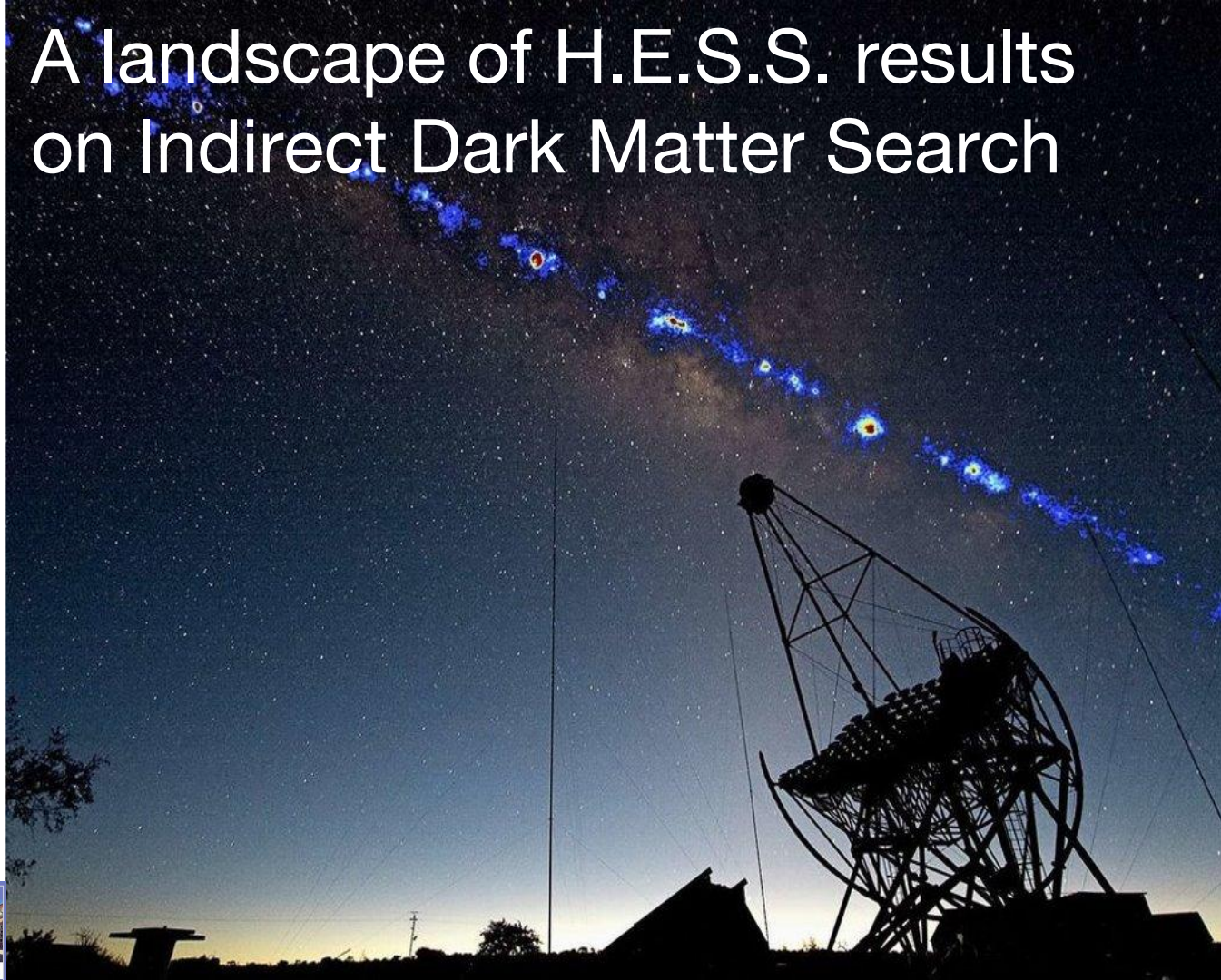


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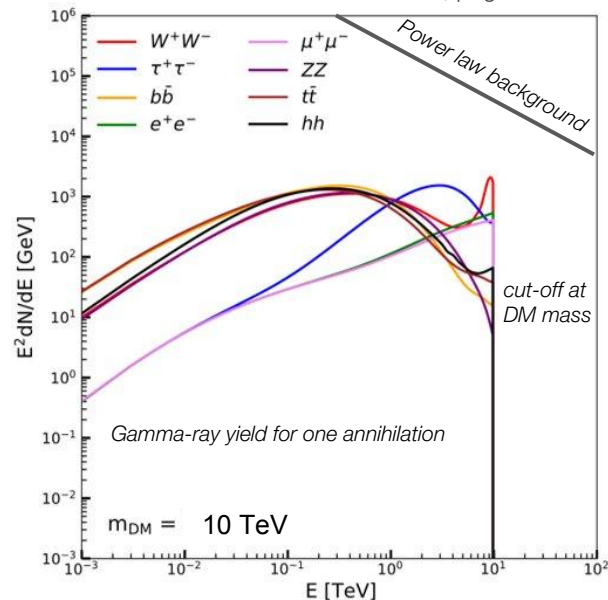
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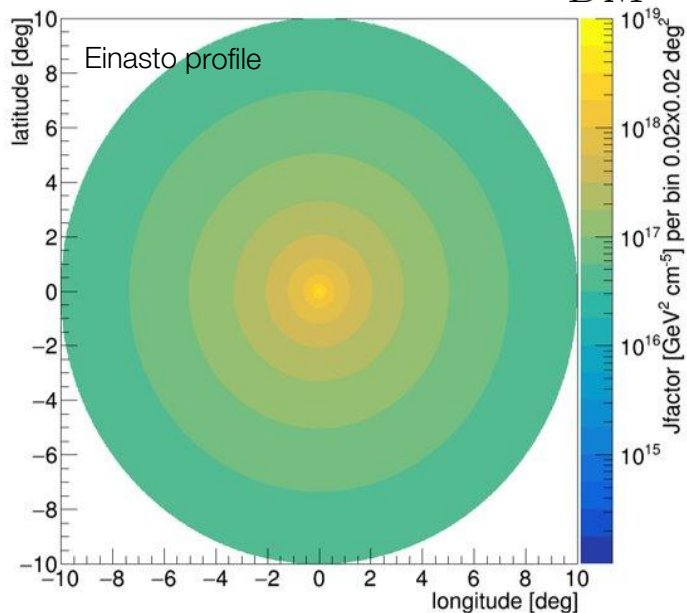
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Spectra computed from
Cirelli et al. JCAP 1103, page 51



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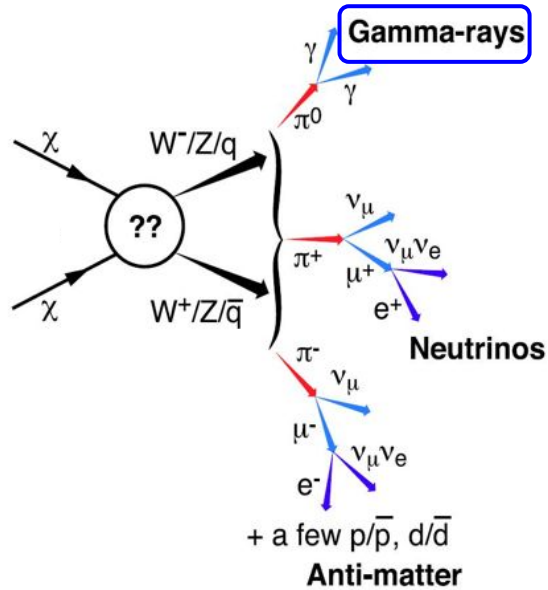
Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

- Weak interaction mass scale and ordinary gauge couplings → right relic DM density with no fine-tuning

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = \frac{3 \times 10^{-27} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle} \quad \langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{W}} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{m_{\text{WIMP}}^2} \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$$

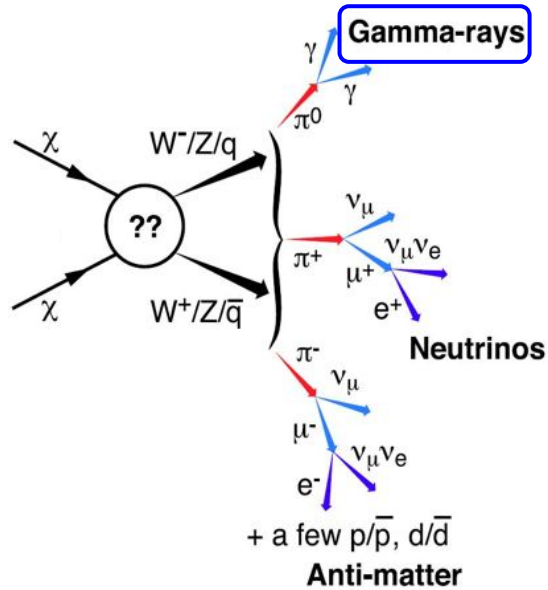
- Mass scale at GeV-TeV
- Benchmark for indirect detection: thermally produced WIMPs

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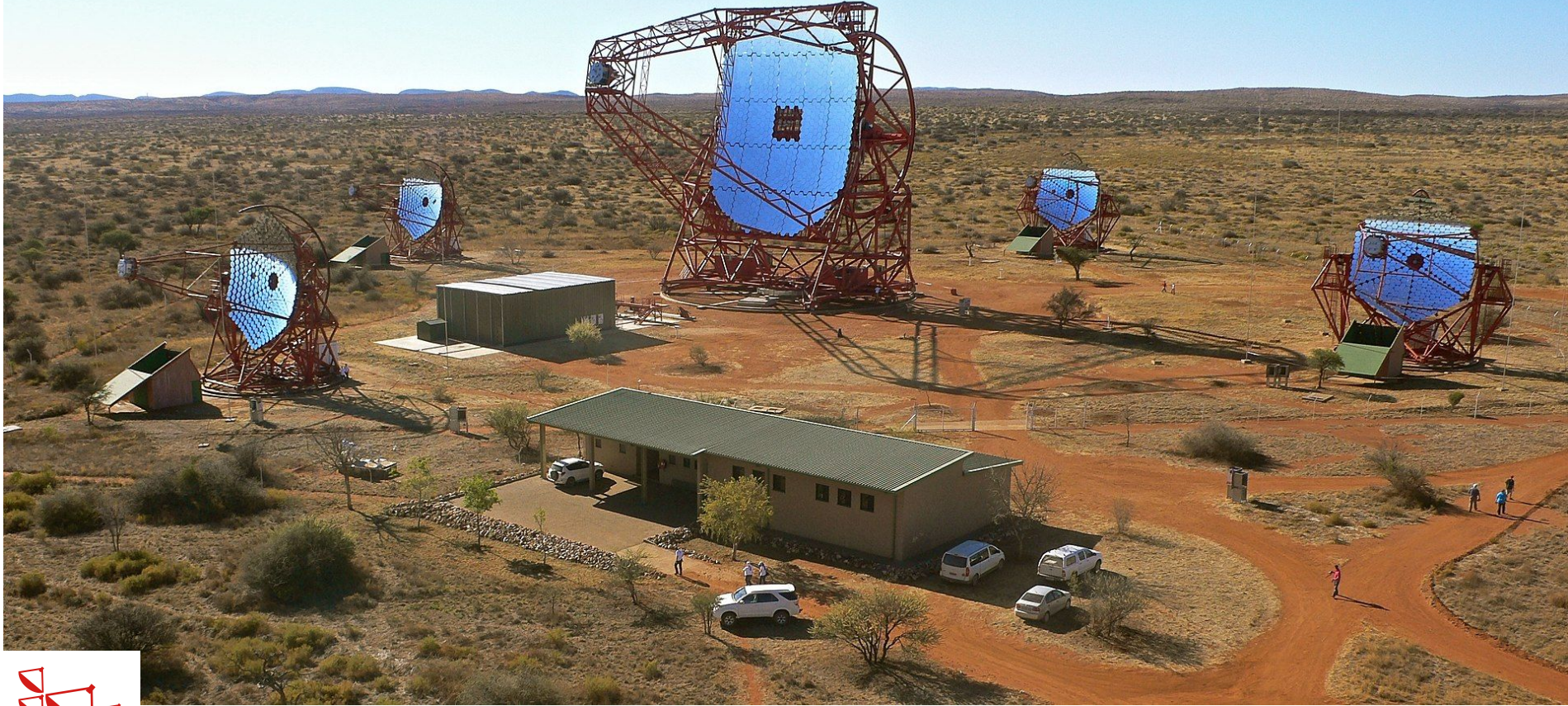
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The H.E.S.S. observatory



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with Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACT) we can:

- **Perform pointed observations**
- **Systematically scan limited regions**



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- Many of them within 100 kpc
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IACT observational strategies for DM search:

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

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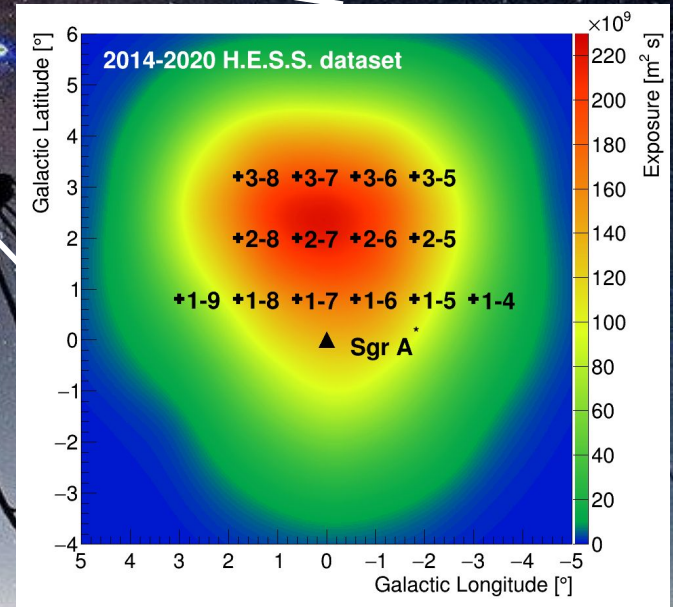
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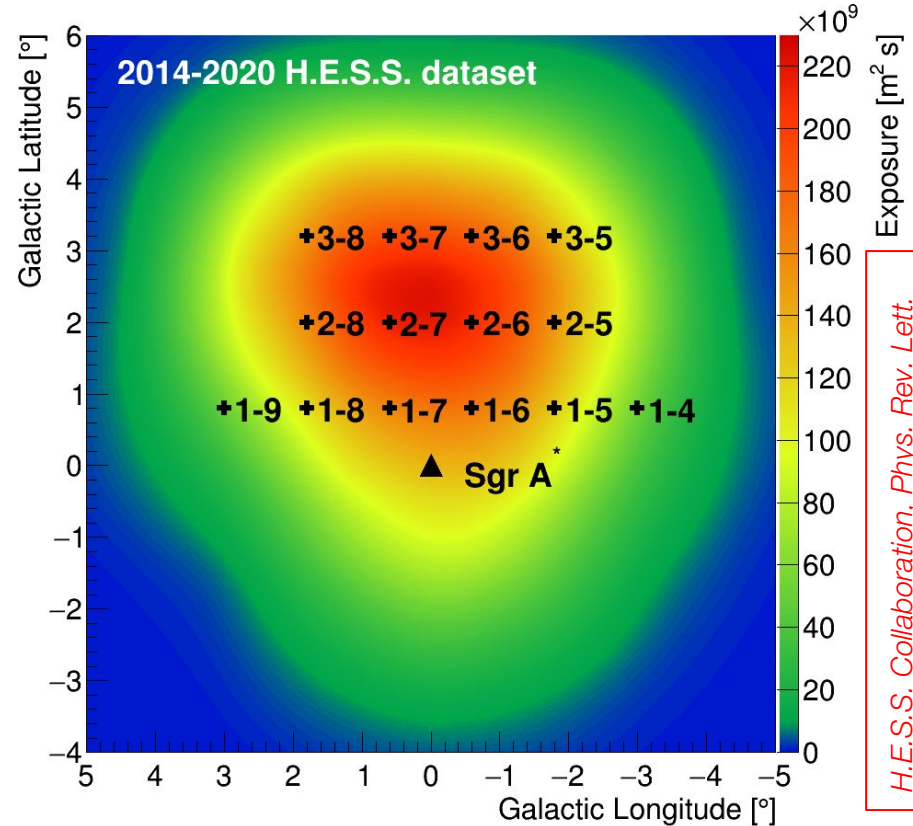
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The Inner Galaxy Survey



