

High-precision measurement of the W boson mass with the CMS experiment

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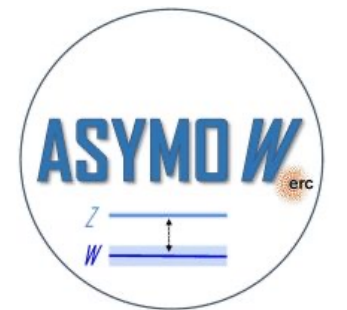
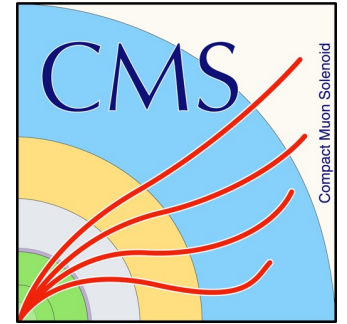


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About me

- **2009:** M.Sc. in Physics (Pisa U. & SNS)
 - Member of the CMS Collaboration since 2008
- **2012:** PhD in Physics (Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau)
 - $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- **2013-2017:** PosDoc (ETH Zurich)
 - ttH production, $H \rightarrow bb$
- **2017-2021:** Researcher (INFN Pisa)
 - m_W with CMS
- **2021-present:** Assoc. Prof. (Physics Dept., Pisa U.)
 - PI of ERC CoG “ASYMOW”

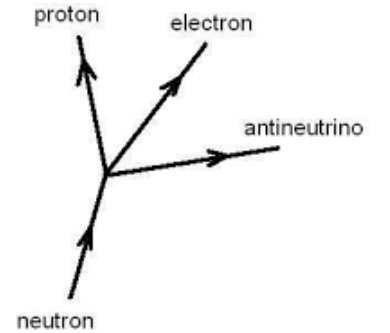


<https://erc-asmow.github.io/>

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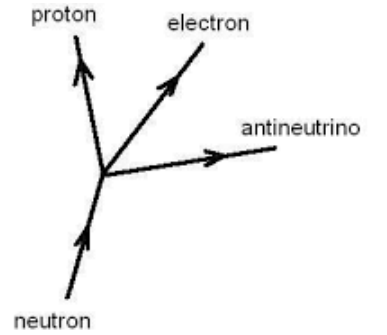


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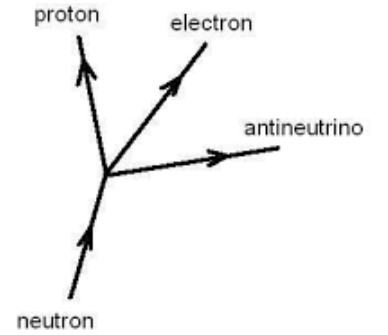


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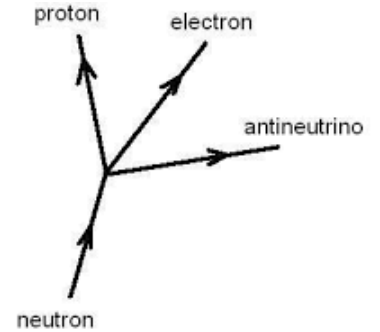
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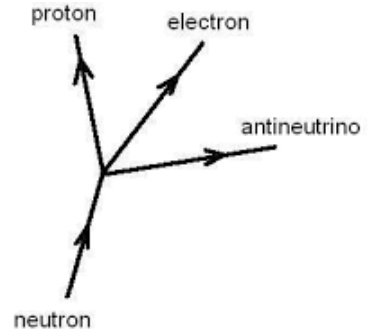
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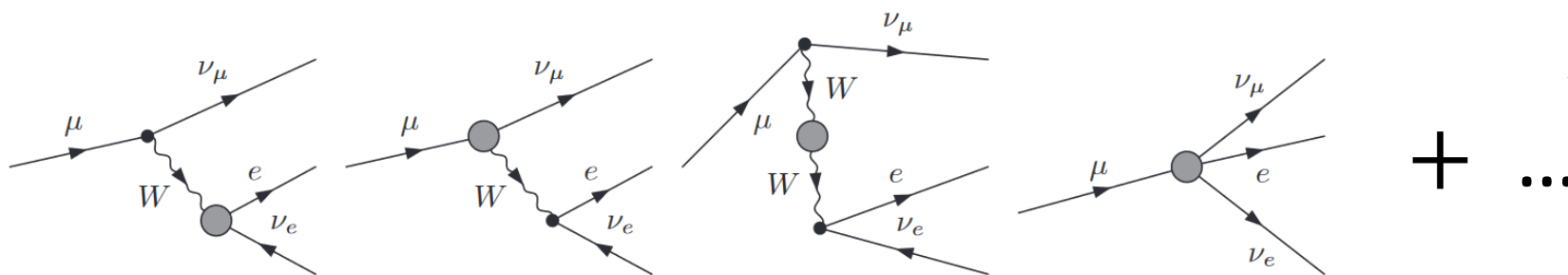
$$\begin{aligned} m_W &= 80.2 \pm 1.5 \text{ GeV} \\ m_Z &= 91.5 \pm 1.8 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

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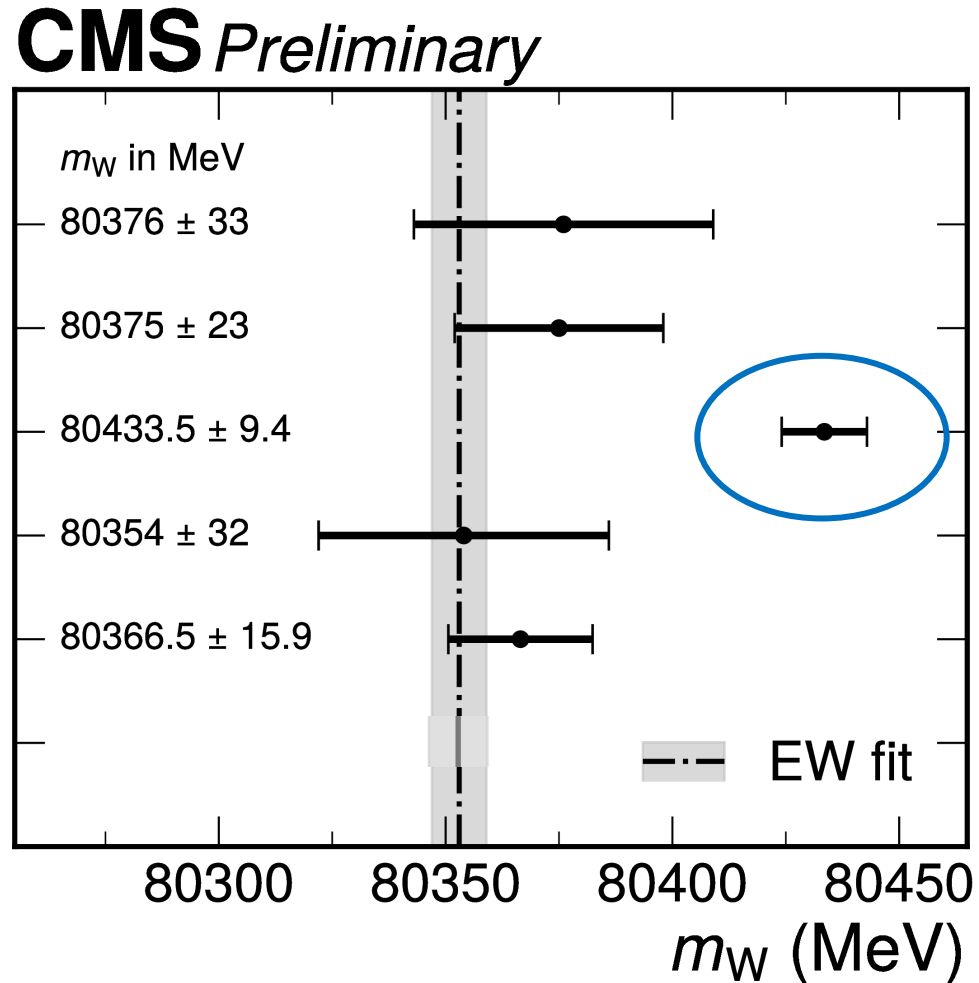
BSM

$T > \frac{1}{2}$ Higgs multiplets?
Extra $SU(2)$ doublets?
Extra $U(1)'$?

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The W mass puzzle (before Sept. 17th)

LEP combination
Phys. Rep. 532 (2013) 119
D0
PRL 108 (2012) 151804
CDF
Science 376 (2022) 6589
LHCb
JHEP 01 (2022) 036
ATLAS
arxiv:2403.15085, subm. to EPJC



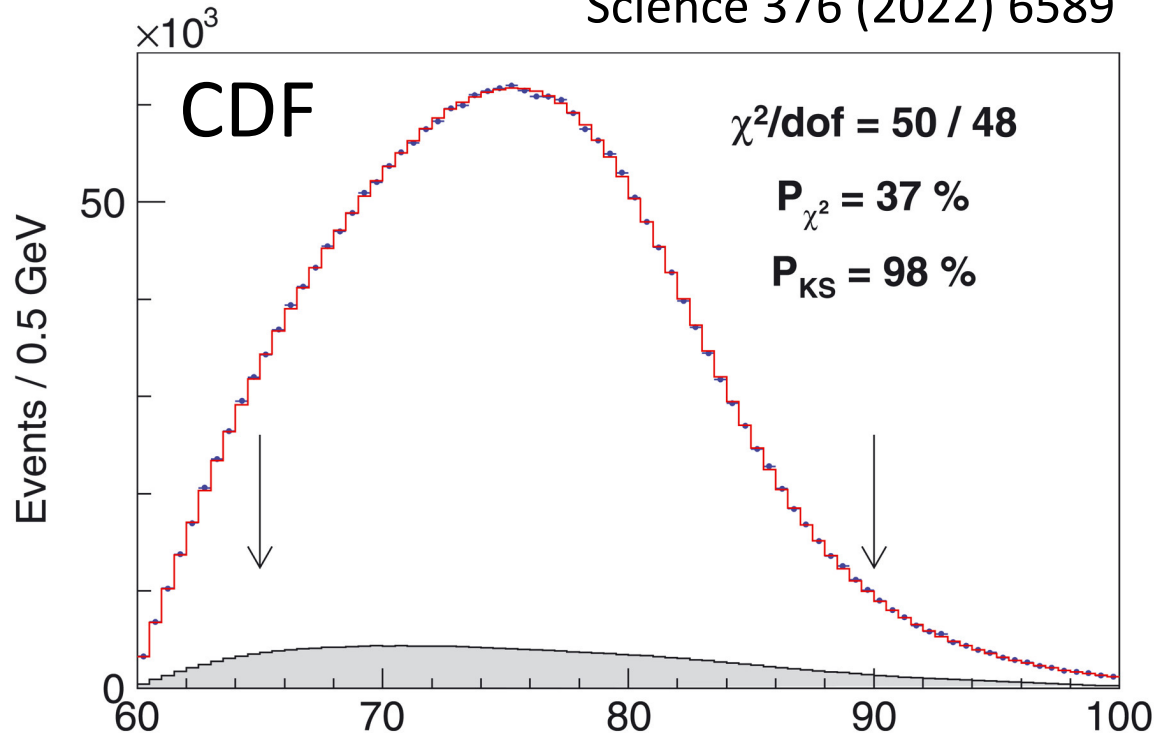
- Legacy CDF result **inconsistent with SM (7σ)**
 - Tension with other measurements ($\sim 4\sigma$)

- PDG 2024 (w/o CDF): **80369.2 ± 13.3 MeV**
 - i.e. $\Delta m_W^{\text{PDG}} \sim 2 \times \Delta m_W^{\text{SM}}$

→ This calls for a new measurement

Measuring m_W at hadron colliders

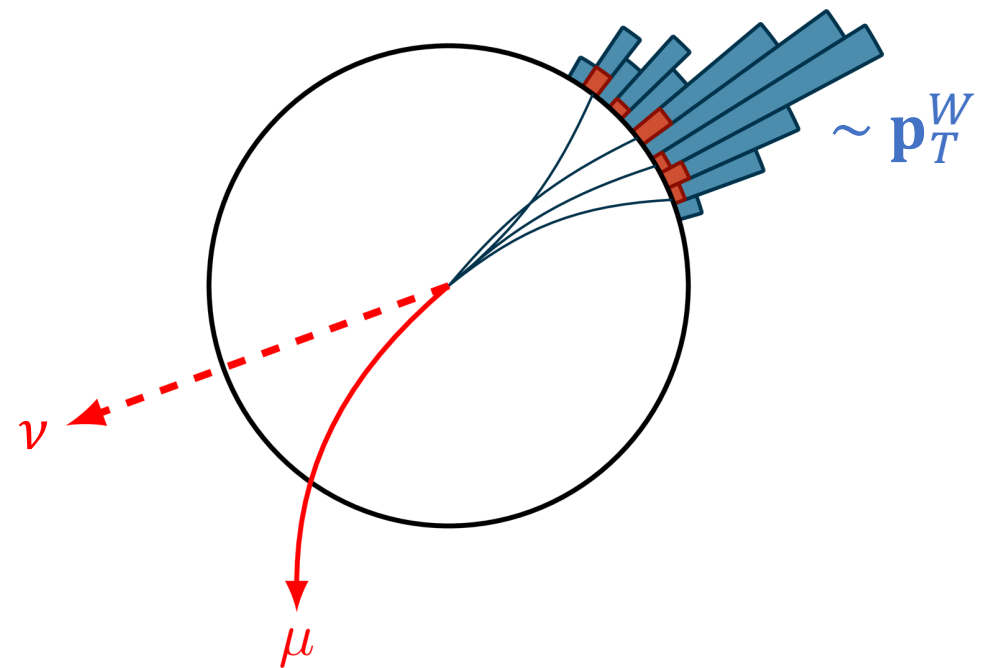
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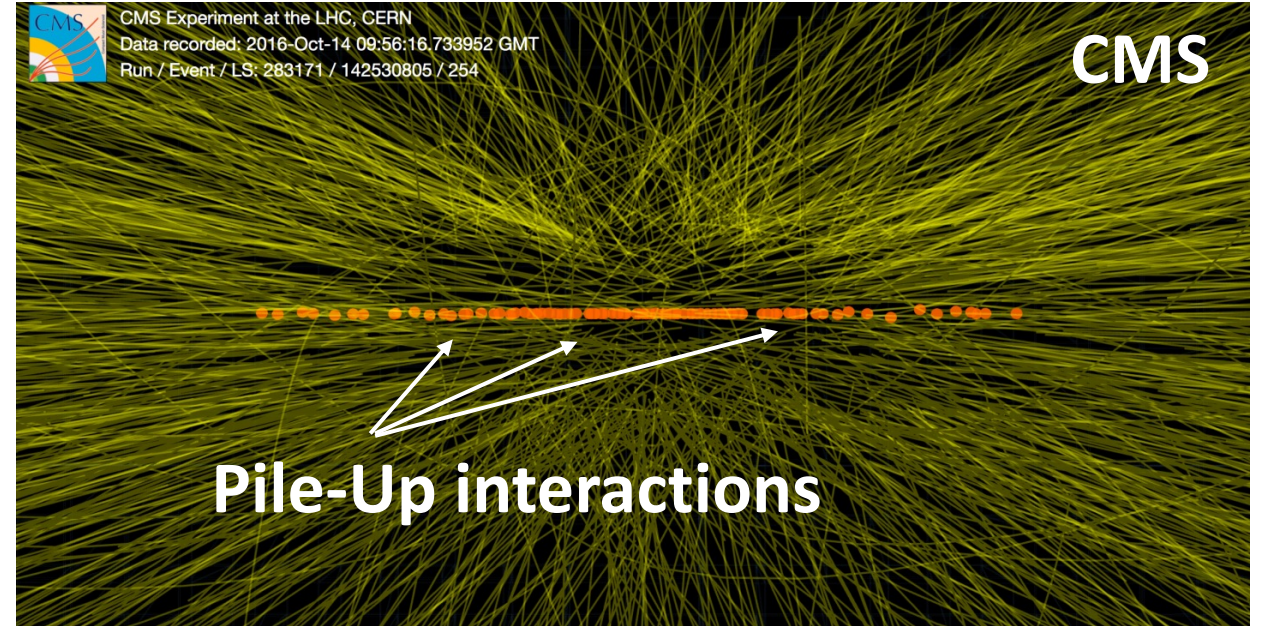
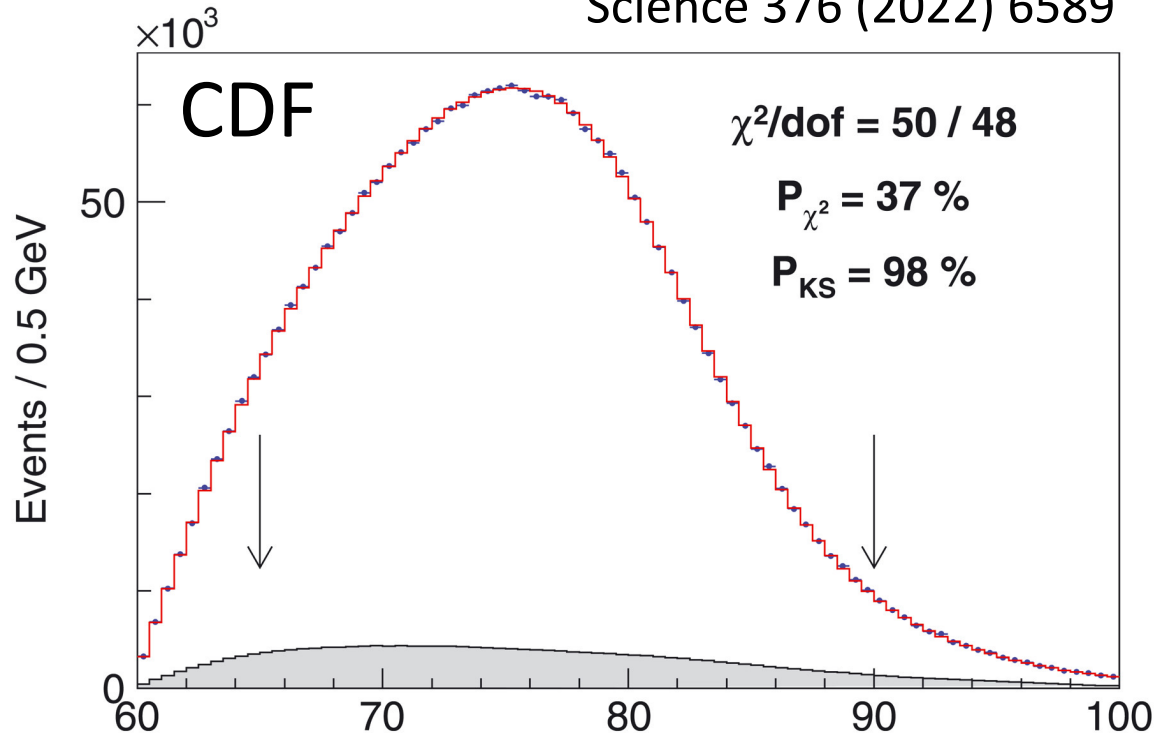
$W \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ not feasible

→ focus on $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ decay



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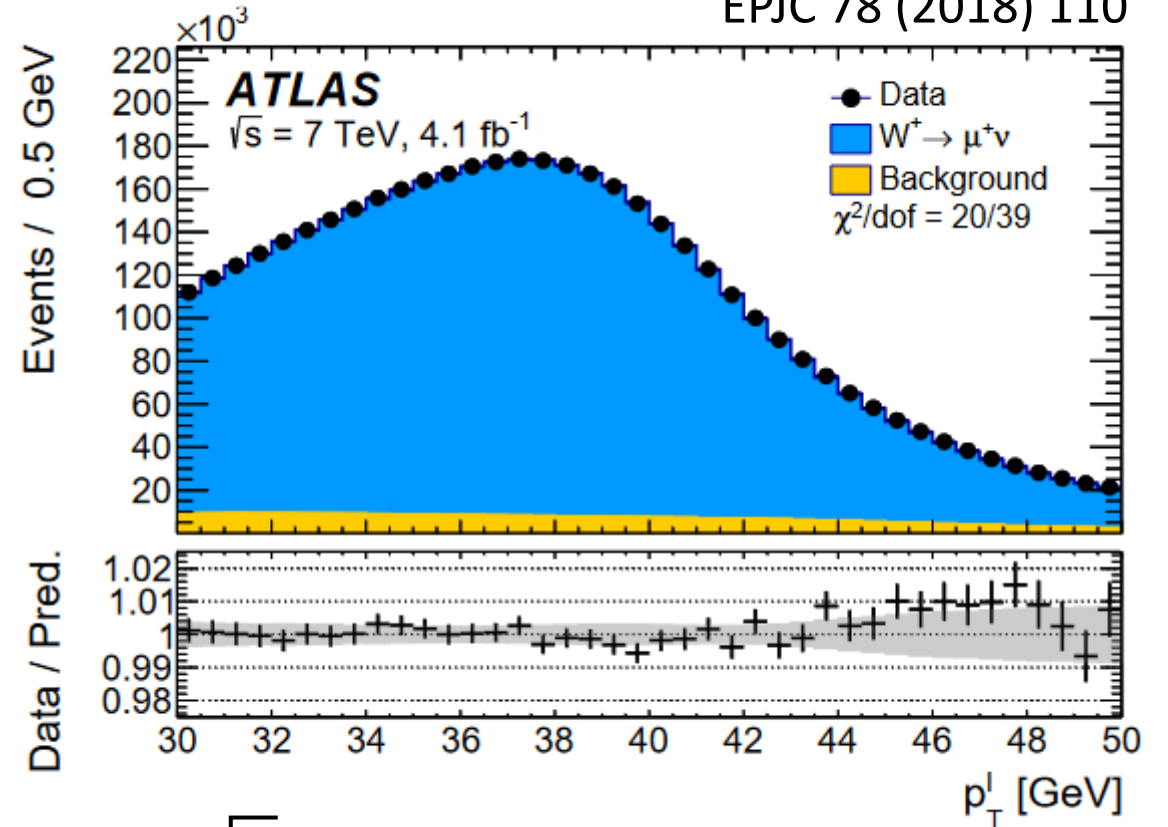
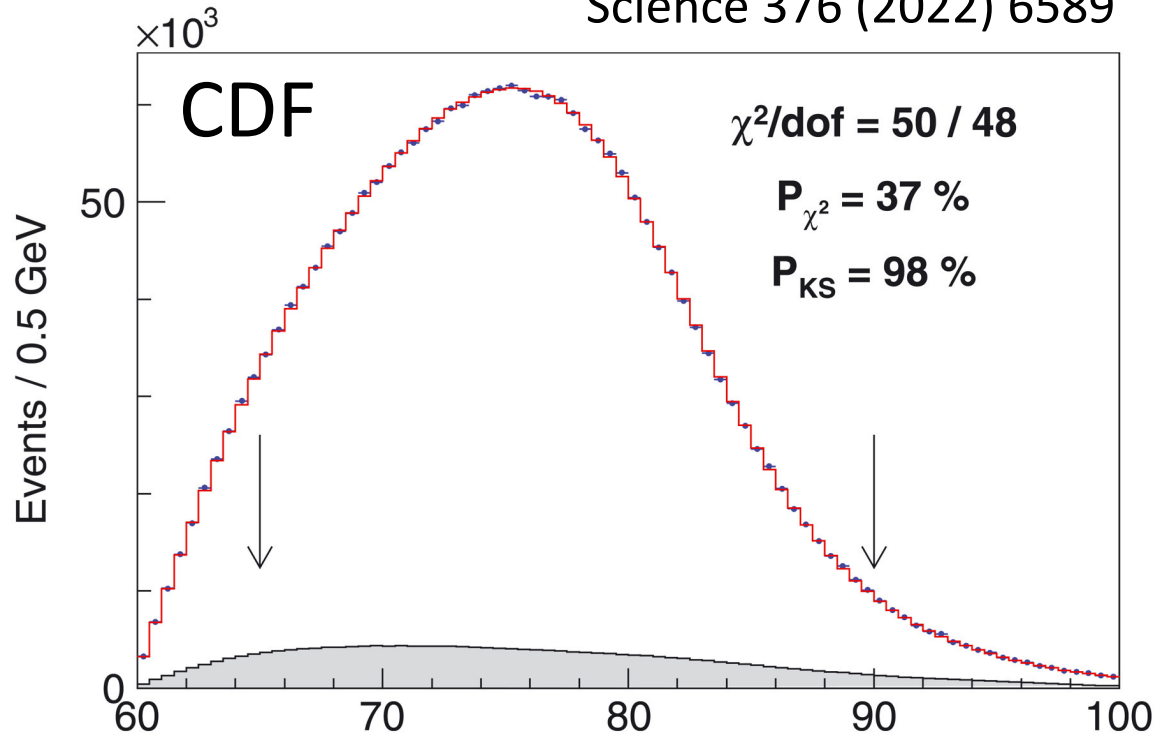


