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Searches for supersymmetry in resonance production, R-parity violating signatures and events with long-lived particles with the ATLAS detector

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- 1 **R-Parity Violating (RPV) SUSY**
 - RPV 4 Lepton
 - RPV $e - \mu$, $e - \tau$ or $\mu - \tau$ Resonance
 - Pair of 3 Jet Resonances
- 2 **Pair of 2 Jet Resonance (sgluon)**
- 3 **Long-Lived Particles:**
 - Non-pointing Photons
 - Displaced Vertex
 - Disappearing Tracks
 - Stable Massive Particles (SMPs)



R-Parity Violating (RPV) SUSY Searches

- Many SUSY models assume R-parity conservation to forbid lepton- and baryon-number violating decays.
- For example, models with a stable neutralino ($\tilde{\chi}^0$) as the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) are common (dark matter candidate).
- This parity is defined as: $P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$, where S, B and L correspond to the spin, baryon and lepton numbers of the particle.
- **Nevertheless, there is no experimental evidence forbidding a RPV super-potential:**

$$W_{RPV} = \underbrace{\lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k}_{\text{Lepton Violating}} + k_i L_i H_2 + \underbrace{\lambda''_{ijk} \bar{D}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k}_{\text{Baryon Violating}}$$

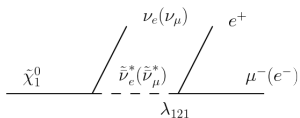
- Stability of proton forbids simultaneous lepton and baryon number violation.
- We conduct RPV searches on both multi-leptonic and multi-jet final states.

RPV 4 Lepton Search (Conference Note) <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1532429>

- Non-zero λ coupling can give rise to final states with high lepton multiplicity.
- **Analysis Characteristics**
 - ① High signal to background (BG) ratio.
 - ② Irreducible BGs contain 4 real leptons.
- **Event Selection Criteria**
 - ① Inclusive single and double lepton trigger.
 - ② ≥ 4 leptons ($p_T^{min} > 10\text{GeV}$) with $\geq 1(2)$ above trigger p_T^{min} .
 - ③ Z candidate veto
 - ④ RPV Signal Region (SR) selections:

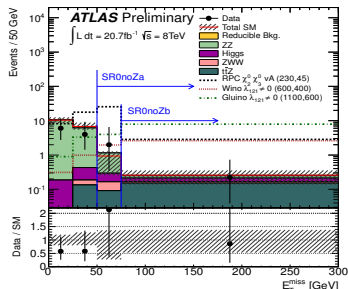
SR	$N_{(e,\mu)}$	$N(\tau)$	E_{miss}^T or m_{eff} [GeV]
SR0noZ _b	≥ 4	= 0	> 75 or > 600
SR1noZ	= 3	≥ 1	> 100 or > 400

- ✓ See Matt Relich's talk for other signal regions on RPC models.



• Background Estimation

- ① Irreducible BGs are estimated from MC.
- ② Data-MC agreement checked in control regions.

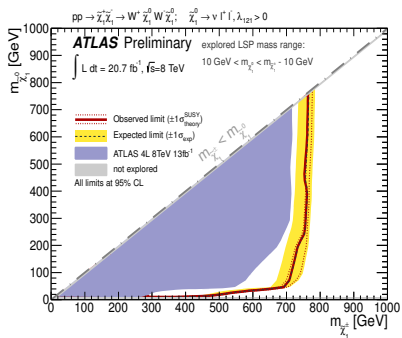


RPV 4 Lepton Search

BG	$SR0noZ_b$	$SR1noZ$
ZZ	0.50 ± 0.26	0.19 ± 0.05
ZZW	0.08 ± 0.08	0.05 ± 0.05
$t\bar{t}Z$	0.75 ± 0.35	0.16 ± 0.12
Higgs	0.22 ± 0.07	0.23 ± 0.06
Irreducible BG	1.6 ± 0.6	0.62 ± 0.21
Reducible BG	$0.05^{+0.14}_{-0.05}$	1.4 ± 1.3
Total BG	1.6 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 1.3
Data	1	4

- ✓ No excess over SM background is observed.
- ✓ The results are interpreted in simplified SUSY models which include several different choices of NLSP (Next to LSP).
 - ① LSP : Bino-like neutralino
 - ② NLSP: Wino charginos, left-slepton, sneutrinos, gluino.

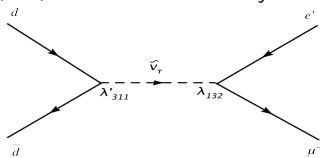
- Wino $\lambda_{121} \neq 0$



- ✓ Wino excl: $\sim 750 \text{ GeV}$ (λ_{121}) and $\sim 400 \text{ GeV}$ (λ_{133})
- ✓ Gluino excl: $\sim 1400 \text{ GeV}$ (λ_{121}) and $\sim 1000 \text{ GeV}$ (λ_{133})

