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Measurements of Mass, Width and Gauge Couplings of the W Boson at LEP

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Abstract

We report on measurements of mass and total decay width of the W boson and of triple-gauge-boson couplings, γWW and ZWW, with the L3 detector at LEP. W-pair events produced in e^+e^- interactions between 161 GeV and 172 GeV centre-of-mass energy are selected in a data sample corresponding to a total luminosity of 21.2 pb^{-1}. The mass and total decay width of the W boson are determined from the invariant mass of the W decay products to be $M_W = 80.71^{+0.34}_{-0.35}$ $(stat.) \pm 0.09$ $(syst.) \pm 0.03$ (LEP) GeV and $\Gamma_W = 1.74^{+0.88}_{-0.78}$ $(stat.) \pm 0.25$ $(syst.)$ GeV respectively. Combining this result on M_W with our value derived from the W-pair cross section measurements yields $M_W = 80.75^{+0.26}_{-0.27}$ $(exp.) \pm 0.03$ (LEP) GeV. The existence of the ZWW vertex is established at more than 95% confidence level. Limits on anomalous triple-gauge-boson couplings, γWW and ZWW, are determined.

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1 Introduction

For the 1996 data taking period, the centre-of-mass energy of the e^+e^- collider LEP at CERN was increased to 161 GeV, 170 GeV and 172 GeV. This allowed for the first time the pair-production of on-shell $W^{\pm}$ bosons in e^+e^- interactions, $e^+e^- \to W^+W^-$. Analysis of W-pair production adds important knowledge to the Standard Model of electroweak interactions [1] through the measurements of mass and width of the W boson and of the triple-gauge-boson couplings γWW and ZWW [2,3]. Previously these parameters were measured at $p\bar{p}$ colliders [4–6].

The total W-pair production cross section as calculated within the Standard Model depends on the centre-of-mass energy, $\sqrt{s}$, and on the mass and total width of the W boson, M_{W} and Γ_{W}. Results for M_{W} derived from total cross section measurements have been published by L3 [7, 8] and the other LEP experiments [9, 10]. In this letter a more precise determination of M_{W} and a first determination of Γ_{W} is presented based on the invariant mass of the W-boson decay products.

To lowest order within the Standard Model, three Feynman diagrams contribute to W-pair production, the s-channel γ and Z-boson exchange and the t-channel ν_{e} exchange. The s-channel diagrams arise as a consequence of the triple-gauge-boson vertices γWW and ZWW which are expected due to the non-Abelian gauge structure of the electroweak theory [1, 3]. Results for triple-gauge-boson couplings derived from the data collected at $\sqrt{s} = 161$ GeV have been published by L3 [7, 11] and the other LEP experiments [10, 12]. Here a determination of triple-gauge-boson couplings is presented based on total and differential cross sections in W-pair mediated four-fermion production.

The L3 detector is described in detail in Reference 13. During the 1996 run the L3 detector collected total integrated luminosities of 10.9 pb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 161.34$ GeV (threshold data), and 1.0 pb^{-1} and 9.3 pb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 170.31$ GeV and at $\sqrt{s} = 172.32$ GeV (high-energy data). These centre-of-mass energies are known to ± 0.06 GeV [14]. The results obtained at threshold and from the high-energy data are combined to determine the mass of the W boson and triple-gauge-boson couplings.

2 Analysis of Four-Fermion Production

The W boson decays into a quark-antiquark pair, for example $W^- \to \bar{u}d$ or $\bar{c}s$, or a lepton-antilepton pair, $W^- \to \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ ($\ell = e, \mu, \tau$); in the following denoted as qq, $\ell\nu$ or ff in general for both W^+ and W^- decays. All four-fermion final states expected in W-pair production are analysed:

1. $e^+e^- \to qqe\nu(\gamma)$ 2. $e^+e^- \to qq\mu\nu(\gamma)$ 3. $e^+e^- \to qq\tau\nu(\gamma)$

4. $e^+e^- \to \ell\nu\ell\nu(\gamma)$ 5. $e^+e^- \to qqqq(\gamma)$,

where (γ) indicates the possible presence of radiative photons. The selections of these five four-fermion final states are described in detail in Reference 7 for the threshold data and in Reference 8 for the high-energy data.

These analyses reconstruct the visible fermions in the final state, i.e., electrons, muons, τ jets corresponding to the visible τ decay products, and hadronic jets corresponding to quarks [7,8]. Kinematic constraints as discussed below are then imposed to improve the resolution in the measured fermion energies and angles and to determine those not measured.

Physics parameters such as the mass or width of the W boson or triple-gauge-boson couplings are determined by comparing samples of Monte Carlo events to the data. A reweighting procedure is applied to construct Monte Carlo samples with different physics parameters. Selection, resolution and other detector effects are determined locally in phase space by averaging over Monte Carlo events inside a multidimensional box around each data event.

The following Monte Carlo event generators are used to simulate the various signal and background reactions: KORALW [15] and HERWIG [16] ($e^+e^- \to WW \to ffff(\gamma)$); EXCALIBUR [17] ($e^+e^- \to ffff(\gamma)$); PYTHIA [18] ($e^+e^- \to q\bar{q}(\gamma), ZZ(\gamma)$, hadronic two-photon collisions); KORALZ [19] ($e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-(\gamma),\ \tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)$); BHAGENE3 [20] ($e^+e^- \to e^+e^-(\gamma)$). The response of the L3 detector is modelled with the GEANT [21] detector simulation program which includes the effects of energy loss, multiple scattering and showering in the detector materials and in the beam pipe.

2.1 Event Reconstruction imposing Kinematic Constraints

The final states $qqe\nu$, $qq\mu\nu$ and $qqqq$ contain at most one unmeasured neutrino, so that a kinematic fit is applicable. The kinematic fit determines energy, E_f, polar angle, θ_f, and azimuthal angle, ϕ_f, for all four fermions, f, in the final state. It adjusts the measurements of these quantities for the visible fermions according to their experimental resolutions to satisfy the constraints imposed. For hadronic jets, the velocity $\beta_f = |\vec{p}_f|/E_f$ of the jet is kept at its measured value as systematic effects cancel in the ratio. Four-momentum conservation and equal mass of the two W bosons are imposed as constraints. They allow the determination of the unmeasured neutrino momentum vector. For $qqe\nu$ and $qq\mu\nu$ events, this yields a 2C kinematic fit, whereas for $qqqq$ events it is a 5C kinematic fit.

The kinematic fit mainly improves the energy resolution and less the angular resolutions. The resolutions in average invariant mass, $M_{\rm inv}$, typically improve by a factor of three. They are shown in Figure 1 for the different four-fermion final states after applying the kinematic fit imposing the equal mass constraint.

For $qq\tau\nu$ and $\ell\nu\ell\nu$ events, the event contains at least two unmeasured neutrinos in the final state. In case of $qq\tau\nu$ events, the energies of the two hadronic jets are rescaled by a common factor so that their sum equals half the centre-of-mass energy. The τ direction of flight is approximated by the direction of the visible τ jet. The τ energy and the neutrino momentum vector are then determined by overall energy-momentum conservation. This yields two equal-mass W bosons. The resulting resolution in invariant mass is also shown in Figure 1. The $\ell\nu\ell\nu$ events are used in the determination of triple-gauge-boson couplings only.

