Dark Matter candidates

And

How to probe them on the Galactic (Milky Way) scale

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<u>So far, only gravitational evidence for DM</u> (cosmological structures+CMB)

CDM successes:

- CMB peaks
- Successful structure formation (from CMB perturbations)
- => CDM seeds galaxies, galaxies embedded in DM halos
- Lensing in clusters + rotation curves of galaxies
- Also consistent with Tully-Fisher relation (baryonic physics)

ISSUES:

- * No DM particles identified so far (a generic statement for the dark universe: issue of the origin/s)
- * How cold must it be?
- * Some observational issues on cosmological scales? (e.g. Hubble tension)
- * Some observational issues (challenges?) on small scales

Dark Matter on galactic scales

Bulk of luminous matter

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* Keplerian decrease of rotation velocity not observed

* Stars and gas not bounded to the object unless invisible mass there

=> Spherical dark matter halo could explain this + natural stabilizer

CDM issues on small (subgalactic) scales



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Governato+12 Cusps→cores



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Dark matter distribution properties (and why it matters)



Mass density profile/s

(but mind potentially strong difference between peculiar objects and average expectations)





++ Phase-space distribution of dark matter Many observables related to dark matter searches may depend on velocity (e.g. cross sections, microlensing events, etc.)

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* Cold or close to cold (or cold-warm):

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Liouville's theorem for non-interacting fermions, assuming they were close to FD distribution in early universe

$$f_{\nu}(p,T) = \frac{g_{\nu}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{e^{E/T} + 1} \xrightarrow{\max} \frac{g_{\nu}}{2(2\pi)^3} \ge \frac{\rho(r)}{m_{\nu}} \times \left\{ f(p) = \frac{e^{-\frac{p^2}{2m_{\nu}^2 \sigma_v^2}}}{(2\pi m_{\nu}^2 \sigma_v^2)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{9\,\sigma_v^2}{4\,\pi\,G\,\left(r + r_0\right)^2}$$

Cored-isothermal sphere

$$m_{\nu} \gtrsim \left\{ \frac{9\sqrt{2\pi} M_P^2}{g_{\nu} \sigma_v r_0^2} \right\}^{1/4} = 0.1 \,\text{keV} \,\left\{ \frac{r_0}{1 \,\text{kpc}} \right\}^{-1/2} \left\{ \frac{\sigma_v}{30 \,\text{km/s}} \right\}^{-1/4}$$

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Pauli exclusion principle (no assumption on initial phase space): cannot exceed density of degenerate Fermi gas!

$$E_F = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2\,m}\right) \left(3\,\pi^2\,n\right)^{2/3} \longrightarrow v_{F,\nu} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2\,E_{F,\nu}}{m_{\nu}}} = \left(3\,\pi^2\,\frac{\rho}{m_{\nu}^4}\right)^{1/3} \le v_{\rm esc}$$

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> Lower mass bounds only! (except for unitarity constraints – thermal case)

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* Interactions?

- \rightarrow Electrically neutral (or charge << 1: milli-charged except in secluded dark sector)
- \rightarrow If thermally produced => (weak) couplings to SM particles
- \rightarrow No prejudice on asymmetry dark matter/antimatter
- → Self-interactions and/or annihilations allowed but SI cross sections bounded
- \rightarrow Possibility of entire dark sector(s)

$$2 {
m cm}^2/{
m g} \simeq 4~{
m b}/{
m GeV} \lesssim rac{\sigma_{
m self}}{m_\chi} \lesssim 0.4~{
m b}/{
m GeV}$$

Original proposal by Carlson+'92 To solve core-cusps (e.g. Spergel+'00, Calabrese+'16) Dynamics of clusters (Kaplinghat+'15)

Model building

Two main approaches

* **Top-down** "DM is a consequence"

* **Bottom-up** "DM is a requirement"

* Motivated by "defects" in SM

- Asymmetry matter-antimatter not achieved
- Strong CP pb
- Stability of the Higgs sector (hierarchy pb)
- Metastability of EW vacuum
- Flavor hierarchy
- Gauge unification
- Quantum gravity (strings)
- etc.

