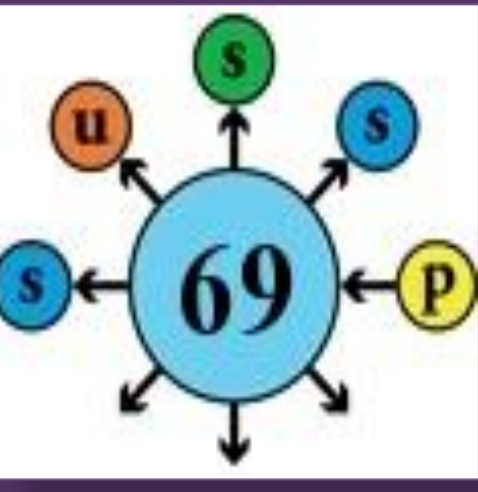




# A measurement of the Cross Section of the Z decay in muon channel and prediction of the rate of the Z decay in tau-lepton channel



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## The Z at LHC

- The Z production mechanism at the LHC:
- The Drell-Yan process: a quark and anti-quark fuse into Z,
- The NLO mechanism : quark gluon scattering,
- Higgs; H -> ZZ.

## The Z at ATLAS

- The Z boson has a very short lifetime , it decays shortly after its production.
- The Z0 boson is not detected directly in the ATLAS experiment and it must be reconstructed from its decay products.
- The Z0 boson decays to fermions and anti-fermion pairs.
- Z -> μμ , Z-> ττ have the same rate.

## Data and MC used in this analyses

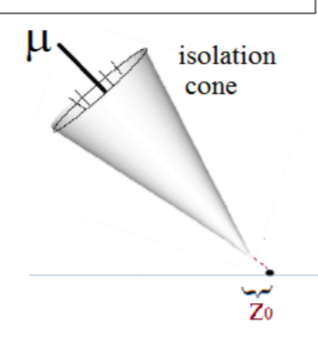
- Data collected by ATLAS detector in late 2010.
- The proton beam had energy of 3.5 TeV.
- The integrated luminosity of the machine was 36 pb<sup>-1</sup> .
- MC sample generated by using PYTHIA.

## The Z decays in Muon Channel

### Selection

- Initial criteria approved quailed events for the study.
- The authenticity of the muon is checked. Only muons that have expected properties of muons from Z decays selected and muons from backgrounds are rejected.
- Events that carry the specific Z properties passed.

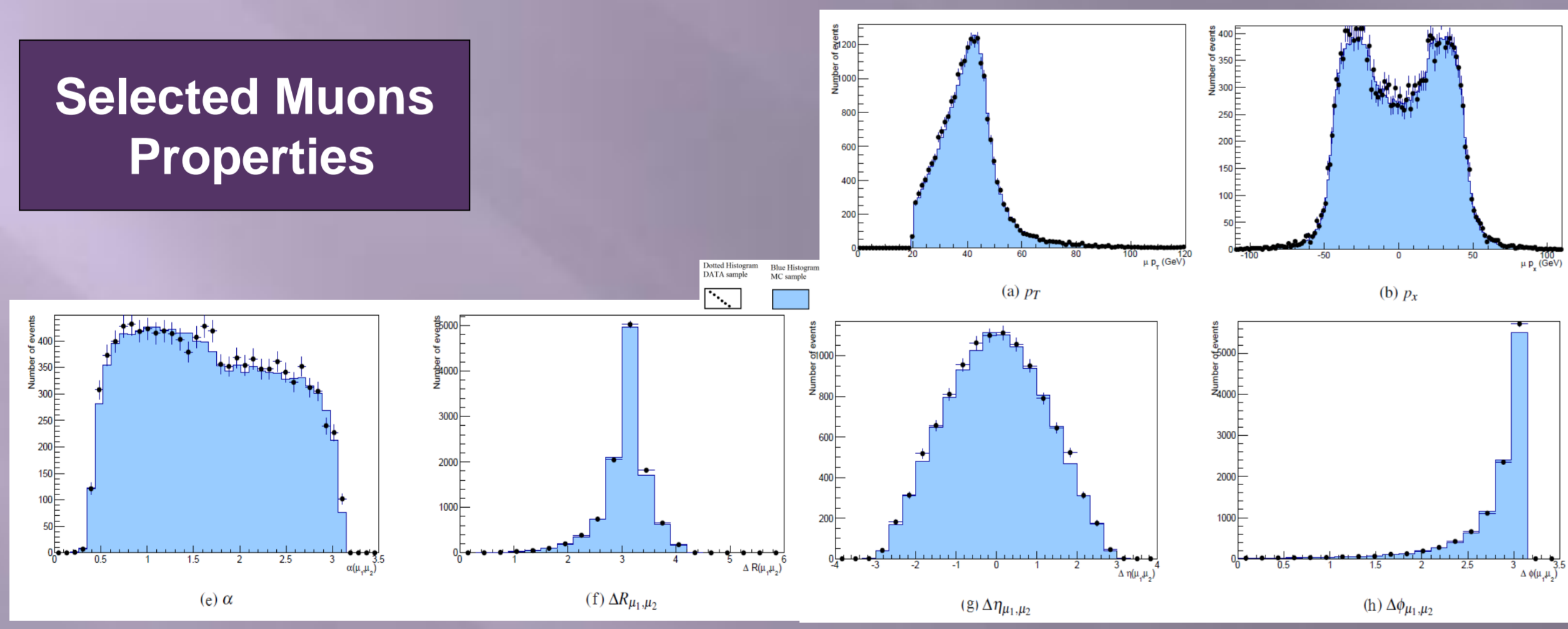
Event Selection I	
Collision event selection	data quality information coded in Good Run Lists
Number of muons	> 1
Muon Selection	
High p <sub>T</sub> selection	p <sub>T</sub> > 20 GeV
Selection on η	η  < 2.4
Type of muon	CB muon
Cosmic muon rejection	z <sub>0</sub>   < 10 mm
number of B layer Hits > 0 number of the hits at Pixel > 1 number of the hits at SCT ≥ 6 number of pixel holes + number of SCT holes < 3 TRT hit requirements  η  ≤ 1.9 → Hits + Outliers > 5 and $\frac{\text{Outliers}}{\text{Hits+Outliers}} > 0.9$  η  > 1.9 for (Hits + Outliers > 5) → $\frac{\text{Outliers}}{\text{Hits+Outliers}} < 0.9$	
Isolation	$\sum p_T^D / p_T < 0.2$ tracks inside cone of 0.4
Event Selection II	
Pair of good muons	at least two good muons that pass all muon selection criteria
Invariant mass	66 < m <sub>μμ</sub> < 116 GeV
Opposite charge	Charge <sub>μ<sub>1</sub></sub> + Charge <sub>μ<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0



