

# Upper limits on the WIMP annihilation cross section from a joint analysis of dwarf spheroidal satellite galaxy observations with the MAGIC telescopes

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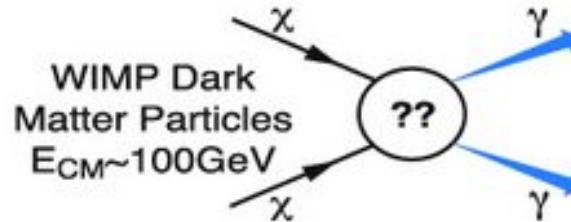
# WIMP indirect DM searches

**GAMMA-RAY FLUX  
(FROM WIMP ANNIHILATION)**

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE} = \frac{d\Phi_\gamma^{PP}}{dE} \times J(\Omega)$$

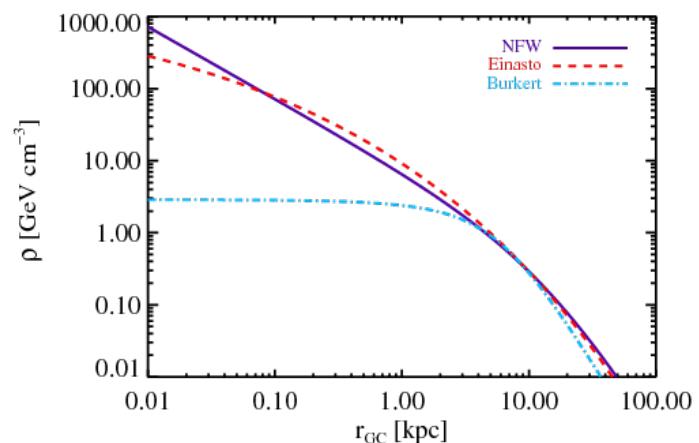
$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma^{PP}}{dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{4\pi m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE}$$

**PARTICLE PHYSICS FACTOR**



**ASTROPHYSICAL (J-) FACTOR**

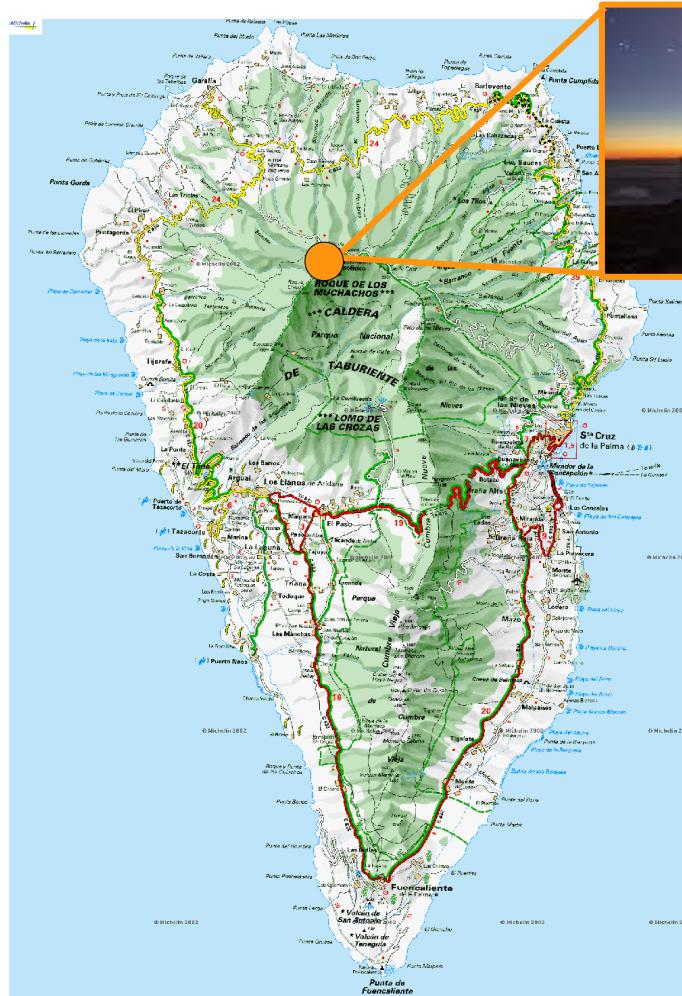
$$J(\Omega) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{l.o.s.} \rho^2(l, \Omega') dl d\Omega'$$



# The Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov experiment

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- ~ 290 members in total
- 12 countries



- **Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos (ORM)**  
~2200m a.s.l., La Palma, Canary Island, Spain
- Two **Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs)** with 17m diameter dishes
- Activity started in **2003**, with M1 only (mono data)
- Upgrade to **stereo data** in **2009**, M2 construction
- **Energy range: 70GeV-30TeV** (with standard trigger), extended down to <20GeV low limit (thanks to the sum-trigger system) and to >100TeV (in very large zenith angle mode)
- **Angular resolution: < 0.08°** for energies  $E \geq 200\text{GeV}$