+++ may solve several issues + **DM candidates** - - - DM "solution" potentially embedded in large parameter space (tricky phenomenology)

* Motivation from Cosmology - scalar field cosmology (for the sake of itself) - non-minimal inflation (primordial black holes)

* Consistent QFT

+++ Production mechanism/s +++ DM phenomenology with a minimal set of parameters => predictive - - - built on purpose (ad hoc)

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Two main approaches

The hierarchy pb (Higgs stability), aka the theoretical particle physics crisis





Higgs mass receives quantum corrections \rightarrow very sensitive to any new heavy scale (fine tuning)

- * Might be cured by adding canceling terms
- * e.g. **Supersymmetry** \Rightarrow bosons \leftrightarrow fermions cancel in loops
- * want to forbid new interactions, like:
- \rightarrow discrete symmetry (parity, Z2, etc.)
- => proton does not decay

=> lightest particle stable

 δm_{H}^{2}

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DM: neutralino, sneutrino, gravitino, etc.

+QCD axion DM, "string-inspired" axions (eg ULA) +(Sterile) right-handed neutrino DM +Others (e.g. relaxions ...)

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Status of current searches

* WIMPs (thermal DM)

- Many ongoing experiments (multiwavelength, multimessenger + laboratory)

- Sensitivity in the right ballpark for mass range 10-100 GeV => many constraints

- Still to probe: m<10 GeV, m>100 GeV

- Gamma-rays, cosmic rays, CMB, 21 cm, collider+lab searches, impact on stellar evolution, gravitational searches.

* Axions

- Several ongoing experiments (probe conversion of axions to photons, absorption of photons)

- QCD axion: mass range (10µeV) not reached yet.

- Axion-like particles (ALP, e.g. ULA): ongoing studies, astrophysical probes.

* Sterile neutrinos

- Excitement after the 3.5 keV line (evidence disputed)

- Tiny room left in parameter space from structure formation (Ly-alpha) and X-ray constraints.

Sterile neutrino (W/C)DM

e.g. Dodelson & Widrow '94, Shi & Fuller '99, Asaka, Shaposhnikov, Boyarsky+ '06-16

- \rightarrow Neutrino masses (see-saw)
- → Leptogenesis
- → DM candidates (more or less warm)
- \rightarrow keV mass range (!= thermal mass)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \mu \left[\frac{\phi}{v}\right] \bar{\nu}_l \nu_r + M \nu_r \nu_r + \text{h.c.}$$



Aspects relevant to cosmology:

 * suppress power on small scales (free-streaming scale larger than CDM)
 → viable? (e.g. Schneider 15)
 * current limits on thermal masses > 1.7 keV

Detection (main):

- * neutrino experiments (double β decay)
- * decays to X-ray line: hints @ 3.5 keV (Bulbul+14, Boyarsky+14)
- \rightarrow 7 keV consistent with thermal mass of 2 keV(e.g. Abazajian 14)
- \rightarrow hot debate, could be systematics (cf. Jeltema & Profumo)
- \rightarrow Hitomi excludes excess in Perseus cluster (1607.07420 see also 1608.01684)

Constraints: Resonant-production mechanism almost excluded





(QCD) axions

Peccei-Quinn, Wilczek, Weinberg, Kim, Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov, Dine, Fishler, Srednicki, Sikivie – 70'-80'



$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta \text{QCD}} = \frac{\theta_{\text{QCD}}}{32\pi^2} \text{Tr } G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$$

NB: QCD axion needs physics beyond standard model Production mechanism (relevant to DM axions):

- * Misalignment mechanism (generic)
- * Decay of topological defects (if PQ broken after inflation)
- \rightarrow compact axion asteroids! (f~0.5) Tkachev'86
- * m << eV => large occupation # => classical field
- * QCD axions = CDM => searches through EM couplings!

$$\Omega_a h^2 \sim 2 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{16} \text{ GeV}}\right)^{7/6} \langle \theta_{a,i}^2$$

Axion cosmology (review) Marsh'15

$$m_a^2 = \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2}{(f_a/N_{\rm DW})^2} \frac{m_u m_d}{(m_u + m_d)^2}$$

Constraints on QCD axions



Compiled by Marsh'15

Non-QCD ultra-light axions (ULA = fuzzy DM)

Hu+00, Peebles'00, Marsh+15, Hui+16, Schive+14, Du+18, etc.

