Vector WIMP Miracle

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Abstract

Weakly interacting massive particle (WIMP) is well known to be a good candidate for dark matter, and it is also predicted by many new physics models beyond the standard model at the TeV scale. We found that, if the WIMP is a vector particle (spin one particle) which is associated with some gauge symmetry broken at the TeV scale, the higgs mass is often predicted to be 120–125 GeV, which is very consistent with the result of higgs searches recently reported by ATLAS and CMS collaborations at the Large Hadron Collider experiment. In this letter, we consider the vector WIMP using a non-linear sigma model in order to confirm this result as general as possible in a bottom-up approach. Near-future prospects to detect the vector WIMP at both direct and indirect detection experiments of dark matter are also discussed.
1 Introduction

There are many compelling evidences for the existence of dark matter in our universe, and many experimental efforts are presently devoted to detect the dark matter directly and indirectly \[1\]. On the other hand, because the detailed nature of the dark matter is not revealed yet, many dark matter candidates have been proposed so far from the viewpoint of new physics beyond the standard model (SM) at the TeV scale. Among those, the weakly interacting massive particle (WIMP), whose mass is postulated to be 10–1000 GeV, is known to be a good candidate for dark matter, because it can easily satisfy all constraints imposed by cosmological and astrophysical dark matter experiments and naturally explain the dark matter abundance observed today \[2\]. In this letter, we especially focus on the vector (spin one) WIMP which is associated with some gauge symmetry broken at the TeV scale. Since the vector particle acquires its mass from the symmetry breaking, the mass is predicted to be 100–1000 GeV, which is very consistent with the WIMP hypothesis.

The simplest model of the vector WIMP dark matter is described based on SU(2)$_L \times$ U(1)$_1 \times$ U(1)$_2$ gauge symmetry. In order to guarantee the stability of the dark matter, the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry is also imposed by postulating that the lagrangian of the model is invariant under the exchange of U(1)$_1$ and U(1)$_2$ gauge interactions. The U(1)$_1 \times$ U(1)$_2$ symmetry is assumed to be broken at the TeV scale into the diagonal U(1), which is identified with the SM gauge interaction of U(1)$_Y$. This fact means that the dark matter particle is provided as the partner of the hyper-charge gauge boson. As will be discussed in section \[2\] the strength of the coupling between two higgs bosons and two dark matter particles is definitely given by $(g')^2/4$ with $g'$ being the U(1)$_Y$ gauge coupling. This simplest model is embedded in several realistic models for the new physics predicting the vector WIMP such as universal extra-dimension models \[3\] and little higgs models with T-parity \[4\].

When no other new particles, which could be predicted in the new physics at the TeV scale, are degenerated in mass to the vector WIMP dark matter, the annihilation of the dark matter is governed by the process into $W(Z)$ boson pair through the s-channel exchange of the higgs boson. Its annihilation cross section and, as a result, the thermal relic abundance of the dark matter therefore depend only on the masses

\[1\] Opposite directions that reconcile the WMAP region with the LHC excess by adjusting the interactions between the Higgs boson and vector dark matter have been discussed in Higgs-portal dark matter models \[5\].
of dark matter and higgs boson. The abundance turns out to be consistent with the WMAP observation when the higgs mass is within the range of 120–125 GeV as will be shown in section 3, which is very attractive from the viewpoint of the result of higgs searches recently reported by ATLAS and CMS collaborations at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiment [6]. Interestingly, this result is insensitive to the dark matter mass ($m_{DM}$) as long as $m_{DM} \sim 100$ GeV. According to this result, we also discuss future prospects to discover the vector WIMP in direct and indirect detection experiments of dark matter in this section. We found that the signal of the dark matter can be discovered at both experiments in the near future.

