

Sommerfeld Effect and Bound State Formation of colored mediators in dark matter studies

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[PDG "Dark Matter" (2024)]

 10^{-27}

 10^{1}

Neutrino coherent scattering

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WIMP Mass [GeV/c²]

102

100

10-5

--- 6 year dSph 95% UL

..... gNFW GC 95% UL --- NFW GC 95% UL

 $m_{\chi} (\text{GeV})$

 10^{3}

 10^{4}

 10^{2}

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Axial-vector mediator (Dirac DM) 0 e, µ 1 - 4 i36.1 1.55 TeV Yes Nothing either... MO Colored scalar mediator (Dirac DM) 0 e, µ 36.1 1 - 4jYes 1.67 TeV mmed VV XX EFT (Dirac DM) 0 e. µ 1 J, ≤ 1 j м, 700 GeV Yes 3.2 Scalar reson. $\phi \rightarrow t_{\chi}$ (Dirac DM) 1 b. 0-1 J ma 0-1 e, µ Yes 36.1 3.4 TeV Cf. P. C. Muino' s talk: AS limits on DM

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	S3M_3rd	$\tilde{\chi}$		Μ., Μ., λ
-	S3D_3rd	<u></u>	$\varphi_{Q_3}, \varphi_{u_3}, \varphi_{d_3}$	$m_{\varphi}, m_{\chi}, \pi_{\varphi}$
	S3M_uR	$ ilde{\chi}$	(D	
	S3D_uR	χ	γu_1	
	F3S_uni	$ ilde{S}$	also also also	
	F3C_uni	S	$\varphi Q_f, \varphi u_f, \varphi a_f$	
	F3S_3rd	$ ilde{S}$	$a/t_{\odot} = a/t_{\odot} = a/t_{\odot}$	$M_{\alpha} = M_{\beta} = \hat{\lambda}_{\beta}$
-	F3C_3rd	S	$\varphi_{Q_3}, \varphi_{u_3}, \varphi_{a_3}$	$m_S, m_{\psi}, \pi_{\psi}$
	F3S_uR	$ ilde{S}$	2/2	
_	F3C_uR	S	ψu_1	
	F3V_uni	$ ilde{V}_{\mu}$	ale ale ale	
	F3W_uni	V_{μ}	$\varphi Q_f, \varphi u_f, \varphi a_f$	
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This talk: Two representative examples

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Sommerfeld enhancement / for s- and p-wave annihilations with the color structure











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In the coannihilation regime, including only the ground state is usually sufficient.

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$$v_{\text{rel}} \frac{d\sigma_{\mathbf{k} \to \{100\}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{|\mathbf{P}_g|}{64\pi^2 M^2 \mu} \left(|\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{k} \to \{100\}}|^2 - |\hat{\mathbf{P}}_g \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{k} \to \{100\}}|^2 \right)$$































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Impact for two types of mediators: SE + BSF_{n=6}

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Our code will be publicly available soon!



Thank you for your attention! Obrigado pela sua atenção!

try: coffee.drink() assert = isempty(mug) == False

except AssertionError: print{"I can't code, I'm out of coffee."]



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Backup



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Running coupling at different scales

Vertices	$lpha_s$	$lpha_g$	$egin{array}{c} { m Average} \ { m momentum} \ { m transfer} \ Q \end{array}$
Wavefunction (ladder diagrams) of scattering state in colour rep. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$	$lpha_s^s$	$\alpha_{g,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^{S} = (\alpha_{s}^{S}/2) \times \\ \times \left[C_{2}(\mathbf{R_{1}}) + C_{2}(\mathbf{R_{2}}) - C_{2}(\hat{\mathbf{R}}) \right]$	$k \equiv \mu v_{\rm rel}$
Wavefunction (ladder diagrams) of bound state in colour rep. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$	$\alpha^{\scriptscriptstyle B}_{s,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}$	$\alpha_{g,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^{B} = (\alpha_{s,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^{B}/2) \times \\ \times \left[C_{2}(\mathbf{R_{1}}) + C_{2}(\mathbf{R_{2}}) - C_{2}(\hat{\mathbf{R}}) \right]$	$\kappa_{\hat{\mathbf{R}}} \equiv \mu \alpha_{g,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^{\scriptscriptstyle B}$
Formation of bound states of colour rep. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$: gluon emission	$lpha_{s,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^{\mathrm{BSF}}$		$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}} - \mathcal{E}_{n\ell} &= \\ \frac{\mu}{2} \left[v_{\text{rel}}^2 + (\alpha_{g,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^B/n)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$
$gX_i^{\dagger}X_i$ vertices in non-Abelian diagram for capture in colour rep. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$	$lpha_{s,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^{\mathrm{NA}}$		$\mu \sqrt{v_{\rm rel}^2 + {\alpha_{g,[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}^B}^2}$

[J. Harz and K. Petraki (2018)]



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Triplet contributions negligible as expected → Only relevant at very **late times**





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Limiting scenarios for excited bound states

1) At early times: **lonization** equilibrium:

$$\Gamma_{\rm ion}^i >> \Gamma_{\rm dec}^i, \Gamma_{\rm trans}^{ij}$$

[Garny & Heisig (2022)]

$$<\sigma_{BSF}v>_{\text{eff}}=\sum_{i}\frac{g_{\mathcal{B}_{i}}}{g_{X}^{2}}\left(\frac{2\pi m_{\mathcal{B}_{i}}}{Tm_{X}^{2}}\right)^{3/2}e^{E_{\mathcal{B}_{i}}/T}\Gamma_{\text{dec}}^{i}$$

2) Efficient transition limit: $\Gamma_{\text{trans}}^{ij} >> \Gamma_{\text{dec}}^{i}, \Gamma_{\text{ion}}^{i}$

 $<\sigma_{BSF}v>_{\rm eff} = <\sigma_{BSF}v>_{\rm sum} \frac{\Gamma_{\rm dec}^{\rm eff}}{\Gamma_{\rm ion}^{\rm eff} + \Gamma_{\rm dec}^{\rm eff}} \qquad \qquad \Gamma_{\rm ion/dec}^{\rm eff} = \frac{\sum_{i}\Gamma_{\rm ion/dec}^{i}Y_{\mathcal{B}_{i}}^{\rm eq}}{Y_{\mathcal{B}}^{\rm eq}}$

3) No transition limit:

$$\Gamma^i_{
m dec} >> \Gamma^i_{
m ion}, \Gamma^{ij}_{
m trans}$$

$$<\sigma_{BSF}v>_{\text{eff}}=\sum_{i}<\sigma_{BSF,i}v>\frac{\Gamma_{\text{dec}}^{i}}{\Gamma_{\text{ion}}^{i}+\Gamma_{\text{dec}}^{i}}$$

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Bandscans on a logarithmic scale



Preliminary!



Perturbative results for S3MuR





Relative impact of non-perturbative effects for S3MuR



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