

First look at leptoquarks in CMS

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a study on scalar, second generation leptoquark pair production at LHC. Discovery potential of the CMS detector in the muon-jet decay channel was studied with realistic simulation of background and detector response. The mass reach was found to be ~ 1.6 TeV for one year of running with luminosity $10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$.

I. CROSS SECTIONS

Leptoquarks (LQ) are particles having both lepton and baryon number different from zero. They are predicted by many models invoking symmetry larger than $U(1) \times SU(2) \times SU(3)$ of the Standard Model. Their properties are discussed in detail in [1]. LHC, thanks to its high energy (14 TeV) and high luminosity ($10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$) is a good place to search for them. In this paper we present preliminary study on the discovery potential of CMS — one of the LHC detectors.

We consider scalar leptoquark pair production and we study their decays into muons and quarks. Present analysis follows one implemented by the CDF collaboration [2]. CDF used ISAJET generator with HMRS-B structure functions to calculate expected cross sections. In our study, we used PYTHIA with CTEQ2L. Both programs are based on the same theoretical calculations [3], and their predictions should not differ. They are compared in Table I for $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV. Observed small differences can be explained by different structure functions.

Table I: Comparison of LQ pair production at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV

leptoquark mass	45	65	85	105	125	GeV
σ -isajet (HMRS-B)	600	95	22	6.9	2.5	pb
σ -pythia (CTEQ2L)	537	83	19	5.5	1.8	pb

Cross sections calculated with PYTHIA for LHC energy are given in Table II. The table contains also the number of events expected for integrated luminosity of 100fb^{-1} , i.e. one year of running with $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$. Already from this table one can see, that the mass limit for the discovery is around 1.5 TeV. Therefore hereafter, we concentrate on the LQ masses of 1.4 and 1.6 GeV.

Table II: Scalar LQ pair production at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV, $\int \mathcal{L} = 100\text{fb}^{-1}$

leptoquark mass	1.0	1.4	1.6	2.0	TeV
σ	8	0.65	0.2	0.02	fb
number of events	800	65	20	2	

II. CMS DETECTOR SIMULATION

The behaviour of the CMS detector was simulated with a fast simulation package CMSJET [4]. In this program particles are not tracked explicitly, but various parametrisations are used:

- muon momenta are smeared according to a momentum resolution table,
- electromagnetic and hadronic shower parametrisations are used to deposit energy in calorimeter cells,
- electrons reconstructed from electromagnetic clusters are matched with tracks,
- jets are reconstructed from calorimeter cells by a modified UA1 algorithm.

Signature for the studied channel are two muon-jet pairs with the same invariant mass. Therefore we accomplish the analysis by

- calculating effective mass $M_{\mu j}$ for each muon-jet pair
- selecting two pairs with minimal difference of $M_{\mu j}$.

III. POSSIBLE BACKGROUNDS

The $2\mu 2jets$ signature can be observed also when a ZZ pair is produced, one Z decays into muons, the other one into quarks. Also $t\bar{t}$ pairs decaying almost exclusively into W,b, W,b can produce similar signature. In this paper we study the case when W's decay into $\mu\nu$ or qq. We also study its subset, when W's are forced to decay into muons, thus increasing available statistics. The number of events generated for these channels is given in Table III. Some of the events are lost during reconstruction, when the $2\mu 2jets$ signature is requested. This is illustrated in Figure 1, 2 and Table III. It is seen that the background channels suffer more then the signal.

Table III: Generated and reconstructed events.

	$LQ, \bar{L}\bar{Q}$ 1.6 TeV	ZZ $\mu\mu, jj$	$t\bar{t}$ $W \rightarrow \mu$ or jet	$t\bar{t}$ $W \rightarrow \mu$
σ	0.2 fb	6.2 fb	2.3 pb	4.6 fb
events	20	6200	230 000	4600
$\geq 1\mu,$ $p_t > 10\text{ GeV}$	97.6%	79.3%	16.1%	94.3%
$\geq 1\text{ jet},$ $E_t > 40\text{ GeV}$	97.5%	66.3%	16.0%	91.2%
$\geq 2\text{ jets}$	92.6%	12.2%	14.7%	72.2%
$\geq 2\mu$'s	92.6%	12.2%	14.7%	72.2%
$\mu^+\mu^-$ pair	91.9%	12.1%	5.6%	71.4%

