

# Vector Boson Production in association with jets in CMS

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- Introduction and motivation
  - Precision verification of pQCD and impact on new physics searches
- Measurements involving heavy flavor
  - W + c differential cross-section
  - Z + c differential cross-section
  - Z + b differential cross-section
  - Z + HF differential cross-section

Summary

### Motivation for V+jets

- High precision verification of the pQCD predictions
  - Higher order calculations N(N)LO
  - Matching schemas
  - PDFs (including heavy flavor content)
- A key ingredient in other critical high precision SM measurements:
  - E.g. W mass and top mass that are critical SM tests (self-consistency, limits of applicability and potential new physics scales, vacuum stability etc.)
- An important (and difficult) background for new physics searches in the Higgs sector:
  - W/Z+H, Non-SM Higgs, new heavy quarks etc.







### The Overall Landscape



- Overall good agreement of the data with SM predictions
  - Latest addition is the Z+b measurement for 13 TeV

### W+c Differential Cross Section

- W+c cross sections are measured in the muon channel
- Charm identified via reconstruction of the c hadrons:

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$$cc \rightarrow D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 + \pi^{\pm}_{slow} \rightarrow K^{\mp} \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\pm}_{slow}$$

- W+c signal:
  - c quark with p<sub>T</sub> > 5 GeV in the final state
  - W boson and the charm quark have opposite signs (OS)

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- Require odd number of c quarks (3, 5, ...) the one with OS and the highest p<sub>T</sub> is chosen
- Backgrounds
  - W +  $c\overline{c}$ : a large background from gluon splitting g  $\rightarrow c\overline{c}$
  - Yields both SS and OS pairs (wrt lepton from W), which allows estimating and subtracting

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### W + c Differential Cross Section

Compare data measurements to MCFM 6.8 NLO QCD calculation for several PDF sets (NLO):



	$\sigma(W+c)$	$\sigma(W^++c)/\sigma(W^-+c)$
Measured	$1026 \pm 31 \; ({ m stat})^{+76}_{-72} \; ({ m syst})$	$0.968 \pm 0.055 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.015}_{-0.028} \text{ (syst)}.$
ABMP16nlo	1077.9 pb $\pm$ 2.1%(pdf) $^{+3.4\%}_{-2.4\%}$ (scale)	0.975 <sup>+0.002</sup> -0.002
ATLASepWZ16nnlo	1235.1 pb <sup>+1.4%</sup> <sub>-1.6%</sub> (pdf) <sup>+3.7%</sup> <sub>-2.8%</sub> (scale)	$0.976^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$
CT14nlo	992.6 pb ± $^{+7.2\%}_{-8.4\%}$ (pdf) $^{+3.1\%}_{-2.1\%}$ (scale)	0.970 <sup>+0.005</sup> -0.007
MMHT14nlo	$1057.1 \text{ pb} \pm \frac{+6.5\%}{-8.0\%}(\text{pdf})^{+3.2\%}_{-2.2\%}(\text{scale})$	0.960 <sup>+0.023</sup> -0.033
NNPDF3.0nlo	959.5 pb $\pm$ 5.4%(pdf) $^{+2.8\%}_{-1.9\%}$ (scale)	0.962 <sup>+0.034</sup> 0.034
NNPDF3.1nlo	1030.2 pb $\pm$ 5.3%(pdf) $^{+3.2\%}_{-2.2\%}$ (scale)	0.965 <sup>+0.043</sup> -0.043

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### W+c Measurement at 8 TeV



- A muon from a SL charm hadron decay w/ substantial impact parameter
- A secondary vertex arising from a visible charm hadron
- Yields a very large sample

Reduced statistical/ systematic errors





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- Event Selection:
  - *II*= ee or μμ, p<sub>T</sub>(μ)>26(10) GeV, p<sub>T</sub>(e)>29(10) GeV
- Z(II): 71 <  $M_{II}$  < 111 GeV,  $|\eta(II)|$  < 2.4
- Particle-level jets: p<sub>T</sub> > 30 GeV, |η( jet)| < 2.4</li>
  - pileup jet id (tag and remove)
  - c-tag (using DeepCSV: eff~30%, mistag rate for light jets ~1.2%, for b's – 20%)
- Using MSV to differentiate between signal and background
  - Plot on the right (note the scale factors for MS not yet applied!)
- Diboson, tt-bar, W+jets are small and taken from MC
  - With appropriate scale factors

