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Abstract

A search for heavy resonances decaying to a Higgs boson and a Z boson is presented. The analysis is based on the data collected in 2015 with the CMS detector at a center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 2.51 fb^{-1} . The Higgs bosons are reconstructed from high momentum $b\bar{b}$ quark pairs that are detected as a single massive jet, while the Z bosons are reconstructed from electron pairs and muon pairs. The analysis is separated in electron and muon channels, with single and double b-tag categories. A 95% upper limit on the production cross section of $\sigma_X \times \mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow ZH)$ is derived from the combination of four categories with a limit of 0.063 pb to 0.265 pb for m_X from 800 to 4000 GeV.

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摘要

本篇論文呈現了由新理論模型預測之粒子衰變到一個希格斯粒子和一個 Z 玻色子的分析。本分析使用了於 2015 年由大強子對撞機中的緊湊渺子線圈偵測器所記錄之質子-質子對撞總能量為 13 TeV，總亮度為 2.5 fb^{-1} 的數據。高動量的希格斯粒子衰變到一個底夸克和一個反底夸克，在偵測器裡被偵測為一個大質量的噴流。Z 玻色子有兩個衰變通道，分別為正反電子通道以及正反渺子通道。本分析將分別探討電子通道和渺子通道，各通道將再細分為單底夸克標記和雙底夸克標記此二類別。通過合併電子通道和渺子通道，以及它們所有的底夸克標記類別，結果顯示質量由 800 GeV 至 4000 GeV 的新粒子於 95% 信置區間的生產截面上限為 0.063 pb 至 0.265 pb 。

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1 Chapter 1

2 Introduction and Theory Overview

3 1.1 Introduction

4 This thesis presents the search of a heavy resonance decaying into a Z boson
5 and a Higgs boson at center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV using 2.51 fb^{-1} proton-
6 proton collision data collected with the CMS detector at the LHC. The Z boson
7 further decays into two charged leptons (electrons or muons), while the Higgs
8 boson decays into two b quarks. The Feymann diagram of the signal production
9 is presented in Figure 1.1.

10 In this search, the high-momentum Higgs boson is reconstructed as a mas-
11 sive jet, and is identified by a b-tagging algorithm. The leptonic decay of Z is
12 considered in order to discriminate against the large multijet background. The
13 heavy resonance signal appears as an excess in the spectrum of the invariant
14 mass of the jet and the two leptons. This analysis is a part of the search for heavy
15 resonances decaying into one vector boson plus one Higgs boson (VH) [1].

16 The organization of this thesis is described as follows. In the next section, a
17 brief overview of Heavy Vector Triplets Model described by a simplified phe-
18 nomenological Lagrangian is presented. A specific explicit model is then intro-
19 duced, which is the benchmark model in this analysis. In Chapter 2, an overview
20 of the LHC and the CMS detector with its sub-detectors are presented. Chap-
21 ter ?? reports the data sets and Monte Carlo samples used in this analysis. The
22 reconstruction of physics objects and their selections are also described, and the

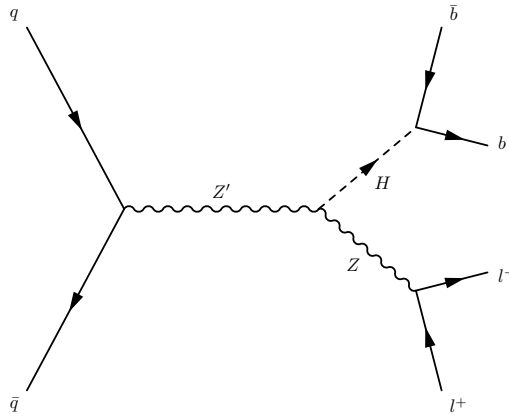


FIGURE 1.1: Feynman diagram of the production of the heavy vector Z' , decaying into a Z boson and a Higgs boson. The Z boson further decays into two charged leptons, while the Higgs further decays into two b quarks.

23 agreement of data sets and Monte Carlo samples are presented. The estimation
 24 of backgrounds based on a data driven strategy is presented in Chapter ???. In
 25 Chapter ??, various systematic uncertainties are described. In Chapter ??, the
 26 results of this analysis are discussed, and a conclusion is summarized.