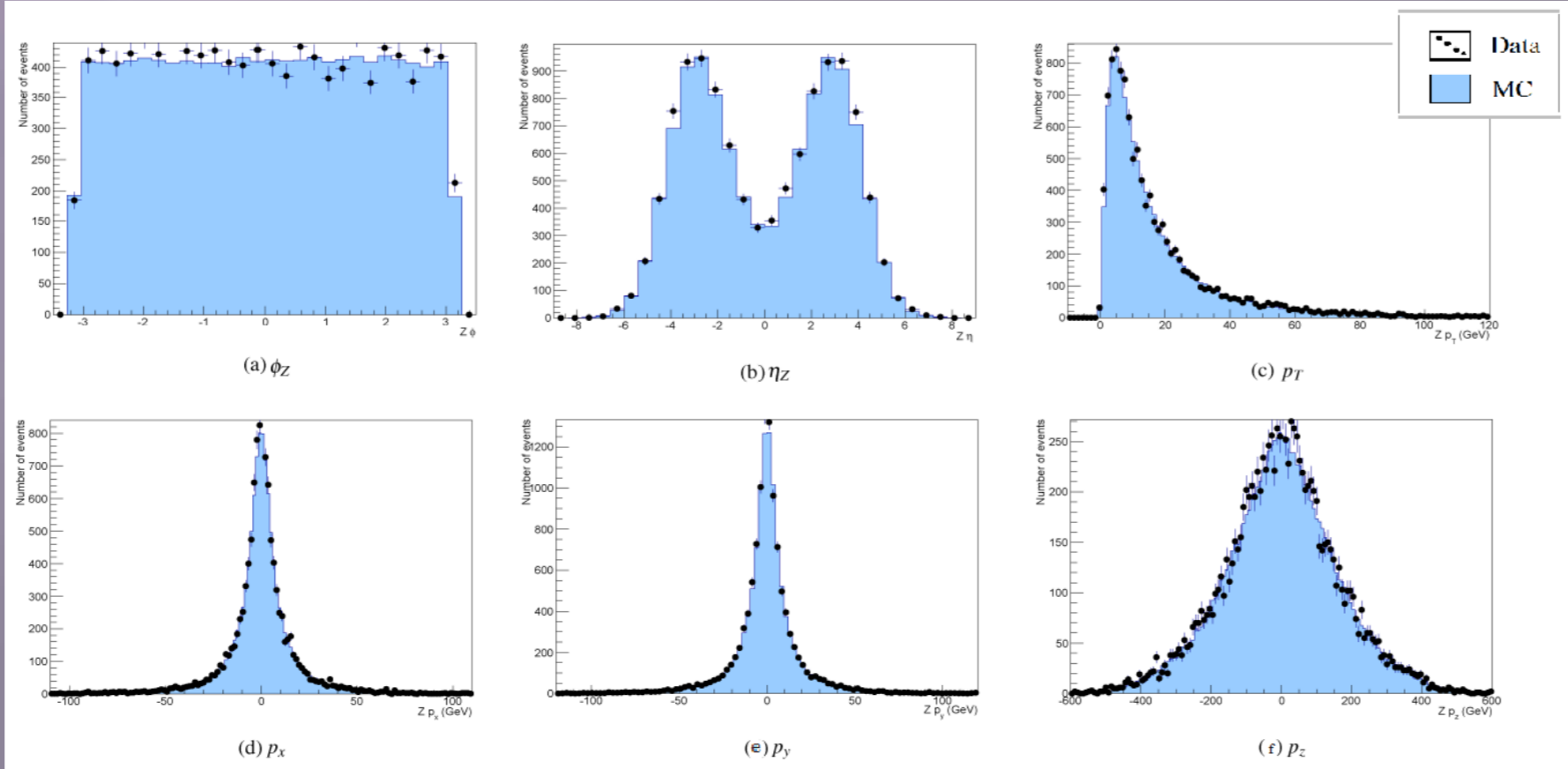
Requirement	Data		MC	
	Number of Events	Cut Efficiency Compare to Prev.	Number of Events	Cut Efficiency Compare to Prev.
Total Number of events	1 857 054	100%	494 926	100%
Collision Event Selection	1 647 095	88.69%	—	—
Pair of Muons	725 512	44.04%	324 815	65.63%
Pair of Good Muons	12 006	1.65%	183 076	56.36%
Invariant Mass	11 250	93.70%	177 724	97.07%
Opposite Charge	11 246	99.96%	177 716	99.99%