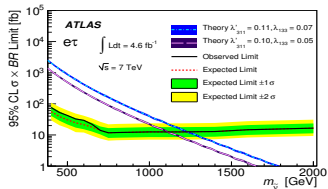
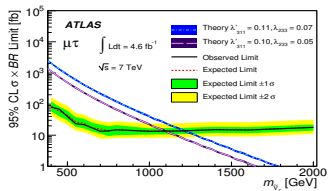
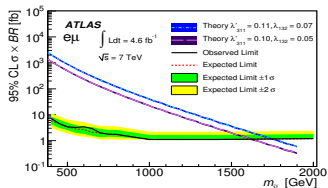
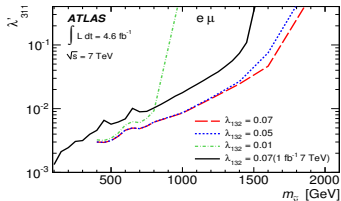
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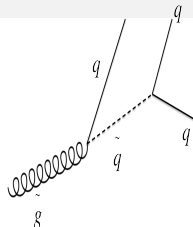
- Event selection (e.g. $e\mu$)

- 1 Single lepton trigger
- 2 $p_T(e, \mu) > 25 \text{ GeV}$
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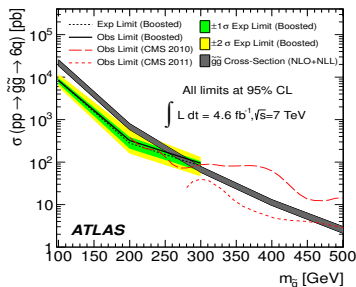
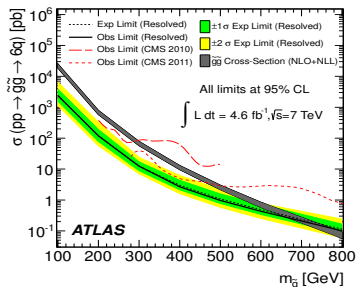
Pair of 3 Jet Resonance Search (JHEP) [http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP12\(2012\)086](http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP12(2012)086)

- Search for RPV decays of gluino into three quarks.
- Two complementary methods are used:
 - 1 Resolved Analysis: Resolve all six jets \rightarrow optimized for high-mass \tilde{g} .
 - 2 Boosted analysis: Exploit the collimation of the decay products $\rightarrow \tilde{g}$ produced with large boost: $p_T > 2 \times m_{\tilde{g}}$



Resolved: exclu $m_{\tilde{g}} < 666$ GeV

Boosted: exclu $m_{\tilde{g}} < 255$ GeV



Also: interpretation of SS+jets+MET (ATLAS-CONF-2013-007 \rightarrow 2012 data) analysis in RPV models with $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t + \tilde{t}$, $\tilde{t}(RPV) \rightarrow bs$: $m_{\tilde{g}} < 880$ GeV excluded (Analysis details in M. Fehling-Kaschek's talk)

Search for Pair-Produced sgluons Decaying to Four Jets (EPJC)

http://epjc.epj.org/index.php?option=com_article&access=doi&doi=10.1140/epjc/s10052-012-2263-z&Itemid=129

- Event selection criteria:

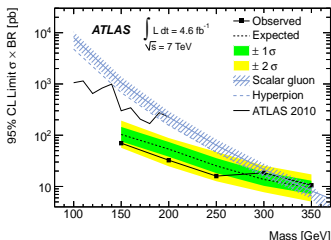
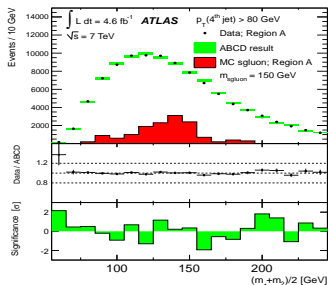
- Multi-jet trigger (≥ 4 jets)
- $p_T^{jet} > 80$ GeV & $|\eta| < 1.4$
- $p_T(4^{th} \text{ jet}) > \max(0.3 \times m_{sgluon} + 30)$
- $(|\Delta R_{pair1} - 1| + |\Delta R_{pair2} - 1|) < 1.6$
- Scattering angle $|\cos(*\theta)| < 0.5$
- $(|m_1 - m_2|/|m_1 + m_2|) < 0.15$

- BG** estimated in a data-driven way.

Sgluon mass [GeV]	p_T^{min} [GeV]	Data	ABCD
150	80	102162	$101100 \pm 800 \pm 2000$
200	90	55194	$54500 \pm 600 \pm 1100$
250	105	23404	$22500 \pm 340 \pm 500$
300	120	11082	$10640 \pm 230 \pm 210$
350	135	5571	$5330 \pm 180 \pm 110$

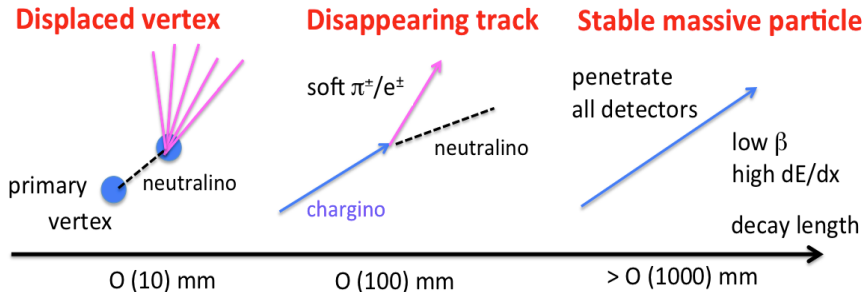
✓ For a mass of 150 GeV (350 GeV), a limit of 70 pb (10 pb) is obtained.

