W^+/W^- cross-section ratio with STAR Run 2017

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Recap

- Z cross section extracted using Run 13 cuts
 - Agreed with Run 13 results ${\sim}1\sigma$
 - Also agreed with FEWZ NLO $\sim 1\sigma \rightarrow$ No issues with Z?
 - Failed to describe LS BGR seen in Run 17 pub
 - Tight charge requirement ($q \times E_T/p_T$) may not be justified
 - $\sigma_Z \sim 3.2 \pm 0.3 \ pb$ (this study) vs. \sim 4.5 pb (pub)



Z Signal with Run 17 cuts

- Strategy detailed in Apr 9, 2025 presentation
 - https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/userfiles/6368/Nam_20250409.pdf





- No pTZ dependence after removing ETnear cut
- (Potential) sources of mismatch in efficiency identified and will be investigated
- What about electron acceptance effect?





- $\eta_{e+} vs p_{T,Z}$ distributions and efficiency at **Generator level**
 - No strong charge dependence identified
 - No strong η_e dependence in $p_{T,Z}$ distribution



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Cross section

Integrated cross section = 2.69738 ± 0.142343 pb



- The resulting cross section $\sim 2.7 \pm 3\% (LS) + 15\% (charge) pb$
- In the publication, $\sim 4.5 \ pb$
- Sources currently being investigated
 - Efficiency calculation
 - LS background
 - STAR Library

- Active investigation with Z experts (Xiaoxuan, Salvatore)
- Step-by-step comparisons planned
- Will revisit once progress is made





Jet description by Pythia

- Mis-estimation of signed-p_{T,bal} cut efficiency found to be ~20 %, indicating mismatches in underlying jet distributions
 → Is this really the case?
- While it is difficult to obtain clean W signal without signed- $p_{T,bal}$ requirement, it is possible with Z
- Strategy
 - Jets reconstructed with Z events
 - StJetFinder, anti-kT, E-scheme, R = 0.6, min-pT = 3.5 GeV
 - Events with all Z selection + M_Z window (Run 17 pub)
 - Classify jet list as follows
 - \rightarrow "All" jets: all jets reconstructed with detector responses
 - No input object list manipulation at runtime
 - Include 2 electron-driven jets
 - \rightarrow "QCD" jets: all jets with $\Delta R(e, jet) > 0.6$ (both e^+ and e^-)
 - For electron jet rejection
 - Challenging statistics with more sophisticated requirements
 - Additional requirements may also introduce bias difficult to understand





Jet comparisons



No significant mismatch between data and MC







Jet comparisons



- No significant mismatch with "QCD" jets
- Less jet-Z correlation in dφ with "all" jet, while this is not seen with "QCD" jets
- Perhaps, the issue is not with Z + jet, but with $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$?



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e-Z comparisons

Electron tracks, not jets



- No significant charge dependence $\rightarrow e^{\pm}$ combined
- Much stronger azimuthal *e*-*Z* correlation in data
- Higher sensitivity to back-to-back *Z* + *jet* kinematics
- Potential source of signed- $p_{T,bal}$ mismatch





Understanding Jet pT distribution



- (Real) QCD jets overlapping with electron with $p_T \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ should be included in mock-W study (as was done before)
- In StJetMaker, input tower energy is corrected for p_{trk} $E_{tow,input} = \max(E_{tow} - p_{trk,proj}, 0)$

From Spin PWG Presentation (Mar 26, 2025)

- New kinematic quantities are obtained as
 - $E_{T,away,+}$ $\rightarrow E_{T,away,+} + (\hat{p}_{T,+} \cdot \hat{p}_{T,-} \cdot E_{T,-}^{2\times 2}) + (\hat{p}_{T,+} \cdot p_{T,-})$
 - signed- $p_{T,bal,+} \rightarrow$ signed- $p_{T,bal,+} + (\hat{p}_{T,+} \cdot \hat{p}_{T,-} \cdot E_{T,-}^{2\times 2})$
- Events with high p_T electron jets due to tower-track mapping issue may underestimate signed- $p_{T,bal}$ (overestimate c_{mis})
- Two approaches to address these issues
 - \rightarrow Jet reconstruction with input list manipulation at runtime

→ mock-W (data) vs. mock-W (MC), instead of mock-W (data) vs. W (MC)

No charge dependence must be presumed



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Mock-W study (e^+ and e^- combined)



Final result

• Assuming No η_e or charge dependence



- $c_{mis} = \epsilon_{MC} / \epsilon_{mock,data}$
 - = Nominal \pm [Nominal Alternative (No ETnear cut)]
 - = 1.23 ± 0.07 , mock-W (data) vs W (MC)
 - = 1.14 \pm 0.06, mock-W (data) vs mock-W (MC)
- Resulting in $\sim \! 14\%$ increase in the final cross section

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Summary

- Internal cross check Z cross section
 - WIP, actively communicating with Z experts
 - Potential sources of mismatch identified
 - (W.r.t the W analysis) FEWZ NLO no-jet effect with Z found to be insignificant (~ 1σ) 3.2 ± 0.3(*stat*)*pb* (This study) vs. ~4.5*pb* (17 Pub) vs. 3.6*pb* (FEWZ NLO) vs. 2.7*pb* (FEWZ NLO 0J)
- Mis-estimation of signed-p_{T,bal} efficiency
 - No significant mismatch in Z + jets between data/MC
 - Mismatch in *e*-*Z* correlation found
 - (Assuming this mismatch persists in $W \rightarrow ev$) Now c_{mis} extracted from mock-W data vs mock-W MC
 - ~14% correction to cross section (without estimating η and charge dependence)
- Paper preview request
 - Draft nearly completed
 - Awaiting ResBos2 predictions (FEWZ for paper preview)











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- (Visible) η_e dependent efficiency observed after requiring two "good" clusters ($E_{T,e} > 16 \text{ GeV}, E_{T,e}/E_T^{4 \times 4} \sim 1$, etc.)
- No strong low- $p_{T,Z}$ bias in all η_e region



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Comparisons between black open circle (mock-W data) and open triangle (mock-W MC) in signed- $p_{T,bal} < 16 \ GeV$



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Revisiting Mock-W study (W+)



Revisiting Mock-W study (W-)