# MAGIC multi-year dSphs observation program for dark matter searches



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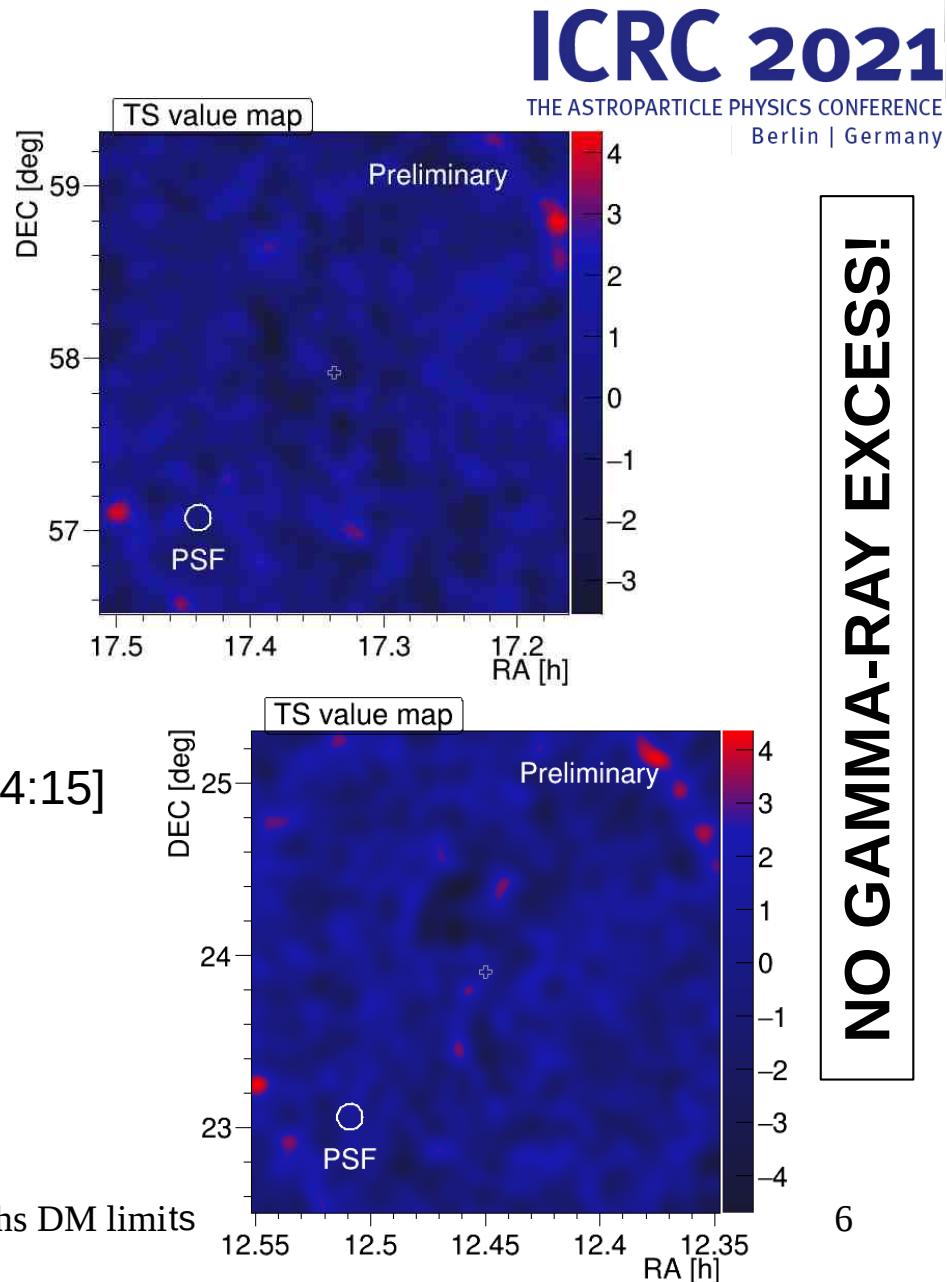
- **Observational diversification strategy:**
  - enlarge the pool of dSphs observed by MAGIC
  - reduce J-factor systematics
  - enrich the data sample available with the goal of a joint analysis with Fermi-LAT, HAWC, H.E.S.S. and VERITAS  
→ *Glory Duck project* [[PoS \(ICRC2019\) 012](#)]
- **Optimal dSphs ranked** from A. Geringer-Sameth, S. M. Koushiappas, M. Walker paper [[ApJ, 801, 74 \(2015\)](#)] and observed by MAGIC:

TARGET	$\log J \pm D\log J$ [GeV <sup>2</sup> /cm <sup>5</sup> ]
Segue 1	$19.36 \pm 0.35$
Ursa Major II	$19.42 \pm 0.42$
Draco	$19.05 \pm 0.21$
Coma Berenices	$19.02 \pm 0.41$

# Draco and Coma Berenices dSphs

**Draco** [RA 17:20:12.4, Dec +57:54:55]

- Data taking: 2018/03/17-2018/09/02
- Tot. amount of good quality data: 52.1h
- Dark time
- Zenith distance: 29-46 deg



