

Direct and Cosmological characterization of dark matter

LAM & CPPM

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Problematic

1) Gravitational lenses

=> WIMP & axion: galactic scale CDM behavior => unable to distinguish WIMP & axion?

2) Detection of DM particles

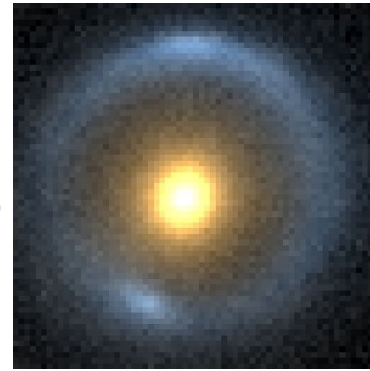
=> Sensitivity depends on the density model of the Galaxy and subhalos
=> use of simulations, observations (lensing, galaxy rotation curves, etc.)

In the 2 cases

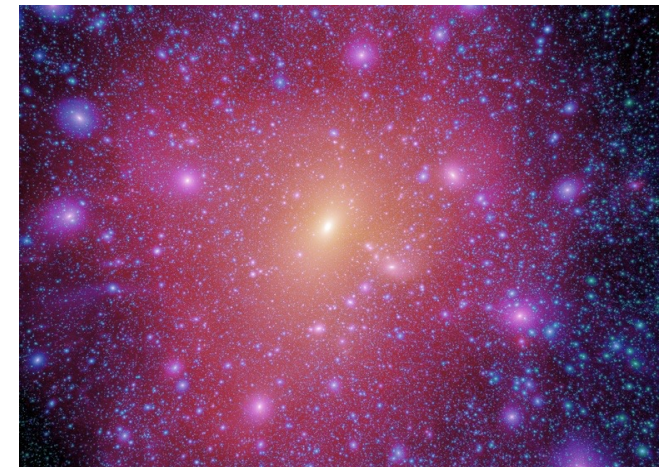
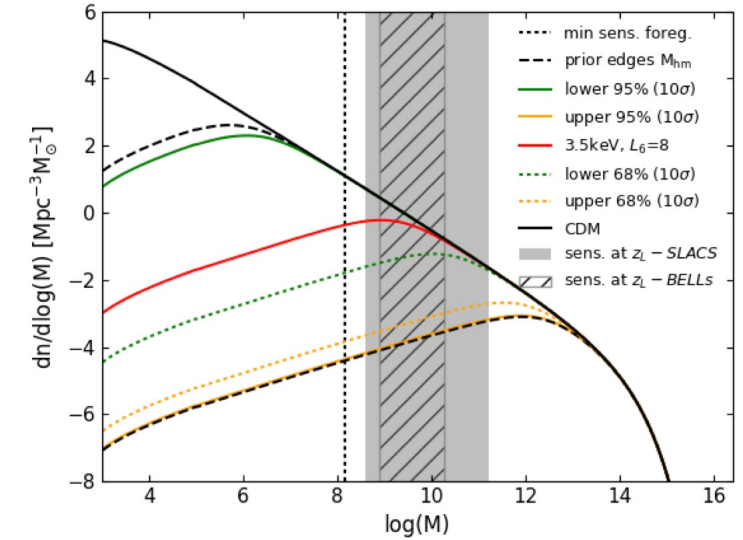
- Use of hydrodynamical simulations

Much to gain by exchanging/joining efforts between communities 1) and 2), especially at the level of simulations

