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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

- 236 **MSU** Michigan State University  
237 **LANL** Los Alamos National Laboratory  
238 **DM** Dark Matter  
239 **SM** Standard Model  
240 **HAWC** High Altitude Water Cherenkov Observatory

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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## CHAPTER 2

243

### DARK MATTER IN THE COSMOS

#### 244 2.1 Introduction

245 The dark matter problem can be summarized in part by the following thought experiment.

246 Let us say you are the teacher for an elementary school classroom. You take them on a field  
247 trip to your local science museum and among the exhibits is one for mass and weight. The exhibit  
248 has a gigantic scale, and you come up with a fun problem for your class.

249 You ask your class, "What is the total weight of the classroom? Give your best estimation to  
250 me in 30 minutes, and then we'll check your guess on the scale. If your guess is within 10% of the  
251 right answer, we will stop for ice cream on the way back."

252 The students are ecstatic to hear this, and they get to work. The solution is some variation of  
253 the following strategy. The students should give each other their weight or best guess if they do  
254 not know. Then, all they must do is add each student's weight and get a grand total for the class.  
255 The measurement on the giant scale should show the true weight of the class. When comparing  
256 the measured weight to your estimation, multiply the measurement by  $1.0 \pm 0.1$  to get the  $\pm 10\%$   
257 tolerances for your estimation.

258 Two of your students, Sandra and Mario, return to you with a solution.

259 They say, "We weren't sure of everyone's weight. We used 65 lbs. for the people we didn't  
260 know and added everyone who does know. There are 30 of us, and we got 2,000 lbs.! That's a ton!"

261 You estimated 1,900 lbs. assuming the average weight of a student in your class was 60 lbs.  
262 So, you are pleased with Sandra's and Mario's answer. You instruct your students to all gather on  
263 the giant scale and read off the weight together. To all your surprise, the scale reads *10,000 lbs.*!  
264 10,000 is significantly more than a 10% error from 2,000. In fact, it is approximately 5 times more  
265 massive than either your or your students' estimates. You think to yourself and conclude there  
266 must be something wrong with the scale. You ask an employee to check the scale and verify it is  
267 well calibrated. They confirm that the scale is in working order. You weigh a couple of students  
268 individually to assess that the scale is well calibrated. Sandra weighs 59 lbs., and Mario weighs

269 62 lbs., typical weights for their age. You then weigh each student individually and see that their  
270 weights individually do not deviate greatly from 60 lbs. So, where does all the extra weight come  
271 from?

272 This thought experiment serves as an analogy to the Dark Matter problem. The important  
273 substitution to make however is to replace the students with stars and the classroom with a galaxy,  
274 say the Milky Way. Individually the mass of stars is well measured and defined with the Sun as our  
275 nearest test case. However, when we set out to measure the mass of a collection of stars as large as  
276 galaxies, our well-motivated estimation is wildly incorrect. There simply is no way to account for  
277 this discrepancy except without some unseen, or dark, contribution to mass and matter in galaxies.  
278 I set out in my thesis to narrow the possibilities of what this Dark Matter could be.

279 This chapter is organized like the following... **TODO: Text should look like ... Chapter x has**  
280 **blah blah blah.**

281 **2.2 Dark Matter Basics**

282 Presently, a more compelling theory of cosmology that includes Dark Matter (DM) in order  
283 to explain a variety of observations is  $\Lambda$  Cold Dark Matter, or  $\Lambda$ CDM. I present the evidence  
284 supporting  $\Lambda$ CDM in Section 2.3 yet discuss the conclusions of the  $\Lambda$ CDM model here. According  
285 to  $\Lambda$ CDM fit to observations on the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB), DM is 26.8% of the  
286 universe's current energy budget. Baryonic matter, stuff like atoms, gas, and stars, contributes to  
287 4.9% of the universe's current energy budget [1, 2, 3].

288 DM is dark; it does not interact readily with light at any wavelength. DM also does not interact  
289 noticeably with the other standard model forces (Strong and Weak) at a rate that is readily observed  
290 [3]. DM is cold, which is to say that the average velocity of DM is below relativistic speeds [1].  
291 'Hot' DM would not likely manifest the dense structures we observe like galaxies, and instead  
292 would produce much more diffuse galaxies than what is observed [3, 1]. DM is old; it played a  
293 critical role in the formation of the universe and the structures within it [1, 2].

294 Observations of DM have so far been only gravitational. The parameter space available to what  
295 DM could be therefore is extremely broad. The broad DM parameter space is iteratively tested in

296 DM searches by supposing a hypothesis that has not yet been ruled out and performing observations  
297 to test them. When the observations yield a null result, the parameter space is constrained further.  
298 I present some approaches for DM searches in Section 2.4.

299 **2.3 Evidence for Dark Matter**

300 Dark Matter (DM) has been a looming problem in physics for almost 100 years. Anomalies  
301 have been observed by astrophysicists in galactic dynamics as early as 1933 when Fritz Zwicky  
302 noticed unusually large velocity dispersion in the Coma cluster. Zwicky's measurement was the  
303 first recorded to use the Virial theorem to measure the mass fraction of visible and invisible matter  
304 in celestial bodies [4]. From Zwicky in [5], "*If this would be confirmed, we would get the surprising*  
305 *result that dark matter is present in much greater amount than luminous matter.*" Zwicky's and  
306 others' observation did not instigate a crisis in astrophysics because the measurements did not  
307 entirely conflict with their understanding of galaxies [4]. In 1978, Rubin, Ford, and Norbert  
308 measured rotation curves for ten spiral galaxies [6]. Rubin et al.'s 1978 publication presented a  
309 major challenge to the conventional understanding of galaxies that could no longer be dismissed by  
310 measurement uncertainties. Evidence has been mounting ever since for this exotic form of matter.  
311 The following subsections provide three compelling pieces of evidence in support of the existence  
312 of DM.

313 **2.3.1 First Clues: Stellar Velocities**

314 Zwicky, and later Rubin, measured the stellar velocities of various galaxies to estimate their  
315 virial mass. The Virial Theorem upon which these observations are interpreted is written as

$$2T + V = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

316 Where  $T$  is the kinetic energy and  $V$  is the potential energy in a self-gravitating system. The  
317 classical Newton's law of gravity from stars and gas was used for gravitational potential modeled in  
318 the observed galaxies:

$$V = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_i m_j}{r_{ij}}. \quad (2.2)$$

319 Zwicky et al. measured just the velocities of stars apparent in optical wavelengths [5]. Rubin et al.  
 320 added by measuring the velocity of the hydrogen gas via the 21 cm emission line of Hydrogen [6].  
 321 The velocities of the stars and gas are used to infer the total mass of galaxies and galaxy clusters  
 322 via Equation (2.1). An inferred mass is obtained from the luminosity of the selected sources. The  
 323 two inferences are compared to each other as a luminosity to mass ratio which typically yielded [1]

$$\frac{M}{L} \sim 400 \frac{M_{\odot}}{L_{\odot}} \quad (2.3)$$

324  $M_{\odot}$  and  $L_{\odot}$  referring to stellar mass and stellar luminosity, respectively. These ratios clearly indicate  
 325 a discrepancy in apparent light and mass from stars and gas and their velocities.

326 Rubin et al. [6] demonstrated that the discrepancy was unlikely to be an underestimation of  
 327 the mass of the stars and gas. The inferred "dark" mass was up to 5 times more than the luminous  
 328 mass. This dark mass also needed to extend well beyond the extent of the luminous matter.

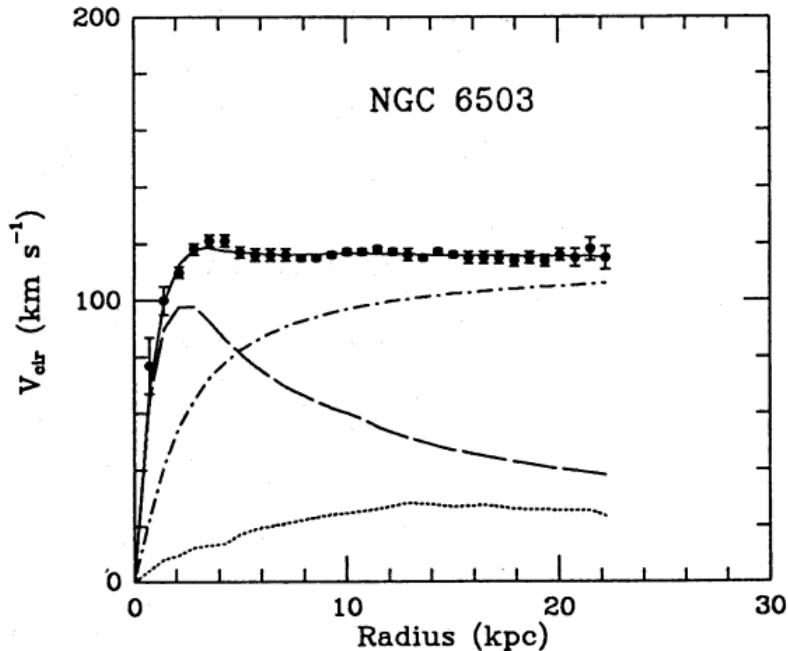


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329 Figure 2.1 features one of many rotation curves plotted from the stellar velocities within galaxies.

330 The measured rotation curves mostly feature a flattening of velocities at higher radius which is not  
331 expected if the gravity was only coming from gas and luminous matter. The extension of the  
332 flat velocity region also indicates that the DM is distributed far from the center of the galaxy.  
333 Modern velocity measurements include significantly larger objects, galactic clusters, and smaller  
334 objects, dwarf galaxies. Yet, measurements along this regime are leveraging the Virial theorem  
335 with Newtonian potential energies. We know Newtonian gravity is not a comprehensive description  
336 of gravity. New observational techniques have been developed since 1978, and those are discussed  
337 in the following sections.

338 **2.3.2 Evidence for Dark Matter: Gravitational Lensing**

339 Modern evidence for dark matter comes from new avenues beyond stellar velocities. Grav-  
340 itational lensing from DM is a new channel from general relativity. General relativity predicts  
341 aberrations in light caused by massive objects. In recent decades we have been able to measure the  
342 lensing effects from compact objects and DM halos. Figure 2.2 shows how different massive ob-  
343 jects change the final image of a faraway galaxy resulting from gravitational lensing. Gravitational  
344 lensing developed our understanding of dark matter in two important ways.

345 Gravitational lensing provides additional compelling evidence for DM. The observation of two  
346 merging galactic clusters in 2006, shown in Figure 2.3, provided a compelling argument for DM  
347 outside the Standard Model. These clusters merged recently in astrophysical time scales. Galaxies  
348 and star cluster have mostly passed by each other as the likelihood of their collision is low. Therefore,  
349 these massive objects will mostly track the highest mass, dark and/or baryonic, density. Yet, the  
350 intergalactic gas is responsible for the majority of the baryonic mass in the systems [4]. These gas  
351 bodies will not phase through and will heat up as they collide together. The hot gas is located via  
352 x-ray emission from the cluster. Two observations of the clusters were performed independently of  
353 each other.

354 The first was the lensing of light around the galaxies due to their gravitational influences.  
355 When celestial bodies are large enough, the gravity they exert bends space and time itself. The  
356 warped space-time lenses light and will deflect in an analogous way to how glass lenses will bend

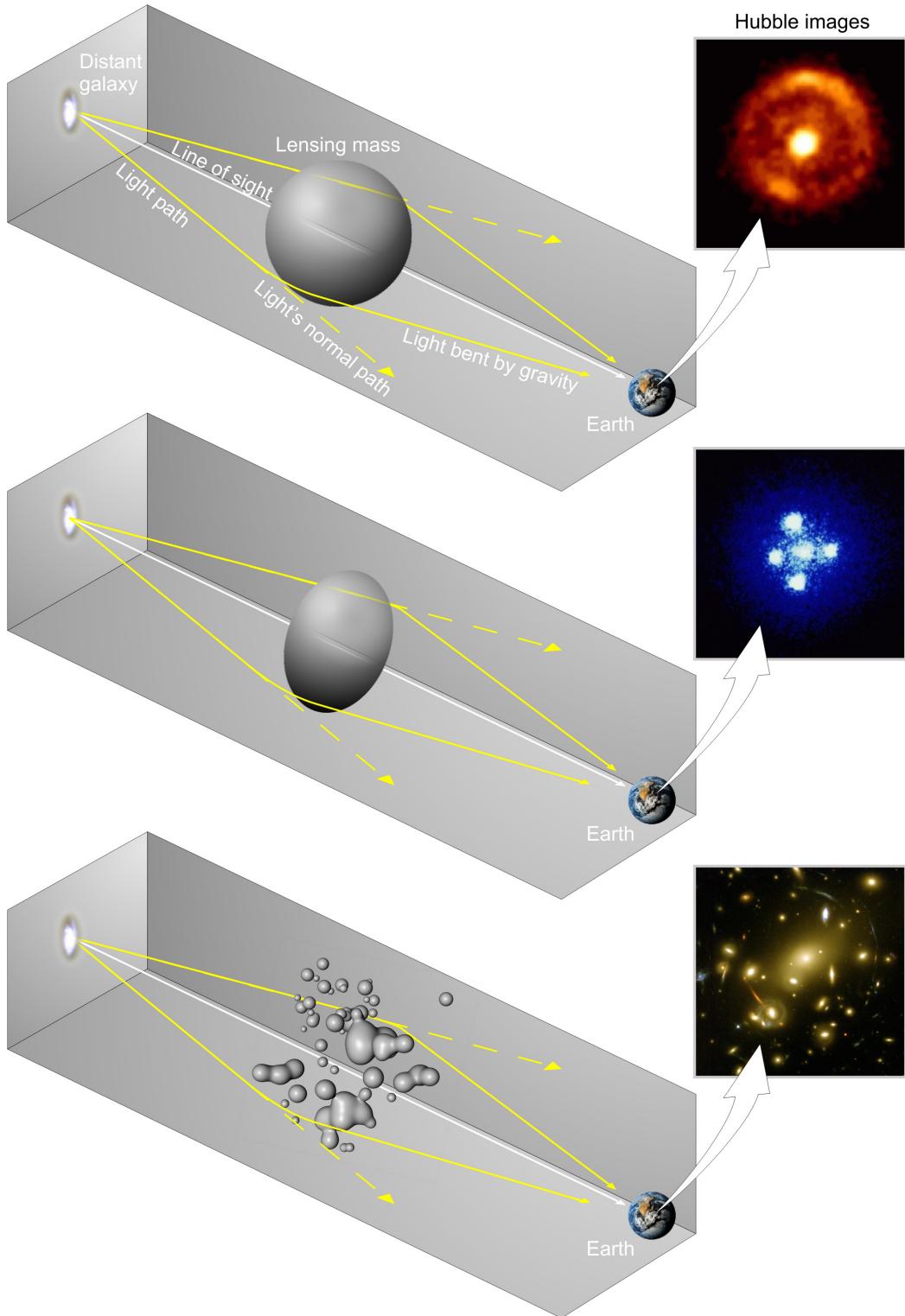


Figure 2.2 Light from distant galaxy is bent in unique ways depending on the distribution of mass between the galaxy and Earth. Yellow dashed lines indicate where the light would have gone if the matter were not present [8].

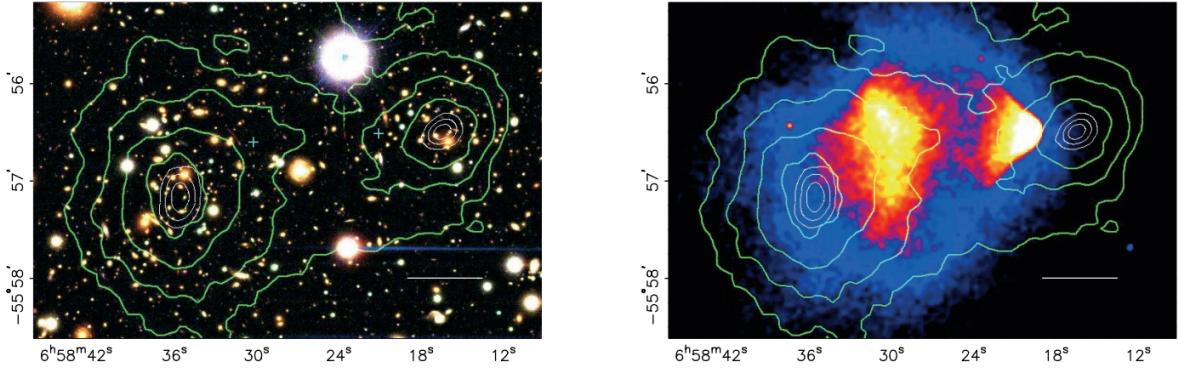


Figure 2.3 (left) Optical image of galactic cluster 1E0657-558. (right) X-ray image of the cluster with redder meaning hotter and higher baryon density. (both) Green contours are reconstruction of gravity contours from weak lensing. White rings are the best fit mass maxima at 68.3%, 95.5%, and 99.7% confidence. The matter maxima of the clusters are clearly separated from x-ray maxima. [9]

357 light, see Figure 2.2. With a sufficient understanding of light sources behind a massive object, we  
 358 can reconstruct the contours of the gravitational lenses. The gradient of the contours shown in  
 359 Figure 2.3 then indicates how dense the matter is and where it is.

360 The x-ray emission can then be observed from the clusters. Since these galaxies are mostly gas  
 361 and are merging, then the gas should be getting hotter. If they are merging, the x-ray emissions  
 362 should be the strongest where the gas is mostly moving through each other. Hence, X-ray emission  
 363 maps out where the gas is in the merging galaxy cluster.

364 The lensing and x-ray observations were done on the Bullet cluster featured on Figure 2.3.  
 365 The x-ray emissions do not align with the gravitational contours from lensing. The incongruence  
 366 in mass density and baryon density suggests that there is a lot of matter somewhere that does  
 367 not interact with light. Moreover, this dark matter cannot be baryonic [9]. The Bullet Cluster  
 368 measurement did not really tell us what DM is exactly, but it did give the clue that DM also does  
 369 not interact with itself very strongly. If DM did interact strongly with itself, then it would have been  
 370 more aligned with the x-ray emission [9]. There have been follow-up studies of galaxy clusters with  
 371 similar results. The Bullet Cluster and others like it provide a persuasive case against something  
 372 possibly amiss in our gravitational theories.

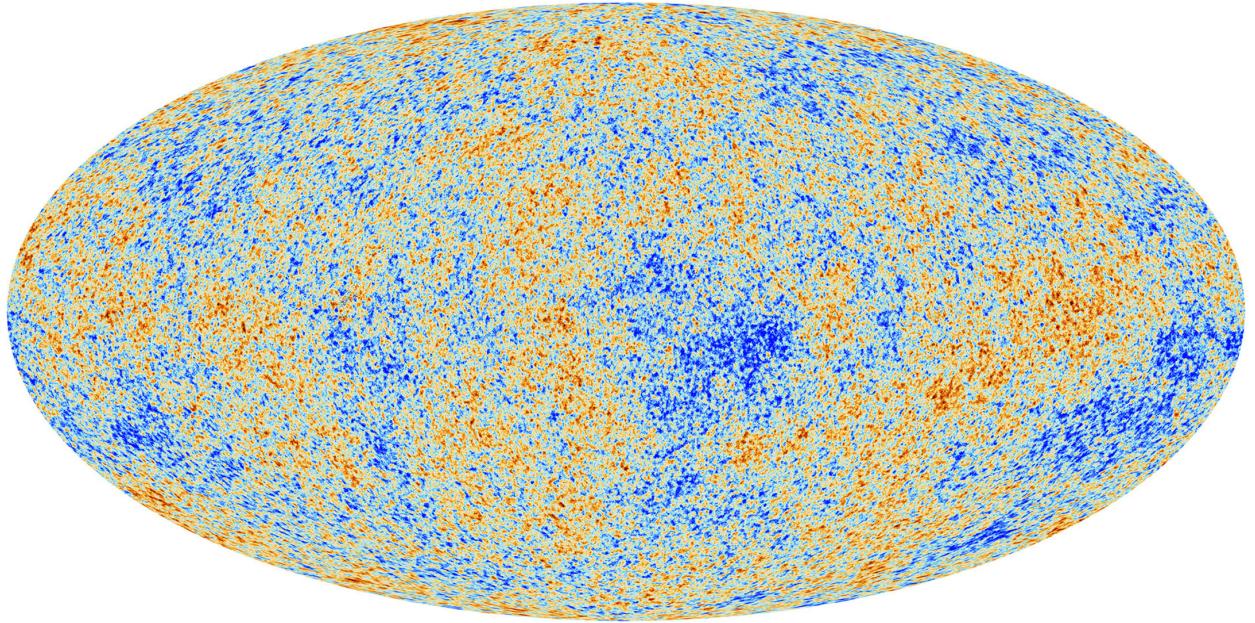


Figure 2.4 Plank CMB sky. Sky map features small variations in temperature in primordial light. These anisotropies are used to make inferences about the universe's energy budget and developmental history. [10]

373 **2.3.3 Evidence for Dark Matter: Cosmic Microwave Background**

374 The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) is the primordial light from the early universe  
375 when Hydrogen atoms formed from the free electron and proton soup in the early universe. The  
376 CMB is the earliest light we can observe; released when the universe was about 380,000 years old.  
377 Then we look at how the simulated universes look like compared to what we see. Figure 2.4 is the  
378 most recent CMB image from the Plank satellite after subtracting the average value and masking the  
379 galactic plane [10]. Redder regions indicate a slightly hotter region in the CMB, and blue indicates  
380 colder. The intensity variations are on the order of 1 in 1000 with respect to the average value.

