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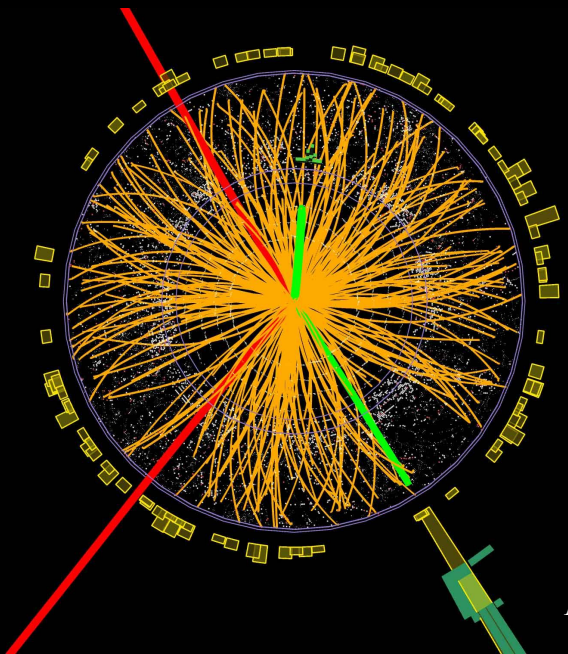
Exotic collider probes of dark matter

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Where may the new physics be hiding @ LHC?

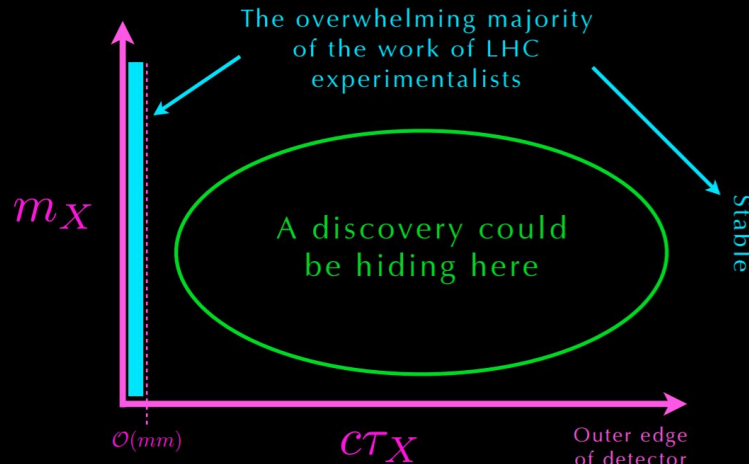
In exotic decay patterns
(long-lived particle
signatures/displaced decays)



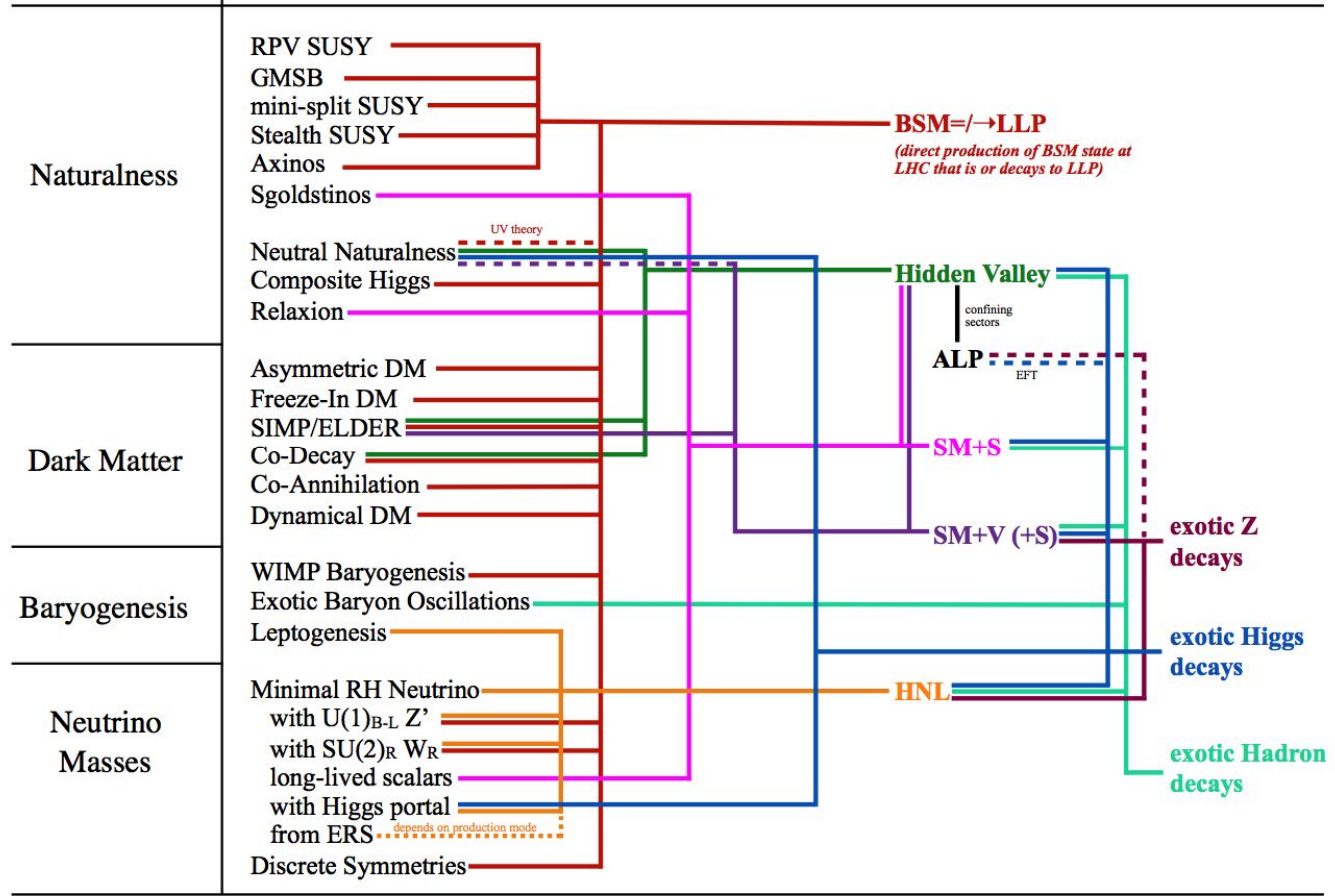
We can design new searches based on
lifetime (to cover more model and
signature space)

See J. Alimena et al, *Searching for Long-Lived Particles beyond the Standard Model at the Large Hadron Collider*, [arXiv:1903.04497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04497)

The lifetime frontier at the LHC



Slide from J. Beacham @ LLP Workshop



LLP Efforts Worldwide!

