



# Dark matter searches with the MAGIC telescopes

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# Short summary: 1<sup>st</sup> decade

2004: no signal

2005: no signal

2006: no signal

2007: no signal

2008: no signal

**NO SIGNAL FOUND**

2009: no signal

2010: no signal

2011: no signal

2012: no signal

2013: no signal

# Short summary: 2<sup>nd</sup> decade

2014: no signal

2015: no signal

2016: no signal

2017: no signal

2018: no signal

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2019: no signal

2020: no signal

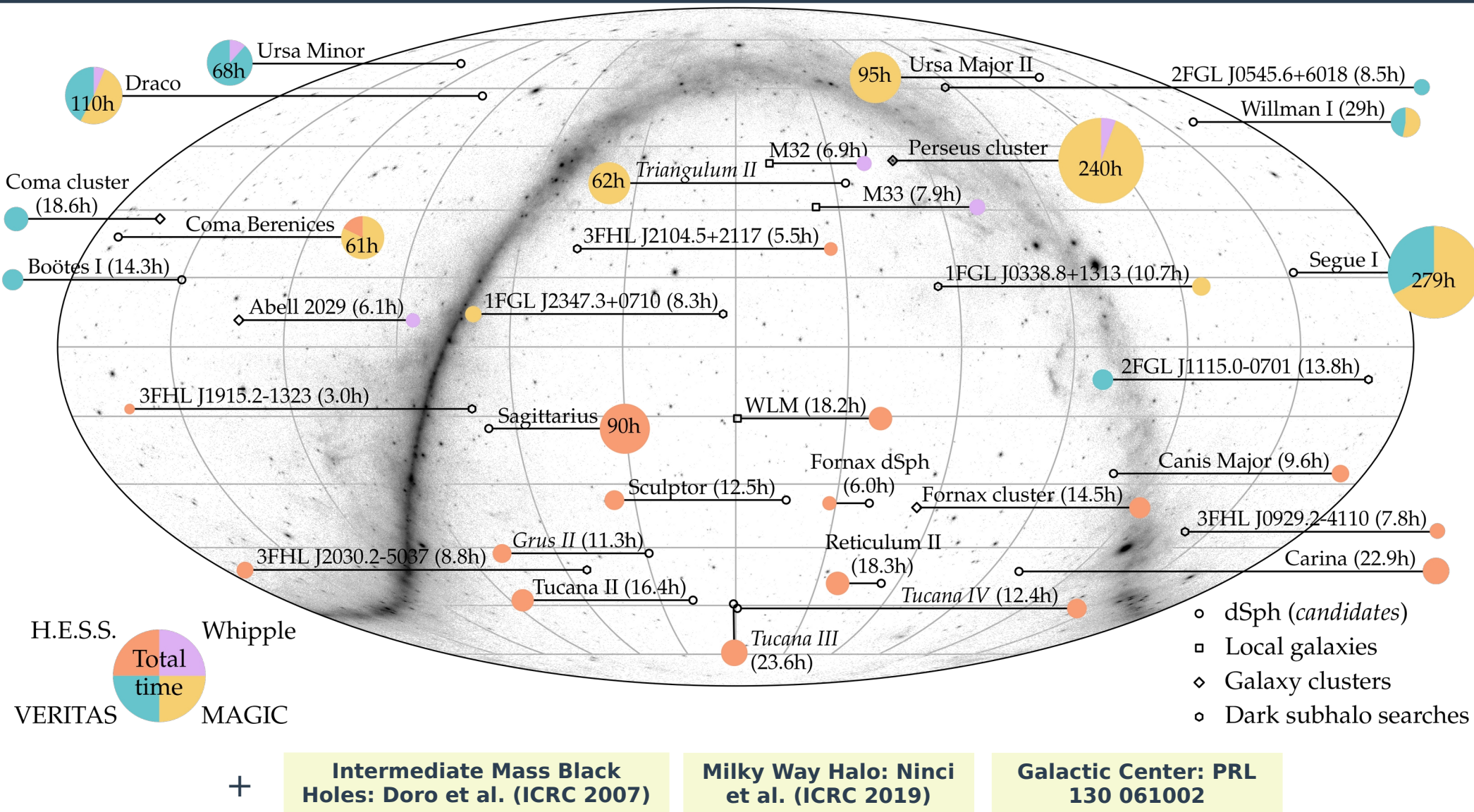
2021: no signal

2022: no signal

2023: no signal



# Observed targets



# Expected flux

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## Inputs to the analysis

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**Ignored in >99% of the case as we usually observe targets at  $z \sim 0$**

