Dark matter search at ATLAS with top quarks

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Dark matter: observations

Evidence for dark matter from astrophysics and cosmology observations at different scales



Galaxy clusters via Xrays and gravitational lensing, collisions





Nucleosynthesis



(Schramm & Turner 1998)

Cosmic microwave background



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Large scale structure formation



© simulations were performed at the <u>National Center for Supercomputer</u> <u>Applications</u> by <u>Andrey Kravtsov</u> (<u>The University of Chicago</u>) and <u>Anatoly Klypin</u> (<u>New Mexico State University</u>). Visualisations by <u>Andrey Kravtsov</u>.

Dark matter: what do we know about it ?

Properties

- It makes up 85% of the matter in the Universe today
 - It is massive
- It interacts weakly with ordinary matter (at least through gravitation)
 - It is neutral
- It interacts weakly with itself
- It is stable (a minima very long-lived, order of the age of the universe)
 - \Rightarrow Ruled out SM Z and Higgs
 - Need a symmetry to prevent it to decay ex T-parity
- It is "cold" ie non relativistic
 - ⇒ ruled out SM neutrinos (also not enough massive)







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Dark matter: which candidates ? Associated theories ?

Candidates

- WIMPs = Weakly Interacting Massive Particles
 - → WIMP "miracle" : weak cross-section + particle mass ~1 TeV ~ relic density
 - Lightest Susy particle
 - Kaluza-Klein photon
- Very Weak Interacting Massive Particles
 - gravitinos
 - Axions: to solve the strong CP problem, unstable but long lived
 - Sterile neutrinos: to explain neutrino masses
 - Kaluza Klein gravitons
 - ...
- Could be also a more complex sector with several particles and interactions

Associated theories

- Supersymmetry (R-parity)
- Extra dimensions (KK parity)
- Little Higgs (T-parity)
- QCD axions





Some dark matter candidate particles

https://science.energy.gov/~/media/hep/pdf/files/ pdfs/dmsagreportjuly18_2007.pdf

Dark matter: how to detect it ?

Indirect detection

• Search for charged cosmic rays, gamma rays or neutrinos



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Collider search

 Produce DM particles from SM particles collisions





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Dark matter search at LHC

Search for particles from (UV) complete theories

- → simulate particles decays, dark matter reconstructed as missing ET
 - Supersymmetry
 - Extra dimensions
 - Little Higgs

Use of effective Field theory

→ more general search, many theories show common low energy behaviour



- describe new interactions with few operators
- → but EFT valid only if M >> q ⇒ Run 1 LHC limits M ~1 TeV => should not use energy > 1 TeV => not used at Run 2



Dark matter search at LHC

Simplified models

- In between EFT (used at run 1) and complete theory: add a single DM candidate (Dirac fermion) and a mediator
 - \rightarrow Allow to relax the q² limit but more model dependent
 - → Few free parameters: additional masses and couplings
 - → Allow to use other signatures to probe mediator and thus constrains the model
- mediator that can be scalar, vector or axial-vector, neutral or charged



• more complex two Higgs doublet models and a dark matter particle also studied



Dark matter search at ATLAS

Rich phenomenology leading to a lot of different constraints

using simplified models allows to measure these constraints in the same framework and shows their complementarity

Results using simplified models gathered in one paper: arXiv:1903.01400

 « Constraints on mediator-based dark matter and scalar dark energy models using √s=13 TeV pp collision data collected by the ATLAS detector »

Common model and scenarios

- ATLAS/CMS + theory Dark Matter forum defined the DMSimp model (arXiv:1507.00966)
- Recommendations for benchmark scenarios (arXiv:1703.05703)
- Madgraph implementation (LO/NLO)

→ Next slides focuses on these results (Susy constraints not shown here)



Simplified models with top quarks in final state

ATLAS summary paper

- List of considered models
- Analyses with top quarks contribute almost everywhere

Top final states

- opposite sign top pair
- same sign top pair
- 4 top quarks
- single top + MET
- top pair + MET

