

ALTAS ttH Project for iSTEP



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Introduction

Goal: search for the production of a Higgs in conjunction with a $t\bar{t}$ pair in ATLAS (“ $t\bar{t}H$ ”) with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$.

MC training data in n -tuples `tth_sig.root`, `tth_bkg.root`

Signal: $t\bar{t}H$ Pythia8, $m_H = 125$ GeV

Background: inclusive $t\bar{t}$ from Powheg + Pythia8

Preselection: Required 4 b -tagged jets + 2 opposite sign leptons

Effective luminosity after preselection:

Signal: $L_{MC} = 6.40 \times 10^4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Background: $L_{MC} = 1.09 \times 10^2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Find two b -jets with mass closest to 125 GeV

→ Higgs candidate

Associate the other two b -jets with a lepton by lowest mass first

→ top candidates (missing the neutrinos)

Variables for MVA (updated)

TTree n-tuple **mva** contains for each event:

w	event weight
mtot	total mass of 4jet + 2lepton system
met	missing transverse energy
m34	mass of Higgs candidate
pt34	p_T of Higgs candidate
ylo, yhi	$y = m^2(\text{top-Higgs}) / m^2_{\text{tot}}$, order: $y_{\text{hi}} > y_{\text{lo}}$
ctbz	cos (angle between Higgs plane and ttbar plane)
cts	cos (decay angle of b-jets for Higgs candidate)
ctl1	cos (angle between leptons)
pvxp_n	number of pile-up vertices in event

Naive counting analysis

Find expected number of events for $L_{\text{data}} = 20.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$$= \text{sum of weights for selected events} \times L_{\text{data}} / L_{\text{MC}}$$

Find for expected numbers of events for both signal and background with no further cuts, s_{tot} and b_{tot} .

Naive median discovery significance

$$\text{med}[Z|s] = s_{\text{tot}} / \sqrt{b_{\text{tot}}}$$

Goal is to use MVA to construct test statistic.

Cut on test statistic; expected numbers of events after cut:

$$s = s_{\text{tot}} \quad \varepsilon_s = s_{\text{tot}} P(t > t_{\text{cut}}|s)$$
$$b = b_{\text{tot}} \quad \varepsilon_b = b_{\text{tot}} P(t > t_{\text{cut}}|b)$$

Goal is to maximize the discovery significance after cut.

Code

TMVA Code is in:

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www.pp.rhul.ac.uk/~cowan/stat/beijing14/  
istep_atlas_project.tar
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Download to working directory and type

```
tar -xvf istep_atlas_project.tar
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YOUR PROJECT:

- 1) Find s_{tot} and b_{tot} for $L_{\text{data}} = 20.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- 2) Train coefficients of Fisher discriminant (**tmvaTrain**)
- 3) Use cut on Fisher disc. to get s and b versus t_{cut} . (**analyzeData**)
- 4) Plot s/\sqrt{b} versus t_{cut} and find maximum (use **TGraph**)
- 5) Find L_{data} required to have $s/\sqrt{b} = 5$.
- 6) Repeat for MLP and BDT (see TMVA manual).