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CERN Research Fellow in Experimental Particle Physics
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Areas of specialization

Particle Physics, Data Analysis in High Energy Physics, Physics beyond the Standard Model of Fundamental Interactions, Electromagnetic and Hadronic Calorimetry

Career

- Sept 2011 - **CERN Research Fellow in Experimental Particle Physics**
today SUPERVISOR: Dott. Maurizio Pierini (CERN)
CERN, Geneve, Switzerland
- Dec 2007 - **Post-Doctoral Research Assistant (Post-Doc) in Particle Physics**
Aug 2011 SUPERVISOR: Prof. Sarah Eno (UMD)
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, US
Based at CERN, Geneve, Switzerland
- Nov 2004 - **PhD in Physics**
Jan 2008 “Search for Supersymmetry with Gauge-Mediated Breaking using high energy photons at CMS experiment” [29]
ADVISORS: Prof. Egidio Longo, Prof. Shahram Rahatlou, Dott. Daniele del Re (Sapienza)
Sapienza Università di Roma, Roma, Italy
- Sept 1998 - **Laurea in Physics** (highest honors)
May 2004 “Calibration of an electromagnetic calorimeter using the energy flow method” [30]
ADVISORS: Prof. Egidio Longo (Sapienza), Dott. Riccardo Paramatti (INFN)
Mark: 110/110 “magna cum laude”
Sapienza Università di Roma, Roma, Italy

Highlights of Research Activities

- Dec 2007 - today - Actively involved in the research activities of the exotic physics group (Exotica) of the CMS experiment, looking for evidence of new physics beyond the Standard Model of fundamental interactions [see “Talks at Conferences”].
- Dec 2007 - today - Search for pair production of first generation scalar Leptoquarks (LQ) in the decay channels $LQ\bar{L}Q \rightarrow eeqq$ [2, 12, 13, 22, 23] and $LQ\bar{L}Q \rightarrow evqq$ [1, 21] with the CMS detector using the first 36 pb^{-1} of LHC collisions collected in 2010. Supervising PhD student from Princeton University for the update of both analyses with 4.7 fb^{-1} of data collected in 2011 [20].
- Sept 2011 - today - Search for narrow resonances decaying into a pair of jets using the dijet mass spectrum [18] using the CMS detector. The analysis contains improvements compared to a previous CMS dijet search [3] and uses the entire 4.7 fb^{-1} data sample collected in 2011.
- Dec 2011 - today - Search for heavy $qW/qZ/WW/WZ/ZZ$ resonances in the W/Z -tagged dijet mass spectrum at CMS using jet substructure techniques to identify the hadronic decays of boosted vector bosons [19].
- Jun 2011 - today - Member of the “*Analysis Review Committee*” for the scrutiny of two public CMS results within the collaboration: top cross section measurements in all hadronic decay channel [16] and search for Randall-Sundrum gravitons decaying into a jet plus missing transverse energy final state [17] with 2011 collision data.
- Mar 2012 - today - Coordination of the “*Dataset Definition Team*” of the CMS experiment: task force created to bring together experts from different areas (physics coordination, trigger study group, physics validation team, etc...) and acting as a main forum for the discussion of all the aspects related to the definition, maintaining and monitoring of the data streams to be used for physics analysis and detector calibration in 2012.
- Sept 2008 - Sept 2010 - Coordination of the “*Prompt Feedback Group*” of the hadronic calorimeter (HCAL) of the CMS experiment: monitoring and data analysis concerning problems in the HCAL detector during data-taking of cosmic rays [see “Talks in Plenary Meetings of the CMS Collaboration” → presentations on behalf of the HCAL group].
- Nov 2009 - Sept 2010 - Commissioning of missing transverse energy (MET) reconstructed with the first proton-proton (pp) collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.36$ and 7 TeV collected by the CMS experiment [14, 15, 24, 25].
- Nov 2009 - Sept 2010 - Development and implementation of algorithms for the identification of anomalous, beam-induced signals (“noise”) in the Hadronic Forward Calorimeter (HF) of the CMS experiment, observed in the first pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.36$ and 7 TeV [26].

