

# Dark photons

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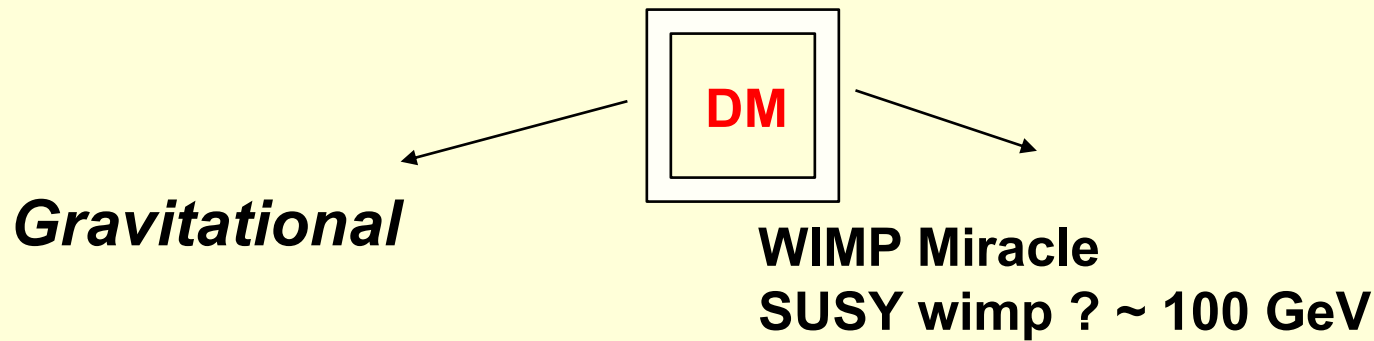
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*Why?*

*DM relic density consistent with weak int's*



*No SUSY yet/ experiments??*

DM originated as thermal relic from early Universe

If correct, → abundance of DM, once DM has non-gravitational interactions with SM

**Clear mass window ~ MeV – 10 GeV for candidates**

*experimental probe to rule out thermal DM*

**Need low mass vector state – *MEDIATOR* to be consistent with DM Relic density**

$$\Omega_{DM} \sim \frac{m_{\gamma^*}^4}{m_\chi^2}$$

**Heavy “PHOTON”?**

**Dark Photon state ?**

➤ **Hidden sector scenario;**

**DM do not interact directly to SM!**

## ○ *Hidden sector scenario*

- *DM charged under new  $U'(1)$  gauge field mediator by  $U'(1)$  gauge boson.*
- **DP** mixes with  $U(1)_Y$  by  $\epsilon$  (free parameter, mixing angle)
- **DP** as a low mass mediator  $DM \leftrightarrow SM$   
DP

Min. cross section  $\Omega_{DM} \sim \frac{m_{\gamma^*}^4}{m_\chi^2}$

### ○ If **DP** is the mediator, the issues arise:

- *What is the symmetry providing its propagation*
- *The nature of the propagator*
- *Experimental search for mediator - **DP***

○ **Kinetic  $\epsilon^2$  - mixing importance**

- to estimate indirect/direct detection of DM

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \alpha_{DM}^2 / m_\psi^2. \quad \text{annihilation rate}$$

- **Indirect Annihilation to**

$$l^+ l^- : \langle \sigma v \rangle_\epsilon \sim \epsilon^2 \frac{\alpha \alpha_{DM}}{m_\psi^2 P(\Delta)}, \quad \Delta = \frac{m_{DP} - m_\psi}{m_\psi}$$

- **Direct DM scattering against nuclei**

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_\epsilon \sim \epsilon^2 \frac{\alpha \alpha_{DM} \mu_{\psi p}^2}{m_{DP}^4} \frac{Z^2}{A^2}, \quad \mu_{\psi p} = \frac{m_\psi m_p}{m_\psi + m_p}$$

# ❖ Heavy photon searches

## ❖ Fixed target

**NA 64 @ SPS, PRD 97 (2018) 072002**  $e^-Z \rightarrow e^-Z\gamma^* \rightarrow e^-Z\chi\bar{\chi}$  invisible

$$10^{-5} \leq \epsilon_{\gamma-\gamma^*} \leq 10^{-2}$$

$$m_{\gamma^*} \leq 1 \text{ GeV}$$

**HPS @ Jlab, PRD 98 (2018) 091101**  $19 < m_{\gamma^*} < 81 \text{ MeV}, \epsilon^2_{\gamma-\gamma^*} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-6}$

- J-PARC, T2K ?
- DUNE @ FNAL ?

