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Latest results on Dark Matter searches with H.E.S.S.



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The H.E.S.S. experiment

Array of 5 Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes in Namibia (1800 m a.s.l.)

- **H.E.S.S. I** (since 2003)
 - 4 telescopes (\varnothing 12 m)
 - spectroscopy
 - Energy range 100 GeV-100 TeV
 - Energy resolution $\sim 10\%$
 - Angular resolution < 0.1 deg
 - FoV 5 deg
- **H.E.S.S. II** (since 2012)
 - Additional 5th larger telescope (\varnothing 28m)
 - Lower energy threshold
 - FoV of CT5: 3.5 deg
 - CT1-4 cameras upgraded



H.E.S.S. in numbers:

13 countries

39 Institutions

~ 230 people

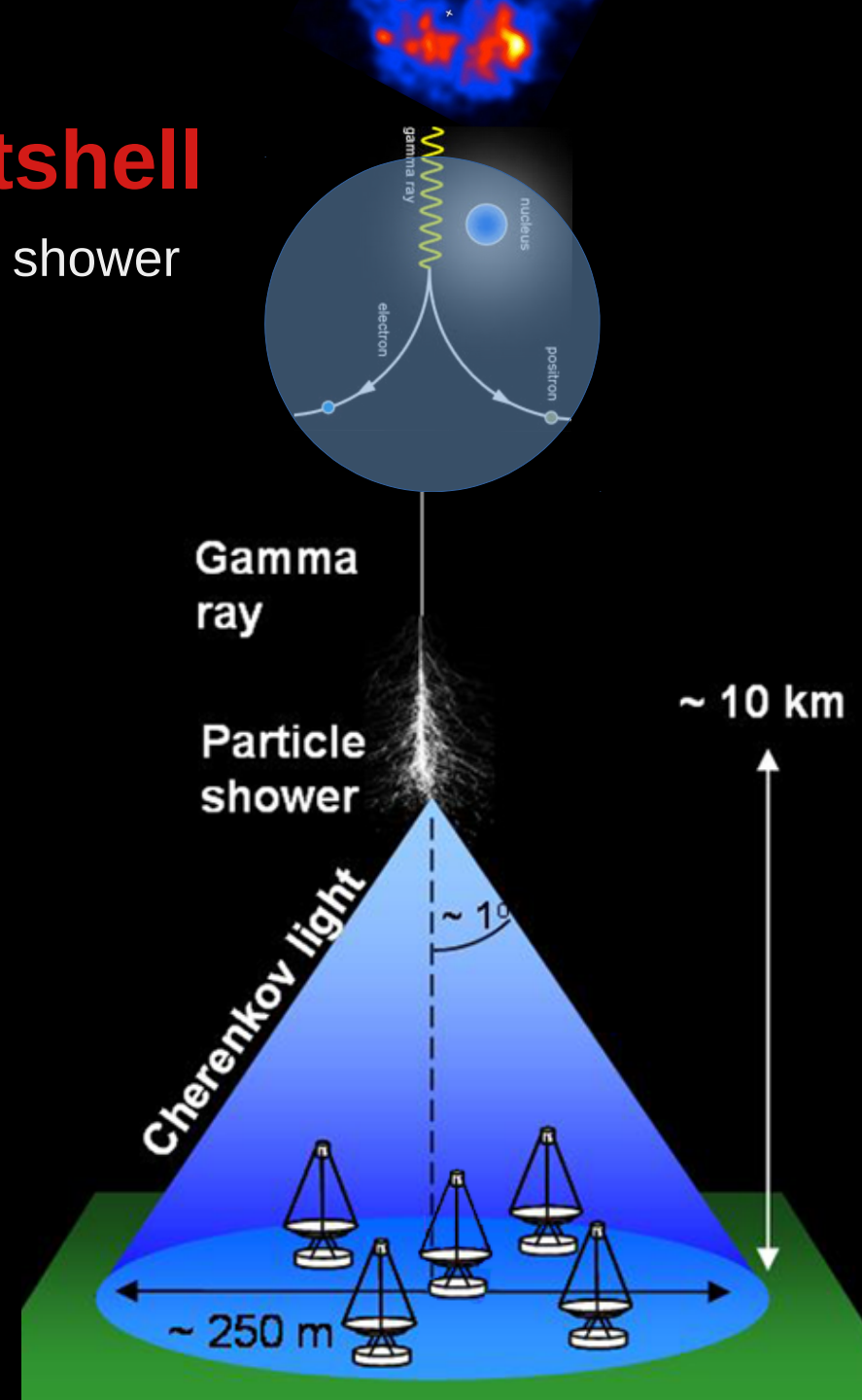
15 years of operation



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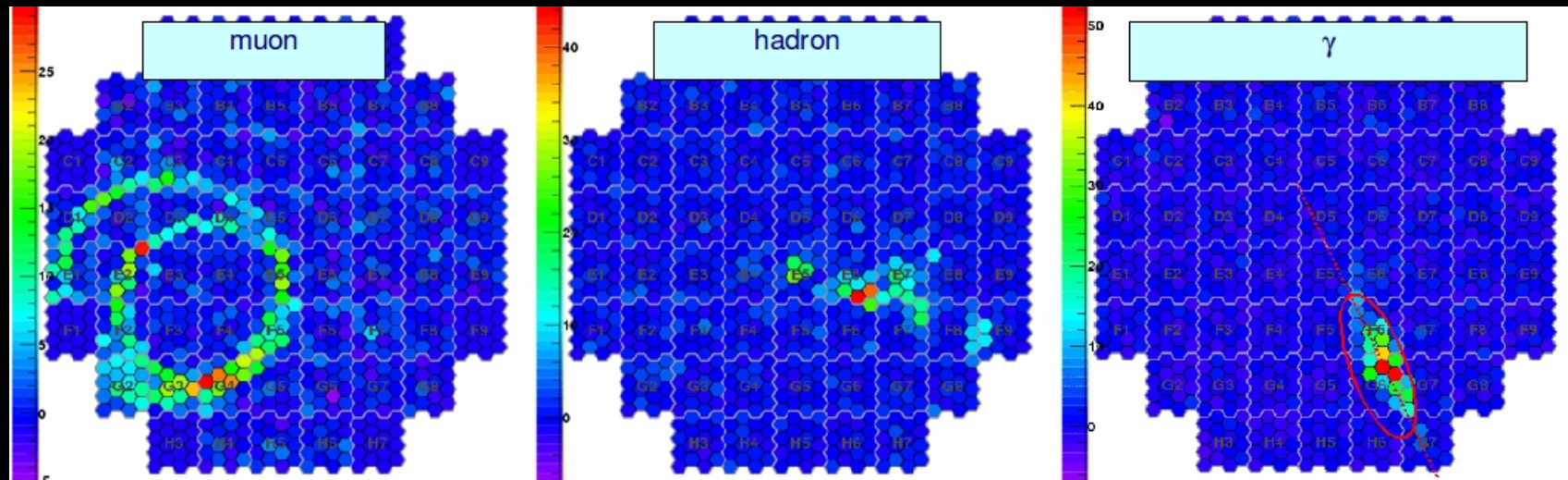
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→ Reconstruct energy and position of the photons:
spectroscopy + morphology



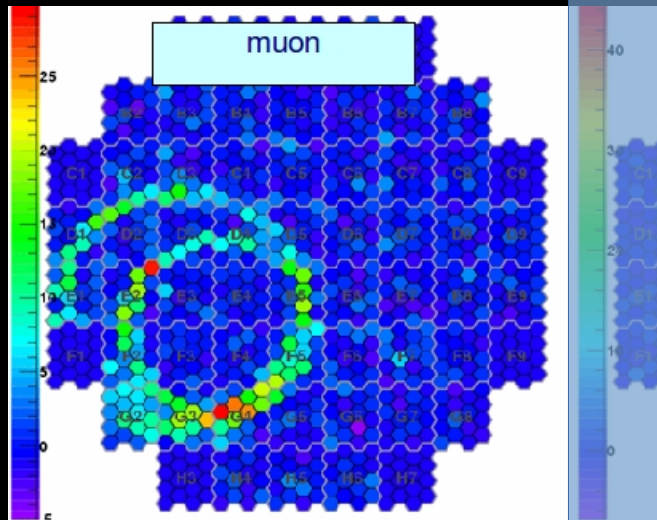
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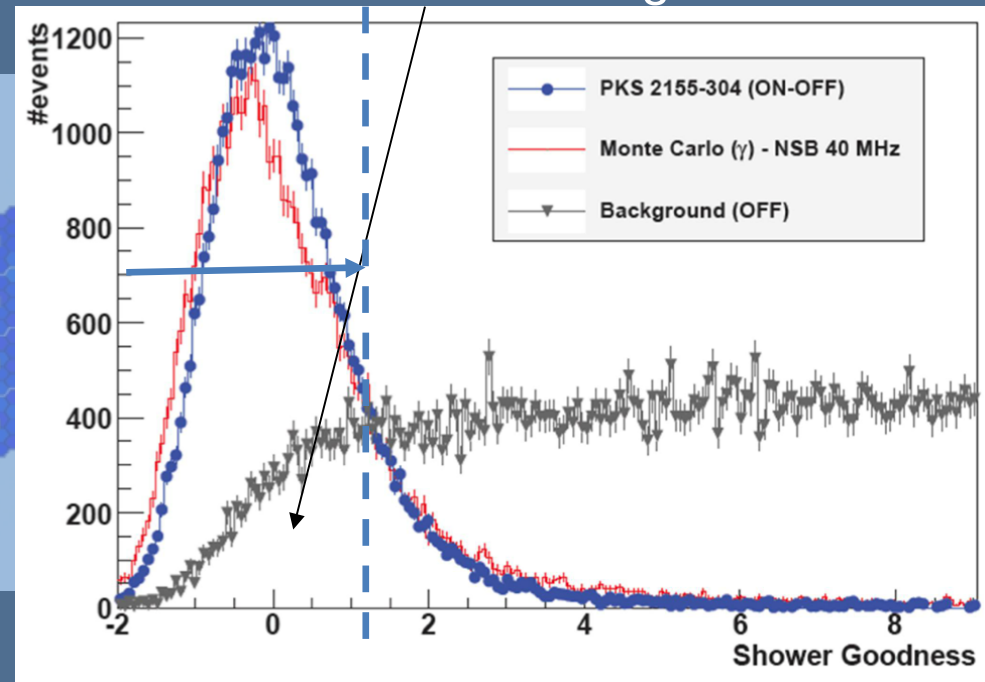