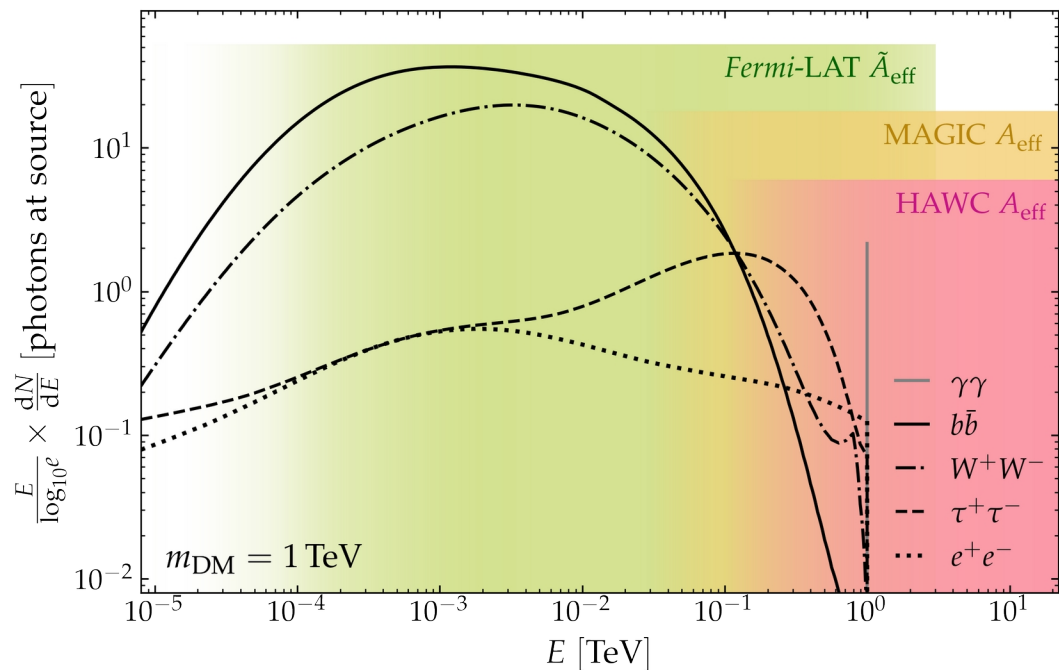


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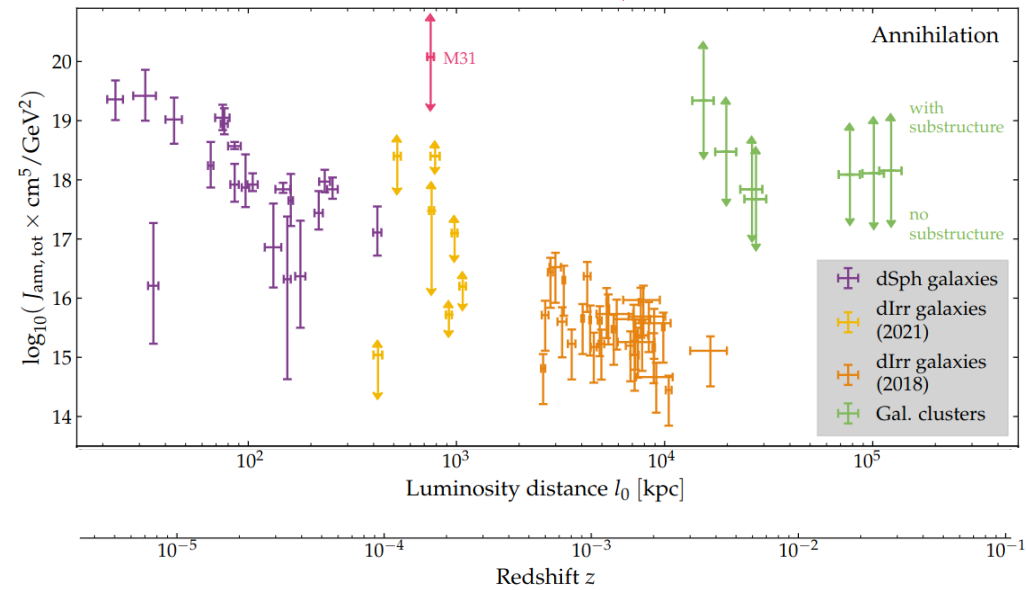
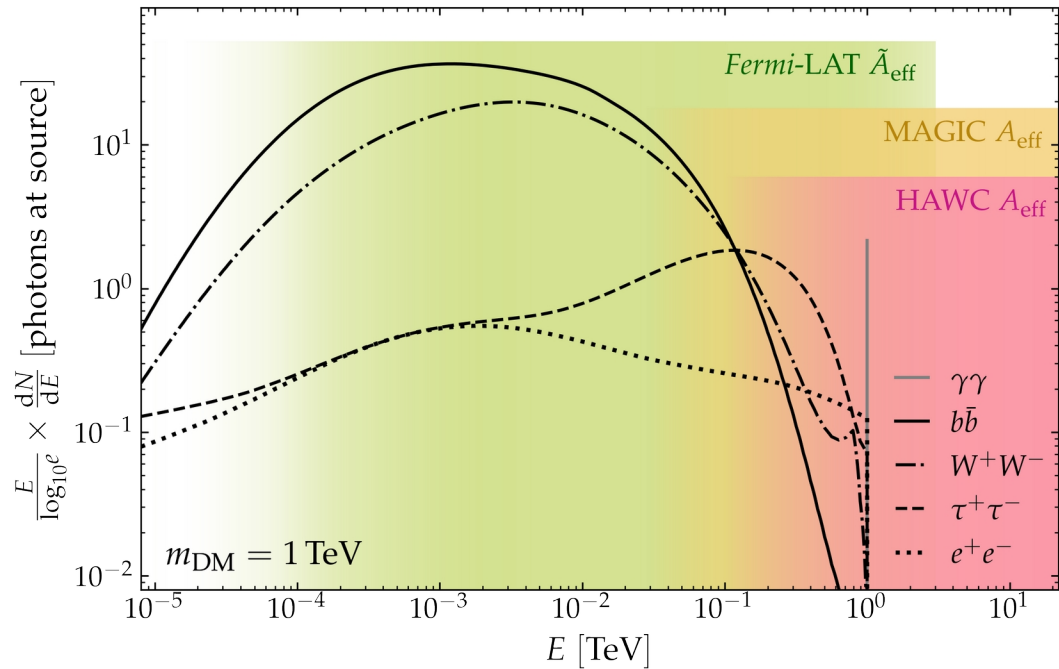
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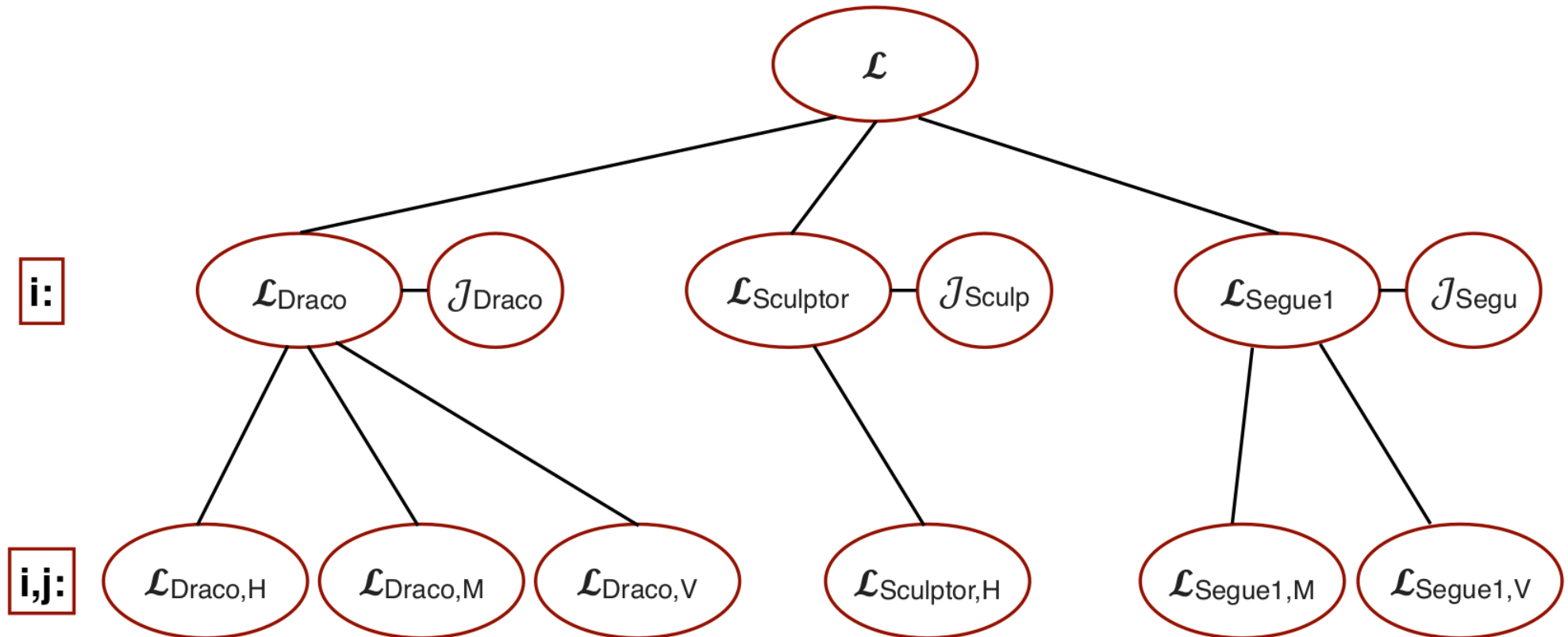
