Searching for a (dark) needle in a (hidden) haystack: The HPS and APEX Experiments



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U(I)' and kinetic mixing

an old idea: if there is an additional U(1) symmetry in nature, there will be mixing between the photon and the new gauge boson Holdom, Phys. Lett B166, 1986



extremely general conclusion...even arises from broken symmetries
one of the very few portals for a new force to communicate with the standard model

•gives coupling of normal charged matter to the new "heavy photon" q=εe

"Natural" coupling and mass

$$\gamma \sim A'$$

$$\epsilon \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2} \xrightarrow[symmetry]{\text{enhanced}} \epsilon_{GUT} \sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$$

Depending on model, mass scales like: M(A´)/M(W)~ε¹-ε^{1/2} leading to M(A´)~MeV-GeV



Hint from astrophysics?



Dark matter annihilation and the dark sector

N. Arkani-Hamed *et al.*, PRD **79**, 015014 (2009).



M. Pospelov and A. Ritz, Phys. Letters B **671**, 391 (2009).

new "dark force" with gauge boson ~ GeV while the dark matter particle (charged under the new force) ~ TeV
decays to lepton pairs (e+e-, μ+μ-) but pp decays are kinematically forbidden



The idea of a dark sector has generated intense interest from both theory and experiment communities

Terminology break

- The literature is infested with different terms for (basically) the same things...
 - dark sector=hidden sector=secluded sector
 - dark photon=hidden photon=heavy photon=A'=U-boson
 - $\epsilon^2 = \kappa^2 = \alpha'/\alpha$



The coupling-mass sweet spot



Both "naturalness" arguments and hints from experiments block out the same region in mass-coupling space:

> $\epsilon \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-5}$ m(A') ~ MeV - GeV

Most of this region is unexplored!

A' decay products



A' lifetime

$$\gamma c \tau \propto \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \left(\frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{m_{\text{A}'}}\right)^2$$

lower ε, lower mass → longer lifetime



Some existing constraints



	Shield (m)	E _{beam} (GeV)	Lumi (e ⁻)
E137	200	20	10 ²⁰
E141	0.12	9	2×1015
E774	0.3	27.5	5×10 ⁹

Dark photons and the g-2 anomaly



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Collider vs. Fixed Target

Wherever there is a photon there is a dark photon...



$$\begin{split} &\sigma\sim \frac{\alpha^2\epsilon^2}{E^2}\sim O(10~fb)\\ &O~ab^{-1}~{\rm per~decade}^{n} \end{split}$$



$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^3 Z^2 \epsilon^2}{m^2} \sim O(10 \ pb)$$
$$O \ ab^{-1} \ {\rm per} \ {\rm day}$$
...much higher backgrounds

Backgrounds at fixed target experiments





production rates of A' and radiative are related:

$$\frac{d\sigma(e^-Z \to e^-Z(A' \to \ell^+\ell^-))}{d\sigma(e^-Z \to e^-Z(\gamma^* \to \ell^+\ell^-))} = \left(\frac{3\pi\epsilon^2}{2N_{\text{eff}}\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{m_{A'}}{\delta m}\right)$$

Cross-section for BH>>Radiative, but kinematics much different... Even after energy cut, BH background ~5x radiative

Radiative vs A' Events

Bethe-Heitler background is reducible but radiative is not... Radiative events look exactly like A' events **except**:

- Invariant mass of A' events peak at the A' mass
 - Bump-hunt
- In certain regions of parameter space, A' vertex is displaced
 - Bump-hunt+Lifetime search



The CEBAF Accelerator

Simultaneous delivery of electron beams at different energies and intensities in three experimental halls.