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Event discrimination based on the “shower goodness” parameter
→ “residual background”



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Galaxy satellites of the Milky Way

- ✓ Many of them within the 100 kpc from GC
- ✓ Low astrophysical background
- ✓ Dark matter (DM) dominated

Substructures in the Galactic halo

- ✓ Lower signal
- ✓ Cleaner signal (once found)

Galactic Center (GC)

- ✓ Proximity (~8kpc)
- ✓ High DM content
- DM profile : core? cusp?
- ✓ High astrophysical bck / source confusion

Galactic halo

- ✓ Large statistics
- ✓ Galactic diffuse background

This talk focuses on:

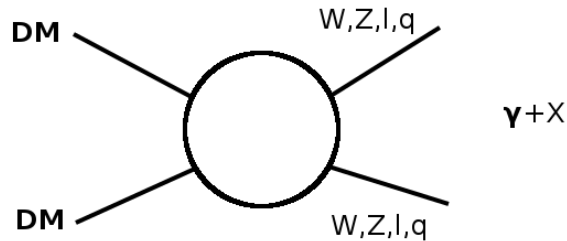
- Deep observations of the **Galactic Center** region
- Observations of the most promising **dwarf galaxies**

Credit: Aquarius simulation

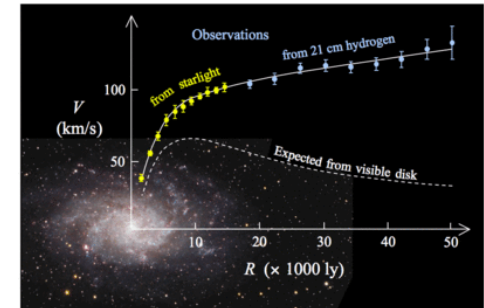
Compromise to maximize the quantity of DM signal (close-by and large DM density) with respect to the background (astrophysics sources)

Dark matter signal in gamma-rays

Photon flux from DM self- annihilation



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- Annihilation cross section
- DM mass

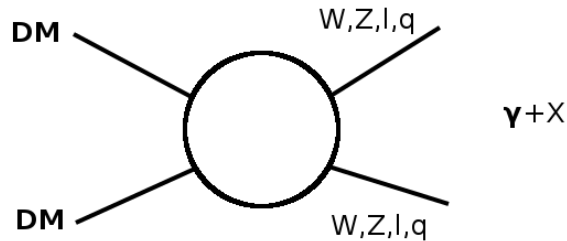
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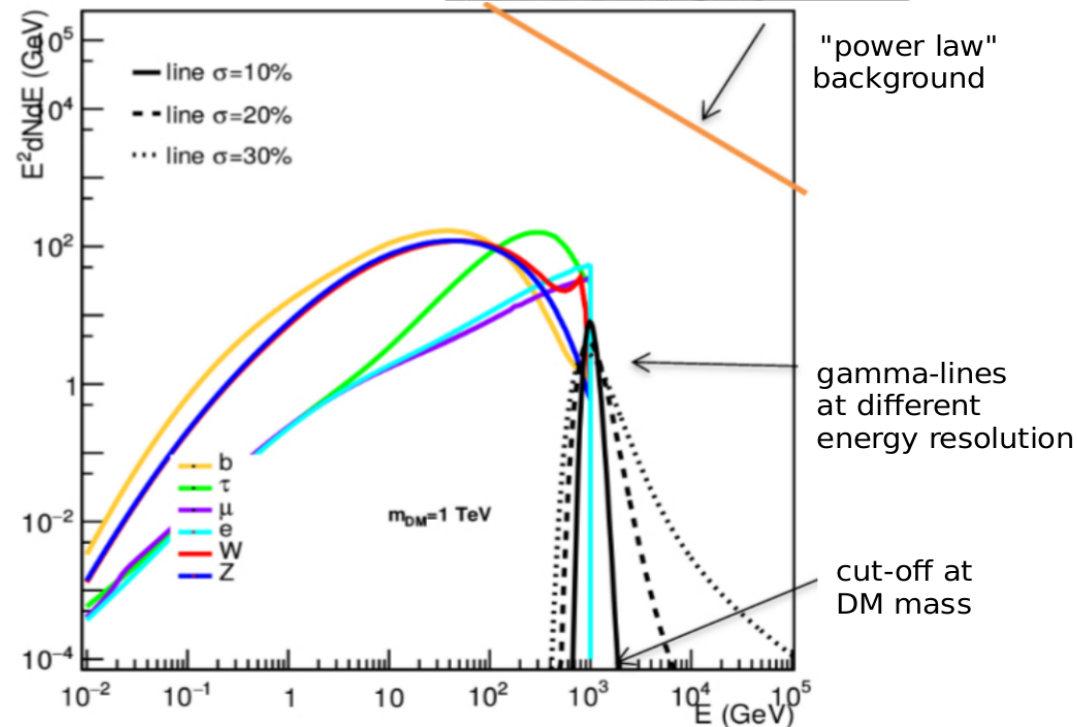
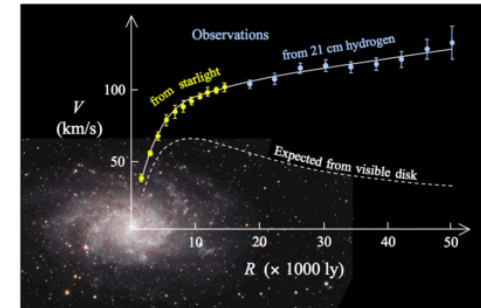


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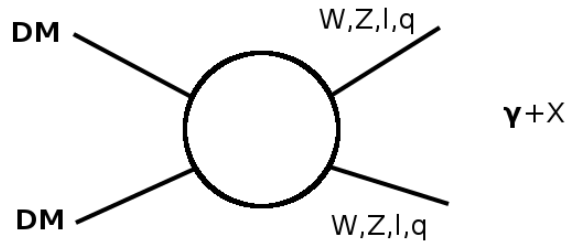
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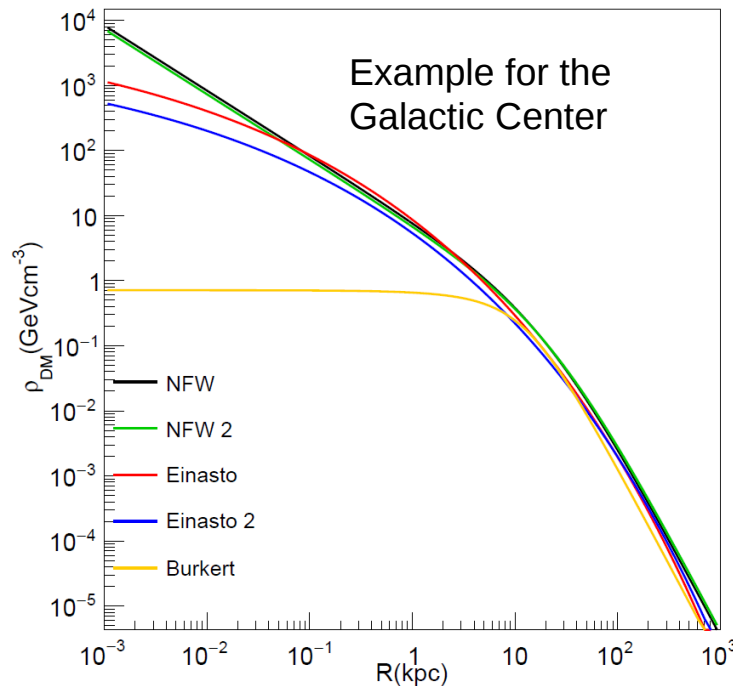
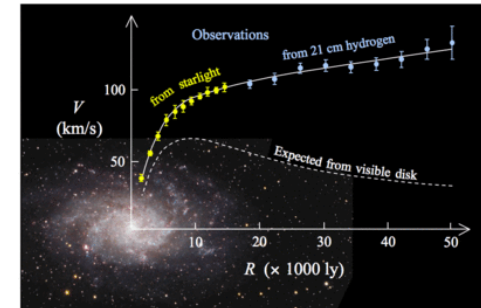


