Jets + p_T^{miss} search: background composition



Background composition varies significantly across the analysis bins:

- High jet and b-jet multiplicity \rightarrow ttbar
- Lower jet and b-jet multiplicity \rightarrow Z + jets

Veto events if any of the four highest p_T jets is aligned with the p_T^{miss} vector:

Veto if $\Delta \varphi(J_{1,2}, p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}) < 0.5$ $\Delta \varphi(J_{34}, p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}) < 0.3$

Jets + p_T^{miss} search: some projections of the data

Background estimation: control samples x scale factors:

- QCD background from "inverted $\Delta \phi$ " control samples
- Z \rightarrow vv + jets from Z $\rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ + jets and γ + jets conrol samples
- "Lost lepton": ttbar W \rightarrow (e, $\mu)v$ and W \rightarrow ℓv + jets from 1-lepton control samples
- ttbar $W \rightarrow \tau \nu \rightarrow$ hadrons + ν from 1-lepton control samples



No evidence for a large/significant excess event yield above the SM background prediction.

Jets + p_T^{miss} search: observed yields in signal regions



Jets + p_T^{miss} search: example interpretations



Color map shows the excluded cross section (95% CL)

Comparison of this cross section with a theoretical reference cross section for the signal gives the boundary of the excluded model points.

Many more interpretations available at

http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/SUS-16-033/index.html

Single-lepton + (b)-jets + p_T^{miss} search



- Single-lepton events capture ~40% of the signal.
- Can strongly suppress 1-lepton ttbar and W+jets with cut on transverse mass of lepton-pTmiss system.
- High jet multiplicity suppresses 2-lepton ttbar; but is still background with ISR!

Single-lepton search: large-R jets and Initial State Radiation

- Reconstruct large-radius jets J with R=1.2 rather than the usual R=0.4.
- Start from standard jets and apply clustering algorithm to them.



Event with 9 jets, 1 isolated electron, M_J = 1173 GeV



Event with 9 jets, 1 isolated electron, M_J = 1173 GeV



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1 lepton + (b)-Jets + p_T^{miss}: trigger considerations



Single-lepton + (b)-jets + p_T^{miss} search

Baseline selection:

1 lepton (e or μ), pTmiss > 200 GeV, Njets ≥ 6, S_T > 500 GeV, N_{veto leptons} =0

 \rightarrow 80% of background is ttbar



Basic idea for background estimation

$$\mu_{\mathrm{R4}}^{\mathrm{back}} \simeq N_{\mathrm{R3}} \cdot \frac{N_{\mathrm{R2}}}{N_{\mathrm{R1}}}$$

In practice,

- Incorporate this into a fit that allows for signal contamination in R1, R2, and R3.
- Apply <u>MC correction</u> to account for small residual correlation.

Single-lepton + (b)-Jets + p_T^{miss} search

T1tttt(1800,100)

35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

arXiv:1705.04673

 10^{-1} 1 01 10^{-1} 1 Simulated Events/(700 GeV²)

 10^{-2}

<350 GeV

1000

Data

CMS

-Supplementary

700

600

500

m_T [GeV]

Comparison of MJ shapes in simulation: ttbar 1 ℓ with low m_T vs. ttbar 2 ℓ at high m_T. Shapes are very similar.



To improve the sensitivity, analysis is binned in Njets, Nbjets, and pTmiss.

Single-lepton + (b)-Jets + p_T^{miss} search

No significant excess is observed in data \rightarrow set limits on gluino pair production with decays to top squarks.



scenario in gauge-mediated SUSY breaking



Small mass splitting implies that decay products are very soft and the LSP does not carry much p_T^{miss}





$$\tilde{\chi}_i \tilde{\chi}_j \rightarrow H \tilde{G} H \tilde{G} \rightarrow H H + p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$$

$$\rightarrow H(b\overline{b})H(b\overline{b}) + p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$$

A SUSY signature with mass peaks!

- Require 4-5 jets, ≥3 b-jets, pTmiss > 150 GeV, no leptons.
- Additional kinematic cuts to suppress ttbar.
- b-jets: find the pairs that minimize Δm between the two Higgs. candidates and require $\Delta m < 40$ GeV.



