# Distinguishing interactions in direct detection experiments

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### 1. Introduction

## Direct detection: overview



# Direct detection: parameter estimation

- Generate random or Asimov events
- Apply Bayesian inference:

$$
\mathcal{P}(\theta, D|I) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(D|\theta, I)\pi(\theta, I)}{\epsilon(D, I)}
$$

$$
\mathcal{L}(\sigma, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} P(E_i(\sigma, \theta), A_i)
$$



### Detector specifications:



# Direct detection: parameter estimation

 $\sigma = 3x10^{-46}$  cm<sup>2</sup>  $m_x = 20, 100, 500 \text{ GeV}$ 



Having two different target materials provides complementary information, improving parameter estimation ability

# Shortcomings of SI/SD formalism

- Treats nucleus as a point  $\rightarrow$  form factor encodes energy dependence
- Does not include degrees of freedom for nucleon velocities (ignores responses related to transverse spin and orbital angular momentum)
- Result: you will estimate recoil energy dependence wrongly and over/under estimate total rate



Xe target, 100 events with  $E_R < 50$  keV

Example from Gresham & Zurek arXiv:1401.3739

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### 3. Simplified Models for direct detection

Based on arXiv:1505.03117

# Non-relativistic EFT for DD



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 $SI$   $O<sub>1</sub>$  $1_\chi 1_N$  $(\vec{v}^{\perp})^2$  $\mathcal{O}_2$  $i \vec{S}_N \cdot (\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^{\perp})$  $\mathcal{O}_3$  $\overline{\text{SD } \mathcal{O}_4}$   $\overline{\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{S}_N}$  $\mathcal{O}_5$   $i\vec{S}_\chi \cdot (\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp)$ WIMP spin  $\mathcal{O}_6$   $(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_N)(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_\chi)$ Nucleon spin Momentum transfer  $\vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^\perp$  $\mathcal{O}_7$ velocity  $\vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp}$  $\mathcal{O}_{8}$  $i\vec{S}_\chi \cdot (\vec{S}_N \times \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N})$  $\mathcal{O}_9$  $\mathcal{O}_{10}$   $i\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_N$  $\mathcal{O}_{11}$   $i\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_\chi$  $\mathcal{O}_{12}$   $\vec{S}_\chi \cdot (\vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^\perp)$  $\mathcal{O}_{13}$   $i(\vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp})(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_N)$ Formalism due to  $\mathcal{O}_{14}$   $i(\vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp})(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_\chi)$ Fitzpatrick et. al. arXiv:1203.3542 and  $\mathcal{O}_{15} - (\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}) \left( (\vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^\perp) \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$ 

"The standard SI/SD analysis grossly misrepresents the physics of these operators, leading to errors that can exceed several orders of magnitude" arXiv:1308.6288

New vector operators:

$$
\boxed{\mathcal{O}_{17} \equiv \frac{i\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot \vec{v}_{\perp},\n}{\mathcal{O}_{18} \equiv \frac{i\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot \vec{S}_N, \quad}
$$

# Nuclear responses

1. Form an interaction lagrangian:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{NR} = \sum_{\alpha=n,p} \sum_{i=1}^{15} c_i^\alpha \mathcal{O}_i^\alpha
$$

2. Perform a spherical decomposition,

$$
\vec{M}_{JLM}(q\vec{x}_i) \equiv j_L(qx_i)\vec{Y}_{JLM}(\Omega_{x_i}), \quad \vec{Y}_{JLM}(\Omega_{x_i}) \equiv \sum_{m\lambda} Y_{LM}(\Omega_{x_i})\vec{e}_{\lambda} \langle Lm1\lambda | (L1)JM \rangle,
$$

