ISAPP 2011, MPIK Heidelberg "The Dark Side of the Universe" Dark Matter phenomenology

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What is the Universe made of?



WMAP 7yr + BAO + H_0 : $\Omega_{\rm CDM} = 0.229 \pm 0.015$

The scale of galaxies and clusters of galaxies

- rotation curves
- gravitational lensing



bullet clusters



- virial theorem applied to galaxies and clusters
- X-rays from clusters of galaxies

⇒ Many independent observations are consistent with the hypothesis that the dominating gravitating component of the Universe cannot be the matter we know.

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- ▶ the WIMP miracle (or what is special about the "weak scale")

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- Phenomenology
- XENON100 and the WIMP hypothesis
- Hints for a DM signal and possible explanations

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- neglect statistical factors (FD,BE \rightarrow MB)
- ► assume $|\mathcal{M}_{34\to12}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{12\to34}|^2$ (satisfied for $\chi\bar{\chi} \leftrightarrow \psi\bar{\psi}$)
- ▶ assume that 34 are in kinetic + chemical equilibrium: $f_3 f_4 = f_3^{eq} f_4^{eq}$
- ► detailed balance: in equilibrium $\frac{d}{dt}(na^3) = 0 \Rightarrow f_3^{eq} f_4^{eq} = f_1^{eq} f_2^{eq}$
- ► 12 stay in kinetic equilibrium even after chemical equilibrium is lost T. Schwetz

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Rescale by entropy density

re-write differential equation in terms of

$$Y \equiv \frac{n}{s}$$

by using entropy conservation in comoving volume: $a^3s = \text{const}$

$$\dot{Y} = -\langle \sigma_{\mathsf{ann}} v \rangle s \left(Y^2 - Y_{\mathsf{eq}}^2
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(get rid of trivial exansion term)

Change variables

... from time to dimensionless temperature $x \equiv \frac{m}{T}$



 $g_{\text{eff}}, h_{\text{eff}}, g_*$: parametrize relativistic degrees of freedom (for const h_{eff} and all species at the same T: $g_{\text{eff}} = h_{\text{eff}} = g_*$)

Yield equation

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$$h_{\text{eff}} = \text{const}, \ \Gamma = n_{\text{eq}} \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle$$
: $\frac{x}{Y_{\text{eq}}} \frac{dY}{dx} = -\frac{\Gamma}{H} \left(\frac{Y^2}{Y_{\text{eq}}^2} - 1 \right)$

thermal freeze-out for $\Gamma \sim H$ at $x \simeq x_F$



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with the modified Bessel functions

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replace $\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle$ in the relic density estimate by $a + 3b/x_F$

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 For accurate relic density calculation use the Gondolo, Gelmini integral for the thermally averaged cross section and solve the rate equation numerically

Public codes: micrOMEGAs, Dark SUSY

Classic papers:

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► Kolb, Turner, The Early Universe.

Accurate and pedagogic discussion:

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Exceptions and co-annihilations:

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MSSM neutralino annihilation



G. Jungman, M. Kamionkowski, K. Griest, "Supersymmetric Dark Matter" Phys. Rept. 267 (1996) 195-373

CMSSM relic density constraint

• $\Omega_{DM} = 23\% \pm 4\%$ stringently constrains models



• Assuming standard Big Bang, cosmology excludes many possibilities, favors certain regions

 m_0 : universal soft SUSY breaking scalar mass @ GUT scale $M_{1/2}$: universal gaugino mass @ GUT scale

J. Feng @ COSMO 09

see talk by A. Masiero

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BUT:

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- over-abundant thermal DM ((σ_{ann}ν) too small): late entropy production, ...

