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Search for exotic physics at BESIII

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Exotic particles

 \succ Particles in Standard model: leptons, photon, Z, W^{\pm} , Higgs, quarks, mesons, hadrons

SM Matter **Exotic "dark" particles:** \succ Normal Exotic **Dark photon**: massive or massless The main matter | hadron **Muonphilic vector or scalar** electron muon of this talk Standard Model **Axion**: QCD axion and axion like particles SUSY, dark Higgs, heavy neutrinos, dark fermion ... Portal Dark sector **Exotic hadrons: Glueball** : composed of gluons Also included in this talk **Hidden Sector** Multi-quark : quark number ≥ 4 , eg Z_{cs} , Hang Zhou's talk at QCD Section

- Hybrid : the mixture of quark and gluon, eg $\eta_1(1855)$, PRL 129, 192002 (2022), Moriond QCD2022
- Other: eg. *X*(2085), PRL 131 (2023) 15, 151901, *X*(3872), PRL 130 (2023) 15, 151904, Moriond QCD2023

If their mass are in the MeV-GeV range, these exotic particles can be accessible by high intensity e^+e^- collider experiments, such as BEPCII and BESIII experiment.



BEPCII and BESIII





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Massive dark photon

- \Box An extra Abelian gauge group, $U(1)_D$
- ✓ Causing the associated gauge boson, the dark photon
- ✓ Symmetry broken spontaneously, massive kind



e: mixing parameter (very small!)

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Effective coupling

SM

matter

The interaction terms between dark photon and the SM matter

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{e\epsilon}{\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2}} J_{\mu} A^{\prime \mu} \text{ arXiv:} 2005.01515$$

Dark

sector

PLB, 196 (1986)

• Effective coupling strength with the SM matter: $e\epsilon$

 Dark photon with mass can be produced in any process by replacing SM photon

Candidate channels:

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ (this talk) PLB 839, 137785 (2023)
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow l^+l^-$ PLB 774, 252(2017)
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta \gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow e^+e^-$ PRD 99, 012006 (2019)

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \eta' \gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

PRD 99, 012013 (2019)





Search for Massive dark photon with $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma'$

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m dark}$.

- The dark photon (γ') would predominately decay into a pair of DM particles $\gamma' \rightarrow \chi \bar{\chi}$ if $m_{\chi} < m_{\gamma'}/2$
- Search for the massive dark photon with $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma'$, followed by an **invisible decay of the** γ'
- Data sample: 14.9 $fb^{-1}e^+e^-$ annihilation data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.13 \sim 4.60 \ GeV$

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Maximum global significance: 2.2 σ , no significant signals

 $E(\gamma)$ (GeV)

1.4

1.6

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m OED}$

Mixing parameter constraint







Search for Massless dark photon with $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p\gamma$

- If the symmetry of the extra Abelian gauge group is unbroken, the dark photon will be massless
- The massless dark photon has no direct interaction with the SM particle
- But the massless dark photon can be coupled with the SM particle in higher dimension operator

PRL 94, 151802 (2005) $\mathcal{L}_{NP} = \bigwedge_{\Lambda_{NP}}^{1} (C_{jk}^{u} \overline{q_{j}} \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_{k} \widetilde{H} + C_{jk}^{d} \overline{q_{j}} \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_{k} H + C_{jk}^{e} \overline{l_{j}} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_{k} H + h.c.) \overline{F}_{\mu\nu}$ New physics Λ_c^+ Down type quarks coupling Charged leptons coupling energy scale Signals will Data samples: 4.5 fb⁻¹ e^+e^- annihilation data at $\sqrt{s} = 4.6 \sim 4.7$ GeV Data (b) have a ${\color{black} \boxtimes} \ \Lambda_c^+ \to pK_c^0$ No significant signal observed, $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to p\gamma') < 8.0 \times 10^{-5}$ at 90% CL exceeding \blacksquare other $\Lambda^+ \overline{\Lambda}$, background 🖾 qq background peak Signal New physics energy scale associated with $cu\gamma'$ coupling: Events / 25 around $|\mathbb{C}|^2 + |\mathbb{C}_5|^2 < 9.6 \times 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ zero $\mathbb{C} = \Lambda_{NP}^{-2} (C_{12}^u + C_{12}^{u*}) \nu / \sqrt{8}, \mathbb{C}_5 = \Lambda_{NP}^{-2} (C_{12}^u + C_{12}^{u*}) \nu / \sqrt{8}$ related to the new physics energy scale 0 0 0.025 0.05 0.075 0.1 BESIII will produce better results with 20 fb^{-1} data taken at $M^2_{rec(\overline{\Lambda}_c p)} (GeV^2/c^4)$ 3.773 GeV, such as $D \rightarrow \omega \gamma'$ and $D \rightarrow \gamma \gamma'$ with $c u \gamma'$ coupling PRD 106, 072008 (2022)

