## QCD Backgrounds for VBF $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow eh$

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## Introduction

- VBF qqH → qq ττ, τ → e ν ν, τ → hν, may suffer from the huge QCD backgrounds at LHC
  - Misidentified jets could fake electron and  $\tau$ -jet signals
  - Mis-measured jet energy could produce Etmiss signal
- Cross sections:
  - QCD dijets  $\sigma \sim 1$ mb
  - Higgs Signal  $\sigma$ ~ 400 fb
  - A large ejection is needed at the electron/ τ-jet identification level to reject this background

## **Event Generation**

- Pythia QCD dijets
  - p<sub>T</sub> > 40 GeV
  - $\sigma = 0.8 \text{ mb}$
  - A small fraction, 0.02% has real electrons, from c,b-Mesons
- Filter
  - At least 4 jets
  - 1<sup>st</sup> tagging jet  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
  - $2^{nd}$  tagging jet  $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$
  - 1 central jet  $p_T > 30$  GeV (tau-jet candidate)
  - 1 central jet  $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$  (fake electron candidate)
  - $\eta$  separation:  $|\eta_1 \eta_2| > 3$
  - Filter efficiency ε= 5%

## **Event Filter effects (electons)**



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## **Event Filter effects (jets)**



Black = Filter OFF Green = Hard Filter (ON) Red = Soft Filter (ON)

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## **Monte Carlo Production**

- Simulation + digitization
  - Release 10.0.1
  - Rome Layout
- Reconstruction
  - Release 10.0.4
  - Default reconstruction parameters
    - Electrons,  $\tau$ 's , jets...
  - ESD/AOD production
- Statistics
  - About 10000 QCD events/day @ Toronto
  - Expecting 52 real electrons, in witch ~5 have  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$

## **Event Reconstruction**

- Starting with Electrons Container in AOD's
- Candidates selection:
  - HasTrack,  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - Egamma object
  - isEM, including TRT flag
  - epiNN > 0.8
  - Likelihood: emWeight / (emWeight+pionWeight) > 0.8
- Optimizing Electron ID parameters for a better QCD background rejection
  - Isolation, tracks association...
- Available statistics (for now)
  - 3.4M QCD events filtered down to 170K fully simulated
  - The sample should have 85 electrons with  $p_T > 20$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - 20000 Higgs signal with 1 electron  $p_{T}$  > 15 GeV and  $|\eta|$  <2.7

## **Electron Identification (QCD dijets)**

	No Cuts	hasTrack & Pt > 20 GeV	Egamma
# of electrons Candidates	2.64x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.76x10 <sup>5</sup>	27707
% of original candidates		6.7%	1.05%
# of electrons matched to Truth	1.72x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.49x10 <sup>5</sup>	23104
Fake Rate	54%	17.8%	19.9%



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## **Identification Algorithms**



## **Electron Identification (QCD dijets)**



#### **Isolation cuts**

	Reconstructed	Matched	FakeRate	% of original Candidates
isEM	350	301	16%	0.013%
Etcone < 10GeV	124	99	25%	0.010%
0.8 < E/P < 1.4	47	39	20%	0.0017%
epiNN	22251	19018	17%	0.84%
Etcone < 10GeV	1324	1035	28%	0.05%
0.8 < E/P < 1.4	229	171	34%	0.0086%
likelihood	7475	6449	16%	0.28%
Etcone < 10GeV	742	591	26%	0.028%
0.8 < E/P < 1.4	196	149	31%	0.0074%

#### 85 real electrons in this sample. IsEM has the best rejection rate

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#### **EoverP**



## $p_T$ distributions



# Electron Identification (Higgs signal)

	# elec	ε (%)
Truth	20 000	
Reco. No Cuts	193 146	
Cut 1 (HasTrack)	46 761	
Cut 2 (egamma)	21 877	
isEM (all flags)	13 891	69.5%
epiNN	18 312	91.6%
Likelihood	16 313	81.6%

isEM has lowest reconstruction efficiency but the best QCD background rejection

## **Isolation Cuts (Higgs signal)**



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# Isolation Cuts (Higgs signal)

	# elec	ε (%)
isEM	13,891	69.5%
Isolation (EtCone<10GeV)	13,049	65.2%
E/p (0.8< E/P <1.4)	11,163	55.8%
epiNN	18,312	91.6%
Isolation	13,096	65.5%
EoverP	10,554	52.3%
likelihood	16,313	81.6%
Isolation	14,700	73.5%
E/p	11,812	59.1%

## **Higgs signal Reconstruction**

- *τ*-jet reconstruction
  - From *τ*-jets container
  - cut 1: abs(charge)==1
  - cut 2: NumTrack ==1 or 3
  - cut 3: likelihood >4
  - cut 4: pt >40 GeV
- Select identified Electrons and τ's
- Use Collinear approximation
- Use Etmiss > 20GeV

	# τ-jets	
Truth	2000	
No Cuts	57316	
Cut 1	42452	
Cut 2	41178	
Cut 3	17951	
Cut 4	6106 (ε = 30.5 %)	

## **Higgs signal Reconstruction**



Reconstruct 6062 events Efficiency of Reconstruction  $\epsilon = 30.31\%$ Mean =106.2Gev  $\sigma$ =14.9 Gev



Reconstructed 4944 events Efficiency of Reconstruction  $\epsilon = 24.7\%$ Efficiency drop = 5.6% Mean =106.2Gev  $\sigma = 14.7$  Gev

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- $\bullet$  Apply electron and  $\tau$  reconstruction Algorithms and selection cuts to QCD dijets events
- Reconstruct Mττ using same procedure as Higgs signal events
- 1 Event left in the Higgs mass region
  - Out of 3.4M total events
  - Less than 1pb<sup>-1</sup>
  - More statistics on the way
  - few cuts in VBF analysis have yet to be applied
    - $\bullet\ m_{T}$  , jet Veto



# Summary

- Initial Results show that we can expect a strong rejection factor against QCD jets
  - 47 events out of 3.4M survived electrons ID and some kinematical cuts
  - 1 event in the Higgs mass region, with less than 1pb<sup>-1</sup>
  - Would new features in release 11 make things better?
- Only ~6% loss in Signal reconstruction efficiency
- More statistics to confirm these results and possibly extract shape of distributions if we need to scale-up to the needed luminosity
- Pile-up being added to the available events. Result for the next meeting
- Trigger requirements as well, for signal and background



#### Electron Pt (with EtTruth/EtRec > 0.8) after egamma cut



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### Statistics with EtTruth/EtRec > 0.8)

	Reconstructed	Matched	% of original Candidates
hasTrack and Pt > 20GeV	316	316	0.081%
egamma	105	105	0.027%
isEM	34	34	0.0087%
Etcone < 10GeV	16	16	0.0041%
0.8 < E/P < 1.4	12	12	0.0031%
epiNN	94	94	0.24%
Etcone < 10GeV	28	28	0.007%
0.8 < E/P < 1.4	24	24	0.006%
likelihood	82	82	0.021%
Etcone < 10GeV	27	27	0.007%
0.8 < E/P < 1.4	22	22	0.005%