





#### Forward BSM physics at the LHC with the FASER experiment

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### OUTLINE

- FASER: ForwArd Search ExpeRiment at the LHC (idea and basic detector design)
- FASER physics
  - remarks about BSM programme
  - possible neutrino measurements
- SM backgrounds
- Concluding remarks

### **FASER - IDEA**

FASER – small (~0.05 m<sup>3</sup>) and inexpensive (~1M\$) experiment detector to be placed few hundred meters downstream away from the ATLAS IP

to harness large, currently "wasted" forward LHC cross section



### FASER LOCATION – TUNNEL TI12



- location in a side tunnel TI12 (former service tunnel connecting SPS to LEP)
- L ~ 485m away from the IP along the beam axis
- space for a 5-meter-long detector
- precise position of the beam axis in the tunnel up to mm precision (CERN Engineering Dep)
- corrections due to beam crossing angle (for ~300 $\mu$ rad the displacement is ~7-8 cm) <sup>5</sup>

### **TUNNEL TI12**



new physics (hidden in the dark)

main LHC tunnel



• 2 stages of the project:

**FASER 1**: L = 1.5 m, R = 10 cm,  $V = 0.05 \text{ m}^3$ , 150 fb<sup>-1</sup> (Run 3) (above layout, approved & funded)

**FASER 2**: L = 5 m, R = 1 m, V = 16 m<sup>3</sup>, 3 ab<sup>-1</sup> (HL-LHC) possible upgrade with bigger detector for HL-LHC; not yet considered for approval

### **EXPECTED PERFORMANCE (TRACKS)**

#### Signal is a pair of oppositely charged high-energy particles e.g. 1 TeV A' -> e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>

In the following we assume 100% detection efficiency for a better comparison with other experiments

#### Ongoing work on full detector simulations



# FASER

#### CHARGED TRACK SEPARATION EFFICIENCY



# FASER PHYSICS

### EXAMPLE OF LHC/FASER KINEMATICS LLP FROM PION PRODUCTION AT THE IP



### DARK PHOTONS AT FASER – KINEMATICS



• physics reach insensitive to describing forward particle production with different MCs (EPOS, QGSJET, SIBYLL)

- typically  $p_T \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$
- for E~TeV  $\implies$  p<sub>T</sub>/E ~0.1 mrad
- even ~10<sup>15</sup> pions per ( $\theta$ ,p) bin



π<sup>0</sup> → A'γ

high-energy π<sup>0</sup>
 collimated A's

•  $\epsilon^2 \sim 10^{-10}$  suppression but still up to 10<sup>5</sup> A's per bin • only highly boosted A's survive until FASER E<sub>A'</sub> ~TeV

- further suppression from decay in volume probability
- still up to N<sub>A'</sub> ~100 events in FASER,

mostly within FASER radius  $_{11}$ 

### **DARK PHOTON REACH**

- kinetic mixing with the SM photon:  $\epsilon F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$ ,
- after field redefinition:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{A'}^2 A'_{\mu} A'^{\mu} + \sum \bar{f}(i \partial \!\!\!/ - \epsilon \, eq_f \, A') f$$



### **SELECTED OTHER REACH PLOTS**



### MORE MODELS OF NEW PHYSICS

(table refers to the benchmark scenarios of the Physics Beyond Colliders CERN study group)

Benchmark Model	Label	Section	PBC	$\mathbf{Refs}$	FASER	FASER 2
Dark Photons	V1	IV A	BC1	[7]		$\checkmark$
B - L Gauge Bosons	V2	IV B		[30]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$L_i - L_j$ Gauge Bosons	V3	IV C		[30]		
Dark Higgs Bosons	<b>S</b> 1	VA	BC4	[26, 27]		$\checkmark$
Dark Higgs Bosons with $hSS$	S2	VB	BC5	[26]		$\checkmark$
HNLs with $e$	F1	VI	BC6	[28, 29]		$\checkmark$
HNLs with $\mu$	F2	VI	BC7	[28, 29]		$\checkmark$
HNLs with $\tau$	F3	VI	BC8	[28, 29]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
ALPs with Photon	A1	VIIA	BC9	[32]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
ALPs with Fermion	A2	VIIB	BC10		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
ALPs with Gluon	A3	VIIC	BC11		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

Other models & FASER sensitivity studies e.g.:

- RPV SUSY (D. Drecks, J. de Vries, H.K. Dreiner, Z.S. Wang, 1810.03617)
- Inelastic dark matter (A. Berlin, F. Kling, 1810.01879)

See also

Batell, Freitas, Ismail, McKeen, 1712.10022, Bauer, Foldenauer, Jaeckel, 1803.05466; 1811.12522, Helo, Hirsch, Wang, 1803.02212, deNiverville, Lee 1904.13061, ...