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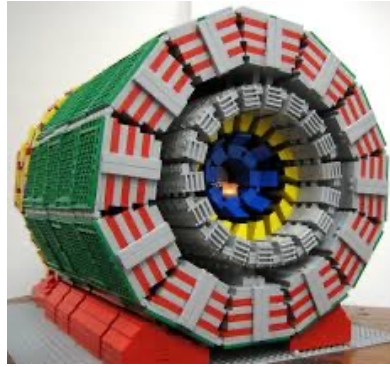
- $p_T^\ell \rightarrow$
- Cleaner at the LHC
 - But: **sensitive to W modeling**

Measuring m_W at hadron colliders

MC simulation

$$pp \rightarrow W^\pm + X$$

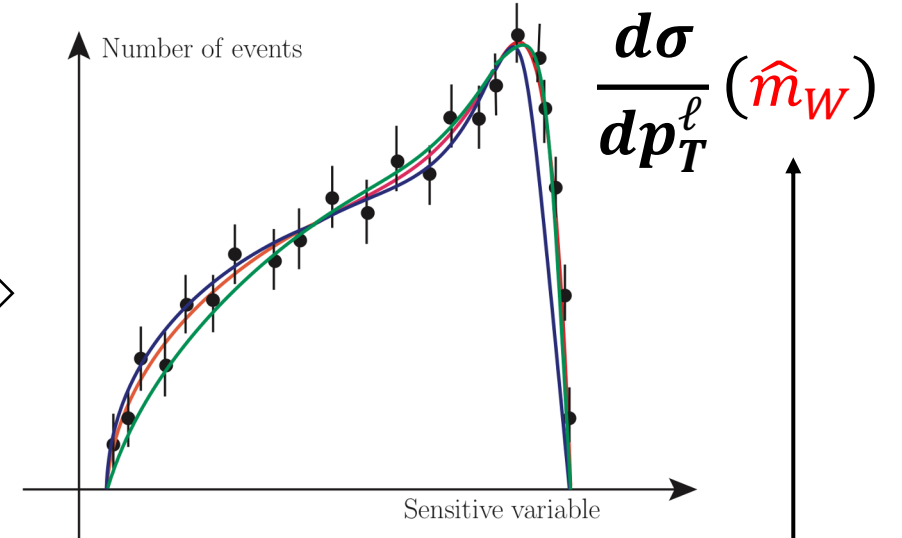
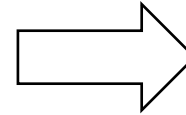
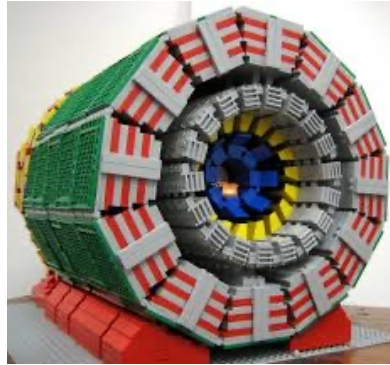
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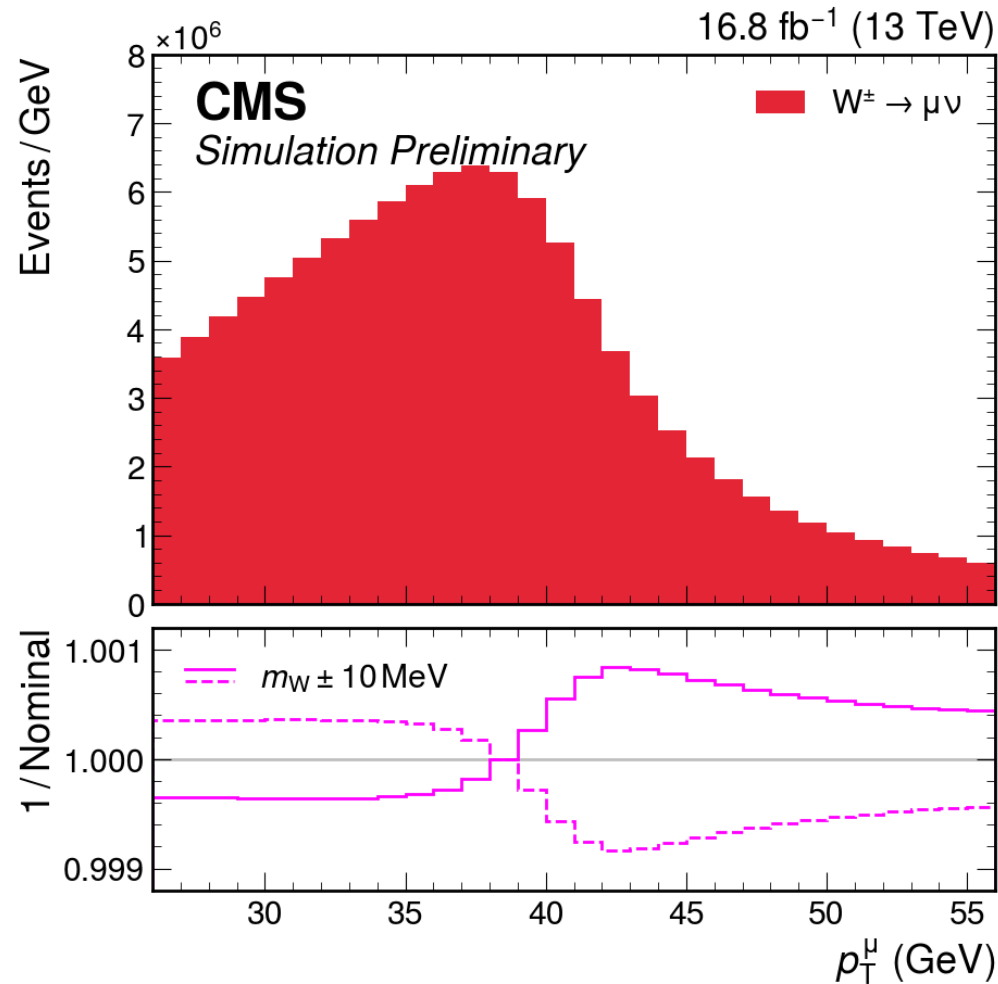
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2) Find $m_W = \hat{m}_W$
that **best fits the data**

Measuring m_W at hadron colliders



$\Delta m_W = 10\text{ MeV}$
 \Rightarrow **0.1% variation**

Monte Carlo simulation

Resummation

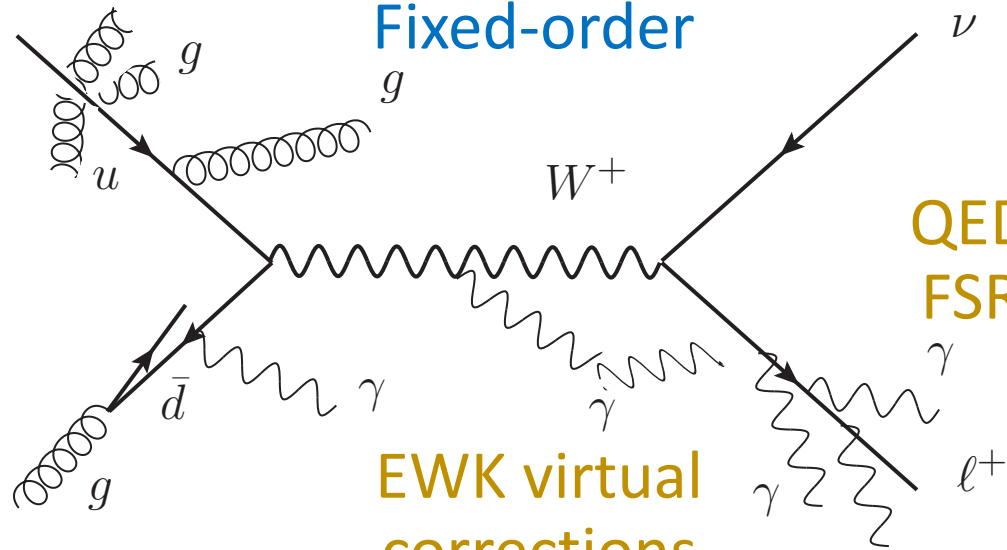
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PDFs

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FSR



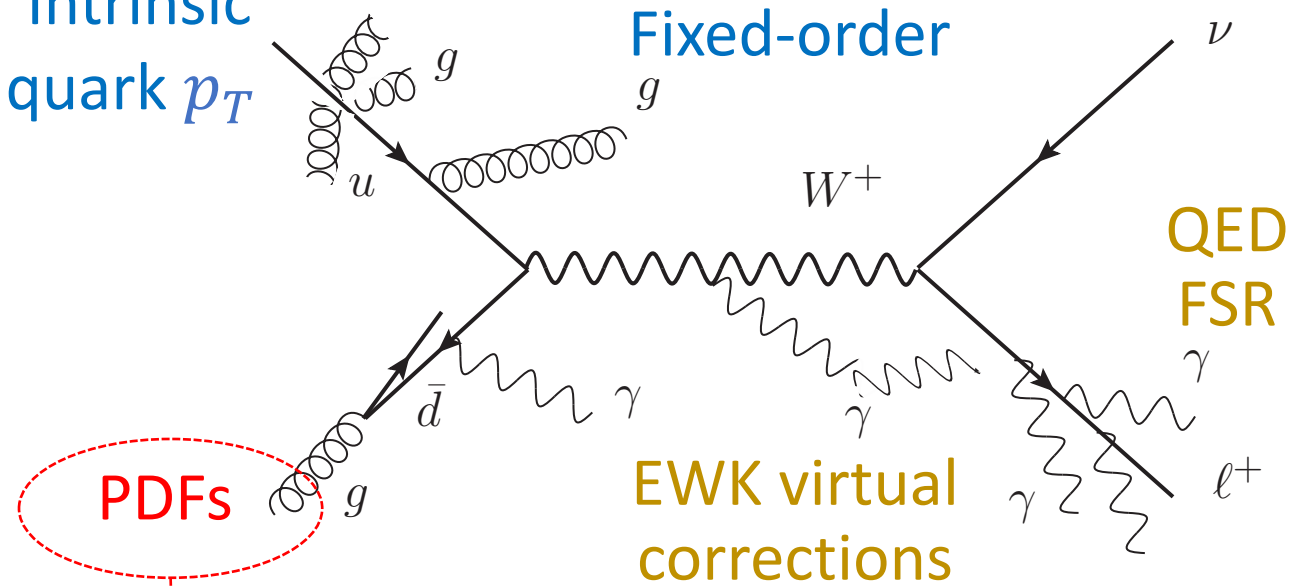
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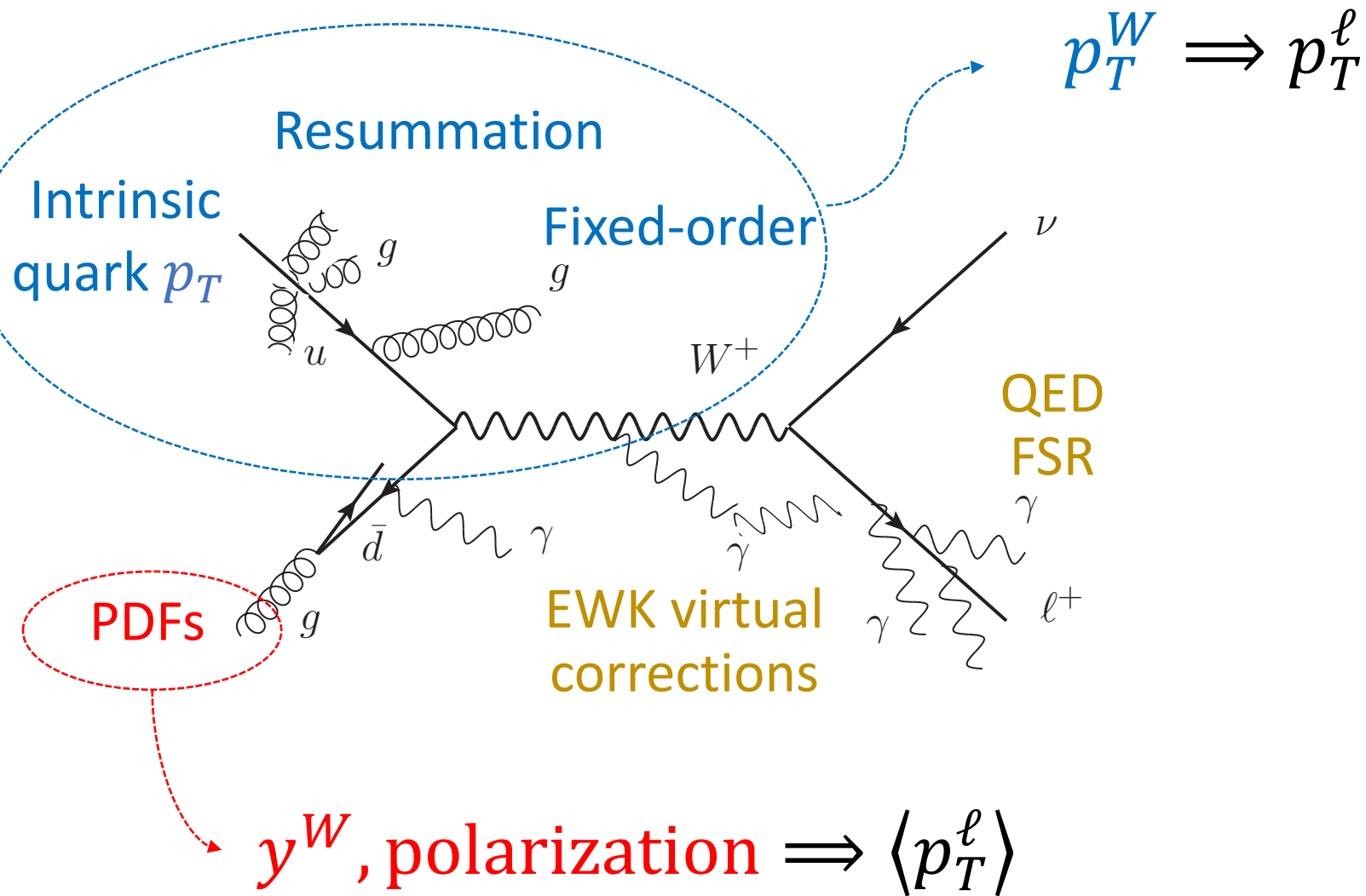
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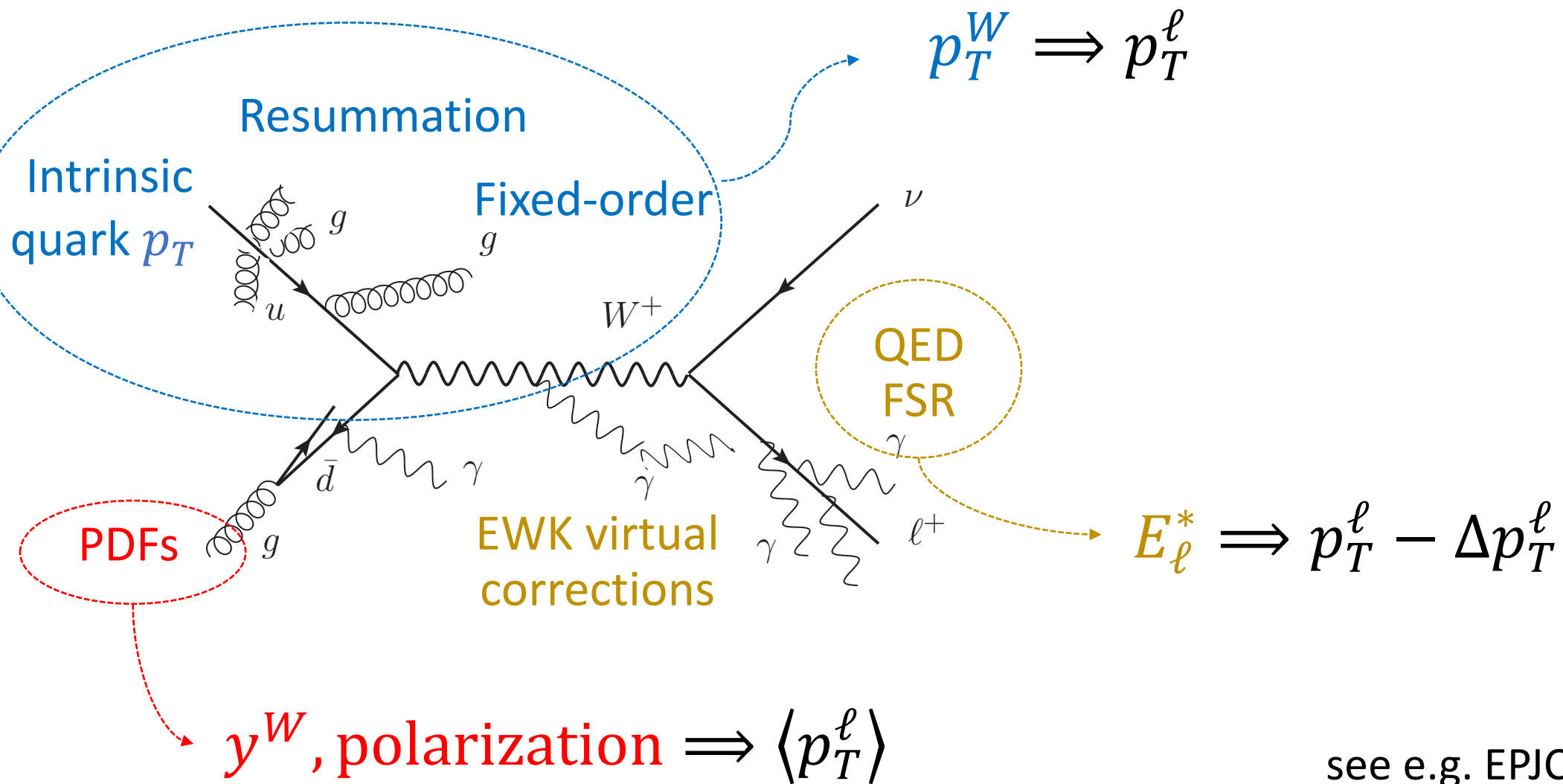
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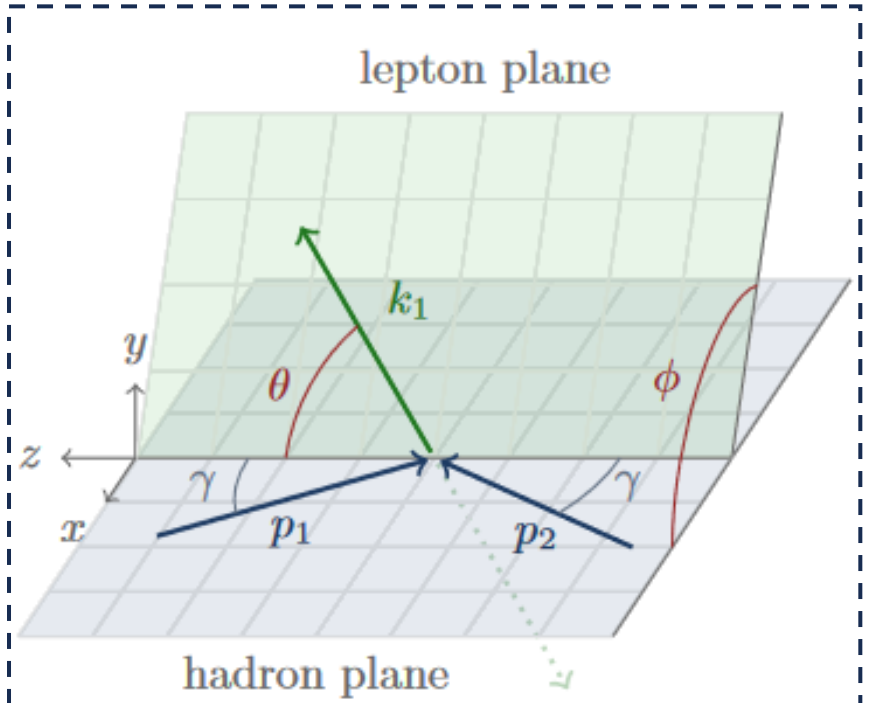
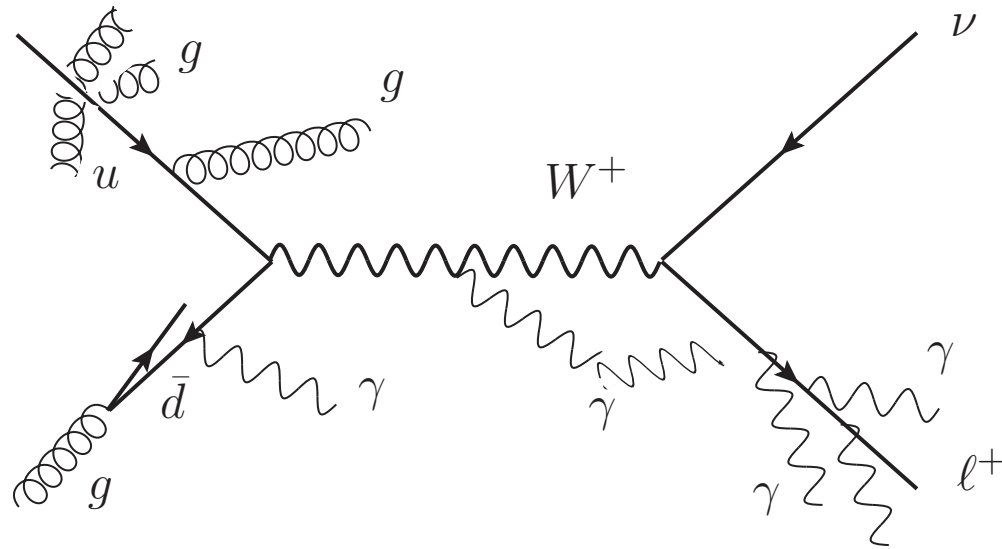
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A_i = angular coefficients



$$\frac{d^6\sigma}{d\Phi^{\ell^+} d\Phi^{\ell^-}} \propto \frac{d^4\sigma_{UL}}{d\Phi^V} \times \left(\sum_{i=0}^7 A_i(\Phi^V) \times P_i(\theta^*, \varphi^*) \right)$$

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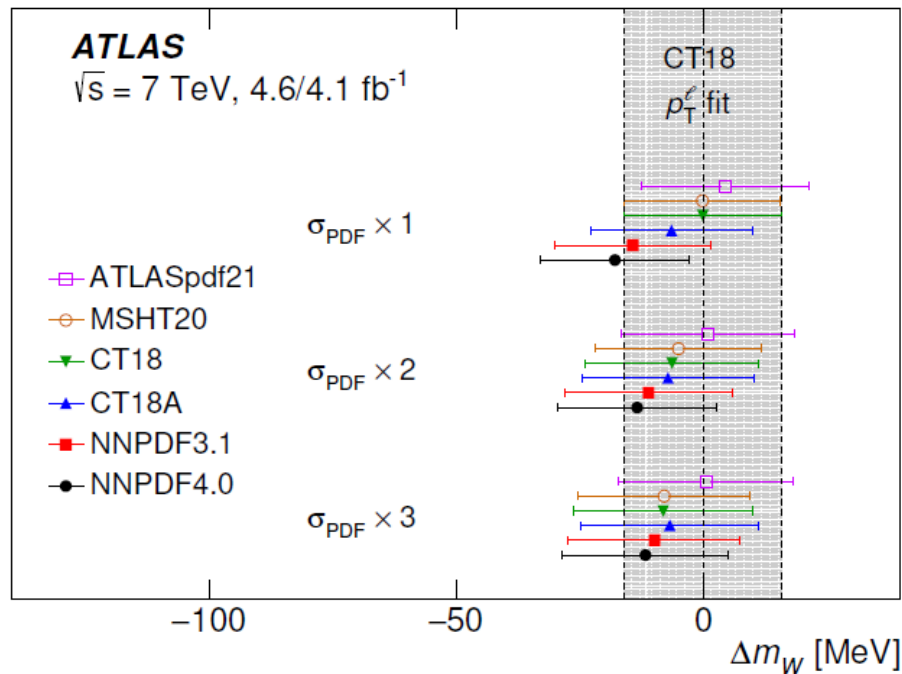
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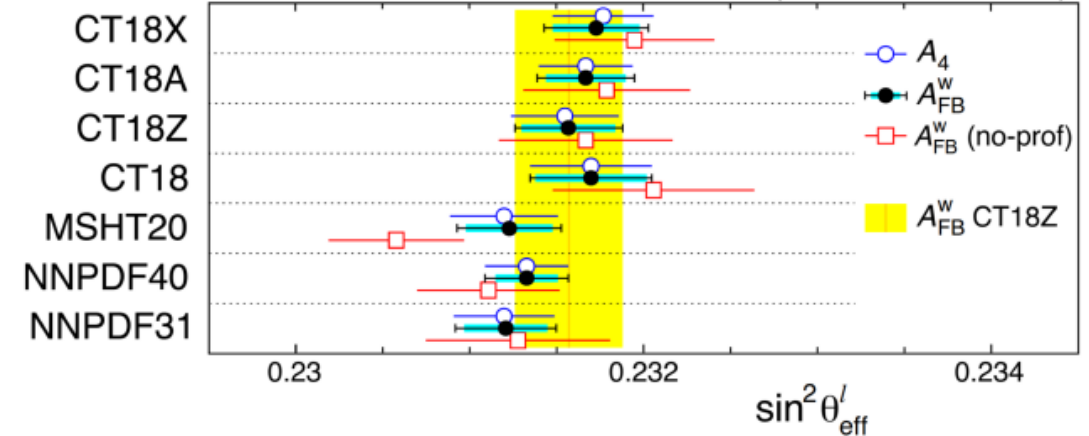
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138 fb⁻¹ (2016-2018, 13 TeV)



