

Can R -parity violation hide vanilla supersymmetry at the LHC?

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ABSTRACT: Current experimental constraints on a large parameter space in supersymmetric models rely on the large missing energy signature. This is usually provided by the lightest neutralino which stability is ensured by the R -parity. However, if the R -parity is violated, the lightest neutralino decays into the standard model particles and the missing energy cut is not efficient anymore. In particular, the UDD type R -parity violation induces the neutralino decay to three quarks which potentially leads to the most difficult signal to be searched at hadron colliders. In this paper, we study the constraints on the R -parity violating supersymmetric models using a same-sign dilepton and a multijet signatures. We show that the gluino and squarks lighter than a TeV are already excluded in constrained minimal supersymmetric standard model with R -parity violation if their masses are approximately equal. We also analyze constraints in a simplified model with R -parity violation. We compare how R -parity violation changes some of the observables typically used to distinguish a supersymmetric signal from standard model backgrounds.

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1 Introduction

The LHC experiments are searching for a new physics which could naturally explain the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking. One of the leading candidates for the new physics is the low energy supersymmetry (SUSY). In the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM), the electroweak symmetry breaking scale is determined by SUSY breaking mass parameters and μ term. Then, to achieve the correct electroweak symmetry breaking without fine-tuning, SUSY particle masses would have to be of the same order as the electroweak scale. However, current LHC experiments have already excluded gluino and squark with equal masses below 1.4 TeV in the constrained MSSM (CMSSM) with *R*-parity [1, 2]. In particular, the large missing energy signature plays an important role in searches for the SUSY signal.

If the *R*-parity is violated, the missing energy distribution changes drastically because the lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is no longer stable. The amount of missing energy decreases and discrimination from the standard model (SM) background becomes tricky. Thus, the constraints on SUSY particle masses would relax in such a case. Especially, in the case when the neutralino LSP decays into three quarks via the *UDD* type *R*-parity violating the search for SUSY signal can be challenging at hadron colliders because charged leptons and missing energy are not produced in the LSP decay [3].

Existing studies of the *UDD*-type *R*-parity violation focus on rather specific spectra and processes, e.g. stop LSP [4], gluino LSP [5], stop direct production processes with stop and neutralino LSP [6] and gravitino LSP with $\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 j \rightarrow \tilde{\ell} \ell j \rightarrow \ell \ell j \tilde{G}$ [7]. On the other hand, the aim of this paper is to see the impact of the *UDD*-type *R*-parity violation on the LHC constraints on the “vanilla”-type SUSY spectrum (with neutralino LSP, a GUT

relation in gaugino masses and non decoupling first-two generation squarks). This is the first step to understand whether the R -parity violation helps to hide the low energy SUSY spectrum below 1 TeV.

In this paper, we show that SUSY signals with this type of R -parity violation are already strongly constrained by current searches. We reinterpret the CMS analysis of same-sign dilepton signal [8]. Such a signal can be expected in low energy SUSY because of superpartners charged under $SU(2)$ that would subsequently decay into a weak boson and other superpartner. In such a case, leptons from the weak boson decay would appear in the final state. Furthermore, we also investigate the constraints from the ATLAS search of final states with a large jet multiplicity and missing transverse momentum [9]. This is motivated by the UDD coupling which leads to the neutralino decay to three jets. Hence, one would expect an increased number of jets in the final state compared to usual benchmark scenarios. Neutrinos from gauge boson decays and jet energy mismeasurement would provide required amount of missing energy to pass a cut. For the purpose of this analysis, we investigate the CMSSM and a simplified model as benchmark spectra. We show that these ATLAS and CMS searches already provide a good sensitivity. Gluino and squarks with equal masses below 900 GeV are excluded in CMSSM with the UDD operator.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we discuss general properties of R -parity violating signal at the LHC. In section 3 we define signal regions and specify details of event generation. Section 4 discusses the constraints on a CMSSM model and a simplified model with R -parity violation derived from LHC searches introduced in section 3. Finally we conclude in section 5.