Vegetti et al. 2012



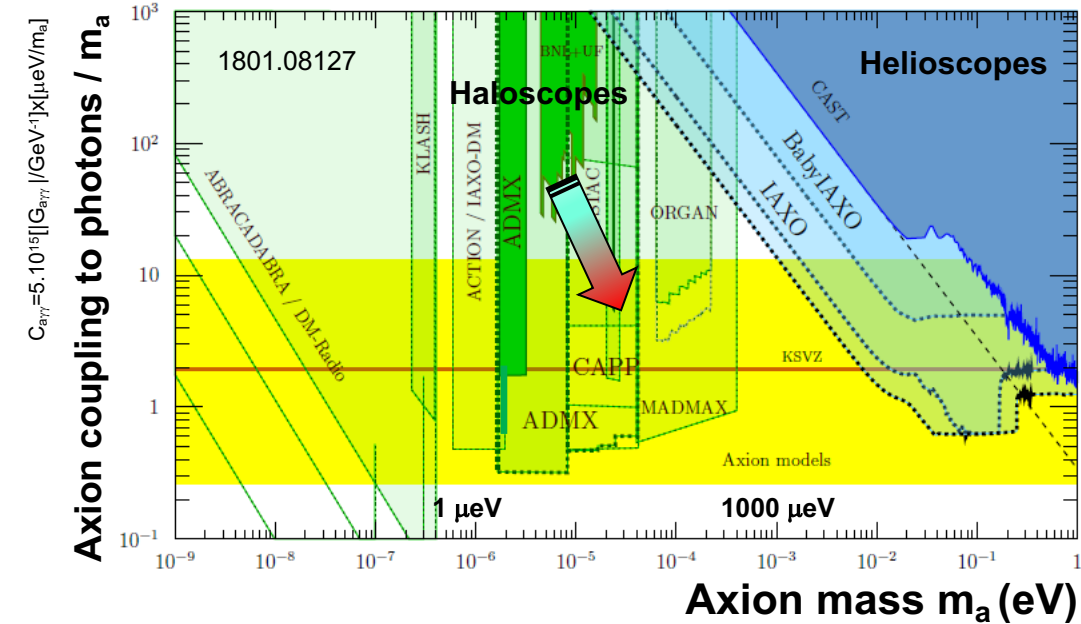
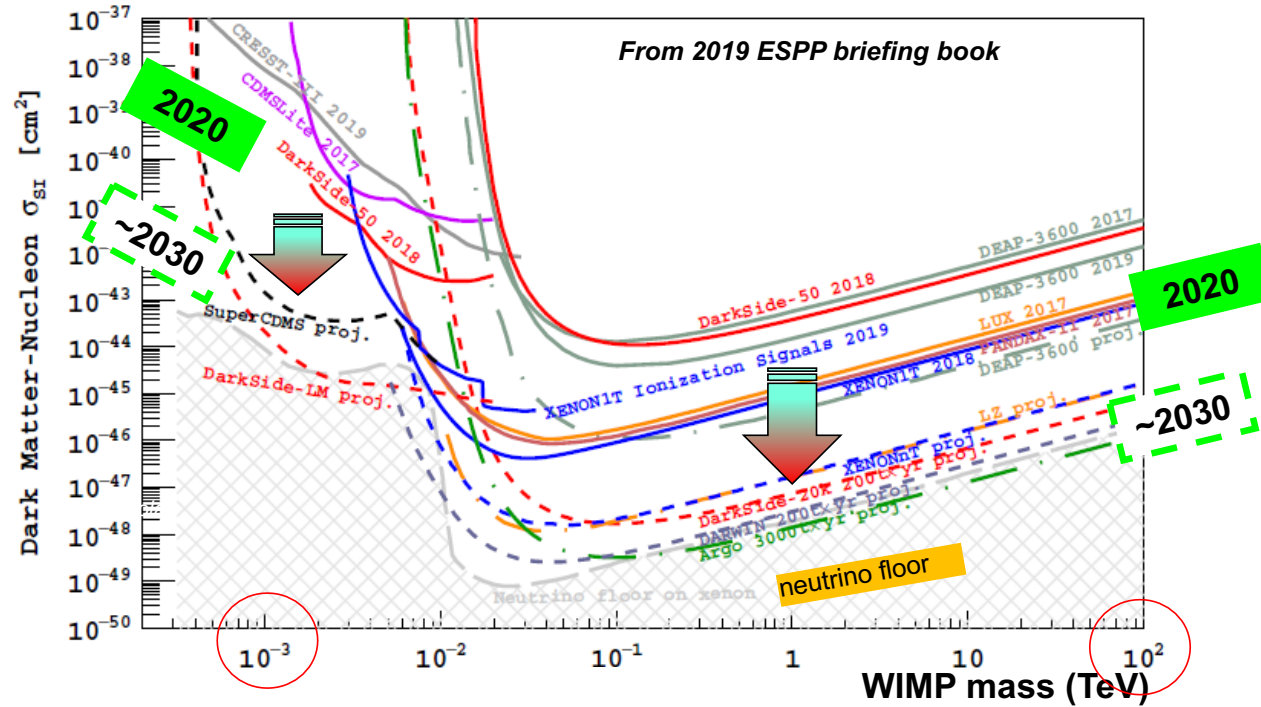
SL current constraints



Simulation (Springel et al. 2008)

