DarkPACK: a modular software to compute BSM squared amplitudes for particle physics and dark matter observables

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Abstract

We present here a new package to automatically generate a complete library of 2 to 2 squared amplitudes at leading order in any New Physics model. The package is written in C++ and based on the MARTY software. The numerical library generated allows for the computation of relic density by embedding the algorithms of SuperIso Relic.

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1 Introduction

The question of the nature of dark matter is an important topic in both particle physics and cosmology (see [\[1\]](#page-29-0) for a recent review). For decades, the most studied New Physics (NP) scenario providing a dark matter candidate has been the minimal supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model (MSSM), for which several softwares have been developed to compute dark matter observables. However, so far no supersymmetric particle has been discovered in particle physics experiments, and other NP scenarios are worth being investigated. In this context, the software SuperIso Relic [\[2](#page-29-1)[–4\]](#page-29-2), which aims at studying dark matter observables in the standard cosmological model and in alternative cosmological scenarios, has been until now focused on the MSSM and NMSSM, and is being developed in order to study other NP scenarios. To achieve this purpose, it needs a new way of handling the computation of matrix elements, since it relies on a self-generated FormCalc [\[5\]](#page-29-3) code, therefore not meant to be particularly flexible.

An effort in the direction of generalising and automating the computations has already been performed through the development of the code MARTY [\[6\]](#page-29-4), which allows for the automatic calculation of amplitudes, crosssections and Wilson coefficients in a large variety of NP models up to the one-loop level. However, a step further is needed to compute dark matter observables, such as dark matter relic density, which can involve thousands of scattering amplitudes.

Other codes publicly available to calculate dark matter observables are DarkSUSY [\[7,](#page-29-5) [8\]](#page-29-6), MadDM [\[9,](#page-29-7) [10\]](#page-29-8) and MicrOMEGAs [\[11\]](#page-29-9). Despite its name DarkSUSY is model-independent. In fact, provided some inputs such as the DM mass and its self-annihilation cross-section, it is possible to compute the relic density, alongside other observables related to direct or indirect detection of dark matter. Moreover, it has a modular structure that makes it easy to link with other tools.

MadDM and MicrOMEGAs are also model-independent: the former relies on Madgraph [\[12\]](#page-30-0), and the latter on CalcHEP [\[13\]](#page-30-1). It is therefore possible to provide model inputs compatible with those softwares and then all the relevant quantities for relic density calculation, as for instance the annihilation cross sections, are computed from their respective backends, in order to compute DM relic density and other DM related observables. In order to test a new model in any of these frameworks, the generation of the necessary input files would have to be performed with Sarah [\[14\]](#page-30-2). Also, MadDM is the only tool that can easily provide results accurate up to *n* loops with custom models, while the other ones stop [a](#page-2-1)t the tree level.^a

In this paper, we present the package DarkPACK, which aims at automatically generating a numerical library of scattering amplitudes to compute dark matter observables such as relic density, and which is interfaced with SuperIso Relic v4.1. With DarkPACK, we want to propose a tool that can handle by itself all the steps from the definition of the model to the output of the sum of the squared amplitudes and the computation of dark matter related observables. DarkPACK is intended to be comprehensive, in the sense that we avoid unnecessary passages of input and output. Among the advantages of this approach, there is a larger flexibility in the code usage. In fact, it is easier to modify an algorithm if it is written in a pre-established comprehensive framework. For such reasons we have chosen to rely on MARTY for the model building and the symbolic manipulations. Nevertheless, it is crucial to have modularity as a feature, since this enables an easy linking with external softwares if needed.

In DarkPACK v1.1 the generated library contains all the squared amplitudes of 2 NP particles into 2 Standard Model (SM) particles at the leading order and up to the one-loop level. In order to validate the results, we focus on the MSSM which is an adequate benchmark in terms of complexity and compare in particular the results of DarkPACK with those of SuperIso Relic v4.1, which relies on a self-generated FormCalc [\[5\]](#page-29-3) FORTRAN code.^{[b](#page-2-2)}

This article is structured as follows. In section [2](#page-2-0) the compilation instructions of the package are provided. In section [3](#page-4-0) we present the philosophy behind the code, i.e. the main goals and the methods used. Furthermore, we describe the role of MARTY and of the numerical library, as well as general information such as how to handle numerical inputs and where to find the example programs we provide. The main functions of MARTY that are used to generate the numerical library are given in section [4.](#page-5-0) In section [5](#page-8-0) we describe how to use the numerical library. Functions are listed accordingly to the user's needs. Further information can be found in the appendices and in the source code, where the functions are described in the comments.

2 Setup of the package

DarkPACK v1.1 is available among the attachments of this article. Alternatively, the source code is hosted on the GitLab repository of the IN2P3, and it can be found at the address:

^aSome of them can have one- or multi-loop accuracy for the MSSM.

bAs explained in the conclusion, we foresee an upgrade of SuperIso Relic based on DarkPACK, since on one side DarkPACK is conceived to be modular, and on the other side the way SuperIso Relic v4.1 computes amplitudes is not suited to be flexible and adaptable to compute new observables.

<https://gitlab.in2p3.fr/darkpack/darkpack-public>.

The version 1.1, described in this work is available as a commit in the master branch with tag v1.1.