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

March 6, 2019

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 decaying particles that are targeted by the majority of searches for new physics at the LHC, often requiring customized techniques to identify, for example, significantly displaced decay vertices, tracks with atypical properties, and short track segments. Given their non-standard nature, a comprehensive overview of LLP signatures at the LHC is beneficial to ensure that possible avenues of the discovery of new physics are not overlooked. [Here we report on the joint work of a community of theorists and experimentalists with the ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb experiments](#) — as well as those working on dedicated experiments such as MoEDAL, milliQan, MATHUSLA, CODEX-b, and FASER — to survey the current state of LLP searches at the LHC, and to chart a path for the development of LLP searches into the future, both in the upcoming Run 3 and at the High-Luminosity LHC. The work is organized around the current and future potential capabilities of LHC experiments to generally discover new LLPs, and takes a signature-based approach to surveying classes of models that give rise to LLPs rather than emphasizing any particular theory motivation. We develop a set of [simplified models](#); assess the coverage of current searches; document known, often unexpected backgrounds; explore the capabilities of proposed detector upgrades; provide recommendations for the presentation of search results; and look towards the newest frontiers, namely high-multiplicity “dark showers”, highlighting opportunities for expanding the LHC reach for these signals.

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LLP Community

white-paper, [arXiv:1803.04497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.04497),
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LLPs in Science, May 2019

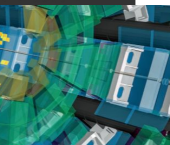
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Community Contributions



IN DEPTH

In a simulated event, the track of a decay particle called a muon (red), displaced slightly from the center of particle collisions, could be a sign of new physics.

PARTICLE PHYSICS

A hunt for long-lived particles ramps up

The Large Hadron Collider could be making new particles that are hiding in plain sight

By Adrian Cho

A new class of particles materializing right under physicists' noses and going unnoticed? The world's great atom smasher, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), could be making long-lived particles that slip through its detectors, some researchers say. Next week, they will gather at the LHC's home, CERN, the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss how to capture them. They argue the LHC's next run should emphasize such searches, and some are calling for new detectors that could sniff out the fugitive particles. It's a push born of anxiety: In 2012, experimenters at the \$5-billion LHC discovered the Higgs boson, the last particle predicted

by the Standard Model. Now, physicists are using a simple strategy to look for new particles: Smash together protons or electrons at ever-higher energies to produce heavy new particles and watch them decay instantly into lighter, familiar particles within the huge, barrel-shaped detectors. That's how CMS and its rival detector, ATLAS, spotted the Higgs, which is a trillionth of a nanosecond can decay into, among other things, a pair of photons or two "jets" of lighter particles. Long-lived particles, however, would slip through part or all of the detector before decaying. That idea is more than a shot in the dark, says Giovanna Cottin, a theorist at National Taiwan University in Taipei. "Almost all the frameworks for beyond-the-standard-model physics predict the existence of long-lived particles," she

says. "It's a bit of a challenge because the way we've designed things, and the software people have written, basically rejects those

EF09 - BSM: More general explorations

Conveners	Tulika Bose, Zhen Liu, Simone Pagan Griso (more contact info)
Mailing-list	SNOWMASS-EF-09-BSM_GENERIC@FNAL.GOV (instructions)
Slack channel	ef09-bsm_generic (instructions)
Next Event	TBA
Expression of Interests (EOI) form	https://forms.gle/1freqMHfTjAobga86
Current EOI	List of Active Proposals agreed to share, comments welcome

This topical group aims to study the sensitivity of Beyond Standard Model (BSM) phenomena for the energy frontier. Particular emphasis is given to signatures that appear in a large variety of BSM models.

This TWiki page collects useful information on organization, topics, and technical details, as we see it. Please check for updates often and subscribe to our mailing list (see above) to be kept up to date.

Group Topics

An initial list of topics to be covered by this topical group are:

- New Fermions, e.g., Top partners, Excited Quarks/Leptons, Sterile Neutrinos
- New Bosons, e.g., W, Z, diboson-resonances
- Dark/Hidden sectors, e.g., ALP, dark photons
- Long-live particle signatures
- BSM interplay with EFT

LHC LLP WG: Long-lived Particles at the LHC

To subscribe to the general WG mailing list, used to distribute announcements about WG meetings and available documents, go to <http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?groupName=lhc-llpwg>

Mandate:

The LHC Long-lived particles working group (LLP LHC Community) with the relevant endorsement of meetings, typically at the LHC Community, the formation of a virtual group, and possible ad-hoc meetings (see below).

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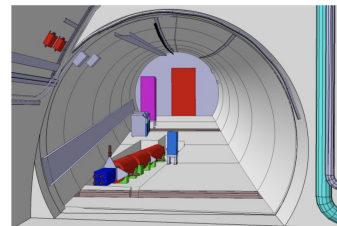
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New dedicated Experiments !

FASER: CERN approves new experiment to look for long-lived, exotic particles

The experiment, which will complement existing searches for dark matter at the LHC, will be operational in 2021

7 MARCH, 2019 | By Cristina Agrigorno



A 3D picture of the proposed FASER detector as seen from the Top tunnel. The detector is precisely aligned with the collision beam at LHC, 460 m away from the collision point. (Image: FASER/CERN)

Geneva. Today, the CERN Research Board approved a new experiment designed to look for light and weakly interacting particles.

PUBLICATIONS EVENTS NEWSLETTERS

Dark Matter WG

- WG documents
- WG Meetings

Electroweak WG

Searching for long-lived particles at the LHC and beyond: Eighth workshop of the LHC LLP Community

16 Nov 2020, 12:00 → 20 Nov 2020, 19:00 Europe/Zurich

16 Virtually, worldwide

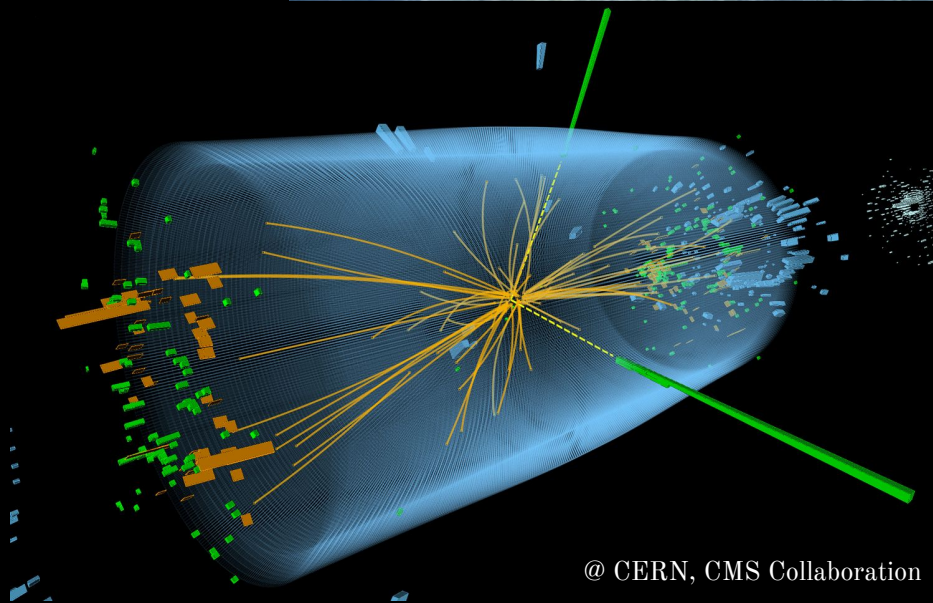
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- Federico Leo Redi (EPFL - Ecole Polytechnique Federale Lausanne (CH), Switzerland)
- Giovanna Cottin (Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile)
- James Beacham (Osaka University (US), Japan)
- Kármán Folan Di Petrillo (Fermi National Accelerator Lab. (US), Illinois)
- Katherine Pechal (Duke University (US), North Carolina)
- Matthew Daniel Citron (University of California Santa Barbara (US), California)
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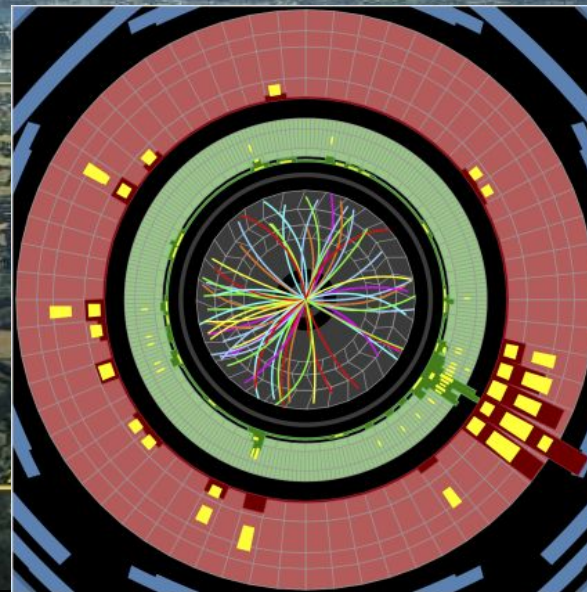
LLP Workshops !