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Muonphilic scalar or vector particle $X_{0,1}$

- Similar to the previous dark photon, an extra U(1) group is added as minimal extension to the SM
- $U(1)_{L\mu-L\tau}$ model: A new massive scalar boson X_0 or vector boson X_1 only couples to the second and third generations of leptons $(\mu, \nu_{\mu}, \tau, \nu_{\tau})$ with the coupling strength $g'_{0,1}$
- The light muonphilic scalar or vector particles can contribute to the muon anomalous magnetic moment and explain the $(g 2)_{\mu}$ anomaly





Three cases of muonphilic particles



"vanilla" $L_{\mu} - L_{\tau}$ model





"invisible" $L_{\mu}-L_{ au}$ model

"scalar" U(1) model





- Large mass of dark matter kind: $m_{\chi} > m_{X_1}/2$ • $\mathcal{B}(X_1 \rightarrow v\bar{v}) = 33\% - 100\%$
- Light dark matter kind: $m_{\chi} < m_{X_1}/2$
- $g'_D \gg g'_1$ • $\mathcal{B}(X_1 \rightarrow \chi \bar{\chi}) \sim 100\%$

 Assuming the X₀ is longlived or only decay to invisible final states

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with different m_{X_1}



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Search for muonphilic scalar or vector with $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$





Coupling constraint with $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$

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QCD axion particle

- The QCD axion (a) is originally predicted by the Peccei-Quinn (PQ) solution to the strong CP problem
- The QCD axion is also an excellent cold dark matter candidate
- The mass of QCD axion:

 $m_a = 5.691(51)\mu eV(\frac{10^{12} \ GeV}{f_a})$ with decay constant (energy scale) $f_a \gg 10^6 \ GeV$

- $m_a < eV$, "massless" compared to the resolution of BESIII
- Long-lived (lifetime is larger than the age of the universe): invisible
- The interaction of the QCD axion with the SM fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{a-f} = \partial_{\mu} a \overline{f}_{i} \gamma^{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{F_{ij}^{V}} + \frac{\gamma^{5}}{F_{ij}^{A}}\right) f_{j}, F_{ij}^{V} \text{ and } F_{ij}^{A} \text{ are the effective decay}$$

constants for the vector coupling term and axial coupling term

• *a* can couples with SM fermions with different flavour

PRD 102 (2020) 1, 015023





n be accessible at BESIII, like $\Sigma^+ o pa$

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Search for QCD axion with $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pa$





Search for axion like particle with $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$

The axion like particles (ALPs) have the same quantum numbers as the QCD axion, but have no strict relation between their couplings and mass, arbitrary masses and couplings 600 ALPs can have interaction with fermions, gluon, photons: $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma}aF^{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$ on-peaking background 400 • The decay width of $a \to \gamma \gamma$: $\Gamma_{a \to \gamma \gamma} = \frac{g_{a \gamma \gamma}^2 m_a^3}{\epsilon 4 \pi}$ 200 Taking $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$, $m_a \sim \text{GeV}$, the lifetime of ALP is short in the detector 2.15 2.2 2.25 2.3 2.35 2.4 2.052.1 $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ (GeV/ c^2) short-lived, visible via $a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Can be accessible at BESIII like $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$ Data samples: $(2.71 \pm 0.01) \times 10^9 \psi(2S)$ J/ψ obtained from $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ $\int_{g_{ayy}}^{\gamma^*} \gamma^* J/\psi \int_{c}^{\gamma^*} c$ $\phi \qquad \gamma \qquad \gamma$ JHEP 06 (2019) 091 J/ψ Extract signal from $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution The maximum local significance is 2.6σ at gacc $M(a) = 2208 MeV/c^2$ • No evidence for signals from ALPs visible decays Assuming $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \gg g_{acc}$ later PLB 838 (2023) 137698 2024/3/28 18



ALPs-photon coupling constraint



• J/ψ samples obtained from $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ (2.7 × 10⁹ $\psi(2S)$ events)

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• J/ψ events from e^+e^- annihilation at BESIII: ($10 \times 10^9 J/\psi$ events)

An improvement by a factor of 5 over the previous Belle II measurement

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Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \pi^0$

J/ψ radiative decays provide gluon rich environment and ideal place for glueball

Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \pi^0$

- Mass Dependent PWA (MD): Isobar model
- Mass Independent PWA (MI): Disentangle J^{PC} in each bin
- Consistency between MI and MD results
- Two pseudoscalar states needed: $\eta(1475)$ and $\eta(1405)$
- Quark model predicts: only one pseudo-scalar meson near 1.4 GeV
- Theoretical interpretations: $\eta(1475)$ is the first radial excitation of η' , $\eta(1405)$ is a pseudoscalar glueball candidate
- An important input for 0^{-+} glueball

