

E214: ATLAS

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1 Introduction

Introduction text

The ATLAS detector is one of the several detectors in the LHC, a circular accelerator in Geneva, Switzerland. In it, two proton beams with the energy of 6.5 TeV each are collided with each other. The resulting legion of particles are detected by the detectors. Out of these, the ATLAS (**A** Toroidal LHC Apparatu**S**) is the largest, general-purpose apparatus, able to detect the various particles created by the collisions.

2 Theory

Our current best understanding of particle physics is the Standard Model of particle physics (SM). This model describes our discoveries of fundamental particles and their interactions with each other, mediated by fundamental forces. It furthermore describes the way these particles and forces combine to form atoms, from which many of the physical phenomena we encounter in everyday life can be explained. The main shortcoming of the SM however, is its inability to be united with gravity. That said, due to the relative weakness of gravity in comparison to the other fundamental forces, it rarely has an effect in particle physics and thus is mainly ignored (also in this paper).

2.1 The Standard Model

Figure 1 give a summary of the particles in the SM with their most basic properties. Furthermore, there also exists anti-particles of many of these particles. An anti-particle, such as a positron, is identical to its particle (electron) apart from having the opposite electric charge. A neutral particle is often its own anti-particle such as the Z^0 boson, though neutrinos have anti-particles which are merely distinct by having opposing spin projections. All matter particles and the W bosons have anti-particles while the rest are their own anti-particles. Quarks and

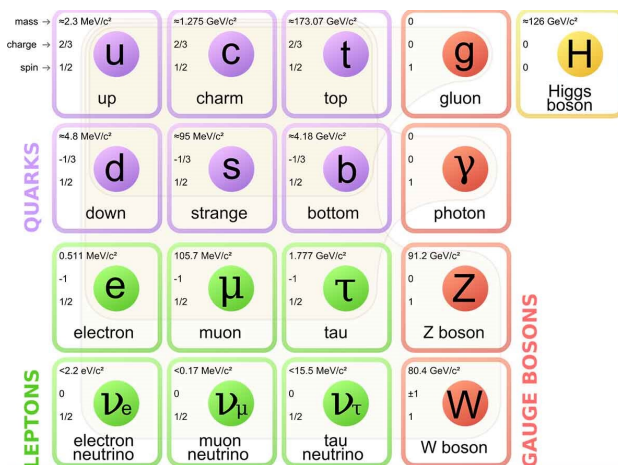


Figure 1: Illustration of the elementary particles in the SM. Quarks are in purple and Leptons in green, arranged into generation columns from left to right. The gauge bosons are in red, with the scalar Higgs boson in yellow.²

leptons make up all the matter particles that have been discovered. These are given in three generations of particles, shown with the columns from left to right in the figure. Matter that is encountered everyday is largely structured from the first generation, namely the electron, electron neutrino, up quark, and down quark. For example, atoms are made up of electrons, protons, and neutrons, the latter two being composed of up and down quarks. The second and third generations are composed of particles which are otherwise exactly identical to their first generation counterpart apart from being heavier, the third generation being the heaviest of them all. This is only known to be true for the charged leptons (electron, muon, and tau) and quarks however. Though the neutrinos are known not to be massless, they have very small masses which have not been accurately measured. It is unknown which is the most massive and which the least.¹ Figure 2 illustrates the relative masses of the matter particles. The main reason why the second and third generation of particles are largely not existent in everyday phenomena is due to the requirement that higher energies are needed to produce these heavier particles. Furthermore,

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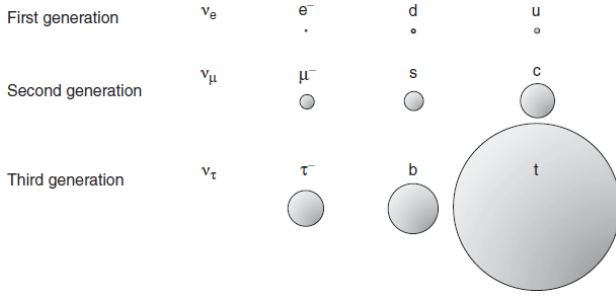


Figure 2: Illustration of the relative masses of the matter particles in their respective generations. The neutrinos are left blank to show that their masses are extremely small in comparison the other particles.¹

these heavier particles have shorter lifetimes due to their favourable decay into lighter particles, such as those in the first generation, due to the fundamental tendency of physical systems to higher kinetic energy states. Particle physics experiments need to be performed at increasingly higher energies in order to produce more massive particles that we do not readily observe. This is illustrated in Figure 3. It should be noted that though neutrinos are not seen, trillions of solar neutrinos pass through your body each second, oscillating between their three different flavours.¹ They are extremely difficult to detect due to the fact that they have a small mass and no electric charge.

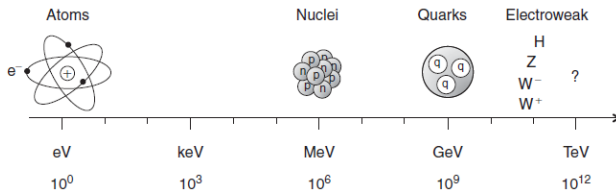


Figure 3: Illustration of the energies required to probe different structures and particles.¹

Figure 1 also shows the fundamental forces in the SM which are all mediated via the exchange of a gauge boson. The most familiar of these is the photon γ which mediates the electromagnetic force. The photon interacts with all particles that have an electric charge and thus with all fundamental matter particles in the SM apart from the neutrinos. It also interacts with the W bosons as they are electrically charged. The gluon gauge bosons mediate the strong force, thus called as it is the strongest force and binds nuclei and hadrons together, explained in Section 2.2. The gluons interact only with particles which have a so-called “colour” charge, another property of particles similar to electric charge. Only quarks have a colour charge and the eight differently coloured gluons. Next, the oppositely charged W^\pm and Z^0 bosons mediate the weak interaction, the weakest force apart from grav-

ity. This force is responsible for radioactive decay and interacts with all matter particles in the SM. Finally, the Higgs boson is the most recently discovered particle which gives mass to all the matter particles in the SM by interacting with them.

