

RelExt: A New Tool for Searching Dark Matter Parameter Spaces

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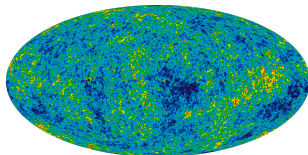


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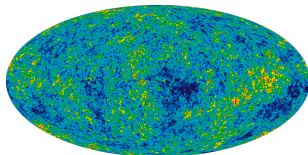


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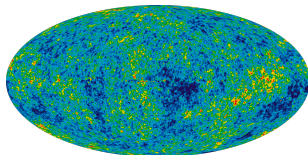


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Observed DM Relic Density

From the experimental data of the PLANCK experiment we obtain the DM relic density

$$\Omega_{\text{exp}} h^2 = 0.1200 \pm 0.0012$$

$$\text{with } h^2 = \frac{H^2}{(100 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sMpc}})^2}.$$

- Several tools exist for relic density calculations, e.g.:
 - MicrOMEGAs [Belanger et al., 2002], [Belanger et al., 2002], [Belanger et al., 2002] ,
DarkSUSY [Bringmann et al., 2018] , MadDM [Backovic et al., 2014],[Backovic et al.,
2015],[Ambrogi et al., 2019] , SuperIso Relic [Arby et al., 2019]



RelExt



- **Efficiently scans** parameter spaces to identify compatible relic density values.
- Computes relic density for freeze-out (co-)annihilation processes.
- Automatically generates:
 - (Co-)annihilation amplitudes
 - Thermally averaged cross sections
 - Total decay widths for s-channel mediators
- Supports multiple pre-installed and user-defined models with a discrete **Z_2 symmetry** (requires FeynRules model files).
- Compatible with other tools:
 - **ScannerS** [Azevedo et al., 2018] : checks all relevant theoretical and experimental constraints
 - **BSMPTv3** [Basler et al., 2019],[Basler et al., 2021],[Basler et al., 2024]: phase history and possible gravitational wave signals

- Monte Carlo Grid Search (MCGS)
 - Majority of points of the initial run do not fulfill relic density constraint
 - + Fast generation of points
 - + Gets better for each run
- Single Parameter Search (SPS)
 - Adjustment of only one parameter of the model
 - + Fast generation of points which fulfill the relic density constraints
 - + Easy way to investigate the impact of parameters on the relic density
- Multi Parameter Search (MPS)
 - Slow computation
 - + Multiple parameters of the models are simultaneously adjusted



Example

CP in the Dark (CPVDM) [Azevedo et al., 2018]



- Scalar sector: two complex scalar doublets Φ_1 , Φ_2 and one real scalar singlet Φ_s
- Imposing a discrete $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry to the Lagrangian

$$\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Phi_1, \quad \Phi_2 \rightarrow -\Phi_2, \quad \Phi_s \rightarrow -\Phi_s$$

- The scalar potential is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{Scalar}} = & m_{11}^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 + m_{22}^2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 \\ & + \lambda_3 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 + \lambda_4 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left[(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} m_s^2 \Phi_s^2 + \frac{\lambda_6}{8} \Phi_s^4 + \frac{\lambda_7}{2} \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 \Phi_s^2 + \frac{\lambda_8}{2} \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 \Phi_s^2 \\ & + (A \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \Phi_s + \text{h.c.}), \quad \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \ (i \in [1, 8]), \ A \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

Scalar Fields of CPVDM



After electroweak symmetry breaking, the scalar fields are parametrized as

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} G^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h + iG^0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\rho_1 + i\eta) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_s = \rho_s,$$

in terms of the SM-like Higgs boson h , the CP-even and CP-odd fields, ρ_i ($i \in \{1, s\}$) and η , respectively, the charged and neutral Goldstone bosons G^+ and G^0 , and the charged field H^+ .

Scalar fields of CPVDM



Dark sector mass eigenstates $h_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ are obtained by orthogonal rotation matrix R which is parametrized by the angles $\alpha_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \eta \\ \rho_s \end{pmatrix},$$

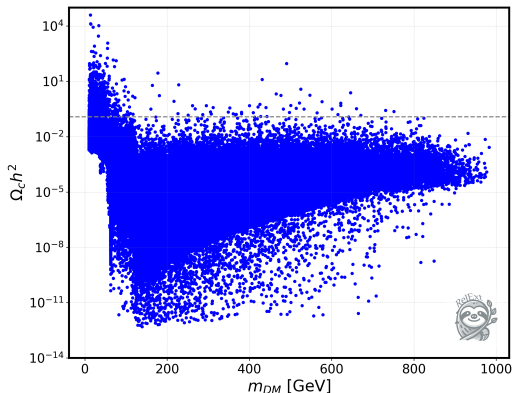
where $m_{h_1} \leq m_{h_2} \leq m_{h_3}$. The input parameter are then given by

$$m_{h_1}, \quad m_{h_2}, \quad m_{H^+}, \quad \alpha_1, \quad \alpha_2, \quad \alpha_3, \quad \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_6, \quad \lambda_8, \quad m_{22}, \quad m_s.$$

