#### Search for Anomalous Production of Prompt Like-sign Muon Pairs in ATLAS

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### Standard Model ... and beyond

- The Standard Model (SM)
  - Describing fundamental particles & their interactions
  - Remarkably successful in describing experimental data
- Predicts all force carriers to be massless
  - Higgs mechanism
  - Narrow mass range left for SM Higgs







#### Standard Model ... and beyond

- What the Standard Model cannot explain
  - Neutrino masses
  - Dark matter
  - Matter/anti-matter asymmetry
    - These questions probed by the LHC experiments
- Exploring a new energy regime  $\rightarrow$  start with inclusive analyses
  - Analysis presented today based on *like-sign muon pairs*

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#### Like-sign muons

- Pairs of prompt leptons with same charge rarely produced in the SM
  - WZ / ZZ
- Production rate can be enhanced in new physics models
- Experimental motivation
  - Trigger objects
  - High reconstruction efficiency

Prompt muon

Produced at primary event vertex or from decay of short-lived state (muons from bhadrons considered non-prompt)

# Like-sign muons & new physics

- Many potential new physics models give rise to like-sign leptons
  - Supersymmetry
  - 4th generation quarks
  - Heavy Majorana neutrinos
  - FCNC giving like-sign top quarks
  - Models with doubly charged Higgs bosons
  - ...

# Like-sign muons & new physics

Supersymmetry

- Introduces supersymmetric partners to SM particles differing by 1/2 in spin
- Key motivations
  - The hierarchy problem
    - Stabilize Higgs mass to radiative corrections
  - Gauge coupling unification
  - Dark matter candidate
- Assuming conservation of matter parity
  - SUSY particles pair-produced
  - Lightest SUSY particles cannot decay



### Like-sign muons & new physics

Like-sign top quark production

- Produced through exchange of flavor-changing Z' boson
- Could explain forward-backward asymmetry observed at the Tevatron in ttbar production
  - Like-sign lepton final states if both tops decay leptonically
- Previous best limit:  $\sigma(Z' \rightarrow ttX) < 17 \text{ pb} (CMS)$

#### Doubly charged Higgs







Berger et al. PRL 106 201801 (2011)

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Main analysis challenge

- Understanding contribution of non-prompt muons
  - Heavy flavor: b/c hadron decays
  - Pion/kaon decay-in-flight
- Handles for reducing this background
  - Muon isolation
  - Track impact parameter

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  - Search data for overall excess
  - Narrow resonance search mass peak in dimuon mass spectrum
  - If no significant deviations observed?
    - Put constraints on cross-section of non-SM contributions within fiducial region
    - Constraints on mass of doubly charged Higgs bosons

**Fiducial region** Defined by the analysis event selection

### The LHC

- Excellent performance in 2011
  - $> 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity
  - Max instantaneous luminosity  $\sim 3.6 \times 10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- ATLAS data-taking efficiency ~ 93.5%
  - DQ efficiency of 90-96%
- High luminosity  $\rightarrow$  high pileup
  - Several interactions / bunch-crossing
    - Challenge for trigger, lepton isolation, ...





#### The ATLAS detector



#### Inner detector tracking system

- Tracking central part of object reconstruction
- Inner detector
  - **Pixel** silicon pixels, the innermost detector  $\sim$ 5 cm from beam line
  - SCT silicon microstrips
  - TRT straw tube transition radiation tracker
- Immersed in 2T solenoid field

#### **Resolutions, 100 GeV track** - impact parameter ~12 μm - transverse momentum ~5 GeV

R = 1082 mm 6.2m long TRT TRT R = 554 mm R = 514 mm R = 443 mm SCT R = 371 mm R = 299 mm SCT **Pixels** R = 122.5 mm R = 88.5 mm Pixels R = 50.5 mm R = 0 m 13

#### Tracker requirements

- Provide precision tracking for  $|\eta|<2.5$
- Precise primary & secondary vertex
  - b-tagging
- Transition radiation for electron identification