To understand the Universe as seen today, new physics is needed. We are looking for it @ the

Large Hadron Collider at CERN



@ CERN, CMS Collaboration



ATLAS
EXPERIMENT

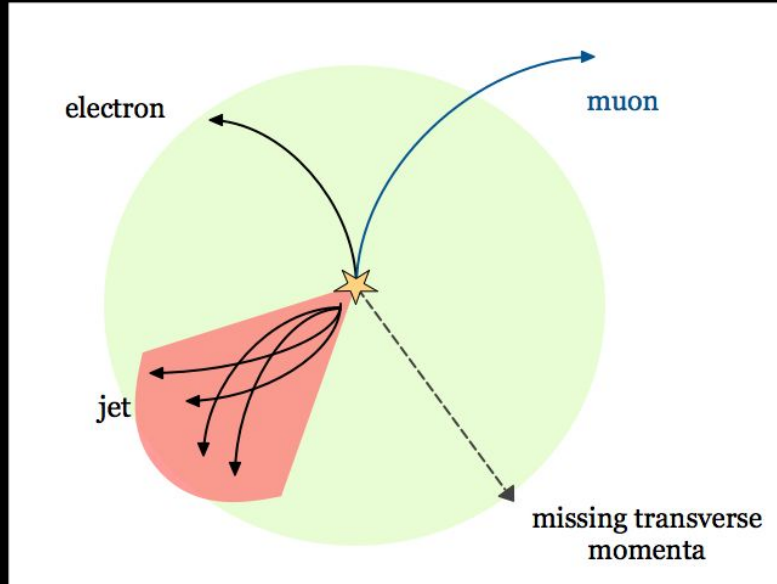
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A small inset image showing a particle collision event, similar to the one in the top-left panel, but with a different color scheme (red, green, blue).

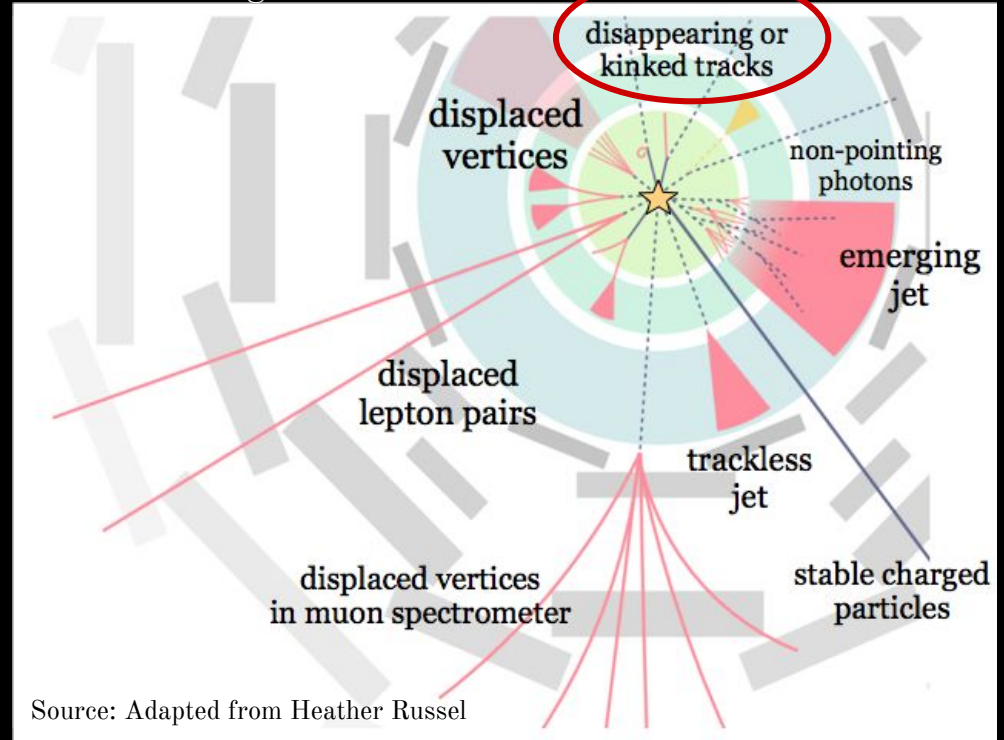
Should carefully extend our physics program to look everywhere!

Motivated by dark matter

Standard Prompt Signatures



Exotic LLP Signatures



Source: Adapted from Heather Russel

LLP = “BSM particle that dies (gives up all its energy or decays to SM) somewhere in the detector acceptance” [J.Beachman @ LHC-LLP workshop, CERN](#)

From Theory To Experiment

Motivation

Dark Matter
Baryogenesis
Neutrino Masses
Naturalness

Theory

SUSY Multiple LLPs with SM gauge charges *RPV, split SUSY*

Higgs Portal LLPs predominantly coupled to the Higgs *Hidden Valley*

Gauge Portal New vector mediators can produce LLPs *Z', dark photon*

Dark Matter Non SUSY, hidden sector DM produced as final state at colliders *EWK Multiplets, FIMP, SIMPs*

Heavy Neutrinos RHnu masses in the GeV to TeV range can be LLP *SM+N, Left-Right Symmetry*

