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# Searches for dark matter with the ATLAS detector



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LUX, Panda-X Picasso...

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- Rich DM searches with ATLAS:
  - Search for the mediator
  - Search for recoiling DM (X+MET)
  - Search for the DM with Higgs acting as the mediator (decays to invisible) and Dark Higgs recoil against DM



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### ATLAS detector







### DM models

- Based on 2HDM models:
  - Another extended Higgs sector
  - Two Higgs doublet model with charged heavy Higgs (H<sup>±</sup>)
- Quick aside on 2HDM models
  - Additional pseudo scalar mediator to DM (a) or vector Z'
  - Couplings prioritize third generation and signatures with vector and Higgs boson
- Dark Higgs sector introduced (discussed later)

Z'-2HDM

2HDM+a





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Simplified model with minimal number of free parameters

- An energetic jet and missing transverse momentum (MET)
  - ► MET > 200 GeV
  - ▶ p<sub>T</sub>(j<sub>1</sub>) > 150 GeV
  - ▶  $| \eta^{j1} | < 2.4$



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- Results obtained by a binned profile likelihood fit to p<sub>T</sub><sup>recoil</sup> from SR + 5CR simultaneously

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- Results interpreted
  - Imit on the m<sub>med</sub> and m<sub>X</sub>





vector mediator model



### Comparison

mono-jet

mono-photon

mono-Z



(Assuming no couplings to leptons, slightly different if allow)

### The Higgs and the dark matter



### VBF+MET

- Higgs-boson decays can potentially be invisible
  - acts as a "portal" between SM and DM
- VBF Higgs-boson production:
  - two jets that point in forward direction
  - combined with a large missing transverse momentum
  - a unique signature and most sensitive





#### Upper limit on VBF $H \rightarrow inv. BR (95\% CL)$

Results	Expected	Observed
130 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 13TeV	13%	13%
Previous (36 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 13TeV)	28%	37%

• Limit on  $H \rightarrow$  inv. obtained



#### ATLAS-CONF-2020-008

### VBF+MET+photon

#### arXiv:2109.00925



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Results	Expected	Observed
$H \rightarrow inv. + \gamma$	34%	37%
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma_{d}$	1.7%	1.8%



Simplified model and 2HDM+a interpretations



- ► Transverse mass distribution (m<sub>T</sub>) is used in the maximum-likelihood fits
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# Z(II) + MET

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Also Higgs portal interpretation





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### $H \rightarrow inv.$ combination

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- Combining with ttH and VBF
- More results such as Z(II)+MET, VBF+photon to be added



- ► ATLAS Run 1 + Run 2 result: Br( H→ inv. ) < 0.11 ( 0.11 )</p>
- Translated to spin-independent DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross-section limit

Single top

Z+HF

Data

SM Vh



Ge/

800

- Largest BR for Higgs decays
- Event selection based on Higgs boost:



### MonoH $\rightarrow$ bb









Z'-2HDM







 $\tan\beta=1$ 

 $tan\beta=1$ 

 $\tan\beta=10$ 

### MonoH $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Z'-2HDM model as same as the previous ( + other models )
- Clean signature: 2 photons
- ► A BDT trained with pTYY and SMET
  - High MET ( > 150 GeV ) and Low MET separately



Z'-2HDM

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### 2HDM+a Combination

- Statistical combination of H(bb)+MET and Z(II)+MET
- Most sensitive searches updated to full Run-2 luminosity
- Significant complementarity from different channels



### Dark Higgs MonoS → VV

- A dark Higgs (S) decays into VV
- Mass of new scalar S > 160 GeV to guarantee the high BR
- Utilize hadronic decay of W or Z
- S → VV reconstructed with:
  - Track Assisted Reclustered (TAR) jets to improve jet mass and substructure resolution



Four prong required



### Summary & Outlook

- Various DM searches performed with ATLAS
  - The mediator search
    - Dijet and Dilepton
  - Search for the recoiling DM
    - Jet/photon + MET
    - ► Z(II) + MET
  - Search with the Higgs boson
    - ► monoH(bb)
    - ► monoH(γγ)
    - ► monoS(VV)



More interpretations and more final states expected

eg. monoS(bb) + monoS(WW-lep)

Though we are still in the darkness, however more interesting results expected from the up-coming LHC Run-3, HL-LHC and the FCC