#### Inner detector alignment

- Precise knowledge of detector element positions crucial
  - Accurate momentum measurements & charge determination
  - Precise vertex reconstruction
- Alignment of > 35,000 d.o.f.
  - Use high-pT tracks from collisions & cosmic rays
- Systematic biases
  - Observed large charged-dependent modulation in Z mass vs muon  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$
  - Corrected by imposing external constraints during alignment procedure





#### The muon system

- Cross-sectional view of the ATLAS muon system
  - Tracking
  - Triggering
- Three air-core superconducting toroids ~0.5 T field

#### Muon p<sub>T</sub> trigger thresholds:

@ Level I (online hardware-based): 10 GeV@ High-level trigger: 18 GeV



#### Muon identification

- Several different muon identification algorithms
  - Muon spectrometer stand-alone muon
  - Inner detector track matched to track segments in muon system
  - Combined muon
    - Stand-alone muon combined with inner detector track for joint momentum measurement
    - Independent charge measurements from ID & MS  $\rightarrow$  used for this analysis



Combined muon reconstruction efficiency vs  $\eta$ 

#### analysis: selection, backgrounds & systematics

#### Event selection: muons

- Basic selection requirements
  - $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - Transverse momentum:  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - Track impact parameter
    - Transverse  $|d_0| < 0.2 \text{ mm}$
    - Longitudinal  $|z_0 \sin \theta| < 5 mm$
- Muon quality selection
  - Charge:  $Q_{ID} == Q_{MS}$
  - Impact parameter significance:  $|d_0|/\sigma(d_0) < 3$ 
    - long tails for non-prompt muons
  - Track-based isolation

Trigger + background rejection

Reject cosmic contamination

— Reduce non-prompt muon background



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Impact parameter significance for non-isolated muons (in same-sign dimuon events)





#### Event selection: dimuon pairs

- Select pairs of good muons with equal charge
- Invariant mass:
  - m(µµ) > 15 GeV

- Opposite-sign control region
  - Verify understanding of prompt isolated muons from Drell-Yan
    - estimate using using  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- MC$
  - Prediction in good agreement with observation



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- Dominant & irreducible background
- Well-modeled in simulation  $\rightarrow$  MC-based prediction
  - WZ / ZZ: normalize to NLO cross section
  - Smaller contributions from:  $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$  /  $t\bar{t}W$
- Resulting background:

Process	<i>m</i> (μ <sup>±</sup> μ <sup>±</sup> ) > 15 GeV
WZ	48.4 ± 6.3
ZZ	10.6 ± 1.4
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- Estimate from MC, cross-check using data
- Charge mis-identification rate
  - Measure separately for ID/MS using Z events
  - $Q^{\rm ID} == Q^{\rm MS} \rightarrow both must be mis-measured for charge flip$
  - Apply combined rate to opposite-pairs in  $MC \rightarrow$  upper systematic limit
- Resulting background:

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charge-flip	0 +2.7/-0.0	

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- Predominantly from heavy-flavor decays
  - Largely suppressed through selection cuts
- Estimated using data-driven techniques
  - Determine rate with which non-prompt muons pass isolation selection

### Non-prompt isolation probability

- Derive rate in regions enhanced in non-prompt muons
  - High d0<sub>significance</sub> (>5)
    - Dimuon sample
      - analysis is dimuon events most similar to signal region
      - require  $15 < m(\mu\mu) < 55 \text{ GeV}$
    - Single muon sample
      - higher statistics