Monte Carlo Grid Search (MCGS) - Run 1



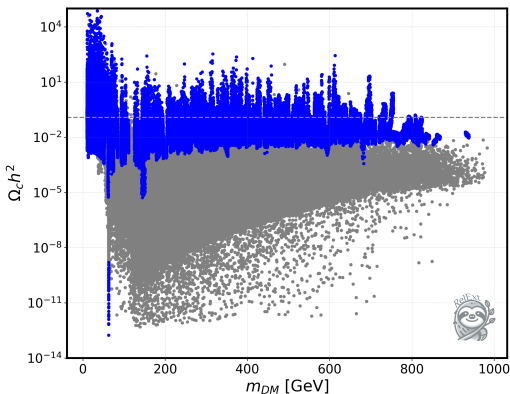
- Blue points: $2 \cdot 10^5$ Points obtained by MCGS
- Gray dashed line: observed relic density $\Omega_{\text{exp}} h^2 = 0.12$



Monte Carlo Grid Search (MCGS) - Run 2



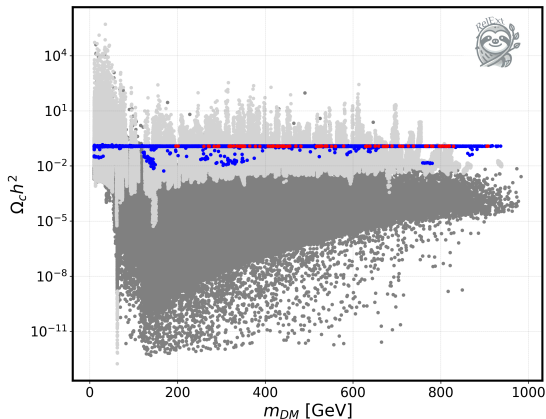
- Gray points: points from previous run
- Blue points: Second MCGS from the best cells of previous run



Multi Parameter Search (MPS)



- Blue points: MCGS and MPS
- Red Points: Points validated against all relevant constraints via **Scanners**



Computation Time



- Fraction within 2σ relic density limit (middle), points within the limit per CPU time (right)
- Compared Methods: MCGS (random points), MCGS (best cells), MCGS(improved Grid) + MPS
- Computational setup: 4 cores on an AMD EPYC 7351 (1.2-2.4 GHz) and 1 GB RAM

Method	% within 2σ	[good points]/[CPU time]
MCGS (random points), $m_{\text{DM}} > m_h$	0.0%	$\sim 0 \text{ s}^{-1}$
MCGS (random points), $m_{\text{DM}} < m_h$	0.027%	$\sim 0.0012 \text{ s}^{-1}$
MCGS (best cells), $m_{\text{DM}} > m_h$	0.29%	$\sim 0.0178 \text{ s}^{-1}$
MCGS (best cells), $m_{\text{DM}} < m_h$	3.66%	$\sim 0.135 \text{ s}^{-1}$
MCGS (best cells) + MPS, $m_{\text{DM}} > m_h$	97.5%	$\sim 0.065 \text{ s}^{-1}$
MCGS (best cells) + MPS, $m_{\text{DM}} < m_h$	97.3%	$\sim 0.085 \text{ s}^{-1}$



Download

Download and Installation



Download: <https://github.com/jplotnikov99/RelExt>

Requirements:

at least CMake 3.22

at least GNU Make 4.3

at least C++ 11.4.0

For own model implementation you need also:

at least Mathematica 12.00

FeynRules [Alloul et al. 2014]

FeynCalc [Mertig et al. 1991] / FeynArts [Hahn 2001]

Installation via the terminal in the RelExt directory:

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1.: mkdir build && cd build
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2.: cmake .. && make
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Conclusions and Outlook

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- A new tool developed for efficient DM parameter searches
- Automated relic density computation for DM models featuring a discrete $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry based on $2 \rightarrow 2$ (co-)annihilation processes
- Efficient scanning methods to search for parameter configurations that fulfill the DM relic density.
- Can be interfaced with tools like ScannerS and BSMPT
- Next steps: Further optimizations, inclusion of additional DM production mechanisms, next-to-leading order (NLO) calculations, computation of direct detection cross section

