

# Dark matter searches with gamma-rays (HESS-II, CTA, Fermi-LAT)

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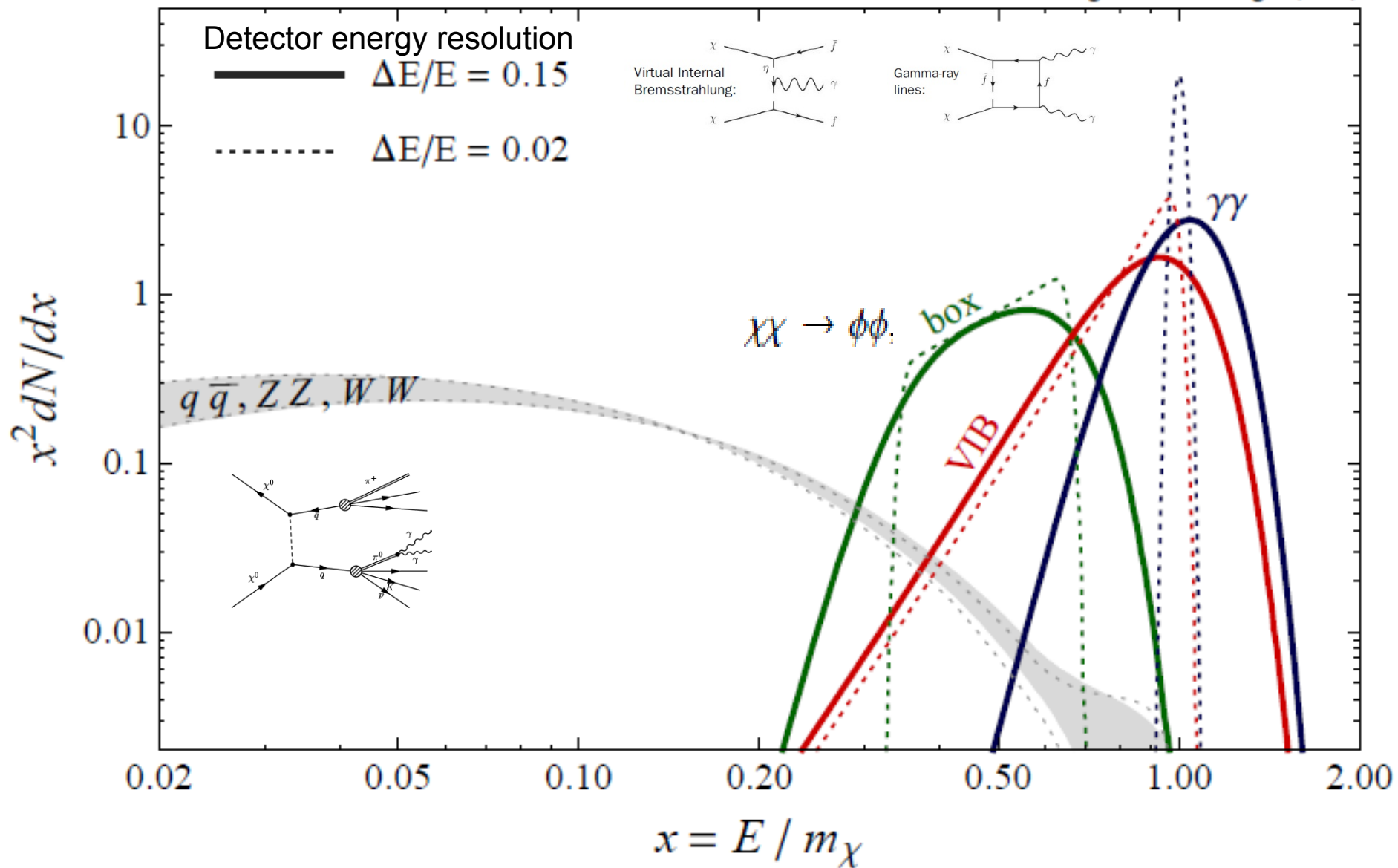
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# Gamma-Ray Annihilation Signatures from (WIMP) Dark Matter

Bringmann & Weniger (2012)





# Gamma-Ray Flux from Dark Matter Annihilation

$$\frac{d\Phi(\Delta\Omega, E_\gamma)}{dE_\gamma} = B_F \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{(\sigma_{\text{ann}} v)}{2 m_\chi^2} \sum_i \text{BR}_i \frac{dN_\gamma^i}{dE_\gamma}}_{\text{Particle Physics}} \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{J}(\Delta\Omega)}_{\text{Astrophysics}}$$

$$\tilde{J} = \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{los}} ds \rho^2(s, \Omega)$$

$B_F$  - boost factor  
 $\text{BR}_i$  - branch ratio

## Astrophysics term:

- assume density profile of DM  $\rho$  (NFW, Einasto..)
- peaking at cores of galaxies, clusters, stars....
- constraints on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$

## Prefer astrophysically 'boring' targets

- Dwarf galaxies, globular clusters....
- But galactic centre region, galaxy clusters are still in favour

	Time of operation	$E$ -range [GeV]	$A_{\text{eff}}$ [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Sens. [10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>2</sup> s] <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta E/E$ [%]	F.O.V. [sr]	$\Delta\theta$ [°]
Fermi-LAT	2008–2018*	0.2–300	0.8	200	11	2.4	0.2
AMS-02/Ecal	2011–2021*	10–1000	0.2	1000	3	0.4	1.0
AMS-02/Trk	2011–2021*	1–300	0.06	1000	15	1.5	0.02
GAMMA-400	2018*–...	0.1–3000	0.4	100	1	1.2	0.02 (0.006)
MAGIC	2009–...	$\gtrsim 50$	$2 \cdot 10^4 (7 \cdot 10^4)$	10(0.2)	20(16)	0.003	0.17(0.08)
HESS-II	2012–...	$\gtrsim 30$	$4 \cdot 10^3 (10^5)$	4(0.1)	15(15)	0.003	0.13(0.07)
CTA	2018*–...	$\gtrsim 20$	$5 \cdot 10^4 (10^6)$	1(0.02)	20(10)	> 0.006	0.1(0.06)

Auger CRs  $E > 10^{18}$  eV constraints on super-heavy particles (Abraham et al 2009) <sup>\* planned</sup>

Table 1: Rough comparison of basic telescope characteristics relevant for indirect DM searches with gamma rays, for a selection of typical space- and ground-based experiments that are currently operating, shortly upcoming or planned for the future. The quoted sensitivity is for point sources at the  $5\sigma$  level, after 1yr (50 hrs) of space- (ground-) based observations and assuming typical backgrounds. Where applicable, numbers refer to photon energies at or above  $E \simeq 100$  GeV (1 TeV). The angular resolution  $\Delta\theta$  denotes the 68% containment radius. More details in Refs. [20] (Fermi-LAT), [21–23] (AMS-02), [24–26] (GAMMA-400), [27] (MAGIC), [28] (HESS-II) and [29] (CTA).



# Gamma-rays & DM : Evolution of limits

Bringman & Weniger 2012

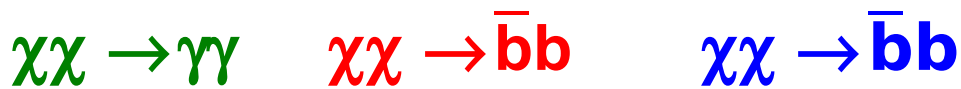
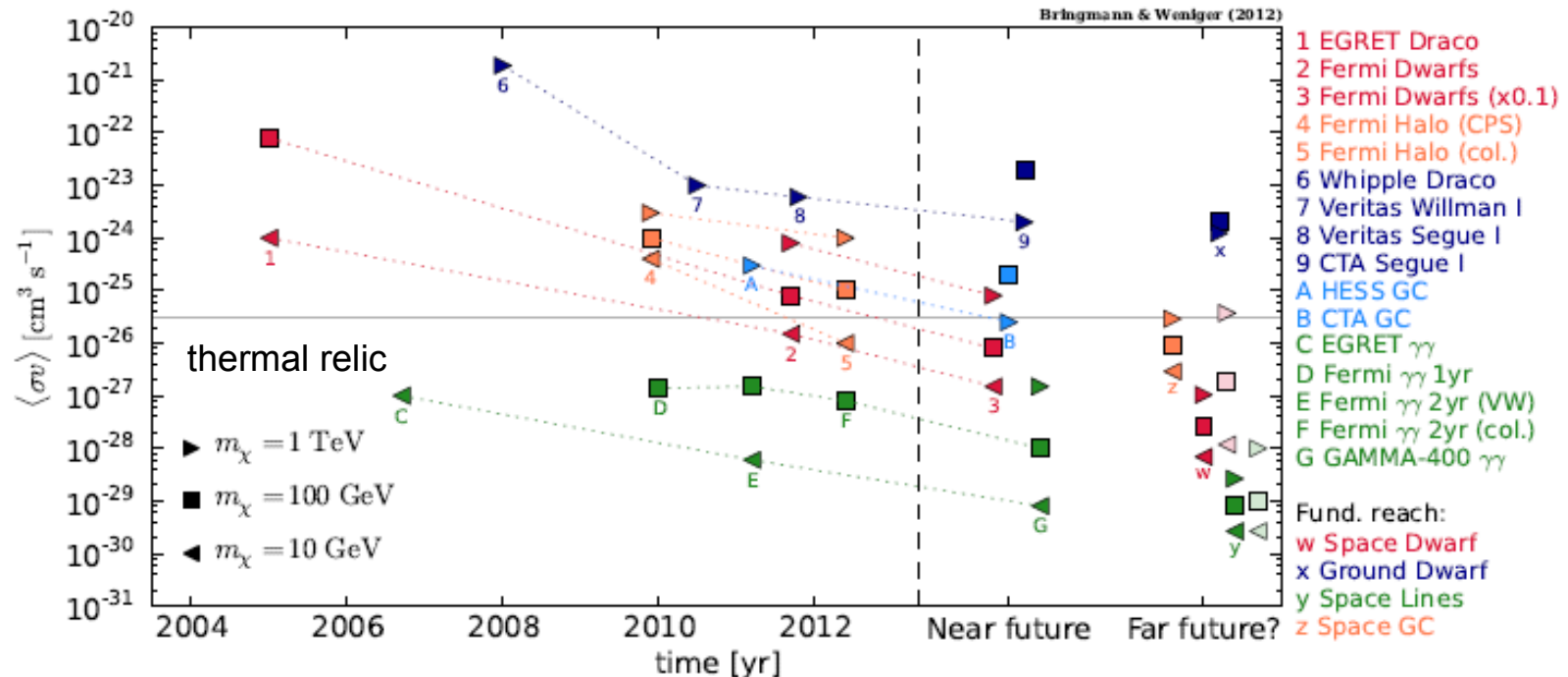


Figure 6: Time evolution of limits. References: EGRET Draco [312]; Fermi Dwarfs [126]; Fermi Halo (CPS) [143]; Fermi Halo (col.) [191]; Whipple Draco [170]; Veritas Willman I [178]; Veritas Segue I [313]; CTA Segue I and GC [311]; HESS GC [187]; EGRET  $\gamma\gamma$  [196]; Fermi  $\gamma\gamma$  1yr [197]; Fermi  $\gamma\gamma$  2yr (VW) [198]; Fermi  $\gamma\gamma$  2yr (col.) [199]; GAMMA-400 [57]. For the dark red, dark green, blue and orange far future ‘fundamental’ limits, we took only into account systematic limitations (basically assuming that all relevant systematics can be understood at the 1% level); the corresponding observational times can be extremely large in case of space-based telescopes, but are realistic for IACTs. For comparison, the light green and light red symbols show the limits obtained for hypothetical sky exposures about 100 times larger than 10 years Fermi LAT observations in survey mode.

