# Freeze-in Production of FIMP Dark Matter

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## Outline

• Introduction and Motivation

• Freeze-in production of FIMP dark matter

• Experimental Signatures of Freeze-in

• A Unified Theory of Matter Genesis

# Probing Dark Matter

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• Traditional Methods: Direct detection using operator of form  $\overline{\chi}\chi\overline{q}q$ 

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# Probing Dark Matter

**SM** Particles

Traditional Methods: Indirect detection

• Experiments: FERMI, PAMELA, HESS, ATIC hint towards an excess in positrons but no excess in anti-protons.

• Difficult to explain in standard dark matter scenarios...need to complicate models

 Excesses can be explained with astrophysics e.g. pulsars

 $P, \overline{P}, e^-, e^+, \gamma, \nu...$ 

**SM** Particles

# Probing Dark Matter

• Traditional Methods: Collider experiments



Large backgrounds, very messy

## Dark Matter Genesis - Standard Picture

#### • Freeze-out



 Dark Matter initially in thermal equilibrium





 Due to expansion, dark matter number density freezes-out when

 $\Gamma = n_{dm} \left< \sigma v \right> < H$ 

Note: Not large enough to explain FERMI/PAMELA etc...

See Kolb and Turner

 $\Omega h^2 \sim 0.1 \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} cm^3 s^{-1}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$ 

• Final abundance:

# Dark Matter Genesis – A New Picture Freeze-in

Highlights...

In collaboration with John March-Russell, Lawrence Hall and Karsten Jedamzik arXiv: 0911:112 [hep-ph] JHEP 1003:080,2010

New genesis mechanism – New DM candidates

Displaced vertices at LHC

Consequences for BBN

Boosts for indirect detection

New testable mechanism for Baryogenesis

Hall, March-Russell, SMW arXiv: 1010:0245 [hep-ph]

At the LHC and future colliders, precision measurements, EDMs

#### Freeze-in overview

Freeze-in is relevant for particles that are feebly coupled (Via renormalisable couplings) –  $\lambda$ Feebly Interacting Massive Particles (FIMPs) X

> Thermal Bath Temp  $T > M_X$

X is thermally decoupled and we assume initial abundance negligible

Although interactions are feeble they lead to some X production
Dominant production of X occurs at T ~ M<sub>X</sub> IR dominant
Increasing the interaction strength increases the yield opposite to Freeze-out...

#### Freeze-out vs Freeze-in

 $Y_{FO} \sim \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle M_{Pl} m'}$ 

Using  $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \lambda'^2/m'^2$ 



Freeze-in via 2-2 scattering, decays or inverse decays

Coupling strength  $\lambda$ *m* mass of heaviest particle in interaction

 $Y_{FI} \sim \lambda^2 \left(\frac{M_{Pl}}{m}\right)$ 

#### Freeze-in vs Freeze-out

• As T drops below mass of relevant particle, DM abundance is heading towards (freeze-in) or away from (freeze-out) thermal equilibrium



#### Freeze-in vs Freeze-out

• For a TeV scale mass particle we have the following picture.



## Example Toy Model

• FIMPs can be DM or can lead to an abundance of the Lightest Ordinary Supersymmetric Particle (LOSP)

• Consider FIMP X coupled to two bath fermions  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$ 

 $\left( \, L_Y \, = \, \lambda \, \psi_1 \psi_2 X \, 
ight)$  ullet Let  $\psi_1$  be the LOSP

• First case FIMP DM:  $m_{\psi_1} > m_X + m_{\psi_2}$ 



Using 
$$\Gamma_{\psi_1} \sim rac{\lambda^2 m_{\psi_1}}{8\pi} \Rightarrow$$

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 $\Omega_X h^2 \sim 10^{23} \lambda^2 \frac{m_X}{m_{\perp}}$  $m_{\prime}$ 

For  $\frac{m_X}{2} \sim 1$  need  $\lambda \sim 10^{-12}$  for correct DM abundance  $m_{1/21}$ Lifetime of LOSP is long – signals at LHC, BBN...

