# Measurement of W/Z production in the high $p_T$ , boosted region at CMS

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# **Boosted objects**

• Quarks from fully hadronic decays of heavy Standard Model (SM) particles (i.e. W, Z, H) merge into single jet with characteristic substructure

$$Z \xrightarrow{p_T} \overset{q}{\overbrace{q}} \Delta R \approx \theta \approx 2 \frac{m_Z}{p_T}$$

- Jet substructure provides powerful handles to suppress many SM backgrounds
- Boosted objects can be used for SM & Beyond SM (BSM) measurements

#### SM measurements:

 Measurements with boosted W, Z and Higgs as the test of SM predictions at the extreme kinematic region

#### Beyond SM searches:

• Many BSM models predict new heavy particles that often decay to boosted heavy SM particles

# SM measurements with boosted objects

- Boosted objects can provide more stringent SM test
  - Sensitive to higher order corrections
- Boosted regime is where the background is for many searches
  - Theory understanding
- Better reconstruction precision compared to classical reconstruction method in the high  $p_{\rm T}$  region
  - Fully Hadronic vs leptonic decay of W/Z with the high  $p_{T}$



- Theory behind jet substructure
- Detector performance
- Event reconstruction
- Machine learning in HEP

Precise measurements with W, Z and Higgs in boosted regime



# Analysis strategy

#### Goal:

- Inclusive cross-section of the boosted W/Z
- Azimuthal correlations of the boosted W/Z with additional jets

#### Today, we present Monte Carlo (MC) study for signal-background separation

- MC generator: Madgraph + Pythia (CMS official samples)
  - **Processes:** DY → qq, W → qq, Higgs → bb, QCD
- Data sample: pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ 
  - o 2016, Run G
- Jet kinematics:
  - $\circ$  Reconstructed with anti-k<sub>T</sub> (R=0.8) algorithm
  - $\circ$   $p_{\mathrm{T}}$  > 200 GeV
  - $\circ$   $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Considered jet variables:
  - $\circ$  Jet  $p_{\rm T}$ , mass, energy, soft drop (SD) mass
  - N-subjettinnes:  $\tau_{21} = \tau_2/\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_{31} = \tau_3/\tau_1$  and  $\tau_{32} = \tau_3/\tau_2$
  - $\circ$  Subjets  $p_{\rm T}$  and mass,  $\Delta {\rm R}$  between 2 subjets, N-candidates



## Signal/background cross-section: jet variables

- MC generator: Pythia
- Process:
  - $\circ \quad q\bar{q} \to \gamma^*/Z^0 g$  $\circ \quad qg \to \gamma^*/Z^0 q$
- Mass cut in MC:  $\hat{m} > 4$ GeV
- Jet with with anti-k\_T (R=0.8) and 200  $<~p_T < 300~GeV$
- Peak around Z mass
- In reality, background processes are present:
  - QCD multijets
  - Hadronic W decays



## Signal/background cross-section: jet variables

- Mass peak around Z/W/Higgs mass
- QCD no structure

 $\frac{\text{Signal(W/Z)}}{\text{Background(QCD)}}{\sim}0.01$ 

- SoftDrop Mass algorithm is used to decluster the jet in two subjets removing soft radiation
- SoftDrop condition:

$$\frac{\min(p_{\text{T1}}, p_{\text{T2}})}{p_{\text{T1}} + p_{\text{T2}}} < z_{cut} \left(\frac{\Delta R_{12}}{R_0}\right)^{\beta}$$
$$\rightarrow \text{No separation}$$



## MC sample: QCD vs Data - jet variables

- All variables are normalized to unity
- Data vs MC: good agreement
- More data is available -> reduce relatively large statistical uncertainties



## Machine learning for signal-background separation

- Toolkit for Multivariate analysis (TMVA) is used to find suitable variables and selection criteria to discriminate background
- Input: MC sample
  - Signal: DY  $\rightarrow$  qq
  - Background: QCD

 Some of the jet variables can help to separate the signal and background



## TMVA: signal-background separation



- Without any optimization, ~88% background can be rejected for ~40% signal selection with BDT, MLP →better performance is needed
- Next step: use DeepAK8 tagger developed by CMS
  - $\circ$  A multi-class classifier for top, W, Z, Higgs and QCD jets based on standard anti-k<sub>T</sub> (R=0.8) jets
  - Deep neural networks architecture using directly low-level inputs (PF candidates)
  - Exploit substructure and flavour in one go



#### **Conclusion & Outlook**

#### Conclusion:

- Measurements with boosted W/Z as the test of SM predictions at the extreme kinematic region was presented
- Preliminary MC study for measurement of boosted W/Z
- MC sample vs Data: good agreement of jet variable and jet substructure
- Multivariate data analysis can help to distinguish boosted W/Z from the QCD background

#### Outlook:

- Use DeepAK8 tagger for better signal-background separation
- Perform analysis with data: pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}$  = 13 TeV

#### Thank you for your attention!

# Back-up slides

## Back-up: TMVA: signal-background separation

- Correlations between variables
- Different correlations between signal and background

#### **Correlation Matrix (signal)**

#### **Correlation Matrix (background)**

