# Searches for RPV-SUSY and Long-Lived particles in ATLAS





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### Searches for SUSY @ ATLAS

Broadly and deeply cover the SUSY signature space



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### Searches for SUSY @ ATLAS

#### Giacomo's talk yesterday



## **R-parity**



 $\Delta$ L =1, 9  $\lambda$  couplings, 27  $\lambda$ ' couplings

Pletora of new couplings, only partially constraints (m/100 GeV)

	$\lambda_{ijk}L_iL_j\bar{E}_k$	$\lambda_{1jk}' L_1 Q_j \bar{D}_k$	$\lambda'_{2jk}L_2Q_j\bar{D}_k$	$\lambda'_{3jk}L_3Q_j\bar{D}_k$
weakest	0.07	0.28	0.56	0.52
strongest	0.05	$5. \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.06	0.11

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#### **RPV** scenarios

- Many final states to explore and not yet searched for:
  - LSP no longer stable

 $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{pair production:} \quad \tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \quad \tilde{q}\tilde{g}, \quad \tilde{g}\tilde{g} \\ \text{resonant } \tilde{\ell} \text{ production} \end{array}\right)$ 





Something like > 700
 possibilities, with final
 state signatures involving
 leptons and/or jets

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If  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda$ ', $\lambda$ '' very small, can lead to long-lived LSP

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# Long-Lived particles in SUSY

- Several new physics models could give raise to new, massive particles with long-lifetime. Long-lived (LL) particles in RPC scenarios:
  - If  $\Delta M$ (chargino-neutralino) ≈ 100 MeV (eg. in AMSB):
    - Long-lived charginos  $\rightarrow$  disappearing tracks
  - If very heavy squarks mediate gluinos decay (strong virtuality):
    - Long-lived gluinos  $\rightarrow$  R-hadrons (eg. Split SUSY)
  - If NLSP-gravitino GMSB couplings are weak: long-lived sleptons



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### **RPV@decay:** Multilepton

 Signature expected in case of RPV in the lepton sector

 $W_{RPV} = \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E_k}$ 

• High  $p_T$  leptons, possibly non large missing  $E_T$ 





- Two SR defined based on MET and total tranverse energy (m\_eff)
- Validation regions used for SM background checks:
  - Reducible bkg (fakes, from data)
  - Irreducible bkg (ZZ, ttZ, ttWW): from MC

Selection	SR1	SR2	VR1	VR2	VR3
Number of leptons	$\geq 4$	$\geq 4$	3	$\geq 4$	$\geq 4$
Z-candidate	veto	veto	veto	requirement	veto
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}/{\rm GeV}$	> 50	_	> 50	_	< 50
$m_{\rm eff}/{ m GeV}$	_	> 300	_	_	< 300

$$m_{\text{eff}} = E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} + \sum_{\mu} p_{\text{T}}^{\mu} + \sum_{e} E_{\text{T}}^{e} + \sum_{j} E_{\text{T}}^{j}.$$
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## Multilepton: background

#### Reducible background (WZ, ttW,tt,WW):

- Events with 3 real and one fake leptons, or 2 real and 2 fake (3,4 fakes negligible)
- Estimated with a *weighting method*

$$[N_{\text{data}}(3\ell_{S} + \ell_{L}) - N_{\text{MCirr}}(3\ell_{S} + \ell_{L})] \times F(\ell_{L}) - [N_{\text{data}}(2\ell_{S} + \ell_{L_{1}} + \ell_{L_{2}}) - N_{\text{MCirr}}(2\ell_{S} + \ell_{L_{1}} + \ell_{L_{2}})] \times F(\ell_{L_{1}}) \times F(\ell_{L_{2}})$$

$$F = \sum_{i,j} \left( \alpha^i \times R^{ij} \times f^{ij} \right) \overset{\checkmark}{\longleftarrow}$$

Fake ratio:

