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Signaling the Arrival of the LHC Era

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Beyond the Standard Model at the LHC - I

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Introduction:LHC and new physics

New physics expected at the TeV scale made accessible by LHC. Large effort to develop strategies to ensure sensitivity to a very broad range of

signatures for new physics. Main realisation is that:

Potential and speed of new physics discovery determined by our ability to:

- Master and model the performance of very complex detectors
- Understand and Control rare configurations ('tails') of Standard Model

These issues are at the heart of all the most recent experimental studies. I will illustrate them as applied to SUSY, leading new physics candidate. We take here SUSY as a template theory with:

- Rich spectrum of new particles
- High production cross-section
- Complex decay chains with invisible particles in final state

We focus in particular on the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)

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Minimal particle content:

- A spin $\Delta J = \pm 1/2$ superpartner for each Standard Model particle
- Two higgs doublets with v.e.v's v_1 and v_2 and superpartners. After EW symmetry breaking: 5 Higgs bosons: h, H, A, H^{\pm}

If SUSY is unbroken, same mass for ordinary particles and superpartners No superpartner observed to date

SUSY explicitly broken by inserting in the lagrangian all "soft" breaking terms The model has 105 free parameters (!)

Additional ingredient: *R*-parity conservation: $R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$:

- Sparticles are produced in pairs
- The Lightest SUSY Particle (LSP) is stable

Impose phenomenological constraints (e.g FCNC suppression) to reduce SUSY breaking parameters. End up with 15-20 parameters

Soft parameters are three gaugino masses (M_1 , M_2 , M_3), higgsino mass (μ), tan $\beta \equiv v_1/v_2$, sfermion masses, tri-linear couplings A.

Resulting physical spectrum:

quarks \rightarrow squarks \tilde{q}_L, \tilde{q}_R leptons \rightarrow sleptons $\tilde{\ell}_L \tilde{\ell}_R$ $W^{\pm}, H^{\pm} \longrightarrow \text{charginos} \quad \tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^{\pm}$ γ , Z, H_1^0 , $H_2^0 \rightarrow$ neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}^0_{1,2,3,4}$ \rightarrow gluino \tilde{q} g For each fermion f two partners \tilde{f}_L and \tilde{f}_R for the two helicity states Charginos and neutralinos from the mixing of gauginos and higgsinos Gaugino soft breaking parameters from measurement of neutralinos/chargino masses Model still with too many parameters for detailed study of the full parameter space \Rightarrow seek guidance from SUSY breaking models

Models of SUSY breaking

Spontaneous breaking not possible in MSSM, need to postulate hidden sector



Phenomenological predictions determined by messenger field:

Three examples, sparticle masses and couplings function of few parameters:

- Gravity: mSUGRA. Parameters: m_0 , $m_{1/2}$, A_0 , $\tan \beta$, sgn μ Variations:
 - Decouple Higgs bosons from sfermions (NUHM). Add 2 parameters: $m(A), \mu$
 - Give up gaugino mass unification. $m_{1/2} \Rightarrow m_1, m_2, m_3$
- Gauge interactions: GMSB. Parameters: Λ = F_m/M_m, M_m, N₅ (number of messenger fields) tan β, sgn(μ), C_{grav}
- Anomalies: AMSB. Parameters: m_0 , $m_{3/2}$, $\tan\beta$, $sign(\mu)$

SUSY breaking structure

SUSY breaking communicated to visible sector at some high scale

 $m_0, m_{1/2}, A_0, \tan\beta, \operatorname{sgn} \mu$ (mSUGRA)



Evolve down to EW scale through Renormalization Group Equations (RGE)

 $M_1, M_2, M_3, m(\tilde{f}_R), m(\tilde{f}_L), A_t, A_b, A_{\tau}, m(A), \tan \beta, \mu$

From 'soft' terms derive mass eigenstates and sparticle couplings.