2 Simplest model for the vector WIMP

We consider the simplest model for the vector WIMP dark matter in this section, which is described based on the SU(2)$_L \times U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2$ gauge theory in its electroweak sector. The structure of the gauge-higgs sector in this model involving symmetries and their breaking patterns is schematically expressed by using the ‘moose’ notation [7] as shown in Fig.1, where the white circle stands for the SM SU(2)$_L$ gauge symmetry, while black ones are U(1) gauge symmetries (U(1)$_1$ and U(1)$_2$). On the other hand, the solid line represents the non-linear sigma field, $U_3 \equiv \exp(i\pi_3/v_3)$, and broken lines are linear sigma fields, namely, higgs fields denoted by $\phi_1$ and $\phi_2$. All of non-linear sigma and higgs fields spontaneously break the symmetries connected to them into their diagonal ones. In order to guarantee the stability of the vector WIMP, the $Z_2$ symmetry is imposed by postulating that the model is invariant under the exchange of U(1)$_1$ and U(1)$_2$ gauge interactions, which can be expressed by the symmetry under the left-right reflection of the diagram in Fig.1. Both gauge cou-
plings of $U(1)_1$ and $U(1)_2$ interactions as well as vacuum expectation values (VEVs) of two higgs fields $\phi_1$ and $\phi_2$ are therefore taking the same value.

With the use of the diagram shown in Fig.1, the lagrangian (kinetic terms) of non-linear sigma and higgs fields ($U_3$, $\phi_1$, and $\phi_2$) are given as follows;

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{higgs}} = \left( D_\mu \phi_1^\dagger D^\mu \phi_1 \right) + \left( D_\mu \phi_2^\dagger D^\mu \phi_2 \right) + \frac{v^2}{2} \left( D_\mu U_3^\dagger D^\mu U_3 \right) - V(\phi_1, \phi_2, U_3), \tag{1}$$

where the higgs field $\phi_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) is decomposed to be $\phi_i = (v_i + h_i + i\tau^a \pi^a_i) \cdot (0, 1)^T / \sqrt{2}$ with $\tau^a$ and $v_i$ being the Pauli matrix and the VEV of the higgs field, respectively. The higgs potential is simply denoted by $V(\phi_1, \phi_2, U_3)$. The covariant derivatives of the non-linear sigma field and higgs fields are defined by following equations,

$$D_\mu \phi_i = \partial_\mu \phi_i + ig(\tau^a / 2)W_\mu^a \phi_i + i(g'_i / 2)B_\mu^{(i)} \phi_i, \tag{2}$$

$$D_\mu U_3 = \partial_\mu U_3 + i(Y_3 / 4)g'_1 B_\mu^{(1)} U_3 - i(Y_3 / 4)g'_2 B_\mu^{(2)} U_3, \tag{3}$$

where $W_\mu^a$ and $B_\mu^{(i)}$ are SU(2)$_L$ and U(1)$_i$ gauge fields, respectively. Because of the $Z_2$ symmetry, we take $g'_1 = g'_2$ as well as $v_1 = v_2$ later, where the gauge coupling $g'_i = g'_2$ relates to that of the SM U(1)$_Y$. The U(1)$_1$ and U(1)$_2$ charges of the non-linear sigma field $U_3$ are set to be $Y_3 / 4$ and $-Y_3 / 4$, respectively, in order to have the $Z_2$ symmetry, which makes $\pi_3$ an $Z_2$ odd particle (would-be NG boson).

As can be seen from the lagrangian, the model has five gauge bosons and seven NG bosons. Four NG bosons are eaten and the gauge bosons except photon become massive. The rest of three NG bosons become pseudo-NG bosons, because we can write down gauge invariant mass terms such as $(\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2)(U_3)^2 / Y_3$ which is naturally involved in the higgs potential $V(\phi_1, \phi_2, U_3)$. There are five particles which are odd under the $Z_2$ parity; a linear combinations of the $U(1)$ gauge fields $(B^{(1)} - B^{(2)}) / \sqrt{2}$ which is nothing but the vector WIMP, a linear combination of the higgs fields $(h_1 - h_2) / \sqrt{2}$, and three linear combinations of the pseudo-NG bosons. The later four scalars acquire their masses through the higgs potential, so that they can be heavy enough compared to the vector WIMP. We therefore concentrate on the vector WIMP and other particles which are even under the $Z_2$ symmetry in following discussions.

