

# Dark Matter Search with H.E.S.S. Towards Ultra-faint Dwarf Nearby DES Satellites of the Milky Way

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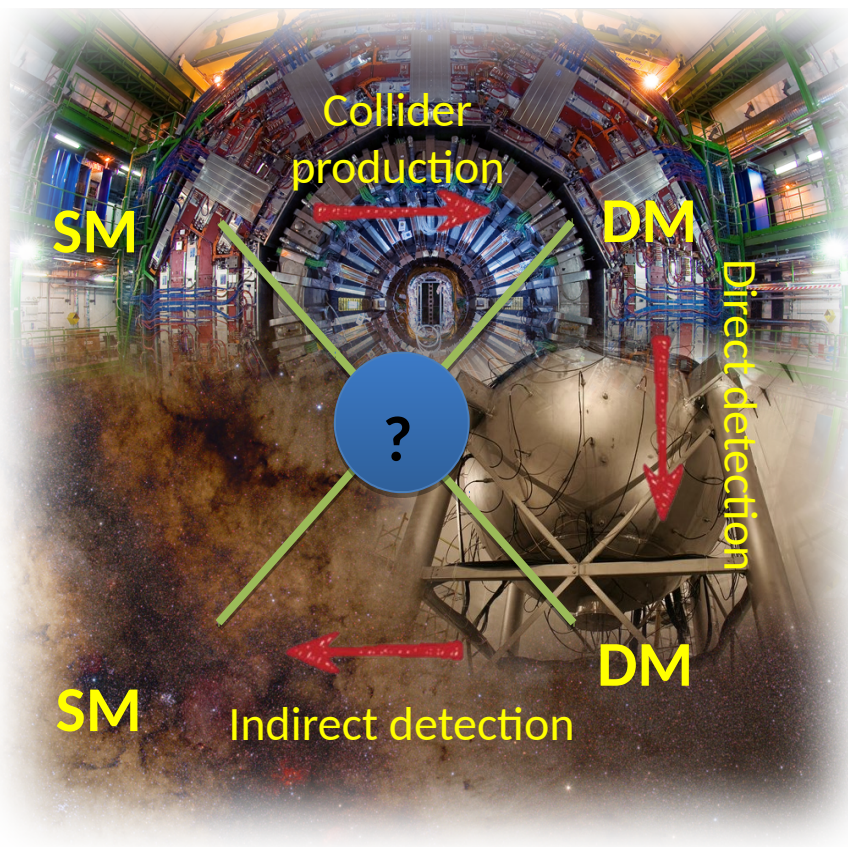


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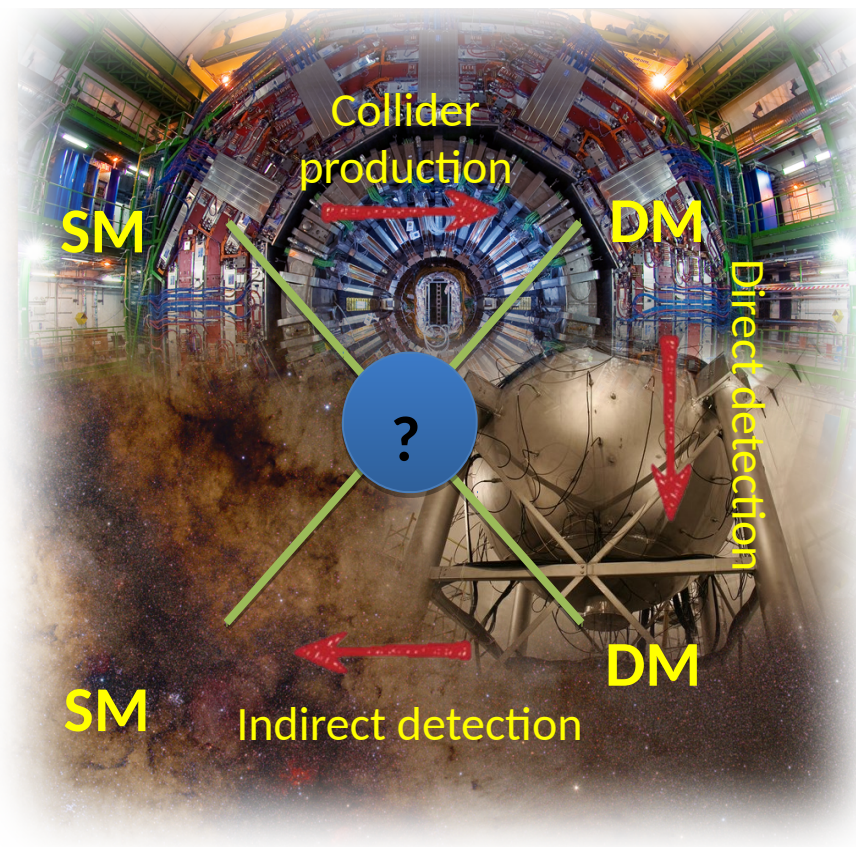


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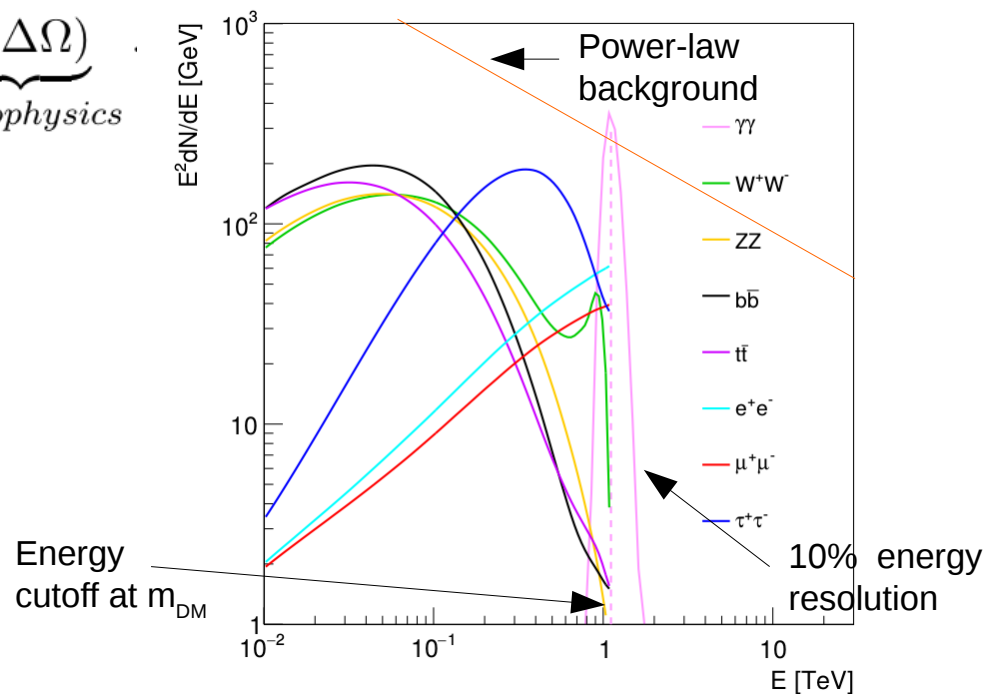
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- Spectral shape
- Branching ratios

