ATLAS prospects for physics in the first two LHC years

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Preparing for physics with test beams, simulations, and cosmics runs
 Detector commissioning with first data
 Physics opportunities in 2008-2009 (examples ...)

ATLAS strategy toward physics

Before data taking starts:

Strict quality controls of detector construction to meet physics requirements

- Test beams (a 15-year activity culminating with <u>combined test beam in 2004</u>) to understand and calibrate (part of) detector and validate/tune software tools (e.g. Geant4 simulation)
- Detailed simulations of realistic detector "as built and as installed" (including misalignments, material non-uniformities, dead channels, etc.)
 test and validate calibration/alignment strategies
- Experiment commissioning with cosmics in the underground cavern

With the first data:

- \blacksquare Commission/calibrate detector and trigger in situ with physics (min.bias, Z \rightarrow II, ...)
- \blacksquare "Rediscover" Standard Model, measure it at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV
- (minimum bias, W, Z, tt, QCD jets, ...)
- Validate and tune tools (e.g. MC generators)
- Measure main backgrounds to New Physics (W/Z+jets, tt+jets, QCD multijets,...)

prepare the road to discoveries ...

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The 2004 ATLAS combined test beam

Full "vertical slice" of ATLAS tested in CERN H8 beam line May-November 2004



Before data taking starts ...

Examples of the preparation strategy for physics (electromagnetic calorimeter discussed in more detail)

Example 1: electromagnetic calorimeter





Thickness of Pb plates must be uniform to 0.5% (~10 μm)



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Test-beam measurements

4 (out of 32) barrel modules and 3 (out of 16)

end-cap (EMEC) modules tested with beams

ATLAS preliminary 8 Cosmics runs: sə 140 MC Simulation Commissioning data ~ 170k good cosmic muons collected with 120 EM calorimeter so far (rate in ATLAS 100 Reconstructed muon cavern is $O[10 \text{ Hz}]) \rightarrow \text{ can record}$ spectrum from cosmics ~ 10⁶ events before collisions start 80 data and simulation in enough for initial detector shake-down barrel EM calorimeter \blacksquare enough to check part of calibration vs η to 0.5% in best exposed modules F-scale understood 20 to ~ 8% 200 800 E (MeV) Data collected during last cosmics run (23 Aug.-3 Sept.) processed at CERN (TierO), distributed to Tiers-1 and some Tiers-2, analyzed at Tiers-2 (following Computing Model) Average throughput (MB/s) from Tier-0 to Tiers-1 LHC: LHC: end of run ~300 MB/s 320 MB/s $\sim 1 GB/s$ 300 200 CERN Tier-0 ~200 MB/s 100

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The last step, needed to achieve a uniformity of $\leq 0.7\%$ over the <u>full</u> detector <u>in situ</u>





Example 3: Muon Spectrometer



Sagitta resolution measured in the 2004 combined test beam

ATLAS preliminary



Alignment (optical sensors) tested by moving (rotations, displacements) barrel MDT



With the first data ...

How much data at the beginning?

| | | | | J.Wenninger CERN-FNAL HC School Tung 2007 | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| Parameter | Phase A | Phase B | Phase C | Nominal | |
| k / no. bunches | 43-156 | 936 | 2808 | 2808 | |
| Bunch spacing (ns) | 2021-566 | 75 | 25 | 25 | |
| N (10 ¹¹ protons) | 0.4-0.9 | 0.4-0.9 | 0.5 | 1.15 | |
| Crossing angle (µrad) | 0 | 250 | 280 | 280 | |
| √(β*/β* _{nom}) | 2 | $\sqrt{2}$ | 1 | 1 | |
| σ* (μm, IR1&5) | 32 | 22 | 16 | 16 | |
| L (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹) | 6x10 ³⁰ -10 ³² | 10³²-10³³ | $(1-2)x10^{33}$ | 10 ³⁴ | |
| Year ? (June schedule) ∫Ldt? (my guess) | 2008 ≤ 100 pb ⁻¹ | 2009 1-few fb ⁻¹ | 2009-2010 |) > 2010 | |

Note: at regime, ~ 6×10^6 s of pp physics running per year \rightarrow ~ 0.6 fb⁻¹ /year if L= 10^{32} ~ 6 fb⁻¹ /year if L= 10^{33} ~ 60 fb⁻¹ /year if L= 10^{34}

