Dark Photon Phenomenology

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Motivations

• Theoretical feasibility and constraints

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- Dark Photon as the oscillating DM
- Non-trivial Dark Sectors, dipole operators, Yukawa couplings
- LHC and FCC signatures: $H \to \gamma \gamma_D$ $Z \to \gamma \bar{\gamma}$
- Dark Photon explanations to flavour anomalies

Dark Photon (DP) theory and constraints

Lagrangian after diagonalization

$$
\mathcal{L}' = \left[\frac{e' \cos \theta}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} J'_{\mu} + e \left(\sin \theta - \frac{\varepsilon \cos \theta}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} \right) J_{\mu} \right] A'^{\mu}
$$

$$
+ \left[-\frac{e' \sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} J'_{\mu} + e \left(\cos \theta + \frac{\varepsilon \sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} \right) J_{\mu} \right] A^{\mu}
$$

Unbroken $U(1)_a \times U(1)_b$

Freedom to rotate

example

 $\sin \theta = 0$

A' couples to both SM and DS fields A couples only to SM fields $-\frac{e \varepsilon}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}}$ $\mathcal{L}' =$ J_μ $A^{\prime\mu}$ $+ eJ_{\mu}A^{\mu}$. same as massive $\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$ DP scenario (see next slide)

Massless Dark-Photon scenario

 $\sin \theta = \varepsilon$

Dark photon **A**' couple only to its own Dark Sector (millicharge)

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$$
\mathcal{L}' = e' J'_{\mu} A'^{\mu} + \left[-\frac{e'\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} J'_{\mu} + \frac{e}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} J_{\mu} \right] A^{\mu}
$$

millicharge

B. Holdom, PLB 166B, 196 (1986)

Massive Dark Photon scenario $U(1)_a \times U(1)_b$

1) Stuckelberg mass term

$$
\mathcal{L}_{Stu} = -\frac{1}{2} M_a^2 A_{a\mu} A_a^{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} M_b^2 A_{b\mu} A_b^{\mu} - M_a M_b A_{a\mu} A_b^{\mu}
$$

2) Mass term via spontaneous symmetry breaking of U(1) (Dark-Higgs)

In both cases, NO freedom of rotation and angle q is fixed to

$$
\sin \theta = \frac{\delta \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}}{\sqrt{1 - 2\delta \varepsilon + \delta^2}} \qquad \qquad \delta = M_b / M_a
$$

Photon and DP couple to both sectors

$$
\mathcal{L}'' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2\delta\varepsilon + \delta^2}} \left[\frac{e'(1 - \delta\varepsilon)}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} J'_{\mu} + \frac{e(\delta - \varepsilon)}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}} J_{\mu} \right] A'^{\mu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2\delta\varepsilon + \delta^2}} \left[e J_{\mu} - \delta e' J'_{\mu} \right] A^{\mu}.
$$

If only one U(1) is broken, $\delta \to 0$ \blacksquare $\sin \theta = 0$ and we recover the standard massive DP scenario

$$
\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{e \varepsilon}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} J_\mu A'^\mu \simeq -e \, \varepsilon \, J_\mu A'^\mu
$$

 (see previous slide for comparison) massive DP scenario

Summary of tree-level DP interactions

massive DP scenario (tree-level couplings)

Main production mechanisms of (massive) Dark Photons

\n- Bremsstrahlung
$$
e^- Z \rightarrow e^- Z A'
$$
 (A1)
\n- Annihilation $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma A'$ (BaBar, KLOE)
\n- Meson decay $M \rightarrow \gamma A'$ (NA48/2) hadrons
\n- Drell Yan $q\bar{q} \rightarrow A' (\rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \text{ or } h^+ h^-)$ (LHCb)
\n- Via A-A' mixing
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Detection of massive DP is based on its decay modes

Limits on **visible decays** (dilepton resonances)

Current limits

Figure 3.3 : Existing limits on the massive dark photon for $m_{A'} > 1$ MeV from di-lepton searches at experiments at collider/fixed target (A1 [176], LHCb [177], CMS [178], BaBar [179], KLOE [180, 181, 182, 183], and NA48/2 [184]) and old beam dump: E774 [185], E141 [186], E137 [187, 188, 189]), v-Cal [190, 191], and CHARM (from [192]. Bounds from supernovae [193] and $(g-2)_e$ [194] are also included.

