

# Neutrinos as drivers of decaying gravitino DM and novel LHC signals

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The fact that the Higgs is:

- an elementary scalar
- with a mass of 125 GeV

puts support on the idea of SUSY...

since (at least) a scalar particle exists,..., it produces the hierarchy problem, ...., SUSY solves it and predicts a SM-like Higgs with a mass  $\lesssim 140$  GeV

The fact that neutrinos are:

- massive

- with masses  $\lesssim$  eV

puts support on the idea of RH neutrinos...

since neutrinos are very light,..., they produce the  **$\nu$  problem** (how to accommodate neutrino data), ..., RH neutrinos + **seesaw** helps to solve it

RH neutrinos  $Y_{\nu}^{ij} \hat{H} \hat{L}_i^a \hat{\nu}_j^c$

$$m_D = \mathbf{Y}_{\nu} \langle H \rangle \lesssim 10^{-13} 10^2 \text{ GeV} = 10^{-11} \text{ GeV} = 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

+

seesaw to avoid a large hierarchy in Yukawa couplings  $\mathbf{Y}_{\nu} \lesssim 10^{-13}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & \mathcal{M} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}_{ij} \nu_i^c \nu_j^c} \begin{cases} m_{\nu} \sim m_D^2 / \mathcal{M} = (\mathbf{Y}_{\nu} \langle H \rangle)^2 / \mathcal{M} \\ M_{\nu} \sim \mathcal{M} \end{cases}$$

if  $\mathbf{Y}_{\nu} \lesssim 10^{-6}$  of the order of the electron Yukawa and  $\mathcal{M} \sim 10^3$

EW scale seesaw  $m_{\nu} \lesssim (10^{-6} 10^2)^2 / 10^3 = 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}$

We can accommodate both solutions

**SUSY and RH neutrinos (+ seesaw)** in the same model

$$W = Y_{\nu}^{ij} \hat{\nu}_j^c \hat{H}_u \hat{L}_i + \underbrace{K_{ijk} \hat{\nu}_i^c \hat{\nu}_j^c \hat{\nu}_k^c}_{\mathcal{M}_{ij}}$$

Majorana masses

when  $\langle \tilde{\nu}_i^c \rangle \sim \text{TeV}$

Because the new couplings modify  $\mathbf{V}$

But since  $H_d$  and  $L$  have the same SM quantum numbers,  $Y=-1/2$

$$+ \underbrace{\lambda_i \hat{\nu}_i^c \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d}_{\mu\text{-term}}$$

$\mu$ -term

with the extra bonus of

solving the  $\mu$  problem:

What is the origin of  $\mu \ll M_{\text{planck}}$  ?

**No ad-hoc scales in the model:**

Only the EW scale generated by soft terms

Lopez-Fogliani, C. M., PRL 2006  
 **$\mu\nu$ SSM**

$\lambda_i$  drive **the mixing of  $H_u$  and  $H_d$  with RH sneutrinos**

● Novel signals with **multi-Higgses**

For a recent work, see:

Biekotter, Heinemeyer, C. M., 1906.06173

Neutrino Yukawas drive **RPV** ; since  $Y_{\nu} \lesssim 10^{-6}$ , RPV is small

● Novel signals with: **displaced vertices, multi-leptons, multi-jets**

which seems good in view of the current experimental bounds on RPC models,  
based on missing energy

Because of the (new) neutrino Yukawa couplings, in addition to

$$\langle H_u^0 \rangle, \langle H_d^0 \rangle, \langle \tilde{\nu}_i^c \rangle \sim \text{TeV}$$

also the LH sneutrinos get VEVs  $\langle \tilde{\nu}_i \rangle$   $v_i \sim Y_v v_u \lesssim 10^{-6} 10^2 \text{ GeV} = 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}$

Neutrino Yukawas drive **small LH sneutrino VEVs**

(unlike RH sneutrino VEVs, whose driving forces are  $\lambda, k \sim 1$ )

