

(Aspects of) WIMP phenomenology

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Outline

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- Selected WIMP detection strategies
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Basic properties of WIMPs

- WIMPs achieve the correct cosmological density today through chemical decoupling;
- They are non-relativistic during cosmological structure formation (e.g. at matter-radiation equivalence);
- Colour and electrically neutral;
- Stable on cosmological time scales.

- WIMPs can scatter off nuclei inelastically, e.g.

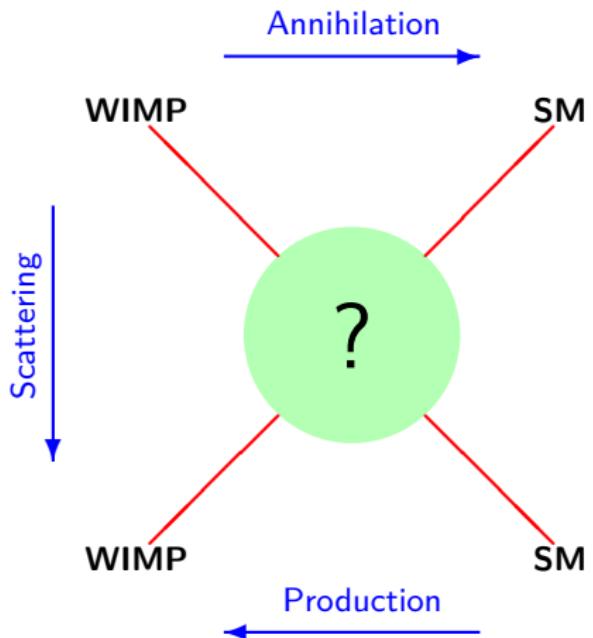
J. Bramante, P. J. Fox, G. D. Kribs and A. Martin, Phys. Rev. D **94** (2016) no.11, 115026

- And can have sizeable self-interactions, e.g.

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F. Kahlhoefer, K. Schmidt-Hoberg and S. Wild, JCAP **1708** (2017) no.08, 003

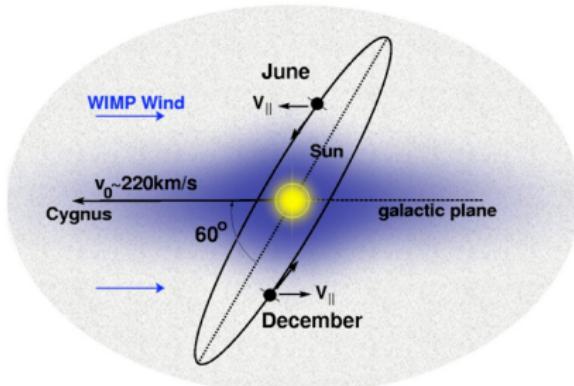
Basic properties of WIMPs



- Direct detection experiments search for DM-nucleus scattering events
- Indirect detection experiments search for DM pair annihilation products
- The LHC searches for missing transverse momentum in proton collisions

WIMP direct detection

- Motivation and strategy:

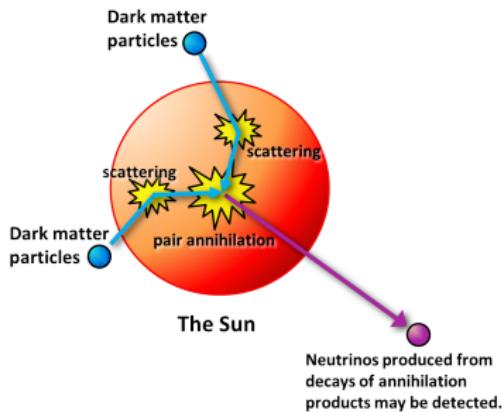


- Differential rate of DM-nucleus scattering events in terrestrial detectors

$$\frac{d\mathcal{R}}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi m_T} \int_{|\mathbf{v}| > v_{\min}} d^3\mathbf{v} |\mathbf{v}| f_\chi(\mathbf{v}, t) \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R}$$