Mass matrices of the gauge bosons are eventually summarized as follows,

$$\frac{g'^2}{4} W_\mu^a W^{-\mu} + \frac{v^2}{8} \left( W_3 \begin{array}{c} g^2 \\ -gg' \\ g'^2 \end{array} B_\mu \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} W_3^{\mu} \\ -gg' \\ g'^2 \end{array} B_\mu \right) + \frac{g'^2}{8} \left( v^2 + Y_3^2 v_3^2 \right) V_\mu V^\mu, \tag{4}$$

where $v \equiv \sqrt{2}v_1 = \sqrt{2}v_2$ and $g'_1 \equiv g'_1 / \sqrt{2} = g'_2 / \sqrt{2}$, while $W_\mu^\pm = (W_1^\pm + iW_2^\pm) / \sqrt{2}$, $B_\mu \equiv (B_\mu^{(1)} + B_\mu^{(2)}) / \sqrt{2}$, and $V_\mu \equiv (B^{(1)}_\mu - B^{(2)}_\mu) / \sqrt{2}$. With the use of the Weinberg
angle defined by \( \sin \theta_W \equiv s_W^2 = g^2/(g^2 + g'^2) \) (\( \cos \theta_W = c_W^2 = 1 - s_W^2 \)) and the \( Z \) boson mass \( m_Z \), the mass of the vector WIMP dark matter is expressed by

\[
m_{\text{DM}} \equiv m_Z s_W \sqrt{1 + Y_3^2 v_3^2/v^2} \simeq 178 \text{ GeV} (Y_2 v_3/1 \text{ TeV}). \tag{5}
\]

It can be seen that the mass of the vector WIMP dark matter is \( O(100) \) GeV when the breaking scale associated with \( U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2 \rightarrow U(1)_Y \) is the TeV scale.

Before going to close the section, we consider interactions between higgs boson and vector WIMP dark matter, which are the most important interactions to discuss phenomenology of the dark matter, as will be seen in the next section. Kinetic terms of the higgs bosons \( \phi_1 \) and \( \phi_2 \) involve following gauge interactions,

\[
\left[ \frac{1}{2} (v_1 + h_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (v_1 + h_2)^2 \right] \frac{g^2}{4} V^\mu V^\mu = \frac{g'^2}{8} V^\mu V^\mu h^2 + \frac{g'^2 v}{4} V^\mu V^\mu h + \cdots, \tag{6}
\]

where \( h \equiv (h_1 + h_2)/\sqrt{2} \). This scalar particle is identified with the SM-like higgs boson, because it is the only \( Z_2 \)-even scalar which remains as a physical state. It is very important to notice that the interactions between higgs boson and vector WIMP are governed by the gauge coupling of the SM \( U(1)_Y \) interaction.

### 3 Vector WIMP predictions

We are now at the position to discuss what kinds of phenomenological consequences we have by considering the vector WIMP dark matter. The prediction of the vector WIMP we first discuss about is on the mass of the higgs boson, which is deduced from the thermal relic abundance of the dark matter. After that, we discuss several signals of the vector WIMP at both direct and indirect detection experiments.

#### 3.1 Thermal relic abundance

The thermal relic abundance of the vector WIMP dark matter is obtained numerically by integrating the following Boltzmann equation which describes the number density of the dark matter particle (denoted by \( n \)) in the early universe [8],

\[
\frac{dn}{dt} + 3Hn = -\langle \sigma v \rangle (n^2 - n_{\text{EQ}}^2), \tag{7}
\]

where \( H, \langle \sigma v \rangle \), and \( n_{\text{EQ}} \) are the Hubble parameter, the annihilation cross section (times relative velocity) of the vector WIMP which is thermally averaged, and its
number density in thermal equilibrium, respectively. Since the vector WIMP annihilates into $W$ and $Z$ boson pairs through the s-channel exchange of the higgs boson and the $h-V-V$ vertex is fixed by $g'$, the annihilation cross section depends only on the masses of vector WIMP and higgs boson. As a result, the thermal relic abundance of the dark matter also depends only on these two parameters.

