



## Search for sgluons in multitop final states at the LHC

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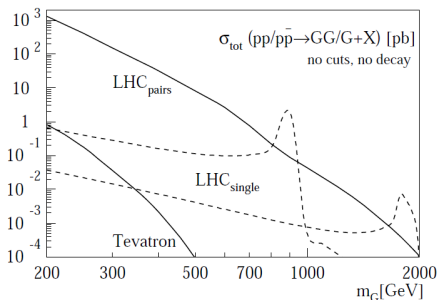
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## Theoretical context

- We consider an extension of the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model.
- By adding a new symmetry (R-symmetry), new particles are predicted.
- Among them, a new color-octet scalar field, named **sgluon**, partner of the the gluon and gluino, denoted  $\sigma$  in the next slides.

## sgluon production

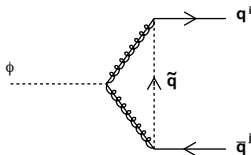


Cross section of sgluon [pb]  
 vs mass of sgluon [GeV].

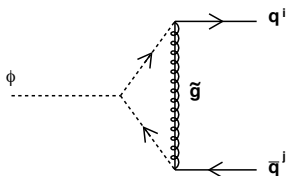
- Sgluon sensitive to strong interaction : large coupling to quarks and gluons. Important production at the LHC.
- The pair production is always the main way to produce sgluons.
- The cross section is quite important for low masses, but decreases quickly.

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## sgluon decays



- The coupling between sgluon and quarks is mediated by squarks and gluinos.
- Assuming a maximal mixing between the up-type squarks.
- Final states with at least one top quark are equiprobable.



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#### 4-top topology

Each sgluon decays into two top quarks.

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**In this study, we consider an integrated luminosity of  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 7 TeV using pp collisions.**

### Framework

- Parton level : MadGraph 5.1.2/5.1.3.
- Parton showering + hadronization : Pythia 6.
- Detector simulation : DELPHES with ATLAS card.
  - Fast simulation of ATLAS and CMS detectors
  - Smearing and reconstruction of objects (electron, jets, ...)
  - Using a  $b$ -tagging efficiency of 60%.

### Signal

- Model generated by FeynRules 1.6. for the 2 topologies. Test for each topology :  $\text{BR}(\sigma \rightarrow t\bar{t})=100\%$  and  $\text{BR}(\sigma \rightarrow tq')=100\%$  with  $q' = u, c$ .
- Two mass points : 400 and 1000 GeV.

## Cross sections

Sample	Cross section [pb]
$\sigma$ (M=400 GeV)	1.86
$\sigma$ (M=1000 GeV)	$8.2 \times 10^{-4}$
$W$ +jets	14350
$\gamma/Z$ +jets	1672
$t\bar{t}$	20.3
single top	13.91
Dibosons	12.28
$t\bar{t}X$ +jets	0.26
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-4}$

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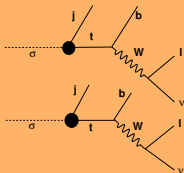
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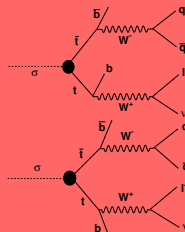
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## Dileptonic $t\bar{t}j$ signature



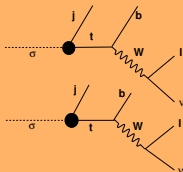
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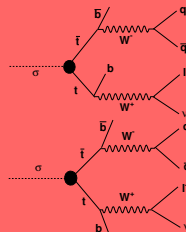
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**In both cases, both leptons can have the same sign.**



## Selection criteria

### Common selection

- 2 same-sign leptons ( $ee$ ,  $\mu\mu$  and  $e\mu$ )
- $M(\text{lepton}, \text{lepton}) \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $\cancel{E}_T \geq 40 \text{ GeV}$

### Dileptonic $t\bar{t}j$ signature

- At least 4 jets with  $P_T \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 1  $b$ -jet

#### Results (for 400 GeV sgluon)

- Exp. signal events : 150 (eff : 2%)
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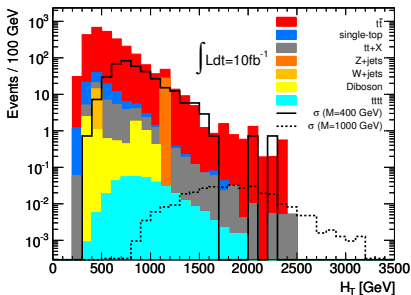
- At least 8 jets with  $P_T \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 2  $b$ -jets

#### Results (for 400 GeV sgluon)

- Exp. signal events : 144 (eff : 2%)
- Exp.  $t\bar{t}$  events : 0.57 (eff :  $10^{-5}\%$ )

## Backgrounds

- After the selection, essentially SM  $t\bar{t}$ , single top and SM  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  backgrounds.
- $t\bar{t}$  and single top backgrounds : lower activity than the signal.  
 This activity can be described by  $H_T$ .



