

Mesures indirectes en astroparticules

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NASA, ESA, J. Lotz and HFF Team (STScI)

Boylan-Kolchin+ (2009)

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~80% of the matter in the universe

- neutral particle
- cold or not too warm
- very feebly interacting
- stable or very long lived
- possibly a relic from the early universe

No good particle dark matter candidates within the Standard Model



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Still a non-exhaustive list of open questions :

- Is there cosmic evidence to go beyond the cold and collisionless paradigm ?
- Is DM wave-like or particle-like? Is it at all a particle (e.g. primordial black holes) ?
- Does dark matter have important self-interactions ?
- Whether it's absolutely stable, or decays slowly over time

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The landscape of Dark Matter



- Enormous spectrum of possible candidates beyond the Standard Model, over a huge range of mass scales
- Cosmic experiments seek to detect and measure dark matter in its natural habitat: the halo of our Galaxy, the halos of distant galaxies, and the large-scale structure of the Universe
- Cosmic observables can establish that a given discovery is, in fact, associated with the dark matter in the Universe

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- The classification of dark matter candidates is largely based on the particle physics features of the underlying models
- An alternative approach is to shift focus toward exploring wide ranges of the possible phenomena in an effort to understand how well existing experimental searches cover the space of possibilities, and eventually how new experimental opportunities provide sensitivity to regions of theory-space that are not captured by the current programs

Astroparticle messengers

Neutral messengers – γ and ν

- Point to their sources : directional information
 → mapping of acceleration
 - /propagation/production sites
- Can reveal the abundance and distribution of DM
 - need to account for absorption at extragalactic scale for gamma rays
 - → 2D (occasionally 3D) information on source distribution - very valuable for separating signal from background
- Characteristic DM spectral features may be present in the spectrum



Identification of DM is possible

- \rightarrow the gamma-ray/neutrino distribution in the sky can tell us the DM density distribution
- \rightarrow the gamma-ray/neutrino spectrum can tells us the reaction process and DM mass

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Neutral messengers – γ and ν

Charged messengers – p, e[±], ...

- Charged particles are affected by Galactic magnetic fields - trajectories do not point back toward sources
- CRs can lose energy rapidly, so even on sub-Galactic scales, their spectrum changes with distance from the source
- Makes signal/background separation more difficult, unless expected background is small

High energy anti-matter particles are rare enough that an excess can shine noticeably above backgrounds



Astroparticle messengers



Astroparticle messengers and experiments



EuCAPT White Paper, arXiv:2110.10074

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- Self-conjugated dark matter annihilation



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Exposure of x/\gamma-ray instruments for annihilating/decaying DM



- Important datasets with XMM, INTEGRAL, Fermi-LAT ...

High Energies: significant improvement within ten years

 ε : Effective area T: Observation time

 $\frac{\text{Nb of detected}}{\text{photons}:} \propto \Phi \times \varepsilon \times T$

Disclaimer:

one of the many ways to compare instruments
for some DM

searches, FoV or energy resolution can be critical as well

- PeV photons detected by LHASSO

Also instruments searching
for even higher energies,
e.g., AUGER

Sterile neutrino and the 3.5 keV line



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Diagram



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- spheroidal galaxy Draco exluded also a 3.5 keV DM line
- Line seen in galaxy clusters plausible from background mismodeling

PBH searches with keV/MeV photons

- Continuum of x-ray / gamma-ray from via Hawking radiation \rightarrow almost-black (grey) body emission $M_{\rm PBH}$ [g] 10^{18} Green and Kavanagh J. Phys. G 48 (2021) 4, 04300 10^{16} 10^{17} $\frac{d^2 \Phi_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma}} (\Delta \Omega) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta \Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{LOS}} ds \frac{f_{\text{pbh}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(r(s, d, \theta))}{M_{\text{pbh}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma} dt}$ 10^{0} Voyager I MeV diff. 10^{-3} $M_{PBH} = 5e16 g$ $= \Omega_{\rm PBH}/\Omega_{\rm DM}$ Flux [cm⁻²s⁻¹keV⁻¹] 10^{-1} 10^{-4} heating $M_{_{PBH}} = 1e18 \text{ g}$ $\operatorname{Hgd}_{\mathrm{f}} 10^{-2}$ ED ES LOD 10^{-5} Evaporation 10^{-6} 10^{-} 10³ 10^{2} 10^{1} 10^{-16} 10^{-17} Energy [keV] $M_{\rm PBH} [M_{\odot}]$
- Unconstrained mass range ~10¹⁷-10²² g, the so-called asteroid mass gap where f_{PBH} can be 1