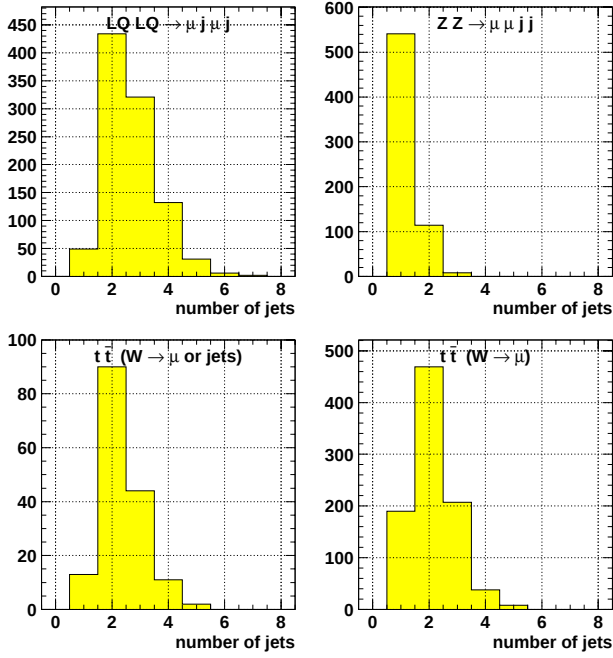


Figure 1: Jet multiplicity in signal and background events.

IV. SELECTION OF EVENTS

In order to distinguish the signal from the background a number of topological and kinematical cuts can be applied. The cuts used in this study are listed in Table IV. Distributions of variables to be cut, obtained after the preselection described in the previous section are shown in Figures 3-7.

Table IV: Number of events after consecutive cuts. Notation "10000×23" means that 10000 events have been generated which is 1/23 of expected statistics.

	$LQ, \bar{L}\bar{Q}$ 1.4 TeV	$LQ, \bar{L}\bar{Q}$ 1.6 TeV	ZZ $\mu\mu, jj$	$t\bar{t}$ $W \rightarrow \mu$ or $\rightarrow \text{jet}$	$t\bar{t}$ $W \rightarrow \mu$
σ [fb]	0.65	0.2	6.2	2300	4.6
events	65	20	6200	$10^4 \times 23$	4600
$\mu^+ \mu^-$ $p_t > 200$ GeV	57	15	17	18×23	343
$M_{\mu\mu} > 200$ GeV	56	15	9	14×23	340
$E_t < 200$ GeV	53	14	9	14×23	280
≥ 2 jets, $E_t > 200$ GeV	51	13	3	7×23	191
$\Delta M_{\mu j}$ < 200 GeV	45	12	3	7×23	182

The first cut was applied on the transverse momenta p_t of muons. From Figure 3 it is seen that the p_t spectra of signal muons is much harder than those from the background. A cut at 200 GeV can reduce the backgrounds by orders of magnitude preserving $\sim 75\%$ of the signal.

A very efficient way to reject the ZZ background is a cut on the

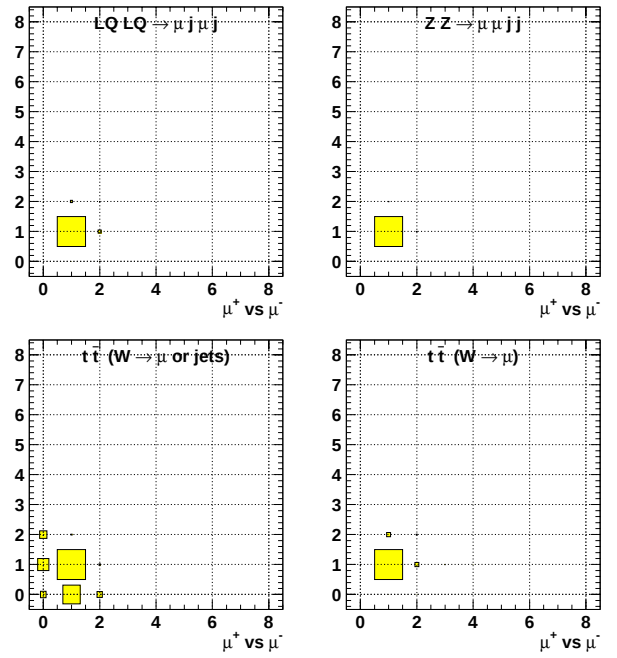


Figure 2: Number of positive and negative muons per event.

invariant mass of the muons $M_{\mu\mu}$. This is illustrated in Figure 4.