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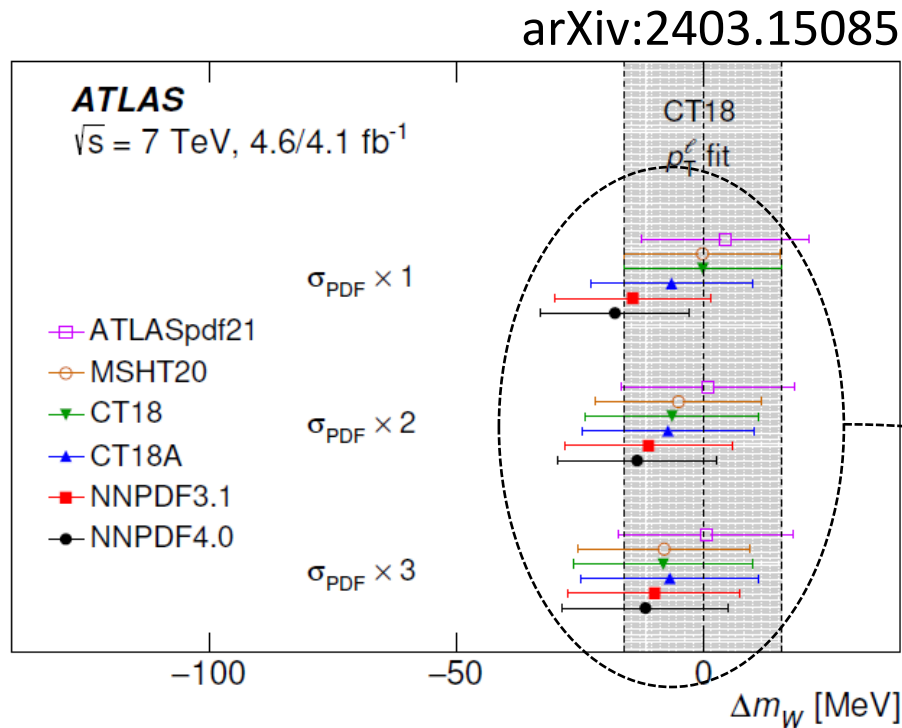
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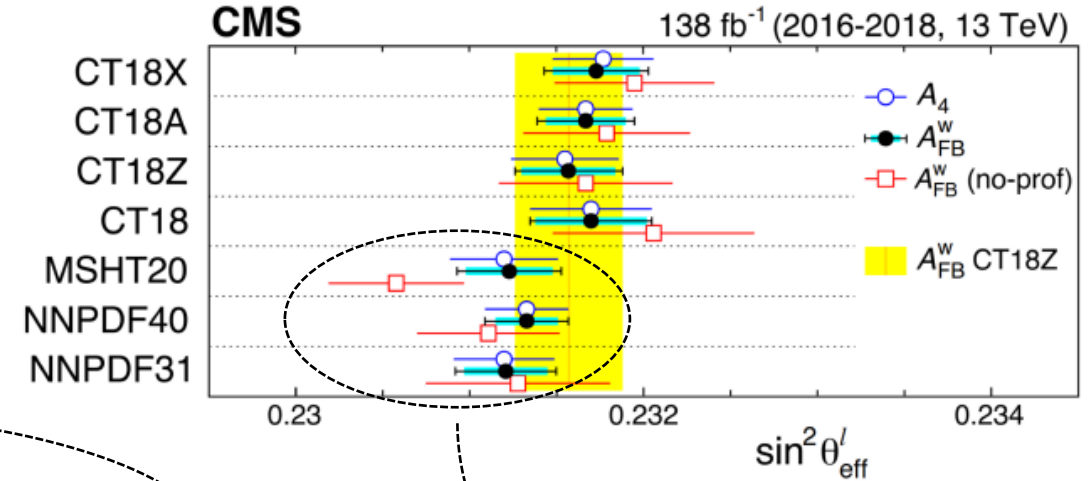
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TAKE HOME MESSAGE:

Scatter can be reduced by *in situ* PDF profiling

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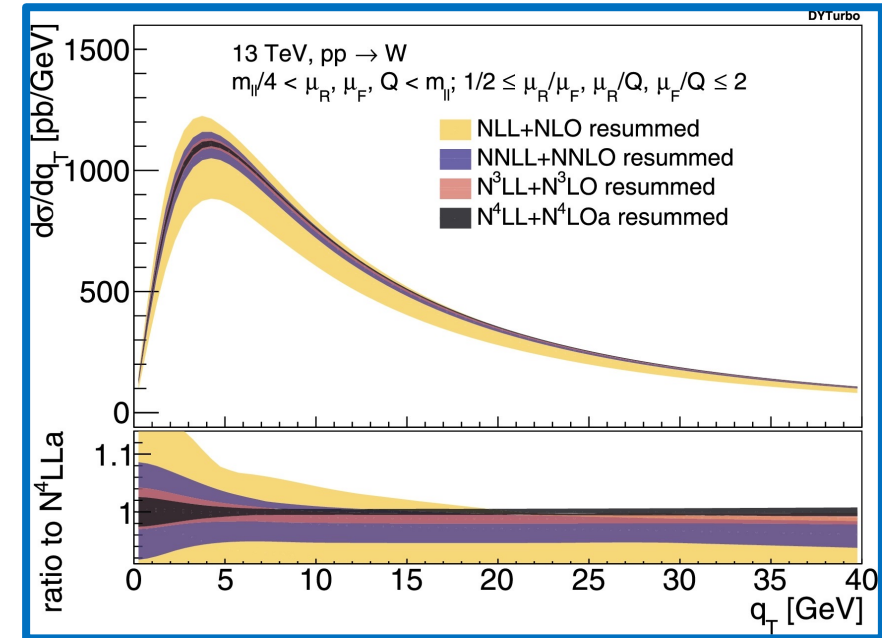
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- Ideal case: a single MODEL prediction with properly defined uncertainties



The CMS paradigm

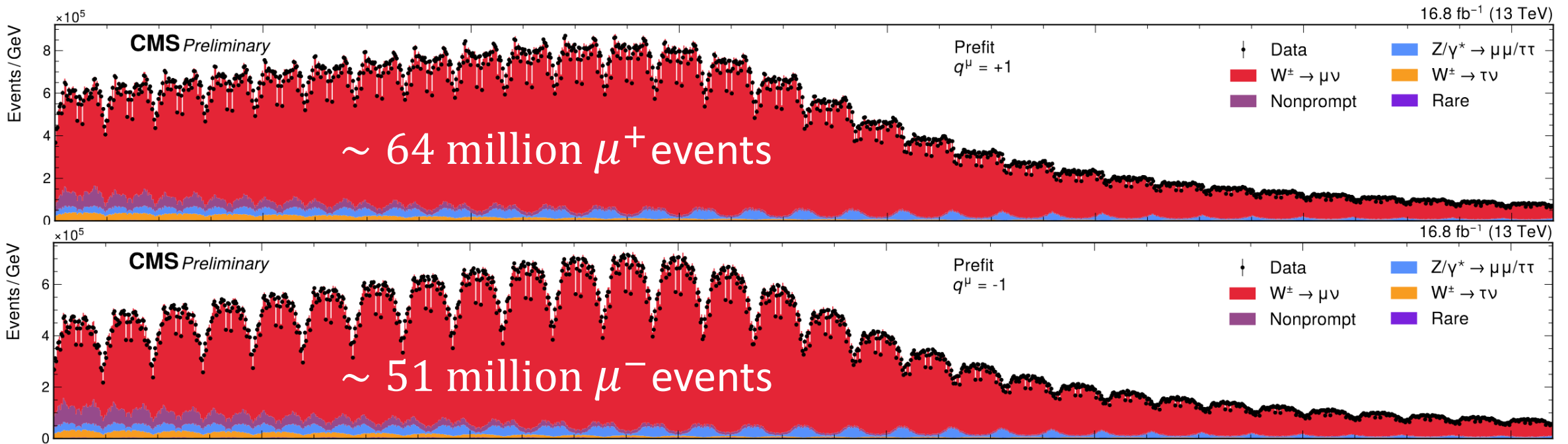
***Z* only for validation
(i.e. no tuning)**

**State-of-the-art
calculations**

**Constrain model
uncertainties *in situ***

Large samples, high-granularity

- Large samples → high pile-up LHC data → focus on **muon momentum** alone
- Analysis done in **finely grained 3D-space**: $(p_T^\mu \times \eta^\mu \times q^\mu) \rightarrow$ **2880 bins**
 - $26 < p_T^\mu < 56$ GeV, $-2.4 < \eta^\mu < 2.4$, $q^\mu = \pm 1$



The CMS detector

CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
 Overall diameter : 15.0 m
 Overall length : 28.7 m
 Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE
 12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS
 Pixel ($100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 1\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$ channels
 Microstrips ($80 \times 180 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$ channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
 Niobium titanium coil carrying $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

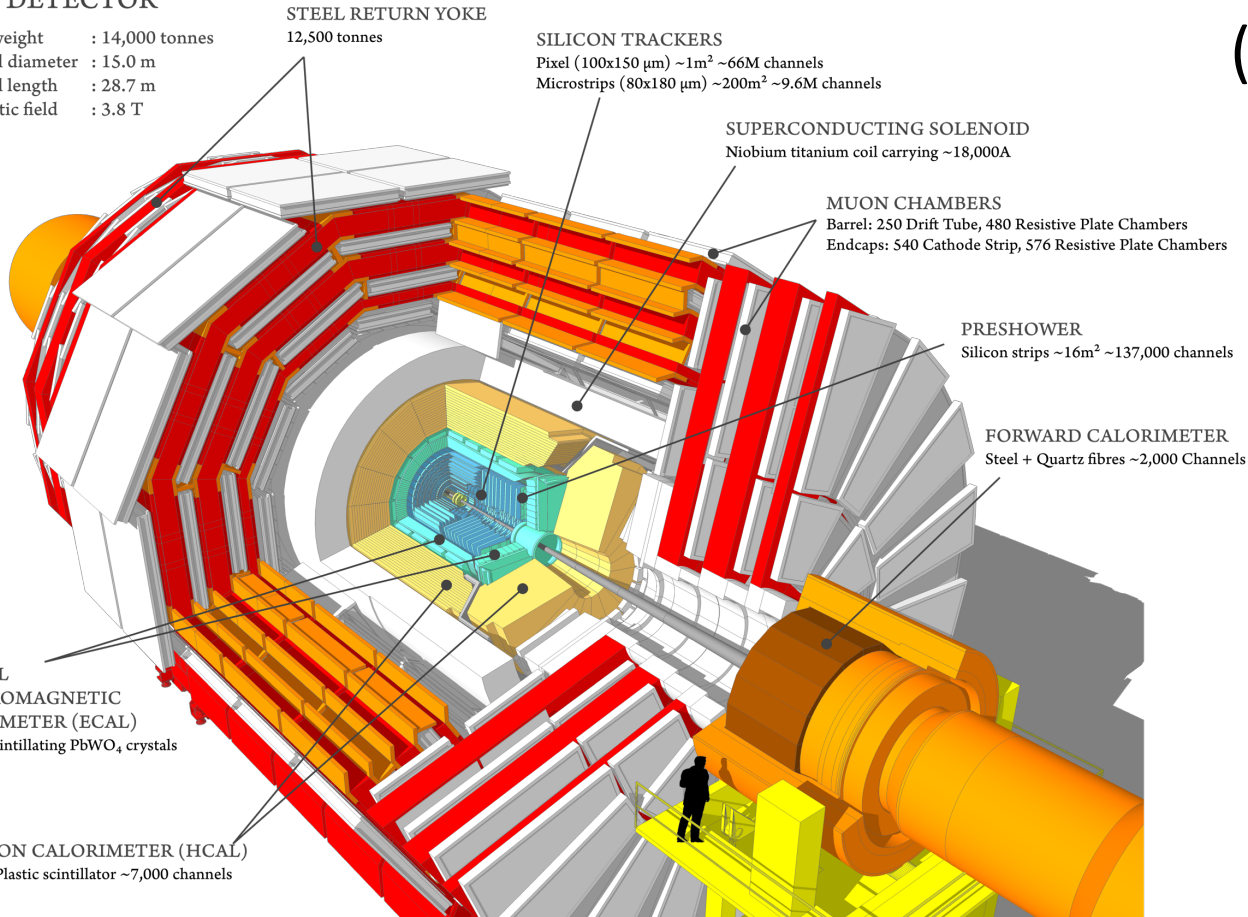
MUON CHAMBERS
 Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
 Endcaps: 540 Cathode Strip, 576 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER
 Silicon strips $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$ channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER
 Steel + Quartz fibres $\sim 2,000$ Channels

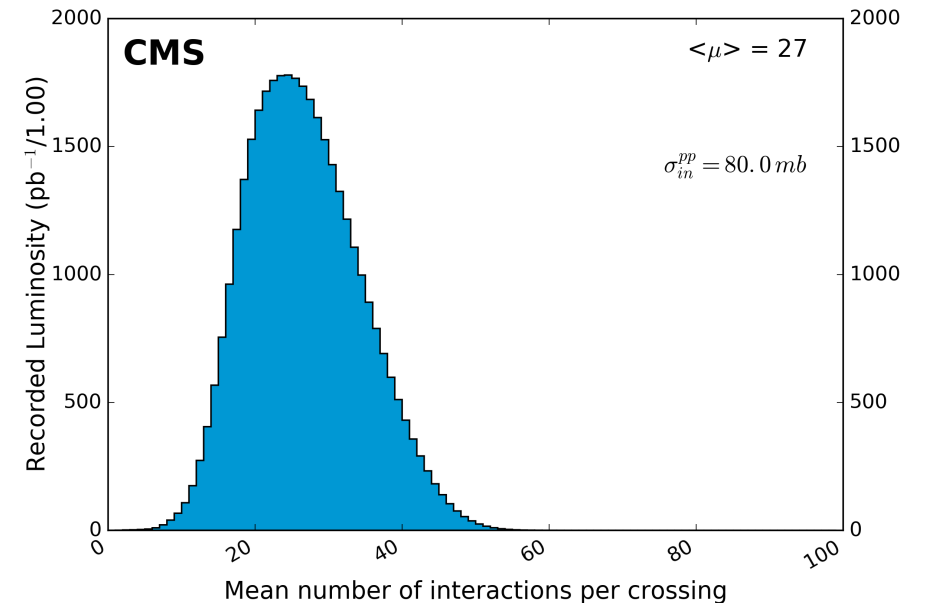
CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)
 $\sim 76,000$ scintillating PbWO_4 crystals

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
 Brass + Plastic scintillator $\sim 7,000$ channels

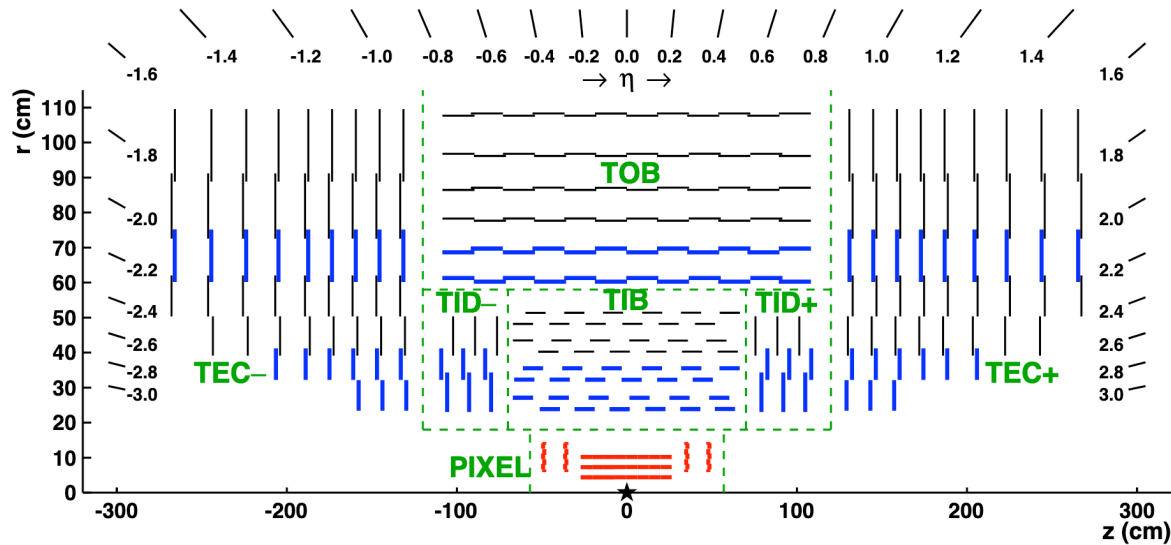


Data from a subset ($\sim 10\%$) of Run2 ($L = 16.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

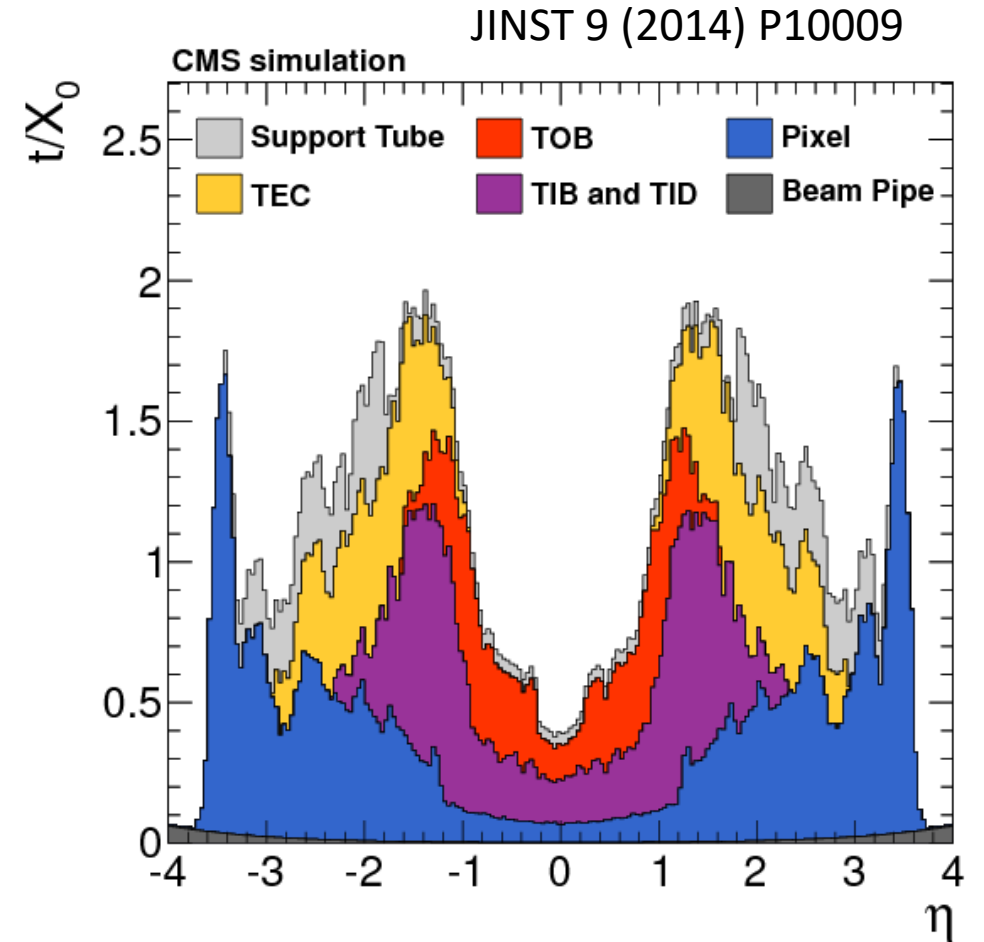
- 1st half of 2016 data discarded due to a Read-out problem in Si-strip tracker
- Average pile-up: $\langle \mu \rangle = 25$



The CMS tracker

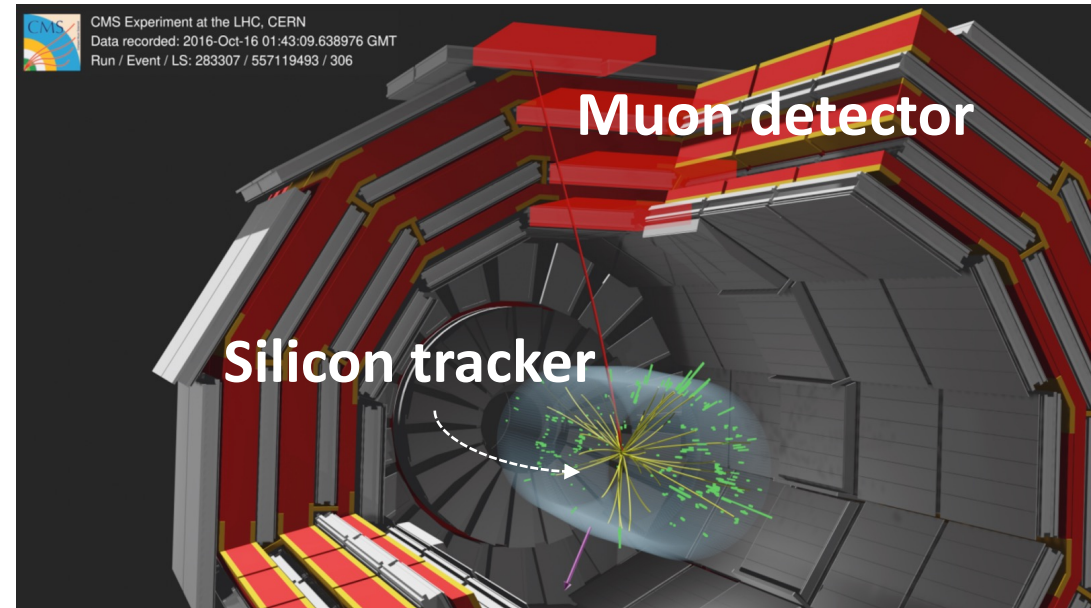


- Fully silicon-based
 - Up to 17 points per track ($9 \div 50 \mu\text{m}$ resolutions)
- Up to 2 radiation lengths



