

Experimental methods for physics at the LHC

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Lecture 4: Introduction to Analysis

A word on 'Monte Carlo' samples



For a given physics process, obtain the 4-vectors of all outgoing particles

Simulate what happens when these outgoing particles interact with the material of the detector

Given the material interactions, what digital signals will be generated in the detector (like actual data)

Use the digital signals to reconstruct what particles were seen in the detector.

Dedicated lectures on this later in the school....





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Detector acceptance :

the fraction of events that do interact with detector and thus can potentially be reconstructed

Kinematic acceptance :

The fraction of events that pass kinematic selections one may require ($p_T > 50$ GeV, $\Delta \eta_{jj} > 2.0$)

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A track that matches a calorimeter cluster Energy/Momentum close to 1 Negligible HCAL deposit Shape of shower as expected Isolated How good should the match be?
How close to 1?
How negligible?
How close to expected?
How isolated?

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Number we will see = amount of data × rate of production × whether we reconstruct/identify the events.

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All events with 3 muons with pT > 20 GeV each

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Let us nail down some particulars.

What quality requirements should we make to select muons? Say we require some selections (q) for muons. In addition we also require some kinematical conditions (k)

Measure Z cross section $N = L \sigma B A \epsilon$

 $\sigma \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{N} / (\mathbf{L} \mathbf{A} \ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})$

Fiducial cross section $(\sigma B)_{fid} = N / L$

N is the observed events in data passing selections.

L is the integrated luminosity of our dataset.

A is the acceptance of our selections, depends on ${\bf k}$

 $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ is the efficiency of our selections, depends on q

Measure Z cross section

 $\sigma B = N / (L A \epsilon)$





2. In simulation, implement all the selections (k) that we aim to do in the data.

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How do we determine ϵ ?

Number that is detected Number that pass selections and can be detected

We calculate efficiency (effect of q) for one muon, ε_{μ} Then the total efficiency of the event is $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mu} \cdot \varepsilon_{\mu}$

Here **q** includes all the reconstruction and identification requirements.

Stick all numbers in... $\sigma B = N / (LA \epsilon)$



Let us now see some performance plots to get a sense of the numbers J. Instrum. 9 (2014) P10009

Tracking Efficiency





-2 -1.5 -1 -0.5 0

0.5

1 1.5

2.5

η

2

Muon efficiency

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Electron efficiency

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Tau efficiency

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Jets





Applied to simulation —

Z-tagging (leptons)

We saw how one can tag an event as having a Z boson

Typically select events with at least two leptons,

If their invariant mass is consistent with that of Z

(i.e. within some window), then the event has a Z



What about W?



W needs us to reconstruct missing $p_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$



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W-tagging (leptons)





 $M_{\rm T} = \left[2 p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} p_{\rm T}^{\ell} (1 - \cos(\Delta \phi))\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Back to analysis

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- Predict number of background events
- Check data, observation.
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 - Or does it match background + some additional signal?



 $t \mathop{\rightarrow} Wb$ is 100%

W ⁺ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)		
$\ell^+ \nu$	$[b]$ (10.86 \pm 0.09) %		
$e^+ \nu$	$(10.71\pm~0.16)~\%$		
$\mu^+ \nu$	$(10.63\pm~0.15)~\%$		
$\tau^+ \nu$	$(11.38\pm~0.21)~\%$		
hadrons	$(67.41\pm \ 0.27)\ \%$		



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As we shall see, backgrounds can be estimated from data too....

	observed	observed	background
${ m N_{jet}}$	events	SVX tags	tags expected
1	6578	40	50 ± 12
2	1026	34	21.2 ± 6.5
3	164	17	5.2 ± 1.7
≥ 4	39	10	1.5 ± 0.4

Table 1: Number of lepton+jet events in the 67 pb⁻¹ data sample along with the numbers of SVX tags observed and the estimated background. Based on the excess number of tags in events with ≥ 3 jets, we expect an additional 0.5 and 5 tags from $t\bar{t}$ decay in the 1 and 2 jet bins respectively.

SVX tag = b-tag

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Channel:	SVX	SLT	Dilepton
observed	$27 \mathrm{tags}$	$23 \mathrm{tags}$	6 events
expected background	6.7 ± 2.1	15.4 ± 2.0	1.3 ± 0.3
background probability	$2 imes 10^{-5}$	$6 imes 10^{-2}$	$3 imes 10^{-3}$

The probability that background fluctuated to give this observation is 10-6, which is 4.8 σ

Since observation is not explained by background, there is additional signal present.. in this case the top quark!

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With 13 TeV



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Two options (a) Model for signal does not predict reality OR (b) Collider not producing enough events model says.

Leads to constraints on model, or ruling out some parameter space for models.





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What is the maximum amount of signal that could be hidden in the data without us noticing?







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Wherever $N_{sig} > N_{lim}$, we rule out the signal.

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Draw a contour around what is excluded.

Examples