Theorists attempt to explain $\eta(1405)/\eta(1475)$ using one pole• Further study is neededPRD 107 (2023) 9, L091505

- LQCD predicts: 0^{-+} glueball: 2.3-2.4 GeV/c^2
- Another pseudoscalar glueball candidate: *X*(2370)



- $M_{\eta(1405)} = 1391.7 \pm 0.7^{+11.3}_{-0.3} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $\Gamma_{\eta(1405)} = 60.8 \pm 1.2^{+5.5}_{-12.0} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 - $M_{\eta(1475)} = 1507.6 \pm 1.6^{+15.5}_{-32.2} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $\Gamma_{\eta(1475)} = 115.8 \pm 2.4^{+14.8}_{-11.0} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

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Determination of Spin-Parity of the *X***(2370)**

PRL 106, 072002 (2011)

- X(2370) is first observed in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$
- Partial wave analysis of $J/\psi
 ightarrow \gamma K_S K_S \eta'$
- $M_{X(2370)} = 2395 \pm 11^{+26}_{-0.84} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $\Gamma_{X(2370)} = 188 + 18 + 124 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to \gamma X(2370) \to \gamma f_0(980)\eta' \to \gamma K_S K_S \eta')$ = $(1.31 \pm 0.22^{+2.85}_{-0.84}) \times 10^{-5}$
- The spin-parity of X(2370) is determined to be 0⁻⁺ for the first time
- The measured mass and spin-parity of the X(2370) are consistent with the predictions of a pseudoscalar glueball



> BESIII has collected $10^{10} J/\psi$, 2.7 × $10^9 \psi'$,

20 fb⁻¹ @ 3.77 GeV data ($D\overline{D}$) and more...

> Unfortunately, no evidence for light exotic physics

More & better results are coming soon



Summary

New results of dark photon, muonphilic particle,

axion and glueball at BESIII



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Appendix

SM and puzzles



Standard model (SM): $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

- Successful!
- But also some puzzles



• Dark matter



• Fermion mass hierarchy

MeV eV keV GeV TeV meV generation v_3 3 v_2 S v_1 ∞ $10^{-5}10^{-4}10^{-3}10^{-2}10^{-1}1$ Mod.Phys.Lett.A 19 (2004) 2799-2813 mass (eV)

• Matter and anti-matter asymmetry



 $g_{\mu}-2$ anomaly



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We believe there are something new beyond the SM: dark sector

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Dark sector and portal

- The dark sector is hidden because of the weak interaction with the SM particle
- Some "portal" may connect the Standard Model matter and the Dark sector matter
- Vector portal (dark photon)
- Pseudo-scalar portal (axion)
- Scalar portal (dark Higgs)
- Neutrino portal (heavy neutrinos)

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Data samples at BESIII







decay width of $J/\psi \to \mu^+ \mu^- X$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}_{\mu\mu X_{0}}|^{2} &= \left(\frac{2}{3}e^{2}g_{0}\frac{f_{J}}{m_{J}}\right)^{2} \frac{-8}{3m_{J}^{2}(m_{J}-2E_{-})^{2}(-2E_{-}-2E_{X}+m_{J})^{2}} \left(-4m_{\mu}^{2}\left(4E_{-}^{2}\left(m_{X}^{2}-2E_{X}m_{J}\right)\right) + E_{-}\left(-8E_{X}^{2}m_{J}+4E_{X}\left(m_{X}^{2}+2m_{J}^{2}\right)-4m_{X}^{2}m_{J}\right) - E_{X}^{2}\left(m_{X}^{2}-6m_{J}^{2}\right)-2E_{X}m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+m_{J}^{2}\right)+m_{X}^{2}m_{J}^{2}\right) \\ &+4E_{-}\left(2E_{X}^{2}m_{J}^{2}+m_{X}^{2}m_{J}(m_{J}-2E_{X})+m_{X}^{4}\right) \\ &+4E_{-}\left(2E_{X}^{3}m_{J}^{2}-2E_{X}^{2}m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+m_{J}^{2}\right)+E_{X}\left(m_{X}^{4}+3m_{X}^{2}m_{J}^{2}\right)-m_{X}^{2}m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+m_{J}^{2}\right)\right) \\ &-16E_{X}^{2}m_{\mu}^{4}+m_{J}\left(-4E_{X}^{3}m_{J}^{2}+2E_{X}^{2}\left(3m_{X}^{2}m_{J}+m_{J}^{3}\right)-2E_{X}\left(m_{X}^{4}+2m_{X}^{2}m_{J}^{2}\right)+m_{X}^{2}m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+m_{J}^{2}\right)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where E_{-} , the energy of μ^{-} and E_X , the energy of X_0 are measured in the rest frame of J/ψ .