In order to use the code, the user needs a working setup of MARTY installed^{[c](#page-3-0)}. No further dependencies are needed. To compile the library, the user has to run the script lib_setup. sh providing two mandatory arguments and two optional arguments:

- The name of the numerical library^{[d](#page-3-1)}, that we denote below as $\langle 1 \rangle$.
- The number of threads used for the compilation (use 1 in case of doubt), or the string -nomake for not compiling automatically. Specifying the number of threads, the type of the default linking is determined by the value variable linking, defined at the beginning of the script.
- Optionally, the name of another numerical library as a fourth argument, preceded by a -R as the third argument. This has to be used when compiling a new library for the first time, while the auxiliary files have been used to compile another library previously. By specifying this argument, a search and replace is performed on the files to update th[e](#page-3-2)m with the new library name.^e

The script will work by using the files in auxiliary_library/<1> as the source code for the extra functions specific to the library and the files in auxiliary_library/script_<1> as the source code for the executable files. For standard use cases, the files in these two directories are the ones to be written specifically for any new library. Please see the content of section [5](#page-8-0) for the description of the source files we provide, both general and library-specific.

The content of the package is the following. The numerical library for the MSSM can be found in the folder mssm2to2, and external files for the library in the auxiliary_library folder.

In order to generate the library [f](#page-3-3)rom scratch $^{\rm f}$, the source file (e.g. <code>MSSM.cpp</code> for the MSSM) has to be compiled and the corresponding program launched.

For this purpose, the user can run the script ./lib_generate.sh, providing as arguments the name of the target library and the name of the source code without the .cpp extension:

^cWe provide a script that automatically installs MARTY. More information about the installation and usage of MARTY can be found at <https://marty.in2p3.fr> and in Refs. [\[6,](#page-29-4) [15](#page-30-3)[–17\]](#page-30-4).

^dby default mssm2to2 for the MSSM.

^eWe point out that the search and replace happens for any occurrence of the string given as input here. Hence, we strongly advise to use numerical library names which are very unlikely to appear in other parts of the code. As a general rule of thumb, adding a suffix, such as 2to2 for the MSSM, can be an effective solution.

 f As just pointed out, the MSSM library is provided within the package and is not required to be generated.

./lib_generate.sh <library name> <source code name>

and then the generated library has to be compiled with the instructions of the previous paragraph.

Further instructions can be found in the README.md file.

3 Outlook of the code

This code has been developed with the purpose of having a new tool to compute 2 to 2 scattering amplitudes, firstly in the MSSM at the leading order (LO). In this release, we provide the setup for the MSSM.^{[g](#page-4-1)}

The idea behind this package is to use MARTY in order to define the desired model and quantities to compute and to export a numerical C++ library. With MARTY it is possible to compute symbolically scattering amplitudes up to the one-loop level. However, MARTY 1.6 does not provide tools to apply automatically a renormalization scheme. As a consequence, a computation can be successfully performed at one loop if there are no divergent diagrams at the tree level, meaning that the one-loop level has to be the leading order.^{[h](#page-4-2)} In particular, in this release there is the example file <code>MSSM.cpp</code> which contains the code that computes symbolically all the sums of 2 to 2 squared amplitudes relevant for the computation of relic density in the MSSM. The process list we consider is the same as in SuperIso Relic v4.1 and can be found in the file data/processes_all.psiso. The list can be easily extended in many ways. For instance, it is possible to add manually some processes in MSSM.cpp or to use what is already there to read processes from text files. More detail about this can be found in the documentation of the function computeAndAddToLibFromList, described afterwards. It should be noted that it is not possible, at least in the current version of MARTY, to add a subset of processes in a previously generated library. So, if the user wants to add new quantities to an existing library, a new generation of the library is required.

For what concerns the usage of the numerical library, the raw output of MARTY is not meant to be particularly flexible. Only recently, an index of its functions is produced automatically, hence available automatically in the self-generated numerical library. For our purposes, this is not enough, so the DarkPACK package provides a super-set of MARTY's numerical library, which allows for a more intuitive usage and additional features, such as the running of SM parameters. The main features are described below.

 ${}^{\rm g}$ In a future release we will provide the setup for a model with a scalar DM candidate and a scalar messenger (see e.g. [\[18,](#page-30-5) [19\]](#page-30-6)) as an example.

^hIn the process list that we provide there are no processes at 1 loop because their symbolic computation in models with a large number of fields, such as the MSSM, takes a lot of time. Furthermore, as will be explained later, we used the tree level in order to be able to compare the numerical results with SuperIso Relic v4.1, which relies on a self-generated FormCalc code.

Notably, we have been able to enhance the flexibility, automatically generating a hash table (i.e. a std::unordered_map) whose keys are strings unique for each 2 to 2 process and whose values are a std:: tuple with all the relevant quantities for computing the sum of the squared amplitudes for it. Therefore, only for the processes present in the hash table it is possible to compute the relevant quantities: we describe how to do it in the example files. We would like to point out that this procedure can be used to put in the libraries also other observables, even unrelated to the 2 to 2 processes, such as specific decay widths or Wilson coefficients. Within this framework, more potentialities of MARTY will be exploited in the future.

As far as input values are concerned, in this release we provide algorithms to read from .lha [\[20,](#page-30-7) [21\]](#page-30-8) files. Decay widths at the tree level and mass spectra can be computed using MARTY if needed, otherwise, the necessary quantities have to be provided among the input parameters.

In the auxiliary_library/script_mssm2to2 directory some example files are provided to show how to use the main features of the code in practice. The users are invited to contact the authors if they need some more examples or features. We provide:

• example_1_single_process.cpp

An example file that shows how to initialise a single process and do some calculations.

• example_2_running.cpp

An example file that shows how to easily run the Standard Model parameters.

