

# Theoretical upper bounds on the $DM-e^-$ scattering rate in the generalized susceptibility formalism

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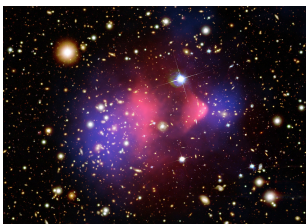


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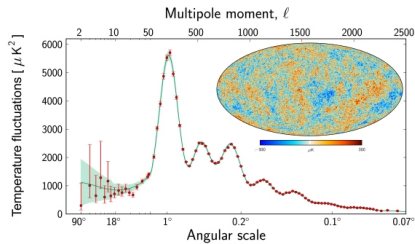
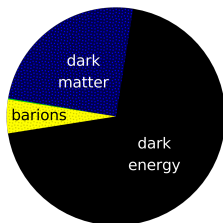
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# Dark matter

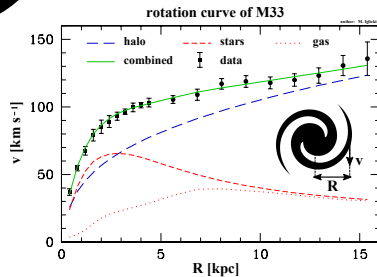


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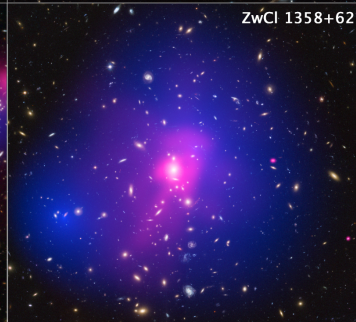
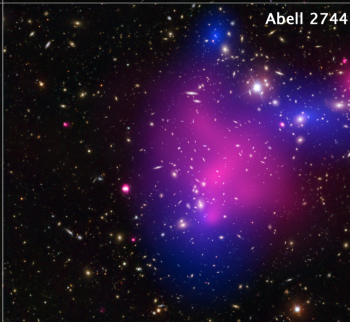
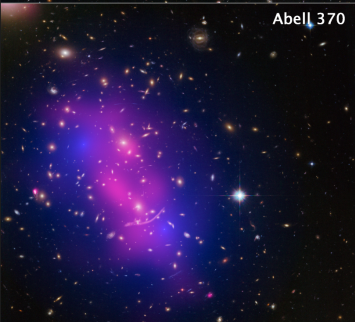
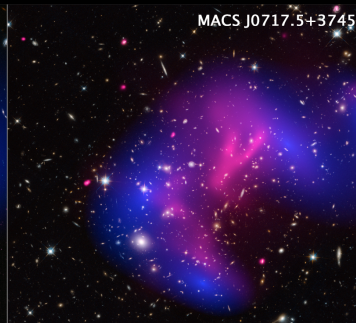
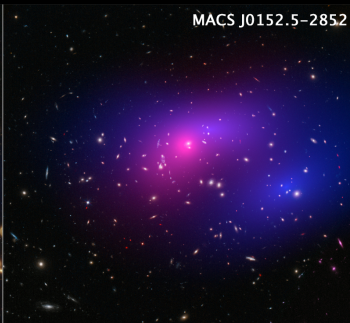
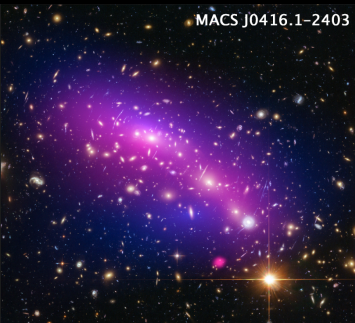