$$\begin{split} |\mathcal{M}_{\mu\mu X_{1}}|^{2} &= \left(\frac{2}{3}e^{2}g_{1}\frac{f_{J}}{m_{J}}\right)^{2} \frac{-16}{3 m_{J}^{2}(m_{J}-2 E_{-})^{2}(-2 E_{-}-2 E_{X}+m_{J})^{2}} \left(16 E_{-}^{4} m_{J}^{2}+32 E_{-}^{3} m_{J}^{2}(E_{X}-m_{J}) + 2m_{\mu}^{2}\left(4 E_{-}^{2}\left(m_{J}(m_{J}-2 E_{X})+m_{X}^{2}\right)-4 E_{-}\left(2 E_{X}^{2} m_{J}-E_{X}\left(m_{X}^{2}+3 m_{J}^{2}\right)+m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+m_{J}^{2}\right)\right) + 2 E_{X}^{2}\left(m_{X}^{2}+3 m_{J}^{2}\right)-2 E_{X} m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+2 m_{J}^{2}\right)+m_{J}^{2}\left(m_{X}^{2}+m_{J}^{2}\right)\right) + 4 E_{-}^{2}\left(m_{J}^{2}\left(6 E_{X}^{2}-14 E_{X} m_{J}+7 m_{J}^{2}\right)+m_{X}^{2} m_{J}(3 m_{J}-2 E_{X})+m_{X}^{4}\right) + 4 E_{-}\left(2 E_{X}^{3} m_{J}^{2}-2 E_{X}^{2} m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{2}+4 m_{J}^{2}\right)+E_{X}\left(m_{X}^{4}+5 m_{X}^{2} m_{J}^{2}+9 m_{J}^{4}\right)-m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{4}+3 m_{X}^{2} m_{J}^{2}+3 m_{J}^{4}\right)\right) + 8 E_{X}^{2} m_{\mu}^{4}+m_{J}\left(-4 E_{X}^{3} m_{J}^{2}+2 E_{X}^{2}\left(3 m_{X}^{2} m_{J}+5 m_{J}^{3}\right)-2 E_{X}\left(m_{X}^{2}+2 m_{J}^{2}\right)^{2}+m_{J}\left(m_{X}^{4}+3 m_{X}^{2} m_{J}^{2}+2 m_{J}^{4}\right)\right)\right), \end{split}$$

where E_{-} , the energy of μ^{-} and E_X , the energy of X_0 are measured in the rest frame of J/ψ .

$$\Gamma_{\mu\mu X_{0,1}} = \int_{E_X^{min}}^{E_X^{max}} \int_{E_-^{min}}^{E_-^{max}} \frac{|\mathscr{M}_{\mu\mu X_{0,1}}|^2}{64\pi^3 m_J} dE_- dE_X,$$



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- Data samples: $(2.71 \pm 0.01) \times 10^9 \psi(2S)$ events
- J/ψ samples obtained from $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi$ about $0.94 \times 10^9 J/\psi$ events
- Extract signal from $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution
- The maximum local significance is 2.6 σ at M(a) = 2208 MeV/c²
- No evidence for signals from ALPs visible decays





Glueball study at BESIII



- QCD allows the existence of exotic hadrons, glueballs (composed of gluons)
- J/ψ radiative decays provide gluon rich environment and ideal place for glueball





No rigorous predictions on glueball decay patterns and their branching ratio

Lattice QCD predictions:

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0^{++} scalar ground state: 1-2 GeV/c^2 |
0^{-+} pseudo-scalar ground state: 2.3-2.4 GeV/c^2 |
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2^{++} tensor ground state: 2.3-2.4 GeV/c^2
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Possible potential glueball candidates:
0^{++}: f_0(1500), f_0(1700)
0^{-+}: \eta(1405), X(2370)
12^{++}: f_2(2340)
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Partial Wave Analysis of $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \phi$

- Just one $\eta(1405)$ state and a $f_1(1420)$ are needed around 1.4 GeV/ c^2
- No significant signals for $\eta(1475)$ and X(2370) are observed in the $\gamma\phi$ system
- The measured upper limit of X(2370) is consistent with the prediction for a pseudoscalar glueball



- $M_{\eta(1405)} = 1422 \pm 2.1^{+5.9}_{-7.8} \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma_{\eta(1405)} = 86.3 \pm 2.7^{+6.6}_{-17.4} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to \gamma \eta (1405) \to \gamma \gamma \phi) = (3.57 \pm 0.18^{+0.59}_{-0.61}) \times 10^{-6}$
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta (1475) \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \phi) < 3.80 \times 10^{-7} @90\% \text{ CL}$
- $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370) \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \phi) < 1.08 \times 10^{-7}$ @90% CL

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