Stars and Dark Matter

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What is the radial density profile of dark matter in this galaxy?







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The gravity map super-imposed on the HST image which shows CL0024+17 cluster of galaxies (HST, 2004): Gravitational lensing, the a dark matter distribution in the central region and a thick ring.

Observational Evidence: A strong evidence of dark matter is the HST image of the galaxy cluster CL0024+17 as shown in this Figure. Because of their mutual gravitational attraction, dark matter and visible material are generally expected to be together, however in this image the dark matter distribution does not match with that of the stars and hot gas.



+ 72 bullet clusters by Harvey et al. Science 2015

Observational Evidence: This image of the bullet cluster is a composite of optical (HST: white), X-ray (Chandra X-ray Observatory: pink), and a reconstructed mass map (lensing mass: blue). It shows that the total mass of the system (galaxies +dark matter) is not where is the X-ray gas. This fixes a lower limit for dark matter self-interaction cross-section: $\sigma_{\chi\chi}/m_{\chi} < 8.3 \times 10^{-25}$ cm2/GeV at 95% CL.



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Observational Evidence: Galaxy Rotation Curves - dark matter exists within the galaxies themselves, where the velocity of stars (and gas) was found to be flat and not decreasing with the distance from the galaxy centre.



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Observational Evidence: Inner galactic core (Milky Way), the comparison of the observed rotation curve (data from gas and stars kinematics) with the predictions of baryonic models strongly support the existence of dark matter (locco et al. 2015, Nature Physics).



Milky Way : Standard DM Halo

In the standard cosmological model, **the dark matter halo** of a galaxy like the Milky Way forms from the merger and accretion of smaller sub-halos. These sub-units also harbour stars, typically old and metal-poor, that are deposited in the inner galactic regions by disruption events.



Milky Way : Standard DM Halo

DISTANCE FROM NUCLEUS (kpc)

Dark Matter content of the Milky Way: Among other authors, Posti and Helmi (2018), using GAIA data (globular cluster motions), estimated that the total mass of the Milky Way within the region of 20 Kpc to be $1.91 \pm 0.17 \times 10^{11} \text{ M}\odot$ of which 70% is dark matter. Important point: recent numerical simulations established that 90% - 95 % of the Milky Way mass is dark matter (up to 200 Kpc).



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The density of the most **metal-poor stellar population** exhibits the same dependence on the radius as the dark matter near the Sun's position (Herzog-Arbeitman et al. 2018).

Dark Matter in the Milky Way

A large amount of the total mass of the Milky Way is dark matter



Dark Matter in the Universe (What is dark matter made of ?)



What is dark matter made of?



Standard Model of Elementary Particles

This table of elementary particles (with its rules) explains the origin of all known matter of the Universe (that corresponds to 4% of the cosmological density).

What is dark matter made of?





Light particle

- Couples to the plasma
- Disappears too quickly

Hot dark matter

As the standard model is quite successful in explaining all the known interactions (other than gravity), let us now consider that these new particles have somehow identical properties to the ones found in the standard particles.

None of these particles can be constituents of dark matter.

If not standard particles, then how to proceed ...





Visible sector



Visible sector

Dark (matter) sector

Expected properties of the Dark Matter particles: They should have the cosmic dark matter density have mass, weak interacting with ordinary matter, be non-relativistic, **be stable or very long-lived;** compatible with bounds coming from experimental (direct an indirect) detectors, astrophysics and cosmological data sets. Ideally, it should be interesting to detect it in the outer space and

produce it in the laboratory.





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Important Point

The Sun and stars are sensitive to light dark particles (with a mass of a few GeVs) which are difficult to probe by direct dark matter detection experiments.



How Dark Matter affects Stars



Pioneer Works:

Cosmions as a solution to the solar neutrino problem and dark matter problem [Steigman et al. (83), Spergel and Press (85), Krauss et al. (85), Gilliland et al. (86), Dearborn et al. (91), Faulkner et al. (86), Dappen et al. (86)]

Dark matter impact in Stars (Sun and red giant stars, . . .) [Gould, Bouquet, Dearborn, Freese, Raffelt, Salati, Silk, . . .]

Recent Works:

Solar neutrinos and helioseismology: constraints low-mass DM candidates [Bottino, Bertone, Casanellas, Cumberbatch, Frandsen, Guzik, Lopes, Iocco, Panci, Meynet, Ricci, Sarkar, Scott, Silk, Vicent, Taoso, Turck-Chièze, Watson, Vincent]

Stars and asteroseismology: Constraints on low-mass DM candidates [Casanellas, Lopes, Silk, Brandão, Lebreton, ...]

How does dark matter influence stars? Generic properties



Interaction of dark matter particles with stars: The interaction of dark matter with baryonic matter inside stars follows three basic processes: capture (A), cooling (B) and annihilation (C).

Gould, ApJ 321 (1987)



Lopes, Casanellas & Eugénio, (2011)]



Interaction of Dark Matter particles with stars: The interaction of dark matter with baryons depends on several factors that influence the capture and interaction dark matter with baryons on the star, properties of the dark matter particle, dynamics of the DM halo and internal properties of the star (including dynamical ones).



Reduction of the star's core temperature

Interaction of dark matter particles with stars: The presence of dark matter inside the star facilitates the energy transport outside of the core, leading to a reduction of the temperature in the centre. In extreme cases of the strong interaction of DM with baryons, it can lead to the creation of an isothermal core (Lopes & Silk 2002).