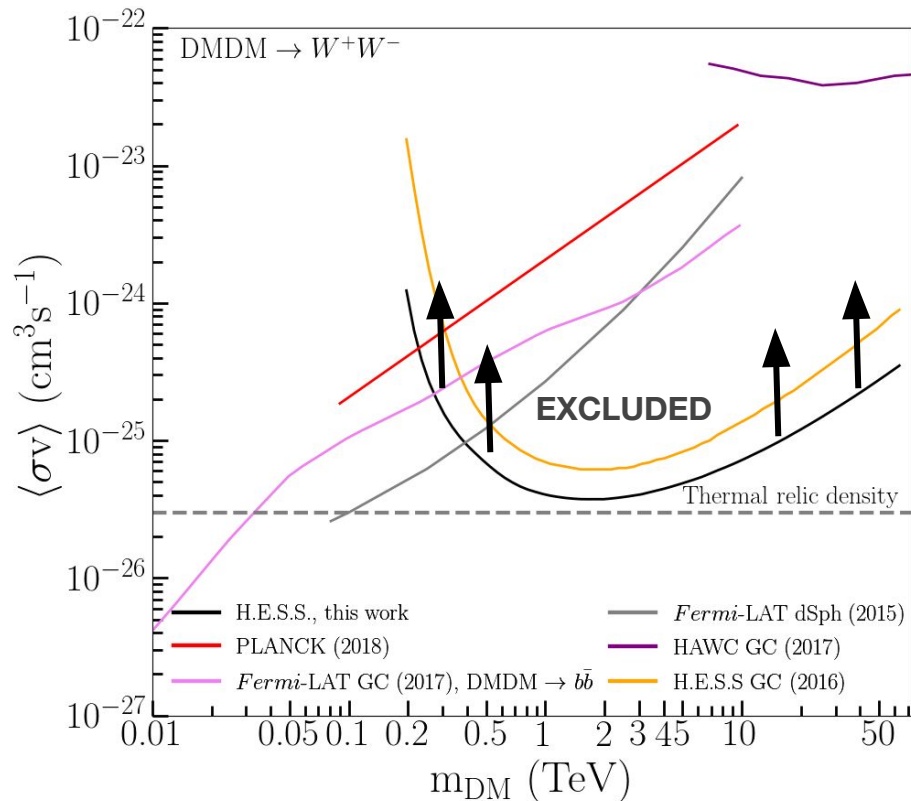
- The Inner Galaxy Survey (IGS, 2014-2020)
→ 546 hours of high quality data
- H.E.S.S. multi-year observational program of the inner few degrees around the Galactic Center, conducted with the full five-telescopes array
- **One of the motivations: to reach the best sensitivity possible to DM annihilation signals**



Constraints on the continuum



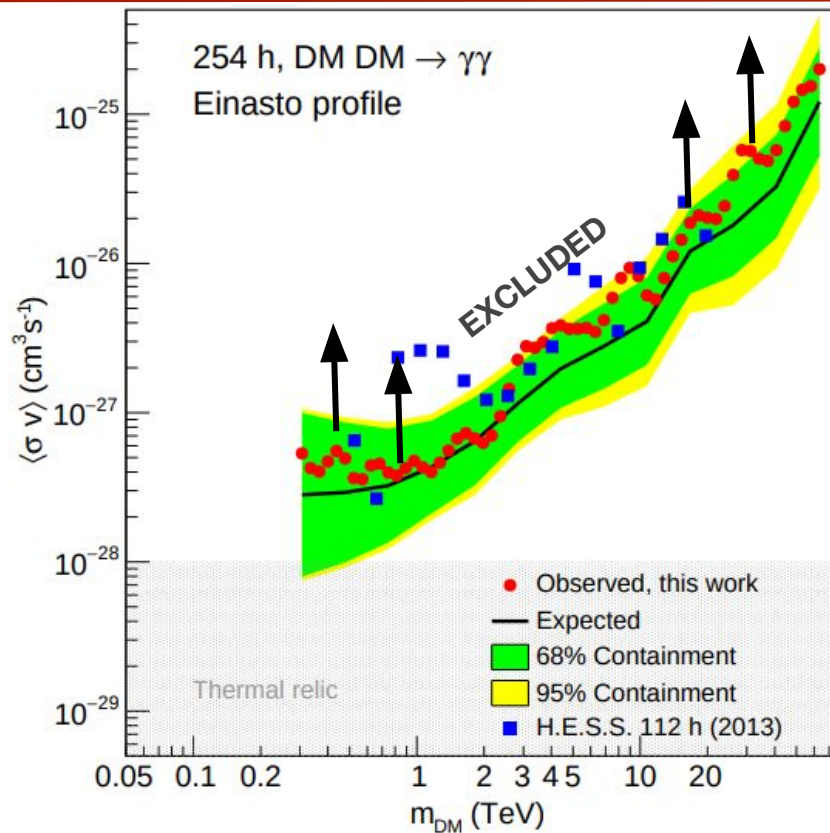
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Constraints on the line

- Using H.E.S.S. I data, collected between 2004 and 2014, for a total of 254 hours
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- **Limits for above 300 GeV:**
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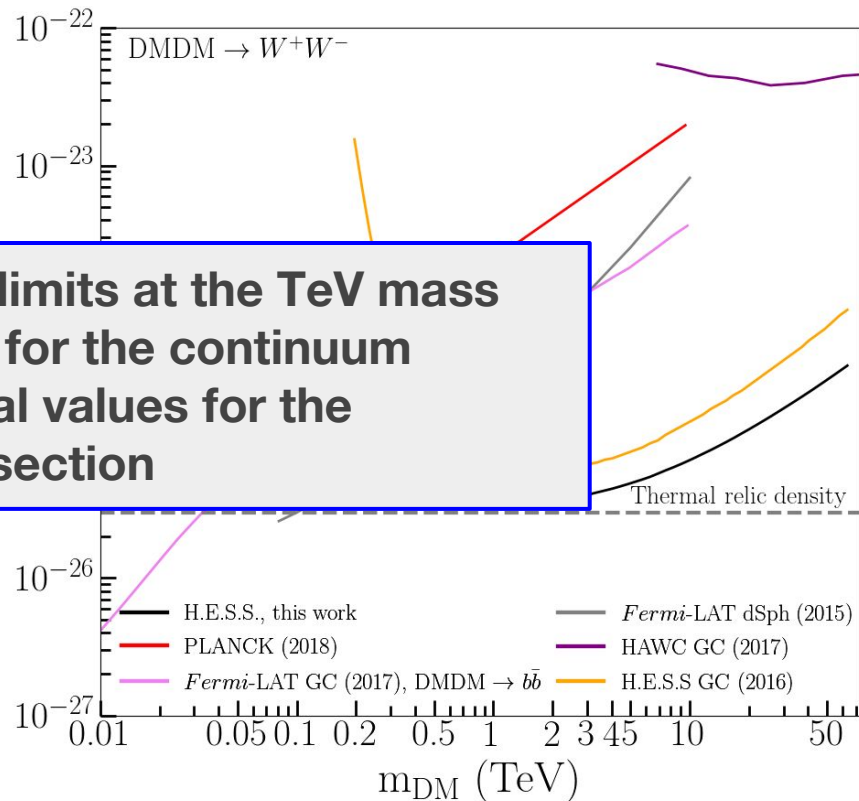
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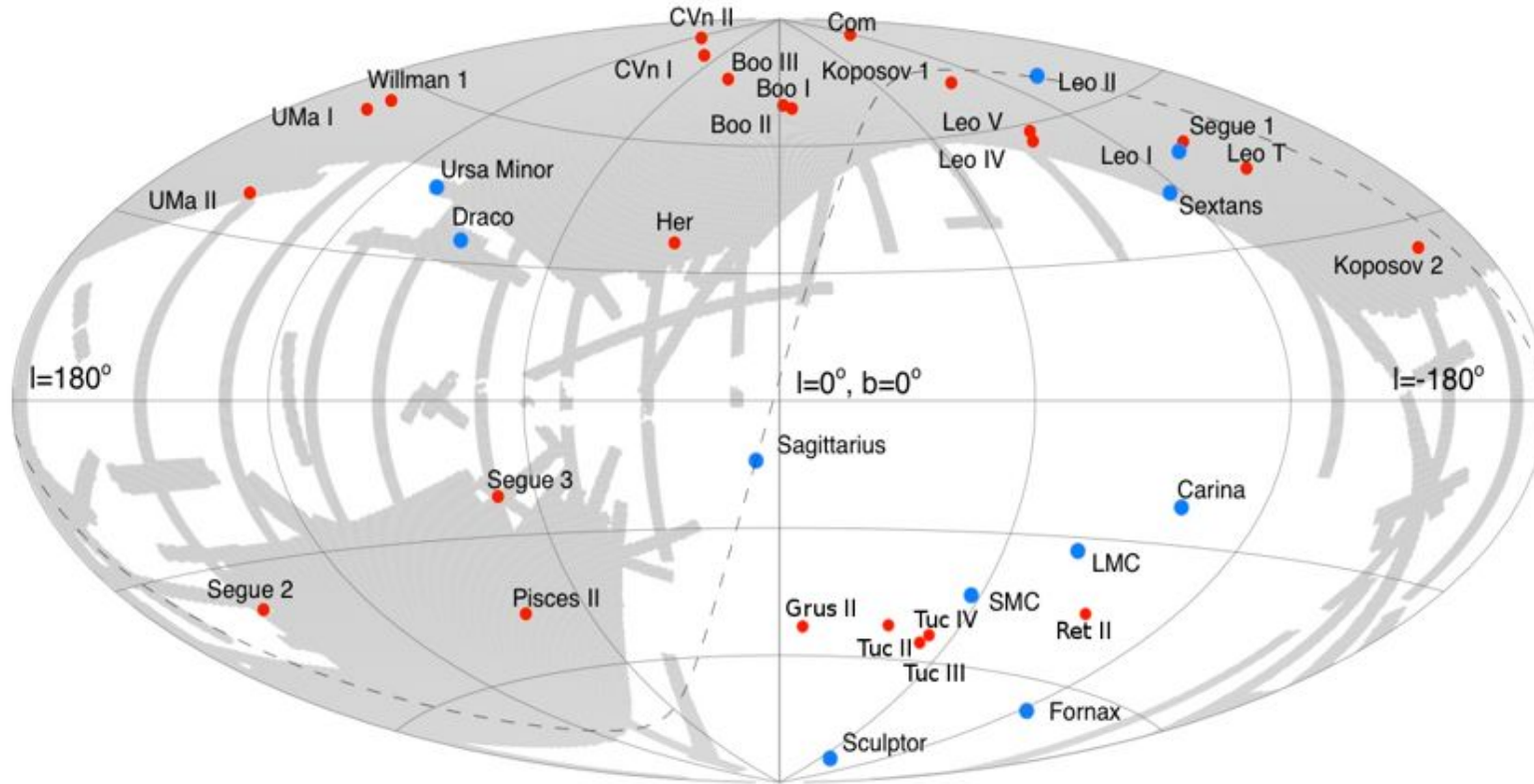
- **Comparing w/ other experiments**

- **Most constraining limits at the TeV mass range with the IGS for the continuum**
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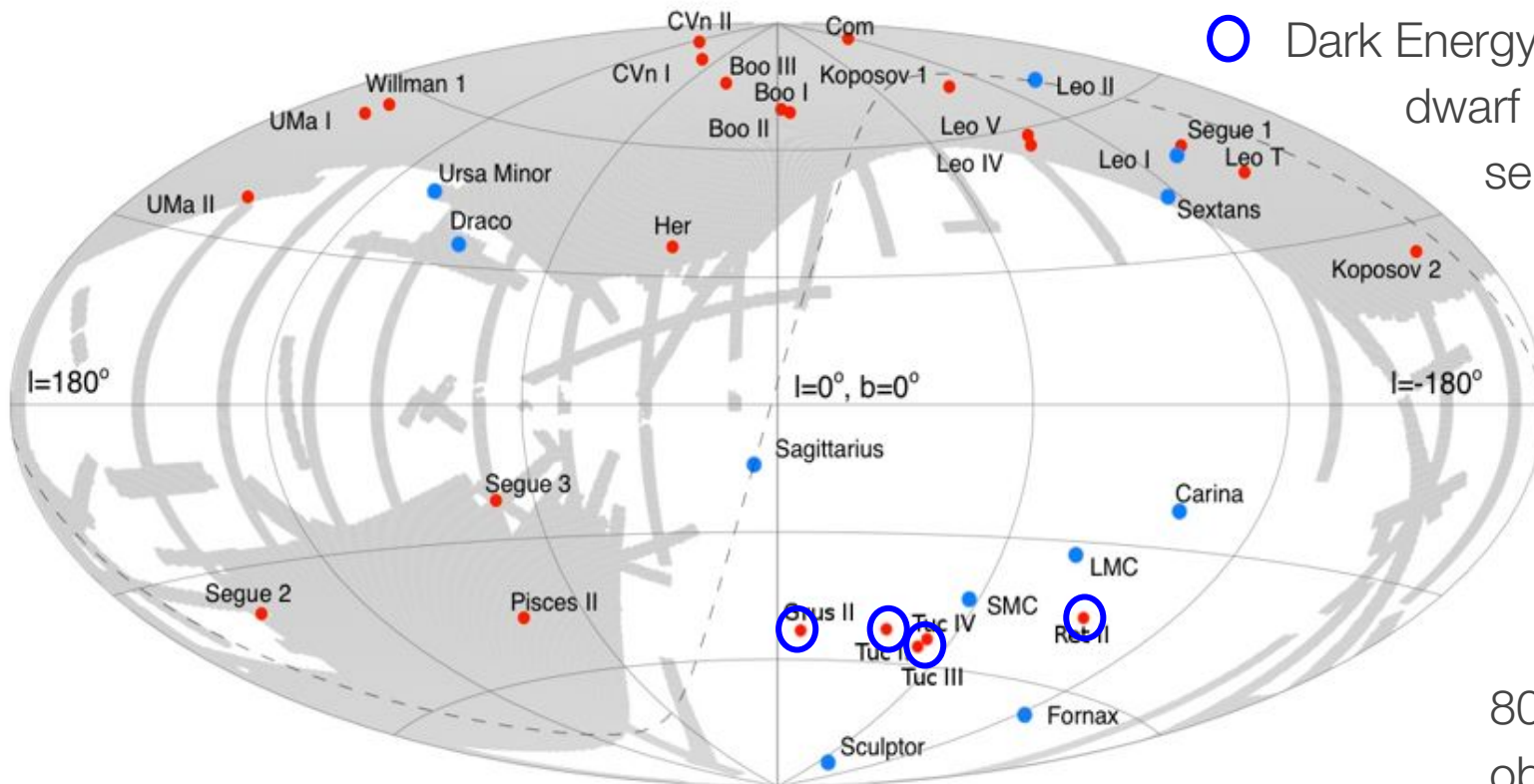


