

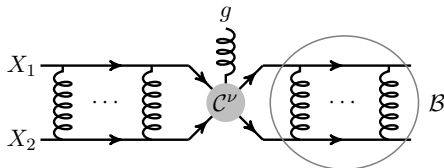
Phenomenological Implications of Non-Perturbative Effects for Colored Dark Sectors

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Sommerfeld Effect and Bound State Formation



n-gluon exchanges contribute with $(\frac{\alpha}{v})^n$ for $\alpha \sim v$

Sommerfeld effect

$$\sigma(X_1 X_2 \rightarrow SM SM) = S \left(\frac{\alpha}{v} \right) \sigma_{\text{pert.}}$$

Bound State Formation (BSF)

$$\sigma(X_1 X_2 \rightarrow B(X_1 X_2) g) = \sigma_{\text{BSF}}$$

Bound state as an additional particle in the thermal bath.

Figure from [Harz, Petraki (2018)]

Simplified t-Channel Dark Matter

Universal framework for t-channel DM models [\[Arina,Fuks,Mantani \(2020\)\]](#)

S3M-uR t-channel Dark Matter

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin,BSM}} + g_{\text{DM}} \bar{\chi}(u_R)_i (X^\dagger)_i + h.c.$$

$$\chi = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0 \quad X_i = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{2/3}$$

- Discrete \mathbb{Z}_2 : SM fields even, dark sector fields odd
- Majorana fermion DM to avoid direct detection constraints from Z vector current
- 3 generation of mediator fields that couple democratically diagonally to the SM quarks
- Parameters: $(M_\chi, \Delta = M_X - M_\chi, g_{\text{DM}})$

Annihilation Channels

Process: $(X_1)_{\mathbf{R}_1} + (X_2)_{\mathbf{R}_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X_1 X_2)_{\mathbf{R}} + g$

Color Potential

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha_s}{2r} [C_2(\mathbf{R}_1) + C_2(\mathbf{R}_2) - C_2(\mathbf{R})]$$

Color Configurations

$$\mathbf{3} \times \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{8}$$

$$\mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{3} = \bar{\mathbf{3}} + \mathbf{6}$$

- Only $\mathbf{1}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ provide attractive potential.
- $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ BSF suppressed compared to $\mathbf{1}$.

Annihilation Channels

Process	Contribution to $\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} V \rangle$	Color Structure	BSF
$\chi\chi \rightarrow q_i \bar{q}_i$	g_{DM}^4	none	✗
$X_i X_j^* \rightarrow gg$	$g_{\text{DM}}^2 g_s^2 \exp\left(-2x \frac{\Delta}{M_X}\right)$	$ \mathcal{M} ^2 \sim \frac{2}{7}[\mathbf{1}] + \frac{5}{7}[\mathbf{8}]$	✓
$X_i X_j \rightarrow q_i q_j$	$g_{\text{DM}}^4 \exp\left(-2x \frac{\Delta}{M_X}\right)$	$ \mathcal{M} ^2 \sim \frac{1}{3}[\mathbf{\bar{3}}] + \frac{2}{3}[\mathbf{6}]$	(✓)
$X_i X_i \rightarrow q_i q_i$	$g_{\text{DM}}^4 \exp\left(-2x \frac{\Delta}{M_X}\right)$	$ \mathcal{M} ^2 \sim [\mathbf{6}]$	(✓)
$X_i X_j^* \rightarrow q_i \bar{q}_j$	$(\alpha g_{\text{DM}}^2 + \beta g_s^2)^2 \exp\left(-2x \frac{\Delta}{M_X}\right)$	$ \mathcal{M} ^2 \sim f_1(g_{\text{DM}}, g_s)[\mathbf{1}] + f_8(g_{\text{DM}}, g_s)[\mathbf{8}]$	✓
$X_i \chi \rightarrow q_i g / Z / \gamma$	$g_{\text{DM}}^2 g_s^2 \exp\left(-x \frac{\Delta}{M_X}\right)$	none	✗

Assumptions during DM freeze-out:

- Dark sector in *kinetic* eq. with the SM.
- Dark sector particles in *chemical* eq. with themselves.

Coannihilation

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \langle \sigma_{ij} v_{ij} \rangle \frac{n_i^{\text{eq}}}{n^{\text{eq}}} \frac{n_j^{\text{eq}}}{n^{\text{eq}}}$$

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Bound states effectively provide an additional annihilation channel.

Bound State contribution to $\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} V \rangle$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} V \rangle_{\text{eff}} = \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} V \rangle \frac{\Gamma_{\text{decay}}}{\Gamma_{\text{ion}} + \Gamma_{\text{decay}}}$$

→ BSF only contributes to the annihilation cross section of DM if the bound states decay into SM particles!