- $\rightarrow$  l<sub>s</sub> and l<sub>1</sub>: signal and loose leptons
- $\rightarrow$  i: type of fakes (HF, conversion)
- $\rightarrow$  j: process category
- $\rightarrow$  f<sup>ij</sup> : fake rate of fake type I process j

F weighted for the fractional contribution of each process

#### Irreducible background:

ZZ, ttZ, ttWW
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Selection	VR1	VR2	VR3
SUSY ref. point $1$	$4.6\pm0.5$	$1.38\pm0.16$	$0.004 \pm 0.006$
SUSY ref. point $2$	$3.5\pm0.4$	$2.32\pm0.34$	$0.120 \pm 0.029$
ZZ	$3.2\pm1.9$	$38 \pm 7$	$2.9\pm1.5$
$t\bar{t}Z$	$0.70 \pm 0.35$	$0.64 \pm 0.32$	$(3.5\pm 3.6)\times 10^{-3}$
$t\bar{t}WW$	$0.08\pm0.06$	$(1.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3}$	$(2.2\pm 2.1)\times 10^{-4}$
WZ (†)	$34.6\pm6$	_	_
$t\bar{t}W$ (†)	$2.6\pm0.8$	_	-
$\Sigma$ Irreducible	$41\pm8$	$38 \pm 7$	$2.9\pm1.5$
Reducible	$95\pm32$	$-0.25\pm0.96$	$1.3\pm1.3$
$\Sigma$ SM	$136\pm33$	$38 \pm 7$	$4.2\pm1.8$
Data	152	40	2
$p_0$ -value ( $\sigma$ )	0.33(0.45)	0.42 (0.21)	0.80(-0.85)

#### **Multilepton: results**

- Major uncertainties:
  - Irreducible bkg: generator uncertainties on ZZ MC modeling
  - Reducible bkg: dominated by unc. on contributions from each process

Selection	SR1	SR2
SUSY ref. point 1	$6.5\pm0.6$	$7.1\pm0.7$
SUSY ref. point $2$	$4.2\pm0.6$	$4.5\pm0.6$
ZZ	$0.14\pm0.11$	$0.51\pm0.30$
$t\bar{t}Z$	$0.023 \pm 0.014$	$0.029 \pm 0.016$
$t\bar{t}WW$	$0.0044 \pm 0.0035$	$0.005 \pm 0.004$
$\Sigma$ Irreducible	$0.17\pm0.12$	$0.54 \pm 0.31$
Reducible	$0.8 \pm 0.8$	$0.18\pm0.26$
$\Sigma$ SM	$1.0 \pm 0.8$	$0.7 \pm 0.4$
Data	3	2
$p_0$ -value $(\sigma)$	0.05(1.7)	0.07(1.5)
$\sigma_{\rm vis}$ obs (exp)	1.3(0.8)	1.1 (0.7)

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### **Multilepton: interpretation**

 Interpretation in simplified models for chargino pair production as well as mSUGRA/cMSSM breaking models



#### **RPV@Production**





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# 'Hadronic' RPV: 2x3jets

- UDD couplings least constrained via collider experiments
  - Very hard given the all-hadonic decays and overwhelming multijet bkg

#### Several interesting possibilities:

• Here, consider 2 x 3jets for gluino pair production focusing on uds  $\lambda$ "couplings



 $W_{R_p} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk}'' \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k$ 



- Resolved
- Boosted

## 2x3jets: resolved

- signal discriminated from multijet background by exploiting the large p<sub>T</sub> of jets produced in gluino decays.
- p<sub>T</sub> of 6<sup>th</sup> leading jets used to discriminate signal from bkg:
  - Three selections used: > 80 GeV, 120 GeV and 160 GeV
- Multijet bkg estimated using normalization procedure from low to high N jets

$$N_{data}^{\mathrm{n-jet}} = N_{data}^{\mathrm{m-jet}} \frac{N_{MC}^{\mathrm{n-jet}}}{N_{MC}^{\mathrm{m-jet}}}$$