 $m(\tilde{\chi}_{j}^{0}), \ m(\tilde{\chi}_{j}^{\pm}), \ m(\tilde{q}_{R}), \ m(\tilde{q}_{L}), \ m(\tilde{b}_{1}), \ m(\tilde{b}_{2}), \ m(\tilde{t}_{1}), \ m(\tilde{t}_{2}).....$

Structure enshrined in Monte Carlo generators (e.g ISAJET)

Task of experimental SUSY searches is to go up the chain, i.e. to measure enough sparticles and branching ratios to infer information on the SUSY breaking mechanism

SUSY at the LHC: general features



Squarks and gluinos are typically the heaviest sparticles

 \Rightarrow If R_p conserved, complex cascades to undetected LSP, with large multiplicities of jets and leptons produced in the decay.

Rich phenomenology, but difficult to disentangle different decay chains

A SUSY event in ATLAS



Multi-jet event in Bulk Region

- 6 jets
- 2 high-pt muons
- Large missing E_T



SUSY discovery: basic strategy

Basic assumption: discovery from squark/gluinos cascading to undetectable LSP Details of cascade decays are a function of model parameters. Focus on robust signatures covering large classes of models and large rejection of SM backgrounds



- \mathbb{E}_T : from LSP escaping detection
- High E_T jets: guaranteed if squarks/gluinos if unification of gaugino masses assumed.
- Multiple leptons (Z): from decays of Charginos/neutralinos in cascade
- Multiple τ -jets or b-jets (h): Often abundant production of third generation sparticles

Define basic selection criteria on these variables for RPC SUSY with $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ LSP

Optimisation of criteria on parameter space ongoing, will define set of topologies, and for each define sets of cuts aimed respectively at high and low SUSY masses Alternative LSP options with different signatures also under study

Inclusive reach in mSUGRA parameter space ATLAS Reach for 1 fb⁻¹



Includes expected uncertainties on SM backgrounds after 1 fb⁻¹ of data: • 50% on QCD backgrounds • 20% on $\bar{t}t$, W, Z+jets Multiple signatures over most of space Dominated by $\not\!\!E_T$ +jets Robust if signal observed in a channel, look for confirmation in other channels

ATLAS also scanned model with non universal higgs masses, with in principle different decay patterns, and result are very similar

Most of what I show in the following is new work from ATLAS, to appear in:

The ATLAS Collaboration "Expected Performance of the ATLAS Experiment, Detector, Trigger and Physics", CERN-OPEN-2008-02.

How fast can the discovery be?

Recent ATLAS analyses consistently carried out assuming 1 fb⁻¹ both for background determination and for signal search

Reach in 0-lep channel for 1 fb⁻¹, assuming $m(\tilde{q}) = m(\tilde{g})$ is ~ 1300 GeV Assuming the same level of background control, reach for ~100 pb⁻¹ is ~ 800 GeV Probably not realistic, worse control of backgrounds at 100 pb⁻¹ than at 1 fb⁻¹ Ingredients of background estimate:

- Understanding of early detector performance: \mathbb{E}_T tails, lepton id, jet scale
- Understanding SM at 14 TeV: : Set X-section scales, MC Tuning,...
- Collecting sufficient statistics of SM control samples:

QCD jets in appropriate configurations (trigger!), W, Z+ jets, $\bar{t}t$

Going through some of the main exclusive analyses, look at techniques for:

- Preliminary cleaning of $\not\!\!E_T$ sample
- Controlling Instrumental \mathbb{E}_T in QCD events
- Controlling real E_T from SM processes with neutrinos

Cleaning of \mathbb{E}_T sample

 \mathbb{E}_T from mismeasured multi-jet events: Populated by detector and machine problems Example of \mathbb{E}_T cleaning in D0

- Reject runs with detector malfunctioning
- Reject events with noise in the detector
- Remove bad cells





ATLAS example: assume a few HV channels dead in calorimeters

Tools being prepared to monitor and correct eventby-event

\mathbb{E}_T significance

Once detector malfunctioning and external source ubderstotd, $\not\!\!\!E_T$ comes from fluctuations in calorimeter response

MonteCarlo study: take events with no real $\not\!\!E_T$, build distribution of x(y)

component of $ot\!\!\!\!/ E_T$, and take σ



Instrumental background: definition of fiducial region for jets

Use a sample of 2-jet events ($p_T > 280$ GeV), apply basic cuts to reject events containing neutrinos

- For each event calculate $S = E_T / \sqrt{\Sigma E_T}$
- \bullet For each jet in the event, take $\eta(jet),$ and fill one entry in the plot





