# **Towards a full Run 2 W mass measurement at LHCb**

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# **Recent evolution of the W mass measurement**

## **The Electroweak theory**

Main magnitudes ruling EW interactions are related to each other:



*Abdus Salam, Steven Weinberg and Sheldon Lee Glashow*

$$
m_W^2\left(1-\frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}\right)=\frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F}(1+\Delta)
$$
  

$$
\Gamma_W\propto G_Fm_W^3
$$
 Higher order corrections

# **The global EW fit**

Global fits to EW observables allow to test current (and new) theoretical model(s)





# **Recent past of the W mass measurement (2018)**



# **LHCb measures the W mass! (2022)**



 $m_W = 80354 \pm 23_{\text{stat}} \pm 10_{\text{exp}} \pm 17_{\text{theory}} \pm 9_{\text{PDF}}$  MeV

# **… and an elephant appeared in the room**

[\[LHCB-FIGURE-2022-003\]](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2806574)



# **The W mass measurement at LHCb**

# **Production mechanism**



- A proton-proton collider is a challenging environment to measure the W mass:
	- W bosons are produced in a mixture of positive and negative helicity states
	- Must accurately describe the angular cross-section (larger uncertainties)
	- More backgrounds through heavy-flavour processes
- Profit from a higher total production cross-section and larger calibration samples

# **Related detector features**



- Detector in the forward region with excellent momentum and vertex resolutions
- Coverage is complementary to ATLAS and CMS (with some overlapping at low pseudorapidity)

# **W** and Z production at LHCb **Exercise 2016** [[JHEP01\(2016\)155](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP01(2016)155)]

- Z decays constitute the most natural way of controlling muons from W decays and the production cross-section
	- Most of the W mass analyses rely on extrapolating the knowledge from the Z to the W
- Interesting anti-correlation of the PDF uncertainties at the LHC







# **Analysis strategy**

- Carefully measure the muon transverse momentum
- Use plain LHCb Pythia8 simulation and reweight using samples with generator-level information from different models
- Corrections due to the efficiencies of the different selection steps (reconstruction, trigger, topological, offline selection)
- Study and determine background from simulation (except for the contribution from hadrons originating decays-in-flight)
- To obtain the W mass we fit dynamically reweighted simulation histograms to the data with several floating nuisance parameters and the W mass



## **Selections**

- EW physics with leptons in the final state can be studied at LHCb with simple selections based on the transverse momentum, impact parameter, isolation and particle identification
- Selection biases studied in data and simulation for Z and Υ(1S) decays (isolation biases only studied in the former)
	- Associated systematic uncertainties determined by varying the binning scheme, parametrizations and selections



# **Detector alignment and calibration**

- The LHCb trigger changed significantly for Run 2
- Real-time alignment and calibration can be optimized offline for EW studies
- Need to re-process the data using dedicated tools
- Apply corrections and smearing to simulation to account for subtle effects that significantly affect the momenta distributions



# Calibration using muons **Calibration**



# **Charge-dependent curvature biases**

- The analysis depends highly on the detector alignment
	- A misalignment of 10µm translates into a O(50MeV) shift
- Default LHCb alignment and calibration not suitable to study candidates with high transverse momentum
- For 2016 we re-run the alignment and calibration offline using Z decays
- Avoid double bias from the momentum resolution using the pseudo-mass method:

$$
M^{\pm} = \sqrt{2p^{\pm}p_T^{\pm}\frac{p^{\mp}}{p_T^{\mp}}}(1-\cos\theta)
$$

Inspired by [Phys. Rev. D 91, 072002](https://journals.aps.org/prd/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevD.91.072002)



# **Corrections with the pseudomass method**

Fit the asymmetries to the pseudomass and translate this into shifts in q/p



This will be the only curvature-bias correction for the full Run 2 analysis

# **Smearing the simulation**



# **Determining the efficiencies**

Three main sources of acceptance biases:

- Trigger efficiencies
- Muon-identification efficiencies
- **Isolation requirements**



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 $\varepsilon_{\text{data}} / \varepsilon_{\text{sim}}$ 

