Beyond the Standard Model ATLAS Odyssey



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The pending questions of the SM

The Standard Model (SM) is a beautiful theory that describes nature with great precision.

 All particles and forces it predicts have been experimentally discovered, except one: the Higgs Boson.

What the SM doesn't tell us, about what it predicts

 \circ Why 3 generations,

 \odot What determines masses and mixings,

 What is the origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry,

Is there a unified description of all forces,
...and many other things.

And also doesn't tell us anything at all about

- What is Dark Matter, what is Dark Energy,
- What exactly was the Big Bang,
- Why is the universe so big,
- o ... and many other things.



 Extensions to the SM foresee new phenomena that try to tackle the hierarchy problem.
 Most favorable extensions are accessible at the LHC. Discovering them is one of the reason the LHC was built.

The Large Hadron Collider

in 2011



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The ATLAS Detector at the LHC

- Multi-purpose multi-layered collider detector
- Design specifications

Barrel Toroid

25m

- Fast response, fast readout
- High granularity
- Radiation resistance
- Performance specifications
 - Large acceptance and hermeticity
 - Excellent particle ID,
 - Vertex reconstruction,
 - Jet and E_t^{miss} resolution

Electromagnetic

Calorimeters

Inner Detector

Crucial for precise measurements and BSM searches.



Muon Detectors

ATLAS taking data



- About 300-400Hz of interesting collision events are recorded by the ATLAS Trigger System.
 - A big challenge: the trigger has to select as many interesting events as possible for the diverse ATLAS physics programs (SM precision measurements, searches for Higgs, SUSY and exotics), as well as any **unpredicted new physics**.
 - It also has to provide enough data for calibrations, efficiency measurements and background estimations.
 - In 2010, ATLAS collected ~45pb⁻¹ of integrated luminosity.
 - \circ Peak LHC luminosity ~2e32 cm⁻²s⁻¹.
 - In 2011, the currently available dataset is ~1fb⁻¹!



ATLAS measurements

From simple signatures (and objects) to more complicated ones



Searches – an Outline

Exotics

- Search for new heavy gauge bosons (W', Z')
- Search in di-jet final state (excited quarks, contact interactions, ...)
- Search in multi-jet final state (black holes)
- Search in lepton(s) + jets final state (leptoquarks, ttbar resonance, ...)

SuperSymmetry (SUSY)

• MET-based searches for squarks and gluinos, in final states with:

- jets (and lepton[s])
- b-jets (and a lepton)

SUSY-Based exotics

- Search for di-photons (GMSB/UED)
- Search of eµ resonance
 - (RPV sneutrinos, LFV Z's)
- Search for lepton-jets (Hidden Valley)
- Search for Long Lived Particles



Exotic Searches

1. Search for new heavy gauge bosons

Motivation and observables

- Various SM extensions predict existence of heavy bosons.
 - Benchmark model is the Sequential Standard Model (SSM):
 - -W' and Z' have the same fermionic couplings as SM W and Z.
 - Widths scale linearly with mass.
 - For Z', there are string theory inspired models.





 $\begin{array}{c} \ell & \ell \\ W' & Z' \\ \bar{q'} & \bar{q} \end{array}$



Exotic Searches

1a. Search for Z'

Highest-mass di-electron event

 $M_{ee} = 920GeV$ $E_{T}(e_{1})=390GeV$ $E_{T}(e_{2})=388GeV$





2. Search in di-jet final state

Motivation and Observables

 Scattering process is well described by perturbative Quantum Chromodynamics (pQCD).

• It is possible there are additional contributions from either new massive particles, or new forces. Rich variety of new physics models that could manifest in dijet spectra:

• Compositeness: are quarks made from more fundamental particles?,

e.g.
$$qg
ightarrow q^*
ightarrow qg$$

TeV-scale gravity and Quantum Black Holes,

• Axigluons and Randall-Sundrum (RS) gravitons, ...

New physics can be measured in the dijet mass spectrum, or angular distributions.



Exotic Searches

2. Search in di-jet final state

Resonance Search – 2011 Data



No evidence for a resonance signal...

Highest mass event

 $M_{jj} = 4.04 \text{TeV}$ $p_T(j_1) = 1.85 \text{TeV}$ $p_T(j_2) = 1.84 \text{TeV}$



Exotic Searches



2. Search in di-jet final state

Angular analysis – 2010 Data

Limits set by the di-jet final state search				
	95% C.L. Limits (TeV)			
Analysis Strategy	Expected	Observed		
Excited Quark q* Mass				
M _{jj} resonance (2011)	2.40	2.49		
F _x (2010)	2.12	2.64		
Randall-Meade Quantum Black Hole M _D (d=6)				
M _{jj} resonance (2010)	3.64	3.67		
F _x (2010)	3.49	3.78		
Axigluon Mass				
M _{jj} resonance (2011)	2.48	2.67		
Contact Interaction A				
F _x (2010)	6.7	5.7		

Exotic Searches



m_G [GeV]

4. Search in multi-jet final state

Motivation and Observables

Black Holes: the signature for low-scale quantum gravity.