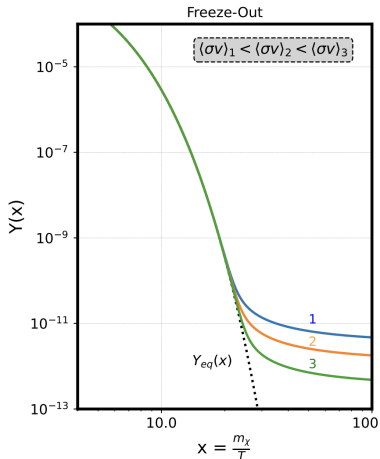
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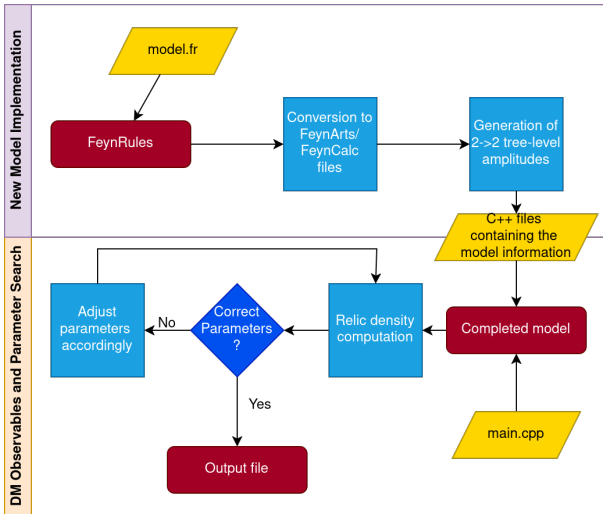


Backup

Yield evolution in Freeze-Out



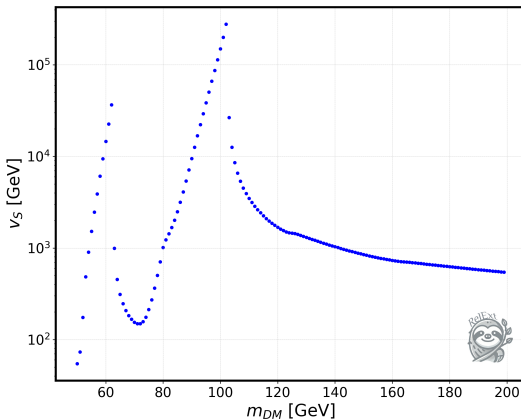
Flowchart of the Code



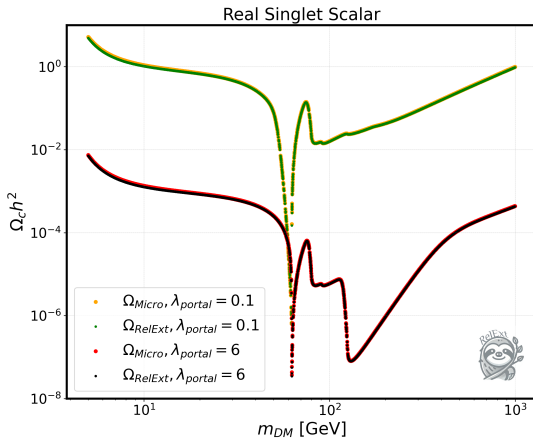
Single Parameter Search (SPS)



Singlet VEV v_S over the DM mass for the CxSM. All points generate the full measured relic density within the given uncertainty.



Comparison with MicrOMEGAs



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Boltzmann-Equation

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{45G}} \langle \sigma v \rangle \frac{g_{1/2}^* m_\chi}{x^2} (Y^2 - Y_{\text{eq}}^2), \quad x = \frac{m_\chi}{T}$$

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Monte Carlo Grid Search



- A grid is placed over the parameter space with N_p parameters and N_b bins per parameter.
- **Weighting mechanism:**
 - Each computed relic density Ω_c is assigned a weight w based on its proximity to the target value Ω_d :

$$w = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\Omega_d}{\Omega_c}\right)^2, & \text{if } \Omega_d < \Omega_c \\ \left(\frac{\Omega_c}{\Omega_d}\right)^2, & \text{if } \Omega_d > \Omega_c \end{cases}$$

- Keeps track of N_s best parameter points to improve search efficiency.
- Generates new points from top N_s cells with probability p_b , and random points with $p_r = 1 - p_b$.
- **Final output:** Stored best regions for future scans and the scanned parameters with the respective relic density.

Single Parameter Optimization



- Adjusts **one parameter** at a time to reach Ω_d .
- **Two possible scenarios:**
 - **Sign flip of $\Delta\Omega$** $\rightarrow$ uses **bisection method** to find the root.
 - **Local minimum detected** $\rightarrow$ switches to **gradient descent** to refine search.
- **If no solution within wanted uncertainty ε** , the method returns:
 - Last considered parameter and Ω_c , or
 - Minimum value if no solution found.

Multi Parameter Search



- Adjusts **multiple parameters simultaneously**.
- Each parameter x_i updated as:

$$x'_i = x_i(1 + \gamma_i)$$

where γ_i is randomly chosen from $[-\gamma_{\max}, \gamma_{\max}]$

- If $\Delta\Omega$ increases, a new parameter set is tried.
- If $\Delta\Omega$ decreases, the update is applied iteratively until $\Delta\Omega$ increases again.
- **Stops when either:**
 - Ω_d is reached within uncertainty.
 - Maximum iteration limit is hit.