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# Overview

- We studied flavor changing neutral current decays of B and K mesons in the dark  $U(1)_D$  model.
- Both dark photon and dark Z contribution are studied in  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  observables
- Impact on  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$ , with  $\ell = \mu, e$ , and  $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  was discussed.
- Constraints on the model parameters were presented

# Our Work

- In this paper we studied a light vector mediator  $Z_D$  with mass  $0.01 < M_{Z_D} < 2$  GeV and allowed for on-shell as well as off-shell effects in  $Z_D$  decay.
- We calculated rates for FCNC processes for both the dark photon and dark Z models.
- We calculated the width of the  $Z_D$  boson including decays to leptonic, hadronic and invisible states.
- We studied extensions of the model with direct interactions of  $Z_D$  with muons, and with muons and electrons, apart from mixing induced couplings.
- We also allowed for an additional invisible decay of  $Z_D$  which could arise from  $Z_D$  couplings to dark sector particles.

# Model Cases

We study three different cases of the light  $Z_D$  model as specified below.

- **Case A:** This is the dark photon and dark Z model described by

with the kinetic  $(\epsilon)$  and mass  $(\epsilon_Z)$  terms

$$\mathcal{L}_D^{\text{em}} \supset e\epsilon Z_D^\mu J_\mu^{\text{em}} - ie\epsilon [[Z_D W^+ W^-]] \quad \mathcal{L}_D^Z \supset \frac{g}{\cos\theta_W} \epsilon_Z Z_D^\mu J_\mu^Z - ig \cos\theta_W \epsilon_Z [[Z_D W^+ W^-]]$$

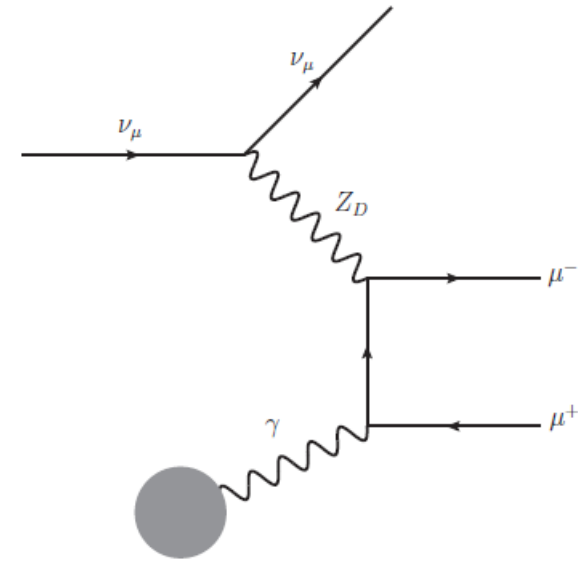
- **Case B:** A muonphilic  $Z_D$  in which Case A is extended with an additional direct interaction of the dark Z with muons

- **Case C:** Case A is extended with additional direct interactions of the dark Z with both electrons and muons

$$\mathcal{L}_D^Z \supset g_D^e \bar{e} \gamma_\alpha e Z_D^\alpha + g_D^\mu \bar{\mu} \gamma_\alpha \mu Z_D^\alpha$$

# Constraints

1.  $B_s$  mixing
2.  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
3.  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$
4. Kaon decay and mixing
5. Radiative  $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu Z_D$  decays
6. Radiative  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu Z_D$  decays
7. Atomic Parity Violation (APV)
8. Neutrino trident and CEvNS
9. Collider and other bounds



