

Dark Matter Sommerfeld-enhanced annihilation and bound-state decay at finite temperature

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Non-relativistic Positronium annihilation

• Bound-state decay [J. Wheeler 1946]:

 $\Gamma_n = 4(\sigma v)_0 \times |\psi_n(r=0)|^2$

• Sommerfeld-enhanced annihilation [A. Sakharov 1948]:

$$(\sigma v) = (\sigma v)_0 \times |\psi(r=0)|^2$$

 $\propto (\sigma v)_0 (\alpha/v_{\rm rel}), \text{ for } v_{\rm rel} \lesssim \alpha$



Motivation

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(title of [H. Fukuda *et al.* '19])





Ex.: Wino, co-annihilation of colored charged particles, Higgs mediated bound states, hidden charged dark sectors, SIDM with light mediators, ...

[J. Hisano *et al.* '07, ...] [J. Feng *et al.* '09, Harling&Petraki '14, ..., Harz&Petraki '19]

- ⇒ Effects generically allow for **larger DM masses**.
- \Rightarrow **Evading detection** at, e.g., the LHC.
- ⇒ Eventually consulting construction of future colliders.

Literature and methods

Decompose problem into two questions:

1) Effective in-medium potential?

System similar to heavy quarkonium decay in QGP.

- ⇒ Equilibrium 4-Polyakov loop (Wilson lines) method [M. Laine et al. '07]
- 2) DM number density equation (What is the "BE" to use?)

Langevin equation: $\dot{\delta n} = -\Gamma_{
m chem} \delta n(t) + \xi(t)$ [Bödeker&Laine '12]

Our approach: <u>Non-equilibrium QFT ⇒ In-medium effects + full dynamics</u>



In some limits, previous literature results should be (are) recovered.





- $\mathcal{L} \supset g_{\chi} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi A_{\mu} + g_{\psi} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi A_{\mu}$
- Non-relativistic effective action on CTP-contour

$$S_{\mathrm{NR}}[\eta,\xi] = \int_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \eta^{\dagger} \left[i\partial_t + \frac{\Delta}{2M} \right] \eta + \xi^{\dagger} \left[i\partial_t - \frac{\Delta}{2M} \right] \xi + \int_{x,y \in \mathcal{C}} i \frac{g_{\chi}^2}{2} \underbrace{J(x)D(x,y)J(y)}_{\text{"potential scattering"}} + i \underbrace{O^{\dagger}(x)\Gamma(x,y)O(y)}_{\text{"annihilation"}},$$

- Separation of short- and long-range contributions, $J \equiv \eta^{\dagger} \eta + \xi^{\dagger} \xi, O \equiv \xi^{\dagger} \eta$
- Electric correlator: $D(x,y) \equiv \langle T_{\mathcal{C}}A_0(x)A_0(y) \rangle$

$$\psi = \psi + \psi$$



II <u>Number density equation from EoM of two-point function</u>

$$\dot{n}_{\eta} + 3Hn_{\eta} = -2(\sigma v)_0 \left[G_{\eta\xi}^{++--}(x, x, x, x) - G_{\eta\xi}^{++--}(x, x, x, x) \Big|_{eq} \right]$$

$$n_{\eta}(x) \equiv \langle \eta^{\dagger}(x)\eta(x) \rangle, \ G_{\eta\xi}(x,y,z,w) \equiv \langle T_{\mathcal{C}}\eta(x)\xi^{\dagger}(y)\xi(w)\eta^{\dagger}(z) \rangle$$

- Exact result! "Only" have to compute a 4-point function.
- Truncation of Martin-Schwinger hierarchy introduces approximations.
- To lowest order:

 $2G_{\eta\xi}^{++--}(x, x, x, x) \simeq n_{\eta}n_{\xi}$ $\longrightarrow Lee-Weinberg equation$

• For bound states to occur, need non-perturbative solution



III <u>Resummation and effective potential</u>



$$\left[\frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2}{M} + E + i\epsilon - V_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}, T)\right] G^R_{\eta\xi}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E) = 2i\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

