SEARCH FOR ANNIHILATING DARK MATTER IN DWARF SPHEROIDAL GALAXIES BY CTA

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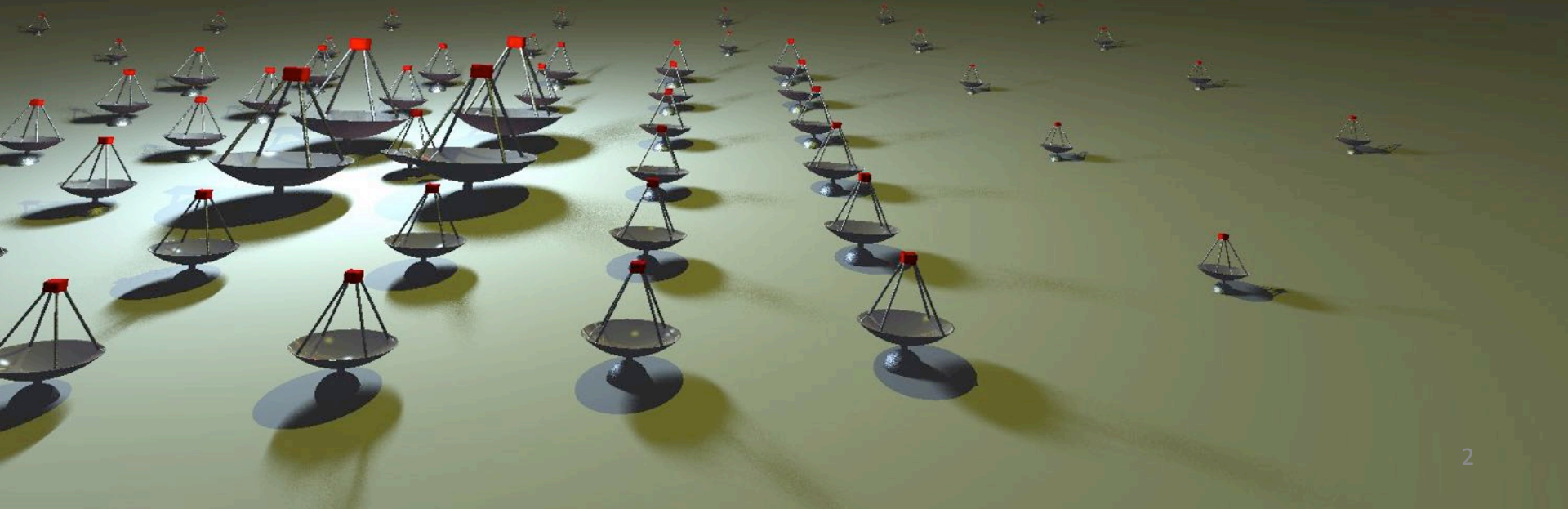
for the CTA Consortium

CTA PROJECT

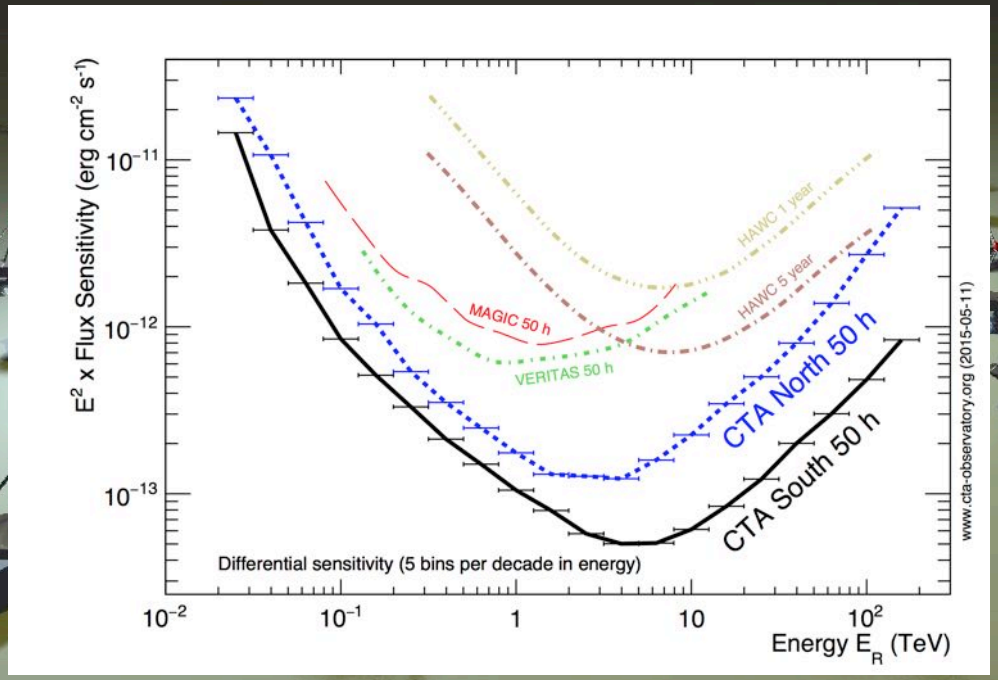
- Next generation ground based Gamma-ray observatory
- Open observatory
- Two sites with more than 100 telescopes
  - Southern Site: Near Paranal, Chile
  - Northern Site: La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain
- 31 nations, ~300M€ project

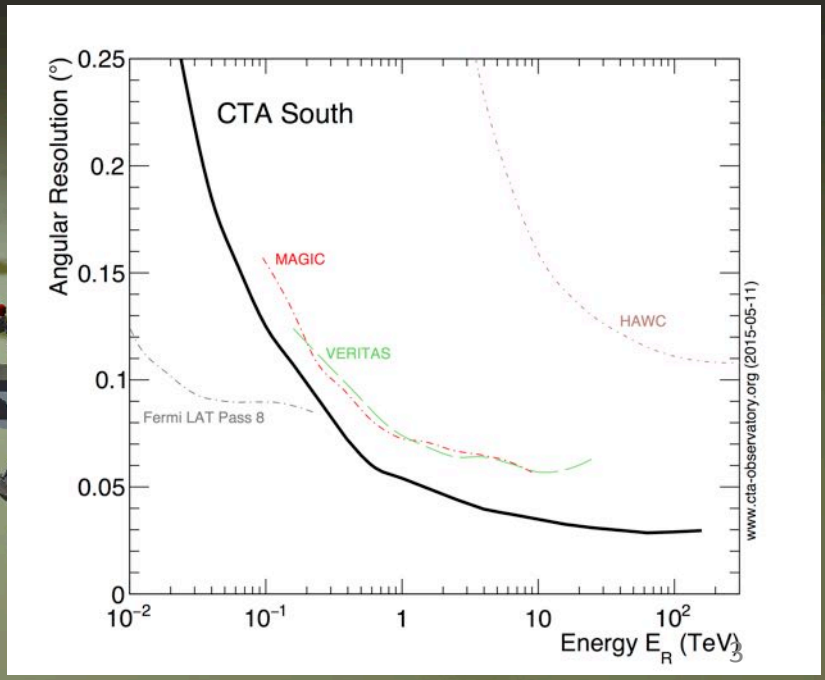


CTA PERFORMANCE

Southern Site:
- 4 Large-size telescopes
- 25 Medium-size telescopes
- 70 Small-size telescopes

