# DARK MATTER: ALTERNATIVE TO WIMPS

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# Cửa số đến với Vũ Trụ tiềm ẩn \* Windows on the Hidden Universe

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# WHY DARK MATTER?

# DARK ENERGY

# DARK MATTER

# BARYONS



- \* WIMP HISTORY IN BRIEF
- \* A FIMP FROM A HIDDEN SECTOR
- \* ABUNDANCE FROM FREEZE-IN
- \* DIRECT DETECTION IS TESTING FREEZE-IN
- \* SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER

The Four Basic Ways of Creating Dark Matter Through a Portal X. Chu, Th. Hambye & M.T (2012)

Direct detection is testing Freeze-in Th. Hambye, M.T., J. Vandecasteele & L. Vanderheyden (2018)

> Solar Mass Black Holes K. Kouvaris, P. Tinyakov & M.T. (2018)

# WIMP HISTORY IN BRIEF

#### 1. SM HAS ISSUES



see Emilian Dudas' talk

#### 2. ABUNDANCE FROM FREEZE-OUT



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 $m_{\rm DM}/T$ 

# 3. EXPERIMENTS



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## 4. MODELS



# 4. MORE MODELS



# 4. EVEN MORE MODELS



# 4.\*\$#@%!! MODELS



#### 5. SO FAR NO SIGN OF A WIMP



## 6. THE TWILIGHT OF THE WIMPS (?)



#### DARK MATTER FROM A HIDDEN SECTOR

# ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVE



# A HIDDEN SECTOR (HS)





# SM PORTALS TO A HIDDEN SECTOR

Patt & Wilczek (2006)\*



#### PORTAL = Cửa sổ đến với Vũ Trụ tiềm ẩn

\* > 500 citations (unpublished)NB: HS is an old story (e.g. SUSY breaking)

## SM PORTALS TO A HIDDEN SECTOR

Patt & Wilczek (2006)

# SM singlet operators

#### renormalizable interactions (i.e. dimensionless couplings)

 $\bar{L}\tilde{H}$ 

 $\Delta \mathcal{L} \supset y \, \bar{L} \tilde{H} N$ 

#### **Sterile neutrino**

Dodelson & Widrow (1994)



 $B_{\mu\nu}$ 

 $\Delta \mathcal{L} \supset \epsilon \, B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$ 

#### **Kinetic mixing**

Holdom (1986)

 $H^{\dagger}H$ 

This one is also Lorentz invariant

 $\Delta \mathcal{L} \supset \lambda \, S^2 H^{\dagger} H$ 

Linked to EWSB?

#### **Higgs portal**

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Silveira & Zee (1985) Veltman & Ynderain (1989)

## DARK MATTER THROUGH KINETIC MIXING



 $\mathcal{L} \supset i\bar{\chi} \, D'\chi - m_{\chi} \bar{\chi}\chi - \frac{1}{2} m_{\gamma'}^2 X_{\mu} X^{\mu} + \dots$ 

Feldman, Kors, Nath '06 Pospelov, Ritz, Voloshin '08 Chu, Hambye, M.T. '12

# DARK MATTER THROUGH KINETIC MIXING

## hidden charged $\chi$



 $\chi\,$  has gauge interaction in HS  $\qquad \qquad \alpha'$ 

- $\chi$  is stable ~ SM electron
- $\chi\,$  suppressed coupling to SM

 $\kappa = \epsilon \sqrt{\alpha'/\alpha}$ 

4 parameters if dark photon massive

 $m_{\gamma'}$ 

 $m_{\chi}$ 

# FIMP THROUGH KINETIC MIXING



 $\kappa$  is naturally tiny !

DM feebly coupled to the SM



Feebly Interacting Massive Particle or FIMP

# HS so feebly coupled that it never was in thermal equilibrium

FIMP abundance could have built up from slow particle creation processes





#### This is called FREEZE-IN

\* Mc Donald '02; Hall, Jedamzik & March-Russell '10; Chu, Hambye, M.T. '12





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#### **ABUNDANCE FROM FREEZE-OUT**

# $DM + DM \longrightarrow SM + SM$ $\Gamma = \sigma v n_{\rm DM}$

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 $\Gamma = \sigma v n_{\rm SM}$ 

#### FREEZE-IN vs FREEZE-OUT



#### 4 BASIC WAYS TO CREATE DM THROUGH A PORTAL



Chu, Hambye, M.T. '12

### DIRECT DETECTION IS TESTING FREEZE-IN

#### HOW TO TEST FREEZE-IN ?





#### **DIRECT DETECTION**





#### **PRODUCTION THROUGH S-CHANNEL**



determines relic abundance

very small cross section

Rutherford (1911)

#### **RUTHERFORD SCATTERING - DIRECT DETECTION**



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \propto \frac{m_N \kappa^2 \alpha^2 Z^2}{(2m_N E_R + m_{\gamma'}^2)^2}$$

#### **RUTHERFORD SCATTERING - DIRECT DETECTION**



v ~ 200 km/s (halo DM)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \propto \frac{m_N \kappa^2 \alpha^2 Z^2}{(2m_N E_R + m_{\gamma'}^2)^2} \sim \frac{1}{E_R^2}$$

Huge enhancement if  $m_{\gamma'} \lesssim 40 \text{ MeV}$ 

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n.b.: Not the same spectrum as a WIMP, Must recasti the direct detection constraints

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### SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER



# Self Interacting Dark Matter



small scale structure issues (core/cusp),...

# WHY SELF-INTERACTING DM ?

core or cusp?

to-big-to-fail ?

missing satellites ?

