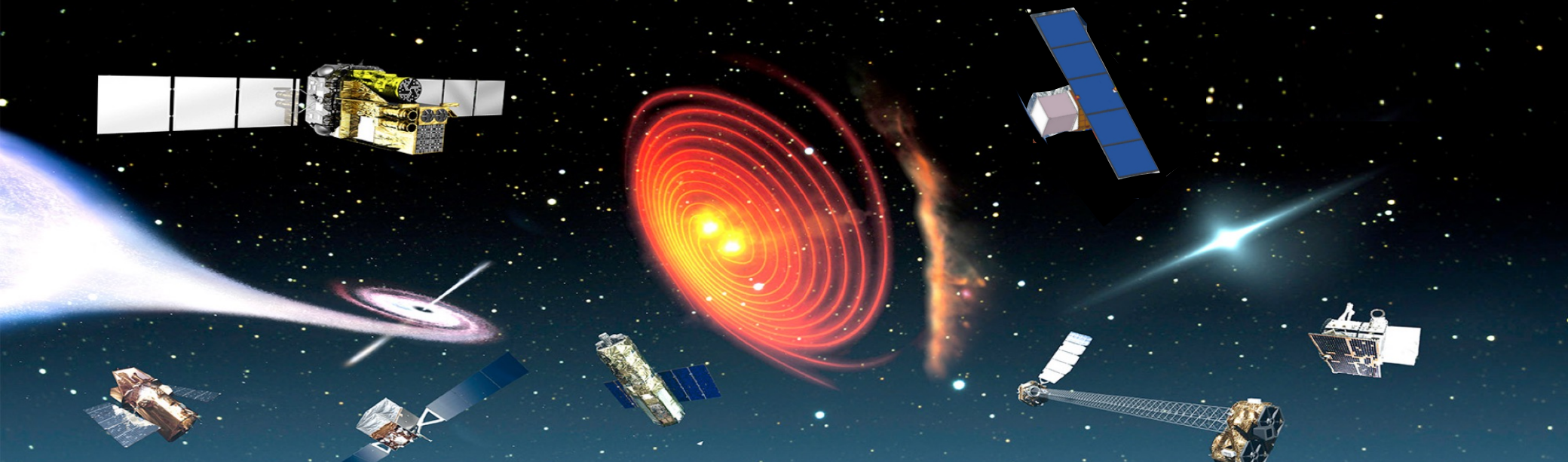
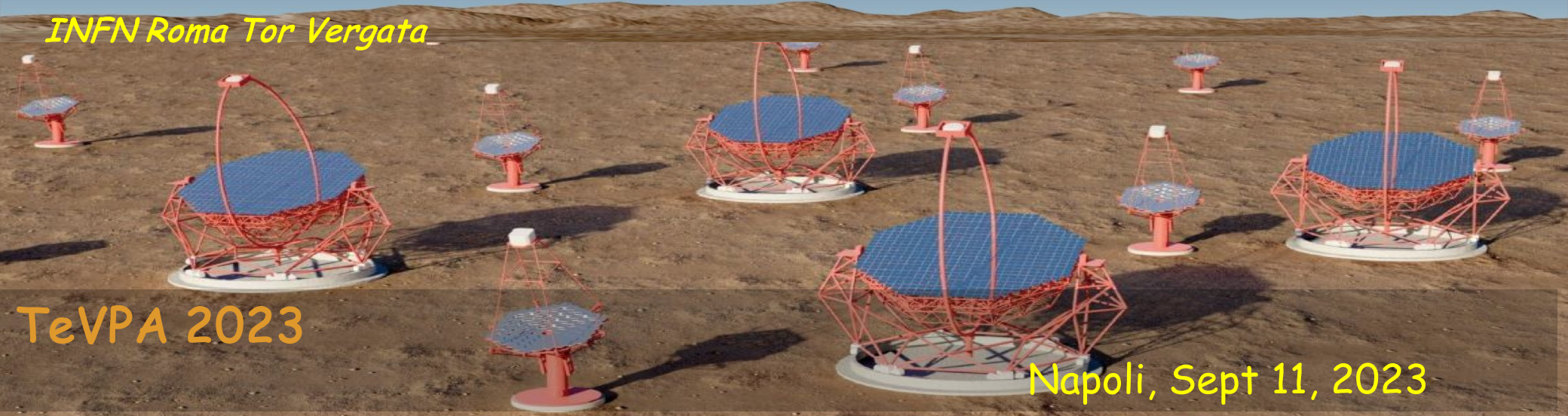


Indirect dark-matter searches with gamma-rays experiments : status and future plans from 300 KeV to 100 TeV



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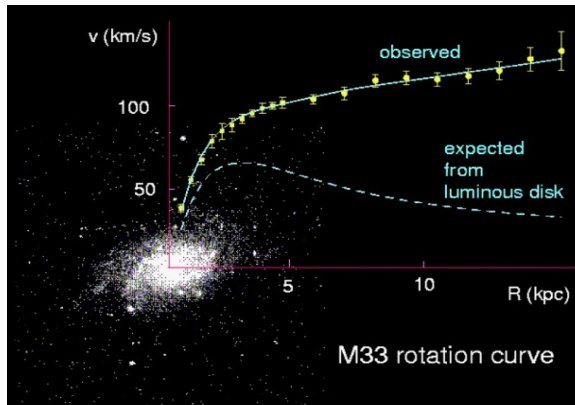
Dark Matter EVIDENCE

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](#).

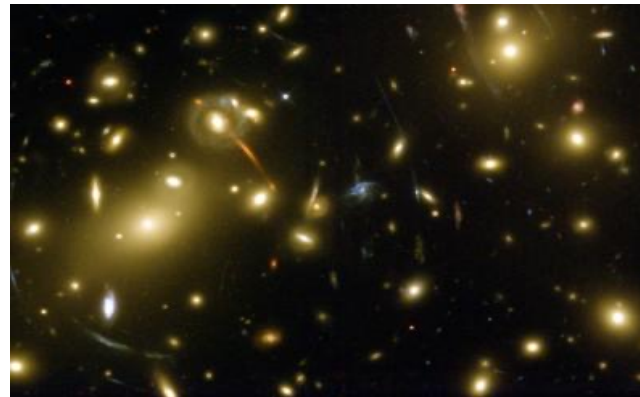


Since then, even more evidence:

Rotation curves of galaxies



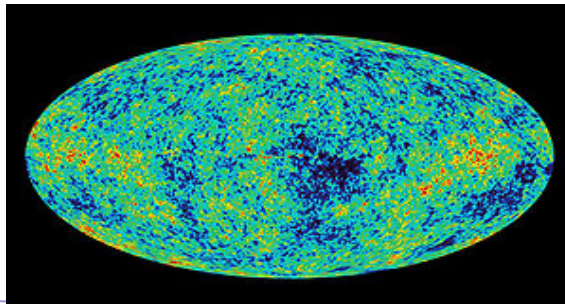
Gravitational lensing



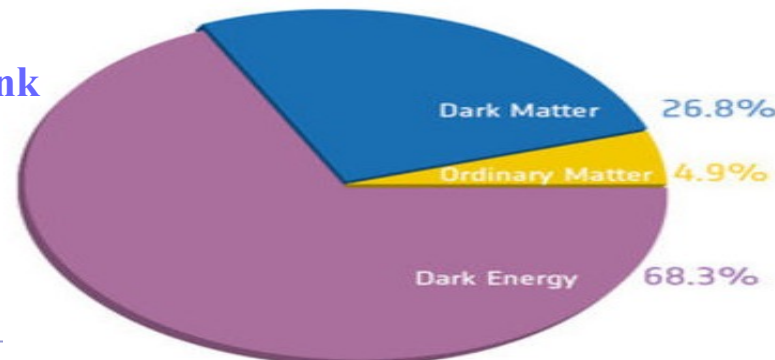
Bullet cluster



Structure formation as deduced from CMB



Data by Planck imply:



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

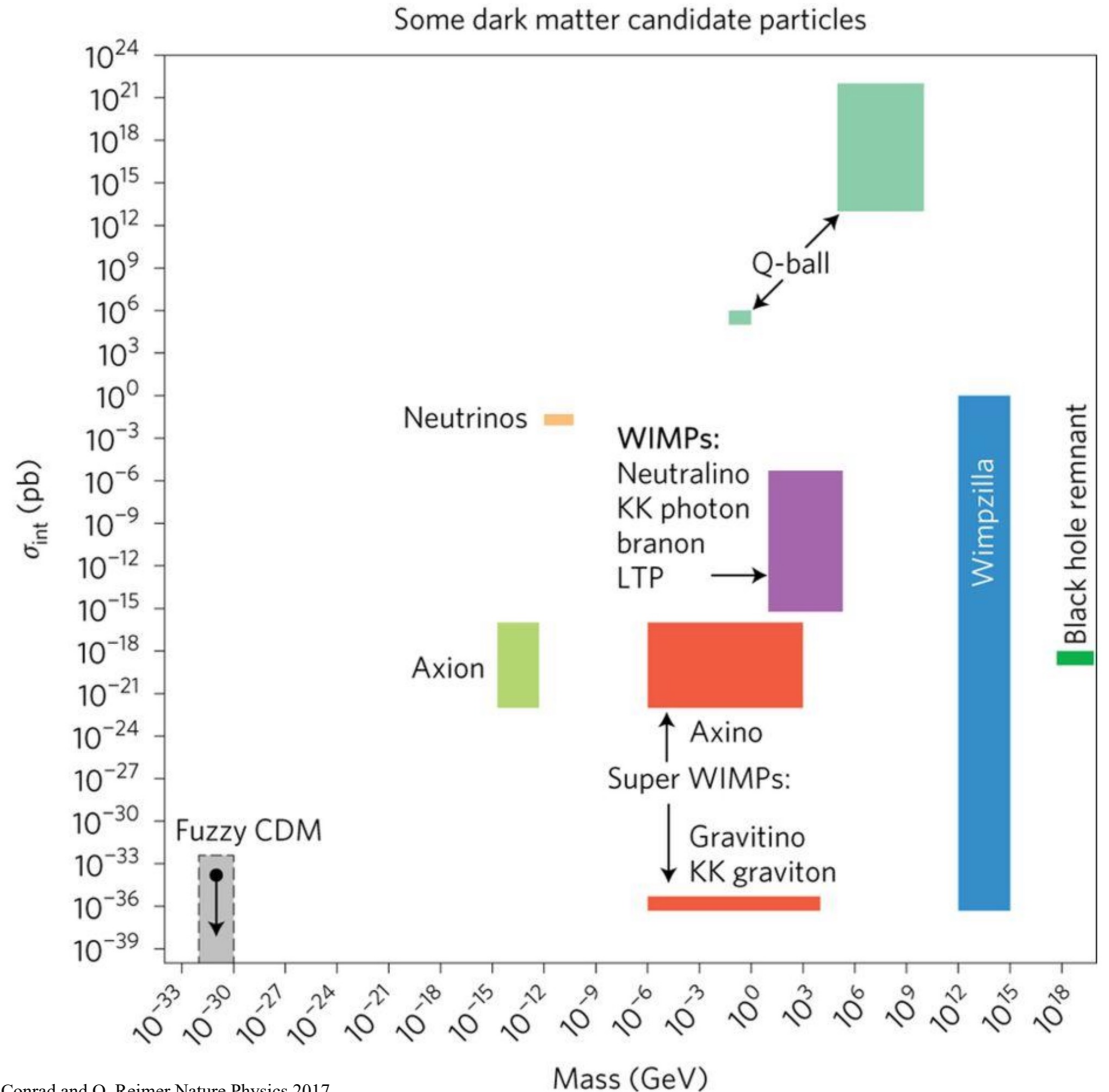
$$\Omega_{\text{M}} \approx 4.9\%$$

Dark Matter



Dark Matter Candidates

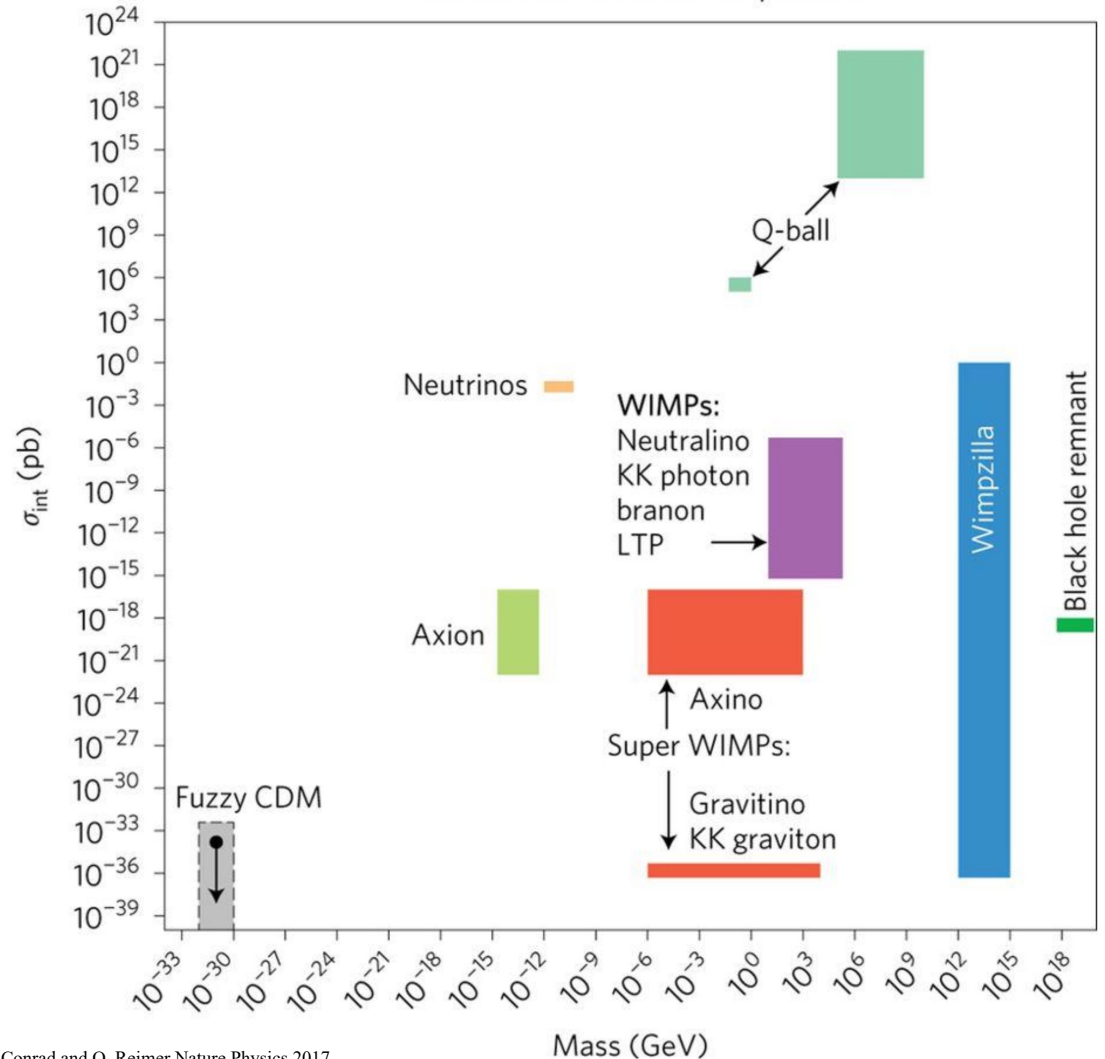
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- Photino
- SM Neutrino
- Sterile Neutrino
- Sneutrino
- Light DM
- Little Higgs DM
- Wimpzillas
- Q-balls
- Mirror Matter
- Champs (charged DM)
- D-matter
- Cryptons
- Self-interacting
- Superweakly interacting
- Braneworld DM
- Heavy neutrino
- WIMP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



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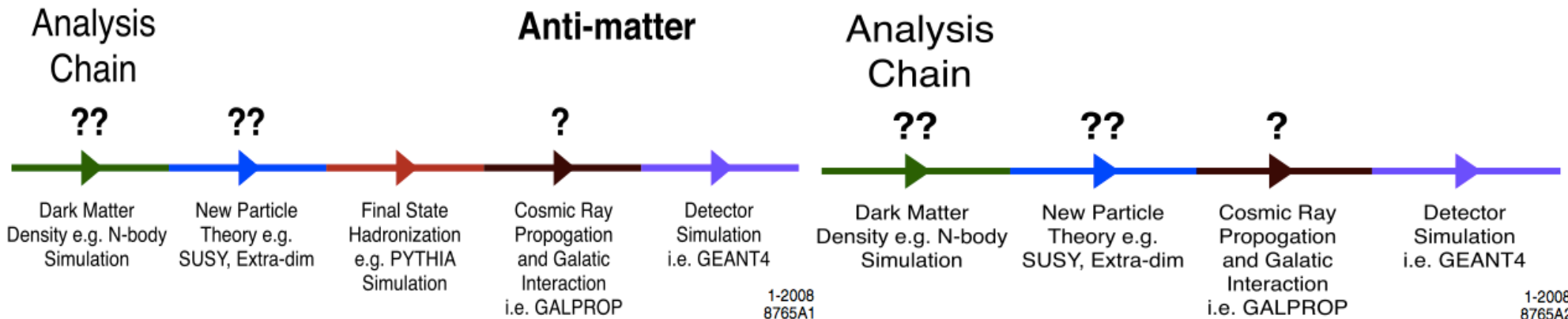
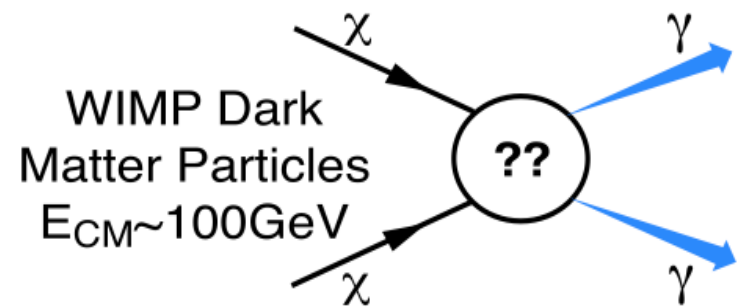
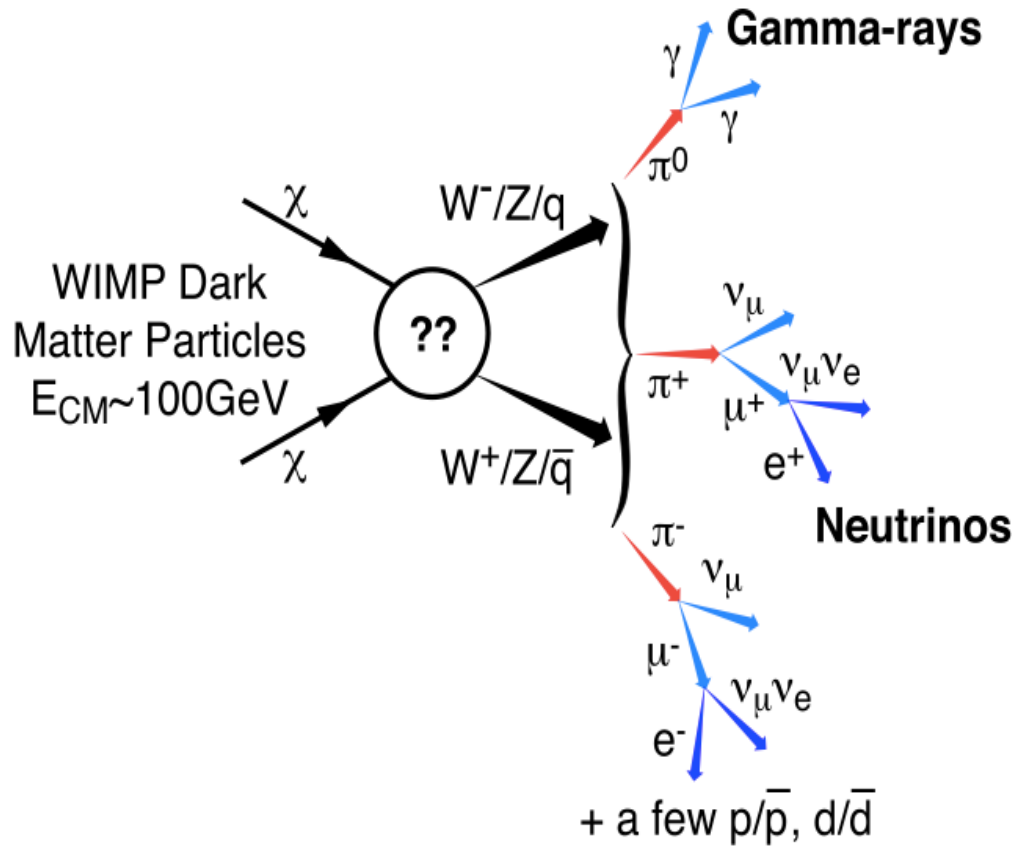
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Some dark matter candidate particles