Northern Site:
- 4 Large-size telescopes
- 15 Medium-size telescopes



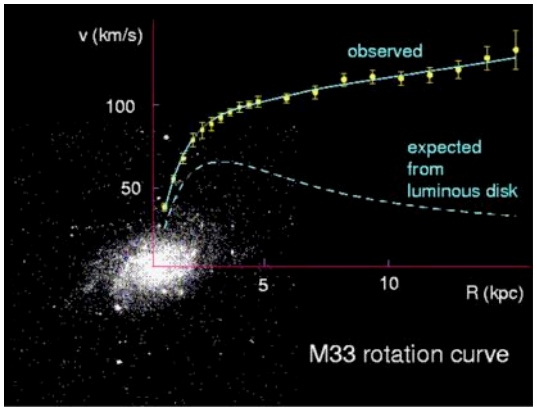


Dark Matter EVIDENCE

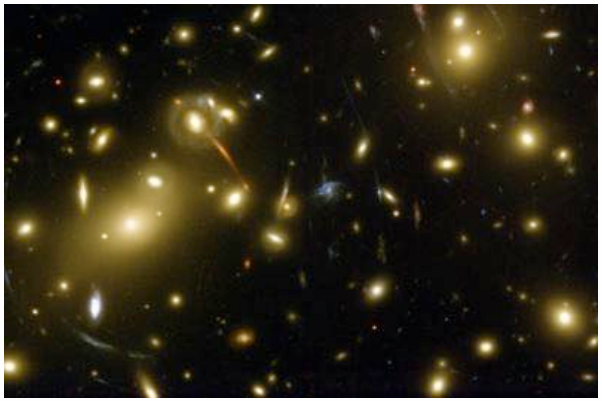
In 1933, the astronomer Zwicky realized that the mass of the luminous matter in the Coma cluster was much smaller than its total mass implied by the motion of cluster member galaxies.

Since then, even more evidence:

Rotation curves of galaxies

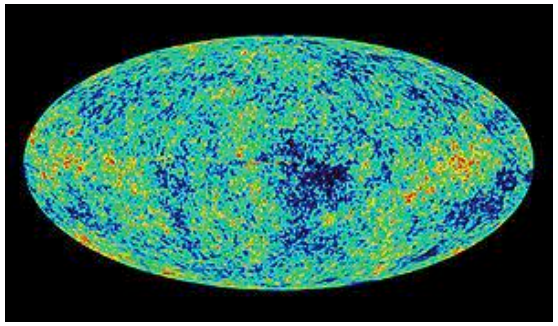


Gravitational lensing

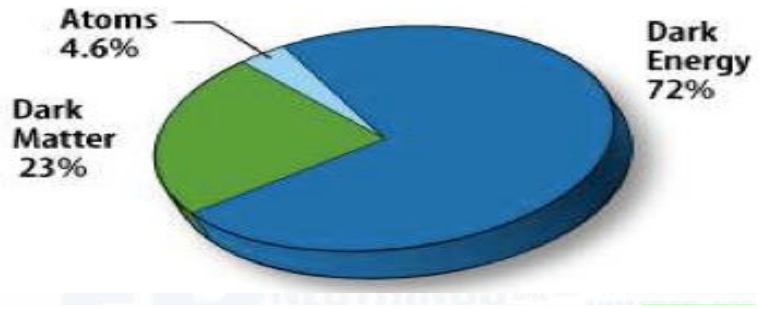


Bullet cluster

Structure formation as deduced from CMB



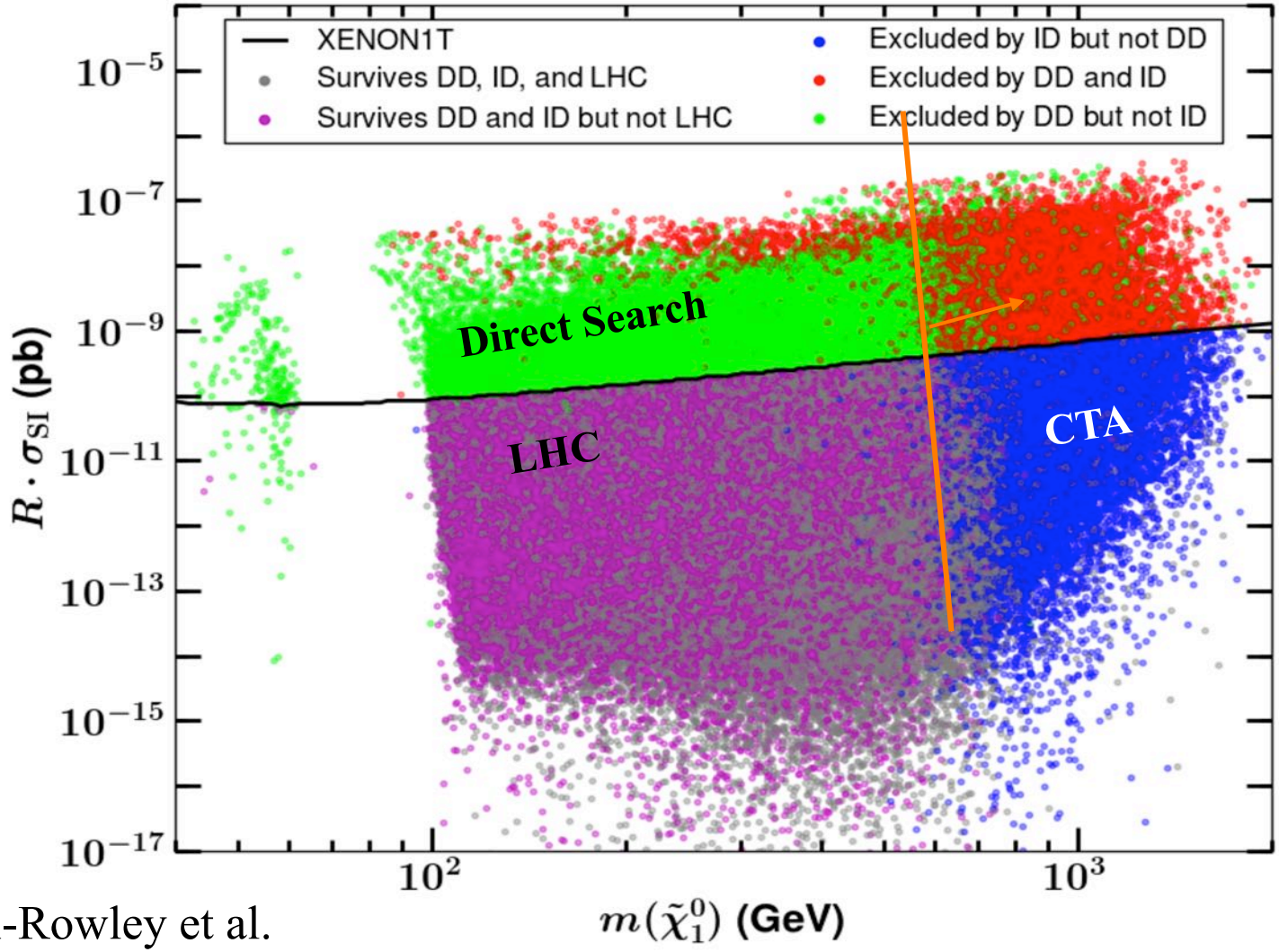
Data by WMAP imply:



$\Omega_b h^2 \approx 0.02$

$\Omega_{DM} h^2 \approx 0.1$

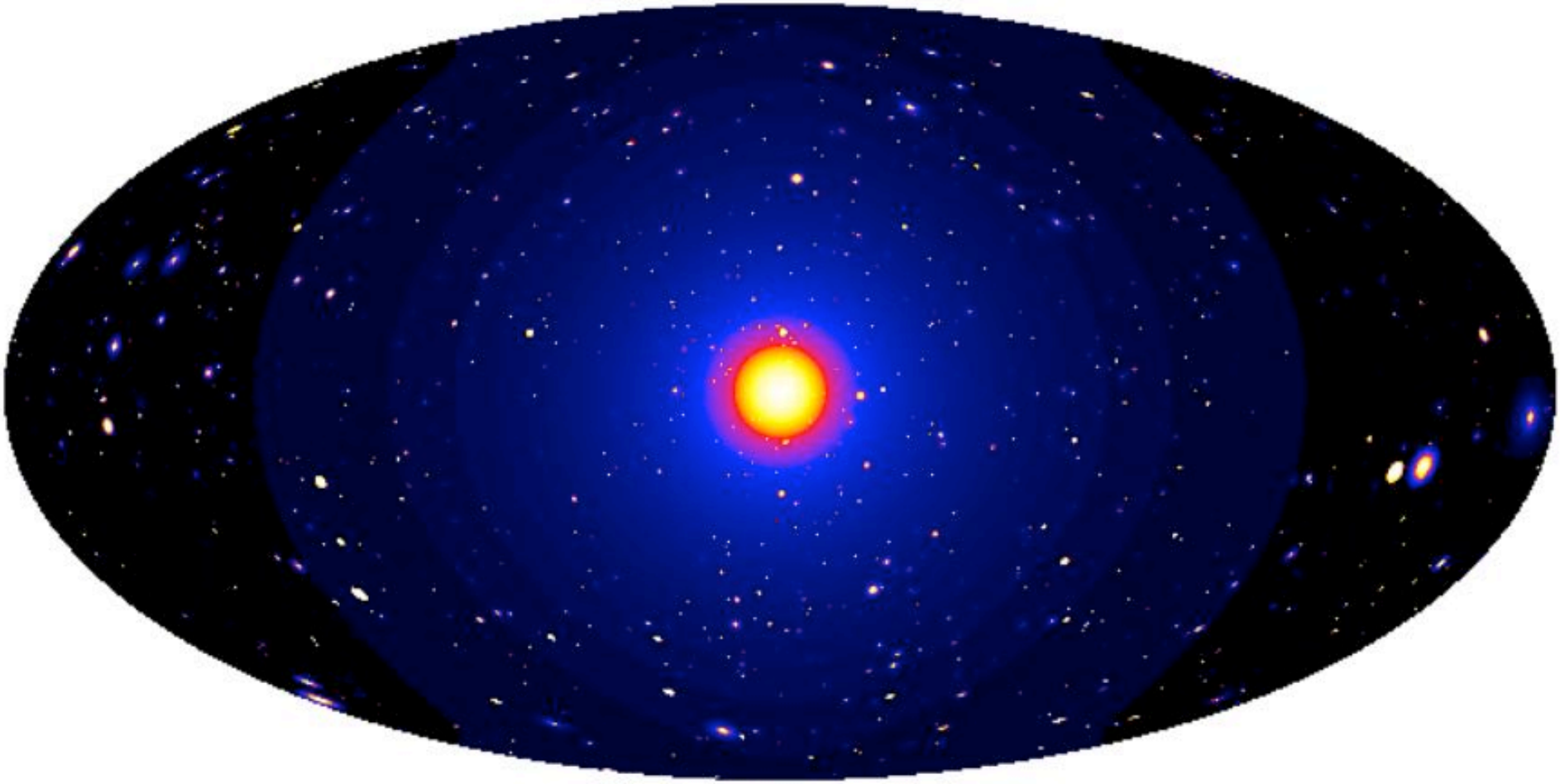
Complementarity and Searches for Dark Matter in the pMSSM



