Dark matter searches with CTA

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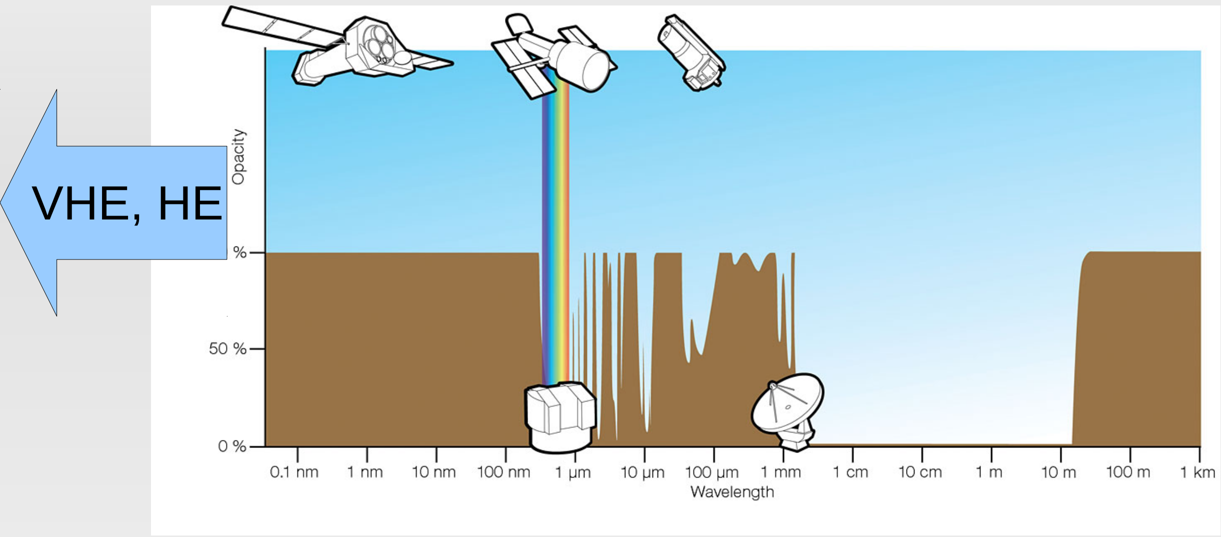
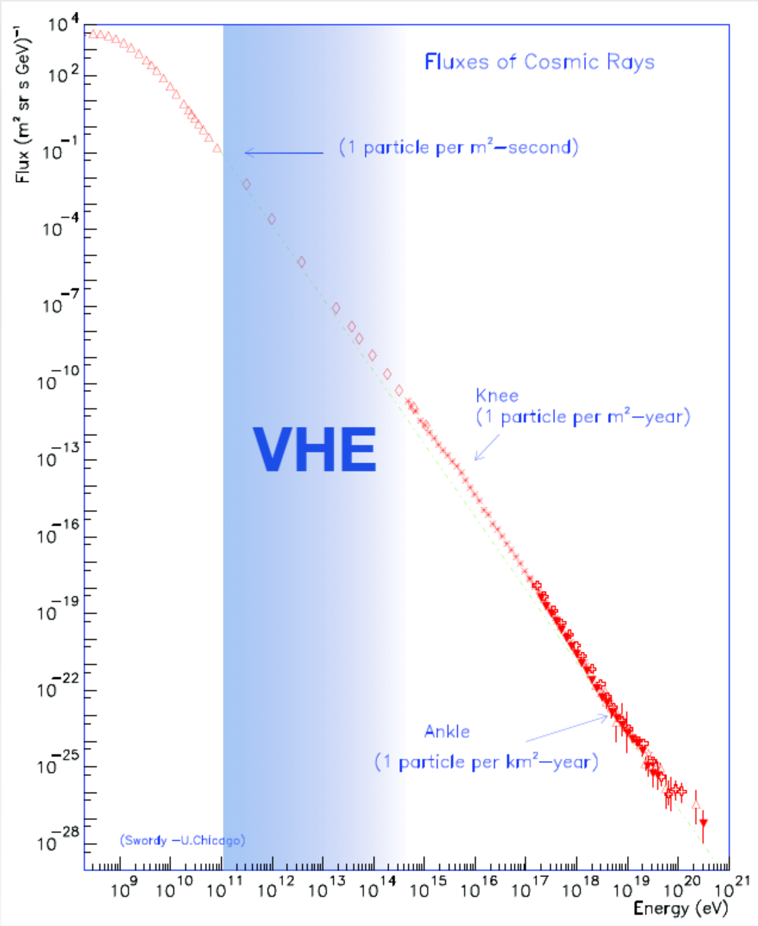
OUTLINE

- VHE astronomy
- The Cherenkov Telescope Array
- Dark matter searches
- Conclusion

Detecting γ-rays





- Convention

  HE : High Energy (E ≥ 100 MeV)

  VHE : Very High Energy (E ≥ 100 GeV)

- γ-rays are not deflected by B

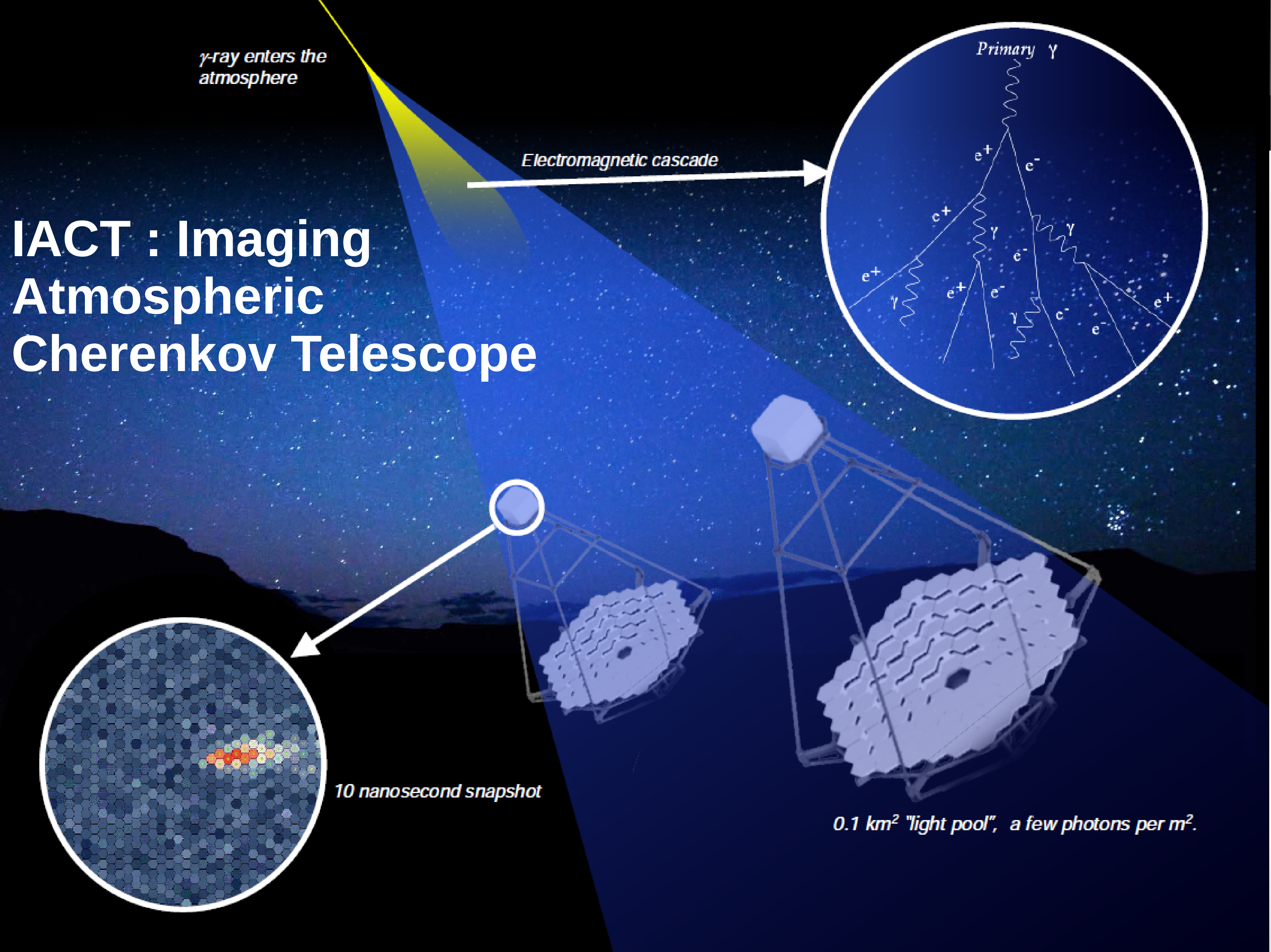
  → study of sources and production mecanisms