 $\# E_{\text{beam}} = n \times 1.1 \text{ GeV}, n \le 5 (5.5 \text{ GeV Max})$

 $\# I_{\text{beam}} < 200 \ \mu \text{A}$ (A&C), <700 nA (B)

***** bunch separation: 2.004 ns

* energy upgrade complete 2014: $E_{\text{beam}} = n \times 2.2 \text{ GeV}, n \le 5 (11 \text{ GeV max})$



Hall-A overview



- High current→up to ~200µA
- * Existing dual-armed spectrometer (HRS)
- * Each arm is on a pivot and is independently adjustable from ~12° 140°; Septum magnet lets us look at angles down to ~5°
- * Excellent momentum/angular resolution $\rightarrow \Delta p/p = few \times 10^{-4} \Delta \theta \sim 1 mrad$
- * Small acceptance $\rightarrow -4.5\% < \delta p/p < +4.5\%$; $\delta \theta_x \sim \pm 30$ mrad; $\delta \theta_y \sim \pm 60$ mrad

APEX Overview

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- * Kinematics of signal and background dictate we use the spectrometer in forward and symmetric configuration
 - * Total A' acceptance ~0.1%
- We need the high current × target thickness
 - # HALL-A provides the current...

* need target ~ X₀ ~ 5-10% but that doesn't ruin mass

resolution



Background vs. Signal Kinematics 2.5 Electron momentum (GeV) 2.0 Spectrometer 1.5 Momentum Acceptance 1.0 0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.5 0.0 2.0 Positron momentum (GeV)

The APEX Collaboration

Search for a New Vector Boson A' Decaying to e^+e^-

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The Hall A Collaboration

APEX Production Target



Production Target:

10 layers of $15\mu m$ (X₀₌0.43%) W ribbon \rightarrow beam sees X_{0=4.3%}

 \rightarrow we can get thicker ones

separated by 5.5cm each

 \rightarrow outgoing e⁺ & e⁻ miss subsequent layers...

 \rightarrow decay products see only 0.43% (max) extended target also increases the momentum range in acceptance 19



The APEX Target



APEX Target in real life



the HRS Detectors



* Rate of tracks through electron arm ~ 5MHz

 * need a trigger timing resolution <20ns
 * main trigger: coincidence of
 electron S2m ⊕ positron S2m ⊕ positron GC
 * All detector components equipped with multi-hit TDCs

HRS in real life



APEX Bump hunt





APEX Run Plan & Reach

Settings	Α	В	С	D
Beam energy (GeV)	2.2	4.4	1.1	3.3
Central angle	5.0°	5.0°	5.0°	5.0°
Effective angles	4.5 - 5.5	4.5 - 5.5	4.5 - 5.5	4.5 - 5.5
Target T/X_0 (ratio ^a)	4%	8%	0.69% (1:3)	8%
Beam current (μA)	70	60	65	80
Central momentum (GeV)	1.095	2.189	0.545	1.634
Singles (negative polarity)				
e^{-} (MHz)	4.1	0.7	5.8	2.2
π^{-} (MHz)	0.1	1.7	0.03	0.9
Singles (positive polarity)				
$\pi + [p]$ (kHz)	90	1700	30	900
e^+ (kHz)	27	5	23	17
Trigger/DAQ:				
$\operatorname{Trigger}^{b}(\mathrm{kHz})$	3.0	3.1	3.15	3.3
Coincidence Backgrounds:				
Trident: $e^-Z \rightarrow e^-e^+e^-Z$ (Hz)	500	110	330	370
e^+e^- from real γ conversion (Hz)	30	16	4	45
Accidentals c (Hz)	55	30	70	40



Total beam time: ~34 days

Response to APEX Proposal

- * APEX proposal submitted to JLAB in Dec. 2009 and was approved in Jan. 2009 conditional on answering a few questions, including:
 - * Can we get the trigger timing resolution where we need it?
 - * Does the PID system work adequately a these high singles rates? Can we use the GC to trigger (positron arm)?
 - * What about the VDC?
 - * How well do our background estimates compare to measurements?



APEX was given a 2 week test run in June 2010...

