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# • DARK MATTER PARTICLE PHYSICS

- DARK MATTER INDIRECT DETECTION
- SEARCHES WITH GAMMA RAYS
- SEARCHES WITH CHARGED COSMIC RAYS AND OTHER WAVELENGTHS

We want to investigate an interaction where dark matter annihilates to produce final states containing standard model particles.

Will make one assumption at this point:



1.) Dark Matter is stable because it is protected by a conserved symmetry (e.g. r-parity). This only needs to be approximately true.

In this case, we can generically write down an interaction rate:

$$\Gamma_{\rm SM, ann} = \left( \int \frac{\rho_{\rm DM}^2}{m_{\chi}^2} dV \right) \times (\sigma v) \times (N_{\rm SM, ann})$$

Will make three more assumptions:

1.) This interaction is CP-symmetric, i.e. at high temperatures:

$$\Gamma_{\chi\chi->q\bar{q}} = \Gamma_{q\bar{q}->\chi\chi}$$

2.) The interaction rate is sufficiently large such that the number of dark matter and standard model particles equilibrates in the early universe (alternative is freeze-in dark matter).

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Gamma &\gtrsim & H &\Rightarrow {\rm thermal \ equilibrium} \\ \Gamma &\lesssim & H &\Rightarrow {\rm decoupled \ evolution} \end{array} \end{array}$$

Will make three more assumptions:

3.) Freeze out occurs when the dark matter particle is non-relativistic (alternative is hot dark matter).

$$m \ge T$$

In that case, statistical mechanics tells us that the number density of dark matter is given by

$$n_{\rm non-rel} \sim (mT)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{m}{T}\right) \quad \text{for } m \gg T.$$



We can set the interaction strength  $\Gamma = n\sigma$ , the number density of dark matter times its interaction cross-section. And we want to find the time of freeze-out by setting this to equal the Hubble Constant.

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3}\rho$$

Assuming a radiation dominated universe, we get:

$$\rho \simeq \rho_{\rm rad} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} \cdot g \cdot T^4$$

Setting  $n\sigma = H$  and noting that  $H \cong T^2 / m^P$  we get that:

$$n_{\rm f.o.} \sim rac{T_{\rm f.o.}^2}{M_P \cdot \sigma}$$

Intriguingly, we note that if we put in values for the weak nuclear force (i.e.  $\sigma = G_F^2 m_X^2$ ) we get: note  $n_0 \sim 1/m_x$  at constant density of the universe!

$$\Omega_{\chi} = \frac{m_{\chi} \cdot n_{\chi} (T = T_0)}{\rho_c} = \frac{m_{\chi} T_0^3}{\rho_c} \frac{n_0}{T_0^3}$$

Noting that in an iso-entropic universe  $n_0 / T_0^3$  is constant:

$$\Omega_{\chi} = \frac{m_{\chi} T_0^3}{\rho_c} \frac{n_{\rm f.o.}}{T_{\rm f.o.}^3} = \frac{T_0^3}{\rho_c} x_{\rm f.o.} \left(\frac{n_{\rm f.o.}}{T_{\rm f.o.}^2}\right) = \left(\frac{T_0^3}{\rho_c M_P}\right) \frac{x_{\rm f.o.}}{\sigma}$$

And simplifying (by substituting in known constants) we obtain:

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Which can be written in more familiar units as:

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 10^{-8} \,\mathrm{GeV^{-2}} \left( 3 \times 10^{-28} \,\mathrm{GeV^2} \,\mathrm{cm^2} \right) \, 10^{10} \, \frac{\mathrm{cm}}{\mathrm{s}} = 3 \times 10^{-26} \, \frac{\mathrm{cm^3}}{\mathrm{s}}$$

So besides very quickly going over some math, what do we learn?

1.) Dark Matter annihilations at the present day are directly linked to annihilations in the early universe.

2.) The Weak nuclear force provides the correct interaction strength to produce the observed dark matter density.

