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Heavy stable particles, dark corner of modern physics



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1) How do we look for microscopic physics in GIANT colliders

2) Heavy Stable particles the new frontier

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LHC



Proton beam parameters	LHC Design	2012 LHC	Early 2015 LHC	
# bunches/beam	2808	1374	3 - 458	
Bunch spacing [ns]	25	50	25 and 50	
Mean bunch length [ns]	1.3	1.2	1.2	
Bunch intensity [101 p]	1.15	1.1 - 1.7	1.0-1.2	
Emittance at injection [µm]	3.5	1.5-2.0	1.5-3.0	
Collision energy/beam [TeV]	7	4	6.5	
Emittance at collision [µm]	3.75	2.4	1.5-4.0	
β* at ATLAS/CMS [m]	0.55	0.6	0.8	





HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL) Brass + Plastic scintillator ~7,000 channels

CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL) ~76,000 scintillating PbWO, crystals

Collisions



Collisions again





Higgs boson example

- 4 July 2012: Higgs boson discovery by ATLAS – CMS from LHC
- Nobel prize to theorist who have predicted Higgs mechanism and Higgs boson (Englert-Higgs, Brout died before) in 2013.
 (Peter Higgs died in 2024)





Higgs boson example



Higgs boson example



Homework



















What do we don't know?





What do we don't know: dark matter – dark energy

Cosmic tug of war

The force of dark energy surpasses that of dark matter as time progresses.





What do we don't know: inflation, matter antimatter asymmetry



History of the Universe



LHC time travel machine



LHC energy domain



ATLAS / CMS looks at high energy phenomena





CMS Exotica Physics Group Summary – ICHEP, 2016

2) Heavy and stable :

quest of next 15 years





What are the next 15 years at LHC?



Nearly no energy increas at HL-LHC

What are the next 15 years at LHC?



What would be an HL-LHC detector

Very high pileup



- In-time PU = 140 200
 - For example for a jet with R = 0.5
 PU energy within the catchment area can be up to 100 GeV.
- Out-of-time PU:
 - collisions every 25 ns (since 2015)



- The present system already suffered aging → Many Phase I upgrades considered.
- Aging during HL-LHC would be much more severe.

What would be an HL-LHC detector



New paradigms for a HEP experiment to meet the unprecedented challenges and fully exploit the HL-LHC luminosity and physics potential

- High precision timing detectors : Timing layer between tracker and calorimeter
- High precision timing for Muon chambers : 1.5 0.5 ns time resolution
- New tracker with high rate fast transmission

ATLAS / CMS actual dark matter search: missing energy



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN Data recorded: 2018-Aug-13 20:24:00.350720 GMT Run / Event / LS: 321219 / 504952772 / 344

ATLAS / CMS actual dark matter search



Can we do better What if the Dark Sector is non-trivial? SM sector **Dark Sector** $c\tau$ (m) $c\tau$ (m) p 10^{40} 10^{40} n $\chi \leftarrow \mathsf{DM} \text{ particle}$ 10^{10} 10^{10} LLP1 1 1 LLP2 LLP3 10^{-10} 10^{-10} $\Upsilon(4S)$ J. Phys. G 47 (2020) 090501 10^{-20} 10^{-20} 10^{2} 10^{2} 10^{-10} 10^{-3} M (GeV) M (GeV)

[Long-lived particle (LLP) signatures ubiquitous in many other BSM scenarios like e.g. baryogengesis]











How can you look for long living particle at LHC



Heavy Stable Charged Particles

SMP	LSP	Scenario	Conditions
$ ilde{ au}_1$	$ ilde{\chi}^0_1$	MSSM	$\tilde{\tau}_1$ mass (determined by $m^2_{\tilde{\tau}_{L,R}}, \mu, \tan\beta,$ and $A_\tau)$ close to $\tilde{\chi}^0_1$ mass.
	\tilde{G}	GMSB	Large N, small M, and/or large $\tan \beta$.
		ğMSB	No detailed phenomenology studies, see [23].
$ ilde{ au}_1$		SUGRA	Supergravity with a gravitino LSP, see [24].
	$\tilde{\tau}_1$	MSSM	Small $m_{\tilde{\tau}_{L,R}}$ and/or large $\tan\beta$ and/or very large $A_{\tau}.$
		AMSB	Small m_0 , large $\tan \beta$.
		<i>ĝ</i> MSB	Generic in minimal models.
$\tilde{\ell}_{i1}$	Ĝ	GMSB	$\tilde{\tau}_1$ NLSP (see above). \tilde{e}_1 and $\tilde{\mu}_1$ co-NLSP and also SMP for small $\tan\beta$ and $\mu.$
	$\tilde{\tau}_1$	ğMSB	\tilde{e}_1 and $\tilde{\mu}_1$ co-LSP and also SMP when stau mixing small.
$ ilde{\chi}_1^+$ $ ilde{\chi}_1^0$ MSS		MSSM	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^+} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \lesssim m_{\pi^+}.$ Very large $M_{1,2} \gtrsim 2 \mbox{ TeV} \gg \mu $ (Higgsino region) or non-universal gaugino masses $M_1 \gtrsim 4M_{2,3}$ with the latter condition relaxed to $M_1 \gtrsim M_2$ for $M_2 \ll \mu .$ Natural in O-II models, where simultaneously also the \tilde{g} can be long-lived near $\delta_{\rm GS} = -3.$
		AMSB	$M_1 > M_2$ natural. m_0 not too small. See MSSM above.
\tilde{g}	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	MSSM	Very large $m_{\tilde{q}}^2 \gg M_3$, e.g. split SUSY.
	Ĝ	GMSB	SUSY GUT extensions [25-27].
	ğ	MSSM	Very small $M_3 \ll M_{1,2}$, O-II models near $\delta_{\rm GS} = -3$.
		GMSB	SUSY GUT extensions [25-29].
\tilde{t}_1	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	MSSM	Non-universal squark and gaugino masses. Small $m_{\tilde{q}}^2$ and $M_3,$ small $\tan\beta,$ large $A_t.$
\tilde{b}_1			Small $m_{\tilde{q}}^2$ and M_3 , large tan β and/or large $A_b \gg A_t$.