- Jun 2009 - Jul 2009 Contribution to the test beam of the hadronic calorimeter of the CMS experiment (HCAL Test Beam 2009 [4]): commissioning and calibration of the “*delay wire chambers*” installed along the H2 beam line (CERN, Preessin site) for beam position measurements.
- Jan 2008 - Jul 2008 Commissioning of the hadronic calorimeter (HCAL) of the CMS experiment: “on-call” support for data acquisition (DAQ) and trigger configurations of HCAL during early periods of cosmic-ray data-taking.
- Dec 2006 - Dec 2007 Feasibility study of the search for Gauge Mediated Supersymmetry Breaking (GMSB) models in the prompt photon decay channel $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + X \rightarrow \tilde{G} \tilde{G} \gamma \gamma + X$ [29], with full simulation of the CMS detector.
- Jul 2006 - Sept 2006 Monitoring of the high voltage system of the CMS electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) and data-taking shifts in the combined ECAL+HCAL test beam at CERN, Preessin site (H2 Test Beam 2006 [6]).
- Mar 2006 - Nov 2006 Analysis and test of stability of ECAL high voltage system including development of software tools for data analysis [8].
- Oct 2005 - Oct 2006 Study of the calibration of the CMS electromagnetic calorimeter using $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ decays with full detector simulation [7, 27, 28].
- Jan 2003 - May 2004 Study and implementation of the energy flow technique applied to the calibration of the electromagnetic calorimeter of the L3 experiment at LEP (CERN) [30].

Talks at Conferences

- 13-20.03.2011 **Moriond/EW 2011** - Rencontres de Moriond on “EW Interactions and Unified Theories”
La Thuile, Valle D’Aosta, Italy
“*Exotica Searches at CMS*”
Presentation in plenary session on behalf of the CMS Collaboration
Conference proceedings [9]
- 19-23.04.2010 **DIS2010** - XVIII International Workshop on Deep-Inelastic Scattering and Related Subjects
Firenze, Italy
“*Searches With Early Data At CMS*”
Presentation in parallel session on behalf of the CMS Collaboration
Conference proceedings [10]
- 15-17.04.2009 **IFAE2009** - Incontri di Fisica delle Alte Energie, VIII Edizione
Bari, Italy
“*Prospects for Exotica Searches at ATLAS and CMS Experiments*”
Presentation in parallel session on behalf of the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations
Conference proceedings [11]

Talks in Plenary Meetings of the CMS Collaboration

- Mar 2010 **CMS General Weekly Meeting GWM11** - Preliminary results, plots, lessons from the first 7 TeV

collisions - CERN, Geneve, Switzerland

“Report from HCAL/JetMET”

Presentation in plenary session on behalf of the HCAL and Jet/MET groups of the CMS experiment

Jan 2010 **Riunione CMS Italia** - Pisa, Italy

“Example of prompt analysis at CERN: Jet/MET commissioning with first collision data”

Sept 2009 **CMS Commissioning and Run Coordination meeting** - CRAFT (Cosmic Run At Four Tesla) 2009
Data Analysis Jamboree - CERN, Geneve, Switzerland

“HCAL (Hadronic Calorimeter of CMS experiment) performance during CRAFT09”

Presentation in plenary session on behalf of the HCAL group of the CMS experiment

Nov 2008 **CMS Commissioning and Run Coordination meeting** - CRAFT (Cosmic Run At Four Tesla) 2008
Data Analysis Jamboree - CERN, Geneve, Switzerland

“HCAL (Hadronic Calorimeter of CMS experiment) achievements during CRAFT08”

Presentation in plenary session on behalf of the HCAL group of the CMS experiment

Teaching

Oct 2005 - **Sapienza Università di Roma** - Roma, Italy

Feb 2006 *Teaching assistant for the course of “Fisica Generale I - meccanica classica”*

Exercises of classic mechanics for mathematics majors

Physics Schools

12-22.08.2008 **2008 Joint CERN-Fermilab Hadron Collider Physics Summer School**
Fermilab, Batavia, Illinois, US

09-14.06.2005 **Italo-Hellenic School of Physics 2005**

Martignano, Lecce, Italy

“The Physics of LHC: theoretical tools and experimental challenges”

Languages

Italian (native speaker)

English (fluent)

Summary of Past Research Activities

In fall 2007, towards the end of my PhD studies in Rome, I decided to start a learning experience abroad in order to continue the research activity in particle physics at an high energy physics laboratory and to broaden my knowledge in this field; leaving open the possibility of a future return to Italy as researcher or assistant professor in the university.

