

Search for supersymmetry with displaced dileptons at the ATLAS experiment

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ATLAS Detector



Particle Identification and Reconstruction



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Supersymmetry (SUSY)

- Symmetry between fermions and bosons
- Every Standard Model (SM) particle gets superpartner
- Spin differs by 1/2
- Minimal supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM):



R-Parity Violation

- R-parity: +1 (SM) and -1 (SUSY)
- Conserved in the MSSM to avoid fast proton decay
- R-Parity violated:
 - Lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP) unstable
 - LSP decay described by the following superpotential terms:

$$W_{RPV} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \frac{1}{2} \lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k + \mu_i H_u L_i$$

- Lepton and baryon number violation
- Avoid proton decay: Allow only one violation
- This presentation: $\lambda_{iik} \neq 0$



L, E: (s)leptons Q, U, D: (s)quarks H: Higgs(ino)

Left- and right-handed

Limiting Cases of the LSP Lifetime



Medium LSP Lifetimes

- Signatures in the calorimeter/muon spectrometer: $1 \text{ m} < c\tau < 10 \text{ m}$
- **Displaced vertex**: $1 \text{ mm} < c\tau < 1 \text{ m}$
 - LSP decay displaced from primary vertex inside inner detector
 => Secondary vertex with two lepton tracks
 - Searches optimized for prompt decays:
 Low sensitivity due to cuts on impact parameter of particle tracks
 => Dedicated searches necessary





Simulation from Max Goblirsch (CERN-THESIS-2015-095)

Run 1 analysis

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Signal Selection

- Displaced vertex (DV) with 2 lepton tracks: $p_T > 10$ GeV and $|d_0| > 2$ mm
- Distance to primary vertex in transverse plane: > 4 mm
- $|r_{DV}| < 300 \text{ mm}, |z_{DV}| < 300 \text{ mm}$



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Background Components

- Cosmic muons
 - Reconstructed as a back-to-back muon pair
 - Introduce new variable for muon pairs:
- Decays of long-lived hadrons (especially B-hadrons)
 => Suppressed by: m_{DV} > 10 GeV
- Misreconstruction of Z/γ→ll events
 => Suppressed by:
 - r_T(DV) > 4mm
 - |d₀| cut of lepton tracks
- Run 1: All three components negligible

$$\Delta R_{Cosmic} = \sqrt{(\pi - \Delta \phi)^2 + (\eta_1 + \eta_2)^2} > 0.04$$

$$10^2 \qquad ATLAS \\ Vs = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1} \\ Cosmic rays control region \\ All dimuon pairs (scaled) \\ -- DV matched dimuon pairs \\ 10^{-1} \qquad 0 \qquad 0.01 \qquad 0.02 \qquad 0.03 \qquad 0.04 \qquad 0.05 \qquad 0.06 \\ \Delta R_{cosmic}$$

Dimuon pairs

Background: Random Crossing of Tracks

- Two **uncorrelated** tracks cross in the inner detector => displaced vertex
- Estimate by a data-driven method:
 - Combination of all lepton tracks from data to pairs
 Number of lepton pairs N satisfying signal selection
 - Vertex fits for a random selection of these pairs
 Probability p for a track crossing forming a vertex
 - Expected background = Np
- Expected background for Run 1: 10⁻³ vertices in signal region => "zero background analysis"
- Background validation:
 - Same procedure
 - Two non-leptonic tracks



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Run 1 Results

- No signal vertices found
- Model independent 95% CL limits on visible cross section: 0.14 fb (ee, μμ), 0.15 fb (eμ)
- µµ channel:



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Run 2 Analysis

Reconstruction of High-d₀ Tracks

- Problem: Standard reconstruction of tracks optimized for low $|d_0| < 1$ mm
- Renewed track reconstruction for higher impact parameter necessary
- Very resource consuming => Preselection of data events via filters:
 - No triggers on displaced vertices available in ATLAS
 - Triggering on lepton candidates without inner detector information
 - e: Energy depositions in calorimeters
 => Photon triggers
 - μ: Tracks in muon spectrometer (MS)
 => MS only triggers
 - 0.1% of 2015 data selected

Same problem and strategy as in Run 1



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Preselection Filters

- Filters had to be adapted for 13 TeV and increased luminosity
- Main challenge: Significantly increased rates of photon triggers wrt Run 1
- Overview of filters:

μ	p _T > 60 GeV, η < 1.07 ◀
е	p _T > 140 GeV
γ	p _T > 150 GeV + electron/photon/muon: p _T > 10 GeV
ee eγ γγ	p _T > 50 GeV

Trigger rate for $1.07 < |\eta| < 2.5$ not manageable

- Muon: $|\eta| < 2.5$, standalone or combined ($|d_0| > 2 \text{ mm}$)
- Electron: $|\eta| < 2.5$, $|d_0| > 2 \text{ mm}$
- Photon: $|\eta| < 2.5$, identification: "loose"

Signal efficiency of Preselection Filters

- Monte Carlo simulation (MadGraph+Pythia8)
- Full detector simulation
- m(squark) = 700 GeV, m(LSP) = 500 GeV
- cτ = 100 mm
- Efficiencies per decay:





Conclusions

- Search for long-lived supersymmetric particles with displaced dileptons
- Background: Random crossing of lepton tracks
- Run 1 analysis published in mid of April
 - No signal vertex found
 - 95% CL model independent limits: σ_{vis} < 0.15 fb
- Run 2 analysis with good progress
 - 2015 data preselected
 - 13 TeV MC samples for signal models available
 - Software framework ready
 - Publication planned for 2016