PROSPECTS FOR LOW-ENERGY NEW PHYSICS SEARCHES

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BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL

What do we actually know?

We know there is dark matter (a dark sector).

LHC and dark matter direct detection findings underscore the need to broaden the search for new physics!

Connection between dark matter and "naturalness" is challenged by LHC results.

COPERNICAN PARTICLE PHYSICS?

[thanks to Neal Weiner]



BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL

Known matter interacts through three gauge forces (strong, weak, and electromagnetic) LHC largely looking for new matter – *but interacting through the same forces*

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downS
strangeb
bottomVe
electron
neutrinoV/4
muon
neutrinoV/2
tau
neutrino

...but what about matter that is not charged under these forces?

Gauge- & Lorentz-invariance *restrict possible interactions* with such matter to high dimension operators. New sub-GeV matter can be consistent.

THE "PORTALS"

Searches can be organized around a small number of interactions allowed by Standard Model symmetries



Sources Summarizing Broad Physics Program:

- Fundamental Physics at the Intensity Frontier (arXiv:1205.2671)
- Intensity Frontier Meeting at Argonne (April 2013) (see posted talks)

AXION-LIKE PARTICLES

- A light pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson associated with *spontaneous breaking* of *approximate* global symmetry
 - Mass $\Lambda^2/f \Rightarrow$ can be very light
 - Very weak couplings ~1/f
- Can couple to gauge bosons without coupling to quarks
- QCD axions (a special case) can explain why CP-violation in strong interactions [e.g. in neutron edm] is small



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 - Simplest case: one heavy particle ψ with both EM charge & dark charge



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 - In Grand Unified Theory, symmetry forbids treelevel & 1-loop mechanisms. GUT-breaking enters at 2 loops



generating $\epsilon \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-5}$ ($\rightarrow 10^{-7}$ if both U(1)'s are in unified groups)

SOURCES AND SIZES OF MASS TERM

- sub-MeV: non-perturbative physics (like Λ_{QCD})
- MeV-to-GeV is
 - motivated by g-2 and dark matter anomalies
- Possible origin: related to M_Z by small parameter
 - e.g. supersymmetry+kinetic mixing ⇒ scalar coupling to SM Higgs, giving

 $m_{A'} \sim \sqrt{\epsilon} M_Z \lesssim 1 {\rm GeV}$

a motivated target of opportunity

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Connection to long-standing problems
 - Dark Matter
 - Strong CP Problem
- Indirect probe of very high-energy physics

DARK FORCES BELOW THE WEAK SCALE

Motivation and Outlook

- Why look for dark forces?
- What can they teach us?

Three Experimental Windows

- Macroscopic
- AMO-Range
- Nuclear-Range (main focus of this talk)

WIDE PARAMETER SPACE: AXION-LIKE PARTICLES





Macroscopic



new forces



new forces light



new forces light new particles

AMO-RANGE DARK FORCES

Hidden Vector

Axion-Like



INTERACTIONS WITH PHOTONS

Hidden Vectors: $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_Y F_{\mu\nu}^Y F'^{\mu\nu}$

Mixed kinetic term \Rightarrow virtual photon can turn into hidden-vector, and vice versa

A source of sufficiently energetic EM waves will also be a (weak) source of hidden-vectors

Axion-Like:
$$\frac{1}{f_a} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{f_a} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

In presence of a background *B*-field, *a* mixes with photons

Mixed propagators are **massive** \Rightarrow finite-range forces

AMO-RANGE DARK FORCES



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MACROSCOPIC DARK FORCES

Hidden Vector

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MICROWAVE RESONANT CAVITIES

Exploit Dark Matter axion density:

Static B-field in a cavity of resonant frequency ω≈m_a converts dark matter axions into microwaves. [ADMX: Asztalos et al, 2010] ADMX near future: Sensitivity with dilution-refrigerator cooling



Dilution refrigerator cooled detectors allow scanning at or below "DFSZ" sensitivity at fractional dark-matter halo density. *This defines a "definitive" QCD dark-matter axion search*

Two-cavity searches (emitter & detector) sensitive to hidden photons with mixing $\epsilon \ge 10^{-8}$ [ADMX: Wagner et al, 2010]

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NUCLEAR-RANGE DARK FORCES

Hidden Vector

Axion-Like

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KINETIC MIXING FOR MEV-GEV HIDDEN VECTORS



Particles of EM charge q get *effective* U(1)' charge *eq*

Broad Array of Searches! (done, ongoing, planned)



High Energy Hadron Colliders: New heavy particles decaying into dark sector (lepton jets) (ATLAS, CMS, CDF & D0)

> Colliding e+e-: On- or Off- shell A', X=dark sector or leptons & pions (BaBar, BELLE, BES-III, CLEO, KLOE)



Fixed-Target: Electron or Proton collisions, A' decays to di-lepton, pions, multiple channels

> (FNAL, JLAB (Hall A & B & FEL), MAMI (Mainz), WASA@COSY ...)