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Searches towards dwarf galaxies



Observations of DES dwarf galaxies



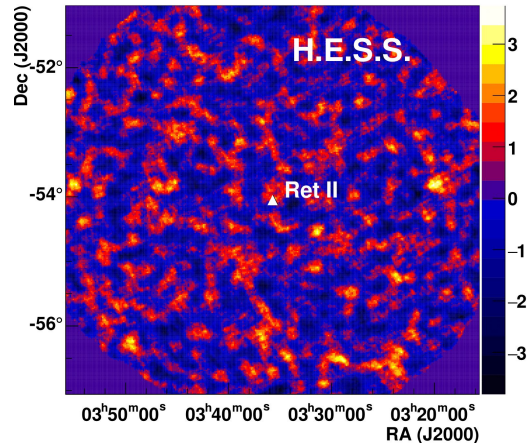
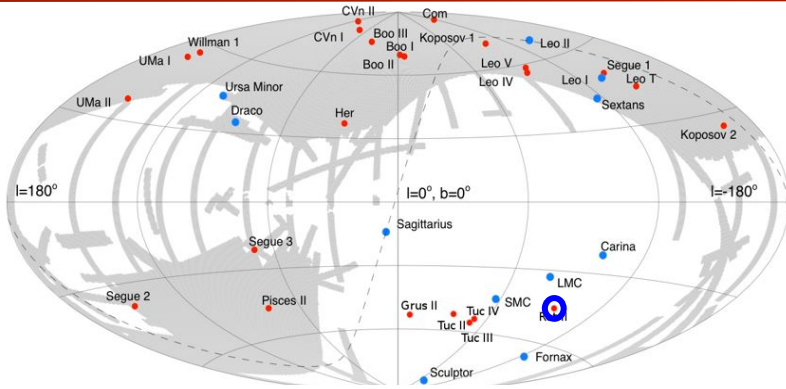
○ Dark Energy Survey (DES) dwarf galaxy satellites selected and observed by H.E.S.S.

H.E.S.S. Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 102, 062001 (2020)

80 hours of observations

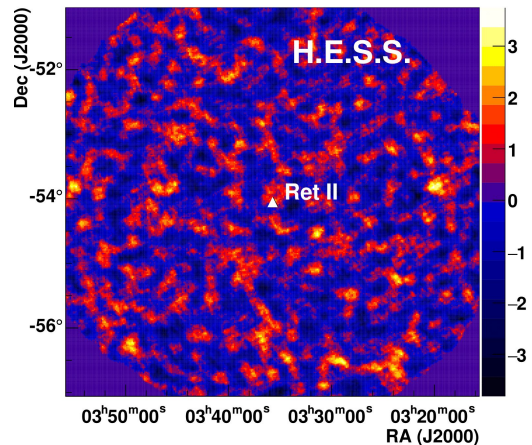
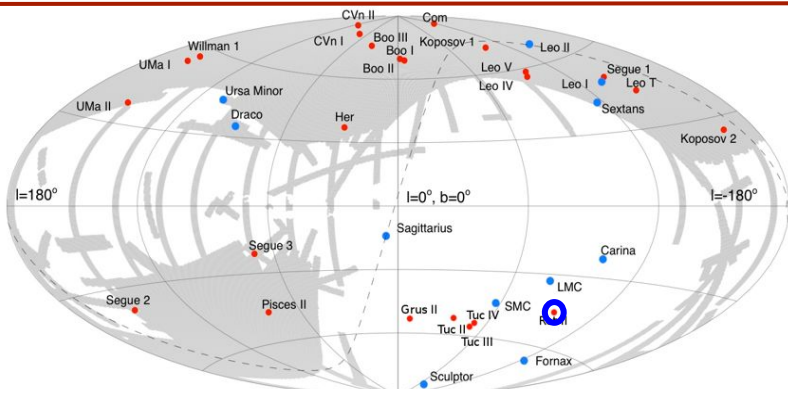
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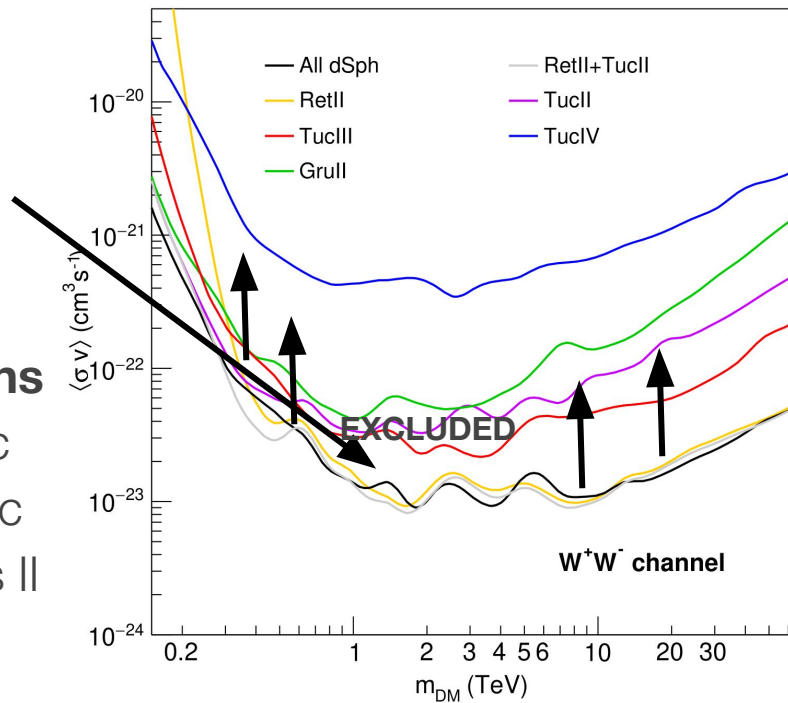


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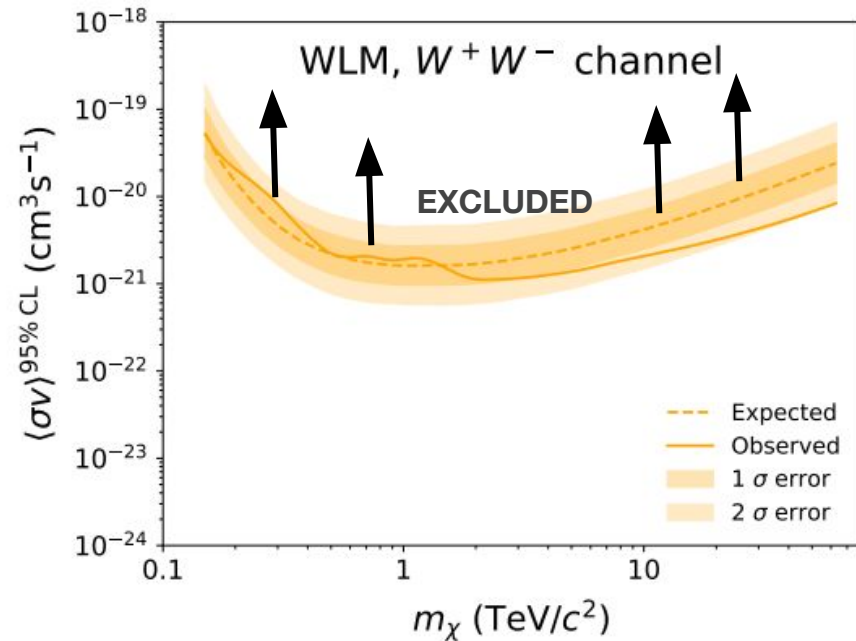
Combined limits of H.E.S.S. observations of Ret II, Tuc II, Tuc III, Tuc IV, and Grus II



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- Complementary targets are dwarf irregular galaxies
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- DM distribution well parametrized by a *coreNFW*

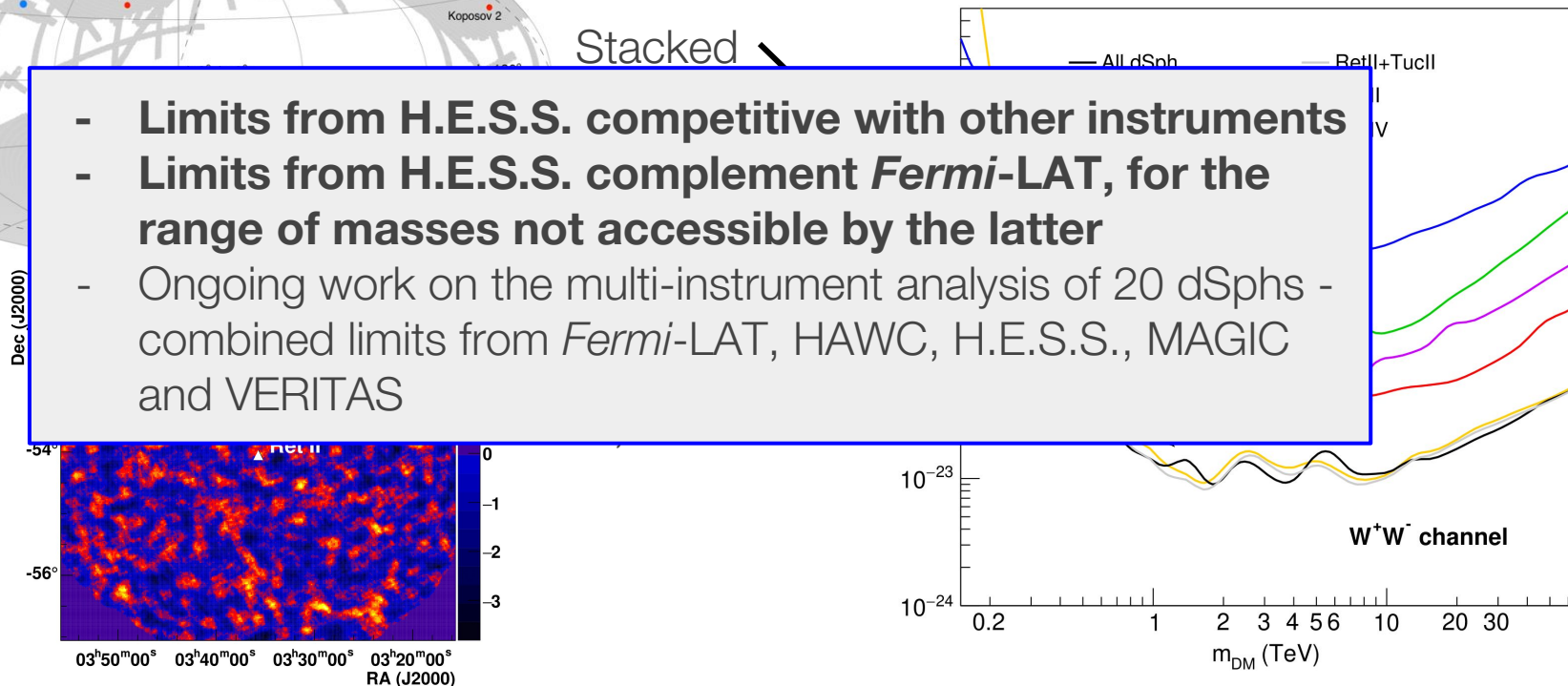
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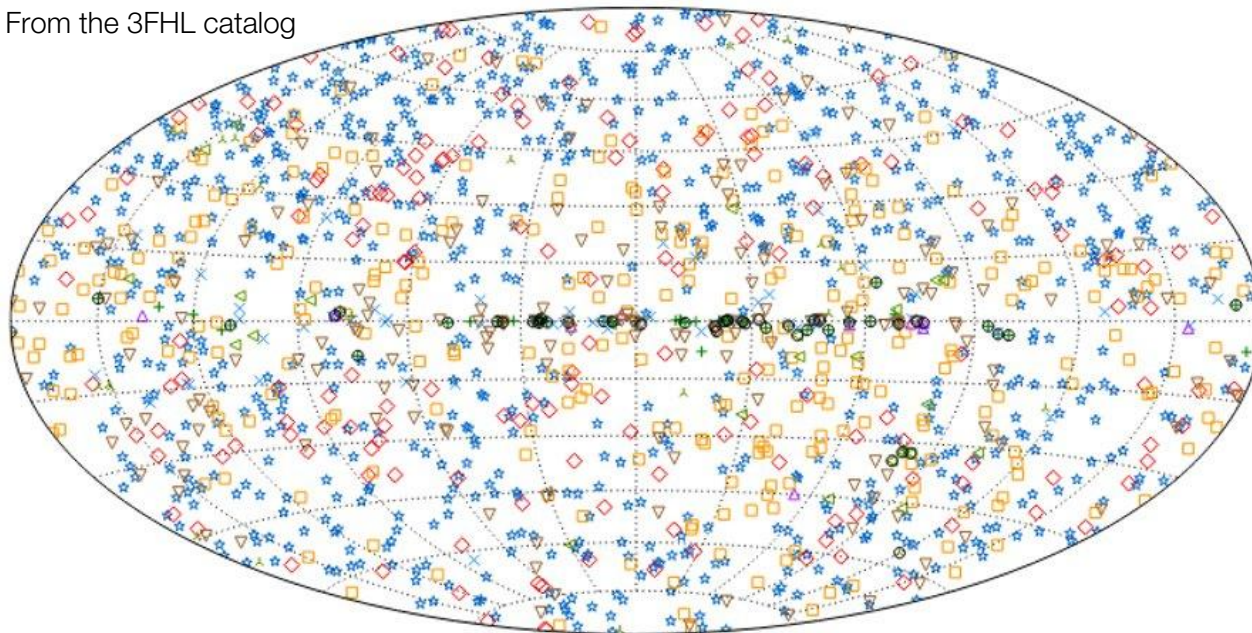
- Limits from H.E.S.S. competitive with other instruments
- Limits from H.E.S.S. complement *Fermi*-LAT, for the range of masses not accessible by the latter
- Ongoing work on the multi-instrument analysis of 20 dSphs - combined limits from *Fermi*-LAT, HAWC, H.E.S.S., MAGIC and VERITAS



Selection of the most promising DM subhalos

Ref. Ajello et al., *Astrophys. J. Suppl.* 2017, 232, 18

From the 3FHL catalog



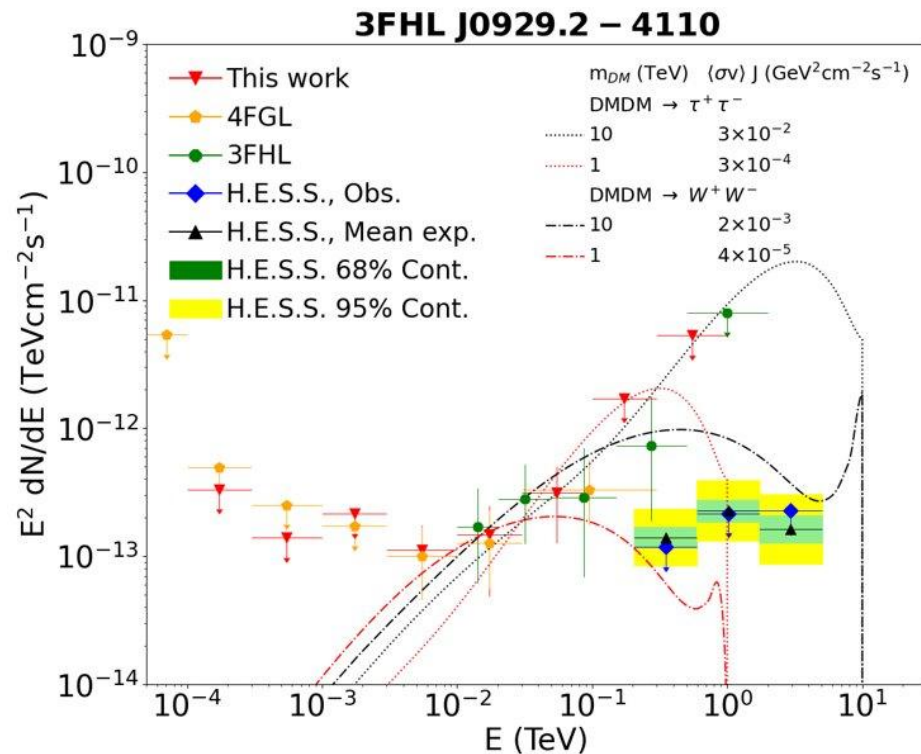
Thorough selection of **the most promising unassociated sources** in the *Fermi*-LAT catalog as DM subhalos - the unidentified Fermi objects (UFOs)

4 observed by H.E.S.S.

