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(IN)VISIBLE  $Z'$ , (NON)DECOUPLING AND  
DARK MATTER

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## 1. Standard and "anomalous" $Z'$

Simplest extensions of the standard model : additional  $U(1)_X$  gauge symmetry, broken around TeV. I will call them  $Z'$  theories in what follows.

They are generically of two types :

a) standard (non-anomalous)

- All gauge and gravitational anomalies are canceled by the low-energy spectrum.
- Only gauge and Yukawa interactions are present.

There is a huge literature on such low-energy  $Z'$ .

b) "anomalous"

There are some un-canceled reducible anomalies. They cancel in the underlying theory due to :

- axions with Green-Schwarz type couplings in string theories.

- heavy chiral (wrt  $Z'$ ) fermions in field theory models, which generate non-decoupling effects at low-energy.

They can also have TeV masses, but have some distinctive features.

- Anomaly cancelation in **orientifold models** involves **several axions**.
- Abelian gauge fields  $\rightarrow$  **Stueckelberg mixing** with axions which render the corresponding, “anomalous” gauge fields, **massive**.
- They can behave like  **$Z'$  gauge bosons**. However, these massive gauge bosons can and do have anomalous couplings which naively break gauge invariance.
- Important role played by local and gauge non-invariant terms : **generalized Chern-Simons terms** (GCS).  
GCS have a long history :  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SUGRA, brane-Xtra dims. models, Scherk-Schwarz compactifications...

- Relevant terms in the effective action

$$\mathcal{S} = - \sum_i \frac{1}{4g_i^2} F_{i,\mu\nu} F_i^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_I (\partial_\mu a^I - g_i V_i A_\mu^i)^2 ,$$

$$+ \frac{1}{24\pi^2} C_{ij}^I \int a^I F_i \wedge F_j + \frac{1}{48\pi^2} E_{ij,k} \int A_i \wedge A_j \wedge F_k ,$$

-  $A_i$  are abelian gauge fields,  $a^I$  are axions with Stueckelberg couplings which render massive (some of) the gauge fields.

Axionic exchanges = **nonlocal** contributions, whereas the GCS terms are **local** terms  $\rightarrow$   
 the sum : triangle diagrams, axionic exchange and GCS terms is gauge invariant *and* non vanishing.

It leads to **anomalous three gauge boson couplings** at **low energy**.

The coefficients  $E_{ij,k}$  satisfy the cyclic relation

$$E_{ij,k} + E_{jk,i} + E_{ki,j} = 0$$

and the gauge invariance conditions, in the presence of an anomaly free spectrum, read

$$\begin{aligned} C_{jk}^i g_i V_i - E_{ij,k} - E_{ik,j} &= 0 , \\ C_{jk}^i g_i V_i + C_{ki}^j g_j V_j + C_{ij}^k g_k V_k &= 0 . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

One can easily find the solution of (1)

$$E_{ij,k} = \frac{1}{3} (g_i V_i C_{jk}^i - g_j V_j C_{ik}^j) . \quad (2)$$

Notice it is possible to have anomaly-free  $Z'$

$$t_{ijk} \equiv \text{Tr}(Q_i Q_j Q_k) = 0$$

and non-vanishing **anomalous three gauge boson couplings** at **low energy**. They have the form

$$E_{ij,k} \left( A^i - \frac{1}{g_i V_i} da^i \right) \wedge \left( A^j - \frac{1}{g_j V_j} da^j \right) \wedge F^k .$$

## 2. Effective operators

(In)visible  $Z'$  is defined by

- it contains anomalous three gauge boson couplings, in particular  $Z' Z \gamma$

- SM fields are neutral under  $Z'$ .

• Heavy fermions, charged both under  $Z'$  and the SM, with a chiral (but anomaly-free) spectrum can generate non-decoupling effects leading to the anomalous three gauge boson vertices.

Their effects can be encoded in local polynomials, constrained by gauge invariance and CP symmetry.