WIMP indirect detection / neutrino telescopes

- Motivation and strategy:

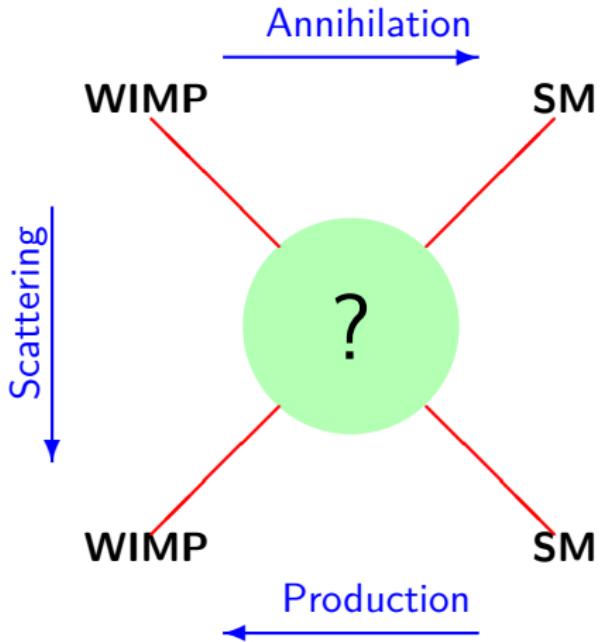


- Rate of DM scattering from an initial velocity w to a velocity below $v_{\text{esc}}(r)$:

$$\Omega_v^-(w) = \sum_i n_i w \Theta(u - u_{m,i}) \Theta(E_H^i - E_C) \int_{E_L^i}^{E_H^i} dE_R \frac{d\sigma_i}{dE_R}$$

Other strategies of interest for this talk

- WIMP indirect searches in γ -rays from dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSphs)
- WIMP searches at the LHC in final states involving a monojet and missing energy



A theoretical framework for WIMPs

- I will focus on a general class of simplified models for spin ≤ 1 DM interacting with quarks

J. B. Dent, L. M. Krauss, J. L. Newstead and S. Sabharwal, Phys. Rev. D **92**, no. 6, 063515 (2015)

- Within this framework, models can be classified in terms of WIMP and mediator spin
- Each model is characterised by 4 parameters: two masses and two coupling constants
- Each model can be mapped onto a (linear combination) of DM-nucleon interaction operators
- These operators define the non relativistic effective theory of DM-nucleon interactions (NRET)

- NRET is based upon two assumptions:
 - there is a separation of scales: $|\mathbf{q}|/m_N \ll 1$, where m_N is the nucleon mass
 - DM is non-relativistic: $v/c \ll 1$
- It follows that the Hamiltonian for DM-nucleon interactions is

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\tau=0,1} \sum_k c_k^{\tau} \hat{\mathcal{O}}_k(\mathbf{r}) t^{\tau}$$

- $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_k(\mathbf{r})$ are Galilean invariant operators
- $t^0 = \mathbb{1}_{\text{isospin}}$, $t^1 = \tau_3$

J. Fan, M. Reece and L. T. Wang, JCAP **1011**, 042 (2010);

A. L. Fitzpatrick, W. Haxton, E. Katz, N. Lubbers and Y. Xu, JCAP **1302**, 004 (2013)

$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_1 = \mathbb{1}_\chi \mathbb{1}_N$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{10} = i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \mathbb{1}_\chi$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_3 = i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \times \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \right) \mathbb{1}_\chi$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{11} = i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \mathbb{1}_N$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_4 = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{12} = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \times \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \right)$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_5 = i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \times \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \right) \mathbb{1}_N$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{13} = i \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \right) \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right)$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_6 = \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right) \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right)$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{14} = i \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right) \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \right)$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_7 = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \mathbb{1}_\chi$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{15} = - \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right) \left[\left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \times \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \right) \cdot \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right]$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_8 = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \mathbb{1}_N$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{17} = i \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\perp \mathbb{1}_N$
$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_9 = i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_\chi \cdot \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_N \times \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \right)$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{18} = i \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{m_N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N$

