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



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)



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

... and an elephant appeared in the room

[LHCB-FIGURE-2022-003]



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

- 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 Y(1S) decays (isolation biases only studied in the former)
 - Associated systematic uncertainties determined by varying the binning scheme, parametrizations and selections



$$\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta \eta^2 + \Delta \phi^2 ig(\mathrm{rad}^{-2} ig)}$$

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



Charge-dependent curvature biases

- The analysis depends highly on the detector alignment
 - $\circ~$ A misalignment of 10 μm 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



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



Trigger efficiency

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 $i = 10, 4.40 \le n \le 5.00$ $= 9, 4.12 \le n \le 4.40$

 $= 8, 3.85 < \eta < 4.12$

 $i = 7, 3.58 < \eta < 3.85$ $i = 6, 3.30 \le \eta \le 3.58$

 $i = 5, 3.02 < \eta < 3.30$ $i = 4, 2.75 < \eta < 3.02$ $-\pi < \phi < -\pi/2$

LHCb 1.7 fb⁻¹

Backgrounds

- Most of them modelled from dedicated simulated samples
 - Single-top, quark/anti-quark (t, b, c), Z/W decays, Drell-Yan
 - \circ $\,$ 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 $m_{\rm W}$)





W mass measurement at LHCb except for A_3

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]



Float m_W, α_s, \hat{k}_T in the fit

Simulating signal decays

[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024]



- 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

$$\phi^* \equiv rctan\left(rac{\pi-\Delta\phi}{2}
ight)/\cosh\left(rac{\Delta\eta}{2}
ight) \sim rac{p_T}{M}$$

 $[qd] \frac{dq}{\frac{b}{2}} \frac{10^3}{10^3}$ ♦ O₂₊♦O 10^{2} LHCb 5.1 fb⁻¹ $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ **\$_0** 10 **₽_**0 Statistical Uncertainty **Total Uncertainty** Resbos Pythia, LHCb tune **POWHEG+Pythia** MatchBox 0 10 10^{-2} 10^{-1} ¢_n*

[JHEP 07 (2022) 026]

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]
- Uncertainties from DYTurbo mitigated by floating A₃
 - Otherwise the uncertainty would be O(30 MeV)
 - The preferred value in the fit is however consistent with DYTurbo predictions



[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024]

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 $\alpha_{_{S}}$ for W and Z is reduced
 - Attempt to move to N2LO, N2LL predictions of both cross-sections
 - \circ $\,$ $\,$ Partial calculations at N3LO, N3LL worth to study $\,$
 - \circ 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)]
 - CT18: [Phys. Rev. D 103, 014013]
 - MSHT20: <u>Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 341 (2021)</u>
- The result is an average of the three assuming 100% correlation



Systematic uncertainties

[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024]		Average of NNPDE3 1 CT18 and MSH
Source	Size (MeV)	systematic uncertainties
Parton distribution functions	9 -	
Total theoretical syst. uncertainty (excluding PDFs)	17	Envelope of five different models
Transverse momentum model	11 -	
Angular coefficients	10 .	Uncertainty due to scale variatio
QED FSR model	7 -	
Additional electroweak corrections	5 -	Envelope of the QED FSR from
Total experimental syst. uncertainty	10	Pythia, Photos and Herwig.
Momentum scale and resolution modelling	7	POWHEG-EW
Muon ID, tracking and trigger efficiencies	6	
Isolation efficiency	4	
QCD background	2	
Statistical	23	
Total uncertainty	32	

Reducing the systematic uncertainties

(2016)

Source	Size (MeV)	Source	Size (MeV)
Parton distribution functions	9	Switch to N2LO, N2LL Total theoretical syst. uncertainty (excluding PDFs)	8
Total theoretical syst. uncertainty (excluding PDFs)	17	Transverse momentum model	6
Transverse momentum model	11	21 to 7 point variation Angular coefficients	4
Angular coefficients	10	QED model	4
QED FSR model	7 -	21 to 7 point variation Total experimental syst. uncertainty	8
Additional electroweak corrections	5 –	Momentum scale and resolution modelling	5
Total experimental syst. uncertainty	10	Muon ID, tracking and trigger efficiencies	4
Momentum scale and resolution modelling	7	work in progress Isolation efficiency	4
Muon ID, tracking and trigger efficiencies	6 -	QCD background	2
Isolation efficiency	4	Statistical	14
QCD background	2	New background model	18
Statistical	23		
Total uncertainty	32	These are simply guesstimates of	the values

to the luminosity increase

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 η/ϕ 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	$\chi^2_{\rm tot}/{ m ndf}$	$\delta m_W \; [\mathrm{MeV}]$
Polarity = -1	92.5/102	—
Polarity = +1	97.3/102	-57.5 ± 45.4
$\eta > 3.3$	115.4/102	_
$\eta < 3.3$	85.9/102	$+56.9\pm45.5$
Polarity $\times q = +1$	95.9/102	_
Polarity $\times q = -1$	98.2/102	$+16.1\pm45.4$
$ \phi > \pi/2$	98.8/102	—
$ \phi < \pi/2$	115.0/102	$+66.7\pm45.5$
$\phi < 0$	91.8/102	_
$\phi > 0$	103.0/102	-100.5 ± 45.3

[[]JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024] (supplementary)

