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# Dark matter searches by means of the GAMMA-400 gamma-ray telescope.

# DM was discovered ≈ 90 years ago, but its physical nature still remains puzzling..



DM appears and organizes structures on all scales from dwarf galaxies to galaxy clusters.



#### **Big variety of candidates on the role of DM**



#### The key DM search strategies







Phototubes

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Anode

Cathode

Phototubes

Grid

### Indirect searches: gamma-ray band is the most promising



### Search for the narrow spectral lines due to DM annihilation or decay in the Galactic center



plan We to observe the Galactic center during 2-4 years continuously. The DM signal will be searched inside the disk with 10°-15° radius around GC, which is optimal the region of interest for the DM steep density profiles like Einasto.

#### Search for the narrow spectral lines due to DM annihilation or decay in the Galactic center – basic equations

Annihilation:  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ . Decay:  $\chi \rightarrow \gamma\nu$ , or  $\chi \rightarrow \gamma Z$ ,  $\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ .

 $n = n_b + n_{sig} + n_s$  - the observed number of photons inside the relevant energy bin.  $\mu = \mu_b + \mu_{sig} + n_s$  - the average anticipated number of photons in the bin.

$$L\left(\mu_{sig}\left(\frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\gamma\gamma}}{\tau_{\gamma\nu}}, m_{\chi}\right), n_{s}|n, \mu_{b}\right) \propto P_{s}(n_{s}, \mu_{b}) \times P(\mu|n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{s}}} \exp\left(-\frac{n_{s}^{2}}{2\sigma_{s}^{2}}\right) \times \frac{\mu^{n}}{n!} e^{-\mu}$$

- the likelihood function

$$\mu_b(m_{\chi}) = \int_{m_{\chi}-k(m_{\chi})\sigma_E(m_{\chi})}^{m_{\chi}+k(m_{\chi})\sigma_E(m_{\chi})} dE' \int dE f_b(E) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_E(E)} \exp\left(-\frac{(E-E')^2}{2\sigma_E^2(E)}\right) \varepsilon(E)$$

- the mean number of background photons (annihilation case) from the diffuse Galactic emission (gas), isotropic (extragalactic) emission and point sources.

#### GAMMA-400 sensitivity to DM diphoton annihilation cross section



### The sensitivity gains by GAMMA-400 with respect to Fermi-LAT in the case of optimistic systematics

	2 years of obs. by GAMMA-400 alone	Joint: 2 years by GAMMA-400 + 12 years by Fermi-LAT	Joint: 4 years by GAMMA-400 + 12 years by Fermi-LAT
Annihilation case	1.1-2.1	1.6-2.3	2.0-2.4
<b>Decay case</b> (less gains due to limited sky coverage)			1.1-2.6

#### **Axionlike particle (ALP) searches**



## ALP searches by observations of a nearby supernova and bright pulsars

$$\frac{dN_a}{dE} = C_a \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{\text{GeV}^{-1}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{E}{E_a}\right)^{\beta_a} \exp\left(-\frac{(\beta_a+1)E}{E_a}\right) - \text{hypothesized ALP luminosity of supernova,} \\ \text{peaks at 60-70 MeV, lasts ~10s.}$$

$$P_{a\leftrightarrow\gamma}(E,m_a,g_{a\gamma},\vec{r}_{SN}) = \frac{1}{1+(E_c/E)^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}B_{\perp}d}{2}\sqrt{1+\left(\frac{E_c}{E}\right)^2}\right), \quad \text{ALP-photon conversion} \text{ probability in the uniform} \\ E_c \simeq 2.5 \frac{|m_a^2 - \omega_{pl}^2|}{\mathrm{neV}^2} \left(\frac{\mu\mathrm{G}}{B_{\perp}}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-11} \mathrm{~GeV}^{-1}}{g_{a\gamma}}\right) \mathrm{~GeV}$$

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However, the SN explosion in Milky Way or M 31 is indeed a rare event - the chance to catch it by GAMMA-400 is  $\approx$  10%. But pulsars are indeed available.





### Conclusions

- GAMMA-400 is expected to bring a significant contribution in the field of DM indirect searches particularly along the following directions.
- The deep pointed observations of the Galactic center and joint data analysis from both telescopes (GAMMA-400 + Fermi-LAT) may yield the sensitivity gain by factor of  $\approx 2$  to the diphoton annihilation cross section for the wide range of DM particle masses 0.2-500 GeV in the optimistic case scenario.
- A lucky event of an observation of the Galactic supernova explosion (e.g. Betelgeuse) will be a VERY sensitive probe for ALP parameters: the ALP-photon coupling constant values down to  $g_{av} \approx 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  for  $m_a \leq 1 \text{ neV}$  can be tested.
- Observations of the bright Galactic pulsars will confirm or refute the ALP signal hint identified in the Fermi-LAT data with  $g_{av} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  and  $m_a \approx 4 \text{ neV}$ .
- Other targets are possible: annihilating WIMPs in globular clusters and dwarf MW satellites, ALPs in NGC 1275 and others.
- More details can be seen in our paper <u>*ArXiv:2005.09032*</u> (accepted for publication in JCAP).
- Project website <u>http://gamma400.lebedev.ru/</u>