2.) Under a very reasonable (though not certain) set of assumptions, the annihilation cross-section is fixed by the observed relic density. This is unique among WIMP detection strategies (direct/collider detection)



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### **Photons & neutrinos**

- Unperturbed path
- Point to the source
- Spectral and spatial
  - signatures

### Gamma rays from dark matter annihilation

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m DM}$ 

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Gamma-ray line from loop suppressed direct annihilation into

$$\gamma\gamma, Z\gamma, H\gamma$$

Looking for dark matter **spectral features** in gamma rays requires optimised search strategies.

Bringmann, Calore+ PRD'11

### The astrophysics factor

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Dark matter density profiles:

Spatial distribution of the signal:



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Expected gamma-ray flux

### **SPATIAL (ANGULAR) FEATURES**

Important effect of baryons during galaxy formation (highly debated)

### **Current gamma-ray telescopes**



# The Fermi-LAT gamma-ray sky



# Astrophysical components: The Galactic diffuse emission





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### Fermi bubbles


# Targets for dark matter searches

#### **Galactic Center**

DM

- high statistics
- brightest dark matter source but uncertain distribution
- large background

#### **Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies**

- dark matter dominated nearby objects
- almost background-free

 $\rho_{\rm DM}^2 ds$ 

#### Galactic Halo at High Latitude

- good statistics
- (extra)galactic backgrounds
- spectral and anisotropy measurements

#### **Galaxy Clusters**

- dark matter substructures
- cosmic-ray induced background

#### **Dark Halos**

- pure dark matter objects
- unassociated gamma-ray sources

+ dedicated searches for gamma-ray lines

### **Searching for gamma-ray lines**

### **Gamma-ray line searches**



Optimised region of interest about the Galactic center, depends on the DM profile.



Signal/Noise ratio

#### A gamma-ray line signal at 130 GeV?

Bringmann+ JCAP'12 Weniger JCAP'12

43 months of SOURCE data (P7V6) Local significance: 4.6 sigma Global significance: 3.2 sigma

Profumo&Linden, JCAP'12; Ibarra+ JCAP'12; Dudas+'12; Cline PRD'12; Choi&Seto PRD'12; Buckley&Hooper PRD'12; etc....



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### Searching for dark matter in the inner Galaxy





#### The Galactic centre GeV excess (at the Galactic centre)

Hooper&Goodenough '09; Vitale&Morselli '09; Hooper&Linden PRD'11; Hooper&Goodenough PLB'11; Boyarsky+ PLB'11; Abazajian&Kaplinghat PRD'12; Macias&Gordon PRD'14; Abazajian+ PRD'14; Daylan+ '14; Huang+ '15; Carlson+ '15; Ajello+15; Casandjian Fermi Symp.'14; de Boer+ ICRC15; etc.



Daylan+ '14

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Calore+ JCAP'15

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Hooper&Slatyer PDU'13; Huang+ JCAP'13; Zhou+ PRD'15; Daylan+ '14; Calore+ JCAP'15; Gaggero+ 2015; Ajello+ 2015; Huang+ '15; Linden+'16; Horiuchi+'16

### The GeV excess at the Galactic centre



 $|\ell|, |b| \lesssim 2^{\circ}$ 

- Extended excess emission above: model for diffuse emission, Sgr A\* and other point sources.
- The spectrum might strongly suffer from background modeling.

Abazjian+ PRD'14

- Compatible to be spherically symmetric about the Galactic centre.
- Emission profile:

$$\frac{dn}{dV} \sim r^{-\Gamma} \qquad \Gamma \sim 2.6$$

### The GeV excess in the inner Galaxy

 $|\ell| \lesssim 20^{\circ}, \quad 2^{\circ} \lesssim |b| \lesssim 20^{\circ}$ 

#### **Spectrum**

Morphology



- Stable spectrum against background model systematics.
- ✓ Specific spectrum, **peak @ few GeV**.



