Indirect Dark Matter Detection

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• Sources

• Detection techniques

based on a simple fact...



DEN SOM INTE SYNS, FINNS INTE

(what you don't see does not exist)

Använd lanternorna under mörker.



SJÖFARTSVERKET Sjösäkerhetsrådet www.sjosakert.nu or maybe not so simple

There are models with no dark matter (Modified Newtonian Dynamics for example) But have difficulties explaining all the signatures we will discuss

the cosmo-astroparticle connection



Models to explain the elementary particles and their interactions as studied in laboratory experiments can not spoil the understanding we have of the early universe and its evolution towards what we observe today.



This provides a strong link between particle physics and astrophysics/cosmology

Cosmology limits the possible models of particle physics Particle Physics 'decides' what is possible in the Universe







- The Standard Model of particle physics is a Quantum Field Theory.
- Quantum field theories are used to describe relativistic, many-particle systems. They are an extension of QM (second quantization).
- A field is defined at every point in space-time with a continuous function of the space-time coordinates, $\Phi(x_{\mu}) = 1,...,4$
- Particles are understood as field excitations, ie. quanta, at a given spacetime point where the field has non-zero value.
- There are several types of fields according to their behaviour under a Lorentz transformation: scalar, vector, tensor and spinor.
- The SM contains 24 elementary particles (plus antiparticles)

e,
$$\mu$$
, τ ν_{e} , ν_{μ} , ν_{τ}
leptons
u, d, c, s, t, b
quarks
bosons
 γ , g(8), Z⁰, W⁺⁻
bosons

all "normal" matter made of **u**, **d** and **e**-.

- The dynamics and interactions of particles are described by a Lagrangian
- The equations of motion are derived from the Lagrangian
- The SM describes correctly the interactions of particles under three of the four fundamental forces:
 - electromagnetic, nuclear strong, nuclear weak (gravitation not included) which are "mediated" by the bosons γ , g, Z⁰, W⁺⁻⁻.
- Is Lorentz invariant (invariant under space-time translations)
- Is gauge invariant under U(1)EM x SU(2)weak x SU(3)strong
- 'Lepton number' (number of leptons-antileptons) is conserved in any interaction (for particles L=1, for antiparticles L= -1, for non-leptons L=0), as well as 'charge', spin and energy.
- Mass is not explained. It is added ad-hoc through the "Higgs mechanism", which requires the existence of an additional particle, the Higgs boson, that has not been observed yet.

Reminder:

In modern particle accelerators we collide counter-rotating particles, ie, $p_{beam} = -p_{target}$. That is, the CM system

(b=beam,

t=target)

$$\mathbf{P}_{b} = (E_{b}, p_{b})$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{t} = (E_{t}, p_{t})$$

$$s = (\mathbf{P}_{b} + \mathbf{P}_{t})^{2} = (E_{b} + E_{t}, p_{b} + p_{t})^{2} = (E_{b} + E_{t})^{2} = E_{cm}^{2}$$

$$p_{b} = -p_{t}$$

In the lab frame (rest frame of the target particle), most usual case in detection of astrophysical processes:

$$P_{b} = (E_{b}, p_{b})$$

$$P_{t} = (m_{t}, 0)$$

$$\vec{s} = (P_{b} + P_{t})^{2} = (E_{b} + m_{t}, p_{b})^{2} = (E_{b} + m_{t})^{2} - p_{b}^{2} =$$

$$= E_{b}^{2} + m_{t}^{2} + 2E_{b}m_{t} - p_{b}^{2} = m_{b}^{2} + m_{t}^{2} + 2E_{b}m_{t} \equiv E_{cm}^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{cm} \propto \sqrt{2}$$

the Big Bang model in one transparency



- •In the beginning there was nothing, which exploded (T. Pratchett)
- Inflation=exponential expansion
- •Soup of q's, e's, v's and γ 's (at least)
- •Quarks (+gluons) --> p and n
- •Soup of p, n and e
- •p and n + e --> light elements
- Universe becomes transparent
- •Structures forms



