# Searches for Supersymmetry at CMS status and prospects

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- Searches for SUSY production (strong & EWK production)
- Some more exotic SUSY models
- Interpretations
- > Future

#### Summary

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# CMS in (early) Run 2



improved PU subtraction,  $e/\gamma$  isolation,  $\tau$  trigger, increased granularity, more algorithms

### SUSY in CMS

#### Input

• Triggers: in 2016, CMS used about 1/6 of it output rate for SUSY-specific triggers







### Missing transverse energy at 13TeV

12.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV, 2016)

 $\vec{u}_{T}$ 

 $\vec{p}_{T}(l^{+}$ 

**CMS***Preliminarv* 

- calculated from particle flow candidates
- corrected for jet energy scale



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### Why look for SUSY after LHC Run1?

#### The main motivations remain

#### **Hierarchy problem**

 low-mass top squarks cancel SM contributions to m(H) ( + light higgsinos, gluinos )





#### Dark matter

 lightest SUSY particle can be massive, stable, and weakly interacting

#### Unification of gauge couplings

 Presence of sparticles changes running of couplings



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### What are we looking for?



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### How are we looking for it?



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## The SUSY hunter's toolbox

#### Standard objects

- isolated charged (light or  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ ) leptons
- jets, b-tagged jets
- missing transverse momentum (energy sum (MET) or from jets (MHT))

#### Kinematic variables

- m<sub>T</sub> (lepton/MET, b/MET)
- m<sub>T2</sub> (stransverse mass) + variations
- m<sub>CT</sub> (contransverse mass)
  common feature: endpoint at m(parent)
- hemispheres
- razor

#### Hadronic / total energy

- H<sub>T</sub> (scalar sum of (jet) p<sub>T</sub>s)
- E<sub>T</sub><sup>sum</sup> ( sum of all particle p<sub>T</sub>s)

#### Composite (boosted) objects

- topness
- boosted W and top taggers
- jet substructure
- jet masses

### SUSY in 13 TeV pp collisions

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10<sup>8</sup>

10<sup>7</sup>

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events / sec for L



### Still a needle in a haystack ...



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# **GLUINO PAIR PRODUCTION**



#### Spectacular signature for gluino decays via virtual top squarks

- Profit from high gluino pairproduction cross section
- Final states with four top quarks
  - Very high jet and b-jet multiplicities
  - Four W's → high BF to states with one or more leptons



#### Example for an inclusive, hadronic search: SUS-16-015

#### **Online selection**

 combinations of MET, H<sub>T</sub>, and MH<sub>T</sub> (higher MET for lower H<sub>T</sub> thresholds)

#### **Offline selection**

- isolated lepton & track vetos
- anti-QCD (Δφ MET/jet)
- SRs binned in
  - #jets (1,...,≥7), #bs (0,...,≥4)
  - H<sub>T</sub> (>1 jets) / jet pT (1 jet) (starting at 200GeV), and
  - MT2 (starting at 200GeV) Total of 172 SRs



estimate irreducible Z→vv and remaining lost-lepton backgrounds

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 $Z \rightarrow vv$  background two possible proxys:  $Z \rightarrow ||$ : syst  $\odot$  stat  $\otimes$  $\gamma$ +jets: syst  $\otimes$  stat  $\otimes$ CMS Preliminary Z(II) / γ Ratio 0.12 - Data Simulation 0.1 0.08 CMS Preliminary 12.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV) Entries  $Z \rightarrow v\overline{v}$  background HT [575, 1000] GeV 0.06 10 Standard Bin by bin 0.04 0.02 10-500 1000 1500 2000 Data/MC = 0.89 ± 0.10 Data / MC 1.5 Bin / Std. O F



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H<sub>T</sub> [450,575] GeV H<sub>T</sub> [575,1000] GeV H<sub>T</sub> [1000,1500] GeV