- Atmosphere is opaque to γ-rays

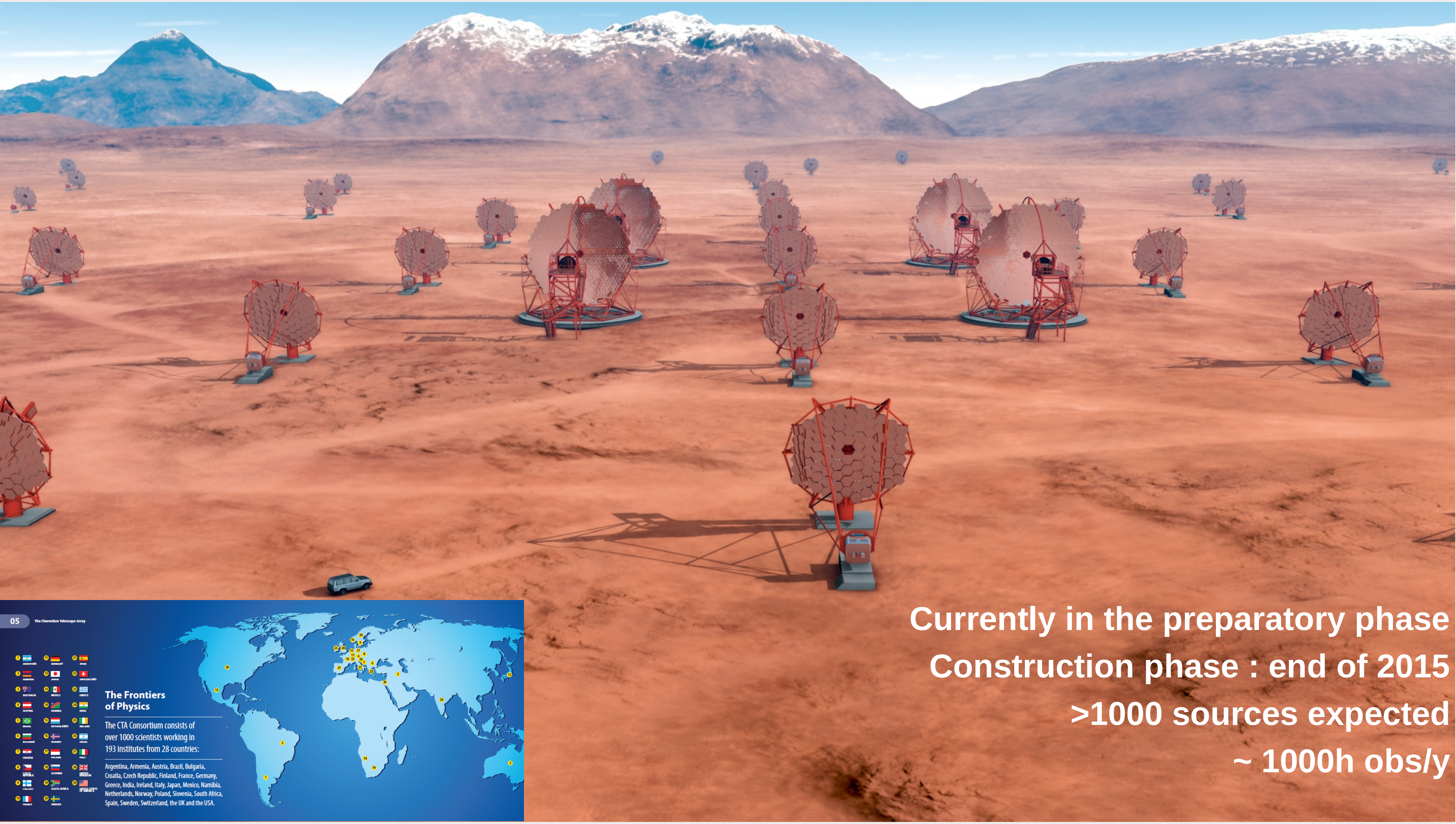
  Satellite exp. for HE

  IACTs for VHE (very low fluxes <1 ph/m^2/y)

IACT : Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope



CTA - Cherenkov Telescope Array



Currently in the preparatory phase

Construction phase : end of 2015

>1000 sources expected

~ 1000h obs/y

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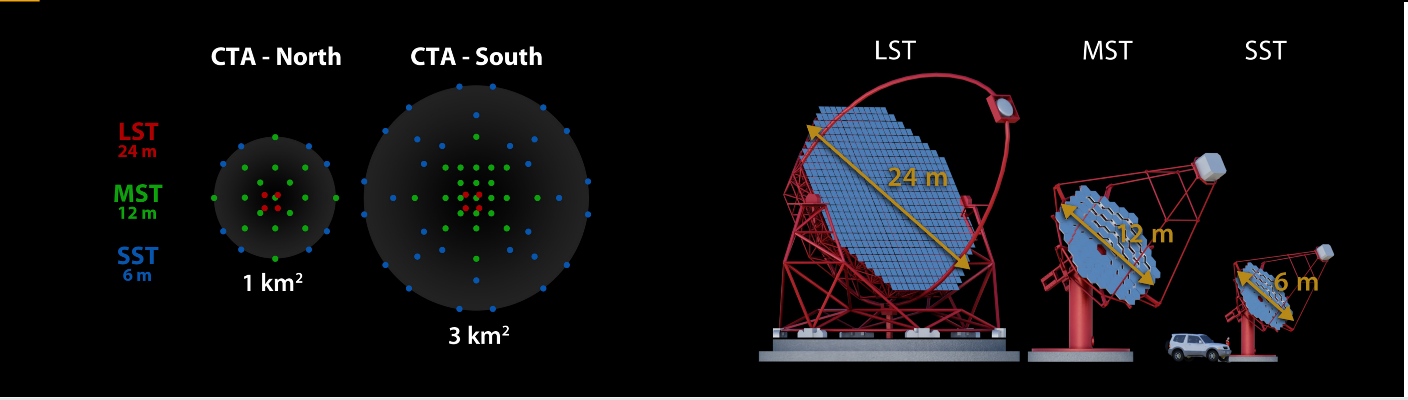
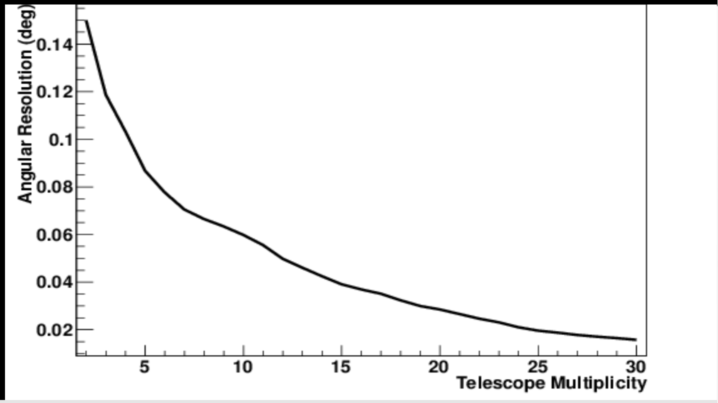
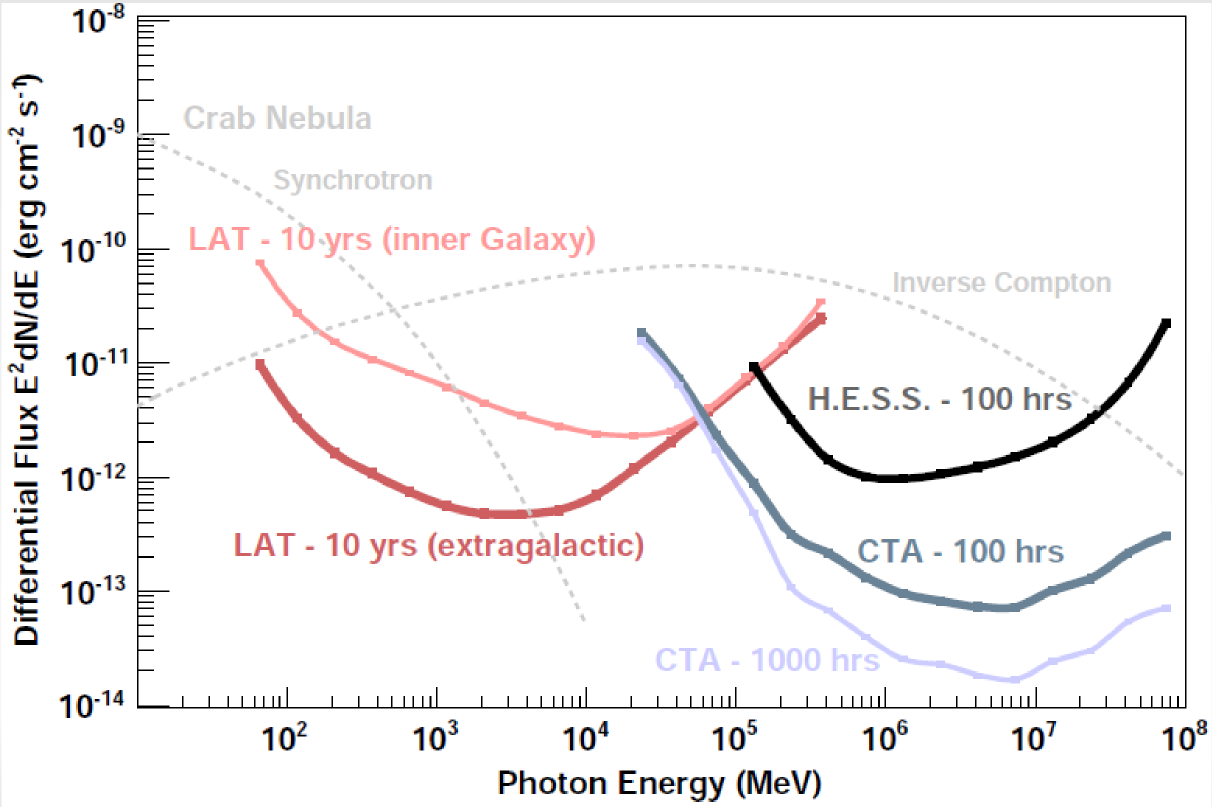
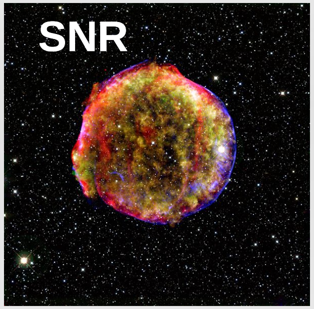


