierre, M., Siegal-Gaskins, J. M. & Scott, P. 2014

#### General high energy prospects:

- Above m~100 TeV, HAWC will improve limits from observations of dSph & GC (Abeysekara+ 2014; Proper+ 2015)
- LHAASO (~2022) will dominate above m~100 TeV in the long run (e.g. Knödlseder 2016)
- CTA (~2025) will improve HESS limits by factor up to 10 (Silverwood+ 2015, Doro+ 2013, Carr+ 2015, Lefranc+ 2015)

### PAMELA positron excess excess



# Pulsars or DM are possible explanations

Dark matter annihilation or decay into leptonic final states, e.g.

$$\chi\chi \to \mu^+\mu^-, \tau^+\tau^-$$

This is already strongly constrained by the nonobservation of corresponding gamma-ray, antiproton etc. signatures.

Papucci & Strumia 2010; Cirelli+ 2010; Ibarra+ 2010...

### Pair production in pulsar magnetosphere





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### Tension with other indirect searches

Annihilation into leptons produces always an Inverse Compton Emission component, that is not seen in gamma rays

[Cirelli, Panci & Serpico (2009)]

(fits to PAMELA data)



### Leptons



### DM searches with anti-protons



#### $DM DM \rightarrow b + b$



Cirelli et al. (2010) "PPPC4DMID"

#### Anti proton constraints

- Background of secondary anti-protons can be predicted within factor of a few
- AMS-02 measurements marginally consistent with secondary background (Giesen+ 15; Evoli+ 15)
- Hard to exclude astro explanation for excesses above secondaries (e.g. nearby SNR; e.g. Kachelriess+ '15, non-universal diffusion, etc)

See also: Winkler+ 17; Carlson+14; Cirelli+14; Jin+15; Ibe+15; Hamaguchi+15; Lin+15; Kohri+15; Balazs&Li15; Doetinchem+15; Fornengo+13

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# Anti-proton ~15 GV excess?

#### Cuoco+ 2019

- First identified in Cuoco+ 2017, with ~4 sigma significance
- After new systematic checks, still at few sigma level
  - Marginalizing over pbar production cross section reduces significance
  - Correlated instrumental systematics are important, of same order as excess, but correlation structure is now publically available



#### Cholis+ 2019

- Check time-/charge-dependend diffusion
- Confirm excess with even higher significance (though no marginalization over all parameters)



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### Outlook - GAPS

Searches for **anti-deuterons** with exotic atom formation

Supported by USA, Italy, Japan. First flight planned for ~2021.







Sever constraints on the range of detectable models comes from AMS-02 anti-protons.

See also Aramaki+ 2016

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### DM annihilation and the CMB



#### **Bounds on annihilating DM**

Energy injection

$$p_{\rm ann}(z) \equiv f(z) \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_{\chi}}$$

- Energy injection at z~500 1000 increases free electron fraction
  - $\rightarrow$  broadening of surface of last scattering
  - $\rightarrow$  less fluctuations at small scales
- Insensitive to details of non-linear structure formation



# Bounds on DM from Planck observations





### • Bounds depend on effective energy deposition $(f_{eff})$ ,

- otherwise very robust
  Exclude s-wave annihilation below m~10 GeV
- unless annihilation into neutrinos dominates

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \lesssim (1-4) \times 10^{-27} \left(\frac{m_{\chi}}{1 \,\mathrm{GeV}}\right) \mathrm{cm}^3 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$$

see also Ali-Haimoud+15; Liu+16; Chluba+16; Cline&Scott 13; Galli+13; Madhavacheril+13

### The Sun as DM collection vessle



WIMPs occasionally scatter on atomic nuclei inside the Sun. If their velocity drops below the escape velocity, they are traped in an orbit around the Sun, lose more energy and finally accumulate at the Sun's center.