27 1.2 Theoretical Motivations

28 In the Standard Model (SM), the generation of masses for the weak gauge bosons
 29 (W^\pm and Z) through electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) can be explained
 30 by the Higgs mechanism [2]. The mechanism was confirmed by the ATLAS and
 31 CMS experiments [3–5] at the CERN 50 years after the theory has been proposed.

32 However, the discovered Higgs boson with mass of 125 GeV is much lighter
 33 than the Planck energy, which suggests that the SM may be incomplete. Vari-
 34 ous theories postulate the existence of new heavy resonances that couple to the
 35 SM bosons in an attempt to solve the hierarchy problem or naturalness prob-
 36 lem. Some common models include the Little Higgs models [6, 7] and strongly
 37 coupled Composite Higgs [8, 9].

38 Various models can be generalized in the Heavy Vector Triplet (HVT) frame-
 39 work [10], which is a simplified approach based on a phenomenological La-
 40 grangian. In the Simplified Model, only the relevant couplings and mass pa-
 41 rameters are retained. The reason for this is that resonant searches are typically
 42 not sensitive to all the free parameters of the specific model, but only to those
 43 parameters that are related to the resonance mass and the interactions involved
 44 in its decay and production.

45 1.2.1 Heavy Vector Triplet

46 Consider a heavy vector boson V_μ^a , $a = 1,2,3$, the simplified Lagrangian is de-
 47 scribed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_V = & -\frac{1}{4}D_{[\mu}V_{\nu]}^aD^{[\mu}V^{\nu]a} + \frac{m_V^2}{2}V_\mu^aV^{\mu a} \\ & + ig_Vc_HV_\mu^aH^\dagger\tau^a\bar{D}^\mu H + \frac{g^2}{g_V}c_FV_\mu^a\sum_f\bar{f}_L\gamma^\mu\tau^af_L \\ & + \text{quadrilinear terms} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

48 The first term¹ in Eq. 1.1 describes the interactions of V with the SM weak
 49 bosons. The second term in the equation is the interactions of V with itself,
 50 where the mass parameter m_V does not coincide with the physical mass of the
 51 resonances. The third and fourth terms of the equation contains the interactions
 52 of V with the Higgs current² and with the SM left-handed fermionic currents³,
 53 respectively. The quadrilinear terms⁴ do not contribute directly to V decays and
 54 single production processes, therefore these terms can be disregarded.

¹The term $D_{[\mu}V_{\nu]}^a = D_\mu V_\nu^a - D_\nu V_\mu^a$, where $D_\mu V_\nu^a = \partial_\mu V_\nu^a + g\varepsilon^{abc}W_\mu^bV_\nu^c$.

²The Higgs current term $iH^\dagger\tau^a\bar{D}^\mu H = iH^\dagger\tau^aD^\mu H - iD^\mu H^\dagger\tau^aH$.

³The fermionic currents $\sum_f\bar{f}_L\gamma^\mu\tau^af_L$ involve the interactions of V to leptons, light quarks and the third quarks family.

⁴The quadrilinear terms can be written as

$$\frac{g_V}{2}c_{VVV}\varepsilon_{abc}V_\mu^aV_\nu^bD^{[\mu}V^{\nu]c} + g_V^2c_{VVHH}V_\mu^aV^{\nu a}H^\dagger H - \frac{g}{2}c_{VWV}\varepsilon_{abc}W^{\mu\nu a}V_\mu^bV_\nu^c.$$

55 In Eq. 1.1, besides the $SU(2)_L$ coupling constant g , another coupling constant
 56 g_V is introduced to represent the strength of V interactions. In addition, the
 57 term c_H describes the V interactions with the SM vector bosons and with the
 58 Higgs. Similarly, the term c_F describes the V interactions with fermions. They
 59 are expected to be of the order of unity in most models.

60 Masses

61 After the EWSB, only the photon stays massless due to the unbroken $U(1)_{EM}$,
 62 while the weak bosons acquire a mass and a mixing with heavy vector V . The
 63 mass matrix of the (Z, V^0) and the (W^\pm, V^\pm) are

$$\mathcal{M}_N^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{m}_Z^2 & c_H \xi \hat{m}_Z \hat{m}_V \\ c_H \xi \hat{m}_Z \hat{m}_V & \hat{m}_V^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

64 and

$$\mathcal{M}_C^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{m}_W^2 & c_H \xi \hat{m}_W \hat{m}_V \\ c_H \xi \hat{m}_W \hat{m}_V & \hat{m}_V^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.3)$$

65 respectively, where

$$\hat{m}_Z = \frac{e}{2 \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W} \hat{v}$$

66

$$\hat{m}_W = \cos \theta_W \hat{m}_Z$$

67

$$\hat{m}_V^2 = m_V^2 + g_V^2 c_{VVHH} \hat{v}^2$$

68

$$\xi = \frac{g_V \hat{v}}{2 \hat{m}_V}$$

69 Note that $e \approx \sqrt{4\pi/137}$, \hat{v} is the Higgs field Vacuum Expectation Value, which
 70 has a value of 246 GeV, and θ_W is the weak mixing angle.

