Experimental Searches for Dark Matter

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Overview

- Why Dark Matter?
- The Particle Dark Matter Zoo
- Specific candidates and search techniques, with editorial selection
 - Sterile Neutrinos
 - Axions
 - WIMPs

Why Dark Matter?



- Most of the matter is in the form of *dark matter*, matter that interacts gravitationally but not electromagnetically, $\Omega_{DM} = \rho_{DM}/\rho_{crit} = 0.20\pm0.03$
- The remainder is in the form of baryons, $\Omega_B = \rho_B / \rho_{crit} = 0.042 \pm 0.004$ (though much of this has not yet been directly observed!)

Required Dark Matter Characteristics

- Dark matter must be:
 - Cold/warm (not hot):
 - nonrelativistic at matter-radi equality (z ~ 3500) to seed L
 M < keV (e.g., v) too hot.
 - Nonbaryonic
 - Light element abundances

 Big Bang Nucleosynthesis measure baryon density: too
 - Baryonic matter could not collapse until recombination (z ~ 1100): too late to seed
- Locally, we know
 - density ~ 0.1-0.7 GeV/cm³:
 - ~I proton/3 cm³, ~I WIMP/coffee cup
 - velocity: simplest assumption is Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution with $\sigma_v \approx 270$ km/s (recently increased based on VLBA maser measurements!)



The Particle Dark Matter Zoo

Neutrinos

- only massive (sterile) neutrinos can be cold or warm. Low-mass neutrinos make hot dark matter.
- Axions
 - Form as Bose condensate in early universe: cold in spite of low mass
- Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)
 - new massive (~100 GeV) particle with electroweak scale interactions with normal matter
 - SUSY neutralino
 - Lightest Kaluza-Klein particle in universal extra dimensions
- Less compelling candidates:
 - SUSY gravitinos (SuperWIMPs) and axinos
 - WIMPzillas, SIMPzillas, primordial black holes, Q-balls, strange quark nuggets, mirror particles, CHArged Massive Particles (CHAMPs), self interacting dark matter, D-matter, cryptons, brane world dark matter...



Massive Sterile Neutrinos

- keV sterile neutrino
 - acts as warm dark matter: cold enough to form structure correctly, hot enough to fix some cosmological quandaries
 - Produced in early universe by oscillations of active neutrinos (Dodelson-Widrow (DW) mechanism) E^o
 - Decays to (M/2) photons via SM penguin diagrams
- Limits
 - overclosure
 - x-ray emission from decays
 - bounds will improve with future X-ray satellites (Astro-H and IXO): sensitivity limited by energy resolution
- A. Kusenko excluded (x rays) 10 limit pulsar kicks (allowed) Lyman– α bound for production above 100 GeV dark matter produced via DW 10⁻¹² 10^{-11} 10⁻¹⁰ 10⁻⁹ 10⁻⁸ 10⁻⁷ sin²θ

(mixing angle with active neutrinos)

- Lyman- α forest: too light a neutrino is too hot, washing out small-scale structure
 - Bounds may improve with better understanding of systematics in measurements and simulations
- pulsar kicks: asymmetry in scattering of neutrinos off magnetic-field-polarized electrons and nucleons results in asymmetric neutrino emission
 - improvements perhaps with better modeling of supernovae

Axions

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Axion Direct Search Techniques

Cosmologically interesting: provides appropriate Ω_{DM} , $m_a = I \mu eV$ to I meV

- Microwave cavity conversion
 - $I GHz = 4 \mu eV$: use high-Q tunable cavity in high B field; when $f_0 = m_a$, excess power

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- Detection: RF amplifier + Fourier transform power spectrum, excited Rydberg atom photodetection
- Can cover $\sim I \mu eV$ to 100 μeV ; cavities become too small > $100 \mu eV$
- With µwave SQUID amplifier and colder cavity, will test full KSVZ-DFSZ range





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- Solar axions
 - Photons convert to axions via Primakoff process in sun; ~keV thermal kinetic energy
 - Axion-conversion telescopes sensitive to $\sim I = V$ axions; too massive to be CDM, could be HDM (though $\ll \Omega_{DM}$)
 - Higher masses probed by Bragg scattering searches
 - Beginning to probe DFSZ and **KSVZ** models



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- Other laboratory searches
 - $\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma$ in B field; relatively poor sensitivity bec. two vertices; very far away from plausible models
 - Shining light thru walls. Will be more sensitive w/high Q optical cavities in future.
 - B-induced polarization rotation;
 PVLAS polarization rotation signal has disappeared in second measurement
 - B-induced birefringence
 - Torsion pendulum (Eot-Wash group)
 - Axions mediate a P and T violating force between electrons and nucleons
 - Look for violations of $1/r^2$

