High-precision measurement of the W boson mass with the CDF II detector



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Electroweak gauge boson masses

In a gauge-symmetric theory the phase of a matter field does not affect physical processes

QED:
$$\mathscr{L} = D_{\mu}\phi D^{\mu}\phi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu},$$

 $\phi' = e^{ie\alpha(x)}\phi, \quad A'^{\mu} = A^{\mu} - \partial^{\mu}\alpha(x)$
 $\mathscr{L}' = \mathscr{L}$

The gauge field transports the matter field according to the gauge field strength (curvature)



The gauge symmetry allows a choice of axes that removes the phase

Electroweak gauge boson masses

The weak gauge symmetry SU(2) transports the phase through three fields W_1 , W_2 , W_3

 $\mathscr{L} = D_{\mu}\phi^{a}D^{\mu}\phi^{a} + \mu^{2}\phi^{\dagger}\phi - \lambda(\phi^{\dagger}\phi)^{2} - \frac{1}{4}F^{a}_{\mu\nu}F^{a,\mu\nu}$



The expectation value of the scalar (Higgs) field creates an energetically favorable direction

Still free to choose coordinates but perpendicular oscillations raise the gauge field energy

Results in massive gauge bosons with a scalar (spin-0) component



Higgs boson mass

Higgs field potential



$$m_H = v\sqrt{2\lambda} = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

 $\lambda \approx 0.1$

Quantum corrections



Naively integrating to a cutoff scale Λ :

$$\Delta m_H = \frac{3g^2 m_t^2}{16\pi^2 m_W^2} \Lambda^2$$

If there is no new physics up to scale Λ then we need 'fine-tuning' to cancel the quantum corrections

1% fine tuning: $\Lambda = 6.6$ TeV

Motivates TeV-scale new physics

Electroweak gauge boson masses

Gauge field potential

$$V = -\frac{g^2 v^2}{8} [(W_{\mu}^{+})^2 + (W_{\mu}^{-})^2] - \frac{v^2 (g^2 + g'^2)}{8} Z^{\mu} Z_{\mu}$$

$$m_{W} = \frac{v}{2}g$$

$$m_{Z} = \frac{v}{2}\sqrt{g^{2} + g^{2}}$$

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$$v=246~{\rm GeV}$$
 and $g=0.64$:
$$m_W=78.7~{\rm GeV}$$

Quantum corrections



$$m_W^2 = \frac{\hbar^3}{c} \frac{\pi \alpha_{EM}}{\sqrt{2}G_F (1 - m_W^2 / m_Z^2)(1 - \Delta r)}$$

$$\Delta r_{tb} = \frac{c}{\hbar^3} \frac{-3G_F m_W^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2 (m_Z^2 - m_W^2)} \times \left[m_t^2 + m_b^2 - \frac{2m_t^2 m_b^2}{m_t^2 - m_b^2} \ln(m_t^2/m_b^2) \right]$$

Global fit to SM measurements yields indirect W boson mass of 81354 ± 7 MeV

W boson mass and naturalness

The W boson mass is the most sensitive observable to sources of 'naturalness'

Classic example: Supersymmetry



Mass splittings in supersymmetric isospin doublets: different mass shifts for W & Z bosons

W boson mass and naturalness

Difference in corrections to W and Z propagators encapsulated by ρ parameter



W boson mass and naturalness

More generally the SM effective field theory parameterizes high-scale effects

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}^{(5)} + \mathcal{L}^{(6)} + \mathcal{L}^{(7)} + \cdots, \qquad \mathcal{L}^{(d)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} Q_i^{(d)} \quad \text{for } d > 4.$$

$$I. \text{ Brivio and M. Trott, Phys. Rep. 793 (2019) 1}$$

$$\mu \underbrace{\frac{p}{V_i} \quad V_j}{V_i} \quad \frac{\delta m_W}{M_W} = \left(0.34c_{HD} + 0.72c_{HWB} + 0.37c_{Hl3} - 0.19c_{ll1}\right) \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

For $\delta m_W/m_W = 0.1$ % and c_{HD}=1, $\Lambda = 4.5$ TeV e.g. Z' boson

For $\delta m_W/m_W = 0.1$ % and c_{HWB}=1, $\Lambda = 6.6$ TeV e.g. compositeness

Smaller $c_i \rightarrow \text{smaller } \Lambda$

W boson mass measurements



CDF II measurement of the W boson mass



CDF II detector consists of

- silicon vertex detector
- large drift chamber
- coarse calorimeter towers
- outer muon chambers

 $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV proton-antiproton collisions from the Fermilab Tevatron





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the $\mu\nu$ and $e\nu$ results.