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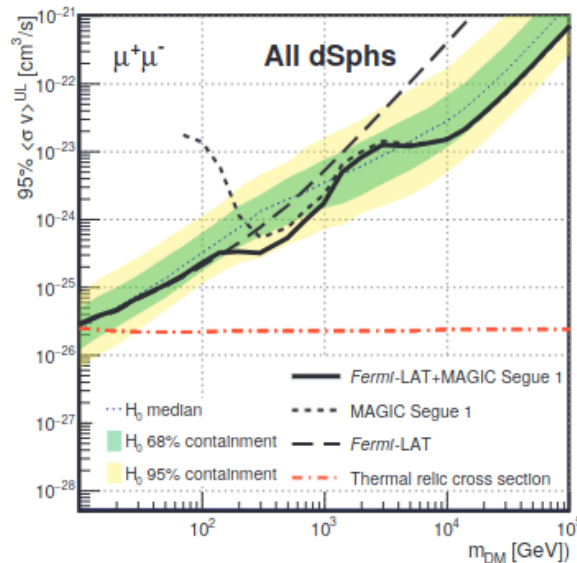
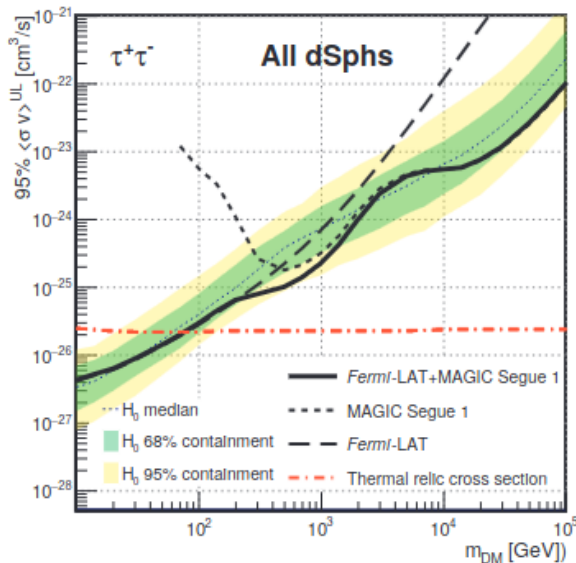
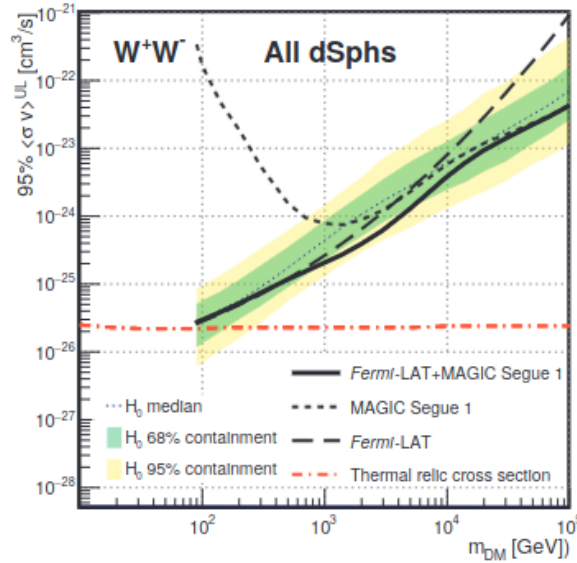
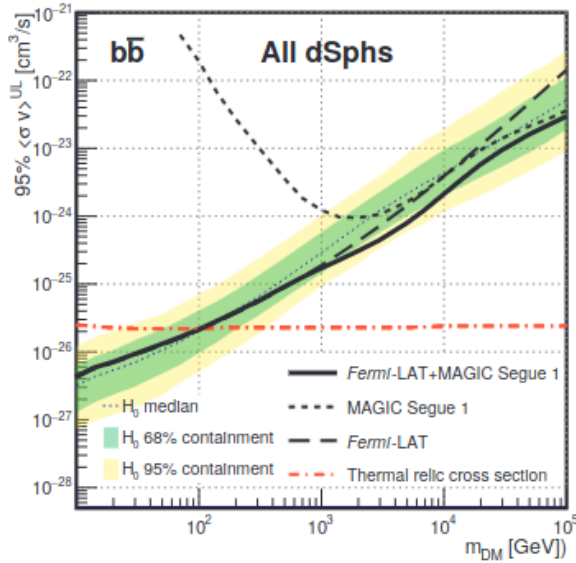
# State of the art analysis