UFO spectral energy distribution



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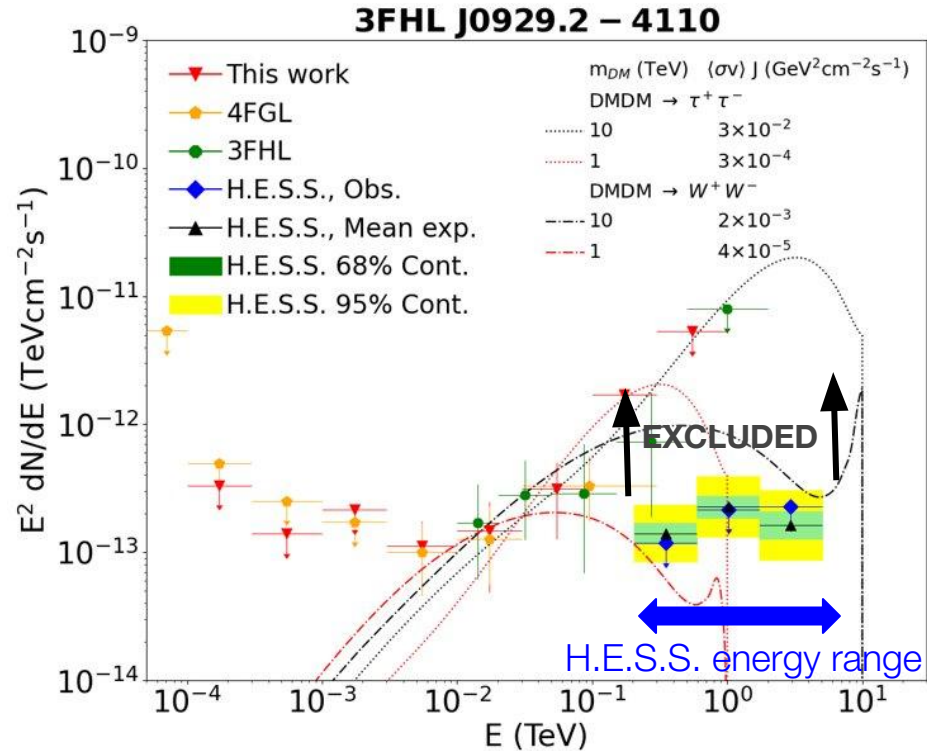


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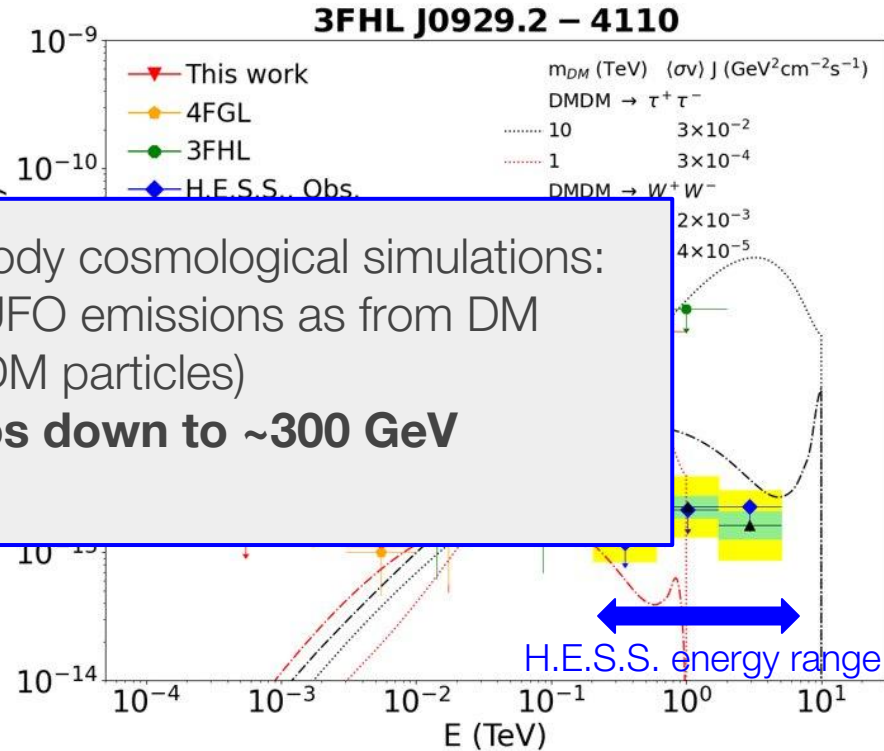
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From the statistical analysis and N-body cosmological simulations:

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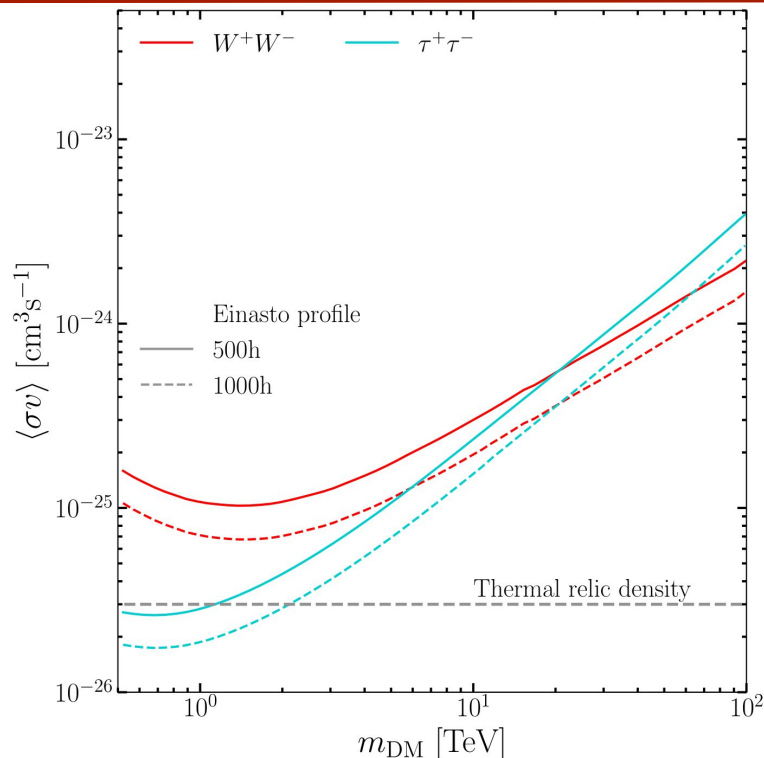
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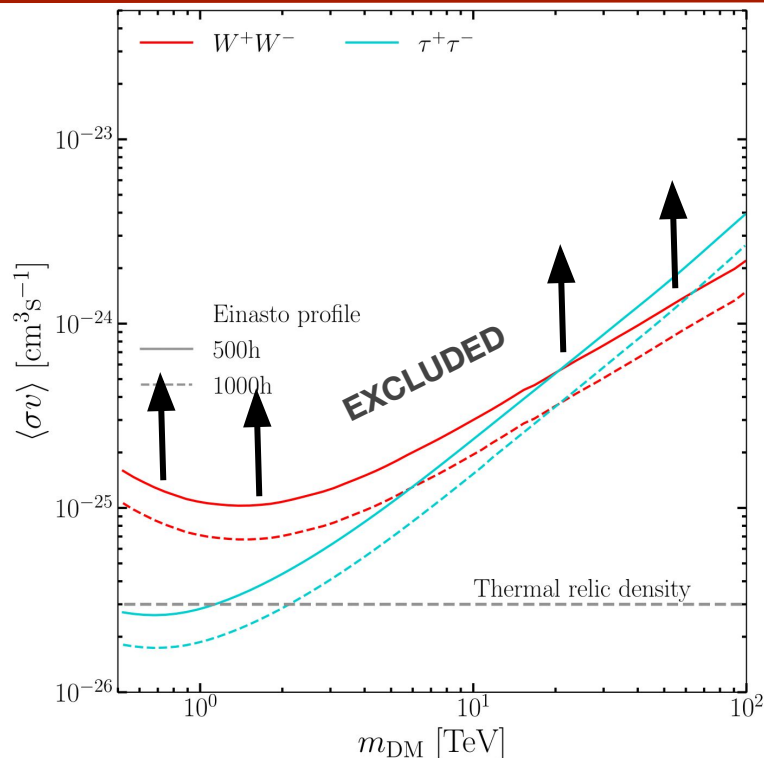
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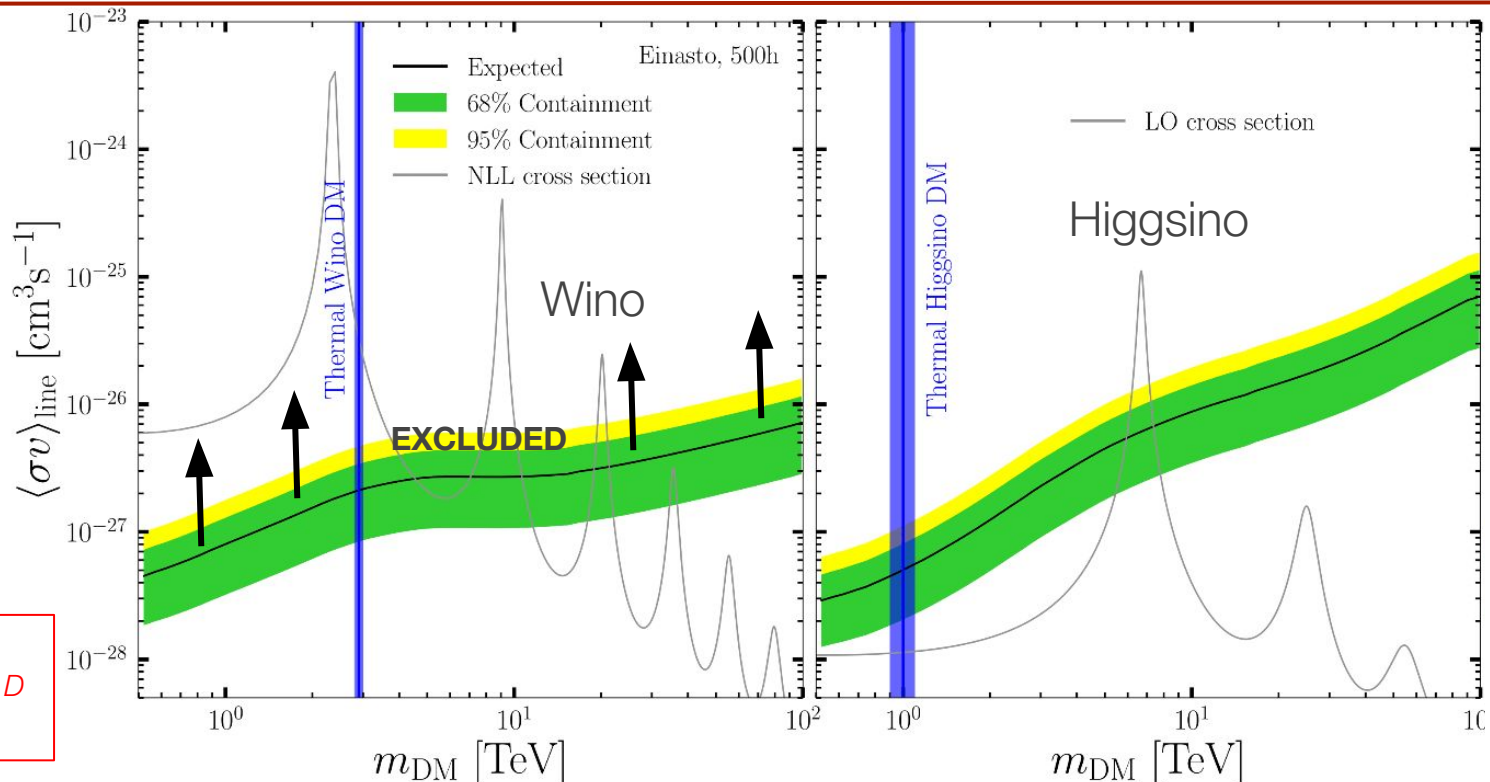


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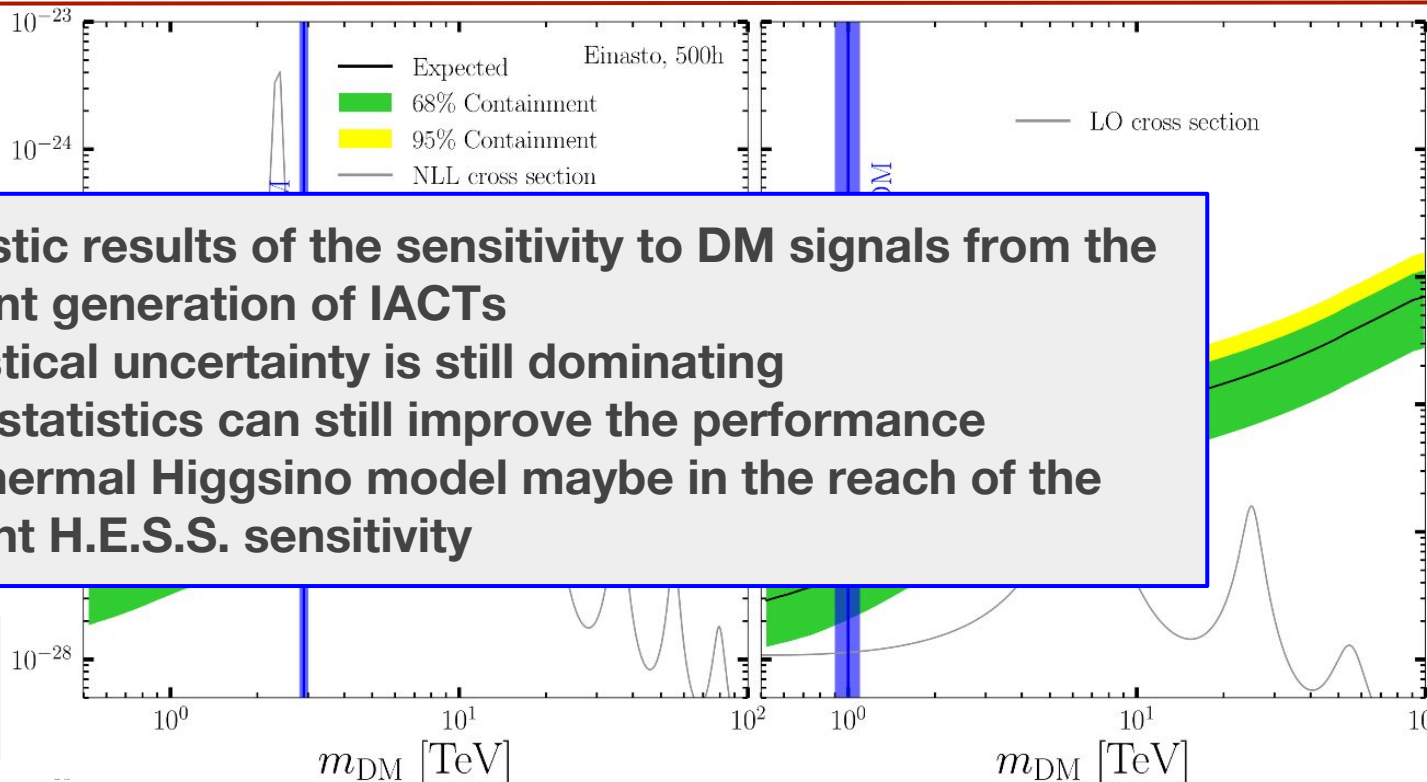