- Tested from 3j / 4j  $\rightarrow$  5j (signal depleted)
- Final estimate using 3 jets  $\rightarrow$  ≥ 6 jets



### 2x3jets: resolved (II)

- Good agreement between data and SM expectation
- Systematic uncertainties mostly from JES and JER, followed by PDF
  - Systematics on color flow and QCD radiation not considered due to the poor knowledge in case of RPV-vertex



Model $(m_{\tilde{g}})$	$p_{\mathrm{T,min}}^{\mathrm{6th-jet}}$	Data	Background	Signal bias [%]	Signal
$100  {\rm GeV}$	80  GeV	23600	$23500\pm2800$	8.5	$99200 \pm 20000$
200  GeV	120  GeV	856	$851 \pm 140$	3.7	$2700 \pm 500$
$300  {\rm GeV}$	120  GeV	856	$851 \pm 140$	1.0	$1460\pm240$
$400  {\rm GeV}$	$160 { m GeV}$	57	$62 \pm 13$	0.8	$110 \pm 13$
$500  {\rm GeV}$	$160 { m GeV}$	57	$62 \pm 13$	0.3	$67 \pm 9$
$600  {\rm GeV}$	$160~{\rm GeV}$	57	$62 \pm 13$	0.1	$43 \pm 7$
$800 \ {\rm GeV}$	$160~{\rm GeV}$	57	$62 \pm 13$	0.0	$20 \pm 3$

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## 2x3jets: boosted jets

Jet shape variable sensitive to the N-body structure from jets containing boosted-gluino decay products.

*N-subjettiness* 
$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_k p_{\mathrm{T}k} \times \min(\delta R_{1k}, \delta R_{2k}, ..., \delta R_{Nk})$$
, with  $d_0 \equiv \sum_k p_{\mathrm{T}k} \times R_{Nk}$ 

- $\tau_{32} = \tau_3 / \tau_2$  $\rightarrow$  if  $\approx$  1(0), jet well described by 2(3)-subjets After that, the trimming procedure is applied:
- Soft radiation removed



# 2x3jets: boosted (II)

- Select events with two massive large-R jets and  $\tau_{32}$ <0.7
- High normal jet muliplicity also required to reduce multijet bkg
  - Use ABCD method

Region	Jet $(J_1)$ selections	Jet $(J_2)$ selections	Description
CR-A m <sup>je</sup>	iet < M	$m^{\rm jet} < M_{\rm threshold}$	Low-mass jets,
	$m^{s} < m_{\rm threshold}$		to validate $\tau_{32}$ shap
CR-B	$m^{\text{jet}} > M_{\text{threshold}}$	$m^{\rm jet} < M_{\rm threshold}$	Signal-like leading
	$\tau_{32} < 0.7$		to validate $m^{\text{jet}}$
$\operatorname{CR-}C$	$m^{\rm jet} < M_{\rm threshold}$	$m^{\text{jet}} > M_{\text{threshold}}$	Signal-like subleadi
		$\tau_{32} < 0.7$	jet, to validate $m^{\rm jet}$

$$N_{SR} = N_{CR-C} \times \left(\frac{N_{CR-B}}{N_{CR-A}}\right) \times \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \left. \left( \frac{N_{SR} / N_{CR-C}}{N_{CR-B} / N_{CR-A}} \right) \right|_{MC}$$

 $\alpha$  = correlation factor , evaluated from MC

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Selection	Baseline Selection	SR1	SR2
Small- $R$ ( $R = 0.4$ ) jet $p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet}$	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} > 30 \mathrm{GeV}$	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet} > 30~{ m GeV}$	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet} > 30 { m ~GeV}$
Large- $R$ ( $R = 1.0$ ) jet $p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet}$	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} > 200 \ \mathrm{GeV}$	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} > 200 \ \mathrm{GeV}$	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm jet} > 350~{ m GeV}$
Scalar sum $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{jet}}^{R4}=4} p_{\text{T}}^{\text{jet}}$	(—)	$600  {\rm GeV}$	(—)
Small- $R$ jet multiplicity	(—)	$N_{ m jet}^{R4} \ge 4$	$N_{\text{jet}}^{R4} \ge 4$
Large- $R$ jet multiplicity	$N_{ m jet} \ge 2$	$N_{ m jet} \ge 2$	$N_{ m jet} \geq 2$
Large- $R$ jet mass	(—)	$m_{J_1,J_2}^{\text{jet}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	$m_{J_1,J_2}^{\text{jet}} > 140 \text{ GeV}$
Large-R jet $\tau_{32}$	(—)	$ au_{32} < 0.7$	$ au_{32} < 0.7$

