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Model-independent new physics searches at the LHC?

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Lessons from the LHC: a Higgs boson has been found ...and it looks like the Standard Model Higgs



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the SM has passed all tests with flying colours



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Physics beyond the Standard Model?

The problem of mass

What stabilises the Higgs mass? What sets the scale of the fermion masses?

The problem of unification

Is there a grand unified theory?

The problem of flavour

Why are there so many types of quarks and leptons? What is the origin of CP-violation?

Cosmological problems

What is the origin of the matter-antimatter asymmetry? What is the nature of dark matter and dark energy?

The holy grail

What is the theory of quantum gravity?

BSM physics at the LHC?

The naturalness problem: why is M_{Higgs} « M_{Planck}?



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m H}^2 \sim rac{3\lambda_t^2}{8\pi^2} \Lambda_{
m UV}^2 \sim (0.3 \Lambda_{
m UV})^2$$

→ new coloured (top-)partners with mass ≤ 500 GeV?

Dark matter



Weakly interacting massive particle(s) with mass ≤ 1 TeV?

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Supersymmetry, Cosmology, and New Physics at Teraelectronvolt Energies

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If one assumes a spontaneously broken local supersymmetry, big-bang cosmology implies that the universe is filled with a gravitino $(g_{3/2})$ gas—possibly its dominant constituent. From the observational bound on the cosmological mass density it follows that $m_{\xi_{3/2}} \leq 1$ keV. Correspondingly, the supersymmetry breaking parameter F satisfies $\sqrt{F} \leq 2 \times 10^3$ TeV, requiring new supersymmetric physics in the teraelectronvolt energy region. An exact sum rule is derived and used to estimate the threshold and cross section for the production of the new states.

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Lessons from the LHC: no sign of SUSY

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: July 2016

ATLAS Preliminary $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$

	Model	e, μ, τ, γ	′ Jets	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\mathbf{fb}]$	¹] Mass limit	$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$ $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$	Reference	
Inclusive Searches	$\begin{array}{l} MSUGRA/CMSSM\\ \tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q} \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ \tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q} \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}_1^0 (compressed) \\ \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q q \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow q q W^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q q \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow q q W^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q q \tilde{\chi}_1^+ Q q W^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q q W Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q q W Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \\ GMSB \left(\ell NLSP\right) \\ GGM (bino NLSP) \\ GGM (higgsino-bino NLSP) \\ GGM (higgsino-bino NLSP) \\ GGM (higgsino NLSP) \\ GGM (higgsino NLSP) \\ Gravitino LSP \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0-3 \ e, \mu/1-2 \ \tau \\ 0 \\ mono-jet \\ 0 \\ 1 \ e, \mu \\ 2 \ e, \mu \\ 0 \\ 1-2 \ \tau + 0-1 \\ 2 \ \gamma \\ \gamma \\ 2 \ e, \mu \ (Z) \\ 0 \end{array}$	2-10 jets/3 2-6 jets 1-3 jets 2-6 jets 2-6 jets 0-3 jets 7-10 jets ℓ 0-2 jets 1 b 2 jets 2 jets mono-jet	 b Yes Yes 	20.3 3.2 3.2 3.2 3.3 20 3.2 3.2 3.2 20.3 20.3		$\begin{array}{cccc} \textbf{1.85 TeV} & m(\tilde{g}) = m(\tilde{g}) \\ & m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 250 \ \text{GeV}, \ m(1^{st} \ \text{gen}, \tilde{q}) = m(2^{nd} \ \text{gen}, \tilde{q}) \\ & m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 250 \ \text{GeV}, \ m(1^{st} \ \text{gen}, \tilde{q}) = m(2^{nd} \ \text{gen}, \tilde{q}) \\ & m(\tilde{q}) - m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 550 \ \text{GeV} \\ \textbf{1.6 TeV} & m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 250 \ \text{GeV}, \ m(\tilde{\chi}^{1}) = 0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) + m(\tilde{g})) \\ \textbf{38 TeV} & m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) = 0 \ \text{GeV} \\ \textbf{1.65 TeV} & m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) = 100 \ \text{GeV} \\ \textbf{2.0 TeV} \\ \textbf{1.65 TeV} & m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 950 \ \text{GeV}, \ c\tau(\text{NLSP}) < 0.1 \ \text{mm}, \ \mu < 0 \\ m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 850 \ \text{GeV}, \ c\tau(\text{NLSP}) < 0.1 \ \text{mm}, \ \mu > 0 \\ m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 850 \ \text{GeV}, \ c\tau(\text{NLSP}) < 0.1 \ \text{mm}, \ \mu > 0 \\ m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}) < 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \ \text{eV}, \ m(\tilde{g}) = m(\tilde{g}) = 1.5 \ \text{TeV} \\ \end{array}$	1507.05525 1605.03814 1604.07773 1605.03814 1605.04285 1501.03555 1602.06194 <i>To appear</i> 1606.09150 1507.05493 1507.05493 1503.03290 1502.01518	
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*Or sta	*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new 10^{-1} 1 Mass scale [TeV]								

