

# A Search for Dark Matter Annihilation from the Sagittarius Dwarf and Stream

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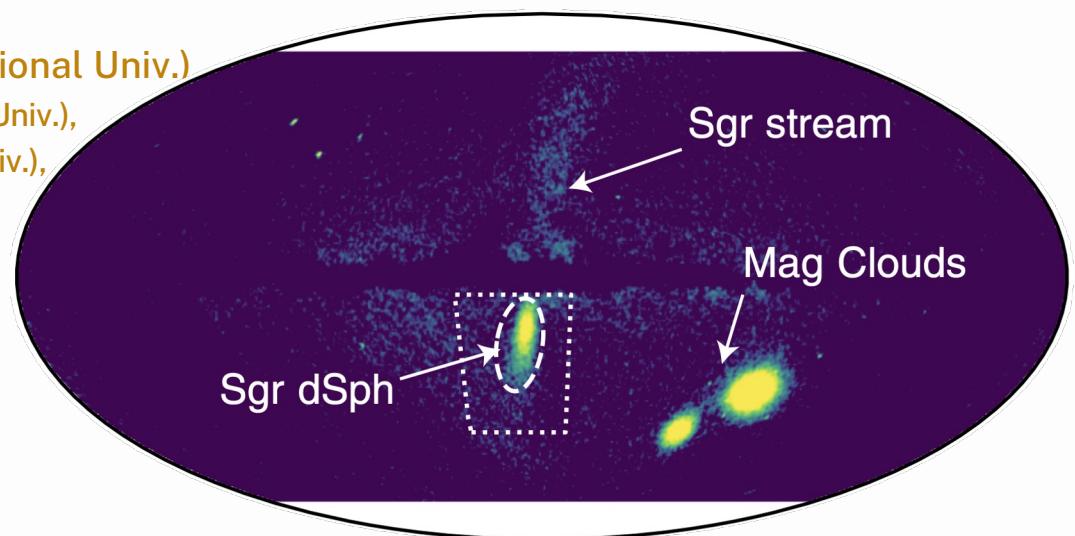
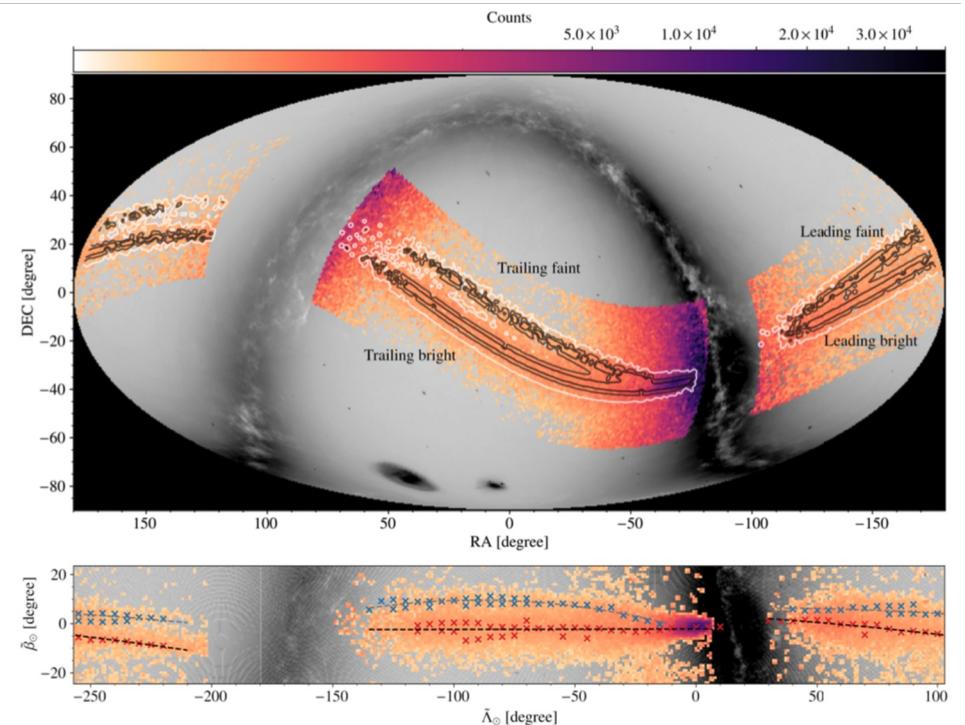


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# Introducing the Sagittarius Stream.