In December 2007, I started an appointment as post-doctoral research assistant (*post-doc*) in particle physics at the University of Maryland. Since then I have been based at the CERN laboratory, working in the CMS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and focusing primarily on:

- analysis of proton-proton (pp) collision data within the exotic physics group (Exotica), looking for evidence of new physics beyond the Standard Model of Fundamental Interactions (SM);
- commissioning, “*prompt analysis*” and detector performance studies of the hadronic calorimeter (HCAL);
- study performance of missing transverse energy (MET) reconstruction with first pp collision data at LHC.

In September 2011, I started an appointment as Research Fellow in experimental particle physics at CERN, and I decided to continue my research activities in the CMS experiment. In the first six months of my new contract, I have been extending my involvement in the Exotica group (by starting new physics analysis efforts) and, in March 2012, began to coordinate a working team of the CMS experiment devoted to the definition, maintaining, and monitoring of the data streams to be used for physics analysis and detector calibration during the 2012 data taking.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PHYSICS ANALYSIS OF PP COLLISION DATA

Since the beginning of my post-doctoral appointment, I have been actively involved in the research activities of the CMS Exotica group, which is devoted to search for new physics phenomena beyond the SM. I presented the results of these analyses in international conferences on behalf of the CMS collaboration [see “Talks at Conferences”].

I started my activities in the Exotica group in 2008 with the search for pair production of first generation scalar “*leptoquarks*” (LQ) in the $LQ\bar{L}Q \rightarrow eeqq$ decay channel ($eejj$). Leptoquarks are conjectured particles foreseen by some well-motivated theories beyond of the SM, in which transitions between leptonic and baryonic sectors are allowed. The process under study has a very characteristic signature, with two high transverse momentum (p_T) electrons and two high p_T jets, and a peak in the electron-jet invariant mass spectrum corresponding to the LQ mass.

The feasibility study, done in 2009 with full simulation of the CMS detector [13, 23], aimed to the optimization of selection criteria to reject the SM backgrounds, and study techniques to estimate them directly from data.

The analysis has been performed with 33 pb^{-1} of (pp) collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ collected by the CMS experiment in 2010 [2, 12, 22]. The data is in good agreement with the SM predictions. Therefore a 95% “*confidence level*” lower limit is set on the mass of first generation scalar LQ at $384 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, assuming a branching ratio of 100% for the decay $LQ \rightarrow eq$. This result exceeded the existing Tevatron limit on the LQ mass of $300 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, obtained with 1 fb^{-1} of proton-antiproton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$, hence extending the search for leptoquarks in an unexplored mass region. The paper has been published in the Phys. Rev. Lett. journal.

In addition to the $eejj$ analysis, I was the contact person of the search for pair production of first generation scalar leptoquarks in the $LQ\bar{L}Q \rightarrow evqq$ decay channel ($evjj$) [1, 21]. The combination

of the results from these two channels has been used to improve the sensitivity to the new physics in the space of the unknown parameters of the theory model: M_{LQ} vs β , where M_{LQ} is the LQ mass, and β ($1 - \beta$) is the branching ratio of the decay $LQ \rightarrow eq$ ($LQ \rightarrow \nu q$). The $e\nu jj$ analysis has been published in the Phys. Lett. B journal using 36 pb^{-1} of data collected in 2010.

I have been involved in this search also during 2011, by supervising a PhD student from the Princeton University to update both the $eejj$ and $e\nu jj$ LQ analyses using the 4.7 fb^{-1} of data collected in 2011 by the CMS experiment [20]. These results, which are aiming for publication in the first months of 2012 in combination with a complementary second-generation LQ search, are going to significantly extend the new physics reach compared to 2010, thanks to the improvements in the analysis and the larger statistics available.

Although low mass scale LQs, accessible at current colliders, are generally not considered to be one of the preferred extensions of the SM, searches for LQ pair production can be regarded as a prime example for new signatures with leptons, jets and MET with a SM background dominated by weak boson and top-pair production, and therefore represent important benchmark analyses to compare the sensitivity to new physics in general with other experiments.