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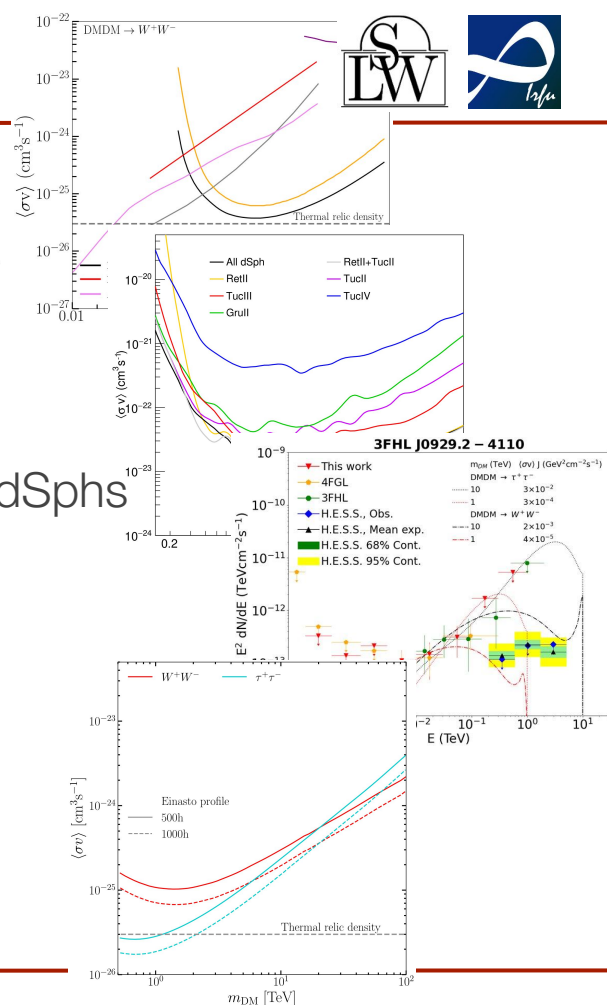
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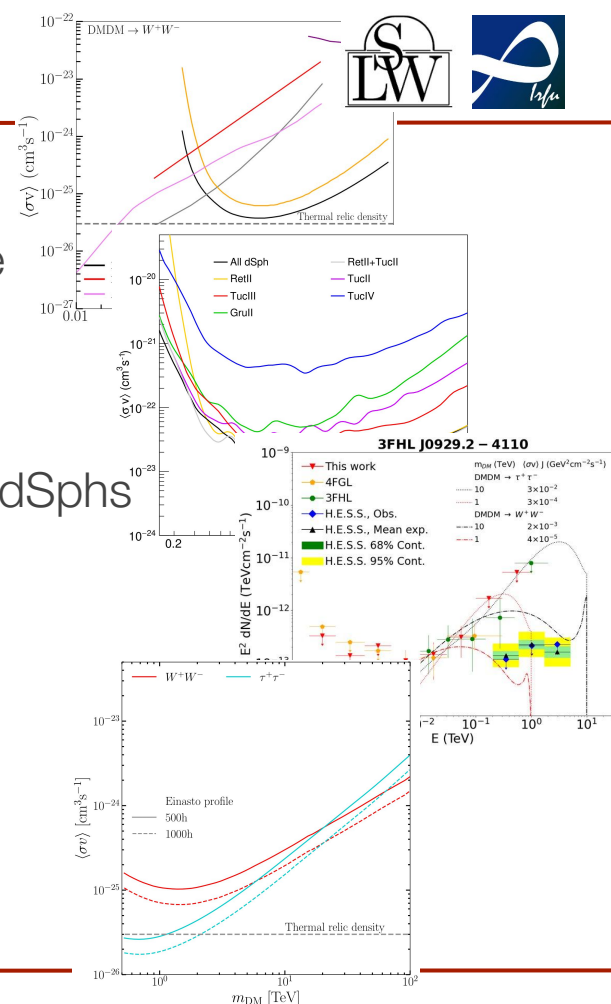


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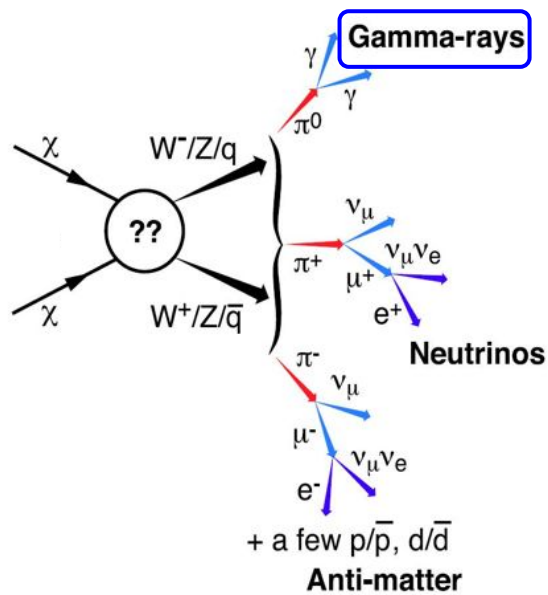
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If the source is distant:

- every point in the source is distant $\rightarrow r \sim R$
- the flux depends approximately $\sim M/R^2$ (M total mass of the source)
- strongest signal from targets with the largest DM mass and also quite close
 \rightarrow **strongest constraints from galaxy clusters observations**

Gamma-rays from dark matter annihilation

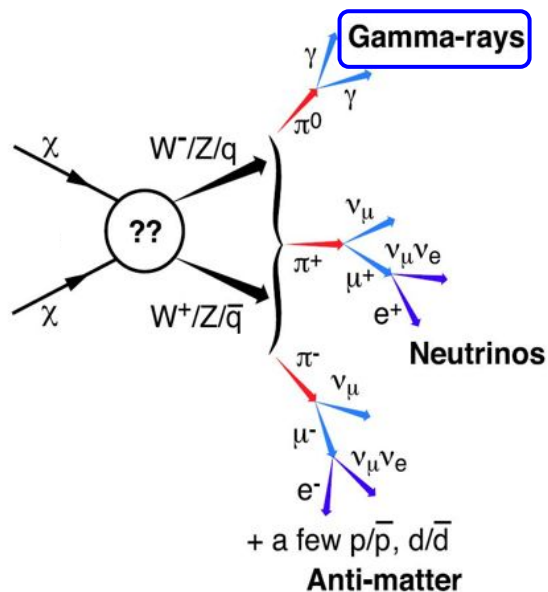


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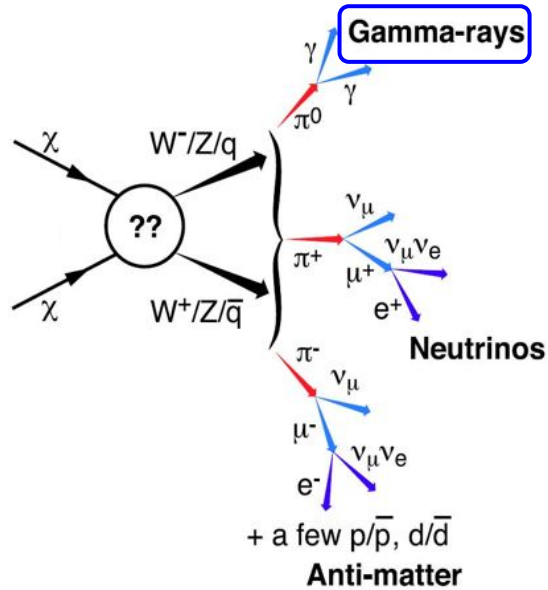
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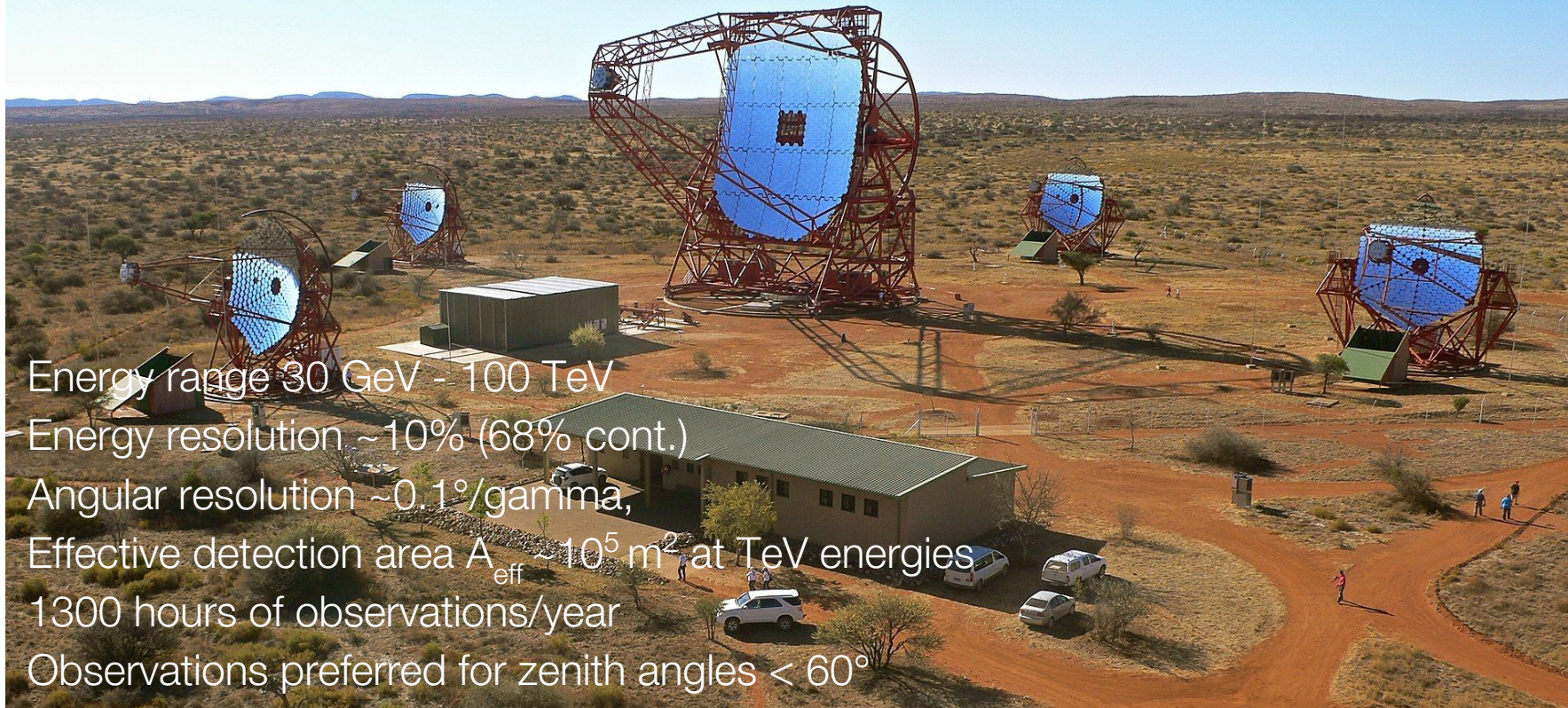


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The H.E.S.S. observatory



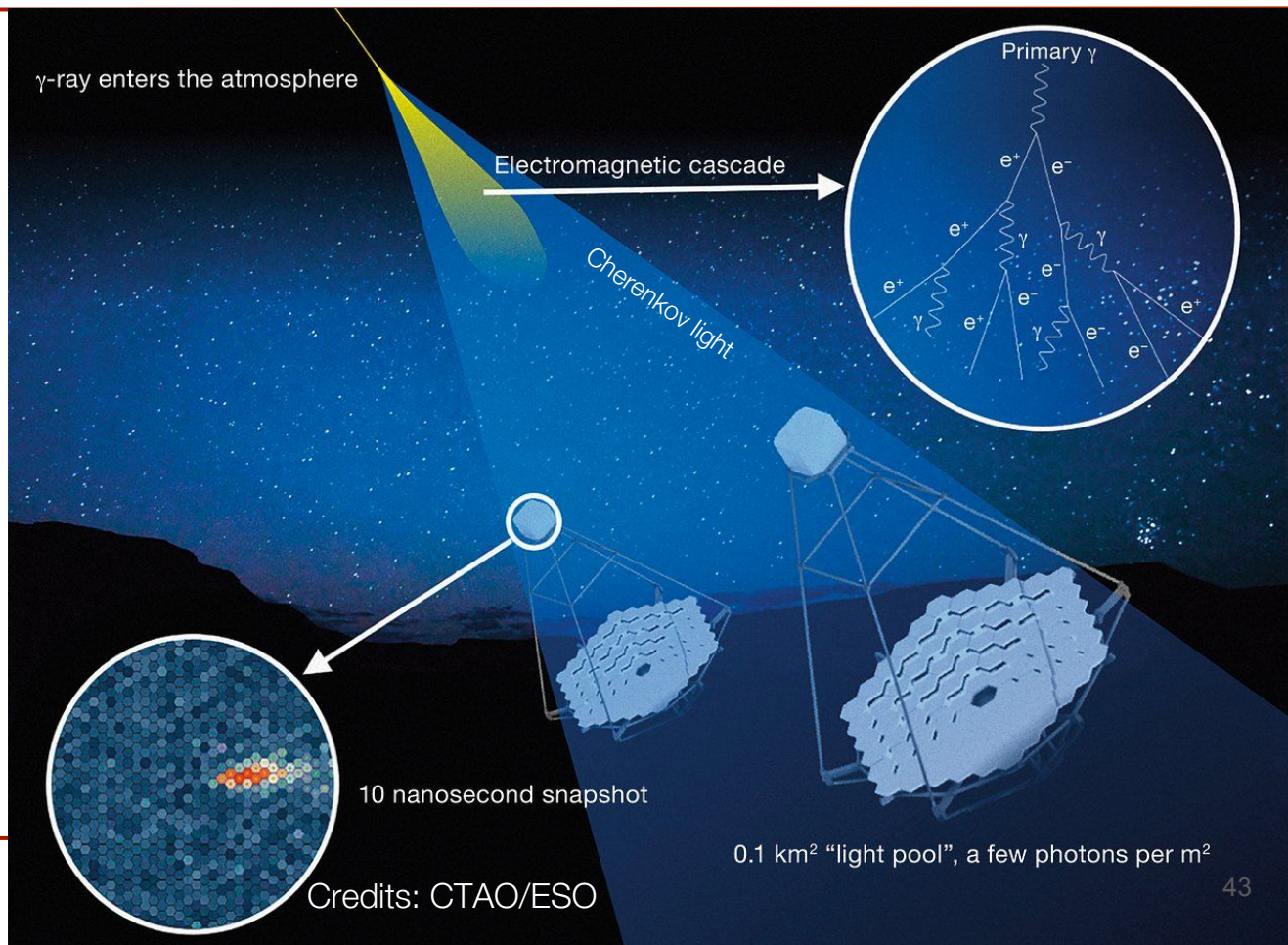
Energy range 30 GeV - 100 TeV
Energy resolution $\sim 10\%$ (68% cont.)
Angular resolution $\sim 0.1^\circ/\text{gamma}$,
Effective detection area $A_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^5 \text{ m}^2$ at TeV energies
1300 hours of observations/year
Observations preferred for zenith angles $< 60^\circ$



Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Technique

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- Counting experiment, measured events
- Expected events in the ON and OFF regions
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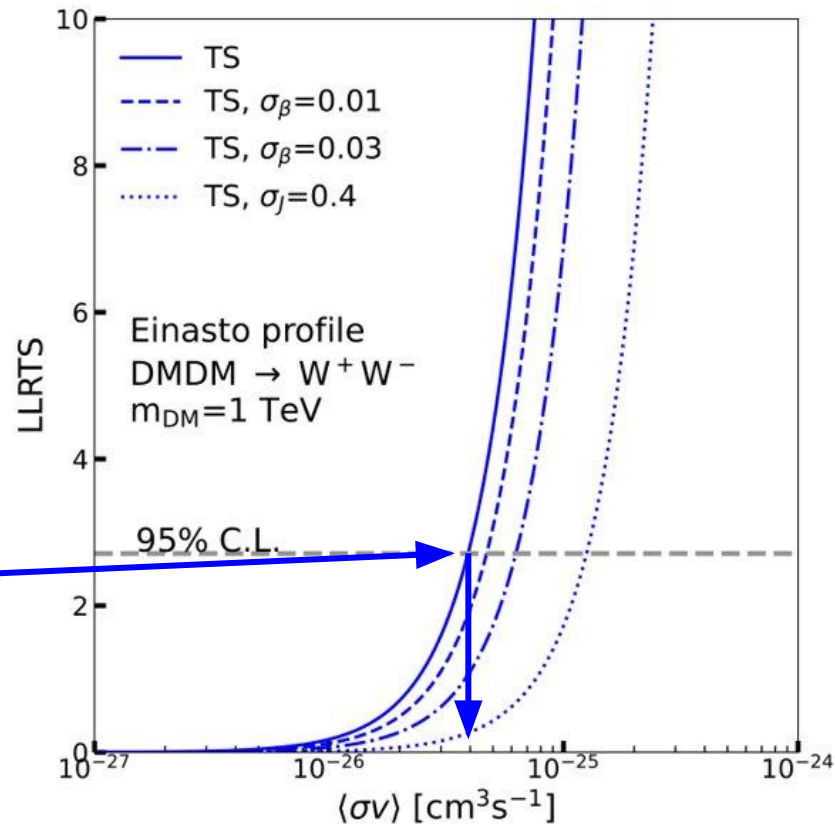
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Example for Dark Matter search

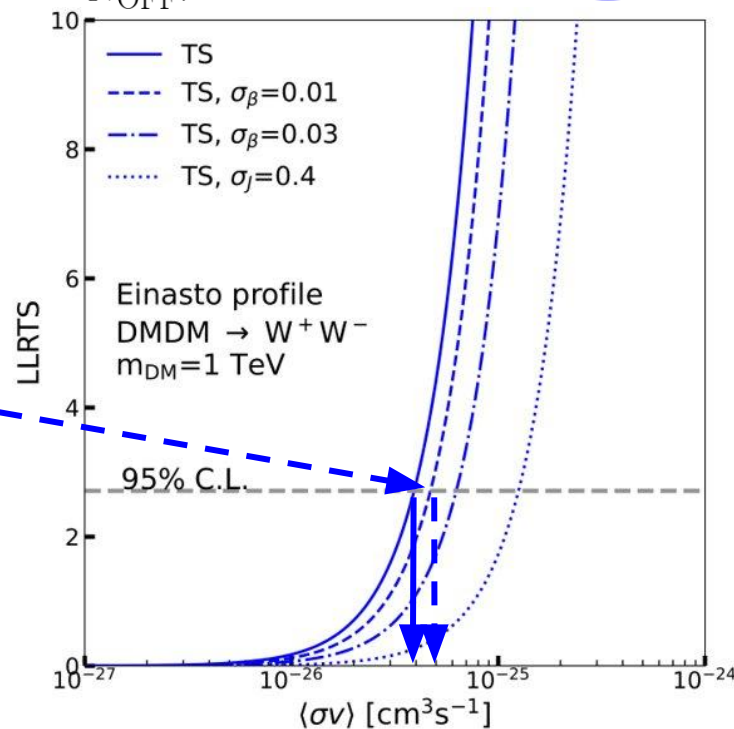


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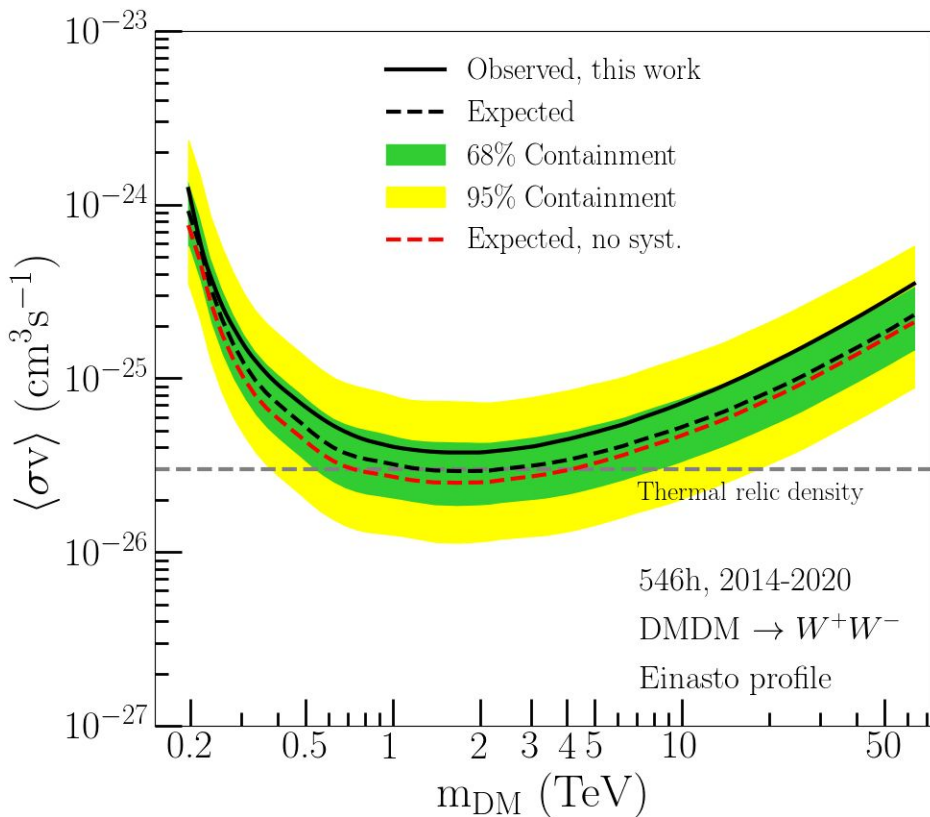
Upper limits for 1% systematic uncertainty: 20% less constraining

Using a nuisance parameter in the Likelihood



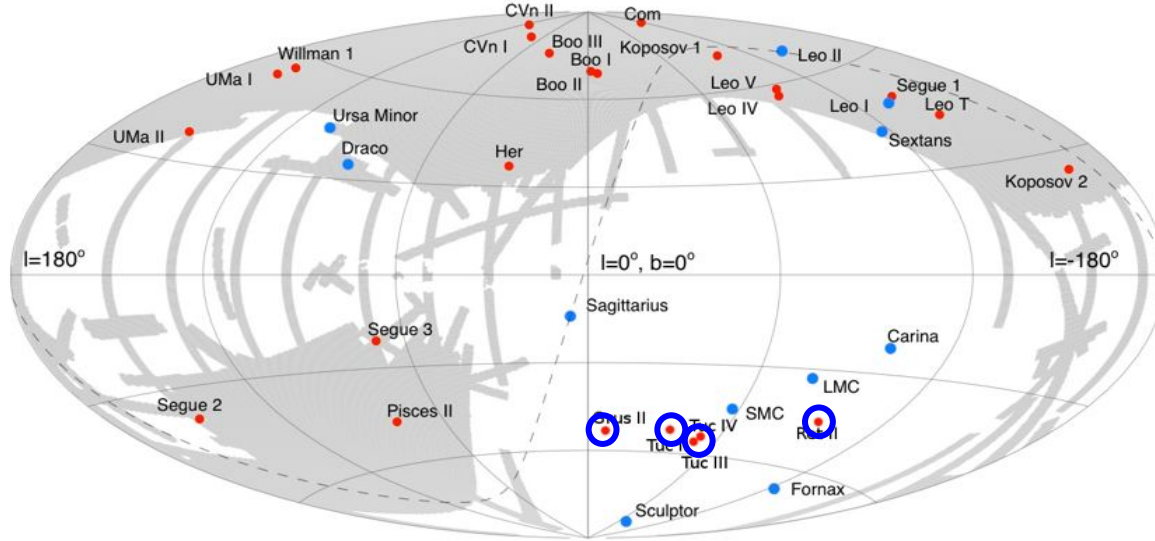
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- No excess compatible with DM signal
→ Computation of upper limits on the annihilation cross section
- **Most constraining limits for TeV mass range** for the channels tested:
 - annihilation into the W^+W^- channel $\langle\sigma v\rangle = 3.7 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ at 1.5 TeV



H.E.S.S. Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett.
129, 111101 (2022)

Searches towards dwarf galaxies



Modeling the DM distribution:

- Pressure-supported systems
- Use kinematic tracers of the gravitational potential
- Works very well in DM-dominated environments, e.g. dwarf galaxies, via the Jeans equation modeling

Determination for Reticulum II

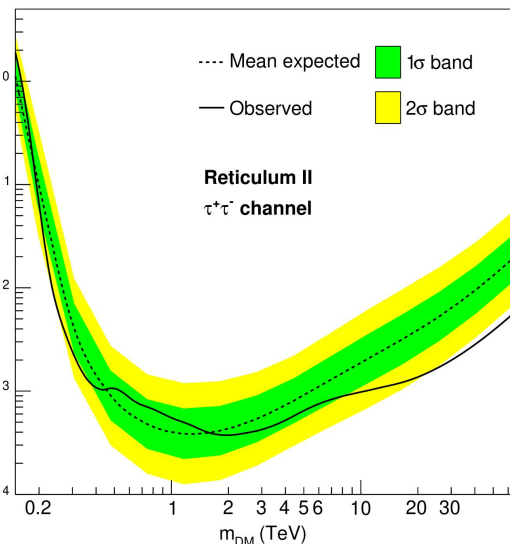
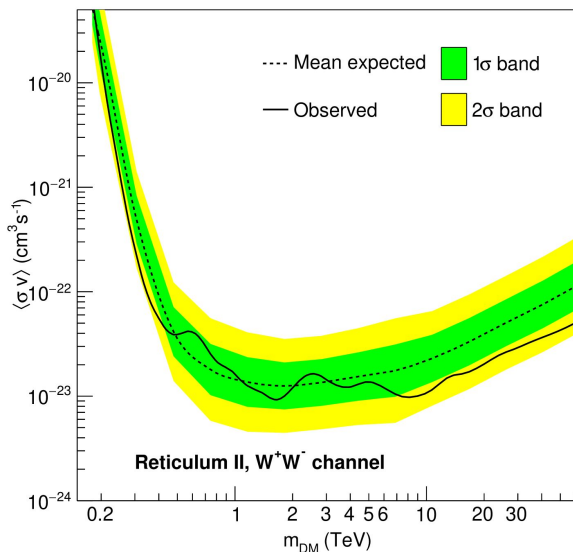
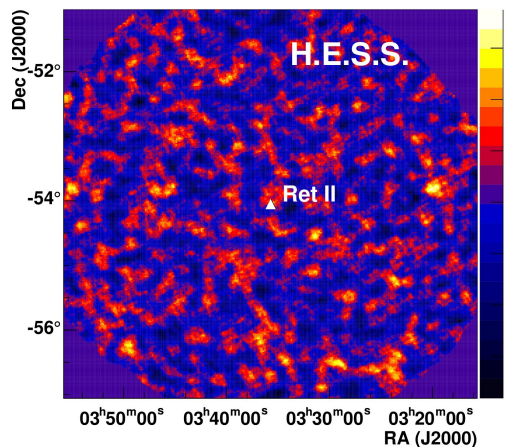
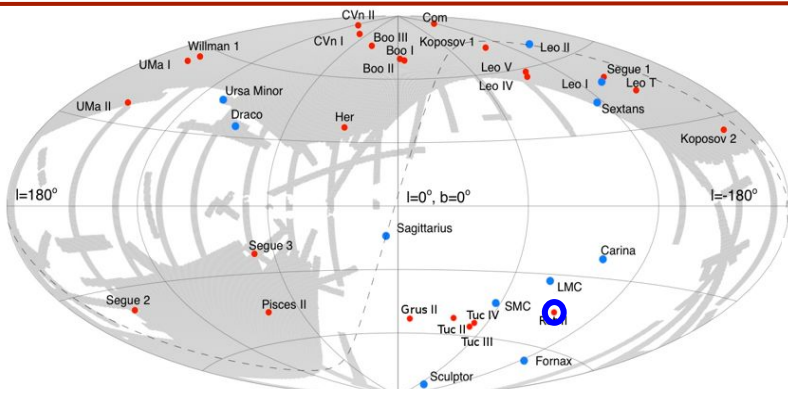
- Stellar velocity dispersion \rightarrow J-factor

