# Probing Light Dark Matter at the LHC

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dark sectors

#### This talk

- Dark matter part of a rich TeV NP scenario.
  - Search for SUSY dark matter, and measure its properties (Highlight challenges).
- Connection between collider searches and direct detection, focusing on light dark matter.
  - Effective operator.
  - Searching for the mediator.
- Signals from new model extensions. (brief)

# Search for SUSY dark matter

#### Discovering dark matter:

- DM candidate embedded in an extended TeV new physics scenario, such as SUSY.



Other new physics scenarios (extra-dim, compositeness...) similar.

#### Could be challenging to identify.

- For example: the "well tempered" scenario. Nearly degenerate NLSP and LSP.

N.Arkani-Hamed, A. Delgado, G. Giudice, hep-ph/0601041



See also, S. Gori, P. Sechwaller, C. Wagner, 1103.4138

#### LHC prospect for well tempered DM



- ▷ soft leptons  $\leftrightarrow$  well tempered, long term.
- No light gluino or squark, very hard.
  - ▶ VBF, Drell-Yan.

#### In general, hard to interpret.



- After the discovery, we can derive some basic properties, such as whether the new particles are colored or not, whether they decay to leptons, and so on.
- Many possible interpretations.

Degeneracies! Quantum number, mass, spin... For example: in supersymmetry, bino vs wino, squark vs gluino... Arkani-Hamed, Kane, Thaler, and Wang, JHEP 0608:070,2006.

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  Difficult task, but accomplishable.

## Probing light dark matter, collider searches in connection with direct detection

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- DM of "Typical" scenarios: SUSY LSP, ...

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- Collider searches provide stronger bounds/potential

#### Basic channel

- Pair production + additional radiation.





- Large Standard Model background, about 10 times the signal.
- Very challenging.

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#### Recent studies.

- I. Beltran, Hooper, Kolb, Krusberg, Tait, 1002.4137
- 2. Goodman, Ibe, Rajaraman, Shepherd, Tait, Yu, 1005.1286
- 3. Bai, Fox, Harnik, 1005.3797
- 4. Goodman, Ibe, Rajaraman, Shepherd, Tait, Yu, 1008.1783
- 5. Goodman, Ibe, Rajaraman, Shepherd, Tait, Yu, 1009.0008
- 6. Fox, Harnik, Kopp, Tsai, 1103.0240
- 7. Fortin, Tait, 1103.3289
- 8. Cheung, Tseng, Yuan, 1104.5329
- 9. Fox, Harnik, Kopp, Tsai, 1109.4398
- 10. Goodman, Shepherd, 1111.2359

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For small  $m_X$ ,

collider rates controlled by larger mass scales, i.e.,  $p_T$  cut; does not depend on  $m_X$ .

Collider bounds flat and stronger.

#### More recently



Fox, Harnik, Kopp, and Tsai, 1109.4398

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Moreover, the mediator itself should be within reach!

The dependence on the mass of the mediator has been explored in: 1105.3797, 1103.0240, 1111.2359

#### Mediator, two typical examples.



N= Ar, Ge, Xe, ...

#### - $\phi$ =Higgs

- g<sub>SM</sub>≈(100 MeV)/(100 GeV)
- ▶  $m_x \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$

▷ 
$$\sigma_n \approx 10^{-43} - 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

Φ=100 GeV spin-1, D=dirac
 fermion

▷ 
$$\sigma_n \approx 10^{-36} - 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$





SUSY, typically Higgs mediated.

#### Case study: a spin-1 Z'

Xiang-Dong. Ji, Haipeng An, LTW in progress

$$\mathcal{L} = Z'_{\mu} [\bar{q}(g_{Z'}\gamma^{\mu} + g_{Z'5}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5)q + \bar{X}(g_D\gamma^{\mu} + g_{D5}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5)X]$$

Only couples to SM quarks and DM.











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#### Operators for direct detection

_	Operator	Structure	DM-nucleon Cross Section
$O_1$	$\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}N\bar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\chi$	SI, MI	$\frac{9g_{Z'}^2g_D^2M_N^2M_\chi^2}{\pi M_{Z'}^4(M_N+M_\chi)^2}$
$O_2$	$ar{N}\gamma^{\mu}Nar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5\chi$	SI, MD $\propto \Delta \vec{p}_N \cdot \Delta \vec{s}_{\chi}$ , $(\sigma_{\chi})$	$\frac{g_{Z'}^2 g_{D5}^2 M_N^4 M_\chi^2 v^2}{\pi M_{Z'}^4 (M_N + M_\chi)^4}$
$O_3$	$\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5 N\bar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\chi$	SD, MD $\propto \Delta \vec{s}_N \cdot \Delta \vec{p}_{\chi}$	$\frac{g_{Z'5}^2 g_D^2 M_N^2 M_\chi^2 [(M_N + M_\chi)^2 + 2M_N^2] v^2}{2\pi M_{Z'}^4 (M_N + M_\chi)^4}$
$O_4$	$\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5 N\bar{\chi}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5\chi$	SD, MI $\propto \Delta s_N \cdot \Delta s_\chi$	$\frac{3g_{Z'5}^2g_{D5}^2M_N^2M_\chi^2}{\pi M_{Z'}^4(M_N+M_\chi)^2}$

#### Operators for direct detection



#### Will also show results for O<sub>4</sub>

#### Monojet search



- Tevatron. CDF 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>, MET>80 GeV.