NRET limitations

- NRET does not account for renormalisation group effects, e.g. operator mixing

A. Crivellin, F. D'Eramo and M. Procura, Phys. Rev. Lett. **112** (2014) 191304

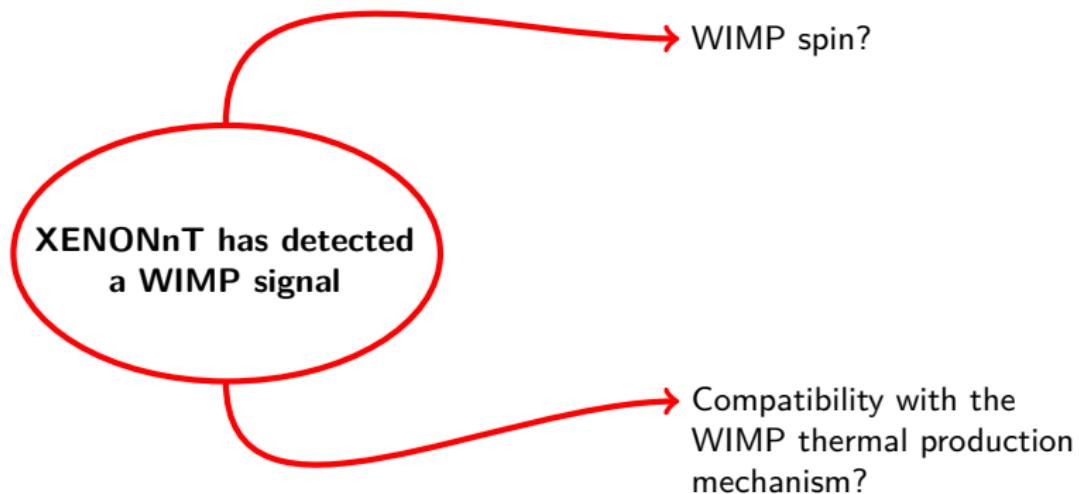
- NRET with constant coupling constants cannot describe scenarios where DM interacts with pions exchanged between nucleons bound in nuclei (i.e. pion pole)

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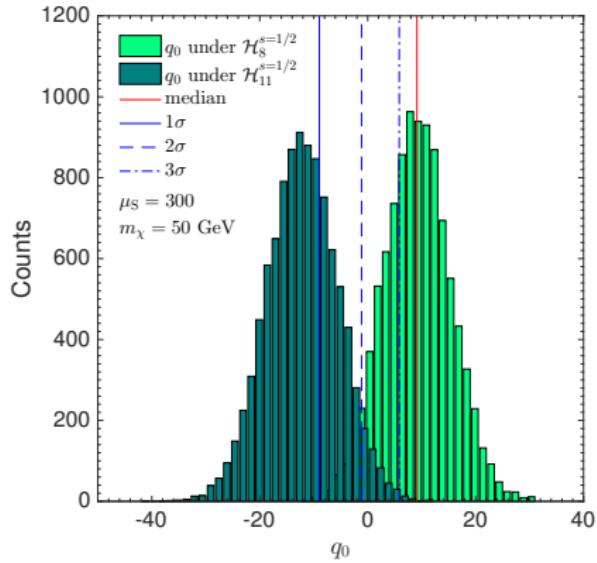
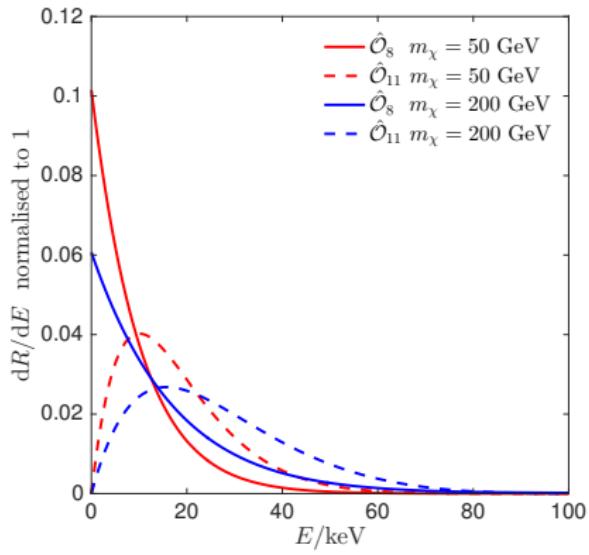
Canonical WIMPs

