

Searching for Dark Photons at TRIUMF

Leveraging Canadian facilities to advance fundamental science

Kate Pachal TRIUMF & the DarkLight collaboration



TRIUMF is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wmə0k^wəýəm (Musqueam) people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on its site.

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Let's discuss!

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Requires additional, invisible mass: Dark matter!

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 Image: Mark matter particles







Known particles of the Standard Model (SM)

Dark photon?

- New particle
- Not dark matter itself
- Has mass
- Couples to SM and χ

Dark matter particles

















What's the "other particle?"



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High energy, high A' mass:







Mass (e+, e-)















 $M^2 = (P_{e^-} + P_{e^+})^2$

For any given event, **no way to tell** if we made γ or A'

> But with enough data, statistics can show something interesting!

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→ Challenge 1: backgrounds.
 Additional activity in detectors
 will come from extra e interacting in target

→ Challenge 2: radiation.
Scattered e- and radiated
photons can damage sensors
and electronics

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Affordable

Small collaboration with limited funds!

The DarkLight collaboration













C. Vidal

Triggers: plastic scintillators and SiPMs

> Magnetic spectrometers: one for e+, one for e-

> > Target chamber with removeable targets

GEM tracking detectors to measure particle trajectories

C. Vidal

30 MeV

e- beam





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- → Comparison point:
 - ~ 1 µs average time between hits





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Entire detector system will sit inside shielding box to protect SiPMs from radiation

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GEM strips







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GEMs radiation tolerant, but electronics are sensitive

House power supplies and VME crate in shielded hut in e-linac hall














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Directly contributing hardware to projects at Snolab, CERN, KEK, Gran Sasso, ...

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RUMF

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Particle physics

Theoretical physics

Science technology







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Future-looking: DarkLight, nEXO, PIONEER, HAICU



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... Additional tracking layers, maybe?
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Developments should look in all directions

Future uses for muon systems, TPCs, particle ID, tracking, ...















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TRIUMF & similar institutions provide training in addition to service



Scientific computing

- What DarkLight needs:
 - Close to real-time processing of GEM tracking data
- DarkLight's demands relatively lightweight relative to other experiments, but computing demands as a whole projected to grow dramatically in HEP
- Combine with electronics/DAQ: smart readout and on-detector data reduction will contribute
- TRIUMF hosted major ATLAS computing cluster; scientific computing department working on ML and quantum applications



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- Focus on integrated detector technology, introducing climate applications
- Check out the <u>5 year plan</u> for more

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Potential to grow a low energy electron scattering program?



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Accelerator

Advance power and scale efficiency (gradient)

High power targets

Stronger magnets

Theory, modelling



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Come see us at the lab!! Public tours on Tuesdays (https://www.triumf.ca/public-tours) or come talk to me if you have any questions

Thanks for listening!

Questions?



Backup

SiPMs history at TRIUMF and relevant talks

- T2K Fine Grained Detectors completed in 2009. 8,448 Hamamatsu MPPCs
- Contributed to SiPM readout for PET-MR (UBC+Manitoba), 2011-2016
- TREK experiment
- High timing resolution spectrometer for muon spin rotation experiments. SensL. 2013-now
- ALPHAg barrel veto. SensL with custom electronics. 2017-2020
- nEXO, SiPM (FBK++Hamamatsu) in liquid Xenon 2015-now. Two talks, K. Raymond (SFU, N31-04) and S. Bron (TRIUMF, N31-05) and a poster (N11-022) at the conference!
- DarkLight
- Single Photon Air Analyser for early forest fire detection. 2021-now
- High rate (>100MHz) neutron detector for General Fusion. Broadcom SiPM, 2022-now. See a talk (N07-01 by Alison Radich) and a poster (N01-045) here.
- Beyond SiPMs to integrated detectors: see talks N28-04 and N16-01

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Muon g-2 update

Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 161802



SM results in tension with lattice QCD: next steps are in the hands of theory community

The X17 anomaly

Decay of excited ⁸Be through characteristic energy levels p^+

 7 Li









Phys. Rev. D 95, 035017 (2017)



GEM details



- Top and bottom have chromium coated Kapton windows
- GEM foils are copper on Kapton, operating at 400 V across each foil, to readout at ground. Holes are ${\sim}50~\mu{\rm m}$
- Total active area 25 x 40 cm, 400 µm strip pitch, ~13k readout channels.