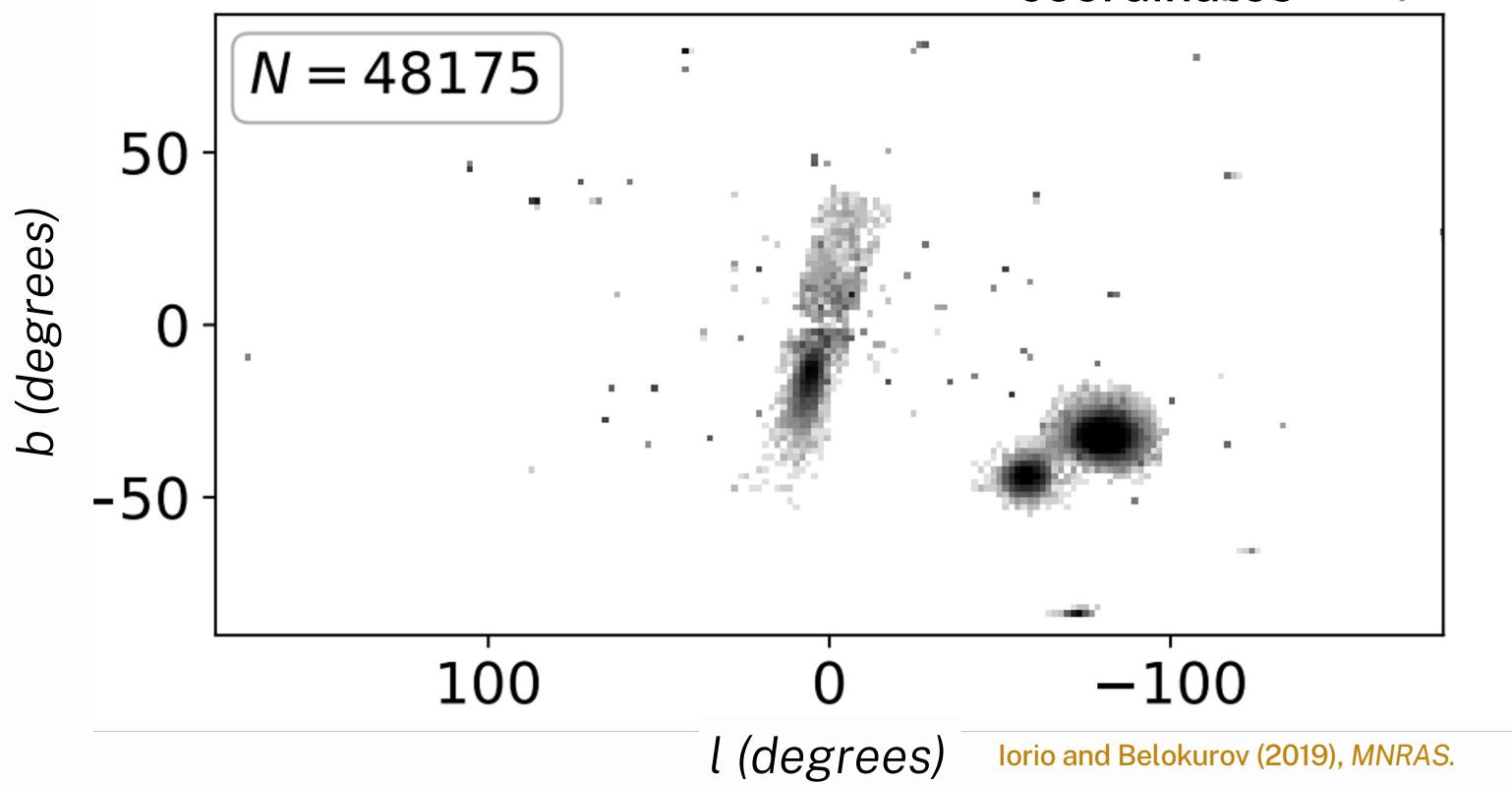
- + A tidal stream formed from a LMC mass galaxy.
- + Bound remnant is the Sagittarius Dwarf, 26.5 kpc from Earth at .