Research questions



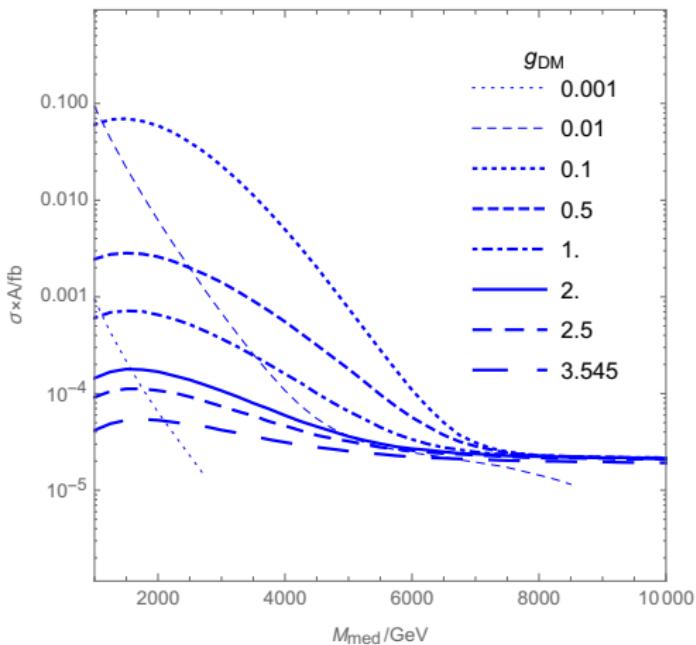
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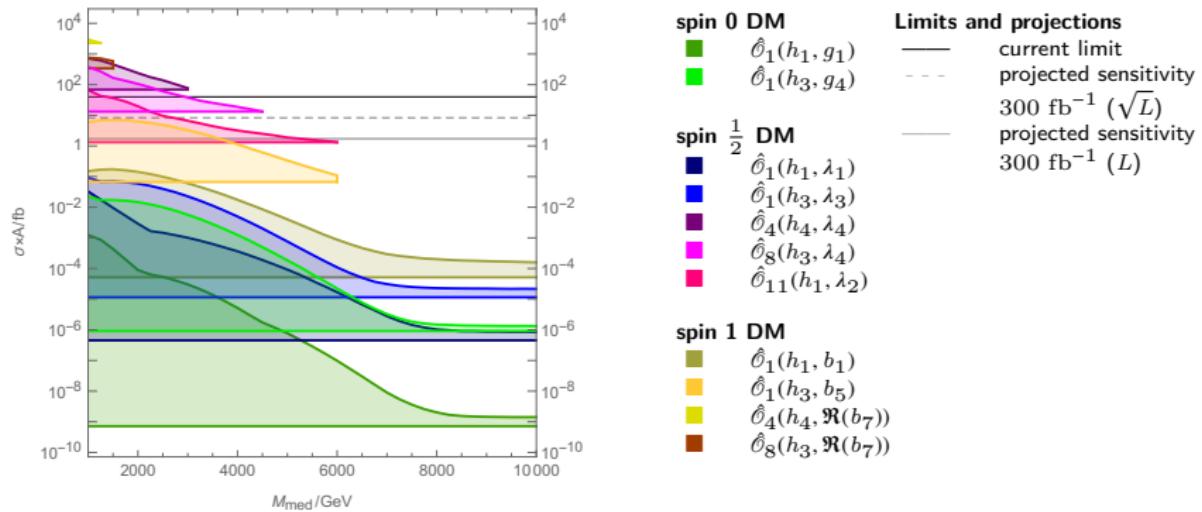
Compatibility regions in the $M_{\text{med}} - \sigma$ plane