2 R -parity violating SUSY signal

We consider the following R -parity violating term in the superpotential,¹

$$W \supset \lambda''_{212} U_2 D_1 D_2 \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda''_{212} \sim 1 \times 10^{-3}, \quad (2.1)$$

where U_i, D_j are generation i, j right-handed quark superfields. In the analyzed models the lightest supersymmetric particle will be the lightest neutralino. The lightest neutralino subsequently decays as

$$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow c d s \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \bar{c} \bar{d} \bar{s} \quad (2.2)$$

via the R -parity violating interaction in a 3-body decay with an off-shell squark. Decay pattern of the other SUSY particles remains almost unaffected compared to the R -parity conserving scenario.

The neutralino cannot be a dark matter candidate since it is no longer stable on a cosmological time scale. The dark matter in the Universe could be explained by non-SUSY particles, such as an axion, in this setup. It is known that introduction of a large R -parity violation (RPV) coupling would wash out the baryon asymmetry before the electroweak phase transition. The bounds on the RPV couplings are roughly $\mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$ [11–13]. However,

¹For a general review of R -parity violating SUSY models, see for instance ref. [10].

this constraint can be easily avoided if considering scenarios where the baryon asymmetry is generated after the electroweak transition, as in the electroweak baryogenesis and in Affleck-Dine baryogenesis with a long lived condensate or Q-ball. The proton lifetime does not constrain our models, since the lepton number is still conserved. The $n - \bar{n}$ oscillation constraint is also satisfied since only one of the three flavour indices in eq. (2.1) involves first generation.

We choose the coupling eq. (2.1) and the neutralino LSP as potentially the most difficult case to be searched at the LHC. The $U_2 D_1 D_2$ operator does not produce charged leptons or b -jets in the neutralino decay. On the other hand, if the RPV operators involving third generation are introduced, bottom quarks and W bosons would be more abundant, making the search much easier [4, 14–18]. Furthermore, in the slepton LSP case, the constraints may be stronger than in the neutralino LSP case, because of multi-lepton final states. The available parameter space where a chargino is the LSP is not large [19] and the signal would be rather similar to the neutralino LSP case.

In our scenarios, the neutralino LSP decays into three jets with a lifetime about $\mathcal{O}(10^{-13}) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-12})$ seconds, if other superpartners have masses $\lesssim 1$ TeV. If the coupling is too small ($\lambda'' \lesssim 10^{-5}$), it leads to a displaced vertex of the neutralino decay, again making discrimination from the background easier. If the coupling is too large ($\lambda \gtrsim 0.01$), the single squark production and/or the branching ratio of squarks decaying to two quarks would become sizeable. In this case, the searches for the squark resonance would have a great sensitivity to constrain the model. A similar class of models has already been studied in ref. [20], where the analysis was focused on exploiting substructure of high- p_T jets originating from heavily boosted neutralinos. Here, we take another approach, where the p_T -requirements for jets are relaxed but, on the other hand, a large jet multiplicity is required. Same-sign dilepton signal in the UDD model was also analyzed in ref. [21] for SUSY searches at the Tevatron.

To study constraints on such SUSY models, we reinterpret the results of the ATLAS large jet multiplicities plus missing energy search [9] and the CMS same-sign dilepton with jets plus missing energy search [8]. The lightest neutralino decay produces many additional jets compared to the R -parity conserving case while the amount of missing energy is reduced. However, the missing energy cut is still required because of a large QCD background. Nevertheless, the ATLAS search still has a sufficient sensitivity to the R -parity violating signal where the missing energy can originate from decays of weak bosons appearing in the SUSY cascade chain, $W \rightarrow \ell\nu, Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$. Furthermore, an additional missing energy contribution will come from jet energy mismeasurement. The decays of weak bosons will also give charged leptons in the final state. Thus, the CMS same-sign dilepton search can also be expected to have sensitivity to the R -parity violating SUSY. Thus, the weak bosons in cascade chains play a key role in constraining the R -parity violating SUSY models using the current LHC analyses.

In the remaining of this section, we demonstrate that the weak bosons could be frequently produced in “vanilla” SUSY models. There are two main sources of weak bosons in such SUSY models. One of them originates from decays of charginos/neutralinos from squarks and gluinos cascade decay chains and the other comes from top squark decays.

