High redshift 21 cm signal as a dark matter probe

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Outline:

1. How does DM deposit its energy into the IGM?

• MEDEA I, MEDEA II codes

2. How does DM affect the high-z IGM?

• Investigate DM trace on the high-z HI 21 cm and on the CMB



1. How does DM deposit its energy into the IGM?



MEDEA - Monte Carlo Energy DEposition Analysis

<u>MEDEAI - Monte Carlo Energy DEposition Analysis:</u> repeated random sampling of the relevant physical quantities and processes, i.e. *cross-sections and interaction probabilities* to follow the evolution of a fast electron up to 1 TeV (previous works did up to 10 keV – Shull 1979, Valdés & Ferrara 2008, Furlanetto 2010)





MEDEA I – electron energy deposition



MEDEA I results



Energy depositions isocontours

- f_h heating grows with x_e
- f_i , f_a , f_h present a "double peak", with very low values for 10 MeV... f_c absorbs ~ 80% of the energy!
- + $f_{\rm HE}^{},\,f_c^{}$ independent from $x_e^{}$ vary slow with z
- + f_{HE} dominant over 1 GeV



MEDEA II (Evoli, Valdes, Ferrara, Yoshida 2011)

Input	MEDEA1	MEDEA2
Primary e ⁻	\checkmark	\checkmark
Primary e ⁺	×	\checkmark
Primary γ	×	\checkmark
Single particle	\checkmark	\checkmark
Particle distribution	×	\checkmark
Energy range	$1~{\rm MeV} < E_{\rm in} < 1~{\rm TeV}$	$1 \; {\rm MeV} < E_{\rm in} < 1 \; {\rm TeV}$
Redshift range	10 < z < 50	10 < z < 1000

<u>MEDEA2</u> is an extension of the code to follow a distribution of electrons, positrons and photons rather than a single primary electron \rightarrow more applications.

Additional processes implemented in the code: **Compton*

**Pair production on atoms and photons* **Positron-electron annihilations*



Considered DM candidates



"That isn't dark matter, sir—you just forgot to take off the lens cap."

Heavy annihilating DM candidates

A number of recent observations has put stringent contrains on the nature of DM:



→ General consensus that a WIMP with mass 10 GeV $< m_{DM} < 1$ TeV that annihilates dominantly in leptonic channels is the strongest DM candidate



Heavy annihilating DM candidates

• We study three promising DM candidates:

- (i) a 10 GeV bino-like neutralino with a soft energy injection spectrum;
- (ii) a heavy 1 TeV DM candidate that annihilates into muons and gives a hard energy spectrum in agreement with Pamela and Fermi-LAT;
- (iii) an intermediate mass 200 GeV wino-like neutralino with a pairannihilation into W⁺W⁻ pairs.

* The distribution of photons, electrons and positrons generated by a DM pair annihilation event depends on the annihilation channel, cross section and on the particle mass.

* To be consistent we couple our code MEDEA2 to DarkSusy, a package for supersymmetric DM calculations which gives the input spectral energy distribution of eletrons positrons and photons for the DM candidate of choice



Dark Susy





Input spectra



DM annihilation spectra for electrons+positrons (left panel) and photons (right panel).



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Mean free paths



The inverse of the mean free paths of electrons, positrons and photons in the IGM. Electron interactions (solid): ionizations (red), excitations (blue), ee (green), Bremsstralungh (orange), IC (violet). Positron interactions (dashed): ionizations (red), excitations (blue), annihilations (green). Photon interactions (dot-dashed): photo-ionization (red), Compton (blue), pair-production (green). The dotted-black line shows the inverse of the Hubble radius at the considered redshift.



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The functional parameters fitting for $f_h(x_e, z)$ in the considered case of W^+W^- DM candidate.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} f_h(x_e,z) &=& 10^{A(z)}*(1-C(z)*(1-x_e^{B(z)}))\\ f_a(x_e,z) &=& 10^{A(z)}*(1-x^{B(z)})^{C(z)}\\ f_{ion,H}(x_e,z) &=& 10^{A(z)}*(1-x^{B(z)})^{C(z)}\\ f_{ion,He}(x_e,z) &=& 10^{A(z)}*(1-x^{B(z)})^{C(z)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A(z) &=& A_0 + A_1 * \log z + A_2 * (\log z)^2 \\ B(z) &=& B_0 + B_1 * \log z + B_2 * (\log z)^2 \\ C(z) &=& C_0 + C_1 * \log z + C_2 * (\log z)^2 \end{array}$$





Fractional depositions from DM annihilation of a 10 GeV $b\bar{b}$ DM candidate. Line colors as in Fig. 4.



Fractional deposition from DM annihilation of a 200 GeV W^+W^- DM candidate.



Fractional deposition from DM annihilation of a 1 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ DM candidate.

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2. How does DM affect the high-z IGM?