WIMPs

- A WIMP δ is like a massive neutrino: produced when T >> m_{δ} via pair annihilation/ creation. Reaction maintains thermal equilibrium.
- If interaction rates high enough, comoving density drops as $exp(-m_{\delta}/T)$ as T drops below m_{δ} : annihilation continues, production becomes suppressed.
- But, weakly interacting → will
 "freeze out" before total annihilation if

$$H > \Gamma_{ann} \sim \frac{n_{\delta}}{\langle \sigma_{ann} \, v \rangle}$$

i.e., if annihilation too slow to keep up with Hubble expansion

• Leaves a relic abundance:

$$\Omega_{\delta} h^2 \approx \frac{10^{-27}}{\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle_{fr}} \,\mathrm{cm}^3 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$$

- → if m_{δ} and σ_{ann} determined by new weak-scale physics, then Ω_{δ} is O(1)
- LSP in R-parity conserving SUSY is an ideal WIMP: x=m/T (time →) weak-scale cross-section, neutral, stable. But WIMPs are not SUSY-specific!



Supersymmetric WIMPs

- SUSY lightest superpartner w/ R-parity cons. is WIMP(-like)
- Neutralino LSP δ
 - mixture of bino, wino, higgsinos; spin 1/2 Majorana particle
 - Allowed regions
 - bulk: δ annih. via t-channel slepton exchange, light h, high BR($b \rightarrow s\gamma$) and $(g-2)_{\mu}$; good DD rates
 - stau coann: δ and stau nearly degenerate, enhances annihilation, low DD rates
 - focus point: less fine-tuning of REWSB, δ acquires higgsino component, increases annihilation to W, Z, good DD rates
 - A-funnel: at high tan β , resonant s-channel annihilation via A, low DD rates
- Gravitino LSP: nondetection interesting!

 χ^2 of fit to BR(b \rightarrow s γ), muon g-2, and relic density (dominated by relic density: avoid overclosure)

DMSAG mSugra with $tan\beta = 54$, $A_0 = 0$, $\mu > 0$ al, in 2000 1750 et 12 Baer 1500 stau coannihilation 10 1250 $m_{1/2} (GeV)$ $ln(\chi^2/DOF)$ 8 1000 Actor of PCUS DOIN 750 4 500 2 250 No REWSB 0 bulk -0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 0 $m_0(GeV)$ $m_h = 114.1 GeV$ LEP2 excluded **SuperCDMS CDMSII** predictions

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Universal Extra Dimensions WIMPs

- Kaluza-Klein tower of partners due to curled-up extra dimension of radius R
 - n = quantum number for extra dimension, $m_n^2 \sim n^2/R^2$
 - momentum cons. in extra dim. \rightarrow exact cons. of KK particles (KK parity)
 - KK parity $P_{KK} = (-1)^n$ implies lightest KK partner (n = 1) is stable

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• $B^{(1)}$, n = 1 partner of B gauge boson, is lightest KK partner in simple cases



Q

2000

100

300

 $M_{B(1)}[GeV]$

500 700 1000

200

Astrophysical Detection and Colliders



Indirect Searches

- In many places, the WIMP density becomes large enough for annihilation to occur in spite of low cross sections: galactic haloes/ cores, Sun, Earth
- Annihilation products:
 - fermion pairs (via Z, A, sfermion exchange), though note helicity suppression for SUSY neutralino WIMPs, which are Majorana
 - gluons, which hadronize
 - Z,W, Higgs, which decay to fermions
 - neutrinos (direct production at exactly $m_{\delta}/2$, continuum from decays of other products)
 - photons (via 2nd-order diagrams only, at $m_{\delta}/2,$ continuum from decays of other products)
 - stable hadrons and antihadrons (from hadronization of antiquarks)
 - synchrotron emission (resulting from electron products near the galactic center spiraling in the mG magnetic field)
- Caveats
 - Very dependent on modeling of dark matter density, esp. its clumpiness



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Neutrinos

- WIMPs suffer energy loss via elastic scattering with p and n in Sun
 - density at galactic center, elsewhere in halo not large enough
 - density predictions pretty solid
- WIMPs annihilate to neutrinos, yielding continuum signal:
 - Directly produced neutrinos lose energy as they leave sun
 - Much bigger phase space for neutrinos from decay of other annihilation products
- Search for V_μ via upward-going μ in
 V telescopes such as IceCube, Antares
 - Sensitive to SUSY-relevant mass range, ≈100 GeV
 - To first order, sensitivity of neutrino searches and direct detection are proportional because both scale with nucleon-scattering cross-section



