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The road to discovery at the LHC

The case of CMS

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Road to discovery

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So you want to discover new physics

Start with:

- 1) Build a powerful accelerator (energy and luminosity)
- 2) Build high performance detectors

Once this is done:

The roadmap:

1) Understand basic physics objects: electrons, muons, jets, b's, tau's, MET

2) Understand the Standard Model (QCD, W, Z, top)

3) Start looking for anomalies ... e.g. supersymmetry ...

 $\int {\cal L} dt$ (pb $^{-1}$)

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4) Interprete signals, measure properties

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The list of individual particles is then used to build jets, to determine the missing transverse energy, to reconstruct and identify taus from their decay products, to tag b jets ...



Particle Flow MET





MET resolution

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=> PF MET has the best resolution. Tc MET also shows significant impovement w.r.t. the calorimeter-only MET





Fit Gaussian:





Figure: Data vs MC: Calo $\not\!\!\!E_x, \not\!\!\!E_y$ distributions



MET in multijets





Study of MET distribution in 1-and 2-vertex events in minimum-bias events



 MET distributions wider in 2-vertex events

 Reweight 2 vertex events so that the SumE_T distribution matches that of the 1 vertex events

 After reweighting, MET distribution agree between 1-vertex and 2-vertex events

=> Widening of MET distribution in 2-vertex events due to transverse energy increase in events





B-tag methods

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Track Counting Algorithm

tags jets containing N tracks with Impact Parameter (IP) significance exceeding S ¹²⁰⁰ ¹⁰⁰⁰ ¹

CMS Preliminary 2010, \sqrt{s} = 7 TeV, L = 15 nb 1

+Data

SSV Algorithm

tags jets according to the 3D flight distance significance of the reconstructed secondary vertex

High Purity configuration: Vertices with 3 or more tracks



Jet Probability Algorithm

tags jets according to the probability of <u>all</u> the tracks in the jet to originate from the primary vertex, given their IP significances

High Purity configuration: N=3

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Monte Carlo simulation!

3 "working points" for each algorithm: "loose" (mistag 10%), "medium" (mistag 1%), "tight" (mistag 0.1%)





B-tag observables

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Data:



Data/MC agreement is excellent, also for all other b-tagging variables

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Figure 7: Measured b-jet cross section compared to the MC@NLO calculation, overlaid (left) and as a ratio (right). The Pythia prediction is also shown, for comparison.

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Flavour ratios

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Figure 8: Measured b-jet cross section as a ratio to inclusive jet cross section. The NLO theory and Pythia MC predictions are shown for comparison.

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Electroweak Physics

Accomplished so far (July 22, 2010) :

Muons

- \blacksquare $W{\rightarrow}\mu\nu$ event selection and cross-section determination
- $\blacksquare \ Z{\rightarrow}\,\mu\mu$ event selection and cross-section determination
- Systematic effects
- Electrons
 - $\hfill W {\rightarrow} ev$ event selection and cross-section determination
 - $\hfill\square Z{\rightarrow}\,ee$ event selection and cross-section determination
 - Systematic Effects
- Measurements
 - Combined results for cross-section and Ratios
 - W Charge Asymmetry
 - Associated V+Jets production



W to muon





W: muon channel

- Event triggered by Level1+HLT , p_T > 9 GeV
- Selection Criteria :
 - Muon $p_t > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.1$
 - □ Isolation $(\Sigma p_T (tk) + \Sigma E_T (had+em))/p_T < 15\%$
 - ME_T reconstructed using Pflow techniques
 - Drell Yan rejection (veto on events with a second muon of p_T>10 GeV)





- Main source of BG: QCD (b hadron decays)
- QCD MT Shape extracted from data (isolation inversion)
- W Signal and EWK MT shapes modeled from MC
- W Signal yield extracted through a Binned Likelihood fit to the MT distribution (Signal + QCD & EWK BGs)



W to muons

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Separately $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ and $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$:





W : electron channel

- Events triggered by Level1 (ECAL) + HLT (E_T>15 GeV)
- Selection Criteria:
 - Electron E_T> 20 GeV
 - □ $|\eta| < 1.4442$ (Barrel), 1.566< $|\eta| < 2.500$ (Endcap)
 - Isolation (independent cuts on track, em, had)
 - Drell Yan rejection (veto on events with a second electron of E_T>20 GeV)







