Earth-size Dark Matter (micro) halos: Existence and Detectability

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SUperSYmmetric Dark Matter 1

Looking for CDM candidates

SUperSYmmetry New physics is likely at the alectroewak scale Invariance of the theory under the exchange boson↔fermion It is spontaneously broken at the electroweak scale (unknown breaking mechanism) It introduces several new free parameters

In most supersymmetric models R-parity guarantees that the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle is stable and weakly interacting (WIMP). In most cases the LSP is a Majorana particle linear combination of Supersymmetric partners of the photon, Z° and the neutral Higgs bosons called

Neutralino $\chi = a_1 \widetilde{B} + a_2 \widetilde{W}^3 + a_3 \widetilde{H}_1^0 + a_4 \widetilde{H}_2^0$

Is the neutralino a good CDM candidate ?

SUperSYmmetric Dark Matter 2

× Neutralino is massive, stable and weakly interacting (WIMP).

X It is a thermal relic.
$$\Omega_{\chi} = \frac{m_{\chi}n_{\chi}}{\rho_{c}} \sim \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^{3} \text{s}^{-1}}{<\sigma \cdot \text{v}>_{ann}}$$

- X Its weak scale cross-section guarantees a significant contribution to the cosmological mass density. Indeed, $0.05 < \Omega_x < 0.3$ for a wide choice of susy parameters
- **X** It freezes-out @ $T_f \sim m_{\chi}/25$. i.e. is non-relativistic at the decoupling and thus is "cold".
- * Its mass is set by the electroweak scale. Current limits are $50 \text{ GeV} < m_{\chi} < 300 \text{ TeV}$

Accelerator Searches

Freeze-out + Cosmological DM density

Neutralino is a good CDM candidate

Neutralinos searches



- <u>Central Regions of DM Halos</u> (MW, nearby galaxies
- <u>Sub-galactic DM Halos</u>

and extragalactic signal)

- Galactic DM Caustics (Sergei's Talk)



The supersymmetric factor ϕ^{SUSY}



We use the implementation of a SUSY scheme directly at the EW scale, called eMSSM (effective Minimal SuperSymmetric Model). The number of parameters is restricted to those which shape the model at the EW scale

×100 GeV < µ ,M₂< 6 TeV	× $M_1 = 5/3 \tan^2 \theta_W M_2$	✗ 100 GeV <m₀< 3="" p="" tev<=""></m₀<>
×90 GeV <m<sub>A< 1 TeV</m<sub>	x -3 < A _{t,b,τ} m ₀ < 3	× 1 <tan 50<="" td="" β<=""></tan>

Modeling ϕ^{COSMO} : DM halo density profile 1

Is there a central "cusp" $\rho(r) \sim r^{-\alpha}$?

- * Spatially resolved spectra of the diffuse hot gas of galaxies and clusters with Chandra give $\alpha = 1.25$ and $\alpha = 1.35$. Disturbed X-rays surface brightness clusters give $\alpha < 1$
- * Radial mass profiles by intracluster medium density and temperature give 1 < α < 2
- × Rotation curves of Low Surface Brightness galaxies give $\langle \alpha \rangle = 0.2$, but the distribution has tails at $\alpha = 2$
- * Strong lensing and spectroscopic measurements of stellar dynamics of the brightest cluster galaxies give <a> = 0.52 ± 0.3
- \star High resolution Ha rotation curves for dwarfs and LSB give 0 < a < 1.2
- × Weak gravitational lensing of X-ray luminous clusters give 0.9 < α < 1.6
- * Microlensing optical depth towards the MW Galactic Centre give $\alpha = 0.4$ (possibly due to halo-flattening)

Weak constrains from current observations.

ϕ^{COSMO} and the halo density profile 2



Free-Fall time $t_{ff} \sim (G_N \rho_{G}(\mathbf{r}))^{-1/2}$

More Theoretical Uncertainties...

The presence of a Super Massive Black Hole may significantly modify ϕ^{cosmo}

Adiabatic growth on a SMBH steepens the density profile. NFW→M99 (Ullio, Zhao & Kamionkowski 2001)
 Hierarchical build-up of SMBH results in a shallower profile ρ(r)~r^{-0.5} within 10-100 pc (Merritt et al. 2002)

The baryon dominance in the central regions may also modify ϕ^{cosmo}

- -Energy dissipation of the baryons results in a steep central profile in both baryon and DM density profiles $\rho(r) \sim r^{-1.6} \sim M99$ profile (Gnedin et al 2005)
- -Interactions between DM and stars (kinetic heating, SMBH capture) decrease the DM density within 10-100 pc from the Galactic center (Merritt 2004)

Best case scenario: M99 density profile Worst case scenario: reduction of ϕ^{COSMO} by a factor 1-10 (w.r.t. NFW)

Ground-based γ -ray Observatories



Annihilation flux from different DM halo profiles

Several local galaxies shine above the Galactic foreground for both A NFW and a M99 profile.

Many nearby galaxies shine above the Galactic annihilation foreground.