Cahill-Rowley et al.
arXiv: 1305.6921

cherenkov telescope array

Dark Matter Search Targets and Strategies



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

Dark Matter Search Targets and Strategies

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Satellites

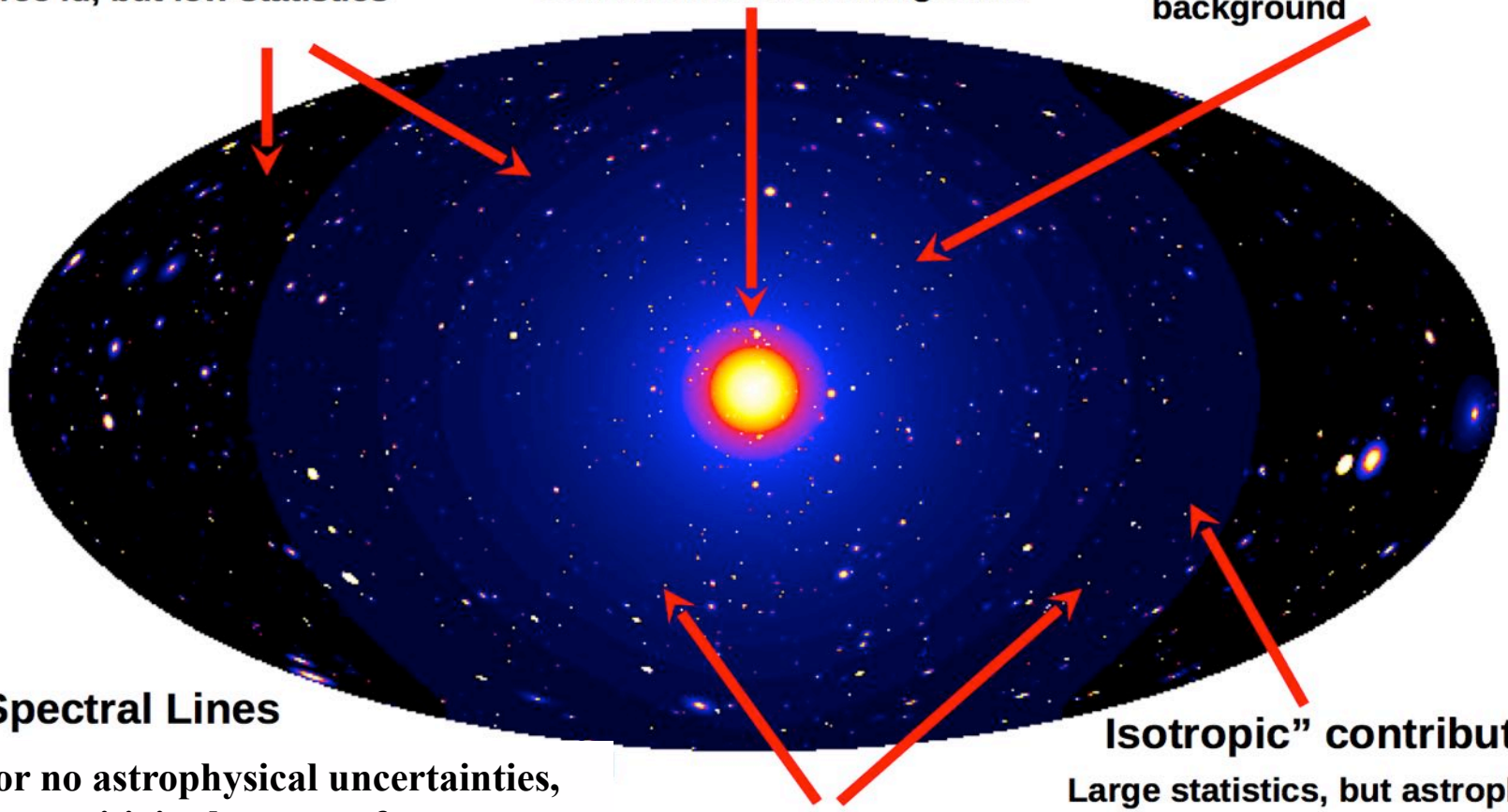
Low background and good source id, but low statistics

Galactic Center

Good Statistics, but source confusion/diffuse background

Milky Way Halo

Large statistics, but diffuse background



Spectral Lines

Little or no astrophysical uncertainties, 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

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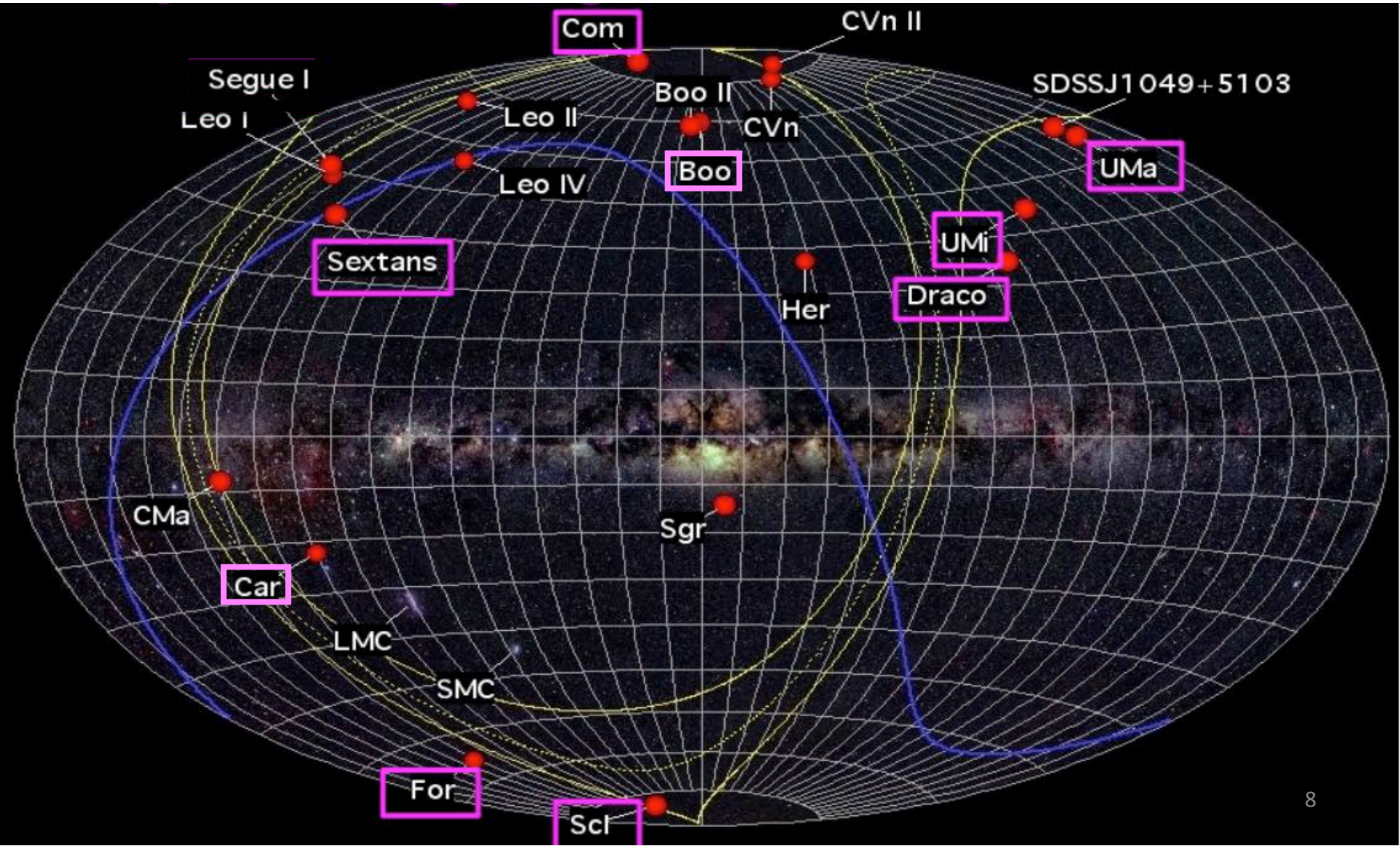
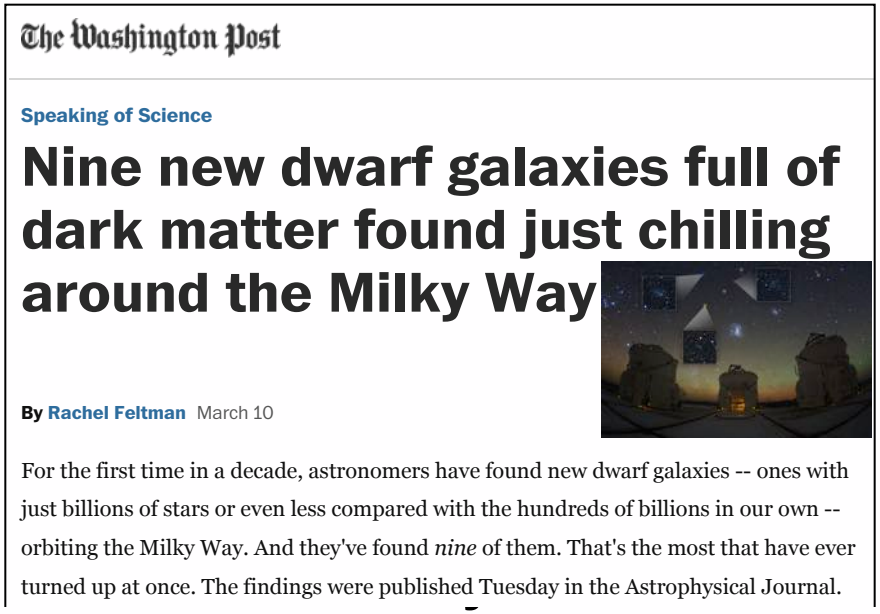
Classical Dwarf spheroidal galaxies: promising targets for DM detection



