

Dark Matter searches with the Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory



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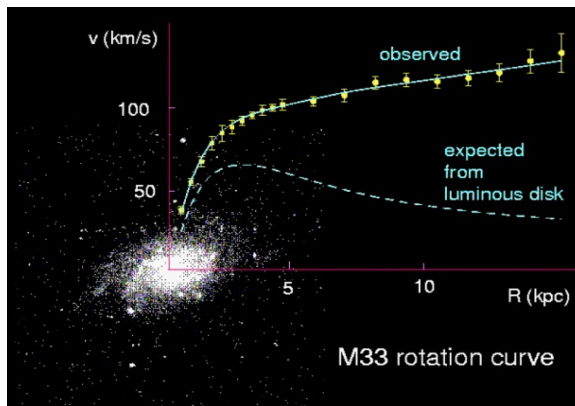
Dark Matter EVIDENCE

In 1933, the astronomer Zwicky realized that the mass of the luminous matter in the Coma cluster was much smaller than its total mass implied by the [motion of cluster member galaxies](#).



Since then, even more evidence:

Rotation curves of galaxies



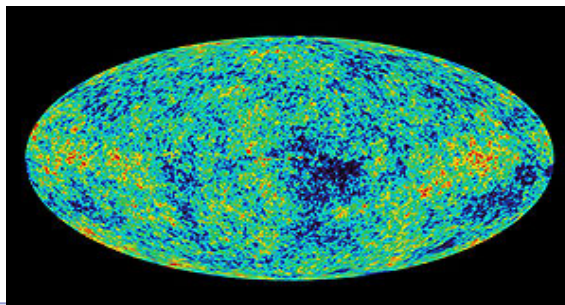
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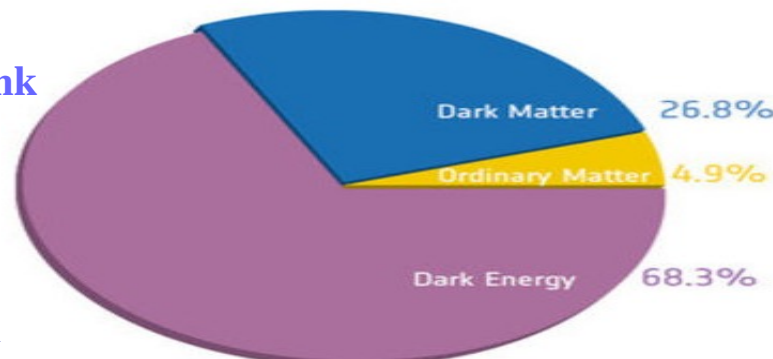
Bullet cluster



Structure formation as deduced from CMB



Data by Planck imply:



$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} \approx 26.8\%$$

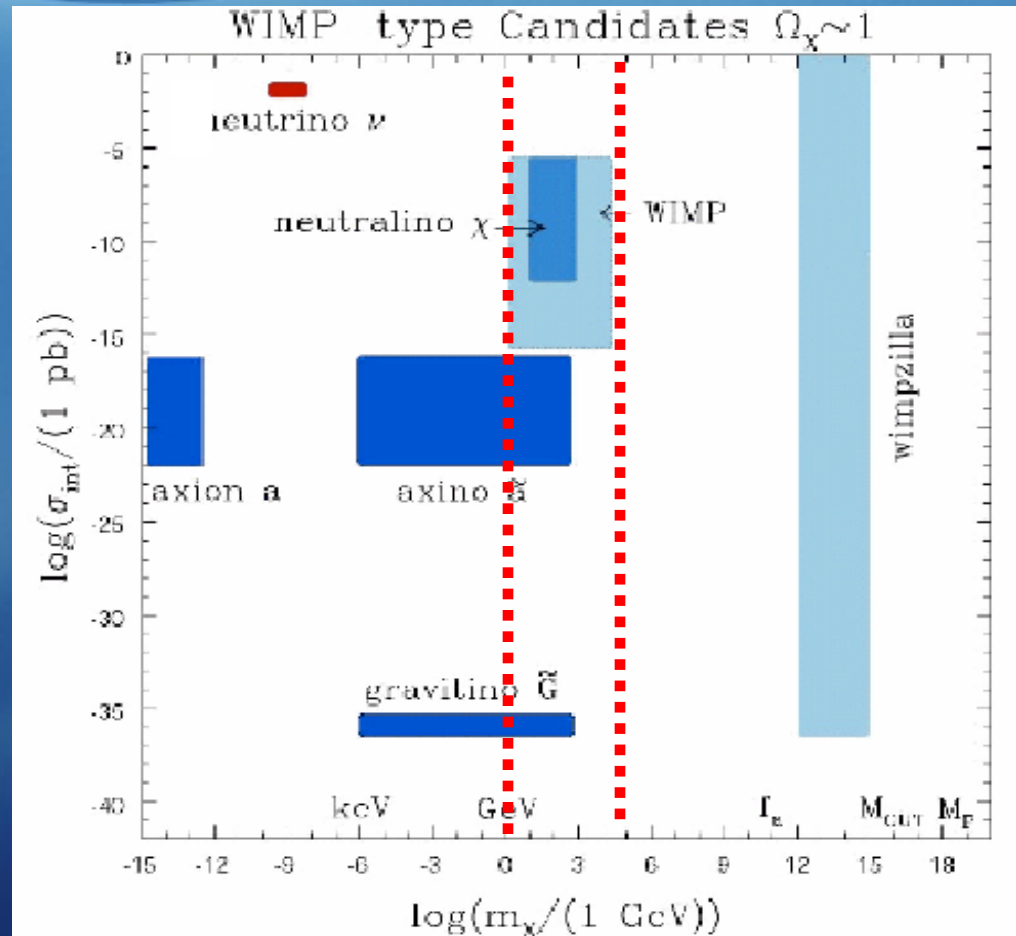
$$\Omega_{\text{M}} \approx 4.9\%$$

Dark Matter



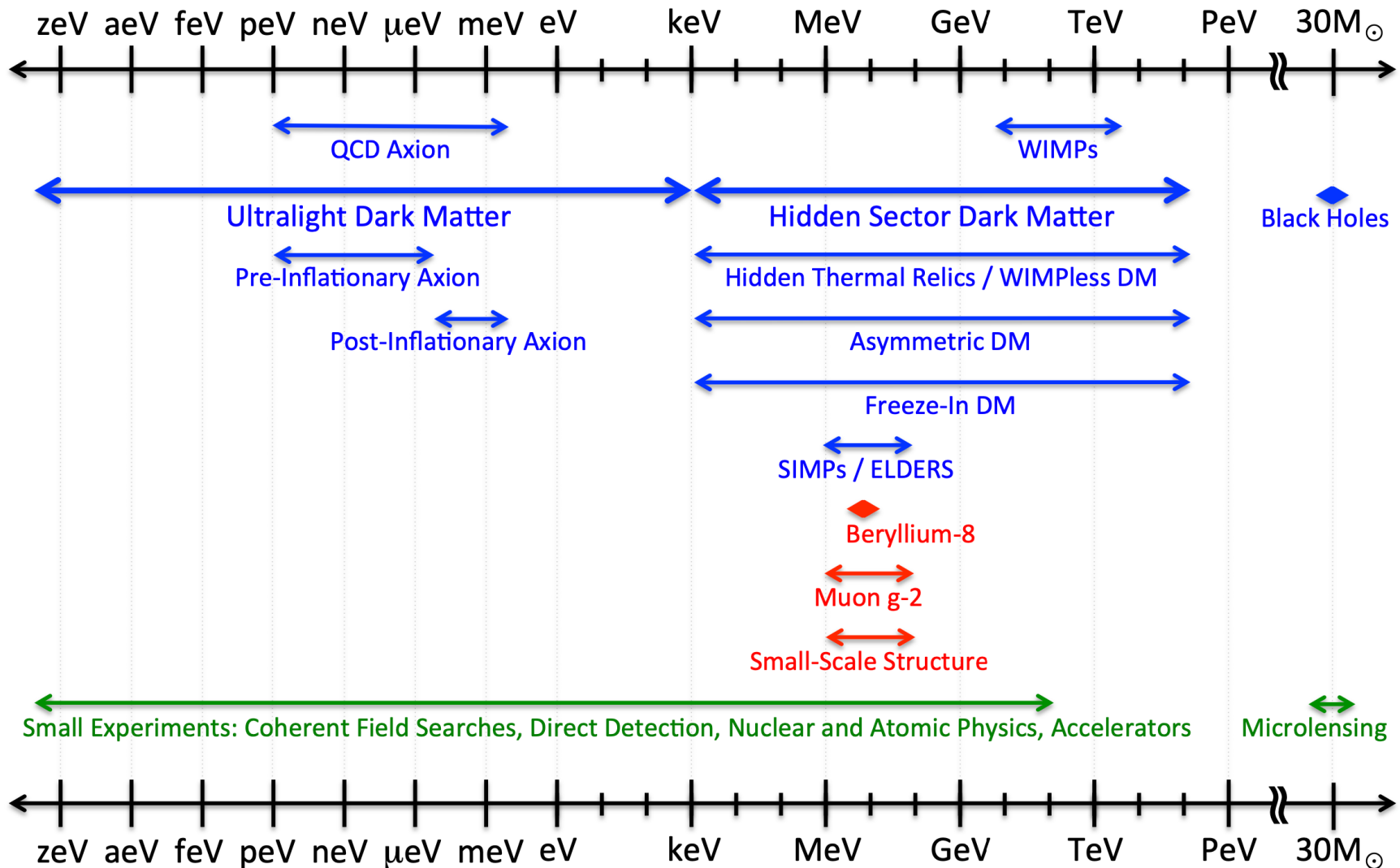
Dark Matter Candidates

- Kaluza-Klein DM in UED
- Kaluza-Klein DM in RS
- Axion
- Axino
- Gravitino
- Photino
- SM Neutrino
- Sterile Neutrino
- Sneutrino
- Light DM
- Little Higgs DM
- Wimpzillas
- Q-balls
- Mirror Matter
- Champs (charged DM)
- D-matter
- Cryptons
- Self-interacting
- Superweakly interacting
- Braneworld DM
- Heavy neutrino
- NEUTRALINO
- Messenger States in GMSB
- Branons
- Chaplygin Gas
- Split SUSY
- Primordial Black Holes



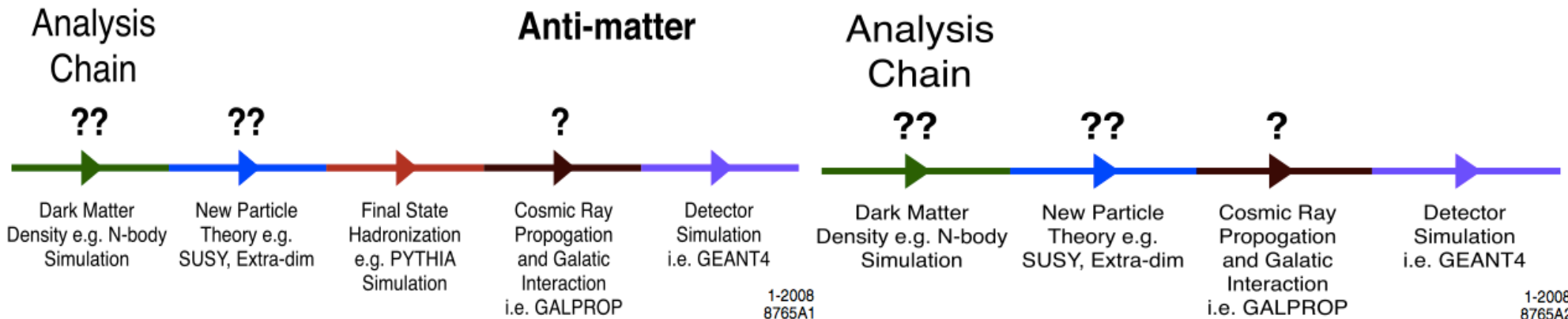
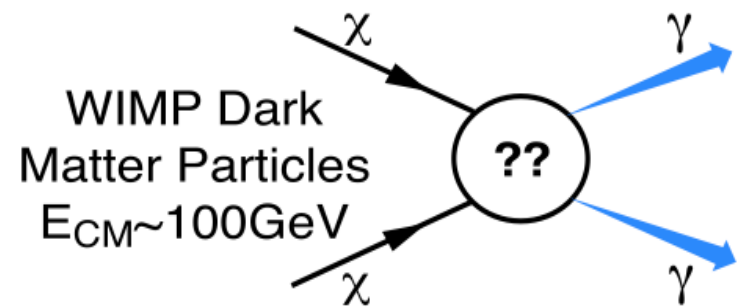
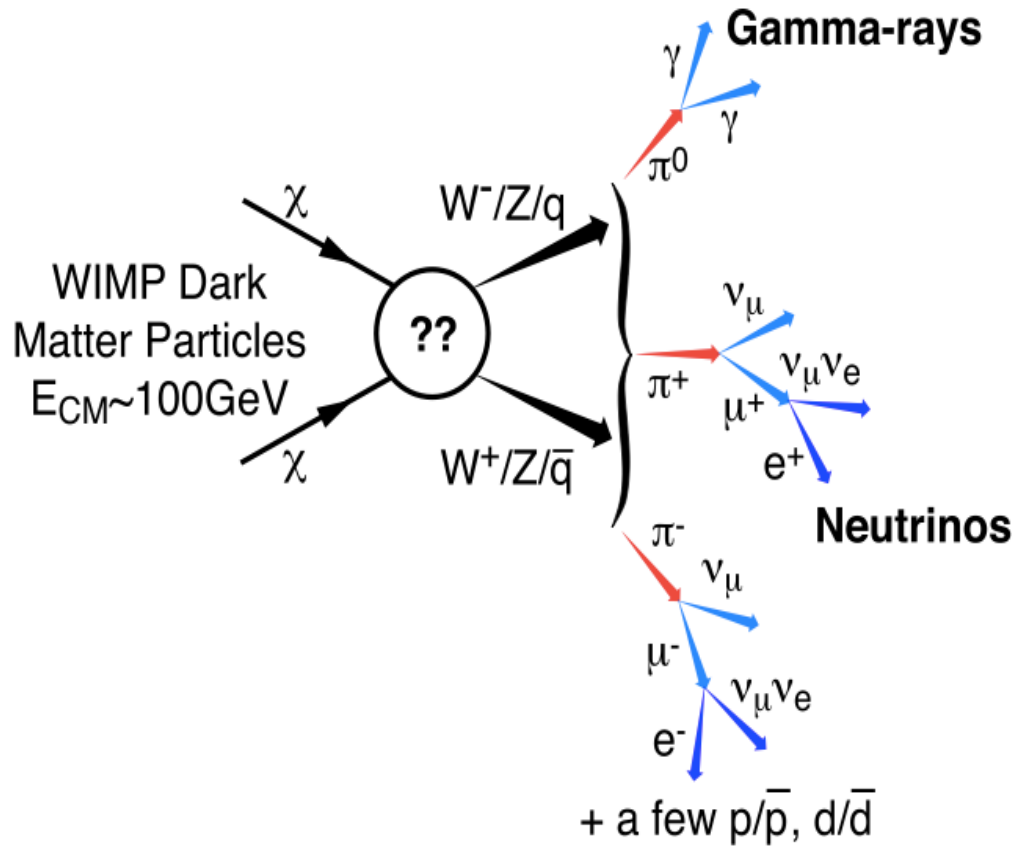
Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

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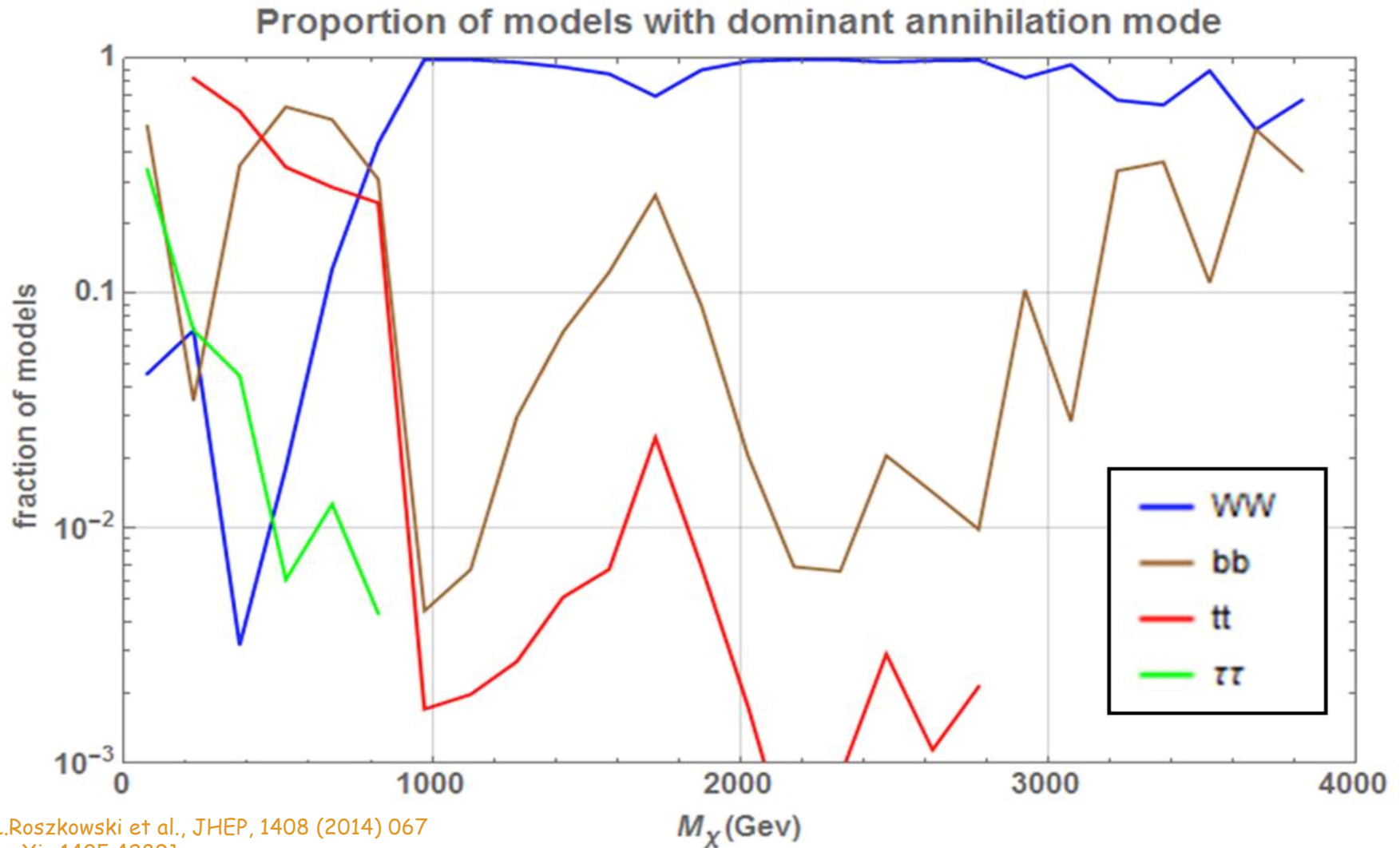
New Ideas in Dark Matter 2017 : Community Report arXiv:1707.04591

Annihilation channels



Which channel to choose?

