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Contact interactions and resonances

- Contact interactions
- Large Extra Dimensions
- Quark radius
- Leptoquarks
- Lepton-flavor violation
- R_p conserving SUSY in MSSM
- R_p violating SUSY
- Excited fermions

Exclusive final states:

- Isolated leptons with missing transverse momentum
- Top quark production via FCNC
- Multilepton and multimuon events
- H^{++/--}
- Magnetic monopoles



Days of running

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Contact interactions



HERA can search signs of new physics at energy scales up to ~ 1 TeV and at distances down to $\sim 10^{-16}$ cm

Lagrangian (vector component):

$$\mathcal{L}_{CI} = \sum_{q} \sum_{i,j=L,R} \eta_{ij}^{q} (\bar{e}_{i} \gamma^{\mu} e_{i}) (\bar{q}_{j} \gamma_{\mu} q_{j})$$

- Compositeness $\eta_{ij} = \epsilon_{ij} \frac{4\pi}{\Lambda^2}$
- Leptoquarks $\longrightarrow \eta_{ij}^q = \epsilon_{ij}^q \frac{\lambda^2}{M_{LQ}^2}$
- R_p violating SUSY $\longrightarrow \tilde{d}_R$ and \tilde{u}_L correspond to S_0^L and $\tilde{S}_{1/2}^L$ LQs
- Large extra dimensions $\eta_G = \frac{\lambda}{M_S^4}$ • Quark radius (assuming $R_e = 0$) \longrightarrow $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{d\sigma^{SM}}{dQ^2} \left(1 - \frac{R_q^2}{6}\right)^2$

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Contact interactions II

Limits on compositeness scale (Λ) :





H1: $1 \cdot 10^{-16}$ cm

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Contact interactions III

Limits on Leptoquarks (M_{LQ}/λ) : Large Extra Dimensions (M_S) :



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Lepton-flavor violation



- The recent discovery of neutrino oscillations has shown that the lepton flavor is not conserved at least in the neutral sector.
- Many extensions of SM (GUT and SUSY) predict lepton-flavor violation.
- Signature at HERA: a muon or a tau instead of the electron in the final state.
- High efficiency and low background from SM.
- Buchmüller-Rückl-Wyler leptoquark model has been considered. 14 LQ types: 7 scalar and 7 vector.
- Both resonant production $(M_{LQ} < \sqrt{s})$ and contact-interaction $(M_{LQ} \gg \sqrt{s})$ have been considered.

Lepton-flavor violation II

ZEUS



• Limits on $\lambda_{eq_1} \sqrt{B_{lq_j}}$ independent from final-state quark generation for

 $M_{LQ} < \sqrt{s}$. Several limits also apply to R_P violating squarks.

• Limits on
$$\frac{\lambda_{eq_i}\lambda_{lq_j}}{M_{LQ}^2}$$
 for
 $M_{LQ} \gg \sqrt{s}$ down to
 0.4 TeV^{-2}

For $\lambda_{eq_1} = 0.3$ and $B_{lq_j} = 0.5$ LQ masses up to 300 GeV excluded. In general HERA limits better than low energy experiments when higher generation quarks involved

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Assuming $\lambda'_{1j1} = 0.3 \ (\lambda'_{11k} = 0.3)$ squark mass up to 275 (280) GeV can be excluded

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R_p violating SUSY III

mSUGRA (minimal supergravity):

Limits on $(m_0, m_{1/2})$:



For $\tan \beta = 6$ limits on \tilde{t} improve LEP and TeVatron limits. $\tilde{t_1}$ masses up to 270 GeV excluded for $\lambda'_{131} = 0.3$.

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R_p violating SUSY IV

S-top production:



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R_p violating SUSY V

Bosonic s-top decays:





Final state topologies:

- $l + jet + R_t$
- $3jet + R_t$
- e + jet





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 R_p violating SUSY VI

 $M_{\tilde{t}}$ < 275 GeV can be excluded at 95% C.L.



