Search for Dark Matter Produced in Association with a Resonant Bottom-Quark Pair

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Standard Model (SM)



Higgs boson origin of mass

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Describes the fundamental forces that regulate the interaction between elementary particles





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Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



- Most powerful accelerator ever built
- Collides protons, accelerating them at ~speed of light
- 27 km in circumference







Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS)



- Very large and complex detector

- It takes a collaboration of ~3000 physicists all around the world to built it and to operate it



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Missing Transverse Momentum (p_T^{miss})

 $p_T^{tot,t0} = 0$

t0: before collision





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 $\overrightarrow{p_T^{tot}} = \sum \overrightarrow{p_T} + \overrightarrow{p_T^{miss}}$

All visible particles

after collision



Experimental Approach



If produced together with a visible object, DM manifest itself as p_T^{miss}







Why at Colliders?

- If DM interacts, it does through a mediator
- At colliders, unique possibility to produce the mediator and measure its properties
 - p_T^{miss} represents the mediator pT
 - Every p_T^{miss} -based DM search is essentially a search for the mediator





Theoretical Interpretation





Presentation of Results (Example)



LHC DM WG, arxiv:1603.04156

Recommendations on presenting LHC searches for missing transverse energy signals using simplified *s*-channel models of dark matter





Our analysis

- First search for dark Higgs boson decaying into a b-quark pair in CMS
- Using full Run-2 dataset (138 fb⁻¹)
- Still ongoing
 - Pre-approved, going for approval

Dark Higgs Model

- Dark Higgs (h_s) is the lightest state in the dark sector
 - Does not decay into DM
- Mixes with the SM Higgs
 - Unstable, decays into "bb"

=> Relic density set primarily by the $DMDM - > h_{s}h_{s}$ annihilation channel

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Event Selection



PFMET > 250 GeV









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AK15 jet









Event Selection



AK15 p_T > 160 GeV 40 GeV < AK15 m_{SD} < 300 GeV DeepAK15 > WP (90% signal eff)

PFMET > 250 GeV

- $\Delta \phi$ (AK4 jets, PFMET) > 0.5
- Δφ(AK15 jets, PFMET) > 1.5
- τ/e/mu/photon veto
- Zero b-tagged AK4 jets outside leading AK15 cone



Features of the Signal





Signal Region Yields

	2016	2017	2018
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	57.6 ± 0.3	72.0 ± 0.3	83.8 ± 0.3
$Z(\rightarrow \ell \ell)$ +jets	56.8 ± 2.2	43.3 ± 2.0	37.1 ± 3.0
QCD multijet	93.3 ± 25.8	154.9 ± 41.7	163.2 ± 64.6
Diboson	718.0 ± 17.5	623.4 ± 17.8	606.4 ± 20.8
Single t	646.0 ± 10.9	567.4 ± 12.5	614.6 ± 12.8
tī	5486.5 ± 199.7	5810.7 ± 60.0	6784.2 ± 133.7
W($\rightarrow \ell \nu$)+jets	3997.8 ± 38.5	2991.0 ± 40.2	2826.6 ± 50.5
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)$ +jets	7514.8 ± 29.2	7035.2 ± 33.3	6978.5 ± 38.8
Total expected	18570.7 ± 208.1	17297.9 ± 92.4	18094.2 ± 163.4
$M_Z 1000 M_{h_c} 130 M_{dm} 150$	684.8 ± 4.1	626.7 ± 3.9	687.2 ± 4.6
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$M_Z 1000 M_{h_s} 130 M_{dm} 1000$	$(1341.2 \pm 6.7) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1005.9 \pm 6.7) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1341.2 \pm 10.1) \times 10^{-1}$



Expected Results



 $\mu_{n\chi} = m_n m_{\rm DM} / (m_n + m_{\rm DM})$

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$$\sigma_{\mathrm{SI}} \simeq 6.9 \times 10^{-41} \mathrm{~cm}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{g_q g_{\mathrm{DM}}}{0.25}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \mathrm{~TeV}}{M_{\mathrm{med}}}\right)^4$$



Summary

- Dark matter is an exciting topic
 - One of the most important open questions in modern physics
 - It is interdisciplinary by construction
- The LHC has a crucial role in the dark matter quest
 - And entire physics program has been built
 - Multiple searches testing different hypotheses in the same broad theoretical framework
 - With similar search strategies and experimental techniques
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Thank you!



