Prospects for Long Lived Particle Searches with

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Overview

- Long lived particles: Motivation
- MATHUSLA concept and collaboration
- Physics reach
- Detector design and R&D activities



Long-lived particles?

Particles have long lifetimes due to inaccessibility of states into which they can readily decay (i.e. due to kinematics and/or couplings)

- Several examples exist within the SM, e.g. muons $\tau_{\mu} \sim 2.2 \ \mu s$
- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis limit on lifetimes of new particles is ~0.1s ($c\tau$ ~10⁷ m)
- → Reasonable to expect that beyond-SM particles may also have long lifetimes, particularly if they are light and/or have "feeble" couplings to the SM



How do we find them?



- Neutral long-lived particles (LLPs) cannot be directly detected in experiments
- Instead, the SM decay daughters must be detected and the LLP reconstructed based on the displaced decay vertex
- If the decay length cτ is too long, the decay can occur outside of the detector fiducial volume
- "Missing energy" searches are possible, but these signatures can be challenging due to resolution, background, and trigger issues

LLP searches have been identified by the [HL-]LHC community as a growing priority

• However, the LHC could be making LLPs that are invisible to its main detectors

Where to look?

Although experiments have been proposed at several facilities, the LHC has many advantages:

- High centre of mass energy gives access to heavy states that may be coupled to LLPs (e.g. Higgs)
- Very high luminosity (HL-LHC)
- The LHC already exists...







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(MAssive Timing Hodoscope for Ultra Stable neutraL pArticles)

- Large-volume dedicated detector for LLPs with long decay lengths
- LLPs decay vertices are reconstructed by tracking their decay daughters
- Positioned on the surface near one of the LHC interaction regions, detector is shielded from LHC interactions by ~100m of rock





- LHC backgrounds vetoed by floor tracking layers and/or topology
- Up-down timing constraints to veto cosmic rays

Capable of LLP searches with a near-zero background

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Where to put it?

No space near ATLAS, but there is appropriate space on CERN-owned land adjacent to the CMS experimental site.

 Sufficient space for a detector of dimensions ~ 100m x 100m, along with appropriate service/assembly space











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Fairly small experimental collaboration, with very strong theory contributions

- Three Canadian Universities represented in NSERC experimental project grant
- Several Canadian theorists are authors on MATHUSLA-related papers



An Update to the Letter of Intent for MATHUSLA: Search for Long-Lived Particles at the HL-LHC



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Two general categories of physics signatures:

- Hadronically decaying LLPs ranging from a few GeV to TeV scale
 - High multiplicity final states, so relatively easy to vertex and distinguish from backgrounds
 - Factor of 1000 improvement over LHC for LLPs with mass < ~100GeV (LHC searches background limited and are difficult to trigger)
- LLPs with mass less than a few GeV (any decay mode)
 - Typically low multiplicity (i.e. 2 tracks) final states
 - Sensitivity very dependent on detector geometry and performance due to both signal efficiency and background rejection requirements

Any production process with σ>1fb can give a signal. Sensitivity to multi-TeV scales:





Higgs Decays to LLPs

Standard Model Higgs decay into pairs of (hadronically decaying) LLPs:

• up to 1000 times better sensitivity than LHC main detector experiments



Red curve: MATHUSLA@CMS sensitivity (4 observed events) for LLPs of mass $m_X = 20$ GeV produced in exotic Higgs decays. Black curve: reach of ATLAS search for a single hadronic LLP decay in the Muon System at the HL-LHC [



Dark scalar

Singlet dark scalar S mixing with Standard Model Higgs with mixing angle $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

• Assuming production in exotic B, D, K meson decays only:



 Mass reach (obviously) limited by parent meson mass, but MATHUSLA probes smaller mixing angles / longer lifetimes



Dark scalar

Singlet dark scalar S mixing with Standard Model Higgs with mixing angle $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

- Assuming additional production in exotic Higgs decays with Br(h \rightarrow SS) = 1%



• Big boost in sensitivity from this production mechanism, which is only possible at high energy experiments (i.e. LHC)

CMS combined analysis

MATHUSLA can't measure track momenta (no magnetic field...), but the LLP boost can be determined event-by-event from the track geometry:



- Geometrical information from MATHUSLA detector provides information about LLP boost and decay mode
- Information from CMS detector reveals production mode and parameters of underlying model (parent mass, LLP mass)
- Combined analysis ca provide a complete characterization of LLP with as few as O(100) events



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-0.5

-0.6

-0.7

Relative m_{LLP}/m_{parent} precision

-0.6 -0.5 -0.4 -0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0.0 0.1 0.2

 $n_{\sigma} = 1$ $n_{\sigma} = 2$

 $n_a = 3$

0.5 0.6

0.3

0.4

CMS and triggering

MATHUSLA can trigger independently on decay vertices produced by upward-going tracks

- However, additional information about the production mechanism and event kinematics can be obtained by correlating the MATHUSLA event with the corresponding CMS event
 - \rightarrow Desirable to use MATHUSLA as a L1 trigger for CMS
- Due to time of flight of the (massive) LLP, cannot uniquely specify the bunch crossing, but can provide a "window" of crossings that CMS can potentially record.