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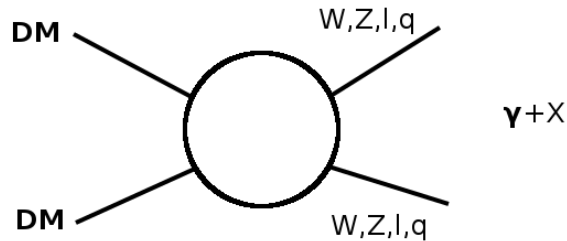
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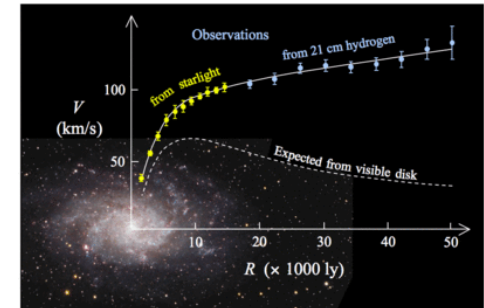
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→ in absence of any significant gamma-ray excess, the cross-section vs m_{DM} can be constrained by measurements, assuming an annihilation spectrum and a DM profile

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The analysis technique is based on a **2D-binned Poisson likelihood**:

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Bins in space and energy

Expected background in the ON region

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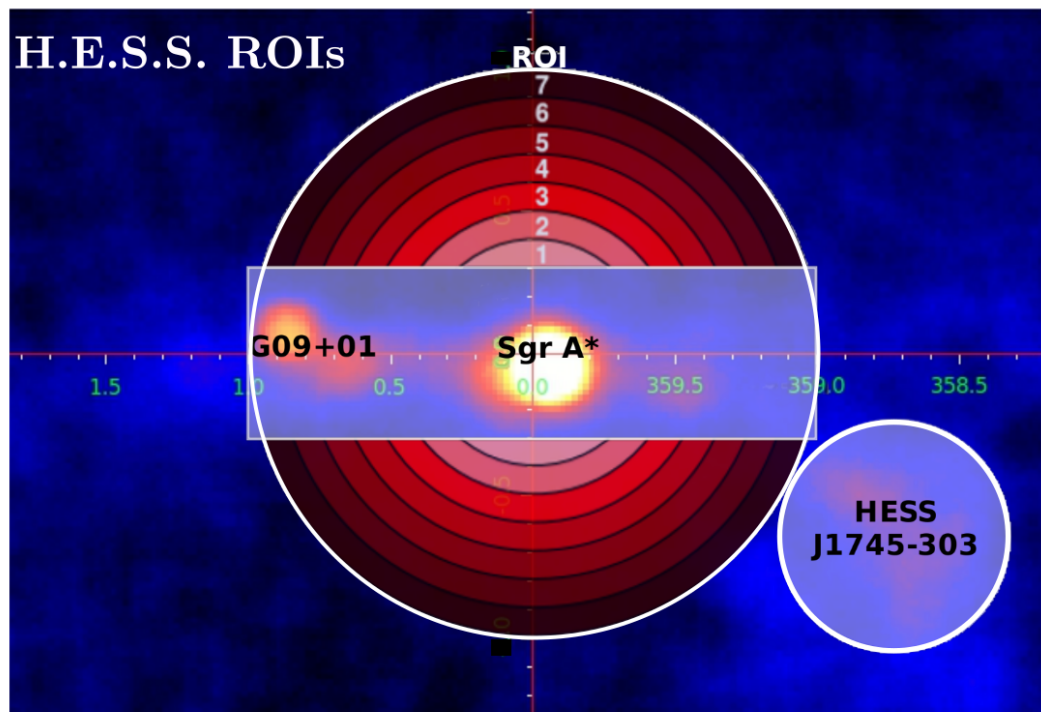
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Observations of the Galactic Center: 10 years of H.E.S.S. I

- H.E.S.S. is in an ideal location to observe the Galactic Center (GC)
- GC is a very crowded region in VHE: TeV diffuse emission, SNR HESS J1745-303, PWN G09+01, HESS J1745-290 coincident with Sgr A*

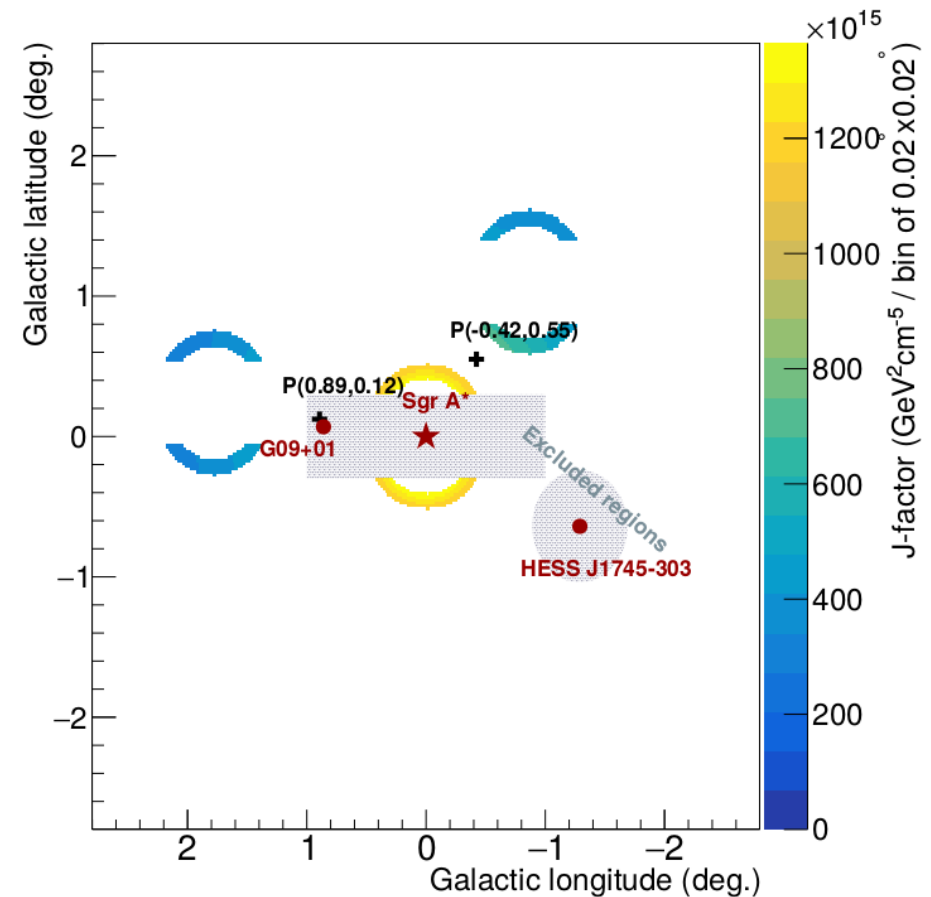


254 live hours of observations with H.E.S.S. I (2004-2014) toward the GC:

- **ON region:** circle of 1° radius around GC, split in 7 sub-regions (ROI) of with 0.1°
- **Excluded regions:** Galactic plane and HESS J1745-303

