Roadmap of Dark Matter models for Run 3 CERN

Is the light neutralino thermal dark matter in the pMSSM ruled out?

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SUSY is a well established and well motivated BSM theory

Provides solutions to many drawbacks of the SM, along with a DM candidate in RPC SUSY

Discovery of the light Higgs boson (~125 GeV) complies with SUSY

The lightest neutralino in RPC MSSM is a well motivated candidate for thermal DM



Annihilations to SM particles only via the *Z* and the light Higgs boson

Contributes to the invisible decay of the Higgs boson



How does this conventional dark matter candidate stand against the recent experimental results?

Are there any gaps which can be focal points for Run-3 of LHC?

The lightest neutralino DM in pMSSM

LSP in RPC SUSY?

Focus on parameter space where the LSP contributes to the invisible decay of SM Higgs Boson Light neutralino, where $M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \lesssim M_h/2$

Dominantly **Bino** due to LEP limit on chargino mass

 $M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}} \gtrsim 103 \,\mathrm{GeV}$

arXiv:hep-ex/0401026

The lightest neutralino DM in pMSSM

* NLSP?

NLSP: Next-to Lightest Supersymmetric Particle

Mostly Higgsino due to strong limits for Wino NLSP

coupling of the LSP with Z and h bosons depends on the Bino, Wino, and Higgsino components in it

$$g_{Z\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} = \frac{g}{2\cos\theta_{W}} \left(|N_{13}|^{2} - |N_{14}|^{2} \right)$$

$$g_{h\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} = -g \left(N_{12} - \tan\theta_{W} N_{11} \right) \left(\sin\alpha N_{13} + \cos\alpha N_{14} \right)$$

$$N_{1i} : i \text{th component in } \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}, \text{ where } \left(\sin\beta N_{14} - \cos\beta N_{13} \right), \ M_{A} \gg M_{Z}$$

$$i = \tilde{B}, \tilde{W}^{0}, \tilde{H}_{u}^{0}, \tilde{H}_{d}^{0}$$

Higgsino component required in the LSP for its coupling to Z and h bosons

The pMSSM parameter space

10 parameters scanned Slepton masses fixed at 2 TeV 1st and 2nd generation squark masses fixed at 5 TeV

 $egin{aligned} M_1 & ext{bino mass} \ M_2 & ext{wino mass} \ \mu & ext{higgsino mass} \ ext{tan}eta & ext{ratio of vevs} \ M_A & ext{pseudoscalar} \ ext{mass} \end{aligned}$

Both $\mu > 0$ and $\mu < 0$ scenarios studied separately



Particle spectrum generated using FeynHiggs 2.18.1













invisible decay of Z-boson from new physics

 $\Gamma_{inv}^{new} < 2 \text{ MeV}$

ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL, Phys. Rept. 427 (2006) 257-454

chargino mass

Higgs constraints

Flavor constraints

 $m_{\chi_1^{\pm}} > 103 \text{ GeV}$ OPAL, EPJC 35, 1–20 (2004)

Dark Matter constraints

Electroweakino searches

cross-section of associated production of neutralinos in final states with jets

 $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0) \times \operatorname{Br}(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + \text{jets})$ $+ \sigma(e^+e^- \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_3^0) \times \operatorname{Br}(\tilde{\chi}_3^0 \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + \text{jets}) < 0.1 \text{ pb}$

OPAL, EPJC 35, 1-20 (2004)







Dark Matter constraints

Electroweakino searches

- ***** Rare processes in SM
- * Might receive contribution from MSSM
- Precise measurement of the branching of these processes constrain the MSSM parameter space



- $3.00 \times 10^{-4} < Br(b \rightarrow s\gamma) < 3.64 \times 10^{-4}$ HFLAV, <u>Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 895 (2017)</u>
- $1.66 \times 10^{-9} < \text{Br}(B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-) < 4.34 \times 10^{-9}$ CMS & LHCb, <u>Nature 522, 68–72 (2015)</u>

 $0.78 < (\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu))_{\text{obs}} / (\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu))_{\text{SM}} < 1.78$ Belle, PRD 82, 071101(R)

Searches at LEP





Dark Matter constraints

Electroweakino searches

observed Higgs boson mass $122 \text{ GeV} < m_h < 128 \text{ GeV}$ FeynHiggs 2.18.1

Higgs signal strength

 $- (Production_{mode} \times Branching_{mode})_{obs}$

 $\mu = \frac{\mu}{(\text{Production}_{\text{mode}} \times \text{Branching}_{\text{mode}})_{\text{SM}}}$

HiggsSignal 2.6.2

invisible decay of the Higgs Boson

 $Br(h \rightarrow invisible) < 0.11$

ATLAS, ATLAS-CONF-2020-052







Higgs constraints



Electroweakino searches

Relic density

Observed relic density of Dark Matter:

 $\Omega_{\rm DM}^{\rm obs} h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.001$ PLANCK collaboration

 $\Omega_{\rm LSP} h^2 \lesssim 0.122$

lf underabundant, multi-component DM











Positive μ



Negative μ

spin-independent DD Limit





h-funnel within the reach of the full LZ data Z-funnel within the reach of Xenon-nT