Smoking gun





Smoking gun





HI 21 cm hyperfine transition



- Visualization of the two energy states of the ground level of neutral hydrogen, in which the electron has its spin either parallel or anti-parallel to that of the proton.
- The parallel state has an energy higher by $\sim 5.9 \times 10^{-6} \,\text{eV}$, so a transition to the anti-parallel state results in the emission of a HI 21 cm photon



<u>HI 21 cm line</u>

HI 21 cm tomography: a powerful tool for future observations Emission/absorption of 21cm photons governed by the HI spin temperature T_s

$$\frac{n_1}{n_0} = 3\exp\left(-\frac{T_\star}{T_S}\right)$$

CMB radiation forces $T_{\rm s} \sim T_{\rm CMB}$ on a short timescale (~ 10⁴ yr). HI will not emit nor absorb

Two mechanisms can decouple T_s from T_{CMB} :

- Collisions (effective at z > 70 due to the higher mean gas density)
- Scattering by Ly α photons , Wouthuysen-Field (WF) process

$$T_S = \frac{T_{CMB} + y_{\alpha}T_k + y_cT_k}{1 + y_{\alpha} + y_c}$$



<u>HI 21 cm line – WF process</u>

F = total angularmomentum of the atom

 $\Delta F = 0, \pm 1 \setminus 0 \rightarrow 0$ (electric dipole selection rules)

An H atom in the singlet ground level that absorbs a Lyα photon and jumps to the 2p state is allowed to reemit the Lyα photon and end up in the triplet ground level





<u>HI 21 cm line – $\delta T_{\rm b}$ </u>

$$y_lpha = rac{P_{10}T_*}{A_{10}T_k}$$
 $y_c = rac{C_{10}T_*}{A_{10}T_k}$

- A_{10} : spontaneous decay rate of the hyperfine transition of hydrogen
- P_{10} : indirect de-excitation rate of the triplet via absorption of a Ly α photon = 4/27 the rate at which Ly α photons are scattered by HI
- C₁₀ : collisional de-excitation rate

Once T_s has been determined we can obtain the 21 cm radiation intensity which can be expressed by the differential brightness temperature between a neutral hydrogen patch and the CMB:

$$\delta T_b \simeq \frac{T_S - T_{CMB}}{1+z} \tau$$
$$\tau \simeq \frac{3c^3 h_p A_{10}}{32\pi k_B \nu_0^2 T_S H(z)} \mathcal{N}_{\rm HI}$$





- Both $T_{\rm s}$ and $T_{\rm k}$ track $T_{\rm CMB}\,{\rm down}$ to z ~ 300
- Collisions are efficient at coupling $T_{\rm s}$ and $T_{\rm k}$ down to z ~ 70
- At z < 70 radiative coupling to the CMB becomes dominant and $T_{\rm s}$ tracks $T_{\rm CMB}$

• The predicted 21cm absorption feature at the redshift window at 20 < z < 300 could be modified by decaying/annihilating DM



<u>DM energy input</u>

The rate of energy transfer per baryon to the IGM is:

$$\dot{E}_x(z) = \underbrace{f_{abs}(z)}_{\uparrow} \dot{n}_{\rm DM}(z) m_{\rm DM} c^2 (1 + B(z))$$

The decrease rate of the number of DM particles per baryon for annihilations is:

$$\dot{n}_{\rm DM}(z) \simeq \frac{1}{2} n_{\rm DM,0}^2 \,\mathcal{N}_{\rm b}(0) \,\langle \sigma \, v \rangle (1+z)^3$$

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IGM evolution

DM decays/annihilations affect the thermal and ionization history of the IGM

- We solve diff. eqs. describing redshift evolution of x_e , T_k , J_a
- Compute new values of δT_b



DM constrains from CMB



- Ionizations from DM increase the integrated Thomson optical depth and affect the CMB power spectra.
- We use CAMB (Code for Anisotropies in the Microwave Background – Lewis & Challinor)
 → Temperature-temperature (TT) and temperature-polarization (TE) CMB power spectra and τ calculation
- We can verify that results are consistent with WMAP7 and put limits on the annihilation cross section.



21cmFAST prescription for sources

Fiducial model (1 X-ray photon per stellar baryon)





HI 21 cm results

Extreme model



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HI 21 cm results

Fiducial model



DM signal gradient





Requirements for succesful high-z HI 21 cm detection:

- 1. A low frequency interferometer ($\nu \sim 10 240 \text{ MHz}$)
- 2. An exceptional sensitivity ($\delta T_b \sim mK$ on arcmin scales)
- 3. Big part of the effective aperture has to be on "short" distances (~ Km)

Technical challenges:

- 1. Radio interference (VHF band is "crowded")
- 2. High dinamic range (removal of brightest sources)
- 3. Foregrounds
- 4. Ionosphere variations
- 5. Enormous data flows (25 Tb/s)

21CMA, GMRT, LOFAR, MWA, SKA



LOFAR Radio Telescope



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<u>Summary</u>

Obs. constrains $\rightarrow DM_0$ • $f_i(x_e,z)$ +DarkSUSY + CAMB+MEDEA2 δT_{h} DM +21cmFAST recipe + Our 21cm code



<u>Conclusion</u>

- 1. MEDEA2 a strong tool for DM studies
- 2. HI 21 cm line a probe of DM
- 3. Including galaxies actually *increases* the DM signal
- A plateau in the signal gradient at frequencies v ~ 60-80
 MHz would be a clear indicator of a phase in which the IGM is heated mainly by DM annihilations.
- 5. Some degeneracy but ways to avoid it.
- 6. Next few years will be crucial for observations