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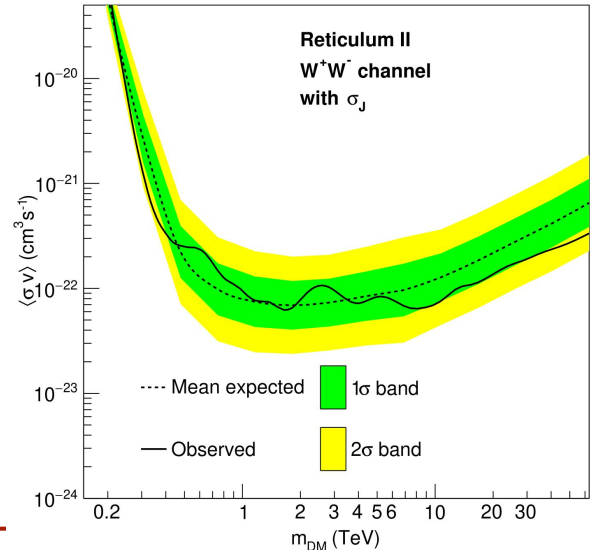
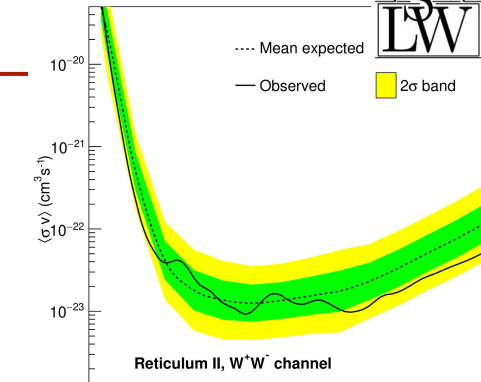
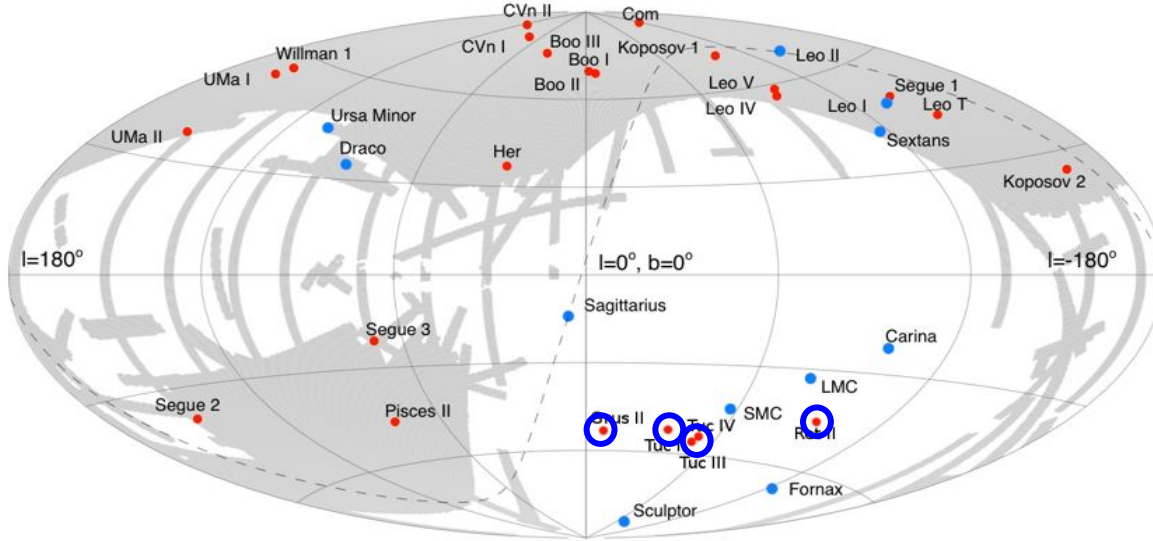
Limits and uncertainty on the J-factor

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Results for various annihilation channels and including the uncertainty on the J-factor



Limits and uncertainty on the J-factor



Determination for Reticulum II

- Stellar velocity dispersion \rightarrow J-factor

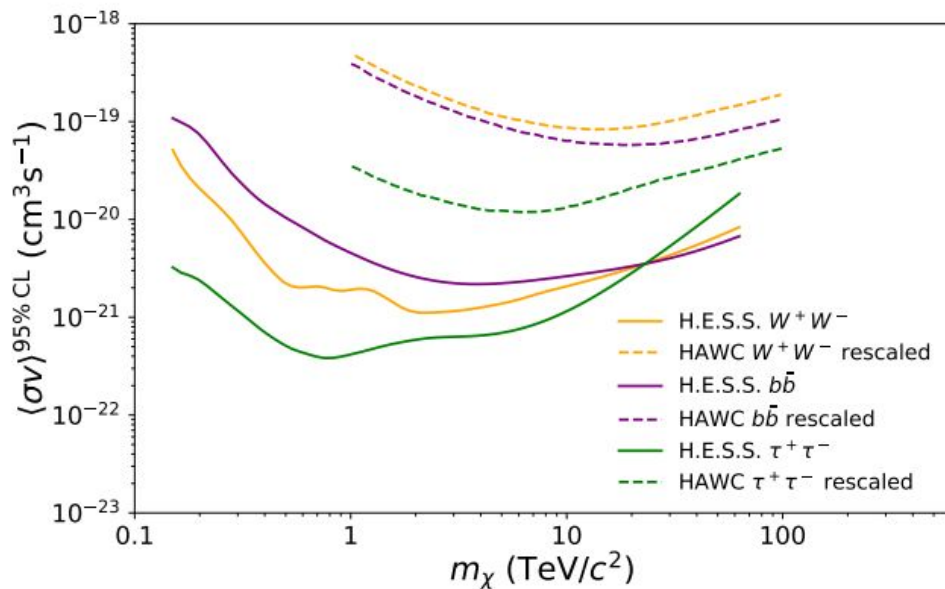
\rightarrow **Uncertainty on the J-factor included in the limits**

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H.E.S.S. Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 103, 102002 (2021)

- Complementary targets are dwarf irregular galaxies
- 18 hours of observations with H.E.S.S. of the Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte galaxy
- DM distribution well parametrized by a *coreNFW*

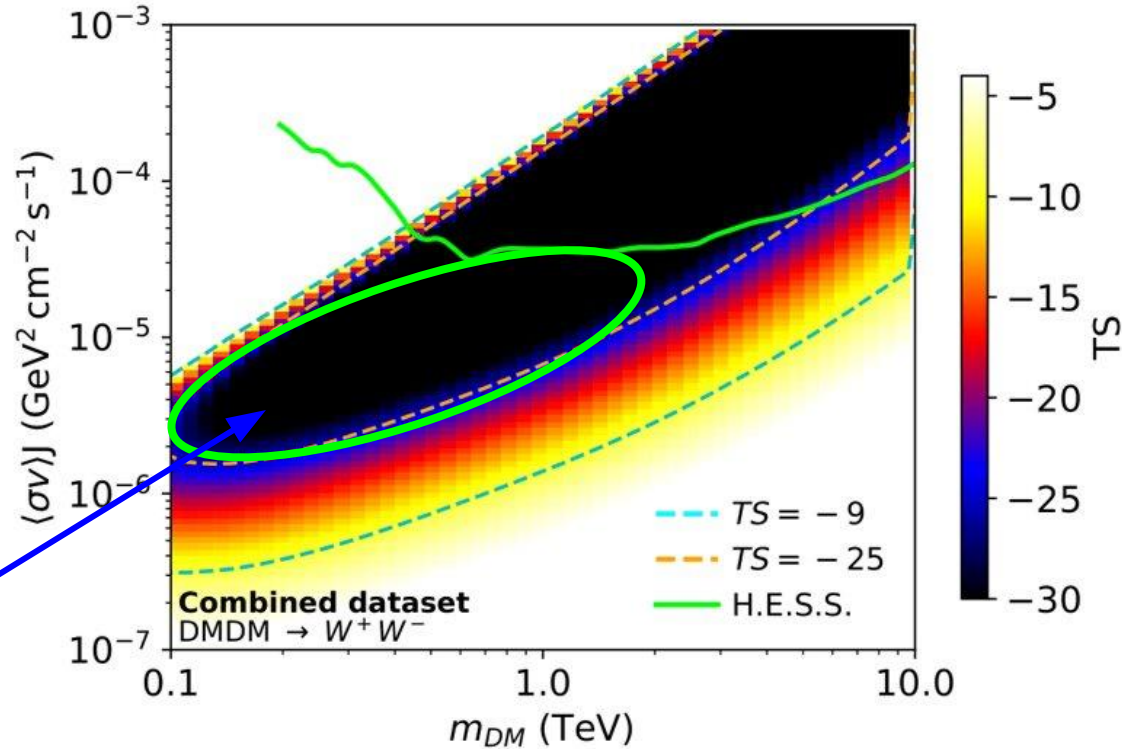
→ **Improvement of a factor at least 10 w.r.t. previous limits from other experiments**



DM-induced models for UFO emissions



- Combination of Fermi-LAT and H.E.S.S. datasets
- 95% C.L. combined U.L. on the product between the annihilation cross section and the J-factor
- Some viable models to explain the stacked Fermi-LAT datasets and considering the H.E.S.S. U.L.

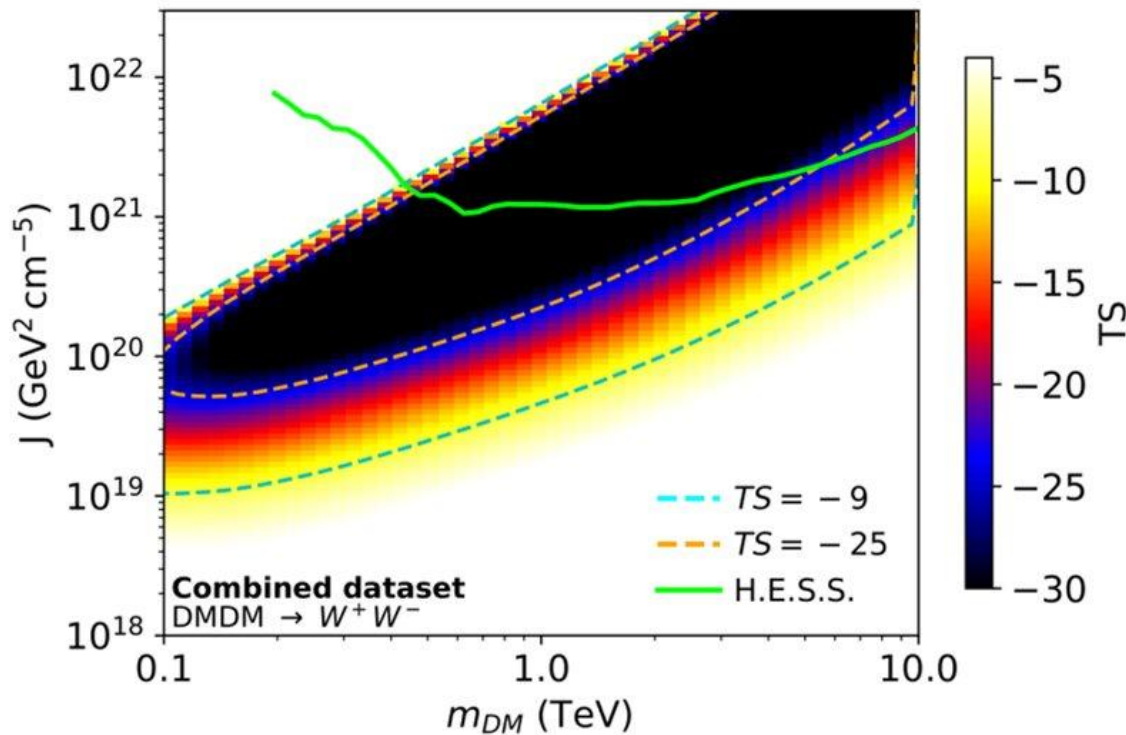


H.E.S.S. Collaboration, Astrophys. J. 918, 17 (2021)

Allowed J-factors for the UFOs

- Assuming thermally produced WIMPs, we fix the annihilation cross section
- J-factors allowed given combined H.E.S.S.
- But, high J-factors for the UFOs from cosmological simulations

→ **DM induced emission for the UFOs very unlikely, according to the H.E.S.S. constraints**

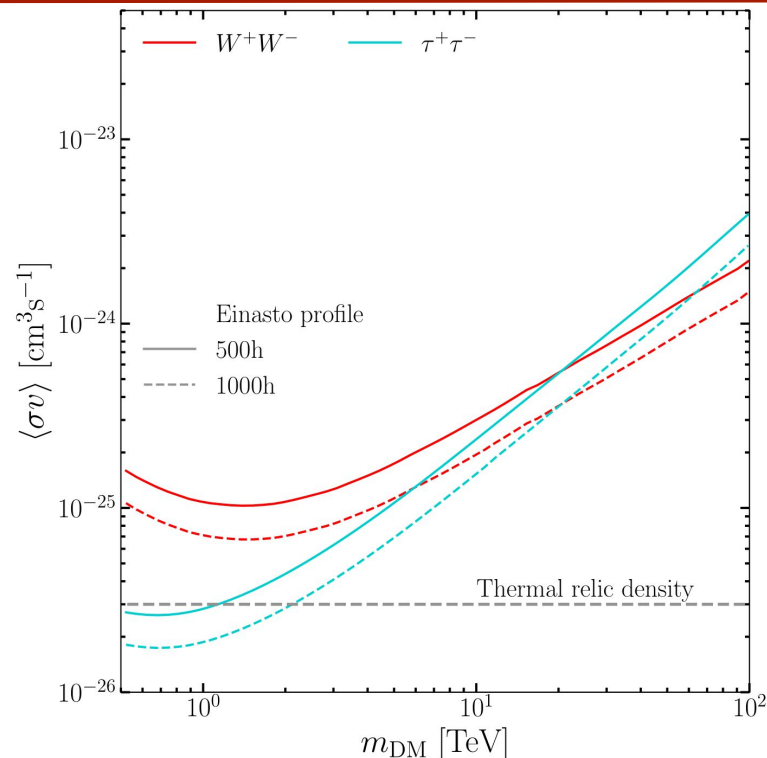


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Assessing the sensitivity to dark matter signal



- Mock dataset of H.E.S.S. IGS observations
→ **simulating 500h and 1000h of flat exposure**
- Most up-to-date and advanced calculations for theoretical gamma-ray DM annihilation yields
- Recent DM profiles determination from measurements of the MW rotation curve
Cautun et al., MNRAS, 494.3, (2020)
- Background modeling considering residual and conventional TeV astrophysical background



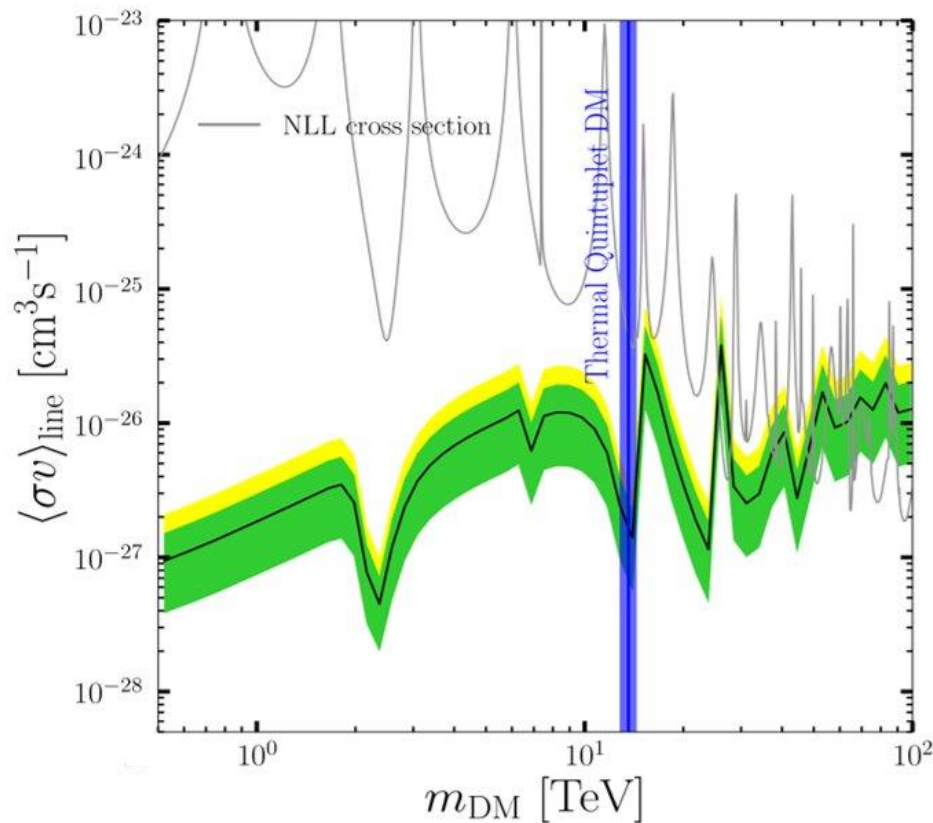
AM, Emmanuel Moulin and Nicholas L. Rodd, Phys. Rev. D 107, 043028 (2023)

