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GENERALITAT

MoEDAL at LHC

Monopole & Exotics Detector At LHC



International collaboration ~60 physicists from ~20 participating institutions

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Key feature: high ionisation



High ionisation (HI) possible when:

- multiple electric charge (H⁺⁺, Q-balls, etc.) = n × e
- very low velocity & electric charge, i.e. Stable Massive Charged Particles (SMCPs)
- magnetic charge (monopoles, dyons) = $ng_D = n \times 68.5 \times e$
 - a singly charged relativistic monopole has ionisation ~4700 times MIP!!
- any combination of the above

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K \frac{Z}{A} g^{2} \left[\ln \frac{2m_{e}c^{2}\beta^{2}r^{2}}{I_{m}} + \frac{K |g|}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - B(g) \right] \frac{\text{Magnetic charge}}{\text{Ahlen formula}}$$

Particles must be massive, long-lived & highly ionising to be detected at MoEDAL

MoEDAL detectors have a threshold of z/β ~ 5 – 10

MoEDAL physics programme



The MoEDAL detector components

MoEDAL detector



MoEDAL is unlike any other LHC experiment:

- **DETECTOR SYSTEMS**
 - Low-threshold NTD (LT-NTD) array
 - $z/\beta > ~5 10$
- 2 Very High Charge Catcher NTD (HCC-NTD) array
 • z/β > ~50
- ③ TimePix radiation background monitor
- ④ Monopole Trapping detector (MMT)

- mostly passive detectors; no trigger; no readout
- the largest deployment of passive Nuclear Track Detectors (NTDs) at an accelerator
- the 1st time **trapping detectors** are deployed as a detector

& HI particle detection in NTDs

- Passage of a highly ionising particle through the plastic NTD marked by an invisible damage zone ("latent track") along the trajectory
- The damage zone is revealed as a cone-shaped etch-pit when the plastic sheet is chemically etched

Plastic sheets are later **scanned** to detect etch-pits

CR39 S sheets each Sou µm thick MAKROFOL S heets each D µm thick Aluminium back plate Aluminium back plate CR39 S sheets each Sou µm thick Aluminium face plate 25 cm x 25 cm





Looking for aligned etch pits in multiple sheets





2012: LT-NTD NTDs sheets kept in boxes mounted onto LHCb VELO cavern walls



2015-2017: LT-NTD Top of VELO cover Closest possible location to IP

2015-2017: HCC-NTD Installed in LHCb acceptance between RICH1 and TT





TimePix radiation monitor

- Timepix (MediPix) chips used to measure online the radiation field and monitor spallation product background
- Essentially act as little electronic "bubble-chambers"
- The only active element in MoEDAL



Sample calibrated frame in MoEDAL TPX04



2015 deployment of MediPix chips in MoEDAL



- 256×256 pixel solid state detector
- 14×14 mm active area
- amplifier + comparator + counter + timer

MMT: Magnetic Monopole Trapper

- Binding energy of monopoles in nuclei with finite magnetic dipole moments: O(100 keV)
- MMTs analysed with superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID)
- Material: Aluminium
 - large nuclear dipole moment
 - relatively cheap
- **Persistent current:** difference between resulting current after and before
 - first subtract current measurement for empty holder
 - if other than zero \rightarrow *monopole signature*

Typical sample & pseudo-monopole curves



MMTs deployment

2012

11 boxes each containing 18 Al rods of 60 cm length and 2.54 cm diameter (160 kg)

LHC beam pipe; interaction point \rightarrow (x)

2015-2017

- Installed in additional locations: sides A & C, too
- Approximately 800 kg of Al
- Total 2400 aluminum bars





Results on monopole mass & charge from MMTs

- @ 8 TeV, 2012 exposure JHEP 1608 (2016) 067 [arXiv:1604.06645]
- @ 13 TeV, 2015 exposure

Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017) 061801 [arXiv:1611.06817]

