#### b-tagging performance optimization for neutral MSSM Higgs bosons search with the ATLAS detector

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# Introduction

- Motivation of this study is optimization of the MSSM Higgs boson search
- One of the dominant production mode at LHC is "Associated bquark production"
- We consider it's decay in  $\tau$  pairs



### Introduction: Signature

• 2 highly energetic and opposite charge  $\tau$  that can undergo either lepton or hadron decays

• Missing Energy (neutrinos from  $\tau$  decay)

- 2 b-jets: very specific! gives the opportunity to reduce backgrounds as  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau + jets$ 
  - Needs b-tagging!

# Introduction: b-tagging

- Identification of b-hadron decay chain is possible due to their high mass
- In general two different approaches:



- Impact parameter: measure of the deviation of the tracks from primary vertex
- Secondary vertex finder

### Introduction: Task



- B-hadron in signal has a low transverse momentum  $(P_T)$  distribution
- Be able to reconstruct jet object for low  $P_T$
- Be able to b-tag this jets

### Introduction: Problems



- Technical problem with calorimeter jets calibration: due to ambient energy deposition (pileup)  $\rightarrow$  Safe limit for usage @ 20 GeV P<sub>T</sub>
- B-tagging algorithm present low performance (a) low  $P_T$  because of particle interaction with the material

### Introduction: Alternative solution

- One can avoid calorimeter information using only tracking information for jets reconstruction
- Track-based jets:
  - Use only tracks from primary vertex → Safe against pileup
  - Possible to reconstruct jets up to very low  $P_{T}$
  - Calibration problem due to loss of neutral particles (they present in mean  $\sim 2/3$  of the total energy)

## Performance study

- Check performance of track-based jet for low  $P_{T}$
- In the following:
  - Low  $P_T$  B reconstruction efficiency
  - Performance of taggers on track-based jets
  - Comparison between track and calorimeter based jets
  - Preliminary result when track-based jets are applied to the MSSM bbA analysis

### Performance: reconstruction efficiency



- Efficiency of reconstructing a b-hadron
- For low  $P_T$  track-based jet has better b-jet reconstruction efficiency

### Performance: Rejection VS Efficiecy and $P_{\tau}$



- Tagging efficiency: efficiency for a real b-jet to be tagged
- Rejection: inverse of the misidentification probability
- Low  $P_T \rightarrow$  low rejection power!

#### Calorimeter and track based jet comparison



- Modified Efficiency: efficiency respect to the total number of b-hadron, before was respect the total number of jets
- Modified Rejection: inverse of the number of "light" jets that pas a tagger per event
- track-based jet presents slightly better tagging performance

## Standard analysis + track-based jet

- Samples:
  - Signal: MSSM bbA mass 120 GeV – tgβ 20
  - Considered backgrounds: Alpgen  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ; MC@NLO top

- Selections Only "hadronic +  $\mu$ " final state:
  - Only 1  $\mu P_{T} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - Only 1  $\tau$  P<sub>T</sub> > 20 GeV
  - Electron veto
  - Transverse Mass < 30 GeV
  - Leading jet should be b-tagged
  - $20 < \text{ leading Jet P}_{T} < 50 \text{ GeV}$
- The analysis is repeated Introducing track-based jets:
  - track-based jet:  $5 < \text{leading jet P}_T < 30 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{corresponding calorimeter jet range} = [8,50] \text{ GeV}$

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	calo-jet	track-based jet	calo-jet	track-based jet	calo-jet	track-based jet
b-Jet true matched	55	90	6	11	54	35
b-tag	34	47	24	38	43	30
Upper P <sub>T</sub> cut	23	37	14	27	5	2

- Number of event with a jet matched with b-hadron
- The jet should be b-tagged
- The jet should be within the specified range in  $P_{T}$

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- One can gain using track-based jet
- But high b-tag fake rate leads to higher backgrounds
- Little gain in significance at the end (1.3 times more considering only those backgrounds)

# Summary & Conclusion

- MSSM Higgs heavy flavor associated production is characterized by very low  $P_T$  b-jets
- Using track-based jets one can exploit such challenging  $P_T$  region impossible for calorimeter jets
- track-based jets present good reconstruction efficiency of b-hadrons
- Taggers has to be optimize for track-based jets and low  $P_{_{\rm T}}$

### Backup

### Residuals



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	calo-jet	track-based jet	calo-jet	track-based jet	calo-jet	track-based jet
b-Jet true matched	55	53	6	6	54	
b-tag	34	35	24	27	43	
Upper P <sub>T</sub> cut	23	24	14	17	5	

- Applying same  $P_T$  range to track-based jets [12,30]
- Very similar performance for calorimeter and track based jets

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b-Jet true matched	55	127	6	30	54	47
b-tag	34	54	24	66	43	33
Pt	23	50	14	55	5	3