

# Simulation and Analysis of Novel Leptoquark Pair Production Mechanism

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# 1 Introduction

The Leptoquark (LQ) is a proposed Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) particle that can couple to both leptons and quarks, thus allowing one to transform into another. Such a particle has been theorized for decades, where it was first found in many Grand Unification Theories (GUT) such as that by Georgi and Glashow in 1974 [5]. Experimental interest in LQ's has been generally unremarkable; however, in recent years, due to the increasing energies of particle collisions at the LHC giving rise to newer discoveries, interest in the LQ search has increased, as they can provide explanations for a number of discrepancies between Standard Model (SM) predictions and experimental results.

Once such example is the decay of the  $B$ -meson [7], in which a flavor-changing neutral current process such as  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  deviates from Standard Model (SM) predictions, signalling a violation of Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU). Another example is that LQ's can radiatively generate Majorana neutrino masses [8]. Clearly, LQ's are very attractive sources of new physics.

LQ's are found as either vector or scalar particles; we will focus solely on the scalar LQ's, as the novel pair production method we will introduce in this report has not been studied for the vector LQ's. There are five multiplets with varying representations under the standard model gauge group  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ , as shown in Table 1. Notably, all five are triplets under  $SU(3)_c$ , which is expected, as they couple to a quark and must therefore carry color. This also means that it is possible for there to be quark-quark interactions with a LQ, however we will not consider this for a similar reason as to why we aren't considering vector LQ's. Each multiplet has a number of charged eigenstates; the  $R_2$  leptoquark, for instance, has two charged eigenstates:  $R_2^{+5/3}$  and  $R_2^{+2/3}$ . This comes from the Gell-Mann-Nishijima formula, in our normalization, given by:

$$Q = I_3 + Y, \quad (1)$$

where  $Y$  is the hypercharge of the LQ and  $I_3$  is the third component of the weak isospin of the LQ.

As a scalar particle, the LQ's couple to the quark and lepton via a Yukawa interaction, with the strength of the interaction determined by the magnitude of the coupling constant  $y$ . However, here, the Yukawa coupling is actually a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, whose indices correspond to the fermion generation. As an example, the  $LQ - q - \ell$  interaction part of the  $S_1$  Lagrangian is given here [1]:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = Y_{1,ij}^{RR} \bar{u}_i^c \ell_j S_1^\dagger + Y_{1,ij}^{LL} (\bar{Q}_i^{c\tau} i\sigma_2 L_j) S_1^\dagger \quad (2)$$

Here,  $Q_i$  and  $L_i$  are left-handed quark and lepton  $SU(2)$  doublets, and  $u_i$  and  $\ell_i$  are right-handed  $SU(2)$  singlets. The superscripts  $c$  and  $\tau$  mean charge conjugation and transposition of the  $SU(2)$  doublets, respectively. The parentheses in the second term denote contraction in  $SU(2)$  space. Note that there are two terms, corresponding to the two different coupling types for the  $S_1$  LQ, one for coupling of left-handed quarks to left-handed leptons, and one for coupling of right-handed quarks to right-handed leptons. If we were to, for instance, select  $Y_{11}^{RR} \neq 1.0$  and all others to zero, then the LQ would couple only right-handed, first-generation quarks to right-handed, first generation leptons (which is the electron, since there are no

$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$	Symbol	Q-L Chirality	F
$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{3}, 1/3)$	$S_3$	$LL$	-2
$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 7/6)$	$R_2$	$RL, LR$	0
$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)$	$\tilde{R}_2$	$RL$	0
$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 4/3)$	$\tilde{S}_1$	$RR$	-2
$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)$	$S_1$	$LL, RR$	-2

Table 1: The representations of the scalar LQ multiplets under the standard model gauge group, the accepted symbols in the literature, the chirality types of the quark and lepton that the LQ couples to, and the fermion number of the LQ.

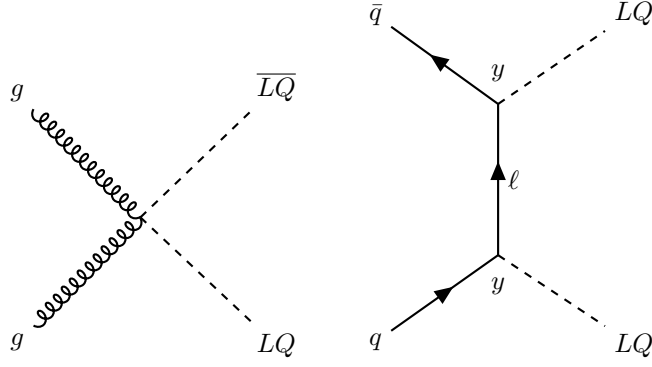


Figure 1: Diagrams contributing to conventional LQ pair production at the LHC at leading order.

right-handed neutrinos). In other words, the branching ratio  $\beta(S_1 \rightarrow ue) = 1.0$  (note that due to charge conservation, the  $S_1$  LQ cannot decay into an electron and a down-type quark).