- One  $Z'$  gauge symmetry

Define:

$$\theta_X \equiv \frac{a_X}{V} \quad , \quad \mathcal{D}_\mu \theta_X \equiv \partial_\mu \theta_X - g_X Z'_\mu \quad ,$$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} \quad , \quad (FG) \equiv \text{Tr}[F_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}]$$

Gauge invariance and CP select the operators :

- Dimension-four operator :

$$\delta \times F_{\mu\nu}^Y F^{X\mu\nu}$$

This parameterizes the kinetic mixing between  $Z'$  and the hypercharge.

- Dimension-six operators :

$$\mathcal{L}_{mix} = \frac{1}{M^2} \left\{ \mathcal{D}^\mu \theta_X \left[ i(D^\nu H)^\dagger (c_1 \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^Y + c_2 \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^W) H + c.c. \right] \right. \\ \left. + \partial^\mu \mathcal{D}_\mu \theta_X \left[ d_1 (F^Y \tilde{F}^Y) + 2d_2 (F^W \tilde{F}^W) \right] \right\} .$$

In the SM broken phase the first line contains :

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{D}_\mu \theta_X \mathcal{D}_\nu \theta_H F_{\rho\sigma}^Y ,$$

where  $\theta_H = a_H/v$ .

**Obs** : The operators mixing one Z' with SM **do decouple**. In what follows we consider an energy range

$$0.1 \leq \frac{E}{M} \leq 0.01 .$$

- Two  $Z'$  gauge symmetries . In this case there is a genuine non-decoupling effect; corresponding operator

$$\left(Z'_1 - \frac{1}{g_1 V_1} da_1\right) \wedge \left(Z'_2 - \frac{1}{g_2 V_2} da_2\right) \wedge F_Y .$$

Easy to find heavy fermions generating this operator  
(similar ex. Antoniadis et al, 2009)

### 3. (In)visible $Z'$ as mediator of dark matter (DM) annihilation

- Main idea :

- The DM is the lightest fermion in the  $Z'$  sector.
- it annihilates into  $Z\gamma$  and  $WW$  via  $Z'$  exchange, giving a correct relic density.
- the same diagram produces a mono-chromatic gamma ray

$$E_\gamma = M_{DM} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{M_Z}{2M_{DM}} \right)^2 \right] ,$$

which could be visible in the GLAST/FERMI satellite.

The  $Z'VV$  interaction vertices generated by the effective operators are :

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}^{Z'\gamma Z}(p_i) = -8 \frac{(d_1 - d_2)}{M^2} g_X \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W (p_1 + p_2)^\mu \epsilon_{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} p_2^\sigma p_1^\tau$$

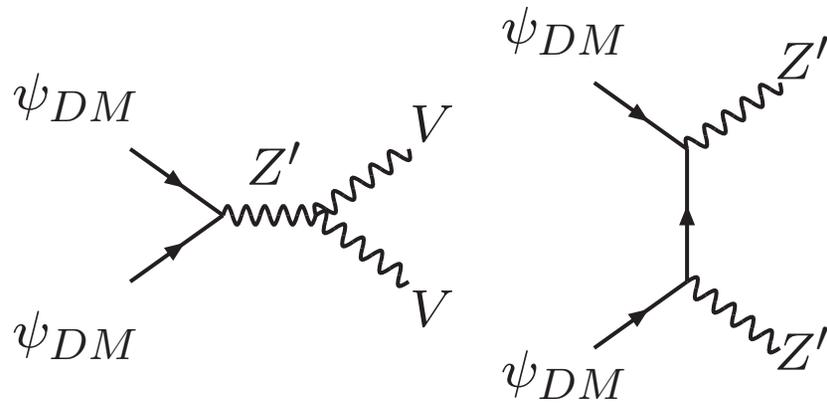
$$- 2 \frac{e g_X}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} \frac{v^2}{M^2} [c_1 \cos \theta_W + c_2 \sin \theta_W] \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_1^\sigma ,$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}^{Z'ZZ}(p_i) = -4 \frac{(d_1 \sin^2 \theta_W + d_2 \cos^2 \theta_W)}{M^2} g_X (p_1 + p_2)^\mu \epsilon_{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} p_2^\sigma p_1^\tau$$

