Boosted Dark Matter Resonant Scattering Theory

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Model: Boosted Dark Matter (BDM)

Present day DM is moving slow by HEP standards ~ O(-3)

- Alternative Search Method:
 - Some of the DM receives a Lorentz boost.
 - BDM: relativistic particles with very weak interactions to SM stuff...
 - Can we use neutrino experiments to search for dark matter?



Rotation curve of spiral galaxy Messier Triangulum. Credit: Mario De Leo/wikipedia

An Example of BDM: 2-Component

- Consider two fermion species DM:
 - Dominant species (No SM Coupling) makes up the bulk of DM
 - Lighter, sub-dominant, species (With SM Coupling) produced through an annihilation process where it receives a Lorentz boost



DM Scattering

- LArTPC at DUNE, and others, use GENIE: a Monte Carlo event generator code implemented to search for neutrino scattering events.
- The goal of this research is to modify their GENIE code for Dark Matter scattering events.



Hagebout, Robert-Jan. "Beyond the Standard Model with neutrino physics." (2014).

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Neutrino-Nucleon Resonant Scattering



DIETER REIN AND LALIT M. SEHGAL "Neutrino-Excitation of Baryon Resonances and Single Pion Production"

F . RAVNDAL "Weak Production of Nuclear Resonances in a Relativistic Quark Model"

Boosted Dark Matter Scattering

• Similar to neutrino event generator.

 $\nu + \mathcal{N} \rightarrow l + \mathcal{N}^*$



- Adjustments:
 - Massive DM / Mediator
 - Free Params: Couplings / Charge

No leptonic current conservation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi,\text{int}} = g_{Z'} Z'_{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} (Q_L^{\chi} P_L + Q_R^{\chi} P_R) \chi$$

 $\chi + \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \chi + \mathcal{N}^*$

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BDM Resonant Scattering Cross-Section

BDM Cross-Section:

$$\sigma \propto \left(\frac{g_{Z'}}{m_{Z'}}\right)^4 \left[A_L \sigma_L + A_R \sigma_R + A_S \sigma_S + A_Z \sigma_Z\right] \qquad \chi + \mathscr{N} \rightarrow \chi + \mathscr{N}^*$$

$$A_L \propto \left(Q_L^{\chi}\right)^2 u^2 + (Q_R^{\chi})^2 v^2 + m_{\chi}^2 Q_L^{\chi} Q_R^{\chi}$$

$$A_R \propto \left(Q_L^{\chi}\right)^2 v^2 + (Q_R^{\chi})^2 u^2 + m_{\chi}^2 Q_L^{\chi} Q_R^{\chi}$$

$$A_S \propto 2uv[(Q_L^{\chi})^2 + (Q_R^{\chi})^2] + m_{\chi}^2 (Q_L^{\chi} - Q_R^{\chi})^2$$

$$A_Z \propto -\frac{m_{\chi}^2 (Q_L^{\chi} - Q_R^{\chi})^2}{m_{Z'}^2}$$

$$\mathscr{N} \qquad \mathscr{N}^*$$

Cross Checks EM: Preliminary

Energy of Outgoing electron/DM from 1GeV Event

Energy of Outgoing electron/DM from 2GeV Event



Spectrum of final state energies after resonant scattering with proton at 1 and 2GeV Blue: Electron Red: BDM (behaving like an electron)

Cross Checks NC: Preliminary

Energy of Outgoing neutrino/DM from 1GeV Event

Energy of Outgoing neutrino/DM from 2GeV Event



Blue: Neutrino Red: BDM (behaving like a neutrino)

Thank You