Muons in CMS

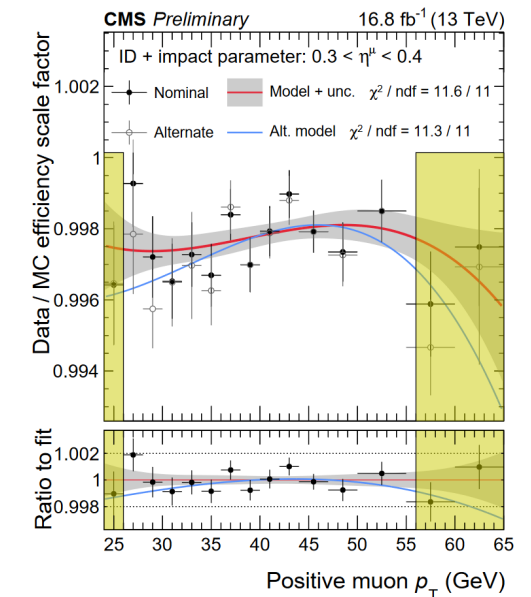
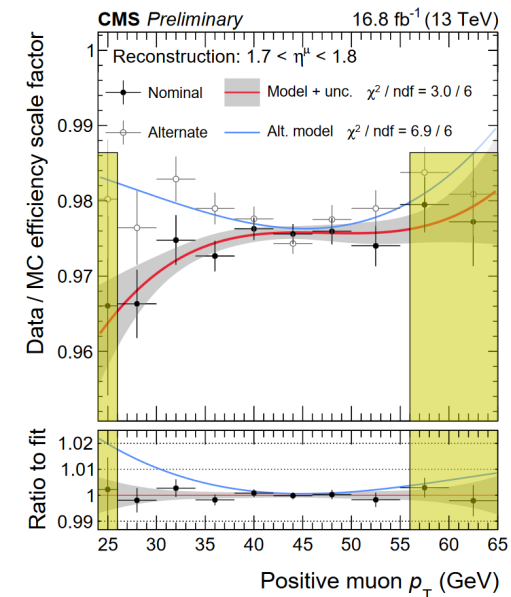
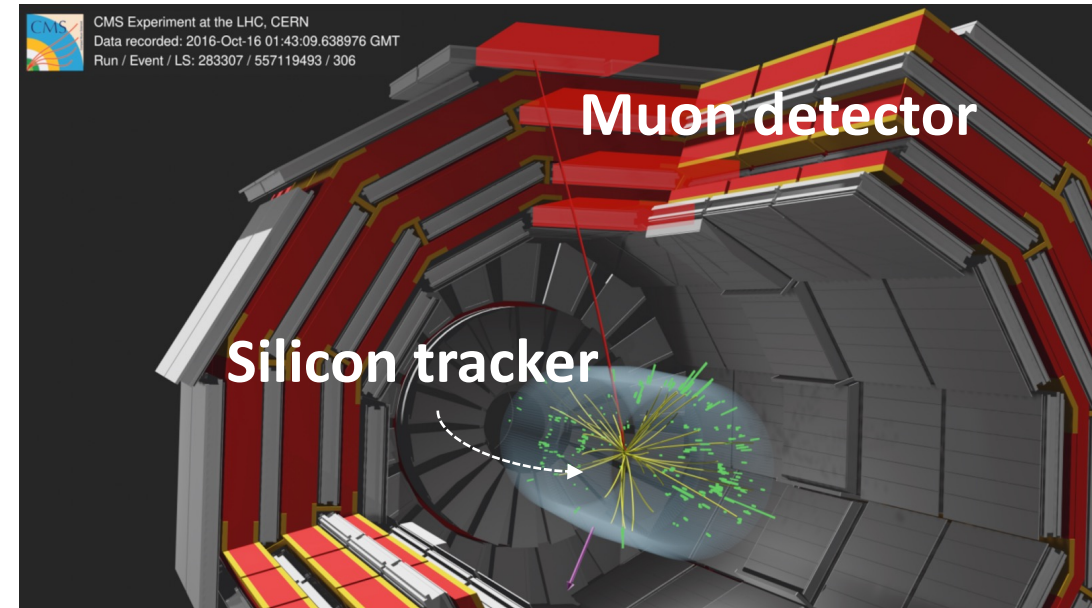
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Muons in CMS

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- Detector efficiency calibrated on $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
 - Uncertainties propagated through $O(3,000)$ nuisance parameters

Impact on $m_W \rightarrow \sim 3$ MeV

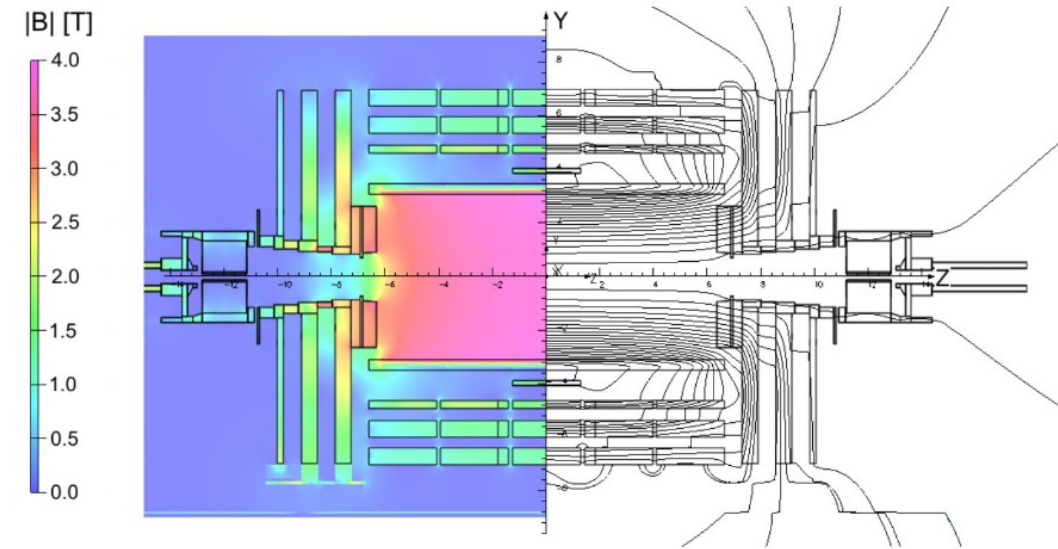


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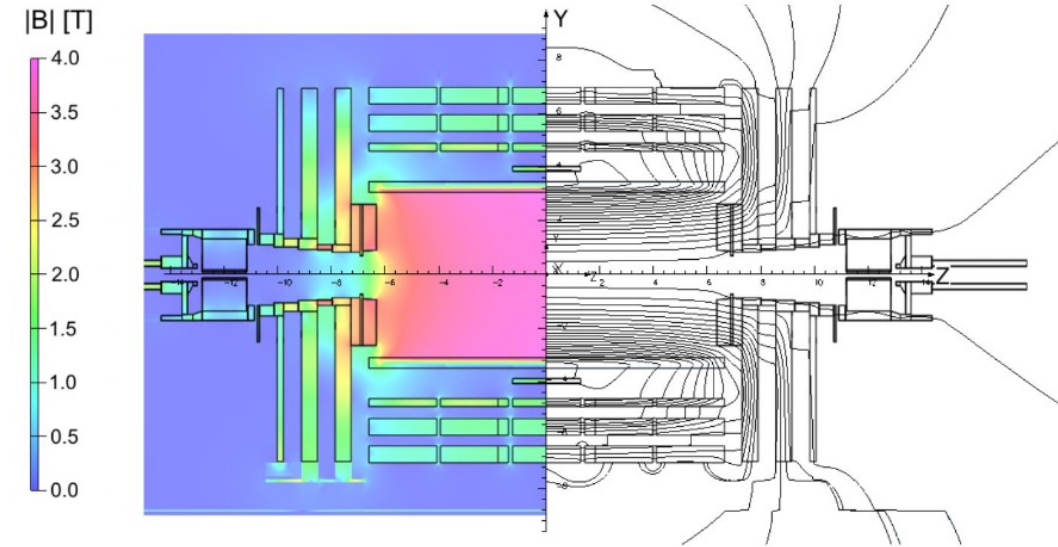
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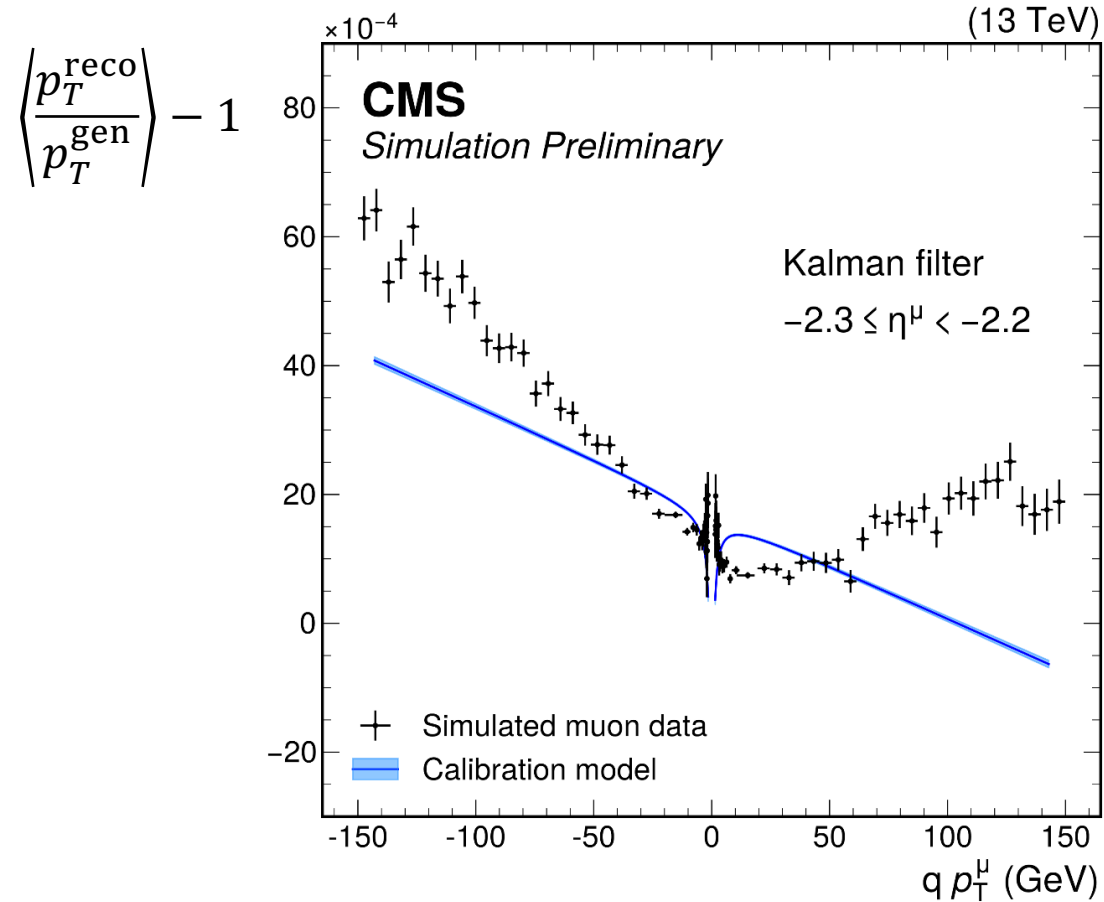
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➔ **need for *in situ* calibration**

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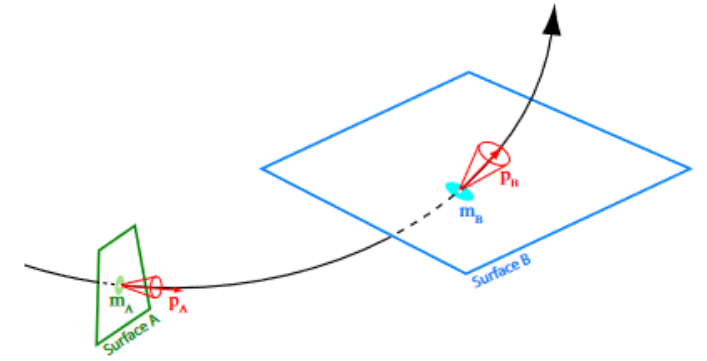
- Observation: **up to 1% bias in scale in ideal simulation** (not expected/understood)



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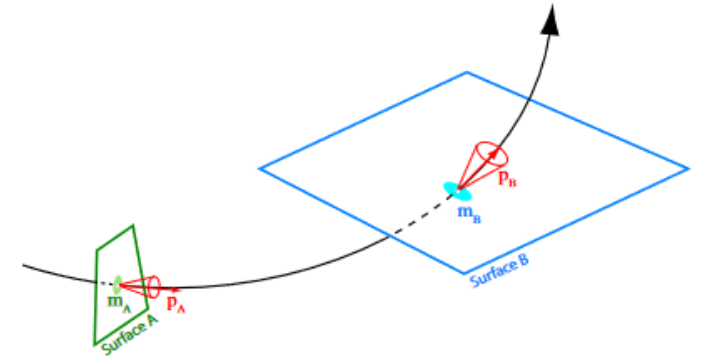
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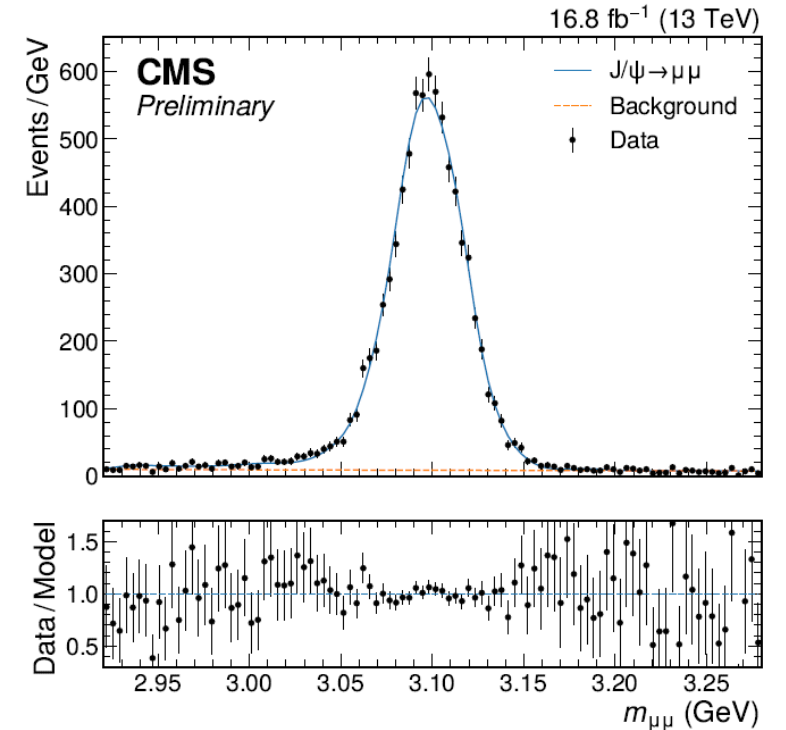
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2. Calibration on $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ($\frac{\Delta m_{J/\Psi}}{m_{J/\Psi}} \sim 10^{-6}$)

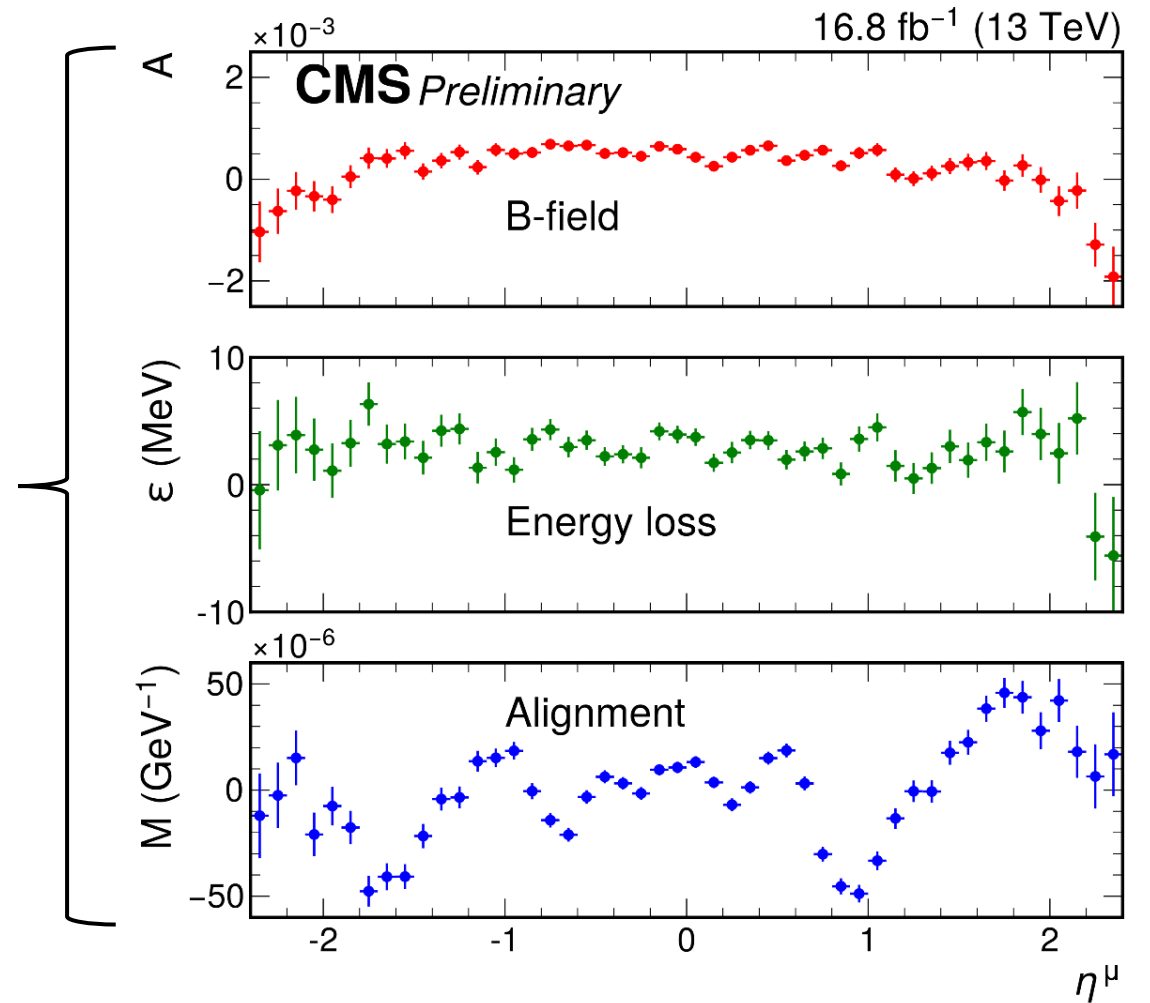
- ✓ Global alignment of tracker (+ B-field + material)
- ✓ Fit residual scale bias with **parametric model**:

$$\left(\frac{p_T^{\text{corr}}}{p_T}\right)_{\pm} = 1 + A_{i\eta} - \frac{\epsilon_{i\eta}}{p_T} \pm M_{i\eta} p_T$$



Parametrized scale corrections

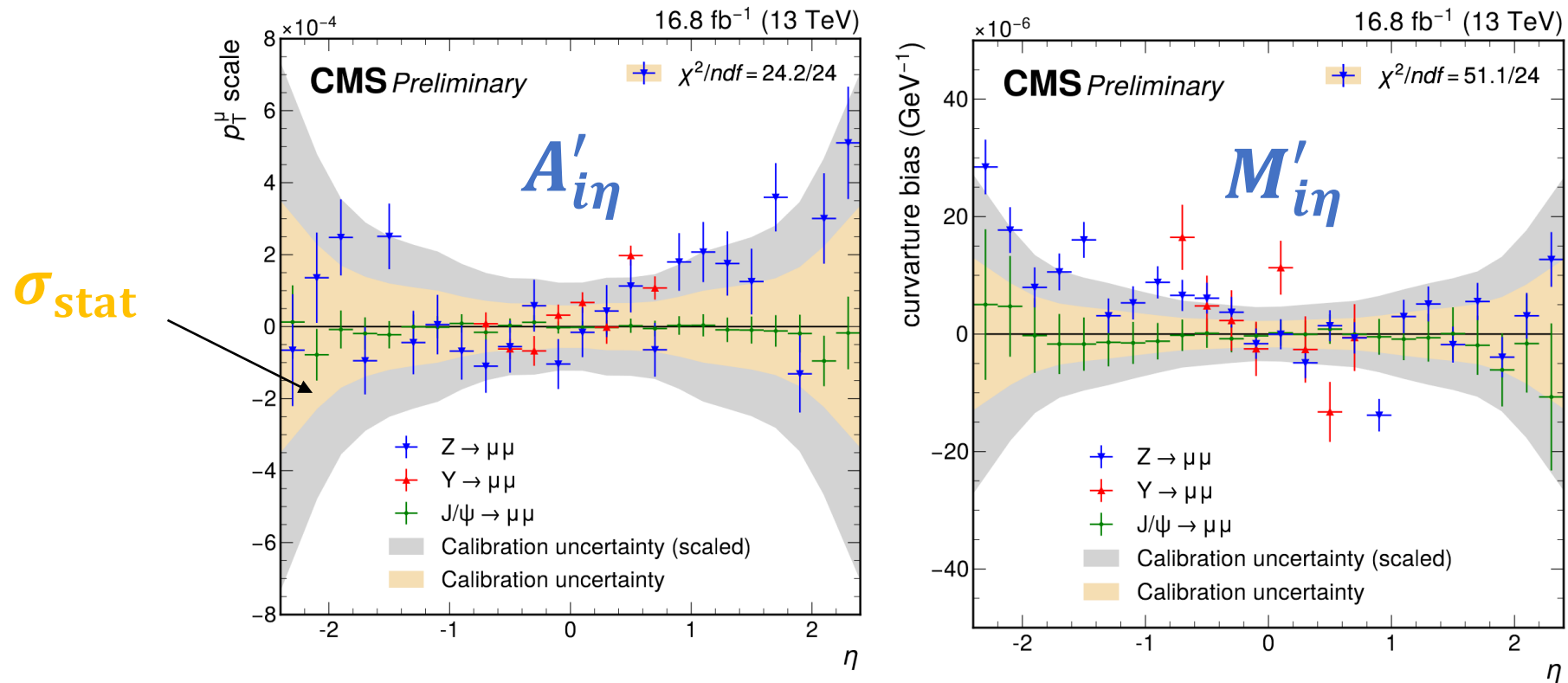
Consistent with *a priori* expectation for **B-field** and **material**



Validation: Z-closure

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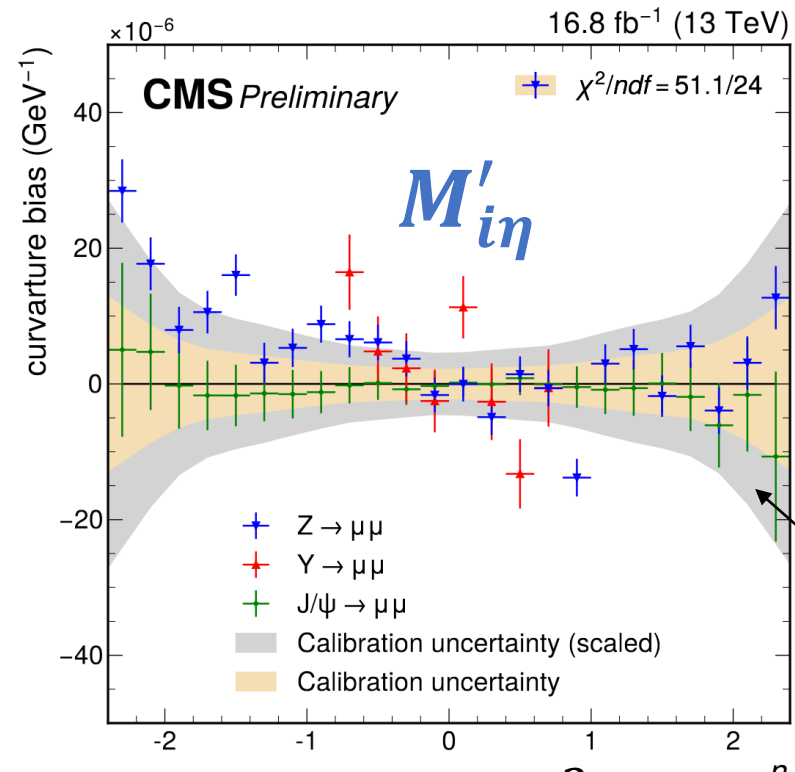
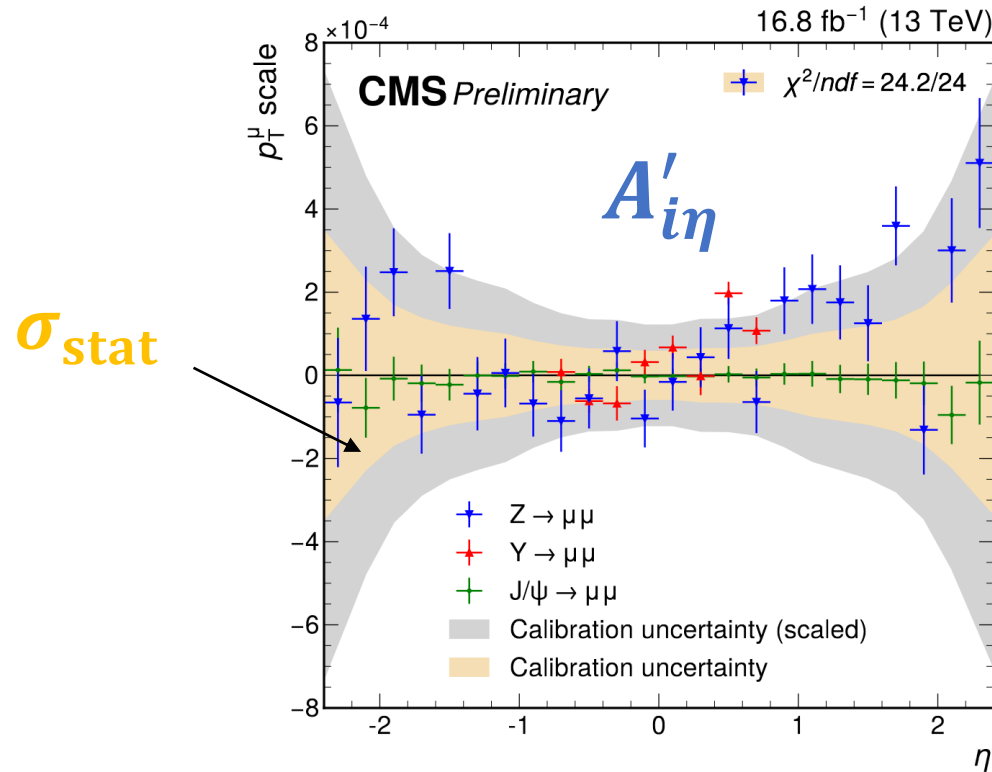
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(2.1 = smallest scale-factor such that reduced $\chi^2 = 1$) η

