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DM-what we don't know

- Mass of Dark Matter (range:10-22 to ~1057 eV)
- Composition of Dark Matter
- Interaction of Dark Matter

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- continuum with a mass gap is not so uncommon in condensed matter physics: e.g. edge state in fractional quantum hall effect, topological superfluid, 2D Ising model, 2d SU(2) Thirring model, 2d SU(N) Yang-Mills theory in large-N limit ,etc

CFT Continuum vs Gapped Continuum (IR deformation)



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Physics of Gapped Continuum DM

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- It's often stated that CFT's and theories with continuum spectra do not have a particle interpretation and no S-matrix can be defined: interactions leading to a non-trivial fixed point are also essential for producing the continuum spectrum of the theory
- by turning off the interactions, the spectrum changes from continuum into that of an ordinary free particle, hence the asymptotic states defined in the usual manner would not capture the physics of the system properly
- this means that one needs to find an alternative approach for defining scattering processes

Our theoretic description of gapped continuum: Generalized Free
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soft wall & continuum

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Quantum Gravity? String Theory (e.g. Gubser et al, Kraus, Trivedi et al, etc): gapped continuum shows up when one has a large number of D3 branes distributed on a disc (which is dual to N = 4 SUSY broken to N = 2 via masses for two chiral adjoints)

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- The strong suppression of direct detection signals (will show later) reopens the possibility of a Z-mediated dark sector again (and also other continuum version of WIMP models).

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Been searching for WIMPs...

The dominant paradigm is being challenged.

Is there another DM paradigm that gives qualitatively different signatures, but still provide the same level of simple, elegance and compelling explanation as WIMP?

Theory of Gapped Continuum DM

We develop a new formalism to deal with above questions and develop a realistic gapped continuum models to perform concrete DM phenomenology which would distinguish it from ordinary particle DM scenarios. Different areas for gapped continuum DM study for our project include:

Gapped Continuum QFT

Equilibrium and Non-equilibrium Thermodynamics

Freeze-out of DM (and also Freeze-in DM)

Gapped continuum DM from warped space model

Realistic model building of gapped continuum DM

Phenomenological study (both in terms of astrophysics/cosmology and collider)

Gapped Continuum Hilbert Space

- single-mode sector of the Hilbert space for continuum state consists of states $|p,\mu^2\rangle$ continuous parameter!

- Completeness relation (spectral density $\rho(\mu^2)$ as the density of states):

$$\int \frac{d\mu^2}{2\pi} \,\rho(\mu^2) \,\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{p},\mu^2}} \,|\mathbf{p},\mu^2\rangle \langle \mathbf{p},\mu^2| \,=\, 1.$$

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 $\hat{\mathbf{P}} |\mathbf{p}, \mu^2 \rangle = \mathbf{p} |\mathbf{p}, \mu^2 \rangle,$

The completeness relation can also be rewritten as

$$\int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \rho(p^2) |\mathbf{p}, \mu^2\rangle \langle \mathbf{p}, \mu^2 | = 1,$$

normalization (one particle state):

$$\langle \mathbf{p}', \mu'^2 | \mathbf{p}, \mu^2 \rangle = \frac{2E_{\mathbf{p}, \mu^2}}{\rho(\mu^2)} (2\pi)^4 \delta^3(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \,\delta(\mu^2 - \mu'^2) \qquad \qquad p_0 = E_{\mathbf{p}, \mu^2} = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + \mu^2}, \text{ and } p^2 = p_0^2 - \mathbf{p}^2$$

Gapped Continuum Hilbert Space

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$$\langle (\mathbf{p_1}, \mu_1^2), (\mathbf{p_1}, \mu_1^2) | \text{Texp}\left(-i \int dt H_I(t)\right) | \mathbf{k}_A, \mathbf{k}_B \rangle_{\text{SM}} \equiv (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(k_1 + k_2 - p_1 - p_2) \, i\mathcal{M}.$$

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3D Lorentz-invariant phase space (LIPS) volume element:

$$d\Pi^{\mu^2} = \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{p},\mu^2}}$$
Equilibrium Thermodynamics

- Consider a dilute, weakly-coupled gas made out of the singlemode Gapped Continuum states

define the dimensionless phase-space density $f(p,\mu^2)$:

$$N = V \int \frac{d\mu^2}{2\pi} \,\rho(\mu^2) \,\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \,f(\mathbf{p},\mu^2)$$

If interactions among particles in the gas are strong enough to maintain them in thermal and chemical equilibrium with each other:

occupation number:
$$f(\mathbf{p}, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E_{\mathbf{p}, \mu^2} - \lambda)} \pm 1} \approx e^{-\beta(E_{\mathbf{p}, \mu^2} - \lambda)}$$

- Free energy:
$$F = \frac{1}{\beta} V \int \frac{d\mu^2}{2\pi} \rho(\mu^2) \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln\left(1 - e^{-\beta E_{\mathbf{p},\mu^2}}\right)$$

$$u = \frac{1}{V} \left(\beta \frac{\partial F}{\partial \beta} |_{V} + F \right) = \int \frac{d\mu^{2}}{2\pi} \rho(\mu^{2}) \mathcal{U}(\mu^{2})$$
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Q is the kinetic energy of the collision in the center-of-mass frame

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with S. Ferrante & M. Perelstein

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with C. Csaki & A. Ismail



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