The combined likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(\langle \sigma v \rangle; \nu \mid \mathcal{D}_{\text{dSphs}}) = \prod_{l=1}^{N_{\text{dSphs}}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{dSph},l}(\langle \sigma v \rangle; J_l, \nu_l \mid \mathcal{D}_{l,\text{measured}}) \times \mathcal{J}_l(J_l \mid J_{l,\text{obs}}, \sigma_{\log J_l})$$



# Combining data with Fermi-LAT



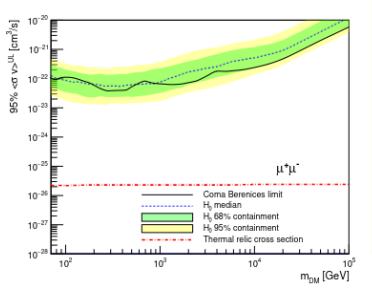
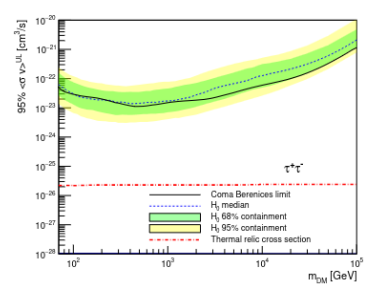
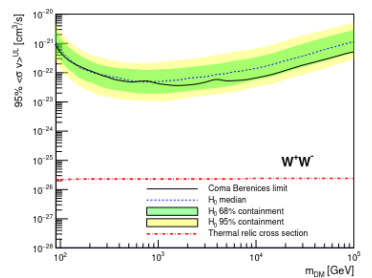
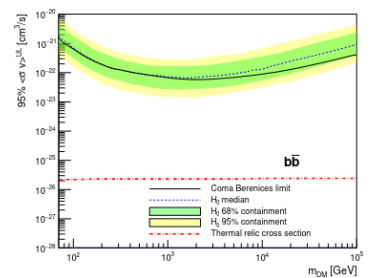
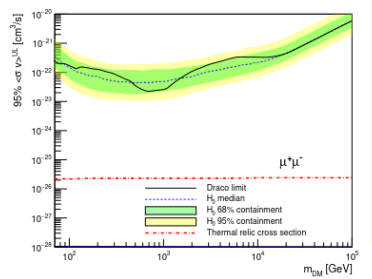
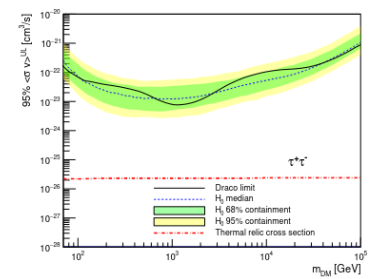
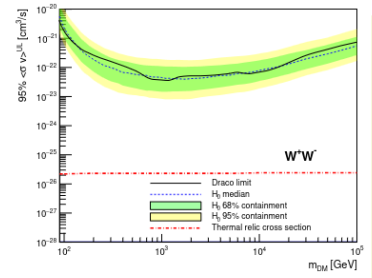
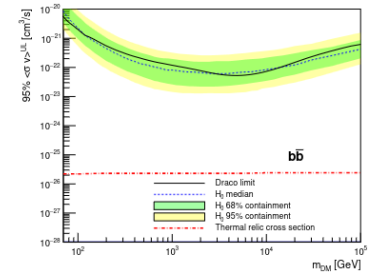
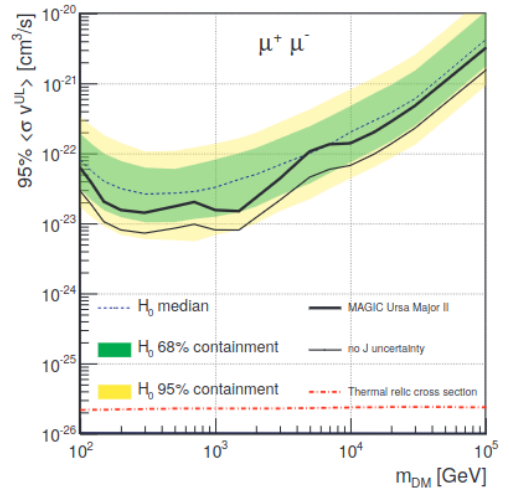
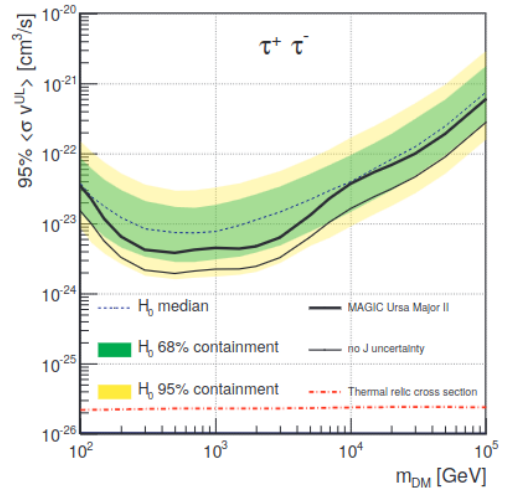
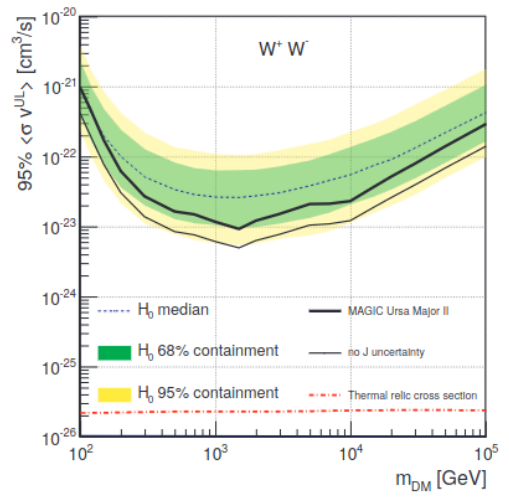
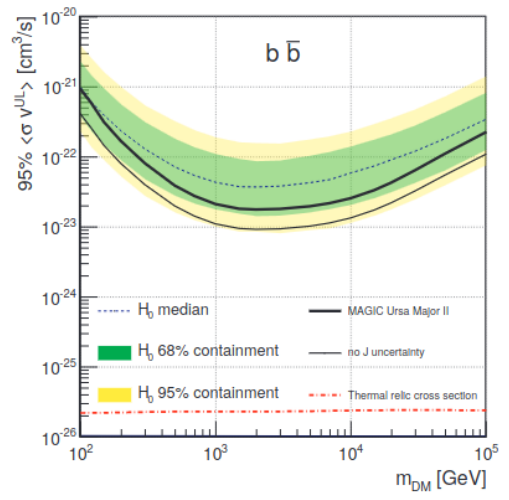
~158h of stereo obs. of Segue1  
by MAGIC + 6 years of obs. of  
15 dSphs by Fermi-LAT

**Annihilation**

JCAP 1602:039 (2016)