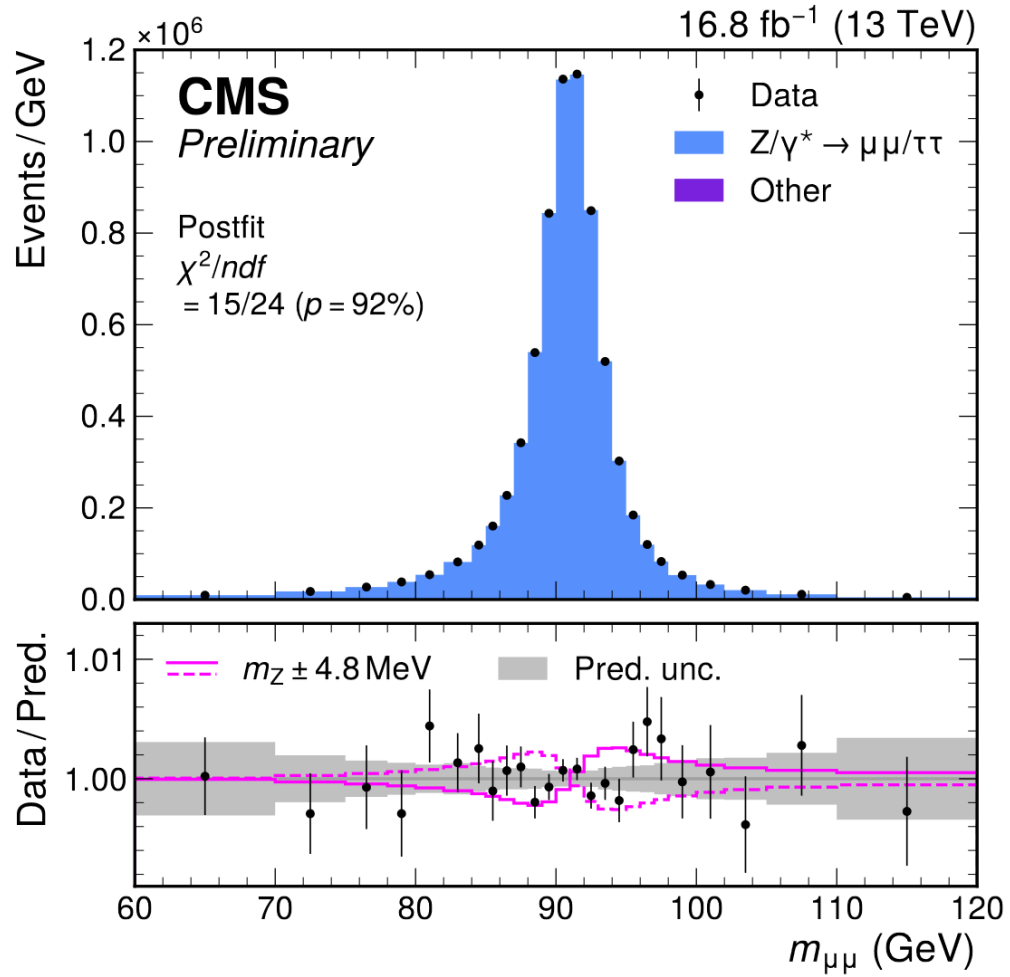
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■ Validation by fitting $(m^{\mu\mu}, \eta^{\mu\text{-fwd}})$ spectrum:

$$m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = -2.2 \pm 4.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$= -2.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ (stat)} \pm 4.7 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}$$

(not yet an independent measurement of m_Z)

W and Z modeling: p_T^V

■ Resummation (\rightarrow SCETLIB @N³LL)

- “Theory Nuisance Parameters” approach based on **TMD-factorization theorem**

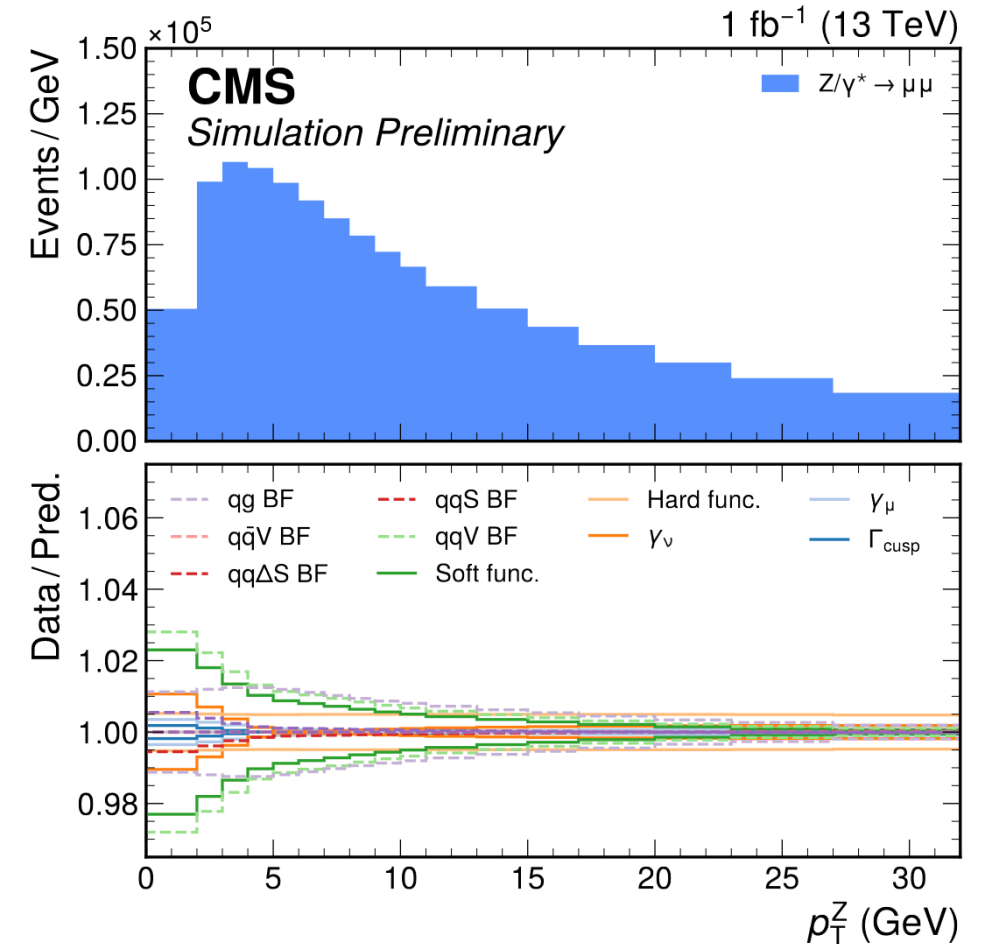
$$f^{\text{pred}}(\alpha) = f_0 + \alpha f_1 + \alpha^2 f_2 + \alpha^3 f_3(\theta_3) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^4)$$

\rightarrow **7** params. for *boundary conditions*

3 params. for *anomalous dimensions*

- Uncertainties from variation of **last known term** (\rightarrow N³⁺⁰LL scheme)

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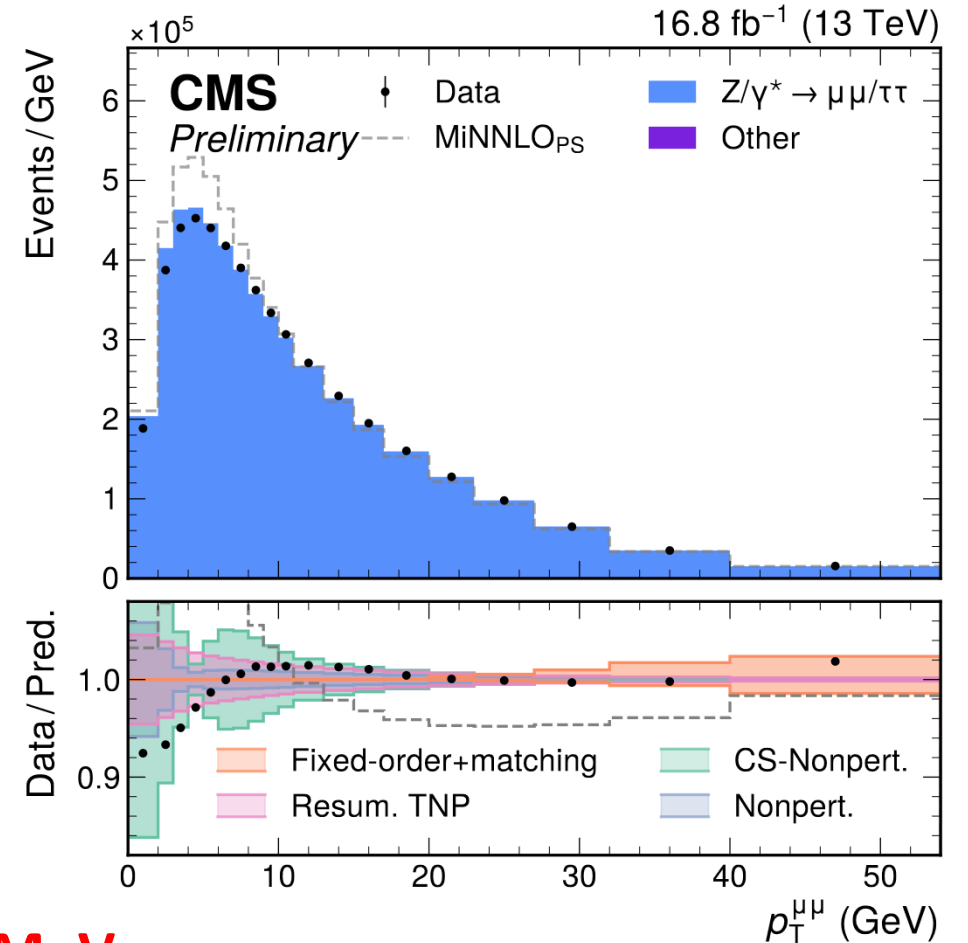


W and Z modeling: p_T^V

- **Non-perturbative** (\rightarrow SCETLIB)
 - $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/p_T^V$ power corrections to the C.S. kernel
 - $\sim|y|$ -dependent Gaussian smearing in b_T
- **Matching to F.O.** (\rightarrow DYTURBO @NNLO)
 - Variations μ_R/μ_F scale and transition-point
- **b/c quark-masses** (\rightarrow MSHT20)
 - variation of heavy quark thresholds

Impact on $m_W \rightarrow \sim 2$ MeV

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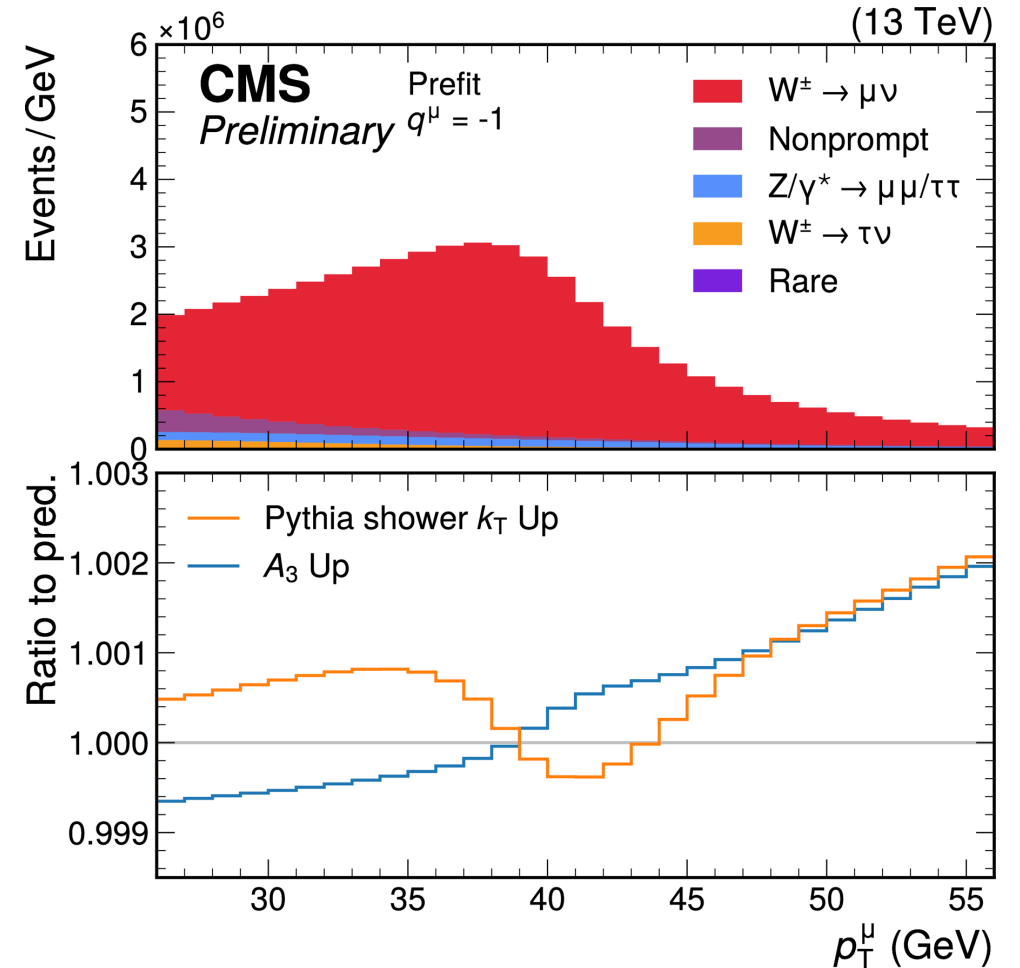
W and Z modeling: A_i

■ Angular coefficients (\rightarrow MINNLO_{PS} @NLO)

- Envelope of 7-point scale variations in bins of p_T^V
- Full difference

MINNLO_{PS} vs. **MINNLO_{PS} + PYTHIA**
(due to PYTHIA parton shower/intrinsic k_T)

Impact on $m_W \rightarrow \sim 3.3$ MeV



PDFs

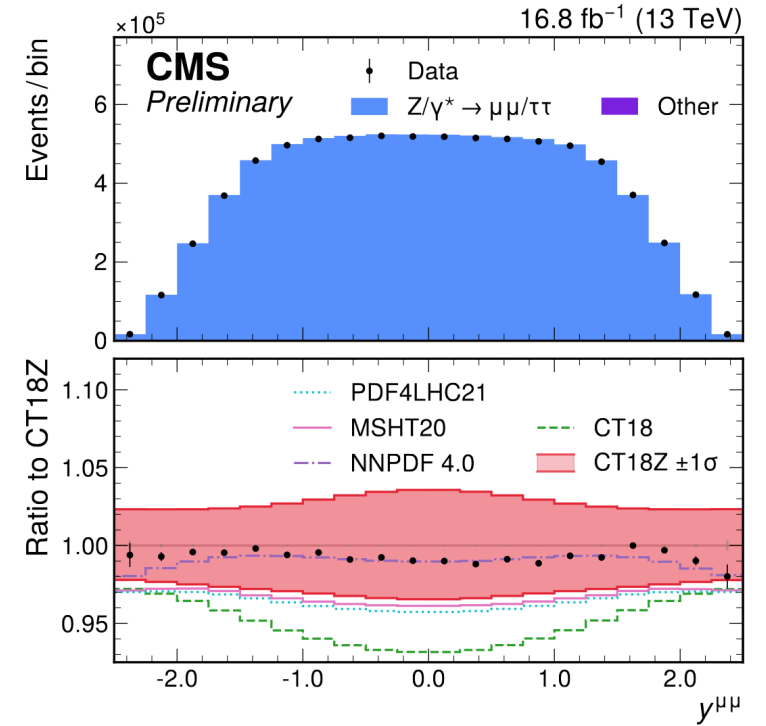
REMINDER: large *in situ* constraint of PDFs expected thanks to **eigenvectors profiling**

■ We chose **CT18Z** as nominal PDF set because:

- good **pre-fit agreement** on y^Z, η^ℓ with relatively **large** uncertainty
- it **covers** alternate PDF sets, i.e.

$$|m_W^{\text{alt.PDF}} - m_W^{\text{nom.PDF}}| \leq \sigma_{\text{nom.PDF}}$$

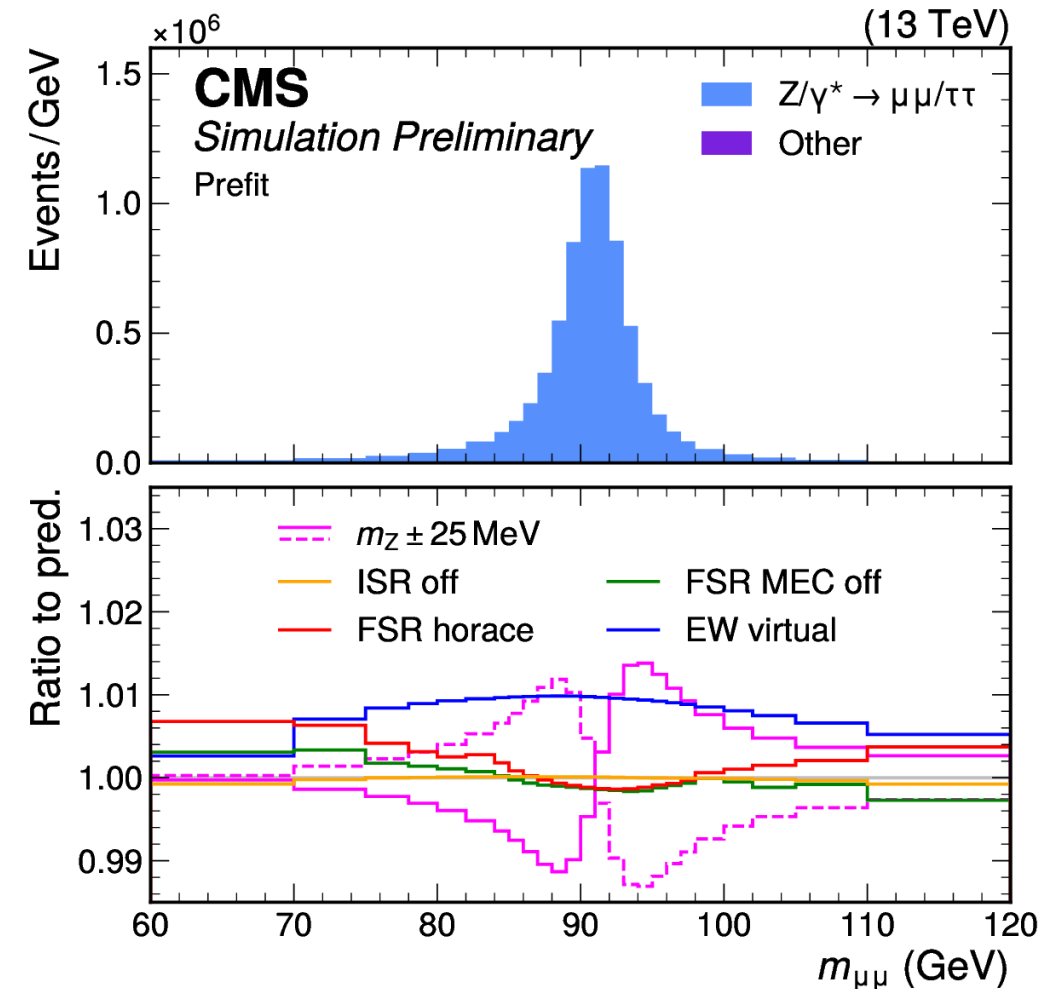
Impact on $m_W \rightarrow \sim 4.4$ MeV



PDF set	Scale factor	Impact in m_W (MeV)	
		Original σ_{PDF}	Scaled σ_{PDF}
CT18Z	–	4.4	
CT18	–	4.6	
PDF4LHC21	–	4.1	
MSHT20	1.5	4.3	5.1
MSHT20aN3LO	1.5	4.2	4.9
NNPDF3.1	3.0	3.2	5.3
NNPDF4.0	5.0	2.4	6.0

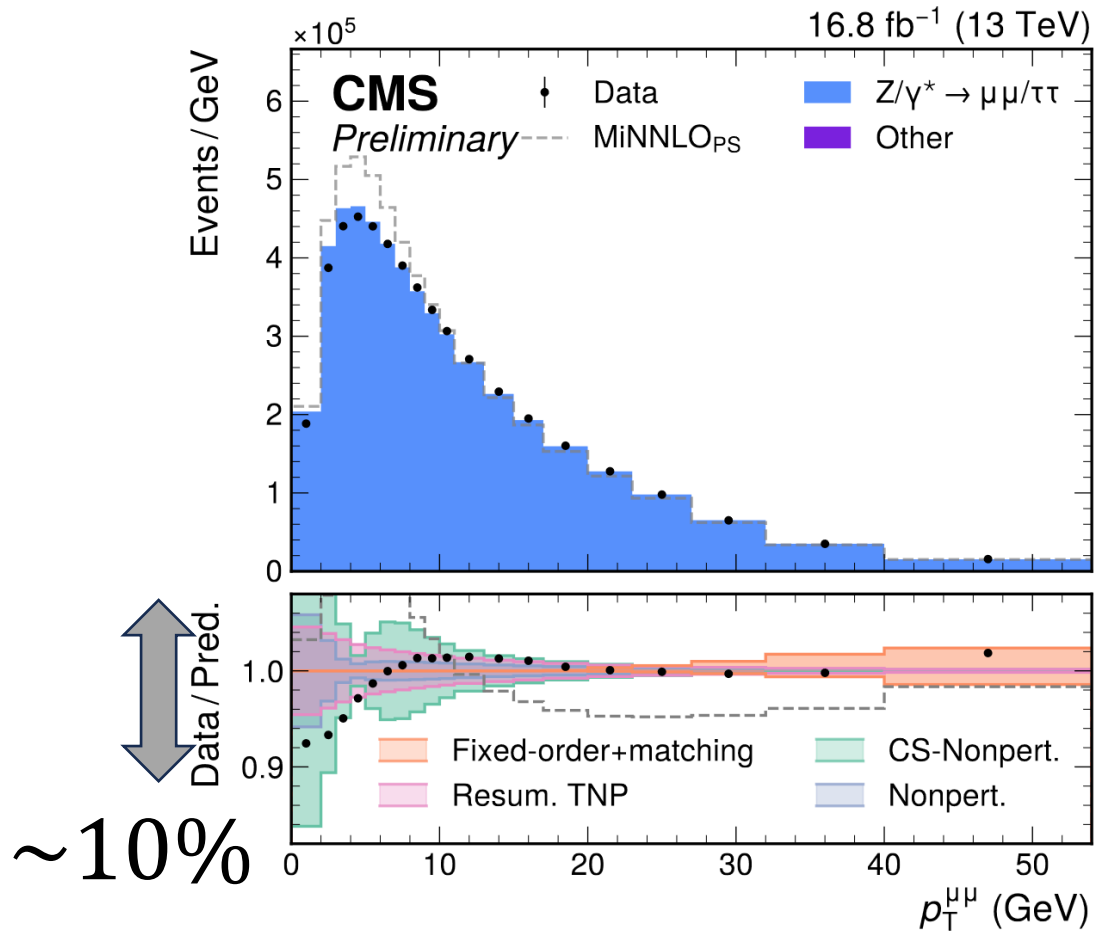
EWK uncertainties

- **FSR** (\rightarrow PHOTOS++ @LL+MEC)
 - uncertainty from switching on/off the MEC and from full difference with HORACE
- **ISR** (\rightarrow PYTHIA8 @LL)
 - uncertainty from switching on/off
- **Virtual EWK** (\rightarrow not included in nominal MC)
 - External calculations from:
 - RENESANCE (for W)
 - POWHEG-BOX-V2 (for Z)
 - NLO/LO ratio taken as a systematic

