



Doktoratskolleg Particles and Interactions

#### Sub-GeV Scalar Dark Matter — Hints and Probes

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## Outline

- Motivation and Hints
- Particle Model
- Intensity Frontier
- Precision Frontier and LEP
- Direct Detection and astro/cosmo constraints
- Summary



• How to probe dark sector?



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#### Minimal WIMP model is excluded! A light dark sector (< GeV — TeV) possible?

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• 511 keV line measured by INTEGRAL/SPI



# Positrons from the annihilation of light dark matter!?

Boehm et. al (2003)

# Origin: electron-positron annihilation after positronium formation

Jean et. al (2003), Knodlseder et. al (2003), Prantzos et. al (2010) and Siegert et. al (2015)

#### Low-energy positron source? Astrophysics: seems not viable

Prantzos et. al (2010) and Panther et. al (2017)

$$\sigma_{\rm ann}v = a + bv^2$$

s-wave 
$$a \simeq 2.2 \times 10^{-31} \left(\frac{m_{\phi}}{\text{MeV}}\right)^2 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$
  
p-wave  $b \simeq 3.4 \times 10^{-25} \left(\frac{m_{\phi}}{\text{MeV}}\right)^2 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

• Muon g-2 anomaly

$$a_{\mu}^{
m exp} - a_{\mu}^{
m SM} = (290 \pm 90) \times 10^{-11}$$
 Bennett et. al (2006)

#### 3-sigma deviation from SM prediction

Precise calculation of SM contribution (QED, EW and hadronic) Indication of contribution from new physics? (maybe)



#### • DM relic density

CMB and large-scale structure measurements constrain the abundance of dark matter

#### Straightforward scenario: thermal freeze-out



Works for conventional WIMP (GeV-TeV)

Also possible for light DM (sub-GeV) !

Exist other production mechanism such as freeze-in scenario

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## **Particle Model**

• Sub-GeV Dark Matter is motivated suggested by previous hints

Scalar Dark Matter Candidates Boehm and Fayet (2003)



1. Fermion portal

 $\mathcal{L}_{F} = -c_{L}^{l} \phi \bar{F} P_{L} l - c_{R}^{l} \phi \bar{F} P_{R} l - c_{L}^{l} \phi \bar{F}^{0} P_{L} \nu_{l} + h.c.$  Yukawa-type interaction If only 1 generation of F, LFV is possible

2. Vector portal

 $\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = g_{\phi}^2 Z'_{\mu} Z'^{\mu} \phi^* \phi - i g_{\phi} Z'_{\mu} [\phi^* (\partial^{\mu} \phi) - (\partial^{\mu} \phi^*) \phi]$ scalar-QED like interaction  $- i Z'_{\mu} \bar{l} \gamma^{\mu} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) l.$ QED-like interaction, but chiral interaction is possible

Successfully address the hints (INTEGRAL 511 keV line, muon g-2, thermal freeze-out) Boehm and Fayet (2003)

#### **Particle Model**

At that time (2003), no data can constrain aforementioned models!

Intensity frontier (low-E colliders, fixed-target/ beam-dump exp.) LEP and High-E colliders BSM charged particle needs to be heavier than ~ O(800) GeV Precision tests of SM DM direct detection by scattering with bound electrons Updated Astro./ Cosmo. Constraints on new physics Still no plausible positron source for the 511 keV line

#### Now: time for revisiting these models with two decades of data

## **Particle Model**

• To probe a 'light' dark sector



The physical picture is still the same!

High intensity: low-energy colliders, fixed-target experiment and beam-dump experiments

High precision: SM precision observables

Low threshold: stellar emission and direct detection

#### **Overview of Parameter Space: F**



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#### **Overview of Parameter Space:** Z'



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#### **Check List**



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• Very high intensity: integrated luminosity could be larger than that from collider

Intensity frontier exp.





• Difficulties in handling the neutrino background

High-energy collider exp.



