

Experimental Dark Matter Searches - Part 1

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Lambda-CDM model

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"Standard cosmological model" redirects here. For other uses, see Standard model (disambiguation).

The **ACDM** (Lambda cold dark matter) or Lambda-CDM model is a parametrization of the Big Bang cosmological model in which the universe contains three major components: first, a cosmological constant denoted by Lambda (Greek Λ) and associated with dark energy; second, the postulated cold dark matter (abbreviated CDM); and third, ordinary matter. It is frequently referred to as the **standard model** of Big Bang cosmology because it is the simplest model that provides a reasonably good account of the following properties of the cosmos:

- the existence and structure of the cosmic microwave background
- the large-scale structure in the distribution of galaxies
- the abundances of hydrogen (including deuterium), helium, and lithium
- the accelerating expansion of the universe observed in the light from distant galaxies and supernovae

Dark Matter Landscape









Figure 26.1: WIMP cross sections (normalized to a single nucleon) for spinindependent coupling versus mass. The DAMA/LIBRA [72], and CDMS-Si enclosed areas are regions of interest from possible signal events. References to the experimental results are given in the text. For context, the black contour shows a scan of the parameter space of 4 typical SUSY models, CMSSM, NUHM1, NUHM2, pMSSM10 [73], which integrates constraints set by ATLAS Run 1.

DM properties

- Non EM interacting (no charge), hence "dark"
- Non-relativistic to explain galaxy formation
- Stable
- Massive (to explain gravitational effects)
- This leaves only particles that either have not been found yet, or that need extensions to the SM



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Axions

• WIMPs





- To address the strong CP problem a field ("axions") are introduced. The axions ensure that no CP violation occurs in the strong interaction
- Because most heavy axions have been excluded based on cosmological parameters or direct observations, axions have to be light and can then be a dark matter particle (long-lived and potentially large matter density)
- There are two models: KSVZ and DFSZ. In the KSVZ model axions couple to hadrons, the DFSZ axions also couple to leptons
- Search experiments use the Primakoff effect

What do you need for Axions to interact?



- For direct search experiments you need:
 - Strong magnetic field (stronger -> better)
 - Sensitivity to photons being created in your experiment

Axion Searches

- There are two approaches for experimental realizations of axion searches
 - Solar axion telescopes, looking for axions created in the strong electric field of the sun's core and
 - Cavity haloscopes
- This leads to the two most prominent experiments in the axion business: CAST and ADMX

CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST)



CAST video



CAST video



CAST detection



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Figure 3: 2D hitmap of events detected in the sunrise detector in a typical *in situ* calibration run (left), as well as in the background (middle) and tracking (right) data (both K and L data sets of Table 1).



CAST Results

Figure 6: Constraints on the two-photon coupling $g_{a\gamma}$ of axions and similar particles depending on their mass m_a .



Axion Dark Matter eXperiment (ADMX)

- A strong magnetic field (stronger -> better) surrounds a microwave cavity
- The cavity resonantly stimulates axion to photon conversions in the external background magnetic field (Requires a microwave cavity that matches the expected photon frequency for resonant production)
- Axions traveling along the B field lines are converted
- Sensitivity is proportional to the cavity volume and the background magnetic field squared
- The technological challenge here is to make tuneable cavities and very low noise amplifiers





- Simulated signal, showing frequency scan during measurement campaign
- Cavity resonance frequency gets tuned by a tuning rod



Latest ADMX Results



FIG. 4. The 90% upper confidence excluded region of axion mass and photon coupling $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$. The red line indicates the limit on axionphoton coupling with the boosted Maxwell-Boltzmann line shape from the isothermal halo model [39], while the blue line indicates the limit with the *N*-body inspired signal [37]. Colored regions indicate the systematic uncertainty range. The region 660.16 to 660.27 MHz marked by the gray bar was vetoed due to interference as described in the text. The inset shows the results in the context of other haloscope searches.

Summary

• No axions yet!



