### The Dark Universe Introduction

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### The Dark Sector







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### The Dark Sector: example signatures



### $H^{\dagger}H\phi^{\dagger}\phi$ : H $\rightarrow$ invisible

- Hoop vertex arises from simplest H portal model
  - H can decay to invisible particles ( $m_{\phi} < m_{H}/2$ )
  - would not affect other H property measurements
- broad LHC search program
  - in all H production modes
- incredible precision reached:
  - BR ( H → invisible ) < 0.15% (0.08%)</li>

obs. (exp.) 95% C.L. limit

- strong constraints on dark matter nucleon scattering cross sections
- extra scalars may alter the electroweak phase transition
  - $\rightarrow$  electroweak baryogenesis



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10<sup>-46</sup> 10<sup>-47</sup> 10<sup>-48</sup>

 $10^{-49}$ 

 $10^{-50}$ 

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• also complex dark-H signatures probed

CMS-PAS-EXO-21-012

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 $m_{\rm DM}\,({
m GeV})$ 

Direct-detection CRESST-III

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 PandaX-4T

ILIX-7EPLIN

 $10^{2}$ 

PRL 124 (2020) 13, 131802

### $F_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu}$ : dark photons

- dark photon from new U(1) symmetry
  - vector portal: kinetic mixing with regular photon



- CMS search for  $\mu^+\mu^-$  resonance
  - first time using special triggers to access low mass
- also **NA62**
- millicharges ~ mixing є
  - unique search for fractionally charged particles
  - milliQan: dedicated new experiment searching for millicharged particles





#### CMS-PAS-EXO-19-006



### Next frontiers: long-lived particles

• new long-lived particles are a prediction in many dark sector models

arXiv:1903.04497

- rich experimental frontier
  - new simulations, trigger developments, reconstruction, unusual backgrounds,...

Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics

MAJOR REPORT · OPEN ACCESS Searching for long-lived particles beyond the Standard Model at the Large Hadron Collider

#### activities

- displaced leptons from compressed spectrum (JHEP 11 (2020) 112)
- low-mass H-portal scalar in H  $\rightarrow$  ss  $\rightarrow$  µ+µ- K+K- (JHEP 01 (2020) 115, ongoing)
- strongly interacting dark matter (JHEP 11 (2015) 108, Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 3, 213)
- 6-quark dark matter (arXiv:1708.08951, ongoing)
- freezin dark matter and cosmology (JHEP 09 (2018) 037)
- new physics with heavy ions (arXiv:1812.07688, PRL 124 (2020) 8, 081801)



### The Dark Universe



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- with the VUB pheno group from 2018-2020
- collider signatures of naturalness  $\rightarrow$  dark matter

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- with the ULB pheno group from 2018-2022
- link to cosmology → electroweak baryogenesis

## DARK SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE

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## A DECADE OF DISCOVERIES

Discovery of the H boson at CERN





### Detection of gravitational waves at LIGO/VIRGO

see also Baldes' talk and afternoon session



Dark matter: No breakthrough discovery but enormous progress on theoretical and experimental fronts.





morning session

## DARK MATTER: EVIDENCE

### Galatic rotation curves



### Gravitational lensing of CMB



### Cluster collisions







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# DARK MATTER: WHAT WE KNOWDark matter is:

- *Massive* (as it interacts with gravity)
- Stable (at cosmological scales)
- (electrically) Neutral
- Cold (non-relativistic)
- Clumps to form halos
- Relic abundance  $\Omega_{\rm DM} h^2 = 0.12(12)$  [Planck, 2018]

■ No evidence of non-gravitational interactions b/w DM and SM





# WHAT DARK MATTER CAN BE? DM mass:

■ particle state,  $m_{\rm DM} \in [10^{-30}, 10^{19}] \text{ GeV}$ 

• composite state, e.g. Primordial Blackholes,  $m_{\rm DM} \sim \mathcal{O}(10) M_{\odot}$ 



## PLAN

- . WIMP DM and its current status
- I. DM model building beyond the WIMP paradigm:
  - Theoretical ideas
  - Experimental prospects
- III. Conclusions





# $\blacksquare DM \text{ mass } m_{\rm DM} \sim m_{\rm EW} \sim \mathcal{O}(100) \, {\rm GeV}$

• DM-SM interaction strength  $\sim G_F$ 

DM-SM are in thermal equilibrium at high temperatures



## WIMP DETECTION

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- Direct detection, e.g. XENON, LZ, ...
- Indirect detection, e.g. Fermi gamma-ray space telescope, AMS, ...



