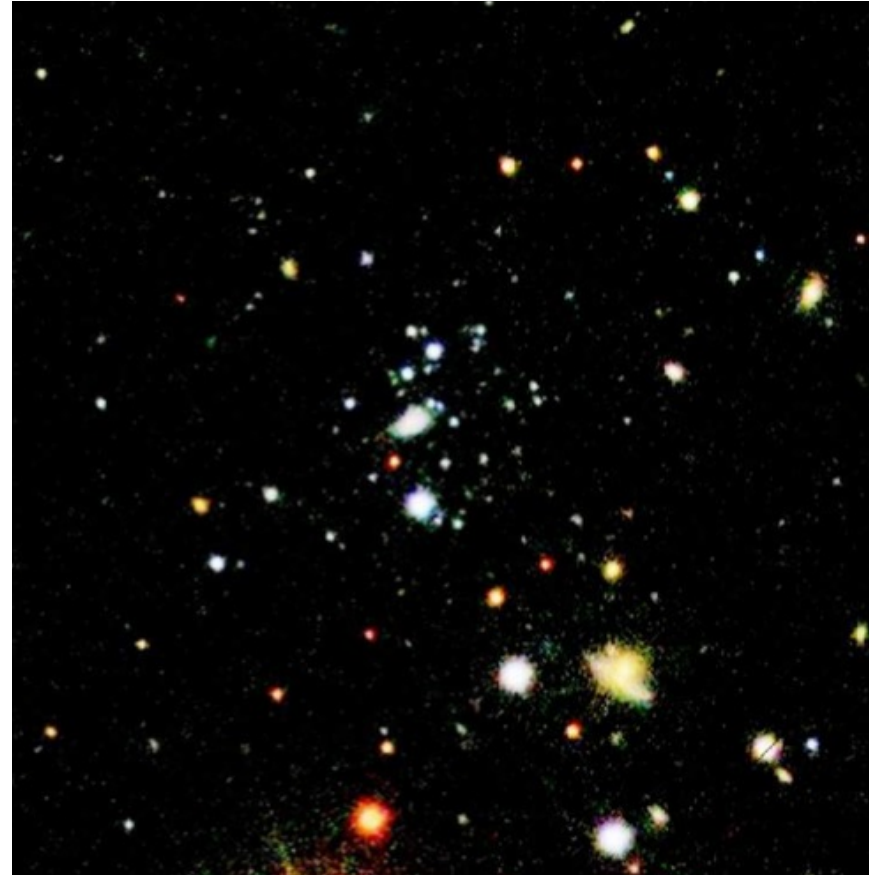


EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL TO CONSTRAIN DARK MATTER ANNIHILATION WITH *Fermi*-LAT OBSERVATIONS OF ULTRA-FAINT COMPACT STELLAR SYSTEMS



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DM SIGNATURES WITH THE *Fermi*-LAT

- The *Fermi*-LAT is able to probe annihilating/decaying DM at the **GeV-TeV energies**
- **MW dSphs** are ideal targets due to **proximity** and **low background**
- DM content of dSphs can be gauged from **scaling relations**
- *Fermi*-LAT observations of dSphs have put stringent constraints on annihilating DM

