

# ELKO SPINOR AS DARK MATTER

specific signatures and constraints for the interacting model

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**Dark matter** has strong evidence due to gravitational effects such as

- Galaxy rotation curve
- gravitational lensing effects

**However,**

- No interaction with standard matter particles

Therefore, some **NON-Luminous** matter must be throughout the universe.

**According to cosmology 85% of the total mass of the universe is associated to dark matter.**

# General remarks

- Standard gravitational theory implies a decaying velocity outside the region with the major quantity of matter (Luminous) at  $R \approx 10,000$  light years. (Red line.)
- The observed curve must be explained by some non-luminous matter in the region  $> R$

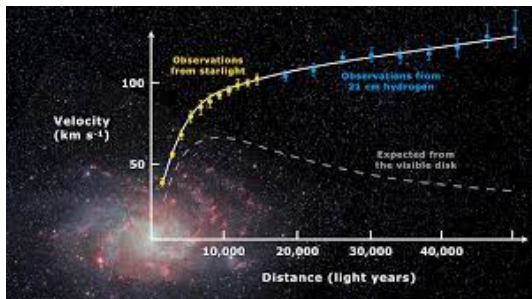


Figure: spiral galaxy Messier 33

**ELKO** spinor is defined as eigenspinors of charge conjugation operator. It transforms differently than Dirac ones under discrete symmetries  $C, P, T$ . They are candidates for a non-standard Wigner class.

**It has some important characteristics:**

- Mass dimension one
- Just obey KG equation
- Then, **cannot** enter the standard model doublets in a **renormalizable** manner
- It is also important to highlight the fact that ELKO spinors enter as CLASS 5 spinors in LOUNESTO classification, DIFFERENTLY FROM MAJORANA fermions. Another characteristic feature is the fact that they DO NOT HAVE A DEFINITE HELICITY, each quiral component has a different one.

# XENON-nT (noble gas)-Gran Sasso-Italy

- On the ground, low contamination, and  $v = 232\text{Km/s}$  with relation to DM approximately in rest in the center of the galaxy.
- Recognize scintillation due to nucleon recoil.
- Well known background. Searching for excess with statistical significance in terms of standard deviation.



# Experimental searches

However, there are recent searches for Dark matter in nucleon recoil LAB experiments

- Xenon-nT, Lux, zeplin, CDMS, etc (scintillation)
- **phonon mediated detections-2022**
- Cross section  $\sigma \sim 10^{-39} \text{cm}^2$
- LAB **WIMP Mass expected to be of order  $GeV$**  event rate peak 2206.06772
- Tritium contamination in XENON (2020): fake  $m \sim 2,3 \text{Kev}$  WIMP
- Estimate from ELKO and Galaxy rotation curve  $m \sim 0,1 \text{KeV}$

To be detected in LAB (ordinary matter devices.) there must be coupling involving an **INTERMEDIATE boson** and the ELKO and also one involving this boson and the nucleons



- **A coupling with photon would be fine** (It is possible to find an exotic RENORMALIZABLE one.)
- But how to keep the darkness property with such coupling?
- **We show that it leads to ZERO non-polarized Compton-like and pair annihilation squared amplitudes!**

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# Defining ELKO

Expressing the CHARGE CONJUGATION involutive operator as

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} K, \quad (1)$$

One can define the ELKO, its **EIGENSPINORS** given in a  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$   $(0, \frac{1}{2})$  representation (**INTRINSICALLY NEUTRAL**)

$$C^S(p) = +^S(p), \quad C^A(p) = -^A(p). \quad (2)$$

$$^S = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} +i \begin{bmatrix} (p) \end{bmatrix} \\ (p) \end{pmatrix}, \quad ^A = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} i \begin{bmatrix} (p) \end{bmatrix} \\ (p) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

with the right/left handed structures transforming as  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0) / (0, \frac{1}{2})$

$$(\sigma \hat{p})(k) = (k). \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma \hat{p} \begin{bmatrix} (p) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (p) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

# Defining ELKO

- Defining parity as  $P = m^{-1} \gamma^0$  and the time-reversal operator  $T = i \gamma_5 C$  yields

$$(CPT)^2 = 1, \text{ and } fC, Pg = 0 \quad (6)$$

- ELKO transform differently than Dirac: (Possible non-Standard Wigner Class)

$$P^{S/A}(p) = \gamma^0 / im^{S/A}(p) \quad (7)$$

$$T^{S/A}(p) = im^{S/A}(p) \quad (8)$$

- ELKO: general non-vanishing momenta by boost  
 $S^A(p) = D(L(p)) \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} S^A(p)$ .