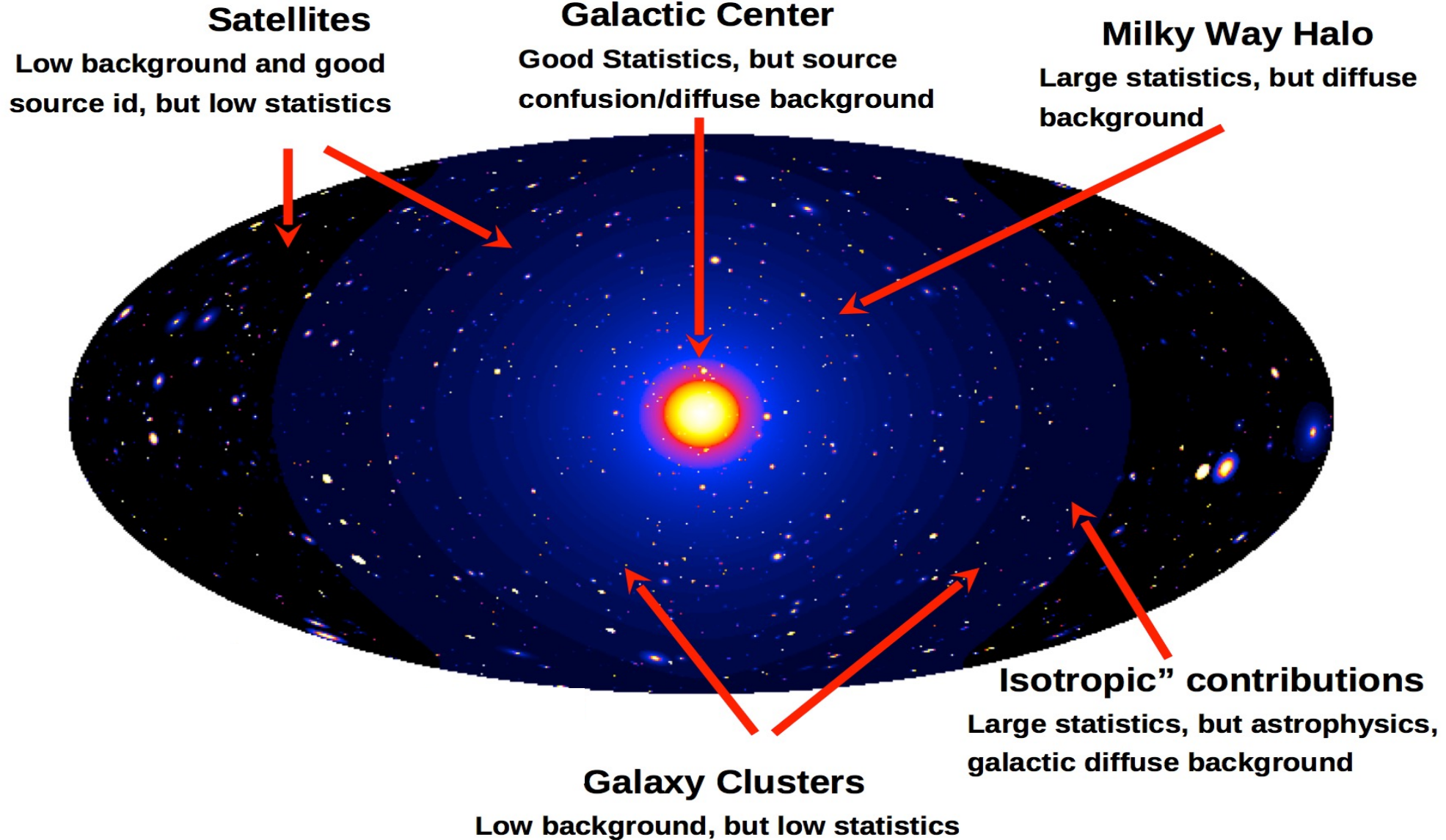


J. Conrad and O. Reimer Nature Physics 2017

Annihilation channels

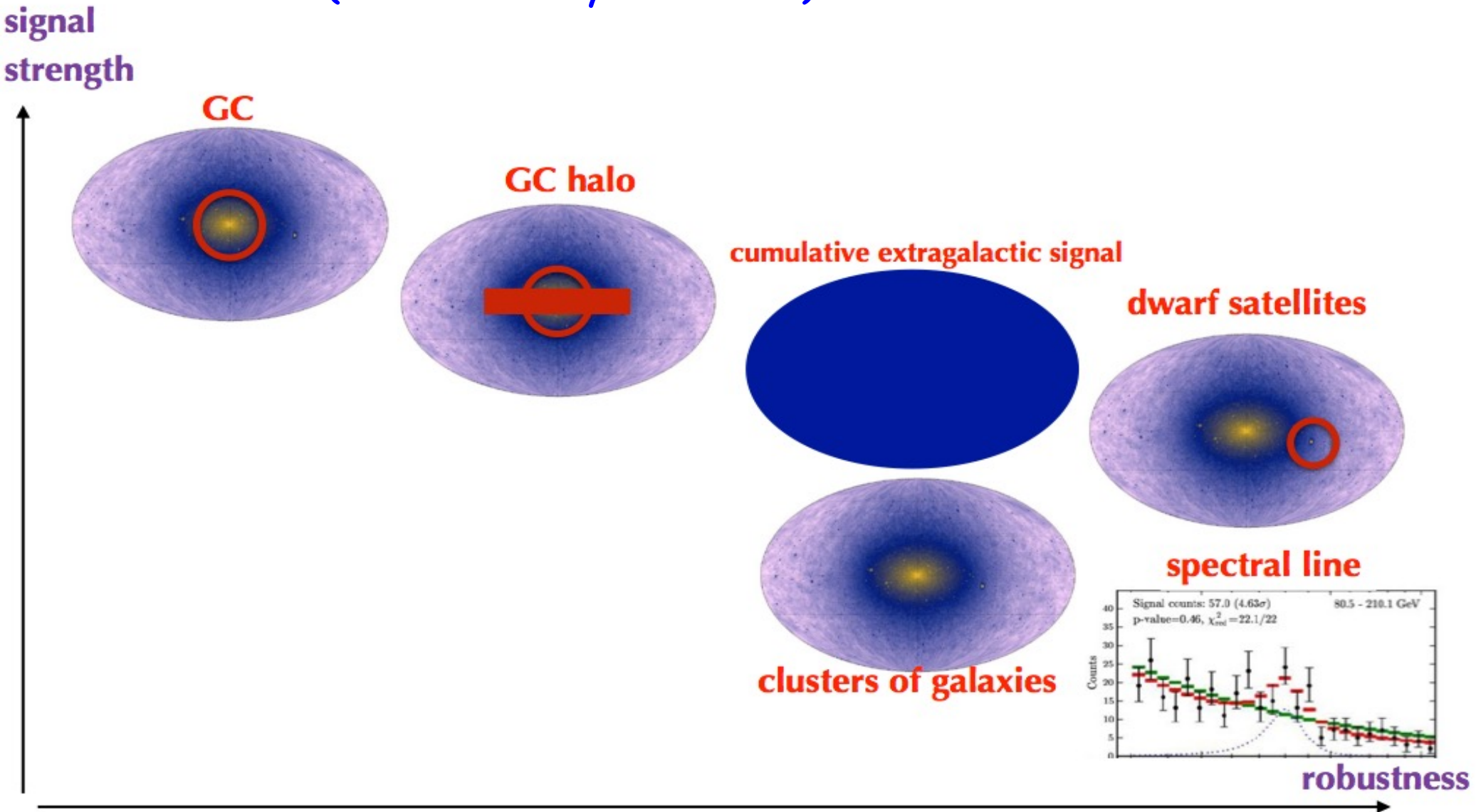


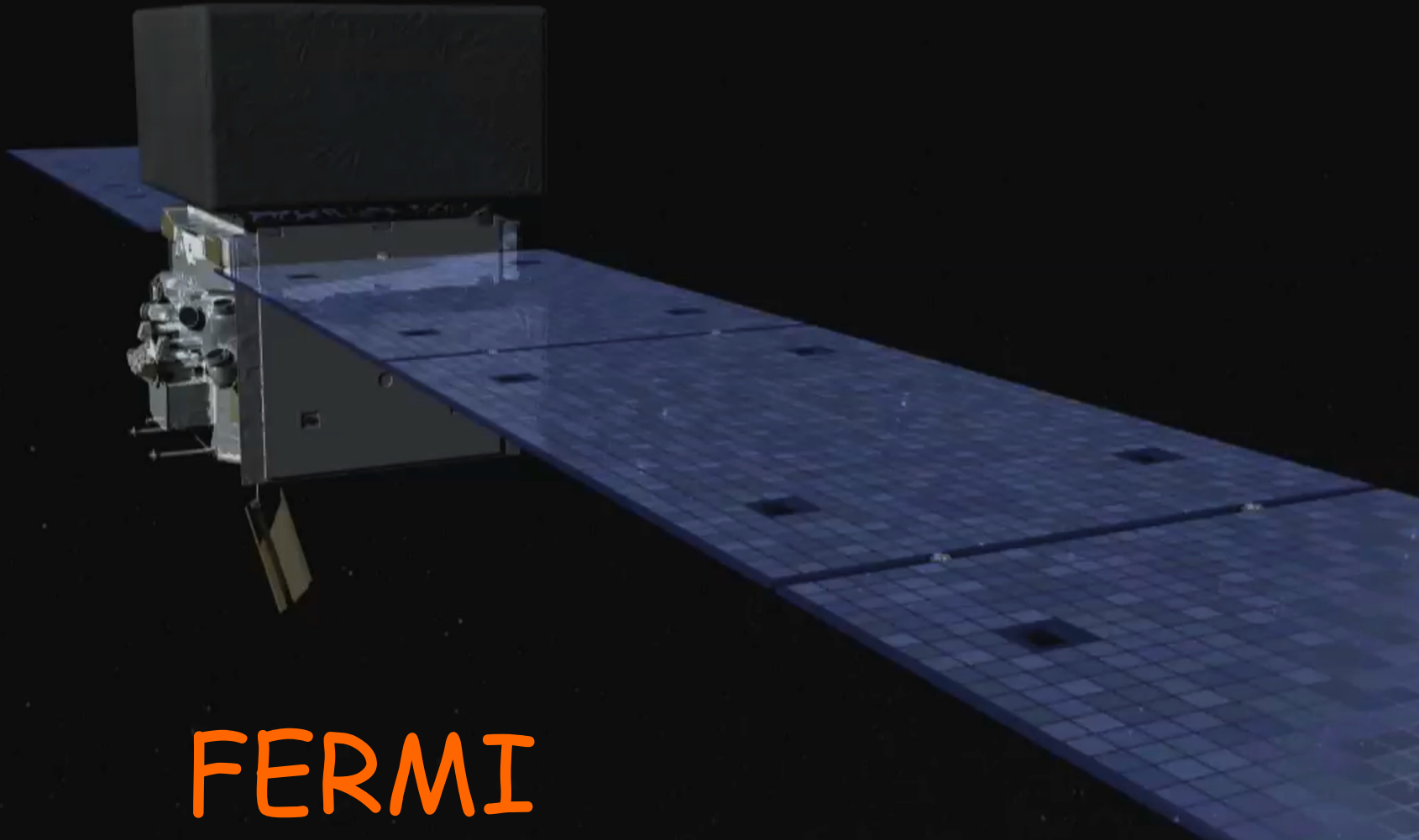
Dark Matter Search: Targets and Strategies



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(Another way to see it)



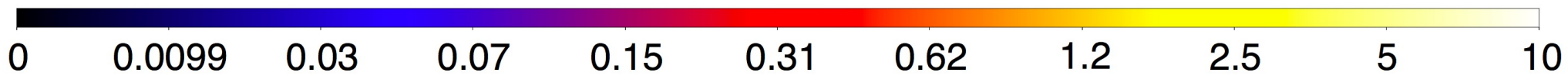
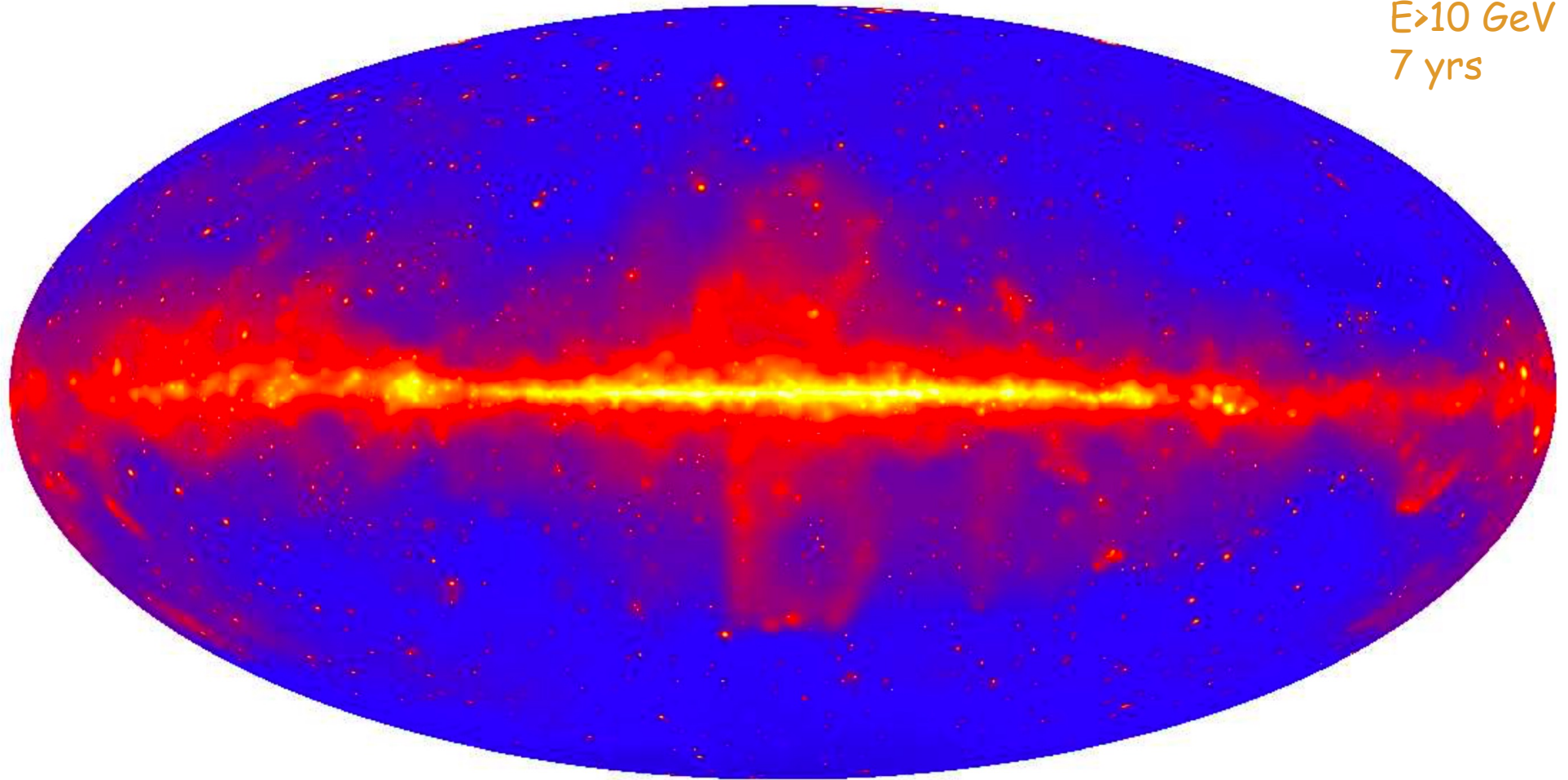


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Large Area Telescope

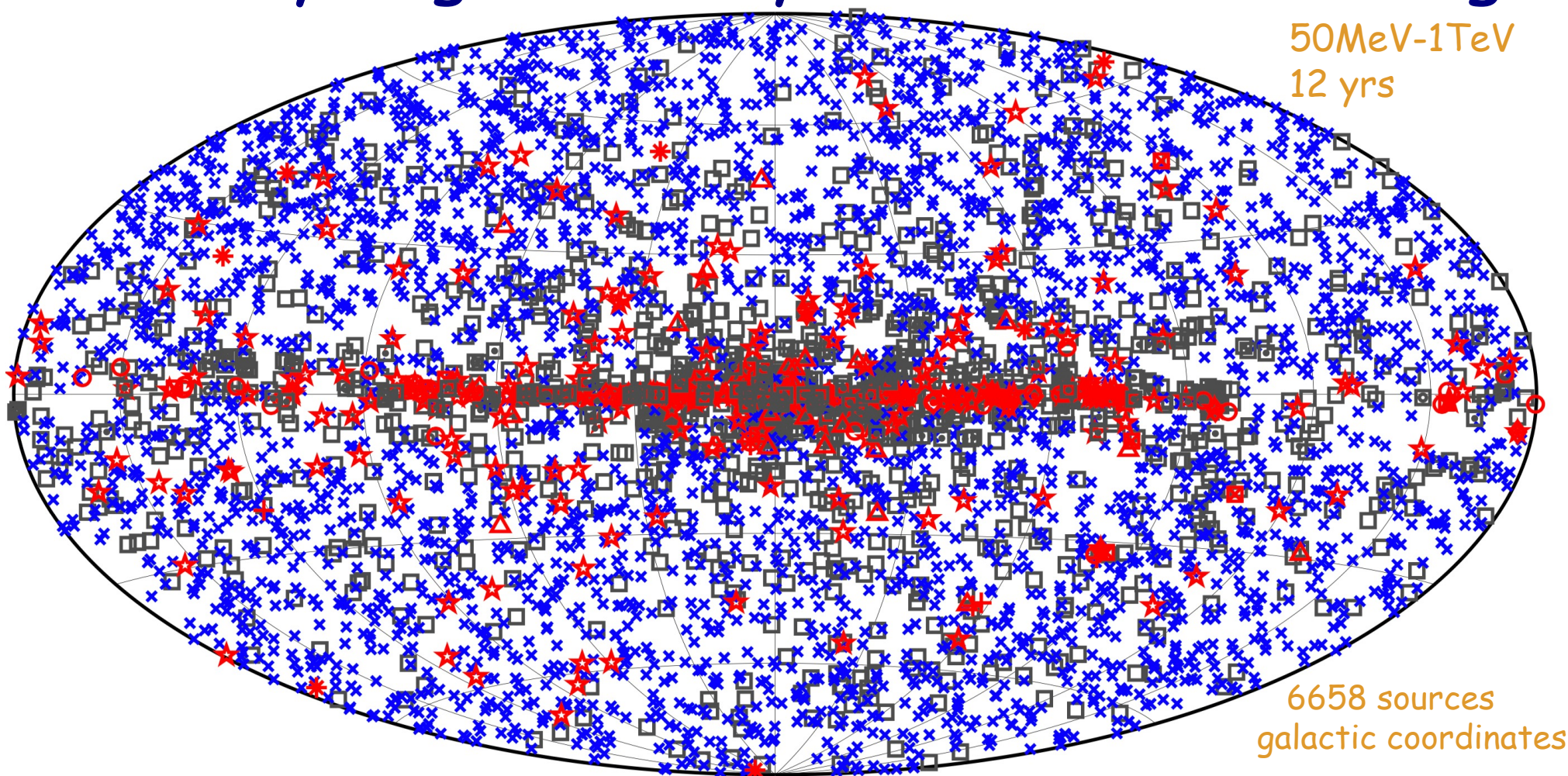
The sky in gamma-rays

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



M.Ackermann et al. [Fermi Coll.] 3FHL: The Third Catalog of Hard Fermi-LAT Sources ApJS 2017 232 arXiv:1702.00664

The sky in gamma-rays 4th source catalog



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

Incremental Fermi Fourth Source Catalog, *ApJS* 260, 53 (2022) arXiv: 2201.11184

see Dario Gasparrini's talk

the GALACTIC CENTER : any hints of Dark Matter?

the beginning of the history :

The Galactic Center as a Dark Matter Gamma-Ray Source

A.Morselli, A. Lionetto, A. Cesarini, F. Fucito, P. Ullio, Nuclear Physics B 113B (2002) 213-220 [astro-ph/0211327]

A.Cesarini, F.Fucito, A.Lionetto, A.Morselli, P.Ullio Astroparticle Physics 21, 267-285, 2004 [astro-ph/0305075]

Possible Evidence For Dark Matter Annihilation In The Inner Milky Way From The Fermi Gamma Ray Space Telescope

Lisa Goodenough, Dan Hooper arXiv:0910.2998

Indirect Search for Dark Matter from the center of the Milky Way with the Fermi-Large Area Telescope

Vincenzo Vitale, Aldo Morselli, the Fermi/LAT Collaboration

Proceedings of the 2009 Fermi Symposium, 2-5 November 2009, eConf Proceedings C091122 arXiv:0912.3828 21 Dec 2009

Search for Dark Matter with Fermi Large Area Telescope: the Galactic Center

V.Vitale, A.Morselli, the Fermi-LAT Collaboration NIM A 630 (2011) 147-150 (Available online 23 June 2010)

Dark Matter Annihilation in The Galactic Center As Seen by the Fermi Gamma Ray Space Telescope

Dan Hooper, Lisa Goodenough. (21 March 2011). 21 pp. Phys.Lett. B697 (2011) 412-428

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Background model systematics for the Fermi GeV excess

F.Calore, I. Cholis, C. Weniger JCAP03(2015)038 arXiv:1409.0042v1

Fermi-LAT observations of high-energy γ -ray emission toward the galactic centre

M. Ajello et al.[Fermi-LAT Coll.] Apj 819:44 2016 arXiv:1511.02938

The Fermi galactic center GeV excess and implications for dark matter

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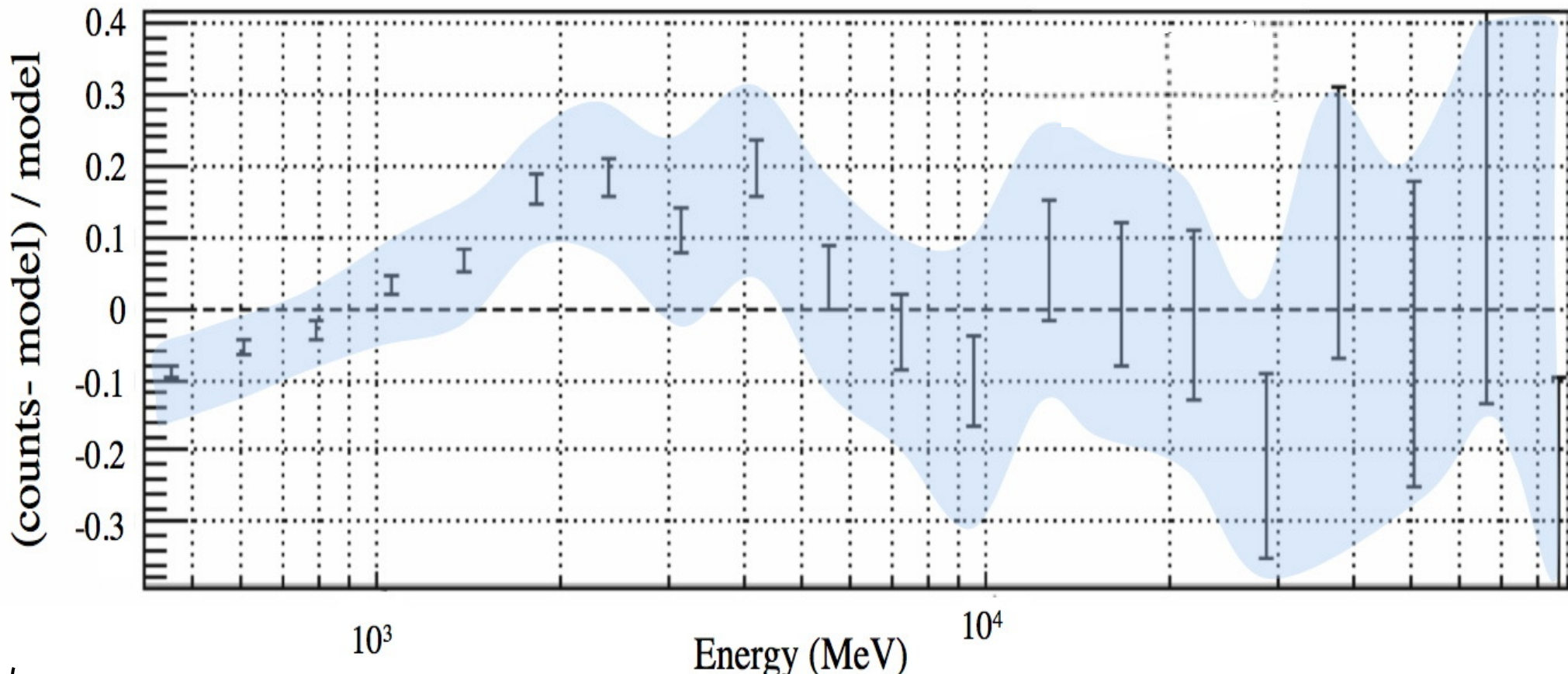
Revisiting the Gamma-Ray Galactic Center Excess with Multi-Messenger Observations

IC, Zhong, McDermott, Surdutovich, PRD 105, 103023 (2022)

The GeV excess

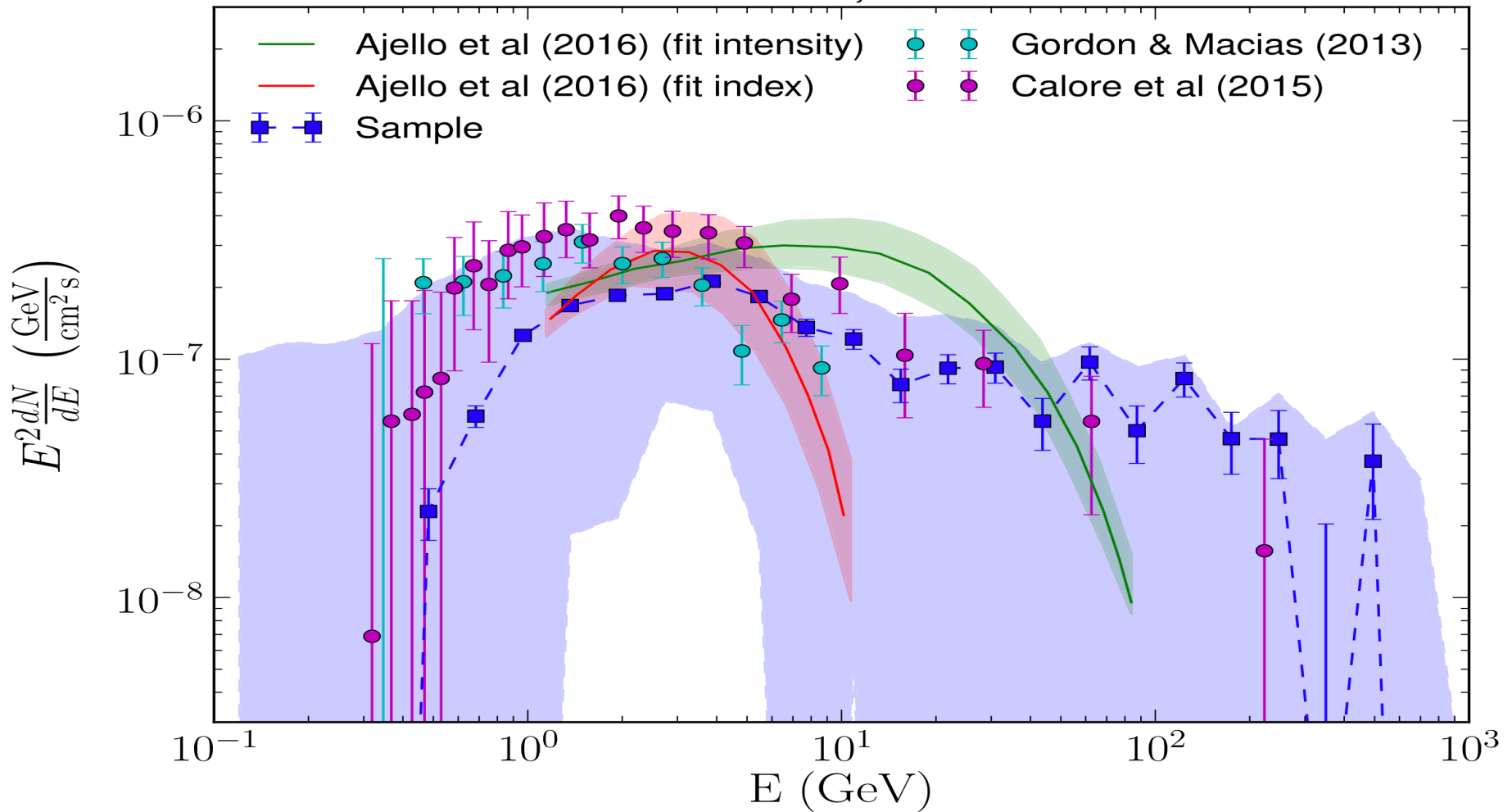
7° x7° region centered on the Galactic Center
11 months of data, $E > 400$ MeV, front-converting events
analyzed with binned likelihood analysis)

- 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 (Pass8 analysis)



following uncertainties have relatively small effect on the excess spectrum

- Variation of GALPROP models - Distribution of gas along the line of sight

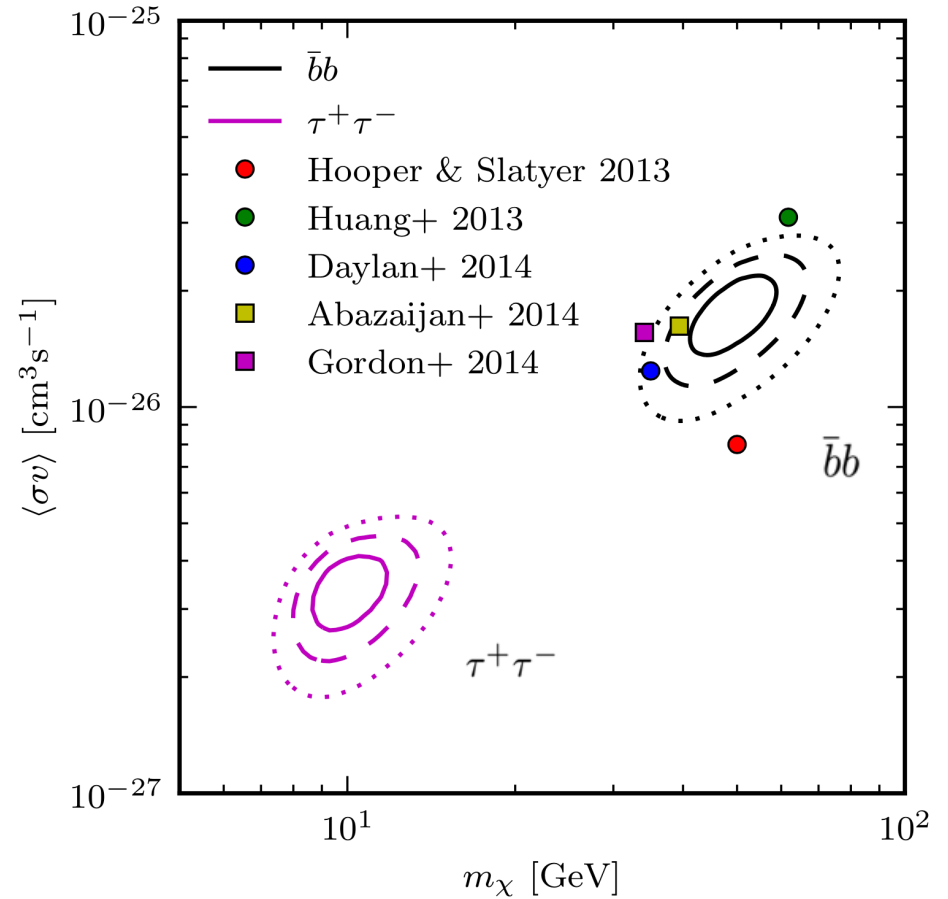
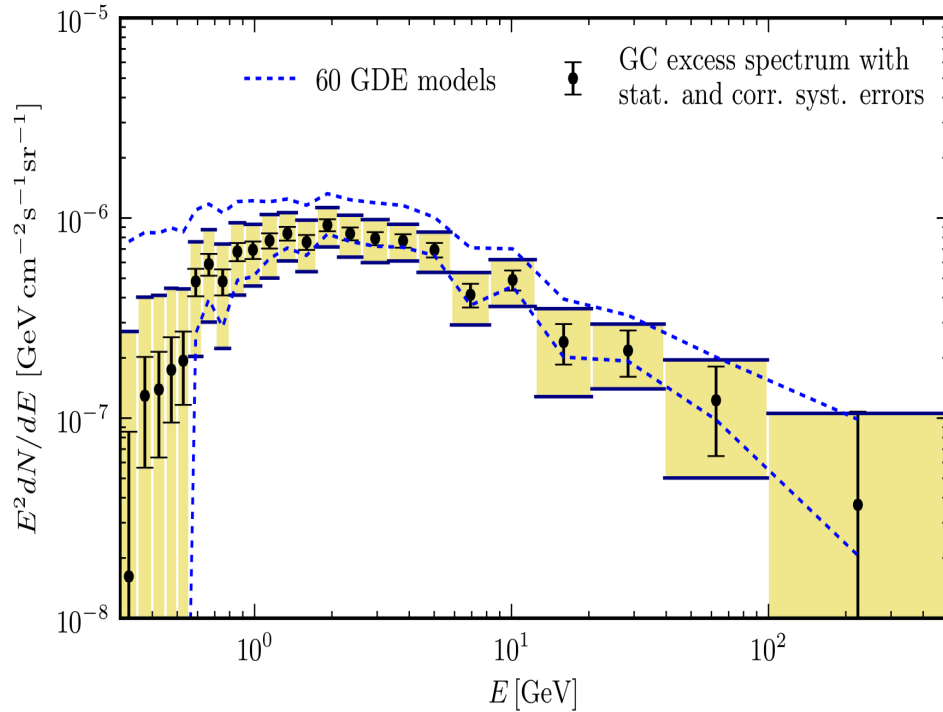
• **Most significant sources of uncertainty are:**

- Fermi bubbles morphology at low latitude - Sources of CR electrons near the GC



Fermi-LAT Collaboration Apj 840:43 2017 May 1 arXiv:1704.03910

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:1409.0042

Cholis et al., Phys. Rev. D 105, 103023 (2022) arXiv:2112.09706

The GeV excess : Other explanations exist

- past activity of the Galactic center

(e.g. Petrovic et al., arXiv:1405.7928, Carlson & Profumo arXiv:1405.7685)

- Series of Leptonic Cosmic-Ray Outbursts

Cholis et al. arXiv:1506.05119

- Stellar population of the X-bulge and the nuclear bulge

Macias et al. arXiv:1611.06644

- Population of pulsars in the Galactic bulge

e.g. , Yuan and Zhang arXiv:1404.2318v1, Lee et al. arXiv:1506.05124, Bartels et.al. 1506.05104

M.Ajello et al. [Fermi-LAT Coll.] Phys. Rev. D 95, 082007 (2017) [arXiv:1704.07195]

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How to discriminate between different hypothesis ?