- The Quintuplet, TeV scale state charged under representation 5 of SU(2)

Ref. for the spectra Bauer, C. W., Rodd N. L., and Webber B. R., JHEP 06, 121 (2021)

- **Thermal Quintuplet excluded within the present sensitivity**
- **A few non-thermally produced Quintuplet models are still available above several ten TeV masses**

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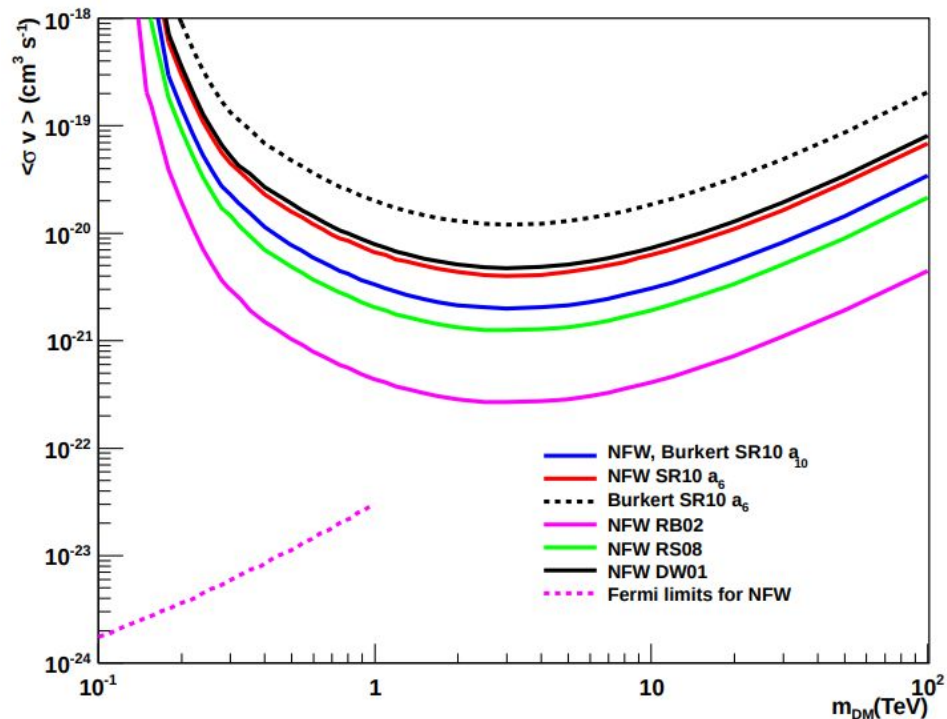


Limits from galaxy clusters



- Observations of the Fornax galaxy cluster
- 14.5 hours of total live time
- Possible enhancements to the gamma-ray flux are considered:
 - DM substructures
 - Sommerfeld effect
- Limits for different particle models and annihilation channels

→ reaching $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 10^{-22-23} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
at 1 TeV



H.E.S.S. Collaboration, Astrophys. J., 750, 123 (2012)



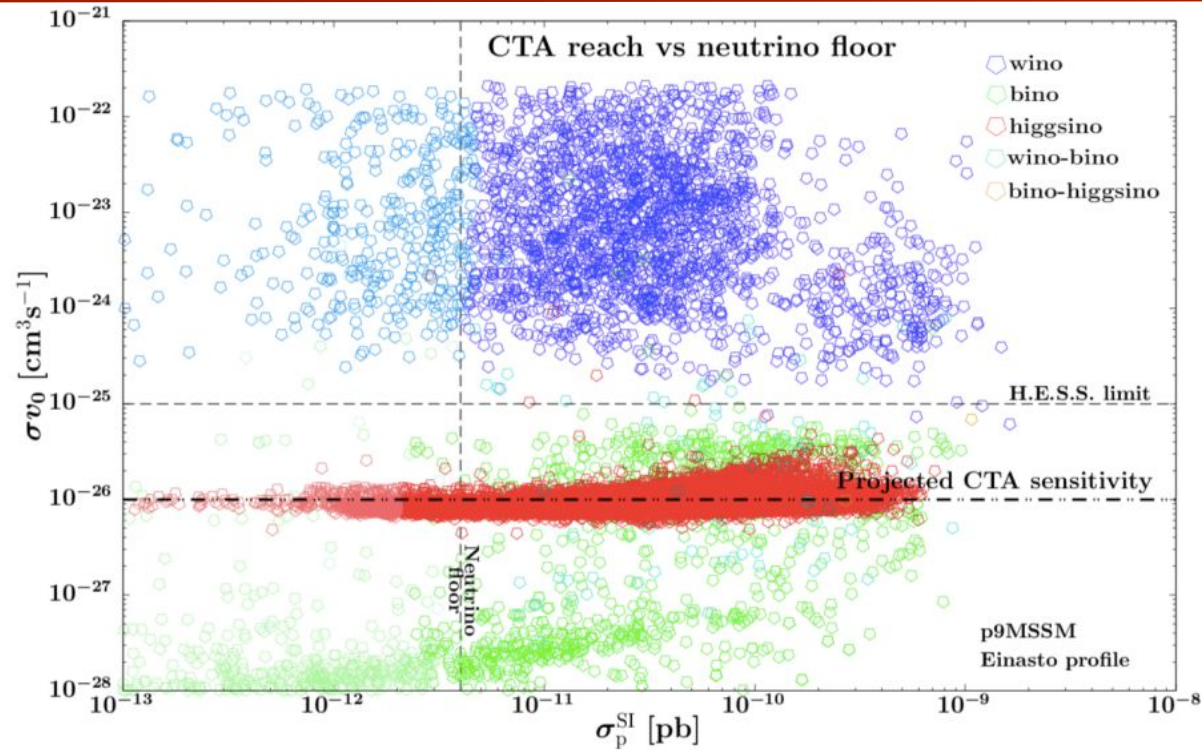
Points of the p9MSSM in the $(\sigma^{\text{SI}}, \sigma_{v_0})$ space



9-parameter MSSM framework

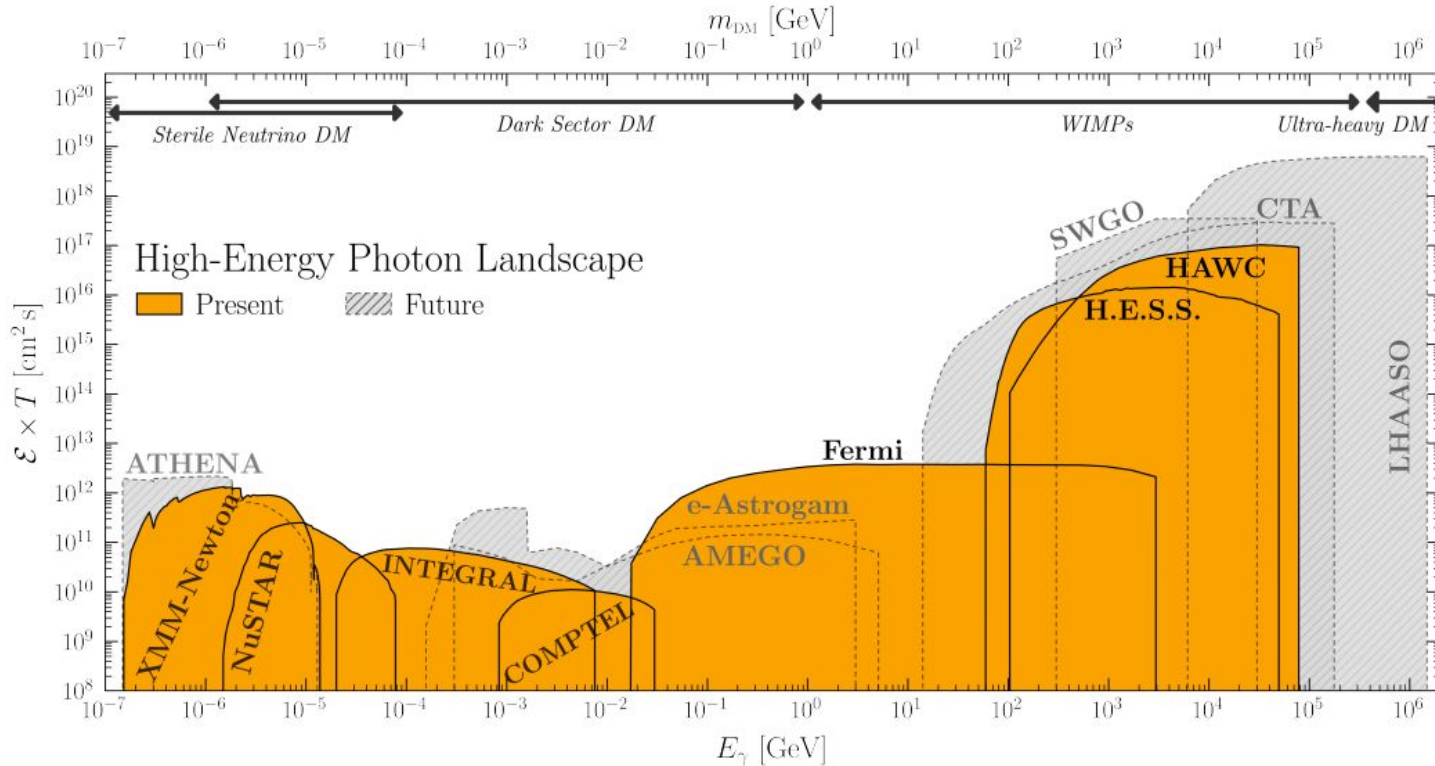
- Reference irreducible neutrino floor ($m_\chi = 2$ TeV)
- H.E.S.S. limits at $m_\chi = 2.5$ TeV
- CTA projected limits at $m_\chi = 1$ TeV

Points are upper limits on σ^{SI} sensitivity from XENON1T



Hryczuk A., Jodlowski K., Moulin E. et al., JHEP, 43, 1910 (2019)

Landscape of photon indirect detection



Boddy, Lisanti, McDermott, Rodd, Weniger et al., arXiv: 2203.06380



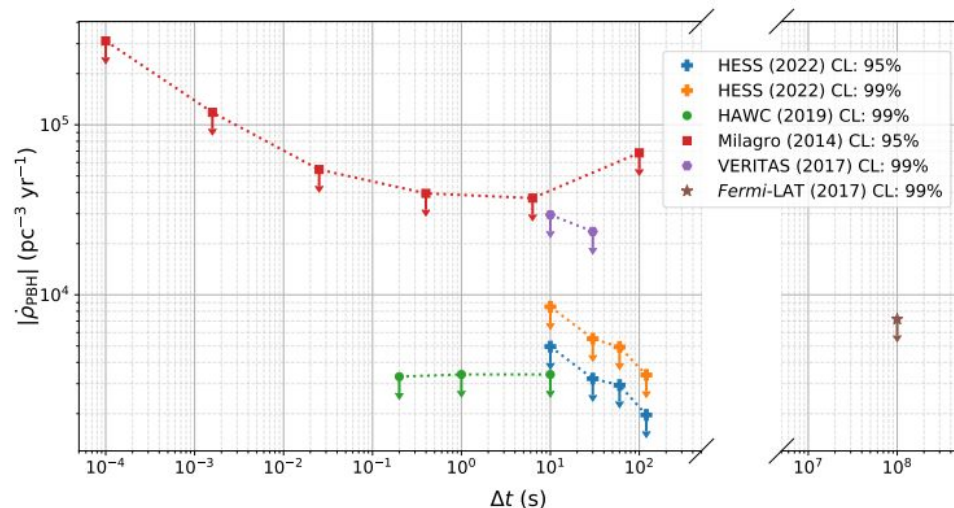
Constraints on DM from PBHs evaporation



- Limit on Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) evaporation
- Number of gamma-rays from PBH evaporation scales as $\sqrt{\Delta t}$
- Background increases as Δt
- Optimal time window of few tens of seconds

→ **Signature of PBH, burst of few gamma-like events arriving coincidentally**

→ **Upper limits on the burst rate**



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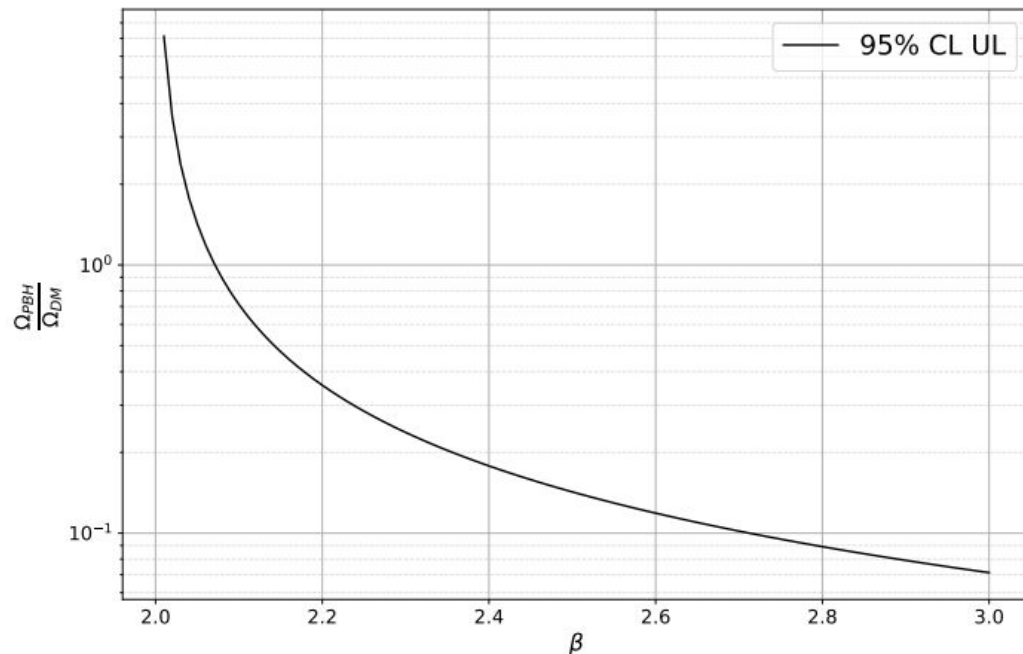
Constraints on DM from PBHs evaporation



- Limit on Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) evaporation
- Constraints on initial fraction of DM in PBHs:

→ **Order of $0.1 \Omega_{\text{DM}}$, assuming PBH initial mass power-law distribution**

→ **Subdominant fraction of DM**



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