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Physics Beyond the Standard Model (Exotics)

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- Intro to LHC and its detectors. (See Simone and Maxim lectures)
- High Energy Physics Experiment Strategies
- Motivation for non Standard Model analyses/searches.
	- The Standard Model (see Ulla's lecture) has some problems that could be solve by supersymmetry or Physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM - Exotics models).
- Organise an exotics search:
	- Overview of the exotics searches at ATLAS
- Outline of some analyses:
	- Lepton Jets and displaced jets
	- Di-jets resonance
	- Precision measurements

Outline of the lecture

Caveat:

- very broad subject, impossible to cover all constantly changing
- personal bias unavoidable
- very diverse subjects come together here **stop me if you get lost!**

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Experimental particle physicist on the ATLAS experiment at the LHC since 2000. My research focuses on the physics of fundamental particles and their interactions.

I participated to the detector construction and commissioning of the ATLAS Muon Spectrometer, including the muon reconstruction and identification software development. Contribution to R&D studies for the Muon Spectrometer.

Main physics topics: Higgs into 4 leptons, Standard Model measurements as b -jets cross section and a_{tau} measurements with heavy ions, Exotics Searches as Hidden Valley models (Higgs decays into non Standard Model particles), Dark matter candidates (lepton jets), long-lived searches.

will definitely give an experimental point of view to the subjects of this course. The theoretic aspects will be covered in a qualitative way. ATLAS Point view!

Introduction to myself

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LHC Operation and HEP Experiments

Both LHC and the detectors

performed extremely well in Run-2.

• Maintained ~94% data-taking and data-quality efficiency despite harsh

pileup conditions.

LHC Operation

- pp Run-2 was finished on 24/10/2018 6:00 am
- ATLAS @ Full Run-2 recorded 139 fb-1 (year 2015-2018), 13 TeV CM energy (ATLAS @ 2015-2016 about 36 fb-1)
- Run-1 2010-2012 at 7/8 TeV CM energy. Collected ~ 25 fb-1

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Run-3 started on the 5th of July 2022

Run-3: Total recorded (delivered) integrated luminosity: 114 (123) fb–1

- In 2029 the HL-LHC will begin operations.
- Three Runs are planned of 4, 4 and 2 years respectively.

After HL-LHC: will be installed in Long Shutdown 3.

[ATLAS Week June 2024](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://indico.cern.ch/event/1310175/contributions/5511404/attachments/2878528/5042180/Presentation.pdf)

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Experiments @ LHC

 $Rate = 6L$ Number of Events = *Lint*

- \bullet σ cross-section
	- units of barn $= 10^{-24}$ cm² probability for a physics interaction
- *L* luminosity

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• measure of density of colliding particles

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L = \frac{f N_1 N_2}{4 \pi \sigma_x \sigma_y}
$$

The **integrated luminosity** (*L*int), which is the [integral](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Integral) of the luminosity with respect to time:

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L_{\rm int} = \int L \, dt. \qquad L = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{dN}{dt}
$$

 \blacktriangleright F is the geometrical factor encoding the overlap between the beams

- Every collision produces up to 80 interactions. Extremely challenging environment to identify and reconstruct the interesting event!
	- Mean Number of Interactions depends on the luminosity of the machine LHC.
- **• Number of interactions per crossing calculated for each colliding bunch pair.**
	- **• μ=Lbunch σinel / frequency**
	- where L_{bunch} is the per bunch instantaneous luminosity, σ_{inel} is the inelastic cross section which we take to be 80 mb for both 13 TeV and 13.6 TeV collisions, and frequency is the LHC revolution frequency.

Luminosity vs Pile-up

[Luminosity LHC Slides : ATLAS WEEK](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://indico.cern.ch/event/1310175/contributions/5511404/attachments/2878528/5042180/Presentation.pdf)

pile up:

• Example of a Z

Pile Up Challenge vs Luminosity

Track $p_T > 100$ MeV

Track $p_T > 1$ GeV

Track $p_T > 5$ GeV

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Trigger Selection: Online selection

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The protons are contained in BUNCH, each bunch have 1011 protons for 25 ns of time width. On average we have 3500 bunches per beam. They are not all filled!

A **two-level trigger system** records data at an average rate of **1 kHz from physics collisions**, starting from an initial bunch crossing rate of 40 MHz.