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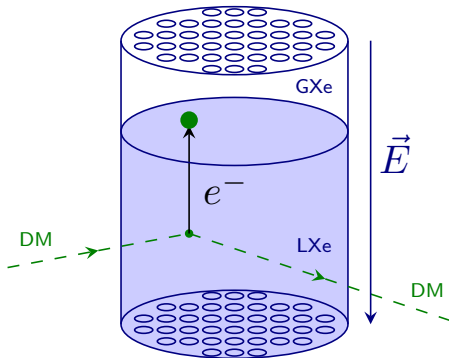
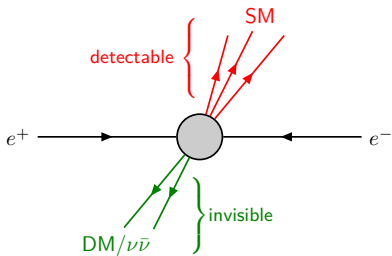
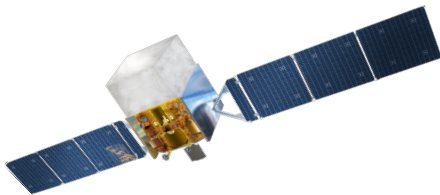
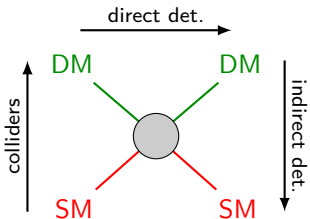


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# How to detect particle dark matter?

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# Direct detection experiments

- dark matter is **non-relativistic**
- nuclear vs. electronic recoil

$$\Delta E_{SM} \leq \frac{4\mu}{(1+\mu)^2} E_{DM}^{\text{in}} \quad \leftarrow \text{maximized for } \mu \equiv m_{SM}/m_{DM} = 1$$

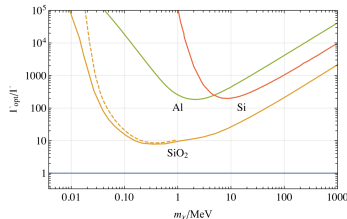
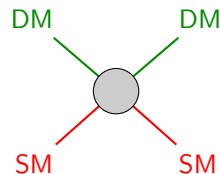
⇒  $m_{SM}$  should be as close to  $m_{DM}$  as possible!

⇒ electrons preferable for light DM

- liquid/gaseous target: **no success so far**



- solid target: **what material to use?**



Lasenby & Prabhu, 2110.01587

# Outline

- effective approach to non-relativistic DM- $e^-$  interactions
- linear response theory

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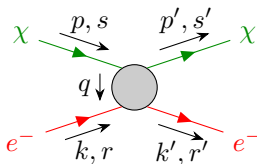
- generalized susceptibilities  $\chi_{a+b}(\omega, q)$
- Kramers-Kronig relations  $\Rightarrow$  theoretical upper bound on the interaction rate
- application of Kramers-Kronig relations to generalized susceptibilities calculated within the linear response theory **[new!]**

# Effective non-relativistic theory for spin-1/2 DM

Catena et al., 2105.02233

$$v^\perp \equiv \frac{\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}'}{2m_\chi} - \frac{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'}{2m_e}$$

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{v}^\perp \xrightarrow{\text{en. cons.}} 0$$



Assumptions:

- non-relativistic limit
- Lorentz (Galilean) invariance

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M} = \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i \quad i = 1, \cancel{2}, 3, 4, \dots, 15$$

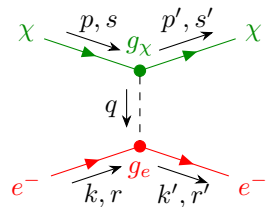
# Possible operators for a spin-1/2 dark particle

Catena et al., 2105.02233

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i \quad i = 1, \cancel{2}, 3, 4, \dots, 15$$

- simple example: scalar coupling

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &= g_\chi \bar{u}_\chi^{s'}(p') u_\chi^s(p) \frac{i}{q^\mu q_\mu - M^2} g_e \bar{u}_e^{r'}(k') u_e^r(k) \\ &\simeq \underbrace{-i \frac{g_\chi g_e}{q^2 + M^2} 4 m_\chi m_e}_{c_1} \underbrace{\delta^{ss'} \delta^{rr'}}_{\mathcal{O}_1} \end{aligned}$$