Limiting factor is how quickly MATHUSLA can provide such a trigger signal, which needs to occur within the CMS trigger pipeline buffer

 \rightarrow so far seems feasible!



MATHUSLA detector concept foresees large modular detector with "towers" composed of 10 layers of tracking detectors

• O(100) towers instrumenting 100m x 100m x 30m

Light brought to the bar ends via blue-green wavelength shifting optical fiber (WLSF)

Extruded plastic scintillator is primary detector element

- ~1 million electronic readout channels
- ~3 million metres of WLSF
- ~1000 tons of extruded scintillator, 100000 m² of scintillator area

Cost is (obviously) a major design consideration...



CAD by Rodney Schnarr (Carleton)

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Canadian activities

Canadian effort is ramping up with the funding of the SAPES project grant request in 2022

 Ongoing physics performance studies, detector development and prototype testing







Exciting opportunity for detector development and testing for undergrads and graduate students

Postdocs to join the group in coming months

Characterization studies



In spite of the large MATHUSLA detector size, performance measurements can easily be made using "desktop"-scale prototypes

- MIP signals from cosmic rays
- Due to high light attenuation in extruded scintillator, signals are "local" hence no need for bars longer than ~50cm
- WLSF can be directly excited using visible (~405nm) light

Light yield, attenuation, timing, SiPM performance etc



Fast light pulser (405nm)

3mm Hamamatsu MPPCs (SiPMs)

Cosmic ray trigger scintillators

BCF-92 Saint Gobain WLSF (~5.2m)

FNAL extruded scintillator

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64 channel 4 layer prototype to be constructed at UVic this summer

- modules of "short" scintillator bars read out • via nominal ~5.5m WLSF
- will replicate MATHUSLA tracking environment for resolution and efficiency studies
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Prospects

- Technical demonstration of scintillator/WLSF/SiPM performance is in progress, with results to date looking very promising
 - Conceptual design of detector well advanced, but engineering design has barely started (not needed for TDR)
 - In parallel, very active effort from theory and simulation groups towards benchmarking of physics sensitivity (important for detector design)
- Work is ongoing towards a MATHUSLA technical proposal •
 - To be submitted to the LHCC for consideration by late 2022
- HL-LHC provides a unique opportunity to search for exotic new • physics processes. It is important that we use this opportunity to maximum potential





Additional material

Documentation

The physics case for a MATHUSLA-like detector is well documented:

 "New Detectors to Explore the Lifetime Frontier", John Paul Chou, David Curtin, H. J. Lubatti, arXiv:1606.06298.



- "Long-Lived Particles at the Energy Frontier: The MATHUSLA Physics Case", arXiv:1806.07396 [hep-ph].
- "A Letter of Intent for MATHUSLA: a dedicated displaced vertex detector above ATLAS or CMS", arXiv:1811.00927.
- "An Update to the Letter of Intent for MATHUSLA: Search for Long-Lived Particles at the HL-LHC" arXiv:2009.01693.
- Physics Beyond Colliders at CERN: "Beyond the Standard Model Working Group Report" arXiv:1901.09966 [hep-ph].
- US Cosmic Visions: "New Ideas in Dark Matter 2017: Community Report", arXiv:1707.04591 [hep-ph].
- 2018 Update to European Strategy for Particle Physics: "MATHUSLA: A Detector Proposal to Explore the Lifetime Frontier at the HL-LHC", arXiv:1901.04040 [hep-ex].
- Snowmass MATHUSLA whitepaper (no public link yet)

...and of course a whitepaper submitted as part of the recent Canadian Subatomic Physics Long Range Plan

Community planning exercises

Potential bonus...

The physical size of MATHUSLA makes it potentially interesting as a **cosmic ray detector**

- Main background for MATHUSLA, so necessarily can reconstruct these well
- Potential to study primary cosmic ray energy and composition
- Capability to reconstruct extensive air showers extremely dependent on detector design decisions. Studies ongoing...