✓ Please see Snezana Nektarijevic's talk for other sgluon searches:
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/1545582/files/ATL-COM-PHYS-2013-583.pdf>



Long-Lived Particles

- RPV scenarios: Life time proportional to $\lambda^{-2}, \lambda'^{-2}, \lambda''^{-2}$
If λ is small, the LSP can be a long lived particle.
- R-parity conserving scenarios (RPC):
 - ① Chargino in Anomaly-Mediated SUSY Breaking (AMSB) model.
 - ② R-hadron in Split SUSY model.
 - ③ NLSP stau in Gauge-Mediated SUSY Breaking (GMSB) model.



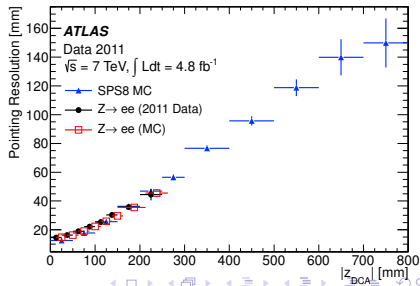
Results are presented in the context of **SPS8** (Snowmass Points and Slopes parameter set 8): describes a set of minimal GMSB models with $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ (long-lived) as the NLSP. The SUSY breaking scale is denoted by Λ .

- ① LSP: Gravitino (\tilde{G})
- ② NLSP: $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \tilde{G}$, with γ being produced after a finite delay and with a flight direction that does not point back to the primary vertex.
- ③ SUSY production dominated by electroweak pair production of gauginos, and in particular of $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$

✓ γ **flight direction**: measured from centroids of EM showers in the first and second layers of the calorimeter.

✓ $z_{DCA} = z_\gamma - z_{PV}$ [mm]

- ① Variable used as a measure of the degree of non-pointing of the γ
- ② DCA: Distance of Closest Approach



Non-pointing Photons

Event Selection

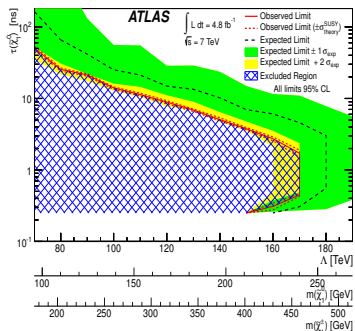
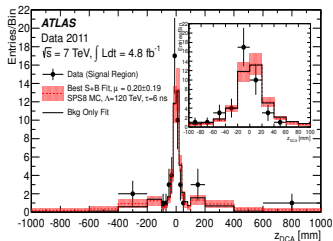
- 1 Double γ trigger & PV with ≥ 5 tracks.
- 2 $E_T(\gamma) > 50$ GeV & $|\eta| < 2.37$
- 3 Isolation < 5 GeV ($\Delta R = 0.2$)
- 4 ≥ 1 γ passing tight ID &
 ≥ 1 γ passing loose ID.
(only loose γ is examined)

5 $E_T^{miss} > 75$ GeV

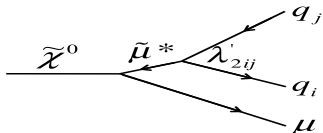
BG estimated from data

- 1 Prompt γ and electrons: Z_{DCA} obtained from $Z \rightarrow ee$ events (tag & probe)
- 2 jets: template from SR selections but $E_T^{miss} < 20$ GeV.

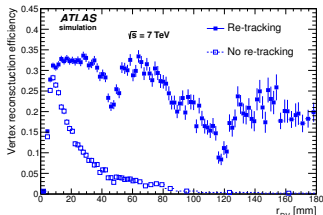
✓ For $\Lambda = 70$ TeV (160) TeV, NLSP ($\tilde{\chi}_1^0$) life times between 0.25 and 50.7 ns (2.7 ns) are excluded at 95% CL.



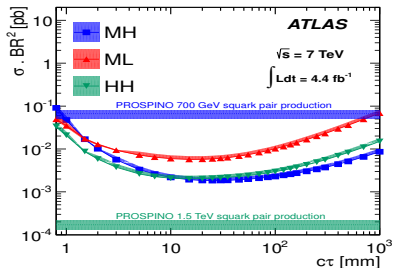
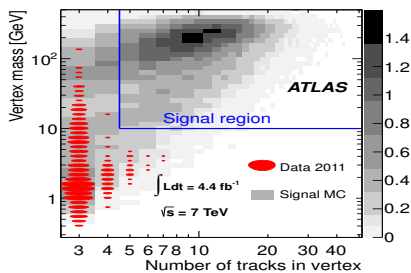
Displaced Vertex (PLB) <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S037026931300083X>



- Search for high mass particles with a displaced vertex with ≥ 5 tracks and a muon.
- A dedicated tracker algorithm was developed to increase the efficiency on the identification of secondary tracks.