Phenomenology

LLPs strategies

Identify signatures

Model reinterpretation

Experiment

Implement and reconstruct those signatures

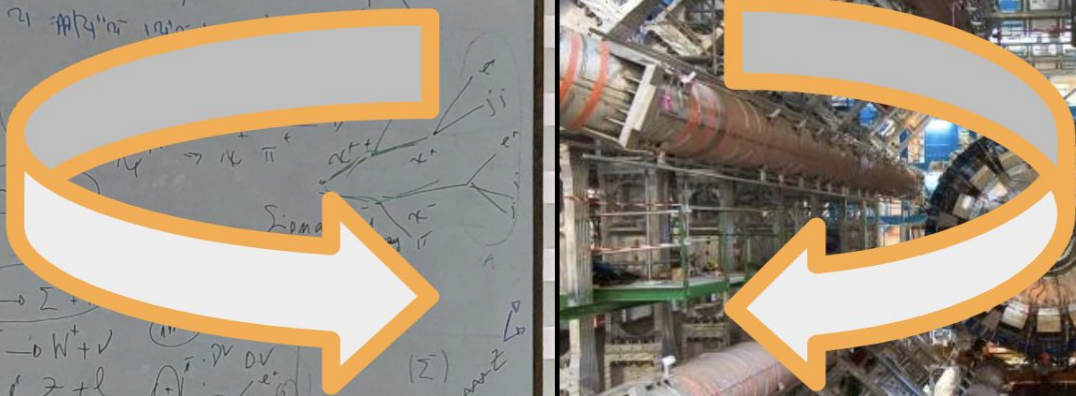
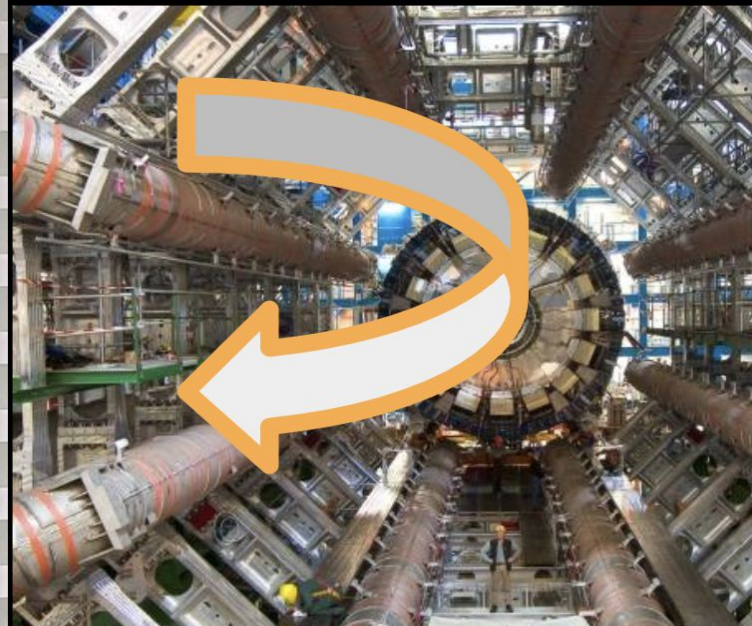
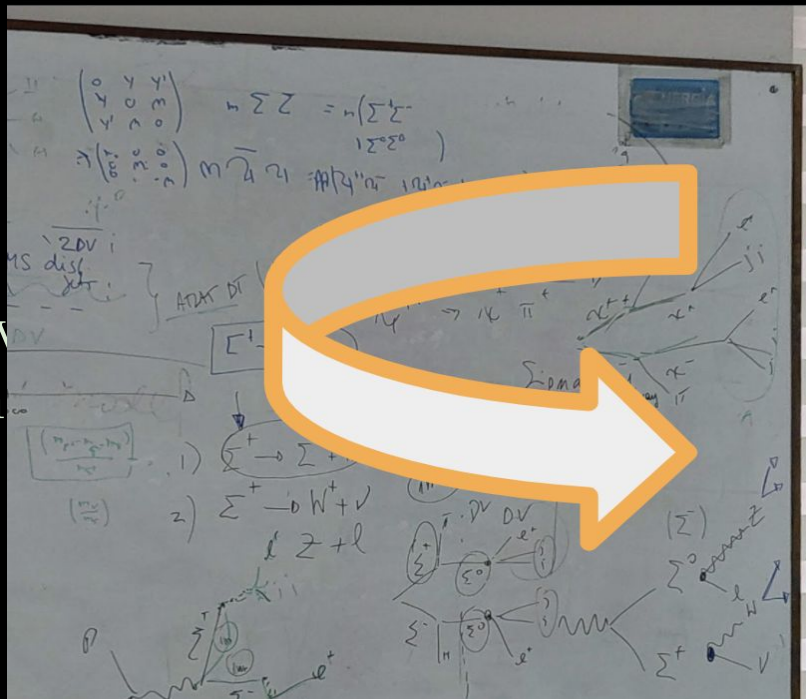
Hunt them in the Data

Experimental results

The 1 Theory Phenomenology Experiment ed

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We need extensive information about analysis details !

LLPs Reinterpretation Challenges

Prompt Searches

Signal Generation

Selection Cuts

Signal Region definition/cuts

Trigger efficiencies

Validation

Standard Tools available for all these (i.e DELPHES, MadAnalysis, CheckMate).

Processes are streamlined.

LLP searches

Signal Generation

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Displacement in EG

Tracking and Vertexing efficiencies

Detector effects in displacement/timing

Not much information. No standard tools nor way of doing things.

6. Reinterpretation and recommendations for the presentation of search results

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6.1. Introduction

Models and scenarios with LLPs have seen an enormous rise in interest in recent years. They include supersymmetric scenarios with almost mass-degenerate lightest states [63, 65], highly split spectra [113, 475], very weakly interacting LSPs like gravitinos or axinos [476, 477], or R -parity violation [55, 110, 111], as well as equivalent scenarios in other SM extensions (e.g. extra-dimensional models) with new SM gauge-charged particles. More recent ideas include models with feebly interacting DM [146] (supersymmetric or not), asymmetric DM [478],

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LLP White Paper [arXiv:1903.04497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04497)

Risk of dangerous extrapolations. Validation is KEY!

Using Long-Lived Particles @ LHC to shed light on



Dark
Matter

Dark matter coming from the decay of a long-lived particle with a
disappearing track signature

Based on C.-W. Chiang, G. Cottin, Y. Du, K. Fuyuto, M.J. Ramsey-Musolf
[\[arXiv: 2003.07867\]](#), JHEP accepted

Triplet Scalar DM Model

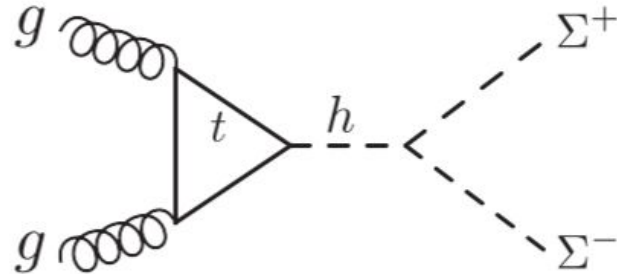
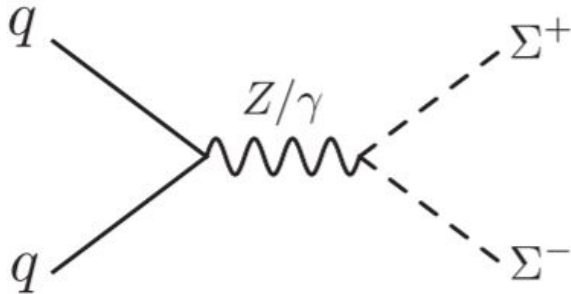
M. Cirelli, N. Fornengo and A. Strumia,, [Nucl. Phys. B753 \(2006\) 178–194](#)