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Trigger efficiency  $-\pi < \phi < -\pi/2$ LHCb  $1.7$  fb $^{-1}$  $= 10, 4.40 \leq \eta \leq 5.00$  $= 9$  4.12 <  $n \le 4.40$  $i = 8, 3.85 < \eta < 4.12$  $i = 7, 3.58 < \eta < 3.85$  $i = 6, 3.30 < \eta < 3.58$  $i = 5, 3.02 < \eta < 3.30$  $i = 4$ , 2.75 <  $\eta$  < 3.02  $i = 3, 2.48 < \eta < 2.75$  $i = 2, 2.20 < \eta < 2.48$  $i = 1, 1.93 < \eta < 2.20$  $10^{-1}$ predominantly at the

# **Backgrounds**

- Most of them modelled from dedicated simulated samples
	- $\circ$  Single-top, quark/anti-quark (t, b, c), Z/W decays, Drell-Yan
	- Cross-sections normalized to W and Z yields
- Description of the QCD background (decays-in-flight) obtained from data
	- Sample with inverted muon-identification requirements
	- Weight and parametrize the data using a Hagedorn distribution
- Accurately describes the Jacobian peak (region with highest sensitivity to  $m_{_W}\!)$





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# **Modelling the W boson transverse momentum**

The limited knowledge on the transverse momentum of the W bosons can be compensated by floating QCD parameters [\[arXiv:1907.09958\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.09958)



Float  $m_W, \alpha_s, \hat{k}_T$  in the fit

# **Simulating signal decays**

[\[JHEP 01 \(2022\) 036\]](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP01(2022)036), [\[LHCB-PAPER-2021-024\]](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2780004)



- POWHEG + Pythia gave the best description of the unpolarized cross-section and was chosen as the baseline generator for the 2016 analysis
	- Varied success with other generators, used to determine systematic uncertainties
- DYTurbo performs well at reproducing the angular cross-section

# **Modelling the boson transverse momentum**

- The momentum of the outgoing muon is strictly related to that of the boson
- Must ensure the correlation is maintained after the fit
	- Fit *Z* variables simultaneously to the W mass fit

$$
\phi^* \equiv \arctan\left(\tfrac{\pi-\Delta\phi}{2}\right)/\cosh\left(\tfrac{\Delta\eta}{2}\right) \sim \tfrac{p_T}{M}
$$

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_{\eta}^{*}}$  [pb]  $\rightarrow$   $\Theta_{q\rightarrow Q}$  $+00$  $10<sup>2</sup>$ **LHCb** 5.1  $fb^{-1}$  $O_{4,4}$  $\sqrt{s}$  = 13 TeV  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ 10  $\frac{10}{10}$ **Statistical Uncertainty Total Uncertainty Resbos** Pythia, LHCb tune **POWHEG+Pythia MatchBox** O  $10^{-}$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-1}$  $\phi_n^*$ 

[\[JHEP 07 \(2022\) 026\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07458)

# **Polarized cross-section**

- The angular part of the cross-section is better described with DYTurbo
- However, the angular coefficients suffer low accuracy at low transverse momentum values [\[JHEP 11 \(2017\) 003\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.00008)
- Uncertainties from DYTurbo mitigated by floating  $A_2$ 
	- Otherwise the uncertainty would be O(30 MeV)
	- The preferred value in the fit is however consistent with DYTurbo predictions



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# **Considerations for the future**

- Aim at using a single generator to describe the cross-section
- Considering to switch into more modern generators to fully describe the cross-section:
	- $\circ$  We expect that the difference between  $\alpha_{\rm s}$  for W and Z is reduced
	- Attempt to move to N2LO, N2LL predictions of both cross-sections
	- Partial calculations at N3LO, N3LL worth to study
	- Exploring the usage of NNPDF 4.0
- Cross-checks to be made with POWHEG + Pythia