- Compatible with a spherically symmetric unique component.
- ✓ Extended at least up to 10 degrees, 1.5 kpc

### The Fermi-LAT Collaboration analysis

E<sup>2</sup> dN/dE [MeV cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]

- 15° x 15° ROI; tuning of GDE outside
  → specialised interstellar emission models.
- Wavelet transform for source identification (1FIG catalog).
- IC emission in inner 1 kpc enhanced w.r.to baseline prediction (20% of the total GDE emission).
- Positive residuals are left and can be partially absorbed by an additional centrally peaked spatial template.
- Not all positive residuals are accounted for by such a model.

#### no NFW template Galactic latitude (deg) 2 0 -2 Galactic longitude (deg) **NFW** template $10^{-1}$ Pulsars intensity-scaled Pulsars index-scaled OB Stars intensity-scaled OB Stars index-scaled Hooper & Slatyer (2013) $\times$ Gordon & Macias (2013) $10^{-5}$ \_O Abazajian et al (2014) Calore et al (2015)

 $10^{4}$ 

Energy (MeV)

Ajello+'15

 $10^{5}$ 

### Why is the GeV excess so exciting?



### **Possible astrophysical interpretations**



### **Unresolved pulsars and millisecond pulsars**



 Spectrum compatible with Fermi-LAT observed millisecond pulsars (MSPs), and marginally young pulsars.

#### Morphology

$$\epsilon \propto r^{-\Gamma} e^{-r/R_{\rm cut}}$$

$$\Gamma = 2.5$$
  $R_{\rm cut} = 3\,{\rm kpc}$ 

 Proposed population of MSPs in the bulge (vs disk).

Cholis+'14; Petrovic+ JCAP'15; Yuang+ MNRAS'14;

Young pulsars from SF in the CMZ.

O'Leary+ '15

 Bulge MSPs: from tidally disrupted globular clusters.
 Brandt&Kocsis'15

### **Support for MSPs interpretation**



wavelet transform

Lee+'15



#### Non-Poissonian template fitting Linden+'16



#### Sensitivity of future radio surveys (long-term)

Future dedicated observations can allow us to **discover the bulge MSP population**.

Calore, Di Mauro, Donato, Hessels & Weniger+'15 Fermi-LAT GI Proposal 2016

### **Other constraints from Fermi-LAT searches**



from G. Zaharijas II Anisotropic Universe Workshop

[Charles+, submitted to Physics Reports]

### **Future prospects**



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Searching for dark matter: Other messengers

We can also think about the detection of electromagnetically interacting particles besides gamma-rays.

However these are either:

- 1.) Themselves charged
- 2.) Not promptly produced in the dark matter annihilation event.



In either case, we have to worry about the diffusion of energy from the dark matter annihilation event.



Thus, we need to solve a diffusion equation in our galaxy. This is typically done with codes such as *Galprop*, or *Dragon*.

There are many free parameters in these codes, and we fix them by trying to solve for the ratio of cosmicray primary to secondary species in the Milky Way.



The mechanics of dark matter indirect detection with neutrinos are similar to those with gammarays.

IceCube observations take place at a much higher energy, and with a similar size instrument as Fermi (~1m<sup>2</sup> effective area). Thus the constraints are significantly worse (compared to thermal).



IceCube does provide competitive limits in the XX -> vv channel.

### **CHARGED COSMIC-RAYS**





PAMELA June 2006 – AMS-02 May 2011 –

A particularly effective method is to look for bumps in the cosmic-ray particle/anti-particle ratio.

Astrophysical uncertainties can be constrained by using information from the energy sidebands.



Bergstrom et al. (2013)

This is particularly effective for leptophilic dark matter candidates, since the electron energy is highly peaked. Also, results are most sensitive to electrons formed locally.

For annihilation directly to electron/positron pairs, these constraints rule out dark matter at the thermal annihilation cross-section to masses ~200 GeV.



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Constraints will continue to improve as AMS-02 data is collected (models hide in the statistical uncertainties in the positron fraction.)