P. Fileviez Perez, H. H. Patel, M. Ramsey-Musolf and K. Wang, [Phys. Rev. D79 \(2009\) 055024](#)

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^0 & \sqrt{2}\Sigma^+ \\ \sqrt{2}\Sigma^- & -\Sigma^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

New interactions with the Higgs Boson ! C.-W. Chiang, G. Cottin, Y. Du, K. Fuyuto, M.J. Ramsey-Musolf <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.07867>

$$V(H, \Sigma) = -\mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda_0 (H^\dagger H)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_\Sigma^2 F + \frac{b_4}{4} F^2 + \frac{a_2}{2} H^\dagger H F, \quad F = (\Sigma^0)^2 + 2\Sigma^+\Sigma^-.$$



Triplet Scalar DM Model

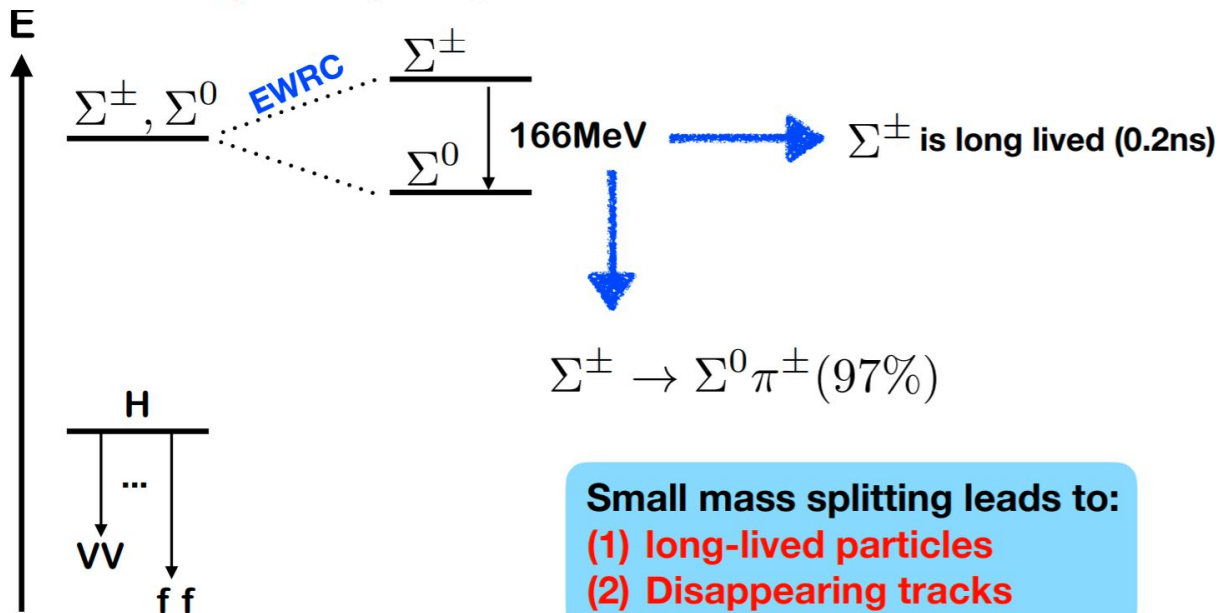
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Ramsey-Musolf <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.07867>

$$\Gamma(\Sigma^\pm \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^\pm) = \frac{2G_F^2}{\pi} f_\pi^2 V_{ud}^2 (\Delta m)^3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{(\Delta m)^2}}$$

Slide from Yong Du @LLP Workshop

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^0 & \sqrt{2}\Sigma^+ \\ \sqrt{2}\Sigma^- & -\Sigma^0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Small mass splitting leads to:
 (1) long-lived particles
 (2) Disappearing tracks

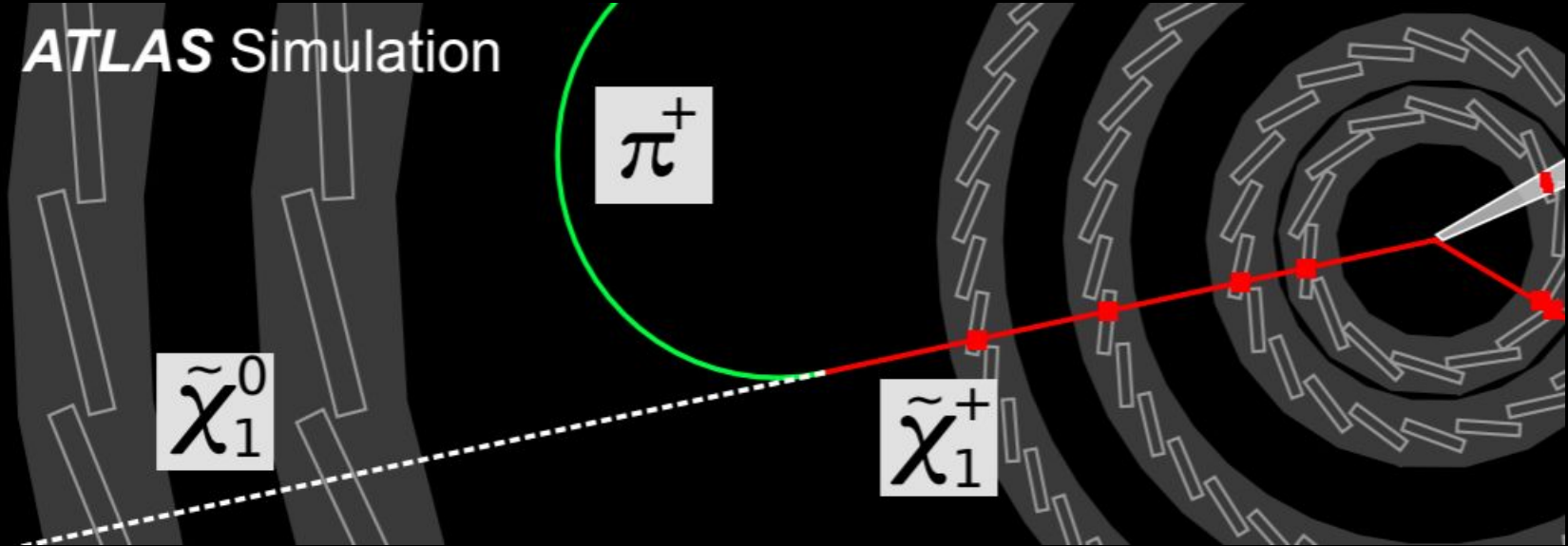
Recent DM DT studies in:

A. Belyaev, S. Prestel, F. Rojas-Abbate, J. Zurita [arXiv:2008.08581](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.08581)
 N. F. Bell, M. J. Dolan, L. S. Friedrich, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, R. Volkas, [arXiv:2001.05335](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.05335)

See also our LLP whitepaper, for more DM models with this exotic decay pattern! [arXiv:1903.04497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04497)