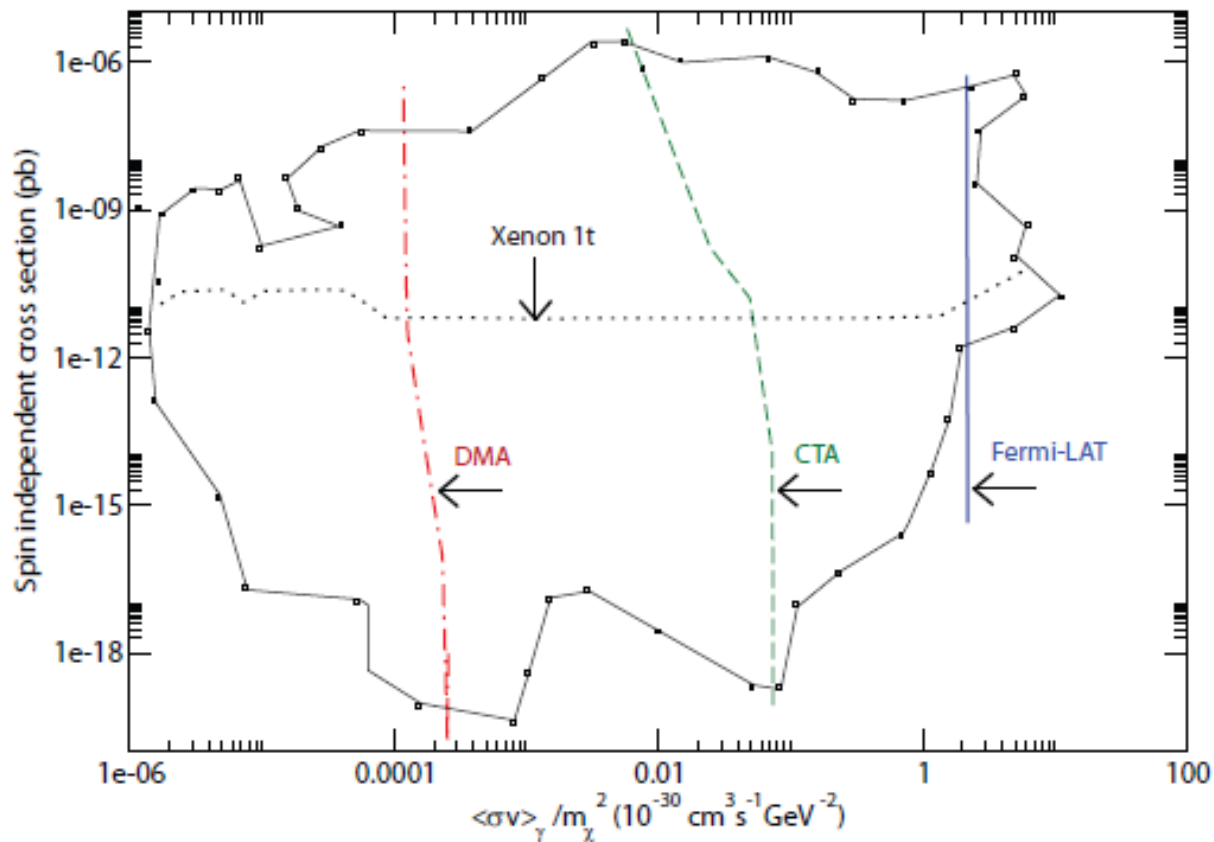
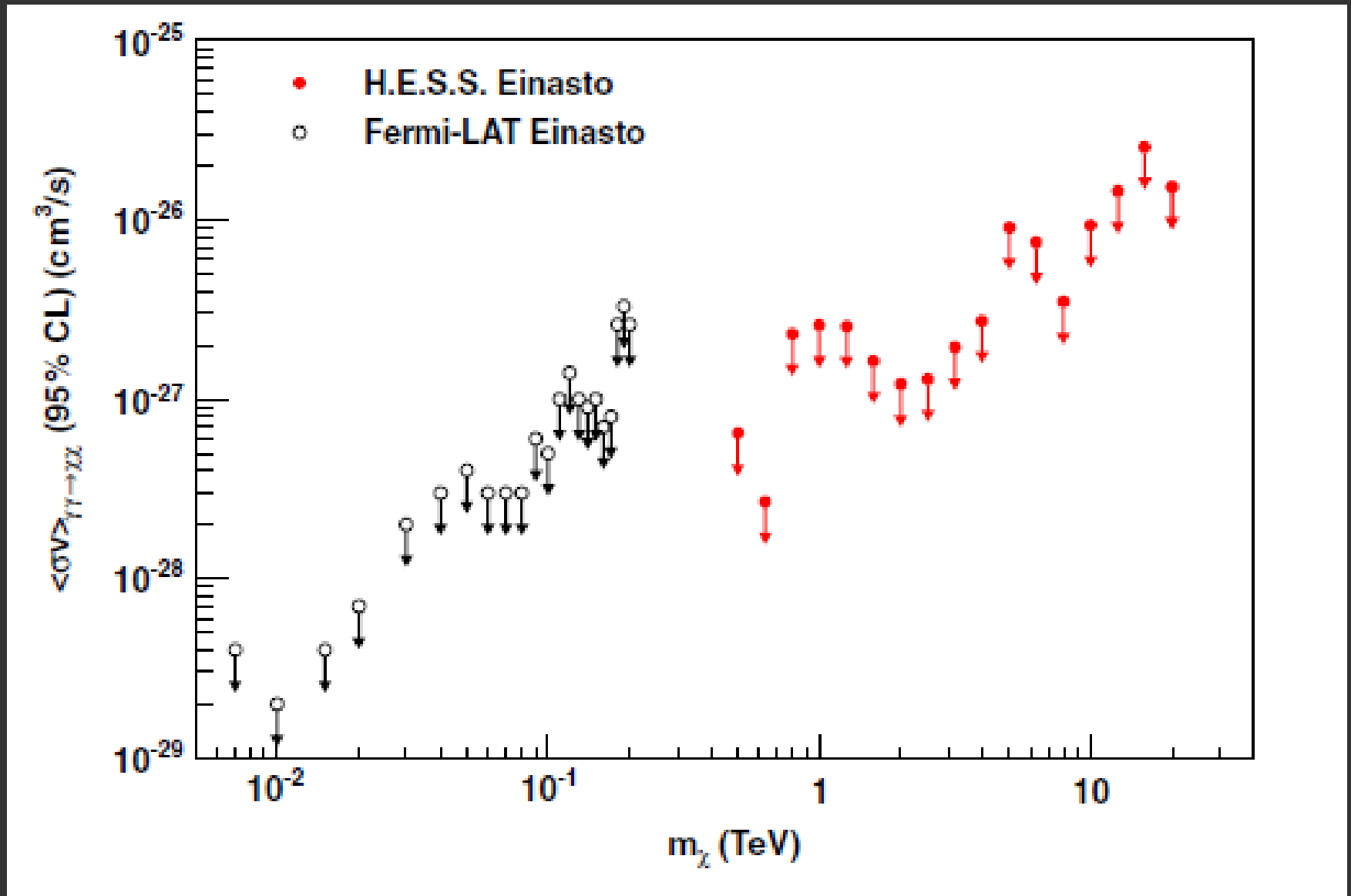


Figure 1: Illustration of the reach of direct and indirect dark matter detection experiments. Here  $\gamma$ -ray detection towards the galactic center with the NFW profile is considered. Shown is the area encompassing the approximate range of WMAP-compatible phenomenological MSSM model space, and the reach of the upcoming Xenon 1t direct detection experiment, and the Fermi-LAT, CTA and DMA indirect detection experiments. For details, see [65].

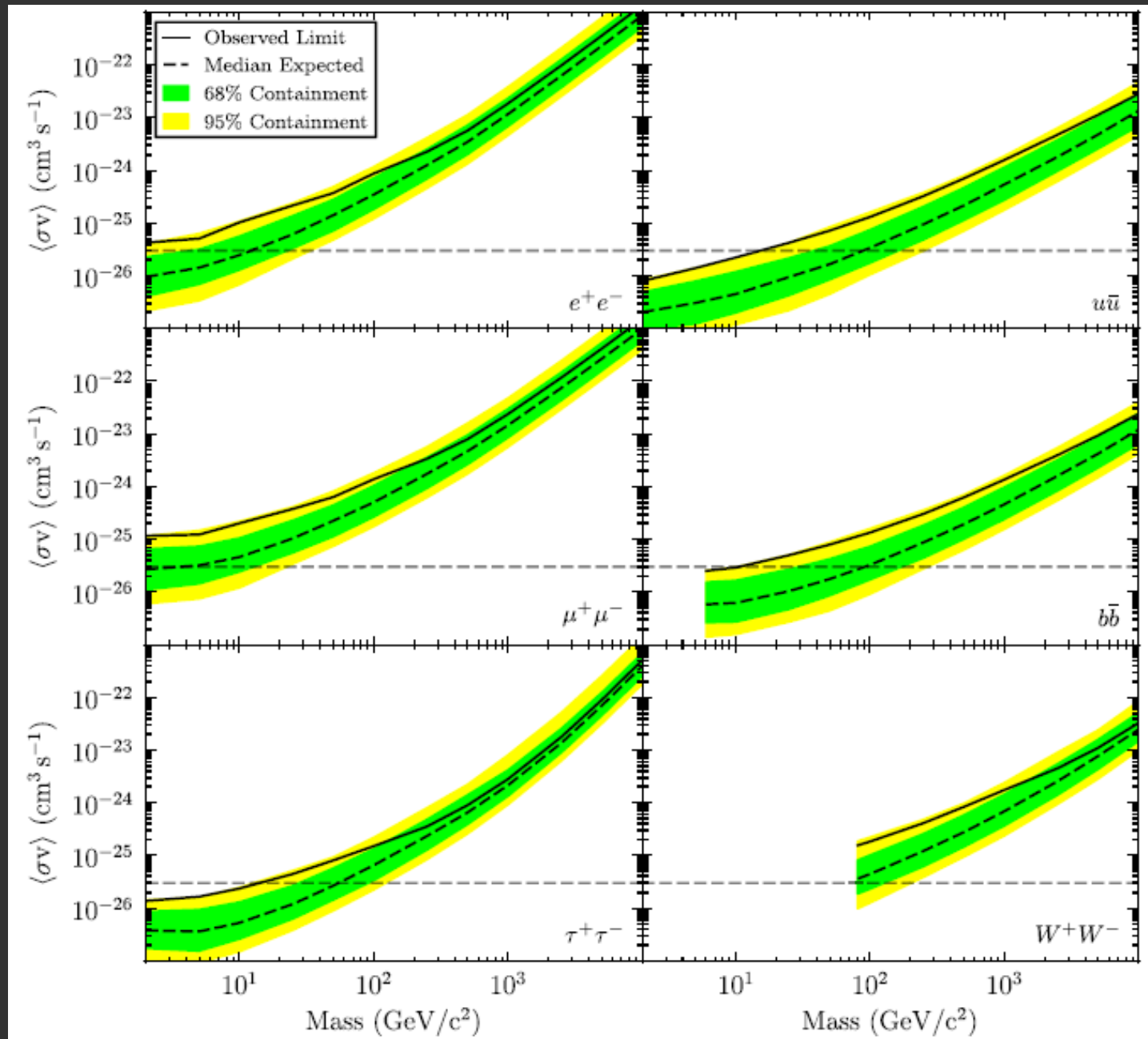
# Galactic Centre Halo $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ( $r < 1$ deg, $|b| > 0.3$ deg)

HESS Abramowski et al 2013

Fermi LAT Ackermann et al 2012





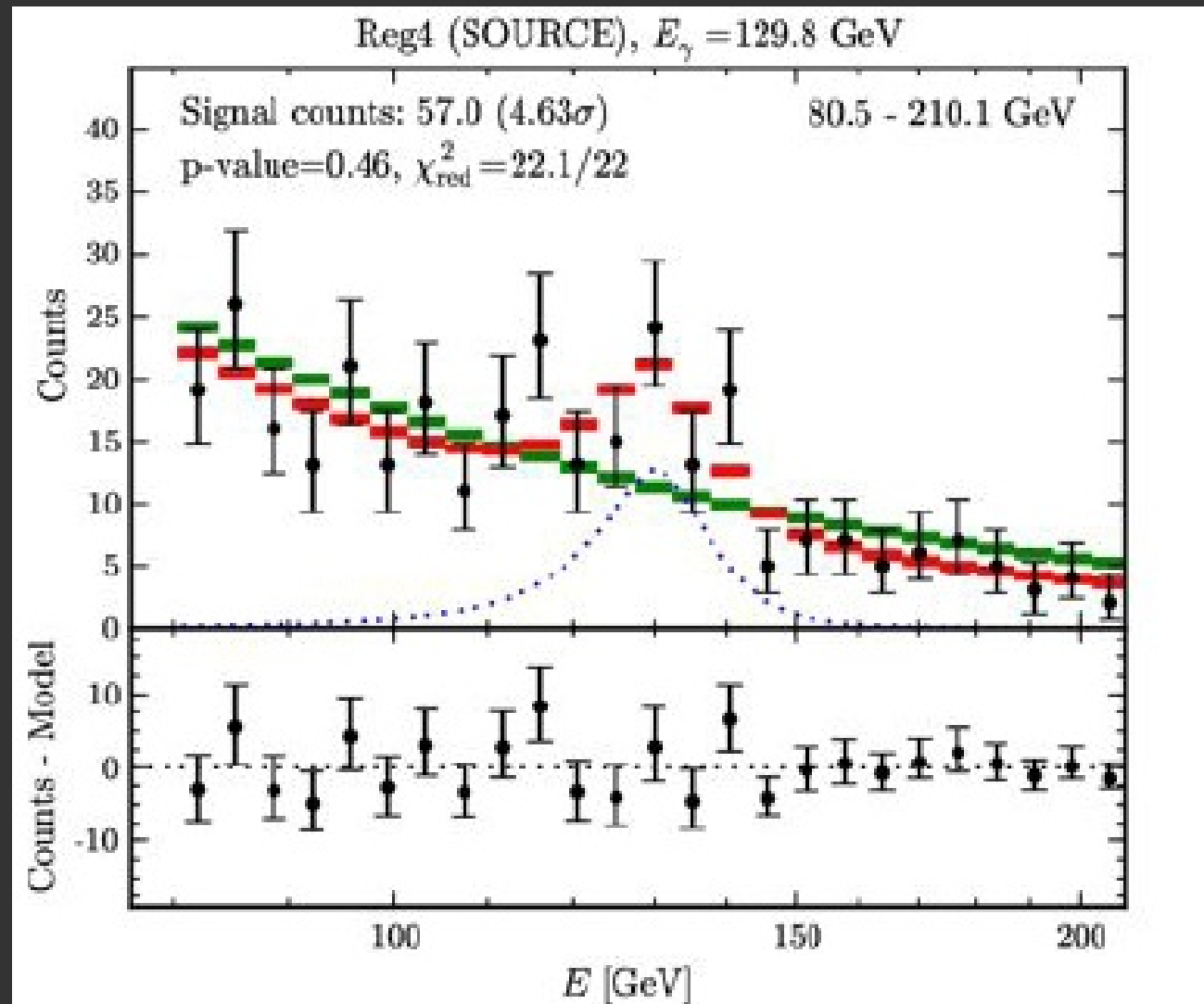


# 130 GeV Line Feature towards Galactic Centre

Weniger (2012)

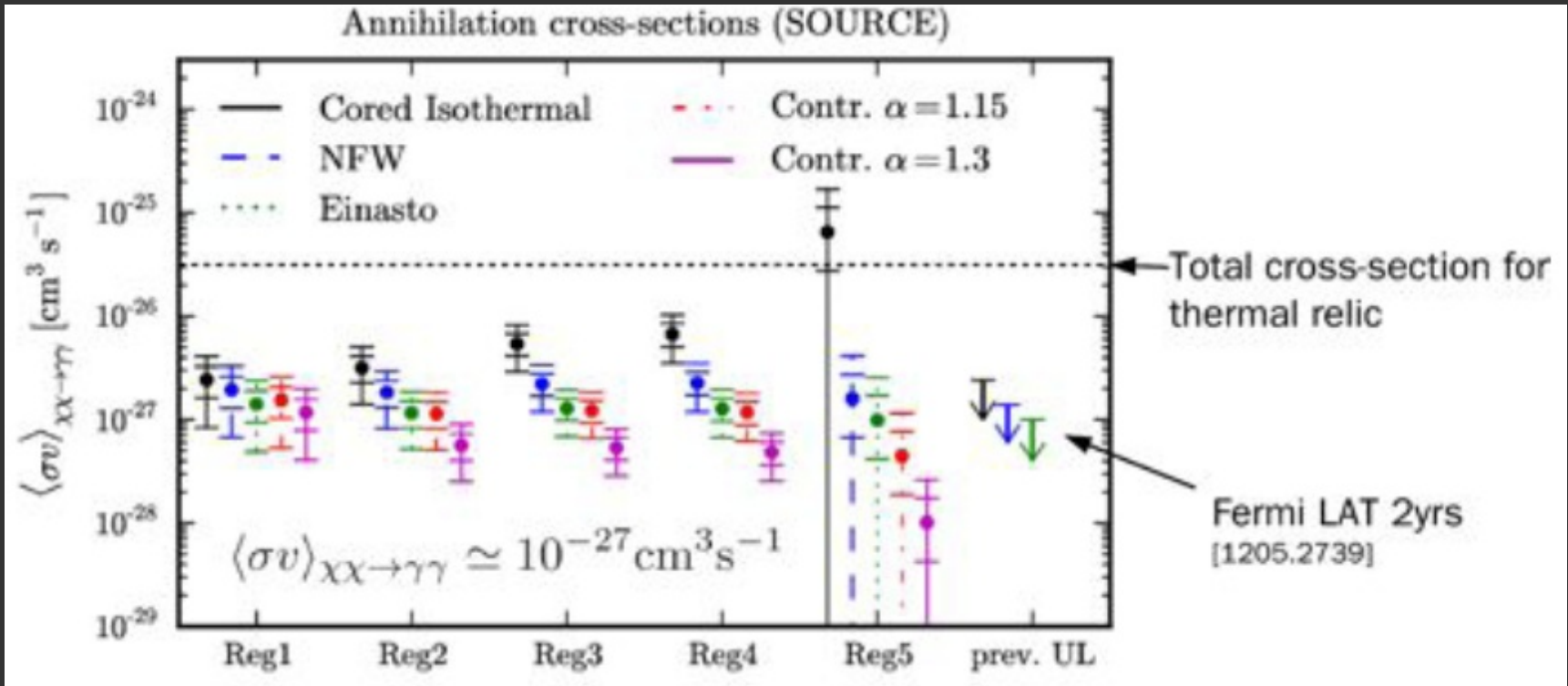
3.2 $\sigma$  significance (post-trial) Einasto profile