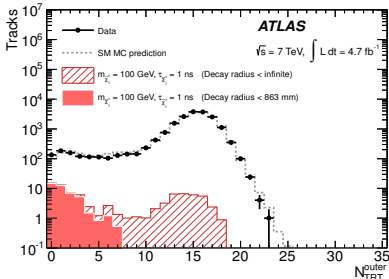
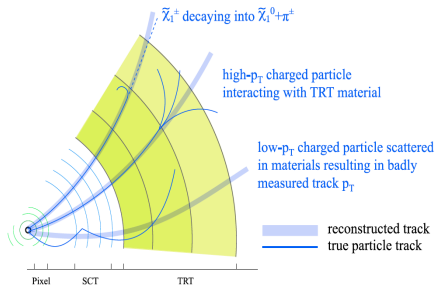


BG: $(4 \pm 60) * 10^{-3}$, Data : 0



Disappearing Tracks: AMSB (JHEP) [http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP01\(2013\)131](http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP01(2013)131)

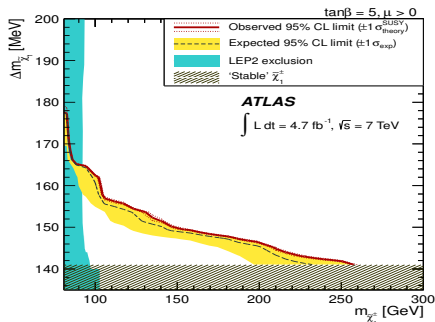
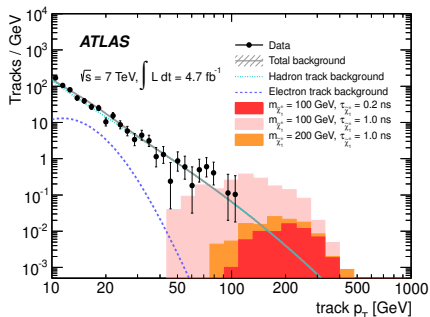
- LSP = Wino, $\Delta m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}$ can be small (≈ 160 MeV).
- $\tilde{\chi}_1$ could have a measurable lifetime: $c\tau \approx O(0.1\text{ns})$.
- Look for production processes:
 - 1 $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + jet$
 - 2 $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm + jet$
- Analysis Strategy: look for charginos decaying in the inner TRT detector volume, leaving a small number of hits in the outer TRT modules.
- Main BGs:
 - 1 High p_T charged hadrons (80%)
 - 2 Low p_T tracks with large bremsstrahlung radiation.



Disappearing Tracks: AMSB

- The BG estimation and the signal extraction is done in two steps:
 - Derive the BG track p_T shapes from control regions.
 - Perform a "signal + BG" template fit to candidate tracks.

- ✓ No excess over the standard model BG is observed.
- ✓ For $\Delta m \approx 160(170)$ MeV (most probable in AMSB), $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm}$ up to 103(85) GeV is excluded.

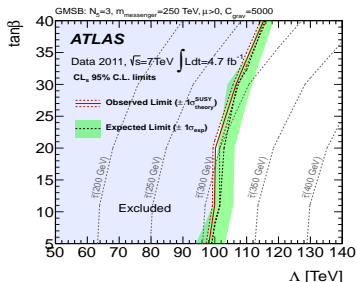


Stable Massive Particles (PLB) <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0370269313001445>

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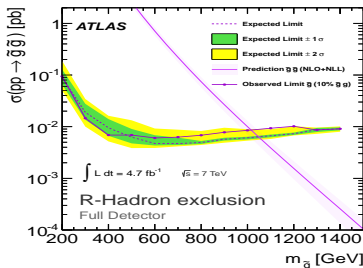
- Search for long lived sleptons, squarks and gluinos ($\beta < 1$).
- The search includes different signatures of sleptons and R-hadrons.
- Mass (m) estimated as $m = \frac{p}{\gamma\beta}$.

Heavy Long-Lived Sleptons



R-hadrons Search

- R-hadrons are composites of a gluino or squark with SM partons.
- R-hadrons can change their electric charge as they traverse the detector!
- Three different analyses: full detector, MS-agnostic, inner detector only.



Summary

- ATLAS has covered a broad set of analyses on RPV and long-lived particles searches.
- These analyses require a deep understanding of the detector, which make them interesting, non-conventional and very challenging!
- No excess over the SM background has been observed.
- ATLAS has set competitive limits of exclusion on several models.
- **More results with the 2012 data are coming soon, with several improvements in the analysis techniques, data-driven methods to estimate BGs and inclusion of new models in our studies, so stay tuned!**