#### ● Low m<sub>T</sub> region

- Exactly one muon & at least one jet
- *m*<sub>T</sub> < 10 GeV
  - reduce contribution of prompt muons from  ${\sf W}$
  - remaining prompt muon contribution subtracted based on MC

$$m_T(W) = \sqrt{2p_T^l p_T^{\nu} (1 - \cos[\phi^l - \phi^{\nu}])}$$

- probes also **decay-in-flight** 

probes *heavy-flavor* decays

#### Resulting isolation probability

- Isolation requirement:  $p_T^{cone40}/p_T(\mu) < 0.08$  &&  $p_T^{cone40} < 5$  GeV
- Non-prompt isolation probability vs  $p_T$  for different control samples: 5-8%
  - Central value derived using muons with  $dO_{significance} > 5$
  - Difference between samples used to asses systematic uncertainty
  - For high  $p_T$ , statistical uncertainty large  $\rightarrow$  assign 100% systematic uncertainty



# Signal region predictions

- Contribution to signal region estimated using *matrix method*
- Define two set of muons, exclusive of each other
  - **T** tight = PASS isolation
  - L loose = FAILS isolation signal events!
- Separate dimuon pairs into TT / TL / LT / LL
- Method relates **observed dimuon composition** to underlying **real/fake composition** 
  - Inputs are the rates with which prompt & non-prompt muons pass isolation

• Cross check prediction using non-prompt muon enhanced **control regions**!

use these to predict non-real background to signal!

### Control region: intermediate isolation

- Predict intermediately isolated region
  - Both muons fail signal region isolation but pass looser isolation cut
  - Muons pass other selection cuts
    - d0significance < 3
    - Like-sign muons
  - Predict 14<sup>+4/-5</sup> & observe 18 good agreement!



12 Muon pairs / 25 GeV ATLAS + Data 2011 10  $Ldt = 1.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Non-prompt µ  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ 8 Both muons pass 6 intermediate isolation, like-sign 4 2 0<u>`</u> 50 150 100 200 250 m(μ<sup>±</sup>μ<sup>±</sup>) [GeV] Data

#### Control region: high d0significance

- Require at least one muon to FAIL the  $dO_{significance}$  cut (> 3)
  - Require both muons to pass all other selection cuts
    - Signal region isolation
    - Like-sign muons
  - Predict 29<sup>+7/-9</sup> & observe 12 1.8 sigma downward fluctuation



#### Systematic uncertainties

- Several systematic uncertainties may change signal acceptance & background estimate
- Small uncertainties on lepton identification

Source of uncertainty	Processes affected	Effect on prediction
Muon identification	Signal WZ ZZ W <sup>±</sup> W <sup>±</sup> t <del>t</del> W	±1%
	WZ, ZZ, W, W, HW	
Muon isolation efficiency	$WZ, ZZ, W^{\pm}W^{\pm}, t\bar{t}W$	-1.5%
Muon momentum measurement	Signal $WZ ZZ W^{\pm}W^{\pm} t\bar{t}W$	±0.9%
Trigger efficiency	Signal $WZ, ZZ, W^{\pm}W^{\pm}, t\bar{t}W$	±0.3%
Luminosity	Signal $WZ, ZZ, W^{\pm}W^{\pm}, t\bar{t}W$	±3.7%
Non-prompt muon estimate	non-prompt muons	30-100%
WZ and ZZ cross section	WZ, ZZ	12%
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ and $t\bar{t}W$ cross section	$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}, t\bar{t}W$	50%
Charge flip rate	Drell-Yan, <i>tī</i> , WW	up to +2.7 pairs
MC statistics	$WZ, ZZ, W^{\pm}W^{\pm}, t\bar{t}W$	5-50%
Data control region statistics	non-prompt muons	3-45%

# affects signal & prompt background

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# analysis: results & interpretations

#### Results: kinematics

- Invariant mass of muon pair •
- Leading & subleading muon p<sub>T</sub> ullet
- No significant excess observed in data!





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#### Results: kinematics

- Separate into 4 mass regions
  - > 15 GeV
  - > 100 GeV
  - > 200 GeV
  - > 300 GeV
- Observation in good agreement with SM predictions!
  - Proceed to put limits...



