# LHC searches beyond simplified models

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### LHC timeline



#### Still a long road ahead!

# SM in perfect shape

- Hundreds of measurements in excellent agreement with Standard Model predictions
- Several excesses with unclear status





#### Searches, searches...





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#### More expected at the High Luminosity LHC



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## Why simplified models?

- Realistic new physics models tend to involve many new parameters, for example the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model ~ 100
- This makes the interpretation and design of searches difficult
- The purpose of simplified models is to reduce the number of parameters: include only a few particles and interactions of a full model with fixed branching fractions

#### Simplified Models for LHC New Physics Searches

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#### Benchmark MSSM example



#### Example: supersymmetry





## Example: gluino simplified models - jets+MET



#### More gluino models - jets+leptons+MET



#### Dark matter searches – colliders vs DD



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## The purpose of simplified models

A simplified model is specifically designed to involve only a few new particles and interactions. They are limits of more general new physics scenarios, where all but a few particles are integrated out.

- **Identifying the boundaries of search sensitivity:** one- and two-dimensional slices within a simplified model can illustrate these boundaries very clearly and help to identify kinematic ranges
- **Characterizing new physics signals:** simplified models can be a starting point for identification of observed signal with different realistic models
- **Deriving limits on more general models:** the initial assessment within a simplified model should be followed by a dedicated recasting study

## Simplified model summary

- Simplified models cover a small and often unrealistic part of the models and parameters landscape
- Simplified models provide an easy parametrization in terms of just a few parameters e.g., 2-3 masses, perhaps a branching fraction (but often 100%)
- Hundreds of searches for supersymmetry but other models used to be less popular (this is changing though)
- Provide a clear link in terms of limits between particular topologies and final states e.g.: jets + MET, jets + lepton + MET, jets + lepton...
- Simplified models were never meant as a final word in searches for TeVscale physics
- Allows for confrontation with other detection methods
- A quick way of recasting searches optimized for simplified models is essential in the quest for new physics

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#### Monte Carlo tools & discoveries at the LHC

Searches for new TeV-scale physics still one of the main goals in the coming years

- Theoretical model building offers a vast number of models with particles in the LHC reach
- Experimental papers cover only a small fraction of existing models
- We need tools to cover the gap and: assess viability of models, guide future searches, looking for blind spots
- Computer tools are essential: Monte Carlo generators, fast detector simulators, cross section calculators
- We need tools to analyze MC output easily and compare it quickly and reliably with existing experimental exclusions

This is the main purpose of recasting tools  $\vert$ 

#### Reinterpretation/recasting in a nutshell



#### LHC Reinterpretation Forum

The purpose of the [RIF](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/InterpretingLHCresults) is to discuss topics related to the BSM (re)interpretation of LHC data, including the development of the necessary public recasting tools and related infrastructure, and to provide a platform for a continued interaction between theorists and with the experiments. The recent topics:

- the publication and reuse of statistical models
- the reinterpretation of analyses that employ machine learning
- global analyses and global fits
- preservation of data and methods for replication/reanalysis in future: for a once in a lifetime experiment we want to make sure all the necessary information is provided and understandable for people outside of a particular analysis

#### (Re)interpretation of the LHC results for new physics

Dec 12 - 15, 2022 **CERN** Europe/Paris timezone

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Overview

Timetable

**Participant List** 

172 participants

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1197680/>

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#### **SModelS**

- An automatic tool for interpreting simplified -model results from the LHC
- It is based on a general procedure to decompose Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) collider signatures presenting a Z<sub>2</sub>-like symmetry into Simplified Model Spectrum (SMS) topologies
- <https://smodels.readthedocs.io/>



#### **SModelS**

Based on a database of efficiencies either 100 obtained directly from experimental collaboration or recasted (also using other tools like MadAnalysis or CheckMATE )

 $m\tilde{\chi}^0_1$ 

- Covers models which have SUSY -like topologies
- Less versatile than MadAnalysis or CheckMATE but significantly faster
- Uses efficiency maps or upper limits for specific topologies
- New: combination of searches/experiments