Direct detection sensitivities

Experiments / prototypes in preparation at CPPM:



DarkSide-20k

- TPC with noble liquid (Xe, Ar): best limits 1 GeV - 100 TeV
- Next decade decisive to probe WIMPs down to neutrino floor

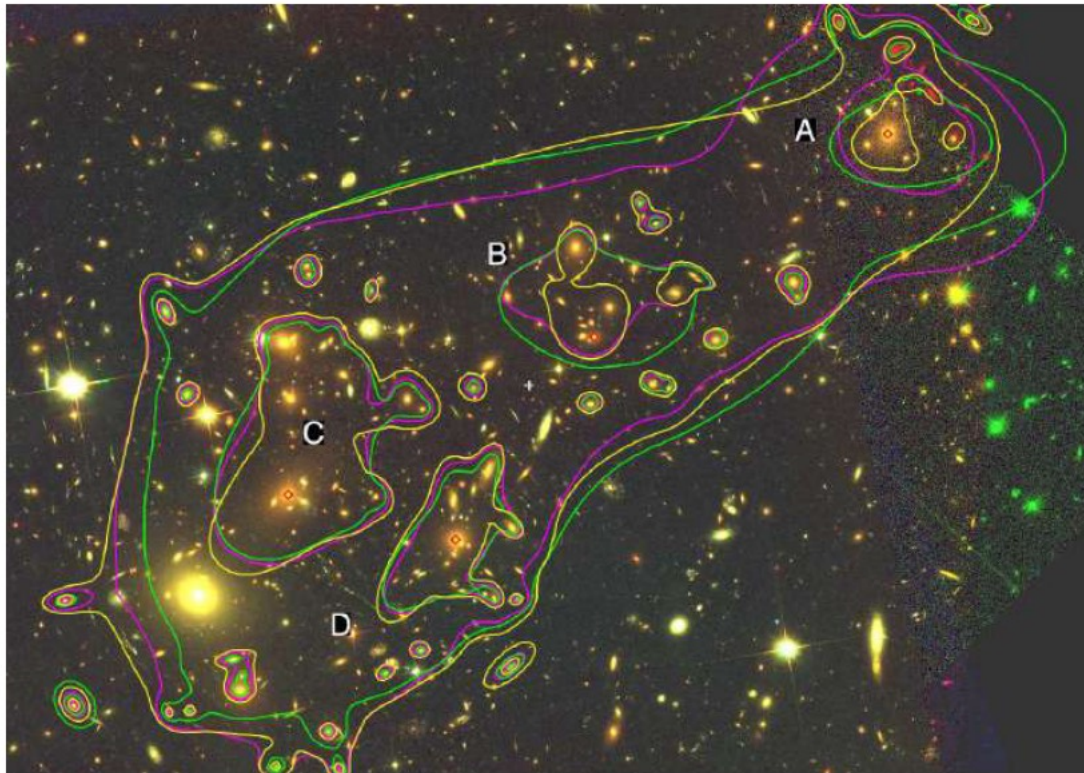
MADMAX

- Targets “high mass” DM axions: $m_a \sim 40-400 \mu\text{eV}$
- R&D program to improve signal sensitivity

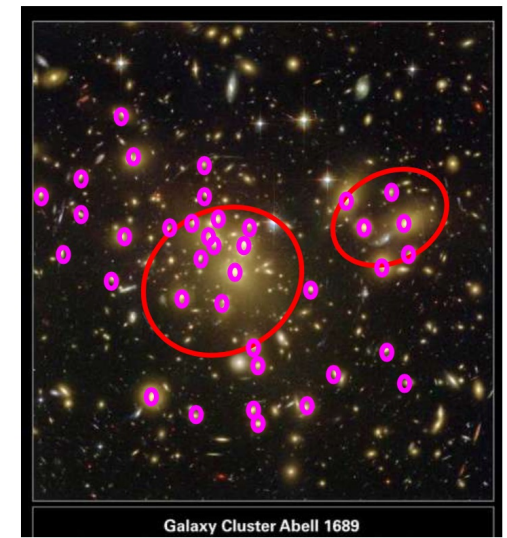
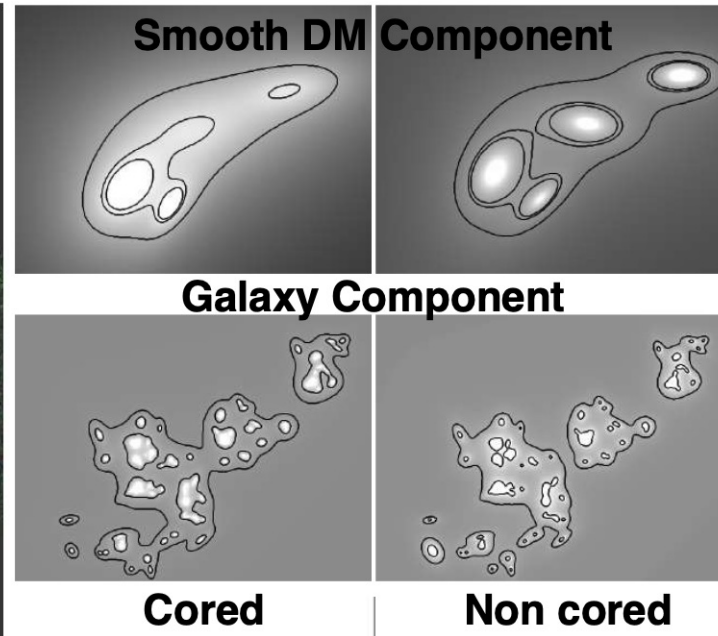
Strong lensing recent progress