# **Improving the simulation**

- Take advantage of the latest developments on the theory side:
	- Switch to more accurate predictors of the boson production
	- Explore new PDF sets (NNPDF 4.0)
- Change the treatment of generators/PDF sets when calculating systematic uncertainties
	- Drop known inaccurate PDF sets or combination of generators
	- Revisit the way to handle the different predictors and the order of the accuracy (NLL, NNLL, …)
- Completely revisit the QED (+FSR) modelling using POWHEG-EW:  $NLO(QCD) + NLO(EW)$



#### **Treatment of PDF sets**

- PDFs chosen from three different recent sets
	- NNPDF3.1: [\[Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 663 \(2017\)\]](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-017-5199-5)
	- CT18: [\[Phys. Rev. D 103, 014013\]](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.103.014013)
	- o MSHT20: <u>Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 341 (2021)</u>
- The result is an average of the three assuming 100% correlation



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# **Systematic uncertainties**



# **Reducing the systematic uncertainties**

(2016)



### **Cross-checks**

Cross-checks are vital to validate different aspects of the analysis:

- Differences in magnet polarity
- Curvature biases in candidates bending in the same direction
- Possible detector biases in different  $\eta/\varphi$  regions
- W-like Z mass measurement, which validates the fit procedure (agreement at one standard deviation)
- Use of NNLO PDFs to test next-order effects of the PDFs (1 MeV variation)
- Separate  $W^*/W^-$  mass measurement, to study charge-dependent biases (results in agreement)

Subset	$\chi^2_{\rm tot}/\rm{ndf}$	$\delta m_W$ [MeV]
Polarity $=-1$	92.5/102	
Polarity $=+1$	97.3/102	$-57.5 \pm 45.4$
$\eta > 3.3$	115.4/102	
$\eta < 3.3$	85.9/102	$+56.9 \pm 45.5$
Polarity $\times q = +1$	95.9/102	
Polarity $\times q = -1$	98.2/102	$+16.1 \pm 45.4$
$ \phi  > \pi/2$	98.8/102	
$ \phi  < \pi/2$	115.0/102	$+66.7 \pm 45.5$
$\phi < 0$	91.8/102	
$\phi > 0$	103.0/102	$-100.5 \pm 45.3$

[<sup>\[</sup>JHEP 01 \(2022\) 036\]](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP01(2022)036), [\[LHCB-PAPER-2021-024\] \(supplementary\)](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2780004)

## **More on cross-checks**



- Checks with alternative binning schemes/fit ranges
- Modify the number of nuisance parameters

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## **Fit to extract the W mass**

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- 5D-weighted likelihood fit using the Beeston-Barlow approach  $(m_w, p_T, y, \vartheta, \varphi)$
- Fit simultaneously *W* and *Z* data
- Floating: W, Z and QCD background yields,  $m_w$ ,  $\alpha_s$ (W),  $\alpha_s$ (Z), intrinsic  $k_T$  and  $A_3$

#### **The result**

- Measurement of the W mass using 2016 data
- Published on January 2022
- Shows the LHCb capabilities of doing high-precision measurements





# **Towards a combination of the measurements**

# **Comparison of uncertainties**



# **Towards a combination of all the measurements**

Combining W mass measurements is not straightforward:

- Measurements are provided at different orders in QCD predictions
- Each experiment gives the results for different PDF sets
- The results are correlated among experiments (e.g. LHCb and ATLAS)



## **Towards a combination of the measurements**

- The most difficult part is transporting the results to a common ground:
	- **D0**: ResBos CP (N2LO, N2LL) with CTEQ66 PDFs (NLO)
	- **CDF**: ResBos C (NLO, N2LL) with CTEQ6M PDFs (NLO)
	- **ATLAS**: POWHEG + Pythia8 (NLO + PS) combined with DYTurbo for  $A_i$  (N2LO) with CT10 PDFs (N2LO)
	- **LHCb**: POWHEG + Pythia8 (NLO + PS) combined with DYTurbo for  $A_i$  (N2LO) and averaging NNPDF 3.1, MSHT20 and CT18 PDFs (NLO)
- Preliminary results are now under review of the different collaborators (LHC-Tevatron)

