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In the particle physics, in order to explain the shortcomings in the Standard Model (SM), physics models beyond the Standard Model (BSM) have been proposed. Some of them predict the existence of new particles such as vector-like quarks (VLQ) or enhancement of four-top-production. A search for new phenomena in top-antitop quarks final states with additional heavy-flavour jets has been carried out in this thesis. The analysis was executed for 36.1 fb^{-1} of $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ proton-proton collisions data taken with the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). The main target of this search is one of the VLQ, referred to as the vector-like top partner (VLT). In the BSM search, high-quality data taking is one of the most important works. The monitoring tools for the Pixel detector are developed in this dissertation, which enable to properly understand the detector condition. By using the tools, the potential issue on the B-Layer about the hit occupancy in 2015 was identified. The prompt feedbacks contribute to the smooth data acquisition in 2016 and later. Reconstructed tracks, which are trajectories of the charged particles in the Inner Detector, are one of the most basic physics objects. The distance between tracks and collision points, which is so-called impact parameter, is a characteristic parameter to distinguish the tracks associated with secondary vertices from those associated with the primary vertex. Measurements of the impact parameter resolutions with the data taken in early 2015 are presented in this dissertation. The results show that the observed resolutions are improved compared with those in Run1 as expected from the installation of the new innermost Pixel layer (IBL). The resolutions and their uncertainties are propagated into the other performance measurements for the other physics objects. This study widely contributed to the event reconstruction and data analyses in the ATLAS experiment.

The signal events of VLQ and BSM four-top-production include boosted heavy particles such as Higgs bosons and top quarks. Introduction and optimisation of Higgs boson and top quarks identifiers with the re-clustering technique are developed in this dissertation. They improve the discrimination of signals from the SM backgrounds. Events are classified with jet, b-jet, Higgs-jet, and top-jet multiplicities and compared on the total energy in the transverse plane between the data and SM prediction. To improve the accuracy of the background estimation, a likelihood fit of the predicted backgrounds to the observed data is performed. Before searching any excess of the data in the signal region, the background prediction is needed to be consistent with the data in the validation regions. After the fit, the background predictions are confirmed to be consistent with the data within their uncertainty in the validation region. Therefore, any excess is searched for in the signal region.

As a result, no significant excess of events from the SM expectation is observed, hence the exclusion limits on the cross section for various BSM models are set. For the VLT signals, the cross section limits are interpreted as the lower VLT mass limits by comparing with the theoretical cross section. In the case of the fixed branching ratio of the VLT decaying into the Higgs boson and top quark, $\text{BR}(T \rightarrow Ht) = 1$, the observed (expected) mass limit on the mass is set to be $m_{\text{VLT}} > 1.43 \text{ (1.34) TeV}$. The observed (expected) limits for a weak-isospin doublet and singlet are set to be $m_{\text{VLT}} > 1.31 \text{ (1.26) TeV}$ and $m_{\text{VLT}} > 1.19 \text{ (1.11) TeV}$, respectively. For the other branching ratios, the observed and expected limits are set, assuming $\text{BR}(T \rightarrow Ht) + \text{BR}(T \rightarrow Zt) + \text{BR}(T \rightarrow Wb) = 1$. As for the four-top-quark production, the observed (expected) cross section limit for a contact interaction in an effective field theory model is set to be 16.4 (30.9) fb . For two universal extra dimensions with the real projective plane, the Kaluza-Klein mass limits with the symmetric geometry case are set to be $m_{\text{KK}} > 1.80 \text{ (1.73) TeV}$.

A small deficit against the SM background is seen in 1-lepton channel. Since it could have been due to potential issues in this analysis, all the possibilities are discussed. The test results show that no evidence of issues is observed. Therefore, the deficits on the observed events can be concluded to be originated from the statistical fluctuation.

This analysis does not discover new phenomena. However, improvements of sensitivities by an increase of the integrated luminosity and development of the taggers significantly extended the mass coverage of the VLT signal from the previous analysis in the ATLAS experiment. The limits set in this analysis constraint in the parameter space in signal models.

At last, the prospects for future experiments are shown. In the future, the LHC will be upgraded to increase the instantaneous and integrated luminosities with the centre-of-mass energy of 14 TeV. This analysis has good potentials for a further VLT search.

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