DM SIGN

Fermi-LAT

CHECK OUT TALK BY CHRIS

...ing DM at the GeV-TeV energies

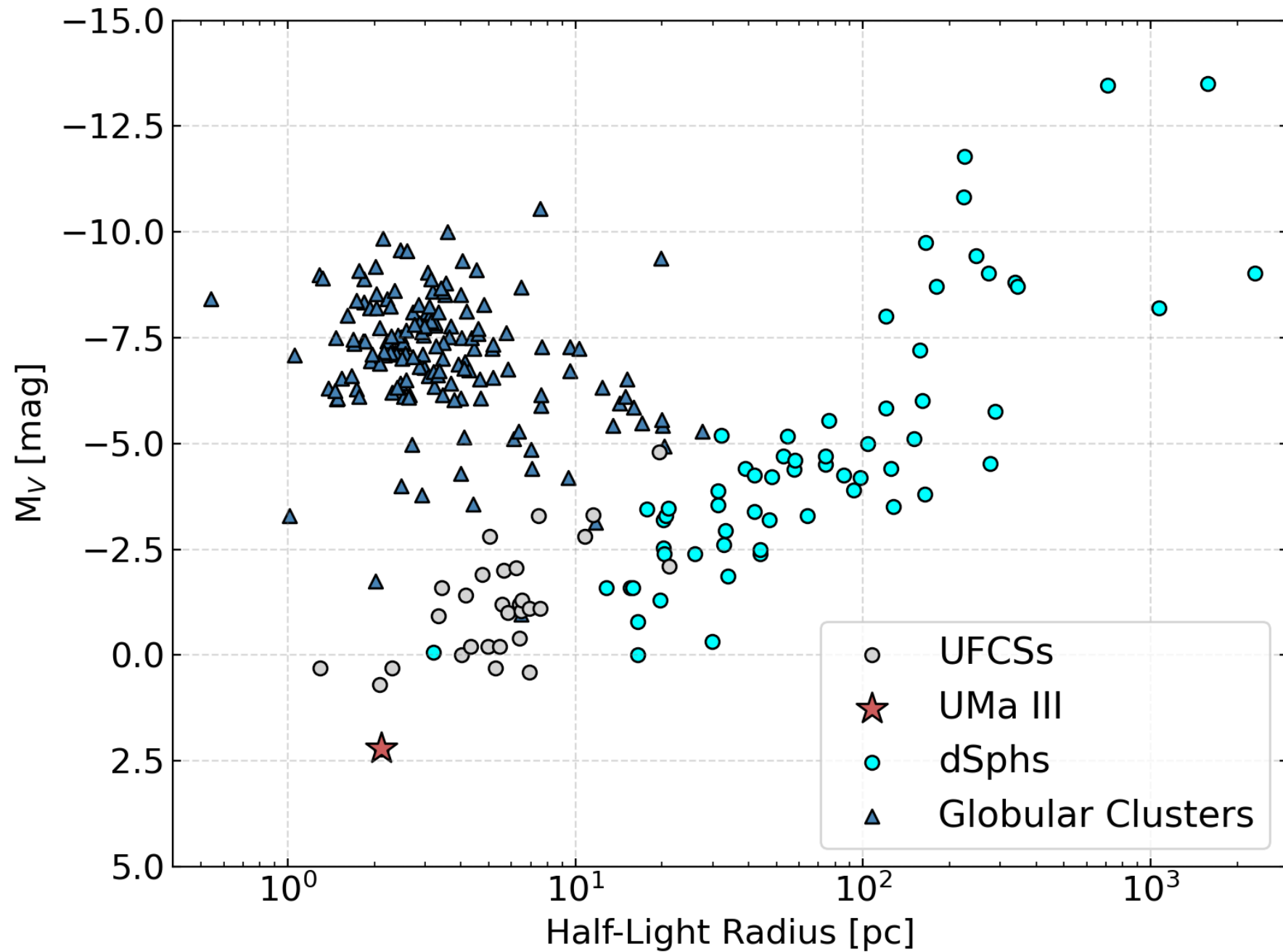
Lunch

		Neutrinos and Gamma-rays Session Chair: Naoko Neilson Orem Hall 2/3		Parallel 11B: Dark Matter and Diffuse Session Chair: Benjamin Safdi Orem Hall 1/3	
		Stephen Sclafani	Correlation of High Energy Neutrinos with Fermi-LAT diffuse emission templates	Deheng Song	Robust inference of the Galactic center excess spatial morphology
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Mehr Nisa		Search for Astrophysical Neutrinos from 4FGL Galactic Plane Sources with the Pion Bump Signature	Chris Karwin	Legacy Analysis of Dark Matter Annihilation from the Milky Way Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies with 14 Years of Fermi-LAT Data
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Abhishek Desai		Multi-Messenger and Multi-Wavelength Studies with Active Galactic Nuclei	Thomas Venville	A search for dark matter annihilation from the Sagittarius Dwarf and Stream
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Sara Buson		Hadronic processes at work in 5BZB J0630- 2406	Peter Marinos	Variability of the Galactic CRs and Diffuse Gamma-Ray Emission Predicted with GALPROP

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ULTRA-FAINT COMPACT STELLAR SYSTEMS (UFCSSs)

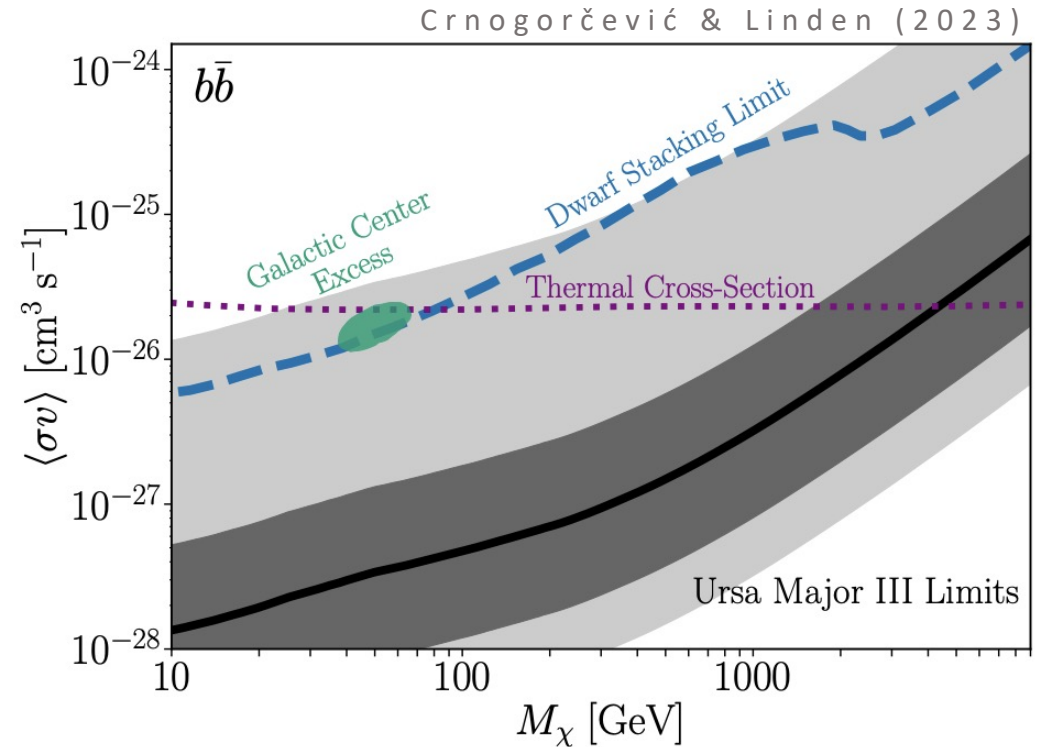
- Optical surveys like DES and Delfe have been discovering a large number of ultra-faint compact stellar systems (UFCSSs)
- **Faint** ($M_V > -5$) and **Compact** ($r_{1/2} < 30$ pc) targets, their nature is yet to be confirmed
- This work explores their **potential** as targets for **DM annihilation studies**



An example: Ursa Major III/UNIONS 1

From Errani et al. (2023b):