Ramos et al (2022),  
MNRAS



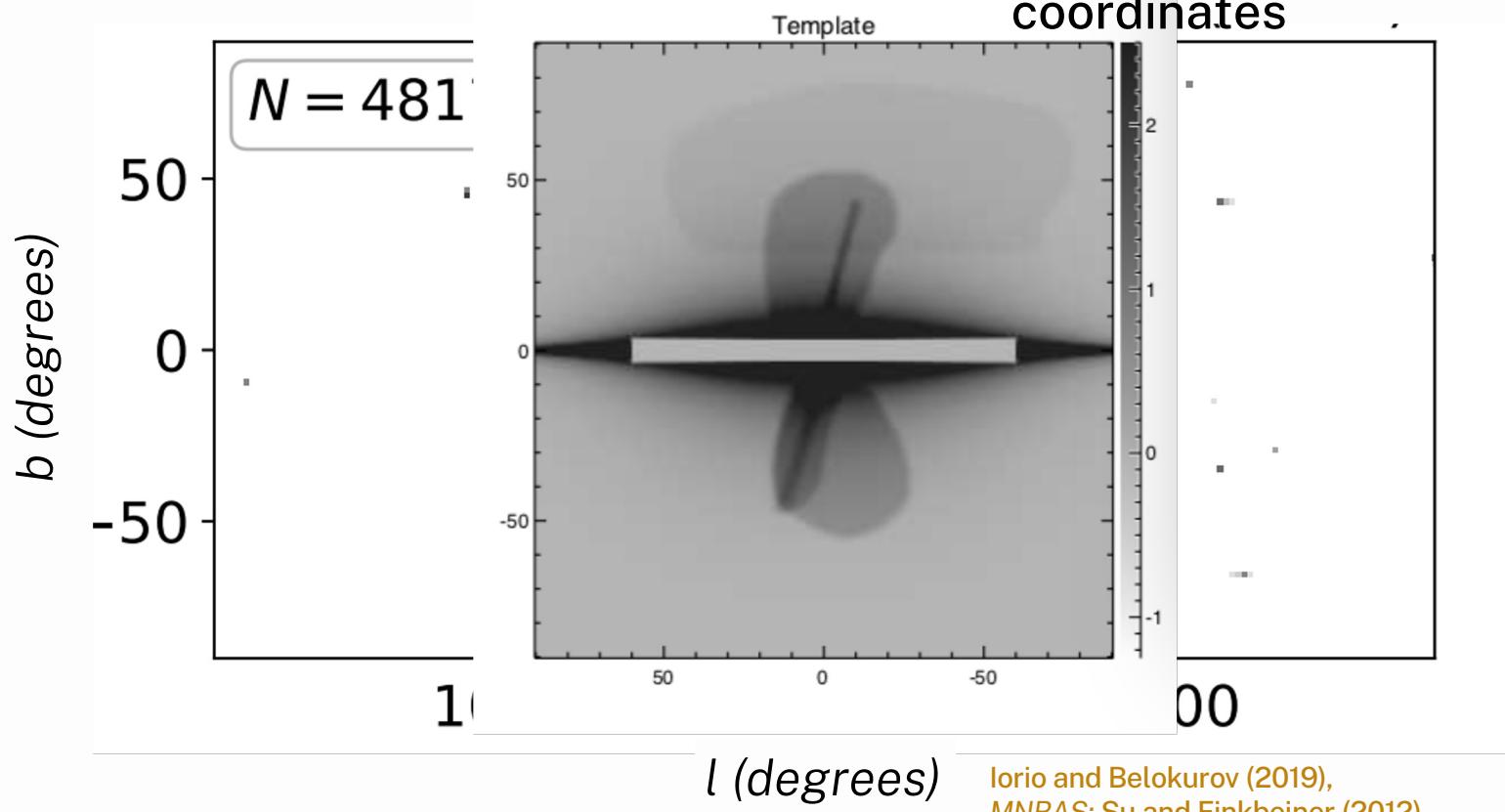
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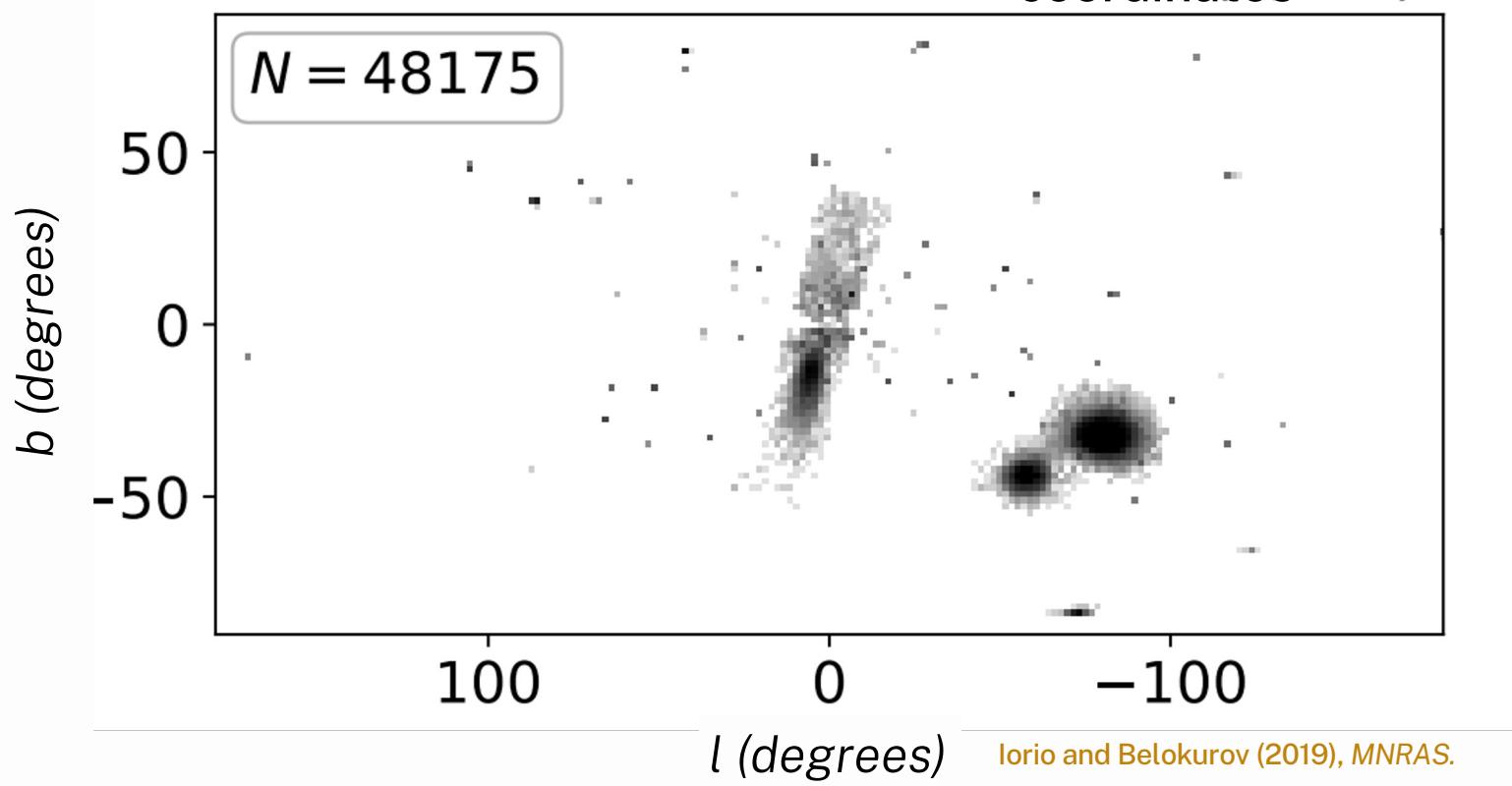
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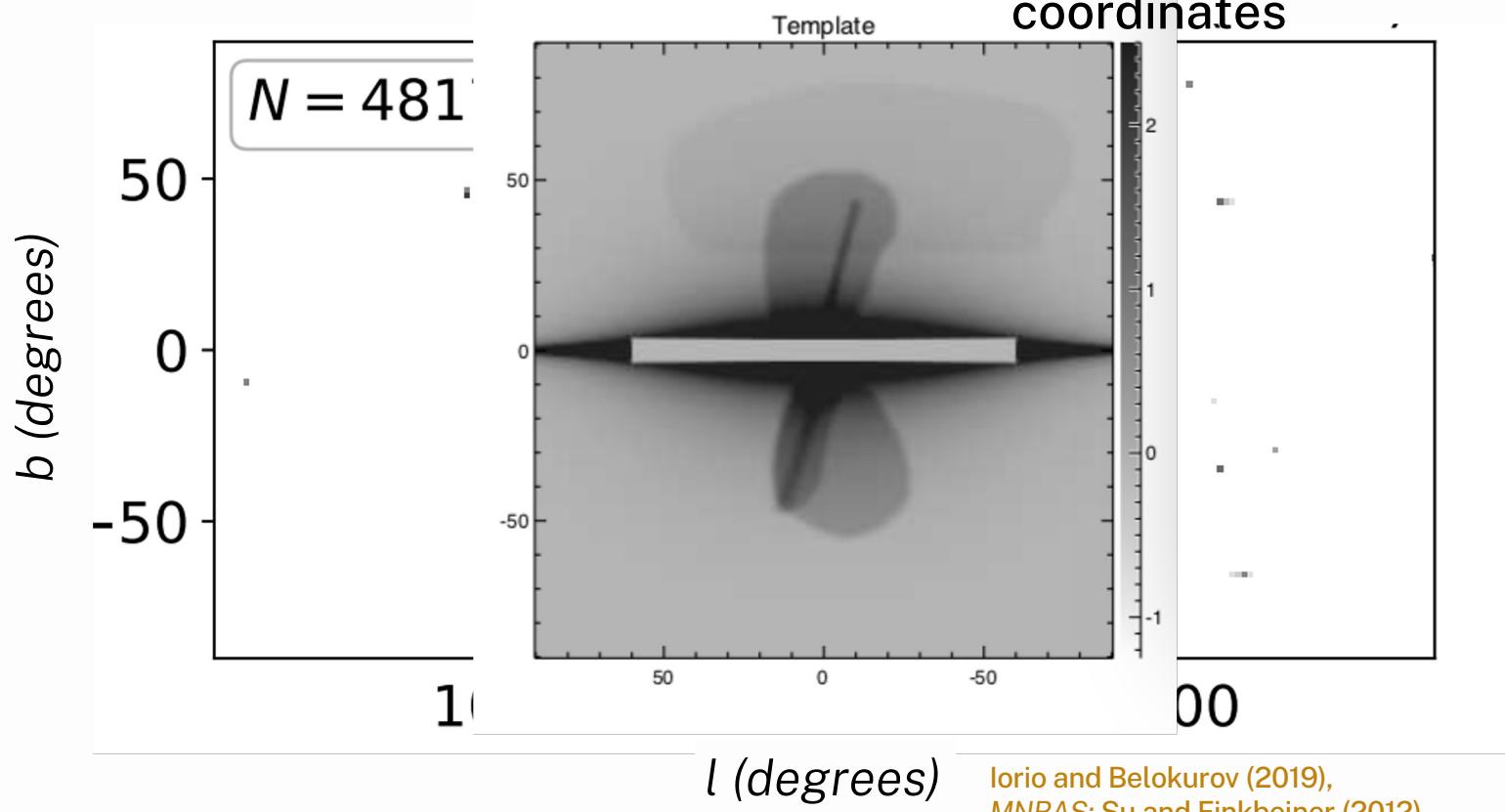
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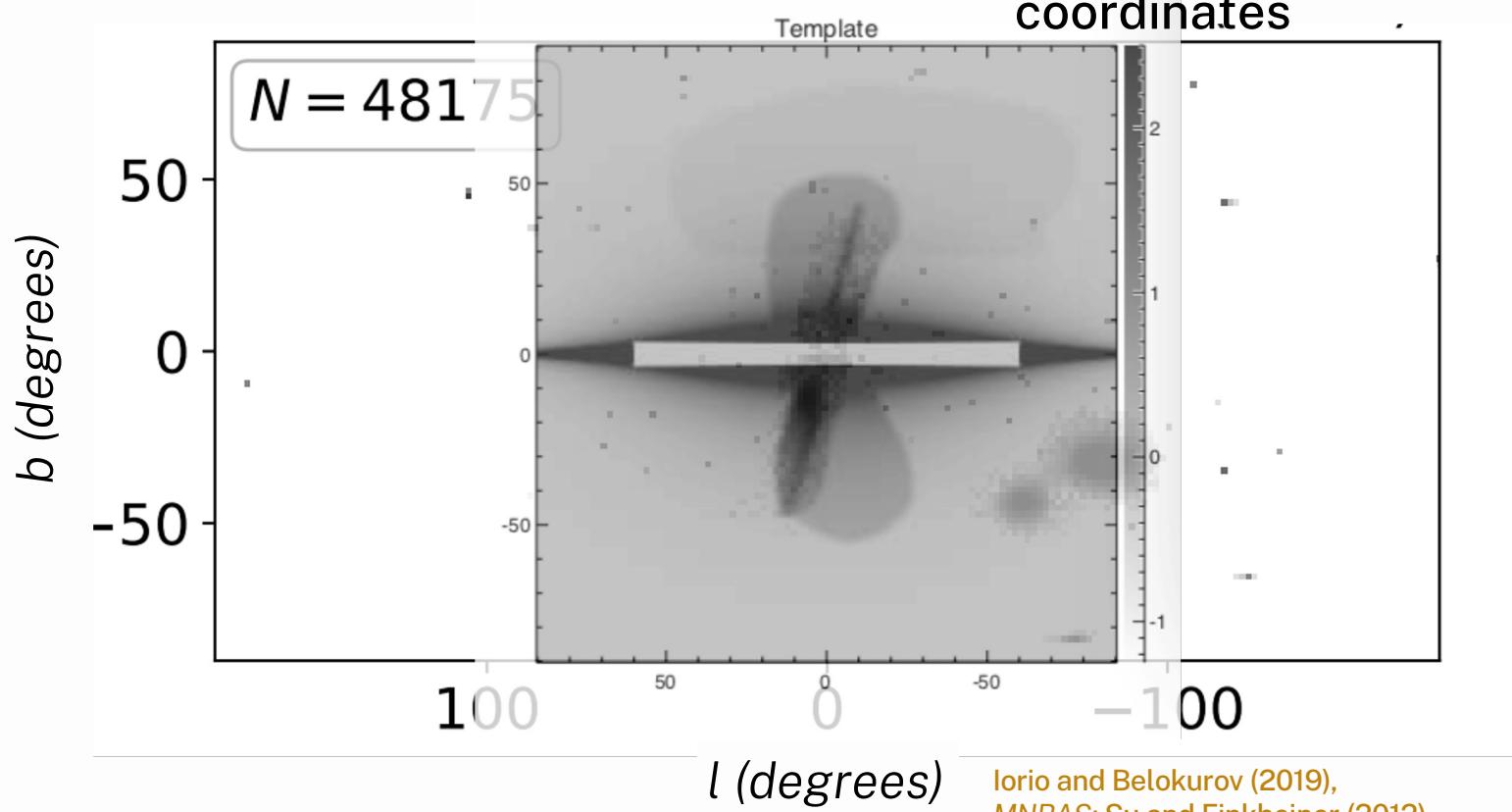