Experimental Strategy : Search for a disappearing track:

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1712.02118.pdf>



Analysis Recast: Validation using AMSB model & efficiency map

The following analysis selection criteria are imposed:

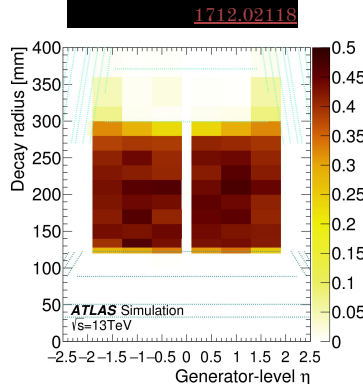
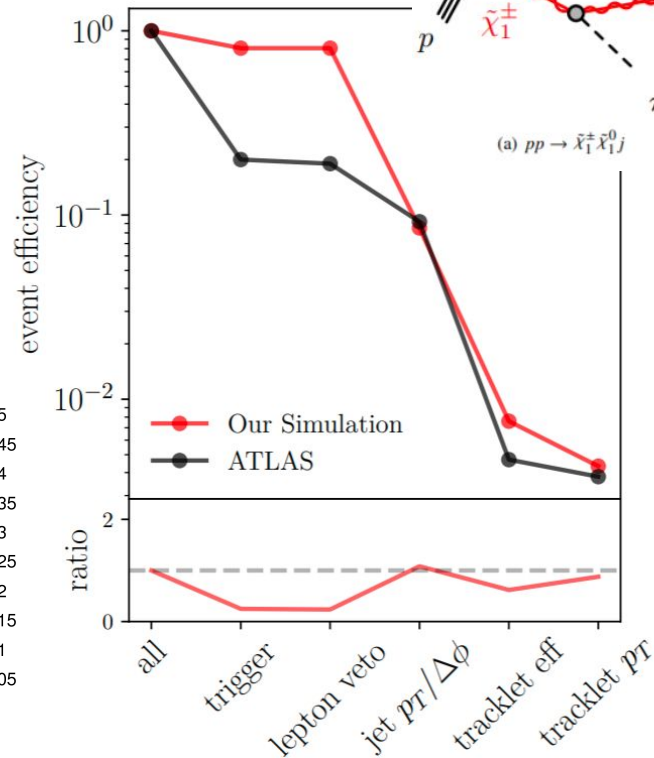
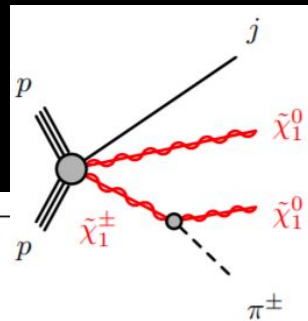
- Trigger : $\cancel{p}_T > 140$ GeV
- Lepton veto : no electrons or muons
- Jet $p_T/\Delta\phi$: at least one jet with $p_T > 140$ GeV, and $\Delta\phi$ between the \cancel{p}_T vector and each of the up to four hardest jets with $p_T > 50$ GeV to be bigger than 1.0

In what follows, we use “overall event level efficiency” to refer to the efficiency after these selection cuts. On top of these event selection requirements, we correct for detector effects and resolutions by multiplying the overall event level efficiency with the event efficiency provided by ATLAS in Table 2 of [34].⁵

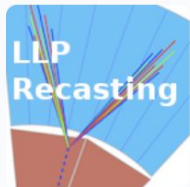
Then we proceed to select tracklets and require the following:

- Tracklet selection : at least one tracklet (generator-level chargino) with :
 - $p_T > 20$ GeV and $0.1 < |\eta| < 1.9$
 - $122.5 \text{ mm} < \text{decay position} < 295 \text{ mm}$
 - ΔR distance between the tracklet and each of the up to four highest- p_T jets with $p_T > 50$ GeV to be bigger than 0.4
 - we apply the tracklet acceptance \times efficiency map⁶ provided by ATLAS, which is based on the decay position and η . This is applied to selected tracklets passing the above selections.
- Tracklet p_T : Select tracklets with $p_T > 100$ GeV.

Validation is KEY!



Analysis Recast: Validation using AMSB model & efficiency



LLP Recasting

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recastingCodes

A collection of public codes for recasting long-lived particle searches

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You can find original search recast on our LLP gitHub !

LLP Recasting Repository

This repository holds example codes for recasting long-lived particle (LLP) searches. The code authors and repository maintainers are not responsible for how the code is used and the user should use discretion when applying it to new models.

Adding your recasting code

This is an open repository and if you have developed a code for recasting a LLP analysis, we encourage you to include it here. Please contact llp-recasting@googlegroups.com and we will provide you with the necessary information for including your code.

Repository Structure

The repository folder structure is organized according to the type of LLP signature and the corresponding analysis and authors:

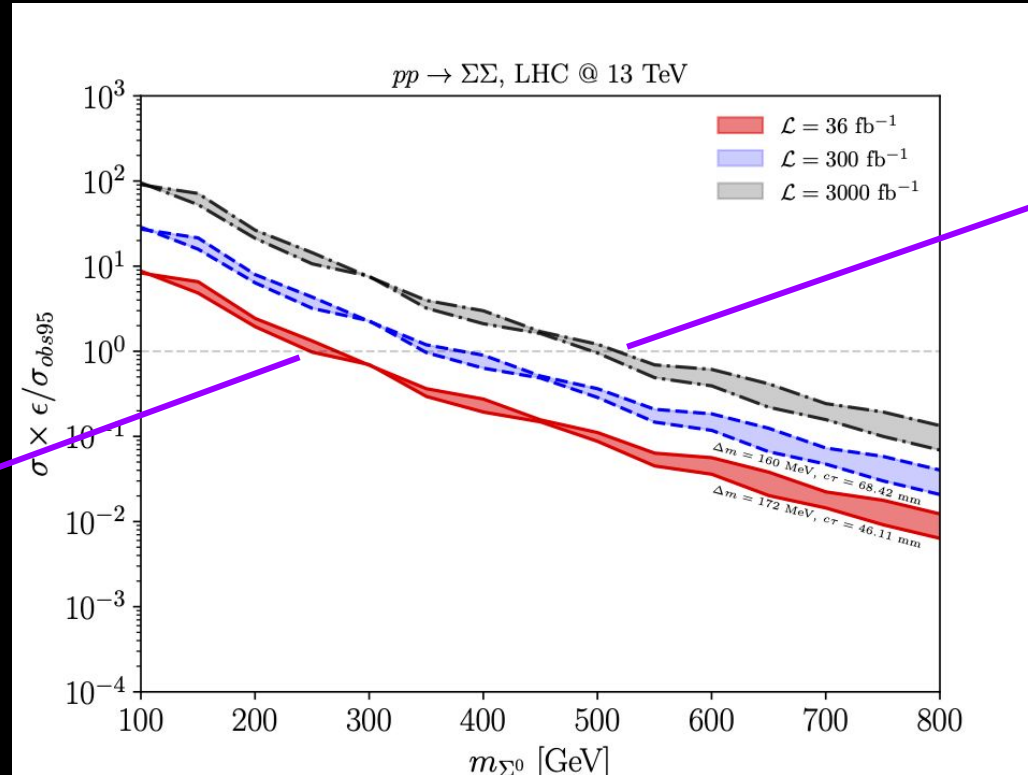
- Displaced Vertices
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 - 13 TeV ATLAS Displaced Vertex plus MET by GCottin
 - 8 TeV ATLAS Displaced Vertex plus jets by GCottin
- Heavy Stable Charged Particles
 - 8 TeV CMS HSCP
 - 13 TeV ATLAS HSCP
- Disappearing Tracks NEW
- Displaced Jets