Firstly, we discuss the weak boson production in squark cascade decay. If $m_{\tilde{q}} > M_{\tilde{W}} > M_{\tilde{B}}$, left-handed squarks decay dominantly into a chargino, followed by the chargino decay into a neutralino and a W boson thanks to the higgsino admixture. On the other hand, if $m_{\tilde{q}} > M_{\tilde{B}} > M_{\tilde{W}}$, a right-handed squarks decay is a source of the weak bosons. The right-handed squarks decay into the second lightest neutralino, which then decays to a chargino and a W boson. In either case, final state leptons would become soft if we would abandon the GUT relation and make the bino and wino nearly mass-degenerate. However, if the μ parameter is of the similar order, the full chargino/neutralino sector would not be compressed due to off-diagonal components of the gaugino-higgsino mass matrix. A mixing in the neutralino and chargino sectors would still result in a rich phenomenology with many decay chains possible. The μ term of the order of the electroweak scale is plausible in the context of “natural” SUSY, see e.g. [22–24]. Finally, if $M_{\tilde{W}} > m_{\tilde{q}} > M_{\tilde{B}}$, squarks mainly decay into the lightest neutralino with one jet. Even in this case, stops (produced either directly or in gluino decay chains) could be a source of W bosons originating from top quark decays. Stop tends to be the lightest squark because of a large top Yukawa coupling. The light stop is also motivated by naturalness.

If squarks are heavier than gluino, gluino decays via off-shell squarks to a pair of jets and a chargino or neutralino. Thus, W bosons are also produced from such a decay chain, as in the case of squark decays discussed above. If only a stop is lighter than the gluino, then gluino dominantly decays into stop and a top quark. Decays of left- and right-handed stop could produce W bosons via top or gaugino decays.

Finally, we comment on the possibility of the SUSY decay chain including sleptons. If sleptons are light and SUSY particles decay into LSP with intermediate sleptons and a number of leptons would be expected in the final state. This would result in a high sensitivity also in other search channels, see e.g. [7, 25, 26].

3 Signal regions and event generation

In this section we define signal regions that have already been used by ATLAS and CMS experiments for SUSY searches. Furthermore, we provide details of event generation that was applied for our benchmark models in section 4.

3.1 Signal regions

As discussed in section 2, UDD type RPV SUSY models predict large hadronic activity in the final state as the LSPs decay hadronically. Therefore, we expect that the ATLAS large jet multiplicities plus missing energy [9] could provide strong constraints on such models. In the CMS same-sign dilepton with jets plus missing energy search [8], the requirement on the missing energy is much milder than in the other SUSY searches, since the SM background can be well suppressed by requiring the same-sign dilepton plus high- p_T jets. Because RPV models predicts low amounts of missing energy, this search should offer good sensitivity to such models. Three signal regions are chosen from each of the original ATLAS and CMS searches and these are summarised in table 1 and 2, respectively.²

² We have checked the other signal regions are less sensitive to our RPV SUSY models.

signal region	7j55	8j55	9j55
$N_{\text{lepton}}(p_T^{e,\mu} > 20, 10 \text{ GeV})$	= 0		
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$	$> 4\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$		
$N_{\text{jet}}(p_T > 55 \text{ GeV})$	≥ 7	≥ 8	≥ 9
$N(\text{BG})$	167 ± 34	17 ± 7	1.9 ± 0.8
$N(\text{observed})$	154	22	3
$N_{\text{BSM}}^{95\% \text{UL}}$	64	20	5.7

Table 1. The signal regions defined in the ATLAS large jet multiplicities plus missing energy search. The number of expected background events, observed events and the 95% CL model-independent upper limit on the number of BSM events for each signal region are also shown. For more detail see [9].

The ATLAS search defines the signal regions according to the number of jets with $p_T > 55 \text{ GeV}$. The three signal regions demand at least 7, 8 and 9 jets, respectively. In each case an event is vetoed if it contains isolated leptons with $p_T > 20$ (10) GeV for electrons (muons). In addition it is required that $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} > 4\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$, where H_T is the scalar sum of the p_T of all jets (with $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.8$). After those cuts, the SM background is well suppressed. The main backgrounds come from fully hadronic and semi leptonic $t\bar{t}$ events and QCD multi-jet events. The number of expected background events, observed events and the 95% CL model-independent upper limit on the number of BSM events for the three signal regions are also listed in table 1.

