#### **Higgs Hunting with Boosted Jets**

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In Progress



#### **Current Status of the Higgs Searches**

Current ATLAS , CMS analysis:



#### Favors light, Standard Model like Higgs.

Leptons and Photons... what about bb?



#### Why not care about $h \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ ?



- Hadronic channels are "dirty".
- At LHC pileup/UE is a big problem for jet substructure.
- S/B is very low (Vj, ttbar, Wbb ...)

#### Conclusion (ATLAS TDR):

"The extraction of a signal from  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decays in the WH channel will be very difficult at the LHC, even under the most optimistic assumptions [...]"



#### Why care about $h \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ ?

- Higgs production rates small. Any events/channels you can add to the analysis will help!
- 2. We expect a large  $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  \_\_\_\_\_\_ branching ratio



3. We need to be able to measure the  $h \rightarrow b\overline{b}$  to make sure it is an SM Higgs. (possible new physics?)



#### **Process to Consider**



#### Look at boosted jets!

#### **Kinematic Cuts:**

 $p_T^j > 200 GeV$   $p_T^l > 15 GeV$   $\eta_j < 2.5$   $\eta_l < 2.5.$ 

R = 1.2 - 1.4



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> "Templates" are sets of 4-momenta with a sub-cone of radius r around them (subjets).

We model the templates after boosted decay of the higgs. (appropriate choice of pt, mass, subcone radius)

$$Ov(j,f) = \max_{\tau_n^{(R)}} \exp\left[-\sum_{a=1}^2 \frac{1}{2\sigma_a^2} \left(\sum_{k=i_a-1}^{i_a+1} \sum_{l=j_a-1}^{j_a+1} E(k,l) - E(i_a,j_a)^{(f)}\right)^2\right]$$

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#### Simulated example (higgs)



## Strategy for template design





Jet substructure can look different, even though the mass, pt, etc. are the same.



We want to exploit this!

# Strategy for template design

The templates can be systematically improved by including the effects of gluon emissions, which contain color flow information



### 2 and 3 - body Overlap

 $p_T \approx 200 GeV$ 



2 body

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Clear separation of signal and Background!

3 body

# Other Observables (formed from templates)

Three body angular variable:

$$\bar{\theta} = \sum_{i} \sin \theta_{iJ}$$

Soft template angle:

$$1 - \cos \tilde{\theta}_s = \frac{z \, x_s \, m_J}{2E_s}$$

**Planar Flow:** 

$$Pf = \frac{4 \det(I_{\omega})}{\operatorname{tr}(I_{\omega})^2},$$

$$I_{\omega}^{kl} = \frac{1}{m_J} \sum_{i} \omega_i \frac{p_{i,k}}{\omega_i} \frac{p_{i,l}}{\omega_i} ,$$

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#### To explain, recall the earlier example





# Some results (Wj rejection power)



No mass cut! No b-tag!



<u>Effects of pileup</u> <u>not severe (at 9</u> <u>interactions per</u> <u>bunch crossing)!</u>

Template Overlap showing good performance We are at a point where we need to subject the Template Overlap method to severe experimental scrutiny.

All details matter!!!

Stay tuned ...

ATLAS affiliated Template Overlap "Task Force" in full power at WIS.

If it works



