

# Lab report

## E213 Analysis of $Z^0$ Decay

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### 1. Introduction

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### 2. Theory

**Decay width** The partial decay width of  $Z^0$  decay into fermion  $f$  is

$$\Gamma_f = \frac{\sqrt{2}N_c^f}{12\pi}G_F M_Z^3 \left( (g_V^f)^2 + (g_A^f)^2 \right) \quad (1)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} g_V^f &= I_3^f - 2Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W \\ g_A^f &= I_3^f \end{aligned}$$

One needs to be aware that  $\Gamma_f$  contains contribution from both chiralities, and  $I_3$  here refers to only the weak isospin of left-handed fermions (by definition right handed fermions have no weak isospin).

Partial cross section of  $Z^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  is given by [1]

$$\sigma_f(s) = \frac{12\pi}{M_Z^2} \frac{s\Gamma_e\Gamma_f}{(s - M_Z^2)^2 + (s^2\Gamma_Z^2/M_Z^2)} \quad (2)$$

**Angular distribution** In  $ee \rightarrow ee$  scattering, two relevant channels have different angular dependences. For  $s$ -channel,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_s} \sim (1 + \cos^2 \Theta) \quad (3)$$

For  $t$ -channel,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_t} \sim (1 - \cos^2 \Theta)^{-2} \quad (4)$$

**Forward-Backward Asymmetry** near  $Z^0$  resonance can be approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{FB}}^f &\approx \frac{-3}{2} \frac{a_e a_f Q_f \text{Re}(\chi)}{(v_e^2 + a_e^2)(v_f^2 + a_f^2)} \\ &= \frac{-3}{2} \frac{a_e a_f Q_f}{(v_e^2 + a_e^2)(v_f^2 + a_f^2)} \frac{s(s - M_Z^2)}{(s - M_Z^2)^2 + (s\Gamma_Z/M_Z)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

### 3. Pre-lab tasks

Using equation (1), one finds

$$\Gamma_e = \Gamma_\mu = \Gamma_\tau = 83.40 \text{ MeV} \quad (6)$$

The decay widths to leptons of three generations are the same because of lepton universality and neglecting the masses. With the same equation, decay width to quarks in total is

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_u = \Gamma_c &= 285.34 \text{ MeV} \\ \Gamma_d = \Gamma_s = \Gamma_b &= 367.79 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

It is significantly larger, since there are more quarks in SM and quarks carry more degrees of freedom (color) than leptons. Decays to neutrinos are invisible for detector in LEP, but still they have the width of

$$\Gamma_\nu = 165.84 \text{ MeV} \quad (7)$$

Hadronic part

$$\Gamma_h = \sum_{\forall q \neq t} \Gamma_q = 1674.06 \text{ MeV} \quad (8)$$

Charged decay

$$\Gamma_{\text{charged}} = 3\Gamma_e = 250.17 \text{ MeV} \quad (9)$$

Invisible decay

$$\Gamma_{\text{inv}} = 3\Gamma_\nu = 497.52 \text{ MeV} \quad (10)$$

In total (except unknown decays)

$$\Gamma_{\text{total}} = 3\Gamma_e + \Gamma_h + 3\Gamma_\nu = 2421.75 \text{ MeV} \quad (11)$$

decay type	partial width/MeV	partial cross section/ $10^{-5}\text{MeV}^{-2}$
hadronic	1674.06	10.79
charged	250.17	1.61
invisible	497.52	3.21
total	2421.75	15.61

Table 1: Decays widths and partial cross sections

Assume that there is another generation of light fermions, the total width of  $Z^0$  would be

$$\Gamma'_{\text{total}} = \Gamma_{\text{total}} + \Gamma_e + \Gamma_\nu + \Gamma_u + \Gamma_d = 3324.11 \text{ MeV} \quad (12)$$

It would be a change of 37% percent!

The differential cross section  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  has different angular dependencies for  $s$ - and  $t$ -channels, see equations (3) and (4). Simply plotting without the proportional constant in front shows where  $s$ - or  $t$ -channels dominates the process, see figure. 1. At small angles,  $t$ -channel dominates,

