A very brief overview of the theory of dark matter

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Outline

- Introduction: evidences of DM from observations
- WIMPs as DM candidates
- Implications of the recent experimental results for the nature of DM
  - Decaying DM
  - Strongly interacting DM
  - Nonthermal DM, superWIMP
  - Others: WIMPlless, multi-component DM, Asymmetric DM, Inelastic DM etc.
Out of equilibrium: the origin of species

- Number density highly suppressed
  \[ n = g \left( \frac{mT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{m/T} \]

  at low temperature \( T = 2.7\,\text{K} \)

- Predict equal number of baryons and anti-baryons for \( T = 40\,\text{MeV} \)
  \[ \frac{n_b}{n_{\gamma}} = \frac{n_{\bar{b}}}{n_{\gamma}} \approx \left( \frac{m_N}{T} \right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{m_N}{T}\right) \approx 10^{-18} \]

  There will be little left in the Universe!

  But the observations give
  \[ \frac{n_b}{n_{\gamma}} \gg \frac{n_{\bar{b}}}{n_{\gamma}} \approx 10^{-10} \]

- The conditions for baryogenesis
  1. B violation
  2. C and CP violation
  3. Out of equilibrium

  But how to generate? No clear answer yet!

Now we know that dark matter density is five times more, why?
Early Indications of dark matter

- **1933**, Zwicky found a large mass-to-light ratio ~400 from velocity dispersion in the Coma cluster. The first indication of dark matter.
- **1936**, Smith found unexpected high mass in the Virgo cluster.
- **1939**, Babcock found that the outer region of Andromeda galaxy rotates with a high speed.
- **1959**, Kahn and Woltjer inferred from the relative motion between M31 and our Galaxy that the Local Group is much heavier than expected.
- **1970**, Rubin and Ford measured the rotational curve in M31 with unprecedented precision and distance (24kpc), clearly showed the existence of DM or deviation of Newton’s law of gravitation.
DM revealed from gravitational effects

- Gravitational curves
- Bullet clusters
- Large scale structure
- Strong lensing
- Weak lensing
- M33 rotation curve
- CMB
What we know about DM

- **Massive**: from gravitational interactions.
- **Stable**: lifetime longer than the age of the Universe
- **Electro-magnetic and color neutral**: dark, but can annihilate into photons
- **Non-baryonic**
  - **MACHOs**: disfavored by micro-lensing survey
  - **MOND**: disfavored by bullet clusters
  - **D/H from BBN**: $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0229 \pm 0.0013$
  - **CMB**: $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0226 \pm 0.00053$, $\Omega_m h^2 = 0.1334 \pm 0.005$
- **Non-relativistic motion** (from N-body simulations)
  - Cold DM substructure, halo core
  - Warm DM?

A big challenge to the standard model of particle physics!
DM as a challenge to the standard model of particle physics (SM)

The standard model (SM)

- **Particles:**
  - Quarks: $u,d,c,s,t,b$ (charged)
  - Leptons: electron (charged, stable), muon, tau (charged, unstable)
  - **neutrino** (neutral, stable)
  - Gauges bosons: $W, Z_0$ (neutral, unstable), gamma (neutral, massless)
  - (Higgs boson): $H_0$ (neutral, unstable)

- **Interactions**: $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
Neutrino is not a viable DM candidate

- Abundance of a hot relic
  \[ \Omega_\nu h^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{m_i}{93\text{eV}} \]
  \[ \Omega_\nu h^2 < 0.07 \]
  \[ m_\nu < 2.05\text{eV} \text{ (95\%C.L.)} \]

- CMB anisotropies: \[ \Omega_\nu h^2 < 0.0067 \text{ (95\%C.L.)} \]

- Structure formation

  neutrino erase fluctuations below \(~40\text{ Mpc},\) imply a top-down structure formation.

  Neutrino cannot be the main part of DM,
  We must go beyond the particle Standard Model!
DM and symmetries

**Stability**: symmetry + kinematics

- Symmetries important for keeping particle stable
  - **electron**: U(1) em. symmetry, lightest charged particle
  - **proton**: U(1) B-L symmetry, lightest baryon
  - **neutrino**: Lorentz symmetry, lightest fermion

- **DM are often protected by symmetries**
  - Well-known examples
    - **SUSY**: R-parity, LSP
    - **UED**: KK-parity, LKP
    - **Little Higgs**: T-parity
The WIMPs miracle

Thermal freeze out: the origin of species

\[
\frac{dY}{dx} = - \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{H x} (Y^2 - Y_{eq}^2)
\]

\[
\Omega h^2 \approx - \frac{3 \times 10^{-27} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}
\]

\[
\langle \sigma v \rangle \approx \frac{g^4}{m^2}
\]

Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

- Particle physics independently predicts WIMPs
- WIMPs have just the right relic density
- WIMPs are testable by the current exp.
Search for non-gravitational effects?
Hint of DM? Positron fraction

if interpreted as DM signal

- Large annihilation cross section now, boost factor problem.
  - Sommerfeld enhancement?
  - Resonance enhancement?
  - Non-thermal DM?
- DM may slightly decay?
- Mainly annihilation/decay into leptons, not quarks
  - Light final states <1GeV?
  - Leptophilic interaction?