Sample	Number of muon pairs with $m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm})$			
	$> 15 { m ~GeV}$	$> 100 { m ~GeV}$	$> 200 { m ~GeV}$	$> 300 { m ~GeV}$
prompt muons	$63.1\pm7.8$	$34.9\pm4.5$	$9.6 \pm 1.6$	$2.24\pm0.54$
non-prompt muons	$37.5^{+10.3}_{-12.4}$	$13.0\pm4.5$	$1.8\pm0.7$	$0.31 \pm 0.18$
charge flip	$0^{+2.7}_{-0}$	$0^{+0.9}_{-0.0}$	$0^{+0.7}_{-0.0}$	$0^{+0.61}_{-0.00}$
total	$100.6^{+13.2}_{-14.7}$	$48.0 \pm 6.4$	$11.4^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$	$2.56^{+0.83}_{-0.57}$
data	101	32	7	1

>5% probability for background only hypothesis to fluctuate down

# Limit setting

- No excess observed  $\rightarrow$  set constraints on like-sign muon production from non-SM sources
  - Do counting experiment in bins of invariant mass
- Translate from number of pairs to a cross section  $\rightarrow$  fiducial efficiency



- True fiducial region
  - p<sub>T</sub>(µ) > 20 GeV
  - |η| < 2.5</li>
  - Separation from truth jet & truth prompt electron/muon with  $p_T > 20$  GeV by dR > 0.40
    - emulate isolation cut
  - m(µµ) > 15 GeV
- Fiducial efficiency compared between different new physics models
  - Busy vs clean events
  - Lowest observed efficiency used (range between 44-73%)

Models considered: H<sup>±±</sup>, t<sub>R</sub>t<sub>R</sub>, b' quark, W<sub>R</sub>

#### Fiducial cross-section limits

- Resulting cross-section limits determined for the four mass ranges considered
- Here combined positive & negative pairs

Mass range [GeV]	$\sigma_{95}^{fid}$ [fb]		
	expected	observed	
All muon pairs			
$\overline{m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) > 15}$	$58^{+19}_{-17}$	58	
$m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) > 100$	$30^{+11}_{-9}$	16	
$m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm})>200$	$13.7^{+5.7}_{-4.4}$	8.4	
$m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) > 300$	$8.0^{+3.3}_{-2.6}$	5.3	



# Limit on like-sign top quark production

- Direct translation of fiducial cross-section limit to specific model
- Like-sign top production through exchange of flavor-changing Z' boson
  - Like-sign tops at the LHC dominated by positive pairs
  - Consider only  $\mu^+\mu^+$  since expect charge symmetric background
- Need acceptance of model & its uncertainty
  - Evaluate for different values of Z' mass in the four mass bins





Resulting cross-section limit on t<sub>R</sub>t<sub>R</sub> production  $\sigma_{95}(t_R t_R)$  [pb] m(Z')expected observed  $4.2^{+2.3}_{-0.9}$  $100 \,\,\mathrm{GeV}$ 3.7 $3.3^{+1.9}_{-0.7}$  $150 \,\,\mathrm{GeV}$ 3.0  $2.9^{+1.6}_{-0.6}$ 200 GeV2.6 $2.5^{+1.4}_{-0.5}$  $\gg 1 \text{ TeV}$ 2.2 $(t_L \text{ experimentally constrained from$ 

#### Interpretation of result



J.A.Aguilar Saavedra, shown at TOP2011

#### Dimuon resonance search

- Search dimuon mass for narrow resonance such as doubly charged Higgs bosons
  - Predicted by many new physics models
  - Observe good agreement between data & prediction  $\rightarrow$  set limits
- Counting experiment in narrow ranges of dimuon mass
  - $0.9 \times m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) \le M(H^{\pm\pm}) \le 1.1 \times m(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm})$
- Estimate (acceptance x efficiency) from simulation (46 57%), translate to cross-section limit

$$\sigma_{HH} \times BR(H^{\pm\pm} \to \mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) = \frac{N(\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm})}{2 \times (A \times \epsilon) \times \mathcal{L}dt}$$
relative to number of  $H^{\pm\pm}$  decaying to  $\mu\mu$ 