**Coma Berenices** [RA 12:26:59.0 Dec +23:54:15]

- Data taking: 2019/01/29-2019/06/03
- Tot. amount of good quality data: 49.5h
- Dark time
- Zenith distance: 5-36 deg

# Low level analysis for extended sources: the Donut Monte Carlo method

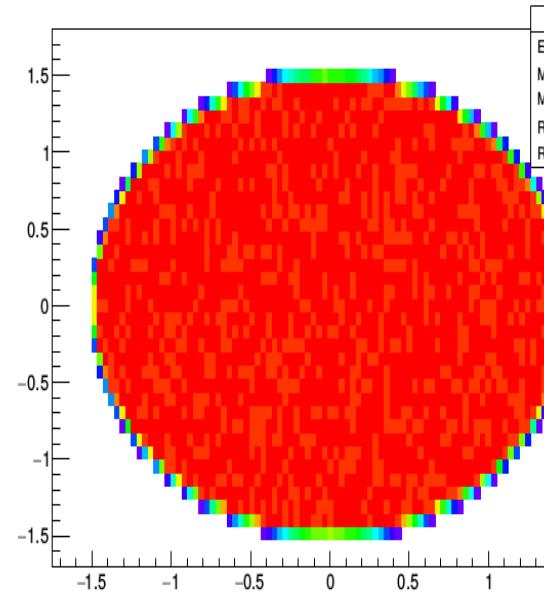
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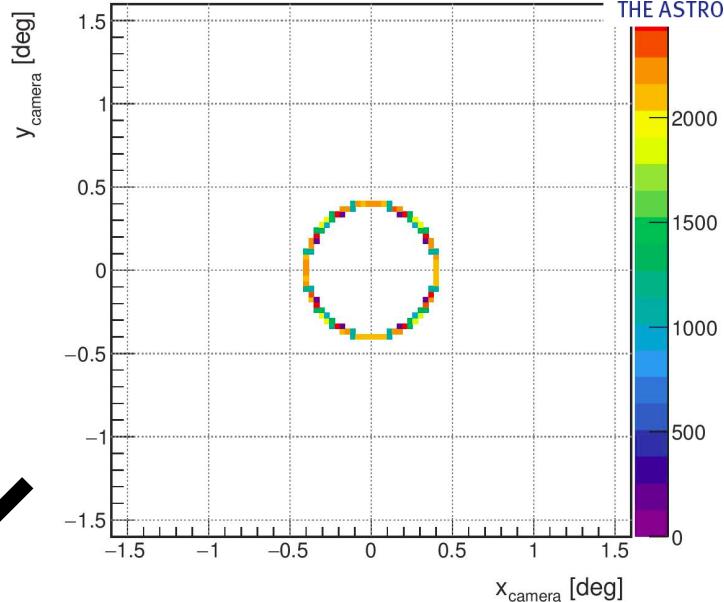
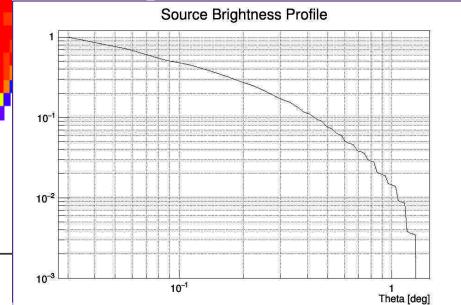
**MAGIC PSF  $\approx 0.1\text{deg}$**

TARGET	EXTENSION $\theta_{\max} [\text{deg}]$
Segue 1	0.35
Ursa Major II	0.53
Draco	1.30
Coma Berenices	0.31

MC SIMULATIONS FOR  
EXTENDED TARGETS



$h$
Entries 1.249663e+07
Mean x 0.003569
Mean y 0.004137
RMS x 0.75
RMS y 0.75



MC SIMULATIONS FOR  
POINTLIKE TARGETS

DONUT MONTE CARLO  
METHOD

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# Individual dSphs and dSphs data combination analyses

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Target	$\log_{10} J(\theta_{\max})$ [GeV <sup>2</sup> cm <sup>-5</sup> ]	$\theta_{\max}$ [deg]	$\theta_{0.5}$ [deg]	$T_{\text{eff}}$ [h]	Year
Coma Berenices	$19.02^{+0.37}_{-0.41}$	0.31	$0.16^{+0.02}_{-0.05}$	49.5	2019
Draco	$19.05^{+0.22}_{-0.21}$	1.30	$0.40^{+0.16}_{-0.15}$	52.1	2018
Ursa Major II	$19.42^{+0.44}_{-0.42}$	0.53	$0.24^{+0.06}_{-0.11}$	94.8	2016–2017
Segue 1	$19.36^{+0.32}_{-0.35}$	0.35	$0.13^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$	157.9	2011–2013
<b>354.4 h</b>					

