



# Searches for dilepton resonances

## with the ATLAS detector

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Why are we looking for high-mass dilepton resonances?
ATLAS & LHC

- 7 TeV search 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> (full 2011 dataset) http://arxiv.org/pdf/1209.2535v2.pdf
  - Event selection
  - Backgrounds
  - High energy electrons and muons
  - Signal search and limit setting
- 8 TeV search 6 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- •Summary and Outlook

Further information can be found at:

https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsPublicResults?redirectedfrom=Atlas.ExoticsPublicResults Seminar, Brussels, Nov 2012 Tracey Berry 2



- The Standard Model of Particle Physics is a very successful theory, but cannot be the end of the story...
- For example, it doesn't
  - have a dark matter candidate
  - explain why gravity is so weak compared to the other fundamental forces
- Questions remain:
  - Are there more symmetries beyond  $SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ ?
  - → GUTs with larger symmetry group? Left-right symmetry?





#### **Dilepton Resonances**



 Dilepton resonances have been the window to a better understanding of elementary particles and forces before....









- di-lepton signature (ee + µµ,)
   is a relatively clean final in a hadron collider
  - easily identifiable final state with low backgrounds



- has a useful calibration point: Z<sup>0</sup>
  - can study selection efficiency, cross-check luminosity and calibrate calorimeter energy and tracker p<sub>T</sub> scales
- broad sensitivity to a range of new physics scenarios
  - Z's, Technicolor, Large Extra Dimensions (ADD), Universal Extra Dimensions, Warped Extra Dimensions, Torsion Models, Z\*
  - all of the above can show up as an excess in the di-lepton mass spectrum







Dilepton resonances could be a signature of

- new heavy gauge bosons

(eg. in the E6 model (Grand Unified Theory model))

----> spin-1



----> spin-2



Z

...and many others (resonance search is fairly model independent)







New heavy gauge bosons are predicted in several extensions of the SM Dilepton resonances could be a signature of

 new heavy gauge boson in the E6 model (Grand Unified Theory model) (Phys. Rev. D 34 (1986), arXiv:0801.1345v3)

**GUT** theories

Unification of electroweak and strong forces at high energies

----> 1 overall symmetry, which breaks down at lower energies

$$E_6 \to \mathrm{SO}(10) \times \mathrm{U}(1)_{\psi} \to \mathrm{SU}(5) \times \mathrm{U}(1)_{\chi} \times \mathrm{U}(1)_{\psi}$$
$$\mathrm{SU}(5) \to \mathrm{SU}(3)_C \times \mathrm{SU}(2)_L \times \mathrm{U}(1)_Y$$

2 additional U(1) groups lead to new neutral gauge fields  $\psi$  and  $\chi$ 

The particles associated with the additional fields can mix in a linear combination to form the Z' candidate:

$$Z'(E_6) = Z'_{\psi} \cos \theta_{E_6} + Z'_{\chi} \sin \theta_{E_6}$$

where  $\theta_{E6}$  is the mixing angle between the two gauge bosons. Seminar, Brussels, Nov 2012 Tracey Berry



#### E6 Z' models



$$Z'(E_6) = Z'_{\psi} \cos \theta_{E_6} + Z'_{\chi} \sin \theta_{E_6}$$

- The pattern of spontaneous symmetry breaking and the value of  $\theta_{E6}$  determine the Z' couplings to fermions;
- six well motivated choices of  $\theta_{E6}$  lead to the specific Z' states named:

Model	$Z'_{\psi}$	$Z'_{ m N}$	$Z'_{\eta}$	$Z'_{\mathrm{I}}$	$Z'_{ m S}$	$Z'_{\chi}$
$\sin \theta_{E_6}$	0	-1/4	$\sqrt{3/8}$	$\sqrt{5/8}$	$3\sqrt{6}/8$	1
$\cos \theta_{E_6}$	1	$\sqrt{15}/4$	$\sqrt{5/8}$	$-\sqrt{3/8}$	$-\sqrt{10}/8$	0

The expected intrinsic width of the Z' for any E6 model is predicted to be between 0.5% and 1.3%  $M_{Z'}$ 









- Benchmark model for these searches is the Sequential Standard Model (SSM)
  - Z' has the same couplings to fermions as SM Z
  - The expected intrinsic width of the  $Z'_{SSM}$  is 3.1%  $M_{Z'}$
  - Z' width assumed comparable to detector resolution
  - Not theoretically motivated



2010 data: PLB700: 163-180, 2011 2011 data 200 pb-1 update: ATL-CONF-2011-083



## **Extra Dimensions**



In the late 90's Large Extra Dimensions (LED) were proposed as a solution to the hierarchy problem  $M_{EW}$  (1 TeV) <<  $M_{Planck}$  (10<sup>19</sup> GeV)?