### 1.1 Conventional LQ Production

LQ production at the LHC consists of a number of different mechanisms, largely categorized as either pair production or single/resonant production. There are two main contributions to normal pair production, as shown in Figure 1. This involves a QCD-driven component, as well as a Yukawa-driven component in which a lepton is exchanged in the t-channel. Note that in both cases, the final state LQ's are charge conjugates of each other; in other words, an LQ and its anti-particle are produced.

Based on the contributions to the single production cross section, we have that the amplitudes are proportional to only a single Yukawa coupling. So, the form of the total cross section is given by

$$\sigma_{\text{single}} = f(m_{\text{LQ}})|y_i|^2, \quad (3)$$

where the function  $f$  is dependent on the mass of the LQ. On the other hand, the pair production cross section takes a more complicated form:

$$\sigma_{\text{pair}} = f_{\text{QCD}}(m_{\text{LQ}}) + f_{\text{int}}(m_{\text{LQ}})|y_i|^2 + f_{\text{t-chan}}(m_{\text{LQ}})|y_i|^4. \quad (4)$$

In this case, we have the first term arising due to the QCD component, in which there are no fermions and thus no Yukawa coupling dependence. The third term is due to the t-channel diagram as shown before, and therefore that term depends quartic-ly on the Yukawa coupling, and the middle term is the interference between the two. Evidently, this cross section becomes dominated by the QCD contribution for small magnitudes of the Yukawa coupling, but for larger couplings, the quartic term in the pair production cross-section can begin to dominate. However, the mass dependence also plays a larger part in the pair production terms, meaning that the cross section drops off faster for higher LQ masses when compared to single production, hence, in the higher mass regime, pair production no longer dominates.

## 2 Asymmetric Pair Production

In a recent study [4], a novel method for pair producing LQ's that are not charge conjugates of each other, called “asymmetric” production, has been put forward, with the possibility that its cross sections are of similar or higher order than those of the conventional single and pair production methods mentioned in the previous section, for suitable masses and Yukawa coupling magnitudes. This novel method also comes with a few added benefits, such as the possibility for quark-quark initial states as opposed to quark-antiquark initial states, which is particularly preferable for the LHC due to lessened PDF suppression.

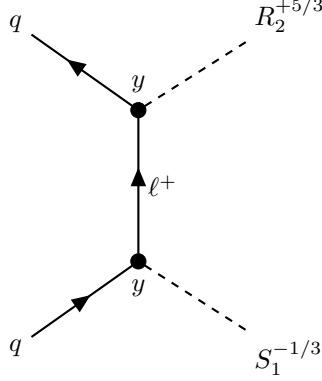


Figure 2: One possible contribution towards the asymmetric pair production of the  $S_1$  and  $R_2$  LQ's. Notably, their charges and fermion numbers are different.

The main requirements to initiate this pair production is that the two leptoquarks in the final state couple to a lepton of the same chirality and flavor, and that their fermion numbers differ. As an example, the  $R_2$  LQ can couple to the left-handed  $SU(2)$  quark doublets and the right-handed  $SU(2)$  lepton singlets (and vice-versa), and the  $S_1$  LQ, as mentioned before, can couple to the both the right-handed  $SU(2)$  quark and lepton singlets. Because of the similar lepton coupling, we have the ability to asymmetrically produce an  $R_2$  and an  $S_1$  LQ in the final state from a quark-quark initial state, so long as the corresponding Yukawa coupling matrix elements are non-zero. The feynman diagram for an  $S_1/R_2$  asymmetric production is given in Figure 2.

## 2.1 The $S_1$ and $R_2$ Case

To examine further the  $S_1/R_2$  scheme, we introduce the interaction terms of the Lagrangian for, say, coupling to right-handed leptons (which, again, excludes the neutrinos and leaves only the charged leptons):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = Y_{1,ij}^{RR} \bar{u}_i^c \ell_j S_1^\dagger + Y_{2,ij}^{LR} (\bar{Q}_i^\dagger \ell_j R_2) + \text{h.c.} \quad (5)$$

Now, if we expand out the second term into the charge eigenstates of the  $R_2$  multiplet, we get

