Unlocking the CMS Experiment to Catch Long-lived Particles



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Long-lived Particles in SM



SM great example of fundamental laws giving rise to LLP

LHC and LLPs

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- How to unlock CMS' full LLP discovery reach?
- How far can we extend the mass and lifetime?

CMS Plays a Crucial Role on LLPs

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- CMS was doing well for $c\tau < 1m$ and $m_{LLP} > 50$ GeV
- Enabled by precision tracker: displaced jets

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- Goal: close coverage gaps and extend CMS reach
- Strategy: Enable a large $c\tau$ and light LLP searches

Long-lived Particles in CMS





LLP Experimental Considerations





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Key detector feature: reconstruction of displaced tracks and SV







- Most sensitive analysis at $c\tau$
 - ~few cm







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- Most sensitive analysis at cτ
 ~few cm
- Peak sensitivity determined by tracker acceptance
- Clear drop in acceptance at lower mediator masses
 - Main limitation: high threshold HT triggers

Calorimeters



EXO-21-014 & EXO-19-001



Key feature: Lack of associated tracks and precision timing

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Search strategy: count number of displaced ("tagged") jets

EXO-21-014



Long-lived neutralinos (χ) excluded up to 1 TeV at $c\tau$ ~1m





Peak sensitivity at $c\tau$ ~1m: complementary to tracker-based

Muon System



CMS Simulation Supplementary



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 Large shielding against backgrounds: 12-27 nuclear interaction lengths

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 Opportunity to extend discovery reach at large lifetimes (> ~few meters)

Search for LLPs in Muon System

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→ LLP (s) decay

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LLP decays in MS → shower

Muon System acts as sampling calorimeter



Sensitive to a broad range of LLP decays



LLP Signature in Muon System



First time this signature is explored at the LHC

- LLPs that decay in the muons system leave a signature of:
 - Large cluster of hits in the muon chambers
- Muon system acts as a sampling calorimeter (new)



Muon Detector Shower (MDS) Efficiency

EXO-21-008

Muon system acts as a **sampling calorimeter**



- High cluster reconstruction up to 80-90%
- Dependence on LLP decay position

Muon Detector Shower (MDS) Efficiency

EXO-21-008

Muon system acts as a **sampling calorimeter**



- Strong dependence on decay position (Z)
- Highly correlated with amount of steel in front of CSC

MDS Search Strategy

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Search strategy: look for high-multiplicity MDS

MDS Search Results





MDS Search Results Best sensitivity at BR(H→SS) ~ 10-3 !!



ENABLED CMS LLP sensitivity
 to larger cτ

EXO-21-008

- Access to light LLPs (< 3 GeV)
 - Sensitivity to all masses
 - Calorimeter: sensitive to LLP energy

world-best results for cτ > 25 m

Muon System Enables Broad LLP Reach



- Strong reach when LLPs are light critical to have sensitivity to all decay modes
- Strong reach for elusive LLPs decay to SM taus. Enables sensitivity unexplored BSM : e.g LL SUSY staus, heavy neutral lepton (HNL)



Heavy Neutral Leptons using MDS

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MDS HEPData Publication

- HEPData is a great tool to allow reinterpretation of CMS results
- Digitized figures and additional material such as signal efficiencies
- HEPData for EXO-20-015 allows to reinterpret in many BSM models

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Abstract A search for long-lived particles (LLPs) produced in decays of standard model (SM) Higgs bosons is presented. The data sample consists of 137 fb ⁻¹ of proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, recorded at the LHC in 2016-2018. A novel technique is employed to reconstruct decays of LLPs in the endcap muon detectors. The search is sensitive to a broad range of LLP decay modes and to masses as low as a few GeV. No excess of events above the SM background is observed. The most stringent limits to date on the branching fraction of the Higgs boson to LLPs subsequently decaying to quarks and $\tau^+\tau^-$ are found for proper decay lengths greater than 6, 20, and 40 m, for LLP masses of 7, 15, and 40 GeV, respectively.		>	Quantile c $ au$ [m]	-2 σ 95% CL upp	-1 σ er limit on B(H	Median expected → SS)	+1 <i>o</i>	+2 <i>σ</i>	Observed	Visualize			
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First Results Validation

- Use the dedicated Delphes class/module and implement all cuts applied in the CMS paper
- Use the data and expected background yield in signal region provided in CMS paper
- Validated that the standalone workflow is able to reproduce the limits from the CMS analysis for all 3 decay modes to within 30%



LLP mass = 15 GeV

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Light Scalar (S) Reinterpretation

Long-lived Scalar (S) couple to Higgs



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Very similar to CMS main interpretation



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Light Scalar (S) Reinterpretation

- Mixing angle (θ) controls the scalar lifetime
- Exclusion obtain at 1% Br($h \rightarrow$ SS): fixes production cross section × BR
- Scalar mass controls the decay mode and affects the acceptance



- Current best sensitivity in a large region of phase space
 - Confirms reach to light LLPs (< 1 GeV) for CMS
- Closing the gap to dedicated LLP experiments

