"Electroweak" parameters at the LHC

m_W , sin² θ _{eff}, α _S

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Why

• m_W , $sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}$

 $(m_w, sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}})$ plot of particular interest, because of potential non-trivial correlations when hadron collider-measurements dominate these parameters (PDFs!)

Why

 \bullet α s

- Fundamental parameter of interest per se
- Also an input in electroweak fits. At $O(\alpha \alpha_s)$:

$$
M_W = \left[M_W^0 + c_t \Delta_t + c'_t \Delta_t^2 + c_Z \Delta_Z + c_\alpha \Delta_\alpha + c_{\alpha_s} \Delta_{\alpha_s} \right] \text{ MeV},
$$

$$
\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^l = \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell,0} - (d_t \Delta_t + d'_t \Delta_t^2 + d_Z \Delta_Z + d_\alpha \Delta_\alpha + d_{\alpha_s} \Delta_{\alpha_s})
$$

$$
\Delta_t \equiv \left(\frac{m_t}{173 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2 - 1, \qquad \Delta_Z \equiv \frac{M_Z}{91.1876 \text{ GeV}} - 1, \qquad \Delta_\alpha \equiv \frac{\Delta \alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)} (M_Z^2)}{0.0276} - 1, \qquad \Delta_{\alpha_s} \equiv \frac{\alpha_s (M_Z^2)}{0.119} - 1, \tag{2.4}
$$
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$$
M_W^0 = 80359.5 \qquad c_t = 520.5 \qquad c'_t = -67.7 \qquad c_Z = 115000. \qquad c_\alpha = -503. \qquad c_{\alpha_s} = -71.6
$$
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$$
\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell,0} = 0.231533 \qquad d_t = 27.14 \qquad d'_t = -1.62 \qquad d_Z = 6550. \qquad d_\alpha = -96.7 \qquad d_{\alpha_s} = -4.05
$$

[arXiv:1902.05142](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.05142) [arXiv:1803.01853](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.01853)

m_W measurements

Compatibility tests & combination

Measurements until 2020

2021

(2023)

• The process at leading order, no width :

• Natural width :

• Radiation in the initial state (QCD)

 \rightarrow non trivial transverse momentum distribution

• Polarization

Radiation in the final state (QED)

 \rightarrow decays leptons lose a fraction of their energy

- Summary of physics effects
	- \rightarrow all carry uncertainties to be quantified
	- \rightarrow PDFs : boson rapidity (\rightarrow acceptance); p_T , polarisation (\rightarrow distributions)

- Detector effects, also with uncertainties :
	- Lepton calibration and resolution; Missing E_T resolution \sim 5 15 GeV
	- Efficiencies and acceptance \sim 15% (with non-trivial kinematic dependence!)

• Mass measurement : produce models ("templates") of the final state distributions for different mass hypotheses; compare to data

• Incomplete kinematics (missing neutrino!)

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- \rightarrow no invariant mass
- \rightarrow rely on measured quantities, and exploit momentum conservation in the transverse plane
- Event representation :
- Main signature : $\vec{p}_T^{\,\prime}$ single electron or muon
- Recoil: sum of "everything else" reconstructed \bullet

in the calorimeters; a measure of p_{τ} ^{*m*, z}

$$
\vec{u}_{\rm T} = \sum_i \vec{E}_{\rm T, i} \ .
$$

Derived quantities :
$$
\overline{p_T^{\text{miss}}} = -(\vec{p}_T^{\ell} + \vec{u}_T)
$$
 $m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\ell}p_T^{\text{miss}}(1 - \cos \Delta \phi)}$

 p_T^l

Three slides on calibration

- The Z boson mass is perfectly well know on this scale of precision, so can be used to calibrate the absolute scale of the momentum measurements
- Detector response derived The Calibrated data

from first principles to $\frac{1}{2}$

for calorimeters.
 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Scale factor under the Scale of the Scale fact for calorimeters, $Z \rightarrow ee$ Events / ~0.05% for tracking detectors. 1500 ~0.01% is required here 1000
	- m_z is known to ~0.002%, $m_{J/psi}$ to $\sim 10^{-6}$
		- \rightarrow used for final adjustments

Three slides on calibration

• Leptons calibration from "perfectly known" resonances

Three slides on calibration

• Recoil response & resolution calibrated using over-constrained kinematics in Z events

Vector-boson production at the LHC

• The magic formula, true to all orders in QCD:

$$
\frac{d^5 \sigma}{dp_1 dp_2} = \frac{d^3 \sigma}{dm dy dp_T} \Big[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \sum_i A_i(p_T, y) f_i(\theta, \phi) \Big]
$$

production
Boson kinematics polarization

– Not implemented in this way in generators (which evaluate matrix elements and PDFs) but useful to factor the different QCD modelling aspects, and describe each component using the most appropriate tool