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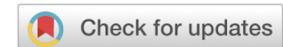
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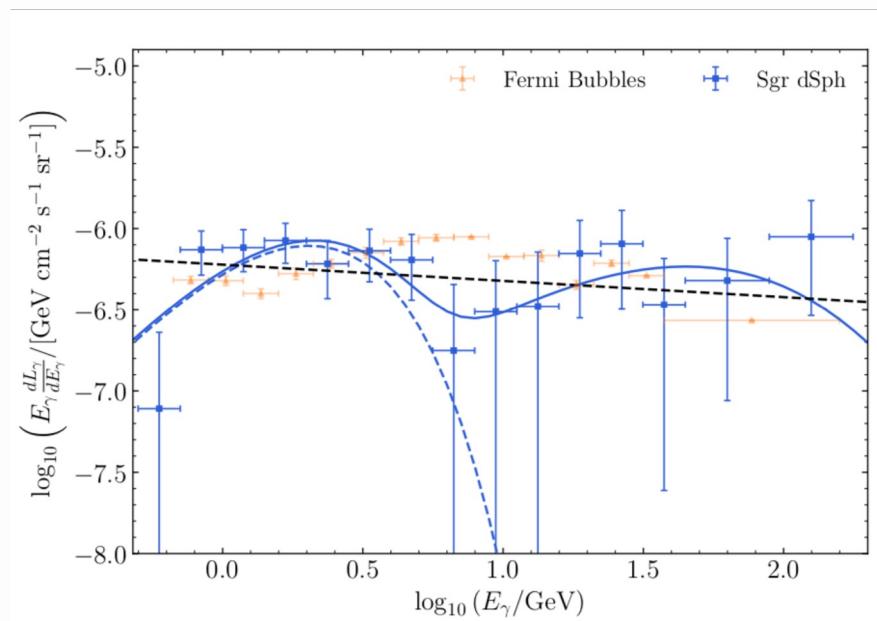
# Gamma-ray emission from the Sagittarius dwarf spheroidal galaxy due to millisecond pulsars