#### SModelS coverage

#### **Run 2 - 13 TeV:**

- In total, we have results from 35 ATLAS and 39 CMS 13 TeV searches.
- [ATLAS upper limits](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html): 32 analyses, 80 (of which 4 LLP) results
- [ATLAS efficiency maps:](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html) 21 analyses, 65 (of which 11 LLP) results, 599 individual maps
- [CMS upper limits:](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html) 36 analyses, 143 (of which 3 LLP) results
- [CMS efficiency maps](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html): 8 analyses, 53 results, 3186 individual maps

#### **Run 1 - 8 TeV:**

- In total, we have results from 15 ATLAS and 18 CMS 8 TeV searches.
- [ATLAS upper limits](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html): 13 analyses, 34 results
- [ATLAS efficiency maps:](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html) 10 analyses, 31 results, 269 individual maps
- [CMS upper limits:](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html) 16 analyses, 56 (of which 3 LLP) results
- [CMS efficiency maps](https://smodels.github.io/docs/ListOfAnalyses.html): 9 analyses, 47 (of which 9 LLP) results, 980 individual maps

# MadAnalysis 5

- High level of integration with Monte Carlo generator MadGraph5
- A Python and C++ based framework for phenomenological analyses
- Any level of sophistication: partonic, hadronic, detector, reconstructed
- Several input format: STDHEP, HEPMC, LHE, LHEO, ROOT (from Delphes)
- Interfaces to other HEP packages (fast detector simulation, jet clustering etc.)
- Two modules
	- 1) Python command line interface (interactive)
	- 2) C++ core module, SampleAnalyzer
- https://launchpad.net/madanalysis5

#### **MadAnalysis: Public Analysis Data Base**



All detector parametrisations can be obtained from the MA5 dataverse links, together with the corresponding analysis codes.

#### CMS analyses, 13 TeV



#### Anyone can contribute

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- CheckMATE is a general tool for recasting arbitrary model
- Accepts events as .hepmc, .lhe; integration with Pythia and MadGraph
- based on Delphes for detector simulation
- using existing LHC searches calculates a limit on a given parameter point
- From SLHA file to the limit in one click
- one can easily constrain models that were not covered in the original ATLAS/CMS search
- currently more than 40 searches at 13 TeV coded, including 14 with full luminosity
- long-lived particles branch
- <https://checkmate.hepforge.org/> and <https://github.com/CheckMATE2/checkmate2>



#### Particle detector in a nutshell



#### **Detector simulation**

#### Delphes 3.4 / 3.5

- Simulates tracking and energy deposition
- Applies efficiencies for photons and leptons
- Clusters jets
- $\bullet$  Performs energy/momentum smearing of all reconstructed objects
- Evaluates total missing energy
- Checks isolation conditions for photons and leptons
- Applies  $b-$ / tau-tag on jets

#### CheckMATE improvements

- Added identification and isolation flags
- Tuned to reproduce LHC detectors:
	- ATLAS for 13 TeV Run; updates in progress
	- CMS work in progress



#### CheckMATE: ATLAS analyses



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# CheckMATE: CMS analyses



#### The list much shorter compared to ATLAS...

- From start CheckMATE was based on collaboration with ATLAS so the ties are still stronger
- ATLAS is by default releasing reinterpretation material for all SUSY searches: cutflows, simplified analysis code, efficiencies etc., what makes recasting much easier
- Many searches very similar (on the other hand combinations are tempting...) Subset of the set of t

#### Note on validation

- How do we check the implementation is correct?
- First assessment: cutflows



#### Validation: reproducing exclusion contours



Figure 1: A Comparison of the exclusion limits on the Displaced Lepton search provided by CMS with those obtained from CheckMATE (left: 8 TeV, 19.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>; right: 13 TeV, 2.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>).

#### Validation: reproducing exclusion contours



**Figure 2:** Validation of the DV+MET search in the scenario with large mass-splitting for two different benchmarks (left  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1.4$  TeV, right:  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 2$  TeV.). The bottom panel in both cases shows the

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# Light SUSY dark matter

- bino-wino: almost mass degenerate winos and bino LSP
- $\tilde{\chi}^0_2, \tilde{\chi}^+_1$  $Z^*$  $\bigstar W^*$ bino-wino

• wino LSP:  $M_2 \ll M_1, \mu$ , two quasi-degenerate states:  $\chi_1^0$ ,  $\chi_1^{\pm}$ 



• higgsino LSP,  $\mu \ll M_1, M_2$ , three quasi-degenerate states:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ,  $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ ,  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ 

• mass splittings of order 100–1000 MeV



## Search strategies

- for sufficiently small mass gap a long-lived massive particle travels macroscopic distance in the detector
- possible signatures: displaced vertex, heavy charged track, displaced jet etc.
- for a larger mass difference  $($  1 GeV) look for soft decay products
- at HL the gap remains
- $\bullet$  for winos no exclusion in soft  $\ell$ search!



