

# Positrons as Dark Matter probes



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# Topics:

- Propagation of astrophysical  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$   
→ background uncertainties
- Propagation of positrons from DM sources  
→ astrophysical uncertainties
- DM interpretation of  $e^+ / e^+ + e^-$  data: is it a viable solution?
- Astrophysical sources &  $e^+ / e^+ + e^-$  data: is it a viable solution?

# POSITRONS & ELECTRONS in CRs

Secondary  $e^-$  &  $e^+$ : nuclear reactions on the ISM

Primary

- $e^-$ : SNRs & pulsars
- $e^+$ : pulsars
- $e^-$  &  $e^+$ : DM annihilation/decay

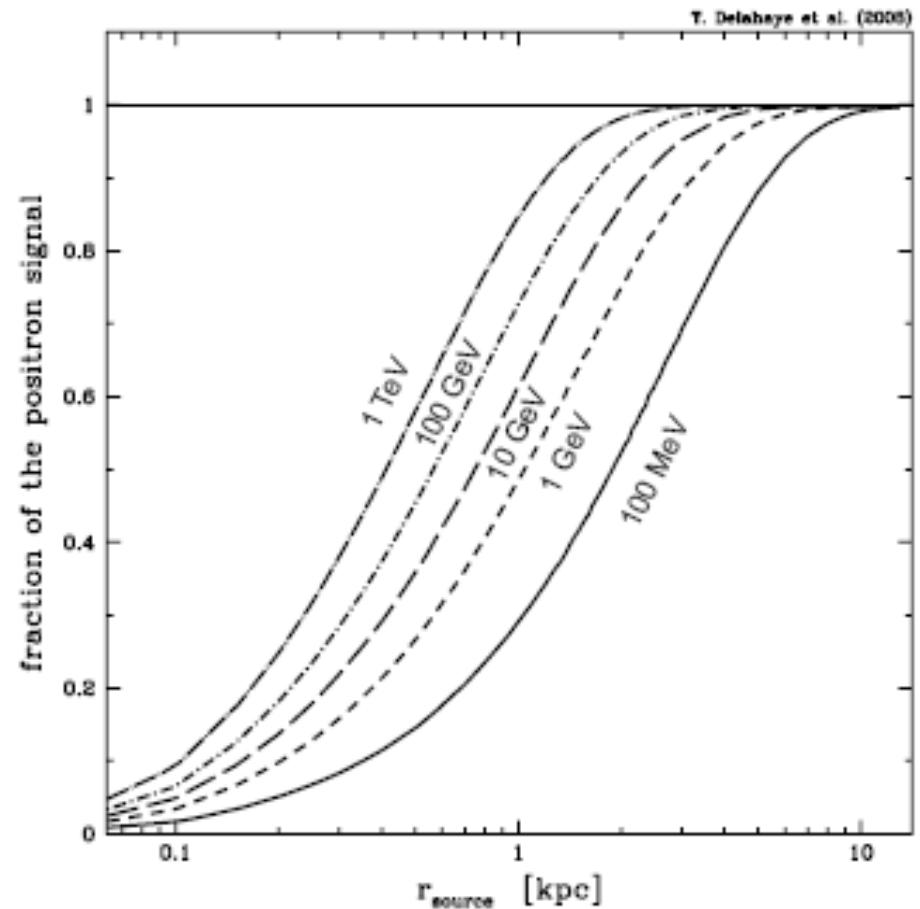
# Propagation of $e^+$ & $e^-$

Delahaye, Lavalle, Lineros, FD, Fornengo, Salati, Taillet A&A 2009

Diffusive semi-analytical model:  
Thin disk and confinement halo  
Free parameters fixed by B/C

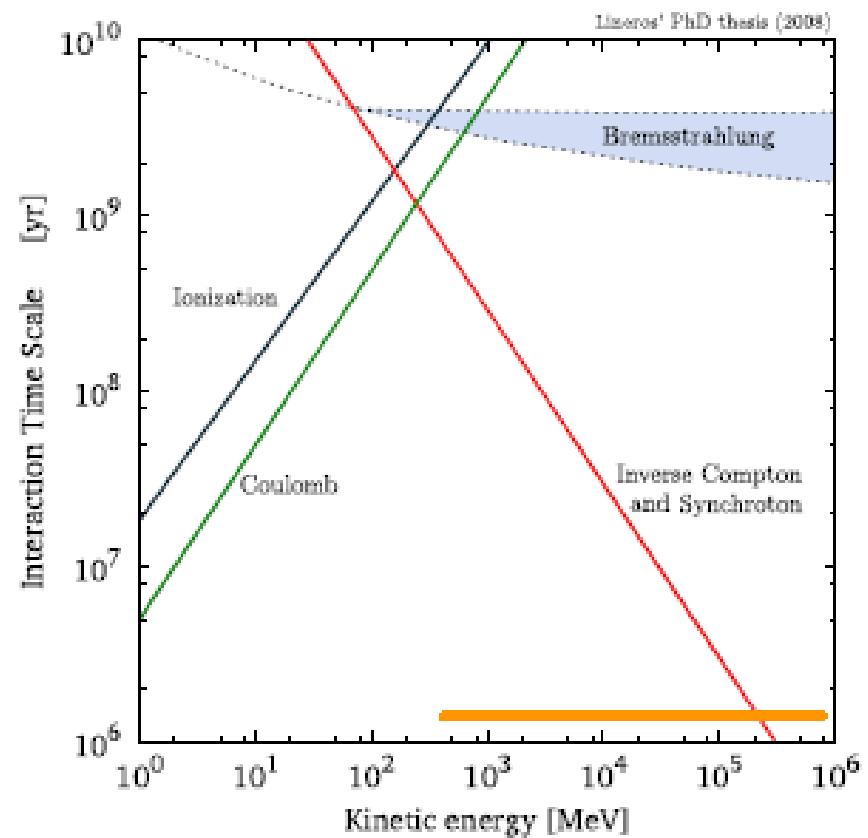
Above few GeV:  
only spatial diffusion and  
energy losses

Energetic positrons  
& electron  
are quite local



# Energy losses for positrons/electrons

$$-b^{\text{loss}}(\epsilon) = \begin{cases} \frac{\epsilon^2}{\tau_E} & \text{Inverse Compton and synchrotron} \\ +\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}_C \frac{p^2}{6\hbar\epsilon} & \text{Adiabatic losses} \\ +K_b n_H \epsilon & \text{Bremsstrahlung} \\ +K_i n_H \left\{ 3 \ln \left( \frac{E}{m_e} \right) + 19.8 \right\} & \text{Ionisation.} \end{cases}$$



Synchrotron and Inverse Compton\* dominate

\*IC=scattering of e- on photons (starlight, infrared, microwave)

# 2-zone Semi-analytic Diffusive Model

Maurin, FD, Taillet, Salati ApJ 2001; Maurin, Taillet, FD A&A 2002

& talks by D. Maurin, P. Salati, A. Putze

+ All effects included ( $V_A \neq 0$  &  $V_c \neq 0$ )

+ 2D semi-analytic

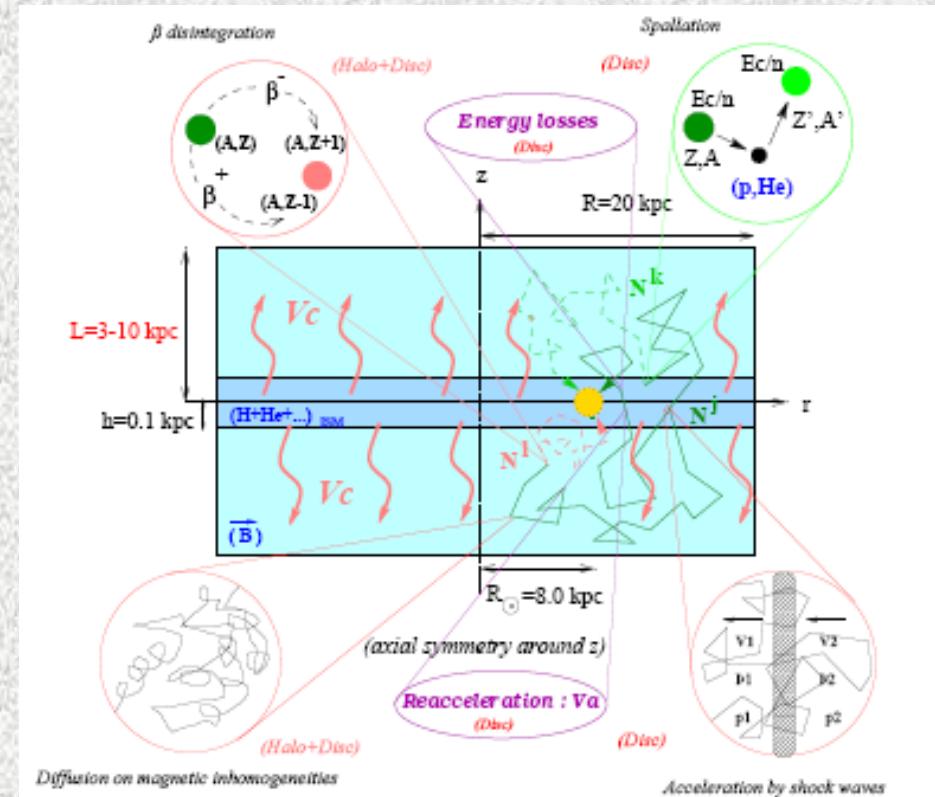
+ Local Bubble for radioactives

- ISM constant

-  $V_c$  constant throughout the halo

-  $V_A$  in the disk

- Diffusion coefficient  $K(R) = K_0 \beta R^\delta$
- Convective velocity  $V_c$
- Alfvén velocity  $V_A$
- Diffusive halo thickness  $L$
- Acceleration spectrum  $Q(E) = p^\alpha$
- $K_0$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $V_c$ ,  $V_A$ ,  $L$ ,  $(\alpha)$



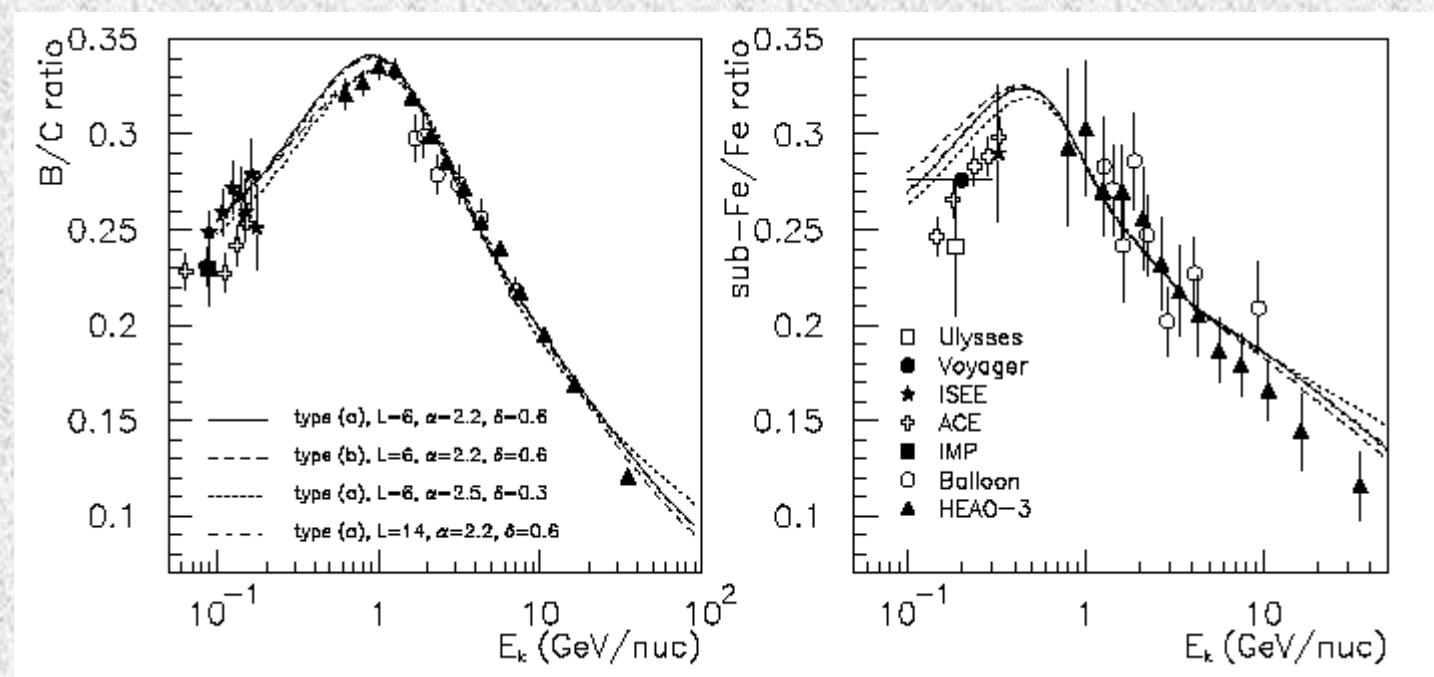
Systematic scan  
of parameter space  
Evaluation of uncertainties

# Results on Observed Prim/Sec

Maurin, FD, Taillet, Salati, ApJ (2001) Maurin, Taillet, FD A&A (2002)

## Systematic scan of the parameter space

6 free parameters: diffusion ( $K_0, \delta$ ), convection ( $V_c$ ), acceleration( $a$ ), reacceleration ( $V_A$ ), diffusive halo ( $L$ )



