

Dark-Sector Searches at the DUNE Near Detector Complex: Decay vs Scattering

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[1] MCP in Neutrino Experiments (<u>1806.03310</u>, **PRL '19**)

- [2] Dark photon, inelastic dark matter, muon g-2 window (1908.07525)
 - [3] The FerMINI Experiment (1812.03998, PRD '19)
 - [4] (Up) scattering + decay studies, in preparation

LHC vs DUNE

High energy frontier



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High-energy Intensity frontier





Outline

- Intro: Why **DUNE**? Why **MeV GeV** New Physics?
- **Decay** vs **Scattering** Experimental Probes
- Decay studies: renormalizable portals and Inelastic Dark Matter (new results!)
- Scattering study: millicharged particles (MCP) & Strongly Interacting Dark Matter (new plots!)
- Scattering + Decay & FerMINI proposal

Exploration of Dark Matter & Mediator



- Resonant SIDM w/ Hitoshi+; Kinetic Decoupling DM w/. Tracy+ (in prep.)
- Astrophysical/cosmological observations: important to reveal the actual story of dark matter (DM).
- Why neutrino experiments (DUNE)? And why MeV GeV+?

Fixed-Target Neutrino Experiments

- High statistics, LBNF/DUNE will have $\sim 10^{22}$ Protons on Target (POT)
- Neutrinos are dark-sector particles.
- Relatively high-energy proton beams on targets:
 O(100 400) GeV (I will compare Fermilab/CERN facilities)
- Shielded/underground: lower background
- Many of them existing and many to come:

strength in numbers

• Produce these particles with less assumptions

Not all bounds are created equal

Assumptions

Or, how likely is it that theorists would be able to argue our ways around them

Accelerator-based: Collider, Beam Dump, ... Fixed-Target Neutrino Experiments (DUNE)

techinical

Cosmic-ray productions / Astrophysical production (SN1987A & neutron-star mergers) observation in large detectors / energy loss or cooling, Rely on modeling/observations of (complicated/ extreme/rare) systems

Dark matter direct/indirect detection: abundance, velocity distribution, etc Cosmology: assume cosmological history, species, etc

DUNE ND Complex: Super Exciting Opportunities

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DUNE Near-Detector Complex

- **120 GeV proton beam** on target, $\sqrt{s} = 15.4$ GeV, 10^22 POT accumulated in **10 years: High-energy Intensity Frontier!**
- DUNE TDR VI: arXiv:2002.02967, CDR of ND will be released this year

ND complex has 3 detectors:

- **ArgonCube**: Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)
- MPD: multi-purpose high pressure gas TPC (HPgTPC, ND-GAr)
 w/ magnetic field + EMCal
- SAND: Scintillator Array Near Detector: precision beam monitoring detector.
 See Steve's talk for updates

DUNE Near Detector (ND) Complex



ND Complex Facilities

Table 5.1: High-level breakdown of the three major detector components and the capability of movement for the DUNE ND, along with functions and primary physics goals.

Component	Essential Characteris- tics	Primary function	Select physics aims		
LArTPC (ArgonCube)	Mass	Experimental control for the FD.	$ u_{\mu}(\overline{ u}_{\mu})$ CC		
	Target nucleus Ar	Unoscillated E_{ν} spectra measurements.	u-e ⁻ scattering		
	Technology FD-like	Flux determination.	$ u_e + \overline{ u}_e$ CC		
			Interaction model		
Multipurpose detector (MPD)	Magnetic field	Experimental control for the LArTPCs.	$ u_{\mu}(\overline{ u}_{\mu})$ CC		
	Target nucleus Ar	Momentum-analyze μ 's produced in LAr.	$ u_e$ CC, $\overline{ u}_e$		
	Low density	Measure exclusive fi- nal states with low mo- mentum threshold.	Interaction model		
DUNE-PRISM (capa- bility)	ArgonCube+MPD move off-axis	Change flux spectrum	Deconvolve flux × cross section; Energy response; Provide FD-like energy spectrum at ND; ID mismodeling.		
Beam Monitor (SAND)	On-axis	Beam flux monitor	On-axis flux stability		
	High-mass polystyrene target	Neutrons	Interaction model;		
	KLOE magnet		Atomic number (A) dependence; ν -e ⁻ scattering.		

