

F91: Studying the Z boson with the ATLAS Detector at the LHC

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This experiment has been performed as part of the advanced lab course for physics students (FP) at Heidelberg University. The goal of this computer-based experiment was to determine the invariant mass spectrum for the Z boson using data acquired by the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva.

I. INTRODUCTION

Taking the geometric properties into account, it is very easy to see the following connection between momentum and transversal momentum

$$p_x = p_T \cos(\phi) \quad (1)$$

$$p_y = p_T \sin(\phi) \quad (2)$$

$$p_z \tan(\theta) = p_T \quad (3)$$

From the definition of the pseudorapidity (eq: ??) we have $\theta = 2 \arctan(e^{-\eta})$. Using the identity $\tan(2 \arctan(x)) = \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$, these equations lead to

$$p_z = p_T \sinh(\eta) \quad (4)$$

$$|\mathbf{p}| = p_T \cosh(\eta) \quad (5)$$

Already implementing the formulas mentioned in the theory part of [2] to speed things up a little.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{N_1 N_2 f_{\text{rev}} n_b}{4\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y} \quad (6)$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \int \mathcal{L} dt \quad (7)$$

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$$N = \sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \quad (8)$$

II. THEORY

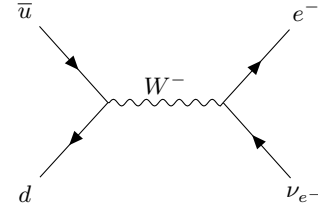


Figure 1: 1-Lepton final state.

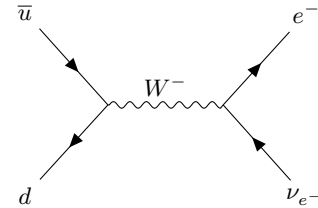


Figure 2: 2-Lepton final state.

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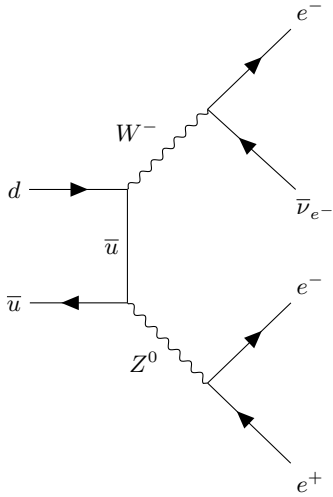


Figure 3: 3-Lepton final state.

III. EXPERIMENT

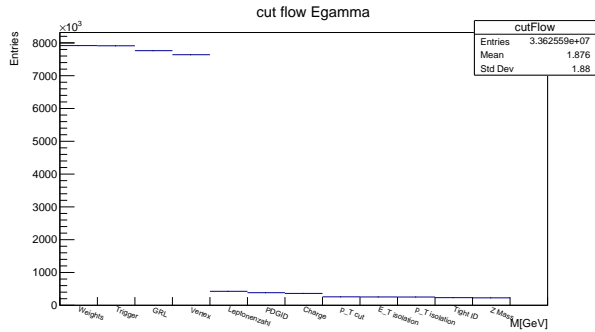


Figure 4: Cut flow diagram for our event selection algorithm.

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IV. RESULTS

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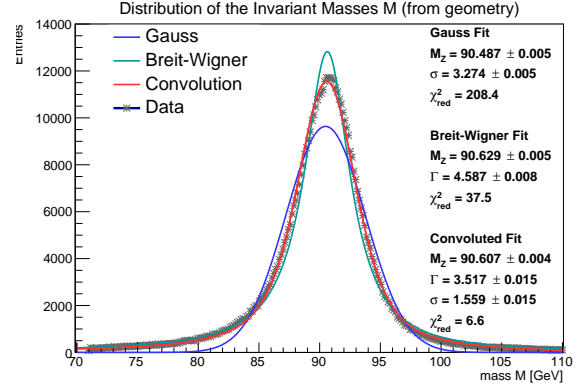


Figure 5: Distribution of the Z masses M_z with Gauß, Breit-Wigner and a convoluted fit.

V. DISCUSSION

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