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- Integral cross section Z(II) + c jet
  - σ (p<sub>T</sub>(j)<300 GeV)=413.5±5.6(stat)±24.3(exp)±3.7(th) pb</li>
  - c.f. MG5\_aMC(NLO)=524.9±11.7(th) pb, SHERPA (NLO)=485pb
- MG5 aMC(LO) describes differential cross section vs p<sub>T</sub>(II) and p<sub>T</sub>(j) reasonably well (within 10%), but both MG5\_aMC &SHERPA at NLO tend to deviate up to 20-30%.
- Indication that NLO PDFs overestimate c-content in proton

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### $Z + \geq 1b$ and $Z + \geq 2b$ Jets



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- p<sub>T</sub> shape is well described by all pQCD calculations
  - Except for MG5 aMC (LO, NNPDF 3.1, CP5) combination up to 25% deviation for higher  $p_T$  region.
- $\Delta Y$ : the agreement improves with MG5\_aMC at NLO w.r.t LO (high  $\Delta Y$ )





- $\Delta R(bb)$ : the agreement improves with MG5\_aMC at NLO w.r.t LO (c.f. high  $\Delta R$ )
- A<sub>zbb</sub> shows trends with both LO and NLO predictions



### Ratio Z + $\geq$ 1b / Z + $\geq$ 2b



 For the ratios, all combinations of pQCD calculations & PDFs describe data well within the experimental uncertainties

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## Ratios $Z + \geq 1b(c) / Z + \geq 1c(j)$

- Various ratios obtained in the same analysis
  - Better control (cancelation) of systematic effects
  - Reduced theoretical uncertainties in the calculations of the ratios (e.g. parton showering and hadronization)
  - Larger statistics, better techniques for heavy flavor jets identification
- Looking at different ratios allows to better identify the most likely source of the discrepancy with the theory:
  - Higher order contributions in the calculations, PDFs parameterizations, imperfections in matching schemas etc.



### Ratios Z + $\geq$ 1b / Z + $\geq$ 1j

- The MG5\_aMC predictions for the cross section ratios are higher in most of the bins, although still compatible with the data given the large
  - uncertainties.
    - The data are better described with MG5\_aMC at LO compared to MG5\_aMC at NLO.
- The MCFM predictions for R(b/j) disagree with data at high jet p<sub>T</sub> and p<sub>T</sub>(Z)



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### Ratios Z + $\geq 1c / Z + \geq 1j$

- The MG5\_aMC predictions for the cross section ratios are again higher in most of the bins and even more pronounced, c.f. R(c/j) versus jet p<sub>T</sub>. The data are again better described with MG5\_aMC at LO compared to MG5\_aMC at NLO.
- The MCFM predictions for R(c/j) disagree with data at high p<sub>T</sub>(Z), but for jet p<sub>T</sub>, there is in good agreement with LO or NLO calculations, and for both PDFs considered.



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### Ratios Z + $\geq 1c / Z + \geq 1b$

- For R(c/b), all theoretical predictions are consistent with the measured ratios, except for the MCFM prediction for the highest p<sub>T</sub>(Z) bin.
  - The difference between the parton- and particle-level jets may affect the MCFM predictions, although the corresponding effects are significantly reduced or vanish in the cross section ratios.

 Alternatively, higher order pQCD calculations might be needed to improve the description of the data

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R(c/b) B(c/b) 05 0.5 aMC INLO ExEx aMC INLO, FxFx A MG5\_aMC [LO, MLM] MG5\_aMC [LO, MLM] MCEM NNPDE 3.0 LO 1.5 1.5 0.5 05 Pred./Data Pred./Data 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 0.5 05 100 120 140 160 180 100 120 140 160 180 p<sup>z</sup> [GeV] p\_et [GeV]

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- Precision measurements in V+jets provide a direct test of the perturbative QCD calculations
  - A variety of measurements, including ratios that are less sensitive to systematics and some theoretical uncertainties
- Experimental feedback allows for continuous improvement of the higher order calculations
  - Better understanding of the components going into these calculations, e.g. PDFs, parton showering
  - Important on its own, but also for correctly predicting background contributions to
    - Other precision measurements testing Standard Model's selfconsistency and limits of applicability
    - New physics searches in a range of scenarios, including Higgs sector