# Dark matter bound state formation

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# Evidence for dark matter



galaxy/cluster rotation curves



#### gravitational lensing



cosmic microwave background



structure formation

# Dark matter: what do we know?

#### Gravitational interactions

- 26.8% energy budget
- pressureless fluid



#### Microphysics

- non-relativistic particles, condensate, deviations from GR?
- dark
- non-baryonic
- weak self-interactions
- (nearly) stable

#### Dark matter candidates



## Dark matter

Minimalistic approach

- add single particle

Embed in beyond the SM physics

- typically lots of particles and interactions

bound states



- bound states: why interesting?

- QFT derivation of (non-confining) bound states formation

- results

DM with long range interactions

bound states exist



Sommerfeld enhancement

Hisano et al '04, Cirelli et al '07, etc.

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DM with long range interactions:  $\alpha \gtrsim m_{\chi}/m_{\phi}$ 

- self-interacting DM

- asymmetric DM

- atomic DM

- 10 TeV WIMP

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spergel & steinhardt '00, etc.

Davoudiasl & Mohapatra '12, etc.

Kaplan et al '09, etc.

Hisano et al '03, Cirelli et al '07, etc.

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The following processes take place during the DM freeze-out: (i) annihilation without any Sommerfeld enhancement (dotted), (ii) Sommerfeld-enhanced annihilation only (dashed), (iii) Sommerfeld-enhanced annihilation and BSF (solid).

- WIMPonium at the LHC

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#### - relic density: unstable bound states extra annihilation channel

von Harling & Petraki '14



Shepherd, Tait, and Zaharijas '09

Sample reconstructed invariant mass of the  $l^+l^-$  for the Standard Model (blue) and a vector WIMPonium  ${}^3S_1$  state signal for a mass of 200 GeV, universal  $\Lambda f = M$ , and  $\alpha_{\chi} = 0.2$  (red) at the LHC for an integrated luminosity of 100 fb<sup>-1</sup>

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- indirect & direct detection experiments

Pearce & Kusenko '13, Lah and Braaten '13, etc.

- kinetic decoupling of DM from radiation

Cyr-Racine et al '14

- self-scattering in halos

Cline et al '12, Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson '12, etc.



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# Bound state formation

#### Quantum mechanics vs. Quantum field theory

Sommerfeld '31

Bethe & Salpeter '57

Akhiezer & Merenkov '96



- modern approach
- systematic relativistic and radiative corrections

Hryczuk & lengo '12

- generalization to non-abelian interactions

# Feynman diagram

$$\chi_1 + \chi_2 \to \mathcal{B} + \phi$$



### Sommerfeld enhancement from QFT

Sommerfeld enhancement in QFT in  $\chi \bar{\chi} \rightarrow \phi \phi$  lengo '09, Cassel '09



typical Bohr exchange momentum and energy  $|\vec{q}| \sim \alpha m_{\chi} \quad \& \quad q^0 \sim \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 m_{\chi}$ 

**Bethe-Salpeter equation** 

$$\mathcal{A}(p,p') = \mathcal{A}_0(p,p') + \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} D_\phi(p-q) D_\chi(q) D_\chi(-q) A(q,p')$$

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End result in non-relativistic limit

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$$\phi \sim \int dq^0 D_{\chi} D_{\chi} \mathcal{A}$$
$$V \sim \int d^3 q \, D_{\phi} \, e^{i \vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(p,p') = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \phi_{\vec{p}}(q) \mathcal{A}_0(q,p')$$

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## Bound state formation – Challenge



- double summation
- 'missing' propagator
- amplitude vanishes on-shell

LSZ-reduction

*n*-point function

 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

pole & branch cut structure *n*-point amputated amplitude







insert completeness relation

$$\mathbf{1} = \sum_{n} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}Q}{(2\pi)^{3} 2\omega_{\vec{Q},n}} |\mathcal{B}_{\vec{Q},n}\rangle \langle \mathcal{B}_{\vec{Q},n}| + \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}q}{(2\pi)^{3} 2\omega_{q}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}Q}{(2\pi)^{3} 2\omega_{Q}} |\mathcal{U}_{\vec{Q},\vec{q}}\rangle \langle \mathcal{U}_{\vec{Q},\vec{q}}\rangle \langle \mathcal{U}_{\vec{Q},\vec{q}}$$



non-relativistic schrödinger equation for bound state wave function

$$\left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2\mu} + V(\mathbf{r})\right]\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \mathcal{E}_n\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \qquad \qquad \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{p}) \propto \int dp^0 \langle \Omega | T(\chi_1\chi_2) | \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{Q},n} \rangle$$