381 The Cosmic Microwave Background shows that the universe had DM in it from an incredibly  
382 early stage. To measure the DM, Dark Energy, and matter fractions of the universe from the CMB,  
383 the image is analyzed into a power spectrum, which shows the amplitude of the fluctuations as  
384 a function of spherical multipole moments.  $\Lambda$ CDM provides the best fit to the power spectra of  
385 the CMB as shown in Figure 2.5. The CMB power spectrum is quite sensitive to the fraction  
386 of each energy contribution in the early universe. Low  $l$  modes are dominated by variations  
387 in gravitational potential. Intermediate  $l$  emerge from oscillations in photon-baryon fluid from

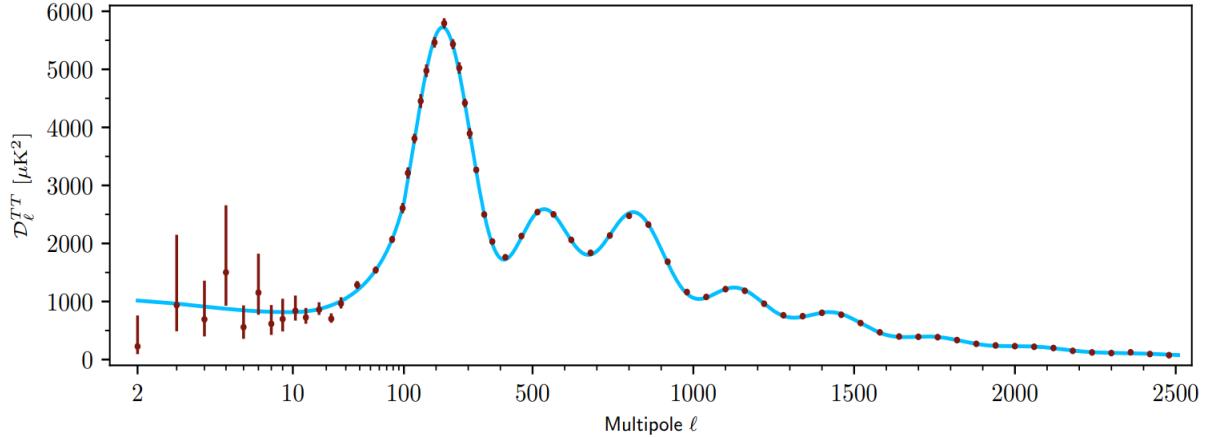


Figure 2.5 Observed Cosmic Microwave Background power spectrum as a function of multipole moment from Plank [10]. Blue line is best fit model from  $\Lambda$ CDM. Red points and lines are data and error, respectively.

388 competing baryon pressures and gravity. High  $l$  is a damped region from the diffusion of photons  
 389 during electron-proton recombination. [1]

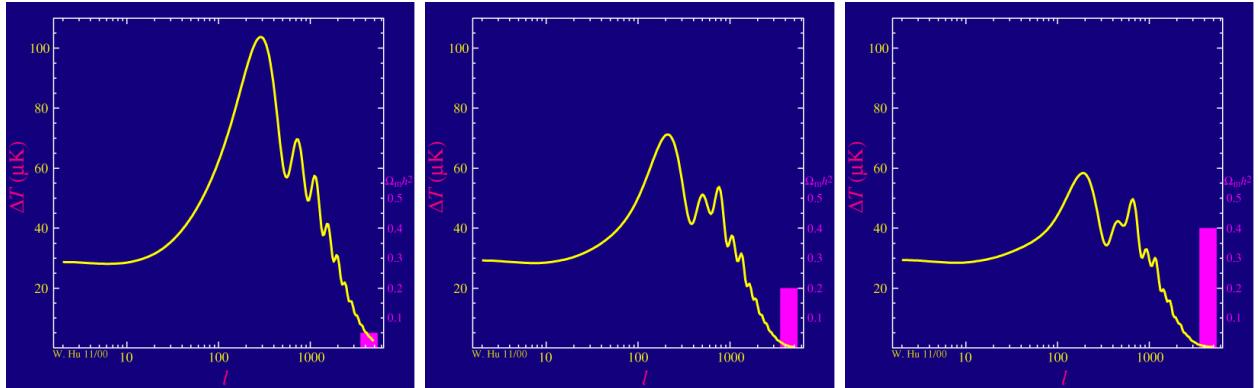


Figure 2.6 Predicted power spectra of CMB for different  $\Omega_m h^2$  values for fixed baryon density from [11]. (left) Low  $\Omega_m h^2$  increases the prominence of first and second peaks. (middle)  $\Omega_m h^2$  is most similar to the observed power spectrum. The second and third peaks are similar in height. (right)  $\Omega_m h^2$  is large which suppresses the first peak and raises the prominence of the third peak.

390 The harmonics would look quite different for a universe with less DM. Figure 2.6 demonstrates  
 391 the effect  $\Omega_m h^2$  has on the expected power spectrum for fixed baryon matter density. [11] Sweeping  
 392  $\Omega_m h^2$  in this way clearly shows the effect dark matter has on the CMB power spectrum. The  
 393 observations fit well with the  $\Lambda$ CDM model, and the derived fractions are as follows. The matter  
 394 fraction:  $\Omega_m = 0.3153$ ; and the baryon fraction:  $\Omega_b = 0.04936$  [10]. Plank's observations also  
 395 provide a measure of the Hubble constant,  $H_0$ .  $H_0$  especially has seen a growing tension in the

396 past decade that continues to deepened with observations from instruments like the James Webb  
397 Telescope [12, 13]. As Hubble tensions deepen, we may find that perhaps  $\Lambda$ **CDM**, despite its  
398 successes, is missing some critical physics.

399 Overall, the Newtonian motion of stars in galaxies, weak lensing from galactic clusters, and  
400 power spectra from primordial light form a compelling body of research in favor of dark matter.  
401 It takes another leap of theory and experimentation to make observations of DM that are non-  
402 gravitational in nature. In Section 2.3, the evidence for DM implies strongly that the DM is matter  
403 and not a lost parameter in the gravitational fields between massive objects. Finally, if we take one  
404 axiom: that this matter has quantum behavior, such as being described by some Bohr wavelength  
405 and abiding by some fermion or boson statistics; then we arrive at particle dark matter. One particle  
406 DM hypothesis is the Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP). This DM candidate theory is  
407 discussed further in the next section and is the focus of this thesis.

408 **2.4 Searching for Dark Matter: Particle DM**

409 Section 2.4 shows the Standard Model of particle physics and is currently the most accurate  
410 model for the dynamics of fundamental particles like electrons and photons. The current status  
411 of the SM does not have a viable DM candidate. When looking at the standard model, we can  
412 immediately exclude any charged particle because charged particles interact strongly with light.  
413 Specifically, this will rule out the following charged, fundamental particles:  $e, \mu, \tau, W, u, d, s, c, t, b$   
414 and their corresponding antiparticles. Recalling from Section 2.2 that DM must be long-lived and  
415 stable over the age of the universe which excludes all SM particles with decay half-lives at or shorter  
416 than the age of the universe. The lifetime constraint additionally eliminates the  $Z$  and  $H$  bosons.  
417 Finally, the candidate DM needs to be somewhat massive. Recall from Section 2.2 that DM is cold  
418 or not relativistic through the universe. This eliminates the remaining SM particles:  $\nu_{e,\mu,\tau}, g, \gamma$  as  
419 DM candidates. Because there are no DM candidates within the SM, the DM problem strongly  
420 hints to physics beyond the SM (BSM).

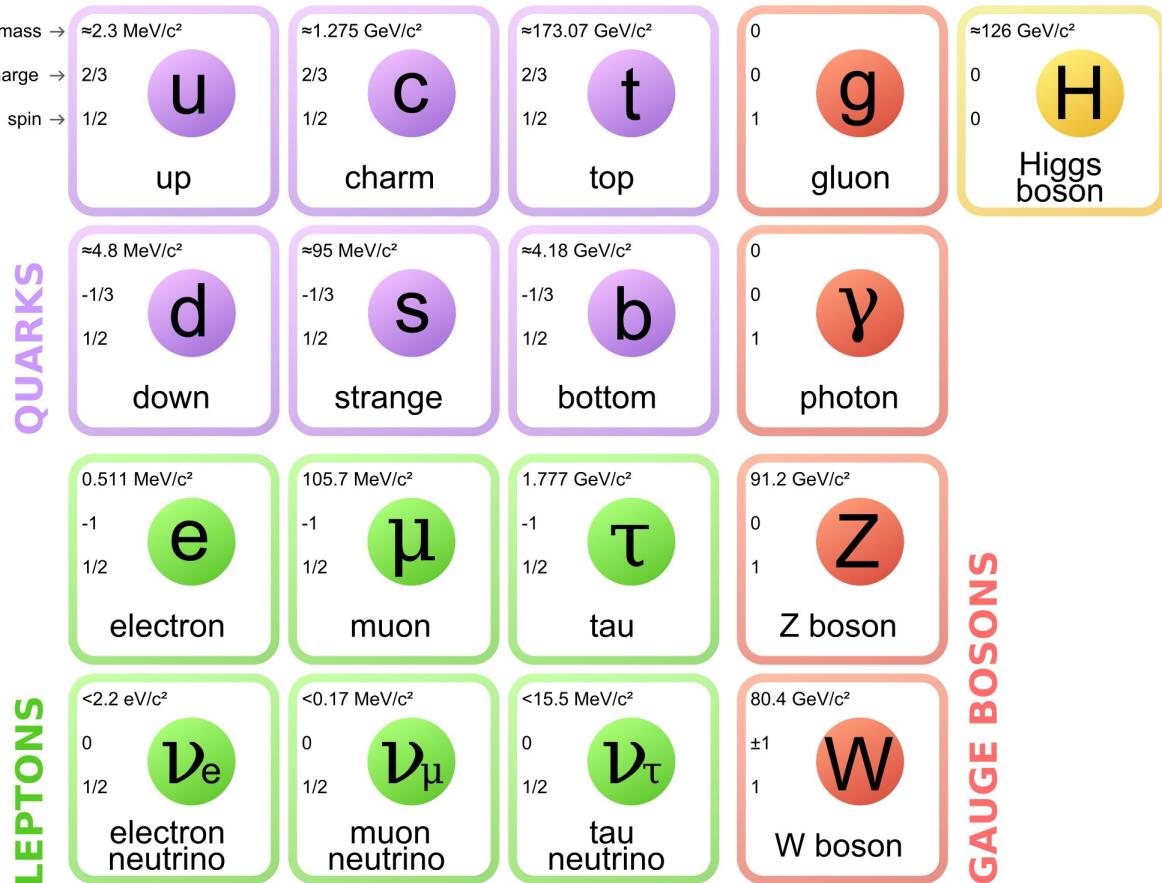


Figure 2.7 The Standard Model (SM) of particle physics. Figure taken from <http://www.quantumdiaries.org/2014/03/14/the-standard-model-a-beautiful-but-flawed-theory/>

#### 421 2.4.1 Shake it, Break it, Make it

422 When considering DM that couples in some way with the SM, the interactions are roughly  
 423 demonstrated by interaction demonstrated in Figure 2.8. The figure is a simplified Feynman  
 424 diagram where the arrow of time represents the interaction modes of: **Shake it, Break it, Make it.**

425 **Shake it** refers to the direct detection of dark matter. Direct detection interactions start with  
 426 a free DM particle and an SM particle. The DM and SM interact via elastic or inelastic collision  
 427 and recoil away from each other. The DM remains in the dark sector and imparts some momentum  
 428 onto the SM particle. The hope is that the momentum imparted onto the SM particle is sufficiently  
 429 high enough to pick up with extremely sensitive instruments. Because we cannot create the DM in  
 430 the lab, a direct detection experiment must wait until DM is incident on the detector. Most direct  
 431 detection experiments are therefore placed in low-background environments with inert detection

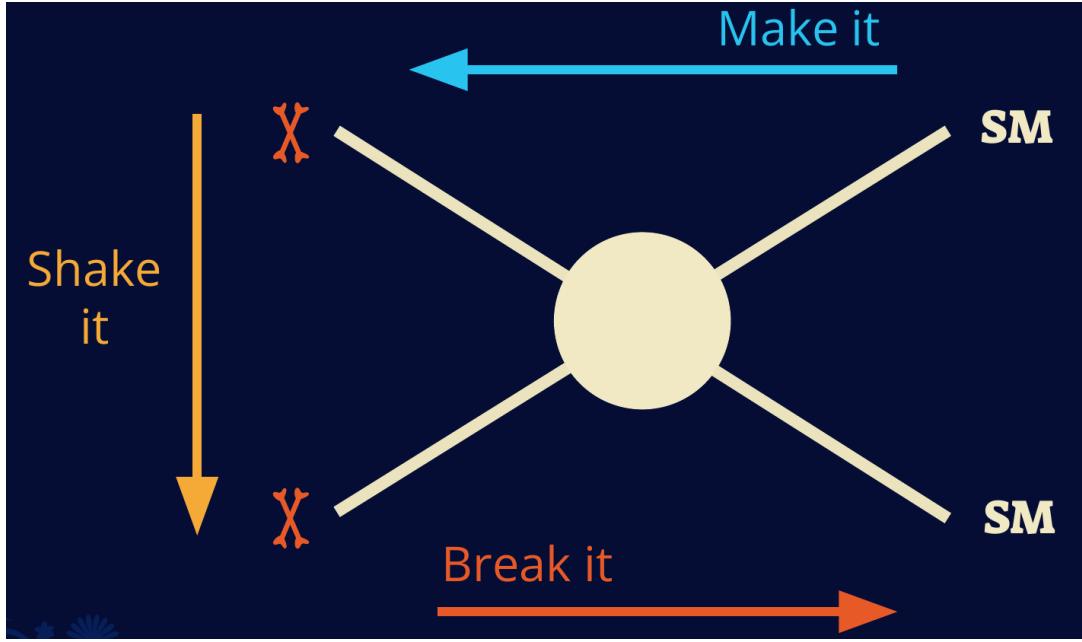


Figure 2.8 Simplified Feynman diagram demonstrating different ways DM can interact with SM particles. The 'X's refer to the DM particles whereas the SM refer to fundamental particles in the SM. The large circle in the center indicates the vertex of interaction and is purposely left vague. The colored arrows refer to different directions of time as well as their respective labels. The arrows indicate the initial and final state of the DM -SM interaction in time.

432 media like the noble gas Xenon. [14]

433 **Make it** refers to the production of DM from SM initial states. The experiment starts with  
 434 particles in the SM. These SM particles are accelerated to incredibly high energies and then collide  
 435 with each other. In the confluence of energy, DM hopefully emerges as a byproduct of the SM  
 436 annihilation. Often it is the collider experiments that are energetic enough to hypothetically produce  
 437 DM. These experiments include the world-wide collaborations ATLAS and CMS at CERN where  
 438 proton collide together at extreme energies. The DM searches, however, are complex. DM likely  
 439 does not interact with the detectors and lives long enough to escape the detection apparatus of  
 440 CERN's colliders. This means any DM production experiment searches for an excess of events  
 441 with missing momentum or energy in the events. An example event with missing transverse  
 442 momentum is shown in Figure 2.9. The missing momentum with no particle tracks implies a  
 443 neutral particle carried the energy out of the detector. However, there are other neutral particles  
 444 in the SM, like neutrons or neutrinos, so any analysis has to account for SM signatures of missing

445 momentum. [15]

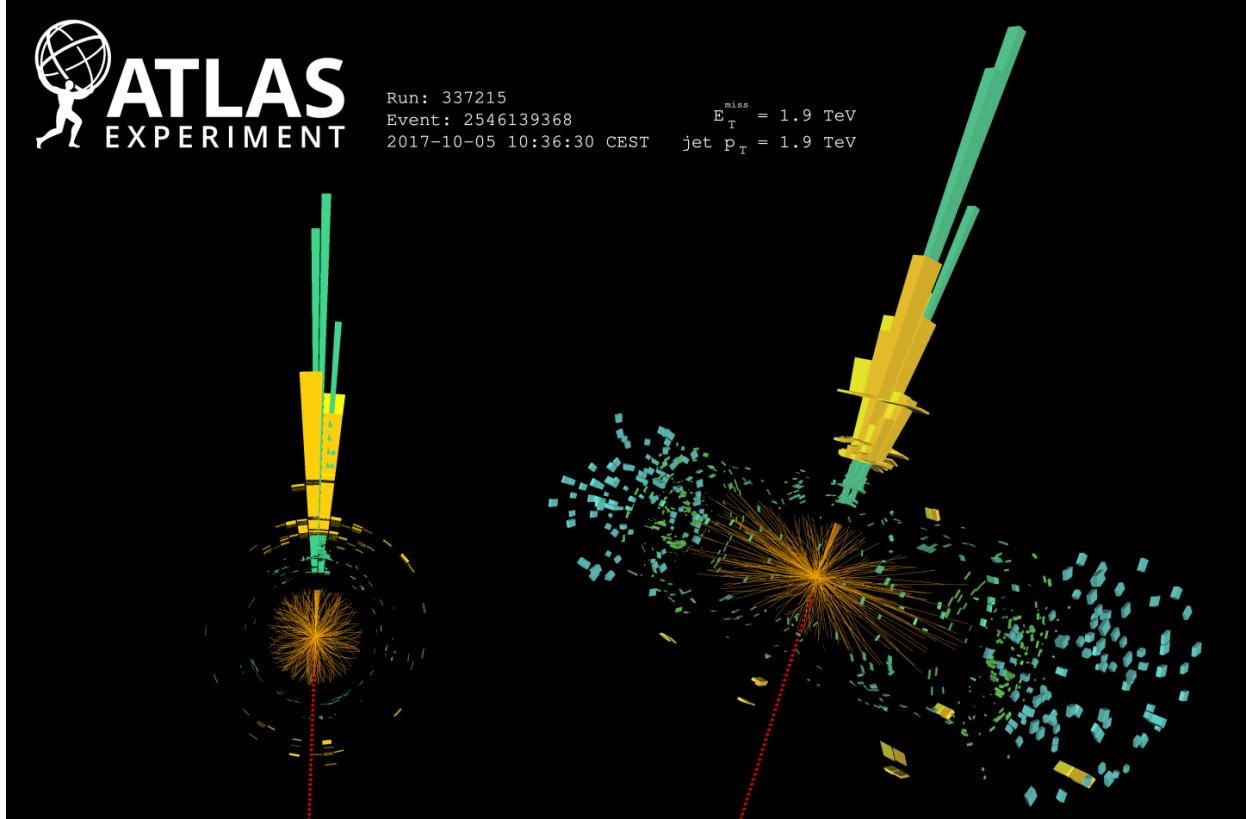


Figure 2.9 A single jet event in ATLAS detector from 2017 [16]. Jet momentum was observed to be 1.9 TeV. Missing transverse momentum was observed to be 1.9 TeV compared to the initial transverse momentum of the event was 0. Implied MET is traced by a red dashed line in event display.