More on cross-checks

Change to fit range	$\chi^2_{\rm tot}/{\rm ndf}$	$\delta m_W \; [\mathrm{MeV}]$	$\sigma(m_W)$ [MeV
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm min} = 24 {\rm GeV}$	96.5/102	+6.8	19.7
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm min} = 26 {\rm GeV}$	97.7/102	+9.6	20.9
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm min} = 30 {\rm GeV}$	102.7/102	+3.0	25.7
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm min} = 32 {\rm GeV}$	84.9/102	-21.6	30.8
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm max} = 48 {\rm GeV}$	105.3/102	-3.8	23.2
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm max} = 50 {\rm GeV}$	103.0/102	-2.1	23.0
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm max} = 54 {\rm GeV}$	96.3/102	-8.6	22.6
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm max} = 56 {\rm GeV}$	103.7/102	-14.3	22.4

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

[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024] (supplementary)

Configuration change	$\chi^2_{ m tot}/{ m ndf}$	$\delta m_W [\mathrm{MeV}]$	$\sigma(m_W) \; [\mathrm{MeV}]$
$2 \rightarrow 3 \alpha_s$ parameters	103.4/101	-6.0	± 23.1
$2 \rightarrow 1 \ \alpha_s \text{ and } 1 \rightarrow 2 \ k_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{intr}} \text{ parameters}$	116.1/102	+13.9	± 22.4
$1 \rightarrow 2 \ k_{\rm T}^{\rm intr}$ parameters	104.0/101	+0.4	± 22.7
$1 \rightarrow 3 \ k_{\rm T}^{\rm intr}$ parameters	102.8/100	-2.7	± 22.9
No A_3 scaling	106.0/103	+4.4	± 22.2
Varying QCD background asymmetry	103.8/101	-0.7	± 22.7

Fit to extract the W mass

[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024]



- 5D-weighted likelihood fit using the Beeston-Barlow approach ($m_W, p_T, y, \theta, \phi$)
- 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

Uncertainties in MeV					
Experiment	CDF (<u>old/new</u>) ATLAS (<u>old/new</u>)		<u>LHCb</u>		
Statistical	12 / 6.4	7.2 / 4.9	23		
Momentum scale	7 / 3.0	8.4 / 6.8	7		
Efficiency	(none) / 0.4	5.0 / 4.0	7		
Background	3 / 3.3	4.6 / 2.4	2		
QED	4 / 2.7	5.7 / 6.0	9		
Modelling (unpol.)	5/2	5.9 / 3.5	11		
Modelling (angular)	(none) / (none)	5.8 / 3.5	10		
PDFs	10 / 3.9	9.0 / 7.7	9		
Total systematic	15 / 6.9	17.2 / 15.5	22		
Total	19 / 9.4	18.7 / 16.3	32		

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

Target sensitivity:				
$\sigma^{ m Run~2}_{ m stat.} \sim 14{ m MeV}$				
$\sigma_{ m total}^{ m Run~2}\sim 20{ m MeV}$				



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 <u>Is there a reproducibility</u> <u>crisis in science?</u>)
- 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]

Looking forward to hearing your comments and suggestions

- arXiv:2112.07274 80100 80200
- Total and polarised cross-section Ο
 - QED and FSR effects Ο

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strictly necessary to be competitive

analysis and reevaluate systematic

- uncertainties Improvements on the physics modelling are
- Stat. uncertainty Tevatron I combination PRD 70 (2004) 092008 D0 IIPRL 108 (2012) 151804 LEP combination Phys. Rept. 532 (2013) 119 ATLAS EPJC 78 (2018) 110 LHCb JHEP 01 (2022) 036 CDF II Science 376 (2022) 170 Electroweak Fit (J. Haller et al.) EPJC 78 (2018) 675 Electroweak Fit (J. de Blas et al.) 80300 80400 80500 $m_{\rm W}$ [MeV]

- Total uncertainty

Summary

The W mass measurement using 2016 data is a big milestone at LHCb

There is a huge ongoing effort to optimize the

Thank you!



Results from other experiments



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

- 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)

	Dun I		Dum II	
	$\frac{\text{Run-I}}{3 \text{ fb}^{-1}}$		7 fb ^{-1}	
	W^+	W^{-}	W^+	W^{-}
Signal yields, $\times 10^6$	1.2	0.7	5.4	3.4
Z/γ^* background, (B/S)	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
QCD background, (B/S)	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
δ_{m_W} (MeV)				
Statistical	19	29	9	12
Momentum scale	7	7	4	4
Quadrature sum	20	30	10	13

QED corrections (2016 analysis)

[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024] (supplementary)



Number of candidates per experiment

Experiment	Muon channel	Electron channel	Result (MeV)	Stat. Unc. (MeV)	Total Unc. (MeV)
ATLAS	7.8 x 10 ⁶	5.9 x 10 ⁶	80370	7	19
LHCb	2.4 x 10 ⁶	N/A	80354	23	32
CDF-II	2.4 x 10 ⁶	1.8 x 10 ⁶	80433.5	6.4	9.4

ATLAS: [EPJC 78 (2018) 110]

LHCb: [JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024] (supplementary)

CDF: [Science, 376, 6589, (136-136), (2022)]



Towards doing an unfolded measurement

[JHEP 01 (2022) 036], [LHCB-PAPER-2021-024]

- 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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