Search for dark matter produced in association with bottom or top quarks with the ATLAS detector

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Introduction

- I will present the results of a search for dark matter produced in association with bottom or top quarks with the ATLAS detector detailing:
 - Motivation
 - Signal models & characteristic signatures
 - Backgrounds & background estimation strategy
 - Signal region results
 - Limits and interpretation
 - Current status of the analysis
 - Ongoing improvements
 - Summary and Conclusions

Motivation

- evidence for dark matter (DM):
 - Galactic Rotation Curves
 - Cosmic Microwave Background
 - Galactic Clusters

 - etc...

Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) are possible DM candidates

 can then search for WIMP pair production in pp collisions







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Theoretical Motivation

- Proposed simplified benchmark models assume existence of SM-DM mediator.
 - replacing effective field theories used in Run 1
- assume minimal flavour violation → interaction between new neutral spin-0 state and SM ∝ fermion masses via Yukawa-type couplings
- large production of colour neutral mediators :
 - through loop induced gluon fusion
 - in a association with heavy flavour quarks
- search for DM in association with b and t quarks
- define:
 - SM \leftrightarrow DM-mediator coupling = g_{ν}
 - DM-mediator \leftrightarrow DM coupling = g_{χ}
- set g_ν = g_χ = g
- set g = 1



bb Signatures

- signatures:
 - $b\bar{b}$ with associated production of dark matter scalar/pseudoscalar mediator ϕ/a (DM $b\bar{b}$)
 - colour charged scalar mediator decaying into a *b*-quark and a DM candidate (*b*-FDM)
- signatures characterised by:
 - high missing transverse momentum (MET)
 - b-jets (1 or 2 at leading order)



$t\bar{t}$ Signatures

- signatures:
 - $t\bar{t}$ with associated production of dark matter scalar/pseudoscalar mediator ϕ/a where the *t*-quarks decay:
 - fully hadronically (DMttol)
 - fully leptonically $(DMt\bar{t}2l)$
- signatures characterised by:
 - high missing transverse momentum (MET)
 - b-jet multiplicity (at least 2 at leading order)
 - leptons (DMtt
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 2l only)

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Analysis Strategy

- define signal regions which are regions of phase-space that are expected to be high in signal with as little background contamination as possible
- use a combination of Monte Carlo (MC) simulated data and a strategy of 'control regions' and 'validation regions' to estimate and validate background contributions in signal regions
- use MC simulated data to estimate the contribution of DM signal in signal regions
- place limits on DM↔SM couplings based on the difference between the observed data and MC simulated data



Background Estimation Strategy

define a control region (CR) per background that is:

- kinematically similar to the signal region (SR)
- orthogonal to SR
- dominant in a particular background
- then fit the background to the data in that CR
- define a validation region (VR) per background that is:
 - also kinematically similar to SR
 - closer to SR than CR
 - orthogonal to both CR and SR
- apply µ_{bkg} in VR as test
- apply in SR
- this can then be done for several CRs simultaneously to estimate several backgrounds in SR
- main advantage of CR strategy is to reduce the impact of systematic uncertainties in SRs



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Backgrounds

• Z+jets :



- o dominant for: DMbb and b-FDM
- t:



- subsubdominant for: $DMb\bar{b}$ and b-FDM
- fakes (from jets, leptons produced in hadron decays and photon conversion): subsubdominant for DMt*ī*2l

• $t\bar{t}$:



- dominant for $DMt\bar{t}0l$ and $DMt\bar{t}2l$
- subdominant for: $DMb\bar{b}$ and b-FDM

• $t\bar{t}Z$:



• subdominant for DMttol and DMtt2l

Control & Validation Region Post-fit Results

• all VRs yield data consistent with MC within at least 2σ (mostly $< 1\sigma$)



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DMbb & b-FDM Results

- SRb1 signal region optimised for *b*-FDM
- SRb2 signal region optimised for DMbb
- data compatible with predictions
- excesses seen, but always within 1.3σ
- first ATLAS Results on $b\bar{b} + \phi/a!$
- errors in table are statistical+systematic

