



# SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN SECTORS WITH THE NA64 EXPERIMENT AT THE CERN SPS - LTP/PSI Kolloquium 5.11.2020

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## Dark Matter: Astro + Cosmology through Gravitational effects





## **Does DM interact only gravitationally?**



#### particle physicist

# Dark matter interacting only gravitationally

Nightmare scenario





#### Is there an interaction between DM-SM other than gravity?





Relic densities of Standard Matter (SM) and Dark Matter (DM) are "similar"

#### **SUGGESTS COMMON ORIGIN BETWEEN SM and DM.**



Can those be related with A SINGLE THEORY? ADDITIONAL DM-SM interaction? If it exists it should be very weak...



# Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

INTERACTS VIA WEAK FORCE (W and Z BOSONS)





#### The WIMP miracle



#### OBSERVED AMOUNT OF DARK MATTER TODAY



Thermal averaged **ANNIHILATION** RATE

VS.

"WEAK SCALE" MASS

m<sub>x</sub>~100 GeV,

expansion of universe

**IDEAL CANDIDATE:** Lightest Super-symmetrical Particle



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#### **Status of direct Searches**





#### Tough times for the WIMP miracle?





## **Light Mediators searches complementary to WIMPs**

**Mediator** 

For a review see e.g. https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.02157

**Standard Model** 

OBSERVED AMOUNT OF DARK MATTER TODAY  $\Omega_X \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{m_X^2}{q_Y^4}$ 

The WIMP miracle

**Dark Matter** 

 $(m_X, g_X) \sim (m_{\mathrm{weak}}, g_{\mathrm{weak}})$ 

 $rac{m_X}{q_X^2} \sim rac{m_{ ext{weak}}}{q_{ ext{weak}}^2}$ 

The WIMPless MIRACLE

J. Feng and J. Kumar Phys.Rev.Lett.101:231301,2008

Large range for  $g_X$  and  $m_X$ 



#### **Renormalizable Portals**

B. Batell, M. Pospelov and A. Ritz, Phys. Rev. D80 (2009) 095024.



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**NEW FORCE** CARRIED BY MASSIVE **VECTOR** BOSON: **DARK PHOTON** 





### **DARK SECTORS - THE VECTOR PORTAL**



**DARK SECTOR (DS)** charged under a new U(1)' gauge symmetry and interacts with SM through kinetic mixing ( $\epsilon$ ) of a MASSIVE VECTOR MEDIATOR (A') with our photon. Dark matter with mass (m<sub>x</sub>), part of DS.

Four parameters:  $m_{A'}$ ,  $m_{\chi}$ ,  $\alpha_D = e_D^2/4\pi$ ,  $\varepsilon$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} - \frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2} A'_{\mu} A'^{\mu} \\ &+ i \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \chi - m_{\chi} \bar{\chi} \chi - e_D \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} A'_{\mu} \chi, \end{aligned}$$







#### **DARK SECTORS - THE VECTOR PORTAL**



In this framework DM can be produced thermally in the early Universe

OBSERVED AMOUNT OF DARK MATTER TODAY

$$\Omega_X \propto rac{1}{< v\sigma >} \sim rac{m_X^2}{y}$$
 where  $y = \epsilon^2 lpha_D \left(rac{m_X}{m_{A'}}
ight)$ 



mmetric Targets for DM-e Scattering



#### **DM PARAMETER SPACE** c Scalar ric Fermion For a review see e.g https://arxiv.org/pdf/1707.04591.pdf Thermal and Asymmetric Targets at Accelerators $10^{-7}$ $10^{-8}$ "A Fermion **Probed** Solid lines 10<sup>-9</sup> vmmetric Fermion $10^{-10}$ predictions from DM $10^{-11}$ Pseudo-Dirac Fermion (small splitting) 3 relic abundance 10<sup>-14</sup> Majorana Fermion Thermal alar (small splitting) do-Dirac Fermion $10^{-15}$ $10^{2}$ 10 $10^{3}$ 0 $10^{2}$ 10<sup>3</sup> $m_X$ [MeV] $m_{\rm DM}$ DM -> SM annihilation rate is $\sim$ y,

useful variable to compare exp. sensitivities



#### Some production mechanisms for Dark Photons



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## **Decays of Dark Photons**