Pre-fit background

H<sub>T</sub> [575, 1000] GeV

4-6i 1b

4-6j 2b

≥7j ≥7i 0h

4-6i 0b

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Multiiet

Lost leptor

Data

Multijet

Lost lepton





### Gluino decays to tt+LSP: summary

#### Other final states:

- Single-lepton (SUS-16-019)
- Same-sign dileptons (SUS-16-020)
- Multileptons (SUS-16-022)





• high b-multiplicity helps with background discrimination

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### Gluino decay chains via EWK gauginos



#### Alternative decay chains in gluino production

example for chargino→W LSP in the single lepton channel: SUS-16-019

#### **Online selection**

- combinations of isolated e/ $\mu$  and  $H_T$ 

#### **Offline selection**

- 1 isolated e/m, pT>25GeV
- for this model: b-jet veto
- SRs binned in
  - #jets (5,6-7,≥8)
  - H<sub>T</sub> (starting at 500GeV)
  - MET+pT(l) (starting at 250GeV)
  - high Δφ(I,I+MET)
    Total of 20 SRs

#### Challenges

- W+jets/tt fractions from #b's
- high/low Δφ measured at low #jets and applied at high #jets (individually for W+jets and tt)



### Gluino decay chains via EWK gauginos

#### (Other) results:

- 100% BF to qqW+LSP:
  - single lepton (SUS-16-019)
  - same-sign dilepton (SUS-16-020)

- mixed qq(W/Z)+LSP:
  - hadronic (SUS-16-014)
  - multilepton (SUS-16-022)



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# SQUARK PAIR PRODUCTION

# Top squarks: hadronic



#### Example for a hadronic search: SUS-16-029

Online selection • MET and MH<sub>T</sub>

#### Offline selection (high $\Delta m$ )

- isolated lepton & track vetos
- anti-QCD ( $\Delta \phi$  MET/jet)
- top and W-tagging (R=0.8 jets)
  - soft-drop mass, subjettiness
- SRs binned in
  - min(m<sub>T</sub>(MET,b))<>175GeV
  - #jets (starting from 5)
  - #tops / #Ws (0, ≥1)
  - #b's (1,>1)
  - MET (starting at 250GeV) Total of 60 SRs





Catogory	$M_{\pi}(h_{ee}, F^{\text{miss}}) < 175 \text{ CeV}$				$M_{-}(h_{-}, F^{\text{miss}}) > 175 \ CoW$									
Category	$MT(0_{1,2}, L_T) < 1.5 GeV$				$m_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_{1,2}, r_{\mathrm{T}}) \geq 1/5 \ \mathrm{GeV}$									
$N_{\rm t}/N_{\rm W}$	-				$N_{t} = 0, N_{W} = 0$			$N_{\rm t} \ge 1, N_{\rm W} = 0$		$N_{\rm t} = 0, N_{\rm W} \ge 1$		$N_{\rm t} \ge 1, N_{\rm W} \ge 1$		
Nj	5-6		$\geq 7$		5-6		$\geq 7$		$\geq 5$		$\geq 5$		$\geq 5$	
N <sub>b</sub>	1	$\geq 2$	1	$\geq 2$	1	$\geq 2$	1	$\geq 2$	1	$\geq 2$	1	$\geq 2$	1	$\geq 2$
	250-300	250 - 300	250-300	250-300	250-350	250-350	250-350	250-350	250 - 350	250 - 350	250 - 350	250 - 350	250-350	250-300
	300-400	300 - 400	300-400	300-400	350 - 450	350 - 450	350 - 450	350 - 450	350 - 450	350 - 450	350 - 450	350-450	350-450	300-400
E <sup>miss</sup> [GeV]	400-500	400 - 500	400-500	400 - 500	450 - 550	450 - 550	450-550	450-550	450 - 550	450 - 550	450 - 550	450 - 550	450 - 550	400-500
	$\geq 500$	$\geq 500$	$\geq 500$	$\geq 500$	$\geq 550$	$\geq 550$	$\geq 550$	$\geq 550$	550 - 650	550 - 650	550 - 650	550-650	$\geq 500$	$\geq 500$
									$\geq 650$	$\geq 650$	$\geq 650$	$\geq 650$		