- other examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_1^{rr'ss'} &= \delta^{rr'} \delta^{ss'} , & \mathcal{O}_4^{rr'ss'} &= \frac{\sigma^{rr'}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sigma^{ss'}}{2} \\ \mathcal{O}_9^{rr'ss'} &= i \left( \frac{\sigma^{rr'}}{2} \times \frac{\mathbf{q}}{m_e} \right) \cdot \frac{\sigma^{ss'}}{2} , & \mathcal{O}_{12}^{rr'ss'} &= \left( \frac{\sigma^{rr'}}{2} \times \mathbf{v}^\perp \right) \cdot \frac{\sigma^{ss'}}{2} \\ \mathcal{O}_{15}^{rr'ss'} &= \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma^{rr'}}{2} \times \frac{\mathbf{q}}{m_e} \right) \cdot \mathbf{v}^\perp \right] \left( \frac{\sigma^{ss'}}{2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{q}}{m_e} \right) \end{aligned}$$



# Linear response theory

Catena & Spaldin, 2402.06817

- the electronic part of each operator can be factored out, giving

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i = \sum_a F_a^{ss'}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{J}_a^{rr'}(\mathbf{v}_e^\perp), \quad \mathbf{v} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{p}}{m_\chi}, \quad \mathbf{v}_e^\perp \equiv \frac{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'}{2m_e}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_0^{rr'} &\equiv \delta^{rr'}, & \mathbf{J}_A^{rr'} &\equiv \mathbf{v}_e^\perp \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{rr'}, \\ \mathbf{J}_5^{rr'} &\equiv \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{rr'}, & \mathbf{J}_M^{rr'} &\equiv \mathbf{v}_e^\perp \delta^{rr'}, & \mathbf{J}_E^{rr'} &\equiv -i \mathbf{v}_e^\perp \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{rr'}, \end{aligned}$$

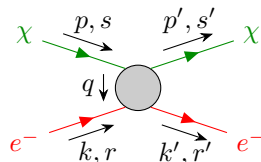
and  $F_a^{ss'}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v})$  contain  $c_1, \dots, c_{15}$ .

- scalar coupling:

$$\mathcal{M} \simeq \underbrace{-i \frac{g_\chi g_e}{q^2 + M^2}}_{c_1} \underbrace{4 m_\chi m_e \delta^{ss'}}_{\mathcal{O}_1} \underbrace{\delta^{rr'}}_{J_0}.$$

# Interaction rate for bounded electrons

Catena et al., 1912.08204



- electron-averaged matrix element

$$|\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}|^2 \equiv \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{sp.}} \left| \int \frac{d^3 l}{(2\pi)^3} \psi_{i'k'}^*(\mathbf{l} + \mathbf{q}) \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \psi_{ik}(\mathbf{l}) \right|^2$$

$i$  – energy band,  $\mathbf{k}$  – momentum in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brillouin zone

- interaction rate per dark particle

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{v}) \sim \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{ii'} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}|^2 \delta(\text{cons.})$$

- total interaction rate

$$\mathcal{R} = n_\chi V \int d^3 v \rho(\mathbf{v}) \Gamma(\mathbf{v})$$

# Linear response theory, cont.

Catena & Spaldin, 2402.06817

- we have

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- non-relativistic limit

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) &= \sum_a F_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) J_a(\mathbf{v}_e^\perp) \\ &\simeq \sum_a F_a(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) \left( \mathbf{J}_a^0(\mathbf{q}) + \frac{\mathbf{l}}{m_e} \cdot \mathbf{J}_a^1(\mathbf{q}) \right) \\ \Rightarrow |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}|^2 &\simeq \sum_{ab} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{ab}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v})}^{\text{DM physics}} \left[ |\mathbf{f}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}(\mathbf{q})|^2 \mathcal{J}_{ab}(\mathbf{q}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \mathbf{f}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}(\mathbf{q}) \mathbf{f}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}^*(\mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathcal{J}_{ab}(\mathbf{q}) + \text{c.c.} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \mathbf{f}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}(\mathbf{q})^* \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{ab}(\mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathbf{f}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}(\mathbf{q}) \right] \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{material response}} \end{aligned}$$