#### Data

#### MC (POWHEG+PYTHIA



Agreement with data is tested looking at correlations of  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  leading jet M

### 2x3jets: results

- Boosted analysis sensitive for m(gluinos) up to 300 GeV
- Resolved analysis excludes m(gluinos) < 670 GeV</li>



## 2x2jets

- Searches for 2jets resonances potentially sensitive also to RPV sparticle production (→jj final states)
  - In this case, search for pair-produced massive coloured scalars in four-jet
  - Background estimate using ABCD method:
    - Regions defined by m1,m2 and scattering angle,  $\cos(\theta^*)$



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#### To make it possible: ATLAS detector

Several sub-detectors with excellent time resolution, including (but not only):



Tile calorimeter

Monitored Drift Tubes (MDTs)

Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs)

Can measure time-of-flight

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# **The ATLAS Inner Detector (ID)**



• Pixel detector

- Semiconductor Tracker (SCT)
  - Good for finding vertices

- Transition Radiation
   Tracker (TRT) → a
   continuous tracker
  - Can detect kinked or disappearing tracks

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#### dE/dx measurements



Pixel detector can measure ionization energy loss *dE/dx* via charge deposited (calculated from Time-over-Threshold)

TRT can also measure <u>dE/dx</u> via Time-over-Threshold

### **The ATLAS Calorimeters**

 Both LAr and Tile calorimeters can also measure *dE/dx* by summing energy deposits over path length.





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# **The ATLAS Muon Spectrometer**



- Precision muon chambers can reconstruct "standalone" tracks
  - i.e. can find particles that did not leave tracks in Inner Detector (e.g. decay products of LLPs)
- MDTs can also measure *dE/dx* (similar principle to TRT).

### **Displaced vertices in ID**

 Particles with lifetimes of order a few picoseconds could decay within the inner tracking detector, giving rise to displaced vertices

→ *Here*: consider **muon+jets** topology, i.e. from RPV neutralinos decay with a non-zero (but small)  $\lambda'_{211}$  coupling

- Presence of a muon useful for triggering and background rejection
- High track multiplicity helps vertex reconstruction



#### track and vertex reconstruction

- Standard ATLAS tracking is highly optimized for tracks coming from the primary interaction point (IP)
- To increase efficiency for secondary tracks

 $\rightarrow$  re-run Silicon-seeded tracking algorithm, with looser cuts on transverse impact parameter, using "left-over" (shared) hits from Standard tracking.



- Vertex-finding algorithm based on an iterative disambiguation process
- then splits/merges/refits vertices until no tracks are shared between vertices.

### **Displaced vertices - selection**

- Events triggered by high- $p_T$  muon trigger, with no ID track requirement.
- Use tracks with  $|d_0| > 2mm$ ,  $p_T > 1$  GeV as input to vertexing
- Look in fiducial volume roughly corresponding to Pixel barrel
- Require at least 5 tracks in vertex, and mass > 10 GeV.
- Require high- $p_T$  muon passing within 0.5mm of reco vertex



→ Veto vertices reconstructed in regions with high material density

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#### **Displaced vertices - backgrounds**

- Two sources of background vertices considered:
  - Purely random combinations of tracks inside the beampipe (where vacuum is good, but track density is high).
  - High-mass tail of distribution of real vertices from hadronic interactions with gas molecules.
    - Particularly if vertex is crossed by random (real or fake) track at large angle.



