

Quarkonium and Higgs physics with ATLAS at LHC

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About myself

A theorist by education (Tbilisi State University)

PhD in 1979 on heavy quark production and fragmentation (IHEP, Protvino)

Selected old publications --- those I am especially proud of:

- **On the fragmentation function of heavy quarks… PLB78 (1978) 615**
- **Hadronic resonances from pion sum rules PLB287 (1992) 159**
- SVD approach to data unfolding **NIM A372 (1996)** 469

In the 90s, slowly migrated towards experimental particle physics

1995-2001: Member of OPAL collaboration at LEP (from Manchester Univ., UK)

2001- now: Member of ATLAS collaboration at LHC (from Lancaster Univ., UK)

Lead the Quarkonium physics subgroup in ATLAS since its inception in 2006

Lead or significantly contributed to the essence of ~30 publications in OPAL and ATLAS

at the c.m.s. energy 3.1 GeV; called it ψ .

The quarkonium family now

• **ψ(2S) → J/ψ π⁺π[−]**

- **Χc1,2 → J/ψ γ**
- **Discovery of χ^b (3P)**
- Search for X_b **(if approved on time)**

Quarkonium bound states produce a rich spectroscopy

Complex "ecosystem" – understanding quarkonium requires careful study of many transitions and decay channels

 $\chi_{_{\rm C2}}^{}$ (2P)

 $\chi_{c2}^{\text{}}$ (1P)

Quarkonium production

Seemingly a 'simple' system: quark and anti-quark of same flavour in a bound state

colour-singlet state red Two dominant approaches: anti-red **Colour Singlet Mechanism: -- no free parameters apart from usual QCD scales** The **-- C-even states enhanced Non-Relativistic QCD (NRQCD) 'Colour Octet' calculations:** colour-octet state **-- double-expansion in α^s and v** Jeage **-- many free parameters (LDME) -- extracted from data**

A slide from G. Bodwin's talk:

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Conjecture (GTB, Braaten, Lepage): The inclusive cross section for producing quarkonium at large momentum transfer (p_T) can be written as hard-scattering cross section convolved with an NROCD matrix element.

- The "short-distance" coefficients $F_n(\Lambda)$ are essentially the process-dependent partonic cross sections to make a $Q\bar{Q}$ pair convolved with the parton distributions.
	- They have an expansion in powers of α_s .

Quarkonium production studies

So why do we want to study quarkonia at LHC?

Plenty of reasons, in no particular order:

- **Tests of QCD calculations at the perturbative/non-perturbative boundary**
- **New inputs – new constraints on theories**
- **Exceptionally useful for detector performance studies**
- **Standard candles for Heavy Ion physics, B-hadron production**
- **Backgrounds to many SM/BSM processes**
- **Test double-parton scattering effects, parton density functions**
- **Search for rare decays and probes of new physics**
- **Because it's interesting?**

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Ever since the November Revolution – discovery of J/ψ in 1974 – quarkonium provides valuable insights into QCD dynamics, as well as endless new puzzles

One would think that by now theory describes the experiment perfectly well, right?

Clearly, more precision data on more observables are needed

Taken from slides by Mathias Butenschön, CHARM2013

Trying to provide just that, but it takes a lot of time – so far, the huge sample collected in 2012 is virtually untapped for quarkonium studies, only published analyses using 2011 data so far…

ATLAS event display: χ^c → J/ψ(μ +μ [−]) γ candidate

Cross section views perpendicular and parallel to the beam line

Two muon tracks spanning the Inner Detector and the Muon System

A photon tower in Eclectromagnetic Calorimeter

Invariant mass in the χ_c region

J/ψ(→μ⁺μ[−])π⁺π[−]candidates

 $\times 10^3$

50

40

 -30

 -20

 10

ATLAS Preliminary \sqrt{s} =7TeV, Ldt=2.1fb⁻¹

Scatter plot in p^T - rapidity space of J/ψ(→μ +μ −)π⁺π[−] candidates in the vicinity of ψ(2S) mass

Resolution in μ +μ [−]π⁺π[−] mass is greatly improved by a kinematic fit constraining μ +μ [−]to J/ψ mass and all