#### 446 2.4.2 Break it: Standard Model Signatures of Dark Matter through Indirect Searches

447 **Break it** refers to the creation of SM particles from the dark sector, and it is the primary focus  
448 of this thesis. The interaction begins with DM or in the dark sector. The hypothesis is that this  
449 DM will either annihilate with itself or decay and produce an SM byproduct. This method is  
450 often referred to as the Indirect Detection of DM because we have no lab to directly control or  
451 manipulate the DM. Therefore, most indirect DM searches are performed using observations of  
452 known DM densities among the astrophysical sources. The strength is that we have the whole of the  
453 universe and its 13.6-billion-year lifespan to use as a detector and particle accelerator. Additionally,  
454 locations of dark matter are well cataloged since it was astrophysical observations that presented

455 the problem of DM in the first place.

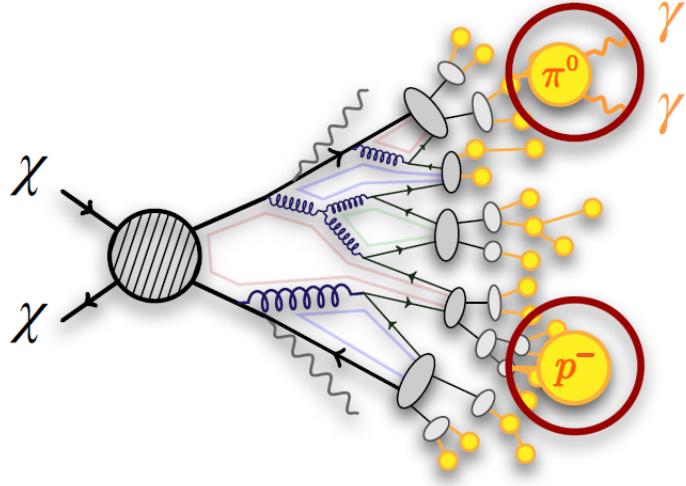


Figure 2.10 More detailed pseudo-Feynman diagram of particle cascade from dark matter annihilation into 2 quarks. The quarks hadronize and down to stable particles like  $\gamma$  or the anti-proton ( $p^-$ ). Diagram pulled from ICRC 2021 presentation on DM annihilation search [17].

456 However, anything can happen in the universe. There are many difficult to deconvolve back-  
457 grounds when searching for DM. One prominent example is the galactic center. We know the  
458 galactic center has a large DM content because of stellar kinematics in our Milky Way and DM halo  
459 simulations. Yet, any signal from the galactic center is challenging to parse apart from the extreme  
460 environment of our supermassive black hole, unresolved sources, and diffuse emission from the  
461 interstellar medium [18]. Despite the challenges, any DM model that yields evidence in the other  
462 two observation methods, **Shake it or Make it** must be corroborated with indirect observations of  
463 the known DM sources. Without corroborating evidence, DM observation in the lab is hard-pressed  
464 to demonstrate that it is the model contributing to the DM seen at the universal scale.

465 In the case of WIMP DM, signals are described in terms of primary SM particles produced  
466 from DM decay or annihilation. The SM initial state particles are then simulated down to stable  
467 final states such as the  $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $p$ , or  $e$  which can traverse galactic lengths to reach Earth.

468 Figure 2.10 shows the quagmire of SM particles that emerges from SM initial states that are not  
469 stable [17]. There are many SM particles with varying energies that can be produced in such an

470 interaction. For any arbitrary DM source and stable SM particle, the SM flux from DM annihilating  
 471 to a neutral particle in the SM,  $\phi$ , from a region in the sky is described by the following.

$$\frac{d\Phi_\phi}{dE_\phi} = \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{8\pi m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\phi}{dE_\phi} \times \int_{\text{source}} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s} \rho_\chi^2 dl(r, \theta') \quad (2.4)$$

472 In Equation (7.1),  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  is the velocity-weighted annihilation cross-section of DM to the SM.  $m_\chi$   
 473 refers to the mass of DM, noted with Greek letter  $\chi$ .  $\frac{dN_\phi}{dE_\phi}$  is the N particle flux weighted by the  
 474 particle energy. An example is provided in Figure 2.11 for the  $\gamma$  final state. The integrated terms  
 475 are performed over the solid angle,  $d\Omega$ , and line of sight, l.o.s.  $\rho$  is the density of DM for a  
 476 location  $(r, \theta')$  in the sky. The terms left of the ' $\times$ ' are often referred to as the particle physics  
 477 component. The terms on the right are referred to as the astrophysical component. For decaying  
 478 DM, the equation changes to...

$$\frac{d\Phi_\phi}{dE_\phi} = \frac{1}{4\pi\tau m_\chi} \frac{dN_\phi}{dE_\phi} \times \int_{\text{source}} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s} \rho_\chi dl(r, \theta') \quad (2.5)$$

479 In Equation (2.5),  $\tau$  is the decay lifetime of the DM. Just as in Equation (7.1), the left and  
 480 right terms are the particle physics and the astrophysical components respectively. The integrated  
 481 astrophysical component of Equation (7.1) is often called the J-Factor. Whereas the integrated  
 482 astrophysical component of Equation (2.5) is often called the D-Factor.

483     Exact DM  $\text{DM} \rightarrow \text{SM SM}$  branching ratios are not known, so it is usually assumed to go 100%  
 484 into an SM particle/anti-particle. Additionally, when a DM annihilation or decay produces one of  
 485 the neutral, long-lived SM particles ( $\nu$  or  $\gamma$ ), the particle is traced back to a DM source. For DM  
 486 above GeV energies, there are very few SM processes that can produce particles with such a high  
 487 energy. Seeing such a signal would almost certainly be an indication of the presence of dark matter.  
 488 Fortunately, the universe provides us with the largest volume and lifetime ever for a particle physics  
 489 experiment.

## 490 2.5 Sources for Indirect Dark Matter Searches

491     The first detection of DM relied on optical observations. Since then, we have developed new  
 492 techniques to find DM dense regions. As described in Section 2.3.1, many DM dense regions were  
 493 through observing galactic rotation curves. Our Milky Way galaxy is among DM dense regions

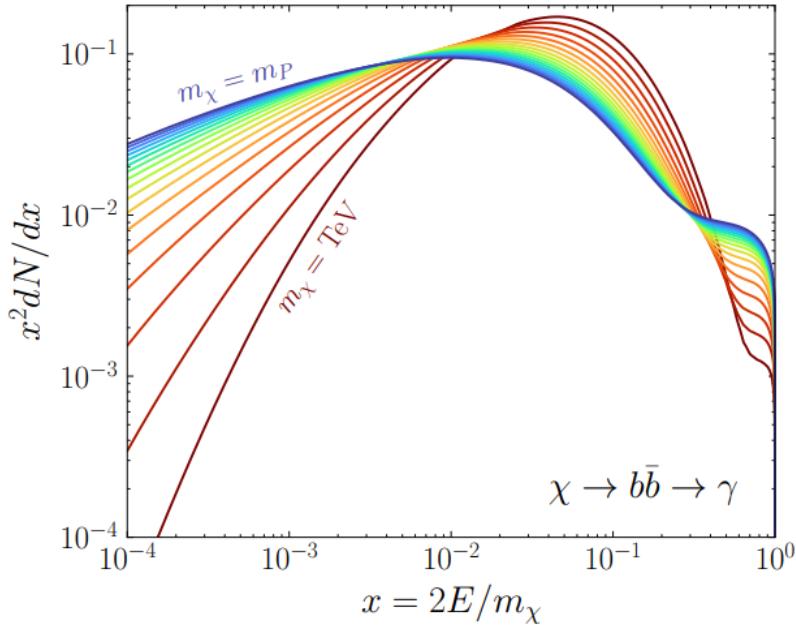


Figure 2.11 Dark Matter (DM) decay spectrum for  $b\bar{b}$  initial state and  $\gamma$  final state. Redder spectra are for larger DM masses. Bluer spectra are light DM masses.  $x$  is a unitless factor defined as the ratio of the mass of DM,  $m_\chi$ , and the final state particle energy  $E_\gamma$ . Figure from [19].

discovered, and it is the largest nearby DM dense region to look at. Additionally, the DM halo surrounding the Milky Way is clumpy [18]. There are regions in the DM halo of the Milky Way that have more DM than others that have captured gas over time. These sub-halos were dense enough collapse gas and form stars. These apparent sub galaxies are known as dwarf spheroidal galaxies and are the main sources studied in this thesis. Each source type comes with different trade-offs. Galactic Center studies will be very sensitive to the assumed distribution of DM. The central DM density can vary substantially as demonstrated in Figure 2.12. At distances close to the center of the galaxy, or small  $r$ , the differences in DM densities can be 3-4 orders of magnitude. Searches toward the galactic center will therefore be quite sensitive to the assumed DM distribution.

Searches toward Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies (dSph's) suffer from uncertainties in the DM density less than the galactic center studies. This is mostly from their diminutive size being smaller than the angular resolution of most  $\gamma$ -ray observatories [18]. The DM content dSph's are typically determined with the Virial theorem, Equation (2.1), and are usually majority DM [18] in mass. DSph's tend to be ideal sources to look at for DM searches. Their environments are quiet with little

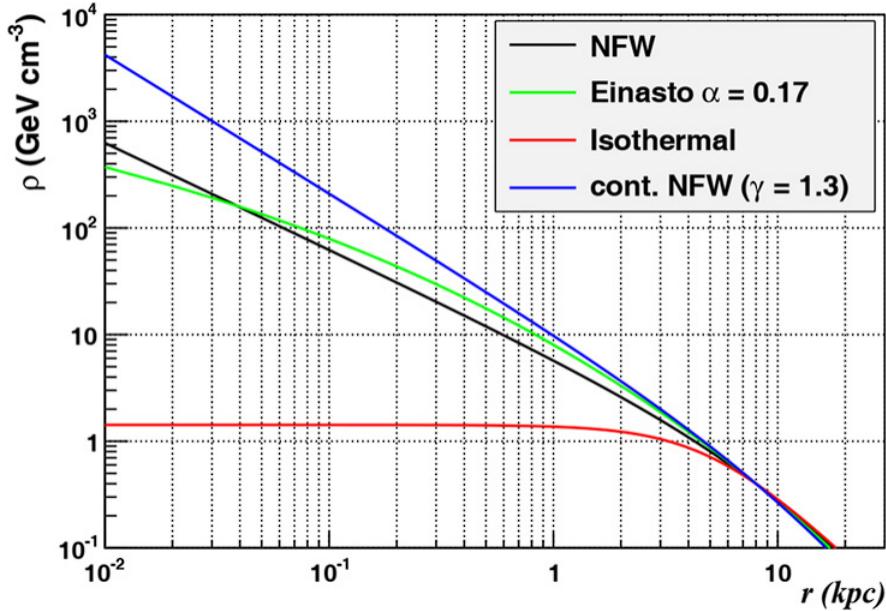


Figure 2.12 Different dark matter density profiles compared. Some models produce exceptionally large densities at small  $r$  [20].

508 astrophysical background. Unlike the galactic center, the most active components of dSph's are the  
 509 stars within them versus a violent accretion disc around a black hole. All this together means that  
 510 dSph's are among the best sources to look at for indirect DM searches. dSph's are the targets of  
 511 focus for this thesis.

## 512 2.6 Multi-Messenger Dark Matter

513 Astrophysics entered a new phase in the past few decades that leverages our increasing sensitivity  
 514 to SM channels and general relativity (GR). Up until the 21st century, astrophysical observations  
 515 were performed with photons ( $\gamma$ ) only. Astrophysics with this 'messenger' is fairly mature now.  
 516 Novel observations of the universe have since only adjusted the sensitivity of the wavelength of  
 517 light that is observed except at MeV energies. Gems like the CMB [10], and more have ultimately  
 518 been observations of different wavelengths of light. Multi-messenger astrophysics proposes using  
 519 other SM particles such the  $p^{+-}$ , or  $\nu$  or gravitation waves predicted by general relativity.

520 The experiment LIGO had a revolutionary discovery in 2016 with the first detection of a binary  
 521 black hole merger [21]. This opened the collective imagination to observing the universe through  
 522 gravitational waves. There has also been a surge of interest in the neutrino ( $\nu$ ) sector. IceCube

523 demonstrated that we are sensitive to neutrinos in regions that correlate with significant photon  
 524 emission like the galactic plane [22]. Neutrinos, like gravitational waves and light, travel mostly  
 525 unimpeded from their source to our observatories. This makes pointing to the originating source  
 526 of these messengers much easier than it is for cosmic rays which are deflected from their source by  
 527 magnetic fields.

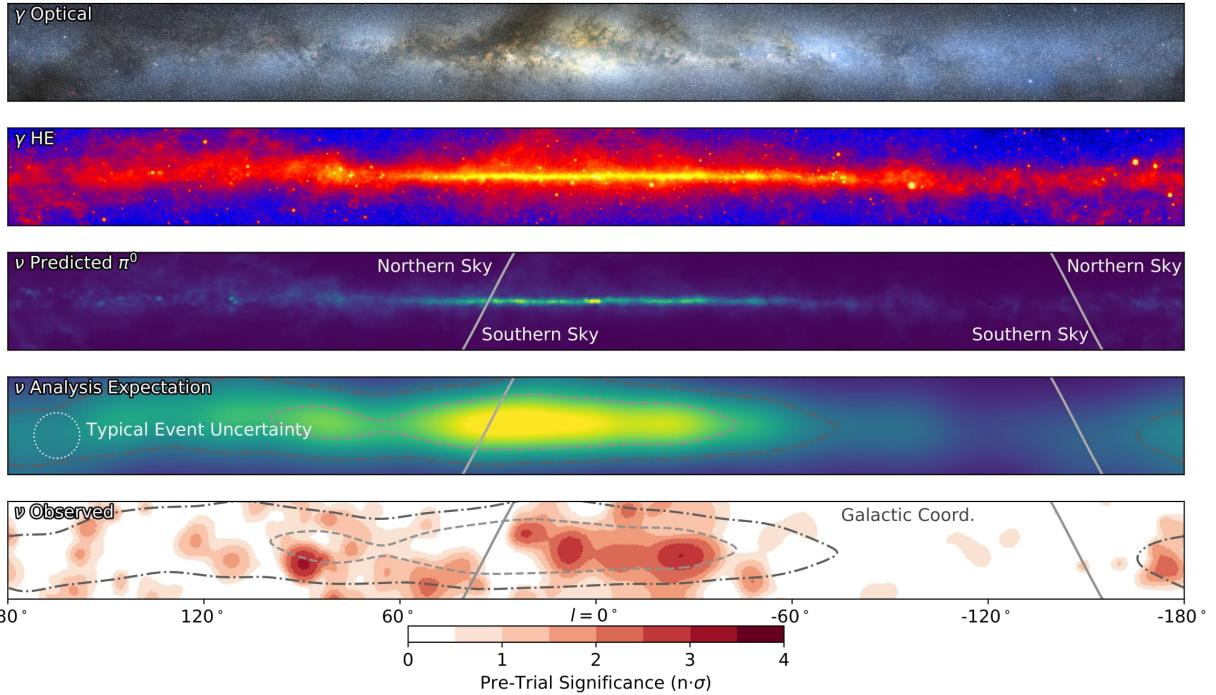


Figure 2.13 The Milky Way Galaxy in photons ( $\gamma$ ) and neutrinos ( $\nu$ ) [22]. The Galactic center is at  $l=0^\circ$  and is the brightest region in all panels. (top) An Optical color image of the Milky Way galaxy seen from Earth. Clouds of gas and dust obscure some light from stars. (2nd down) Integrated flux of  $\gamma$ -rays observed by the Fermi-LAT telescope [23]. (middle) Expected neutrino emission that corresponds with Fermi-LAT observations. (2nd up) Expected neutrino emission profile after considering detector systematics of IceCube. (bottom) Observed neutrino emission from region of the galactic plane. Substantial neutrino emission was detected.

528 The IceCube collaboration recently published a groundbreaking result of the Milky Way in  
 529 neutrinos. The recent result from IceCube, shown in Figure 2.13, proves that we can make  
 530 observations under different messenger regimes. The top two panels show the appearance of the  
 531 galactic plane to different wavelengths of light. Some sources are more apparent in some panels,  
 532 while others are not. This new channel is powerful because neutrinos are readily able to penetrate  
 533 through gas and dust in the Milky Way. This new image also refines our understanding of how high

534 energy particles are produced. For example, the fit to IceCube data prefers neutrino production  
 535 from the decay of  $\pi^0$  [22].

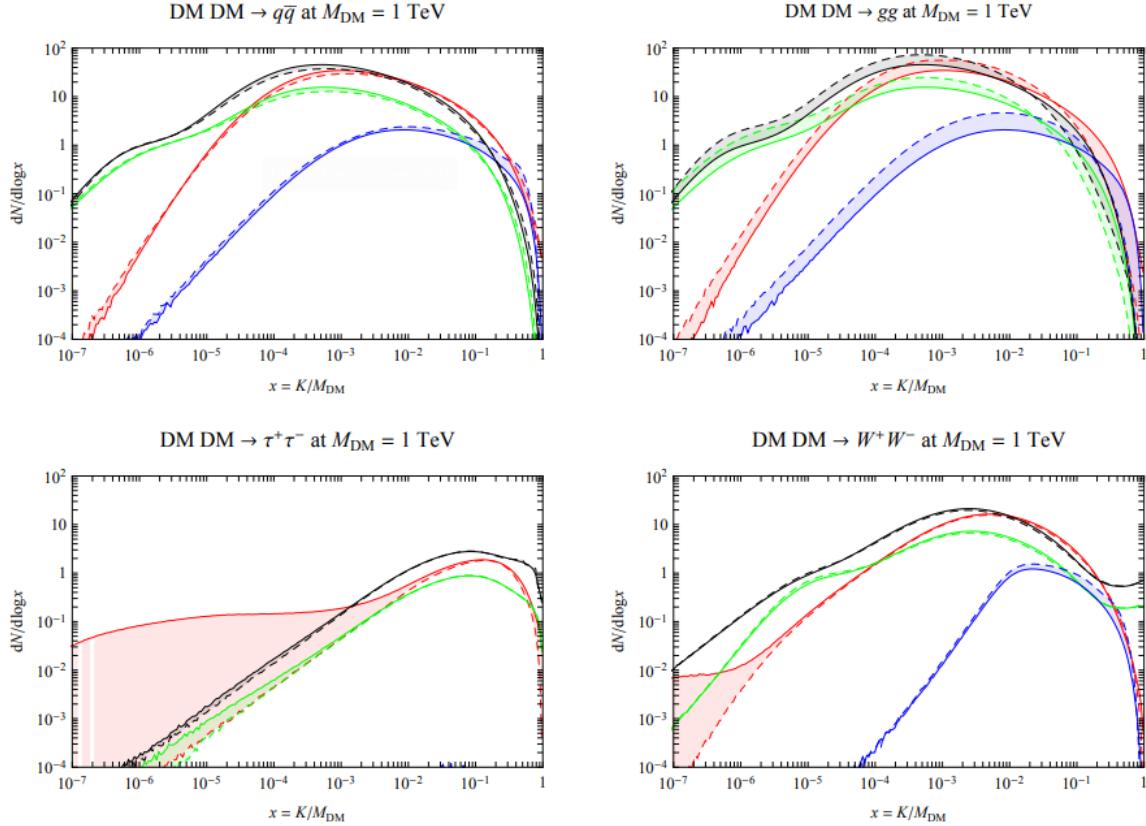


Figure 2.14 Dark Matter annihilation spectra for different final state particle and standard model annihilation channels [24]. Photons (red),  $e^\pm$  (green),  $\bar{p}$  (blue),  $\nu$  (black).

536 Exposing our observations to more cosmic messengers greatly increases our sensitivity to  
 537 rare processes. In the case of DM, Figure 2.14, there are many SM particles produced in DM  
 538 annihilation. Among the final state fluxes are gammas and neutrinos. Charged particles are also  
 539 produced however they would not likely make it to Earth since they will be deflected by magnetic  
 540 fields between the source and Earth. This means observatories that can see the neutral messengers  
 541 are especially good for DM searches and for combining data for a multi-messenger DM search.

## CHAPTER 3

### 542 MULTIMESSENGER ASTROPHYSICS: DETECTING HIGH ENERGY NEUTRAL 543 MESSENGERS

#### 544 3.1 Introduction

545 Before the 20th century, all astrophysics observations were optical in nature. We literally only  
546 saw things with highly magnified optical observations. Then we discovered cosmic rays. cosmic  
547 rays are charged particles, typically naked protons or H+. This was seen by Victor Hess in 19??.  
548 Around the same time we discovered neutrinos from beta decay. Sometime around 1950 we started  
549 to build neutrino detectors which were mostly sensitive to neutrinos from the sun. Finally, it was  
550 theorized that compact objects like black holes and neutron stars would create waves in space-time  
551 when they experience mergers or collisions.