In static limit and Hard-Thermal-Loop approximation:

$$V_{\rm eff}(\mathbf{r},T) \equiv -ig_{\chi}^2 \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} (1-e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{r}}) D^{++}(0,\mathbf{p}) = -\alpha_{\chi} m_D - \frac{\alpha_{\chi}}{r} e^{-m_D r} - i\alpha_{\chi} T \phi(m_D r)$$

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Interpretation of thermal width:

 $\psi \psi$

CONSISTENT with [M. Laine et al. '07]

Soft bath particle scattering aka "Landau damping"

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IV Kubo-Martin-Schwinger relation and two-particle spectral function

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• Treat annihilation as perturbation

• Assume grand canonical state $\rho \propto e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu_\eta \hat{N}_\eta - \mu_\xi \hat{N}_\xi)}$ to relate:

$$G_{\eta\xi}^{++--}(x,x,x,x) = e^{-2\beta(M-\mu)} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\mathbf{P}}{(2\pi)^{3}} e^{-\beta\mathbf{P}^{2}/(4M)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{(2\pi)} e^{-\beta E} G_{\eta\xi}^{\rho}(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{0};E).$$

 $G^{\rho}_{\eta\xi} = 2\Im[iG^R]$

• Positive and negative energy (bound state) solutions included.



Consistency check

$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = -2(\sigma v)_0 G_{\eta\xi}^{++--}(x, x, x, x) \Big|_{eq} \left[e^{\beta 2\mu} - 1 \right],$$

$$G_{\eta\xi}^{++--} \Big|_{eq} = e^{-2\beta M} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{P}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-\beta \mathbf{P}^2/(4M)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{(2\pi)} e^{-\beta E} G_{\eta\xi}^{\rho}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}; E).$$

$$V_{\mathrm{eff}}(r, T) = 0$$

Free spectral function:

Ideal dilute gas:

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$$G^{\rho}_{\eta\xi} \propto \theta(E) E^{1/2}$$

$$n = n_s^{\text{eq}} e^{\beta \mu}$$
$$\Rightarrow \beta \mu = \ln[n/n_s^{\text{eq}}]$$

$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = -(\sigma v)_0 \left[n^2 - (n_s^{eq})^2 \right]$$

$$Lee-Weinberg \ equation \checkmark$$



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 $\lim_{T \to 0} V_{\text{eff}}(r, T)$

Coulomb potential, M=5TeV, α_{χ} =0.1, T=M/30





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Spectral function:

Chemical potential:

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$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma v)_0 G^{\rho}_{\eta\xi}(E)|_{E>0} \propto E^{1/2} (\sigma v)_0 |\psi(0)|^2 & n = n_s^{\mathrm{eq}} e^{\beta\mu} + \sum_i n_i^{\mathrm{eq}} e^{2\beta\mu} \\ (\sigma v)_0 G^{\rho}_{\eta\xi}(E)|_{E<0} \propto \sum_n \delta(E-E_n) \Gamma_n & \Rightarrow \beta\mu = \ln[\alpha n/n_s^{\mathrm{eq}}] \\ \dot{n} + 3Hn = -\left(\left\langle (\sigma v)_0 S \right\rangle + \sum_i \Gamma_i \frac{n_i^{\mathrm{eq}}}{(n_s^{\mathrm{eq}})^2} \right) \left[(\alpha n)^2 - (n_s^{\mathrm{eq}})^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

BEs in (Saha) ionization equilibrium \checkmark



Finite temperature corrections

$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = -2(\sigma v)_0 G_{\eta\xi}^{++--}(x, x, x, x) \Big|_{eq} \left[e^{\beta 2\mu} - 1 \right],$$
$$G_{\eta\xi}^{++--} \Big|_{eq} = e^{-2\beta M} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{P}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-\beta \mathbf{P}^2/(4M)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{(2\pi)} e^{-\beta E} G_{\eta\xi}^{\rho}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}; E).$$

full $V_{\text{eff}}(r,T)$



 \Rightarrow Thermal width can exceed binding energy

 \Rightarrow Spectrum is continuous (can not distinguish bound from scattering state)

 \Rightarrow Melting of ground-state pole at the time of DM freeze-out possible!