The three signal regions in the CMS search are classified based on the requirement on the minimum threshold of the E_T^{miss} : 120, 50 and 0 GeV. The SM background is well suppressed mainly because of the requirements of at least one same-sign dilepton pair with p_T greater than 20 (10) GeV for the leading (subleading) lepton, at least two jets (with $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$) and $H_T > 450 \text{ GeV}$, where H_T is calculated using jets with $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.5$. In order to suppress soft lepton background coming from heavy hadron decays, a minimum dilepton invariant mass of 8 GeV is imposed. In the background, leptons come from heavy gauge boson decays, leptonic decays within jets and jets mimicking leptons. The number of background events, observed events and the 95% CL upper limit on the number of BSM events are listed in table 2.

3.2 Event generation and detector simulation

In our analysis, RPV SUSY events are generated using Herwig++ 2.5.2 [27–29] with $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$. The detector response is simulated using Delphes 2.0.2 [30] with a corresponding detector card depending on the analysis. Jets are clustered by the anti- k_T algorithm with a radius parameter of 0.4 (0.5) in the ATLAS (CMS) analysis.

In the ATLAS analysis, electrons must have $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.47$, whilst muons must have $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.4$. The lepton isolation is checked in the following way. First, any jet candidate lying within a distance $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2} = 0.2$ of an

signal region	MET120	MET50	MET0
$N(\text{SS lepton pair})$	≥ 1		
$N_{\text{jet}}(p_T > 40 \text{ GeV})$	≥ 2		
$p_T^{\ell_1, \ell_2}$	$> 20, 10 \text{ GeV}$		
$m(l_i^+ l_i^-)$	$> 8 \text{ GeV}$		
H_T	$> 450 \text{ GeV}$		
E_T^{miss}	$> 120 \text{ GeV}$	$> 50 \text{ GeV}$	$> 0 \text{ GeV}$
$N(\text{BG})$	4.9 ± 2.6	13.0 ± 4.9	23.6 ± 8.4
$N(\text{observed})$	4	11	16
$N_{\text{BSM}}^{95\% \text{UL}}$	9.6	6.2	10.4

Table 2. The signal regions defined in the CMS same-sign dilepton with jets plus missing energy search. The number of expected background events, observed events and the 95% CL model independent upper limit on the BSM events for each signal region are also shown. For more detail see [8].

electron is discarded. A lepton is considered to be isolated if there are no other jets around the lepton candidate within a distance of $\Delta R = 0.4$.

In the CMS analysis, all the lepton candidates must have $|\eta| < 2.4$. For the lepton isolation, a scalar sum of transverse track momenta (excluding the lepton track itself) and transverse calorimeter energy deposits within $\Delta R < 0.3$ are computed. If the sum is less than 15% of the lepton p_T , the lepton is considered to be isolated. In this study, the lepton isolation is important not only for the CMS same-sign dilepton analysis, but also for the ATLAS large jet multiplicity analysis. The ATLAS analysis requires some amount of the missing energy, $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} > 4 \text{ GeV}^{1/2}$, which may be achieved if the event contains neutrinos in the RPV SUSY scenario. In general, neutrinos are produced from heavy gauge boson decays or tau decays and are often associated with charged leptons. Such events would, however, be rejected due to the lepton veto if the efficiency of the lepton acceptance was perfect.

Before deriving constraints on the RPV CMSSM, we validate our event and detector simulation by reproducing the R -parity conserving (RPC) CMSSM exclusion limits provided by ATLAS and CMS. To obtain the exclusion limits, we calculate the acceptance times efficiency for different SUSY production processes separately in each signal region using the simulated events. Then we calculate the next-to-leading order cross sections using *Prospino* 2.1 [31, 32]. From those values, we estimate the number of expected signal events and compare it with the reported model-independent upper limit on the number of BSM events. We find a good agreement between our result and those obtained by ATLAS and CMS.

4 Constraining vanilla SUSY models with R-parity violation

In this section, we show that the “vanilla” SUSY models with R -parity violation can already be constrained by the current LHC searches. For this purpose, we reinterpret the following two direct SUSY searches: the ATLAS large jet multiplicities plus missing energy search [9] and the CMS same-sign dilepton with jets plus missing energy search [8], which have been carried out using an integrated luminosity of 4.7 and 4.98 fb⁻¹ at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, respectively. We show that these analyses have a good sensitivity for the UDD type R -parity violation models. As sample spectra, we consider the CMSSM and a simplified model where the third generation squarks, sleptons and higgsinos are decoupled. In the latter case missing energy and leptons in the final state come solely from decays of gauge bosons, as discussed in section 3.