### Cut Efficiency

### Selected Muons Properties



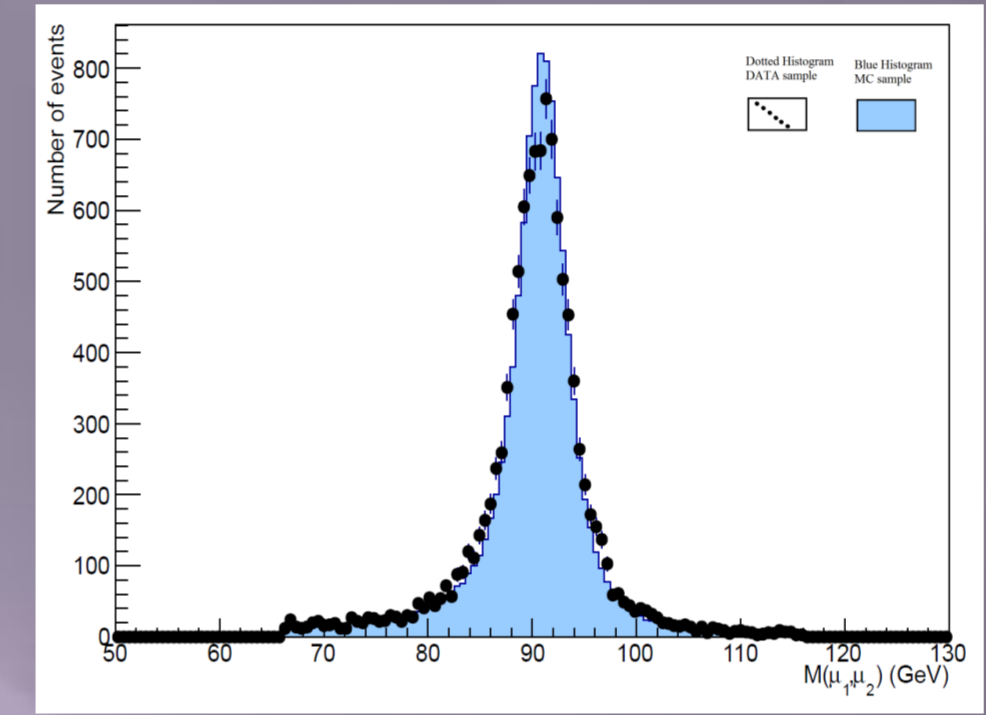
### Reconstructed the Z Properties



## The Invariant Mass

The Invariant Mass:

- MC 91.18 GeV
- Data 90.13 GeV
- established value for Z mass is 91.187 GeV



## The Cross Section of the Z decays in Muon channel

- The Z boson decay cross section in the fiducial volume of the detector is measured by using formula (1).
- The total cross section was extrapolated by formula (2).
- The correction factor C and the acceptance factor which are used in the (1),(2) are calculated from the (3) and (4).
- The measured cross-section are presented in the following Table.