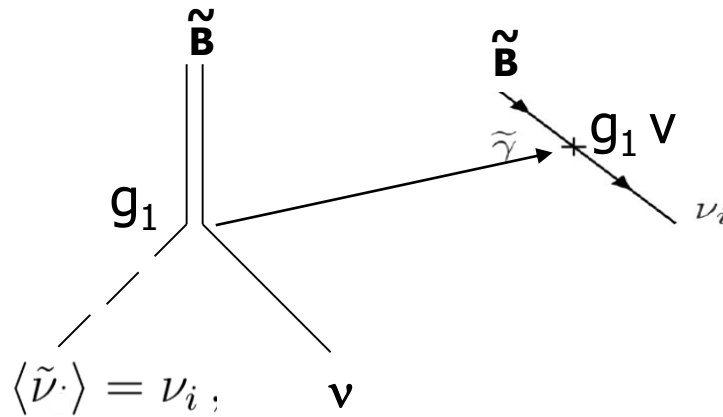
because of their

minimization condition  $V_{\text{soft}} = m_{H_d}^2 H_d^0 H_d^{0*} + m_{H_u}^2 H_u^0 H_u^{0*} + \underbrace{m_{\tilde{L}_{ij}}^2 \tilde{\nu}_i \tilde{\nu}_j^*}_{\text{}} + m_{\tilde{\nu}_{ij}^c}^2 \tilde{\nu}_i^c \tilde{\nu}_j^{c*} + A_v Y_v \underbrace{H_u^0 \tilde{\nu}_i \tilde{\nu}_j^c}_{\text{}} + \dots$

which implies  $m_{\tilde{L}_i}^2 v_i = - A_v v_R Y_{vi} v_u + \dots \longrightarrow v_i \sim Y_v v_u$



# Generalized EW scale seesaw



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fields with the same  
quantum numbers mix

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' $\nu_R$ -Higgsino seesaw'

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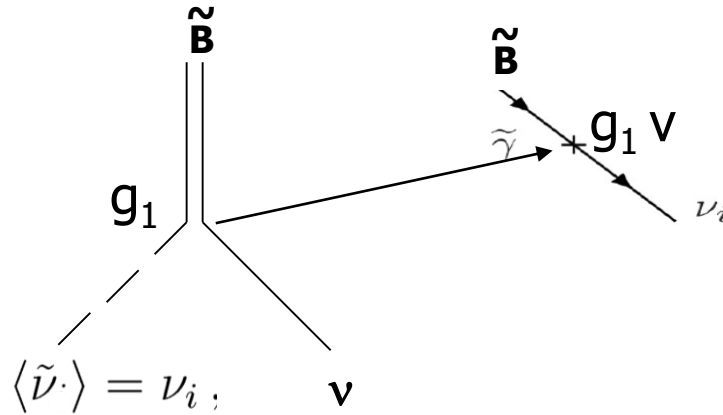
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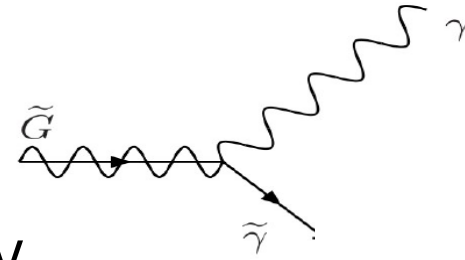
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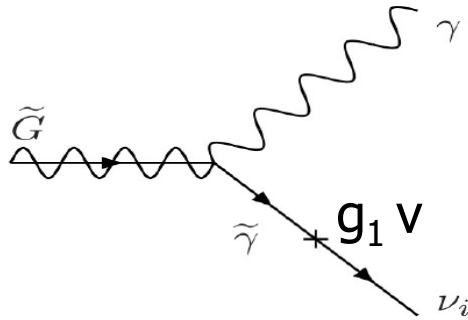


# Neutrino Yukawas drive **gravitino LSP as a DM candidate**

If gravitino **is not** the LSP, it decays to the LSP through gravitational interactions



If gravitino **is** the LSP, it also decays due to RPV



$$\Gamma(\psi_{3/2} \rightarrow \gamma\nu) = \frac{1}{32\pi} |U_{\tilde{\gamma}\nu}|^2 \frac{m_{3/2}^3}{M_P^2}.$$

but the decay width is suppressed  
both by the Planck mass and the RPV:

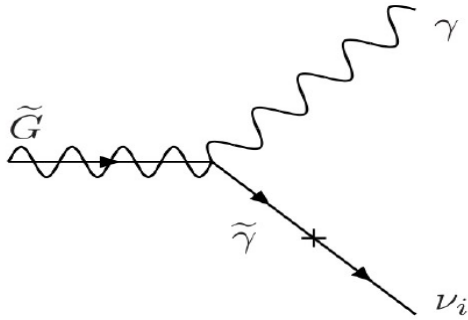
$$|U_{\tilde{\gamma}\nu}|^2 \sim |g_1 v/M_1|^2 \sim 10^{-14} - 10^{-15}$$

since  $v \sim \mathbf{10^{-4}}$  GeV because of the small neutrino Yukawa  $\mathbf{Y_v \sim 10^{-6}}$

Thus the lifetime is longer than the age of the Universe ( $\sim 10^{17}$  s),  
and **the gravitino can be a good DM candidate**

$$\tau_{3/2} = \Gamma^{-1}(\tilde{G} \rightarrow \gamma\nu) \simeq 8.3 \times 10^{26} \text{ sec} \times \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-3} \left( \frac{|U_{\gamma\nu}|^2}{7 \times 10^{-13}} \right)^{-1}$$