• Low-energy electron-positron collider (BaBar and Belle II)

Process: electron-positron annihilation with initial-state radiation



Signal: missing transverse E/p + mono-photon SM background:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \not/$  (peak),  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma e \not/ e \not/$  or  $\gamma \not/ \prime \not/$  (continuum)

• Low-energy electron-positron collider



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• Electron fixed-target experiments (NA64 and LDMX)



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• Electron fixed-target experiments



Future: LDMXSimilar setup with NA64 ... $E_{\rm beam} = 4 \,{\rm GeV} \,({\rm phase-I})$  and  $8 \,{\rm GeV} \,({\rm phase-II})$  $N_{\rm EOT} = 4 \times 10^{14} \,({\rm phase-I})$  and  $3.2 \times 10^{15} \,({\rm phase-II})$ 

• Electron beam-dump experiments (mQ, BDX)



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• Electron beam-dump experiments

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#### **Overview of Parameter Space: F**

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## **Overview of Parameter Space:** Z'

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 Intensity frontier constraints are important (rule out INTEGRAL favoured region)

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#### **Check List**

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![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

New measurement of  $\alpha$  from Cs atom interferometer Parker et. al (2018)

2.5σ between  $a_e^{\text{(meas.)}}$  and  $a_e^{\text{(Cs)}}$ →  $\Delta a_e^{\text{BSM}} \in (-0.88 \pm 3 \times 0.36) \times 10^{-12} = [-1.96, 0.30] \times 10^{-12}$ 

Can also be recasted into  $\alpha$  tension

#### Caveat: allow new physics contribution of both signs!

![](_page_25_Figure_6.jpeg)

New measurement of  $\alpha$  from the recoil velocity of a Rb atom that absorbs a photon using matter-wave interferometry

Morel et. al, Nature (Dec. 02, 2020)

$$\mathcal{L}_F = -c_L^l \phi \bar{F} P_L l - c_R^l \phi \bar{F} P_R l - c_L^l \phi \bar{F}^0 P_L \nu_l + h.c.$$

• Z-invisible decay

 $\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = g_{\phi}^2 Z'_{\mu} Z'^{\mu} \phi^* \phi - i g_{\phi} Z'_{\mu} \left[ \phi^* (\partial^{\mu} \phi) - (\partial^{\mu} \phi^*) \phi \right]$  $- i Z'_{\mu} \bar{l} \gamma^{\mu} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) l.$ 

 $\Gamma(Z \to \text{inv})_{\text{new}} \lesssim 0.56 \,\text{MeV}$  at 95% C.L.

Measurement: missing energy at the Z-pole (LEP)

SM contribution: Z decays into neutrinos

BSM contribution: Z decays into scalar DM

• Via triangle loop containing F  $\gamma, Z(p)$   $\gamma$ 

![](_page_26_Figure_9.jpeg)

• Via kinetic mixing between Z and Z'  $\gamma, z \sim - \sum_{i=1}^{l} z_{i}$ 

Also in F case: effective charge-radius operator (triangle loop) Bai and Berger (2014) and Hamze et. al (2015)

and running of fine-structure constant (vacuum polarisation)

• Parity violation

$$\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = g_{\phi}^2 Z'_{\mu} Z'^{\mu} \phi^* \phi - i g_{\phi} Z'_{\mu} \left[ \phi^* (\partial^{\mu} \phi) - (\partial^{\mu} \phi^*) \phi \right] - i Z'_{\mu} \bar{l} \gamma^{\mu} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) l.$$

SM contribution: weak interaction

Measurement: asymmetry in polarisized Moller scattering

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Two extreme cases for Z':  $g_L = 0$  and  $g_R = 0$ 

(No tree-level electron-electron scattering for F model)

Current: E158 at SLAC SLAC E158 Collaboration (2005)

Future: MOLLER and P2 at MESA MOLLER Collaboration (2014) and Becker et. al (2018)

