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An Effective Theory Of Structure Formation



or

Structure formation with non-gravitational dark matter interactions

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ACDM cosmology



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Dark matter (DM) is a crucial ingredient

- constant co-moving energy density
- only gravitational interactions
- cold + dissipation-less



Percent-level measurements of a single parameter!



DM conversion into (in)visible energy?

♀ E.g. decays, late-time annihilation, coalescing PBHs, ...

Ω_{CDM} decrease of up to 10% possible during matter domination! (model-independent; much more allowed during RD) TB, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg & Walia, PRD '18

Non-gravitational interactions?

- DM SM: strong constraints from standard DM searches
- DM self-interactions
- DM dark radiation interactions

cf. yesterday's talks





Small-scale problems ?



Disclaimer

ETHOS does not primarily attempt to address these issues!

(Nor claims that this would be necessary)

But being able to do so serves as possible proof-of-principle that relevant observables connected to non-gravitational, 'dark' interactions can been identified...



Generic dark sector models

$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

Standard Model

e.g. $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Higgs}} \supset \kappa |\phi|^2 |\Theta|^2$

- SM particles
- A 'portal' typically still ensures thermalisation at high temperatures
 - Separate entropy conservation after decoupling



Dark radiation ('sterile neutrinos', 'dark photons', ...)

$$\rightsquigarrow T_{\text{photon}} \neq T_{\text{dark}}$$



From theory to observations





task 2

cosmological simulations

<u>input</u>: masses, spins, coupling constants <u>input</u>: consistent initial conditions, nongravitational forces between "particles"



astrophysical observables

input (for interpretation of data): output from simulations

- The first task can be demanding, the second in addition computationally very expensive
- But expect large degeneracies, so very inefficient...
- Idea of ETHOS: identify effective parameters and provide maps for each of those steps (~> no need to re-compute each model!)

Cyr-Racine+, PRD'16; Vogelsberger+, MNRAS '16

Linear perturbations - setup

Fundamentally, have to solve coupled Boltzmann equations:

$$\frac{df_{\chi}}{d\lambda} = C_{\chi\tilde{\gamma}\leftrightarrow\chi\tilde{\gamma}}[f_{\chi}, f_{\mathrm{DR}}], \qquad \frac{df_{\mathrm{DR}}}{d\lambda} = C_{\chi\tilde{\gamma}\leftrightarrow\chi\tilde{\gamma}}[f_{\mathrm{DR}}, f_{\chi}] + C_{\tilde{\gamma}\tilde{\gamma}\leftrightarrow\tilde{\gamma}\tilde{\gamma}}[f_{\mathrm{DR}}]$$

rewrite as differential equations for DM density, velocity and 'temperature':

$$n_{\chi} \equiv \eta_{\chi} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} f_{\chi}(\mathbf{p}) \quad \vec{v}_{\chi} \equiv \frac{\eta_{\chi}}{n_{\chi}} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} f_{\chi}(\mathbf{p}) \frac{p \,\hat{\mathbf{p}}}{E} \quad \mathbf{T}_{\chi} \equiv \frac{\eta_{\chi}}{3n_{\chi}^{(0)}} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{m_{\chi}} f_{\chi}^{(0)}(p)$$

keep terms up to first order in perturbations

Take advantage of various simplifications

Seglect (subdominant) DR-DR iterations

Solution Assume DR close to EQ: $f_{DR}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, \tau) = f_{DR}^{(0)}(q, \tau)[1 + \Theta_{DR}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, \tau)]$

Momentum transfer in DM-DR scatterings must be small!

Solution Derive hierarchy of Boltzmann moments
Expand in Legendre polynomials: $\Theta_{DR}(k, \hat{q}, q, \tau) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-i)^l (2l+1) F_l(k, q, \tau) P_l(\mu)$ $\left(\frac{1}{\eta_{\chi}\eta_{DR}} \sum_{\text{states}} |\mathcal{M}|^2\right) \Big|_{\substack{l=2p_1^2(\tilde{\mu}-1)\\s=m_{\chi}^2+2p_1m_{\chi}}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) A_n(p_1) P_n(\tilde{\mu})$ Integrate BEs on both sides with $\frac{1}{2(-i)^l} \int_{-1}^{1} d\mu P_l(\mu)$

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Linear perturbations - summary



$$\begin{array}{ll} & \label{eq:calculate} & \ensuremath{\mathcal{Q}}_{\chi}^{2} = \frac{T_{\chi}}{m_{\chi}} \left(1 - \frac{\dot{T}_{\chi}}{3\mathcal{H}T_{\chi}} \right) \, \mbox{from} & \ensuremath{\frac{dT_{\chi}}{d\tau}} = -2\mathcal{H}T_{\chi} + \frac{\Gamma_{\rm heat}}{\Gamma_{\rm heat}} (T_{\rm DR}) \left(T_{\rm DR} - T_{\chi} \right) & \mbox{Details:TB, NJP '09,} \\ & \mbox{aka 'momentum exchange rate' } \gamma & \ensuremath{\mathsf{TB+, PRD '16}} \end{array}$$

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Linear perturbations - results

ETHOS comes with a dedicated Boltzmann solver:

https://bitbucket.org/franyancr/ethos_camb

Actual implementation based on phenomenological power-law ansatzes:

 $\mathcal{K} \sim \sum_{n} a_n \left(\frac{1+z}{1+z_D}\right)^n \qquad \Gamma_{\text{heat}} \sim \sum_{n} d_n \frac{(1+z)^{n+1}}{(1+z_D)^n} \quad \text{etc}$ $@ \text{ detailed examples for calculating } a_n, d_n \text{ from given model} \left(|\mathcal{M}|^2\right) \quad \frac{\text{Cyr-Racine+, PRD '16}}{\text{TB+, PRD '16}}$

Example spectra:



(Physics very similar to CMB photons scattering on electrons around decoupling!)