2.2 Fitting Method for Mass, Width and Gauge Couplings

The maximum likelihood method is used to extract values and errors of physics parameters, Ψ, such as the mass and total width of the W boson or triple-gauge-boson couplings. The fit considers a set of values of reconstructed quantities Ω for each data event, which are either the average invariant mass, $M_{\rm inv}$, or phase-space angles describing the four-fermion final state (see Section 2.4 below). The data are treated as unbinned; the total likelihood is the product of the normalised differential cross section, $L(\Omega, \Psi)$, for all data events. For a given four-fermion final state i, one has:

$$L_i(\Omega_i, \Psi) \;=\; \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\Psi) + \sigma_i^{\rm BG}} \left[\frac{{\rm d}\sigma_i(\Omega_i, \Psi)}{{\rm d}\Omega_i} + \frac{{\rm d}\sigma_i^{\rm BG}(\Omega_i)}{{\rm d}\Omega_i} \right] ,$$

where σ_i and $\sigma_i^{\rm BG}$ are the accepted signal and background cross sections. The total and differential cross sections of the accepted background are independent of the physics parameters Ψ of interest. They are taken directly from Monte Carlo simulations.

The total and differential signal cross sections depend on Ψ. For values $\Psi_{\rm fit}$ varied during the fitting procedure, they are determined by a reweighting procedure applied to Monte Carlo events originally generated with parameter values $\Psi_{\rm gen}$. For mass and width fits, the event weights R_i are given by the ratio:

$$R_i(m_1, m_2, \Psi_{\rm fit}, \Psi_{\rm gen}) \;=\; \frac{{\rm d}^2\sigma_i(s, m_1, m_2, \Psi_{\rm fit})/{\rm d}m_1{\rm d}m_2}{{\rm d}^2\sigma_i(s, m_1, m_2, \Psi_{\rm gen})/{\rm d}m_1{\rm d}m_2}\,,$$

where m_1 and m_2 are the invariant masses of the two generated W bosons. The differential cross sections are calculated with the GENTLE [22] program. For couplings fits, the event weights R_i are calculated as the ratio:

$$R_i(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, k_\gamma, \Psi_{\rm fit}, \Psi_{\rm gen}) \;=\; \frac{\left|\mathcal{M}_i(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, k_\gamma, \Psi_{\rm fit})\right|^2}{\left|\mathcal{M}_i(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, k_\gamma, \Psi_{\rm gen})\right|^2}\,,$$

where $\mathcal{M}_i$ is the matrix element of the four-fermion final state i under consideration evaluated for the generated four-vectors $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, k_\gamma)$ of the four fermions and any radiative photons. The matrix elements as implemented in the EXCALIBUR [17] event generator are used, which include all relevant tree-level Feynman diagrams contributing to a given four-fermion final state. The total accepted signal cross section for a given set of physics parameters $\Psi_{\rm fit}$ is then:

$$\sigma_i(\Psi_{\rm fit}) \;=\; \frac{\sigma_i^{\rm gen}}{N_i^{\rm gen}} \cdot \sum_j R_i(j, \Psi_{\rm fit}, \Psi_{\rm gen})\,,$$

where $\sigma_i^{\rm gen}$ denotes the cross section corresponding to the total Monte Carlo sample containing $N_i^{\rm gen}$ events. The sum extends over all accepted Monte Carlo events j. The accepted differential signal cross section in reconstructed quantities Ω_i is determined by averaging Monte Carlo events inside a box in Ω_i around each data event [23]:

$$\frac{{\rm d}\sigma_i(\Omega_i, \Psi_{\rm fit})}{{\rm d}\Omega_i} \;=\; \frac{\sigma_i^{\rm gen}}{N_i^{\rm gen}} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta_i^\Omega} \sum_{j \epsilon \Delta_i^\Omega} R_i(j, \Psi_{\rm fit}, \Psi_{\rm gen})\,,$$

where Δ_i^Ω is the volume of the box and the sum extends over all accepted Monte Carlo events j inside the box. This takes Ω_i-dependent detector effects and Ψ-dependent efficiencies and purities properly into account.

In addition, extended maximum likelihood fits are performed by including the overall normalisations according to the measured total W-pair cross sections. The total likelihood is multiplied by the Poissonian probabilities to obtain the numbers of events observed in the data [7, 8] given the integrated luminosities and the expectations for the total accepted signal and background cross sections, $\sigma_i(\Psi_{\rm fit})$ and $\sigma_i^{\rm BG}$, at all centre-of-mass energies.

The fit method described above determines the physics parameters without any bias as long as the Monte Carlo describes photon radiation (ISR) and detector effects such as resolution and acceptance functions correctly. Fitting large Monte Carlo samples, typically a hundred times the data statistic, the fitting procedure is tested to high technical accuracy. The fits reproduce well the values of the physics parameters of the large Monte Carlo samples being fitted. Also, the fit results do not depend on the values of the physics parameters $\Psi_{\rm gen}$ of the Monte Carlo sample subjected to the reweighting procedure.

2.3 Mass and Width of the W Boson

For mass and width fits, the weighted average of the two invariant masses in an event, $M_{\rm inv}$, as determined by the kinematic fit imposing the equal-mass constraint, is fitted. The size of the box around each data event is limited by the requirement of including no more than 1000 Monte Carlo events, yielding box sizes of about ± 35 MeV at the peak of the invariant mass distribution. In addition, the box size may not be larger than ± 250 MeV around $M_{\rm inv}$.

Based on the high-energy data, the mass of the W boson is determined for each of the final states $qqe\nu$ (19 events), $qq\mu\nu$ (9 events), $qq\tau\nu$ (12 events) and $qqqq$ (61 events) in separate maximum likelihood fits. Combined results are determined by multiplying the likelihood of the individual channels. For mass fits in the $qqqq$ channel, the pairing algorithm to assign jets to W bosons used in the event selection [8] is changed. The pairing yielding the highest likelihood in the 5C kinematic fit is chosen. The rate of correct pairings is reduced to 60% for the best combination and it is 25% for the second best combination. However, the signal-to-background ratio in the relevant signal region around $M_{\rm inv} \approx 80$ GeV is improved. The loss of correct pairings is recovered by including the pairing with the second highest likelihood in the fits. Monte-Carlo studies show that the two values for $M_{\rm W}$ obtained from fitting the distributions of the best and the second best combination separately have a correlation of $(1.4 \pm 2.2)\%$ which is negligible.

The observed invariant mass distributions together with the fit results are shown in Figures 2 and 3. The results on $M_{\rm W}$ are summarised in Table 1. The observed statistical errors agree well with the statistical errors expected for the size of the high-energy data samples used. Systematic errors on the fitted W masses are summarised in Table 2. Hadronisation and fragmentation effects are determined by comparing different Monte Carlo programs to simulate the signal. Effects due to background are determined by varying both the total accepted background cross section and the shape of the invariant mass spectrum. Detector effects due to uncertainties in the energy scale of electrons, muons and hadronic jets and the corresponding resolutions are estimated by varying them within their errors. The systematic error due to the fitting method includes effects due to different reweighting procedures and technical parameters such as box size and occupancy. For each individual channel and their combinations the total systematic error is small compared to the statistical error.

