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Brief History

Symmetry is a joint publication of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. Symmetry receives funding through the US Department of Energy. It serves particle physics related information from 2004 onwards.

Scope and Coverage

This digest is designed to serve as central resource for information about particle physics, including press releases, articles, news, event listings and images. This is the only resource one needs to stay in touch with particle physics. This is the place where people can go to know what is happening, especially when they want to check out news coverage of particle physics from around the world.

Kind of Information

The particle physics Digest provides particle physics related articles, news, event listings and images. In this tool articles are available with its title, author name (posted by), date of publication and short description. Also articles are present with a theme photographs. Sometimes hyperlinked terms are available for more information. An example is given below.

A speed trap for dark matter

01/19/16

By Manuel Gnida

Analyzing the motion of X-ray sources could help researchers identify dark matter signals.



Dark matter or not dark matter? That is the question when it comes to the origin of intriguing X-ray signals scientists have found coming from space.

In a theory paper published today in *Physical Review Letters*, scientists have suggested a surprisingly simple way of finding the answer: by setting up a speed trap for the enigmatic particles.

Eighty-five percent of all matter in the universe is dark: It doesn't emit light, nor does it interact much with regular matter other than through gravity.

The nature of dark matter remains one of the biggest mysteries of modern physics. Most researchers believe that the invisible substance is made of fundamental particles, but so far they've evaded detection. One way scientists hope to prove their particle assumption is by searching the sky for energetic light that would emerge when dark matter particles decayed or annihilated each other in space.

Over the past couple of years, several groups analyzing data from two X-ray satellites—the European Space Agency's XMM-Newton and NASA's Chandra X-ray space observatories—reported the detection of faint X-rays with a well-defined energy of 3500 electronvolts (3.5 keV). The signal emanated from the center of the Milky Way; its nearest neighbor galaxy, Andromeda; and a number of galaxy clusters.

Some scientists believe it might be a telltale sign of decaying dark matter particles called sterile neutrinos—hypothetical heavier siblings of the known neutrinos produced in fusion reactions in the sun, radioactive decays and other nuclear processes. However, other researchers argue that there could be more mundane astrophysical origins such as hot gases.

There might be a straightforward way of distinguishing between the two possibilities, suggest researchers from Ohio State University and the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, a joint institute of Stanford University and the US Department of Energy's SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory.

It involves taking a closer look at the Doppler shifts of the X-ray signal. The Doppler effect is the shift of a signal to higher or lower frequencies depending on the relative velocity between the signal source and its observer. It's used, for instance, in roadside speed traps by the police, but it could also help astrophysicists "catch" dark matter particles.

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11/17/16
Q&A: What more can we learn about the Higgs?
Four physicists discuss Higgs boson research since the discovery.

08/04/16
Higgs boson resurfaces in LHC data
The Higgs appeared in the second run of the LHC about twice as fast as it did in the first.

06/23/16
The Higgs-shaped elephant in the room
Higgs bosons should mass-produce bottom quarks. So why is it so hard to see it happening?

05/12/16
Where does mass come from?
The Higgs field gives mass to elementary particles, but most of our mass comes from somewhere else.

09/15/15
Where the Higgs belongs
The Higgs doesn't quite fit in with the other particles of the Standard Model of particle physics.

09/01/15
Combined results find Higgs still standard
The CMS and ATLAS experiments combined forces to more precisely

07/30/15
One Higgs is the loneliest number
Physicists discovered one type of Higgs boson in 2012. Now they're looking for more.

03/18/15
Inside the CERN Control Centre
Take a tour of one of the most important rooms at CERN.

Remarks

Hear the latest news, meet the people behind the science, and get the background information you need to gain fluency in the language of particle physics.

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