- Initial state radiation involves large corrections, and is in part non-perturbative. W events are only partly measured (neutrino!)
- Approach : adjust model parameters using Z events, which are close to W's and can be measured precisely; extrapolate to W production

• **Tevatron** : Z-based model tuning (Resbos); no extrapolation uncertainties, but validation with W events

- **ATLAS** : Z-based model tuning $(Pythia) + Z \rightarrow W$ extrapolation
	- Corresponding uncertainties :
		- Treatment of HQ mass and thresholds; HQ PDFs
		- PDF assumed in the shower

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	- Addressed through synchronized
		- variations of the c, b PDFs *in the shower*
		- Variations of the HF quark masses (kinematic parameters in the shower)
		- Shower PDF uncertainty...

- **ATLAS** : Z-based model tuning (Pythia) + Z→W extrapolation
	- Why Pythia?!

- **LHCb** :
	- Z data : p_T^2 , ϕ^*
	- simultaneous fits to m_W and p_T^w in W events
	- repeated for different models:
		- Pythia, Herwig
		- Powheg+Pythia, Herwig
		- Dyturbo

● **LHCb** :

- $y^2 \sim 105/102$
- Decorrelation between p_T^2 and p_T^W addressed allowing for different values of α_s in the parton shower (clearly a knob)
	- Imposing α_s ^w== α_s ^z gives δ m_w = +39 MeV x^2 ~ 130/102
	- \rightarrow supports more flexible model

• Analytical resummation – now at approximate N4LO+N4LL

- Essentially removing any uncertainty in the W/Z pT distribution ratio, but....
- flavour-dependent intrinsic kT; heavy-quark mass effects; process-dependent EWK effects… are not (yet) addressed (and are the things that matter for mW)

At the end of the day...

• CDF, D0

CDF (8.8 fb-1) [Science 376 (2022) 170] m_W = 80433.5 \pm 6.4 (stat.) \pm 6.9 (sys.)

PDF unc. 3.5 MeV (NNPDF3.1) PDF unc. ~10 MeV (CTEQ66)

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PDF unc. 9 MeV; envelope 8 MeV (CT10, CT14, MMHT2014)

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

PDF envelope 9 MeV (NNPDF3.1, CT18, MSHT20)

PDF dependence

- Recent ATLAS update (ATLAS-CONF-2023-004)
	- Analysis now/ a profile-likelihood fit (joint constraints on mW and systematics from the p_T and m_T distributions
	- More detailed study of the PDF dependence of the result

~17% improvement in uncertainty from using a profile likelihood analysis

Large PDF dependence; eg NNPDF4.0 and CT18 differ by 18 MeV.

Estimated PDF uncertainties $3 \rightarrow 9$ MeV. What to do??

PDF dependence

- Fundamental reason for the difference is not clear, but one can study the influence of the pre-fit uncertainties on the fit result.
- Considering CT18 (worst uncertainties) and NNPDF4.0 (smallest uncertainties) as example :

Comments

- The W-boson mass measurement does typically **not** use state of the art theory... which sounds unfortunate, for such an important test
	- Bad reasons : tradition; sociology; disconnection from theory caused by the lengthy experimental procedures, ….
	- Better reasons : being based on detector-level distributions, the measurement requires a fully exclusive description of the final state (QCD and QED showers, underlying event). Exclusive tools are generally behind, in terms of perturbative accuracy
- Recent developments of relevance for the measurement
	- N^3 LO / $N^{3/4}$ LL QCD;
	- mixed QCD/EW corrections : fixed-order results; difficult to exploit for now
- The "dream tool" for this measurement would be a consistent interface between the exclusive MC generators and state-of-the-art perturbative accuracy. Huge challenge, but ultimately fundamental for this field.
m_w combination

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https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHC-TEV-MWWG

arXiv:[2308.09417](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.09417)

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LHCb $(1.7 f b^{-1})$ [*JHEP* **01** (2022) 036] $m_W = 80354 \pm 23$ (stat.) \pm 22 (sys.) MeV

Analysis strategy

- Measurements performed at different times, using different baseline PDFs and QCD tools : "translate" existing result to common baseline
- Two-step procedure :
	- correct to common PDF & QCD accuracy
	- combination including correlations

Measurement extrapolations

• Full procedure, decomposed into generator and PDF effects :

- Extrapolations (δm_W) evaluated using generator-level reweightings and "emulation" of detector effects
	- PDF targets : APMB16, CT14, CT18, MMHT2014, MSHT20, NNPDF3.1, NNPDF4.0 δm^{PDF}_W
	- Applies when generators or QCD improvements are beyond the quoted uncertainties. δm_W^{QCD}