2.2 Hadrons and the Strong Force

Though quarks are elementary in the SM, they cannot be observed as free particles. This is because quantum chromodynamics (QCD) of the SM, the theory of the strong force, states that colour is confined such that systems with a colour charge cannot propagate freely, termed *colour confinement*. Instead, only colourless composite particles can be observed. As a result, quarks form composite particles called hadrons which are bound by gluons. Hadrons generally form baryons, composed of three quarks, and mesons, composed of one quark and one anti-quark. The reason for these two types is a result of there being three colours, red, blue, and green, for the quarks, and three anti-colours, anti-red, anti-blue, and anti-green, for the anti-quarks. Colourlessness is achieved by combining all three colours (or anti-colours) in a baryon, or a colour and its anti-colour in a meson, as shown in Figure 4. Protons and neutrons are examples of baryons, composed of two up quarks and one down quark (written as uud), and two down quarks and one up quark (udd), respectively. Further-

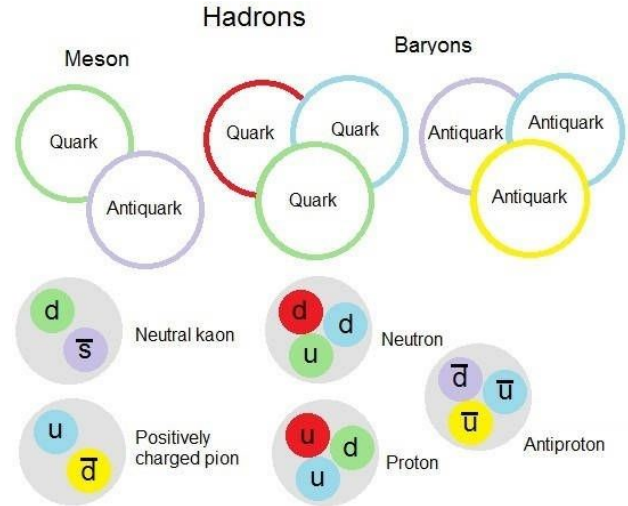


Figure 4: Colour confinement resulting in baryons and mesons, given with some examples.³

more, exotic hadrons, which achieve colour confinement with more quarks, have been hypothesised and observed, though without explicit confirmation that the observations were indeed bound exotic hadrons.¹ Examples include the tetraquark with two quarks and two respective anti-quarks, and the pentaquark with four quarks and an anti-quark. Exotic hadrons are rare however, due to

the tendency of quarks to form and decay quickly into mesons and baryons.

2.3 The Structure of Protons

The inner workings of hadrons need to be properly considered to accurately model hadronic interactions, expanding on the simplifications of the previous section. Importantly, there does not merely exist three *valence quarks* in baryons, those required to achieve colourlessness. Rather, the binding gluons also split into $q\bar{q}$ pairs, producing extra quarks called *sea quarks*.⁴ These gluons and sea quarks then carry part of the baryons momentum and it is these *partons* that interact with other particles. Figure 5 shows this phenomena in a proton-proton interaction. In order to model collisions accurately, such

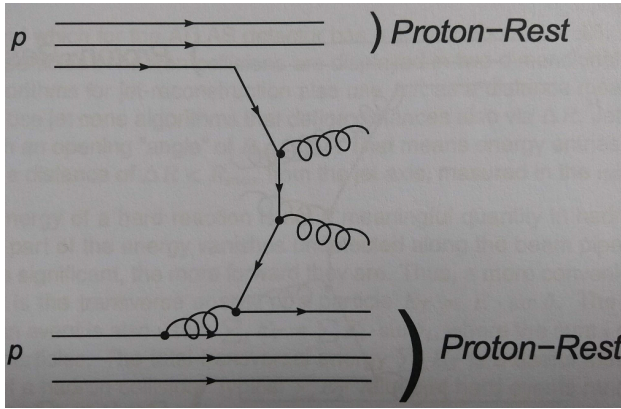


Figure 5: Feynman diagram of proton-proton collision, namely between a valence quark (top) and a sea quark. The two produced gluons here will immediately *hadronise*, form into hadrons, as a result of colour confinement. Thus, this interaction produces two protons and two hadron jets.⁴

as the proton-proton collisions at the LHC, the kinematics of the partons need to be used, derived from parton distribution functions (PDF). These functions describe relative momentum of the different partons as a fraction of the baryon's momentum. They are determined from experiments and depend on the energy scale of the interactions. At the energy scale of the LHC, most proton-proton interactions are of their sea quarks and not valence quarks.⁴ One needs to consider all possible reactions however and observe the products of the interaction, such as the number of jets and their momenta, to identify an interaction in a collider experiment.

2.4 The Heavy Gauge Bosons

2.4.1 Production, Detection

The three massive gauge bosons in the Standard Model are the neutral Z^0 and the charged W^\pm bosons. The Z^0 boson has a mass of 91.1876 ± 0.0021 GeV.⁴ Its main

decay mode is through jets ($\approx 70\%$). For our purposes, the decay to a lepton-antilepton pair (each lepton flavour having a branching ratio of $\approx 3.6 - 3.7\%$) is the important mode, as it is easier to work with lepton tracks than jets. This is due to the large number of background QCD jets which are hard to distinguish from the Z^0 decay jets. The W^\pm bosons have a slightly smaller mass of 80.403 ± 0.029 GeV, and they also decay to jets with the highest probability ($\approx 68\%$), though the lepton-lepton (e, μ) antineutrino decay modes are looked for in the experiment (the branching ratios are $\approx 10.6 - 11.3\%$ for each flavour) again due to their easy identification in the data. Both the W and Z bosons are produced in the weak Drell-Yan process, shown in Figure 6. The $Z^0 \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$

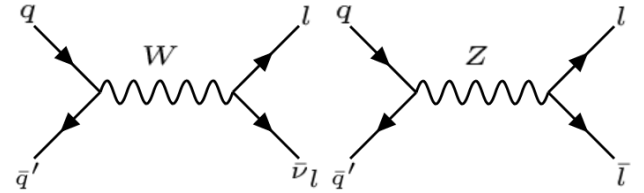


Figure 6: W and Z boson production and decay via the Drell-Yan process, from the interaction of a quark and anti-quark (not necessarily of the same flavour).

processes can be precisely reconstructed from the ATLAS data, although there is a (suppressed) background from QED Drell-Yan pairs. In the case of $W \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_e/\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu$ decays, the neutrino is not detected and its momentum needs to be reconstructed from the missing transverse momentum, as neutrinos are the mainly the only particle undetectable by the ATLAS detector. Both the W and Z boson decays are two-body decays, thus in the rest frame of the boson, the daughter particles have opposite three-momenta. It is easy to derive the p_T (transverse momentum) spectrum in this reference frame, and use the fact that it does not change under Lorentz boosts in the beam direction to get an approximate distribution. For the Z boson, the invariant mass is well-known, and can be used to calibrate the ATLAS calorimeter. Examining the $Z^0 \rightarrow ee$ events, the observed invariant electron-positron mass distribution can be fitted with (approximately) a Breit-Wigner function. The W -boson mass will be sought as explained below.