CDF II measurement of the W boson mass



W bosons identified in their decays to $e\nu$ and $\mu\nu$

Mass measured by fitting template distributions of transverse momentum and mass

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\ l} \not\!\!p_T \left(1 - \cos \Delta \phi\right)}$$





Calibrations



Measurement requires precise calibrations and momentum scale and resoution

Charged lepton scale





Calibrations



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$$\vec{p}_T = -(\vec{p}_T^{\ l} + \vec{u}_T)$$

$$p_T^{\ell} \qquad p_T^{W} \qquad p_T^{W} \qquad p_T^{\nu}$$
Recoil scale





Detector simulation

Developed custom simulation for analysis

Models ionization energy loss, multiple scattering, bremsstrahlung, photon conversion, Compton scattering

Acceptance map for muon detectors

Parameterized GEANT4 model of electromagnetic calorimeter showers Includes shower losses due to finite calorimeter thickness

Hit-level model of central outer tracker Layer-by-layer resolution functions and efficiencies

Material map of inner silicon detector Includes radiation lengths and Bethe-Bloch terms





Kotwal & CH, NIMA 729, 25 (2013)

First step is to align the drift chamber (the "central outer tracker" or COT)

Two degrees of freedom (shift & rotation) for each of 2520 cells made up of twelve sense wires constrained using hit residuals from cosmic-ray tracks



Kotwal & CH, NIMA 762, 85 (2014)

First step is to align the drift chamber (the "central outer tracker" or COT)

Two parameters for the electrostatic deflection of the wire within the chamber constrained using difference between fit parameters of incoming and outgoing cosmic-ray tracks











Second step is to calibrate the momentum scale using J/ψ decays to muons

Simulation:

Adjust kinematics to match the data Model resonance shape using hit-level simulation and NLO form factor for QED radiation



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Simulation corrections:

Correct the length scale of the tracker with mass measurement as a function of $\Delta \cot \theta$ Correct the amount of upstream material with mass measurement as a function of p_T^{-1}



Third step is to calibrate the scale using Υ decays to muons

Compare fit results with and without constraining the track to the collision point



without constraint

with constraint

Final step is to measure the Z boson mass

 $M_Z = 91\ 192.0 \pm 6.4_{stat} \pm 4.0_{sys} \text{ MeV}$

Result blinded with [-50,50] MeV offset until previous steps were complete Combine all measurements into a final charged-track momentum scale





Parameterized calorimeter shower deposition based on GEANT4

Kotwal & CH, NIMA 729, 25 (2013)

Tune energy loss due to material upstream of the tracker (high E/p) Tune shower leakage due to finite calorimeter thickness (low E/p) Correct for small non-linear calorimeter response



Electron momentum calibration

First step is to transfer the track calibration to the calorimeter (E/p) using W & Z decays

Data corrections:

Use mean E/p to remove time dependence & response variations in tower Fit ratio of calorimeter energy to track momentum to correct each tower in η



Electron momentum calibration

Second step is the measurement of the Z boson mass

 $M_Z = 91\ 194.3 \pm 13.8_{stat} \pm 7.6_{sys}$ MeV

As a consistency check measure mass using only track information e.g. $M_Z = 91\ 215.2 \pm 22.4$ MeV for non-radiative electrons (E/p<1.1)

Same blinding as for muon channel



Recoil momentum calibration

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First step is the alignment of the calorimeters

Misalignments relative to the beam axis cause a modulation in the recoil direction Alignment performed separately for each run period using minimum-bias data

Second step is the reconstruction of the recoil

Remove towers traversed by identified leptons Remove corresponding recoil energy in simulation using towers rotated by 90° validate using towers rotated by 180°









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Recoil momentum calibration

Fourth step is the calibration of the recoil resolution

Includes jet-like energy and angular resolution, additional dijet fraction term, and pileup





Recoil momentum validation

W boson recoil distributions validate the model

Most important is the recoil projected along the charged-lepton's momentum $(u_{||})$