Same production mechanisms as axions but not meant to solve the strong CP (QCD) pb => PQ breaking + axion mass free parameters (cosmological constraints) => EM couplings optional

Main properties:

- * Suppression of small-scale perturbations
- * incoherent interference pattern and granularity on scales ~ 1-100 kpc
- * formation of solitonic cores at halo centers
- * core/cusp solved in galaxies if m~10⁻²² eV

 $i\hbar\left(\dot{\psi} + \frac{3}{2}H\psi\right) = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2mR^2}\nabla^2 + m\Phi\right)\psi$ $\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G m_a |\psi|^2$





Bozek+15 Halo mass function Schive+14 Solitonic cores in Fuzzy DM simulations
 k
 9 kpc/h

 y
 z = 1.07

 2.5 Mpc/h

Veltmaat+18 Evolution of solitonic cores Black holes as DM?



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LIGO+VIRGO '16

Primordial black holes

Generic idea (Zel'dovich&Novikov, Hawking, Carr&Hawking'70's):

* Very large density fluctuations may collapse directly into Bhs in the radiation era

- * $M_{_{pbh}}$ ~ mass within horizon
- * Fluctuation amplitude ~ 10^{-5} at CMB scales
- $* \sim 0.01$ needed => more power (e.g. non gaussianity) needed on very small scales
- * Production enhanced at phase transitions (e.g. QCD \leftrightarrow Mh~1 M_{sun})
- * A potentially macroscopic CDM candidate



Primordial black holes

- * Most (past) constraints based on assuming peak mass function
- * Huge effort to reconsider them (e.g. Green+, Kamionkowski+, Carr+, Garcia-Bellido+)
- * Typically two windows: below and above microlensing constraints.
- * If mass function extended enough, PBHs could be ~100% of DM
- \rightarrow if 1-100 Msun, might solve core/cusp
- \rightarrow GW with < 1 Msun a specific signature



potentially strong constraints from lensing of SNe Ia for $M_{pbh} > 1 M_{sun}$ \rightarrow see Zumalacarregui & Seljak '17 (PBHs < 0.4 CDM)

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 \rightarrow Chemical equilibrium if production rate > expansion rate

(then production = annihilation)

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Solve moments of Liouville-Boltzmann equation for coupled species

 $\frac{d f(x^{\mu}, p^{\mu})}{d f(x^{\mu}, p^{\mu})} = 0$





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Master equation: Boltzmann equation (e.g. Lee & Weinberg '77, Bernstein+'85-88)

$$\frac{df(x^{\mu}, p^{\mu})}{d\lambda} = \widehat{C}[f] \longrightarrow \qquad \frac{dY_{\chi}}{dx} \propto \frac{g_{\star}^{1/2}(x)}{x^2} \langle \sigma v \rangle \left\{ \frac{Y_{\chi, eq}^2}{Y_{\chi, eq}^2} - \frac{Y_{\chi}^2}{Y_{\chi}^2} \right\}$$



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 \rightarrow generic properties: extended dark sector (interaction mediators)



Kinetic decoupling, free streaming scale, and small-scale structures



$$\lambda_{\rm fs} = a_{\rm eq} \int_{t_{\rm kd}}^{t_{\rm eq}} dt \frac{v(t)}{a(t)} \approx v_{\rm kd} (a_{\rm kd}/a_{\rm eq})/H_{\rm eq}$$

* Density perturbations grow efficiently after matter-radiation equivalence

- * Kinetic decoupling time sets free-streaming scale
- * Other competing effects (collisional damping)
- > Minimal size of structures have impact on DM searches> Depends on DM interaction properties

[e.g. Hofmann+01, Berezinsky+03, Green+04-05, Bertschinger 06, Bringmann+07, Facchinetti+ in prep.]

Kinetic decoupling, free streaming scale, and small-scale structures





Aquarius, Springel+08 [see also Molitor+'15]

-5 0 5 10 15 X (kpc) MW masers, Reid+14

Gaia: Data Release 2 (DR2) @ESA

Constrained MW mass models matter in predicting/constraining ...



The Galactic subhalo population down to the tiniest masses \rightarrow Subhalo number density + mass density profiles



The velocity distribution of dark matter \rightarrow moments of the relative speed from improved Eddington equation

Will improve with Gaia

Local dynamics probed with Gaia

* Jeans theorem: Phase-space distribution of steady-state system naturally described by functions of closed integrals of motion

* Natural basis is: action (J) and angle (θ) conjugate variables; the Hamiltonian reads H(J) (Binney & Tremaine '08)

* At equilibrium, $f_0(J)$ solution of collisionless Boltzmann equation

* Take perturbations of the bar and spiral arms into account: resonances (trapped orbits)!