The results on $M_{\rm W}$ determined in the $qqe\nu$, $qq\mu\nu$, and $qq\tau\nu$ final states are in good agreement with each other. They are averaged in a combined fit and compared to the result on $M_{\rm W}$ determined in the $qqqq$ final state:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\rm W}(qq\ell\nu) &= 80.42^{+0.52}_{-0.55}\ (stat.) \pm 0.07\ (syst.)\ \text{GeV} \\ M_{\rm W}(qqqq) &= 80.91^{+0.41}_{-0.44}\ (stat.) \pm 0.13\ (syst.)\ \text{GeV}\,. \end{aligned}$$

Within the statistical accuracy of these measurements there is no difference between $M_{\rm W}$ as determined in $qq\ell\nu$ and $qqqq$ events. Differences may arise due to possible strong final-state interactions (FSI) in $qqqq$ events, such as colour-reconnection [24] or Bose-Einstein [25] effects. Depending on the details of the Monte Carlo modelling [2, 26], mass shifts of up to 100 MeV are possible, which are small compared to the current statistical error and accounted for in the systematic error. Averaging the two results on $M_{\rm W}$ in a combined fit yields:

$$M_{\rm W} = 80.71^{+0.34}_{-0.35}\ (stat.) \pm 0.09\ (syst.)\ \text{GeV}\,.$$

The observed mass distribution is shown in Figure 4a and compared to the expectation based on this W-mass value. In order to determine also the total decay width of the W boson, $\Gamma_{\rm W}$

is treated as an independent parameter instead of imposing the Standard Model calculation $\Gamma_{\rm W} = \Gamma_{\rm W}(M_{\rm W})$ [26]. The results are listed in Table 3. The mass values obtained in these fits are nearly the same as before. The mass errors differ according to the width fitted being larger or smaller than the width expected in the Standard Model. For all final states combined the result is:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\rm W} &= 80.72^{+0.31}_{-0.33}\ (stat.) \pm 0.09\ (syst.)\ \text{GeV} \\ \Gamma_{\rm W} &= 1.74^{+0.88}_{-0.78}\ (stat.) \pm 0.25\ (syst.)\ \text{GeV}\,, \end{aligned}$$

with a correlation coefficient of +27% between $M_{\rm W}$ and $\Gamma_{\rm W}$. The result of this fit is compared to the data in Figure 4b. Systematic errors on the fitted W widths are summarised in Table 4. Our result on $\Gamma_{\rm W}$ is in good agreement with the measurement at $\rm p\bar{p}$ colliders, 2.07 ± 0.06 GeV [5]. It also agrees well with the Standard Model expectation, 2.08 GeV [26].

As cross checks, other methods to extract a value for the W-boson mass from the distribution of the average reconstructed invariant mass, $M_{\rm inv}$, are studied, in particular the methods referred to as Monte Carlo calibration method and convolution method [2]. The Monte Carlo calibration method uses a simple function to describe the observed invariant mass distribution. One of the fit parameters is used as an estimator for the W-boson mass which is calibrated by fitting samples of Monte Carlo events with known W masses. The Monte Carlo convolution method uses the theoretically expected average invariant mass distribution convoluted with the detector resolution. Within the errors, the same results are obtained with either method.

The results on $M_{\rm W}$ presented here agree very well with our result derived from the measurements of the total W-pair production cross section, $M_{\rm W} = 80.78^{+0.45}_{-0.41}\ (exp.) \pm 0.03$ (LEP) GeV [8]. Combining both results in an extended maximum likelihood fit yields:

$$M_{\rm W} = 80.75^{+0.26}_{-0.27}\ (exp.) \pm 0.03\ (\text{LEP})\ \text{GeV}\,.$$

This direct determination of $M_{\rm W}$ is in agreement with the direct determination of $M_{\rm W}$ at $\rm p\bar{p}$ colliders, 80.33 ± 0.15 GeV [4]. It also agrees with our indirect determination of $M_{\rm W}$ through radiative corrections measured at the Z peak, $M_{\rm W} = 80.22 \pm 0.22$ GeV [27], testing the Standard Model at the level of its electroweak corrections.

2.4 Gauge Couplings of the W Boson

In general, anomalous contributions to the triple-gauge-boson vertices γWW and ZWW are parametrised in terms of seven complex triple-gauge-boson couplings each [28], too many to be measured simultaneously. Therefore, models are considered which reduce the number of free parameters to one or two by making additional assumptions [3, 29–31].

First it is interesting to test if the coupling between the Z and a pair of W boson exists [31]. Neglecting the contributions of dimension-six operators, assuming that all electromagnetic properties of the W boson are standard and that a custodial SU(2) symmetry is respected leaves a single parameter, $\delta_{\rm Z}$ [31]. This parameter describes the deviation of the ZWW coupling, $g_{\rm ZWW}$, from its Standard Model value of $\cot\theta_{\rm W} \simeq 1.9$, where $\theta_{\rm W}$ is the electroweak mixing angle. The model is extended to include anomalous electromagnetic properties of the W boson, such as an additional contribution to its magnetic moment, $\Delta\kappa_\gamma = \kappa_\gamma - 1$ [31].

Other models consider only CP-conserving dimension-six operators neither affecting the gauge-boson propagators at tree level nor generating anomalous Higgs couplings [3]. In that case there are three operators giving rise to deviations in the C- and P-conserving triple-gauge-boson couplings, with corresponding anomalous couplings denoted as $\alpha_{\rm W\Phi}$, $\alpha_{\rm W}$ and $\alpha_{\rm B\Phi}$ [3].

In case of triple-gauge-boson couplings fits, a subset of the five phase-space angles describing the four-fermion final state is fitted. Fixing the mass of the W boson [4] and neglecting photon radiation and final-state fermion helicities, five phase-space angles completely describe the four-fermion final state for unpolarised initial states. These are the polar angle of the W^- boson, $\cos\Theta_W$, and the polar and azimuthal decay angles in the rest systems of the two decaying W bosons, $\cos\theta^*_\pm$ and $\phi^*_\pm$, for the fermion and antifermion in W^- and W^+ decay, respectively.

For charged leptons, the sign of their electric charge determines whether they are fermions or antifermions. For hadronic jets, the flavour and charge of the original quark is not measured. Thus, there arises a two-fold ambiguity in the decay angles of hadronically decaying W bosons, $(\cos\theta^*, \phi^*) \leftrightarrow (-\cos\theta^*, \pi + \phi^*)$. If both W bosons decay hadronically, also the polar angle of the W^- boson has a two-fold ambiguity, $\cos\Theta_W \leftrightarrow -\cos\Theta_W$. This ambiguity is resolved by combining the jet charges of each pair of jets to determine the charge of each W. The difference in the two W charges is then used to determine the sign of $\cos\Theta_W$. The charge of each jet is determined from a rapidity weighted sum of the tracks reconstructed in the central tracking chamber and assigned to the jet with rapidity weight $\kappa = 1.0$ [32]. The sign assignment is found to be correct 67% of the time when the jets are correctly paired. The resolutions in these phase-space angles, after applying the kinematic fit imposing the equal mass constraint, are shown in Figure 5.

Only the high-energy data enter the fitted differential distributions. For semileptonic $qq\ell\nu$ events, the variables Ω_i considered in the fit are $\cos\Theta_W$ and the decay angles of the leptonically decaying W boson, $\cos\theta^*$ and ϕ^*. A total of 39 $qq\ell\nu$ events is used. One $qq\tau\nu$ event is rejected because two tracks with opposite charge are associated with the τ jet. For 60 fully hadronic $qqqq$ events $\cos\Theta_W$ is used. One $qqqq$ event is rejected because no charge measurement is available due to a temporary loss of high-voltage in the central tracking chamber. The distributions of these phase-space angles are shown in Figure 6. The one- and three-dimensional boxes are constructed in such a way that the mean of the Monte-Carlo events inside the box coincides with the data event, leading to asymmetric boxes. The box size is increased until at least 350 Monte Carlo events are included unless a phase-space boundary is reached first. Both the threshold data [7] and the high-energy data [8] are used in the total cross section measurements included in the fit for all five final states. For total cross sections, the EXCALIBUR predictions are scaled to match the GENTLE predictions to account for the more complete calculation of radiative corrections by GENTLE.

Results on anomalous contributions to triple-gauge-boson couplings based on these extended maximum likelihood fits are summarised in Table 5. The fitted statistical errors agree well with the statistical errors expected for the size of the data sample used. Besides leading to a bias, systematic effects may also change the sensitivity and thus the statistical errors as given by the fit. Both effects are taken into account. Systematic errors on the fitted triple-gauge-boson couplings are summarised in Table 6. The total systematic error for all couplings is dominated by the uncertainties in the global selection efficiencies entering the total cross section part of the total likelihood. Systematic errors due to uncertainties in M_W, $\sqrt{s}$ and detector resolutions are small. Effects due to uncertainties in charge confusion, both for leptons in $qq\ell\nu$ events and jet charges in $qqqq$ events, background normalisation and shape, and technical parameters such as box size and box occupancy are negligible.