Also – Possible  
VIB signal  
Bringmann et al 2012



# DM Implications of this 130 GeV line $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Weniger (2012)



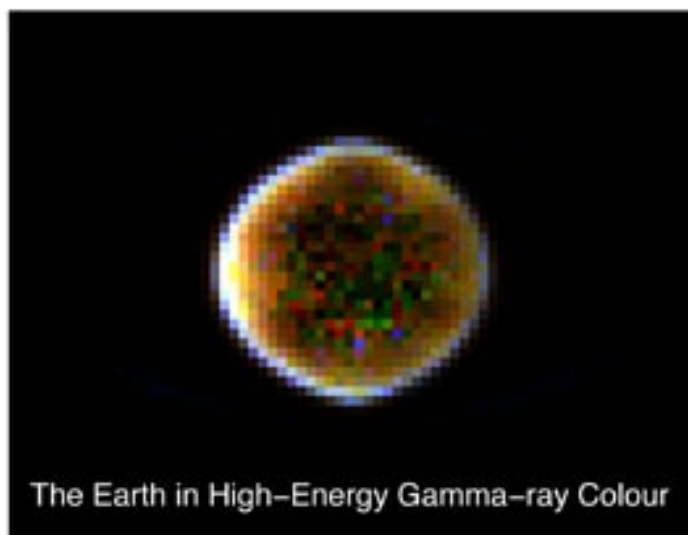
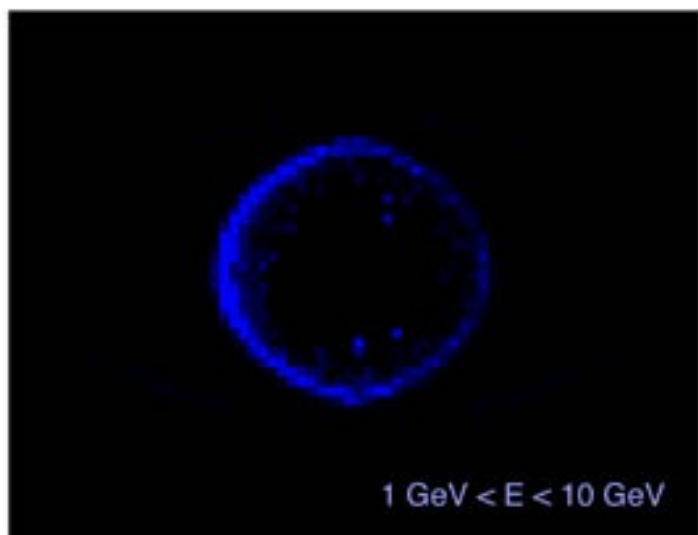
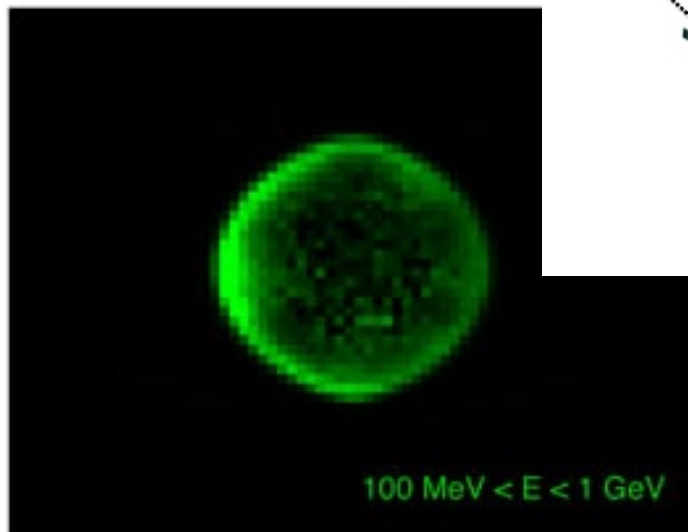
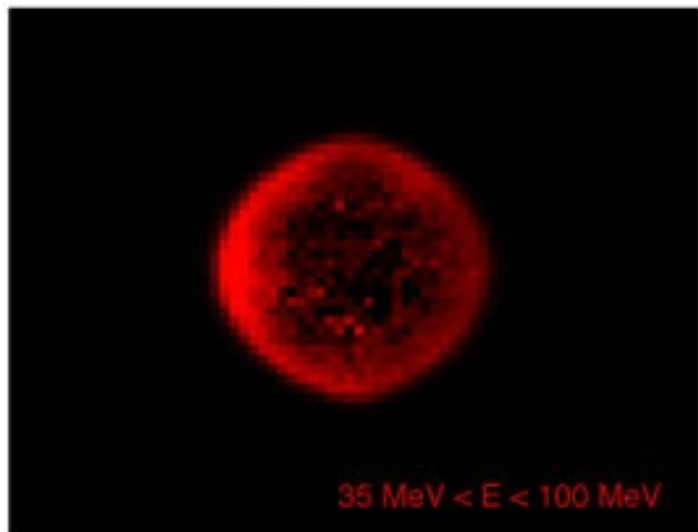
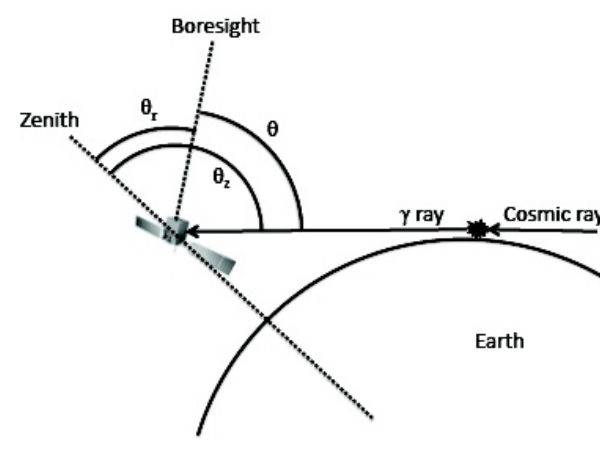
BR ( $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )  $\sim 5\%$  expect  $\sim 10^{-4}$

## But other sources of GeV lines....!?

- Earth limb Finkbeiner etal 2012, Hektor etal 2012, Ackermann etal 2013
- Sun region Whiteson 2013
- Galaxy Cluster stacking Hektor etal 2012
- UnID Gal. Sources Su&Finkebeiner 2012
- Astrophysical? Inv-Compton KN pile-up Aharonian etal 2012



# Earth limb gamma-rays (from cosmic-ray air-showers)



DIA Petry, UMBC & NASA/GSFC, 2004

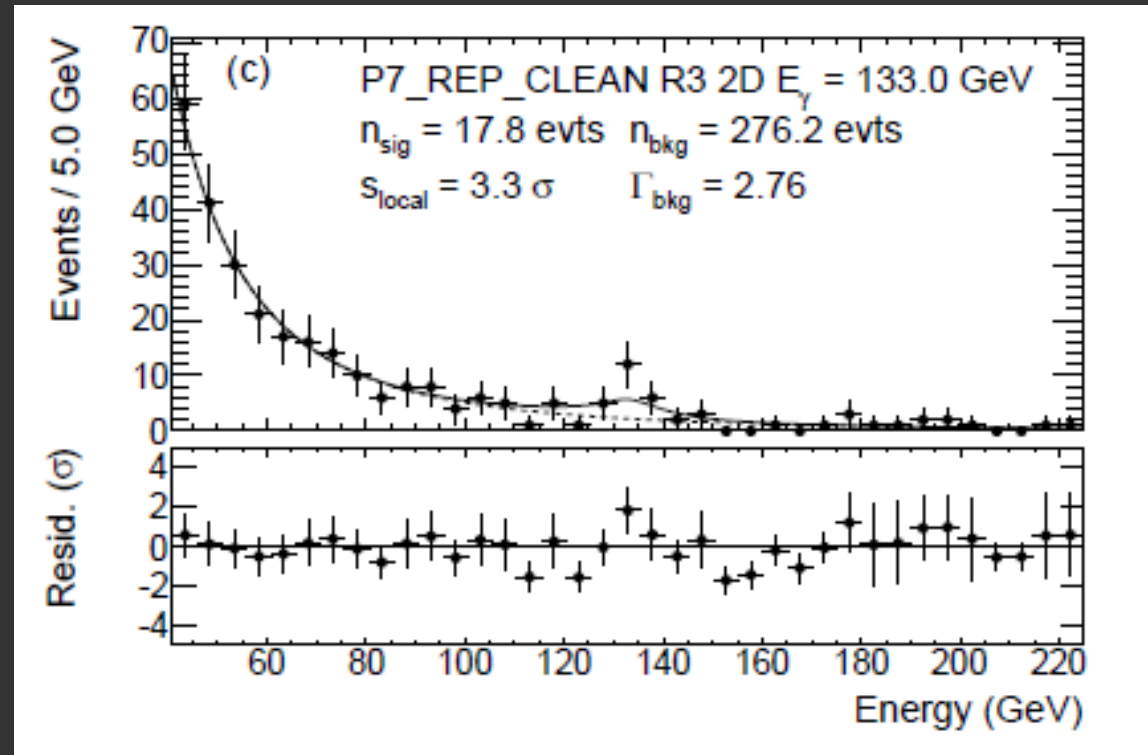
130 GeV line feature seen at  $\sim 2\sigma$

# Most recent analysis by the Fermi team

Ackermann et al 2013 (pass 7 data)

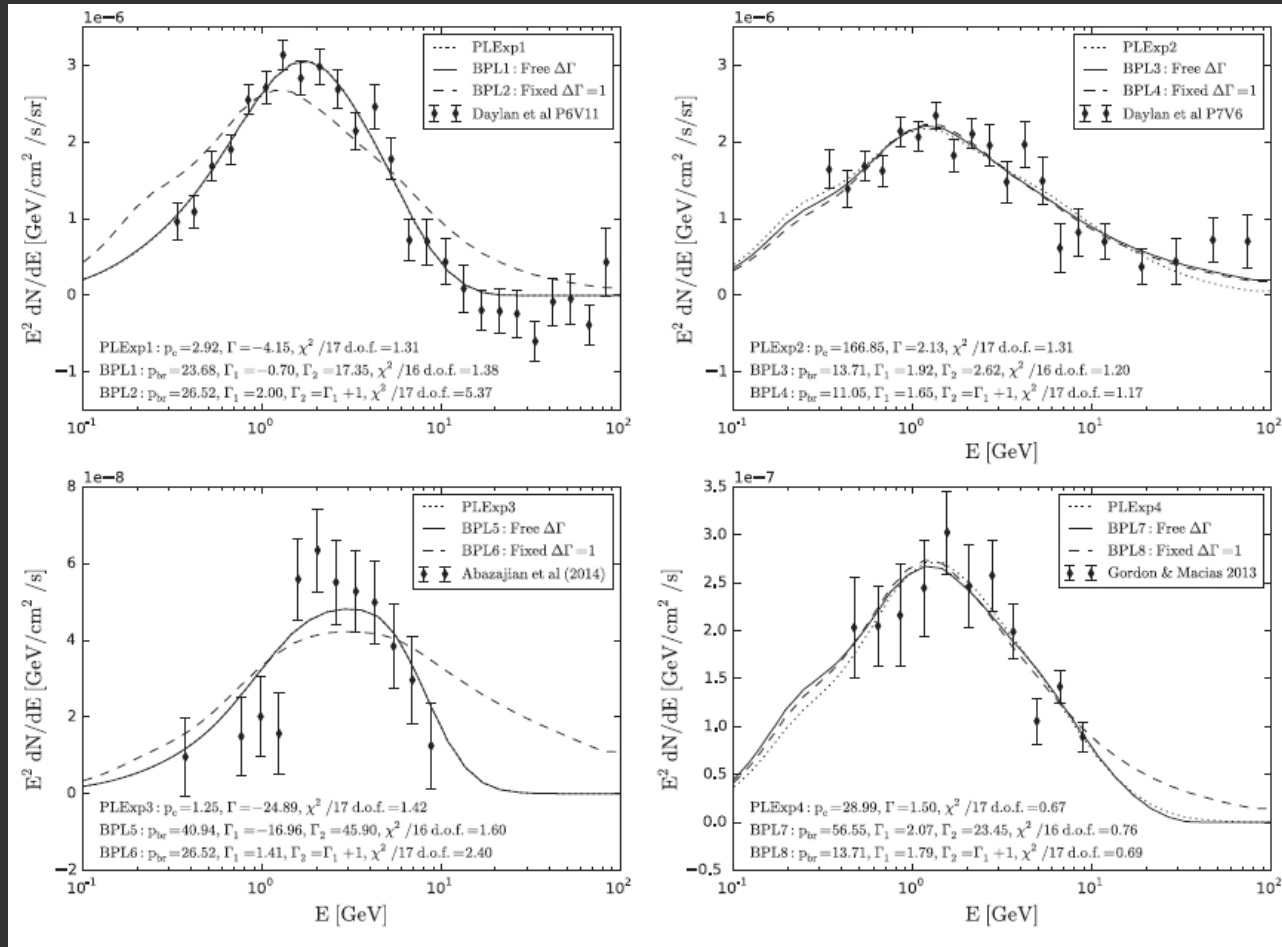
Pass 7 Data → energy resolution depends on incidence angle

- Feature at 133 GeV but  $<2\sigma$  significance (post-trial or global)
- Still seen in Earth's limb.
- Line feature narrower than Fermi-LAT energy resolution



# 1-10 GeV 'Excess' towards Galactic Centre (inner 10°)

Dark Matter interpretation (e.g. Daylan et al 2014)