PBH searches with keV/MeV photons

~3 Ms XMM observations of Draco

MeV Galactic diffuse emission

 INTEGRAL SPI observations of the inner Milky Way between 2002/11 and 2021/10



Residual INTERGAL/SPI background from ON/OFF observation pairing to minimize the effects of the time-dependent background variability

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma} dt} = \frac{f_{\text{pbh}}}{4\pi M_{\text{pbh}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma} dt} \sum_{i} (D_{\text{ON},i} - \alpha_i D_{\text{OFF},i})$$



- Backgound template modelling appraoch
 - ICS of electrons off the interstellar radiation field
 - unresolved sources
 - nuclear lines, ...





- IACT can provide detailed morphologies of limited region of the sky
- Satellites/WCD are very powerful to scan large regions

Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov technique



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Primary Y γ -ray enters in the atmosphere Electromagnetic cascade Cherenkov light Image intensity \rightarrow Energy of primary

Image intensity \rightarrow Energy of primary Image orientation \rightarrow Direction of primary Image shape \rightarrow Primary particle Id

- CR background → Imaging technique
- Several telescopes in stereoscopy for better performance
- Pointed observations, systematic scans of limited regions of the sky

 0.1 km^2 "light pool", a few photons per m²

Targets and strategies at galactic scale

Galaxy satellites of the Milky Way

- Many of them within the 100 kpc from GC
- Low astrophysical background

Galactic Centre

- o Proximity (~8kpc)
- High DM concentration :
 DM profile : core? cusp?
- **High astrophysical** background

Substructures in the Galactic halo Lower signal Cleaner signal once found: Unid. sources ?

Inner Galactic halo•Large statistics•Galactic diffuse
background

Classical dwarf spheroidal galaxies



A growing number of known targets



Dark Matter profiles in dSphs

- Modelling of the DM distribution
 Pressure-supported systems
 Stars of kinematic tracers of the gravitational potential
 Jeans equation assuming equilibrium, non-rotating (and spherical) system
- Even for classical dPhs, the inner parts of their DM profiles remain poorly constrained and can generally accommodate both cored or cuspy density profiles
- The example for the ultra-faint dwarf spheroidal galaxy Reticulum II:



<u>Disclaimer</u>: Impact of triaxiality on halos, stellar membership probability, binary stars, tidal disruption, ...

Comparison of J-factors

$$J(\Delta \Omega) = \int_{\Delta \Omega} \int_{\rm los} \rho^2(r(s,\theta)) {\rm d}s {\rm d}\Omega.$$



 Expected spread due to assumptions and/or choices on kinematic datasets, light and DM profiles, velocity anisotropy, stellar membership probability, triaxiality odf the halo, ...

Constraints from dwarf galaxies

 Fermi-LAT contraints 14-year dataset



 Thermal-relic annihilation cross section probed for masses up to 100 GeV

Joint effort to combine observations



- This analysis framework allows us to perform multi-instrument and multi-target analysis
- Common elements :
 - Agreed model parameters
 - Sharable likelihood table formats
 - Joint likelihood test statistic



Constraints from dwarf galaxies and prospects

Fermi-LAT contraints
 14-year dataset



 For realistic observations time, CTA can reach cross sections of ~10⁻²⁴ cm³s⁻¹ for masses above 1 TeV

CTA sensitivity forecast

- selection according to:
 - 1. Distance(d<100pc)
 - 2. Culmination zenith angle (ZAmin < 30°)
- 100h observations for each dSph assumed





Dark matter substructures in Galactic halos ?

Dark Matter Subhalos



- 1. Assuming subhalos composed by WIMPs \rightarrow could shine in gamma-rays
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 - \rightarrow these sources are classified as Unassociated
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- Lower signal than the GC region
- No other wavelengths counterpart
- No astrophyiscal background
- Location : selection through the catalog of (Hard) Fermi-LAT sources ?





Ajello et al., Astrophys. J. Suppl. 2017, 232, 18

200 unassociated over 1556 sources in the Fermi-LAT catalogue

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Assuming thermally-produced WIMPs: \rightarrow UFOs very unlikely DM subhalos

The Galactic Center

X-Ray:NASA/CXC/UMass/D. Wang et al.; Radio:NRF/SARAO/MeerKAT

- A complex region at VHE: base of Fermi Bubbles, an hypothetical population of millisecond pulsars, ... with extended structures beyond single fov and/or source confusion
- Expected to be the brightest sources of DM ~ annihilations !