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Physics sensitivity determined by combination of solid angle coverage and size of the decay volume

- Modular detector with tracking layers near the top, and "veto" layers at the bottom
- Module "towers" ~ 10m x 10m







Work is in progress towards the detailed layout of the detector

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MATHE A Test Stand

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A MATHUSLA test stand was operating on the surface above the ATLAS pit in 2018

- Primary goal was to evaluate background sources from cosmic rays and the LHC
- Results published in 2021





- Two layers of trigger scintillators
- Three layers of RPCs for tracking



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Example events:

- Can easily differentiate upward and downward going tracks based on hit timing
- Directionality (θ,Φ) determined by track reconstruction



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- Bar locations provide 2-D geometrical spacepoints
- Differential timing of signals in opposite ends of the fiber provide additional spatial coordinate (resolution?)
 - 10cm difference in hit position results in ~1ns difference in differential timing
- Absolute hit timing provides final coordinate for "4-D" tracking





~5.5m long WLSF, looped at far end to so all signals are readout on "front" end

Extruded plastic scintillator

Extruded scintillator based on commercial polystyrene pellets with added dopants

- Primary dopant: ~1% PPO 2,5-diphenyloxazole
- Secondary dopant ~0.02% POPOP (wavelength shifter) 1,4-bis(5-phenylxazole-2-yl)benzene
- Intrinsic light yield comparable to cast scintillator, but poorer optical quality (i.e. attenuation length O(10cm))

• MUCH cheaper than "cast" scintillator



Fermilab extrusion facility



- TiO₂ reflective coating co-extruded
- Various profiles can be extruded, with hole(s) for inserting WLSF

Wavelength Shifting Fiber

Plastic optical fiber with core doped with fluor(s)

- Blue green WLSF to match spectrum of extruded scintillator light
- Challenge for MATHUSLA is to ensure sufficient light reaches the photo-detectors to achieve target timing resolution





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Silicon Photomultipliers

WLSF light measured by SiPMs mounted at thh fiber ends

- basically, a large array of photodiodes connected in parallel and operated just above the breakdown voltage
- each photodiode (or "pixel") produces a current pulse in response to an incident photon
- resulting signal is proportional to number of incident photons







However, output signals are typically shaped and amplified to optimize for specific application, e.g. for fast timing

Silicon Photomultipliers

- Very large gain, adjustable via bias voltage, but also very sensitive to device temperature
- Spontaneous pixel breakdown results in dark noise (or dark current)
- Photon detection efficiency (PDE) depends on both quantum efficiency and geometric properties of device

						Dark count*5							Tem-
	Type no.	Measure- ment conditions	Spectral response range λ	Peak sensitivity wavelength λp (nm)	Photon detection efficiency PDE ^{*4} λ=λp (%)	Typ.	Max.	Terminal capaci- tance Ct	Gain M	Break- down voltage VBR	Crosstalk probability (%)	Recom- mended operating voltage Vop	perature coefficient at recom- mended operating voltage ∆TVop (mV/°C)
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	S13360-6025CS		270 to 900			1600	5000	1280					
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	S13360-6075PE		320 to 900										
	*4: Photon detec	tion effici	ency does	not include	e crosstalk	or afterpu	ulses.						

*5: Threshold=0.5 p.e.

Note: The above characteristics were measured at the operating voltage that yields the listed gain. (See the data attached to each product.)



Overvoltage (V)



Wavelength (nm)

Characterization measurements



- SiPM waveforms, signal amplitudes and timing characteristics can be measured based on either cosmic rays or light pulser signals
- For MIP signals (cosmics ray muons), SiPM signals in the range of ~10 50 PE





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Timing resolution

Fiber bending test:

- Straight fiber
- Loop (~12cm diameter)
- total bending is worse than MATHUSLA detector
- $\rightarrow\,$ bending does not cause a measurable impact on timing



Timing resolution

- FNAL group has recently tested other proprietary formulations from Saint Gobain and Kuraray which appear to yield adequate light yield and sub-ns timing
- this work is still in progress



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Timing measurement for a 5m long f ber through a 1X4cm extrusion. This location is at 250cm along the f ber, equidistant from the 2 SIPMs. Time distributions (relative to the cosmic trigger start time) are shown for the 2 SIPM channels (Chan 3, Chan 4). Also shown is the difference, (T4-T3)/2. We note this difference divided by 2 is our f gure of merit for timing. The factor of 2 comes from the observation that different points along the f ber separated by delta have a +delta increase in distance from one SIPM, and a -delta decrease in distance from the other. The timing resolution of 0.538ns corresponds to about 9cm rms position resolution, well within MATHUSLA requirement.

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https://home.cern/science/experiments/faser







CODEX-b





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MATHUSLA update 2009.01693 CODEX-b EOI 1911.00481 Hirsch, Wang 2001.04750





ANUBIS



https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/ANUBIS/



Removable array of detector planes proposed to be inserted into PX14 vertical shaft in the ATLAS experimental area

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SHiP is a proposed general-purpose experiment to be installed in a beam dump facility at the SPS





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Monopole and Exotics Detector at the LHC



MoEDAL shares the cavern at Point 8 with LHCb, and its prime goal is to directly search for the magnetic monopole (MM) or dyon and other highly ionizing stable massive particles (SMPs) and pseudo-stable massive particles via the Schwinger effect. To detect these particles, the project uses nuclear track detectors (NTDs), which suffer characteristic damage due to highly ionizing particles. As MMs and SMPs are highly ionizing, NTDs are perfectly suited for the purpose of detection.

