# Flavour-violating decays of mixed top-charm squarks at LHC

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200

180

ATLAS

VS - 13 TeV 36 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

m [GeV]

... but the obtained mass limits are based on (over-)simplifying assumptions (mass hierarchy, squark and gaugino composition, decay pattern, ...)

In the following: Consider flavour structure b

## Outline

Introduction: MFV vs. NMFV in the squark sector

Recasting of existing LHC limits for NMFV squarks

Proposal for a dedicated NMFV search at LHC

Conclusion

# Disclaimer

This work has been a collaboration of experimentalists and theorists initiated at the PhysTeV Les Houches workshop 2017. I am a theorist — but I hope to cover all essential experimental points.

# Squark flavour structure — MFV and beyond



# The MSSM up-type squark sector

In the super-CKM basis, the up-type squark sector is parametrized by the mass matrices:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{u}}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{\mathrm{CKM}} M_{\tilde{Q}}^{2} V_{\mathrm{CKM}}^{\dagger} + m_{u}^{2} + D_{\tilde{u},L} & \frac{v_{u}}{\sqrt{2}} T_{u}^{\dagger} - m_{u} \frac{\mu}{\tan\beta} \\ \frac{v_{u}}{\sqrt{2}} T_{u} - m_{u} \frac{\mu^{*}}{\tan\beta} & M_{\tilde{U}}^{2} + m_{u}^{2} + D_{\tilde{u},R} \end{pmatrix}$$

Mass eigenstates are obtained via 6x6 rotation matrice (generalized "mixing angles"):

diag 
$$\left(m_{\tilde{u}_1}^2, \dots, m_{\tilde{u}_6}^2\right) = \mathcal{R}_{\tilde{u}} \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{u}}^2 \mathcal{R}_{\tilde{u}}^{\dagger} \qquad m_{\tilde{u}_1} < \dots < m_{\tilde{u}_6}$$

NMFV terms manifest as **non-diagonal entries** in the soft-breaking matrices — **dimensionless and scenario-independent parametrization**:

$$\delta_{LL} = \frac{(M_{\tilde{Q}}^2)_{23}}{(M_{\tilde{Q}})_{22}(M_{\tilde{Q}})_{33}} \qquad \qquad \delta_{RR}^u = \frac{(M_{\tilde{U}}^2)_{23}}{(M_{\tilde{U}})_{22}(M_{\tilde{U}})_{33}} \qquad \qquad \delta_{RL}^u = \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{(T_u)_{23}}{(M_{\tilde{Q}})_{22}(M_{\tilde{U}})_{33}}$$

NMFV parameters can be considered as free parameters at the TeV scale (this talk...) or motivated from larger frameworks such as GUTs with flavour symmetries (see e.g. Jordan's talk after the coffee break...)

# **Experimental constraints**

The flavour-violating elements may induce flavour-changing neutral currents (FCNC) or lift the CKM-suppression — severe **experimental constraints** 

Observable	Exp. result and uncertainties	
$m_h$	$(125.5 \pm 2.5) \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS + CMS (2013)
$BR(B \to X_s \gamma)$	$(3.43 \pm 0.21^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.07^{\text{sys}} \pm 0.24^{\text{th}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$	HFAG (2013); Misiak et al. (2013), Mahmoudi (2007)
$BR(B_s \to \mu \mu)$	$(2.9 \pm 0.7^{\text{exp}} \pm 0.29^{\text{th}}) \cdot 10^{-9}$	LHCb + CMS (2013), Mahmoudi et al. (2012)
$BR(B \to X_s \mu \mu)$	$(1.60 \pm 0.68^{\exp} \pm 0.16^{\text{th}}) \cdot 10^{-6}$	BaBar (2004); Belle (2005); Hurth et al. (2008, 2012)
$BR(B_u \to \tau \nu)$	$(1.05 \pm 0.25^{\exp} \pm 0.29^{\text{th}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$	PDG (2012); Mahmoudi (2008, 2009)
$\Delta M_{B_s}$	$(17.719 \pm 0.043^{\text{exp}} \pm 3.3^{\text{th}}) \text{ ps}^{-1}$	HFAG (2012); Ball et al. (2006)
$\epsilon_K$	$(2.228 \pm 0.011) \cdot 10^{-3}$	PDG (2012)
$BR(K_0 \to \pi_0 \nu \nu)$	$\leq 2.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$	E391a (2010)
$BR(K_+ \to \pi_+ \nu \nu)$	$1.73^{+1.15}_{-1.05} \cdot 10^{-10}$	E949 (2008)