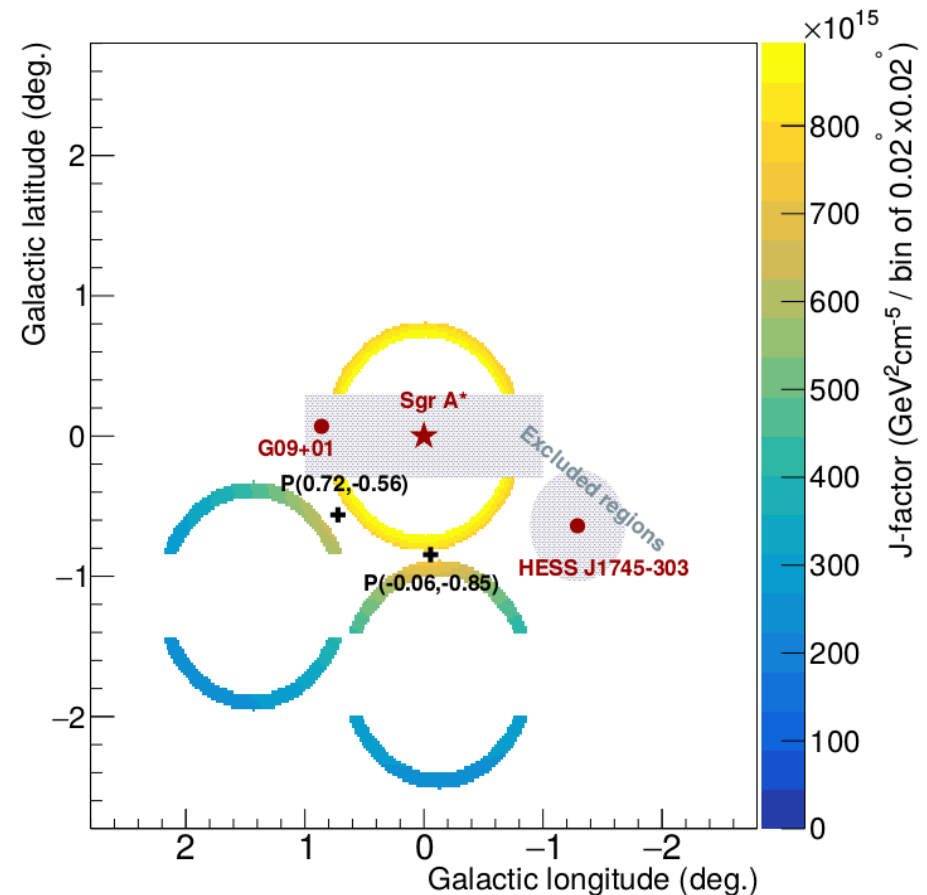
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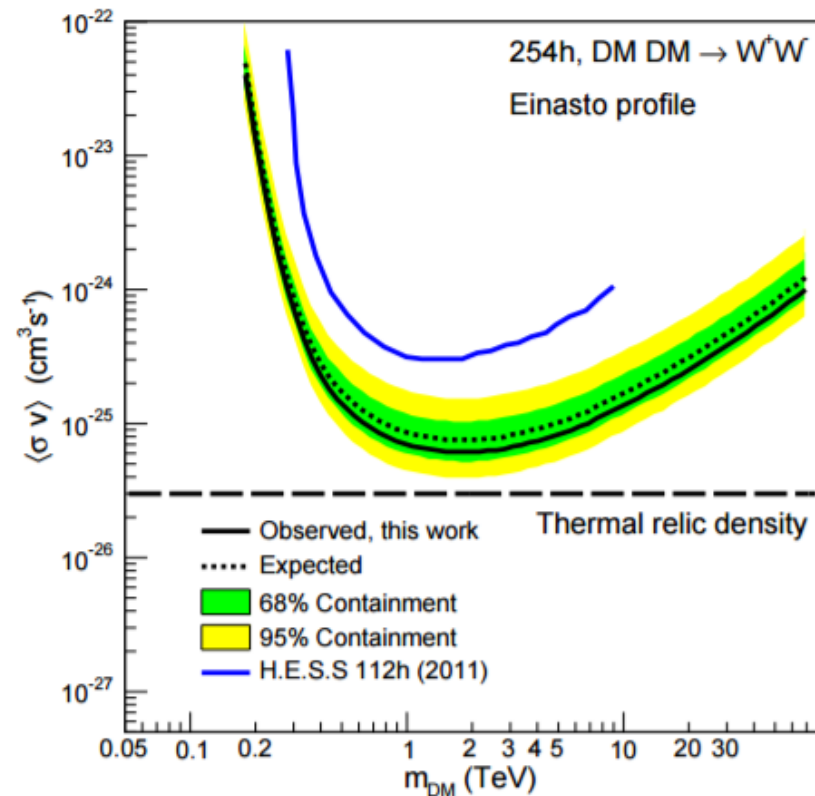
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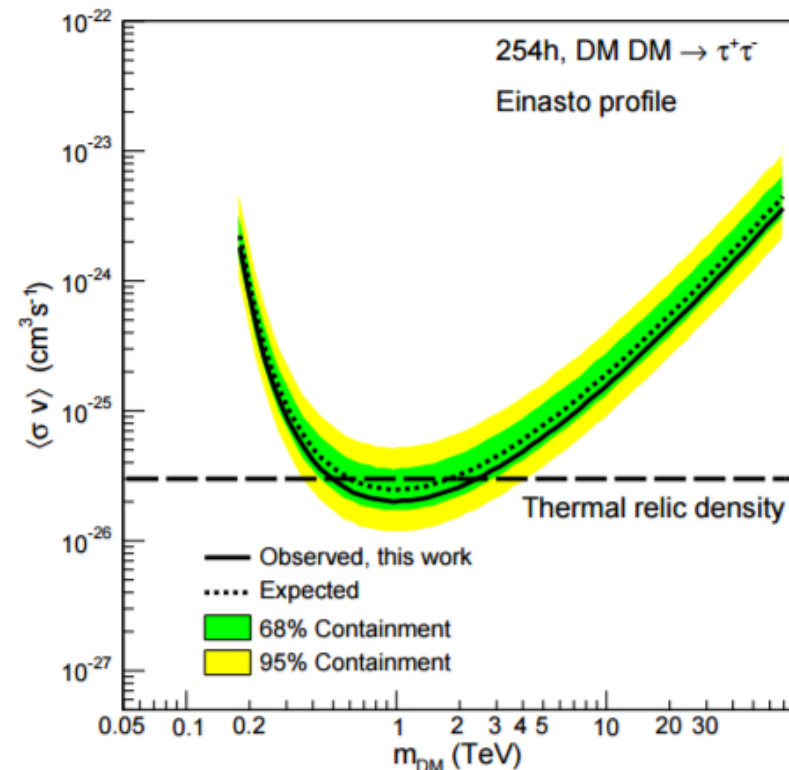
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- Probe the thermal relic density



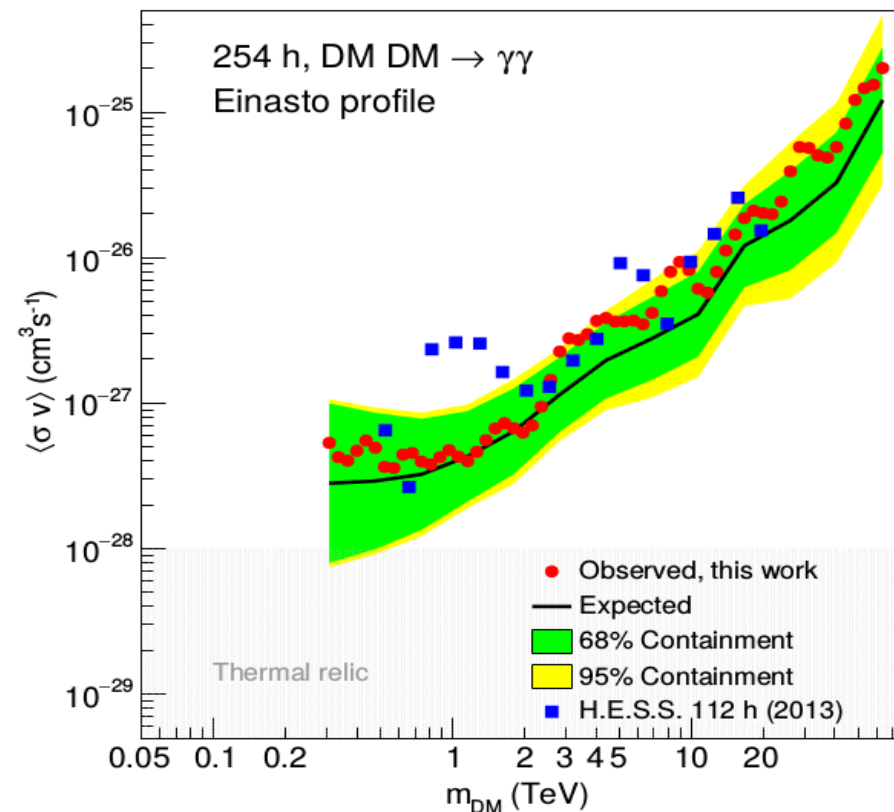
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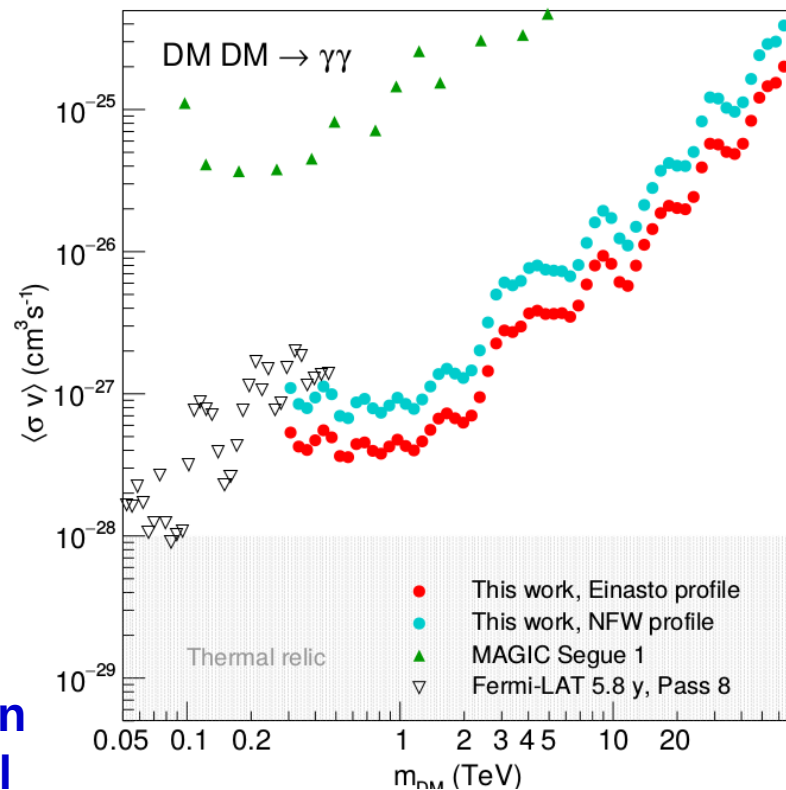


DM lines search at the GC: comparison with other experiments

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- Einasto profile gives the tightest constraints
- Strongest limits in the TeV mass range
- Competitive with Fermi-LAT at few hundreds GeV

