Direct and Indirect dark matter searches



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towards a dark matter "problem"

1904: Lord Kelvin applies gas theory to a system of stars held by gravity → the first concern about the existence stars too faint to be detected by telescopes: **"Many of our stars, perhaps a great majority of them, may be dark bodies"**

20's

Kapteyn and Oort carry out the first quantitative estimations on "dark matter" based on observational measurements of proper velocities of stars in the Milky Way.

But *dark matter* is still understood as **"extinguished stars, dark clouds, meteors, comets and so on"** (Knut Lundmark, 1930)



Fritz Zwicky measures redshift of galaxies in the Coma cluster and applies the virial theorem to measure the mass of the cluster: "... the average density in the Coma system would have to be at least 400 times larger than that derived on the grounds of observations of luminous matter" Helv. Phys. Acta 6, 110–127 (1933)

70's-

90's

K. Freeman, K. Ford, V Rubin and many others: Explosion of measurements of rotation curves of galaxies thanks to new and precise spectroscopic techniques, both optical and in radio.



Gravitational lensing. Comparing M from gravitational lensing with the mass obtained from mass-to-light ratios, reveals the quantity of dark matter in the lensing object

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{4 GM}{c^2} \frac{D_{SL}}{D_{OL} D_{OS}}}$$

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CMB data (COBE, WMAP, Planck)

fit with DM and dark energy







the particle solution to the DM problem

The easiest solution is to introduce a new particle species that must:

- a) be heavy: we want it to play a role in gravitational structure formation
- b) be weakly interacting: we do not want it to disturb the evolution of the Universe
- c) be stable: its effects must perdure today



large-scale structure formation and dark matter

Dark matter influences the development of the universe and ends up forming halos around galaxies $\rightarrow \Lambda$ Cold Dark Matter (Λ CDM) model

<u>The Λ CDM needs</u>:



the big picture

We live in a poorly known, probably complex halo of dark matter

N-body simulations of galaxy formation tell us that DM halos are clumpy and they extend well beyond the visible galaxy

The interpretation of experimental results depends on the shape and structure of this halo



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Target choice (m_A) is important. Along with location is the only handle an experimentalist has on the above equation

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<u>Backgrounds:</u>

- > ambient or detector radioactivity (neutrons, gammas...)
- > neutrino elastic v+e or coherent v+A

→ Need stable, radiopure, shielded detectors with an energy threshold of ~ keV

direct searches for dark matter: rate modulation



f(v,t) leads to an "annual modulation" in the recoil rate due to changes in the relative velocity between target and DM wind

A "daily modulation" is also possible for a detector placed at the right latitude

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$$\sigma_{SI} \approx \frac{\mu^2}{m_{\gamma}^2} [Zf_p + (A - Z)f_n]^2$$

 $\sigma_{SD} \approx \mu^2 \frac{J_N + 1}{J_N} (a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle)^2$

Coupling from scalar and vector part of the Lagrangian.

→<u>Larger target nuclei the better</u>

Coupling from axial-vector part of the Lagrangian.

→ <u>Targets with large angular</u> <u>momentum favoured</u>

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Structure of the nucleon and target nucleus play an essential role in calculating and interpreting observables

Astropart.Phys.13:215-225 (2000), Astropart.Phys.18:205-211 (2002), Phys. Rev. D 77 (2008) 065026, JCAP11(2013)049, Phys. Rev. D 99, 055031 (2019) ...

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But: expected deviations from a pure Boltzmann distribution (JCAP02(2010)030, arXiv:1807.02519, arXiv:1904.04781...)