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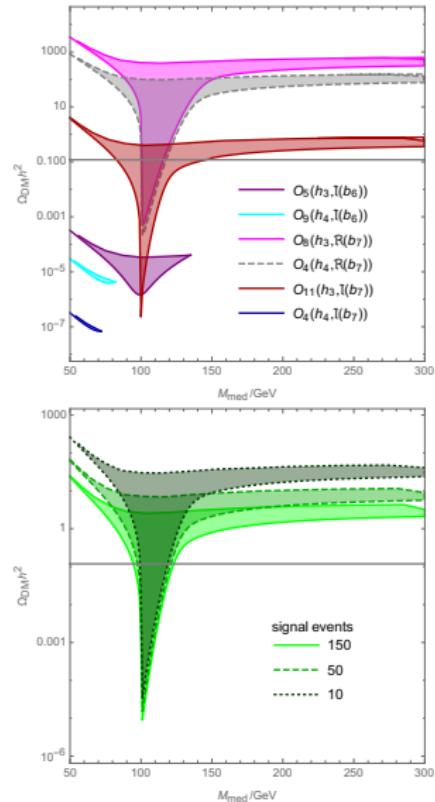
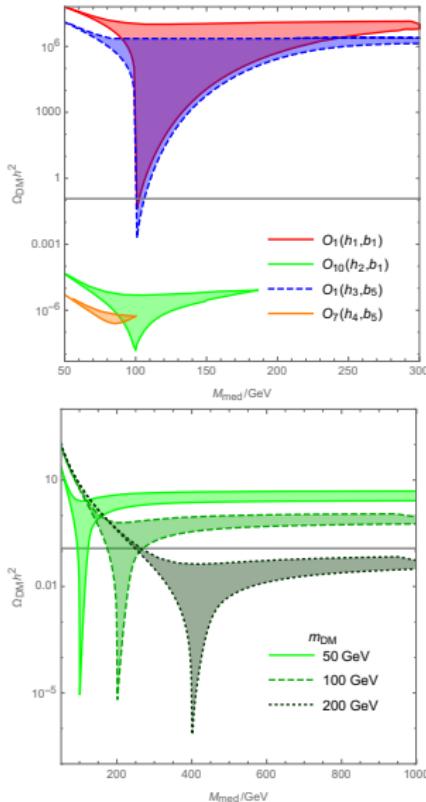
WIMP spin combining direct detection and LHC

S. Baum, R. Catena, J. Conrad, K. Freese and M. B. Krauss, Phys. Rev. D **97** (2018) no.8, 083002



Compatibility with the WIMP thermal production mechanism

R. Catena, J. Conrad and M. B. Krauss, Phys. Rev. D 97 (2018) no.10, 103002



Inelastic WIMPs

Kinematics of inelastic DM-nucleus scattering

- When there is a mass splitting δ between incoming and outgoing DM particle, one has

$$E_R^{\max} = \frac{\mu^2}{m_T} w_i^2 \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\delta}{\mu w_i^2}} \right) - \frac{\mu}{m_T} \delta$$

$$E_R^{\min} = \frac{\mu^2}{m_T} w_i^2 \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\delta}{\mu w_i^2}} \right) - \frac{\mu}{m_T} \delta$$