	SRb1	SRb2-bin1	SRb2-bin2	SRb2-bin3	SRb2-bin4
Observed	19	88	88	90	82
Total background (fit)	16.9 ± 3.3	77 ± 13	72 ± 11	76 ± 13	66.4 ± 9.1
Z/γ^* + jets	14.2 ± 3.1	39.7 ± 6.3	44.4 ± 6.6	53.3 ± 9.9	55.6 ± 8.6
tī	$0.58^{+0.60}_{-0.58}$	17.8 ± 6.5	13.8 ± 5.5	14.0 ± 4.7	7.0 ± 2.9
Single top quark	$0.25^{+0.42}_{-0.25}$	14.7 ± 5.8	10.2 ± 3.7	5.5 ± 3.1	2.6 ± 1.7
Others	2.0 ± 1.1	5.2 ± 3.4	$3.4^{+1.7}_{-1.6}$	2.7 ± 1.1	1.3 ± 1.0
Z/γ^* + jets (pre-fit)	12.1	30.6	34.2	41.1	42.8
tī (pre-fit)	-	27.1	21.1	21.4	10.6
Signal benchmarks					
$m(\phi, \chi) = (20, 1) \text{ GeV}, g = 1$		0.238 ± 0.085	0.262 ± 0.079	0.320 ± 0.082	0.277 ± 0.080
$m(a, \chi) = (20, 1) \text{ GeV}, g = 1$		0.256 ± 0.065	0.199 ± 0.060	0.308 ± 0.085	0.267 ± 0.067
$m(\phi_b, \chi) = (1000, 35) \text{ GeV}$	18.6 ± 3.8				

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$DMt\bar{t}0l$ & $DMt\bar{t}2l$ Results

- SRt1 & SRt2 signal regions optimised for low high mediator mass DMttol models respectively
- SRt3 signal region optimised for DMtt2l
- excesses seen again, but always within 1.3σ
- errors in table are statistical+systematic

	SRt1	SRt2	SRt3
Observed	23	24	18
Total background (fit)	20.5 ± 5.8	20.4 ± 2.9	15.2 ± 4.3
tī	7.0 ± 3.9	3.1 ± 1.3	4.5 ± 2.5
tī+Z	4.3 ± 1.1	6.9 ± 1.4	4.4 ± 1.9
W+jets	3.3 ± 2.6	1.28 ± 0.50	incl. in Fakes/NP
Wt	incl. in Others	incl. in Others	0.33+0.53
Z/γ^* + jets	3.7 ± 1.4	6.2 ± 1.1	incl. in Others
VV	incl. in Others	incl. in Others	0.61 ± 0.25
Fakes/NP	-	-	2.7 ± 1.3
Others	2.2 ± 1.2	3.00 ± 1.6	2.69 ± 0.93
tī (pre-fit)	6.1	2.8	4.0
$t\bar{t}+Z$ (pre-fit)	3.53	5.6	5.6
Z/γ^* + jets (pre-fit)	3.2	5.72	-
Signal benchmarks			
$m(\phi, \chi) = (20, 1) \text{ GeV}, g = 1$	9.3 ± 1.6	12.8 ± 1.9	21.0 ± 2.3
$m(a, \chi) = (20, 1) \text{ GeV}, g = 1$	7.6 ± 1.5	12.1 ± 1.8	14.1 ± 1.6
$m(\phi, \chi) = (100, 1) \text{ GeV}, g = 1$	6.5 ± 1.3	10.1 ± 1.5	11.5 ± 1.5
$m(a, \chi) = (100, 1) \text{ GeV}, g = 1$	6.2 ± 1.2	11.5 ± 2.0	11.9 ± 1.5



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Limits

• most stringent limits on $t\bar{t} + \phi/a$

• limits for on shell $t\bar{t}+\phi/a$ decays constant for $m_{\phi}<100$ GeV

• SRT3 excludes excludes g = 1 for scalar mediator masses < 50 GeV

 for bottom-like signal regions, limits set of ~300x production x-sec for mediator mass between 10 and 50 GeV



Limits

- model-independent limits on production x-sec of colour-neutral scalar mediator particles converted to limit on spin-independent DM-nucleon scattering
- the results can then be compared with the results from direct-detection experiments
- SRt3 places the most stringent limit and so is used here





 for a DM particle of ~ 35 GeV, as suggested by Fermi-LAT Collaboration, mediator masses below 1.1_TeV are excluded at 95% CL

- DM $b\bar{b}$ and 'sbottom' (supersymmetric partner to the bottom quark) signals both have leading order final states containing 2 *b*-jets and E_T^{miss} and so are performed in the same framework under 'bbMET'
- DM $t\bar{t}$ and 'stop' (supersymmetric partner to the top quark) signals both have leading order final states containing at least 2 *b*-jets and E_T^{miss} therefore:
 - DM $t\bar{t}0l$ and stop 0I are performed in the same framework => ttMET0I
 - DM $t\bar{t}2l$ and stop 2I are performed in the same framework => ttMET2I
- *b*-FDM models have fallen out of favour due constraints placed by astrophysical observations
- currently in R&D stage of full Run2 ($\sim 150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) bbMET paper