CMS Preliminary

♦Data 3b

50 - Data 2b

35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

TChiHH(225,1) 3b

 $150 < p_{\tau}^{miss} \le 200 \text{ GeV}$

-TChiHH(400,1) 3b

• Use 2 b-jet sample to obtain background shape.







Excludes Higgsinos in mass range 230-770 GeV.

A lot of spaghetti, but no signals...



Exclusion limits on top squark pair production



LHC timeline



Conclusions and prospects

- Early Run 2 searches have already significantly extended the mass reach for strongly produced SUSY particles.
- There is now considerable pressure on natural SUSY.
- But...
 - SUSY has many ways to hide. We have to keep looking.
 - significant assumptions used in obtaining our exclusion limits.
- If no significant excess is observed with ~300 fb⁻¹, the strongest discovery possibilities may be associated with EWK processes.
- Evidence of an excess event yield over the SM with ~300 fb⁻¹ will open the door to an intensive HL-LHC program to illuminate the nature of the excess.
- We are at a relatively early phase in the exploration of the TeV energy scale. It took ~10² years to understand the 1 GeV scale!

History and a prediction

New York Times, January 5, 1993

January 5, 1993

315 Physicists Report Failure In Search for Supersymmetry

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE

Three hundred and fifteen physicists worked on the experiment.

Their apparatus included the Tevatron, the world's most powerful particle accelerator, as well as a \$65 million detector weighing as much as a warship, an advanced new computing system and a host of other innovative gadgets.

New York Times, January 5, 2024

8,345 Physicists Report Discovery of Something But Aren't Exactly Sure What It Is

Eight thousand, three hundred and forty five physicists worked on two gigantic experiments, ATLAS and CMS.

Their apparatus included the Large Hadron Collider, the world's most powerful particle accelerator, as well as...

Backup slides

You can discover something and not know what it is



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Perspective from Run 1



- Higgs discovery: strong evidence for our overall picture of EW symmetry breaking. But the question of how the EW mass scale is stabilized against short-distance quantum corrections is now even more urgent.
- LHC-b: Two charmonium-pentaquark states → Still a lot to learn about the hadronic (~1 GeV) mass scale, 70 years after discovery of the pion.
- A guess: it will take at least as long to understand the physics of the EW scale.

The most SUSY-like SM background: ttbar



The most SUSY-like SM background: ttbar



Quick look at three example SUSY searches

Signature	Trigger(s)	Dominant backgrounds	Background determination
All hadronic: Jets + pr ^{miss} Inclusive, heavily binned, search targets broad range of strongly produced SUSY	PT ^{miss}	ttbar 1 lepton (e, mu), ttbar τ→had, Z + jets, QCD multijet events	Control region(s) for each background; correction factors for each background/ analysis bin
1 lepton + (b)-jets + pT ^{miss} Targets strongly produced natural SUSY with higher jet multiplicity	p⊤ ^{miss} OR single lepton	ttbar dilepton events with one "lost" lepton	ABCD method with small MC correction; systematics from additional control samples
HH + p _T ^{miss} ; H→ bb Targets electroweak production of higginos in gauge-mediated SUSY breaking models	PT ^{miss}	ttbar 1 lepton events with lost lepton	ABCD method with no MC correction

Quick look at three example SUSY searches

Signature	Scenarios	Dominant backgrounds	Background determination
All hadronic: Jets + pr ^{miss} Inclusive, heavily binned, search targets broad range of strongly produced SUSY 1 lepton + (b)-Jets + pr ^{miss} Targets strongly produced natural SUSY with higher jet multiplicity	More inclusive addresses wid range of SUSY scenarios.	e: More inclusive: Wer range of backgrounds to understand.	More inclusive: search regions span broader range → more reliance on MC for background estimation.
HH + p_T^{miss}; H\rightarrow bb Targets electroweak production of higginos in gauge-mediated SUSY breaking models	More specific better sensitiv to targeted pr	More specific: vity limited set of ocess. backgrounds.	More specific: less dependence on MC for background estimation.

More control samples \rightarrow more ways to find problems that you didn't even think of!