HEP experiment usually consist of different detecting subsystems wrapped concentrically in layers around the collision point.

- The trajectory, momentum, and energy of particles are individually identified and measured.
- A huge magnet system bends the paths of the charged particles so that their momenta can be measured as precisely as possible.

Design of High Energy Physics Experiments

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Particle Reconstruction

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Tracking system: Charged particles

Electromagnetic Calorimeter: electrons (e-), positrons (e+) and photons.

Muons Spectrometer

Hadronic Calorimeter: hadrons (es: protons, neutrons, pions…)

Neutrinos and any neutral light particle escapes from the detector with no signature. Missing Energy in the event is a clue of the presence of these particles

Why Exotics Searches?

The Standard Model

Elementary Particles:

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- quarks (u,c,t,d,s,b)
- leptons (e, mu, tau, neutrino)

increasing mass \rightarrow

The Standard Model (SM) describes the elementary subatomic particles of the universe which have been experimentally seen. The SM includes the electromagnetic, strong and weak forces and all their carrier particles, and explains well how these forces act on all of the matter particles. The Higgs boson does not carry a force but instead gives the elementary particles mass.

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: June 2024

The SM theory has successfully explained almost all experimental results and precisely predicted a wide variety of phenomena!

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The Standard Model success

Why beyond SM?

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Dark matter (DM) Dark energy Matter vs antimatter

Gravitation force and its Weakness

Neutrino masses Fine-tuning needed for Higgs mass Large difference in scales of forces (hierarchy problem) Free SM parameters

The SM is currently the best description there is of the subatomic world, but it does not explain the complete picture! The theory incorporates only three out of the four fundamental forces, omitting gravity and doesn't not answer to some important questions.

Need of a single theory that could be applied at all scales, without the need for renormalization (removing infinities), and understands the properties of nature and its rules working for different scales.

Hierarchy Problem

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The hierarchy problem occurs because the fundamental parameters of the Standard Model don't reveal anything about the scales of energy.

The theorists have to put the particles and their masses into the theory by hand, so they had to construct the energy scales by hand.

Visible matter makes up just 5 percent of the universe. The rest is dark matter DM—which makes up about 23 percent and dark energy, a whole other story—which claims the remaining 72 percent. The existence of a non-baryonic component in the universe can be inferred by its gravitational interactions.

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Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Velocity found to be flat, consistent with $~10x$ as much "dark" mass for more than one galaxy

Visible mass not sufficient to explain observed lensing effect

Baryonic matter alone can't produce the Cosmic Microwave Background CMB spectrum

hjp://lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov/educaUon/cmb_plojer/

CMB exercise

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- Blue line = your simulated sky / universe signal.
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- random chance- only a concern at large scale (left).

Only Dark Matter Atoms 0% Dark Matter 100%

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CMB Analyzer

Plot: This plot shows how temperature varies with the angular size of patches on the sky. This reveals the
energy emitted by different size ripples of sound traveling through the early universe.

- = analyzed sky / universe signal.
- ue line = your simulated sky / universe signal. • Black points with error bars = 'binned' (grouped) data to
- analyze data accuracy. Light blue area = likelihood of results being caused by random chance- only a concern at large scale (left).

13.7 billion years

Flatness: 1.00

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Power Spectrum Plot: This plot shows how temperature varies with the angular size of patches on the sky. This reveals the energy emitted by different size ripples of sound traveling through the early universe.

- = analyzed sky / universe signal.
- Blue line = your simulated sky / universe signal.
- Black points with error bars = 'binned' (grouped) data to analyze data accuracy.
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Better Agreement Atoms 4% Dark Matter 22% Rest Dark Energy

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Dark Matter Searches

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Indirect Detection:

Detection Annihilation DM, spaceexperiments (AMS, Ice-Cube, Fermi, KM3NET…).

Direct Detection:

DM hits nuclei of the apparatus, those recoil. Study on the excess wrt radioactivity (DAMA, DarkSide, LUX, CDMS…).

Production of DM:

Pair production at LHC. Weird signatures with large missing ET (**ATLAS**,CMS)

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• DM couples to SM: This can be studied at colliders ! For example at LHC in $pp \rightarrow SM + DM$ • Many theories predicting DM + SM interactions (DM searches widely use simplified models). • Assuming an interaction between dark matter and SM particles through mediators (either

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- SM or new as Higgs, Higgs-like, Z', neutrino…).