Green excluded by direct detection, blue allowed



Gamma Rays

- Two types of instruments
 - GLAST: satellite mission with large silicon strip tracker + Csl calorimeter, sensitive up to few x 100 GeV
 - Air Cerenkov Telescopes (ACTs): ground-based telescope collecting Cerenkov light from gamma-ray air showers; E > tens of GeV → few GeV (future km² array)
 - (Ground-based air-shower arrays, E > I TeV)
- Requires large clumping factors
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Antimatter

Positrons: •

- Measure dE/dx and rigidity, ID those too light to be CR and w/wrong sign to be electrons
 - key experimental issue: misidentification of p as e^+ . Need 10^3 - 10^4 rejection.
- HEAT balloon payload (mid-1990s) saw a bump in e⁺/e⁻ consistent with WIMP annihilation
- PAMELA satellite (launched 2006) has confirmed rise in positron fraction
- ATIC, PPB-BETS balloons saw bump in total electron flux, not seen by Fermi
- PEBS balloon will measure fraction to much better precision up to 200 GeV
- See Aaron Pierce's talk for scientific interpretation



Antimatter

- Antiprotons
 - Previous experiments measurements have been fully consistent with expected spectrum
 - PAMELA has improved precision greatly
 - No sign of signal from vanilla WIMP consistent with positron excess
 - See A. Pierce's talk



Antimatter



- Antideuterons
 - Antideuteron production possible during hadronization of annihilation products



- Expected flux at earth far exceeds backgrounds from cosmic ray spallation; a very different regime than positron and antiproton searches (Donato, Baer and Profumo)
- GAPS
 - Detects antideuterons by capture: Antideuteron slows to stop in detector, forms atom; antideuteron atom deexcites via X-rays and Auger electrons; annihilation into pions
 - Challenging! 200 kg of Si(Li) wafers target (~5000 4" wafers), coincidence demo'd in beam test; test flight 2009, Antarctic long-duration balloon 2013, perhaps 100-day ULDB

Direct Detection: Signature

- WIMPs collected in spherical isothermal halo: ideal gas with gravity, $kT = \langle mv^2/2 \rangle$, $\sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} \approx 220$ km/s
- WIMPs elastically scatter off quarks in target nuclei, producing nuclear recoils, with $\sigma_{q\delta}$ related to σ_{ann} (same diagrams: via Z, h, H, and squarks)
- Energy spectrum of recoils is exponential, $\langle E_R \rangle \sim 50$ keV, depends on WIMP and target masses: Boltzmann distribution (spherical isothermal halo) + NR s-wave scattering

$$E_0 = \frac{2 m_{\delta}^2 m_N}{\left(m_{\delta} + m_N\right)^2} v_0^2 \approx \frac{m_N}{10^6} \sim 50 \text{ keV}$$

• Amplitude of recoil energy spectrum, i.e. event rate, normalized by $\sigma_{n\delta}$, local WIMP number density, and nucleus-dependent $A^2F^2(E_R)$:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} \propto \frac{n_\delta \,\sigma_{n\delta}}{E_0} \,\exp\left(-\frac{E_R}{E_0}\right) \,A^2 \,F^2(E_R)$$

• At low E_R , scattering is coherent and $\propto A^2$. Coherence lost at larger E_R via form factor $F^2(E_R)$



Scattering Cross Sections

- In general, a Lorentz-invariant Lagrangian L has S, P,V,A interactions
- WIMP can be fermion, boson, or scalar
- In non-relativisitic limit, reduces to two cases
 - Scalar interaction, scales as A² because deBroglie wavelength is large

$$\sigma_{SI} = \frac{m_N^2}{4\pi (m_{\chi} + m_N)^2} \left[Zf_p + (A - Z)f_n \right]^2$$

 f_p and f_n are effective couplings to p and n, equal in most theories under consideration

• Spin-spin interaction couples to net nuclear spin J_N

$$\sigma_{SD} = \frac{32}{\pi} G_F^2 \frac{m_{\chi}^2 m_N^2}{(m_{\chi} + m_N)^2} \frac{J_N + 1}{J_N} \left(a_p \left\langle S_p \right\rangle + a_n \left\langle S_n \right\rangle \right)^2$$

 $\langle S_p \rangle$, $\langle S_n \rangle$ are total proton and neutron spin contributions a_p and a_n are couplings to p and n