#### Toy Model continued...

• Second case LOSP (=LSP) DM:  $m_X > m_{\psi_1} + m_{\psi_2}$ 



$$\left[\Omega_X h^2 \sim 10^{24} \frac{\Gamma_X}{m_X} \sim 10^{23} \lambda^2\right]$$

Using  $\Gamma_X \sim \frac{\lambda^2 m_X}{8\pi}$ 

#### • BUT X is unstable...



Again for  $\frac{m_X}{m_{\psi_1}} \sim 1$  need  $\lambda \sim 10^{-12}$  for correct DM abundance • X lifetime can be long – implications for BBN, indirect DM detection Another source of boost factors

## Example Model II

Many applications and variations of the Freeze-in mechanism
Assume FIMP is lightest particle carrying some stabilising symmetry - FIMP is the DM

• Consider quartic coupling of FIMP with two bath scalars

 $\mathcal{L}_Q = \lambda X^2 B_1 B_2$ 

Assuming  $m_X \gg m_{B_1}, m_{B_2}$ 



 $\Omega h_X^2 \approx 10^{21} \lambda^2$ 

For correct DM abundance  $\Rightarrow \lambda \sim 10^{-11}$ 

NOTE: Abundance in this case is independent of the FIMP mass

#### FIMP miracle vs WIMP miracle

ullet WIMP miracle is that for  $m' \sim v \quad \lambda' \sim 1$ 

$$Y_{FO} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda'^2} \left(\frac{m'}{M_{Pl}}\right) \sim \frac{v}{M_{Pl}}$$

#### • FIMP miracle is that for $m \sim v \;\; \lambda \sim v/M_{Pl}$

$$Y_{FI} \sim \lambda^2 \left(\frac{M_{Pl}}{m}\right) \sim \frac{v}{M_{Pl}}$$

#### FIMP Candidates and generating tiny $\lambda$

 Any long lived particle that is coupled to the thermal bath with a feeble coupling – needs to be a SM gauge singlet

Hidden sector feebly coupled to MSSM

Moduli and Modulinos associated with SUSY breaking

$$m_{susy}^2(T) \phi^{\dagger} \phi = m_{susy}^2 \left(1 + \frac{T}{M}\right) \phi^{\dagger} \phi \qquad \lambda \sim \frac{m_{susy}}{M}$$

Dirac neutrino masses with SUSY – RH sneutrino FIMPs

• Others...Gravitino, RH neutrino...

#### Experimental Signatures

 Long lived LOSPs at the LHC: FIMPs frozen in by decay of LOSP - LOSP produced at LHC will be long lived could be electrically charged or even coloured

$$\tau_{\rm LOSP} = 7.7 \times 10^{-3} \sec\left(\frac{m_X}{100 \,{\rm GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{300 \,{\rm GeV}}{m_{\rm LOSP}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10^2}{g_*(m_{\rm LOSP})}\right)^{3/2}$$

 Signals for BBN: FIMPs or LOSPs decaying late could have implications for BBN

 Enhanced indirect and direct detection: Relic abundance and DM annihilation cross section no longer related.
 Freeze-in dominantly produces DM abundance annihilation cross section must be large – freeze-out abundance is small

# Can we do baryogenesis with this mechanism?

 Can we introduce CP and B-L violation in the decays that freeze-in our dark matter?



 We need CP – violation (and loop diagrams to interfere with the tree level diagrams) Can we do baryogenesis with this mechanism?

 We also need to violate B-L if we want to generate a baryon asymmetry (need B-L as the electroweak anomaly will remove an asymmetry generated in B+L)

Perfect example (for me at least), consider the following operators

 $L_i H_u$ ,  $L_i L_j \overline{E}_k$ ,  $L_i Q_j \overline{D}_k$ ,  $\overline{U}_i \overline{D}_j \overline{D}_k$ ,  $L_i H_d^{\dagger}$ 

Includes the usual operators forbidden by R-parity
Dress these with FIMP superfield – assign odd under R parity
Striking example is

Feeble Coupling  $\longrightarrow \lambda_i L_i H_u X$ 

• Through this operator get linked asymmetries between L and X • Overall we have a symmetry  $U(1)_{B-L+X}$ • Allows transfer of asymmetries into baryon number What do we get out of this? - Unified theory of Matter Genesis

Unifying dark matter (DM) genesis and baryogenesis
 \* DM is now a hidden sector field

• Linking the X (DM) asymmetry to B-L asymmetry we can hope to explain  $\Omega_{dm}/\Omega_b\sim 5$ 

 In fact we find calculable, linked asymmetries in baryon number and dark matter number produced by feeble interaction between SM and FIMP.