#### - LHC. ATLAS 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

LowPT	Selection requires $\not\!\!E_T > 120 \text{ GeV}$ , one jet $p_T(j_1) > 120 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta(j_1)  < 2$ ,
	events are vetoed if they contain a second jet with $p_T(j_2) > 30 \text{ GeV}$
	and $ \eta(j_2)  < 4.5$ .
HighPT	Selection requires $\not\!\!\!E_T > 220 \text{ GeV}, p_T(j_1) > 250 \text{ GeV},  \eta(j_1)  < 2,$
	events are vetoed if there is a second jet with $p_T(j_2) > 60 \text{ GeV}$
	or $\Delta \phi(j_2, \not\!\!E_T) < 0.5$ and $ \eta(j_2)  < 4.5$ .
	Any further jets with $ \eta(j_3)  < 4.5$ must have $p_T(j_3) < 30$ GeV.
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#### Limits and reaches: monojet+MET



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#### Spin dependent

Dashed: Tevatron I fb<sup>-1</sup>, MET > 80 GeV, CDF, PRL 101, 2008 Solid: LHC, 7 TeV I fb<sup>-1</sup> Very High PT



M<sub>Z</sub><sup>`</sup> = 100 GeV, 300 GeV, 500 GeV, 1 TeV, 1.5 TeV

#### LHC reach in monojet+MET.



More scenarios are under study. Xiangdong Ji, Haipeng An, LTW, appearing soon.

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#### Di-jet resonance searches.

We could, and should, search for the mediator directly!

- Resonance searches.
  - ▶ ATLAS: 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> 1108.6311
  - ▷ CMS: 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> 1107.4771
  - ▷ CDF: Phys. Rev. D79 (2009).
- Compositeness.
  - ▷ CMS 36 pb<sup>-1</sup>: Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011)
  - Dzero: Phys. Rev. Lett. 103 (2009)

#### Combining di-jet with monojet





Varying  $y=(g_D/g_{Z'})$ 



# Signals from new model extensions

### Dark light Higgs

- NMSSM near PQ limit.
  - ▷ Very light GeV- 10 GeV scalars.
  - Singlino-like light dark matter. Large  $\sigma_{SI}$ .



hiding Higgs?

#### CDM embedded in a dark sector?



- Dark force, suppressed couplings to the SM.
- Force carriers part of the dark sector, expected to be light.
  - Direct detection rate could still be significant.

#### Small Z' mass.



#### Very light Z' -> Lepton Jets

- Decay of the dark photon arising from a heavier particle (Z boson, MSSM LSP) leads to a highly



- Arkani-Hamed, Weiner 0810.0714;
- Baumgart, Cheung, Ruderman, LTW, Yavin 0901.0283; Cheung, Ruderman, LTW, Yavin 0909.0290

#### Conclusion.

- One of the most exciting opportunities:
  Discovering the WIMP dark matter and measuring its properties.
- LHC will play a crucial role in this pursuit.
- Multiple aspects and approaches.
  - Search for "conventional" CDM.
  - More "model independent" searches.
  - Alternative models with distinct signatures.



#### TeV dark matter: WIMP miracle.





Freeze out: dropping out of thermal eq.

Stronger coupling, lower abundance.

- If dark matter is
  - ▶ Weakly interacting:  $g_D \sim 0.1$
  - ▷ Weakscale: M<sub>D</sub> ~ 10s GeV TeV
  - ▶ We get the right relic abundance of dark matter.
- A major hint of TeV scale new physics.
  - ▷ We can produce and study them at the LHC!

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 No universally applicable method. Different strategies will be used in different scenarios. A review: LTW and Yavin, arXiv:0802.2726
 More information of the signal, masses and underlying processes, is crucial.

## For the dark sector and back.

- Dark matter self-interaction, mediated by

 $A_{\mu}^{\text{dark}}, m_{A^{\text{dark}}} \sim (100 \text{s MeV} - \text{GeV})$ 



#### DM interpretation of the exces

Arkani-Hamed, Finkbeiner, Slatyer, Weiner 0810.0713 Arkani-Hamed, Weiner 0810.0714 also see Pospelov, Ritz, Voloshin 0711.4866

#### Supersymmetric dark force

- Most natural way of generating the GeV scale.
- Spectacular signal.
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