Use different datadriven method for each source: total estimate is  $(4 \pm 60)^{*}10^{-3}$  vertices

### **Displaced vertices - results**

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• Zero vertices passing selection requirements observed in 4.4 fb<sup>-1</sup> data sample.  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{2}$ 



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Data 2011

Signal MC

1.4

1.2

0.8

0.6

0.4

#### **Displaced vertices - interpretation**

- Exclusion limits set on squark pair production
  - Assume squark decays directly to LL neutralino, which decays to muon plus jets.
- Three combinations of squark and neutralino masses considered, to study the effect of LLP mass and boost on reconstruction efficiency

Sample	$m_{\tilde{q}}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$	сτ
	[GeV]	[GeV]	[mm]
MH	700	494	78
ML	700	108	101
HH	1500	494	82



## **Disappearing tracks**

- In AMSB model, could have long-lived charginos decaying to neutralino and soft pion
- Look for production processes as:



O(100) mm

$$\begin{array}{ll} pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} j, & pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{-} j, \\ \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{\pm} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} \pi^{\pm} & \text{branching ratio set to 100\%} \end{array}$$

Use jet from ISR to trigger on events

- Resulting final state:
  - High  $p_T$  jet + large missing ET
  - High-p<sub>T</sub> disappearing track (or "kinked" track):
    - Isolated tracks that stop in outer TRT

# **Disappearing tracks - selection**

#### • Event selection:

- missing  $E_T$  > 90GeV and ≥ 1 jet with  $p_T$  > 90GeV
- $\circ$  Jets well separated from missing E<sub>T</sub> direction in φ (Δφ > 1.5)
- $\circ~$  Veto events with reconstructed ele or  $\mu$  candidates.

#### • Disappearing track candidate selection:

- Track must be isolated
- $\circ$  have  $p_T > 10GeV$ ,
- $\circ$  at least 1 Pixel hit and 6 SCT hits,
- originate from primary vertex, and point to TRT barrel (but not region around  $|\eta|=0$ )
- Fewer than 5 hits in TRT outer module



#### **Disappearing tracks - backgrounds**

#### Potential background sources are:



Obtain  $p_T$  spectrum for both sources of background using data control samples

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## **Disappearing tracks - results**

- Use signal+background likelihood fit to track p<sub>T</sub> spectrum, to test different signal hypotheses
- No significant excess found → Set limits on chargino mass and lifetime and charg-neut △M:





#### Stable Massive Particles (SMPs)

- SMPs predicted in SUSY several other BSM scenarios
- Stable  $\rightarrow c\tau \ge$  size of detector
- **Produced** with  $\beta$ <1
- Within SUSY:
  - $\circ ~ \widetilde{\mathcal{U}} \text{ and } \widetilde{\chi}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$
  - q̃/g̃ (bound states)

Colored sparticles can hadronise into long-lived bound hadronic states

#### **R-hadrons**





### SMPs: how-to

- Particles with  $c\tau \ge size$  of detector:
  - $_{\odot}$  If neutral and weakly interacting  $\rightarrow$  missing  $E_{T}$
  - If charged (at any point!) or strongly interacting → can detect them directly
  - $_{\odot}$  If massive, could be produced with low velocities: B < 1
- Mass of SMPs:
- measure charged particle momentum *p* in ID and MS
- measure energy loss *dE/dx* in several subdetectors
  - For these analyses, use Pixel
  - $\circ$  *dE/dX* is related to relativistic boost factor  $\beta\gamma$
- measure time-of-flight in several sub-detectors
  - $\circ~$  For these analyses, use Tile, RPC, MDT
  - Can measure velocity β



## **B** measurements and bkg

- Use  $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$  events to calibrate B measurements
- If B measurements from different systems are > 0.2 and internally consistent → combined in a weighted average.