DUNE TDR, V - I, <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2002.02967.pdf</u>

Simplified Configuration



Decay vs **Scattering** Inelastic Dark Matter & Millicharged Particles

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Decay Study

Including CHARM decay detector (DD), NuCAL, NA62, SeaQuest, (see, <u>arXiv:1908.07525</u>)

• Experiments optimized to study **decaying particles**, or simply two charged particle final states, e.g. from Drell-Yan (SeaQuest)

General features:

- 1. Large decay volume
- 2. Lower density: low background
- 3. Simple design thus relatively low cost (tracking + EMCal)
- Often, there is magnetic field (track separations/momentum reconstruction/filter-out soft SM radiation)
- 5. Usually studying long-lived particles (mediators, e.g., dark photons)

HPgTPC

- Muon spectrometer
- ND is small compared to the Far Detector (FD), charged tracks will exit the LArTPC, and the energy cannot be measured precisely.
- Place a gas argon TPC downstream of the LArTPC to conduct precision measurements of any tracks that exit the LArTPC.

DUNE Multi-Purpose Detector: Gas TPC, ECAL surrounding it, and potentially a muon tagger

(to separate muons and pions that exit the Gas TPC).



The HPgTPC has a

- diameter of 5 m and a length of 5 m.
 - \sim 580 meters away from the target

Figure 5.2: The conceptual design of the MPD system for the ND. The TPC is shown in yellow inside the pressure vessel. Outside the pressure vessel, the ECAL is shown in orange, and outside that are the magnet coils and cryostats. The drawing illustrates the five-coil superconducting design.



Comparison to Legion of Probes

		Experiment	Beam Energy	РОТ	$L_{\rm dist.}$	$L_{ m dec}$	
		CHARM	$400 {\rm GeV}$	2.4e18	480 m	$35 \mathrm{m}$	
		NuCal	$70 {\rm GeV}$	1.7e18	64 m	23 m	
t		NA62	$400 {\rm GeV}$	*1.3e16/1e18	82 m	$75 \mathrm{m}$	
	see arXiv:1908.07525	SQ/DQ	$120 {\rm GeV}$	*1.4e18/1e20	$5 \mathrm{m}$	*7 m	
	for details	LongQuest	$120 {\rm GeV}$	*1e20	$5 \mathrm{m}$	*7/13 m	
See <u>arXiv:2002.02967</u>		DUNE-ND	$120 {\rm GeV}$	*1e22 🕥	580 m	*5 m	
(*indicates not yet fully decided					

Interesting Long-Lived Particles for Decay Studies

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The Rise of Dark Sector



- The Lee-Weinberg bound (1977'): below ~ 2 GeV, DM freezeout through weak-Interaction (e.g. through Z-boson) would overclose the Universe.
- Could consider ways to get around this but generally light DM needs light **mediators** to freeze-out to proper relic abundance.
- Mediator is needed for a proper freeze-out: the rise of "dark sector" (DM + mediators + stuffs).

Renormalizable "Portals"

- Dark sectors can include mediator particles coupled to the SM via the following **renormalizable interactions.**
- High-Dim. axion portal is also popular



Legion of Probes on Dark Photon



Ilten, Soreq, Williams, and Xue, <u>1801.04847</u>, for **compilation of probes**, updated in <u>https://gitlab.com/philten/darkcast</u>

1804.00661 (SeaQuest: Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro)

<u>1908.07525</u> (NA62 + LongQuest, Tsai, de Niverville, Liu)

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Dark Photon in DUNE



Legion of Probes on Dark Photon



New Projections from NA62 and DUNE-MPD, Preliminary update

Take into account Proton Bremsstrahlung production properly

Tsai, de Niverville, Liu, <u>1908.07525</u> + We (deNiverville & Tsai) also did a new simplified detector simulation here

Inelastic Dark Matter

- One of the few viable MeV GeV thermal dark matter candidates
- A "thermal target" for DM searches
- Can explain g-2 and freeze-out to the right relic DM abundance
- Smith, Weiner, arXiv:0101138

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{i=1,2} ar{\chi}_i (i \partial \!\!\!/ - m_{\chi_i}) \chi_i - (g_D A'_\mu ar{\chi_1} \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + ext{h.c.}).$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1}$$
, $g_D \equiv \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_D}$, $m_{A'} > m_{x1} + m_{x2}$.



1703.06881 (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella)

iDM in Fixed-Target and Collider

- Collider: 1508.03050 (Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Shuve)
- Fixed target:
- 1703.06881 (FT: Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella),
- 1804.00661 (SeaQuest: Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro)
- 1902.05075 (g-2: Mohlabeng)
- 1908.07525 (Strong bounds: Tsai, de Niverville, Liu)

Inelastic Dark Matter (iDM)



FIG. 1. Leading order diagram for $\chi_1\chi_2 \to f^+f^-$ coannihilation, which sets the DM relic abundance in the $m_{A'} > m_{1,2}$ regime.