 $m_T \approx 2p_T \sqrt{1 + u_{||}/p_T} \approx 2p_T + u_{||}$

 \vec{u}_T

 \vec{p}_T^l

 \vec{p}_T^{ν}

 u_{\parallel}





Triggers with low momentum thresholds (18 GeV) and very loose lepton id

Offline id also loose, efficiencies vary by 2% as hadronic recoil direction changes

No lepton isolation requirement in trigger or offline selection





Largest background is $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ with one unreconstructed muon: **7.4% of data sample** $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ background is ~1% in each channel: largest background in electron sample

Background from hadrons misreconstructed as leptons estimated using data: 0.2-0.3%



W boson transverse momentum

Boson p_T impacts the p_T distributions of the decay leptons

Resbos used to generate events with non-perturbative parameters and NNLL resummation to model the region of low boson p_T

Z boson p_T used to constrain the non-perturbative parameter g₂ and the perturbative coupling α_s

Resbos models W boson p_T well uncertainty estimated using DYQT and constrained with data



W boson production and decay

Parton distributions impact the measurement through lepton acceptance Restriction in η reduces the fraction of low-p_T leptons

Small correction applied to update to NNPDF3.1 NNLO PDF The set with the most W charge asymmetry measurements at the time



Uncertainty determined using a principal component analysis on the replica set

Measurement sensitive to ~15 eigenvectors Leading 25 eigenvectors used to estimate uncertainty (3.9 MeV) Three general NNLO PDF sets (NNPDF3.1, CT18, and MMHT14) have a range of ± 2.1 MeV from mean

Photos resummation with ME corrections used to model final-state photon radiation validated by studying the average radiation in EM towers around the charged lepton, and with the Z mass measurement









Mass measurement with p_T^{ν} distribution





W boson mass measurement

Combination	m_T	fit	p_T^ℓ f	fit	$p_T^{ u}$ f	it	Value (MeV)	χ^2/dof	Probability
	Electrons	Muons	Electrons	Muons	Electrons	Muons			(%)
m_T	\checkmark	\checkmark					$80\ 439.0\pm9.8$	1.2 / 1	28
p_T^ℓ			\checkmark	\checkmark			$80\ 421.2 \pm 11.9$	0.9 / 1	36
$p_T^{ u}$					\checkmark	\checkmark	$80\ 427.7 \pm 13.8$	0.0 / 1	91
$m_T \ \& \ p_T^\ell$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark			$80\ 435.4 \pm 9.5$	4.8 / 3	19
$m_T \ \& \ p_T^{\nu}$	\checkmark	\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	$80\ 437.9 \pm 9.7$	2.2 / 3	53
$p_T^\ell \ \& \ p_T^ u$			\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	$80\ 424.1 \pm 10.1$	1.1 / 3	78
Electrons	\checkmark		\checkmark		\checkmark		$80\ 424.6 \pm 13.2$	3.3 / 2	19
Muons		\checkmark		\checkmark		\checkmark	$80\ 437.9 \pm 11.0$	3.6 / 2	17
All	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	$80\ 433.5 \pm 9.4$	7.4 / 5	20
Fit difference				Muon channel		Electron channel			
$M_W(\ell^+) - M_W(\ell^-) = -7.8 \pm$				-7.8 ± 18.5	$.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 12.7_{\text{COT}} \qquad 14.7 \pm 21.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 7.7_{\text{stat}}^{\text{E/p}} \ (0.4 \pm 21.3_{\text{stat}}) = 0.4 \pm 21.3_{\text{stat}} = 0.4 \pm 2$		$\pm 21.3_{\rm stat})$		
$M_W(\phi_\ell > 0) - M_W(\phi_\ell < 0) $ $24.$				24.4	$\pm 18.5_{\rm stat}$		$9.9 \pm 21.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 7.5_{\text{stat}}^{\text{E/p}} (-0.8 \pm 21.3_{\text{stat}})$		
$M_Z(\text{run} > 271100) - M_Z(\text{run} < 271100)$				$5.2 \pm 12.2_{\text{stat}}$ $63.2 \pm 29.9_{\text{stat}} \pm 8.2_{\text{stat}}^{\text{E/p}} (-16.0 \pm 29.5_{\text{stat}})^{10}$			$.0\pm29.9_{ m stat})$		