Muon System: Displaced Muons



- Displaced Muons are a powerful signature for LLP
- 2 types of reconstructed muons: tracker muons and standalone muons



Muon System: Displaced Muons

EXO-23-014

- Brand new search using 13.6 TeV (Run3) data
- New optimized trigger using displaced muon signature



Muon System: Displaced Muons

- Best sensitivity for LLPs decaying to a pair of muons
- New triggers enable large sensitivity gain even with 1/3 of the 13 TeV data



Triggers: the new LLP frontier

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- Current L1 trigger have high-threshold: highly detrimental to light LLPs
 - HT > 300 GeV and jet pT > 200 GeV
 - Trigger efficiencies below ~1% for light LLPs
 - No seeds for beyond calorimeter signatures
- Critical need and opportunity for LL Trigger in CMS during Run3 and HL-LHC





New Run3 Triggers: Tracker

Strategy: lowered jet-pT threshold by requiring no prompt-tracks



New Run3 Triggers: delayed jets

Strategy: lowered HT threshold by requiring time delay



New Run3 Triggers: HCAL delayed jets

HCAL Upgrade provides segmentation and timing information



New Run3 Triggers: HCAL delayed jets

Timing and segmentation at L1 (hardware) to trigger LLPs!



New Run3 Triggers: Muon System

Brand new L1 (hardware) trigger using muon detector shower (MDS)



New Run3 Triggers: Muon System

acceptance 10-1 New L1 10⁻² Trigger 10⁻³ 10-4 m, = 15 GeV 10⁻⁵ After MET cut, m _ = 15 GeV 10⁻⁶ 10² 10⁻¹ 10 cτ [m]

Brand new L1 (hardware) trigger using muon detector shower (MDS)

10x LLP signal acceptance gains in Run3!

HL-LHC New Enabler: CMS Track Trigger



- Additional L1 track finder for off-pointing tracks
- New displaced-tracks at L1 provides large gains (>5x) in acceptance
 - Allows to probe rare processes (smaller cross-sections) ~ 10⁻² fb

HL-LHC: The MIP Timing Detector



A Large Scale Precision Detector

HL-LHC: Catching LLPs with MTD

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- Time delay arises due to two possible effects
 - Heavy new states travel at speeds (β) only a fraction of speed of light
 - Additional time delay due to increased path length to reach wrt to SM
- MTD measures the combined effect to discriminate agains SM bkgs

In-flight SUSY

New particle (neutralino) is massive and displaced from interaction point



Neutralino travels slower than speed of light: time-delay Signature: delayed photon

In-flight SUSY

MTD improves beam spot time-spread by 6x



Large gains in decay length ($c\tau$) and mass

Precision Timing Enables ECAL L1 Triggers



- 15% efficiency for @ 10 kHz L1 rate
- 10x improvement over current triggers

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MTD will significantly boost LLP reconstruction by combining multiple time measurements

- Average jet contains 2/3 charged particles
- Time combination important for low-pt jets of Higgs portal models



- MTD critical to achieve realistic HLT rate
- Possible ECAL seeding to MTD @ L1: improve signal efficiency, beam spot resolution, robustness

Outlook

- CMS is advancing LLP frontier now, Run3 and HL-LHC at CMS
- Instrumentation (detector/sensor), trigger, and edge processing (front-end) paradigms are crucial elements for the implementation and improved new physics program with LLPs
- Vertically integrated effort: theory, triggers, analysis, data management, algorithms, and impactful publications
- LLP physics is incredible rich and requires **cutting edge detector R&D** (precision timing & others)
- LLPs at CMS provide an exciting research program ahead of us that could presents us with fundamental discoveries

Thank you!

• Backups

LLP Acceptance in Muon System

Acceptance in muon system peaks at a few meters



LLP mass shifts peak acceptance location

CMS Data Analysis Re-imagined

Current CMS data analysis chain is broken when LLPs are present



LLP Muon System Analysis

- Start with ggH production mode largest cross section
- Trigger on MET (lack of dedicated trigger) recoil of Higgs against ISR
 - For large cτ one of the LLPs will decay outside the calorimeter



CMS Data Analysis Re-imagined



Data analysis chain fixed

- New trigger for LLP in MS; new dedicated LLP triggers (@2022/Run3)
- Re-designed muon system reconstruction to allow LLP-shower signature
- **Designed new data formats** to overcome limited content for LLP searches

LLP with MS: other key selection

Many bkg cluster from OOT interactions

Signal cluster are in-time

Signal: angle between pT_{miss} and cluster position is aligned



Combined 20x bkg rejection power

Background Estimation



- $\Delta \phi$ (cluster, MET) and N_{rechits} are independent
- Validate the method in two separate validation regions

LLP with Muon Systems

Unblinded Results



SR Expected Bkg (post-fit):
 $2.4 \pm 0.9 \text{ (stat) } \pm 1.5 \text{(syst)}$ SR Observed: 3

LLP with Muon Systems

Best sensitivity at BR(H→SS) ~ 10⁻³ !!