- It has a singularity: ugly
- Inflationary period added 'ad hoc' to explain smoothness of matter distribution and flatness of space

But:

- It correctly predicts the cosmic microwave background (black-body radiation from the time the universe was in thermal equilibrium).
 Now measured and studied in detail by COBE, Boomerang and WMAP experiments
- It correctly predicts the abundances of light elements, H, He, Li.
- It predicts the number of light neutrino types, N_v <3.3, ie, no other light neutrinos apart from e, μ and τ -type

- Rotation curves of stars in galaxies
- Movement of galaxies in clusters
- Cosmic microwave background
- Gravitational lensing

- ... and the result is:
 - The Universe is 23% dark, ie, composed of matter that does not emit electromagnetic radiation
 - It has to be non-baryonic, ie, not 'normal'

dark matter: rotational curve evidence



this evidence is with us since the 1930's. Same if one uses the movement of galaxies in galaxy clusters, and it holds for all galaxies measured.

matter content of the universe from CMB

('MACHOs', Massive Compact Halo Objects)

dead stars, unobserved planets, cold gas clouds...

baryonic matter (made of usual stuff: p's and n's)

Not enough: big bang nucleosynthesis and CMB data put a very precise limit on how many baryons there are in the Universe. Otherwise the amount of observed primordial

Things that do not shine?

22% Dark Matter

- 4% Atoms



light elements (D, He, Li) can not be explained light element abundance predictions 4He measurements ³He 10чы 10 17L' 10-11 10-10 γ/baryon

http://map.gsfc.nasa.gov/resources/camb tool/index.html

0.2°

0.5°

2°

Angular Size

1000 E

0

90

Neutrinos: They exist! And we know they have mass, not much, but there are many of them. However, not enough to explain the missing mass:

experimental limits on the neutrino mass:

$$m_v < 2 \ eV$$

The cosmic mass density of neutrinos calculated from Big-Bang theory

$$\Omega_{v}h^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{m_{i}}{93eV}$$

$$\Omega_{v}h^{2} \le 0.07 << 1 \qquad \left(h = H_{o}/100 \ km \ s^{-1} \ Mpc^{-1}\right)$$

ie, neutrinos are not abundant enough to be the dominant dark matter

Besides, the Pauli exclusion principle limits the number of neutrino states that can be accommodated in a galactic halo:

$$n_v(E) = g_v \frac{1}{e^{E/kT} + 1}$$
 (gv=nb. of helicity states)

Need other candidates!

- (x)MSSM: Minimal Supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model
- Extension(s) of the Standard Model
- Introduces (predicts) many new particles (one per existing elementary particle, differing in spin by 1/2)
- One has to be stable, with m > O(10) GeV (from accelerator searches, model dependent) and m < 300 TeV (from theoretical constraints)
- Is a good candidate for dark matter: neutralino,

$$\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} = N_{1}\mathbf{B} + N_{2}\mathbf{W}^{3} + N_{3}H_{1}^{0} + N_{4}H_{2}^{0}$$



- They interact only weakly and gravitationally
- Can be gravitationally bound in the halos of galaxies and be further trapped in heavy bodies: Sun, Earth, Galactic Center
- Increased concentration \rightarrow annihilation $\chi\chi \rightarrow$ SM particles $\rightarrow v$'s, e's, γ 's