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XENON, LUX, CDMS, CRESST, DEAP, COUPP, EURECA,... talk by J. Jochum

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Dark Matter in a Milkyway-like Galaxy



Via Lactea N-body DM simulation Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau, astro-ph/0611370

see talk by V. Springel

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solar neutrinos: $\phi_{
u}$ ~ 6 imes 10¹⁰ cm⁻²s⁻¹

DM direct detection

assuming DM has non-gravitational interactions ("WIMP") look for recoil of DM-nucleus scattering M. Goodman, E. Witten, PRD 1985





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Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544 (Received 7 January 1985)

We consider the possibility that the neutral-current neutrino detector recently proposed by Drukier and Stodolsky could be used to detect some possible candidates for the dark matter in galactic halos. This may be feasible if the galactic halos are made of particles with coherent weak interactions and masses $1-10^{\circ}$ GeV; particles with spin-dependent interactions of typical weak strength and masses $1-10^{2}$ GeV; or strongly interacting particles of masses $1-10^{13}$ GeV.

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in Earth rest frame $f_{\oplus} \rightarrow$ Galilei trafo from galaxy rest frame f_{gal} :

 $f_{\oplus}(\vec{v},t) = f_{\text{gal}}(\vec{v} + \vec{v}_{\odot} + \vec{v}_{\oplus}(t)) \quad f_{\text{gal}}(\vec{v}) \approx \begin{cases} N \exp\left(-v^2/\bar{v}^2\right) & v < v_{\text{esc}} \\ 0 & v > v_{\text{esc}} \end{cases}$

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differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2}{m_A m_\chi^2 v^2}$$

in many interesting cases $\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}$ is constant (indep of v) \Rightarrow

$$\eta(E_R,t) = \int_{v > v_{\min}(E_R)} d^3v \, \frac{f_{\oplus}(\vec{v},t)}{v}$$





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- $(S \otimes S), (V \otimes V)$: spin-independent $\Rightarrow A^2$ enhancement
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- other combinations are suppressed by $\mathcal{O}(q^2/m_N^2, v^2) \sim 10^{-6}$

e.g., A. Kurylov, M. Kamionkowski, hep-ph/0307185

applies also for scalar/vector $\mathsf{D}\mathsf{M}$

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Higgs mediated interaction dominated by s-quark and $f_n\approx f_p$ $_{\rm T.~Schwetz}$

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flavour universal couplings: $G_q = G$

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 $\Rightarrow f_n \simeq f_p$

Going from nucleon to nucleus level

for coherent interaction on all nucleons in nucleus (A, Z):

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Event spectrum for SI elastic scattering



spectrum gets shifted to low energies for low WIMP masses \Rightarrow need light target and/or low threshold on E_R to see light WIMPs T. Schwetz
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dependence on the target nucleus:



nuclear form factor is less important for low mass WIMPs

elastic scattering exclusion curve



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many exps. running and setting relevant limits:

CDMS (Ge, Si), CoGeNT (Ge), COUPP (CF₃I), CRESST (CaWO₄), DAMA (NaI), Edelweiss (Ge), KIMS (CsI), PICASSO (F), SIMPLE (C₂CIF₅), TEXONO (Ge), XENON (Xe), ZEPLIN (Xe),...

appologizes for the ones I forgot

different target materials and different techniques used

lecture by J. Jochum

XENON100

2 phase (gas/liquid) Xenon detector @ Gran Sasso S1: prompt scintillation signal, S2: delayed ionization signal

48 kg fid., 100.9 days (Jan to June 2010) $_{1104.2549}$ 3 events observed, 1.8 ± 0.6 background expectation



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"heavy Dirac neutrino" is excuded as DM by many orders of magnitude

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implications of $\sigma_{\rm scat} \lesssim 10^{-44} {\rm cm}^2$ for the WIMP argument

$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 \simeq rac{10^{-37} \mathrm{cm}^2}{\langle \sigma_{\mathrm{annih}} v
angle} = 0.1126 \pm 0.0036$$

assume a Higgs mediated interaction:

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_{\chi} H_1 \bar{\chi} \chi + y_q \bar{q}_L H_2 q_R + h.c. \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle \sigma_{\rm ann} v \rangle \approx \frac{3m_{\chi}^2 \lambda_{\chi}^2 y_q^2 \langle v^2 \rangle}{8\pi (4m_{\chi}^2 - m_H^2)^2}$$

 \Rightarrow for $m_{\chi} = 50$ GeV, $m_H = 115$ GeV, $\lambda_{\chi} = 0.1$:

 $\langle \sigma_{bb} v \rangle \approx 10^{-38} \mathrm{cm}^2$

"typical" annihilation cross section is too low \rightarrow overproduce DM

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poster by D. Schmidt

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need mechanism to enhance annihilation cross section:

- ▶ go to the *s*-channel resonance $2m_{\chi} \approx m_{\rm mediator}$
- ▶ additional annihilation channels (W^{\pm} , light mediator particles,...)
- co-annihilations

$\sigma_{ m scat} \lesssim 10^{-44} { m cm}^2$ and the CMSSM



Bertone, Cerdeno, Ruiz de Austri, Fornasa, Strege, Trotta, 1107.1715

implications of $\sigma_{ m scat} \lesssim 10^{-44} { m cm}^2$ for the WIMP argument

- XENON100 is probing an exciting region of parameter space, motivated by the argument of DM thermal freeze-out
- if no signal is found within 1-2 orders of magnitude in σ the WIMP hypothesis will come under pressure, and one should start to think about alternatives ("secluded" models, non-thermal DM production, non-WIMP candidates,...)

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- a few experiments report "hints" for WIMP interactions: CoGeNT, DAMA, (CRESST?)
 - \Rightarrow WIMPs (SI) in the low-mass (\sim 10 GeV) region?
 - \Rightarrow or maybe something more exotic
 - \Rightarrow or have nothing to do with DM at all
- Severe constraints from CDMS and XENON10/100

10 GeV WIMPs?

"conventional" WIMP has $\sim 100~\text{GeV}$

light WIMP must not couple to Z^0 (LEP)

Scalar singlet DM

add scalar singlet to the SM with Z_2 symmetry

Silveira, Zee, 85; McDonald 94; Burgess, Pospelov, Veldhuis, 00; Andreas, Arina, Hambye, Ling, Tytgat, 1003.2595;...

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\nu} S \partial^{\nu} S - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 S^4 - \lambda_2 S^2 H^{\dagger} H$$

communication with the SM via the "Higgs portal" λ_2 relic abundance obtained for $m_S\sim 10$ GeV with right cross section



He, Li, Li, Tandean, Tsai, 09

MSSM neutralino

LEP Z^0 invis width OK by making it mostly bino, but have to depart from CMSSM to make it light \Rightarrow non-universal gaugino masses

e.g., Bottino, Donato, Fornengo, Scopel, 02,03,07,08,09; Hooper, Plehn, 02; Belanger, Boudjema, Cottrant, Pukhov,

Rosier-Lees, 03; Asano, Matsumoto, Senami, Sugiyama, 09; Hisano, Nakayama, Yamanaka, 09; Kuflik, Pierce, Zurek,

1003.0682; Feldman, Liu, Nath, 1003.0437; Albornoz, Belanger, Boehm, Pukhov, Silk, 1009.4380; Fornengo, Scopel, Bottino,

1011.4743; Calibbi, Ota, Takanishi, 1104.1134

 $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, Tevatron light Higgs searches, B, K decays fine-tuned region allows $m_{\chi} \sim 10 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{tested soon}$



MSSM extensions

NMSSM (singlino component)

e.g., Gunion, Hooper, McElrath, hep-ph/0509024; Bae, Kim, Shin, 1005.5131; Das, Ellwanger, 1007.1151; Belikov, Gunion, Hooper, Tait, 1009.0549; Gunion, Belikov, Hooper, 1009.2555; Draper, Liu, Wagner, Wang, Zhang, 1009.3963; Albornoz, Belanger, Boehm, Pukhov, Silk, 1009.4380; Kappl, Ratz, Winkler, 1010.0553