### FREEZE-IN DM

■ Freeze-in DM is one of the main alternatives to WIMP DM:

Out of thermal equilibrium with the SM

Initial abundance is negligible

Produced via SM annihilations



## FREEZE-IN SIGNATURES

Freeze-in DM can have its imprints in

Astrophysics and cosmological data;

Collider signals, e.g. long-lived particles through mediators/portals





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## MISALIGNMENT MECHANISM: AXION DM

Axions solve the strong CP problem

$$\mathcal{L} = \left(\frac{a}{f_a} - \bar{\theta}\right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G^{\mu\nu a} \widetilde{G}^a_{\mu\nu}$$

$$m_a^2 = \Lambda_{\rm QCD}^4 / f_a^2$$

Axion DM can be produced via the misalignment mechanism and behave as cold DM
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$$\Omega_a h^2 \sim 0.12 \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{12} \,\text{GeV}} \right)^{7/6} \left\langle \theta_i^2 \right\rangle \qquad \qquad \theta \equiv a/f_a$$

Several recent developments for axion DM production, e.g. kinetic misalignment, ...  $\dot{\theta} = 0$  misalignment





axion field Dark Side of the Universe







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GRAVITATIONAL DARK MATTER
 Nightmare scenario: DM only interacts gravitationally!



## GRAVITATIONAL PARTICLE PRODUCTION

DM from gravitational particle production due to quantum fluctuations
[Schrodinger 1939; Parker 1969; Zeldovich, Starobinsky 1972; Ford 1987; +...]

Rapid expansion in the early universe (during and after inflation) leads to non-adiabatic production of quantum excitations from the background fields.

Analogy: ID hormonic oscillator with time-dependent frequency

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \omega^2(t)x(t) = 0$$





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### **GRAVITATIONAL DARK MATTER**

Why gravitational production of dark matter?

- An unavoidable consequence of the rapid expansion of the Universe
- DM number density is tied with inflationary observables; Hubble scale  $H_{I'}$ , reheating temperature  $T_{rh}$ , inflaton potential  $V(\phi)$ , etc.
- Besides gravity, no other interaction is required
- Gravitational DM production is sensitive to inflationary and reheating dynamics so it may be a probe into early universe cosmology.

[Graham, Mardon, Rajendran 2015, A.A., Grzadkowski, Socha, 2020+...]





## EARLY UNIVERSE COSMOLOGY



cosmology

$$w = \rho_{\phi}/p_{\phi} : [-1/3, 1]$$

Standard cosmological evolution after reheating

$$\rho(a) = 3M_{\rm Pl}^2 H^2(a)$$

 $H(a) = \begin{cases} H_{\rm I}, & a \leq a_e \\ H_{\rm I} \left(\frac{a_e}{a}\right)^{\frac{3(1+w)}{2}}, & a_e < a \leq a_{\rm rh} \\ H_{\rm rh} \left(\frac{a_{\rm rh}}{a}\right)^2, & a_{\rm rh} < a \end{cases}$ 

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## DARK PHOTON SEARCHES

Gravitational dark photon DM can be detected if  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\epsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$ 



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## CONCLUSIONS

Simplified WIMP DM models are in tension with ever-strengthening experimental bounds.

Significant progress has been made on freeze-in DM, gravitationally produced DM, axion DM, PBHs, ....

Early universe cosmology, e.g. inflation/reheating dynamics, can play a significant role in non-thermal DM production.

The search for DM remains a well-motived task for BSM physics for the coming decades.