**CDM** only simulation

# WHY SELF-INTERACTING DM ?

There is a **diversity problem** unexplained by CDM + BARYONS simulations (mostly dwarf galaxies)



Oman *et al*, arXiv:1504.01437

## WHY SELF-INTERACTING DM ?

SIDM may alleviate the small-scale problems

CORE/CUSP Spergel & Steinhardt (2000),...

too-big-to-fail

diversity

Vogelsberger, Zavala & Loeb (2012),...

Hamada, Kaplinghat, Pace & Yu (2016),...

#### collisions $\longrightarrow$ thermalized DM $\longrightarrow$ core instead of cusp



$$\frac{\sigma}{m} \sim \frac{\mathrm{cm}^2}{\mathrm{g}} \equiv \frac{\mathrm{barn}}{\mathrm{GeV}}$$

i.e. seemingly hadronic

but more generally light mediator

#### RUTHERFORD SCATTERING AGAIN





« As big as a barn » for  $\, m_{\gamma'} \,$  in MeV range

#### SELF INTERACTING FIMP



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#### DIRECT DETECTION TESTS SELF-INTERACTING DM



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#### A FIMP AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A WIMP

#### NATURAL FRAMEWORK : HIDDEN SECTOR DM

#### VERY FEEBLE INTERACTIONS

#### COSMIC ABUNDANCE REACHED THROUGH FREEZE-IN

#### FOR LIGHT MEDIATOR ~ MeV THIS PARADIGM IS BEING TESTED BY DIRECT DETECTION EXPERIMENTS

#### BY SAME TOKEN, **SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER** (small scale structure issues)

CAVEAT : no clear connection to SM fundamental issues...

#### SIDM CAN DEVOUR NEUTRON STARS

#### $v_{\rm DM} \sim 200 \ \rm km/s$



# SIDM

# Neutron Star (not to the scale)

### SIDM CAN DEVOUR NEUTRON STARS

Capture of DM by NS

Goldman & Nussinov (1989) - Kouvaris (2008)

Critical DM-n scattering cross section (neutron star)

$$\sigma_{\rm cr} = 0.45 \, m_n \, R_\star / M_\star \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-45} \, {\rm cm}^2$$

Maximal mass captured (normal DM environment)

$$N_{\rm acc} \approx 10^{39} ({\rm TeV}/m_{\rm dm})$$
$$M_{\rm acc} \sim 10^{-15} M_{\odot}$$

This assumes DM does not annihilate e.g. **asymmetric DM** 



#### SIDM CAN DEVOUR NEUTRON STARS

# Assume asymmetric **fermionic** SIDM with **attractive** self-interaction

$$V(r) = -\alpha \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r}$$

Number of DM to overcome Fermi pressure Number of SIDM to overcome Fermi pressure

$$N_{\rm Ch} \approx \left(\frac{M_{\rm Pl}}{m_{\rm dm}}\right)^3 \implies N_{\rm Ch} \approx \left(\frac{\mu}{m_{\rm dm}\sqrt{\alpha}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{M_{\rm Pl}}{m_{\rm dm}}\right)^3$$

#### Small for SIDM that alleviates CDM problems!

Kouvaris, Tinyakov & M.T. (2018); see also Bramante, Linden & Tsai (2017)

#### SIDM THAT WOULD DEVOUR NEUTRON STARS

SIDM candidates that alleviate CDM issues

#	$\alpha$	$\mu$	m	$N_{ m cr}$	$N_{ m Ch}$	$M_{ m Ch}$
1	$10^{-4}$	$1 { m MeV}$	$1 { m TeV}$	$3\cdot 10^{33}$	$6 \cdot 10^{35}$	$5\cdot 10^{-19}M_{\odot}$
2	$10^{-3}$	$10 { m MeV}$	$1 { m TeV}$	$5\cdot 10^{35}$	$2 \cdot 10^{37}$	$2\cdot 10^{-17} M_{\odot}$
3	$10^{-3}$	$1 { m MeV}$	$200~{\rm GeV}$	$1.3\cdot 10^{34}$	$3\cdot 10^{38}$	$5\cdot 10^{-17}M_{\odot}$
4	$10^{-4}$	$1 { m MeV}$	$200~{\rm GeV}$	$3.7\cdot 10^{34}$	$8\cdot 10^{39}$	$2\cdot 10^{-15}M_{\odot}$



Kouvaris, Tinyakov & MT (2018)

# SOLAR MASS PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES ?



#### SOLAR MASS BLACK HOLES ?

Detectors	BNS range (Mpc)	BNS detections (per year)
LIGO/Virgo	105/80	4 - 80 (2020 +)
KAGRA	100	11 - 180 (2024 +)
ET	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^3 \ (z \approx 2)$	$O(10^3 - 10^7)$





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POTENTIALLY DRAMATIC CONSEQUENCES OF SIDM

CAN DESTROY NS INTO SOLAR MASS SCALE BLACK HOLES



#### I REVIEWED **FIMP** AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A WIMP

#### A HIDDEN SECTOR PROVIDES A NATURAL FRAMEWORK FOR A FIMP

#### IT IS A DM CANDIDATE WITH VERY FEEBLE INTERACTION

COSMIC ABUNDANCE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH FREEZE-IN

WHILE SEEMINGLY DIFFICULT TO TEST, **XENON1T** CURRENT DATA ARE ALREAD **TESTING** SUCH SCENARIO, FOR **LIGHT MEDIATOR ~ MeV** 

A LIGHT MEDIATOR LEADS TO STRONG SELF-INTERACTIONS IN THE RANGE REQUIRED TO ALLEVIATE SMALL SCALE ISSUES OF CDM