

Hidden Photons in Beam Dump Experiments

and in connection with Dark Matter

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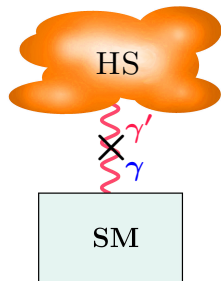
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Hidden Sector with Hidden Photon

- **Hidden Sectors** in many BSM scenarios
e.g. string theory, supersymmetry
- simplest scenario: **HS** with extra $U(1)$
 - ◇ breaking of large gauge groups yield **hidden $U(1)$ s**
e.g. heterotic or type II strings, supersymmetric models
 - ◇ **hidden photon γ'** with **kinetic mixing χ**



[Holdom '86;
Galison, Manohar '84]

- most general Lagrangian

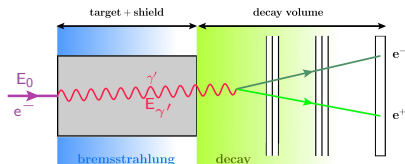
$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}X_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\chi}{2}X_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma'}^2 X_{\mu}X^{\mu}$$

- ◇ χ generated at **loop level**: $\chi \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$
- ◇ hidden photon mass $m_{\gamma'} \sim \text{GeV}$



Production

- γ' emitted from e^- -beam
in process similar to ordinary Bremsstrahlung



- production cross section

Weizsäcker-Williams approximation

[Kim, Tsai '73; Tsai '74; Tsai '86;
Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro '09]

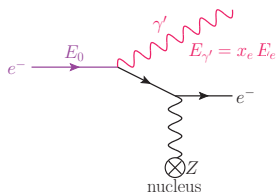
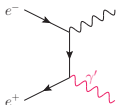
(replace target particle \mathcal{N} by flux of effective photons $\Phi(Z)$)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma'}}{dx_e} \Big|_{m_e \rightarrow 0} \simeq \frac{4\alpha^3 \chi^2}{m_{\gamma'}^2} \Phi(Z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{E_e^2}} \left(1 + \frac{x_e^2}{3(1-x_e)}\right)$$

$$\sigma \propto \alpha^3 Z^2 \frac{\chi^2}{m_{\gamma'}^2} \simeq \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ pb})$$

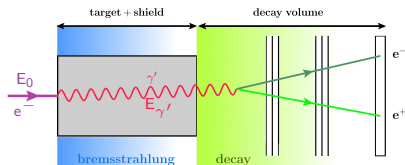
compared to e^+e^- collider case:

$$\sigma \propto \frac{\alpha^2 \chi^2}{E^2} \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ fb})$$



Decay

- γ' can penetrate the dump
 - ◇ carrying most of beam energy
 - ◇ emitted in forward direction



- decay into SM particles

$$\Gamma_{\gamma' \rightarrow \ell + \ell^-} \simeq \frac{\alpha \chi^2}{3} m_{\gamma'}$$

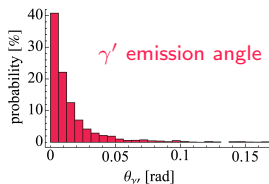
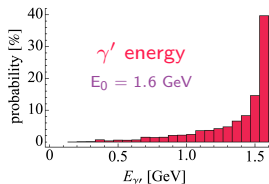
- exponential decay with a decay length

$$l_{\gamma'} = \gamma \beta c \tau_{\gamma'} \sim$$

$$\frac{E_{\gamma'}}{\alpha \chi^2 m_{\gamma'}^2}$$

$$\sim 10 \text{ cm} \frac{E_{\gamma'}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{\chi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10 \text{ MeV}}{m_{\gamma'}} \right)^2$$

$$\sim \mathcal{O}(\text{mm} - \text{km})$$

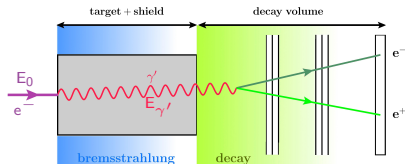


Detection

- decay must take place within
decay volume to be observable
- detect decay products, mostly e^+e^-
no SM background (if shield long enough)
- number of expected events from γ' produced in bremsstrahlung
detected via decay products:

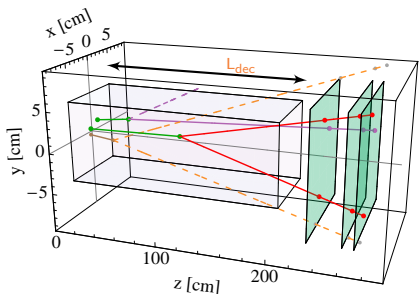
$$N_{\text{events}} \sim N_e n_{\text{sh}} \int dE_{\gamma'} \int dE_e \int dl I_e(E_0, E_e, l) \frac{d\sigma_{\gamma'}}{dE_{\gamma'}} e^{-L_{\text{sh}}/l_{\gamma'}} \left(1 - e^{-L_{\text{dec}}/l_{\gamma'}}\right) \text{BR}_{e^+e^-}$$

energy distribution $I_e(E_0, E_e, l)$ of electrons in dump has to be taken into account



Events in Experiment

- **not all** events can be detected
 - ◇ geometry of set-up
 - ◇ finite detector size
 - ◇ possibly energy cuts
 - compare with events from Monte Carlo simulations with MadGraph
 - ◇ four-momentum of produced γ'
 - ◇ four-momenta of decay leptons
 - angles, track, energies
- ⇒ **experimental acceptance**



Shape & Experimental Limitations

γ' has to penetrate $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ cm})$ dump

number of events for $l_{\gamma'} \ll L_{\text{sh}}$:

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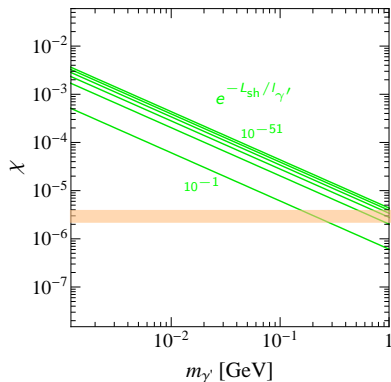
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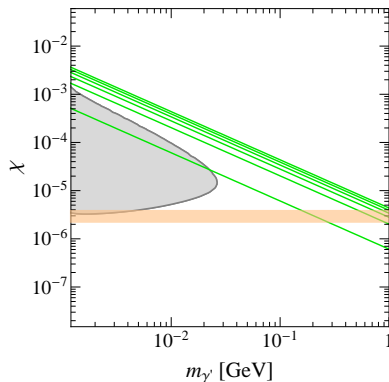
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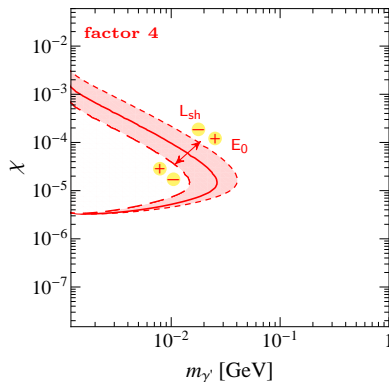
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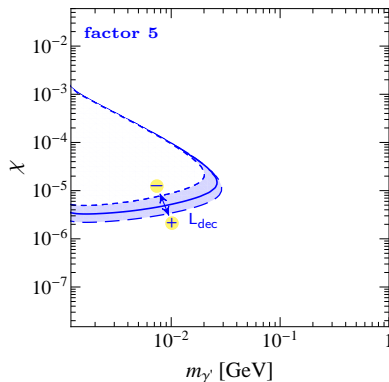
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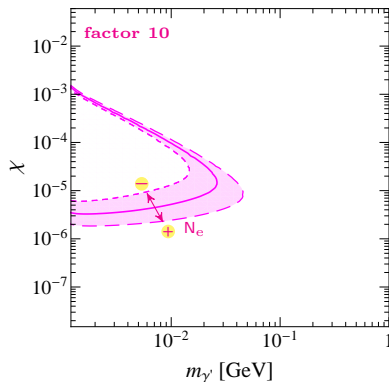
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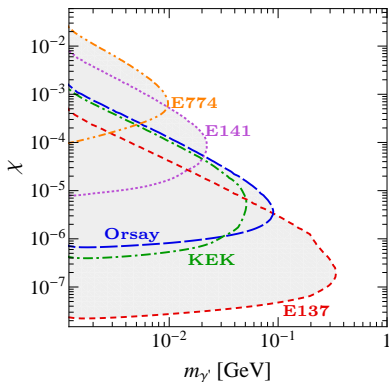
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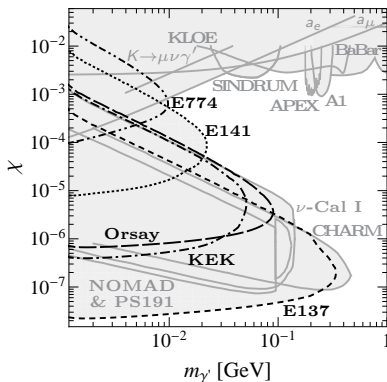
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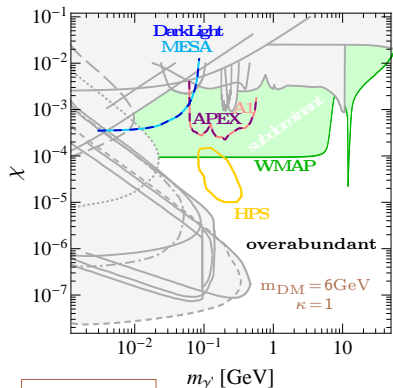
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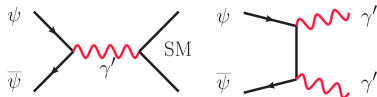
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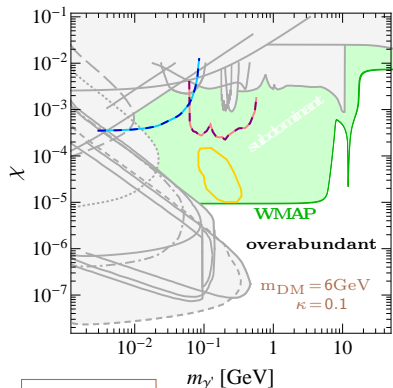
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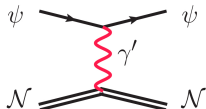
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Direct Detection

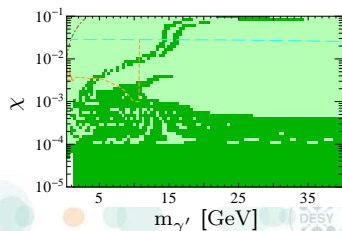
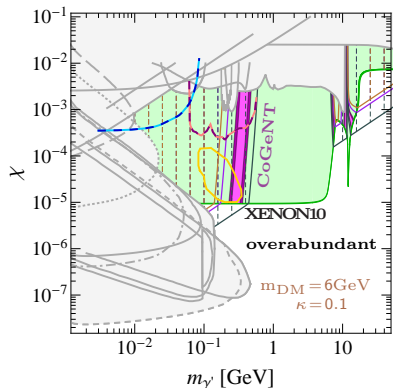
- elastic scattering on nuclei
- mediated by γ'
- **spin-independent** vector-like interaction



Comparison with experiments

- signal claims by DAMA, **CoGeNT**, CRESST, CDMS
- limits on σ_{SI} : XENON10 & 100, DAMIC