- DM mass  $m_{\text{DM}}$

- Annihilation cross section  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$



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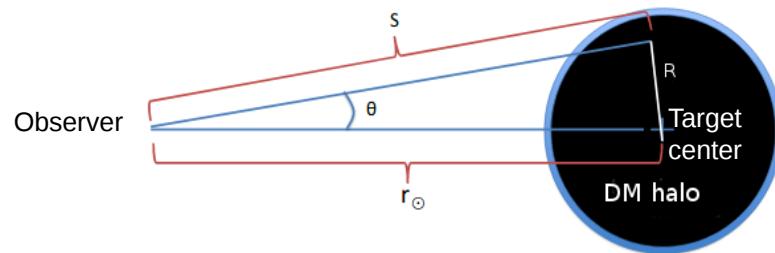
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- **Spatial information**

- It depends on the DM density distribution
- J-factor

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





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Choose a target and region of interest

+ choose an annihilation channel and  $m_{\text{DM}}$

+ convolve for the IRFs and the observation live time

→ expected gamma-ray count from DM annihilation  $N_s$

# Likelihood technique for DM search

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Measured counts in the ON region

Ratio between the size of the OFF and ON regions

Measured counts in the OFF region (control region)

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- In absence of any significant excess in the ON region:
  - 95% C.L. upper limits on the free parameter  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  are set using a **log-likelihood ratio test statistics**
- Computation of **expected limits and containment bands**
  - Poisson realizations of the measurements → mean and std dev of the distribution of the obtained  $\log_{10}\langle\sigma v\rangle$  values

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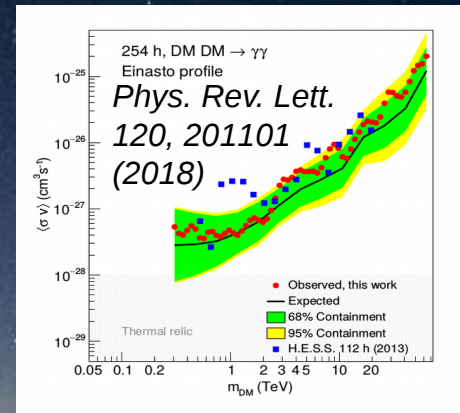
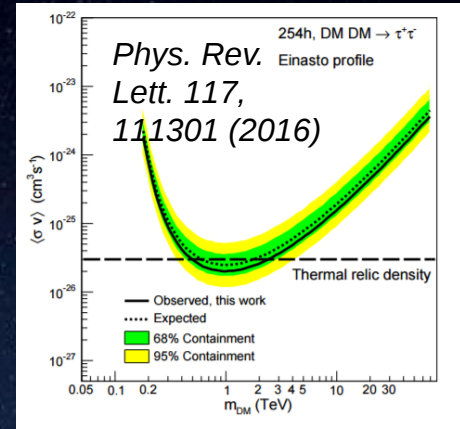
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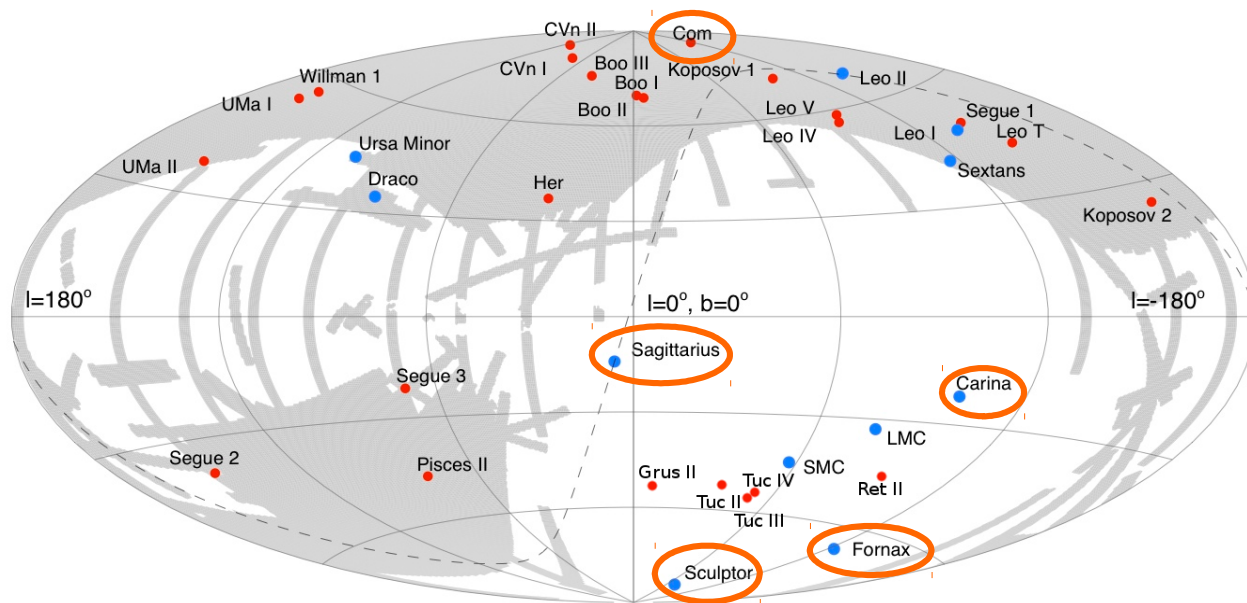
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# Dwarf galaxy observations with H.E.S.S.

