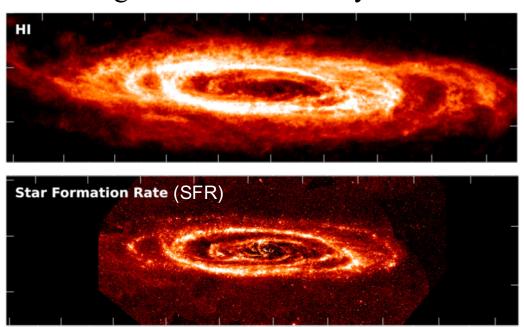


### Intro



- ✓ How galaxies shine in gamma rays?
  - Interactions of cosmic rays (CR) with interstellar medium ( $\pi^0$  decay, inverse-Compton, bremsstrahlung)
  - astrophysical sources (supernova remnants, pulsars and pulsar wind nebulae, binaries...)
  - dark matter
- ✓ LAT detected 7 extragalactic star-forming or starburst galaxies and performed systematic studies of more than 60 galaxies.
- ✓ M31: only other large spiral local galaxy, close =>best target for resolved analysis



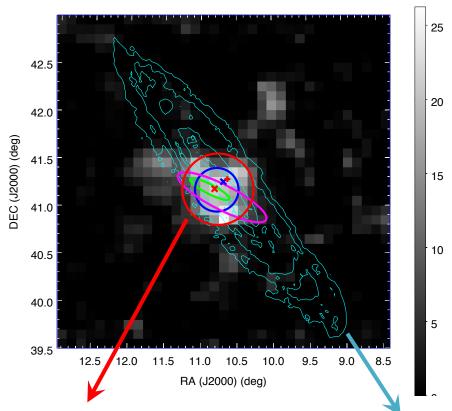




# **Analysis and Results**



### Spatial analysis (>1 GeV)

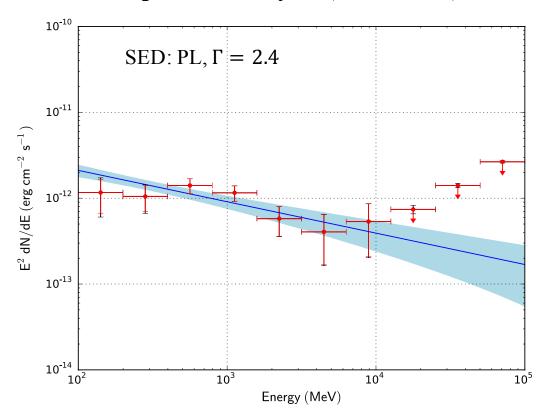


best-fit uniform disk

M31 gas column density  $(N_{\rm H})$  map

- Gamma-ray emission is confined to inner regions (R~5 kpc)
- Not correlated with interstellar gas and star-formation sites
- Disk (plane) of the galaxy is not detected

### Spectral analysis (>100 MeV)



- ✓ Adding cutoff: no significant improvement
- Consistent with the total interstellar emission or pion decay of the MW
- Less consistent with IC component of the MW
- ✓ Model difference: not significant



## **Discussion**



#### I. Interstellar emission

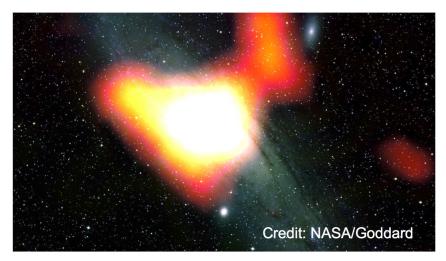
- $\pi^0$  decay
  - Low gas content to be compensated by high CR density at the galaxy center (similar to some regions in LMC)
  - ➤ But far from typical gas and star-formation regions (not detected in gamma rays)
- inverse-Compton (IC)
  - IC dominates the emission of M31:  $\pi^0$  decay < 50% IC
  - Opposite to what is inferred for the MW:  $IC = 45\% \pi^0 \text{ decay}$

### III. Dark matter (DM) annihilation/decay

- Smooth halo: Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) profile
- Take GCE as reference
- J-factors
  - MW: 2x10<sup>22</sup> GeV<sup>2</sup>/cm<sup>5</sup>
  - M31 ·  $8 \times 10^{18} \, \text{GeV}^2 / \text{cm}^5$
- Expected DM signal from M31: ~5x below observed value
  - But uncertainties on J-factor of M31...
  - And uncertainties on the GCE flux ...

#### II. Population of millisecond pulsars (MSPs)

- Related to old star populations in the disk and bulge of galaxies
- Suggested to be the origin of the Galactic Center Excess (GCE) (e.g. Brandt & Kocsis 15)
- Case of M31
  - Center: many old stars and X-ray binaries (Barmby+06, Voss & Gilfanov 07, Stiele+10)
  - Possible large population of MSPs at the center
  - Spatial distribution consistent with old stars (IRAC map)
  - SFR M31  $\sim$  0.1xSFR MW decrease the disk emission
  - Bulge mass\_M31  $\sim$  (5-6)xMW increase the center emission
  - Gamma-ray luminosity of M31  $\sim$  (4-5)xGCE



https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2017/nasas-fermi-finds-possible-dark-matter-ties-in-andromeda-galaxy/