Transverse Momentum Resummed Calculations in reSolve and Z' searches

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Work based on our paper and references therein: "Production of Z'-boson resonances with large width at the LHC", Physics Letters B 803 (2020) 135293, arXiv:1910.13759.

Introduction

- Increasing amounts of data coming out of the LHC, with greater precision and more differential.
- Necessitates precise theoretical predictions, including transverse momentum (q_T) resummed calculations.
- This is particularly true for standard canonical channels, e.g. DY.
- E.g. Precision measurements of W mass rely on precise predictions of q_T spectrum for Z and W.
- Many recent developments in making such theoretical predictions and proliferation of codes able to produce such q_T resummed predictions at the LHC via many different approaches:
 - Standard (CSS) q_T resummation TMDs
 - Parton Branching
 SCET

Currently being benchmarked for DY (see Daniel's talk).

• These codes calculate the q_T resummed spectra for DY up to NNLO+NNLL'/N3LL.

reSolve - q_T resummation code

- reSolve is a Monte Carlo program set up to calculate the resummed component of the cross-section (i.e. low q_T part) for any generic process with a colourless final state F.*
- So far it has been explicitly set-up and tested for Diphoton, Drell-Yan and Z' final states.
- Uses CSS/CFG q_T resummation formalism. Catani et. al, 1311.1654
- Performs the resummation in *b*-space and Mellin space, calculates spectra up to NNLL'.
- Matching to finite component being developed now soon ready for NLO, NNLO ongoing development. Can be provided externally.
- Involved in benchmarking effort for DY at the LHC in EW working group.
 See my talk at https://indico.cern.ch/event/941711/timetable/?print=1

*Manual and paper available at CPC Vol. 238 pgs 262-294 and at arXiv:hep-ph/1711.02083. F. Coradeschi and T.C., Nov '17

Setup in CSS q_T resummation

Collins, Soper, Sterman, '85 Catani, de Florian, Grazzini, '01 Bozzi, Catani, de Florian, Grazzini, '05

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\sigma_{res}^{F}(p_{1},p_{2},Q^{2},\mathbf{q}_{T},y,\Omega)}{dQ^{2}d^{2}\mathbf{q}_{T}dyd\Omega} &= \int \frac{d^{2}b}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int_{x_{1}}^{1} \frac{dz_{1}}{z_{1}} \int_{x_{2}}^{1} \frac{dz_{2}}{z_{2}} W^{F}(\mathbf{b},z_{1},z_{2},\ldots) \\ &\equiv \frac{Q^{2}}{s} \left[d\hat{\sigma}_{c\bar{c}}^{F,LO} \right] \int \frac{d^{2}b}{(2\pi)^{2}} e^{i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{q}_{T}} \underbrace{S_{c}(Q^{2},b_{0}^{2}/b^{2})}_{Sudakov} \\ &\times \int_{x_{1}}^{1} \frac{dz_{1}}{z_{1}} \int_{x_{2}}^{1} \frac{dz_{2}}{z_{2}} H^{F} \underbrace{C_{1}C_{2}}_{Collinear \ Factor} f_{a_{1}/h_{1}}(x_{1}/z_{1},b_{0}^{2}/b^{2}) f_{a_{2}/h_{2}}(x_{2}/z_{2},b_{0}^{2}/b^{2}) \\ & \text{where} \\ S_{c}(\mu_{2}^{2},\mu_{1}^{2}) &= \exp\left\{ -\int_{\mu_{1}^{2}}^{\mu_{2}^{2}} \frac{dq^{2}}{q^{2}} \left[A_{c}(\alpha_{s}(q^{2}))\log\frac{\mu_{2}^{2}}{q^{2}} + B_{c}(\alpha_{s}(q^{2})) \right] \right\}, \\ H_{q}^{F} &= \frac{|\tilde{M}_{q\bar{q}\Rightarrow F}|^{2}}{|M_{q\bar{q}\Rightarrow F}(0)|^{2}} \cdot C_{qa}(z,\alpha_{s}) = \delta_{qa}\delta(1-z) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} \right)^{n} C_{qa}^{(n)}(z). \end{split}$$

Beyond Standard Model - Z's

- These resummed calculations are now in widespread use in SM precision calculations.
- However little effort has been made examining their effects on BSM calculations given these tend to require less precision.
- At LHC searching for heavy Z's with $M_{Z'} \sim \mathcal{O}(TeV) \rightarrow$ naturally in the kinematic regime where $q_T/M_{ll} \ll 1$, i.e. where the QCD corrections can be treated by resummation.
- Spectrum peaked strongly at low $q_T \ll M_{ll}$ therefore majority of contribution included in resummed component.
- Use reSolve to examine searches for Z's with predictions up to NNLL'.

