

# Error propagation for background normalization in the L-S and S-B methods

$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{Ax_i}{\sum_j x_j}$$

Where: \*  $A$  is the background under the peak area calculated from the fit;

\*  $x_i$  are the bin contents of the jet  $p_T$  distribution in the L-S or S-B.

~~Where:~~

\*  $\bar{x}_i$  are the bin contents after normalization

$$(\Delta \bar{x}_i)^2 = (\Delta A)^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{x}_i}{\partial A} \right|^2 + \sum_k \left| \frac{\partial \bar{x}_i}{\partial x_k} \right|^2 (\Delta x_k)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{x}_i}{\partial x_i} = \frac{A \sum_j x_j - Ax_i}{(\sum_j x_j)^2} = A \frac{\sum_{j \neq i} x_j}{(\sum_j x_j)^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \bar{x}_i}{\partial x_k} \right|_{k \neq i} = -Ax_i \frac{1}{(\sum_j x_j)^2} = -\frac{Ax_i}{(\sum_j x_j)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{x}_i}{\partial A} = \frac{x_i}{\sum_j x_j}$$

$$(\Delta \bar{x}_i)^2 = (\Delta A)^2 \frac{x_i^2}{(\sum_j x_j)^2} + (\Delta x_i)^2 A^2 \frac{(\sum_{j \neq i} x_j)^2}{(\sum_j x_j)^4} +$$

$$+ \frac{A^2 x_i^2}{(\sum_j x_j)^4} \sum_{k \neq i} (\Delta x_k)^2 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sum_j x_j)^2} \left[ (\Delta A)^2 x_i^2 + \frac{A^2}{(\sum_j x_j)^2} \left( (\Delta x_i)^2 (\sum_{j \neq i} x_j)^2 + x_i^2 \sum_{k \neq i} (\Delta x_k)^2 \right) \right]$$