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# Search for the top quark SUSY partner with the HEPTopTagger in ATLAS

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- Introduction and motivation: search for the top supersymmetric partner, *stop*
- Method:

HEPTopTagger algorithm and performance

• Analysis:

stop search with the HEPTopTagger at 8 TeV

• Results:

exclusion limits

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#### SUPERSYMMETRY



- Space-time symmetry relating fermions and bosons
- Additional particles could solve the Higgs mass hierarchy problem: central role of the top SUSY partner  $\tilde{t}$
- Naturalness favours light  $\tilde{t}$
- Assumption of R-parity conservation:
  - Lightest SUSY Particle (LSP) stable  $\rightarrow$  DM candidate
  - LSP: neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  (mixture of neutral higgsinos and gauginos)

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STOP DECAY			

• signature driven approach with simplified models:  $(m_{\tilde{t}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}})$ 



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## DIRECT *t* SEARCH IN FULLY HADRONIC CHANNEL

## Fully hadronic channel:

- large branching ratio (BR( $t \rightarrow qq'b$ )=68%)
- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$  only from  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- top quark kinematic fully reconstructed

#### ATLAS 8 TeV published analysis: (JHEP09(2014)015)

- moderate top *p*<sub>T</sub>: resolved techniques
- top quark reconstructed from R=0.4 jets

# $m_{ ilde{t}} \gg m_{ ilde{\chi}_1^0}$

- top quark produced with high  $p_{\rm T}$
- boosted techniques
- top quark reconstruction with **HEPTopTagger**



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# HEPTopTagger algorithm and performance

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# TAGGING BOOSTED TOP QUARKS (TWIKI) Resolved vs Boosted Regime

- $\Delta R \sim \frac{2m}{p_{\rm T}} \left( \Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta \phi^2 + \Delta \eta^2} \right)$
- high  $p_{\rm T}$  top quark: decay products in a single large-*R* jet

# low $p_T$ tops, resolved decay products high $p_T$ tops, collimated decay products



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# TAGGING BOOSTED TOP QUARKS (TWIKI) Multi-jet vs top quark substructures

- looking into substructure to discriminate top quark vs bkg
- $\bullet~$  reduction of pileup  $\rightarrow$  better reconstruction of top kinematic

#### multi-jet background

### top quark decay





# HEPTopTagger

(PLEHN, SALAM, SPANNOWSKY, TAKEUCHI, ZERWAS: JHEP 1010 (2010) 078 & JHEP08 (2012) 091)





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#### HEPTOPTAGGER EFFICIENCY MEASUREMENT

$$f_{\text{data},i} = \left(\frac{N_{\text{data}}^{\text{tag}} - N_{i\bar{t}n\text{ot matched}}^{\text{tag}} - N_{non-i\bar{t}}^{\text{tag}}}{N_{\text{data}} - N_{i\bar{t}n\text{ot matched}} - N_{non-i\bar{t}}}\right)_{i} \text{ vs } f_{\text{MC},i} = \left(\frac{N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{tag}}}{N_{\text{MC}}}\right)_{i}$$



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# Direct stop search with the HEPTopTagger

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#### ANALYSIS STRATEGY AND BACKGROUND ESTIMATION IN SUSY SEARCHES

- Signal Region (SR): extreme region of phase space
- More precise bkg estimation  $\rightarrow$  better sensitivity
  - data-driven methods:
    - shape and normalization extracted from data
    - large cross section processes like multi-jet
  - semi data-driven approach:
    - shape from simulation
    - normalization from **Control Regions** (CR) with high bkg purity and low signal contamination
    - SM processes with large cross sections  $t\bar{t}$ , V+jets
  - pure simulation:
    - low cross section SM processes like VV,  $t\bar{t}V$

















truth m<sub>T2</sub> [GeV]

Missing Transverse Energy [GeV]



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100

Data/SM





- No significant excess observed
- 95% C.L. exclusion limits computed for each point in the 2D  $(m_{\tilde{t}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0})$  parameter space





# **CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK**

- search for stop pair production in fully hadronic channel
- analysis with HEPTopTagger improves limits



- at 13 TeV enhancement of signal cross section wrt bkg
- larger  $m_{\tilde{t}}$  investigated  $\rightarrow$  top quarks more boosted
- HEPTopTagger signal regions could be implemented orthogonally wrt to resolved ones

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#### *m<sub>T2</sub>, stransverse mass* (Рнуз. Lett. B 463 99 (1999), J. Pнуз. G 29 2343 (2003), JHEP 0812:063,2008)



By analogy with W transverse mass:  $m_{\tilde{t}} \ge M_{T}^{\tilde{t}}(\vec{p}_{T,t},\vec{p}_{T,\chi})$ 

scanning over 
$$\vec{p}_T^{\chi_a}, \vec{p}_T^{\chi_b}$$
 with:  $\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} = \vec{p}_T^{\chi_a} + \vec{p}_T^{\chi_b}$   
 $m_{T2}^2 = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{\chi_a} + \vec{p}_T^{\chi_b}} \left( \max \left( M_T^2(\vec{p}_T^t, \vec{p}_T^{\chi_a}), M_T^2(\vec{p}_T^t, \vec{p}_T^{\chi_b}) \right) \right)$   
 $\mathbf{m}_{\tilde{t}}^2 \ge \mathbf{m}_{T2}^2$   
HEPTopTagger