➤ **Low**  $\alpha_{DM}$  , **low**  $m_{DP} \rightarrow$  **longer lifetime**

○ EM Telescope SHUKET ( $\mu\text{eV}$  mass @ mixing  $\sim 10^{-12}$ )

*Detect weak DM-induced electric field  $E_{DM} \sim \epsilon m \overrightarrow{\psi_{DM}}$*

## ○ Colliders

- **LHC, FASER** 480 m downstream of ATLAS int. point 2020-21?

## LHC: DP experimental signature

*Overall signal strength in  $gg \rightarrow H(\bar{\sigma}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma\gamma^*)$*

- **Origin:** - **SI** breaking sector of CFT  
- Contribution from DP to BR

$$BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*) \approx (1 + a\varepsilon^2\Omega) BR^{SM}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma), \quad \Omega \sim (1 - m^2 / m_H^2)^3$$

**Salient feature:** **DP**  $\gamma^*$  energy with cont. spectrum vs  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  in SM

- By measuring  $E_\gamma$  spectrum in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  one can discriminate the presence of DP or not.
- **Strategy of the analysis:** identify  $\gamma^* \rightarrow inv$  candidates by precise reconstruction of the initial Higgs state.
- The *measured rate* of such events has to be compared to that expected from known sources
- ✓ **DP** signal (exp. signature): detected in missing  $E$  and  $p$  distribution

Once **DP** produced:

$E_\gamma$  spectrum is NO more  $\delta$ -function peaked at  $0.5m_H$

**but rather continuous with  $E_\gamma = [0, 0.5m_H]$**

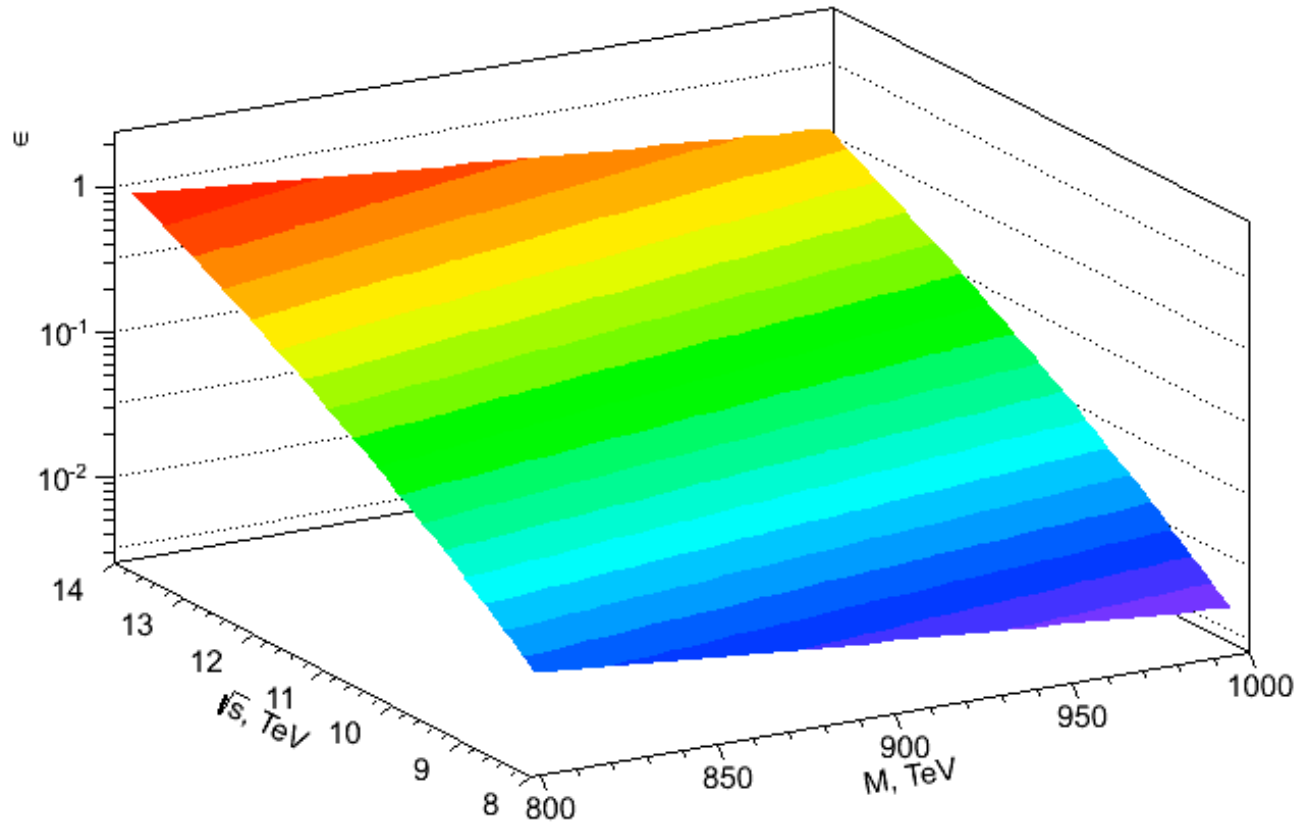
# Effect of DM sector on observable(s)