4.1 CMSSM + UDD model

Our first example for the RPV SUSY scenario is the CMSSM with the $U_2 D_1 D_2$ operator in the superpotential and a small coupling, $\lambda''_{212} = 10^{-3}$, see eq. (2.1). This choice of the coupling does not alter the low energy mass spectrum much compared to the RPC CMSSM. Sparticle production cross sections and cascade decay chains remain identical, until the cascade decay chains reach the LSPs. In the RPV CMSSM, the lightest neutralinos further decay into three quarks, eq. (2.2), increasing the hadronic activity in the final state, whilst in the RPC CMSSM the neutralinos are stable and contribute to the transverse missing energy. Furthermore, we fix $\tan\beta = 10$, $A_0 = 0$, $\mu > 0$ throughout the paper.³ The low energy spectrum is calculated using SOFTSUSY-3.2.4 [35] and the decay branching ratios are obtained using SUSYHIT [36].

In figure 1(a), the red solid (blue dashed) histogram shows the distribution of $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ in the RPV (RPC) CMSSM, respectively. In this example, we have chosen $m_0 = 300$ GeV, $m_{1/2} = 400$ GeV as a representative model point. The distributions are obtained after two pre-selection cuts: no isolated lepton and the number of jets with $p_T > 55$ GeV is greater than or equal to 6. As can be seen, in the RPC CMSSM the distribution peaks around 7 GeV^{1/2} and has a large tail. On the other hand, in the RPV model, the distribution peaks at zero and quickly falls off towards higher values. The reason is two fold. The missing transverse energy is significantly reduced in the RPV model because neutralinos cannot contribute to E_T^{miss} . Secondly, the hadronic decay of neutralinos increase the size of H_T , which further decreases $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$. The number of events that pass the $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} > 4$ GeV^{1/2} cut in the RPV model is reduced by more than one order of magnitude compared to the RPC model.

³ If the trilinear coupling A_0 is large, e.g. to realize the 126 GeV Higgs boson [33, 34], the stop mass would change. Since in this case the \tilde{t}_1 becomes lighter and more abundant in the gluino decay chain, our results would provide a conservative limit. The Higgs mass constraint can be satisfied also by extending the MSSM. For example, in the NMSSM, $U(1)$ extended models and models with vector-like matter, the bounds can be satisfied without introducing a large A -term or heavy stops. Our result can also be applied to those models, if the branching ratios relevant to our study, such as $\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm q \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^\pm q$, do not change much, which is usually the case.

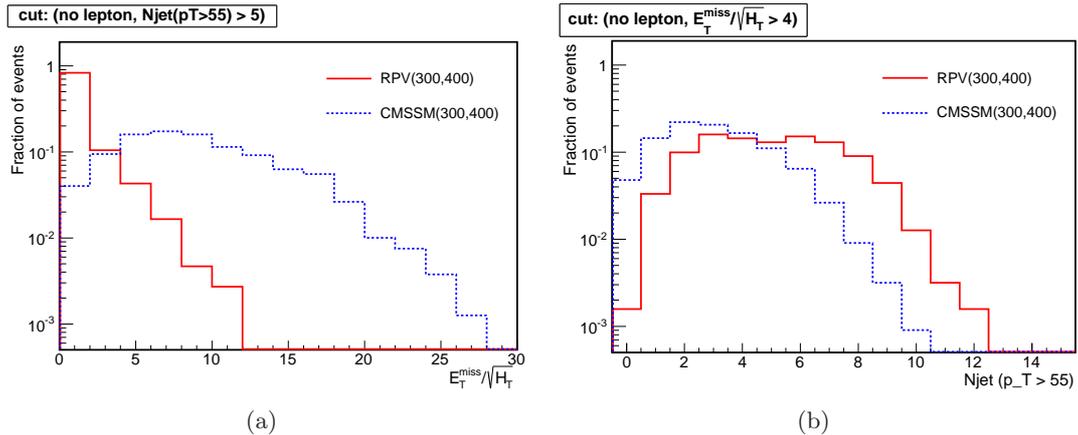


Figure 1. Distribution of (a) $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ for events with at least 6 jets of $p_T > 55$ GeV; and (b) the number of jets with $p_T > 55$ GeV fulfilling $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} > 4\text{GeV}^{1/2}$. Lepton veto was applied in both cases. The red solid (blue dashed) histograms are for the RPV (RPC) CMSSM, respectively.