Example: The dominant annihilation modes in the pMSSM scan



L.Roszkowski et al., JHEP, 1408 (2014) 067
[arXiv:1405.4289]

Dark Matter Search: Targets and Strategies

Satellites

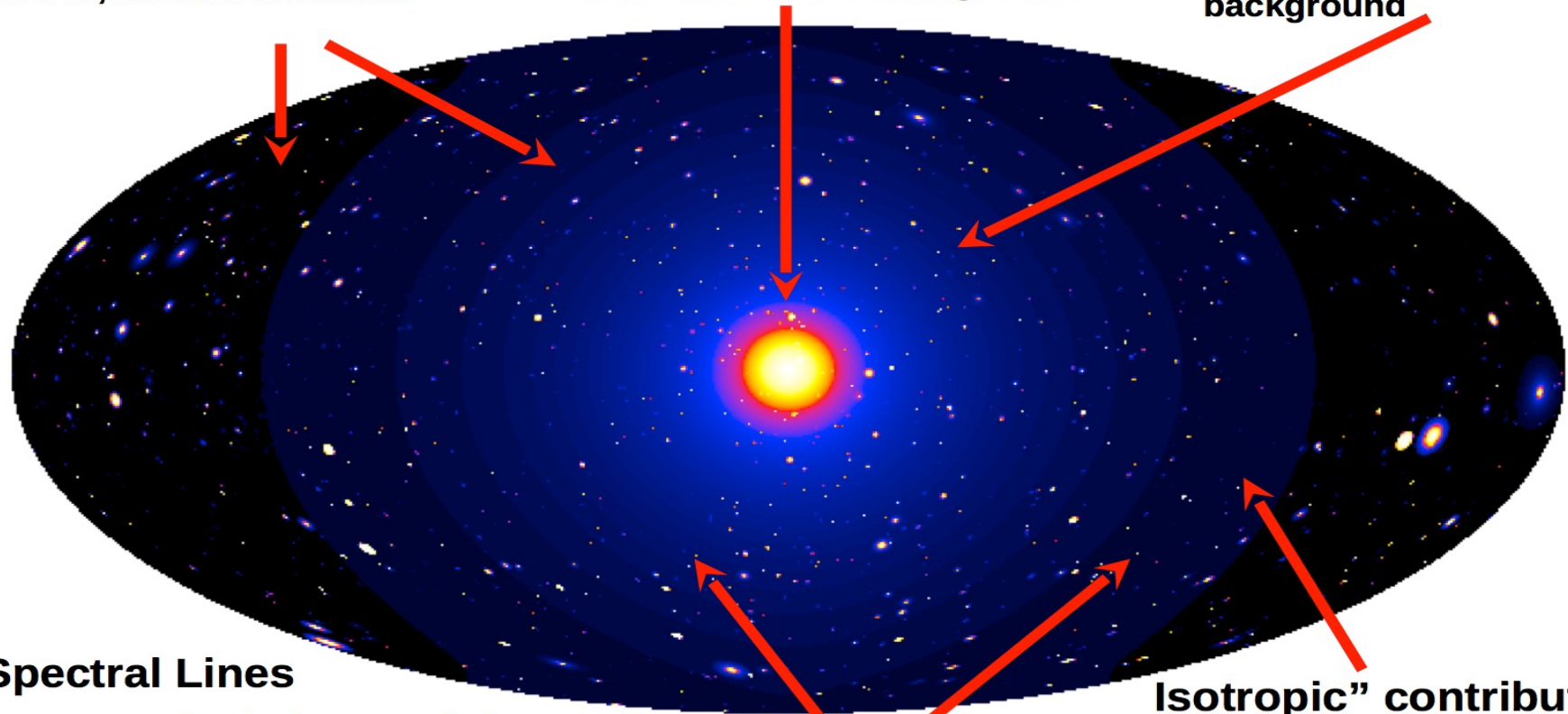
Low background and good source id, but low statistics

Galactic Center

Good Statistics, but source confusion/diffuse background

Milky Way Halo

Large statistics, but diffuse background



Spectral Lines

Little or no astrophysical uncertainties, good source id, but low sensitivity because of expected small branching ratio

Isotropic" contributions

Large statistics, but astrophysics, galactic diffuse background

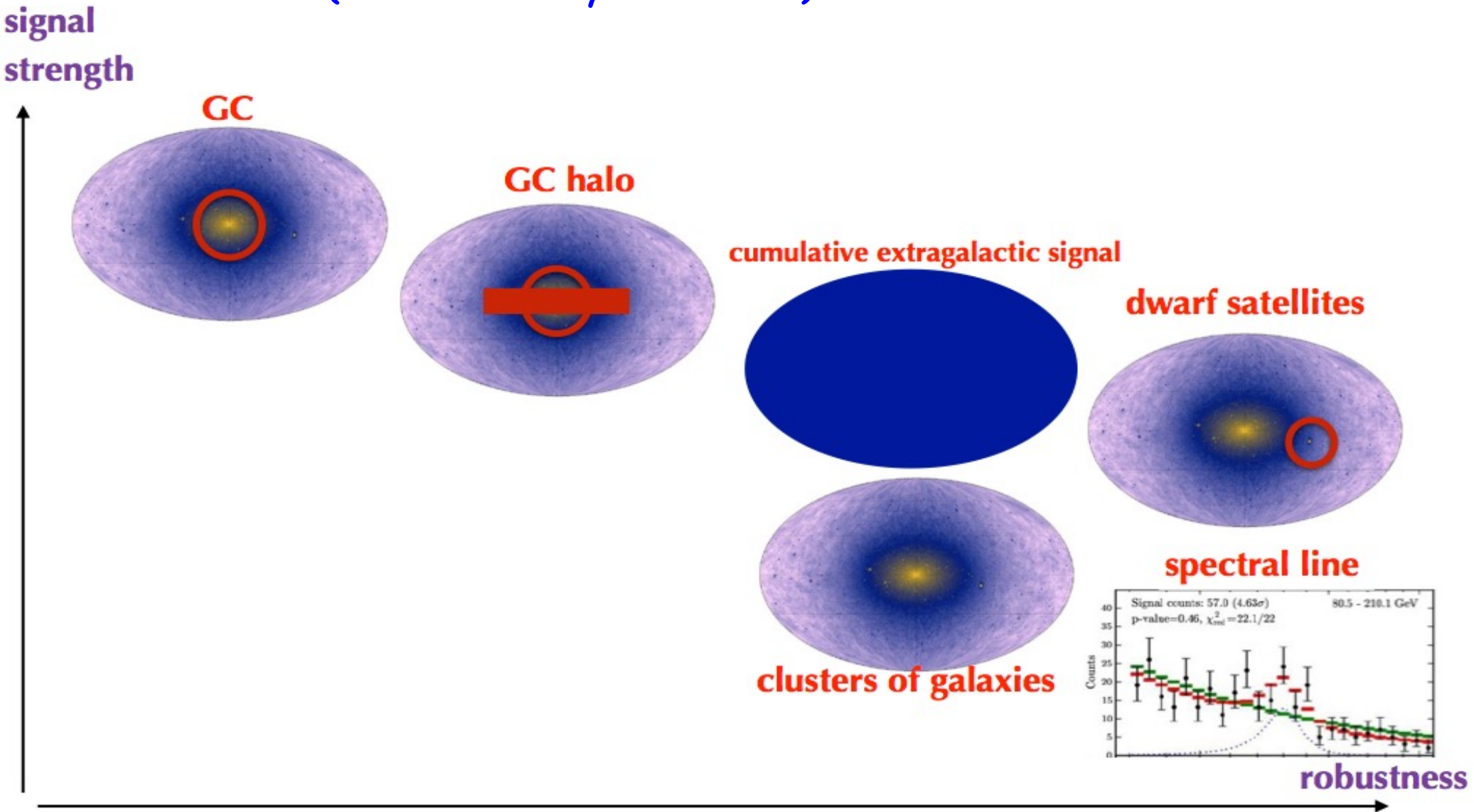
Galaxy Clusters

Low background, but low statistics

Dark Matter simulation:
Pieri+(2009) arXiv:0908.0195

Dark Matter Search: Targets and Strategies

(Another way to see it)





FERMI

Large Area Telescope



11 June 2008

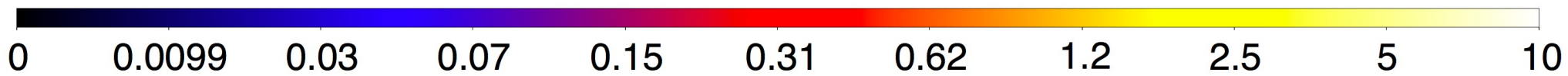
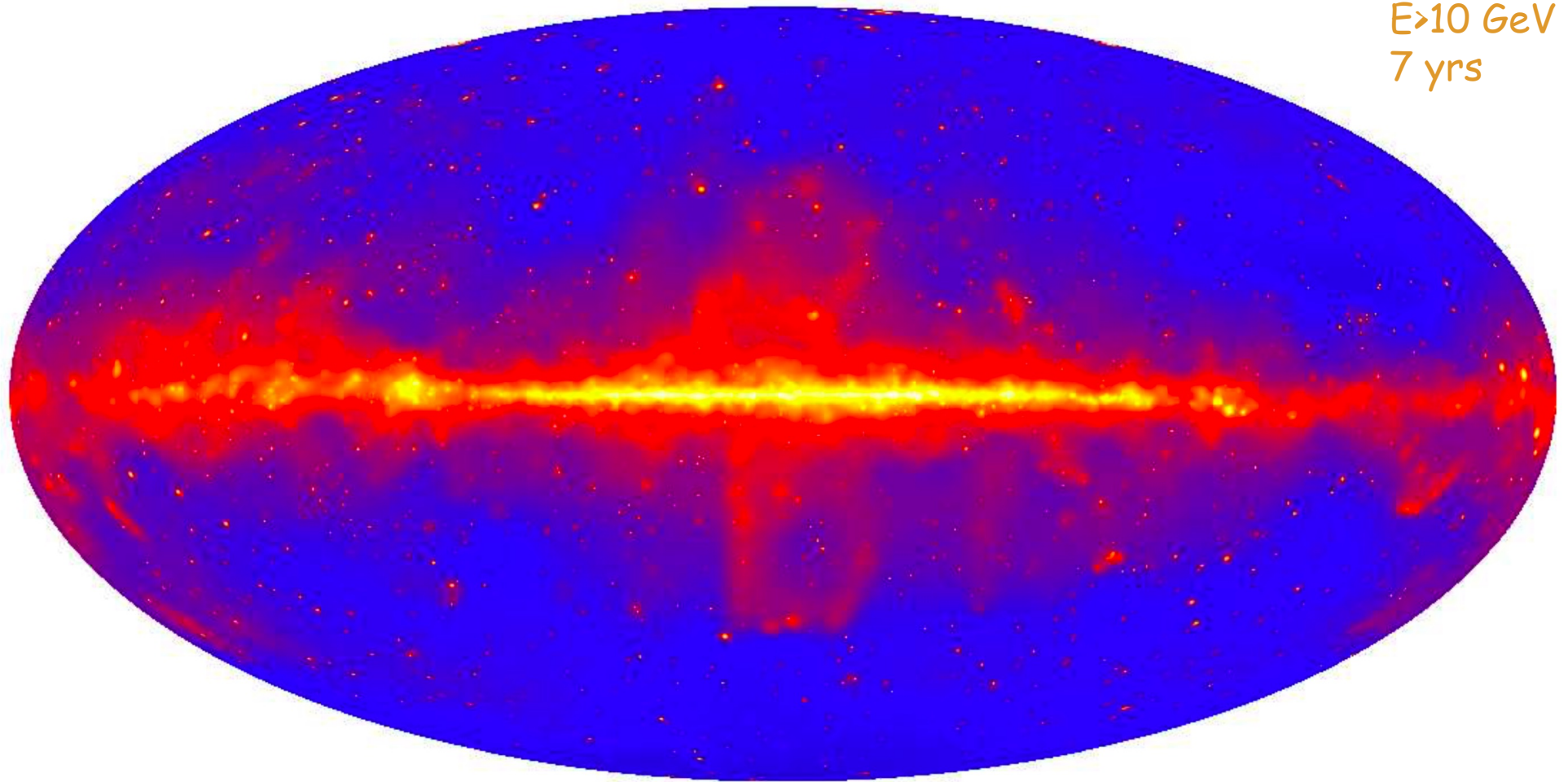


Happy 14th Birthday Fermi !!

11 June 2008

The sky in gamma-rays

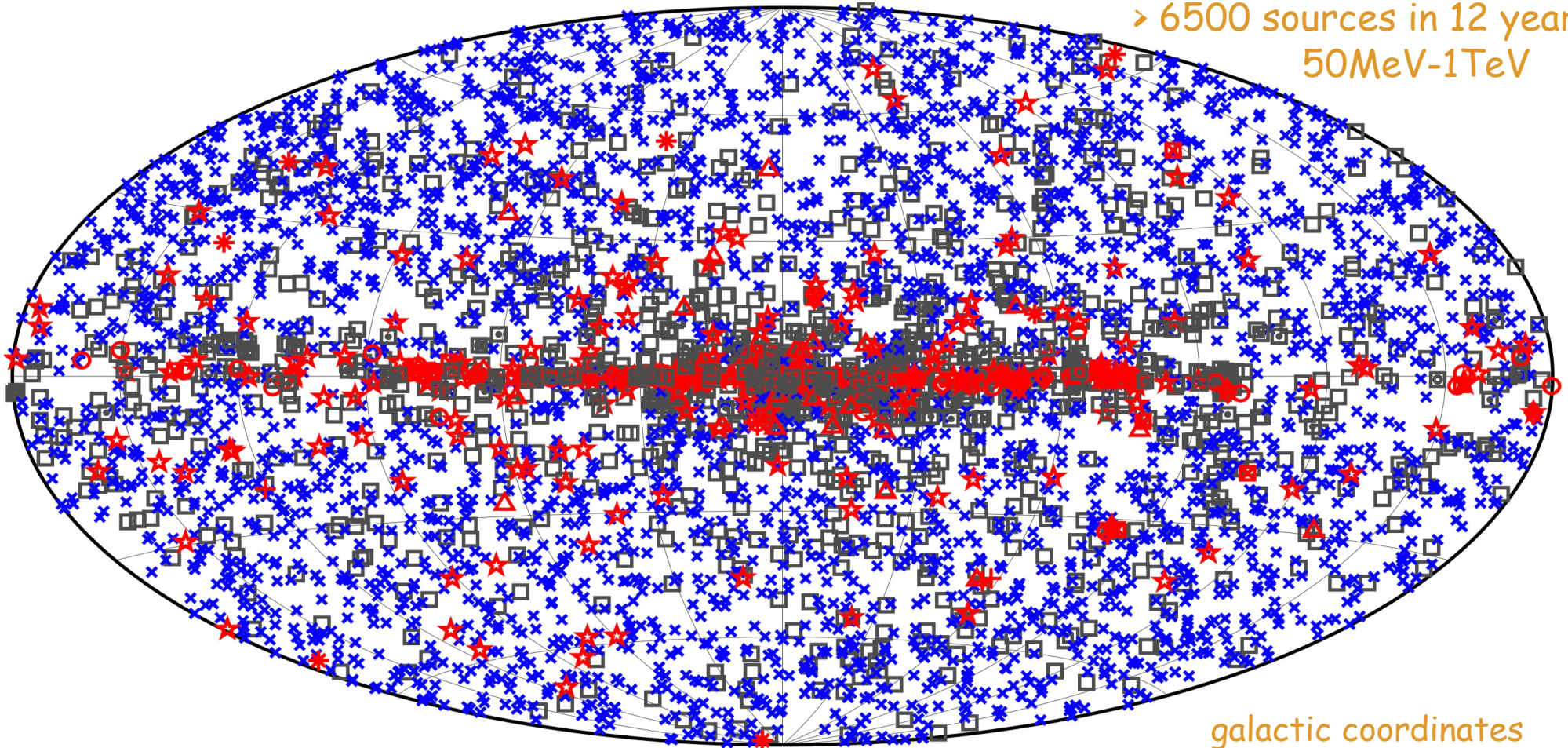
$E > 10 \text{ GeV}$
7 yrs



M.Ackermann et al. [Fermi Coll.] 3FHL: The Third Catalog of Hard Fermi-LAT Sources *ApJS* 2017 232 [arXiv:1702.00664](https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.00664)