In September 2011, I started an appointment as Research Fellow in experimental particle physics at CERN and I joined the CMS analysis group working on a search for new resonances decaying to a pair of jets in the dijet mass spectrum. Proton-proton collisions can produce two or more energetic jets when the constituent partons are scattered with large transverse momenta, p_T . The invariant mass spectrum of the two jets with largest p_T (dijets) is predicted to fall steeply and smoothly by quantum chromodynamics (QCD). Many extensions of the SM predict the existence of new massive objects that couple to quarks (q) and gluons (g), thus resulting in resonances in the dijet mass spectrum. The analysis is sensitive to a wide range of new physics models, including string resonances, excited quarks, axigluons, new vector bosons (W' , Z'), and Randall-Sundrum (RS) gravitons (G).

The main analysis is an update of the previous CMS published result [3], but performed with the entire 4.7 fb^{-1} data sample collected in 2011. I have been focusing primarily on the improvements compared to the previous result. I am the main developer of the novel trigger, data acquisition, and analysis strategy employed in this search to recover sensitivity to new physics at dijet masses below 1 TeV [18]. In the standard analysis that uses the regular data sample ("stream A"), the region below 1 TeV (dominated by a very large rate of events from QCD processes) is dropped due to limitations in the available jet trigger bandwidth. This is a natural consequence of the steady increase of the LHC instantaneous luminosity during 2011. The same limitation is found to affect also a similar analysis from the ATLAS experiment. Being able to explore with high sensitivity this mass range is important since new resonances weakly-coupled to SM particles could still be hiding at low mass within large QCD background.

The new proposal consists in performing the dijet analysis on a special sample of data collected online by using low jet p_T triggers (high rate of events), but storing only a reduced event content (small size per event). This allows to keep the bandwidth (rate of events \times size per event) to values acceptable by the data acquisition system. The reduced event content consists primarily of physics objects reconstructed at High Level Trigger (HLT), unlike the standard objects reconstructed offline from stream A data, such as HLT jets which are the main ingredient for this search. A similar conceptual design has already been used in CMS for detector calibration purpose, but it is the first time that this is employed for physics analysis. This analysis is aiming to deliver a preliminary public result in the first months of 2012.

The CMS experiment is planning to extend the trigger strategy discussed above towards a more general "data scouting" tool for the online monitoring during 2012 of the kinematic phase space regions of those searches that are usually limited by the available trigger bandwidth. This fast preview of the data would allow the possibility of changing the definition of the regular data stream, in case a potential new physics signal shows up in a region not covered by the triggers defining the

stream A with full event content.

The definition of the “data scouting” tool is part of the duties of the “Dataset Definition Team” (DDT) that I have started to coordinate in March 2012. The DDT is a task force created to bring together experts from different areas (physics coordination, trigger study group, physics validation team, etc...) and acting as a main forum for the discussion of all the aspects related to the definition, maintaining and monitoring of the data streams to be used for physics analysis and detector calibration in 2012.

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES DURING MY POST-DOC AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

At CMS, the hadronic calorimeter HCAL is mainly employed, together with electromagnetic calorimeter ECAL, for the reconstruction of “jets”(the experimental signature of the hadronization of partons) and the missing transverse energy in the event, hence playing an important role for many physics analyses feasible at an hadron collider as LHC. The very forward part of the HCAL is also used for luminosity measurement.

For the first six months of my appointment with the University of Maryland, I was involved in the HCAL commissioning, providing on-call support for data acquisition (DAQ) and trigger configurations during the early period of cosmic-ray data-taking by the CMS detector. In Summer 2009, I contributed to test beam studies of the hadronic calorimeter (HCAL Test Beam 2009 [4]) by commissioning and calibrating the “*delay wire chambers*” installed along the H2 beam line (CERN, Prevezin site) for beam position measurements.

For two years, starting from September 2008, I coordinated the HCAL “*Prompt Feedback Group*” (PFG) of the CMS collaboration, composed of about 5-10 people. The PFG worked on data analysis related to anomalies found in the detector, including problems in the firmware of electronics boards, data-format and trigger issues, as well as the support to groups devoted to the online (“*Data Quality Monitoring*”, DQM) and offline (“*Run Certification*”) control of data quality.