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eROSITA

Modeling of the Fermi bubbles

Look for correlated features near the Galactic center

HESS, MAGIC, CTA

Fermi bubbles near the GC are much brighter

Possible to see with Cherenkov telescopes?

Radio observations, MeerKAT, SKA

Search for individual pulsars in the halo around the GC

Radio surveys, Planck

Look for correlated synchrotron emission near the GC

More Fermi LAT analysis

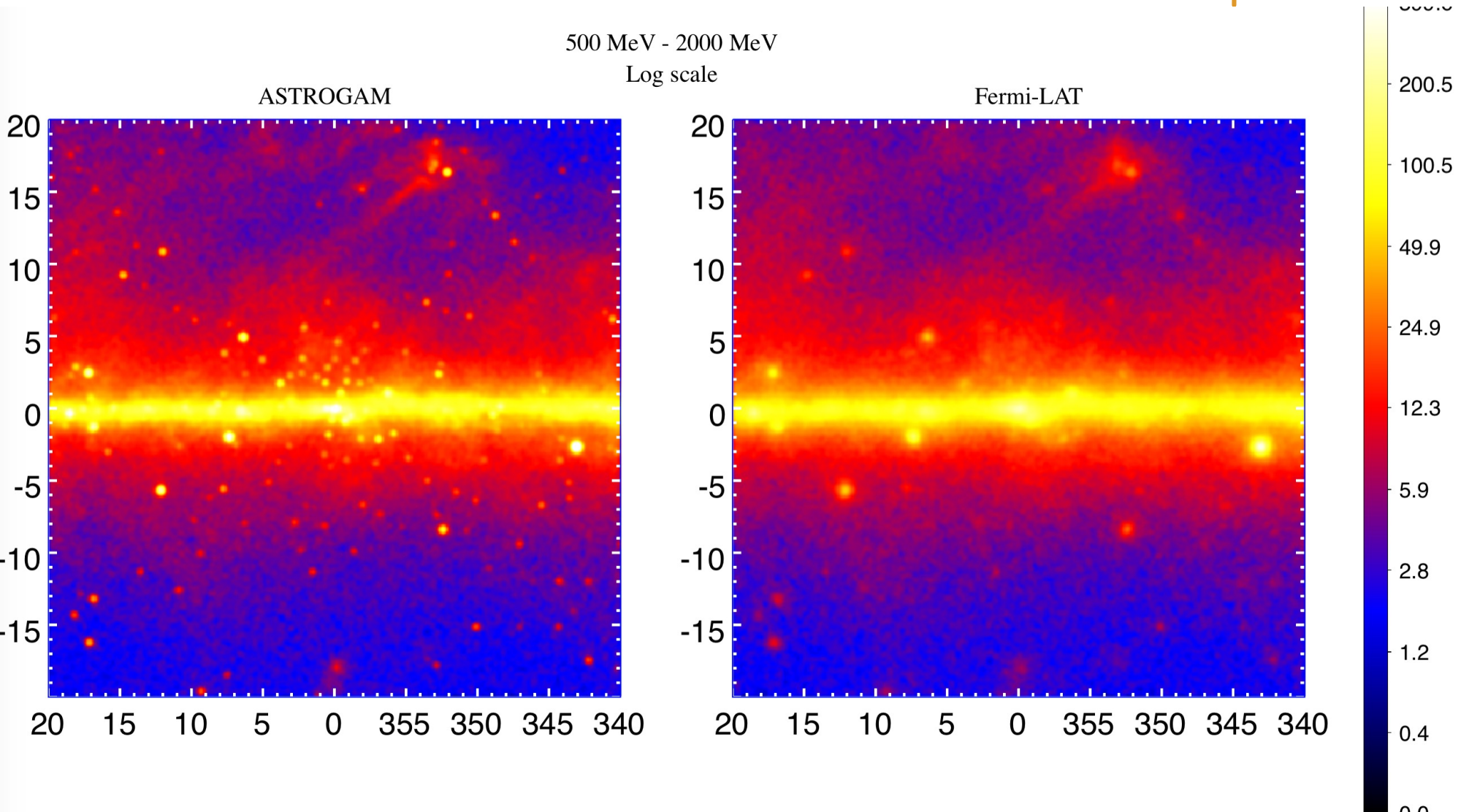
Diffuse emission modeling

Analysis of point sources near the GC

But ultimately We need a new experiment with better angular resolution below 100 MeV

Galactic Center Region 0.5-2 GeV

Fermi PSF Pass7 rep v15 source



Dark Matter in the Milky Way (from simulations)



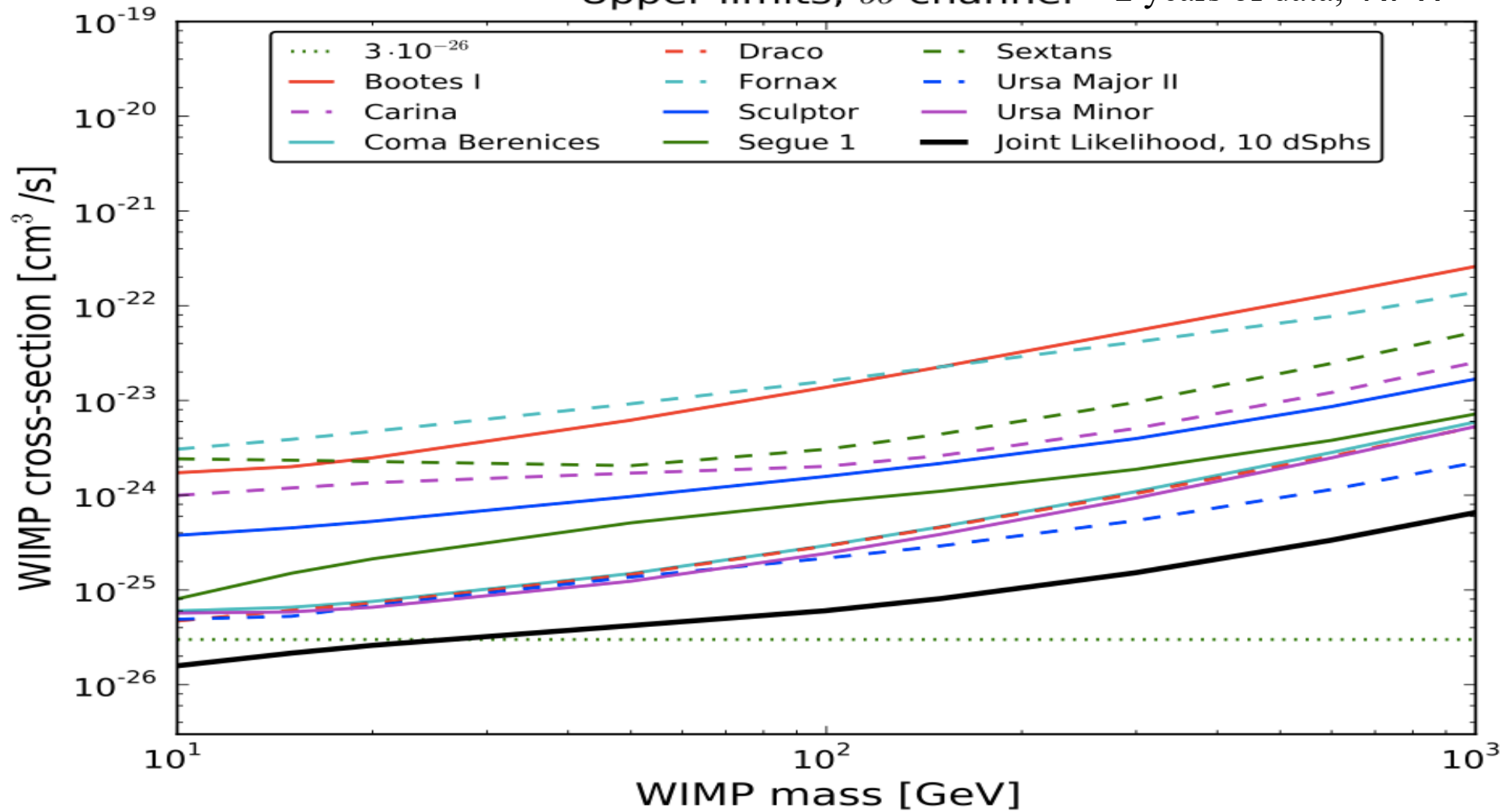
40 kpc

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, NFW

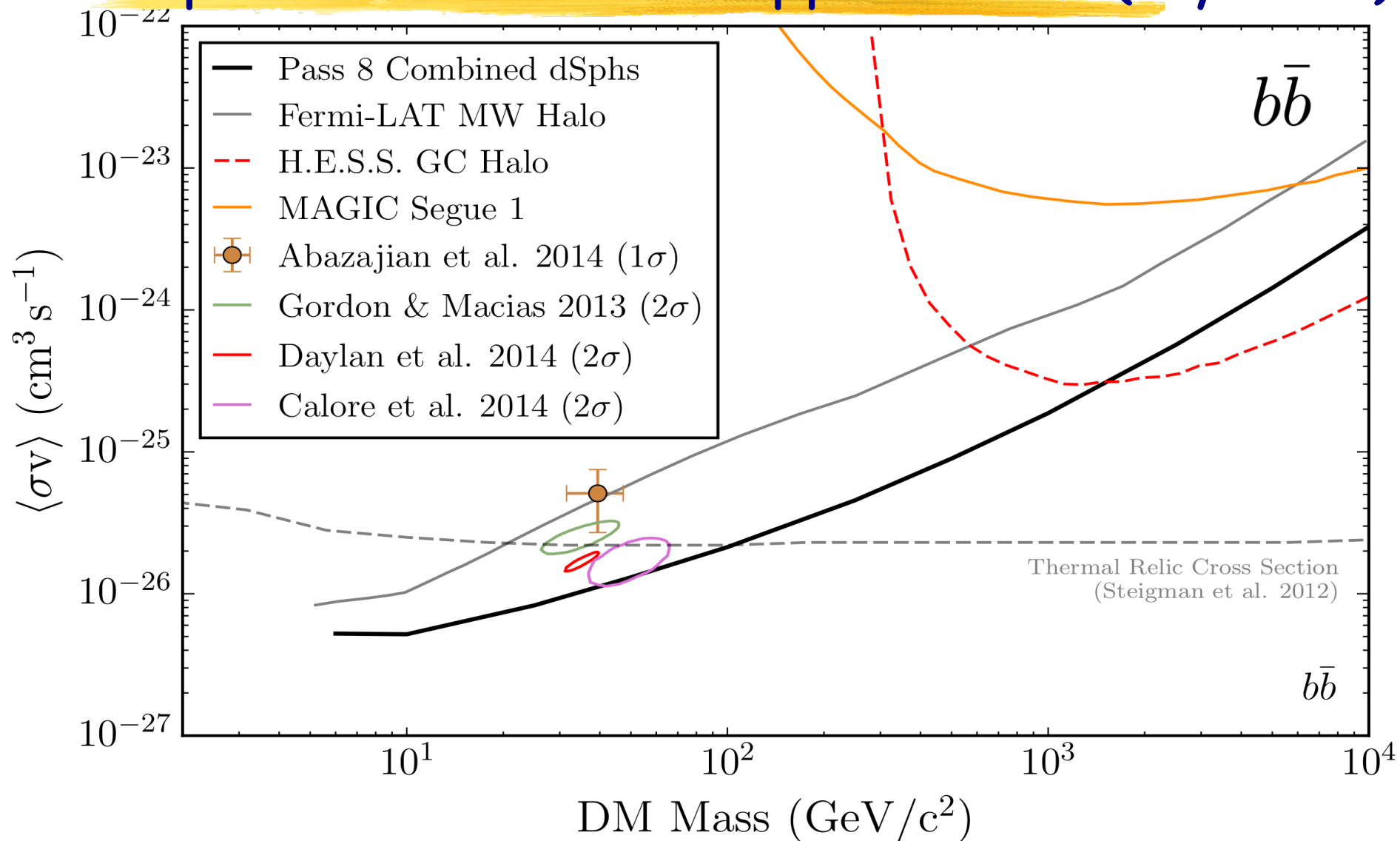


robust constraints including J-factor uncertainties from the stellar data statistical analysis



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

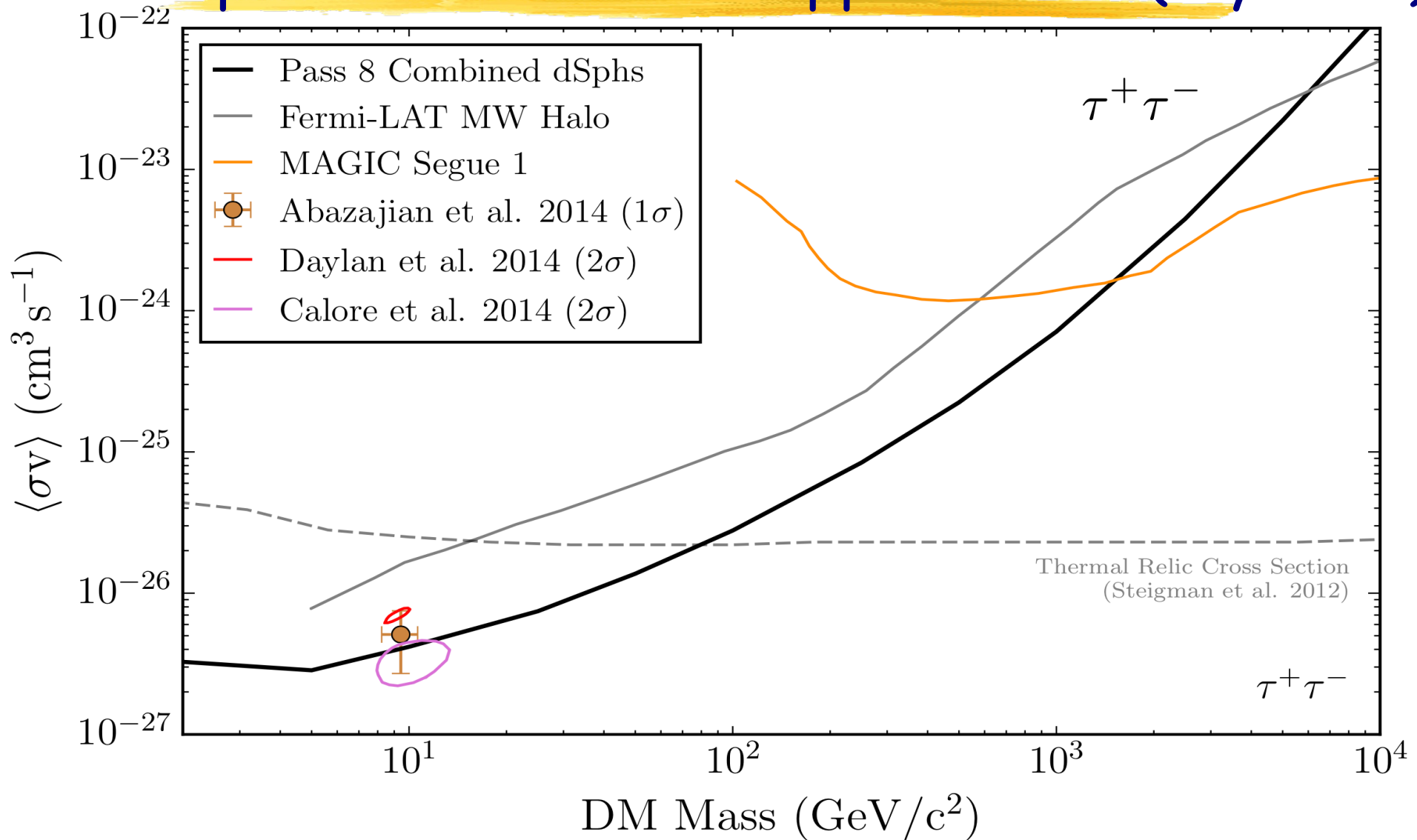
Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies upper-limits (6 years)



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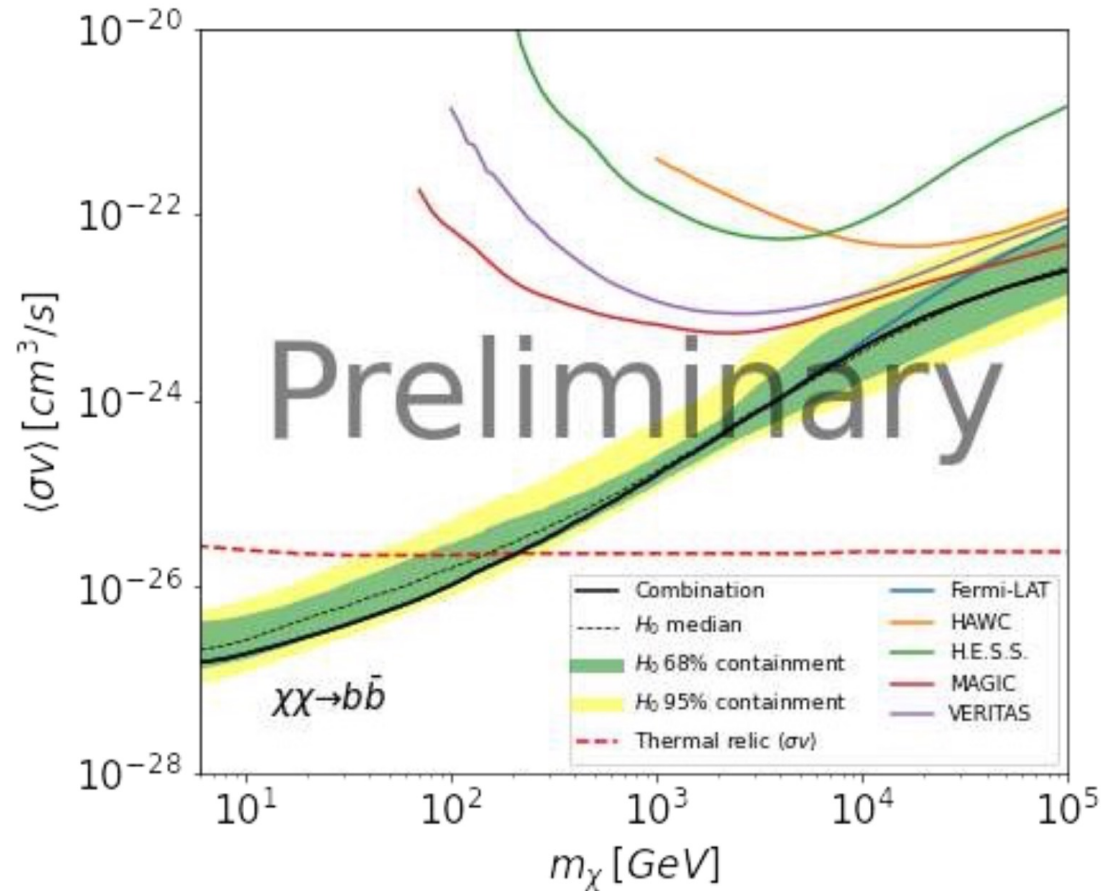
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Combining all dSph observations



- 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

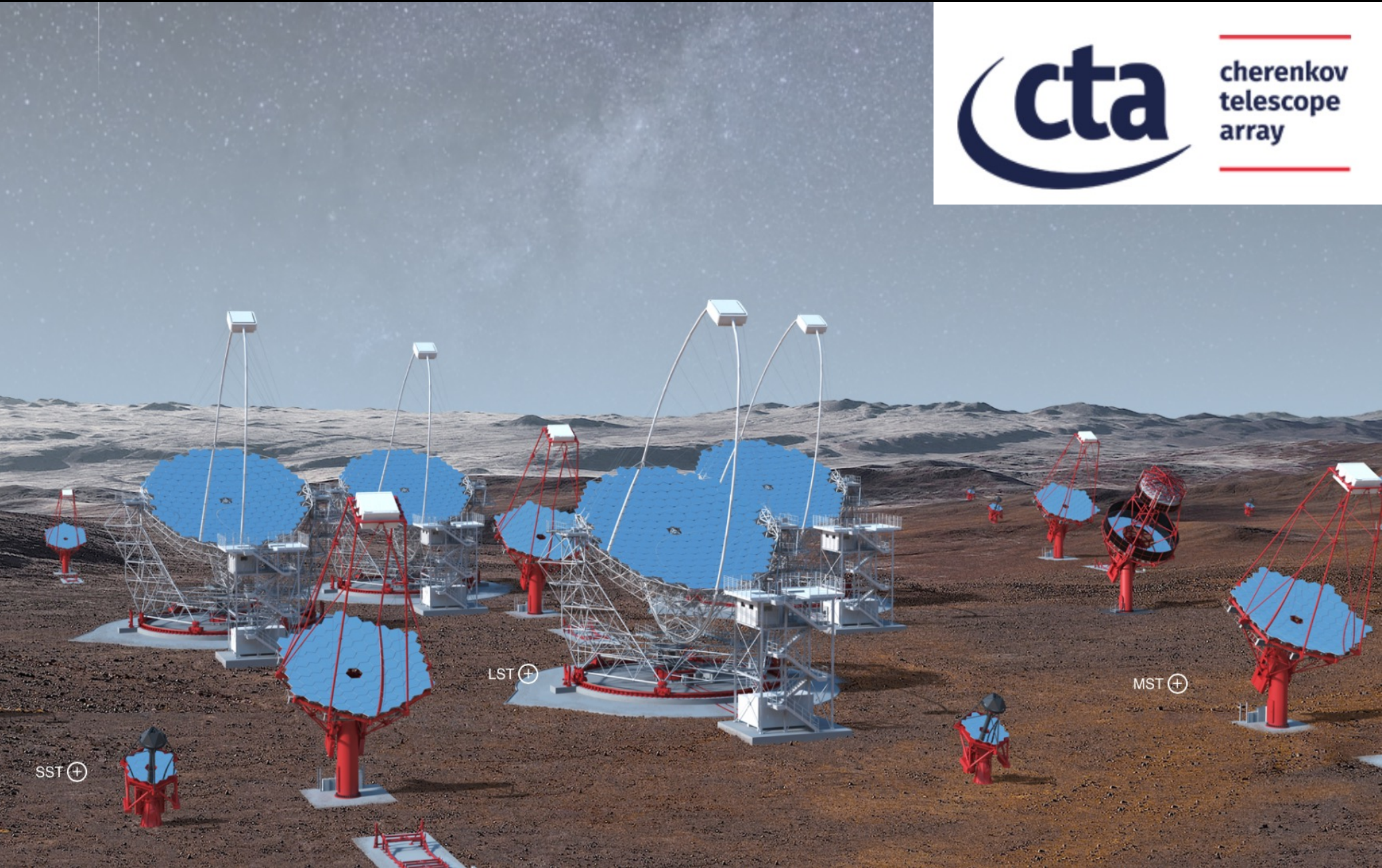
- Common elements :
 - Agreed model parameters
 - Sharable likelihood table formats
 - Joint likelihood test statistic



see Daniel Kerszberg's talk



cherenkov
telescope
array

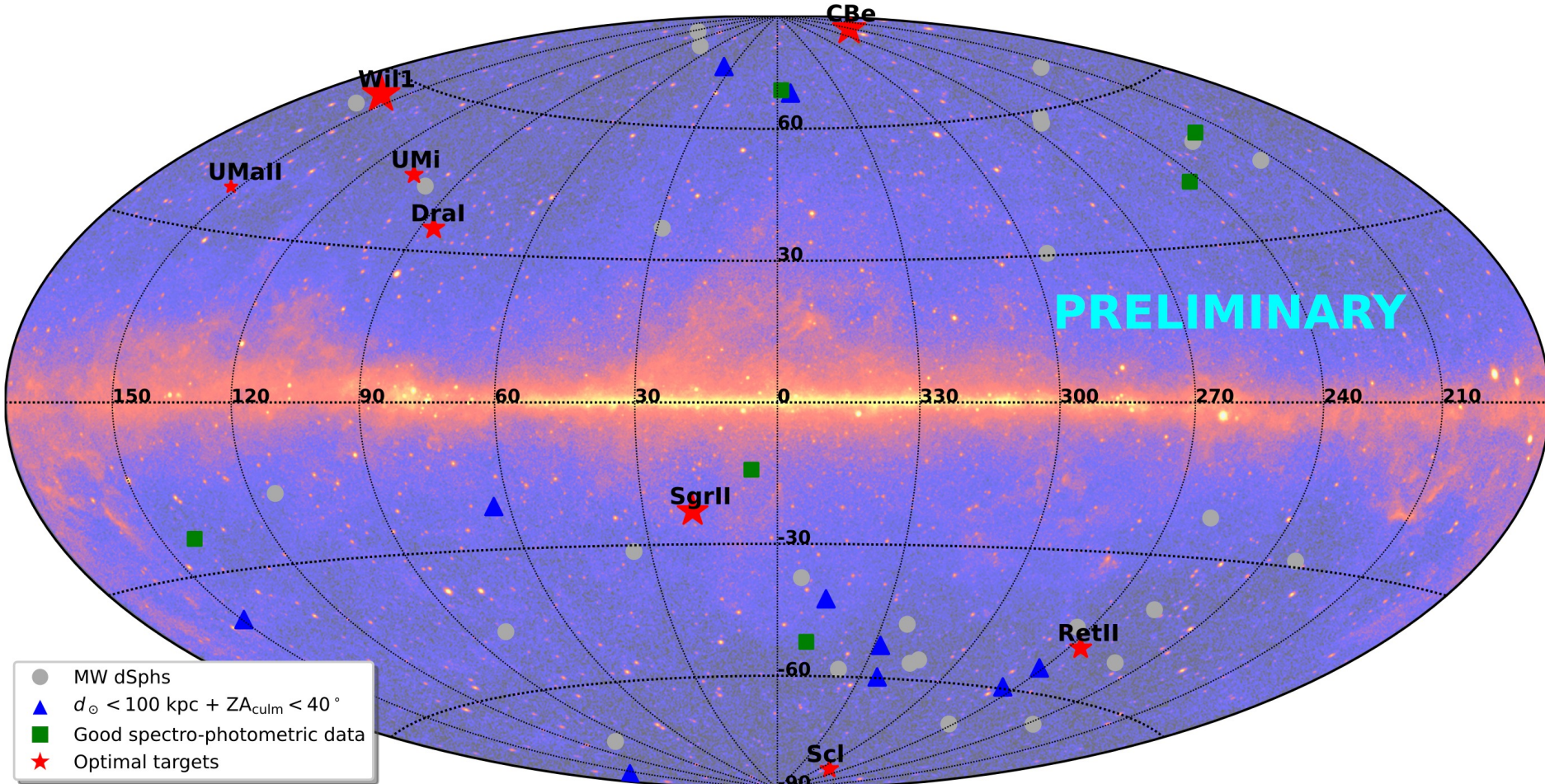


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Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies: Selection of optimal candidates for CTA