As a cross check, a simplified analysis in $\cos\Theta_W$ only is performed using the GENTLE [22] program. Excellent agreement between the shape of the $\cos\Theta_W$ distributions predicted by EXCALIBUR and GENTLE is observed. Detector effects are included by folding the differential cross section in $\cos\Theta_W$, calculated by GENTLE as a function of anomalous triple-gauge-boson

couplings, with a constant migration matrix relating generated to reconstructed $\cos\Theta_{\mathrm{W}}$ values. The matrix method to incorporate detector effects is extended to all three phase-space angles, then using EXCALIBUR. Within the errors, the same results are obtained with either method.

Assuming all other triple-gauge-boson couplings as given by the Standard Model, the result on δ_{Z} is:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{\mathrm{Z}} &= g_{\mathrm{ZWW}} - \cot\theta_{\mathrm{W}} \\ &= 0.10^{+1.03}_{-0.92} \quad (68\%\ \mathrm{CL}) \\ &= 0.10^{+1.76}_{-1.57} \quad (95\%\ \mathrm{CL})\,,\end{aligned}$$

including systematic errors. The existence of the ZWW vertex is thus established at more than 95% confidence level. This conclusion is independent of anomalous electromagnetic properties of the W boson, such as an anomalous contribution $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$ to its magnetic moment. Allowing $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$ to deviate from zero also, the results are:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{\mathrm{Z}} &= 0.09^{+1.05}_{-0.94} \quad (68\%\ \mathrm{CL}) \\ \Delta\kappa_\gamma &= 0.31^{+1.81}_{-1.11} \quad (68\%\ \mathrm{CL})\,,\end{aligned}$$

with a correlation coefficient of -30% between δ_{Z} and $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$. The constraint $\Delta\kappa_{\mathrm{Z}} = \delta_{\mathrm{Z}}\tan\theta_{\mathrm{W}} - \Delta\kappa_\gamma\tan^2\theta_{\mathrm{W}}$ required by SU(2) invariance is imposed [3,30]. The corresponding contour curves of 68% and 95% probability in the $(\delta_{\mathrm{Z}}, \Delta\kappa_\gamma)$ plane are shown in Figure 7. The special cases, $\delta_{\mathrm{Z}} = -\cot\theta_{\mathrm{W}}$, i.e., vanishing ZWW coupling, and $\delta_{\mathrm{Z}} = -\tan\theta_{\mathrm{W}} - \cot\theta_{\mathrm{W}}$, where weak triple-gauge-boson couplings come about only by γ/Z mixing ($\hat{g} = 0$) [31], are excluded by more than 95% confidence level. For the α triple-gauge-boson couplings, the results are:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{\mathrm{W\Phi}} &= 0.04^{+0.43}_{-0.35} \quad (68\%\ \mathrm{CL}) \\ \alpha_{\mathrm{W}} &= 0.22^{+0.59}_{-0.61} \quad (68\%\ \mathrm{CL}) \\ \alpha_{\mathrm{B\Phi}} &= 0.07^{+1.77}_{-1.66} \quad (68\%\ \mathrm{CL})\,,\end{aligned}$$

where for the determination of each gauge coupling all others are set to their Standard Model value. In all scenarios good agreement with the Standard Model expectation of $\delta_{\mathrm{Z}} = \Delta\kappa_\gamma = \alpha_{\mathrm{W\Phi}} = \alpha_{\mathrm{W}} = \alpha_{\mathrm{B\Phi}} = 0$ is observed.

3 Summary and Conclusion

W-pair production is studied in a data sample corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 21.2 pb^{-1} collected at centre-of-mass energies between 161 GeV and 172 GeV. The mass and width of the W boson is determined by the method of direct reconstruction of the invariant mass of the W-boson decay products. Combining all final states, the width of the W boson is determined to be: $\Gamma_{\mathrm{W}} = 1.74^{+0.88}_{-0.78}$ $(stat.) \pm 0.25$ $(syst.)$ GeV. Including the W-pair cross section measurements, the mass of the W boson is determined to be: $M_{\mathrm{W}} = 80.75^{+0.26}_{-0.27}$ $(exp.) \pm 0.03$ (LEP) GeV.

Alternatively, using an independent determination of the W mass [4], the total and differential cross section measurements in W-pair mediated four-fermion production allow us to constrain the triple-gauge-boson couplings, γWW and ZWW. Anomalous contributions to triple-gauge-boson couplings are constrained, in particular $-1.5 < \delta_{\mathrm{Z}} < 1.9$ at 95% CL, excluding vanishing ZWW coupling at more than 95% confidence level.

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Process	Mass of the W Boson M_{W} [GeV]
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qq\mathrm{e}\nu(\gamma)$	$80.25^{+0.68}_{-0.70} \pm 0.09$
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qq\mu\nu(\gamma)$	$80.94^{+1.15}_{-1.33} \pm 0.08$
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qq\tau\nu(\gamma)$	$80.43^{+1.07}_{-1.06} \pm 0.09$
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qq\ell\nu(\gamma)$	$80.42^{+0.53}_{-0.55} \pm 0.07$
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qqqq(\gamma)$	$80.91^{+0.41}_{-0.44} \pm 0.13$
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to ffff(\gamma)$	$80.71^{+0.34}_{-0.35} \pm 0.09$

Table 1: Results on the mass of the W boson, M_{W}, for the individual four-fermion final states in W-pair production, and their combination. The first error is statistical and the second systematic.

Systematic Errors on M_{W} [MeV]				
Source	Final State			
	$qq\mathrm{e}\nu$	$qq\mu\nu$	$qq\tau\nu$	$qqqq$
$\sqrt{s}$	30	30	30	30
ISR	10	10	10	10
Fragmentation	40	40	40	40
Fitting Method	55	30	30	30
FSI (CR+BE)	—	—	—	100
Background	25	15	50	15
Energy Scales	30	20	—	10
Resolutions	5	5	10	45
Monte Carlo Statistics	40	40	40	40
Total	90	80	90	130

Table 2: Systematic errors in the determination of M_{W} for the different final states. The contributions listed in the first part are treated as correlated when combining different final states. The other contributions are treated as uncorrelated between channels.

Process	Mass of the W Boson M_{W} [GeV]	Total Decay Width Γ_{W} [GeV]	Correlation Coefficient
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qq\ell\nu(\gamma)$	$80.43^{+0.64}_{-0.58} \pm 0.07$	$2.76^{+1.93}_{-1.46} \pm 0.28$	+0.33
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to qqqq(\gamma)$	$80.94^{+0.35}_{-0.36} \pm 0.13$	$1.21^{+0.77}_{-1.20} \pm 0.33$	+0.11
$\mathrm{e^+e^-} \to ffff(\gamma)$	$80.72^{+0.31}_{-0.33} \pm 0.09$	$1.74^{+0.88}_{-0.78} \pm 0.25$	+0.27

Table 3: Results on the mass of the W boson, M_{W}, its total decay width, Γ_{W}, and their correlation. The first error is statistical and the second systematic.

Systematic Errors on Γ_{W} [MeV]		
Source	Final State	
	$qq\ell\nu$	$qqqq$
Fitting Method	200	200
Background	90	200
Energy Scales	50	50
Resolutions	150	150
Monte Carlo Statistics	60	60
Total	280	330

Table 4: Systematic errors in the determination of Γ_{W} for the different final states. The contributions listed in the first part are treated as correlated when combining different final states. The other contributions are treated as uncorrelated between channels.