# **Results: higgsinos**

- · higgsino model
- $\bullet \ pp \rightarrow \widetilde{H}^{\pm} \widetilde{H}_{1,2}^{0}, \widetilde{H}^{+} \widetilde{H}^{-}, \widetilde{H}_{1}^{0} \widetilde{H}_{2}^{0}$
- $\bullet \ \widetilde{H}^{\pm} \rightarrow \widetilde{H}_1^0 W^*, \widetilde{H}_2^0 \rightarrow \widetilde{H}_1^0 Z^*$
- currently the limit only slightly above LEP
- after Run 3 the expected limit increases to 130 GeV



# **Results: winos**

- $\bullet \ \widetilde{W}^{\pm} \rightarrow \widetilde{W}^{0}W^{*}$
- $\widetilde{W}^0$  stable (DM candidate)
- soft decay products but no same-flavour opposite-charge from  $Z^*$  and no limits
- the limits from LEP and the search for semi-stable chargino
- the new exclusion on top of LEP and long-lived charged wino limits
- after Run 3 the expected limit increases to 200 GeV



#### Neglected gaugino-squark production

- light gauginos and squark, rest of the spectrum decoupled
- we consider associated squark-wino production
- $pp \rightarrow \widetilde{\chi} \widetilde{q}, \ \widetilde{q} \rightarrow \widetilde{\chi} q$
- monojet-type signal
- specifically sensitive to 1st generation doublet
- order  $\alpha \alpha_s$  compared to  $\alpha_s^2$  for squark pair production, so maybe can be neglected?



## **Gaugino-squark production**

- three possibilities:  $\widetilde{\chi}$  = wino, bino, higgsino
- $\bullet \, pp \rightarrow W\tilde{q}, \, \tilde{q} \rightarrow Wq$
- at squark mass  $\sim 1$  TeV the cross section competitive with squark pair production  $(m_{\widetilde{W}} = 200 \text{ GeV})$

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\bullet \hspace{0.2cm} pp \rightarrow \widetilde{B} \widetilde{q}, \hspace{0.2cm} \widetilde{q} \rightarrow \widetilde{B} q
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• at squark mass  $\sim 2.2$  TeV the cross section competitive with squark pair production  $(m_{\widetilde{B}} = 100 \text{ GeV})$ 



• higgsino production negligible - Yukawa suppressed

#### **Gaugino-squark production**

Significant enhancement of exclusion limits!

first generation doublet only (2-fold degenerate)

2 generations, left and right (8-fold degenerate)

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#### Minimal Universal Extra Dimensions

- MUED is a viable TeV-scale extension of the SM
- Generally, particle content similar to MSSM but different spins and rather compressed spectrum
- No dedicated searches, but recasting SUSY gives non-trivial constraints
- From this analysis one concludes that in the allowed parameter range DM relic density too high ArXiv:2110.00500



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#### **Summary**

- Simplified models are a useful tool but just a first step in the exploration of TeV-scale physics
- Several codes on the market to facilitate translation of the simplified model limits to realistic physics models:
	- MadAnalysis
	- SModelS
	- Gambit/ColliderBit
	- CheckMATE
- Codes widely used for studies (several hundred citations each), constantly developing with new features and analysis sophistication





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#### **Understanding the Early Universe:** interplay of theory and collider experiments

Joint research project between the University of Warsaw & University of Bergen

### Minimal running example

- Step 1: Decide on a parameter point benchmark1.slha
- Step 2: Set up parameters param.dat
- Step 3: Run ./CheckMATE
- · Wait.

```
[Parameters]
SLHAFile: /scratch/benchmark1.slha
[squ\_asq]
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Pythia8Process: p p > sq sq \simMaxEvents: 1000
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Result: Allowed Result for  $r: r_max = 0.74$  $SR:$  atlas\_conf\_2013\_047 -  $ET$ 

or

Result: Excluded Result for  $r: r_max = 1.33$  $SR:$  atlas\_conf\_2013\_047 - A