Ongoing Improvements

- BDTs
 - improve background discrimination in signal regions



- increased luminosity
 - $36fb^{-1} \to 139fb^{-1}$
- soft b-tagging
 - improve sensitivity in regions with a small mass splitting
 - b-tagging on track jets
 - secondary Vertex Tagging



Particle flow Jets

- improved energy resolution
- lower fake rate



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Conclusions

- limits placed on dark-matter pair production in association with bottom or top quarks
- results interpreted in framework of simplified models of spin-0 mediators to the dark sector decaying into pairs of DM particles
- no significant excesses observed
- mediator masses between 10 and 50 GeV excluded at 95% CL
- 300 times the nominal x-sec limit placed for scalar and pseudoscalar mediator masses between 10 and 50 GeV in bottom-quark final states
- *b*-FDM constraints exclude $m_{\phi} < 1.1$ TeV for $m_{\chi} = 35$ GeV

Backup

- $\Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}) = \Delta \phi$ between missing energy and any jet
- H_{T3} = scalar sum of jet momenta excluding leading and subleading jets

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$$\delta^+ = |\Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}) + \Delta \phi_{bb} - \pi$$

- $\delta^- = \Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}) \Delta \phi_{bb}$
- $m_{R=0.8}^{jet \ 1,2}$ = mass of leading and subleading jet with R=0.8
- $m_{R=1.2}^{jet \ 1,2}$ = mass of leading and subleading jet with R=1.2
- $m_{T}^{b,mathrmmin}$ = transverse mass of \vec{p}_{T}^{miss} and b jet with smallest ΔR to it • $m_{T}^{b,mathrmmax}$ = transverse mass of \vec{p}_{T}^{miss} and b jet with largest ΔR to it
- ΔR_{bb} = angular distance between the 2 b jets
- m_{T2}^{ll} = "stransverse mass". kinematic variable with an endpoint at the *W*-boson mass. Link

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$$cos^*(bb) = |tanh(\frac{\Delta\eta_{bb}}{2})|$$

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Control Region Definitions

CRTb2, CRTt1 and CRTt2:

- to estimate tt
- tight 1 lepton regions in SRb2, SRt1 and SRt2
- CRZt1, CRZt2, CRZb1 and CRZb2:
 - to estimate $Z \rightarrow \nu \nu$ in all SRs
 - 2 same flavour opposite sign leptons with invariant mass ~Z mass
- CRγ and CR3I (SRT3)
 - to estimate $t\bar{t}Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)$ in SRt1, SRT2 and SRT3
 - CR γ requires $p_{T\gamma} > m_Z$ to imitate $t\bar{t}Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)$
 - CR3Ì maker use of Z → l⁺l[−] and semi-leptonic tt

Observable	CRZb1	CRZb2	CRZt1 CRZt2	CRTb2	CRTt1 CRTt2	CRTt3	$CR\gamma$	$CR3\ell$
Trigger	1ℓ	1ℓ	1ℓ	1ℓ	E_{T}^{miss}	2ℓ	1γ	2ℓ
\mathcal{N}_{i}	≥ 2	2-3	≥ 4	2-3	≥ 3	≥ 1	≥ 4	$\ge 3 \ge 4$
N_b	≥ 1	≥ 2	≥ 2	≥ 2	≥ 2	≥ 1	≥ 2	≥ 2 or $= 1$
N_{ℓ}^{T}	= 2 (§	SFOS)	= 2 (SFOS)	= 1	= 1	-	= 1	
N_{ℓ}^{M}	-	-	-	-	-	= 2 (OS)	-	3 (1 SFOS)
N _τ	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	
N_{γ}		-				= 1		
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	< 120	< 60	< 50	> 180	> 250	-	-	-
$E_{T,\ell\ell}^{miss}$ [GeV]	> 300	> 120	> 160	-	-	-	-	> 80
$p_T(\gamma)$ [GeV]	-	-	-	-	0	-	> 150	-
$p_T(\ell_1), p_T(\ell_2)$ [GeV]	> 30, > 25	> 30, > 25	> 28, > 28	> 30, -	> 28, -	> 25, 20	> 28	> 25, > 20
Multi-jet rejection specific	as	SR	no		as SR		no	as SR
m_T [GeV]	-	-	-	> 30	[30-100]	-	-	> 30
$\Delta R_{b\ell}^{\min}$ [rad]	-	-	-	-	< 1.0 < 1.5	-	-	-
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $ [GeV]	< 20	< 30	< 5	-	-	as SR	-	< 10
$\Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_{T,H}^{miss})$ [rad]	> 0.6	-			-		-	-
Hratio	-	> 0	-	as SR	-	-		-
$\delta_{\ell\ell}^{-}, \delta_{\ell\ell}^{+}$ [rad]	-	< 1, < 0.5	-	as SR	-	-	-	-
$m_{R=SR}^{\text{jet 0}}$ [GeV]	-	-	> 60 > 60	-	> 60 > 140	-		-
$m_{B=SB}^{\text{jet 1}}$ [GeV]	-	-	-	-	> 60 > 80	-	-	-
$m_T^{b,\min}$ [GeV]	-	-	-	-	> 100	-		
$m_T^{b,max}$ [GeV]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$m_{T,\ell\ell}^{b,\min}$ [GeV]	-	-	- > 100	-	-	-	-	-
$m_{T,\ell\ell}^{b,max}$ [GeV]	-	-	> 100 -	-	-	-		
ΔR_{bb}	-	-	0	-	1.5	-		-
$E_{Tr ss}^{miss, sig} \left[\sqrt{GeV} \right]$	-	-	- > 6	-	-	-		-
ξ^+ [GeV]	-	-	-	-	-	< 150	-	
min [GeV]	-	-				< 170		
\mathcal{E}_{ts}^+ [GeV]	-	-	-	-	-	-		> 120
m ^{min} _{2bf} [GeV]	-	-	-	-	-	-		< 170

