From Dark Particle Physics to the Matter Distribution of the Universe

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Dark Matter: what is it, and what it isn't

- Dark matter is primarily an astrophysical and cosmological problem.
- It is not primarily a particle physics problem, although it can easily be accommodated within many extensions of the Standard Model.
- Consensus: some kind of new particle(s).



"I can't tell you what's in the dark matter sandwich. No one knows what's in the dark matter sandwich."

Dark Matter: Possible Ideas



Non-Standard Dark Matter: A Case Study

SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER

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ABSTRACT

A new type of dark matter is considered. As with cold dark matter, when the dark matter is nonrelativistic it does not couple to the electron-photon plasma, so its entropy per comoving volume is fixed. The new feature is that there is a cosmological era where number-changing reactions keep the dark matter in chemical equilibrium so that the chemical potential vanishes. This has several interesting consequences: during this era the dark matter cannibalizes its rest mass to keep warm, its temperature dropping only logarithmically with scale. The energy density and density perturbations of the dark matter also have unusual scale dependences, modified by logarithms compared to usual cold dark matter. We have done a general study of such self-interacting dark matter to identify the interesting ranges for its mass, coupling, and entropy. There are two consequences of this scheme which are particularly noteworthy. The unusual evolution of energy density and density perturbations allows for the possibility of decreasing the predicted anisotropies in the cosmic micro-wave background by a factor of 2 or more. This dark matter allows a completely new scheme for processing density perturbations. The theory introduces a new cosmological mass scale: the Jeans mass when the number-changing processes decouple. Perturbations on this supercluster scale are the first to go nonlinear. Unlike hot dark matter, density perturbations on galactic scales are not negligible.

Non-Standard Dark Matter: A Case Study



Dark Matter: The score so far...

• We have used cosmological and astrophysical observations to establish the existence of dark matter.

• We would now would like to use similar (more precise!) observations to characterize the properties of dark matter.

• Need to classify and parametrize dark matter models with respect to their structure formation properties (ETHOS), rather then their intrinsic particle properties.

Which kind of DM physics can we probe?

1) Physics affecting the DM transfer function (initial conditions)

2) Physics affecting the dynamics of structure formation (self-interaction)



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1) Changing the Dark Matter Transfer Function: Two possible approaches

 Dark Matter is itself relativistic at early times (Warm dark matter)

• Dark Matter is coupled to relativistic degrees of freedom at early times.



Important: On sub-galactic scales, the DM transfer function is largely unconstrained!



Predictions for late-decoupling dark matter

Cold DM

Late-decoupling DM



Relevant Physics: Dark Matter "Sound"



Gravitationally-sourced acoustic waves

Dark Acoustic Oscillations (DAO)



Changing the dark matter transfer function really matters for small-scale structures!



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Many more possibilities for dark matter physics to be relevant to structure formation!

- Dark matter decay/annihilation.
- Phase transition/condensation.
- < insert you favorite model here >
- Etc.



Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter,' we've recently discovered the existence of 'Doesn't Matter,' which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever."

From Dark Matter Physics to Predictions

• So far, we have focused on making structure-formation predictions in relevant dark matter models.



From Observations to Dark Matter Physics

• How do we infer the physics of dark matter from observations?



NEEDED:

A classification of dark matter theories according to their structure formation properties.

ETHOS: the <u>Effective THeory Of Structure</u> formation

• ETHOS allows the classification of dark matter theories according to their structure formation properties rather than their intrinsic particle properties.

$$\Xi_{\rm ETHOS} = \left\{ \omega_{\rm DR}, \{a_n, \alpha_l\}, \left\{ \frac{\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{v_{M_i}}}{m_{\chi}} \right\} \right\}$$

• All dark matter particle models that map to a given effective ETHOS model can be constrained at the same time.

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ETHOS: First Step

- In the first paper, we are primary concerned with dark matter having significant interactions with relativistic species.
- These models are well-motivated in the context of self-interacting dark matter.
- These models are characterized by a non-CDM matter power spectrum and self-interaction at late times inside halos.





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Classification of dark matter theories according to their structure formation properties

• Where does the particle physics of DM enter the problem?

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Where does the particle physics of DM enter the problem?

- Dark Matter drag opacity
- Dark radiation opacity



• Angular dependence of the scattering cross section

• Dark Matter sound speed





Classification of dark matter theories according to their structure formation properties

• Structure of the opacity terms:



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What does a_n mean?

• The index *n* is directly related to the momentum dependence of the scattering:

$$a_n \longrightarrow \sum \left| \mathcal{M} \right|^2 \propto \left(\frac{p_{\mathrm{DR}}}{m_{\chi}} \right)^{n-2}$$

• For example:

$$a_{0} \longrightarrow \sum |\mathcal{M}|^{2} \propto \frac{1}{p_{\mathrm{DR}}^{2}} \qquad a_{2} \longrightarrow \sum |\mathcal{M}|^{2} \propto \text{const.}$$
$$a_{4} \longrightarrow \sum |\mathcal{M}|^{2} \propto p_{\mathrm{DR}}^{2}$$

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ETHOS Parametrization: P(k)

• We propose a simple parametrization that completely specifies the shape of the linear matter power spectrum.



https://bitbucket.org/franyancr/ethos_camb.

ETHOS: Brief Summary

- Starting from first principles, we have identified where the key DM physics enters the evolution of cosmological perturbations.
- We have proposed a simple parametrization for the generic case of DM-DR interaction.

$$\Xi_{\rm ETHOS} = \left\{ \omega_{\rm DR}, \{a_n, \alpha_l\}, \left\{ \frac{\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{v_{M_i}}}{m_{\chi}} \right\} \right\}$$

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Applications

Application I: Shape of linear matter power spectrum for different *n*



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Application I: Shape of linear matter power spectrum for different α_l



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Application II: parametrization for cosmological constraints from Planck



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Application III: Addressing tension in our cosmological model?



Riess et al. (2016)

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Planck Collaboration XIII (2015)



Meanwhile, LSS favors a lower value of σ_8

Mantz et al. (2014)

Application III: Addressing tension in our cosmological model?



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ETHOS: Advantages and Future Work

- ETHOS provides a way to systematically parametrize deviations from the standard cold dark matter scenario.
- Our current implementation can capture many relevant cases, but we plan to expand it to capture more possible dark matter physics such as decay, annihilation, etc.

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Take-Home Message

- From an astrophysical perspective, there is a need to classify and parametrize dark matter models with respect to their structure formation properties.
- We have taken a first step in this direction with the ETHOS framework.
- We can now start to systematically investigate how the different relevant DM physics affects structure formation.
- Can now use the ETHOS framework to put modelindependent constraints on DM physics.