

From UV to Relativistic EFT

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The neutral components of scalar doublet or fermion-like doublet serve as the dark matter candidate. Both candidates interact with nucleons in direct detection through quarks and not gluons at leading order. Both scalar and fermionic SU(2) electroweak doublet, at leading order, interact via T-channel Z boson exchange. The momentum dependence enters through several places, including S-matrix elements and form factors. The DM-SM particle scattering via Z boson exchange will be matched into a general relativistic effective theory describing dark matter interactions with quarks and gluons. We will see that a lot of the Wilson coefficients will be zero in our case. But the steps here demonstrated the general procedures. The Wilson coefficients will be found through matching of the coefficients. The Wilson coefficients obtained can be passed to the next section as inputs for further calculations.

1.1 scalar doublet

The scalar doublet dark matter interact weakly in direct detection experiment, at tree level, through Z boson exchange from gauge couplings. The kinetic term in Lagrangian with covariant derivatives are

$$\mathcal{L} = D_\mu \chi^\dagger D^\mu \chi + \dots$$

expanding with $\chi = (\chi^+ \chi^0)^T$ and using only electroweak gauge $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_2 A_\mu^a T^a + ig_1 Y B_\mu$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu \chi^\dagger D^\mu \chi &= [(\partial_\mu + ig_2 A_\mu^a T^a + ig_1 Y B_\mu) \begin{pmatrix} \chi^+ \\ \chi^0 \end{pmatrix}]^\dagger (\partial_\mu + ig_2 A_\mu^a T^a + ig_1 Y B_\mu) \begin{pmatrix} \chi^+ \\ \chi^0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= i \frac{g_2}{2 \cos \theta_w} \chi^{0*} Z_\mu (\partial^\mu \chi^0) - i \frac{g_2}{2 \cos \theta_w} (\partial^\mu \chi^0)^* Z_\mu (\chi^0) + \dots \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the value of hyper-charge was evaluated at $Y = \frac{1}{2}$, a is $SU(2) \times U(1)$ generator indices, and we ignored all irrelevant terms for this calculation in the For this calculation, we only need to know the the Feynman rule for the neutral component scalar doublet propagators are the same as that for a complex scalar field ϕ .

$$---\blacktriangleright--- = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

and the Feynman rule for the interactions between Z boson and neutral scalar field is

$$\begin{array}{c} \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = -ig'_2(p + p')^\mu$$

where g'_2 can be read-off from above as $g_2/2 \cos \theta_w$. The momentum of incoming scalar and outgoing scalar field is due to the derivatives.

The Feynman rule for Z boson scattering with quarks is the Standard Model fermion coupling. The chiral structures are put into the coefficients c_V and c_A so that we do not need to write them explicitly every time. Since we only care about the Z boson, we only write

$$\mathcal{L} = g_2 Z_\mu^0 J_Z^\mu + \dots$$

where

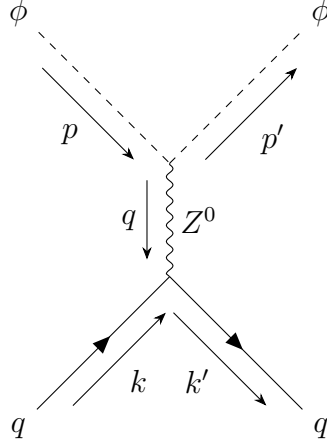
$$\begin{aligned} J_Z^\mu = \frac{1}{\cos \theta_W} [& \dots + \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W) u_L + \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu (\frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W) u_R \\ & + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W) d_L + \bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu (\frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W) d_R + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where all other gauge couplings and all other terms inside Z neutral current from Standard Model are implied but not written down explicitly. The same is true for second and third generations of quarks. I will use c_V^q to represent the coefficient of the vector current part $\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$ and c_A^q to represent the coefficient of the axial vector current part $\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q$ for a particular quark type. For example

$$\begin{aligned} c_V^u &= \frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W) + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_A^u &= -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W\right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The Feynman diagram