3. Write in terms of nuclear electroweak responses



M.I. Gresham and K.M. Zurek, PRD 89 123521 (2014) arXiv:1401.3739

## Non-relativistic EFT for DD

$$
\frac{1}{2j_{\chi}+1} \frac{1}{2j_{N}+1} \sum_{\text{spins}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \equiv \sum_{k} \sum_{\tau=0,1} \sum_{\tau'=0,1} \left[ R_k \left( \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}, \left\{ c_i^{\tau} c_j^{\tau'} \right\} \right) \right] W_k^{\tau \tau'}(\vec{q}^2 b^2)
$$

$$
\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \frac{\rho_\chi M}{2\pi m_\chi} \int_{v_{min}} \frac{f(v)}{v} \frac{1}{2j_\chi + 1} \frac{1}{2j_N + 1} \sum_{spins} |\mathcal{M}|^2
$$



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# Tree-level WIMP-quark interactions



# Simplified model lagrangians



# Results

- 32 distinct 'scenarios'
- We could not produce all operators, even at sub-leading order
- Huge variation in intrinsic strength of interaction (many scenarios may not be WIMP DM)
- Some unique NR reductions
- O1 and O10 generic to all spins



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### Caveat:

#### $arXiv.org > hep-ph > arXiv:1605.04917$

**High Energy Physics - Phenomenology** 

### You can hide but you have to run: direct detection with vector mediators

#### Francesco D'Eramo, Bradley J. Kavanagh, Paolo Panci

(Submitted on 16 May 2016)

We study direct detection in simplified models of Dark Matter (DM) in which interactions with Standard Model (SM) fermions are mediated by a heavy vector boson. We consider fully general, gauge-invariant couplings between the SM, the mediator and both scalar and fermion DM. We account for the evolution of the couplings between the energy scale of the mediator mass and the nuclear energy scale. This running arises from virtual effects of SM particles and its inclusion is not optional. We compare bounds on the mediator mass from direct detection experiments with and without accounting for the running and find that in some cases these bounds differ by several orders of magnitude. We also highlight the importance of these effects when translating LHC limits on the mediator mass into bounds on the direct detection cross section. For an axial-vector mediator, the running can alter the derived bounds on the spin-dependent DM-nucleon cross section by a factor of two or more. Finally, we provide tools to facilitate the inclusion of these effects in future studies: general approximate expressions for the low energy couplings and a public code runDM to evolve the couplings between arbitrary energy scales.

25 pages + appendices,  $8 + 2$  figures. The runDM code is available at this https URL Comments: Subjects: High Energy Physics, Phenomenology (hen.ph): Cosmology and Nongalactic Astrophysics (astro-ph CO): High Energy

# 3. Operator Distinguishability

See also: Catena, 1405.2367 Glusevic, 1506.04454

### EFT parameter estimation: groups



• Apply Bayesian inference:

$$
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$$



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## EFT parameter estimation

 $M = 10$  GeV, 20 events



## EFT parameter estimation

 $M = 10$  GeV, 200 events



## EFT parameter estimation

M = 10 GeV, 2,000 events



# Operator distinguishability

#### Spin-1/2 WIMP





## Operator degeneracy

Simulated: Spin-1/2 WIMP, m=10GeV, spin-independent



$$
\text{Model evidence:}\qquad \epsilon(D,M_1)=\int \mathcal{L}(D|\theta_1,M_1)\pi(\theta_1,M_1)d\theta_1
$$

Bayes factor:

$$
K = \frac{\epsilon(D,M_1)}{\epsilon(D,M_2)}
$$

- Simulate 20, 200 and 2000 events in both xenon and germanium detectors
- Calculate Bayes factors between each model



#### Fitted operator

20 events

Cells contain 2 log  $K_{ij}$ , value < -10 is decisive evidence in favor of model i



#### Fitted operator

#### 200 events

Cells contain 2 log  $K_{ii}$ , value < -10 is decisive evidence in favor of model i



#### Fitted operator

### 2000 events

Cells contain 2 log  $K_{ii}$ , value < -10 is decisive evidence in favor of model i

# 5. Summary

- The standard SI/SD formalism is inadequate
- Simplified models cannot reproduce all WIMP-nucleus EFT operators
- A new way to discriminate between fundamental WIMP models(\*)
- Need lots of events and multiple detector types to distinguish interactions