552 In the 21st century, we have developed new observation techniques and detectors that are no only  
553 sensitive to these four messengers - photons ([TODO: photon](#)), neutrinos ([TODO: nu](#)), Cosmic  
554 Rays (CR), and Gravitational Wave (WV) - we're collect high energy versions of these events.  
555 For the standad model particles, we're now sensitive to all messengers above the MeV eneryg  
556 range. Additionally, the GW's were sensitive to are in the stellar mass black hole region and above  
557 within our galactic neighborhood. This means were becoming sensitive to the fundamental physics  
558 occuring within the universe and we can rely on the universe as a TeV+ particle accelerator. We  
559 also have the abaility to correlate high energy events across messengers and gain new insights on  
560 the processes that occur in our universe.

561 This thesis focuses on very high energy (VHE) gamma rays and neutrinos. These can both be  
562 observed through the water cherenkov detection technique altho not exclusively. Methods on how  
563 to detect and observe these neutral messengers are discussed Section 3.3 and Section 3.4

#### 564 3.2 Charged Particles in a Medium

565 For high enery gamma-rays and neutrinos, we can exploit the same effect that charged particles  
566 have with water. This effect is known as Cherenkov radiation. Cherenkov Radiation occurs when a  
567 charged particle, usually electrons ( $e$ ) or muons ( $\mu$ ), traverse a medium, like water, faster than the

568 speed of light in that medium. This is similar to sonic boom where an object moves through air  
569 faster than the speed of sound in air. Cherenkov radiation can therefore be thought of as an 'optic  
570 boom'. Many astro-particle physics experiments will use water as the medium as because water  
571 has a unique set of properties ideal for charged particle tracking.



Figure 3.1 TODO: Show a nuclear reactor with cherenkov radiation[NEEDS A SOURCE][FACT CHECK THIS]

572 The frequency of light emitted due to cherenkov radiation follows the equation:

$$INSERT\ Cherenkov\ wavelength\ calc\ HERE. \quad (3.1)$$

573 The absorption spectra is shown in the following figure:

574 **3.3 Photons ( $\gamma$ )**

575 **3.4 Neutrinos ( $\nu$ )**

576 **3.5 Opportunities to Combine for Dark Matter**



Figure 3.2 TODO: absorption spectrum of liquid and solid water[NEEDS A SOURCE][FACT CHECK THIS]

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## CHAPTER 4

### HIGH ALTITUDE WATER CHERENKOV (HAWC) OBSERVATORY

578 **4.1 The Detector**

579 **4.2 Events Reconstruction and Data Acquisition**

580 **4.2.1 G/H Discrimination**

581 **4.2.2 Angle**

582 **4.2.3 Energy**

583 **4.3 Remote Monitoring**

584 **4.3.1 ATHENA Database**

585 **4.3.2 HOMER**

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## CHAPTER 5

### ICECUBE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

587 **5.1 The Detector**

588 **5.2 Events Reconstruction and Data Acquisition**

589 **5.2.1 Angle**

590 **5.2.2 Energy**

591 **5.3 Northern Test Site**

592 **5.3.1 PIgeon remote dark rate testing**

593 **5.3.2 Bulkhead Construction**

## CHAPTER 6

### COMPUTATIONAL TECHNIQUES IN PARTICLE ASTROPHYSICS

595 **6.1 Neural Networks for Gamma/Hadron Separation**

596 **6.2 Parallel Computing for Dark Matter Analyses**

## CHAPTER 7

### 597      GLORY DUCK: MULTI-WAVELENGTH SEARCH FOR DARK MATTTER 598      ANNIHILATION TOWARDS DWARF SPHEROIDAL GALAXIES

#### 599    7.1 Introduction

600      The field of astrophysics now has several instruments and observatories sensitive to high  
601      energy gamma-rays. The energy sensitivity for the modern gamma-ray program spans many orders  
602      of magnitude. Figure 7.1 demonstrates these similar sensitivities across energies for the five  
603      experiments: Fermi-LAT, HAWC, HESS, MAGIC, and VERITAS.

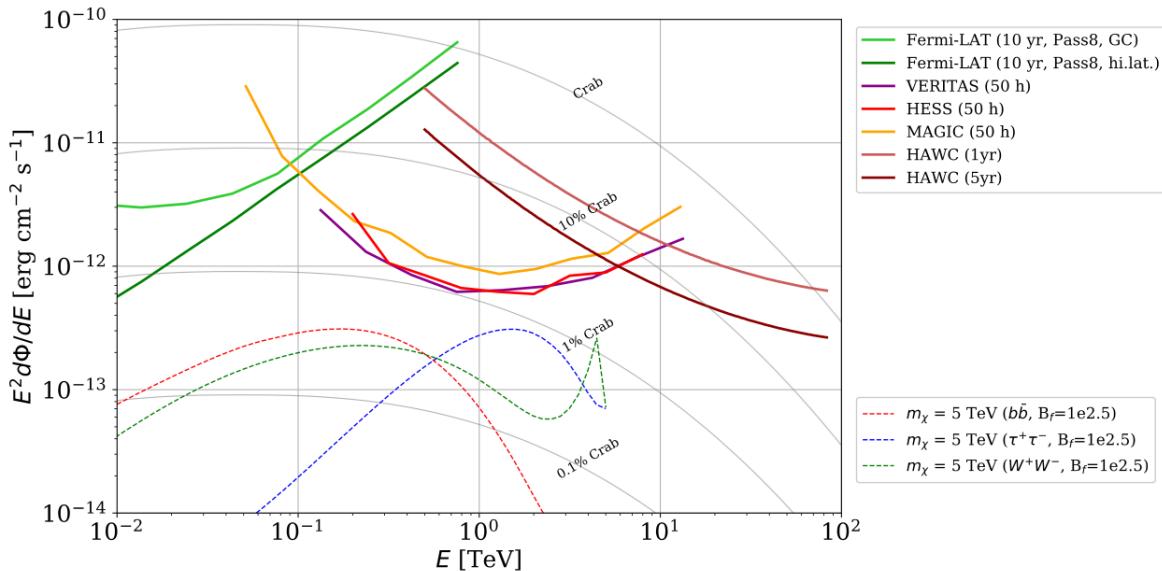


Figure 7.1 [NEEDS A SOURCE]Sensitivities of five gamma-ray experiments compared to percentages of the Crab nebula's emission and dark matter annihilation. Solid lines present estimated sensitivities to power law spectra [FACT CHECK THIS]for each experiment. Green lines are Fermi-LAT sensitivities where lighter green is the sensitivity to the galactic center and light green is its sensitivity to higher declinations. Orange, red, and purple solid lines represent the MAGIC, HESS, and VERITAS 50 hour sensitivities respectively. The maroon and brown lines are the HAWC 1 year and 5 year sensitivities. Across four decades of gamma-ray energy, these experiments have similar sensitivities on the order  $10^{-12}$  erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ . The dotted lines are estimated dark matter fluxes assuming DM annihilating to bottom quarks (red), tau leptons (blue), and W bosons (green). Faded grey lines outline percentage flux of the Crab nebula.

604      Each of the five experiments featured in Figure 7.1 have independently searched for DM  
605      annihilation from dwarf galaxies and set limits. Intriguingly, their similarities overlap in regions  
606      where these observatories are less sensitive. This clearly motivates an analysis that combines data

607 from these five. Each experiment has unique gamma-ray detection methods and their weaknesses  
608 and strengths can be leveraged with each other. The HAWC gamma-ray observatory is extensively  
609 introduced in chapter 4, so it is not introduced here. A brief description of the remaining experiments  
610 are in the following paragraphs.

611 The Large Area Telescope (LAT) is a pair conversion telescope mounted on the NASA Fermi  
612 satellite in orbit 550 km above the Earth [25]. LAT's field of view covers about 20% of the  
613 whole sky, and it sweeps the whole sky every 3 hours, approximately. LAT's gamma-ray energy  
614 sensitivity ranges from 20 MeV up to 1 TeV. Previous DM searches towards dwarf galaxies using  
615 Fermi-LAT are published in [26] and [27]

616 The High Energy Spectroscopic System (HESS), Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging  
617 Cherenkov (MAGIC), and Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERI-  
618 TAS) are arrays of Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACT). These telescopes observe  
619 the Cherenkov light emitted from gamma-ray showers in the Earth's atmosphere. The field for  
620 these telescopes is no larger than  $5^\circ$  with energy sensitivities ranging from 30 GeV up to 100 TeV.  
621 [28, 29, 30] IACTs are able to make precise observations in selected regions of the sky, however  
622 can only be operated in ideal dark conditions. HESS's observations of the dwarves Sculptor and  
623 Carina were between January 2008 and December 2009. HESS observations of Coma Berenices  
624 were from 2010 to 2013, and Fornax was observed in 2010 [31, 32, 33]. MAGIC provided deep  
625 observations of Segue1 between 2011 and 2013 [34]. MAGIC also provides data for three dwarves:  
626 Coma Berenices, Draco, and Ursa Major II where observations were made in: January - June 2019  
627 [35], March - September 2018 [35], and 2014 - 2016 [36] respectively. VERITAS provided data  
628 for Boötes I, Draco, Segue 1, and Ursa Minor from 2009 to 2016 [37]

629 This chapter presents the Glory Duck analysis, the name given for the search for dark matter  
630 annihilation from dwarf galaxies by combining data from the five gamma-ray observatories: Fermi-  
631 LAT, HAWC, HESS, MAGIC, and VERITAS. Specifically, the methods in analysis and modeling  
632 are presented for the HAWC gamma-ray observatory. This work was published to ??? and presented  
633 at the International Cosmic Ray Conference in 2019, 2021, and 2023 [38, 39, 40] and more.

634 **7.2 Dataset and Background**

635 This section enumerates the data and background methods used for HAWC's study of the dwarf  
636 spheroidal galaxies (dSph). Section 7.2.1 and Section 7.2.2 are most useful for fellow HAWC  
637 collaborators looking to replicate the Glory Duck analysis.

638 **7.2.1 Itemized HAWC files**

- 639 • Detector Resolution: [response\\_aerie\\_svn\\_27754\\_systematics\\_best\\_mc\\_test\\_no](#)  
640 [broadpulse\\\_10pctlogchargesmearing\\_0.63qe\\_25kHzNoise\\_run5481\\_curvatu](#)  
641 [re0\\_index3.root](#)
- 642 • Data Map: [maps-20180119/liff/maptree\\_1024.root](#)
- 643 • Spectral Dictionary: [DM\\_CirrelliSpectrum\\_dict\\_gammas.npy](#)
- 644 • Analysis wiki: [https://private.hawc-observatory.org/wiki/index.php/Glory\\_Duck\\_Multi-Experiment\\_Dark\\_Matter\\_Search](https://private.hawc-observatory.org/wiki/index.php/Glory_Duck_Multi-Experiment_Dark_Matter_Search)

646 **7.2.2 Software Tools and Development**

647 This analysis was performed using HAL and 3ML, in Python version 2[41, 42]. I built software  
648 to implement the *Poor Particle Physicists' Cookbook* (PPPC) [43] DM spectral model and dSphs  
649 spatial model from [44] for HAWC analysis. A NumPy version of this dictionary was made for  
650 both Py2 and Py3. The code base for creating this dictionary is linked on my GitLab sandbox:

- 651 • Py2: [Dictionary Generator \(Deprecated\)](#)
- 652 • Py3: [PPPC2Dict](#)

653 The analysis was performed using the  $f_{\text{hit}}$  framework performed in the Crab paper[41]. The  
654 Python2 NumPy dictionary file for gamma-ray final states is [dmCirSpecDict.npy](#). The corre-  
655 sponding Python3 file is [DM\\_CirrelliSpectrum\\_dict\\_gammas.npy](#). These files can also be  
656 used for decay channels and the PPPC describes how. [43]. All other software used for data

657 analysis, DM profile generation, and job submission to SLURM are also kept in my sandbox for  
658 [the Glory Duck](#) project.

659 **7.2.3 Data Set and Background Description**

660 The HAWC data maps used for this analysis contain 1017 days of data between runs 2104  
661 (2014-11-26) and 7476 (2017-12-20). They were generated from pass 4.0 reconstruction. The  
662 analysis is performed using the  $f_{hit}$  energy binning scheme with bins (1-9) similar to what was done  
663 for the Crab and previous HAWC dSph analysis. [41, 45]. Bin 0 was excluded as it has substantial  
664 hadronic contamination and poor angular resolution.

665 This analysis was done on dwarf spheroidal (dSph) galaxies because of their large dark matter  
666 (DM) content relative to baryonic. We consider the following to estimate the background to this  
667 study.

- 668 • The dSphs are small in HAWC’s field of view, so the analysis is not sensitive to large or small  
669 scale anisotropies.
- 670 • The dSphs used in this analysis are off the galactic plane.
- 671 • The dSphs are baryonically faint relative to their expected dark matter content and are not  
672 expected to contain gamma-ray sources.

673 Therefor we make no additional assumptions on the background from our sources and use  
674 HAWC’s standard direct integration method for background estimation [41]. It is possible for  
675 gamma rays from DM annihilation to scatter in transit to HAWC via Inverse Compton Scattering  
676 (ICS). This was investigated and its impact on the flux is basically zero. Supporting information  
677 on this is in Section 7.6.1

678 **7.3 Analysis**

679 The expected differential photon flux from DM-DM annihilation to standard model particles  
680 over solid angle is described by the familiar equation.

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{8\pi m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} \times \int_{\text{source}} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s} \rho_\chi^2 dl(r, \theta') \quad (7.1)$$

681 Where  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$  is the velocity weighted annihilation cross-section.  $\frac{dN}{dE}$  is the expected differential  
 682 number of photons produced at each energy per annihilation.  $M_\chi$  is the rest mass of the supposed  
 683 DM particle.  $J$  is the astrophysical J-factor and is defined as

$$J = \int \int \rho_\chi^2(l, \Omega) dl d\Omega \quad (7.2)$$

684  $\rho_\chi$  is the DM density. How each component is generated and considered for HAWC's analysis  
 685 is presented in the following sections.

686 **7.3.1  $\frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}$  - Particle Physics Component**

687 For this value, we import the PPPC with Electro-Weak (EW) corrections [43]. The spectrum is  
 688 implemented as a model script in astromodels for 3ML. The PPPC model selected for this analysis  
 689 included EW corrections. The EW corrections were previously not considered for HAWC and are  
 690 significant for DM annihilating to EW coupled SM particles such as all leptons, and the  $\gamma$ ,  $Z$ , and  $W$   
 691 bosons. [45]. Figure 7.2 demonstrates the significance of EW corrections for W boson annihilation.  
 692 Tables from the PPPC were reformatted into python Numpy dictionaries for collaboration-wide use.  
 693 A class in atromodels was created to include the EW correction from the PPPC and is aptly named  
 694 `PPPCSpectra` within `DM_models.py`.

695 **7.3.2  $J$ - Astrophysical Component**

696 The J-factor profiles for each source are imported from Geringer-Sameth ( $\mathcal{GS}$ ) [44]. These  
 697 were provided from the authors as  $J(\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is the angular separation from the center of the  
 698 source. HAWC requires maps in terms of  $\frac{dJ}{d\Omega}$ , so the conversion from the maps was done in the  
 699 following way.

700 First, convert the angular distances to solid angles

$$\Omega = 2 \cdot \pi(1 - \cos(\theta)) \quad (7.3)$$

701 which reduces with a small angle approximation to  $\pi\theta^2$ . Next, the central difference for both the  $\Delta J$   
 702 and  $\Delta\theta$  value were calculated for the discretized form of  $J(\theta)$  with the central difference stencil:

$$\Delta\phi_i = \phi_{i+1} - \phi_{i-1} \quad (7.4)$$

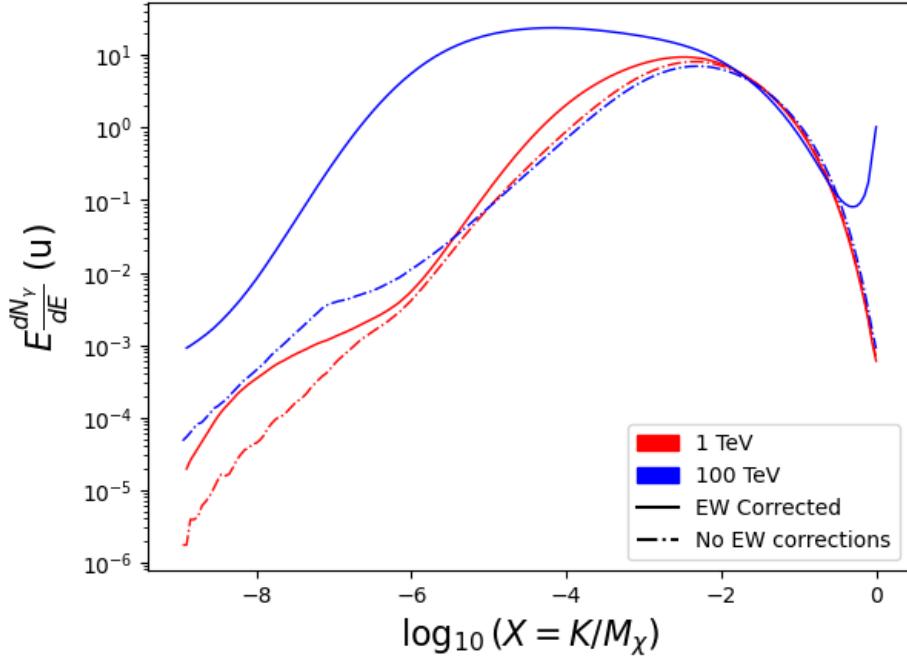


Figure 7.2 Effect of Electro-Weak (EW) corrections on expected DM annihilation spectrum for  $\chi\chi \rightarrow W^-W^+$ . Solid lines are spectral models that consider EW corrections. Dash-dot lines are spectral models without EW corrections. Red lines are models for  $M_\chi = 1$  TeV. Blue lines represent models for  $M_\chi = 100$  TeV. All models are sourced from the PPPC4DMID [43].

