## Stable Sexaquark as Dark Matter



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# Stable Sexaquark and other uds Dark Matter



How could we have missed a stable particle made of quarks? [Hints from Astrophysics] [Primordial Nucleosynthesis] Dark-Matter to Ordinary-Matter ratio [Detecting S dark matter] Discovering a stable sexaquark in the lab

### Unique among multi-quark states:

Fermi statistics is compatible with a <u>totally symmetric</u> spatial wave function AND

> *Color singlet Flavor singlet Spin singlet (scalar)*



(Most-Attractive Channel)<sup>3</sup>:

6-quark, Q=0, B=2 m<sub>S</sub> < 2 GeV???

Same quark content as H-dibaryon<sup>\*</sup> (Jaffe 1977), but different physics: not a loosely bound di-A!

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### Why consider $m_S \sim 2 m_p$ ? (2 m<sub>p</sub> = 1.876 GeV)

- Light quarks almost massless, i.e. relativistic
  - $m_{u,d} \approx \text{few MeV}, m_s = 91 \text{ MeV}$
- S has same QNs as ground state glueball
  - $m_S \approx m_{glueball} + 180 \text{ MeV} = (1.5-1.7) + 0.18 \text{ GeV} \le 2 m_p$
- 3 x di-quark mass = 1.2 2 GeV

#### Interesting DM candidate

- $m_S < 2 (m_p + m_e)$ : S is absolutely stable
- $m_S > 2 (m_p 8 \text{ MeV})$  : nuclei are stable



- triple-singlet (color,flavor,spin): MAC, lattice, models: all =>  $m_S < 2 m_A$
- extensive experimental searches exclude weak-lifetime & m > 2 GeV

→ bound state exists; mass < 2 GeV</p>

 $(\tau > \tau_{\text{Univ}} \text{ or stable})$ 

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# Stable Sexaquark Hypothesis

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Numeral\_prefix

6	sexa- <sup>[19]</sup>	-	sen- <sup>[20]</sup>	sext- <sup>[21]</sup>	hex- <sup>[22]</sup>	hexakis- hexaplo- hexad- e.g. hexahedron	hect- <sup>[23]</sup> hectaio-	shat-
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<sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> Sometimes Greek hexa- is used in Latin compounds, such as hexadecimal, due to taboo avoidance with the English word sex.



### Conditions on QCD Dark Matter

- $\checkmark \tau_{DM} > \tau_{Univ}$  , cold, neutral
- primordial nucleosynthesis
- Particle must not be already excluded
  - accelerator searches
  - exotic isotopes
  - DM searches
  - indirect impacts (heating planets, helioseismology,...)
  - stability of nuclei
  - equation of state of neutron stars (and their stability)

✓ Correct relic density (for natural DM mass & size)

- Bonus: explains BBN <sup>7</sup>Li anomaly!

# S has not been discovered at accelerators because it is <u>elusive</u>

#### • Many negative searches, but all are inapplicable. They either\*:

- looked for H-dibaryon through decays (but S is stable)
- restricted to mass > 2 GeV (but  $m_S < 2$  GeV)
- required  $\Lambda\Lambda$  fusion in hypernuclei (but SAA overlap is small)
- S is similar to (the much more copious) neutron



- **Wavefunction overlap with baryons is very small.** Extremely rare fluctuation required for  $S \Leftrightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$ ;  $S \Leftrightarrow NN$  is  $G_{F^4}$  smaller & GIM suppressed=>
  - $-g_{eff,SBB} \approx 10^{-6} (r_S / 0.2)^{10}$
  - nuclei can be stable ( $\tau > 10^{29}$  yr) even for  $m_S > 2 m_p$
  - hard to produce in fixed target experiments



## Experimental searches so far

Looking for Jaffe's H-dibaryon (same QN but assumed to be unstable and r~1 fm)

- Require M > 2 GeV:
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Search for Six-Quark States

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### Sexaquark Discovery Strategies