Field expansion prescription:

$$f(x) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(2mE(\mathbf{p}))^{1-2}} \sum \left[ a(\mathbf{p}) \varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) e^{ip^\mu x_\mu} + b^y(\mathbf{p}) \chi(\mathbf{p}) e^{ip^\mu x_\mu} \right].$$

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# Rotationally covariant basis, Dual, spin sums (Nuclear Physics B, Vol. 987 (2023) 116092)

This basis overcomes a recent criticism, successfully implementing FULL ROTATION COVARIANCE (in a Wigner anti-linear setting.)

$$\varepsilon_1(p) = S_+(p), \quad \varepsilon_2(p) = S(p) \quad (10)$$

$$\varepsilon_3(p) = i A_+(p), \quad \varepsilon_4(p) = i A(p), \quad (11)$$

and the anti-self-conjugate one has

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1(p) &= A_+(p), & \chi_2(p) &= A(p) \\ \chi_3(p) &= i S_+(p), & \chi_4(p) &= i S(p). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

with both bases being defined in terms of the ELKO spinors.

The dual is defined as

$$\vec{\varepsilon}(p) = [P\varepsilon]^y(p)\gamma_0, \quad \vec{\chi}(p) = [P\chi]^y(p)\gamma_0, \quad (13)$$

with  $P = \frac{\not{p}}{m}$ .

# The Dual, spin sums

- Successfully implementing Well-defined expressions for products, spin sums, etc

$$\vec{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p})\varepsilon_0(\mathbf{p}) = m\delta_{00} = \vec{\chi}(\mathbf{p})\chi_0(\mathbf{p}), \quad (14)$$

with spin sums

$$\sum \varepsilon(\mathbf{p})\vec{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p}) = 2m\mathbb{1} = \sum \chi(\mathbf{p})\vec{\chi}(\mathbf{p}), \quad (15)$$

with completeness relation

$$\sum \left[ \varepsilon(\mathbf{p})\vec{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{p}) - \chi(\mathbf{p})\vec{\chi}(\mathbf{p}) \right] = 4m\mathbb{1}.$$

- ELKO do not obey Dirac, just Klein-Gordon equation

$$\gamma^\mu p_\mu \psi^S(\mathbf{p}) = im \psi^S(\mathbf{p}), \quad \gamma^\mu p_\mu \psi^A(\mathbf{p}) = im \psi^A(\mathbf{p}), \quad (16)$$

# Lagrangian and $Z$ conjugation

- The model has the following Lagrangian ensuring KG equation

$$L_{\text{FREE}}(x) = \partial \bar{f}(x) \partial f(x) - m^2 \bar{f}(x) f(x) \quad (17)$$

It is invariant under  $Z$  conjugation ([generalized Hermitian conjugation](#))

$L_{\text{FREE}} = L_{\text{FREE}}^Z$  defined as

$$\left[ S^A(\mathbf{p}) \right]^Z = i \left[ S^A(\mathbf{p}) \right]^Y. \quad (18)$$

- The interaction lagrangian couples directly with physical fields being immediately gauge invariant

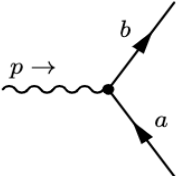
$$L = \frac{g}{2} i \bar{f} \sigma F f \quad (19)$$

With  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}[\gamma, \gamma]$



# Interaction part

## The interaction vertex



A Feynman diagram showing a vertex interaction. On the left, a wavy line representing a boson enters from the left, with an arrow labeled  $p \rightarrow$  pointing to the right. At the vertex, two fermion lines emerge: one labeled  $b$  pointing up and to the right, and another labeled  $a$  pointing down and to the right.

$$= igp \sigma_{ba} \quad (20)$$

The bosonic sector is composed of the Podolsky Lagrangian (No mixing gauge)

$$L_{\text{POD}} = \frac{1}{4} F F + \frac{1}{2M^2} \partial F \partial F + \frac{\lambda}{2} (a^2 + 1) (\partial A)^2 \quad (21)$$

Electron-positron scattering with 12 GeV .  $p_{\bar{s}}$  . 46.8 GeV yields the bound  $M \leq 370$  GeV.