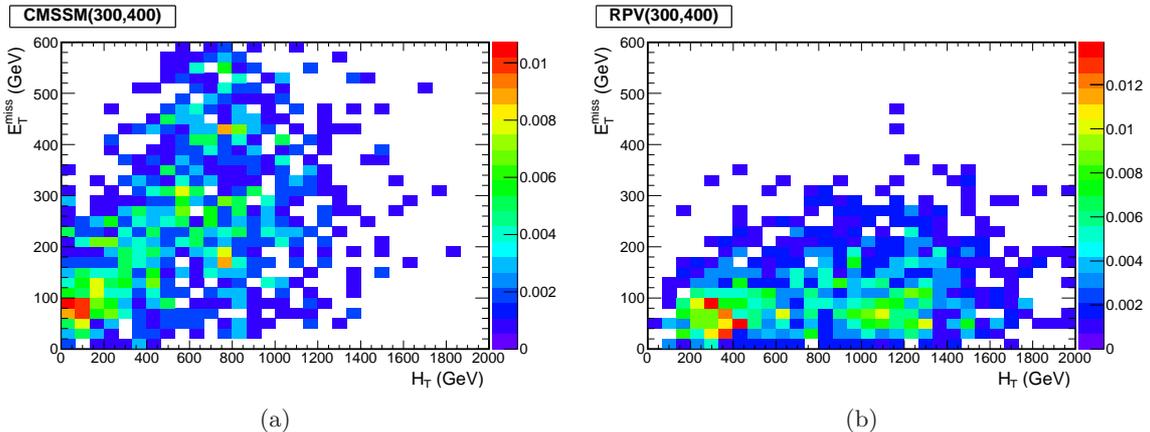


Figure 2. Event density distributions in the (H_T, E_T^{miss}) plane in (a) RPC CMSSM and (b) RPV CMSSM.

Figure 1(b) shows the distribution of the number of jets with $p_T > 55$ GeV after lepton veto and the $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} > 4\text{GeV}^{1/2}$ cut. As can be seen, the number of jets is enhanced in the RPV model because of the hadronic decays of the neutralinos. In the 8- and 9-jets bins, the enhancement is by factor of 10.

Figure 2 shows the event density distributions in the (H_T, E_T^{miss}) plane. The left, 2(a), and the right, 2(b), panels correspond to the RPC and RPV models, respectively. In the RPC model, the events are more scattered over the plane. A large proportion of the events fall into the $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV region, while the density decreases if H_T exceeds 900 GeV. On the other hand, in the RPV model, the events are more confined in the $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 200$ GeV region, whilst the event density does not decrease until H_T reaches 1400 GeV.