### Top squarks: single lepton



#### Single lepton search: SUS-16-028

#### **Online selection**

• MET, MH<sub>T</sub>, and single  $e/\mu$ 

#### Offline selection (high $\Delta m$ )

- one e or  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$
- MET > 250GeV
- #jets>=2, #b's>=1
- m<sub>T</sub>(lepton,MET)>150GeV
- SRs binned in
  - #jets, M<sub>T2</sub><sup>w</sup>, modified topness, and MET Total of 15 SRs

#### Challenges

- dilepton ttbar and W+jets from CRs
- estimate of W+bb, and MET resolution for subleading backgrounds



# Top squarks: high $\Delta m$ summary



### Top squarks: decays via charginos



### Top squarks – the soft side

# One of the focus points of SUSY searches

- motivation for light top squarks in natural SUSY
  - even if recently under discussion (see, e.g., Baer et al, arXiv:1207.3343)
- small  $\Delta m$  helps to achieve the right DM relic density via stop-bino coannihilation
  - however, ∆m's of 30GeV experimentally challenging

#### Two decay options

(assuming all other sparticles decoupled)

- Flavour-changing decay to c+LSP
- 4-body decay to bff'+LSP

with details of BFs being model dependent

### The soft side of top squarks



- Top squark 4-body decays accessible via ISR
- covered in Ol (SUS-16-029), 1l (SUS-16-031) and 2l (SUS-16-025) final states



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#### Searches for OS ee/ $\mu\mu$ pairs: SUS-16-021

- sensitive to production of Z-bosons in SUSY decay chains ("on-Z") and kinematic edges from leptons emitted in one branch ("edge")
- one of the SUSY searches with the lowest systematics:
  - well-defined Z-dominated CRs
  - low experimental uncertainties for the "flavour-symmetric" (FS) backgrounds





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#### Edge search

#### SRs (binned in)

- MET>150GeV
- low & high m(ll) (20-81GeV, >101GeV)
- tt(2l) likelihood
  - using MET,pT(II), $\Delta \phi$ (II), and  $\Sigma m$ (Ib)

#### **Background estimation**

- dominant FS backgrounds estimated with R(SF/OF)
  - directly from lower MET sideband
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	Data	MC	
$\frac{1}{2}(r_{\mu/e} + r_{\mu/e}^{-1})$	$1.032 {\pm} 0.025$	$1.020 \pm 0.020$	
$R_T$	$1.062 {\pm} 0.069$	-	
R <sub>SF/OF</sub>			
From factorization method	$1.096 {\pm} 0.076$	$1.083 {\pm} 0.073$	
From direct measurement	$1.090 {\pm} 0.024$	$1.101 {\pm} 0.003$	
Weighted average	$1.091 {\pm} 0.023$	$1.101 {\pm} 0.003$	



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#### **On-Z** search

#### SRs (strong production) binned in

- #jets (2-3,>3), #b's (0,>1)
- MET (starting at 100GeV)

#### **Background estimation**

- FS backgrounds as before
- MET tails in DY estimated from γ+jets
  - need to reweight in pT(γ)
  - normalization at low MET
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$E_T^{miss}(GeV)$	0 – 50	50 - 100	100 - 150	150 - 225	225 - 300	$\geq 300$
SRA, b-veto	2 %	10 %	20 %	20 %	20 %	25 %
SRA, with b-tags	1 %	5 %	20 %	20 %	40%	40%
SRB, b-veto	1 %	6 %	10 %	10 %	35 %	35 %
SRB, with b-tags	1 %	10 %	20 %	25 %	30 %	30 %
EWK Signal Region	25 %	2 %	10 %	10 %	10 %	15 %
ATLAS Signal Region	2 %	10 %	25 %	35 % 40 %		o o
edge Signal Region	1 %	5 %	5 %	7 %		