Fermi bubbles. @low latitudes



The Galactic Centre Excess seen by Fermi-LAT

Dark Matter distribution in the inner Milky Way

Mass modelling using kinematic tracers (stars, gas, ...)

careful modeling of the baryonic component and has associated systematic Cautun et al. uncertainties

Hydrodynamical N-body simulations:

- Physics of baryons plays a crucial role at small scales
- Baryonic feedback on the DM halo
 - \rightarrow large uncertainties
- the resolution limit of simulations becomes also relevant
- DM distribution not firmly predicted from simulations nor constrained by observations



1.5

-1.00

11.5

12.0

2.0

Galactic Centre observations by IACTs

Visibility from North and South Hemisphere

MAGIC, VERITAS,

HAWC, LHASSO



O(100) hour datasets are being taken

→ continued benefit from more observations
 e.g., Montanari, EM, Rodd, PRD107, 043038 (2023)

GC region can be observed by MAGIC, VERITAS, HAWC at high zenith angles



Credit. S. Abe

Deep survey of the inner Galaxy going on with H.E.S.S.

- Negative latitude scan started



- a raise in the energy threshold
- effective area at higher energies increased up to an order of magnitude compared to low zenith angles
- Higher systematic uncertainties expected

WIMP status

1 GeV – 100 TeV, electroweak couplings with SM



- No detection (yet) of new weak-scale physics at the LHC
- No detection (yet) of WIMPs in direct dark matter searches
- Strong constraints from direct searches probing cross sections as small as 10⁻⁴⁷ cm² @ 30 GeV
- Strong constraints from VHE gamma rays probing thermal relic TeV DM
- Some of the simplest thermal WIMP scenarios, e.g., pure higgsinos and winos produce the measured DM abundance not yet detected







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Sensitivity to

Thermal Wino dark

 \rightarrow DM cores up to

several kpc can be

e.g, Rinchiuso et al., PRD 98,

matter

probed

123014 (2018)

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Strong constraints on Thermal Wino dark matter

 DM cores up to several kpc
 excluded at ~2 TeV
 e.g, Rinchiuso et al., PRD 98, 123014 (2018)

Wino and Higgsino : prospects with CTA

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Stringent constraints :





EM et al: (H.E.SS.S.. coll), ICRC2023

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Probing the thermal Higgsino model for the first time

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Prospects with Galactic Center observations with CTA:

- A total of 500 hours of observation time with a roughly homogeneous exposure over the inner 4°
- A factor of 2-to-10 improvement compared to HESS/MAGIC



Line spectrum

with 10% energy

Heavy Decaying Dark Matter

- Decaying DM searches target regions of the sky where large volumes can be probed, *e.g.*, galaxy clusters
- > PeV dark matter with wide FoV instruments
 570 Days of LHAASO Observations
 - ~ 15°<b<45°; 30°<l<60°: 0.27 sr
 - \rightarrow Strongest constraints on PeV DM





ALP searches with VHE gamma rays



- Conversion in the cluster field
- photon-ALP conversion can leave imprints unique features in the spectra

Observations of Perseus cluster by MAGIC ~40 h









Alternatives to s-wave annihilations

- s-wave suppression appear in several DM models,
- for p-wave $\sigma v \propto (v/c)^2$
 - Hydrodynamical simualtions show enhanced DM velocity dispersion in the central region of Milky Way-sized galaxies compared to DM-only simulations
- In the sub-GeV mass range, current limits already generically rule out the simple thermal freeze-out scenario for s-wave annihilation



Alternatives to annihilation/decay

Cosmic particle interaction with dark matter

- interactions of dark matter with ordinary matter
- astrophysical sources of high-energy neutrinos, electrons, protons as a particle beam
 - inelastic scattering:
 - $\chi + p \rightarrow \chi + p$ + hadronic showers + γ -rays + neutrinos
- GC harbors both high DM density and hadronic accelerator



In absence of specific underlying DM models:

the inelastic to the elastic cross section can be related such as σ inel $_{p\chi} = 8/3 \sigma el_{p\chi}$ Broilo, et al. Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 074034



Reis, et al. arXiv:2403.09343

Summary and Outlook

- TeV-scale dark matter allows a simple mechanism (thermal freezeout) to yield the observed abundance of dark matter
 - Simple thermal relic scenario predicts benchmark cross-section that is not far below current detectability for indirect detection
- A variety of complementary dark matter targets/environments are probed with photons from keV to PeV energies
 - From Galatic scale to cosmological scales
- Astroparticle messengers are sensitive to different dark matter models: WIMPs, Axions, Primordial black holes
- Multi-wavelength/messenger searches provide access to yet uncharted portions of the DM parameter space