- $H_T$  : scalar sum of the  $P_T$  of all objects (leptons, jets, MET).
- Further discrimination is provided by an additional selection wrt  $H_T$ .

←  $H_T$  distribution after  $t\bar{t}j$  selection

## Sensitivity & Results

**Sensitivity** : minimal cross section that can be excluded at 95% CL taking into account the fluctuations of the background.

$$s = \frac{\sqrt{N_b} \times 1.64}{\epsilon \times \mathcal{L}}$$

where  $N_b$  is the number of expected background events,  $\epsilon$  the efficiency of the signal selection and  $\mathcal{L}$  is the integrated luminosity.

### Dileptonic $t\bar{t}j$ topology

#### ■ Without additional selection

- 400 GeV : 380 fb
- 1 TeV : 209 fb

#### ■ With a selection wrt/ $H_T$

- 400 GeV : 216 fb ( $H_T \geq 650 \text{ GeV}$ )
- 1 TeV : 15 fb ( $H_T \geq 1550 \text{ GeV}$ )

### Dileptonic 4-top topology

#### ■ Without additional selection

- 400 GeV : 17 fb
- 1 TeV : 6 fb

#### ■ With a selection wrt/ $H_T$

- 400 GeV : 11.8 fb ( $H_T \geq 850 \text{ GeV}$ )
- 1 TeV : 0.5 fb ( $H_T \geq 1650 \text{ GeV}$ )

## Summary

- These signatures could **lead to a discovery**. But **few information on the nature of the excess** (no visible resonance).
- One can look at the lepton+jets signature : **possible** (and easier than in dilepton signature) **reconstruction**.
- Can test whether the excess comes from a  $\sigma \rightarrow t\bar{t}j$  resonance

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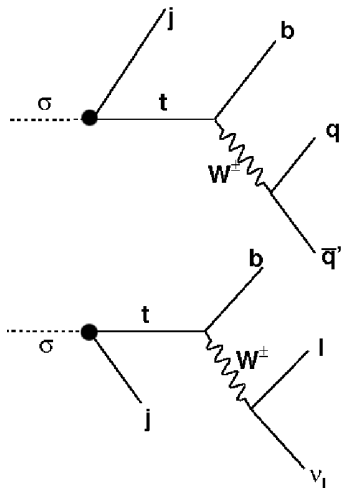
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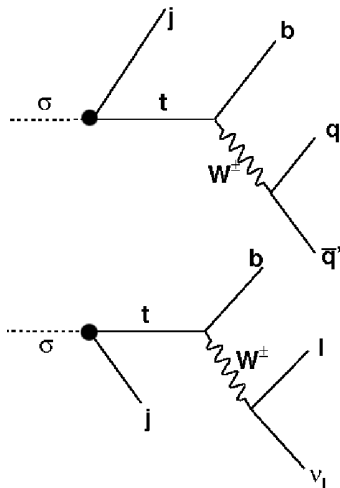
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If one  $W$  boson decays leptonically and the other one hadronically, the final state contains :

- 1 charged lepton (electron or muon).
- Missing transverse momentum (associated to the neutrino).
- 6 jets (2  $b$ -jets and 2 jets with high  $P_T$ ).

## Selection criteria

To suppress the physical backgrounds, each event is required to contain :

- Exactly one lepton (electron or muon) with  $P_T \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$ .
- At least 6 jets with  $P_T \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$ .
- $\cancel{E}_T \geq 40 \text{ GeV}$ .
- $M_T(W) = \sqrt{2P_T^{\text{lept}} \cdot \cancel{E}_T [1 - \cos(\Delta\varphi(\text{lept}, \cancel{E}_T))]} \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$ .