Reject high \mathbb{E}_T events with a jet falling in yellow regions

Instrumental background: beyond fiducial cuts Scan fully simulated jet events in ATLAS ($P_T(jet) \gtrsim 500$ GeV) with $\Delta \not\!\!\!E_T > 250$ GeV (F. Paige, S. Willocq)





Problematic events characterised by large occupancy in muon chambers. Can develop criteria based on the muon chambers to further reduce tails



Inclusive signature for zero leptons



SU3 benchmark Point: $m_0 = 100$ GeV, $m_{1/2} = 300$ GeV, $\tan \beta = 6$, A = -300 GeV, $\mu > 0$ QCD background reduced to $\leq 5\%$ after all cuts, but with large uncertainites! Comparable contributions from: • $\bar{t}t$ +jets • W+jets • Z+jets Counting experiment: need precise estimate of background processes in signal region Complex multi-body final states: can not rely on MonteCarlo alone.

SM backgrounds: Monte Carlo issues

SUSY processes: high multiplicity of final state jets from cascade decays Require high jet multiplicity to reject backgrounds: ~ 4 jets Additional jets in $\bar{t}t, W, Z$, production from QCD radiation

Two possible way of generating additional jets:

- Parton showering (PS): good in collinear region, but underestimates emission of high- p_T jets
- Matrix Element (ME): requires cuts at generation to regularize collinear and infrared divergences

Optimal description of events with both ME and PS switched on

Need prescription to avoid double counting, i.e. kinematic configurations produced by both techniques

Additional issue: normalisation (no NLO calculation possible)



Instrumental backgrounds: data-driven estimate

MonteCarlo estimate of QCD background hard. It requires:

- Good MonteCarlo simulation of QCD multijets
- Excellent understanding of detector incorporated in simulation
- $\not\!\!\!E_T$ is from tails of response: need to simulate huge number of events
- \Rightarrow Develop multi-step data-driven estimate

Step 1: Measure the gaussian part of response with balance of γ +jet events

Step 2: Measure the non-gaussian part of response and combine it with the gaussian part

- Require: 3 jets, $p_T(J) > 250, 50, 25$ GeV, $E_T > 60$ GeV
- Define the true $P_T(J)$ as: $\vec{p}_T(J, \text{true}) \simeq \vec{p}_T(J) + \not\!\!\!\!E_T$

Plot:

 $R_2 = \frac{\vec{p}_T(J) \cdot \vec{p}_T(J, \mathsf{true})}{|\vec{p}_T(J, \mathsf{true})|^2}$

jets E_Tmiss fluctuating jet



Finally normalize the two estimates from the balance of a sample of 2-jet events

Closure test: compare estimated response curve with 'data'

from balance of a sample of two-jet events. Plot for each jet:

Step 3: Seed event selection and jet p_T smearing: Smear according to measured function jet P_T in multi-jet events with low $\not\!\!\!E_T$ ('seed events')





Plot the E_T distribution for the smeared 'seed'events is plotted, normalised to simulated QCD events with $E_T < 50$ GeV

Good agreement between the estimated and 'data' distributions

Dominant systematic errors are the P_T bias in event selection and the statistical error on 'Mercedes' events.

Data driven estimates: $Z \rightarrow \nu \nu + jets$

Select samples of $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu(ee, eX) + multijets$ from data

Apply same cuts as for SUSY analysis (4 jets+Etmiss), remove leptons and

calculate p_T of events from the vector sum of their momenta (normalized to 1 fb⁻¹)



- Fiducial for leptons (P_T and η cuts)
- \bullet Kinematic cuts to select pure Z sample
- Lepton id efficiency
- $\bullet \; BR(Z \rightarrow \nu \nu)/BR(Z \rightarrow \ell \ell)$

First two from MC, last one from data

Low statistics at high $\not\!\!\!E_T$, improve precision through fit of the shape Main uncertainites from:

• MC used for corrections ($\sim 6\%$) • $\not\!\!\!E_T$ scale ($\sim 5\%$) • Statistics of control sample ($\sim 13\%$)

Method under study using shapes from MC and normalisation from data.