On various occasions, I presented to the CMS collaboration the status of the detector on behalf of the HCAL group, including talks in plenary meetings that followed the two main cosmic-ray data-taking periods in 2008 and 2009 [see “Talks in Plenary Meetings of the CMS Collaboration” → talks on behalf on the HCAL group].

At the beginning of 2010, I coordinated the HCAL PFG in preparation to the first LHC pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, which occurred on 30 March 2010. For this event we provided results in real time giving evidence of the collisions. The following day, I presented to a CMS plenary meeting the results of the very first detector performance analyses based on the pp collisions on behalf of the HCAL and Jet/MET groups [see “Talks in Plenary Meetings of the CMS Collaboration” → talks on behalf on the HCAL and Jet/MET group].

In conclusion, the PFG provided an active contribution to both the HCAL commissioning in 2008-2009, and to the regular operation of the detector during the physics data-taking in 2010.

In addition to the research activities related to electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters, I joined in November 2009 the Jet/MET group of CMS, that is employed in development and performance studies of jets and MET reconstruction. In the first months of 2010, I played an active role in the MET commissioning, using the first pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.36$ [15] and 7 TeV [14]. In particular, I am the main author of the following works: study of performance of the “*uncorrected calorimeter*” MET [25], classification of events in the non-gaussian tails of the MET distribution [24], and development and implementation of algorithms for the identification of anomalous, beam-induced noise in the Hadronic Forward Calorimeter (HF) [26]. The anomalous signals observed in HF can produce large apparent MET in the event; therefore it’s crucial to identify and reject them during the event

reconstruction, since such uncharacteristic signals can worsen the precision of some physics measurements, or even simulate a fake signature of new physics beyond the SM. The understanding of the performance of jets and MET reconstruction is an important point for the physics analyses I'm currently working on.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES DURING MY UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDIES

My interest in elementary particle physics drove me to choose this field when I was an undergraduate student in Rome and, more recently, to do research as part of the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) collaboration at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) of CERN (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucleaire).

In 2003, I started working on my undergraduate thesis at *Sapienza*, Università di Roma. The work concerned the study of the calibration of an electromagnetic calorimeter using the energy flow method [30], which allows to inter-calibrate calorimeter crystals by using the ϕ symmetry of energy deposits at a collider.

In October 2004, I was admitted to the graduate school in physics to work with the CMS group. The Rome group was heavily involved in the construction of the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL), as well as in monitoring and calibration. In my three years as a graduate student I worked on the calibration of the calorimeter, the stability of the ECAL high voltage (HV) system and feasibility studies for physics analysis on the search for Supersymmetry.

In 2006, I worked on the feasibility study of using $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays for the calibration of the ECAL crystals [27, 28]. This method has the advantage of high statistics, since π^0 are produced in abundance at hadron colliders, and does not rely on information from the detectors measuring tracks from charged particles, and hence could be performed “*in situ*” in the early periods of data-taking of LHC if the alignment and calibration of the high precision tracking system are not yet understood. The real challenge of this analysis is finding a satisfactory signal to noise ratio while maintaining high selection efficiency for such events in order to achieve a calibration of the entire ECAL in a short period of data-taking. In 2010 the CMS experiment collected enough data to calibrate the central part (barrel) of ECAL using π^0 's. The plans for 2011 foresee the extension of the method to the forward region of the detector (endcaps), as well as the combination of different calibration techniques that are available, in order to achieve the design precision on the ECAL calibration.

During summer of 2006, I participated in the combined test beam of the electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters of the CMS experiment at the H2 area of CERN, Preveessin site (H2 Test Beam 2006 [6]), mainly performing data-taking shifts. An important feature of the H2 test facility was the possibility to produce a secondary beam of π^0 's by inserting a target along the primary charged pion beam line. This data [7] was used to verify and improve the $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ reconstruction algorithm developed for the calibration studies with simulated events. During this period, I also worked on the monitoring of the ECAL high voltage system, which is under the direct responsibility of the Rome group.

My other activities included both development and implementation of the analysis software for the stability test of HV boards, and the relative analysis of data collected since 2003 [8]. The stability of the HV system is very important for the operation of ECAL because it affects directly the energy resolution of the electromagnetic calorimeter.

