ATLAS Searches for Resonances Decaying to Boson Pairs

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Diboson Resonances

• Models trying to address the shortcomings of the Standard Model often feature new heavy resonances decaying to the Standard Model bosons

  • In many of these scenarios, the new resonances have masses in the TeV range and could be produced at the LHC

• The general idea to a search for these new resonances simply a *bump hunt*

This talk:

• Coherent picture emerging from the searches for new resonances decaying to bosons/leptons with 36/fb at $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$ with ATLAS (1808.02380)

• The VV search in hadronic final states with the full Run-2 dataset 140/fb at $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ with ATLAS (1906.08589)
Dataset
Benchmarks

- Experimentally narrow
- Scalar
  - For VVJJ - Scalar Radion
- Vector Triplet
  - Production through DY or VBF
- Bulk-RS Graviton
- Vector bosons from decay are always Longitudinally polarized
Heavy Vector Triplet

broad phenomenological framework that allows to explore different scenarios with new heavy boson triplets (W', Z') with approximately degenerate masses

\[ \mathcal{L}^\text{int}_W = -g_q W^a_\mu \bar{q}_k \gamma^\mu \frac{\sigma_a}{2} q_k - g_\ell W^a_\mu \bar{\ell}_k \gamma^\mu \frac{\sigma_a}{2} \ell_k - g_H \left( W^a_\mu H^+ \frac{\sigma_a}{2} i D^\mu H + \text{h.c.} \right). \]

Model A - Weakly coupled model with extended gauge symmetry

\( g_H = -0.56, \ g_f = -0.55 \)
Production is DY
BR(VV/VH) ~ 2% BR(lep) ~ 4%

Model B - Composite Higgs Models

\( g_H = -2.9, g_f = 0.14 \)
Production is DY
BR(VV/VH) ~ 50% BR(lep) ~ 0.2%

Model C - VBF

\( g_H = 1, g_f = 0 \)

The convention in the HVT paper

\( g_\mu = c_w g_v \)
\( g_f = g^2 c_f / g_v \)

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Channels

- Event selections for the different searches are orthogonal
  - leptons, jets and $E_{T\text{miss}}$

- Fully hadronic VV (two large-R jets) - Highest branching ratio, but large backgrounds, sensitive in particular at high mass

- Semileptonic VV - two leptons, or one / zero leptons with significant $E_{T\text{miss}}$, sensitive to different production mechanisms ggF/VBF

- Fully leptonic VV - clean, distinguishes ggF/VBF and sensitive at low masses

- Fully Hadronic VH - focus on $m > 1$ TeV, V-tagging + H-tagging

- Semileptonic VH - $m > 0.5$ TeV, resolved and merged H, priority to resolved. vvbb, lvbb, llbb

- Fully-leptonic - lv, ll, very clean signature - 0.2 to 5.5 TeV

V/H Tagging

- Large-R jets are $R=1.0$, anti-kT, Trimmed (0.2,5%)
- V tagging - Mass and $D_2$
- H tagging - Mass and b-tagging on $R=0.2$ track jets

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Contributions from the different channels
Contributions to the HVT sensitivity

At high masses the electrons begin to merge, this degrades the semileptonic performance
Bounds on VBF

ATLAS

\(\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^+W^-) [fb]\)

- Observed 95% CL limit
- Expected 95% CL limit
- Exp. lvqq
- Exp. llqq
- Exp. vvqq
- Exp. llv

VBF HVT \(W^+ \rightarrow WZ (vvqq + lvqq + llqq + llv)\)

\(m(W') \text{ [TeV]}\)

\(10^4\)
\(10^3\)
\(10^2\)
\(10^1\)

\(0.5\)
\(1\)
\(1.5\)
\(2\)
\(2.5\)
\(3\)
\(3.5\)
\(4\)

ATLAS

\(\sigma/\sigma_{HVT \text{ model C}}\)

- Observed 95% CL limit
- Expected 95% CL limit
- Expected ± 1σ
- Expected ± 2σ
- HVT model C

VBF HVT \(V' \rightarrow WW + WZ\)

\(m(V') \text{ [TeV]}\)

\(10^7\)
\(10^6\)
\(10^5\)
\(10^4\)
\(10^3\)
\(10^2\)
\(10^1\)

\(0.5\)
\(1\)
\(1.5\)
\(2\)
\(2.5\)
\(3\)

Diagram:

- 2 quarks (q)
- 1 lepton (l)
- 2 vector bosons (V, V')
Tomography of the HVT coupling space