# Expanding the pool of dSphs observed

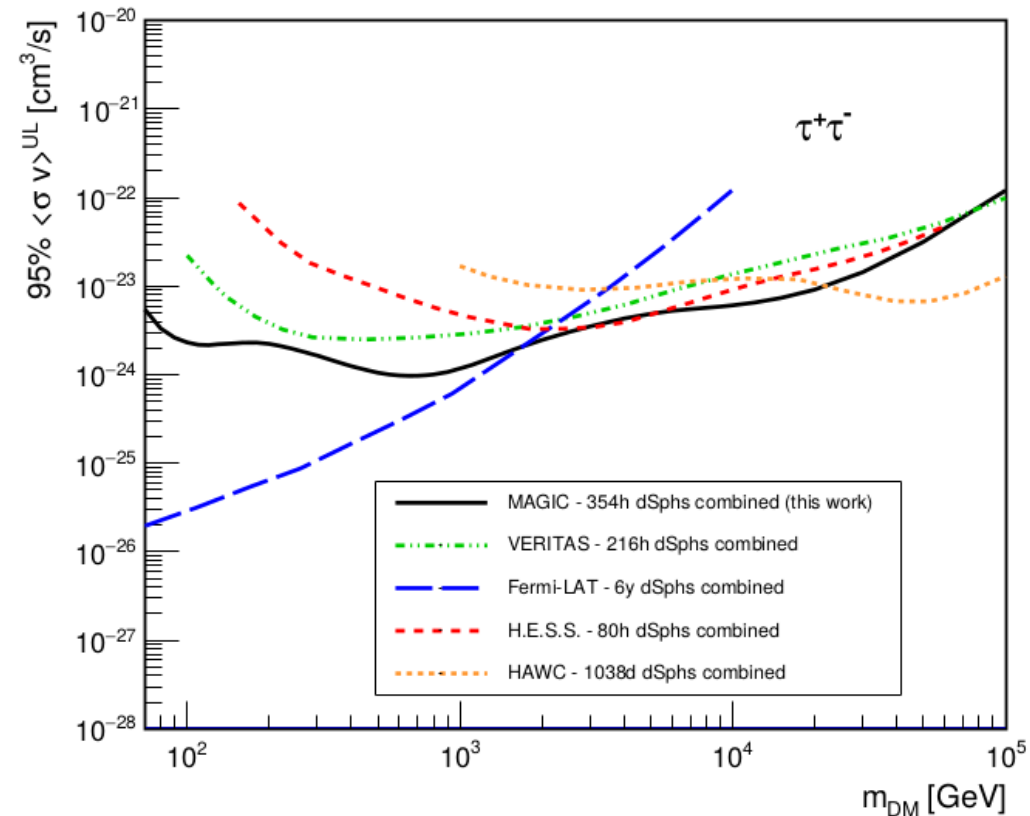
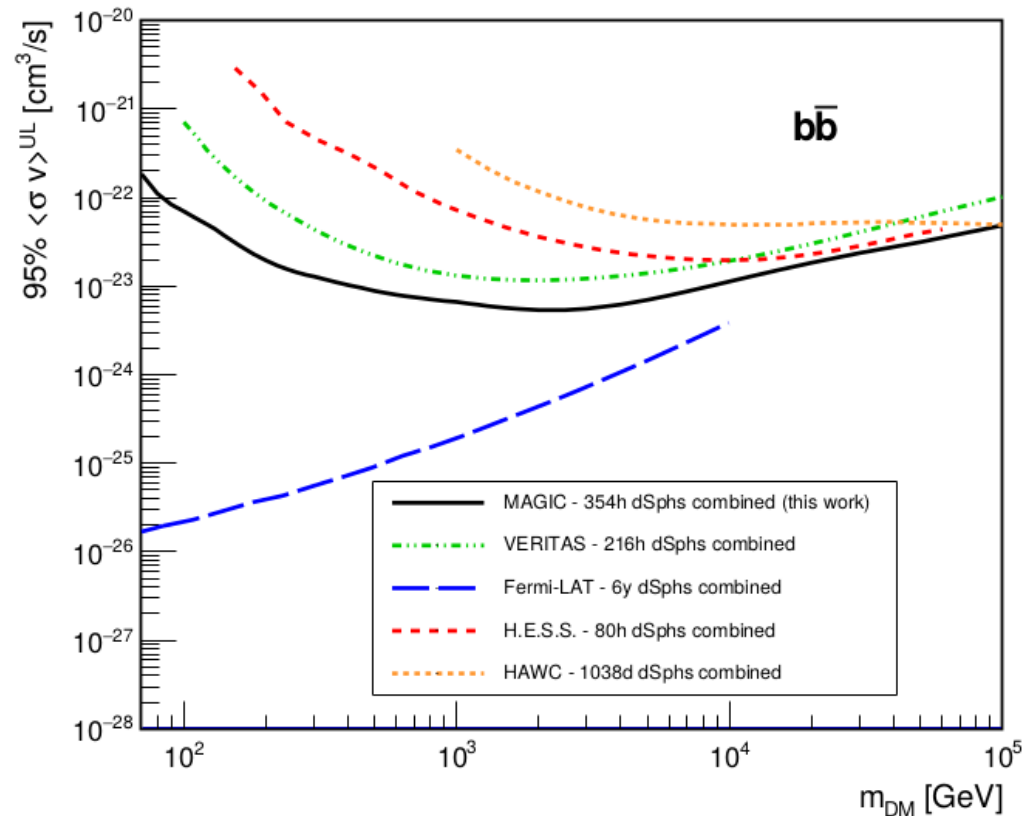


~95h of stereo obs. of Ursa Major II  
Annihilation  
JCAP 1803:009 (2018)

~52h of stereo obs. of Draco  
Annihilation  
PDU 35 100912 (2022)

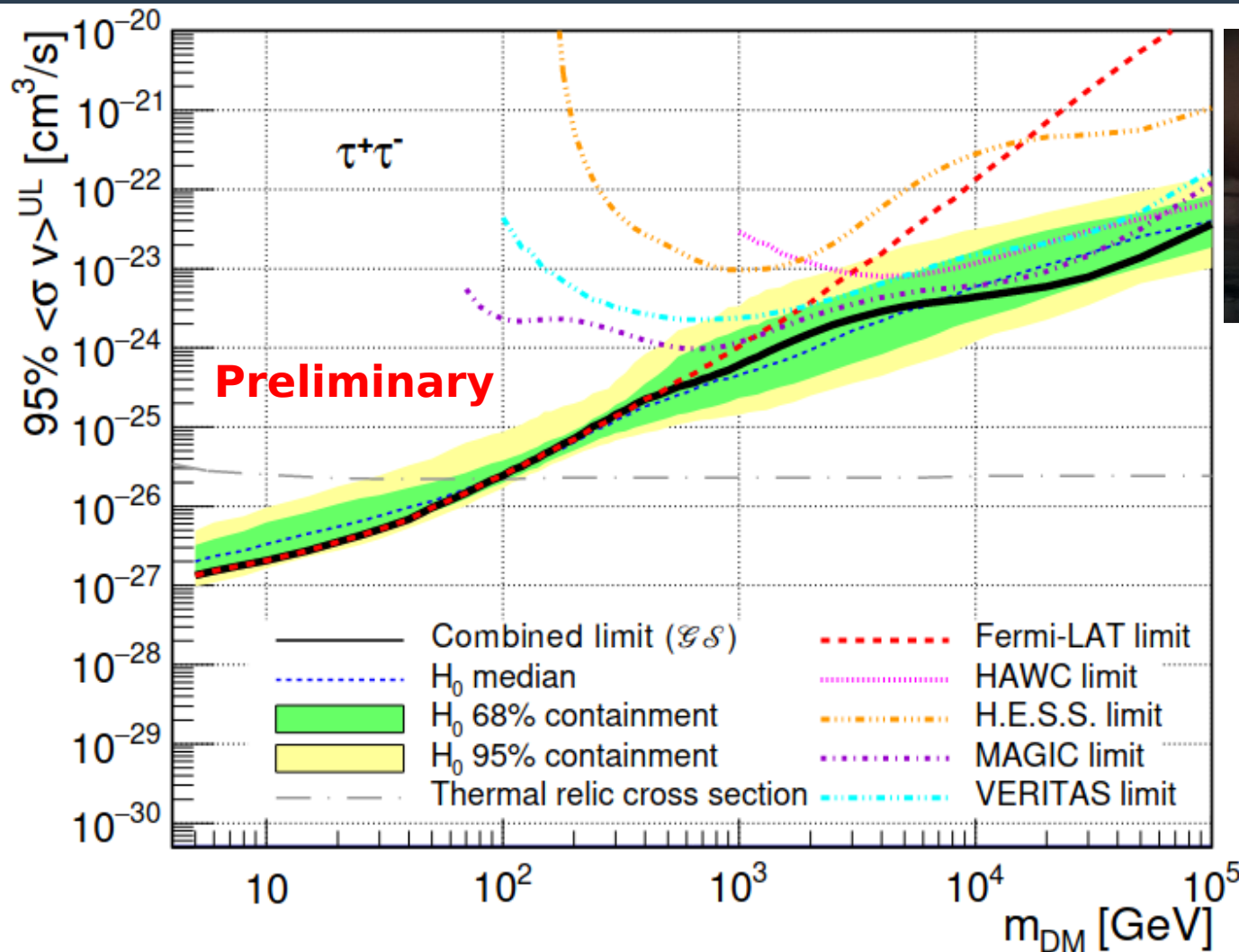
~50h of stereo obs. of Coma  
Annihilation  
PDU 35 100912 (2022)