"LEPTON JETS" FROM HEAVY PHOTONS

Though LHC not especially favorable for **direct** A' production, may offer unique opportunity for indirect production

Any new, otherwise stable particle can **only** decay into $A' \Rightarrow no \epsilon^2$ suppression in production rate.



Large boost ⇒ highly collimated decay products "lepton jets"

A SAMPLING OF TEVATRON AND LHC RESULTS



COLLIDER PRODUCTION

Radiative return





Potential to see rich hidden sectors in complex multi-body final states (searches ongoing at BaBar + several completed)

Rare meson decays

$X \to YU$	n_X	$m_X - m_Y ~({ m MeV})$	$\mathrm{BR}(X \to Y + \gamma)$	$\mathrm{BR}(X \to Y + \ell^+ \ell^-)$	$\epsilon \leq$
$\eta ightarrow \gamma U$	$n_\eta \sim 10^7$	547	2 imes 39.8%	$6 imes 10^{-4}$	2×10^{-3}
$\omega \to \pi^0 U$	$n_{\omega}\sim 10^7$	648	8.9%	$7.7 imes10^{-4}$	5×10^{-3}
$\phi \to \eta U$	$n_{\phi} \sim 10^{10}$	472	1.3%	$1.15 imes 10^{-4}$	1×10^{-3}
$K^0_L \to \gamma U$	$n_{K^0_L}\sim 10^{11}$	497	$2\times(5.5\times10^{-4})$	$9.5 imes10^{-6}$	2×10^{-3}
$K^+ \to \pi^+ U$	$n_{K^+}\sim 10^{10}$	354	-	$2.88 imes 10^{-7}$	7×10^{-3}
$K^+ ightarrow \mu^+ u U$	$n_{K^+}\sim 10^{10}$	392	$6.2 imes 10^{-3}$	7×10^{-8a}	2×10^{-3}
$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu U$	$n_{K^+} \sim 10^{10}$	496	1.5×10^{-5}	2.5×10^{-8}	7×10^{-3}

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WIDE BREADTH OF SEARCHES (just a few representative examples) Minimal Decay



Non-Abelian Dark Sector





[e.g. BaBar hep-ex/0808.0017]

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FLAVOR FACTORY Advantages

- Highest collider (*Lumi*.)/(*E*_{CM})² in the world
- 4π detectors, clean reconstruction, less boosted
- Large dataset "in the bank"
 - Many searches can use standard triggers
 - Extremely broad search program ongoing; can be even more extensive

FIXED-TARGET ADVANTAGES



FIXED-TARGET TERRITORY



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BEAM-DUMP LIMITS



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TWO SEARCH STRATEGIES

High-Statistics Resonance Search

(MAMI, APEX, HPS, DarkLight)



Demands high data-taking rate, background suppression and excellent mass resolution

Demonstrated in test runs: Mainz (1101.4091) and APEX (1108.2750)

DarkLight: full reconstruction of recoil → sensitive to invisible A' decays

Displaced Resonance search

(HPS)



...and forward vertex resolution (well-controlled tails)



GOALS FOR HEAVY-PHOTON SEARCHES

- Minimal decay
 - $(g_{\mu}-2)$ –motivated region (<100% branching?)
 - Full perturbative coupling range (ε≥10-8) over widest mass range possible
- Dark-sector decays
 - A' $\rightarrow \chi \chi (\chi = \text{collider-invisible, maybe dark matter})$
 - $-A' \rightarrow XX \rightarrow$ multi-body SM final states

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A'

PROTON BEAMS

Can look for light dark matter produced in fixed-target collisions

New light-WIMP search at MiniBoone:



CONCLUSIONS

- Dark Forces are an exciting window into physics far beyond the Standard Model
 - Possible connections to dark matter, muon g-2, and physics at very high energies
- Several mass ranges are testable in moderatescale experiments
 - Rich program of LHC Searches
 - New forces, microwave cavities & light shining through walls
 - New-particle production in B-factories and dedicated fixed-target experiments
- A lot of uncharted territory: opportunities for further exploration and discovery abound!



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