### Multi-jet backgrounds to a heavy Higgs boson at the LHC

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#### Searches for a heavy Higgs boson at the LHC





#### heavy Higgs boson/ strongly-coupled Higgs sector:

- production: VBF
- decay:  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l \nu q \bar{q}$

#### My searches

- 1. W $\rightarrow \mu \nu$ 
  - hard, central and isolated muon
  - hard  $\nu \Rightarrow \text{large MET}$
- 2.  $W \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ 
  - 2 (1) very hard and central jets
- 3. 2 hard jets in forward regions (tagging)







- 1. # of jets and  $\mu$
- 2.  $W \rightarrow \mu \nu$  reconstruction
- 3.  $W \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  reconstruction
- 4. top veto
- 5. tagging jets
- 6. pT(WWjj)<50 GeV
- 7. mini jet veto



















- W+jets: W $\rightarrow \mu\nu$
- $t\bar{t}$ +jets:  $t\bar{t}$  $\rightarrow$ W( $\rightarrow \mu\nu$ )W( $\rightarrow$ q $\bar{q}$ )b $\bar{b}$
- sources of tag jets:
  - <sup>~</sup> jets at generation lev.
  - č b quarks
  - č ISR jets
  - influence of pile-up (PU)

č pile-up

 more gener.lev. jets ⇒
more important background

#### How tt+jets and W+jets are the backgrounds-kinematics of jets



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• generation cuts:

tt, tt+j, tt+jj				
cut	min	max		
pT for jets	10.			
pt fot t	100.			
eta for jets	-5.5	5.5		
eta for t	-5.5	5.5		
dR between j's	0.5			

cut	min	max		
PT for j	10.			
highest PT for j	100.			
PT for W	100.			
eta for j	-5.	5.		
eta for W	-3.	3.		
dR between j's	0.2			

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- Wj i tt can be generated in PYTHIA/COMPHEP
- Wjj, Wjjj, ttj, ttjj generated in steps:
  - 1. COMPHEP: generation (matrix elements)
  - 2. PYTHIA: ISR is added (j<sub>ISR</sub>), fragmentation, hadronisation



#### The problem of possible overlap of the samples





• diagrams for  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}g$ :

• ISR jets are both in COMPHEP and also added in PYTHIA:



• double generation/overlap?







#### clusterisation:

- estimation of reconstructed jets at generation level
- partons are merged to groups (clusters)
- clustered:
  - <sup>~</sup> ISR partons
  - <sup>~</sup> fragmented j
  - clusters: p⊥>10 GeV





hardest cluster for  $t\bar{t}$  and  $t\bar{t}+j$ 







#### hardest cluster

#### next to hardest cluster







- we can only limit the overlap between the samples with different number of jets
- use the  $p_{\perp}$  cuts on generated jets
  - č tīj: pT>40 GeV
  - č tījj: pT≳100 GeV
  - ~ Wjj: . . .
  - ~ Wjjj: . . .
- profits:
  - 1. limited overestimation of the background
  - 2.  $\sigma$ 's drops down with # of jets

Cross	sections	[pb
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j pT cut	10 GeV	40 GeV	60 GeV
tī	?? 600.		
tī+j	428.	272.	190.
tī+jj	494	116.	51.
Wmj	715.		
Wmj+j	1072.	363.	230.
Wmj+jj	973.	190.	94.
Wpj	1100.		
Wpj+j	1603.	561.	361.
Wpj+jj	1698.	346.	175.



## comparison of pT-spectra for $t\bar{t}$ +jets and W+jets samples with exactly the same number of clusters

























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1. W(jj)W( $\mu\nu$ )jj signal  $\Rightarrow$  not worth to look at # clusters $\geq$ 3

overlap between  $t\bar{t}$  and  $t\bar{t}\text{+}j$ 

overlap between tt+j and tt+jj

- # clusters=0 not important
  - # clusters=1 problem with normalization, shape the same
  - # clusters=2 the same
  - # clusters=3 shapes the same, diff. in normalisation
  - **# clusters** >4 important difference
  - for this study: use tt+j

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- # clusters=1 diff. for  $p_{\perp}$  > 140 GeV
- # clusters=2 difference
- **# clusters** > 3 important difference
- for this study: use tt+j











Wjj and Wjjj







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- 1. W(jj)W( $\mu\nu$ )jj signal  $\Rightarrow$  not worth to look at # clusters $\geq$ 5
- 2. more compicated gener. cuts and more gener. jets  $\Rightarrow$  comparison difficult

overlap between Wj and Wjj

overlap between Wjj and Wjjj

- # clusters=0 not important
- # clusters=1 a bit problem with normalization, shape the same
- **# clusters > 2** important difference
- for this study: use Wjj

- a bit problem with normalization
- # clusters=0 not important
- # clusters < 4 the same
- # clusters=5 very similar
- # clusters > 6 important difference appears for !
- for this study: use Wjj





- it is impossible to limit overlap (unless cut on # of clusters)
- recomendation for use tt and W with possibly the biggest needed number of jets
- selection results (with det simulation) for tt and ttj: ttj much more important background (suggestion: j as a tag jet)
- use only one process with defined # of jets to represent tt+jets and W+jets backgrounds

# Conclusions for my study

• use ttj and Wjj (or Wjjj)





# Additional slides

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