Dark Matter Searches @ Colliders

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LHC Seminar 19.07.22

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We have to look at "beyond the Standard Model" to solve the observations that not fit the theory or not explained by the theory! SUSY or Exotics models can fix some of these problems. (See Sara lecture for SUSY model)

How to fix them?

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A new theory has to:

- A. Contain SM (its symmetries and mass spectra)
- B. Respect the actual phenomenologies
- C. Be free from anomalies (current should be conserved)
- D. Langrangian density of the order of E4

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\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{NON-SM} + \mathcal{L}_{INT}
$$

Prediction in the new model

Add BSM contribution

Take SM as

baseline

• Research action

- take the SM as the baseline model
- add BSM ingredients to solve one or more problems
- make predictions in new BSM phase space
- test experimentally with existing data, new data, or new experiments and repeat

• Potential BSM ingredients

- new particles
- new interactions: portals, mixing,..., new signatures

• Potential observables

- high-mass / low-mass resonances
- cross section or branching ratio deviations
- shape deviations / interference

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From SM to BSM

Questions on the meaning of the results, the methodology, unexpected findings and limitations and shortcomings of the study.

Interpretation of the Result

Top-down: Starting from the Theory….

- Mostly before LHC (LEP, Tevatron)
- Start from a theoretical principle to address SM problems: (mostly) fully consistent BSM models
- Huge parameter space, describing new phenomenology
- Make the experimental tests
- Hard to re-interpret in other context

If there is not a discovery….set a limit on the theory parameter!

Transition to simplified models in 2010 (SUSY) and 2015 (dark matter)

Simplified Models for LHC New Physics Searches LHC New Physics Working Group . Daniele Alves (SLAC) et al. (May, 2011) Published in: J. Phys. G 39 (2012) 105005 · e-Print: 1105.2838 [hep-ph]

Bottom-up Method

- Nowadays strong emphasis on Effective Field Theory (EFT)
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\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_{i} c_i \mathcal{O}_i + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_{j} c_j \mathcal{O}_j + \cdots
$$

• parametrize our ignorance of the full theory at high energies in "effective" low-energy "operators"

• these operators are non-renormalizable, so they cannot be Lagrangian terms in a fully consistent

renormalizable theory that works at all energies.

example: the non-renormalizable Fermi theory with 4-fermion vertices could describe observations because the W mass was at that time still a very high energy scale

Organize the "search"

2. Determine background events and define the systematics uncertainties

3. Statistical analysis of the events selected (*)

1. Find good discriminant(s) to identify the signal region SR (be blind in data)

> (*) see Tomas lecture (**) see Jonas and Stefanie lectures.

- dominated. No (or very small) BSM signal contamination. Likelihood fit to control background and evaluate systematic. Ideally at least one CR per background process
- **VR → Validation Regions.** Still depleted in BSM signal events. To assess validity of background estimation on a kinematical region "closer" to SR
- **CR** → **Control Regions.** Background
dominated. No (or very small) BSM sig
contamination. Likelihood fit to control
background and evaluate systematic.
least one CR per background process
• **VR** → **Validation Regions.** • **SR → Signal Regions.** Usually "blinded" at the beginning. It's where we expect to see BSM signal. When you are sure about your background estimation, fit procedure etc. you can open the box!

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observable 1

Definition of Regions

- **SM Models Background:** twin set of collision data to compare to the real collisions obtained by simulation.
- **Data Driven Background:** samples obtained from real data due to the limitation of CPU/ storage resources. ABCD Extrapolation Method using with 2 independent observables. Three of these regions, called B, C, and D, are background dominated. The fourth, A, is the signal region, the background in the signal region can be predicted from the other three regions.
- **Non Standard Background:** Beam Induced background and cosmic-rays muons could represent a "non-standard" background for SUSY and Exotics searches. Main from data.

Background Events

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- The term **non-collision backgrounds (NCB)** refers to signals seen in the ATLAS detector which have not been produced by normal collisions of the LHC beams. The main components are beam-induced backgrounds (BIB) and cosmic-ray muons :
	- Beam halo: protons with high transverse amplitude hitting tertiary collimators (TCT)
	- Beam gas: small-angle deflections of the protons originated by elastic beam-gas scattering (adds to TCT loss) or inelastic hits of protons with residual gas molecules
	- Cosmic rays: predominantly muons travelling downward due to atmospheric cosmic-rays showers

• Motivation for these studies:

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- **Beam condition feedback** to LHC and **monitoring tool** to ensure good data quality
- These events are an important **background source for searches** with mostly displaced objects as:
	- SUSY and Exotics long-lived particles searches. Most of the studies are done with a tight synergy with the physics groups involved.