In equilibrium, the annihilation rate is fully determined by the capture rate:

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_A = \frac{C_A}{2} N_{\rm eq}^2 = \frac{C}{2}$$

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### CR neutrinos from the Sun

DM annihilation of WIMPs **captured in the Sun** → Flux depends on WIMP-proton scattering (in equilibrium)

#### DM annihilation in MW



#### Situation

- Most stringent bounds on spin-dependent scattering cross-section in the 10 GeV to multiple TeV range come from neutrino telescopes (IceCube, Super-K)
- However, searches for signal from GC not very competitive since neutrinos usually accompanied by photons etc

 $\sigma^{
m SD}_{\chi^{-p}}$  [cm $^2$ ]

### 2) Dark matter decay



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## Sterile neutrino DM searches



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# Comparable DM column density

Boyarsky+ 09



The central colum density of halos with very different sizes is comparable, making a large range of objects good targets for decaying DM searches.

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# The "3.5 keV feature"

PN Cluster

6.8

10-9

 $\theta 10^{-10}$ 

10-11

6.6

Hitomi (3a)

M31

7.0

 $m_s$  [keV]

MOS B14

lusters

M14 Dwarfs (90%)

Abazaiian 2017

7.4

7.2

### Situation

- Found in 4 different detectors XMM-MOS/PN, Chandra, Suzaku, NuStar [Boyarsky+14, Bulbul+14, ...]
- Found / hinted for in multiple targets Milky Way & Andromeda, Perseus cluster, Draco dSph, stacked clusters, COSMOS & Chandra deep fields
- However: Results are somewhat analysis- and target dependent, need to get bkgs right etc Non-detections in some deep field analysis, nearby galaxies [Anderson+15, Dessert+18, Boyarsky+18]
- Hitomi observations disfavour Potassium line interpretation (or other narrow lines)
   Still possible: Sulphor ion charge exchange? [Gu+15&17, Shah+16]







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# Prospects

- Hitomi: Initial observations (before satellite desintegrated) demonstrated power of spectrometers to probe DM interpretation
- XRISM (Hitomi replacement, scheduled for launch in 2021)
  - → Check line width (10x difference expected between atomic and DM lines in Perseus)
  - $\rightarrow$  Resolve atomic lines
  - $\rightarrow$  Measure position
  - → Measure actual line flux from many targets
- Athena+ (~2028)
  - Large X-ray imaging & spectrometer mission → Will allow "dark matter astronomy", if DM lines are confirmed





## 3) Dark matter conversion



## Axion Dark Matter - Status



# Radio searches for axions - Sensitivity

Ray-tracing simulation of DM axion-photon conversion signal from neutron stars

Leroy+, in prep.

See also Pshirkov 2009; Kelley & Quinn, 2017; Safdi+18

- Searches have clear discovery potential for QCD axions, but constraints will depend on our understanding of neutron star magnetospheres.
- Other targets: Dwarf spheroidals, white dwarfs (X-ray) Safdi+19; Caputo+18



#### Some ongoing searches (all this year)

- Effelsberg telescope
- Greenbank telescope
- Murchison Widefield array
- Sardinia radio telescope

# Probing axion DM with GWs & radio?

## Grav. Wave (LISA) & radio observation

- De-phasing of GW signal
  → Measurement of DM spike profile
- Radio observations
  - $\rightarrow$  Probing axion-photon conversion

Edwards+ 19

## DM profile reconstruction uncertainties



## Reach SKA (100h)



## Oscillation signatures



The existence of axions (if DM or not) would affect propagation of GeV and TeV gamma-ray through integalactic magnetic fields  $\rightarrow$  Constraints from H.E.S.S., Fermi-LAT, etc

## Outlook across frequencies



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## Anomalies



Fermi GeV excess
 Anti-proton excess
 3.5 keV line

## 1) Fermi GeV excess

"Fermi GeV excess"

Five years of Fermi LAT data >1GeV



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WIMP Dark

Matter Particles

E<sub>CM</sub>~100GeV

1 00+ 15

+ a few  $p/\overline{p}$ ,  $d/\overline{d}$ 

Anti-matter

## Literature

### Papers that looked at data

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- (+ a few that I must have missed)

Excess is likely DM Excess is there Excess is likely not DM Excess is not there

+ hundreds of DM theory papers

# Emission profile



### Calore+15, Charles+16

## Comparison with dwarfs



Charles+ 2016



Free parameters:  $N_{\rm params} = N_{\rm ebins} \times N_{\rm comp}$ 

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## How to get the templates

## 1) Inject primary CR at sources



# 2) Propagate them with the code of your choice



## 3) Interaction with gas & ISRF



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# Possible contributions to bulge emission