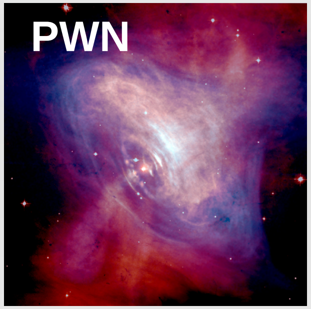


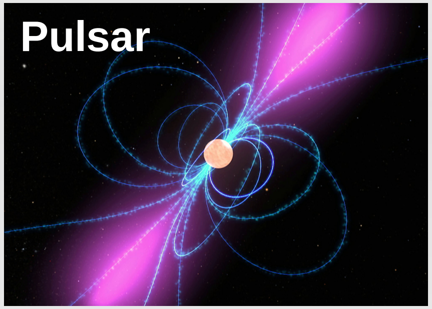


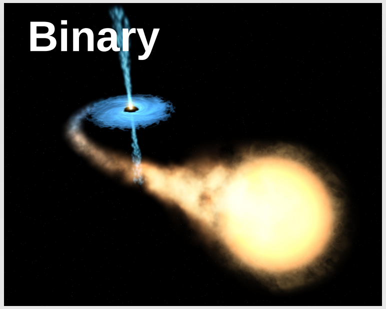
Science with CTA:
probing the extreme Universe & beyond

Galactic sources



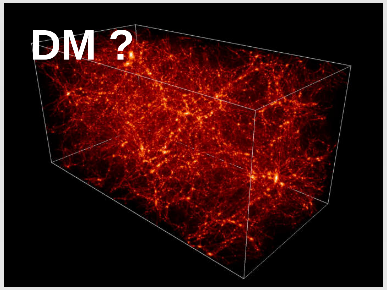


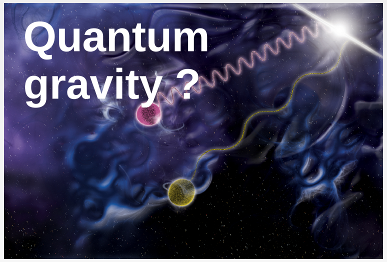




Extragalactic sources

Physics Frontiers





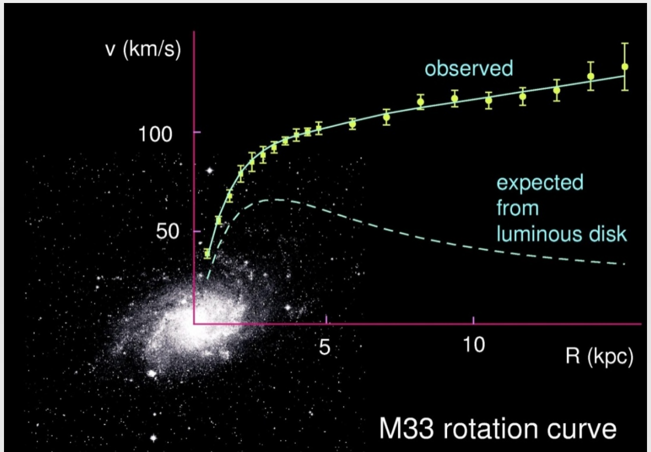
Theme 1: Cosmic Particle Acceleration, Propagation and Impact
Theme 2: Probing Extreme Environments
Theme 3: Physics Frontiers

1. What is the nature of Dark Matter? How is it distributed?
2. Do axion-like particles exist?
3. Is the speed of light a constant for high-energy photons?

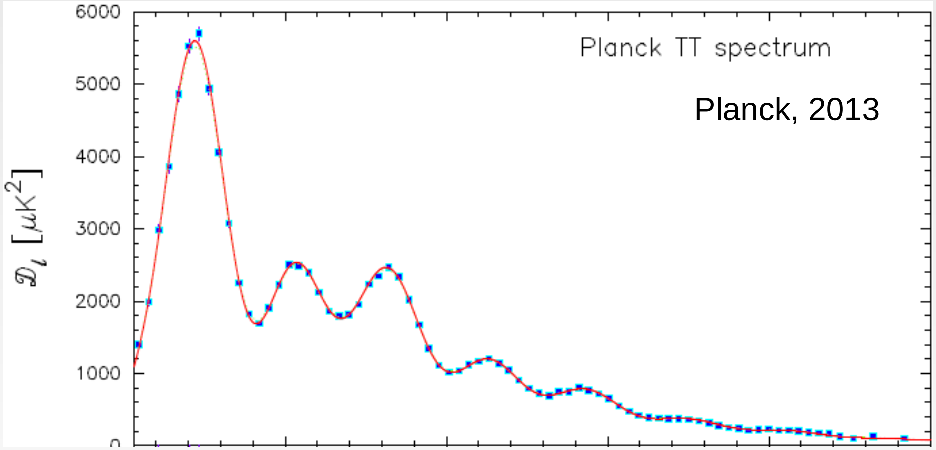
Theme 3-1
Dark matter in the Universe – really ?

Coma galaxy cluster

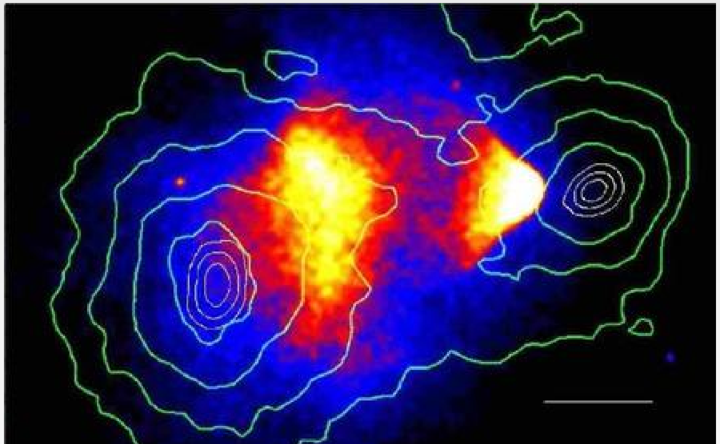
Fritz Zwicky, 1933: ”If this over-density is confirmed we would arrive at the astonishing conclusion that dark matter is present with a much greater density than luminous matter.”



M33 rotation curve
Bergstrom, Rep. Prog. Phys. 2000



Planck, 2013



Clowe et al., 2006

YES ! At all scale.

γ-ray flux from WIMP annihilations

$$\Phi^{\gamma}_{WIMP}(E,\Psi)=J(\Psi)\times\Phi^{PP}(E)$$

$$J(\Psi)=\int_{los} dl(\Psi)\,\rho^2(l)$$

$$\Phi^{PP}(E)=\frac{1}{2}\frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{m_{DM}^2}\sum_f B_f \frac{dN_f^{\gamma}}{dE}$$

- Astrophysic factor :
  - determine the nb of annihilations
    → intensity of gamma-rays

  Uncertainties :
  - density profile, diffusion, absorption,...
- Particle physic factor :
  - determine the nb of γ-ray produced per annihilation
    → spectral shape