2015: New DES Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies Candidates



The Washington Post

Speaking of Science

Nine new dwarf galaxies full of dark matter found just chilling around the Milky Way

By Rachel Feltman March 10

For the first time in a decade, astronomers have found new dwarf galaxies -- ones with just billions of stars or even less compared with the hundreds of billions in our own -- orbiting the Milky Way. And they've found *nine* of them. That's the most that have ever turned up at once. The findings were published Tuesday in the Astrophysical Journal.

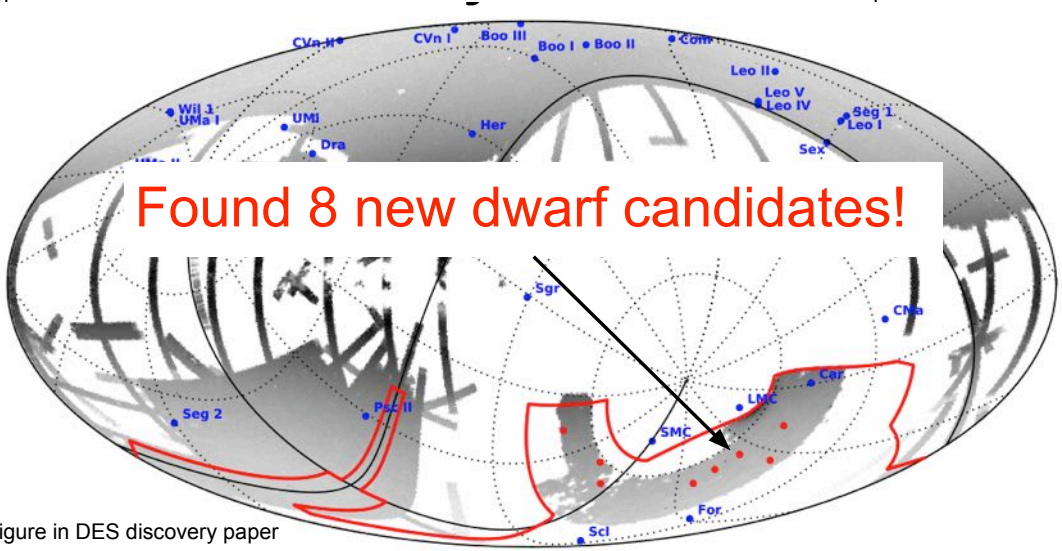


figure in DES discovery paper

LAT Collaboration – DES Collaboration agreement – Feb 2015

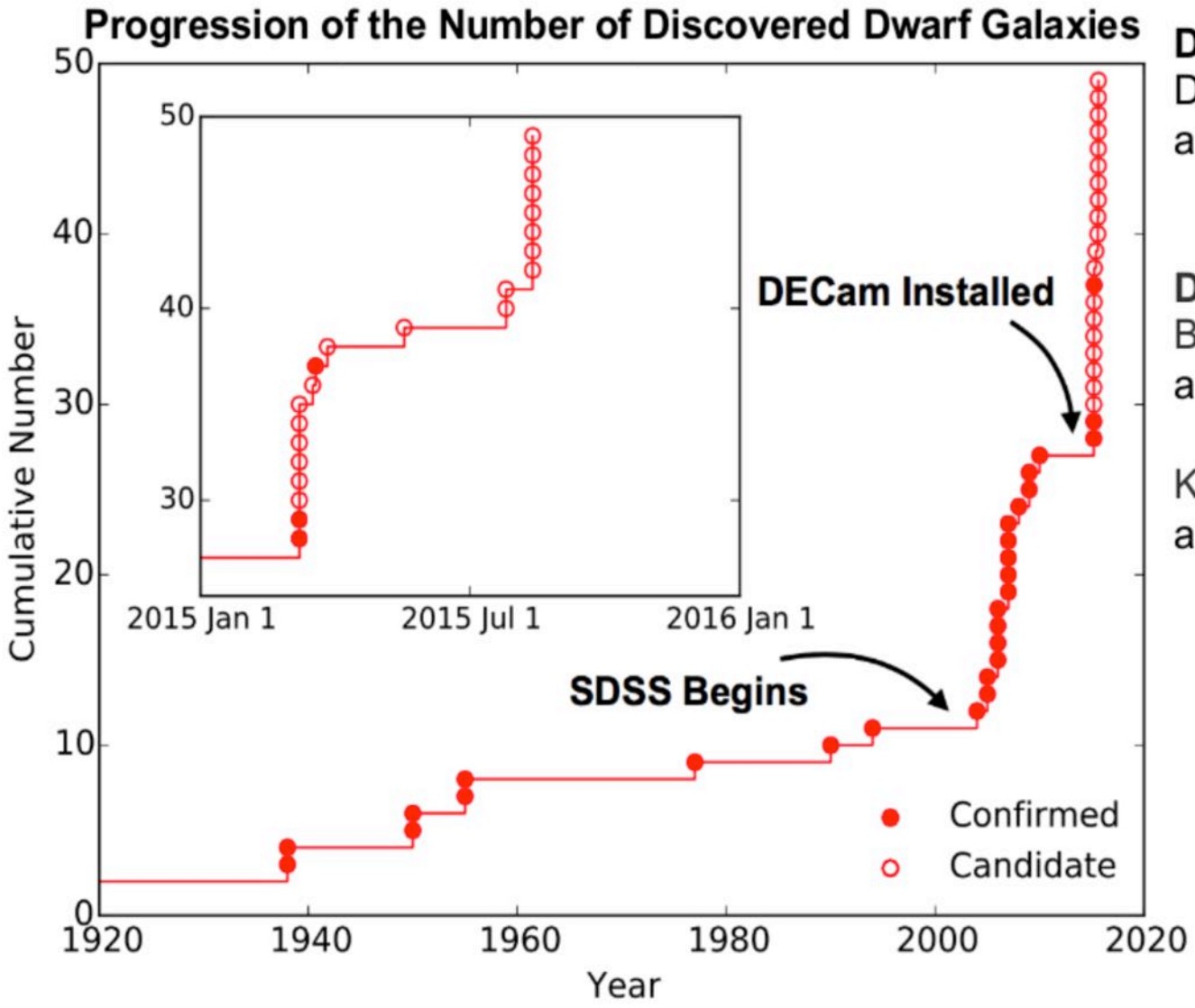