2.4.2 The Jacobi Peak

In the process $W \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}_l$, the final state leptons have an approximate angular distribution⁴

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} = 1 + \cos^2\theta^*,$$

where θ^* denotes the angle between the lepton track and the beam axis. With this knowledge, we can calculate

the differential cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} \left| \frac{dp_T}{d\cos\theta^*} \right|^{-1} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} \cdot \frac{\frac{2p_T}{M_W}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{M_W}{2}\right)^2 - p_T^2}}.$$

This curve clearly has a pole at $p_T = \frac{M_W}{2}$, called the Jacobi peak, and there should be no events with $p_T > \frac{M_W}{2}$ in a decay of the W-boson at rest. In reality, there are three distorting effects. Firstly, the detector is made of multiple parts each having a different sensitivity, or even not working, contributing to somewhat imprecise measured (and missing) momenta. Secondly, the W-boson mass has a Breit-Wigner type distribution centred at M_W as it is not stable. The p_T distribution should reflect this as well. Thirdly, the W-boson at the tree level has no transverse momentum (this assumption is made to derive the formula above), but the radiative corrections allow for some initial p_T . An example process is shown in Figure 7. In the ideal case, one can easily

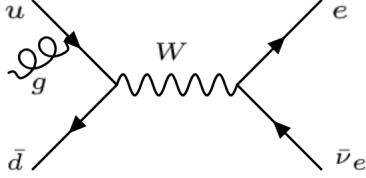


Figure 7: Feynman diagram of a W-boson production with initial state radiation, giving the W-boson transverse momentum.

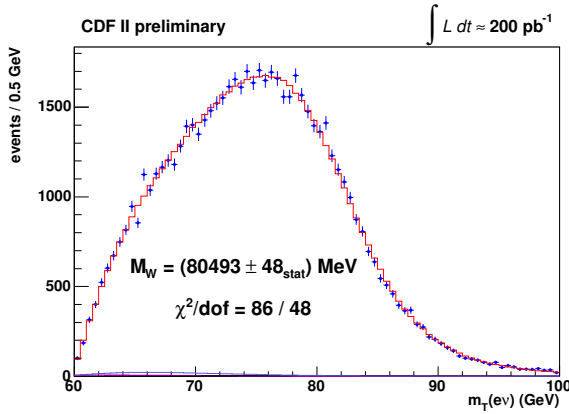


Figure 8: An example of the expected electron transverse momentum histogram.⁵

declare the measured mass as the peak in the histogram. The distorting effects however smoothen out the curve complicating things, as seen in Figure 8. Instead, we take advantage of the available simulated data sets of decays of different particles with known masses. We can fit a function that takes into account the distorting effects, and find the half maximum belonging to the known

mass (this variable can be argued to not be changed considerably by the aforementioned smearing effects). This allows us to acquire a list of W-boson mass and half maximum pairs, to which a (linear) fitting is possible; this is called the gauge curve. Using the gauge curve and knowing the half maximum corresponding to the real W-boson data, we can obtain the real W-boson mass.

2.5 Extensions to the SM

Though the SM has been extremely successful at describing fundamental physics, it has several shortcomings which necessitate explanations from new physics. Of these, some of the most significant are the inability of the SM to explain neutrino oscillations, gravity, dark matter, and the hierarchy problem. The latter is the observed discrepancy between the strengths of the fundamental forces. The strengths are quantified by coupling constants of the relevant gauge bosons with the relevant charge (gluons with colour charge) and these “constants” actively depend on the energy scale of the interactions. That said, if a grand unified theory (GUT) of the three fundamental forces is to be established, whereby the forces are unified at some higher energy scale, it is expected that the strengths of the different coupling constants converge at this scale, a phenomena which is seemingly not achieved within the SM.

There are numerous theories which attempt to solve the different problems of the SM. One more promising theory is supersymmetry (SuSy) which proposes solutions to the hierarchy problem and provides a candidate dark matter particle. The minimal supersymmetric extension to the SM (MSSM) states that each lepton in the SM has a bosonic superpartner of spin 0, while every boson has a fermionic superpartner of spin 1/2. Figure 9 shows the MSSM particle spectrum. The superparticles

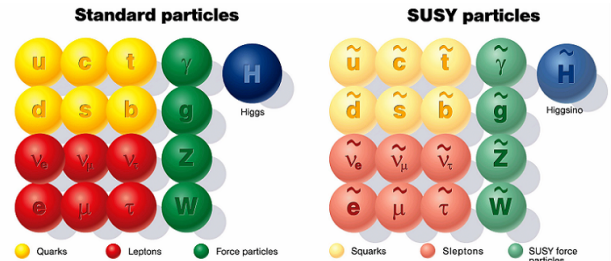


Figure 9: Particles in the MSSM.⁶

have undefined mass, as MSSM particles of mass equal to their superpartners have not been found. As particle physics experiments such as the LHC have not found any MSSM particles yet, it is likely that they have much larger masses not probed yet by the LHC, if MSSM is indeed accurate. MSSM introduces a conserved and multiplicative quantum number called R-parity, defined as

$R = (-1)^{3B+L+2S}$, where B is baryon number, L is lepton number, and S is spin. SM particles have +1 R-parity while superparticles have -1 R-parity. As a result, a superparticle cannot decay into SM particles without violating R-parity. Thus, the lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP) must be stable. This is the natural dark matter particle candidate introduced by SuSy. Furthermore, with SuSy the three fundamental force coupling constants do indeed approximately unite at a scale of 10^{16} GeV, solving the hierarchy problem. Searching for evidence of SuSy is currently one of the main goals of the LHC as this would be a major leap in our understanding of physics. As of yet, no such signature have been observed. Other searches of new physics include additional heavy bosons proposed by other SM extension theories, such as bosons similar to the Z boson yet heavier. Furthermore, searches of higher generations of quarks and leptons in the SM are also conducted since they could very well exist yet are so massive that they have not been able to be produced in particle collisions. The LHC can easily investigate such proposals yet is limited in the energy of collisions and thus the masses of the produced particles.