WIMP Direct Searches

- Fundamental goal: See a very small WIMP signal in presence of many other particles interacting in detectors (photons, electrons, alpha particles, neutrons)
- Many different techniques:
 - Reduce backgrounds
 - (HDMS, IGEX), CoGeNT: Ge γ spectrometers
 - XMASS: single-phase LXe
 - Reduce backgrounds + annual modulation
 - DAMA: Nal scintillator; KIMS: Csl scintillator
 - Statistical nuclear recoil discrimination
 - DAMA, UKDMC: pulse-shape analysis in Nal, LXe
 - Event-by-event nuclear recoil discrimination
 - phonons + ionization/scintillation: CDMS, EDELWEISS, CRESST, ROSEBUD
 - Liquid Nobles: direct electronic excitation + ionization: XENON, ZEPLIN, LUX, WArP, ArDM, DEAP/ CLEAN, etc.
 - Superheated droplets: bgnd-insensitive threshold detectors; SIMPLE, PICASSO
 - DRIFT, DMTPC: TPCs engineered for low diffusion
 - Diurnal modulation
 - DRIFT, DMTPC

Nuclear Recoil Discrimination



Annual Modulation

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- WIMP wind ~ isotropic in halo frame, v_{rms} ~ 270 km/s
- Sun travels through this cloud at 270 km/s
- Earth adds or subtracts 15 km/s (= 30 $km/s \times cos 60^{\circ}$) to solar velocity
- Expect ± 1-few % modulation in rate, energy deposition, depending on target and threshold
- DAMA/LIBRA: clear modulation; is it a WIMP?
- KIMS Korean Csl scintillator experiment aiming to test



Diurnal Modulation

- WIMPs directional in terrestrial frame
- Direction of WIMP wind varies diurnally due to Earth's rotation
- Recoiling nucleus will preserve some directionality
- Large modulation (~ DC signal) possible in theory
- Backgrounds will be unmodulated







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Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (CDMS)

- NR discrimination via total recoil energy + ionization + phonon timing/position:
 - phonon signal provides total recoil energy (athermal phonon sensor using tungsten transition-edge sensors attached to aluminum phonon absorbers)
 - ionization signal depends on density of deposition, ionization yield $\sim 1/3$ for NRs in Ge
 - Collected using H-a-Si electrodes to minimize dead-layer effects
 - detectors close-packed with no intervening material: detectors see other clean detectors, not outside radiation sources
 - radial segmentation of electrode enables rejection of events at outer edge of detector
 - Also: CRESST, EDELWEISS, ROSEBUD (no time to discuss here)



CDMS

- Dead layer and athermal phonons
 - tens of µm deep "dead layer" due to loss of hot charges into "wrong" electrode before drift field takes over
 - athermal phonon sensor provides rejection: phonon signal rising edge provides 2-d imaging and sensitivity to z position; latter provides rejection of ionization dead-layer events
- Background rejection (15-45 keV, 50-70% acceptance)
 - in CDMS II:
 2 x 10⁻⁶ misid of gamma events
 2 x 10⁻³ misid of surface electron events
 - SuperCDMS:
 I x 10⁻⁷ for gammas,
 2.5 x 10⁻⁴ for surface electrons
- Final CDMS II results expected late summer/early fall; see Oleg Kamaev talk for status update in PAC II, Tuesday 2pm



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Metastable Bubble Chamber Detectors $E > E_e = 4\pi r_e^2 \left(\gamma - T \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial T}\right) + \frac{\partial \gamma}{3}\pi r_e^3 \rho_v \frac{\partial fg}{M} + \frac{\partial \gamma}{3}\pi r_e^3 P$, $r_e = 2\gamma/\Delta P$

Bubble chamber

 $\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x > E_c/(ar_c)$

- Superheated liquid or gel + energy density effect: ER deposition density too small to nucleate bubbles
 Excellent rejection of ERs: >10¹³
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 @ 10 keVr threshold (COUPP)



- Threshold detector, controlled by temperature & pressure.
- Video and acoustic readout
- Assorted nuclei, spin-indep (I and Br) and spin-dep (F)
- In principle, inexpensive

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65 psig

Metastable Bubble Chamber Detectors

COUPP

- video readout
- prior run of 2-kg at 300 mwe limited by α bgnd from vessel (edge events) and α events from radon emanation into bulk
- 60 kg tested at surface, running underground at 300 mwe with water shield; want to demonstrated alpha bgnd at Borexino levels
- PICASSO (SNOLAB)
 - acoustic (piezo) readout
 - I4 kg-d from 0.12 kg provides new spin-dep constraints
 - 1.9 kg running since start 2009
 - demonstrated NR/α discrim. v acoustic pulse height



COUPP 2-kg detector

> COUPP 60-kg detector surface test







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Time Projection Chambers

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Time Projection Chambers

DMTPC

QHT

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

100

with identifiable head/tail

ees)

Fraction of recoils

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Nips

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- I m³ detector in fabrication, will be run underground (WIPP)

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- Multiple underground runs of 1 m³ at Boulby mine (UK), still dealing with radon emanation and daughter issues
- Demonstrated CS₂-CF₂ mixtures for spin-dependent sensitivity

Spin Independent Limits



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Spin Dependent Limits: Pure Neutron Coupling



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