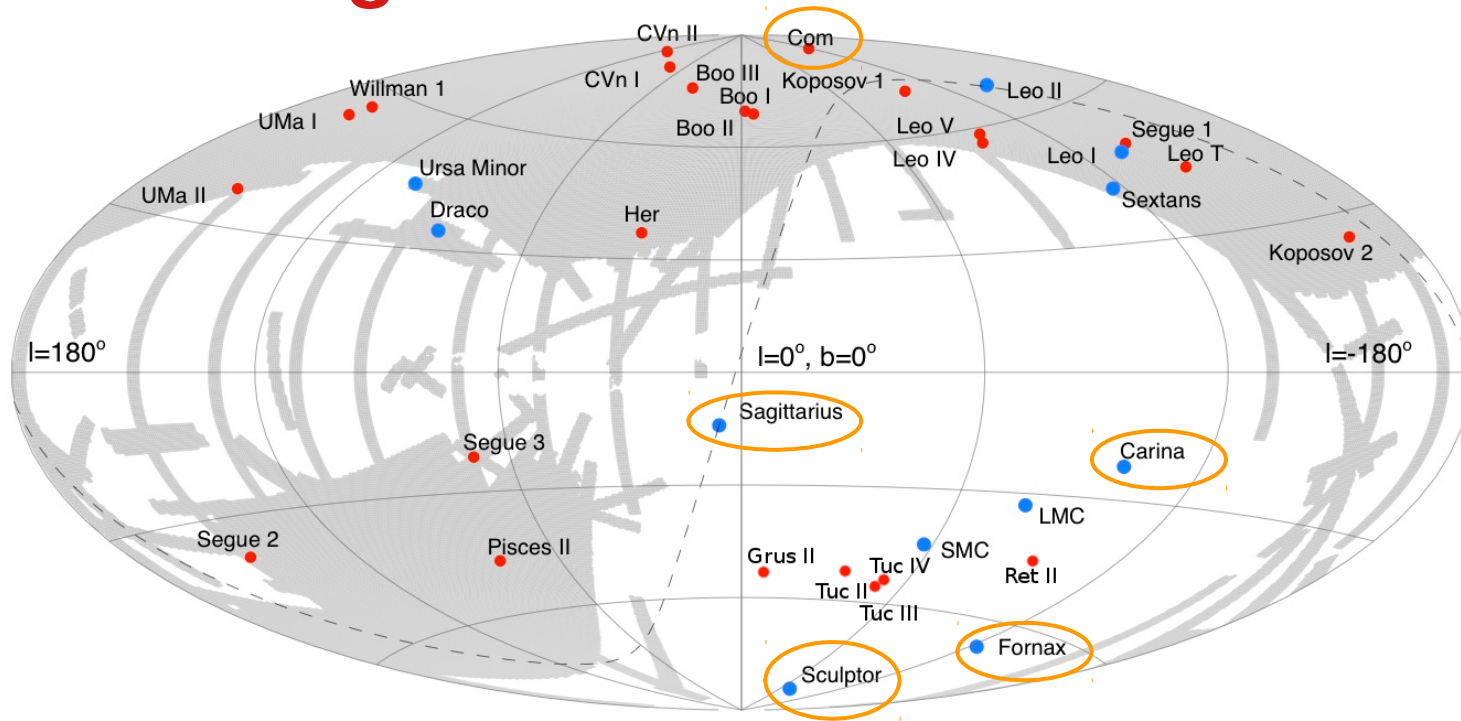
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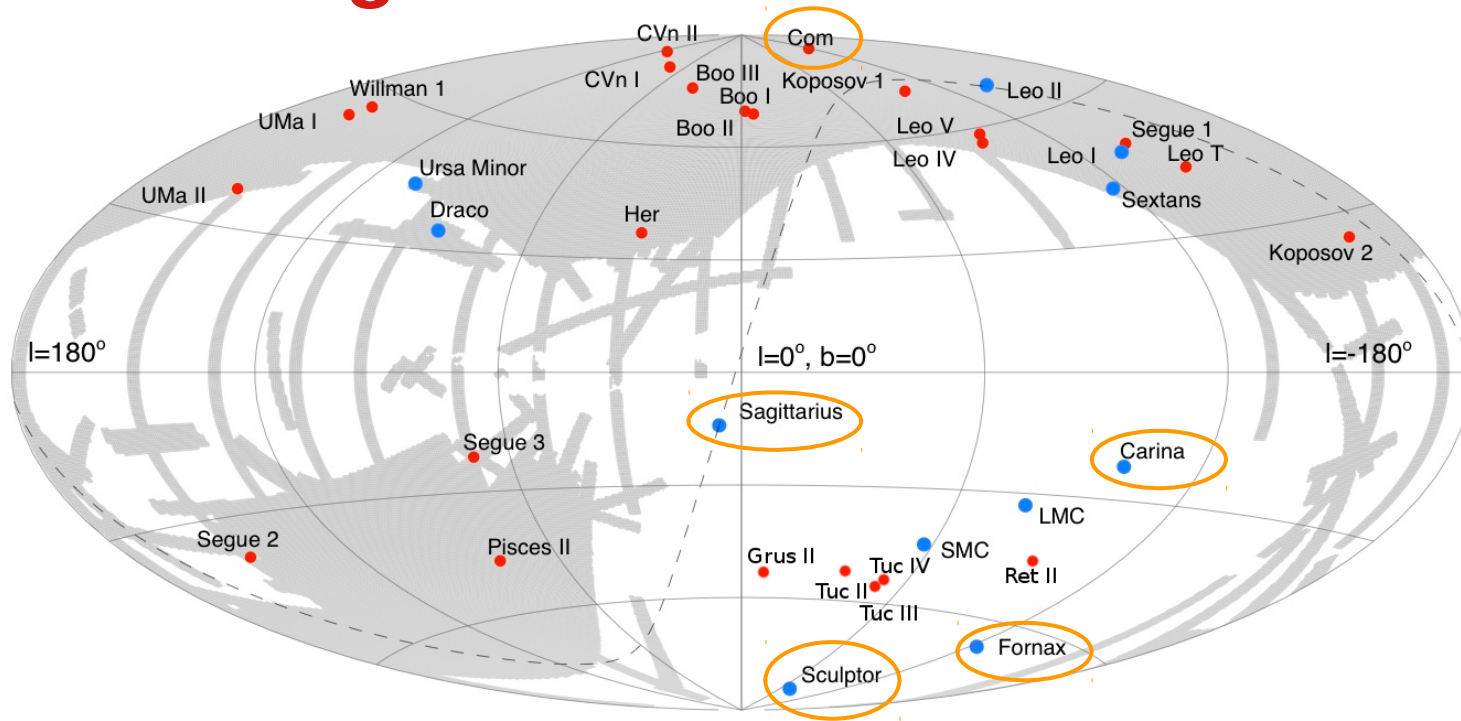
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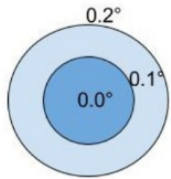
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- Ongoing analysis on some of the recently discovered DES galaxies: *stay tuned!*

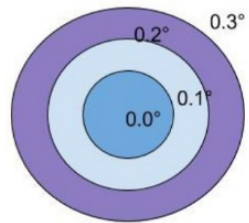
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Galaxy	Distance (kpc)	$\log_{10} J(\theta_{\text{tot}})$ $\log_{10} (\text{GeV}^2 \text{cm}^{-5})$	T_{obs} (h)	Zenith (deg)
Fornax	140	17.72	6.0	14
Coma Berenices	44	19.52	10.9	48
Sculptor	79	18.36	11.8	14
Carina	101	17.86	22.9	34
Sagittarius	25	18.34	85.5	16

Signal region : *ON region*

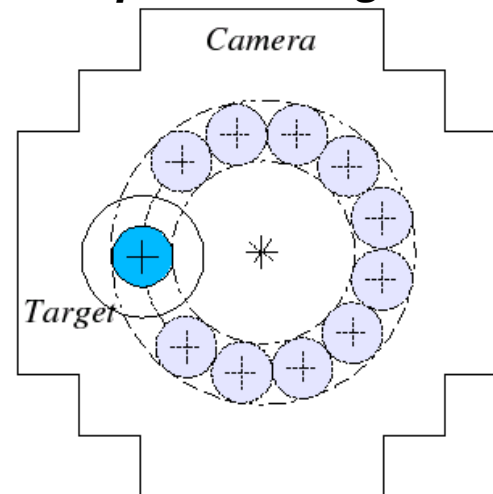


All galaxies
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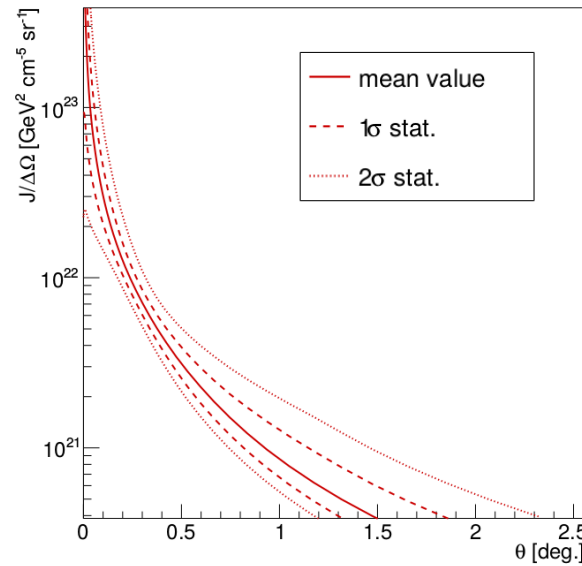
**Background measurement:
*Multiple OFF regions***



