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# PDF issues in MW measurements

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## MW measurement from Drell-Yan observables

- lepton-pair transverse mass  $M_{\perp}^{W} = \sqrt{2p_{\perp}^{l}p_{\perp}^{\nu} (1 \cos \phi_{l\nu})}$
- charged lepton transverse momentum
- missing transverse momentum

 sensitivity to MW via the jacobian factor peaked at the physical mass value



lepton-pair transverse mass

- stable w.r.t. inclusion of radiative corrections
- problematic determination of the neutrino pt in presence of high pile-up (difficult modeling of hadronic recoil)

charged lepton transverse momentum

- highly sensitive to the details of QCD radiation
- "simple" experimental determination (accurate lepton energy/momentum calibration)

## Sensitivity of the charged-lepton pt to MW



- a sensitivity to  $\Delta MW=10$  MeV requires the control of the shape of the distribution at the (sub-) per mill level
- challenging from different points of view

experimental MC simulation (statistical fluctuations) theoretical (highly sensitive to the details of QCD radiation description)

## Impact of PDF uncertainties of EW precision measurements

- the extraction of masses and couplings, at hadron colliders, relies on a template fit procedure
- the uncertainties/ambiguities that affect the evaluation of the templates are theoretical systematics on the final value of the pseudo-observables that we want to extract
- the use of different PDF replicas yields in general a distortion of the template shapes and in turn a different value of the pseudo-observable
- are PDFs a limiting factor?

- can we use LHC data to improve the PDFs and to reduce their impact on precision measurements?
   → reweighting technique for a quick estimate of the role of new available data
- search for correlations (w.r.t. PDFs) between all the available EW observables
   → can we build ratios of observables with reduced PDF uncertainty still sensitive to the EW parameters?

#### Impact of PDF uncertainties on the lepton pt distribution

- PDF sets: CT10nlo, MSTW2008 (for comparison with previous studies), NNPDF2.3\_nlo\_0119
- simulation code: POWHEG + PYTHIA 6.4.21 (pure QCD, resummation effects via Parton Shower)
- Tevatron 1.96 TeV, LHC 8, 13, 33, 100 TeV
- acceptance cuts: ptl > 25 GeV, Et\_miss > 25 GeV
   |eta\_l| < 1.0 (Tevatron), |eta\_l| < 2.5 (LHC)</li>
- study of absolute and of normalized distributions



## Impact of PDF uncertainties on MW from the lepton pt

• goals of the study: 1) estimate of the PDF uncertainty on MW of each set

2) relative difference between the central predictions of the 3 PDF sets

- template distributions: generated with NNPDF2.3 (replica 0) with MW in the range [80.312, 80.470] GeV in 2 MeV steps
- pseudodata distributions: generated with the different sets/replicas with  $MW_0$ =80.398 GeV
- fit interval  $ptl \in [29,49]$  GeV
- the template fitting procedure measures the relative distance between NNPDF2.3 replica 0 and all the other sets/replicas i.e. it is an estimate of the difference that we would find if we would fit the real data with different PDFs

#### The template-fitting procedure

see also Bozzi, Rojo, Vicini, Phys.Rev.D83 (2011) 113008



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#### Numerical results: preliminary estimates



	$\delta_{PDF}$ (MeV)	$\Delta_{sets}$ (MeV)
Tevatron 1.96 TeV	23	8
LHC 8 TeV $W^+$	31	18
$W^-$	35	33
LHC 13 TeV $W^+$	34	14
$W^-$	36	28

- $80.398 \pm 0.015$ • the uncertainty bands of the 3 sets are roughly similar; CTI0nlo has in general larger uncertainties
- spread of the central values  $\Delta_{\text{sets}}$  evident in the W- case and growing with the energy
- the old MSTW2008 set suffers of known problems with up and down densities, evident in the central values predictions (runs with MSTW2008deut are in progress)
- combination of the three sets of results according to the PDF4LHC recipe (envelope)  $\delta_{PDF}$  is the half-width of the envelope
- Tevatron results larger than in the literature

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#### Numerical results: estrapolation at future collider energies



normalized distributions					
	8 TeV	$13 { m TeV}$	$33 { m TeV}$	$100 { m TeV}$	
$W^+$	$80.398 \pm 0.016$	$80.398 \pm 0.018$	$80.398 \pm 0.021$	$80.398 \pm 0.028$	
$W^-$	$80.398 \pm 0.014$	$80.398 \pm 0.015$	$80.398 \pm 0.018$	$80.398 \pm 0.026$	