# **Variation of the global EW fit with the CDF II result**



 $(*)$  comparison to PDG value, not included in fit as input parameter

# **Final remarks**

# **Is including 2017 and 2018 data straight-forward?**

- It is straight-forward, but we must ask ourselves the following questions:
	- Can we optimize any part of the analysis strategy?
	- Can we use any of the new options available in the market?
	- Are there ways to make the result more accessible/easy to use for people outside the collaboration?
- The result using 2016 data shows the capabilities of the LHCb detector to contribute to this measurement, but it is worth re-considering our strategy before studying the full Run 2 data sample





# **A few notes on reproducibility**

- Reproducibility is one of the main pillars of science
- Some fields are currently facing a crisis, leading to unpublished dead-ends, low research efficiency, biases, ... (see [Is there a reproducibility](https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-019-00067-3) [crisis in science?\)](https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-019-00067-3)
- HEP data is hard to reproduce:
	- Unfeasible to fully mimic the experimental conditions
	- Data can not be retriggered
	- Expertise on old tools and data-taking conditions decays over time
- However, things improve drastically at the analysis level (i.e. after basic data-processing)



# **Long-term plans**

- The W mass determination at LHCb with full Run 2 data will allow to clarify the picture about this measurement
- Afterwards, LHCb can provide very useful data to further tune the generators and understand QCD and EW effects
	- Cross-sections at different energies (5 TeV, 13 TeV) of W and Z bosons
	- Drell-Yan studies
	- Weak mixing angle (forward-backward asymmetry)
	- Studies with electrons in the final state
- On Run 3, with a similar detector and analysis environment the precision will increase with the square root of the luminosity
- On Run 4 and beyond, an improved electromagnetic calorimeter system might improve the studies with electron modes at LHCb

[\[LHCB-FIGURE-2022-003\]](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2806574)

comments and suggestions





- The W mass measurement using 2016 data is a big milestone at LHCb
- There is a huge ongoing effort to optimize the analysis and reevaluate systematic uncertainties
- Improvements on the physics modelling are strictly necessary to be competitive
	- Total and polarised cross-section
	- QED and FSR effects

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#### **Summary**

**Thank you!**



# **Results from other experiments**



 $m_W = 80367 \pm 13_{\text{stat}} \pm 22_{\text{syst}} \text{MeV}$   $m_W = 80370 \pm 7_{\text{stat}} \pm 11_{\text{exp. syst.}} \pm 14_{\text{theo. syst.}} \text{MeV}$  $m_W = 80433.5 \pm 6.4_{\rm stat} \pm 6.9_{\rm syst} \rm MeV$ 

- Barrel-like detectors allow to measure missing transverse energy and the transverse mass
	- Measurement can be done measuring different quantities
- In modern experiments, a similar sensitivity can be obtained measuring the momentum of the outgoing lepton

## **Anti-correlation of uncertainties from PDFs**





[Eur. Phys. J. C 75, 601 \(2015\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.06954v2)

### **QED corrections (2016 analysis)**

[\[JHEP 01 \(2022\) 036\]](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP01(2022)036), [\[LHCB-PAPER-2021-024\] \(supplementary\)](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2780004)



# **Number of candidates per experiment**



ATLAS: [\[EPJC 78 \(2018\) 110\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.07240)

LHCb: [\[JHEP 01 \(2022\) 036\]](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP01(2022)036), [\[LHCB-PAPER-2021-024\] \(supplementary\)](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2780004)

CDF: [\[Science, 376, 6589, \(136-136\), \(2022\)\]](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abk1781)



# **Towards doing an unfolded measurement**

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- Ongoing studies to see if we can publish the unfolded transverse momentum distribution
- Facilitate comparing prediction and observables
- Quite challenging from the experimental point of view:
	- Must have a good control of the backgrounds (especially in the selection variables)
	- The systematic uncertainties might turn much bigger with the unfolding methods



# **Expected sensitivity for the full Run 2 analysis**

- We expect to reduce the overall experimental uncertainty to 15 MeV
- The analysis becomes systematically dominated
	- A more careful description of the physics is necessary
- Eager to see the result of combining the measurements of all the LHC experiments



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