The sky in gamma-rays 4th source catalog

> 6500 sources in 12 years
50MeV-1TeV

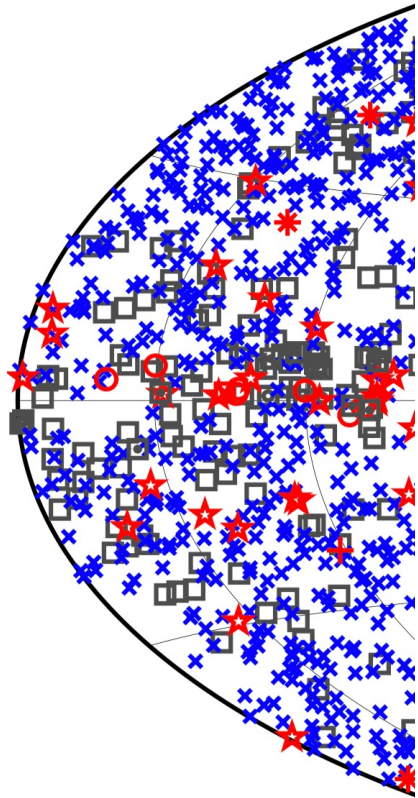


□ No association	▣ Possible association with SNR or PWN	× AGN
★ Pulsar	△ Globular cluster	◆ PWN
▣ Binary	+ Galaxy	⊙ SNR
★ Star-forming region	▣ Unclassified source	⊛ Nova



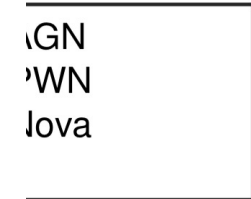
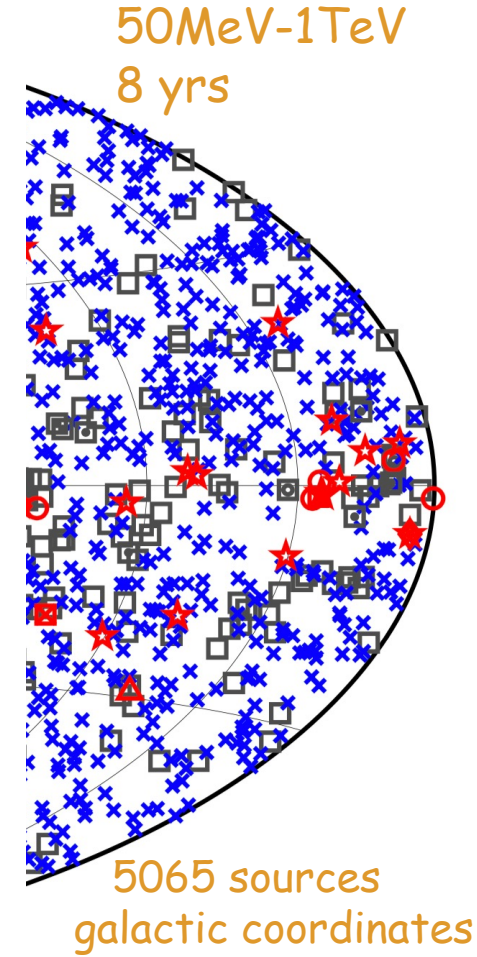
Fermi Fourth Source Catalog, *The Astrophysical Journal* ss, 247; 33 March 2020 [arXiv:1902.10045]
+ Incremental Fermi Large Area Telescope Fourth Source Catalog arXiv:2201.11184

The sky in gamma-rays 4th source catalog



Description	Identified		Associated	
	Designator	Number	Designator	Number
Pulsar, identified by pulsations	PSR	229	...	...
Pulsar, no pulsations seen in LAT yet	...	...	psr	10
Pulsar wind nebula	PWN	12	pwn	6
Supernova remnant	SNR	24	snr	16
Supernova remnant / Pulsar wind nebula	SPP	0	spp	90
Globular cluster	GLC	0	glc	30
Star-forming region	SFR	3	sfr	0
High-mass binary	HMB	5	hmb	3
Low-mass binary	LMB	1	lmb	1
Binary	BIN	1	bin	0
Nova	NOV	1	nov	0
BL Lac type of blazar	BLL	22	bll	1094
FSRQ type of blazar	FSRQ	42	fsrq	644
Radio galaxy	RDG	6	rdg	36
Non-blazar active galaxy	AGN	1	agn	17
Steep spectrum radio quasar	SSRQ	0	ssrq	2
Compact Steep Spectrum radio source	CSS	0	css	5
Blazar candidate of uncertain type	BCU	3	bcu	1327
Narrow line Seyfert 1	NLSY1	4	nlsy1	5
Seyfert galaxy	SEY	0	sey	1
Starburst galaxy	SBG	0	sbg	7
Normal galaxy (or part)	GAL	2	gal	2
Unknown	UNK	0	unk	92
Total	...	356	...	3388
Unassociated	...	...	...	1323

NOTE—The designation ‘spp’ indicates potential association with SNR or PWN. Designations shown in capital letters are firm identifications; lower case letters indicate associations.

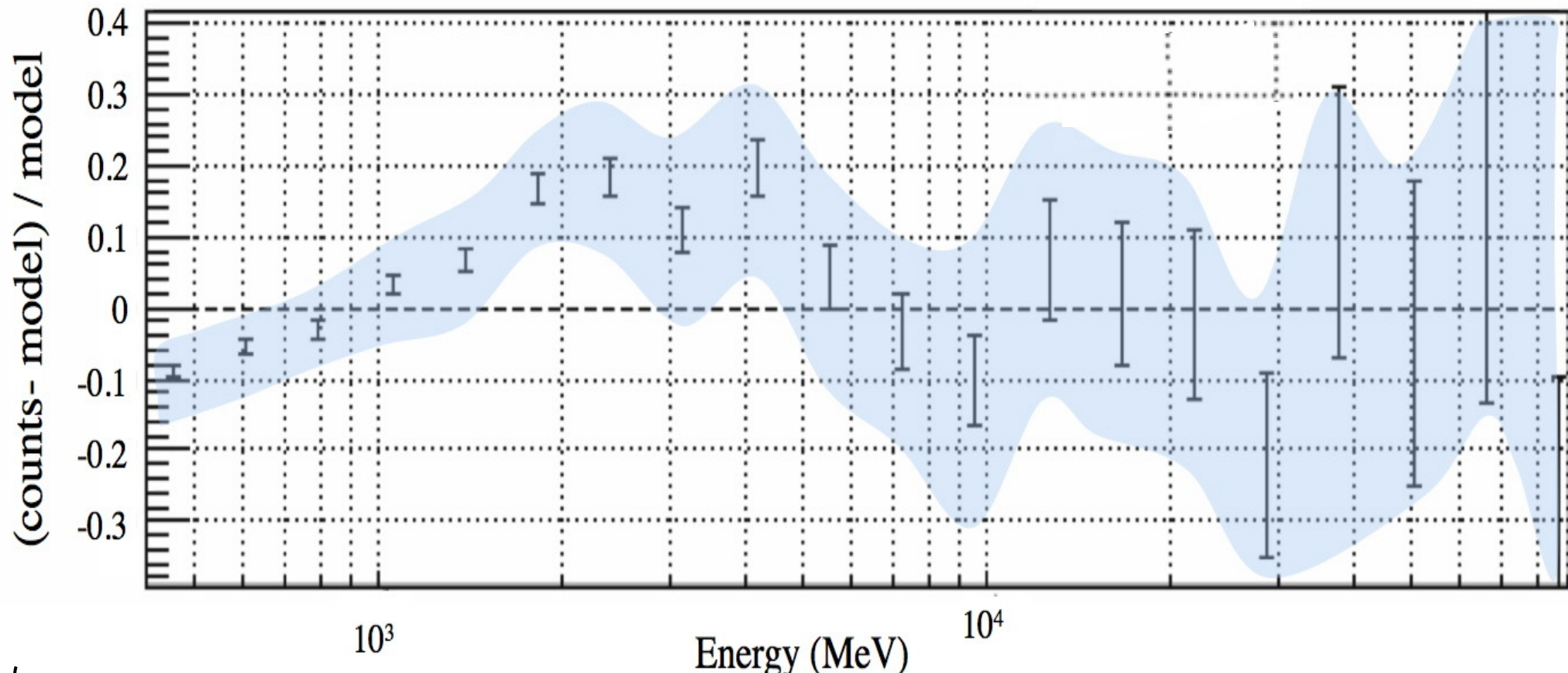


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The GeV excess $7^\circ \times 7^\circ$ region centered on the Galactic Center

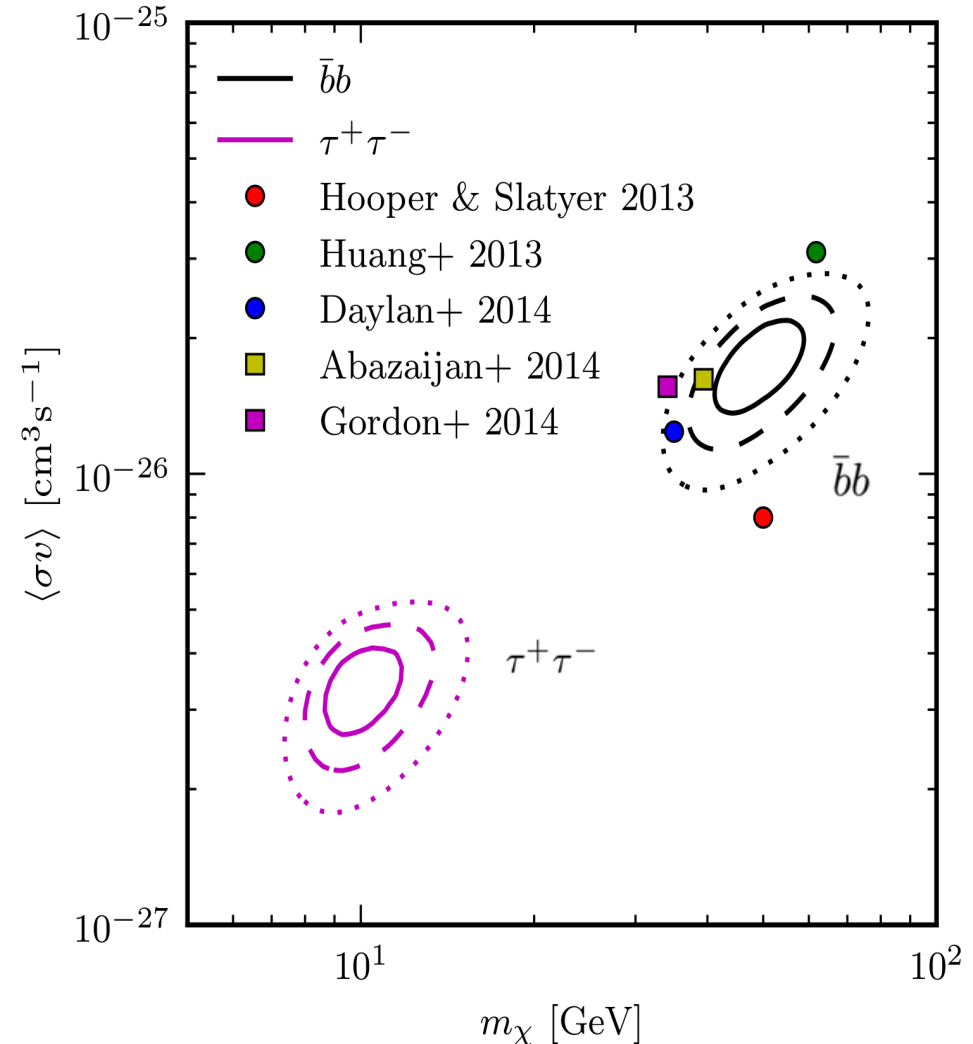
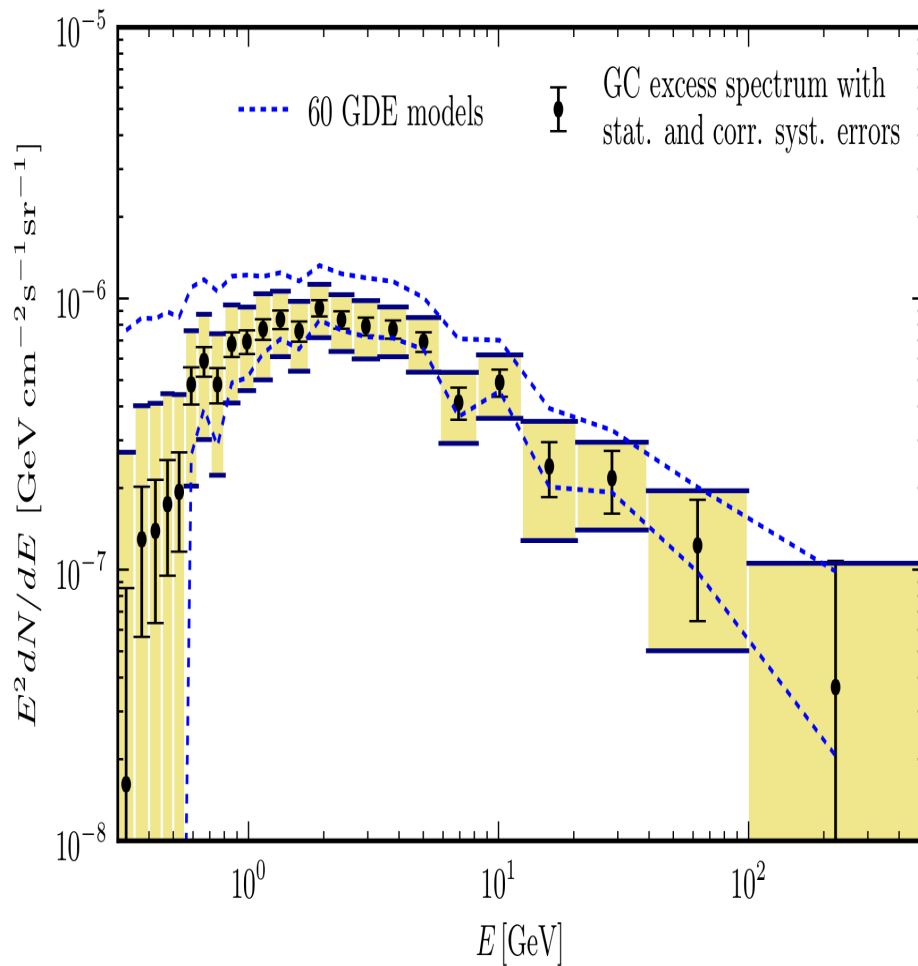
11 months of data, $E > 400$ MeV, front-converting events analyzed with binned likelihood analysis)

- The systematic uncertainty of the effective area (blue area) of the LAT is $\sim 10\%$ at 100 MeV, decreasing to 5% at 560 MeV and increasing to 20% at 10 GeV



V.Vitale, A.Morselli, Fermi Coll. 2009 arXiv:0912.3828 [Fermi Symposium eConf Proceedings C091122](#)

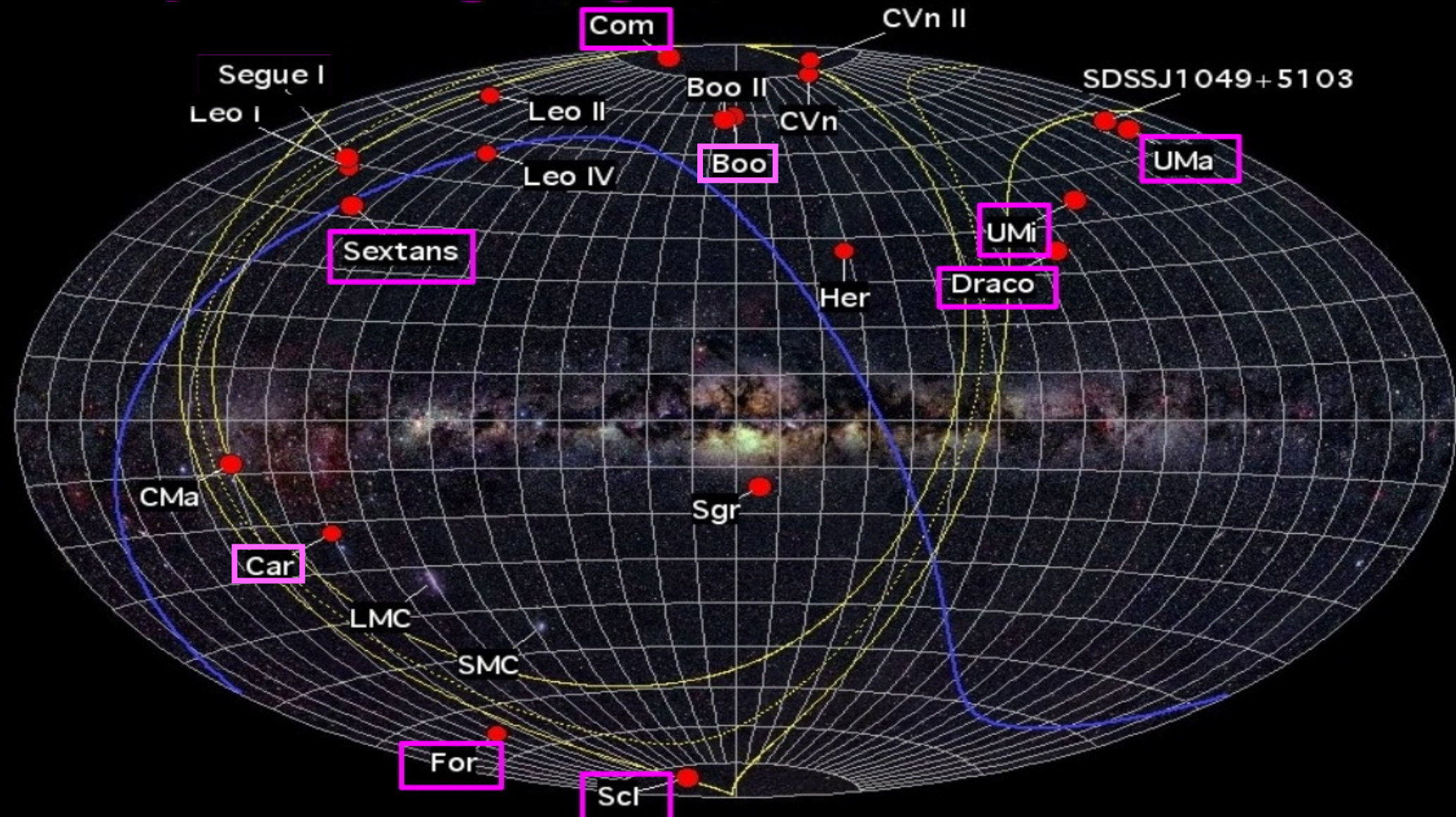
The GeV excess



A lot of activity outside the Fermi collaboration with claims of evidence for dark matter in the Galactic Center