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# Gamma-rays from the Sagittarius Dwarf!

- + 8.1 $\sigma$  detection in Crocker, Macias et al (2022).
- + SED consistent with MSP emission in the Sagittarius Dwarf's unique environment.



Crocker, Macias et al  
(2022), *Nature Astronomy*



# Prospective dark matter annihilation signals from the Sagittarius Dwarf Spheroidal

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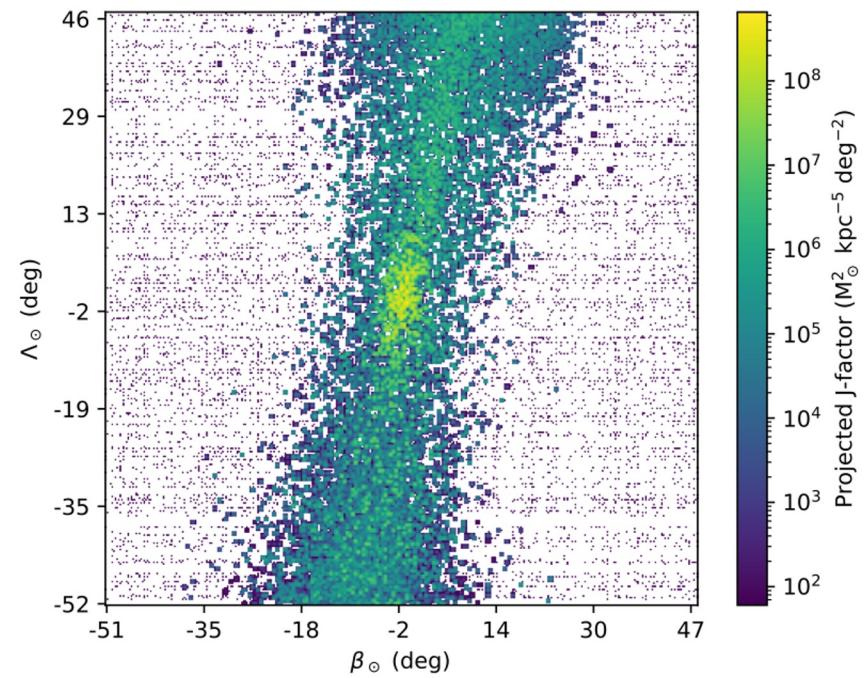
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# Simulating the Sagittarius Dwarf.

- + We use a hydrodynamic simulation (Tepper-García and Bland-Hawthorn 2018) to model the dark matter halo of the Sagittarius Dwarf.
- + We compute the J-factor distribution as



