Analysis status: Search for a resonance in the invariant mass spectrum of the top-antitop-system



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Topics

- *top pair production at the LHC*
- production of a resonance
- reconstruction of the topantitop-system
- kinematic fitting
- resolution of m(tf)
- conclusion & outlook







Top pair production at the LHC

- ~87% gluon fusion, ~13% quark-antiquark annihilation
- high increase of tt production cross section
- → extrapolated from *Tevatron* event selection, fraction of semileptonic ttbar events in 4-jet-events will rise from ~30% to ~90%



	W+Jets	ttbar	bbar+Jets	
1.96 TeV	~1200 pb	~ 6 pb	~ 2.4 x 10 ⁵	(Tevatron)
14 TeV	~7500 pb	~ 800 pb	~ 5 x 10 ⁵	(LHC)

- first main goal:
- investigate top pair production in detail (as backgrounds considerably law)

tail (as backgrounds considerably low)





Production of a "resonance"

• what?

→ an unknown particle of high mass decaying into a top-antitop-quark pair

• how?

 standard example: Z' with SM couplings, but high(er) mass

→ models: (MSSM) Higgs, Technicolor, Topcolor, Randall-Sundrum gravitons, ...

• why?

- > model independent
- → to first order, complementary to searches for supersymmetry
- high mass of top quark (~ scale of EWSB)
- indicates connection to new physics?

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properties:
 high mass
 no charge
 spin 0, 1, 2



The invariant mass of the tt system

- theory: solid variable (cf. D-LHC top workshop)
- production threshold: 2 x top mass
- Z' (mass of 4 TeV):

• Higgs (mass 375 GeV, decay width 20 GeV): (Bernreuther, Flesch, Haberl 1997)



Technical setup

samples

- → Spring '07 Alpgen samples
- used here: semileptonic ttbar + 0 jets

CMSSW & TQAF (Top Quark Analysis Framework)

- → CMSSW 1_3_6
- → TQAF_136_070908 (fixed object resolutions for kinematic fitting)

Physics eXtension Library (PXL)

- → successor of the PAX toolkit
- supplies fast hypothesis evaluation
- → well suited for analysis with high combinatorics \rightarrow top physics





Event selection

- generated ttbarevents (no pile-up) with one muon (semileptonic decay)
- **4 Jets** with transverse momentum > 30 GeV, $\eta < 2.4$
- Muon with transverse momentum > 20 GeV, $\eta < 2.4$
- 30 GeV cut 0.5= 4 jets 0.45matching quality 0.40.350.30.25= 4 jets 0.20.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 O. selection efficiency

 missing tranverse energy > 10 GeV



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Matching reconstructed objects to partons







Reconstruction of the top-antitop-system

4-Vector sum

simple and robust

• needs identification of top quark decay daughters (as opposed to jets from ISR, underlying event, additional collisions)

- resolution depends on:
- how often one includes objects not from top quark decay
 Jet Energy Scale

Kinematic Fitting

- use additional information of the event
- can improve resolution
- well-suited at low m(ttbar)
- need assignment of finalstate-objects to partons
- might be less robust at high m(ttbar) ($\rightarrow D0 \text{ studies}$)

 focus on kinematic fitting in the bulk region





Kinematic Fitting

- **extend knowledge** of observed event using information from an event hypothesis (*parton picture*)
- change four-vectors of reconstructed particles to comply with kinematic constraints
- need event hypothesis
 - → 24 hypotheses in 4-jet-events (<24 if kinematic fit finds unambiguous neutrino pz solution)</p>
- find solution that minimally alters four-vectors:
 need resolutions (covariance matrices) for all final state objects
- → construct & minimise χ^2 using Lagrangian multipliers



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Constraints for Kinematic Fitting

- both *W* masses must equal
 80.4 GeV
- both **top quark masses** must equal 175 GeV (*MC*)
- results in an over-constrained system
- use the "EMom" parametrisation







The invariant mass distribution of the top-antitop-system [m(ttbar)]



Resolution of m(ttbar) with and without a kinematic fit







Quality of the kinematic fit

compare:

- generator-matched solution
- solution with minimum chi2
- all other solutions

 → minimum χ² correspondance to generatormatched solution >~20%

→ does lowest χ² correspond to highest resolution?





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Resolution of m(tt)

compare:

- $\sigma(\Delta m(ttbar))$ • generator-matched solution ~ 15 GeV
- solution with minimum chi2 \sim 25 GeV

~ 90 GeV

other solutions

→ generatormatched solution has **best** resolution, minimum χ^2 good

finding correct final-state-objectparton-assignment will improve resolution



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Conclusion & Outlook

- at present, $\Delta m(t\bar{t})$ of **25 GeV** with **kinematic fitting**, **15 GeV** possible (ttbar + 0 jets sample)
- analysis part of a CMS 2007 top paper (differential distributions)
 - MVA tools studied to resolve ambiguities in jet-parton-match: *slight improvement compared to* χ^2 *only*

next steps:

- study inclusion/rejection of *intrinsic* background (wrong jets)
- study physics backgrounds





backup...



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Event selection efficiency





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Event selection efficiency







Number of jets for different jet pt cuts



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Eta and pt of highest pt jet not from ttbar decay



jet from ttbar decay with 4th highest pt

highest pt jet not from ttbar decay





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