Calore et al, arXiv:1409.0042v1

Classical Dwarf spheroidal galaxies: promising targets for DM detection



Dark Matter in the Milky Way (from simulations)



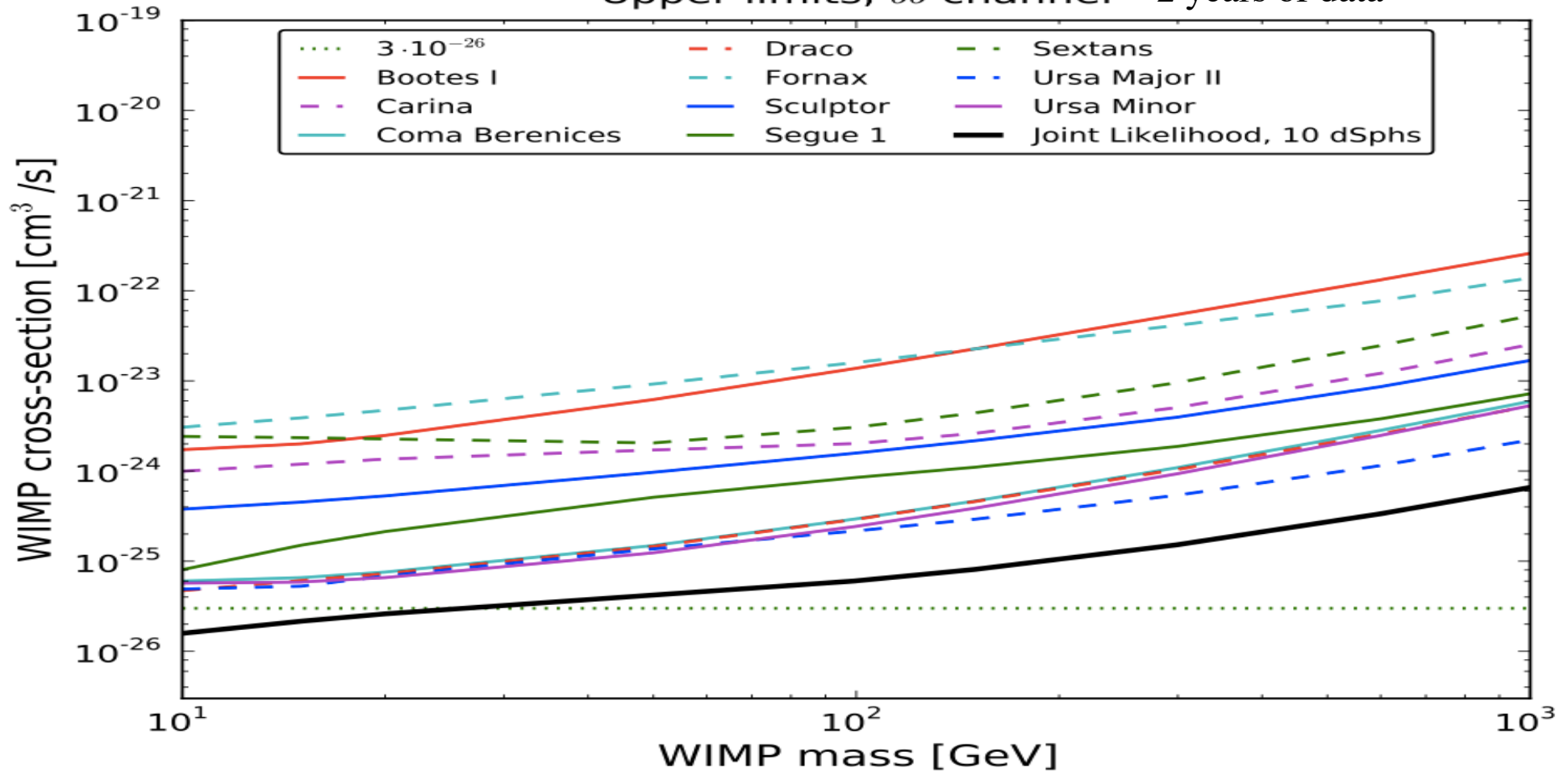
40 kpc

Projected DM square density (constrained) simulations

Springel et al. (Nature, 2005)

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies combined analysis

Upper limits, $b\bar{b}$ channel 2 years of data



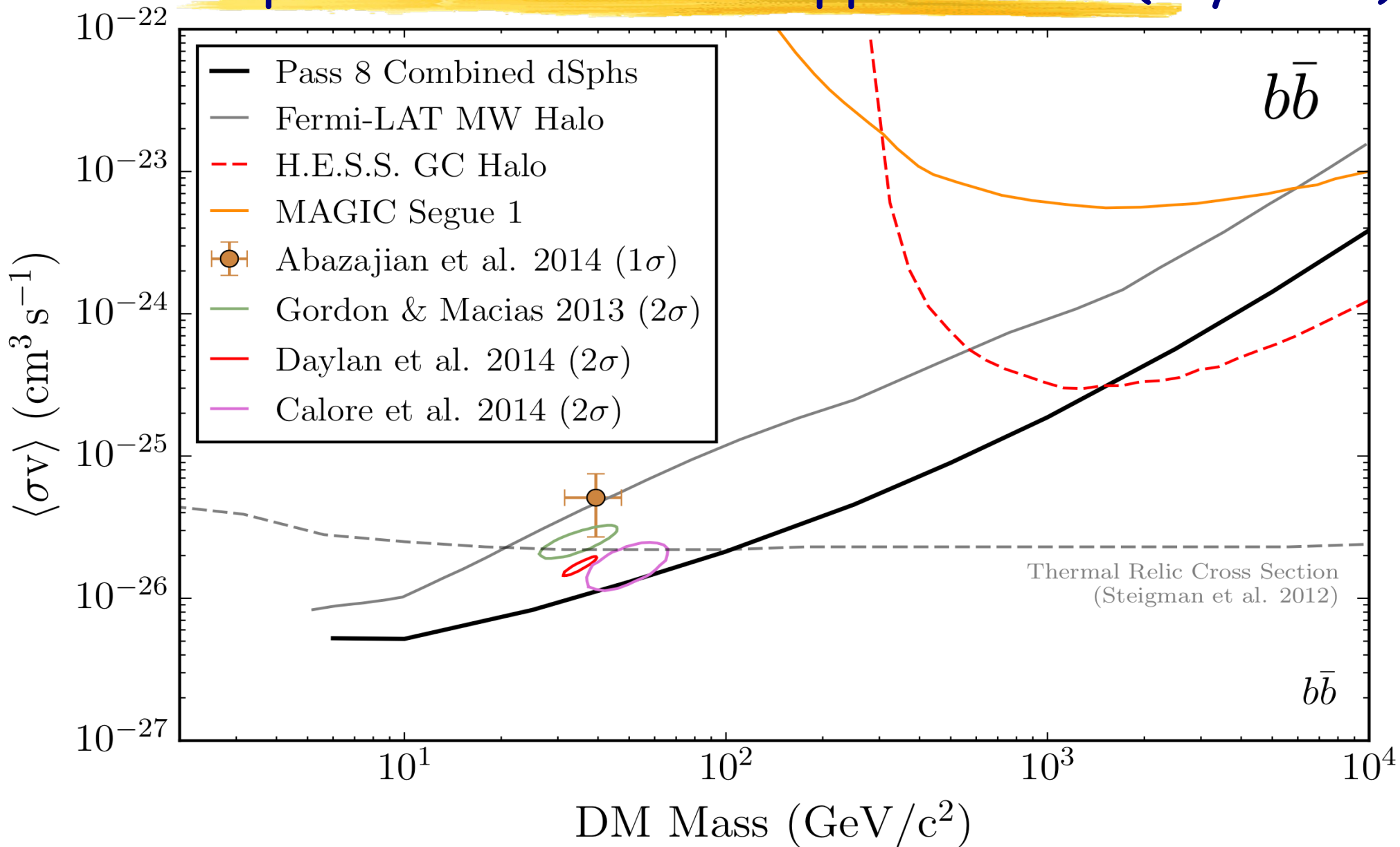
robust constraints including J-factor uncertainties from the stellar data statistical analysis

NFW. For cored dark matter profile, the J-factors for most of the dSphs would either increase or not change much

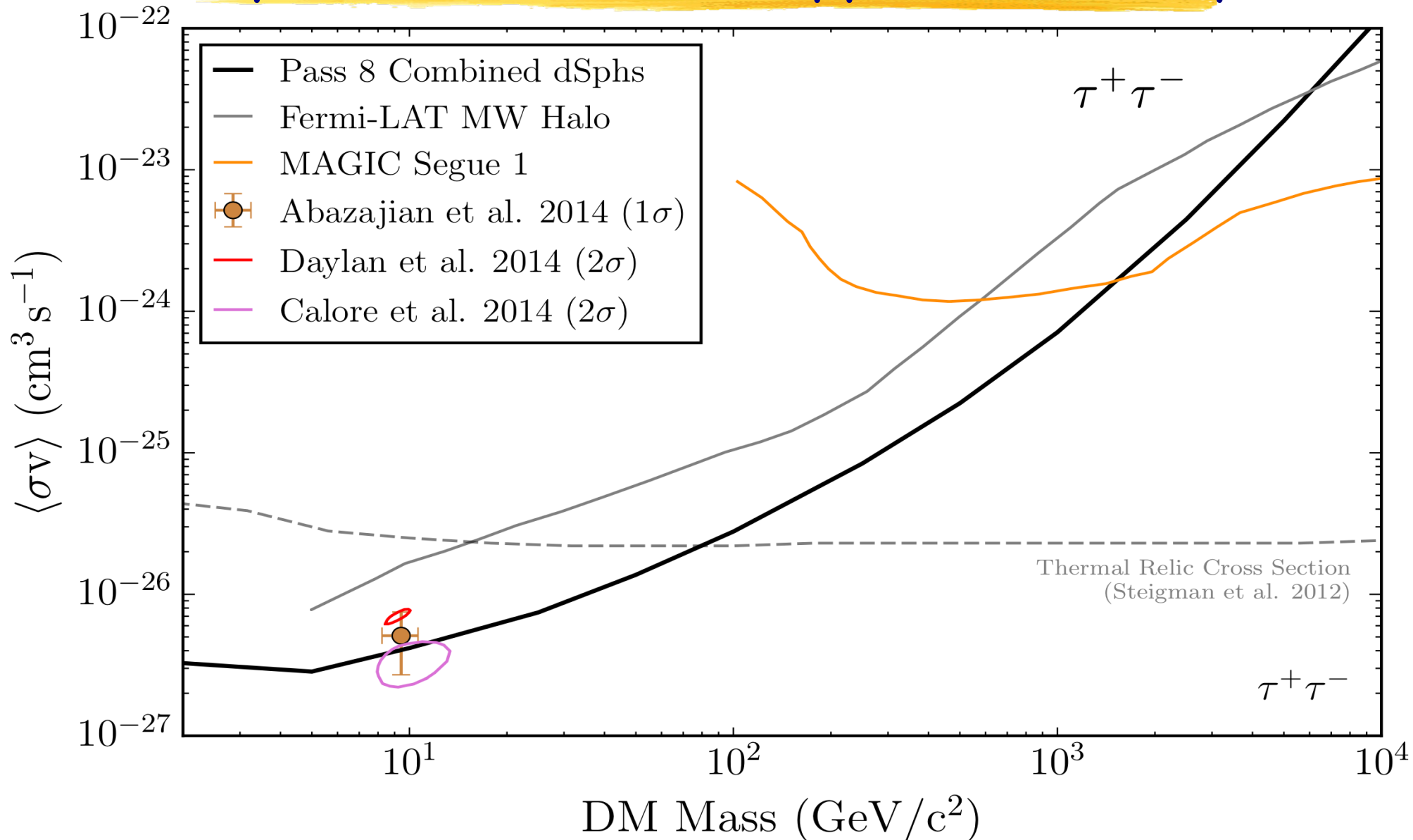


Fermi Lat Coll., PRL 107, 241302 (2011) [arXiv:1108.3546]

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies upper-limits (6 years)



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M.Ackermann et al., [Fermi Coll.] PRL 115, 231301 (2015) [arXiv:1503.02641]

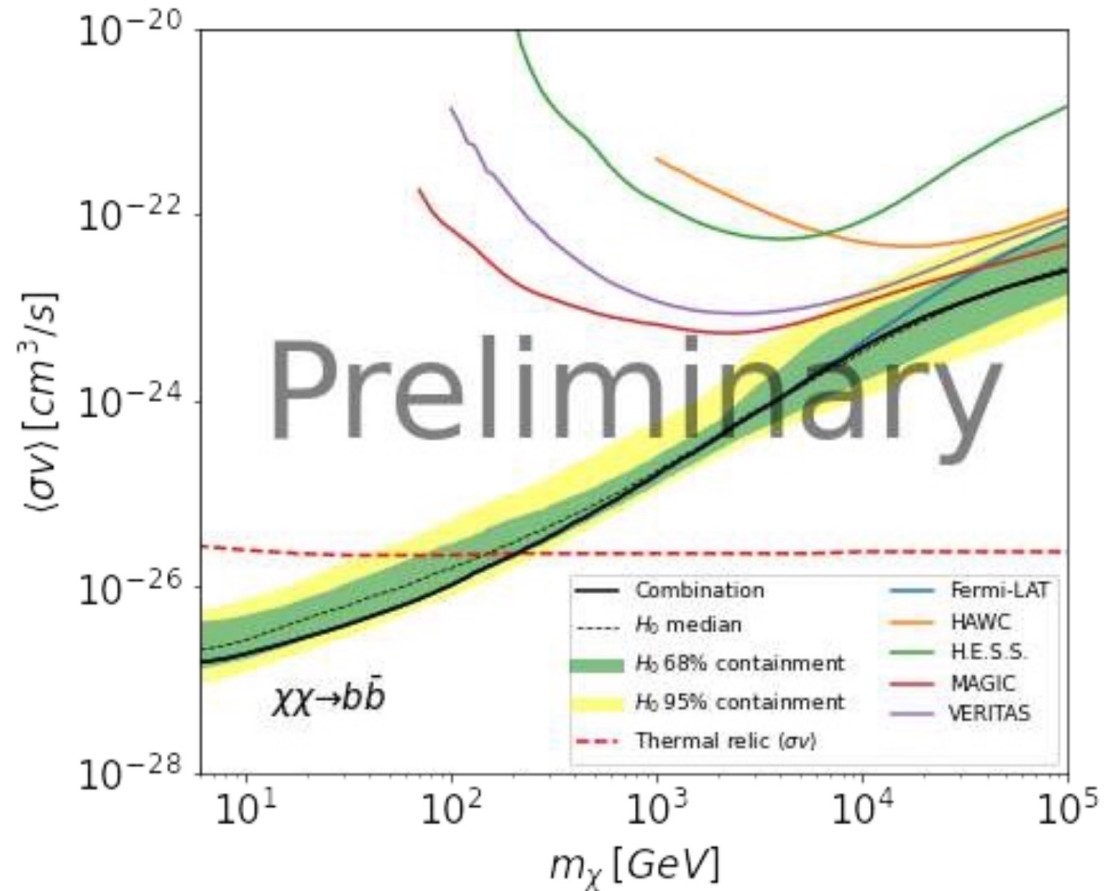
Combining all dSph observations



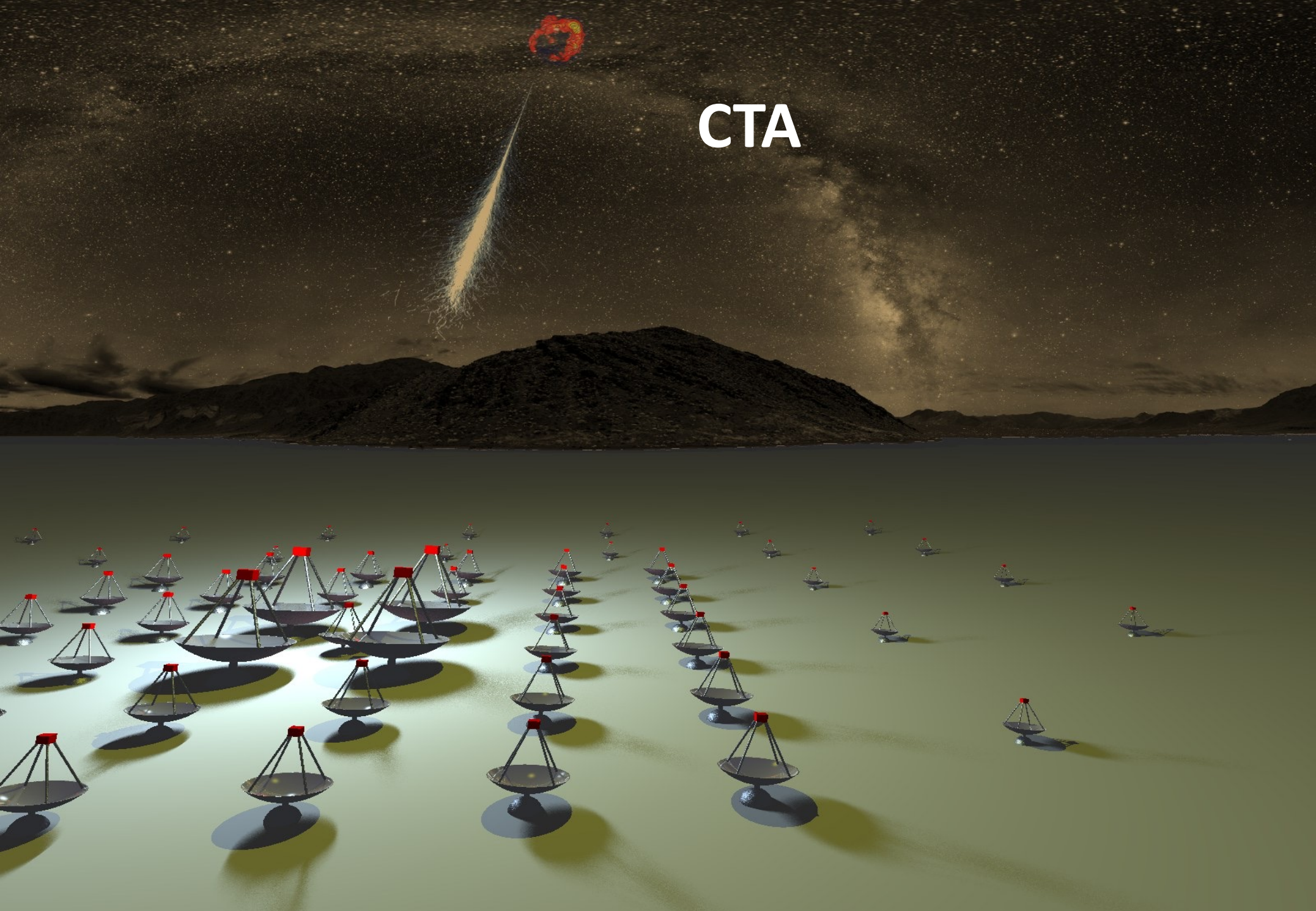
- Combination of the observation results towards 20 dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSphs)
 - Significant increase of the statistics
 - > Increase the sensitivity to potential dark matter signals
 - Cover the widest energy range ever investigated : 20 MeV – 80 TeV