- first joint paper "Search for Gamma-Ray Emission from DES Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxy Candidates with Fermi-LAT Data" ApJL 2015, 809,L4,arXiv:1503.02632

  • analysis of observations of 8 new Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies found by DES:

    Bechtol, et al. arXiv:1503.02584

    also found by Koposov, et al. arXiv:1503.02079

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies: Growing number of known targets



DES Year 2 Data:
Drlica-Wagner+,
arXiv:1508.03622

DES Year 1 Data:
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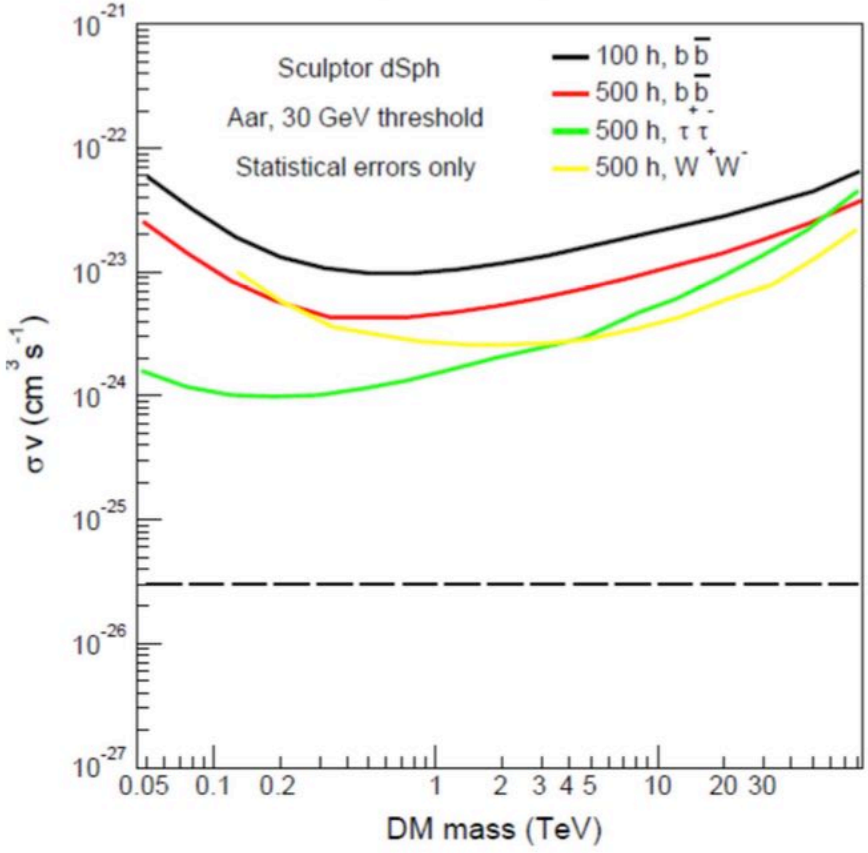
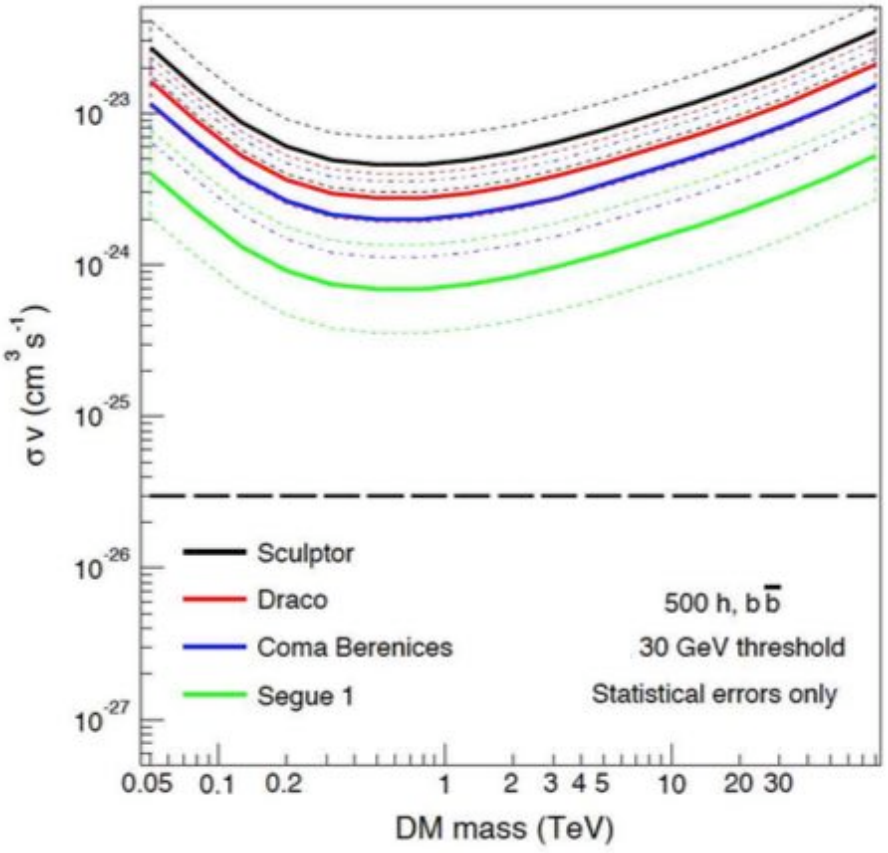
Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies: CTA Sensitivity

