Search for ttH production in boosted all-jet final state in proton-proton collisions at \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV with the CMS detector

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The CMS detector



The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) is a general purpose detector and is designed to observe any new physics phenomena at the LHC

CMS detector has many detection layers

- tracker
- Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)
- Hadron Calorimeter (HCAL)
- Muon Detectors

the object reconstruction is done using sophisticated algorithms that take into account information **from all the detector layers**

Higgs boson production in association with a top quark-antiquark pair

ttH@13TeV

- ttH process is **observed** with a significance of 5.2 σ (arXiv:1804.02610v2)
- combining statistically independent searches for several Higgs bosons decaying channels
- direct probe of the top-Higgs coupling

H(bb) @13 TeV

- SM Higgs Boson decay to a pair of bottom quarks is observed with significance 5.6 σ (arXiv:1808.08242v2)
- main contribution from Higgs production in association with W or Z boson
- $H \rightarrow$ bb has the largest branching fraction compared to other decay channels

ttH(bb) @ 13 TeV

- combined search of ttH(bb) for several decay channels
- events in the final state with lepton and jets
- all hadronic represents ~ 46% of all ttHbb final state
- **specific Higgs coupling space**: all couplings are fermionic and restricted to the third-generation quarks only 4/19/19 Lisa Paspalaki





ttH(bb) in fully boosted hadronic final states



• fully hadronic ttH(bb) is challenging to target

- zero leptons
- 8 jets in the final state at least 4 of them b tagged
- successfully identify the jets special identification techniques are developed (arXiv:1803.06986v2)

- high P_T "boosted" jets can be reconstructed within a large radius jet with all the decay products merged
- "large R jets" the contain information about the Higgs and Top decays products
- setup an analysis using the full 2016 dataset (35.86 fb⁻¹)
- use MVA techniques to tag boosted Candidates (Higgs and Top)
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Trigger and Object Selection

• boosted jets reconstructed within a large radius cone of 0.8

Signal Trigger

- large hadronic activity (small R and boosted jets) in the events
- the signal efficiency is studied with respect of the sum of P_T off all jets
 (S_T) in the event and is found to be ~98% efficient
- Boosted Jets •
- P_T >200 GeV
 |η| < 2.4

Leptons

Baseline

Selection

- electrons and muons
- P_T > 20 GeV
- $|\eta| < 2.4$

- Small Radius Jets
- P_T >30 GeV
 |η| < 2.4
- Tight ID requirements
- cleaned from boosted jets

JetMassSoftDrop >50 GeV

Tight ID requirements

- at least one boosted jet
- leading Jet $P_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$
- S_T >900 GeV
- lepton veto

MVA Training

Idea: Train MVA Boosted Decision Trees (BDTs) to identify boosted candidates (Higgs, Top)

H b b t q q



boosted training:

boosted jets that pass the basic selection

Perform 3 individual trainings

- use the same variables with good separating power
- train boosted Higgs Candidates against QCD Jets (HvsQCD)
- train boosted Higgs Candidates against Top Jets (HvsT)
- train boosted Top Candidates against QCD Jets (TvsQ)

Variables use for training for boosted candidates:

- Jet substructure variables
- score of the dedicated btagging discriminator (CSVv2) of the leading and subleading jet
- Mass of the leading and subleading subjet

BDT Responses



0.8

Boosted Candidate Tagging

Higgs Candidate

- jet with the highest BDT_HvsQ + BDT_HvsT
- BDT_HvsQ>0.8, BDT_HvsT>0.1
- jetPt>300 GeV
- MSD >70 GeV

Higgs Tagging: 54% (matched_Higgs/Reco Higgs)

Top Candidate

- not the higgs Candidate
- jet with the highest TvsQ score
- jetPt>300 GeV
- BDT_TvsQ>0.5
- 130<MSD<220 GeV

Top Tagging : 88% (matched_Top/Reco Top)

(*) Parton Matching: $\Delta R_{minimum}$ (jet, parton) < 0.3 and PartonId=25 (Higgs) PartonId = ±6 (Top)



Analysis Categories- Boosted Higgs Candidate Channel



- 9 orthogonal categories based on the number of boosted jets
- Higgs candidate always is reconstructed as a boosted Jet
- Observable: Jet Mass Soft drop of the reconstructed Higgs Candidate

Expected Yields for each category



Reconstructed Higgs Candidate



- reconstructed mass "JetMassSoftDrop" of the boosted Higgs Candidate before entering in the analysis categories
- 2016 data are compared with simulation
- The simulated backgrounds are scaled to the luminosity of the data and then the QCD background is further scaled to match the data yield
- analysis is blinded in Higgs Mass Window for all the categories

Data-Driven QCD estimate for Boosted Higgs analysis

- most significant background
- model the QCD shape from the data
- use this shape to set a systematic uncertainty on the overall QCD shape

Boosted QCD Control Region Selection

- high P_T boosted jets
- **BDT** scores reversed





Events/ 35.86 fb⁻¹

10

 10^{-1}

 10^{-2}

10⁻³

Analysis Sensitivity - Systematic Uncertainties

- simultaneous fit in all the categories
- take into account not only the expected events but also the shape of the Higgs mass distribution
- expected limit (analysis sensitivity) ~10

Systematic Uncertainties

- normalization of the background (affect the expected events)
- shape of the background (for QCD estimated from the data)
- b tagging (ability to identify successfully b quarks)
- other uncertainties need to taken into account

Conclusions-Future steps

- Analysis set up for 2016 data set (35.6 fb⁻¹)
- we are still blinded in Higgs Mass window
- maximize the analysis sensitivity in simulation
- plan to use the full Run2 data set (140 fb⁻¹)
- this will lead to better expected limit