- S itself: neutral, generally "missing"
- Apparent lack of Baryon# and Strangeness conservation:
  - missing  $B = \pm 2 + \text{missing } S = \mp 2$ 
    - inclusive: maximizes event rate, hermetic detector; ID!
    - · Statistical correlation sufficient; do not have to ID everything.
- Reconstruct missing mass, e.g.:
  - $\Upsilon \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda \overline{S}$  (+ pions)  $M_S^2 = (p_Y p_{\Lambda 1} p_{\Lambda 2} \sum p_{\pi i})^2$ 
    - exclusive: big penalty in statistics, but gain from mass peak

• LHC:  $\overline{S} + N \rightarrow \overline{\Lambda} K^+ \cdots M_S^2 = (p_{\overline{\Lambda}} + p_{K_{+\dots}} - p_N)^2$ 

compromise: potentially a sweet spot (tbd)

#### Quark-Gluon Plasma → Hadrons @~150 MeV

- Lattice QCD: crossover transition 160-140 MeV
  - T > 160 MeV:  $u, \bar{u}, d, \bar{d}, s, \bar{s}, gluons$ ; NO vacuum condensates
  - T < 140 MeV: pions, kaons, p,p, …; <qq>> & <GG> condensates
  - Abundance relative to photons (for species in equilibrium):



### DM to (left-over) baryon ratio

- Hypothesis: DM has u,d,s in equal numbers
  - sexaquark DM, strange quark nuggets (Witten, 1984)



-  $\kappa_s$  is efficiency of uds  $\rightarrow$  DM (Boltzmann, from hyperon and S masses)

$$\kappa_s(m_S,T) = \frac{1}{1 + (r_{\Lambda,\Lambda} + r_{\Lambda,\Sigma} + 2r_{\Sigma,\Sigma} + 2r_{N,\Xi})} \quad \boxed{r_{1,2} \equiv \exp[-(m_1 + m_2 - m_S)/T]}$$

#### Prediction: $\Omega_{DM} / \Omega_{b} = 4.5 \pm 1$

determined by stat mech, quark masses & temp of QGP-hadronization transition

 $(\Omega_{\rm DM} / \Omega_{\rm b} \text{ observed} = 5.3 \pm 0.1)$ 



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## S, 5 from cooling fireball at LHC?



- Fantasy: perfect equilibration  $\rightarrow N_S/N_B = 2.5$  net excess S's  $\bigcirc$
- Reality (?):
  - no B excess in central region → no S excess over S
  - S,S annihilate to maintain equilibrium, till freeze out →
  - $N_{S+\bar{S}} \approx 10^{-4} N_{\pi} \rightarrow E_{Smiss} \approx 10^{-4} (M_S/E_{\pi}) E_{\pi tot} \dots$  **1 ppm missing E**  $\otimes$
- Important exercise: can a statistical correlation between missing

 $B = \pm 2$  & missing  $S = \mp 2$  be established? (question of ID systematics)

# $\Upsilon \rightarrow \bigwedge \bigwedge \overline{S} \ _{(+ \text{ pions})} \ _{\&} \overline{\Lambda} \ \overline{\Lambda} \ S$

- ·  $\Upsilon$  is *localized* source of ggg
  - $\Rightarrow$  production of S is (relatively) enhanced
- Many x 10<sup>8</sup> events collected (CLEO, BaBar, Belle)
  - detectors pretty hermetic, have good mass resolution, O(10 MeV)
  - $\Lambda$  decays quickly to  $p\pi$  so easy to ID.  $c\tau = 8$  cm



#### Can MEASURE m<sub>s</sub> via missing mass in exclusive events

- Very clean
  - Main bkg is  $K_S K_S K_L K_L$  (+ pions)
    - $K_S$ 's mis-ID'd as A's and  $K_L$ 's escaping before decay : negligible for Belle
      - rare and can model accurately
      - $K_S K_S K_L K_L$  (+ pions) *is measurable*, from K+ K+ K<sup>-</sup> K<sup>-</sup> (+ pions)
  - "Conspiracy" of missed particles producing  $\Delta B = \pm 2$ ,  $\Delta S = \mp 2$  very hard **Background does not have narrow peak in missing mass!**