➤ Mixing strength  $\varepsilon$  is bounded by

$$\sqrt{s} = 8 - 14 \text{ TeV}, \quad M = 800 - 1000 \text{ TeV}, \quad d = 4$$

$$\varepsilon < \frac{s^d}{\left(v^2 M^{d-2}\right)^2}$$

*GK Nucl. Phys. B273 (2016)*





## Upper limit on mixing angle $\varepsilon$

- ✓ NP signals with DP increase with  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $d$

For  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$ :  $L \sim \mathcal{O}_{SM}$   $\mathcal{O}_{IR} \sim \varepsilon \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi H B^\mu M^{-1}$

Relevant energy scale  $Q \sim m_q$ ,  $q: top, \dots$

**Result:**  $\varepsilon < 3 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ,  $q: top$ ,  $d = 4; M > v$

**DP visible @ LHC for the UV scale up to  $M < 10^3$  TeV,  $d=4$**

If  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the only decay  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  is appropriate within SM

**✓ LHC is a very good facility where the DM Physics can be tested well**



## Upper limit on DP mass

$$Am(\gamma^* \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} f_\nu \bar{\nu} \left( g_{V_\nu} \gamma_\beta + g_{A_\nu} \gamma_\beta \gamma_5 \right) \nu \gamma_\beta^*$$

$$f_\nu^2 = 4\sqrt{2}Gm^2, \quad G \sim 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

No final state interactions: (partial decay width)

$$\Gamma(\gamma^* \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) = \frac{2}{3} \bar{\alpha} \cdot \varepsilon^2 m$$

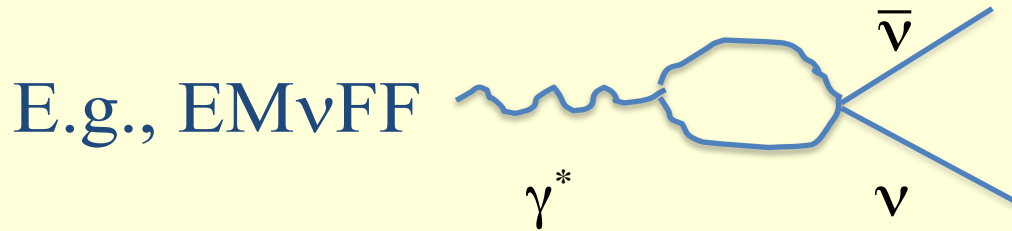
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$$\frac{\sqrt{2}Gg_\nu^2 m^2}{4\pi\bar{\alpha}}, \quad g_{V_\nu}^2 = g_{A_\nu}^2 = g_\nu^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

For  $\varepsilon < 3 \cdot 10^{-2} \rightarrow m < 3.3 \text{ GeV}$



To predict  $m$ , the more detailed calculations need



$$\Gamma(\gamma^* \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) \sim \alpha^2 m^5 G^2 \left( \ln \frac{\Lambda_\nu^2}{m_l^2} - \frac{1}{6} \right)^2$$

DP mass: Combined calculations give

$$m \approx m_\mu \sqrt{\left[ \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha^{-1}}{\sum_{l:e,\mu} \left( \ln \frac{\Lambda_\nu^2}{m_l^2} - \frac{1}{6} \right)} \right]} \rightarrow m = 0.83 \text{ GeV} \quad e, \mu \text{ loops}$$

$$\Lambda_\nu \sim O(m_Z), \quad \varepsilon = 7.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

## ❖ *Higgs-Dilaton Abelian Model*

$$L_{SM+DM+DP} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\alpha}F_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\bar{\beta}B_{\mu\nu}^2 - b(\partial B) + \frac{1}{2\eta}b^2 \\ + \bar{\psi}(i\widehat{D}_\mu - m_\psi)\psi + |D_\mu\varphi|^2 - \lambda^2|\varphi|^4 + \mu_0^2|\varphi|^2$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon(\alpha + \beta), \quad \bar{\beta} = \epsilon^2\alpha\beta, \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igB_\mu$$

