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The Hunt for Particle Dark Matter

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Hunting WIMP's

Particle Dark Matter might be an Electro-Weak Scale Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)

Predicted in (independently motivated) Extensions to the Standard Model

(e.g. SUSY, UED)

In a radiation dominated Early Universe, it can be another thermal relic leftover

(e.g. Light Elements (BBN), Cosmic Microwave Bcgk.)

Exciting Times Lie Ahead!

- Direct Detection Expt's:
- Steady progress in sensitivity
- Exploring parameter space regions where theory predicts plausible signals
- Puzzling result from DAMA/LIBRA

GLAST:
Opening the 10-100 GeV Gamma-Ray window
Detect Dark Sources – Lines

PAMELA (AMS-02):
 Shed light on anomalies in charged CR
 Understanding the CR & GR background

Direct Dark Matter Detection



Steady progress, exploring interesting WIMP parameter space

Solid state and noble gas detectors achieving comparable sensitivities

 Other, easily scaled-up, methods becoming competitive or better (COUPP, new SD limits)

The DAMA/LIBRA result (ann. April 16)



- LIBRA: scaled up, improved version of DAMA Nal
- Confirms, with higher statistical significance (>80) the DAMA signal
- No modulation in E>90 keV band
- No modulation in the multiple-hits rate



Bernabei et al, arXiv: 0804.2741

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Good scientific practice (see e.g. the LSND / MiniBooNE saga): build similar experiment, in a different lab, by a different collaboration, to explore the detected anomaly!

Just to make sure that my country doesn't actually live in a Dark Matter clump...



GLAST



- > Payload in Florida, ready to go
- Launch scheduled for May 16
- Science data ~ 40 days after launch



GLAST - LAT



> Monochromatic Gamma-Ray Line from $\chi \chi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Detect DM substructures

Gamma Rays from Dark Matter in: -

- dSph [no bckg, DM dom.]
- Clusters [largest DM str.]
- Galactic Center [close, conc.]

- ▶ e⁺e⁻ [20-1000 GeV], promising for:
- Nearby Clumps [spectr. feat.]
- Models with large prompt
 e⁺e⁻ BR (e.g. UED)

PAMELA



- Steadily collecting data (@ 16 Gb/day)
- No anomalies in pp spectrum
- e+e- data soon to be released





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HEAT-AMS01 (e⁺e⁻)

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Huge statistics / systematics control improvement

Accurate modeling of CR propagation and Gamma-Rays Background

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Both Hypothesis will conclusively be tested by GLAST
 Vice-versa, GLAST claims can be cross-checked via multi-wavelength
 Profumo, arxiv:0801.0740; Hooper et al, arXiv:0709.3114, arXiv:0705.3655

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In the words of **Shakespeare**:



Horatio:

O day and night, but this is wondrous strange!

Hamlet:

And therefore as a stranger give it welcome. There are more things in heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

Hamlet, Act 1, scene 5, 159-167

We might need a paradigm shift, from Occam ("WIMPs")...

OCCAM



Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem

Entities should not be multiplied beyond necessity Keep it simple!

...to Scherlock Holmes ("beyond WIMPs")

HOLMES "We approached the case with an absolutely blank mind. We had formed no theories. We were simply there to observe and to draw inferences from our observations"

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> Assume there are two, instead of one,

weakly interacting stable **DM particles**

INDIRECT DETECT.

 Search for two (or more) monoch.
 annihilation lines in GR spectrum

DIRECT DETECT.

Disentangle two masses, X-sec in scattering off nucleons

COLLIDERS

Infer 2 stable states from missing energy events

Profumo, Sigurdson and Ubaldi, in preparation



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Background Photon Source

Dark Matter

Observer

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- Two neutral particles χ_1 (the DM particle) and χ_2

• An effective transition dipole moment coupling $\gamma - \chi_1 - \chi_2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{i}{2} \bar{\chi}_2 \ \sigma_{\mu\nu} \frac{a + b\gamma_5}{\widetilde{M}} \chi_1 \ F^{\mu\nu} \qquad 1/M \qquad \frac{1}{M}$$

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Profumo and Sigurdson, Phys.Rev.D75:023521,2007

Absorption occurs if

$$\tau \approx \frac{\sigma_{\chi_1 - \gamma} \Sigma_{\rm DM}}{m_1} \ge 1$$















The MSSM neutralino can be massless

$$\det\left(M_{\rm neut}\right) = 0$$

Split-SUSY" limit:
$$M_1 \rightarrow 0, \ \mu \rightarrow \infty$$



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- Extrapolating a radiation dominated Universe prior to BBN

 $m_{\chi} \ge 6 \,\mathrm{GeV}$

(Lee-Weinberg limit for neutralinos)

Bottino et al., Belanger et al., Hooper & Plehn

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> Large scale structure data (Ly- α) and CMB anisotropies force^(**)

$$m_{\chi} \ge O(\text{keV})$$

(precise number depends on data sets and production mech.)

Can we detect sub-GeV neutralinos?

(*) Gondolo and Gelmini, 2006; (**) Viel et al., 2005, Seljak et al, 2005

Hunting the Lightest Lightest Neutralino

- 1 MeV or 1 GeV makes no difference for LHC signatures...
- Indirect searches:

 $\chi \chi \to \gamma \gamma$

Hope for GLAST



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Dark Matter and the LHC

> A remark on **cosmological** vs. **collider** time scales:

$$T_{\text{Universe}} \approx 13.7 \text{ Gyr} \approx 4 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}$$
$$T_{\text{CMB}} \approx 10^5 \text{ yr} \approx 3 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}$$
$$T_{\text{Coll}}$$
$$T_{\text{BBN}} \approx 1 \text{ s}$$

$$T_{\text{Colliders}} \approx \frac{\mathbf{L}_{\text{coll}}}{c} \approx 10^{-7} \text{ s}$$

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Large \not reprint voltage and the suggestive but not conclusive proof of a stable WIMP on cosmological scales!

> A possible strategy: infer Dark Matter properties from LHC results

Assume a particular theoretical context for BSM Physics [e.g. "constrained" MSSM, "general" MSSM]

Build probability distributions for quantities relevant to DM detection from Markov Chain Monte Carlo scan of the model parameter space

(*) Baltz et al, hep-ph/0602187



LCC1 (SPS1): LHC measures virtually all the relevant particle masses Very optimistic scenario, barely consistent with current constraints

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- LCC2 (FP region): LHC measures Neutralinos and Charginos, not Sfermions nor heavy Higgses
- Also optimistic scenario; degenerate MSSM solutions
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LCC3 (Stau Coann): LHC measures lightest Neutralinos, charginos and sfermions

Again optimistic scenario; degenerate MSSM solutions; large spread...

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- > The LHC will not directly probe particle Dark Matter
- Rather, the LHC will shed light on preferred BSM frameworks

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1. Charged (long-lived) particle (e.g. stau NLSP+gravitino)



If lifetime ~ year, profound
 impact on structure formation
 possible solution to small scale
 structure problem

Mimicks a running spectral index in the matter power spectrum

Profumo, Sigurdson, Ullio & Kamionkowski, 2004

2. Charged metastable particle: neutrino telescopes



Ando, Beacom, Profumo and Rainwater, 2007



If cτ > R_{Earth}, staus can be produced by neutrino interactions in the Earth and detected at IceCube



3. Special, constrained frameworks, e.g.: Electro-weak Baryogenesis

> Allows for a (conclusive?) multi-faceted experimental search strategy



> Null results would point to other baryogenesis scenarios (leptogenesis?)

Cirigliano, Profumo, Ramsev-Musolf, 2006, 2008



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