- QCD BG dominated by fake electrons
- Unbinned Likelihood fit to the ME_T distribution
- W Signal and ElectroWeak ME_T shape well modeled from Monte Carlo
- QCD background is parameterized through a modified Rayleigh distribution with E_T dependent resolution



W to electrons

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Separately e^+ and e^- :





W cross section

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Remember: uncertainty from LHC luminosity (VdM) = 11%

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- Efficiencies and scales studied in Z events and recoil studies
- Background uncertainties from cut inversion studies and control samples
- PDF uncertainties evaluated via CTEQ66, MSTW08NLO, NNPDF2.0 sets

Source	W → μν (%)	W → ev (%)
Lepton reconstruction	3.0	6.1
Trigger Efficiency	3.2	0.6
Isolation Efficiency	0.5	1.1
Momentum/energy scale	1.0	2.7
MET scale and resolution	1.0	1.4
Background subtraction	3.5	2.2
PDF uncertainty in acceptance	2.0	2.0
Other theoretical uncertainties	1.4	1.3
Total systematic error	6.3	7.7
Luminosity uncertainty	11.0	11.0



W charge asymmetry

 W⁺ and W⁻ charge asymmetry as a function of the lepton η provides a constraint on PDFs



$$A(\eta) = \frac{d\sigma^{(+)}/d\eta_{\ell} - d\sigma^{(-)}/d\eta_{\ell}}{d\sigma^{(+)}/d\eta_{\ell} + d\sigma^{(-)}/d\eta_{\ell}}$$

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Ratio of positive to negative reconstruction efficiencies compatible with unity within 5% (9%) for muons (electrons)



W+jets



- leading jet for W events (e, μ) with M_T> 50 GeV/ c^2
- Algorithm used: Anti-k_t (ΔR = 0.5) using Particle Flow
 Objects in |η| < 2.5





W+jets (2)

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Z+2 jets





Z : muon channel

- Event triggered by Level1 (Muon)+HLT (Muon+Tracker), p_T > 9 GeV
- Selection Criteria
 - 2 muons pt> 20 GeV
 - Opposite charge muons
 - At least one in $|\eta| < 2.1$
 - Track-Based isolation ($\Sigma p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}$) CMS preliminary 2010 s = 7 TeV 79 30 Ge∕ data L dt = 198 nb⁻¹ $\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mu \mu$ number of events/ 2 20 10 60 90 100 110 120 70 80 $M(\mu^+\mu^-)$ [GeV] Cargese Summerschool



- Background negligible (~0.3%)
- 77 Events selected the invariant mass range m_{μμ} (60,120) GeV



Differential distributions

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Z to electrons

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- Events trigger by Level1 (ECAL) + HLT (E_T>15 GeV)
- Selection Criteria
 - 2 electrons with E_T>20 GeV
 - Isolated (independently on tracker and calorimeters)







 Background negligible
 61 events selected in the Invariant mass range m_{ee} (60,120)

$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z+X \rightarrow ee+X) = 0.88 \pm 0.11 \text{ nb}$



Z cross section











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W/Z cross section



Top : dilepton selection

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- Dilepton channels: ee, μμ, eμ
 - Triggers: μ+X (p_T > 9 GeV/c) or e/γ+X (E_T > 15 GeV)
 - 2 isolated,oppositely charged leptons (I = e,µ) of good quality
 - *p_T*(I) > 20 GeV/c

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- $|\eta_{\mu}| < 2.5$, $|\eta_{e}| < 2.4$
- Relative isolation:



- Missing transverse energy (MET)
 - using Track Corrected MET
 - MET > 30 (20) GeV (in *eµ+X*)



- Z-boson veto:
 - 76 < M_{ee,µµ} < 106 GeV/c²
- Count additional jets:
 - anti- k_T jets, R = 0.5
 - $|\eta| < 2.4, p_T > 30 \text{ GeV/c}$
 - ≥ 2 jets typical for ttbar

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Top: dilepton candidate






zoom



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Side view : zoom





B-tag multiplicity

OK, but that's one event.

How much background is expected?