In the case of the antiproton flux, the bump is significantly wider, making the astrophysical background determination more important.

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Bringmann, Vollman, Weniger (2014)

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### **RADIO TARGETS**



#### Galactic Center - Impressive Angular Resolution in Radio

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#### **Three Major Uncertainties:**

Cholis, Hooper, TL (2015)

- 1.) The ratio of the magnetic field and ISRF energy densities.
- 2.) The strength of the convective wind.
- 3.) The dark matter density profile.

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Cholis, Hooper, TL (2015)

It is difficult to imagine that all of these uncertainties will be suitably controlled in the near future, to the extent that limits from dark matter induced synchrotron emission near the Galactic center will provide the most stringent limits.



courtesy: Doug Finkbeiner

Hooper & Linden (2010)

About 10 years ago, there was significant excitement that the synchrotron excess observed by WMAP (and later PLANCK) could be a sign of dark matter annihilation.

### **RADIO TARGETS**



However, the WMAP residual has since been correlated with the Fermi bubbles. The sharp edges observed in both disfavors a dark matter interpretation.

# **RADIO TARGETS**





Can look for excesses above the level of the WMAP/PLANCK bubbles, setting constraints on dark matter signals.

Fornengo, Lineros, Regis, Taoso (2011)
## **CMB TARGETS**

Going back to the beginning, remember that dark matter annihilations in the present day require dark matter annihilation in the Early universe.

Can study the fluctuations in the CMB imposed by the energy deposition of dark matter during the epoch of recombination.



Galli et al. (0905.0003)

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Channel	DM Mass (GeV)	$f_{ m eff}$	$f_{ m eff,new}$
Electrons	1	0.85	0.45
$\chi\chi ightarrow e^+e^-$	10	0.77	0.67
	100	0.60	0.46
	700	0.58	0.45
	1000	0.58	0.45
Muons	1	0.30	0.21
$\chi\chi  o \mu^+\mu^-$	10	0.29	0.23
	100	0.23	0.18
	250	0.21	0.16
	1000	0.20	0.16
	1500	0.20	0.16
Taus	200	0.19	0.15
$\chi\chi  o  au^+ au^-$	1000	0.19	0.15
XDM electrons	1	0.85	0.52
$\chi\chi ightarrow \phi\phi$	10	0.81	0.67
followed by	100	0.64	0.49
$\phi  ightarrow e^+ e^-$	150	0.61	0.47
	1000	0.58	0.45
XDM muons	10	0.30	0.21
$\chi\chi ightarrow \phi\phi$	100	0.24	0.19
followed by	400	0.21	0.17
$\phi  ightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1000	0.20	0.16
	2500	0.20	0.16
XDM taus	200	0.19	0.15
$\chi\chi  ightarrow \phi\phi, \phi  ightarrow  au^+  au^-$	1000	0.18	0.14
XDM pions	100	0.20	0.16
$\chi\chi ightarrow \phi\phi$	200	0.18	0.14
followed by	1000	0.16	0.13
$\phi  ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	1500	0.16	0.13
	2500	0.16	0.13
W bosons	200	0.26	0.19
$\chi\chi  ightarrow W^+W^-$	300	0.25	0.19
	1000	0.24	0.19
Z bosons	200	0.24	0.18
$\chi\chi \to ZZ$	1000	0.23	0.18
Higgs bosons	200	0.30	0.22
$\chi\chi  ightarrow har{h}$	1000	0.28	0.22
b quarks	200	0.31	0.23
$\chi \chi  ightarrow b ar{b}$	1000	0.28	0.22
Light quarks	200	0.29	0.22
$\chi \chi \rightarrow u \bar{u}, d \bar{d} (50\% \text{ each})$	1000	0.28	0.21

## **CMB TARGETS**

Unfortunately, we are fast approaching the cosmicvariance limit of CMB observations (for an instrument with PLANCKlike angular resolution).

Currently, several observed excesses lie right at the threshold of the best possible CMB constraints.