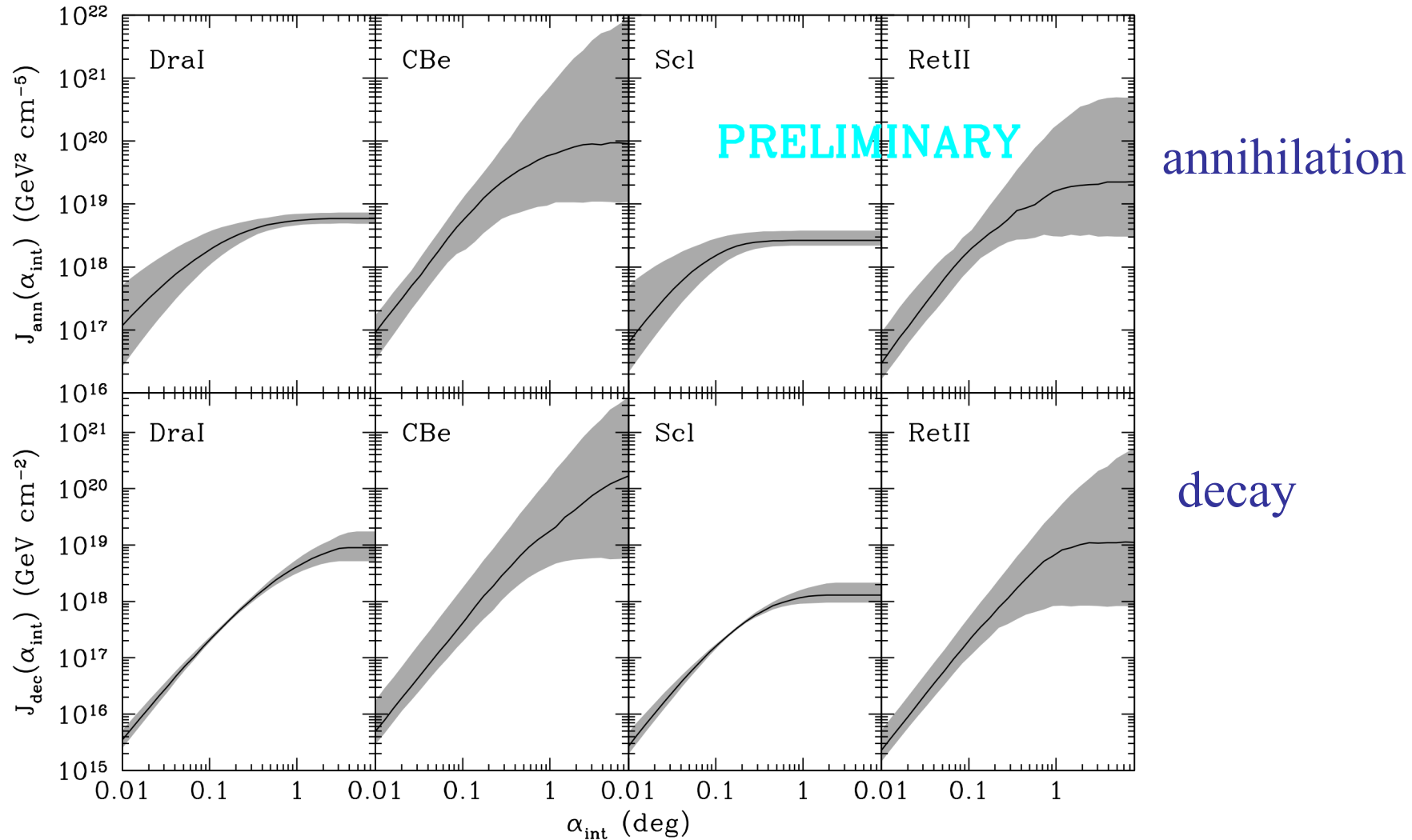


Optimal dSphs selected according to:

1. distance ($d < 100 \text{ pc}$) 2. culmination zenith angle ($ZA < 40^{\circ}$) 3. availability of good spectro-photometric data.

Surviving sample: 8 Northern dSphs (2 classical + 6 ultra-faint) 6 Southern dSphs (3 classical + 3 ultra-faint)

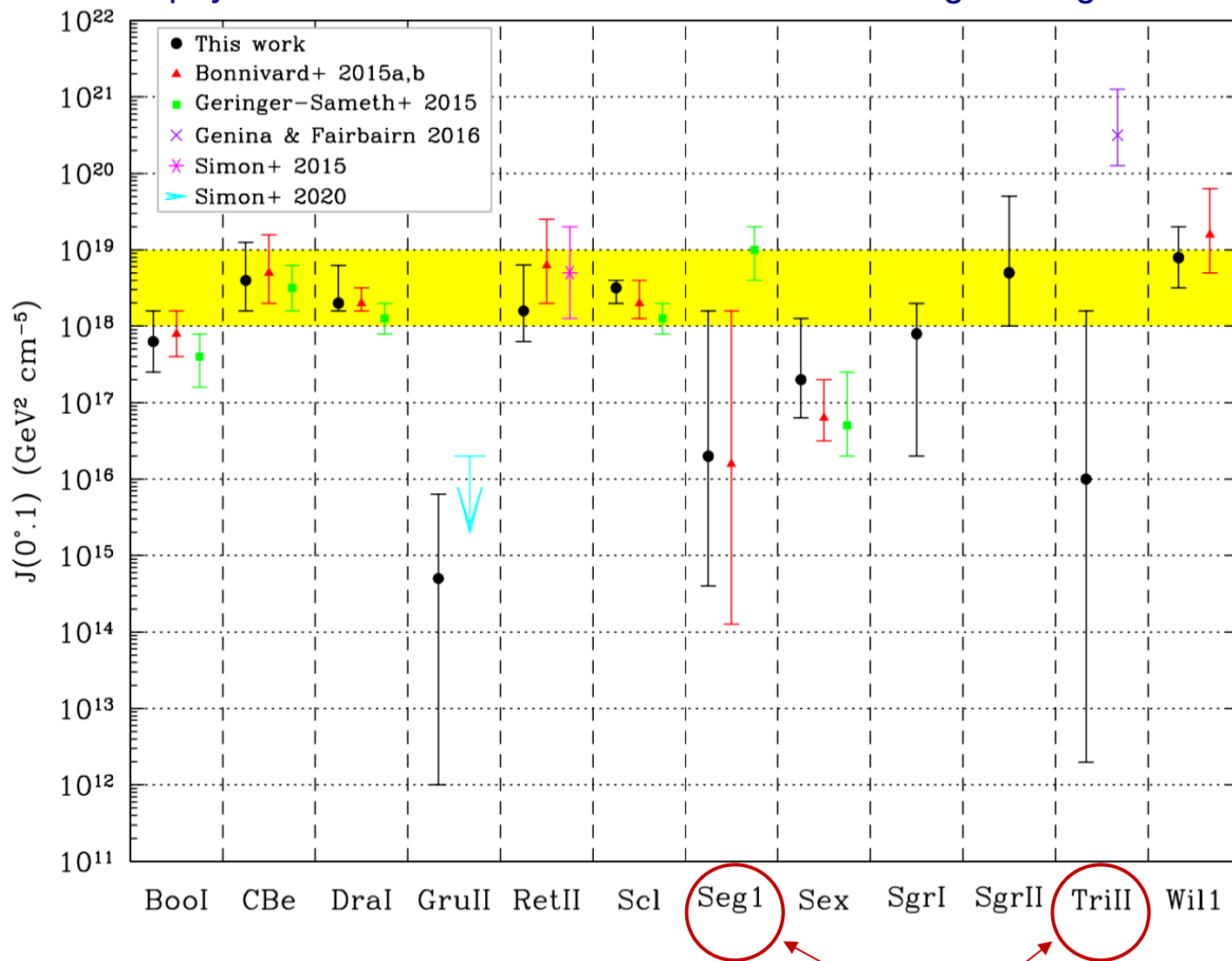
Measuring Dark Matter densities in dSph halos: MCMC Jeans analysis of dSph data



Astrophysical factors (Einasto profile) for DM annihilation and decay computed from posterior distributions of best-fit parameters as a function of the integration angle

Measuring Dark Matter densities in dSph halos

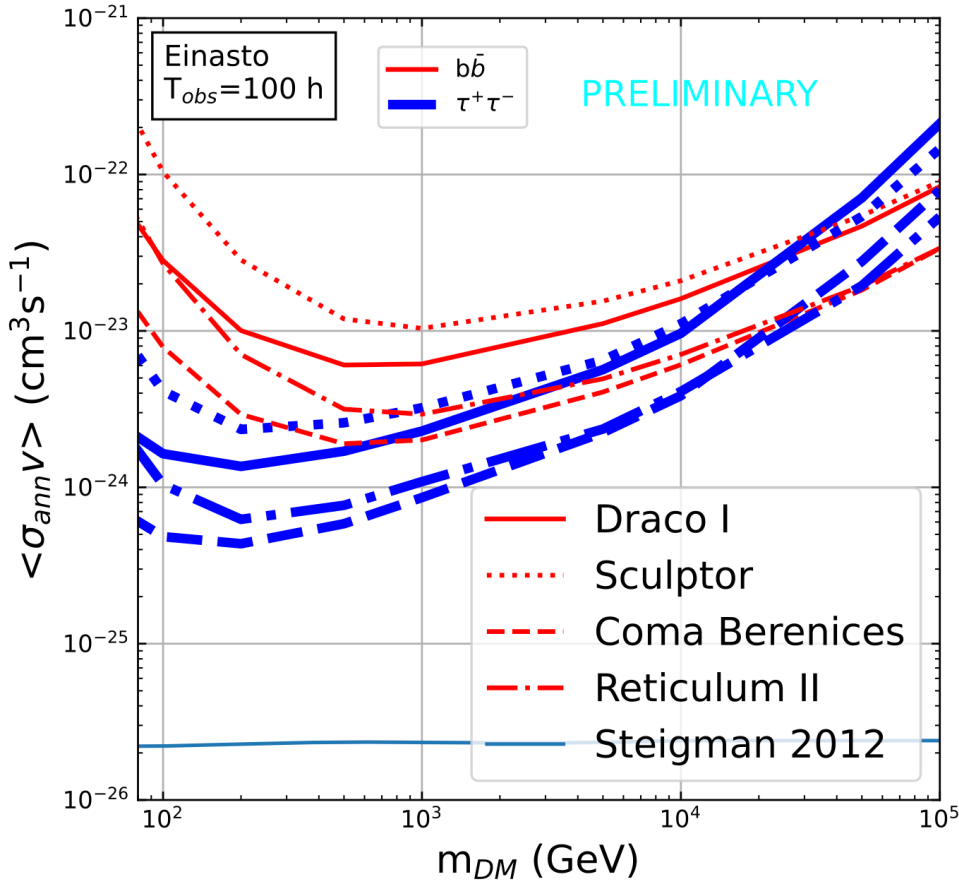
Comparison of astrophysical factor for DM annihilation within 0.1 deg of integration



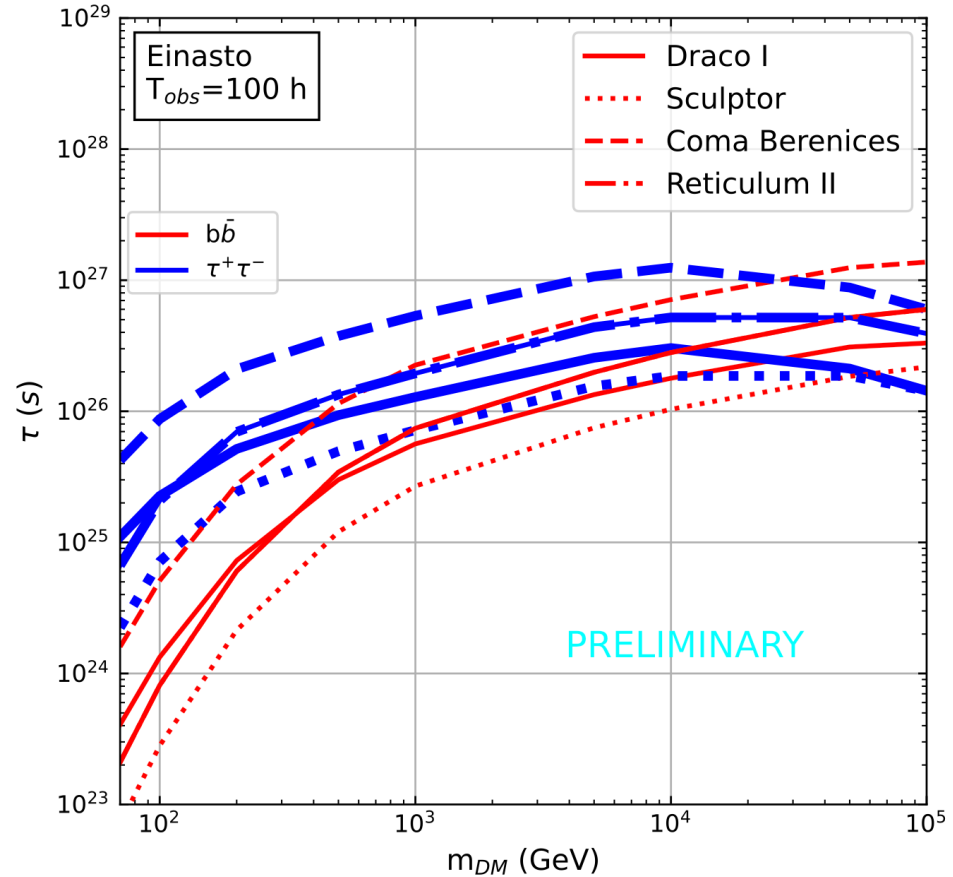
drastic reduction of J due to the detection of biases in their sample of stars

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies: CTA Sensitivity

computed upper limits on annihilating DM cross sections

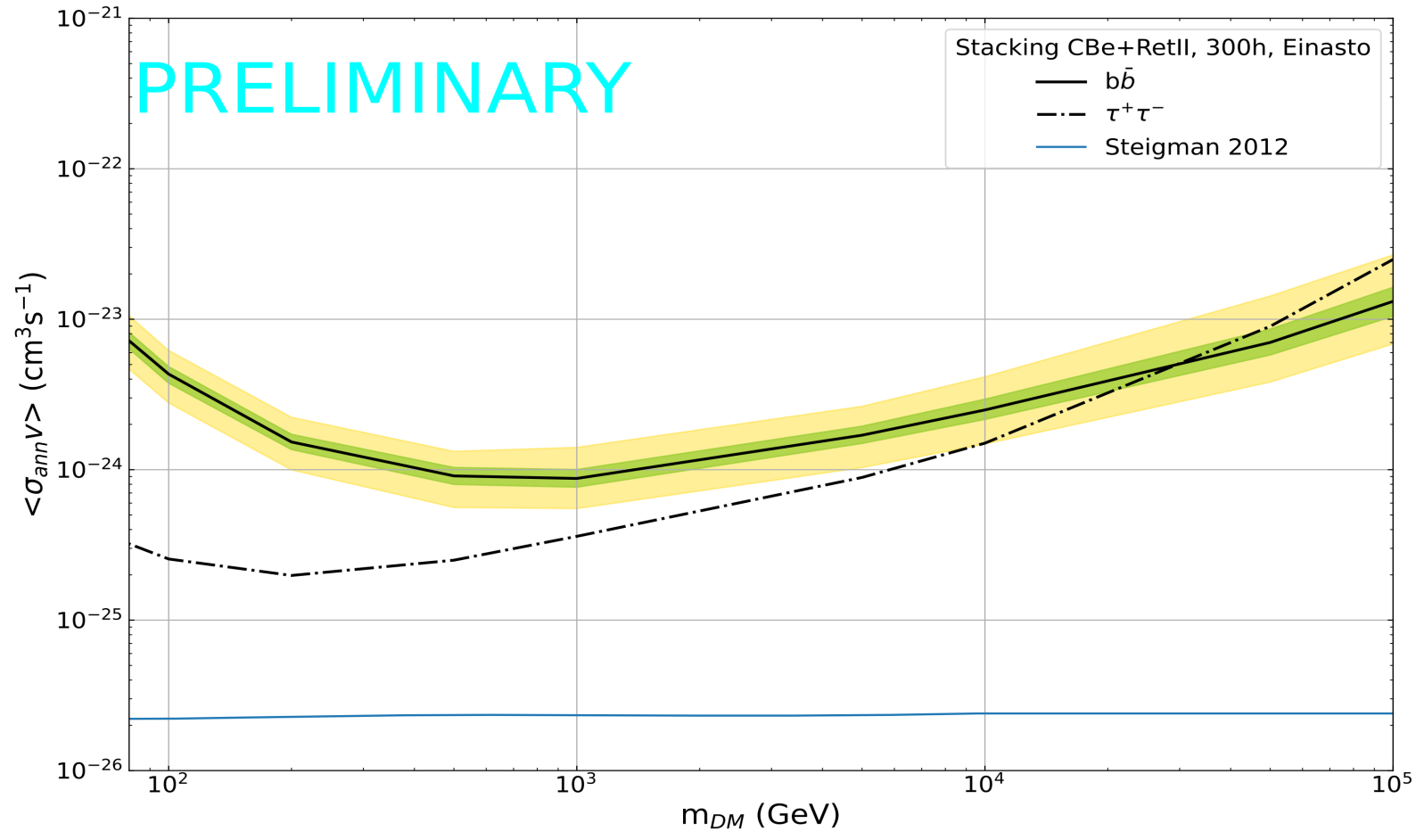


computed lower limits on the particle lifetime



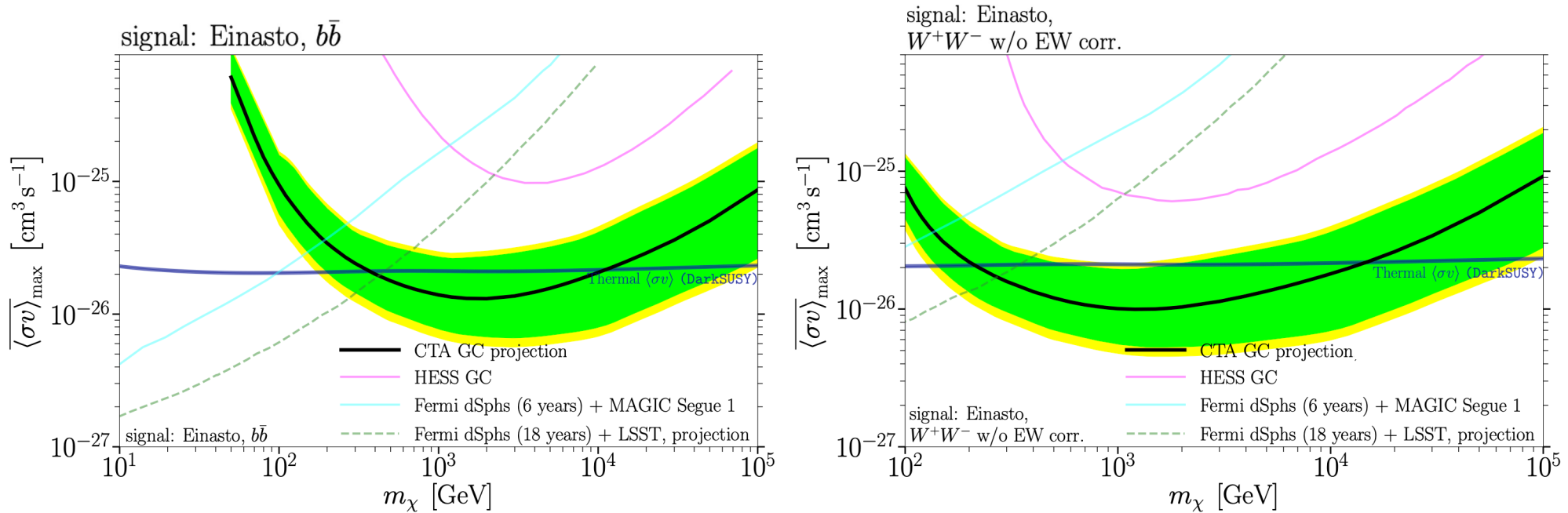
computed with the Einasto DM density profile derived by CLUMPY, assuming 100 h of observation for annihilation in the two pure DM channels $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies: Stacking analysis



- Stacking analysis performed on 600 h of CBe+RetII observations (300 h each) for the DM annihilation into $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$
- Depending on the choice of target and the interaction channel, CTA can reach x-sections $<10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for DM particle masses $>1 \text{ TeV}$.