Coupling	Result	
	68% CL	95% CL
δ_{Z}	$0.10^{+1.03}_{-0.92}$	$0.10^{+1.76}_{-1.57}$
$\alpha_{\mathrm{W}\Phi}$	$0.04^{+0.43}_{-0.35}$	$0.04^{+0.81}_{-0.63}$
α_{W}	$0.22^{+0.59}_{-0.61}$	$0.22^{+1.04}_{-1.08}$
$\alpha_{\mathrm{B}\Phi}$	$0.07^{+1.77}_{-1.16}$	$0.07^{+2.80}_{-1.94}$
δ_{Z}	$0.09^{+1.05}_{-0.94}$	$0.09^{+1.92}_{-1.57}$
$\Delta\kappa_{\gamma}$	$0.31^{+1.81}_{-1.12}$	$0.31^{+2.96}_{-1.91}$

Table 5: Results on anomalous triple-gauge-boson couplings for 68% and 95% confidence level. In the first part of the Table, results of fits to one anomalous coupling are listed. In the last part of the Table, results of the fit to two anomalous couplings are listed. The correlation between δ_{Z} and $\Delta\kappa_{\gamma}$ is -30%. The errors are total errors combining statistical and systematic errors.

Source	Systematic Errors on			
	δ_{Z}	$\alpha_{\mathrm{W}\Phi}$	α_{W}	$\alpha_{\mathrm{B}\Phi}$
M_{W}	0.06	0.02	0.06	0.11
$\sqrt{s}$	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.04
Selection Efficiencies	0.41	0.16	0.22	0.62
Resolutions and Energy Scales	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03
Lepton and Jet Charge Confusion	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

Table 6: Systematic errors in the determination of triple-gauge-boson couplings.

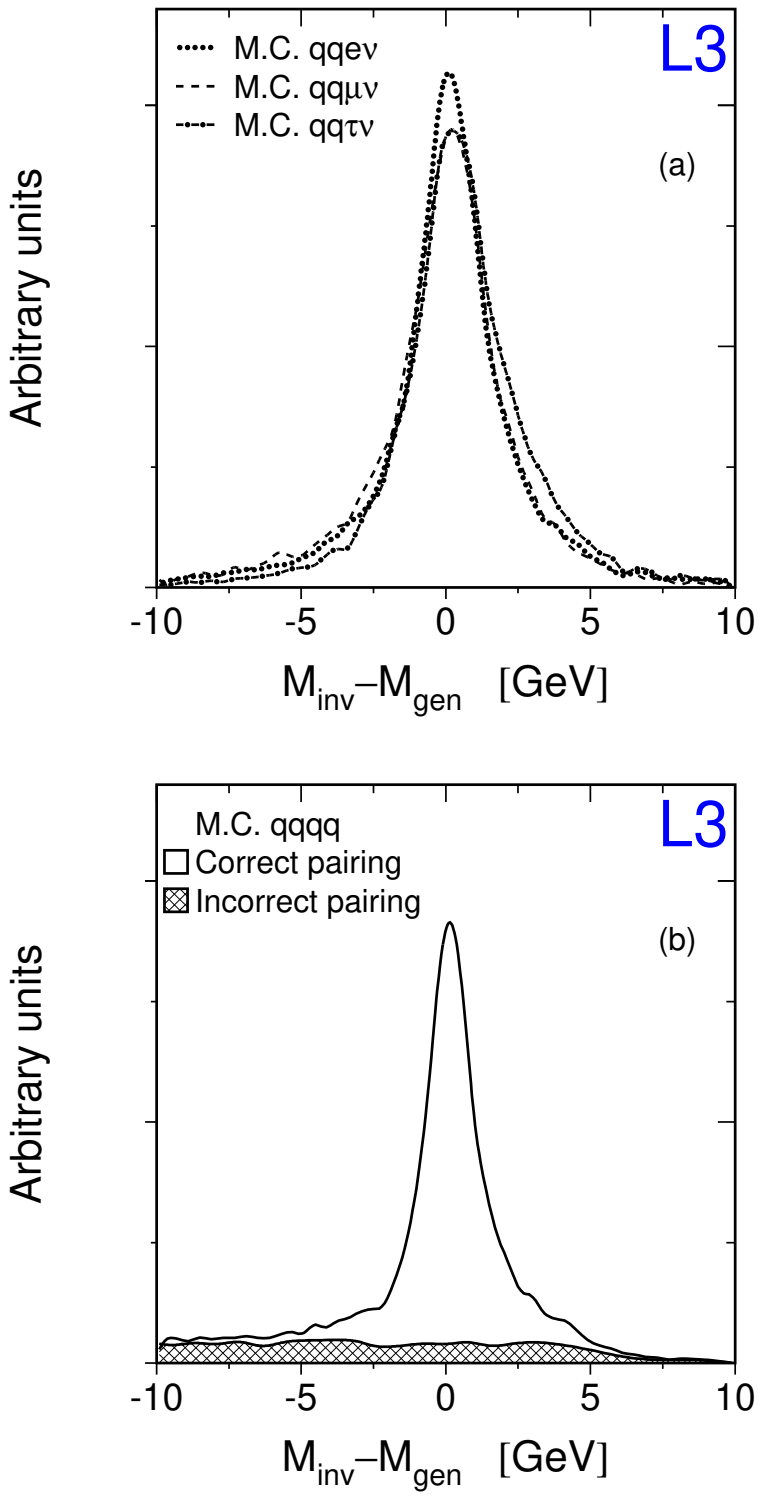


Figure 1: Monte Carlo prediction of resolutions in average invariant mass. The distribution of the difference between the average reconstructed invariant mass, $M_{\rm inv}$, after the kinematic fit imposing the equal-mass constraint, and the average of the invariant masses of the two generated W bosons, $M_{\rm gen}$, is shown, for: (a) selected $qq\ell\nu$ events, (b) selected $qqqq$ events. The tail towards negative mass differences for $qqqq$ events is created by events with incorrect pairing of jets to W bosons.