## Long-term observation program on nearby dwarf galaxies:

Combination (including Coma Berenices): Phys. Rev. D 90, 112012 (2014)



Previous H.E.S.S.  
observations on

- 4 classical dSphs
- The ultra-faint dSph Coma Berenices

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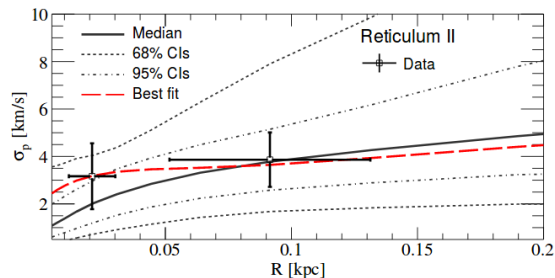
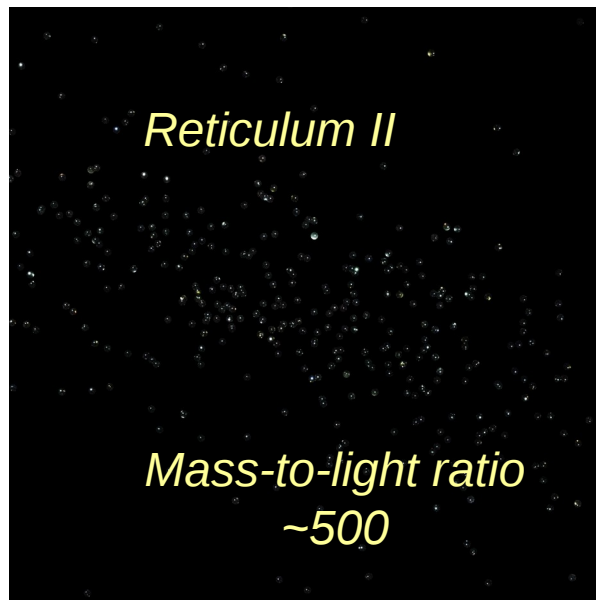
Recently discovered  
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Survey (DES)

From: DES Collab., *Astrophys. J.* 813 (2015) no.2, 109

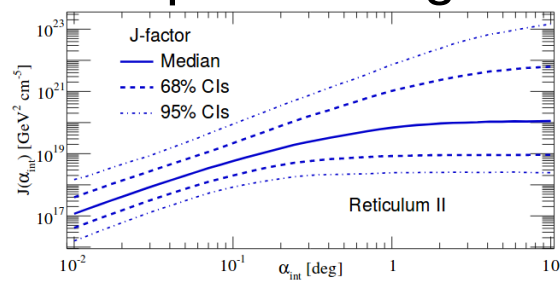
From velocity dispersion

Ultra-faint

Best observed  
from the Southern  
hemisphere



→ Expected large J

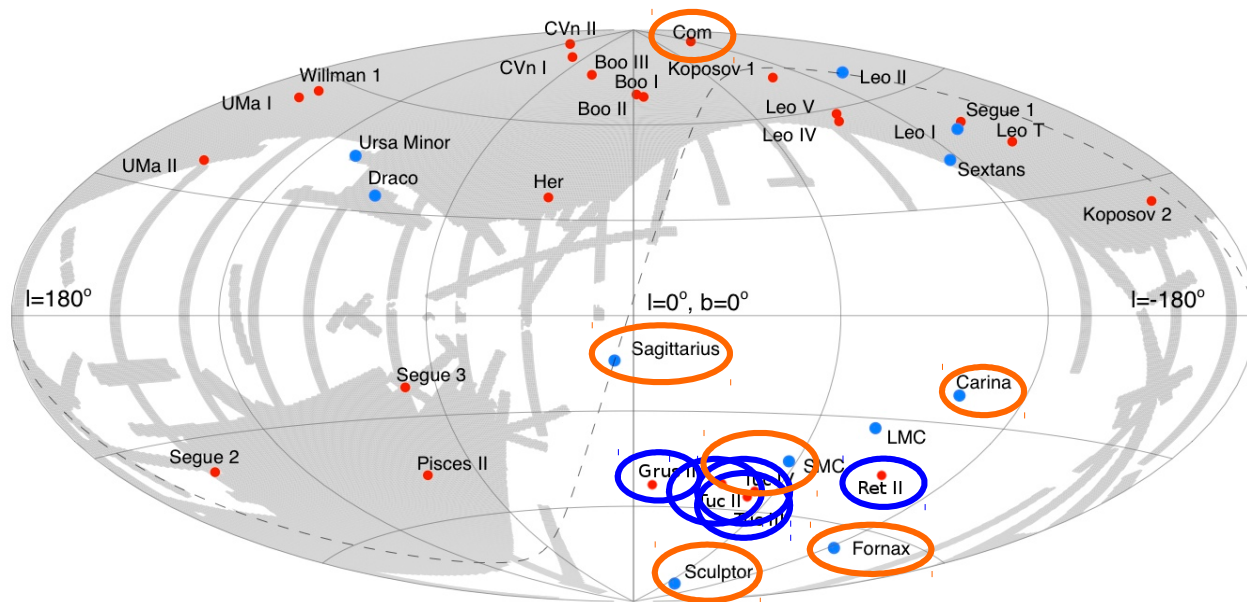


Promising targets for DM unambiguous detection



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Galaxy	Distance (kpc)	$\text{Log}_{10} J(0.5)$ $\log_{10} (\text{GeV}^2 \text{cm}^{-5})$	$T_{\text{obs}}$ (h)
Reticulum II	32	19.6	17
Tucana II	58	18.7	17
Tucana III	25	19.4	25
Tucana IV	48	18.7	12
Grus II	53	18.7	13