Galactic center CTA Sensitivity



• Einasto profile

525 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]

CTA 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

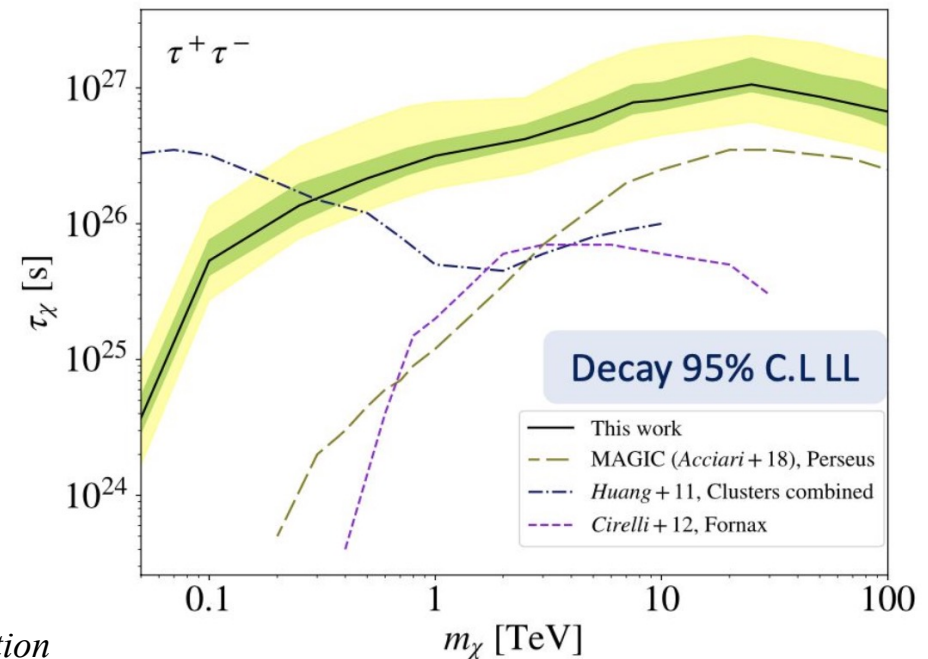
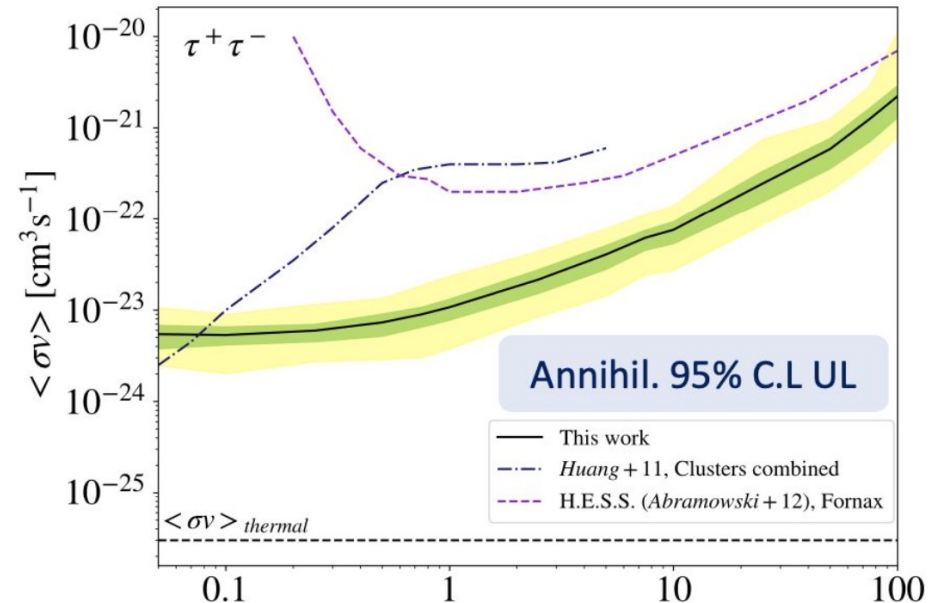
- galaxy clusters

very massive (best for decay)

Perseus cluster

Expected CTA sensitivity

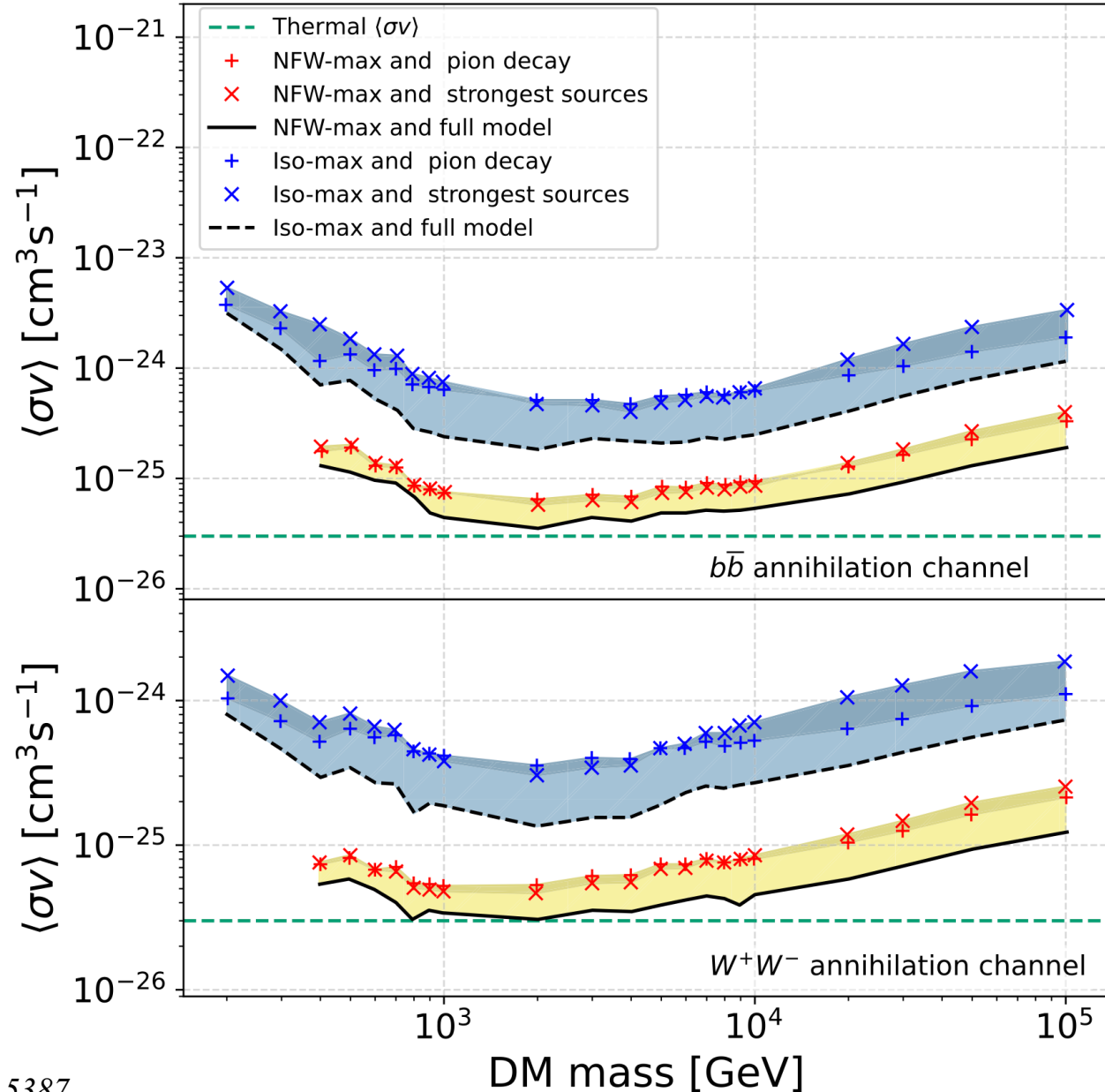
- Distance: 75 Mpc
- Dark matter content: $\log_{10}J [\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-5}] = 18.43$
 $\log_{10}D[\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-2}] = 19.20$
- Observation time: 300 h
- Astrophysical gamma-ray sources:
 - Active Galactic Nuclei
 - diffuse emission (CR interactions)



The CTA Consortium, in preparation

DM searches in the Large Magellanic Cloud

- Distance: 50.1 kpc
- Dark matter content:
 $\log_{10}J[\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-5}] = 21.14$
- Observation time: 340 h
- Astrophysical gamma-ray sources:
 - 4 known sources: SNR, PWN
 - diffuse emission (CR interactions)



CTA Search for Dark Matter beyond WIMP

Axion Like Particle (ALP) search prospects

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

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

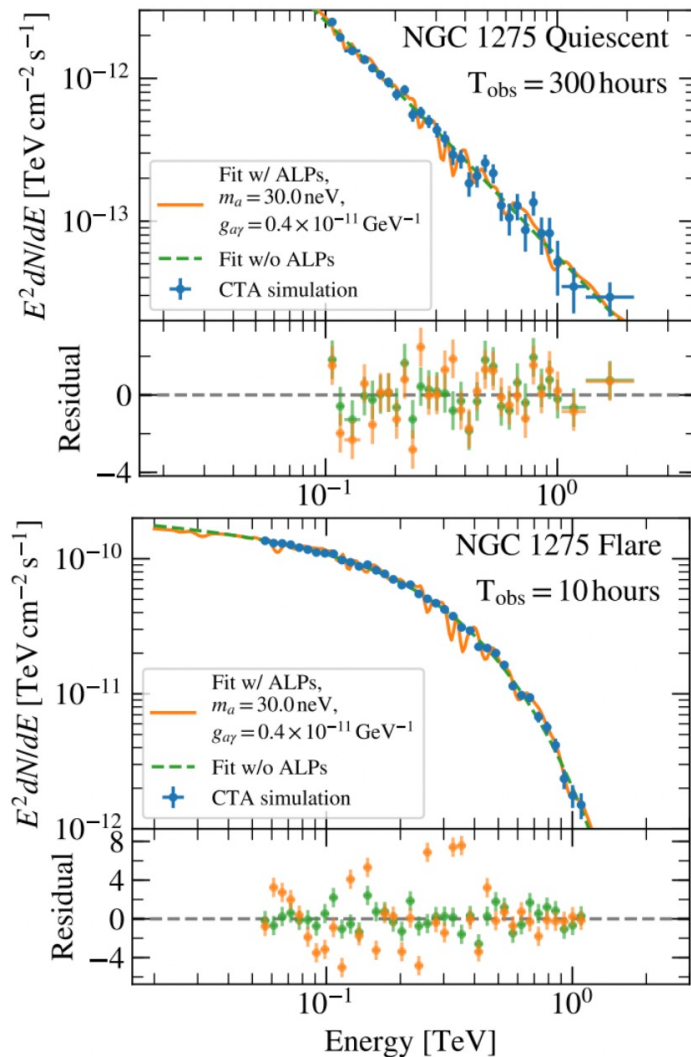
$$P_{a\gamma} \sim \sin^2\left(\frac{g_{a\gamma} B l}{2}\right),$$

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

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

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



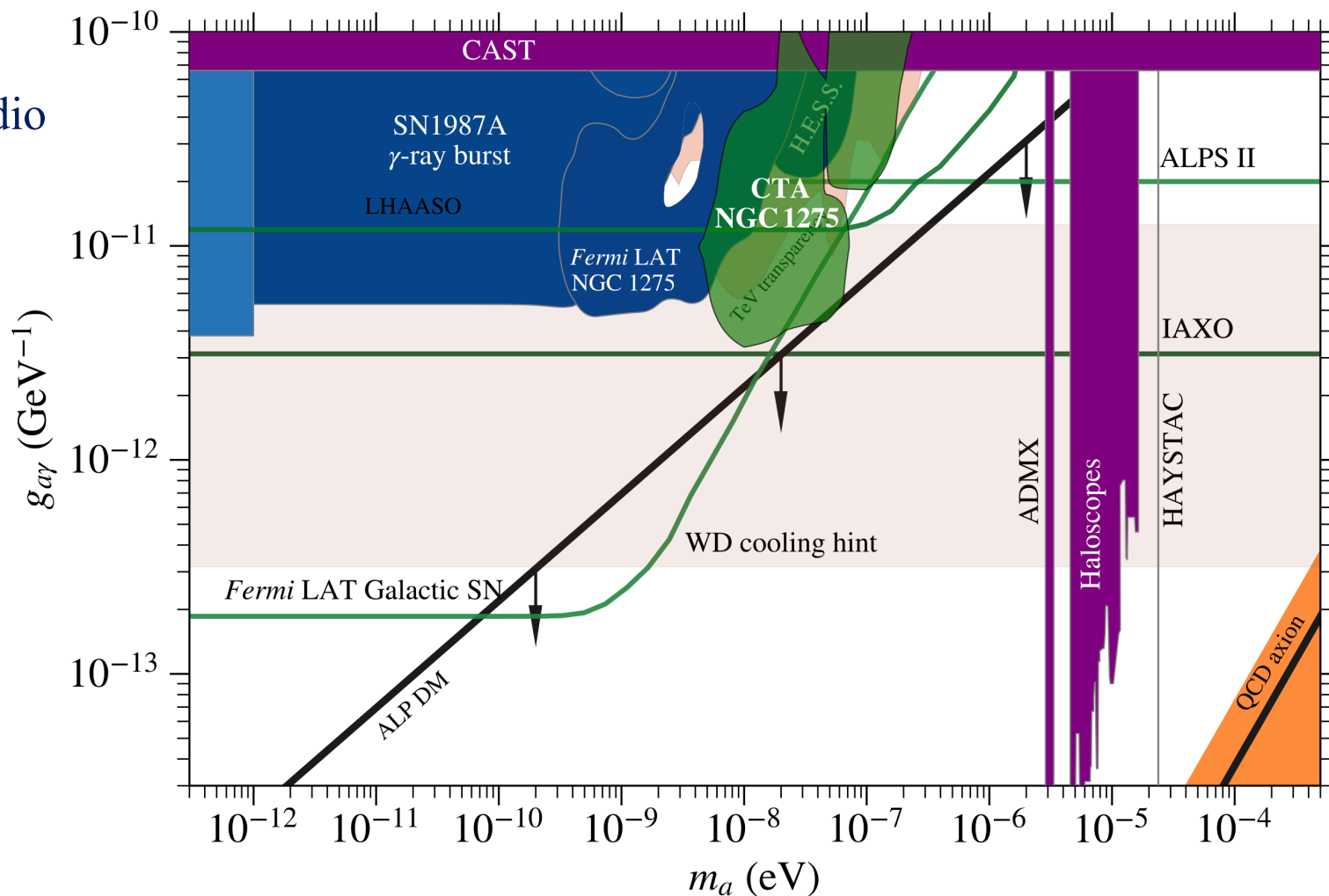
The CTA Consortium, JCAP 02 (2021) 048, 2021 [arXiv:2010.01349]

CTA Search for Dark Matter beyond WIMP

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.



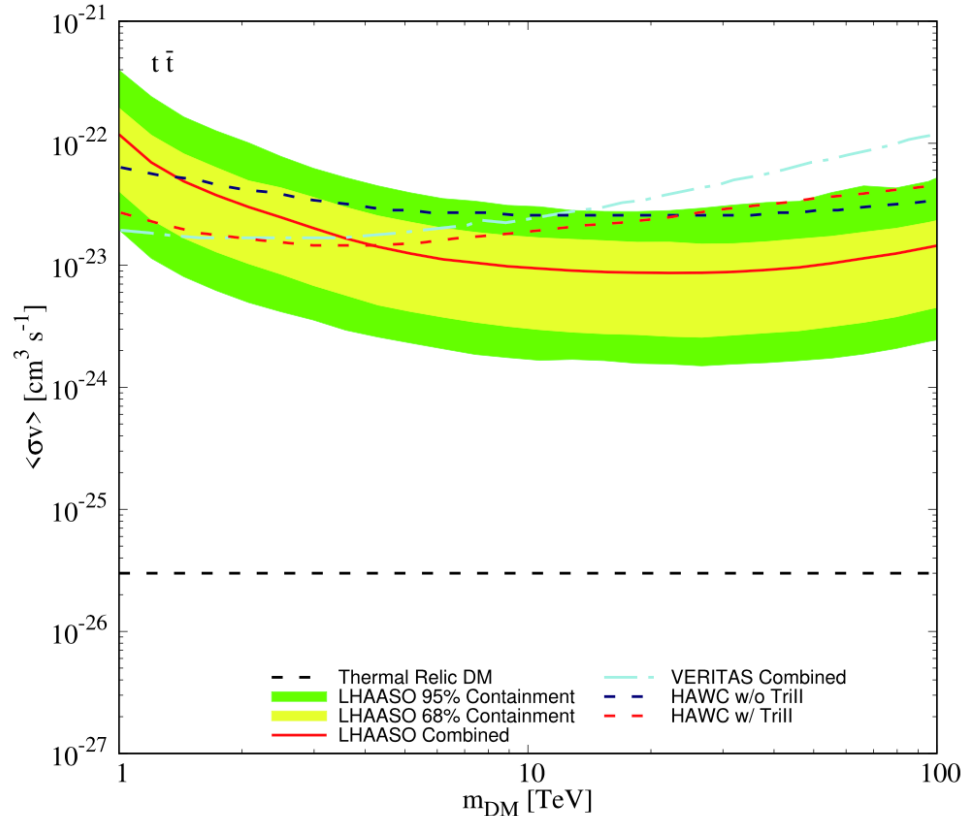
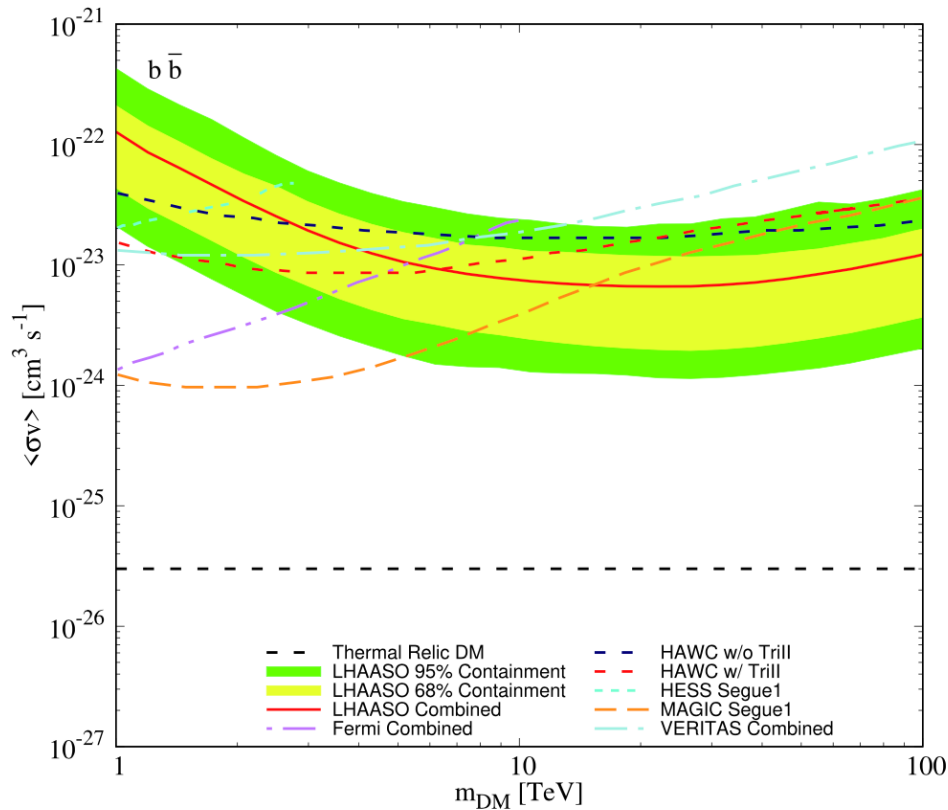
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LHAASO



Mt. Haizi 4410 altitude

Combined one-year LHAASO sensitivities

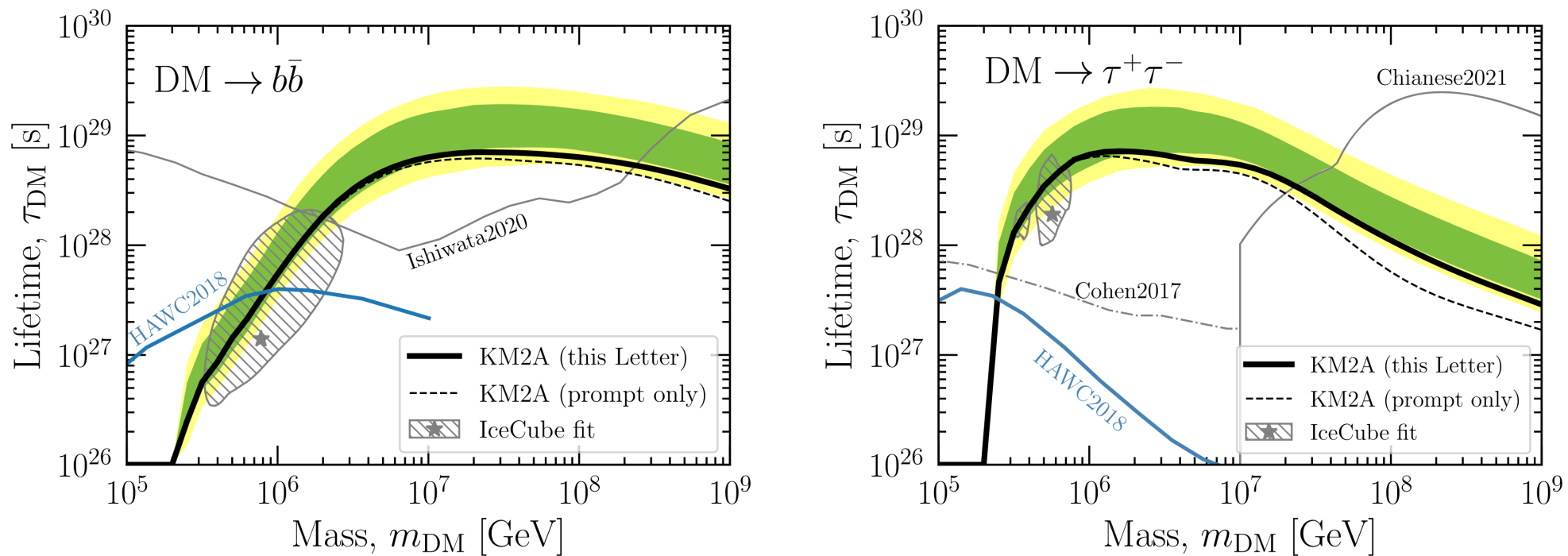


The LHAASO median combined sensitivities (red solid lines) and related two-sided 68% (yellow bands) and 95% (green bands) containment bands of one year for the $b\bar{b}$, $t\bar{t}$ for 19 dSphs within the LHAASO FOV



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

Constraints on Heavy Decaying Dark Matter from 570 Days of LHAASO Observations

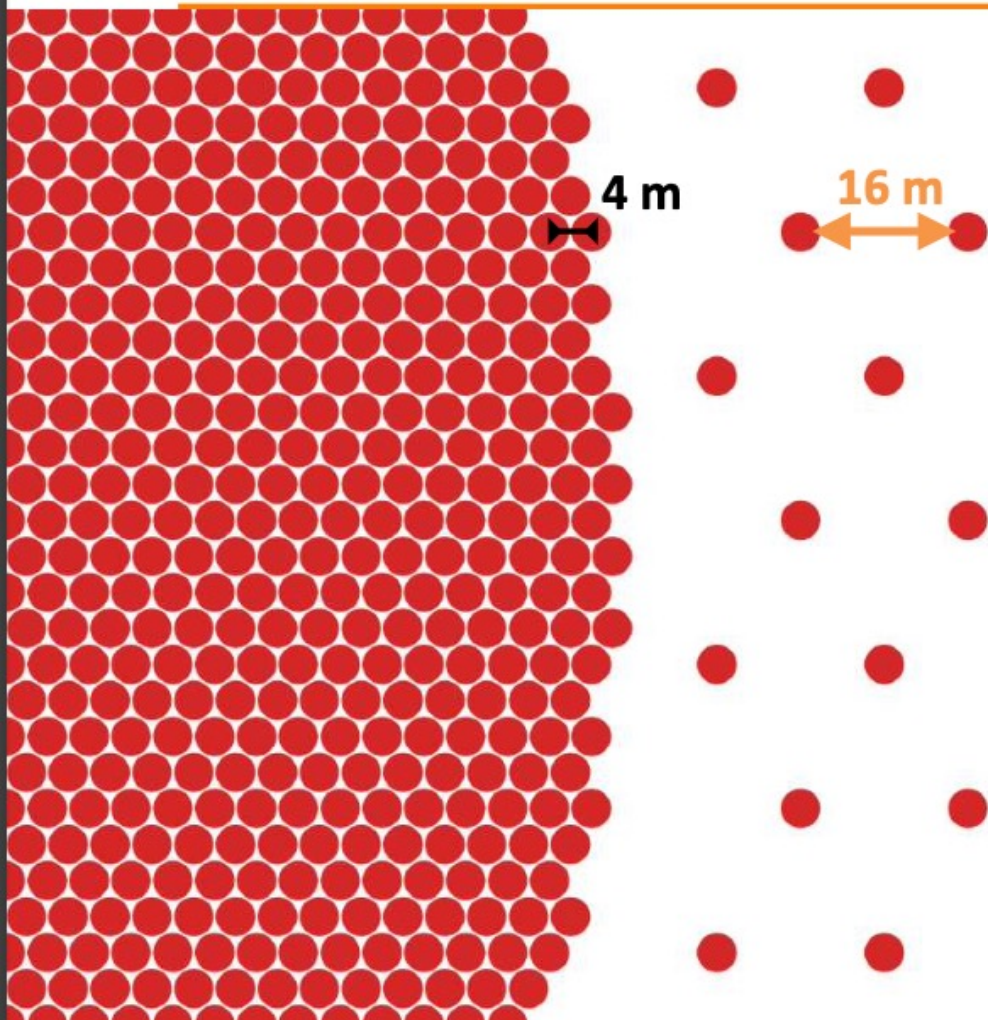


95% one-sided lower limits on DM lifetime obtained with the profile likelihood analysis (thick black lines), for DM decaying into b quarks (left) or τ leptons (right). The black dashed line shows the limit for prompt DM contribution only. The green and yellow bands correspond to the expected 68% and 95% limit ranges from Monte Carlo simulations with the background-only hypothesis. Previous limits are shown with gray and blue lines. The hatched regions show the 1σ DM parameter space favored by IceCube high-energy neutrino flux



Z. Cao et al. (LHAASO Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 261103 (2022)

The baseline detector concept

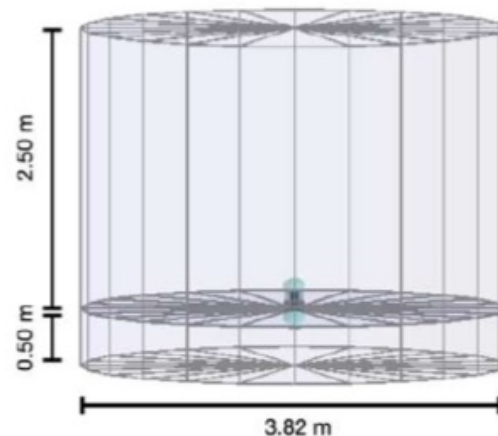


Core: \varnothing 320 m, FF = 80%
5,700 WCD units

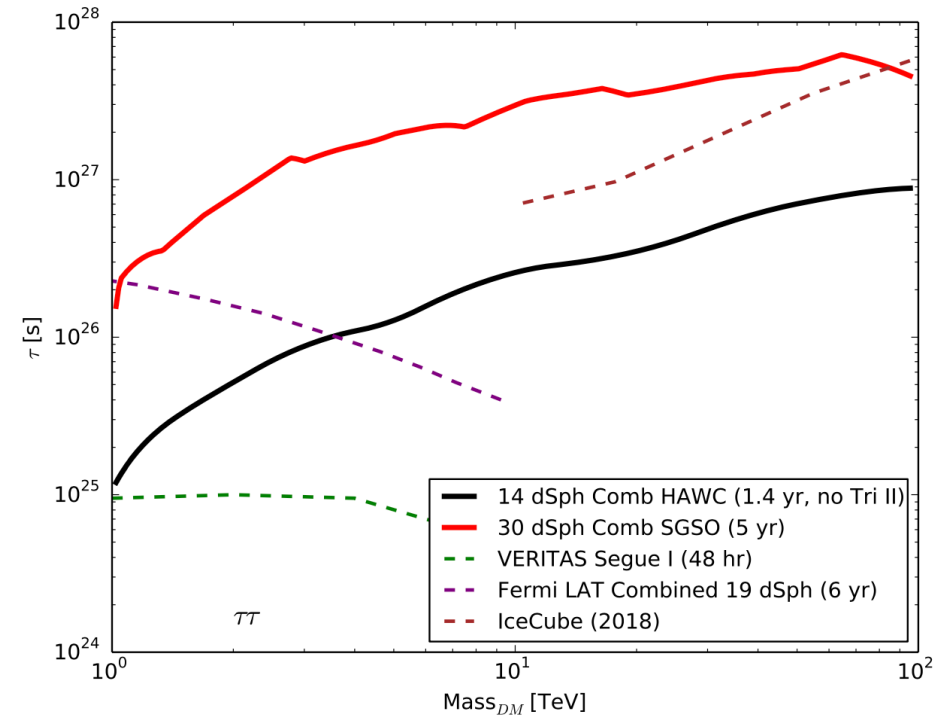
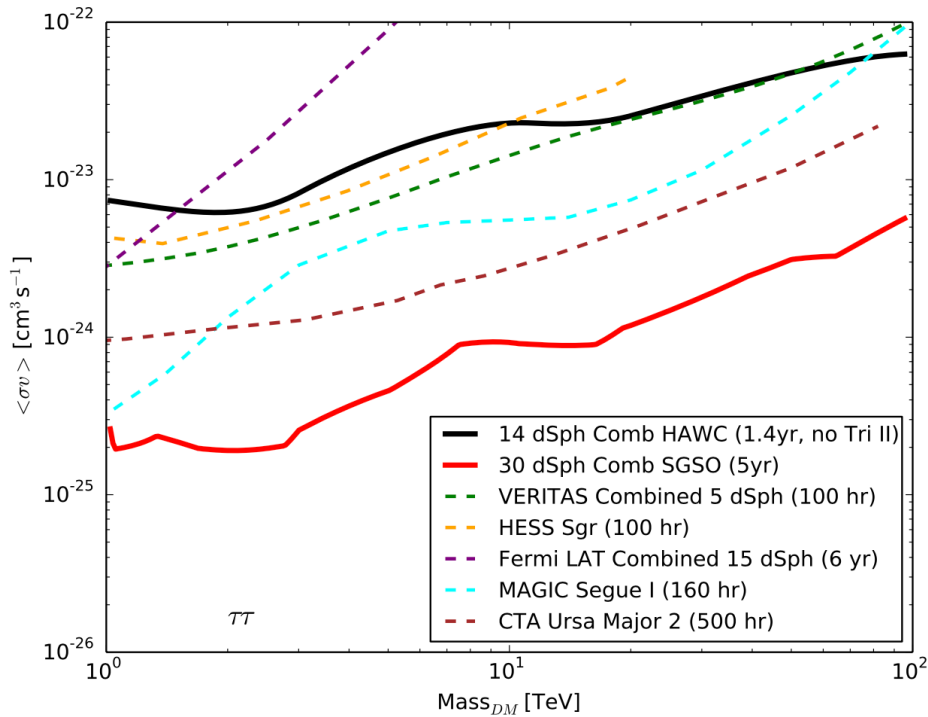
Outer: \varnothing 600 m, FF = 5%
880 WCD units

Altitude: 4,700 m a.s.l.