• @ 13 TeV, 2015-2016 exposure arXiv:1712.09849 [hep-ex] Name

Gauss's law:

Gauss' law for

Faraday's law of

magnetism:

Magnetic monopoles

Motivation

- symmetrisation of Maxwell's equations
- electric charge quantisation

Properties

- magnetic charge: ng = n×68.5e
- coupling constant
 - large: g/Ћс ~34
 - may depend on velocity: $g \rightarrow \beta g$
- spin and mass not predicted

5e	induction:	$-\vec{\nabla}\times\vec{E}=\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$
βσ	Ampère's law (with Maxwell's extension):	$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + 4\pi \vec{J}_e$

Without Magnetic

Monopoles

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 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho_e$

 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$





MoEDAL improves reach of monopole searches w.r.t. cross section & charge

With Magnetic Monopoles

 $4\pi \vec{J}_m$

 $4\pi \rho_m$

 $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + 4\pi \vec{J}_e$

 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho_e$

 $-\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} =$

MMT scanning

- Analysed with SQUID at ETH Zürich
- Good charge resolution except for outliers



Detector: prototype of **222 kg** of aluminium bars Exposure: **0.371 fb**⁻¹ of **13 TeV** *pp* collisions during 2015

Persistent current after first passage for all samples

Persistent current for multiple measurements of candidates

[arXiv:1611.06817]

• Same procedure used for 2015+2016 exposure

• No monopole observed in MMT samples

MMT analysis

Geometry

Material description



Kinematics

Event generation of **Drell Yan** production

coupling $\gg 1 \Rightarrow$ non-perturbative!





Propagation in matter

- Ahlen formula
- Monopole energy loss
- Stopping range



MMT 2015-2016 results

Detector: prototype of **222 kg** of Al bars Exposure: **2.11 fb**⁻¹ of **13 TeV** *pp* collisions 2015 & 2016



arXiv:1712.09849

Monopole mass limits

New interpretations for Drell-Yan production w.r.t. previous MoEDAL analyses

- spin-1 monopoles
 - harder kinetic-energy distributions for spin 1
- β-dependent γMM coupling
 - similar η distributions and higher monopole energy on average for β -dependent coupling
 - probability of generating a low-velocity monopole is suppressed by a factor < 1

DY lower mass limits [GeV]		Magnetic charge g				
		g _D	2g _D	3g _D	4g _D	5g _D
	spin 0	600	1000	1080	950	690
MoEDAL	spin ½	1100	1540	1600	1400	—
13 TeV	spin 1	1100	1640	1790	1710	1570
2015+2016	spin 0, β-dep.	490	880	960	890	690
exp.	spin ½, β-dep.	850	1300	1380	1250	1070
	spin 1, β-dep.	930	1450	1620	1600	1460
MoEDAL	spin 0	460	760	800	650	_
13 TeV 2015 exp.	spin ½	890	1250	1260	1100	_
MoEDAL	spin 0	420	600	560	—	_
8 TeV	spin ½	700	920	840	—	_
ATLAS	spin 0	1050	—	—	—	—
8 TeV	spin ½	1340	_	—	_	_



- Drell-Yan production does not take into account nonperturbative nature of the large monopole-photon coupling
- World-best collider limits for |g| ≥ 2 g_D



Current analysis developments

- Beyond Drell-Yan interpretation
- What about *electrically*-charged particles?

Monopole production via photon fusion

- Monopole production in γγ fusion has higher cross section than Drell-Yan
- Different kinematics than Drell-Yan
- Involves two diagrams for spin ½
- Recently implemented in MadGraph for spin 0, ½ and 1







Why MoEDAL when searching SMCPs?