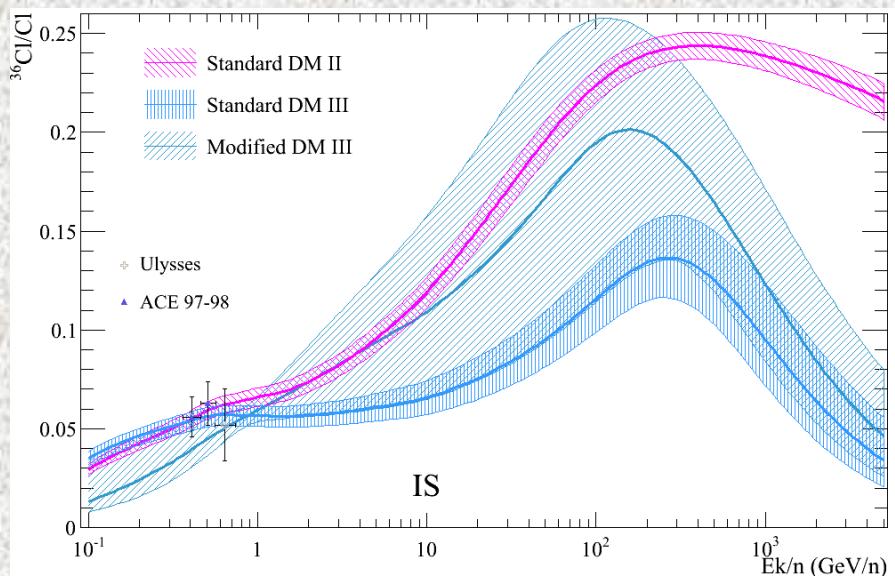
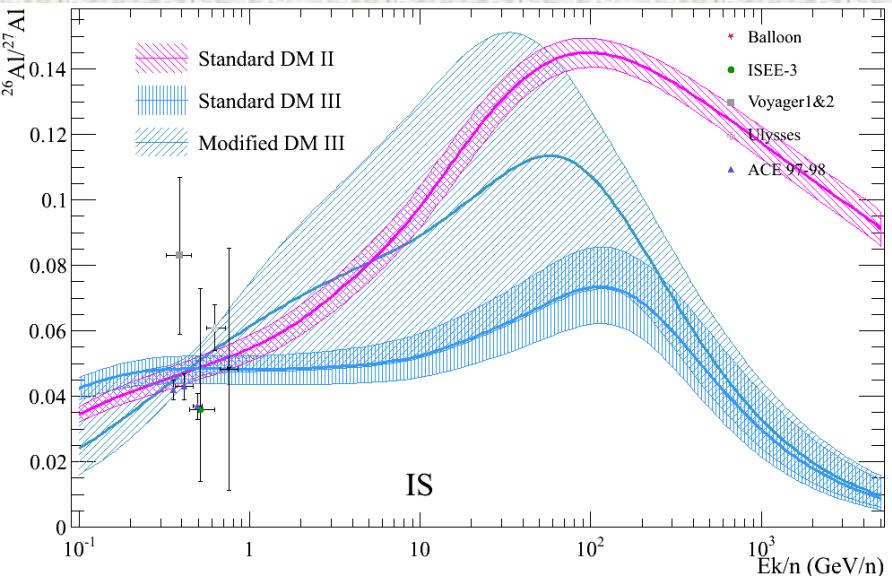
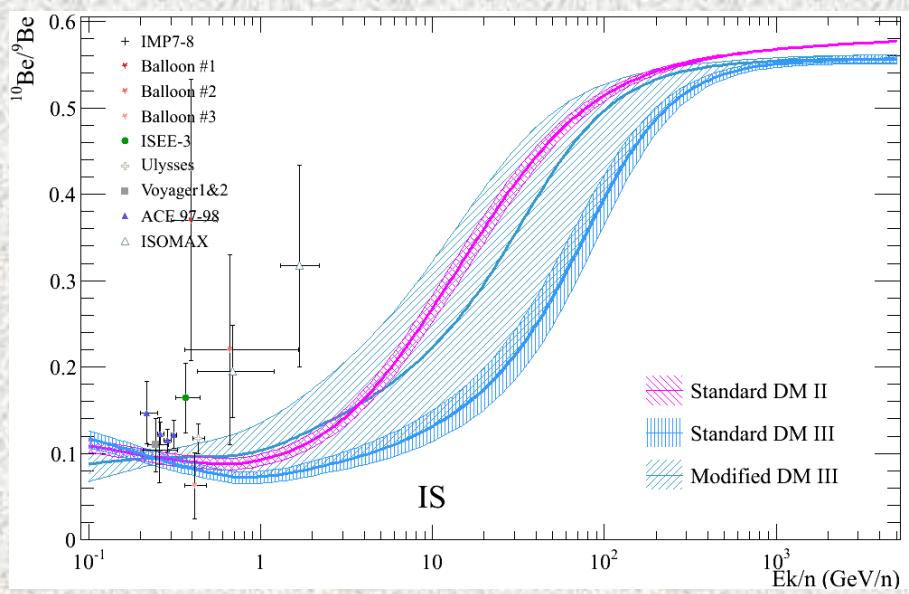
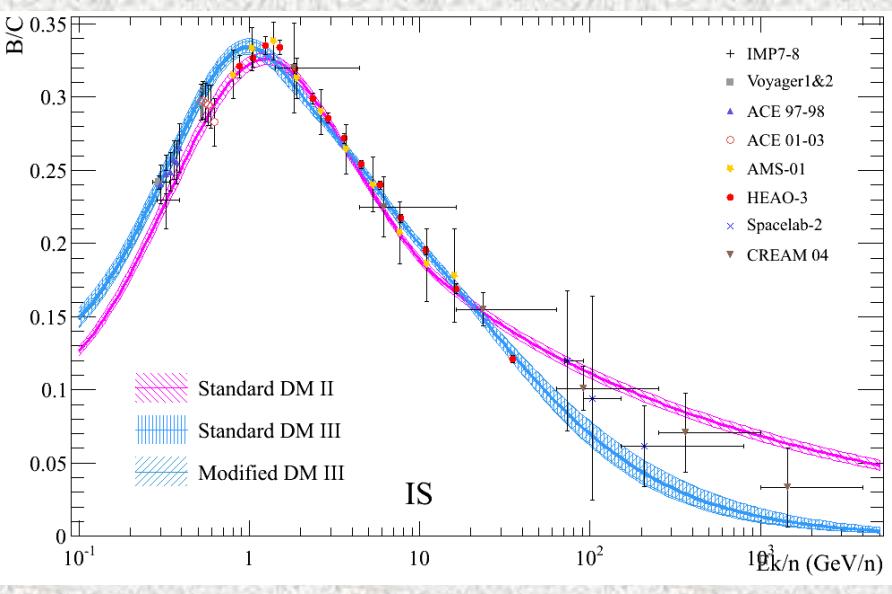
Only model WITH convection AND reacceleration

Kolmogorov ( $\delta=0.3$ ) spectrum disfavoured,  $\delta \sim 0.6-0.7$ ,  $K_0 \sim 0.003-0.1 \text{ kpc}^2/\text{Myr}$

No need for breaks in  $K(E)$  or  $Q(E)$ , also for p and He

# MCMC results on B/C AND radioactive isotopes

Putze, Derome, Maurin A&A 2010



# Secondary positrons

(from CRs inelastic interactions  
on the interstellar medium)

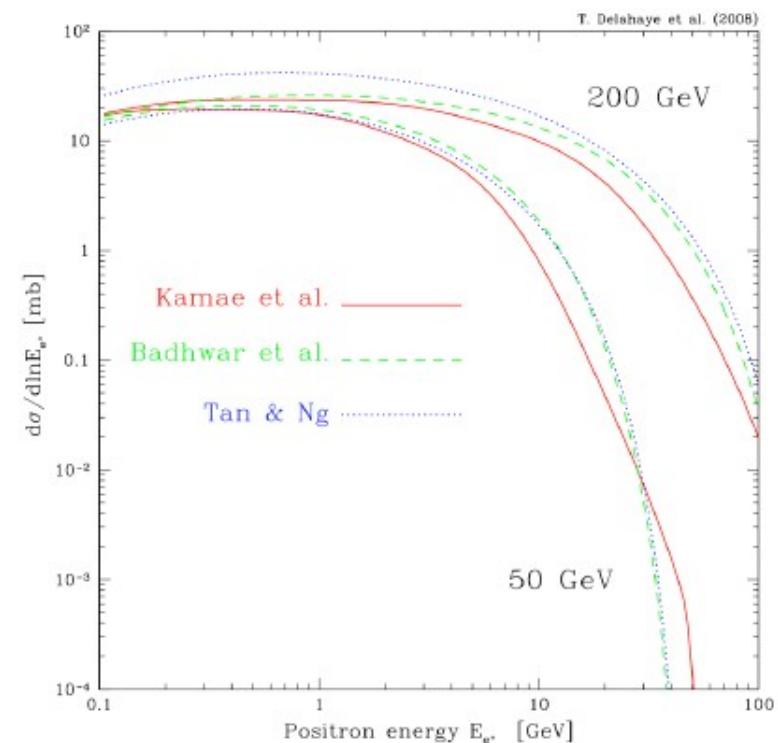
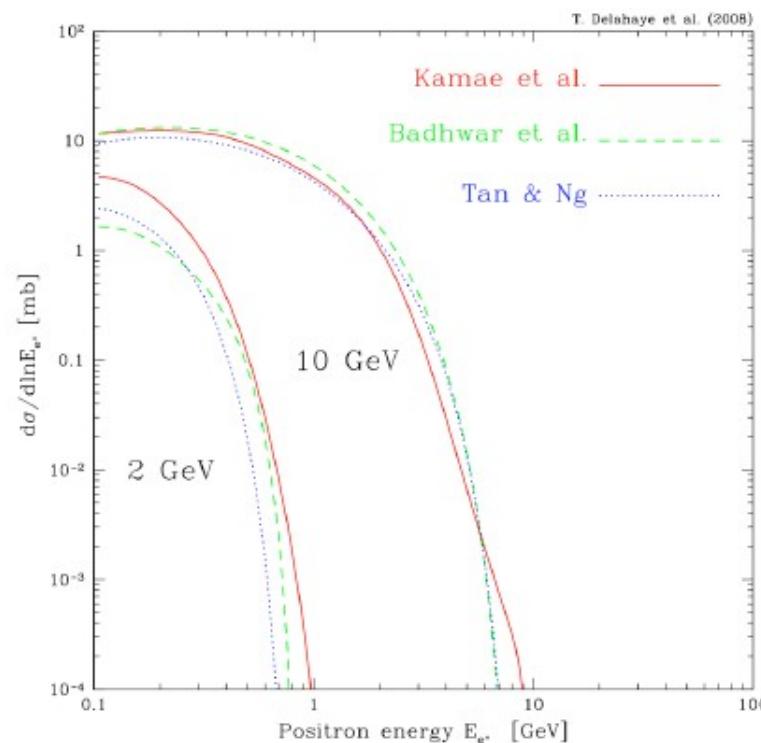
# Secondary $e^+$ & $e^-$ production

## Spallation of proton and helium nuclei on the ISM (H, He)

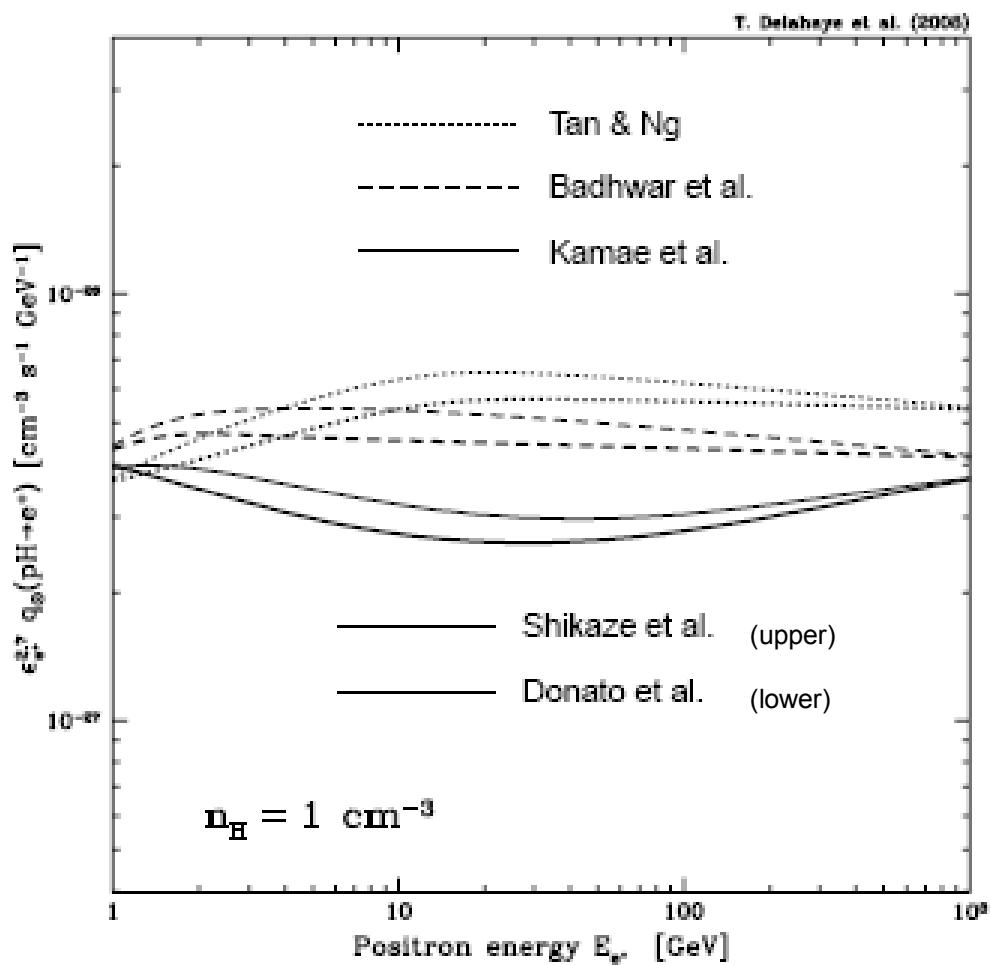
Delahaye et al. A&A 2009

- $p+H \rightarrow p+\Delta^+ \rightarrow p+\pi^0 \& n+\pi^+$  (mainly below 3 GeV)
- $p+H \rightarrow p+n+\pi^+$
- $p+H \rightarrow X + K^\pm$