Massive Dark Photon

Limits on **visible decays** (dilepton resonances)

Future prospects

Omainly covers large-masses and large-couplings range

fully complementary to low-mass, low-coupling regime where beam-dump and **Ofixed target experiments are more sensitive**

Limits on massive **DP with mass below MeV**

Figure 3.7: Current limits on massive dark photon for $m_{A'} < 1$ MeV. Bounds from cosmology (COBE/-FIRES [229, 230, 231, 232]), light through a wall (LSW) [233], CROWS [234], CAST [235], XENON10 [236], SHIPS [237], TEXONO [238], atomic experiments (Coulomb, Rydberg and atomic spectra [239]) and astrophysics: Solar lifetime (SUN-T and SUN-L), red giants (RG), horizontal branches (HB) [240, 241, 214]. Additional limits under the assumption that the dark photon is the dark matter: The curve "Dark Matter" includes the combination of the constraints from the references discussed in the main text.

- Light Dark Photon (mass << MeV) , invisible, is very much constrained at tree-level
- Effective loop-induced couplings could dominate at low energy (depending on the DS scale) for invisible DP

Dark Photon as the DM

The Dark Sector (DS) consists only of DP

• Any classical scalar field with small mass oscillating with

 $V = m^2 \varphi^2$ + small terms

behaves as cold DM

- Axion is an example, but any other scalar with no SM motivation works
- Generalization: any spin 0, 1, 2 bosonic field will give the same result

provided the oscillation freaquency is much faster than cosmic time

DP is a perfect candidate for the DM of the Universe, remains to clarify why we do need it, what is its theoretical motivation

Non-trivial Dark Sector physics

only **massive** dark-photon can have tree-level couplings with SM fermions via kinetic mixing

Same loop-induced couplings holds also for massive DP

A simple UV complete benchmark portal model to Dark Sector

- dark-fermion fields (SM singlets replica of SM fermions)
- scalar messenger fields (same quantum N. of squarks & sleptons)
- messengers and dark-fermions both charged under U(1) (dark photon)
- Yukawa-like interactions communicate between DS and SM fermions

Minimal (new) field content

 S_0 needed to preserve at quantum level vanishing tree-level operators for the Yukawa couplings

at 1-loop via messengers

PDark fermions are Dirac (SM singlet) fields **PMessengers have same Quantum N. of squarks and slepton of SUSY models** Dark-fermions and messenger fields both charged under $U(1)_D$ (dark) trasmitted to SM Yukawa's

Can solve Flavor hierarchy problem

DP interactions in DS dynamically generate exponentially spread Dark fermion masses

Simplified model with Flavor Universal portal interaction → supported by MFV hypothesis

$$
\mathcal{L}_{MS}^{I} = g_L \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left[\bar{q}_L^i Q_R^{U_i} \right] \hat{S}_L^{U_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left[\bar{q}_L^i Q_R^{D_i} \right] \hat{S}_L^{D_i} \right)
$$
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$$
+ g_R \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left[\bar{v}_R^i Q_L^{U_i} \right] S_R^{U_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left[\bar{p}_R^i Q_L^{D_i} \right] S_R^{D_i} \right)
$$
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$$
+ \lambda_S S_0 \left(\tilde{H}^{\dagger} S_L^{U_i} S_R^{U_i} + H^{\dagger} S_L^{P_i} S_R^{P_i} \right) + h.c.,
$$
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$$
\mu_S \equiv \lambda_S \langle S_0 \rangle \qquad S_0 \text{ vev}
$$
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$$
\text{Diagram generating D-type Yukawa } \gamma_D \qquad \text{Magnetic-dipole interactions of DP with SM fermions (FCNC and Flavor conserving)}
$$
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$$
= \lambda_S \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \lambda_S \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \lambda_S \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \lambda_S \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \lambda_S \
$$

Effective Lagrangian for magnetic-dipole interactions of DP

Model independent parametrization

Dark-U(1) coupling	absorbs messenger
$\mathcal{L} = \frac{e_D}{2\Lambda_5} \overline{\psi}^i \sigma_{\mu\nu} \left(\mathbb{D}_M^{ij} + i \gamma_5 \mathbb{D}_E^{ij} \right) \psi^j F'^{\mu\nu}$	
$\frac{\kappa_s}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\frac{\kappa_s}{\sqrt{s}}$
$\frac{\kappa_s}{\sqrt{s}}$ </td	

- This is the leading coupling of massless DP to SM fermions (lowest dim. operator)
- This effective coupling is also present in massive DP scenarios
- 1) might dominate with respect to tree-level mixing (for light dark photons)
- 2) different production mechanisms respect to tree-level mixing

massless dark photon

BBN[•] Big bang nucleosynthesis. A cosmological bound for the dark photon operator
comes from the determination of the effective number of relativistic species in addition to those of the SM partaking in the thermal bath—the same way the number of neutrinos is constrained.