➤ *Invariance under transformations:*

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu\Lambda, \quad B_\mu \rightarrow B_\mu + \partial_\mu\Lambda,$$

$$\varphi \rightarrow e^{ig\Lambda}\varphi, \quad \psi \rightarrow \psi e^{ig\Lambda}, \quad \Delta^2\Lambda(x) = 0$$

## ❖ Symmetry breaking

$$\text{Real fields} \quad \phi + f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\varphi + \varphi^*), \quad \chi = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(\varphi - \varphi^*)$$

$$\langle \Omega, \chi \Omega \rangle = 0, \quad f = \langle \Omega, (\phi + f) \Omega \rangle, \quad \langle \Omega, \Omega \rangle = 1$$

After symmetry breaking

$$L_R = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\alpha}F_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\bar{\beta}B_{\mu\nu}^2 - b(\partial B) + \frac{1}{2\eta}b^2 +$$
$$\bar{\psi}(i\widehat{D}_\mu - m_\psi)\psi + \frac{m^2}{2}B_\mu^2 + mB_\mu\partial^\mu\chi - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left[(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 + (\partial_\mu\chi)^2\right]$$

$$m = gf \text{ DP mass}$$

$$\mu = \sqrt{2}\lambda f \text{ scalar dilaton mass}$$

## □ **Dark photon field itself**

### ➤ **Basic Eq.**

$$\Delta^2 B_\mu - p \partial_\mu (\partial B) + \frac{m^2}{q} B_\mu + \frac{m}{q} \partial_\mu \chi = 0$$

$$p = 1 - \frac{\eta}{q}, \quad q = -\frac{1}{4} \epsilon^2 (\alpha - \beta)^2$$

### **Solution. DP field**

$$\mathbf{B}_\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}_\mu(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{\partial_\mu \chi(\mathbf{x})}{m} + \frac{\eta}{m^3} \Delta^2 \partial_\mu \chi(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\Delta^2 \Delta^2 \chi(x) = 0, \quad \Delta^2 \chi(x) \neq 0,$$

$$[\chi(x), \chi(0)] = 2\pi i \operatorname{sgn}(x^0) [b_1 \theta(x^2) + b_2 \delta(x^2)]$$

$$\left( \Delta^2 + \frac{m^2}{q} \right) C_\mu(x) = (\partial C) = 0, \quad [C_\mu(x), \chi(y)] = 0$$

## ❖ Propagator of Dark Photon field

$\mathbb{R}_4$ :

$$\hat{t}(p) \sim \frac{1}{\eta} \lim_{\kappa^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{(p^2 - \kappa^2 + i\varepsilon)^2} + c \left[ g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{(p^2 + i\varepsilon)} \right] \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

➤ The mixing  $\varepsilon$  – dependence is through the Eq.

$$\partial^\mu \left[ F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon (\alpha + \beta) B_{\mu\nu} \right] = 0$$

$B_{\mu\nu}$ :  $B_\mu$  is the basic DP field solution

❖ **DM field properties. DM propagator.**

$$(i\partial_\mu \gamma^\mu - m_\psi)\psi(x) \approx -gm^{-1}\gamma^\mu N[\partial_\mu \chi(x) \cdot \psi(x)]$$

$$\psi(x) = N e^{ig\chi(x)/m} \psi^{(0)}(x)$$

Free DM field with mass  $m_\psi$

$$N[\partial_\mu \chi(x) \cdot \psi(y)] = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \partial_\mu [\chi(x) + ig\omega(x-y)] \psi(y)$$

➤ **DM propagator**

$$\tau_\psi(x) = \langle \Omega, T[\psi(x)\bar{\psi}(0)]\Omega \rangle = \frac{\langle \Omega, T[\psi^{(0)}(x)\bar{\psi}^{(0)}(0)]\Omega \rangle}{(-\kappa^2 x_\mu^2 + i\varepsilon)^{g^2/(4\pi)^2}}$$

□ **DM  $\psi(x)$  picked up anomalous dimension  $g^2/(4\pi)^2$**

○  **$\kappa$  – multiplicative normalization constant of DM  $\psi(x)$**

# ❖ Observables. DM, DP

Ideal system DM-DP  $\rightarrow$  *Dynamical system with constraints in phase space  $\Gamma$*

DM-DP: *Dynamical system with physical space  $\mathcal{M} \subset \Gamma$ , surface  $b(x) = 0$*

*L. Faddeev, 1969*

Observables on  $\mathcal{M} \Rightarrow$  *weak equations*

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quantities  $\{\dots, \dots\} \approx 0$  *Poisson*