 $\Omega = \frac{3x10^{-27} cm^3 s^{-1}}{3x10^{-27} cm^3 s^{-1}}$

Standard Model particles and fields		Supersymmetric partners				
		Interaction eigenstates		s	Mass eigenstates	
Symbol	Name	Symbol	Name		Symbol	Name
q = d, c, b, u, s, t	quark	\tilde{q}_L, \tilde{q}_R	squark		\tilde{q}_1, \tilde{q}_2	squark
$l = e, \mu, \tau$	lepton	\tilde{l}_L, \tilde{l}_R	slepton		\tilde{l}_1, \tilde{l}_2	slepton
$ u = u_e, u_\mu, u_ au$	neutrino	$\tilde{\nu}$	sneutrino		$\tilde{\nu}$	sneutrino
g	gluon	\tilde{g}	gluino		\tilde{g}	gluino
W^{\pm}	W-boson	\tilde{W}^{\pm}	wino			
H^{-}	Higgs boson	\tilde{H}_{1}^{-}	higgsino	}	$\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^{\pm}$	chargino
H^+	Higgs boson	\tilde{H}_{2}^{+}	higgsino	J	,	
В	B-field	\tilde{B}	bino	5		
W^3	W^3 -field	\tilde{W}^3	wino		-	
H_{1}^{0}	Higgs boson	\tilde{u}_0	1	- >	$\tilde{\chi}^{0}_{1,2,3,4}$	neutralino
H_2^0	Higgs boson	H_1	niggsino			
$H_3^{ ilde{0}}$	Higgs boson	H_{2}^{0}	higgsino)		



Fig. 10. The measurements of the gauge coupling strengths at LEP do not (left) evolve to a unified value if there is no supersymmetry but do (right) if supersymmetry is included [29,220].

extra dimensions: models originally devised to unify gravity and electromagnetism. No experimental evidence again a space $3+\delta+1$ as long as the extra dimensions are 'compactified'.

Simple quantum mechanics argument:

Lightest Kaluza-Klein mode (n=1)

m≈1/R~ 400 -1500 GeV

$$\mathbf{R}$$

$$n\frac{\lambda}{2} = 2\pi R$$
, $n\frac{h}{2p} = 2\pi R \implies p = n\frac{h}{4\pi R}$

$$E^{2} = p^{2}c^{2} + m_{o}^{2}c^{4} = n^{2}\frac{1}{R^{2}}c^{2} + m_{o}^{2}c^{4} = m_{n}^{2}c^{4}$$
$$m_{n}^{2} = \frac{n^{2}}{c^{2}R^{2}} + m_{o}^{2}$$

Superheavy dark matter (Simpzillas)

Produced **non-thermally** at the end of inflation through vacuum quantum fluctuations

strong Xsection (= not-weak)

m from ~10⁴ GeV to 10¹⁸ GeV

Can be accommodated in supersymmetric or UED models

• S+S \rightarrow t \bar{t} , \sim 3x10⁵ sqr(m_S/10¹²GeV) tops per annihilation

$$\frac{dN}{dE_{\nu}} \propto \frac{E_{\nu} + m_{w}}{\sqrt{(E_{\nu} + m_{t})[(E_{\nu} + m_{t})^{2} - m_{t}^{2}][(E_{\nu} + m_{w})^{2} - m_{w}^{2}]}}$$



indirect signatures from dark matter annihilation

the artist point of view...



... and the physicist point of view



DM-induced SM particles:

 $\begin{array}{c} \kappa\kappa, \chi\chi, SS \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} q\overline{q} \\ \ell^{+}\ell^{-} \\ W, Z, H \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \nu, \gamma, e^{+}e^{-}, \overline{p} \\ \dots \end{array}$

Kaluza-Klein modes an additional useful channel:

 $\kappa\kappa \rightarrow \nu \nu$

signature: excess over background from Sun/Earth/Galactic Halo/nearby galaxies

A lot of physics uncertainties involved:

- relic density calculations
- DM distribution in the halo
- velocity distribution
- χ ,K,S properties (MSSM/UED...)
- interaction of χ ,K,S with matter (capture)
- self interaction (annihilation)

indirect searches for dark matter

Look at objects where dark matter can have accumulated gravitationally over the evolution of the Universe

Sun, Earth, Galactic Halo/Center, Nearby galaxies





80 kpc

1 billion particle simulation of dark matter structure formation during the evolution of the universe. The dark matter are the bright spots! (note the scale)

dark matter searches from nearby dwarf galaxies

- dwarf galaxies: high mass/light ratio \rightarrow high concentration of DM in the halos

⁻ known location. Distributed both in the north and southern sky.