### **Expected contributions**

- Star formation (Gaggero+ '15, Carlson+ '15)
  - GeV excess: 1e37 erg/s
  - 1 SN (1e51 erg) per 100 yr, 10% in GC, 10% into CR, 1% into leptons

 $\rightarrow$  few 1e37 erg/s  $\rightarrow$  enough to power GeV excess

- Bubble-related emission (very hard to model)
- Young pulsars (can be reasonably modeled, O'Leary+ '15)
- <u>Millisecond pulsars</u>\* (spectrum expected to bump at GeV energies, but not clear how many, how distributed, etc; Abazajian 11; Brand & Kocsis 15)



## **Speculative contributions**

- <u>Dark matter annihilation</u>\* (spectrum not exactly known but can bump at ~GeV energies, not clear how strong signal, what shape)
- Past activity of central black hole (cooling effects might in principle explain the observed peaked spectrum; e.g. Cholis+15; Petrovic+13)

\*predict extended quasi-diffuse uniform spectrum

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# Millisecond pulsars for the GeV excess

### Why?

- Fermi GeV bulge emission could be due to combined flux from thousands of bulge MSPs [Abazajian '11; Petrovic+ '13; Brand & Kocsis '15]
- Required number density and spherical distribution possibly created from disrupted globular clusters



For a list of possible caveats (e.g. pulsar aging) see e.g. Hooper+'13, Cholis+'14, Linden & Hooper '16

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## An observational challenge

A signal composed of point sources would appear more "speckled" than a purely diffuse signal (like from DM annihilation)



(Credit: Lee+ 2014)



# Wavelet transform to filter out point sources



Credit: https://www.researchgate.net



## Our work: Wavelet fluctuation analysis (Bartels+15 PRL)



### Wavelet approach is robust and simple

- No background modeling required for wavelet analysis (separation of scales!!!)
- Build-in source localization
- Extremely fast (allowed careful Monte Carlo tests of the results)

See also Lee+15 for an analysis using non-Poissonian noise

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# Wavelet transform of inner Galaxy data



1) Count peaks in different sky regions and bin them according to significance

- 2) Run MCs for different bulge population configurations
- 3) Compare using a Poisson likelihood
- 4) Study all kinds of systematics (foreground sources, gas fluctuations etc)

Strong support for MSP hypothesis



### Results

- For a luminosity function index around 1.5, a MSP population with the best-fit normalization would reproduce 100% of the excess emission
- The best-fit cutoff luminosity is compatible with gamma-ray emission from detected nearby MSPs (beware of large uncertainties due to uncertainties in the distance measure, Petrovic+ 2014, Brandt & Kocsis 2015)

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## Gas fluctuations etc unlikely to cause signal

### Small scale feature in gas

 Even assuming that all diffuse emission comes from gas, we predict a non-detection (Schlegel+97 with ~0.1 deg resolution; Planck optical depth map)



# The ugly truth

## NONE of the diffuse emission models gives an acceptable fit to the data

## 1. Even the best models are excluded by many hundred sigmas

Goodness-of-fit tests typically return **p-value < 10<sup>-300</sup>** 

## 2. Many excess along the Galactic disk

Some of the excesses have same size as Galactic center excess (Calore+15)

# 3. "Bracketing uncertainties" by looking at many wrong models does not give the right answer

**Model parameters** Set of tested models e.g. Ajello+15 E<sup>2</sup> dN/dE [MeV cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>] Real model? Pulsars intensity-scaled Pulsars index-scaled OB Stars intensity-scaled OB Stars index-scaled Hooper & Slatyer (2013) × Gordon & Macias (2013) Abazajian et al (2014) Calore et al (2015) 10<sup>4</sup> Energy (MeV)  $10^{5}$ Model parameters

But everybody is doing it.