Numerical result of the abundance is shown in Fig.2, where the parameter region which is consistent with the WMAP observation at 68% (solid line) and 95% (dotted line) C.L. are depicted on the $(m_{DM}, m_h)$-plane. In order to calculate the abundance, we have used micrOMEGAs [9] after implementing our model into the code. Appropriate modifications are made by using LanHEP [10]. We have also shown regions which are constrained by current higgs searches at the LHC experiment as shaded ones. It can be seen from the figure that the higgs mass is predicted to be 120–125 GeV, which is very consistent with that strongly suggested by the higgs searches. It is also worth noting that, if the vector WIMP mass is less than 100 GeV, the abundance is not sensitive to the mass and the higgs mass favored by the WMAP observation keeps staying around $m_h \simeq 120–125$ GeV.

Around $m_{DM} = m_h/2$, there are also regions consistent with the WMAP and LHC bounds. Since these Higgs-pole regions require fine-tuning between the mass parameters, they are disregarded in this manuscript.
3.2 Direct detection

We next consider the signal of the vector WIMP at direct detection experiments of dark matter. The scattering between the dark matter and a nucleon (proton) occurs by exchanging the higgs boson. Since the $h - V - V$ vertex is fixed by the U(1)$_Y$ gauge coupling, the cross section depends only on $m_{DM}$ and $m_h$ as in the case of the relic abundance. The scattering cross section is obtained by the formula [11]:

\[
\sigma_{SI}^{(p)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{m_p}{m_p + m_{DM}} \right)^2 f_p^2,
\]

where $m_p$ is the proton mass and the coefficient $f_p$ is the (spin-independent) coupling between the dark matter and a proton which is phenomenologically evaluated by

\[
\frac{f_p}{m_p} = \sum_{q=u,d,s} f_{Tq}^{(p)} \frac{\alpha_q}{m_q} + \frac{2}{27} f_{TG}^{(p)} \sum_{q=c,b,t} \frac{\alpha_q}{m_q}.
\]

Here, $m_q$ is a quark mass and $\alpha_q$ is the coupling in front of the effective interaction, $\alpha_q V^\mu V_\mu \bar{q}q$, which is obtained by integrating out the higgs field from the original lagrangian. The coefficients $f_{Tq}^{(p)}$ and $f_{TG}^{(p)}$ are related to hadron matrix elements, $\langle p|\bar{q}q|p\rangle$ and $\langle p|G^a_\mu G^{a\mu}\rangle|p\rangle$, with $G^a_\mu$ being the field strength tensor of gluon, which are evaluated by lattice simulations with the use of the trace-anomaly relation.

Result of the scattering cross section is shown in Fig.3, where micrOMEGAs was again used to calculate the cross section. According to the recent result of the
Figure 4: Constraints on the annihilation cross section of the vector WIMP dark matter as a function of $m_{DM}$, which are obtained from Fermi-LAT and PAMELA experiments. Future sensitivity on the cross section from the AMS-02 experiment is also shown.

lattice simulation [12], the $\pi$-nucleon sigma term has been set to be $\Sigma_{\pi N} = 55$ MeV with $y$-parameter representing the contribution from the strange content being zero$^{2}$ which gives conservative results of dark matter signals. Current bound and future sensitivity from the XENON100 experiment [14] are also shown in the figure. It can be seen that the signal of the vector WIMP is below the current bound but above the future sensitivity, so that the signal will be detected in the near future.

3.3 Indirect detections

We finally consider the signal of the vector WIMP at indirect detection experiments of dark matter. The annihilation of the vector WIMP would lead to excesses in various cosmic ray spectra. As mentioned in previous subsections, the vector WIMP has the mass of about 100 GeV and annihilates mainly into $W$ and $Z$ boson pairs. Subsequent decays of these $W$ and $Z$ bosons produce anti-protons and gamma-rays, and these contributions are proportional to the annihilation cross section of the dark matter. Stringent constraints or exciting signals would be therefore obtained from indirect detection experiments observing anti-protons and gamma-rays.