- ATLAS and CMS triggers have to
 - rely on other "objects", e.g. E_T^{miss}, that accompany SMCPs, thus limiting the reach of the search
 - final states with associated object present
 - trigger threshold set high for high luminosity
 - develop specialised triggers
 - dedicated studies needed
 - usually efficiency significantly less than 100%
- Timing: signal from (slow-moving) SMCP should arrive within the correct bunch crossing
- MoEDAL mainly constrained by its geometrical acceptance
- When looking for trapped particles
 - monitoring of detector volumes in an underground/basement laboratory has less background than using empty butches in LHC cavern

SUSY long-lived particles (relevant for MoEDAL)

- Long-lived sleptons (staus mostly)
 - Gauge-mediated symmetry-breaking (GMSB) stau NLSP decays via gravitational interaction to gravitino LSP
 - **Coannihilation region in CMSSM**: long-lived $\tilde{\tau}$, when m($\tilde{\tau}$) m($\tilde{\chi}_1^0$) < m(τ)
 - → naturally long lifetime for stau in both cases
- R-hadrons
 - Gluinos in Split Supersymmetry: g̃qq, g̃qqq, g̃g
 - long-lived because squarks very heavy
 - gluino hadrons may flip charge as they pass through matter
 - Stops: t̄q, t̄qq
 - e.g. stop NLSP in gravitino dark matter
 - e.g. as LSP in R-parity violating SUSY, long-lived when RPV coupling(s) small
- Long-lived charginos
 - Anomaly-mediated symmetry-breaking (AMSB): $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^{0}$ are mass degenerate $\Rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ becomes long-lived

$$\Gamma(\tilde{l} \to l\tilde{G}) = \frac{1}{48\pi M_*^2} \frac{m_{\tilde{l}}^5}{m_{\tilde{C}}^2} \left[1 - \frac{m_{\tilde{G}}^2}{m_{\tilde{l}}^2} \right]$$

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ightarrow \pi^{\scriptscriptstyle\pm} ilde{\chi}_1^0$$



Complementarity w.r.t. ATLAS/CMS

- Relaxing constraints imposed in ATLAS/CMS selections
- Example: CMS dE/dx analysis @7-8 TeV [JHEP07 (2013) 122, arXiv:1305.0491]

	tracker+TOF	tracker-only		
$ \eta $	<2.1			
$p_{\rm T}$ (GeV/c)	>45			
d_z and d_{xy} (cm)	<0.5			
$\sigma_{p_{\rm T}}/p_{\rm T}$	< 0.25			
Track χ^2/n_d	<5			
# Pixel hits	>1			
# Tracker hits	>7			
Frac. Valid hits	>0.8			
$\Sigma p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{trk}}(\Delta R < 0.3)$ (GeV/c)	<50			
# dE/dx measurements	>5			
d <i>E</i> /d <i>x</i> strip shape test	yes			
$E_{\rm cal}(\Delta R < 0.3)/p$	<0.3			
I_h (MeV/cm)	>3.0			
ΔR to another track	_			

Relaxing both constraints



In collaboration with Kazuki Sakurai

(massive) τ^{\pm} produces a kink

between $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and $\tilde{\tau}_1$ tracks

 d_{xv}, d_z

 \Rightarrow large impact parameters

Results for $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow jj\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tau^{\pm}\tilde{\tau}_1$

 $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ long-lived despite large mass split between $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and $\tilde{\tau}_1 \rightarrow$ decays in tracker

End-of-run-3 (2023) luminosity



- Comparison of CMS exclusion with MoEDAL discovery potential requiring 1 event
 - Conservative estimate of MoEDAL luminosity

 $\tilde{\tau}_1$ metastable, e.g. gravitino LSP → detected by MoEDAL

Run 2 (2018) vs. Run-3 (2023) luminosity



CMS affected two-ways:

- a) no pixel hit
- b) too large impact parameters

MoEDAL may extend LHC coverage for long-lived partciles even with a *moderate* NTD performance $z/\beta > 10$

Future projects / ideas

- Mini-charged particles MAPP
- ATLAS/CMS beam pipes
- Monopolium production in central exclusive production

MoEDAL Apparatus for Penetrating Particles

- MAPP will be able to take data in p-p, p-A,A-A and also fixed-target interactions using SMOG (an internal gas target in LHCb)
- MAPP will search for
 - particles with charges <<1e e.g. from new dark sectors
 - new pseudo-stable neutrals with long lifetime
 - anomalously penetrating particles (e.g. SUSY models, HV models of dark matter, etc.)