• Common elements :

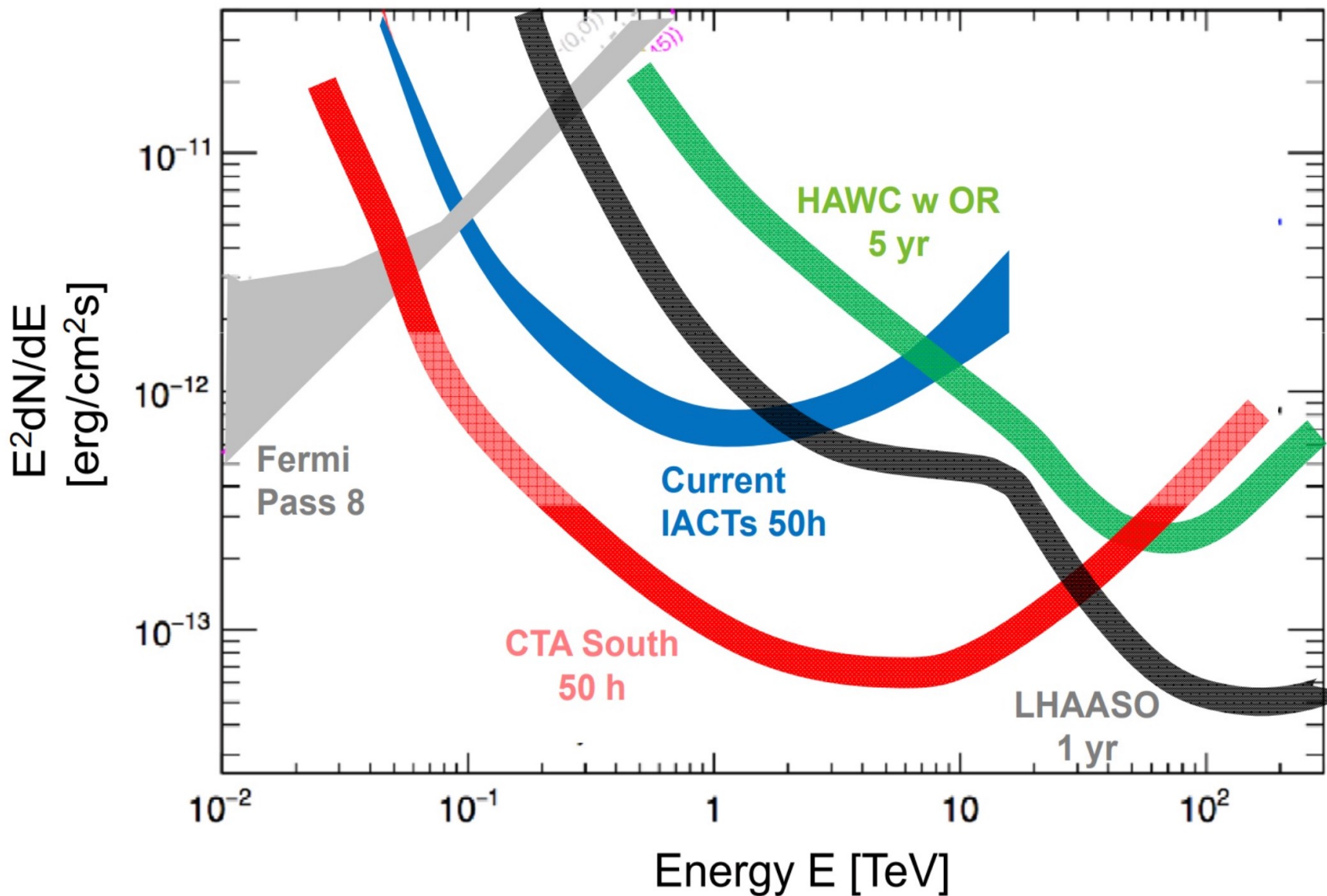
- Agreed model parameters
- Sharable likelihood table formats
- Joint likelihood test statistic



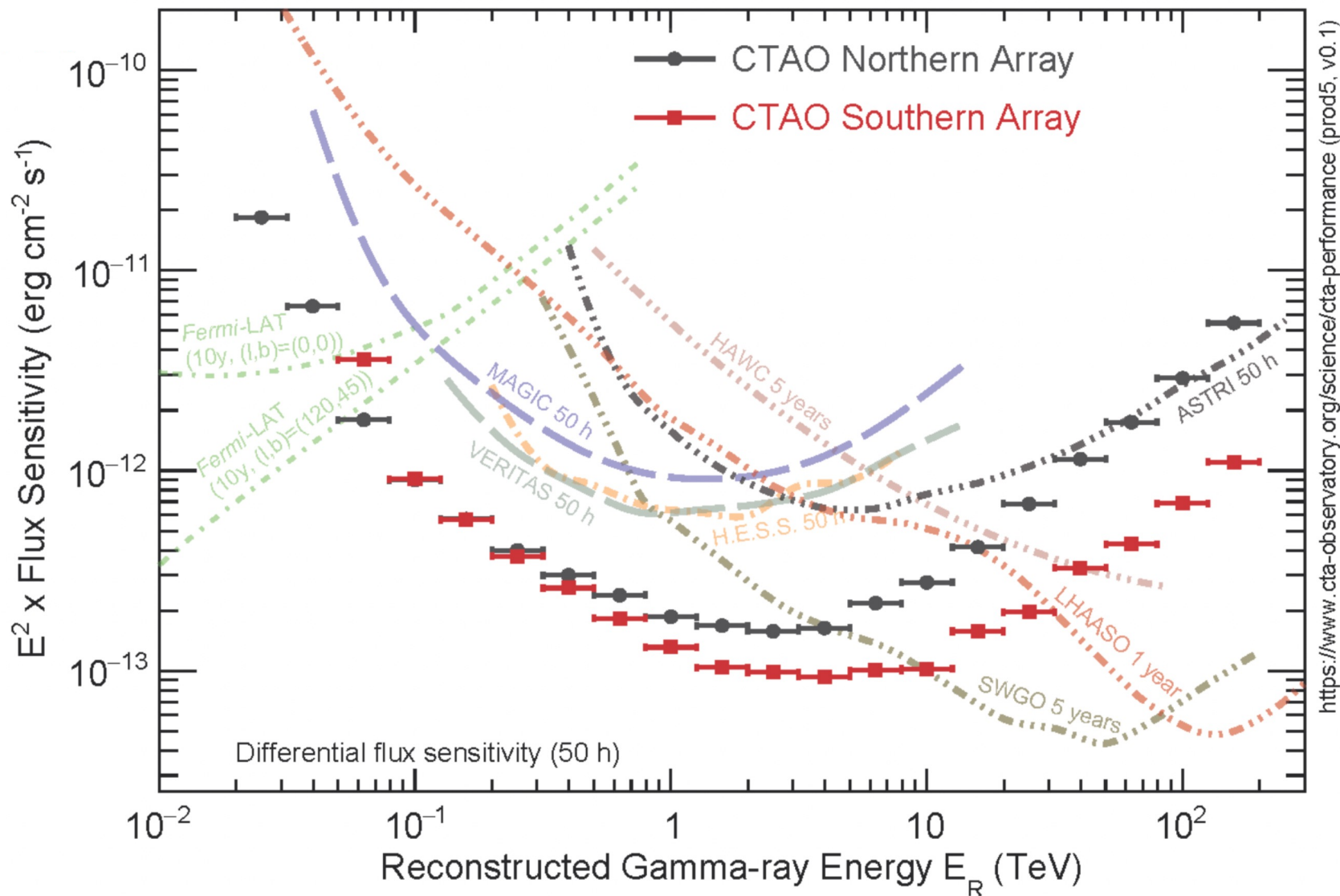
CTA



γ -ray detectors sensitivities



(more detailed) γ -ray detectors sensitivities



Key Science Project Targets

- Galactic Center

high DM density but high astrophysical emissions

- dSph

no background but low signal

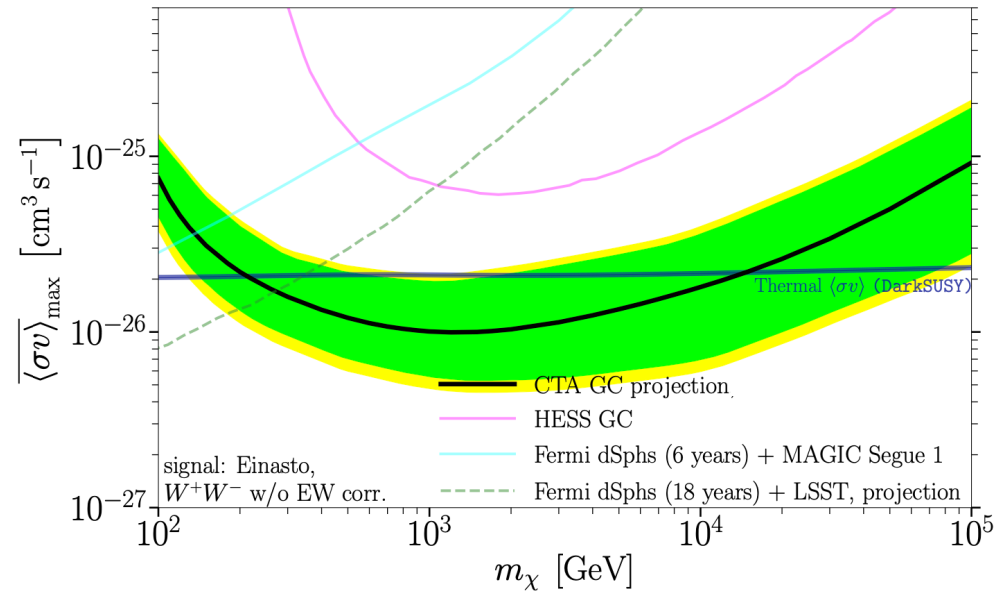
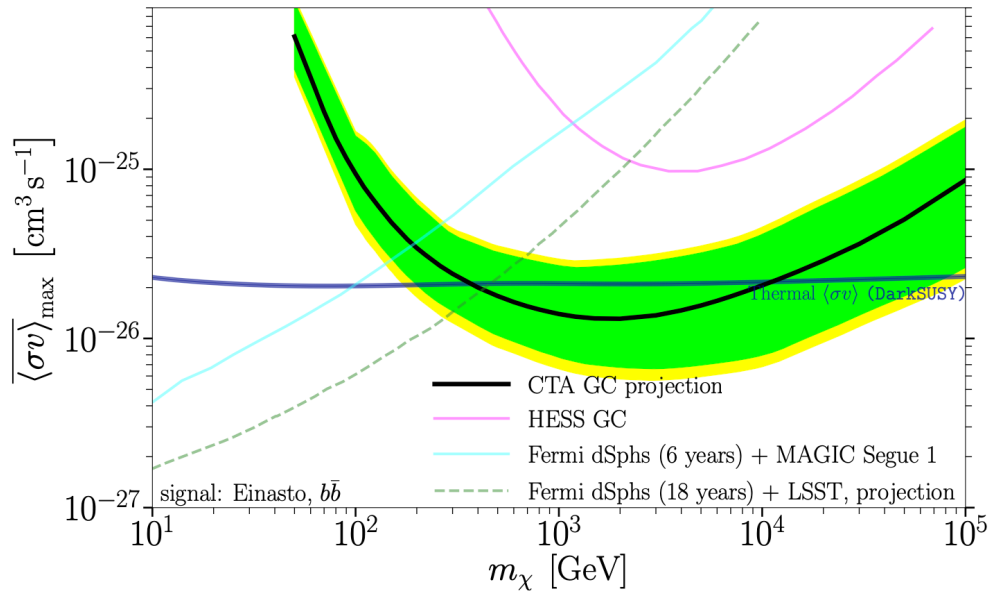
- LMC

neaby & massive but astrophysical emissions

- galaxy cluster

very massive (best for decay)

Galactic center CTA Sensitivity



- Einasto profile

520 h

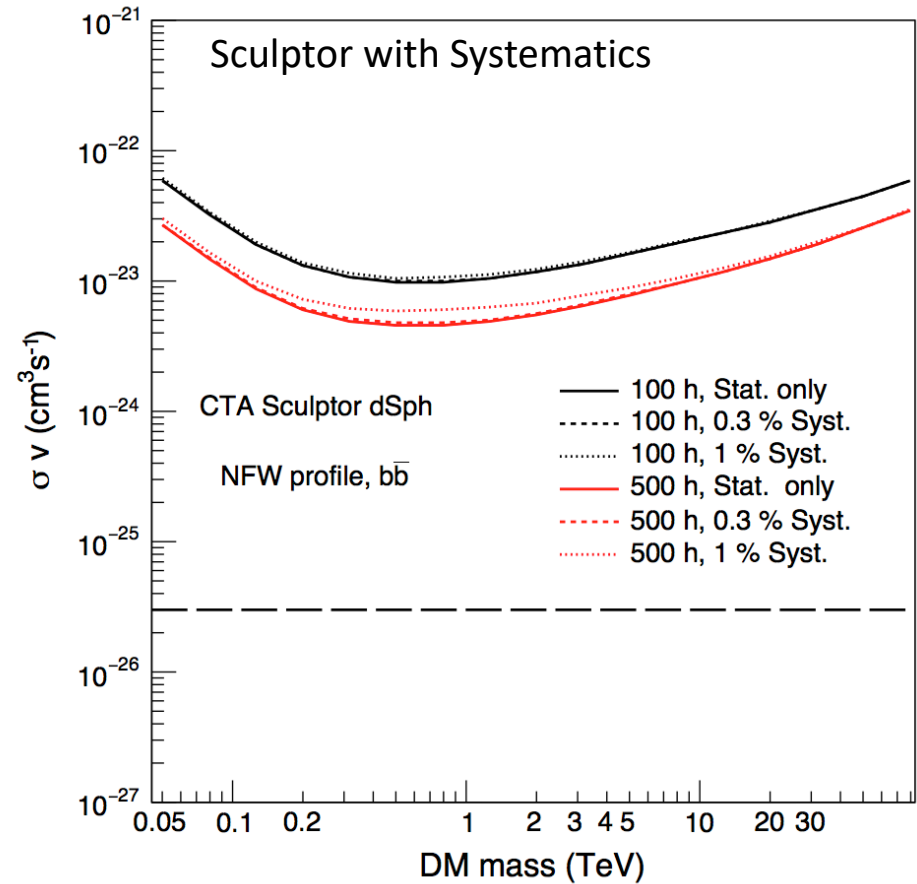
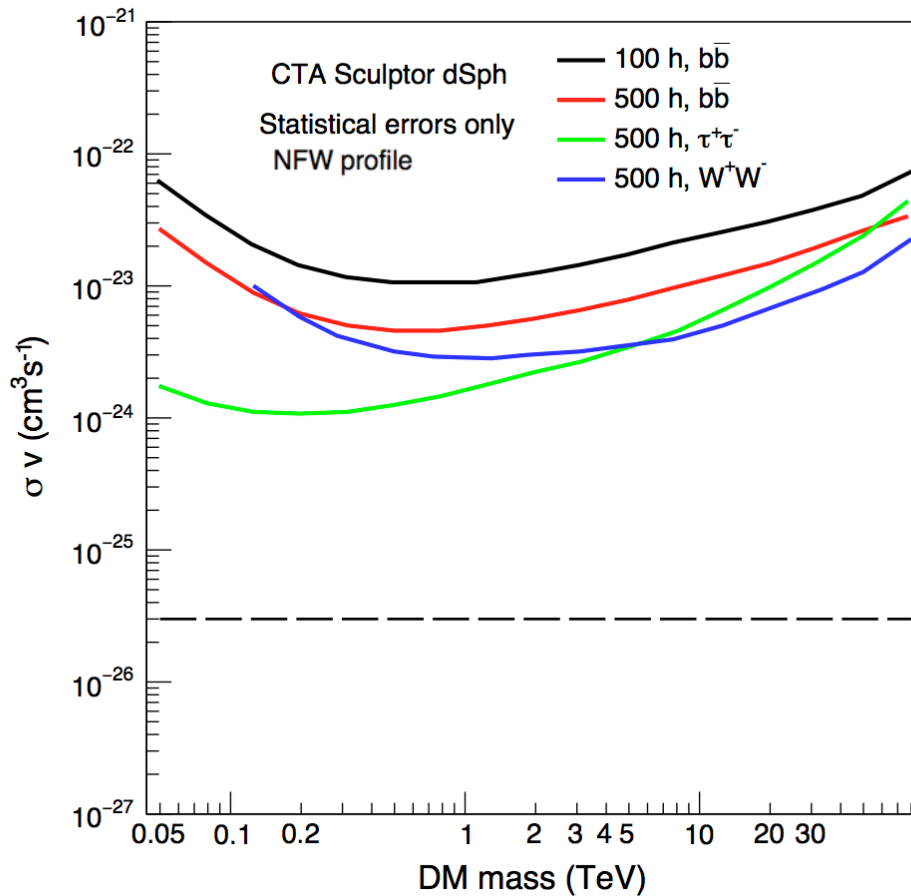
$$\rho_{\text{DM}} = \rho_s \exp \left[-\frac{\alpha}{2} \left(\frac{r}{r_s} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right], \quad J \sim 7.1 \times 10^{22} \text{GeV}^2/\text{cm}^5$$