JCAP 03 (2018) 009  
 JCAP 02 (2014) 008  
 revised

## Data combination

- Improve sensitivity and upper limits thanks to a larger data sample
- Distribute/reduce target-related systematic uncertainties

# MAGIC DM high-level analysis

Output of the first analysis steps:

- gamma-like events from source (ON) and background (OFF) region
- Instrument Response Function:
  - energy migration matrix  $G(E, E')$
  - effective area  $A(E)$
- ON/OFF normalization factor  $\tau$

Inputs for the final analysis:

- use only positive values for the tested flux (parameter of interest)  $g(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J)$
- take into account a systematic uncertainty of 1.5% for the background evaluation ( $\tau$ ) [Gaussian distribution]
- take into account the uncertainty in  $J$  [Gaussian distribution]

## → BINNED LIKELIHOOD ANALYSIS

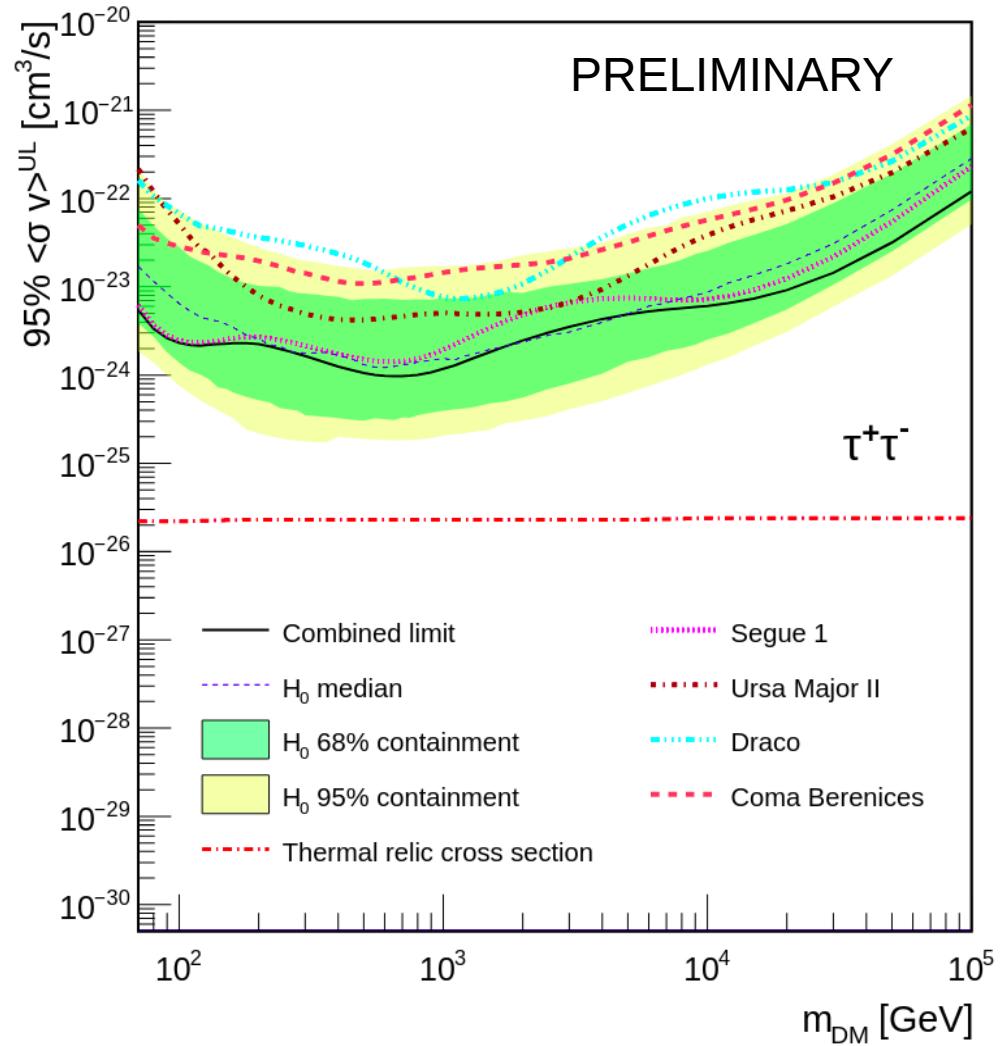
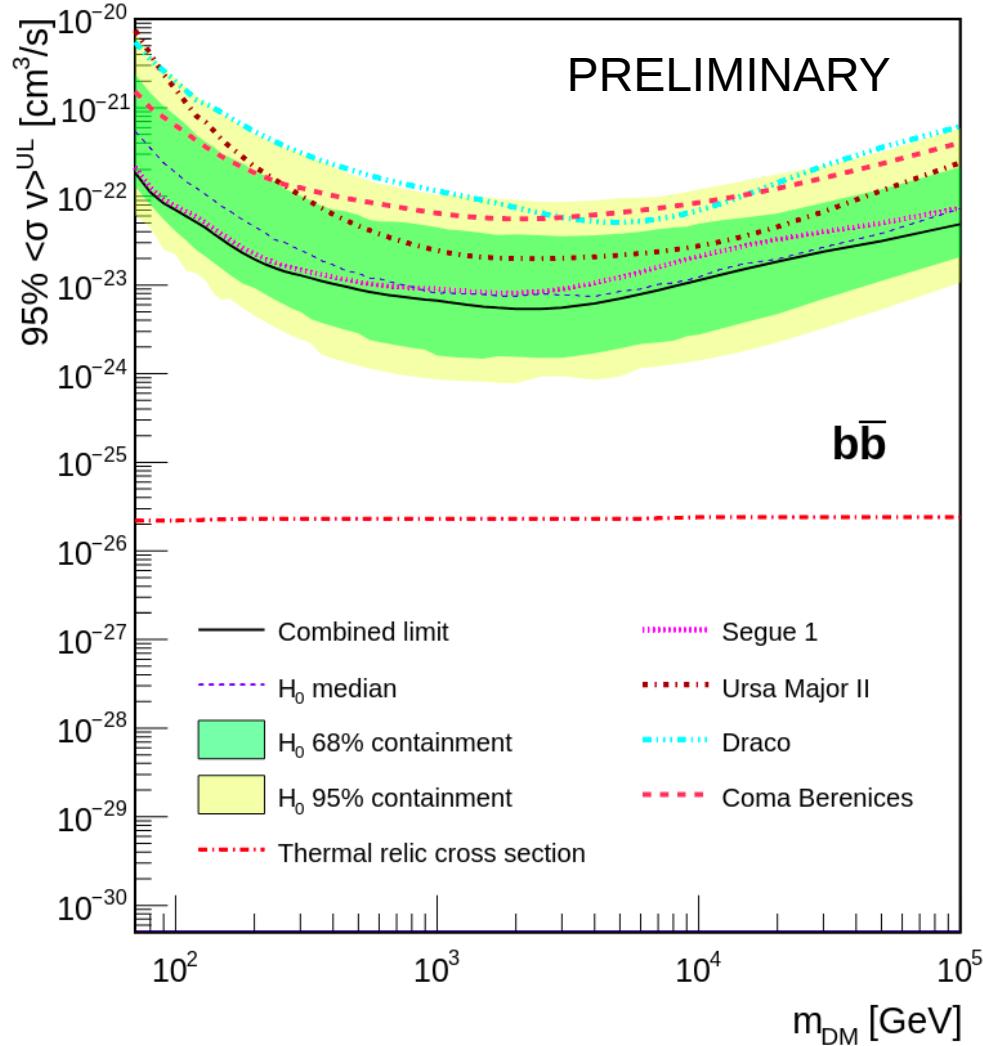
$$L(\langle\sigma v\rangle; \mathbf{v} | \mathbf{D}) = L(g(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J); b, \tau | (N_{ON}, N_{OFF})_{j=1, \dots, N_{bins}}) \cdot J(J | J_{obs}, \sigma)$$

