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The Dark Matter problem

According to the latest CMB measurements by Planck experiment, DM accounts for about 27% of the Universe mass-energy.

- Several astrophysical and cosmological evidences, all related to it's gravitational interactions with ordinary matter
- No evidence of non-gravitational interactions observed so far:
 - it's nature is still largely unknown
 - Several possible candidates in a wide mass range
 - Need complementary approaches to DM detection











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Knowns and unknowns

What we know about (particle) Dark Matter

- not a SM particle
- massive (gravitational interactions)
- "weakly" interacting with SM particles and long-lived
- cold (according to standard cosmological model)
- It's abundance today is: $\Omega h^2 \sim 0.12$



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And what we don't know

- What kind of particle? Onle one or more particles?
- Which mass?
- How does interact with the SM particles
- How much "cold" is it?
- How was it produced?

 $\Omega_{\rm i} = \rho_{\rm i}/\rho_{\rm c} \text{ with } \rho_{\rm c} \text{ the critical density, i.e.}$ the total energy density for k=0 $\rho_{\rm c} = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G_{\rm N}} \sim 1.05 \times 10^{-5} h^2 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

$$=$$
 m _{χ} Y _{χ} $=$ 0.44 eV



Building a DM model satisfying abundance today J. Ruderman lectures

- Different models depending on:
 - Nonzero DM abundance in early Universe and subsequent depletion (**freeze out**) or smal/zero abundance in early universe and production from thermal bath (freeze-in)
 - Interactions dominating DM depletion/production
 - Initial conditions) and interactions enforcing equilbrium
 - Symmetric or asymmetric DM
 - One single new state or hidden sector?
- Building a model satisfying DM abundance today
 - DM density at the end of (FO) or before (FI) equilibrium can be described by Boltzman equation with C[f] the collision operator
 - $\chi\chi \to \phi\phi \qquad \phi\phi \to \chi\chi$ Examples: Annihilating DM $\dot{\mathbf{n}} + 3\mathbf{H}\mathbf{n} = -\mathbf{n}_{\chi}^2 < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\chi\chi} + \mathbf{n}_{\phi}^2 < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\phi\phi}$ • Detailed balance at eq: $(\mathbf{n}_{\chi}^{eq})^2 < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\chi\chi} = (\mathbf{n}_{\phi}^{eq})^2 < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\phi\phi}$

 \Rightarrow Solving Boltzman equation and comparing with observed relic density, can derive sclaes of $<\sigma v>$ or $<\Gamma_w>$ and m_{γ}







Thermal relic: single state J. Ruderman lectures

DM starts in kinetical and chemical equilibrium

2 \rightarrow **2** annihilations: $\chi\chi \rightarrow \phi\phi$

- $\phi \in SM (WIMP)$
- $\phi \in \mathsf{BSM}$ with $\mathsf{m}_{\phi} < \mathsf{m}_{\chi}$ (hidden sector).

 $m_{\phi} > m_{\chi}$ (forbidden sector)

(ϕ and χ singlet under SM gauge group, but charged under new dark gauge group)

3 \rightarrow **2** annihilations: $\chi\chi\chi \rightarrow \chi\chi$ (SIMP)

- Possible only for bosonic DM
- Forbidden if DM is charged under Z₂ but consistent with Z₃ symmetry

Semi-annihilation: $\chi\chi \to \chi\phi$

e.g. Z₃ symmetry

 $<\sigma v>\sim \frac{1}{T_{e}}$ $<\sigma v>\sim \frac{1}{T_{e'}}$ $<\sigma v>_{\chi\chi} = ($

