Model-Independent Constraints on Dark Matter Annihilation in Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies

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DM Indirect Detection

- **Neutrinos**
- Electrons/Positrons
- Protons/Antiprotons
- Nuclei/Antinuclei
- Photons:
	- Direct annihilation
	- Radiation (Internal Brem.)
	- Decays/Hadronization/Cascades
	- Synchrotron, Inverse Compton Scattering of e⁺/e⁻...

This analysis:

- **• We constrain the number of DM annihilation photons,** *completely independent of DM particle physics model or DM astrophysics.*
	- estimate the number of background (+foreground) photons empirically
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- Similar to Geringer-Sameth and Koushiappas (2011):
	- background distribution determined empirically *no modeling*
	- use only number of photon counts *no spectral information*
- simple stacked analysis *all photon events weighted equally*
	- separates observational data, J factor, and details of DM physics
- Fermi LAT Pass 8 data set and 3FGL point source catalog

Details of Analysis

- Choose an ROI (*i*), centered on a target dwarf, with radius 10 degrees.
- Define the signal region as area within 0.5 degrees of the target's location.
- Randomly choose 10⁵ sample regions within the ROI of the same size as the signal region.
	- Reject any sample region whose boundary intersects the border of the ROI or the boundary of a known source region (within 0.8 degrees of a known point source).
- Histogram the number of counts for the surviving sample regions.

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\blacktriangleright \quad \text{Probability Mass Function: } P^i_{\text{bgd}}(N^i_{\text{bgd}})
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Targets

- Pre-defined sets:
	- 1. **45 objects** from 1611.03184
		- (a) 28 confirmed dwarfs
		- (b) 28 dwarfs + 13 likely galaxies
		- (c) 27 dwarfs w/out contamination
	- 2. **27 dwarfs** from 1604.05599
	- 3. **24 dwarfs** w/ J-factors assuming non-spherical halos from 1603.08046
	- 4. **7 dwarfs** w/ J-factors assuming modified foreground effects from 1608.01749 and 1706.05481
	- 5. **5 dwarfs** w/ Sommerfeld-enhanced J-factors (Coulomb limit) from 1702.00408
- Choose your own adventure!

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Note: for decay, $(\sigma v)_0/2m_X \to \Gamma$ and $J \to J_D \equiv \int_{\Lambda} d\Omega \int d\ell \rho$

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\Phi_{\rm PP}^{\rm bound}(\beta) \equiv N_{\rm bound}(\beta) \left[\sum_{i} J^i \times (T_{\rm obs} \bar{A}_{\rm eff})^i \right]^{-1}
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- Everyone should be able to do this analysis!
	- Stand-alone code
	- Interface with GAMBIT and others

- Inputs: dwarf set and J factors; integrated spectrum of photons in relevant energy range, DM mass
- Outputs: Nbound, PhiPP, cross section limit (if relevant)
- Status: code works, release soon (~1 month)

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Summary

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- There is a minor loss of sensitivity relative to model-dependent searches, but this is an **important tool in light of new J-factor determinations and for DM models for which standard analyses are not applicable.**
	- eg. multi-body annihilation final states, final-state cascades, multicomponent DM, nontrivial velocity dependence, etc.
- **• MADHAT and GAMBIT-integrated version coming soon!**