Relevant only in the first generation of stars

Interaction of Dark Matter particles with stars: The annihilation of dark matter as an energy source for stars in the Milky Way, will only reduce the efficiency of the cooling mechanism. Nevertheless, stars formed in the dense dark matter halos (primordial Universe) have their lives extended (slower evolution in the HD diagram), due to the energy produced by dark matter (Lopes & Silk 2014).



Example: For a cluster of stars (0.7-3.5 M_{\odot}) in DM halo ($\rho \sim fix$, continuous lines) and standard HR diagram (dashed lines). The DM halo constituted particles with a DM mass of ~ 100 GeV and σ_{SD} (with protons) $\sim 10^{-38}$ cm² In the most dramatic cases lead to modifying the location of the main sequence in the HR diagram (Casanellas & Lopes 2011).

Dark matter constraints using stellar observables (a few examples)



Constraints on Asymmetric Dark Matter Interaction with Hydrogen

Asteroseismology



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Casanellas & Lopes (2013)



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Changes in the central temperatures and densities lead to suppression of the convective core in 1.1-1.3 M_{\odot} stars. This result was confirmed by Casanellas, Brandão & Lebreton 2015 using other stars.

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Martins, Lopes & Casanellas (2017)

Asteroseismology: Sum of squared errors χ^2 for the r_{02} diagnostic of star KIC 8379927 (1.12 M_{\odot} , 1.82 Gyr) for these DM models with $\sigma_{\chi\chi} = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$. Also shown are 90%, 95%, and 99% C.L.'s corresponding to these χ^2 's.

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Asteroseismology: 90% C.L.'s ascertained from the ADM scenario for the Sun χ^2 Tc (dotted red), Sun χ^2 r₀₂ (solid red), KIC 8379927 χ^2 r₀₂ (solid blue), and KIC 7871531 χ^2 r₀₂ (solid green). The dashed blue line is the projected 90% C.L. corresponding to a 10% increase in precision for the frequencies of the modes. For comparison, 90% C.L. limits from some direct detection experiments are also shown in black lines (like XENON100 and COUPP).

Constraints on Asymmetric Dark Matter long-range interaction with Baryons (heavy elements)

Helioseismology



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(Pierre et al. 2014)

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Popolo & Pace 2016 found that a baryonic clumps-DM interaction performs better than the one based on supernova feedback.



Experimental Detection evidence: These DM models can also "explain" the controversial positive results of direct detection experiments: DAMA. CoGeNT, CRESST and CDMS-Si experiments, and the constraints coming from null results (CDMSGe, XENON100 and very recently LUX);

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Lopes, Panci and Silk (2014)

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Helioseismology: DM particles with a mass of 10 GeV and a long-range interaction with ordinary matter mediated by a very light mediator (below roughly a few MeV), can have an impact on the Sun's sound speed profile without violating the constraints coming from direct DM searches. Possible solution to the solar metallicity problem.

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Helioseismology: Asymmetric dark matter coupling to nucleons has the square of the momentum q exchanged in the collision. Agreement with sound speed profiles, etc The best model corresponds to a dark matter particle with a mass of 3 GeV.



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Neutrinos from annihilating dark matter present in the Sun's core

Helioseismology



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Constraints on Asymmetric Dark Matter

Stars in the Galactic Centre



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Red Clump stars, in some cases with $L \sim 10^2 L_{sun}$, can be observed throughout the galaxy and thus can give us insight into the DM conditions found in situ.



G-mode period spacing $\Delta \Pi_{\perp}$ vs. p-mode large frequency separation Δv for an HB star with M=1.0 Msun from the ZAHB phase until the beginning of the asymptotic giant branch evolved in different DM densities. The considered DM particle has $m_x=4$ GeV, $\sigma \chi$,SI=10⁻³⁹ cm2 and $< \sigma v > = 3$ 10⁻²⁶ cm³ s⁻¹. The red dashed line flags the approximate region where the HB phase ends.

Stellar Clusters: "Asteroseismology of Red Clump Stars as a Probe of the Dark Matter Content of the Galaxy Central Region"

Constraints on dark matter and sterile neutrinos interaction with Hydrogen

Solar neutrinos

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Conclusion



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The resolution of the dark matter problem will possibly be achieved through the development of an extension to the standard model of elementary particles, i.e., a dark matter sector made of one or more particles (stable and unstable) with their own set of rules.

A final resolution will be possible, not through efforts by a single field of research only, but more likely through an interdisciplinary approach to this problem, where the **Sun and stars** can play an important **complementary role** to Cosmology and Particle Physics.



Conclusion

Helioseismology and solar neutrinos can be used to test the different dark matter candidates. Moreover, the next generation of solar neutrinos telescopes has the potential of being even more stringent in fixing those constraints. More importantly, the combination of previous data sets could help us to disentangle the different physical processes operating in the Sun's core (rotation, magnetic field, gravity waves ... and dark matter)

Asteroseismology provides a new method to probe the physics inside MS and post-MS stars. Therefore, stellar oscillation data (of a future mission like PLATO) can be used to put constraints on the same (and new) dark matter candidates. The diversity of stars and their distribution in the Milky Way disk and Halo (Globular clusters) provides a new way to constrain the properties of dark matter on locations other than the solar neighbourhood.