Adapted from Natalia Toro, Dark Sectors 2017 (1608.03591)





# SEARCHES FOR DARK SECTORS AT ACCELERATORS

INVISIBLE DECAY MODE m

 $m'_A > 2m_X$ 

1) BEAM DUMP APPROACH (MiniBooNE, LSND, NA62...)



Flux of X generated by decays of A's produced in the dump.Signal: X scattering in far detector





## **SEARCHES FOR DARK SECTORS AT ACCELERATORS**

INVISIBLE DECAY MODE  $m^\prime$ 

#### $m'_A > 2m_X$

#### 2) NA64/LDMX APPROACH



NA64 **missing energy**: produced A's carry away energy form the active dump used to measure recoil e- energy





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## From positronium (search for massless dark photon) $\rightarrow$ NA64

S. L. Glashow, Phys. Lett. B167, 35 (1986)







#### Signature: disappearance of 1 MeV energy



A. Badertscher, P. Crivelli et al., Phys. Rev. D. 75, 032004 (2007) Latest results 2020 C. Vigo, L. Gerchow, B. Radics, A. Rubbia, P. Crivelli, PRL124,101803





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Proposed (P348) in 2014, first test beam in 2015 (2 weeks), Approved by CERN SPSC in March 2016 → NA64. 2016: 5 weeks, 2017: 5 weeks, 2018: 6 weeks.





#### 1) The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$

INVISIBLE DECAY MODE  $m_A^\prime > 2m_X$ 



**DS Lagrangian** 

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} - \frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2} A'_{\mu} A'^{\mu} + i \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \chi - m_{\chi} \bar{\chi} \chi - e_D \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} A'_{\mu} \chi,$$





#### mmetric Targets for DM–e Scattering



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#### The NA64 method to search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$





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## The CERN SPS H4 electron beam





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CERN's Accelerator Complex

https://home.cern/science/accelerators





#### The Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)





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#### The Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)

$$\Sigma \Delta E_{invis} + \Sigma \Delta E_{vis} = E_{invis} + E_{vis} = E_{absorbed}$$







- High hermeticity (~40 X<sub>0</sub>)
- PbSc sandwich, 6x6 matrix, cells 38x38x490 mm3
- ◆ WLS fibers in spiral→ suppress energy leaks
- Energy resolution ~  $9\%/\sqrt[]{(E[GeV])}$
- Longitudinal (Pre-shower) and lateral segmentation
- $\rightarrow$  shower profiles (hadron rejection)





## The Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL)





MU4

### The magnetic spectrometer

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D. Banerjee, P. Crivelli and A. Rubbia, Advances in HEP, 105730 (2015) and D. Banerjee, PhD Thesis, ETH Zurich (2017)





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#### The magnetic spectrometer





## The Synchrotron Radiation (SR) detector









# The Synchrotron Radiation (SR) detector



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# Particle identification SR emission ~ 1/m<sup>4</sup>



Bending magnet





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## The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ - results (July 2016, 2 weeks)



★ **Region I:** e- Z → e-Zγ;  $\gamma \rightarrow \mu+\mu$ -→ benchmark for MC

★Region II: SM events E<sub>ECAL</sub> + E<sub>HCAL</sub> ≃ 100 GeV

★Region III —> pile-up events





## The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ - results (July 2016, 2 weeks)



#### **Event Selection Criteria:**

 Timing information → Pile up suppression.
 Clean incoming track: angle + single hit in all trackers, correct momentum.
 Synchrotron radiation → Hadron suppression
 Shower profile compatible with e<sup>-</sup>

No activity in Veto counters.