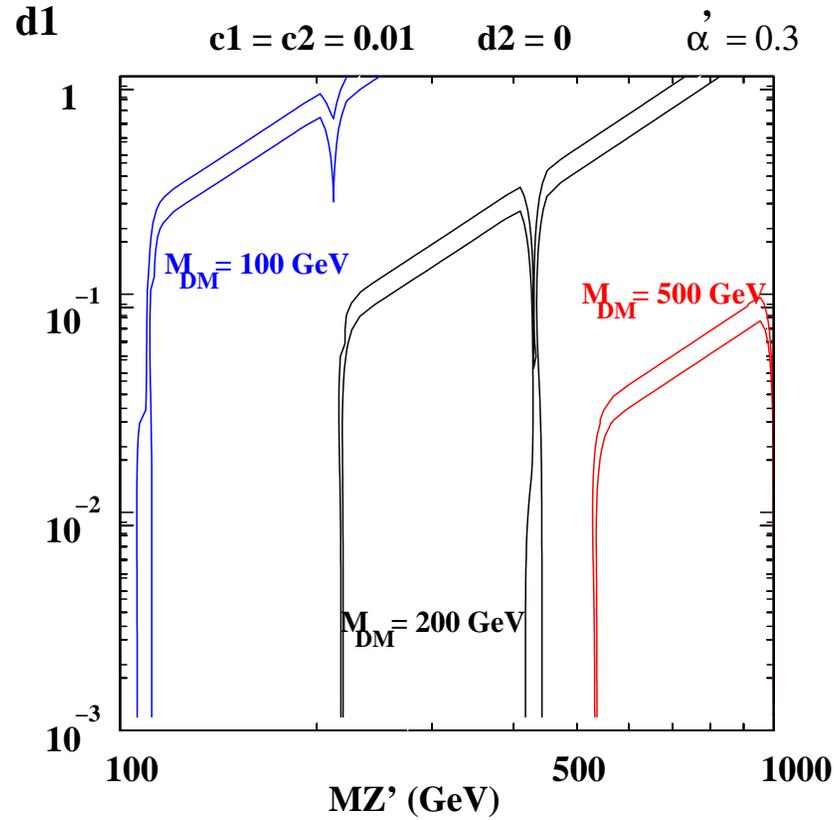
$$- \frac{e g_X}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} \frac{v^2}{M^2} [c_2 \cos \theta_W - c_1 \sin \theta_W] \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (p_2^\sigma - p_1^\sigma) ,$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}^{Z'W^+W^-}(p_i) = -4 \frac{d_2}{M^2} g_X (p_1 + p_2)^\mu \epsilon_{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} p_2^\sigma p_1^\tau$$