• example_3_process_vector.cpp

An example file that shows how to efficiently deal with vectors of processes, by computing an inclusive cross-section.

• example_4_dWeff.cpp

An example file that shows how to compute $\frac{\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{eff}}}{\mathrm{d}\cos(\theta)}$ [i](#page-5-1) .

• example_5_relic.cpp

An example file that shows how to compute the relic density given different QCD equation-of-state models.

4 Main features of the MARTY **code**

For the sake of simplicity and clarity, we defined the following aliases:

ⁱSee [\[22\]](#page-30-9) for its definition.

```
using Process = std::vector \langle my::Insertion\rangle;
using Processes = std::vector <Process>;
```
In fact, a vector of Insertion contains the information for a specific process. We furthermore define the extension .psiso, for a text file containing the names of 2 to 2 processes in the SuperIso convention, as well as the new type

```
typedef struct
{
   Process process;
   mty::Order order; // Options mty::Order::TreeLevel,
                    // mty::Order::OneLoop
   bool leading_order;
   mty::gauge::Type Wgauge;
}Process2to2ToCompute;
```
that contains a process, information about the order to which its amplitude will be computed, and the choice of the gauge for the *W* boso[n](#page-6-0)^j .

A list of the main functions that we implemented in MARTY is given below:

```
1. std::string processName(Process const &proc)
```
This function takes as input a specific process, and returns a string that corresponds to a name for this process. This function can serve many purposes. In DarkPACK we use it to assign a name to the functions in the numerical library.

```
2. std::string generateCorrespondance(
    std::vector<Particle> psm,
    std::vector<Particle> pbsm,
    const std::string filename="smBsm.h")
```
This function takes as first argument a vector of Particle that corresponds to the list of the particles to be considered as SM, as second argument a vector of Particle that corresponds to the list of the particles to be considered as BSM, and as third optional argument a string filename. This function generates the file auxiliary library/<libname>/filename with the structure of a C++ header. It will contain the list of the SM and the BSM particles that the numerical library needs to know.

```
3. int computeAndAddToLibFromList( mty::Model &model,
    mty::Library &lib,
    std::vector<Process2to2ToCompute> listofprocs,
    std::string nameSmBsmFile="smBsm.h"
```
^jThis needs to be done because a very small number of squared amplitudes can be numerically computed to be negative in the Feynman gauge. Computing them in the unitary gauge is a way to fix this inconsistency.

This function takes as input:

- a model.
- a library for the output,
- the list of processes to be computed and added in the library,
- the name of the file created with generateCorrespondance.

This function computes the amplitude of each Process2to2ToCompute in the input vector within the specified gauge and to the specified order. If the boolean leading_order is set to true, the information in order is neglected, and the calculation stops at tree-level if the amplitude is non-zero, otherwise it is performed at one-loop. Then such an amplitude is squared and saved in the library lib. This function also provides the creation of some auxiliary files in the numerical library, such as the content of correspondance.h, described in what follows.

4. int addFromFile(

```
mty::Model &model,
Processes &processes,
std::vector<std::string> &names,
std::vector<std::string> &namesSuperiso,
std::string filename)
```
This function has been written specifically for the MSSM. The inputs are:

- the model (MSSM),
- a vector of processes,
- two vectors of strings, that will contain the names of the processes in two conventions respectively: the one defined in processName, and the one used in SuperIso,
- a string, which is the input file name.

This function reads the file filename, which is a .psiso file. For each process name, this function reconstructs the particle content and puts in processes the process, in names their names in the processName convention, and in namesSuperiso their names in the SuperIso convention. The function returns the number of read processes in case of success.^{[k](#page-7-0)}

The other functions are documented in the comments of the code.

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 k For testing purposes, we added to this function the generation of a file processes_chep.txt. This file has two columns and a row for each process. The first element of the row is the process name in the CalcHEP convention [\[13\]](#page-30-1) and the second row is the corresponding name in the SuperIso convention.

5 Main features for the numerical library

We list below the auxiliary functions in the numerical library. In what follows, we call this library bsm2to2. Functions specific to the MSSM described here will have explicitly the namespace mssm2to2. In order to avoid possible conflicts, most of the functions in the libraries are defined under the namespace of the name of the library.

5.1 Global variables and generic functions

Let us start by describing the main content of the header correspondance.h, included in the other headers listed in the following. Here are defined an enumeration, global variables and functions, in the namespace bsm2to2:: corr. The most relevant contents of this header are:

1. enum Part_t

Such an enumeration defines particles and starts from 1.

2. int SIZEPHYSICALSM

This variable contains the number of particles to be considered in the Standard Model (SM).

3. int SIZEPHYSICALBSM

This variable contains the number of particles to be considered as Beyond the Standard Model (BSM).

- 4. int TOTAL_PARTICLES This variable contains the total number of particles in the model.
- 5. std::array<int,SIZEPHYSICALBSM> bsm_particles This array contains all the integer values of all the BSM particles. It is possible to use it to cycle through BSM particles.
- 6. std::array<int,SIZEPHYSICALBSM> sm_particles This array contains all the integer values of all the SM particles. It is possible to use it to cycle through SM particles.
- 7. std::array<std::string, TOTAL_PARTICLES+1> part_names This array is defined to have the name of each particle, corresponding to the enumeration.
- 8. std::array<bool, TOTAL_PARTICLES+1> isboson An element is **true** if the corresponding particle is a boson.
- 9. std::array<double,TOTAL_PARTICLES+1> part_charge The elements of this array are the electric charges of each particle.
- 10. std::array<double,TOTAL_PARTICLES+1> part_dof
	- The elements of this array are the degrees of freedom of each particle.