 \circ They form when two colliding partons have distance smaller than R_s, the Schwarzschild radius corresponding to their invariant mass.

 \circ Cross section: $\sigma = \pi R_s^2 - can be as high as 100pb!$

• They decay instantaneously (Hawking evaporation) emitting a large number of quarks, gluons, leptons, etc. Can be discovered in multi-jet events.

 \Rightarrow Caveat: over most of the viable parameter space, this is probably not a very realistic expectation (arXiv:0708.3017v1)

• Look for excess in Σp_T of jets, in events with large jet multiplicity.





4. Search in multi-jet final state Results – 2010 data CTEQ6.6 PDFs M_{th} [TeV] ATLAS Preliminary ⁺n=2 4. n=3 ∖s=7TeV 📥 n=4 4.2 $qt = 35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ **▼** n=5 Data L ⊖ n=6 🕂 n=7 $M_{th} = 2M_{D}$ $\cdot M_{th} = 3M_r$ 3.8 M_{th}=4Mr 3.6 3.4 3.2

Exclusion regions as a function of the Planck scale (M_D) , the number of extra dimensions and the minimum production mass.

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2.5

3 M_D [TeV]

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For events with nJets >=5 and Σp_T >2TeV, a 95% C.L. lower limit on the cross-section×acceptance of 0.29pb is obtained.

Exotic Searches

5. Search in lepton(s) & jets final state

Motivation and observables

 Leptoquarks: particles that carry both lepton and baryon numbers (both 'leptons' and 'quarks'). They also carry color – thus have large cross-section and could be observed early.

 GUT-inspired, with proton decay acting as one of the main motivations.

 \circ Decay into charged lepton plus quark or neutrino plus quark. \circ A leptoquark per generation. Searches carried out for each generation separately. Easier ones are for the first two generations (e/ μ): LQ1 and LQ2.



• Pair produced final state (gluon fusion): look for a lepton-jet resonance. ATLAS is looking for final states with 2 massive leptons (e/μ) plus jets, or a lepton plus jets plus E_T^{Miss} .



In both cases: • QCD Bgr data driven. • V+jets, ttbar from MC but normalized

to control regions.

Exotic Searches

5. Search in lepton(s) & jets final state





6. Search in 1 lepton & jets final state

Motivation and observables

Searching for a ttbar resonance.

 The top quark is the heaviest of the known fermions: heavy resonances in ttbar production are predicted in various SM extensions:

• EWSB through top quark condensation (topcolor-assisted technicolor): a color-singlet vector particle (Z') couples primarily to the 3rd quark generation (**leptophobic Z'**). Would manifest as a narrow resonance.

 \circ Randall-Sundrum scenario with single warped extra-dimension, where the SM matter and gauge fields propagate in the bulk (arXiv:hep-ph/0701166v1); resonant production of the Kaluza-Klein excitations of the gauge bosons. **KK-gluons (g_{KK})** have the largest production rate and decay primarily to ttbar. Would manifest as a wide resonance.

 Look for a second peak (narrow resonance) or an excess (wide resonance) in the ttbar mass spectrum.



ttbar mass
reconstructed from
semileptonic decays.
ν ambiguity resolved
using the W mass

Exotic Searches

6. Search in 1 lepton & jets final state

 $5_{Z'} \times BR(Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t})$ [pb]

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 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

 $\int L dt = 200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

Analysis & Results - 2011 data

dRmin. Syst.+stat

- Obs. 95% CL upper limit

Exp. 1σ uncertainty Exp. 2 σ uncertaintv

Leptophobic Z'

ATLAS Preliminary

Exp. 95% CL upper limit

Event selection:

• One isolated lepton (electron or muon) $\circ E_{\tau}^{Miss}$

o at least 4 jets, out of at least one b-tagged The ttbar mass is reconstructed from the 4 jets, lepton and E_T^{Miss} ; the E_T^{Miss} ambiguity is resolved using the W mass information. ISR/FSR jets are removed.

dRmin method: remove jets that are "far"



A high mass event M_{ttbar} = 1.6TeV



One of the most popular extensions of the SM

- Maps boson degrees of freedom to fermion degrees of freedom.
- Boson and fermion superpartners have same interactions (mass, charges).

 \circ If R-parity R=(-1)^{2j+3B+L} is conserved, SUSY particles are pair produced and the lightest one is stable.

Why popular? It answers many open questions in once:

- Provides unification of gauge couplings,
- $\,\circ\,$ Solves the mass hierarchy problem; the fermion and boson contributions to
- the Higgs mass exactly cancel,
- Provides a dark matter candidate, ...

The SUSY 'problem'

 SUSY is very predictive in terms of spins and couplings, but tells us nothing about the masses (after symmetry breaking).

 \circ Result: huge number of theoretical models.

• E.g. consider all possible mass hierarchies between SUSY particles:

\Rightarrow	9!	models
	J .	models

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1	M_Q	M_U	M_D	M_L	M_E	M_H	M_B	M_W	M_G

SUSY at the LHC

Where to start?

