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Dark Matter astrophysics

The particle DM hypothesis is the cornerstone of the current theory of the formation and evolution of galaxies

Early Universe (t ~ 0.4 Myrs)



Galaxy formation in a DM background









Fig. from Buchmüller 12

Weak-scale (100 GeV) thermal dark particles (WIMPs) "naturally" give the right DM abundance

Relic density constraints (example: thermal Sommerfeld-enhanced)

Sommerfeld-enhanced annihilation (e.g. Hisano +04, Arkani-Hamed +09)



 β = relative velocity

Appealing to boost DM annihilation in the MW halo to explain e.g. excess of positrons in Cosmic-rays (PAMELA, AMS...)

However, constraints from the early-Universe limit the maximum boost!

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}n_{\chi}}{\mathrm{d}t} + 3Hn_{\chi} = -\left\langle \sigma v \right\rangle \left(n_{\chi}^2 - \left(n_{\chi}^{EQ} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\label{eq:BF} \mathrm{BF} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_0^{\Omega_{DM}} S(\sigma_{\mathrm{vel,h}})}{3 \times 10^{-26} \mathrm{cm}^3 \mathrm{s}^{-1}} \lesssim 100$$
 In the MW-halo today Zavala+10, Feng+10

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CMB power spectrum: energy injection during **recombination** broadens the surface of last scattering e.g. Padmanabhan & Finkbeiner 05, Slatyer +09...



WMAP 7-year results no DM annihilation

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Early Universe

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Is the minimum scale for A clue from the abundance galaxy formation set by the of dwarf galaxies? DM nature or by gas physics (or by both)? M_h~4x10¹⁰M_{Sun} (~dwarf scale) 90% complete 10 Number density per log unit velocity Local Volume (10 Mpc) **<u>CDM + current benchmark</u>** gal. form. models Klypin+14 overpredict the abundance of field dwarfs **Obs ± 15%** CDM (Zavala+09, Papastergis+11, Klypin+14) Strong suppression of gas and star formation 0.5 by SNe-driven winds alleviates but WDM 1.25 keV does not yet solve the tension in a CDM model A suppression in the original DM power 0.1 spectrum might hold the key... 0.05 20 40 80 100 200 10 60 V (km s⁻¹)

Unsolved problem in CDM!!

Onset of structure formation



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Are non-gravitational DM interactions irrelevant for galaxy formation?

Cross section $\sigma/m_{\chi} \ [\rm cm^2/gr]$	Characteristic velocity $\tilde{v} \; [\rm km/s]$
SI χ -nucleon $\lesssim 10^{-23}$	~ 200
$m_{\chi} \in (0.1 - 5) \text{ TeV}$	(local halo)
LUX	
$\chi\chi ightarrow bar{b}~\lesssim 10^{-10}$	~ 10
$m_{\chi} \in (0.1-1) \text{ TeV}$	(dSphs)
Fermi-LAT	

Does it interact with ordinary matter?

 χ -nucleus interactions extremely low to impact structure information

Does it interact with itself (annihilation)?

 $\chi-\chi$ self-annihilation extremely low to impact structure information

1 cm²/g ~ 2 barns/GeV

Virtually all direct and indirect searches assume CDM structure formation!!

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Bullet Cluster (Clowe +06)



(Randall+08) $\sigma/m < 1.25 \text{ cm}^2/\text{gr}$

Caveat: DM-only simulation gas and stars might weaken the constraint







velocity dispersion [km/s]







CDM + WIMPs (looking for a signal in γ-rays)

Credit: NASA/Fermi-LAT (5 years)



A possible signal in the inner galaxy (Daylan+14)



- ~ thermal cross section (m_x ~ 35 GeV)
- spherical morphology
- inner DM profile steeper than CDM (adiabatic contraction)
- some models in tension with antiproton/positron data from PAMELA/AMS-02 (Bringmann+14)

Search for DM annihilation in dSphs (Fermi-LAT collaboration 14)



MW satellites

main "nuisance": inner DM structure in dSphs

(PeV neutrinos as DM messengers)

- IceCube discovery of high-energy cosmic neutrinos (including 3PeV events) (IceCube collaboration 13-14)
- PeV DM is a possibility:
 - DM-decay e.g. Feldstein+13)
 - First proposal of DM-annihilation (Zavala 14)



Zavala 14 (arXiv:1404.2932)



IceCube cosmic neutrinos MW satellites coincident events

DM annihilation signal would be expected to show correlation with MW subhaloes

Intriguing, but random coincidence is likely

Structure formation in a non-CDM Universe

In the standard Cold Dark Matter paradigm galaxies form in a purely gravitational DM background

The nature of DM as a particle is therefore irrelevant for galaxy formation and evolution

There is **no strong evidence** to support this **strong** hypothesis

If DM is effectively warm and/or collisional then predictions for DM signals need to consider the synergy between the DM nature and structure formation

A richer DM (initial) power spectrum

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simulations

(N-body

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Collisional Boltzmann equation



 $\frac{df}{dt} = C[f, \sigma_{\rm sc}]$

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Concluding remarks

- decisive decade for the "standard" DM model (CDM + WIMPs): experiments reaching the "expected" WIMP cross sections (Fermi, LUX,...)
- potential signals must be examined with a multidisciplinary approach:
 - consistency with multi-epoch astrophysical observations
 - theoretically viable in particle physics models
- absence of signals and/or inconsistency with CDM might lead to a paradigm shift
- astrophysical constraints are weak enough for the DM nature to play a major role in the formation and evolution of galaxies
- the central structure of DM haloes might hide a clue of a fundamental guiding principle for a complete DM theory

EXTRA SLIDES

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DM distribution in the MW satellites: the core-cusp problem



Other analysis suggest that **both cores and cusps can fit the data** (e.g. Breddels & Helmi 13, Richardson & Fairbairn 14, Strigari, Frenk & White 14)

Controversial issue in CDM!!