ATLAS
\(\sqrt{s} = 13\,\text{TeV}\)
36.1 fb\(^{-1}\)
\(V' \to VV+VH\)

\(\Gamma_m > 5\%\)

Higgs and vector boson coupling \(g_H\)

Quark coupling \(g_q\)

Lepton coupling \(g_q\)

Observed

\(\Gamma_m > 5\%\)

Quark coupling \(g_q\)

EW fits 3 TeV
EW fits 4 TeV
EW fits 5 TeV

Observed

\(m(V') = 4\,\text{TeV}\)
Gravitons
Search for VV in fully hadronic final states with 139/fb

- Main improvement in sensitivity with respect to previous versions is due to improvements in the jets

- Multiple clusters may match a track - each cluster contributes according to its pT fraction in all clusters matching
- Multiple tracks may match a cluster - so contribution of the cluster to a TCC is according to the relative pT fraction of a track
- Contribution of a track to a cluster is weighed according to the fraction of all clusters matching the track
Event Selection

- Events are recorded with unprescaled high-pT jet triggers that are fully efficient in the signal region considered.

- As in previous versions of the search, reject t-channel background by minimum requirement in pseudo-rapidity difference between jets $|\Delta y_{12}| < 1.2$.

- Events with badly reconstructed jets are rejected by requiring a balanced event $A = (p_{T1} - p_{T2}) / (p_{T1} + p_{T2}) < 0.15$. 

Boson Tagging - variables

- Based on three variables Mjet, D2 and \( n_{\text{trk}} \)

- TCC inputs give huge improvement on the D2 resolution

- Optimization to maximize on significance

- \( n_{\text{trk}} \) - targeting larger number of tracks in background jets due to gluon/larger energy scale
Boson tagging - selection

(a) 

(b) 

(c)
Boson Tagging - Performance

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)
Control measurement for Tagging efficiency

Modeling of the tagging efficiency is evaluated in a control sample of V+jets
- One jet passes the D2 and $n_{\text{trk}}$ selection
- Second jet is anti-tagged

Mass distribution from 50-200 GeV is fit with S+B model

Fit extracts overall yield, width and mean of W/Z is taken from MC shapes

JMS uncertainty is checked by varying the position of the W/Z peak and checking the impact on the signal yield - found to be negligible
Overall signal efficiencies

**ATLAS Simulation**

- $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- HVT $Z' \rightarrow WW$

$\text{Acceptance} \times \text{Efficiency}$ vs $m(Z')$ [TeV]

- Pre-Selection
- $|\Delta y| < 1.2$
- $A < 0.15$
- Mass cut
- $D_{x}$ cut
- $n_{\text{bkg}}$ cut

$\text{ATLAS Simulation}$

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- $G_{kk} \rightarrow ZZ$

$\text{Acceptance} \times \text{Efficiency}$ vs $m(G_{kk})$ [TeV]

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Background estimation

- Parametric fit of the background to avoid limitations of poor modeling or insufficient MC
  \[ \frac{dn}{dx} = p_1(1 - x)^{p_2-\xi}x^{-p_3} \]
- Required model complexity is assessed using a Wilks test
- Adequate modeling of the parametric shape is tested using control regions
- Background uncertainty driven by fit uncertainty
Results
Bounds

\[ \text{ATLAS} \]

\( \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1} \)

\( \text{VV} \rightarrow \text{qqqq} \)

\[ \sigma(pp \rightarrow V) \times B(V \rightarrow WW+ZZ) \ [\text{fb}] \]

\[ m(V) \ [\text{TeV}] \]

\[ \sigma(pp \rightarrow G_{kk}) \times B(G_{kk} \rightarrow WW+ZZ) \ [\text{fb}] \]

\[ m(G_{kk}) \ [\text{TeV}] \]

Observed 95% CL upper limit
Expected 95% CL upper limit
HVT model A, \( q_y = 1 \)
HVT model B, \( q_y = 3 \)
Bulk RS, \( k/\bar{k}_y = 1 \)
Summary

- Many extensions to the Standard Model predict new resonances in the TeV range that decay to boson pairs
- Unfortunately - we have not observed any evidence of such resonances
- At high masses the sensitivity to these resonances is driven by our ability to tag hadronic decays of jets
- ATLAS combination of 9 searches - gives a very complete picture on the experimental bounds on these heavy resonances at 36/fb
- At very high-masses the use of TCC results in impressive improvements to the boson tagging performance
- The Run-2 (139/fb) Fully hadronic search
  - No evidence for heavy resonances