A long-lived stop as a signature of a hidden sector freeze-in dark matter

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The Boltzmann equation

For the reaction $X \leftrightarrows Y + \xi$ where both X and Y are in the thermal bath and ξ is the dark matter particle, the Boltzmann equation for the number density of ξ reads

$$\dot{n}_\xi + 3Hn_\xi = \int \mathrm{d}\Pi_\xi \mathrm{d}\Pi_X \mathrm{d}\Pi_Y (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_X - p_Y - p_\xi) \\ \times \left[|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2_{X\to Y+\xi} f_X(1\pm f_Y)(1\pm f_\xi) - |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2_{Y+\xi\to X} f_Y f_\xi (1\pm f_X) \right] ,$$

where $\mathrm{d}\Pi_i = \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i}$ are phase space elements, f_i is the phase space density defined by

$$f_i = \frac{1}{\exp(E_i - \mu_{c_i})/T \pm 1} ,$$

where the plus sign is for bosons and minus for fermions. Using the assumption the initial ξ abundance is zero, i.e., $f_\xi = 0$, the term corresponding to $Y + \xi \to X$ vanishes.

Freeze-in dark matter relic density

The decay width of the process $X \to Y + \xi$ is given by

$$\Gamma_X = \frac{1}{2m_X}\left(\prod_i \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3}\frac{1}{2E_i}\right)|\mathcal{M}|^2_{X\to Y+\xi}(2\pi)^4\delta^4(p_X - p_Y - p_\xi)\,,$$

one then arrives further assuming $f_Y \to 0$

$$\dot{n}_\xi + 3Hn_\xi = \frac{m_X^2 g_X \Gamma_X}{2\pi^2} T K_1(x_X),$$

where K_1 is the Bessel function of the second kind and degree one. Using the conservation of entropy per comoving volume $sR^3 = \mathrm{const}$, one has $\dot{n}_X + 3Hn_X = s\dot{Y}_X$, where $Y_X \equiv n_X/s$ the number density of X per comoving volume. Finally one reaches

$$Y_X \approx \int_{T_{\min}}^{T_{\max}} \frac{g_X m_X^2 \Gamma_X}{2\pi^2 s H} K_1\left(\frac{m_X}{T}\right)\mathrm{d}T\,.$$

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MicrOMEGAs5.0 does a more general calculation numerically by keeping the contribution from the phase space density f_i's. Though the numerical results differ from the simplified results by less then 5%.

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- The model contains additional chiral scalar superfields S and $\bar{S}$ and a vector superfield C. The fermionic component of S and $\bar{S}$ and the gaugino components of C mix with the MSSM neutralino fields producing a 6×6 neutralino mass matrix. The input mass hierarchy of the neutralino sector allows us to have the hidden neutralino as the real LSP of our model.

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$$\Omega h^2 = (\Omega h^2)_{\rm FO} + (\Omega h^2)_{\rm FI} = 0.1198 \pm 0.0012, \,.$$

as measured by the Planck experiment.

Benchmark models

The input parameters of the $U(1)_X$-extended non-universal SUGRA model with parameters as below (at the GUT scale)

$$m_0, \quad A_0, \quad m_1, \quad m_2, \quad m_3, \quad M_1, \quad M_{XY}, \quad \delta, \quad \tan\beta, \quad \text{sgn}(\mu).$$

where m_0, A_0, m_1, m_2, m_3, $\tan\beta$ and $\text{sgn}(\mu)$ are the soft parameters in the MSSM sector, and M_1 and M_{XY} are hidden sector mass parameters. We select ten benchmarks satisfying all the previous constraints and are displayed in the following Table

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(d)	125.6	3665	1907	2587	1314	1702	2817	0.047	0.065	0.112	0.43
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(f)	125.4	2763	2085	2773	1525	1903	2575	0.065	0.044	0.110	0.84
(g)	125.8	2900	2254	2737	1649	2005	3224	0.073	0.050	0.122	0.96
(h)	125.6	3513	3461	3519	1722	2102	3284	0.081	0.040	0.121	0.92
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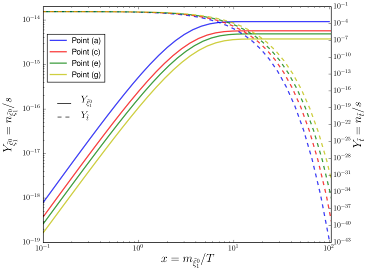

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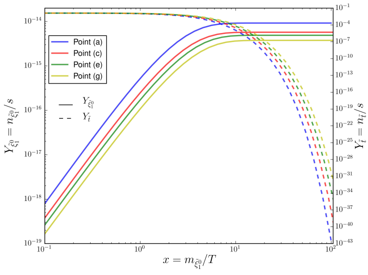

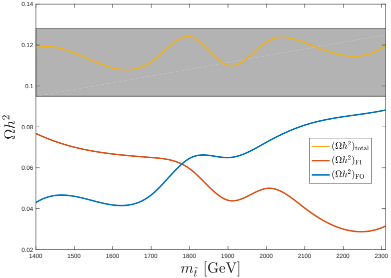

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Right panel: A plot of the relic density versus the stop mass for all benchmark models. The FI and FO contributions are shown along with their sum which lies inside the grey patch shows the allowed region of the relic density taking account theoretical uncertainties.

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- R-hadrons would interact with detector material and transform from mesons to baryons. This transition leads to charge flipping where an R-hadron can go from being electrically charged to neutral and vice-versa.
- On the average, almost half of the R-hadrons end up flipping sign [Hohansen, 2006] as they travel the detector length and will therefore, leave a track in the inner detector tracker (ID) and in the muon spectrometer (MS).
- Due to the charge flipping property, tracks may suddenly disappear or appear which is a feature used by experimental collaborations to look for R-hadrons.

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- In our analysis we focused on information from the tracker and we showed that half of the benchmarks corresponding to a stop in the mass range 1.4 TeV to 1.8 TeV can be discovered at HL-LHC while all the benchmarks are discoverable at HE-LHC. At HL-LHC, an integrated luminosity $\sim 230\,\text{fb}^{-1}$ is needed to discover a 1.4 TeV stop which is right around the corner once the LHC is back to collecting more data.

Conclusion

1. The SUSY WIMP is highly constrained by the combined results from LHC as well as from direct and indirect searches.
2. The ultraweak interactions generated freeze-in dark matter allow us to reconstruct the MSSM spectrum, and gives us more choices for the parameter space: more papers to come.
3. For example, we could have a long-lived stop with life time of order 0.1-1 sec as the LSP in the MSSM sector, which will have very distinct experimental signatures.
4. The real LSP is the dark neutralino from the hidden sector and is the dark matter candidate.

Thank You!