A light scalar WIMP? Evidences vs indirect constraints

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There are some experimental indications of a light WIMP, $M \sim few GeV$

This is likely to have nothing to do with Dark Matter, but the concordance is intriguing.

Here I consider a very simple model that is (marginally) compatible with current experiments, including WMAP.

First I motivate the model, then I discuss some indirect constraints, mostly based on Fermi-LAT data

Current direct detection indications & exclusion limits (very briefly)

Indications:

- DAMA annual modulation
- CoGeNT events at low recoil energies
- CRESST events (Oxygen target) (still preliminary)
- CDMS-II two events, low significance

Exclusion limits:

- CDMS-Si
- Xenon 10 & Xenon 100















Xenon10 (2009) (LeffMed)





In LXe experiments, mapping of signal (ie photoelectrons PE) to E_{recoil} depends on the so-called Scintillation Efficiency (Leff)

Problem: Leff poorly known at low recoil energies See Collar & McKinsey vs Xenon100 debate





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(preliminary) dark matter exclusion limits

Notice: this S2-only exclusion limit curve is preliminary, and has not been fully reviewed by the XENON10 collaboration. Pending review it is subject to change.



The current experimental anomalies might have nothing to do with Dark Matter...

Nevertheless it is fair to look for possible explanations and phenomenological implications A prejudice* against light WIMPs ?



1 : injury or damage resulting from some judgment or action of another in disregard of one's rights; especially : detriment to one's legal rights or claims

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2 a (1) : preconceived judgment or opinion (2) : an adverse opinion or leaning formed without just grounds or before sufficient knowledge b : an instance of such judgment or opinion c : an irrational attitude of hostility directed against an individual, a group, a race, or their supposed characteristics

WIMP \rightarrow thermal freeze-out

WMAP $\rightarrow \sigma v \sim pbarn !$

Light mass ~ few GeV ?

New mass scale! Unrelated to known/expected new physics (?)







Figure from Dolgov

Why I **Y** GeV Dark Matter ?

A cosmological coincidence(?)

$$\Omega_{dm}/\Omega_{b} = (m_{dm} n_{dm}) / (m_{b} n_{b}) \approx 5$$

If
$$m_{dm} \sim few GeV$$
 $n_{dm} \sim n_{b}$

An asymmetry in the dark sector ?

Nussinov; Barr; Kaplan;Gudnasson et al;Dodelson et al;Kitano et al;Farrar et al; Lopez Honorez, Cosme & M.T.; Zurek et al; ... and many new scenarios since recently



Figure 1: Steps of Matter Genesis

Lopez Honorez, Cosme & M.T. (2005)



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Here, a very simple, conservative model (ie a WIMP)

A real scalar singlet model (SM+3)

$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{1}{2} \partial^{\mu} S \partial_{\mu} S - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{S}^{2} S^{2} - \frac{\lambda_{S}}{4} S^{4} - \lambda_{L} H^{\dagger} H S^{2}$$

Introduce an ad hoc parity (with SM dof even)

$$S \rightarrow -S$$

Also assume <S>=0

S is a dark matter candidate with mass

$$m_s^2 = \mu_s^2 + \lambda_s v^2$$

Silveira & Zee '85; McDonald '94; Burgess, Pospelov, ter Veldhuis '00; Patt,Wilczek '06; Barger et al '08;... Why is this st... hum, simple model interesting?

Motivation #1: the simplest instance of Higgs portal

Motivation #2: a one-to-one correspondence between annihilation (ie WMAP) and Spin-Independent (SI)elastic scattering (ie DAMA/CoGeNT)

Motivation #3: dramatically affects Higgs physics

Motivation #4: potentially large indirect signals

 \rightarrow « works », but falsiable model

Motivation #1: an instance of Higgs portal (Patt & Wilczek)



e.g. **Inert Doublet Model** (Deshpande,Ma;Barbieri,Hall,Ryshkov)

WIMPless scalar (Feng et al)

SO(10) framework (Kadastik, Kannike, Raidal)

Inert Doublet Model

The most general (CP & Z_2 conserving) potential with two Higgs doublets is

$$V = \mu_1^2 |H_1|^2 + \mu_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_1 |H_1|^4 + \lambda_2 |H_2|^4 + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_1^{\dagger} H_2|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left[(H_1^{\dagger} H_2)^2 + h.c. \right]$$

Spectrum

$$\begin{split} & M_{h}^{2} &= \lambda_{1} \nabla^{2} \\ & M_{H^{+}}^{2} &= \mu_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{3} v^{2}/2 , \\ & M_{H_{0}}^{2} &= \mu_{2}^{2} + (\lambda_{3} + \lambda_{4} + \lambda_{5}) v^{2}/2 \\ & M_{A_{0}}^{2} &= \mu_{2}^{2} + (\lambda_{3} + \lambda_{4} - \lambda_{5}) v^{2}/2 \end{split}$$

Global custodial SU(2) symmetry if $M_{_{\rm H^+}} = M_{_{\rm H0}}$ or $M_{_{\rm H^+}} = M_{_{\rm A0}}$





(Andreas, Hambye, T.)

Possible embedding in UED model (Z_2 is KK-parity), but wrong spectrum...



Motivation #2: a one-to-one correspondence between annihilation and Spin-Independent (SI)elastic scattering





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SCALAR PHANTOMS

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We show that, by a minimal modification of the standard $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ theory, we can account for the dark matter of the universe. With a reasonable choice of an unknown coupling, the galactic mass scale emerges. We comment on the prospects for laboratory detection of the scalar particle involved and the possible production of anti-protons in cosmic rays.