 $[GeV]$
 $10²$ 90 $J/\psi\pi\pi p_{\rm T}$

> 50 40

30

20

Prompt and Non-Prompt contributions

 p_T

Use transverse distance (lifetime) $l_{J/\psi} = L_{xy} \cdot \frac{m_{J/\psi}}{m_{J/\psi}}$

of the J/ψ vertex relative to the primary vertex to separate:

- *1. Prompt* **production -- from QCD (or short-lived) sources, with lifetimes consistent with resolution**
- *2. Non-prompt* **production -- from long-lived sources such as b-hadron decays**

2D mass vs lifetime unbinned maximumlikelihood fit is done to extract *Prompt* **and** *Non-prompt* **yields in** each p_1 – rapidity bin

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Two projections shown for a sample bin

Likelihood, PDF and fit quality

These days, more often than not, unbinned maximum-likelihood fit is used:

A probability density function PDF (of 1,2 or more variables) is defined, which contains as many parameters as needed

Say, in ψ(2S) → J/ψ(→μ +μ −)π⁺π [−] analysis: μ +μ −π +π [−] mass m and "vertex lifetime" τ

$$
\text{PDF}(m, \tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \kappa_i f_i(m) \cdot h_i(\tau) \otimes G(\tau)
$$

a combination of Gaussian G, exponential E and polynomial C

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for Prompt and Non-prompt signal (S) and background (B)

Likelihood L is *the product of the PDF for all selected μ +μ −π ⁺π candidates* **(each with its observed values of m and τ plugged in)**

For best fit, maximize Likelihood L (or minimize -2 log L) with respect to fit parameters

Χ 2 roughly equivalent to -2 log L, one-sigma error contour corresponds to (-2 log L)min+1 Fit quality hard to establish: make binned projections of the fits with their pull distributions

Non-prompt fraction of ψ(2S)

One of the fit parameters is the fraction of "long-lived" ψ(2S)

I.e. the fraction of ψ(2S) produced from bhadron decays

Can be measured with good precision as many systematic effects largely cancel out

Fraction increases with transverse momentum, but to a lesser extent than J/ψ

ψ(2S) → J/ψ(→μ +μ −)π⁺π [−] production

Measurement with 2.1 fb-1 of pp data at 7 TeV Muon $p_1 > 4$ **GeV, pion candidate tracks** $p_1 > 0.5$ **GeV**

- **Use unbinned mass-lifetime maximum likelihood fit to separate prompt and non-prompt production sources**
- **Baseline channel for study of X(3872), Extend** p_T **range probed to 100 GeV**

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Prompt ψ(2S) → **J/ψ π π production**

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High precision wide reach prompt production cross-section in ψ(2S)→J/ψππ.

- Agreement with NRQCD, possible slight overestimate at highest p_T
- **E k**_T-factorisation model does not describe data well
- **Colour Singlet NNLO* predictions undershoot at highest scales**

Non-prompt ψ(2S) → **J/ψ π π production**

Decent agreement with NLO and FONLL predictions at low p_T , but some deviations **observed in both at larger p^T (more prevalent for NLO, without resummation)**

F Highest p_T sensitive to minor details. Possible modelling issues in high p_T B-meson **decays – but let's wait until final publication from ATLAS.**

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P-wave charmonium production theoretically **and experimentally tricky to handle**

Important to understand this production channel to get a complete picture of quarkonium production.

Experimentally challenging:

low p_T **muons**

precise reconstruction of soft (p_T **>1 GeV) photon through conversions**

– low efficiencies

Perform unbinned maximum likelihood fit on acceptance- and efficiency-corrected mass and lifetime.

Extract prompt and non-prompt production of various χ^c states

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Data reasonably consistent with each other, NRQCD yields mixed results

Naively χc2 should be enhanced at low p^T , as seen in LHCb data

Bxdo(x)/dp_T [nb/GeV]

 10^{-}

 10^{-2}

 10^{-3}

 10^{-4}

 10

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Isotropic Decay

Absolute χcproduction rates

First absolute prompt (right) and n *non-prompt (below)* χ_{c1} **and** χ_{c2} **differential cross sections, compared to predictions**

NRQCD / FONLL able to describe the data, but some hints at high- p_T **excess in the latter?**

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 \sqrt{s} = 7 TeV $\int L dt = 4.5 fb^{-1}$

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Prompt $|y^{J/\psi}| < 0.75$

 χ_{c1} Isotropic Decay

Mass (MeV)

Observation of the χ^b states

Thresholds: $B_s B_s$

 B^*B^*

 $B\overline{B}$

 $Y(1^{3}D_{2})$

 $π$ π

 $\chi_{b2}^{(2P)}$

 $\pi\pi$

 x_{b2} (1P)

Combine dimuons from ϒ range with

search for peaks in the μμγ system to

Observation of the χ_{bJ}(3P) state (media) Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 152001

particle (but it's not the Higgs)

22 December 2011 Last updated at 10:59

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LHC reports discovery of its first new particle

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By Jonathan Amos Science correspondent, BBC News

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) on the Franco-Swiss border has made its first clear observation of a new particle since opening in 2009.