In correspondance.h is included also the header params_new.h, where the type struct bsm2to2::Param_t is defined. It inherits the members of the type struct bsm2to2::param_t, different for each library because automatically generated by MARTY, and it adds some quantities useful for the running. This is the type of variables that we use to handle the input parameters.

5.2 Input reading and manipulation

Since each model has its own parameters, the input management has to be handled by the users accordingly to their needs. In this paragraph, we describe the functions which we defined in order to work within the MSSM.

The headers we use are:

- leshouchesfromsuperiso.h: its functions are defined under the namespace mssm2to2::superisosupport, and they allow us to read from a .lha file calling SuperIso's routines;
- leshouchesfrommarty.h: its functions are defined under the namespace bsm2to2::readmodule, and they allow us to read from a .lha file calling the lha extension native in the MARTY installation.

For a general use, the library to refer to in order to modify the input management is leshouchesfrommarty.h. The library leshouchesfromsuperiso.h is useful while dealing with the MSSM only.

We list here the main functions:

1. int superisosupport::InitInterfaceStruct(const parameters *const param, param_t &input)

This function takes as inputs a pointer to a variable of type parameters, that contains the SuperIso inputs, and an address to a param_t. It copies the values contained in the SuperIso inputs to the structure param_t. In practice, the SuperIso structure is read using the SuperIso routines¹ and then this function is ca[l](#page-9-1)led to handle the inputs in the numerical library.

2. int superisosupport::InitInterfaceStruct_Full(const parameters *const param, Param_t &input)

¹They can be found in leshouches.c and leshouches.h.

This function calls InitInterfaceStruct and initialises the other members of the Param_t variable given as input.

3. struct parameters superisosupport:: ReadLHA(

Param_t &input, const char * name, int *err)

This function uses the previous one to read the . Iha file with the path filename, and saves the data in input. It returns a variable of type struct parameters, which is the corresponding structure of the data used in SuperIso Relic v4.1. If there is no error in the process, err is set to zero.

4. Param_t readmodule::ReadLHA(const std::string filename);

This function reads the .1ha file with the path filename and returns a bsm2to2::Param_t whose members are filled with data provided in the input file. If a required SM input is not provided, it is filled with the default Particle Data Group (PDG) [\[23\]](#page-30-10) value. In the case of the MSSM, we have chosen the PDG of 2016 to ensure compatibility with SuperIso Relic v4.1. This choice can be easily overridden if the user wants to use other values. m m m </sup>

The other functions are documented in the comments of the headers.

Note that no further manipulation is done on the values, except for the running of the Standard Model parameters m_t , m_b , α_{s} . This means that, if no specific code is written, the input file has to provide quantities such as the mass spectrum computed externally.

It is in fact possible to compute the mass spectrum inside the program. In this regard, we invite the interested users to read the MARTY's documentation to have the full details.^{[n](#page-10-2)} In [B](#page-25-1) we give the most relevant information on spectrum calculation.

5.3 Handling the running of SM parameters

Below we list the functions for the running of SM quantities, i.e. the strong coupling constant *g*^s , and the top and the beauty quark masses. This is handled via a structure called RunningSM, accessible after including RunningSM.h. We used the code provided in SuperIso Relic v4.1 to

mBy the appropriate replacement of the line *using* namespace mssm2to2::pdg2016Value; in auxiliary_library/macros.h, following the namespaces defined in auxiliary_library/params_new.h.

ⁿSee for example <https://marty.in2p3.fr/doc/marty-manual.pdf>.

define the methods of this class. Here we list its main public methods and elements:

- 1. RunningSM(const Param_t &input) This constructor builds the class variable starting from the values stored in a Param_t variable.
- 2. RunningSM(void)

This constructor builds the class variable from the default PDG values.

3. enum ParticlesList : short int {UP, DOWN, STRANGE, CHARM, BEAUTY, TOP, EL, MU, TAU, NUE, NUMU, NUTAU, GLUON, W, Z, PHOTON, HIGGS}

It is an enumeration that contains all the physical particles in the Standard Model.

- 4. double GetMbPole() Returns the b-quark pole mass.
- 5. double GetTopPoleMass() Returns the t-quark pole mass.
- 6. double AlphaStrong(double Q, double mtop) Returns the value of α_s at the energy Q, taking mtop as the value for the top pole mass.
- 7. double GetMcPole() Returns the charm pole mass computed from $m_c(m_c)$.
- 8. double GetMbMb() Returns *m^b* (*m^b*).
- 9. double GetMtopMtop() Returns $m_t(m_t)$.
- 10. double GetQuarkMass(enum ParticlesList part, double Qf) Takes a quark as enumeration and an energy scale Qf. The return value is the mass of the particle at the scale Qf.
- 11. void HandleParamRunning(Param_t &input, const double Q)

This method performs the running of the parameters at the scale Q and saves the results in input.

12. void RunLightQuarks(bool x=true)

This method changes the default behaviour of HandleParamRunning. After its calling, if x is true, the running of the down, up and strange masses is enabled. Otherwise, the running of the down, up and strange masses is disabled.

13. void RunCharmMass(bool x=true)

This method changes the default behaviour of HandleParamRunning. After its calling, if x is true, the running of the charm mass is enabled. Otherwise, the running of the charm mass is disabled.