$$\sigma_{fid} = \frac{N_{Z^0}^{sig}}{C_{Z^0} \cdot L_{int}} \cdot (1)$$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{Z^0} \times BR(Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) = \frac{\sigma_{fid}}{A_{Z^0}} \cdot (2)$$

$$C_{Z^0} = \frac{N_{MC,rec}}{N_{MC,gen,cut}} \cdot (3) \quad A_{Z^0} = \frac{N_{MC,gen,cut}}{N_{MC,gen,all}} \cdot (4)$$

	value
$N_{Z^0}^{sig}$	11 246
Correction $C_{Z^0}$	0.782 ± 0.003
Acceptance $A_{Z^0}$	0.483 ± 0.002
Luminosity $L$	3 5955 ± 1 222 (nb <sup>-1</sup> )

	value	stat	syst	lumi
Fiducial Cross-Section $\sigma_{fid}$	0.400	±0.009	±0.015	±0.014 (nb)
Total Cross-Section $\sigma_{tot}$	0.828	±0.009	±0.035	±0.028 (nb)

## The Z decays in tau-lepton channel

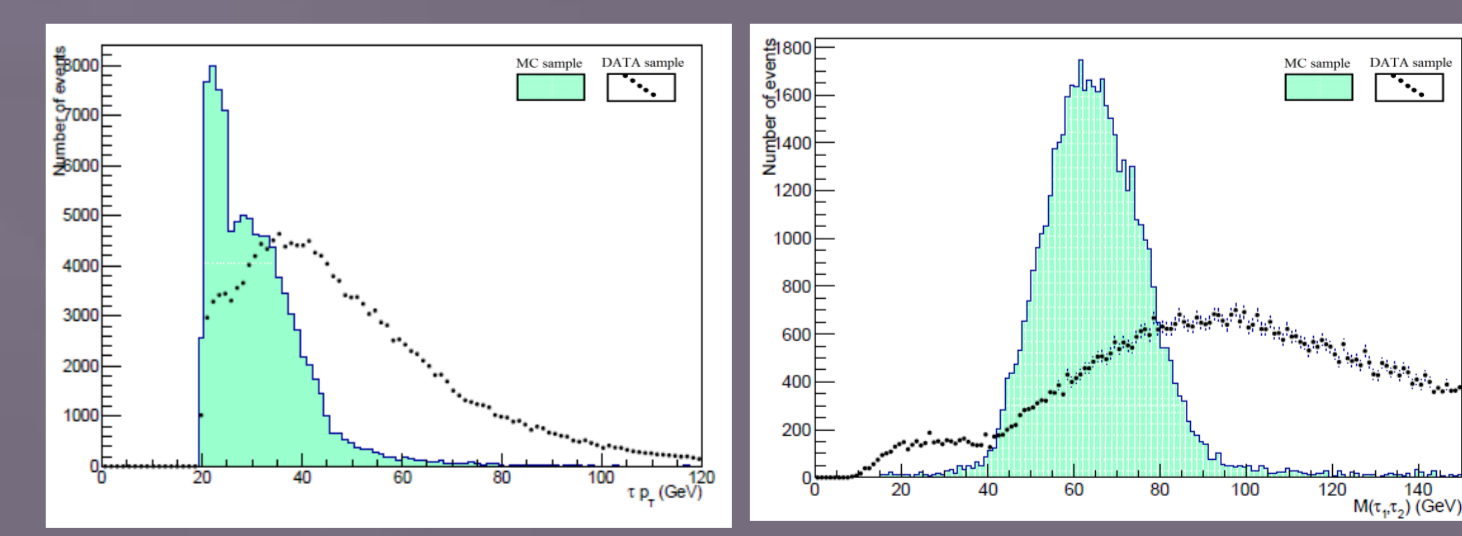
### Selection

- Initial criteria approved quailed events for the study.
- The authenticity of the tau-lepton is checked.
- Events that carry the specific Z properties passed.

### Selected Tau-lepton Properties

- Plots suggest there are considerable background events after selection.

Event Selection I	
Collision event selection	data quality information coded in Good Run Lists
Number of τ-leptons	> 1
τ-leptons Selection	
High E <sub>T</sub> selection	E <sub>T</sub> > 20 GeV
Selection on η	η  < 2.5
Number of track	= 1 or 3
Electron and Muon veto	This criterion distinguishes and rejects the τ-candidate which decays leptonically and select only τ-candidate that decays hadronically.
Rejection of jet	to distinguish the jet which is disguised as a τ-lepton
Charge of τ-candidate	± 1
Event Selection II	
Pair of good τ-leptons	at least two good τ-candidates is presented in the sample after passing all τ-leptons selection criteria
Opposite charge	Charge <sub>τ<sub>1</sub></sub> + Charge <sub>τ<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0



## Conclusion

Since the measurement of Z->μμ cross section agrees with theoretical prediction. This indicates that Z->ττ cross section should be well described by theory and can be used to predict the Z->ττ rate in ATLAS.