



The Role of Halo Substructure in Gamma-Ray Dark Matter Searches

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

An important open question today is the understanding of the relevance that dark matter (DM) halo substructure may have for DM searches. In the standard cosmological framework, subhalos are predicted to be largely abundant inside larger halos.

With this Special Issue we aim to summarize where we stand today on our knowledge of the different

- Formation and evolution of halo substructure: merging and accretion, survival and disruption.
- Structural properties of subhalos. Subhalo DM density profiles, concentrations.
- N-body cosmological simulations as a tool for understanding halo substructure.
- Observations of dwarf galaxies in the Milky Way. Current and upcoming surveys (DES, LSST...).
- Indirect detection of DM in dwarf galaxies.
- Search for "dark satellites". Unidentified gamma-ray sources.
- Substructure boosts to DM annihilation signals.
- Lensing as a probe of halo substructure.
- Stellar gaps in stellar streams induced by DM subhalos.

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