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Expected data samples (examples) with only 100 pb⁻¹

| Channels (<u>examples</u>) | Events to tape for 100 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS) | Total statistics from LEP and Tevatron |
|--|--|--|
| $W \rightarrow \mu \nu$ $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$ $tt \rightarrow W b W b \rightarrow \mu \nu + X$ $QCD jets p_{T} > 1 TeV$ $\tilde{g}\tilde{g} m = 1 TeV$ | ~ 10 ⁶ ~ 10 ⁵ ~ 10 ⁴ > 10 ³ ~ 50 | ~ 10 ⁴ LEP, ~ 10 ⁶⁻⁷ Tevatron ~ 10 ⁶ LEP, ~ 10 ⁵⁻⁶ Tevatron ~ 10 ³⁻⁴ Tevatron |

<u>Goals in 2008-2009:</u>

- 1) Commission and calibrate the detector in situ using well-known physics samples e.g. - $Z \rightarrow ee$, $\mu\mu$ tracker, ECAL, Muon chamber calibration and alignment, etc. - $tt \rightarrow blv bjj$ jet scale from $W \rightarrow jj$, b-tag performance, etc.
- 2) "Rediscover" and measure SM physics at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: W, Z, tt, QCD jets ... (also because omnipresent backgrounds to New Physics)
- 3) Early discoveries ? Potentially accessible: Z', SUSY, Higgs, surprises ?

will take time ... but necessary steps before claiming discoveries

Detector and trigger commissioning with LHC data

First of all: what fraction of ATLAS will be working on day-1 ?

| | The present situation | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--|------|---|
| Sub-detector | | N. of chan | nels | Non-working channels (%) |
| Pixels Silicon strip detector (SCT) Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT) Electromagnetic calorimeter Fe/scintillator (Tilecal) calorimeter Hadronic end-cap LAr calorimeter Forward LAr calorimeter | | 80×10 ⁶ 6×10 ⁶ 3.5×10 ⁵ 1.7×10 ⁵ 9800 5600 3500 7×10 ⁵ | | 0.2 0.3 1 0.04 0.8 (part of detector) 0.09 0.2 0.5 |
| End-cap Muon Spectrometer (TGC) | | 3.2×10 ⁵ | | 0.02 |

Based on measurements of full sub-detectors (in most cases) during integration on the surface (Pixels, SCT, hadronic end-cap and forward calorimeters, Muon Spectrometer), or in the pit (TRT, electromagnetic calorimeter, Tilecal)

Commissioning the trigger, trigger for commissioning

Trigger menu for initial L=10³¹ cm⁻² s⁻¹ being prepared Affordable rate to storage ~ 200 Hz (out of 10^6 Hz interaction rate at L= 10^{31})



Expected ATLAS performance on day-1?

(examples based on test-beam, cosmics and simulation studies)

| | Expected performance day-1 | Physics samples to improve (examples) |
|--|---|--|
| ECALuniformitye/γE-scaleHCALuniformityJetE-scaleTracking alignment | 1-2% (~0.5% locally) ~ 2 % ~ 3 % < 10% 10-200 μm in Rφ Pixels/SCT ? | Isolated electrons, Z \rightarrow ee Z \rightarrow ee Single pions, QCD jets $\gamma/Z + 1j$, W \rightarrow jj in tt events Generic tracks, isolated μ , Z $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ |



Prospects for physics in 2008-2009 (examples ...)



The first peaks ...

1 pb⁻¹=3 days at 10³¹ at 30% efficiency



After all cuts: ~ 160 Z $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ evts per day at L = 10³¹ ~ 600 events per pb⁻¹

→ Muon Spectrometer alignment, ECAL uniformity, energy/momentum scale of full detector, lepton trigger and reconstruction efficiency, ...

After all cuts: ~ 4200 (800) $J/\psi(Y) \rightarrow \mu\mu$ evts per day at L = 10^{31} (for 30% machine x detector data taking efficiency) ~ 15600 (3100) events per pb⁻¹

→ tracker momentum scale, trigger performance, detector efficiency, sanity checks, ...



Precision on σ (Z \rightarrow µµ) with 100 pb⁻¹: <2% (experimental error), ~10% (luminosity)

Early measurements of QCD jet cross-section

ATLAS preliminary



<u>Constraining PDF with early data using $W \rightarrow I_V$ angular distributions</u>



Effect of including early ATLAS data on PDF fits

Sample of 10⁶ W \rightarrow ev generated with CTEQ6.1 PDF and ATLAS fast simulation Statistics corresponds to ~ 150 pb⁻¹ 4% systematic error introduced by hand (statistical error negligible) Then these pseudo-data included in the global ZEUS PDF fit



Absolute normalization left free in the fit (not to depend on knowledge of luminosity). W⁺/W⁻ relative normalization depends on PDF

Central value of ZEUS-PDF prediction shifts and uncertainty is reduced Error on low-x gluon shape parameter λ [xg(x) ~ x^{- λ}] reduced from 23% to 15%

Systematics (e.g. e^{\pm} acceptance vs η) can be controlled to few percent with Z \rightarrow ee (~ 30000 events for 100 pb⁻¹)

The first top quarks in Europe ...