• sneutrino: MSSM + ν_R

Arkani-Hamed, Hall, Murayama, Tucker-Smith, Weiner, 00; Belanger, Kakizaki, Park, Kraml, Pukhov, 1008.0580

Asymmetric Dark Matter

Nussinov, 1985; Barr, Chivukula, Farhi, 1990; Barr, 1991; Kaplan, 1992; Kaplan, Luty, Zurek, 0901.4117; An, Chen, Mohapatra,
Zhang, 0911.4463; Shelton, Zurek, 1008.1997; Davoudiasl, Morrissey, Sigurdson, Tulin, 1008.2399; Haba, Matsumoto,
1008.2487; McDonald, 1009.3227; Chun, 1009.0983; Buckley, Randall, 1009.0270; Gu, Lindner, Sarkar, Zhang, 1009.2690;
Blennow, Dasgupta, Fernandez-Martinez, Rius, 1009.3159; Allahverdi, Dutta, Sinha, 1011.1286 Falkowski, Ruderman, Volansky,
1101.4936; Haba, Matsumoto, Sato, 1101.5679; Graesser, Shoemaker, Vecchi, 1103.2771; Frandsen, Sarkar, Schmidt-Hoberg,
1103.4350; McDermott, Yu, Zurek, 1103.5472; Kouvaris, Tinyakov, 1104.0382; Buckley, 1104.1429;...

$$rac{\Omega_{DM}}{\Omega_B} = rac{n_{DM}}{n_B} rac{m_{DM}}{m_p} \simeq 5$$

DM carries some quantum number; invoke common mechanism for baryon and DM genesis: $n_{\rm DM} \sim n_B \implies m_{\rm DM} \sim m_p$

CoGeNT: exponential event excess and hint for modulation

Germanium detector with very low threshold of 0.4 keVee $\approx 1.9\,\text{keV}_{\textit{nr}}$



Annual modulation in CoGeNT



0.5 – 3 keV: $\chi^2_{
m no\ mod}=20/15$ (17%)

Annual modulation in CoGeNT



 $0.5-3~{
m keV}$: 2.8σ preference for modulation Aalseth et al, 1106.0650

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Fitting CoGeNT with elastic SI scattering



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the time-integrated event rate in DAMA



CRESST-II

Talks by W. Seidel @ WONDER 2010, IDM 2010

CaWO4 target, 9 detectors, about 400 kg d

excess of single-scatter events in O-band (magenta)



observe 32 events, expect 8.7 \pm 1.4 background shape agrees with \sim 10 GeV WIMP

Hints not quite consistent...



WARNING: CRESST region very speculative! \Rightarrow will change/go away(?) when detailed information on CRESST events and background becomes available

Can we make CoGeNT and DAMA consistent?

Hooper, Collar, Hall, McKinsey, 1007.1005; Hooper, Kelso, 1106.1066 How well do we know the quenching factor of Na?



CDMS constraints



- CDMS data on Si astro-ph/0509259: 12 kg day, 7 keV threshold
- low-threshold analysis of Soudan Ge data (2006–08)

1011.2482

do not insist on full NR/electr discrimination \rightarrow

accept some background \rightarrow lower threshold to 2 keV

CDMS constraints



energy scale uncertainty in CDMS low-thr?

XENON bounds



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heated discussion: Collar, McKinsey, 1005.0838; XENON100, 1005.2615; Collar, McKinsey, 1005.2615; Savage et al., 1006.0972; Sorensen, 1007.3549; Collar, 1006.2031, 1106.0653

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Bezrukov, Kahlhoefer, Lindner, 1011.3990

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relation between ionization and scintillation suggest high L_{eff} .