A cut on missing transverse energy E_t^{miss} (Figure 5) could be useful to reject the $t\bar{t}$ background in the case of $t \rightarrow Wb$, $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ channel. However, simplified simulation used in this study is not able to predict E_t^{miss} with high precision. Therefore rather modest cut of 200 GeV has been chosen.

Jet spectrum (Figure 6) is much harder for the signal than for the background. We cut it at 200 GeV.

Finally one can expect the same mass of both reconstructed leptons. Therefore we requested that the two invariant masses of muon-jet pairs $M_{\mu j}$ do not differ more than 200 GeV (Figure 7). The distributions of $M_{\mu j}$ before and after this cut are given in Figures 8 and 9 respectively.

V. CONCLUSIONS AND PLANS

From Tables III and IV one can conclude that the detector response cause $\sim 10\%$ loss of the $LQ, \bar{L}\bar{Q} \rightarrow \mu j, \mu j$ signal. The background can be reduced for the expense of further $\sim 40\%$ of the signal. Final distributions of the muon-jet invariant mass $M_{\mu j}$ for $\sqrt{s}=1.4$ and 1.6 TeV are shown in Figure 10. In both cases the leptons peak is well separated from the background, however the statistics in the case of 1.6 TeV is already marginal. Therefore we can conclude that the leptons mass reach of the CMS is around 1.6 TeV.

Presented work is a first approach to see the CMS discovery potential for leptons. It was done with the fast simulation program and the analysis was not really optimised. Therefore the work should be followed by a more careful study. First of all a detailed (GEANT based) detector simulation should be used. One can try to extend the search looking for first generation leptons decaying into electrons. A single lepton production

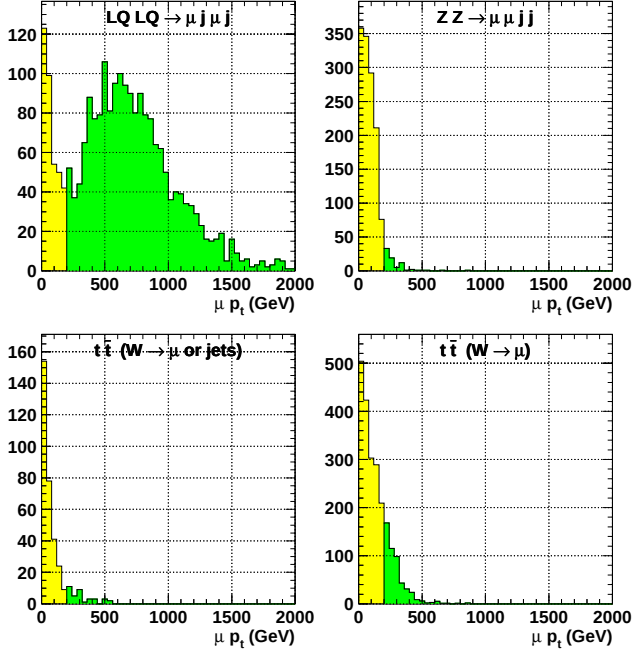


Figure 3: Muon transverse momentum distribution.

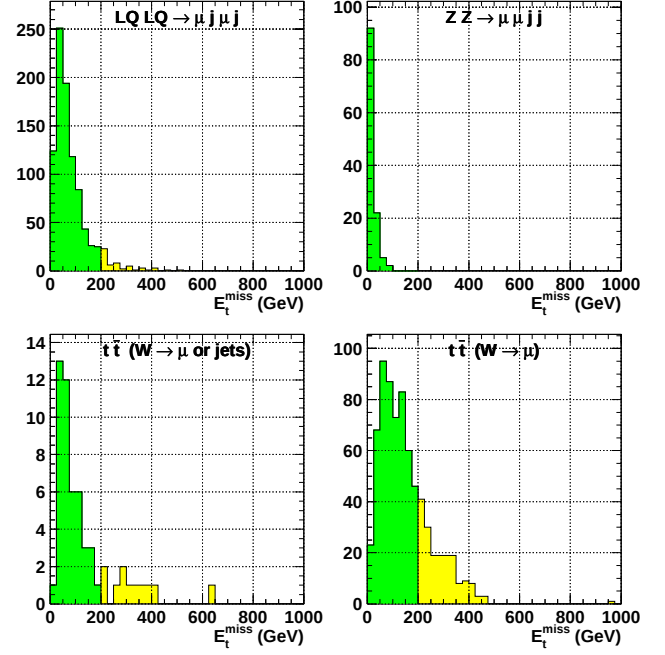


Figure 5: Missing E_t distribution.