- The amplitude for the Compton scattering reads

$$(\Gamma(k) = \gamma \not{k} \quad k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} ; \epsilon ; \epsilon = & \frac{g^2}{2m(s - m^2)} i \vec{\epsilon} (p^\dagger) \Gamma(k^\dagger) \Gamma(k) (k^\dagger) \epsilon^\dagger(k) \epsilon(p) + \\ & \frac{g^2}{2m(u - m^2)} i \vec{\epsilon} (p^\dagger) \Gamma(k) \Gamma(k^\dagger) (k^\dagger) \epsilon^\dagger(k) \epsilon(p). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Replacing the  $s$  channel by  $t$ ,  $\vec{\epsilon} (p^\dagger)$  by  $\vec{\chi} (p^\dagger)$  and with all external photons being conjugated, we obtain the amplitude for the DARK MATTER pair annihilation

# Compton and pair annihilation non-polarized process

- In both  $y$  and  $z$  prescription, the probability is proportional to

$$\sum_{\substack{; 0; ; 0 \\ ; 0; ; 0}} M_{; 0; ; 0} M^Z_{; 0; ; 0} \quad (23)$$

is proportional to a linear combination of the following terms

$$\text{Tr}[\Gamma(k)\Gamma(k^0)\Gamma(k^0)\Gamma(k)], \quad \text{Tr}[\Gamma(k^0)\Gamma(k)\Gamma(k^0)\Gamma(k)] \quad (24)$$

with both being proportional to  $(k \cdot k^0)(k^0 \cdot k) = 0$  In interacting case, the massive excitation becomes a Merlin mode, just contributing to internal lines.

- This is our definition of darkness

# Darkness survive full quantum corrections?

From the path integral **U(1) invariance**  $\delta A(x) = \partial \Lambda$ ,  $\delta f(x) = 0$   
(Neutral.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z = N \int \prod_{=0}^3 DA D\bar{f} Df & \\
 \exp \left[ i \int d^4x \right. & \\
 \frac{1}{4} F F + \frac{1}{2M^2} \partial F \partial F & \\
 + (\partial \bar{f} \partial f - m^2 \bar{f} f) + \frac{ig}{2} \bar{f} \sigma f (F) & \\
 \left. + \lambda \left( \frac{1}{M^2} + 1 \right) (\partial A)^2 + J A + \bar{T} f + \bar{f} T \right] , & \\
 & (25)
 \end{aligned}$$

one can obtain the Ward identity

$$K \frac{\delta^3 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{f}(p) \delta f(\check{p}) \delta A(k)} = 0 \quad (26)$$

# Darkness survive full quantum corrections?

The existence of the basis  $G_a = \{1, \gamma_4, \gamma_5, \gamma_4 \gamma_5, \sigma\}$  allows us to conclude (until 2-loops)

$$g\Gamma^{2\text{ LOOP}}(p, \check{p}, k = p - \check{p}) = gF(p, \check{p}, k = p - \check{p})\sigma \cdot k. \quad (27)$$

This, together with Schwinger-Dyson equations ensuring the ELKO propagator structure, may prove **Darkness prevalence radiative corrections until  $g^6$  order in cross-section.**

- It is valid until  $g^6$  even when considering 4-point 1PI contributions and complete vertexes to Compton. However, box-box products violate the property. That is why it is valid just until  $g^6$  and not  $g^8$ .

# Darkness survives full quantum corrections?

- One loop contributions to Compton scattering.

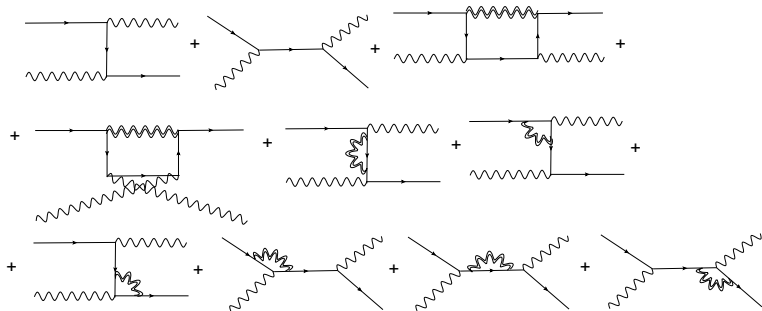


Figure: Compton radiative corrections.

# Nucleon Recoil Bounds

CONSIDERING...

- The effective low energy vertex for photon-proton interaction is

$$V = \frac{1}{m^0} \sigma \cdot p + \gamma \quad (28)$$

with  $m^0 = 1\text{GeV}$  denoting the proton mass.

- Using our machinery and the fact that the velocity  $232\text{Km/s}$  of the DM approaching the target made of protons
- The cross-section bound from LUX (for spin-dependent WIMP-proton interaction)  $\sigma = 10^{-39}\text{cm}^2$
- considering the very stringent limits, a WIMP with mass  $5\text{GeV}$  is our focus. Namely,  $(2206.06772)$  leads to an event rate peak at a possible WIMP with

$$M = 5\text{GeV} \quad (29)$$

WE CAN CALCULATE THE CROSS-SECTION  $f + p \rightarrow f + p$  (natural units.)

$$g = 10^{-5} \quad (30)$$