

M2 Internship proposal at CPT

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Project title:

Beyond freeze out: phenomenology of hidden sector DM models

Description:

The tremendous progress in direct and indirect detection limits on the nature of dark matter has started to put the standard picture of the freeze out of WIMPs in question. Here we will consider a simple model where the dark matter particle interacts with the SM via a mediator (e.g. scalar, pseudoscalar, vector). The 4-month project will involve studying non-standard DM generation mechanisms beyond Freeze out, finding previously unexplored regions of the parameter space where the correct relic abundance can be created. This would naturally lead to a PhD thesis.

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