Better modelling thanks to

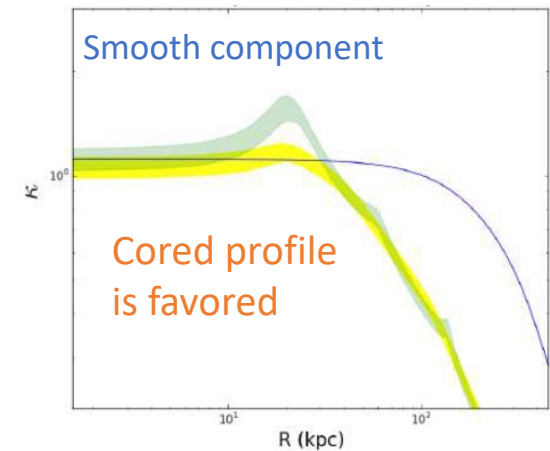
- More multiple images constraints with deep HST observations (HFF program, JWST)
- Integral field spectroscopy data to constrain galaxy kinematics (MUSE)



Limousin et al. 2017



Galaxy Cluster Abell 1689

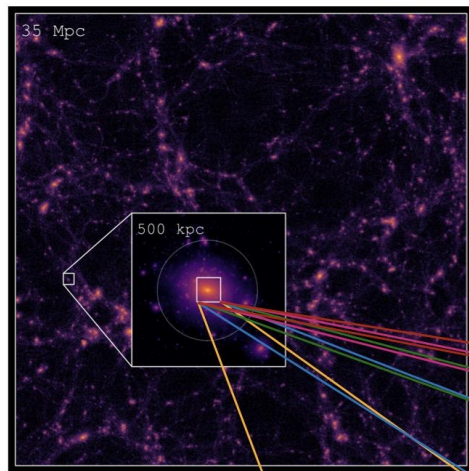


Limousin et al. 2022

=> Self-Interacting DM can produce a cored inner profile

Milky Way modelling

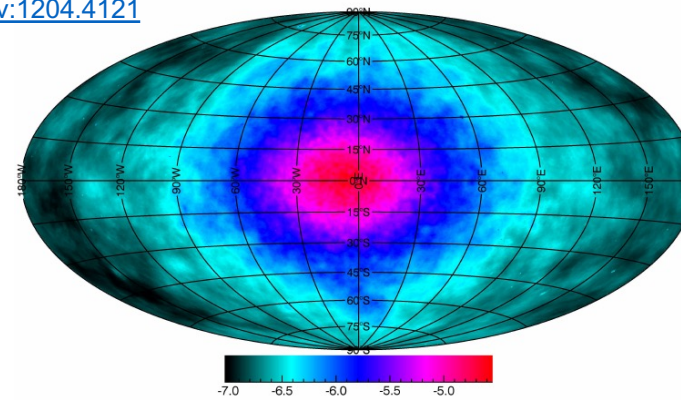
1. Hydrodynamical N-body (zoom-in) simulations including subhalos
2. Connecting cosmo simulations with astroparticles and dark matter detection
3. Phase space distribution beyond the Maxwellian distribution of the Standard Halo Model