Short description	Acronym	Symbol	J^P	Charge	Signatures
Vector/axial-vector mediator	V/AV	$Z_{ m V}'/Z_{ m A}'$	1 [∓]	-	$\frac{\text{jet}/\gamma/W/Z + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}}{\text{difermion}},$ resonance
Vector baryon-number-charged mediator	VBC	$Z_{ m B}^{\prime}$	1 ⁻	baryon-number	$h + E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$
Vector flavour-changing mediator	VFC	$Z_{ m VFC}^{\prime}$	1^{-}	flavour	$tt, t + E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$
Scalar/pseudo-scalar mediator	S/PS	ϕ/a	0^{\pm}	-	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{jet} + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, \\ t\bar{t}/b\bar{b} + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \end{array} $
Scalar colour-charged mediator	$\mathrm{SCC}_{q/b/t}$	$\eta_{q/b/t}$	0^{+}	colour, 2/3 electric-charge	$jet+E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss},\\b+E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss},\\t+E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$
Two-Higgs-doublet plus vector mediator	2 HDM $+Z'_{V}$	$Z'_{ m V}$	1^{-}	-	$h + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$
Two-Higgs-doublet plus pseudo-scalar mediator	2HDM+a	a	0-	-	$ \begin{array}{c} W/Z/h + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}, \\ t\bar{t}/b\bar{b} + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}, \\ h({\rm inv}), t\bar{t}t\bar{t} \end{array} $
Dark energy	DE	ϕ_{DE}	0^{+}	-	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{jet} + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, t\bar{t} \\ + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \end{array} \end{array} $



(axial-)vector mediator

Model:

- Free parameters: $m(\chi)$, m(mediator), g_{DM} and g_q , g_l
- Minimal width computed according to couplings and considered particles mass
 - mediator decays considered = ones strictly necessary to maintain model self-consistency



Scenarios	9 _q	9 _{DM}	9 _I
V1: vector model with only couplings to quarks	0.25	1.0	0.
V2: vector model with small couplings to leptons	0.1	1.0	0.01
A1: axial-vector model with only couplings to quarks	0.25	1.0	0.
A2: axial-vector model with equal coupling to quarks & leptons	0.1	1.0	0.1

Scenarios:

 Chosen to show the complementarity of the DM production analyses (mono X + MET) and the mediator-to-visible analyses (di X)



- Top analysis: ttbar resonance search
 - I+jets final state used (Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 565)



Complementarity between di-X analyses

Limits in the coupling to quark - mediator mass plane, for di-X analysis

- Different di-jet analyses strategies allow to cover mediator mass from 100 GeV to 5 TeV
- Good di-top sensitivity, particularly at high mass despite the lower BR wrt to light quarks
- → Scalar mediator analysis not available, ttbar final state will be dominant there



Caveat: for dijets analyses backgrounds are fitted on data using a sliding-window fit of the m(jj) distribution

- Limits are only valid if the mediator width fraction Γ/m_{Z'} is below the corresponding threshold
 - $\Gamma/m_{Z'} < 50\%$ for di-jet angular
 - Γ/m_{Z'} < 15% for di-jet
 - $\Gamma/m_{Z'}$ < 10% for di-jet TLA ly*l<0.3
 - $\Gamma/m_{Z'}$ < 7% for di-jet TLA ly*l<0.6

→ This does not apply to the ttbar analysis where the backgrounds were constrained with simulations and control regions



Complementarity: vector mediator

MET+X, di-jet, di-top, di-lepton analyses

- di-X analyses limits ~ don't depend on DM mass
- Note: couplings dependence is important
 - good complementarity between MET+X and di-X



g_q=0.25, g_l=0, g_{DM}=1

g_q=0.10, g_l=0.01, g_{DM}=1





Complementarity: axial-vector

MET+X, di-jet, di-top, di-lepton analyses

• Sensitivity depends also on the mediator coupling type

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g_q=0.25, g_l=0, g_{DM}=1







Complementarity with direct detection

ATLAS limits can be translated in the cross-section-DM mass plane used for direct detection experiment (arXiv:1603.04156)

- LHC uses 95% CL level for limits, direct detection experiment 90% CL
- Limits valid only for the coupling hypothesis indicated



Grepoble

Flavour changing interaction

Also a vector mediator model but with flavour changing interaction of the DM with ordinary matter

• allows DM interaction with top quarks (right handed field only)





- parameters: mediator mass, gut, gDM
 - DM mass has low impact on kinematics if $m_{Z'} > 2 m_{\chi} = m_{\chi}$ fixed to 1 GeV

