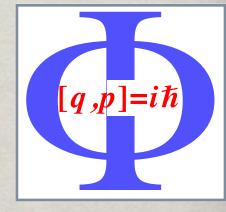
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DARK MATTER: DISCUSSION



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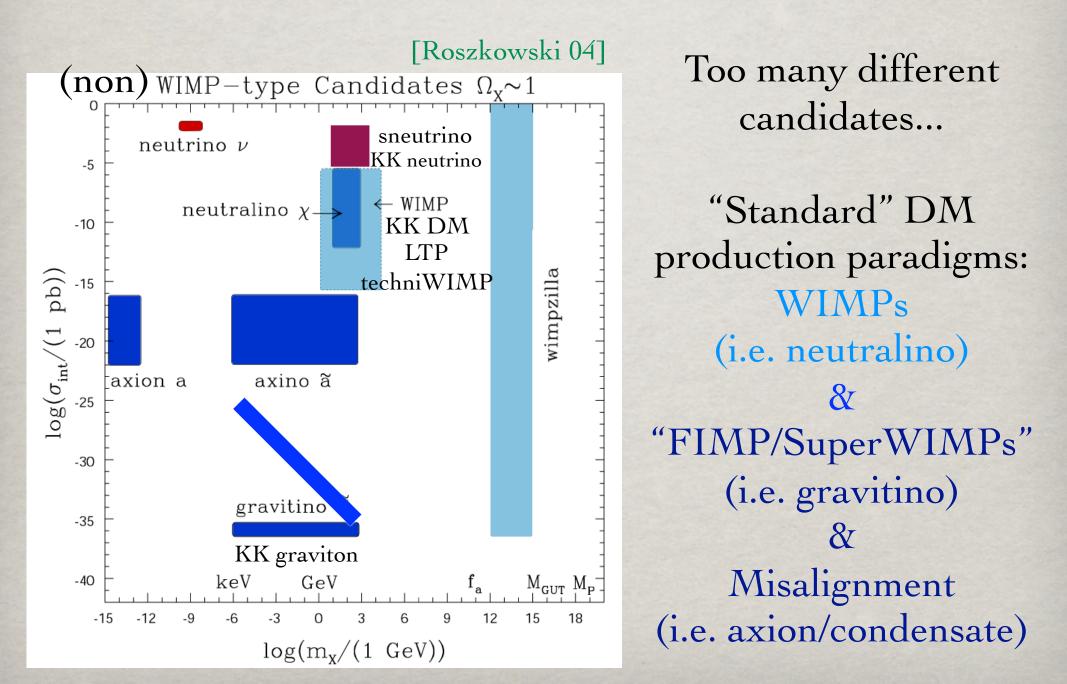
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10+BILLION\$ QUESTION: How does Dark Matter INTERACT ?

We detected DM so far only through its gravitational interaction... Unfortunately gravity is democratic, it does not tell us what DM is !
BUT probably we some other interaction is needed to produce DM since gravity is not very effective.

How can we explore DM (non-gravitational) interactions ??? Going beyond the CDM/(SUSY) WIMP paradigms !

DM-MATTER INTERACTION

Elastic/inelastic scattering

Direct detection:

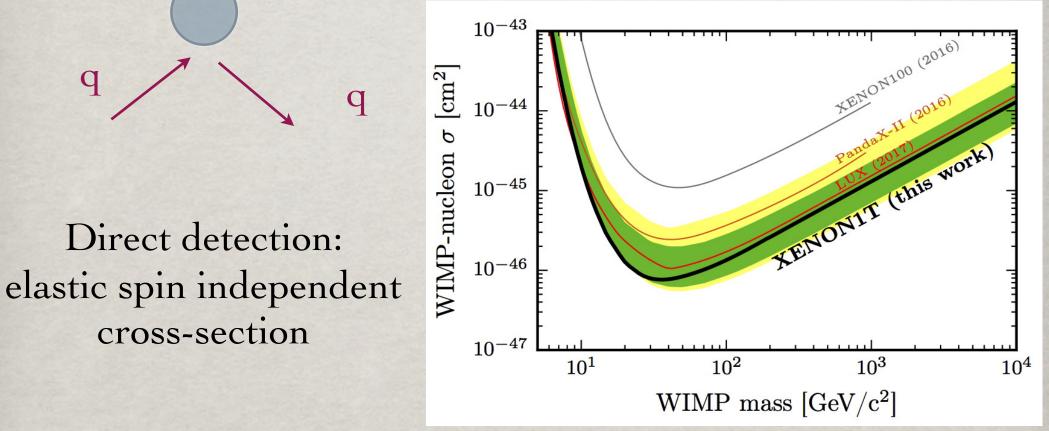
cross-section

DM

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M/DM'

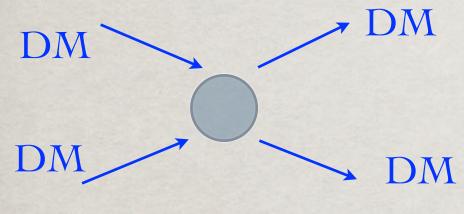
[Talk by Elena Aprile]