### **SM NEUTRINOS IN FASER**



- LHC: lots of forward-going neutrinos

- Currently investigated possibility: install dedicated emulsion detector in front of FASER (FASERv)
   Potentially thousands of events in FASERv
- Measurement of the neutrino scattering cross section for  $E_v \sim TeV$  (currently unexplored regime)
- Possible detection of ~20 high-energy tau neutrino events
- ...and even more BSM opportunities

## **SM BACKGROUNDS**

### BACKGROUNDS – SIMULATIONS (FLUKA)

#### Spectacular signal:

- -- two opposite-sign, high energy (few hundred GeV) charged tracks,
- -- that originate from a common vertex inside the decay volume,
- -- and point back to the IP (+no associated signal in a veto layer in front of FASER),
- -- and are consistent with bunch crossing timing.
- Neutrino-induced events: low rate
- The radiation level in TI18 is low (<10<sup>-2</sup> Gy/year), encouraging for detector electronics
- Showers in the nearby Disperssion Suppresor are suppressed due to the dispersion function of the machine at the FASER location.
- Beam-gas is suppressed due to the excellent vacuum of the LHC
- Particles produced at the IP are suppressed due to the 100m of rock in front of FASER (and the LHC magnets)
- Muons coming from the IP front veto layers

Expected trigger rate ~650 Hz

Other particles: detailed simulations, highly reduced rate (shielding + LHC magnets)

e⁻

#### study by the members of the CERN FLUKA team:

	Cut	T > 100 GeV	Cut	T > 500 GeV	Cut	T > 1 TeV
Part. type	fluence rate (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	fluence per bunch crossing per cm <sup>2</sup>	fluence rate (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	fluence per bunch crossing per cm <sup>2</sup>	fluence rate (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	fluence per bunch crossing per cm <sup>2</sup>
μ+	0.18	6.1·10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.02	5.8.10-10	0.002	6.8-10-11
μ-	0.40	1.3.10.8	0.22	7.4.10.9	0.14	4.6.10.9
n <sub>o</sub>	~ 10-7	~ 10 <sup>-14</sup>	0	0	0	0
γ	~ 104	~ 10 <sup>-12</sup>	~ 10 <sup>-6</sup>	~ 10 <sup>-13</sup>	~ 10 <sup>-6</sup>	~ 10 <sup>-13</sup>
π	~ 10-5	~ 10 <sup>-12</sup>	~ 10-7	~ 10 <sup>-14</sup>	0	0

Process	Expected Number of Events
$\mu$	$540\mathrm{M}$
$\mu + \gamma_{\rm brem}$	41K
$[\mu + (\gamma_{\rm brem} \to e^+ e^-)]$	[7.4K]
$\mu + EM$ shower	22K
$\mu$ + hadronic shower	21K

### **BACKGROUNDS – SIMULATIONS (2)**

#### Cross section of the tunnel containing FASER



At FASER location:

muon flux reduced along the beam collision axis (helpful role of the LHC magnets)

### **BACKGROUNDS – IN-SITU MEASUREMENTS**

- Emulsion detectors focusing on a small region around the beam axis (FASER location)
- TimePix Beam Lumi Monitors (signal correlated with lumi in IP1)
- BatMons (battery-operated radiation monitors)





#### Results are consistent with FLUKA simulations

	beam	normalized flux, all	normalized flux, main peak
	$[\mathrm{fb}^{-1}]$	$[\mathrm{fb}\ \mathrm{cm}^{-2}]$	$[fb cm^{-2}]$
TI18	2.86	$(2.6\pm0.7)\times10^4$	$(1.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^4$
TI12	7.07	$(3.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^4$	$(1.9 \pm 0.2) \times 10^4$
FLUK	A, E>10  GeV		$2 \times 10^{4}$

#### PRACTICALLY ZERO BG SEARCH

### FASER IN POPULAR CULTURE







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New physics reach even after first 10fb<sup>-1</sup> (end of 2021?)

### CONCLUSIONS

• Light Long-lived Particles (LLPs) – exciting new physics !!!

• FASER is a new, <u>small and inexpensive</u> experiment to be placed at the LHC to search for light long-lived particles to complement the existing experimental programs at the LHC, as well as other proposed experiments,

• FASER would not affect any of the existing LHC programs and do not have to compete with them for the beam time etc.

- Rich physics prospects:
- popular LLP models (dark photon, dark Higgs boson, GeV-scale HNLs, ALPs...),
- Many connections to DM and cosmology
- Invisible decays of the SM Higgs,
- Measurments of SM neutrinos

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• Timeline:

Install FASER 1 in LS2 (2019-20) for Run 3 (150 fb<sup>-1</sup>) (APPROVED & ONGOING)

- R = 10 cm, L = 1.5 m, Target dark photons, B-L gauge bosons, ALPs, HNLs( $\tau$ )... Install FASER 2 in LS3 (2023-25) for HL-LHC (3 ab<sup>-1</sup>)

- R = 1 m, L = 5 m, Full physics program: dark vectors, ALPs, dark Higgs, HNLs...