#### The BEH mechanism at high temperature – a link to matter production –

#### lason Baldes 2018-2019:ULB EoS, 2019-2022: ULB F.R.S.-FNRS, 2022-: LPENS





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#### Following the 2012 discovery





#### The mass is now also precisely measured:

 $m_h = 125.25 \pm 0.17 \; {
m GeV}$ 

[PDG Avg. of ATLAS/CMS results]

#### SM H Potential



$$\langle H 
angle = rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \ \phi \end{pmatrix} \qquad V(\phi) = -rac{1}{2} \mu_H^2 \phi^2 + rac{1}{4} \lambda_H \phi^4$$

#### All the parameters are known:

 $\sqrt{2}\mu_H = m_h = 125 \text{ GeV [LHC]}$   $v_{\text{EW}} = \sqrt{\frac{m_h^2}{2\lambda_H}} = 246 \text{ GeV [Muon decay]}$ 

#### At finite temperature



$$V(H) \approx -\frac{1}{2}\mu_H^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_H \phi^4 + \frac{1}{2}c_H T^2 \phi^2$$

The thermal mass coefficient is related to other SM couplings:

$$c_{H} \approx \left(\frac{\lambda_{H}}{2} + \frac{3g_{2}^{2}}{16} + \frac{g_{Y}^{2}}{16} + \frac{y_{t}^{2}}{4}\right) \approx 0.4$$

#### Cosmological Puzzles



#### Image: NASA/Wikipedia

#### Cosmological puzzles which could be related to the SM H boson

- Dark Energy
- Inflation
- Dark Matter
- Baryon Asymmetry  $\rightarrow$  Ordinary Matter Density

#### The matter-antimatter asymmetry



#### CMB in agreement with BBN:

$$Y_B \equiv rac{n_b - n_{ar{b}}}{s} = (0.86 \pm 0.02) imes 10^{-10}$$

#### Sakharov Conditions

- B violation
- ② C and CP violation
- S Departure from thermal equilibrium (or spontaneously broken CPT)

#### SM + FLRW

- (B+L) violation present in symmetric phase at  $T \gtrsim 100$  GeV from non-perturbative EW sphaleron process.
- 2 CP violation observed in quark sector.
- 3 Can be driven by expansion.

#### Electroweak baryogenesis - basic picture



Image from - Gavela, Hernandez, Orloff, Pène, Quimbay [hep-ph/9406289]

- CP violating collisions with the bubble walls lead to a chiral asymmetry.
- Sphalerons convert this to a Baryon Asymmetry.
- This is swept into the expanding bubble where sphalerons are suppressed.

#### Electroweak baryogenesis - Requirements



#### Electroweak baryogenesis requires:

- A strong first order phase transition  $(\phi_n/T_n\gtrsim 1)$
- Sufficient CP violation

#### However in the SM:

- The H boson mass is too large
- Quark masses are too small

We require new EW-scale physics!

#### Experimental signatures



#### BSM Experimental signatures for EWBG

- Collider signals associated with V(H) modificiation.
- **②** Electric Dipole Moments associated with low scale CP violation.
- Gravitational waves from the strong FOPT.





#### Singlet model

#### First order EW Phase Transition from a singlet - Choi, Volkas '93 + $\dots$



- Beniwal et al, 1702.06124

#### Modification of $h^3$ coupling

$$\lambda_3 pprox rac{m_h^2}{2 v_{
m EW}} + rac{\lambda_{HS}^3 v_{
m EW}^3}{24 \pi^2 m_S^2}$$

#### Collider signatures - Triple h coupling

SM:  $V(h) = \frac{1}{2}m_h^2h^2 + \lambda_H v_{\rm EW}h^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_H h^4$  with  $v_{\rm EW} = \sqrt{\frac{m_h^2}{2\lambda_H}} = 246$  GeV.