As we heard today also other interactions can be tested, e.g. with SM neutrinos [Talk by Aaron Vincent]

DM-DM INTERACTION

Self-interaction:



Bullett cluster bound on self-interaction:

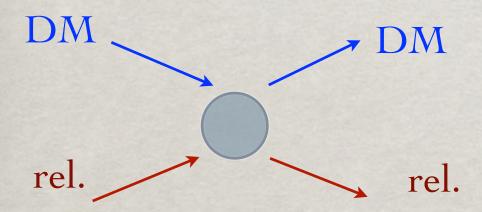


 $\sigma \leq 1.7 \times 10^{-24} cm^2 \sim 10^9 pb \quad (m = 1 \ {\rm GeV}) \label{eq:second} \mbox{[Markevitch et al 03]}$

Slightly stronger constraint by requiring a sufficiently large core & from sphericity of halos... [Yoshida, Springer & White 00]
But at the boundary maybe some effect on small scales: SIMP [Talks by Mathias Pierre, Ivonne Albuquerque, ...]

INTERACTING DARK MATTER

Apart for chemical decoupling of DM, also the kinetic decoupling is important as it sets the cut-off in the power spectrum at small scales. ANY interaction of the DM, even with a hidden (relativistic) Dark Sector can influence the DM kinetic decoupling and structure formation at small scales. [Hofmann, Schwarz & Stecker 2001, Green, Hofmann & Schwarz 2005, Bringmann & Hofmann 2007, ...]

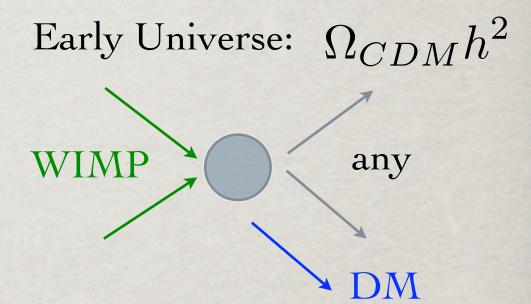


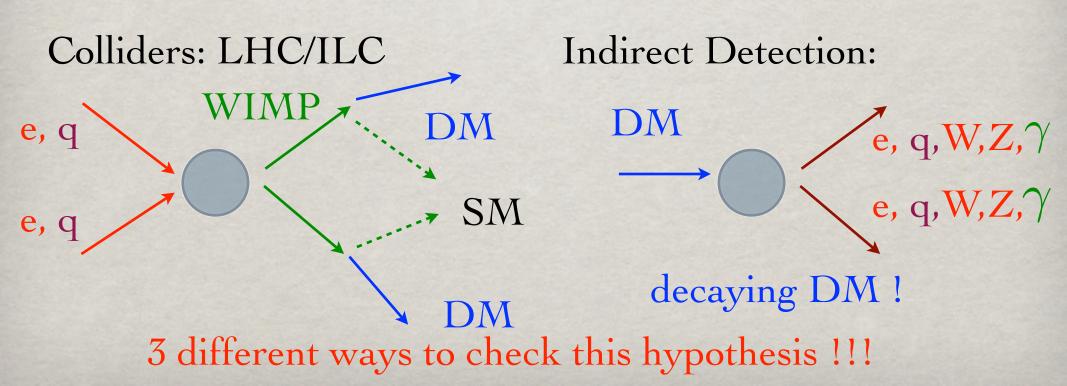
Probes ANY interaction with a relativistic species !

A lot of activity for different interactions/mediators ! Not clear if it can always resolve the small scale crises, though...

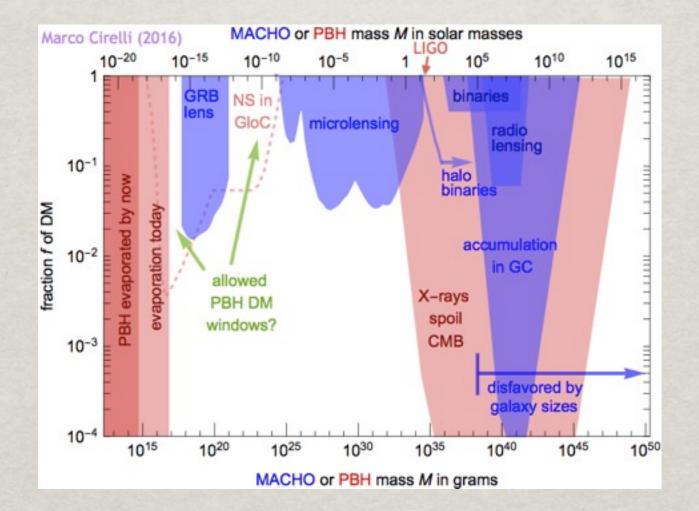
WHAT IF COUPLING IS TOO WEAK ?

Decaying Dark Matter is also a viable option and can give signals even for tiny couplings to SM !





BLACK HOLE DM



Not easy to produce them in the Early Universe..., e.g. need funny power spectra from inflation for primordial Black Holes