Dark sector searches at Belle II

鄢文标 (中国科学技术大学)



2021年BESIII新物理研讨会, 2021.11.7, 青岛

Complementary ways to new physics

Energy frontier





Intensity frontier



Direct production of new particles Indirect sensitivity through loops

 Presently no unambiguous evidence for Beyond Standard Model (SM) physics at the high energy frontier.
 The intensity frontier offers indirect sensitivity to very high scales

Dark sector

• In recent years, the possibility that both Dark Matter (DM) and particles mediating its interactions to the SM have a mass at or below the GeV scale has gained much traction.



Light DM weakly interacting to SM though a new light mediator
 ✓ Vector portal: dark photon A', dark Z'

- ✓ Pseudo-scalar portal: axion-like particles (ALPs)
- ✓ Scalar portal: dark scalars, extended Higgs model
- ✓ Neutrino portal: sterile neutrino

Overview of dark sector searches



Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

- B-factories can access the mass range naturally favored by light dark sectors
- LHC can probe higher mass regions and wider phase space for long lived particles, heavy neutral leptons. 4

The SuperKEKB accelerator

- Super B-factory @ Tsukuba, Japan
- Asymmetric collider, around 10.58 GeV
- Nano-beam scheme: 40×KEKB
 - ✓ Higher background
 - ✓ Higher trigger rate







Belle II detector



- On searching for light dark matter or mediators
 - ✓ Hermetic detector and well known initial condition
 - ✓ Low background and excellent PID
 - ✓ Dedicated triggers for low multiplicity events
- Physics run @ 2019, Goal 50 ab⁻¹ data (50×Belle)

 L_{μ} - L_{τ} model

- Theory L_µ-L_τ model
 ✓ JHEP 1612, 106; PRD89, 113004
- New light gauge boson Z' interacting only with 2nd and 3rd generation of lepton
- This model could explain
 - ✓ Dark matter puzzle
 - ✓ Muon g-2 anomaly
 - ✓ b -> s μ^+ μ^- anomaly

$$M_{Z'} < 2M_{\mu} \implies BF[Z' \to \text{invisible}] = 1,$$

$$2M_{\mu} < M_{Z'} < 2M_{\tau} \implies BF[Z' \to \text{invisible}] \simeq 1/2,$$

$$M_{Z'} > 2M_{\tau} \implies BF[Z' \to \text{invisible}] \simeq 1/3.$$

$$\text{if } M_{Z'} > 2M_{\chi}$$

$$BF(Z' \to \chi\bar{\chi}) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum \theta g' \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} Z'_{\mu} \ell$$



μ, τ.

 $v_{\mu,\tau}, \chi$

μ-, τ-

Z',5'

 μ^+, τ^+

$Z' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



• Existing limits on Z' coupling (g') with visible decay Z' -> $\mu^+\mu^-$ by BaBar, CMS and neutrino-nucleus scattering processes.

Z' invisible decay

- Search for Z' invisible decay

 ✓ e⁺ e⁻ -> μ⁺ μ⁻ + missing energy
 ✓ e⁺e⁻ -> e[±]μ[∓] + missing energy
- Belle II data: 276 pb⁻¹ data
- Z' signal event
 - ✓ peak in distribution of invariant mass of system reoiling again of lepton pair
 - \checkmark Events with exactly two tracks identified as e/μ
- Dominant backgrounds

✓ $e^+ e^- -> (\gamma) \mu^+ \mu^-$, $(\gamma) \tau^+ \tau^-$, $e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Recoil mass: no anomalies are observed
- Cross section results are translated into 90% C.L. upper limits on the coupling g'



Z' invisible decay

• Lepton flavor violation channel: $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp + missing energy$



• No anomalies are observed above 3σ.

• 90% C.L. upper limits on efficiency times cross section as function of recoil mass

• The dashed line is the expected sensitivity

Future about Z' invisible decay

Source	$\mu^+\mu^-$	$e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}$
Trigger efficiency	6%	1%
Tracking efficiency	4%	4%
PID DDI 12/11/	1801 4%	4%
Luminosity	0.7%	0.7%
τ suppression (background)	22%	22%
Background before τ suppression	2%	2%
Discrepancy in $\mu\mu$ yield (signal)	12.5%	





Z' visible decay: Z' -> $\mu^+ \mu^-$



 $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + Z^2; Z^2 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