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milliQan



Figure 5.44: A 3D model showing the optimal position of milliQan within the PX56 Drainage and Observation gallery located above CMS UXC.



1/100th scale milliQan demonstrator installed in 2000



Dark sectors?

Maybe dark matter is not specifically related to solution to problems of the SM and is, in effect, a distinct "sector"

- Dark sector fermions which carry charges for non-SM gauge interactions, possibly acquiring mass via dark sector Higgs etc.
- Effective Field Theory provides a number of "portals" to access this dark sector:



Dark sector can be probed via mixing of the portal mediators with SM bosons

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Dark sectors?

Metastable dark (hidden) sector states can only decay to Standard Model particles via mediators with small couplings

Consequently, they are long-lived...





Dark Matter

In many Dark Matter scenarios, properties of LLP in primordial plasma control the DM abundance

LLP searches can be best or ONLY way to discover DM



Inelastic DM model (1810.01879, Berlin, Kling) can be discovered via **SM+S LLP searches** at much lower mixing angles than direct detection experiments

MATHUSLA @ CMS reach for Freeze-In DM (1908.11387, No, Tunney, Zaldivar).

Higgsino to gravitino



For higgsino lifetimes ranging from smaller than 10m to larger than 10⁵ m, MATHUSLA could provide a discovery of new physics with electroweak cross-sections for which the HL-LHC would fail to discover new physics.

Sterile RH neutrinos



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Dark photon only

PBC BSM working group report 1901.09966

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MATHUSLA sensitivity for dark photon signatures is not great, however this estimate neglects high rate of secondary production of dark photons in the main detector calorimeters etc.

• Exploits huge QCD rate at the LHC: approaches fixed-target-exp levels. Unique source of LLPs at the LHC only available to external detector

Axion-Like Particles

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Pure fermion coupling





Figure 2.1: Schematic illustrations of LLP production modes in our simplified model framework. From top to bottom and left to right: direct pair production (DPP); heavy parent (HP); Higgs modes (HIG), including gluon fusion and VBF production (not shown here is *VH* production); heavy resonance (RES); charged current (CC).

Decay	$\gamma\gamma(+inv.)$	$\gamma + inv.$	jj(+inv.)	jjℓ	$\ell^+\ell^-(+inv.)$	$\ell^+_{\alpha}\ell^{\beta eqlpha}(+ ext{inv.})$
DPP: sneutrino pair	+	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY
or neutralino pair						
HP: squark pair, $\tilde{q} \rightarrow jX$	+	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY
or gluino pair $\tilde{g} \rightarrow jjX$						
HP: slepton pair, $\tilde{\ell} \rightarrow \ell X$	+	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY
or chargino pair, $\tilde{\chi} ightarrow WX$						
HIG: $h \to XX$	Higgs, DM*	+	Higgs, DM*	RHν	Higgs, DM*	RHv*
or $\rightarrow XX + inv.$					RHv*	
HIG: $h \rightarrow X + inv.$	DM*, RHv	+	DM*	RHν	DM*	+
RES: $Z(Z') \rightarrow XX$	Z', DM*	+	Z', DM*	RHν	Z', DM*	+
or $\rightarrow XX + inv.$						
RES: $Z(Z') \rightarrow X + inv.$	DM	+	DM	RHν	DM	+
CC: $W(W') \rightarrow \ell X$	+	+	RHv*	RHν	RHv*	RHv*

Searching for long-lived particles beyond the Standard Model at the Large Hadron Collider

March 6, 2019

1903.04497

Particles beyond the Standard Model (SM) can generically have lifetimes that are long compared to SM particles at the weak scale. When produced at experiments such as the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, these long-lived particles (LLPs) can decay far from the interaction vertex of the primary proton-proton collision. Such LLP signatures are distinct from those of promptly.





Trigger and DAQ

MATHUSLA trigger based on upward-going tracks within 3x3 tower volume

- vertex formed by upward-going tracks within fiducial volume is signal signature
- modular FEB design as well as link aggregation boards
- hits buffered for trigger; data rate is well within COTS servers



- triggered events written from buffer to permanent storage
- L1 trigger signal sent to CMS; latency estimates appear compatible with CMS L1 buffer

Larry Ruckman, JJ Russell, Charlie Young







Work is in progress towards the detailed layout of the detector





CAD by Rodney Schnarr (Carleton)