# Gravitino as decaying DM

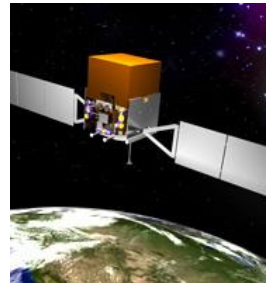


The photon produces a gamma-ray line at energies equal to  $m_{3/2}/2$

$$\Gamma(\psi_{3/2} \rightarrow \gamma\nu) = \frac{1}{32\pi} |U_{\tilde{\gamma}\nu}|^2 \frac{m_{3/2}^3}{M_P^2}.$$

**Fermi-LAT** can detect this flux of gamma rays in the halo of the Galaxy

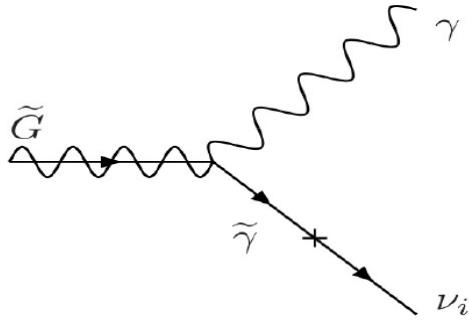
In the  $\mu\nu$ SSM in order to reproduce neutrino data (masses and mixing angles):  $10^{-15} \lesssim |U_{\tilde{\gamma}\nu}|^2 \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-14}$



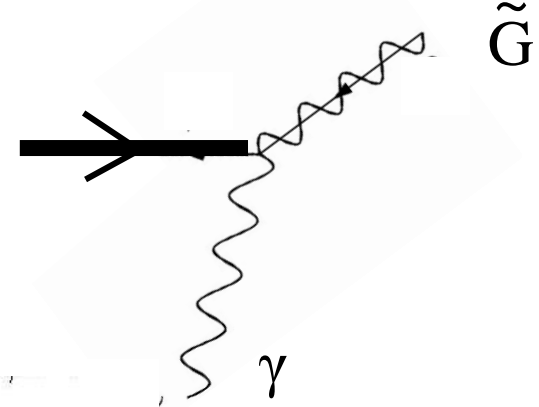
As a consequence, values of the gravitino mass larger than about **10 GeV** are disfavoured by *Fermi* LAT data

Ki-Young Choi, López-Fogliani, C.M., Ruiz de Austri, JCAP 2010  
Albert, Gómez-Vargas, Greife, C.M., Weniger et al., Fermi Collab, JCAP 2014  
Gómez-Vargas, López-Fogliani, C.M., Pérez, Ruiz de Austri, JCAP 2017

# Gravitino DM alters collider signals?



e.g. neutralino NLSP



$$c \tau_{\tilde{\chi}_4^0}^{3/2} \sim 80 \text{ km} \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{10 \text{ keV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}_4^0}}{50 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-5}.$$

For gravitinos heavier than 10 keV, the decay width of neutralino into gravitino and photon is much smaller than the RPV decay widths into SM particles (decay lengths  $\sim$  mm)

Collider signals are not altered,  
effectively a NLSP behaves like a LSP decaying through RPV channels

# Concerning $\mu\nu$ SSM LHC phenomenology:

Scan 1 ( $S_1$ )	Scan 2 ( $S_2$ )	Scan 3 ( $S_3$ )
$0.01 \leq \lambda < 0.2$	$0.2 \leq \lambda < 0.5$	$0.5 \leq \lambda < 1.2$
$0.01 \leq \kappa \leq 2$ $1 \leq \tan \beta \leq 40$ $100 \leq v_R/\sqrt{2} \leq 7000$ $0 < T_\lambda \leq 500$ $0 < -T_\kappa \leq 500$ $0 < -T_{u_3} \leq 5000$ $200 \leq m_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}} = m_{\tilde{u}_{3R}} \leq 2000$		

Scans using **Multinest algorithm** as optimizer, searching for points reproducing the current experimental data on:

- **Higgs physics**  
interfaced with **HiggsBounds & HiggsSignals**
- **Flavor observables**  
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$m_{\tilde{Q}_{1,2L}} = m_{\tilde{u}_{1,2R}} = m_{\tilde{d}_{1,2,3R}} = m_{\tilde{e}_{1,2,3R}} = 1000$ $T_{u_{1,2}} = T_{d_{1,2}} = T_{e_{1,2}} = 0$ , $T_{e_3} = 40$ , $T_{d_3} = 100$ $-T_{\nu_{1,2}} = 10^{-3}$ , $-T_{\nu_3} = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ $M_1 = \frac{M_2}{2} = \frac{M_3}{3} = 900$ $Y_{\nu_1} = 2 \times 10^{-7}$ , $Y_{\nu_2} = 4 \times 10^{-7}$ , $Y_{\nu_3} = 0.5 \times 10^{-7}$ $v_{1L} = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ , $v_{2L} = 4 \times 10^{-4}$ , $v_{3L} = 5.5 \times 10^{-4}$		