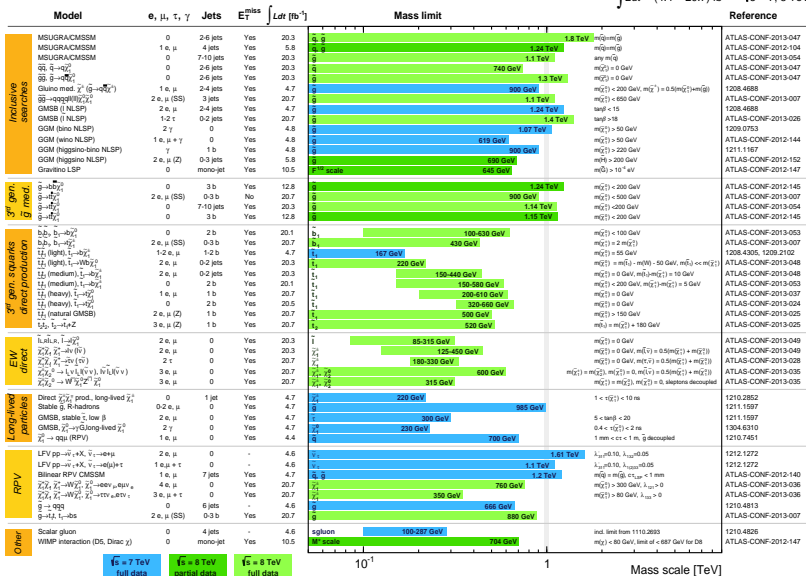
Backup

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

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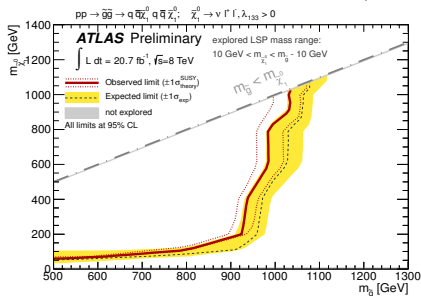
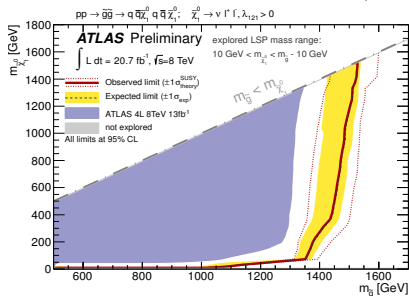
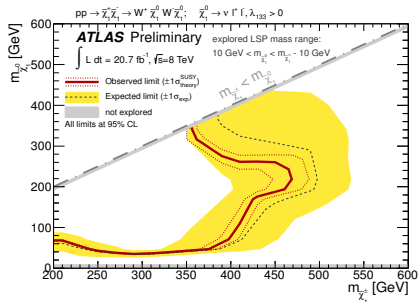
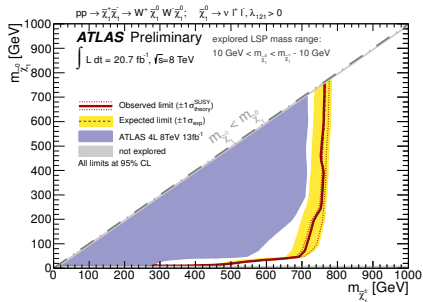


$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ full data
 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ partial data
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Mass scale [TeV]
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*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1 σ theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.

4 Lepton Search

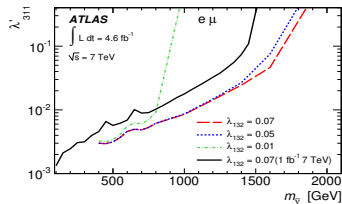
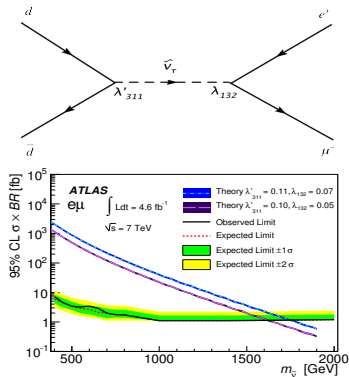
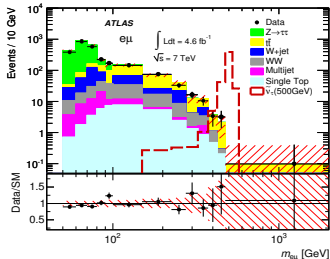


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- possible resonance $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$
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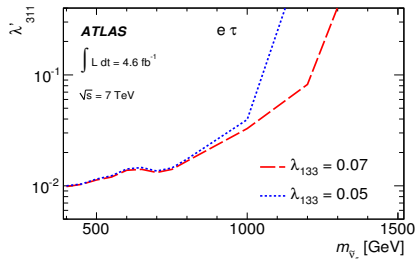
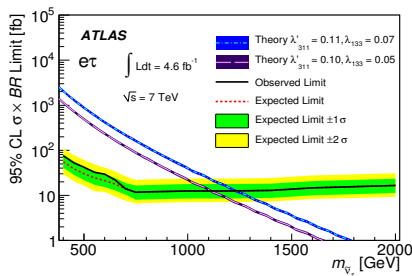
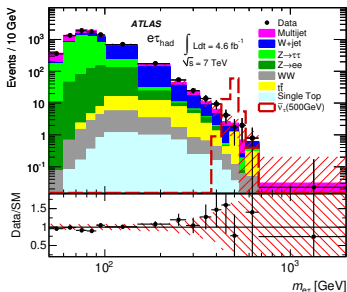
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Search for heavy resonances decaying to $e - \tau_{had}$

• Event selection ($e - \tau_{had}$)

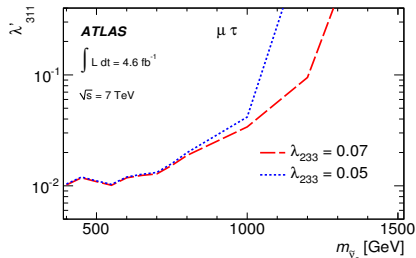
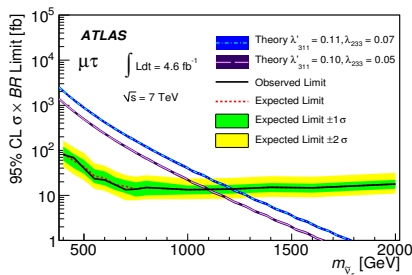
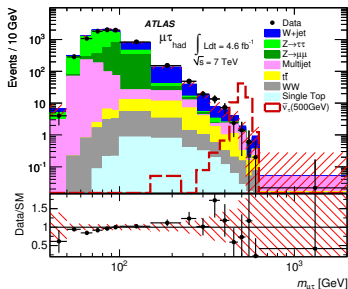
- 1 Single electron trigger
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- 4 $Q(e) * Q(\tau_{had}) < 0$
- 5 $\Delta\phi > 2.7$
- 6 $p_T^e > E_T^{\tau_{had}}$
- 7 Scan in $Mass(e, \tau_{had})$



