

#### Light Dark Matter 2017

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# Low Mass Dark Sector Searches at ATLAS and at CMS





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## Introduction



- This talk will highlight the latest results on `light' hidden sector (dark sector), present in many models of new physics.
- These models contain new particles, which give rise to unique signatures at colliders when the mass scale in the hidden sector could be below a TeV.

- The experimental results beautiful fit in Standard Model (SM) framework...
- ...but some mysteries are still opened and need physics beyond the SM to be solved!



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## Light Dark Candidate Search

The final topologies are very challenging! Base ingredients are required to perform the analysis and get a result:

- Well performing collider + efficient & precise multipurpose detectors (ATLAS & CMS).
- A choice of a search topology (several topologies for one phenomenon are possible and vice versa: several phenomena could be searched for in a given topology).
- Trigger: Triggers (L1 and HLT) developed ad-hoc for many signatures.
- Physics objects: definition, performance, validation, time stability etc. It is done for all analyses, but some searches need custom objects (long-lived, monopoles ...).

Claim discovery if statistically significant excess is found or, if not, interpret the result in term of constraints on selected models.



## Dark / Hidden Sector Example



- The hidden sector can be simple (e.g., a single U(1)dark) or more complicated, involving dark QCD sector / dark hadronization, dark matter candidates, etc.
- Only a few allowed ways the hidden sector and the SM can talk to each other, and many of them yield rich, unconventional signatures at the LHC
- But unconventional means significant customization and non-standard methods

#### This involves inspiring the detector to do things it wasn't designed to do

# Dark Photons in Lepton Jets (LJ)

#### Low-mass dark photons can be produced via cascade decays of heavier states

Benchmark models predicting Higgs boson or heavy scalar particle decays to neutral long-lived particles (dark photons  $\gamma_d \gamma_d$  of 0.4 GeV Mass each), which in turn produce:

 collimated jets of light leptons and mesons, so-called "lepton-jets"

The Low-mass of the Dark Photon produces:

- -> large boost
- -> collimated decay products

Dark photon lifetime depends on the size of kinetic mixing  $\varepsilon$ : small  $\varepsilon \rightarrow$  displaced decays

Leptonic decays prominent over wide (low) mass range. The dark photons and two LJs are expected to be produced back-to-back in the azimuthal plane.



# Displaced Lepton Jets (LJ)



- Selection: dedicated trigger to select these states. Different selections depending on the LJ type.
  - Collimated final-state particles difficult to reconstruct (detector granularity)
  - Tracks with displaced decay vertices difficult to reconstruct (no primary vertex constraint)
- Background: Cosmics events (impact parameter and timing as discriminating variables), machine background, multi-jets (ABCD method)
- Main Uncertainty: Trigger, reconstruction efficiency

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### Limits on LJ searches



FRVZ model	$m_{\rm H}~({ m GeV})$	Excluded $c\tau$ [mm]
Higgs $\rightarrow 2\gamma_{\rm d} + X$	125	$2.2 \le \mathrm{c}\tau \le 111.3$
Higgs $\rightarrow 4\gamma_{\rm d} + X$	800	$3.8 \le c\tau \le 163.0$
Higgs $\rightarrow 2\gamma_{\rm d} + X$	125	$0.6 \le c\tau \le 63$
Higgs $\rightarrow 4\gamma_{\rm d} + X$	800	$0.8 \le c\tau \le 186$

- The 95% upper limits on the σ×BR for the FRVZ 125 GeV Higgs and heavy scalar of 800 GeV.
  - Higgs →  $2\gamma d+X$  and Higgs →  $4\gamma d+X$ benchmark models as a function of the  $\gamma_d$ lifetime (c  $\tau$ ).
  - Results on prompt-lepton jet on 13 TeV will be released soon.



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### **Dark Matter Interpretation**

Run 1: JHEP 11 (2014) 088 JHEP 1602 (2016) 062



### CMS-PAS-HIG-16-035 Light Bosons Decaying into Muon Pairs

- This analysis searches for new light bosons with a mass in the range 0.25-8.5 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>decaying into muon pairs.
- The results are interpreted in the context of two benchmark models, namely, the nextto-minimal supersymmetric standard model, and dark SUSY models including those predicting a non-negligible light boson lifetime.

#### **Event Identification:**

main background is bb events. Background is modelled as a two dimensional (2D) template bb (m1, m2) in the plane of the invariant masses of the two dimuons in the selected events, where (1) always refers to the dimuon containing a muon with pT > 17 GeV/c and  $|\eta| < 0.9$ .



 $H \rightarrow aa(ss) \rightarrow 4SM (or 2SM+X)$ 

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m<sub>μμ</sub> (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)

m<sub>μμ</sub> (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)

3

**ID** template

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#### CMS-PAS-HIG-16-035

#### **Multi-Muons Limits**



The 95% CL upper limits as functions of mh<sub>1</sub> and ma<sub>1</sub> for the NMSSM case with  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow 2a + X) \times BR^2(a \rightarrow 2\mu)$ .