Top analyses

- same sign top: <u>arXiv:1812.09743</u>
- top + MET: <u>arXiv:1812.09743</u>



Flavour changing interaction



Grepoble

(pseudo) Scalar, colour-neutral

DM particle produced through the exchange of a spin-0 mediator

- colour-neutral scalar $oldsymbol{\phi}$ or pseudoscalar particle a
- parameters: $m(\phi/a)$, $m(\chi)$, g_{χ} , and the flavour-universal g_q coupling that multiplies the SM-Yukawa coupling to obtain the mediator coupling to fermions
 - ⇒ Minimal Flavour Violation, allows to be compatible with precision flavour measurements
 - ⇒ top quark final states
- Minimal width assumed taking into account only couplings and considered particles mass







Top analyses

• Top pair+MET

• ttbar production through spin0 resonance will be very interesting but difficult because interference with SM ttbar, not available, tttt too low number of events



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(pseudo) Scalar, colour-neutral

Limits on the cross-section ratio between signal production and nominal

- $g_{\chi} = g_q = 1$, $m_{\chi} = 1$ GeV (valid for higher mass if decay to DM allowed)
- bbbar and ttbar + MET analyses, and jet+MET



Pseudo-scalar







Model

- 2HDM model (type II) + pseudo-scalar a that couples to DM
- a mixes with the pseudo-scalar partner of SM Higgs boson
- 14 parameters: 5 Higgs masses, DM mass, 3 quartic couplings between scalar doublets and a, y_{χ} coupling between a and DM, EW VEV, ratio of VEV of 2 H doublets, mixing angles
 - hyp: h=SM H, quartic coupling λ =3 for H potential stability, m_A=m_H+=m_H, y_{χ}=1
 - free parameters: ma, mA, $tan\beta$, $sin\theta$ and m_{χ}







Top analyses

• Top pair+MET, 4 top quarks, top + MET



Scenarios:

Scenario 1

1 - (ma, mA) plane

 $\tan\beta=1$, $\sin\theta=0.35$

2 - (ma, tan\beta) plane mA=600 GeV, sin θ =0.35 **3** - sin θ scan m_A=600 (1000) GeV, m_a=200 (350) GeV, tan β =0.5, 1, 50 (0.5, 1)

4 - m_{χ} scan m_A=600 GeV, m_a=250 GeV, tan β =1, sin θ =0.35



Scenario 2





 $Z/\gamma/g/h$

 $b/t/(\chi)$

 $\bar{b}/\bar{t}/(\bar{\chi})$

Scenario 4 - m χ scan with m_A=600 GeV, m_a=250 GeV, tan β =1, sin θ =0.35



View as a function of DM mass

- sensitivity of X+MET analyses independent of m_χ if a can decay in χχ at low m_χ, the region is excluded by Z+MET
- above not enough sensitivity to exclude the parameter space



EFT model of scalar dark energy

EFT implementation of Horndeski theories that introduce a dark energy scalar which couples to gravity

• where T is the energy-momentum tensor corresponding to the SM Lagrangian

for $\mathcal{L}1$, T = m $\psi\psi$ for a Dirac field and is therefore proportional to the mass of the SM fermions \Rightarrow ttbar+MET



• M characteristic energy scale







Conclusion

DM search is a very active field

General searches using simplified models are quite powerful

- Allow to take advantage of the wide analyses sensitivities at LHC to constrain models using the analyses with and without DM particle in the final state
- Common benchmark model defined at DM forum help to focus in interested regions
- Allow to show complementarity between searches at LHC and collider search and direct detection
 experiments

Top quark is an interesting tool in that frame

• in almost all the cases studied and in particular with the presence of a (pseudo)scalar mediator

No signal so far

• next steps: full run 2 statistics to analyse, improved analyses









TO GO FURTHER...



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g FCNC, colored charged scalar

Stop decays in top + MET, or similarly to top unless compressed scenario R-parity conservation ⇒ stop produced by pair Top quarks found also in gluinos decays



Collider Search: where does top quark join in ?

Supersymmetry

Greesble

Naturalness requires SUSY to have « light » stop (~TeV)



Scenario 3: $\sin\theta$ scan with $\tan\beta=0.5$, 1, 50 (0.5, 1)

m_a=200 GeV, m_A=600 GeV

m_a=350 GeV, m_A=1000 GeV





$a \rightarrow ttbar allowed$