703 Where  $\phi$  is either  $\theta$  or  $J$ . These were done separately in case the grid spacing in  $\theta$  was not uniform.  
 704 Finally, these lists are divided so that we are left with approximation of the profile of  $dJ/d\Omega$  that  
 705 is a function of  $\theta$ . Admittedly, this is an approximation method for the map which introduces  
 706 small errors compared to the true profile estimate. This was checked as a systematic against the  
 707 author's profiling of the spatial distribution and is documented in **TODO: Model dependant limit,**  
 708 **remember the jfactors!**

709 With  $\frac{dJ}{d\Omega}$ , a map is generated, first by filling in the north-east quadrant of the map. This quadrant  
 710 is then reflected twice, vertically then horizontally, to fill the full map. Maps are then normalized  
 711 by dividing the discrete 2D integral of the map. The 2D integral was a simple height of bins,  
 712 Newton's integral:

$$p^2 \cdot \sum_{i,j=0}^{N,M} \frac{dJ}{d\Omega}(\theta_{i,j}) \quad (7.5)$$

713 These maps are HEALpix maps with NSIDE 16384 and saved in the `.fits` format.

714 Another DM spatial distribution model from Bonnivard ( $\mathcal{B}$ ) [46] was used for the complete

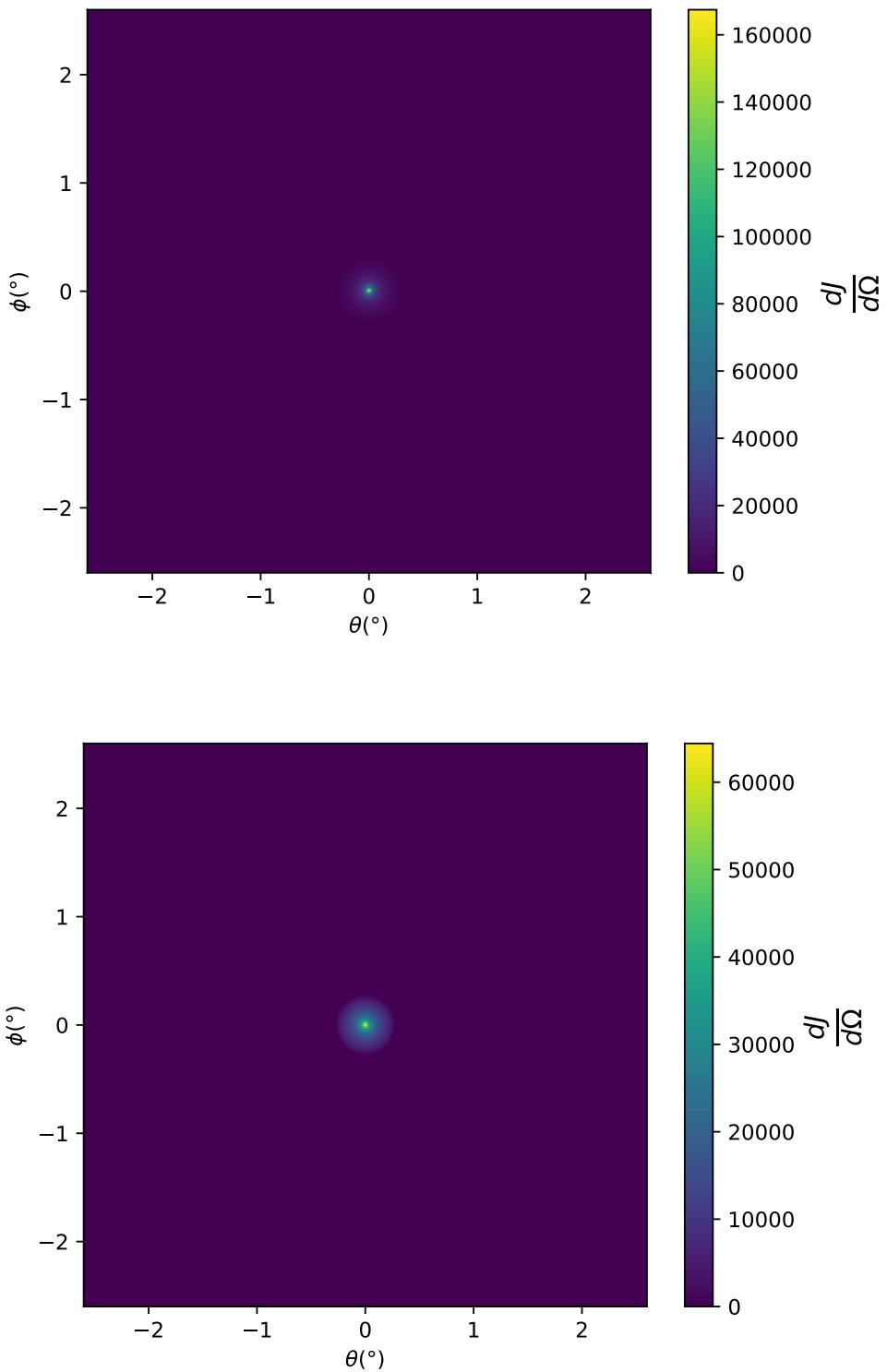


Figure 7.3  $\frac{dJ}{d\Omega}$  maps for Segue1 (top) and Coma Berenices (bottom). Origin is centered on the specific dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph). X and Y axes are the angular separation from the center of the dwarf. Plots of the remaining 11 dSph HAWC studied are linked in Section 7.2.2.

study. However, to save computational time, limits from  $\mathcal{GS}$  were scaled to  $\mathcal{B}$  instead of each experiment performing a full study a second time. How these models compare is demonstrated for each dSph in Figure 7.15 and Figure 7.16. Plots of these maps are provided for each source in the sandbox directory: `GD_mass_profiles`. Examples of the two most impactful dSphs, Segue1 and Coma Berenices are featured in Figure 7.3

### 7.3.3 Source Selection and Annihilation Channels

We use many of the dSph presented in our previous dSph DM search [45]. HAWC's sources for Glory Duck include Boötes I, Coma Berenices, Canes Venatici I + II, Draco, Hercules, Leo I, II, + IV, Segue 1, Sextans, and Ursa Major I + II. A full description of all sources used in Glory Duck is found in Table 7.1. Triangulum II was excluded from the Glory Duck analysis because of large uncertainties in its J-factor. Ursa Minor was excluded from HAWC's contribution to the combination because the source extension model extended Ursa Minor beyond HAWC's field of view. Ursa Minor was not expected to contribute significantly to the combined limit, so work was not invested in a solution to include Ursa Minor.

The DM annihilation channels probed for the Glory Duck combination include  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $e\bar{e}$ ,  $\mu\bar{\mu}$ ,  $\tau\bar{\tau}$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $W^+W^-$ , and  $ZZ$ . A summary of all sources, with a description of each experiments' sensitivity to the source, is provided in Table 7.2.

### 7.3.4 Likelihood Methods

We perform a standard HAWC binned maximum likelihood analysis using  $f_{hit}$  bins 1-9. This analysis was performed using HAL and 3ML, in Python2 [41, 42]. With these tools we compute the max from the likelihood profiles and perform a ratio test to calculate the significance of each source. This analysis is identical to the previous dSph analysis [45] except the sources are treated as extended. For the vast majority of our sources, this extension is no greater than 2 degrees. We calculate the likelihood of each source and model, assuming events are Poisson distributed, with

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_i \frac{(B_i + S_i)^{N_i} e^{-(B_i + S_i)}}{N_i!} \quad (7.6)$$

$S_i$  is the sum of expected number of signal counts.  $B_i$  is the number of background counts

Table 7.1 Summary of the relevant properties of the dSphs used in the present work. Column 1 lists the dSphs. Columns 2 and 3 present their heliocentric distance and galactic coordinates, respectively. Columns 4 and 5 report the  $J$ -factors of each source given from the  $\mathcal{GS}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  independent studies and their estimated  $\pm 1\sigma$  uncertainties. The values  $\log_{10} J$  ( $\mathcal{GS}$  set) [44] correspond to the mean  $J$ -factor values for a source extension truncated at the outermost observed star. The values  $\log_{10} J$  ( $\mathcal{B}$  set) [46] are provided for a source extension at the tidal radius of each dSph. **Bolded sources are within HAWC's field of view and provided to the Glory Duck analysis.**

Name	Distance (kpc)	$l, b$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	$\log_{10} J$ ( $\mathcal{GS}$ set) $\log_{10}(\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-5}\text{sr})$	$\log_{10} J$ ( $\mathcal{B}$ set) $\log_{10}(\text{GeV}^2\text{cm}^{-5}\text{sr})$
<b>Boötes I</b>	66	358.08, 69.62	$18.24^{+0.40}_{-0.37}$	$18.85^{+1.10}_{-0.61}$
<b>Canes Venatici I</b>	218	74.31, 79.82	$17.44^{+0.37}_{-0.28}$	$17.63^{+0.50}_{-0.20}$
<b>Canes Venatici II</b>	160	113.58, 82.70	$17.65^{+0.45}_{-0.43}$	$18.67^{+1.54}_{-0.97}$
Carina	105	260.11, -22.22	$17.92^{+0.19}_{-0.11}$	$18.02^{+0.36}_{-0.15}$
<b>Coma Berenices</b>	44	241.89, 83.61	$19.02^{+0.37}_{-0.41}$	$20.13^{+1.56}_{-1.08}$
<b>Draco</b>	76	86.37, 34.72	$19.05^{+0.22}_{-0.21}$	$19.42^{+0.92}_{-0.47}$
Fornax	147	237.10, -65.65	$17.84^{+0.11}_{-0.06}$	$17.85^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$
<b>Hercules</b>	132	28.73, 36.87	$16.86^{+0.74}_{-0.68}$	$17.70^{+1.08}_{-0.73}$
<b>Leo I</b>	254	225.99, 49.11	$17.84^{+0.20}_{-0.16}$	$17.93^{+0.65}_{-0.25}$
<b>Leo II</b>	233	220.17, 67.23	$17.97^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$	$18.11^{+0.71}_{-0.25}$
<b>Leo IV</b>	154	265.44, 56.51	$16.32^{+1.06}_{-1.70}$	$16.36^{+1.44}_{-1.65}$
Leo V	178	261.86, 58.54	$16.37^{+0.94}_{-0.87}$	$16.30^{+1.33}_{-1.16}$
Leo T	417	214.85, 43.66	$17.11^{+0.44}_{-0.39}$	$17.67^{+1.01}_{-0.56}$
Sculptor	86	287.53, -83.16	$18.57^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$	$18.63^{+0.14}_{-0.08}$
<b>Segue I</b>	23	220.48, 50.43	$19.36^{+0.32}_{-0.35}$	$17.52^{+2.54}_{-2.65}$
Segue II	35	149.43, -38.14	$16.21^{+1.06}_{-0.98}$	$19.50^{+1.82}_{-1.48}$
<b>Sextans</b>	86	243.50, 42.27	$17.92^{+0.35}_{-0.29}$	$18.04^{+0.50}_{-0.28}$
<b>Ursa Major I</b>	97	159.43, 54.41	$17.87^{+0.56}_{-0.33}$	$18.84^{+0.97}_{-0.43}$
<b>Ursa Major II</b>	32	152.46, 37.44	$19.42^{+0.44}_{-0.42}$	$20.60^{+1.46}_{-0.95}$
Ursa Minor	76	104.97, 44.80	$18.95^{+0.26}_{-0.18}$	$19.08^{+0.21}_{-0.13}$

Table 7.2 Summary of dSph observations by each experiment used in this work. A ‘-’ indicates the experiment did not observe the dSph for this study. For Fermi-LAT, the exposure at 1 GeV is given. For HAWC,  $|\Delta\theta|$  is the absolute difference between the source declination and HAWC latitude. HAWC is more sensitive to sources with smaller  $|\Delta\theta|$ . For IACTs, we show the zenith angle range, the total exposure, the energy range, the angular radius  $\theta$  of the signal or ON region, the ratio of exposures between the background-control (OFF) and signal (ON) regions ( $\tau$ ), and the significance of gamma-ray excess in standard deviations,  $\sigma$ .

Source name	Fermi-LAT	HAWC	H.E.S.S, MAGIC, VERITAS						
	Exposure ( $10^{11}$ s m $^2$ )	$ \Delta\theta $ ( $^\circ$ )	IACT	Zenith ( $^\circ$ )	Exposure (h)	Energy range (GeV)	$\theta$ ( $^\circ$ )	$\tau$	$S$ ( $\sigma$ )
Boötes I	2.6	4.5	VERITAS	15 – 30	14.0	100–41000	0.10	8.6	-1.0
Canes Venatici I	2.9	14.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Canes Venatici II	2.9	15.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Carina	3.1	–	H.E.S.S.	27 – 46	23.7	310 – 70000	0.10	18.0	-0.3
Coma Berenices	2.7	4.9	H.E.S.S.	47 – 49	11.4	550 – 70000	0.10	14.4	-0.4
Draco	3.8	38.1	MAGIC	5 – 37	49.5	60 – 10000	0.17	1.0	–
			MAGIC	29 – 45	52.1	70 – 10000	0.22	1.0	–
			VERITAS	25 – 40	49.8	120 – 70000	0.10	9.0	-1.0
Fornax	2.7	–	H.E.S.S.	11 – 25	6.8	230 – 70000	0.10	45.5	-1.5
Hercules	2.8	6.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Leo I	2.5	6.7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Leo II	2.6	3.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Leo IV	2.4	19.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Leo V	2.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Leo T	2.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sculptor	2.7	–	H.E.S.S.	10 – 46	11.8	200 – 70000	0.10	19.8	-2.2
Segue I	2.5	2.9	MAGIC	13 – 37	158.0	60 – 10000	0.12	1.0	-0.5
			VERITAS	15 – 35	92.0	80 – 50000	0.10	7.6	0.7
Segue II	2.7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sextans	2.4	20.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ursa Major I	3.4	32.9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ursa Major II	4.0	44.1	MAGIC	35 – 45	94.8	120 – 10000	0.30	1.0	-2.1
Ursa Minor	4.1	–	VERITAS	35 – 45	60.4	160 – 93000	0.10	8.4	-0.1

740 observed.  $N_i$  is the total number of counts. The  $i$ th bin is iterated over spatial and  $f_{\text{hit}}$ . Then we  
 741 combine the profiles across all five experiments. The profile likelihood ratio  $\lambda$  as a function of  
 742 annihilation cross-section  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  is computed by:

$$\lambda(\langle\sigma v\rangle | \mathcal{D}_{\text{dSphs}}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\langle\sigma v\rangle; \hat{\nu} | \mathcal{D}_{\text{dSphs}})}{\mathcal{L}(\widehat{\langle\sigma v\rangle}; \hat{\nu} | \mathcal{D}_{\text{dSphs}})} \quad (7.7)$$

744 for a considered annihilation channel and DM mass.

745 **TODO: Section pasted from paper. Rephrase cause plagiarism is a thing.** As mentioned pre-  
 746 viously, each experiment computes the  $\mathcal{L}_{lk}$  from Equation (7.7) differently. The remainder of  
 747 this section highlights the differences in this calculation across the experiments. Four experiments,  
 748 namely *Fermi*-LAT, H.E.S.S., HAWC and MAGIC, use a binned likelihood to compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{lk}$ . For  
 749 these experiments, for each observation  $\mathcal{D}_{lk}$  of a given dSph  $l$  carried out using a given gamma-ray  
 750 detector  $k$ , the binned likelihood function is:

$$\mathcal{L}_{lk}(\langle\sigma v\rangle; J_l, \nu_{lk} | \mathcal{D}_{lk}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_E} \prod_{j=1}^{N_P} \left[ \mathcal{P}(s_{lk,ij}(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J_l, \nu_{lk}) + b_{lk,ij}(\nu_{lk}) | N_{lk,ij}) \right] \times \mathcal{L}_{lk,\nu}(\nu_{lk} | \mathcal{D}_{\nu_{lk}}) \quad (7.8)$$

751 where  $N_E$  and  $N_P$  are the number of considered bins in reconstructed energy and arrival  
 752 direction, respectively;  $\mathcal{P}$  represents a Poisson PDF for the number of gamma-ray candidate events  
 753  $N_{lk,ij}$  observed in the  $i$ -th bin in energy and  $j$ -th bin in arrival direction, when the expected number  
 754 is the sum of the expected mean number of signal events  $s_{ij}$  (produced by DM annihilation) and of  
 755 background events  $b_{ij}$ ;  $\mathcal{L}_{lk,\nu}$  is the likelihood term for the extra  $\nu_{lk}$  nuisance parameters that vary  
 756 from one instrument  $k$  to another. The expected counts for signal events  $s_{ij}$  for a given dSph  $l$  and  
 757 detector  $k$  is given by:

$$s_{ij}(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J) = \int_{E'_{\min,i}}^{E'_{\max,i}} dE' \int_{P'_{\min,j}}^{P'_{\max,j}} d\Omega' \int_0^\infty dE \int_{\Delta\Omega_{tot}} d\Omega \int_0^{T_{\text{obs}}} dt \frac{d^2\Phi(\langle\sigma v\rangle, J)}{dEd\Omega} \text{IRF}(E', P' | E, P, t) \quad (7.9)$$

758 where  $E'$  and  $E$  are the reconstructed and true energies,  $P'$  and  $P$  the reconstructed and true  
 759 arrival directions;  $E'_{\min,i}$ ,  $P'_{\min,j}$ ,  $E'_{\max,i}$ , and  $P'_{\max,j}$  are their lower and upper limits of the  $i$ -th  
 760 energy bin and the  $j$ -th arrival direction bin;  $T_{\text{obs}}$  is the (dead-time corrected) total observation

761 time;  $t$  is the time along the observations;  $d^2\Phi/dEd\Omega$  is the DM flux in the source region (see  
 762 Equation (7.1)); and  $\text{IRF}(E', P' | E, P, t)$  is the IRF, which can be factorized as the product of the  
 763 effective collection area of the detector  $A_{\text{eff}}(E, P, t)$ , the PDFs for the energy estimator  $f_E(E' | E, t)$ ,  
 764 and arrival direction  $f_P(P' | E, P, t)$  estimators. Note that for Fermi-LAT, HAWC, MAGIC, and  
 765 VERITAS the effect of the finite angular resolution is taken into account through the convolution  
 766 of  $d\Phi/dEd\Omega$  with  $f_P$  in Equation (7.9), whereas in the cases of H.E.S.S.  $f_P$  is approximated by a  
 767 delta function. This approximation has been made in order to maintain compatibility of the result  
 768 with what has been previously published. The difference introduced by this approximation is  $< 5\%$   
 769 for all considered dSphs. **TODO: End of paper section**

770 From Equation (7.7), we can compute the test statistic (TS) with the ratio test:

$$\text{TS} = -2 \ln \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}}{\mathcal{L}^{\max}} \right). \quad (7.10)$$

771  $\mathcal{L}^{\max}$  here is equivalent to  $\mathcal{L}(N_i, B_i, S_i = 0)$  or no signal counts.

## 772 7.4 HAWC Results

773 13 of the 20 dSphs considered for the Glory Duck analysis are within HAWC's field of view.  
 774 These dSph are analyzed for emission from DM annihilation according to the likelihood method  
 775 described in Section 7.3.4. The 13 likelihood profiles are then combined to create a combined limit  
 776 on the dark matter cross-section. This combination is done for the 7 annihilation channels used in  
 777 the Glory Duck analysis. Figure 7.5 shows the combined limit for all annihilation channels with  
 778 HAWC only observations. We also perform 300 studies of Poisson trials on the background. These  
 779 trials are used to produce HAWC Brazil bands which were shared with the other collaborators for  
 780 combined Brazil Bands. The results on fitting to HAWC's poisson trials of the DM hypothesis is  
 781 shown in Figure 7.6 for seven of the DM annihilation channels.

782 No DM was found in HAWC observations. The limits are dominated by the dSph Segue1 and  
 783 Coma Berenices. The remaining 11 dSphs do no contribute significantly to the limit. Even though  
 784 some of the remaining dSphs have large J-factors, they are towards the edge of HAWC's field of  
 785 view where this analysis is less sensitive.

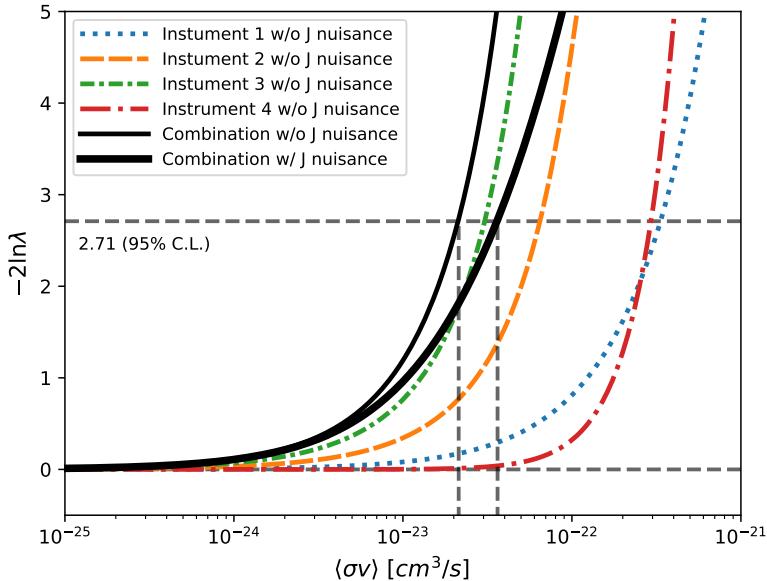


Figure 7.4 Illustration of the combination technique showing a comparison between  $-2 \ln \lambda$  provided by four instruments (colored lines) from the observation of the same dSph without any  $J$  nuisance and their sum, *i.e.* the resulting combined likelihood (thin black line). According to the test statistics of Equation (7.10), the intersection of the likelihood profiles with the line  $-2 \ln \lambda = 2.71$  indicates the 95% C.L. upper limit on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ . The combined likelihood (thin black line) shows a smaller value of upper limit on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  than those derived by individual instruments. We also show the uncertainties on the  $J$ -factor affects the combined likelihood and degrade the upper limit on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  (thick black line). All likelihood profiles are normalized so that the global minimum  $\widehat{\langle\sigma v\rangle}$  is 0. We note that each profile depends on the observational conditions in which a target object was observed. The sensitivity of a given instrument can be degraded and the upper limits less constraining if the observations are performed in non optimal conditions such as a high zenith angle or a short exposure time.