### **Multi-Muons Limits**



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## Hidden Valley Models: Displaced Jets



- Search for neutral, long-lived particles produced from heavy-scalar decays decaying into displaced fermions.
- A schematic showing the Φ→ss decay used as the benchmark model. Due to their Yukawa coupling with the Φ, the s decay primarily to heavy fermion pairs (Hidden Valley Models).
- This analysis explores signature, where a neutral LLP decays in the hadronic calorimeter. This would yield to an atypical jet with no tracks in the inner tracker and would deposit little or no energy in the electromagnetic calorimeter.
- There are searches for decays in the ID and/or MS, in ATLAS (under review 13 TeV analysis).



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### **Event Selection**

- Selection: dedicated trigger to select displaced decays.
  - Cut on Log<sub>10</sub>(E<sub>Had</sub>/E<sub>Em</sub>)
  - Isolation wrt inner tracks
  - Cuts on Jet pt
- BDT to improve the identification of the two displaced jets.
- Background: Cosmics events (timing and event variables such as MHT/HT and dPhi between the two calRatio jet as discriminating variables), machine background BIB, QCD jets (ABCD method)
- Main Uncertainty: ABCD method estimate





jet width



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### **Excluding Limits**

 The observed 95% CL upper limits on the σ × BR for the signal samples with different φ and s masses



#### PAS EXO-16-003

#### Search for new particles decaying to displaced jets

- An inclusive search for long-lived particles decaying to various combinations of jets and leptons. The analysis exploits the information about jets with the information from reconstructed tracks, in particular the transverse impact parameter (discriminate the displaced-jets signal from the background of ordinary multijet).
- The analysis exploits two customised topological trigger algorithms and an offline displaced-jet tagging algorithm.
- The multiplicity of displaced jets is used to search for the presence of a signal with a proper lifetime between 1 mm and 1000 mm.

Jet-Jet: X0, a neutral scalar particle of 50-1500 GeV, decays in qq. BLepton: squarks pairs, each decays in b quark and lepton (each flavour identified)



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# Final Limits on Different Jet Flavour

 No excess above the predicted background is found, upper limits are set at 95% confidence level on the production cross section for resonances decaying to two jets or to a lepton and b quark.

$N_{tags}$	Expected	Observed
2	$1.09\pm0.16$	1
$\geq 3$	$(4.9 \pm 1.0)  imes 10^{-4}$	0

**BLepton**: Pair-produced long-lived R-parity violating top squarks lighter than 550-1130 GeV are excluded, depending on their lifetime and decay mode. CMS Preliminary 2.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV) 104 σ x BR<sup>2</sup> upper limit 95% CL [fb] Exp. Limit ± 1 σ<sub>exp</sub> Obs. Limit 10<sup>3</sup> m;=300 GeV m;=1000 GeV  $\sigma_{\rm NLO+NLL}\, {\rm \widetilde{t}}\, {\rm \widetilde{t}}^\star$ 10<sup>2</sup> m;=300 GeV - m;=600 GeV 10 --- m;=800 GeV **B-Lepton** - m=1000 GeV  $10^{2}$ 10  $c\tau_0 [mm]$ ducc



JET-JET: cross sections larger than 1.2 fb (2.5 fb) are excluded for proper lifetimes of 50 mm (70-100 mm).



### Conclusions

LHC joins the DM pursuit, pushing high energy physics into new territory and presenting an unprecedented opportunity to probe the realm of new physics in the TeV region.

 Presented new results using 13 TeV dataset collected so far by ATLAS and CMS

- Large increase in sensitivity from the Run 1 results
- But no significant deviation observed yet
- Exploitation of the 13 TeV dataset has just started, can still hope for surprises.
- Taking in mind that there will be HL-LHC where the possibilities to discover new DM candidates will increase a lot!

# A Look to the Future: HL-LHC



BACKUP

Events / bin

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10<sup>2</sup>

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### Light Bosons Decaying in Multi Leptons

- Three searches for decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson to pairs of lighter scalars or pseudoscalars.
- Two other analyses focus on masses large enough that the decay products are well separated from each other, and below half of the Higgs boson mass. The results of these searches are interpreted in the 2HDM and 2HDM+S contexts.

 $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\tau$ 

$$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2b$$
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CMS-HIG-16-015

$$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$$
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 $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\mu$  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\tau$ 

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# Final Limits on Different Topologies

- Expected and observed 95% CL exclusion limits or various exotic h boson decay searches performed with data collected at 8 TeV.
- The branching fractions of the pseudoscalar boson to muons, ττ leptons and b quarks follow:





# U(I) Models



### **Long-Lived Particle Displaced objects**



## Long-Lived Particles

Several new physics models could give raise to new, massive particles with long-lifetime.