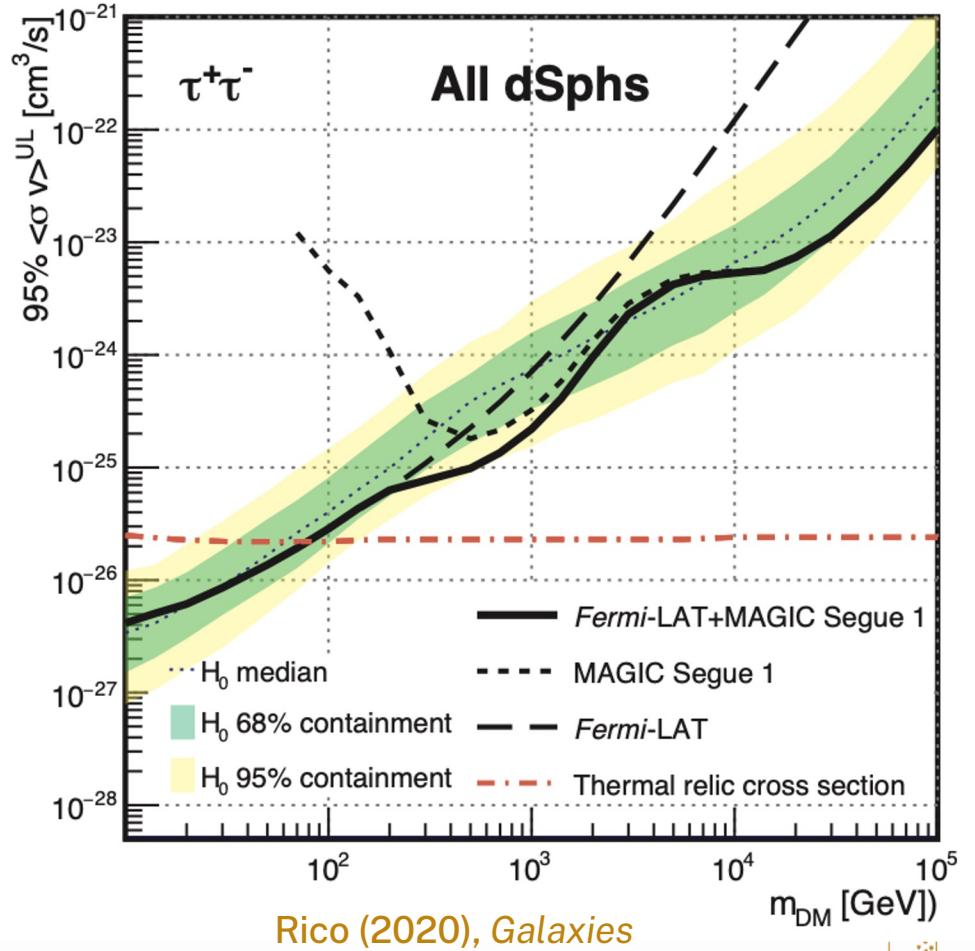
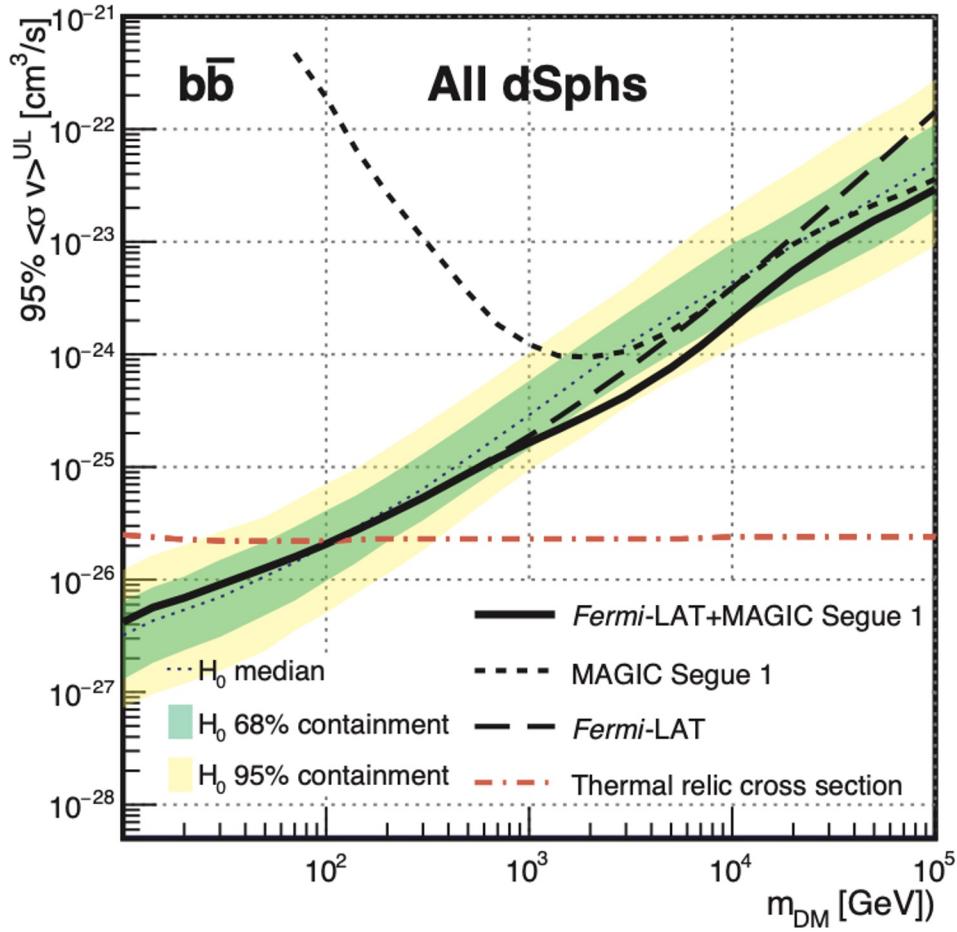
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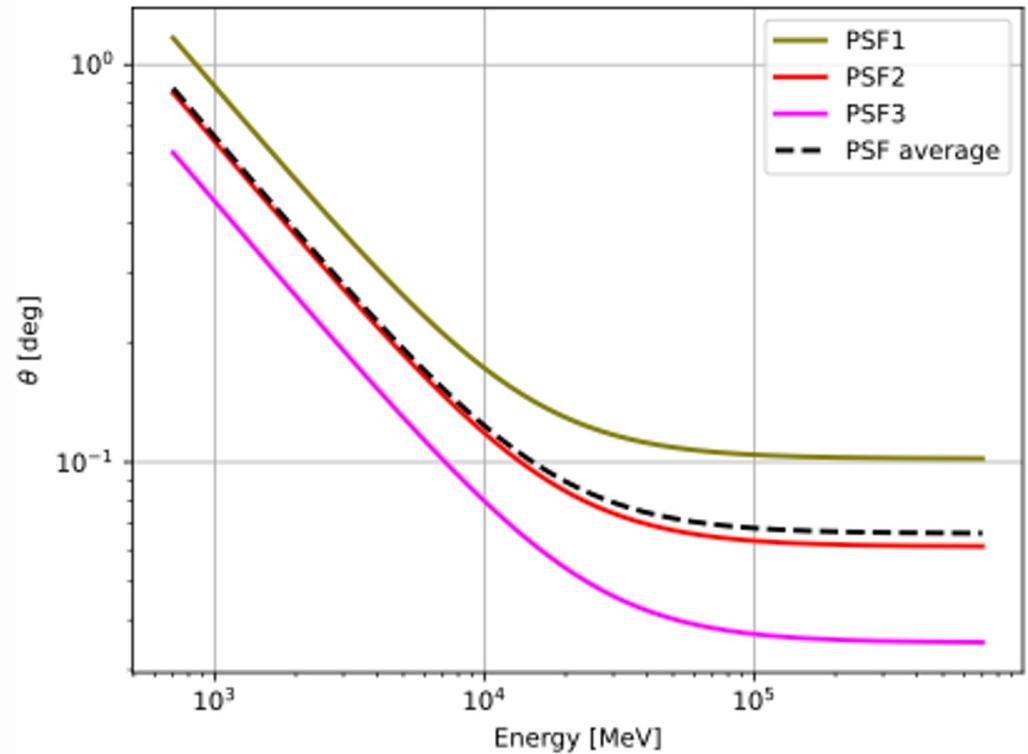