=> new set of action-angle coordinates (Monari, Famaey, Fouvry, Binney '17)

=> applied to Gaia DR2 (Monari, Famaey, Siebert, Wegg & Gerhard '19), using Galactic bar model of Portail+'17



Sample of $3x10^5$ stars within 200 pc + bar model only (no spiral arms) => find the predicted resonant orbits in the data!

=> somewhat a unique long-distance test of the Portail+ bar model

=> favors a DM core at the Galactic center (but doesn't match inner RC)



Global dynamics probed with Gaia

Streams (Ibata et al.):



>10 new confirmed streams in total

Integrate streams orbits by exploring all distances and radial velocities until stream candidate found (STREAMFINDER)



Phlegethon: a faint nearby(3.8 kpc) disk-like retrograde stream (~2580 M) Ibata et al (2018)

Stellar streams: a powerful probe of global dynamics + subhalos (e.g. heating and gaps)

Conclusions

* DM candidates

- \rightarrow no longer particle-theory driven
- \rightarrow focus on production mechanism and interaction properties vs. observational signatures
- \rightarrow a rich phenomenology, but many potentially observable signatures

 \rightarrow astrophysical (multiwavelength+multimessenger – photons, neutrinos + gravitational) + cosmological observations (CMB+21cm+Ly-alpha) very powerful probes

* The Milky Way (MW) itself provides many probes of fundamental dark matter properties

- * MW is a single object:
- \rightarrow detailed properties NOT predicted by cosmological simulations (specific baryonic distribution, merger history, etc.)
- \rightarrow not overstate the theoretical consequences of (non)observations (e.g. core/cusp in the MW)
- * Strong complementarity with other probes (other galaxies, other scales, other ages).

* Dark matter structuring properties on small scales very important (far below resolution of cosmological simulations \rightarrow need to build and rely on analytical models) \rightarrow strong impact on several observables + gravitational searches

- * Gaia DR2: (already) impressive improvement on dynamical understanding of MW (incl. merger history).
- \rightarrow global dynamics (DM halo + gravitational potential)
- \rightarrow local dynamics (local DM density)
- \rightarrow subhalos (gaps in stellar streams, etc.)

* A lot theoretical/modeling work needed to improve predictions




Evidence for Two Early Accretion Events That Built the Milky Way Stellar Halo

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Defining the whole subhalo "phase space"



Tides from stellar encounters and disk shocking

Encounters with stars: (Ostriker+,Weinberg+, Gnedin+,80-00, Berezinsky+03) * impulse approximation during fly-by

=> negligible wrt disk shocking

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \vec{r} \,\rho_{\rm int}(r) (\delta v_x - \delta \tilde{v}_x)^2$$
$$\Delta E = \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(\frac{2G_{\rm N}M_*}{v_{\rm rel}l^2}\right)^2 \int_0^R dr \, r^4 \,\rho_{\rm int}(r)$$

Disk shocking:

* impulse approximation during crossing

- * adiabatic invariance correction
- => the dominant effect

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}v_z}{\mathrm{d}t} = g_\mathrm{d}(R, z_\mathrm{p}) - g_\mathrm{d}(R, z_\mathrm{c})$$
$$\simeq \Delta z \, \frac{\partial g_\mathrm{d}}{\partial z} \left(z_\mathrm{c} \right) \,,$$
$$\Delta v_z = \int \mathrm{d}t \, \Delta z(t) \, \frac{\partial g_\mathrm{d}}{\partial z} \left[z_\mathrm{c}(t) \right]$$
$$\epsilon_k(z) \equiv \frac{2 \, g_{z,\mathrm{disk}}^2(z=0) \, z^2}{V_z^2} \, A(\eta)$$



Stellar disk



The coldness of Dark Matter





Searches for thermal dark matter





* Production at colliders (model dependent) => collider searches

* Annihilation/decay rate potentially large in dense DM regions: centers of halos + CMB => indirect searches

* Beware velocity dependence (scalar exchange between fermions v-suppressed; pseudo-scalar exchange is not)

