

Dark matter: collider searches

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The Large Hadron Collider

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Energy | 7 TeV | 8 TeV | 13 TeV |
| Integrated luminosity | 5 fb-1 | 20 fb-1 | 30 fb-1 ? |

- proton-proton collider

- two general, multi-purpose detectors

ATLAS

- ATLAS and CMS

Collider basics



- Constituents of protons (quarks/antiquarks, gluons) means that a proton beam offers wide range of collision energies

- Fraction of energy of proton carried by a parton (x)
- Distribution of partons in the proton ascertained from Deep Inelastic Scattering experiments.
- Because p-p collisions are not collisions between pointlike particles, this complicates kinematics

Transverse quantities



- Hadronic center of mass frame is not the same as parton center of mass frame
- parton center of mass frame, longitudinal momentum unknown, partons carrying unknown fraction x of proton momentum
- Use kinematic quantities that are invariant under longitudinal boosts, such as transverse momentum
- Transverse momentum conserved, can assume it to be zero before collision

At high energy, collision occurs between partons within the proton which are carrying only a fraction (x_1, x_2) of the proton momentum

$$M^2 = (x_1p_1 + x_2p_2)^2$$

[mass energy squared available to

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$
$$\sqrt{s} = 8 \,\text{TeV}$$

Ce produce new particle of mass M

So, with 8 TeV collider, To produce a DM particle of mass 100 GeV need $x_1, x_2 = 0.0125$ (for 13 TeV, x = 0.008)For DM = 3 TeV, need $x_1, x_2 = 0.38$ (for 13 TeV, x=0.23)

So, to produce heavier DM particle, need higher energy!

Energy and Luminosity

Energy is not enough, we need luminosity too



For a process with small cross section, need high luminosity L

Energy and Luminosity



Luminosity roughly scales as



Under nominal design conditions for 14 TeV LHC,

- Each proton beam has 2808 bunches
- Each bunch containing 10¹¹ protons
- Design luminosity 10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹

Energy and Luminosity

Instantaneous luminosity gradually increases over time. As a result, more pp interactions per bunch crossing



Collisions



Passage of particles through the CMS detector



Neutrinos traverse the detector without any interaction

DM particles, being neutral and weakly interacting will look much like neutrinos in our detectors

Missing Transverse Energy

At the heart of all DM searches at colliders : Missing transverse energy (MET)

 DM neutral and weakly interacting
 only infer its presence in detector from imbalance in transverse momentum of all visible particles



→MET = negative of the vector sum of the transverse momenta of all particles reconstructed in the event

Missing Transverse Energy



Missing Transverse Energy



- challenging quantity to measure

- sensitive to mis-measurements, detector effects, backgrounds

- but well controlled

DM searches at colliders

Assumptions:

- DM particle is only new state accessible to the collider
- Effective field theory so interaction between DM and SM particles is contact interaction



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t interaction



Operators Γ describe scalar, pseudoscalar, vector, axial vector, tensor interactions

Assume DM is a Dirac fermion and interaction is characterized by contact interaction,

Bai, Fox and Harnik, JHEP 1012:048 (2010)

Set mass of mediator (M) to very high value



(a) For vector mediator, effective operator

$${\cal O}_V = rac{(ar\chi \gamma_\mu \chi) (ar q \gamma^\mu q)}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\Lambda = M/\sqrt{g_{\chi}g_q}$$



Signatures for dark matter searches

Dark matter pair production at LHCDM particles produce missing energyradiation of a photon/jet from initial state



Signatures for dark matter searches: Mono-X



Monojet Signature



- Simplest collider signature

 visible energy from jet, recoiling against particle(s) that do not interact with detector

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- Allow one additional jet (if it has p_T > 30 GeV)
- Veto event if it has more than 2 jets

Reject background

- QCD
- $\Delta \phi(j | , j2) > 2.5$
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- EWK

lepton rejection

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- -veto events with isolated tracks

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Results

| Z(vv)+jets | 2569 ± 188 | | |
|------------------|------------|--|--|
| W+jets | 1044 ± 51 | | |
| tt | 32 ± 16 | | |
| Z(II)+jets | 8 ± 4 | | |
| Single top | 7 ± 3.5 | | |
| QCD multijets | 3 ± 1.5 | | |
| Total Background | 3663 ± 196 | | |
| Observed in data | 3677 | | |

No excess of events over expected SM backgrounds

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$$\mathcal{O}_{V} = \frac{(\bar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\chi)(\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}q)}{\Lambda^{2}} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{O}_{-}^{N} = f_{q}^{N} \frac{(\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}N)(\bar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\chi)}{\Lambda^{2}}$$
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- Lower limits on Λ then translated to spin-independent DM-nucleon cross-section

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For axial-vector operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{AV} = rac{(ar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \chi) (ar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q)}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{1}^{Nq} = \Delta_{q}^{N} \frac{\left(N\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}N\right)\left(\bar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}\chi\right)}{\Lambda^{2}}$$
, sum of quark helicities

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Searches for dark matter with mono-X



Many different signatures employed to search for dark matter at LHC, will become especially important if signal is observed by collider/DD/ID experiments

Interpretation of searches

Limitations of EFT

arXiv:1308.6799

O. Buchmueller,^a Matthew J. Dolan,^b and Christopher McCabe^b

- Effective field theory is valid when mediator
 mass > a few TeV
- The couplings required are large
- Comparing this with known couplings:
 - strong interaction ~1.2
 - weak interaction ~0.6
- Theory is non-perturbative if $\sqrt{g_q g_{\text{DM}}} > 4 p i$
- Width larger than mass, so unlikely mediator will be identified as a particle



Light mediator

- Assume DM interaction is mediated by light particle
- Effective theory breaks down and explicitly have to include mediator mass.



Minimal Simplified model of dark matter





s-channel

| Define simplified model with (minimum) 4 parameters | | DM | | Consider comprehensive set of diagrams for mediator | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| Mediator mass (M _{med}) | DM mass (M _{DM}) | Dirac fermion | Scalar - real | Vector | Axial-vector |
| 8 q | gdm | Majorana fermion | Scalar - complex | Scalar | Pseudoscalar |

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Future projections



Colliders able to probe all the way up to neutrino barrier with HL-LHC

Invisible Higgs - Higgs as a portal into the dark sector

Invisible Higgs searches

- Higgs at 125 GeV, may have other decay channels not predicted by the SM

- measure the Higgs invisible width by looking for decays of the Higgs to invisible particles, which could be DM



Invisible Higgs searches

Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 201802



Current limit on Branching fraction of H->invisible < 0.58 @ 95%CL (assuming SM production cross section and kinematics)

Studies on future projections with 14 TeV, High Luminosity LHC 3000 fb⁻¹ show that we may be able to constrain BF(H_{125} →invisible) at few-% level

- Many signatures being employed at LHC to search for dark matter
- Results show a lot of complementarity with direct detection experiments, in particular for
 - * low mass DM
 - * spin dependent interactions of DM
- Also searches for Higgs decay to invisible particles
- Variety of topologies being used will become especially important if signal is seen by direct detection and/or colliders
- Future projections for 13 TeV and High Luminosity LHC show similar complementarity going forward