Different parameterizations of cross sections and incident p energy



# Secondary $e^+$ & $e^-$ source term



Effect of production cross sections is not negligible

Effect of proton flux determination - negligible

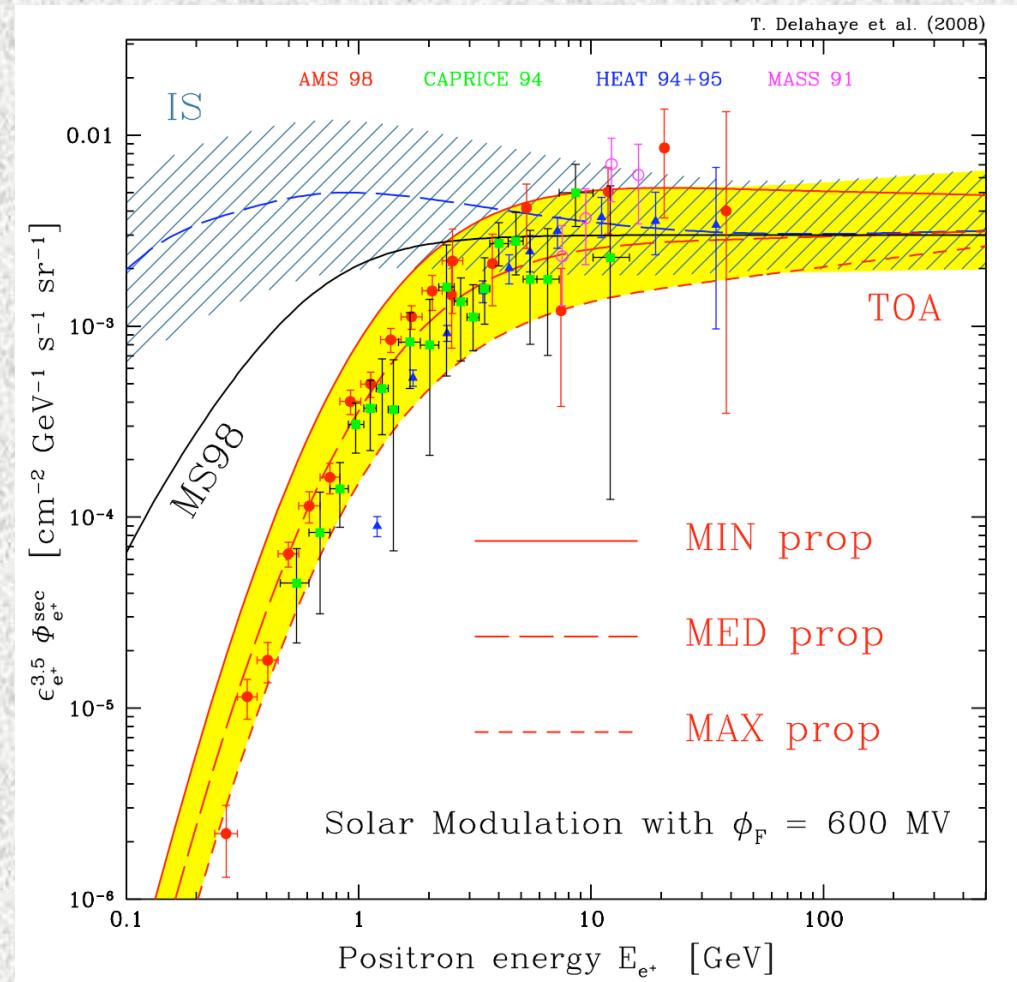
# Positron flux: data and predictions

Delahaye et al. A&A 2009

Same propagation models:

Positrons as secondary CRs  
are well fit by predictions

Uncertainties due to  
propagation: 3-4



Secondary positrons +

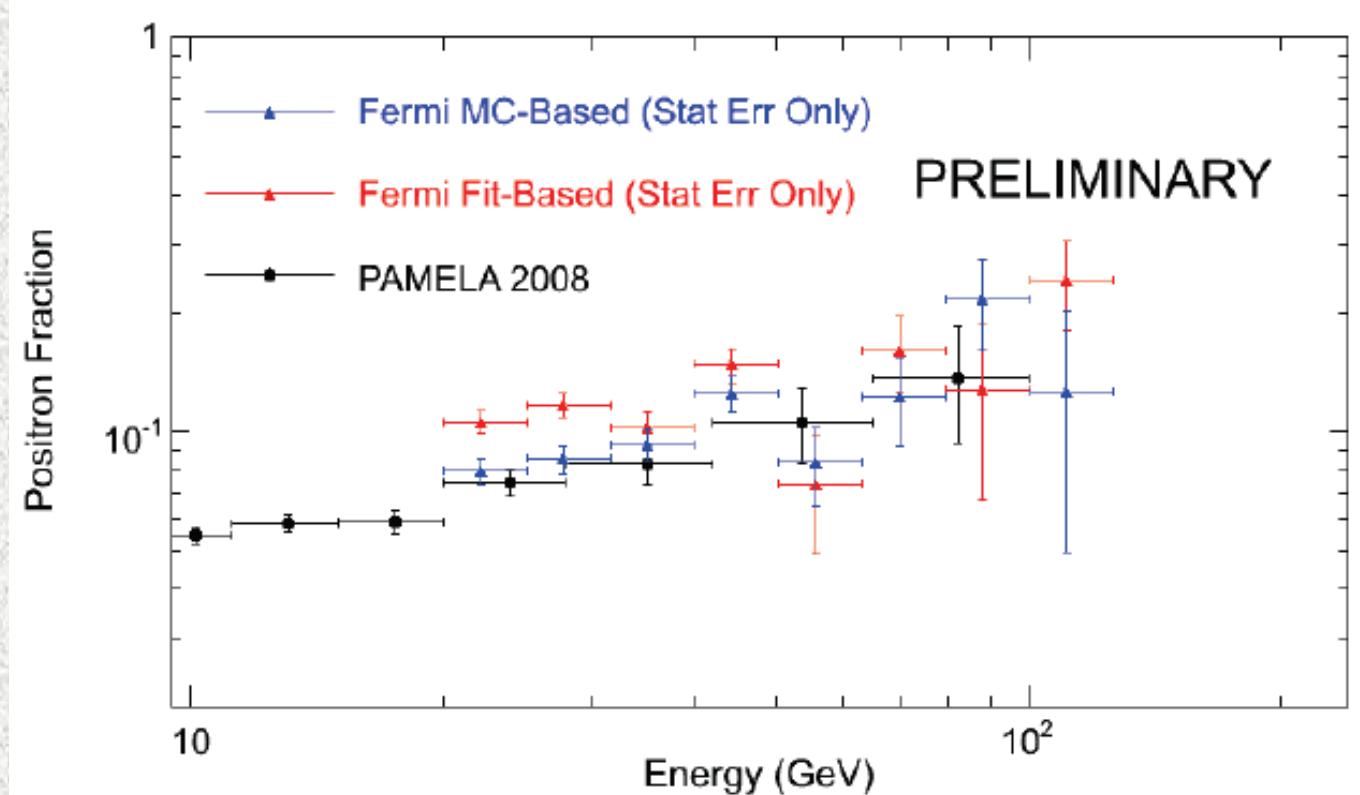
secondary electrons

+ primary electrons from SNR

# Positron Fraction by Fermi-LAT

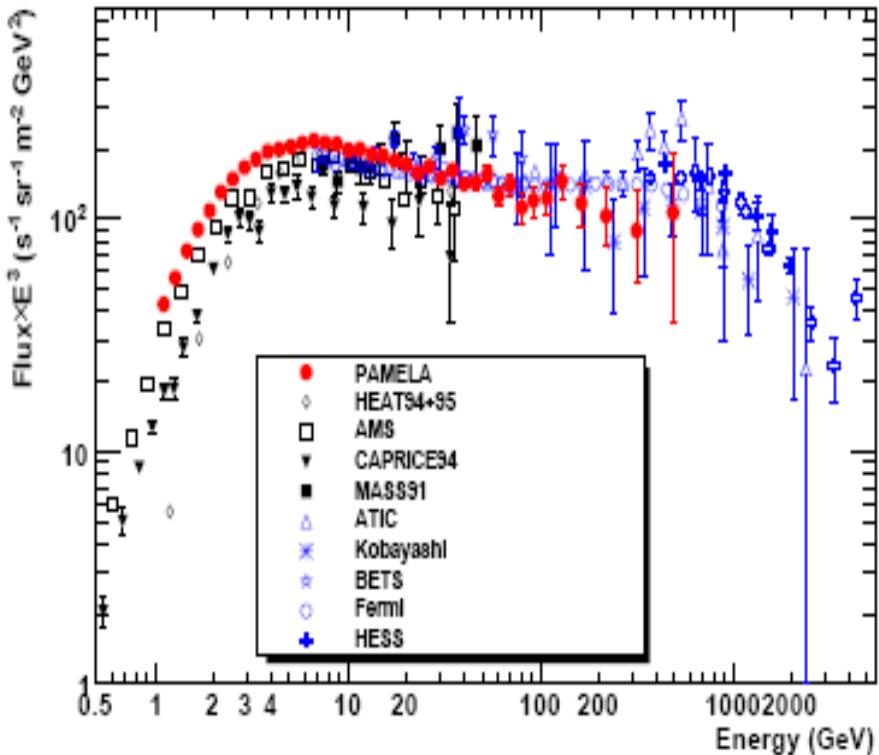
Mittshumsiri @ Fermi Symposium, Rome 2011