#### Back to Example Model

 $\Delta W = \lambda_i L_i H_u X$ 

• Renormalisable term  $\Rightarrow$  freeze-in yield is IR dominated

• Most interesting case is freeze-in via  $\tilde{\chi}^-$  and  $\tilde{\chi}^0$  decay



 Phases in the Higgsino-gaugino (i.e. neutralino/chargino sector) provide the CP-violation.

## Generating The Asymmetry

• Decays must violate CP, achieved by interference of 1-loop diagrams

$$\epsilon_a^- = \sum_k \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_a^- \to l_k^- \phi_X) - \Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_a^+ \to l_k^+ \phi_X^*)}{\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_a^- \to l_k^- \phi_X) + \Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_a^+ \to l_k^+ \phi_X^*)}$$

#### Asymmetry generated in L+X number



Phases in gaugino-higgsino sector provide CP-violation



## The form of the asymmetry

• Simple case where only one physical phase in gaugino-Higgsino sector – Put phase on gaugino mass  $M_2$ 

• Physical phase really is  $\phi_2 = \operatorname{Arg}[\mu M_2 Sin(2\beta)]$ 

Parametrically the asymmetry has the dependence

 $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \alpha_w \sin \phi_2$ 

where  $\epsilon_0 \sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-3}$  and depends on the details of the neutralino masses and mixing

 Size of the phase is restricted by EDMs (depending on mass spectrum of SUSY particles)

• Final asymmetry can in principle be in the range:

$$\epsilon \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-9}$$

(Can be smaller but lower limit comes from insisting two sectors do not equilibrate and that we get correct dark matter abundance)

#### DM and baryon abundances

 $\eta_X = \epsilon Y_X - -$ 

• Finally the relic abundance of dark matter

"a" labels the decaying particle

 $\rightarrow Y_X \propto \Gamma_a m_{pl}/m_a^2$ 

 Due to electro-weak anomaly an asymmetry generated in B-L gets transferred to a final asymmetry in B (and L)

 $\eta_B = c\eta_{B-L} = c\eta_X$ 

where *C* is a spectrum dependent number

• This gives



• We get a prediction for the mass of X, depends on spectrum of SUSY particles (i.e. on c ) but around 1.5 GeV

#### At the LHC...

• We have that

 $\Omega h_{dm}^2 \propto \epsilon \; \Gamma$ 

• As  $\epsilon \ll 1$  the size of the decay width must be larger than standard freeze-in

 $\bullet$  Assume LOSP is  $\,\chi_1^-$  , decay is  $\,\chi_1^- \to l^- \phi_X\,$  with length in this case

$$L \approx 10m \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\epsilon_a}{10^{-5}}\right) \left(\frac{m_X}{GeV}\right) \left(\frac{(10^2 GeV)^2}{m_{LOSP}m_a}\right) \left(\frac{g_a}{2}\right) \left(\frac{10^2}{g_*}\right)^{3/2}$$

• In realistic models we may expect  $\epsilon_a$  to be even smaller due to mixing angles  $\Rightarrow$  Can Expect decay lengths to be  $\sim 10cm$ 

• Very clean signal - will have two of these for every SUSY event.

Can use kinematics to deduce mass of X particle (to some degree)

#### Other Signals and complications

• There are a number of subtle details

- We freeze-in a large symmetric component of X DM

 → Need to annihilate away this symmetric part, therefore need a more complicated hidden sector
 → Implications for BBN

Another subtlety

The decaying particle cannot be the LOSP due to on-shell conditions

-Decay length at LHC still easily related to freeze-in yield

#### Conclusions and Outlook

• Freeze-in can provide attractive alternative to Freeze-out

 It is an IR dominated process and in simple scenarios relic abundance can be found analytically

Experimental implications of Freeze-in include: potentially spectacular signals at the LHC, signals at BBN and boosts factors for indirect DM detection

New baryogenesis mechanism that is potentially fully testable

 Even more spectacular, lepton number/baryon number violating decays at LHC

Phases involved potentially testable at edm experiments

# Back up slides....

# Summary of Scenarios



# Motivating Dark Matter



# Direct detection limits -Spin Independent



# Direct detection limits -Spin dependent



## Satisfying Sakharov's conditions

• B-L number is effectively broken due to Feeble interactions

CP-violation from CP-violating phases arising in visible sector
 \* See later

 Out of equilibrium condition for baryogenesis is provided by the different temperatures of the SM and FIMP sectors

\* final state X particles are out of equilibrium