 $SN \cdot$ Supernovae. An additional limit is found from the neutrino signal of supernova 1987A, for which the length of the burst constrains anomalous energy losses in the explosion.

Collider signatures, LHC and FCC

$$
H\to \gamma\gamma_{\!\scriptscriptstyle D}
$$

OBoth massless and massive (invisible) DP give rise to same signature: Oresonant mono-chromatic photon + transverse missing energy (neutrino like)

If observed at LHC this signature cannot arise (mainly) from SM fermion loops via e-mixing

For the massless case, there is no tree-level couplings \rightarrow so it is vanishing

For the massive case, via mixing is suppressed \rightarrow BR $\sim \varepsilon^2 \times BR(H \to \gamma \gamma)$ \rightarrow outside the sensitivity range of any present and future experiment (e < 10^(-3))

However, it can proceed via UV new heavy physics running in the loop (next slide)

The discovery of $H \to \gamma \gamma_D$ signal would be a direct observation of long-range forces in the DS and an indirect evidence of NP coupled to both the SM and DS

Quantum amplitude

$$
M_{\gamma\gamma_D} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\gamma\gamma_D}} T_{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) \varepsilon_1^{\mu}(k_1) \varepsilon_2^{\nu}(k_2)
$$

$$
\Gamma(H \to \gamma\gamma_D) = \frac{m_H^3}{32 \pi \Lambda_{\gamma\gamma_D}^2}
$$

Non-decoupling behavior (at fixed x) for messenger masses $\bar{m} \to \infty$

$$
\Lambda_{\gamma\gamma_D} = \frac{6\pi v}{R\sqrt{\alpha\alpha_D}} \frac{1-\xi^2}{\xi^2}
$$

V is the SM Higgs vev

$$
0\leq\xi\leq1\Longrightarrow\text{ Th. upper bound}
$$

Messengers contribute also to $\hspace{1.9mm} H \, \rightarrow \, \gamma \gamma \,$ and $\hspace{1.9mm} H \, \rightarrow \, \gamma_{D} \gamma_{D}$

Same structure of amplitude as for photon-DP but with a different scale L

$$
H \to \gamma_D \gamma_D
$$

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\boxed{H \to \gamma_D \gamma_D}
$$

$$
\gamma_D \gamma_D = \Lambda_{\gamma\gamma_D} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_D} \frac{R}{R_1}}
$$

 R_0 and R_1 contain products of U(1) charges

$$
R_0 = 3N_c(e_U^2 + e_D^2) \qquad R_1 = N_c \sum_{i=1}^3 (q_{U_i}^2 + q_{D_i}^2)
$$

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DP production mechanisms via $H\gamma\gamma_D$ **effective vertex**

Model independent parametrization of BRs

pure messenger contribution to the width $\label{eq:BR-eta} {\rm BR}_{\gamma\gamma_D} \ = \ {\rm BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\rm SM} \frac{r_{\gamma\gamma_D}}{1 + r_{\gamma_D\gamma_D} {\rm BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\rm SM}} \, ,$ $r_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma^{\rm m}(H\to\gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma^{\rm SM}(H\to\gamma\gamma)}$ $\text{BR}_{\gamma_{\!D}}{}^{} = \text{ BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}} \frac{r_{\gamma_{\!D}}{}^{}_{\! \gamma_D}}{1 + r_{\gamma_{\!D}}{}^{}_{\! \gamma_D} \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}}} \, ,$ $BR_{\gamma\gamma}$ = $BR_{\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \frac{\left(1+\chi\sqrt{r_{\gamma\gamma}}\right)^2}{1+r_{\gamma\gamma} \chi}$ parametrizes invisible decay $\gamma=\pm1$ $-$ parametrizes relative sign of SM vs NP amplitudes Model dependent constant \sim product of U(1) charges r_{ij} = $\frac{\Gamma_{ij}^{\text{m}}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}}}$
 r_{gg} = $\frac{\Gamma_{gg}^{\text{m}}}{\Gamma_{gg}^{\text{SM}}}$ $\sigma_{qq\rightarrow H} = \sigma_{aa\rightarrow H}^{SM} (1 - \chi \sqrt{r_{qq}})^2$ $R_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\sigma_{gg\to H} BR_{\gamma\gamma}}{\sigma_{gg\to H}^{SM} BR_{\gamma\gamma}^{SM}} \quad \Box \quad R_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{BR_{\gamma\gamma}}{BR_{\gamma\gamma}^{SM}} \left(1 - \chi \sqrt{r_{gg}}\right)^2$

BR predictions in a simplified model (1 messenger)

Allowed regions of **BR**, consistent with all model parameters and LHC constraints, for minimal model, naturally lie below **1%**

Inspired by Flavor model (radiative Yukawa)

Allowed regions of **BR**, consistent with all model parameters and LHC constraints, naturally lie **below 0.4 %** (EW mess.) and **0.3 %** (colored mess.)