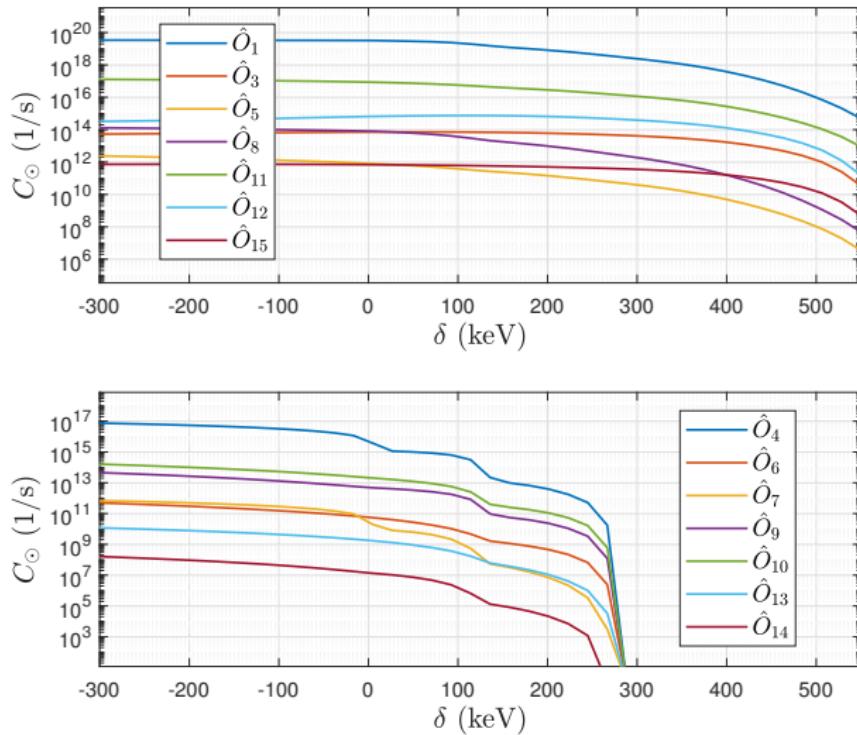
$$w_i \geq w_{\min} \equiv \Re \sqrt{2\delta/\mu}$$

- Furthermore, when the DM particle is heavier than the target nucleus, one finds

$$E_R^{\min} \simeq \delta; \quad w_{\min} \simeq \Re \sqrt{2\delta/m_T}$$

Solar capture rate

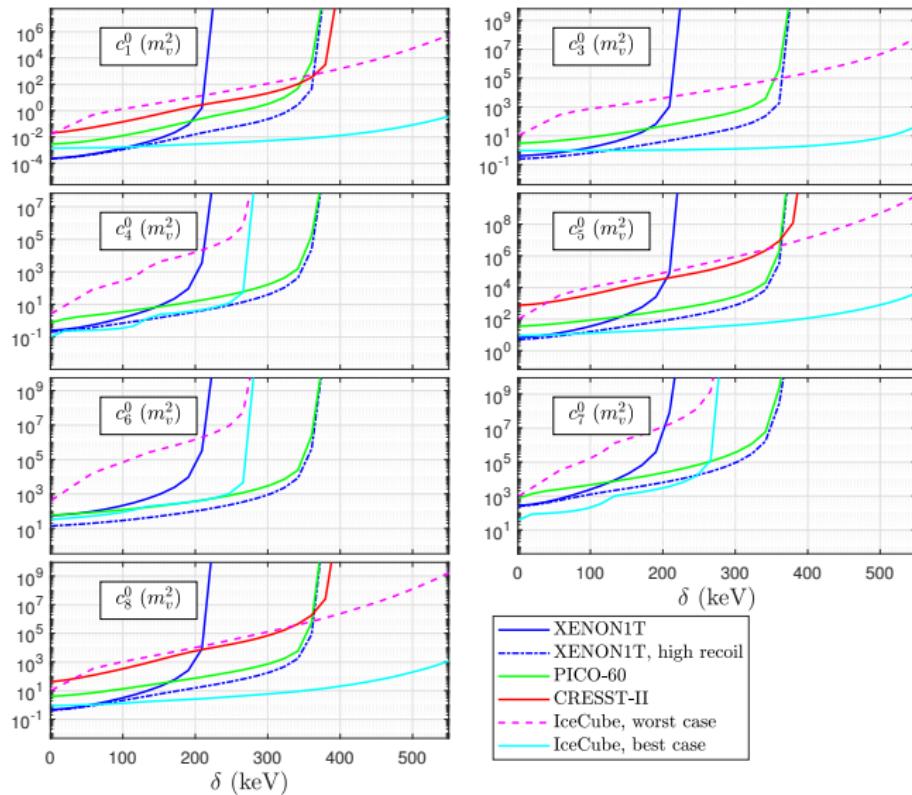
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Exclusion limits from IceCube and direct detection