Searching for SUSY is a major program

Selected CMS SUSY Results* - SMS Interpretation

ICHEP '16 - Moriond '17



From 8 TeV to 13 TeV



Remarks on backgrounds and methods



- Have entered the territory where SUSY cross sections are much less than those of the dominant SM backgrounds.
- Very tight kinematic cuts; operate on extreme tails of SM distributions such as E_T^{miss}. "Weak" signatures (no peaks).
- Need highly robust background estimation methods. Rely extensively on control samples, less on MC.

From 8 TeV to 13 TeV: 2 fb⁻¹ goes a long way!



Signal efficiency and expected yields for T1tttt

Signal efficiency vs. $M(\tilde{g})$ and $M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$

Signal event yield vs. $M(\tilde{g})$ and $M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$



- Signal efficiency increases moving away from the diagonal, where the spectrum compresses and E_T^{miss} becomes small.
- Expected signal event yield decreases with increasing $m(\tilde{g})$.

Excluded region for on-shell top squarks

How would intermediate-state, on-shell top squarks in gluino decay affect the limits?

Most difficult case (lowest efficiency) corresponds to the smallest allowed top squark mass for a given LSP mass: $m(\tilde{t}) = m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) + m(t) \simeq m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) + 175 \text{ GeV}$



Discovery scenarios with full-spectrum models

CMS PAS SUS-14-012



The nature of the EWKino sector has a large influence on the decays of the top squark.

	NM1	NM2	NM3
$B(\tilde{t} \to t \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$	0.6%	1.5%	39%

- Studied 5 full-spectrum SUSY models.
- 9 analyses performed in parallel.
- m_H = 125 GeV
- NM 1,2,3 = "Natural" Model 1, 2, 3
 - m(\tilde{g})=1.7 TeV, m(\tilde{t})=1.1 TeV
- **STC** -Stau co-annihilation $m(\tilde{\tau}_1) \approx m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) \approx 190 \text{ GeV}$
- **STOC**-Stop co-annihilation $m(\tilde{t}_1) \approx m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) \approx 400 \text{ GeV}$

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SUSY models & multi-signature fingerprints

SUSY Model

Experimental signature								
		Analysis	Luminosity		Model			
			(fb^{-1})	NM1	NM2	NM3	STC	STOC
		all-hadronic ($H_{\rm T}$ - $H_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$) search	300					
			3000					
		all-hadronic (M_{T2}) search	300					
			3000					
		all-hadronic \tilde{b}_1 search	300					
			3000					
		1-lepton t ₁ search	300					
			3000					
		monojet \tilde{t}_1 search	300					
			3000					
		$m_{\ell^+\ell^-}$ kinematic edge	300					
			3000					
		multilepton + b-tag search	300					
			3000					
		multilepton search	300					
			3000					
		ewkino WH search	300					
			3000					
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$< 3\sigma$ $3-5\sigma$ $> 5\sigma$

No mass peaks! Interpretation will be very complex. Is it even SUSY? Different signatures can require very different amounts of data to detect!

SUSY models & multi-signature fingerprints

SUSY Model





Analysis

all-hadronic (HT-HTmiss) search

• Powerful approach, but in reality, there are an infinite number of possible theories (not 5), so the challenge is very significant.

Luminosity

 (fb^{-1})

300

300

NM1

NM2

Model

NM3

STC

STOC

- Multi-signature fingerprint will require large data samples to acquire.
- Different search channels can produce significant signals at very different times.
- Interpretation of a significant excess is likely to be much slower than for the Higgs discovery.
- "Discovery" could take place with multiple 3-4 σ excesses, rather than a single 5σ excess.



CMS: lessons from full-spectrum SUSY studies

H_T (GeV)



- Search for all-hadronic jets + MET.
- MT2 can provide valuable information on the kinematics/ mass splittings of the signal processes
- NM1: more leptons → few events in hadronic channel.
- Designed as 1-lepton search for top-squark pair production.
- Show stacked contributions from NM1 model. Target process does not dominate the observed yield!
- "Discovery" does not mean you found what you were looking for!