To compute the spectrum and observables **SARAH** is used to generate a **SPheno version of the  $\mu\nu$ SSM**

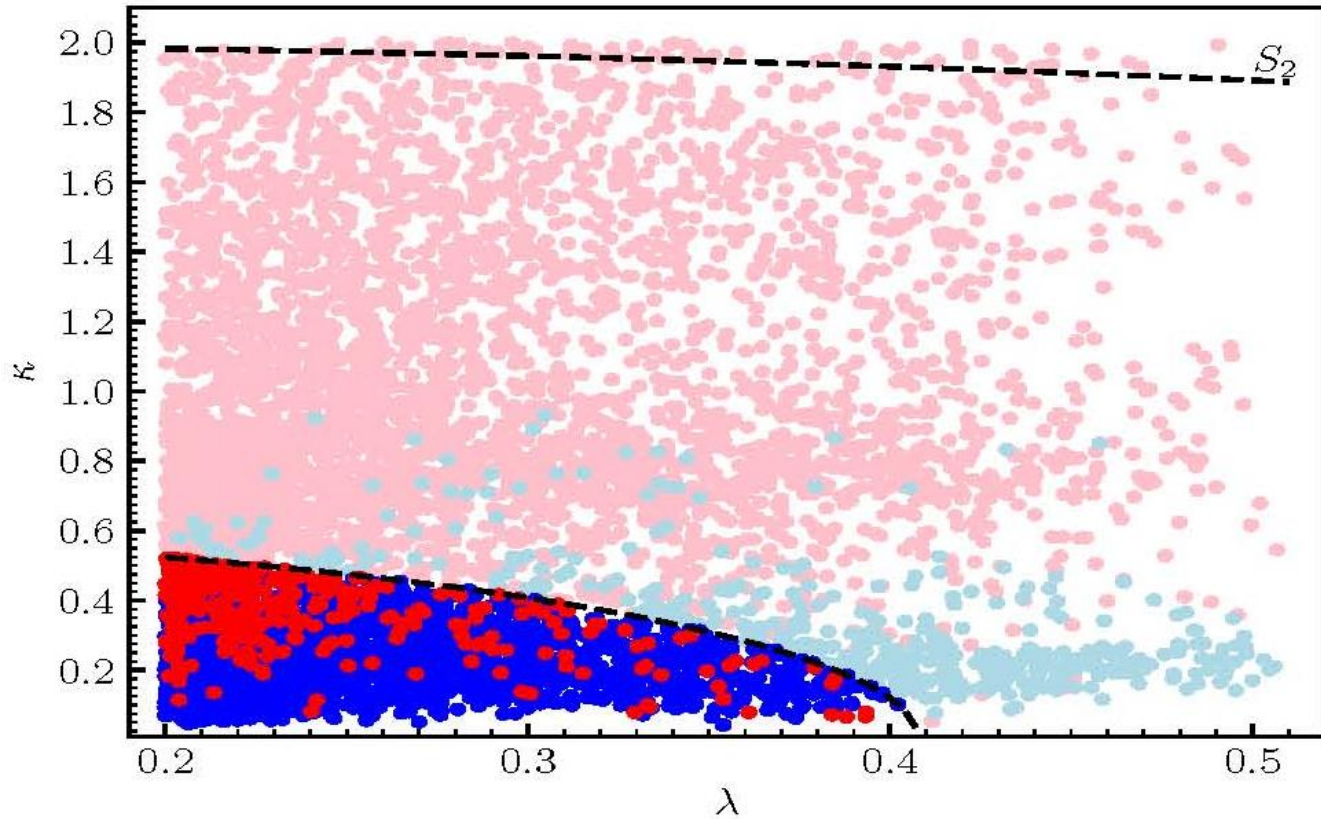


Figure 8: Viable points of the parameter space for  $S_2$  in the  $\kappa - \lambda$  plane. The red and light-red (blue and light-blue) colours represent cases where the SM-like Higgs is (is not) the lightest scalar. All red and blue points below the lower black dashed line fulfill the perturbativity condition up to GUT scale of Eq. (24). Light-red and light-blue points below the upper black dashed line fulfill the perturbativity condition up to 10 TeV of Eq. (25).