R. Catena and F. Hellström, arXiv:1808.08082

M. Blennow, S. Clementz and J. Herrero-Garcia, Eur. Phys. J. C **78** (2018) no.5, 386



Self-interacting WIMPs

Velocity dependent $\sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}}$

- I am interested in models for self-interacting WIMPs where $\sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}}$ is velocity dependent
- In this case, the γ -ray flux from DM annihilation in dSphs can be written as follows

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma} \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} ds \int d^3v_{\text{rel}} \mathcal{J}(s, \theta, v_{\text{rel}})$$

where

$$\mathcal{J}(s, \theta, v_{\text{rel}}) = n_\chi^2(s, \theta) P_{r(s, \theta), \text{rel}}(v_{\text{rel}}) \sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}}$$

Velocity dependent $\sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}}$

- If $(\sigma_{\text{ann}})_0$ is the DM annihilation cross-section in the limit of negligible self-interactions, then

$$\sigma_{\text{ann}} = S(v_{\text{rel}})(\sigma_{\text{ann}})_0$$

- With this notation, the γ -ray flux from DM annihilation in dSphs is proportional to

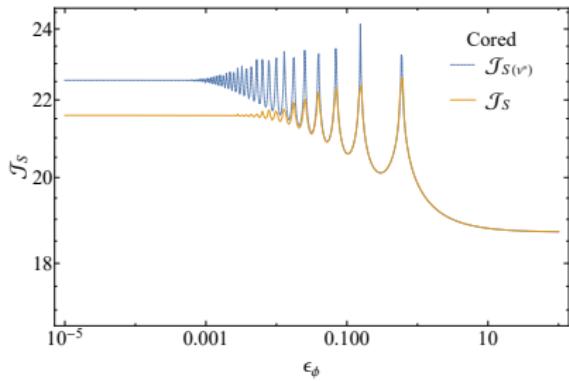
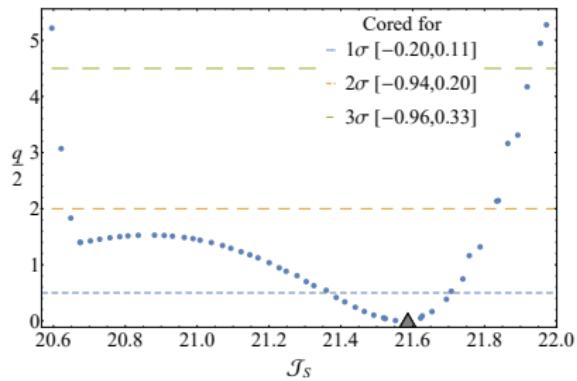
$$J_S = \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} ds \int d^3 v_{\text{rel}} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}(s, \theta, v_{\text{rel}})$$

where

$$\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(s, \theta, v_{\text{rel}}) = n_\chi^2(s, \theta) P_{r(s, \theta), \text{rel}}(v_{\text{rel}}) S(v_{\text{rel}})$$

J-factors for self-interacting DM

S. Bergström, R. Catena *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **98** (2018) no.4, 043017



Summary

- I have discussed selected aspects of WIMP phenomenology, focusing on: 1) Canonical WIMPs; 2) Inelastic WIMPs; and 3) Self-interacting WIMPs
- For canonical WIMPs, it is possible to map a XENONnT signal onto specific predictions for the LHC run 3, and extract information on the WIMP spin

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- For inelastic WIMPs, neutrino telescopes are superior to direct detection experiments above $\delta \sim 200$ keV

R. Catena and F. Hellström, arXiv:1808.08082

- For self-interacting WIMPs, I presented an updated calculation of J-factors for dSphs

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