<u>1703.06881</u> (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, and Moschella)

$$m_1 \sim \frac{\epsilon \left(\alpha_D \,\alpha_{\rm em} \,T_{\rm eq} \,m_{\rm pl}\right)^{1/2}}{\left(m_{A'}/m_1\right)^2} \,e^{-x_f \Delta/2} ,$$

New Bounds on Inelastic Dark Matter

Inelastic Dark Matter: $\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{i=1,2} \bar{\chi}_i (i \partial \!\!\!/ - m_{\chi_i}) \chi_i - (g_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi_1} \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + \mathrm{h.c.}).$



<u>1703.06881</u> (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella), <u>1908.07525</u> (Tsai, de Niverville, Liu)

Inelastic Dark Matter & Muon g-2 explainer







arXiv:1902.05075 by Mohlabeng arXiv:1908.07525 (our paper) ²⁶

HNL Searches



Albert De Roeck, Georgios Christodoulou, Haifa Sfar.

Beyond Simple Dark-Sector Models

Currently looking into

- Cosmology motivated models (baryogenesis & relaxion)
- Strongly Self-Interaction DM (motivated by dark QCD)

New results in preparation!

Scattering Study

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Scattering Detectors

MiniBooNE, SBND, MicroBooNE, MINERvA, DUNE LArTPC, etc

• Study neutrino scattering and/or neutrino oscillation

Features (comparing to decay detectors): These features are correlated

- 1. Higher density
- 2. Complicated design compared to the decaying detector.
- 3. Cost more with the same volume
- 4. Usually studying stable particles (neutrino, dark matter, millicharged particles)

Scattering Study with DUNE LArTPC

- LArTPC (ArgonCube) consists of an array of **35** modular time projection chambers (TPCs) sharing a cryostat. (~ 50 tons.)
- Study ArgonCube 2 x 2 demonstrator would be beneficial for our study
- Neutrino beams parallel to the cathode



Just one module

T0: time when the interaction occurs

<u>arXiv:2002.02967</u>, DUNE TDR V - I ³¹

Simplest Target Model: Millicharged Particles Signature Similar to nu-e scattering

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Finding Minicharge

- Is electric charge quantized and why? A long-standing question!
- SM U(1) allows arbitrarily small (any real number) charges. Why don't we see them? Motivates
 Dirac quantization, Grand Unified Theory (GUT), to explain such quantization (anomaly cancellations fix some SM U(1)_Y charge assignments)
- Link to string compactification and quantum gravity (Shiu, Soler, Ye, PRL '13)
- Testing if **e/3 is the minimal charge**
- MCP could have natural link to **dark sector** (dark photon, etc)
- Could account for dark matter (DM) abundance
- Used for the cooling of gas temperature to explain the EDGES anomaly [EDGES collab., Nature, (2018); Barkana, Nature, (2018)].
 A small fraction of the DM as MCP can potentially explain EDGES observation

MCP Model

• A particle fractionally charged under SM U(1) hypercharge

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm MCP} = i\bar{\chi}(\partial \!\!\!/ - i\epsilon' e B \!\!\!/ + M_{\rm MCP})\chi$$

- Can just consider these Lagrangian terms by themselves (no extra mediator, i.e., dark photon). Completely legal! Naively violating the empirical charge quantization (cool!).
- We are only probing MCP here! Minimal assumptions.
 Most robust constraints.
- This could be from vector portal Kinetic Mixing (Holdom, '85)
 - give a nice origin to the above term
 - an example that gives rise to **dark sectors**
 - easily compatible with Grand Unification Theory
 - I will not spend too much time on the model

Kinetic Mixing and MCP Phase



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\chi}(\partial \!\!\!/ + ie' B' + iM_{\rm MCP})\chi$$

- New fermion χ charged under new gauge boson B'.
- Millicharged particle (MCP) can be a low-energy consequence of massless dark photon (a new U(1) gauge boson) coupled to a new fermion (become MCP in a convenient basis.)
- See Holdom, 1985; or <u>arXiv:1806.03310</u>

Production & Detection:

MCP (or light DM with massless mediator):



Heavy mesons are important for high-mass mCP's in high-energy beams

MCP Production/Flux



MCP Detection: Electron Scattering & Ionization

- Q^2 is the squared 4-momentum transfer.
- lab frame: $Q^2 = 2m_e (E_e m_e)$, $E_e m_e$ is the electron recoil energy.
- Expressed in **recoil energy threshold**, $E_e^{(min)}$, we have

$$\sigma_{e\chi} \simeq 2.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{cm}^2 \times \epsilon^2 \times \frac{1 \text{ MeV}}{E_e^{(\text{min})} - m_e}$$