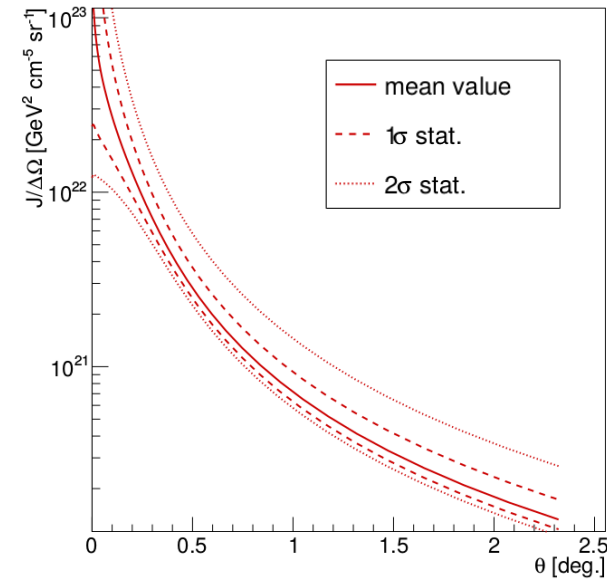
Dwarf galaxy J-factors

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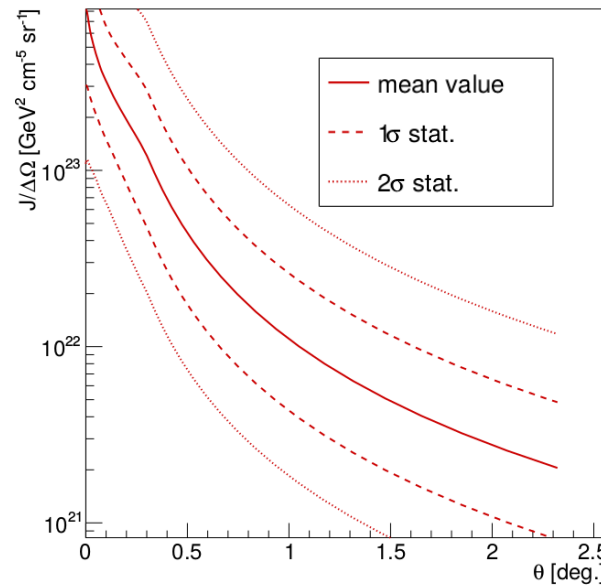
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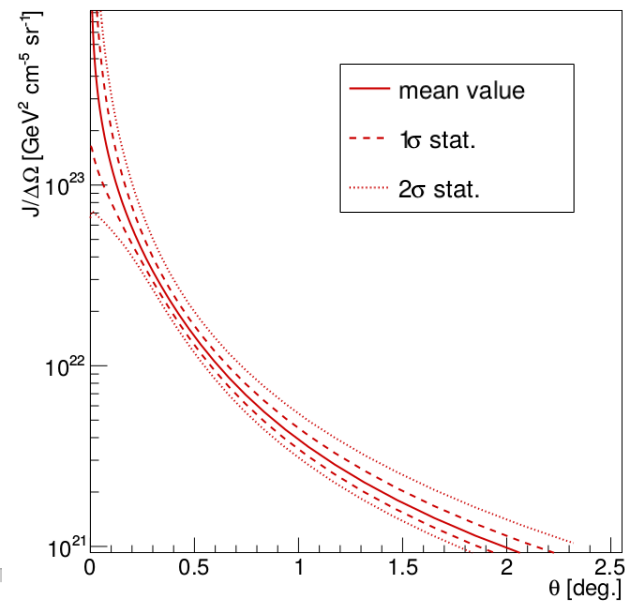
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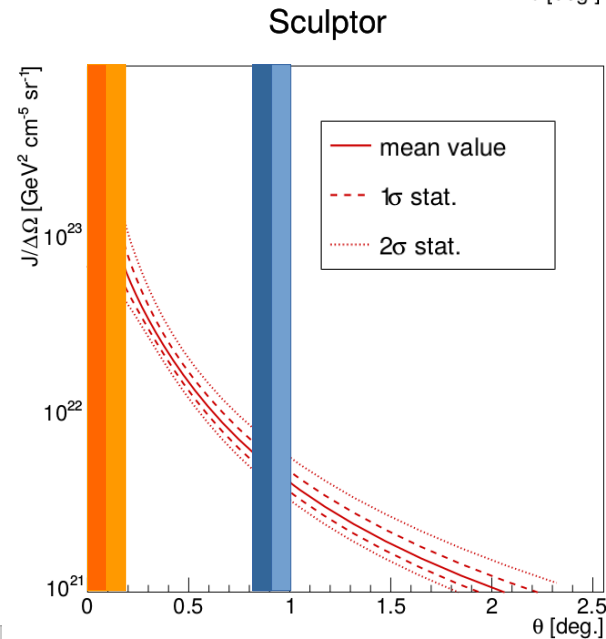
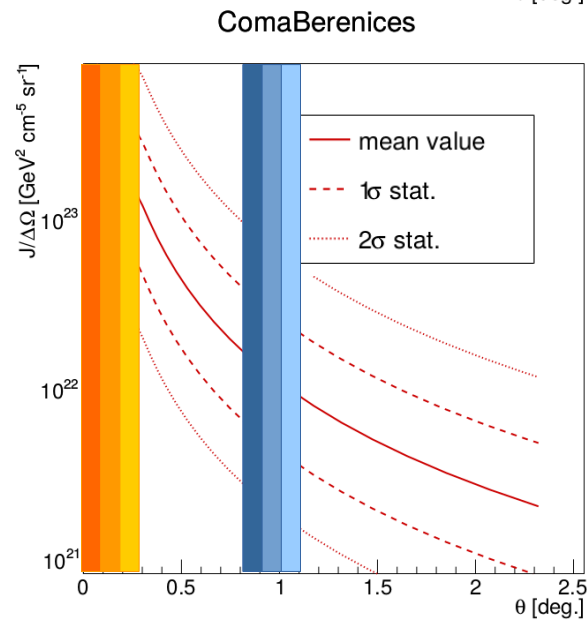
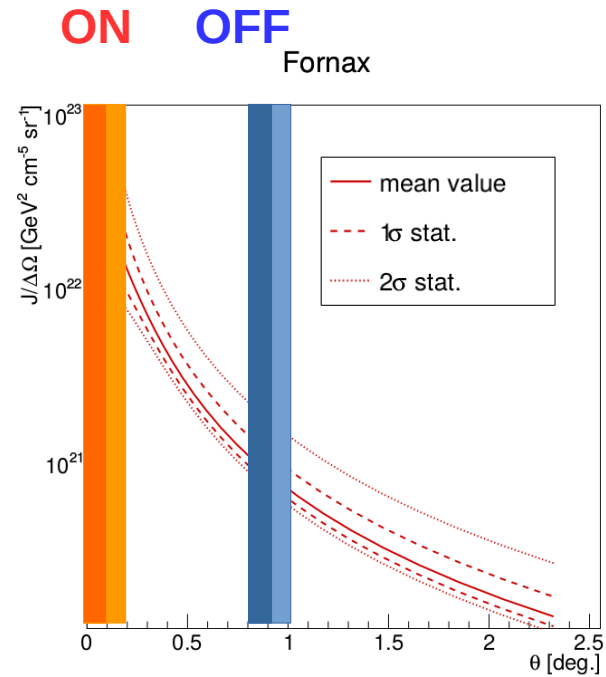
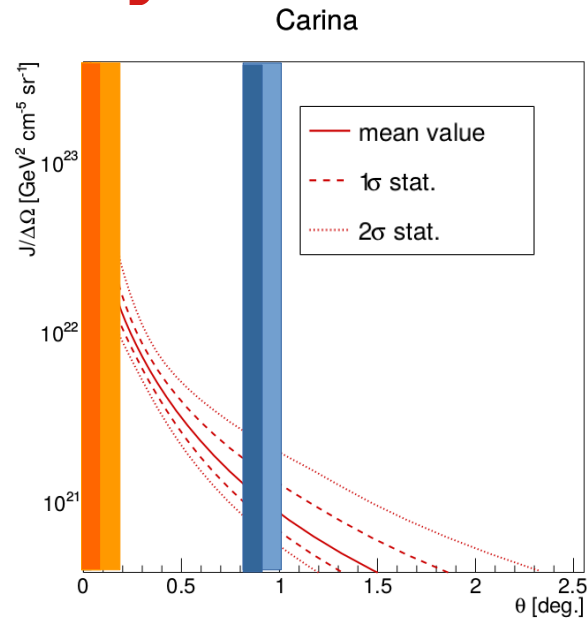