# Combining MAGIC dSphs observations



~354h of stereo obs. of Segue 1,  
Ursa major II, Draco, and Coma  
Annihilation  
PDU 35 100912 (2022)

# Combining Fermi-LAT, HAWC, H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS dSphs observations



- A project between MAGIC, VERITAS, HESS and Fermi started to gather them all
- 300+ h MAGIC
- 300+ h VERITAS
- 100+ h HESS
- Fermi-dSph
- Great expectations!

M. Doro (MAGIC 15 years)

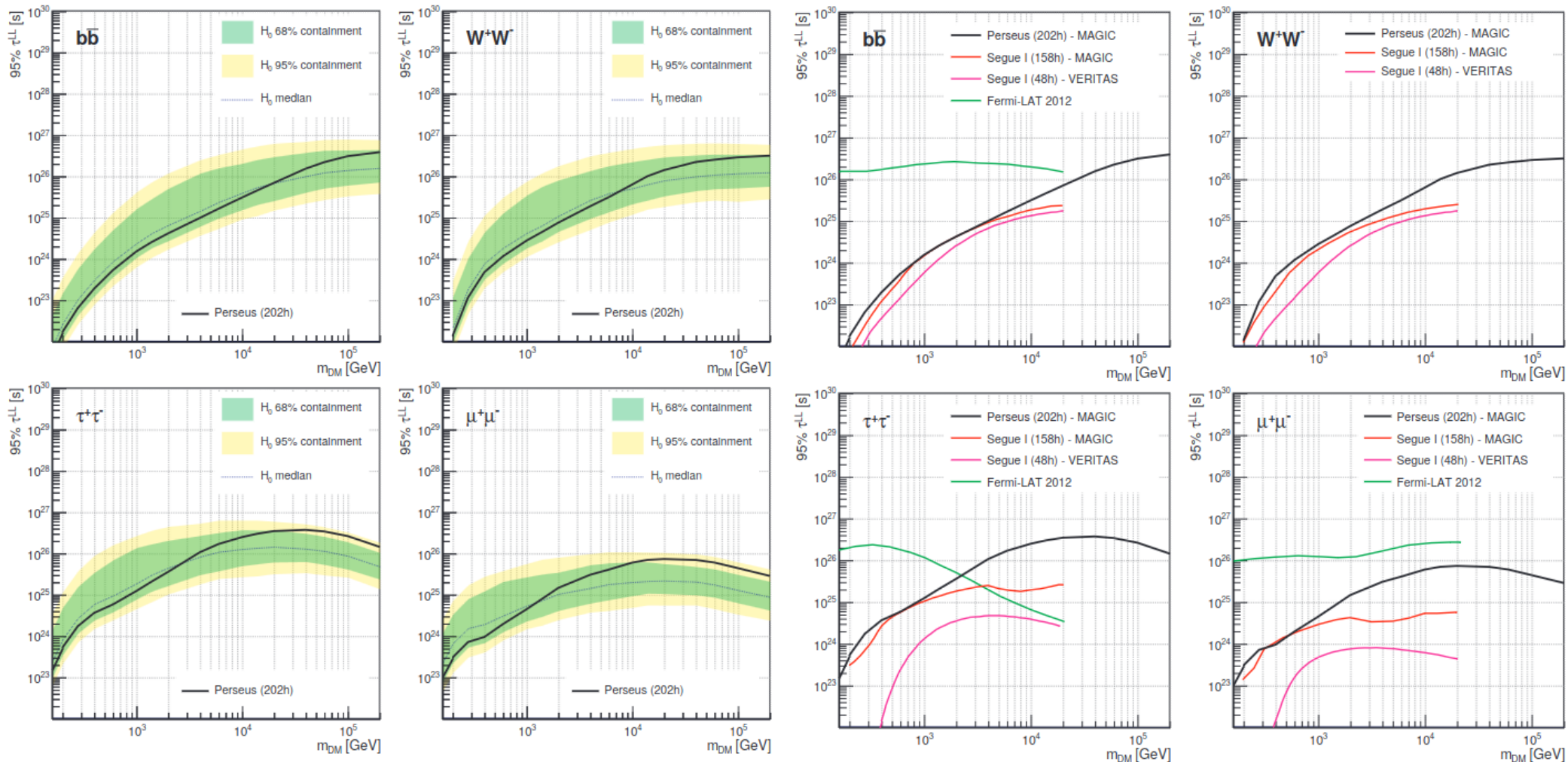
20 dSphs, 45 data sets, combining data from 5 gamma-ray experiments