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heated discussion: Collar, McKinsey, 1005.0838; XENON100, 1005.2615; Collar, McKinsey, 1005.2615; Savage et al., 1006.0972; Sorensen, 1007.3549; Collar, 1006.2031, 1106.0653

S2 only analysis of XENON 10 data Sorensen @ iDM 2010; J. Angle et al. 1104.3088 energy scale from ionization signal (S2) \rightarrow independent of L_{eff}

see also Collar, 1010.5187, 1106.0653
How to reconcile?

Experimental issues?

 $\sim 10~\text{GeV}$ region is experimentally challenging systematic uncertainties on quenching factors, energy scale, threshold effects, backgrounds... have to be understood and taken into account before making strong statements.

However, in order to get a consistent picture we need to assume that

- CDMS made a major calibration error (in Ge and Si),
- the XENON S2 analysis is completely wrong,
- there is a serious problem with L_{eff} in Xenon, and
- major error in the Na quenching factor determination for DAMA

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Let's depart from elastic SI scattering

- spin-dependent interaction
- inelastic DM Tucker-Smith, Weiner, hep-ph/0101138
- inelastic SD Kopp, Schwetz, Zupan, 0912.4264
- mirror DM R. Foot; An, Chen, Mohapatra, Nussinov, Zhang, 1004.3296
- Ieptophilic DM Fox, Poppitz, 0811.0399; Kopp, Niro, Schwetz, Zupan, 0907.3159
- ► form factor DM Feldstein, Fitzpatrick, Katz, 0908.2991
- ▶ momentum dep. DM Scattering Chang, Pierce, Weiner, 0908.3192
- resonant Dark Matter Bai, Fox, 0909.2900
- ► Iuminous Dark Matter Feldstein, Graham, Rajendran, 1008.1988
- electro-magnetic DM interactions Masso, Mohanty, Rao, 0906.1979; Chang, Weiner, Yavin,

1007.4200; Barger, Keung, Marfatia, 1007.4345; Fitzpatrick, Zurek, 1007.5325; Banks, Fortin, Thomas, 1007.5515

iso-spin violating SI scattering Chang, Liu, Pierce, Weiner, Yavin, 1004.0697;

Feng, Kumar, Marfatia, Sanford, 1102.4331; Frandsen et al., 1105.3734

more to come

Spin-dependent scattering

coupling mainly to an un-paired nucleon:

		neutron	proton
DAMA	$^{23}_{11}Na$	even	odd
DAMA, KIMS, COUPP	127 53	even	odd
SIMPLE	³⁵ ₁₇ Cl, ³⁷ ₁₇ Cl	even	odd
XENON, ZEPLIN	¹²⁹ Xe, ¹³¹ Xe	odd	even
CDMS, CoGeNT	⁷³ ₃₂ Ge	odd	even
PICASSO, COUPP, SIMPLE	¹⁹ ₉ F	even	odd
CRESST	^A ₇₄ W, ¹⁶ O, ⁴⁰ ₂₀ Ca	even	even

coupling with proton promising for DAMA vs CDMS/XENON BUT: severe bounds from COUPP, KIMS, PICASSO, SIMPLE

Spin-dependent scattering



Schwetz, Zupan, 11

Constraints from Tevatron

assume effective quark DM interaction:

 $\frac{\lambda^2}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu q) (\bar{\chi} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \chi) \quad \Rightarrow \quad pp \to \bar{\chi} \chi + j$

constraints from mono-jet searches at Tevatron assume EFT is still valid at \sim TeV momentum transfer

e.g., Feng, Su, Takayama, hep-ph/0503117; Beltran et al., 1002.4137; Goodman et al., 1005.1286; ...