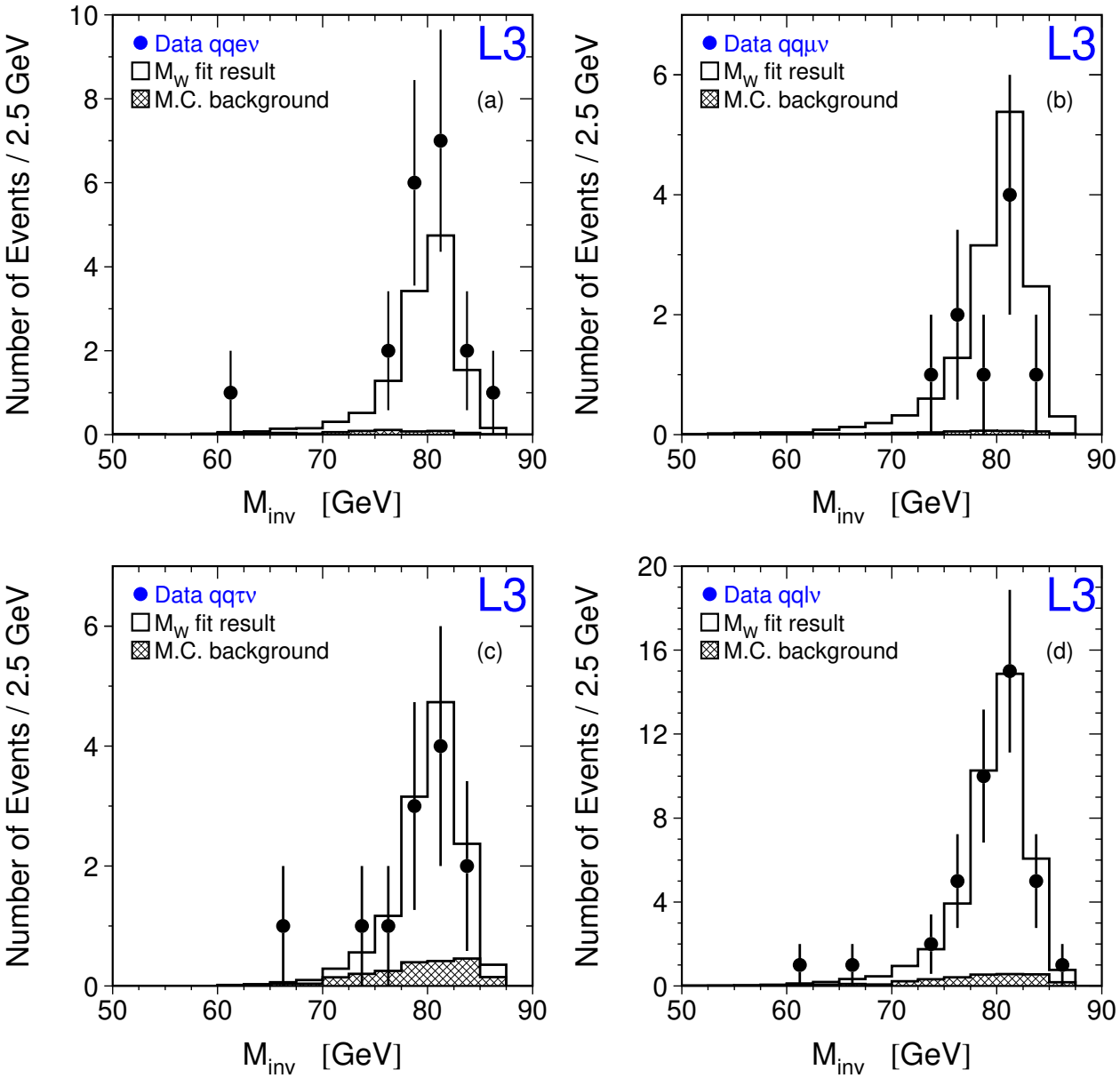
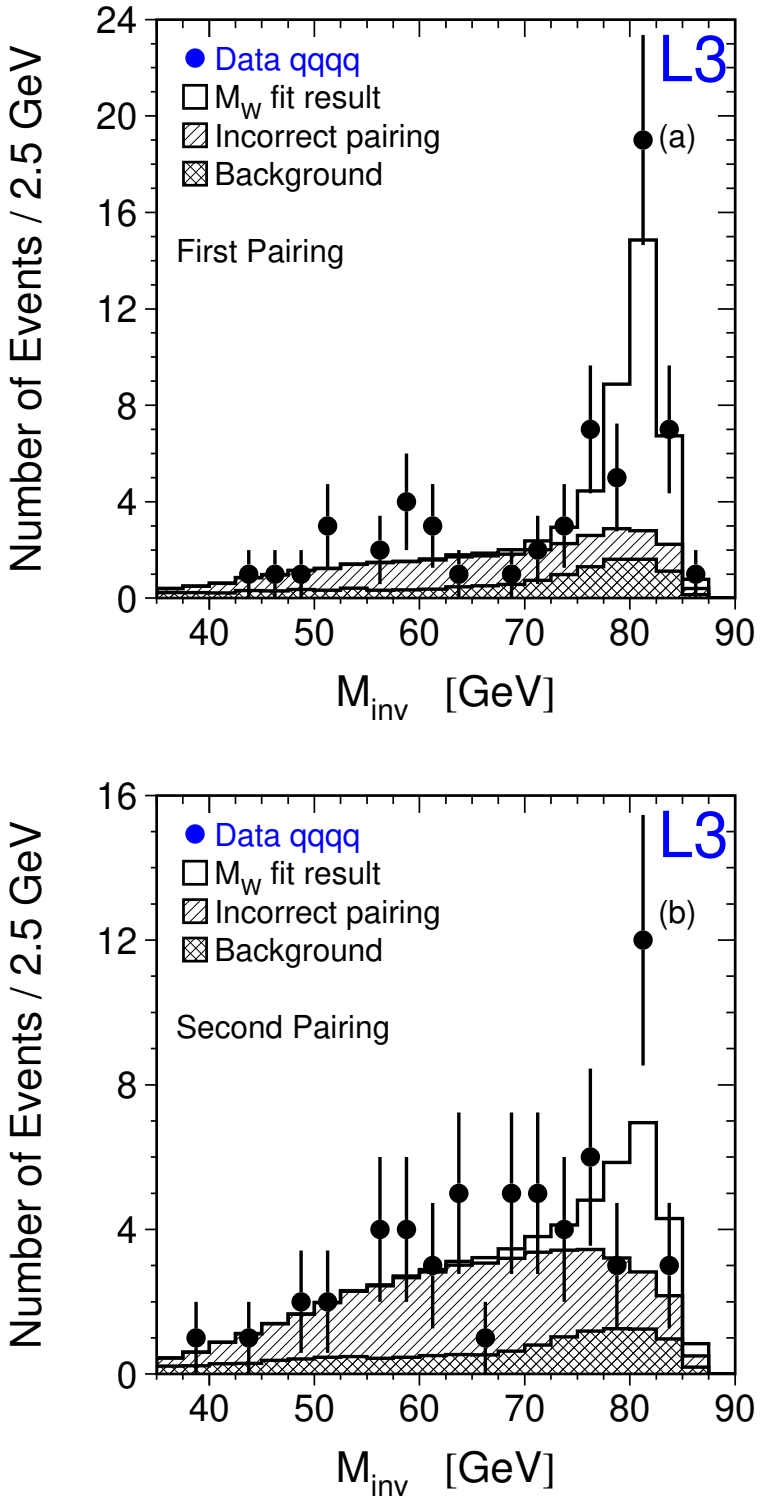


Figure 2: Distributions of reconstructed invariant mass after applying the kinematic fit using the equal-mass constraint, $M_{\rm inv}$, for selected events in the channels (a) $qqe\nu$, (b) $qq\mu\nu$, (c) $qq\tau\nu$, (d) $qq\ell\nu$, combining $qqe\nu$, $qq\mu\nu$ and $qq\tau\nu$. The solid lines show the result of the fits of $M_{\rm W}$ to the individual data distributions.