All selection cuts applied  $\rightarrow$  no event in signal region

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#### The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ - results (July 2016, 2 weeks)





 $\rightarrow$  exclusion of most of g-2 muon favored region

M. Pospelov, A. Ritz and M. B. Voloshin, Phys. Lett. B 662, 53 (2008)

g-2 closed completely by BABAR results

BABAR collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 131804 (2017)

#### MASS OF THE DARK PHOTON

NA64 collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 011802 (2017)

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#### The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ - results combined analysis 2016-2018





## The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ - *Future prospects 2021-2023*







#### 2) The NA64 search for A' $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>





Pair production of SM particles



### <sup>8</sup>Be anomaly and X boson





A. J. Krasznahorkay et al. Phys. Rev. Lett.116, 042501 (2015) and recent results for 4He arXiv:1910.10459



Could be explained by new 'protophobic' gauge boson X with mass around 17 MeV

J. L. Feng et al. Phys. Rev. D95, 035017 (2017)

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#### The NA64 search for A'/X17 $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> - experimental setup



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#### The NA64 search for A'/X17 $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> - experimental signature





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#### The NA64 search for A'/X17 $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> - results (2017-2018)





#### The NA64 search for A'/X17 $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> - results (2017-2018)





#### The NA64 search for X17 $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> - prospects (2021-2023)





#### The NA64 ALP search - results



**Production via Primakoff effect** 

$$e^{-}Z \rightarrow e^{-}Z\gamma; \gamma Z \rightarrow aZ; a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

# Closing the gap between beam dump and colliders



64 XA

ECAL VETO HCAL1 HCAL2 HCAL3

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#### The NA64 ALP search - future prospects

#### Feasibility of combining ALPs with A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ search under study





#### NA64 in muon mode- NA64 $\mu$

CERN SPS M2 160 GeV muon beam offers unique opportunities to further searches for DS of particles predominantly weakly-coupled to 2<sup>nd</sup> second and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> generations of the SM.

$$\mu + Z \rightarrow \mu + Z + Z_{\mu}, \ Z_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu \overline{\nu}$$

 $L_{\mu}$ - $L_{\tau}$  models Z could explain (g-2)<sub> $\mu$ </sub>





## NA64 in muon mode- experimental setup (pilot run 2021, 2 weeks)







## The NA64 physics prospects

New Physics
Dark photon
sub-GeV Dark Matter $(\chi)$
new gauge $X$ - boson
Dark Sector, charge quantisation
Axion-like particles
gauge $Z_{\mu}$ -boson of $L_{\mu} - L_{\tau}, < 2m_{\mu}$
$L_{\mu} - L_{\tau}$ charged Dark Matter $(\chi)$
Dark Sector, charge quantisation
non-universal ALP coupling
Lepton Flavour Violation
Current limits, PDG'2018
$Br(\pi^0 \to invisible) < 2.7 \times 10^{-7}$
$Br(\eta \rightarrow invisible) < 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
$Br(\eta' \to invisible) < 5 \times 10^{-4}$
no limits
no limits

NA64 program: submitted as input to the European Strategy Group in the context of the PBC

#### CERN-PBC-REPORT-2018-007



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#### **Summary and Outlook**

DARK SECTORS: very interesting candidate for DM

NA64: Active beam dump + missing-energy approach is very powerful

#### 2016: A' $\rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$

- July run: 2.75x10<sup>9</sup> EOT: no signal  $\rightarrow$  most of g-2 muon favored region excluded (PRL118, 011802 (2017)) . - October run : 4x10<sup>10</sup> EOT: no signal  $\rightarrow$  new constraints on TLDM (PRD97, 072002 (2018)).

**2017-2018:** -  $\mathbf{A}' \rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ : 3x10<sup>11</sup> EOT collected PRL 123, 121801 (2019)

- X→ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>: 5x10<sup>10</sup>EOT@100 GeV PRL120, 231802 (2018), 3x10<sup>10</sup> EOT@150 GeV PRD (2020)





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