71 By taking the determinant of the mass matrices in Eq. 1.2 and Eq. 1.3, the
 72 relation of the physical masses M between charged and neutral heavy vectors

73 are connected by θ_W .

$$m_W^2 M_{\pm}^2 = \cos^2 \theta_W m_Z^2 M_0^2 \quad (1.4)$$

74 In the experimental searches, the masses of new vectors should be at or above
 75 TeV scale, but the masses of SM bosons $m_{W,Z}$ should be preserved at about 100
 76 GeV. A hierarchy in the mass spectrum is required to have

$$\frac{\hat{m}_{W,Z}}{\hat{m}_V} \sim \frac{m_{W,Z}}{M_{\pm,0}} \ll 1 \quad (1.5)$$

77 Under the limit in Eq. 1.5, by expanding the determinant of the mass matrices
 78 in Eq. 1.2 and Eq. 1.3, a simple approximate expressions for m_W and m_Z are
 79 given by

$$m_Z^2 \approx \hat{m}_Z^2 (1 - c_H^2 \xi^2)$$

80

$$m_W^2 \approx \hat{m}_W^2 (1 - c_H^2 \xi^2)$$

81 Since $\hat{m}_W = \cos \theta_W \hat{m}_Z$, the W - Z mass ratio is given by

$$\frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} \simeq \cos^2 \theta_W \quad (1.6)$$

82 Experimentally, the value of $\cos^2 \theta_W$ is about 0.77. The charged and neutral
 83 V s are degenerated by

$$M_{\pm}^2 = M_0^2 (1 + \mathcal{O}(\%)) \quad (1.7)$$

84 It is clear that the mass splitting of charged and neutral states of V is small
 85 enough to be ignored. This implies that the two states have comparable produc-
 86 tion rates.

87 Decay Widths

88 Given that the mixing angles between weak bosons and V are small due to the
 89 hierarchy in the mass spectrum, the couplings of the neutral and charged V to

90 left- and right-handed fermion chiralities can be written as

$$\begin{cases} g_L^N \simeq \frac{g^2 c_F}{g_V} \frac{1}{2}, & g_R^N \simeq 0 \\ g_L^C \simeq \frac{g^2 c_F}{g_V} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, & g_R^C = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

91 The $(g_{L,R}^{W,Z})_{SM}$ in the Eq. 1.8 is the ordinary SM W and Z couplings with a nor-
92 malization of $g_L^W = g/\sqrt{2}$. The g is electroweak coupling which has a value of
93 0.65.

94 The decay width Γ for fermionic channels can be written as

$$\Gamma_{V_{\pm} \rightarrow f \bar{f}'} \simeq 2\Gamma_{V_0 \rightarrow f \bar{f}} \simeq N_c[f] \left(\frac{g^2 c_F}{g_V} \right)^2 \frac{M_V}{48\pi} \quad (1.9)$$

95 where $N_c[f]$ is the number of colors (3 for di-quarks and 1 for di-leptons). The
96 parameters $c_F = c_l, c_q, c_3$ control the relative branching ratios (BR) to leptons,
97 light quarks and the third family quarks.

98 The decay width for bosonic channels are

$$\Gamma_{V_0 \rightarrow W_L^+ W_L^-} \simeq \Gamma_{V_{\pm} \rightarrow W_L^{\pm} Z_L} \simeq \Gamma_{V_0 \rightarrow Z_L h} \simeq \Gamma_{V_{\pm} \rightarrow W_L^{\pm} h} \simeq \frac{g_V^2 c_H^2 M_V}{192\pi} [1 + \mathcal{O}(\xi^2)] \quad (1.10)$$

99 The channels that are not reported in the Eq. 1.9 and Eq. 1.10 are either forbidden
100 or suppressed.

101 Since the M_V is in the order of TeV scale, the ξ should be very small. In this
102 case, for a given resonance mass, the decay widths are fixed by the couplings
103 $g^2 c_F/g_V$ and $g_V c_H$. The BRs and the production rate are controlled by the two
104 parameters $g^2 c_F/g_V$ and $g_V c_H$.