Direct Detection Techniques





see paralell talks by A. Brown (XENON) T. Pollmann (DEAP) A. Caminata (DarkSide) K. Thieme (DAREWIN) C. Hardy (PICO)

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Fermi, Pamela, GAPS, AMS, ATIC, DAMPE, CALET HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS AUGER, HAWC, ALPACA, LHAASO

indirect searches for dark matter:sources



probe spin-dependent and spin-independent DM-nucleon cross section, $\sigma^{\text{SD}}_{\chi^{-N}} = \sigma^{\text{SI}}_{\chi^{-N}}$

$$\frac{d \Phi_{v}}{dE_{v}} = \frac{\Gamma_{A}}{4 \pi D^{2}} \frac{dN_{v}}{dE_{v}} \qquad (\Gamma_{A} \propto \sigma_{\chi N})$$

- complementary to direct detection
- different astrophysical uncertainties

probe velocity-averaged DM annihilation cross section $\,\langle\sigma_{_{\!Ann}\!\rm V}\rangle\,$

$$\frac{\Phi_x}{dE_x} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_{\chi\chi} v \rangle}{2m_{DM}^2} \frac{dN_x}{dE_x} \int_{l.o.s.} \rho_{DM}^2(r) dr d\Omega$$

(x=ν, γ, CRs)

- shared astrophysical systematic uncertainties (halo profiles, galaxy structure...)
- probe different annihilation channels

indirect searches: photons, CRs and neutrinos



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Example of recent results from space (Fermi) and ground (HESS)



For fair comparison between experiments note that the same annihilation channel, source, DM density profile and J-factor calculation should be used.

indirect searches: photons

Effect of the choice of halo model

$$\frac{d\phi_i}{dE_i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ann} \boldsymbol{v} \rangle}{2m_{DM}^2} \frac{dN_i}{dE_i} \times \int_{h.o.s.} \rho_{DM}^2(r) dr d\Omega$$



Effect of different choice of halo model

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Recent AMS data confirms, and extends to 1 TeV, the positron excess (Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 041102 (2019))

Spectrum compatible at > 4 σ with a cut-off at 812 GeV

Both DM annihilations and conventional explanations (pulsar) possible

DM models need to be a bit contrived \rightarrow

p flux compatible with standard background (bar a recent claim of a p excess @10 GeV Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 191102 (2017))

Need: complete antimatter picture (\overline{He} , \overline{d}) + spectrum beyond 1 TeV



indirect searches: neutrinos

From the Sun

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\nu}}{dE_{\nu}} = \frac{\Gamma_A}{4\pi D^2} \frac{dN_{\nu}}{dE_{\nu}} \propto \sigma_{\chi N}$$

From galaxies

$$\frac{\Phi_x}{dE_x} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_{\chi\chi} v \rangle}{2m_{DM}^2} \frac{dN_x}{dE_x} \int_{I.o.s.} \rho_{DM}^2(r) dr d\Omega$$







Really: searches for new particles

DM candidates = missing energy

Need to tag the event to trigger, e.g.,



 $Jet + E_{T}^{miss}$ $Photon + E_{T}^{miss}$ $Z \rightarrow II + E_{T}^{miss}$ $V \rightarrow qq + E_{T}^{miss}$ $h \rightarrow bb + E_{T}^{miss}$ $top + E_{T}^{miss}$ $tt/bb + E_{T}^{miss}$





resonance @ m_{za}

Results can be cast in terms of the $\sigma_{_{\rm DM-N}}$ Xsection to be able to compare with direct/indirect experiments

Many model dependencies: comparisons must be made with care

Accelerator competitive regions: low mass DM, below a few GeV



Cleaner environment in e+e- colliders

Competitive sensitivity to ALPS



- The search for dark matter is a complex, multidisciplinary endeavour
- Experimentally driven field, since many possibilities on its nature remain open
- After more than a decade of exploration, direct detection experiments are converging to a few established techniques, and collaborations joining efforts
- Next challenge for direct detection is lowering thresholds and coping with the neutrino swampland
 → promising R&D efforts in directional detection
- Indirect searches provide a complementary approach, subject to different systematics.
- Uncertainties from external inputs (astrophysics, nuclear physics...) play a determinant role in interpreting results
- Accelerator searches face the difficulty of model dependency and inability to determine the lifetime of a potential signal, but benefit from controlled environments and precision measurements
- Lively fixed target program at CERN, JLAB, FNAL and SLAC
- Is the dark sector really so simple as one stable particle, while the visible sector comprises several fundamental particles and families?
- \rightarrow we need to avoid looking under the lamppost, and start considering more complex scenarios. Theory can lead in this respect C. de los Heros. EPS-HEP 2019

the end