

# On the transverse variables at hadron colliders (from which $M_W$ is extracted)

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## On the transverse variable $p_T(e)$

For the leptonic decays at hadron colliders:  $W \rightarrow e\nu, \mu\nu$  :

In the  $W$ -rest frame:

$$p_\ell^{rest} = (p, p_x, p_y, p_z), \quad p_\nu^{rest} = (p, -p_x, -p_y, -p_z), \quad 2p = m_{e\nu}$$

$$m_{e\nu}^2 = (E_e + E_\nu)^2 - (\vec{p}_{eT} + \vec{p}_{\nu T})^2 - (p_{ez} + p_{\nu z})^2$$

$$p_T = p \sin \theta, \quad dp_T = p \cot \theta d \cos \theta, \quad dp_T^2 = p(m_{e\nu}^2 - 4p_T^2)^{1/2} d \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{e\nu}^2 dp_T^2} \propto \frac{\text{BW}_1}{(m_{e\nu}^2 - M_W^2)^2 + \Gamma_W^2 M_W^2} \frac{\text{Jacobian}}{m_{e\nu}(m_{e\nu}^2 - 4p_T^2)^{1/2}} \text{ME} (m_{e\nu}^2 - 2p_T^2)$$

Convoluting relation in  $M_W / m_{e\nu} / p_T$  !

Narrow Width Approx.  $\Gamma_W \rightarrow 0$ :  $\frac{1}{(m_{e\nu}^2 - M_W^2)^2 + \Gamma_W^2 M_W^2} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{\Gamma_W M_W} \delta(m_{e\nu}^2 - M_W^2)$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2} \propto \frac{1}{\Gamma_W M_W^2} \frac{(M_W^2 - 2p_T^2)}{(M_W^2 - 4p_T^2)^{1/2}}$$

Jacobian peak at  $p_T = M_W/2$  for an on-shell  $W$  @ rest.

→ It is an end-point / edge search in  $p_{eT}$ .

→ It is sensitive to  $\Gamma_W$



- In reality: the lab frame with W transverse motion:

$$\vec{p}_{WT} : \quad \beta = p_{WT}/E_{WT}, \quad E_{WT} = (p_{WT}^2 + M_W^2)^{1/2}.$$

$$p_{eT}^{lab} \approx p_{eT}^{rest} - \beta \frac{p_x}{p_T} p \leftarrow \text{Linear dependence on } \beta \sim 4\% !$$

- Finite width effect:

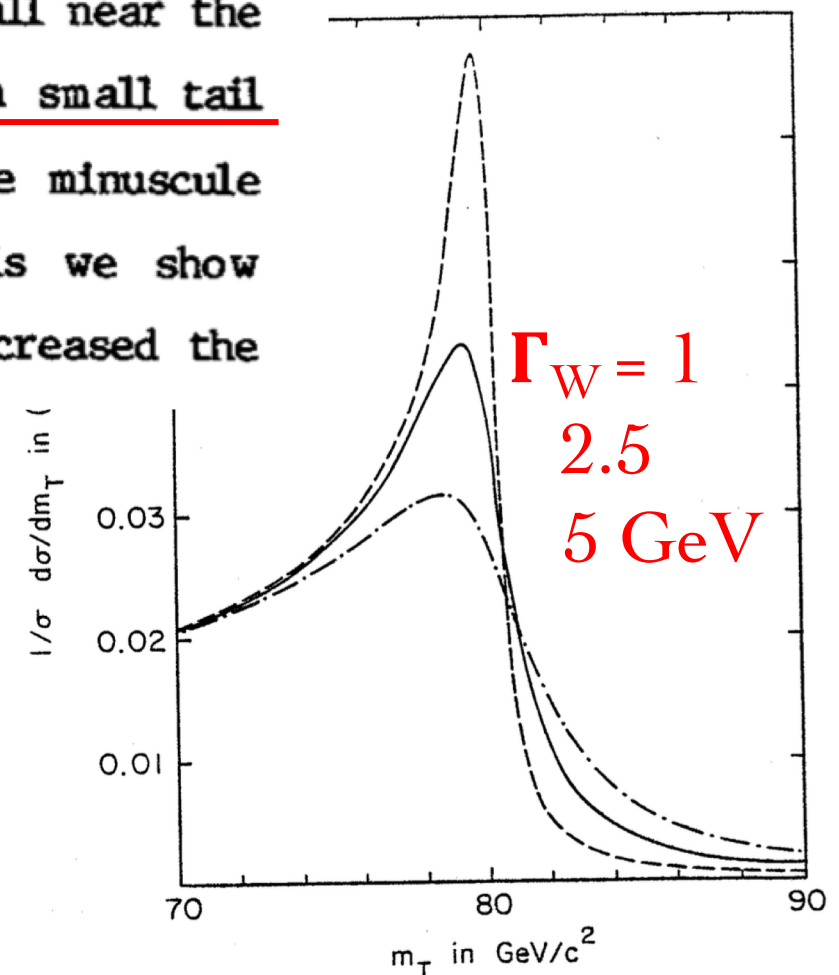
Jack Smith, van Neerven, Vermaseren: 1983

One notes that all the qualitative aspects mentioned in the previous paragraph are evident in the Figure. In particular the  $p_T^W$  modifications are very small near the peak. Instead of a sharp fall-off at  $m_T = M$  the finite width causes a small tail to appear above the peak. Therefore in this region the QCD effects are minuscule so that one can hope to measure  $\Gamma$  in this region. To illustrate this we show three distributions in Figure 2 for different choices of  $\Gamma$ . As  $\Gamma$  is increased the

The edge lowered & shifted.

The current expt error  
mainly from CDF/D0:

$$\text{Full width } \Gamma = 2.085 \pm 0.042 \text{ GeV}$$





## On the transverse variable $M_T(e\nu)$



For the leptonic decays at hadron colliders,  
introduce the transverse mass:

$$m_{e\nu T}^2 = (E_{eT} + E_{\nu T})^2 - (\vec{p}_{eT} + \vec{p}_{\nu T})^2$$

$$\approx 2\vec{p}_{eT} \cdot \vec{p}_{\nu T} \approx 2E_{eT} E_{\nu T} (1 - \cos \phi_{e\nu})$$

$$E_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2} \approx p_T$$

$$\vec{p}_T = -\sum \vec{p}_T(\text{observed})$$

- Kinematically,  $0 < m_{e\nu T}^2 < m_{e\nu}^2$   
 it is NOT Lorentz invariant, only boost invariant;  
 broad range, depending on the W width.
-  Mathematically related to  $M_W$

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dm_{e\nu}^2 dm_{e\nu,T}^2} \propto \frac{\Gamma_W M_W}{(m_{e\nu}^2 - M_W^2)^2 + \Gamma_W^2 M_W^2} \frac{1}{m_{e\nu} \sqrt{m_{e\nu}^2 - m_{e\nu,T}^2}} (m_{e\nu}^2 - m_{e\nu,T}^2/2)$$

While the width effect is similar to  $p_{eT}$ ,  
less sensitive than  $p_{eT}$  in  $\beta^2$  dependence:

$$m_{e\nu,T}^2(\beta_W) = m_{e\nu,T}^2 - \frac{4\beta_W^2 p_x^2 p_z^2}{p_T^2} + O(\beta_W^4)$$