Non-Collisions Background

• Number of signal events S in a selected event sample is estimated by subtracting the estimated background B from the total number of events N:

 \bullet S = N-B

• Statistical uncertainty in the signal estimate:

• **Score Function: Significance** *S*/ (*S* + *B*)

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\bullet \ \ S = \sqrt{N} = \sqrt{(S+B)}
$$

- Poisson statistics
- ignore systematic uncertainties, and consider B large enough
- goal: maximize significance
	- by keeping signal events
	- while suppressing background
- Additional score function based on likelihood test:

 $\sqrt{2(S+B)ln(1+S/B)} - 2S$

How do we optimise the selection?

• Search for cracks in the Standard Model that will indicate us what/

• Precision Measurements of SM and/or rare processes – limited by luminosity and data-taking capabilities • low-mass resonances with large background

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- where is beyond…
	- -
		- small couplings
		- rare decays
	- - New bosons new fermions…
		- Heavy neutrinos, ….
	- - invisible signatures
		- long-lived particles
		- unusual charges

• Direct searches for new particles or phenomena due to high energies – limited by colliders' center of mass energies

• unusual processes – limited by detectors and our ingenuity:

Now what are we looking for?

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- ✤ A wide variety of BSM and SUSY models (Hidden Sectors, RPV violating decays, Split-SUSY, AMSB, GMSB, etc.) predict the existence of Long Lived Particles (LLP), *new particle with long life-time*, enabling direct measurements.
	- ✤ **Small Coupling** (R-Parity Violation SUSY, Dark Photons…)
	- **Limited/Compressed spectra** (for example Compressed SUSY…)
	- **Large mediator mas**s, i.e. decays via Heavy Particle (Heavy Neutral particle - Neutrinos…)

Example: Charged pion lifetime:

$$
\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi^+}} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{256\pi m_\pi} \left[\frac{g^2}{M_W^2} \frac{m_\mu}{m_\pi} (m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2) \right]
$$

Motivation for Long-Lived Particles

- The signal event reconstruction and selection, as the background estimation, use dedicated and very specialised techniques.
	- Detector-signature based search. Experimentally very diverse, depending on particles' properties (dE/dx, Time-of-flight, displaced vertex)
	- May require customised trigger and self-made objects reconstruction algorithm
	- Requires non-standard analysis strategies and tools
		- Non-standard background (cosmic-ray muons and Beam Induced background), generally data-driven estimation

Unusual signatures: Long-Lived Particles

• **Unconventional signatures as long-lived particles (LLPs) have unusual and unique signatures, extremely challenging due to the non-standard final topologies.**

Dark Matter candidates: Hidden Sector and Dark Photons

Excellent Example of: A. Dedicate trigger algorithm B. Non-standard Background C. Application of NN and BDT selection D. Estimation of expected background via ABCD method

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Dark Photon

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These analyses explore the existence of a dark sector weakly coupled to the SM. The theory introduced a dark Higgs H_d that decays in dark particles.

- Higgs boson can be produced via ggF and/or WH processes.
- The benchmark models used in these analyses are the **Falkowski–Ruderman–Volansky–Zupan (FRVZ) model and Hidden Abelian Higgs Model (HAHM)**, where a pair of dark fermions f are produced via a Higgs boson (H) decay or dark photons are directly produced by Higgs boson.

Higgs production

The communication of the dark sector with the SM is through kinetic mixing of the dark photon and the standard photon

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\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge mixing}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} B_{\mu\nu} b^{\mu\nu},
$$

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where Buv and $b\mu\nu$ denote the field strengths of the electromagnetic fields for the SM and dark sector respectively, and ε is the kinetic mixing parameter.

The kinetic mixing term $\bm{\varepsilon}$, which can vary over a wide range of values, 10-11- 10-2 , determines the lifetime of the dark photon. For a small kinetic mixing value, the f_d has a long lifetime, so that it decays at a macroscopic distance from its production point.