From detailed balance, starting from inverse process

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$$\begin{split} \dot{\mathbf{n}} + 3\mathbf{H}\mathbf{n} &= -\mathbf{n}_{\chi}^{2} < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\chi\chi} + \mathbf{n}_{\phi}^{2} < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\phi\phi} \\ < \sigma \mathbf{v} > &\sim \frac{1}{\mathsf{T}_{eq}\mathsf{M}_{pl}} \sim \frac{\alpha_{w}^{2}}{\mathsf{m}_{\chi}^{2}} \sim 1\mathsf{TeV} \\ < \sigma \mathbf{v} > &\sim \frac{1}{\mathsf{T}_{eq}\mathsf{M}_{pl}} \sim \frac{\alpha_{d}^{2}}{\mathsf{m}_{\chi}^{2}} \\ < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\chi\chi} &= \left(\frac{\mathsf{n}_{\gamma_{d}}^{eq}}{\mathsf{n}_{\chi}^{eq}}\right)^{2} < \sigma \mathbf{v} >_{\gamma_{d}\gamma_{d}} \sim e^{-2\delta \mathsf{m}/\mathsf{T}} \frac{\alpha_{d}^{2}}{\mathsf{m}_{\gamma_{d}}^{2}} \\ \end{split} \qquad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{\chi} \sim \alpha_{w}\sqrt{\mathsf{T}_{eq}\mathsf{M}_{pl}} \sim \mathsf{TeV} \\ \mathbf{m}_{\chi} \sim \alpha_{d}\sqrt{\mathsf{T}_{eq}\mathsf{M}_{pl}} \sim \alpha_{d}/\alpha_{w} \times \mathsf{TeV} \\ \\ \mathbf{m}_{\chi} \sim e^{-2\delta \mathsf{m}/\mathsf{T}_{FO}} \alpha_{d}\sqrt{\mathsf{T}_{eq}\mathsf{M}_{pl}} \ll \mathsf{TeV} \end{split}$$

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Thermal relic: multiple states J. Ruderman lectures

Multiple new states, all charged under a given symmetry that forbid their decay into other particles, but not among the χ_i states

- **Co-annihilation:** $\chi_i \to \chi_{i-1} \phi$, with $m_{\chi_i} > m_{\chi_{i-1}}$ n +
 - If the inverse process and scatterings with thermal bath particle are
 - case, with $n = \sum n_i$ and $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{eff} = \sum (n_i^{eq} n_i^{eq} / n_{eq}^2) \langle \sigma_{ij} v \rangle$
 - \bullet
- equilibrium

Asymmetric DM

- Asymmetry between DM particle and anti-particle, potentially same origi
- Asymmetry might arise for same processes independently, or be propag
- If baryon and DM masses are same order, baryon and DM abundances
- But most asymmetric DM models do not relate baryonic and dark matter asymmetries

$$+ 3Hn = - \langle \sigma v \rangle_{eff} (n^2 - (n^{eq})^2) \\ | rapid = \rangle \frac{n_i}{n_j} = e^{\mu_i - \mu_j} \frac{n_i^{eq}}{n_j^{eq}} = \frac{n_i^{eq}}{n_j^{eq}} => N \text{ Boltzman equations simplified to same as WIMP}$$

Several possible scenarios depending on dominant annihilation channels. If annihilations dominated by heavier states, fimilar to forbidden sector => light DM $e^{-(m_{\chi}-m_{\phi})/T_{FO}}$ **Co-scattering:** $\chi \phi \rightarrow \psi \phi$ with $m_{\chi} < m_{\psi}$ and $\phi \in SM ||BSM \dot{n} + 3Hn = -n_{\chi}n_{\phi}^{eq} < \sigma v >_{\chi \phi} + n_{\psi}^{eq}n_{\phi} < \sigma v >_{\psi \phi} < \sigma v >_{eff} = \frac{\nabla - \pi v}{T_{eq}M_{pl}}$

Co-annihilation and co-scattering complementary: the one that decouples first is dominant process for DM production, the other one enforces chemical

n as baryonic asymmetry
gated from baryonic to dark matter
are similar as well =>
$$\frac{\Omega_{\chi}}{\Omega_{b}} \sim 5$$
 $\Omega_{\chi}h^{2} \sim = \left(\frac{s_{0}}{\rho_{c}h^{-2}}\right)\left(\frac{n_{B}-n_{\bar{B}}}{s}\right)m_{p} \sim 0$