People

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Scalar Triplet Dark Matter Model: LHC Exclusion



Current*: $m\Sigma > 275 \text{ GeV}$

HL-LHC*: $m\Sigma > 520 \text{ GeV}$

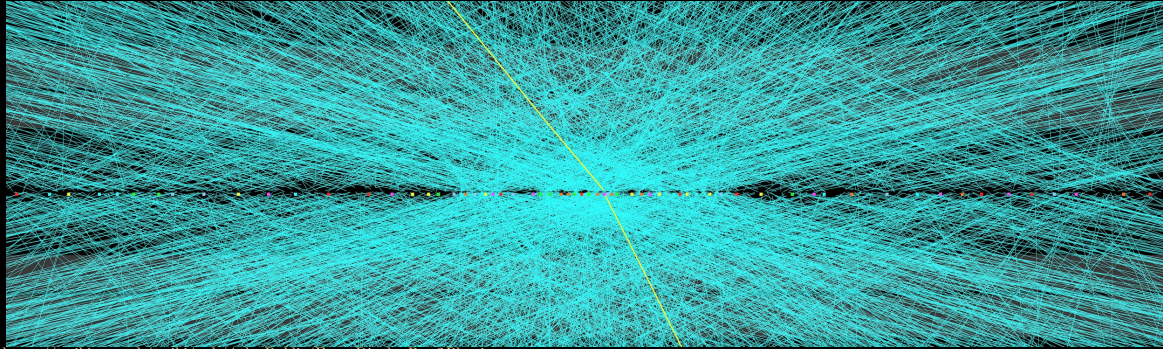
assumes

$$\sigma_{obs95} \propto 1/\sqrt{\mathcal{L}}$$

* Assumes $\Delta m\Sigma = 160 \text{ MeV}$

$$S/\Delta B \text{ with } \Delta B = \sqrt{B + \delta B} \text{ and } \delta B = 0.3B$$

Scalar Triplet Dark Matter Model: Future 100 TeV Collider (FCC-hh)



<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/EventDisplayRun2Physics>

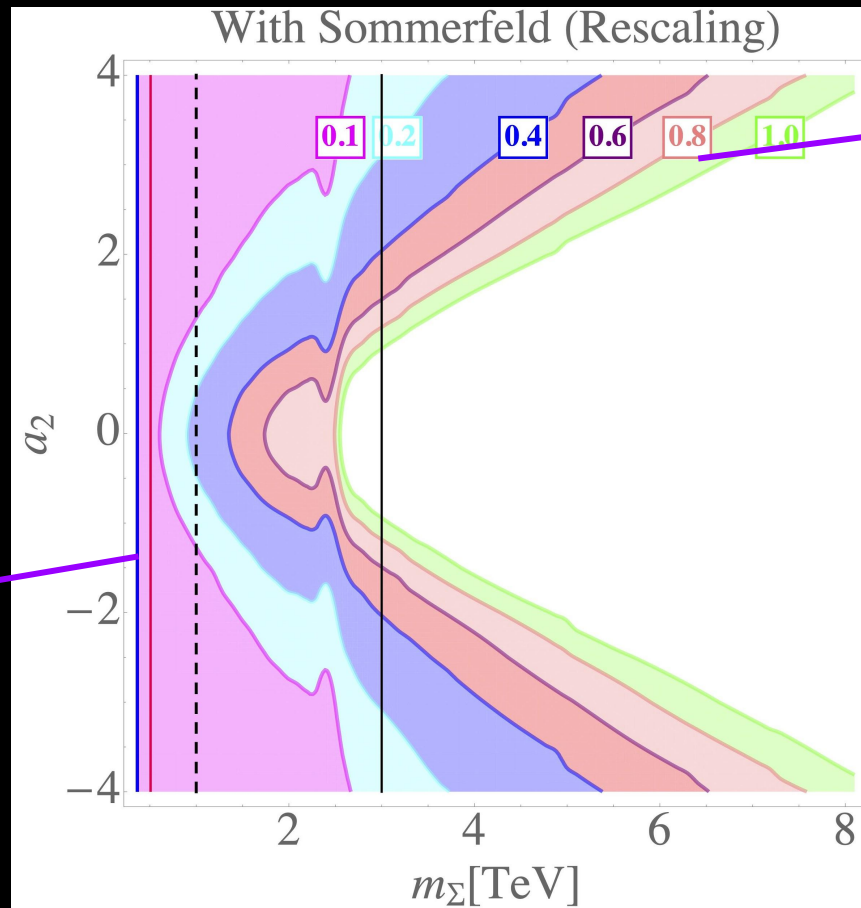
Rescale 13 TeV disappearing track selection requirements - include pile-up scenarios - retain ATLAS tracklet requirements

[2003.07867](#)

Benchmark	σ [pb]	ϵ	S	B	S/\sqrt{B}
$m_{\Sigma^\pm} = 1.1 \text{ TeV}, \bar{\mu} = 200$	5.8×10^{-2}	3.17×10^{-4}	553	673	21.3
$m_{\Sigma^\pm} = 1.1 \text{ TeV}, \bar{\mu} = 500$	5.8×10^{-2}	3.17×10^{-4}	553	8214	6
$m_{\Sigma^\pm} = 3.1 \text{ TeV}, \bar{\mu} = 200$	9.4×10^{-4}	4.69×10^{-4}	13.3	1.9	9.6
$m_{\Sigma^\pm} = 3.1 \text{ TeV}, \bar{\mu} = 500$	9.4×10^{-4}	4.69×10^{-4}	13.3	27	2.6

Background estimation following results in M. Saito, R. Sawada, K. Terashi, S. Asai, [arXiv:1901.02987](#)