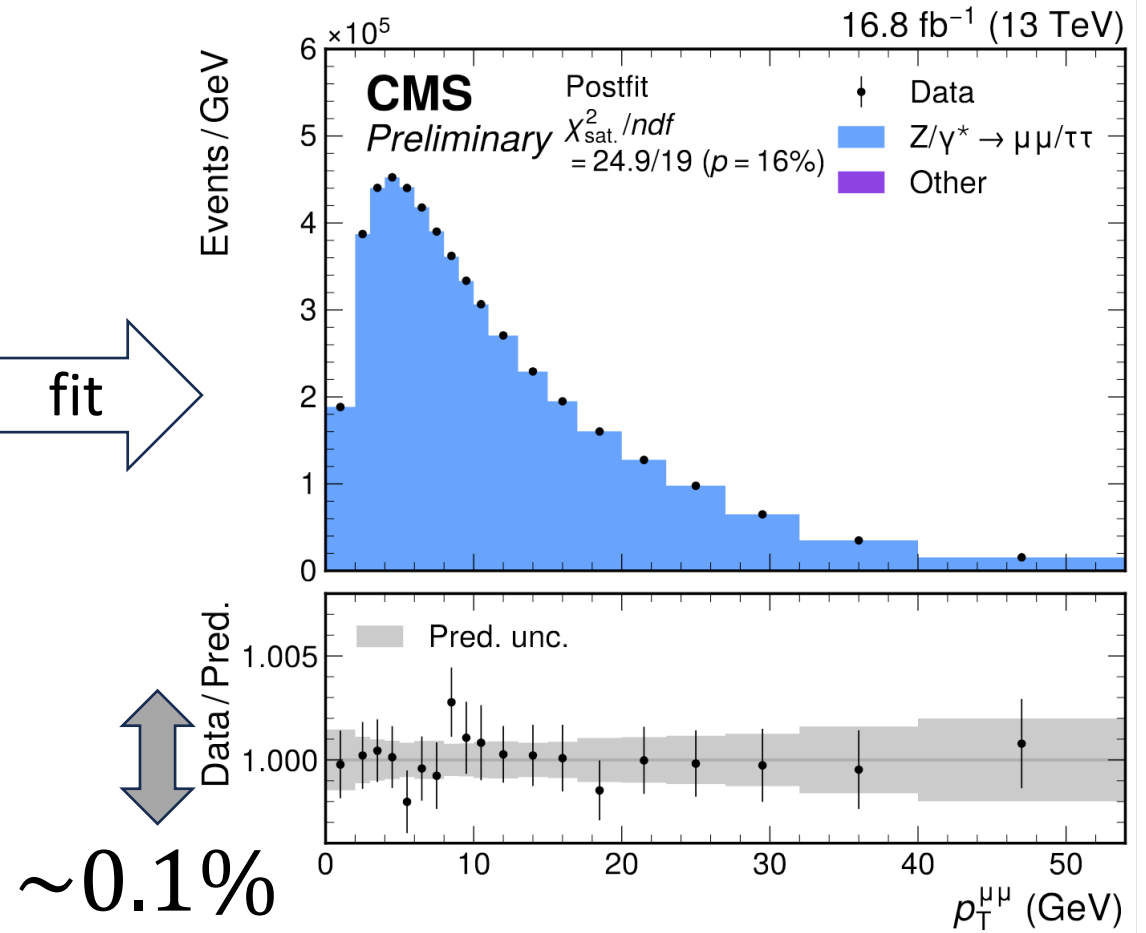


Impact on $m_W \rightarrow 1.9$ MeV

Model validation: $(p_T^{\mu\mu}, y^{\mu\mu})$ spectrum

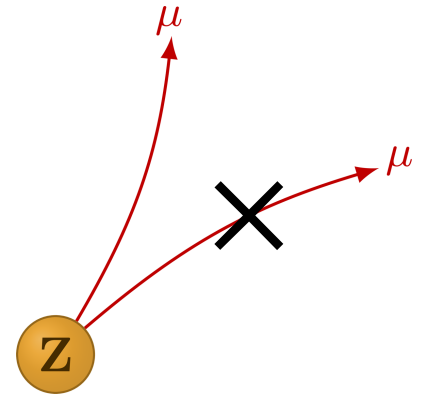


fit



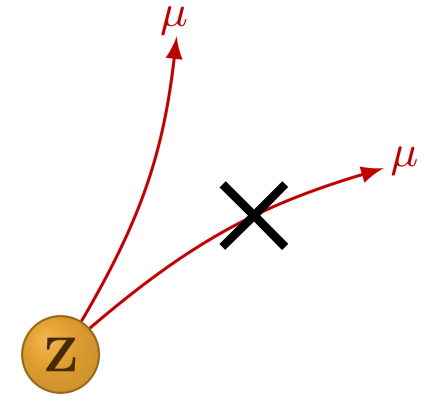
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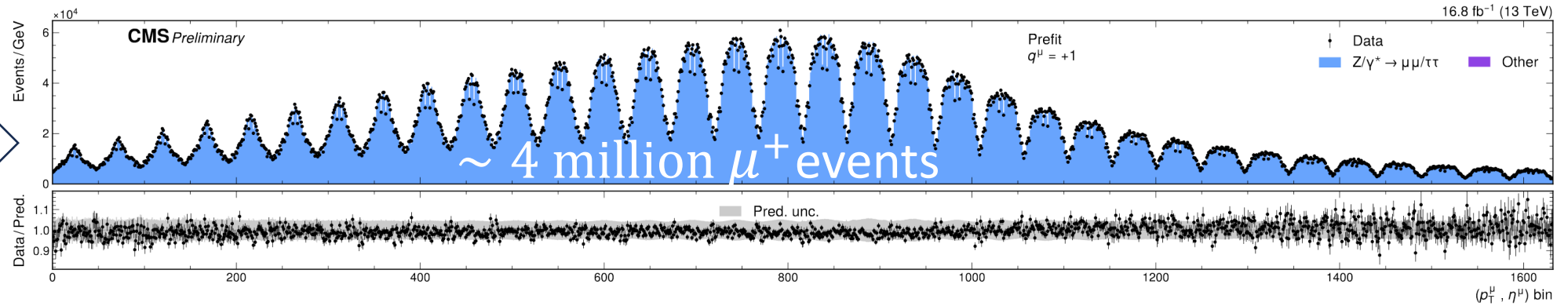
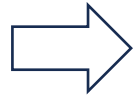


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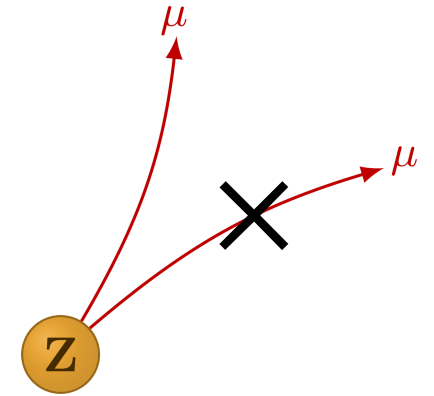


μ^+ in even-numbered events

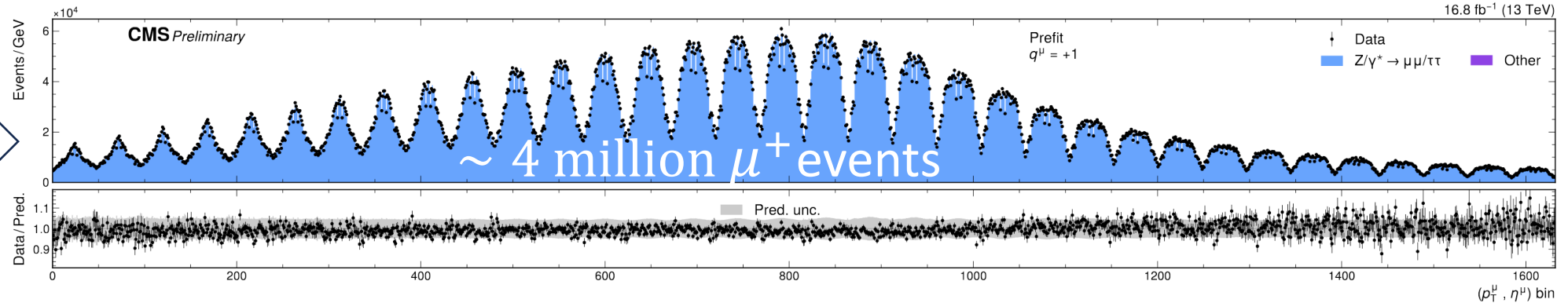
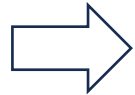


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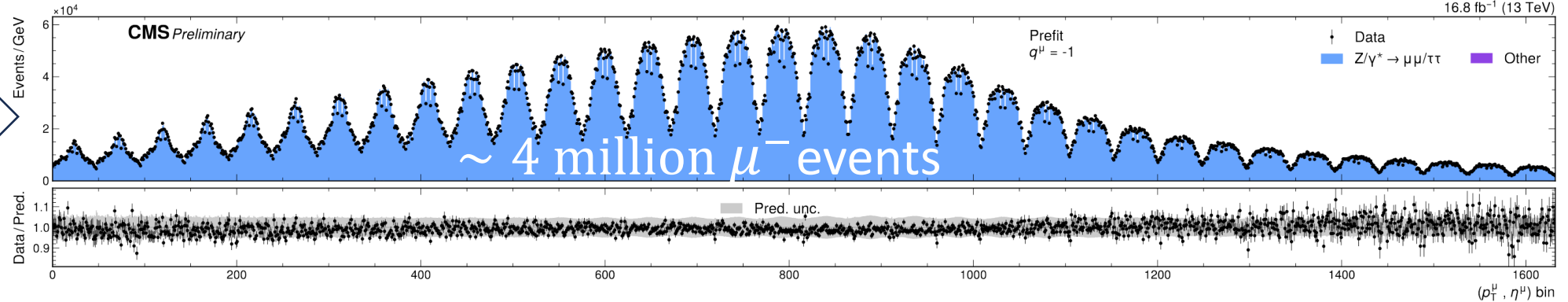
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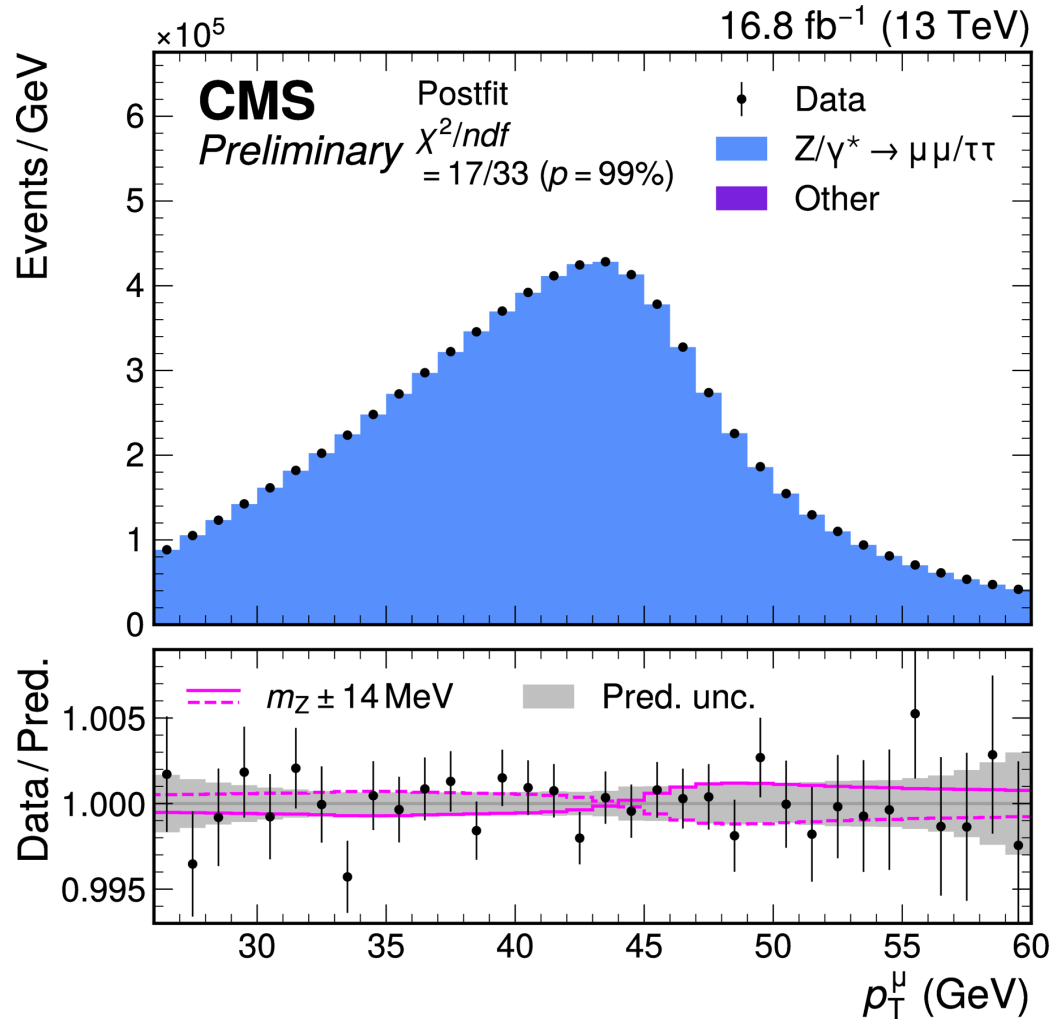
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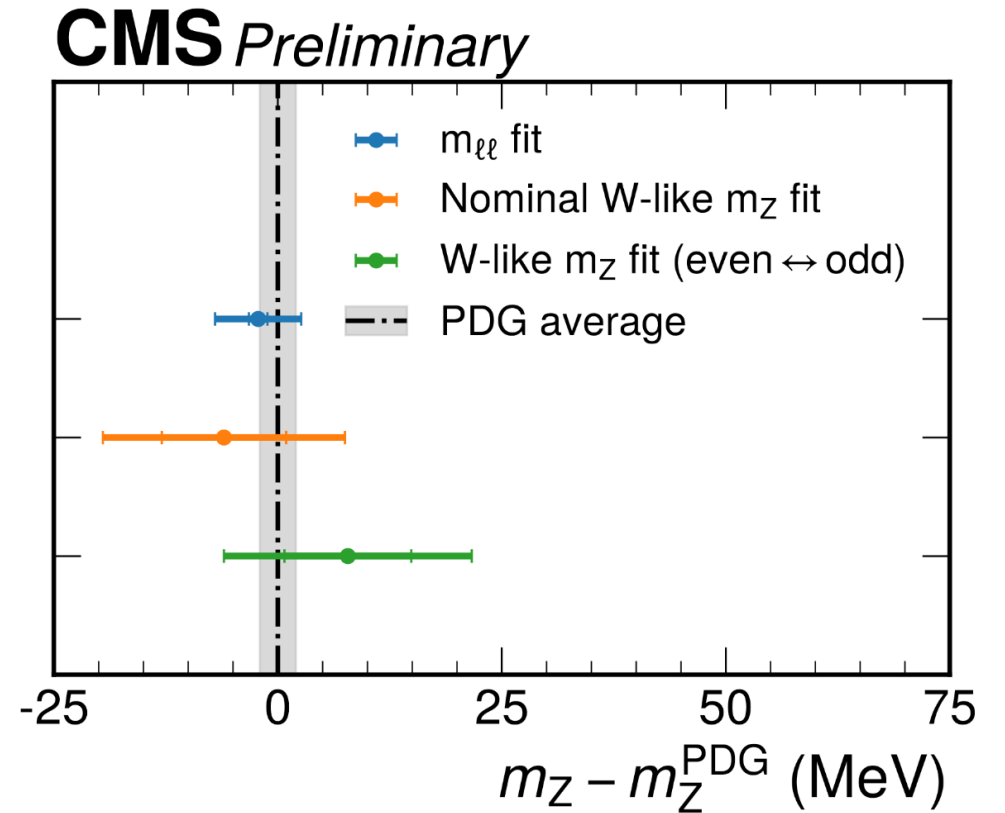
μ^- in odd-numbered events



W-like: results



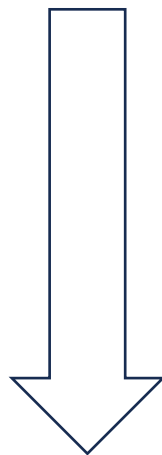
- Total uncertainty on m_Z is **13.5 MeV**
 - Muon scale (5.6), A_i (4.9), muon eff. (3.8)



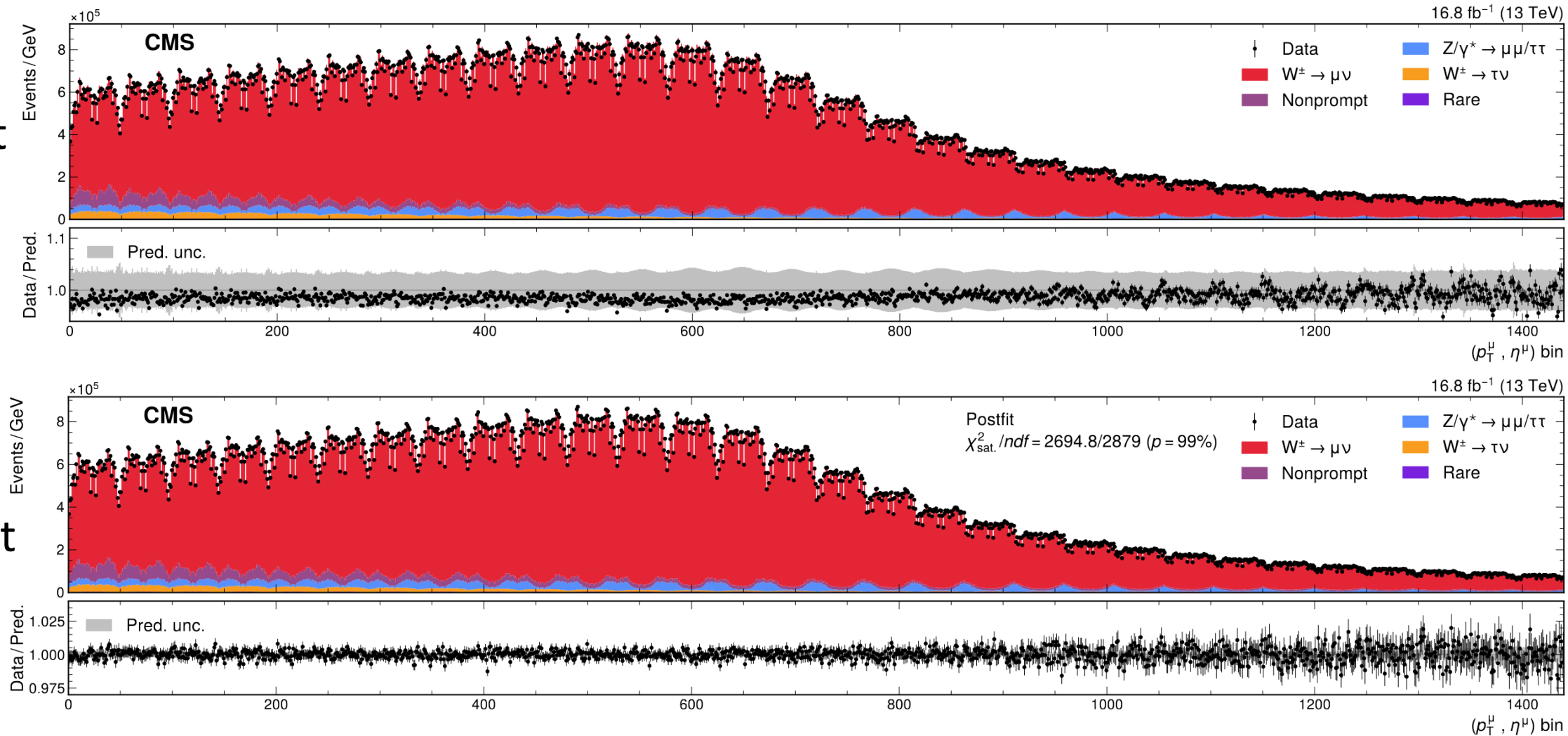
Moving to the W

$O(5,000)$ nuisance parameters with Gaussian constraints

Pre-fit

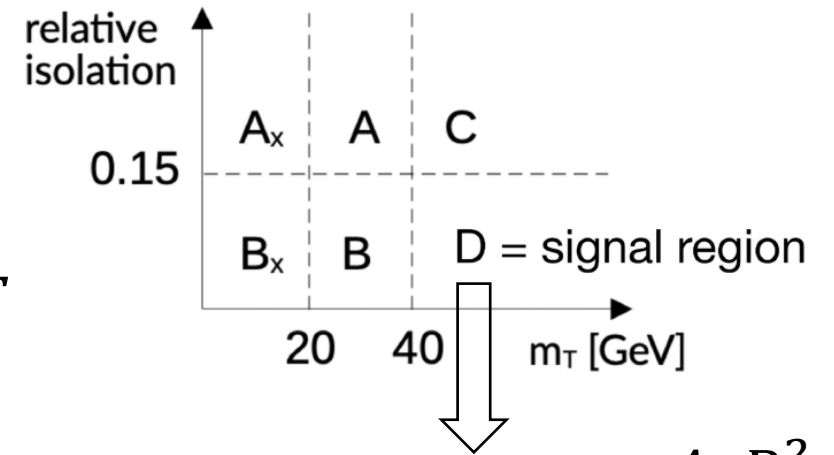


Post-fit



Non-prompt background

- Mostly muons from B/C hadron decay
- Extended “ABCD” method based on **isolation** : m_T
 - Validated on MC simulation and data sidebands