#### Main background are high- $p_T$ muons with mismeasured B.

- $\circ~$  Exploit fact that mis-measurements of B or By in different subdetectors are uncorrelated.
- Use data-driven method based on randomly sampling β or βγ values from CR distributions. Monica D'Onofrio, GGI, Florence
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## Long-lived sleptons - selection

- "Heavy muons"-like, releasing energy throughout detector
- Use single µ trigger (70-85% efficiency for GMSB slepton events):
   o Efficiency for particles arriving late at MS estimated from MC signal
- 2  $\mu$  candidates per event,  $p_{T \text{ loose(tight)}} > 50(70)$  GeV.
- Either two loose candidates or one must pass tight selection.
- Bkg estimate: from iterative procedure based on muon-β PDF:
  - Assume bkg is due to measurement resolution
- Apply cut on candidate mass  $m_{\beta}=p/\gamma\beta$  (depending on stau mass hypothesis: 122 465 GeV range)



#### **Slepton search - results**

Constraints in tan $\beta$  vs  $\Lambda$  in

Direct sleptons production

**GMSB** scenario

- No excess above background expectation
- Constraints on stau mass in GMSB scenario



### **R-hadrons - selection**

- Undergo interactions with detector material
   Can also change charge as it moves through detector
- If B is too low, particle might be associated with following bunch crossing by the time it gets to MS.
- Due to both these effects, efficiency for single muon trigger can be quite low.

#### $\rightarrow$ use also missing $E_T$ trigger

• Exploit possible additional jets from ISR.

#### Three different analyses:

- "Full detector"
- "ID only"
- "MS agnostic"

Cover the lack of knowledge of R-hadron interactions with the detector and the lifetimes for which they would not reach the calorimeters

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## R-hadrons - selection (2)

- All three analyses require good quality, isolated, highmomentum ID track.
- "MS agnostic":
  - missing E<sub>T</sub> triggers
  - calorimeter-only timing measurement
  - →require ID trk pT>140 GeV
- "ID only":
  - Offline missing E<sub>T</sub> cut
  - Tighter cuts on isolation and number of silicon hits





### **R-hadron searches - results**

MS-agnostic and FD: final selection based on requirements on  $\beta\gamma$  and  $\beta$ 



10<sup>-1</sup>⊟ 0

200

400

600

800

[GeV]

dE/dx thresholds

#### **R-hadron searches - results**

- No excess above background expectation seen in any of the three analyses
- Limits set by counting N events passing modeldependent mass cuts
- gluino R-hadrons:





#### **R-hadron searches - results**

 squark (stop & sbottom) Rhadrons:





# **Other searches for LL particles**

Several New Physics models (well beyond SUSY) could give rise to new massive particles, with long lifetimes:

- Hidden sector interacts with SM via (heavy) Communicator particle(s)
  - light Higgs-to-LLP search:
    - look for displaced vertices at larger radii, near outer radius of hadronic calorimeter, or in the MS
    - Use specially developed trigger algorithm, and specialized tracking and vertexing, to reconstruct vertices in MS
  - **Higgs decay to hidden-sector fermions**  $\rightarrow$  decay to a (potentially long-lived) neutral hidden-sector particle  $\gamma_d$  and a stable hidden sector fermion  $\gamma_{d_1}$ 
    - those escape detection
    - Decay of  $\gamma_d$  could give rise to collimated pairs of leptons



- Magnetic monopoles:
  - $_{\odot}$  Experimental signature  $\rightarrow$  large, localized energy deposit in EM calorimeter, associated with region of high ionization in TRT.

#### Conclusions

- Several SUSY models lead to hard to constrain or 'unconventional' signatures:
  - RPV multilepton or multijet scenarios
  - Long-lived particles
- Wide range of analyses, looking for many different signatures, sometimes using the detector in interesting and "non-standard" ways.
- No sign of New Physics so far....
- BUT:
  - All these analyses are being updated (and improved) with 2012 data.
  - More to come

#### <u>Doing our best to cover as much parameter space as possible,</u> <u>as well as and get maximum possible value out of our</u> <u>fantastic ATLAS detector</u>