3 The ATLAS Detector

This experiment analyses data from the ATLAS detector at the LHC. The ATLAS detector is cylindrical in shape, where the proton beams enter through each end of the cylindrical detector and collide in its centre. It makes use of numerous layers in order to detect particles produced in the collisions. Figure 10 is a cross-sectional perspective of the detector showing the different layers. Circular detector disks are also added to the two ends of the cylindrical detector to further detect and measure particles at small angles to the beam axis.

3.1 Inner Detector

The inner detector helps determining the particle paths as precisely as possible. A solenoid magnet surrounds this system, creating a $\vec{B} = 2$ T magnetic field parallel to the colliding protons so as not to deflect them before collision. A particle with charge q and velocity \vec{v} in this magnetic field experiences a Lorentz force of

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d}{dt}\vec{p} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}.$$

From the observed radius of the track of the particle, its momentum and charge sign can be determined allowing for a kinematic analysis of the collision. One can see in Figure 10 how the charged particles are bent by the magnetic field in the inner detector. The inner detector is composed of different layers of detectors, hereby summarised:

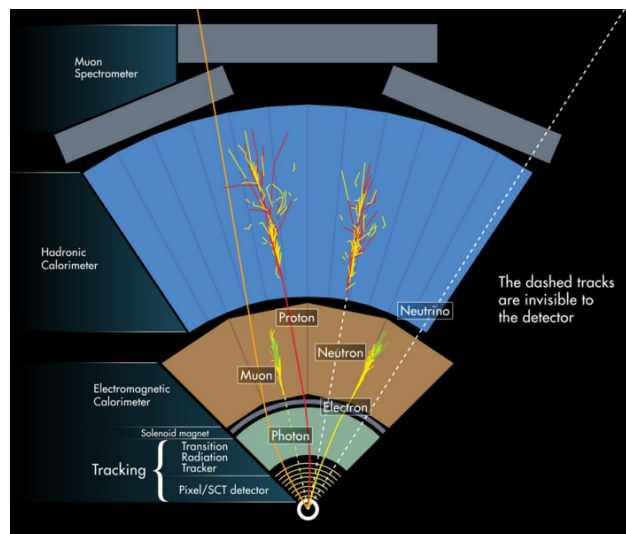


Figure 10: Cross-sectional view of the ATLAS detector showing the different detectors at different layers and how different particles interact with the detectors. Most of the muon spectrometer is not included in this image.⁴

- The innermost layer consists of over 80 million silicon semiconductor pixels (pixel detector, PD) which each have their own electronic circuit.⁴ This allows for precise spatial reconstruction of vertices, importantly being able to distinguish between closely separated primary and secondary vertices.
- The semi-conductor tracker layer (SCT) serves the same purpose, but with long strips that make covering a larger surface area more practical.
- The transition radiation tracker (TRT) consists of thin, long tubes (drift chambers) with inhomogeneous medium filling in the space between them. A particle passing through this medium emits transition radiation. The photons created this way, along with the particle itself, interact with the gas inside the tubes, causing ionizing. As there is a voltage applied to an electrode in the middle and the tube, the electrons are drawn to the electrode, contributing to an electric pulse. As the transition radiation is strongest for particles with high velocity, the strength of the signal can be used to identify the lightest particles, electrons and positrons.

3.2 Outer Layers

The layers surrounding the inner detector are largely used to determine the energies of the particles. It is composed of three sections.

3.2.1 Electromagnetic Calorimeter

The electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) is made of accordion-shaped lead and stainless steel sheets respon-

sible for interacting electromagnetically with the particles passing through, creating an electromagnetic shower, seen in Figure 10. The liquid argon between the lead and steel sheets is ionized by the particles passing through, and the created free electrons are drawn to a copper electrode. An electromagnetic shower is caused by the radiation emitted from bremsstrahlung and compton scattering of the charged particle, whereby the emitted photons then pair-produce, which themselves emit radiation. This cycle continues until photons are emitted which aren't energetic enough to pair-produce. The shower of electron, positron, and photons produced are the electromagnetic shower, which deposits its energy in the detector allowing for a determination of the original particles energy. This calorimeter stops photons, electrons and positrons entirely and single handedly allows for a calculation of their energies. Hadrons and muons also deposit some energy here, but they pass through to reach the outer layers. The cooling system is a cryostat.

3.2.2 Hadron Calorimeter

The hadron calorimeter (HCAL) interacts strongly with the entering particles. The iron tiles induce hadronic showers, identical to the electromagnetic showers but caused hadrons colliding inelastically with the nuclei of the calorimeter material. The particles thus created enter the scintillation tiles producing light, and these photons are carried away in an optical fibre to a unit which measures light intensity, from which the deposited energy can be calculated. The scintillation material is liquid argon, so a cooling system is used in this layer as well. This calorimeter stops all hadrons, leaving only muons and neutrinos to escape this layer of the detector.

3.2.3 Muon Spectrometer

The muon spectrometer is needed to measure the energy of the muons. The muons are so massive that they don't emit bremsstrahlung and don't interact strongly meaning that they only deposit a small amount of their energy in the previous layers of the detector. This unit is supplemented by a larger magnetic system consisting of toroidal magnets such that the detector is capable of determining the momentum of the muons independently of the inner layers. The tiles making up this layer consist of thin tubes filled with gas, and work on the principle of ionization, similarly to the TRT tubes.

4 Procedure and Results

4.1 ATLANTIS

As our first task, we looked at examples of events in the ATLAS detector in the event display software ATLANTIS. This way we got familiar with the working of

the ATLAS detector and the signatures of different particles in the detector.

