

NR effective theory for DM direct detection

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Overview

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Direct detection

Direct detection looks for signals from DM scattering off nucleus in the underground detector.





The scattering against the whole nucleus is described by non-relativistic quantum mechanics.

Current direct detection status

Direct detection rate



Traditionally, signals are assumed to come from contact interactions independent of momentum transfer. For instance, for SI scattering,

 $\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{m_N}{2v^2} \frac{\sigma_n}{\mu_n^2} A^2 F^2(E_R)$

Experimental results are presented as bounds on σ_n as a function of DM mass

Spin-independent elastic scattering



Continued: spin-dependent scattering



Summary

The current bounds on xsec per nucleon are
SI scattering: $(10^{-43} - 10^{-44})cm^2$ SD scattering: $(10^{-37} - 10^{-38})cm^2$

Motivation

- How to extract more information about the underlying dark dynamics from the experimental data?
- The simple assumption of contact interaction between DM with nucleons overlooks direct detection's sensitivity to more general DM scenarios.

E.g: Momentum-dependent DM (Chang, Pierce and Weiner; Feldstein, Fitzpatrick and Katz 2009);

Dark electromagnetic moments (Chang, Weiner and Yavin; Barger, Keung and Marfatia; Fitzpatrick and Zurek; Banks, Fortin and Thomas 2010)



- Different models/effective ops lead to the same NR interaction for direct detection.
- E.g: Higgs exchange: $ar\chi\chiar q q$

Z exchange:

 $\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q$

gives the contact interaction in the NR limit.

Measured recoiling rate directly bounds the coupling of contact interaction.



NR effective potential

Scales and simple power counting

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Transferred momentum: |q| ~ 100 MeV
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Nucleus mass: m<sub>N</sub> ~ 10 -100 GeV
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DM mass: m<sub>χ</sub> ~ 100 GeV – 1 TeV
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Mediator mass: m<sub>o</sub> unfixed
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Other scales: e.g. DM-mediator interaction arises at 
nonrenormalizable level
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DM with electric dipole moment

$$rac{ar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu
u}\gamma_5\chi F^{\mu
u}}{\Lambda}$$

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Expansion parameters: $v \sim 10^{-3}$ $\frac{q}{m_N} \sim \frac{q}{m_\chi} \sim 10^{-3}$ $\frac{q}{m_0}, \quad \frac{q}{\Lambda}$ unfixed, can be as large as 0.1 SI experimental bounds

$$\sigma \sim 10^{-44} cm^2$$

SD experimental bounds $\sigma \sim 10^{-38} cm^2$

compared to a typical weak process xsec $\sigma_W \sim 10^{-36} cm^2$

|q| suppressed operator can still be relevant if they are the leading operator for direct detection.

- Consider two limits of mediator masses m_o:
 - a. $m_0 \gg |q|$ Contact interaction b. $m_0 \ll |q|$ Long-range interaction

Assume all expansion parameters of order 10^{-3}

- a. Contact interaction: Operators suppressed by a single |q|
- b. Long-range interaction: Operators suppressed by |q|³

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Effective NR potential



In the Born approximation, the matrix element of the scattering is

$$\mathcal{M}(\vec{q}, \vec{v}) = -\int d^3 \vec{r} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} V_{eff}(\vec{r}, \vec{v})$$

- For the numerical studies, we only consider elastic scattering;
- Only list static potential, or, v-independent potential;
 - v-dependent potential produces nearly identical recoil spectrum to the static one for the elastic scattering;
- Only list potential leads to interaction suppressed by a single |q|;
- The coefficients are dimensionful; direct detection bounds on combinations of couplings and scales.
- We factor out the nuclear form factor and suppress the spin indices.