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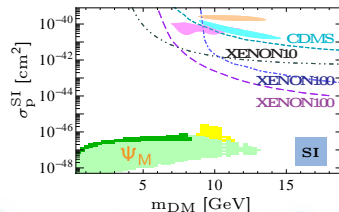
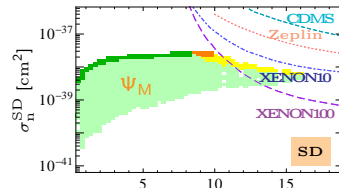
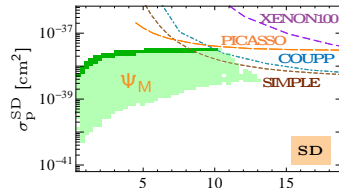
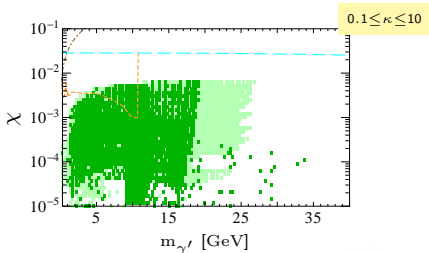
Supersymmetric Dark Force models

- most simple anomaly-free HS:
 - ◇ three chiral superfields S , H_+ , H_- charged under $U(1)_h$
 - ◇ superpotential: $W \supset \lambda_S SH_+H_-$
(assume MSSM in visible sector)
- consider **gravity mediation** gauge med. in [Morrissey, Poland, Zurek '09]
 - ◇ gravitino is not the LSP
 - ◇ DM can consist of stable hidden sector particle
is either **Majorana** or **Dirac** fermion
- hidden gauge symmetry breaking:
 - ◇ radiatively through running
 - ◇ induced by visible sector



Radiative breaking

- running of Yukawa coupling λ_S induces breaking
 - ◊ choose masses & couplings at high scale
- Majorana fermion Ψ_M : total & subdominant DM
 - ◊ axial coupling generates SD scattering
 - ◊ minor SI scattering (Higgs Portal $\sim 10^{-46} \text{cm}^{-2}$)

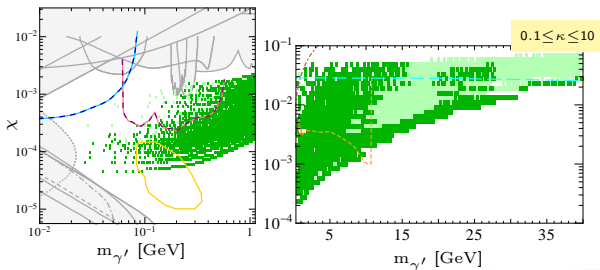


⇒ SD in reach of experiments SI beyond reach

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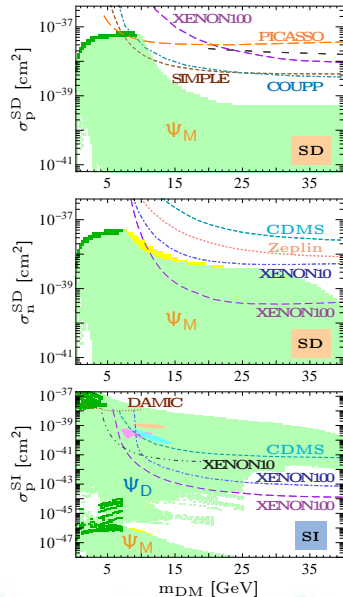
Visible sector induced breaking

- via effective Fayet-Iliopoulos term
 - assume gravitino heavier than HS
- Majorana & Dirac fermion as DM
 - Ψ_M : mostly SD (like rad. breaking)
 - Ψ_D : mostly SI (like Toy-Model, but $m_{\Psi} < m_{\gamma'}$)



⇒ SI probe Ψ_D

SD probe Ψ_M



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Conclusions & Outlook

- electron beam dump experiments

- ◇ cover lower left corner of the parameter space

- ◇ extending the limits

- ▷ upwards requires short L_{sh} and/or high E_0

- ▷ downwards requires long L_{dec} and/or large N_e

- ★ which electron beams are available in the future?

- ★ can they be used parasitically for new bounds?

- dark matter in hidden sector

- ◇ viable models with large parameter space

- ◇ SUSY models with gravity mediation also possible

- ★ what is the preferred parameter space?

- ★ constraints from indirect detection?