Charge discrimination using the Earth Magnetic Field

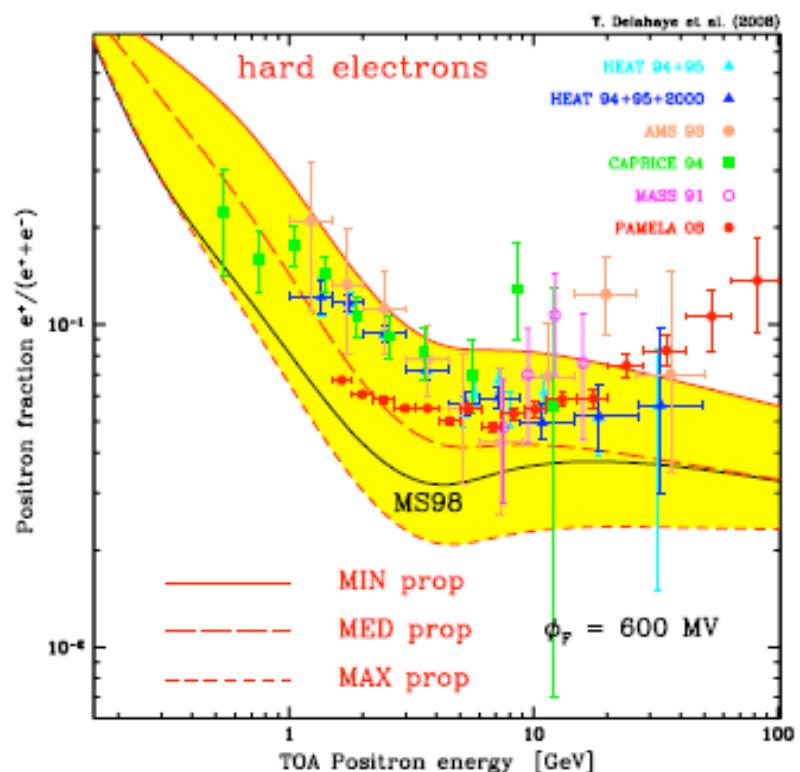


# Positron/electron: data and predictions

Adriani et al. 2011



Delahaye et al. A&A 2009



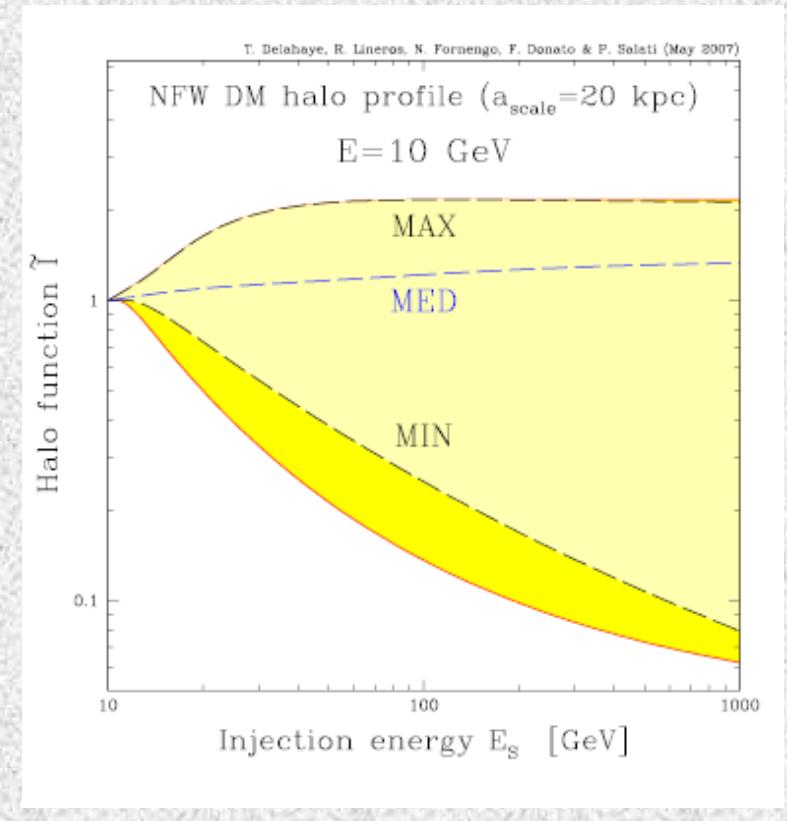
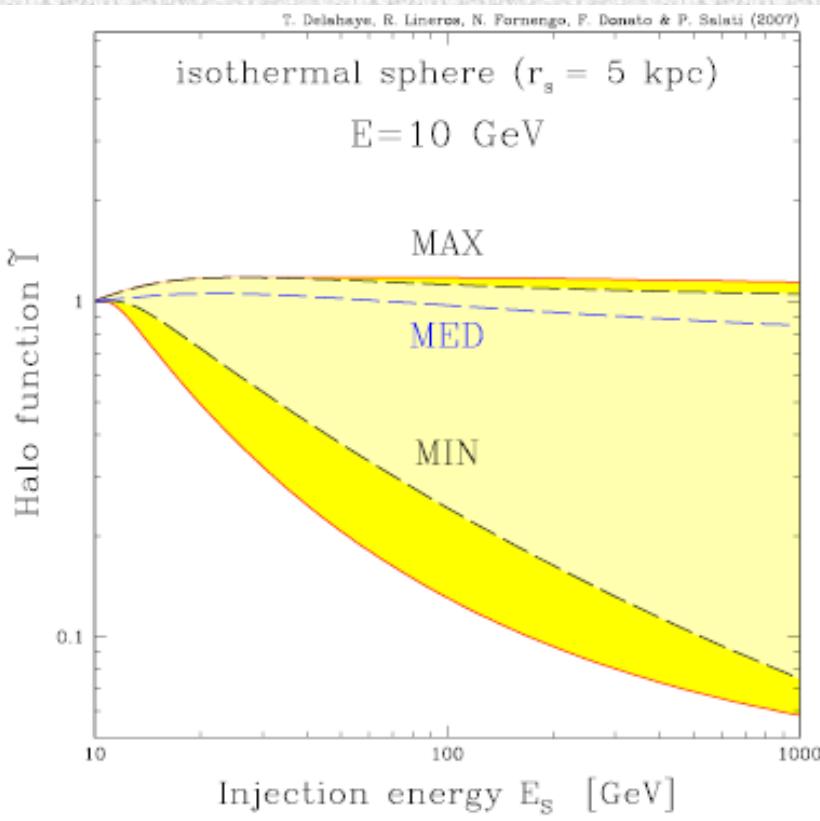
Yellow band: secondary positrons & propagation uncertainties  
There is no "standard" predicted flux (dashed is B/C best fit)

Dark Matter interpretation of  
the positron fraction

# Propagation of positron from WIMP DM (neutralino) sources

$$\Phi(E) = k_{susy} \frac{\tau_E}{E_0 \varepsilon^2} \int_E^\infty dE_S f(E_S) \tilde{I}(\lambda_D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 &= 1 \text{ GeV} \\ \varepsilon &= E / E_0 \\ \tau &= 10^{16} \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

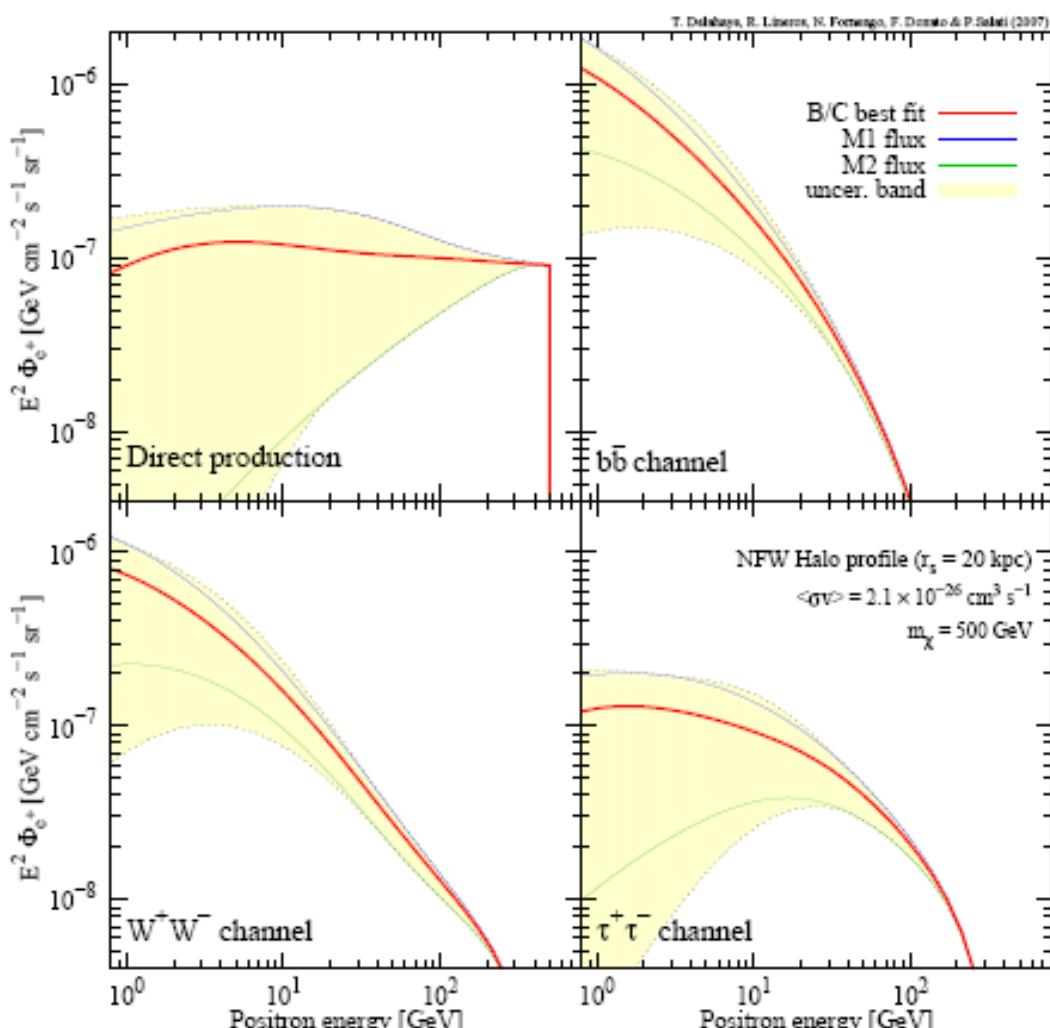


Propagation models allowed by B/C

Delahaye, Lineros, Fornengo, FD, Salati  
PRD 2008

# Positron fluxes: effect of annihilation channels

Delahaye et al. PRD 2008



$m=500 \text{ GeV}$

Direct annihilation in  $e^+$ , or in  $\tau$ , are harder than  $bb$  or gauge boson

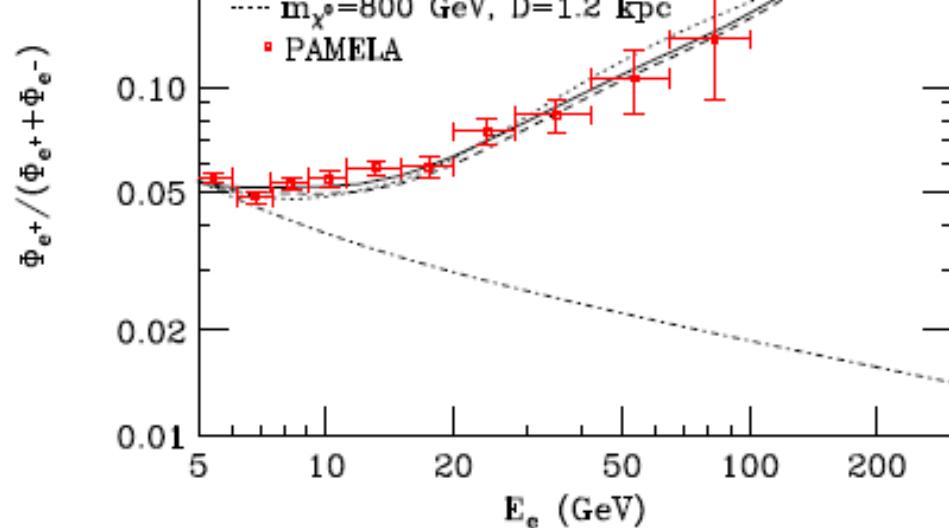
In typical SUSY models annihilation in leptons is suppressed wrt quark production

Uncertainties on primaries is 3-5, depending on:

- Energy
- Annihilation channel
- DM distribution

# Supersymmetric DM interpretation of Pamela data

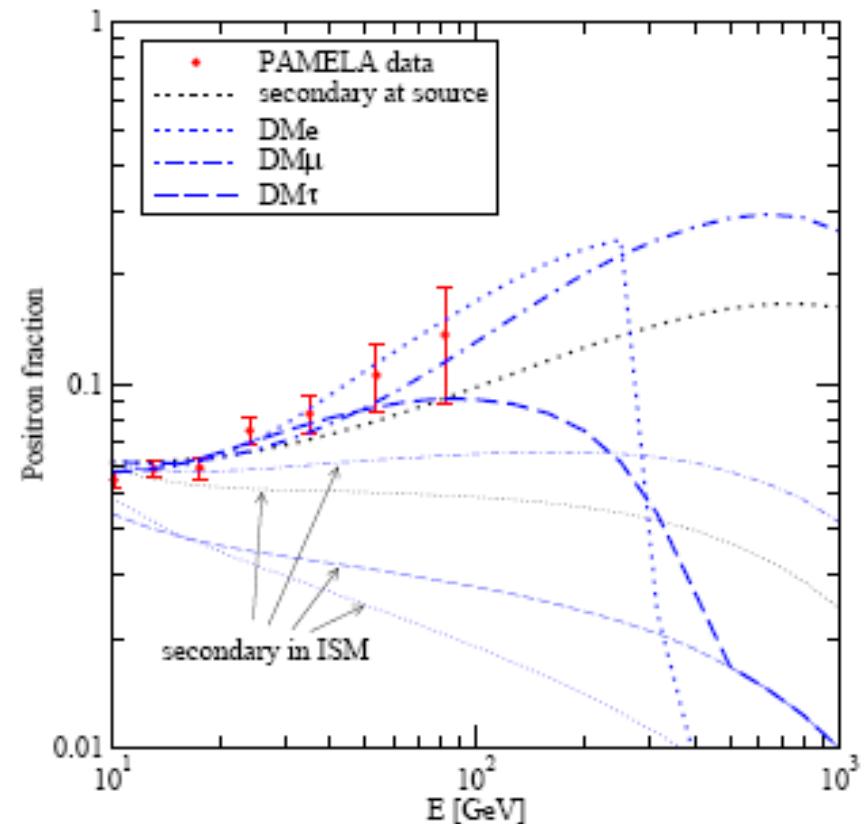
WW final state and very close clumps



Hooper, Stebbins, Zurek PRD 2009

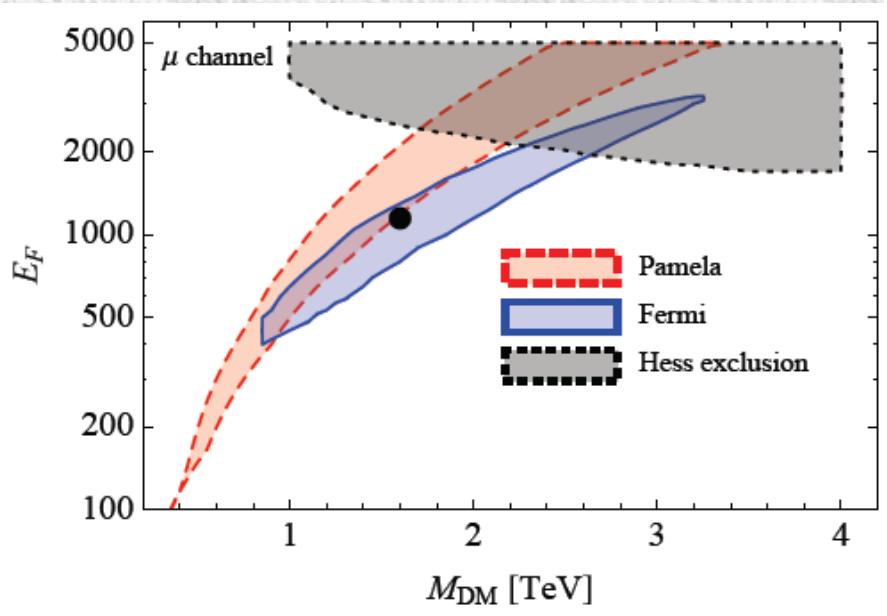
	$M_\chi$ [GeV]	$\sigma_a v$ [cm $^3$ s $^{-1}$ ]	annihilation modes	spatial profile	line coding
DM $e$	300	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-24}$	$e^+ e^-$	Burkert	dotted
DM $\tau$	400	$6.6 \cdot 10^{-24}$	$\tau^+ \tau^-$	Burkert	dashed
DM $\mu$	1500	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-23}$	$\mu^+ \mu^-$	Burkert	dashed-dotted