500h, Sculptor, different channels



500h, bb, different dSphs



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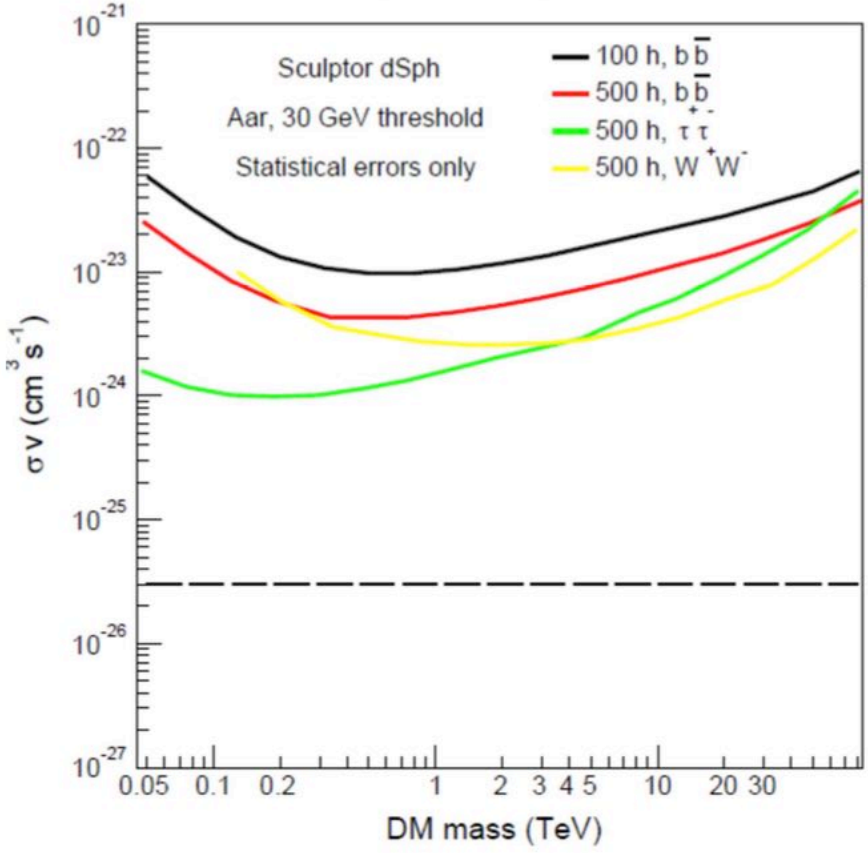

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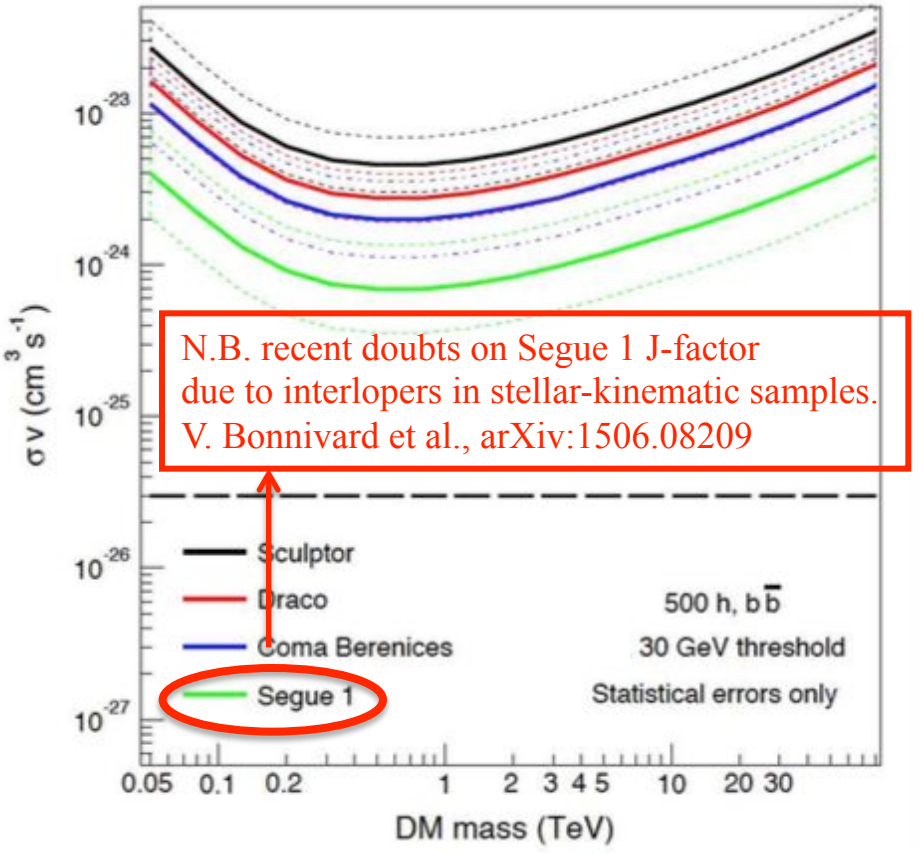