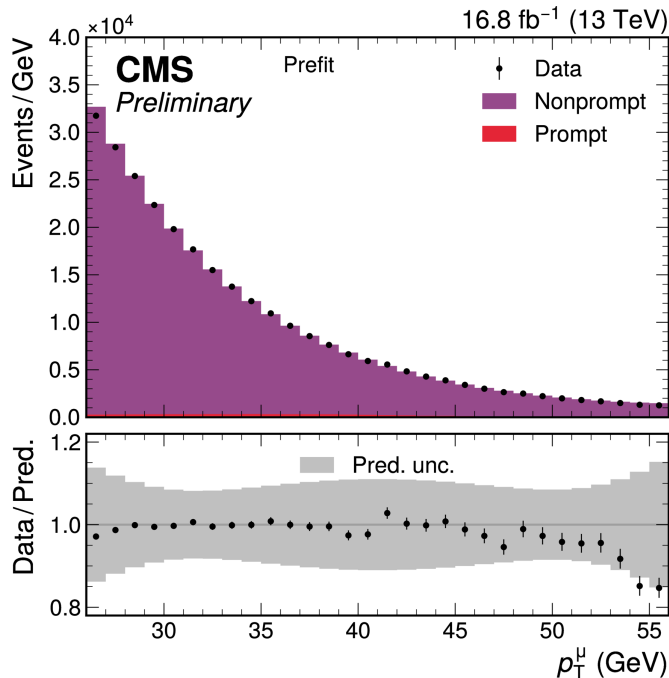


$$D = C \cdot \frac{A_x B^2}{A_x A^2}$$

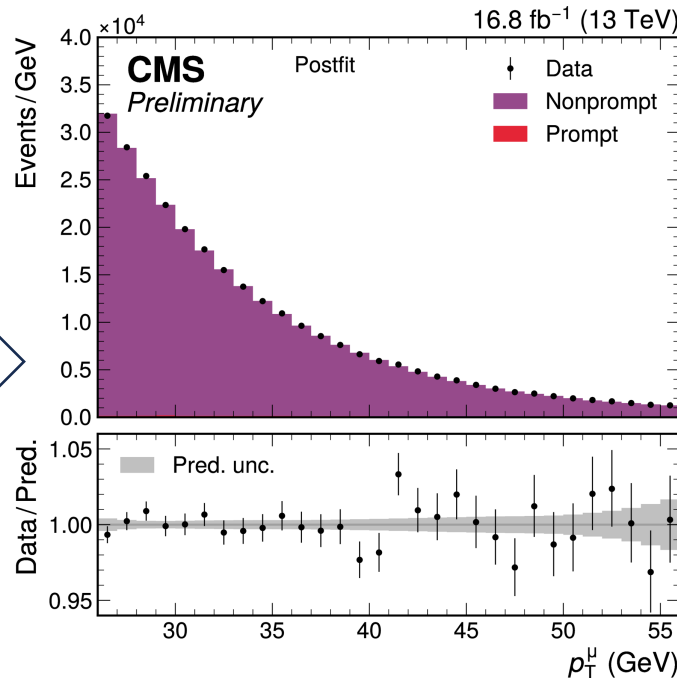
Functional form of p_T spectrum:

$$f_i(p_T) \propto e^{-(a_i p_T^3 + b_i p_T^2 + c_i p_T)}$$

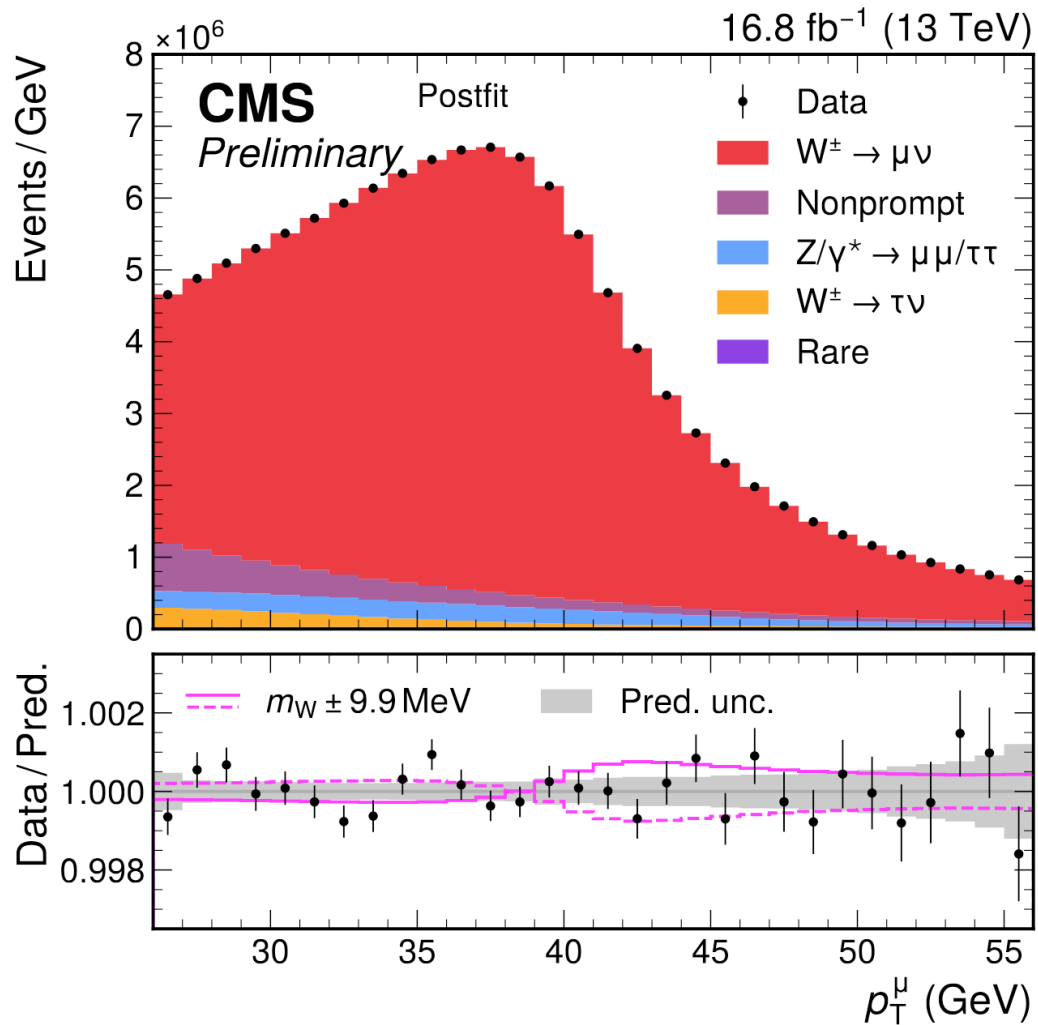
Impact on $m_W \rightarrow \sim 3$ MeV



fit



Unblinding the W fit



- Total uncertainty on m_W is **9.9 MeV**
 - m_W kept blinded until all check completed

Source of uncertainty	Nominal	
	in m_Z	in m_W
Muon momentum scale	5.6	4.8
Muon reco. efficiency	3.8	3.0
W and Z angular coeffs.	4.9	3.3
Higher-order EW	2.2	2.0
p_T^V modeling	1.7	2.0
PDF	2.4	4.4
Nonprompt background	–	3.2
Integrated luminosity	0.3	0.1
MC sample size	2.5	1.5
Data sample size	6.9	2.4
Total uncertainty	13.5	9.9

Results

CMS Preliminary

LEP combination

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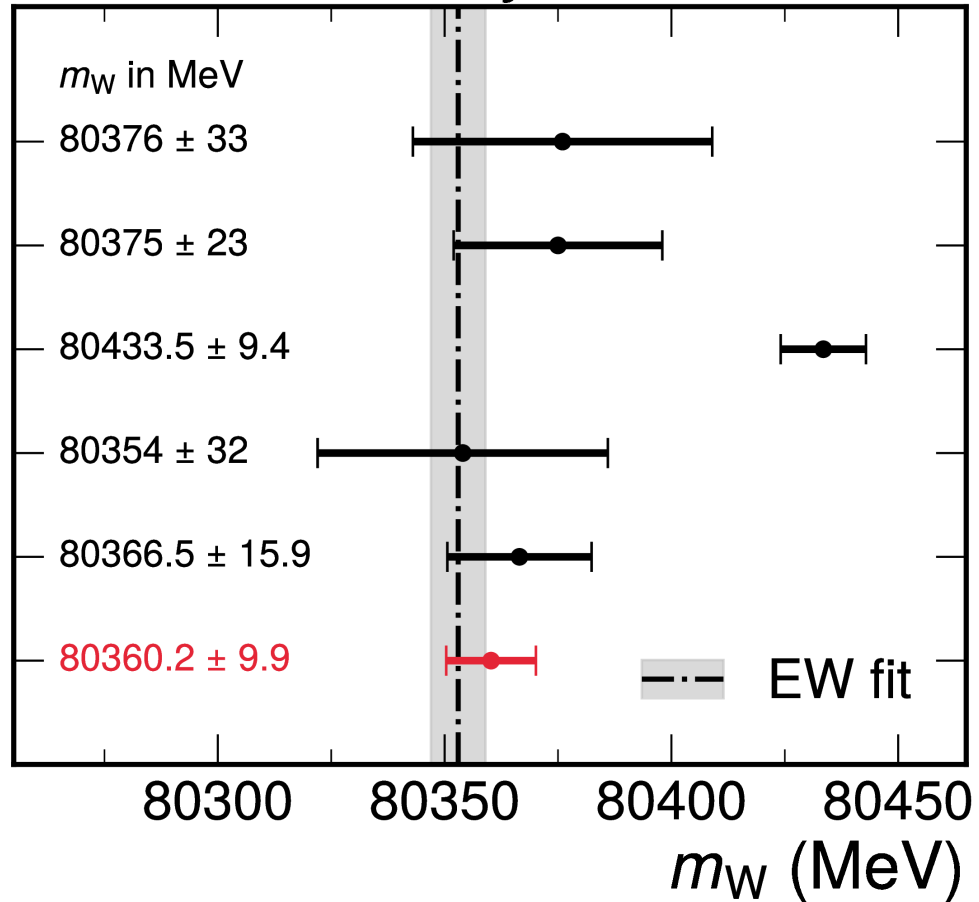
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ATLAS

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CMS

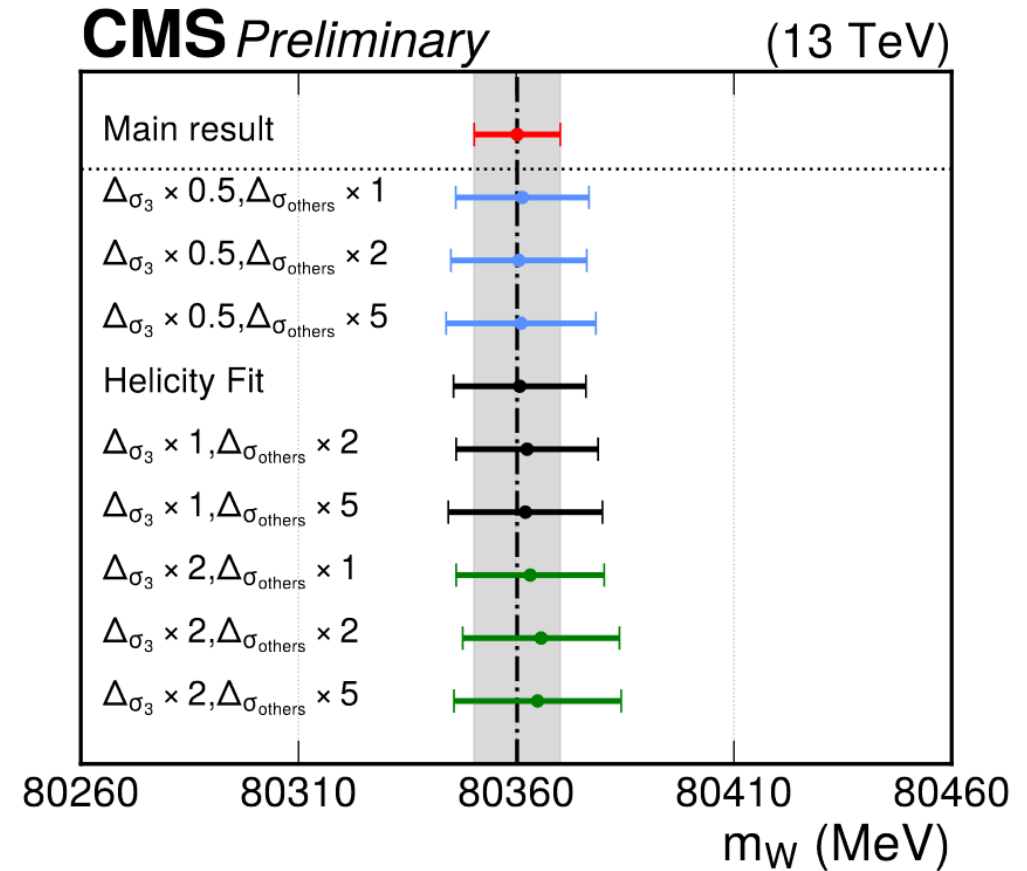
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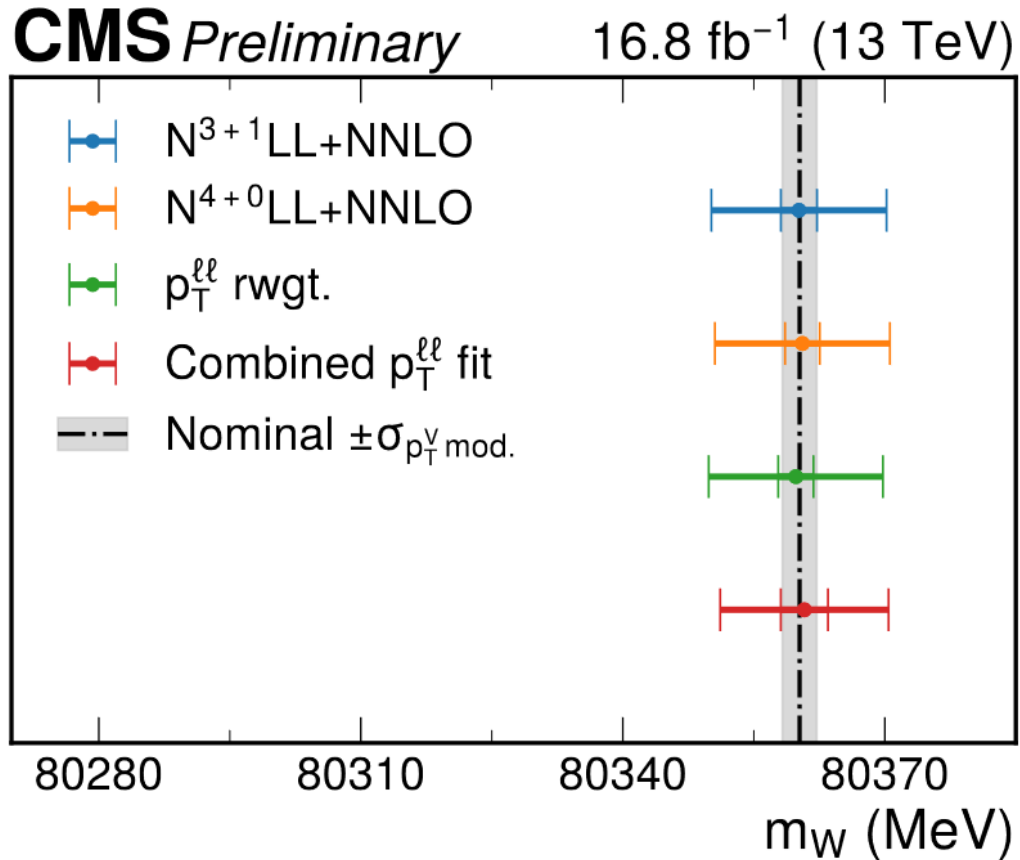
$$m_W^{\text{CMS}} = 80360.2 \pm 9.9 \text{ MeV}$$

Test of model dependence

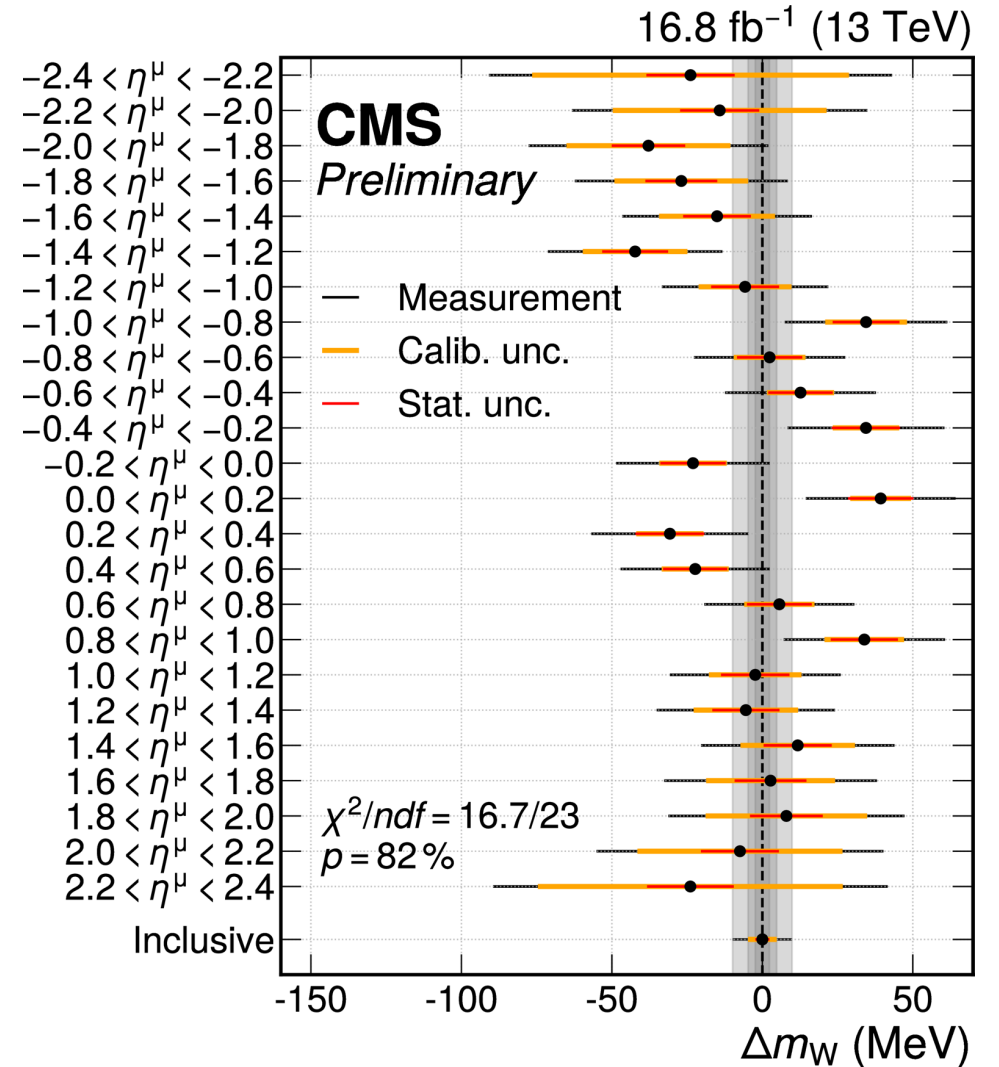
- Impact of loosening model-dependence by assigning additional priors on **helicity cross sections** $\sigma_i \equiv \sigma_{UL} \times A_i$
- Stability** of best-fit m_W tested for increasingly looser priors
 - no evidence of tension or trends



Test of model dependence



→ Different p_T^W uncertainty models



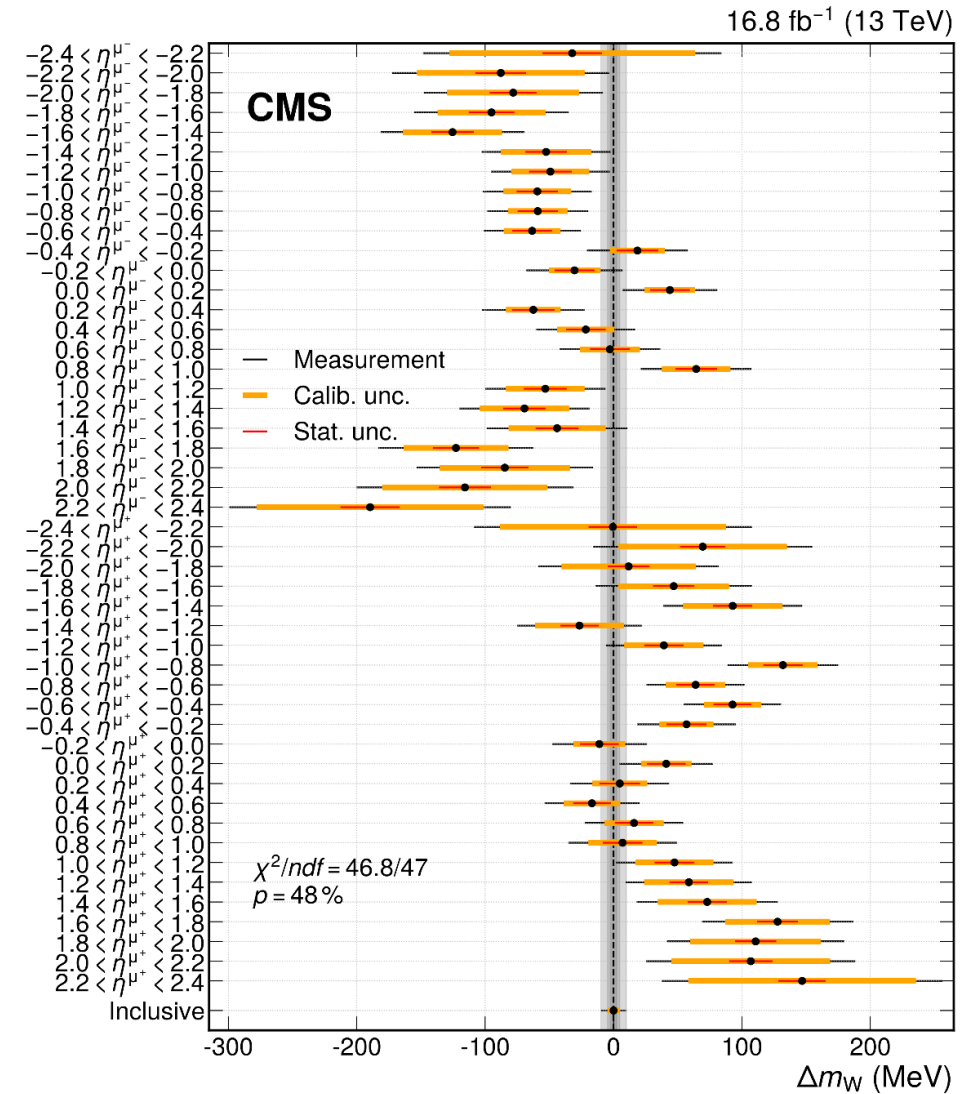
→ Different **detector** regions

Charge asymmetry

- $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-} = 57 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$ (p -value = 6%)
 - Correlation with **avg. mass** ~ 0.02

Source of uncertainty	Global impact (MeV)			
	in $m_{Z^+} - m_{Z^-}$	in m_Z	in $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-}$	in m_W
Muon momentum scale	21.2	5.3	20.0	4.4
Muon reco. efficiency	6.5	3.0	5.8	2.3
W and Z angular coeffs.	13.9	4.5	13.7	3.0
Higher-order EW	0.2	2.2	1.5	1.9
p_T^V modeling	0.4	1.0	2.7	0.8
PDF	0.7	1.9	4.2	2.8
Nonprompt background	-	-	4.8	1.7
Integrated luminosity	< 0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
MC sample size	6.4	3.6	8.4	3.8
Data sample size	18.1	10.1	13.4	6.0
Total uncertainty	32.5	13.5	30.3	9.9

- Likely, a combination of alignment/theory NP's consistently pulled by $\sim 1\sigma$
 - no significant shift in **avg. m_W** even for generous shifts of pre-fit NP



Comparison with ATLAS

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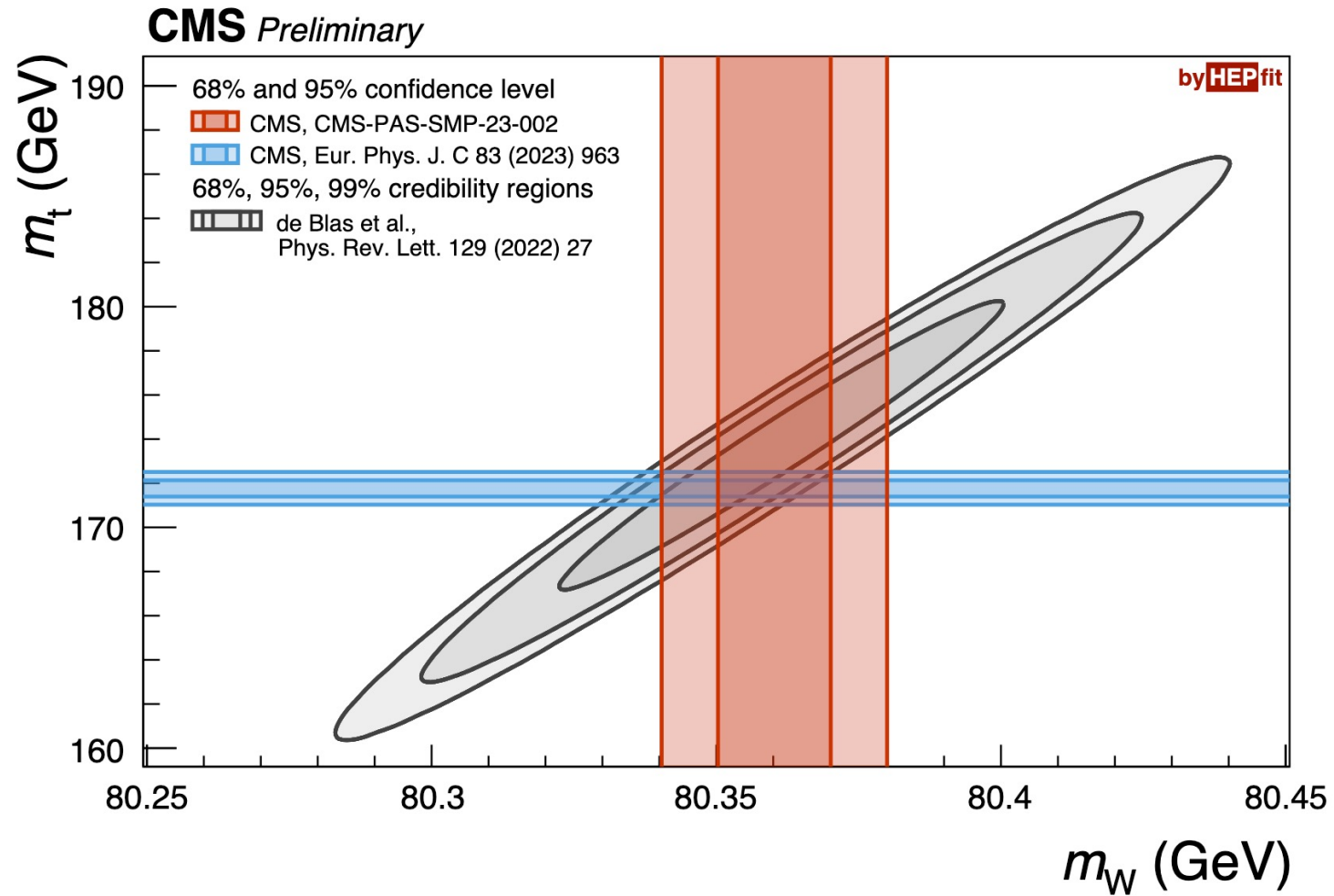
Unc. [MeV]	Total	Stat.	Syst.	PDF	A_i	Backg.	EW	e	μ	u_T	Lumi	Γ_W	PS
p_T^ℓ	16.2	11.1	11.8	4.9	3.5	1.7	5.6	5.9	5.4	0.9	1.1	0.1	1.5