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## **ELECTROWEAK PRODUCTION MODES**

#### Decays via sleptons

- little hadronic activity main players are multilepton final states
- several scenarios motivated by different assumptions on the gaugino mixing and the nature of the sleptons
  - all 3 flavours contribute equally: less
    (charged) multilepton final states reduced
  - $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  decays as above;  $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$  to  $\tau$  only
  - both  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  decay exclusively to  $\tau$ 's



#### Decays via W / Z / h

- if W / Z on-shell: final states with high lepton multiplicity at medium – high pTs
- for decays via h:
  - multilepton modes from h→WW\*,ZZ\* offer high discrimination but suffer from low BFs



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# Chargino / neutralino production



**Results and interpretation** for different mass hierarchies







10.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV

Data

tt(2I)

VV

tW

30 35 40 45 50

Fakes

M(II) [GeV]

DY+jets

-CNWZ(20)

#### Strong motivation for low-mass higgsinos in natural SUSY

• $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_1^{0}$  almost degenerate,  $\tilde{\chi}_1^{0}$  only slightly lighter: use soft leptons to go beyond "monojet" ISR search

#### Soft OS 2I search: SUS-16-025

#### **Online selection**

- MET or
- specific MET + 2 soft μ trigger (lower MET threshold @ 50GeV)

#### Offline selection

- 2 soft (pT 5-30GeV) OSSF e/μ (low-mass resonance veto)
- anti-QCD and Z→ττ cuts
- ≥1 jet (no b's), HT>100GeV
- MET>125GeV, mT<70GeV</li>
- SRs binned in MET and m(II) Total of 8 (EWK) SRs



#### Challenges

- trigger and soft lepton reco / ID
- backgrounds from CRs: DY (mainly ττ), dileptonic ttbar



#### Results of the soft 2l search

 limits calculated with wino-like cross sections, but higgsino-like cross sections in reach

#### Other results for the same model

- multileptons (SUS-16-024)
- "classical" 2I on-Z search (SUS-16-021)



# **R-PARITY VIOLATION**

## **RPV** in gluino decays

2.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

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 $\Delta R_{bb}$ 

4

#### Gluino decays to tbs in MFV: SUS-16-013

#### **Online selection Background estimation** HT>800GeV ٠ CRs at low #jets fit to b multiplicity in ٠ **Offline selection** bins of #jets and MJ special care for $g \rightarrow bb$ 0 or 1 isolated $e/\mu$ at least 1 b CMS Preliminary SRs binned in Events Data 🔳 tī, 1 l #leptons, #b's $(1,...,\geq 4)$ - ã(1.0 TeV)→ tbs $600 \vdash \cdots \tilde{g}(1.1 \text{ TeV}) \rightarrow \text{tbs}$ tt, 0 l MJ (sum of large-R jets) QCD W+jets, 1 I W+jets, 0 I Single t #jets (starting at 8) Z+jets, 0 I Other 400 Total of 6 SRs 0l, N<sub>b</sub>=2 M<sub>1</sub>>500GeV

200

1.5 0.5

0

2

3

Data / MC



### Some other RPV results

#### Displaced top squark decays to bl: EXO-16-022

- via LFV couplings (Graham et al. arXiv:1204.6038)
- eµ channel
- CRs at low IP(s), 3 SRs at high IPs





#### Top squark decays to qq: EXO-16-029

- decays via  $\lambda''_{312}$
- using R=0.8 jets & grooming techniques (incl. @ trigger level)and N-subjetiness τ<sub>12</sub>
- selection on mass asymmetry and  $\Delta\eta$  (j<sub>1</sub>,j<sub>2</sub>)