It is called Chi_b (3P) and will help scientists understand better the forces that hold matter together.

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Large Hadron Collider discovers a new particle: the Chi-b(3P)

By Mark Brown 22 December 11

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Introduction to Higgs

Does not really need much introduction…

The good news: the wait is over

We now have something which very much looks like a Higgs boson

So far, no indication that it is not THE Standard Model Higgs boson

We had almost 50 years to calculate everything there is to calculate about the SM Higgs:

- **Decay BR**
- **Production cross sections**
- **Radiative corrections**

SM Higgs – production and decay

We knew everything about the SM Higgs – except one thing: whether it existed or not

It was found at the mass where up to 8 decay modes can be accessible, allowing us to study various couplings in some detail

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Higgs boson announcement

On the eve of the announcement I (foolishly) volunteered to translate official ATLAS press release into Georgian

Did not know it was 5 pages long

Spent all night translating – and happily overslept through the announcement seminar…

On the bright side: the Georgian version went on-line simultaneously with all others on the 4th of July 2012

ატლასში ჰიგსის ნაწილაკის ძიების უახლესი შედეგები

ნახ. 1. პიგხის ბოზონის 4 ელექტრონად დაშლის კანღიღატი, ჩაწერილი ატლახის მიერ 2012 წელს.

2012 წლის 4 ივლისს ცერნში შედგა ერთობლივი სემინარი, რომელზეც ატლასის უქსპურიმუნტმა წარმოადგინა პიგსის ბოზონის ძიუბის წინასწარი შუდუგები. ცურნში მომუშავე მეცნიერებთან ერთად, სემინარს ვიდეო კავშირით თვალყურს ადევნებდნენ ason კოლეგები მსოფლიოს ასობით ქვეყანაში. სემინარი ასევე გაღაიცა ავსტრალიის ქალაქ მელბურნში მიმდინარე მაღალი ენერგიების ფიზიკის საერთაშორისო კონფერენციაზე, სადაც უახლოეს დღეებში წარმოდგენილი იქნება ამ შედეგების დეტალური ანალიზი.

"არ გვეგონა რომ დღეისათვის ძიება ასეთი წარმატებული იქნებოდა," ამბობს ატლასის კოლაბორაციის ხელმძღვანელი ფაბიოლა ვდანოტი. "ჩვენს მომაცემებში ჩვენ ვხედავთ mashmagado 126 833 dalinh ajang abama 659 ილაკის აშკარა ნიშნებს, 5 სტანდარტული გადახრის დონეზე. ეს ამაღელვებელი მიღწევა დიდი ჰადრონულ კოლაიღერის და ატლასის ღეტექტორის შესანიშნავი მუშაობისა და მრავალი ადამიანის უზარმაზარი შრომის ნაყოფია თუმცა ამ ახალი ნაწილაკის თვისებების გამოკვლევას დამატებითი მონაცემები და მეტი შესწავლა დასჭირდება."

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ნახ. 2. პივსის ნაწილაკის 4 მიუონად დაშლის კანდიდატი, ჩაწვრილი ატლასის მიერ 2012 წელს

http://www.atlas.ch/news/2012/latest-results-from-higgs-search.html

Signal significance increases with increasing statistics

Higgs to ZZ* to 4 leptons

2011 and 2012 data combined

Latest static plot

http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2013-013

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https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HiggsPublicResults#Animations

Short history of the Higgs signal - γγ

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Higgs to γγ

2011 and 2012 data-taking combined

Static plot in case video did not work

Somebody might have tried to fit this with a smooth background and a Gaussian peak, and if the fitted peak height comes up as, say, 60±10, would claim a 6-sigma signal!

Right?