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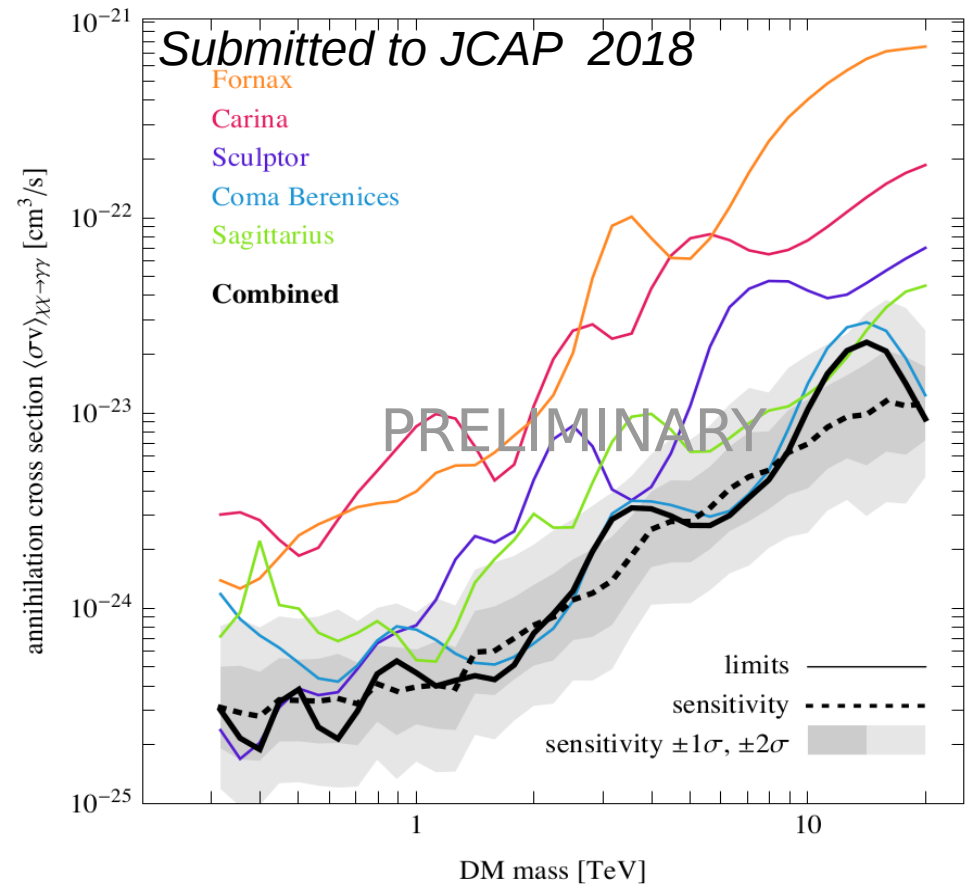


DM lines search towards dwarf spheroidal galaxies

Re-analysis of the H.E.S.S. I dSph looking for DM lines:

- same observation dataset
 - Improved analysis technique : 2D-likelihood approach
- No significant excess
→ constraints on $\langle\sigma v\rangle$
- Combination of the 5 galaxies
→ better limits

Combined 95% C.L. upper limits at the level of $5 \times 10^{-25} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ at 1 TeV



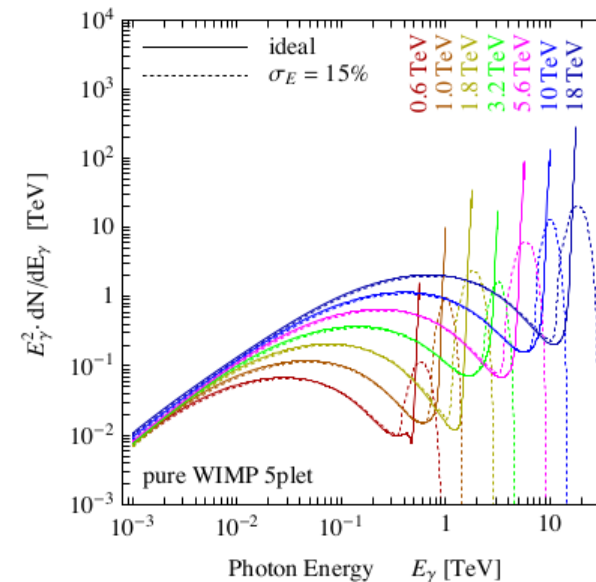
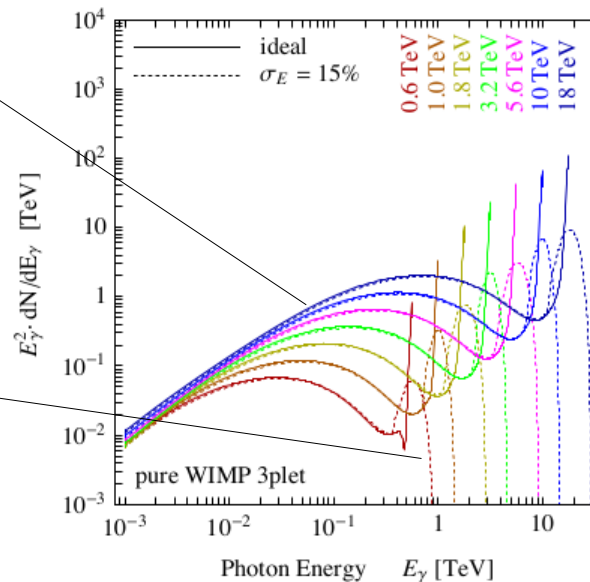
See talk at ICRC17 (H.E.S.S. Coll.)



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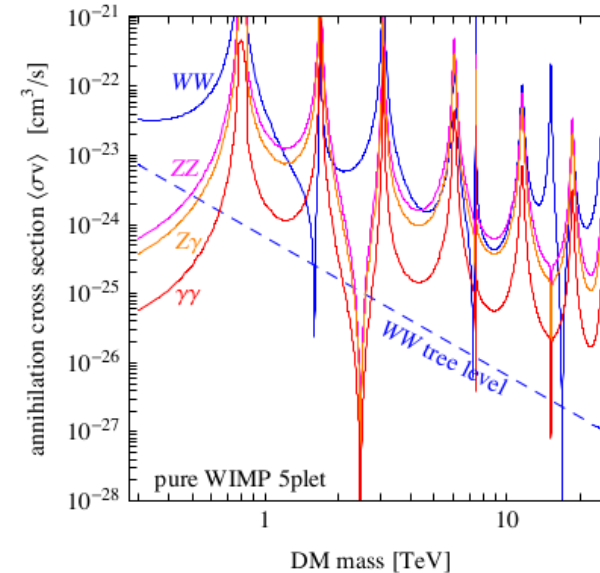
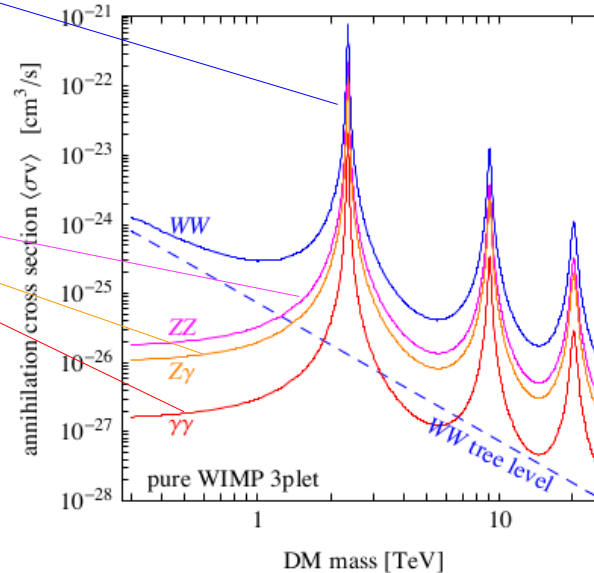
It includes the continuum

Effect of the energy resolution



Tree-level

1-loop



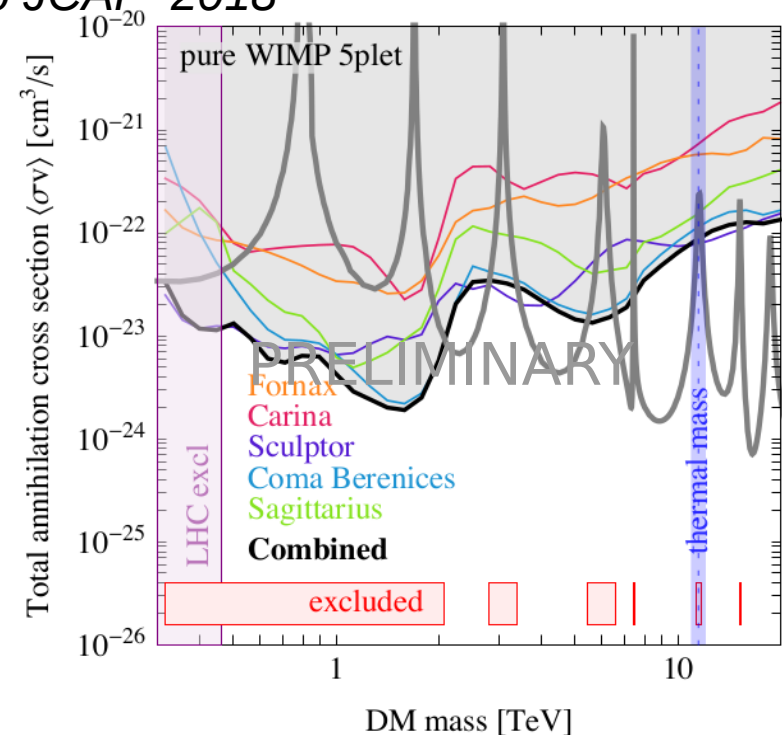
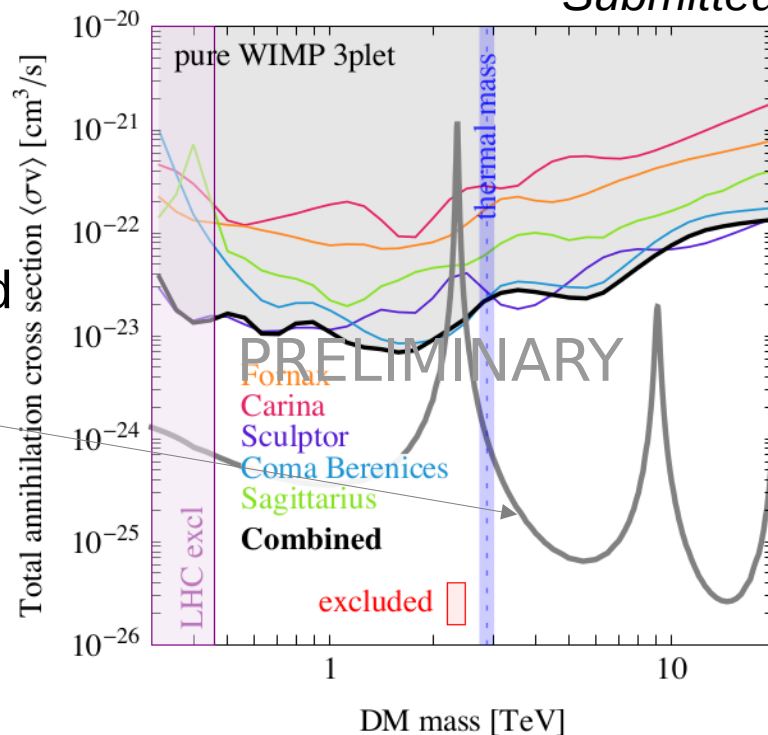
Limits for specific DM models toward dwarf galaxies