- Total acceptance uncertainty ~3.6%
  - PDF uncertainty
  - Interpolation between mass values
  - MC statistics

#### Results: doubly charged Higgs bosons

- Assuming BR  $(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) = 100 \%$ 
  - $m(H^{\pm\pm}L) > 355 \text{ GeV}$
  - $m(H^{\pm\pm}R) > 251 \text{ GeV}$
- Assuming BR  $(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}) = 33 \%$ 
  - $m(H^{\pm\pm}L) > 244 \text{ GeV}$
  - $m(H^{\pm\pm}R) > 209 \text{ GeV}$

Different couplings of  $H^{\pm\pm_R} / H^{\pm\pm_L}$ to Z gives right-handed production cross section factor 2 lower



#### Outlook

- Like-sign muons important probe of beyond the SM physics
  - Inclusive analysis sensitive to a wide range of new physics models
  - Dedicated searches can provide further sensitivity
- Observe no significant excess in data over SM predictions
  - Set constraints on fiducial cross-section of  $\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$  production & mass of H^{\pm\pm} bosons
  - Analysis based on 1.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data but  $\sim$ 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> on disk & more to come!
    - Ongoing work of updating to include full 2011 dataset & further fine-tune event selection cuts

• It's an excellent time to do high-energy physics - next years have all the odds to provide great excitement!





#### Inner detector alignment



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#### Combined muon resolutions

- Dimuon mass resolution of combined muons in different pseudorapidity regions
  - Experimental resolution compared to MC predictions using Pythia  $\rightarrow$  Z µµ events



#### More on isolation & pileup

- Two types of pileup affecting isolation
  - In-time pileup  $\rightarrow$  Overlapping interactions in the same bunch crossing
    - Probe as isolation vs # primary vertices
  - Out-of-time pileup → Contributions from activity in previous bunch crossings (related to limited detector readout)
    - Effect dependent on bunch train position
    - Probe as isolation vs # preceding filled bunches (or BCID)



### Out-of-time pileup

- Out of time pileup & muon isolation
  - **Right** Track isolation independent of BCID
  - Left Calorimetric isolation shows clear dependence on BCID
    - Effect of calorimeter pulse shaping



# In-time pileup

- Study mean isolation vs # vertices
- Pileup dependence on isolation described in MC
  - Stronger pileup dependence with larger cone size
- Track isolation nearly independent on in-time pileup



#### **Calorimetric isolation**

**Track isolation** 



number of vertices

#### Systematics for non-prompt background

- Central value
  - Derived using muons with  $dO_{significance} > 5$
  - Flat above 100 GeV at  $\sim$ 6%
- Systematic uncertainty
  - Estimate from observed differences in measured isolation probability
    - High  $dO_{significance}$  sample vs low  $m_T$  sample  $\rightarrow$  at least 30% uncertainty at all  $p_T$ 
      - Larger uncertainty at low  $p_T$  (measurement differences) & high  $p_T$  (low statistics)
    - At high  $p_T > 100$  GeV, assign **100%** uncertainty
  - Uncertainty on isolation rate propagated through to obtain estimated effect on non-prompt yield



### Additional control regions

- Additional control regions defined by requiring both muons to pass an intermediate isolation requirement & at least one muon fail the d0<sub>significance</sub> cut
  - Opposite-sign pairs vs like-sign pairs
- Good agreement of data & prediction within the uncertainties



#### Results: muon kinematics

- Distribution of  $\eta$  for leading / subleading  $\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{T}}$  muons



#### Results: invariant mass by charge

• Dimuon invariant mass spectrum, separated by positively/negatively charged pairs



# Limits: doubly charged Higgs

• Limits on doubly charged Higgs production as function of branching ration to two muons



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