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Right? *WRONG!!!*

Certainly wrong if you are an ATLAS physicist trying to discover the Higgs Boson…

http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2012-168/

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Disclaimer (almost serious)

There are quite a few experts in statistical methods, at CERN in general and in ATLAS in particular

They often come up with quite sophisticated statistical tools and methods for all kinds of things people do in particle physics, even when well-tested, simple and familiar tools exist

Why? Well, maybe they need to justify their existence? More likely: when you spend billions to satisfy your curiosity, you better make sure your output is rock-solid!

In any case, I am *NOT* **one of those experts. My explanations below are based on my understanding of these methods, through my own background and experience.**

However, these things are notoriously prone to misinterpretations, misunderstandings and misleading wordings. Although I tried hard to avoid these, *believe me at your own risk!*

Or, better still, look into the "Statistics" chapter in the PDG book (if you have not done so already), and let me know if you find anything wrong with my explanations!

http://pdg.lbl.gov/2013/reviews/rpp2013-rev-statistics.pdf

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Background and Signal fits

Background fit has as many parameters as needed, but it has to be smooth

• **Example: for diphoton invariant mass -- fourth order polynomial**

Signal peak fit may have three parameters

- **Width (resolution) – determine in advance**
- **Mass (peak position) – scan in small steps**
- **Height (peak intensity) – the only parameter for signal, μ**

With resolution pre-determined, *for each value of hypothesized signal mass m***, do:**

- **1) background-only fit -- returns likelihood L(μ=0, m)**
- **2)** background + signal -- returns likelihood $L(\mu = \hat{\mu}, m)$

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Null hypothesis and signal hypothesis

Let μ be a scale factor on the number of events predicted by SM for the Higgs signal

- **μ=0 corresponds to the background-only hypothesis**
- **μ=1 corresponds to the SM Higgs boson signal in addition to the background (assuming that the SM prediction can be calculated precisely and reliably)**

So, for each hypothesized mass of Higgs, m, a Maximum Likelihood fit is done (on, say, diphoton mass) and a value μ= ૄෝ **is found corresponding to that maximum**

- **Profile likelihood ratio:** $\lambda(\mu) = L(\mu=0, m) / L(\mu=\hat{\mu}, m)$
- **Possibly more convenient to consider -2 log λ(μ) which has a minimum of 0 at μ=** ૄෝ **and looks roughly like a parabola (similar to χ 2)**

Based on the profile for -2 log λ(μ), one can calculate

- **Probability of null-hypothesis (background-only)**
- **Probability of signal + background hypothesis**

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Null hypothesis and its p-value p⁰

Null hypothesis: **There is no signal, just the background**

Type-1 error: rejecting null-hypothesis, when it is in fact true

- **Null hypothesis: the man is innocent. Type-1 error: send him to prison!**
- **Null hypothesis: there is no Higgs, just a background fluctuation. Type-1 error: claim discovery anyway!**

Nobody wants to make a type-1 error!

p-value p⁰ : probability of observing data at least as extreme as that observed, *given that the null hypothesis is true*

Null hypothesis has a problem if – for some mass region – p-value is "small enough": smaller than a pre-determined Significance Level (usually 5%)

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Signal strength μ and its p-value p^μ

In general, null-hypothesis being in trouble does NOT necessarily mean the presence of the right kind of signal (or any signal at all!)

For each hypothesized value of μ one can compute p^μ – probability of observing data corresponding to this value of μ

Those μ for which p^μ is smaller than some pre-determined value α (say, 5%) are *rejected***. Those μ which** *are not rejected* **constitute a confidence interval with confidence level 1- α**

Low sensitivity: signal model almost indistinguishable from background-only model

You do NOT want to exclude a signal model simply because you are not sensitive to it…

Introduce $\mathbf{CL}_{\mathsf{S}} = \mathbf{p}_{\mu} \setminus (\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\mathsf{0}})$ **Exclude the model if** $\qquad C L_s < \alpha$

This is more stringent than simply rejecting a model if $p_{\mu} < \alpha$ **, hence avoids rejecting signal models in areas of low sensitivity**

Null-hypothesis -- combined

Now, if there *IS* **a signal at a particular mass, with strength as predicted by the SM,**

AND **if the experiment is sensitive to that signal at that mass**

then the *null-hypothesis will be in trouble at that mass* **– local p⁰ will be small**