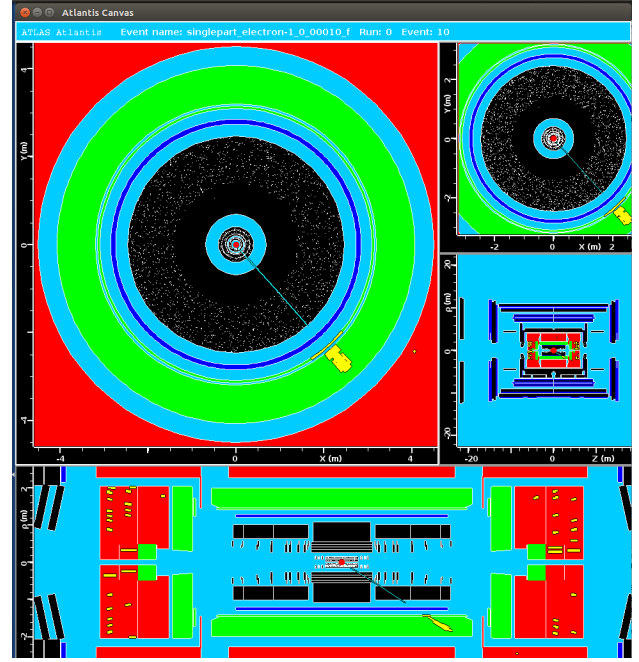


Figure 11: An (artificial) electron track as viewed in ATLANTIS, showing the electromagnetic shower (yellow) in the ECAL (green). The panel with quantitative information and control functions has been cropped for better visibility.

4.1.1 Electron Energy

We looked at the first 24 electron events in the learning data-set, determining the momentum by the track radius and the energy of the ECAL clusters by manually selecting the region. Figure 11 shows an example of an electron signature in ATLANTIS. The results are summed up in Table 1. The histogram made of the energy/momentum (E/p) ratios is shown in Figure 12. 24 events were chosen as four events were inconclusive as energy was not deposited, leaving 20 meaningful events.

From the data, it can be seen that quite a few electrons were measured to have slightly higher momentum than energy, indicating the inaccuracy of the detector. The histogram shows that most electrons were measured with similar energy and momentum, though two relativistic electrons are found with $E/p=7.50$ and 14.59 . A larger sample is required to determine the proper E/p distribution of electrons and whether a higher ratio of relativistic electrons are produced.

4.1.2 Muon Momentum Comparison

As our second task, we compared the measured muon momentum in the muon spectrometer and the inner

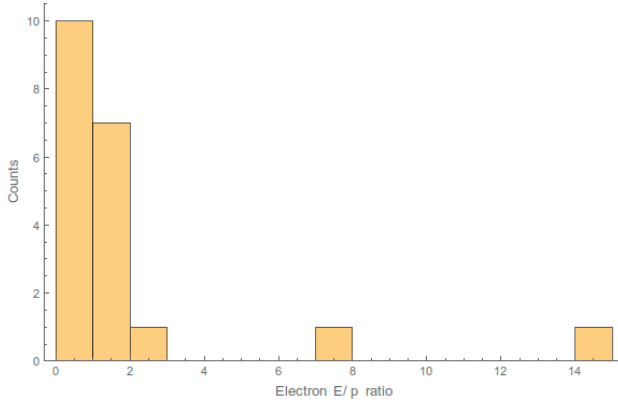


Figure 12: Electron E/p histogram.

#	Momentum (GeV)	Energy (GeV)	E/p
1	26.2	54.7	2.09
2	22.78	35.2	1.55
3	244.35	223.2	0.91
4	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	66.67	78.3	1.17
7	7.55	56.6	7.50
8	129.82	162.9	1.25
9	3.27	47.7	14.59
10	79.01	66.2	0.84
11	95.93	78.7	0.82
12	37.4	30.6	0.82
13	89.35	86.5	0.97
14	235.24	242.3	1.03
15	105.14	105.3	1.00
16	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	28.62	28.1	0.982
18	53.41	46.4	0.869
19	32.92	64.3	1.95
20	105.64	80.8	0.765
21	N/A	N/A	N/A
22	93.52	82.1	0.878
23	113.98	92.7	0.813
24	155.35	283	1.82

Table 1: The momenta and energies of electrons, determined by the inner detector and ECAL, respectively. The E/p values are subsequently calculated.

detector. Calculating the differences between the two methods allowed us to determine the energy loss of the muons in the calorimeter and whether this depended on any quantity of the muons, such as their direction of flight. Table 2 provides the results. Figure 13 shows a muon event in ATLANTIS. Here, we found that there are some cases where the muons seem to have gained momentum. This is indicative of the fact that the momenta of the muons are not accurately calculated in the inner detector due to the short pathlength of the muon in the

#	I.D. (GeV)	M.C. (GeV)	Diff. (GeV)	η	ϕ°
1	85.28	53.92	31.36	1.437	21
2	43.4	43.83	-0.43	-0.767	25
3	241.37	237.02	4.350	-2.438	230
4	48.89	44.77	4.12	0.567	311
5	168.16	177.62	-9.46	-1.809	244
6	117.32	96.56	20.76	1.621	152
7	71.94	64.96	6.98	0.699	3.8
8	199.91	199.44	0.470	1.797	67
9	57.84	50.01	7.830	-0.287	241
10	71.1	0	71.1	1.181	312
11	100.75	94.11	6.64	-1.636	48
12	38.26	34.48	3.78	0.189	326
13	105.19	108.68	-3.490	1.163	224
14	236.12	263.61	-27.49	2.286	103
15	131.69	125.51	6.180	-1.763	255
16	152.24	157.69	-5.450	-1.874	27
17	35.23	32.18	3.05	0.395	326
18	54.19	50	4.19	0.229	336
19	84.75	68.09	16.66	0.773	260
20	104.26	107.98	-3.72	1.421	78

Table 2: The first column shows the Inner Detector measured momentum values, the second column the muon calorimeter momenta, the third column the loss of momentum (negative values show an increase in momentum), the fourth column η , the pseudorapidity, and the last column the azimuthal angle with respect to the proton beam axis.

detector and the insignificant deflection of the muon due to its large mass. As a result, the radius of the muon's arc cannot be precisely measured, thus resulting in an inaccurate measurement of the muons momentum. The muon system is much larger, on the other hand, allowing for a much more precise calculation of the muon momenta. Ultimately, the average energy loss of the muons in the calorimeter is 6.87 GeV. The possible dependence of the energy loss of the muons on their pseudorapidity $\eta = -\ln(\tan(\theta/2))$ (θ being the polar angle) and their azimuthal angles ϕ was analysed. These quantities were chosen as they were determined to be the only reasonable quantities that the measured energy loss could depend on. It was reasoned that the ends of the ATLAS detector, which are fitted with detector plates in which the calorimeters and muon system don't extend as far as in the middle cylindrical section, won't be able to measure the muon momenta as accurately, or that the muons won't dispose as much energy in the shortened calorimeter. That said, no dependence on these quantities was found in the energy loss of the muons. This could either be because there is no such correlation to be found or that a large sample size is required. A larger sample size could be needed as the accuracy of the measured muon momenta is not very high, resulting in fluctuations in

the energy differences calculated which obscure any η or ϕ dependence. A large sample size could counteract this obscurity.