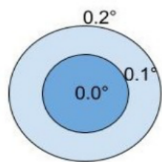


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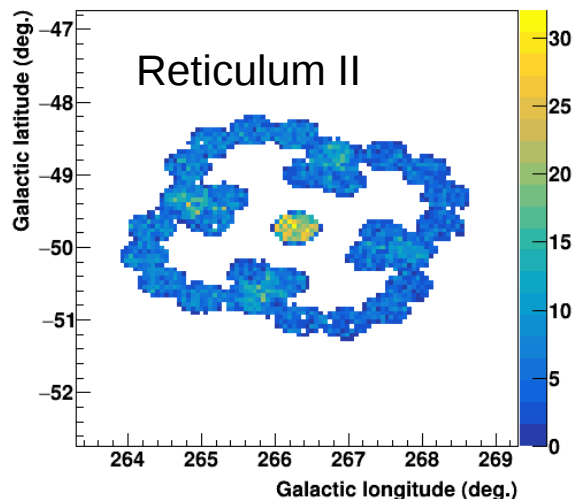
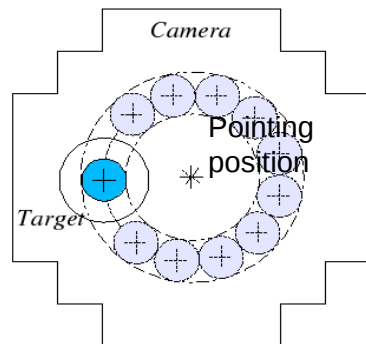
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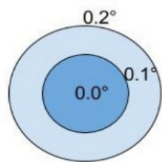
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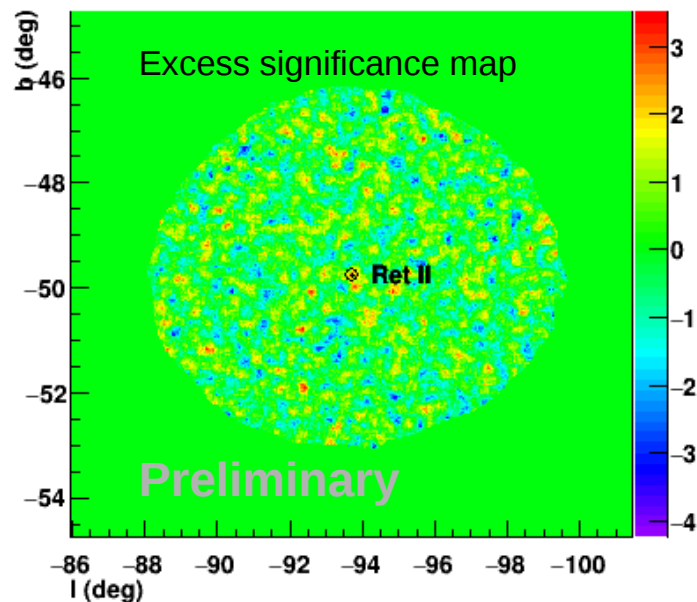
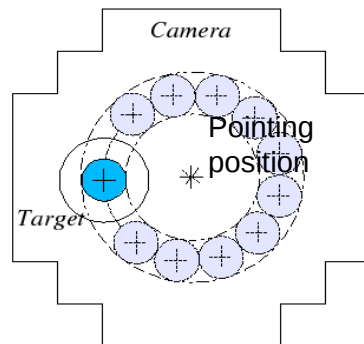
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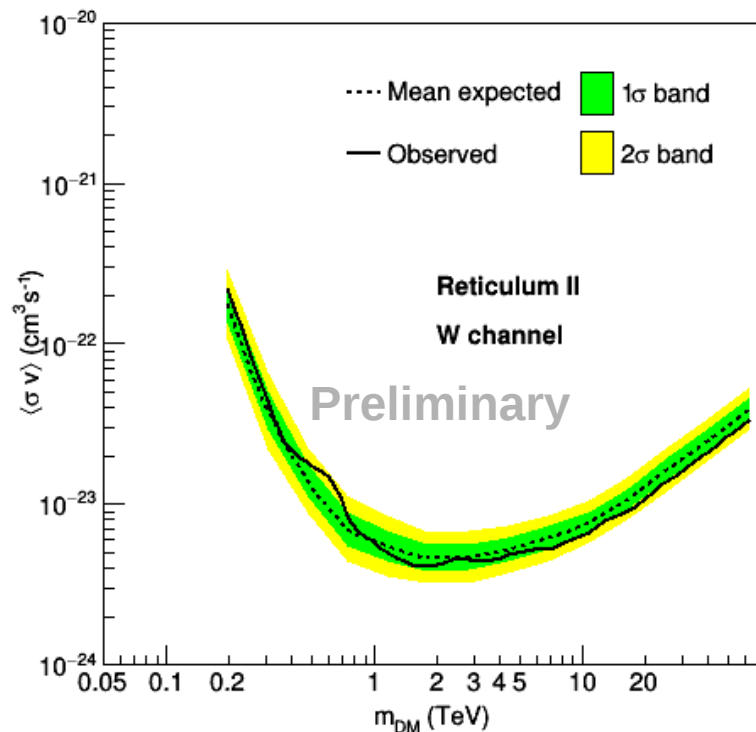
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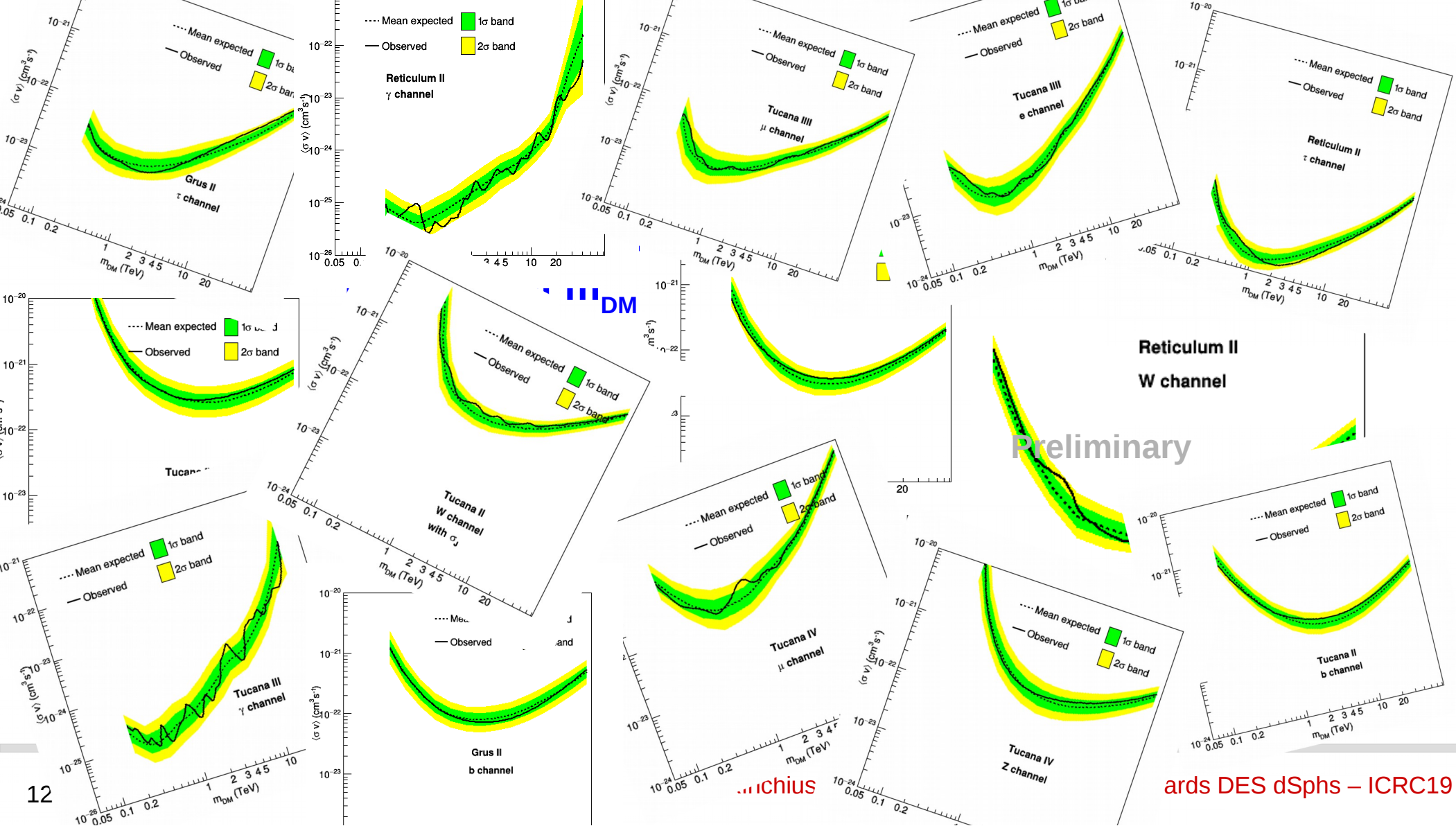
# DM search towards DES galaxies: Reticulum II

