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Searching for Dark Matter



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Sunday (5 Jan)

Monday (6 Jan)



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Dark matter all around



Cosmology without dark matter ?

• Fails miserably already at linear level:

- I. Observation: $\Delta T/T_{\rm CMB} \sim \delta \equiv |\rho \bar{\rho}|/\bar{\rho} \sim 10^{-5}$
- **2.** $T > T_{\text{CMB}} : \delta_{\gamma} = \delta_b$
- 3. Observation: $T_{\rm CMB} \sim 2.7 \, K \rightsquigarrow a_{\rm CMB}/a_0 \sim 10^{-3}$
- 4. (Linear gravity) $T < T_{\text{CMB}} : \delta_{\gamma} \sim const, \quad \delta_b \propto a(t)$
- Expect $\delta \sim 10^{-2}$ today: No galaxies, stars,

planets, ...life !

DM is a crucial ingredient of cosmological SM!

constant co-moving energy density

- only gravitational interactions
- cold + dissipation-less

 $\Omega_{\rm CDM} h^2 = 0.1188 \pm 0.0010$ Ade+ [Planck Coll.], A&A '16 Percent-level measurements of a single parameter!



DM conversion into (in)visible energy?

E.g. decays, late-time annihilation, coalescing PBHs, ...

 Ω_{CDM} decrease of up to 10% possible during matter domination!

(model-independent; but much more allowed during RD)

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TB, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg & Walia, PRD '18

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Candidates

Series Existence of (particle) DM = evidence for BSM physics!

+ rather good handle on what it is **not**

Unfortunately, this still leaves too many options...



Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

- well-motivated from particle physics [SUSY, EDs, ...]
- Ithermal production in early universe:





Billionaires

Breaking More

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The 'WIMP Miracle' Hope For Dark Matter Is Dead



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Starts With A Bang Contributor Group () Science

Ethan Siegel Senior Contributor

Innovation Leadership Money

The Universe is out there, waiting for you to discover it.



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While I agree that direct detection experiments and the LHC have put some strain on the WIMP hypothesis, there are still plenty of WIMP models that have not been ruled out. WIMPs may have looked better in the past, but they are still very much alive. #DarkMatter

Dark Matter searches in the 2020s At the crossroads of the WIMP



Symposium on next-generation collider, direct, and indirect Dark Matter searches

11-13 November 2019 The University of Tokyo, Kashiwa Campus

Where next?



 If fine-tuning isn't a good guiding principle, what about the alternatives?
 quite hard to 'automatically' get the DM relic density right, even for 'nice' models!

Or should we give up on theoretical guiding principles, leaving 'no stone unturned'? Bertone & Tait, Nature '18

Problem: there might be quite a few of them (not even counting those that cannot be unturned)...



Challenge for the field: Stay open-minded yet focussed !

Strategies for WIMP searches













Strategies for dark matter searches

at colliders



astrophysical probes



of matter distribution





indirectly

directly

DarkSUSY





TB, Edsjö, Gondolo, Ullio & Bergström, JCAP '18

http:// darksusy.hepforge.org

Since version 6: no longer restricted to supersymmetric DM !

- Numerical package to calculate
 'all' DM related quantities:
 - $^{\odot}$ relic density + kinetic decoupling (also for $T_{\rm dark} \neq T_{\rm photon}$)
 - generic SUSY models + laboratory constraints implemented
 - cosmic ray propagation
 - particle yields for generic DM annihilation or decay
 - indirect detection rates: gammas, positrons, antiprotons, neutrinos
 - direct detection rates



since 6.1: DM self-interactions since 6.2: 'reverse' direct detection (see later)

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DarkSUSY — selected applications



GAMBIT: The Global And Modular BSM Inference Tool

gambit.hepforge.org

EPJC **77** (2017) 784

arXiv:1705.07908

- Extensive model database not just SUSY
- Extensive observable/data libraries
- Many statistical and scanning options (Bayesian & frequentist)
- Fast LHC likelihood calculator
- Massively parallel
- Fully open-source