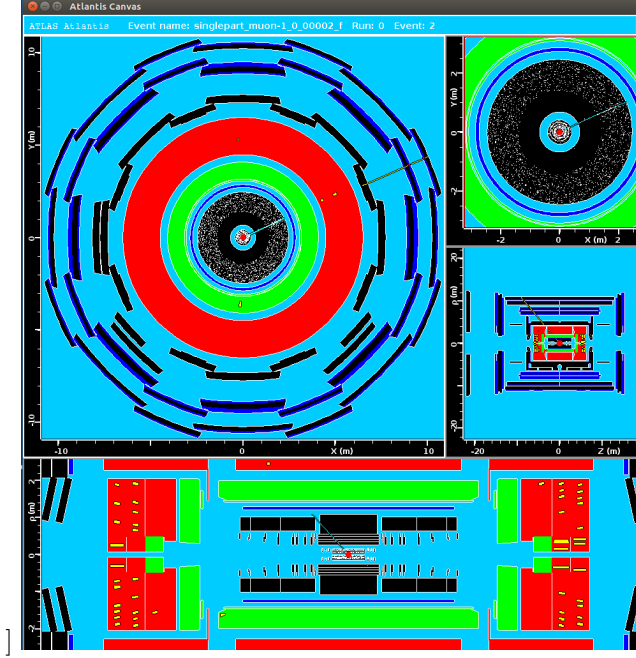


Figure 13: Artificial muon event as seen in ATLANTIS. Slight energy deposition in the HCAL can be observed. The detector view is in fisheye mode so that the size of the muon system is reduced to allow for better visibility of the more central detectors.

4.2 ECAL Calibration

The energy data obtained from the ECAL detector needs to be properly calibrated to give the correct energies of particles. This will allow for a more accurate measurement of the energies of the detected leptons used to measure the mass of the W-boson in the next section. The raw output energies are not accurate as the ECAL is composed of many modules which all have slightly different sensitivities, or may even be inactive, resulting in varying energy outputs. Furthermore, the particles can lose energy before reaching the ECAL and calibration can counteract any such systematic offset. Ultimately, different regions of the ECAL need to be calibrated differently, corresponding to the different raw sensitivities and inactivities of those regions. We made cuts of the pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle to probe different regions and calibrated their energies individually. We chose sections with widths of $\Delta\eta = 1.25$ and $\Delta\phi = \pi/2$, over the full range of the detector: $-2.5 \leq \eta \leq 2.5$ and $-\pi < \phi < \pi$. The η and ϕ cuts were made simultaneously, so as to probe more localised regions of the detector, as opposed to slices in ϕ and η . This was deemed to be a more sensible approach as we reasoned that discrepancies in the detector are more likely to be localise to smaller areas as

opposed to be dependent individually on η or ϕ . If this was not the case however, our simultaneous cuts of ϕ and η would still be able to detect individual dependence on these angles. To reduce computational time, however, the number of cuts made in ϕ and η individually could not be as many as if we had made the cuts separately, thus not probing the individual dependence finely. Further experimentation should determine whether making cuts in ϕ and η individually more effectively calibrates the detector than simultaneous.

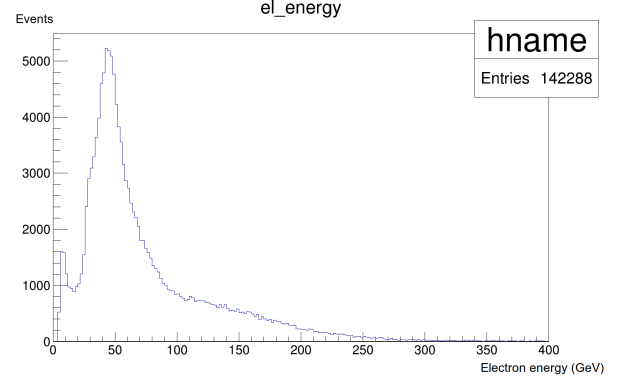


Figure 14: Histogram of energy of electrons from Z^0 decays, with the peak at $\sim m_{Z^0}/2$.

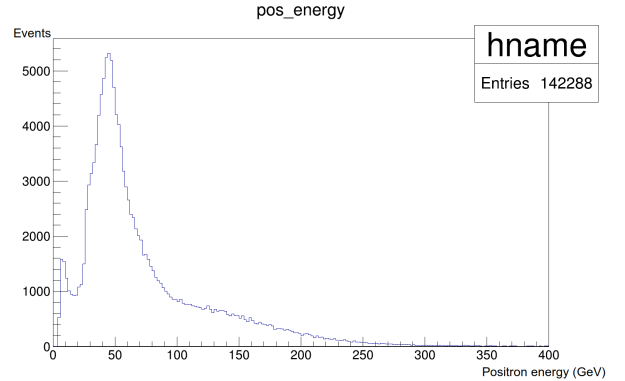


Figure 15: Histogram of energy of positrons from Z^0 decays, with the peak at $\sim m_{Z^0}/2$.

