

## dark sector searches using photons and Higgs bosons

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## the standard model . . .

- 36 quarks (6 flavor x 3 color x 2 charges)
  - gluons

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- charged leptons ( $\mu^+$ ,  $\mu^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$ ,  $\tau^+$ ,  $\tau^-$ )
  - neutral leptons  $(v_e, v_\mu, v_\tau)$
  - gauge bosons ( $Z^0$ ,  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$ ,  $\gamma$ )
  - SM-like Higgs boson (H<sup>0</sup>)

known elementary particles in SM



## beyond the standard model . . .

≻what is dark matter?

>what is dark energy?

>what happened to the antimatter?

 $\succ$  what about  $\theta$  term in QCD lagrangian?

>are there dark force mediators?







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## 'dark sector' particle properties

### non-luminous

- Feeble interaction with SM particles and fields
- > may be more than one component
- > dominates matter budget of the universe

### dark sector searches using SM particles and fields?









light shining through a wall can suppress background by over 20 orders of magnitude !!! kW lasers, cavities, ultra low noise detectors, ...



light with magnetic field

Sikivie (1983); Ansel'm (1985); Van Bibber et al (1987)

- kinetic mixing
- no magnetic field required
- Afanasev et al (2009)







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# dark sector searches using microwave photons



## lsw resonant cavity searches

- Idea: exploit microwave cavities instead of optical resonators [Hoogeveen '92; Jaeckel,Ringwald'07; Caspers,Jaeckel,Ringwald '09]
- With current technology, expect increased sensitivity in certain mass range
- First test experiments have already been done (Livermore; Perth), or are setup (Daresbury; Yale)



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Yale microwave cavity experiment collaboration

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## dark sector searches using the Higgs boson



https://espace.cern.ch/atlas-phys-higgs-htogamgam/Lists/ Hgg Moriond 2013/Attachments/46/mass\_animation\_ZZ4L.gif - mass-animation







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### analysis strategy

- 1. use Higgs decays: H → ZZ\* →4l events from HSG2 cut-based 'Moriond' analysis (Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013) 88)
  - Higgs decays to 4e,  $4\mu$ ,  $2\mu$ 2e, and  $2e2\mu$
  - $\circ$  115 GeV < M<sub>4l</sub> < 130 GeV

2. use Z<sup>0</sup> (Z1) and Z\* (Z2) mass distributions
o leading dileptons: invariant mass (m<sub>12</sub>) closest to Z<sup>0</sup> PDG value
o subleading dileptons: highest invariant mass (m<sub>34</sub>)

- 3. search for narrow peak or excess above background in  $m_{34}$  mass distribution; signals  $V_D$ 
  - ZZ\*,ttbar, Z+jets, H $\rightarrow$ ZZ\* $\rightarrow$ 4l are backgrounds
  - o use Roostats and BumpHunter statistical tools

4. in the absence of a signal, set upper limits on the relative branching ratio  $\frac{bf(H \rightarrow 2Z_d \rightarrow 4l)}{bf(H \rightarrow 4l)}$ 



#### m<sub>41</sub> spectrum



m34 [GeV]

m<sub>34</sub> spectrum







### summary

- dark sector physics important part of BSM searches
  - 🧇 dark sector particles, dark forces, ...
- many different probes (two presented today)
  - optical and x-ray photons
  - microwave photons
  - 🦇 beam dumps
  - particle decays
  - medium energy searches
  - energy frontier search using Higgs boson
- opportunities for new ideas/strategies
  - great for students interested in this physics