Regis & Ullio PRD 2009

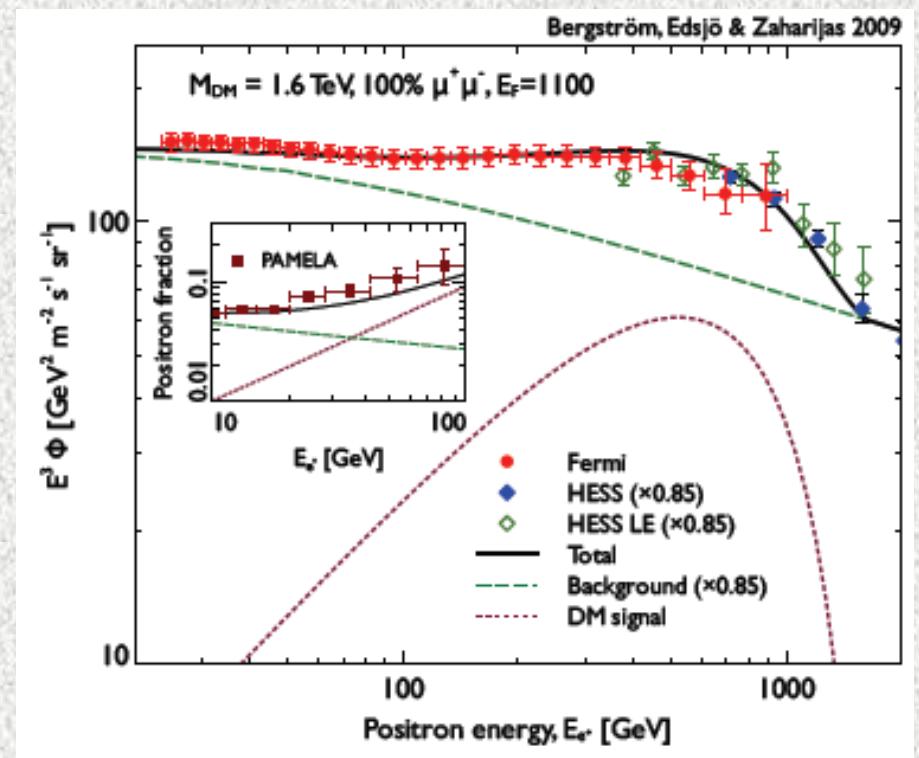


# Boost factor from $e^-$ and $e^+e^-$

Bergström, Edsjö, Zaharijas 2009



Enhancement factor

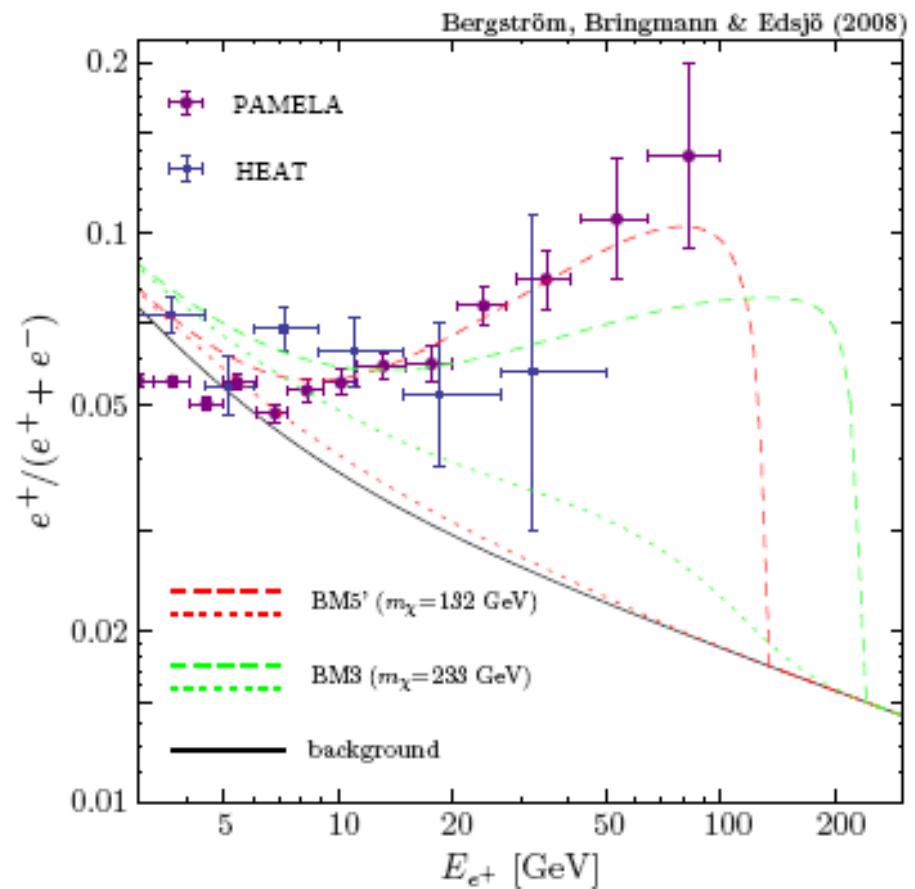
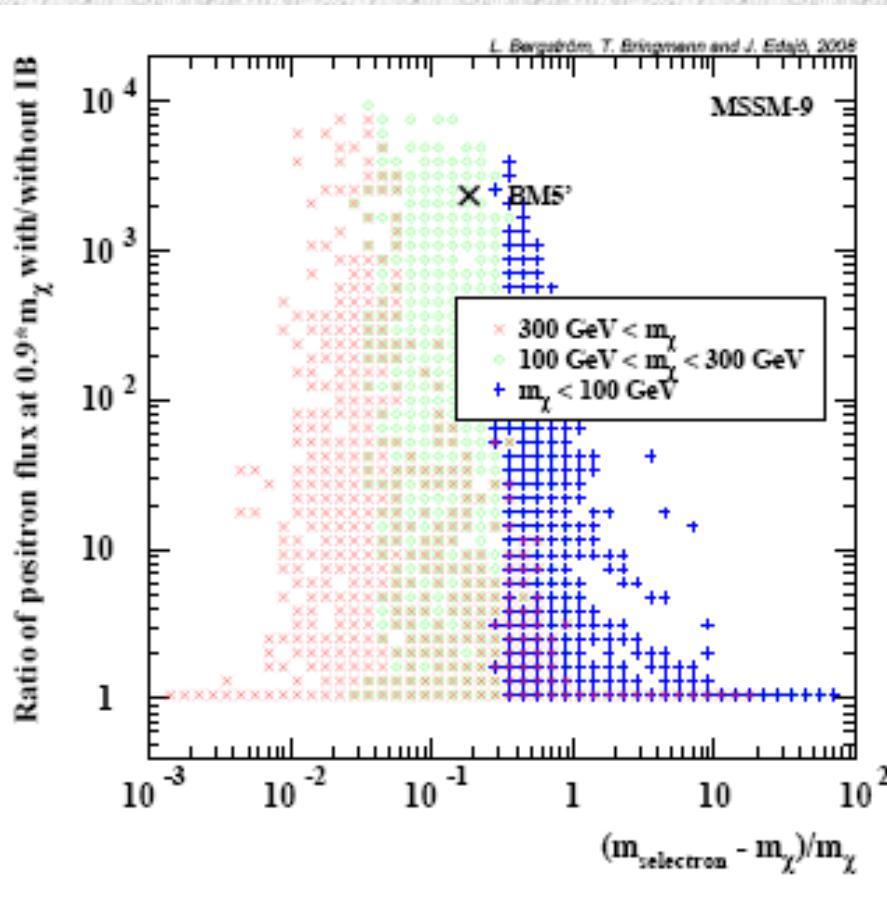


Fits to Pamela (ratio)  
And Fermi (total  $e^+e^-$  flux)

# Supersymmetric DM interpretation of Pamela data

## Internal bremsstrahlung: $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$

Bergstrom, Bringmann, Edsjo PRD2008



No elicity suppression for  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ :  $\alpha/\pi$  instead of  $(me/m_\chi)^2$

# Boundless literature....

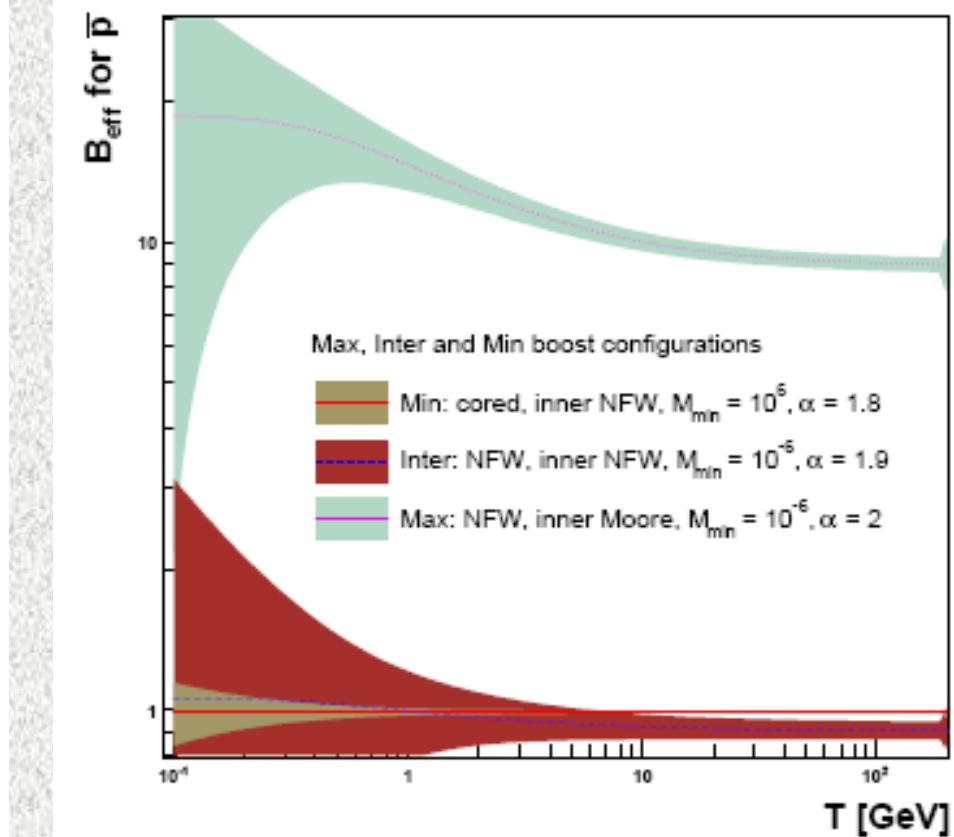
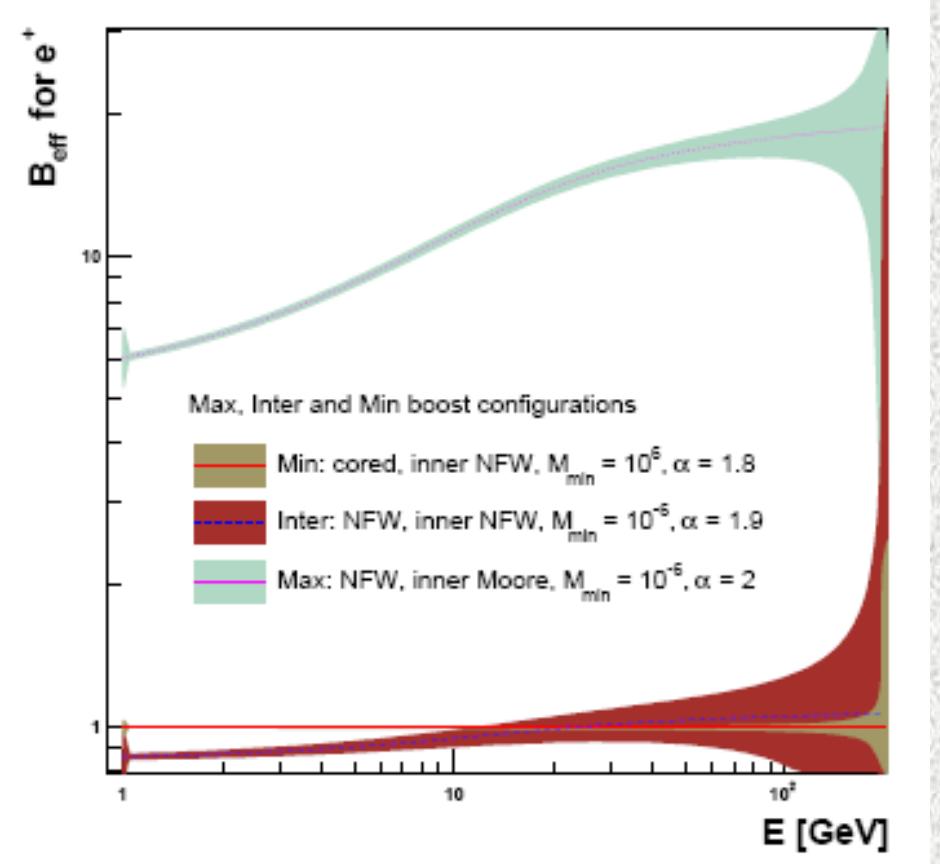
- SUSY interpretation (neutralino, gravitino, sneutrino): leptophilic DM
- Non-thermal DM production
- Dirac particles in NMSSM / KK / Minimal DM / Dark sectors
- New symmetries / New interactions / Nambu Goldston DM / Inert Doublet /.....