Z's in phenomenology

- Z's arise in a large variety of theories and models:
 - "Top-down" models based on GUT extended gauge groups (e.g. *E*₆).
 - "Bottom-up" models add small changes to SM (e.g. LR models).
- From phenomenological perspective we can just parameterise this as an effective description at low energy with an additional Z' at scales above EW scale:

$$egin{aligned} & \mathcal{SU}(3)_{c} imes\mathcal{SU}(2)_{L} imes\mathcal{U}(1)_{Y} imes\mathcal{U}(1)_{Z'}\ & \mathcal{L}\supset g'Z'_{\mu}ar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}(\mathsf{a}_{V}-\mathsf{a}_{A}\gamma_{5})\psi \end{aligned}$$

- Free parameters are then the Z' mass $(M_{Z'})$, width $(\Gamma_{Z'})$, and fermion couplings (a_V^{ψ}, a_A^{ψ}) .
- Try to search for/rule out Z's based on mass, width, couplings rather than models.
- Different models will set different relations between these free parameters and can then be interpreted in terms of these searches.

Z' searches

- Experimentally, the typical search for these is to "bump-hunt".
- Search in dilepton invariant mass spectrum:
 - Clean, free of QCD background.
 - Easy to detect.
 - Very precisely measured kinematics.



- Largely model-independent, just gives mass and width of Z'
- Doesn't depend on precise details of theoretical predictions/corrections.
- However, assumes narrow BW resonances, $\Gamma/M \lesssim 5\%$
- But many Z' models can have large widths models with exotic decays, DM portals, non-universal models, ...

Current Z' limits - LHC

Accomando et al., JHEP, 01 (2016), 127

 Projected approx. sensitivities - Current luminosity 3.5 - 4TeV, Run III (300fb⁻¹) 4 - 5TeV, HL-LHC (3000fb⁻¹) 5 - 6.5TeV.



- 13TeV data with 139 fb⁻¹, Z' excluded up to 4.5 5TeV.
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Large width Z's

- Many models have "wide" Z' resonances with $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'} > 5\%$.
- No longer have clear resonance peak but rather smeared "shoulder" of excess over SM background.
- Instead rely on just counting excess events above SM background.
- Requires precise knowledge and control of SM backgrounds/extrapolations.
- Additional small effects must therefore be considered:
 - Finite Width effects.
 - Interferences with Z's.
 - QCD corrections.
- Want search strategies for heavy wide Z's robust to these effects.



Resummed calculation in reSolve

- Kinematic regime of such heavy Z' searches is naturally that of resummed part of spectrum, $q_T/M_{II} \ll 1$.
- reSolve code modified to include Z's on top of SM Drell-Yan, including finite width and interference effects.
- Calculate multi-differential cross-sections $\frac{d\sigma}{dM_{||}dq_T dy_{||}d\Omega}$ including resummation up to NNLL'.
- Focus on two exemplar cases in Sequential Standard Model (SSM), both are heavy wide Z's currently not excluded:
 - "SSM-wide" 10% width, enlarged by extra invisible decay modes.
 - "SSM-enhanced" 27% width, SM couplings enlarged.

Standard Z_{couplings}

11(1)/	M (C X)	E /14	/			d	d	e	e	ν	υν
U(1)	$M_{Z'}(\text{GeV})$	$I_{Z'}/IVI_{Z'}$	g	g _V	g _A						
SSM wide	4500	10%	0.76	0.193	0.5	-0.347	-0.5	-0.0387	-0.5	0.5	0.5
SSM enhanced	5000	27%	2.28	0.193	0.5	-0.347	-0.5	-0.0387	-0.5	0.5	0.5

Paper: E. Accomando, F. Coradeschi, T.C., J. Fiaschi, F. Hautmann, S. Moretti, C. Shepherd-Thmistocleous., C. Voisey. "Production of Z'-boson resonances with large width at the LHC", Physics Letters B 803 (2020) 135293 and arXiv:1910.13759.

Differential M_{II} cross-sections for SSM wide/enhanced

- SSM wide model (below left) has 10% width,
 - still some reduced resonance shape remains in invariant mass.
- SSM enhanced (below right) has 27% width,
 - broad "shoulder" of excess events must simply count events above background sensitive to model and corrections.