Measurement extrapolations

• Measurement emulation

- detector effects matter in the evaluation of PDF uncertainties and extrapolations
- parameterised responses with -2% accuracy allow evaluating PDF corrections with ~1 MeV precision
- Used for CDF, D0, ATLAS
	- The LHCb measurement is "live" and rerun on request for this project

Emulation (CDF, D0, ATLAS)

• Lepton & recoil resolutions from published information

• Event selections, fit ranges as in the original measurements

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- Measurements performed at different moments in time, using the PDF sets available at the time
	- Requires translation to a common reference before combining
	- Sometimes significant effects :

• PDF uncertainties and correlations :

CT18

Sometime partial or negative correlations \rightarrow stabilizes PDF effects on combinations?

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MSHT20

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NNPDF4.0

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• PDF uncertainties and correlations :

ABMP16

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 -0.6 -0.4

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> -0.4 -0.6

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 0.26

0.64

 -0.27

Tevatron

• Tevatron

● LHC

● All

• All except CDF

LHC-TeV MWWG

Combination - summary

- CT18 PDF sets used as baseline as it is most conservative, and given the observed PDF dependence of the combination results
- Full world average :

 $m_W = 80394.6 \pm 11.5 \text{ MeV}$ $P(\chi^2) = 0.5\%$

- Quoted for completeness, but discarded
- We consider that the discrepancy can not be explained by an under-estimation of quoted uncertainties; error scaling does not apply
- Average of all measurements except CDF :

 $m_W = 80369.2 \pm 13.3 \text{ MeV}$ $P(\chi^2) = 91\%$

- PDF envelope 5 MeV (12 MeV when including ABMP16), reduced to partial or negative correlations good!
- An important positive result : D0, LHCb, ATLAS are all hadron-collider measurement, but experimental conditions are a different as can be

Measurement of the p_T^2 distribution

 α _S extraction

Measurement strategy

- Exploit the angular variables decomposition to perform a simultaneous 2D p_T -y measurement of
	- Unpolarised full-lepton phase space cross sections
	- Angular coefficients

$$
\frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy}\bigg(1+\cos^2\theta+\sum A_i(p_T, y)P_i(\cos\theta, \phi)\bigg)
$$

• This is in practice a 4D measurement of the DY process in $p_T, y, cos\theta, \phi$

$$
P_0(\cos \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\cos^2 \theta)
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$$
P_1(\cos \theta, \phi) = \sin 2\theta \cos \phi
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P_2(\cos \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi
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P_3(\cos \theta, \phi) = \sin \theta \cos \phi
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P_4(\cos \theta, \phi) = \cos \theta
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P_5(\cos \theta, \phi) = \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi
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P_6(\cos \theta, \phi) = \sin 2\theta \sin \phi
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P_7(\cos \theta, \phi) = \sin \theta \sin \phi
$$

• Coefficients defined in the Collins-Soper frame

Measurements

- Link detector-level observed $cos\theta$, ϕ distributions to the MC template of spherical harmonic polynomials
- Define a likelihood with 22528 ($cos\theta, \phi, p_{\tau}, y$) bins
- Parameters of interests are the 8 Ai + 1 cross section in p_T -y bins: 9 parameters in 176 bins \rightarrow 1584 free parameters

• Measurement and uncertainties

• Comparison to predictions

NNPDF4.0 x^2 driven by trends in the shape & small uncertainties (relevant comparison : \triangle vs \blacksquare)

E.g MSHT20 brought in ~perfect agreement with data at the cost of only a 1σ pull in the luminosity (one unit $in x²$)

- Theoretical setup
	- MSHT20aN3LO
	- Perturbative accuracy up to aN4LL

– NP model characterized by a nonperturbative Sudakov form-factor

$$
S_{\rm NP}(b) = \exp\left[-g_j(b) - g_K(b)\log\frac{m_{\ell\ell}^2}{Q_0^2}\right]
$$

- Results from a simultaneous fit to a_s and the non-perturbative parameter g, profiling experimental and PDF uncertainties
	- Alternative analysis performs a complete fit to HERA+ p_T^z data
	- Other uncertainties are not profiled, and added in quadrature

 $(X10^{-3})$

• Stability tests : perturbative convergence; cut on $O²$ of HERA data

• Stability tests : PDF dependence

Full PDF envelope ~twice the total measurement uncertainty, but driven by CT18A (envelope still large when removing this set)

The measurement relies on a tightly, externally constrained gluon PDF. CT18 is very flexible here α_s , $q(x)$ effects can not be disentangled

Two slides on the weak mixing angle...