✧ muon counting



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

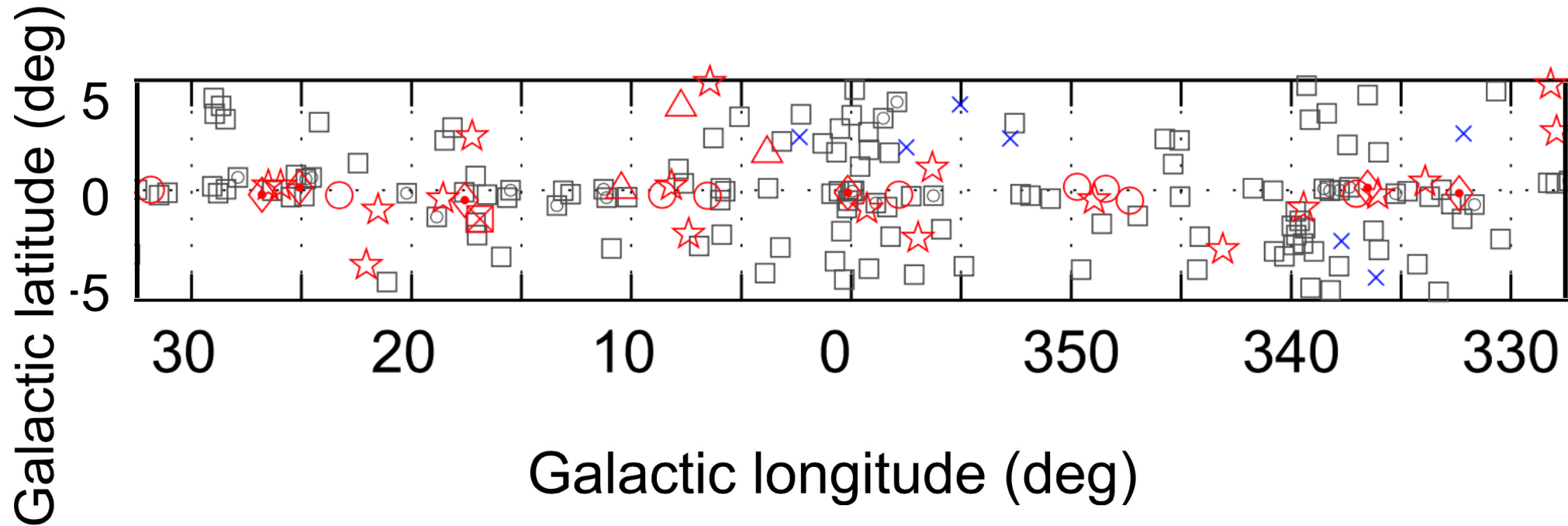
The Low Energy Frontier



The Fermi LAT 3FGL Inner Galactic Region

August 4, 2008, to July 31, 2010

100 MeV to 300 GeV energy range

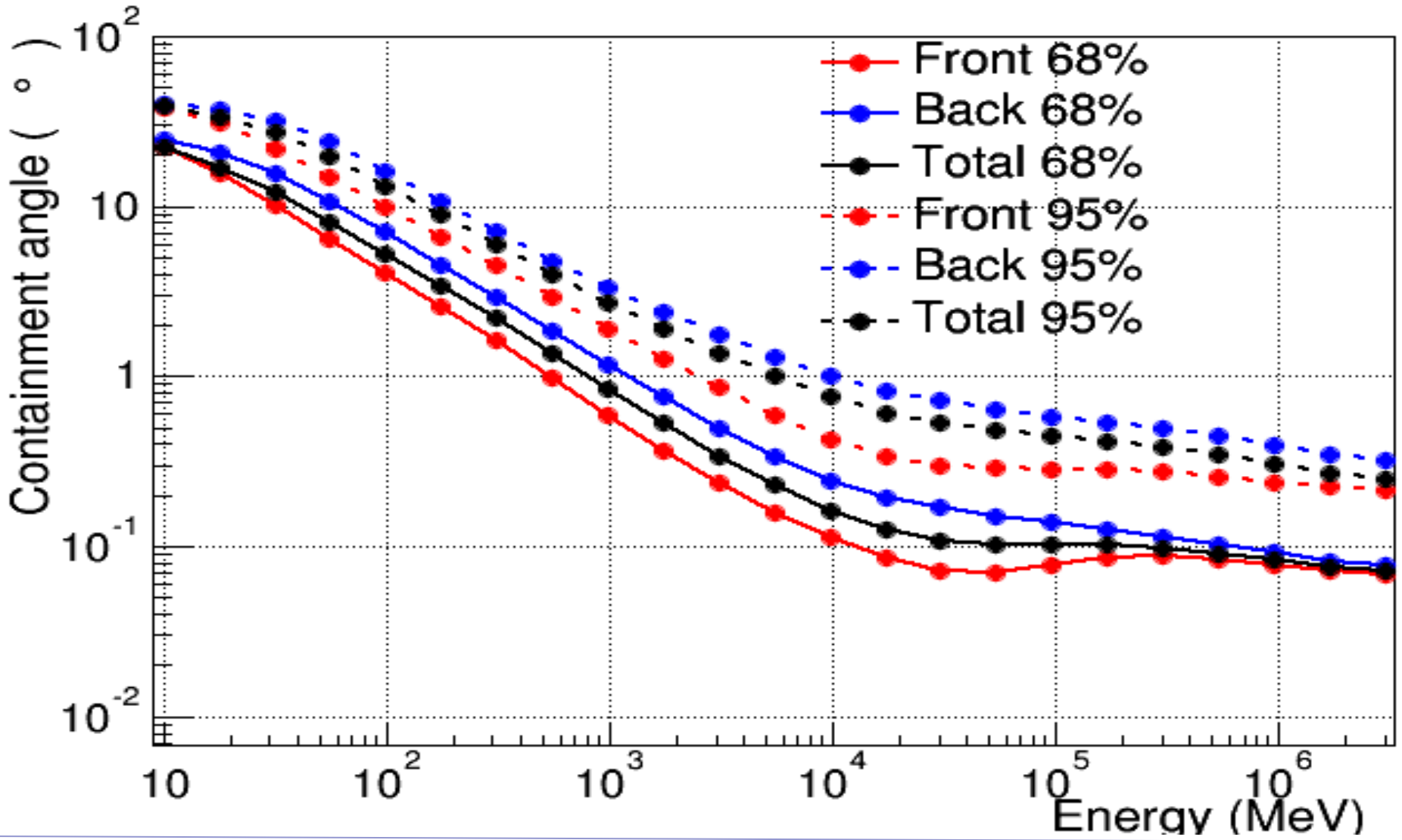


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☆ Pulsar	△ Globular cluster	* Starburst Galaxy
⊠ Binary	+ Galaxy	○ SNR
★ Star-forming region		◇ PWN
		★ Nova

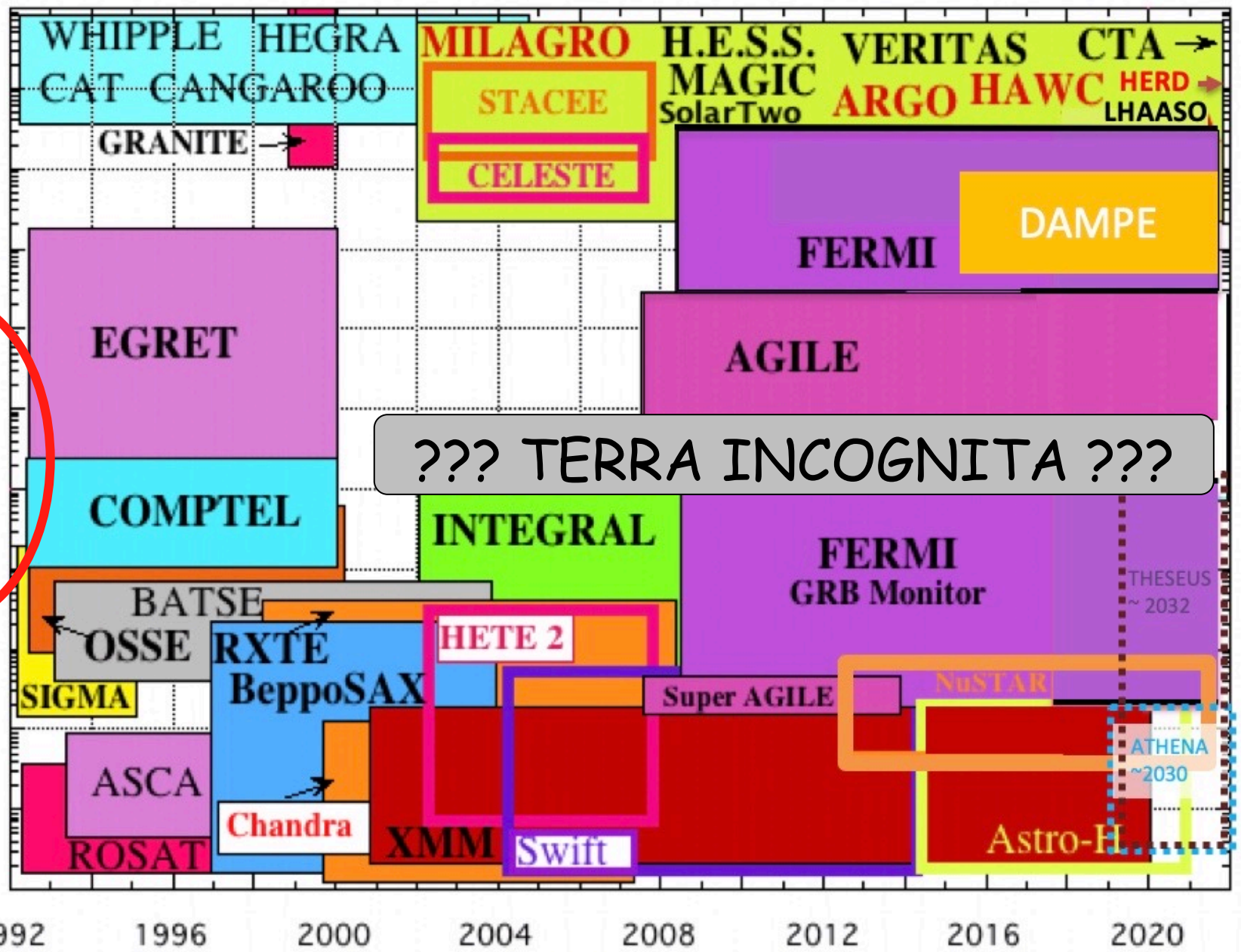
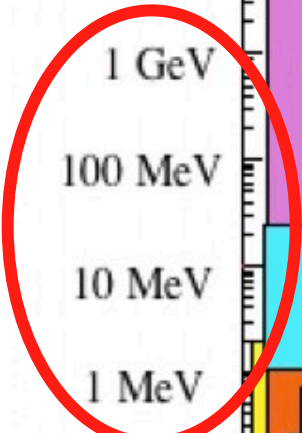

Fermi Coll. ApJS
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Fermi-LAT Instrument Response Functions (Pass 8) Angular Resolution

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Energy

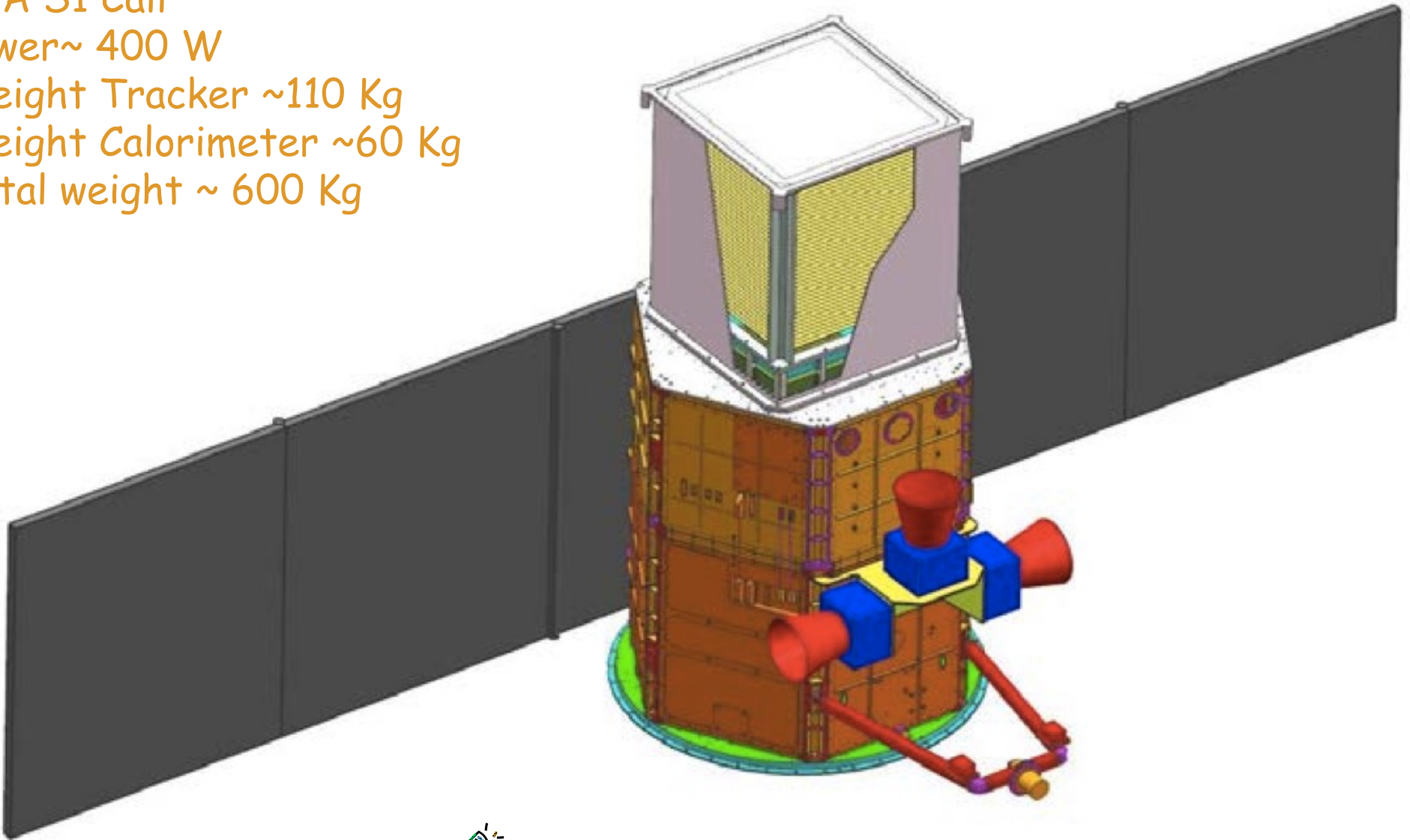


Year

- 1-100 MeV unexplored domain for
 - Dark Matter searches
 - Galactic compact stars and nucleosynthesis
 - Cosmic rays
 - Relativistic jets, microquasars
 - Blazars
 - Gamma-Ray Bursts
 - Solar physics
- and...
 - Terrestrial Gamma-Ray Flashes

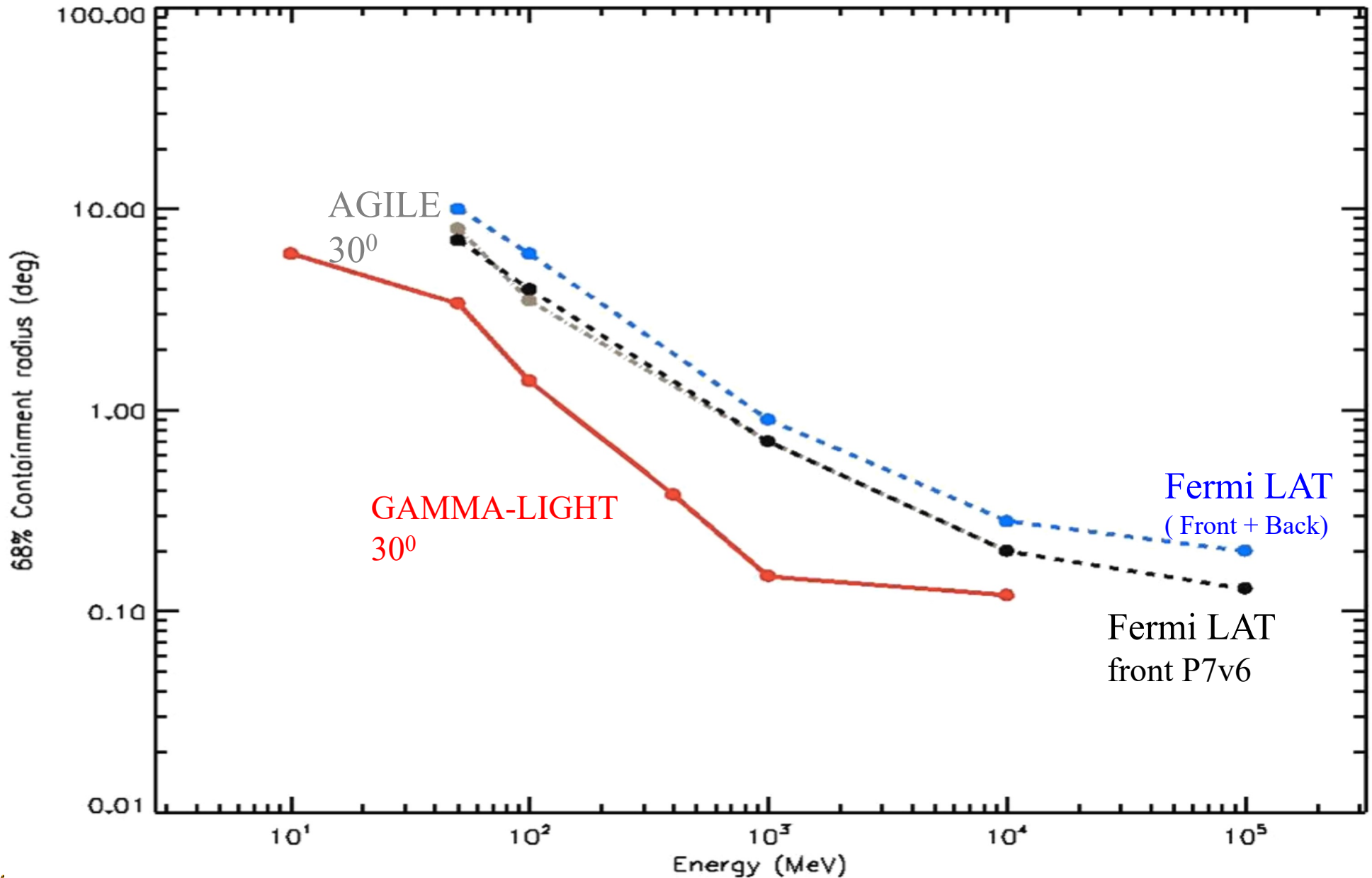
Gamma-light project

ESA S1 Call
Power ~ 400 W
Weight Tracker ~ 110 Kg
Weight Calorimeter ~ 60 Kg
Total weight ~ 600 Kg



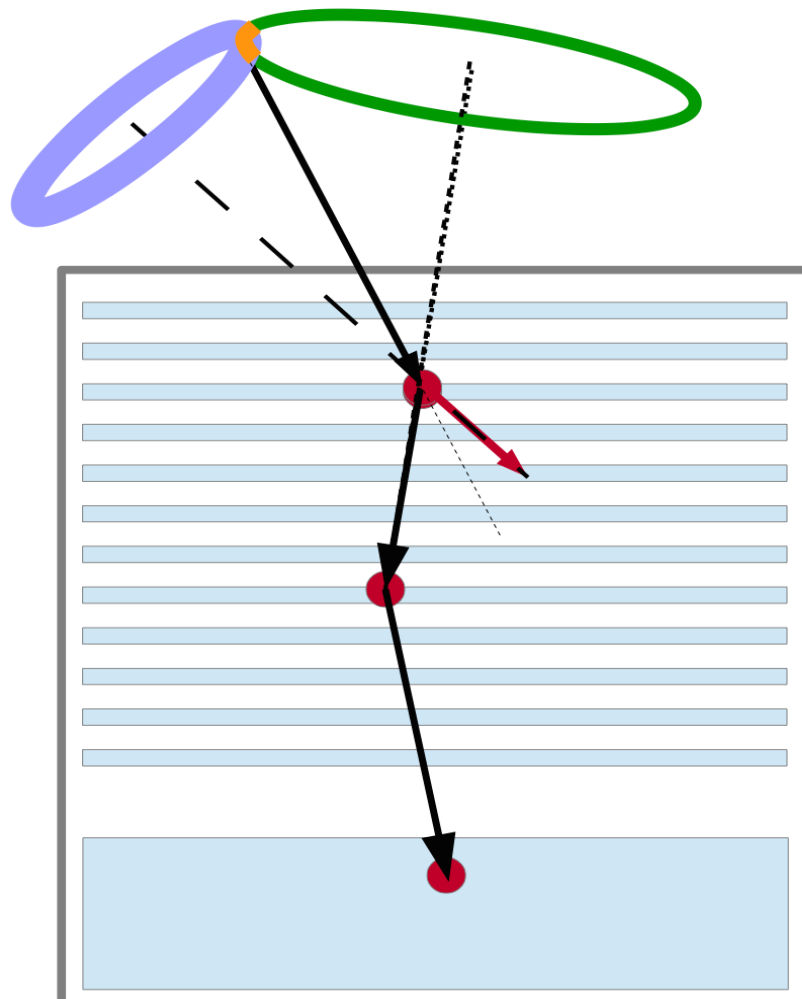
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Gamma-Light Point Spread Function (angular resolution)

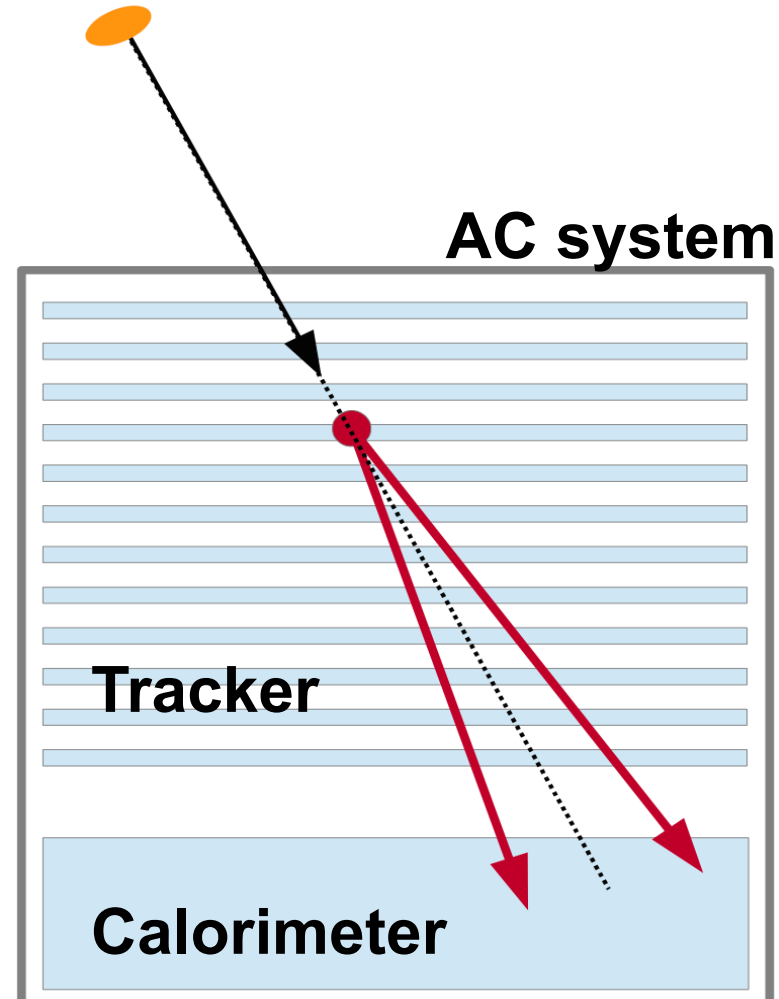


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An instrument that combine two detection techniques