- Long-lived charginos in AMSB model: disappearing tracks
- If very heavy squarks mediate gluinos decay (strong virtuality): Long-lived gluinos, R-hadrons (eg. Split SUSY)
- If NLSP-gravitino GMSB couplings are weak: long-lived sleptons
- R-Parity Violation (RPV) LSP decay: Displaced vertex
- Higgs decay to hidden-sector neutral particles: lepton-jets and displaced vertex

Experimentally very diverse, depending on particles' properties:

- Life time, charge, decays
- Highly ionising (dE/dx)
- Slow (Time-of-flight)
- Out-of-Time (wrt collision) decay
- Highly displaced vertices
- Kinked tracks
- Disappearing tracks
- High lepton multiplicity (lepton-jets)



## A window to the Future: HL-LHC

Run 1

30 fb<sup>-1</sup>

The target integrated luminosity for the HL-LHC program is about 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>. An ultimate performance of the accelerator along with upgrade on the detector layout.



- Search for charginos and neutralinos in final states with one lepton and two b-jets.
- Resonant Higgs boson pair production in the bbb<sup>-</sup> b<sup>-</sup> final state. Cross-section limit increased by a factor 2.
- Dijet resonance searches:
  - q\* from 4 TeV to 8 TeV
  - QBH from 5 TeV to 10 TeV
- Soon long-lived particles results.



# **Exploring New Physics**

### Strategy for new physics searches (for example, in the case of Higgs boson):

- Indirectly, by looking for non-standard properties of light Higgs (spin, CP, couplings...)
- Directly, by explicit search for BSM objects
  - additional Higgs bosons (neutral and charged, decays to SM particles,..)
  - Higgs boson decays to BSM states (light scalar resonances, invisible decays,..)
- In the case of direct searches, define selection based on signal signatures/ acceptance and background kinematics
- Comparisons provided for specific models, but usually possible to constrain additional models



### **Displaced Jets: Full Cut Flow**

Requirement	Data main	SM multi-jets MC	$m_{\phi} = 600 \ GeV;$	Data BIB	Data cosmic rays
			$m_{\rm s} = 150~GeV$		
Events passing the trigger	$548600\pm740$	$404000 \pm 27000$	25.7%	100%	100%
$\geq 2$ clean jets	$421800\pm650$	$197000 \pm 19000$	22.1%	38.3%	21%
$jet_{1,2}^{CalRatio}$ clean	$23860 \pm 150$	$900\pm440$	7.21%	6.67%	7.28%
$\Delta \phi > 0.75$	$17590 \pm 130$	$600 \pm 350$	6.85%	0.86%	3.38%
-3 < time < 15	$16180 \pm 130$	$600\pm350$	6.84%	0.35%	1.10%
$H_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}/H_{\mathrm{T}} < 0.3$	$14880 \pm 120$	$600\pm350$	6.09%	0.30%	0.25%
$\sum \Delta R_{\min} > 0.5$	$9500\pm97$	$500\pm 330$	6.08%	0.14%	0.25%
$\overline{BDT}$ value(jet <sub>1</sub> <sup>CalRatio</sup> ) > 0.2	$8190\pm91$	$500\pm 330$	5.95%	0.09%	0.25%
BDT value(jet <sub>2</sub> <sup>CalRatio</sup> ) > $-0.2$	$4890\pm70$	$300\pm260$	5.93%	0.06%	0.25%
$p_{\rm T,1} > 150 \ GeV$	$330 \pm 18$	$0\pm 0$	5.31%	0.005%	0%
$p_{\rm T,2} > 120 \ GeV$	$110\pm10$	$0\pm 0$	4.27%	0.001%	0%
region A:					
$\sum \Delta R_{\min} > 1.5$	$60 \pm 8.0$	$0\pm 0$	3.73%	0%	0%
$\overline{\sum}$ BDT > 0.15	$24\pm4.9$	$0\pm 0$	3.57%	0%	0%

Mass Point (GeV, GeV)	JES (%)	JES EMF $(\%)$	JER (%)	Trigger $(\%)$	Pile-up (%)	Luminosity (%)
(400, 150)	3.3	14	0.43	2.3	4.0	2.1
(600, 150)	1.5	5.4	0.40	1.5	0.56	2.1
(1000, 150)	0.51	1.8	0.05	1.0	2.0	2.1

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## Signal Event: topology and selection

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LJ type	Selection requirement	Requirement description
Type 0/1	$z_0$ limits	an impact parameter $ z_0  < 280$ mm for both muons of the LJ
Type $1/2$	jet timing $\Delta t_{\text{Calo}}$	remove jets outside the $\pm 4$ ns time window
Type2	tile-gap scint.	max energy in tile-gap scintillators $\leq 10\%$ of the jet energy
Type2	EM fraction	EM fraction of the jet $< 0.1$
Type2	jet width	W < 0.058
Type2	JVT	JVT variable $\leq 0.56$
Type2	BIB	use BIB tagging to remove fake jets from beam-halo muons
Type 0/1	no-CB	all muons of the LJ to be non-combined ("no-CB")

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