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The mean life time τ of **the dark-photon is inversely proportional to the kinetic mixing parameter .**

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\tau \propto \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \left(\frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{m_{\gamma_{\text{d}}}}\right)^2
$$

Phenomenology Displaced Photon Jets (DPJ)

• These models predict the existence of **dark photons, light neutral particles decaying into collimated leptons or light hadrons**.

- This search looks for **long-lived dark photons (small coupling) produced from the decay of a Higgs boson or a heavy scalar boson and decaying into displaced collimated Standard Model fermions.**
- DPJ **is a cluster of highly collimated charged particles**: electrons, muons and pions originated by N neutral light dark photons produced with large boosts **→ lepton/hadron pairs in a narrow cone ΔR**
- **DPJ with long-lived γd's (small ε) → displaced decays highly isolated in the detector.**

Strategy for Displaced Photon Jets

- The DPJ are characterised into two classes depending on the dark photon decays:
	- muonic-DPJ (µDPJ) DPJs decays into muons, at least **two muons are required and no jets are allowed in the cone.**
	- calo-DPJ (caloDPJ) DPJs decays into electron or pion pairs in the HCAL, **one jet is required and no muons are allowed to be in the cone**.
- The analysis exploits **multivariate techniques for the suppression of the main multi-jet background**, optimised for the different DPJ channels
	- **Main Background multijets**, additional background from **non standard collisions events (Cosmic-rays and Beam Interaction)**
	- **Dedicated trigger selection is applied.**

caloDPJ

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• Validation of the background in the ABCD Plane by using SumPt and QCD Tagger

- The Trigger chamber RPC measures the time that is corrected by the time of flight of the muon assuming the IP as the origin of the muon. On each layer the corrected time for a mu from IP is centred zero.
- Looking at the Delta T between Outer and Middle layers is possible to identify the direction of flight of the muon.
- If the muon is a cosmics muon the Delta T corresponds to a defined value :~- 18 ns.
	- the difference is proportional to twice time of flight.

Cosmics ray muons

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Results : Exclusion Limits

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Model Interpretation: Weakly coupled Hidden Sector (HS) communicates with the SM via neutral LLP that decays within the ATLAS detector.

- Jets usually deposits in all subsystems.
- Large QCD cross-section in pp collisions
- Scalars decaying to SM fermions (quarks,leptons)
- This analysis explores signature, **where both neutral LLPs decaying in the hadronic calorimeter**, resulting in an atypical jet topology:
	- A. Produce narrower cone than typical SM jets originating from the IP
	- B. Ratio of energy in the HCal (E_H) to the energy in the ECal (E_{EM}) is large (large $log(E_H/E_{EM})$)
	- C. No associated ID tracks to the jet-large ΔRmin between the jet direction and the tracks

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Background

● QCD jets

• Beam-induced background (BIB):

• LHC beam-gas and beam-halo interactions upstream detector

• Cosmic backgrounds:

● Cosmic rays and external radiation to detector

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- Dedicated signature-driven trigger: **"CalRatio Trigger".**
	- Although the jets from neutral LLP decays pass standard jet triggers, the high prescales of these triggers and the high multijet and other background-process cross-sections required a dedicated trigger
- **Select displaced jets : Jet tagging NN**. Distinguish signal vs BIB and QCD
- **• Event Selection: BDT per event**
	- Boosted Decision tree (BDT) is used to select signal based on jet-NN signal and BIB score of two leading E_T \overline{T} jets and event variables
- **• ABCD method to define SR and CRs. •**

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Neural network to distinguish signal, BIB and QCD.

- Quality, momenta, Interaction Point IP of tracks around candidate jets
- Momenta, timing, energy fraction in ECAL and HCAL cluster of jets.
- Spatial and timing info of muontracks arounds jets. Jet variables.

Jet NN and BDT Selection

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Displaced Jet Characteristics đ

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After event selection, main background is multi-jet. Modified ABCD method to estimate multi-jet background.

• Combined fit of multi-jet background following relation of ABCD method. Define SR (A) and CRs (B,C, D) based on event selection with: BDT score and ΣΔRmin(jet,tracks)

Agreement between data and SM prediction!

Background Estimation

Three of these regions, called B, C, and D, are background dominated. The fourth, A, is the signal region.

