

MoEDAL physics results and future plans

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MoEDAL at LHC

Monopole & Exotics Detector At LHC



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Key feature: high ionisation



- Achieved, e.g., by magnetic monopoles due to ionisation 68.5² ≈ 4700 times higher than minimum ionising particle
- Actually **any heavy, stable, electrically charged particle** (HSCP), either stable or metastable, will be slow moving, hence it should give a track in MoEDAL
 - H⁺⁺, Q-balls, black hole remnants, SUSY partners, etc.
- For singly-charged particles to be detected in nuclear track detectors, velocity should be $\beta \leq 0.1-0.2$

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

The MoEDAL detector





- Mostly passive detectors; no trigger; no readout
- Largest deployment of passive Nuclear Track
 Detectors (NTDs) at an accelerator
- First time that trapping detectors are deployed as a detector

DETECTOR SYSTEMS

- (1) 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)

MoEDAL physics program Int. J. Mod. Phys. A29 (2014) 1430050

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- 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











1 & 2 NTDs deployment

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



2015-2018: LT-NTD Top of VELO cover Closest possible location to IP

2015-2018: HCC-NTD Installed in LHCb acceptance between RICH1 and TT



3 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



2015 deployment of MediPix chips in MoEDAL



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



curves

MMT: Magnetic Monopole Trapper

- Monopoles can bind to nuclei
 - large binding energy ~ $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ keV})$
- Monopole trapping volumes analysed with superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID)
- **Persistent current:** difference between resulting current after and before
 - first, subtract current measurement for empty holder
 - calibration constant P = $32.4 g_D / A$
 - if difference other than zero \rightarrow monopole signature









Searches for magnetic monopoles

- Magnetic monopoles
- Production at LHC via photon fusion
 [Baines, Mavromatos, VAM, Pinfold, Santra, <u>Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) 966</u>]
- Latest MoEDAL MMT search [B. Acharya et al, Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019) 021802]

Magnetic monopoles

- Motivation
 - symmetrisation of Maxwell's equations • electric charge quantisation
- Properties
 - single magnetic (Dirac) charge: $g_{D} = 68.5e \rightarrow highly ionising$
 - magnetic charge = ng_D
 - Iarge coupling constant g/Ћc ~20
 - (precise value depends on units)
 - spin and mass not predicted



Feynman-like diagrams do *not* account for *non-perturbative* nature of large monopole-photon coupling

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Tree-level calculations for cross section are only used indicatively

Electric-magnetic duality

- The monopole enters the field as a matter field in a U(1) gauge theory
 - S = 0 : Scalar Quantum Electrodynamics
 - $S = \frac{1}{2}$: Dirac Quantum Electrodynamics
 - S = 1: Lee-Yang Field Theory
- β-dependent coupling

• monopole boost expressed by
$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M^2}{s}}$$

• calculations hold in both the β -dependent (g β) and β -independent (g) cases

- New magnetic-moment parameter κ
 - Spin ½: SM case: $\tilde{\kappa} = 0$ ($\tilde{\kappa}$ dimensionless parameter), unitary & renormalisable
 - **Spin 1:** SM case: $\kappa = 1$, unitary, renormalisable, no ghosts or gauge fixing
 - lack of unitarity and renormalisability in the non-SM cases not necessarily an issue, from an effective-field-theory point of view → possibility of restoration of unitarity in extended theoretical frameworks with new degrees of freedom



Cross section comparison

- Photon fusion most abundant than DY for almost the whole mass range at LHC energies
 - important to be included in interpretations of searches at colliders
- No interference effects between Drell-Yan and γγ processes
 - \rightarrow total cross section = sum DY + $\gamma\gamma$



Baines, Mavromatos, VAM, Pinfold, Santra, EPJC 78 (2018) 966

Photon fusion & perturbative couplings

- Both photon fusion and Drell-Yan processes suffer from large γMM coupling making perturbative calculations problematic
- This situation may be resolved in photon fusion with
 - β-dependent photon-monopole coupling
 - magnetic-moment parameter к
- In this case, perturbative treatment may be guaranteed for
 - very slow monopoles, $\beta \rightarrow 0$
 - □ parameter κ becomes very large, κ → ∞
 - condition for perturbative coupling:

 $g\kappa\,eta^2 < 1$

 Cross section remains finite at this limit for photon fusion while it vanishes for Drell-Yan

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MoEDAL monopole results

- 2016 First MMT results: Drell-Yan for spin 0 and spin ½ monopoles @ 8 TeV I CERN Press Release JHEP 1608 (2016) 067 [arXiv:1604.06645]
- 2017 First results @ 13 TeV <u>Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017) 061801 [arXiv:1611.06817]</u>
- 2018 MMT results with
 - spin-1 monopoles
 - β-dependent γMM coupling
 Phys.Lett.B 782 (2018) 510–516 [arXiv:1712.09849]
- 2019 MMT results with
 - full MMT detector ~4 times than previous
 - ~2 more integrated luminosity
 - photon fusion interpretation
 Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019) 021802 [arXiv:1903.08491]