can now be evaluated

$$= [-ig'_2 P^\mu] \left[-i \frac{g_2}{\cos\theta_W} c_L^q \right] \left[\frac{-ig_{\mu\nu} + i \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{m_Z^2}}{q^2 - m_Z^2 + i\epsilon} \right] [\bar{u}_{S'}(k') \gamma^\nu \left(\frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \right) u_S(k)]$$

where c_L^q is the coupling coefficient between Z boson and left-handed quark, equal to either $(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3}\sin^2\theta_W)$ or $(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\sin^2\theta_W)$ depending on whether it is up-type or down-type, and $P^\mu = (p + p')^\mu$ is the sum of the initial and final four-momentum of scalar particle, q is the four-momentum of Z intermediate Z boson, and S and S' are the spin state of the initial and final quarks. This is for left-handed quarks while similar structure for right handed ones, replacing c_L^q with c_R^q and $(1 - \gamma_5)/2$ with $(1 + \gamma_5)/2$. The square S-matrix element is then proportional to the spin sum of the above Feynman amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{S,S'} |\mathcal{M}|^2 &= \frac{1}{2} g_2'^2 \frac{g_2^2}{\cos^2\theta_W} c_L^q{}^2 \frac{P^\mu P^\nu - 4(P \cdot q)P^{(\mu}q^{\nu)} / m_Z^2 + (P \cdot q)^2 q^\mu q^\nu / m_Z^4}{(q^2 - m_Z^2 + i\epsilon)^2} \\
&\quad Tr[(\not{k}' + m_q) \gamma_\mu (\not{k} + m_q) \gamma_\nu \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2}]
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where $(\mu\nu)$ means the symmetric part of it. Therefore, the above is followed by, using the traces identities,

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{S,S'} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{g_2'^2 g_2^2 c_L^{q^2}}{(q^2 - m_Z^2 + i\epsilon)^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} (2(k' \cdot P)(k \cdot P) - (k \cdot k' - m_q^2)(P \cdot P) + i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P^\nu P^\sigma k'^\mu k^\rho) + \dots \quad (6)$$

where the dots mean that the terms are suppressed by $\frac{q^2}{m_Z^2}$ and this factor is small in dark matter direct detection.

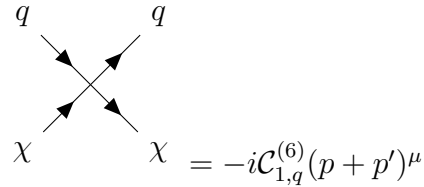
The above result is translated into a general relativistic effective theory which describes scalar dark matter interact with quarks. The full set of operators are discussed in section (). Here, the relevant operators are

$$\mathcal{Q}_{1,q}^{(6)} = (\phi^* i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \phi) (\bar{f} \gamma^\mu f)$$

and

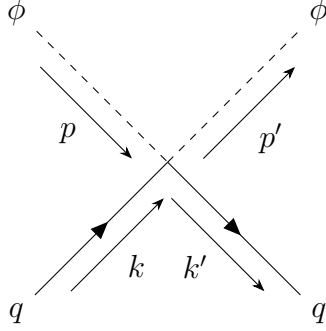
$$\mathcal{Q}_{1,q}^{(6)} = (\phi^* i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \phi) (\bar{f} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 f)$$

where the arrow means $A \overleftrightarrow{\partial} B = (\partial A)B - A(\partial B)$. The translation is done by performing the matching of the Wilson coefficients, which can be $\mathcal{C}_{1,q}$ for the first one and $\mathcal{C}_{2,q}$ for the second one. The square matrix element of the first effective operator is evaluated in a similar way, by finding the vertex factor of the four-vertex that scatter a general scalar field with a general fermion



$$= -i\mathcal{C}_{1,q}^{(6)}(p + p')^\mu$$

which in turn leads to the matrix element



$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{C}_{1,q}^{(6)}|^2 P_\mu P_\nu [\bar{u}_{S'}(k') \gamma^\mu u_S(k)] [\bar{u}_S(k) \gamma^\nu u_{S'}(k')]$$