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Forward-Backward Asymmetry, A_{FB}

• Forward-backward asymmetry:

$$A_{FB} = \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B}$$

N.B. A_{FB} relies on knowing θ angle between I^- and q in CoM frame, we can't know the quark direction in hadron collider \Rightarrow use direction of boost of dilepton system, this defines related A_{FB}^* .

where $\sigma_{F,B} = \int_a^b \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta$ with [a, b] = [0, 1]/[-1, 0] for F/B.

• Sensitive to different combination of couplings relative to cross-section:

$$\Sigma |M|^2 \sim \Sigma_{i,j} |P_i^* P_j| [\underbrace{(1 + \cos^2 \theta) C_S^{ij}}_{\text{Cross-section}} + \underbrace{2 \cos \theta C_A^{ij}}_{A_{FB}}]$$

$$C_{S/A}^{ij} = (a_{V_i}a_{V/A_j} + a_{A_i}a_{A/V_j})_L(a_{V_i}a_{V/A_j} + a_{A_i}a_{A/V_j})_Q$$

 A_{FB} usually suggested as diagnostic tool to determine Z' model after discovery ⇒ offers complementary information.

Accomando et al, 1504.03168, 1510.05892, ...

Forward-Backward Asymmetry, A_{FB} shape

• A_{FB} shape is coupling-sensitive and dominated by interference effects, occur at $M_{II} < M_{Z'} \Rightarrow$ diagnostic and search tool:



• Very model dependent shape, hence utility to distinguish models.

AFB.

- Also maintains a clear line shape, even for wide Z's \Rightarrow search tool when M_{II} searches are insensitive.
- Systematics partially cancel (e.g. PDFs, lumi) at cost of increased stat errors. Accomando et al., JHEP, 01 (2016), 127



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SSM wide AFB



• Only stat errors shown here as at high M_{II} these dominate. A_{FB} has larger stat errors. ΔA_{FB}^{stat}



- Scale variation errors from resummed prediction negligible in comparison to stat errors, also reduced in *A_{FB}*.
- A_{FB} is more robust against resummation effects \Rightarrow good variable.
- Cross-section search shows more promise, *A_{FB}* stat limited but could confirm the signal/enhance sensitivity to it.

SSM enhanced AFB



- Now A_{FB} clearly deviates from SM at much lower invariant masses than the cross-section ⇒ due to interference effect.
- Whilst A_{FB} generally has larger stat errors at same M_{II} , it's deviations occur at lower M_{II} than the shoulder in cross-section, more events here \Rightarrow error-bands in search regions are smaller.
- A_{FB} a better probe of this Z' model than differential cross-section.
- Invariant mass spectrum and A_{FB} may offer complementary information and enhanced sensitivity.

Further Variables: q_T

- Given potential for A_{FB} to detect heavy wide Z's, whether at or before $M_{Z'}$, are there other potentially useful variables?
- reSolve calculates fully differential cross-section for dilepton system and leptons so many variables to look at...
- Now we have resummed predictions we can look at the q_T spectrum in the high M_{II} window around the peak/shoulder:



Further Variables: p_T^{min}

- Examine spectrum of minimum transverse momentum of leptons.
- Jacobian peak clear at $M_{Z'}/2$, potential for mass measurement via this effect.
- Still clear, although smeared, for SSM enhanced which has shoulder in M_{II} rather than resonance, clearer "peak" in p_T^{min} than in M_{II} .
- Need resummed calculation to see this. Similar for p_T^{max} .



Variable Width effects

- Given large $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'}$, Breit-Wigner constant width approximation may not hold true.
- Examine effects of "variable width" via phenomenological LEP* treatment, in propagator $m_{Z'}\Gamma_{Z'} \rightarrow \hat{s}\Gamma_{Z'}/m_{Z'}$.
- The running width then is identical at $\hat{s} = M_{Z'}^2$ whilst is smaller/higher than the fixed width for $\hat{s}/M_{Z'}^2 < / > 1$.
- Cross-section rises/lowers before/after M_{Z'}, consider for SSM enhanced model (right).
- Effect within stat error-bands.
- Enhances the "shoulder" of excess events moves it away from SM slightly in lower mass, greater number of events region.



*G. Altarelli, R.H.P. Kleiss, C. Verzegnassi, CERN-89-08-V-1, https://cds .cern .ch / record /116932, 1989.

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Variable Width effects

- As differential cross-section changes, so will A_{FB} .
- Expect *A_{FB}* less affected as it's a ratio, indeed we see this:
- Small effect well within stat errors.
- Again slightly enhances the difference in shape compared to the SM.