• A minimal model, **Constraint Minimal SUSY (CMSSM)** (mSugra, i.e. gravity-mediated, based) only has 5 free parameters:

- Scalar mass parameter, m₀
- Gaugino mass parameter, m_{1/2}
- Trilinear Higgs-sfermion-sfermion coupling, A₀
- Ratio of Higgs vaccum expectation values, tanβ
- Sign of SUSY Higgs parameter, sign(μ)
- Dominant SUSY production at the LHC: gluinos and squarks produced together with high cross-sections.
 - They produce many hard jets, large E_T^{Miss} and leptons: spectacular events!
 - Not seen so far...



SUSY seaches

Active ATLAS SUSY analyses (excluding SUSY-based exotics)

 E_{T}^{Miss} + Jets + 0 lepton

 E_{T}^{Miss} + Jets + 1 lepton

 E_{T}^{Miss} + Jets + 2 lepton

 E_{T}^{Miss} + Jets + \geq 3 lepton

 E_{T}^{Miss} + b Jets + 0/1 lepton



Example diagrams of

1. 0-lepton search

Observables and Backgrounds



Signal Region	≥2Jets	≥3Jets	≥4Jets
E _T ^{Miss} (GeV)	> 130		
Leading Jet p _T (GeV)	> 130		
N Subleading Jet p _T (N=2,3,4) (GeV)	> 40		
Δφ(Jet _i , E _T ^{Miss}) _{min} , i=1,2,3	> 0.4		
E _T ^{Miss} /Meff	> 0.3 > 0.25		0.25
Meff (GeV)	> 1000		



Background Sources		
W+jets	Leptons measured as a jet	
Z+jets Irreducible Z→vv+jets		
ttbar	Hadronic τ from ttbar	
QCD Mismeasured jets or emission of neutrinos in heavy flavor decay		
All background estimations are data-driven!		

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1. 0-lepton search

Results – 2011 data

2. 1-lepton search

Observables and Backgrounds

2. 1-lepton search

Results – 2011 data

Total Expected Number of Events	14.5 ± 5.2		
Observed	10		

 Uncertainties dominated by Jet Energy Scale, Jet Resolution, limited MC statistics and theory uncertainty on background extrapolation.

2. 1-lepton search

Results – 2011 data

3. 2-lepton search

4. Multi-lepton search

5. b-jet(s) (+ lepton) search

SUSY/Exotic Searches

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1. Di-photon & E_T^{Miss} search

Motivation, Observables and Results – 2010 data

- In GMSB SUSY (SUSY breaking is Gauge-Mediated), the LSP is the gravitino, \tilde{G} .
 - \circ Final decay in the cascade is dominated by $\ ilde{\chi}^0_1 o \gamma ilde{G}$, with two cascades per event.
 - \circ Leads in events with 2 photons and large E_T^{Miss} .

 Similar topologies are generated in Universal Extra Dimension (UED) models.

E_T^{Miss}

LSP

LKP

- \circ They predict excitations of SM particles (Kaluza-Klein particles).
- In specific single UED models, the lightest KK particle (LKP) is a

SUSY/Exotic Searches

2. e+µ resonance search

Motivation, Observables and Results – 2010 data

■ Looking for **R-Parity Violating SUSY**: Single particles, Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV), no E_T^{Miss}.

$$\circ \ dd \to \tilde{\nu}_\tau \to e \mu$$

 Also sensitive to models with LFV decays of an extra gauge boson Z'.

3. Lepton-jets search

Motivation, Observables and Results - 2010 data

- A light boson in a hidden sector, weakly coupled to the SM, could explain anomalies in dark matter detection experiments.
 - The proposed new boson, the dark 0 photon, decays into SM fermion pairs, and promptly.

• Collimated lepton-pairs (lepton-jets).

In this search, selection requires two isolated lepton-jets, each of which contains at least two muons.

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4. Search for slow-particles

Motivation and Observables

- Slow, heavy Long-Lived Particles (LLP), are predicted in a range of BSM theories, including SUSY.
- They travel significantly lower than **c**. Their mass can be measured from their velocity β and their momentum **p**: **m** = **p**/ β **y**.
- There are two ATLAS analyses looking for slow particles:
 - Search for R-hadrons, or long-lived sleptons. Relies on the particles reaching the Muon Spectrometer (MS). The search for sleptons uses ID & MS, the search for R-hadrons only uses MS.

 Dedicated to R-hadrons (gluinos and squarks that hadronize). Uses tracking and calorimeter information only.

SUSY/Exotic Searches

4. Search for slow-particles

Summary

SUSY

Extra dimensions

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Z'/W

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Other

Mass scale [TeV]

What to expect from the future...

 On the road to discoveries, ATLAS already achieved a well understood detector and well developed background estimation techniques, tested in many important Standard Model measurements.

 Beyond the Standard Model searches have already provided results that far exceed the Tevatron reach. Many others keep on expanding the kinematic and parameter phase space reach.

We already have available > 1fb⁻¹ of data to analyze, which is more than 5-20 times the data used in the analyses presented in this talk.

On the road to discoveries, we won't necessarily address all the questions the Standard Model leaves open for us. However, the LHC gives us a huge reach and a great potential to answer many of them, discovering the unexpected.

Our journey has just begun!

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