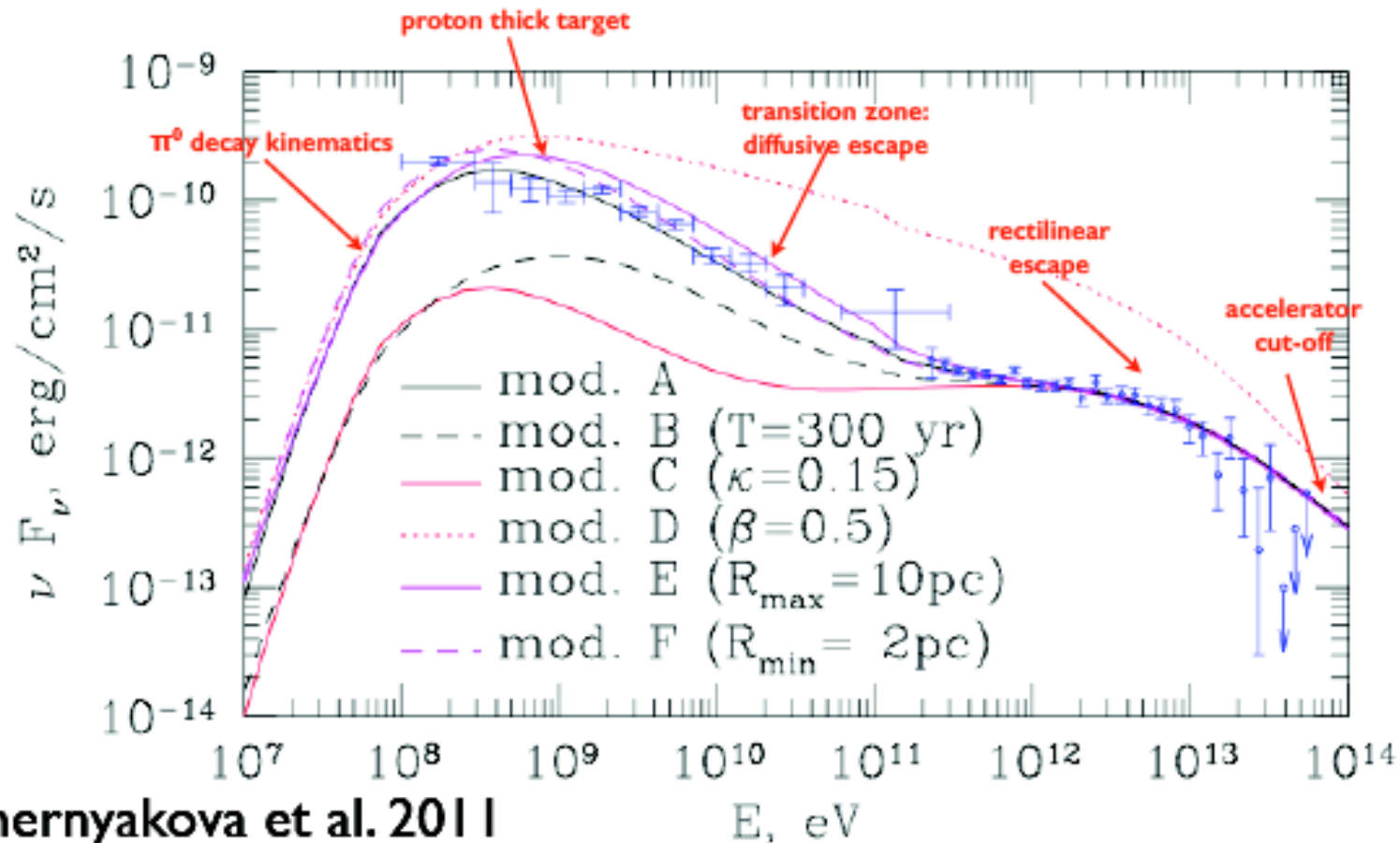


→ Astrophysical interpretation (Okkam's Razor) instead of Dark Matter (e.g. Carlson & Profumo et al 2014)

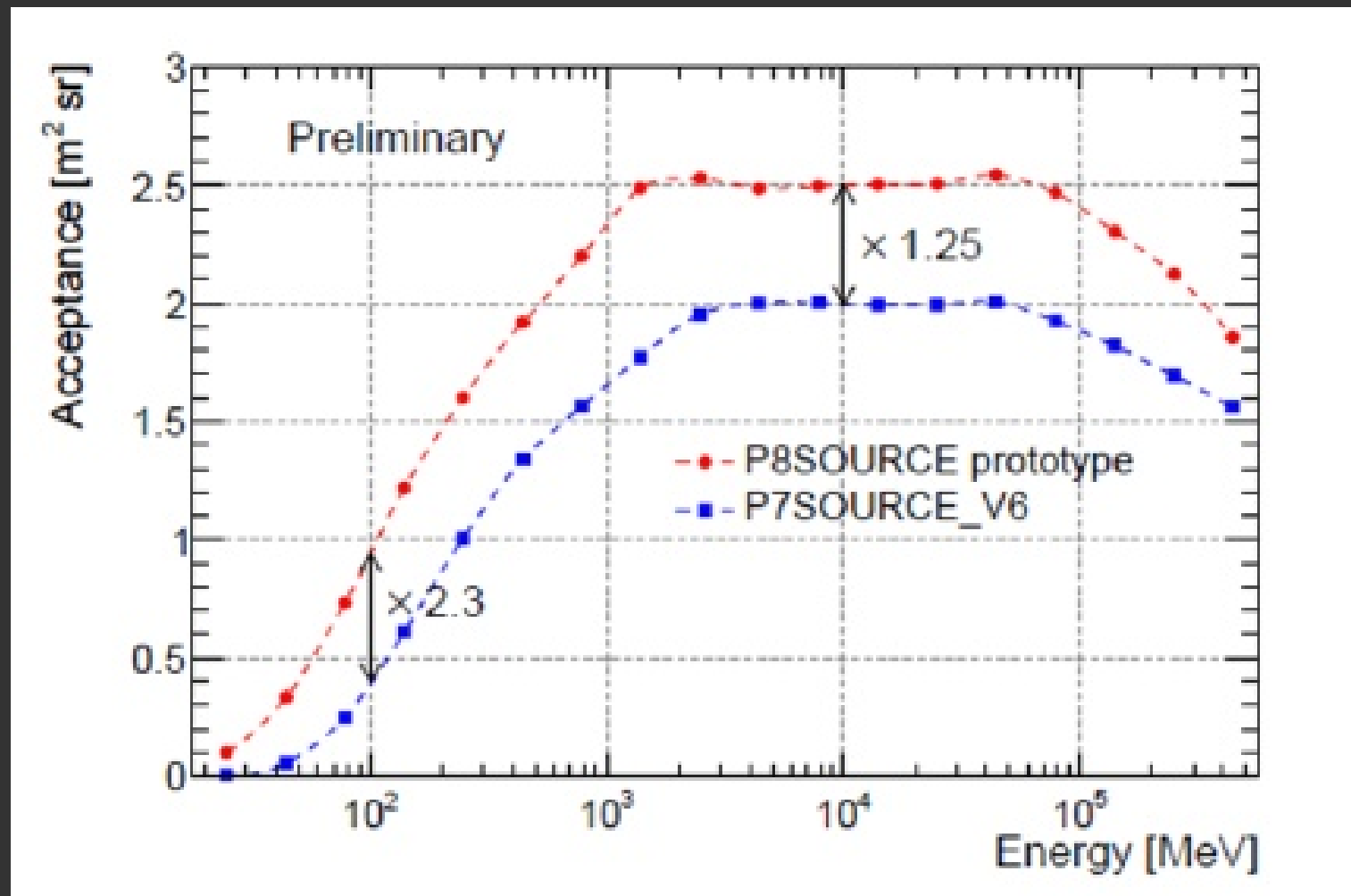
- Current GeV background model inappropriate
- E-dependent cosmic-ray propagation into the ISM (e.g. Gabici et al 2007)



...but 'astrophysical' explanations for the  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum are also credible



# Pass 8 Data from Fermi LAT – Even better at GeV energies - stay tuned!



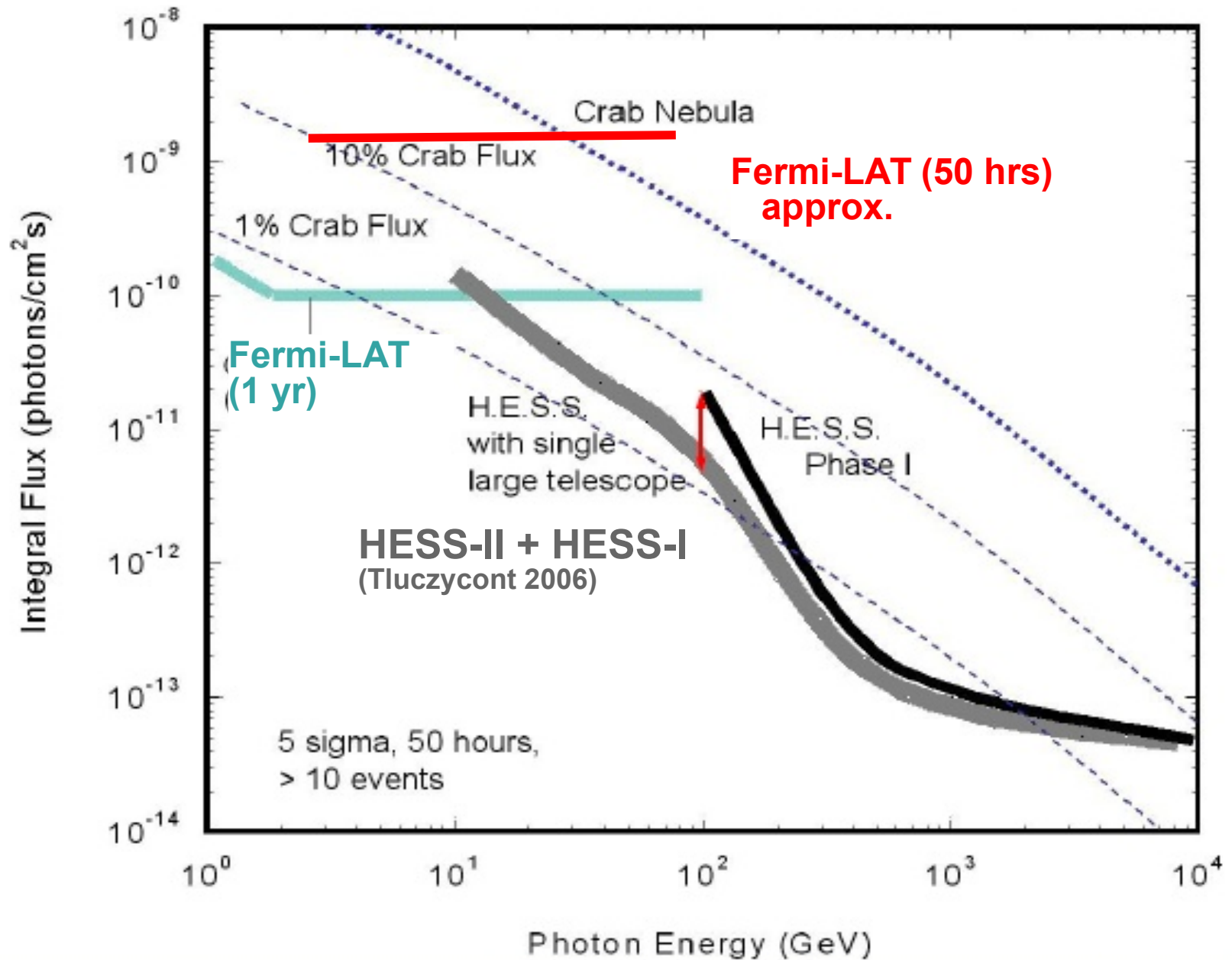
# H.E.S.S. 4x12m + 1x28m diam. Cherenkov Imaging Telescopes (22° S 1800m a.s.l. Namibia)



Note size of car!

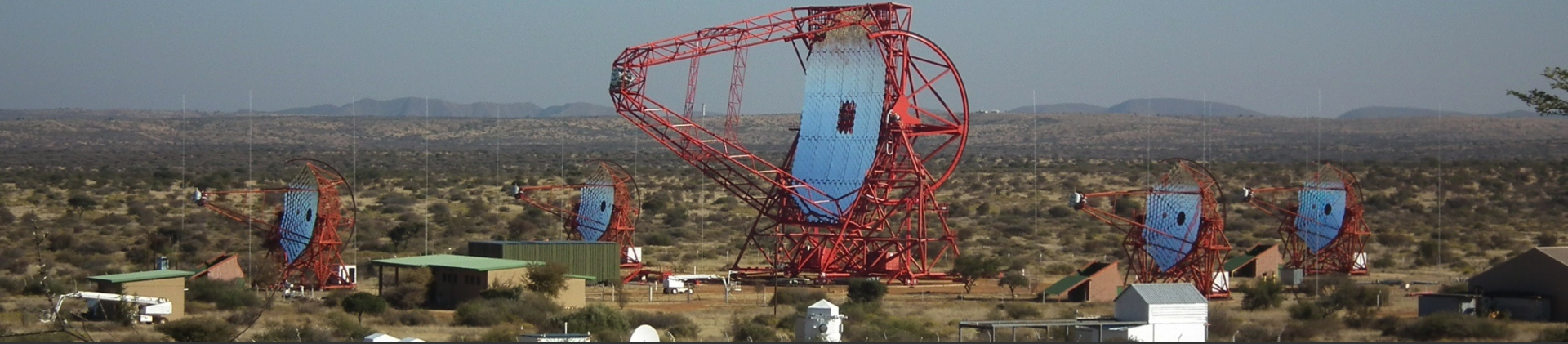
- Full array 0.02 to ~ 20 TeV coverage
- 28m telescope ~0.02 to ~5 TeV **now commissioned**
- Field of view **3 to 5°**
- Angular resolution **~3 to 6 arcmin**
- Energy resolution **~0.1 to 0.2  $\Delta E/E$**