Measuring the cubic term is long term challenge. Some, but not all, singlet models returning a strong FOPT can be excluded by HL-LHC.  $_{12/20}$ 

#### Electron EDM constraint



$$rac{i}{2}d_e(ar{e}\sigma^{\mu
u}\gamma_5 e)F_{\mu
u}$$

#### Rough estimate of the EDM - Glioti, Rattazzi, Vecchi, 1811.11740.

$$ert d_e ert \sim 10^{-29} \ e \operatorname{cm} \theta_{\operatorname{CP}} \left( rac{50 \ \mathrm{TeV}}{\Lambda} 
ight)^2 \qquad 1 - \operatorname{loop}$$
  
 $ert d_e ert \sim 10^{-29} \ e \operatorname{cm} \theta_{\operatorname{CP}} \left( rac{2.5 \ \mathrm{TeV}}{\Lambda} 
ight)^2 \qquad 2 - \operatorname{loop}$ 

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#### Experimental searches - EDMs



ACMEII (ThO):  $|d_e| < 1.1 imes 10^{-29} \ e \, {
m cm}$  - Nature 562, 355–360 (2018)



Colorado (HfF<sup>+</sup>):  $|d_e| < 4.1 imes 10^{-30} \ e\,{
m cm}$  - 2212.11841

#### Hiding the CP violation



#### $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} \bar{\chi} \left( \left( \eta P_R + \eta^* P_L \right) S + m_{\chi} \right) \chi + y \bar{L}_{\tau} H_2 P_R \chi + \mathrm{h.c.}$ - from [1] below.

#### One idea is to hide the CP violation in the dark sector

- "Electroweak baryogenesis from a dark sector", Cline, Kainulainen, Tucker-Smith, 1702.08909.
- "Electroweak Baryogenesis From Dark CP Violation," Carena, Quirós, Zhang, 1811.09719 and 1908.04818.

- eEDM at 3 or 4-loops.

#### Experimental searches - GWs



From a simulation by Weir et al.



Singlet model - Cline et al. 2102.12490

#### Strong transitions are detectable by LISA.

LVK searches for PTs have started e.g.: ..., Turbang, ... Mariotti, Sakellariadou, Sevrin et al. 2209.14707

#### Going beyond EWBG

#### Cosmological PTs are of course of interest beyond EWBG.

- Associated Baryogenesis models not necessarily:
  - Constrained experimentally by EDMs.
  - 2 Limited to small  $\gamma_{wall}$  in order to match  $Y_B$ .
- Larger range of GW signals possible.

#### Say we have a phase transition with $\langle \phi angle : \mathsf{0} ightarrow \mathsf{v}_{\phi}$

- Incoming quanta  $E \sim \gamma_{wall} T \gg v_{\phi}$ : can produce massive states
- Non-adiabatic transitions  $\sigma 
  ightarrow S$ , with  $M_S \gg m_\sigma, v_\phi$
- Pair production of heavy particles  $\sigma o S + S$ , with  $M_S \gg m_\sigma, v_\phi$ 
  - Azatov, Vanvlasselaer, 2010.02590 Azatov, Vanvlasselaer, Yin 2101.05721



The wall breaks translational symmetry

#### Going beyond EWBG - Ultra relativistic walls



IB, Blasi, Turbang, Mariotti, Sevrin 2106.15602

#### For strong phase transitions with $\langle \phi \rangle \gg T_n$ .

The final states are far from equilibrium and can source the baryon asymmetry through their decays.

Closely related work: Azatov, Vanvlasselaer, Yin 2106.14913

#### Going beyond EWBG - GW signals



-IB, Blasi, Turbang, Mariotti, Sevrin 2106.15602 - Peisi Huang, Ke-Pan Xie 2206.04691



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#### Conclusions





#### Conclusion

- SM H boson could play a leading role in the early universe
  - $\rightarrow$  possible connections to Inflation, DM, Baryon asymmetry...
- EWBG well motivated, testable
  - $\rightarrow$  now rather constrained baryogenesis mechanism (EDMs).
- But: Beyond the SM EW or other first order PT hardly constrained.
- Exciting interplay of future collider tests and Gravitational waves.