MPGD needs grid

ECFA detector R&D roadmap



		DRDT	< 2030	2030-2035	2035- 2040 2040-2045	>2045
	Rad-hard/longevity	1.1	•			
Muon system	Time resolution	1.1		i i i	• • •	
Proposed technologies: RPC, Multi-GEM, resistive GEM, Micromegas, micropixel Micromegas, µRwell, µPIC	Fine granularity	1.1 🔴	•		• • •	
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	Spatial resolution	1.1 🔴	•			ŏ ŏ ŏ
	Rate capability	1.3	•			
	Rad-hard/longevity	1.1	• •	•	• •	
Inner/central	Low X _o	1.2		•		
tracking with PID	IBF (TPC only)	1.2				
Proposed technologies: TPC+(multi-GEM, Micromegas, Gridpix), drift chambers, cylindrical layers of MPGD, straw chambers	Time resolution	1.1				
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Preshower/ Calorimeters	Low power	1.1				
	Gas properties (eco-gas)	1.3				
Proposed technologies:	Fast timing	1.1				
RPC, MRPC, Micromegas and GEM, µRwell, InGrid (integrated	Fine granularity	1.1				
Micromegas grid with pixel readout), Pico-sec, FTM	Rate capability	1.3				00
100000, 100 300, 110	Large array/integration	1.3				ŎŎŎ
	Rad-hard (photocathode)	1.1 🔴	•			
Particle ID/TOF	IBF (RICH only)	1.2	•	•		
Particle ID/ FOF	Precise timing	1.1	•			
Proposed technologies: RICH+MPGD, TRD+MPGD, TOF: MRPC, Picosec, FTM	Rate capability	1.3	•			
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TPC for rare decays	Low power	1.4				
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	Large array/volume	1.4		•		
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	Lower energy threshold	1.4				
	Optical readout	1.4		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	ŏ	
	Gas pressure stability	1.4	• •			
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Solid state sensors needs grid

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	Low power	3.1,3.4		ð i i ð i	ŎŎŎŎ	
	High rates	3.1,3.4	• • •	••••		•
	Large area wafers ³⁾	3.1,3.4) 🔶 🍈 🔶 🌒 (• • •		. 🔴 🌒
	Ultrafast timing4)	3.2				•
	Radiation tolerance NIEL	3.3				
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	Radiation tolerance TID	3.3		•		
Calorimeter ⁶⁾	Position precision	3.1,3.4				
	Low X/X _o	3.1,3.4				
	Low power	3.1,3.4		• •		•
	High rates	3.1,3.4				
	Large area wafers ³⁾	3.1,3.4				
	Ultrafast timing4)	3.2				•
	Radiation tolerance NIEL	3.3				
	Radiation tolerance TID	3.3				
Time of flight ⁷⁾	Position precision	3.1,3.4		• • • •		
	Low X/X _o	3.1,3.4		• • • •		
	Low power	3.1,3.4				
	High rates	3.1,3.4				
	Large area wafers ³⁾	3.1,3.4		• • •		
	Ultrafast timing4)	3.2		• • • •		
	Radiation tolerance NIEL	3.3		•		
	Radiation tolerance TID	3.3				
Photon detectors needs grid