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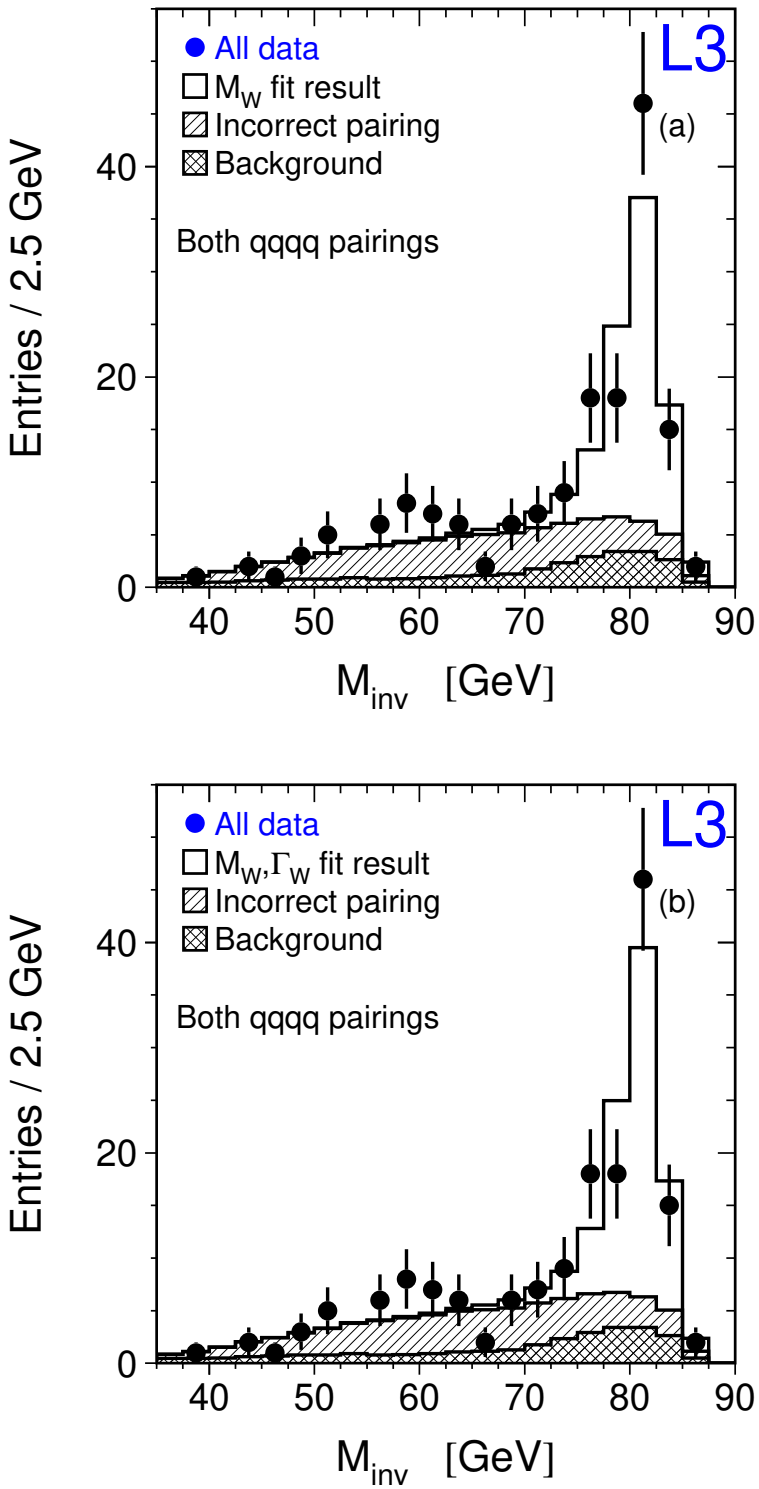

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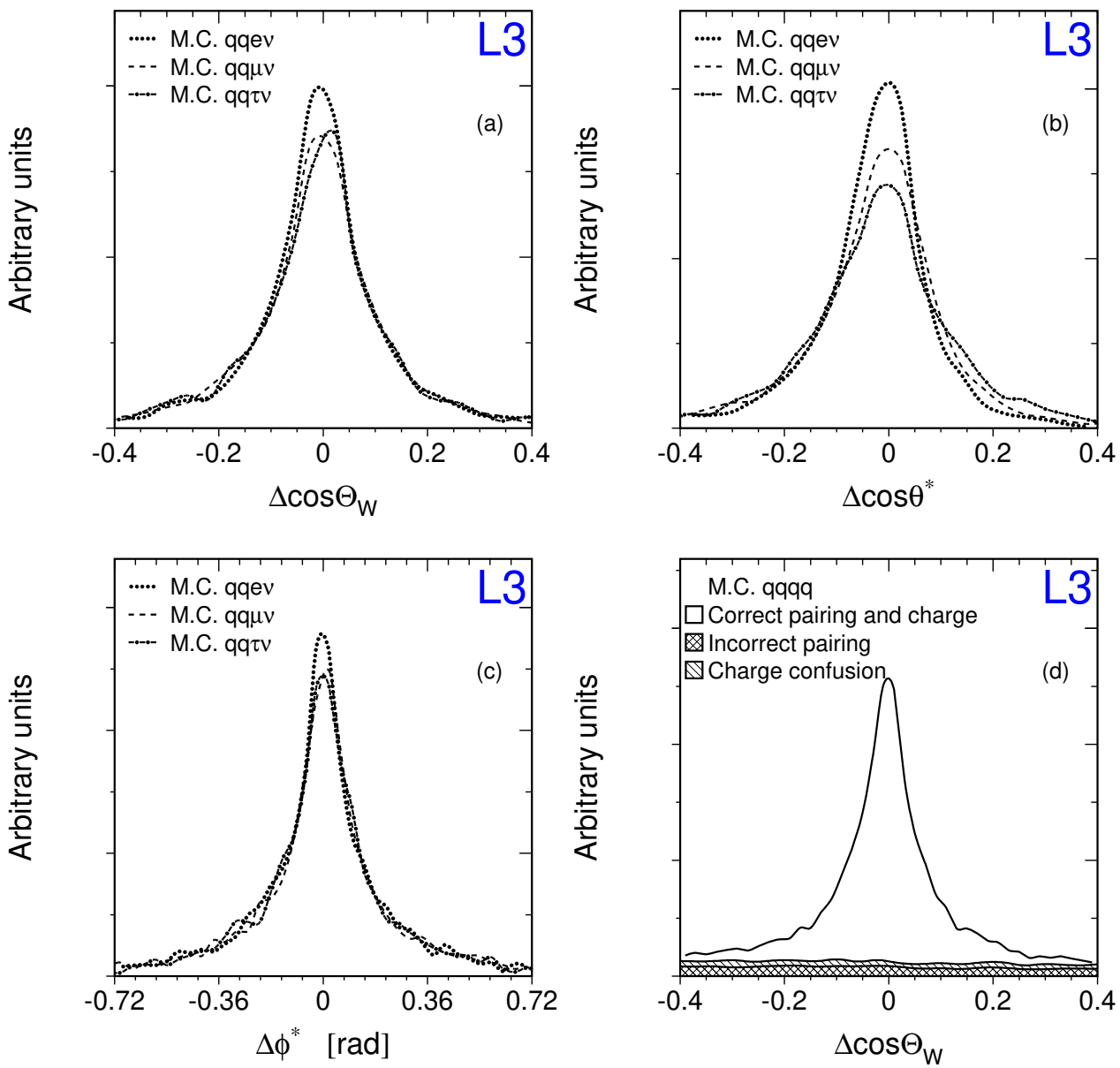

Figure 5: Monte Carlo prediction of resolutions in phase-space angles. The distribution of the difference Δ between reconstructed and generated phase-space angles is shown: (a) $\Delta\cos\Theta_{\mathrm{W}}$ for selected $qq\ell\nu$ events, (b) $\Delta\cos\theta^*$ for selected $qq\ell\nu$ events, (c) $\Delta\phi^*$ for selected $qq\ell\nu$ events, (d) $\Delta\cos\Theta_{\mathrm{W}}$ for selected $qqqq$ events. The flat part of the distribution for $qqqq$ events is created by events with incorrect pairing of jets to W bosons and charge confusion.