Here is the null-hypothesis p⁰ plot for all three decay channels ZZ* , γγ, WW* combined

Null-hypothesis (background-only) clearly has a problem around 126 GeV

The "Expected" blue band shows the \pm **1** σ **range of these expected p0 values, if the SM strength signal is present at that mass, so the sensitivity is there**

The further down the blue band goes, the bigger is the potential trouble for the nullhypothesis, hence the higher is the sensitivity to the signal at that mass

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Higgs signal significance plots

Middle plot is a combination of the null-hypothesis p_0 **plots, for all three decay channels together – just as before but for a wider mass range**

Bottom plot **is the signal strength, obtained by fitting the data for μ, in all three decay channels combined, for different hypothesized Higgs masses. For most m^H values the signal strength μ is consistent with 0, but deviates significantly away from 0 around 126 GeV**

Top plot **shows CL^S limits for signal strength in this mass range**

- **a value of** *μ* **is excluded at 95% CL when CL^s is less than 5%**
- m_H is excluded at 95% CL when μ=1 is excluded at **that mass**

The dashed line with colour bands shows the expected limits on μ if there is no signal, just the background. The observed limits remain within the colour bands for most masses, apart from the narrow range around 126 GeV.

More Higgs combination plots

Combining likelihood profiles for the Higgs mass extracted from ZZ* and γγ final states

One- and two-sigma contours for the two channels in signal strength vs m_H plane

Signal strength in separate channels together with overall combination

Fermionic couplings start to show up Looks like we are seeing a bit stronger signal than expected by SM, that "SM prediction" is not stone-clad either…

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Other SM processesLANCASTER Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements Status: July 2014 σ [pb] 10^{11} 80_{ub} **ATLAS** Preliminary Run 1 $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$ TeV 10^6 LHC pp \sqrt{s} = 7 TeV LHC pp \sqrt{s} = 8 TeV $10⁵$ **Theory Theory** $35 pb^{-1}$ **Data Data** Δ \bullet $35 pb^{-1}$ $10⁴$ $10³$

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total

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*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1o theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion Status: April 2014
Model Model Care Status Status Status Searches Status Maco limit Extra dimensions

ATLAS Preliminary

 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (1.0 - 20.3)$ fb⁻¹ \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 TeV

Gauge

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Other

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- **I sincerely hope that my overview of**
- **recent ATLAS results on quarkonium physics (yesterday), and**
- **the Higgs boson observation by ATLAS (today)**

has been interesting and/or useful for at least some people in the audience

The *prospects* **are bright: on** *quarkonium* **front:**

- **More production cross sections for individual states, in ever wider kinematic ranges**
- **W+J/ψ, Z+ W+J/ψ, J/ψ+J/ψ production**
- **Searches for exotic quarkonium-like states**

On the *Higgs boson* **front:**

- **Cross section evolution with energy**
- **Time for precision BR measurements, searches for deviations from SM predictions**
- **Searches for more Higgs-like states**

Will keep many ATLAS members busy for the foreseeable future…

For public results from ATLAS see https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic

THANKS FOR LISTENING!

BACKUP SLIDES

Measurement of spin-alignment (or 'polarisation') of quarkonia has historically proven to be a challenging observable to correctly predict

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Branching fraction measurement

Using same x_c data sample and selections, can extract measurement of Br($B^{\pm} \rightarrow \chi_{c1}K^{\pm}$)

Use precisely-known $B^{\pm} \rightarrow J/\psi K^{\pm}$ decay as control.

$$
\mathcal{B}\left(B^{\pm} \to \chi_{c1} K^{\pm}\right) = \mathcal{A}_{B} \cdot \frac{N_{\chi_{c1}}^B}{N_{J/\psi}^B} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{B}\left(B^{\pm} \to J/\psi K^{\pm}\right)}{\mathcal{B}\left(\chi_{c1} \to J/\psi \, \gamma\right)}
$$

Hadron collider measurement not far from best B-factory results; prospects for improvements!

 $4000 -$

ATLAS 3500 $\overline{5}$ = 7 TeV $3000 - \int L dt = 4.5 fb^{-1}$ **LANCASTEF** UNIVERSIT

 $10 \le p_T^{J/\psi} < 30 \text{ GeV}$
 $|V^{J/\psi}| < 0.75$

Data

 $B^{\pm} \to \chi_{c1} K$