Thermal relic: dark temperature J. Ruderman lectures

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•
$$\xi = \frac{s_{SM}}{s_d} = \frac{g_{*S}^{SM}T_{\gamma}^3}{g_{*S}^d T_d^3} = \text{const} = r = T_{\gamma}/T_d = \xi^{1/3} \left(\frac{g_{*S}^{M}T_{\gamma}^3}{g_{*S}^d T_d^3}\right)$$

- density, in a hotter dark sector it requires larger annihilation rate
- Cannibalism: $3 \rightarrow 2$ annihilations: $\gamma \gamma \gamma \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

• If there are no non-relativistic states
• Assuming DS dominates by lightest state and
$$\mu_1 = 0$$

• $\xi = \frac{s_{SM}}{s_d} \sim \frac{g_{*S}^{SM}T_{\gamma}^3}{g_1(m_1/T_d)^{5/2}T_d^3e^{-m_1/T_d}} => r = T_{\gamma}/T_d = \xi^{1/3} \left(\frac{g_1}{g_{*S}^{DM}}\right)^{1/3} (m_1/T_d)^{5/6}e^{-m_1/(3T_d)} => \frac{T_{\gamma} \propto a^{-1}}{T_d \propto 1/(\log a)}$

If DM in kinetic equilibrium with SM plasma, Dark temperature T_d is equal to T_{γ} . What if $T_d \neq T_{\gamma}$ (dm-SM coupling small enough)?

The two temperatures can evolve independently and the total entropy of each sector is separately conserved at equilibrium



Impact on relic density: $\Omega_{\gamma}h^2 = (\Omega_{\gamma}h^2)_{r=1}r_{FO}^{-1} => DM$ in a cooler dark sector requires smaller annihilation rate to reproduce relic





Fleebly Interacting Massive Particles (FIMP) J. Ruderman lectures

Freeze-in: $\psi \rightarrow \chi \phi$ with ψ in thermal eq. (IR) n + 3H

All particles in initial state in thermal equilibrium

• Thermally averaged decay rate: $<\Gamma_{\psi}> \sim \begin{cases} (m/2T)\Gamma_{\psi} & (T) \\ \Gamma_{\psi} & (T) \end{cases}$

• Boltzman equation =>
$$\frac{dY_{\chi}}{d \log x} \sim Y_{\psi}^{eq} \frac{\langle \Gamma_{\psi} \rangle}{\tilde{H}}$$
 with $Y_{\chi} = n_{\psi}$
 $\frac{Y_{\psi}^{eq}}{H} \langle \Gamma_{\psi}$

 $\frac{\Psi}{H} < \Gamma_{\psi} > \propto \begin{cases} I_{\psi} I^{-3} & (T \gg m) \\ e^{-m/T} & (T \ll m) \end{cases}$ Dominant production for $T \sim m_{\psi}$ **Pandemic:** transmission $\chi \psi \to \chi \chi$, χ not at eq. (UV) $\dot{n} + 3Hn = \langle \sigma v \rangle_{tr} \left(n_{\chi} n_{\psi}^{eq} - \frac{n_{\chi}^2}{n_{\chi}^{eq}} n_{\psi}^{eq} \right) \sim n_{\chi} n_{\psi}^{eq} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{tr}$ for $n_{\chi} < \langle n_{\chi}^{eq}$ (true for small initial abundance and DM far from eq)

• Solving the Boltzman equation => $Y_{\chi} \sim Y_{\chi}^{0} exp \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} \frac{n_{\psi}^{eq} < \sigma v >_{tr}}{\tilde{H}} \right] => exponential growth with <math>n_{\psi}^{eq} < \sigma v >_{tr} /\tilde{H}$ rate