Members of:

ATLAS, Belle-II, CLiC, CMS, CTA, *Fermi*-LAT, DARWIN, IceCube, LHCb, SHiP, XENON

Authors of:

DarkSUSY, DDCalc, Diver, FlexibleSUSY, gamlike, GM2Calc, IsaTols, nulike, PolyChord, Rivet, SoftSUSY, SuperISO, SUSY-AI, WIMPSim

- Fast definition of new datasets and theories
- Plug and play scanning, physics and likelihood packages



Recent collaborators:

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40+ participants in 11 experiments and 14 major theory codes



Dark matter with GAMBIT

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Direct searches

Look for dark matter collisions with atomic nuclei



Fig.: Queiroz, 1605.08788



Experiments

'background-

free' setting !

typically aim at

Elastic scattering cross section

Spin-independent interactions couple to nuclear mass

(from scalar, vector and tensor couplings)

$$\sigma_N^{\text{SI}} \sim \sigma_p^{\text{SI}} \left(\frac{\mu_{\chi N}}{\mu_{\chi p}}\right)^2 \left[Zf_p + (A - Z)f_n\right]^2 \xrightarrow{f_p = f_n} \sigma_N^{\text{SI}} = \sigma_\chi^{\text{SI}} A^2 \left(\frac{m_N(m_\chi + m_p)}{m_p(m_\chi + m_N)}\right)^2$$
coherent enhancement of A^2 to A^4 !

Spin-dependent interactions couple to nuclear **spin** (from axial-vector couplings)

$$\sigma_N^{\rm SD} \sim \mu_{\chi N}^2 G_F^2 \frac{S_N + 1}{S_N} \left[a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle \right]^2$$

Solution Form-factor (or spin-structure function) suppression for large
momentum transfer $\sigma_N \to \sigma_N^{q=0} \times G_N(q^2)$

The dark matter halo



Recoil rate [per unit detector mass]



Astrophysical input

 $ho_{\odot}^{\chi} \sim 0.4 \, {
m GeV cm^{-3}} - average$ DM density at Sun's distance to

$$f(v) \sim (\pi v_0^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{v_0^2}} - \frac{v_0^2}{v_0^2} - \frac{v_0^2}{v_0$$

- Galactic center relatively well measured
- standard halo model (SHM) in galactic frame rests on isothermal density profile
 - $\sim \rightarrow NB$: exact form only roughly corresponds to what is seen in simulations

 $v_{\rm max} \sim 544 \, {\rm km/s}$

galactic escape velocity, well measured

$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{O} \quad \textbf{Recoil energy} \\ E_R = \frac{Q^2}{2m_N} = \frac{4m_\chi m_N T_\chi}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2} \frac{1 - \cos\theta_{cm}}{2} & & & & & & \\ \hline v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & & \\ \hline v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & & \\ \hline v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & & \\ \hline v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}} & & \\ \hline v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{$$

A vast experimental effort



Current limits



- Limits highly relevant for popular WIMP models
 - E.g. rule out previous best-fit points in simple SUSY models Athron+, EPJC '17 a,b
- As expected, spin-dependent
 limits are a factor of ~ 10⁷

less stringent

(no coherent enhancement!)

Reverse direct detection

- Light DM really only accessible with lower thresholds?
- Solution Not if part of the DM distribution moves fast!
 - Source of the second state of the second state
 - DM accelerated in the sun

Kouvaris, PRD '15 An, Pospelov, Pradler & Ritz, PRL '18 Emken, Kouvaris & Nielsen, PRD '18

. . .