- Main source of background : sources, Fermi Bubble, interstellar γ , residual CR



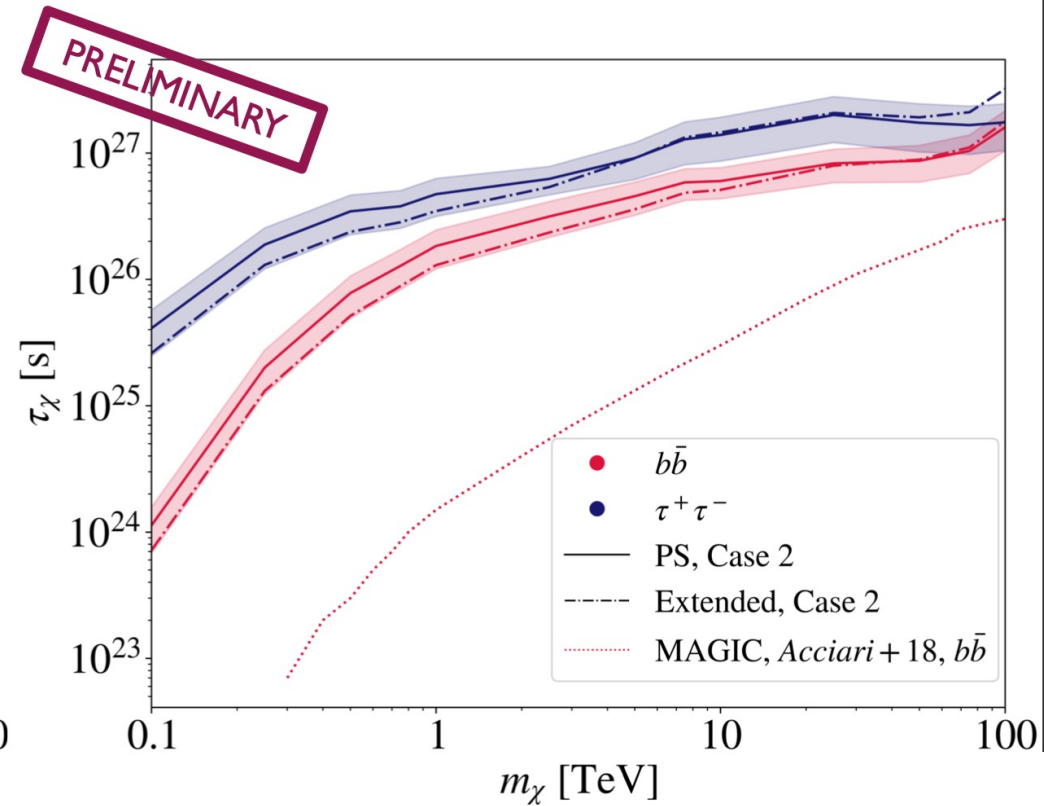
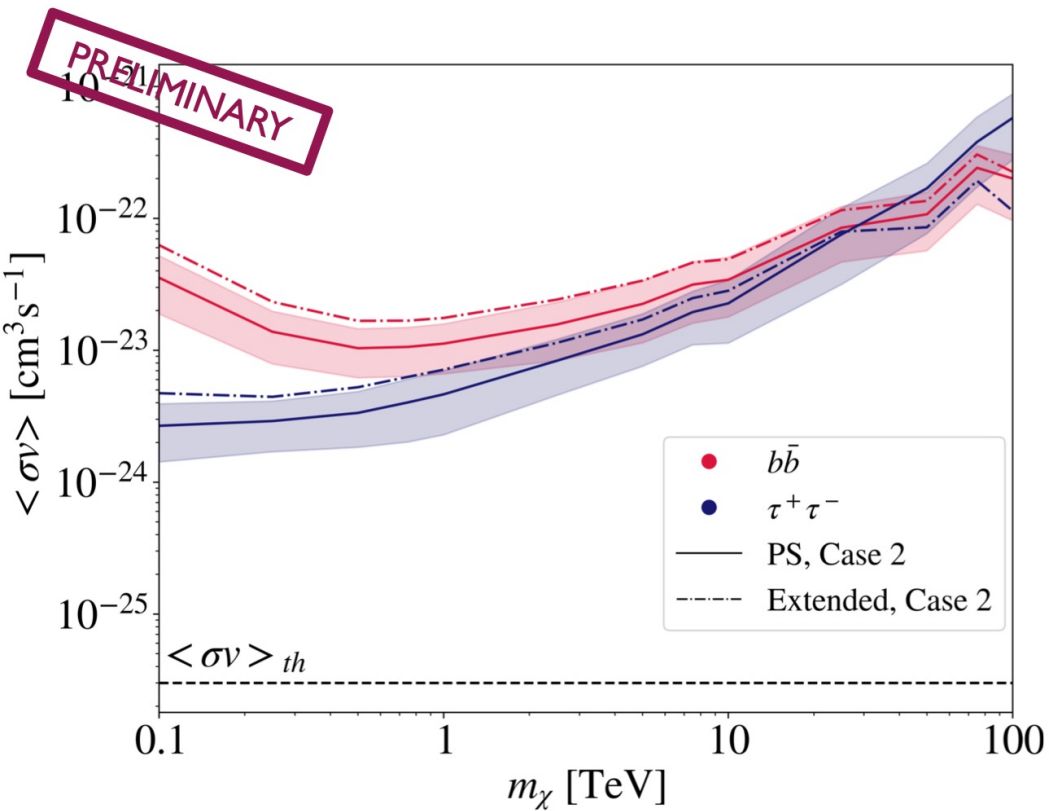
The CTA Consortium JCAP01(2021) 057 January 27, 2021 [arXiv:2007.16129]

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies: CTA Sensitivity



updated & dedicated collaboration paper soon from the CTA dSph task force

Perseus Cluster : CTA Sensitivity



Judit Pérez-Romero et.al CTA Consortium in preparation

CTA DM Detection Strategy

(from the CTA science book, numbers can change)

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Galactic halo	175 h	175 h	175 h							
Best dSph	100 h	100 h	100 h							
<i>in case of detection at GC, large σv</i>										
Best dSph				150 h	150 h	150 h	150 h	150 h	150 h	150 h
Galactic halo				100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h
<i>in case of detection at GC, small σv</i>										
Galactic halo				100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h
<i>in case of no detection at GC</i>										
<i>Best Target</i>				100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h

First 3 years

- The principal target is the Galactic Center Halo (most intense diffuse emission regions removed)
- Best dSph as “cleaner” environment for cross-checks and verification (if hint of strong signal)

Next 7 years

- If there is detection in GC halo data set (525h)
 - Strong signal: continue with GC halo in parallel with best dSph to provide robust detection
 - Weak signal: focus on GC halo to increase data set until systematic errors can be kept under control
- If no detection in GC halo data set
 - Focus observation on the best target at that time to produce legacy limits.

CTA Search for Dark Matter beyond WIMP

Axion Like Particle (ALP) search prospects

$$\gamma + B \rightarrow a + B \rightarrow \gamma' + \dots$$

conversion probability ($E > E_{\text{crit}}$)

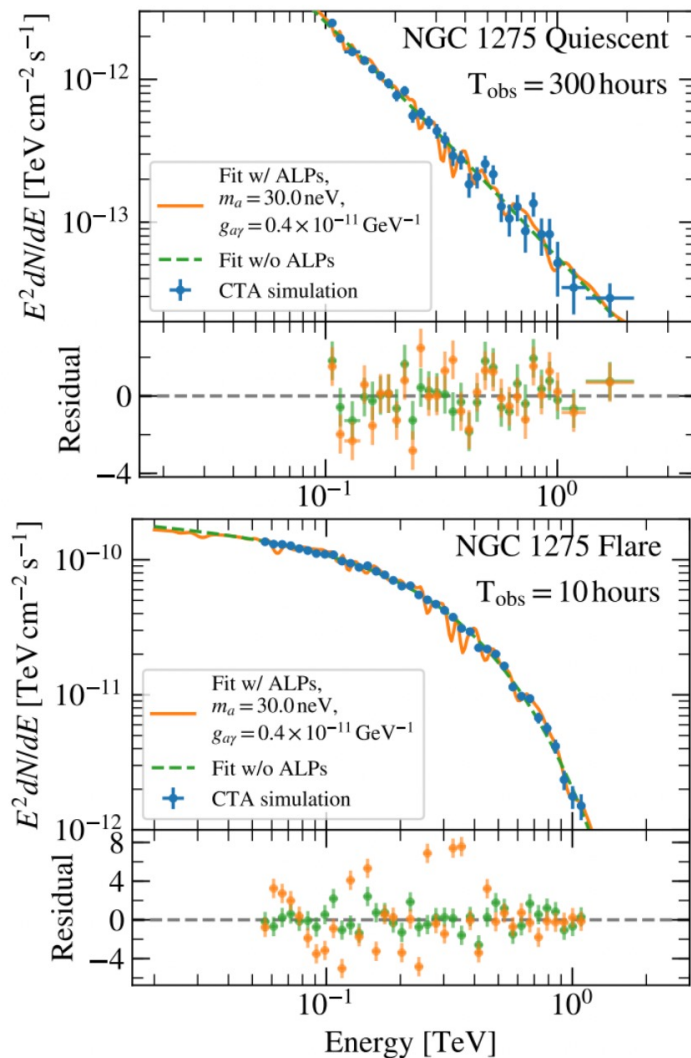
$$P_{\gamma a} \sim \sin^2 \left(\frac{g_{\gamma a} B l}{2} \right),$$

$$E_{\text{crit}} \sim 2.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{|m_a - \omega_{\text{pl}}|}{1 \text{ neV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{B}{1 \mu\text{G}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{g_{\gamma a}}{10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^{-1}$$

the observation is simulated without an ALP effect and is modeled both without ALPs and with a fixed set of magnetic-field realization and ALP parameters that are excluded at 95 % confidence level by the flaring state simulation

Simulated spectra of the radio galaxy NGC 1275

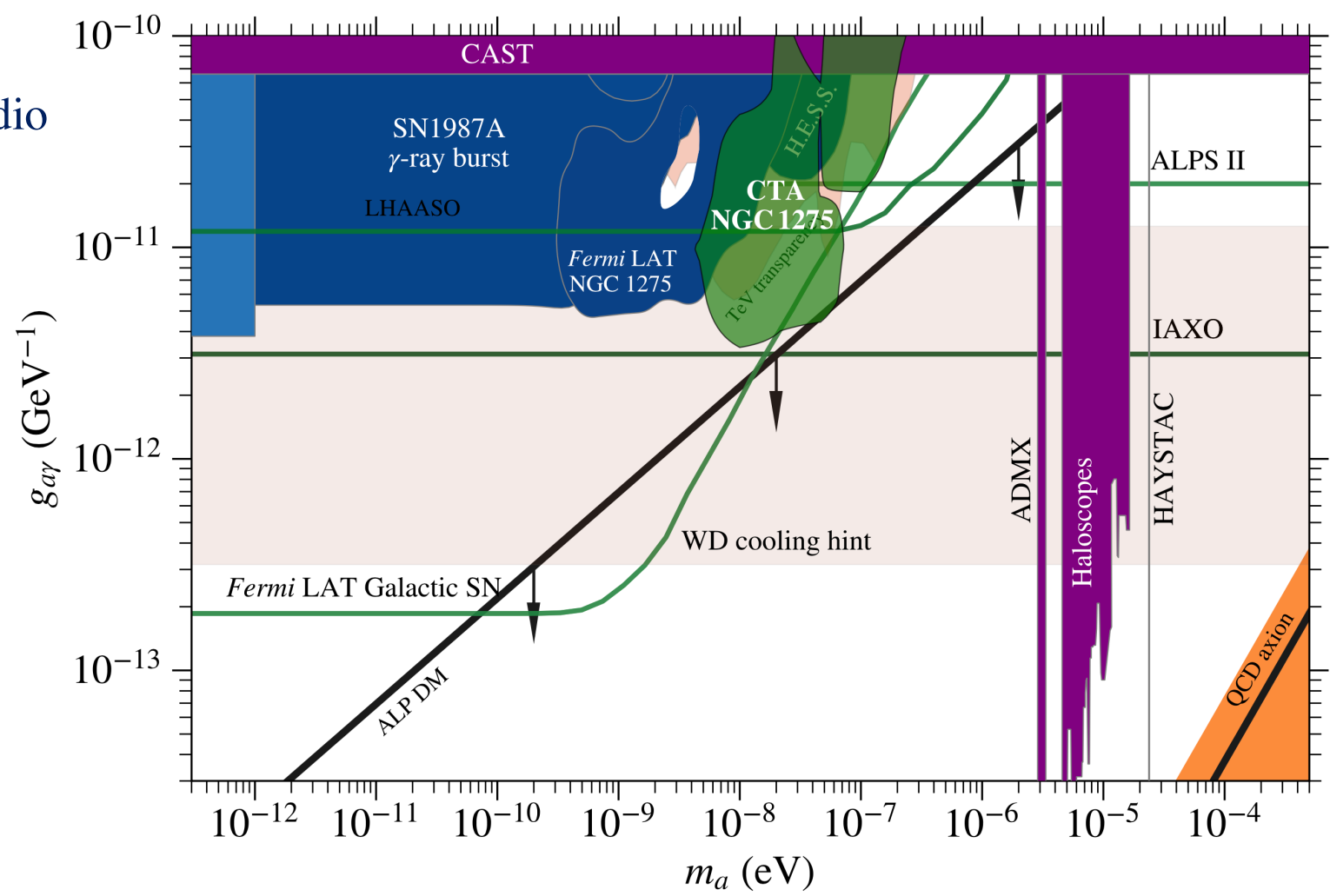


The CTA Consortium, JCAP 02 (2021) 048, 2021 [arXiv:2010.01349]

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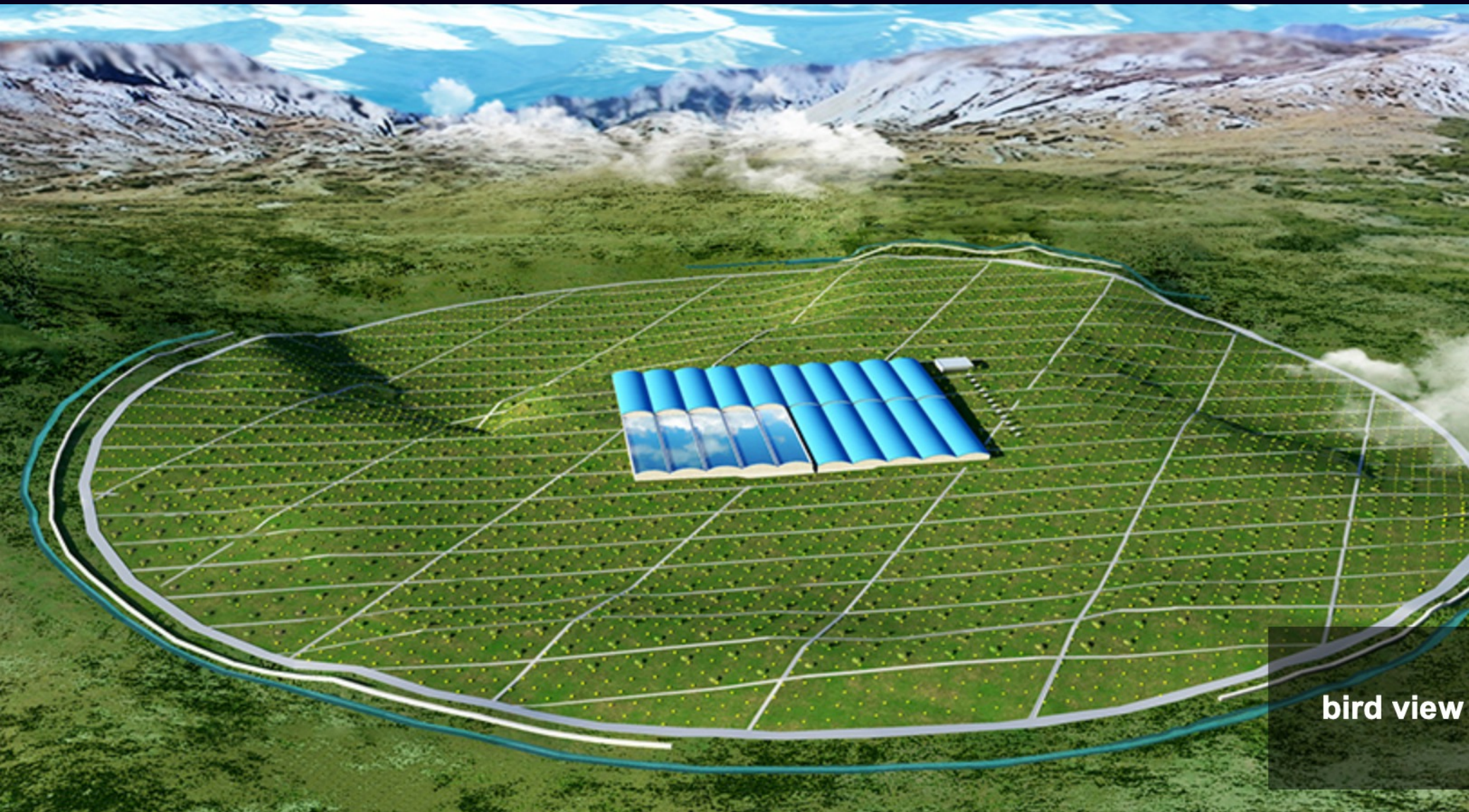
Axion Like Particle search prospects

- Observation of a flaring state of the radio galaxy NGC 1275 inside the Perseus cluster
- Observations of several AGN can be combined to further improve the CTA sensitivity.



