Physics

QuarkNet Masterclass Particle Analysis

Set-up

For this activity, you will work with a partner. Each person will need:

- A laptop with internet connection
- Data Analysis Handout
- One person in the group will need to go to the **iSpy** event analysis website at http://www.i2u2.org/elab/cms/ispy-webgl/
- Use the "open" tab to load the events assigned by your instructor.
- Check the following options: ECAL Barrel, HCAL Outer, Event, Electron Tracks, and Missing Et.
- The other person in the group will need to go to the CIMA website at https://www.i2u2.org/elab/cms/cima/index.php
- Choose your masterclass assigned by your instructor

Analysis

Use the information below to identify the particles produced during your assigned events.

W Bosons

- W Bosons decay into a lepton (an electron, positron, muon or an antimuon) and a neutrino.
- The neutrino will be indicated by a missing energy (pink dashed line) usually greater than 20 GeV.
- The electron track (green line) will not go past the Ecal barrel (the first ring) and will curve counter clockwise because it is negatively charged.
- The **positron** track (green line) will not go past the **Ecal barrel** (the first ring) and will **curve clockwise** because it is positively charged.
- The **muon** track (red line) will continue through the **Hcal barrel** (second ring) and will curve either **clockwise if positive** or **counterclockwise if negative**.





What do you record?

- Indicate the final state by checking either **electron or muon**
- Indicate the primary particle by choosing **W**+ if the lepton was positive (curved clockwise), **W** if the lepton was negative (curved counter clockwise) or **W** if you cannot tell
- Click Submit

Neutral Particle (Z Bosons)

• **Z Bosons** decay into **two leptons** (an electron / positron pair, **or** a μ + / μ - pair)



What do you record?

- Click on 1st track then 2nd track and press the "m" key. Copy mass value into CIMA
- Indicate the final state by checking either electron or muon.
- Indicate the primary particle by choosing NP (neutral particle). Click submit

Neutral Particle (Higgs Bosons Candidates)

- Higgs-like particles will decay into two Z particles (so two pairs of leptons) or two photons
- Photon tracks(yellow lines) will appear inside the ECAL.

What do you record?

- Click on the lepton or photon tracks and press the "m" key. Copy mass value into CIMA
- Indicate the final state by checking either 4 electrons, 4 muons, or 2 electrons 2 muons.
- Choose Neutral Particle (NP). Click submit

None of the Above:

- If the event does not match one of the categories above, then look at the **energy of the tracks (click once)**. If the energy is low you may consider ignoring it and analyzing the event based on the tracks that remain.
- As a last resort...enter **Zoo** if the event does not fit into any of the categories above.