With standard di-lepton selection: S/B = 5/1 (10/1 for e/mu)





B-tag multiplicity

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... and after b-tagging:

B-tagging algorithm used: simple secondary vertex tagger, "high eff." (i.e. made of ≥2 tracks), medium working point Efficiency ~ 40%

Mistag rate:



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Top: semi-leptonic

- Channels: *e*+jets, *μ*+jets
 - Ask for exactly 1 prompt, isolated electron (muon) of good quality
 - Very similar selection of *e*, *µ* as before, but
 - tightened ID requirements and isolation:
 - Rel.isol. < 10%(*e*), 5%(*µ*)
 due to larger backgrounds
 - *p*_T(e) > 30 GeV/c
 - $p_T(\mu) > 20 \text{ GeV/c}, |\eta_{\mu}| < 2.1$
 - Do not apply (yet) any requirement of significant missing transverse energy (MET)
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- Count additional jets
 anti-k_T jets, R = 0.5
 |η| < 2.4, p_T > 30 GeV/c
 - ≥ 4 jets is typical for ttbar

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Top µ+jet candidate

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Top e+jets candidate

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Jet multiplicities



μ + jets







Events

10²

10

1

10⁻¹

10⁻²

1

Jet mult. after b-tag

Events

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B-tagging algorithm used: simple secondary vertex tagger, "high eff." (i.e. made of ≥2 tracks), medium working point

Data

Vbb+X

QCD

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QCD uncertainty

W→lv (+light jets) Vc(c)+X

Z/γ*→l^{*}l^{*}(+light jets)

≥4

Jet multiplicity



µ + jets
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_253 nb⁻¹ at √s = 7 TeV



- Top in dilepton final state
 - Selection: two opposite sign good isolated leptons (e/mu) pt>20GeV/c each, nJet>=2 (can use >=1 too), Z-veto in ee and mumu, MET>30 (ee/mumu) 20 (emu)
 - ✓ Expect about 3 events in 1 pb⁻¹ with about 5:1 S:Bgd (10:1 in emu) without b-tagging
- e ==> about 0.8 signal events expected in 0.25 pb⁻¹ <== observe 1 !</p>
- Top in e+jets and mu+jets
 - ✓ Selection: good isolated e (pt>30GeV/c) or mu (pt>20 GeV/c), >= 4 jets
 - Large QCD background implies tighter ID and isolation required compared to dileptons
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 - B-tagging is quite helpful
 - ✓ Expect about 6(e)+7(mu) with about 7+4 background events in 1 pb⁻¹ without b-tagging
- ==> about 1.5e +1.7mu signal events and about 3 backgrounds <== observe 6 !

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One of the most appealing extensions of the Standard Model:

TeV-scale supersymmetry

[= a symmetry between fermions and bosons, duplicates the SM particle spectrum, but not the couplings]

Solves several problems at once:

- hierarchy problem
- opening towards a theory of gravity
- unification of gauge couplings
- dark matter candidate (=lightest susy particle or LSP)
- allows to explain why the Higgs mechanism works



SUSY particles

Need to introduce new particles :

leptons (f) quarks (f) _____ gauge bosons (b) Higgs bosons (b)

(f = fermion, b = boson)



← Supersymmetric

"shadow" particles

Particles

 $(\chi_1^0,\chi_2^0,\chi_3^0,\chi_4^0)$ $(\chi_1^{\pm},\chi_2^{\pm})$



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General characteristics of R-parity conserving SUSY:

- sparticles pair-produced and LSP stable
 > large amount of missing transverse energy
- coloured sparticles are copiously produced and cascade down to the LSP with emission of many hard jets and often leptons



Generic SUSY signatures are E_T^{miss} + multi-jets (and multi-leptons)



Two types of signatures at the LHC:

- Missing Transverse Energy signals: "standard" WIMP neutralino (also: lightest KK particle, lightest T-odd parity particle, ...)
- long-lived heavy charged particles : stau, R-hadrons (GMSB, split-susy, ...)

