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11 Looking for Dark Matter in Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies



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Evidence in favour of Dark Matter existence @ different scales ...



(Steigman et al. '12)



Beyond the Standard Model of Particle Physics opportunity !

$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 \sim \frac{3 \times 10^{-27} \, cm^3 \, s^{-1}}{<\sigma v >_{f.o.}}$$

Weakly Interacting Massive Particles miracle



Expected flux of prompt gamma to be detected ?

$$\phi_{\gamma} \propto < \sigma v > \times J \rightarrow \sim \int d\ell \ \rho_{\chi}^2(r(\ell))/m_{\chi}^2$$

Milky Way (MW) Galactic Center: J ~ 10²³ GeV²/cm⁵ high J-factor value, but also complicated background!

Dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSphs) are the ideal targets!

$$\frac{M}{L} \sim 10^{2-3} M_{\odot}$$

very faint objects with large mass-to-light ratio!



high latitude position suppressed gamma-ray flux from standard processes hign .T-value

heliocentric distances about 70 - 250 kpc

✓ photometry for stellar density profile , I(R)
✓ spectroscopy for line-of-sight kinematics , $\sigma_{los}(R)$ ✗ full 3D kinematical knowledge , $\beta(r) \equiv 1 - \sigma_t^2(r) / \sigma_r^2(r)$

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The inversion works pretty well also for the halo density.

$$\rho_{\chi\,\beta} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{d\mathcal{M}_\beta}{dr}$$



Let's get started with the simplest case: $\beta(r) = const$

$$\forall \beta \in (-\infty, 1] : \begin{array}{c} 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{\beta} > 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{\beta}(r') - \mathcal{M}_{\beta}(r) \ge 0 \quad \text{if} \quad r' \ge r \end{array}$$



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Taking a closer look @ this case :



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We hit a special point where the dependence on the orbital anisotropy is minimized



We give a proof of existence for a good (but not exact) mass estimator





The integration of p_{χ}^2 along the line-of-sight yields the J-factor.



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In all the 4 cases, "J-sampling" is largely dominated by very negative orbital anisotropies.

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At face value, the minimum of J in parametric fits seems to agree with previous findings. The non-parametric ones point to a few % of difference only.

Final Remarks

dSph galaxies represent a unique Dark Matter laboratory (both for Indirect Searches as well as for N-body simulations)

They can confirm/falsify the Dark Matter interpretation of the GeV excess @ the GC

In this work we actually probed the robustness of the current tight upper-bound on <σ v> against what can be considered the greatest theoretical bias in the modelling.

One last effort to get deeper physical insights on the orbital anisotropy

dSph constraints turned out to be quite solid maybe the milestone of Indirect Searches!

Thank You!