- **No significant excess** in any dSphs → 95% C.L. **upper limits on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  as function of  $m_{\text{DM}}$**
- 5 targets and 8 annihilation channels considered
  - **RetII:  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$  in  $W^+W^-$  channel at 1 TeV**

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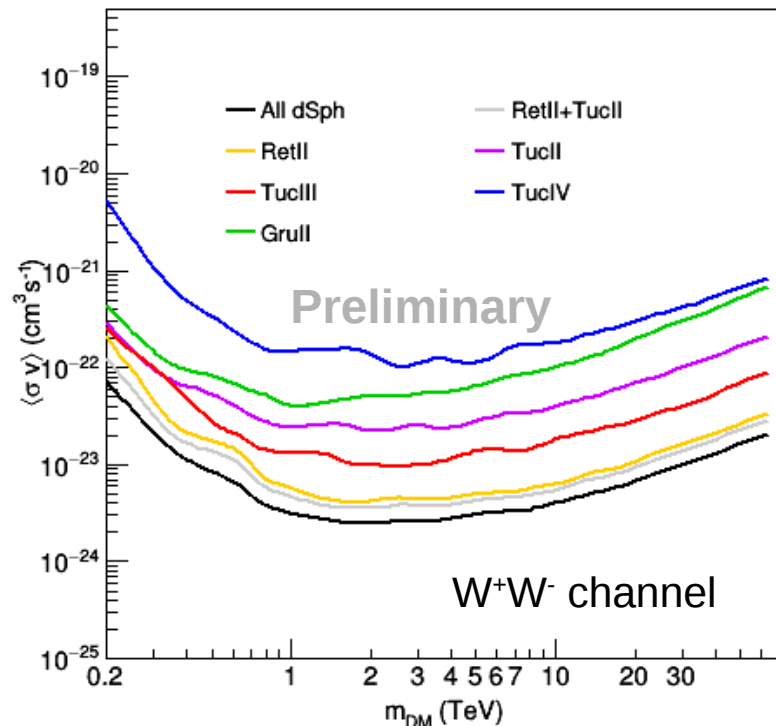




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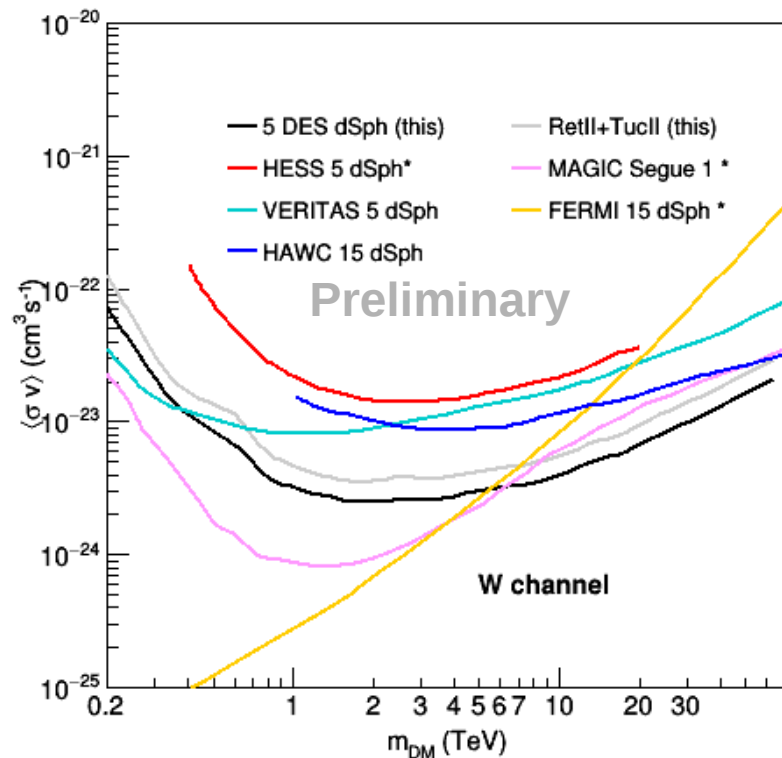
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# Summary

- Observation of a selection of **5 DES dwarf spheroidal galaxies** of the Local Group
- **No significant** gamma-ray **excess**
- 95% C.L. upper limits derived with a **2D-likelihood ratio test statistics**
  - Most promising target Reticulum II
  - Constraints down to  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$  in  $W^+W^-$  channel at 1 TeV
- **Combination of targets datasets at the likelihood level**
  - Combined limits down to  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$  in the  $W^+W^-$  annihilation channel at 1 TeV
  - **Constraints complementary to other experiments**
  - Most stringent limits so far above several TeV