PAMELA
Hint of DM? electrons plus positrons

**ATIC/PPB-BETS**
Excess in the total flux peak at ~600 GeV rapid drop below 800 GeV

**Fermi LAT**
Spectrum harder than expected background with power index around ~3.
Direct searches
Implications of the recent measurements?

DM may not be the standard WIMP…
Decaying DM?

**DM annihilation scenario**
- For standard thermal relic
  \[ \langle \sigma v \rangle_F \simeq 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \]
  too small to account for PAMELA and Fermi data (boost factor needed)
- Annihilation rates strongly depend on halo profile
- Constrained by diffuse gamma rays

**DM decay scenario**
- No contradiction with relic density
- Extremely long lifetime required
  \[ \tau \sim 10^{26} \text{s} \gg \text{age of the Universe} \]
- Imply small symmetry breaking induced by high scale (GUT scale) physics
  \[ \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \bar{\psi} \chi \psi \]
- Less sensitive to the halo profile
- Weaker constraints

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Abdo, et.al, arXiv:1002.4415

Dugger et.al, arXiv:1009.5988
Strong interacting DM?

- DM annihilation interaction is **weak** at the time of freeze-out, but **strong** now.
- The Sommerfeld effect

![Graph showing annihilation cross-section versus mass](image)

\[
S_k = \left| \frac{\pi / \epsilon_v}{1 - e^{-\left(\pi / \epsilon_v\right)}} \right| \to \frac{\pi \alpha}{\nu}
\]

**Explanation**

- Local cumps? (unlikely)
- Temperature-dependent cross section?
  - **Strong**: Sommerfeld enhancement
  - **Weak**: Resonance enhancement

**Call for long-range force!**

**Various constraints**

- CMB distortion
- Subhalo
- Proto-halo
- Galactic-center
- Halo shape
Nonthermal DM?

- **Thermal**: decouple from thermal equilibrium
- **Nonthermal**: never reached thermal equilibrium (super weak)

Nonthermal generation of DM
- by gravitational interaction
- by decay of unstable particles

Thermal DM density enhanced by late decay of unstable states

- Late decay may affect BBN, CMB
- DM may get warm
- by transitions from other particles

Thermal DM density enhanced by other DMs

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J.L. Feng 2004

Zupan, et al., 2009

Liu, Wu, YFZ 2011
Other possibilities

- **WIMP vs. WIMPless**
  Only the ratio matters
  \[ \Omega_X \approx \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{m_X^2}{g_X^4} \]

  In GMSB models
  \[ 10^{-3} < g_X < 3, \]
  \[ 10\text{MeV} < m_X < 10\text{TeV} \]

- **One component vs. multi-component DM**
  - Multi-DM is natural: Neutrinos already part of the whole DM.
  - One heavy (TeV) and one light (GeV) DM can count for both indirect and direct candidate signals

- **Symmetric vs. Asymmetric DM**
  - In analogy to the baryon asymmetric Universe.
  - Common origin of both dark and visible matter

- **Elastic vs. Inelastic DM**
  - DM inelastic scattering changes the kinematics of collision
  - DAMA results can be made consistent with other experiments
We are in an exiting era in DM search with the recent results from PMALA, ATIC, Fermi, HESS, CDMS-02, Xenon-100, GoGeNT, etc.

The current experimental results open (re-open) many new possibilities of the nature of DM, such as: decaying DM, strong interacting DM, non-thermal DM, WIMPless, multi-component DM, asymmetric DM, inelastic DM etc.

We are going to enter a more exiting era with the next generation DM detection exp. e.g. AMS-02, superCDMS, Xenon-1T, and CJPL (CDEX, PandaX, DarkSide)
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from metaphysics to physics

Why is there something rather than nothing?

Friedrich Nietzsche    Martin Heidegger    Jean-Paul Sartre
Why there is something rather than nothing: Matter from weak interactions

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We show how the baryon number of the universe may be created by anomalous weak interactions during a first-order weak phase transition, in both conventional two-Higgs doublet models and in the supersymmetric standard model. The process we analyze involves non-equilibrium charge transport during the phase transition. Given current estimates of anomalous baryon violation rates, the models we examine are capable of producing a baryon-to-entropy ratio as large as $\rho_B/s = 10^{-6}$ for maximal CP violation and optimal phase transition characteristic – many orders of magnitude larger than found with previously proposed mechanisms. Thus the observed value $\rho_B/s = 10^{-10}$ can be easily explained by weak interaction physics in a manner that may eventually be experimentally verifiable.