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Dark matter searches at the LHC with the CMS





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DM searches at the LHC – are you serious about this?





Definitely YES !!

1.Additional search tool to DD, significant contributions in different models in the moderate mass region, where there is a severe loss of DD sensitivity

2. A unique opportunity to feel an extended dark sector as opposed to just one DM particle



The long-term LHC search program on DM/DS

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Simplified dark sector, portal approaches











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(Pseudo)scalar dilepton resonance in association with V/ $t\bar{t}$ -pair











Extended dark sector and "full" theories





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MSSM as a natural SUSY



$$\sum_{sons} m^2 - \sum_{fermions} m^2 = M_{SUSY}^2$$
$$M_h^2 \sim g^2 M_{SUSY}^2 \sim M_h^2.$$

 $R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$

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- Natural SUSY: weak-scale supersymmetric masses for neutralino (at least for the lightest two ones), for stops and gluino
- SUSY breaking, soft mass terms ambiguity of spectrum arrangement
- R-parity preserved (RPC SUSY) pair SP production/decays
- Natural DM candidate LSP/gravitino
- Cascade decays up to LPS, hard multijet / SS leptons / 2 gamma ... +

large MET (to reduce SM background)





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GMSB, low scale SSB: a basis

 $(\Phi_i, \overline{\Phi_i}, ..., i = 1, ... N_f)$

messenger sector

physical scalar states :

SM+SP, SUSY

one(two)loop suppressed interactions with MS, soft SP masses, no flavor violation enhancement from soft terms, LSP – gravitino!

Masses are depend on *F*, *M*, *N*

chiral scalar superfield(s), fund. rep. 5+anti-5 (also 10+anti-10) of SU(5) or 16+anti-16 of SO(10) for the GUT group

$$W = \lambda_{ij} \bar{\Phi}_i X \Phi_j$$

tree level interaction goldstino-MS

 $\langle X \rangle = M + \theta^2 F$

$$M_{\Phi \widetilde{\Phi}} \sim (\lambda M)^2 \pm (\lambda F)$$

Χ,

M – SUSY mass scale, F – SSB energy scale !!

 $\delta \alpha_{GUT}^{-1} = -\frac{N}{2\pi} \ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M} \quad N \lesssim 150 / \ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M}$



GMSB SUSY, soft mass terms and universal spectrum

1-loop for gauginos, 2-loops for squarks











SUSY beyond MSSM: <u>low(zero)</u> p_T^{mis} signatures

"natural" mass spectrum



From prompt production to LLP:

1. Stealth SUSY JiJi Fan, Matthew Reece, Joshua T. Ruderman arXiv:1105.5135 [hep-ph] arXiv:1201.4875 [hep-ph] arXiv:1512.05781 [hep-ph] 2. RPV SUSY

Csaba Csaki, Yuval Grossman, and Ben Heidenreich arXiv:1111.1239 [hep-ph]

Stealth SUSY basis

SUSY is natural, low-scale SUSY breaking, hidden sector with (at least) one chiral singlet supefield (R-odd singlino, R-even singlet). LSP – gravitino (GMSB), NLSP decays to gravitino through a hidden sector.

HS states of order the EW scale, states approximately supersymmetric (F << M) – closely degenerated by masses.

Suppression of large missing E_T at the end of decay chain (gravitino assosiated).



Stealth SUSY simplified, prompt/LLP



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Field set: LOSP – gluino, stop, higgsino only The lightest R-odd SUSY particle – gravitino/axino

NLSP neutralino decay width
$$\Gamma(\chi_1^0 \to \gamma \tilde{G}) = \frac{k^2 \kappa_{\gamma} m_{\chi_1^0}^5}{16\pi F^2} = k^2 \kappa_{\gamma} \left(\frac{m_{\chi_1^0}}{100 \text{ GeV}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{100 \text{ TeV}}{\sqrt{F}}\right)^4 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$
NLSP gluino decay width
$$\Gamma(\tilde{g} \to g \tilde{G}) = \frac{m_{\tilde{g}}^5}{48\pi M^2 m_{\tilde{G}}^2} = 1.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{g}}}{250 \text{ GeV}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{G}}}{1 \text{ eV}}\right)^{-2}$$
Typically LLP signatures in a wide parameter space region!! $(c\tau_0 > 8 \text{ mm for F} \sim 10 \text{ GeV})$



Stealth SUSY, gluino pair production, gluino/stop as NLSP



SY \overline{Y} : GMSB-like: messengers in 5, $\overline{5}$ of SU(5), m_S ~ 100 GeV, m_Y ~ TeV – supersymmetric soft masses















Soft Unclustered Energy Patterns (SUEPs)



m_{q_D} < Λ_D , Λ_D << √s arXiv:2403.05311 [hep-ex]
 HV concept, quasi-conformal DS, dark mesons masses much smaller than S mediator mass. S charged under both SU(3) and SU(3)_D
 Spherically symmetric FS distributions, high multiplicity of soft PS
 Boltzmann distr. for pseudoscalar p_T, depending on T_D (Λ_D) and m_φ
 Decay φ → γ_Dy_D, → SM FS trough γ - γ_D mixing, prompt decays











Summary and outlook on DM searches



- ✓ Wide variety and an extensive list of analyses on DM and hidden sector at CMS
- ✓ Still no signals of new DM particles/mediator
- Further development of an analysis (scouting triggers, new signatures like semivisible jets, novel prompt/LLP reconstruction algorithms) and related theory/simplified model approaches, new interaction channels, new frameworks

CMS analyses summary on DM search and much more:

https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsEXO



Thank you for your attention!



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GMSB, the lightest neutral partner from messenger sector as DM





Dark sector with Long-Lived Particles at the LHC

LLP:

a proper lifetime $c\tau_0$ is greater than or comparable to the characteristic size of the (sub)detectors

 \checkmark small $c\tau_0$ that comparable to the inner tracker size, no displaced tracks \rightarrow "standard" prompt decay

 \checkmark intermediate $c\tau_0$ \rightarrow LLP

✓ very large/infinite large $c\tau_0 \rightarrow$ stable particles, "standard" **MET** signatures





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Resonant production of strongly coupled DM for semivisible jets





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The first CMS study of jet ivsisible contribution with dark sector I nterpretation. The fraction r_{inv} of stable invisible dark hadrons in between 0 (dijet, small MET) and 1 (large MET)



LLP summary plots, CMS, 2023





 10^{-2}

cτ [m]

100

10²

132 fb⁻¹

137 fb-1

132 fb-1

35.9

12.9

12.9

38.6

38.6

39 fb⁻¹

101 fb-1

137 fb-1

137 fb-1

137 fb-1

138 fb⁻¹

138 fb⁻¹

118 fb⁻¹

137 fb⁻¹

137 fb-1

137 fb-1

137 fb-1

101 fb-1

118 fb⁻¹

132 fb⁻¹

117 fb⁻¹

138 fb-1

138 fb-1

138 fb-1

138 fb⁻¹

138 fb⁻¹

138 fb⁻¹

16.1

104

36.7 fb⁻¹ (13.6 1

20 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)

77.4

>0.7 m

>7.5 m

RPC Š SU

Higgs+Other