BaBar used 514 fb⁻¹ data on Z' visible decay μ⁺ μ⁻ mode
Belle II wants to obtain same (or better) results than BaBar with less luminosity (100 fb⁻¹) by an aggressive background suppression



Z' visible decay: Z' -> $\tau^+ \tau^-$

Entries / (50 MeV)



 $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + Z^2; Z^2 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

- Same theory motivation for invisible decay and Z' -> $\mu^+ \mu^-$
- Z' -> $\mu^+ \mu^-$ have never been searched $_{\overline{o} 10^{-2}}$ before
- Challenging because of neutrinos and background



Axion-like particles (ALPs)

- Axion-like particles are pseudo-scalars coupling mainly to bosons
- Two possible scenarios are possible at e⁺e⁻ colliders
- Extract photon coupling g_{aγγ} @ e⁺e⁻







ALPs: a -> $\gamma \gamma$

- a -> $\gamma \gamma$ signal event
 - ✓ Three photons summing up to beam energy and no other particles
 - ✓ No tracks
 - ✓ Search for a bump into diphoton and recoil mass
- Dominant backgrounds
 - $\checkmark e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)\gamma\gamma, \text{ and } \gamma\pi^0/\eta/\eta'(\gamma\gamma)$
 - ✓ $e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\gamma) e^+ e^-$: tracking inefficiencies[∞]
- The data agree well with simulation except for a small excess around one.
- ALP signal with smaller width at this region.





ALPs: a -> $\gamma \gamma$



- 95% C.L. upper limit to cross section
 These limits are the first obtained for fully reconstructed with three photons
- More restrictive than previous limits

$$\sigma_a = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{24} \left(1 - \frac{m_a^2}{s}\right)^3$$

ALPs: future a -> $\gamma \gamma$



- Belle II data: 445 pb⁻¹ data
 Goal 50 ab⁻¹ data
 - ✓ future prospects



JHEP 03 190

SHIP

Dark photon

A possible U(1) extension of the SM include a new massive vector gauge boson A' coupling to SM photon through kinematic mixing with strength ε -> the dark photon

- At e^+e^- colliders, investigate the ISR production $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A'$
- Two basic scenarios depending on A' and dark matter mass relationship
 - \checkmark m_{A'} > 2m_{\chi}: A' invisible decays Into DM particle
 - \checkmark m_{A'} < 2m_{χ}: A' visible decays to SM particle (leptons)



Invisible dark photon

- Select events with nothing but a single high energetic ISR photon. Look for a bump in the photon energy
- Need single photon trigger
- Backgrounds
 - ✓ e⁺ e⁻ -> (γ)γγ (low mass region)
 ✓ e⁺ e⁻ -> (γ) e⁺e⁻ (high mass region)
 ✓ Cosmic





A: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)\gamma\gamma$, endcap gaps B: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)\gamma\gamma$, 90^o gaps C: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\gamma)e^+e^-$, leptons out of acceptance

Invisible dark photon



- Expected sensitivity @ Belle II
- Very promising results with 20 fb⁻¹ data (1/3 BaBar)
 - ✓ No ECL gaps pointing to the interaction region
 - ✓ Better hermeticity (smaller boost $\beta\gamma$, larger acceptance)

Visible dark photon



- Expected sensitivity @ Belle II
- Investigate the ISR production $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A'$
- A' visible decays to e^+e^- and $\mu^+ \mu^-$ decays
- Belle II has larger radius drift chamber with better invariant mass resolution, and better trigger efficiency of electron and mulon

Dark Higgsstrahlung

- Dark photon A' mass can be generated via a spontaneous symmetry breaking mechanism by add a dark Higgs boson h'
- A minimal scenario: a single dark photon A' and a single dark Higgs boson h'
- The h' could be produced in the Higgsstrahlung process, which is sensitive δ_{Q} to dark sector coupling constant α_{D}
- Case: $m_{h'} < m_{A'}$ with invisible h'
- Up to know only by KLOE
 ✓ A' -> μ⁺ μ⁻
 - ✓ invisible h'





Dark Higgsstrahlung

- $e^+ e^- -> A' h'$
 - ✓ A' -> μ⁺ μ⁻
 - ✓ invisible h'
- Experimental signature
 - ✓ $\mu^+ \mu^-$ plus missing energy
 - ✓ peak in two dimensional distribution
 - of recoil mass and dimuon mass
- Dominant backgrounds
 - $\checkmark e^+ e^- \to (\gamma) \mu^+ \mu^-$ $\checkmark e^+ e^- \to (\gamma) \tau^+ \tau^-$ $\checkmark e^+ e^- \to e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ $\checkmark e^+ e^- \to (\gamma) \pi^+ \pi^-$