Bai, Fox, Harnik, 1005.3797

SD and constraints from neutrinos

SD interactions on protons \rightarrow large WIMP capture cross section in the sun WIMPs may annihilate and produce high energy neutrinos \rightarrow constraints from SuperKamiokande

In relation to light DM: e.g., Feng, Kumar, Learned, Strigari, 0808.4151; Andreas, Tytgat, Swillens, 0901.1750; Niro, Bottino,

Fornengo, Scopel, 0909.2348; Hooper, Petriello, Zurek, Kamionkowski, 0808.2464



Kappl, Winkler, 1104.0679

Inelastic DM scattering $_{\mbox{\tiny Tucker-Smith},\mbox{\scriptsize Weiner},\mbox{\scriptsize 01}}$



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iDM and CoGeNT modulation



make mod and unmod spectrum consistent but cannot explain rate
 XENON bound still severe

iDM and DAMA modulation



talk by W. Seidel @ IDM 2010

disfavored by XENON100 and CRESST (tungsten)

Inelastic spin-dependent scattering on protons



- SD coupling to proton gets rid of XENON/CDMS/CRESST bounds (no unpaired proton)
- inelastic scatt. gets rid of PICASSO/COUPP (light target)

Inelastic spin-dependent scattering on protons



BUT:

- cannot explain CoGeNT/CRESST-O
- ▶ neutrinos from the sun (annih. into u, d, μ, e still OK) Shu, Yin, Zhu, 1001.1076
- probably mono-jet bounds from Tevatron apply

iSD - toy model

Kopp, Schwetz, Zupan, 09: generalize idea of Tucker-Smith, Weiner, 01 to SD int.: assume 4-Fermi interaction with $T \otimes T$ structure:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm int} = \frac{C_{\rm T}}{\Lambda^2} \left[\bar{\psi} \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi \right] \left[\bar{q} \Sigma^{\mu\nu} q \right], \qquad \Sigma^{\mu\nu} = i [\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu}]/2$$

 $\psi = (\eta, \xi^{\dagger})$ with Dirac $m\bar{\psi}\psi$ and Majorana mass $(\delta_{\eta}\eta\eta + \delta_{\xi}\xi\xi)/2$ \Rightarrow two Majorana fermions with masses $m \pm \delta$ $(\delta_{\eta} = \delta_{\xi} = \delta \ll m)$:

$$\chi_1 = i(\eta - \xi)/\sqrt{2}, \qquad \chi_2 = (\eta + \xi)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \bar{\psi} \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi = -2i(\chi_2 \sigma_{\mu\nu} \chi_1 + \chi_2^{\dagger} \bar{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} \chi_1^{\dagger}),$$

• inelastic scattering for $\delta \neq 0$

 \blacktriangleright T \otimes T leads to spin dependent scattering in the non-rel. limit

magnetic inelastic DM

observe that I, Cs, Na, F nuclei have very large effective MM assume DM has MM: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{\mu_{\chi}}{2} \bar{\chi}^* \sigma_{\mu\nu} \chi F^{\mu\nu} + h.c.$



Chang, Weiner, Yavin, 1007.4200

- use large MM of iodine to enhance rate in DAMA
- inelast kinematics avoids florine constraints (light target)
- no explanation for CoGeNT/CRESST-O

Generalized couplings to neutron and proton

SI scattering cross section $\propto [Zf_p + (A - Z)f_n]^2$ typically (iso-spin symmetry) one has $f_n \approx f_p \Rightarrow SI \propto \sigma_p A^2$

consider quark operator $G_q \bar{q} q \bar{\chi} \chi \rightarrow$ eff. coupling to nucleon N = p, n:

$$\xi_N = \sum_q G_q \langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle$$
$$= \sum_{q=u,s,d} G_q \frac{m_N}{m_q} \xi_q^N + \frac{2}{27} \left(1 - \sum_{q=u,s,d} \xi_q^N \right) \sum_{q=c,b,t} G_q \frac{m_N}{m_q}$$
$$\xi_q^P \simeq 0.033 \quad \xi_q^P \simeq 0.023 \quad \xi_q^P \simeq 0.26$$