- Sensitivity greatly enhanced by accurately measuring low energy electron recoils for mCP's & light dark matter - electron scattering,
- Very low-energy scattering: Ionization (eV-level)!
 MilliQan: arXiv:1410.6816, <u>Haas</u>, <u>Hill</u>, <u>Izaguirre</u>, <u>Yavin</u>
- See Magill, Plestid, Pospelov, YT, <u>1806.03310</u> (MCP in neutrino Experiments) & deNiverville, Frugiuele, <u>1807.06501</u> (for sub-GeV DM)

Sensitivity at Neutrino Detectors



- Electron recoil-energy threshold: MeV to 100 MeV
- SLAC mQ: Prinz el al, PRL (1998); Colliders/accelerator: Davidson, Hannestad, Raffelt (2000);
 N_{eff}: Bœhm, Dolan, and McCabe (2013)
- Patrick, Yun-Tse, Gianluca, Albert, Tsai, + : ICARUS + ArgonCube demo. + DUNE detailed study

Background for Future Measurements

• Two classes of backgrounds:

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1) From neutrino fluxes (calculable),
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[i.e. $ve \rightarrow ve$ and $vn \rightarrow ep$], greatly reduced by

maximum electron recoil energy cuts $E_e(max)$, because no

low Q^2 enhancement (through W/Z)

2) Other sources such as

beam related: dirt related events, mis-id particles

external: cosmics,

Multiply a factor of the neutrino-caused background to

account for these background

• New studies on ICARUS, ArgonCube demo, DUNE ND

Summary Table

	$N \left[\times 10^{20}\right]$		$\underline{A_{\text{geo}}(m_{\chi})[\times 10^{-3}]}$		Cuts [MeV]		
Exp. (Beam Energy, POT)	π^0	η	$1 {\rm ~MeV}$	$100 {\rm ~MeV}$	E_e^{\min}	E_e^{\max}	Bkg
LSND (0.8 GeV, 1.7×10^{23})	130		20		18	52	300
mBooNE (8.9 GeV, 2.4×10^{21})	17	0.56	1.2	0.68	130	530	2k
mBooNE* (8.9 GeV, 1.9×10^{20})	1.3	0.04	1.2	0.68	75	850	0
$\mu \text{BooNE} (8.9 \text{ GeV}, \ 1.3 \times 10^{21})$	9.2	0.31	0.09	0.05	2	40	16
SBND (8.9 GeV, 6.6×10^{20})	4.6	0.15	4.6	2.6	2	40	230
DUNE (80 GeV, 3.0×10^{22})	830	16	3.3	5.1	2	40	19k
SHiP (400 GeV, 2.0×10^{20})	4.7	0.11	130	220	100	300	140

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$$\varepsilon \propto E_{e,R,min}^{1/4} Bg^{1/8}$$

 At LArTPC, the wire/pixel spacing is assumed to be around 3 mm, the ionization stopping power is approximately 2.5 MeV/cm: electrons with total energy larger than at least 2 MeV produce tracks long enough to be reconstructed across two wires/pixels.

Efficiency of 0.8 for liquid argon time projection chambers.

• DUNE LArTPC ND, Using CDR configuration

Double-Hit + ArgoNeuT Scale-up



Harnik, Liu, Palamara: double-hit to reduce background Ivan Lepetic + (ArgoNeuT) '19

Strongly Interacting Dark Matter

DM-SM Interaction too strong that attenuation stop the particles from reach the direct detection detector



DMATIS (Dark Matter ATtenuation Importance Sampling), Mahdawi & Farrar '17

DUNE Probe of Millicharged SIDM

MCP / LDM with ultralight dark photon mediators, all curves except FerMINI are from arXiv:1905.06348



- Here we plot the **electron-scattering Millicharged SIDM** from 1905.06348 (Emken, Essig, Kouvaris, Sholapurkar)
- **DUNE-ND/FerMINI** can help close the Millicharged SIDM window!

Reviving mDM for EDGES



1908.06986 (Liu, Outmezguine, Redigolo, Volansky)

FerMINI: Add-on Detector

MilliQan: arXiv:1410.6816, Haas, Hill, Izaguirre, Yavin





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DUNE: The High-Energy Intensity Frontier

[5] Light Scalar & Dark Photon at BoreXino & LSND, <u>1706.00424</u>, PLB '18

(proton-charge radius anomaly) Pospelov, Tsai

[6] Dipole Portal Heavy Neutral Lepton, <u>1803.03262</u>, PRD '18

(LSND/MiniBooNE anomalies) Magill, Plestid, Pospelov, Tsai

[7] Dark Neutrino at Scattering Exps: CHARM-II & MINERvA, 1812.08768, PRL '19

(MiniBooNE Anomaly, see also Pedro's papers) Argüelles, Hostert, Tsai

[9] Cosmic-ray produced MCP in Neutrino Observatories (2002.11732, NEW)

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Our other analyses that can

be applied to DUNE ND Study

Thank You!

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