Remind : ABDC Method

Sensitivity to BR(H → ss) down to 1% Better sensitivity than

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- **previous CalRatio: • Better trigger. • Better displaced jet-NN.**

Less sensitive limit from 2016 combination at low c *τ* due to not inclusion of Inner Detector analysis.

Di-Jets Resonance

Excellent Example of: A. Bump Search B. Scan for resonance

arXiv:1910.08447

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- The results are interpreted in the context of several new physics scenarios:
	- excited quarks $q*(q = (u, d, c, s, b))$ from compositeness models,
	- heavy Z⁰ and W⁰ gauge bosons,
	- a chiral excitation of the W boson, denoted W^{*}
	- a leptophobic Z^o dark-matter mediator model,
	- quantum black holes,
	- and Kaluza–Klein gravitons.
- In addition, limits on generic Gaussianshaped narrow-resonance signals are derived.

Di-Jets Resonance

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arXiv:1910.08447

•Search for di-jet resonances. •Full Run-2 data- set: 139 fb-1 •Inclusive di-jet search and dedicated di-b-jet signature.

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dijet event with mjj=9.5 TeV arXiv:1910.08447

Event Selection: single-jet trigger that requires at least one jet with $p_T > 420$ GeV, the lowest p_T unprescaled single-jet trigger. At least two jets with $p_T > 150$ GeV and the azimuthal angle between the two leading jets must be greater than 1.0.

- In addition to an **inclusive dijet search**, events with **jets identified as containing b-hadrons** are examined specifically (one or exactly two bjets).
	- **Improved b tagging:**

b-jets identified with deep-learning neural networks, operating point ϵ_b (efficiency of b-selection)=77% (for *tt* events).

Event Selection

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- SM Di-jet mass spectrum described with parametric function and validated with data-driven methods.
	- The **distribution of the invariant mass of the two leading jets** is examined for local excesses above a data-derived estimate of the Standard Model background.
	- For b-tagged jets Control Regions CR are defined with inverted b-tag requirements.
	- **• Quantify significance of any access with bump-hunter.**

Invariant Mass Fit

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arXiv:1910.08447

The statistical uncertainty of the fit due to the **limited size of the data** sample and the uncertainty due to the **choice of fit function** are considered as systematic uncertainties affecting the data-driven background determination.

The main systematic uncertainties in the MC signal samples include those associated with the modelling of the jet energy scale (JES), the jet energy resolution (JER) and the b-tagging efficiency.

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Results No excess found!

Table 2: The lower limits on the masses of benchmark signals at 95% CL.

Precision Measurements in Heavy Ion Program

Excellent Example of: A. Lead - Lead Data B. Anomalies searches

[JHEP 03 \(2021\) 243](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP03(2021)243)

- Pb-Pb collisions can be used to :
	- Set limits on the production of axion-like particles.

 $Pb+Pb(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow Pb^{(*)} + Pb^{(*)}\gamma\gamma$

- Explore electromagnetic properties of the τ lepton $Pb+Pb(y\gamma) \rightarrow Pb^{(*)} + Pb^{(*)}$ tau tau
	- **• The Standard Model analysis explores the possibility to measure g-2 of the tau leptons**
- These studies use 2.2 nb-1 of integrated luminosity collected in 2015 and 2018 at sqrt $(s) = 5.02$ TeV.

Exotics in Pb-Pb Collisions

Axion production

- **Anomalous magnetic moment:** $a_{\tau} =$ $(g - 2)_l$ 2
- **• Standard Model prediction (Mod. Phys. Lett. A 22 (2007) 159):** \bullet $a_{\tau} = 0.00117721 \pm 0.00000005$
- **• Best experimental limits on a set by DELPHI at LEP (EPJ C 35 (2004) 159):**
	- **• −0.052 < a < 0.013 (95% CL)**
- Relevant for precision measurement of QED, electroweak, and QCD
- **• Many BSM models predict modifications of a:**
	- lepton compositeness where corrections are of O(mlepton/ mconstituent)
	- SUSY models $O(\delta a_\tau \sim m^2 \tau / M^2 s)$
		- a_{τ} can be m²_{τ}/m²_{μ} \approx 280 times more sensitive to BSM than aµ

PhysRevLett.126.1418Q1

• ATLAS and CMS analyses aim to improve existing constraints on $a_\tau = (g-2)/2$ using $\gamma \gamma \to \tau \tau$ events produced in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions.