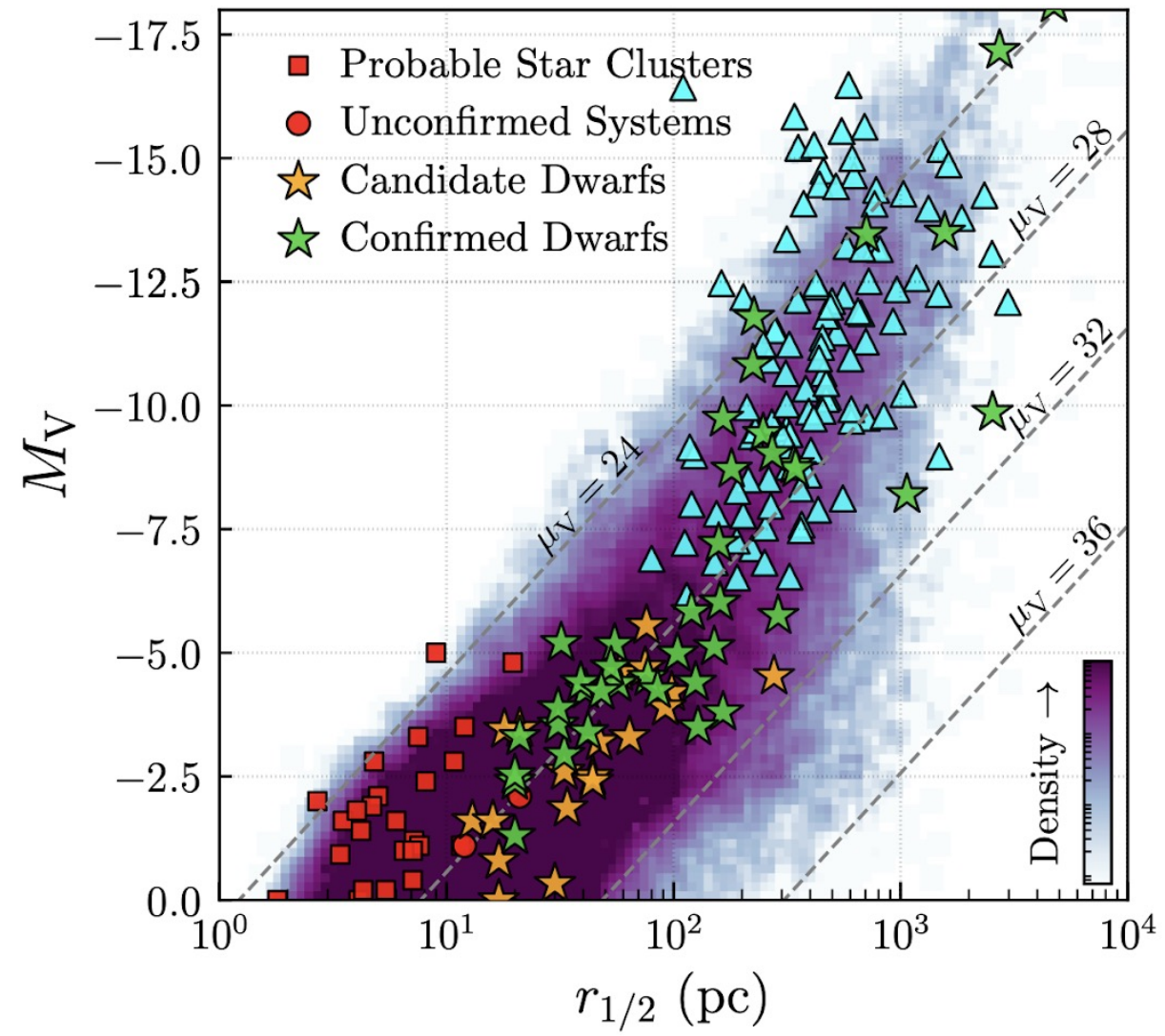
- $D \sim 10$ kpc
- $M_v \sim 2.2$
- $r_{1/2} \sim 3$ pc
- $V_d \sim 3.7$ km/s