#### KK towers/particles



When particles go into the extra dimensions....











#### Signature:

Narrow, high-mass resonance states in dilepton/dijet/diboson channels

 $q\overline{q}, gg \rightarrow G_{KK} \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \gamma\gamma, jet + jet$ 





Model parameters:

• Gravity Scale:  $\Lambda_{\pi} = M_{pl} e^{-kR_c\pi}$ 1<sup>st</sup> graviton excitation mass:  $m_1 \rightarrow position$ 

$$\Lambda_{\pi} = m_1 M_{pl} / kx_1, \& m_n = kx_n e^{krc\pi} (J_1(x_n) = 0)$$

• Coupling constant: 
$$c = k/M_{Pl}$$
  
 $\Gamma_1 = \rho m_1 x_1^2 (k/M_{pl})^2 \longrightarrow width$ 

k = curvature, R = compactification radius

Davoudiasi, Hewett, Rizzo hep-ph0006041

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## The LHC & ATLAS Detector



#### Large Hadron Collider





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Magnets: solenoid (Inner Detector) 2T, air-core toroids (Muon Spectrometer) ~0.5T



#### LHC data





LHC performing extremely well
 Peak luminosity up to 10<sup>33</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-2</sup>
 Expected luminosity by end of 2012 ~ 25 fb<sup>-1</sup>
 About 90 % of delivered pp collision are used in the analyses





## **Dilepton Search**

#### 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 7 TeV

#### Analysis Procedure

- Select events with two leptons of same flavor (ee,  $\mu\mu$ )
- Search for excess above SM expectations in high invariant mass region



#### **Event Selection**



•ATLAS data quality (stable beam, functioning subdetectors etc.)





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Acceptance (Z', 1.5 TeV): 42% (Z', 2.0 TeV): 43 % (G\*, 2.0 TeV): 47%



#### Highest mass ee event







#### Highest Mass µµ event





#### $M_{mm}$ =1.25 TeV

 $P_T \text{ of } 648 \text{ GeV}$ ( $\eta, \phi$ ) = (-0.75, 0.49)

 $P_T$  of 583 GeV ( $\eta$ ,  $\phi$ ) =(-0.36, -2.60)



## Backgrounds



- Backgrounds with two prompt electrons/muons:
  - Drell Yan γ\*/Z-> I+I<sup>-</sup>

(irreducible, primary background)

- Dibosons (WW,WZ,ZZ)
- ttbar (dileptonic decay)
- Backgrounds with QCD jets, which can fake prompt leptons
  - W+jets
  - QCD multijet production
- Cosmic Rays (negligible contribution to muon channel)

All background except for QCD multijet taken from simulated samples ----> What is the fake rate at high energies? Seminar, Brussels, Nov 2012 Tracey Berry





#### Main Backgrounds







### Main Backgrounds



•SM Z/γ Drell-Yan (irreducible, primary background) •Produced using Pythia 6.421 with MRST2007 LO\* •Interference with heavy resonances is small and ignored •NNLO K-factors generated using PHOZPR with MSTW2008 •QCD (electron channel only) •estimated using "reversed electron identification" and others •Top quark pair production Produced using MC@NLO 3.41 •Predicted to approximate-NNLO with 10% uncert. •SM W+jets (electron channel only) Produced using Alpgen cross-section rescaled to inclusive NNLO calculation of FEWZ •Dibosons (WW, WZ, ZZ) •Produced using Herwig 6.510 with MRST2007 LO\*

•NLO cross-sections calculated using MCFM

•Cosmic Rays (negligible contribution to muon channel)