• Why Ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions?

- Z⁴ cross-section enhancement balancing out lower luminosity
- essentially no pile-up from hadronic interactions → exclusivity selections
- low trigger and reco object thresholds
- Main Background

• *γγ* → *ll* • *γγ* → *qq* •photo-nuclear events

• Analysis idea from:

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- $\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to \ell^{\pm} \nu_{\ell} \nu_{\tau}) = 35\%,$ • L. Beresford, J. Liu, PRD 102 (2020) 113008 • M. Dyndal, M. Schott, M. Klusek-Gawenda, A. Szczurek, PLB 809 $\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to \pi^{\pm} \nu_{\tau} +$ neutral pions) = 45.6%, (2020) 135682 $\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \to \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp} \pi^{\pm} \nu_{\tau} +$ neutral pions) = 19.4%.

Constraining atau with LHC

 $Z^4 \approx 4.5 \cdot 10^7$

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Analysis Strategy @ ATLAS Analysis Strategy:

- 3 periods of heavy ion collisions during Run2
- Ultraperipheral Collisions (UPC) of PbPb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.02 TeV
	- Order of 1.44 nb⁻¹ data sample
	- Elastic & diffractive
	- Small energy deposit in the forward detector system
- Constraints on a_τ from total $\gamma\gamma \to \tau\tau$ cross-section / yield and differential distributions (e.g. leading lepton p_T
- Categorise di-τ events:
	- lepton + 1 track (l/pion)
	- lepton + 3 tracks (3 pions)
	- \bullet μ + e

Both ATLAS and CMS use muon to trigger the event. Vetoing Forward activity to separate UPCs from inelastic Pb+Pb collisions

Zero Degree Calorimeter

Event Preselection

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- total E_T at L1 $<$ 50 GeV
- background

- leptons/tracks
- background in 1M1T SR

- the limits
	- momentum of tau
	- [−]0.05 (tot)

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ATLAS Long-lived Particle Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: May 2020

 \sqrt{s} = 8 TeV

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Monica Verduc *Only a selection of the available lifetime limits is shown.

 \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV

partial data

ATLAS Preliminary

 \sqrt{s} = 8, 13 TeV

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (18.4 - 136)$ fb⁻¹

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

Status: May 2020

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.
Monica Verc $\frac{1}{T}$ Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 139)$ fb⁻¹

ATLAS Preliminary

 \sqrt{s} = 8, 13 TeV

• I did not present any discovery or very precise measurement published but I hope you enjoy anyway the lecture and find some interest for BSM

• The list of searches presented is not complete, but please check the

- studies!
	- links below for having a complete overview:
		- <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsPublicResults>
		-
	- For any comments or questions you can send me an email to **monica.verducci@cern.ch**

• <https://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/EXO/index.html>

Conclusions

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BackUp

- A data-driven ABCD method is used to estimate the multi-jet background in each of the three channels
	- The number of background events are computed by knowing the number of events in the other three regions: \bullet NA = ND \times NB/NC

ABCD Method

(c) hadronic-hadronic

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(a) muonic-muonic

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Dark Photon

Systematics Displaced Dark Photons

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Beyond the Standard Model

We start from the base guide of any theory: new symmetry for new models.

Preserve gauge invariance (SU(3) x SU(2)L x U(1)Y)

- 1. Translation Invariance -> Linear Momentum **Conservation**
- 2. Rotation Invariance -> Angular Momentum **Conservation**
- 3. Translation in Time Invariance -> Energy **Conservation**

• do not introduce too large sources of breaking of the accidental / approximate symmetries of the SM classical Lagrangian

Remind: Quantum Mechanics any global transformation induces a quantity conserved.

> **E. Noether's Theorem: Symmetries Invariances naturally lead to conserved quantities!**

Signal Region SR Cuts defined to maximise the signal events.

Definition of Regions

Validation Region VR

Orthogonal Cuts to the one used for the SR, the signal events should be negligible.

Control Region CR

the signal events should be negligible, used to estimate the background events.