Annihilation

PoS(ICRC2023)1426

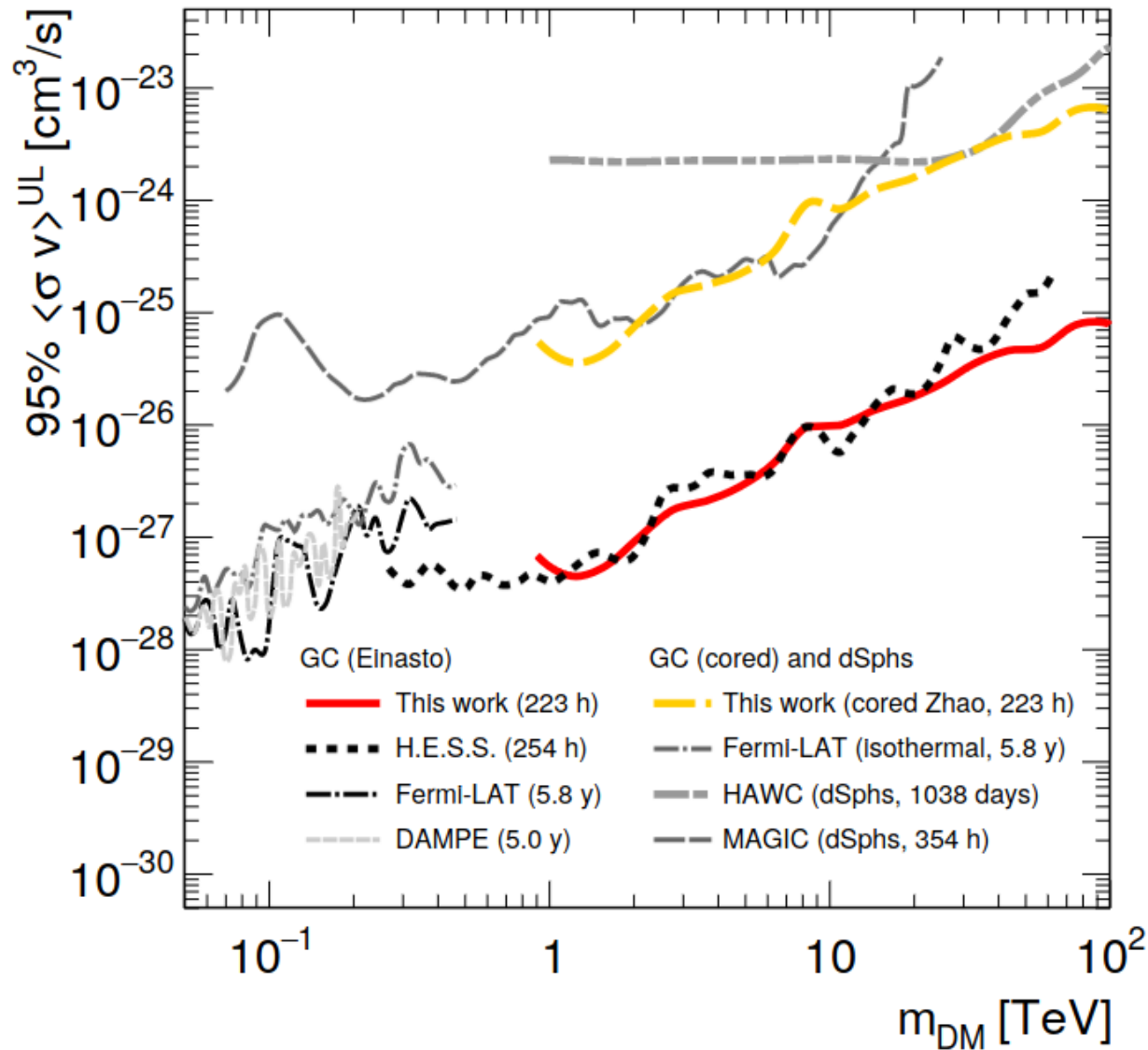
→ combined limit is up to a factor 2-3 more constraining

# Looking at galaxy clusters and decaying dark matter



~202h of stereo obs. of Perseus  
Decay  
PDU 22 38-47 (2018)

# Looking at the Galactic Center



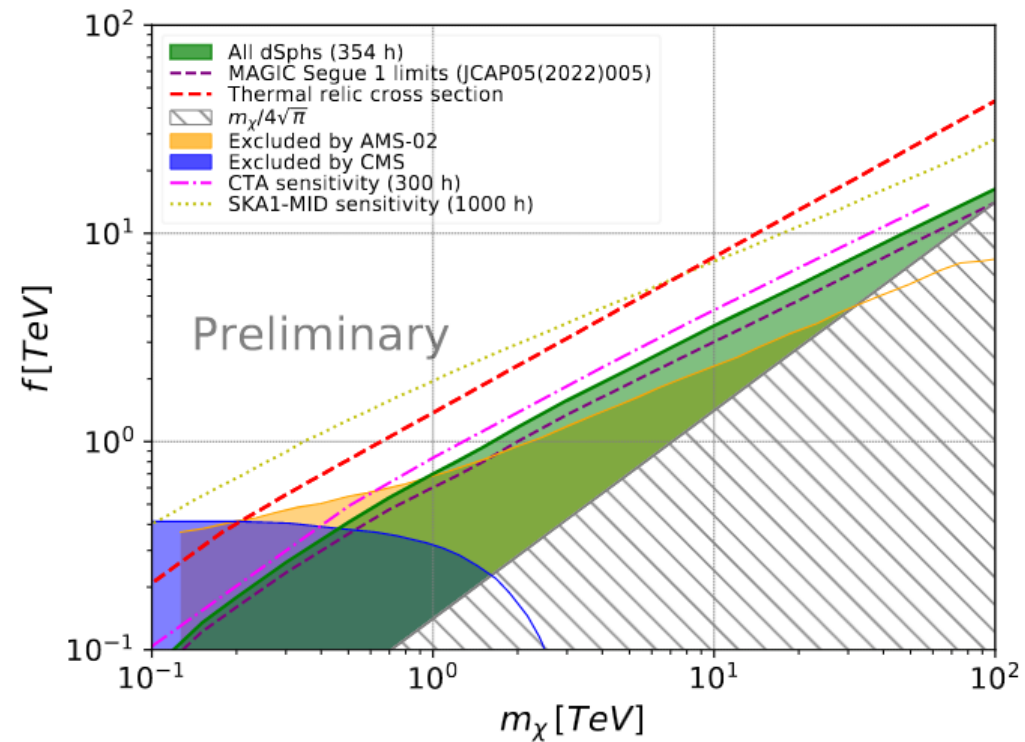
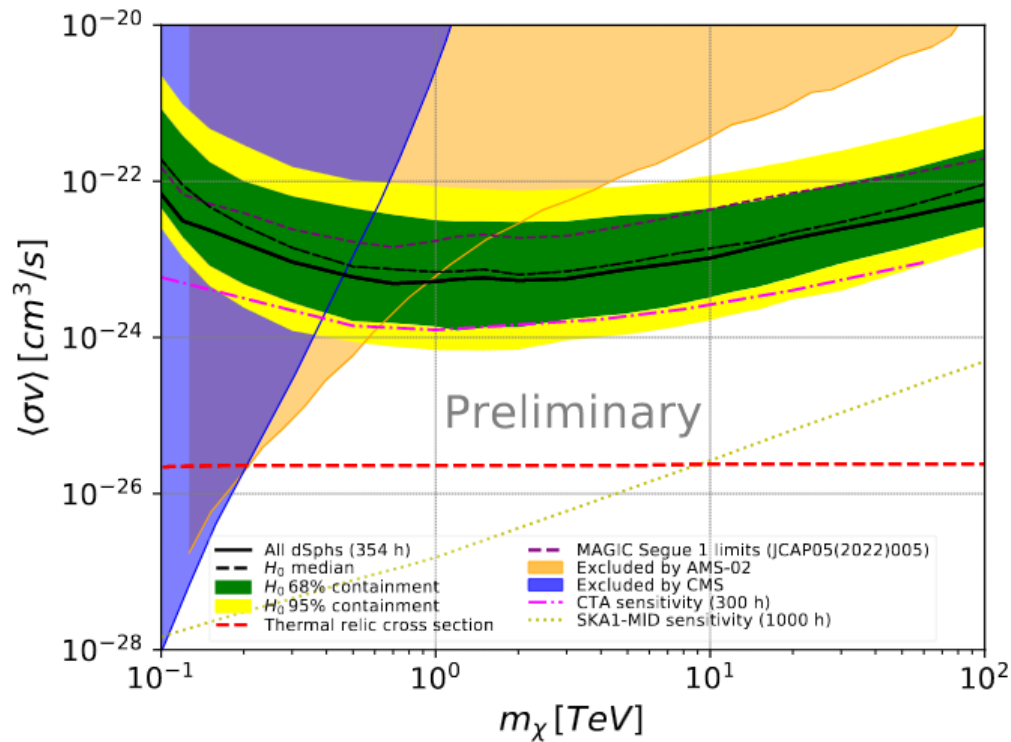
~223h of stereo obs. of the GC

