

**Erratum: Observing  $H \rightarrow W^{(*)} W^{(*)} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp} \not{p}_T$  in weak boson fusion with the dual forward jet tagging at the CERN LHC**  
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A typographical error in the implementation of the lepton separation cut for the  $t\bar{t}$ +jets backgrounds led to an underestimate of  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds at advanced levels of cuts. This results in changes in the tables and a slight increase of the background level in Fig. 4. The corrected Table I is listed below.

As a result, the final background estimate increases to 8.1 events for  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data. The new background level only affects Fig. 4, which shows the Higgs boson transverse mass distribution,  $d\sigma/dM_{T_{WW}}$ , for the background and three choices of Higgs masses, 130, 160, and 190 GeV.

The loss in signal significance due to the larger  $t\bar{t}$ +jets background can easily be compensated for by imposing a mass dependent  $M_{T_{WW}}$  cut, as given in the first line of Table II. This new cut is extremely effective at removing a large fraction of the background while, on average, losing about 1 signal event per  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data. We show the new final estimates in Table II. The final conclusions remain unchanged: we expect a clean,  $5\sigma$  observation of a SM Higgs boson signal to be possible with only  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data over the range  $140 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 200 \text{ GeV}$ .

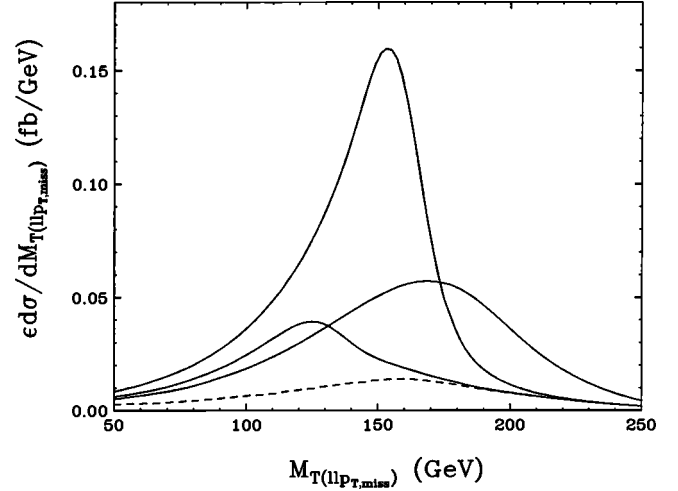


FIG. 4. Dilepton- $\not{p}_T$  transverse mass distributions expected for a Higgs boson of mass  $m_H = 130, 160$ , and  $190 \text{ GeV}$  (solid) after the cuts of Eqs. (10)–(16) and application of all detector efficiencies and a minijet veto with  $p_{T,\text{veto}} = 20 \text{ GeV}$ . Also shown is the background only (dashed).

TABLE I. Signal rates,  $\sigma \cdot B(H \rightarrow e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp} \not{p}_T)$ , for  $m_H = 160 \text{ GeV}$  and corresponding background cross sections, in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ . Rates are at various levels of cuts and are given in fb. See text for details.

| Cuts                                  | $Hjj$         | $t\bar{t}$ +jets | QCD $WWjj$    | EW $WWjj$     | QCD $\tau\tau jj$ | EW $\tau\tau jj$ | S/B            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Forward tagging (10)–(12)             | 17.1          | 1080             | 4.4           | 3.0           | 15.8              | 0.8              | $\approx 1/65$ |
| + $b$ veto (13)                       |               | 64               |               |               |                   |                  | 1/5.1          |
| + $M_{jj}$ , angular cuts (14)–(16)   | 11.8          | 5.5              | 0.54          | 0.50          | 3.6               | 0.4              | 1.1/1          |
| + real $\tau$ rejection (17)          | 11.4          | 5.1              | 0.50          | 0.45          | 0.6               | 0.08             | 1.7/1          |
| $P_{\text{surv},20}$                  | $\times 0.89$ | $\times 0.29$    | $\times 0.29$ | $\times 0.75$ | $\times 0.29$     | $\times 0.75$    | –              |
| + minijet veto (18)                   | 10.1          | 1.48             | 0.15          | 0.34          | 0.18              | 0.07             | 4.6/1          |
| + tag ID efficiency ( $\times 0.74$ ) | 7.5           | 1.09             | 0.11          | 0.25          | 0.13              | 0.05             | 4.6/1          |

TABLE II. Number of expected events for the  $Hjj$  signal, for  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated luminosity and application of all efficiency factors and cuts, including a minijet veto and an additional upper  $M_{T_{WW}}$  cut, for a range of Higgs boson masses. The number of both signal and background events are shown, as well as S/B. The Poisson probability of the background to fluctuate up to the signal level is given in terms of  $\sigma_{\text{Gauss}}$ , the number of Gaussian equivalent standard deviations.

| $m_H$ (GeV)             | 115 | 120 | 130 | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  | 180  | 190  | 200  |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $M_T$ cutoff (GeV)      | 135 | 140 | 150 | 160  | 170  | 180  | 210  | 220  | none | none |
| No. $S$ events          | 1.9 | 3.4 | 8.3 | 14.8 | 22.7 | 36.5 | 35.9 | 29.3 | 20.8 | 16.3 |
| No. $B$ events          | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.7  | 5.4  | 6.0  | 7.2  | 7.5  | 8.1  | 8.1  |
| S/B                     | 0.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.1  | 4.2  | 6.1  | 5.0  | 3.9  | 2.6  | 2.0  |
| $\sigma_{\text{Gauss}}$ | 0.8 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 5.0  | 6.8  | 9.6  | 9.0  | 7.6  | 5.5  | 4.5  |