## 786 7.5 Glory Duck Combined Results

787 The crux of this analysis is that HAWC's results are combined with 4 other gamma-ray obser-  
 788 vatories: Fermi-LAT, H.E.S.S., MAGIC, and VERITAS. The complete joint likelihood for the  $l$ -th  
 789 dSph is the product of likelihood functions of the 5 experiments.

790 **TODO:** place holder for results

791 No significant DM emission was observed by any of the five telescopes. We present upper  
 792 limits on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  using the test statistics, Eq. (7.10).

$$TS = -2 \ln \lambda(\langle\sigma v\rangle), \quad (7.11)$$

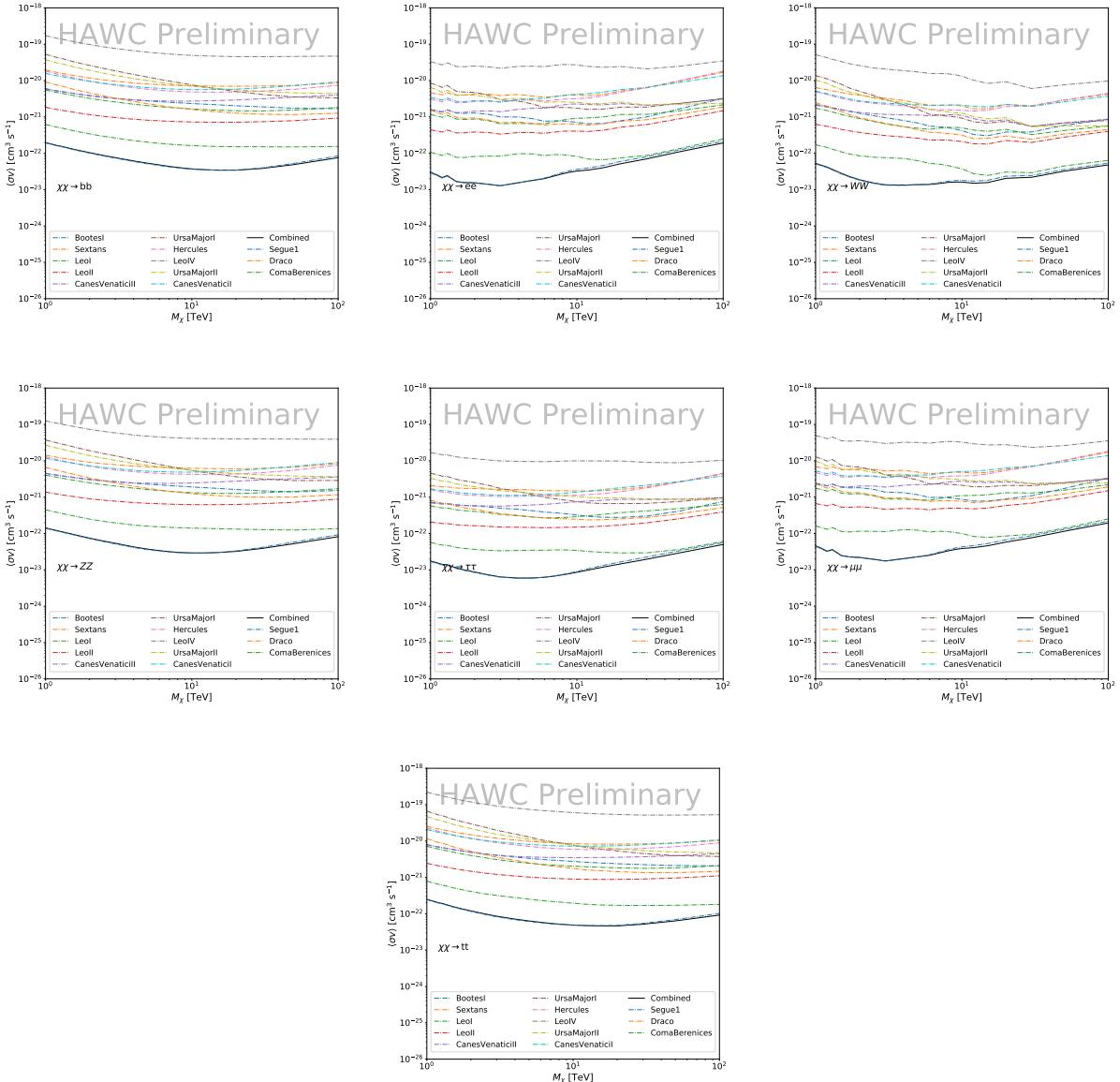


Figure 7.5 HAWC upper limits at 95% confidence level on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ versus DM mass for seven annihilation channels, using the set of  $J$ -factors from Ref. [47] The solid line represents the observed combined limit. Dashed lines represent limits from individual dSphs.

No significant DM emission was observed by any of the five instruments. We present the upper limits on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ assuming seven independent DM self annihilation channels, namely  $W^+W^-$ ,  $Z^+Z^-$ ,  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , and  $\tau^+\tau^-$ . The 68% and 95% containment bands are produced from 300 Poisson realizations of the null hypothesis corresponding to each of the combined datasets. These 300 realizations are combined identically to dSph observations. The containment bands and the

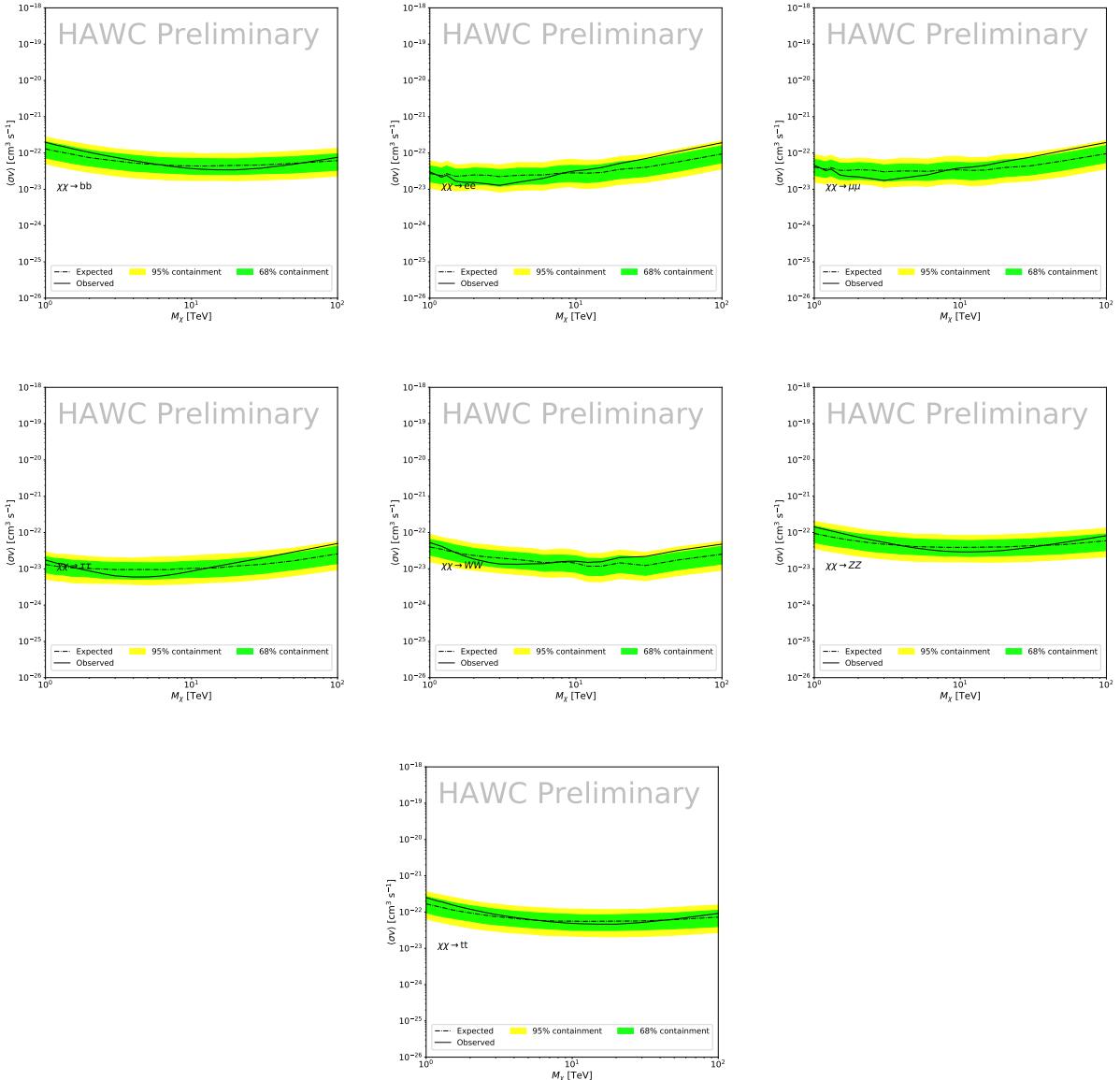


Figure 7.6 HAWC Brazil bands at 95% confidence level on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  versus DM mass for seven annihilation channels with  $J$ -factors from  $\mathcal{GS}$  [47]. The solid line represents the combined limit from 13 dSphs. The dashed line is the expected limit. The green band is the 68% containment. The yellow band is the 95% containment.

798 median are extracted from the distribution of resulting limits on the null hypothesis. These 300  
 799 realizations are obtained either by fast simulations of the OFF observations, for H.E.S.S., MAGIC,  
 800 VERITAS, and HAWC, or taken from real observations of empty fields of view in the case of  
 801 Fermi-LAT [48, 49, 50].

802 The obtained limits are shown in Figure 7.7 for the  $\mathcal{GS}$  set of  $J$ -factors [47] and in Figure 7.8

803 for the  $\mathcal{B}$  set of  $J$ -factors [46, 51]. The combined limits are presented with their 68% and 95%  
804 containment bands, and are expected to be close to the median limit when no signal is present.  
805 We observe agreement with the null hypothesis for all channels, within  $2\sigma$  standard deviations,  
806 between the observed limits and the expectations given by the median limits. Limits obtained from  
807 each detector are also indicated in the figures, where limits for all dSphs observed by the specific  
808 instrument have been combined.

809 Below  $\sim 300$  GeV, the *Fermi*-LAT dominates the DM limits for all annihilation channels. From  
810  $\sim 300$  GeV to  $\sim 2$  TeV, *Fermi*-LAT continues to dominate for the hadronic and bosonic DM channels,  
811 yet the IACTs (H.E.S.S., MAGIC, and VERITAS) and *Fermi*-LAT all contribute to the limit for  
812 leptonic DM channels. For DM masses between  $\sim 2$  TeV to  $\sim 10$  TeV, the IACTs dominate leptonic  
813 DM annihilation channels, whereas both the *Fermi*-LAT and the IACTs dominate bosonic and  
814 hadronic DM annihilation channels. From  $\sim 10$  TeV to  $\sim 100$  TeV, both the IACTs and HAWC  
815 contribute significantly to the leptonic DM limit. For hadronic and bosonic DM, the IACTs and  
816 *Fermi*-LAT both contribute strongly.

817 We notice that the limits computed using the  $\mathcal{B}$  set of  $J$ -factor are always better compared to the  
818 ones calculated with the  $\mathcal{GS}$  set. For the  $W^+W^-$ ,  $Z^+Z^-$ ,  $b\bar{b}$ , and  $t\bar{t}$  channels, the ratio between the  
819 limits computed with the two sets of  $J$ -factor is varying between a factor of  $\sim 3$  and  $\sim 5$  depending  
820 on the energy, with the largest ratio around 10 TeV. For the channels  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , and  $\tau^+\tau^-$ , the  
821 ratio lies between  $\sim 2$  to  $\sim 6$ , being maximum around 1 TeV. Examining Figure 7.15 and Figure 7.16  
822 in Section 7.7, these differences are explained by the fact that the  $\mathcal{B}$  set provides higher  $J$ -factors  
823 for the majority of the studied dSphs, with the notable exception of Segue I. The variation on the  
824 ratio of the limits for the two sets is due to different dSph dominating the limits depending on the  
825 energy. This pushes the range of thermal cross-section which can be excluded to higher mass. This  
826 comparison demonstrates the magnitude of systematic uncertainties associated with the choice of  
827 the  $J$ -factor

828 This comparison demonstrates the magnitude of systematic uncertainties associated with the  
829 choice of the  $J$ -factor calculation. The  $\mathcal{GS}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  sets present a difference in the limits for all

830 channels of about This difference is explained, see Figure 7.15 and Figure 7.16 in Appendix, by the  
831 fact that the  $\mathcal{B}$  set provides higher  $J$  factors for all dSph except for Segue I. This pushes the range  
832 of thermal cross-section which can be excluded to higher mass.

833 **7.6 HAWC Systematics**

834 **7.6.1 Inverse Compton Scattering**

835 The DM-DM annihilation channels produce many high energy electrons regardless of the  
836 primary annihilation channel. These high energy electrons can produce high energy gamma-rays  
837 through Inverse Compton Scattering (ICS). If this effect is strong, it would change the morphology  
838 of the source and increase the total expected gamma-ray counts from any source. The PPPC [43]  
839 provides tools in Mathematica for calculating the impact of ICS for an arbitrary location in the  
840 sky for a specified annihilation channel. We calculated the change in gamma-ray counts for DM  
841 annihilation to primary  $e\bar{e}$  for RA and Dec corresponding to Segue1 and Coma Berenices. These  
842 dSphs were chosen because they are the strongest contributors to the limit.  $e\bar{e}$  was selected because  
843 it would have the largest number of high energy electrons. The effect was found to be on the order  
844 of  $10^{-7}$  on the gamma-ray spectrum. As a result, this systematic is not considered in our analysis.

845 **7.6.2 Point Source Versus Extended Source Limits**

846 The previous DM search toward dSph approximated the dSphs as point sources [45]. In  
847 this analysis, the dSphs are implemented as extended with J-factor distributions following those  
848 produced by [47]. The resolution of the cited map is much finer than HAWC's angular resolution.  
849 The vast majority of the J-factor distribution is represented on the central HAWC pixel of the dSph  
850 spatial map. However, the neighboring 8 pixels are not negligible and contribute to our limit.

851 Figure 7.10 shows a substantial improvement to the limit for Segue1. Fig. 7.11 however showed  
852 identical limits. These disparities are best explained by the relative difference in their J-Factors.  
853 Both dSphs pass almost overhead the HAWC detector, however Segue1 has the larger J-Factor  
854 between the two. Adjacent pixels to the central pixel will therefore contribute to the limits. This is  
855 the case for other dSph that are closer to overhead the HAWC detector.

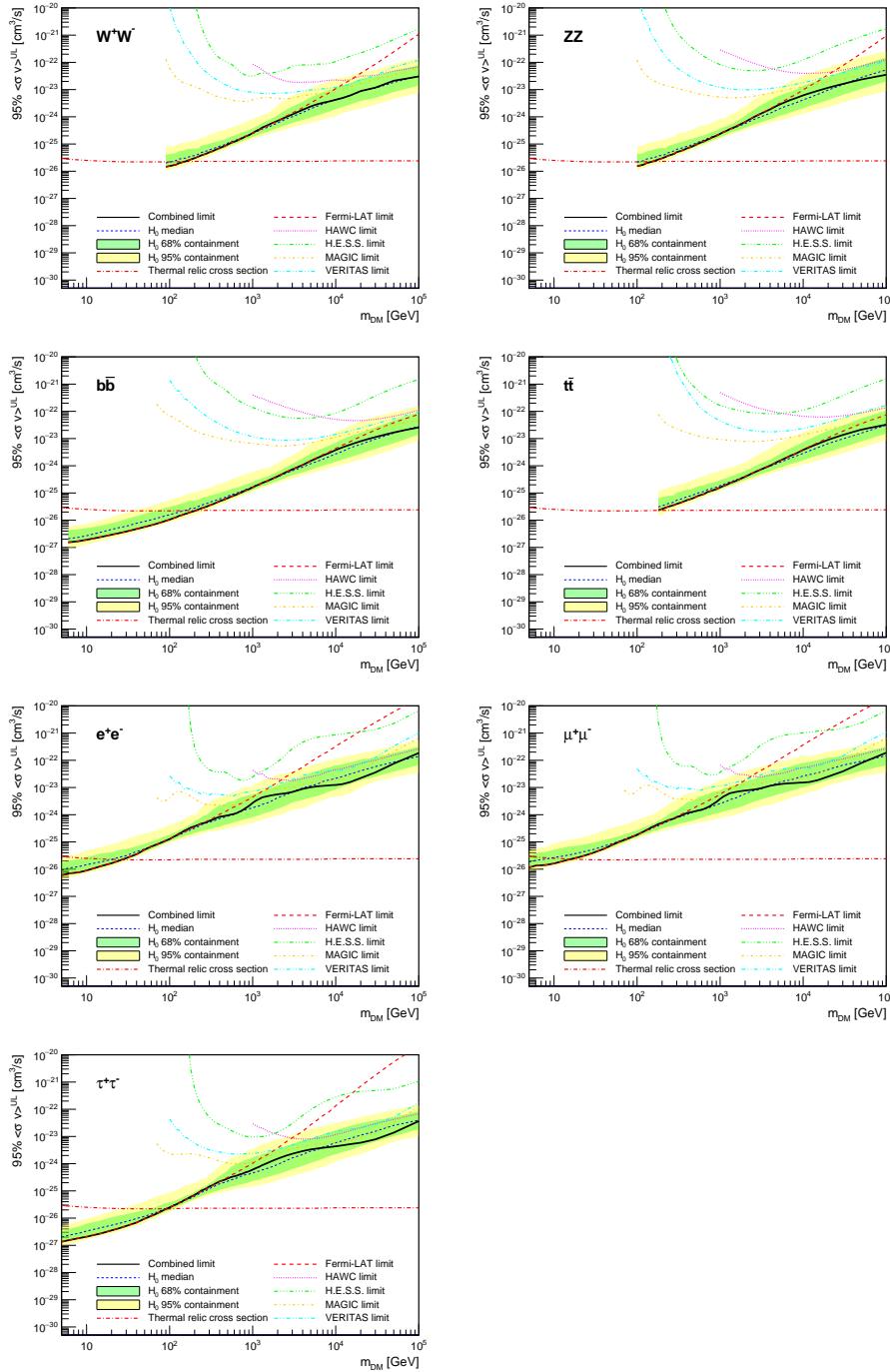


Figure 7.7 Upper limits at 95% confidence level on  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  in function of the DM mass for eight annihilation channels, using the set of  $J$  factors from Ref. [47] ( $\mathcal{GS}$  set in Table 7.1). The black solid line represents the observed combined limit, the black dashed line is the median of the null hypothesis corresponding to the expected limit, while the green and yellow bands show the 68% and 95% containment bands. Combined upper limits for each individual detector are also indicated as solid, colored lines. The value of the thermal relic cross-section in function of the DM mass is given as the red dotted-dashed line [52].