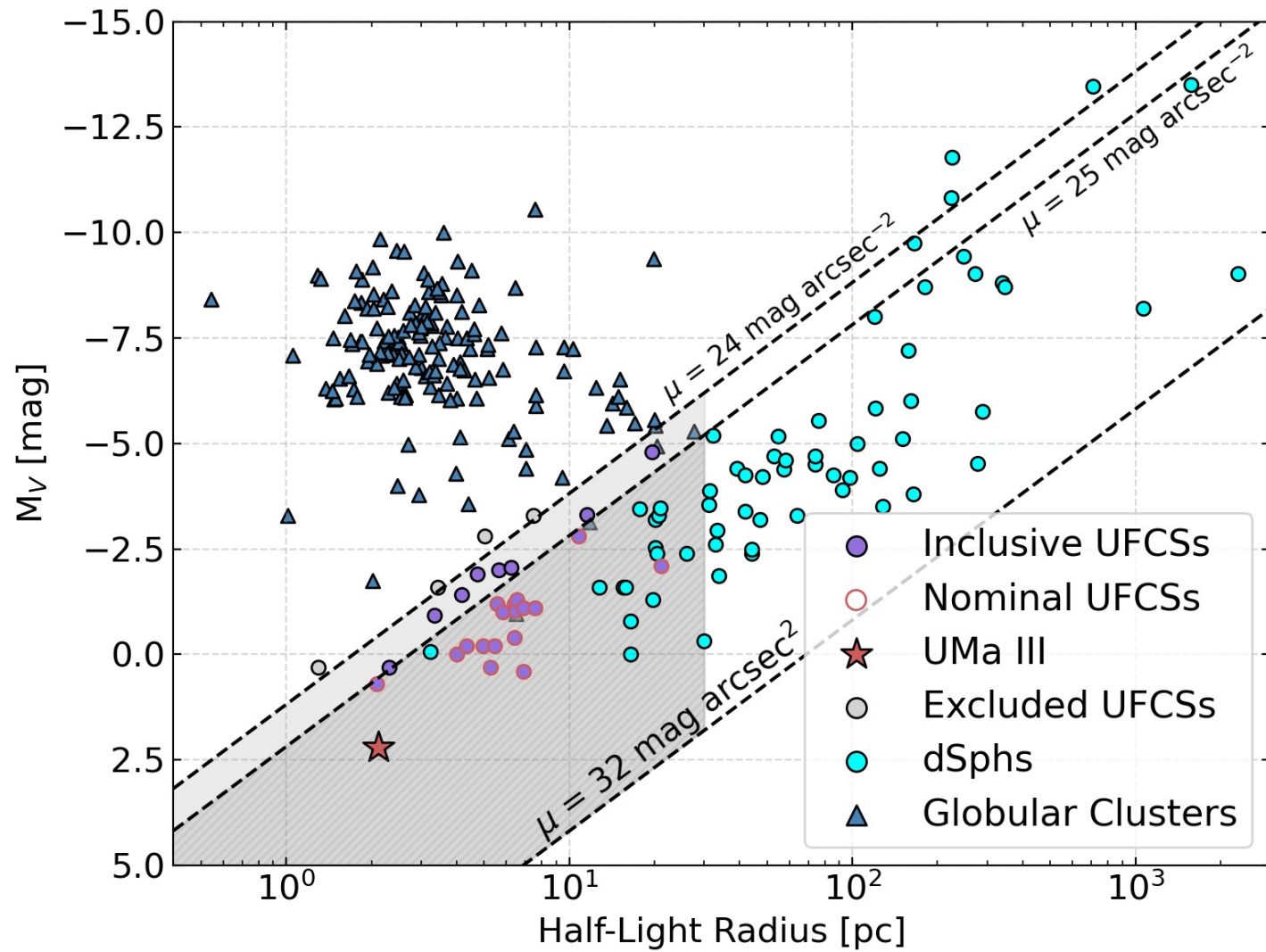


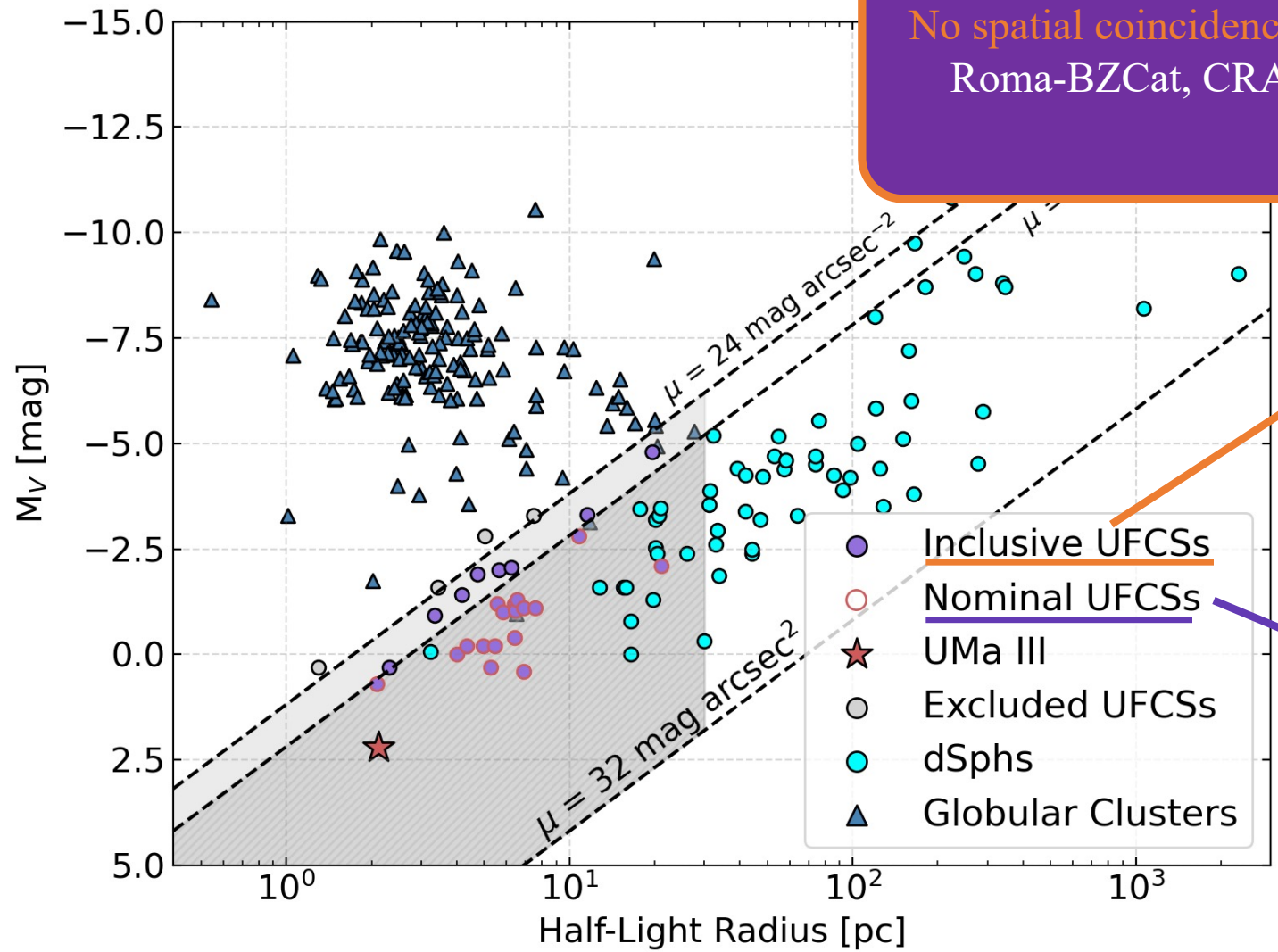
UMa III could be the NEAREST and FAINTEST galaxy observed so far.

Measurements of V_d are uncertain, though simulation hint at the presence of a DM subhalo.

Crnogorčević & Linden (2023), assuming DM domination showed that UMa III can put strong constraints on DM annihilation



