



Searches for SUSY and Dark Matter at CMS, from early data to the future

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About me



Imperial College London



- Born and grew up in Boston, Lincolnshire in the UK
 - 26 years old
- MSci in Physics with Theoretical Physics from Imperial College London
- PhD also from Imperial, including 2 years based in CERN to work on CMS
 - Development of new Level-I trigger jet algorithm, including pileup subtraction
 - Search for SUSY in the all-hadronic final state with the α_{T} variable in 13 TeV CMS data
- Began DESY fellowship in October 2017

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My current work

- Still no signs of new physics after a significant chunk (36/fb) of 13 TeV data have been analysed
- Need to get more creative in search for SUSY and dark matter
- New models:
 - 'Dark Higgs' and long lived SUSY
- New analysis techniques:
 - Deep learning offers a fast developing suite of new techniques to start exploring the phase space more deeply
 - Many powerful python-based tools and methods coming out of industry
- Lots of potential to apply this to HEP
 - Signal and background event classification (I'm looking at it in context of I lepton $\Delta \phi$ (lepton, MET) SUSY search)
 - Improve the algorithms to a HEP specific use case (e.g. new loss functions)
 - Taking care of systematics! (this is the interesting problem)



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Potential and dangers...



Deep Neural Networks with the right architecture can do this...

https://www.nature.com/articles/nature24270

But we need to make sure they aren't doing things like this...

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1712.09665.pdf



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Dark Higgs diagrams



Figure 1. Processes leading to missing transverse momentum signatures at the LHC. Left: a typical mono-jet process. Centre and right: processes leading to a mono-dark-Higgs signal.