Dark Higgsstrahlung



- Expected sensitivity @ Belle II
- Very promising results with 9 fb⁻¹ data
 - ✓ Unconstrained regions, well beyond KLOE coverage
 - ✓ Probing non-trivial coupling $\epsilon^2 \alpha_D$

Invisible Y(1S) decay

• Within SM, invisible Y(1S) decay @ PL B441 449

 $\frac{\Gamma\left(\Upsilon \to \nu\bar{\nu}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\Upsilon \to e^+e^-\right)} = \frac{27G^2 M_{\Upsilon}^4}{64\pi^2 \alpha^2} (-1 + \frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W)^2 \qquad \text{with } 2\text{-}3\% \text{ uncertainty} \\ = 4.14 \times 10^{-4} ,$

- Br[Y(1S) -> vv̄] ≈ 10⁻⁵ @ theory; < 3.0 × 10⁻⁴ @ 90% CL
 New physics maybe enhance the Br[Y(1S) -> vv̄], e.g. low mass dark matter (smaller than m_b)
- Assume SM (1×10^{-5}) and NP (3×10^{-4})

Process	$L_{\text{int}} (ab^{-1})$	ϵ	$N(\Upsilon(1S))$	$N_{\Upsilon(1S)\to\nu\bar{\nu}}$	$N_{\rm NP}$
$\overline{\Upsilon(2S) \to \pi^+ \pi^- \Upsilon(1S)}$	$0.2, \Upsilon(2S)$	0.1-0.2	2.3×10^{8}	232-464	6960–13920
$\Upsilon(3S) \to \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	$0.2, \Upsilon(3S)$	0.1-0.2	3.2×10^{7}	32-64	945-1890
$\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \Upsilon(1S)$	50.0, $\Upsilon(4S)$	0.1-0.2	$5.5 imes 10^6$	5.5-11	165-310
$\Upsilon(5S) \to \pi^+ \pi^- \Upsilon(1S)$	$5.0, \Upsilon(5S)$	0.1-0.2	$7.6 imes 10^6$	7.6-15.2	228-456
$\gamma \Upsilon(2S) \to (\gamma) \pi^+ \pi^- \Upsilon(1S)$	50.0, $\Upsilon(4S)$	0.1-0.2	1.5×10^{8}	150-300	4500-9000
$\gamma \Upsilon(3S) \to (\gamma) \pi^+ \pi^- \Upsilon(1S)$	50.0, $\Upsilon(4S)$	0.1-0.2	6.5×10^{7}	65-130	1950-3900

Light CP even Higgs boson

- $\chi_{b0} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ can be sensitive to s channel exchange of CP-even neutral Higgs.
- Event rate for SM Higgs exchange is too small to be observed.

$$\Gamma^{H}(\chi_{0} \to \ell^{+}\ell^{-}) = \frac{M_{\chi_{0}}}{8\pi} \left[1 - \frac{4m_{\ell}^{2}}{M_{\chi_{0}}^{2}} \right]^{3/2} \left(\frac{m_{q}m_{\ell}}{\nu^{2}M_{H}^{2}} \right)^{2} f_{\chi_{0}}^{2}$$

- Significant constrains on parameters of type-II two-Higgs-doublet model.
- With second Higgs resonance

$$\mathbf{Br}[\chi_{b0} \to \tau^+ \tau^-] = (\mathbf{1.9} \pm \mathbf{0.5}) \times \mathbf{10}^{-12} \times \left[1 + \frac{M_H^2}{M_{\text{new}}^2 - M_{\chi_{b0}}^2} \tan^2 \beta\right]^2$$
26

Light CP even Higgs boson



Expected sensitivity @ Belle II with 250 fb⁻¹ Y(3S) data
 Probe large region of tryp-II 2DHM parameter space with H_{new} mass below 80 GeV, and large tanβ region, which is Currently unconstrained by existing searches

Summary

- The Belle II experiment is exploring light dark matter or mediators at the luminosity frontier.
- New dark sector triggers enable to target unique low multiplicity final states
- Belle II already published results on Z' and ALP
 - ✓ PRL 124, 141801 (2020)
 - ✓ PRL 125, 161806 (2020)
- A lot of dark sector searches are in progress.