In order to reproduce data, a BOOST is needed and can be looked for in:

1. *Astrophysics*
1. *Cosmology*
1. *Particle Physics*

# Astrophysical boosts: numerical simulations and propagation

Lavalle, Yuan, Maurin, Bi A&A 2008

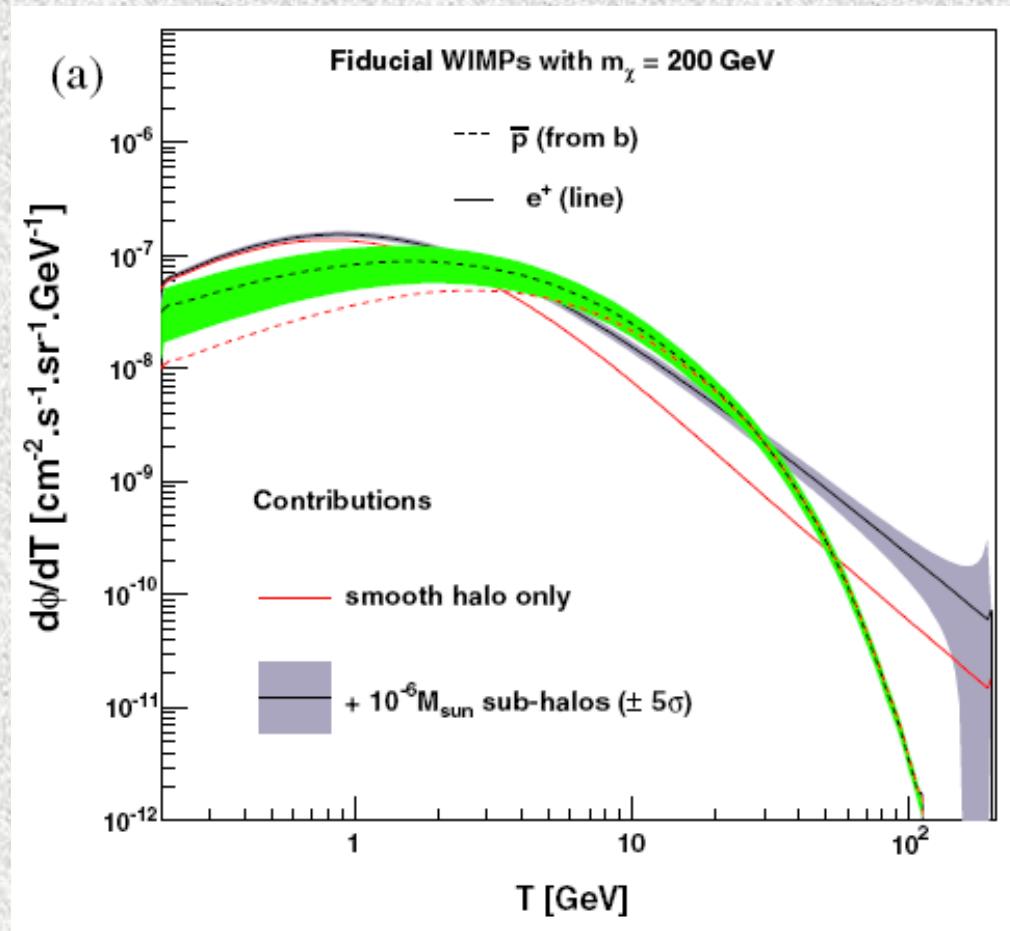


Energy dependent enhancements

# Possible astrophysical boost factors

Lavalle, Nezri, Ling, Athanassoula, Theyssier PRD 2008

Horizon simulation (similar results For via lactea)

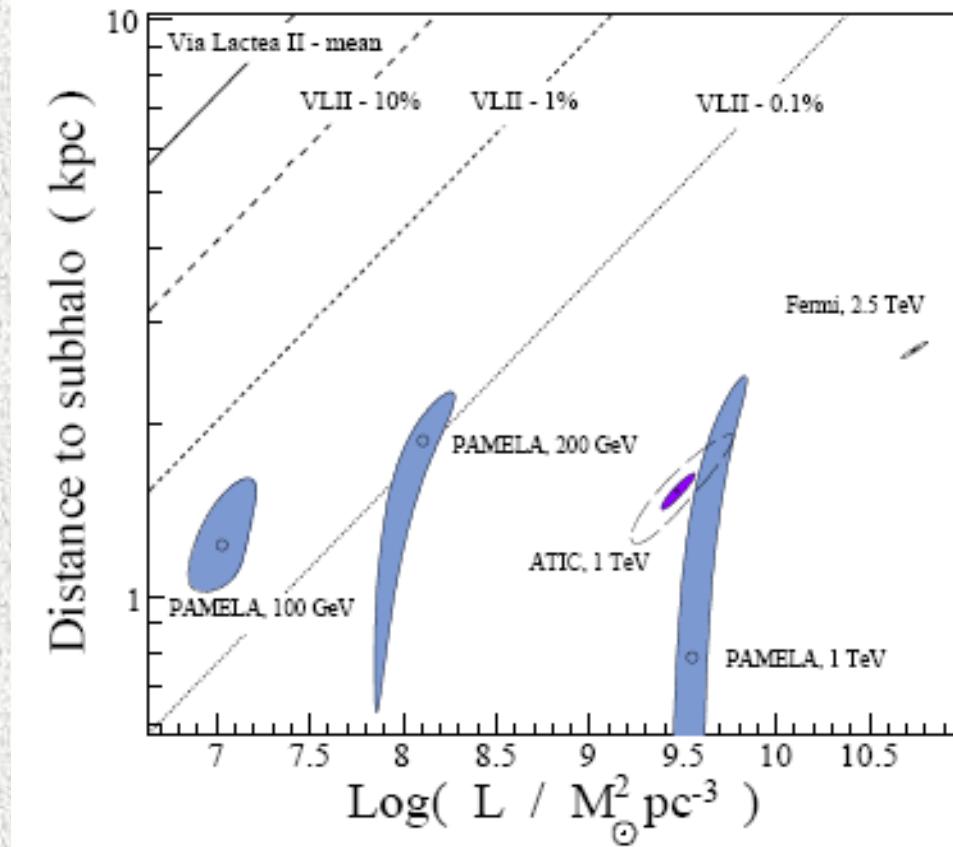


A big boost from DM substructure is not predicted

# CR lepton puzzle & cosmological N-body simulations

Brun, Delahaye, Diemand, Profumo, Salati PRD2009

## Luminosity vs distance: a statistical analysis



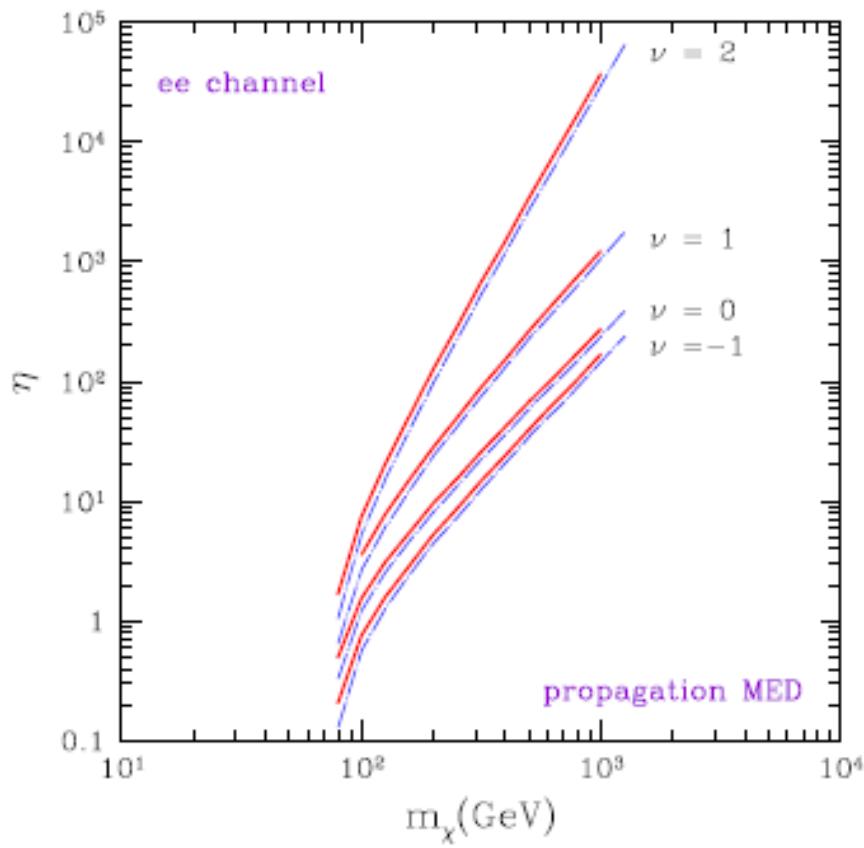
Unlikely scenarios

# Cosmological Boosts

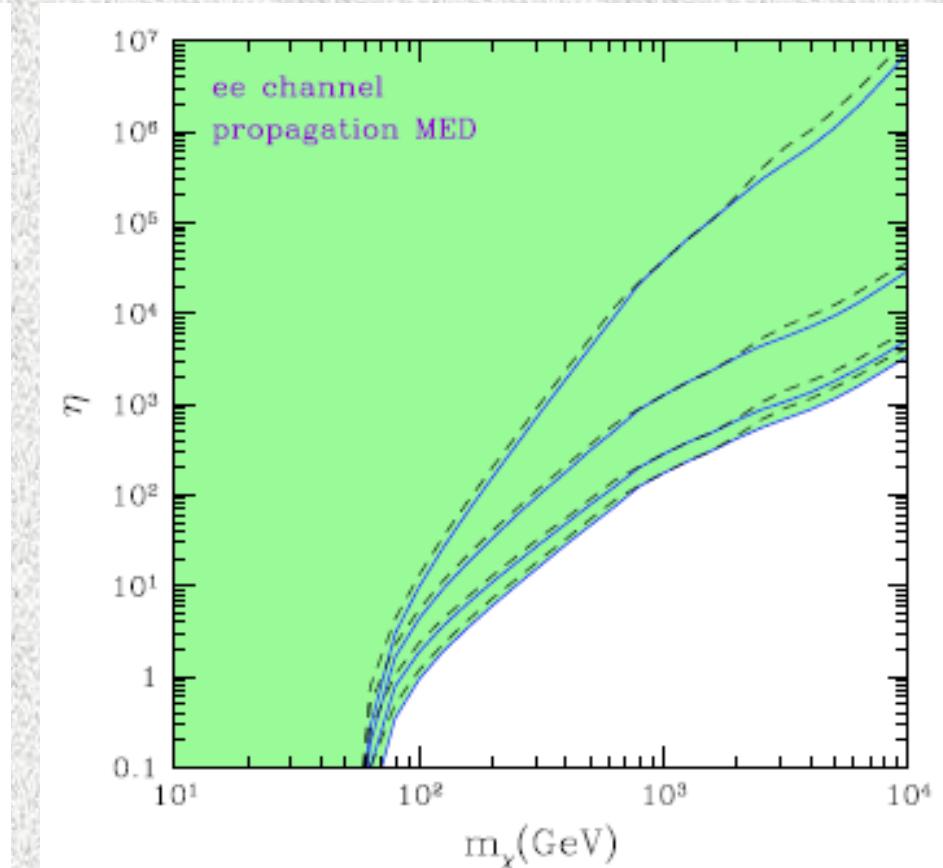
## large $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ provided by modified cosmologies

Catena, Fornengo, Pato, Pieri, Masiero 2010

$$H = H_{GR}[1 + n(T/T_F)]^\nu \text{ (for } T > T_{BBM})$$



Boost required by Pamela

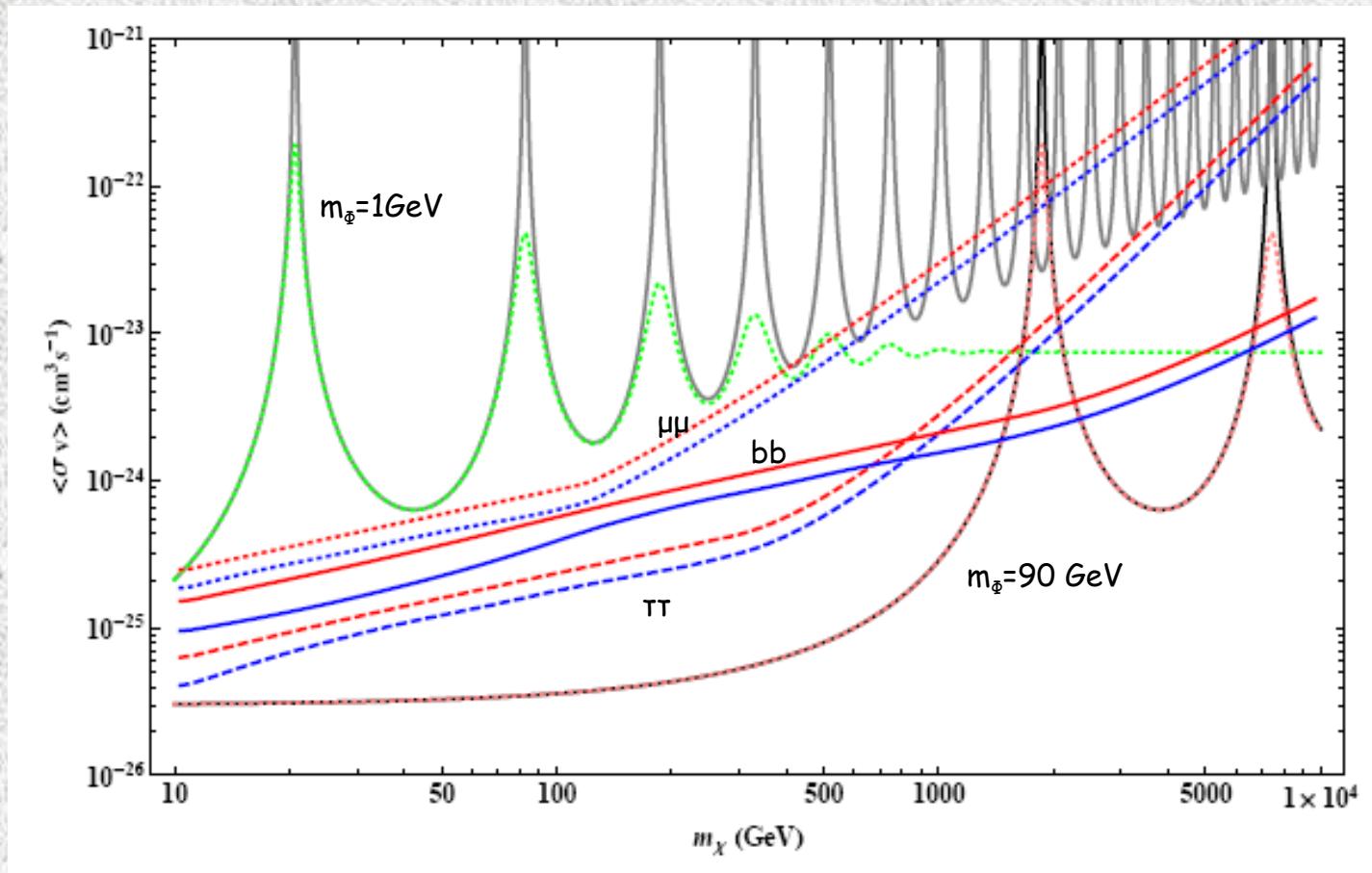


Astrophysical bounds

# Boosts from Particle Physics: Sommerfeld effect

Calore, De Romeri, Donato 1105.4230

Upper limits from EGB  $\gamma$ -rays



2 Models for the EGB with unresolved sources subtraction

- Analysis of  $e^+e^-$  data usually DO NOT consider astrophysical uncertainties on the signal AND on the background.