J. Pinfold, ISVHECRI 2016, EPJ Web Conf. 145, 12002 (2017)

IP8 /UX85 - MoEDAL Millicharged Part.Det.



Searches in beam pipes

- MoEDAL- Beampipe Consortium have submitted a proposal to ATLAS & CMS to utilise their decommission Run-1 beryllium beam pipes in order to scan them for the presence of *very* highly ionising monopoles trapped in the beam pipe walls
 - https://cds.cern.ch/record/2270165
- MoEDAL proposed to serve as a formal platform
 - sample machining at U. Alberta
 - magnetometer runs at ETH Zurich
- Search to be performed soon
 - with CMS beam pipe
 - simulations still needed



Monopolium and central exclusive production

- Final-state protons in central production process, pp → p + X + p exit the LHC beam vacuum chamber at locations determined by their fractional momentum losses
- Can be detected by Beam Loss Monitoring (BLM) detectors
- Masses and widths of centrally produced X-particles are correlated with fractional (longitudinal) momentum losses,
 ξ_{1,2} =1− p(f_{1,2}) / p(i), of the final state protons (f_{1,2}) and the intial beam proton (i), as:
 M_x² ≈ξ₁ξ₂s
- Monopolium is a bound state between a monopole and an anti-monopole
- May be produced in γγ collisions
 → dominant cross-section at large central masses, M_x

R. Orava et al, arXiv:1604.05778 V. Vento et al, Eur.Phys.J.Plus 127 (2012) 60



Summary & outlook

- MoEDAL is searching for (meta)stable highly ionising particles
 - least tested signals of New Physics
 - predicted in variety of theoretical models
 - design optimised for such searches
 - combining various detector technologies
- Results on monopole searches at 8 TeV & 13 TeV published
 - no magnetic monopole detected
 - set bounds significantly extend previous results at high charges
- Looking forward to many more results from Run-II and beyond
 - production via photon fusion
 - NTD analysis
 - electrically-charged particles
 - mini-charged particles
 - beam-pipe searches
 - monopolia

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Analysis procedure



- <u>Electrically-charged particle</u>: dE/dx ~ β⁻² → slows down appreciably within NTD
 → opening angle of etch-pit cone becomes smaller
- <u>Magnetic monopole</u>: dE/dx ~ lnβ
 - slow MM: slows down within an NTD stack → its ionisation falls → opening angle of the etch pits would become larger
 - relativistic MM: dE/dx essentially constant \rightarrow trail of equal diameter etch-pit pairs
- The reduced etch rate is simply related to the restricted energy loss REL = (dE/dx)_{10nm from track}

Dirac's Monopole

- Paul Dirac in 1931 hypothesized that the magnetic monopole exists
- In his conception the monopole was the end of an infinitely long and infinitely thin solenoid
- Dirac's quantisation condition:

$$ge = \left[\frac{\hbar c}{2}\right]n \quad OR \quad g = \frac{n}{2\alpha}e \quad (from \quad \frac{4\pi eg}{\hbar c} = 2\pi n \quad n = 1, 2, 3..)_{N}$$

- Where g is the "magnetic charge" and α is the fine structure constant 1/137
- This means that **g = 68.5e** (when n=1)!
- The other way around: IF there is a magnetic monopole then charge is quantised:

$$e = \left[\frac{\hbar c}{2g}\right] n$$









Limits extend up to masses > 2500 GeV for the first time at the LHC

- reminder: shown (tiny) LO DY cross sections are not reliable
 - \Rightarrow makes sense to probe and constrain very high masses