Tests of specific models: pure WIMP 3plet and 5plet

→ full γ -ray spectrum including WW, ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$, Z γ contributions is used

Submitted to JCAP 2018

Predicted
thermal
relic
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- Important exclusions on the 5plet model
- Specific models could be also tested in other environments



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 - Test of specific pure WIMPs model: full spectrum included
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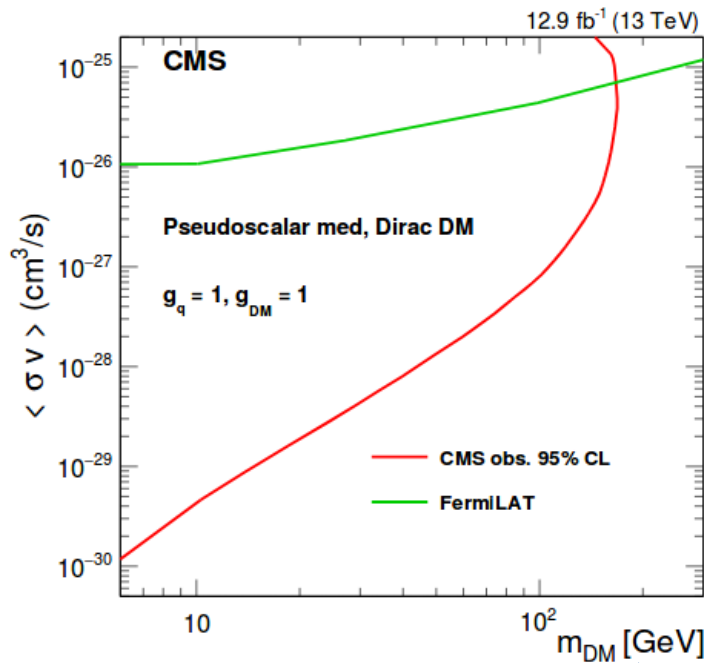
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 - Also exploring including Fermi-LAT and HAWC observations
 - The Glory Duck group: first meeting in Berlin early July
 - Exploit the complementarity of the different instruments
 - Combined effort to improve limits



Backup: DM complementarity

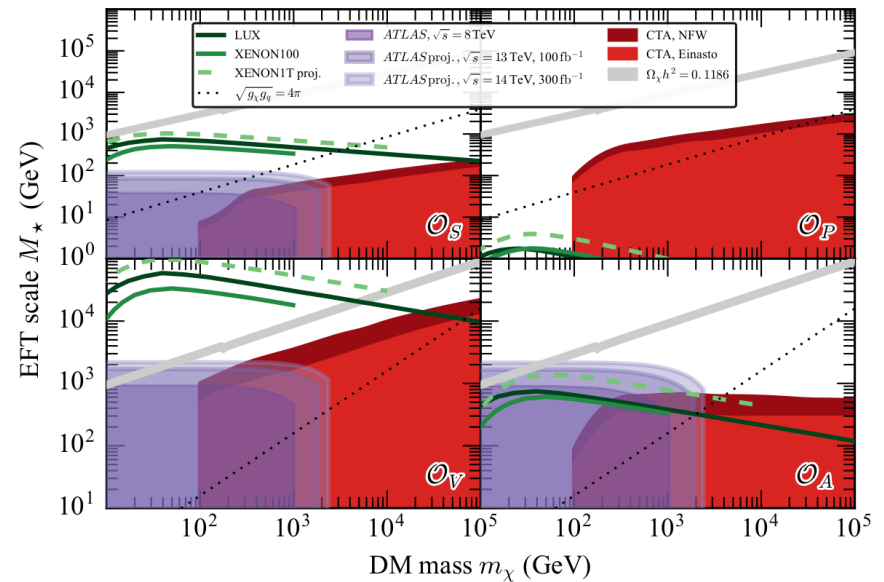
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Comparison using
the simplified DM
models

With H.E.S.S. we
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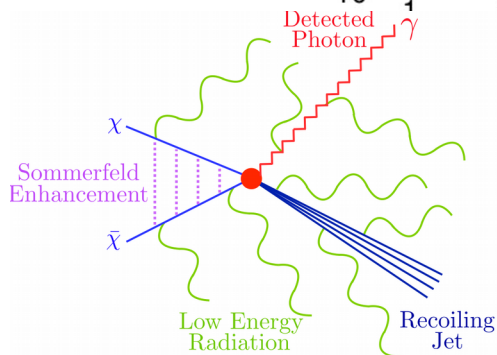
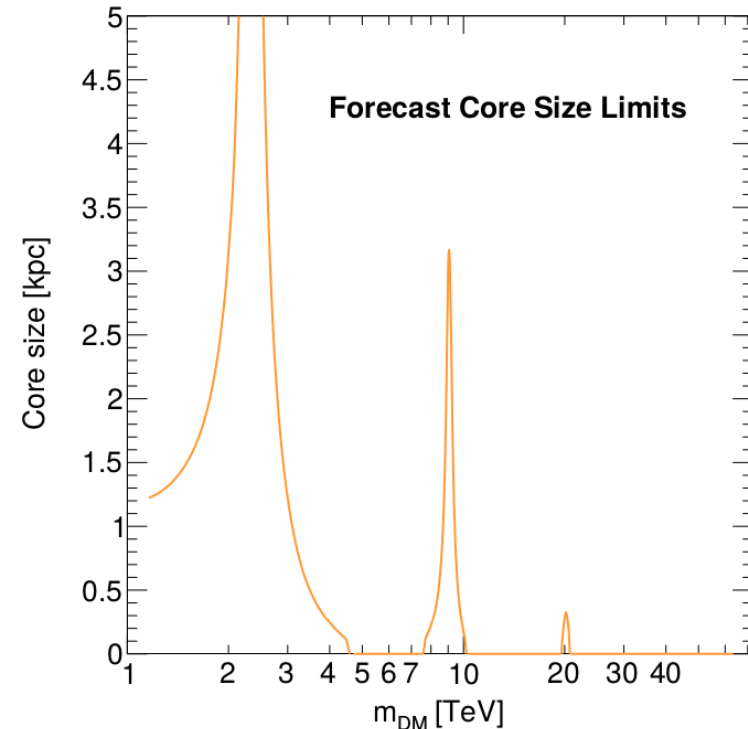
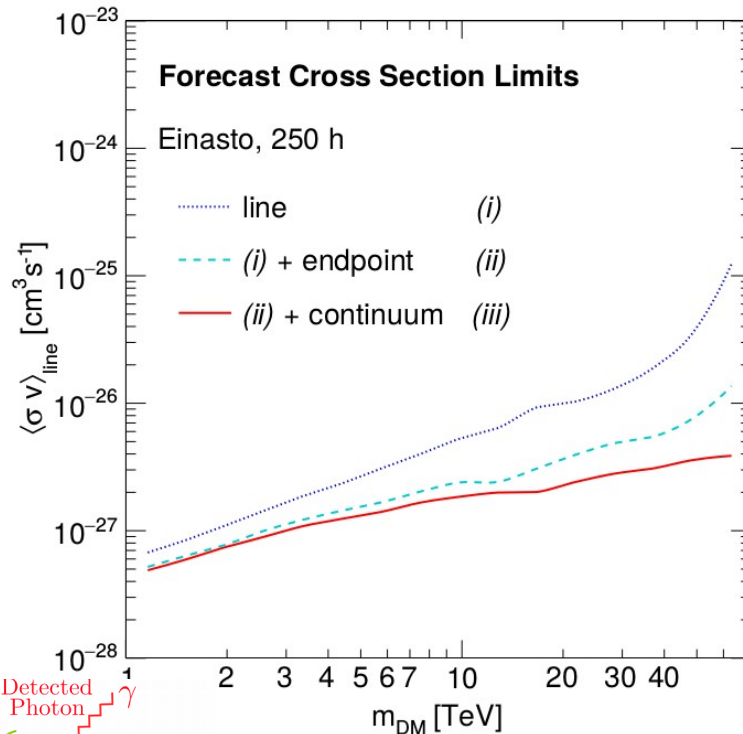


CTA upper limits are
converted to lower limits
on EFT scale



Backup: hunt for wino at the GC : H.E.S.S.-I-like mock analysis

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Endpoint
contribution to
the spectrum
→ Improves
the limits

H.E.S.S. may have the
sensibility to probe the
wino up to several kpc
core size