# Generalized susceptibilities

Catena & Spaldin, 2402.06817

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$$\Gamma(\mathbf{v}) \sim \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{ii'} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3k'}{(2\pi)^3} |\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}|^2 \delta(\text{cons.})$$

$$|\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{ik \rightarrow i'k'}|^2 \simeq \sum_{ab} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{ab}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v})}^{\text{DM physics}} \times [\text{material response}]$$

- the **material response** part gives the **generalized susceptibilities**

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{v}) \sim \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{ab} \mathcal{F}_{ab}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) (\chi_{a^\dagger b} - \chi_{b^\dagger a}^*)(\mathbf{q}, \omega_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{q}}),$$

- for  $a = b = n_0$ ,

$$\chi_{00} = \chi = 1 - \frac{4\pi\alpha}{q^2} \varepsilon^{-1} \quad \leftarrow \text{„standard” susceptibility}$$

# Kramers-Kronig relations and the dielectric function

Lasenby & Prabhu, 2110.01587

- if function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ 
  - ▶ is analytic in the upper half-plane
  - ▶ satisfies  $f(z) \xrightarrow{|z| \rightarrow \infty} 0$ ,

then

$$\begin{cases} \Re f(0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Im f(x)}{x} \\ \Im f(0) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Re f(x)}{x} \end{cases}$$

- the dielectric function  $\varepsilon^{-1}$ 
  - ▶ is causal, so  $\varepsilon^{-1}(\omega)$  – well-defined for  $\Im \omega \geq 0$ ;
  - ▶ is real in the time-domain, so  $\Re \varepsilon^{-1}(\omega)$  – even,  $\Im \varepsilon^{-1}(\omega)$  – odd;
  - ▶ satisfies  $\varepsilon^{-1}(\omega) \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .

Hence,

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \Im [1 - \varepsilon^{-1}(\omega, k)] = \frac{\pi}{2} [1 - \varepsilon^{-1}(0, k)]$$

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- KK relation for  $\chi_{a\dagger a}$

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$$\downarrow$$

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- interaction rate

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- diagonal terms ( $a = b$ ) for  $\mathcal{F}_{aa} = \frac{\text{const}}{q^4}$

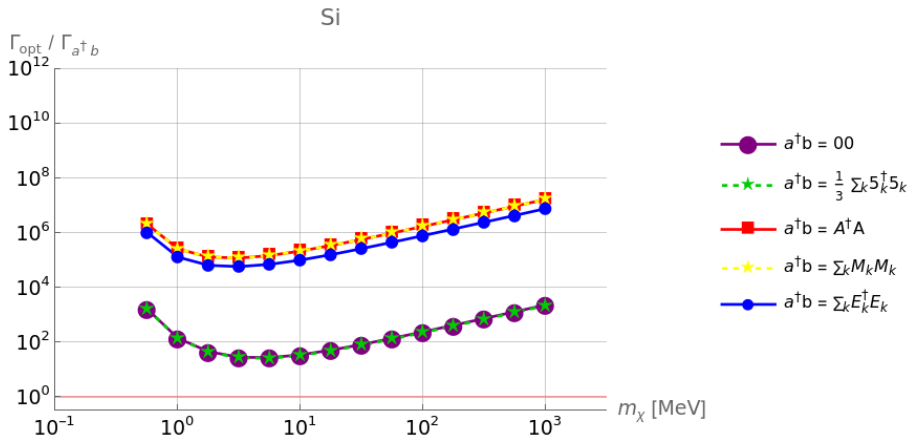
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{aa} &\sim \int dq \int_0^\infty d\omega \rho(\omega, q) \Im \frac{4\pi\alpha}{q^2} \chi_{a\dagger a}(\mathbf{q}, \omega_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{q}}) \\ &< \frac{\pi}{2} \int dq \max_{\omega} [\omega \rho(\omega, q)] \frac{4\pi\alpha}{q^2} \chi_{a\dagger a}(0, \mathbf{q}) \\ &< \frac{\pi}{2} \underbrace{\max_q \left[ \frac{4\pi\alpha}{q^2} \chi_{a\dagger a}(0, \mathbf{q}) \right]}_{\text{material response (but } \lesssim 1)} \underbrace{\int dq \max_{\omega} [\omega \rho(\omega, q)]}_{\text{calculable for a given dark halo model}} \end{aligned}$$