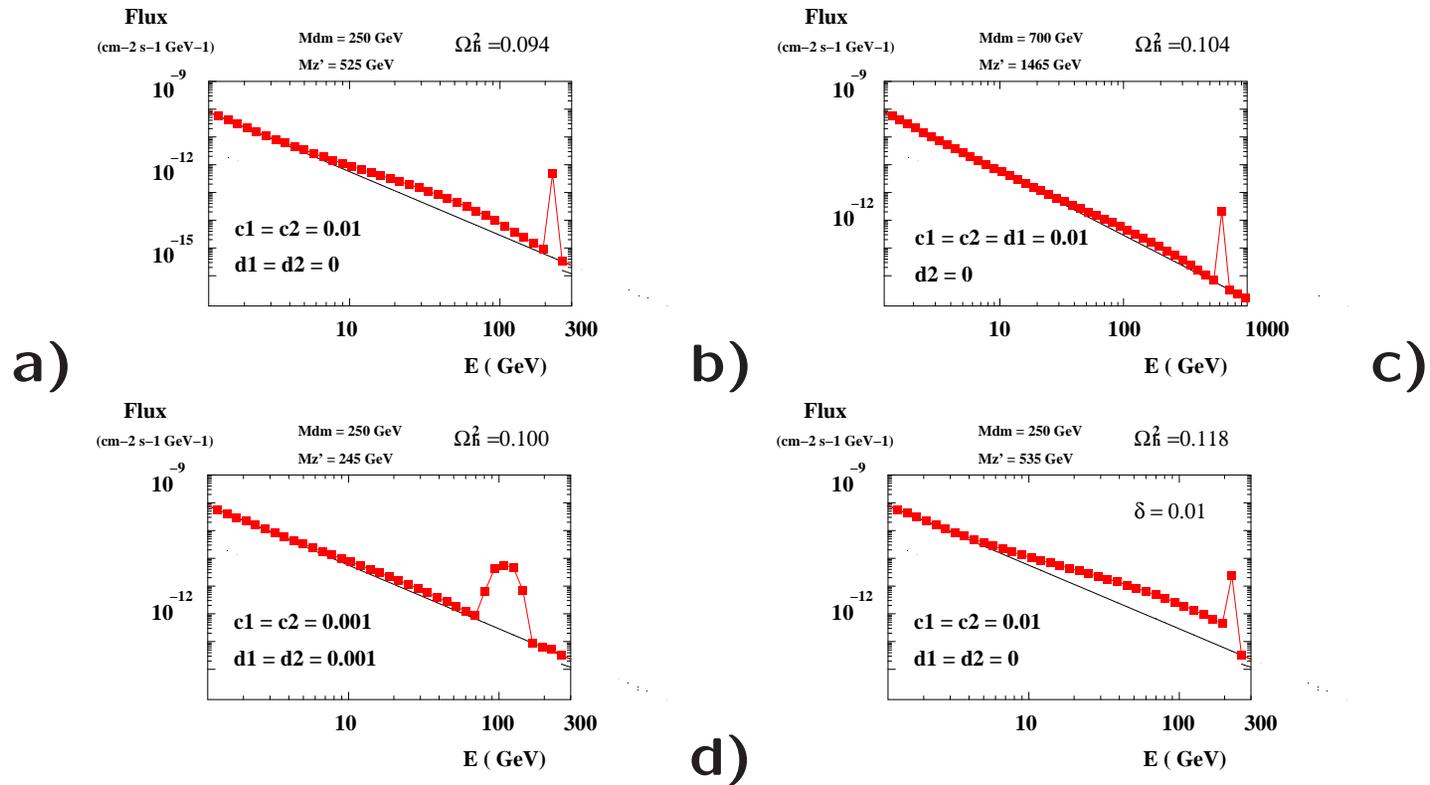
$$- \frac{e g_X}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} \frac{v^2}{M^2} c_2 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (p_2^\sigma - p_1^\sigma)$$



Feynman diagrams contributing to the dark matter annihilation

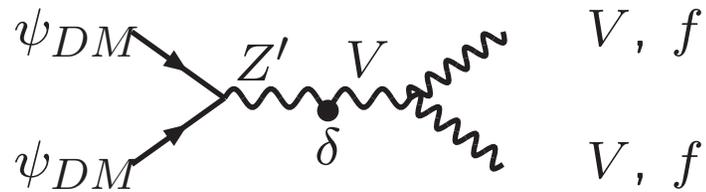


Scan on the mass of  $Z'$  (in logarithmic scale) versus the coupling  $d_1$  for  $d_2 = 0$  and  $M = 1 \text{ TeV}$ . We also defined  $\alpha' = g_X^2/4\pi$ . Colored lines represent the WMAP limits on the dark matter relic density for different values of the dark matter mass.



Typical example of a gamma-ray differential spectrum for different masses of dark matter and  $Z'$  and  $Z - Z'$  mixing angle, compared with the background (black line). All fluxes are calculated for a classical NFW halo profile and  $M = 1$  TeV.

We neglected until now a simple  $Z' - Y$  **kinetic mixing**. If dominant over the  $Z' Z \gamma$  coupling, it will tend to erase its effects ( large literature on SM-hidden sector coupling generated by kinetic mixing : Arkani-Hamed et al, Nath et al, Strassler, Zurek ...)



Including the mixing parameter

#### 4. (In)visible $Z'$ and decoupling of heavy fermions

The axionic and GCs terms can be computed, by adding **heavy fermions** charged under both SM and  $U(1)_i$ , with *SM invariant* masses, generated by the  $U(1)_i$  Higgs mechanism.

