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## Abstract

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Two related searches for Standard Model and beyond the Standard Model physics with a final state containing a pair of same-charged leptons and jets are performed using a sample of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $137 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , collected by the CMS detector between 2016 and 2018. The first inclusive search observes no excess above the Standard Model and thus places constraints on R-parity violating and R-parity conserving supersymmetric models with pair production of gluinos and squarks. Gluino masses are excluded up to 2.1 TeV, while top and bottom squarks are excluded up to 0.9 TeV. The second search measures the cross-section of the production of four top quarks within the Standard Model using both cut-based and multivariate approaches. The observed (expected) significance of the multivariate approach is 2.6 (2.7) standard deviations, with a measured cross-section of  $12.6^{+5.8}_{-5.2} \text{ fb}$ , consistent with the Standard Model prediction of  $12.0^{+2.2}_{-2.5} \text{ fb}$ . These results are translated into constraints on the Yukawa coupling of the top quark, as well as constraints on heavy scalar or pseudoscalar production in a type II 2HDM scenario.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Info

Some facts

- Standard model missing some stuff
- LHC smashes protons together very fast
- CMS detector is very big
- Analyze CMS data to find stuff beyond the standard model (e.g., SUZY)
- Did not find anything

The results presented in this thesis correspond to the published results in Refs. [1, 2, 3, 4]



# Appendix A

## Appendix Title

### A.1 Section Title

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