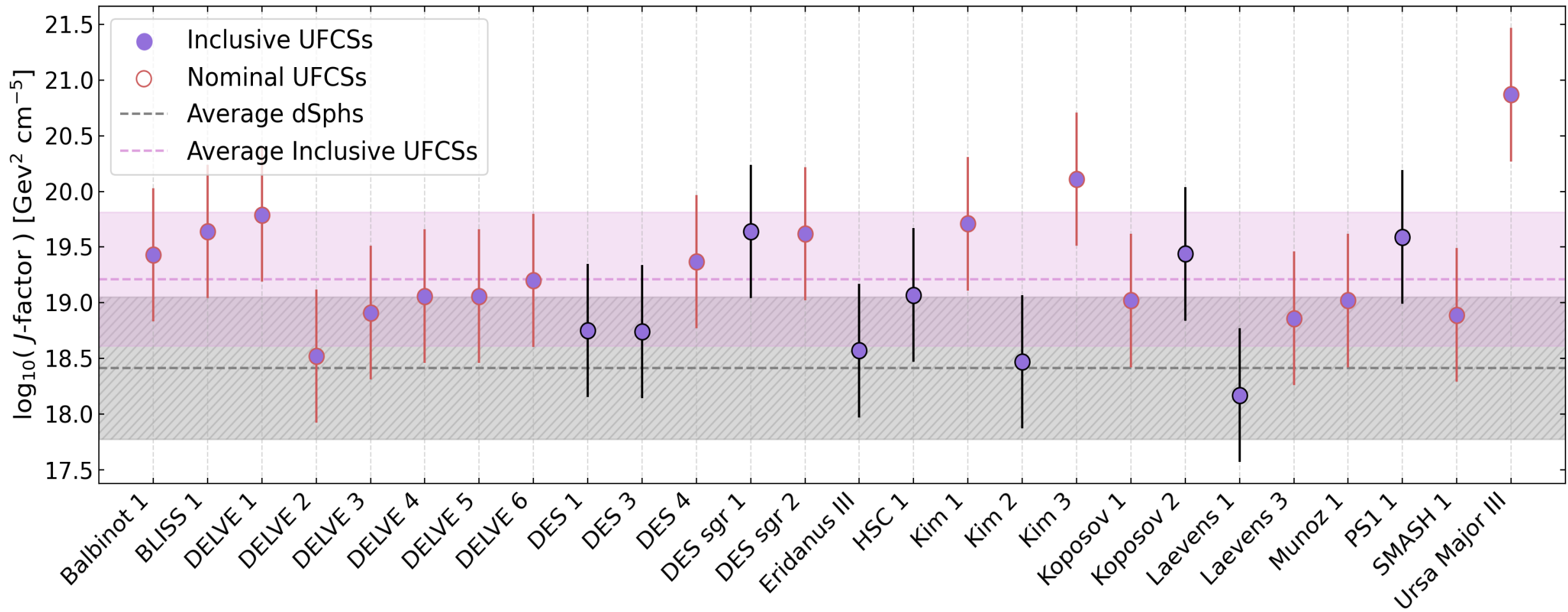




No spatial coincidence with 4FGL-DR3, Roma-BZCat, CRATES, WIBRaLS

26 targets

17 targets



Fermi-LAT ANALYSIS

Follows McDaniel et al. (2023)

- 14.3 years of data
- Energy range: [500 MeV; 1 TeV]
- 8 energy bins per decade
- $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$ ROI
- 0.1° pixel size
- Joint Likelihood Analysis