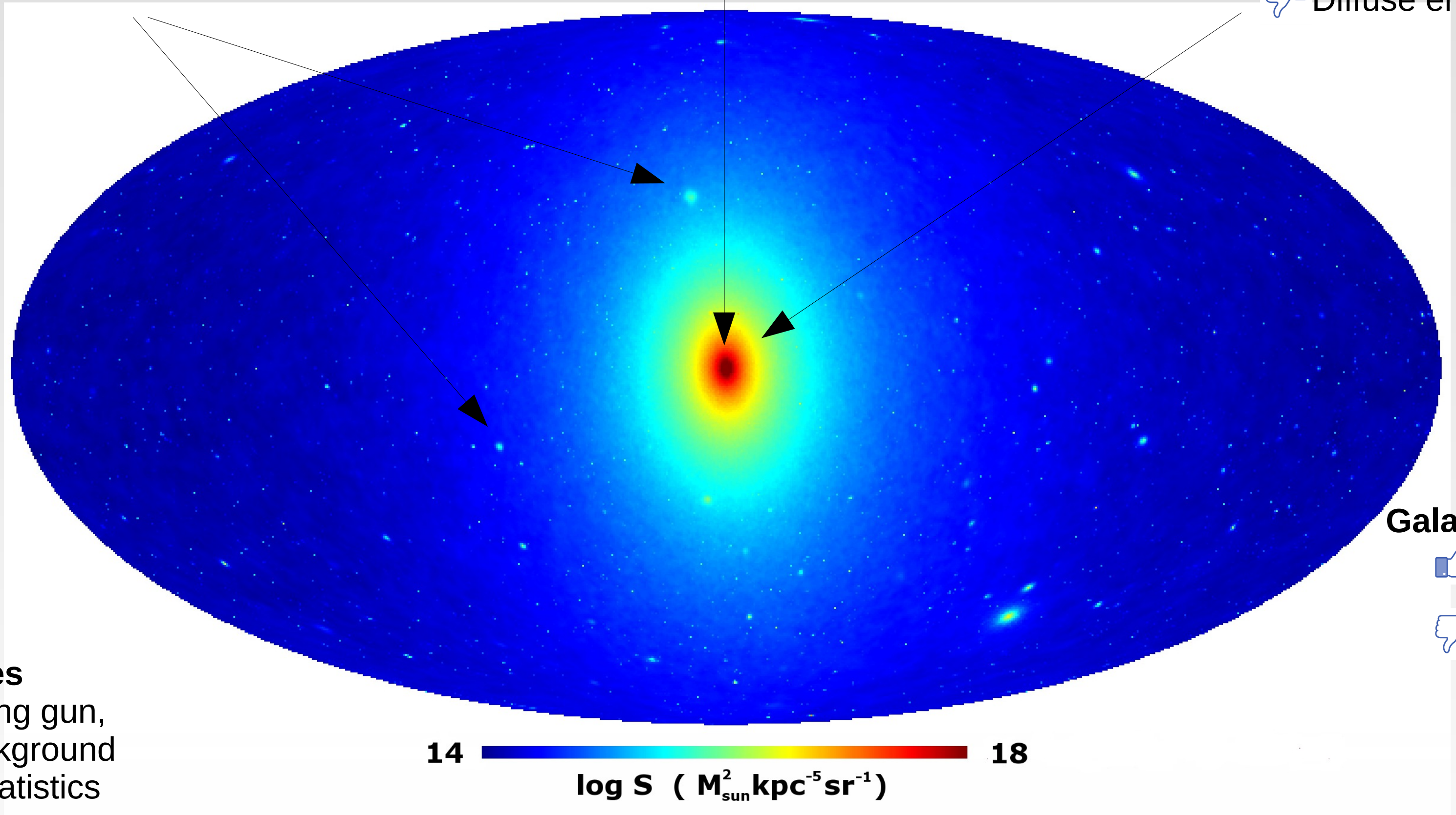
  Uncertainties :
  - cross section, mass, branching ratios,...

Targets

Dwarf galaxies
- 👍 Low background, small uncertainties
- 👎 Low statistics

Galactic centre
- 👍 Large statistic
- 👎 Source confusion, DM density uncertainties

Galactic halo
- 👍 Large statistic
- 👎 Diffuse emission

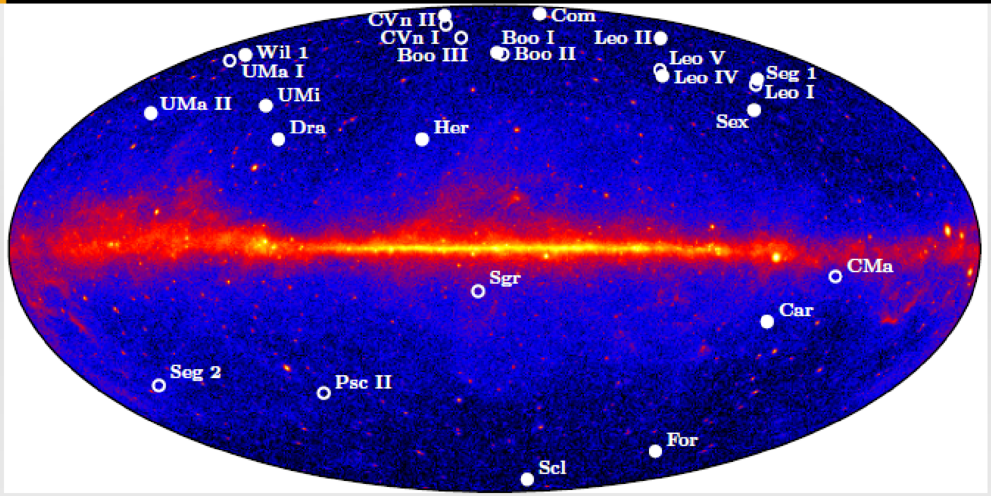


Galaxy clusters
- 👍 Large reservoir (decay)
- 👎 Low statistics, astrophysical bkg

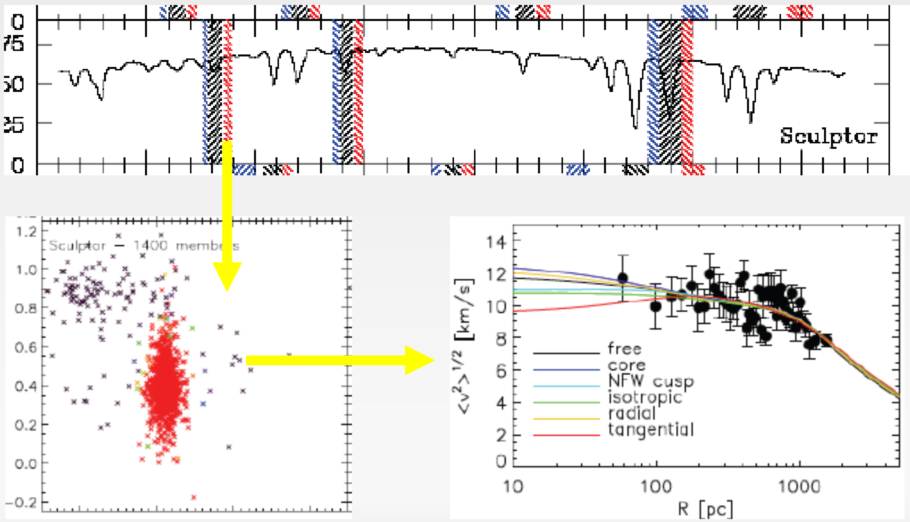
Spectral lines
- 👍 Smoking gun, no background
- 👎 Low statistics