A striking prediction of the inflationary universe [5] is that Ω is equal to 1. The X particle could saturate Ω if $m_X \approx 0.75 m_H$. (Let us first take h to be 1.) Thus for m_H in the range 10–30 GeV, the condition $\Omega_X = 1$ requires that m_X lies in the range 7.5–22 GeV and the freezing temperature T_f is in the 0.3–1 GeV range. The value of N_F cited above is roughly the value

Concordance with CoGeNT and/or DAMA



Andreas, Arina, Hambye, Ling & M.T. arXiv:1003.2595

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QCD phase transition

This is consistent with other recent works

Fitzpatrick, Hooper & Zurek

ArXiv:1003.0014

Effective operators approach





Remark : A fermion (D or M) singlet with Higgs does not work

P odd initial state if S-wave





Typically needs other channels

e.g. light neutralino (Bottino, Donato, Fornengo & Scopel; others)

Andreas, Hambye, M.T.

Dirac DM candidate?

Fitzpatrick, Hooper & Zurek

ArXiv:1003.0014

Effective operators approach

Mambrini ArXiv:1006.3318

Dirac fermion with a

light Z'





Motivation 3: affects Higgs physics

Invisible Higgs decay at the LHC higgs



For $\lambda_{_{\rm S}}$ = 0.2 and $\rm m_{_{higgs}}$ = 120 GeV

BR(h \rightarrow SS) = 99.5%

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For $\lambda_{\rm S}$ = 0.55 and $m_{\rm higgs}$ = 200 GeV

BR(h \rightarrow SS) = 70%

Andreas, Hambye, M.T.

See also Burgess, Pospelov & ter Veldhuis; Barger et al;



75% < INVIS. BR. < 90 % for CoGeNT with Mhiggs @ 180 GeV

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Most promising channel@ LHC is Z-
boson associated production
ie
di-lepton + missing E_T
(Jets + missing E_T is much less
Important)
(Eboli & Zeppenfeld)
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Remark: similar problematic for
NMSSM light WIMP scenarios
(Gunion, Hooper & West)
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Motivation #4: potentially « large » indirect
signals



Flux of gammas, neutrinos, positrons //

Constraint # 1: gammas rays from dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph)

- + Largest galactic dark matter subhalos (we believe)
- + Low gamma-ray background
- low statistics
- analysis by Fermi-LAT collaboration, 11 months of data, with 95% CL on gamma flux from Milky Way dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph)

- 14 best candidates dSph
- short distances (< 150 kpc), high latitudes
 for low background (-30° < b < 30°)
- dSph modelled as point sources
- No observation of gamma from dSph

95% CL limits on DM (based on NFW profile)

95% C.L. limits on flux from dSphs between 100 MeV < E < 50 GeV

100% in b-bbar

100% in τ^+ τ^-



Figures from Fermi-LAT; Abdo et al, arXiv:1001.4531

New limits on the gamma ray flux from dSphs from a light scalar singlet with WMAP cross section



Andreas, Arina, Hambye, Ling, M.T. (arXiv:1003.2595) See also Fitzpatrick, Hooper & Zurek



Stacked analysis \rightarrow stronger limits: light candidates in b-bbar excluded @ 95% CL



Figure from Ch. Arina, M.T. (2010)



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Universe essentially transparent for E < 10 GeV gamma-rays in the Fermi-LAT window (in pink)





Figure from Fermi-LAT Abdo *et al* arXiv:1002.3603

Predicted flux,

Fig. from Ch. Arina, M.T. (2010)



95% CL (from no excess in any single bin)

Consistent with many other works, some pre-dating Fermi-LAT (Abdo et al; Profumo & Tesla; Beacon et al; Yuksel et al;...)



Using the one-to-one correspondence between the annihilation and the SI scattering cross sections

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Further constraints: the Diffuse Galactic Halo



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Neutrino flux from ~ GeV DM captured in the Sun



Limits from Pamela data on antiprotons in cosmic rays



Figure from E.Nezri, G. Vertongen, M.T. See also J. Lavalle; G. Shaughnessy et al

Remark: a light WIMP could be good for something else ...

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis and Particle Dark Matter



Figure from Jedamzik & Pospelov

Figure 3. Dark matter annihilation rate versus dark matter mass. The blue band shows parameters where ⁶Li due to residual dark matter annihilation may account for the ⁶Li abundance as inferred in HD84937 ($^{6}\text{Li}/^{7}\text{Li}\approx 0.014 - 0.09$ at 2- σ), whereas the orange-red-green-yellow region shows where ⁷Li is efficiently destroyed i.e. ⁷Li/H< 1.5, 2, 3, and 4 × 10⁻¹⁰, respectively. Above the lower (upper) dashed line D/H exceeds 4 × 10⁻⁵ (5.3 × 10⁻⁵), such that parameter space above the upper dashed line is ruled out by D overproduction. Scenarios between this line and the

Conclusions

Singlet scalar model, but quite generic results

May be consistent with CoGeNT and/or DAMA (or CRESST for that matter) and WMAP thermal abundance

Challenged (to say the least) by other direct detection experiments

Dramatic implications for Higgs search (invisible decay)

Also potentially strong indirect constraints from Fermi-LAT data, possibly excluding this (category of) models

Prospects?

A light WIMP requires a new mass scale

This problem is worse for a scalar field ... New ideas?

Expect more constraints from gamma-ray observations, but also from other indirect signatures (some not worked out yet, like synchrotron radio emission)

These constraints are easely evaded by Asymmetric Dark Matter. But then how to probe this scenario?