# Flux sensitivity : HESS-II & Fermi-LAT crucial overlap



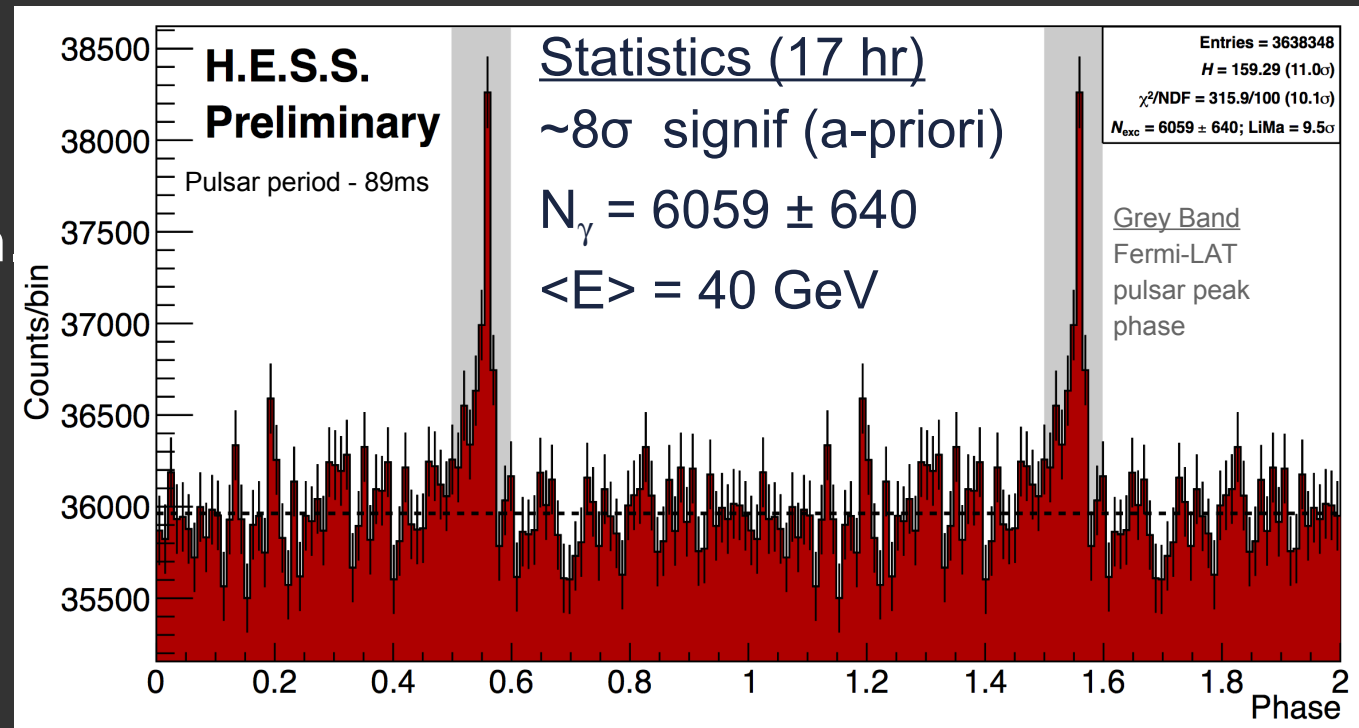


# First "Mono" Results from H.E.S.S. II



~30 GeV threshold

- Vela Pulsar pulsed emission detection
- Crab Nebula
- Gal. Centre
- 2 AGN

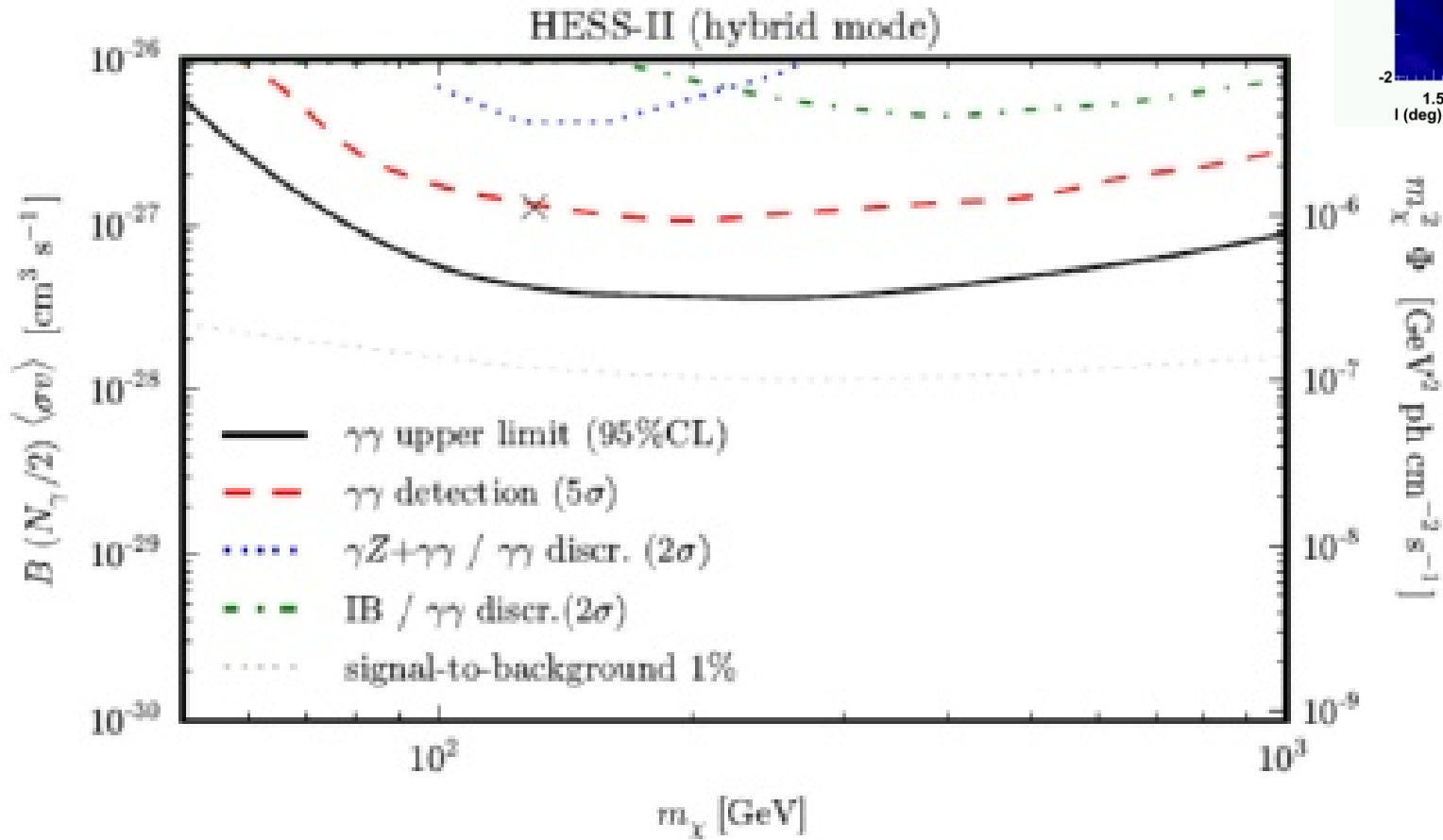
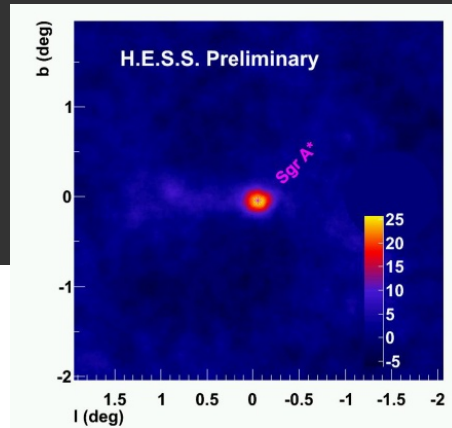




# HESS II Sensitivity to $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

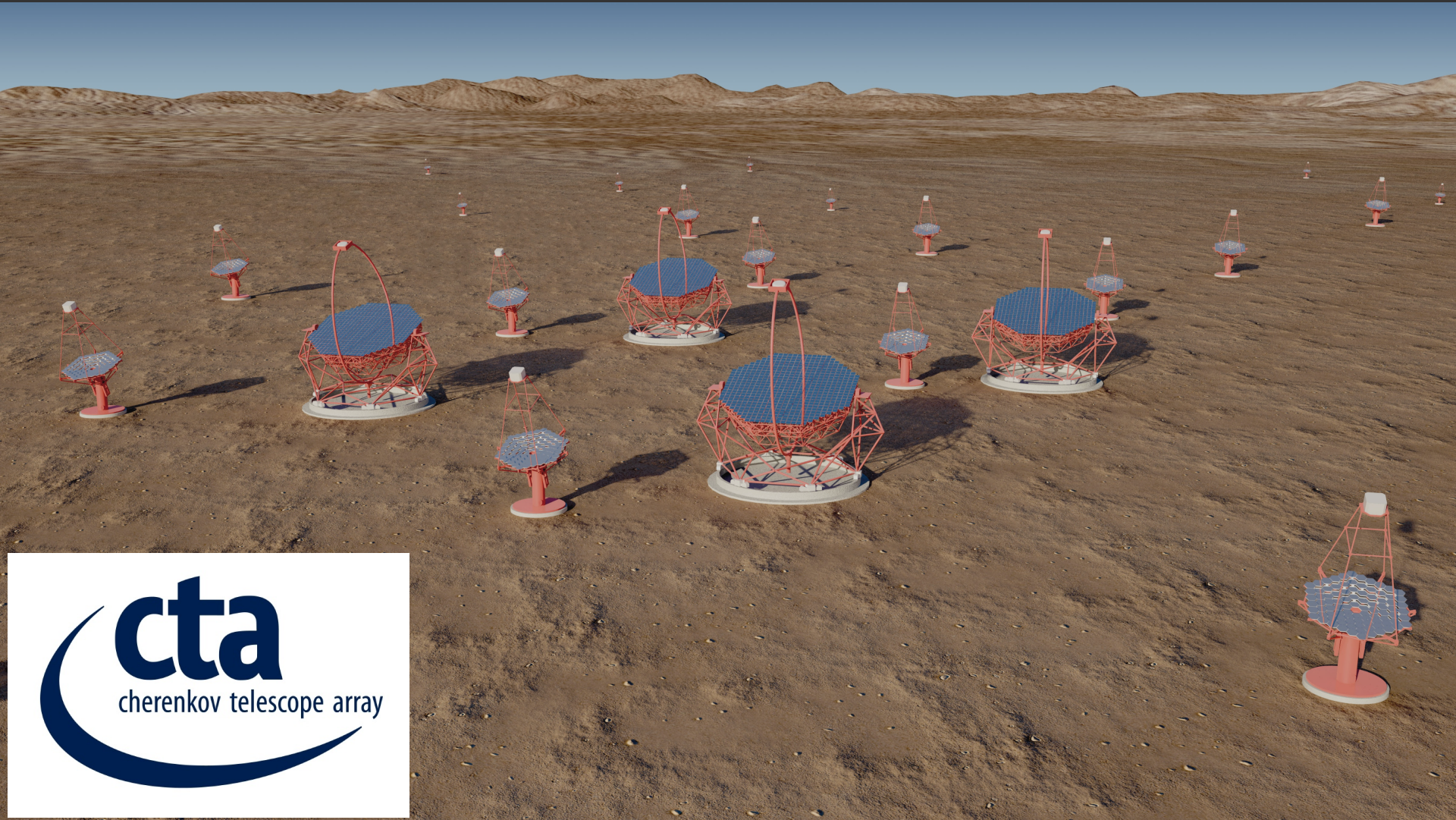
- 50 h Galactic Centre

Bringmann et al 2012

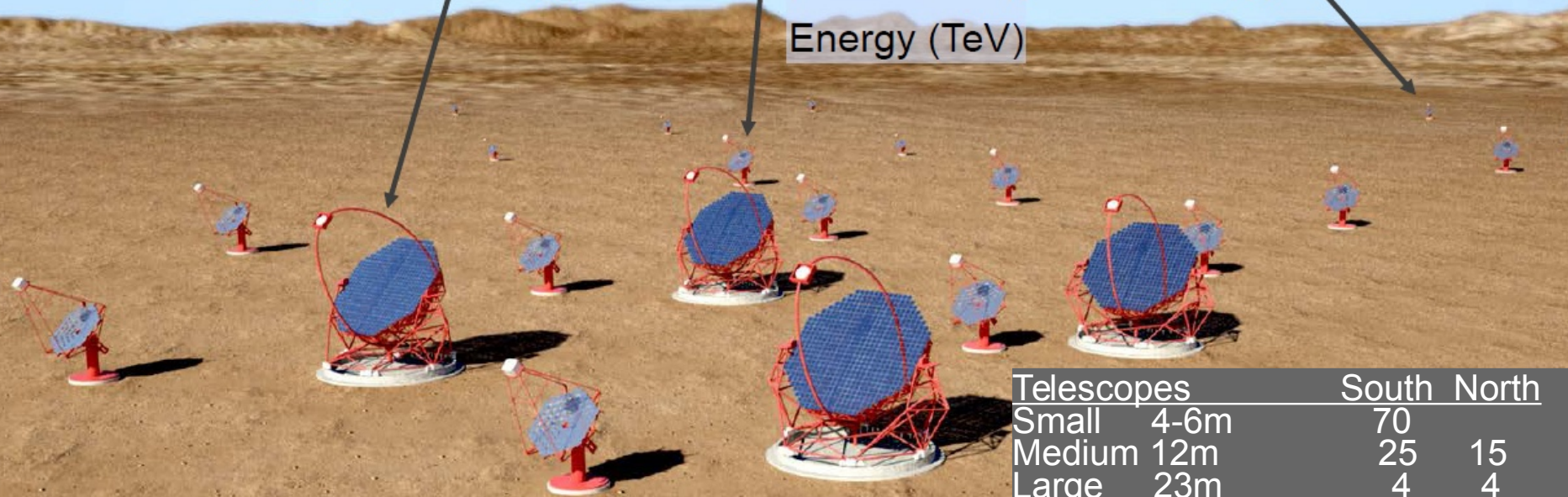
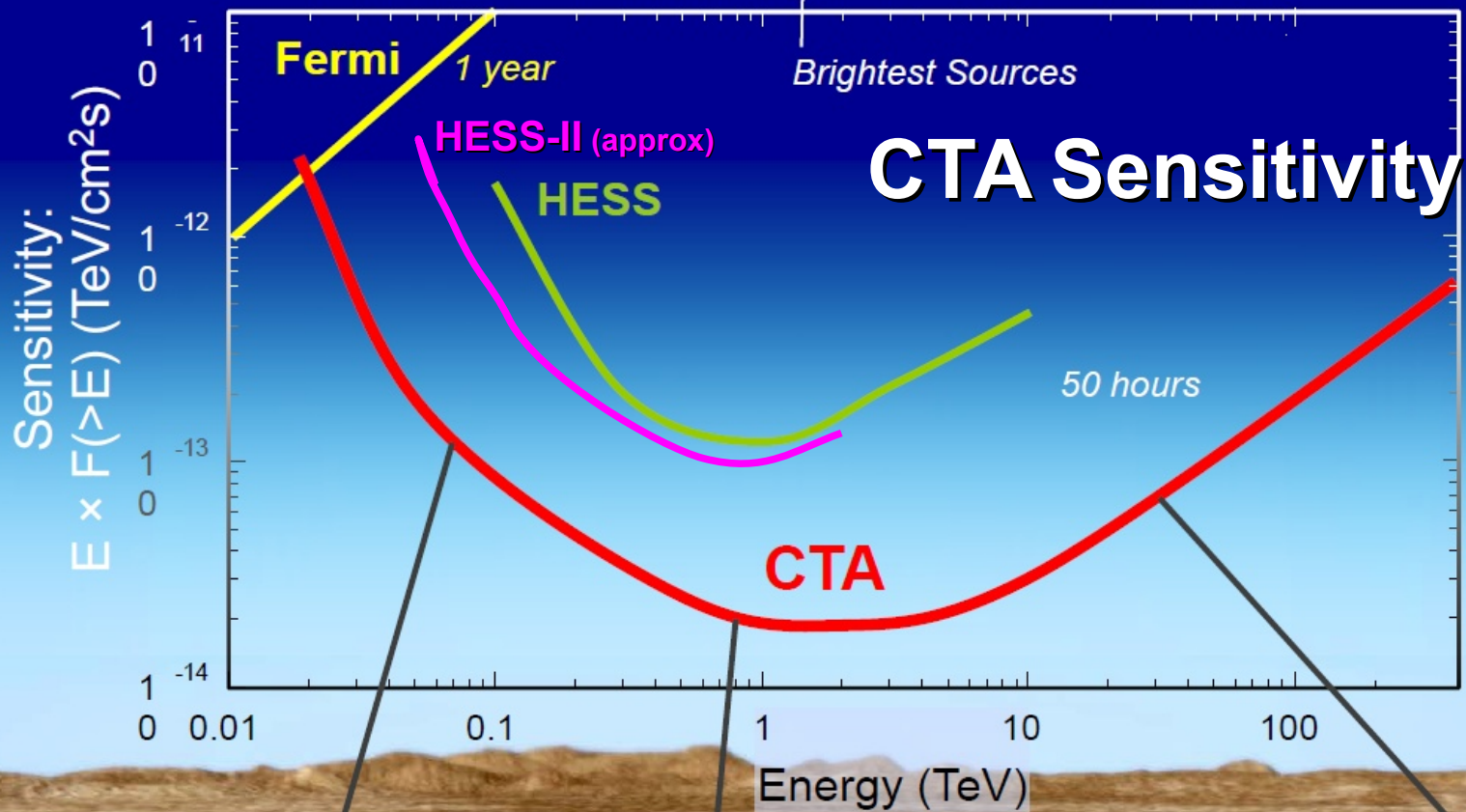


- Expect first results by end of 2014

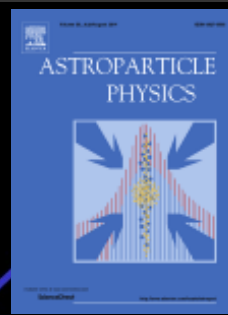
# CTA - The Next Step in TeV Gamma-Ray Astronomy







Telescopes	South	North
Small 4-6m	70	
Medium 12m	25	15
Large 23m	4	4



- e.g. Galactic objects
  - ▶ Newly born pulsars and the supernova remnants
    - have typical brightness such that HESS etc can see only relatively local (typically at a few kpc) objects
  - ▶ CTA will see **whole** Galaxy

- Survey speed  
~300×HESS

Extragalactic  
AGN  $z > 0.5$ , GRBs, Star-bursts,  
Gal. clusters, AGN haloes..