Search for heavy resonances decaying to $\mu - \tau_{had}$

- Event selection ($\mu - \tau_{had}$)

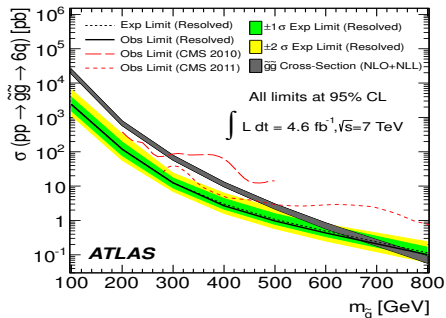
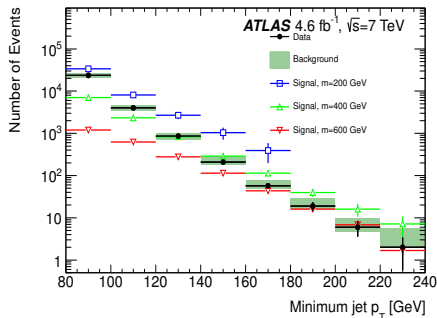
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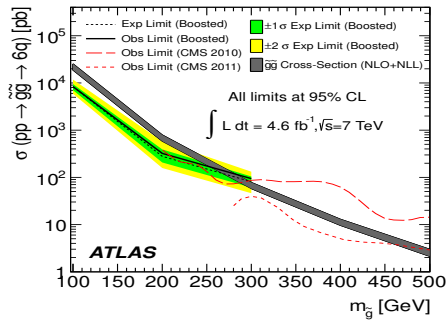
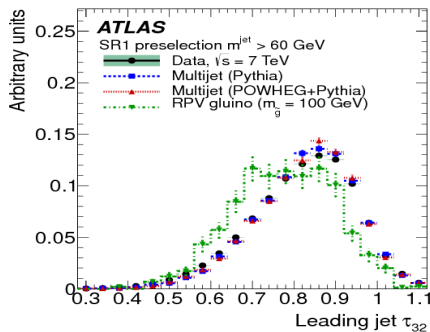
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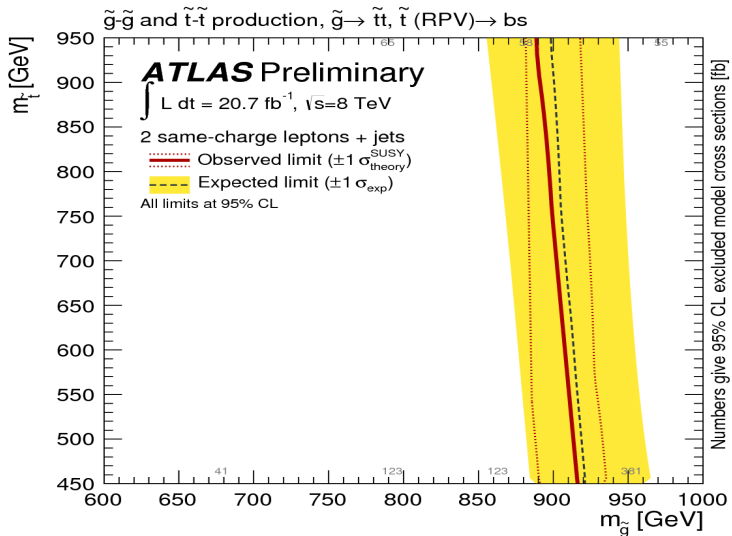


Pair of 3 Jet Resonance Search: Boosted Analysis

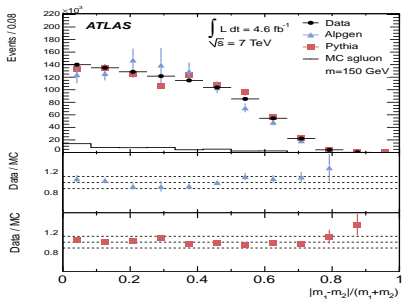
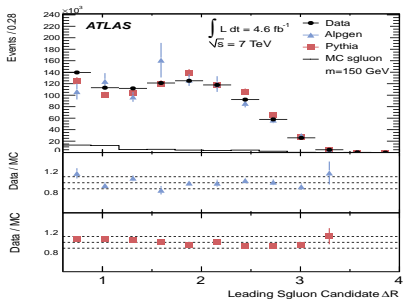
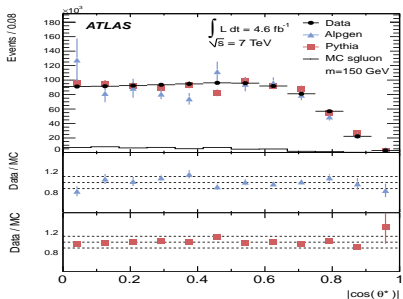
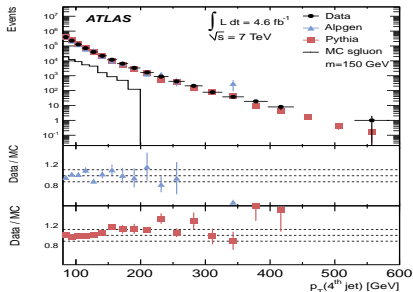
- Search for gluinos are produced with large boost $p_T > 2 \times m_{\tilde{g}}$.
- Highly collimated jets, each containing 3 sub-jets.
- Search for large jets: $R = 1$.
- Use k_T algorithm to fit jet, requiring N sub-jets are found.