- Point-like search techniques: stacking
- known distance -> determination of absolute annihilation rate if a signal is detected

- close by: closer than 100 kpc to the galactic center

-same expected gamma/neutrino spectra as for the galactic center/halo, but less background from structure or point sources

Same strategy as in the galactic halo analysis:

$$\frac{d\Phi_j(\Delta\Omega, E_j)}{dE_j} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_j}{dE_j} J(\Delta\Omega)$$



advantage for neutrino telescopes if DM is leptophilic, as suggested by PAMELA results (see below) The prediction of signals from dark matter annihilation is complex and involves many subjects of physics

- relic density calculations (cosmology)
- dark matter distribution in the halo (astrophysics)
- velocity distribution of the dark matter in the halo (astrophysics)
- physical properties of the dark matter candidate (particle physics)
- interaction of the dark matter candidate with normal matter (for capture)

(nuclear physics/particle physics)

- self interactions of the dark matter particles (annihilation) (particle physics)
- transport of the annihilation products to the detector (astrophysics/particle physics)

Indirect dark matter searches through these three 'signatures': $e+e-and \overline{p}$, photons and neutrinos:

- e's charged -> deflected by (inter)galactic magnetic fields
- γ 's easily absorbed by intervening matter
- v's extremely difficult to detect (only weak, and gravitational, interaction)

Detectors:

- γ 's: Cherenkov telescopes (surface), satellites (space)
- e+e-: satellites (space)
- ν's: neutrino 'telescopes' (underground/underwater)



a daunting task to cover all indirect dark matter detection efforts

Map of the World, April 2007



(stolen from J. Conrad)

searches with gamma rays: Cherenkov telescopes



example: the HESS telescope

4 telescopes
 120 m spacing
 107 m² mirror surface each

 energy threshold ~100 GeV energy resolution < 15 %

 angular resolution ~0.1° pointing accuracy < 20"

sensitivity (5σ): 5% of Crab in 1 h 1% of Crab in 25 h HEGRA: 5% of Crab in 100 h

 1000 h of observations / year during moonless nights



Cherenkov telescopes: principle of operation



- Aim: detect gamma rays (E \gtrsim few GeV) with good angular resolution (0.1°)
- High energy gamma rays (or p/nuclei) create electromagnetic shower in the atmosphere:

e⁺e⁻ production+bremmstrahlung

-particle velocities > speed of light in air

- → Cherenkov light
- -can be detected by telescopes with large mirrors focusing the light on highly pixelized cameras

image intensity \rightarrow energy image orientation \rightarrow direction image shape \rightarrow type of particle

Cosmic Rays...

...main background for Cherenkov astronomy



searches with cosmic rays: satellites







AMS

the Fermi gamma ray satellite





Parameter	Value or Range
Energy range	20 MeV – 300 GeV
Effective area at normal incidence ^a	$9,500 \text{ cm}^2$
Energy resolution (equivalent Gaussian 1σ):	
100 MeV – 1 GeV (on axis)	9%-15%
1 GeV – 10 GeV (on axis)	8%-9%
10 GeV – 300 GeV (on-axis)	8.5%-18%
>10 GeV (>60° incidence)	\leq 6%
Single photon angular resolution (space angle)	
on-axis, 68% containment radius:	
>10 GeV	${\leq}0.15^{\circ}$
1 GeV	0.6°
100 MeV	3.5°
on-axis, 95% containment radius	$< 3 imes heta_{68\%}$
off-axis containment radius at 55°	$< 1.7 \times$ on-axis value
Field of View (FoV)	2.4 sr
Timing accuracy	$< 10 \ \mu sec$
Event readout time (dead time)	$26.5 \mu \text{sec}$