W boson mass an important parameter for understanding naturalness

Measurement of W boson mass with <10 MeV precision achieved with complete CDF data set

Result of >20 years of experience with the CDF II detector

0.01% precision required flexibility: all experimental aspects controlled by the analysis team *Reconstruction, alignment, calibration, simulation, analysis*

Analysis procedures approved pre-blinding and frozen

Surprising 0.1% deviation from SM motivates expanded study of m_W measurements and procedures

Backup



CDF Components







Source of systematic		m_T fit			p_T^ℓ fit			p_T^{ν} fit	
uncertainty	Electrons	Muons	Common	Electrons	Muons	Common	Electrons	Muons	Common
Lepton energy scale	5.8	2.1	1.8	5.8	2.1	1.8	5.8	2.1	1.8
Lepton energy resolution	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.9	0.3	-0.3
Recoil energy scale	1.8	1.8	1.8	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Recoil energy resolution	1.8	1.8	1.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	5.2	5.2	5.2
Lepton $u_{ }$ efficiency	0.5	0.5	0	1.3	1.0	0	2.6	2.1	0
Lepton removal	1.0	1.7	0	0	0	0	2.0	3.4	0
Backgrounds	2.6	3.9	0	6.6	6.4	0	6.4	6.8	0
p_T^Z model	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
p_T^W/p_T^Z model	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Parton distributions	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
QED radiation	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Statistical	10.3	9.2	0	10.7	9.6	0	14.5	13.1	0
Total	13.5	11.8	5.8	16.0	14.1	7.9	18.8	17.1	7.4

Background fractions

Fraction		δM_W (MeV)				
Source	(%)	m_T fit	p_T^μ fit	p_T^{ν} fit		
$Z/\gamma^* \to \mu\mu$	7.37 ± 0.10	1.6(0.7)	3.6(0.3)	0.1(1.5)		
$W \to \tau \nu$	0.880 ± 0.004	$0.1 \ (0.0)$	0.1(0.0)	0.1 (0.0)		
Hadronic jets	0.01 ± 0.04	$0.1 \ (0.8)$	-0.6(0.8)	2.4(0.5)		
Decays in flight	0.20 ± 0.14	1.3(3.1)	1.3(5.0)	-5.2(3.2)		
Cosmic rays	0.01 ± 0.01	0.3(0.0)	0.5~(0.0)	0.3(0.3)		
Total	8.47 ± 0.18	2.1(3.3)	3.9(5.1)	5.7(3.6)		

	Fraction		δM_W (MeV)			
Source	(%)	m_T fit	p_T^e fit	p_T^{ν} fit		
$Z/\gamma^* \to ee$	0.134 ± 0.003	0.2 (0.3)	0.3(0.0)	0.0~(0.6)		
$W \to \tau \nu$	0.94 ± 0.01	0.6(0.0)	0.6(0.0)	0.6~(0.0)		
Hadronic jets	0.34 ± 0.08	2.2(1.2)	0.9(6.5)	6.2(-1.1)		
Total	1.41 ± 0.08	2.3(1.2)	1.1(6.5)	6.2(1.3)		

Initial state LO & NLO

W+ initial	Туре	Pythia LO	Madgraph LO	Madgraph NLC
u dbar	V-V	81.7%	82.0%	82.7%
dbar u	S-S	8.9%	9.0%	8.8%
u sbar	V-S	1.6%	1.9%	1.8%
sbar u	S-S	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
c sbar	S-S	2.9%	2.9%	_
sbar c	S-S	2.9%	2.9%	-
c dbar	S-V	0.7%	0.7%	-
dbar c	S-S	0.2%	0.2%	-
u g	v-g		-	3.7%
g dbar	g-v		-	1.8%
g u	g-s		-	0.4%
dbar g	s-g		-	0.5%
g sbar	g-s		_	0.02%
sbar g	s-g		-	0.02%