 $\begin{aligned} \xi_d^{\mu} &\approx 0.033 \,, \quad \xi_u^{\nu} \approx 0.023 \,, \quad \xi_s^{\nu} \approx 0.26 \\ \xi_d^{n} &\approx 0.042 \,, \quad \xi_u^{n} \approx 0.018 \,, \quad \xi_s^{n} \approx 0.26 \end{aligned}$

 \Rightarrow ex.: Higgs mediated interaction dominated by *s*-quark and $f_n \approx f_p$

Generalized couplings to neutron and proton

allow for general couplings: Chang et al., 1004.0697; Feng, Kumar, Marfatia, Sanford, 1102.4331; Frandsen et al., 1105.3734; Nobile, Kouvaris, Sannino, 1105.5431

$${\sf SI} \propto \sigma_{\sf eff} {\sf A}_{\sf eff}^2$$
 with

$$\sigma_{\rm eff} \equiv \frac{\sigma_n + \sigma_p}{2}, \qquad \tan \theta \equiv f_n / f_p$$
$$A_{\rm eff}^2 = 2 \sum_{i=\rm iso} r_i [Z \cos \theta + (A_i - Z) \sin \theta]^2$$

for $f_n/f_p < 0$: cancellations \Rightarrow can suppress rate for isotope if $f_n/f_p = -Z/(A-Z)$

Generalized couplings to neutron and proton



suppress Xe rate for $f_n/f_p \approx -0.7$, but enhanced rate for Si and F constraint from CDMS low-threshold Ge analysis remains

Generalized couplings to neutron and proton + inelasticity

proposed to reconcile CoGeNT modulation and DAMA

Frandsen et al., 1105.3734; poster by F. Kahlhoefer



TS, Zupan, 11

DM scattering off electrons

- ► DAMA and CoGeNT do not discriminate nuclear recoil and electron events ⇒ pure electron events fully contribute
- CDMS, XENON10, CRESST, KIMS, ZEPLIN,... reject electron events to perform a low background search for nuclear recoils

DM scattering off electrons

DM scattering off electrons at rest: recoils of order $m_e v^2 \sim eV$ cannot account for the DAMA signal at few keV

 \Rightarrow bound electrons with $p \sim$ MeV, Bernabei et al., 0712.0562



wave function suppression of count rate $\sim 10^{-6}$

Loop induced DM-nucleus scattering

an effective interaction of DM with electrons can induce DM-nucleus interactions at loop level:



whenever loop-induced DM-nucleon scattering is present it will dominate over scattering off electrons because of the wave function suppression \Rightarrow Have to forbid loop diagrams!

example: fermionic DM with axial-vector coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{eff}} = \mathit{G}\left(ar{\chi} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{5} \chi
ight) (ar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_{5} \ell) \qquad ext{with} \qquad \mathit{G} = 1/\Lambda^{2}$$

Kopp, Niro, Schwetz, Zupan, 0907.3159

Axial coupling without loop

Best fit prediction for the modulated and unmodulated spectrum in DAMA from DM-electron scattering



 \Rightarrow disfavoured by spectral shape and constraint from unmodulated event rate (similar for CoGeNT)

Axial coupling without loop



Kopp, Niro, TS, Zupan, 0907.3159; 1011.1398

- ▶ very "large" Xsec: $\sigma_{\chi e}^0 \sim 10^{-31} \, \mathrm{cm}^2 \left(\frac{\mathrm{m}_{\chi}}{100 \, \mathrm{GeV}} \right)$ requires $\Lambda \lesssim 0.1 \, \mathrm{GeV}$
- excluded by SuperK constraints on neutrinos from the sun
- severe constraints from LEP Fox, Harnik, Kopp, Tsai, 1103.0240

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- Thermal freeze-out provides a motivation for DM at the weak scale:
 WIMP
- ▶ we are probing the WIMP hypothesis with direct detection, indirect detection, and LHC ⇒ exciting times ahead!
- \blacktriangleright Some hints for DM around 10 GeV from direct detection \Rightarrow in tension with constraints
- Also exotic particle physics seems not to be able to fit all

More data will tell