# Analysis of the Sagittarius Stream - *in preparation.*



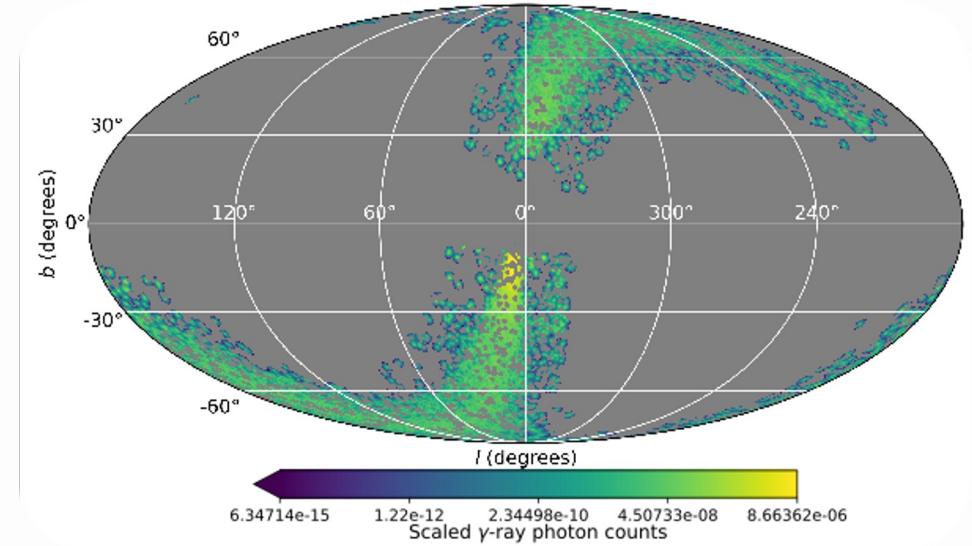
# Analysis procedure.

- + Used a maximum-likelihood fitting procedure in 10 energy bins, spanning from 700 MeV to 1,000,000 MeV.
- + Data selection: P8RS3\_SOUCHEVETO\_V3 event class, Zenith angle cut of .
- + nside of 256 assumed.
- + Three masks applied - energy dependent point source mask, extended source mask, and mask of .
- + All fitted models include the background sources detailed in Crocker, Macias et al (2022).



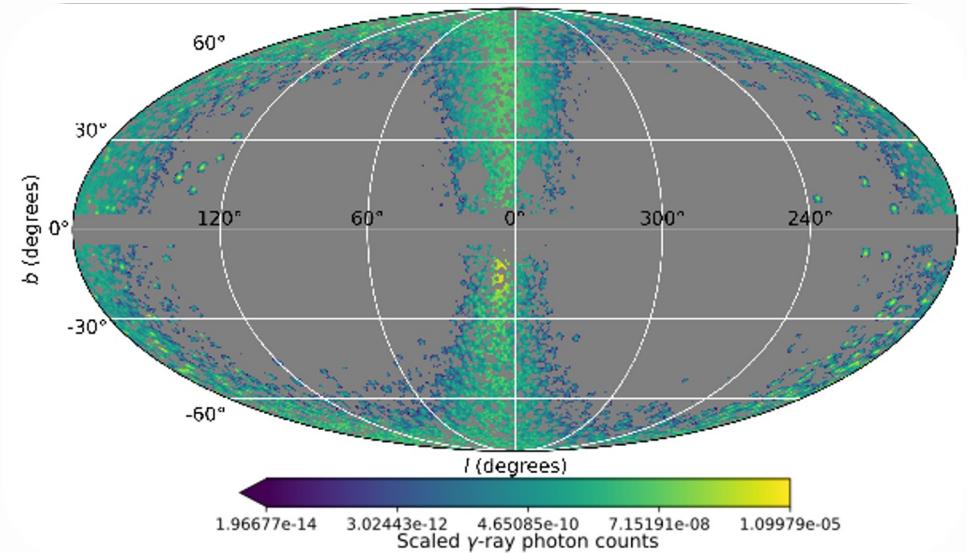
# Stellar-associated source template.

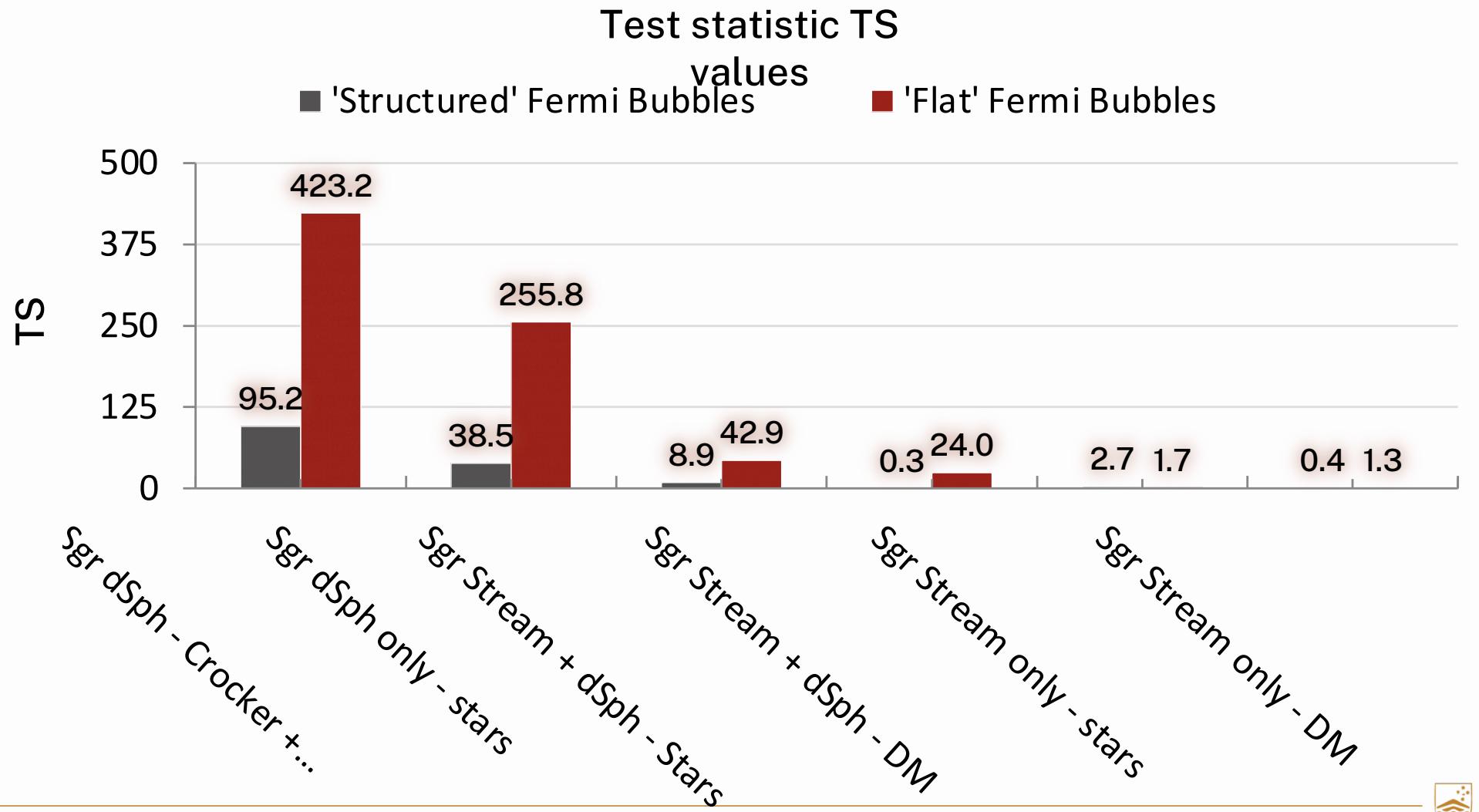
- + Constructed using the projected number density of Sagittarius Stream stars following Crocker, Macias et al. (2022).
- + Uses catalog of Ramos et al (2022) extracted from Gaia EDR3.