Where  $g$  is the expected number of gamma rays (detected with reconstructed energy  $E'$ ):

$$g(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J) = T_{obs} \int_{E'_{min}}^{E'_{max}} dE' \int_0^{\infty} dE \frac{d\Phi}{dE}(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J) A(E) G(E, E')$$

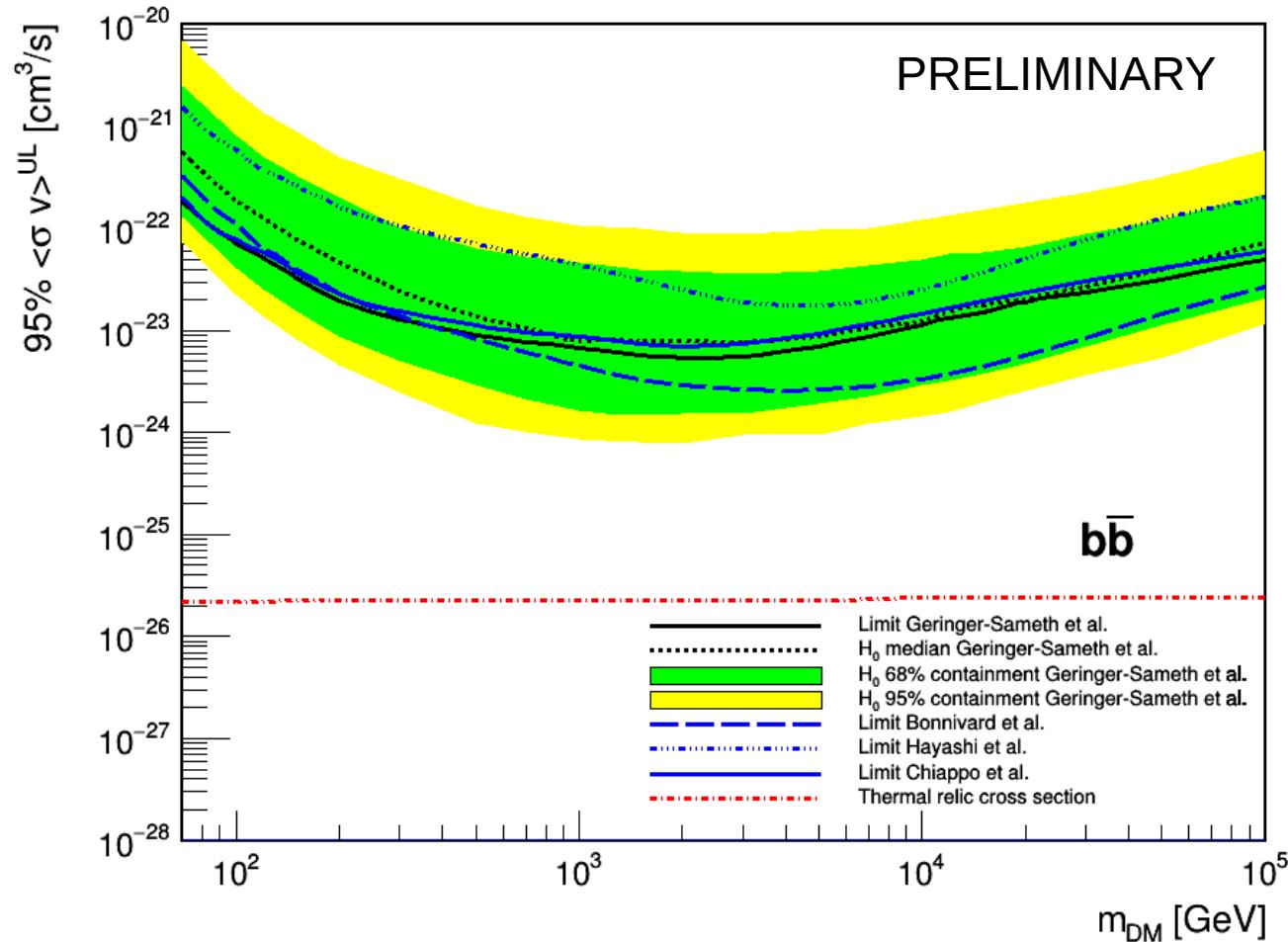
for more details have a look at the proceeding and at J. Aleksić,  
J. Rico, M. Martinez paper **JCAP 1210 (2012) 032**