Similarly, to constrain models by crossed analysis, uncertainties on the signals and all the backgrounds must be included

Otherwise, results have restricted validity

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### Constraints / Crossed checks in

- Antiprotons
- Multi-wavelength: Radio, IR, X-ray, Gamma rays (diffuse, IC, point sources,...)

Secondary  $e^+$

+

secondary  $e^-$

+

primary  $e^-$  from SNR

+

primary  $e^+$  &  $e^-$  from pulsars

# Primary $e^+$ & $e^-$ from pulsars and SNR

$e^+$  and  $e^-$ : pair production in the strong PULSAR magnetosphere  
Polar cap (disfavoured by recent Fermi data) and outer gap models

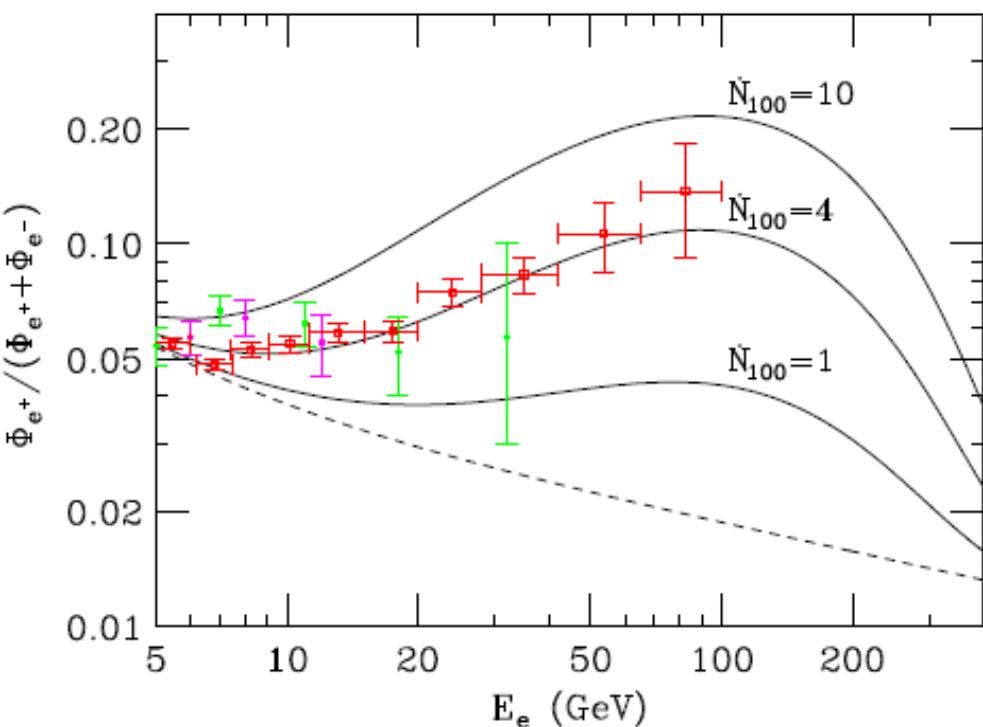
- High energy  $e^-$  are accelerated by the strong pulsar electric field
- $e^-$  synchrotron radiate gamma rays
- $e^+/e^-$  are produced by pair conversion in strong magnetic fields of the PSR or scattering off of thermal X-rays

SNR accelerate  $e^-$  (in the ISM) by means of  
1° order Fermi acceleration mechanism

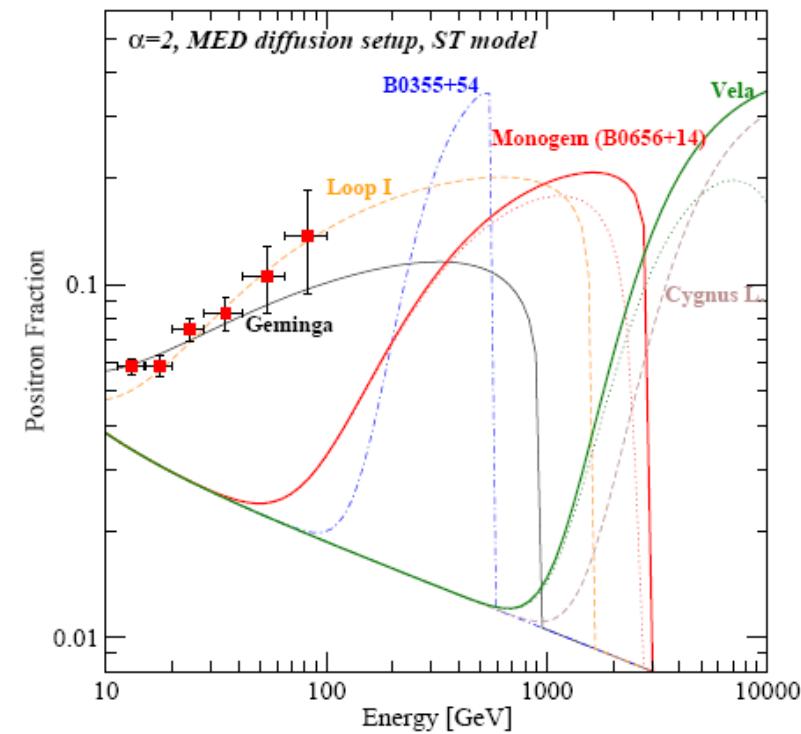
# Primary positrons and electrons from pulsars

Pulsars can be the sources of energetic  $e^+$  and  $e^-$ :  
pair production in the strong pulsar magnetosphere

Hooper, Blasi, Serpico, JCAP 2009

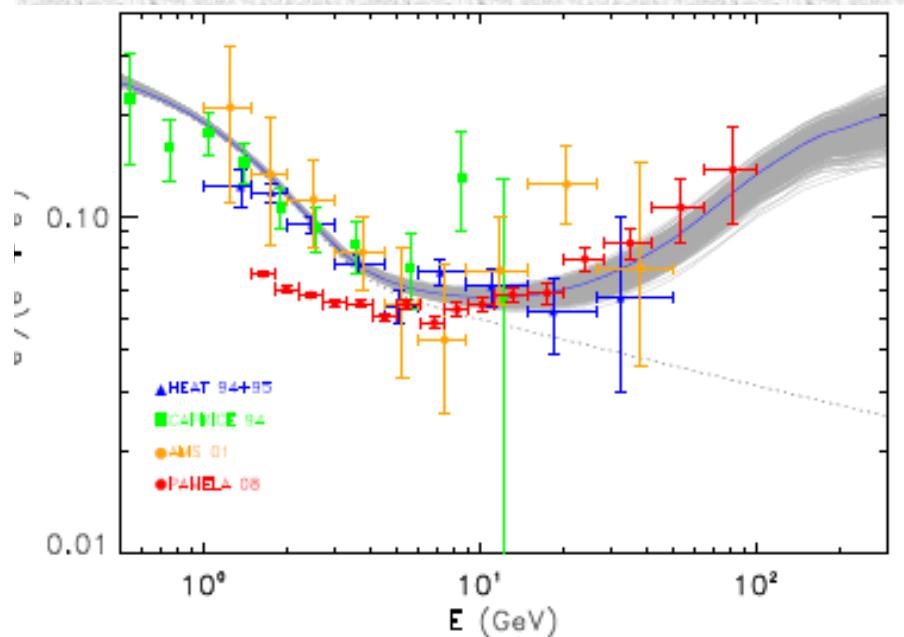
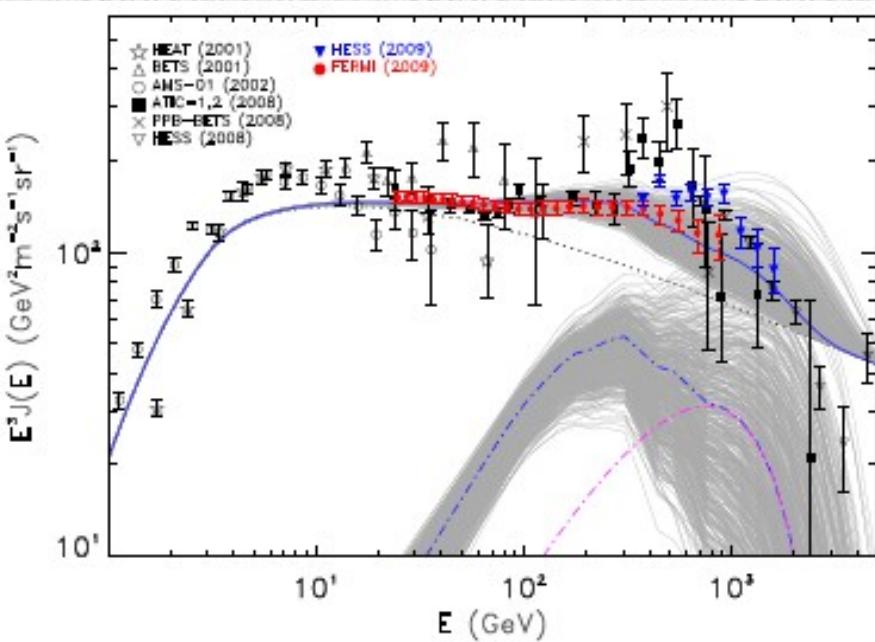


Profumo arxiv:0812.4457



# FERMI electrons and PAMELA positron fraction: contribution from local pulsars (d<3 kpc)

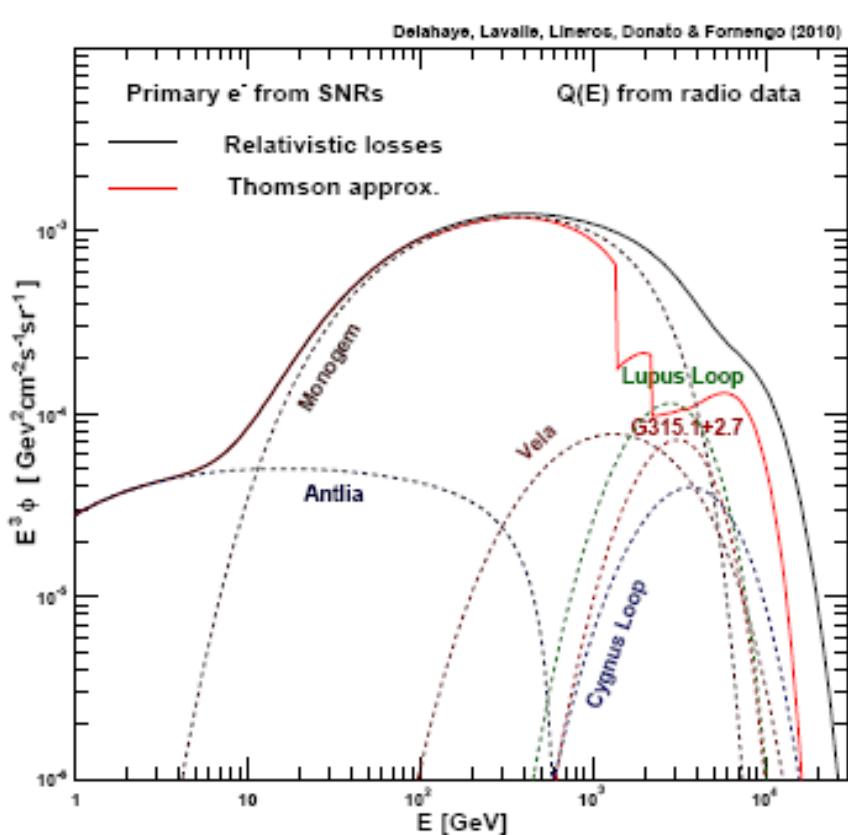
(Grasso et. al 0905.0636)



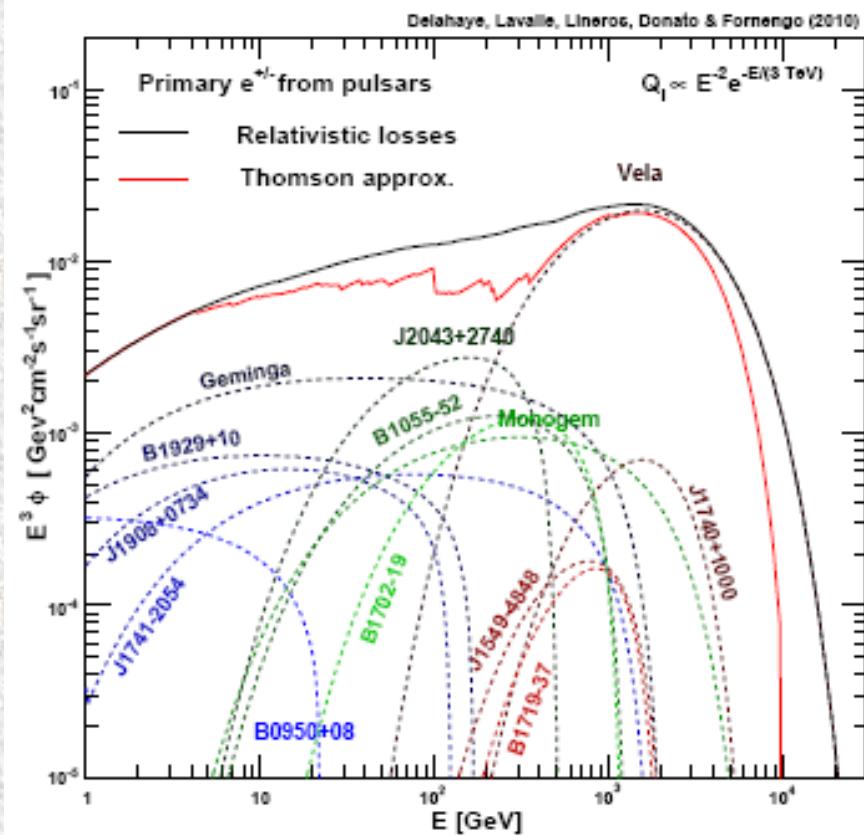
Good description of both  $e^-$  and  $e^+/(e^+e^-)$