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• In ATLAS, extracted from A_4 in the same data sample as just described :

 0.23140 ± 0.00021 (stat.) ± 0.00024 (PDF) ± 0.00016 (syst.),

PDF envelope 0.0028 – large, but driven by CT10. Outdated PDF sets in general...

Two slides on the weak mixing angle...

• In CMS

 $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell} = 0.23101 \pm 0.00036$ (stat) ± 0.00018 (syst) ± 0.00016 (theo) ± 0.00031 (PDF)

PDF envelope ~0.0006 (MMHT2014 – NNPDF3.0)

Summary

- The PDF dependence of measurements of fundamental parameters is nowadays typically comparable to the total measurement uncertainty (a fortiori the PDF uncertainty) – we should improve
	- Q : what is the significance of the difference between measurement results using the same data, but different PDF sets?
	- Disentangling effects of
		- Different data sets
		- Theory predictions
		- Parametrisation
		- Uncertainty treatment (tolerance or not?)

on the PDF central fits and uncertainties is absolutely fundamental.

• An effort in this direction exists in the LHC EWWG, and very interesting discussion happen in this collaboration. Joint discussions would be extremely useful.

Back up

QCD corrections

- Reason :
	- "inconsistent" resummation of helicity cross sections in Resbos1
		- Resbos1 : all terms present at leading order are resummed (unpolarized; A4). Others left at fixed order
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$$
A_{i} = \frac{\sigma_{i}}{\sigma_{\text{unpol}}}, \qquad A_{i}^{\text{ResBos2}} = \frac{\sigma_{i}^{\text{Res.}}/\sigma_{\text{unpol.}}^{\text{Res.}}}{\sigma_{i}^{\text{F.O.}}/\sigma_{\text{unpol.}}^{\text{Res.}}} = \frac{\sigma_{i}^{\text{Res.}}}{\sigma_{i}^{\text{F.O.}}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{unpol.}}^{\text{Res.}}}{\sigma_{\text{unpol.}}^{\text{E.O.}}},
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Choice of target PDFs

- Comparisons between existing Drell-Yan data and "recent" NNLO PDFs
	- CDF d o/dy_z [pb] $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{y}_{_{\text{w}}}}$ 120 $\sqrt{p} \rightarrow Z$; $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$; $\int L = 2.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $D\overline{D}$ \rightarrow W \rightarrow ev: \sqrt{s} = 1.96 TeV: $L = 1.1$ xFitter xFitter $100²$ 0.8 0.6 60 0908.3914 0.4 $40⁵$ 0901.2169 $20⁵$ 0.2 $-$ CJ15nlo CDF Data \leftarrow CDF Data $CJ15nlo$ - MMHT14 -0.2 MMHT14 ϕ & uncorrelated δ uncorrelated $-$ NNPDF31 $-NNPDF31$ $-0.4F$ δ total δ total $-$ CT18NNLO $-$ CT18NNLO $-60 - -$ Theory + shifts ABMP16 --- Theory + shifts -0.6 $-$ ABMP16 Theory/Data Theory/Data 1.25 0.8 $0.8⁺$ $\overline{2}$ $\overline{\mathfrak{o}}$ $\overline{2}$ 3 Iy_w Dataset CI15nlo MMHT14 NNPDF31 CT18NNLO ABMP16 CDF W asymmetry 2009 $18/13$ $12/13$ $11/13$ $13/13$ $17/13$ Correlated x^2 1.6 1.7 2.6 2.9 6.5 Log penalty χ^2 -0.00 -0.00 -0.00 -0.00 -0.00 Total χ^2 / dof $-19/13$ $14/13$ $13/13$ $16/13$ $23/13$ χ^2 p-value 0.11 0.37 0.43 0.25 0.04 MMHT14 NNPDF31 CT18NNLO ABMP16 Dataset CJ15nlo CDF Z rapidity 2010 $29/28$ $30/28$ $25/28$ $27/28$ $30/28$ Correlated x^2 1.5 0.99 1.7 0.49 0.69 Log penalty χ^2 -0.44 -0.90 -1.16 -0.63 -0.60 Total χ^2 / dof $30/28$ $30/28$ $30/28$ $26/28$ $27/28$ χ^2 p-value 0.37 0.36 0.55 0.53 0.36

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Choice of target PDFs

- Comparisons between existing Drell-Yan data and "recent" NNLO PDFs
	- ATLAS

- \rightarrow consider MMHT14, NNPDF3.1, CT18NNLO, ABMP16
- \rightarrow best overall description of the data by NNPDF3.1, CT18NNLO
- \rightarrow comparisons now extended to NNPDF4.0, MSHT20

QCD corrections

Rapidity distribution and PDFs

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Emulation : D0

• Cross-checks on physics variations