2015-2017 MoEDAL deployment

- Latest analysis is based on data extracted from all three MMT components
- MMT-1 and MMT-2 (sides) are newly added with respect to previous MoEDAL analyses



MMT 2015-2017 scanning

- Analysed with SQUID at ETH Zürich
- Excellent charge resolution (< 0.1 g_D)



No monopole with charge > $0.5 g_D$ observed in MMT samples

Detector: 794 kg of aluminium bars

Exposure: **4.0 fb**⁻¹ of **13 TeV** *pp* collisions during 2015-2017

MMT 2015-2017 results l

- Acceptance losses
 - $|g| = g_D$: predominantly from punching through the trapping volume,
 - |g| > g_D: stopping in the material upstream of the trapping volume
- Acceptance < 0.1% for monopoles of 6g_D or higher
 - insufficient energy to traverse upstream material



MoEDAL, PRL 123 (2019) 021802

MMT 2015-2017 results 11

First results for γ-fusion production at LHC



Magnetic monopoles summary



Mass limits calculated with Feynman-like diagrams. They only serve as benchmarks to facilitate comparisons

MoEDAL has set the world-best collider limits for **|g| > 2 g**

Possible solutions to *perturbative* treatment of monopole production in colliders

- 1. thermal Schwinger production in heavy-ion collisions [Gould & Rajantie, <u>Phys.Rev.Lett. 119 (2017) 241601</u>]
- photon fusion: perturbative coupling can be achieved for [Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) 966]
 - very slow monopoles, $\beta \rightarrow 0$, AND
 - very large magnetic-moment parameter, $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$

Beyond magnetic monopoles

What about *electrically*-charged particles?

• Focusing of **supersymmetric** partners

[K. Sakurai, D. Felea, J. Mamuzic, N.E. Mavromatos, VAM, J.L. Pinfold, R. Ruiz de Austri, A. Santra, O. Vives, <u>arXiv:1903.11022</u> [hep-ph]]

$\tilde{\tau}$ direct production

- For the metastable particle to have high probability to reach the NTDs a lifetime of $\tau\gtrsim 10^{-8}\,s$ is required
- High geometrical acceptance in central region $\eta \approx 0$
 - back-to-back pair production \Rightarrow high probability that at least one HSCP hits an NTD



- Light particle
 ⇒ high cross section ☺
 ⇒ large β
- ^{IGP} Need **heavy particle** to achieve low β and increase acceptance

NTD geometry & efficiency

- MoEDAL geometry modelling
 - spherical NTD coverage at 2 m distance from interaction point
 - some NTDs nearer to IP: ~0.5 m
 - factor for NTD coverage: ~18.7%
- For particles over z/β threshold, detection efficiency 100%





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Relaxing constraints in CMS selections

- Example: CMS dE/dx analysis @7-8 TeV [JHEP07 (2013) 122]
- Applying recast recipe provided by CMS [Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 325]

	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	
$\Sigma p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{trk}}(\Delta R < 0.3) \; (\mathrm{GeV}/c)$	<50	
# d <i>E</i> /d <i>x</i> 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	_	

Long-lived charged track must point to the primary vertex

- imposed against cosmic-ray background
- if a particle in the decay chain is longlived and a kink is present, event may be missed

Requires presence of charged particle in the Pixel detector

- if g decays via long-lived *neutral* particle, event may be missed
- candidate: neutralino





 $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ long-lived despite large mass split between $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and $\tilde{\tau}_1 \rightarrow$ decays in tracker τ^{\pm} produces a kink between $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and $\tilde{\tau}_1$ tracks \Rightarrow large impact parameter d_{xv}, d_z

τ
₁ metastable, e.g. gravitino LSP
 → detected by MoEDAL



CMS sensitivity suffers two-ways:

a) no pixel hit due to long-lived neutralinob) too large impact

parameter for stau





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Comparison of CMS *exclusion* with MoEDAL *discovery* potential requiring 2 signal events for MoEDAL

MoEDAL can cover longlifetime region with nominal NTD performance $z/\beta > 5$

Sakurai et al, <u>arXiv:1903.11022</u>

Future developments

- CMS beam pipe
- MAPP Monopole Apparatus for Penetrating Particles
- MALL Monopole Apparatus for very Long Lived particles