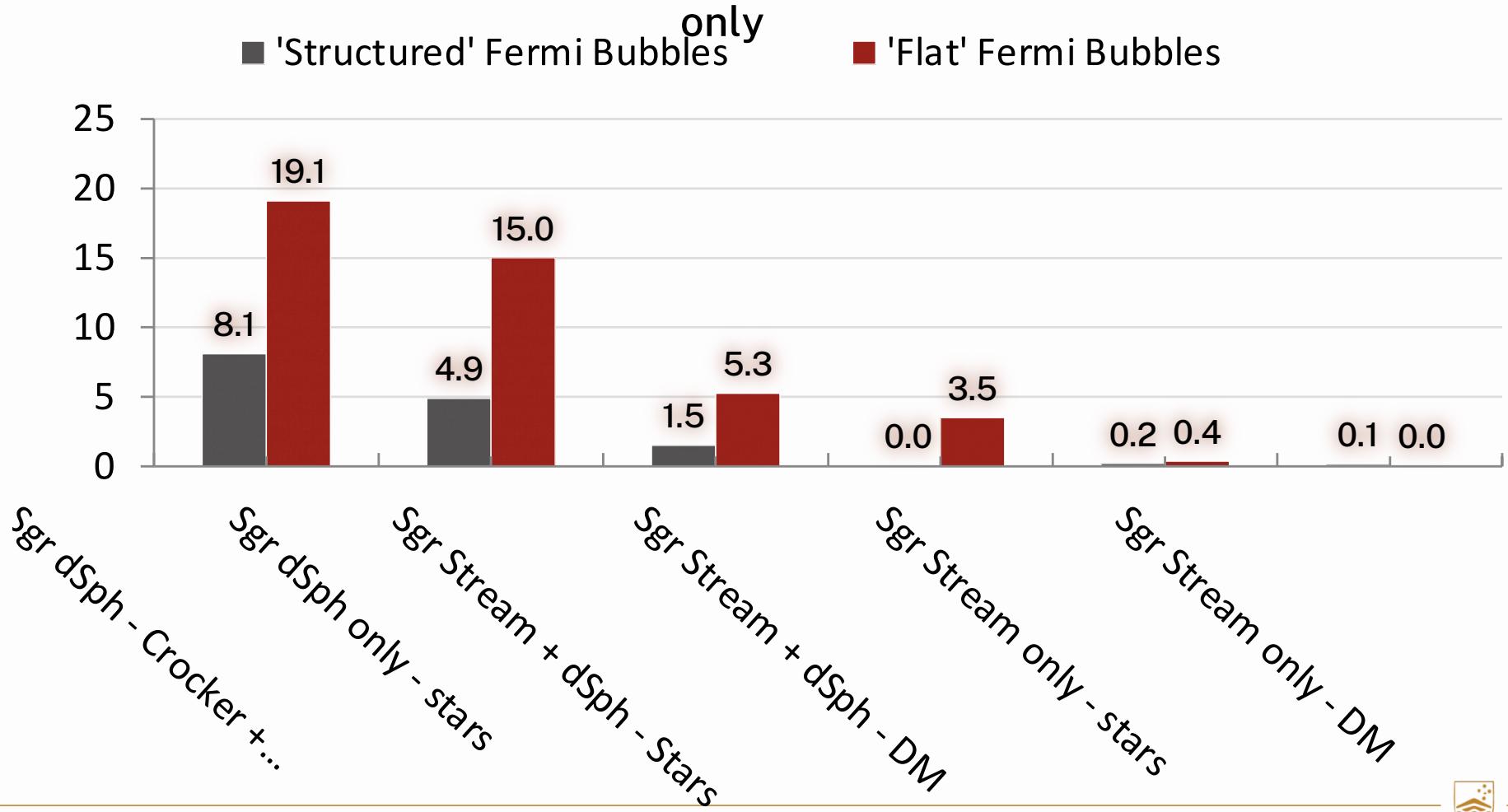
# Dark matter annihilation template.

- + Constructed using the method from Venville et al. (2024):
- + Misalignment at high Galactic latitudes.





## Statistical significance over background



# Key points

- 01 -ray emission is detected from the Sagittarius Dwarf
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# Thank-you

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