Challenging the CDM paradigm: Constraining DM properties with CMB data

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Inflation

Formation of light and matter

Light and matter are coupled Light and matter Dark ages separate

First stars

stars

Galaxy evolution

The present Universe



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• If yes, what it is made of ?







DM as a (more) general fluid

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \rho u_{\mu} u_{\nu} + P(g_{\mu\nu} + u_{\mu} u_{\nu}) + \Sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

• CDM: non-interacting, pressureless perfect fluid

 $\omega_c \equiv \Omega_c h^2 = 0.1200 \pm 0.0012$ < 1.3% isocury. IC contribution (Planck 2018 results. VI)

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• But general fluid has pressure...

e.g. ultralight axions quantum pressure

...and non-zero shear

e.g. free-streaming warm dark matter (sterile neutrinos, ...)

e.g. CDM + EFTofLSS

Generalized Dark Matter (GDM, Hu 1998)

- Defined for FLRW, linear perturbations
- <u>Background</u>: (non-zero) equation of state $w(\tau)$
- <u>Perturbations</u>: sound speed $c_s^2(\tau, k)$ & viscosity $c_{vis}^2(\tau, k)$
- Standard eqs. for density contrast & velocity divergence
- Continuity & Euler eqs. : requires closure equations (here by Hu):

$$\Pi_{g} \equiv \frac{\delta P_{g}}{\bar{\rho}_{g}} = c_{a}^{2} \delta_{g} + (c_{s}^{2} - c_{a}^{2}) \hat{\Delta}_{g}^{\text{rest frame}} \qquad \dot{\Sigma}_{g} = -3\mathcal{H}\Sigma_{g} + \frac{4}{1+w} c_{\text{vis}}^{2} \hat{\Theta}_{g}^{\text{Newt.}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{a}^{2} = \frac{\dot{P}_{g}}{\dot{\rho}_{g}} = w - \frac{\dot{w}}{3\mathcal{H}(1+w)} \end{pmatrix}$$
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GDM phenomenology

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Sound speed & viscosity:

 $P(k) [(Mpc/h)^3]$

$$k_{decay}^{-1}(\tau) \equiv \tau \sqrt{c_s^2 + \frac{8}{15}c_v^2}$$
(expected degeneracy)

 \rightarrow potentials decay below k_{decay}

Relating GDM to realistic theories



Kopp et al, 1605.00649

(courtesy of M. Kopp)²⁰

Constant w, c_s^2 , and c_v^2 constraints



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Ingredients for constraining GDM

- <u>Theoretical predictions</u>: custom modified version of public code CLASS, solving for arbitrary w, c_s^2 , and c_v^2
- <u>Datasets:</u>
 - · Planck 2015 low/high-ell T/E/B data + lensing
 - \cdot H₀ (Riess) measurement
 - \cdot Assortment of BAO data
- <u>Sampling</u>:

Affine Invariant Markov chain Monte Carlo Ensemble sampler

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Binned w(a), $c_s^2 = c_v^2 = 0$ constraints

Kopp, Thomas, Skordis, Ilić, 2018, arXiv:1802.09541



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 $a_6 = 10^{-3.75} = 0.00018$

- Strong constraining power at early times. Nearly as good as const w or CDM
- ωg is better constrained then w. Causes correlations.



Binned w(a), $c_s^2(a)$, and $c_v^2(a)$ constraints

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8 w bins

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9 c_s^2 , and c_v^2 bins + 8 w bins or w=0





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$$c_p^2 = c_s^2 + \frac{8}{15}c_v^2$$

Uniform priors on cs2 and cv2

 (c_s^2,c_v^2)








Effects of priors



Binned w(a), $c_s^2(a)$, and $c_v^2(a)$ constraints



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llić et al., 2020, arXiv:2004.09572



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GDM and H0



Identifying prior effects with ECLAIR





- No convincing evidence for w, cs2, cv2 to be nonzero
- Varying w improved fit marginally
- Only free cs2 and cv2 \rightarrow virtually no improvement
- w+cs2+cv2 free: DM abundance around equality ++ while abundance today, H0, and s8 - → help in solving s8 and H0 tensions ?

Beyond CMB-only constraints



Take-away message(s)

- CDM remains (mostly) unchallenged
- Plethora of contenders
- GDM model : efficient way of pruning model space
- We put constraints on free, non-parametric functions describing GDM properties
- We applied GDM on current state-of-the-art data
- Ongoing preparation for new era of instruments, with some promising first results

Thank you for your attention !

Beyond CMB-only constraints



Thomas et al., 2019, arXiv:1905.02739

GDM cosmological constraints

with free, constant w, c_s^2 , and c_v^2

+ <u>New Halo model</u> for non-linearities

+ <u>LSS data</u> : WiggleZ matter power spectrum









GDM and massive neutrinos



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Ensemble sampling with ECLAIR















...and end up sitting in the "interesting" region of parameter space



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ECLAIR parsing features

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