the PAMELA cosmic ray satellite

up	1.2m, 450 Kg	TOF (S1) TOF (S2) – Spectromete Tracking system (6 planes)		Geometric cceptance CARD CARD Anti-coincidence CAS
Particle	Energy range	TOF (S3)-		
Antiprotons Positrons Electrons Protons Electrons + positrons Light nuclei (He/Be/C)	80 MeV-190 GeV 50 MeV-300 GeV up to 500 GeV up to 700 GeV up to \sim 1 TeV (from calorimeter) up to 200 GeV nucleon $^{-1}$	Calorime Scintill. S	eter	$\begin{array}{c} z \\ \uparrow \\ \hline \\ \hline$
Electrons Electrons + positrons Light nuclei (He/Be/C) Antinuclei search	up to $\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ (from calorimeter) up to 200 GeV nucleon $^{-1}$ sensitivity of 3 × 10 ⁻⁸ in anti-He/He		Proton	Antiproton



Remember: the \overline{p} flux must not be spoiled



i.e., to explain the excess as dark
matter we need models that
produce electrons and positrons,
but without producing too many
photons and antiprotons

Plenty of dark matter explanations. Easy to fit due to the free parameters





FIG. 2: Spectra for examples of good fit models in 1. The signal and background are shown for electrons $(e^+ + e^-)$ together with Fermi [9] and HESS data [11, 27]. The HESS data and the background model has been rescaled with a factor 0.85. In the inset, the positron fraction as measured with PAMELA is shown together with the predicted signal for the same model.

Bergström et al, arXiv:0905.0333

e⁺ fraction



Conventional explanation possible:

- Pulsars are known sources of e+e- pair production through the spinning magnetic field present: accelerated e- emit gammas than convert to e+e- pairs
- The e+ and e- can scape at the Poles and contribute to the galactic flux, explaining the PAMELA e+ excess. The spectrum and intensity can be reproduced without much fine tuning
- One needs to consider nearby pulsars, since e- suffer from synchrotron and inverse Compton energy losses. But there are sufficient known objects within a few kpc
- If one or few pulsars dominate one can expect an anisotropy in the arrival direction, which can help to discriminate between the pulsar and dark matter origin of the excess

or... do we know our galaxy well enough?

 $\chi\chi \to \bar{p}, \bar{D}, e^+$



Particles, emitted by whatever process, must reach the detector (Earth) travelling through a medium with structure (the galaxy): interstellar gas, magnetic field

We have a standard diffusion model (Galprop) which assumes the galaxy is a flat cylinder with free scape at the boundaries particle density

$$\partial_{z} \left(V_{C} \psi \right) - K \Delta \psi + \partial_{E} \left\{ b^{\text{loss}}(E) \psi - K_{EE}(E) \partial_{E} \dot{\psi} \right\} = Q\left(\mathbf{x}, E\right)$$

spatial diffusion

energy losses

energy gain (reacceleration)

source

vour model

galactic model

Indeed there are claims that there is no anomalous e⁺e⁻ excess (B. Katz et al, MNRS, 405, issue 3, 1458 (2010), T. Piran et al, arXiv:0905.0904) if one parts with the standard model of cosmic ray propagation in the Galaxy (which, for example assumes a continuous distribution of CR sources. This is clearly not the case for high energies, ie, non-diffuse flux)

The galaxy has structure (spiral arms) which would suggest different diffusion processes in the galactic plane and in the perpendicular direction

 \rightarrow cosmic ray diffusion in the galaxy needs updating

Remember Ockham's razor?