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Self-interacting DM (SIDM)



Velocity dependence

Massive mediators induce a Yukawa potential between DM particles.



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 $\left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{m_{\chi}} + V\right)\psi(r) = m_{\chi}v^2\,\psi(r)$

Implementation

- Translate power spectrum to initial particle distribution
 use MUSIC code Hahn & Abel, MNRAS '11 [see also Dolag+, '08]
- Probabilistic method to account for elastic scattering
 - isotropic scattering of macroscopic 'particles'
 with mass m_i

$$Vogelsberger, Zavala \& Loeb, MNRAS`12$$

$$P_{ij} = \frac{m_i}{m_{\chi}} W(r_{ij}, h_i) \sigma_{\rm T}(v_{ij}) v_{ij} \Delta t_i$$

$$M(r_{ij}, h_i) \sigma_{\rm T}(v_{ij}) v_{ij} \Delta t_i$$

smoothing function to weight nearest neighbour highest

- Solution
 Second constraints
 Cosmological simulation with $m_i \sim 10^8 M_{\odot} (\epsilon \sim 3 \, \text{kpc})$,
 zoom-in of MW-like halos down to $m_i \sim 3 \times 10^4 M_{\odot} (\epsilon \sim 70 \, \text{pc})$
- First ETHOS example:
 - TeV-scale DM particle
 - MeV-scale vector mediator
 - massless (sterile) neutrinolike fermion

van den Aarssen, TB & Pfrommer, PRL '12 TB, Hasenkamp & Kersten, JCAP '14



Late kinetic decoupling

Select four benchmarks: Vogelsberger+, MNRAS'16







Almost identical suppression of halo mass function as for WDM cosmology:

$$M_{\rm cut,kd} = 5 \cdot 10^{10} \left(\frac{T_{\rm kd}}{100 \,\mathrm{eV}}\right)^{-3} h^{-1} \,M_{\odot}$$

[solid lines; NB: up to factor ~2 same as analytic estimate!]

$$M_{\rm cut,WDM} = 10^{11} \left(\frac{m_{\rm WDM}}{\rm keV}\right)^{-4} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$$

[dashed lines; would-be result from WDM free-streaming] UiO **:** University of Oslo (Torsten Bringmann)



Full parameter scan



Inner halo structure

Closer look: can indeed address CDM abundance and structural 'problems' simultaneously, in a consistent particle framework:





most massive subhalos less dense (→ too-big-to-fail)

- NB: Non-trivial interplay between modified power spectrum and self-interactions
 Details more complicated than the usual 'need ~I cm²/g' !
- Also, this is still without baryonic physics... [though dSphs highly DM dominated]

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Adding Baryons

Simplest picture: two competing effects



Adiabatic contraction due to

increase of inner DM density

disk assembly

B)



Pontzen & Governato, Nature '14

gas and DM heating due to supernova feedback

> decrease of inner DM density

SIDM + A) may lead to core collapse Elbert+, ApJ '18
~> A way to address the diversity problem? Creasey+, MNRAS '17
Kamada+, PRL '17

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Re-ionization history

Lack of small halos should delay onset of structure formation



IGM gas temperature

- Hydrodynamical simulations: Indeed but effect on reionisation history is surprisingly small [similar to WDM!]
 - Suppression of high-z, low-mass galaxies: maybe visible with JWST
 - Brighter starbursts in these galaxies compensate effect on optical depth
- Follow-up: halo collapse comparison on individual basis
 - Virial masses of ETHOS halos are suppressed, but not stellar mass
 - Solution Promising way to test/constrain ETHOS: large populations of very old stars (z > 17) Lovell, Vogelsberger & Zavala, MNRAS '19

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Imprint on Lyman alpha spectra ?

 ${\ensuremath{\, \Theta }}$ Need strong features in linear $\Delta^2(k)$ to survive in non-linear regime

use atomic DM benchmark (sDAO)

Kaplan+, JCAP '10 Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson, PRD '13

 galaxy formation model as in IllustrisTNG Marinacci+, MNRAS '18; ...



 \odot DAO bump visible in ID Ly- α flux spectra only for $z\gtrsim 5$



 \Rightarrow In principle, this allows to disentangle WDM from sDAO!

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Outlook ?

Goal: a fast and automated map instead of running expensive simulations!





Conclusions

- Cosmological observations are a fascinating, and unique, tool to test 'invisible' dark sector interactions
- Goal of ETHOS: provide a consistent framework for this



Thanks for your attention!