# Preliminary results

for the lowest-order approximation of  $\chi_{a\ddagger a}$

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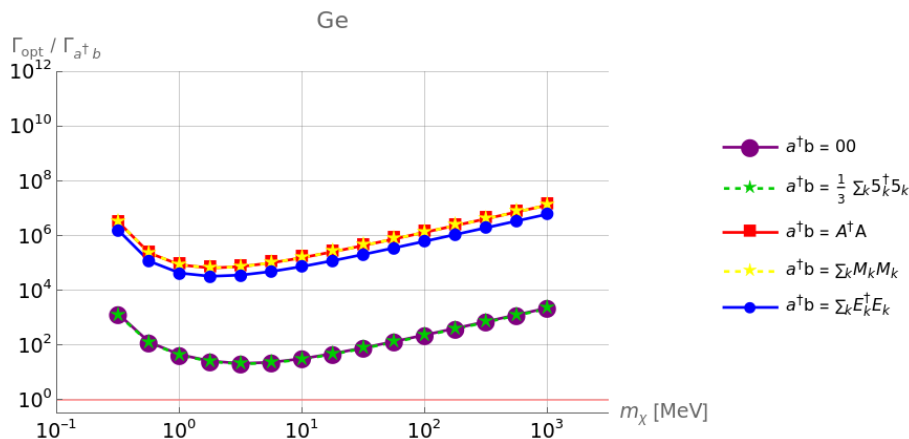
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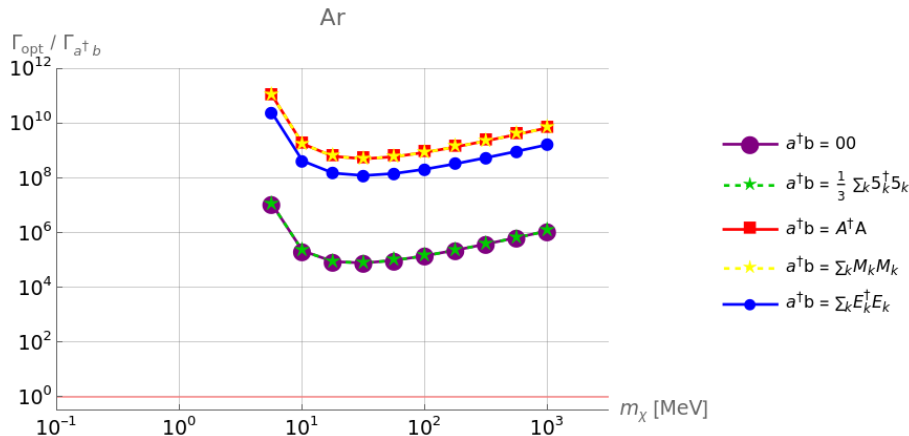