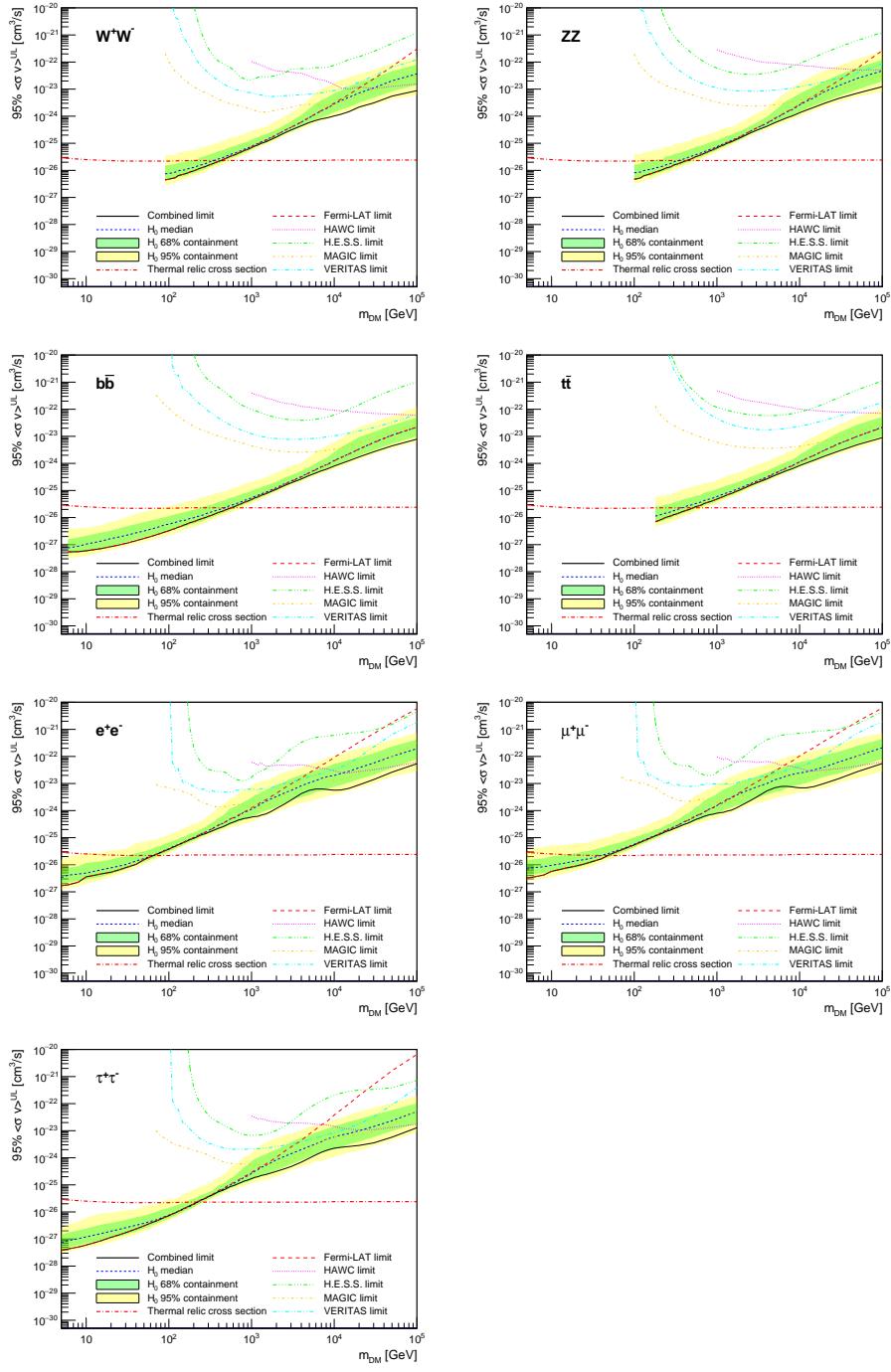


Figure 7.8 Same as Fig. 7.7, using the set of  $J$  factors from Ref. [46, 51] ( $\mathcal{B}$  set in Table 7.1).

856 Comparison plots for all sources and the combined limit can be found in the sandbox for the  
 857 Glory Duck project.

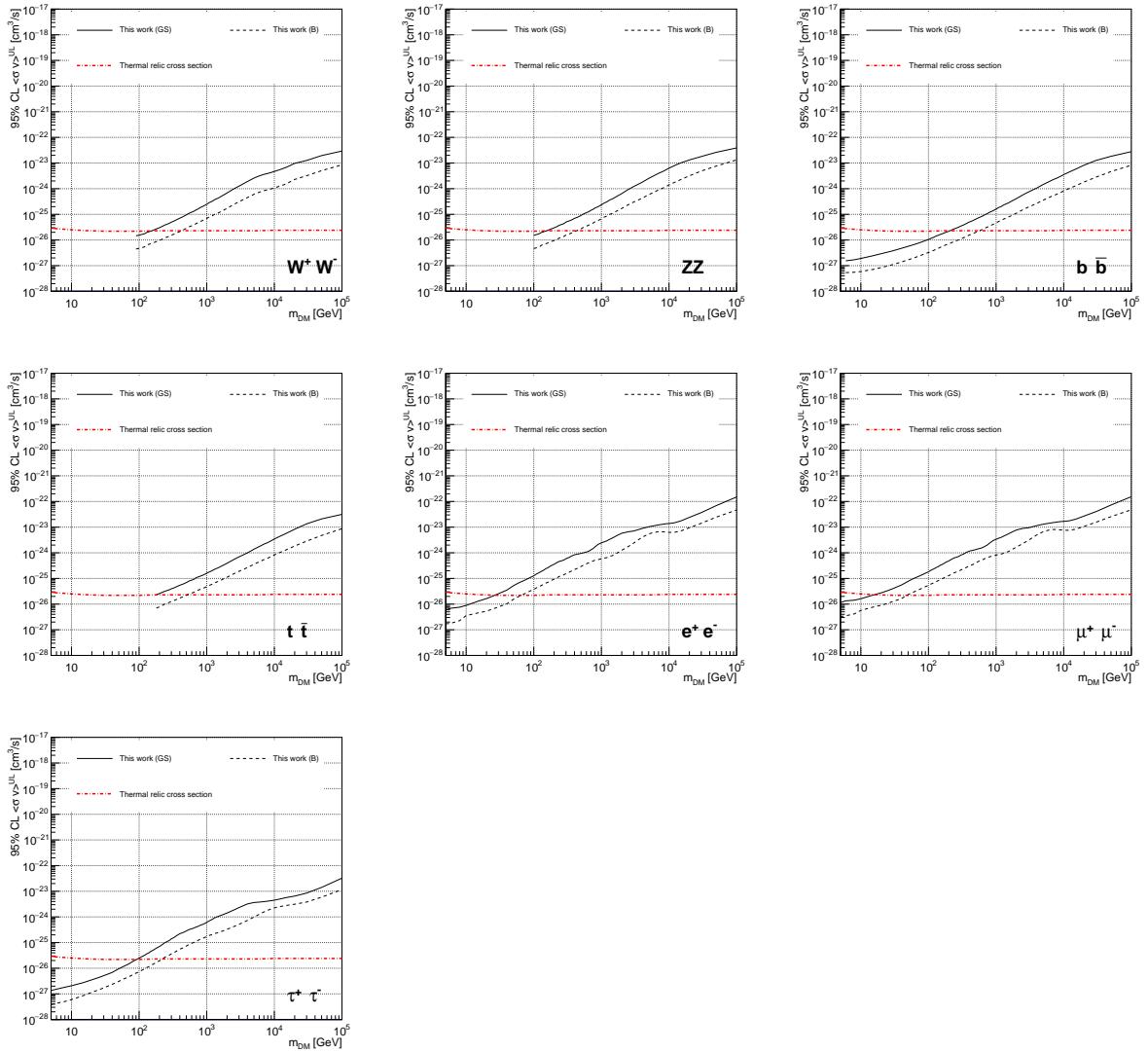


Figure 7.9 Comparisons of the combined limits at 95% confidence level for each of the eight annihilation channels when using the  $J$  factors from Ref. [47] ( $\mathcal{GS}$  set in Table 7.1), plain lines, and the  $J$  factor from Ref. [46, 51] ( $\mathcal{B}$  set in Table 7.1), dashed lines. The cross-section given by the thermal relic is also indicated [52].

### 858 7.6.3 Impact of Pointing Systematic

859 During the analysis it was discovered that reconstruction of gamma-rays. Slides describing this

860 systematic can be found [here](#). Shown on the presentation is dependence on the pointing systematic  
861 on declination. New spatial profiles were generated for every dSph and limits were computed for  
862 the adjusted declination.

863 Section 7.6.3 demonstrates the impact of this systematic for all DM annihilation channels

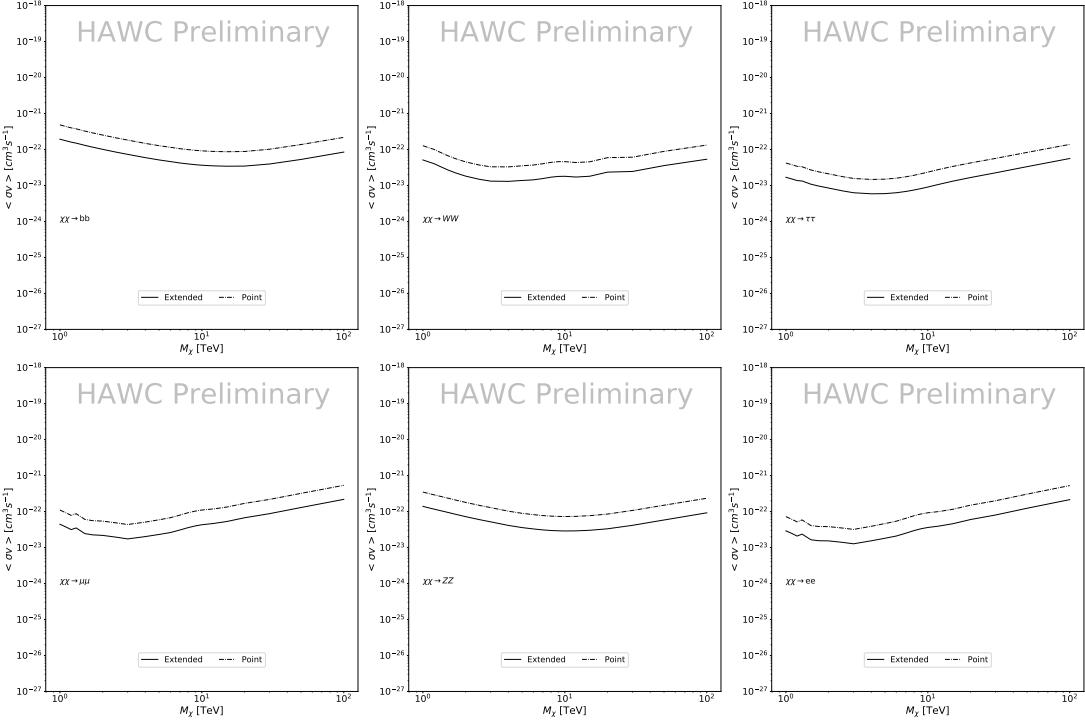


Figure 7.10 Comparisons of the combined limits at 95% confidence level for a point source analysis and extended source using [47]  $\mathcal{GS}$  J-factor distributions and PPPC [43] annihilation spectra. Shown are the limits for Segue1 which will have the most significant impact on the combined limit. 6 of the 7 DM annihilation channels are shown. Solid lines are extended source studies. Dashed lines are point source studies. Overall, the extended source analysis improves the limit by a factor of 2.

864 studied by HAWC. The impact is a tiny improvement, yet mostly identical, to the combined limits.

## 865 7.7 J-factor distributions

### 866 7.7.1 Numerical integration of $\mathcal{GS}$ maps

867 It was discovered well after the HAWC analysis was completed that the published tables from  
 868  $\mathcal{GS}$  [44] quoted median  $J$ -factors were computed in a non-trivial manner. The assumption myself  
 869 and collaborators had was that the published tables represented the  $J$ -factor as a function of  $\theta$  for  
 870 the best global fit model on a per source basis. However, this is not the case. Instead, what is  
 871 published are the best fit model for each dwarf that only considers stars up to the angular separation  
 872  $\theta$ . Therefore, the model is changing for each value of  $\theta$  for each dwarf. Yet, the introduced features  
 873 from unique models at each  $\theta$  are much smaller than the angular resolution of HAWC. It is not  
 874 expected for these effects to impact the limits and TS greatly as a result.

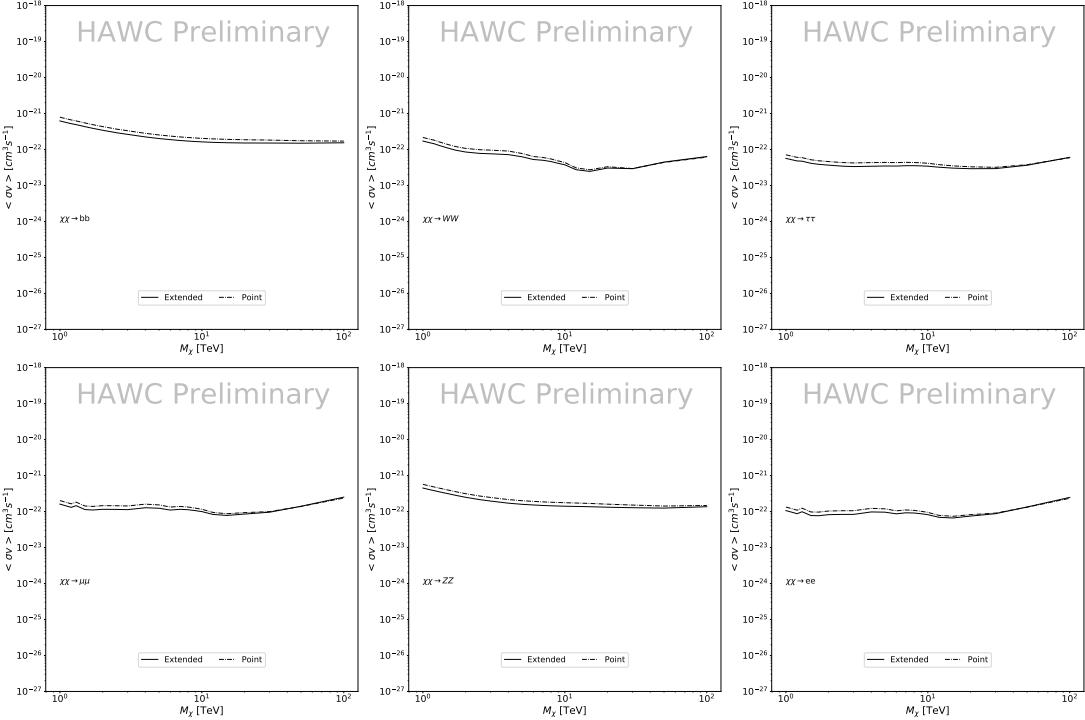


Figure 7.11 Same as Fig. 7.10 on Coma Berenices. This dSph also contributes significantly to the limit. The limits are identical in this case.

Median  $J$ -factor model profiles were provided by the authors. New maps were generated and analyzed for Segue1 and Coma Berenices. Figure 7.13 shows the differential between maps generated with the method from Section 7.7.1 and from the authors of [44]. These maps were reanalyzed for all SM DM annihilation channels. Upper limits for these channels are shown in Figure 7.14

From Figure 7.14, we can see that the impact of these model difference was no substantial. The observed impact was a fractional effect which is much smaller than the impact from selecting another DM spatial distribution model as was shown in Figure 7.9.

### 7.7.2 $\mathcal{GS}$ versus $\mathcal{B}$ spatial models

We show in this appendix a comparison between the  $J$ -factors computed by Geringer-Sameth *et al.* [47] (the  $\mathcal{GS}$  set) and the ones computed by Bonnivard *et al.* [46, 51] (the  $\mathcal{B}$  set). The  $\mathcal{GS}$   $J$ -factors are computed through a Jeans analysis of the kinematic stellar data of the selected dSphs, assuming a dynamic equilibrium and a spherical symmetry for the dSphs. They adopted

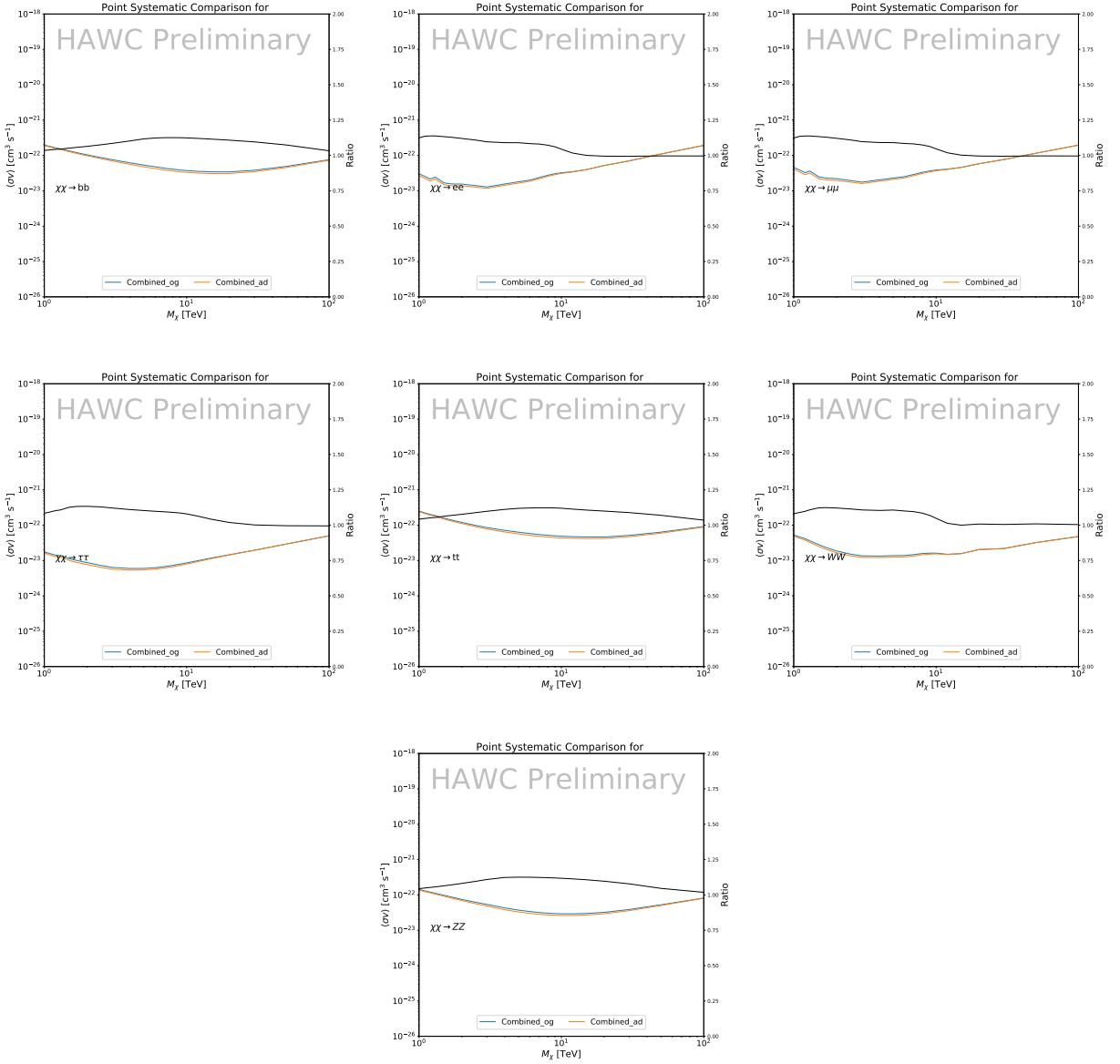


Figure 7.12 Comparison of combined limits when correcting for HAWC's pointing systematic. All DM annihilation channels are shown. The solid black line is the ratio between published limit to the declination corrected limit. The blue solid line or "Combined\_og" represented the limits computed for Glory Duck. The solid orange line or "Combined\_ad" represented the limits computed after correcting for the pointing systematic.