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Validation Region Definitions

- SRb2 backgrounds validated in VRb2
- SRt1 and SRt2:
 - top background estimated in VRTt1 and VRTt2
 - Z background estimated in VRZt1 and VRZt2
- SRt3 top background validated in SRT3

Observable	VRb2	VRZt1 VRZt2	VRTt1 VRTt2	VRTt3
Trigger	E_{T}^{miss}	$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	$2\mu 2e 1e1\mu$
\mathcal{N}_{j}	2-3	≥ 4	≥ 4	≥ 1
\mathcal{N}_{b}	≥ 2	≥ 2	≥ 2	≥ 1
N_{ℓ}		a	s SR	
τ multiplicity	-	-	0	-
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ [GeV]	> 180	> 250	> 300	-
$p_{\rm T}(j_1, j_2)$ [GeV]	> 150, > 20	> 80, > 80	> 80, > 80	> 30,-
$p_T(j_3, j_4)$ [GeV]	< 60,-	> 40, > 40	> 40, > 40	-
$p_T(bj_1)$ [GeV]	> 150	> 20	> 20	> 30
$p_{\rm T}(\ell_1, \ell_2) [{\rm GeV}]$	-	-	-	> 25, 20
Multi-jet rejection		a	s SR	
$ m_{\ell\ell}^{SF} - m_Z $ [GeV]	-	-	-	> 20
δ^{-}, δ^{+} [rad]	< 0, > 0.5	-	-	-
$m_{R=SR}^{\text{jet 0}}$ [GeV]	-	< 80 < 140	> 80 > 140	-
$m_{\rm R=SR}^{\rm jet \ 1} \ [{ m GeV}]$	-	-	> 40 > 50	-
$m_{\rm T}^{b,{ m min}}$ [GeV]	-	> 150	(80, 150) $(100, 200)$	-
$m_{\rm T}^{b,{ m max}}$ [GeV]	-	> 250 -	> 200 -	-
ΔR_{bb}	-	< 1.5	> 0.8 > 1.0	-
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss, \ sig} \left[\sqrt{GeV}\right]$	-	> 12 -	- > 10	-
$\xi^+, m_{b2\ell}^{\min}, m_{T2}^{\ell \ell} [\text{GeV}]$	-	-	-	as SR
$\Delta \phi_{\text{boost}}$ [rad]	-	-	-	> 1.5

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DMbb & b-FDM Definitions

- some common requirements:
 - passes E_{T}^{miss} trigger
 - minimum requirement on $\Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_{T}^{miss})$ to reduce multi-jet contamination
 - at least 1 b-tagged jet
- SRb1 signal region optimised for b-FDM models require:
 - very high $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ requirement
 - upper limit on scalar sum of jet momenta excluding leading and subleading jets (H_{T3}) required to reduce $t\bar{t}$ background.
- SRb2 signal region optimised for DMbb models require:
 - at least 2 b-tagged jets
 - 2 or 3 jets only and $rac{p_{\mathrm{T}}(j_{1})}{H_{\mathrm{T}}} = H_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{ratio}} < 100$ to reduce $t\bar{t}$ background
 - δ^+ & δ^- take advantage of azimuthal separations between $\Delta \phi(bb)$ and $\Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_{T}^{miss})$ to discriminate signal from irreducible $Z(\nu\bar{\nu}) + b\bar{b}$ background