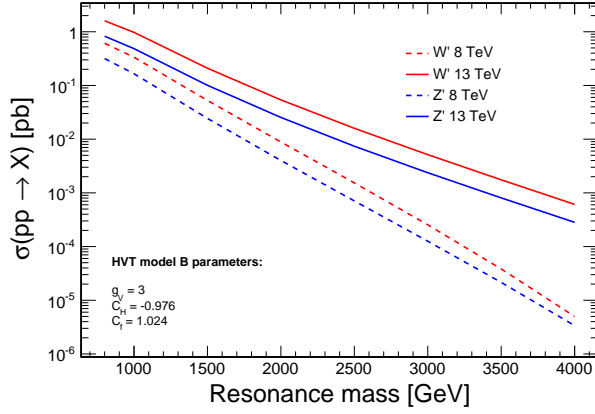


FIGURE 1.2: Theoretical production cross section as a function of resonance mass for HVT Minimal Composite Higgs Model.

105 1.2.2 Explicit Model

106 It is now clear that the explicit model can be entirely described in terms of the
 107 two couplings $g^2 c_F / g_V$ and $g_V c_H$ and the mass M_V with a good approxima-
 108 tion [10].

109 Consider a strongly coupled scenario, so called Minimal Composite Higgs
 110 Model, where the Higgs doublet emerges from the spontaneous symmetry break-
 111 ing of a global $SO(5)$ symmetry to an $SO(4)$ subgroup. In this scenario, the pa-
 112 rameters c_H and c_F are fixed,

$$c_H \sim -1, \quad c_F \sim 1$$

113 In addition, $g_V \gtrsim 3$ is set to represent the strong coupling. In this case, the
 114 dominant BRs are bosonic decays due to $g_V c_H \simeq -g_V$ in Eq. 1.10, while the
 115 fermionic decays are extremely suppressed due to $g^2 c_F / g_V \simeq g^2 / g_V$ in Eq. 1.9.

116 The results of this model is particularly interesting for the present search,
 117 since it predicts signal cross sections in the order of fb for resonances up to 2~3
 118 TeV (Figure 1.2), branching ratios to vector bosons close to the unity (Figure 1.3),
 119 and thus being accessible at the LHC Run-II.

120 If the coupling is very large (for example $g_V = 8$), the total width will be

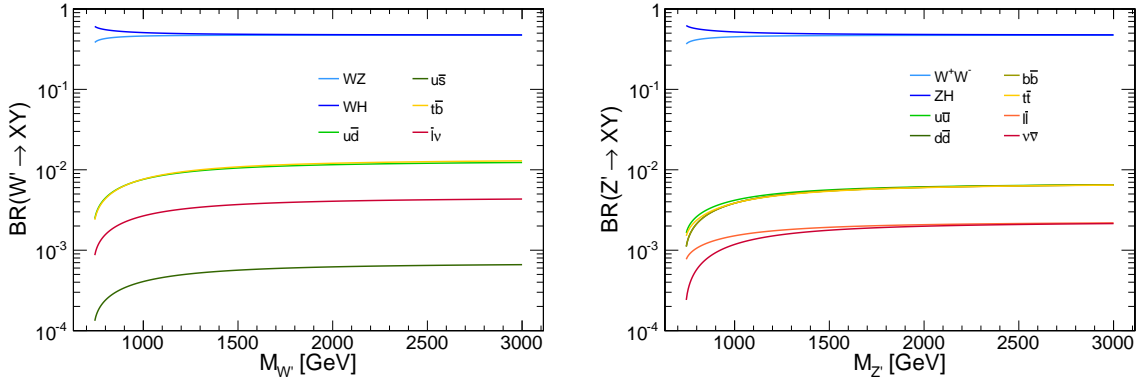


FIGURE 1.3: Branching ratios as a function of the resonance mass for a W' (left) and Z' (right) in the HVT Minimal Composite Higgs Model.

121 increased since the width of decays to dibosons grows with g_V from Eq. 1.10.
 122 But a very large coupling leads to an extremely broad resonance, which is not
 123 interesting to the experimental searches for a narrow resonance. Therefore, the
 124 g_V has been constrained by $g_V \lesssim 4\pi$.