# $\Upsilon \to \wedge \wedge \overline{S} \quad \& \quad \overline{\Lambda} \quad \overline{\Lambda} \quad S$

**High Energy Physics – Experiment** 

#### Search for a Stable Six-Quark State at BABAR

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Recent investigations have suggested that the six-quark combination uuddss could be a deeply bound state (S) that has eluded detection so far, and a potential dark matter candidate. We report the first search for a stable, doubly strange six-quark state in Upsilon -> S anti-Lambda anti-Lambda decays based on a sample of 90 million Upsilon(2S) and 110 million Upsilon(3S) decays collected by the BABAR experiment. No signal is observed, and 90% confidence level limits on the combined Upsilon(2S,3S) -> S anti-Lambda anti-Lambda branching fraction in the range (1.2-1.4)x10^-7 are derived for m\_S < 2.05 GeV. These bounds set stringent limits on the existence of such exotic particles.

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- BaBar: exclusive BF[  $\Upsilon(2S,3S) \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda \overline{S} + \overline{\Lambda} \overline{\Lambda} S$  ] < 1.4 x 10<sup>-7</sup>
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  - penalty of S+ $\overline{S}$  relative to  $\phi$ : 6 x 10<sup>-5</sup>
- Predict Exclusive BF [ $\Upsilon(ggg) \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda \overline{S} + \overline{\Lambda} \overline{\Lambda} S$ ] ~ 10<sup>-11</sup>

# $\Upsilon \to \wedge \wedge \overline{S} \quad \& \quad \overline{\Lambda} \quad \overline{\Lambda} \quad S$

**High Energy Physics – Experiment** 

Search for a Stable Six-Quark State at BABAR

## BaBar exclusive limit is a factor 10<sup>4</sup> from being constraining — need inclusive or semi-inclusive

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# LHC beam lifetime

# DM capture by Earth => DM atmosphere Neufeld, GRF, McKee, ApJ2018



Fig. 6.— Number density of HIDM at the Earth's surface,  $n_{\rm DM}(R_{\oplus})$ , in the  $m_{\rm DM} - \sigma_{11}^{\rm es}$  plane. Contours are labeled by  $\log_{10}(n_{\rm DM}/{\rm cm}^{-3})$ .



Fig. 7.— Upper limits on  $\sigma_{6.5 \,\mathrm{TeV}}^{\mathrm{p,inel}}$  implied by an LHC beam lifetime of 100 hr. Results are shown for five values of  $\sigma_{11}^{\mathrm{es}}$  for which the LSS lies in the crust  $(10^{-29.0}, 10^{-28.8}, 10^{-28.5}, 10^{-28}, \text{ and } 10^{-27} \,\mathrm{cm}^2)$ , and two values for which the LSS lies in the atmosphere  $(10^{-22} \,\mathrm{and} \, 10^{-20} \,\mathrm{cm}^2)$ . The curves are labeled with  $\log_{10}(\sigma_{11}^{\mathrm{es}})$ .

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# LHC I.

- Low production rate (uuddss in small vol; SU(18) singlet)
- Statistical examination of correlation  $\Delta B = \pm 2$ ,  $\Delta S = \pm 2$
- 2nd exponential in scattering-length distribution of nlike interactions, due to S?

• Distinctive needle in a haystack (~few x 10<sup>11</sup> events have been recorded!)



# LHC II.



- Low production rate (uuddss in small vol=>)
  - $-g_{eff,SBB} \approx 10^{-6} \, (r_S \, / \, 0.2)^{10}$
  - $\sim 100$  particles in central tracker/event x N<sub>11</sub> 10<sup>11</sup>
  - -~ 10 events (worst case, hopefully, since overlap may be enhanced at larger momentum)
- Statistical examination of correlation  $\Delta B = \pm 2$ ,  $\Delta S = \mp 2$  ???
- Heavy ion collisions produce more particles feasible to reconstruct ???
- Find a distinctive needle in a haystack (~1011 recorded events)?