5.4 Functions related to 2 to 2 processes

We describe here the functions and the methods dedicated to the computation of 2 to 2 squared amplitudes, cross sections, and contributions to W_{eff} (see [\[22\]](#page-30-9) for its definition). These functions and methods are accessible by including process.h. In this header, the class Process2to2 is defined. In order to understand how the public methods work, we remark that the main members of this class are the private ones

```
csl::InitSanitizer<int> p[4];
csl::InitSanitizer<br/>bool> ap[4];
```
They are two arrays of size 4, because the class is intended for a process of the kind $1, 2 \rightarrow 3, 4$. p[i] contains the i-th field as enumeration, while the $ap[i]$ is true or false, depending on whether the i-th entry is a particle or its antiparticle. This is always specified, even for a particle which is its own antiparticle. It can be important to know that, when a process is filled, the order of the particles may change. In fact, after the finalisation of a process, an algorithm determines whether the sum of the squared amplitudes of the process is in the library. If it is in, the particles are re-ordered accordingly to the order they appear in the function that computes the sum of the squared amplitudes. This is relevant to verify if some quantities related to kinematic parameters have to be computed: in such a case, it is necessary to calculate them accordingly to the order in which they appear in the Process2to2 variable. Furthermore, the following type is defined:

```
struct Insertion
{
 int field;
 bool part;
 Insertion(int i, bool b=true)
 {
   field = i:
   part = b;
```
}; };

in order to specify the particles that enter a process. In practice, it is possible to construct a variable of this type by assigning an integer, that corresponds to the field, or by assigning a two element list, with an integer and a boolean, where the boolean determines if it is a particle or an antiparticle. The main public methods are the following ones:

1. Process2to2()

This is a constructor: it creates an empty process.

2. Process2to2(const std::array<Insertion, 4> &v);

This constructor constructs the class corresponding to the process with incoming (outgoing) particles whose field is in the first (last) two elements of v.

```
3. Process2to2(const std::array<int,4> &p,
               const std::array<br/>bool,4> &ap)
```
This constructor takes as input two arrays of size 4. It constructs the class corresponding to the process with incoming (outgoing) particles whose field is in the first (last) two elements of p. The second argument corresponds to true (false) if the element is a particle (antiparticle).

```
4. short int set(
      short int n,
     const int &ip,
      const bool iap)
```
This function sets the n-th particle with field ip and (anti)particle iap.

- 5. std::string getName() Returns the name of the process.
- 6. std::string getMname() Returns the name of the process according to the convention in MARTY.
- 7. std::string getSname() Returns the name of the process according to the convention in SuperIso Relic v4.1.
- 8. double getMass(short int i) Returns the mass of the i-th particle in the process.

```
9. double getSumSquaredAmpl(
     Param_t &input,
      const double &sqrts,
      const double &ctheta)
```
Returns the sum of the squared amplitudes for the process, with the numerical inputs contained in input, the centre of mass energy sqrts, and the cosine of the angle between particle 1 and particle 3 ctheta.

10. double getAvgSquaredAmpl(

Param_t &input, const double &sqrts, const double &ctheta)

Returns the average of the squared amplitudes for the process, with the numerical inputs contained in input, the centre of mass energy sqrts, and the cosine of the angle between particle 1 and particle 3 ctheta.

11. double getDiffWeffContrib(

Param_t &input, const double &sqrts, const double &ctheta)

Returns the contribution to $\frac{dW_{\text{eff}}}{d\cos(\theta)}$ for the process, defined as (see e.g. [\[2,](#page-29-1) [22\]](#page-30-9)):

$$
\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{eff}}}{\mathrm{d}\cos(\theta)}\right)_{1,2\to 3,4} = \frac{f_{\mathrm{CP}}p_{12}p_{34}}{S_{f34}\sqrt{\mathrm{s}}p_{\mathrm{eff}}}\sum_{\mathrm{all }\mathrm{d.o.f.}}|M|^2\tag{1}
$$

where

- (a) $f_{CP} = 2$ if $\overline{12} \rightarrow \overline{34}$ is allowed, otherwise it is 1
- (b) $S_{f34} = 2$ if 3 and 4 are the same field and the same particle or anti-particle, otherwise it is 1
- (c)

$$
p_{ij} = \frac{\sqrt{(s - (m_i + m_j)^2)(s - (m_i - m_j)^2)}}{2\sqrt{s}}
$$

(d)

$$
p_{\rm eff} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{s - 4m_{\rm LBSM}^2}
$$

with m_{LBSM} the mass of the lightest stable new particle.

For the computation the numerical inputs contained in input are used, together with the centre of mass energy sqrts, and the cosine of the angle between particle 1 and particle 3 ctheta.

12. double getDiffCrossSection(

Param_t &input, const double &sqrts, const double &ctheta)

Returns the differential cross section for the process, with the numerical inputs contained in input, the centre of mass energy sqrts, and the cosine of the angle between particle 1 and particle 3 ctheta.

```
13. double getTotalCrossSection(
```
Param_t &input, const double &sqrts, double *discr=nullptr);

Returns the total cross section for the process, with the numerical inputs contained in input, and the centre of mass energy sqrts. The optional argument, if specified, allocates in discr the relative error of the integral. For details, see section [6.](#page-17-0)

Other methods of this class are defined in [C.](#page-26-0)