In 2007, I worked mainly on feasibility study of the search for Supersymmetry with Gauge-Mediated Breaking (GMSB) in the prompt photon decay channel $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + X \rightarrow \tilde{G}\tilde{G}\gamma\gamma + X$ (see PhD thesis [29]). The presence of two high energy photons and large missing transverse energy in

the final state due to gravitinos makes the experimental signature of such events very clear. This feasibility study, aimed at the optimization of selection criteria to reject SM backgrounds, showed that GMSB models, with parameters just above the limit fixed by Tevatron experiments, could be an early discovery at the CMS experiment with a few tens pb^{-1} of data and $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV. This result was significantly better than the one shown by previous studies reported in the CMS collaboration. At the current energy of LHC, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, the search for new physics in GMSB models could extend beyond the limit set by previous experiments with a few hundreds pb^{-1} of data.

References

PUBLICATIONS (RELATIVE TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES)

- [1] **“Search for First Generation Scalar Leptoquarks in the $e\nu jj$ channel in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV”**
S. Chatrchyan *et al.* [CMS Collaboration],
Phys. Lett. B **703**, 246 (2011), [arXiv:1105.5237 [hep-ex]].
I am the contact person and one of the two analysts (from University of Maryland group) of this CMS paper based on collision data.
- [2] **“Search for Pair Production of First-Generation Scalar Leptoquarks in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV”**
V. Khachatryan *et al.* [CMS Collaboration]
Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 201802 (2011), [arXiv:1012.4031 [hep-ex]]
I am one of the four analysts (from University of Maryland group) of this CMS paper based on collision data.
- [3] **“Search for Resonances in the Dijet Mass Spectrum from 7 TeV pp Collisions at CMS,”**
S. Chatrchyan *et al.* [CMS Collaboration],
Phys. Lett. B **704**, 123 (2011), [arXiv:1107.4771 [hep-ex]].
- [4] **“Study of various photomultiplier tubes with muon beams and Cherenkov light produced in electron showers”**
S. Chatrchyan *et al.* [CMS HCAL Collaboration]
JINST **5**, P06002 (2010)
The data were collected during the HCAL Test Beam 2009. I contributed to commissioning and calibration of the “*delay wire chambers*” installed along the H2 beam line (CERN, Preveessin site) for beam position measurements.
- [5] **“Identification and Filtering of Uncharacteristic Noise in the CMS Hadron Calorimeter”**
S. Chatrchyan *et al.* [CMS Collaboration]
JINST **5**, T03014 (2010) [arXiv:0911.4881 [physics.ins-det]]
- [6] **“The CMS Barrel Calorimeter Response To Particle Beams From 2-Gev/C To 350-Gev/C”**
S. Abdullin *et al.* [USCMS Collaboration and ECAL/HCAL Collaboration]
Eur. Phys. J. C **60**, 359 (2009) [Erratum-ibid. C **61**, 353 (2009)]
- [7] **“Intercalibration of the barrel electromagnetic calorimeter of the CMS experiment at start-up”**
P. Adzic *et al.* [CMS Electromagnetic Calorimeter Group]
JINST **3**, P10007 (2008)
I performed a feasibility study of using $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays for the calibration of the ECAL crystals, with full detector simulation.
- [8] **“High voltage system for the CMS electromagnetic calorimeter”**
A. Bartoloni *et al.*
Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A **582**, 462 (2007)
I performed part of the stability tests on the high voltage boards at CERN laboratory and most of the data analysis

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [9] **“Exotica searches at the CMS experiment”**
 F. Santanastasio
 Proceedings of the XLVIth Rencontres de Moriond 2011 Electroweak Interactions and Unified Theories, 125-132 (2011), edited by Etienne Auge, Jacques Dumarchez, and Jean Tran Thanh Van © The Gioi Publishers
Prepared for XLVIth Rencontres de Moriond 2011 Electroweak Interactions and Unified Theories, La Thuile, Aosta Valley, Italy, 13-20 March 2011
- [10] **“Searches With Early Data At CMS”**
 F. Santanastasio
 PoS DIS2010, 206 (2010)
Prepared for 18th International Workshop on Deep Inelastic Scattering and Related Subjects (DIS 2010), Florence, Italy, 19-23 Apr 2010
- [11] **“Prospects for Exotica Searches at ATLAS and CMS Experiments”**
 F. Santanastasio
 Il Nuovo Cimento Vol.32 C, N.3-4 ncc9484 (2009)
Prepared for Incontri di Fisica delle Alte Energie (IFAE 2009), Bari, Italy, Apr 2009

PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE CMS COLLABORATION (RELATIVE TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES)

- [12] **“Search for Pair Production of First Generation Leptoquarks Using Events Containing Two Electrons and Two Jets Produced in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV”**
 [CMS Collaboration]
 CMS PAS EXO-10-005 (2010), <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1289514/files/EXO-10-005-pas.pdf>
 I am co-author and one of the four analysts (from University of Maryland group) of this public CMS Physics Analysis Summary based on collision data.
- [13] **“Search for Pair Production of First Generation Scalar Leptoquarks at the CMS Experiment”**
 [CMS Collaboration]
 CMS PAS EXO-08-010 (2009), <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1196076/files/EXO-08-010-pas.pdf>
 I am co-author and one of the four analysts (from University of Maryland group) of this public CMS Physics Analysis Summary based on MC simulation.
- [14] **“Missing Transverse Energy Performance in Minimum-Bias and Jet Events from Proton-Proton Collisions at $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV”**
 [CMS Collaboration]
 CMS PAS JME-10-004 (2010), <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1279142/files/JME-10-004-pas.pdf>
- [15] **“Performance of Missing Transverse Energy Reconstruction in $\sqrt{s}=900$ and 2360 GeV pp Collision Data”**
 [CMS Collaboration]
 CMS PAS JME-10-002 (2010), <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1247385/files/JME-10-002-pas.pdf>
 I worked mostly on the section related to calorimeter MET cleaning algorithms and performances.
- [16] **“Measurement of the $t\bar{t}$ production cross section in the fully hadronic decay channel in pp collisions at 7 TeV”**
 [CMS Collaboration]
 CMS PAS TOP-11-007 (2011), <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1371755/files/TOP-11-007-pas.pdf>
 I am still involved in the review of the update of this analysis, with the entire data collected in 2011, which is aiming for publication in the first months of 2012.

- [17] **“Search for Randall-Sundrum Gravitons Decaying into a Jet plus Missing ET at CMS”**
[CMS Collaboration]
CMS PAS EXO-11-061 (2011), <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1426654/files/EXO-11-061-pas.pdf>

INTERNAL NOTES OF THE CMS COLLABORATION (RELATIVE TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES)

- [18] **“Search for Dijet Resonances in the Dijet Mass Spectrum in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV”**
F. Santanastasio *et al.*
CMS AN-2012/012 (2012)
I am one of the two analysts (from a group of about 10 people from various institutions including CERN) of this CMS analysis based on 4.7 fb^{-1} of pp collision data collected in 2011. I am the main developer of the novel trigger, data acquisition, and analysis strategy employed in this search to recover sensitivity to new physics at dijet masses below 1 TeV. This analysis is currently under approval process within the CMS Collaboration, and it is aiming for a preliminary public result (CMS Physics Analysis Summary) followed by a publication in the first months of 2012.
- [19] **“Search for $qW/qZ/WW/WZ/ZZ$ Resonances in the W/Z-tagged Dijet Mass Spectrum from 7 TeV pp Collisions at CMS”**
F. Santanastasio *et al.*
CMS AN-2011/524 (2011)
I recently joined the analysis group involved in this CMS search which is constituted by almost 10 people from CERN, John Hopkins University, and *L’Institut de Physique Nucleaire de Lyon* (INPL). I plan to contribute to the update with the 2012 data by studying various jet substructure algorithms to improve the sensitivity of the analysis to new physics. This analysis is currently under approval process within the CMS Collaboration, and it is aiming for publication in the first months of 2012, using the data collected during 2011.
- [20] **“Search for First-Generation Scalar Leptoquarks in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV using the CMS Detector”**
F. Santanastasio *et al.*
CMS AN-2011/492 (2011)
I am one of the two analysts (supervising a PhD student from Princeton University) of this CMS analysis based on 4.7 fb^{-1} of pp collision data collected in 2011. This analysis is currently under approval process within the CMS Collaboration, and it is aiming for publication in the first months of 2012 in combination with a complementary second-generation leptoquark search.
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