Figure 3 shows the 95% CL exclusion limits in the RPV CMSSM parameter plane. The

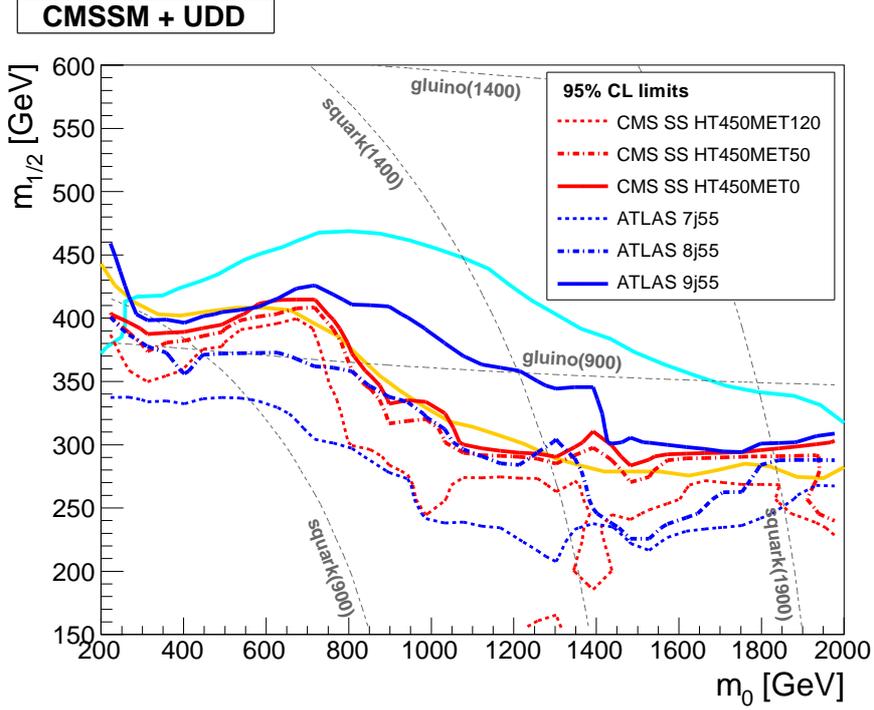


Figure 3. The exclusion limits in the R -parity violating CMSSM from six ATLAS (blue lines) and CMS (red lines) signal regions defined in section 3.1. The original CMSSM exclusion contours obtained from ATLAS (cyan curve) [9] and CMS (orange curve) [8] are also shown.

original exclusion curves for the RPC CMSSM are shown as well for comparison. In the ATLAS large jet multiplicity search, 9j55 signal region places the strongest bound among the three signal regions, which was also the case for the RPC CMSSM. The exclusions are slightly degraded in the large m_0 region because $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$ is much smaller in the RPV case than in the RPC model. On the other hand, in the small m_0 region, the bound is even stronger than in the RPC CMSSM. In the RPC CMSSM, obtaining a large jet multiplicity is quite difficult in the small m_0 region compared to the large m_0 region. This is because in the small m_0 region, squarks decay into a neutralino or a chargino plus one jet in a two-body decay. On the other hand, in the large m_0 region, squarks decay into a gluino plus one jet and the gluino further decays into a neutralino or a chargino plus two jets through a three-body decay, producing two additional jets in one cascade decay chain compared to the decay chain in the small m_0 region. The RPV helps in this situation: the hadronic decay of the neutralinos provide several extra jets and make it easier to satisfy the 9-jet requirement even in the small m_0 region.

In the CMS same-sign dilepton search, MET0 signal region puts the strongest bound. The sensitivities among the signal regions are reversed compared to the RPC model, i.e. the most constraining signal region in the RPC case gives the weakest constraint in RPV case. This is expected because the signal regions with a harder E_T^{miss} cut lose more signal events in the RPV SUSY compared to the RPC case. In this search, the exclusion limit is

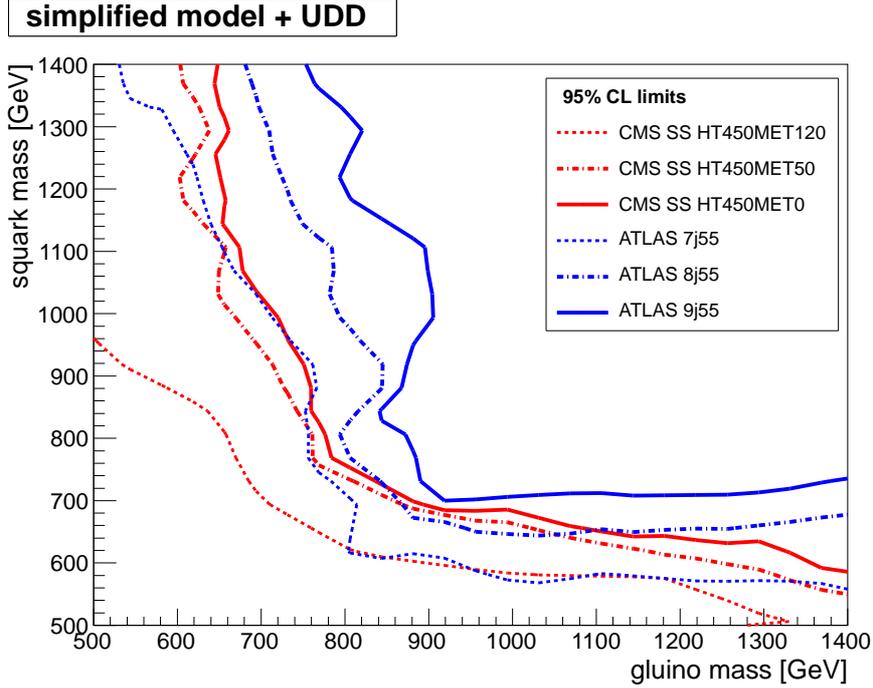


Figure 4. The exclusion limits in the R -parity violating simplified model from six ATLAS (blue lines) and CMS (red lines) signal regions defined in section 3.1.

almost the same as in the RPC case.