2206.05297 **FUTURE PERSPECTIVES @ LHC and future hadron colliders**

Dark-U(1) charge

$$
\mathcal{L} = \sum_{f} \frac{e_D}{2 \Lambda} \bar{\psi}_f \sigma_{\mu \nu} \left(d_M^f + i \gamma_5 d_E^f \right) \psi_f B^{\mu \nu}
$$

$$
BR(Z \to \gamma \bar{\gamma}) \simeq \frac{2.52 \ \alpha_D}{(\Lambda/\text{TeV})^2} \ (|d_M|^2 + |d_E|^2) \times 10^{-8}
$$

LEP upper bound of
$$
BR(Z \to \gamma \bar{\gamma}) \simeq 10^{-6}
$$
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M. Acciarri et al. [L3 Collaboration], Phys. Lett. B 412, 201 (1997); O. Adriani et al. [L3 Collaboration], Phys. Lett. B 297, 469 (1992); P. Abreu et al. [DELPHI Collaboration], Z. Phys. C 74, 577 (1997); R. Akers et al. [OPAL Collaboration], Z. Phys. C 65, 47 (1995).

 10^{13} of Z boson events at the FCC-ee expected 10^2-10^4 of $Z \rightarrow \gamma \bar{\gamma}$ events

 $d_M \simeq 1/2$ \rightarrow large but perturbative couplings in DS 10^{-9} \rightarrow 0.1 \rightarrow 1 TeV 4×10^{-11} $d_M \simeq 0.1$ \rightarrow small couplings in DS 10^{-6} for non-perturbative dynamics in DS

transverse invariant mass simplifies here

 $M_T=2p_T^{\gamma}$

upper limits on BR at 95% C.L.

Spin analysis: possibility to disentangle spin-0 from spin-1

Dark Photon and flavour anomalies

Belle II has observed an anomaly in $B^+ \to K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

• Proceeds via $b\to s\nu\bar{\nu}$ and is one of the golden channels

$$
BR(B^+ \to K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\rm SM} = (4.29 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-6} ,
$$

• Belle II result is claimed to be 3.5σ away

$$
BR(B^+ \to K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{exp}} = (2.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5},
$$

• Did Belle observe Dark Photon induced process?

$$
B^+ \,\rightarrow\, K^+ Q_i \bar{Q}_i
$$

Assume massless Dark Photon

• Interactions

$$
\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2\Lambda} \left[\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu}b \right] F_D^{\mu\nu} + h.c. \,, \qquad \mathcal{L}_{dark} = e_D \sum_i q_i \left[\bar{Q}_i \gamma_\mu Q_i \right] A_D^{\mu} \,,
$$

$$
\mathcal{M} = \frac{-ie_D}{\Lambda} \langle K | [\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu} b] | B \rangle \frac{q^{\nu}}{s} \left[\bar{Q} \gamma^{\mu} Q \right] \,,
$$

- We compute the dark magnetic dipole contribution and Sommerfeld
- Need to consider other $b\,\rightarrow\,s\gamma_D$ transitions
- \bullet B^+ $\;\rightarrow$ $\;K^+\gamma_D\;$ is forbidden. Prediction: $B^0\rightarrow K^*\gamma_D$ must be there

$$
{\rm BR}(B^0\to K^*\gamma_D)=2.47\times 10^{-5}\left(\frac{10^5 {\rm TeV}}{\Lambda}\right)^2
$$

New physics contribution can be large

 $\Lambda = 9.56 \times 10^4$ TeV, $N_Q = 3$

Fits to data: the scenario is falsifiable

Future measurements can determine the needed parameter spave to explain the anomaly

Conclusions

- DP + DS = rich phenomenology
- Two distinct classes of DM: massive and massless
- Dedicated experiments look for light massive DP
- Colliders like LHC, FCC provide new promising channels: $H\to \gamma\,\gamma_D$
- DP may play significant role in explaining the SM Yukawa couplings
- DP may explain some recent flavour anomalies
- However, no positive signals yet, continue working