- * elastic or inelastic scattering
- \rightarrow nuclear recoils at underground experiments
- => direct searches
- \rightarrow scattering with astrophysical objects
- => stellar physics
- => neutrinos from capture+annihilation in stars
- => indirect searches

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Astro/particle complementarity



Direct WIMP searches



Billard+13

Also sensitive at lower energy: * electronic recoils (e.g. Essig+12) * Bremsstralhung (e.g. Pradler & Kouvaris 17)



Up to the skies!

in galaxies $\widehat{}$ $+b/x + \mathcal{O}(x^{-2})$ $\langle \sigma v \rangle \approx$ $ar{p},\,ar{D}\,\&\,e^+$ relic density $\& \nu$'s

Courtesy P. Salati



Diffuse gamma-ray emission

=> check spectral/spatial

properties wrt background

Requirements (and/or): * clean signal (spectral lines or features) * large signal/noise ratio => Control astrophysical backgrounds

Big DM subhalos * **Dwarf Galaxies** (~40) – no other HE astrophysical processes expected there.

Galactic Center

* Closest/Largest expected annihilation rate
* Large theoretical uncertainties (background not controlled)

Cosmic-ray transport



Down to MeVDM with cosmic rays + p-wave



ULA probes





Armengaud+'17 (Ly-alpha from SDSS DR9)

Tidal disruption of subhalo solitonic cores

Other effects:

- * Sizable oscillations of the core density (Veltmaat+18)
- * $\rho_c = f(r_c)$ (Deng+18)
- * Abundance of ultra-faint lenses HFF@z=6 (Menci+17)
- * Probe incoherent zone (talk by N. Amorisco)
- * Ly-alpha => A catch-22 scenario? (like Maccio+12 for WDM)
- * 21cm? (See Schneider'18)

e.g. Goodmann & Witten '84, Drukier+ '85



Initial statistical/cosmological properties

The initial mass function (linear + ~non-linear) From primordial spectrum to mass function (ext. Press-Schechter) $P(k,t) = D_{+}^{2}(t) \{ P(k) \equiv A_{0} T^{2}(k) P_{\text{prim}}(k) \}$ $\sigma^2(R) \equiv \varepsilon_R(|\vec{r}| \to 0) = \int d\ln k \,\Delta^2(k) \,|\tilde{W}(k,R)|^2$ $\frac{dn}{dM} = \left\{ V_M^{-1} \equiv \frac{\rho_M}{M} \right\} \left| \frac{dF(\delta > \delta_c)}{dM} \right| = \frac{\rho_M}{M^2} \left| \frac{d\ln\sigma}{d\ln M} \right| \nu f(\nu)$ $\frac{d\mathcal{P}(m_{200})}{dm_{200}} \stackrel{\sim}{\propto} m_{200}^{-\alpha_m} \left\{ 1 - e^{-\left[\frac{m_{200}}{m_{\text{cut}}}\right]^n} \right\}$ Typically a power law with a cutoff (minimal) mass. Concentration vs. mass 2.0 z = 0Log₁₀ MultiDarl Bolshoi Ishivama+13 Moore+01 Colín+04 Ishiyama 14 Anderhalden & Diemand 13 Diomand+0⁶ Log10 M200 [h-1 Ma] Sanchez-Conde+13 $m_{200} = 10^{\circ}$ $\sigma_{\rm in \ c} = 0.26$ WMAP1-RELAXED + $\sigma_{\rm in c} = 0.25$ $m_{200} = 10^0$ $- m_{200} = 10^6$ dP(c)/dc for 3 masses P(A log o Concentration lognormal RDF - 0.04 0.03 0.02 0.01 -0.4 0 0.4 -0.40 0.4 ∆log c|M ∆ log c|M Maccio+08 Stref, PhD th. '18



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$$\bar{c}_{200}(m_{200}, z) = K_{200} \left[\frac{\rho_{\rm c}(z_c)}{\rho_{\rm c}(z)} \right]^{1/3}$$

Fitting formula from Sanchez-Conde+13 + lognormal DF

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}_c}{dc}(c,m) = \frac{1}{K_c} \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{(c-\bar{c}(m))^2}{2\,\sigma_c^2}\right\}}{c\,\sqrt{2\,\pi\,\sigma_c^2}}$$