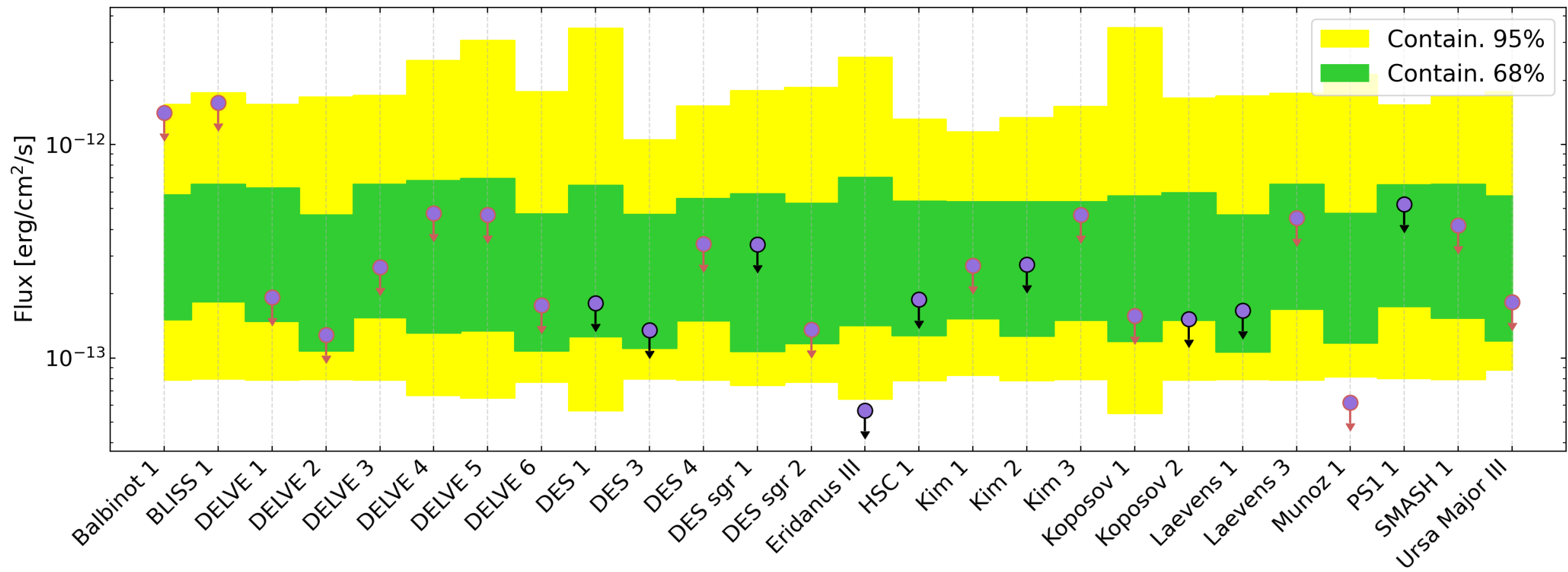
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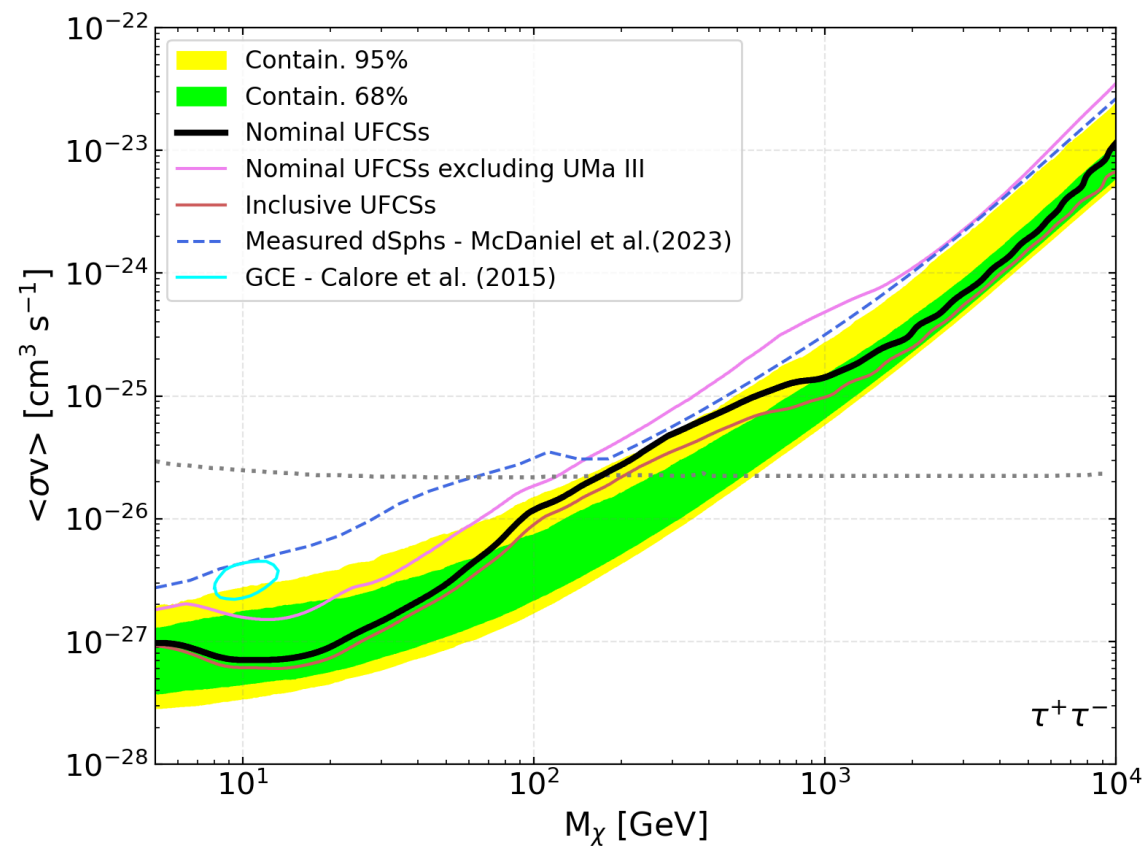
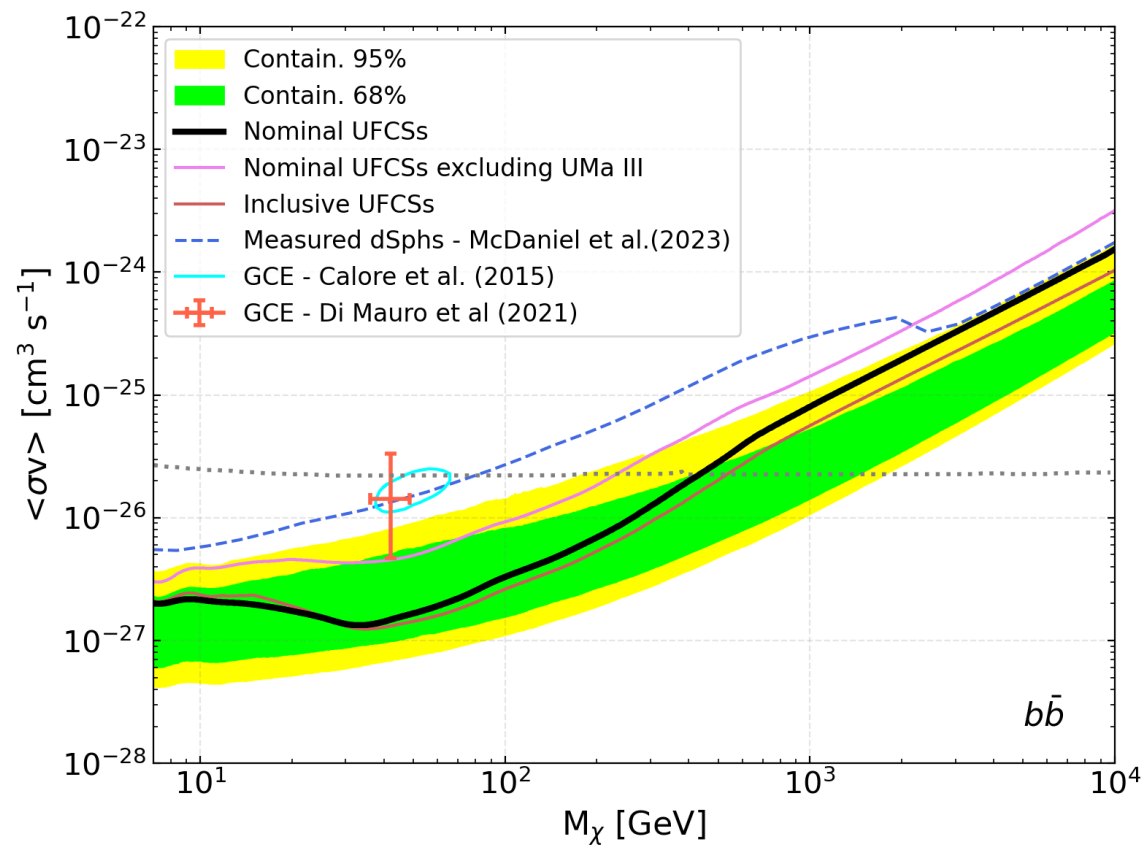
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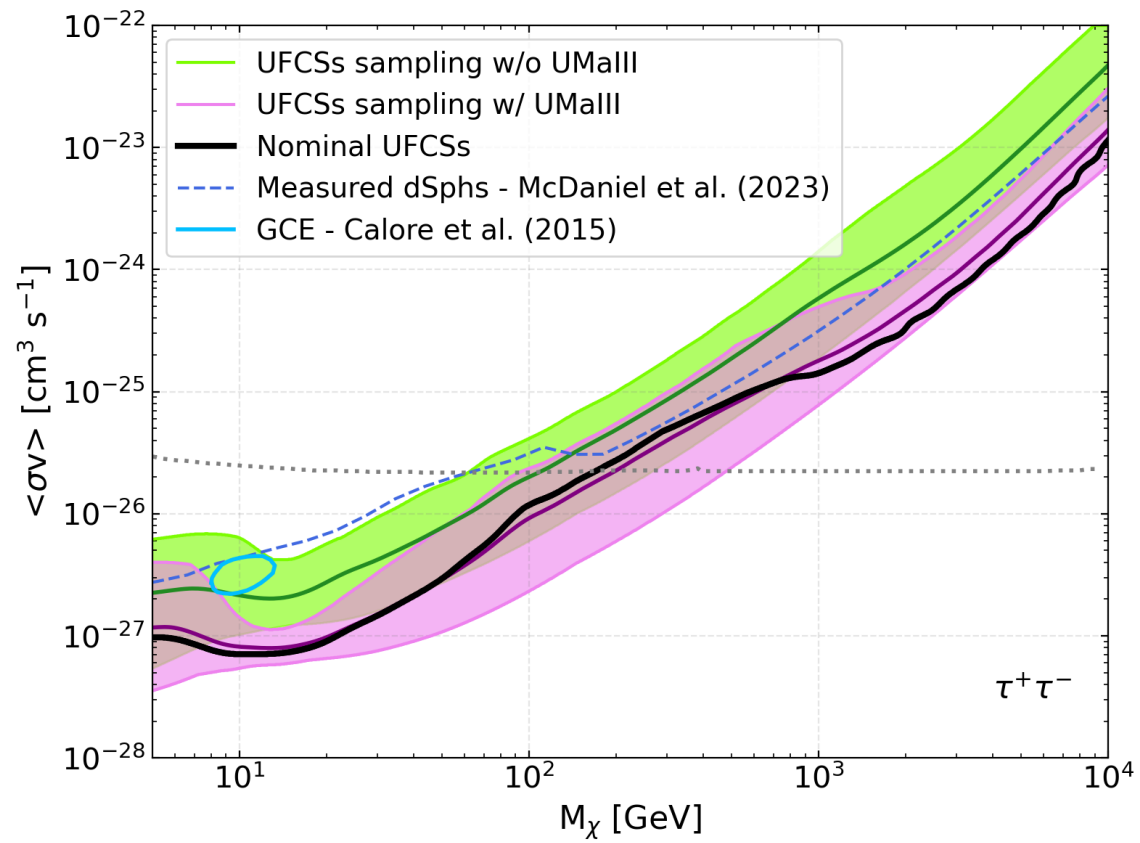
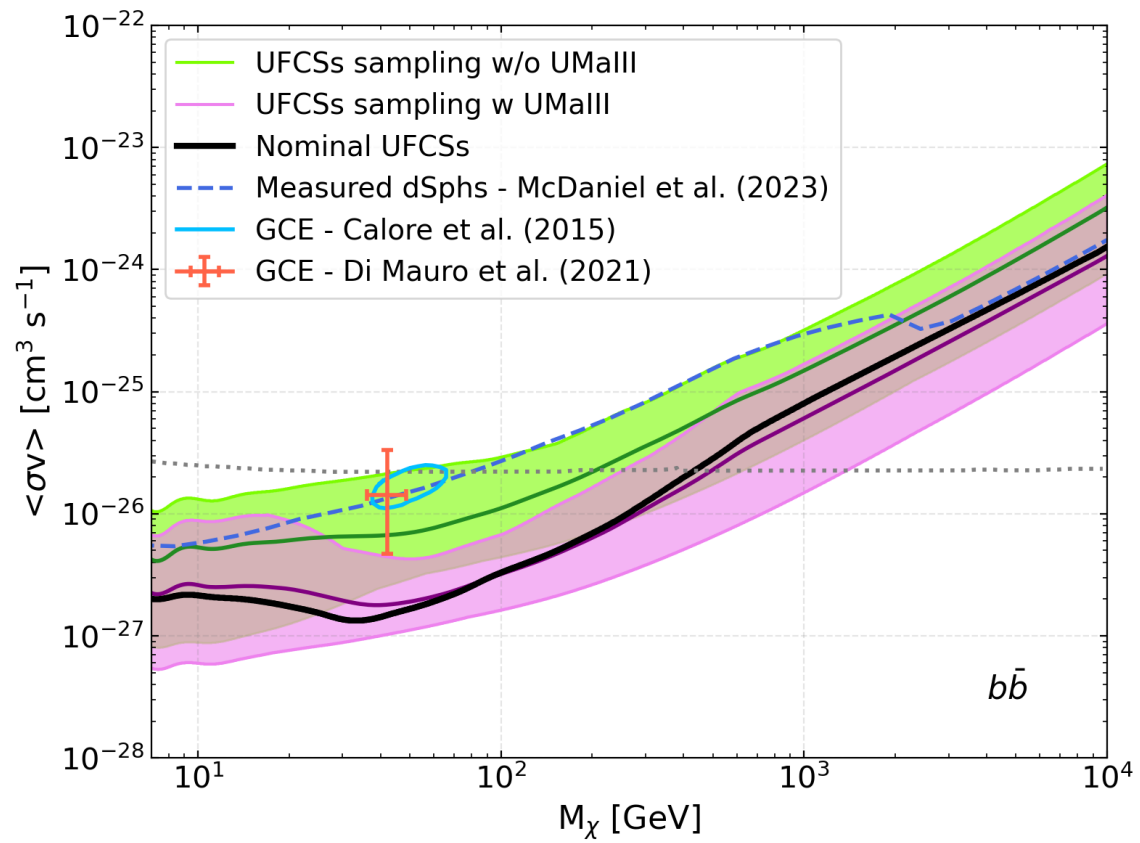
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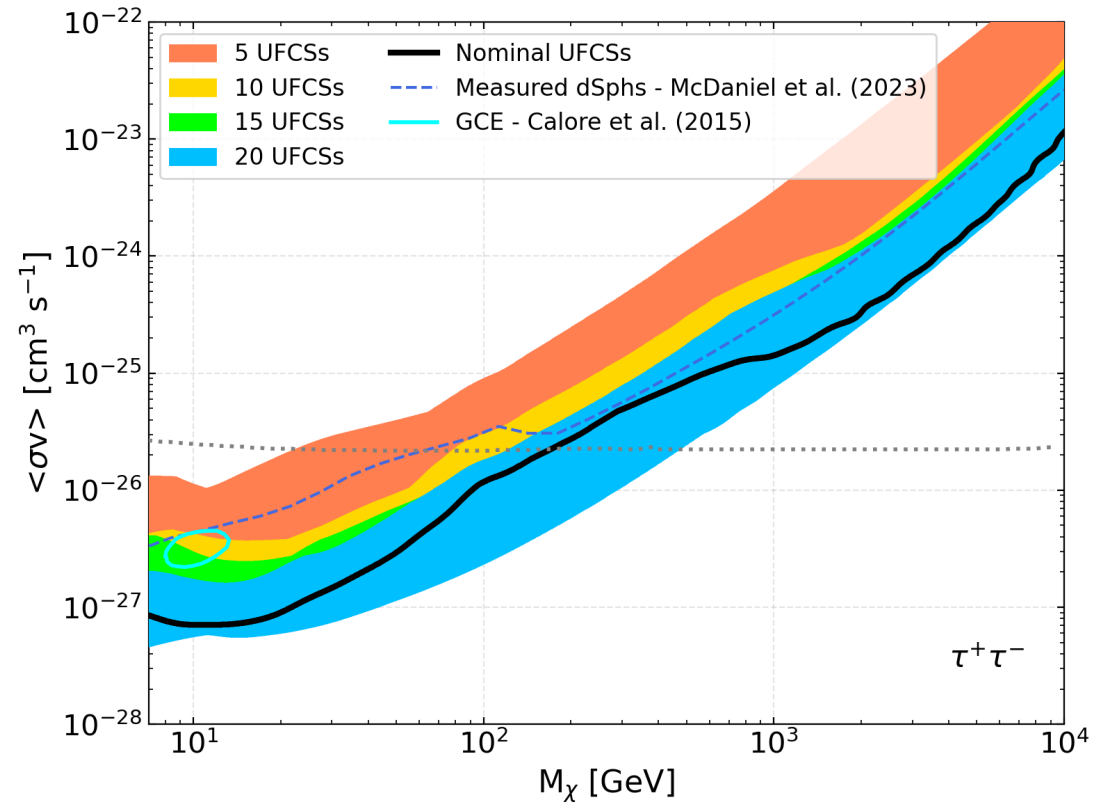