A top signal can be observed quickly, even with limited detector performance and simple analysis and then used to calibrate the detector and understand physics



Top signal observable in early days with no b-tagging and simple analysis (~1000 evts for 30 pb⁻¹) \rightarrow measure σ_{tt} to ~20%, m_t to <10 GeV with 100 pb⁻¹? (ultimate LHC precision on m_t: ~ 1 GeV) In addition, excellent sample to: • commission b-tagging, set jet E-scale using W \rightarrow jj peak, ... • understand / constrain theory and MC generators using e.g. p_T spectra

What about (early) discoveries?

A good candidate:

<u>a narrow resonance with mass ~ 1 TeV decaying into e^+e^- </u>

| | | $Z' \rightarrow e^+e^-$ with SM-like couplings (Z_{SSM}) |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Mass | Expected events for 1 fb ⁻¹ (after all analysis cuts) | Integrated luminosity needed for discovery (corresponds to 10 observed evts) |
| 1 TeV 1.5 TeV 2 TeV | ~ 160 ~ 30 ~ 7 | ~ 70 pb ⁻¹ ~ 300 pb ⁻¹ ~ 1.5 fb ⁻¹ |



m(II) (GeV)

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Another example: <u>Supersymmetry</u>

If it is at the TeV scale, it should be found "quickly" thanks to:

■ large (strong) cross-section for qq,gq,gg production \blacksquare spectacular signatures (many jets, leptons, missing E_{T}) For $m(\tilde{q},\tilde{g}) \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ $\widetilde{\chi}^{_{1}}_{_{1}}$ expect 10 evts/day at L=10³² $\widetilde{\chi}^{0}{}_{2}$ ĩ LHC reach for gluino mass Jets + E_T^{miss} events / 100pb⁻¹ <u>JLdt</u> Discovery 100 pb⁻¹ (95% C.L. exclusion) of well understood data 0^3 all BG m ~ 700 GeV • tt • w $0.1-1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (2009) ~1.1 TeV (1.5 TeV) • Z ~1.7 TeV (2.2 TeV) ≥1 fb⁻¹ (2009-2010) QCD 300 fb⁻¹ (ultimate) up to ~ 3 TeV $m \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ 10 Hints with only 100 pb⁻¹ up to m~1 TeV, but understanding backgrounds requires ~1 fb⁻¹ Planning for future facilities would benefit a 1 ATLAS Preliminary lot from quick determination of scale of 200 300 400 500 700 800 900 100 600 New Physics. With ~ 1 fb⁻¹ LHC could tell if Missing E₋ [GeV] "standard" SUSY accessible to √s ≤1 TeV ILC. FUDIOIA GIANOTTI, SFC, 1/ 7/2001



Background 2: genuine E_T^{miss} tails from Standard Model processes

Physics backgrounds will be estimated <u>using as much as</u> <u>possible data</u> (control samples)

| Background process | Control samples |
|---|---|
| (examples) | (examples) |
| Z ($\rightarrow vv$) + jets | Z (→II),W(→Iv) + jets |
| W ($\rightarrow \tau v$) + jets | W (→ ev, µv) + jets |
| tt \rightarrow blvbjj l= τ or lost | tt → blvbjj l=e,µ |
| QCD multijets | Extrapolate from low E _T ^{miss} |



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Conclusions

- ATLAS detector installation in underground cavern almost completed → ready to close beam pipe in April 2008 Software tools and computing infrastructure are also in good shape for data taking.
- Intense test-beam activity over last 15 years has allowed us to demonstrate/understand the detector performance and validate software tools (simulation, reconstruction, etc.) with real data
 Cosmics data taking has now started with the almost complete detector in the underground cavern → this commissioning effort will allow us to save time when first collisions will become available.
 Re-evaluation of the experiment's physics potential with final software and simulation of "as-built, as-installed" detector is going on. The large number of channels and scenarios studied demonstrate the detector sensitivity to many signatures → robustness, ability to cope with
 - unexpected scenarios

With the very first collision data ($\leq 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$) at 14 TeV

Commission/calibrate the ATLAS detector in situ in the LHC environment, tune the software tools (simulation, reconstruction, etc.)
 Perform first physics measurements of Standard Model processes:

 e.g. cross-sections for W, Z, top, QCD jets with 10-30% precision;
 PDF; etc. → start to constrain theory and Monte Carlo generators

 Could discover clean unambiguous signals: e.g. a 1 TeV resonance X → ee
 More complex signatures (SUSY ?): collect hints ...