The APEX Test Run

- APEX had the HALL A floor from June 20 to July 12 (after getting an extension)
- We had to put detector package together (previous experiment used minimum)
 - •The checkout took ~I week
- Had hoped to get the target in but target from previous too hot to handle



Test run results!



APEX test run constraint



APEX: Where we are at

- We've answered all of the PAC's comments and resubmitted the proposal.
- Fully approved by the PAC in January
- Technically, this proposal was geared for the I2GeV era but we can be ready at very short notice...if there is a break in the current 6 GeV schedule we will jump at it.
- We hope, hope, hope that we can get on the floor again this winter (sounds like there is a chance)



HPS: A Dual Approach

HPS is designed to access the \mathcal{E} region $\sim 10^{-4} \rightarrow 10^{-5***}$ in the mass range 10MeV ~ 300 MeV...in this region of parameter space, vertices are displaced \sim few mm \rightarrow few cm...

To do this we need: →Good mass resolution →Good vertex resolution



***We get reach for $\epsilon > 10^{-3.5}$ in this mass region for free!

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HPS HEAVY PHOTON SEARCH

A Proposal to Search for Massive Photons at Jefferson Laboratory

HPS: A Dual Approach



Momentum & Vertex Measurement

Trigger and Particle ID

•Hall B at JLAB has the perfect beam for this and has room→behind the CLAS detector



The beam @ Hall B

10000

0.0001 1e-05



* Capable of currents up to ~700nA

10 μ m spot possible with additional quads: constrains A' trajectory, reducing background





Beam Tail ~ 10⁻⁵

Tracking Challenges

- At relevant beam energies and interesting A' masses, decay products tend to be electrons with momenta order a few GeV. Multiple scattering...
 - dominates both mass and vertexing measurement errors
 - leads to pattern recognition mistakes in dense environments
- Proximity to target means primary beam must pass through apparatus.
 - Scattered beam sweeps out a "dead zone" of extreme occupancy and radiation, compounded by beam-gas interactions

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- puts low-mass acceptance in opposition to longevity and tracking purity
- Long-lived A' signal very small: vertexing must be exceedingly pure to eliminate fakes.



Tracking Detector requirements

- Mass and vertex resolution
 - low-mass construction
- Occupancies and radiation
 - fast, robust sensors / readout
 - movability / replaceability
 - > operation in vacuum
- Acceptance/Purity
 - Proptimized sensor layout



Si Strip Detectors

- pixels too massive, costly, complex: microstrips are the simple, lightweight solution
- Production Tevatron Runllb sensors
 - many capable of 1000V bias: fully depleted to > 4×10¹⁵ e⁻/cm²
 - Fine readout granularity
 - Available in sufficient quantity
 - free! (at least, already paid for)



Cut Dimensions (L×W)	100 mm × 40.34mm
Active Area (L×W)	98.33 mm × 38.34mm
Readout (Sense) Pitch	60μm (30μm)
# Readout (Sense) Strips	639 (1277)
Breakdown Voltage	>350V
Total Interstrip Capacitance	<1.2 pF/cm
Defective Channels	<1%

Fast Si Readout: APV25



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Time Resolution vs. Peaking Time UV Module, 51 μm, 50.63 MHz, PSI 2005

Material Budget

- CF-composite/rohacell-foam

 - dominated by Si
- ·⊱ H₂0/glycol at -10°C
 - outside tracking volume
 - vacuum minimizes heat load on sensors



	Radiation Length (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Coverage/Unit Acceptance	Scattering Material (% X ₀)
Silicon	93.6	0.320	1.2	0.410
Rohacell Foam	13800	3.0	0.5	0.011
Carbon Fiber	242	0.150	0.5	0.031
PGS Passivation	256	0.101	1.25	0.049
Ероху	290	0.050	0.5	0.009
Total	-	-	-	0.510

Movable & Replaceable



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Tracker Layout

- ·⊱ Layers I-3: vertexing
- Layers 4-6: pattern recognition with adequate pointing into Layer 2.
- Bend plane measurement in all layers: momentum
- · № 106 sensors/hybrids
- ► 530 APV25 chips
- ★ 67840 channels