- Pluralitas non est ponenda sine neccesitate (original)
- We are to admit no more causes of natural things than such as are both true and sufficient to explain their appearances (Newton's version)
- The procedure of induction consists in accepting as true the simplest law that can be reconciled with our experiences (Wittgenstein)
- *Keep it simple!* (today's version)

searches with neutrino telescopes



neutrino detection principle



Array of optical modules in a transparent medium to detect the light emitted by relativistic secondaries produced in charged-current v-nucleon interactions

number of photons due to Cerenkov radiation: ~ 300 /cm in water/ice

 $\theta_{\nu\mu} \sim 0.7^{\circ}/E_{\nu}$ (TeV)^{0.6} => degree resolution

Need ns timing resolution

Need HUGE volumes (tiny Xsects & fluxes)











 $e^{\scriptscriptstyle + \scriptscriptstyle -}:$ electromagnetic shower

 τ^{+-} : hadronic shower

 μ tracks >100m at E>100 GeV

the Cherenkov effect



$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$

and it appears above a critical velocity $\beta > 1/n$, ($cos\theta$ must be ≤ 1) which depends on the medium. For the most common case of relativistic particles, $\beta \approx c$, $cos\theta = 1/n$.

Atoms in the vicinity of the particle become polarized and emit coherent radiation when returning to the equilibrium state The number of photons emitted per unit length and wavelength is (α is the EM constant)

$$\frac{dN^2}{dxd\lambda} = \frac{2\pi\alpha}{\lambda^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right)$$

typical wavelengths of emission are ultraviolet-blue

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2\pi\alpha\sin^2\theta\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} - \frac{1}{\lambda_2}\right) \text{ photons/cm}$$

~ 300 photons/cm in water for the relevant λ range.

Note that it is not the particle that emits the radiation, but the

material. The particle does not loose energy through Cherenkov radiation and therefore the effect can be used over large distances



v < c/n



v > c/n

$$E^{2} = p^{2}c^{2} + m^{2}c^{4} \qquad (E = 1 \text{ TeV}, m = 105 \text{MeV}/c^{2})$$

$$E \approx pc = mc\gamma = mc \frac{v}{\sqrt{1 - v^{2}/c^{2}}} = mc^{2} \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^{2}}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{E/mc^{2}}{\sqrt{1 + E^{2}/m^{2}c^{4}}} \qquad \text{for } E = 10^{6} \text{ MeV}, \quad \beta = 0.999999994$$

$$t' = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^{2}}}$$

for $\beta = 0.999999994$, $t' = 10^4 t = 10^4 \times 2.2 \times 10^{-6} s = 0.022s$ $v = 0.999999994c \Rightarrow v \approx 3 \times 10^8 m/s$ $L = v \times t \approx 10^3 km$

no energy losses taken into account ! Just time dilation

range/lifetime of a 1 TeV tau

$$E^{2} = p^{2}c^{2} + m^{2}c^{4} \qquad (E = 1 \text{ TeV}, m = 1.78 \text{ GeV} / c^{2})$$

$$E \approx pc = mc\gamma v = mc \frac{v}{\sqrt{1 - v^{2} / c^{2}}} = mc^{2} \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^{2}}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{E / mc^{2}}{\sqrt{1 + E^{2} / m^{2}c^{4}}} \qquad \text{for } E = 10^{3} \text{ GeV}, \quad \beta = 0.99999842$$

$$t' = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

for $\beta = 0.999998$, $t' = 561t = 561 \times 290 \times 10^{-15} s = 1.63 \times 10^{-10} s$ $v = 0.999998c \implies v \approx 3 \times 10^8 m / s$ $L = v \times t \approx 0.05m$

no energy losses taken into account ! Just time dilation

muon range in ice/water with continuous energy losses:

$$L_{\mu} = \frac{1}{b} \log \left(b \left(\frac{E_{\mu}}{a} \right) + 1 \right)$$

a, b material dependent constants





$$\sqrt{\left\langle \theta^2_{\nu\mu} \right\rangle} \propto \sqrt{m_p / E_{\nu}}$$
 just kinematics

for Ev \gtrsim TeV, $\theta_{\nu\mu} \lesssim 1^{\circ}$

possible to point, ie, possible to do astronomy

some operational characteristics of **current** neutrino telescopes:

- Ev threshold ~50 GeV (depends on inter-string and inter-module separation)
- background from downgoing atmospheric muons $\sim x10^6$ atmospheric v flux
- Large volume neutrino telescopes are three-flavour detectors

neutrino detection in ice/water

event reconstruction by Cherenkov light timing: need array of PMTs with ~1ns resolution

 \rightarrow optical properties of the medium of prime importance

	absorption length	scattering length	
South Pole ice (IceCube)	110 m (@ 400nm)	20 m (@ 400nm)	
Lake Baikal	25 m (@ 480nm)	59 m (@ 480nm)	
Mediterranean (ANTARES/NESTOR)	~60 m (@ 470nm)	100-300 m (@ 470nm)	

longer absorption length \rightarrow larger effective volume longer scattering length \rightarrow better timing, (ie pointing resolution)

neutrino astronomy possible since

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu} \approx 0.7^{\circ} \cdot (E_{\nu} / \text{TeV})^{-0.7}$$



the Baikal neutrino telescope



NT-200

- 8 strings with 192 optical modules
- 72 m height, 1070 m depth
- μ effective area >2000 m² (E_{μ}>1 TeV)
- Running since 1998

NT-200+

- commisioned April 9, 2005.
- 3 new strings, 200 m height
- 1 new bright Laser for time calibration

imitation of 20TeV-10PeV cascades, >10^12 photons/pulse w/ diffusor,

- new DAQ

- 2 new 4km cables to shore



2.5 Km deep in the Mediterranean 12 lines 25 'storeys' with 3 PMTs each 350 m long strings (active height) ~70 m inter-string separation 14.5 m vertical storey separation 0.04 km³ instrumented volume

the IceCube neutrino telescope

86 strings, 5160 optical modules

86 ice tanks on the surface

- ~ 50 GeV energy threshold
- ~ 1° angular resolution



IceTop: Air shower detector

80 stations/2 tanks each threshold ~ 300 TeV

1450 m

2450 m

Inice array:

60 Optical Modules

17 m between Modules

125 m between Strings

v threshold $\leq 100 \text{ GeV}$

80 Strings

AMANDA 120m x 450 m

DeepCore array: 6 additional strings 60 Optical Modules 7/10 m between Modules 72 m between Strings v threshold ~10 GeV



example of track reconstruction in IceCube



Figure 13: A 10-TeV muon track in IceCube.



Figure 14: A 6-PeV muon track in IceCube.

Neutrino telescopes do not have a fixed (hit or miss) collection area.

The efficiency to detect a neutrino of a given energy E_{v} is characterized by the effective area of the detector

$$A_{eff}(E_{v}) = \frac{N_{det}}{N_{gen}} \times A_{gen}$$

which **can only be obtained by Monte Carlo simulations**. N_{gen} is the number of events generated in Monte Carlo, distributed over an area A_{gen} , which covers the detector geometrically, and N_{det} is the number of surviving events after a given analysis.

→ There is no a unique effective area of a neutrino telescope!
 It depends on the analysis





Let's take 5000 GeV $\nu_{\rm e}$ as an example:

 $\sigma^{NC}(v_e e^- \rightarrow v_e e^-) = 0.95 \times 10^{-41} E_v/GeV (cm^2)$

 $\rho_{sun} = 1.6 x 10^5 \text{ gr/cm}^3$

 $R_{_{sun}} = 7 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}$

mean free path between interactions:

 $\langle L \rangle = \frac{A_{H}}{N_{A}\rho\sigma} = \frac{1 mol}{6.023 \times 10^{23} mol/gr \, 1.6 \times 10^{5} gr/cm^{3} \, 0.95 \times 10^{-41} cm^{2}/GeV \, 5000 \text{GeV}} = 2.2 \times 10^{8} cm, <7 \times 10^{10} cm = R_{sun}$