# Armed with these results, we can study now detection of LSPs at the LHC

- Any particle can be the LSP, since the LSP decays to SM particles  
 tau, squark, neutralino,..., sneutrino

The left sneutrinos are special in the  $\mu\nu$ SSM because of their couplings:

$$Y_{\nu}^{ij} \hat{\nu}_j^c \hat{H}_u \hat{L}_i$$

- Their masses are essentially determined by the soft masses (which in turn are determined by the minimization conditions):

$$m_{\tilde{\nu}_i}^2 = \frac{Y_{\nu i} v_u}{v_i} v_R (-A_V + \dots)$$

The hierarchy of neutrino Yukawas makes natural to expect some generation to be light

e.g. the hierarchy  $Y_{\nu 3} \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-7} < Y_{\nu 1,2} \sim 10^{-6}$

We have normal ordering with the gaugino seesaw as the dominant one for the third family

$$\begin{cases} m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau} \sim 100 \text{ GeV} \\ M_{\tilde{\nu}_{e,\mu}} \sim 1000 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$$

$\tilde{\nu}_\tau$  LSP specially interesting because  $Y_\tau$  is large implying large BRs for its decay to leptons



# Bound on the mass of a tau left sneutrino LSP from LHC data ? (in the $\mu\nu$ SSM)

Ghosh, Lara, Lopez-Fogliani, C. M., Ruiz de Austri, IJMPA 2018

$\tilde{\nu}_\tau$  LSP directly produced  
giving rise to multileptons

Stau is the natural NLSP

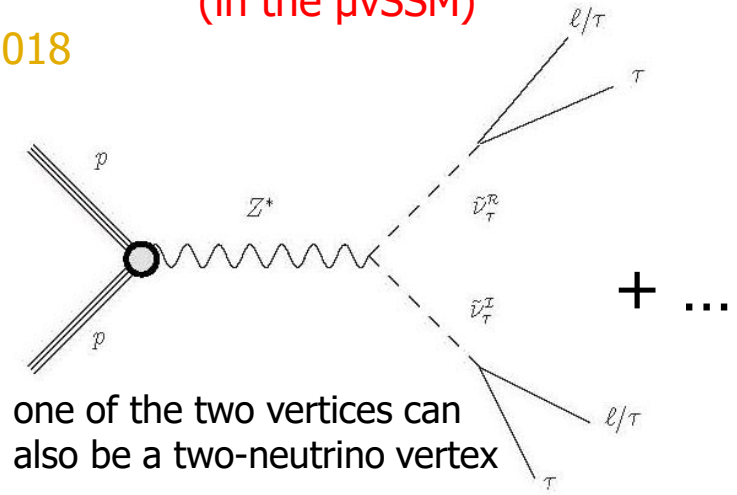
Main decay channels are:

$$\Gamma(\tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \tau \ell) \approx \frac{m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau}}{16\pi} \left( Y_{\nu\ell} \frac{Y_\tau}{3\lambda} \right)^2$$

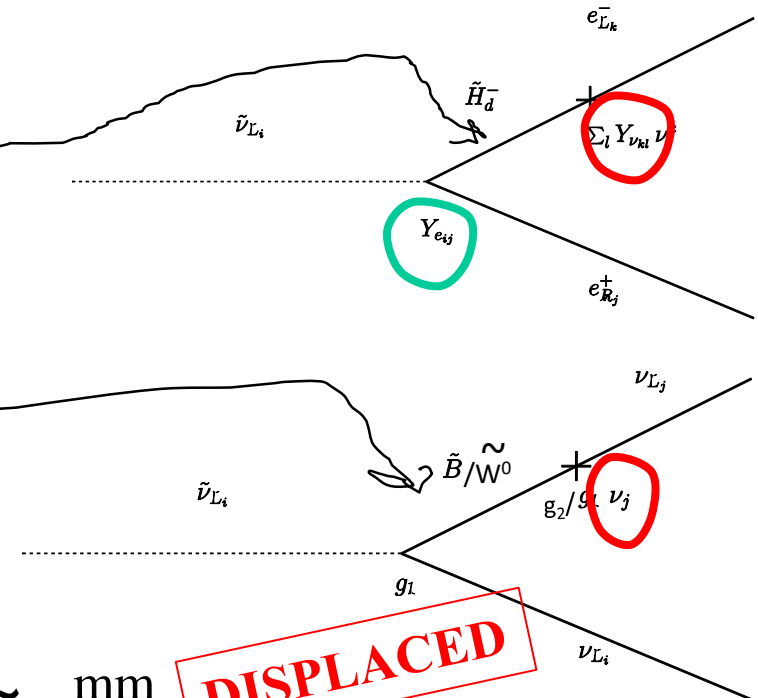
$$\sum_i \Gamma(\tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \nu_i) \approx \frac{m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau}}{16\pi} \frac{1}{2M^2} \sum_i v_i^2$$