New idea: high-energy cosmic rays should up-scatter DM initially (almost) at rest! TB & Pospelov, PRL '19

Cappiello, Ng & Beacom, PRD '19 Ema, Salo & Sato, PRL '19 Dent, Dutta, Newstead & Shoemaker, 1907.03782 Bondarenko+, 1909.08632



Cosmic-ray up-scattered DM



TB & Pospelov, PRL'19



- Re-interpreting Xenon It results leads to significantly improved limits at low DM masses!
 - even neutrino detectors
 (MiniBooNE, Borexino, ...) can now be used for DM searches!

see also Cappiello & Beacom, 1906.11283

Isotropic CRDM flux

- highly energetic
- highly subdominant



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Indirect dark matter searches



- DM has to be (quasi-)stable against decay...
- … but can usually pair-annihilate into SM particles
- Try to spot those in cosmic rays of various kinds

Indirect dark matter searches



"Boost factor"

- each decade in M_{subhalo} contributes very roughly the same e.g. Diemand, Kuhlen & Madau, ApJ '07
- In depends on uncertain form of microhalo profile (C_V ...) and dN/dM (large extrapolations necessary!)

 \Rightarrow (still) important to include realistic value for $M_{\rm cut}$!

The 'golden' channel



Gamma rays:

- Rather high rates
- No attenuation when propagating through halo
- No assumptions about diffuse halo necessary
- Point directly to the sources: clear spatial signatures
- Clear spectral signatures to look for

Gamma-ray flux

The expected gamma-ray flux [GeV⁻¹cm⁻²s⁻¹sr⁻¹] from a source with DM density ρ is given by

particle physics







Dark matter distribution

Large uncertainties "only" in the very central region.





- Difference in annihilation flux from galactic center I-2 orders of magnitude Benito+, ICAP'19
 - \blacksquare For large FoV $(40^{\circ} \times 40^{\circ})$, fixed 3-param profile
 - Some dependence on assumed baryonic profile
 - \blacksquare Only kinematic data for $r \gtrsim 1\,{
 m kpc}$ included !
 - Higher densities for $r \ll 1 \, \text{kpc}$ (baryonic contract., black hole!) would further increase flux!

Situation much better for e.g. dwarf galaxies E.g. Bonnivard+, MNRAS '15

Annihilation spectra



Secondary photons

- many photons but
- featureless & model-independent
- difficult to distinguish from astro BG
 - → good <u>constraining</u> potential

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Primary photons

- direct annihilation to photons
- model-dependent 'smoking gun' spectral features near $E_{\gamma} = m_{\chi}$

discovery potential

More particle physics input

Sommerfeld effect

- strong enhancement of annihilation rates for light mediators / heavy DM
- (particularly relevant for line signals)
- related effect: bound state formation

Radiative corrections

- strong enhancement possible (in particular if tree-level rates are suppressed)
- electromagnetic IB: line-like spectral signatures or sharp steps
- electroweak IB: enhancement of continuum part; can change composition of final stable particles

[disclaimer: list of relevant papers would fill the whole slide...]





also ~same for "model-independent" SU(2) corrections! [as implemented e.g. in PPPC 4 DM ID (Cirelli+, JCAP 'I I)]

> These contributions are highly model-dependent!

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More fancy signatures?

Arina, TB, Silk & Vollmann, PRD '14

Resonances can single out spectral features

- counter example for "flux = particle factor x astrophysical factor" !
- particularly relevant for extra-dimensional scenarios
- example: universal extra dimensions (Appelquist, Cheng & Dobrescu, PRD '01)



Signal versus Background

Astrophysical processes present significant backgrounds:



Possible targets include

- The Galactic center: brightest source in sky, but large backgrounds
- Dwarf galaxies: DM dominated, M/L~1000; still smaller fluxes (distance!)
- The Galactic halo: good statistics, angular information; significant backgrounds
- DM clumps: easy discrimination (once found); bright enough?
- Galaxy clusters: large substructure boost; good discovery potential, limits model-dependent
- Extragalactic background: cosmological signal; hard to model, potentially very constraining