



Dark Matter Production at High Intensity Facilities

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Remarkable Evidence for Dark Matter



Multiple independent, consistent observations over **nearly** all of spacetime: kpc-Gpc, 13.7 Gyr ago-today **Holy Grail: extend our knowledge to terrestrial scales << kpc** What Clues Do We Have?



Huge space of allowed microscopic theories Evidence only extends down to ~kpc (dwarf galaxy) scales

Theoretical guidance is essential Need organizing principle for systematic progress

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What kind of DM can we probe?

High intensity facilities: Ecm < few GeV Kinematically produce sub-GeV DM

Need "large" couplings to visible matter Accelerators sensitive to BSM couplings $g \gtrsim 10^{-4}$

Therefore $\begin{cases} Any^* DM \text{ candidate that can be made in} \\ accelerators was in equilibrium with SM in \\ the early universe \quad n_{\chi} \sim n_{\gamma} \sim T^3 \end{cases}$

Model independent consequence

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Annihilation through renormalizable "portal" interactions

Higher dimension operators have same problem as weak force [See Adam Ritz's talk]

Light mediators are not optional!

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Indirect detection generically unavailable

CMB bounds exclude relic annihilation for s-wave processes < 10 GeV Need annihilation to end before recombination —> won't occur today

Accelerators are unaffected by these limitations

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B-Factories

"Traditional" mono-photon +missing energy search



 $E_{\rm cm} \approx 10 \,{\rm GeV}$ $\mathcal{L} \sim \mathcal{O}(10) \,{\rm ab}^{-1}$

Izaguirre, GK, Schuster, Toro 1307.6554 Essig, Mardon, Papucci, Volansky Zhong 1309.5084



$$m_{\chi\chi}^2 = (p_\gamma - p_{e^+} - p_{e^-})^2$$

BABAR, BELLE-II, BES-III See Christopher Hearty's talk

B-Factories



signal rate $\propto \epsilon^2$

BaBar Collaboration 1702.03327

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GK, Marques-Tavares, Redigolo, Tobioka 1902.07715



$$m_{\rm miss}^2 \equiv (p_K - p_\mu)^2$$

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Neutrino Mode vs. Beam Dump Mode



MiniBooNE Collaboration arXiv1807.06137

Continuum production Similar in both modes



Uses full beam energy Important for heavy X

Thickness irrelevant if greater than rad. length



MiniBooNE, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2017) and 1807.06137





*See Asher Berlin's talk

Izaguirre, Kahn, GK, Moschella 1703.06881

Positron Beam Dump



- E_{beam} = 1.8 -- 5.3 GeV
- $I_{beam} \simeq 2.3$ nA at target
- quasi-CW during ~millisecond spills @ 60H;
- pulse structure: 168ns

Fixed target, calorimeter 10m downstream.

Slide: Jim Alexander



Positron Beam Dump



Source: Jim Alexander



Warning old plot

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Missing Energy/Momentum Observable: beam energy loss + no other SM activity





Electron/Muon Missing Energy



NA64 currently running @ CERN

Andreas et. al. 1312.3309 NA64 Collaboration 1906.00176 Gninenko, Krasnikov, Mateev 2003.07257

(see Tim Nelson's talk)



LDMX Collaboration 1808.05219

Backgrounds per incident electron



LDMX 1808.05219



see Tim Nelson's talk

Berlin, Blinov GK, Schuster, Toro arXiv: 1807.01730



Kahn, GK, Tran, Whitbeck 1804.03144 (JHEP 2018)

Comparing Muon Beams: NA64µ and M³



Gauged $L_{\mu} - L_{\tau}$ Interaction

Also resolve muon g-2 with light physics Compatible parameter space for freeze-out



See Nhan Tran's talk

New Frontier of DM Searches: Accelerators



https://science.energy.gov/~/media/hep/pdf/Reports/201809_HEP-PI-BRN-Dark-Matter_New_Initiatives.pdf

Thanks!

What kind of DM? Use CMB to classify viable options



DM SM

Rare out-of-equilibrium annihilation ionizes H (z=1100) CMB photons pass through more plasma (modifies peaks)

Rules out s-wave relic cross section for DM < 10 GeV