QCD Multijet Background: electrons

#### Jets can fake electrons. How large is the fake rate?

- 1. Baseline Method
- ► Reverse Identification
- dijet shape from reverted electron identification cuts<sup>10</sup>
- extrapolation to high invariant

masses by fitting with empirical function

- normalization by 2-component template fit
- 2. Cross-check and systematic uncertainties
- ► Isolation fit method
- use calorimeter isolation distributions
- fit signal/background templates from data for 1st and 2nd electron

#### Fake rate estimate

- measure probability for jet-like objects to pass Z' selection ( $\eta$ ,  $E_T$ ) - apply fake rate on normalization sample (Z' selection on leading, jet selection on second electron)







## High $p_T$ Leptons



Looking for resonances at high invariant masses

---> need to understand properties of highly energetic objects in ATLAS



Very small control sample, handles:

- Muons: calibration runs, cosmics,
- Tag-and-Probe around Z pole ---> extrapolation, simulation





Electrons (Resolution 1.2 (barrel)- 1.8% (endcaps) at 1 TeV)

- energy measurement from electromagnetic calorimeter
- resolution at high energies dominated by constant term





Muons (Resolution > 15% at 1 TeV):

- pt measurement from hits in inner detector and muon spectrometer
- require stringent cuts on number of hits, veto misaligned areas
- measured (as a function of pt) using cosmics, magnet off runs, overlap regions, inner detector vs. muon spectrometer comparisons, Z peak

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Efficiencies and scale factors

Electrons: No decrease of selection efficiency expected at high energies (careful with isolation cut)

leptons from W/Z decay: no estimate above ~200 GeV

Determine trigger, reconstruction and identification efficiencies

- allows to get relatively unbiased control sample by applying

- strict cuts on "Tag" and test efficiency on "Probe"

in data with Tag-and-Probe

(Z ---> |+|-)

- electrons: need to subtract QCD jet background
- extrapolation by observing of trends, simulation













## **Dilepton Kinematics**



#### Good agreement with background expectations







#### **Dilepton Distributions**



Backgrounds are normalised to data in Z-peak region (70 - 110 GeV)



#### The bin width is constant in log(mll)

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No evidence of New Physics... so we set limits!

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- Because normalize MC to data in Z peak region (70 < m<sub>ll</sub> < 110 GeV) luminosity and other mass independent systematics cancel between Z and Z'/G
- Uncertainties treated as correlated across all bins

Table 1.	Summary of systematic uncertainties on the expected numbers of events at $m_{\ell\ell}$ =	= 2  TeV.
NA indica	es that the uncertainty is not applicable, and "-" denotes a negligible entry.	

Source	Dielectrons		Dimuons	
	Signal	Background	Signal	Background
Normalization	5%	NA	5%	NA
$PDF/\alpha_s$ /scale	NA	20%	NA	20%
Electroweak corrections	NA	4.5%	NA	4.5%
Efficiency	2	28	6%	6%
$W+{\rm jets}$ and QCD background	NA	26%	NA	
Total	5%	34%	8%	21%



## Z' Limits



Upper limit on signal cross-section set at 95% C.L.
Bayesian technique using a template shape fit & a prior assumed to be flat in signal cross-section



95 % C.L. mass lower limit in TeV on  $Z'_{SSM}$  resonance

44	$Z'_{\rm SSM}  ightarrow e^+ e^-$	$Z'_{\rm SSM} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$Z'_{\rm SSM} \to \ell^+ \ell^-$
Observed limit [TeV]	2.08	1.99	2.22
Expected limit [TeV]	2.13	2.00	2.25



## Comparison of $Z'_{SSM}$ Limits



Tevatron experiments exclude M<sub>(Z' SSM)</sub> < 1.071 TeV</li>
LHC experiments, using ~40 pb<sup>-1</sup> 2010 data exclude M<sub>(Z' SSM)</sub> < 1.042 TeV (ATLAS) & 1.140 TeV (CMS)</li>
Indirect constraints from LEP extend these limits to 1.787 TeV



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#### Z' Combined Limits





## RS Search: Analysis Strategy



- Use same dataset as for Z' search
- Set limits in a similar bayesian way









0.01

0.91

0.03

1.45

Model/Coupling

Mass limit [TeV]

0.1

2.16

0.05

1.71







 $\sigma(Z' \text{ for } M_{Z'} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}) \sim 2 \text{ x higher at}$ 8 TeV than 7 Te V 7->8 gives us extra 10 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 2 TeV















#### $7 \rightarrow 8 \text{ TeV}$



improvements to the electron reconstruction and identification, w.r.t 2011, to maintain good performance in high pile-up conditions.

