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Dark Matter Searches at the LHC

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A recent paper has interpreted the GW190521 signal, detected with the LIGO and Virgo detectors, as being a merger of two Proca stars composed of a vector boson with a mass of the order 10^{-13} eV. This particle can be considered as a dark matter candidate. The Higgs Characterization model can be used to produce a similar particle, and consequently simulate its detection at the LHC.

In this talk, I will first briefly introduce the history and known properties of dark matter, then explain how a particle physics model can be made to include dark matter particles and how these would be detected at the LHC. Finally, I will outline how I will be simulating these detections in my master's thesis project.

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