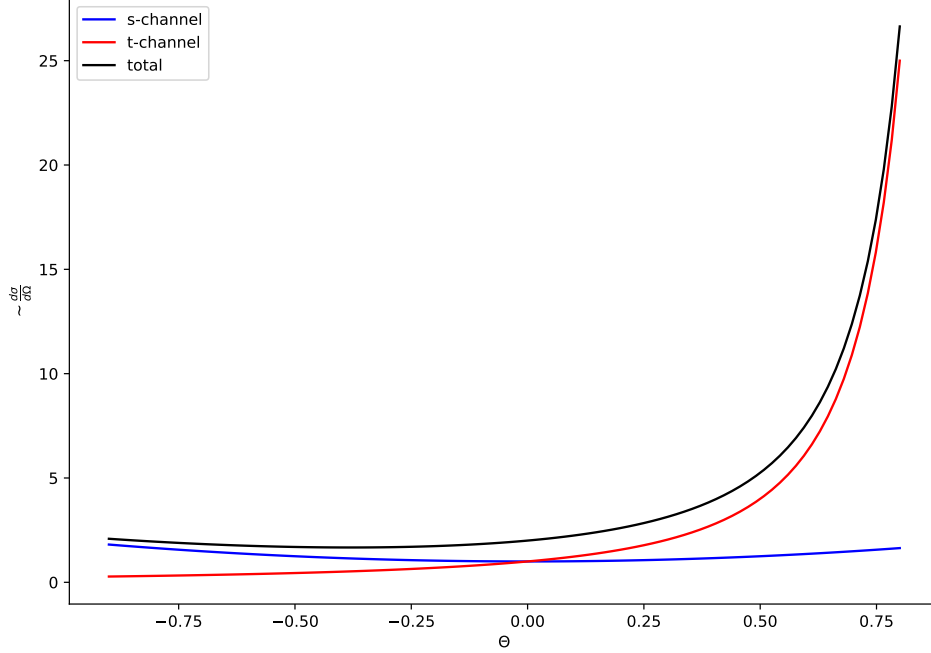


Figure 1: Angular dependencies of two channels.

whereas at large angles,  $s$ -channel dominates.

Energy[GeV] / $\sin^2(\theta_W)$	0.21	0.23	0.25
89.225	-0.0379	-0.0420	-0.0451
91.225	-0.0386	-0.0428	-0.0459
93.225	-0.0394	-0.0436	-0.0468

## 4. Event display

## 5. Statistical Analysis

With large datasets, previous "event display" method will no longer be efficient and accurate. Thus data analysis tools are necessary. Here `root` is used and three macros to apply cuts are already implemented. As before we have four sets of Monte Carlo simulated data in order to find the optimal cuts, then there are a couple of real data samples.

First of all, there is a couple of general cuts. The collider energy of LEP is  $\sim 200$  GeV. Thus the scalar sum of momenta should be maximally around this value. Events with even larger momenta are caused by various unphysical processes. Secondly, the data here is written such as when there are multiple outgoing positive particles, `cos_thet` = 1000. For  $ee$  and  $\mu\mu$  process, it should not be possible, since no hadronisation can occur. So for these two events

selection, cut `cos_thet`  $\leq 1.0$  is applied.

In event display part, we had success using cut `Ncharged`  $> 7$  for *qq* processes. This is no longer sufficient.

## **6. Conclusion and outlook**

### **A. Appendix**

#### **A.1. Table for Question 5.6**

$\sqrt{s}$	cuts	number of events
88.47		6194
88.47	ee	125
88.47	mm	136
88.47	tt	157
88.47	qq	3359
89.47		7861
89.47	ee	198
89.47	mm	233
89.47	tt	207
89.47	qq	5036
90.22		9779
90.22	ee	223
90.22	mm	329
90.22	tt	249
90.22	qq	7157
91.22		114 394
91.22	ee	2313
91.22	mm	3761
91.22	tt	3247
91.22	qq	87 844
91.97		18 931
91.97	ee	346
91.97	mm	664
91.97	tt	538
91.97	qq	14 571
92.96		8599
92.96	ee	139
92.96	mm	257
92.96	tt	248
92.96	qq	6303
93.71		10 125
93.71	ee	191
93.71	mm	318
93.71	tt	281
93.71	qq	7029

Table 2: caption

Event	Ctrk(N)	Ctrk(Sump)	Ecal(SumE)	Hcal(SumE)	Comment
1	2	50.9	82.6	0.0	
2	2	91.0	90.0	0.0	
3	3	82.5	92.3	0.0	
4	2	80.9	86.8	0.0	
5	2	38.1	89.5	0.0	
6	2	83.8	87.5	0.0	
7	2	87.4	93.2	0.0	
8	2	69.3	90.7	0.0	
9	2	86.1	89.4	0.5	
10	2	90.3	90.6	0.0	
11	2	92.1	88.5	0.4	
12	3	81.7	91.6	0.0	
13	2	89.6	92.5	0.0	
14	2	61.1	89.2	0.0	
15	3	88.4	89.1	0.0	
16	2	90.9	90.5	0.3	
17	2	64.6	88.8	0.0	
18	2	95.6	96.2	0.0	
19	2	93.0	90.8	0.0	
20	2	94.1	89.2	0.0	

Table 3: caption

## References

- [1] Unknown. *E213 Analysis of  $Z^0$  Decay*.