Neutrino Yukawas drive the LSP decays

$m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau} \sim 45 - 100 \text{ GeV}$  have decay lengths  $\sim \text{mm}$



(a) Z channel



**DISPLACED**

# Search for massive, long-lived particles using multitrack displaced vertices or displaced lepton pairs in $pp$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

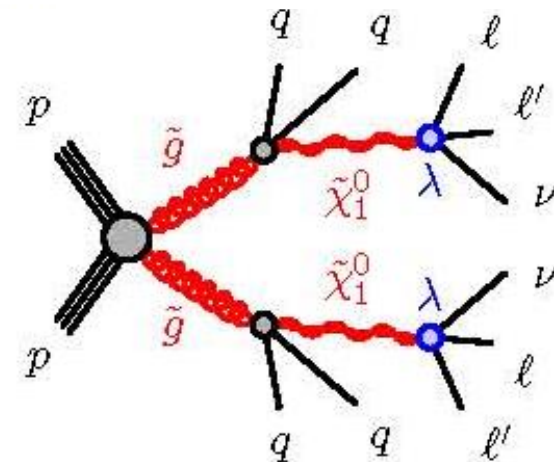
G. Aad *et al.*\*

(ATLAS Collaboration)

(Received 21 April 2015; revised manuscript received 19 August 2015; published 13 October 2015)

Many extensions of the Standard Model posit the existence of heavy particles with long lifetimes. This article presents the results of a search for events containing at least one long-lived particle that decays at a significant distance from its production point into two leptons or into five or more charged particles. This analysis uses a data sample of proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected in 2012 by the ATLAS detector operating at the Large Hadron Collider. No events are observed in any of the signal regions, and limits are set on model parameters within supersymmetric scenarios involving  $R$ -parity violation, split  $U(1)$  symmetry, and gauge mediation. In some of the search channels, the trigger and search strategy are based only on the decay products of individual long-lived particles, irrespective of the rest of the event. In these cases, the provided limits can easily be reinterpreted in different scenarios.

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The ATLAS displaced-vertex search is sensitive to decay lengths  $c\tau \gtrsim \text{mm}$

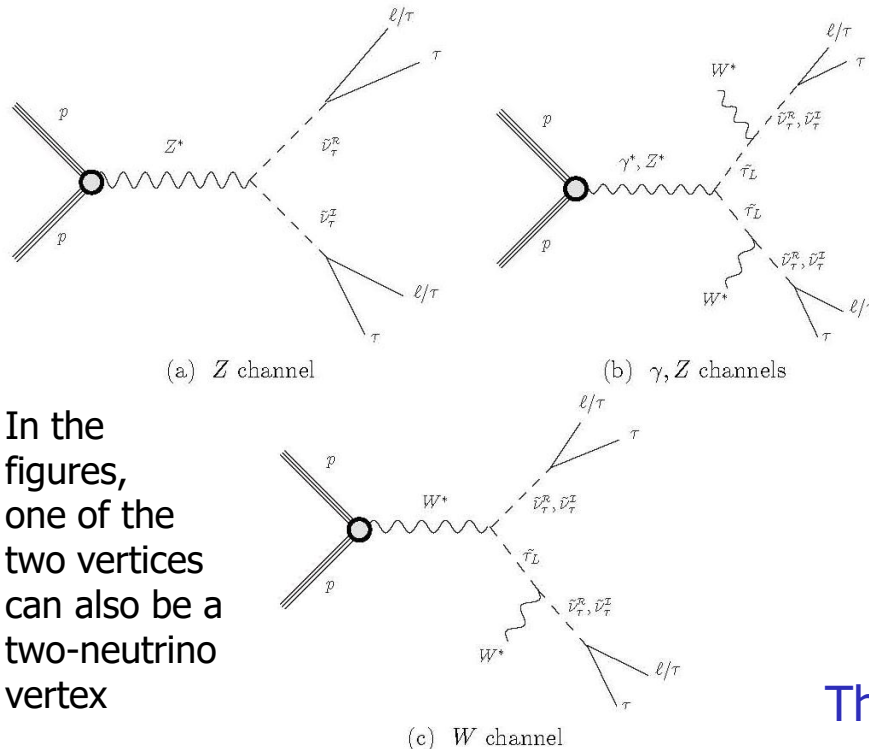
Their limits can be translated into a vertex-level efficiency: Larger  $c\tau$  better efficiency

 $\mu\nu\text{SSM}$ 

There are at present no experimental analyses focused on the  $\mu\nu\text{SSM}$

We recast the result of the ATLAS 8-TeV **dilepton** search to constrain our scenario