□ The ATLAS track pattern recognition and global  $\chi^2$  fit were updated to account for energy losses due to bremsstrahlung, □ and the track-to-cluster matching algorithm was improved to be less sensitive to bremsstrahlung losses.





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## 8 TeV Analysis



Follows the analysis strategy presented for 7 TeV search ee changes

Changed to diphoton trigger with Et <sub>leading e</sub> > 35 GeV & Et <sub>subleading e</sub> >25 GeV preferred over the dielectron trigger as the lack of requirements on the electron track is advantageous in the background-determination method.

Pt  $_{\text{leading e}}$  > 40 GeV & Pt  $_{\text{subleading e}}$  >30 GeV Improved e reconstruction algorithm





8 TeV



Table 1: The expected and observed number of events in the dielectron channel. The errors quoted include both statistical and systematic uncertainties.

$m_{ee}$ [GeV]	110 - 200	200 - 400	400 - 800	800 - 1200	1200 - 3000
$Z/\gamma^*$	$36200 \pm 1500$	$4330 \pm 180$	$412 \pm 20$	$21.6 \pm 1.5$	$3.03 \pm 0.35$
tī	$2190 \pm 250$	$750 \pm 130$	$53 \pm 19$	$0.86 \pm 0.18$	$0.041\pm0.017$
W + jets	$470 \pm 130$	$130 \pm 40$	$10.6 \pm 3.0$	$0.30 \pm 0.09$	$0.026 \pm 0.009$
Diboson	$482 \pm 34$	$172 \pm 22$	$21 \pm 8$	$0.91 \pm 0.05$	$0.117 \pm 0.014$
Dijet	$720 \pm 240$	$250 \pm 120$	$34 \pm 23$	$2.1 \pm 2.0$	$0.4 \pm 0.5$
Total	$40100 \pm 1600$	$5620 \pm 260$	$530 \pm 40$	$25.8 \pm 2.5$	$3.6 \pm 0.6$
Data	39875	5760	615	31	5

Table 2: The expected and observed number of events in the dimuon channel. The errors quoted include both statistical and systematic uncertainties.

$m_{\mu\mu}$ [GeV]	110 - 200	200 - 400	400 - 800	800 - 1200	1200 - 3000
$Z/\gamma^*$	$27800 \pm 1800$	$2800\pm250$	$247 \pm 27$	$12.4 \pm 1.6$	$1.8 \pm 0.3$
tt	$1390 \pm 170$	$470 \pm 100$	$33 \pm 15$	$0.68 \pm 0.30$	$0.04 \pm 0.04$
Diboson	$306 \pm 25$	$107 \pm 17$	$12 \pm 6$	$0.47\pm0.09$	$0.050\pm0.020$
Total	$29500 \pm 1800$	$3370 \pm 270$	$293 \pm 31$	$13.6 \pm 1.6$	$1.9 \pm 0.3$
Data	28516	3341	276	10	3



**Highest Mass Event** 







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#### Summary of Recent LHC SSM Z' Limits



excluded at at 95% C.L.

7 TeV 2011 data (5 fb<sup>-1</sup>) ATLAS 2.21 TeV

CMS 2.33 TeV

7 TeV 2011 + 4 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 8 TeV 2012 data

8 TeV 2012 data (6fb<sup>-1</sup>) 2.49 GeV 2.59 TeV



#### Conclusion



- LHC has been working very well at beam energy 4 TeV
- ATLAS detector has been efficiently collecting data
  - distributions so far consistent with SM expectations
- We have analysed at presented limits using 6 fb<sup>-1</sup> 2012 data
- ATLAS has recorded over 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> 2012 data @ 8 TeV
  - We look forward to analysing all of this data
    - Expect updated 8 TeV results in early 2013
- We look forward to searching for New Physics at a higher center of mass energy following the upgrade of the LHC





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