Impact of LZ dependent on the sign of μ

LZ limits the SI DD cross-section

Both h and H contribute to this

$$\mu > 0 \qquad \qquad \mu < 0 \\ \text{tan}\beta \text{ enhanced} \qquad \mu < 0 \\ \text{when } g_{h\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} < 0 \\ \text{These contributions constructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{interfere for down type quarks} \qquad \text{These contributions destructively} \\ \text{These contributions dest$$

Even for same $g_{h\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ coupling, the SI DD cross-section increases for $\mu > 0$ and decreases for $\mu < 0$ for high tan β

(scaled with the relic density)

Relic density depends on $g_{Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ in Z-funnel and $g_{h \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ in h-funnel

Allowed points in $\mu < 0$ with light higgsinos

A few words on the parameter space scan...

Random scan over the parameter space Tune M_1 such that $M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ is within $\frac{M_Z}{2} \pm 5$ GeV and $\frac{M_h^2}{M_h^2} \pm 3 \text{ GeV}$

Scanned over 3×10^8 parameter space points

Dedicated scans:
(A) high values of |µ| (≈ 800 GeV) with low tan β (≈ 10) in the h funnel of both positive and negative µ,
(B) low values of |µ| (≈ 200 GeV) in both the Z and h funnels of negative µ

Roadmap of light neutralino DM for Run-3



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Heavy higgsinos

Benchmarks (mass parameters in GeV)				$M_h[\Delta_{M_h}^{FH}]$ [GeV]	$\sigma_{SI} \times \xi \times 10^{-10} \text{ [pb]}$
$\mu > 0$	<i>h</i> -funnel	BP1	$ \begin{aligned} M_t &= 173.21, \ M_1 = 62.5, \ M_2 = 2000, \ \mu = 1000, \ \tan\beta = 5, \ M_A = 3000, \\ M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} &= 10000, \ M_{\tilde{t}_R} = 10000, \ M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 10000, \ A_t = 10000, \ M_3 = 3000 \end{aligned} $	$125.38 \ [\pm 0.97]$	0.151
	Z-funnel	BP2	$M_t = 173.21, M_1 = 44, M_2 = 2000, \mu = -124, \tan\beta = 5, M_A = 3000, M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} = 10000, M_{\tilde{t}_R} = 10000, M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 10000, A_t = 10000, M_3 = 3000$	$125.88 \ [\pm 0.96]$	7.46×10^{-4}
$\mu < 0$	h_funnol	BP3	$ \begin{split} M_t &= 173.21, \ M_1 = 68, \ M_2 = 2000, \ \mu = -150, \ \tan\beta = 50, \ M_A = 3000, \\ M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} &= 5000, \ M_{\tilde{t}_R} = 5000, \ M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 5000, \ A_t = -5000, \ M_3 = 3000 \end{split} $	$125.67 \ [\pm 0.63]$	0.143
		BP4	$M_t = 173.21, M_1 =, M_2 = 2000, \mu = -1000, \tan\beta = 4.5, M_A = 3000, M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} = 10000, M_{\tilde{t}_R} = 10000, M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 10000, A_t = 10000, M_3 = 3000$	$125.15 \ [\pm 0.99]$	0.150

- Hadronic decay channels of the W and Z bosons more sensitive than the leptonic ones
- The current ATLAS result for the hadronic final state excludes higgsinos below 850 GeV
- Assuming that the upper limit on the cross-section improves by a factor of $\sqrt{\mathscr{L}}$ with increasing luminosity \mathscr{L} ,
 - O Run-3 will be able to probe higgsinos up to a mass of 900-925 GeV
 O HL-LHC will further increase the sensitivity to ~ 1100 GeV

Roadmap of light neutralino DM for Run-3



Light higgsinos

1.0

0.8

R-value 9.0

0.4

0.2

0.0L 125

130

135

140

Light higgsinos still allowed by electroweakino searches?

Light higgsinos survive in the region where

 $M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}/\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_3^0} - M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \approx M_Z$

 μ < 0, Z funnel, Allowed points

150

155

160

145

 $M_{\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}}$ [GeV]



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exactly three leptons satisfying $p_T > 25,25,20$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$, a veto on *b*-jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$.

Background	Cross section [pb]	Generated using	Total generated
lll u	0.4684×1.2	MadGraph 2.7.3	9.98×10^6
WZ, leptonic, $2j$ matched	1.253×1.2	MadGraph 2.7.3	4.97×10^6
ZZ, leptonic, $2j$ matched	0.1186×1.2	MadGraph 2.7.3	1.25×10^6
$t\bar{t}$, leptonic	55.36×1.74	MadGraph 2.7.3	6×10^7
VVV, inclusive	0.2678×1.2	MadGraph 2.7.3	2.5×10^6
Wh, inclusive	1.504 [104]	Pythia8.306	5×10^6
Zh, inclusive	0.883[104]	Pythia8.306	5×10^6
ggF $h \to ZZ$, leptonic	0.0137	Pythia8.306	5×10^6
VBF $h \to ZZ$, leptonic	0.00115	Pythia8.306	5×10^6
$t\bar{t}h$, inclusive	0.6113[104]	Pythia8.306	5×10^6
$t\bar{t}W$, leptonic	0.01387×1.22	MadGraph 2.7.3	2.5×10^6
$t\bar{t}Z$, leptonic	0.00644×1.23	MadGraph 2.7.3	2.5×10^6