# Primary $e^+$ & $e^-$ from pulsars and SNR

Delahaye, Lavalle, Lineros, FD, Fornengo arxiv:1002.1910

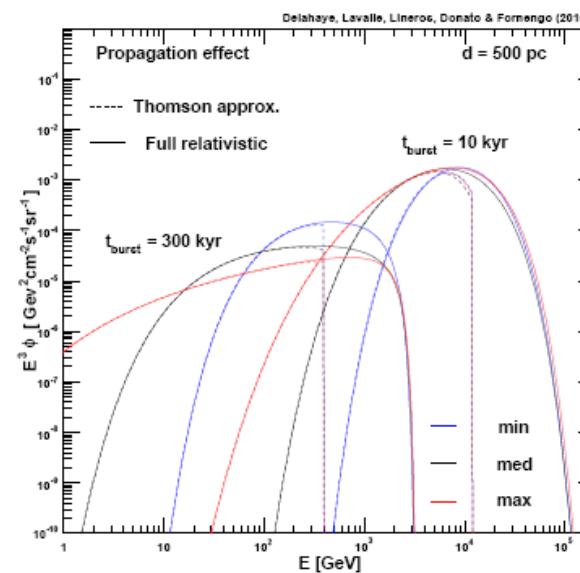
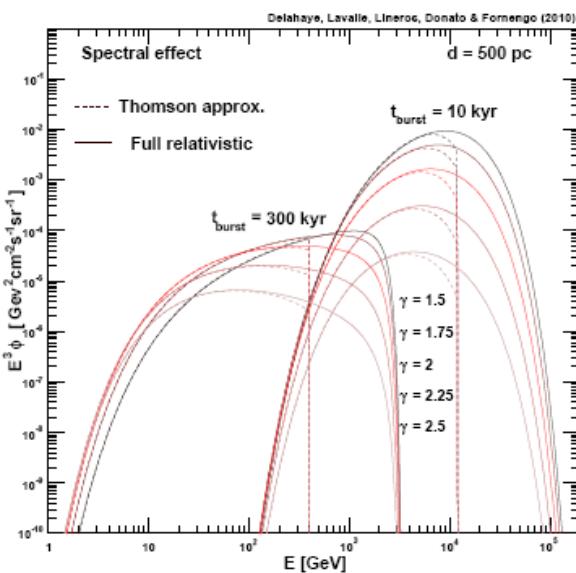
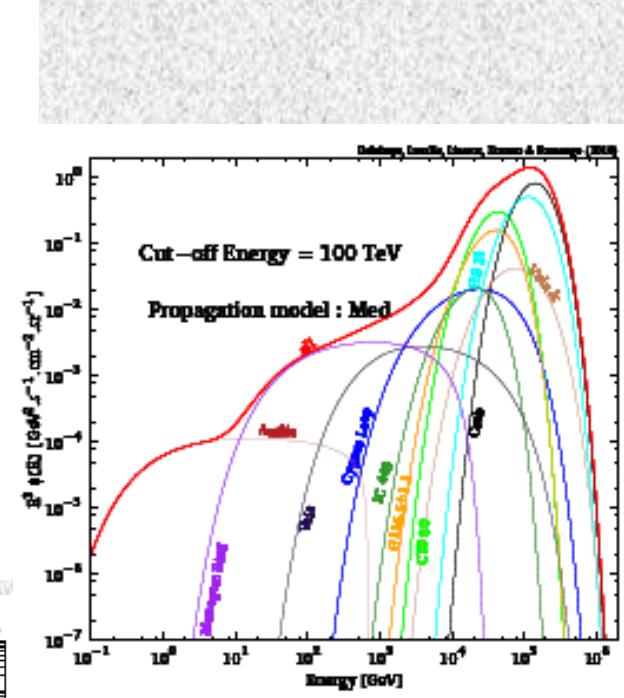
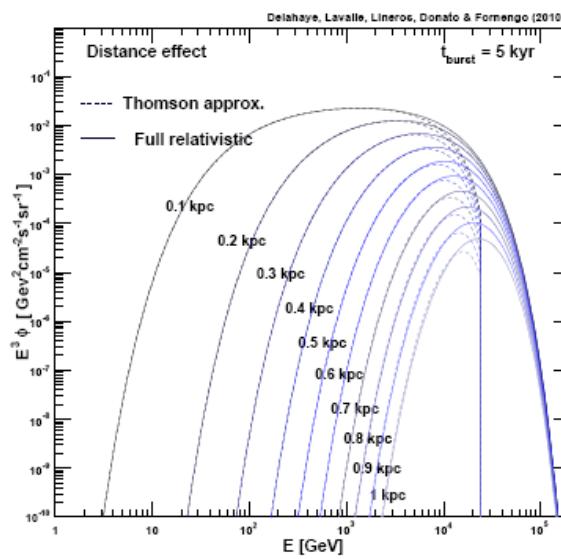
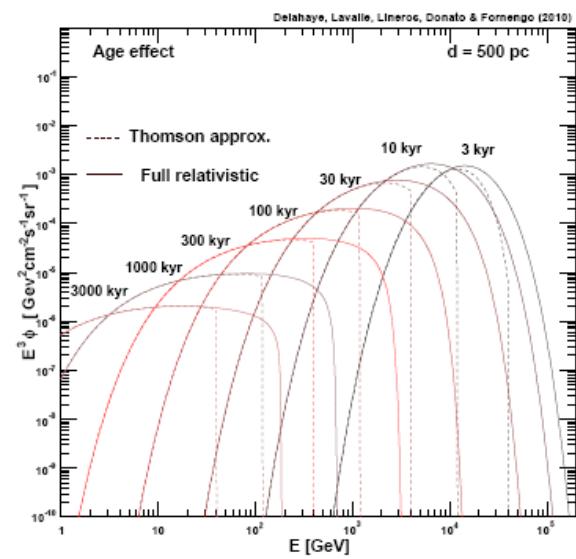


From SNR

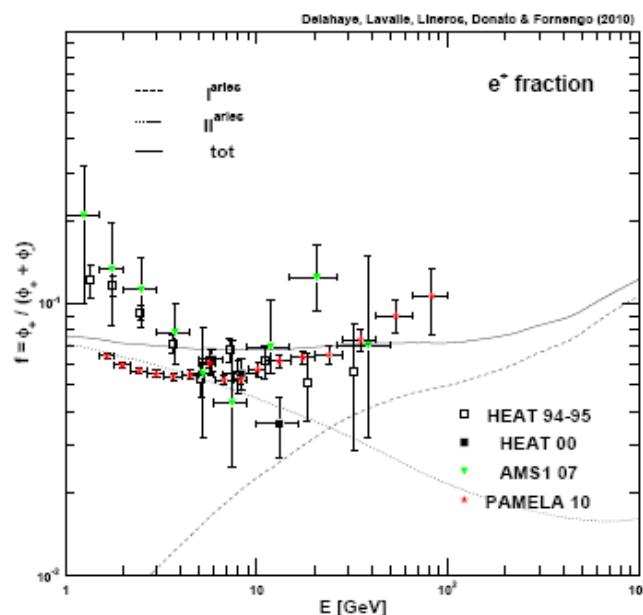
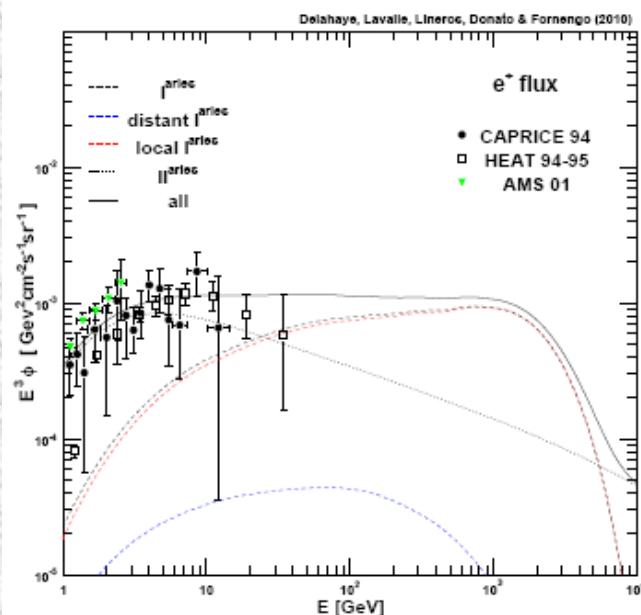
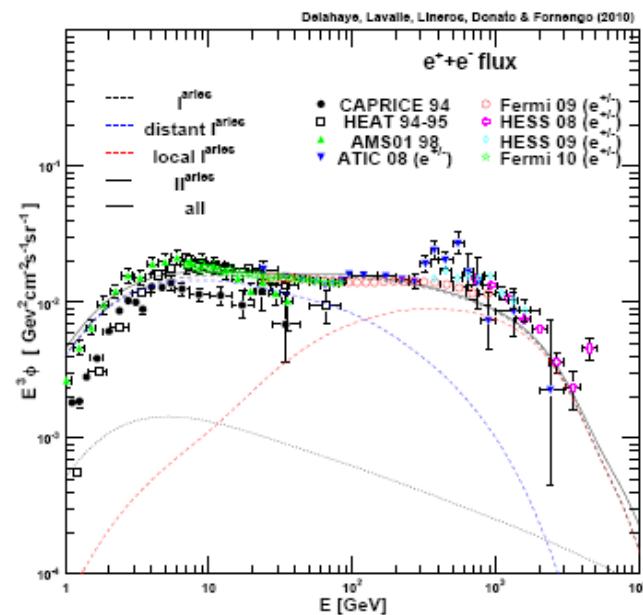
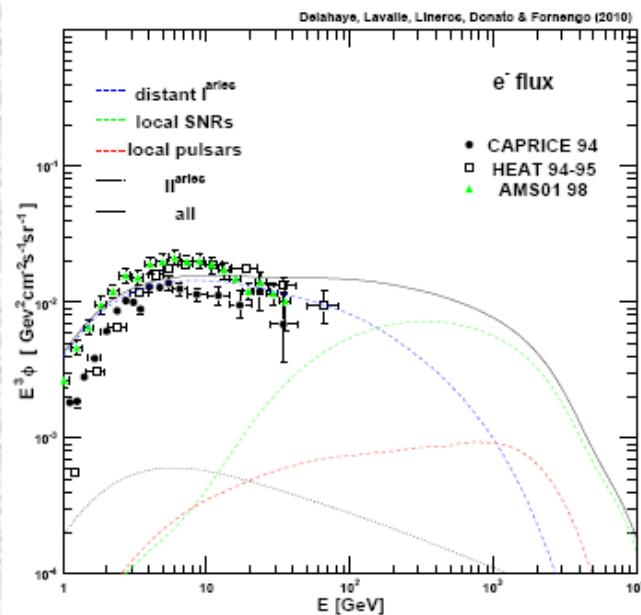


From pulsars

# Astrophysical uncertainties in primary $e^-e^+$ Production from single source



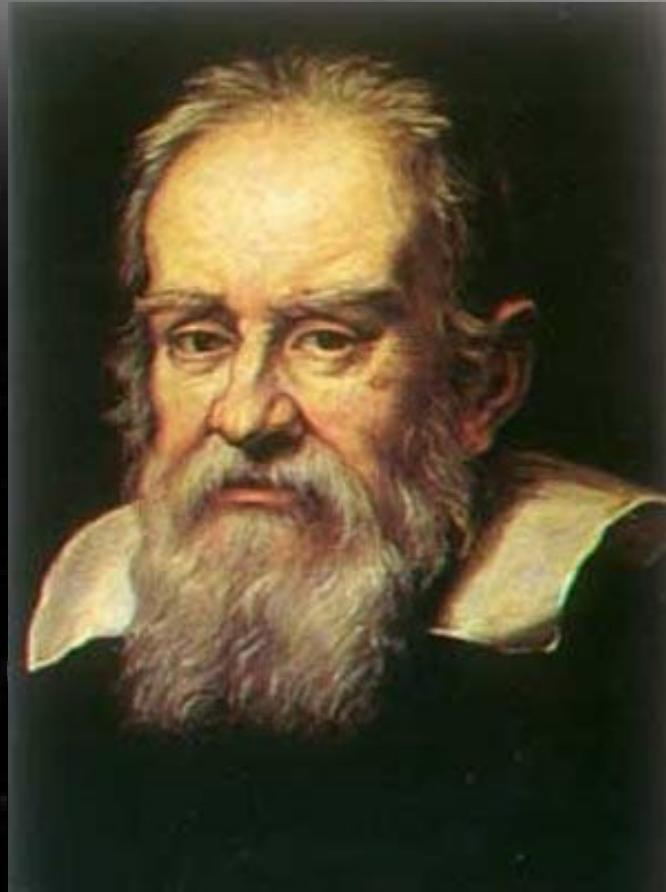
# An example for all contributions



# Conclusions

- Positron and electron data can be fitted by astrophysical sources
- DM interpretations are possible, but less natural
- Theoretical uncertainties affect predictions:
  - secondary  $e^+$  :  $\sim 2-4$
  - astro primary  $e^+ e^-$  : high
  - DM primary  $e^+$  :  $\sim 5$

Are positrons good DM probes??  
Well, difficult probes...



**“La filosofia è scritta in quel grandissimo libro che continuamente ci sta aperto innanzi agli occhi (io dico l'universo)” (Galileo)**

**“Philosophy is written in that immense book which continuously stands in front of our eyes (I call it the Universe)”**