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UV dominated if Γ_{γ}/H maximized at high temperatures, IR dominated otherwise

$$In = \langle \Gamma_{\psi} \rangle \left(n_{\psi}^{eq} - \frac{n_{\chi}}{n_{\chi}^{eq}} n_{\psi}^{eq} \right) \sim n_{\psi}^{eq} \langle \Gamma_{\psi} \rangle \quad \text{for } initial from (T \gg m)$$

$$(T \gg m)$$

$$(T \ll m)$$

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$$\int |\Gamma| |T^{-3}| \quad (T \gg m)$$

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SuperWIMP: $\psi \rightarrow \chi X$ with DM production mainly after ψ thermal decoupling (IR) Rapid $\psi \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \phi \phi$, froze out after ψ becomes non-relativistic => $n_{\psi} < \sigma v > \sim H$

•
$$\psi$$
 initially in thermal equilibrium, decay rate far slower than $H => \Gamma_{\psi} \sim H$
• Considering $Y_{\chi} = Y_{\psi}^{FO} => \Omega_{\chi} h^2 = \left(\frac{s_0}{\rho_c h^{-2}}\right) m_{\chi} Y_{\chi} = \left(\frac{s_0}{\rho_c h^{-2}}\right) m_{\chi} Y_{\psi} = \frac{m_{\chi}}{m_{\psi}} (\Omega_{\chi} h^2)_{FO}$

 \bullet decays to DM

Sterile neutrinos

- Neutrino state ν_s which couples to active neutrinos ν_{α} through Yukawa coupling with Higgs
- Mixing between sterile and active neutrinos $= \nu_s \rightarrow \nu_{\alpha} \gamma$. If mixing angle small enough
 - good DM candidate (long lived) \bullet
 - Kinetically and chemically decoupled from SM => FIMP \bullet
- Assuming 0 initial abundance => production by oscillations from thermal neutrinos (Dodelson-Widrow)

$$\Gamma_{\nu_{s}} \sim G_{F}^{2} T^{5} \sin^{2}(2\theta) \qquad \sin^{2}(2\theta) \sim \frac{m^{2}}{(M/2 + cG_{F}^{2}T^{5})^{2}} \qquad => \text{relic density if } m_{s} \sim 3.4 \text{ keV} \times \left(\frac{\text{sen}^{2}2\theta}{10^{-8}}\right)^{-0.6}$$

This contribution should be sum to FI one: some DM produced by FI when $T \sim m_{\psi}$, some after ψ annihilation decoupling and ψ

Relic density can be resonantly enhanced in presence of large lepton asymmetry in early Universe



Misalignement (axions) J. Ruderman lectures

- Scalar DM field produced with large occupation number => classical field in FRW metric
 - Klein-Gordon equation of motion :

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -V'(\phi)$$

$$=>. \quad \ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} \sim 0 \quad A$$

$$V'(\phi, T) \sim 1/2 \, m_{\phi}^2(T)\phi \quad =>. \quad \dot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} \sim 0 \quad A$$

- Misalignement: production of scalar field, with nonzero initial field value (ϕ_*) seeded by inflation
 - Hubble friction => $\phi = \phi_*$ as long as $H(T) \gg m_{\phi}(T)$
 - When $H(T_*) = m_{\phi}(T_*) = m_* =>$ start of ϕ oscillation

Assuming $H \ll m_{\phi}$ and using time-averages: $w = \langle P_{\phi} \rangle / \langle \rho_{\phi} \rangle = \frac{\dot{A}^2}{2m_{\phi}^2 A^2} \sim 0 \Rightarrow$ acts as DM (fluid of NR particle) Evolution in time: $\frac{\langle \dot{\rho}_{\phi} \rangle}{\langle \rho_{\phi} \rangle} = -3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{m}_{\phi}}{m_{\phi}} \Rightarrow \frac{\langle \rho_{\phi} \rangle}{m_{\phi}} a^3 = \text{const} \Rightarrow n_{\phi}/s = \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{particle DM}$ Relic density: $\Omega_{\phi}h^2 = \left(\frac{s_0}{\rho_c h^{-2}}\right)\frac{m_{\phi}^0 n_{\phi}}{s} \sim 3.9 \left(\frac{s_0}{\rho_c h^{-2}}\right)\frac{g_{**}^{3/4}}{g_{*s}}\theta_0^2 \frac{m_{\phi}^0 f^2}{(m_{\phi})^{1/2}M_{pl}^{3/2}}$ if the initial amplitude is $A_* = \theta_0 f$