In addition to probing different regions of the ECAL, separate cuts on the momenta of the particles were made. This was to determine whether there was any dependence of the inaccurately measured particle energies with their momenta calculated in the inner detector. This could be caused by the ECAL reacting non-linearly to different momenta of the particles, resulting in inaccurate energy measurements. To calibrate the detector, electron-positron pairs from Z^0 boson weak decays were used as the mass of the Z^0 boson is very precisely known. Furthermore, the Z^0 boson are produced with insignificant

transverse momentum due to the collinearity of the protons and thus partons which create them. This means that the invariant mass of the produced electron-positron pair is equal to the Z^0 boson mass and thus is very finely set. To calibrate the detector, the invariant mass of the e^-e^+ pair was calculated for each cut to determine its discrepancy from the Z^0 boson. The energy yield of that cut was then multiplied by m_{Z^0}/m_{calc} such that region of the ECAL should be calibrated to measure the correct mass for the Z^0 boson. Figures 14, 15, and 16 depict the electron energy, positron energy, and electron-positron invariant mass histograms, respectively, before a calibration was performed. It can be seen that the peaks of the histograms line up approximately with the ideal values of $m_{Z^0}/2$ for the first two, and m_{Z^0} for the last one. This suggests that the ECAL is already quite well tuned to providing accurate energy yields, though not exactly, demonstrating the necessity for the calibration. The uncalibrated ECAL calculated a mass of the Z^0 of 89.87 ± 0.02 GeV, demonstrating that, on average, the calibration needed to magnify the energy output of the ECAL detector.

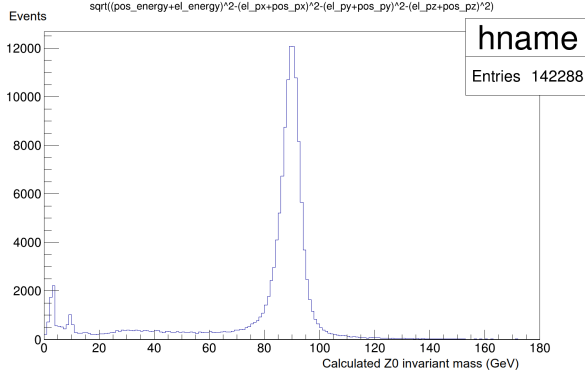


Figure 16: Histogram of invariant mass of the positron-electron pairs, with the peak at $\sim m_{Z^0}$.

The Appendix, Section 6, shows the code written for the calibration for use in the ROOT program of CERN. We attempted to iterate this process by again measuring the respective masses with the recently calibrated regions and then recalibrating the newly calculated mass discrepancies. This turned out to be counterproductive however, as the calculated Z^0 boson mass became less accurate. The reason for this is unknown but due to the fact that the originally calculated Z^0 boson mass was adequately accurate, the first calibration was merely taken for the rest of the experiment. Further experimentation can investigate different cuts, such as cutting the pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle separately to determine whether iterative calibrations work in that case, or if not, perhaps why they do not work.

Ultimately, the optimal mass obtained for the Z^0 bo-

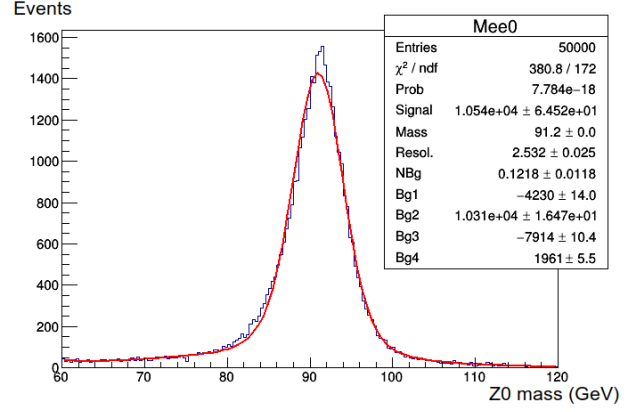


Figure 17: Histogram of electron-positron invariant mass with Voigt fit, giving the mass of the Z^0 boson at the position of the peak.

son after our calibration is 91.198 ± 0.020 GeV, which is in good agreement with the known value. This was calculated by fitting a Voigt function to the electron-positron invariant mass M_{ee} . A Voigt function is a Breit-Wigner curve convoluted with a Gaussian, whereby resonances (short-lived particles) have Breit-Wigner distributions, yet the inaccurate detector effects are Gaussian distributed. Figure 17 shows the e^-e^+ histogram with invariant mass fit after calibration.

4.3 Measurement of the W-boson mass

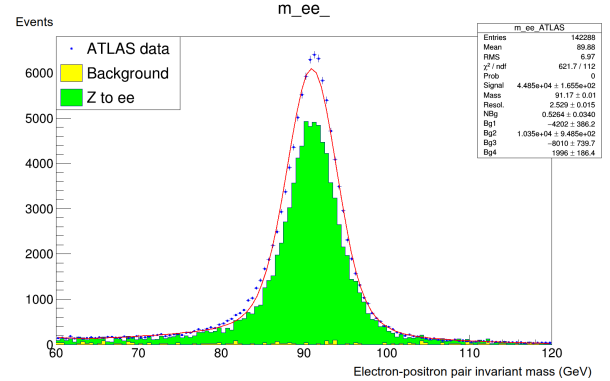


Figure 18: Z^0 mass from ATLAS data

After setting up the electron energy calibration file, we tested it on real ATLAS data, as seen in Figure 18. The mass acquired here is in good agreement with the commonly accepted value. As our next step, we tried scaling the QCD background by comparing the ATLAS data points and our stack-plot. We decided that the scale factor $\alpha = 0.35 \pm 0.05$ gave a fair match (the error was approximated by manual trial). Following the guide, we then set up a macro file to visualize the effect of our cuts on the different data sets of W-boson events with

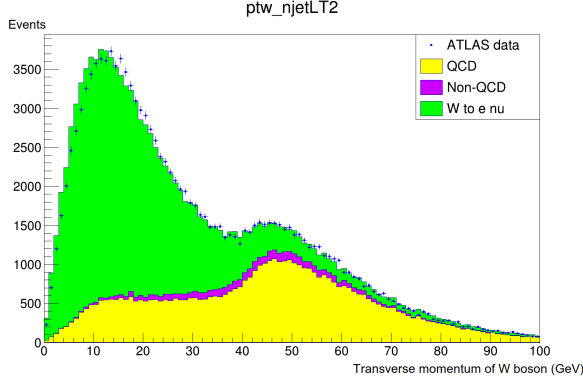


Figure 19: QCD scaled to achieve (by eye) a good match between the stack-plot and the data points.

different masses, all at once. The measured half maxima and a linear fitting is shown in Figure 20. We found the linear fitting to be

$$HM(m) = (0.50267 \pm 0.00867) \cdot m + (2.2613 \pm 0.6898)$$

For the real data, we obtained the half max to be at 43.04 ± 0.09 , which gives, after inverting the previous relation, a mass of $m_W = 81.12 \pm 2.03$ GeV.