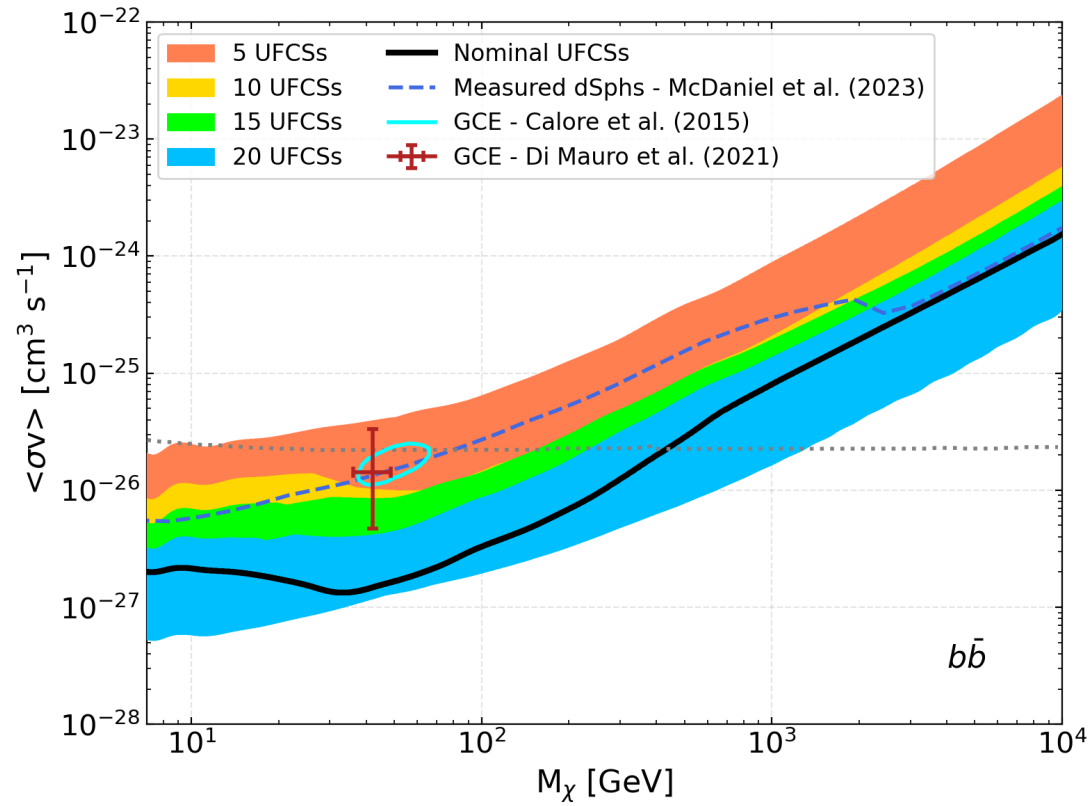
Compare to the background from ‘blank-fields’:

- Randomly selected regions ($b > |15^\circ|$) of the sky with no known or potential γ -ray source
- Selection of empty regions from McDaniel et al. (2023) (<https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/24058650/1>)
- Used to account for background effects due to undetected sources and imperfect modeling of the diffuse emission









- UFCs have the **potential** to put the **most stringent constraints** on **DM properties** so far.
- Improvement on dSphs even if only a part of the sample is confirmed to be DM dominated
- Our results **emphasize the importance of precise observation** on the UFCs to determine their DM content empirically



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