 \Rightarrow Rate is exponentially sensitive to changes in spectral function.

Heavy quarkonium annihilation/decay in QGP



• Sequential melting of [Y(1S), Y(2S), Y(3S)] in QGP observed.



Summary

- Analytically derived new number density equation, accounting for finite temperature corrections to Sommerfeld-enhanced annihilation and bound-state decay.
- Contributed to set a theoretical basis for quantifying the impact of finite temperature corrections in a self-consistent approach.
- Finite temperature corrections arise in spectral function and chemical potential.
- Clear understanding of the limitation (e.g. ionization equilibrium).
- More theoretical developments required to obtain full picture.
- Non-equilibrium QFT promising approach.



Backup: BEs and ionization equilibrium

$$\dot{n}_{s} + 3Hn_{s} = -\langle (\sigma v)_{an} \rangle \left[n_{s}^{2} - (n_{s}^{eq})^{2} \right] - \sum_{i} \langle (\sigma v)_{i} \rangle \left[n_{s}^{2} - n_{i} K_{i}^{-1} \right], \qquad K_{i} \equiv n_{i}^{eq} / (n_{s}^{eq})^{2} \dot{n}_{i} + 3Hn_{i} = -\Gamma_{i} \left[n_{i} - n_{i}^{eq} \right] + \langle (\sigma v)_{i} \rangle \left[n_{s}^{2} - n_{i} K_{i}^{-1} \right] - \sum_{j} \Gamma_{i \to j} \left[n_{i} - n_{j} R_{ij} \right] \qquad R_{ij} \equiv n_{i}^{eq} / n_{j}^{eq}$$

Ionization equilibrium:

$$\left[\left(\frac{n_s}{n_s^{\rm eq}}\right)^2 = \frac{n_i}{n_i^{\rm eq}}, \ \forall i \ \Rightarrow 2\mu \equiv 2\mu_s = \mu_i \ \forall i$$



Different approaches

Dynamical formulation exists for the *linear regime close to chemical eq*.
 [Bödeker&Laine '12]

matching Γ_{chem} $\dot{\delta n} = -\Gamma_{\text{chem}} \delta n(t) + \xi(t)$ (Langevin equation) Γ_{chem} be related to spectral function (previous slide) $\dot{n} + 3Hn = -\Gamma_{\text{chem}}(n - n_{\text{eq}}) + \mathcal{O}([n - n_{\text{eq}}]^2)$ (linearized BE) $\dot{n} + 3Hn = -\frac{\Gamma_{\text{chem}}}{2n_{\text{eq}}}(n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2)$ (quadratic BE)

• To check, we need a derivation from **non-equilibrium quantum field theory** (this work)



Summary consistency checks

$$\begin{split} \dot{n} + 3Hn &= -2(\sigma v)_0 G_4^{++--} \big|_{eq.} \left[\left(\alpha n/n_{s,0}^{eq} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \\ \underbrace{V_{eff}(r,T) = 0}_{Lee-Weinberg \ equation \ \checkmark} \\ \dot{n} + 3Hn &= -(\sigma v)_0 [n^2 - n_{eq}^2]_{Lee-Weinberg \ equation \ \checkmark} \\ \frac{\lim_{T \to 0} V_{eff}(r,T)}{n + 3Hn} = -\left(\left\langle (\sigma v)_0 S \right\rangle + \sum_i \Gamma_i R_i \right) [(\alpha n)^2 - (n_s^{eq})^2]_{BEs \ in \ ionization \ equilibrium \ \checkmark} \\ \frac{\operatorname{full} V_{eff}(r,T)}{n \sim n_{eq}} \quad \dot{n} + 3Hn = -\Gamma_{chem}[n - n_{eq}]_{consistent \ with \ Langevin \ approach \ in \ linear \ regime \ close \ to \ chem. \ equil. \ \checkmark} \end{split}$$



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