 $\star$  S annihilation in tracker, tag by  $\bar{\Lambda}$  K<sup>+</sup> pointing to tracker or  $\overline{\Xi}^{+,o} \to \bar{\Lambda} \pi^{+,o}$ ,  $\bar{\Lambda} \to \bar{p} \pi^+$ 

Rate estimate: (GRF arXiv:1708.08951)

**S** Production:

- + 30 charged particles with pseudo-rapidity  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ; N events = N<sub>11</sub> 10<sup>11</sup>
- $f_{-4}^{\text{prod}} 10^{-4}$  is the  $\overline{S}$  production rate relative to all charged particles
- ★ →  $N_{\bar{s}} \approx 3 f_{-4} N_{11} 10^8$

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Š Annihilation: \sigma_{\bar{S}N} \equiv f_{-6}^{\text{annih}} 10^{-6} \sigma_{NN}
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- $f_{\bar{\Xi},\bar{\Lambda}}$ , fraction of final states containing  $\bar{\Xi},\bar{\Lambda}$
- 2nd exponential in scattering-length distribution of n-like interactions, due to S



May be optimistic, depending on g<sub>eff,SBB</sub> for LHC.

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# Heavy Ion Collisions

- Sum up observed B and observed S, event by event.
- Any excess anti-correlation?
  - net B ~ net -S

Please contact me if interested...

## Sexaquark Discovery Strategy

Apparent lack of B and S conservation:

- missing  $B = \pm 2 + \text{missing } S = \mp 2$ 
  - inclusive: maximizes event rate, hermetic detector; ID!
  - · Statistical correlation sufficient; do not have to ID everything.
- Reconstruct missing mass, e.g.:
  - $\Upsilon \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda \overline{S}$  (+ pions)  $M_S^2 = (p_Y p_{\Lambda 1} p_{\Lambda 2} \sum p_{\pi i})^2$

• exclusive: big penalty in statistics, but gain from mass peak

• LHC:  $\overline{S} + N \rightarrow \overline{\Lambda} K^+ \cdots M_S^2 = (p_{\overline{\Lambda}} + p_{K_{+\dots}} - p_N)^2$ 

• compromise: potentially a sweet spot (tbd)

- Time-of-flight => distinguish from neutron (SHiP?)
- Second exponential in interaction length
- "Missing energy" in heavy ion collisions
- Snolab nuclei:  $d \rightarrow S e^+ \nu$  sin $\theta_C^4$  x GIM suppression x  $G_F^4$ ,  $\tau > 10^{+29}$  yr (m<sub>s</sub> < ~1875 MeV)

### BBN's problem with primordial <sup>7</sup>Li

- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis works brilliantly *except 10σ problem*
  - Predicted abundance of <sup>7</sup>Li = (5.61 ± 0.26) 10<sup>-10</sup>
  - Observed abundance of = (1.58 ± 0.31) 10<sup>-10</sup>
- Discrepancy is now very serious:
  - Nuclear rates all well-measured
  - $\eta = n_b/n_{\gamma} = (6.58 \pm 0.02) \ 10^{-10}$  from CMB
  - Astrophysics now secure (Spite plateau):
    - small scatter
    - <sup>7</sup>Li constant over > 3 decades of low metallicity
- **S solves the puzzle** (GRF + Richard Galvez, in preparation)
  - No other (reasonable) solution known



### S dark matter breaks up <sup>7</sup>Li & <sup>7</sup>Be if σ(S-<sup>7</sup>Be) is on resonance



Seems to solve <sup>7</sup>Li puzzle

Doesn't affect He or d

KE threshold for breakup = 1.58, 2.46, 4.47, 5.75, 19.3 [2.2] MeV 7Be 7Li 3He T 4He [d]



### The "action" is at T~100 keV so S only affects weakly bound nuclei





### S dark matter breaks up <sup>7</sup>Li & <sup>7</sup>Be

- <sup>7</sup>Be-><sup>7</sup>Li after atoms form.
- No other BBN predictions modified (all other BE are larger)
- GRF, R. Galvez, X. Xu in prep