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = Y_{1,ij}^{RR} \bar{u}_{R,i}^c e_{R,j} S_1^\dagger + Y_{2,ij}^{LR} \bar{u}_{L,j} e_{R,i} (R_2^{+5/3})^* + (Y_2 V_\dagger)_{ij}^{LR} \bar{d}_{L,j} e_{R,i} (R_2^{+2/3})^*, \quad (6)$$

where now we have added chirality subscripts for the fermion states, LQ charges as superscripts which are in terms of the charge of the positron, and asterisks to represent charge conjugations of specific LQ eigenstates. Further, since the previous Lagrangian was in terms of the weak eigenstates of the fermions,<sup>1</sup> when we induce spontaneous symmetry breaking, we need to introduce the Cabbibo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix to relate the weak eigenstates of the down-type quarks to their mass eigenstates. Fortunately for us, the contents of this matrix is not important for our study, so, for simplicity, we will take it to be the identity. We will make the additional assumptions for simplicity that not only is there mass degeneracy within LQ multiplets, but also among different multiplets; i.e. in every process, the LQ's will be assumed to have the same mass.<sup>2</sup>

## 2.2 The $2\ell SS + 1\tau$ Channel

In the interest of analysis of this new pair production method, we need to pick a channel to study. Our group specializes in the  $2\ell SS + 1\tau$  channel, which says that there are two same-sign leptons and one hadronically decaying tau in the final state. One way we can analyze this channel is to choose our Yukawa couplings such

<sup>1</sup>Ordinarliy, the weak eigenstates are denoted with primes, but for the purposes of this study where this difference is not relevant since we set the CKM matrix to the identity, we dropped the primes.

<sup>2</sup>As will be mentioned later, will end indeed up considering asymmetric masses by requesting a few extra grid points with final state LQ's of different masses, but only for future supplementary study.

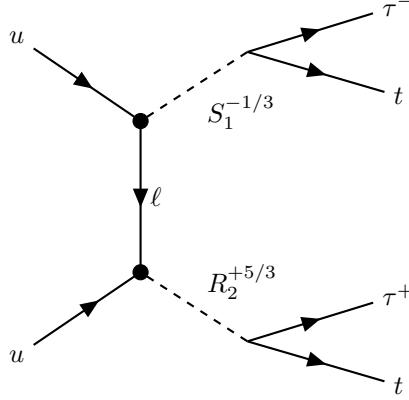


Figure 3: The contribution to  $pp \rightarrow S_1 R_2 \rightarrow t \tau t \tau$  at leading order.

that the LQ's we pair produce both decay into heavy particles, like taus and top quarks. In order to achieve this, we would be looking at having

$$Y_{i3}^{XR} \neq 0, \text{ where } X = L, R \text{ and } i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (7)$$

This will allow the LQ to couple to only right-handed, third-generation leptons, so the tau. Since we also want a decay into a top quark, we need  $Y_{33}^{XR} \neq 0$ , but we will let the LQ couple to all quark generations to reduce PDF suppressions. Table 2 contains the cross sections for various masses and Yukawa couplings, where the Yukawa magnitude of each matrix element is identical.<sup>3</sup>

$m_{LQ}$	$y$	$\sigma$
1500 GeV	0.1	$1.23 \times 10^{-7}$
	0.5	$1.232 \times 10^{-7}$
	1.0	$7.676 \times 10^{-5}$
2000 GeV	0.1	0.001 201
	0.5	$1.403 \times 10^{-8}$
	1.0	$8.829 \times 10^{-6}$
2500 GeV	0.1	0.000 141 8
	0.5	$1.023 \times 10^{-6}$
	1.0	$1.769 \times 10^{-5}$

Table 2: The cross sections in picobarns for various mass and Yukawa coupling magnitudes. This corresponds to the Yukawa matrix elements chosen in Equation (2.2).

The only way to asymmetrically pair-produce the  $S_1$  and  $R_2$  LQ's and have them decay into top quarks and taus is shown in Figure 3, where we have two up-type quarks (which, in the standard 4 or 5-flavor schemes, means only the up and charm quarks) in the initial state which exchange a lepton in the t-channel to pair produce the LQ's of interest. The  $S_1$  LQ will subsequently decay into a tau and a top quark and the  $R_2$  LQ will subsequently decay into an anti-tau and a top quark.

One example decay chain for the taus and top quarks are:

$$S_1 \rightarrow t \tau^- \rightarrow W^+ b \tau^- \rightarrow q q b \tau^- \quad (8)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow t \tau^+ \rightarrow W^+ b \tau^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu b \tau^+, \quad (9)$$

<sup>3</sup>In principle, it is entirely possible to specify that the  $Y_{33}^{XR}$  matrix element be greater than the others in order to isolate the decay  $LQ \rightarrow t \tau$ ; this is something we delegate to a future study.

which gives us a satisfactory final state for our analysis channel.

### 3 Methodology

As this is a novel production method, there are a number of steps we must take in order to begin analyzing this process. We will rely heavily/entirely on the ATLAS experiment’s Athena software, which contains a number of helpful tools and wrappers around popular event generators, simulators, and reconstruction algorithms. There are three main steps for the production of the signal in the ATLAS experiment: testing and production of validation plots, approval from subgroup conveners, and submission of a ticket to generate events on the grid.