Normalisation needs to be multiplied by $BR(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu)/BR(Z \rightarrow ee) \sim 6$ Assuming SUSY signal $\sim Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ bg, evaluate luminosity necessary for having $N_{SUSY} > 3 \times \sigma_{bg}$



Several hundred pb^{-1} required. Sufficient if we believe in shape, and only need normalisation. Much more needed to perform bin-by-bin normalisation

Inclusive signature with one lepton

 \mathbb{E}_T +jets signature is most powerful and least model-dependent BUT control of SM and instrumental backgrounds might require long time The channel single lepton + jets + \mathbb{E}_T has somewhat smaller parameter space coverage, but might be easier to control



One lepton background evaluation with M_T method



Basic Principle:

B is signal region,
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no signal in A,C,D

D is control region

$$N(B) = N(D) \times \frac{N(A)}{N(C)}$$

Where N(X) is BG in region X

 M_T variable gives excellent discrimination against $\overline{t}t$, W+ jets Main discriminant value together with $onumber T_T$

Invert the M_T cut to evaluate background?



Variable 2 (ETmiss)

M_T method: results without signal



Estimate background in absence of signal:

	$E_T > 100 \; { m GeV}$	$E_T > 300 { m GeV}$
True BG	203 ± 6	12.4 ± 1.6
Estimated BG	190 ± 8	9.4 ± 0.7
Ratio(Est./True)	0.93 ± 0.05	0.76 ± 0.11

Good estimate of background



What if there is signal?



Example: assume SU3 signal.

 $E_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$

 12.4 ± 1.6

 33.3 ± 1.4

 245 ± 4

Work in progress to master the issue of signal contamination, two directions of exploration:

• Iteration procedure: if excess observed, use properties of excess to correct for estimate.

Example in M_T method: assume that all events observed in signal region are from signal, and with some ansatz on signal shape, extrapolate back in control region

• Combined fit determining the composition of control sample allowing for SUSY contribution

Only preliminary work, very active field of investigation

2-leptons + E_T + jets inclusive search

Significantly lower reach than other channels, but also lower backgrounds Different topologies, corresponding to different SM background sources

- Same-Sign Same-flavour (SSSF)
- Same-sign Opposite-Flavour (SSOF)

Gluino Majorana particle, in gluino decay same probability for positive and negative lepton Very little SM background, dominated by $\bar{t}t$, very sensitive to lepton isolation

- Opposite-Sign Same-Flavour (OSSF)
- Opposite-Sign Opposite-Flavour (OSOF)

In OS-SF pair two leptons may come from decay of same gaugino \Rightarrow

OS-SF invariant mass distribution may exhibit structure, not present in OS-OF pairs

$$\begin{split} \tilde{q}_L \to \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \quad q & \tilde{q}_L \to \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \quad q & \tilde{q}_L \to \tilde{\chi}_2^+ \quad q' \\ & & \downarrow & \tilde{\ell}_{R(L)}^{\pm} \quad \ell^{\mp} & & \downarrow & (Z^*) \quad \tilde{\chi}_1^0 & & \downarrow & \tilde{\nu}_{\ell} \quad \ell^{\pm} \\ & & \downarrow & \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \quad \ell^{\pm} & & \downarrow & \ell^+ \quad \ell^- & & \downarrow & \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \quad \ell^{\mp} \end{split}$$

Flavour subtraction method



For $\bar{t}t$ and SUSY backgrounds same number of $e^+\mu^-$, μ^+e^- , e^+e^- , $\mu^+\mu^-$ pairs

Only $Z/\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $\mu^+\mu^-$ has same-flavour leptons, strongly reduced by $\not\!\!E_T$ +jets requirement Fully subtract backgrounds by plotting for each $m(\ell\ell)$ bin: $N(e^+e^-)/\beta + \beta N(\mu^+\mu^-) - N(e^\pm\mu^\mp)$ With $\beta \sim 0.86$ ratio of electron and muon reconstruction efficiencies

Bulk of background uncertainty included in statistical error of subtracted distribution:

$$S \equiv (N(OSSF) - N(OSOF)) / \sqrt{N(OSSF) - N(OSOF)}$$

Main additional systematic comes from uncertainty on β , order 10% with 1 fb⁻¹

For the appropriate parameter values, this might be the fastest discovery channel