- Negative Z'-SM interference contribution increased, therefore A_{FB} amplitude enhances in the lower M_{II} region relevant for A_{FB} deviations from SM.
- Results shown therefore independent of the precise form of the partial width we assumed.

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Conclusions

- Shown how for heavy, wide Z's "bump-hunting" in *M*_{II} spectra may be insensitive to "shoulder" of excess events.
- Alternative approaches, these require more precise calculations.
- Calculated resummed differential cross-sections and A_{FB} up to NNLL' for two exemplar models.
- Saw that the A_{FB} is robust against resummation and other effects and could offer a more promising search option.
- Interference effects mean A_{FB} may show impact of Z' at much lower M_{II} than cross-section, in same region as depletion of events.
- Considered further differential variables as probes of Z' models, q_T of dilepton system and individual lepton $p_T \Rightarrow$ all show impact of Z', could enhance sensitivity to these wide Z's.
- In future will add finite piece in order to consider further variables and also wish to follow-up on these initial observations.

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Thank you for your attention!

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Backup Slides

Z's in theory

- Z's arise in a large variety of theories, both "top-down" models based on GUT extended gauge groups and "bottom-up" models adding small changes to the SM to explain additional features:
 - ► E_6 models, e.g. broken via $E_6 \rightarrow SO(10) \times U(1) \rightarrow (SU(5) \times U(1)) \times U(1).$
 - Generalised Left-Right symmetric models where $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$.
 - Little Higgs Models, where Higgs is a pseudo-Goldstone boson of an approximate symmetry, divergences in Higgs mass cancelled by new TeV scale bosons, fermions, scalars.
 - Extra dimension models with Kaluza-Klein excitations of Z and other SM gauge bosons.
 - Generalised/Sequential Standard Model (SSM), here you just have a heavier copy of the SM Z boson, useful reference case.
- Can be used to explain many things naturalness, neutrino masses, dark matter, gauge unification, charge quantisation, etc... .

All schematic!

Different Z' Models

U(1)'	Parameter	a_V^u	a^u_A	a_V^d	a^d_A	a_V^e	a^e_{Λ}	a_V^{ν}	a^{ν}_{Λ}
E6(g' = 0.462)	θ		71	,	71	,	Л	,	71
X	0	0	-0.316	-0.632	0.316	0.632	0.316	0.474	0.474
ψ	0.5π	0	0.408	0	0.408	0	0.408	0.204	0.204
η	-0.29π	0	-0.516	-0.388	-0.129	0.388	-0.129	0.129	0.129
S	0.129π	0	-0.130	-0.581	0.452	0.581	0.452	0.516	0.516
Ι	0.21π	0	0	-0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
N	0.42π	0	0.317	-0.157	0.474	0.157	0.474	0.316	0.316
GLR(g' = 0.592)	ϕ								
R	0	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.5	-0.5	0.5	0	0
B - L	0.5π	0.333	0	0.333	0	-1	0	-0.5	-0.5
LR	-0.130π	0.326	-0.459	-0.591	0.459	-0.06	0.459	0.199	0.199
Y	0.25π	0.589	-0.354	-0.118	0.354	-1.061	0.354	-0.354	-0.354
GSM(g' = 0.762)	α								
SM	-0.072π	0.186	0.487	-0.336	-0.487	-0.035	-0.487	0.487	0.487
T3L	0	0.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.5	0.5
Q	0.5π	1.333	0	-0.667	0	$^{-2}$	0	0	0

Different models give different mixings and couplings at the low scale:

Fiaschi, Nov '20

Different approaches to resummation • CSS q_T resummation:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{res}}{dq_T} \sim e^S \times [(HC_1C_2) \otimes f_1 \otimes f_2]$$

• TMD resummation:

$$rac{d\sigma_{res}}{dq_T} \sim H imes F_1 imes F_2$$

SCET resummation:

$$rac{d\sigma_{res}}{dq_T} \sim H imes B_1 imes B_2 imes S$$

- Parton Shower-like (parton branching):
 - Parton shower based with Sudakov factor S denoting probability of no resolvable branching emissions.
 - Ordered emissions ensure control of sub-leading logs.

These different approaches are equivalent for the resummed piece at each order (up to power corrections $\mathcal{O}[(q_T/Q)^n]$).

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 q_T Resummation in reSolve and Z's

Schematic!

q_T resummation - Log. Counting - primed N(n)LL'

$$\ln\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T}\right) \propto \ln\left(1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s^m \mathcal{H}^{(m)}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} g^{(n,k)} L^k \qquad \alpha_S L \sim 1$$

$$\frac{1}{L} L^2 L^3 L^4 L^5 \cdots$$



In primed (original) counting the order matches the order needed in the finite piece for matching: N(n)LL' + N(n)LO. Highest order NNLL'. reSolve uses primed counting, highest order NNLL'.