## Astro-particle

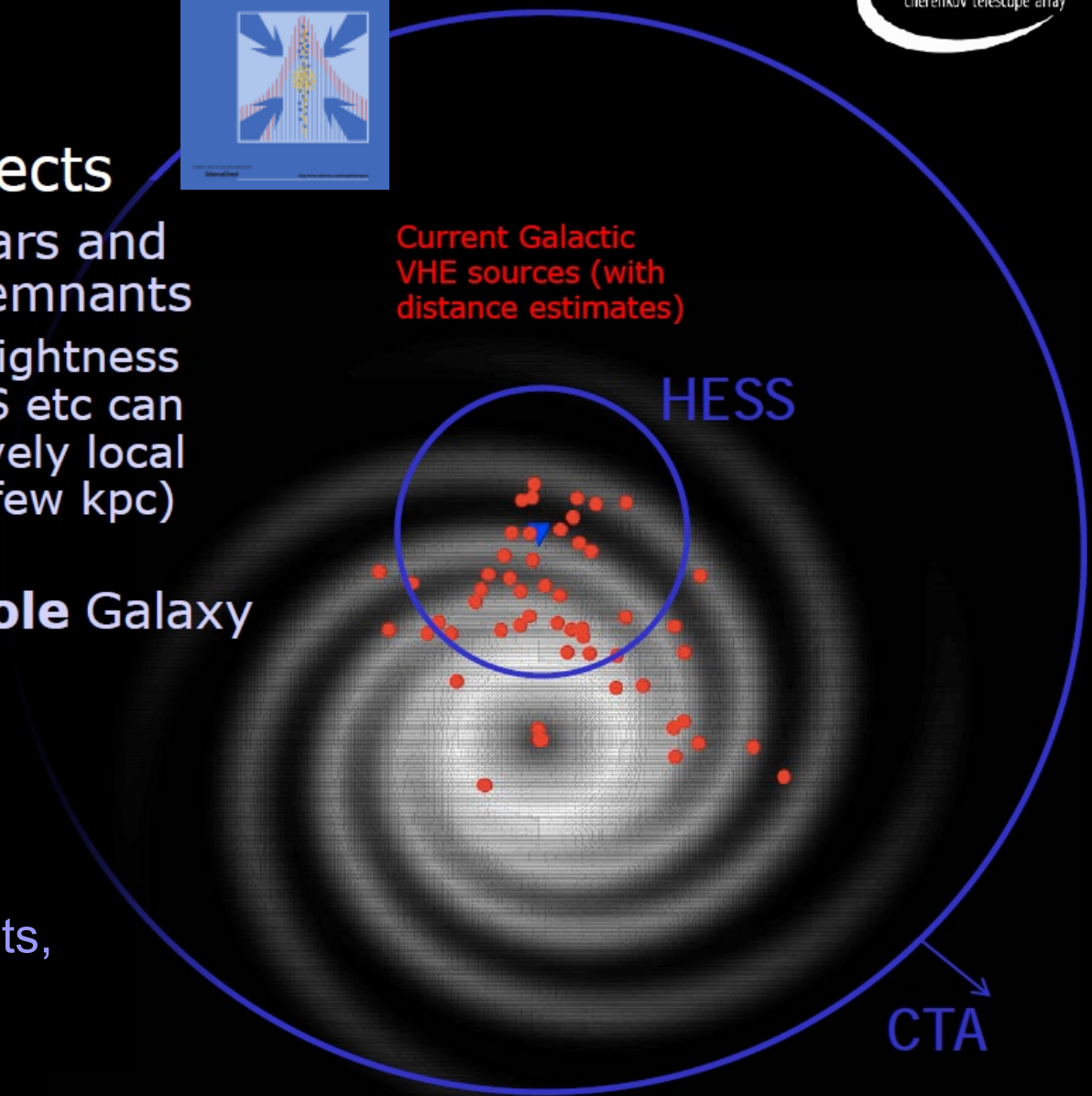
Dark matter, Axions, Lorentz invariance....

Current Galactic  
VHE sources (with  
distance estimates)

HESS

CTA

Optical  
Intensity Interferometry





# CTA Time-line & Funding



- Design Study
  - ▶ Design development 2006-9
  - ▶ CTA appears on *key roadmaps*
- Preparatory Phase > €30M funded
  - ▶ EU FP7 funded activity 2010-14
  - ▶ Preliminary Design Review 2013
  - ▶ Site Selection during 2014
  - ▶ Critical Design Rev. early 2015
- Construction Phase
  - ▶ Site development and first telescopes on site 2015/16
  - ▶ First science 2016/17
  - ▶ Completion ~2020
- Operation: aim for 30 years



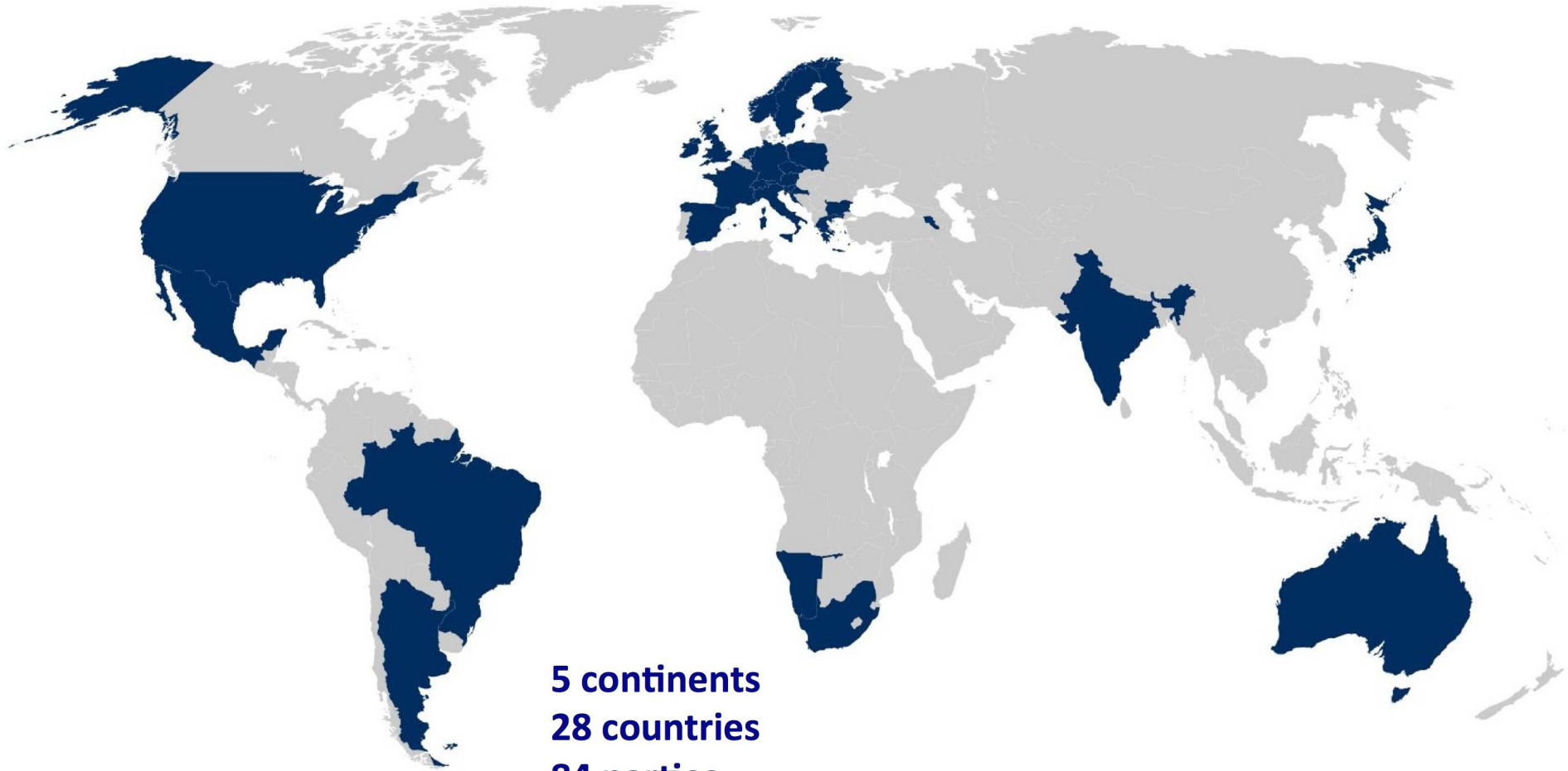
7 April 2014

European Strategy Forum  
on Research Infrastructures

additional projects which we recommend for support from the Member States and from suitable Horizon 2020 instruments to help reach the Innovation Union target of 60% of projects being in implementation by 2015:

ECCSEL, EISCAT-3D, EMSO, BBMRI, ELI, CTA, SKA, CLARIN and DARIAH





**5 continents**

**28 countries**

**84 parties**

**173 institutes**

**1178 members (378 FTE)**

# CTA – Australia

## Six institutes

Institution	Personnel (+ FTE)	Expertise	CTA Work Package(s)
University of Adelaide	Gavin Rowell (0.1), Res.Assoc. <sup>1</sup> (0.1), PhD student <sup>2</sup> (0.1), Bruce Dawson (0.05), Roger Clay (0.1), Neville Wild (technician 0.05), Martin White (0.05), David Ottaway (0.05), Peter Veitch (0.05),	$\gamma$ -ray, millimetre, CR, neutrino astronomy, astrophysics theory, particle physics, LIDAR systems, atmospheric monitoring, detectors, electronics	MC, PHYS, OBS, ATAC, SITE, FPI
University of New South Wales	Michael Burton (0.1), Catherine Braiding (0.1)	millimetre, sub-millimetre, infrared astronomy, antarctic astronomy	PHYS, ATAC, OBS
University of Sydney	Anne Green (0.05), Sean Farrell (0.05)	radio astronomy	PHYS, OBS
Australian National University	Geoff Bicknell (0.1), Roland Crocker (0.1)	$\gamma$ -ray, neutrino astrophysics theory	PHYS, OBS
Monash University	Duncan Galloway (0.05), Csaba Balazs (0.05)	X-ray astronomy, particle and astroparticle physics	PHYS, OBS
University of Western Sydney	Miroslav Filipovic (0.05), Nick Tothill (0.05)	$\gamma$ -ray, X-ray, radio astronomy	PHYS, OBS

1. Research Associate commencing from Sept. 2013 for  $\geq 4$  months.

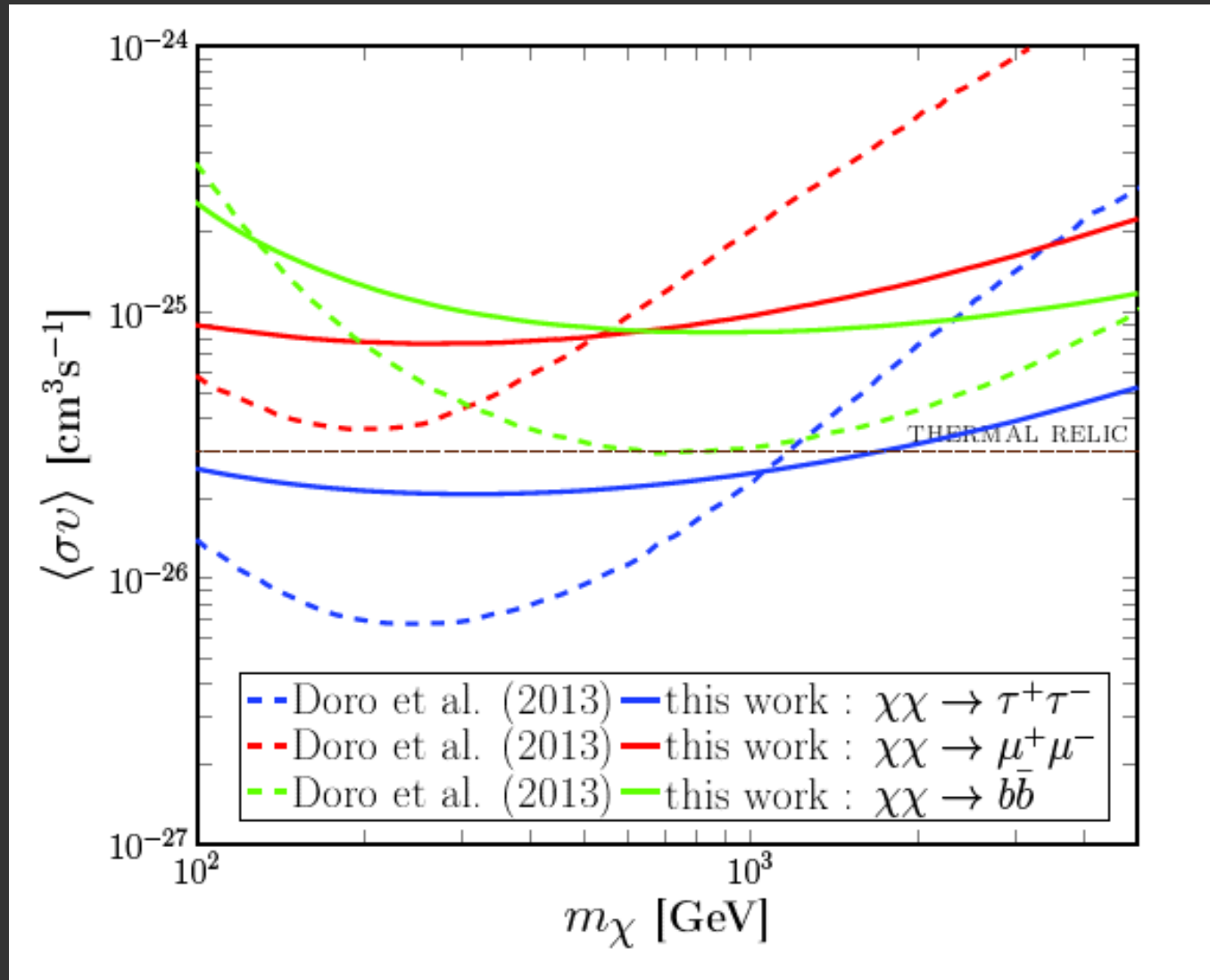
2. Based on current in-kind contributions from 2 PhD students.

Table 1: Australian Consortium for CTA Associated Party Membership. FTE estimates are for 2013+.