4-pnt function:  $\int dp^0 d{p'}^0 \tilde{G}_{\mathcal{B}}^{(4)} \propto \frac{\tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{p})\tilde{\psi}_n^*(\mathbf{p'})}{(Q^0 - \omega_{\mathbf{Q},n} + i\epsilon)}$ 



non-relativistic Schrödinger equation for scattering state wave function

4-pnt function:

$$\int dp^0 d{p'}^0 \tilde{G}_{\mathcal{U}}^{(4)}(p,p') \propto \frac{\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{p})\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{q}}^*(\mathbf{p}')}{(Q^0 - \omega_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{q}} + i\epsilon)}$$

# On shell result



$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{k}\to n} \sim \int d^3 p \, d^3 q \, \tilde{\psi}_n^*(\mathbf{p}) \phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{q}) \mathcal{A}^{(5)} \big|_{\text{on shell}}$$



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## Vector mediation

Gauge field  $\phi_{\mu}$  plus two complex scalars  $\chi^{+}, \chi^{-}$ 

$$\mathcal{L} = |D_{\mu}\chi^{+}|^{2} + |D_{\mu}\chi^{-}|^{2} - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - m_{+}^{2}|\chi^{+}|^{2} - m_{-}^{2}|\chi^{-}|^{2}$$

$$D_{\mu}\chi^{\pm} = (\partial_{\mu} \mp ig\phi_{\mu})\chi^{\pm}$$

Coulomb interaction  $m_{\phi} = 0$ 

Yukawa interaction

 $m_{\phi} \neq 0$ 

- Higgs mechanism
- Stückelberg mechanism

## Vector mediation

**Coulomb limit** 

$$\mathcal{M}^{\mu}_{(\chi^{-}\chi^{+}\to\mathcal{B}_{n}\phi)} = -\sqrt{2\mu} \int d^{3}p \, d^{3}q \, gp^{\mu} \tilde{\psi}^{*}_{n}(\mathbf{p}) \Big[ \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{P}_{\phi}/\mathbf{2}) + \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{P}_{\phi}/\mathbf{2}) \Big]$$

#### Result

$$\sigma v_{\rm rel} = \frac{2^7 \pi \alpha^2}{3\mu^2 \zeta^2} 2\pi \zeta^3$$
$$S_{l=1}$$

$$\phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l} \phi_{l}(|\mathbf{r}|) P_{l}(\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{r})$$
$$\zeta = \alpha/v_{\text{rel}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{g^2}{4\pi}$$

### Bound state formation

Coulomb potential



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Yukawa potential – vector mediation  $\sigma \sim S_1 \sigma_0$ 



blue: exact, green: Huelten potential/approx, red: Coulomb potential

## Conclusions

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DM with long range interactions, e.g. heavy WIMP

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Schrödinger equation for bound and scattering state wave function cross section:  $\sigma \sim S_l(\sigma_0)_l$ 

- results

vector mediation: same order as annihilation rate



Vector mediator

#### Bound state formation — Result

-scalar mediator and real scalar DM  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = -gm\phi\chi^2$ 

$$\mathcal{M}_{k\to n} = -2gm^{3/2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m^2}\right) \psi_n^* \left[\phi_k(\vec{p} + \frac{1}{2}P_\phi) + \phi_k(p - \frac{1}{2}P_\phi)\right]$$





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## Ladder diagrams



typical Bohr exchange momentum and energy  $|\vec{q}| \sim \alpha m_{\chi} \quad \& \quad q^0 \sim \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 m_{\chi}$ 

$$\mathcal{A}[(a)] \sim \alpha / |\vec{q}|^2 \sim 1/\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{A}[(b)] \sim \alpha^2 \int d^4k D_{\phi}^2 D_{\chi}^2 \sim \alpha \alpha^5 \alpha^{-8} = 1/\alpha$$

 $\mathcal{A}[(c,d)] \sim \alpha$  lea

leading term cancels