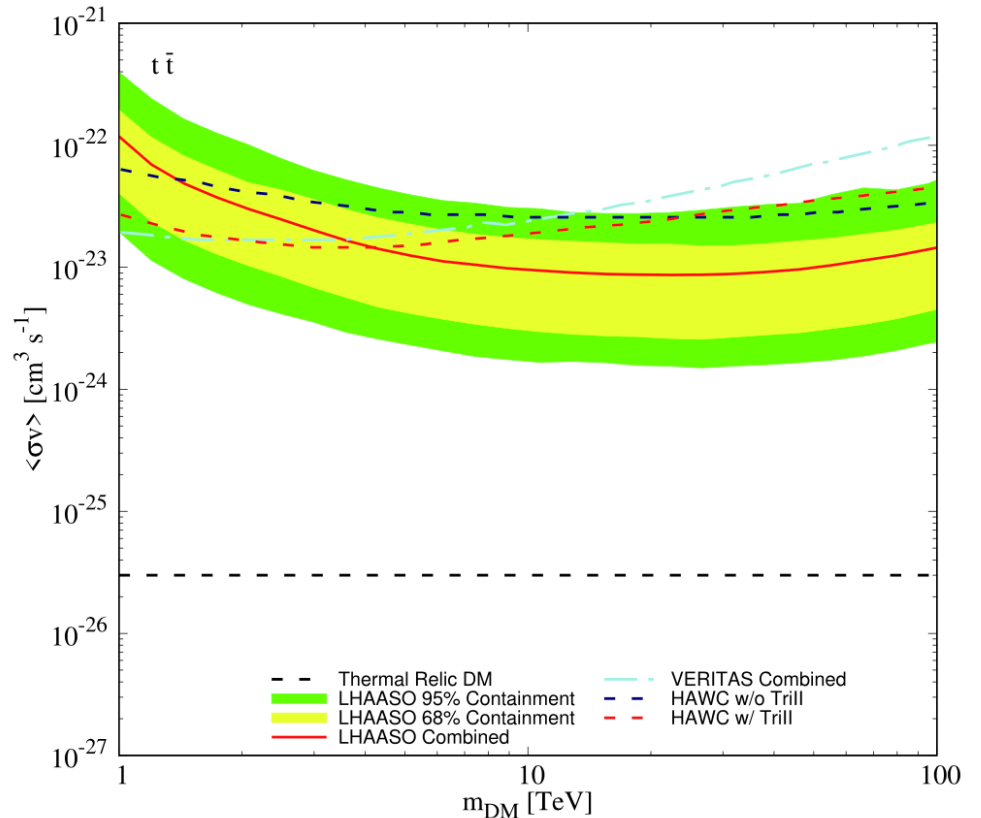
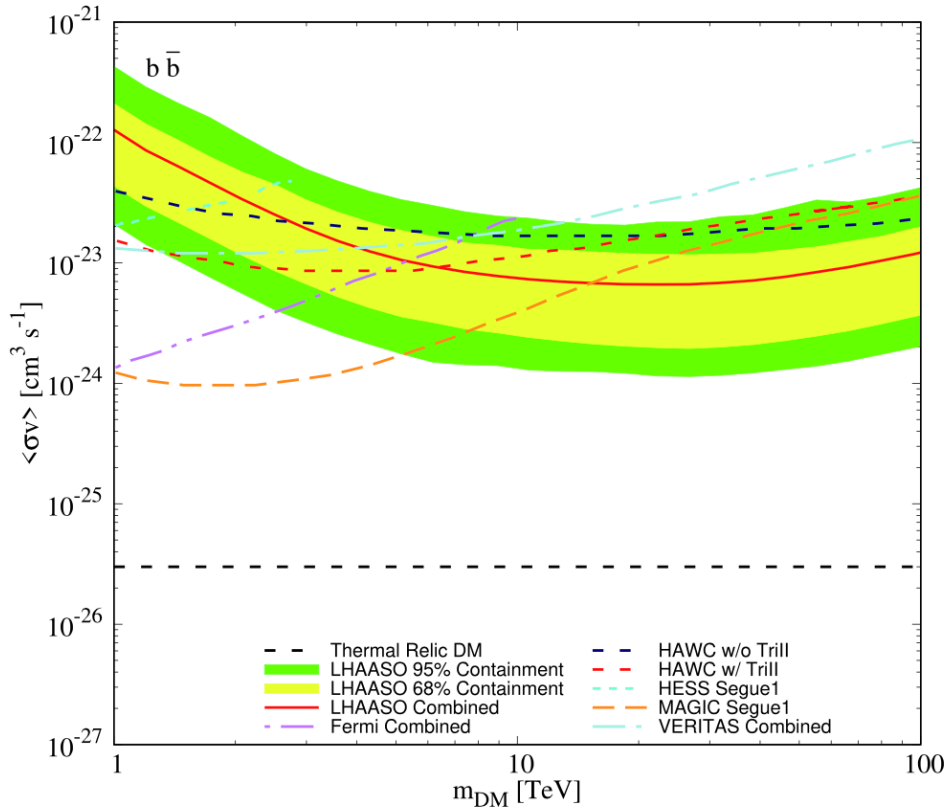
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LHAASO



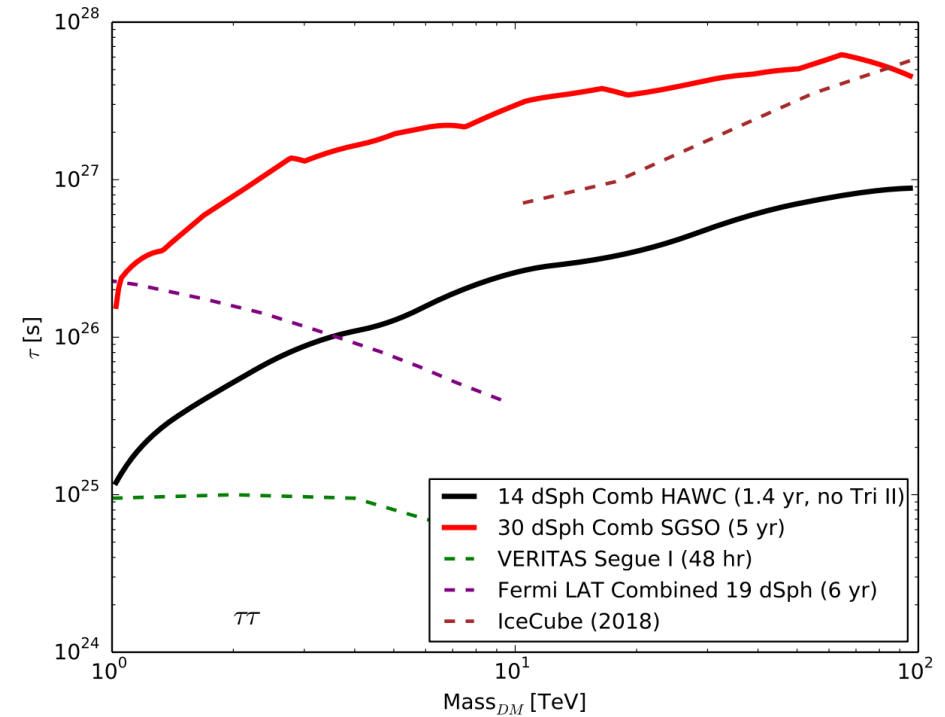
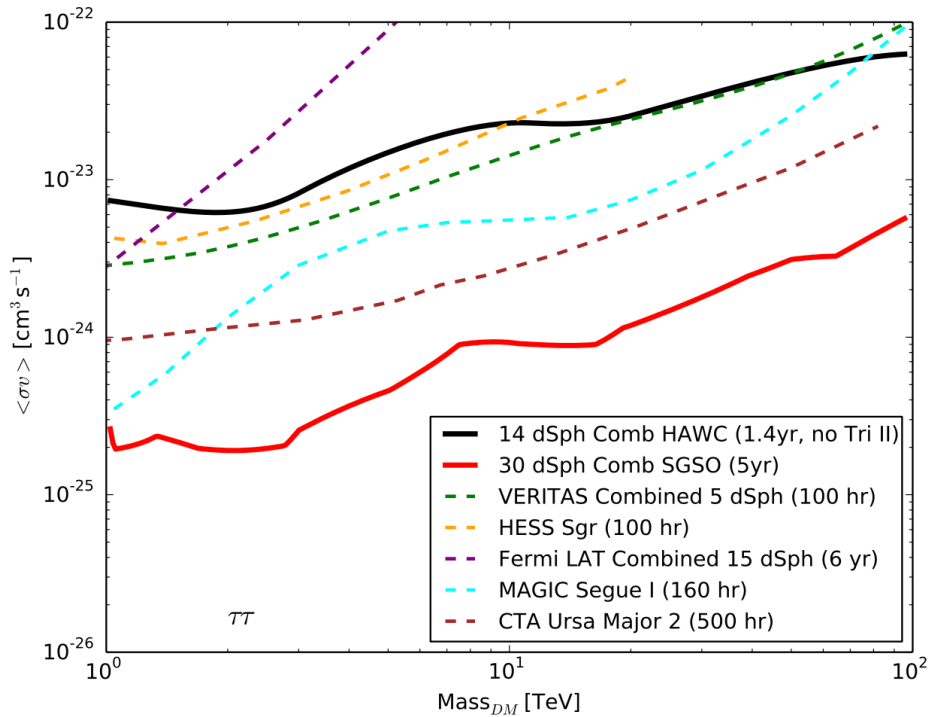
bird view

combined one-year LHAASO sensitivities



Dong-Ze He et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 083003 (2019)

SWGGO sensitivities

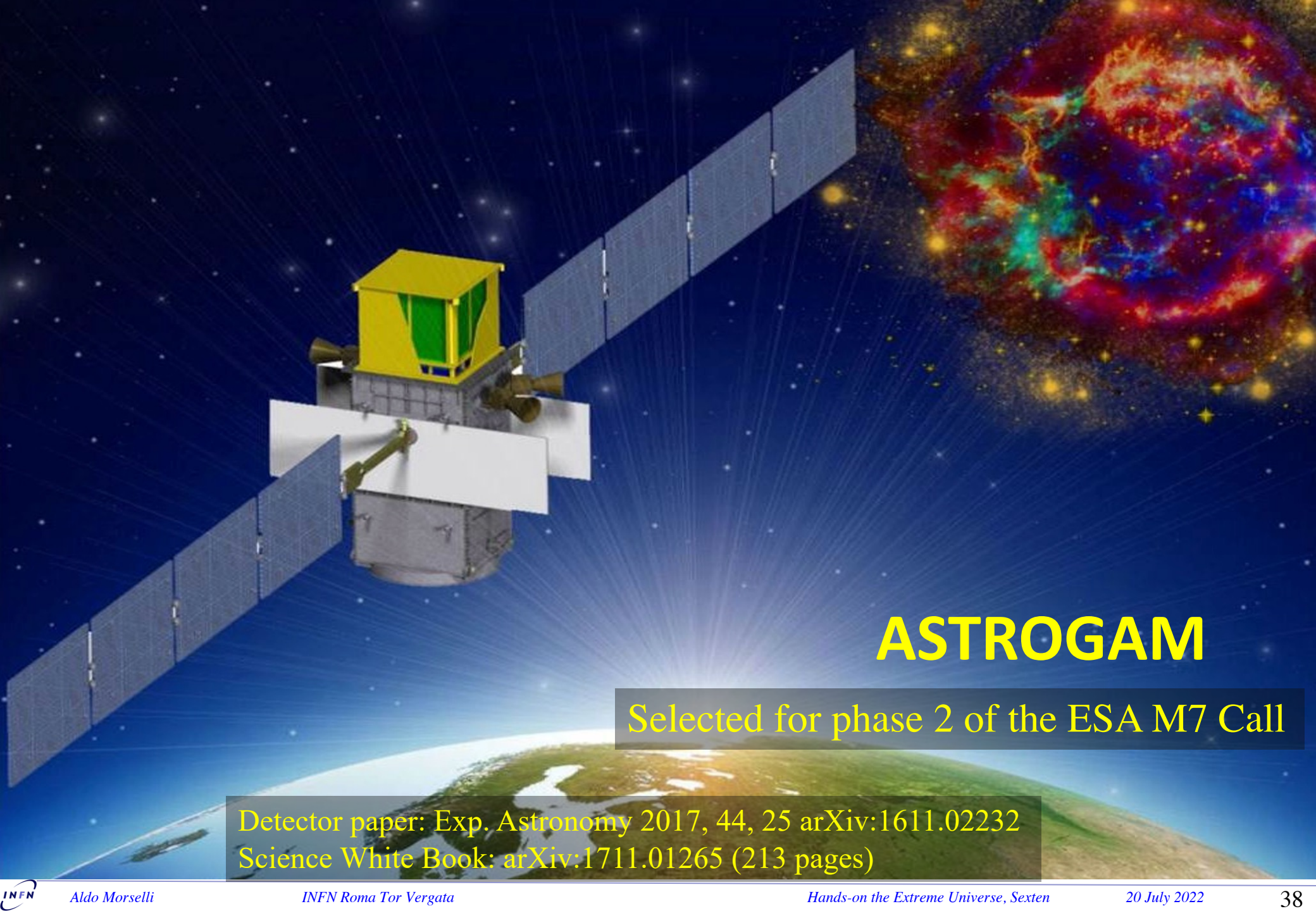


Assumed new dSph discovery and J-factor and D-factor distributions of the new dSphs matches that of the previously known dSphs