Brief overview of possible SUSY SMP states considered in the literature. Classified by SMP, LSP, scenario, and typical conditions for this case to materialise in the given scenario. See text for details.

arxiv:hep-ph/0611040

- **Stable**: Lives long enough so it can reach tracke and/or muon detectors or even get past them.
- Charged: Can be detected by the muon detectors.

HSCP are predicted in many theoretical models beyond Standard Model (BSM).

$Q_{ m em}$	$C_{\rm QCD}$	S	Model(s)
0	8	1	Universal Extra Dimensions (KK gluon)
± 1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	Universal Extra Dimensions (KK lepton)
			Fat Higgs with a fat top (ψ fermions)
			4th generation (chiral) fermions
			Mirror and/or vector-like fermions
		0	Fat Higgs with a fat top (ψ scalars)
$\pm \frac{4}{3}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	Warped Extra Dimensions with GUT parity (XY gaugino)
		0	5D Dynamical SUSY-breaking (xyon)
$-\frac{1}{3},\frac{2}{3}$	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	Universal Extra Dimensions (KK down, KK up)
			4th generation (chiral) fermions
			Mirror and/or vector-like fermions
			Warped Extra Dimensions with GUT parity (XY gaugino)
$\epsilon < 1$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	GUT with $U(1) - U(1)'$ mixing
			Extra singlets with hypercharge $Y = 2\epsilon$
			Millicharged neutrinos
?	?	$0/\frac{1}{2}/1$	"Technibaryons"

Table 2

Examples of possible SMP states in a variety of models beyond the MSSM (for MSSM SMPs, see Tab. 1). Classified by electric charge Q, colour representation CQCD, spin S, and scenario.

A bit of homework: what is Beta

$$egin{aligned} t' &= \gamma \left(t - rac{vx}{c^2}
ight) \ x' &= \gamma \left(x - vt
ight) \ y' &= y \ z' &= z \end{aligned}$$

Centre Masse BOOST H Px 0 Py 0 Pz 0

A bit of homework: what is Beta

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E=8M 2 E2= 21 $\frac{M^2}{1-B^2} = E^2 - BE^2 + H^2$ É2= 1

How can you look for HSCP

• **dE/dx:** lonization energy lost. $\frac{dE}{dx} \approx Q^2 \left[\frac{A}{\beta^2} + B \right] \text{ for } \beta << 1$



• **TOF:** Time of flight
$$\frac{1}{\beta} = 1 + \frac{c\delta_t}{L}$$



RPC chambers: high precision timing at HL-LHC for TOF





- Very fast detector : time resolution 0.5 - 1.5 ns depending on the type





CMS trigger system today

- LHC collisions : every 25 ns (bunch crossing BX)
- 40 MHz collisions
- L1 super-fact trigger : 100 kHz can be selected to be analysed by computer (High Level Trigger)
- 1000 events can be written on tape

HSCP : breaks this paradigm. We need to identify Multi-BX events

How can we see slow HSCP

Time and Speed measurement

Starting from the simple equation:

$$v_{layer} = \frac{|\overrightarrow{RPCHit}|}{ToF}$$

After some algebra we have that β and t_0 are related by the following expression:

$$t_{delay} = t_0 + \frac{d}{c}(\beta^{-1} - 1)$$



where t_{delay} is the time measured with respect to a particle moving at speed of light, d is the distance from the interaction point to the impact point and c is the speed of light. For the muon the second term in Eq. 2 vanishes. For the HSCPs we performed a Least Squares Fit, using the linear form:

$$y = a + bx$$

where:

$$a = t_0 \text{ and } b = \frac{\beta^{-1} - 1}{c}$$

A bit of homework: tdelay

t delay = to + to - t pe

A bit of homework: tdelay

 $t_{0} + \underbrace{t_{0}}_{MSCP} - t_{\mu} = t_{0} + \underbrace{d}_{C} - \frac{d}{C}$ $= t_0 + \frac{d}{c} \frac{c}{c} - \frac{d}{c} = t_0 + \frac{d}{c} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - 1\right)$

t delay = to + Om (2-1) B=0.5 t delay - to = 2e-8s = 20ns (1/B-1) B = 0.9: = 20 NS ~ $(\frac{1}{100} - 1)$ 2 ns

How can we see slow HSCP

Trigger Algorithm proposal

The trigger algorithm is:

at least 3 hits correlated in space.
 error in beta < 30% (to assure good quality of the fit)

3. slope > 0 (to exclude muons and identify slow moving particles)

EFFICIENCIES.

The new trigger proposal will be complement for the present muon trigger whose efficiency sharply drops for particles with $\beta < 0.6$



Timing upgrade of the LHC detectors for HL-LHC phase opens a new Era in search for Long Lived particle which were in the blind spot till now.

In Conclusion

You can join CMS collaboration and in particular RPC/Muon detector and contribute as senior scientist, PhD or Master to this adventure and may be discover the dark side of the Universe that we failed to tackle till now...