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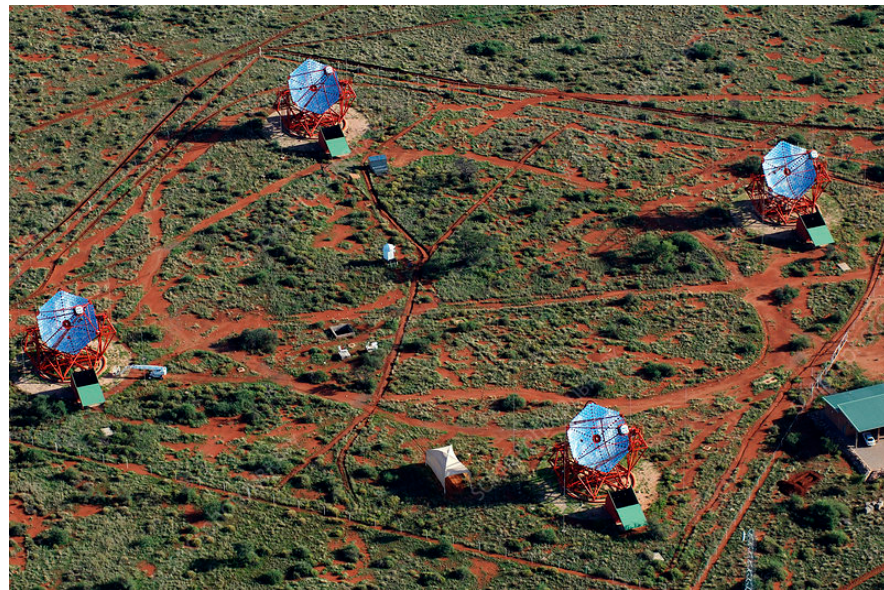




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  - 4 telescopes ( $\varnothing$  12 m)
  - Energy range 100 GeV-100 TeV
  - Energy resolution  $\sim 10\%$
  - Angular resolution  $< 0.1$  deg
  - FoV 5 deg



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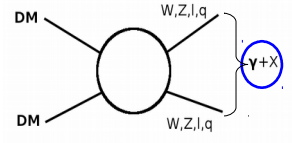


## H.E.S.S. in numbers:

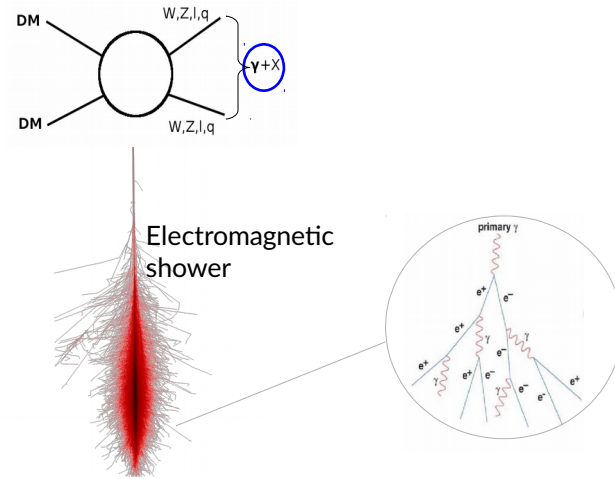
13 countries, 39 Institutions, ~230 people, 15 years of operation

- **H.E.S.S. II** (since 2012)
  - Additional 5th larger telescope ( $\varnothing$  28m)
    - Lower energy threshold
  - FoV of CT5: 3.5 deg
  - CT1-4 cameras upgraded

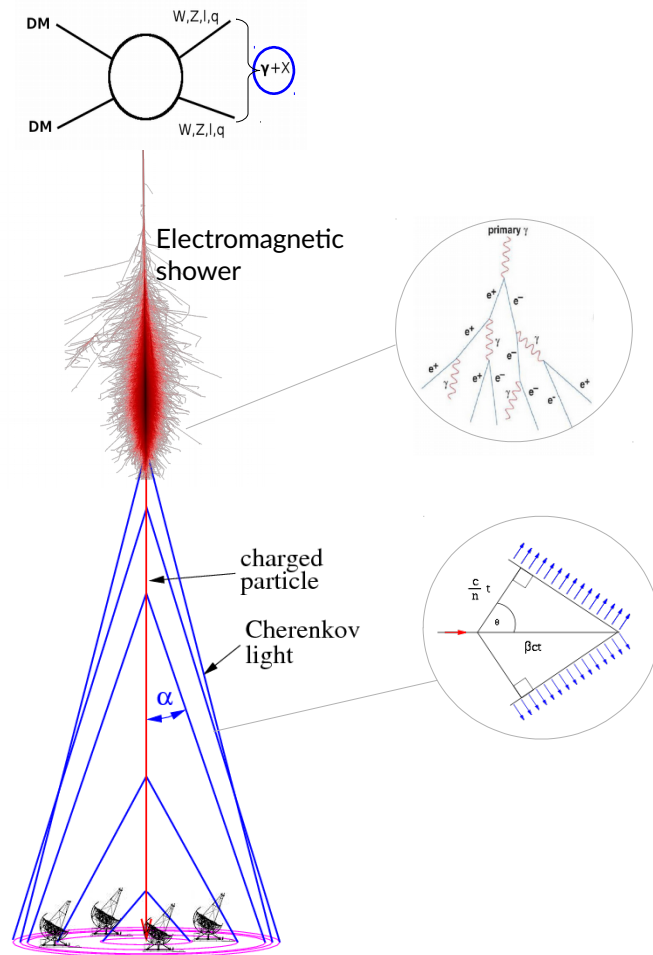
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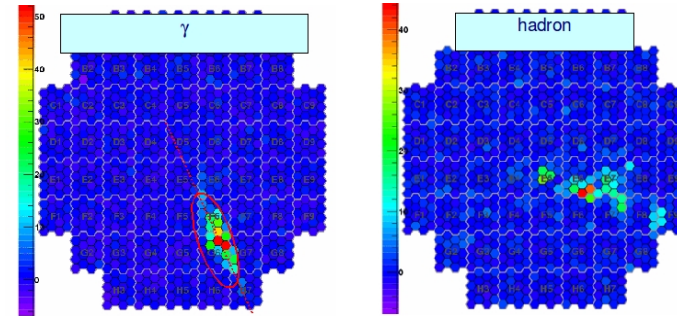
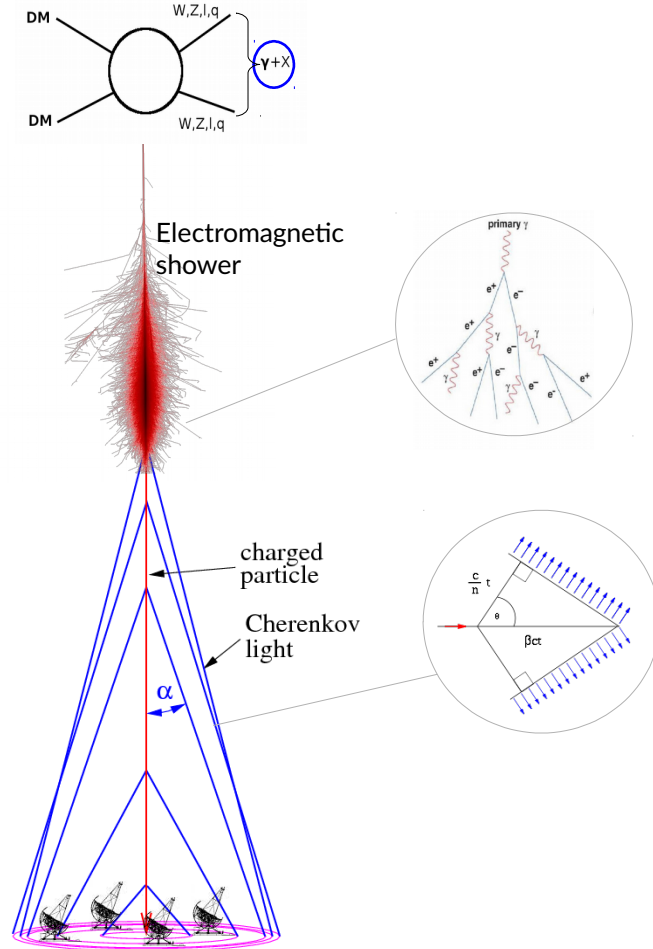