PDG for CMS full-spectrum SUSY models

CMS PAS SUS-14-012

Process	Cross section (fb)				
	NM1	NM2	NM3	STC	STOC
Ĩ	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.007	0.53
$\widetilde{q}\widetilde{g}$	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.05	0.30
q̃q̃, q̃q̃∗	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.07	0.03
$\widetilde{\mathrm{b}}_1 \widetilde{\mathrm{b}}_1^*$	2.6	2.6	2.8	8.3	-
$\widetilde{t}_1\widetilde{t}_1^*$	4.4	4.4	3.1	19	2110
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\dot{\widetilde{\chi}}_1^0$	1.1	0.2	520	11	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \widetilde{\chi}_2^{ar{0}}$	29	22	460	1104	5.5
$\widetilde{\chi}_{1}^{\bar{0}}\widetilde{\chi}_{2}^{\bar{0}}$	-	_	258	0.02	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_{1}^{+}\widetilde{\chi}_{1}^{-}$	15	11	278	553	2.6
$\widetilde{\ell}^+\widetilde{\ell}^-$	3.3	-	-	34	_
$\widetilde{\ell}^+\widetilde{ u}$, $\widetilde{\ell}^-\widetilde{ u}^*$	12	-	-	32	-
$\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}^*$	3.3	-	-	13	_

Decay	Branching fraction				
-	NM1	NM2	NM3	STC	STOC
$\widetilde{g} \rightarrow \widetilde{t}_1 \overline{t}, \widetilde{t}_1^* t$	59%	60%	53%	28%	^{50%} gluino
$\widetilde{g} ightarrow \widetilde{b}_1 \overline{b}, \widetilde{b}_1^* b$	41%	40%	47%	28%	50%~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
$\widetilde{g} \rightarrow t_2 \overline{t}, t_2^* \overline{t}$	-	-	-	22%	-tt + bt
$\widetilde{\mathrm{g}} ightarrow \widetilde{\mathrm{b}}_2 \mathrm{ar{b}}, \widetilde{\mathrm{b}}_2^* \mathrm{b}$	-	-	-	21%	-
$\widetilde{ ext{t}_1} ightarrow ext{t} \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	0.6%	1.5%	39%	20%	-
${ ilde t_1} o t {\widetilde \chi}_2^0$	13%	13%	41%	5.4%	-
$\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}_1 o \mathfrak{t} \widetilde{\chi}_3^0$	22%	23%	1.3%	20%	-
$\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}_1 o \mathfrak{t} \widetilde{\chi}_4^{ar{0}}$	30%	30%	5.5%	9.2%	-
$\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}_1 ightarrow \mathrm{b} \widetilde{\chi}_1^+$	16%	12%	2.1%	12%	-
$\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}_1 o b \widetilde{\chi}_2^+$	18%	21%	11%	34%	-
$\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}_1 o \mathrm{c} \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	-	-	-	-	99%
$\widetilde{ extbf{b}}_1 o extbf{b} \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	1.5%	1.0%	1.3%	67%	-
$\widetilde{ extbf{b}}_1 o extbf{b} \widetilde{\chi}_2^0$	11%	10%	1.0%	2.2%	5.7%
$\widetilde{\mathrm{b}}_1 ightarrow \mathrm{b} \widetilde{\chi}_3^{\overline{0}}$	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	8.2%	-
$\widetilde{b}_1 ightarrow b \widetilde{\chi}_4^0$	4.5%	5.7%	5.7%	7.6%	-
$\widetilde{\mathrm{b}}_1 ightarrow \mathrm{t} \widetilde{\chi}_1^-$	32%	34%	80%	3.4%	11%
$\widetilde{b}_1 \rightarrow t \widetilde{\chi}_2^-$	49%	48%	12%	12%	-
$\widetilde{b}_1 \rightarrow W^- \widetilde{t}_1$	0.4%	0.7%	-	< 0.1%	65%
$\widetilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b\widetilde{g}$	-	-	-	-	18%
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^+ \to \ell^+ \widetilde{\nu}$	56%	-	-	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^+ o \nu \widetilde{\ell}^+$	43%	\frown	-	100% (only $\nu_{\tau} \tilde{\tau}_{1}^{+}$)	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow \mathrm{W}^+ \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	1.8%	100%	-	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^+ ightarrow { m q} { m q}' \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	-		70%	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^+ ightarrow \ell^+ \nu \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	-	-	30%	-	-
${\widetilde \chi}^+_1 ightarrow {\widetilde t}_1 {ar b}^-$	\square	-	-	-	100%
$\widetilde{\chi}_2^0 o \ell^+ \ell^-$, $\ell^- \ell^+$	59%	-	-	100%	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_2^0 ightarrow \widetilde{ u} ar{ u}, \widetilde{ u}^* u$	41%	-	-	-	-
$\widetilde{\widetilde{\chi}}_2^0 ightarrow \mathrm{Z} \widetilde{\widetilde{\chi}}_1^0$	< 0.1%	12%	-	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}^0_2 ightarrow { m H} \widetilde{\chi}^0_1$	-	(88%)	-	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_2^0 ightarrow { m q} \overline{ m q} \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	-	\smile	56%	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}^0_2 o \ell^+ \ell^- \widetilde{\chi}^0_1$	-	-	10%	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}^0_2 ightarrow u ar{ u} \widetilde{\chi}^0_1$	-	-	21%	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_2^0 ightarrow { m q} \overline{ m q}' \widetilde{\chi}_1^\pm$	-	-	8.8%	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_{2}^{0} \to \ell^{+} \nu \widetilde{\chi}_{1-}^{-} \ell^{-} \overline{\nu} \widetilde{\chi}_{1}^{+}$	-	-	4.0%	-	-
$\widetilde{\chi}_2^0 ightarrow {f t_1} {f t}, {f t_1^*} {f t}$	-	-	-	-	100%