In conclusion, those two searches can provide good constraints in the CMSSM type SUSY spectrum even when the R -parity is violated and LSPs decay hadronically. For the equal gluino and squark masses, the searches exclude gluinos (squarks) up to 900 GeV. The gluino mass limit does not depend strongly on the squark mass. 700 GeV gluino is excluded for any squark mass.

4.2 Simplified spectrum + UDD model

Our second example is a simplified model with the $U_2 D_1 D_2$ operator. In this model, the third generation squarks, sleptons and higgsinos are decoupled. The first two generations of squarks are mass degenerate. In the gaugino sector, an approximate grand unified theory relation, $m_{\tilde{g}} : m_{\tilde{W}} : m_{\tilde{B}} = 6 : 2 : 1$, is imposed. Therefore, there are only two free parameters, which are relevant for the collider phenomenology: the gluino and squark masses. Decay branching ratios of SUSY particles are calculated using SUSYHIT [36].

Figure 4 shows the exclusion limits in this RPV simplified model. The features are similar to the RPV CMSSM results. The ATLAS large jet multiplicity search puts a slightly better constraint than the CMS same-sign dilepton search. The 9j55 and MET0 signal regions are the most sensitive ones in the ATLAS and CMS analyses, respectively. If the squark and gluino mass are equal, the exclusion bound is 800 GeV. Furthermore, quark masses below 700 GeV are excluded independently from the gluino mass. The gluino mass below 750 GeV is excluded if the squark mass is below 1400 GeV.

The exclusion limits on the squark and gluino masses are slightly weaker than those obtained in RPV CMSSM. This is because the events in the RPV CMSSM can contain several tops. For example, in the CMSSM, stop is the lightest squark throughout most of the parameter space. Therefore, gluino may preferentially decay to a stop plus a top if $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{t}} + m_t$ and to $bt\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ or $tt\tilde{\chi}_{1/2}^0$ via a three-body decay. These tops increase the number of W s and jets in the final state. On the other hand, in the simplified model, the sources of the same-sign dileptons and missing energy are mainly the decays of $SU(2)$ gauginos into W followed by the leptonic decay $W \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell$.

5 Summary and conclusions

In this study, we have investigated constraints on SUSY models with R -parity violation from current LHC experiments. In particular, we have focused on the R -parity violation by UDD term as it appears to be potentially the most difficult to be searched at hadron colliders. If the LSP is the lightest neutralino, it decays into three jets in such models. In this case, the LSP decay does not produce charged leptons or missing energy which provide a powerful discrimination against SM background in the current SUSY searches at the LHC.

We point out that the weak bosons which are produced in SUSY decay chains are a good source of charged leptons and missing energy. We show that the gluino and squarks lighter than a TeV can be already excluded in RPV CMSSM if their masses are approximately equal. This means that the current LHC analyses have sufficient sensitivity even for the UDD type R -parity violating SUSY models. Therefore, a huge SUSY parameter space which provides the electroweak symmetry breaking without fine-tuning have already been excluded also in the R -parity violating case.

Our results imply that R -parity violation could help in relaxing the bounds on the CMSSM. In our benchmark scenario we obtain the limit of ~ 900 GeV for squark and gluino masses in contrast to ~ 1.4 TeV in the R -parity conserving CMSSM. Searches in the final states of large jet multiplicities and same-sign dileptons seem to be well-suited for UDD RPV replacing usual large missing energy searches. However, the constraints derived in this paper strongly depend on the abundance of charged leptons and neutrinos in the final states. For models which do not expect leptons in the events, these constraints would be much weaker. For example, for models where squarks and gluino can directly decay only into the lightest neutralino associated with one or two jets, our bound is not applicable. In this class of models, naturalness can nevertheless be achieved together with R -parity violation.

Note added

While completing this paper an updated ATLAS study on large jet multiplicities study has been published [37]. We do not include those results in the present paper.

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