- ENABLED CMS LLP sensitivity to larger cτ
- Access to light LLPs (< 15 GeV)
 - Sensitivity to all masses
 - Calorimeter: sensitive to LLP
 energy

New cτ Reach and 100x better sensitivity

Higgs Portal to LLP



- MTD expected to probe BR($H \rightarrow ss$) below 1e-6!
- Caveat: trigger strategy used for the study needs to be optimized

Heavy Stable Charged Particles



- Ionization loss (dE/dx) depends on particles velocity ($\beta \gamma$)
- Heavy new particles travel slowly small $\beta\gamma$
- Large dE/dx expected according to Bethe-Bloch

Heavy Stable Charged Particles





- Precision tracking allows precise momentum (|p|) reconstruction
- Access to dE/dx measurement in silicon $\rightarrow \beta$ measurement
- Mass reconstruction: $|p| + \beta$ measurements from silicon tracker



Heavy Stable Charged Particles



- dE/dx allows for small background level above ~ 800 GeV
- Exciting excess at large dE/dx consistent with heavy HSCP (3.3 σ)
- Timing is critical to unravel nature of the excess


- Precision timing can also measure β TOF particle ID
 - Independent HSCP mass reconstruction!

MTD adds new capabilities to complement/enhance dE/dx

MTD TOF: Heavy Stable Charge Particle

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500 GeV HSCP will typically have delay of 1ns \rightarrow timing @ 100 ps 10 σ bkg rejection

4D reconstruction allows PID and competitive HSCP discovery potential

Precision timing dominates sensitivity for large HSCP masses

MTD TOF: Heavy Stable Charge Particle



Large expected gain in sensitivity with MTD precision timing

Detector Complementarity



- When looking at the nature of an excess MTD TOF has lots to say
- If TOF is not compatible with dE/dx new physics could have Q > 1
- Precision timing provides unique insight to signal properties in case of discovery

Muon System Enables Broad LLP Reach

- Strong reach when LLPs are light below di-muon threshold, target unexplored ee and yy decays
- Strong reach when LLPs decay to SM taus. Enables reach for unexplored SUSY parameter space: e.g LL staus



High Multiplicity Trigger (HMT)

- NEW L1 trigger with MS signature (HMT):
 - NEW L1 seed will provide 20x increase in signal efficiency
 - Will enable completely new search signatures MS-MS, MS-ECAL, MS-Tracker



Muon System Phase-II Upgrade

- Phase-II upgrade will provide significant gains for displaced muon reconstruction
- Improved RPC timing will enable new HSCP trigger
- Phase-II upgrade will enable HMT in DT (Barrel)
 - Will boost acceptance for central LLPs and double LLP searches (peak sensitivity)
 - TMB upgrade (under discussion) will improve HMT(cathode) in Ring2 and Rin3







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ECAL Barrel HL-LHC Upgrade

- PbWO₄ crystals, APDs, mother boards, & overall mechanical structure will not change
- The FE and VFE electronics readout will be replaced:
 - to satisfy the increased trigger latency (up to 12.5 µs) and L1 accept rate (750 kHz) requirements
 - to cope with HL-LHC conditions (increased APD dark current, anomalous APD signals, higher PU)
- VFE maintains similar purpose, but reduce shaping time+ digitization → reduce out-of-time PU contamination, electronics noise and spikes
- FE card becomes streaming readout, moving most processing off-detector



ECAL Barrel HL-LHC Upgrade



ECAL Barrel upgrade achieves **30 ps resolution** for **50 GeV energy deposits**

Hidden Valley Reinterpretation





ullet we treat the η_h lifetime as a free parameter

- we take $Br(\eta_h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma) = 1$ (hard to probe with other searches)
- we assume ρ_h to decay into $\eta_h \eta_h$ to maximize self-veto effects
- we implement the dark shower with Pythia treating η_h as a pion

Diphoton decay sensitivity due to unique signature of this search

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Hidden Valley Reinterpretation

Exciting new possibilities with a model independent search



- CMS Results: Good sensitivity for challenging BSM signature
- Re-intepretation shows importance of double tag search
- Projected Br exclusion at 1e-4 at HL-LHC → NEEDS TRIGGERS!
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EM/Had LLP Efficiency in Muon System

LLP to $\tau\tau$ decays probes EM vs hadronic dependence



- Decays with high-hadron energy fraction resembles s→bb
- Decays with high-EM energy fraction are less penetrating

EM/Had LLP Efficiency in Muon System

- Confirm efficiency to EM decays using LLPs events decaying to ee, γγ, π⁰π⁰
- Confirm efficiency to Hadronic decays using LLPs events decaying to k+k⁻ and π+π⁻



Hidden Valley Reinterpretation

Effect of the Jet veto is explored



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Example: new LLP ideas now

- Trackless jets with precision timing: best sensitivity at cτ ~1m
- Delayed photons with ECAL timing: unique coverage with photon signatures
- New trigger for **HL-LHC**: ECAL timing at 50 ps level





CMS Timing Detector

- Caltech CMS group the leader of this project since 2012 (with FNAL)
- Sustained effort and progress in precision timing R&D



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