Extragalactic
- 👍 Large statistics
- 👎 Astrophysical bkg

Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

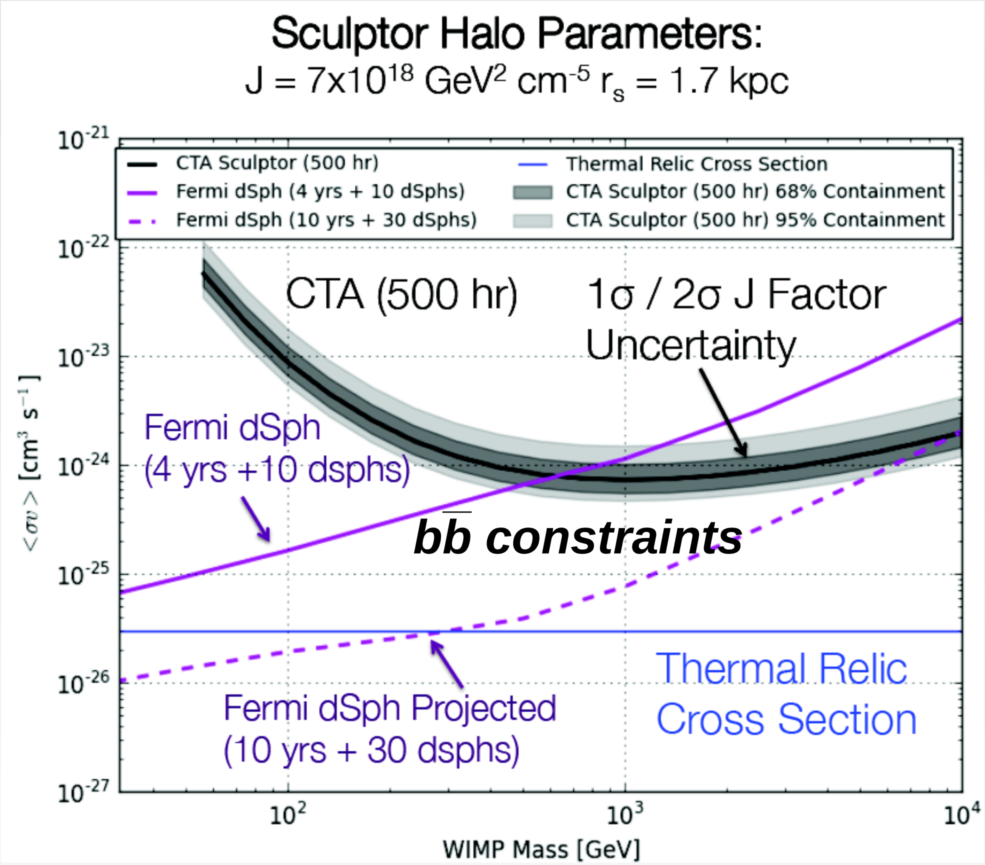


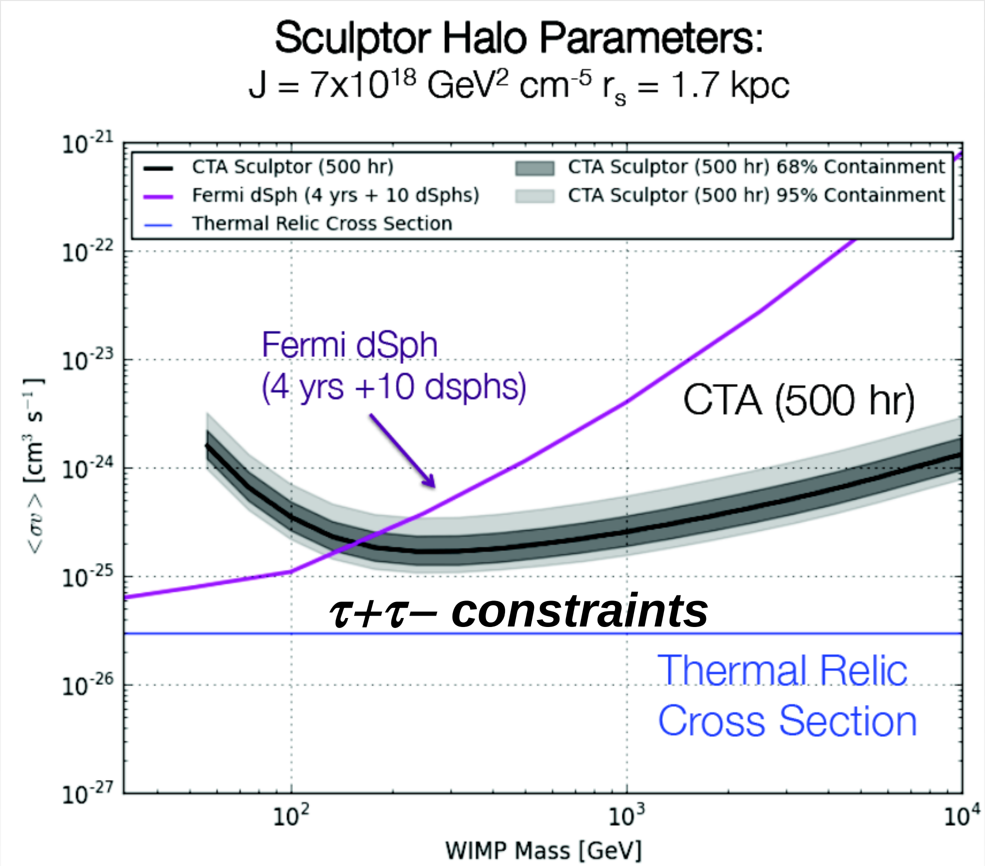
- DM dominated (M/L ~ 10 – 100)
- Nearby (~100 kpc)
- Low background
- Stellar velocities can be used to estimate DM density (and uncertainties can be propagated to constraints)



Name	l deg.	b deg.	d kpc	$\overline{\log_{10}(J)}$ $\log_{10}$[GeV^{2}cm^{-5}]	σ	ref.
Bootes I	358.08	69.62	60	17.7	0.34	[17]
Carina	260.11	−22.22	101	18.0	0.13	[18]
Coma Berenices	241.9	83.6	44	19.0	0.37	[19]
Draco	86.37	34.72	80	18.8	0.13	[18]
Fornax	237.1	−65.7	138	17.7	0.23	[18]
Sculptor	287.15	−83.16	80	18.4	0.13	[18]
Segue 1	220.48	50.42	23	19.6	0.53	[14]
Sextans	243.4	42.2	86	17.8	0.23	[18]
Ursa Major II	152.46	37.44	32	19.6	0.40	[19]
Ursa Minor	104.95	44.80	66	18.5	0.18	[18]

CTA view of dSph

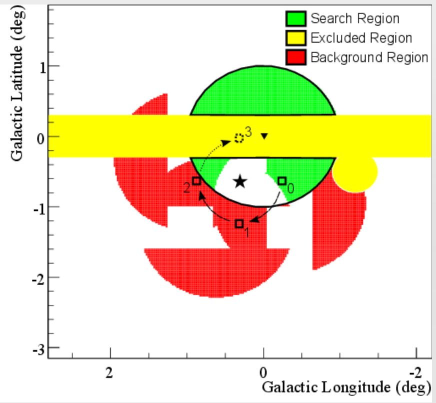


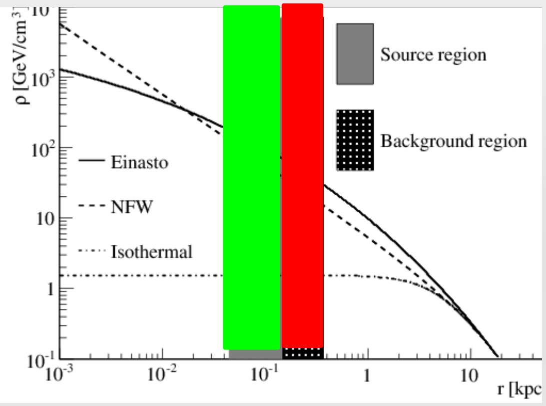


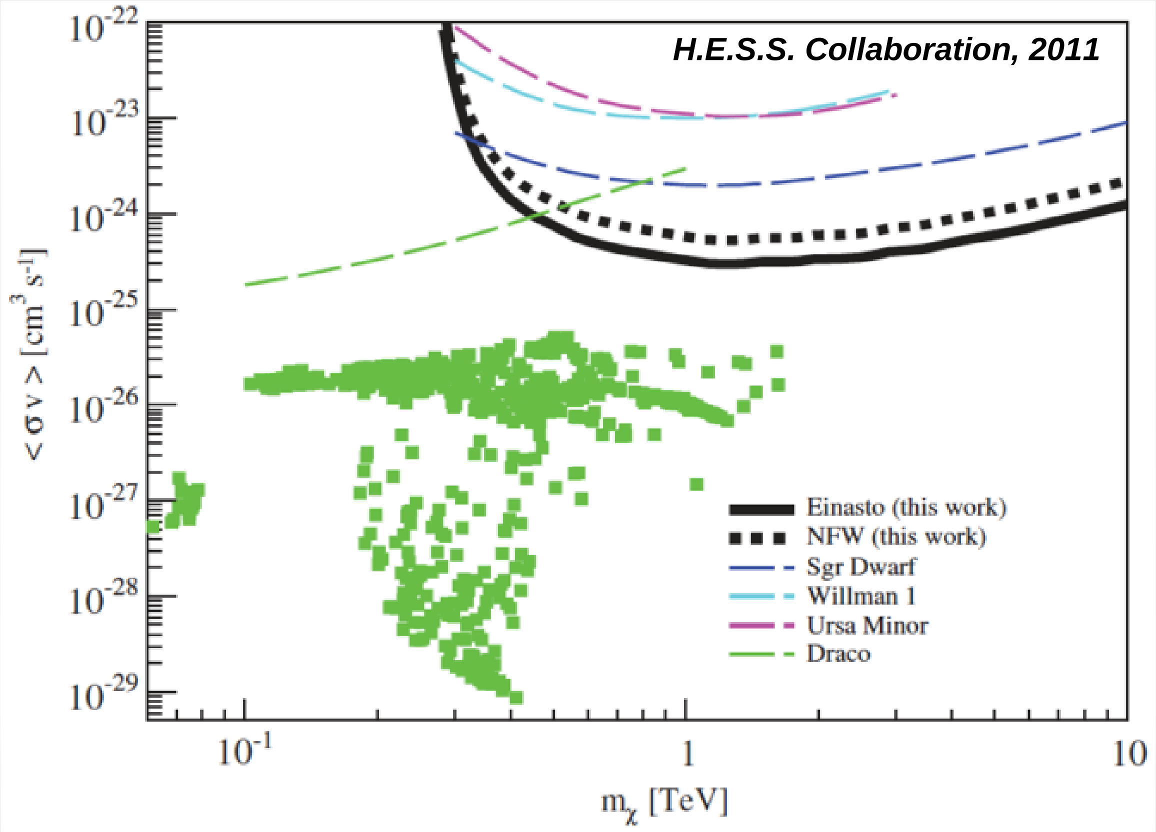
Wood, UCLA 2014

Galactic centre halo

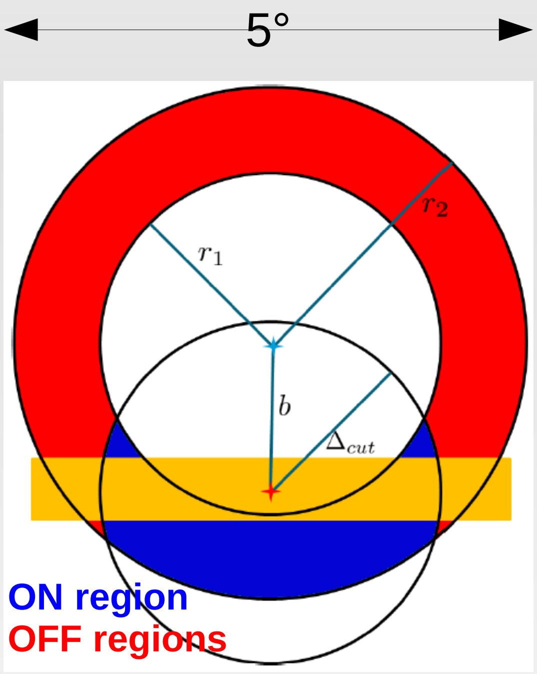
- Close-by and strong signal expected
- Reduced uncertainties wrt centre itself
- Better control of background
- Best constraints so far (H.E.S.S.)