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q_T resummation - Log. Counting - unprimed N(n)LL

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LHC EW q_T Resummation benchmarking

See my talk at https://indico.cern.ch/event/941711/timetable/?print=1 Level 1 - Essentially consistency in settings wherever possible!

- Consider triple differential cross-section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQdYda_T}$.
- Z/γ^* production at 13TeV.
- Across values of $Q = m_Z$, 1*TeV* and y = 0, 2.4; but focusing on $Q = m_Z$, y = 0.
- Consider all logarithmic orders up to NNLL'/N3LL.
- Only "Canonical" logs, i.e. unmodified $L = \log(Q^2 b^2)$.
- Resummed piece only.
- Across q_T range of 0 to 100GeV, focus though on low q_T where resummed piece relevant.
- No non-perturbative function S_{NP} , Landau pole regularisation treated differently but common value b_0/b_{max} used.
- Scales fixed to Q where naturally at hard scale.
- Same PDF choice, same $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118$, same EW settings, no lepton cuts.

Comparison of q_T resummation codes at NNLL'

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• Comparison of several different methods and codes of q_T resummation for SM Z/γ^* production at LHC at 13TeV at $Q = m_Z$, y = 0 at NNLL'. (Level 1 of benchmarking).



Perturbative convergence with Log resummation order



9. Backup Slides

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Further Variables: η_{II}, η_{I}

- Look at rapidity spectra of dilepton system/individual leptons.
- Z' produced at much higher masses than SM DY, requires PDFs at larger x and more balanced \Rightarrow peaked at narrower η_{II} .
- Z' therefore also less boosted, therefore it produces leptons minimally along cos θ = π/2 → η_L = 0, SM Z boosted and so minima off-axis (i.e. away from η_L = 0). Ratio minimum at η_L = 0.



Cut efficiencies

- Single lepton p_T s and rapidities η_I are usually cut on in searches.
- Given their distributions are affected by the presence of Z's ⇒ need to check this does not bias our search.
- Consider SSM wide case question is whether fraction of total events (acceptances) for Z' passing these cuts is same as for SM:

U(1)'	$p_T^1, p_T^2 \ge 20 \text{ GeV}$	$\eta_1, \eta_2 \leq 2.5$	$p_T^1, p_T^2 \ge 20 \text{ GeV}; \ \eta_1, \eta_2 \le 2.5$
$U(1)_{\rm SM}$	0.99	0.95	0.95
$U(1)_{SSMwide}$	0.99	0.96	0.96

- The mass window 3150 GeV $\leq M_{ll} \leq$ 5850 GeV is selected. Label 1(2) refers to the highest(lowest) transverse momentum lepton.
- Fortunately very limited differences, so whilst ratio of Z'/SM shows differences the Z' and SM show similar behaviours within their spectra with p_T and η_I .

A_{FB}^*

- In actuality we show the "reconstructed A_{FB}", A^{*}_{FB} throughout the slides/results.
- A_{FB} is purely a theoretical object, relies on knowing angle θ between *l⁻* and *q* in parton Centre of Mass (CoM) frame.
- In hadron collider no access to parton CoM frame experimentally!
- Instead take direction of boost of dilepton system as indicating quark direction $\Rightarrow A_{FB}^*$.
- A_{FB}^* and A_{FB} equivalent in large dilepton boost limit.
- A_{FB}^* is diluted compared to A_{FB} .



- Particularly important for heavy objects, these are less boosted so chance of direction "mismatch" greater.
- Can extend definition to higher orders via Collins-Soper frame.

Effect of rapidity cuts

- As a result of fact $A_{FB}^* \to A_{FB}$ for large $y_{||}$, rapidity cuts are often put on the dilepton system in searches.
- However this alters flavour composition as momentum of $u_V > d_V$ on average, also reduces stats.
- Could use rapidity cuts to probe flavour couplings...
- For our heavy Z's suggest no rapidity cut to maximise sensitivity to small effects. Also preserves flavour independence.



PDF effects

- Two considerations firstly PDF systematic errors at large M_{II} can spoil sensitivity to heavy Z's, provided there are enough stats.
- *A_{FB}* being a ratio of cross-sections, is robust against PDF systematic errors as they largely cancel in the ratio:



 Secondly can use rapidity cuts to give sensitivity to individual PDFs, may be useful in future for PDF determinations.

Accomando et al., 1503.02672,1906.11739