- ARC LIEF 2015: First hardware contribution \$550k  
& raise Oz consortium to full member status
- Additional construction costs (LIEF, NCRIS++?, EIF++?) ~ \$1-3M
- Operational cost model under discussion (per person, GDP scaling?)

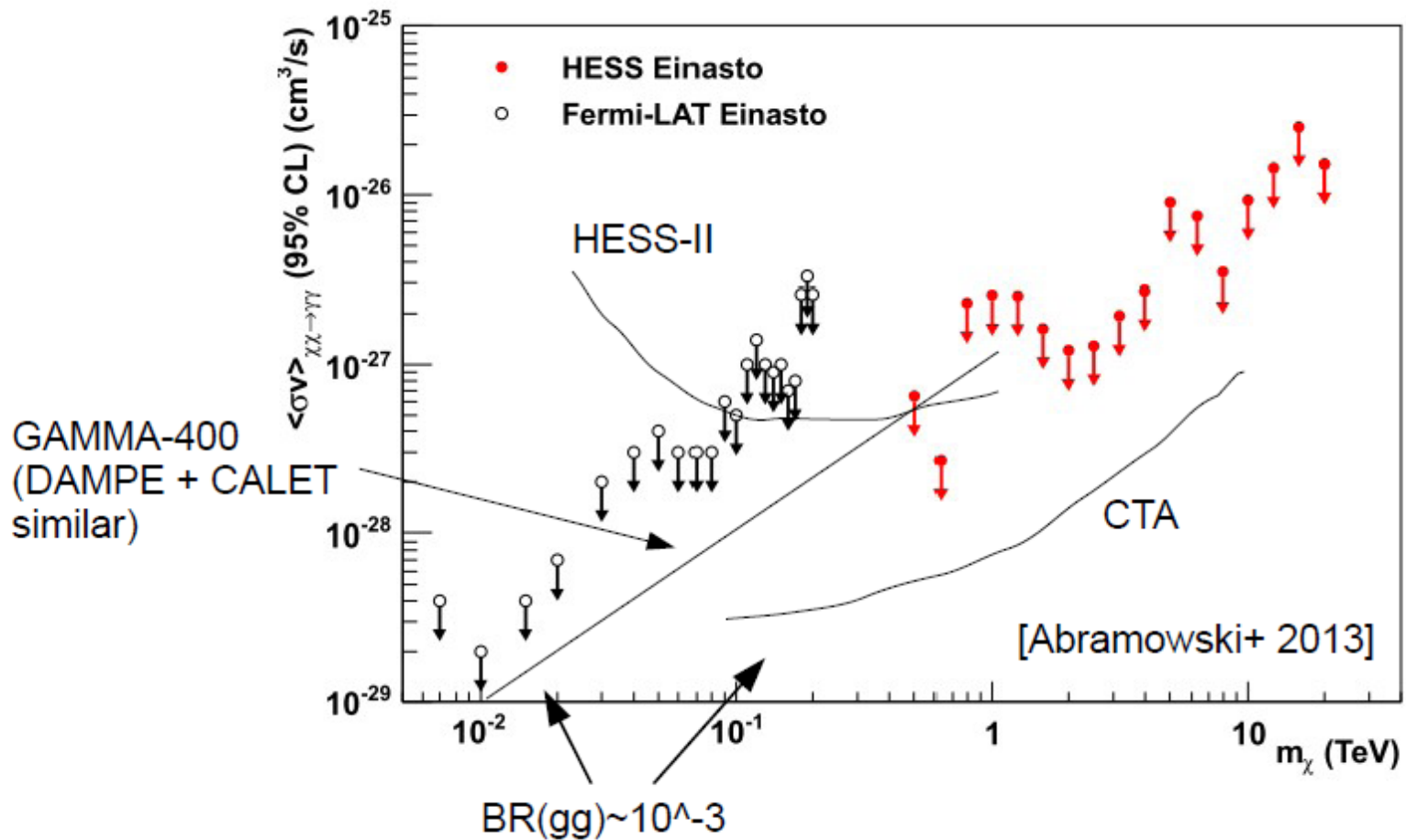
# CTA – Effect of Telescope Layout - Galactic Centre 100h

- array E layout (Doro et al 2013) dashed
- array I layout (Pierre et al 2014) solid



# Future sensitivities for gamma-ray lines

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

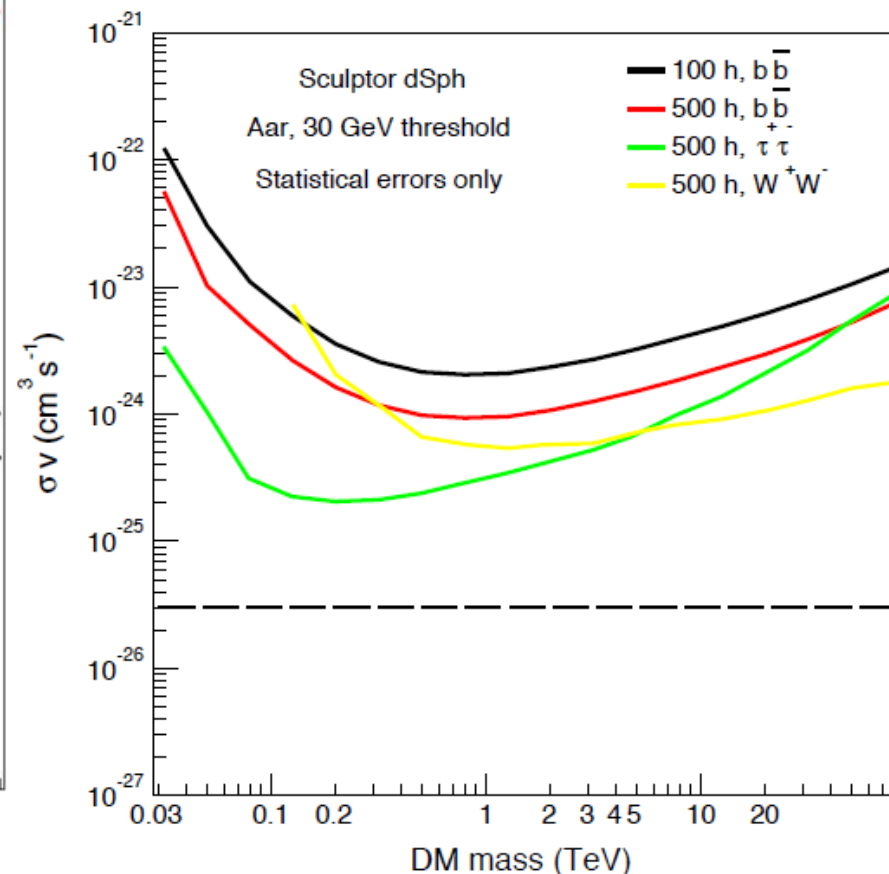
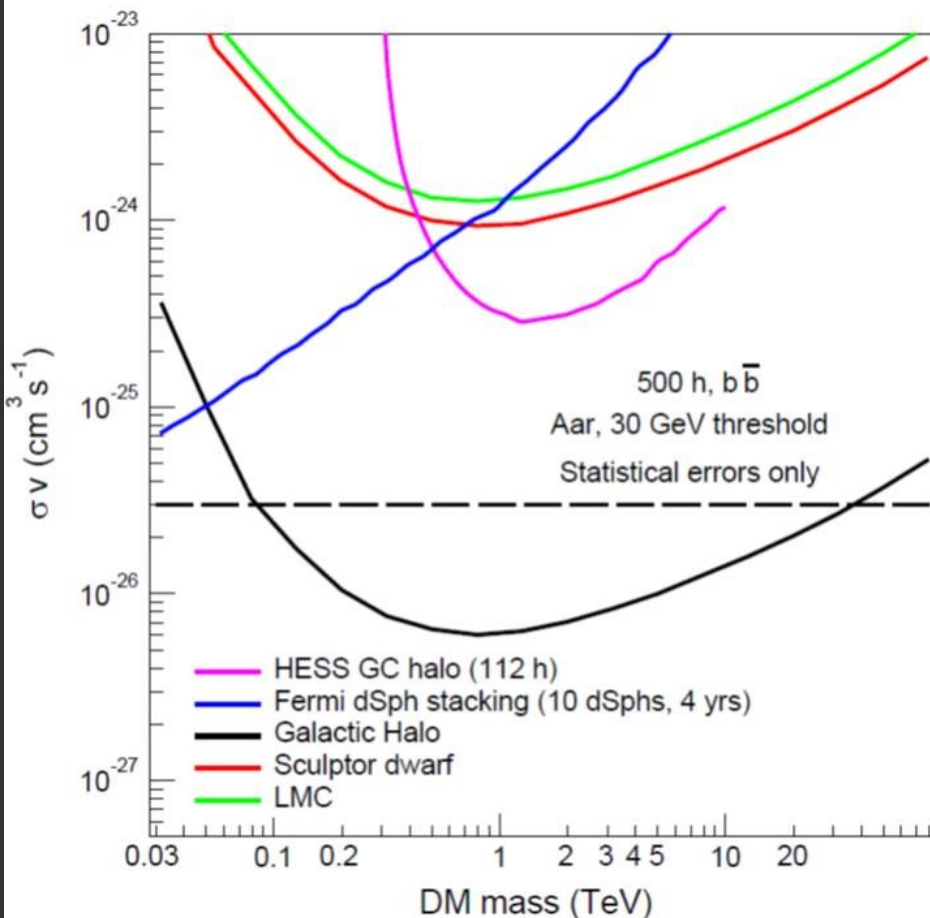


CTA: G. Pedalletti, Talk in Trieste Sep 2013  
GAMMA-400 & HESS-II: Bergström+ 2012  
DAMPE (and CALET) similar to GAMMA-400

Slide from C. Weniger  
“Debates on the nature of  
dark matter” 2014)

# CTA – Dark Matter Key Science Programme

CTA Consortium incl C. Balazs (2014) in preparation





**Backup**

Experiment	Status of claim
DAMA/LIBRA annual modulation [68]	Unexplained at the moment; not confirmed by other experiments [70, 71, 74, 76]
CoGeNT excess events and annual modulation [73]	Tension with other data [70, 71, 74, 76]
CRESST excess events [79]	Tension with other data [70, 71, 74, 76]
EGRET excess of GeV photons [80, 81]	Due to instrument error (?) – not confirmed by Fermi-LAT [82]
INTEGRAL 511 keV $\gamma$ -line from galactic centre region [83]	Does not seem to have spherical symmetry – shows an asymmetry which follows the disk (?) [84]
PAMELA: Anomalous ratio of cosmic ray positrons/electrons [85]	May be due to DM [86], or pulsars [87] – energy signature not unique for DM
Fermi-LAT positrons + electrons [31]	May be due to DM [86], or pulsars [87] – energy signature not unique for DM
Fermi-LAT GeV $\gamma$ -ray excess towards galactic centre [88]	Unexplained at the moment – astrophysical explanations possible [89, 90], no statement from the Fermi-LAT collaboration
WMAP radio “haze” [91]	Has a correspondence in “Fermi bubbles” [92] – probably caused by outflow from the galactic centre
$\gamma$ -ray structure [93] in public Fermi-LAT data [94] from galaxy clusters.	Very weak indication, could be cosmic-ray induced emission?
$\gamma$ line at 130 GeV [95, 96, 97] in Fermi-LAT public data [94]	$3.3\sigma - 4.6\sigma$ effect, unexplained at the moment. Not confirmed by the Fermi-LAT collaboration [98].

Table 1: Some of the recent experimental claims for possible dark matter detection, and a comment on the present status.