CMS beam pipe

Beam pipe

- most directly exposed piece of material
- covers very high magnetic charges, which may be trapped in upstream material before reaching MoEDAL
- 1990's: materials from CDF, D0 (Tevatron) and H1 (HERA) subject to SQUID scans for trapped monopoles
- 2012: first pieces of CMS beam pipe tested [EPJC72 (2012) 2212]; far from collision point
- Feb 2019: CMS and MoEDAL collaborations signed agreement transferring ownership of the Run-1 CMS beam pipe to MoEDAL
 - beryllium (highly toxic); 6 m long; Ø 4 cm
- Status & plans
 - beam pipe cut into small pieces at Univ. Alberta, Canada
 - scanned in SQUID at ETH Zurich





CERN Courier, Mar-Apr 2019

MAPP – MoEDAL Apparatus for Penetrating Particles

MAPP (to be installed for LHC Run-3) has 3 motivations

- □ particles with charges $\ll 1e$ (ATLAS & CMS sensitive to particles of charge $e \gtrsim 1/3$)
- new pseudo-stable weakly interacting
- neutrals with
 long lifetime
 anomalously
 penetrating
 particles

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2017 □ 3×3 bars (~30×30 cm) □ ~10% of full detector

MAPP – mQP detector & sensitivity

Central milli-charged (mQP) detection section

- 100 × (10 cm × 10 cm × 75 cm) scintillator bars in each of 4 (2×2) sections readout by 4 low-noise PMTs in coincidence
- no background from dark counts or radiogenic bkg.





Dark photon scenario: massless dark photon which mixes with $\gamma/Z \& mQP$ dark fermion ψ

 MAPP sensitivity to a charge of O(10⁻³)-O(10⁻²) e for mass of O(1) GeV & charge O(10⁻²) e for mass of O(10) GeV

with $\phi \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

MAPP – LLP detector & sensitivity

Full MAPP detector planned to operate in Run-3 (2021–2024)

- max. fiducial efficiency for $B \rightarrow X_{s}\phi$ is ~ 5×10⁻⁴
- background from K_1^0 , n, $\mu \& v$ under study with full GEANT simulation incl. detectors, beamline and surrounding material







Long Lived Particle (LLP) detection section

- scintillator x/y strip "hodoscope-type" planes
- 3 sets of detectors nested in "Russian Doll" configuration
- outer set: front veto layer forms front face
- envisaged ToF resolution ~500 ps with spatial resolution $\sigma_{x/v} \simeq 1 \text{ cm}$

MALL – MoEDAL Apparatus for very Long Lived particles

- After exposure and SQUID scan, MoEDAL MMTs will be monitored for decaying *electrically* charged particles that may have been trapped in their volume
 - ATLAS & CMS similar analyses in empty bunch crossings for trapped R-hadrons decaying into jets
- Sensitive to charged particles and to photons with energy as small as 1~GeV
- MALL planned to be installed deep underground at SNOLAB in Canada





Estimated MALL probed lifetimes ~10 yrs

J. Pinfold, Universe 5 (2019) no.2, 47

Summary

- Magnetic monopoles continue to excite interest and have been the subject of numerous experimental searches
- The MoEDAL experiment at the LHC is one of the key players in this quest
 - search for dyons in progress
- MoEDAL can also search for (meta)stable electrically-charged massive particles
 - such particles arise in numerous supersymmetric scenarios
 - search for HECOs is underway
- Much higher charges can be probed by looking for trapped monopoles, e.g. CMS run 1 beam pipe
- Further detector extensions in various stages of advancement
 - in particular, MAPP searching for penetrating particles
- Stay tuned for upcoming results !



Thank you for your attention!







SQUID calibration

- Calibration measurements
 - superposition method using a magnetic dipole simple
 - solenoid method with P = $32.4 g_D / A$ and various currents



Drell-Yan vs. γ-fusion: spin ½



- DY events have a significantly "softer" spectrum than PF
- Angular distributions are similar

Baines et al, Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) 966

Drell-Yan vs. γ-fusion: spin 1



- DY events are characterised be a slightly "harder" spectrum and are more centrally produced than PF
- PF-DY comparison similar to scalar monopoles

Baines et al, <u>Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) 966</u>

Why MoEDAL when searching for HSCPs?