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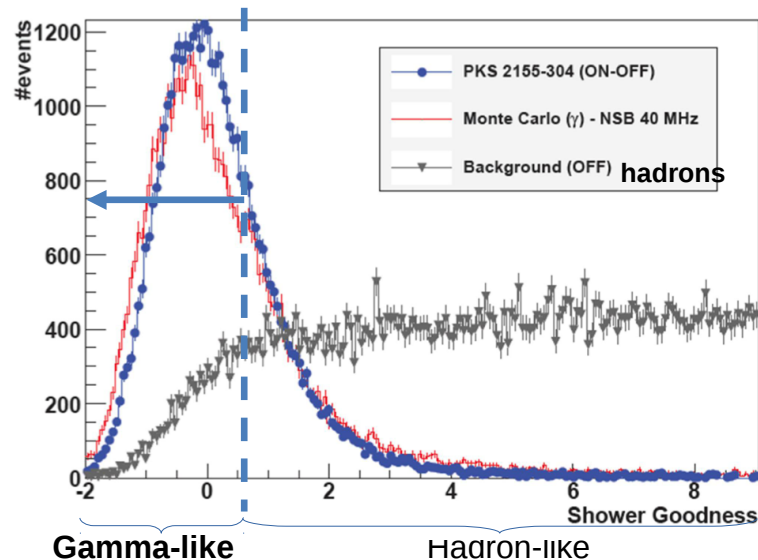
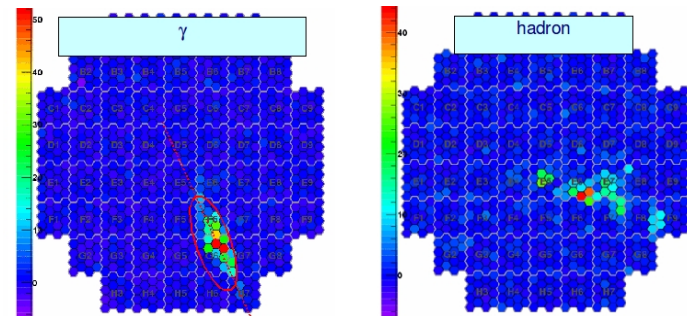
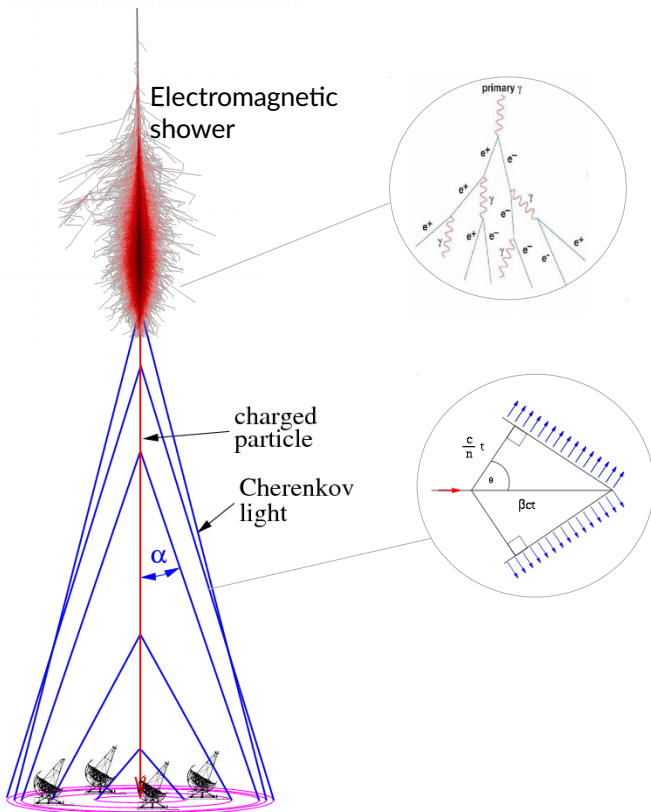
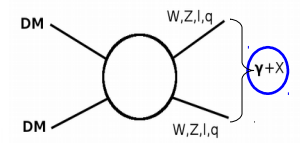