 SWGO White paper arXiv:1902.08429

The Low Energy Frontier



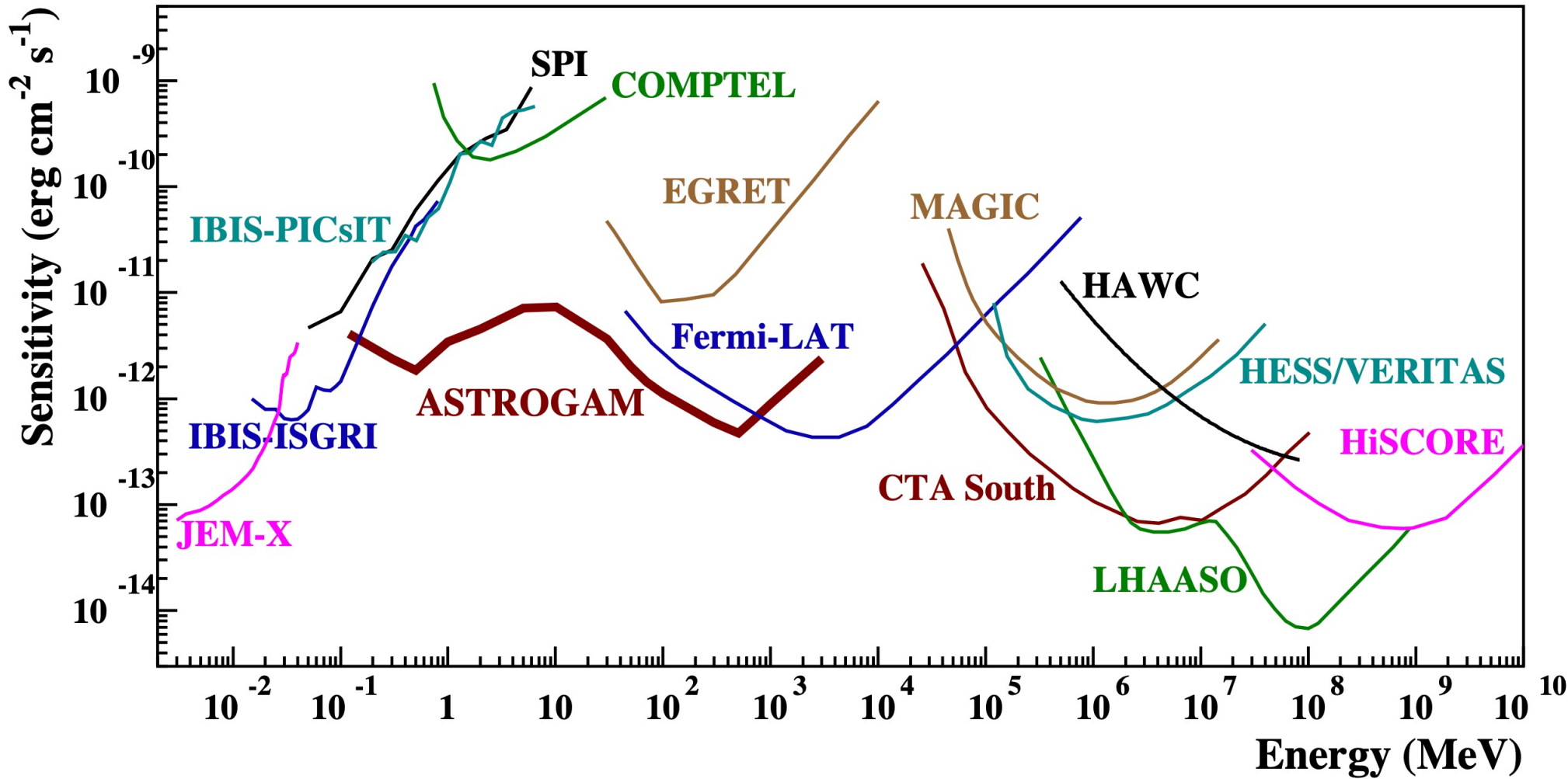


ASTROGAM

Selected for phase 2 of the ESA M7 Call

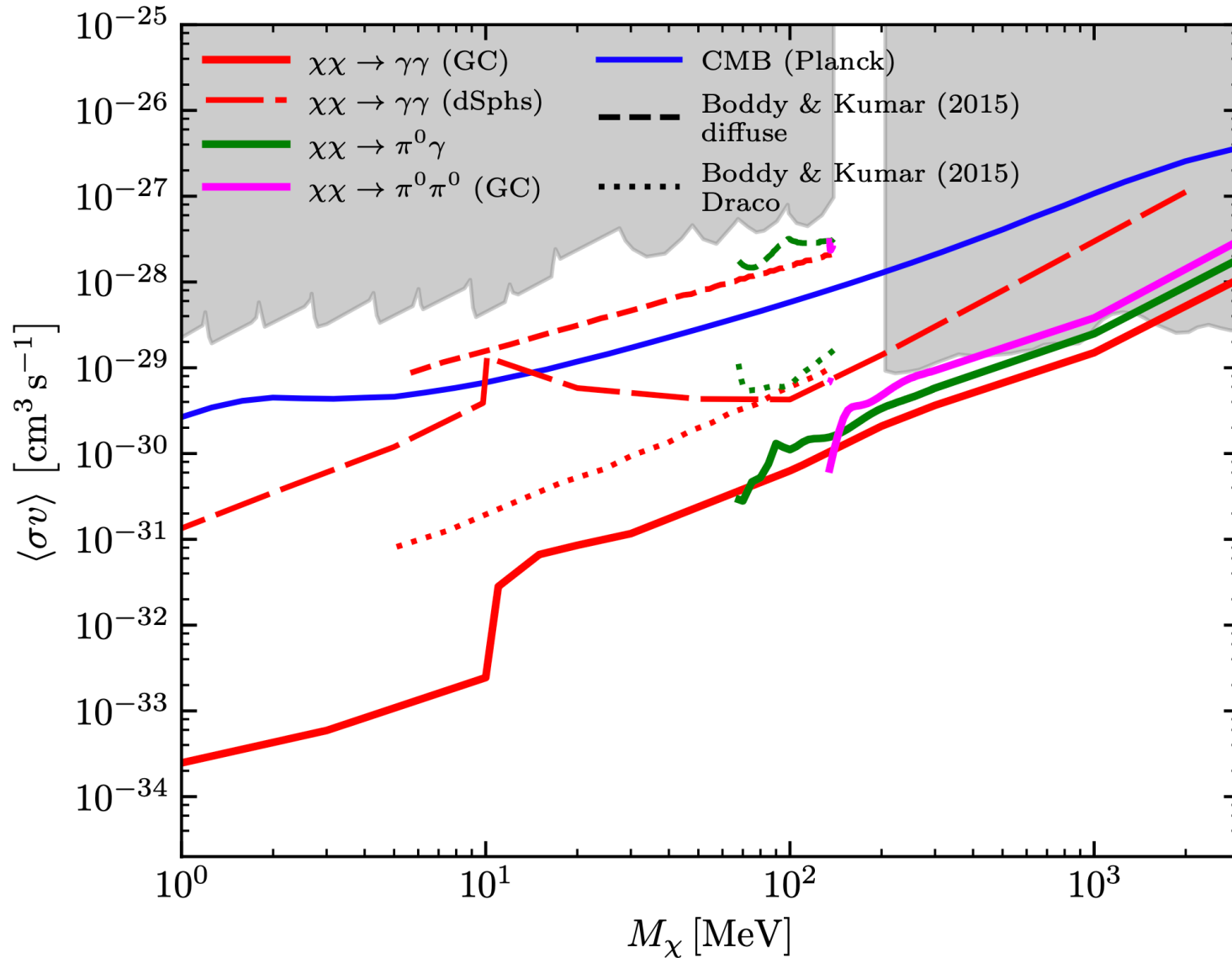
Detector paper: *Exp. Astronomy* 2017, 44, 25 [arXiv:1611.02232](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.02232)
Science White Book: [arXiv:1711.01265](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.01265) (213 pages)

Astrogam Performance



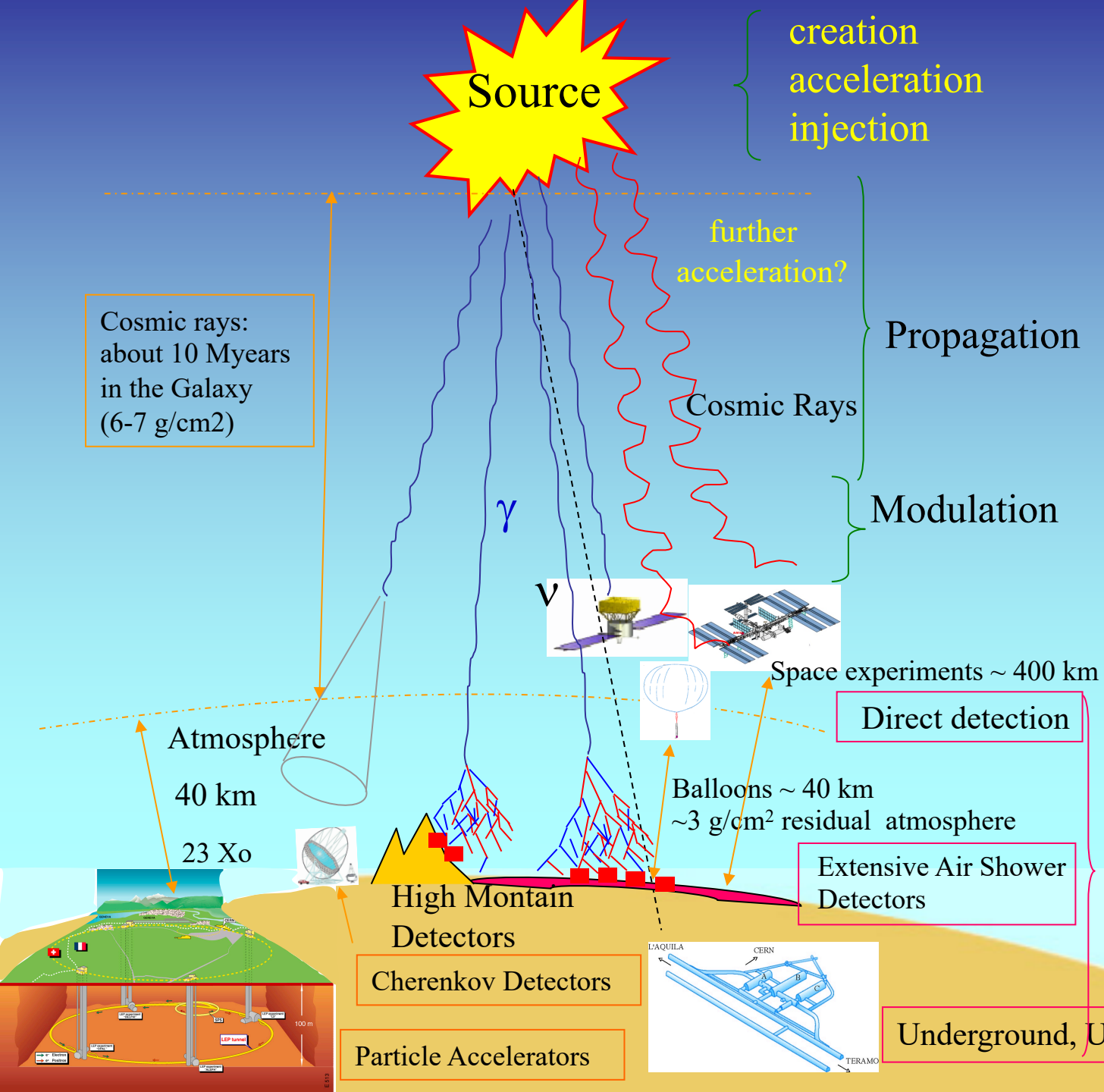
Astrogam sensitivity for an effective exposure of two years at high galactic latitude

Astrogam Sensitivity for Dark Matter

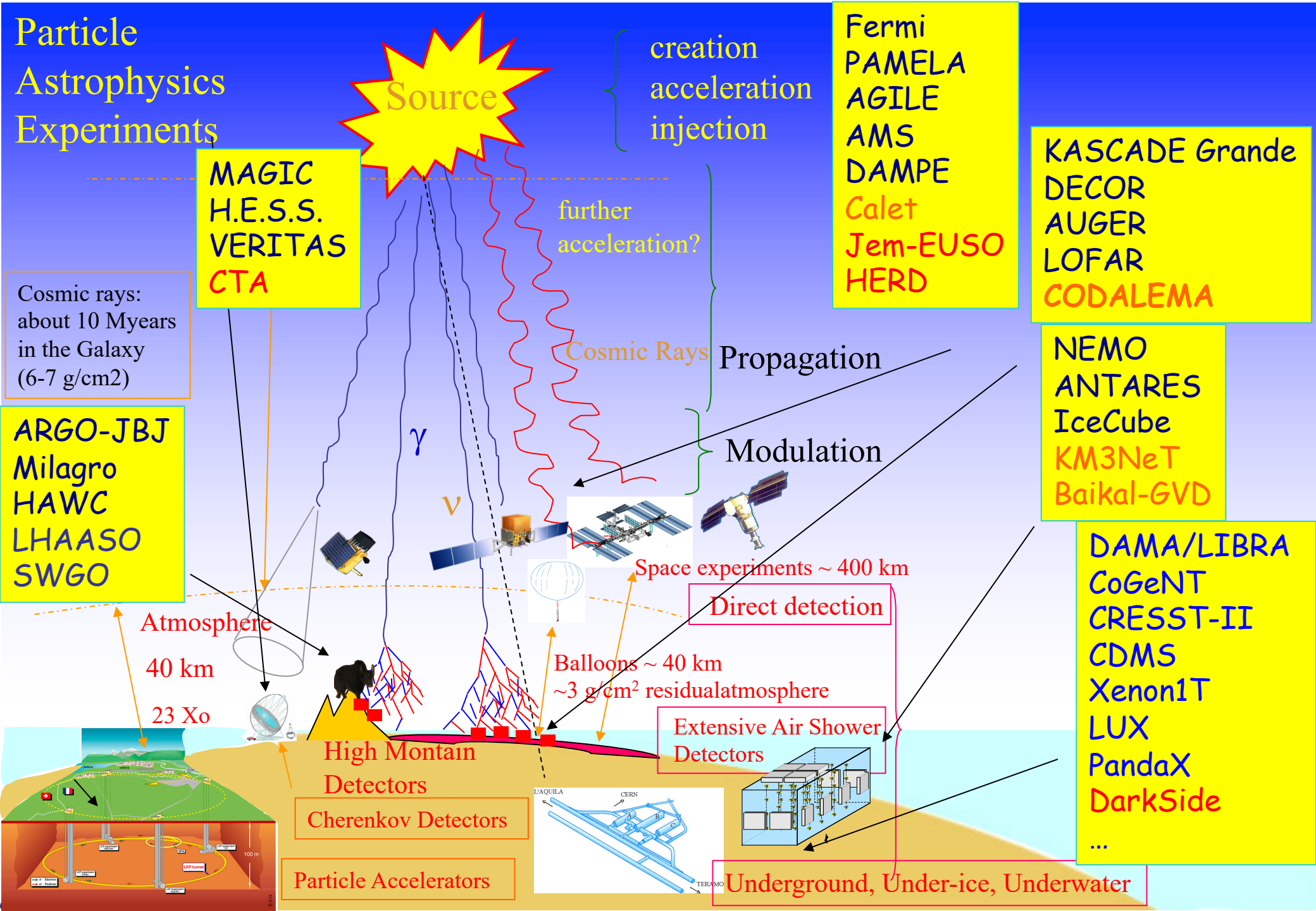


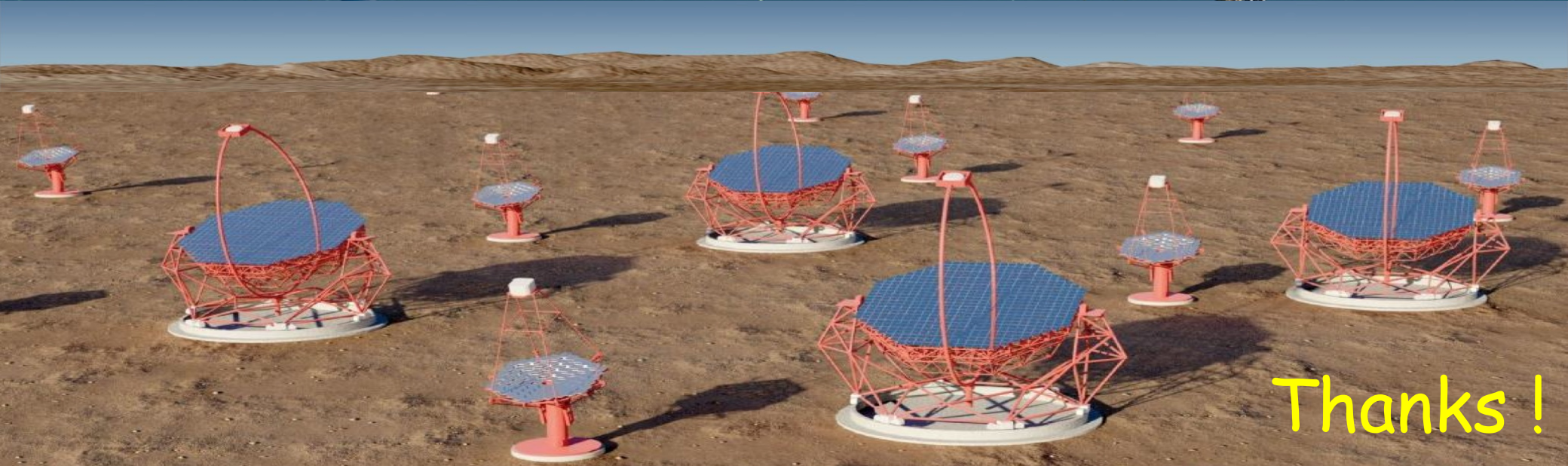
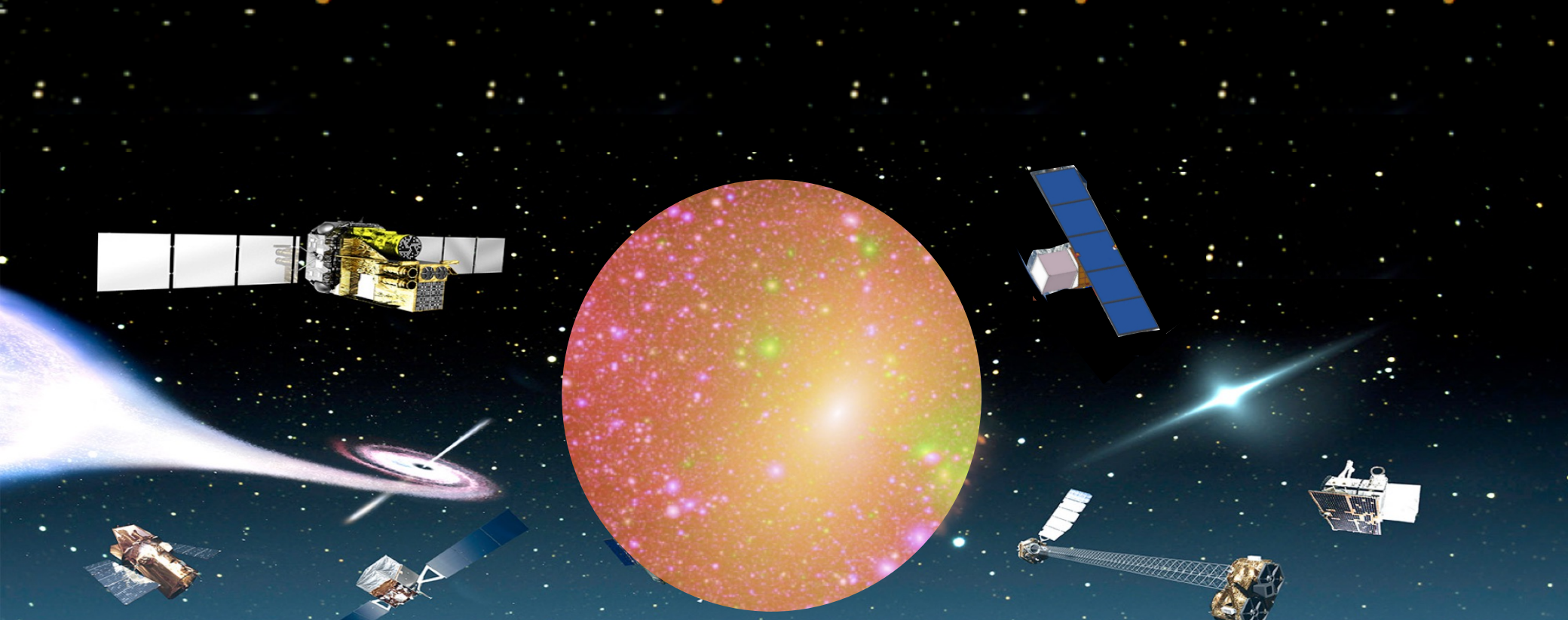
ASTROGAM detectability of sub-GeV DM-induced gamma-ray signals from the GC and dSphs

Indirect, Direct and Accelerator Searches for Dark Matter



Particle Astrophysics Experiments





Thanks !