• Evolution in time:
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Homogeneity $\Rightarrow \phi = \phi(t)$ Inflation. $=>\phi(0)=\phi_*$

At high temperatures ($H(T) \gg m_{\phi}(T)$) => ϕ constant (Hubble friction)







Direct Detection J. Cooley lectures

- Especially targeting WIMP(like) DM \bullet
- Interaction of WIMP "wind" with detectors. Mainly two signatures:
 - WIMP-nucleon (/electron) scattering
 - Modulation



Figure 26: Experimental exclusion regions in spin-independent cross-section vs. mass space. The neutrino "fog" background expectation is shown in yellow at the bottom of the plot. The red arrows indicate directions that forthcoming experiments will push into the parameter space, toward better sensitivity at low mass and increased sensitivity at high mass. Image generated using [38].

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Figure 25: An example of the theory-driven search space for dark matter across a portfolio of plausible theoretical models for dark matter. Superimposed exclusions of that space based on current experimental efforts. Figure generated using [38].





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Figure 29: The ANAIS best-fit modulation amplitude result compared with the DAMA/LIBRA best-fit result for both recoil energy ranges considered by DAMA/LIBRA. Figure from Ref. [41].

Figure 27: Results from the DAMA/LIBRA Experiment. (Top) The full 14-cycle DAMA/LIBRA annual modulation result, after subtracting flat background contributions. This analysis uses a higher energy threshold in the range of 2-6 keV of recoil energy. (Bottom) The LIBRA-only results allowing for a lower-energy threshold of 1 - 6 keV in recoil energy. Figures extracted from [39].







- Mainly detecting DM annihilation signals
- "Nightmare" scenario: asymmetric DM and co-annihilation
- Different strategies:
 - Radio & Microwave: synchrotron radiation from weak-scale DM annihilation products
 - X-ray: sterile neutrino
 - Gamma-rays: high energy lines or continuum, WIMP annihilation, heavy DM (>> TeV) decay and annihilation
 - Cosmic ray: WIMP annihilation. In particular positron and antiproton channels
 - Neutrino telescopes: heavy DM annihilation and decay
 - CMB & Lyman- α : light (sub GeV) DM \bullet







RADIO AND MICROWAVE TELESCOPES

GREENBANK

MEERKAT

SKA

GHz

Frequency

Edges

ARCADE 2

WMAP

PLANCK

SIMONS

THz

2000

2005

2010

2015

2025

2030

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Figure 7: Upper bounds on the cross section for DM annihilation to $\gamma\gamma$, from *Fermi* (black triangles), MAGIC (green triangles), and H.E.S.S (red and cyan dots). Red and cyan dots correspond to the Einasto and NFW profiles respectively. The gray-shaded area is a theoretical forecast for the natural scale of the line cross-section. Figure reproduced from Ref. [94]; see that work for details.





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Figure 6: Limits from AMS-02 data on DM annihilation to (left) leptonic channels and (right) hadronic channels. In the left panel, dashed lines indicate bounds from Fermi observations of dwarf galaxies; the dotted portions of the solid constraint curves from AMS-02 are potentially affected by solar modulation effects. The hatched band around the e^+e^- constraint line indicates the estimated uncertainty due to systematic uncertainties in the local DM density and energy loss rate. In the right panel, the different colored lines represent the nominal constraint from antiproton observations for different hadronic final states, and the blue bands denote systematic uncertainties in the limit for annihilation to W and Z bosons. Reproduced from Ref. [95] (left panel) and Ref. [96] (right panel).