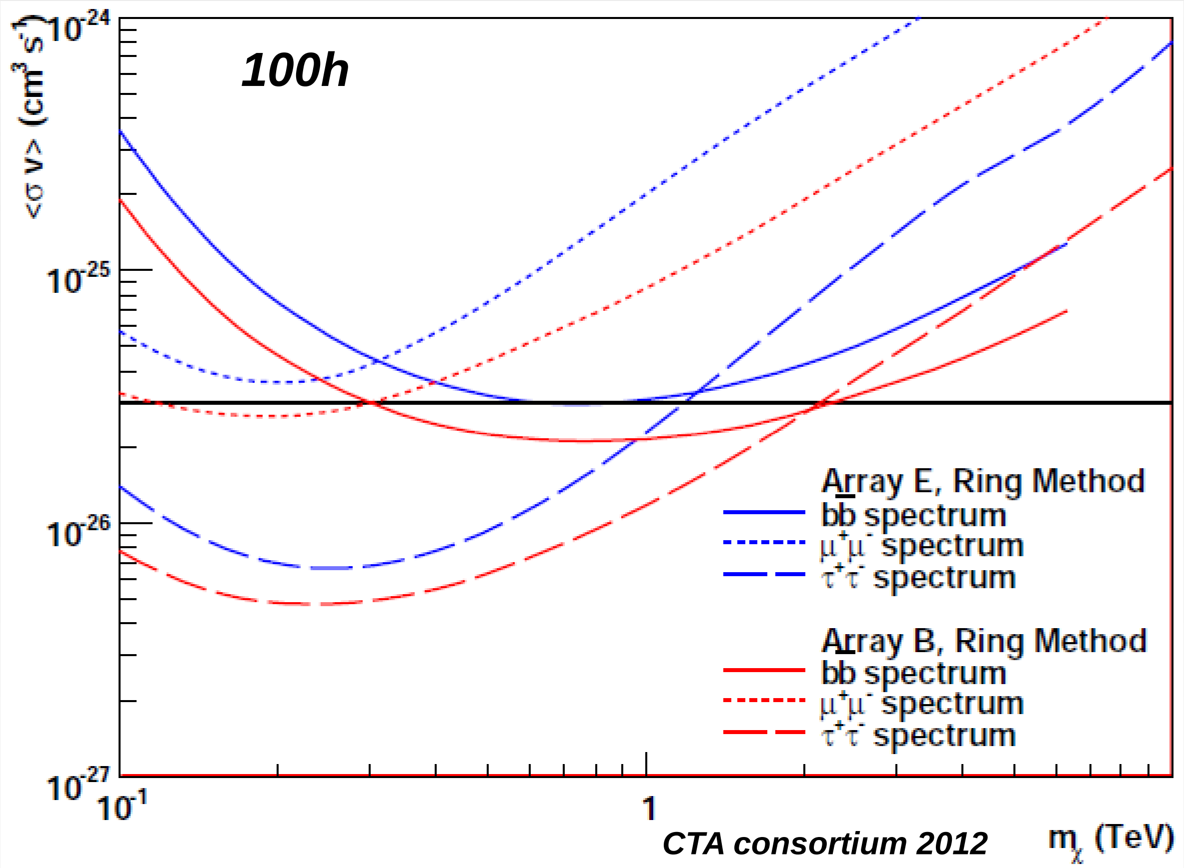






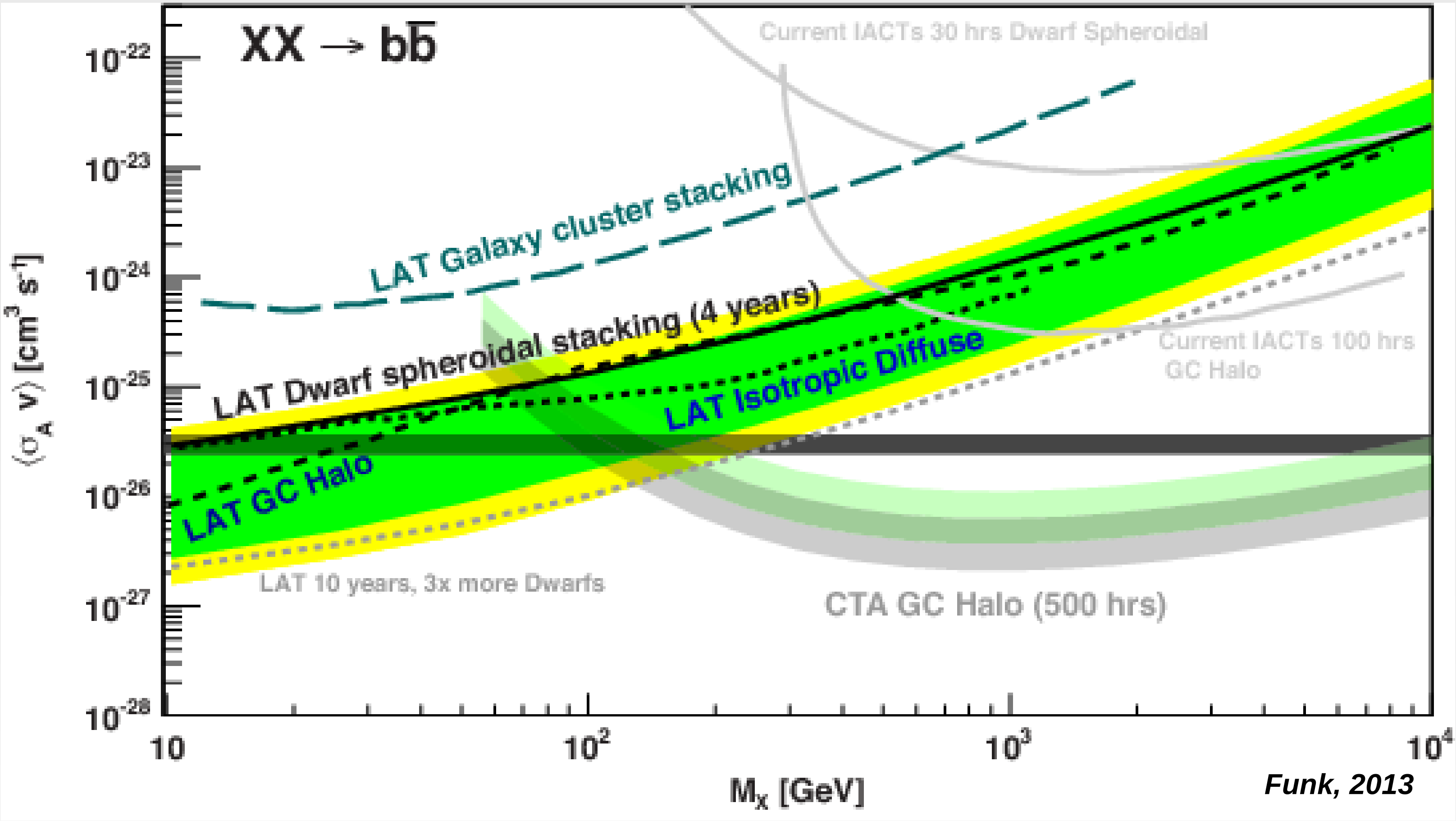
Galactic centre halo with CTA





⇒ CTA will have the best sensitivity for large WIMP masses
Test of SUSY models compatible with thermal relic density

Galactic centre halo with CTA



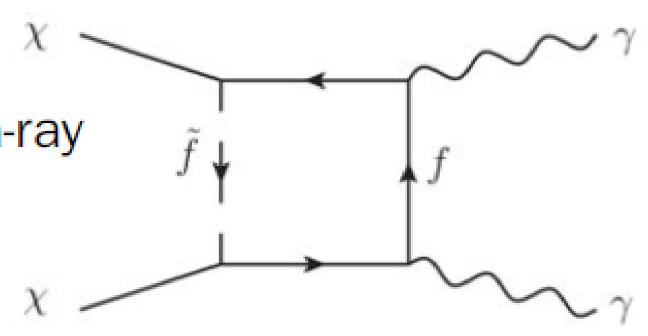
Sensitivity can be increased by use of new analysis and additional MST contribution by US

CTA will be the key player for WIMP searches > few 100th GeV

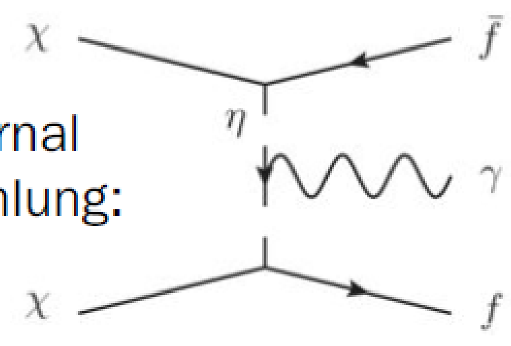
Line-like signal from DM annihilation

- **Smoking gun** of DM since no other astrophysical sources are foreseen to mimic such signal

Gamma-ray lines:



Virtual Internal Bremsstrahlung:



- Line arising from $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma X$ [X = γ,Z,H]

$$E_\gamma = m_\chi \left(\frac{1 - m_X^2}{4 m_\chi^2} \right)$$

- Internal Bremsstrahlung :
  - Final state radiation
  - Virtual IB

  is very model dependant, a broader feature

- Search for a bump, sharp excess over the distribution of background events

CTA expectations

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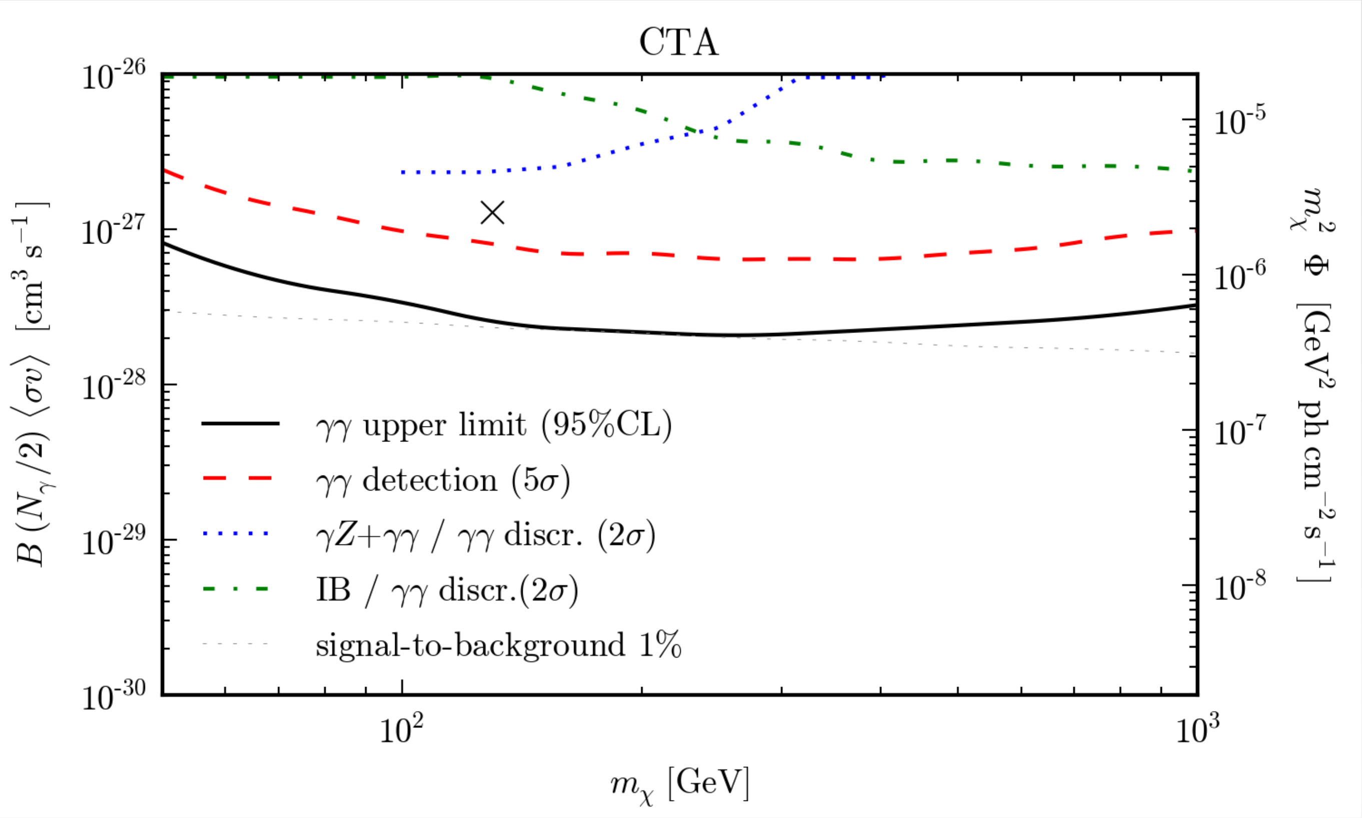
- Weniger (2012) signal >5σ in 5h [syst. uncertainties]
- 1 vs 2 lines distinction reachable with additional time and refined analysis

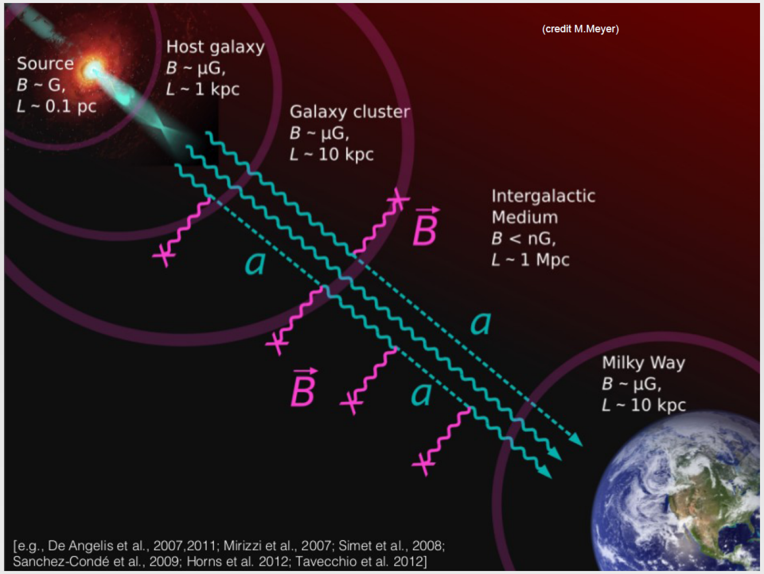


Bergström, Bertone, Conrad, CF, Weniger., 2012

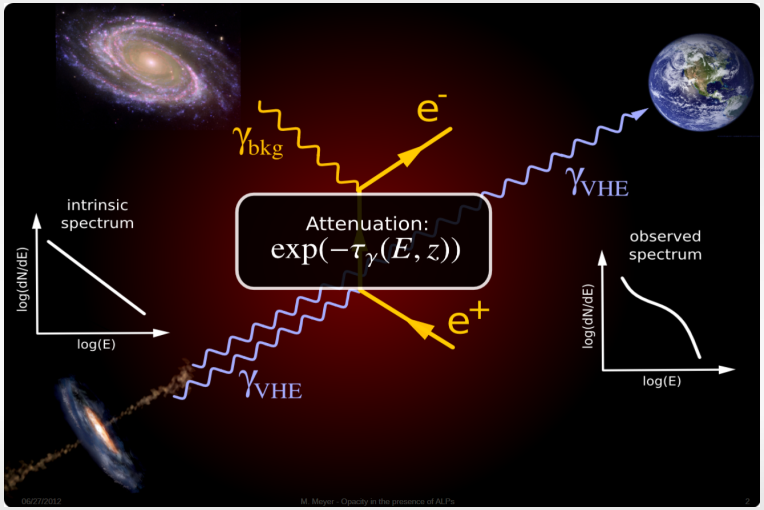
Theme 3-2
Axion-like particles (ALPs)

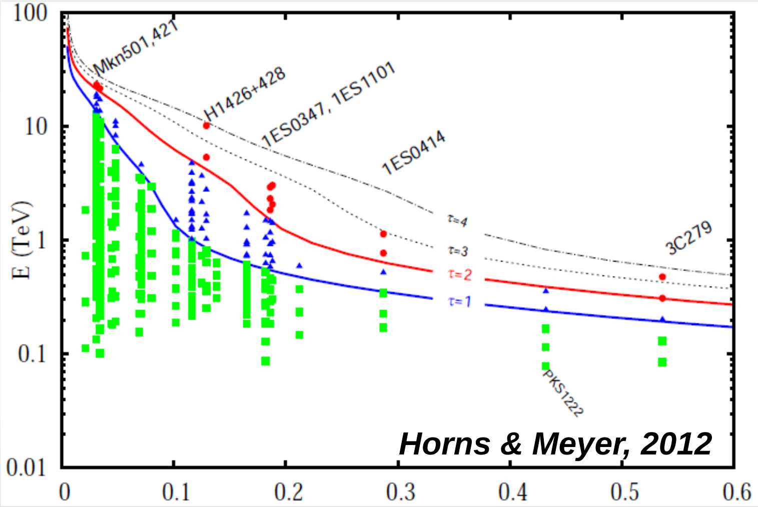
ALP similar to axions but mass m_a and coupling $g_{\gamma a}$ unrelated