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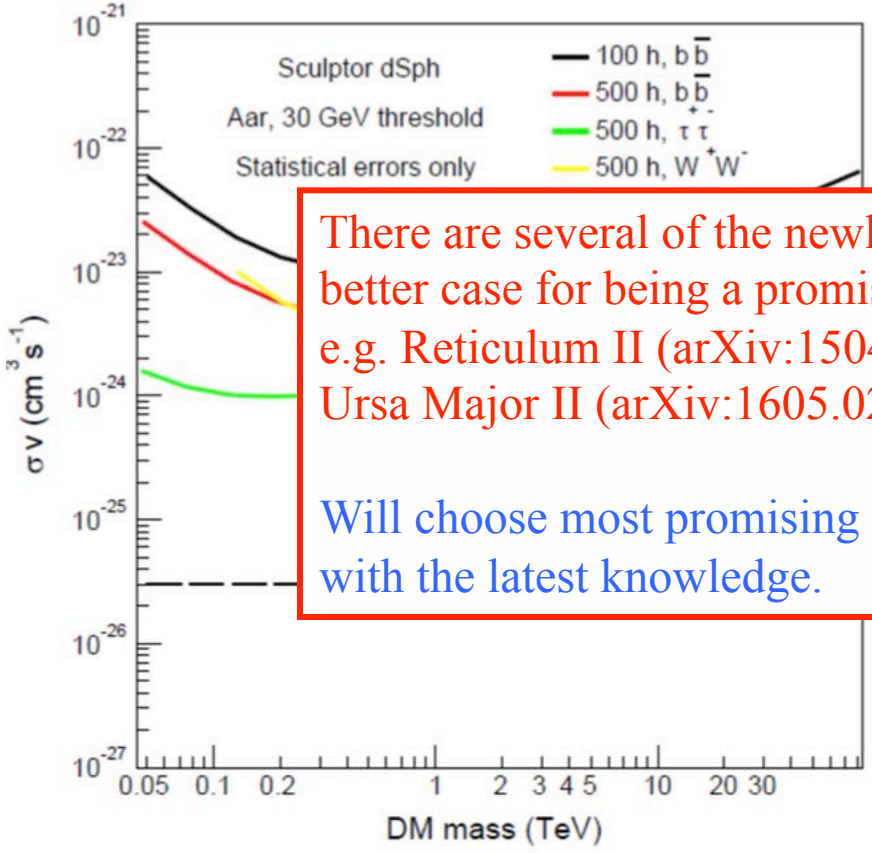

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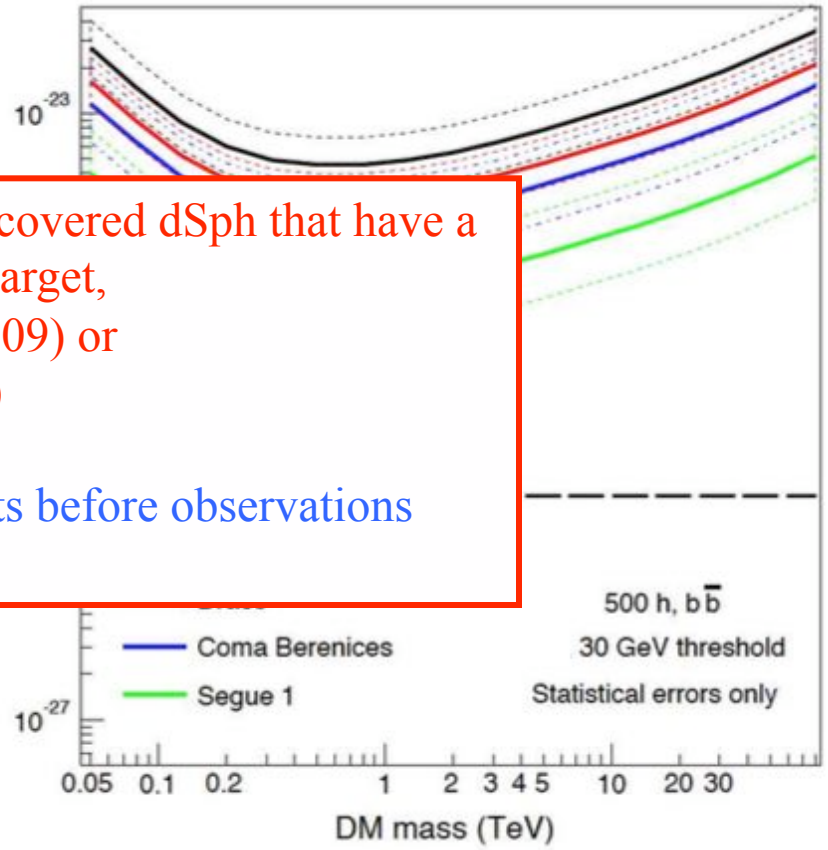

There are several of the newly discovered dSph that have a better case for being a promising target, e.g. Reticulum II (arXiv:1504:03309) or Ursa Major II (arXiv:1605.02793)

Will choose most promising targets before observations with the latest knowledge.

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Summary

- CTA will improve the sensitivity to DM annihilation for a range of interesting DM masses.
- CTA angular resolution means some dwarf spheroidal galaxies could be resolvable, and the point source assumption no longer valid.
- Dwarf spheroidal galaxies observations with CTA will be valuable for providing robust legacy constraints (in case of no detection) and (in any case) for testing/ extending DM searches conducted by CTA with other targets (e.g. GC and LMC).
- Dwarf spheroidal galaxies have no expected astrophysical background and good source identification.
- New ultra-faint dwarf spheroidal galaxies will be discovered with the next generation of sky surveys.
- The best constrained/most promising dwarf spheroidal galaxies known at the time of observation will be chosen.

Proposed Scheduling for Key Science Project

Table 4.1 – Strategy for dark matter observations over ten years with CTA. The first three years are devoted to the deep observation of the Galactic Centre (GC) together with the observation of the best ultra-faint dwarf galaxy. In case of non-detection of the GC, observations starting in the fourth year focus on the most promising target at that time to provide legacy constraints.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Galactic halo	175 h	175 h	175 h							
Segue 1 (or best) dSph	100 h	100 h	100 h							
				in case of detection at GC, large σv						
Segue 1 (or 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
				in case of detection at GC, small σv						
Galactic halo				100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h
				in case of no detection at GC						
Best Target				100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h	100 h

CTA Consortium, in prep.