Recoil in W & Z events



Recoil projections in W events

Recoil model parameters

Parameter	Description	Source	m_T	p_T^ℓ	p_T^{ν}
a	average response	Fig. S23	-1.6	-2.9	-0.2
b	response non-linearity	Fig. S23	-0.8	-2.0	0.7
Response			1.8	3.5	0.7
N_V	spectator interactions	Fig. S24	0.5	-3.2	3.6
$s_{ m had}$	sampling resolution	Fig. S24	0.3	0.3	0.8
$f_{\pi^0}^4$	EM fluctuations at low u_T	Fig. S25	-0.3	-0.2	-1.0
$f_{\pi^{0}}^{15}$	EM fluctuations at high u_T	Fig. S25	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
α	angular resolution at low u_T	Fig. S26	1.4	0.1	2.5
eta	angular resolution at intermediate u_T	Fig. S26	0.2	0.1	0.7
γ	angular resolution at high u_T	Fig. S26	0.3	0.3	0.7
f_2^a	average dijet component	Fig. S27	0.1	-1.1	0.8
f_2^s	variation of dijet component with u_T	Fig. S27	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
k_{ξ}	average dijet resolution	Fig. S28	-0.1	0.1	-0.3
δ_{ξ}	fluctuations in dijet resolution	Fig. S28	-0.2	0.2	-1.1
A_{ξ}	higher-order term in dijet resolution	Fig. S28	0.1	-1.0	0.7
μ_{ξ}	"I	Fig. S28	-0.5	-0.4	-0.9
ϵ_{ξ}	"I	Fig. S28	0.1	-0.2	0.4
S_{ε}^+	n	Fig. S28	0.5	-0.4	1.4
S_{ϵ}^{-}	II	Fig. S28	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5
q_{ξ}		Fig. S28	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Resolution			1.8	3.6	5.2

Recoil reconstruction in muon channel

Electron momentum calibration

Electroweak observables at dimension 6

 $\underbrace{\delta Q_{H\overline{A}VB}^{2}, Q_{HD}}_{A} \underbrace{Q_{H\ell}^{(1)2}, Q_{H\ell}^{(2)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(2)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(1)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(2)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(1)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(2)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(1)}, Q_{H\ell}^{(2)}, Q_{H\ell}$ auge couplings in the SMEFT: \bar{g}_1, \bar{g}_2 pr δM_{Hq}^2 Lagrangian parameters \bar{g}_{HW} , \bar{g}_{1} to the input parameters \bar{g}_{Hq} , \bar{g}_{1} to the input parameters \bar{g}_{Hq} in $\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(3)}$ bar on $2\hat{M}^2$

ſ	Parameter	Input Value	Ι
	\hat{m}_Z	91.1875 ± 0.0021	
	\hat{G}_F	$1.1663787(6) \times 10^{-5}$	
	\hat{lpha}_{ew}	1/137.035999074(94)	

$$\frac{\delta m_W^2}{\hat{m}_W^2} = \hat{\Delta} \left[4 C_{HWB} + \frac{c_{\hat{\theta}}}{s_{\hat{\theta}}} C_{HD} + 4 \frac{s_{\hat{\theta}}}{c_{\hat{\theta}}} C_{H\ell}^{(3)} - 2 \frac{s_{\hat{\theta}}}{c_{\hat{\theta}}} C_{\ell \ell} \right]$$

Observable	Experimental Value	Ref.	SM Theoretical Value	Ref.
$\hat{m}_Z[\text{GeV}]$	91.1875 ± 0.0021	[19]	_	—
$\hat{m}_W[\text{GeV}]$	80.385 ± 0.015	[49]	80.365 ± 0.004	[50]
$\Gamma_Z[\text{GeV}]$	2.4952 ± 0.0023	[19]	2.4942 ± 0.0005	[48]
R^0_ℓ	20.767 ± 0.025	[19]	20.751 ± 0.005	[48]
R_c^0	0.1721 ± 0.0030	[19]	0.17223 ± 0.00005	[48]
R_b^0	0.21629 ± 0.00066	[19]	0.21580 ± 0.00015	[48]
$\sigma_h^0 \; [\mathrm{nb}]$	41.540 ± 0.037	[19]	41.488 ± 0.006	[48]
$A_{\rm FB}^\ell$	0.0171 ± 0.0010	[19]	0.01616 ± 0.00008	[32]
$A^c_{\rm FB}$	0.0707 ± 0.0035	[19]	0.0735 ± 0.0002	[32]
$A^b_{\rm FB}$	0.0992 ± 0.0016	[19]	0.1029 ± 0.0003	[32]