# FERMI, dark matter, dwarf galaxies and dark satellites of the Milky Way

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# Indirect detection



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Two facts:

1. Experiments produce data (AMS-02, IceCube, Fermi, VERITAS, etc.).

2. We are now sensitive to WIMPs with an annihilation cross section required to explain (naively) the observed relic abundance.





**Cold** dark matter particle => rich structure in the dark matter distribution



The interpretation of Fermi measurements relies on our understanding of the distribution of dark matter

 $\Gamma \propto \int n_{\chi}^2 d^3 r$ 

# z=11.9

800 x 600 physical kpc

# Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

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These two may have the same mass, but different history

ourtesy A. V. Kravtsov Host halo

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Koushiappas, Zentner & Walker, PRD 69, 043501 (2004), but see also Baltz, Tayor & Wai, ApJ 659, L125 (2006), Kuhlen, Diemand & Madau , arXiv:0805.4416





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Recall, we need 
$$\Gamma \propto f(n^2[r(\theta)])$$
  
 $n(r) \propto f(\mathbf{v})$   
 $\mathbf{v} \propto g(\sigma_{\perp})$   
Obtain this from stellar kinematics

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Given  $\rho_s, r_s, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  + assumption on  $\beta \longrightarrow \text{get} \Sigma(R)\sigma^2(R)$ 

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Problem we would like to solve:

- We have a dark matter particle with some mass and annihilation cross section

- We have N dwarf galaxies (taken to be sources)
- We have independent experiments that look at them

Analysis methods

ON/OFF

Profile likelihood

Photon weighting

# ON/OFF (ACTs)



### Pros

• Model independent

### Cons

- One dwarf at a time
- Assumptions on PDFs
- Ignores energy/spatial info
- Ignores DM spectrum
- Choice of ON radius/energy range
- Nearby sources

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- Combined analysis of dwarfs is easy
- Uses all information available
- Handles sources, complicated fields of view

#### Cons

- Model dependent (free parameters)
- Time consuming

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# Searches/Limits = Hypothesis testing



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Include spatial, spectral, instrumental information:

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Each photon gets a weight

$$T = \sum_{i \in \text{photons}} w(Q_i)$$

sum over all events from all dwarfs

Weight of photon is based on:

- Which dwarf it came from Energy Angular separation from  $\left. \right\} Q_i$ location of dwarf

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### The 130 GeV line





Su & Finkbeiner, arXiv:1206.1616

 Tough to explain with known astrophysics

- Peak is 200 pc away from GC
- Need a very large cross-section
- What about the Earth's limb?
- Could it be systematic?

### Change DM spectrum: optimal weights for a line search



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# Predicting the future



Stay tuned for results in the high-mass (>TeV) regime using a staked dwarf analysis with **VERITAS...** 