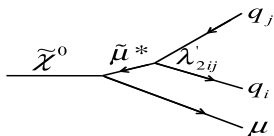
$m_{\tilde{g}}$ excluded up to 255 GeV



SS+Jets+ E_T^{miss} Analysis (RPV)

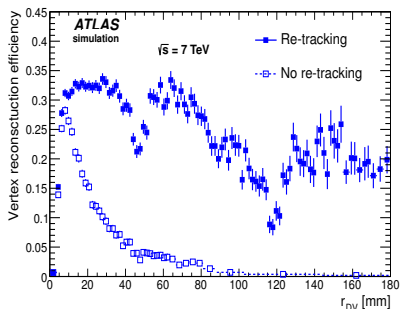
Pair of 2 Jet Resonance (gluon) Search





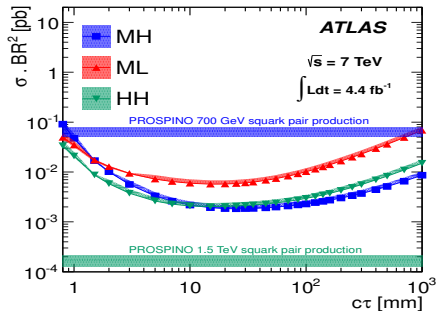
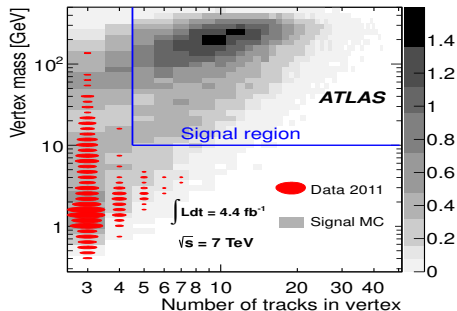
- If a particle has a lifetime of the order of a few nanoseconds, it can decay inside the tracking system producing a displaced-secondary vertex.
- Search for high mass particles with a displaced vertex with ≥ 5 tracks and a muon.
- The standard ATLAS tracking is optimized for tracks coming from the primary interaction point.

- A dedicated tracker algorithm was developed to increase the efficiency on the identification of secondary tracks.



Displaced Vertex

- Potential background sources:
 - ① Random combinations of tracks inside the beam pipe.
 - ② High-mass tail of distributions of real vertices from hadronic interactions with gas molecules. We veto vertices reconstructed anywhere that there is detector material.
 - ③ Total background estimated in the signal region is: $(4 \pm 60) * 10^{-3}$ (zero events observed in data).



Displaced Vertex

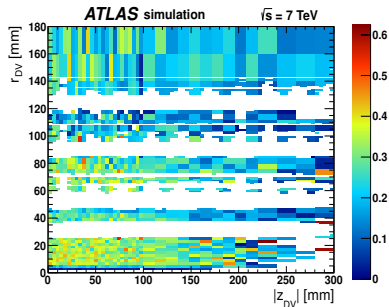
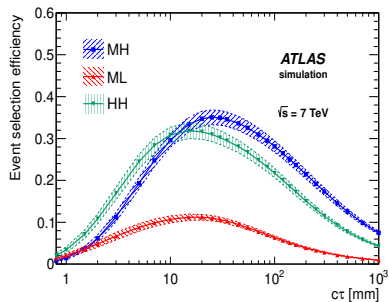
- Muon and Event Selection Criteria:
 - ① The PV with the highest sum of p_T^2 of the tracks associated to it is required to have at least five tracks and a z position in the range $|Z_{PV}| < 200$ mm.
 - ② Events with two back to back muons are rejected.
 - ③ Only select muons with $p_T > 50$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1.05$ reconstructed in both MS and ID.
 - ④ $|d_0| > 1.5$ mm.
 - ⑤ ID track associated to reconstructed muon, must have $N_{SCT}^{hits} > 6$ & $N_{TRT}^{hits}(\eta \text{ dependent}) > X$.
- Tracks Selection Criteria to Reconstruct DV
 - ① Select only high quality tracks.
 - ② $N_{SCT}^{hits} > 2$
 - ③ $|d_0| > 2.0$ mm

Displaced Vertex

- Modifications to the ATLAS Tracking Algorithm:
 - ① Standard algorithms assume that tracks originate from close to the PV.
 - ② To counter this problem, the silicon-seeded tracking algorithm is re-run with looser requirements on the radial and z impact parameters, and on the number of detector hits.
 - ③ p_T of tracks is required to be 1 GeV (400 MeV for standard algorithm).
- DVs are sought with the selected tracks:
 - ① Find two-track seed vertices from all pairs of tracks.
 - ② Keep the vertices that have that have a vertex fit χ^2 of less than 5.0 per degree of freedom.
 - ③ Apply strict selection criteria to avoid that tracks associated with more than one vertex.
 - ④ To minimize BG from PVs, the transverse distance must be $\sqrt{(x_{DV} - x_{PV})^2 + (y_{DV} - y_{PV})^2} > 4\text{mm}$.
 - ⑤ $N_{DV}^{tracks} > 5$ & $m_{DV} > 10$ GeV (suppresses BGs)

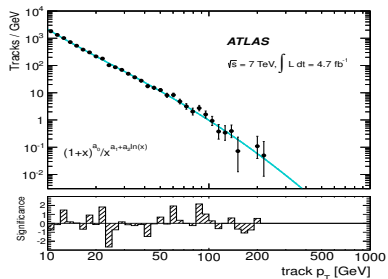
Displaced Vertex

- The event selection efficiency as a function of $c\tau$ for the three signal samples.
- The efficiency as a function of r_{DV} and z_{DV} for vertices in the signal MC sample MH.