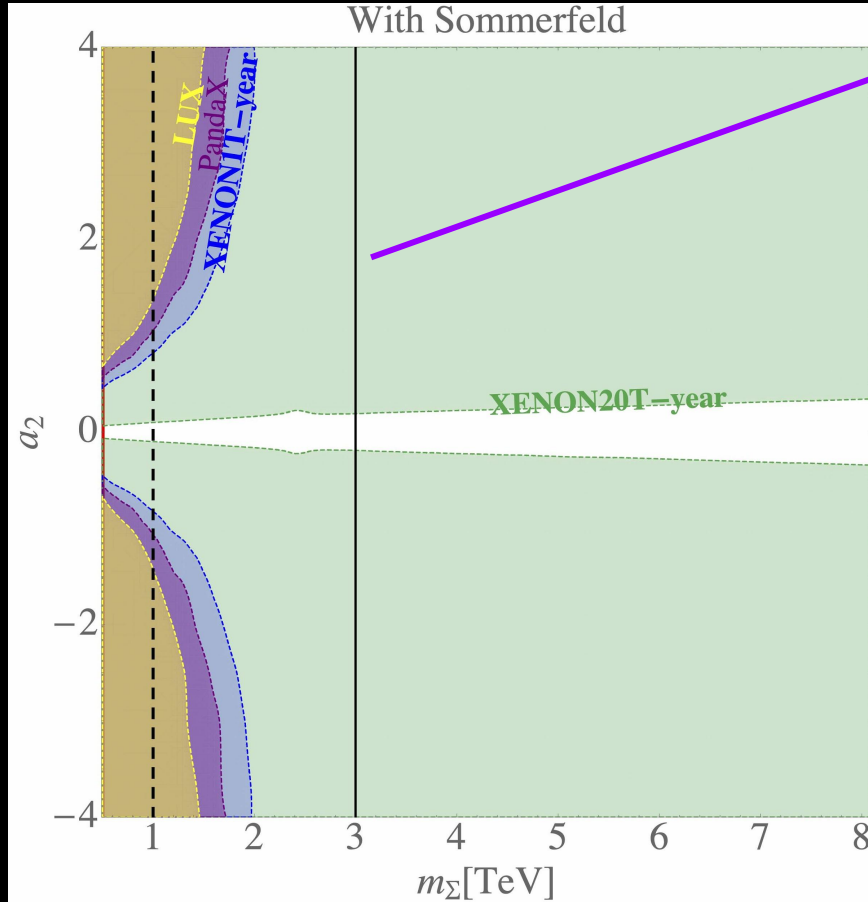
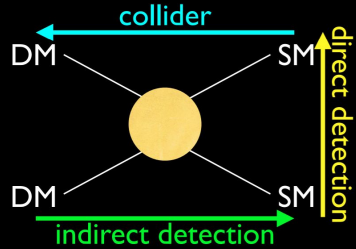
DM Relic Density



$\Omega_\Sigma / \Omega_{DM}$

LHC
Exclusion
In red/blue.
FCC-hh in
black

DM Direct Detection



FCC discovery
Prospects !

Complementarity
between Colliders and
Direct Detection
Experiments !

Take Home messages

New physics may be hiding @ LHC ! We should look **EVERYWHERE**

Reinterpreting search results to other models requires careful recasting

EW Multiplet DM is an interesting target for the LHC and prospective future colliders

Disappearing charged track searches provide a particularly powerful probe !

Backup

Triplet Scalar DM Model

$$m_h^2 = 2\lambda_0 v^2, \quad m_{\Sigma^0}^2 = m_{\Sigma^\pm}^2 = -\mu_\Sigma^2 + \frac{a_2 v^2}{2} \equiv m_0^2.$$

C.-W. Chiang, G. Cottin, Y. Du, K. Fuyuto, M.J. Ramsey-Musolf [[arXiv: 2003.07867](#)]

$$\Delta m = m_{\Sigma^\pm} - m_{\Sigma^0} = \frac{\alpha_2 m_0}{4\pi} \left[f\left(\frac{m_W}{m_0}\right) - c_W^2 f\left(\frac{m_Z}{m_0}\right) \right],$$

M. Cirelli, N. Fornengo and A. Strumia, [Nucl. Phys. B753 \(2006\) 178–194](#)

DM Processes considered

Annihilation	Coannihilation			
* $\Sigma^0\Sigma^0 \rightarrow W^\pm W^\mp$	$\Sigma^0\Sigma^\pm \rightarrow f\bar{f}'$	* $\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow f\bar{f}$	* $\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow h\gamma$	$\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$
* $\Sigma^0\Sigma^0 \rightarrow ZZ$	$\Sigma^0\Sigma^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm Z$	* $\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow W^\pm W^\mp$	* $\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow hh$	$\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm$
* $\Sigma^0\Sigma^0 \rightarrow hh$	$\Sigma^0\Sigma^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm\gamma$	* $\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow ZZ$	$\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow Z\gamma$	
* $\Sigma^0\Sigma^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}$	* $\Sigma^0\Sigma^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm h$	* $\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow Zh$	$\Sigma^\pm\Sigma^\mp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	

Table 2: Annihilation and coannihilation processes related to the DM relic density calculation, where $f = e, \mu, \tau, u, d, c, s, t, b$ and $\nu = \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$. Processes starting with an asterisk (*) are a_2 dependent.

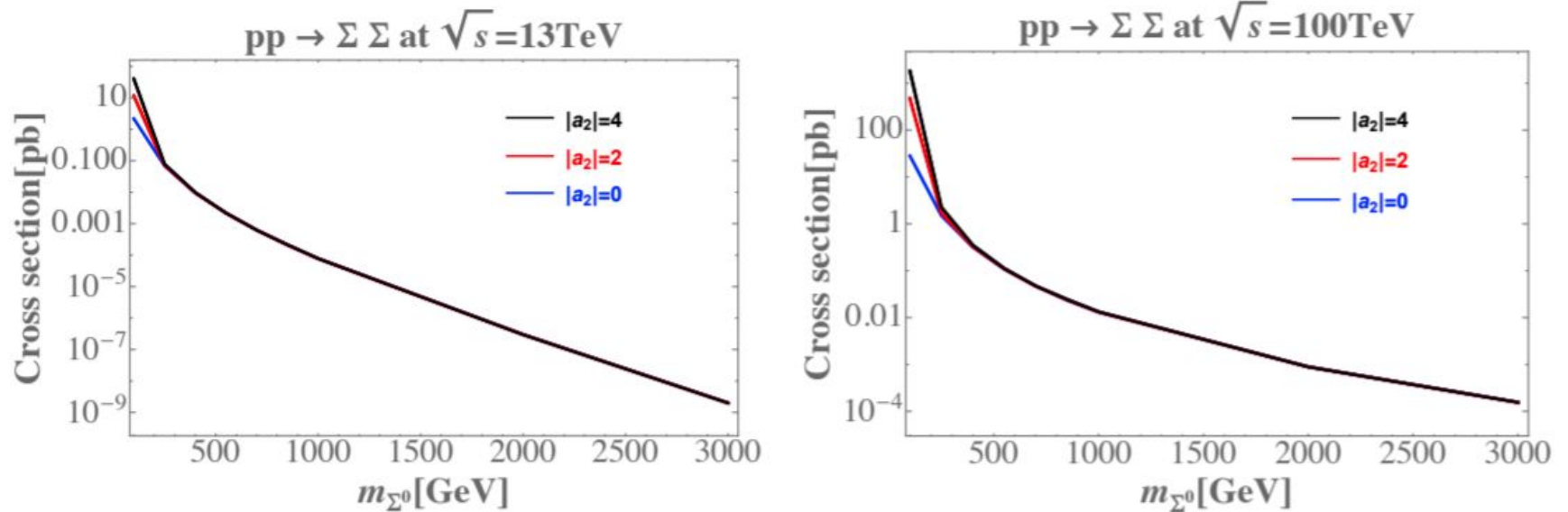


Figure 3: Pair production cross sections of triplet particles $\Sigma = \Sigma^{\pm,0}$ at 13 TeV and 100 TeV pp colliders as a function of m_{Σ^0} with representative values of a_2 .