125 Chapter 2

126 Analysis Strategy

127 The purpose of this analysis is to search for a heavy resonance decaying into a Z
128 boson and a Higgs boson. The Z boson is reconstructed from the dielectron or
129 dimuon final state. The $Z \rightarrow l^+l^-$ channel is chosen mainly because it has low
130 QCD and $t\bar{t}$ backgrounds. The Higgs boson is reconstructed via the $b\bar{b}$ channel
131 because the branching ratio of $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ is the largest at $m_H = 125$ GeV. Note
132 that the b quarks are reconstructed as a single jet with large radius in the CMS
133 detector due to the high transverse momentum of Higgs.

134 In this chapter, the data sets and Monte Carlo (MC) samples used are pre-
135 sented, and the selection criteria of physics objects are introduced. The final se-
136 lection efficiency is also discussed and reported. The data and MC comparisons
137 of various kinematic variables are presented to show the agreement between
138 them.

139 2.1 Data Sets and Monte Carlo Samples

140 2.1.1 Data Sets

141 In this analysis, the data collected with CMS during 2015 RunD, with integrated
142 luminosity of 2.51 fb^{-1} are used. The muon and electron data sets are collected
143 with a single-muon or a single-electron trigger, which will be explained in detail

TABLE 2.1: Data sets Run2015D used in this analysis.

Samples	Luminosity $L [fb^{-1}]$
SingleElectron-Run2015D-05Oct2015-v1	0.877
SingleElectron-Run2015D-PromptReco-v4	1.635
SingleMuon-Run2015D-05Oct2015-v1	0.877
SingleMuon-Run2015D-PromptReco-v4	1.635

TABLE 2.2: Filters used in this analysis.

Filters
CSCtHaloFilter
eeBadScFilter
HBHENoiseFilter
HBHENoiseIsoFilter

144 in latter section. All data sets used are listed in Table 2.1. Moreover, a list of fil-
 145 ters [11] are applied on data in order to remove problematic or noise-dominated
 146 events, are reported in Table 2.2.

147 2.1.2 Monte Carlo Samples

148 Signal samples

149 The signal samples are generated with the MadGraph5 [12] LO generator. The
 150 showering and hadronization have been performed with PYTHIA8 [13]. A full
 151 detector simulation and event reconstruction has been performed with GEANT4 [14]
 152 and CMSSW. The simulated signal MC samples are listed in Table 2.3. All signal
 153 samples belong to the RunIISpring15MiniAODv2-74X_mcRun2 campaign
 154 with the 25 ns asymptotic conditions. Moreover, the samples are produced
 155 assuming the narrow-width approximation, with the resonance width set to 1
 156 MeV.

157 **Background samples**

158 All physics processes yielding final states with one or two leptons in association
159 with one or two b quarks are considered as possible sources of background for
160 the analysis. The list of background samples used is reported in Table ??.

161 The Z +jets background is produced in several samples binned in H_T (the
162 scalar sum of the p_T of the outgoing partons) starting from 100 GeV with the
163 MadGraph5 LO generator. The contribution of events with H_T less than 100
164 GeV is found to be negligible after requiring the Z p_T to be greater than 200 GeV.
165 The inclusive $t\bar{t}$ sample has been produced with POWHEG [15] interfaced with
166 PYTHIA8, including all the possible decays of the W bosons. For the diboson
167 production processes, the WW , WZ , and ZZ are inclusive processes generated
168 with PYTHIA8, while the ZH has decay mode same as the decay mode of signal
169 and is generated with POWHEG.

170 The cross sections listed in the table are used to normalize SM backgrounds.
171 The cross sections of Z +jets samples are computed by MadGraph5 with an NLO/LO
172 electroweak correction [16] (k-factor) derived from the inclusive Z cross sec-
173 tion computed by FEWZ [17]. The amount of k-factor as a function of the Z
174 p_T is presented in Figure 2.1. The cross section of $t\bar{t}$ samples are obtained from
175 TTbarNNLO group [18], while the VV samples are computed from MCFM [19]
176 calculator.

TABLE 2.3: Signal samples used in this analysis.