Much more luminosity (at least 1 fb⁻¹) will be needed to:

Establish a solid SUSY signal (~1 fb⁻¹ at ~1 TeV) Discover a SM Higgs boson (<10 fb⁻¹) [watch the Tevatron ...] Put on firmer grounds any deviations and excesses ...

Spare slides

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What about the Tevatron?



| Tevatron vs LHC after kin. cuts | WH $\rightarrow lv bb$ (m _H =120 GeV) | $H \rightarrow WW(*)$ (m _H = 160 GeV) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| S (14 TeV/ 2 TeV) | ≈ 5 | ≈ 17 |
| B (14 TeV/ 2 TeV) | ≈ 25 | ≈ 6 |
| S/B (14 TeV/ 2 TeV) | ≈ 0.2 | ≈ 3 |
| S/VB (14 TeV/ 2 TeV) | ≈ 1 | ≈ 7 |

Assuming <u>same</u> integrated luminosity and <u>same</u> detector performance at Tevatron and LHC

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Higgs Boson Production at Hadron Colliders



 $\begin{array}{ll} qq \rightarrow W/Z + H & cross \mbox{ sections} & ~10 \ \ x \ \mbox{ larger at the LHC} \\ gg \rightarrow H & ~70\mbox{-}80 \ \ x \ \mbox{ larger at the LHC} \end{array}$





Length : ~ 46 m Radius : ~ 12 m Weight : ~ 7000 tons ~10⁸ electronic channels ~ 3000 km of cables

And 1900 physicists from 165 Institutions from 35 countries from 5 continents • Tracking (|η|<2.5, B=2T) :

- -- Si pixels and strips
- -- Transition Radiation Detector (e/π separation)

• Calorimetry ($|\eta|$ <5) :

- -- EM : Pb-LAr with Accordion shape
- -- HAD: Fe/scintillator (central), Cu/W-LAr (fwd)

• Muon Spectrometer (|η|<2.7): air-core toroids with muon chambers

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Trigger: one of the biggest challenges

Must reduce rate from 10⁹ pp interactions/s (at design luminosity) to ~ 200 Hz (affordable rate to storage) Must be very selective and efficient: e.g. 1 H \rightarrow 4e event every 10¹³ interactions \Rightarrow multi-level trigger systems



H8 Testbeam final configuration

- Inner Detector (Pixel, SCT, TRT)
- Calorimeters- Liquid Argon e/m and <u>hadronic Til</u>e

Inner Detector

Calorimeters

- All muon chambers technologies were tested MDT, RPC, TGC, CSC
- Muon beams at energies ~10 up to 350GeV
- Many runs MDT+RPC, combined and MS only
- Few runs with TGCs and CSCs





LAr Forward Calorimeter



Testbeam Set-up: Side View (CERN, H6 Beam)



zones and 3 different calorimeters



- No hope to observe light objects (W, Z, H?) in fully-hadronic final states \rightarrow rely on I, γ
- Mass resolutions of ~1% (10%) needed for I, γ (jets) to extract tiny signals from backgrounds, and excellent particle identification (e.g. e/jet separation)
- Fully-hadronic final states (e.g. $q^* \rightarrow qg$) can be extracted from backgrounds only with hard O(100 GeV) p_T cuts \rightarrow works only for heavy objects
- Signal (EW) /Background (QCD) larger at Tevatron than at LHC



Candidate to very early measurement:

few 10^4 events enough to get $dN_{ch}/d\eta,\,dN_{ch}/dp_T$

- \rightarrow tuning of MC models
- → understand basics of pp collisions, occupancy, pile-up, ...