The annihilation cross section predicted by the vector WIMP dark matter after imposing both WMAP and LHC constraints is shown as a magenta-shaded region

$^{2}$These parameter choice is also consistent with recent analysis based on chiral perturbation theory [13].
in Fig. In the other hand, the constraint obtained by the Fermi-LAT experiment, which is observing gamma-rays from milky-way satellites [15], is depicted as a green solid line. Another constraint, which is obtained by the PAMELA experiment observing the anti-proton ($\bar{p}$) flux in the cosmic-ray [16], is also shown in the figure as a blue-shaded region. Since the $\bar{p}$ flux depends on how $\bar{p}$ propagates under the complicated magnetic field of our galaxy and which dark matter profiles we adopt [17], the constraint has large uncertainties as can be seen in the figure. On the contrary, the observation of the $\bar{p}$ flux is very hopeful in the near future. This is because the AMS-02 experiment, which has already been started [18], has better sensitivity than the PAMELA experiment and it is also expected that astrophysical uncertainties related to the $\bar{p}$ propagation are reduced. The future sensitivity to detect the vector WIMP in this experiment is depicted as a green-shaded region with assuming an appropriate propagation model [17]. Since the vector WIMP predicts the cross section much above the sensitivity, it will be detected in the near future.

4 Conclusions and Discussion

In conclusion, the higgs mass is shown to be generically in the range 120–125 GeV in scenarios where a neutral vector WIMP that is a partner of the standard model hypercharge gauge boson accounts for the observed dark matter abundance. We call the coincidence between the predicted values of the higgs mass and the excesses of events observed at the LHC the “vector WIMP miracle”. It should be emphasized that the interactions between the higgs boson and vector WIMP are controlled by the $U(1)_{Y}$ gauge coupling constant and higgs VEV in the effective low-energy theory, and therefore observables related to the vector WIMP depend solely on the higgs and vector WIMP masses. For illustration, we have considered a simple non-linear sigma model in which the vector WIMP is stabilized by the $Z_{2}$ parity corresponding to the exchange of two $U(1)$ sectors. After imposing the WMAP and LHC constraints on the model, the vector WIMP mass is narrowed down to 80–107 GeV. In this mass region, the WIMP relic abundance shows a mild dependence on the WIMP mass as the $W$ and $Z$ productions processes compensate the effect of the WIMP mass increase. The spin-independent WIMP-nucleon cross section is shown to be $10^{-9}$ pb even in a conservative case; the XENON100 collaboration will cover the signal region in the near future. As for the annihilation cross section of the vector WIMP, the predicted values are $\mathcal{O}(10^{-26})$ cm$^{3}$/s; the AMS-02 experiment is capable of detecting
the debris of WIMP annihilations irrespective of the details of the propagation of anti-protons in our galaxy.

Several comments are in order. We have implicitly assumed that the kinetic mixing between the two U(1) gauge bosons is absent in our non-linear sigma model. If the two U(1) gauge bosons mix, the mixing parameter is transmitted to the coupling between the higgs boson and vector WIMP, leading to a change in the WIMP relic abundance and other observables. However, in UV completion models in which the two U(1) sectors are separated at the cutoff scale, such a mixing is loop-suppressed and hence negligible at lower energies.

There are exceptional cases where the simple standard computation of the WIMP abundance is not valid. If there exist degenerate particles that share quantum numbers with the vector WIMP, coannihilations with such particles alter the WIMP abundance. If vector WIMP (co)annihilations take place near a pole, the final WIMP abundance is significantly decreased. Both phenomena are crucial in the minimal UED model, where coannihilations of the 1st Kaluza-Klein (KK) hypercharge $B$ boson with other 1st KK particles as well as 2nd KK resonance processes must be taken into account in order to obtain the correct relic abundance [19].

It might be possible to contrive a linear sigma model that has the same feature as our non-linear sigma model presented. However, it is not trivial whether phenomenological constraints are satisfied as a complicated flavor structure is required in a realistic linear sigma model. This issue may be discussed elsewhere.

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