Backup

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ATLAS Benchmarks

Large annihilation sross-section required by WMAP data

Boost annihilation via quasi-degeneracy of a sparticle with $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, or large higgsino content of $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ Regions in mSUGRA $(m_{1/2}, m_0)$ plane with acceptable $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ relic density (e.g. Ellis et al.):



 $m_{1/2}$

- SU3: Bulk region. Annihilation dominated by slepton exchange, easy LHC signatures fom $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}\ell$
- SU1: Coannihilation region. Small m(*˜*₁) − m(*τ˜*) (1-10 Gev).
 Dominant processes *˜*₁*˜*₁*˜*₁ → *ττ*, *˜*₁*˜*⁰*τ˜* → *τγ* Similar to bulk, but softer leptons!
- SU6: Funnel region. $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) \simeq m(H/A)/2$ at high $\tan \beta$ Annihilation through resonant heavy Higgs exchange. Heavy higgs at the LHC observable up to ~800 GeV
- SU2: Focus Point high m₀, large higgsino content, annihilation through coupling to W/Z Sfermions outside LHC reach, study gluino decays.
- SU4: Light point. Not inspired by cosmology. Mass scale ~ 400 GeV, at limit of Tevatron reach

Parameters and cross-sections of benchmark Points

SU1:
$$m_0 = 70 \text{ GeV}, \ m_{1/2} = 350 \text{ GeV}, \ A_0 = 0, \ \tan \beta = 10, \ \mu > 0.$$

SU2: $m_0 = 3550 \text{ GeV}, \ m_{1/2} = 300 \text{ GeV}, \ A_0 = 0, \ \tan \beta = 10, \ \mu > 0.$
SU3: $m_0 = 100 \text{ GeV}, \ m_{1/2} = 300 \text{ GeV}, \ A_0 = -300 \text{ GeV}, \ \tan \beta = 6, \ \mu > 0.$
SU4: $m_0 = 200 \text{ GeV}, \ m_{1/2} = 160 \text{ GeV}, \ A_0 = -400 \text{ GeV}, \ \tan \beta = 10, \ \mu > 0.$
SU6: $m_0 = 320 \text{ GeV}, \ m_{1/2} = 375 \text{ GeV}, \ A_0 = 0, \ \tan \beta = 50, \ \mu > 0.$

Signal	σ^{LO} (pb)	$\sigma^{\scriptscriptstyle NLO}$ (pb)	Ν	
SU1	8.15	10.86	200 K	
SU2	5.17	7.18	50 K	
SU3	20.85	27.68	500 K	
SU4	294.46	402.19	200 K	
SU6	4.47	6.07	30 K	

Particle	SU1	SU2	SU3	SU4	SU6
\tilde{u}_L	760.42	3563.24	631.51	412.25	866.84
${ ilde b}_1$	697.90	2924.80	575.23	358.49	716.83
${ ilde t}_1$	572.96	2131.11	424.12	206.04	641.61
\tilde{u}_R	735.41	3574.18	611.81	404.92	842.16
\tilde{b}_2	722.87	3500.55	610.73	399.18	779.42
\tilde{t}_2	749.46	2935.36	650.50	445.00	797.99
\tilde{e}_L	255.13	3547.50	230.45	231.94	411.89
$ ilde{ u}_e$	238.31	3546.32	216.96	217.92	401.89
$ ilde{ au}_1$	146.50	3519.62	149.99	200.50	181.31
$ ilde{ u}_{ au}$	237.56	3532.27	216.29	215.53	358.26
\tilde{e}_R	154.06	3547.46	155.45	212.88	351.10
$ ilde{ au}_2$	256.98	3533.69	232.17	236.04	392.58
\tilde{g}	832.33	856.59	717.46	413.37	894.70
$ ilde{\chi}_1^0$	136.98	103.35	117.91	59.84	149.57
$ ilde{\chi}_2^0$	263.64	160.37	218.60	113.48	287.97
$ ilde{\chi}^0_3$	466.44	179.76	463.99	308.94	477.23
$ ilde{\chi}_4^0$	483.30	294.90	480.59	327.76	492.23
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+$	262.06	149.42	218.33	113.22	288.29
$\tilde{\chi}_2^+$	483.62	286.81	480.16	326.59	492.42