RECAST
Extending the Impact of Existing Analyses

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Hypothesis Testing

An important part of scientific progress is hypothesis testing. We construct models of the world and use them to make predictions about processes in nature. We then compare with experiment. We have one extremely important model,

The Standard Model

To go beyond it, we will have to test different hypotheses.
Hypothesis Testing in HEP

Most experiments in high energy physics are ultimately counting experiments,

1) Decay Rates

2) Cross Sections

What is the process of hypothesis testing in high energy physics?
Lepton Flavor Violation

Muons in the Standard Model will never decay into an electron and a photon. That’s worth searching for then (*MEGA experiment*) . . .

\[ \text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) \leq 1.2 \times 10^{-11} \]

Theorists can calculate in different models

Experimentalists measure independently of models

Hypothesis Testing is straightforward, even long after the original analysis

SUGRA, GMSB, AMSB, RS, UED, Little Higgs
From Theory to Experiment (and back)

Detector Simulation

Analysis

Comparison with Data

Hypothesis testing is not so straightforward.
Modern Hypothesis Testing

Many new models going beyond the Standard Model have been suggested:

- SUSY – SUGRA, GMSB, AMSB, …
- RS
- UED
- Little Higgs
- The model not thought of . . .

Many powerful tools were created to allow fast incorporation and simulation of new particle physics,

- Madgraph, Calchep
- ALPGEN
- PYTHIA, HERWIG, SHERPA
- FeynRules
- LHE format
Modern Hypothesis Testing

The MC community has made a huge effort to develop all the wonderful MC4BSM tools, how do we take full advantage of that?

From Olivier Mattelaer talk
Modern Hypothesis Testing

Considering how many models there are, and the fact that in the future there may be more, how do we test for a new hypothesis?

1) Construct a new analysis.

2) Reuse existing analyses.

There are many more models than is possible to address with dedicated analyses. Moreover, most analyses are sensitive to more new physics than what is being tested. This calls for re-usage!
What do you need to know about an existing analysis to reuse it for testing an alternative model?
Answer

You only need to know the efficiency of the analysis to an alternative signal.

- No need for data access.

- No need for code access.

Just the ability to recalculate the efficiency of an alternative hypothesis.
How Does It Work?

LHE
New signal

Comparison with data was already done.

Pythia
(Showering & Hadronization)

Detector Simulation

Analysis

Efficiency for new signal
Question

How do we design the framework so as to maintain the collaborations control over their analyses while allowing communication with the community for RECAST requests?
The RECAST Framework
Request:
- New signal, 
- LHE file or model directory

Response:
- Selection efficiency, 
- Signal Histogram, 
- cross-section limit

After collaboration’s approval

Analysis code including all the cuts, detector effects and etc.
RECAST [beta]

About this site

RECAST is a framework for extending the impact of existing analyses performed by high-energy physics experiments.

1. Anyone can add analyses to the Analysis Catalog
2. Anyone can upload alternative signals in the LHE format and request that any given analysis is "recast" for their alternative model

Latest Requests

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Question

But can existing analyses have anything to say about an alternative signal?
Examples
OPAL Higgs Searches

In hep-ex/0406057 OPAL recasted a previous search for Standard Model Higgs to place constraints on MSSM Higgs scenarios.

Importantly, the recasted signal is not even the same topology!
DELPHI Higgs Searches

Similar recasting of previous SM Higgs searches was done at DELPHI


Exotic Higgs Searches

In the original RECAST paper we provided an example, recasting our recent search for Higgs decay to 4 tau-leptons into a limit on other exotic Higgs decays.


Search for light electroweakinos from Higgs Searches

As suggested by M. Lisanti and N. Weiner in arXiv:1112.4834 and RECAST/1202.0004, current Higgs searches can be used to place bounds on electroweakino production and decay.
Search for sbottoms from same-sign leptons

As suggested by M. Reece in RECAST/1203.0025 and RECAST/1203.0026, current searches for same-same leptons can also place bounds on sbottom pair production.

From CMS SUS-11-010-pas.pdf
Higgsless search from the search for heavy quarks

As suggested by V. Sanz in RECAST/1203.0024, ATLAS’s search for a heavy quark can be recast to a search for the production of heavy quarks in Higgsless models.

Fig. from ATLAS - 1112.5755

Fig. from Martin & Sanz 1112.5755
D. Whiteson for CDF recasted a previous search for maximal flavor violating scalars into a search for 4th generation b-quarks. Both scenarios lead to $\ell^+ \ell^- b j E_T$. 

0809.4903

PRL 0912.1057
W’ hunt from Leptoquark search

M. Schmaltz and C. Spethmann suggested a recast of a leptoquark search that was done by D0 to place bounds on W’ particles expected in Little Higgs theories,

0710.0255
Demonstration

In 1103.3014, “T-Quarks at the LHC: 2010-12”, M. Perelstein & J. Shao, recasted a search for SUSY in CMS into a search for T-quarks, which can be thought of as a simplified model for UED and/or Little Higgs models.

They have reproduced a CMS analysis searching for SUSY in jets + missing energy (1101.1628). Maxim and Jing have kindly agreed to use the mock back-end of the analysis they recreated for a demonstration of the RECAST front-end.
RECAST - Sequence

Initiator: User

RECAST front-end

RECAST API

RECAST back-end

Experimentalist: Subscriber

Analysis Framework

Collaboration Approval Board

Time

Add Request

Notify Subscriber

Accept Request

Send Request (LHE, ...)

LHE

T-quarks

Send Result

Notify

Submit Jobs

New Result

Request Approval

Grant Approval
Recasting

- Does not require access to or reprocessing of the data
- Does not involve design of new event selection criteria
- Does not require additional estimates of background rates or systematic uncertainties

- Extends the impact of existing experimental searches
- Targets physics scenarios of interest to the community
- Provides accurate interpretation of model-independent and signature-based searches in the context of a specific model
- Facilitates the consideration of new models even after the analysis is done
- Allows collaborations to control the approval of new results
- Complements data archival efforts
Future Directions

We will enjoy a wealth of data from the LHC over the next several years.

• We hope that analyses’ back-ends will be implemented.

• Many more RECAST results.

• inSpire has expressed interest in RECAST and we hope to integrate it into the new inSpire engine in the future.

• A qualitative change in the way we do hypothesis testing of alternative models.
Final Thoughts

• RECAST helps to unleash the full power of all the MC4BSM tools that have been developed.

• RECAST becomes useful when data is no longer exponentiating. Analyses are more precious.

• RECAST is particularly important once an experiment stops running, e.g. Tevatron, LEP2. Also during the LHC shutdown.

• Huge datasets, very large number of models, complex simulation tools – HEP is at the frontier of hypothesis testing. RECAST is the logical next step.
The Big Picture

There are several overlapping discussions where RECAST is relevant:

**Physics**: Addressing new models, presentation of LHC results.

**Policy**: data preservation, open access, reproducibility, . . .
The End

Happy Recasting

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arXiv:1010.2506