Lara, Lopez-Fogliani, C. M., Nagata, Otono, Ruiz de Austri, PRD 98 (2018) 075004



In the figures, one of the two vertices can also be a two-neutrino vertex

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$$m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau} \in (45 - 100) \text{ GeV}$$

Scan 1 ( $S_1$ )	Scan 2 ( $S_2$ )
$\tan \beta \in (10, 16)$	$\tan \beta \in (1, 4)$
$Y_{\nu_i} \in (10^{-8}, 10^{-6})$ $v_i \in (10^{-6}, 10^{-3})$ $-T_{\nu_3} \in (10^{-6}, 10^{-4})$ $M_2 \in (150, 2000) = 2 M_I$	

Parameter	Scan 1 ( $S_1$ )	Scan 2 ( $S_2$ )
$\lambda$	0.102	0.42
$\kappa$	0.4	0.46
$v_R$	1750	421
$T_\lambda$	340	350
$-T_\kappa$	390	108
$-T_{u_3}$	4140	1030
$m_{\tilde{Q}_{3L}}$	2950	1972
$m_{\tilde{u}_{3R}}$	1140	1972
$M_3$	2700	
$m_{\tilde{Q}_{1,2L}}, m_{\tilde{u}_{1,2R}}, m_{\tilde{e}_{1,2,3R}}$	1000	
$T_{u_{1,2}}$	0	
$T_{d_{1,2}}, T_{d_3}$	0, 100	
$T_{e_{1,2}}, T_{e_3}$	0, 40	
$-T_{\nu_{1,2}}$	$10^{-3}$	

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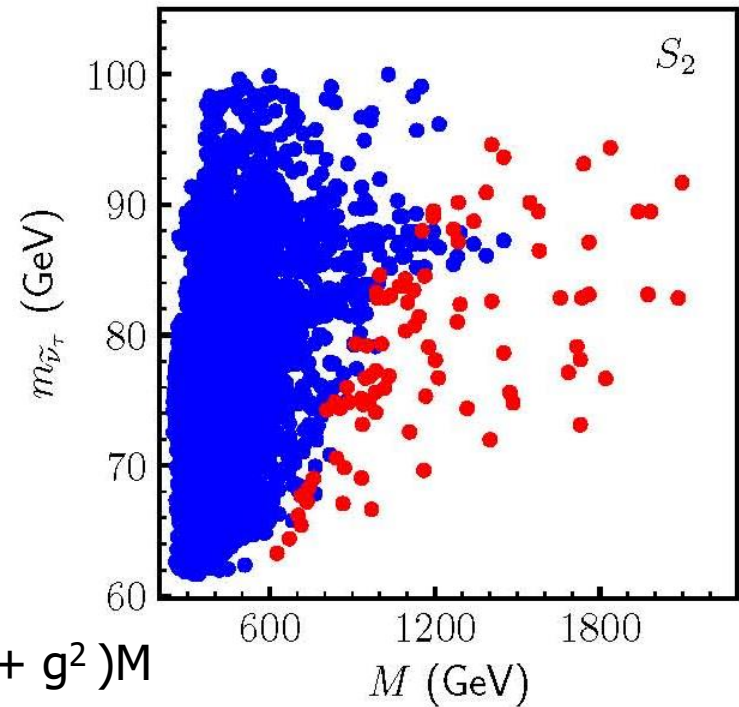
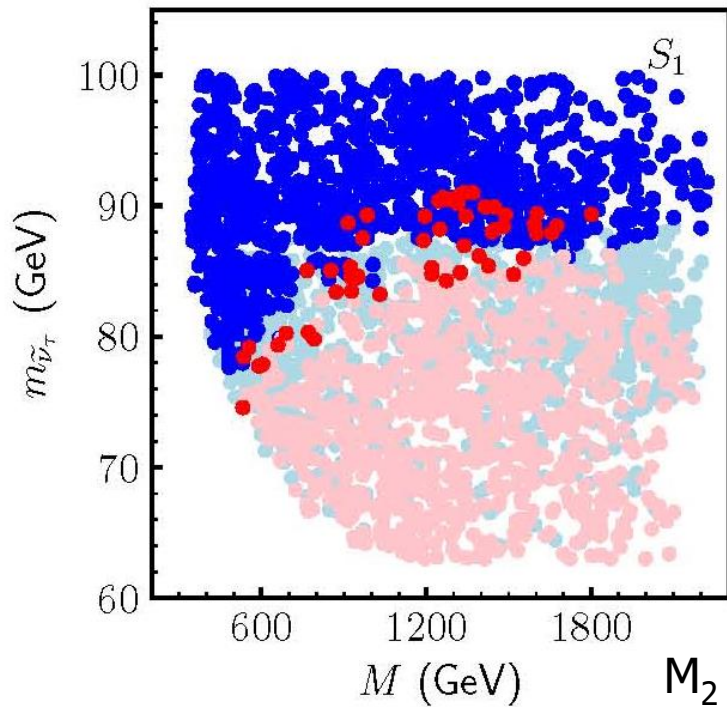
### - Neutrino physics