ECFA detector R&D roadmap



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		DRDT		< 2030		2030-2035	2035-2040	2040-2045	>2045
	Rad-hard	4.2		•	•			•	
	Rate capability	4.2	ŏ	•	6	Ŏ	ŏ		
RICH and DIRC	Fast timing	4.3		•			ŏ		
technologies	Spectral range and PDE	4.1	•	•					
	Radiator materials	4.3		•	•				
	Compactness, low X _o	4.3		•					
	Rad-hard	4.2		•				•	
Time of flight	Low X	4.3		•	• •			•	
	Fast timing to <10ps level & clock distribution	4.3		•	• •		•	•	
	TRD	4.3		•		•			
Other	dE/dx	4.3		-		•		••	
	Scintillating fibres (light yield, rad-hard & timing)	-						•	
	Rad-hard	4.2	•	•	•				
Ciliare	Low noise	4.1		• • •) 😐 🛑 🌒	• •		$\bullet \bullet \bullet$
photomultipliers	Fast timing	4.1		•	•) 😐 🔍 🔴 (
photomacupiters	Radio purity	4.2							
	VUV / cryogenic det op	4.2							
	Photocathode ageing & rate capability	4.2		•				•	
	Fast timing	4.1		•				•	
detectors	Fine granularity / large area	4.1		• • •				•	
	Spectral range and PDE	4.1		• • •				•	
2	Magnetic field immunity	4.2		•				•	
Gaseous photon	Photocathode ageing & rate capability	4.2							
detectors	Fine granularity / large area	4.1	•						
	Spectral range, PDE and fast timing	4.1							

Must happen or main physics goals cannot be met 🛛 🛑 Important

Electronics needs grid

ECFA detector R&D roadmap



		DRDT		< 20	30		20	030-20	35	2	040	2040-	2045		> 2045	
Data	High data rate ASICs and systems	7.1	٠	•			•*					•		•	(
density	New link technologies (fibre, wireless, wireline)	7.1	•	•	•	ē	ĕ,			•	•	• •		Ŏ	• (
uchisty	Power and readout efficiency	7.1		•				•	•	•		•			•	
Intelligence	Front-end programmability, modularity and configurability	7.2														
on the	Intelligent power management	7.2					•					•				D
detector	Advanced data reduction techniques (ML/AI)	7.2													(
	High-performance sampling (TDCs, ADCs)	7.3	٠	•						٠						
4D-	High precision timing distribution	7.3		•				• (•					•	
tecnniques	Novel on-chip architectures	7.3	٠	•						•					(
Extrama	Radiation hardness	7.4	٠	•	•					٠		•			(
environments	Cryogenic temperatures	7.4			•										(
and longevity	Reliability, fault tolerance, detector control	7.4	٠	٠	•	٠	•					• •			(
,	Cooling	7.4					•*			٠	٠	•				
	Novel microelectronic technologies, devices, materials	7.5	٠	•				•		•						
Emerging	Silicon photonics	7.5					•			•	٠					
technologies	3D-integration and high-density interconnects	7.5					•			•						
-	Keeping pace with, adapting and interfacing to COTS	7.5	•	•				•		•						•

Must happen or main physics goals cannot be met

Important to meet several physics goals

Desirable to enhance physics reach

R&D needs being met



SciTech projects

Ongoing / Finished	In development	Foreseen
TV/ICT (Completed)		- nEVO (Spolch Optaria
		 nexo (Sholab, Ontano, Canada)
 PIENU (Completed) 	IIGRESS	 HYPER-K (Kamiokande,
 MUSR (Running) 	 GRIFFIN 	Japan)
 DEAP-3600 (Running) 	 uSR 3T (Devel) 	IWCD
 IRIS (Running) 	 SuperCDMS 	■ SiP
 ALPHA (Completed) 	 ATLAS LAr electronics 	
 ALPHA-II (Running) 	ATLAS-ITK	
 ALPHA-G (Running) 	UCN/nEDM	
 T2K (Running) 	 Moller 	
 TREK (Completed) 	Ac-225 Processing	
 MVM (Completed) 	Capabilities	
Tunneling Electron Microscope	 Flash Radiotherapy 	
(UBC)	DarkSide-20K	

Key sources

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- Energy frontier report: <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.11084.pdf</u>
- Accelerator frontier report: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2209.14136.pdf
- Instrumentation frontier report: <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2210.04765.pdf</u>
- ECFA detector R&D roadmap: <u>https://cds.cern.ch/record/</u>
 <u>2784893?ln=en</u>
- Canadian subatomic physics long range plan: <u>https://</u> <u>subatomicphysics.ca/</u>