# ATTACKING HEAVY DARK MATTER ON 2 FRONTS



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# WHY DARK MATTER?



### Cosmic Microwave Background:

Fluctuations measure **Dark Matter as 27% of Universe**'s energy (Planck)

# Anomalies on 3 different astrophysical scales!

### **Galactic Rotation curves:**

Stars move faster than expected



### Vera Rubin 1928-2016 Established Rotation Curve anomaly

### **Colliding Clusters:**

Gravitational wells nowhere near visible peaks

## "Not modified gravity"









$$\Omega_{\rm DM} \sim \frac{1}{10^3 \langle \sigma v \rangle} \frac{1}{T_{\rm CMB} M_{Planck}} \sim \frac{1}{10^3 \langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

$$M_{\chi} \sim \text{TeV}\left(10\sqrt{C}\alpha\right)\sqrt{\frac{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}{0.27}}$$

## WIMP can be simple addition to known particles & forces. WHY?

# WIMP MIRACLE



See Dimopoulos PLB 246(1990):347-52

# STARTING SIMPLE W/ WIMPS



## $<\sigma_V>annihilation \sim C \alpha^2/M_{\chi}^2$

Maybe we already know everything here except χ? X: Z-boson, Higgs? ψ: Elementary Fermion, Higgs? C: Cweak?

- Dark matter relic abundance  $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$  set by annihilation cross section
- Unitarity precludes too-large DM mass
  - < 116 TeV (Unenhanced in early Universe)
  - < 194 TeV (Saturating Unitarity)</li> throughout)
- Particles with  $\sigma v << 2.5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ inconsistent with observation.



K. Griest & M. Kamionkowski: PRL 64 (1990)

# TWO FRONTS IN HEAVY DARK MATTER

- Electroweak WIMPs (Specific models, precise calculations, Effective Field Theory crucial)
- Ultra-Heavy Dark Matter (UHDM) (Bottom-up, precise cosmology unspecified, model-building opportunities)
- "Right here, right now" tests via indirect detection



VERITAS  $\gamma$ -ray telescope at dusk



## FRONT I: "HEAVY NEUTRINO" WIMP



Measured Dark Matter Density

Weak Force "Charges"

> Simple Candidates! Weak Triplet: "Wino" Weak Doublet: "Higgsino" Weak Quintuplet

Correct Dark Matter Density fixes M<sub>X</sub>: Wino: 3 TeV Higgsino: I TeV Quintuplet: I4 TeV



## 3 separate threats to perturbation theory!

- $M_X/m_w >> I \rightarrow Long$  range force
- $M_X/m_w >> I \rightarrow Electroweak shower$
- $Log(I-z_{cut}) \rightarrow Phase space restriction$





## Proliferation of scales → Effective Field Theory

EFTs: Modified versions of Soft-Collinear Effective Theory & NRQCD

## LL RESUMMED PHOTON SPECTRUM FROM WINO

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dz} &= \frac{\pi \alpha_W^2 \sin^2 \theta_W}{2M_\chi^2 v} e^{\left[-2C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{\pi} \log^2\left(\frac{2M_\chi}{M}\right)\right]} \left\{ (F_0 + F_1)\delta(1 - z) \right. \\ &+ \left. \left( C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{\pi} \log\left(\frac{4M_\chi^2(1 - z)}{M^2}\right) \frac{e^{\left[C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{2\pi} \log^2\left(\frac{M^2}{4M_\chi^2(1 - z)}\right)\right]}}{1 - z}\right)_+ F_0 \right. \\ &+ \left[ \left( C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{\pi} \log\left(\frac{4M_\chi^2(1 - z)}{M^2}\right) + 3C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{\pi} \log\left(\frac{M}{2M_\chi(1 - z)}\right) \right) \right. \\ &\times \left. \left( \frac{e^{\left[-\frac{3}{2}C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{\pi} \log^2\left(\frac{M}{2M_\chi(1 - z)}\right) + C_2(W)\frac{\alpha_W}{2\pi} \log^2\left(\frac{M^2}{4M_\chi^2(1 - z)}\right)\right]}{1 - z} \right) \right]_+ F_1 \right\} \\ & \text{Inear combination of Sommerfeld factors} \end{aligned}$$

MB, N. Rodd, T. Slat Same result for a with

## CUMULATIVE RESUMMED ANNIHILATION RATES @THERMAL RELIC MASSES



Thermal relic wino rate vs. Energy fraction

MB et al.: 1808.08956



Thermal relic quintuplet rate vs. Energy fraction

MB, N. Rodd, T. Slatyer, and V. Vaidya: 2309.xxxxx

# PROJECTED HESS WINO LIMITS



Rinchiuso et al.: 1808.04388



better galactic center understanding,

halo loophole closes, r<sub>c</sub>>2.5 kpc

Hooper: 1608.00003 limit of 2 kpc

# PROJECTED QUINTUPLET LIMITS



X. Ou, A-C. Eilers, L. Necib, A. Frebel: 2303.12838 Some evidence for few-kpc core in Milky Way

- Unitarity limit assumes maximal coupling, but structureless particles.
- Heavier-mass DM allowed if abundance set by multiple angular momentum channels. E.g.:
  - Capture to bound states
  - Composite dark matter
- Geometric cross section observed in hydrogen/anti-hydrogen scattering ("rearrangement reaction")

Cf. 1808.07720: Geller et al.







# FRONT 2: UHDM

Using compositeness to evade Unitarity limit, We can **bound size of UHDM** at a given mass with ON/OFF maximum likelihood analysis

2208.11740: D.Tak, MB, N. Rodd, E. Pueschel

Using HDMSpectra (2007.15001): C. Bauer, N. Rodd, B. Webber for signal



# TESTING DARK MATTER TO 30 PEV, TODAY!



See D. Tak's TeVPA 2023 talk for a preliminary update

Limits on DM size given mass and annihilation channel VERITAS data for 4 DSphs

2302.08784: D. Tak, MB, N. Rodd, E. Pueschel, & VERITAS



# UPr

- The simplest models of WIMP Dark Matter are all alive, but will
- Computation of thermal relic masses with NLO potential greatly •
- Higgsino also isn't a simple reshuffling of group theory factors
  - Low thermal-relic mass (I TeV) means poor convergence in E
  - Power-suppressed operators may be needed
- Combine VERITAS DSphs data with wino and quintuplet signals Milky Way halo modeling
- Model Building challenges for UHDM
  - Geometric cross sections, really? •
  - How to realize UHDM with complex structure as thermal or nonthermal relic?



2008.00692: Rinchiuso et al.



2107.09688: Bottaro et al.

# DIRECT DETECTION?



2205.04486: Bottaro et al.