	Layer I	Layer 2	Layer 3	Layer 4	Layer 5	Layer 6
z position, from target (cm)	10	20	30	50	70	90
Stereo Angle	90 deg.	90 deg.	90 deg.	50 mrad	50 mrad	50 mrad
Bend Plane Resolution (µm)	≈ 6	≈ 6	≈ 6	≈ 6	≈ 6	≈ 6
Stereo Resolution (µm)	≈ 6	≈ 6	≈ 6	≈ 120	≈ 120	≈ 120
# Bend Plane Sensors	4	4	6	10	14	18
# Stereo Sensors	2	2	4	10	14	18
Dead Zone (mm)	±1.5	±3.0	±4.5	±7.5	±10.5	±13.5
Power Consumption (W)	10.5	10.5	17.5	35	49	63
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Deadzone & Acceptance



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Tracker acceptance

At smaller masses, dead-zone limits acceptance
 At larger masses, losses due to limited coverage in layers 5 and 6 become important.
 Solid angle of dead zone increases with increasing



z-vertex position



- We use the SLAC developed packages SLIC, for simulation, and org.lcim, for tracking reconstruction and analysis
- Overlay events (signal, radiative bkg, etc) with simulated beam "pileup" for which we use #electrons = 7.5ns x beam current
 - we use the 7.5ns to approximate the timing resolution of the APV25; eventually we will use the timing in the track fitting itself
- Results of the simulation used in the reach calculation

Efficiency & Momentum Resolution



Mis-assigned hits on tracks



Track position resolution



Mass Resolution



Two vertex fits:

- A' candidate constrained to come from the beamspot
- A' candidate constrained to decay at the beamspot

--- current plan is to use 0.5 T for 2.2 GeV beam

Vertex position Resolution



Vertexing + Beamspot Size



Hybrid Calorimeter



Design criteria: highest acceptance with readily available crystals, low background.

Vacuum box: I cm aluminum plate with cutout area for beam.
5 rows of 46 lead-tungstate crystals, total: 460
3 rows of 16 lead-glass or Shashlyk crystals, total: 96

In hand from other experiments

The Tungsten Target

Temperature of 8 micron tungsten foil vs time (msec) 500 nanoamp current: various spot sizes (sigma)



•For small beamspots, target heats up rapidly...need to either move beam (tricky tracking/ vertexing) or move target (tricky engineering)

•Current plan is to move the target...a few options; the one above is the most developed which allows target to be rotated at ~ 1.2 cm/sec and retracted out of the beamline

HPS Expected Reach



Blue: 200nA @ 2.2GeV target: 0.125%

Red: 450nA @ 6.6GeV target: 0.25%

3 months of beam at each energy

Proposal for a Test Run

 * We've requested a test run in order to verify our background estimates → detector performance and trigger rates
 * Existing chicane in front of CLAS, including 0.5T analyzing magnet
 * Will test occupancies in SVT/calorimeter, viability of trigger algorithms, performance of entire DAQ
 * If everything goes well, get some useful reach in parameter space





HPS Proposal Status & Outlook

- Approved by JLAB PAC conditional on successful test run
 - Request for a test run in 6 GeV era (ends spring 2012) and a 6month run in the 12 GeV era (starts ~2014)
- Separate cost between test-run ~ \$500k and main physics run ~ \$1.9M
 - full costing layout in proposal
 - would be much more expensive if not for donations of equipment/ expertise from JLAB/Fermilab/SLAC
- Met with DOE in Feb. 2011 for review of test-run proposal...received funding to build detector!
- Plan is to construct test detector in stages (ECAL→SVT) AND run parasitically with current Hall-B experiment...then, hope for dedicated beam ~ spring 2012.

The big picture



What I've skipped....