Samples	Number of events	Cross section σ [pb]
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-800_13TeV-madgraph-v1	48400	0.0282665
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-1000_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.0153743
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-1200_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.00790857
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-1400_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.00421385
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-1600_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.00233319
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-1800_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.00133522
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-2000_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.000785119
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-2500_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.000227178
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-3000_13TeV-madgraph-v1	50000	0.000071426
ZprimeToZhToZlepbbb_narrow_M-3500_13TeV-madgraph-v1	49800	0.0000235715
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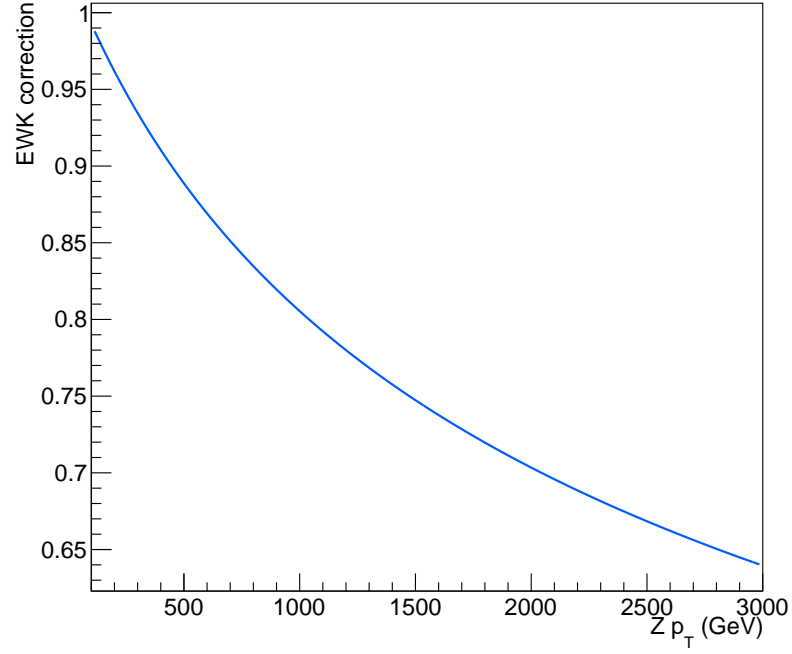


FIGURE 2.1: Electroweak correction for the Z as a function of the transverse momentum.

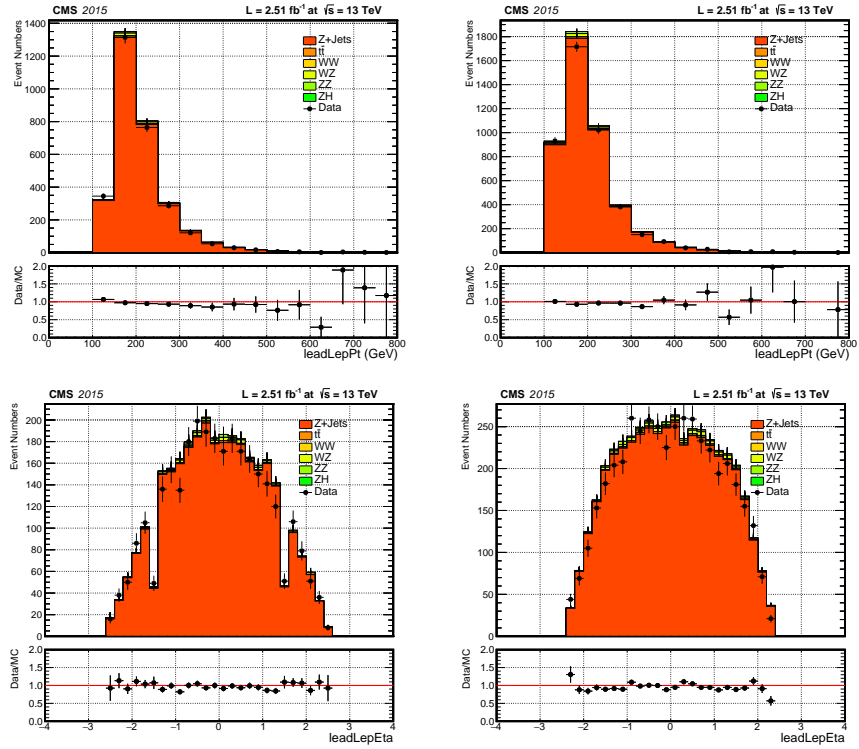


FIGURE 2.2: Distributions of p_T and η variable for the leading leptons of Z candidate in electron channel (left) and in muon channel (right).

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