The relevant terms in the effective action of the heavy fermion sector of the theory are

$$\begin{aligned} L_h = & \bar{\psi}_L^{(h)} \left( i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + g^i X_L^{(h)i} \gamma^\mu A_\mu^i \right) \psi_L^{(h)} \\ & + \bar{\psi}_R^{(h)} \left( i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + g^i X_R^{(h)i} \gamma^\mu A_\mu^i \right) \psi_R^{(h)} \\ & - \left( \bar{\psi}_L^{(h)} M^{(h)} \psi_R^{(h)} + \text{h.c.} \right) , \end{aligned}$$

where  $M^h$  is the mass matrix of heavy fermions, with matrix elements

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ab}^{(h)} &= \lambda_{ab}^h S_i && \text{case (a) } \text{ or} \\ M_{ab}^{(h)} &= \lambda_{ab}^h \bar{S}_i && \text{case (b) ,} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $S_i$  is the Higgs field of charge  $+1$  under the gauge group  $U(1)_i$  and singlet with respect to the other gauge groups. The Higgses spontaneously break the abelian gauge symmetries via their vevs,  $\langle S_i \rangle = V_i$ .

- The heavy fermions are *vector-like* wrt SM, but *chiral* wrt  $U(1)_i$ .

In the *decoupling* limit  $M^{(h)} \rightarrow \infty$  with finite Higgs vev's

$V_i$ , we obtain (Anastasopoulos, Bianchi, E.D., Kiritsis, 06)

$$E_{ij,k} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_h (X_L^i X_R^j - X_R^i X_L^j)^{(h)} (X_R^k + X_L^k)^{(h)} , \quad (4)$$

$$C_{ij}^I = \frac{1}{4g_I V_I} \sum_{h_I} \epsilon^{(h_I)I} [2(X_L^i X_L^j + X_R^i X_R^j) + X_L^i X_R^j + X_R^i X_L^j]^{(h_I)}$$

the index  $h_I$  refers to the heavy fermionic spectrum coupling to the axion  $a_I$ .

Difference compared to d'Hoker-Fahri (DF) operators is that (4) are well-defined in the unbroken SM limit.

## Ex: Two Z'

Consider the charge assignments ( $\epsilon = \pm 1$ )

	$Y$	$X_1$	$X_2$
$\psi_L^a$	$y_a$	$x_a$	$z_a$
$\psi_R^a$	$y_a$	$x_a - \epsilon_a$	$z_a$
$\chi_L^m$	$y_m$	$x_m$	$z_m$
$\chi_R^m$	$y_m$	$x_m$	$z_m - \epsilon_m$

We are interested in the GCS term  $E_{X_1 X_2, Y}$  and the

two axionic couplings  $C_{X_2Y}^1$  and  $C_{X_1Y}^2$ . We find

$$Tr (X_1X_2Y) = \sum_a l_a \epsilon_a y_a z_a + \sum_m l_m \epsilon_m x_m y_m ,$$

$$E_{X_1X_2,Y} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_a l_a \epsilon_a y_a z_a - \sum_m l_m \epsilon_m x_m y_m \right) ,$$

$$C_{X_2Y}^{X_1} = \frac{3}{2g_1V_1} \sum_a l_a \epsilon_a y_a z_a \quad , \quad C_{X_1Y}^{X_2} = \frac{3}{2g_2V_2} \sum_m l_m \epsilon_m x_m y_m .$$

By imposing cancelation of the mixed anomaly  $Tr (X_1X_2Y) = 0$ , we find that the GCS and the axionic couplings exactly fit into the gauge invariant term

$$E_{X_1X_2,Y} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left( \frac{1}{g_1V_1} \partial_\mu a_1 - X_{1,\mu} \right) \left( \frac{1}{g_2V_2} \partial_\nu a_2 - X_{2,\nu} \right) F_{\rho\sigma}^Y .$$

## Conclusions

- Three gauge boson "anomalous" vertices can connect an otherwise invisible  $Z'$  to SM.
- The diagram generating the correct relic density also generates a monochromatic gamma-ray line.
- An (in)visible  $Z'$  can be light (GeV)  $\rightarrow$  phenomenology to explore.
- We provided explicit examples with heavy fermions generating at low energy these vertices.
- It would be interesting to analyze more generally non-decoupling effects of heavy chiral fermions for LHC.