#### 3.1 Testing and Production of Validation Plots

To start to generate events for our chosen process, we will use MADGRAPH5, a popular program that is used for event generation and cross-section calculation. It comes equipped with many tools for doing the aforementioned calculations within the regime of the standard model, but for anything outside of this, it requires a supplementary “model” that describes all of the details of the BSM process we want to simulate. The typical pipeline for this is to use the FEYNRULES package within Mathematica, from which a Universal FeynRules Output (UFO) model is produced that can be imported into MADGRAPH5. Fortunately for us, models have already been made for the scalar LQ’s; see Refs [2, 3]. A scenario with multiple LQ’s present requires a simple combination of the individual models, and it is one such combination model that we will use.

The Athena software in the ATLAS experiment provides the `Gen_tf.py` “transform” script, which wraps around MADGRAPH5 and PYTHIA8 (among other generators) and takes in a “JobOptions” file, a pseudo-Python script. The JobOptions file contains all the information relevant for event generation and parton showering. For instance, the desired process is specified using MADGRAPH5 syntax, Yukawa couplings, masses, and the number of events are specified, and filters can be added which apply generator-level kinematic cuts. In the command line, the name of the output EVNT file is specified, which contains the raw event data after the showering is complete.

The EVNT file cannot be directly parsed without considerable effort, so we need to produce so-called “TRUTH derivations”. This is done with another one of Athena’s transform scripts called `Derivation_tf.py`, and requires only a few command-line inputs such as the input file and the name of the xAOD-formatted output file. There are a few different types of TRUTH formats which contain varying levels of the full truth record, from a direct copy of the EVNT data in xAOD format to a lite version that contains only the absolute necessary information for an analysis.

Once the TRUTH derivations have been made, we can then apply a simple analysis using Athena’s EventLoop framework, which is a tool that let’s one easily parse through xAOD files and extract relevant information. Inside this analysis program, we can grab all of the kinematics for all of the final state particles, including the LQ’s and their intermediate decay products. All that remains is to use ROOT to place them into histograms, which is a trivial exercise. Four example validation plots are shown in 4.

#### 3.2 Approval and Submission to the Grid

To make statistically valid predictions, we need to produce a very large number of events, more than could be reasonably produced even on a decently powerful single machine. Additionally, if the events are not produced within ATLAS (i.e. on a personal computer), their validity may be called into question. So, our events will need to be produced on ATLAS’s central grid, which splits up the jobs and lets them all run in parallel on high-performance machines to improve efficiency. Before this can be done, approval must be granted by the relevant convening groups. In our case, this is the Lepton+X group, of which Tau+X is a subgroup. For documentation purposes, this was done here: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1439002/>. After approval is granted, we must submit a request with details about this approval, the relevant JobOptions files for each mass (or some other parameter) point, and a few additional details. Then, the ATLAS MC coordinators will run the generation, simulation, and reconstruction. This request was done here: <https://its.cern.ch/jira/browse/ATLMCPROD-11359>