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### FASER APPROVAL

Voir en français

#### 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

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5 MARCH, 2019 | By Cristina Agrigoroae



A 3D picture of the planned FASER detector as seen in the Ti12 tunnel. The detector is precisely aligned with the collision axis in ATLAS, 480 m away from the collision point (image: FASER/CERN) (image: CERN)

Geneval Today, the CERN Research Board approved a new experiment designed to look for light and weakly

related article

physics today



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- 0.55T permanent dipole magnets
   based on the Halbach array design
  - LOS to pass through the magnet center
  - minimum digging to the floor in TI12
  - minimized needed services (power, cooling)
- manufacture: CERN magnet group
- stray field around scintillator PMTs ~5mT
   shielding (mu-metal)



<sup>x [mm]</sup> 25

### FASER TRACKING STATIONS

- The FASER Tracker will be made up of 3 tracking stations
- Each containing 3 layers of double sided silicon micro-strip detectors
- Spare ATLAS SCT modules will be used
  - 80µm strip pitch, 40mrad stereo angle
  - Many thanks to the ATLAS SCT collaboration!
- 72 SCT modules needed for the full tracker
- Due to the low radiation in TI12 the silicon can be operated at room temperature, but the detector needs to be cooled to remove heat from the on-detector ASICs
- Tracker readout using FPGA based board from University of Geneva (already used in Baby MIND neutrino experiment)



SCT module









FASER will have an ECAL:

measuring the EM energy in the event (up to 1% accuracy in energy ~1 TeV)

- Will use 4 spare LHCb outer ECAL modules
  - Many thanks to LHCb Collaboration for allowing us to use these!
  - 66 layers of lead/scintillator (2mm lead, 4mm plastic scintillator)
    - 25 radiation lengths long
    - no longitudinal shower information
    - Resolution will degrade at higher energy due to not containing full shower in calorimeter
- Scintillators used for vetoing charged particles entering the decay volume, for triggering and as a preshower
  - To be produced at CERN scintillator lab
  - Vetoing: achievable extremely efficient charged particle veto (eff>99.99%)
  - Trigger: also timing the signal with respect to timing of the \$pp\$ interactions
  - Preshower: thin radiator in front, photon showering (disentangling from v interactions in ECAL)<sup>27</sup>

### FASER TDAQ



- Trigger rate expected to be ~600 Hz, dominated by muons from IP.
- Trigger will be an OR of triggers from scintillators and from the ECAL.
- Largely independent of ATLAS; only need to know bunch crossing time and ATLAS luminosity for off-line analysis.

### **MORE ABOUT TRACK SEPARATION**



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### FASER AND SURROUNDING LHC INFRASTRUCTURE



### FORWARD SPECTRUM OF LIGHT MESONS

Example MC – EPOS LHC

e.g. 1306.0121 T.Pierog etal

- based on Parton-Based Gribov Regge Theory
- extensively tuned to the LHC data (both forward and for smaller η)







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### **INELASTIC P-P COLLISIONS**



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#### CRMC package COMPARISON – VARIOUS MC TOOLS

CRUCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM LHC FORWARD PHYSICS AND DIFFRACTION WG



### VARIOUS MC TOOLS & OFFSET



Almost impreceptible differences in reach for various MC tools  $\overline{d} \sim \varepsilon^{-2}$ 

$$N_{\rm sig} \propto \mathcal{L}^{\rm int} \, \epsilon^2 \, e^{-L_{\rm min}/\bar{d}} \quad \text{for} \ \bar{d} \ll L_{\rm min}$$

no of events grows exponentially with a small shift in  $\epsilon$ 



FASER reach unaffected by a small offset as long as the beam collision axis goes through the detector

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### FORWARD SPECTRUM OF HEAVY MESONS

- charmed and beauty meson spectra obtained with the semi-analytical approach employed by the FONLL tool

- analytical fragmentation functions: BCFY (charmed). Kartvelishvili et al. (beautv)
- good agreement with the LHCb data

FONLL vs LHCb data for charged D D<sup>+-</sup> mesons, 4.0 < y < 4.5





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 $V_{ts}$ 

#### 1710.09387, PRD 97 (2018) no.5, 055034

 $V_{tb}$ 

### DARK HIGGS BOSONS

- Dark Higgs boson: additional hidden real scalar field  $\phi$ ,
- often adopted phenomenological parametrization:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset - m_{\phi}^2 \, \phi^2 - \sin heta rac{m_f}{v} \, \phi ar{f} f - oldsymbol{\lambda} v h \phi \phi$$

- Higgs-like couplings suppressed by  $heta^2$ ,
- production: B and K decays,  $h 
  ightarrow \phi \phi$ ,
- decays: into the heaviest kinematically allowed states:  $\mu^+\mu^-$  ,  $\pi\pi$  , KK ,  $\ldots$
- at FASER energies:  $N_B/N_{\pi} \sim 10^{-2}$  (10<sup>-7</sup> for typical beam+dumps)



### PROBING INVISIBLE DECAYS OF THE SM HIGGS

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -m_{\phi}^2 \phi^2 - \sin heta rac{m_f}{v} \phi ar{f} f - \lambda v h \phi \phi$$

- trilinear coupling invisible Higgs decays  $h \rightarrow \phi \phi$
- far-forward region: efficient production via off-shell Higgs,  $B \rightarrow X_s h^*(\rightarrow \phi \phi)$
- can extend the reach in  $\theta$  up to  $10^{-6}$ for B(h  $\rightarrow \phi \phi$ )~0.1
- up to ~100s of events



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