5.5 Computation of ⟨σ*v*⟩

Whereas it is possible to use what has been described so far to link DarkPACK to any external tool to compute ⟨σ*v*⟩, we provide a class named AvgSvCalculator for its computation, defined in avgsvcalculator.h, that allows for the computation of the average annihilation rate W_{eff} defined in [\[22\]](#page-30-9) and also $\langle \sigma v \rangle$. More generally, its purpose is the computation of quantities for a list of processes in a more efficient way in terms of performance. In order to understand the way it works, it would be useful to know that it has the following private members:

```
RunningSM run;
Param_t input;
std::shared_ptr<std::vector<Process2to2>> p_ptr;
```
The initialisation of std::vector<Process2to2> takes time: this is the reason we use a shared pointer and defined a copy constructor for this class. Its public methods are the following:

1. AvgSvCalculator(const Param_t ¶m) It is the default constructor. It copies the content of param into input, then it constructs run, and it allocates the vector p with all the possible

2 to 2 processes of the kind BSM + BSM to SM + SM, whose sum of squared amplitudes is available in the library, avoiding duplicates. Since initialising a single process needs more passages, the creation of a variable with this constructor takes time. For this, we recommend to create a variable as global and then copy its content in functions if necessary.

```
2. void runAtScale(const double Q)
```
This method does all it takes to have all the quantities run at the energy scale Q.

3. void setWeffcuts(bool x);

If x is **true**, the cuts on W_{eff} are enabled, otherwise they are disabled. By default they are enabled after the call of the constructor, so you must call this method to disable them after the constructor call.

```
4. double getWeff(const double sqrtS)
```
This method returns $g_{\text{LNP}}^2 W_{\text{eff}}$, with g_{LNP} the number of degrees of freedom of the lightest stable NP particle, at the centre of mass energy sqrtS. In this method, the lightest stable NP particle is determined from the content of the given input.

- 5. void tabulateValues(const double &sqrtSmax, const size_t &Nmax) Creates a table of values for *W_{eff}*, with maximum energy sqrtSmax and size of reference Nmax. Such a table is a private member of the class.
- 6. double getAverageSigmav(const double &T)

Calculates the value of $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ in GeV⁻² at the temperature *T*. If necessary, this method allocates the table of values for W_{eff} with default parameters.

5.6 Relic density calculation

We also provide the tools to compute the relic density for models with a single dark matter candidate. Our algorithm is the same as the one in SuperIso Relic. Hence, a structure Relicparam_t is defined in the header relicparam.h, that works as the structure relicparam in SuperIso Relic. For the sake of simplicity we translated the functions in SuperIso Relic v4.1 into methods. For their documentation, we refer the user to [\[4\]](#page-29-2). Finally, a class BoltzmannSolver is defined, child of AvgSvCalculator and Relicparam_t. As for Relicparam_t, most of its methods have the same name of functions in SuperIso Relic. Fur such methods, the documentation is found in [\[4\]](#page-29-2). We describe in what follows the constructors and the main methods:

1. BoltzmannSolver(const Param_t ¶m, int qcdmodel=2) This constructor instantiates an object by calling the parent constructor AvgSvCalculator(const Param_t &) that builds the parent class, and ch[o](#page-17-1)oses the QCD model 2 by default.^o

- 2. BoltzmannSolver(const AvgSvCalculator &sop, int qcdmodel=2) This constructor instantiates an object by calling the copy constructor for the class AvgSvCalculator that builds the parent class, and chooses the QCD equation-of-state model 2 by default.
- 3. double relic_density()

This method computes the relic density with the default SuperIso Relic v4.1 algorithm.

4. void print()

This function prints the list of processes, the table for W_{eff} and the values of the members inherited by Relicparam_t.

6 Comparison with other softwares

We validated our code within the MSSM, testing 3430 processes of the type $SUSY + SUSY \rightarrow SM + SM$. These processes are the ones that can be directly found in the mssm2to2 library in the repository. We compared our results for the sums of the squared amplitudes and the contribution to $\frac{dW_{\text{eff}}}{d\cos(\theta)}$ with the ones from SuperIso Relic [\[2–](#page-29-1)[4\]](#page-29-2), and our results for total and differential cross sections with the ones from micrOMEGAs/CalcHEP [\[11,](#page-29-9) [13\]](#page-30-1). In this way, we validated the behaviour of MARTY's MSSM library [\[6\]](#page-29-4) and also we performed numerical tests.

The comparison of the results of the total cross sections with micrOMEGAs/CalcHEP has shown that there are some cross sections (around 9%) for which the integration algorithm produces numerically unstable results with any software. This could be due to the presence of resonances, however, the full understanding of the underlying reason is not achieved yet. In order to be able to control such a behaviour without affecting too much performance, we integrate the differential cross sections with the Gauss-Legendre method at two different orders and we compute the discrepancy. If the value is not accurate enough we pass to the next polynomial order and we compare it with the previous one. When the 9th order is reached and convergence is not reached yet, the trapezoidal rule is used, since it is a method whose error can be controlled and whose increment in order is done without losing the previous evaluations. Therefore, subsequent evaluations with the trapezoidal rule are made, and if convergence is reached the algorithm stops. If the number of intervals exceeds 256, the last value with the last

^ofor the definition of the QCD models we refer to [\[4\]](#page-29-2).

error is taken as the result.<su[p](#page-18-0)>p</sup> We analysed the behaviour of this method, concluding that the trapezoidal rule made converge 16% of the cross sections that do not converge with the Gauss-Legendre method, achieving the 9% of non-convergence mentioned earlier.