states or phenomena is shown.

Lessons from the LHC: no sign of new physics



(750 GeV) Light at the end of the tunnel?



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For the LHC-13 we need to

- Explore a wider range of BSM models
- and move towards more model-independent searches: effective field theories and simplified models.





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Such simplified models

- provide a reliable framework for LHC analyses;
- allow to explore constraints from mediator searches;
- allow to connect LHC analyses with direct and indirect dark matter searches.

arXiv:1506.03116 [hep-ph]

Consider a simplified dark matter model with an axial-vector mediator Z' which couples to a Majorana dark matter fermion χ and SM quarks.

The model has only four parameters (M_X, M_{Z'}, $\sqrt{g_X}g_q$, $\Gamma_{Z'}$), and it can be tested in direct and indirect detection, and at the LHC.

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Bell et al., arXiv:1503.07874 [hep-ph]; Haisch et al., arXiv:1603.01267 [hep-ph]

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$$g_u^V = g_d^V = 0.25 \quad (SS)$$

$$g_u^V = -g_d^V = -0.25$$
 (OS)

Unitarity violation and the choice of couplings

A partial wave analysis of $u + \overline{d} \rightarrow W^+ + Z'$ yields:

$$\mathcal{M}(\text{p-wave}) = \frac{g}{96\pi M_W M_{Z'}} \, \boldsymbol{s} \, \left(g_u^A - g_d^A - g_u^V + g_d^V \right)$$

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Impose
$$g_u^A - g_d^A - g_u^V + g_d^V = 0$$

or equivalently $g_u^L = g_u^V - g_u^A = g_d^V - g_d^A = g_d^L$

i.e. left-chiral u and d-quarks should have the same coupling to the Z'

Compare to the Standard Model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} &= \sum_{q} Z_{\mu} \bar{q} \left[g_{Z,q}^{V} \gamma^{\mu} + g_{Z,q}^{A} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_{5} \right] q \\ g_{Z,q}^{V} &= \frac{g}{2c_{W}} \left(T_{3,q} - 2Q_{q} s_{W}^{2} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad g_{Z,q}^{A} = -\frac{g}{2c_{W}} T_{3,q} \\ \\ \text{Thus} \quad g_{Z,u}^{L} - g_{Z,d}^{L} = gc_{W} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Triple gauge boson couplings come to rescue

$$|M|^2 \to \frac{3g^4 c_W^4 |V_{ud}|^2}{32M_W^2} (d_1 + d_2 - 2d_3)^2 s^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

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However

- How do we choose the right simplified models?
- How do simplified models connect to theory?

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- explore a wider range of BSM models
- move towards more model-independent searches: effective field theories, simplified models.

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Thank you!