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![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

Observable: distortion in the electron spectrum See review, Renga (2016)

Constrain flavour structure of F model

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## LEP constraint

Heavy new particles remain unconstrained by LEP (F, Z')

Missing energy search at Z-pole L3 collaboration (2004)

constrain sub-GeV dark sector particles production

Future: dark sector particles production by Drell-Yan processes in high-luminosity LHC and ILC

Caveat: constraint for Z' model  $m_{Z'} > m_Z : Z'$  is always off-shell

 $\rightarrow$  constraint on  $g_{\phi}g_{l}$ 

Fox et. al (2011) and Cheung et. al (2012)

- $m_{Z'} < m_Z : Z'$  can be produced on-shell
  - $\rightarrow$  constraint on  $g_l$  Ilten et. al (2018)

 $\mathcal{L}_F = -c_L^l \phi \bar{F} P_L l - c_R^l \phi \bar{F} P_R l - c_L^l \phi \bar{F}^0 P_L \nu_l + h.c.$ 

![](_page_29_Figure_12.jpeg)

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#### **Overview of Parameter Space: F**

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#### **Overview of Parameter Space:** Z'

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#### **Check List**

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#### **Direct Detection**

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#### **Direct Detection**

• Scattering with bound electron

Lower threshold: desirable for sub-GeV DM

$$\bar{\sigma}_{e} = \frac{1}{16\pi(m_{e} + m_{\phi})^{2}} \overline{|\mathcal{M}_{\phi-e}(q)|}^{2}_{q^{2} = \alpha^{2}m_{e}^{2}}$$
$$F(q) \equiv \overline{|\mathcal{M}(q)|}^{2} / \overline{|\mathcal{M}(q)|}^{2}_{q^{2} = \alpha^{2}m_{e}^{2}} \quad \text{encode q-dependence}$$

Both models: const. dark form factor (indep. of momentum transfer)

# Combined constraints from SENSEI, XENON10, XENON1T + (solar reflection flux)

SENSEI collaboration (2020), Essig et. al (2012), Essig et. al (2017), XENON collaboration (2019), An et. al (2018)

 $\mathcal{L}_F = -c_L^l \phi \bar{F} P_L l - c_R^l \phi \bar{F} P_R l - c_L^l \phi \bar{F}^0 P_L \nu_l + h.c.$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = g_{\phi}^2 Z'_{\mu} Z'^{\mu} \phi^* \phi - i g_{\phi} Z'_{\mu} \left[ \phi^* (\partial^{\mu} \phi) - (\partial^{\mu} \phi^*) \phi \right]$  $- i Z'_{\mu} \bar{l} \gamma^{\mu} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) l.$ 

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#### Signal from DM annihilation

• CMB bound (early universe)

$$\mathcal{L}_F = -c_L^l \phi \bar{F} P_L l - c_R^l \phi \bar{F} P_R l - c_L^l \phi \bar{F}^0 P_L \nu_l + h.c.$$

Relevant for F model: s-wave annihilation

![](_page_35_Figure_5.jpeg)

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#### Signal from DM annihilation

• Indirect search (late universe)

$$\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = g_{\phi}^2 Z'_{\mu} Z'^{\mu} \phi^* \phi - i g_{\phi} Z'_{\mu} [\phi^* (\partial^{\mu} \phi) - (\partial^{\mu} \phi^*) \phi] - i Z'_{\mu} \bar{l} \gamma^{\mu} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) l.$$

Relevant for Z' model: p-wave annihilation

p-wave annihilation receives enhancement from clustering

Observable: extra anti-matter or gamma ray lines

Credit: 1612.07698

![](_page_36_Figure_8.jpeg)

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• BBN/CMB  $N_{\rm eff}$  bounds

Thermalized MeV scalar DM can contribute to the relativistic degrees of freedom in the early universe

![](_page_37_Figure_3.jpeg)

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#### • SN1987A We observe few neutrinos from it!