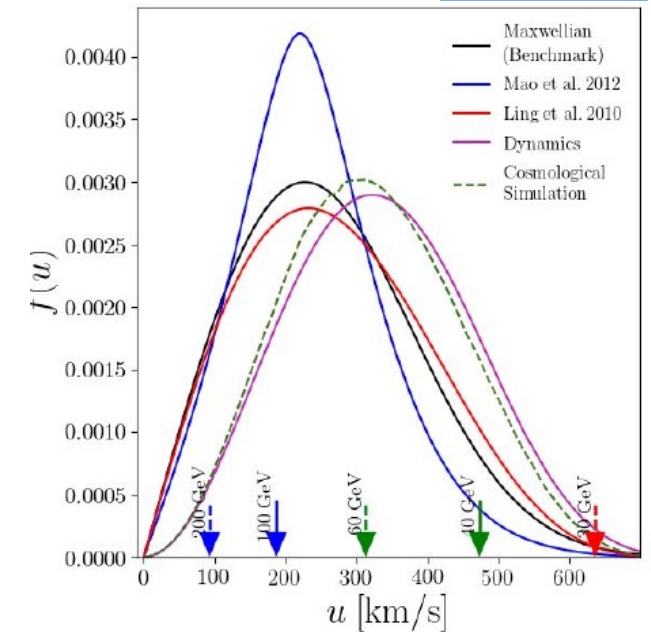
[Nuñez et al. 2023](#)
[arXiv:2301.06189](#)



[Nezri et al. 2012](#)
[arXiv:1204.4121](#)



[Petač et al. 2021](#)
[arXiv:2106.01314](#)



- Velocity distribution is more complex than analytical models
- Observations with grav. lenses can constrain halo models and simulation

Project objective (3 years)

Interdisciplinarity: Combining diverse scientific disciplines to foster creativity and achieve a common goal through different approaches

Common goal: to characterize the nature of dark matter

Approach 1: Gravitational lensing in cosmology

- Able to measure density profile and number of subhalos in galaxies

Approach 2: Direct and indirect detection in (astro-)particle physics

- Able to distinguish DM particles

Project Milestones

=> Show that the nature of DM (WIMP or axion) modifies macro observables (lensing and baryon properties)

Quality and Ambition of the project

- 2 well-established CPPM & LAM teams: Recognized for their analysis expertise
 - Tools: Lenstool Jullo et al. 2007, Clumpy Nezri et al. 2012, RAMSES Nuñez et al. 2021
- CPPM & LAM involved in international projects
 - WIMP: **ANTARES**: 1st neutrino telescope in the sea, data taking 2006-2012
KM3NeT: new generation neutrino telescope in the Mediterranean sea, 2 complementary detectors under construction (ORCA in France, ARCA in Sicily)
 - **DarkSide**: proven technology with innovative design → DS-20k (2027-)
 - Axion: **MadMax**: innovative concept → prototyping phase for validation (2021-25)
 - **Euclid, HST+JWST**: High Resolution Detection and Imaging of Gravitational Lenses
 - **VLT & ELT-HARMONI**: Gravitational lens spectroscopy (redshifts)
- Ambition:
 - Challenge simulations: impact of micro DM physics at the macro level. Analogy with baryon physics (Nuñez et al. 2021)
 - Lens profile measurement (Limousin et al. 2016, 2022) + detection of substructures in gravitational lenses (Natarajan et al. 2017)

Implementation modality

- **WP1: Common language for modeling DM halos, tidal effects, tidal streams**

=> The modelling of DM halos is the common object of the DM search & gravitational probe communities

=> Implementation of consistent models in Lenstool & Clumpy & Simulations

=> Analysis of lens systems and measurement of density profiles and number of subhalos

- **WP2: Impact of baryons+DM on the morphology and evolution of (sub)halos**

=> Run of hydrodynamic cosmological simulations with the same properties of DM and baryon physics

Challenge: Find consistent recipes despite the different simulation scales (Mpc → sub-pc)

- **WP3: Using WP1 and WP2 results to estimate uncertainties in detections**

=> Prediction of direct & indirect detection rates from models (MD+baryons), simulation results, observational results

Funding status

- AMIDEX funded 100k€
- Request to IPhU
 - 4k€ to reach the salary for a >3 years experience postdoc for 24 months
 - 5k€ for laptop and travel for the postdoc
- Administrative question
 - Possible to spend for salary on 2 EOTP
 - Is this spending allowed by the IPhU maquette?