Consider only flavour mixing between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generations of squarks (less constrained and most interesting) — seven independent NMFV-parameters

 $\delta_{LL}, \quad \delta_{u,RR}, \quad \delta_{u,RL}, \quad \delta_{u,LR}, \quad \delta_{d,RR}, \quad \delta_{d,RL}, \quad \delta_{d,LR}$ 

# TeV scale MSSM — flavour-violating parameters

Extensive analysis of the MSSM with squark NMFV featuring 22 parameters at the TeV scale — Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) study



De Causmaecker, Fuks, Herrmann, Mahmoudi, O'Leary, Porod, Sekmen, Strobbe — JHEP 1511 (2015) 125 — arXiv:1509.05414 [hep-ph]

# Recasting of existing LHC limits including NMFV in the squark sector

# Simplified parameter setup featuring NMFV

Two active squark flavours — bino-like neutralino — all other states decoupled

This four-parameter setup captures the essential features of non-minimal flavour mixing



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The flavour-violating elements influence squark masses, flavour decomposition, production cross-sections and open new decay channels — characteristic NMFV signatures at LHC



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Both decay modes of a mixed squark can be equally important — expect weaker limits! Impact of mass configuration on the branching ratio less important than flavour content...

# **Recasting LHC limits on squark searches**

Evaluate sensitivity of the two relevant searches within the simplified setup...

 $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ 

ATLAS coll. — JHEP 1806 (2018) 108 — arXiv: 1711.11530 ATLAS coll. — arXiv: 1805.01649

... relying on the acceptances and efficiencies provided by the ATLAS collaboration

"discovery tN\_med"
"discovery tN\_high"

#### Estimate signal yields...

- branching ratios (seen on previous slide)
- ... and compare to ATLAS model-independent upper limits

We cannot reproduce the ATLAS multi-bin fit — our limits are more conservative...

# **Recasting LHC limits on squark searches**



For maximal mixing, the "MFV limits" are weakened by up to around 500 GeV (less weakened for  $m_1 \sim m_2$  since the higher cross-section compensates the smaller branching ratio)

Relaxing the MFV-hypothesis has important impact on the obtained limits Current searches have significantly reduced sensitivity in case of sizeable flavour mixing...

# Proposal for a dedicated LHC search for NMFV in the squark sector

## **Dedicated NMFV search at LHC — proposal**

Shortcomings of previous analyses may be addressed by taking into account the "tc-channel"

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{u}_1 \, \tilde{u}_1^* \rightarrow t \, c \, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \ell \, b \, c \, E_T^{\text{miss}}$$



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#### **Event preselection**

exactly one isolated electron or muon with  $p_T>25$  GeV and  $|\eta|<2.5$  at least one *b*-tagged jet with  $p_T>50$  GeV and  $|\eta|<2.5$ 

invariant mass of the *b*-lepton system  $m_b \ell < 160 \text{ GeV}$  (from top decay)

#### Case A

veto additional *b*-jets extra light jet with p<sub>T</sub>>100 GeV

#### Case B

only one *b*-tagged jet with  $m_b \ell < 160 \text{ GeV}$ 

c-tagged leading jet m<sub>j</sub>ℓ>160 GeV

failing *b*-tagging for remaining jets  $m_j \ell > 160 \text{ GeV}$ 

Use asymmetric  $m_{T2}$  variable to reduce dilepton background:  $am_{T2} > 200$  GeV Further background reduction by constructing another transverse  $m_{T2}$  variable:  $m_{T2blj}$ 

# **Dedicated NMFV search at LHC — event selection**



Simplified NMFV model implemented in FeynRules 2.0 and MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO Generate LO matrix elements convoluted with NNPDF 3.0 parton distribution functions Parton showering and hadronisation using PYTHIA 8.2 Reweight each event to match the production cross-section estimated at NLO+NLL accuracy Jet reconstruction using FASTJET and compared to DELPHES

# **Dedicated NMFV search at LHC — expected reach**



Analysis statistics dominated at low luminosity — large difference between Case A and Case B Difference between two methods reduced at higher luminosity

Signal-background ratio higher when incorporating c-tagging

### **Dedicated NMFV search at LHC — expected reach**



# Conclusions



New physics might be hiding in (so far) unexplored corners of parameter space, beyond the (sometimes too simple) assumptions and thus not covered by exp. searches

Taking into account flavour mixing and "mixed signatures" would be very interesting and open the searches to interesting physics cases...

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