❖ Observables local  $\{O(x), O(y)\} = 0, (x - y)^2 < 0$

❖ Observables relatively local  $\{O_1(x_1), O_2(x_2)\} = 0, (x_1 - x_2)^2 < 0$

$$(i\hat{\partial} - m - g\hat{B})\psi(x) = 0, \quad \{b(x), B_\mu(y)\} \neq 0, \quad \{b(x), \psi(y)\} \neq 0,$$

❖ **Result:** Both DM field  $\psi(x)$  and DP field  $B_\mu(x)$  are not **observables**



## ❖ **Stochastic forces**

Both **DM** and **DP** are observables under stochastic forces  $h_\mu(x)$  ONLY

**DP**  $B_\mu(x)$  *fluctuations in medium:*

probability  $P[B_\mu] \sim \exp(-G[h_\mu]\beta)$

$$G[h_\mu] = \ln \int dB_\mu e^{-\int dx [L(x) + h_\mu(x)B^\mu(x)]}$$

Free energy averaged over fluctuation  $h_\mu$

$$F_n = \int dh_\mu G[h_\mu] e^{-\int dx h_\mu^n(x)}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \text{external insertions of } h_\mu(x)$$

$$\partial_\mu h^\mu(x) = \delta(x)$$

## ❖ *Observables.* **DM, DP**

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \Psi(x; h_\mu) = \left\{ \exp \left[ ig \int d^4y h_\mu(x-y) \times B^\mu(y) \right] \right\} \psi(x)$$

$$(i\hat{\partial} - m - g\hat{B})\psi(x) \rightarrow [i\hat{\partial} - m - gB_\mu(x; h_\mu)\gamma^\mu] \Psi(x; h_\mu) = 0$$

$$\{b(x), \Psi(y; h_\mu)\} = \{b(x), \bar{\Psi}(y; h_\mu)\} = 0; \quad \{b(x), B_\mu(y, h_\mu)\} = 0,$$

$$B^\mu(x, h_\mu) = \int d^4y [g^{\mu\nu} \delta(x-y) - \partial^\mu h_\nu(x-y)] B^\nu(y)$$

**Both DM field  $\Psi(x; h_\mu)$  and DP field  $B^\mu(x, h_\mu)$  have advantages of involving *observables* only**

❖ **Hidden sector.**      **How it should be explored?**

$$L_{int/med} = \sum_{k,l,m,n}^{k+l+m=n+4} \frac{O_{DM}^{(k)} O_{DP}^{(l)} O_{SM}^{(m)}}{\Lambda^n} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Weak scale barrier}$$

$O_{DP}$ :  $B_{\mu\nu}$  **mediator vector operator** / Portal to DM

At  $\sim O(\text{GeV})$   $\tau_{DP} \geq \tau_{SM}$  (meson decays due to weak int's)

Assume interplay between **DM and SM** mediated by new operators with  $d_{tot} = n + 4$

➤ Production cross section  $\sigma \sim \epsilon^2 \frac{\zeta^2}{E^2} \left(\frac{E}{\Lambda}\right)^{2n}, d_{tot} = n + 4$

✓ **Collider or Fixed target?**

❖ **Dark photon. Production rate**

$$R_{FT/Coll} = \frac{N_{FT}}{N_{Coll}} = \frac{L_{FT}}{L_{Coll}} \left( \frac{E_{FT}}{E_{Coll}} \right)^{2n-2}$$

$$R_{FT/Coll} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 10^{11-6n} \frac{100 \text{ GeV (p - beam)}}{LHC} \\ 10^{14-9n} \frac{100 \text{ GeV (e - beam) SPS CERN}}{LHC}, \\ 10^{16-11n} \frac{1 \text{ GeV (e - beam) JLab}}{LHC} \end{array} \right.$$

$$n = 0 \quad R_{FT/Coll} \sim 10^{11} - 10^{16}$$

$$n = 1 \quad R_{FT/Coll} \sim 10^5$$

$$n = 2 \quad R_{FT/Coll} \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-1}$$

## Conclusion

1. Abelian conformal-gauge model for DP and interactions.
2. DP solution. DP massive.
3. Upper limit for mixing angle estimated  $\varepsilon < 3 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ,  $S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$
4. **Dark photon** parameters predicted  $m = 0.83 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\varepsilon = 7.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$
5. DM - SM interactions through DP (***the portal***) as non-trivial combination of the derivatives of dilaton field.
6. Influence of Conformal Sector to SM sector.
7. DP production rate for *collider* and *fixed target* modes.



***DM***

***DP is the conformal  
portal to **DM*****

Thank you!