World-best limits for $|g| > 1.5 g_D$

- previously ~400 GeV at Tevatron [e.g. CDF hep-ex/0509015]
- first time at the LHC

JHEP 1608 (2016) 067 [arXiv:1604.06645]

Complementarity of MoEDAL & other LHC exps

ATLAS+CMS

- Optimised for singly electrically charged particles $(z/\beta \sim 1)$
- LHC timing/trigger restricts sensitivity to (nearly) *relativistic* particles (β ≈ 1)
- Typically a largish statistical sample is needed to establish a signal
- ATLAS & CMS cannot be calibrated for highly ionising objects
- Magnetic charge detection via its trajectory in non-bend plane
 → calibration introduces large systematics

MoEDAL

- Designed to detect charged particles, with effective or actual z/β > 5
- No trigger/electronics \rightarrow slowly moving (β < ~0.5) particles are no problem
- One candidate event should be enough to establish a signal (no SM bkg)
- MoEDAL NTDs are calibrated using heavy ion beams
- Magnetic-charge sensitivity directly calibrated in a clear way

MoEDAL strengthens & expands the physics reach of LHC

MoEDAL sensitivity

Cross-section limits for magnetic and electric charge assuming that:

- ~ one MoEDAL event is required for discovery and ~100 events in the other LHC detectors
- integrated luminosities correspond to about two years of 14 TeV run



De Roeck, Katre, Mermod, Milstead, Sloan, EPJC72 (2012) 1985 [arXiv:1112.2999]

MoEDAL offers robustness against timing and well-estimated signal efficiency

Slepton searches comparison*

* Indicative numbers

	ATLAS / CMS	MoEDAL	comments
Velocity	β > 0.2 Constrained by LHC bunch pattern	β < 0.2 Constrained by NTD Z/β threshold	Complementarity
Analysis	Not simple, involving several detector components, electronics, triggers,	Simple and robust	
Efficiency		~ 100% (if $\beta \lesssim 0.2$)	
Acceptance	ε × A order of 20% See limitations in previous slide	 Geometry: ~ 50% for 2015; scalable to higher coverage β-cut yield: ~10% <i>β</i>-cut yield: ~10% 	
Background	May be considerable or difficult to estimate	Practically zero	For same signal yield, MoEDAL should have better sensitivity
Luminosity	high	factor of 10-50 less	LIMITING FACTOR

Nuclear Track Detectors coverage

- High acceptance in central region η~0
 - back-to-back pair production means probability >~ 70% for at least one SMCP to hit NTD
- For particles over z/β threshold, detection efficiency practically 100%



Credit: Daniel Felea

Central exclusive production



Doubly-charged Higgs

- Extended Higgs sector in BSM models: SU_L(2) × SU_R(2) × U_{B-L}(1) P-violating model
- Higgs triplet model with massive lefthanded neutrinos but not right-handed ones
- Common feature: doubly charged Higgs bosons H^{±±} as parts of a Higgs triplet
- Lifetime
 - depends on many parameters: Yukawa h_{ii} (long if < 10⁻⁸), H^{±±} mass, ...
 - essentially there are no constraints on its lifetime → relevant for MoEDAL



Partial decay width of $H^{\pm\pm} \to W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$

Chiang, Nomura, Tsumura, Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 095023 [arXiv:1202.2014]

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Black-hole remnants

 In some Large Extra Dimension models the formation of TeV Black Holes (BH) by high energy SM particle collisions is predicted

Hossenfelder, Koch, Bleicher,

hep-ph/0507140

- BH average charge 4/3
- $_{\rm \circ}~$ slowly moving ($\beta \lesssim 0.3)$
- Charged Hawking BH evaporate but not completely
 - → certain fraction of final BH remnants carry **multiple charges**
 - → highly ionising, relevant to MoEDAL