WIMP Searches



WIMP Searches



Spin-Dependent or Spin-Independent Interaction





Axial-vector, Spin-dependent

Scalar, spin independent

- The neutralino is a superposition of Higgsino, "Zino" and "photino"
- Squark exchange allowed for both types of WIMP interactions
- A spin-carrying, Majorana type neutralino would interact by Z⁰ exchange and squark interaction
- A scalar neutralino couples to the Higgs

Lab Production

- If dark matter interacts at all with SM partiles, they should also be produced at the LHC
- Most searches at the LHC focus on event signatures where a large fraction of the momentum is missing (Missing E_T -> short MET)
- For a specific mediator mass the LHC experiment can then turn the observed rate limit into a cross section limit or exclude an area on the mediator mass dark matter mass plane
- ALTAS and CMS are competing for better sensitivity to missing transverse momentum







MET Distribution



Figure 4

The \not{E}_T distribution of events, termed as E_T^{miss} in the x axis, selected for high total hadronic energy and at least two jets with $p_T > 400$ and 200 GeV, before (*open circles*) and after (*filled circles*) rejection of spurious \not{E}_T backgrounds (84). The predictions of Monte Carlo simulations (*shaded areas*) are also shown. Strong noncollision background suppression is vital to $X + \not{E}_T$ analyses.



Spin-independent ATLAS Result



Figure 6 – MET+X and dijet/dilepton search results interpreted ⁵⁸ in the context of simplified models: (left) excluded regions in the $m_{\rm DM} - m_{\rm MED}$ plane and (left) upper limits on the DM-nucleon scattering cross-section as a function of $m_{\rm DM}$, compared to results from DD experiments.

Spin-dependent CMS Result





FIG. 6. Exclusion limits at 95% C.L. in the $m_{\rm DM} - m_{\rm med}$ plane. PICO-60 constraints (blue) are compared against collider constraints from CMS (red) [32] for an axial-vector mediator using the monojet and mono-V channels.

More ALTAS & CMS results

- For more details: look up recent BSM physics results on standard DM results and other couplings as starting point
- <u>https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/</u> <u>SummaryPlotsEXO13TeV#Dark_Matter_Summary_plots</u>
- https://atlas.cern/updates/atlas-feature/dark-matter

Summary

• No laboratory production of dark matter yet!



WIMP Searches



WIMP Searches

thermal freeze-out (early Univ.) indirect detection (now)



Indirect detection

 IceCube neutrino signal from galactic centre, sun and dwarf galaxies

- Fermi gamma rays from galactic centre
- Other (Pierre-Auger, HESS, VERITAS, Antares)

South Pole Glacier



The IceCube Neutrino Observatory



The IceCube DOM





IceCube indirect dark matter search targets



Indirect Detection Model



Figure 1.4: Illustration of the capture of WIMPs in the Sun, their annihilation and the resulting signal in neutrinos observable in a neutrino experiment at Earth.



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Fig. 2 Energy spectrum of muon neutrinos at Earth produced in the annihilation and subsequent decay of various Standard Model particles created in the annihilation of a 100 GeV WIMP. The line spectrum of the $\nu\bar{\nu}$ -channel is modeled by a Gaussian with a width of 5% of $m_{\rm DM}$



Fig. 8 Comparison of upper limits on $\langle \sigma_A v \rangle$ versus WIMP mass, for dark matter self-annihilating through $\tau^+\tau^-$ to neutrinos, assuming the NFW profile. This work [IC86 (2012–2014)] is compared to other published searches from IceCube [28,38–40] and ANTARES [41]. Also shown are upper limits from gamma-ray searches from the dwarf galaxy Segue 1 (Seg1) by FermiLAT+MAGIC [42] and from the galactic center by H.E.S.S. [43]. The 'natural scale' refers to the value of $\langle \sigma_A v \rangle$ that is needed for WIMPs to be a thermal relic [44]

Summary

• No indirect detection of dark matter yet!