The comparison with other softwares has been made by taking care of using the inputs in the same way. In particular, we have set the CKM matrix to the identity matrix, in order to compare the results with the SuperIso Relic/FormCalc code, and the mass of the muon and the electron to zero for the comparison with micrOMEGAs/CalcHEP. The outcome from the comparison with SuperIso Relic is that all the sums of the squared amplitudes are in agreement, except for the heights of some peaks. The comparison with micrOMEGAs/CalcHEP shows that most of the cross sections are in agreement. An example is provided in figure 1.9 The differences between the results with micrOMEGAs/CalcHEP can be classified in several categories, for which we provide some sample plots:

- By default, CalcHEP uses the Simpson rule to compute total crosssections from the differential ones. For some processes, such a rule fails to achieve a correct result. To be able to compare CalcHEP's results with ours, we implemented the trapezoidal rule in CalcHEP to get the same quantities. An example of such a behaviour is shown in figure [2;](#page-20-0)
- In some other cases, no algorithm gives a coherent result, because
	- **–** as mentioned earlier, the Simpson rule in CalcHEP fails to achieve a correct result;
	- **–** our algorithm, while giving a numerically reasonable result, is affected by large uncertainties and fluctuations;
	- **–** the trapezoidal rule in CalcHEP converges to a numerically reasonable result, different from ours and with a negligible uncertainty and fewer fluctuations, but it presents some resonance-like peaks that are not supposed to exist.

In figure [3](#page-20-1) an example of such a behaviour is shown, and the Feynman diagrams contributing to the corresponding process are shown in figure [4.](#page-21-0) Amongst all the particles in the internal legs, none of them has a mass that corresponds to the higher energetic peaks shown in the plot. An example of a differential cross section with several peaks is given in figure [5.](#page-21-1)

^PThe uncertainty on the numerical integration is provided by passing a double* to the integration function.

^qIn our notation, the *C*_{*i*} corresponds to the positively charged chargino with the *i*-th lowest mass, while N_i is the neutralino with the *i*-th lowest mass.

Figure 1: Total cross section for $C_1 \bar{C}_1 \rightarrow \bar{b} \bar{b}$ obtained with DarkPACK and CalcHEP. The two are in agreement.

• For some processes, our results and the ones of CalcHEP are different at the threshold. However, we are in agreement with SuperIso Relic. An example of this is shown in figures [6](#page-22-0) and [6.](#page-22-0)

Finally, we present in figure [7](#page-23-0) W_{eff} obtained with DarkPACK and with SuperIso Relic. As can be seen in the figure, the two softwares are in excellent agreement in the energy range relevant for the calculation of the relic density. We do not show the data for other softwares, since SuperIso Relic is for example in excellent agreement with DarkSUSY.

The results we obtained for the computations of $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ and of the relic density have also been validated by a comparison with SuperIso Relic v4.1.

7 Conclusions

In this paper, we presented a new package to deal with sums of 2 to 2 squared amplitudes to the leading order in any New Physics scenario, as well as other dark matter related quantities, such as ⟨σ*v*⟩ and the relic density. The development of such a code addresses the needs for modularity and flexibility which can be more challenging to achieve in already existing tools, such as FormCalc [\[5\]](#page-29-3) and CalcHEP [\[13\]](#page-30-1), which are the backends for SuperIso Relic v4 [\[4\]](#page-29-2) and micrOMEGAs5.0 [\[11\]](#page-29-9), respectively.

Using DarkPACK, the user can more easily parallelise the calculations, since global variables have been avoided as much as possible, achieving a better time performance. Additional features may be added upon request of the users. The part of this code relative to dark matter uses SuperIso Relic

Figure 2: Total cross section for the process $N_2 N_4 \rightarrow H^- W^+$ computed with DarkPACK, with CalcHEP's default integration and with a trapezoidal rule integration in CalcHEP. Note that the Simpson's rule fails to several orders of magnitude.

Figure 3: Total cross section for the process $N_2 N_4 \rightarrow h^0 H^0$ computed with DarkPACK, with CalcHEP's default integration and finally with the trapezoidal rule integration in CalcHEP. Note that Simpson's rule fails to several orders of magnitude, and in DarkPACK the trapezoidal rule on 256 intervals does not converge.

Figure 4: Feynman diagrams contributing to $N_2\,N_4 \rightarrow h^0\,H^0$ at tree-level.

Figure 5: Differential cross section for the process $N_2 N_4 \rightarrow h^0 H^0$ at $\sqrt{s} =$ 1.497TeV computed with DarkPACK, and with CalcHEP. Note that the two codes are in good agreement.

Figure 6: Sum of the squared amplitudes for the process $N_3 N_3 \rightarrow \bar{d}d$ at $cos(\theta) = 0$. DarkPACK and SuperIso are in agreement.

Figure 7: Comparative plot of W_{eff} with the same data set of cross sections in the other figures.

as a base, and adds more features and functionalities. In the next version of DarkPACK, already in preparation, we will provide also examples of nonsupersymmetric models. In the current release, the user has the possibility of defining custom models, within the capabilities of MARTY, and to perform calculations up to the one-loop level.

Future developments of DarkPACK will involve performance and feature improvements and upgrades. For instance, we plan to extend the study of the freeze-out scenario to the case of co-scattering (i. e. adding the processes of the kind $BSM + SM \rightarrow BSM + SM$ in the collisional term of the Boltzmann equation), and of the case in which the model contains more than one dark matter candidate, by generalising the Boltzmann equation solution algorithm to solve the system of differential equations defined by the Boltzmann equations of each particle type taken individually.