# Upper limits for DM annihilation from the combined datasample and for the individual dSphs

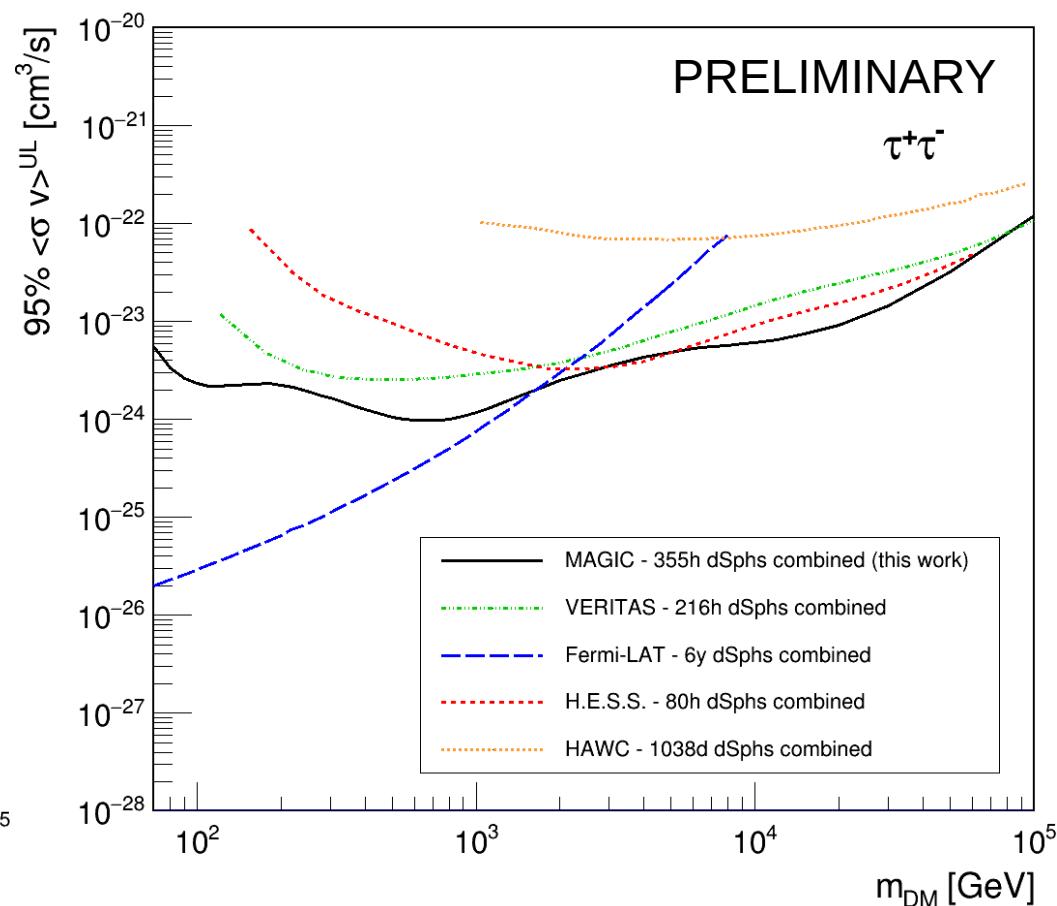
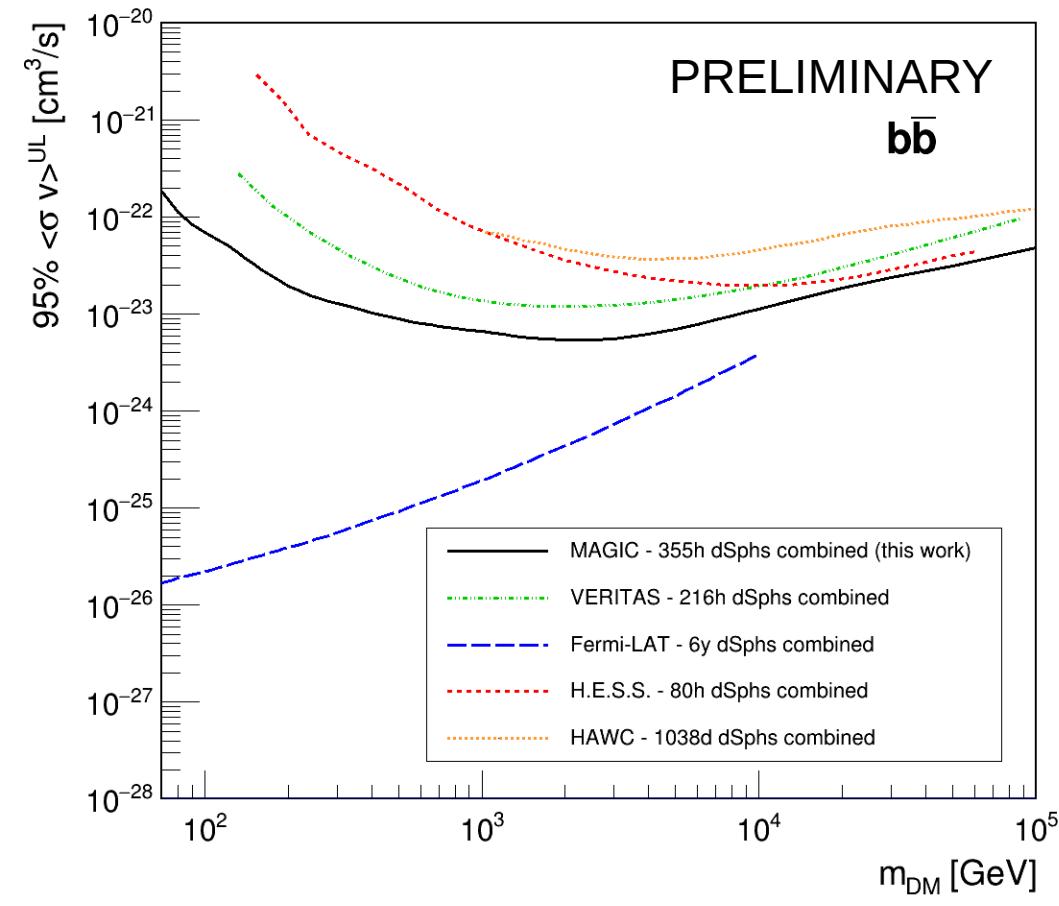


354.4 h of data and 300 simulations to compute the 68% and 95% containment bands

# Robustness of the results obtained



# WIMP $\langle\sigma_{\text{ann}} v\rangle$ ULs of different experiments



# Conclusions and future steps



- Very fruitful campaign on dwarf spheroidal galaxies with MAGIC (**354.4 h of data**)
- The best  $\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle$  limits with the MAGIC telescopes for the annihilation of WIMPs:

**$5.2 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$  for the  $b\bar{b}$  channel @2TeV DM mass and  
 $9.5 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$  for the  $\tau^+\tau^-$  channel @700GeV DM mass**

and the most stringent ones around TeV DM masses among other experiments

- Proved the **robustness of the results**: from data combination by using different realizations of the J-factor of each dSph in the data sample
- **Results very soon presented in a dedicated paper** and adopted for the *Glory Duck* project