Transfer factor

- Now I need to know the number of cosmics in the SR, where the comics veto is applied.
- of cosmics via a **transfer factor.**

• I calculated the expected number of cosmics in a VR and compare this with the effective number

 $f_{Cosmics} = \frac{Events\ in\ CR\ that\ pass\ Muon\ Consmics\ VETO}{Events\ in\ CR\ that\ do\ not\ pass\ Muon\ Consmics\ VE}$ *Events in CR that do not pass Muon Cosmics V ET O*

$$
N_{\rm B}^{\rm SR} = \sum_i N_i^{\rm CR} \times f_i.
$$

The cosmics muons are removed by applying a cut on the events which have activity in the MS on the side opposite to the muon are rejected.

[ATLAS Week](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://indico.cern.ch/event/1427402/contributions/6003974/attachments/2884180/5054240/ATLAS-Weekly-News-25jun2024.pdf) slides

HL-LHC

Chris Young showed in his **LHC** talk at the **ATLAS Week the** following HL-LHC luminosity profile presented by Mike Lamont at LHCP 2024

Peak luminosity [10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹]

The profile features only the baseline scenario (5×10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹, μ = 132), but not the ultimate one $(7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}, \mu = 200)$

Information by Mike:

- The baseline scenario was found to deliver the required 3000 fb -1 , which is why it was chosen
- The ultimate scenario is not excluded (Mike will request the corresponding simulation in that scenario)
- Mike also promised to check whether the relatively small ion effect is correct \bullet

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Figure 6: The per-event distributions in the ABCD planes defined for the ggF search channels. Figures (a, b, c) show data events, while Figures (d, e, f) show simulated signal events. FRVZ signal samples assuming a 125 GeV Higgs boson with a decay branching fraction of 10% to the dark sector and a γ_d mass of 400 MeV are shown.

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• Great Improvement due to the combination of the Higgs production modes.

Rare decays: Bs**→**μμ and B**→**μμ (CMS)

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- Aim at precise measurements of SM processes, to compare them with theory predictions.
	- BSM effects can interfere with the SM processes and produce visible differences
- Best environment to indirectly search for new physics is in **rare decays** of SM particles
	- sensitive to new particles with lower couplings or higher mass
	- One of the most promising category is **flavour-changing neutral currents** decays $b \rightarrow sI^+I^-$

Indirect BSM searches

Decays described in the framework of Effective Field Theory degrees of freedom at weak energy scale or higher are integrated out additional 6th-dimensional terms added to the effective Lagrangian

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- No tree-level diagram
- Helicity suppression
- BF prediction ~3.6 10-9

Bs→μμ double suppress in SM

- Additional suppression from CKM
- BF prediction $\sim 10^{-10}$

Combinatorial Background

Bs→μμ and B→μμ

B→μμ as **Bs→μμ +**

Analysis:

- Very clean signature
- MVA Analysis on muon identification

Signal $Bs \rightarrow \mu\mu$

3-body and partial decays

No tensions with **SM** predictions

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Zero Degree Calorimeter ZDC

E^{zoc} [n]

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• Energies of forward neutral particles (photons, neutrons) measured in two ZDC arms.

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- · Important for ATLAS **Beam** heavy-ion program, e.g. helps pipes to separate UPCs from inelastic Pb+Pb collisions.
- For $\gamma\gamma \to \tau\tau$ or $\gamma\gamma \to \ell\ell$ production expect $60 - 70\%$ of events to have no neutrons on either side $(0n0n$ topology).
- · ZDC is not simulated in MC, so ZDC selections can only be applied in data \rightarrow simulation Monic reweighted to 0n0n topology.

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The ions first travel through a linear accelerator called **Linac3**, picking up a small amount of energy (4.5 MeV per nucleon). Next, the ions are accumulated and accelerated to 72 MeV per nucleon in the **Low Energy Ion Ring, or LEIR**. Then they move to **SPS**.

Each LHC ring will be filled in 10 min by almost 600 bunches, each of 7×107 lead ions. Central to the scheme is the Low Energy Ion Ring (LEIR), which transforms long pulses from Linac3 into highbrilliance bunches.

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 $t_{early}^{expected} = - |z|/c - |t_{tof}| = -2\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}/c$

 $t_{in \ time}^{expected} = - |z|/c + |t_{tof}| \approx 0$

- **• A typical beam halo muon enters the detector on one side, deposits energy in the calorimeter and leaves on the other side.**
	- **• Result: muon segments and calorimeter clusters parallel to the beam pipe.**
- BIB Study already performed during Run-1 with tagging flags included in the event definition.

BIB Analysis in Muon and Calorimeters systems

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