888 the generalized DM density distribution, known as Zhao-Hernquist, introduced by [53], carrying  
 889 three additional index parameters to describe the inner and outer slopes, and the break of the  
 890 density profile. Such a profile parametrization allows the reduction of the theoretical bias from  
 891 the choice of a specific radial dependency on the kinematic data. In other words, the increase of

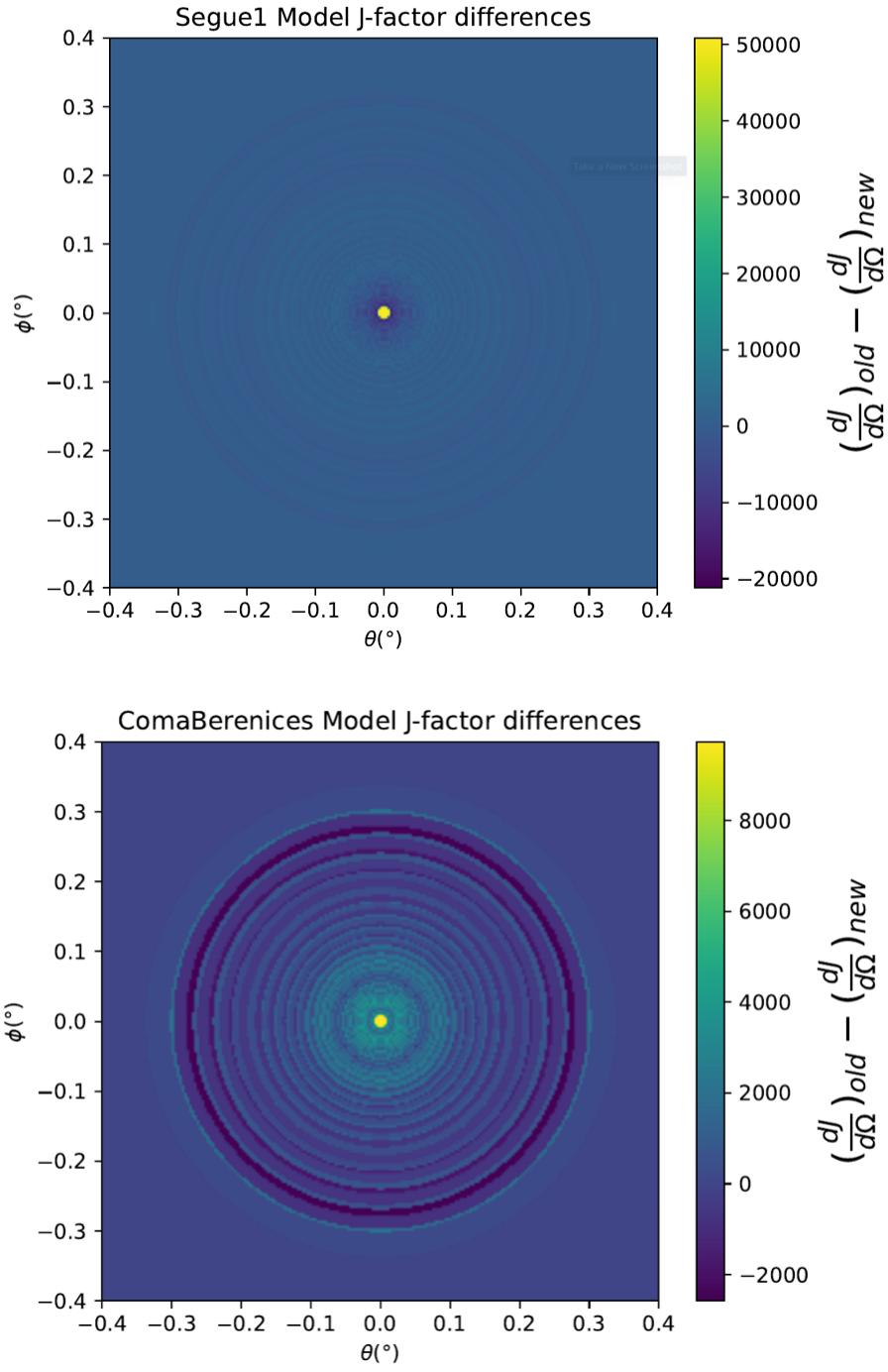


Figure 7.13 Differential map of  $dJ/\Omega$  from model built in Section 7.7.1 and profiles provided directly from authors. (Top) Differential from Segue1. (bottom) Differential from Coma Berenices. Note that their scales are not the same. Segue1 shows the deepest discrepancies which is congruent with its large uncertainties. Both models show anuli where unique models become apparent.

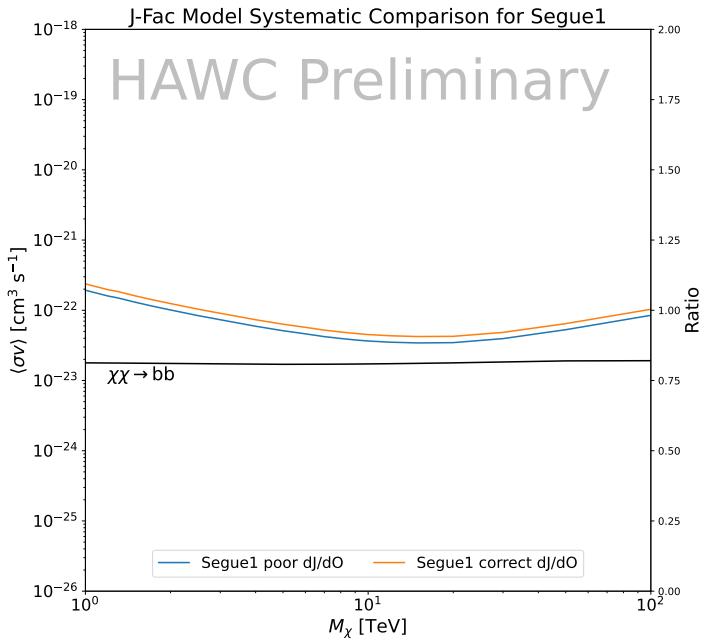
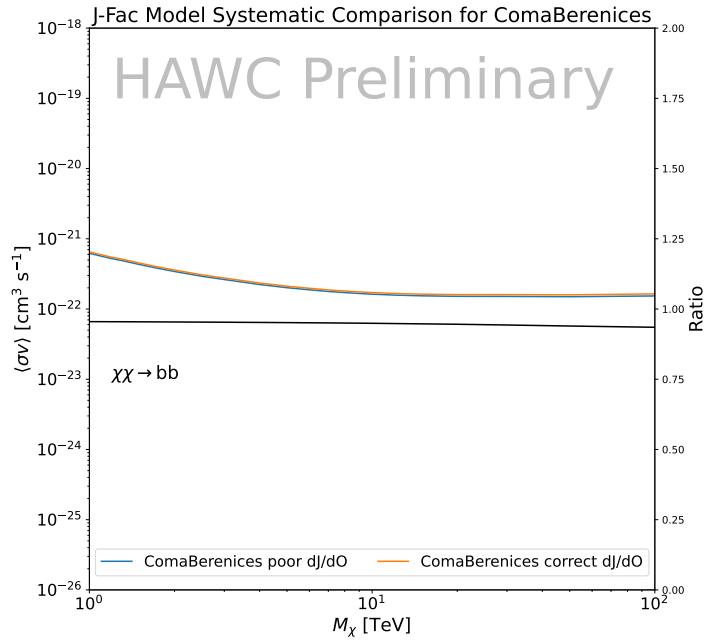


Figure 7.14 HAWC limits for Coma Berenices (top) and Segue1 (bottom) for two different map sets. Blue lines are limits calculated on maps with poor model representation. Orange lines are limits calculated on spatial profiles provided by the authors of [44]. Black line is the ratio of the poor spatial model limits to the corrected spatial models. The left y-axis measures  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$  for the blue and orange lines. The right y-axis measures the ratio and is unitless.

892 free parameters with the use of the Zhao-Hernquist profile allows a better description of the mass  
893 density distribution of dark matter.

894 In addition, a constant velocity anisotropy profile and a Plummer light profile [54] for the stellar  
895 distribution were assumed. The velocity anisotropy profile depends on the radial and tangential  
896 velocity dispersions. However, its determination remains challenging since only the line-of-sight  
897 velocity dispersion can be derived from velocity measurements. Therefore, the parametrization of  
898 the anisotropy profile is obtained from simulated halos (see [55] for more details). They provide the  
899 values of the  $J$ -factors of regions extending to various angular radius up to the outermost member  
900 star.

901 The  $\mathcal{B}$   $J$ -factors were computed through a Jeans analysis taking into account the systematic  
902 uncertainties induced by the DM profile parametrization, the radial velocity anisotropy profile, and  
903 the triaxiality of the halo of the dwarf galaxies. They performed a more complete study of the dSph  
904 kinematics and dynamics than  $\mathcal{GS}$  for the determination of the  $J$ -factor. Conservative values of the  
905  $J$ -factors where obtained using an Einasto DM density profile [56], a realistic anisotropy profile  
906 known as the Baes & Van Hese profile [57] which takes into account that the inner regions can be  
907 significantly non-isotropic, and a Zhao-Hernquist light profile [53].

908 For both sets,  $J$ -factor values are provided for all dSphs as a function of the radius of the  
909 integration region [47, 46, 51]. Table 7.1 shows the heliocentric distance and Galactic coordinates  
910 of the twenty dSphs, together with the two sets of  $J$ -factor values integrated up to the outermost  
911 observed star for  $\mathcal{GS}$  and the tidal radius for  $\mathcal{B}$ . Both  $J$ -factor sets were derived through a Jeans  
912 analysis based on the same kinematic data, except for Draco where the measurements of [58] have  
913 been adopted in the computation of the  $\mathcal{B}$  value. The computations for producing the  $\mathcal{GS}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$   
914 samples differ in the choice of the DM density, velocity anisotropy, and light profiles, for which the  
915 set  $\mathcal{B}$  takes into account some sources of systematic uncertainties.

916 Figure 7.15 and Figure 7.16 show the comparisons for the  $J$ -factor versus the angular radius  
917 for each of the 20 dSphs used in this study. The uncertainties provided by the authors are also  
918 indicated in the figures. For the  $\mathcal{GS}$  set, the computation stops at the angular radius corresponding

919 to the outermost observed star, while for the  $\mathcal{B}$  set, the computation stops at the angular radius  
 920 corresponding to the tidal radius.

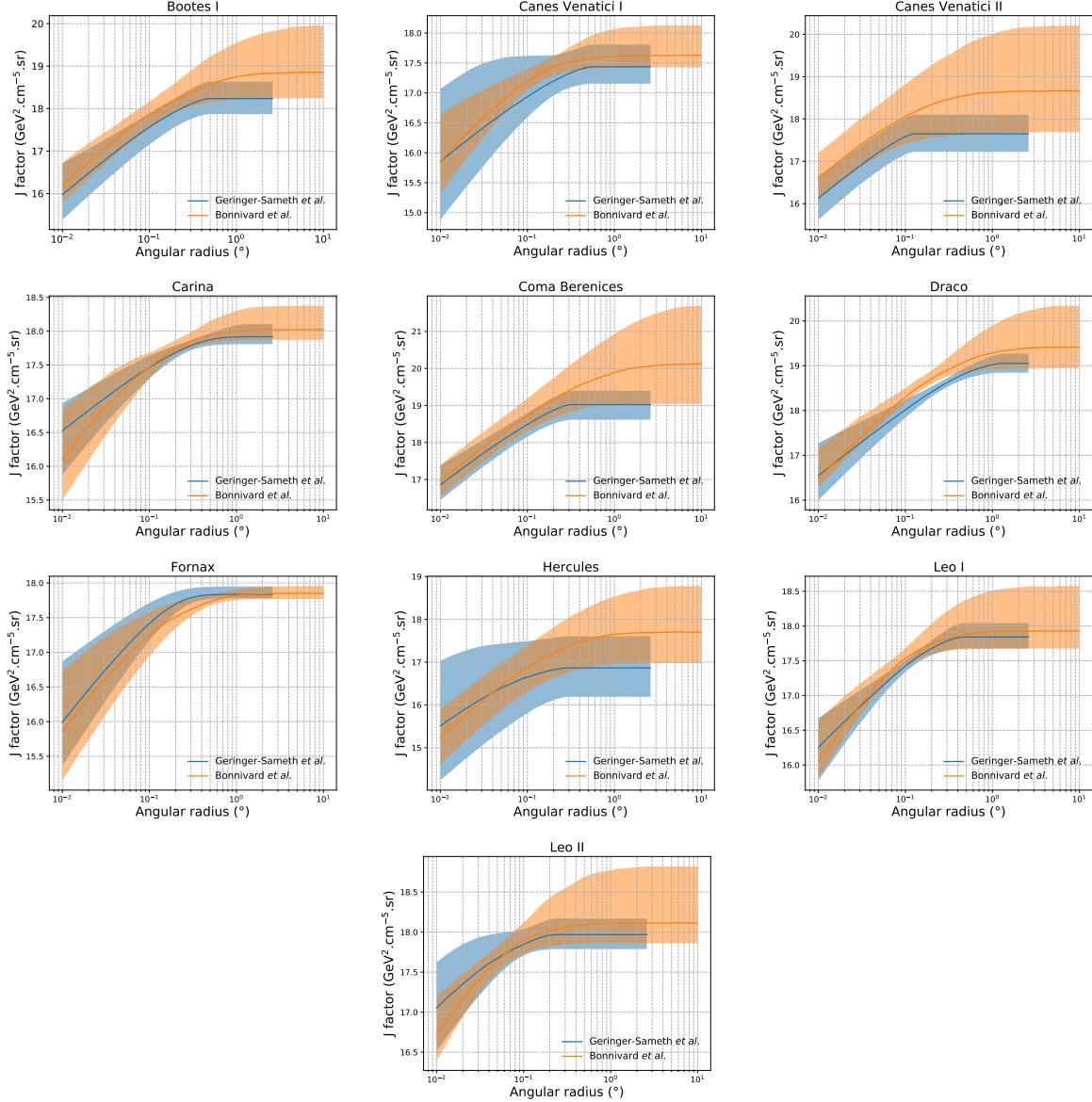


Figure 7.15 Comparisons between the  $J$ -factors versus the angular radius for the computation of  $J$  factors from Ref. [47] ( $\mathcal{GS}$  set in Table 7.1) in blue and for the computation from Ref. [46, 51] ( $\mathcal{B}$  set in Tab. 7.1) in orange. The solid lines represent the central value of the  $J$ -factors while the shaded regions correspond to the  $1\sigma$  standard deviation.

921 **7.8 Discussion and Conclusions**

922 In this multi-instrument analysis, we have used observations of 20 dSphs from the gamma-ray  
 923 telescopes Fermi-LAT, H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS, and HAWC to perform a collective DM

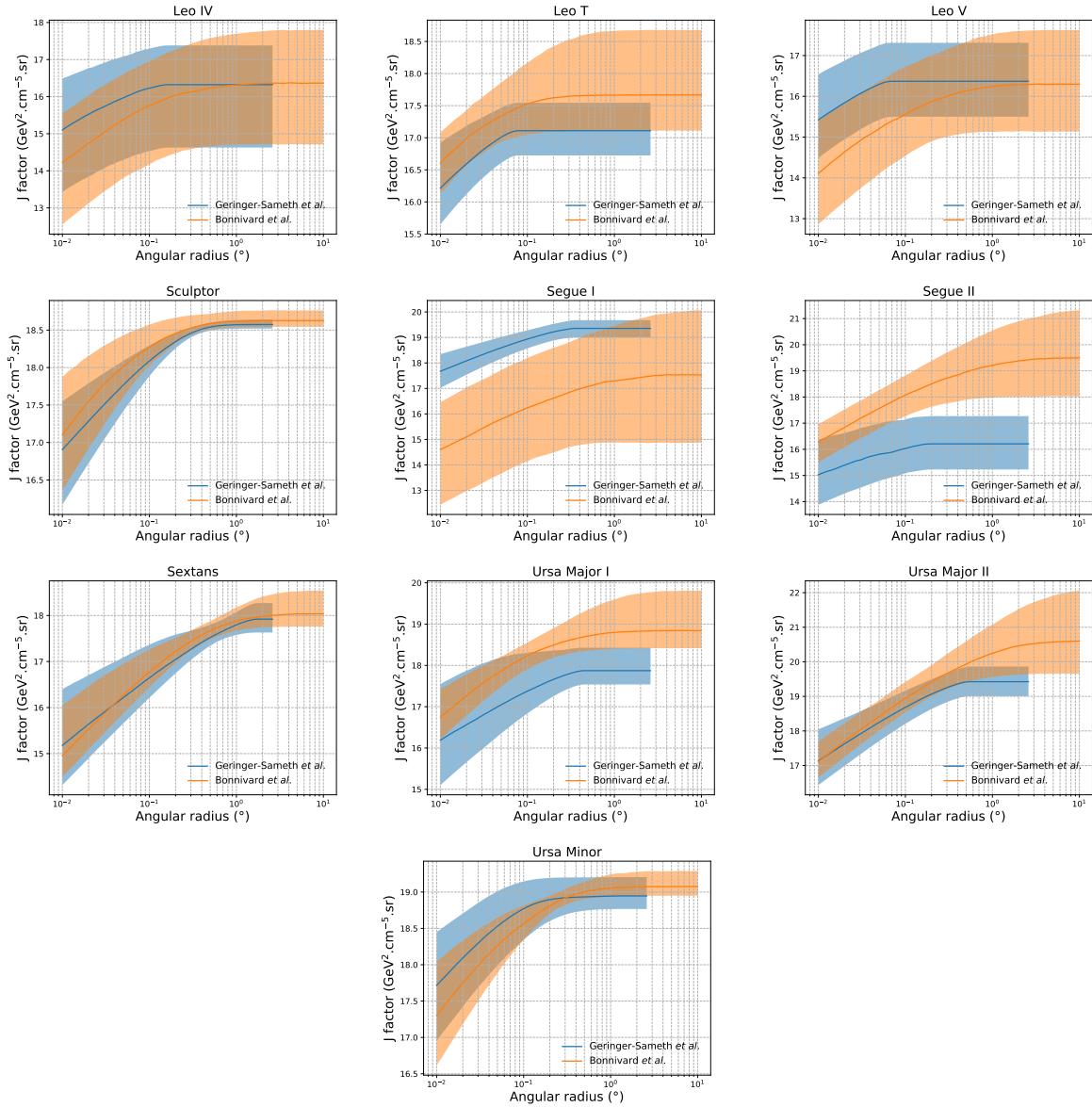


Figure 7.16 Comparisons between the  $J$ -factors versus the angular radius for the computation of  $J$  factors from Ref. [47] ( $\mathcal{GS}$  set in Tab. 7.1) in blue and for the computation from Ref. [46, 51] ( $\mathcal{B}$  set in Tab. 7.1) in orange. The solid lines represent the central value of the  $J$ -factors while the shaded regions correspond to the  $1\sigma$  standard deviation.

924 search annihilation signals. The data were combined across sources and detectors to significantly  
 925 increase the sensitivity of the search. We have observed no significant deviation from the null, no  
 926 DM hypothesis, and so present our results in terms of upper limits on the annihilation cross section  
 927 for seven potential DM annihilation channels.

928 Fermi-LAT brings the most stringent constraints for continuum channels below approximately

929 1 TeV. the remaining detectors dominate at higher energies. Overall, for multi-TeV DM mass,  
930 the combined DM constraints from all five telescopes are 2-3 times stronger than any individual  
931 telescope for multi-TeV DM.

932 Derived from observations of many dSphs, our results produce robust limits given the DM  
933 content of the dSphs is relatively well constrained. The obtained limits span the largest mass  
934 range of any WIMP DM search. Our combined analysis improves the sensitivity over previously  
935 published results from each detectors which produces the most stringent limits on DM annihilation  
936 from dSphs. These results are based on deep exposures of the most promising known dSphs with  
937 the currently most sensitive gamma-ray instruments. Therefore, our results constitute a legacy of  
938 a generation of gamma-ray instruments on WIMP DM searches towards dSphs. Our results will  
939 remain the reference in the field until a new generation of more sensitive gamma-ray instruments  
940 begin operations, or until new dSphs with higher  $J$ -factors are discovered.

941 This analysis serves as a proof of concept for future multi-instrument and multi-messenger  
942 combination analyses. With this collaborative effort, we have managed to sample over four orders  
943 in magnitude in gamma-ray energies with distinct observational techniques. Determining the nature  
944 of DM continues to be an elusive and difficult problem. Larger datasets with diverse measurement  
945 techniques could be essential to tackling the DM problem. A future collaboration using similar  
946 techniques as the ones described in this paper could grow even beyond gamma rays. The models we  
947 used for this study include annihilation channels with neutrinos in the final state. Advanced studies  
948 could aim to merge our results with those from neutrino observatories with large data sets. Efforts  
949 are already underway to add data from the IceCube, ANTARES, and KM3NeT observatories to  
950 these gamma-ray results.

951 From this work, a selection of the best candidates for observations, according to the latest  
952 knowledge on stellar dynamics and modelling techniques for the derivation of the  $J$ -factors on the  
953 potential dSphs targets, is highly desirable at the time that new experiments are starting their dark  
954 matter programmes using dSphs. Given the systematic uncertainty inherent to the derivation of  
955 the  $J$ -factors, an informed observational strategy would be to select both objects with the highest

956  $J$ -factors that could lead to DM signal detection, and objects with robust  $J$ -factor predictions, i.e.  
957 with kinematic measurements on many bright stars, which would strengthen the DM interpretation  
958 reliability of the observation outcome.

959 This analysis combines data from multiple telescopes to produce strong constraints on astro-  
960 physical objects. From this perspective, these methods can be applied beyond just DM searches.  
961 Almost every astrophysical study can benefit from multi-telescope, multi-wavelength gamma-ray  
962 studies. We have enabled these telescopes to study the cosmos with greater precision and detail.  
963 Many astrophysical searches can benefit from multi-instrument gamma-ray studies, for which our  
964 analysis lays the foundation.

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**CHAPTER 9****MULTITHREADING HAWC ANALYSES FOR DARK MATTER SEARCHES**

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