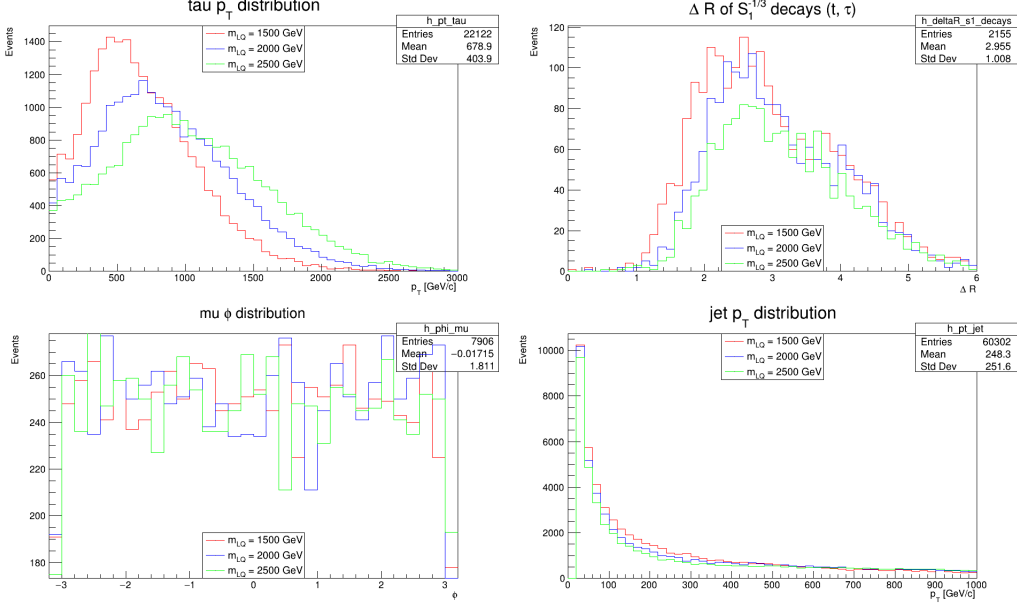


Figure 4: Validation plots generated from test runs for the LQ model. Top left shows the  $p_T$  distribution for the  $\tau$  which came from the decay of the LQ’s; top right shows the  $\Delta R$  for the decay products ( $t$  and  $\tau$ ) of the  $S_1$ ; bottom left shows the  $\phi$  distribution for the final state  $\mu$ ’s; and the bottom right shows the  $p_T$  distribution for the produced jets.

## 4 Analysis

There are a number of SM processes that contribute also to the  $2\ell SS + 1\tau$  channel, including Higgs production, heavy boson ( $W^\pm$ ,  $Z$ ) production, top quark production, and several others; the full table of background (and signal) processes that are considered for the analysis is given in Table 4 in Appendix A. Because of this, we need to find a way to separate these ordinary SM “backgrounds” from our LQ pair production “signal”, and the best way to achieve this is with machine learning. This is because there are dozens of relevant features that are present in the ntuples created from the event generation described in Section 3, and many machine learning models have an edge over conventional fitting algorithms when it comes to many-dimensional scenarios such as this.

This process is done in a number of different ways based on the experiment – we will list our steps here. First, we make some preliminary plots/tables using TRExFitter to show the raw number of events with and without weighting/selection criteria. Both the weighting and selection criteria serve to isolate only those events which are most interesting to our signal and analysis channel. Then, we produce so-called “small” ntuples which use the same selection criteria to slim down the raw ntuples and make further analysis quicker. At the same time, we take the full dataset and transform it to numpy arrays so that it can be used to train a machine learning model. After the model is trained, the small ntuples are fed through it to generate probabilities in what are called “friend” ntuples. Lastly, TRExFitter can generate full distributions and other statistical measures using the friend-ntuples.

With the selection criteria established, we can produce so-called “small” ntuples, which are created by skimming through the dozens of gigabytes of raw background and signal ntuples and applying the selection to remove uninteresting events. This is done to make subsequent steps significantly faster and more efficient due to a highly reduced event count and file size.

Then, the ROOT files are converted to numpy files which can then be read by PyTorch to train a machine learning model. In this stage we select more features we want to train our model on. As with the previous steps there were a large number of features that were either missing or renamed. A list of the missing variables is given in Appendix B.2

After the machine learning model is trained, we can then plug the small ntuples into the model to create



so-called “friend” ntuples, which are then loaded into TRExFitter to produce statistical analyses.

## 4.1 $t\bar{t}H$ Analysis

Before this analysis was run on the new LQ signal samples, we chose to run the analysis with some  $t\bar{t}H$  samples as the signal in order to test that the pipeline was working. This still very helpful, as  $t\bar{t}H$  analysis has not been done yet with the new Rel.22 ntuples.

The entire process involved a lot of trial and error, as the code that was provided to do the analysis had been made for Rel. 21 samples, and there are considerable differences between the two. For instance, a non-negligible portion of the branches in the ntuples had been completely removed or renamed. Appendix B contains sections with the missing features/branches relevant for the different parts of the analysis. Only a handful were renamed, most were deleted. As such, the following analysis is meant only as a preliminary test, almost a proof-of-concept.

### 4.1.1 Pre-fit Yields and Small Ntuples

Before starting any major data processing, it is helpful to know the raw number of events we have, as well as how many we have in the signal region, the  $2\ell\ell SS + 1\tau$  region. To do this, we need to modify the selection TRExFitter uses to incorporate all the criteria we want. The full selection string we used is:

```
Selection: XXX_2LSS_SELECTION && XXX_LEPTON_PROMPT_SELECTION &&
↪ XXX_EXCLUSION_Z_PEAK && XXX_TRIGGER_SELECTION && sumPshtag85 > 5
```

The variables starting with “XXX” are found in a `replacement.txt` file as they are often quite long, but their contents are largely self-explanatory given their names. The variable `XXX_2LSS_SELECTION` ensures that there are two leptons of the same sign in the final state, as well as ensuring that there is a hadronically decaying tau.

`XXX_LEPTON_PROMPT_SELECTION` and `XXX_EXCLUSION_Z_PEAK` provide some kinematic constraints, with the latter ensuring that the invariant mass of the two leading leptons is not close to the Z resonance peak; its definition is given by

```
XXX_EXCLUSION_Z_PEAK: (abs(M1101-91.2e3)>10e3)
```

Lastly, the variable `sumPshtag85` is a measure of btagging. Many  $t\bar{t}$  events have relatively low numbers of b-jets, so making this cut helps remove that background.