γ/ALP conversion in presence of B-field
$\Rightarrow$ modification of opacity



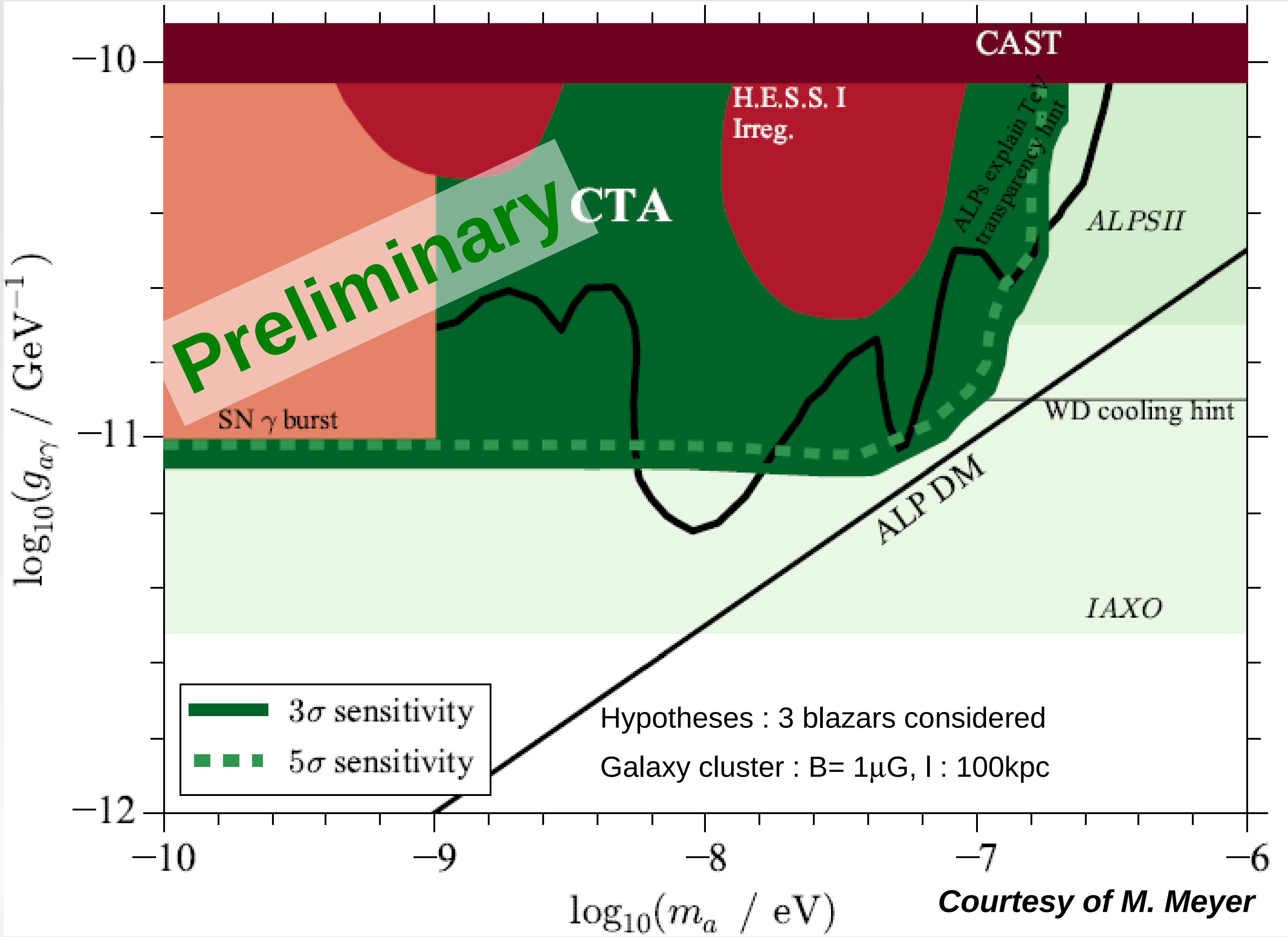
Hints of Universe transparency from observation of VHE AGNs located at large optical depth



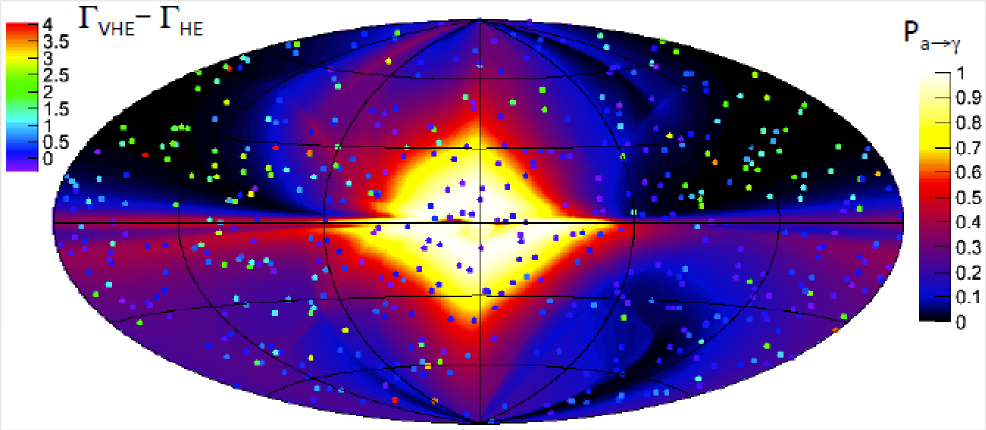


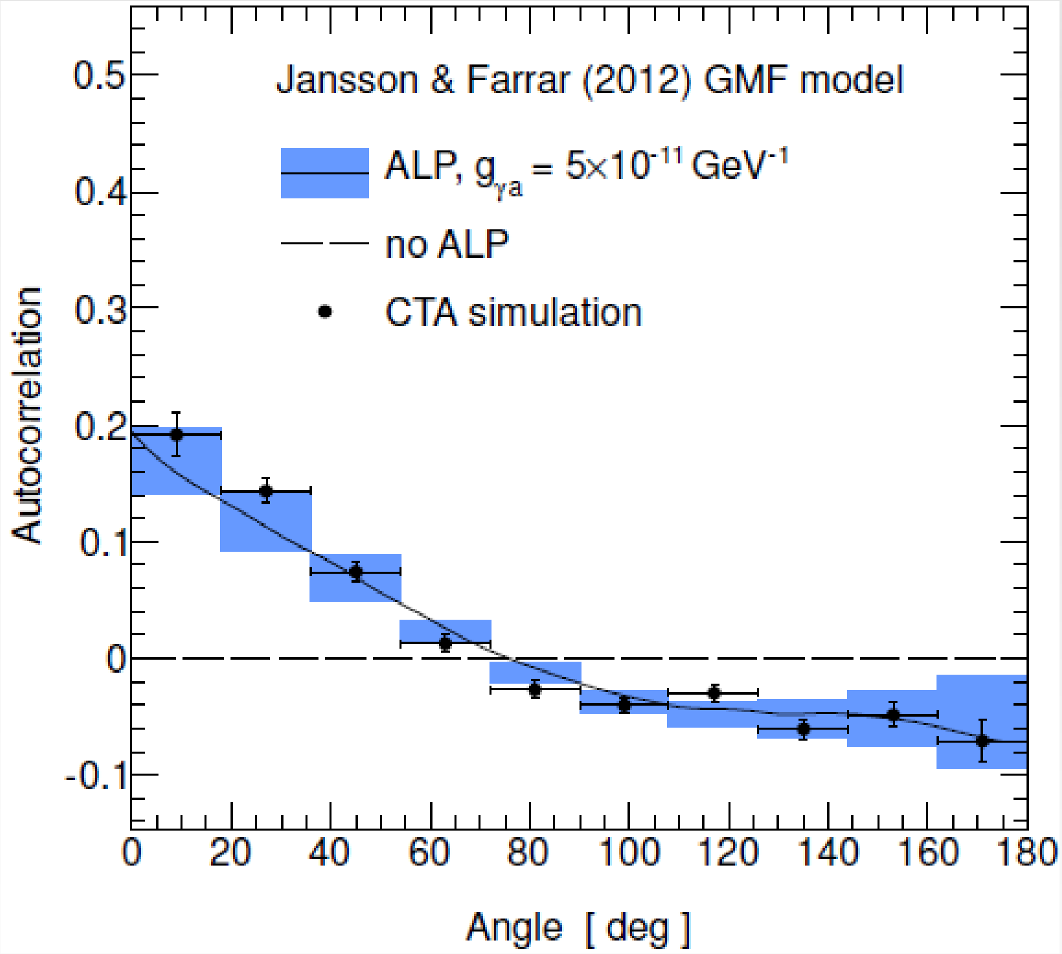
Search for ALP with CTA (I)

Test statistic (w/ and wo/ALP) study based on energy bins located in optically thick regime (τ>2)



Search for ALP with CTA (II)





Wouters & Brun, 2014

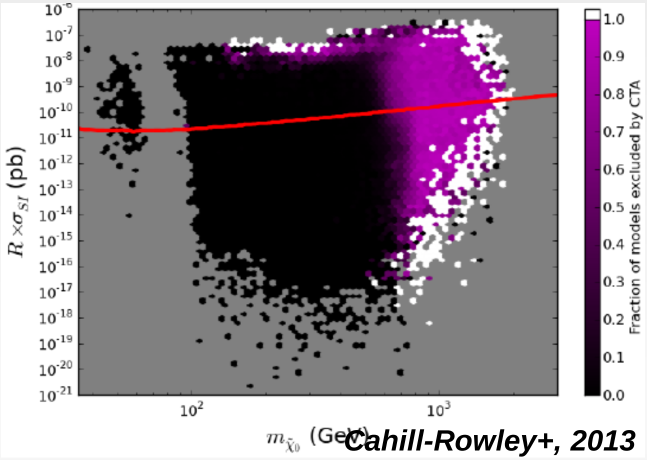
Auto-correlation of spectral changes between low and high E

Requires

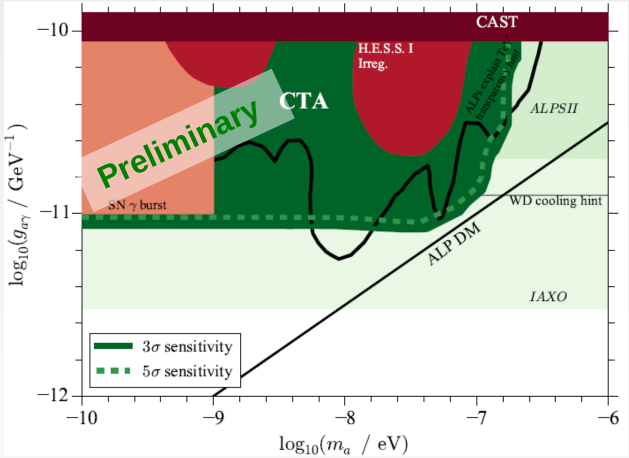
- Large statistics
- Good spectral measurements

Conclusions

- The CTA observatory will enlarge a new window of our Universe and discover 1000 sources
- CTA is a multi-purpose, multi-channel experiment (also for electrons/positrons and heavy nuclei studies)
- CTA offers unique capabilities to access large mass WIMPs
- CTA will probe the transparency hint and test the presence of ALPs



Cahill-Rowley+, 2013



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