Dark Matter in the Solar System

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DM neutrinos from the Sun/Earth

- Galactic WIMPs pass and scatter of nuclei in the Sun & Earth.
- Some become gravitationally bound in the scatter, accumulate in the centers of the Sun/ Earth.
- WIMPs annihilate -> neutrinos -> IceCube.
- Simple enough?
- Galactic WIMPs passing the Earth are accelerated by the Sun to too high velocities for the Earth to be able to capture heavy WIMPs



The Solar System has planets

- Planetary interaction give gravitational slingshots, altering the WIMP velocity relative the Sun.
- Jupiter (mass: 318 Earth masses) does this quite efficiently.
- Throw out WIMPs which the Sun has captured.
- Throw in WIMPs from the Galactic halo.
- Generates WIMP population bound to the Solar System from which the Earth can capture WIMPs.





Liouville's theorem

- Liouville's theorem: Gravitational slingshot preserves phase space density. (Generally not true for WIMP-nucleon scatters.)
- Hence the WIMP population bound to the Solar System has same phase space density as the Galactic WIMP population.



- Gould 1991: WIMP capture rate can be calculated as if the Earth were alone in the Galaxy. (Liouville's theorem + efficient mixing)
- Things simple again?

Solar and Jupiter depletion

- Jupiter depletion (Peter 2009): All WIMPs captured by the Sun that reach Jupiter will be disturbed by Jupiter to not cross the Sun.
- Substantially reduces the Solar capture rate for heavy WIMPs (10 TeV) which scatter spin-dependently.
- Solar depletion (Lundberg & Edsjö 2004): WIMPs bound to the Solar System are efficiently thrown into the Sun by Solar System resonances.
- Reduces the Earth's capture rate by an order of magnitude for heavy WIMPs.



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- Turns out to be essentially the same!
- Can approximately use Liouville's theorem also for WIMPs captured through scatters on nuclei in the Sun!



What happens with Jupiter and Solar depletion?

- Jupiter depletion: Cancelled by Jupiter throwing bound WIMPs into the Sun.
- Solar depletion: Almost completely cancelled by Solar crossing WIMPs being gravitationally perturbed.
- Galactic WIMP phase space density depends on WIMP velocity.
- WIMP capture by the Sun/Earth can almost be treated as if the Sun/Earth were alone in the Galaxy.
- GOOD NEWS!



The End

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