XGBOOST analysis

Final state: 3I+METVetoBP2No SFOS pair of leptons $|M_{ll} - M_Z| < 10 \text{ GeV}$ off-shell Z boson

- Transverse momenta (p_T) of the three leptons
- Transverse mass (M_T) and contransverse mass (M_{CT}) of each of the three leptons with the $\not\!\!\!E_T$
- Minimum and maximum values of ΔR between opposite sign lepton pairs along with their $\Delta \eta$ values
- \bullet Invariant mass of the opposite sign lepton pairs with minimum and maximum ΔR
- Missing transverse momentum
- Number of jets in the event with the p_T of the two leading jets
- Scalar sum of p_T of all the jets in the event (H_T)
- Invariant mass of the three leptons

Following are the hyperparameters of the XGBOOST model:

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- Transverse momenta (p_T) of the three leptons
- Transverse mass (M_T) and contransverse mass (M_{CT}) of the lepton, which is not part of the SFOS pair of leptons, with the $\not\!\!E_T$
- ΔR and $\Delta \eta$ between the SFOS lepton pair
- $\Delta \phi$ and $\Delta \eta$ between the SFOS lepton pair system and the unpaired lepton
- $\Delta\phi$ between the SFOS lepton pair system and ${\not\!\!\! E}_{\rm T}$
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Light higgsinos - our analysis

Number of events for $\mathcal{L} = 137 \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$			BP3
	lll u	205.6	_
	WZ, leptonic, $2j$ matched	_	46.7
	ZZ, leptonic, $2j$ matched	14.7	5.8
	$t\bar{t}$, leptonic	677.6	21.8
	VVV, inclusive	13.0	2.3
Backgrounds	Wh, inclusive	46.5	1.4
	Zh, inclusive	7.4	1.4
	ggF $h \to ZZ$, leptonic	2.2	0.002
	VBF $h \to ZZ$, leptonic	0.2	6.0×10^{-4}
	$t\bar{t}h$, inclusive	8.2	0.3
	$t\bar{t}W$, leptonic	9.2	0.5
	$t\bar{t}Z$, leptonic	2.5	1.0
	Total	987.1	81.2
Signal			112.1
Significance with 20% systematic uncertainty		3.1	4.5
Significance with 50% systematic uncertainty			1.98

Could be probed with upcoming analyses of the Run-2 data which have not yet been implemented in SModelS or in the Run-3 of LHC

Experimental collaborations need to focus on this region of light higgsinos to provide a conclusive statement about their present status.

Roadmap of light neutralino DM for Run-3



Light staus



Impact on relic density



Impact on electroweakino search results at LHC



Stau benchmarks for Run-3

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	<i>h</i> -funnel	BP6	$M_t = 173.21, \ M_1 = 68, \ M_2 = 2000, \ \mu = -150, \ \tan\beta = 50, \ M_A = 3000, \ M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} = M_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 5000, \ A_t = -5000, \ M_3 = 3000, \ M_{\tilde{e}_{3R}} = 85$	$125.65[\pm 0.63]$	0.137
$\mu > 0$	Z-funnel	BP7	$M_t = 173.21, \ M_1 = 44, \ M_2 = 2000, \ \mu = 500, \ \tan\beta = 50, \ M_A = 6000, \ M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} = M_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 4500, \ A_t = 4000, \ M_3 = 5000, \ M_{\tilde{e}_{3R}} = 85$	$125.11[\pm 0.99]$	0.095
	<i>h</i> -funnel	BP8	$M_t = 173.21, \ M_1 = 62, \ M_2 = 2000, \ \mu = 500, \ \tan\beta = 20, \ M_A = 6000, \ M_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} = M_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 4500, \ A_t = 4000, \ M_3 = 5000, \ M_{\tilde{e}_{3R}} = 150$	$124.77[\pm 0.97]$	0.152

τ -enriched final states

We perform a similar analysis like the 3l+MET, including the hadronic decays of the tau leptons

BP5 and BP6: can be probed with our analysis at the Run-3 using 300 fb⁻¹ of data, with a signal significance $\geq 2\sigma$, despite a large systematic uncertainty of 50%.

BP7: if the uncertainty can be brought down to 5%, we can achieve more than 3σ significance
BP8: we require the uncertainty to be around 2% to have 3σ significance.

Roadmap of light neutralino DM for Run-3





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Non-standard cosmology can allow parameter regions which are not possible in the standard cosmology :

can we discriminate between the two from signals in collider and DM experiments?

Back up slides



The *h*-funnel for $\mu > 0$

- $\circ\,$ Heavy higgsino have low values of couplings of LSP with Z and h
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Similar to any Majorana fermion coupled to only \boldsymbol{h}





Tevatron Limit



Beyond the Standard Model physics at the Tevatron, Mario P Giordani 2006 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 53 329