Goal of the LHC:

1) Discovery

2) Measure properties, identify underlying physics



Event selection :

- large missing E_T (MET): O(> 200 GeV) (→ LSP)
 MET challenging to control at startup
- at least 3 hard jets (→ cascade decays)
 3 may not always be optimal
- N leptons (according to investigated topology) growing N: reduces QCD background
- angular or event shape variables for background rejection top background probably the most challenging



Main backgrounds: tt+jets, W+jets, Z+jets, QCD (multijet)

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SUSY seaches

Searches considered in CMS in the near future:

<u>0 leptons</u> • Exclusive 2-jets	<u>1 lepton</u>	<u>2 leptons</u> • Like-sign	<u>≥3 leptons</u>
 Inclusive Jets Photons + Jets 		• Opposite sign	



Approach

- For many background measurements, we (mostly) do not want to (only) rely on
 - Predicted cross sections (especially for QCD)
 - Predicted kinematical distributions
- Major emphasis on "Data-driven background determinations"
 - Rely on control samples in the data, sometimes with some assistance from Monte Carlo
 - May suffer from limitations (statistical or systematic) that reduce the precision of the measurement. Will evolve rapidly w/more data.

Inclusive Jet + MET reach

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- 95% CL exclusion for all-hadronic search (\geq 3 jets + MET + e/ μ veto)
- Systematic uncertainty of 50% assumed on Standard Model background
- Sensitivity significantly beyond previous experiments (~50/pb to surpass Tevatron)

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Hadronic SUSY

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(SPS1a = LM1)

N_{leptons}=0 : largest signal cross section, but beware of QCD!

Event Selection:

Efficiency for e.g. SPS1a: 13%

- MET > 200 GeV
- \geq 3 jets (| η | < 1.7/3/3) with E $_{\rm T}$ > 180/110/30 GeV
- HT (= E_{T,j2}+E_{T,j3}+E_{T,j4}+MET) > 500 GeV
- indirect lepton veto
- cleanup and QCD rejection (see next slide)

Main backgrounds:

- QCD multijets: MET due to mismeasurements or jet resolution
- Z+jets: Z→vv irreducible
- tt+jets: hadronic or lost lepton(s)
- W+jets: hadronic or lost lepton

events/ 100 GeV/c / 100 pb⁻¹ -LM0 ----- LM1 10^{2} -- LM2 ----- LM3 ---- LM4 ---- LM5 10⊧ 🛲 all Bkgd. CMS preliminary 101 1500 2000 2500 3000 1000 M_{eff} [GeV/c]



Examples of data-driven methods:

• often "ABCD" method used:



Avoid signal contamination in A,B,D

- variables for hadronic search: MET, Rsum, $\Delta \phi(jj)$, $\Delta \phi(hemisphere)$, ...
- variables for leptonic search: lepton isolation, impact parameter, MET, ...
- correlations to be studied



New variables

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CMS PAS SUS-09-001

1 L. Randall and D. Tucker-Smith, "Dijet Searches for Supersymmetry at the LHC," Phys. Rev. Lett. **101 (2008) 221803.**

• Dijet analysis

N=3-6 jets: form two pseudo-jets
minimize





Double-checking MET



 Independent measurement of missing momentum from Tracker & Calorimeter

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$$MHT = |-\sum_{i} \vec{p_{T}}(jet_{i})|$$
$$MPT \equiv |-\sum_{i} \vec{p_{T}}(track_{i})|$$

 Compare the direction of MPT and MHT, Δφ(MPT,MHT)

- Very little correlation between the directions of MPT and MHT when no real MHT is present (QCD)
- ✓ peaks towards zero for real MHT (emulated by removing a random jet)
- ✓ Also useful to remove events with a fake MHT due to noise in the calorimeter Cargese Summerschool
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Predicting MET tails





Bckg rejection?

Data-driven estimation from Z+jets

"standard candle": use Z→ μμ

- replace leptons by neutrinos

(and correct for acceptance using MC)

 total uncertainty ~20% for 1fb⁻¹ statistics limited: BR(Z→ μμ) = 1/6 BR(Z→ νν)

New: data-driven estimation from W,γ+jets

assumption: bosonic events at high Pt look similar → use W,γ+jets

- gain in statistics (\rightarrow 100 pb⁻¹ analyses) $\sigma(W+2j) = 3 \sigma(Z+2j) = 0.8 \sigma(\gamma+2j)$
- complementary to the above (other backgrounds/other triggers)

- beware of signal contamination Cargese Summerschool



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2I OS SUSY



• Traditional approach: search for opp. sign, same flavor leptons from correlated SUSY production:

$$\widetilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \widetilde{\ell}^-; \quad \widetilde{\ell}^- \rightarrow \ell^- \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$$

slepton on-shell: seq. 2-body decays slepton off-shell: 3-body decay

Background estimations from eµ control sample.