The next versions of SuperIso Relic will benefit from this code, by removing the hard-coded FORTRAN code for the squared amplitudes, and consequently benefiting in modularity, with the goal of linking it with other softwares, as well as to increase the number of predictable observables. Furthermore, flavour physics observables can be computed and precision tests can be performed thanks to the generic version of SuperIso [\[24](#page-30-11)[–27\]](#page-31-0), providing a multi-sectorial setup to study BSM scenarios.

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A The SuperIso **convention for names**

We describe here the SuperIso convention for the names of 2 to 2 processes. This is a convention that works only for $SUSY + SUSY \rightarrow SM + SM$ type of processes. However, we used it in DarkPACK since it is practical and since these processes are the ones we are mainly interested in. As described in section [4,](#page-5-0) as well as in the documentation of MARTY, there are also other ways to define processes.

The structure of the name is of the kind p1(bar)p2(bar)p3(bar)p4(bar), where the "bar" is present if the preceding field has to be taken as an antiparticle. The list of the particles and their names can be found in Table [1.](#page-25-2) The user can check the file processes.psiso for the full list of the processes we tested, named in this convention.

Table 1: List of the names of the particles in the SuperIso convention.

B Mass spectrum calculation

Full information on mass spectra and general properties of the numerical lib[r](#page-25-3)aries generated by MARTY can be found in chapter 7 of its manual.^r In this section we explain what it is done in the MSSM.cpp file. The relevant part of the code, where lib is the class that handles the library that will eventually be exported is this one (see listing [1\)](#page-26-1). In this way, all the physical particles are listed, and their mass terms are all grouped. The parameter that

^r<https://marty.in2p3.fr/doc/marty-manual.pdf>.

```
// Listing all the Physical particles
std::vector <Particle> part_0 =
   mssm.getPhysicalParticles([&](Particle p) {
   return p\rightarrow isPhysical(); });
std::vector <Particle> part;
for ( size_t i = 0; i != part_0.size(); i++ )
{
   if(!(IsOfType<GhostBoson>(part_0[i]) ||
   IsOfType<GoldstoneBoson>(part_0[i])))
       part.push_back(part_0[i]);
}
// Re-fixing mass names
for ( size_t i = 0; i != part.size(); i++ )
{
   if(!part[i]->getMass()->getName().empty())
   {
       part[i]->getMass()->setName("m_"+part[i]->getName());
   }
}
// In the following statement mssm is a mty::Model variable
// and lib is a mty::Library variable
lib.generateSpectrum(mssm);
```
Listing 1: Treatment of the mass spectrum in MARTY.

appears in the **struct** param_t as m (name of the particle) is no longer the bare mass in this way, but the mass that has been already computed by a spectrum generator.

It is however possible to give the bare masses as starting input values in a variable struct param_t params and then call

updateSpectrum(params);

if the user wants to create the whole spectrum, or just

updateMassExpressions(params);

if the user wants only to update the mass expressions without performing the diagonalization.

C Running for multiple calculations at the same energy

In this appendix, we want to explain how to efficiently perform the running when more quantities are computed at the same energy. Our choice of the whole setup for calculation has been guided by the idea of limiting as much as possible global variables, in order to give the user the possibility to easily parallelise calculation, for instance simply using the C++ standard libraries.

In order to fully understand the content of this section, we will refer to what we explained in section [5.](#page-8-0) A practical example about how to make use of what we describe in the following can be found in the file

```
auxiliary_library/script_mssm2to2/example_3_process_vector.cpp
```
A variable of the type Process2to2 has, amongst its private members, the following ones:

```
RunningSM *runptr;
bool isRunDataExternal;
bool isRunningExternal;
```
The default values after construction of the those members are nullptr and false.

When a function to get the sum of the squared amplitudes or the cross section is called, the default behaviour is that if runptr is equal to nullptr, a new RunningSM class is allocated, the value of isRunDataExternal is set to **true**. This allows the destructor of the class to know it has to free the memory pointed by the RunningSM member. Furthermore, the calculation of every quantity at a given energy can be performed handling the running via runptr.

However, if the user has to compute many quantities of different processes at the same energy, performing the running for each process is a waste of resources. So a class RunningSM can be constructed before creating the processes, and after that one can use the methods setRunningExternal and setRunningData to perform the running once and on the defined variable. For instance, for the process N_1 , $N_1 \rightarrow Z$, *Z*:

```
RunningSM run(input);
std::array<Insection, 4> v = {corr::N_1, corr::N_1,}corr::Z, corr::Z};
Process2to2 proc(v);
proc.setRunningData(&run);
proc.setRunningExternal();
double Ecm=3.0e+3; // Choosing 3 TeV as center of mass energy
run.HandleParamRunning(input, Ecm);
double xsection = proc.getTotalCrossSection(input, Ecm);
```
where input is a Param_t type variable properly initialised. The same result will be produced by simply using

```
std::array<Insection, 4> v = {corr::N_1, corr::N_1,}corr::Z, corr::Z};
Process2to2 proc(v);
```
double Ecm=3.0e+3; // Chosing 3 TeV as center of mass energy double xsection = proc.getTotalCrossSection(input, Ecm);

as shown in

auxiliary_library/script_mssm2to2/example_1_single_process.cpp

The example file we mentioned at the beginning of this appendix shows how to efficiently compute an inclusive cross section in this way.

Note that with this method the user can choose to use qualifiers in the declaration of the RunningSM variable, allowing local instances to the thread and being able to coherently parallelise calculations with the C++ standard libraries.

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