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Experimental visibility of DM sources

The sensitivity of the detector to point-like sources results from the ratio between the gamma flux from DM (unknown) and the fluctuation of the known $n(h) + n(e) + n(\gamma_{diffuse})$ background

$$\frac{n_{v}}{\sqrt{n_{bkg}}}(>E) \cong \sqrt{T_{obs}f(\delta)} \cdot \frac{0.7}{\sqrt{\Delta\Omega}} \cdot \frac{\int \epsilon_{v} A_{v}^{eff} \phi_{v}^{DM} dE}{\sqrt{\int (1-\epsilon_{h}) A_{h}^{eff} \phi_{h} dE + \epsilon_{v} A_{v}^{eff} \phi_{e} dE + \epsilon_{v} A_{v}^{eff} \phi_{v}^{diff} dE}}$$

	Čerenkov telescope	Satellite	Air shower array
effective area	~ 4 \cdot 10 ⁸ cm ²	~ 10 ⁴ cm ²	~ 10 ⁷ cm ²
γ-discrimination efficiency	ε _γ = ε _h ~ 99%	ε _γ ~ 99% ε _{charged} ~ 99.997%	ε _γ = ε _h ~ 75%
angular resolution	~ 0.1° @100 GeV	~ 0.1° @1 GeV	~1° @100 GeV

Experimental Visibility



Have we already detected annihilation from the Galactic Center ?



No single neutralino mass can account for both GLAST and CANGAROO data.

CANGAROO spectrum (consistent with a m_{χ} ~3 TeV particle) is softer than that measured by HESS (consistent with a m_{χ} ~15 TeV particle).



The effect of sub-galactic halos (MSH>10⁶ MSUN)

In the hieararchical "bottom-up" structure formation scenario small virialized structured form first and then merge into larger systems. In a CDM Cosmology power on small scale is large enough to produce a wealth of sub-galactic halos that we do not actually observe ("small scale CDM crisis"). Some numerical experiments show that these small, dark Sub-haloes survive within their massive hosts We have modelled the spatial distribution and mass function of this sub-halo population according to numerical experiments and have quantified their contribution to the annihilation flux



Influence of subhalos revised 1

What is the minimum mass of a virialized DM halos? When do they form? What are their typical size and density contrast?



Influence of subhalos revised 2

Do micro halos survive hierarhical clustering, interactions with galaxy tidal field and encounters with stars? What fraction of their original mass is lost? What is their final density profile?

Tidal shocks during halo merger history
Tidal destruction by collective gravity filed of stars in the galactic disk
Destruction by stellar enounters.

Z. Berezinsky, V. Dokouchaev, Y. Eroshenko PRD 2003 Z. Berezinsky, V. Dokouchaev, Y. Eroshenko astro-ph 2005 H. Zhao, J.E. Taylor, J. Silk, D. Hooper astro-ph 2005

Only 0.1-0.5 % of microhalos survive hierarchical clustering
The fraction of sub-halos that survive encounters with stars strongly depends on the host properties (gravity field, stellar content) and on sub-halo's orbital parameter.

• In our galactic neighborhood most subhalos have lost a significant fraction of mass which is found in the form of 'microstream'

Influence of subhalos revised 2



J. Diemand, B. Moore and J. Stadel Nature 2005

Modeling subhalos



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A subhalo sky: the large halos







LP, E. Branchini and S. Hofmann 2005

Visibility of sub-galactic structures

The cross section for the neutralino annihilation can hardly exceed < σv_{ann} = 2x10⁻²⁶ cm³s⁻¹

However, to detect the γ -lines one can take into account the energy resolution of next-generation experiments, such as GLAST.

SIGNAL FROM MINIHALOS SEEMS TO BE TOO FAINT TO BE DETECTED



 $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{ann} = 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ $\Phi^{COSMO} = 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2 \text{cm}^{-6} \text{ kpc sr}$ BR(γ -line)=10⁻³

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The integrated extragalactic flux



Visibility of Extragalactic Flux

Cosmological redshift broadens the γ -annihilation line that could be observed using sensitive detectors with good energy resolution (e.g. GLAST $\Delta E/E=10\%$).

n.b. predictions are less sensitive to the halo density profile.

The extragalactic annihilation signal (both continuum and line emission) seems to be too faint to be detected by GLAST. Better hope to detect the angular correlation of the signal (Ando, Komatsu 2006)



Conclusions and outlook

Even in more favourable theoretical scenarios detecting the annihilations flux off-Galactic Center is a rather challenging task.

Contrary to initial claims, the presence of substructures (both sub-galactic halos and dark matter caustics) does not increase the annihilation signal high enough to be detected by current and next generation γ-ray detectors. Even in the best case scenarios, the number density of microhalos in the solar neighborhood is too small for indirect detection.

DM searches will benefit from many different observational constraints -After recombination (t~100 Kyrs): CMB distortions

- (Padmanabhan & Finkbeiner 2005)
- <u>Early Structure Formation</u> (t~1 Gyrs): Reionization history

(Loeb et al. 2005)

- -<u>Evolved Structures in the nearby universe</u> (t~15 Gyrs).
- High energy neutrinos from Sun and Earth (Desai et al. 2004)
- High energy positrons near Earth (Coutou et al. 2002).
- Microwave excess from Galactic center (*Synchrotron emission*) (Finkbeiner 2005)
- Soft+Hard γ-rays from Galactic center (*high energy electrons inverse Compton scatter CMB and starlight photons*) (Strong et al 2004)

What about substructures ? Any dynamical signature ?