Same-sign dileptons

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Classic SUSY signature; very low SM background. Largest background: ttbar



\rightarrow ask for 2 SS leptons + hard jets + E_T^{miss}

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Reliable data-driven background estimate is critical. Key issues: fake leptons & electron charge misID





SS dileptons

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Fake ratio method

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Use a control sample (loose lepton-id & isolation) to measure efficiency of passing all analysis cuts ("TL ratio"), as a function of lepton kinematics.

Monitor measured Tight-to-Loose-Ratios using different jet-triggered samples.



Predictions obtained using HLT_Jet15U

Channel	Predicted	Observed	
ее	$0.43\substack{+0.18\-0.14}$	0	
еµ	$0.14\substack{+0.18 \\ -0.09}$	1	
μμ	$0.22\substack{+0.51\\-0.18}$	0	

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✓ Measured TL ratio is stable within 50%

 Predicted & observed number of SS di-lepton events consistent



Factorisation?

 Exploit the fact that some selection cuts are uncorrelated → selection efficiency for each cut can be measured in control samples



$$\begin{split} & \text{IsoCut}(\mu_1) \ : \ \text{Isolation of } \mu_1 \ , \ \ \epsilon_{\text{Iso}\mu 1} \\ & \text{IsoCut}(\mu_2) \ : \ \text{Isolation of } \mu_2 \ , \ \ \epsilon_{\text{Iso}\mu 2} \\ & \text{METCut} \quad : \ \text{third jet and MET, } \ \ \epsilon_{\text{MET}} \end{split}$$

 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{AIICuts} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{Iso\mu1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{Iso\mu2} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{MET}$

 test the factorization of cuts IsoCut(μ₁) and IsoCut(μ₂), no jet & MET requirement yet

✓ data indicates isolation of the μ_1 and μ_2 can be factorized







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- More recent: polynomial method (2003), wedgebox (2003), kink in M_{T2} distribution (2008)

Example of new method for sparticle reconstruction @ the LHC:

• *Precision sparticle spectroscopy in the inclusive same-sign dilepton channel at LHC*, K. Matchev, FM, L. Pape, M. Park, hep-ph 0909.4300





SUSY properties @ LHC

Courtesy of K. Matchev

	Missing momenta reconstruction?	Mass measurements		Spin measurements
		Inclusive	2 symmetric chains	
simism	None	Inv. mass endpoints and boundary lines		Inv. mass shapes
best		$M_{eff}M_{est}H_{T}$	Wedgebox	
ptimism	Approximate	$S_{min,} M_{Tgen}$	M _{T2} , M _{2C} , M _{3C,} M _{CT,} M _{T2} (n,p,c)	As usual
	Exact	?	Polynomial method	As usual
J		optimism		



Stopped gluinos

CMS PAS EXO-09-001

Where do R-hadrons stop?



- Offline analysis based on hadronic calorimeter (HCAL) energy deposit, shower shape, and pulse shape.
- Efficiency after all cuts: 17% of stopped gluinos.

$$(m_g = 200, m_{\chi 0} = 100 \text{ GeV})$$

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R-hadron stopping efficiency



- Trigger: calorimeter (HCAL) energy + out of LHC collision times (beam gaps+interfill periods). Use coincidence of beam pick-up monitors upstream of CMS to veto pp.
- Dominant background: cosmic rays+instrumental noise (both studied during extensive CMS cosmic ray running in 2008-2009). R_{background}≈4×10⁻⁴ Hz. **Cargese Summerschool** Filip Moortgat Julv 2010 70



Stopped gluinos (3)

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Result: model-independent limit

Significance vs. gluino mass







- We use the null result to place 95% CL limits on the production cross-section of stau, stop and gluino, using a Bayesian method
 - For tk+muon (tk-only) analysis, a 95% CL lower limit on the gluino mass is set at 284 (271) GeV/c²


- After many years of preparations, the LHC has started producing collisions at 7 TeV
- CMS detector in excellent shape:
 - Basic physics objects understood
 - Agreement with simulations remarkably good
 - Still preparing many data-driven background control methods
- First physics results appearing
 - We've covered Particle Physics up to the '80s
 (W/Z) now entering the '90s (top)
- expect to be able to extend Tevatron searches for SUSY starting ~ end of the year





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The road to discovery might still be long ...

... but at least we've started driving!