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PASCOS 2004–Boston, 16th-22nd-Aug-2004

M₇[GeV]

 R_p violating SUSY VII

Superlight gravitino:

H1 e⁺p preliminary Gauge mediated supersymmetry breaking (VeD) [~] 140 model. The gravitino is assumed the LSP theoretically and $BR(\chi_1^0 \to \gamma G) = 100\%$ inaccessible In this model $M_{slepton} \ll M_{squark}$ λ' _{1j1}=1.5 120 χ^0 100 \tilde{e} u^j V _{1i1}=1.0 80 GMSB, j=1,2 λ'_{1i1} $tan\beta$ = 1.5, μ < 0, N = 2 χ_1^0 not NLSP 60 60 70 80 120 130 140 90 100 110 1 event $(2.55 \pm 1.30 \text{ SM})$ m_{.9} (GeV)

 $M_{\chi^0_1} < 108~{\rm GeV}$ are excluded for $\lambda'_{1j1} = 1~({\rm OPAL}~91~{\rm GeV})$

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Isolated leptons and missing transverse momentum

		Elect	rons	Muons		Taus	
	P_T^X	Data	SM	Data	SM	Data	SM
H1	$P_T^X > 25 \text{GeV}$	4	1.49	6	1.44	0	0.53
	$P_T^X > 40 { m GeV}$	3	0.54	3	0.55	0	0.22
ZEUS	$P_T^X > 25 \text{GeV}$	2	2.9	5	2.75	2	0.20
	$P_T^X > 40 {\rm GeV}$	0	0.94	0	0.95	1	0.07

H1 finds an excess of events in the e and μ channel (but not in the τ channel) in e^+p data ZEUS finds an excess in the τ channel only

- Possible explanation: top quark production via **FCNC** with anomalous magnetic $k_{tu\gamma}$ or vector v_{tuZ} couplings.
- The ZEUS excess for tau is not compatible with the results in the other channels.

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Both the experiments found an agreement with the SM in the hadronic channel.

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Single top II



Multi-leptons events









3e

P_r=17 GeV

Event 4

P=13 GeV





H1 found an excess of events with 2 or 3 electrons and high invariant mass (M > 100 GeV)

Event 3 $P_{T}=55 \text{ GeV}$

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Multi-electron events



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Good agreement with SM. No events with 3 or more muons.

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Generic search of physics beyond SM

Two or more isolated "objects" with high p_t (electrons, muons, photons, jets, neutrinos)



H1 General Search

Discrepancy between data and MC quantified by the estimator p. For each event class the region with higher p_{min} is considered for M_{all} and $\sum p_t - \log \hat{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{probability}$ of measure $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p_{min}}$



HERA II

New spin rotators installed in 2000



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HERA II- first BSM searches

H1 updated the analyses, where an excess of events was found, adding new data (45 pb^{-1}).

Events with isolated e and μ and \mathcal{R}_t (163 pb⁻¹):



	Electrons		Muons	
	Data	SM	Data	SM
Total	18	15.4	9	4.1
$P_T^X > 25 { m ~GeV}$	8	2.6	6	2.5

High P_t electrons again...

HERA II- first BSM searches II



Conclusions

HERA I:

- Various searches of physics beyond Standard Model have been performed using HERA I data.
- Still open questions: events with high p_t leptons and high missing momentum, events with 2 or 3 electrons and high invariant mass.

HERA II:

- 700 pb⁻¹ of integrated luminosity in the middle of 2007 will help to resolve HERA I puzzles.
- Polarization of electrons and positrons can enhance selectively some BSM signals.
- First results with HERA II data show agreement with SM expectations.

Doubly-charged Higgs production

 $H^{++/--}$ is predicted by Left-Right symmetric models where the extended symmetry is broken by a triplet of scalar fields.

Is the excess of events with 2 or 3 electrons seen by H1 due to the $H^{++/--}$ production?



only one event with M > 100 GeV is compatible with $H^{++/--}$ production.

H1 Higgs search: $H^{\pm\pm}$ limits Excluded via Bhabha Scattering SLAC+PETRA 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 H1 preliminary **BR(H\rightarrowll)=33%** 0.2 $\cdots H \rightarrow ee$ $H \rightarrow \mu \mu$ Excluded by All channels **OPAL** (pair production 0.1 130 140 150 80 90 100 110 120 M_H (GeV)