$$\sin^2\theta_{12, 13, 23} = 0.275-0.35, 0.02045-0.02439, 0.418-0.627$$

$$\Delta m^2_{21, 31} = (6.79-8.01) 10^{-5}, (2.427-2.625) 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

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Samples of simulated events are generated using **MadGraph** and **PYTHIA**



All points (blue & red) fulfill the experimental data with  $m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau} \in (45 - 100)$  GeV

Light-red points in  $S_1$  are already excluded by the LEP bound on LH sneutrino masses

Blue points cannot be probed

channels  $\mu\mu$ ,  $\mu e$ ,  $ee$  not producing a sufficient number of displaced dileptons

Red points can be probed in the 13 TeV search with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  run 3:

$m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau}$	$\in$	(74-91)	GeV	(63-95)	GeV
$M_2$	$\in$	(363-1483)	GeV	(427-1431)	GeV

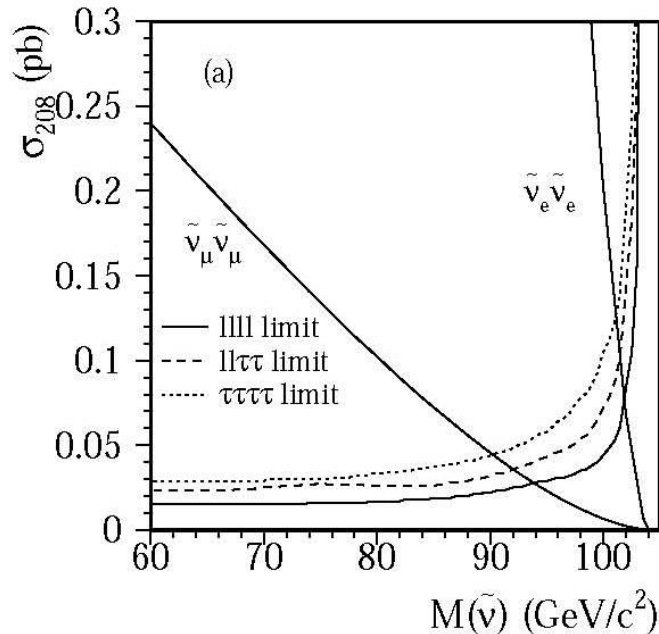


Figure 6: (a) The 95% C.L. cross-section upper limits for sneutrinos decaying directly via a dominant  $LL\bar{E}$  operator. The three curves correspond to different possible final states, with  $\ell = e$  or  $\mu$ , due to the specific choice of sneutrino flavour and  $\lambda_{ijk}$ . The MSSM cross section for pair production of muon and electron sneutrinos are superimposed; the tau sneutrinos have the same cross section as the muon type. The 95% C.L. limits in the  $(m_\chi, m_{\tilde{\nu}})$  plane for  $\tilde{\nu}_e$  (b) and for

Assuming  $BR=1$  implies a lower bound of 90 GeV for sneutrino LSP in this RPV model

To recast this result we have to multiply this cross section by  $BR(\tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \tau\mu)^2$  lowering the bound to 74 GeV for  $S_1$  and no bound for  $S_2$  in the  $\mu\nu$ SSM

**This shows that the extrapolation of the usual bounds on sparticle masses to the  $\mu\nu$ SSM is not applicable**

# Conclusions

The introduction of neutrino Yukawas in SUSY drives naturally **RPV**

$$W = Y_{\nu}^{ij} \hat{\nu}_j^c \hat{H}_u \hat{L}_i \longrightarrow K_{ijk} \hat{\nu}_i^c \hat{\nu}_j^c \hat{\nu}_k^c + \lambda_i \hat{\nu}_i^c \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d$$

solving the  $\mu$  and  $v$  problems

$\mu\nu$ SSM

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THE END

Concrete novel signals at colliders with multiHiggses  
displaced/prompt vertices, multi-lepton/jets final states

Be careful: the extrapolation of the usual bounds on sparticle masses  
to the  $\mu\nu$ SSM is not applicable... it's too early to declare SUSY dead

For the near future, it would be interesting to analyze whether we can  
recast LHC analyses *run 2* to put bounds on the masses of other possible  
LSPs like **stop, gluino, RH stau,...**