# List of Decays for Parameter Fits

Decay	Ref.	$q^2$ bin (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	Measurement	SM expectation
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-) \times 10^8$	[72]	0.1 – 0.98	$11.06^{+0.67}_{-0.73} \pm 0.29 \pm 0.69$	$10.60 \pm 1.54$
		1.1 – 2.5	$3.26^{+0.32}_{-0.31} \pm 0.10 \pm 0.22$	$4.66 \pm 0.74$
		2.5 – 4.0	$3.34^{+0.31}_{-0.33} \pm 0.09 \pm 0.23$	$4.49 \pm 0.70$
		4.0 – 6.0	$3.54^{+0.27}_{-0.26} \pm 0.09 \pm 0.24$	$5.02 \pm 0.75$
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-) \times 10^8$	[73]	0.1 – 2.0	$5.92^{+1.44}_{-1.30} \pm 0.40$	$7.97 \pm 1.15$
		2.0 – 4.0	$5.59^{+1.59}_{-1.44} \pm 0.38$	$4.87 \pm 0.76$
		4.0 – 6.0	$2.49^{+1.10}_{-0.96} \pm 0.17$	$5.43 \pm 0.74$
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-) \times 10^8$	[73]	0.1 – 0.98	$3.32 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.17$	$3.53 \pm 0.64$
		1.1 – 2.0	$2.33 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.12$	$3.53 \pm 0.58$
		2.0 – 3.0	$2.82 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.14$	$3.51 \pm 0.52$
		3.0 – 4.0	$2.54 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.13$	$3.50 \pm 0.63$
		4.0 – 5.0	$2.21 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.11$	$3.47 \pm 0.60$
		5.0 – 6.0	$2.31 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.12$	$3.45 \pm 0.53$
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0\mu^+\mu^-) \times 10^8$	[73]	0.1 – 2.0	$1.22^{+0.59}_{-0.52} \pm 0.06$	$3.28 \pm 0.52$
		2.0 – 4.0	$1.87^{+0.55}_{-0.49} \pm 0.09$	$3.25 \pm 0.56$
		4.0 – 6.0	$1.73^{+0.53}_{-0.48} \pm 0.09$	$3.21 \pm 0.54$
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-) \times 10^8$	[74]	0.1 – 0.98	$7.74 \pm 0.53 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.37$	$11.31 \pm 1.34$
		1.1 – 2.5	$3.15 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.15$	$5.44 \pm 0.61$
		2.5 – 4.0	$2.34 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.11$	$5.14 \pm 0.73$
		4.0 – 6.0	$3.11 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.15$	$5.50 \pm 0.69$
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-) \times 10^8$	[75]	0.1 – 4.0	$18.0^{+3.3}_{-3.0} \pm 0.5$	$13.73 \pm 1.88$
		4.0 – 8.12	$9.6^{+2.4}_{-2.2} \pm 0.3$	$14.11 \pm 1.88$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-) \times 10^7$	[76]	$0.03^2 - 1.0^2$	$3.1^{+0.9+0.2}_{-0.8-0.3} \pm 0.2$	$2.56 \pm 0.44$
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_s\mu^+\mu^-) \times 10^6$	[77]	1.0 – 6.0	$0.66^{+0.82+0.30}_{-0.76-0.24} \pm 0.07$	$1.67 \pm 0.15$
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_se^+e^-) \times 10^6$	[77]	1.0 – 6.0	$1.93^{+0.47+0.21}_{-0.45-0.16} \pm 0.18$	$1.74 \pm 0.16$
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-) \times 10^9$	[78]	1.1 – 6.0	$25.5^{+1.3}_{-1.2} \pm 1.1$	$34.9 \pm 6.2$
$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-) \times 10^9$	[78]	1.1 – 6.0	$33.3^{+2.7}_{-2.6} \pm 2.2$	$47.7 \pm 7.5$

# Best Fit Parameter Values

- **Case A:**  $M_{Z_D} = 10.07 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $\varepsilon_Z = 0.002$
- **Case B:**  $M_{Z_D} = 10.3 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $g_D^\mu = 0.28$  at fixed  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$  and  $\varepsilon_Z = 10^{-4}$
- **Case C:**  $M_{Z_D} = 30.2 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $g_D^\mu = 0.033$  at fixed  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$  and  $\varepsilon_Z = 10^{-4}$



# Results

- Dark photon and dark Z from  $U(1)_D$  contribution are studied in  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  observables.
- Constraints on the model parameters were set in different cases:
  1. **Case A:** For the base  $Z_D$  model,
    - (a) The parameter space  $M_{Z_D} < 30$  MeV is excluded primarily by measurements of the proton and cesium weak charges in atomic parity violation experiments.
    - (b) For  $M_{Z_D} > 30$  MeV, the mixing parameters are severely constrained by FCNC measurements to which  $Z_D$  contributes as a sharp resonance.

## 2. Case B:

(a) The base  $Z_D$  model is extended with a direct coupling of  $Z_D$  with muons.

(b) The parameter space is restricted to  $M_{Z_D} < 30$  MeV. The entire parameter space is ruled out because of enhancements to  $K \rightarrow \mu\nu X$  and to the  $W$  boson width.

## 3. Case C:

(a) In addition to a direct muon coupling,  $Z_D$  has a fine-tuned direct coupling to electrons to cancel its coupling to electrons through mixing.

(b) This avoids constraints from different sources such as APV. A fit to the  $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$  observables gives a best fit

$$M_{Z_D} = 30.2 \text{ MeV and } g_D^\mu = 0.033 \text{ for } \varepsilon = \varepsilon_Z = 10^{-4}$$

(c) Bounds from neutrino trident production at CCFR, LHCb dark photon searches,  $W$  width measurements and  $K \rightarrow \mu\nu X$  rule out much of the allowed parameter space.

(d) A  $2\sigma$  region around  $100 \leq M_{Z_D} \leq 200 \text{ MeV}$  and  $0.015 \leq g_D^\mu \leq 0.03$  remains viable provided a fine-tuned cancellation with other new physics is arranged to satisfy the constraint from the  $a_\mu$  measurement.