Tracked Compton event

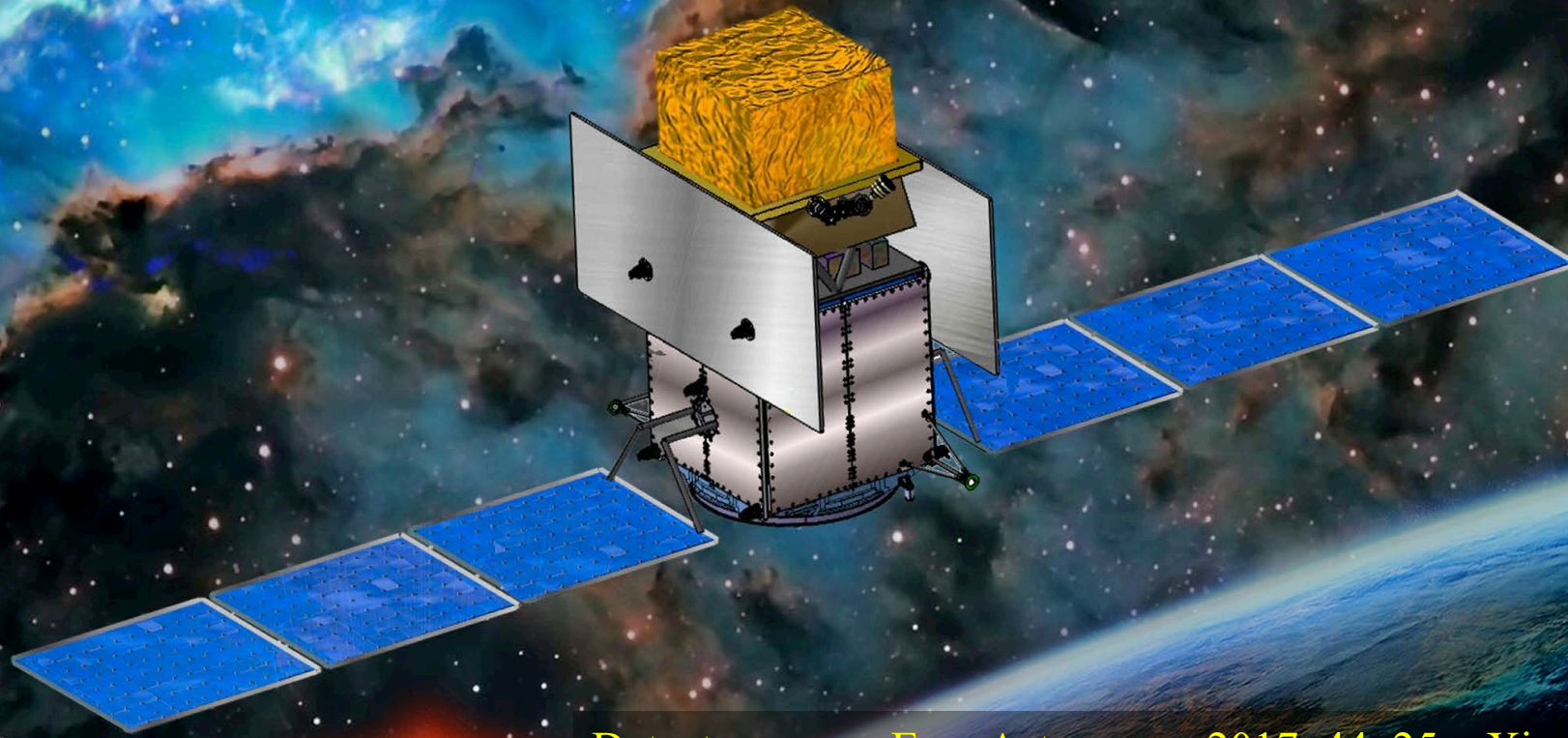


Pair event

e-ASTROGAM

at the heart of the extreme Universe

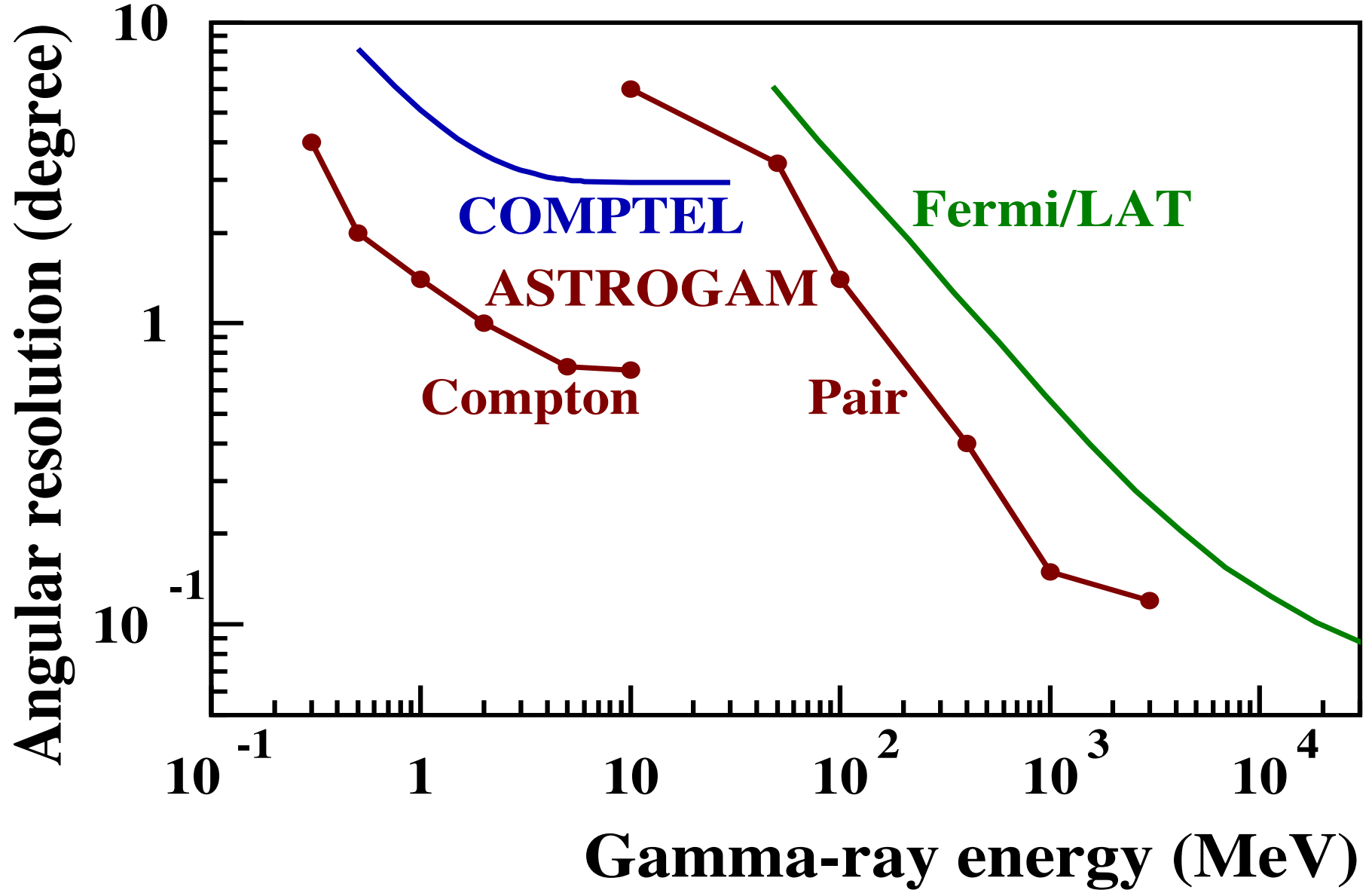
An observatory for gamma rays
In the MeV/GeV domain

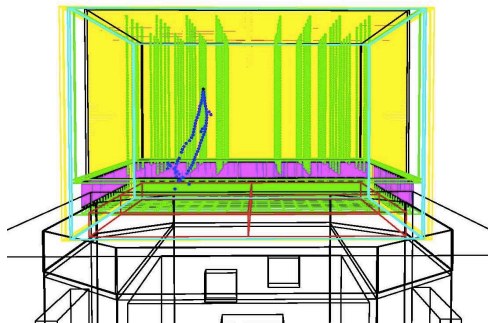
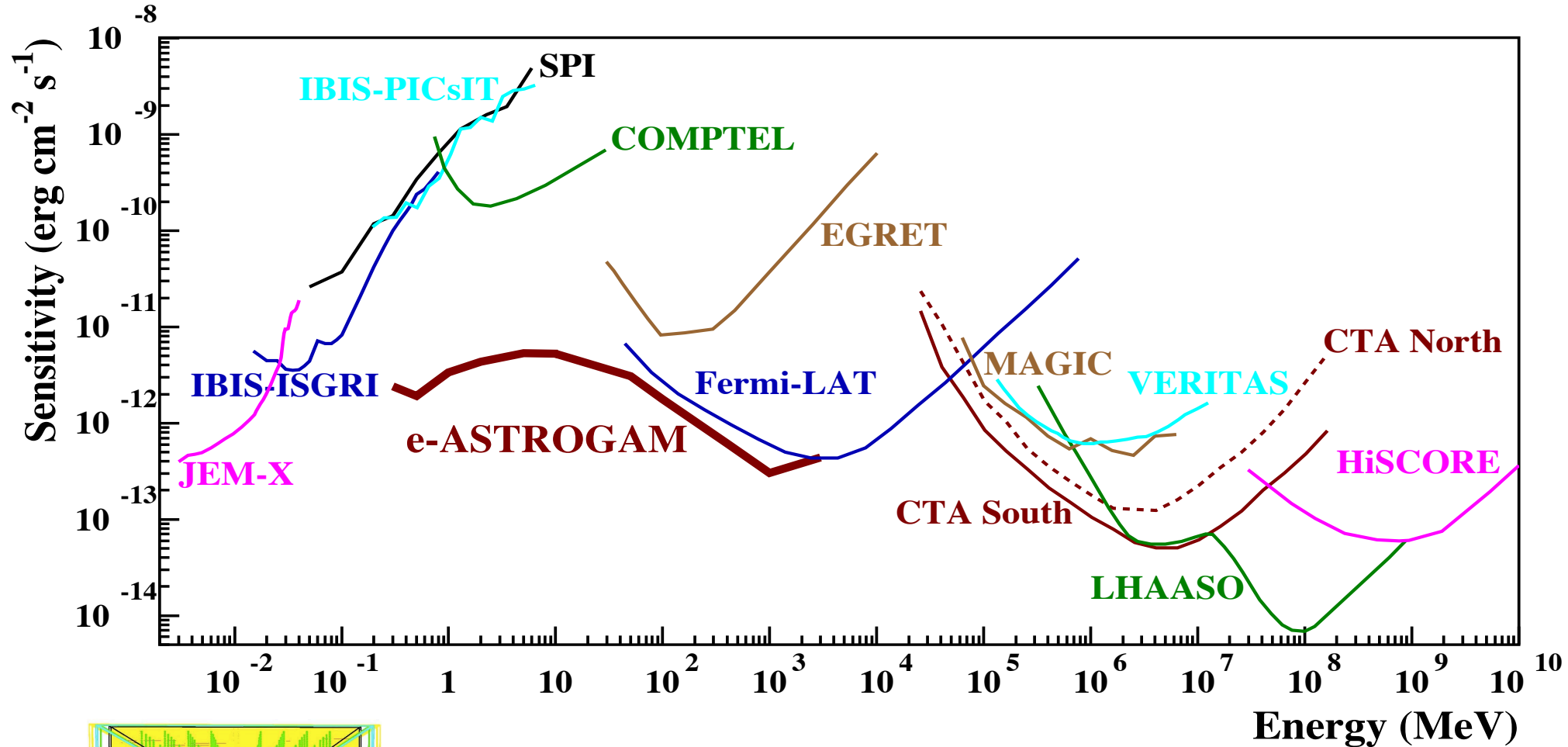


Detector paper: Exp. Astronomy 2017, 44, 25 arXiv:1611.02232
Science White Book: arXiv:1711.01265 (213 pages)



ASTROGAM Angular Resolution





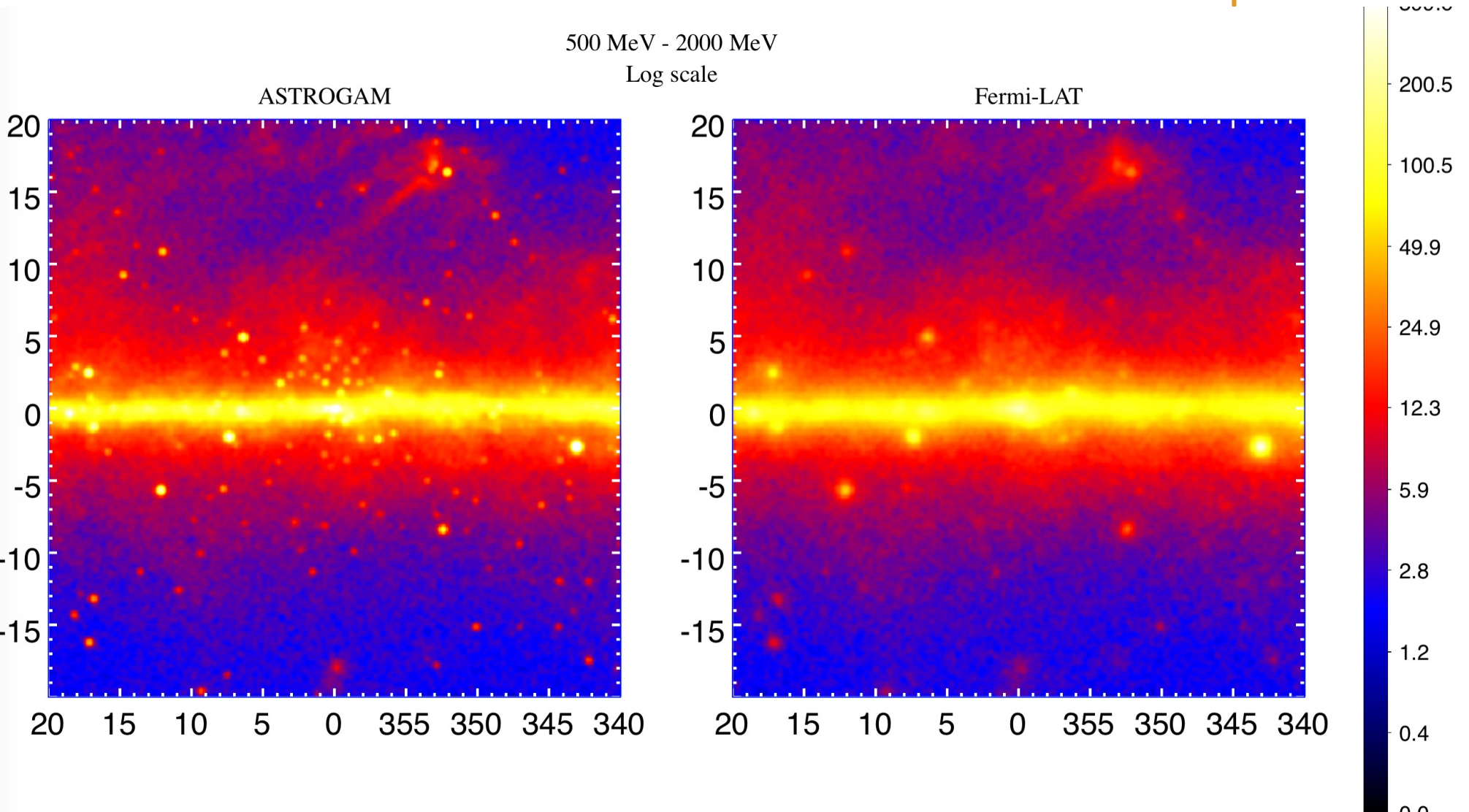
- e-ASTROGAM performance evaluated with **MEGALib** and – both tools based on Geant4 – and a **detailed numerical mass model** of the gamma-ray instrument



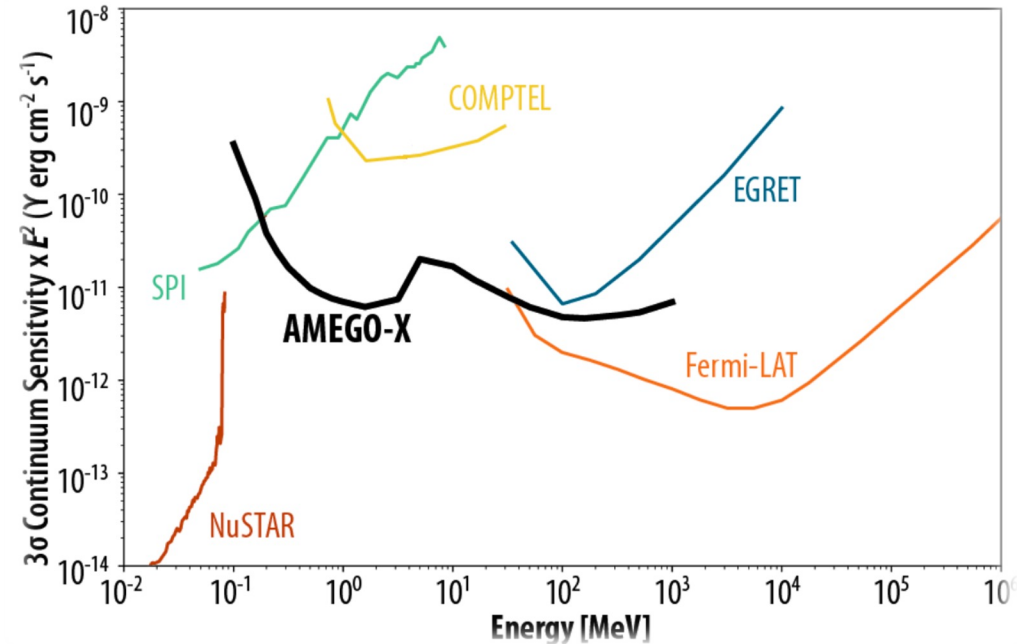
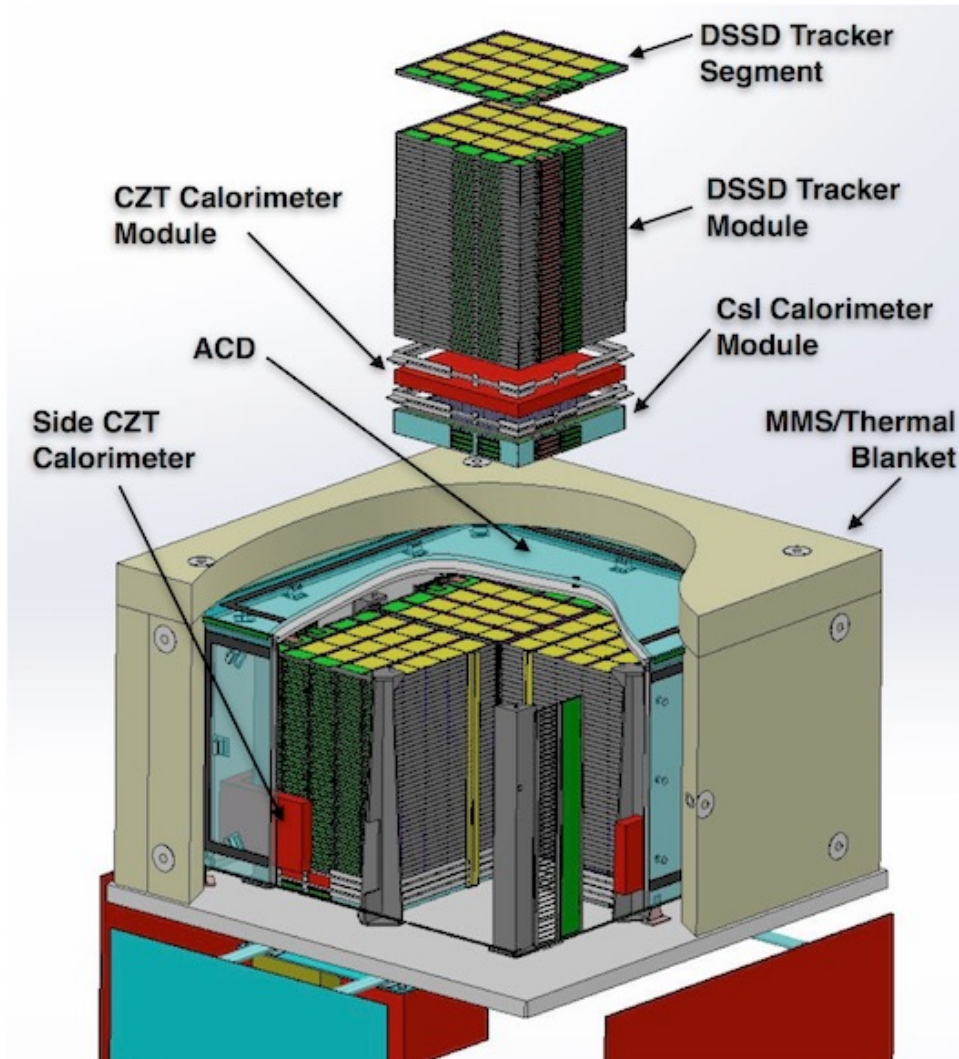
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Galactic Center Region 0.5-2 GeV

Fermi PSF Pass7 rep v15 source



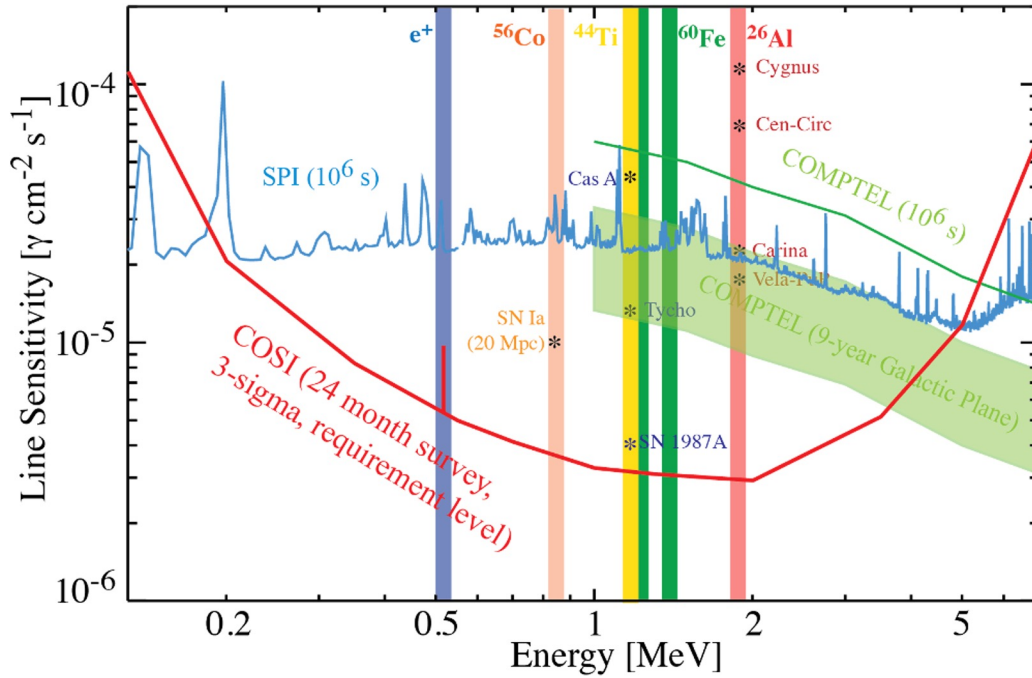
Our sister experiment: AMEGO-X mission concept for the NASA MIDEX call



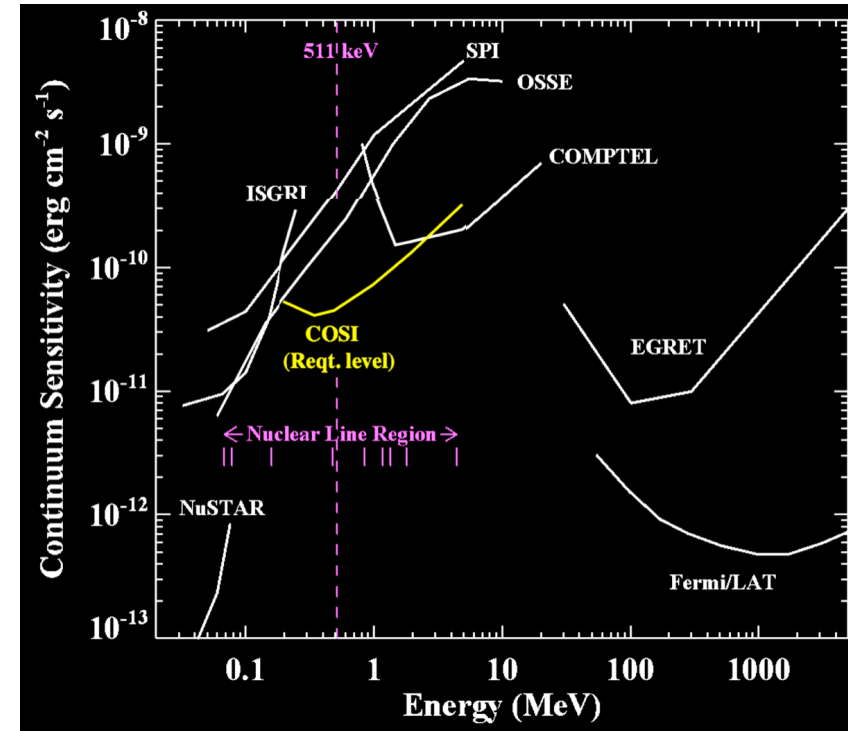
- ~20% smaller tracker
- CZT calorimeter layer