- Motivation, limits from astrophysical experiments
 - INTEGRAL anomaly, WMAP/FERMI "haze", upcoming measurements from PLANK
- Very interesting/confusing results from direct DM searches...maybe DM isn't as simple as the single-state SUSY WIMP we usually think about?
- Rich history of searches for heavy photons/Z'
 - much overlap with axion searches
- Very active searches ongoing in current and (recently) past experiments
 - direct production in e^+e^- (BaBar, Belle, KLOE, BES)
 - including non-abelian/dark higgs/dark scalar searches
 - "lepton-jets" at hadron colliders (D0/CDF, CMS/ATLAS)

Intensity Frontier Workshop

"The Office of High Energy Physics wishes to identify the most exciting opportunities to carry out experiments on the intensity frontier for our future

planning."



- **Vorking Groups**
 - •Heavy Quarks
 - •Charged Leptons
 - Neutrinos
 - •Hidden Sector, Axions, and WISPS
 - •Proton Decay
 - Nucleons/Nuclei/Atoms

http://www.intensityfrontier.org/



Nov. $30 \rightarrow Dec$, 2, 2011 Rockville, MD

Summary

- We've submitted proposals to JLAB for two dark photon searches
 - APEX -- very quick, easy, cheap while covering ε>10^{-3.5} for 85<m_{A'}<500 MeV
 - Already approved
 - Test run was a success...already have published result!
 - HOPEFULLY we can get beam early next year...if not, 12 GeV era
 - HPS -- not as quick, easy, cheap but greater coverage
 - Proposal accepted by JLAB PAC
 - DOE funding for test run on schedule for winter/spring 2012 to answer some outstanding questions
 - Much work is left to do but we have great group of very eager people

In both cases, we will be able to provide unique and interesting *limits* on the existence of the dark sector. Either that, or....

30 Decades of heavy photons



Jaeckel and Ringwald, hep-ph/1002.0329

Deadzone Limits



Layer I dead zone $<\pm1.5$ mm (15 mrad) allows for ~8 months running at acceptable occupancies.

Calorimeter Coccupancy

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Acceptable occupancy and multiplicity can be achieved in all crystals with 100 MeV threshold and 8 ns time window.

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Trigger requirements

- Total trigger budget estimated at 50 kHz
- Simple 3×3 clustering with 50 MeV seed threshold

Trigger Requirement	A' (200 MeV) Acceptance	Background Acceptance	Background Rate
Events with least two opposite clusters	42.4%	2.30%	2.9 MHz
Cluster energy > 0.5 GeV and < 5 GeV	44.3%	0.123%	I 54 kHz
Energy sum < 5.1 GeV	44.3%	0.0066%	83 kHz
Energy difference < 4 GeV	44.2%	0.062%	78 kHz
Lower energy - distance slope cut	43.5%	0.047%	59 kHz
Clusters coplanar to 40°	42.3%	0.026%	32 kHz
Not counting double triggers	38.6%	0.021%	26 kHz

A' Mass (MeV)	50	100	200	250	300	400	500	600	
Trigger Acceptance	2.9%	15.2%	38.6%	45.2%	45.2%	43.3%	39.3%	34.8%	0.0Ge

A' Mass (MeV)	25	50	75	100	150	200	250	
Trigger Acceptance	4.9%	23.8%	32.1%	34.8%	34.6%	26.2%	18.3%	Z.ZGev

APEX Test Run: PID

With HRS-R GC in trigger, saw reduction in pion rate by >×30
 At highest rate taken during test run: ×48 pion additional rejection (offline)

→ We showed that we could get a) trigger rate down to DAQ limit and
 b) total offline rejection more than good enough to make measurement



APEX Test Run: VDC



electron arm 5MHz

 VDC performance somewhat effected by high rate (75kHz/wire)
 drift timing is normal
 wire efficiency drops down as much as 5%

*track reconstruction efficiency ~60%...still
acceptable

*expect to recover some efficiency in software (maybe up to 75%)



HPS Reach Calculation



Z-Cut for Vertexing Analysis

