Long-lived particles at Belle I.

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analysis has started







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Inelastic Dark Matter with Dark Higgs



theory paper in preparation

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Long-lived ALPs





analysis in preparation (new PhD starting soon)



rsion into photons is strongly suppressed. e improved employing Fermi-LAT [29]. sufficiently heavy ALPs with masses in the 10 keV - 100 MeV region however, an-

for couplings $g_{a\gamma\gamma} < 10^{-4}$ a sizeable fraction of ALP decays is long-lived

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Long-lived ALPs if production and c LLPs do not nece



B. Shuve, ICHEP 2020 (<u>https://indico.cern.ch/event/868940/contributions/3814877/</u>)

if production and decay have different mechanisms, LLPs do not necessarily come with tiny couplings

- no dedicated optimization in BaBar analysis:
 - efficiency loss from photon shower shape distortion
 - energy bias for LLP ALPs

GAZELLE: A dedicated LLP detector for Belle II

GAZELLE: "GAZELLE is the Approximately Zero-background Experiment for Long-Lived Exotics"

- Basic design (not studied in detail yet):
 - O(1m) concrete shielding, O(20m) away from Belle II IP
 - Add on option 1: high granularity calorimeter for decays into neutrals
 - Add on option 2: lead/emulsion targets (like OPERA) e.g. X Chen, Z. Hou, Y Wu (arXiv:2001.0438)
 - Synchronized readout with Belle II to exploit e⁺e⁻ kinematics

This is not yet an proposal or a TDR - we are currently investigating the physics reach and backgrounds, and are preparing a white paper in the context of the US snowmass process

"Cheap" O(5×5×5)m³ detector with O(10cm) tracking and O(100 ps) timing resolutions,

Belle II triggers GAZELLE and vice versa (maximum distance limited by L1 latency)



GAZELLE: Physics and backgrounds easy

- Benchmark models under investigation:
 - $B \rightarrow KS$ (light scalar mixing with Higgs)
 - $B^{\pm} \rightarrow Nl^{\pm}$, $B \rightarrow ND^{\pm}l^{\pm}$, $\tau \rightarrow N\pi^{\pm}$ (heavy neutral leptons)
 - ALPs
 - Light Dark Photons A'
 - inelastic DM



- Backgrounds under investigation:
 - $\mu + A \rightarrow K_L^0/K_S^0/\Lambda + X, K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi^0$ or $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi\ell\nu$ from cosmics and $ee \rightarrow \mu\mu(\gamma)$
 - $\mu \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$ (decays in flight) from cosmics and ee $\rightarrow \mu \mu(\gamma)$
 - K_L^0, K_S^0, Λ from continuum and B decays
 - neutrons

Backgrounds: $\mu + A \rightarrow K_L^0/K_S^0/\Lambda + X$

- Reduction possible:
 - For beam muons (see plot):
 - veto muons in Belle II (~99%)
 - use cuts on pointing angles to reduce 3-body decays
 - For cosmic muons:
 - correlate with Belle II trigger time
 - use pointing information from 3-body decays
 - need a muon veto on top?





Letter of interest for Snowmass 2021

For Snowmass Phase 1: LOI (1,500 in total)

RF6-2 Letter of Interest (LOI) for Snowmass 2021: Long-lived particles at Belle II

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We plan to explore the full potential of Belle II to search for GeV-scale hidden sectors with longlived particles. This requires the development of new search strategies for charged and neutral final states, including new reconstruction algorithms and optimized triggers. Motivated by the particle dark matter hypothesis, we plan to define simple models as representatives of a mechanism that sets the relic abundance in the early universe, like co-scattering or freeze-in. Based on these models, we predict typical signatures with long-lived particles that guide the new searches at Belle II. In addition we plan to explore the reach of a dedicated long-lived particle project called GAZELLE. This detector would be placed $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ m})$ away from the Belle II interaction point. For Snowmass Phase 2: "Let a hundred thousand flowers bloom and write white papers" (T. Browder)





Summary

- First LLP analysis at Belle II have started: iDM and $B \rightarrow KS$, aiming for publication with • O(100fb⁻¹) in 2021, and joining the **lifetime frontier**
- low momentum VOs and/or missing energy
- Tracking and vertexing for LLPS are challenging since the Belle II reconstruction is not optimized for (very) off-IP tracks
- **Displaced photon identification** under study, also for L1 trigger
- with Susanne and/or me if you are interested to join!

Triggers for LLP low multiplicity states are a challenge, since many LLP models predict

GAZELLE is a possible new Belle II subdetector. We are currently working on a theory LLP whitepaper in the context of the US Snowmass process, including GAZELLE: Get in touch

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