Additionally, weights are applied in order to give prevalence to samples that are perhaps underrepresented. The criteria for the weights involves the run year and sample number for many of the obscure samples, but the specifics themselves are not particularly important. It also serves to skim down samples that are overrepresented.

As mentioned before, this process of making the selection and weight criteria was challenging due to the missing branches. For instance, one of the main groups of missing branches is the Prompt Lepton Veto (PLV) branches, which are helpful in determining fakes.<sup>4</sup> The list of branches that had to be removed from the selection criteria is given in List B.1.

Now that the selection and weighting criteria have been established, we can apply it and run TRExFitter to determine yields. Table 3 shows these. We can also produce some simple distributions for the regions we want to examine, such as the tau  $p_T$  or the leading lepton  $p_T$ . Those plots are given in Figure 5. Some more of the

Lastly, To create the small ntuples, we skim through the raw ntuples and filter out events that don’t pass our selection, essentially getting rid of all the uninteresting events. This is done with a simple script that is parallelized using HTCondor. Otherwise, if it is ran just on an ordinary `lxplus` node, it will not only take forever but also probably be killed.

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<sup>4</sup>`XXX_LEPTON_PROMPT_SELECTION` is meant to contain, in addition to the aforementioned kinematic cuts, these PLV selections.

Sample	Before Selection/Weight	After Selection/Weight
$t\bar{t}H$	785.2	17.8
$t\bar{t}W$	2524.5	30.3
$t\bar{t}Z(Z/\gamma^*)$	2116.6	14.0
$t\bar{t}$	47738.8	61.8
$VV$	74970.7	1.3
Others	508810.8	5.6
Totals	636946.6	130.7

Table 3: Pre-fit yields for  $t\bar{t}H$  signal and background ntuples before and after the signal region selection criteria was applied and with weighting.

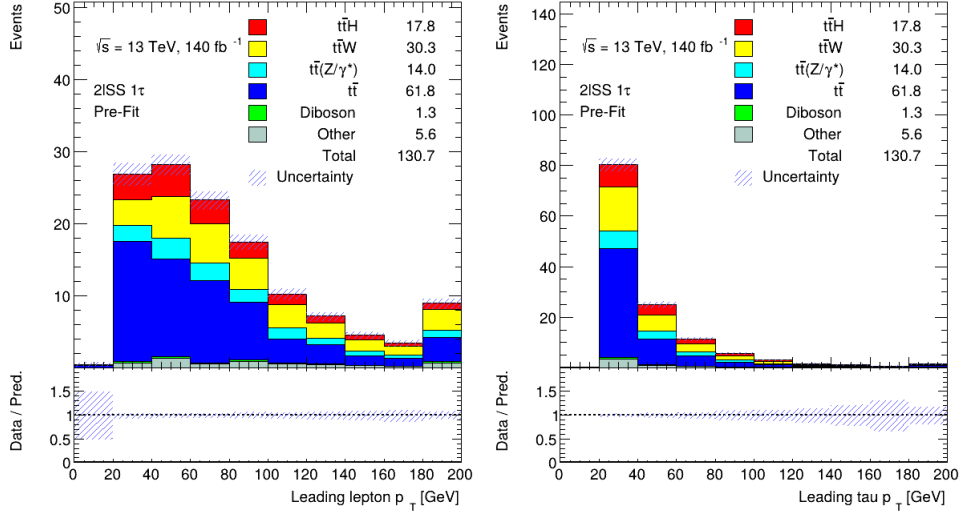


Figure 5: The leading tau and leading lepton  $p_T$  distributions for signal and background.

#### 4.1.2 Model Training and Friend Ntuples

We will use PyTorch to train our machine learning model, and since PyTorch cannot read ROOT files out of the box, we must transform all of our small ntuples into numpy arrays, which can then be read into PyTorch. This is also takes a long time, and is done by submitting an HTCondor job. The actual contents of the script itself are not important, only that it translates the data into PyTorch-readable format. Once this is complete, we can choose our model to train on the data. For simplicity and speed due to time constraints, we chose one of the simplest models, the ResNet-6. For information on how it works, see Ref [6], for instance.

The model was trained on a large number of features. Just as with the previous step, in which there were a number of missing branches that had to be taken into account in forming the selection criteria, there were a number of training features that were missing in this stage. The full list of these features is given in List B.2. The model itself trained relatively quickly on a local machine with 16 GB of ram and an NVIDIA RTX 4050. Figure 6 contains the R.O.C. curves for classification of events as  $t\bar{t}H$  (signal) and  $t\bar{t}W$ , the most important background.