COSI The Compton Spectrometer and Imager

- COSI has been selected by NASA as a SMEX to launch in 2027



emission lines sensitivity

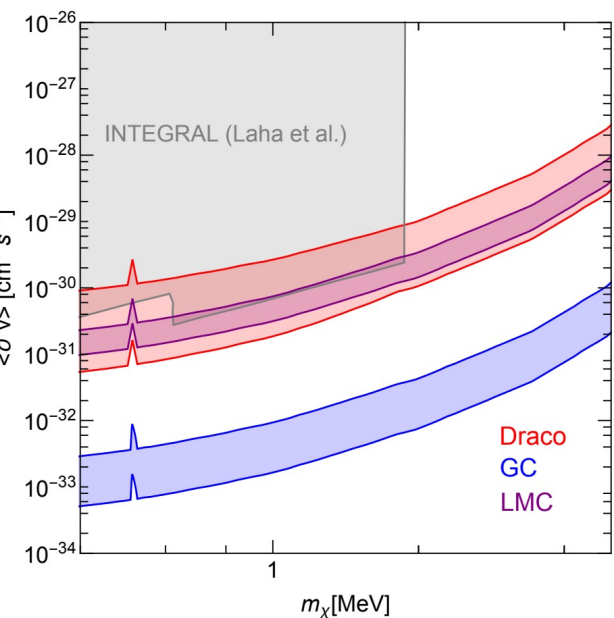


continuum emission sensitivity

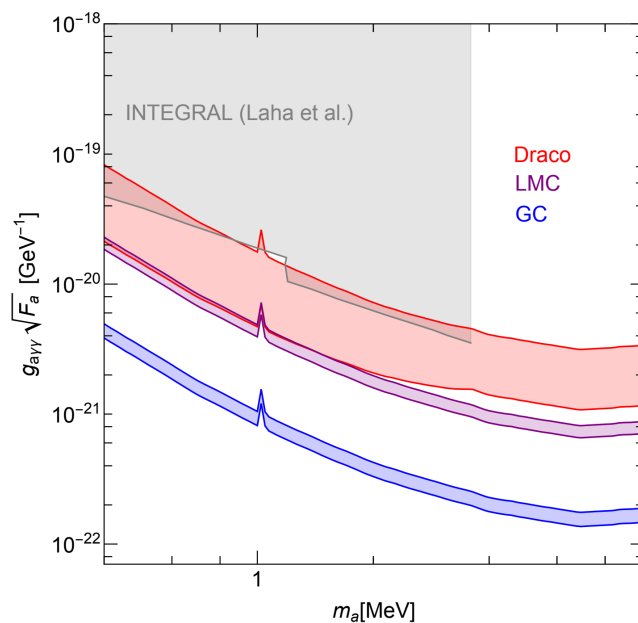
Dark Matter Studies with COSI

- COSI will provide limits on annihilating/decaying DM, Axion like particles and primordial black holes

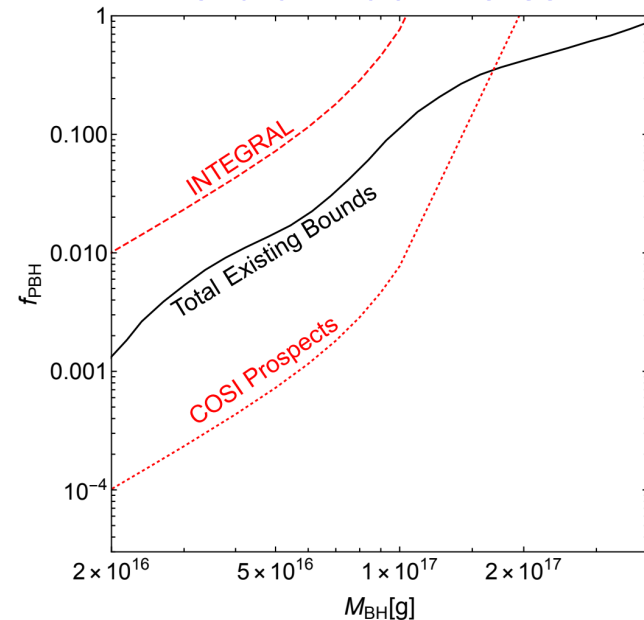
Annihilating Dark Matter



ALPs

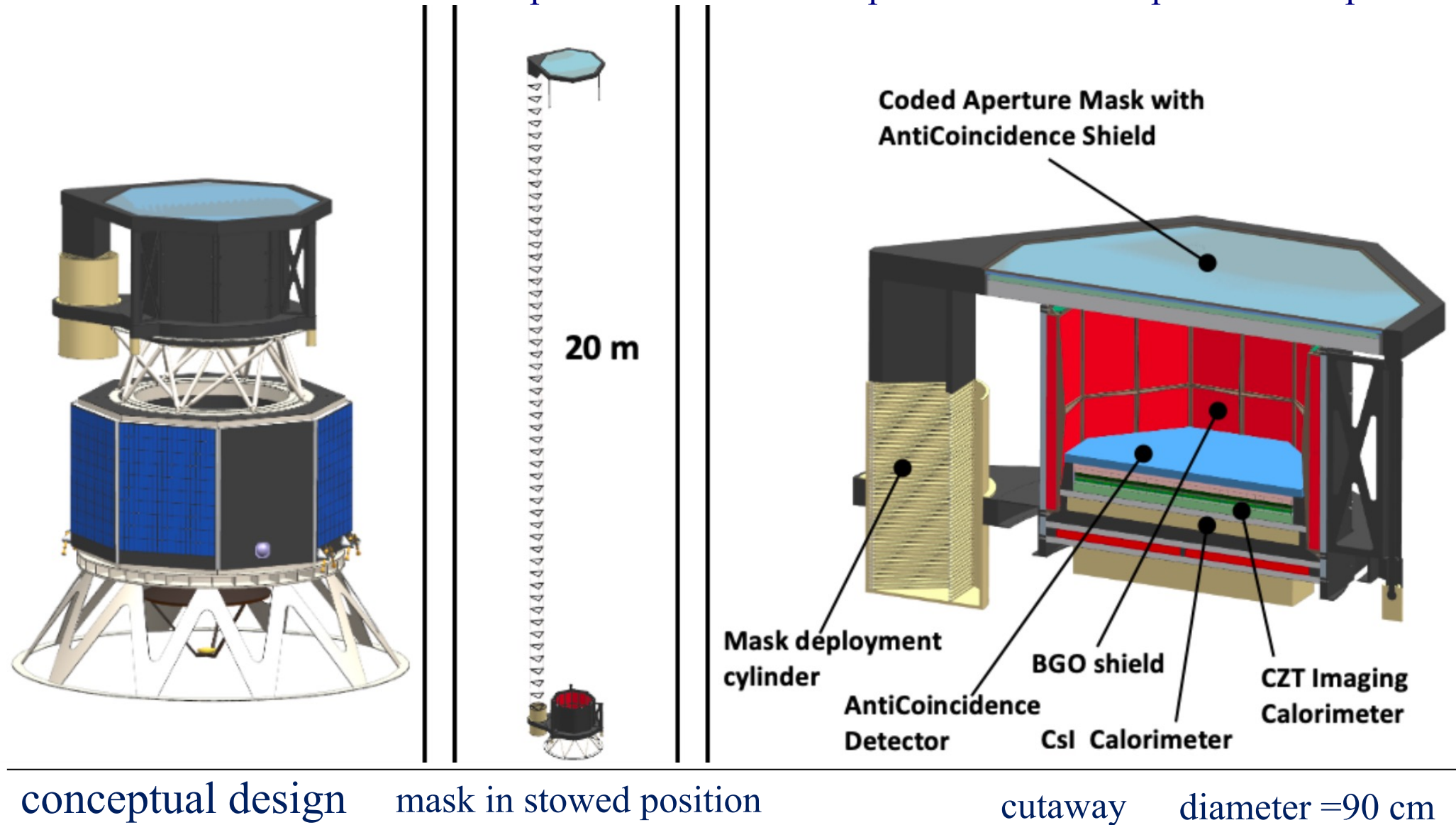


Primordial Black Holes

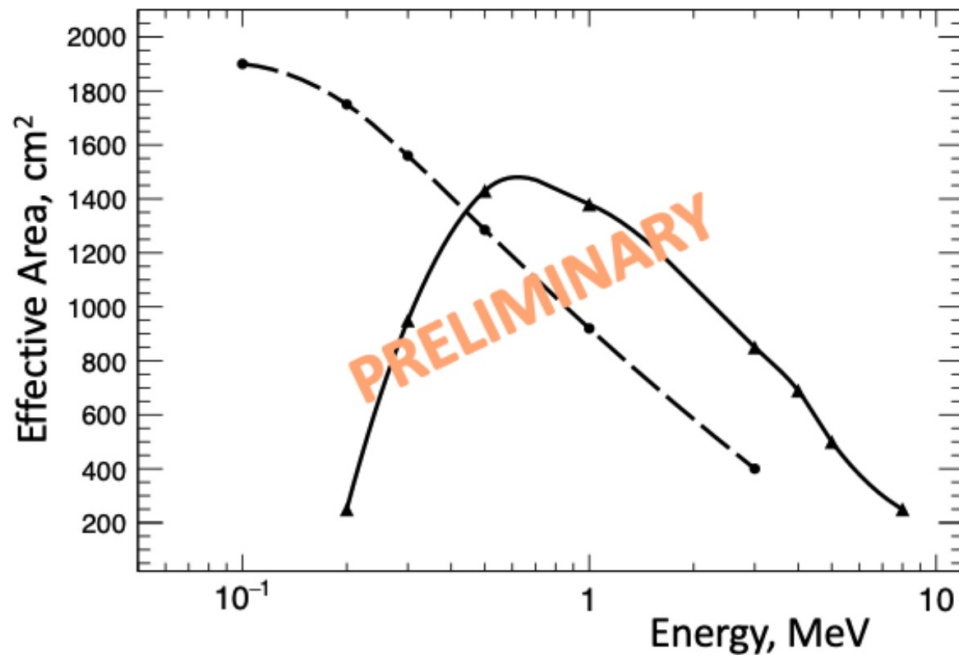


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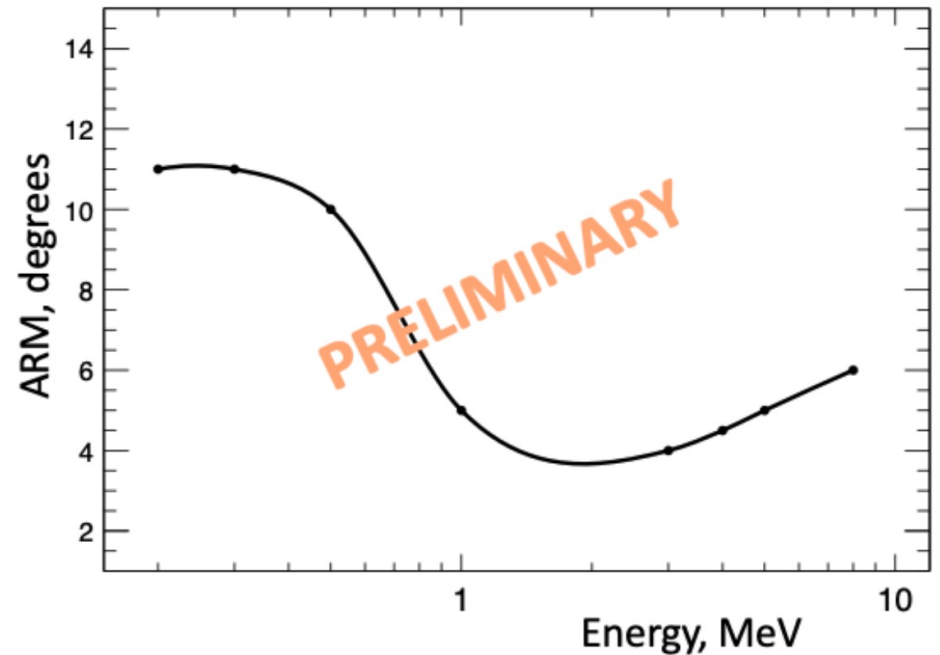
GECCO The Galactic Explorer with a Coded Aperture Mask Compton Telescope



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effective area for the CA mask imaging; the solid line is for Compton pointing used, and the dashed line is for classical mask analysis.



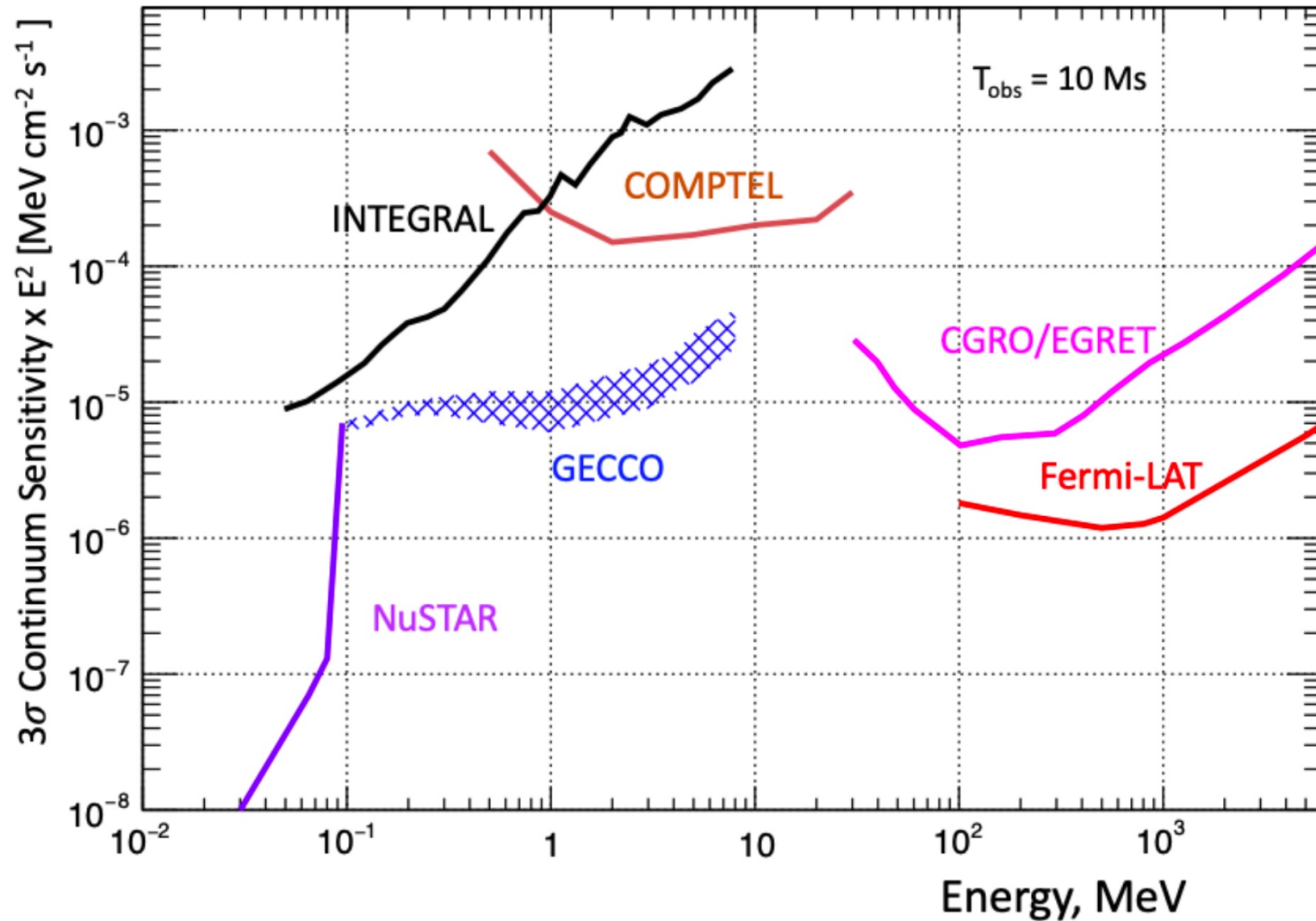
ARM (angular resolution measure) for the ImCal standalone Compton telescope.



GECCO Team, in preparation

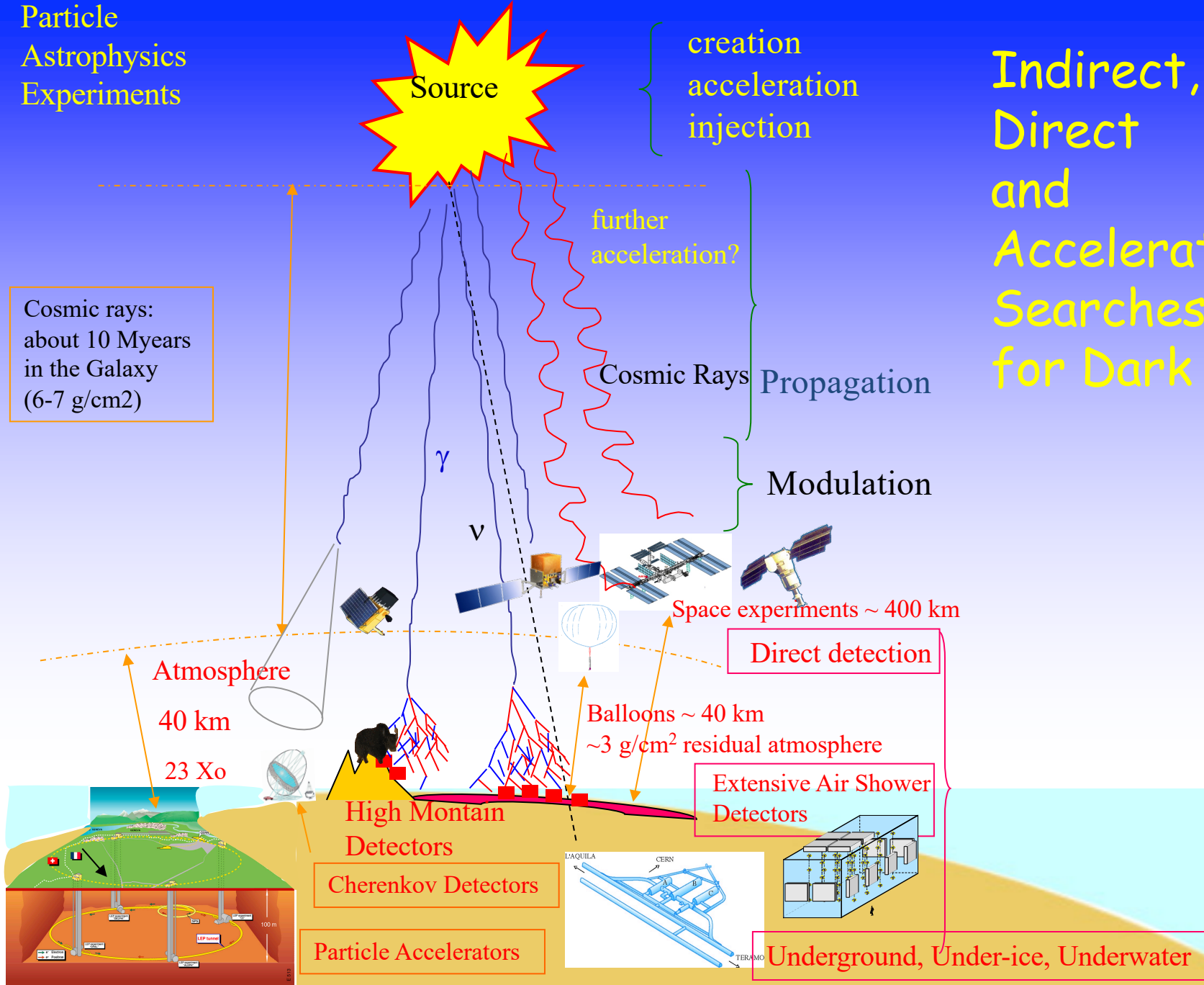
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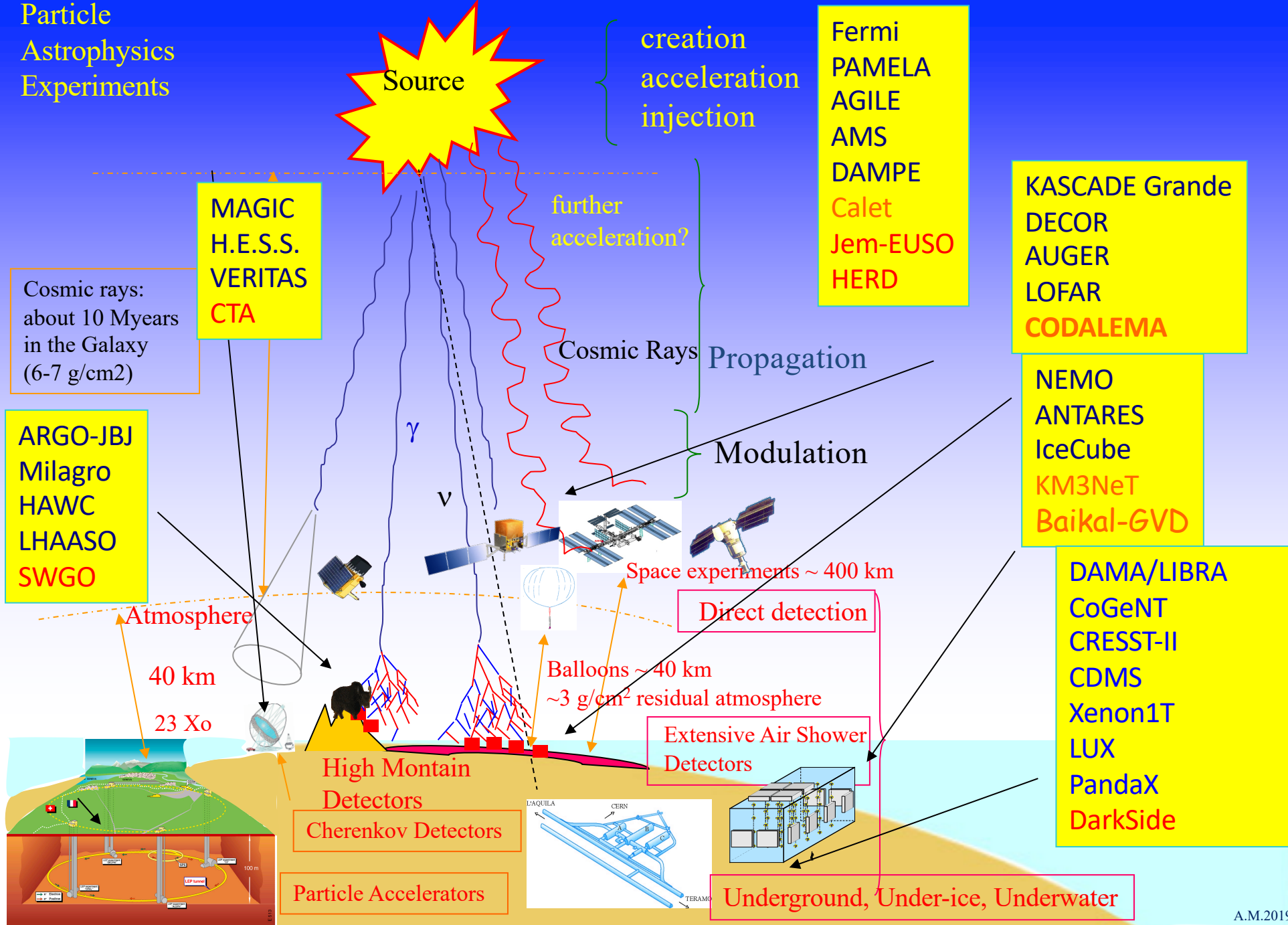
Sensitivity



GECCO Team, JCAP07(2022)036 arXiv:2112.07190

Indirect, Direct and Accelerator Searches for Dark Matter

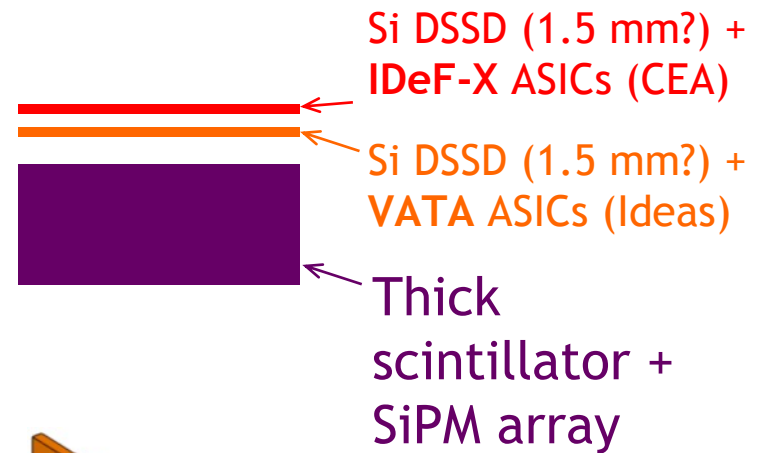
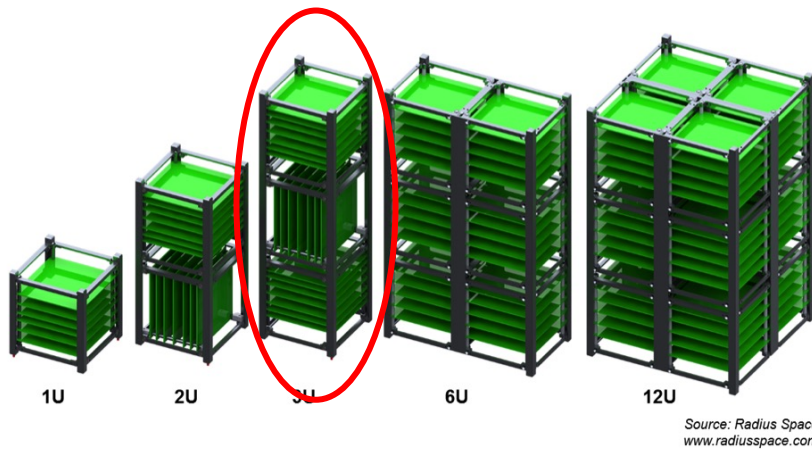




additional slides

COMCUBE Nanosat sub-WP

Development of a 3U (?) Compton nanosat for the polarimetry of GRBs + qualification of the e-ASTROGAM technologies



- Cubesat : standard unit \Rightarrow 1U
- Size : 10 x 10 x 10 cm
- Weight : 1kg
- Power: ~ 1.3 W