## We need better models and/or massively enlarge the parameter space.

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# Accounting for systematics with SkyFACT

SkyFACT (Sky Factorization with Adaptive Constrained Templates)

- Based on penalized likelihood estimation
- Hybrid between template fitting & image reconstruction



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Storm, CW, Calore, 2017

## Data and templates





Residuals ~2 GeV



# Dark gas corrections

- Fraction of gas neither emits CO (molecular gas) nor 21 cm line (atomic gas)
  → Not included in gas maps
- Correction factors are usually derived by considering dust reddening maps (assuming that dust is well mixed with ISM)



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## Low-latitude Fermi bubbles



## Ackermann+17



- Low-latitude part of Fermi bubbles is not well studied
- However, a MSP component + bubble component (hard spectrum) decomposition is possible
- Suggests strongly enhanced HE emission in the inner few degrees
- ICS from star formation?
- However, statistically not very significant, hard to study



# Using stellar mass distribution as templates



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## Emission scales with stellar mass



- This supports the idea that the GeV excess is of stellar origin, i.e. generated by objects that are distributed like the majority of bulge stars
- Association with boxy bulge might disfavour production via disrupted globular clusters, but needs further study

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# Previous searches & current situation

### **Radio searches:**

- Observations since 1980s (mostly Parkes, Arecibo), since 2002 GBT
- Today\*: ~370 MSPs (~240 field, ~130 in globular clusters) [e.g., Stovall+13]
  - From surveys (e.g. Parkes HTRU)
  - From deep observations of globular clusters
  - From radio follow-ups of Fermi LAT sources (~70 MSPs) [Ray+12]
- MPS searches at the Galactic center are very hard [Marcquart & Kanekar 15]

\*As of Jan 2016

## Gamma-ray searches:

- Discovery of numerous gamma-ray MSPs came as surprise, but now well established (Abdo+10)
- MSPs usually appear as unassociatd sources in Fermi LAT data (spectral curvature, non-variable)
- Follow-up searches required to (1) discover associated radio pulsation and (2) fold ephemerides back into gamma rays
- At least one MSP found by blind search for gamma-ray pulsation alone

For a review see Grenier & Harding 15



[Abdo+ 2013, 2nd Fermi Pulsar catalog]

# Modeling MSP bulge population

### Density of radio-bright MSPs

• We use six **globular clusters** observed in gamma rays (Ter 5, 47 Tuc, M 28, NGC 6440, NGC 6752, M 5) to estimate expected radio emission of bulge population

$$\frac{L_{\gamma}^{\text{stacked}}}{N_{\text{rb}}^{\text{stacked}}} = (1.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{34} \,\text{erg}\,\text{s}^{-1}$$

- Fully takes into account beaming effects
- Radio-bright (here):  $L_{1400} > 10 \mu Jy$
- $L_{\gamma}^{\text{bulge}} = (2.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{37} \, \text{erg s}^{-1} \longrightarrow N_{\text{rb}}^{\text{bulge}} = (2.7 \pm 0.9) \times 10^3$
- Luminosity function from Bagchi+11

## **Spatial distribution**

- Assumed to follow observations of GeV bulge emission as seen be Fermi
- Volume emissivity follows inverse radial power law

$$\frac{dS}{dV} \sim r^{-2.5}$$

### Calore, Di Mauro, Donato, Hessels, CW 2016

# Expected radio emission of bulge MSPs

### Modeled pulsars in x-y plane

• Predict enhancement of MSP density by several orders of magnitude in the Galactic bulge w.r.t disk

#### Surface density of radio-bright bulge MSPs

 Varies from ~100 deg<sup>-2</sup> to ~1 deg<sup>-2</sup>, depending on the distance from the GC.



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## Sensitivity calculations

## Radio-meter equation for pulsar searches

$$S_{\nu,\rm rms} = \frac{T_{\rm sys}}{G\sqrt{t_{\rm obs}\,\Delta\nu\,n_p}} \left(\frac{W_{\rm obs}}{P - W_{\rm obs}}\right)^{1/2}$$

• We require 10 sigma signal for "detection"

## **Observational challenges**

- Varying sky-temperature (~5-50 K @ 1.4GHz; extrapolated from Haslam 408 MHz map)
- Intrinsic pulse width (~10%) smeared out by various effects
  - Temporal smearing due to scattering on the ionized ISM
  - Dispersive smearing across individual frequency channels, data sampling, DM step size in search
- Uncertainties in the DM (here taken from NE2001 model)
- About ¾ of field MSPs are found in binary systems → Orbital motion has significant impact on blind searches



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# Planned radio searches for bulge MSPs



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# End Thank you!

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