- Trigger
 - ATLAS/CMS must use trigger ⇔ decreased efficiency even when using specialised triggers
 - MoEDAL has no trigger
- Event selection
 - ATLAS/CMS apply strict kinematic cuts to suppress background
 complex systematics estimation
 - in MoEDAL analyses are hardware oriented simple and robust
 - $\ ^{\rm o}$ MoEDAL mostly limited by geometrical acceptance and low- β requirement
- **Timing**: signal from (slow-moving) HSCPs should arrive within the correct bunch crossings for ATLAS/CMS
 - MoEDAL is time-agnostic
 no problem with very slow particles
- When looking for trapped particles
 - monitoring of detector volumes in an underground/basement laboratory has less background than using empty butches in LHC cavern (MALL)

Velocity vs. type of particle



- Scalar (spinless) pair production (stau) undergoes
 - *p*-wave suppression, unlike fermion (spinful) production
- The velocity is smaller for fermion pair production scalar
 - gluinos
 - higgsinos / binos / winos
- Detectable particles must be charged
 - sleptons, i.e staus for most models/parameter space
 - charginos
 - gluinos

Study slepton (stau) detection in gluino-mediated production

 $\tilde{g} \rightarrow j j \tilde{\chi}_{l}^{0}, \quad \tilde{\chi}_{l}^{0} \rightarrow \tau^{\pm} \tilde{\tau}_{l} \quad ())$

10⁴

10³

 $c \tau_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} [\mathrm{cm}]$

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- Studying sensitivity with different β thresholds:
 - 0.1 (z/β=10)
 - □ 0.15 (z/β≈6.7)
 - 0.2 (z/β=5)

MoEDAL can cover longlifetime region with lessthan-nominal NTD performance z/β > 6.7

Other decay chains studied too, e.g. $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$, $\tilde{g} \rightarrow jj\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\tilde{\tau}_1$ $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$, $\tilde{g} \rightarrow jj\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}\tilde{\tau}_1$



End-of-run-3 (2023, 14 TeV) projected luminosity



MoEDAL 30/fb $\beta = 0.1$

Sakurai et al, arXiv:1903.11022

SUSY charged long-lived particles

- 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 stau, when $m(\tilde{\tau}) m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < m(\tau)$
 - → naturally long lifetime for stau in both cases
- R-hadrons
 - Gluinos in Split Supersymmetry: gqq, gqq, gg
 - 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 ⇒ $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ becomes long-lived

$$\tilde{\tau}
ightarrow au \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

$$\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{G}$$

$$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

 $\Gamma(\tilde{l} \to l\tilde{G}) = \frac{1}{48\pi M_*^2} \frac{m_{\tilde{l}}^5}{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^2} \left[1 - \frac{m_{\tilde{G}}^2}{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^2} \right]^4$

ATLAS & CMS limits on LL gluinos

- Energy deposition (dE/dx) in inner tracker, e.g. Pixel detector
- 2. Time-of-flight in outer muon system





Detector response not fully calibrated for HIPs

Long-lived sleptons – GMSB

- Gauge-mediated Supersymmetry-Breaking (GMSB)
- Stau NLSP decays via gravitational interaction to gravitino LSP
 - → naturally long lifetime
 - → LSP dark matter candidate
- Long-lived sleptons
 - may be slow-moving when produced at LHC
 - □ → high ionisation



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Long-lived sleptons – CMSSM

- Stau becomes long lived in MSSM when $\delta m = m(\tilde{\tau}) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < m(\tau)$
 - e.g. $\tau = 10^{-3}$ s (10³ s) for $\delta m = 0.4$ GeV (0.1 GeV)
- Coannihilation region in CMSSM
- Consistent with cosmological constraints
- Lepton Flavour Violating (LFV) elements in slepton mass matrix may decrease stau lifetime

$$(\delta^{e}_{RR/LL})_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\Delta M^{e\ 2}_{RR/LL}}{M^{e}_{R/L\alpha}M^{e}_{R/L\beta}},$$

 Stau remains metastable in large regions of parameter space

$$\Gamma_{2-\text{body}} = \frac{g_2^2}{2\pi m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}} (\delta m)^2 (|g_{1\alpha 1}^L|^2 + |g_{1\alpha 1}^R|^2),$$



 $R = \widetilde{g}q\overline{q}, \, \widetilde{g}qqq, \, \widetilde{g}g$

R-hadrons

- Gluinos in Split Supersymmetry
 - long-lived because squarks very heavy
 - possible gluino hadrons:
 - gluino hadrons may flip charge as they pass through matter
 - e.g., $\tilde{g}u\bar{u}$ + uud $\rightarrow \tilde{g}uud$ + u \bar{u}
 - may be missed by ATLAS and CMS
- *R*-parity violating SUSY

 $W_{RV} = \lambda_{ijk}^{\prime\prime} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k + \lambda_{ijk}^{\prime} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \mu_i L_i H_j$

- if small λ' or λ"≠0 and stop LSP → stop R-hadron
 → metastable charged particle in material
 → detection in MoEDAL, if sufficiently slow
- Moreover R-hadrons may be "trapped" in MMTs and decay at later times → monitoring of MMTs after SQUID tests

$$\tau \simeq 8 \left(\frac{m_S}{10^9 \text{ GeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{m_{\tilde{g}}}\right)^5 \text{s}$$

Diaz-Cruz et al, JHEP 0705 (2007) 003

