Simplified Models for Dark Matter Searches



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Dark Matter Searches

A New Era in the Quest for Dark Matter, G. Bertone and T. Tait, arXiv:1810.01668



Figure 1. Visualization of possible solutions to the dark matter problem.

Dark Matter Thermal Relic Density

 Although DM historically discovered in galactic (galaxy clusters) scales, cosmological observations suggest that DM is non-baryonic, stable, cold, gravitationally interacting!



✓ Thermal relic density (Planck Observation)

 $\Omega_{\rm DM} h^2 = 0.1198 \pm 0.00015$

$$\langle \sigma \nu \rangle$$
 = 3 x 10 ⁻²⁶ cm³ s⁻¹

Particle Dark Matter Searches

HESS, HAWC, VERITAS, MAGIC, IceCube,... PAMELA, FERMI, CALET, DAMPE, AMS, ...

+ KM3NeT



CMS and ATLAS

Particle Dark Matter Searches



CMS and ATLAS

Indirect Detection of Dark Matter

SM

DM

DM

AMS-02

Fermi-LAT

e⁺, p,

Decays and hadronization of q, g, l, W, Z, b... SM

KM3NeT

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AMS-02 DM Interpretations

Towards Understanding the Origin of Cosmic-Ray Positrons, Phy. Rev. Let. 122, 041102 (2019)



DM Searches and Interpretations



Korsmeier et al., 1711.08465

Coogan&Profumo, PRD 96 (2017)

In AMS-02 6 anti-He³ and 2 anti-He⁴ event candidates. The event rate is ~ 1 anti-He for 10⁸ He.

Limits on Annihilation Cross Section

- Scrutinizing the evidence for dark matter in cosmic-ray antiprotons, A. Cuoco et al., 2019, arXiv: 1903.01472
- A Robust Excess in the Cosmic-Ray Antiproton Spectrum: Implications for Annihilating Dark Matter, D. Hooper et al., 2019, arXiv:1903.02549



AMS \overline{p} data interpretation (NFW halo profile)

Simplified Models for DM Searches

Dark Matter Benchmark Models for Early LHC Run-2 Searches: Report of the ATLAS/CMS Dark Matter Forum, arXiv:1507.00966



Simplified Models

- ✓ Interaction between the Dark Matter and SM is characterized by a mediator with minimal set of parameters e.g. Dark Matter mass (m_{DM}), Mediator mass (m_{med}), couplings.
- ✓ Simplified models are widely used in interpretations of the LHC Dark Matter searches.
- ✓ Allows for comparison of different search methods in one framework!
- ✓ Benchmark models used in this studies are **scalar** and **vector** mediators.

Indirect DM Detection: Annihilation



Indirect DM Detection



Kinematically all possible final states!

Generation Process



Thermal Relic Density



Annihilation Energy Spectra: bb

Vector Mediator, M_{DM} = 100 GeV, M_{Med} = 100 GeV, g_{DM} =1





Annihilation Energy Spectra



 M_{DM} = 100 GeV, M_{Med} = 100 GeV, g_{DM} =1

Annihilation Energy Spectra



 M_{DM} = 1 TeV, M_{Med} = 2 TeV, g_{DM} = 1

Complementarity of Searches

ATLAS and CMS Summary Plots



- ✓ LHC probes better low DM masses and if mediator is on-shell produced
- ✓ Direct Detection is more competitive for high DM masses
- ✓ What about Indirect Detection (and KM3NeT sensitivity)?

Summary and Outlook

- A new analysis framework with Simplified Dark Matter Models for Indirect DM searches specifically for low energies is being developed.
- Full parameter scan is necessary in order define the allowed parameter space (masses, couplings etc.). Constraints from LHC and the other experiments can be taken into account.
- Complementarity and comparison of different search techniques (Collider, Direct and Indirect Detection) can be verified for given benchmark models.

New approaches will be promising to be more sensitive in DM searches and to better understand the origin of observed astrophysical excesses!