Annihilation - line search

PRL 130 061002 (2023)



# Exploring alternative models: branon dark matter

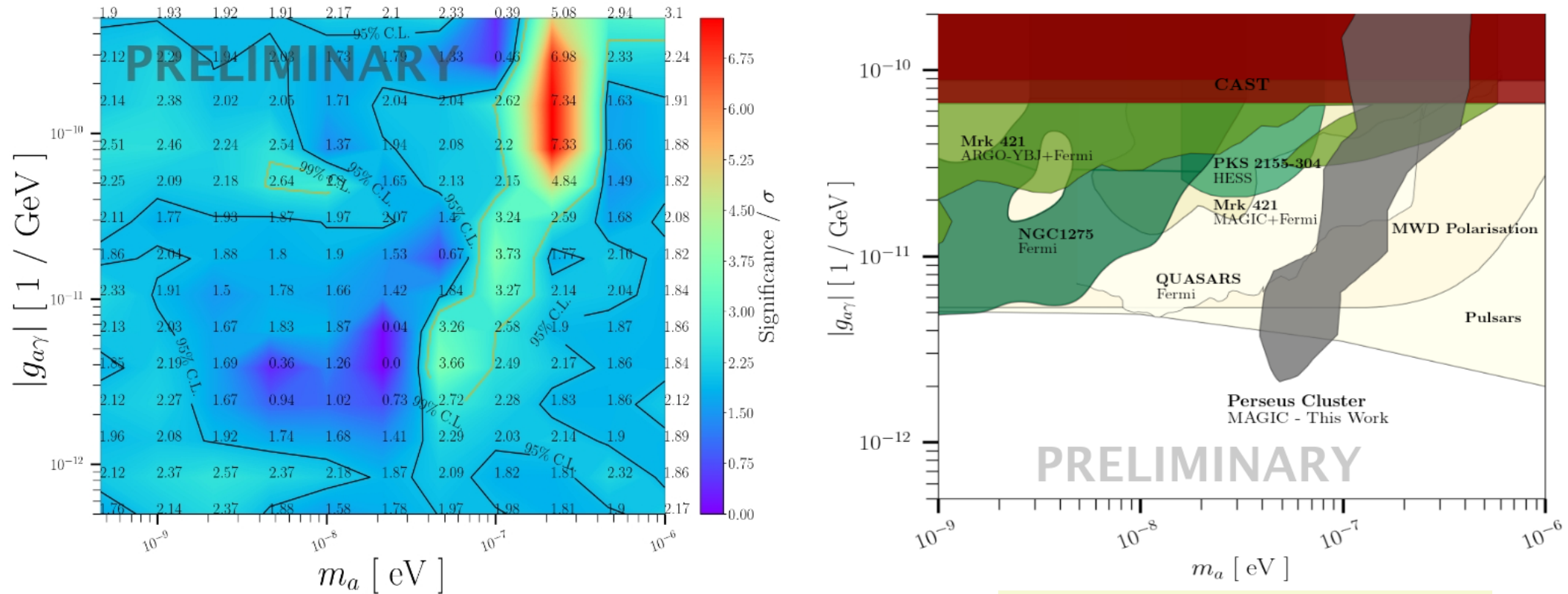


~354h of stereo obs. of Segue 1,  
Ursa major II, Draco, and Coma

Branon

PoS(Gamma2022)196

# Exploring alternative models: Axion-Like Particles



~41h of stereo obs. of NGC 1275  
Axion-like particle  
PoS(ICRC2023)1442

- **Different class of dark matter candidates**

- In presence of a magnetic field: possible conversion from an ALP to a gamma-ray and vice-versa → effect search for in AGN spectra

# But we can do more

- **dSphs combination for DM decay (and not only annihilation)**
- **Combination of dSphs with other targets**
- **Include other channels like the neutrino ones**
- **Update our  $dN/dE$  spectra, our J-factor estimations**
- **Combined analysis also for Axion-Like Particles**
- **Etc**

# So what's next?

- **More of multi-instrument and multi-target analysis**  
→ more data, more systematic search, less bias
- **Combination with other wavelengths (e.g. radio) and other messengers (e.g. neutrinos, charged cosmic rays)**  
→ more data, more channels, more harmonization/standardization of the analysis pipeline
- **Revision/update of the inputs to the analysis (J-factors,  $dN/dE$ )**  
→ better evaluations of the systematics
- **Test of more specific DM models, possibly beyond 100 TeV**  
→ find a suitable format to publicly release the data so that anyone can test any model against the best available data sets

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**Maybe for the 30<sup>th</sup> MultiDark meeting?**