MeV scalar DM can also be produced in supernova ( $T \sim MeV$ )

Anomalous energy loss alters the cooling rate of the proto-neutron star

Constraint:  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi} \leq \mathcal{L}_{\nu} = 3 \times 10^{52} \, \mathrm{erg/s}$  Raffelt (1996)

![](_page_38_Figure_5.jpeg)

Anomalous energy loss (Lower boundary of constraint)

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credit: Chandra X-ray Observatory

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#### **Overview of Parameter Space: F**

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#### **Overview of Parameter Space:** Z'

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#### **Check List**

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## Summary

- Future intensity frontier experiments can have better sensitivity on a light dark sector
- Precision tests of SM are sensitive to the flavour and chiral structure of the dark sector
- Electron g-2 puts strong constraints on BSM physics but with caveat
- Stellar environments such as SN1987A has the best sensitivity for MeV scale dark sector particles
- The INTEGRAL (both NFW and Einasto) and thermal freeze-out favoured parameter space are ruled out for both models

![](_page_42_Picture_6.jpeg)

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## Backup

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## **Electron-Positron Annihilation**

- Direct annihilation of stopped electron and positron Single 511 keV line
- Annihilation after positronium formation
   Single 511 keV line

Lower energy continuum

INTEGRAL signal preferred

## 511 keV line

• Morphology

The Einasto profile seems fit better than the NFW profile

Vincent et. al (2012)

• INTEGRAL X-ray data Cirelli et. al (2020)

Rule out scalar DM with mass larger than 70 MeV to be the explanation

#### Limit on DM energy loss

#### • Trapping of dark states in SN

Once the dark states are produced, they engage in random walk by scattering with charged particles in the environment

When the coupling is too large, the dark states cannot escape the stellar profile due to frequent scattering and are trapped inside, rendering the energy loss argument ineffective —> upper boundary of the constraint

![](_page_46_Figure_4.jpeg)

## Z-invisible decay diagram (1)

• Contribution to Z-invisible decay: F-loop

![](_page_47_Figure_2.jpeg)

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## Z-invisible decay diagram (2)

• Contribution to Z-invisible decay: kinetic mixing

$$\begin{split} \gamma, Z & \longrightarrow & Z' \\ i\Pi^{\mu\nu} = i \left( p^2 g^{\mu\nu} - p^{\mu} p^{\nu} \right) \Pi(p^2) \\ \Pi(p^2) &= -\frac{eg_l}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \, x(1-x) \left[ \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right] \end{split}$$

The ensuing constraint is fully covered by LEP bound

### Particle Model (4)

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

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# Low mass Z'(1)

 $m_{Z'} < 10 \,\text{GeV}$  : Z' can be on-shell in intensity frontier experiments

Cannot use effective operator!

Model parameters:  $g_l, g_{\phi}, m_{Z'}, m_{\phi}$ 

1. Fix  $g_{\phi}$  by cluster bound or saturate the perturbativity bound

 $\sigma_{\rm SI}/m_{\phi} \le 0.5 \, {\rm cm}^2/{
m g} \, {}^{
m Harvey \, et. \, al \, (2015),}_{{
m Bondarenko \, et. \, al \, (2018),}\atop_{
m and \, Harvey \, et. \, al \, (2019)}} \, \alpha_D \equiv g_{\phi}^2/(4\pi) < 10$ 

2. Solve for  $m_{Z'}$  for each  $(m_{\phi}, g_l)$  to fulfil

- Annihilation xsec for INTEGRAL 511 keV line
- Annihilation xsec for thermal freeze-out

Caveat: resonant annihilation  $\phi \phi^* \to Z'$  at  $m_{Z'} \leq 2m_{\phi}$ 

Additional velocity dependence in annihilation xsec

## Low mass Z'(2)

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

Intensity frontier: invisibly decaying Z' See review, Beacham et. al (1996)

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