Figure (APSalected bounds on the PM decay lifetime (left panel) and annihilation cross section (*right panel*) for annihilation/decay to $\gamma\gamma$, using data from the NuSTAR X-ray elescope, and the norman and comptel gamma-ray telescopes. Reproduced from Ref. [119]; see that work for further details. A compilation of Antiprotons => hadronic annihilation bounds at lower/higher masses can be found in Ref. [120].

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Figure 10: Left panel: neutrino (thick curves) and cascade gamma-ray (thin curves) constraints on the annihilation cross section of very heavy DM. The shaded region is determined by taking the more stringent of the negatirino and gamma-ray bounds, for the least constrained of the three channels. Reproduced from Ref. [115]. *Right panel*: updated limits for masses below 100 TeV for the sample channel of annihilation to τ leptons, using observations of the Galactic Center. Reproduced from Ref. [116].

Sufficiently high-energy photons can pair produce via interactions with the interstellar radiation field, producing an electron-photon cascade that results in a spectrum of gamma rays at lower energies



Figure 11: Lower bounds on the decay lifetime for DM decaying to b quarks. The red line is determined by Ref. [56] using Fermi data; gray lines with numbers denote existing bounds using data from Fermi (2,3,5), AMS-02 (1,4), and PAO/KASCADE/CASAMIA (6). The hashed green (blue) region suggests parameter space where DM decay may provide a $\sim 3\sigma$ improvement to the description of the combined maximum likelihood IceCube neutrino flux. The red dotted line provides a limit if a combination of DM decay and astrophysical sources are responsible for the observed high-energy neutrinos. Reproduced from Ref. [56].







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Figure 13: Selected bounds on the DM decay lifetime (left panel) and annihilation cross section (*right panel*) for annihilation/decay to e^+e^- . The blue and red lines and orange bands represent constraints derived from the Lyman- α forest under various assumptions for the astrophysical background; the black dashed line indicates the CMB bound (driven primarily by excess early ionization); the pink dotted line indicates limits on low-energy cosmic rays from Voyager I; green-dashed and purple dot-dashed lines indicate limits from X-ray and gamma-ray telescopes. Reproduced from Ref. [71]; see that work for further details.



Figure 12: Selected bounds on the DM decay lifetime (left panel) and annihilation cross section (*right panel*) for annihilation/decay to $\gamma\gamma$, using data from the NuSTAR X-ray telescope, the CMB, and the INTEGRAL and COMPTEL gamma-ray telescopes. Reproduced from Ref. [119]; see that work for further details. A compilation of bounds at lower/higher masses can be found in Ref. [120].







Sterile neutrinos detection J. Copp lectures

- Constraints from searches for x-ray emission in regions of high DM density (Galactic Center, galaxy clusters, etc.)
- In 2014, XMM-Newton X-Ray telescope data => unidentified X-ray line near 3.55 keV. Might be hint radiative decay of a 7 keV sterile neutrino => hypothesis not completely ruled out yet

Figure 1: Constraints on sterile neutrino dark matter. Figure taken from 8. The colored and gray regions show limits from X-ray searches, while the medium gray region on the left labeled "MW Satellite Counts" is based on structure formation arguments [9]. The region labeled "BBN Limit (Resonant Production)" is disfavored by BBN constraints on the lepton asymmetry if the latter is invoked to enhance sterile neutrino production. The red dot with an error bar indicates the parameters corresponding to the sterile neutrino explanation of the 3.5 keV line 10, 11.





$3 \rightarrow 2$ models parameter space Y. Hochberg lectures

SIMP & cannibalization & ELDER





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Figure 3: *Left*: Range of couplings between the DM and the SM where SIMP DM emerges. *Right:* Reproduced from [7], the DM yield as a function of SM temperature for ELDER DM, for DM mass 10 MeV, $\epsilon \sim 10^{-9}$ and strong α_{eff} (solid purple).



