

Astrophysics and Cosmology

**Gravity and Particle Physics** 

# Nearby Stars as Gravity Detectors

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# Modern Particle Physics of today

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## Formation of structure in the Universe

27% Dark Matter creates the Gravitational web for the formation of structures with 5% of baryons.

The Nature of Dark Matter: Cold dark matter weakly interacting particles



#### **Confirmed by observations**

Rotation curves for 7 spiral galaxies



Reproduce the observed present baryonic structure: stars, stellar clusters, galaxies, galaxy clusters



Bullet Cluster (two colliding clusters of galaxies)



Einstein's Equation (ignoring constants):

$$G_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^{sp} + T_{\mu\nu}^{DM} + T_{\mu\nu}^{DE}$$

$$\frac{5\%}{27\%} = \frac{27\%}{68\%}$$

\*2.3 MeV/c3

 $G_{\mu\nu}$  - Einstein tensor describing the curvature of space-time (and hence the effect of gravity)

 $T_{\mu\nu}^{sp}$  – standard particles (baryons, photons and neutrinos)

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\quad DM}-\text{dark matter}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\quad DE}-\text{dark energy}$$

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### The Early Universe – dark matter particles

Following the evidence, let us now consider that our dark matter is somehow identical to the standard particles.

The obvious choice is to consider that dark matter (27%) is a mirror world of the standard particles (5%).

Nevertheless, we choose to keep the dark matter world simple (dark particle + dark photon). The connection between the standard world and the dark world is done by a kinematic coupling term.

Lopes, Painci, Silk 2014 ApJ





# **Dark Matter and Stars**

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[Lopes, Casanellas & Eugénio,

PhysRevD 83 (2011)]



[Gould, ApJ 321 (1987)]









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 $\sigma_{\chi}$   $m_{\chi}$ 









# Dark Matter and Stars (few examples)

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## Prediction: dark matter effect on Population II stars

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**Observational prediction:** The main sequence of these stars in the HR diagram will be different from the one known for population I stars.

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## Prediction: dark matter effect on Population I stars

Dark matter (asymmetric) changes the transport of heat energy inside these stars (decreasing the central temperature).

**Observational prediction:** Suppression of the convective core in 1.1-1.3Mo Main sequence stars

## Asteroseismology



Casanellas & Lopes (ApJ Letters, 2013)

## Prediction: dipole dark matter effect on the Sun



**Helioseismology**: The dipole interaction can lead to a sizable DM scattering cross section even for light DM, and asymmetric DM can lead to a large DM number density in the Sun. We find that solar model precision tests, using as diagnostic the sound speed profile obtained from helioseismology data, exclude dipolar DM particles with a mass larger than 4.3 GeV and magnetic dipole moment larger than  $1.6 \times 10^{-17}$  e cm.



## Prediction: asymmetric dark matter effect on the Sun



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## Prediction: asymmetric dark matter effect on the Sun

(A. Vincent et. al., PRL 2015)



Asymmetric dark matter coupling to nucleons. Agreement with **sound speed profiles**, neutrino fluxes, small frequency separations, surface helium abundances, and convective zone depths for a number of models. The best solat model correspond to a dark matter particle with a mass 3 GeV and reference dark matter-nucleon cross-section ( $10^{-37}$  cm<sup>2</sup> at  $q_0 = 40$  MeV).



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**Prediction**: Solar models for which the DM particles have a mass of 10 GeV and the mediator a mass smaller than 1 MeV, improve the agreement with helioseismic data.





# Thank you



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