Important to measure tracks down to very low p_T ATLAS tracker: sensitive down to p_T =50 MeV (tracks reach all Pixel layers)









Sources of low invariant mass di-muons

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J/ψ mass shift as function of η and p_T



 $\varpi~$ Plots show the reconstructed J/ ψ mass shift from the true value

[Mass shift defined as reconstructed mass – table mass]

- $\varpi~$ There is significant variation across the range of J/ $\psi~p_T$'s and $\eta~$
- $\boldsymbol{\varpi}$ Should be used for alignment and calibration studies
- ϖ Statistics corresponds to 3 $pb^{\text{-1}}$

- ϖ 100 pb⁻¹ should allow for competitive measurement of quarkonium polarisation, with enough statistics in the crucial high p_T region
- m Measurement of polarisation provides method of distinguishing between various theoretical production mechanisms
- ϖ High p_T data important, Tevatron suffers from statistics in this regard
 - ϖ ATLAS has same cross-section for Υ above 20 GeV as Tevatron has in total



Overview: lifetimes with early data $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^* B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \varphi$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$

| | | Statistics with | Life time Statistical | World today (stat + syst) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| | | 10 p0-1 | | (5000 5950) |
| B^+ | B⁺→J/ψ K ⁺ | 1600 | 2.2 % | 0.67 % |
| B^{0} | Β ⁰ → J/ψ K ^{0*} | 900 | 3.1 % | 0.9 % |
| | | Statistics with 200 pb-1 | | |
| B^+ | Β⁺→J/ ψ Κ⁺ | 32000 | 0.49 % | 0.67 % |
| \mathbf{B}^0 | B ⁰ → J/ψ K ^{0*} | 18000 | 0.69 % | 0.9 % |
| $B_s(single \tau fit)$ | $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ | 1800 | 4.2 % | 2.7 % |
| $\Lambda_{\rm b}$ | $Λ_b$ → J/ ψΛ | 520 | 5.8 % | 5% |

With 10 pb-1 we start to be useful for alignment tests With 200 pb-1 we improve words precisions

LHC Kinematic regime



How can we constrain PDF's at LHC?

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PDF scenario at LHC start up (2007) might be different

 In most of the relevant x regions accessible at LHC HERA data are most important source of information in PDF determinations (low-x sea and gluon PDFs)

HERA-II projection shows significant improvement to high-x PDF uncertainties

- \Rightarrow relevant for high-scale physics at the LHC
- → where we expect new physics !!
- significant improvement to <u>valence-quark</u> uncertainties over <u>all-x</u>
- significant improvement to <u>sea and gluon</u> uncertainties at <u>mid-to-high-x</u>
- little visible improvement to <u>sea and gluon</u> uncertainties at <u>low-x</u>

- •HERA now in second stage of operation (HERA-II)
 - substantial increase in luminosity
 - possibilities for new measurements



Inclusive jet cross section

• ATLAS pseudo-data for $0 < \eta < 1$, $1 < \eta < 2$, $2 < \eta < 3$ up to pT = 3 TeV was used in a global (ZEUS) fit to assess the impact of ATLAS data on constraining PDFs

 Preliminary results suggest that ATLAS data can constrain the high x gluon.



Increasing statistics from 1fb-1
to 10 fb-1 (= 1 year of low lumi data taking) leads to small improvements.
Decreasing systematic errors leads to a significant improvement.



The most difficult low-mass region:

ATLAS : $m_H \sim 115 \text{ GeV}$ 10 fb⁻¹ : S/VB $\approx 4-5.5$

range comes from $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: LO vs NLO cross-section, cuts vs likelihood analysis

3 (complementary) channels with (similar) small significances:



- different production and decay modes
- different backgrounds
- different detector/performance requirements:
 - -- ECAL crucial for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (in particular response uniformity) : $\sigma/m \sim 1\%$ needed
 - -- b-tagging crucial for ttH: 4 b-tagged jets needed to reduce combinatorics (background being re-evaluated)
 - -- efficient jet reconstruction over $|\eta| < 5$ crucial for $qqH \rightarrow qq\tau\tau$: forward jet tag and central jet veto needed against background

All three channels require very good understanding of detector performance and background control to 1-10% \rightarrow convincing evidence likely to come mid-end 2009 ...



A black hole event with $M_{BH} \sim 8 \text{ TeV}$ in ATLAS

Cross-section for
$$M_{PI}$$
=1 TeV, δ =4:
 M_{BH} =5 TeV : 37pb
 M_{BH} =8 TeV : 0.3 pb

By testing Hawking formula - -> proof that it is BH + measurement of M_D , δ

 $\log T_{\rm H} = \frac{-1}{\delta + 1} \log M_{\rm BH} + f(M_{\rm Pl}, \delta) \qquad \text{precise measurements of } M_{\rm BH} \text{ and } T_{\rm H} \text{ needed}$ ()

- -- T_H from lepton and photon spectra
- -- M_{BH} from final-state products
- --> get δ ; then M_{Pl} from cross-section measurement



Discovery potential