**Bergstrom 2012 arXiv:1205.4882**

**See also: Porter et al 2011 Ann. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 49, 155**

**Bringmann, Weniger 2012 arXiv:1208.5481**

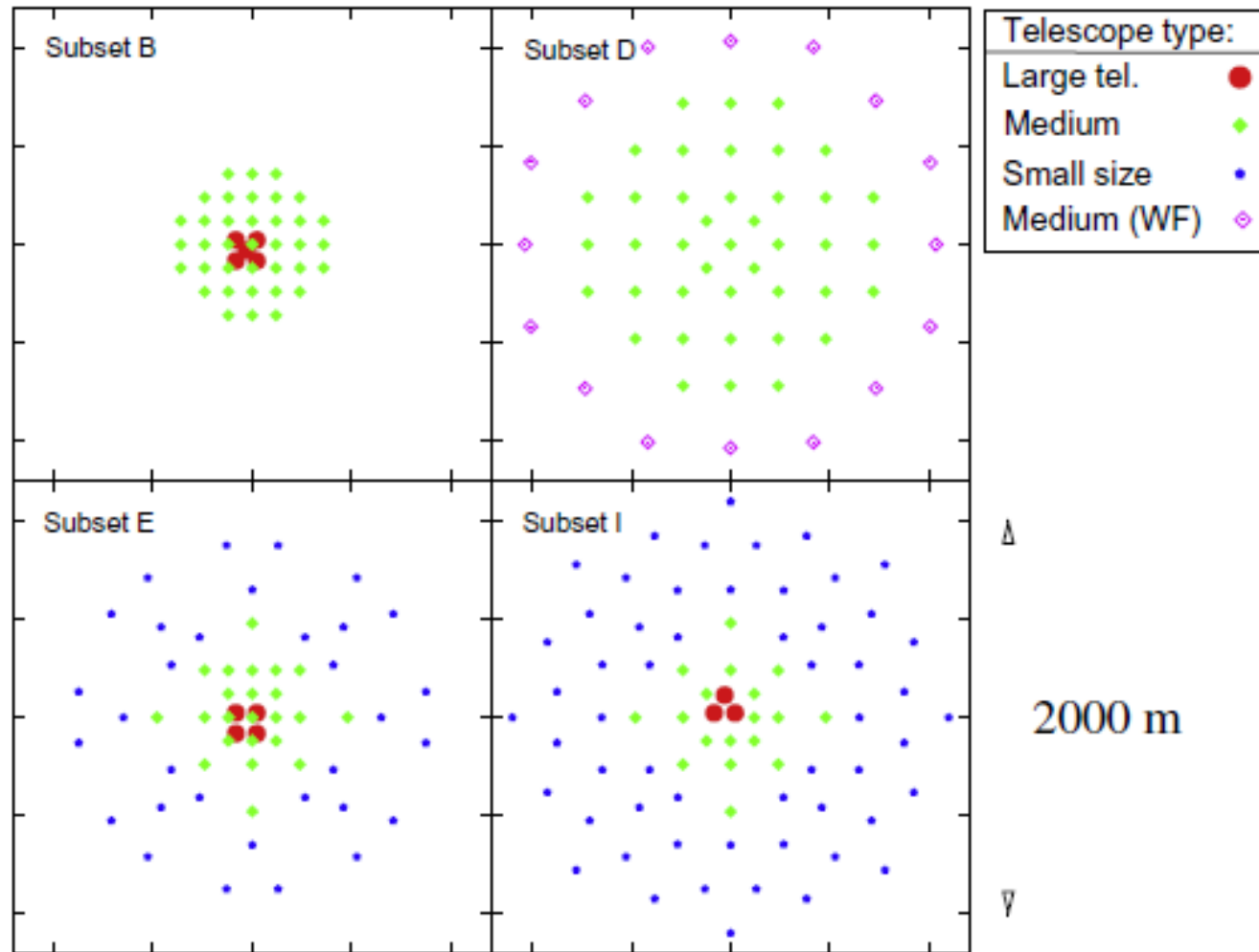
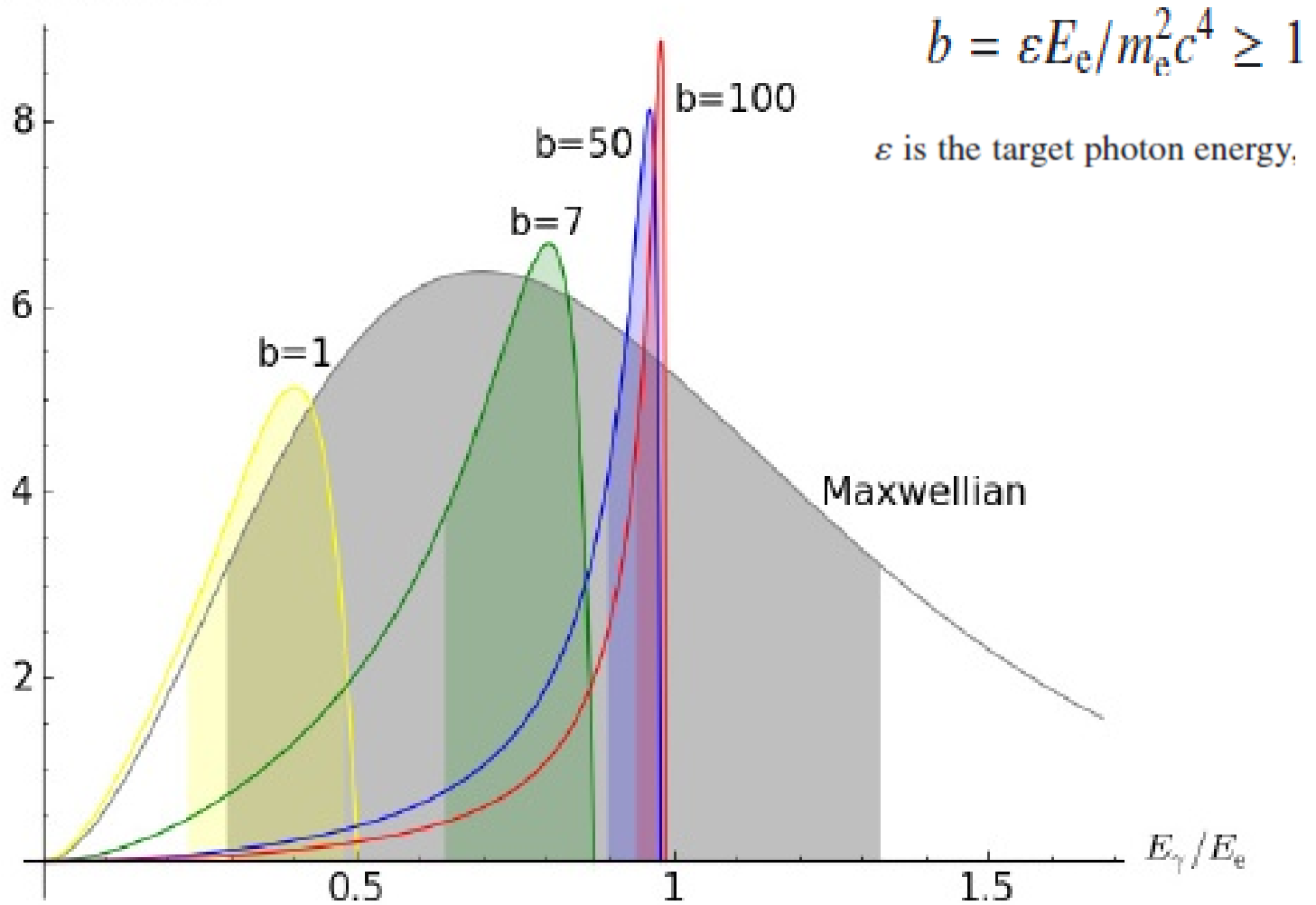


Fig. 7. Layout examples for a compact array layout (B), an extended layout without LSTs (D), as well as two balanced layouts (E and I).

# Gamma-ray 'Line' Astrophysical Origin?

e.g. Deep Klein-Nishina inverse-Compton scattering by cold pulsar wind electrons (~monoenergetic) Aharonian et al 2012

$\nu F_\nu$ , arbitrary units

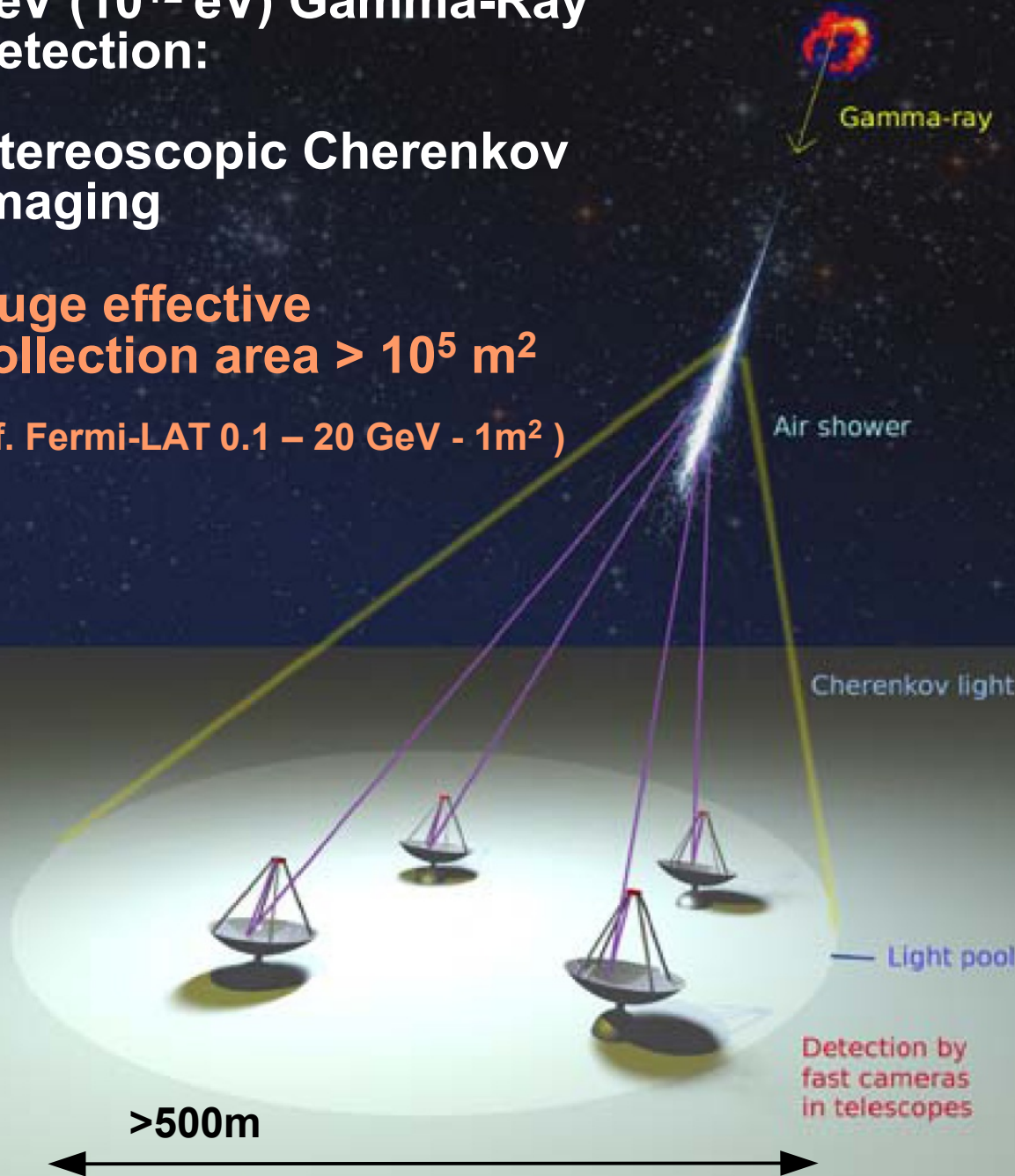


# TeV ( $10^{12}$ eV) Gamma-Ray detection:

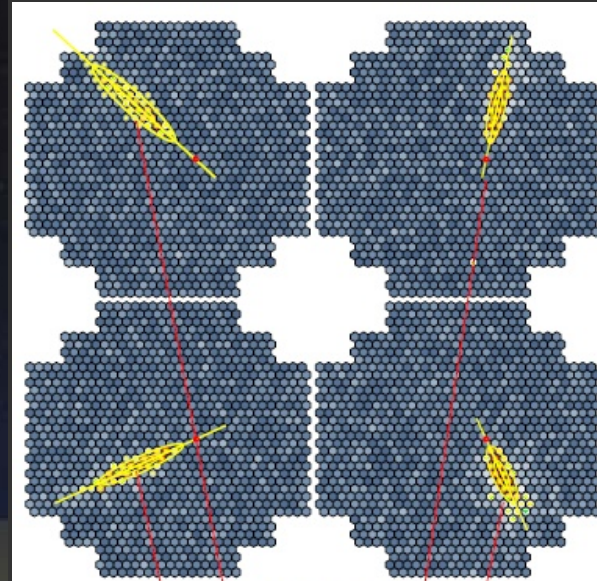
## Stereoscopic Cherenkov Imaging

Huge effective collection area  $> 10^5 \text{ m}^2$

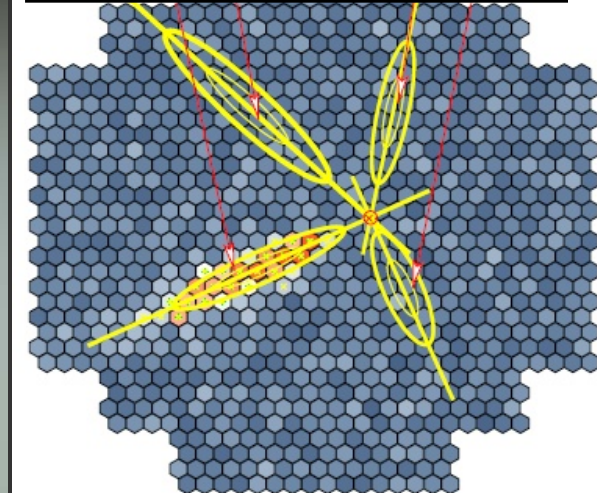
(cf. Fermi-LAT  $0.1 - 20 \text{ GeV} - 1 \text{ m}^2$ )



Cherenkov 'image' as viewed by each telescope

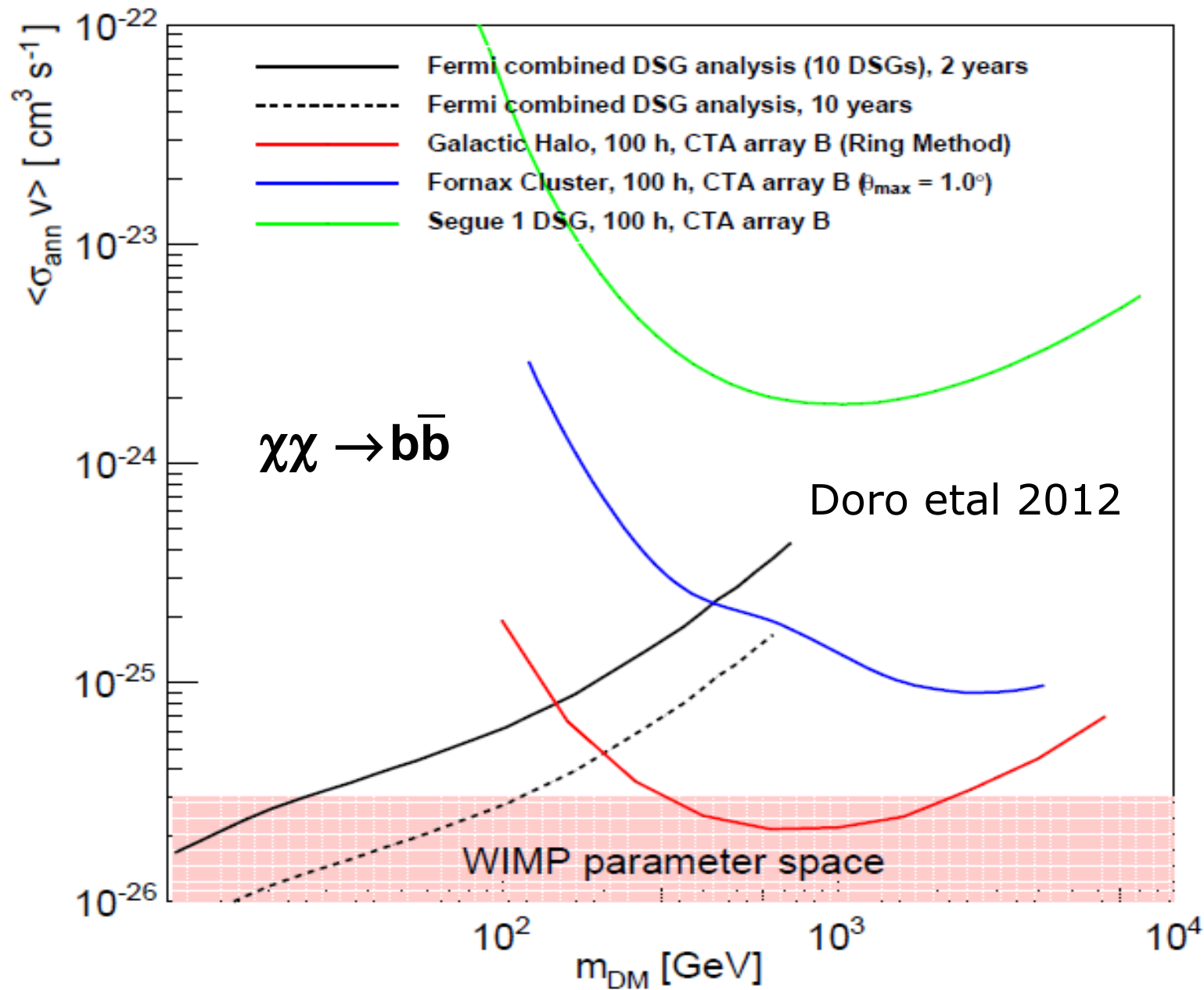


Combination:





# Example Outlook for CTA.... (array B)



# CR Diffusion *Into* Molecular Clouds

Gabici et al 2007

R = distance CR travels into molecular cloud core

$$R = 0.62 - \sqrt{6D(E_P, B)[1600 - t_0]} \quad [\text{pc}]$$

$$D(E_P, B(r)) = \chi D_0 \left( \frac{E_P/\text{GeV}}{B/3\mu\text{G}} \right)^{0.5} \quad [\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}],$$

$$B(n_{H_2}) \sim 100 \sqrt{\frac{n_{H_2}}{10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}}} \quad [\mu\text{G}]$$

$\chi$ =diffusion suppression

- Low energy CRs can't reach cloud core
- Expect harder TeV spectra from cores.
- **GeV cutoffs in energy spectra**
- **Don't expect electrons to penetrate!!**  
(due to sync. losses)
- **Need to map dense cloud cores**

10 TeV proton

1 TeV proton

