Dark Photon

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- Toy model
- Realistic model
- Phenomenology studies
- Accelerator searches
- Cosmo/astro probes

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Two mechanisms to generate dark photon (DP):

- ► Kinetic mixing (KM)¹
- Mass mixing (MM)²

¹Holdom, PLB 166, 196 (1986); Foot & He, PLB 267, 509 (1991). ²Feldman, ZL, Nath, https://arxiv.org/pdf/hep-ph/0702123.pdf

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► $J_{1\mu}$ $(J_{2\mu})$ is the current that couples to $A_{1\mu}$ $(A_{2\mu})$. If we identify $A_{1\mu}$ $(A_{2\mu})$ as the gauge boson in the dark (SM) sector, then $J_{1\mu}$ $(J_{2\mu})$ is the dark (SM) sector current.

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- Interactions with current (matter) depend on 2 paras: θ and δ. So one has the freedom (namely θ) to choose the basis.

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Coupling between neutral gauge bosons and SM fermions

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Note that the mass matrix \mathcal{M}^2 looks exactly the same as for the mass matrix (namely M^2) one has if there was just the Stueckelberg mass mixing except that ϵ is replaced by $\bar{\epsilon}$. (Namely compare $\delta = 0$ with $\delta \neq 0$.) See Eq. (42) for the mass matrix M^2 . [36/64]

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We conclude that kinetic mixing parameter δ and the mass mixing parameter ϵ are degenerate so that only their combination

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon - \delta}{\sqrt{1 - \delta^2}} \tag{82}$$

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Note that $a'_f \propto \tan \psi + \bar{\epsilon} \sin \theta$.

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