Observable	SRb1	SRb2			
Trigger	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$				
\mathcal{N}_{j}	≥ 2	2 or 3			
$\mathcal{N}_{b_{a}}^{\mathrm{T}}$	≥ 1	≥ 2			
$\mathcal{N}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{B}}$		0			
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ [GeV]	> 650	> 180			
$p_{\rm T}(bj_1)$ [GeV]	> 160	> 150			
$p_{\rm T}(j_1) \; [{\rm GeV}]$	> 160	> 150			
$p_{\rm T}(j_2) \; [{\rm GeV}]$	> 160	> 20			
$p_{\rm T}(j_3) \; [{\rm GeV}]$	-	< 60			
$H_{\rm T3} \ [{\rm GeV}]$	< 100	-			
$H_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{ratio}}$	-	> 0.75			
δ^{-} [rad]	-	< 0			
δ^+ [rad]	-	< 0.5			
Multi-jet rejection specific					
$\Delta \phi(\mathbf{j}, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})$ [rad]	> 0.6	> 0.4			
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$DMt\bar{t}0l$ & $DMt\bar{t}2l$ Definitions

- SRt1 & SRt2 signal regions optimised for low mediator mass ($m_{\phi/a} < 100 \text{ GeV}$) and high mediator mass ($100 \text{ GeV} < m_{\phi/a} < 250 \text{ GeV}$) DM $t\bar{t}0l$ models respectively and require:
 - passes $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ trigger
 - at least 4 jets, 2 of which of b-jets
 - $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 300 \, {\rm GeV}$
 - several requirements on composite jet/E^{miss} variables to reduce multi-jet contamination
 - cuts on $m_{R=0.8}^{jet 1,2}$, $m_{R=1.2}^{jet 1,2}$, $m_{T}^{b,min}$, $m_{T}^{b,max}$ and ΔR_{bb} discriminate DM signal from background (variables defined in backup)
- SRt3 signal region optimised for DMtt
 2l models require:
 - 2 opposite sign leptons
 - at least 1 b-tagged jet
 - 'stransverse mass' (m^{ll}_{T2}) used as main background discriminant. This is a kinematic variable with an endpoint at the W-boson mass and so can be used to classify events with 2 Ws (Link)

Observable	SRt1	SRt2	SRt3
Trigger	$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$		2ℓ
\mathcal{N}_i	2	4	≥ 1
\mathcal{N}_{b}^{M}	2	2	≥ 1
\mathcal{N}_{ℓ}^{B}		0	-
\mathcal{N}_{ℓ}^{M}		-	2 OS
N_{τ}		0	-
E_{T}^{miss} [GeV]	>	300	
$p_{T}(bj_{1})$ [GeV]	>	20	> 30
$p_{\rm T}(j_1, j_2)$ [GeV]	> 8	0,80	> 30
$p_{\rm T}(j_3, j_4)$ [GeV]	> 4	0, 40	-
$p_T(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ [GeV]	-		> 25, 20
$m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	-		> 20
$ m_{\ell\ell}^{SF}-m_Z $ [GeV]	-		> 20
$m_{\rm R=0.8}^{\rm jet\ 1,2}$ [GeV]	> 80, 80	-	-
$m_{R=1.2}^{\text{jet } 1,2}$ [GeV]	-	> 140,80	-
$m_T^{b,min}$ [GeV]	> 150	> 200	-
$m_T^{b,max}$ [GeV]	> 250		-
ΔR_{bb}	> 1.5	> 1.5	-
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss, \ sig} \ [\sqrt{GeV}]$	-	> 12	-
$\Delta \phi_{\text{boost}}$ [rad]		-	< 0.8
$m_{h2\ell}^{\min}$ [GeV]		-	< 170
ξ^+ [GeV]		-	> 170
$m_{T2}^{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	-		> 100
Multi-jet rejection specific			
$\Delta \phi(j, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$ [rad]	> 0.4		-
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss, track}$ [GeV]	> 30		-
$\Delta \phi(\vec{p}_{T}^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_{T}^{\text{miss,track}})$ [rad]	$< \pi/3$		-

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