Figure 7: Reproduced from [16]. *Left*: Dark photon parameter space for fixed gauge group, dark coupling and dark pion mass, showing how different regions realize different DM mechanisms. *Right:* Constraints on the parameter space (shaded gray) and future probes (solid colored curves).





Sub GeV DM & hidden sector prospects T. Lin lectures

Sub GeV range gives access to hidden sector: important focus on dark photon searches (either as DM itself or as interaction mediator)



Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

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Figure 1: A logarithmic plot of possible masses for dark matter particles, as well as general techniques and specific experiments in various ranges that have, are, or will attempt to constrain dark matter in that region. In these lectures, the focus is on



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- Light DM searches mainly based on DM-electron scattering, and phonon excitations
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Figure 7: Reach to DM-electron cross section in different solid state targets for scattering through a heavy mediator (left) and light mediator (right), assuming kg-year exposure and zero background. Diamond (C) gives an example of a somewhat high gap target $E_{\text{gap}} = 5.5 \text{ eV}$; the reach shown is from Ref. [44]. Si and Ge have O(eV) gaps and have been studied extensively as target materials. The reach for Ge with a massless mediator and Si in both cases is from Ref. 42. For Ge and a massive mediator, the reach shown is from Ref. [45]; for DM masses above ~ 20 MeV, the reach is dominated by the excitation of semi-core electrons. For sub-MeV DM, lower gap materials are needed and we show projections for an example Dirac material from Ref. 46 and for Al from Refs. 42,43. In the left plot, the thick blue line is the predicted cross section if all of the relic DM is produced by freeze-in interactions [8, 30] and the shaded regions are constraints from stellar emission [7,47]. In the right plot, the thick blue lines are cross sections for freeze-out of scalar DM or asymmetric DM, and the shaded region shows combined direct detection bounds (solid grey) and model-dependent accelerator bounds when the dark photon mass is $m_{A'} = 3m_{\chi}$ (hatched grey) [48]. All bounds and relic density lines assume a dark photon mediator.







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Figure 13: Cross section for 3 events/kg-year for single optical phonon excitations in various polar materials, and assuming a massless dark photon mediator. For this mediator, the convention in the literature is to show projections in terms of the DM-electron cross section $\bar{\sigma}_e$ even when the scattering is into phonons. This is for easier comparison with experiments searching for DM-electron scattering, which can probe the same model; in particular, the different faint lines in this plot are the various projections for DM-electron scattering proposals shown in Fig. 7. The thick blue line is the predicted cross section if all of the relic DM is produced by freeze-in interactions [8,30] and the shaded regions are constraints from stellar emission [7, 47].

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Figure 12: Reproduced from Ref. [63]. Sensitivity of a SiC target to DM-nucleon interactions mediated by an massive mediator. Results are shown assuming kg-year exposure and zero background and for scattering into acoustic phonons ($\omega > meV$) and for scattering into optical phonons ($\omega = \omega_{\rm LO} \approx 35 \text{ meV}$). Also shown are example nuclear recoil sensitivities.





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- Detection techniques:
 - LSW (ALPS-II): magnetic field to convert photons in axions and back into photons
 - Polarization experiments (PVLAS): photon-axion oscillation in the presence of the external B-field => depletion + phase-delay (birefringence) of polarization component of laser that is parallel to the B-field (dichroism)
 - Haloscopes (ADMX; RADED; ORPHEUS): high quality factor Q \bullet microwave cavity inside magnetic field, where Q can be of order 10. Primakow conversion of the axion to photon enhanced by factor Q if the resonant frequency of the cavity matches that of the axion field = resulting photons appear as an excited mode of the cavity
 - Solar axions helioscopes (CAST, IAXO, BabyIAXO): conversion \bullet of the solar axions back to photons in a strong laboratory magnet. The resulting photons keep the same energy as the incoming axions
 - DM radios: measurement of tiny oscillating B-field associated with the axion dark matter field in an external constant magnetic field



reference 2 for details on the different lines