Example of matching: Femionic DM(SI)

SINR operator complete set: up to a scalar function f(q², v²)

In general, four building blocks to construct rotational invariants $\vec{q}, \vec{v}, \vec{s}_{\chi}, \vec{s}_N \qquad \vec{r}, \vec{v}, \vec{s}_{\chi}, \vec{s}_N$



Mapping of effective field theory operators to the NR potential

$$\mathcal{O}_{1}^{(++)} = 1$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{2}^{(-+)} = i\vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{q}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{3}^{(--)} = \vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{P}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{4}^{(++)} = i\vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot (\vec{P} \times \vec{q})$$

$$\begin{split} \bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q, \quad \bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q \\ \bar{\chi}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{q}q \quad \bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma^{5}D_{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\nu}q \\ \bar{\chi}\gamma^{5}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q \\ \bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}D_{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\nu}q \end{split}$$

- Examples of simple theories for each potential $\delta^3(\vec{r}) \qquad \text{Higgs exchange}$
 - $ec{s}_{\chi}\cdotec{
 abla}\delta^3(ec{r})$ DM dark EDM off nucleus charge





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DM EDM off nucleus charge

Recoil spectrum

The NR theory highlights the possibility of having qualitatively different recoil energy spectrum.

SI NR operators	SD NR operators	E_R
$\delta^3(\vec{r})$	$ec{s_\chi}\cdotec{s_N}\delta^3(ec{r})$	1
$ec{s_{\chi}}\cdotec{ abla}\delta^3(ec{r})$	$ec{s}_N\cdotec{ abla}\delta^3(ec{r})$	E_R
$\frac{1}{4\pi r}$	$\frac{\vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{s}_N}{4\pi r}$	E_{R}^{-2}
$rac{ec{s}_{\chi}\cdotec{r}}{4\pi r^3}$	$rac{ec{s}_N\cdotec{r}}{4\pi r^3}$	E_R^{-1}

Sample Spectra

Sample spectrum for Germanium.

Left: spectrum with contribution from one operator;



Right: spectrum with contributions from two operators;

Constraints from direct detection (CDMS, Xenonio,
Xenonioo for SI direct detection)
$$\delta^{3}(\vec{r})$$
 $h_{1} \lesssim 10^{-8} \,\text{GeV}^{-2} = \frac{10^{-4}}{(100 \,\text{GeV})^{2}}$
 $\vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \delta^{3}(\vec{r})$ $h_{2} \lesssim 10^{-7} \,\text{GeV}^{-3} = \frac{10^{-1}}{(100 \,\text{GeV})^{3}}$
 $\frac{1}{r}$ $l_{1} \lesssim 10^{-11}$
 $\vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{r}$ $l_{2} \lesssim 10^{-9} \,\text{GeV}^{-1} = \frac{10^{-7}}{(100 \,\text{GeV})}$.

Example 1 $\delta^3(\vec{r})$ $h_1 \lesssim 10^{-8} \,\mathrm{GeV}^{-2} = \frac{10^{-4}}{(100 \,\mathrm{GeV})^2}$ Higgs exchange: $y_s \sim 10^{-4}$ Z exchange: $\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi h^\dagger D_\mu h \quad (v_{EW}/\Lambda)^2 \sim 10^{-4}$

Example 2 $\vec{s}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{r}/r^3$ $l_2 \lesssim 10^{-9} \,\text{GeV}^{-1} = \frac{10^{-7}}{(100 \,\text{GeV})}$ (Pseudo)scalar exchange: $l_2 \sim g/m_{\chi}$ $g \lesssim 10^{-7}$ DM dipole moment: $l_2 = d$ $d \lesssim 10^{-23} (e \cdot cm)$

Bound on contact interaction

momentum independent

momentum dependent



Black: CDMS; Green: Xenon 10; Purple: Xenon100



Conclusion

- We present a model-independent framework based on NR operators to analyze data from direct detection.
- If near future direct detection sees DM, it will not only shed information on DM mass, overall scattering cross section but also DM interaction from recoiling spectrum.

Thank you!