The next step is to produce the friend ntuples, which contain a single branch that gives the probabilities for events to be classified as  $t\bar{t}H$ . This is the alternative to copying the ntuples and simply adding the branch to the existing files, which saves space. All that needs to be done to produce the ntuples is to pass the small ntuples into the network and save the output; these are the friend ntuples.

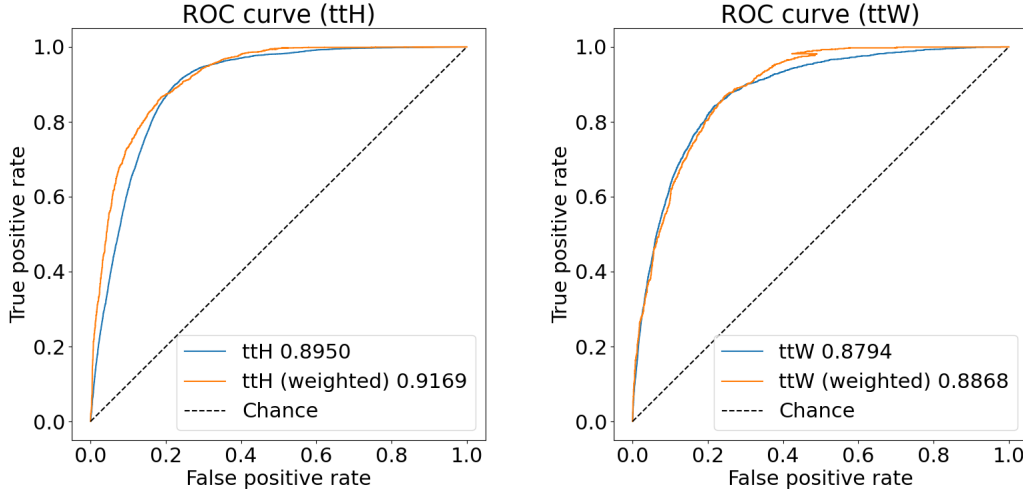


Figure 6: R.O.C. curves for classification of events as either  $t\bar{t}H$  signal, or  $t\bar{t}W$ , the most important background.

## 4.2 Probability Distributions and Statistical Uncertainties

With the friend ntuples created, we can now run TRExFitter again to produce probability distributions and other plots related to the statistical uncertainties. This is done by passing a few extra flags into the run command for TRExFitter, as well as adding another region to the configuration with the option `UseFriend: True`. After doing this, we get a plot like that shown in Figure 7.

## 4.3 LQ Analysis

Unfortunately, the requested LQ samples were not completed in time for an analysis to be run on them. The formalities associated with gaining approval from the various convening groups as well as the requesting process, coupled with communication issues among some colleagues made the process take a bit longer than expected.

Despite this, it was still very much worthwhile to spend the time porting the Rel.21 analysis code into Rel.22 and testing it on the existing  $t\bar{t}H$  samples. This process, as has been mentioned numerous times so far, involved a lot of trial and error regarding the missing branches and other general changes between releases. We also found that even with a simple neural network, we were able to get some relatively good results, which bode well both for the quality of Rel.22 samples but also for the future analysis of the LQ samples.

## 5 Discussion

For this summer student project, we investigated a novel method of leptoquark pair production which involves two leptoquarks in the final state that are not charge conjugates of each other. Additionally, there is the added benefit of a quark-quark initial state, which is desirable at the LHC. We outlined the steps taken to test the model and submit an official MC request on the grid for larger samples. A  $t\bar{t}H$  analysis from Rel.21 ntuples was ported to Rel.22, which involved changing/removing a large number of branches/features from the pre-selection and training processes. This analysis was then done for the existing  $t\bar{t}H$  Rel.22 samples, and relatively good agreement was found even for a simple neural network.

The next steps for the project would be to generate the full set of LQ samples for mass points in the range 1500-2500 GeV and for Yukawa couplings of 0.5 and 1.0. Then, the current  $t\bar{t}H$  signal samples would be moved to background, and the new LQ samples become the new signal. The whole pipeline should work without any additional changes, so further hyperparameter tuning in terms of the machine learning model