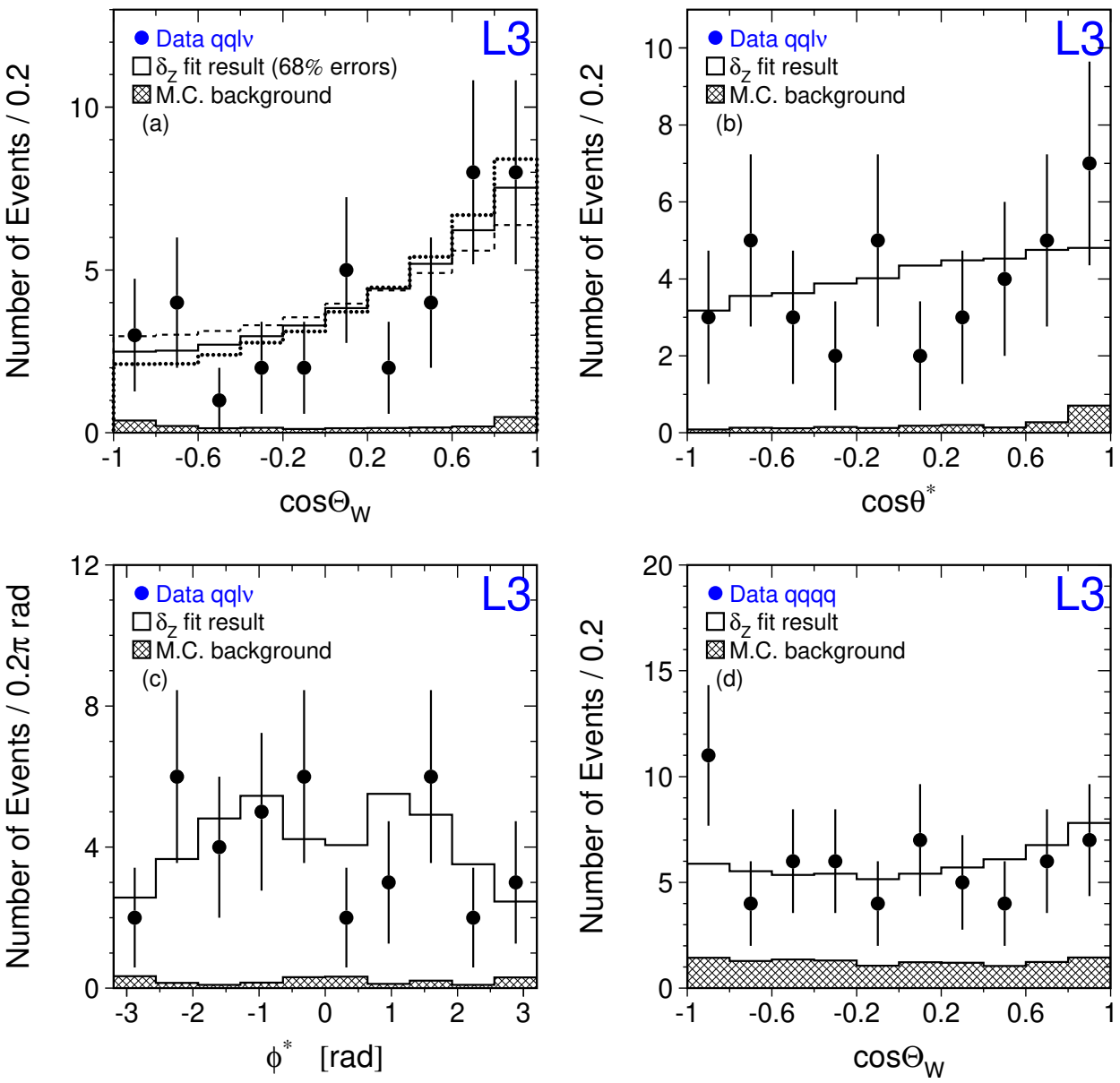

Figure 6: Distributions of reconstructed phase-space angles after applying the kinematic fit using the equal-mass constraint. (a) The polar angle of the W^- boson, $\cos\Theta_W$, for selected $qq\ell\nu$ events. (b) The polar decay angle of the leptonically decaying W boson, $\cos\theta^*$, for selected $qq\ell\nu$ events. (c) The azimuthal decay angle of the leptonically decaying W boson, ϕ^*, for selected $qq\ell\nu$ events. The value of ϕ^* is shifted by π for W^- decays in order to have the same ϕ^* distribution for W^- and W^+ decays. (d) The polar angle of the W^- boson, $\cos\Theta_W$, for selected $qqqq$ events. The solid lines show the result of the δ_Z fit to the data distributions. The dotted and dashed lines correspond to the positive and negative errors on the fitted δ_Z.

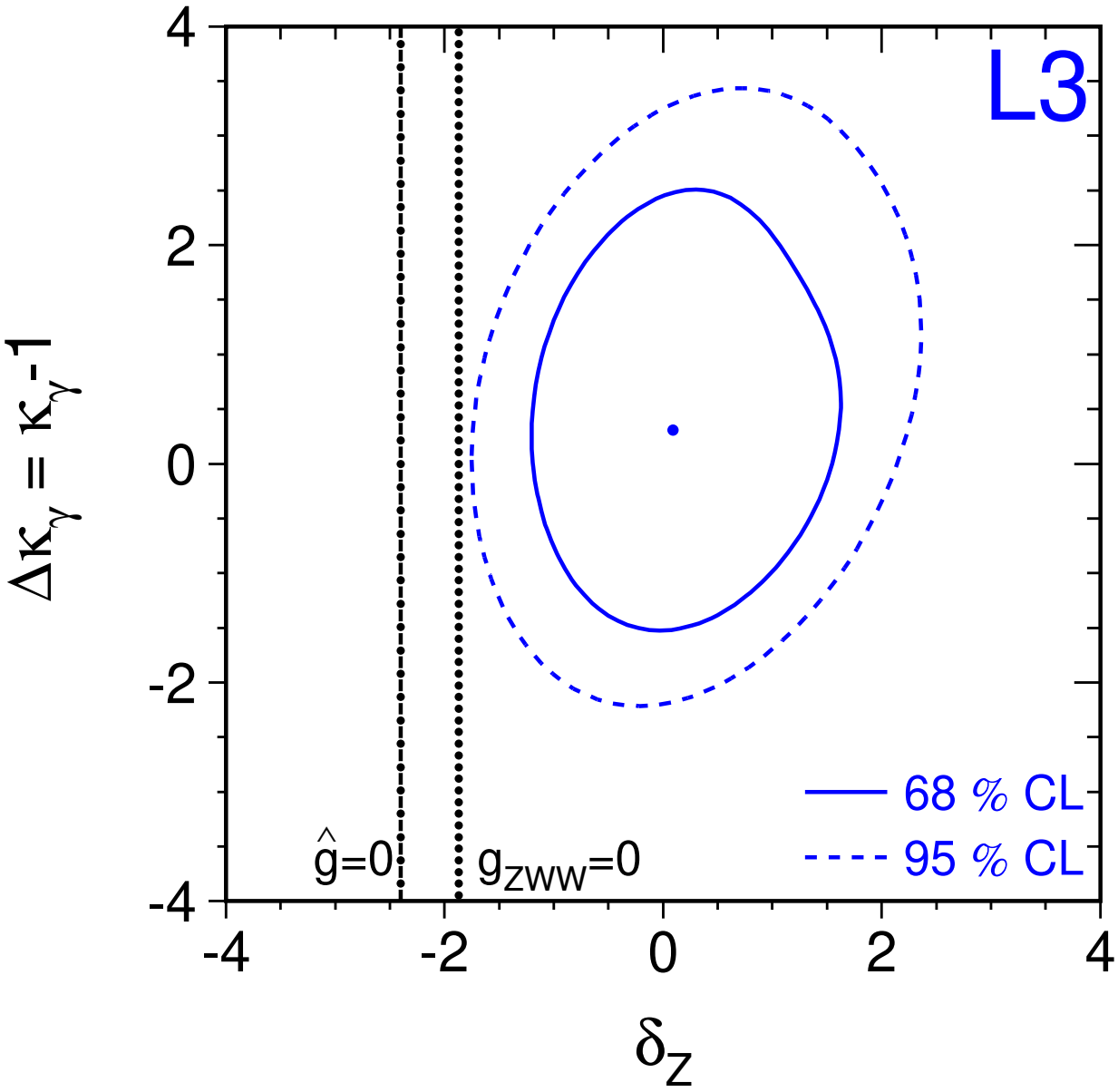

Figure 7: Contour curves of 68% and 95% confidence level in the $(\delta_Z, \Delta\kappa_\gamma)$ plane are shown as solid and dashed lines. Expectations due to vanishing ZWW and weak couplings, $g_{ZWW} = 0$ and $\hat{g} = 0$, are indicated by the dotted and dashed-dotted lines.