- resonant W production occurs at partonic-x values decreasing with the energy
- with higher collider energies the PDF error on the normalized distribution almost does not change

 $\mathcal{P}_{ij}(x,\tau) = f_i(x,\mu_F^2) f_j(\frac{\tau}{x},\mu_F^2) + f_j(x,\mu_F^2) f_i(\frac{\tau}{x},\mu_F^2)$ 

$$\rho(x,\tau) = \frac{\langle \mathcal{P}_{ij}(x,\tau) \frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}^{l}} \rangle - \langle \mathcal{P}_{ij}(x,\tau) \rangle \langle \frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}^{l}} \rangle}{\sigma_{\mathcal{P}_{ij}}^{PDF} \sigma_{d\sigma/dp_{\perp}^{l}}^{PDF}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{M_W^2}{S}, \quad p_\perp^l = 40.5 \,\text{GeV}$$

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• valence-quark contribution evident at forward (backward) rapidities of the lepton pair

sea-quark contribution peaked at central rapidities

anticorrelation between the c-sbar (s-cbar) luminosity and the ptl distribution

analogous, but not identical, behavior of W+ and W-Alessandro Vicini - University of Milano

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#### Conclusions

- results of a preliminary exercise to estimate the PDF uncertainty on MW from the lepton pt distribution in CC-DY
- stable numerical simulation of the lepton transverse momentum distribution in CC-DY with control of physical effects at the per mill level
- comparison of MSTW2008, CT10nlo, NNPDF2.3 predictions and study of the impact on MW (in progress MSTW2008deut and NNPDF3.0)
- template fit approach to study I) the PDF error on MW of each set
   2) the spread of the MW central values

• at the LHC 8 TeV the PDF uncertainty of a single set ranges from 16 (12) to 29 (25) MeV for W+(W-) central NNPDF2.3 and CT10nlo values differ by 0 (18) MeV for W+(W-)

the "low" sensitivity to MW enhances the impact of any per mill effect

- more investigation is needed to verify these results
- the role of up and down quarks seems crucial (cfr. correlation plots) possible interplay with other DY observables sensitive to the same densities

back-up

## Reweighting

- MC fluctuations at the per mill level are still present also in simulations with I billion of events when bin sizes have to be small
- the estimate of PDF uncertainty on MW requires to appreciate the difference of the value of the distribution in each bin
   the use of fully correlated distributions reduces the sensitivity to MC fluctuations
- the weights for different templates/replicas have been generated in one single simulation

$$w_{0} \rightarrow w_{j} = w_{0} \frac{(\hat{s} - m_{W0}^{2})^{2} + \Gamma_{W}^{2} m_{W0}^{2}}{(\hat{s} - m_{W,j}^{2})^{2} + \Gamma_{W}^{2} m_{W,j}^{2}}$$
template  $j$   
$$w_{0} \rightarrow w_{i} = w_{0} \frac{f_{i}(x_{1})g_{i}(x_{2})}{f_{0}^{NNPDF}(x_{1})g_{0}^{NNPDF}(x_{2})}$$
replica  $i$ 

## Checks

 in Bozzi, Rojo, Vicini, Phys.Rev.D83 (2011) 113008 we studied the PDF impact on MW extracted from the lepton-pair transverse mass distribution using DYNNLO with NLO-QCD accuracy

a fixed-order simulation is sufficient to describe the MT but not the ptl distributions

• we reproduce with POWHEG+PYTHIA the DYNNLO results for MT but now we can also study the ptl distribution

normalized distributions, CTEQ6.6, Tevatron 1.96 TeV			
code, observable	prediction		
DYNNLO, $M_{\perp}$	80.398 + 0.004 - 0.004		
POWHEG+PYTHIA, $M_{\perp}$	80.398 + 0.001 - 0.003		
POWHEG+PYTHIA, $p_{\perp}^{l}$	80.394 + 0.019 - 0.019		

• the generator-level different sensitivity to MW partially explains that small PDF differences have a more pronounced effect in the ptl case

## **Correlation between different observables**



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