Predicted abundance of  ${}^{7}Li = (5.61 \pm 0.26) 10^{-10}$ is reduced to Observed abundance of = (1.58 ± 0.31) 10^{-10}



# Key points to take home

#### There may a tightly bound 6-quark state S= uuddss

- Unique, symmetric structure  $\Rightarrow$  other hadrons don't provide guidance
  - mass is not driven by chiral symmetry breaking (unlike baryons)
  - constituent quark model probably completely misleading
- If  $M_S < 2 m_p + 2 m_e$ , S is absolutely stable
- If S is stable, its an excellent Dark Matter candidate
  - Relic abundance is natural. EXPLAINS Dark Matter to baryon ratio ; can explain 7Li
     Discrepancy in BBN
  - Usual WIMP detection strategy isn't applicable.
- S may be waiting to be discovered in existing Y-decays or LHC experiments... mass can be accurately measured in exclusive reactions
- SDM will be challenging to detect, but not impossible. Astrophysical and cosmological effects may allow it to be constrained, excluded or confirmed.

# Backup Slides

### Parenthesis: Relic Abundance of *uds* Dark Matter

Stat Mech + quark masses,  $T_{QCD} \approx 150 \text{ MeV} \implies \Omega_{SDM} / \Omega_{b} = 4.5 \pm 1$ 

CORRECT udsDM RELIC DENSITY!  $\Omega_{DM}$  /  $\Omega_{b}$  = 5.3 ± 0.1

After hadronization: S excess is out-of-equilibrium abundance preserved if S's don't disintegrate, e.g., via  $K^+ S \rightarrow \Sigma + \Lambda$ requires  $g_{eff,SBB} < 2 \times 10^{-6}$ 

With  $r_S \leq 0.2$  fm,  $g_{eff,SBB}$  effective coupling is  $\approx 10^{-6} (r_S / 0.2)^{10} \Rightarrow S$  DOES NOT BREAKUP







## Stable S as Dark Matter



#### Shielded (e.g. underground) detectors are not sensitive (energy loss)



### **Dark Matter with Hadronic Interactions**

(GRF + Xingchen Xu, to appear shortly)

$$V(r) = \frac{\alpha}{r} e^{-r m_{\phi}}$$

 $m_{\phi} = 1$  GeV (flavor-singlet  $\omega$ - $\phi$  combo), sourced by p or A

• V/C (DM) ~  $10^{-3}$ 

 $10^3$  km/s (galaxy clusters) down to 1 km/s (atm & z = 17)

- must solve Schroedinger Eqn. Born approximation generically fails badly
- cross section depends only on combos









FIG. 2: 3D plot of  $\sigma m_{\phi}^2$  in the *a*, *b* plane; *b* increases to the left and *a* decreases toward the back.



FIG. 3: Ratio of Born Approximation and Schroedinger Equation

### Plenty of Room for SDM, for now...

(GRF + Xingchen Xu, to appear shortly)

#### Caution: A-dependence sensitive to nuclear form factor. Born approximation often misleading, by orders of magnitude. point $\alpha = 1$ extend 10<sup>8</sup> 10 point $\alpha = 0.1$ ---- exter Born 10<sup>6</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> U A/U 1 100 0.10 0.01 0.01 $m_{\phi}$ =1GeV $m_{\chi}$ =2GeV v=30km/s 0.5 10 0.1 1 5 20 40 60 80 0 ms A

Allowed regions of coupling from XQC (best Direct Detection)



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## Cosmology & structure formation

- DM-baryon interaction: momentum transfer => slight drag on DM during structure formation
  - Dvorkin, Blum, Kamionkowski (2014), Gluscevic+Boddy (2017), Xu+18
    - Ly-alpha forest:  $\sigma < \sim 10$  mb if v-indept no problem for S
  - Buen-Abad, Marques-Tavares, Schmaltz (2015):
    - + momentum transfer helps reconcile  $H_0 \& \sigma_8$
  - Boring or an opportunity? To be determined...
- S-S self interactions + S-baryon interactions:
  - could have similar benefits as Self Interacting DM
    - core-cusp, "too-big-to-fail" & missing sub-halos problems.