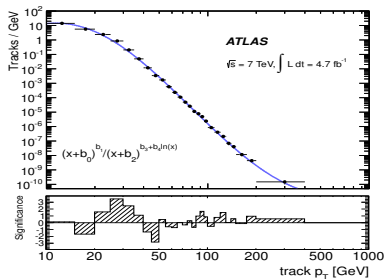


Disappearing Tracks: AMSB

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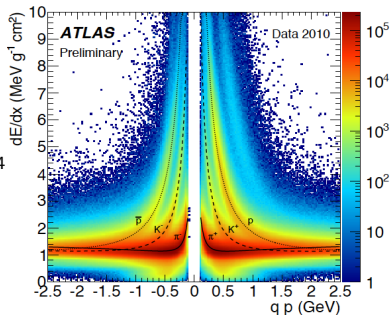
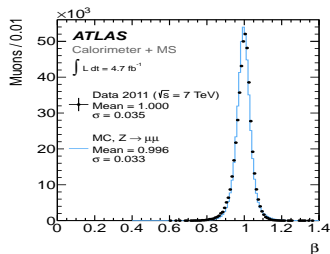


Stable Massive Particles (PLB) <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0370269313001445>

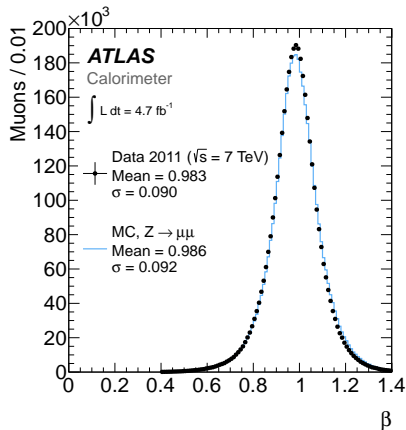
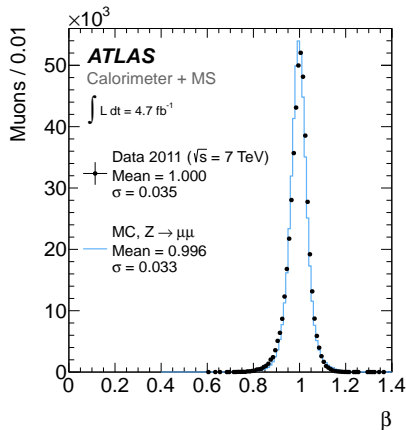
- We search for long lived sleptons, squarks and gluinos ($\beta < 1$).
- Our search includes different signatures of sleptons and R-hadrons.
- The mass (m) of these particles can be estimated as $m = \frac{p}{\gamma\beta}$ where:

- 1 p is taken from track
 - 2 β is measured from ToF (Calo+MDT+RPC)
 - 3 $\beta\gamma$ is measured from pixels using an empirical Bethe-Bloch-like function:
- $$\mathcal{M} \frac{dE}{dX}(\beta\gamma) = \frac{p_1}{\beta p^3} \ln(1 + (p_2 \beta\gamma)^{p_5}) - p_4$$

- The core of this analysis consists of measuring as accurately as possible the velocity of particles traversing the detector.



SMP Search

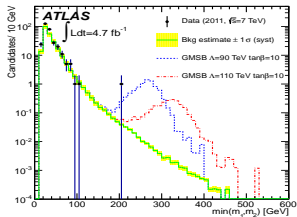


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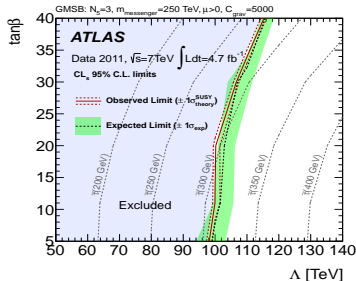
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• Heavy Long-Lived Sleptons

- ① Expect two sleptons per event.
- ② Main BG source are high p_T muons with mis-measured β .



- ✓ No excess over the SM background is observed.
- ✓ Long-lived staus (GMSB) excluded up to 300 GeV for $5 < \tan\beta < 20$.
- ✓ Directly produced sleptons excluded up to 278 GeV.



Heavy Long-Lived R-Hadrons

- R-hadrons are composites of a gluino or squark with SM partons.
- Their energy deposits in the calorimeter may be small.
- R-hadrons can change their electric charge as they traverse the detector!
- Currently we have 3 different analyses to cover the lack of knowledge of the R-hadrons interaction with the detector:
 - 1 Full detector.
 - 2 MS-agnostic (ignore muon detectors)
 - 3 Inner detector only

✓ $m_{\tilde{g}}$ excluded up to 985 GeV.

