

COMPUTING EXERCISE Study of the production of a pair of gauge bosons at the LHC

The data to analyse are organised into a Root n-tuple (which we will provide to you). The Root n-tuple is a file containaining information about "events", each resulting from a proton-proton interaction. These events have three leptons (electrons or muons) and are of two kind:

SIGNAL EVENTS: corresponding to $pp \to WZX$ with both boson disintegrating leptonically (X stands for non identified generic particles),

BACKGROUND EVENTS: top-antitop events $pp \to t\bar{t}X$.

Since this ntuple is built from a MC file, the two kind of events appear in two separated 'trees" called here "WZSignal" and " $t\bar{t}$ ". For real data these events appear in the same tree and it is important to devise variables to distinguish between them. The aim of the exercise is:

- 1) to look at some important variables,
- 2) to build the Z invariant mass,
- 3) to learn how one can discriminate between the 'signal' and the 'background' (we will provide an example of analysis to quide you)

Exercise:

- Open the Root file (the name of the file is Selected_All_EEM.root)
- Access the branch WZSignal and $t\bar{t}$ (use, as guide the macro Macro.C) The list of variables describing the event are given at the end of this document.
- Plot the transverse momentum of the most energetic Z lepton for signal and background. (Note the average value and the shape of each distribution)
- Compute and plot the invariant mass of the Z for ALL events (using the decaying leptons)
- Plot the isolation variable TrackIsoWmu separately for signal and bkg. Is there a difference? How can one discriminate between signal and background?
- Plot the impact parameter variable Trackd0cutWMu for signal and bkg. Is there

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- Plot the Z invariant mass for ALL events requesting that the third lepton has a small impact parameter and is isolated.
- Compare the Z invariant mass with the one in the tree.
- OPTIONAL: Fit the MZ distributions with a Breit-Wigner and extract the fraction of signal events in the total sample.

List of Variables in the ntuple

Br~0:Trackd0cutWMu:Trackd0cutWMu

Br 1 :TrackIsoWmu : TrackIsoWmu

Br 2 :MET : MET === MASS of Z Br 3 :MZ : MZ

=== MOST ENERGETIC LEPTON FROM THE Z

Br 4 :pt1 : pt1 Br 5 :eta1 : eta1 Br 6 :phi1 : phi1 Br 7 :E1 : E1

=== SECOND ENERGETIC LEPTON FROM THE Z

Br 8 :pt2 : pt2 Br 9 :eta2 : eta2 Br 10 :phi2 : phi2 Br 11 :E2 : E2

=== LEPTON FROM W

Br 12 :pt3 : pt3 Br 13 :eta3 : eta3 Br 14 :phi3 : phi3 Br 15 :E3 : E3

Br 16: Weight: Weight