Calculation of the Relic Density

We adjusted micrOMEGAs 5.2.7 such that

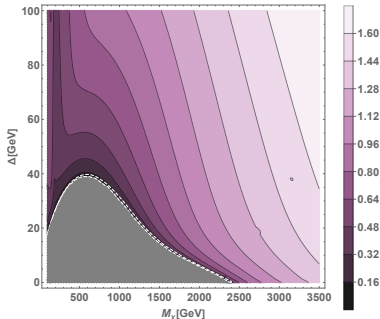
- the Sommerfeld effect is included for colored scalars up to the adjoint representation
- Bound state effects are included for colored scalars up to the adjoint representation

Determine $g_{DM,0}$ for each data point (M_χ, Δ) such that DM is *not* overproduced.

For instance, we find $g_{DM,0}(M^{\text{u.b.}}, 0) = \sqrt{4\pi}$ for

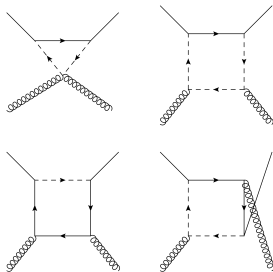
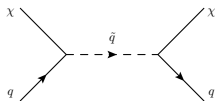
Upper Bound on the DM mass

$$\{M_{\text{pert.}}^{\text{u.b.}}, M_{\text{Som.}}^{\text{u.b.}}, M_{\text{BSF}}^{\text{u.b.}}\} = \{7.2, 6.7, 21.1\} \text{ TeV}$$

Lower bound on g_{DM} 

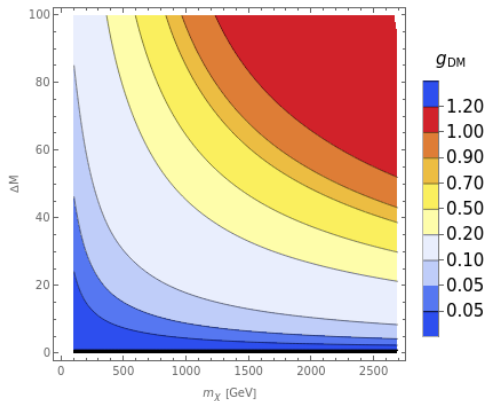
- Gray region: No lower bound on g_{DM} can be found in the context of conventional freeze-out production.
- Within the white dashed lines: g_{DM} small enough to allow for long lived particles at colliders.

Direct Detection [Mohan et. al (2019)]



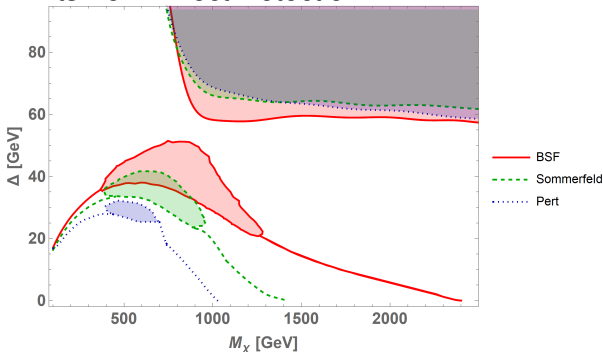
- Wilson coefficients of the effective $DM-q/DM-g$ interaction are RGE evolved from $\mu \sim M_X$ to $\mu \sim \text{GeV} \rightarrow$ factor ~ 2 on amplitude level. [Mohan et. al (2019)]
- 1-loop or velocity suppressed SI contribution typically more constraining than spin-dependent limits (for coannihilating regions).

Direct Detection



Strong constraints for small mass splittings.

Exclusion Limits from Direct Detection



- BSF has a sizable impact for small mass splittings.
- Shift in largest allowed mass from $M_\chi \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ to $M_\chi \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$ for $\Delta \rightarrow 0$.
- Viable region for $\Delta \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ slightly enlarged.

Upcoming Collider Constraints

Three types of processes:

- Mediator pair production: $g g \rightarrow X X^*$
- Associated production: $q g \rightarrow \chi + X$
- DM pair production with an initial state jet: $g q \rightarrow \chi \chi q$

Using data from:

- mono-jet + \cancel{E}_T [Atlas (2021)]
- multi-jet + \cancel{E}_T [Atlas (2020)]

Small coupling (freeze-out) regions potentially constrained by

- Heavy Stable Charged Particle (HSCP) searches
- Displaced Vertices

Conclusion

- The Sommerfeld effect and bound state formation (BSF) arise for long range interactions in a dark sector
- BSF and subsequent bound state decay into SM particles efficiently provides an additional DM annihilation channel
- We have analyzed a model of colored coannihilation (Simplified t-channel: S3M-uR) using a modified micrOMEGAs version.
- The coannihilating region strongly impacted by non-perturbative effects. Viable parameter space involving tiny couplings of DM to the SM is shifted from 1 TeV to 2.5 TeV
- Potentially interesting for long-lived particle searches
- Effect can be enhanced by a non-vanishing Higgs-portal coupling