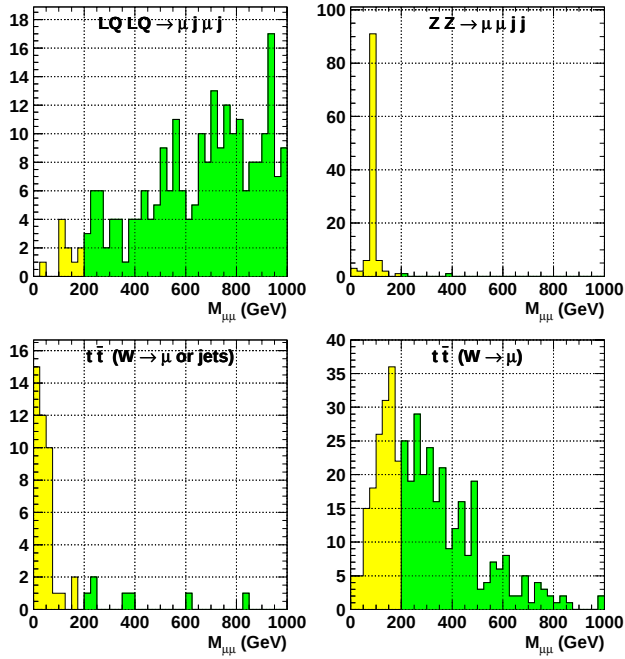


Figure 4: Two muon invariant mass distribution.

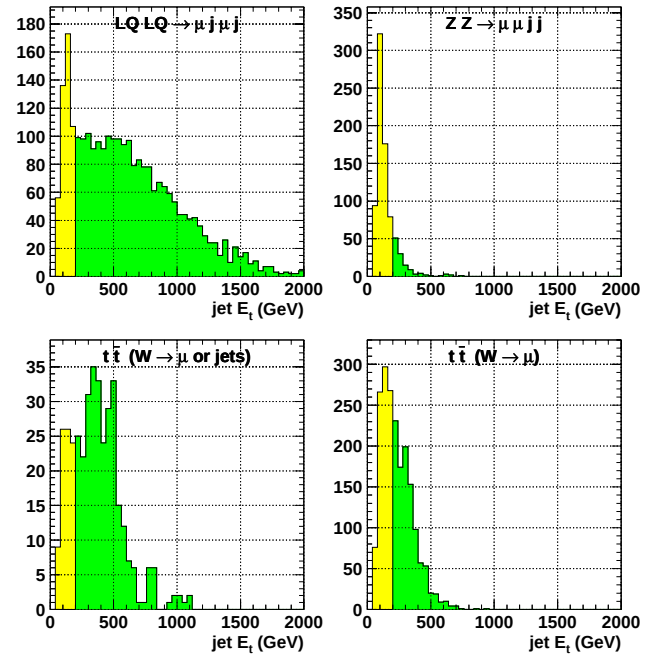


Figure 6: Jet transverse energy distribution.

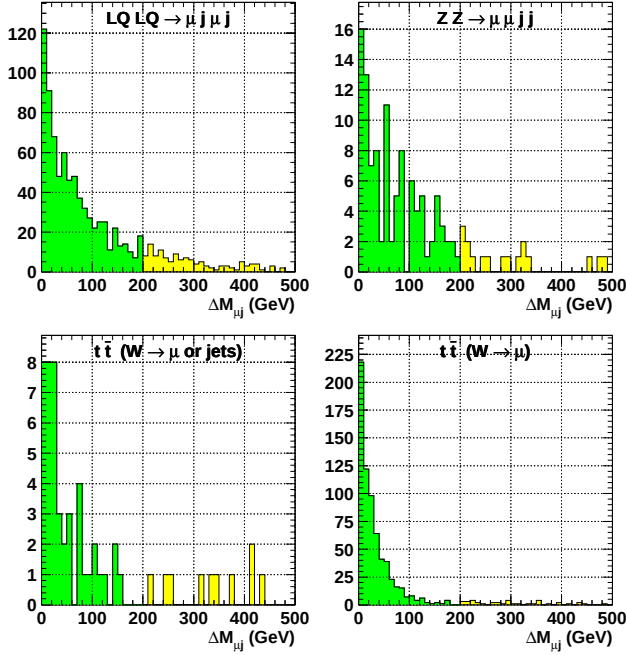


Figure 7: Distribution of the difference of invariant masses of the two muon-jet pairs.

