

Research statement

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My current research concentrates on the search for new particles with the electroweak (EW) interaction, so-called EWIMPs, with the TeV-scale mass. My main achievements are evaluating their effect on the EW vacuum stability and collider phenomenology. I am planning to extend my calculation so that I can analyze broader range of models.

Achievements so far

There are several theoretical motivations to consider TeV-scale EWIMPs. They appear in various new physics models that explain the energy scale of the EW symmetry breaking. In addition, they can naturally explain the relic abundance of the dark matter (DM). Well-motivated examples are Higgsino and Wino in the minimally supersymmetric standard model (MSSM), which are the superpartners of the standard model (SM) Higgs and W boson, respectively. Since their existence significantly modifies the fate of the EW vacuum and the phenomenology at the high energy scale, considerable efforts have been devoted for these studies, but the results are still unsatisfactory.

During the last few years, we have been developing the next-to-leading order calculation of the decay rate of the EW vacuum. We apply a recently proposed calculation which is manifestly gauge invariant to the models that contain the SM-like Higgs as a unique scalar field. We assume a purely quartic Higgs potential and provide the correct treatment of the flat direction of the Euclidean action related to the classical conformal invariance of the potential. This treatment fills a gap of the existing calculation and enables us to precisely evaluate the decay rate with error estimations. We analyze not only the SM but also several models with new particles that couple to Higgs and obtain severe constraints on the coupling and mass of new particles even for the mass region much heavier than the TeV-scale.

Recently, we have also worked on the new physics search and measurement using future

hadron colliders. Although EWIMPs possess charged components that interact with detector materials, these components may be too short-lived to detect, which is sometimes the case for Higgsino. In order to probe such short lifetime EWIMPs, we consider the vacuum polarization effect from the EWIMP loop and its effects on the lepton pair production process. The energy dependence of the loop effect possesses a characteristic dip structure around the EWIMP pair production threshold. We use this shape to distinguish the signal from the background and effects of systematic errors and obtain the best limit so far for the short lifetime Higgsino. We also reveal that the signal shape can be used for measurement of the coupling and mass of discovered EWIMPs.

Future plans

In the near future I will extend our calculation of the vacuum decay rate to the models with several scalar fields involved in the bounce configuration. This allows us to evaluate the vacuum decay rate in various complicated models such as the MSSM, and to constrain the parameter space even when the relevant scalar particles are beyond the experimental reach. For the generic models with several mass scales, the multi-scale nature of the bounce makes the numerical calculation difficult. Therefore, another possible future direction is to develop an algorithm to adjust the lattice spacing in order for the fast and accurate computation.

Regarding the collider phenomenology, I will apply our method to the pair production process of the gauge bosons. This gives us severer bounds on the Higgsino that may reach the mass that naturally explain the DM relic abundance. Another possibility is to study loop topologies different from the vacuum polarization. Through the classification of the signal shape for each loop topology, it will become easy to find new particles to which our detection method can be applied. Finally, the future planned lepton colliders such as ILC and CLIC also bring us some exciting possibilities. Since they provide more precise measurements in lower energy scale compared with hadron colliders, it will be efficient to analyze the new particles effect using the effective field theory approach. I will provide some model independent constraints on EWIMPs through the precise measurement at lepton colliders.