# OTHER MODELS

### GMSB

#### Some results for neutralino decays to $\gamma/Z + G^{\sim}$



# Split SUSY

#### Heavy stable charged particle search motivated by split SUSY: EXO-16-036

- long-lived g~ hadronizes
  - open parameters are the fraction of produced R-glueballs and the interaction model
- analysis based on dE/dx in the Si tracker
  - online selection with muon or MET triggers



## **VBF** SEARCHES

### VBF searches for SUSY

# Vector-boson fusion offers an alternative to ISR-based searches for (nearly-) invisible SUSY production

• example scenarios:



- Events can be tagged using the 2 VBF jets at large rapidity gap / large dijet mass
- Background estimation from data using separate CR for the SUSY-decay-products+jj, and for the m(jj) shape

### **VBF** searches for SUSY

#### **Electroweak production** (SUS-14-005, JHEP 11 (2015) 189)

#### Selection

- $(e\mu/\mu\mu/\mu\tau h/\tau h\tau h) + 2$  jets
- MET (75 / 30GeV), b-jet veto
- 2 jets with  $\Delta \eta > 4.2$
- m(jj)>250GeV (shape)



Sbottom production (SUS-14-019, acc. by PRL)

#### Selection

- 2 jets with  $\Delta \eta > 4.2$ •
- m(jj)>750GeV (shape)
- lepton and additional jet veto



### INTERPRETATION

# Simplified model spectra

#### THE interpretation tool for SUSY searches @ LHC

#### Pros

- closely related to exp. observables
- limited number of parameters
  - results as 2D scans
- "easy" reinterpretation (cross-section limit)

#### Cons

- no self-consistent model
  - higher-order corrections?
  - decay widths?
- application to other (full) models
  - ignores details of production, spin structure, ...
- implementation of long decay chains or mixed decays quickly increases the number of required SMS's



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# Link with full models: pMSSM

#### Phenomenological MSSM

- catches essential MSSM features in 19-dim subspace
  - (no CPV couplings, R-parity conserving, degeneracy of 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> generation, MFV)
- goal: understand impact on model parametes, limitations of SMS approach & "holes" in experimental MSSM coverage using scans of pMSSM parameter space



 $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ 

 $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ 

## Reinterpretations

#### Limitations of exp. papers

- quoted models typically meant for motivation and demonstration
  - experimental result typically more generally valid
- we cannot cover all current or future use cases → need possibility for reinterpretations
- one typical obstacle:
  - use of a large number of SRs in order to make best use of the data

#### No miraculous one-size-fits-all solution, but

- increased extra information on public pages
  & HepData
- alternative, larger (ex- or inclusive) signal regions
- covariance matrix of for background estimates
  - allows to build simplified likelihood as described in CMS-NOTE-2017/001

example of the application of a simplified LH to an inclusive, hadronic search (SUS-16-016)



# FUTURE

# Run 2 and beyond

#### Medium term

- new pixel detector in EYETS16/17!
  - move to 4 barrel and 3 endcap layers
  - expect improvements on SUSY searches, e.g., on b-tagging and photon ID



### Run 2 and beyond: prospects for HL-LHC



## Summary

- Excellent LHC performance allowed for considerable increase in sensitivity with (partial) 2016 data set
  - CMS performed a large set of analyses almost synchronously with data taking
  - So far no signs of an excess now preparing results with the full data set
- Next step: extend to more challenging scenarios
  - Only had a first look at electroweak production, compressed mass spectra, ...
  - Slower relative increase in integrated luminosity will provide time to refine strategies and to prepare new approaches
- Mass limits (in simplified model spectra!)
  - pushed to about 1.9 TeV (gluinos) and 900 GeV (top squarks); limits on EW production even for small mass differences

A large data set is at our hand, and we can expect a 3-fold increase during the rest of Run2, with an improved detector. We are eager to see the first significant deviations from SM predictions!

# Additional Material

### Summary gluino production



### Summary squark production



### Summary EWK production