# Thank you for the attention!



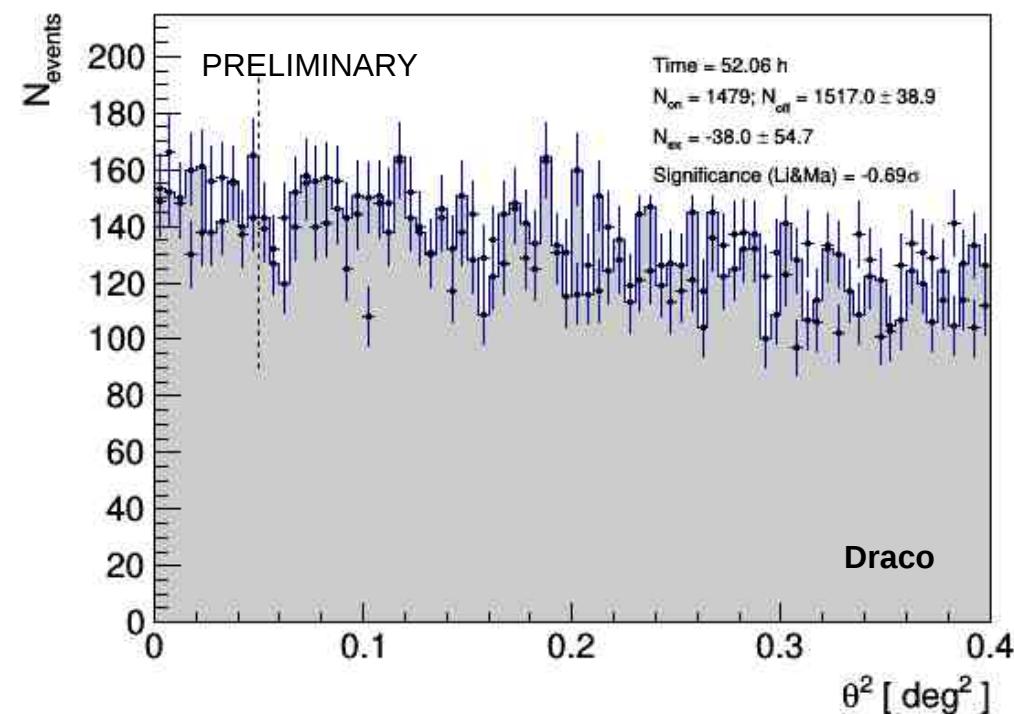
# BACKUP

## $\theta^2$ plot for Draco and Coma Berenices

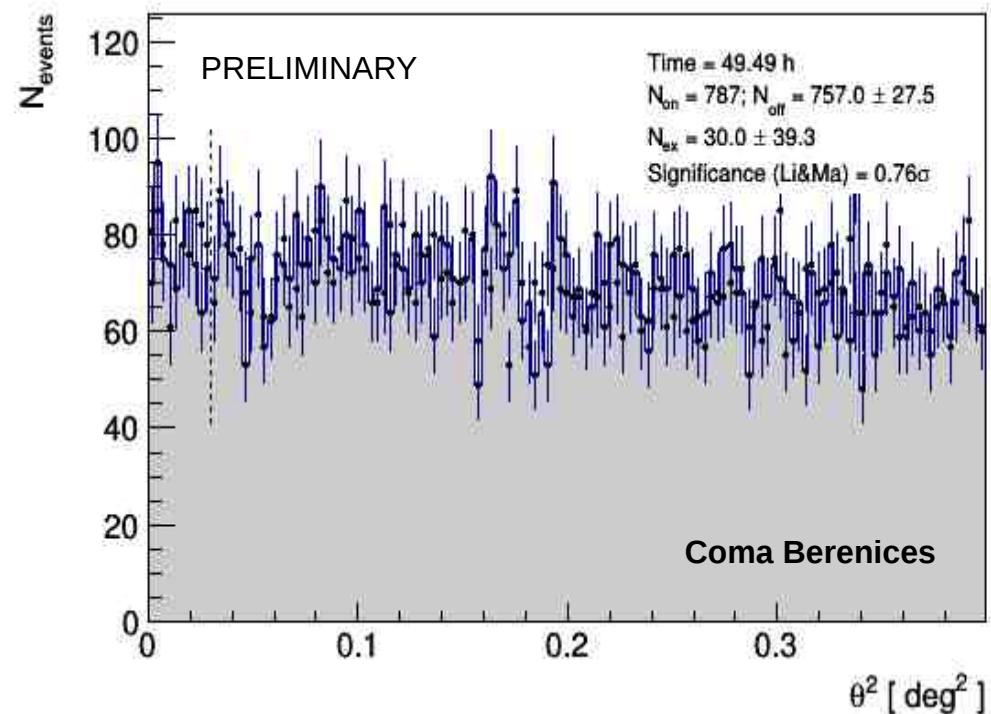


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$$\theta^2_{\text{cut}} = 0.05 \text{ deg}^2$$



$$\theta^2_{\text{cut}} = 0.03 \text{ deg}^2$$



# BACKUP

## Draco and Coma Berenices upper limits on the $\langle\sigma_{\text{ann}} v\rangle$ of WIMPs ICRC 2021

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No gamma-ray signal from the standard analysis → computed upper limits on  $\langle\sigma_{\text{ann}} v\rangle$  and used 300 simulations of the null-hypothesis for the 68% and 95% containment bands