Indirect dark matter searches from the **Sun** are a low-energy analysis in neutrino telescopes: even for the highest DM masses, we do not get muons above few 100 GeV Not such effect for the Earth and Halo (no v energy losses in dense medium) Triggered data still dominated by atmospheric muons

Reject misreconstructed atmospheric muon background through event and track quality parameters

Use of **linear cuts** and/or multivariate methods to extract irreducible atmospheric neutrino background

(Neural Nets, Support Vector Machines, Boosted Decision Trees)

DM searches directional: good additional

handle on event selection D

distribution-shape analysis

(allow for a higher background contamination)

sequential cuts



Solid angle to the Sun ψ (rad)

analysis strategies in neutrino telescopes

-Look for an excess of neutrinos from the direction of the Sun (excess over the measured atmospheric neutrino flux)

Non-detection so far \rightarrow limits on the flux of muons (neutrinos)



Non-detection so far \rightarrow limits on the WIMP-proton cross section

$$\Phi \mu \rightarrow \Gamma_A \rightarrow C_c \rightarrow \sigma_{Xp}$$



what are these kid of plots and what do they mean?



Supersymmetric models have a few free parameters (4, 5, 7, 21...). Let's take mSugra, with 5 free parameters

<u>m0</u>: universal sfermion mass at the GUT scale <u>m1/2</u>: universal gaugino mass at the GUT scale <u>tan</u> β : ratio of Higgs vacuum expectation value <u>A₀</u>: universal trilinear coupling at the GUT scale <u>sign(μ)</u>: sign of the Higgsino mass parameter

All other quantities (masses, couplings...) can be derived from these 5 parameters using the theory.

Each 'model' (combination of the 5 parameters) predicts observables that can be compared with experiments

Random scans using high statistics are performed using different techniques (MCMC, simulated annealing, genetic algorithms...)

Each dot in the figure results from a choice of the parameters

Using Bayes theorem one can assign relative probabilities to models

90% CL LKP-p Xsection limit vs LKP mass



Phys. Rev. D 81, 057101 (2010)

90% CL simpzilla-p Xsection limit vs simpzilla mass



Problem: strong dependence on the dark matter distribution in the galaxy
We do not know how dark matter is distributed in the galaxy



models of the dark matter density as a function of distance to the galactic center

example on galactic halo analysis: IceCube

(see posters by H. Taavola and R. Ström)



how to look at the southern sky/Galactic Center with IceCube

• **full sky sensitivity** using IceCube surrounding strings as a veto:

375m thick detector veto: three complete IceCube string layers surround DeepCore → access to southern hemisphere, galactic center and all-year Sun visibility

 preliminary studies show background rejection with 98% signal efficiency possible





results from IceCube on DM searches from the galactic halo and center

-Look for an excess of neutrinos from the galactic halo and center (excess over the measured atmospheric neutrino flux)

Non-detection so far \rightarrow limits on the annihilation cross section



· multi-wavelength approach to dark matter searches:

IceCube results in the context of Pamela and Fermi anomaly



I hope I have convince you that searching for dark matter is a complex business but also, that I have convinced you that it is fun!

(you can go to the South Pole, the Canary Islands, Namibia..., or launch satellites!)

There are plenty of approaches/experiments running or in R&D phase for indirect dark matter detection.

(and I have not mentioned the LHC and direct detection techniques!, covered in other lectures in this school)

The smoking gun for any claim is a coherent signal from indirect, direct and accelerator experiments. The complexity of the backgrounds can make singledetector claims controversial "In order to make further progress, particularly in the field of cosmic rays, it will be necessary to apply all our resources and apparatus simultaneously and side-by-side" (V. Hess. Nobel Lecture, 1936)

All these searches should be taken as a part in the grand scheme of efforts in searches of physics beyond the Standard Model using accelerators, underground detectors, space-based detectors, gamma-ray telescopes and air shower arrays