Object reconstruction

Reconstruction object	Method/criteria	Performance/Comments
Jets Large-R jets	$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.4$ Cluster particle-flow objects using anti-kT with R = 0.4 Rejected if jet contains isolated lepton, as defined below. Cluster standard jets with anti-kT and	
b - tagged jets	$N(b-tag) \ge 1$, $p_T > 30$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.4$ Combined secondary vertex algorithm	ϵ (b) = 60 - 70%, increasing with pT ϵ (c) \approx 10 - 15% [mistag rate] ϵ (light quark) \approx 1 - 2% [mistag rate]
electrons	$ \begin{array}{l} p_T > 20 \; GeV, \; \left \eta \right < 2.5 \\ \mbox{Isolation: } I^{rel} = \Sigma_{i\; in\; cone} \; p_{T,i} \; / \; p_{T,\; e} < 0.1 \\ \mbox{with } p_T\mbox{-dependent\; cone\; size} \; (\sim 1/p_{T,\; e}) \end{array} $	ϵ (e) = 50-80%, increasing with pT [includes isolation efficiency] σ (p _T) = 1-3% (p _T = 5 - 100 GeV)
muons	$ \begin{aligned} p_T &> 20 \text{ GeV, } \eta < 2.4 \\ \text{Isolation: } I^{\text{rel}} &= \Sigma_{i \text{ in cone }} p_{T,i} \ / \ p_{T, e} < 0.2 \\ \text{with } p_T \text{-dependent cone size } (~1/p_{T, e}) \end{aligned} $	ϵ (e) =70-95%, increasing with pT [includes isolation efficiency]
p _T ^{miss} and E _T ^{miss} = p _T ^{miss}	$p_T^{miss} = -\Sigma_{Particle-flow objects i} p_{T,i}$ with PF candidates in jet replaced by calibrated jet p_T	

Validation of MJ modeling using data

Before using MJ, we performed an extensive set of studies in data and Monte Carlo.

- By clustering AK4 PF jets (pT>30 GeV, |η|<2.4), we are robust against pile-up effects because standard jets are already corrected for pile-up.
- Simulation of M_J distributions tested in QCD, ttbar, Z+jets, W+jets dominated samples in 8 TeV data.





Search for Wh(bb) + E_T^{miss}

1 lepton + m(bb) + E_T^{miss} **+ mT cut + mCT Dominant SM background: ttbar production** CMS-PAS-SUS-14-012



Discovery sensitivity: up to ~950 GeV.

Effect of aged Run 1 detector performance on search for Wh(bb) + E_T^{miss}

Study based on full simulation.

- Emulated aged detector with worse E_T^{miss} resolution (→impact MT), b-tagging efficiency, e/µ efficiency.
- Discovery sensitivity substantially reduced with aged detector.