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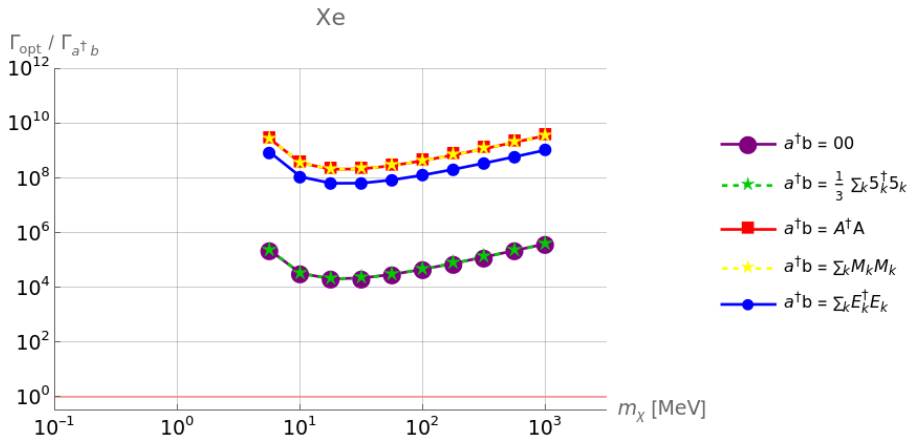


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**BACKUP SLIDES**

# Truncated thermal distribution

Baxter et al., 2105.00599

$$\rho(\mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{N} \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_{\oplus})^2}{v_0^2}\right] \theta(v_{\text{esc}} - |\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_{\oplus}|)$$

$$v_{\text{esc}} = 544 \text{ km/s}$$

$$v_{\oplus} = 250.5 \text{ km/s}$$

$$v_0 = 238 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{2\pi v_0^3} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}\left[\frac{v_{\text{esc}}}{v_0}\right] - \frac{v_{\text{esc}}}{v_0} \exp\left[-\frac{v_{\text{esc}}^2}{v_0^2}\right] \right)^{-1}$$

# Electronic couplings

— scalar —

symmetry:

$$\mathcal{J}_{ba} = \mathcal{J}_{ab}^*$$

values:

$$\mathcal{J}_{00} = 1$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{AA} = \frac{q^2}{4m_e}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{5_k 5_l} = \delta_{kl}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{M_k M_l} = \frac{q_k q_l}{4m_e^2}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{E_k E_l} = \frac{\delta_{kl} q^2 - q_k q_l}{2m_e^2}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{0M_k} = \mathcal{J}_{A5_k} = \frac{q_k}{2m_e}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{5_k E_l} = -i\varepsilon_{klm} \frac{q_m}{2m_e}$$

others 0  
(up to the symmetry)

— vector —

symmetry:

$$\mathcal{J}_{ab} + \mathcal{J}_{ba}^* = C_{ab}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{rr'} \nabla_{v_e^\perp} (J_a^{rr'} J_b^{rr'}) \Big|_{v_e^\perp = \frac{q}{2m_e}}$$

values:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_{0\bullet} &= \mathcal{J}_{5_k \bullet} \\ &= \mathcal{J}_{AM_k} = \mathcal{J}_{M_k E_k} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{AA} = \frac{q}{2m_e}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{M_k M_l} = \frac{q_l}{2m_e} e_k$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{E_k E_l} = \frac{\delta_{kl} q - q_k e_l}{2m_e}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{AE_k} = -ie_k \times \frac{q}{2m_e}$$

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$$v \cdot e_i \equiv v_i$$

— tensor —

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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{AA} &= \mathbb{1} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{M_k M_l} &= \hat{e}_{kl} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{E_k E_l} &= \delta_{kl} \mathbb{1} - \hat{e}_{lk} \\ \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{AE_k} &= i\varepsilon_{kij} \hat{e}_{ij} \\ v \cdot \hat{e}_{ij} \cdot u &\equiv v_i u_j \end{aligned}$$

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$$C_{AA} = \frac{q}{m_e}$$

$$C_{M_k M_l} = \frac{q_k e_l + q_l e_k}{2m_e}$$

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