where P also means $p + p'$ here. The spin sum then gives

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{S,S'} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{C}_{1,q}^{(6)}|^2 P_\mu P_\nu \text{Tr}[(\not{k}' + m_q) \gamma_\mu (\not{k} + m_q) \gamma_\nu]$$

contracting Lorentz indices gives

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{S,S'} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = 2 |\mathcal{C}_{1,q}^{(6)}|^2 [2(k' \cdot P)(k \cdot P) - (k \cdot k' - m_q^2)(P \cdot P)]$$

therefore, matching coefficient at leading order in the large m_Z limit,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_{1,q}^{(6)} &= \frac{1}{2} g_2' \frac{g_2}{\cos \theta_W} (c_L^q + c_R^q) \frac{1}{m_Z^2} \\ &= \frac{g_2^2 (c_L^q + c_R^q)}{4 \cos^2 \theta_W m_Z^2} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} G_F c_V \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

similarly,

$$\mathcal{C}_{2,q}^{(6)} = 2\sqrt{2} G_F c_A$$

1.2 fermion doublet

The leading order Z boson exchange of fermion dark matter ψ with the vector and axial vector current is calculated and matched in a similar way. The kinetic term in Lagrangian with electroweak covariant derivative are

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + \dots$$

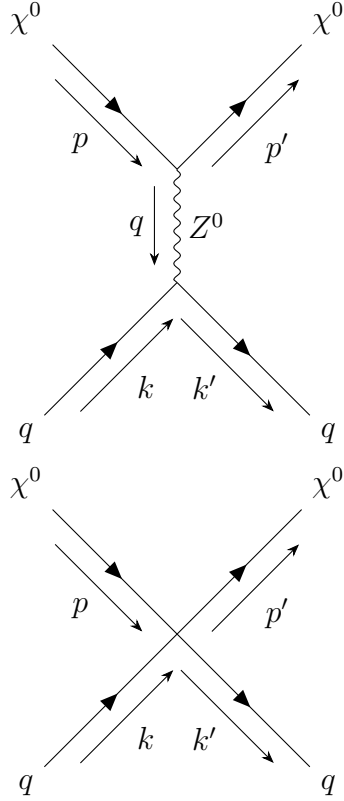
where the fermion doublet is $\psi = (\psi_{DM}, \psi^-)$ and covariant derivative here also only includes the weak gauge. The hyper-charge is evaluated at $Y = -\frac{1}{2}$ for fermion doublet. The terms relevant for Z boson exchange between DM and SM quarks are just

$$i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi = i\frac{g_2}{2\cos\theta_W}\bar{\psi}_{DM}Z_\mu\psi_{DM} + \dots$$

This is just similar to the SM weak interactions of SM fermions. The vertex Feynman rule is given by

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow \end{array} = -i\frac{g_2}{2\cos\theta_W}$$

and the external fermion dark matter follows the same rule as the SM fermions. Therefore, the effective theory vertex of the DM-SM scattering is just a 4-Fermi like vertex proportional to the Fermi constant G_F .



Following the above method, the relevant relativistic effective operators describing fermionic dark matter scattering with SM quarks are presented

here, while a complete set are presented in the later sections for a more general discussion. The relevant operators here are

$$\mathcal{Q}_1^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\chi)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_3^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\chi)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 q)$$

The Wilson coefficients can be read-off from above

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_{1,q}^{(6)} &= \frac{g_2}{2\cos\theta_W} \frac{1}{m_Z^2} \frac{g_2 c_V^q}{\cos\theta_W} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}G_F c_V^q\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_{3,q}^{(6)} &= \frac{g_2}{2\cos\theta_W} \frac{1}{m_Z^2} \frac{g_2 c_V^q}{\cos\theta_W} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}G_F c_A^q\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

This section shows explicitly that how Z boson is integrated out to match the UV theory into a relativistic EFT, which provides the basis for the calculation of event rates of scalar or fermion dark matter scattering with nucleus in the later sections.