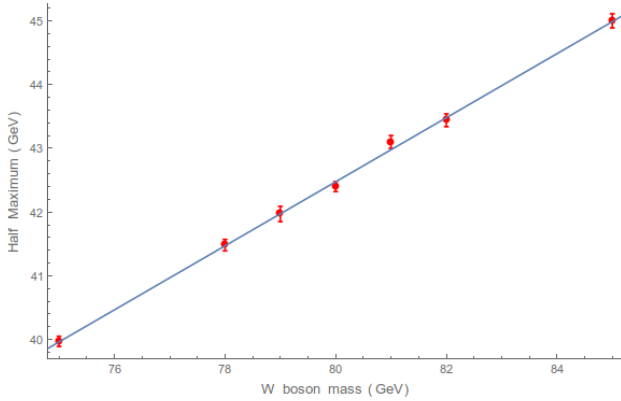


Figure 20: The gauge curve data points with linear fitting.

4.4 Cross-check using ATLAS ee pair data

The gauge curve can be applied in the case of data for electron-positron pairs. Using the inverse of the gauge function again, we get

$$HM^{-1}(48.47 \pm 0.12) = 91.927 \pm 2.171 \text{ GeV}, \quad (1)$$

in good agreement with the literature value, which supports our previous works.

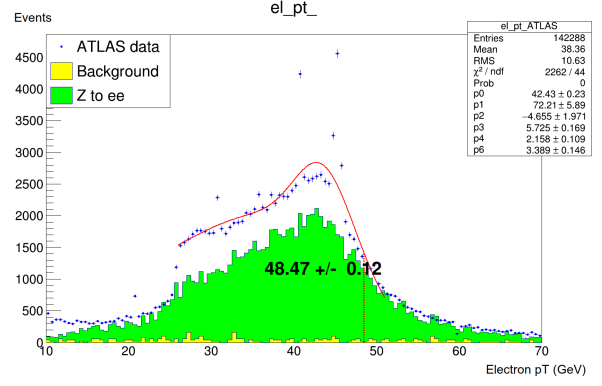


Figure 21: Plot showing the cross-check procedure.

4.4.1 Error sources

5 Conclusion

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6 Appendix: ECAL Calibration Code

The code used in ROOT to calibrate the ECAL detector. The code is here is shown with three iterations. Ultimately, we found that using only the first calibration was the most accurate method and thus the iterations were not used in the final calibration of the ECAL.

```
1 #include "math.h"
2 #include "TMath.h"
3
4 double ElecCalib(double e_raw, double pt, double eta,
5                 double phi, double etiso, double eoverp, double mindrjet)
6 {
7     //double dummy=pt*eta*phi*etiso*eoverp*mindrjet;
8     double energy = e_raw ;
9
10    if (eta>-2.5 && eta<-2.5/2){
11        if (phi> -3.14 && phi< -3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.79)*(91.19/91.19)*(91.19/91.17);
12        else if (phi> -3.14/2 && phi< 0) energy = energy *(91.2/89.76)*(91.19/91.23)*(91.19/91.18);
13        else if (phi> 0 && phi< 3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.69)*(91.19/91.14)*(91.19/91.18);
14        else if (phi> 3.14/2 && phi< 3.14) energy = energy *(91.2/89.6)*(91.19/91.09)*(91.19/91.13);
15    }
16    else if (eta>-2.5/2 && eta<0){
17        if (phi> -3.14 && phi< -3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.84)*(91.19/91.17)*(91.19/91.15);
18        else if (phi> -3.14/2 && phi< 0) energy = energy *(91.2/89.72)*(91.19/91.13)*(91.19/91.17);
19        else if (phi> 0 && phi< 3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/90.11)*(91.19/91.3)*(91.19/91.25);
20        else if (phi> 3.14/2 && phi< 3.14) energy = energy *(91.2/89.92)*(91.19/91.22)*(91.19/91.22);
21    }
22    else if (eta>0 && eta<2.5/2){
23        if (phi> -3.14 && phi< -3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.86)*(91.19/91.13)*(91.19/91.16);
24        else if (phi> -3.14/2 && phi< 0) energy = energy *(91.2/89.96)*(91.19/91.22)*(91.19/91.22);
25        else if (phi> 0 && phi< 3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.73)*(91.19/91.12)*(91.19/91.16);
26        else if (phi> 3.14/2 && phi< 3.14) energy = energy *(91.2/89.91)*(91.19/91.16)*(91.19/91.20);
27    }
28    else if (eta>2.5/2 && eta<2.5){
29        if (phi> -3.14 && phi< -3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.92)*(91.19/91.23)*(91.19/91.22);
30        else if (phi> -3.14/2 && phi< 0) energy = energy *(91.2/90.01)*(91.19/91.16)*(91.19/91.23);
31        else if (phi> 0 && phi< 3.14/2) energy = energy *(91.2/89.82)*(91.19/91.16)*(91.19/91.18);
32        else if (phi> 3.14/2 && phi< 3.14) energy = energy *(91.2/89.91)*(91.19/91.12)*(91.19/91.21);
33    }
34
35    if (fabs(pt)>0 && fabs(pt)<20) energy = energy*(91.19/89.26)*(91.19/90.04);
36    else if (fabs(pt)>20 && fabs(pt)<30) energy = energy*(91.19/90.13)*(91.19/90.79);
37    else if (fabs(pt)>30 && fabs(pt)<35) energy = energy*(91.19/90.51)*(91.19/90.92);
38    else if (fabs(pt)>35 && fabs(pt)<40) energy = energy*(91.19/90.68)*(91.19/90.86);
39    else if (fabs(pt)>40 && fabs(pt)<45) energy = energy*(91.19/91.32)*(91.19/91.1);
40    else if (fabs(pt)>45 && fabs(pt)<50) energy = energy*(91.19/92.34)*(91.19/91.75);
41    else if (fabs(pt)>50 && fabs(pt)<60) energy = energy*(91.19/92.31)*(91.19/91.92);
42    else if (fabs(pt)>60) energy = energy*(91.19/91.89)*(91.19/91.85);
43
44    energy = energy - 0.025;
45
46    // if (fabs(eta)>1.5) energy = energy * 91.2/78.2;
47    // else if (fabs(eta)>2.0) energy = energy * 91.2/85.4;
48    return energy;
49 }
50 }
```