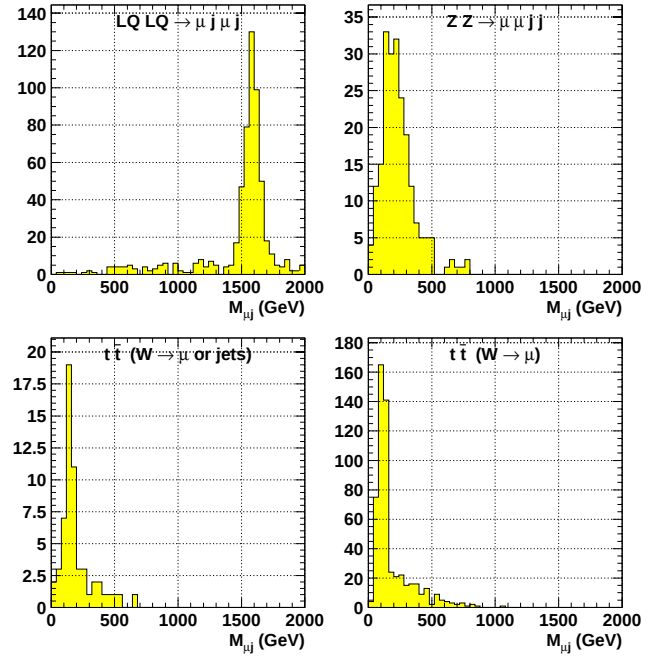


Figure 9: Distribution of the muon-jet invariant mass after the cut on $\Delta M_{\mu j}$.

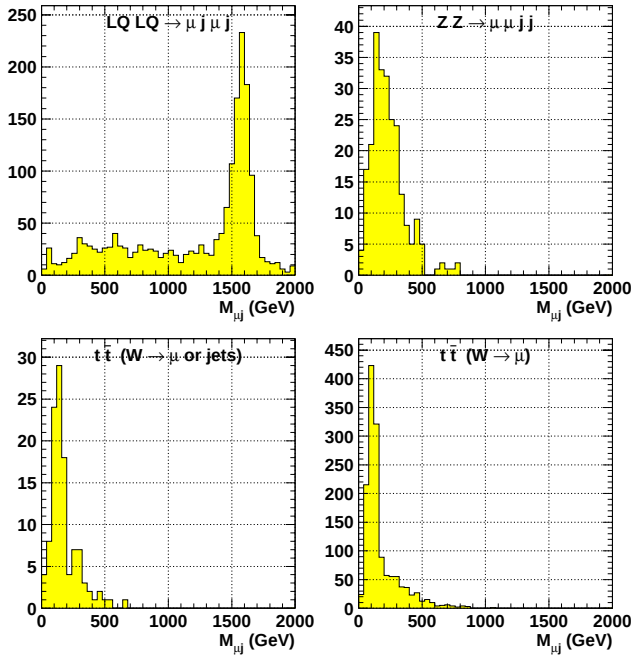


Figure 8: Distribution of the muon-jet invariant mass before the cut on $\Delta M_{\mu j}$.

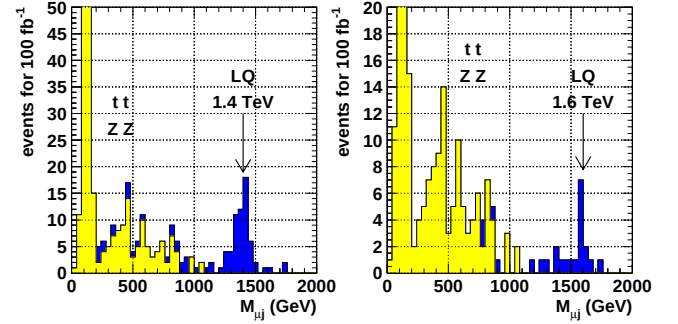


Figure 10: Leptoquark signal and background mass distribution in the CMS detector.

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