#### Textbook Argument for Baryogenesis

- In a symmetric universe  $n_b/s = n_{ar{b}}/s pprox 10^{-20}$
- The post-inflation causal volume is too small for baryons/antibaryons to be sufficiently separated
- $n_b/s = n_{\bar{b}}/s \approx 10^{-10}$  would be reached at  $T \approx 40$  MeV when  $M_{H^{-3}} \approx 10^{-7} M_\odot$
- Need a mechanism to generate the asymmetry

#### Electroweak phase transition - Lattice Studies



- Csikor, Fodor, Heitger, hep-ph/9809291,



D'Onofrio, Rummukainen 1508.07161

SM with  $m_h = 125$  GeV predicts a crossover. Nevertheless, only the minimum (VEV) of the potential, and the 2nd derivative there  $(m_h)$ , is known if we allow for BSM physics.

The SM scalar potential can be modified.

#### Require a modification of the SM Scalar potential

Successful electroweak baryogenesis requires suppressed washout:

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\rm sph}}{V} \sim 10^{1 \div 4} \left(\frac{\alpha_W T}{4\pi}\right)^4 \left(\frac{2M_W(\phi)}{\alpha_W T}\right)^7 \operatorname{Exp}\left[-\frac{3.2M_W(\phi)}{\alpha_W T}\right] \Rightarrow \frac{\phi_n}{T_n} \gtrsim 1$$



$$V(\Phi) = m^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda |\Phi|^4 + rac{1}{f^2} |\Phi|^6$$

#### Other options:

- Singlet models/tree level barriers
- Multi-step transitions
- Thermal barriers from bosonic loops

#### CPV and The Baryonic Yield



Image from 1706.08534 - Bruggisser, Konstandin, Servant

Diffusion equation

$$\partial_z n_B = \frac{3}{2} v_w^{-1} \Gamma_{ws} \left( N_c \mu_L T^2 - \mathcal{A} n_B \right), \qquad \Gamma_{ws} = 10^{-6} T \exp(-a\phi(z)/T)$$
$$n_B = \frac{n_B(-\infty)}{2} = \frac{135 N_c}{100} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \ \Gamma_{ws} \mu_L e^{-\frac{3}{2}\mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{v_w} \int_{-\infty}^{z} dz_0 \Gamma_{ws}$$

$$\eta_B = \frac{m_B(-v_F)}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 v_w g_* T} \int_{-\infty} dz \ \Gamma_{ws} \ \mu_L \ e^{-\frac{1}{2}A_{v_w}} \int_{-\infty} dz_0 \Gamma_{ws}$$

$$\eta_B \sim rac{\Gamma_{ws} \mu_L L_w}{g_* T} \sim rac{10^{-8} \mu_L}{T} \quad ext{for} \quad L_w \sim rac{1}{T}$$

#### EDMs - Situation 2013-2018

#### ACME: $|d_e| < 8.7 \times 10^{-29} \ e \, {\rm cm}$ (2013) $|d_e| < 9.4 \times 10^{-29} \ e \, {\rm cm}$ (2017)



- 💶 1611.05874 Dorsch, Huber, Konstandin, No
- 2 1707.02306 Egana-Ugrinovic
- 🗿 1710.04061 de Vries, Postma, van de Vis, White

Severe constraint on EWBG!

#### LHC constraints - Limit on Mixing





 $heta \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$ 

#### But: problem if $v_{\rm wall} \simeq 1$ .

- Less of the plasma is pushed by the wall at high  $v_{\rm wall}$ .
- This suppresses the BAU.



From: Cline, Kainulainen 2001.00568 Also see: Dorsch, Huber, Konstandin 2106.06547

#### Collider signatures - Singlet models difficult to detect



- Correlation between T<sub>c</sub> and triple Higgs couplings g<sub>111</sub>h<sup>3</sup> in a singlet model. - Profumo, Ramsey-Musolf, Wainwright, Winslow [1407.5342]
- And/or: mixing reducing the signal strength. Currently LHC:  $\theta \lesssim O(0.1)$  compatible with singlet models of EWBG.
- And/or: direct searches for heavy singlet states.