Sample	Before selection	After selection	Efficiency
$\sigma (M = 400 \text{ GeV})$	18 050	792	4.4%
$\sigma (M = 1000 \text{ GeV})$	7.93	1.07	6.75%
Backgrounds	$5.15 \times 10^8$	7870	0.02%



## Reconstruction algorithm

- One can also compute the sensitivity by 2 methods.
- Like for the  $2^{nd}$  method, we need a discriminant variable.
- As the sgluon can be reconstructed in this final state, the **mass** should be a good discriminant variable.

## The $\chi^2$ algorithm

- We want to find the combination of jets, lepton and MET that comes from the sgluon decay.
- For each event, we can estimate the  $\chi^2$  given by :

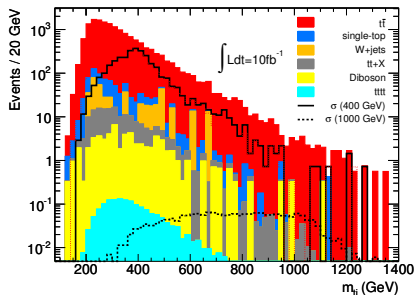
$$\chi^2(j_1, j_2, b_1, b_2, q_1, q_2, l, MET) =$$

$$\left[ \frac{m_{jj} - m_W}{\sigma_W} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{m_{jlb} - m_{jj} - m_{th-W}}{\sigma_{th-W}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{m_{jl\nu} - m_{tl}}{\sigma_{tl}} \right]^2 +$$

$$\left[ \frac{(M(\sigma_{lep}) - M(t_{lep})) - (M(\sigma_{had}) - M(t_{had}))}{(M(\sigma_{lep}) - M(t_{lep})) + (M(\sigma_{had}) - M(t_{had}))} \times \frac{1}{\sigma_{sgluon}} \right]^2$$

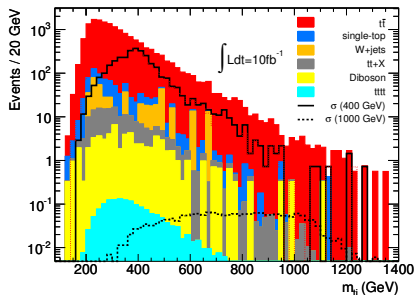
- All possible combinations (jets, lepton,  $\cancel{E}_T$ ) are estimated.
- The combination that minimizes the  $\chi^2$  is chosen.

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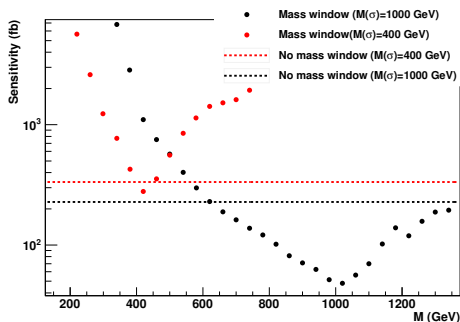
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$t\bar{t}j$  invariant mass

- Quite clear peak for the 400 GeV sgluon.
- Broader one for the 1000 GeV (due to combinatorial background).

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- Sensitivity computable by 2 methods.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> method : the mass is chosen as discriminant variable. Test mass  $M$ , sensitivity in the window  $[M - 10\%; M + 10\%]$ .

The optimal sensitivity in the semileptonic signature is :

- **278 fb** for the 400 GeV sgluon (compared to the cross section of 1.86 pb for the same sgluon mass).
- **48 fb** for the 1 TeV sgluon (compared to the cross section of 0.82 fb for the same sgluon mass).

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- Two different final states studied : a same-sign dilepton final state and a semileptonic one.
- Dileptonic final states allow to exclude cross sections higher than :
  - 216 fb (resp. 15 fb) in the  $t\bar{t}j$  topology for a 400 (resp. 1000) GeV sgluon (the cross sections considered in this model are 1.86 pb (resp. 0.82 fb)).
  - 11.8 fb (resp. 0.5 fb) in the 4-top topology for a 400 (resp. 1000) GeV sgluon.
- Semileptonic signature allows to reconstruct the mass of the sgluons and to probe the  $t\bar{t}j$  nature of the resonance.
- Up to now, semileptonic channel is sensitive to low mass sgluons but not yet for high masses.
- Work still ongoing to improve the selection efficiency (ex : using multivariate methods).

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