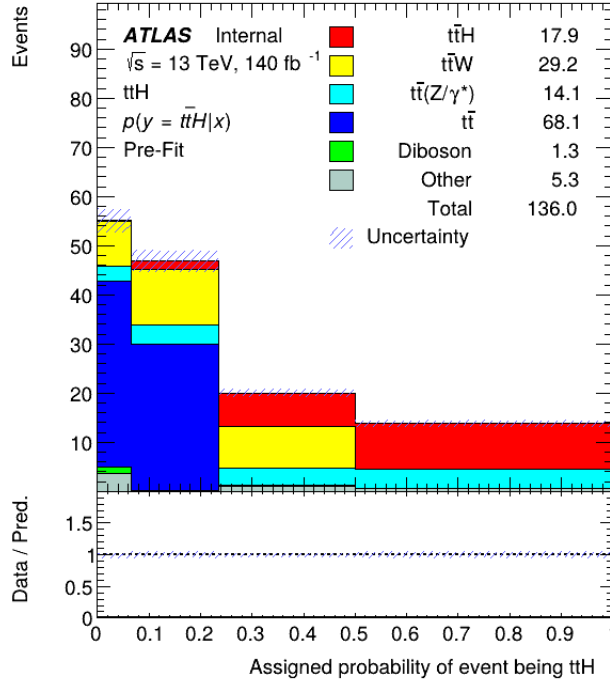


Figure 7: Distribution for the probability that a given event will be classified as the  $t\bar{t}H$  signal.

and selection criteria can be done. For instance, as mentioned before, PLV variables, which are helpful in removing fakes, can be added once they (or a viable substitute) are developed for Rel.22. This will assist in reducing backgrounds like  $t\bar{t}$  which are seen to be quite relevant in the final plots.

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## A List of DSIDs Considered for Analysis

Process	DSIDs
$LQ$	545824, 545825, 545826
$t\bar{t}H$	346343, 346344, 346345
$t\bar{t}W$	700168
$t\bar{t}W\_EW$	700205
$t\bar{t}Z$	504330, 504334, 504342
$t\bar{t}$	410470
$VV$	364250, 364253, 364254, 364255, 364283, 364284, 364285, 364286, 364287, 363355, 363356, 363357, 363358, 363360, 363489
Others	410560, 410408, 410646, 410470, 304014, 345705, 345706, 34572, 364242, 364243, 364244, 364245, 364246, 364247, 364248, 364249, 410081, 364156, 364157, 364158, 364159, 364160, 364161, 364162, 364163, 364164, 364165, 364166, 364167, 364168, 364169, 364170, 364171, 364172, 364173, 364174, 364175, 364176, 364177, 364178, 364179, 364180, 364181, 364182, 364183, 364184, 364185, 364186, 364187, 364188, 364189, 364190, 364191, 364192, 364193, 364194, 364195, 364196, 364197

Table 4: Table of all the DSID for the background and signal processes that are considered for the analysis. The “Others” category contains  $tZ$ ,  $WtZ$ ,  $tW$ , and  $ttt$  samples.

## B Rel.21 Branches Missing/Renamed from Rel.22

### B.1 Pre-Selection Criteria

- *dilep\_type*
- *nJets\_OR\_DL1r\_85*
- *custTrigMatch\_LooseID\_FCLooseIso\_SLTorDLT*
- *lep\_Mtrktrk\_atConvV\_CO\_X*
- *lep\_Mtrktrk\_atPV\_CO\_X*
- *passPLIVTight\_X*
- *lep\_isolationLoose\_VarRad\_X*
- *lep\_chargeIDBDTResult\_recalc\_rel207\_tight\_X*

### B.2 Training Features

- *HT\_fwdJets*
- *HT\_inclFwdJets*
- *Mb0*
- *Mb1*
- *Mlb*
- *MtLep1Met*
- *Ptll01*
- *bTagSF\_weight\_DL1r\_77*
- *bTagSF\_weight\_DL1r\_85*
- *best\_Z\_Mll*
- *best\_Z\_other\_Mll*
- *best\_Z\_other\_MtLepMet*
- *dEta\_maxMjj\_frwdjet*
- *eta\_frwdjet*
- *lep\_Mtrktrk\_atConvV\_CO\_0*
- *lep\_Mtrktrk\_atConvV\_CO\_1*
- *lep\_Mtrktrk\_atPV\_CO\_0*
- *lep\_Mtrktrk\_atPV\_CO\_1*
- *lep\_RadiusCO\_0*
- *lep\_RadiusCO\_1*
- *lep\_chargeIDBDTResult\_recalc\_rel207\_tight\_0*
- *lep\_nInnerPix\_0*
- *lep\_nInnerPix\_1*
- *lep\_nTrackParticles\_0*
- *lep\_nTrackParticles\_1*
- *lep\_sigd0PV\_0*
- *lep\_sigd0PV\_1*
- *minDeltaR\_LJ\_0*
- *minDeltaR\_LJ\_1*
- *minDeltaR\_LJ\_2*
- *minOSMll*
- *minOSSFMll*
- *mjjMax\_frwdJet*
- *nFwdJets\_OR*
- *nJets\_OR\_DL1r\_77*
- *nJets\_OR\_DL1r\_85*
- *passPLIVTight\_0*
- *passPLIVTight\_1*
- *taus\_DL1r\_0*
- *taus\_passJVT\_0*

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