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based on LC, L. Lopez-Honorez, S. Lowette, A. Mariotti, arXiv:1805.04423

Motivation

About 26% of the energy of the universe is due to some Dark Matter

A possibility is that DM is made of WIMPs (weakly-interacting massive particles) that are thermal relics produced in the early universe through the freeze-out mechanism

Direct detection searches (the latest XENON1T) and LHC searches are giving increasingly tight constraints on WIMPs

It is perhaps time to consider *also* alternative paradigms, *e.g.* axion DM or different DM production mechanisms

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Production mechanism for non-thermal (because *feebly-coupled*) Dark Matter Hall et al. '09

DM never in thermal equilibrium with the SM bath, produced via scattering or decays of bath particles (the 'mediators')



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Light DM \longleftrightarrow TeV-scale mediator \longleftrightarrow Displaced decays at the LHC

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Singlet-Doublet model: minimal extension of the Standard Model introducing Higgs- and Z-portal DM-SM interactions

New (Z_2 -odd) fields: a fermion singlet, a vectorlike pair of SU(2) doublets: Mahbubani Senatore '05

$$(\psi_u)_{2,\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^+ \\ \psi^0_u \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (\psi_d)_{2,-\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^0_d \\ \psi^- \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (\psi_s)_{1,0}$$
$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \mu \ \psi_d \cdot \psi_u + y_d \ \psi_d \cdot H \ \psi_s + y_u \ H^{\dagger} \psi_u \ \psi_s + \frac{1}{2} m_s \ \psi_s \psi_s + h.c.$$

Generalisation of the Bino-Higgsino system of the MSSM:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} m_s & \frac{y_d v}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{y_u v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{y_d v}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \mu \\ \frac{y_u v}{\sqrt{2}} & \mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Dark Matter produced by decays of the doublet states (the freeze-in 'mediators'):

$$Y_{\chi_1} = \frac{270M_{Pl}}{(1.66)8\pi^3 g_*^{3/2}} \left(\sum_{B=Z,h} \frac{\Gamma[\chi_3 \to B\chi_1]}{m_{\chi_3}^2} + \sum_{B=Z,h} \frac{\Gamma[\chi_2 \to B\chi_1]}{m_{\chi_2}^2} + g_{\psi} \frac{\Gamma[\psi^+ \to W^+\chi_1]}{m_{\psi}^2} \right)^2$$
$$\Omega_{\chi_1} h^2 \simeq 0.11 \left(\frac{105}{g_*} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{y}{10^{-8}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m_{\chi_1}}{10 \text{ keV}} \right) \left(\frac{700 \text{ GeV}}{\mu} \right)$$



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Doublet states (with m~TeV) abundantly produced at the LHC: $pp \rightarrow \chi_2\chi_3 + X$, $pp \rightarrow \psi^+\psi^- + X$, $pp \rightarrow \chi_{2,3}\psi^{\pm} + X$. Decays give Higgs/Z + MET: $\psi^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} + \chi_{2,3}$, $\chi_{2,3} \rightarrow h/Z + \chi_1$



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LHC signature: displaced vertices with jets and MET (~0 SM background)

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Search for long-lived, massive particles in events with displaced vertices and missing transverse momentum in $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV *pp* collisions with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

A search for long-lived, massive particles predicted by many theories beyond the Standard Model is presented. The search targets final states with large missing transverse momentum and at least one high-mass displaced vertex with five or more tracks, and uses 32.8 fb⁻¹ of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV *pp* collision data collected by the ATLAS detector at the LHC. The observed yield is consistent with the expected background. The results are used to extract 95% CL exclusion limits on the production of long-lived gluinos with masses up to 2.37 TeV and lifetimes of $O(10^{-2})-O(10)$ ns in a simplified model inspired by Split Supersymmetry.

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Recasting a DV+MET search by ATLAS



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Rather general result: it also applies e.g. to Higgsino decaying to gravitino

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Freeze-in Dark Matter is naturally feebly coupled. This implies long-lived mediators that LHC can test FI scenarios via exotic (and virtually background-free) signatures

LHC searches for displaced vertices set non-trivial constrains on the FI regime of our model. Nice interplay with cosmology/astrophysics!

Dedicated searches for heavy particles with displaced decays to Z and h and missing energy would increase the LHC sensitivity

Long-lived particles are a general consequence of the freeze-in mechanism Similar studies can be done to test other FI models with LHC data

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Ευχαριστώ!