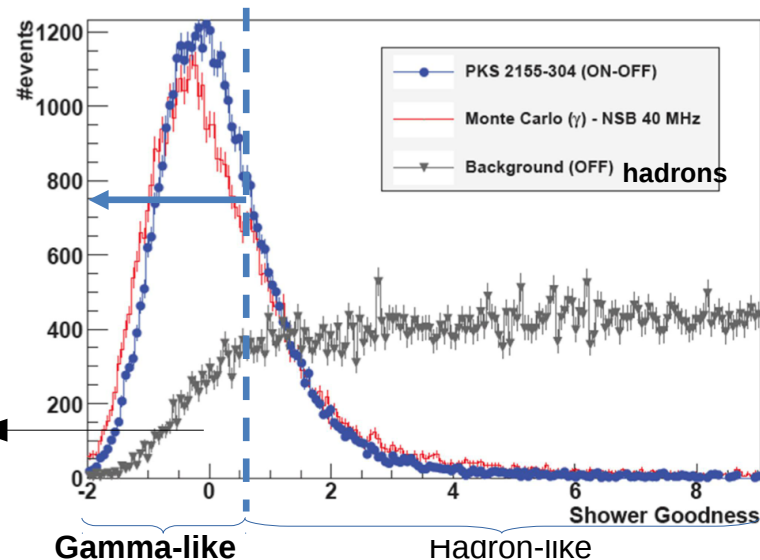
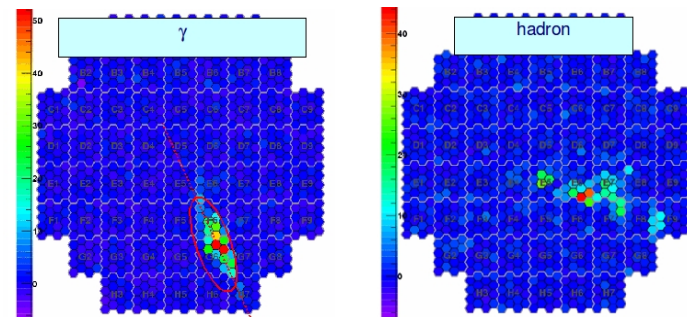
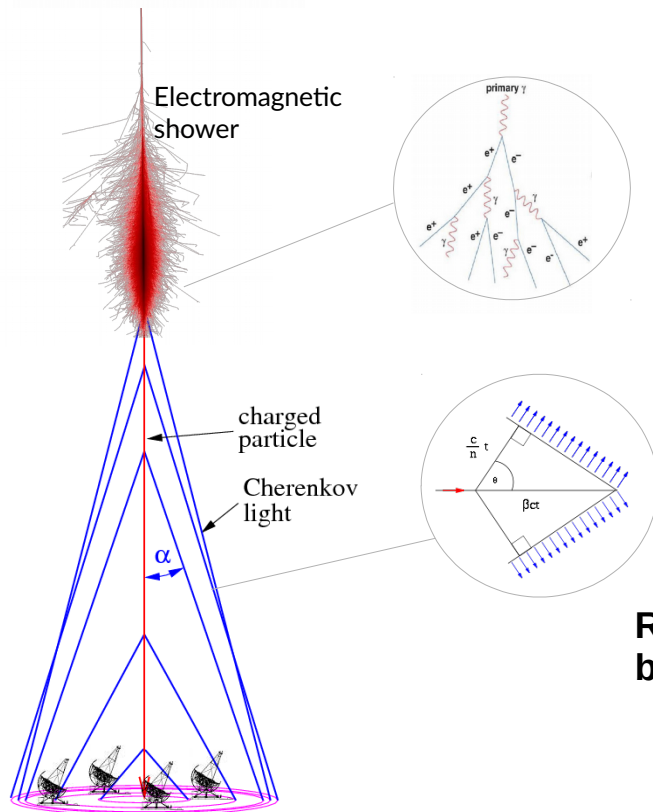
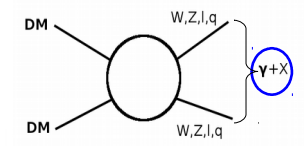
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Distribution of J-factor vs  $\theta$   
are available  
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**NO spectroscopy  
measurement**

**Tucana III, Tucana IV  
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Use upper value for the  
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approximated formula  
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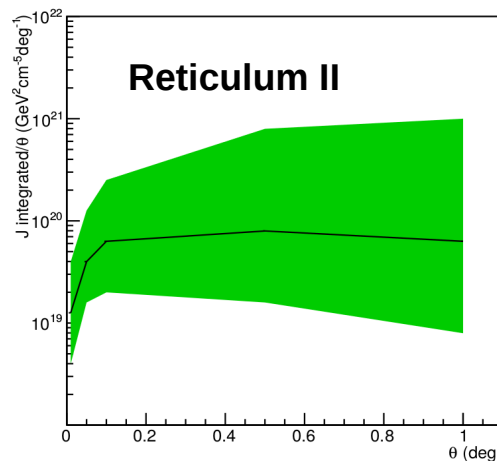
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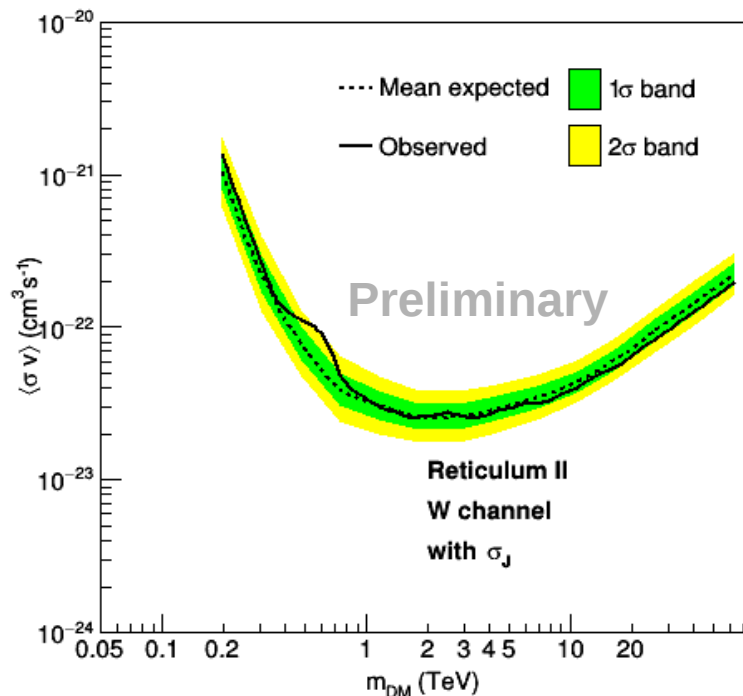
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- **Uncertainty on the J-factor**

introduced as a nuisance parameter in the likelihood function

- **Degradation of the limits** due to J-factor statistical uncertainty
- Factor 6 for Reticulum II

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