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	Nominal		Global	
	in m_Z	in m_W	in m_Z	in m_W
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For “global” impacts
see arXiv:2307.04007

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The EWK fit and direct CMS (m_t, m_W)



Conclusions

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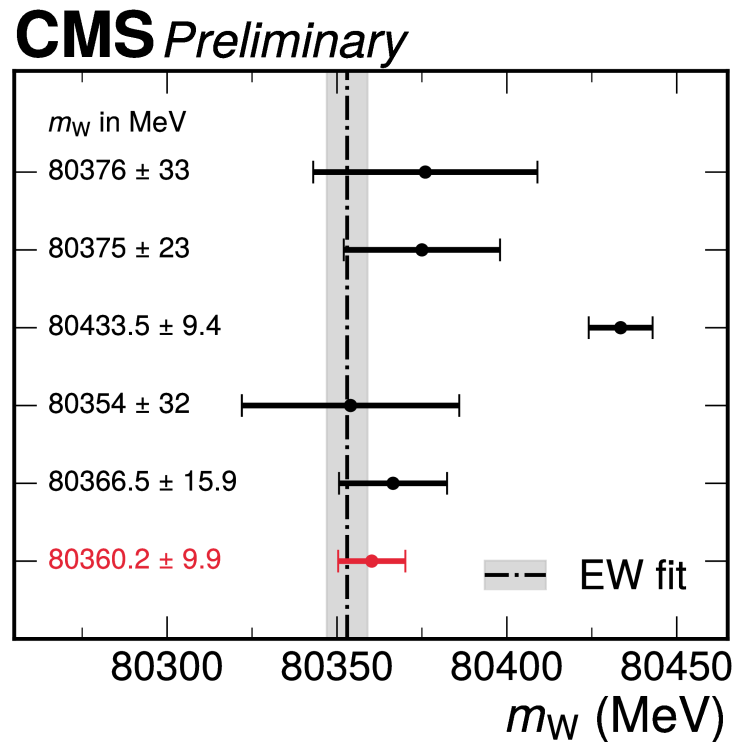
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CMS
This Work



- **First measurement of m_W by CMS**
 - **Most precise** measurement at the LHC
 - Approaching the precision of CDF
- **Good agreement with the SM prediction and with the PDG average**
- **The first in a line of new precision EWK measurements by CMS**



Thanks for your attention

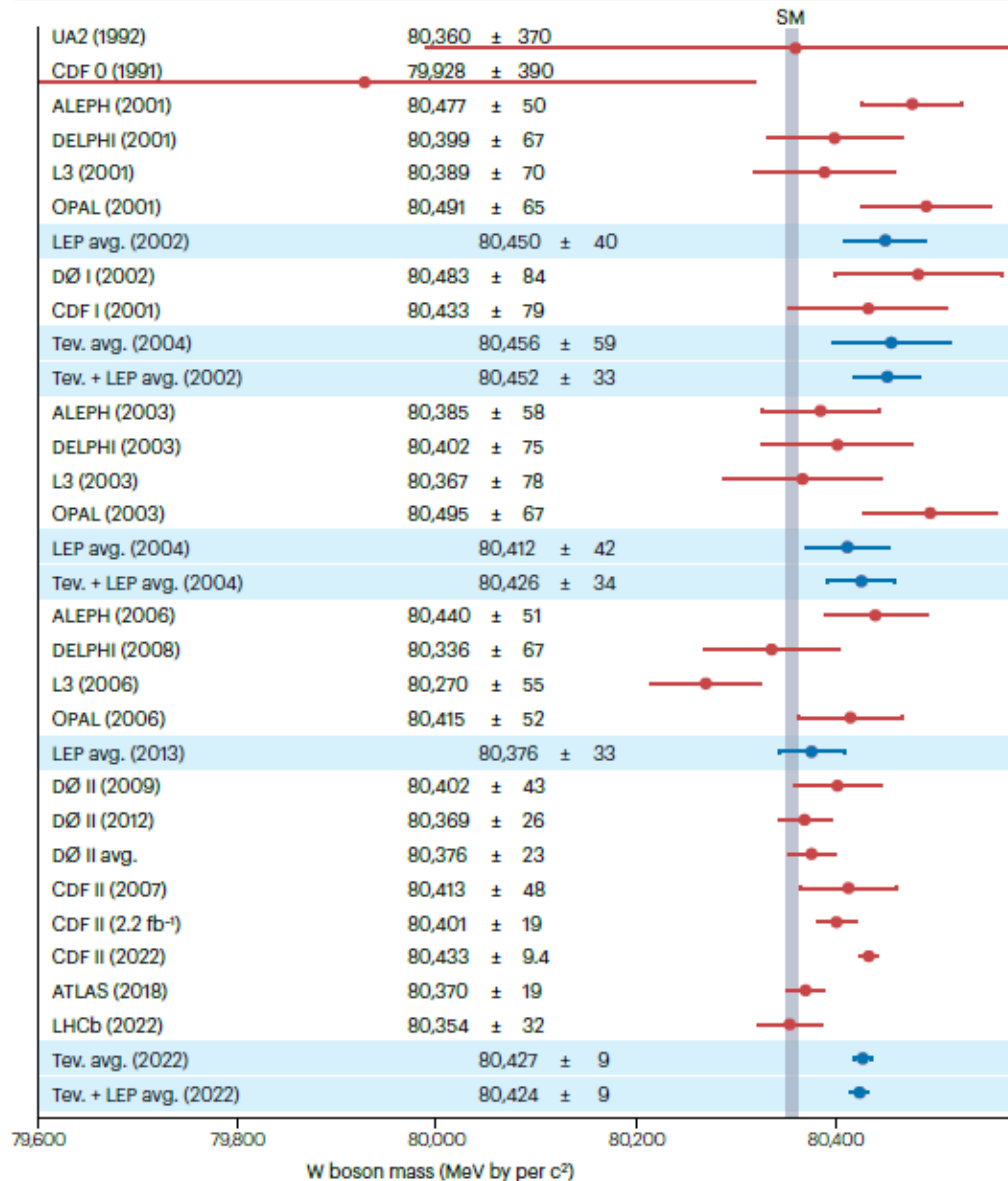
Backup

~500 MeV

Experimental precision

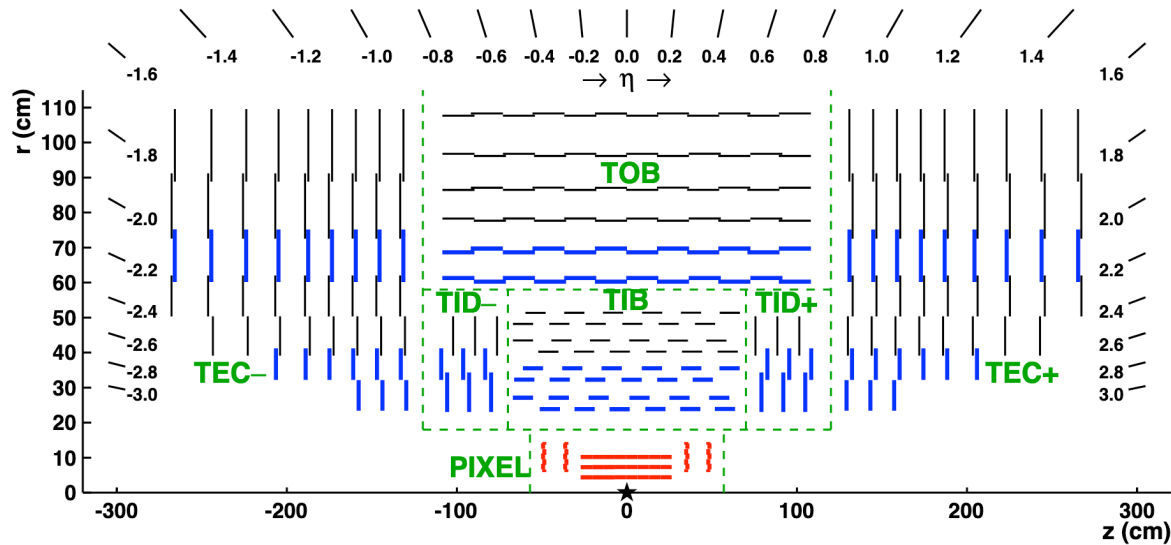


~10 MeV

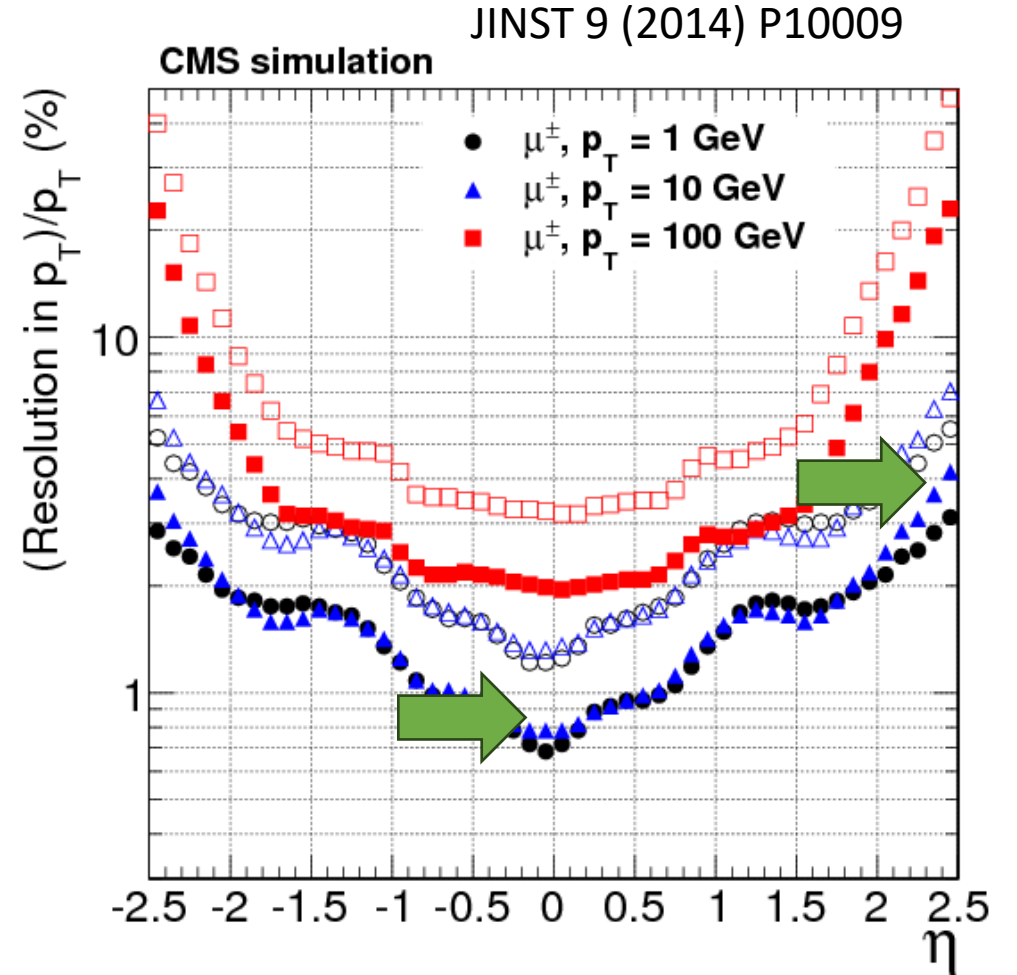


+2 new results in 2024

The CMS tracker



- Fully silicon-based
- Up to 17 points per track ($9 \div 50 \mu\text{m}$ resolutions)
- Up to **2 radiation lengths**
 - p_T^μ resolution from multiple scattering: $1 \div 3\%$

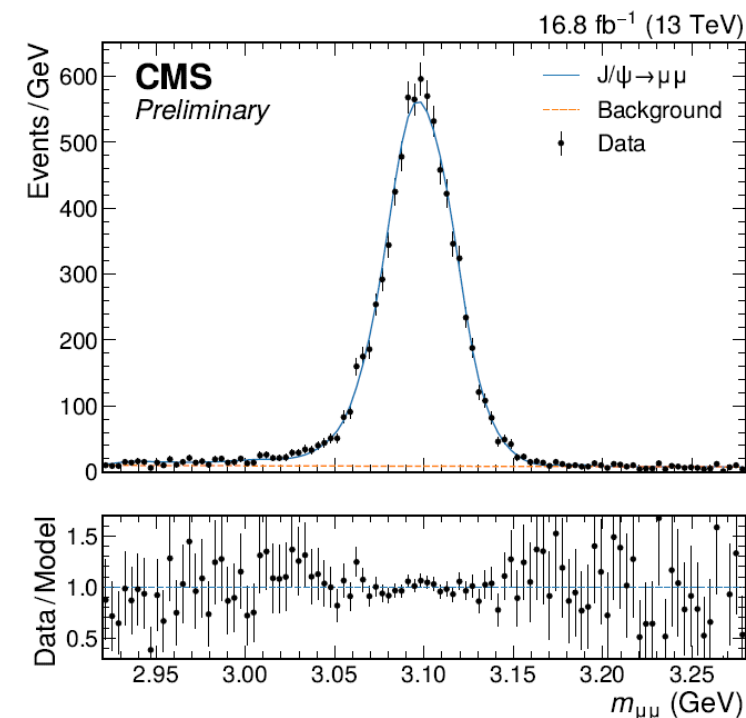


Muon momentum scale: workflow

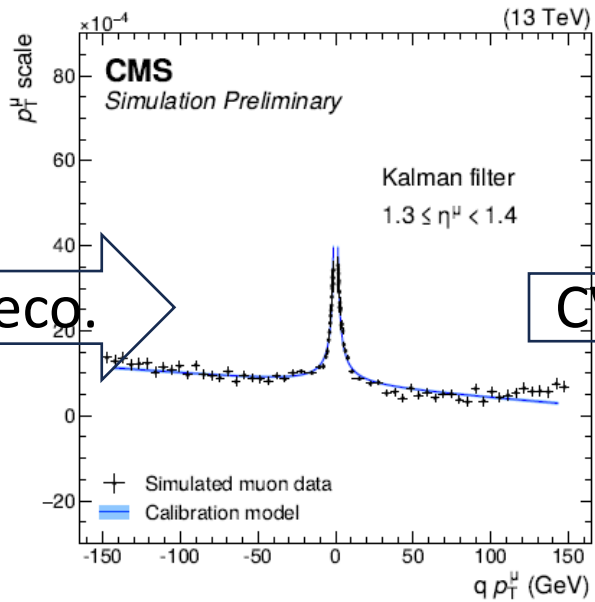
1. **Tuning** of parameters in CMS simulation.
2. **Track re-fit** with improved B-field/material treatment in track propagation.
3. **Module-level correction** of alignment, B-field, and material by minimizing $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ track residuals.
 - Scale in ideal MC is **now unity** within a few 10^{-5}
 - Residual mis-modeling can be **parametrized** as:

$$\left(\frac{\delta p_T}{p_T}\right)_{\pm} = A_{i\eta} - \frac{\epsilon_{i\eta}}{p_T} \pm M_{i\eta} p_T$$

4. $(A_{i\eta}, \epsilon_{i\eta}, M_{i\eta})$ from likelihood fits to J/Ψ mass binned in $(p_T^+, \eta^+, p_T^-, \eta^-)$

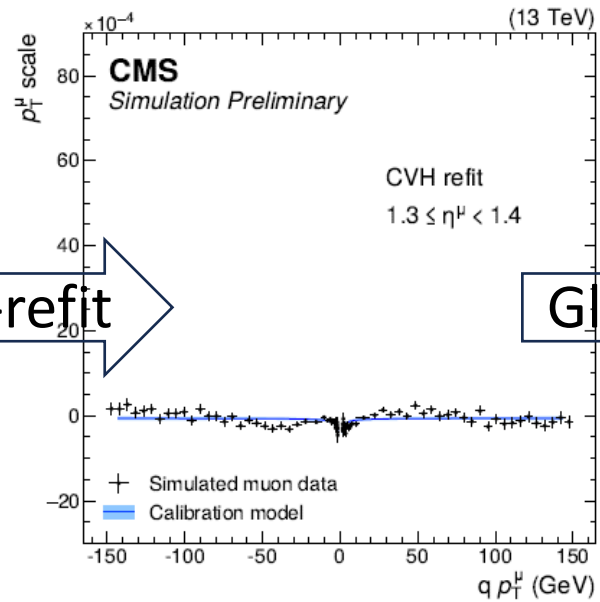


Muon momentum scale

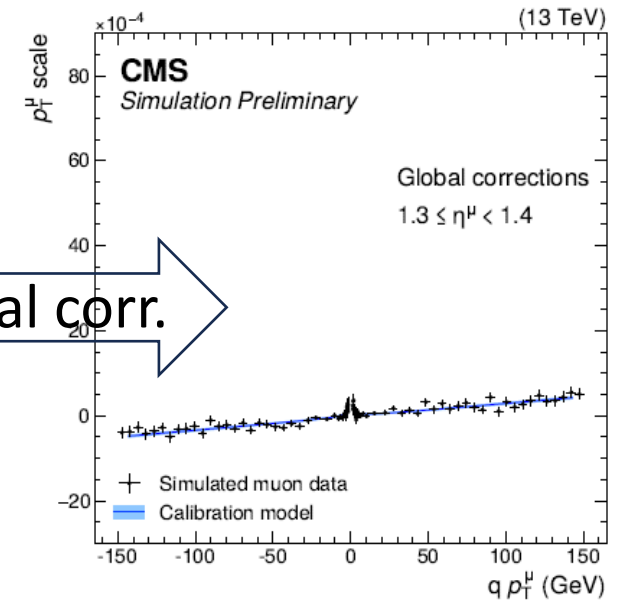


Default reco.

CVH-refit



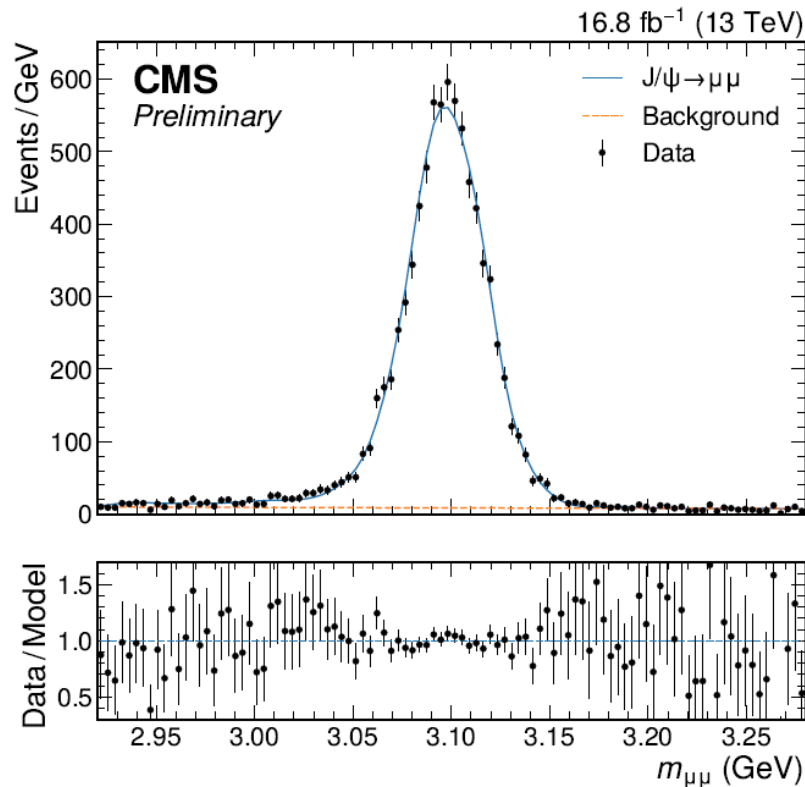
Global corr.



Muon momentum scale

4. Removal of residual data/MC scale bias using J/Ψ events in a fine-grained 4D space $(p_T^+, \eta^+, p_T^-, \eta^-)$

$O(10,000)$
Mass spectra




- Fit a **scale shift** Σ in each 4D bin
- Finally, do a χ^2 fit of $(A_\eta, \varepsilon_\eta, M_\eta)$ from all bins

$$\sum_{ijkl} \frac{\left(\Sigma_{ijkl}^2 - \left(A_j - \frac{\varepsilon_j}{p_{T,i}} + M_j p_{T,i} \right) \left(A_l - \frac{\varepsilon_l}{p_{T,k}} + M_l p_{T,k} \right) \right)^2}{\text{Var}[\Sigma_{ijkl}^2]}$$

Impact on m_W

Source of uncertainty	Nuisance parameters	Uncertainty in m_W (MeV)
J/ ψ calibration stat. (scaled $\times 2.1$)	144	3.7
Z closure stat.	48	1.0
Z closure (LEP measurement)	1	1.7
Resolution stat. (scaled $\times 10$)	72	1.4
Pixel multiplicity	49	0.7
Total	314	4.8



PDF

- Fitting simultaneously eta_mu and yZ

PDF set	Nominal fit		Without PDF+ α_s unc.		Without theory unc.	
	χ^2/ndf	$p\text{-val. (\%)}$	χ^2/ndf	$p\text{-val. (\%)}$	χ^2/ndf	$p\text{-val. (\%)}$
CT18Z	100.7/116	84	125.3/116	26	103.8/116	78
CT18	100.7/116	84	153.2/116	1.0	105.7/116	74
PDF4LHC21	97.7/116	89	105.5/116	75	104.1/116	78
MSHT20	97.0/116	90	107.4/116	70	98.8/116	87
MSHT20aN3LO	99.0/116	87	122.8/116	31	101.9/116	82
NNPDF3.1	99.1/116	87	105.5/116	75	115.0/116	51
NNPDF4.0	99.7/116	86	104.3/116	77	116.7/116	46

Further checks

Configuration	$m_W^+ - m_W^-$ (MeV)	Δm_W (MeV)
nominal	57 ± 30	0
Alignment ~ 1 sigma up	38 ± 30	< 0.1
LHE A_i as nominal	48 ± 30	-0.5
A_3 one sigma down	49 ± 30	0.4
Alignment and A_i shifted as above	21 ± 30	0.1
Alignment ~ 3 sigma up	-5 ± 30	0.6

Configuration	Δm_W in MeV	Auxiliary parameter
$26 < p_T < 52$ GeV	-0.75 ± 10.03	—
$30 < p_T < 56$ GeV	-1.11 ± 11.05	—
$30 < p_T < 52$ GeV	-2.15 ± 11.17	—
W floating	-0.47 ± 9.98	$\mu_W = 0.979 \pm 0.026$
Alt. veto efficiency	0.05 ± 9.88	—
Hybrid smoothing	-1.58 ± 9.88	—
Charge difference	0.34 ± 9.89	$m_W^{\text{diff.}} = 56.96 \pm 30.30$ MeV
η sign difference	-0.01 ± 9.88	$m_W^{\text{diff.}} = 5.8 \pm 12.4$ MeV
$ \eta $ range difference	-0.61 ± 9.90	$m_W^{\text{diff.}} = 15.3 \pm 14.7$ MeV

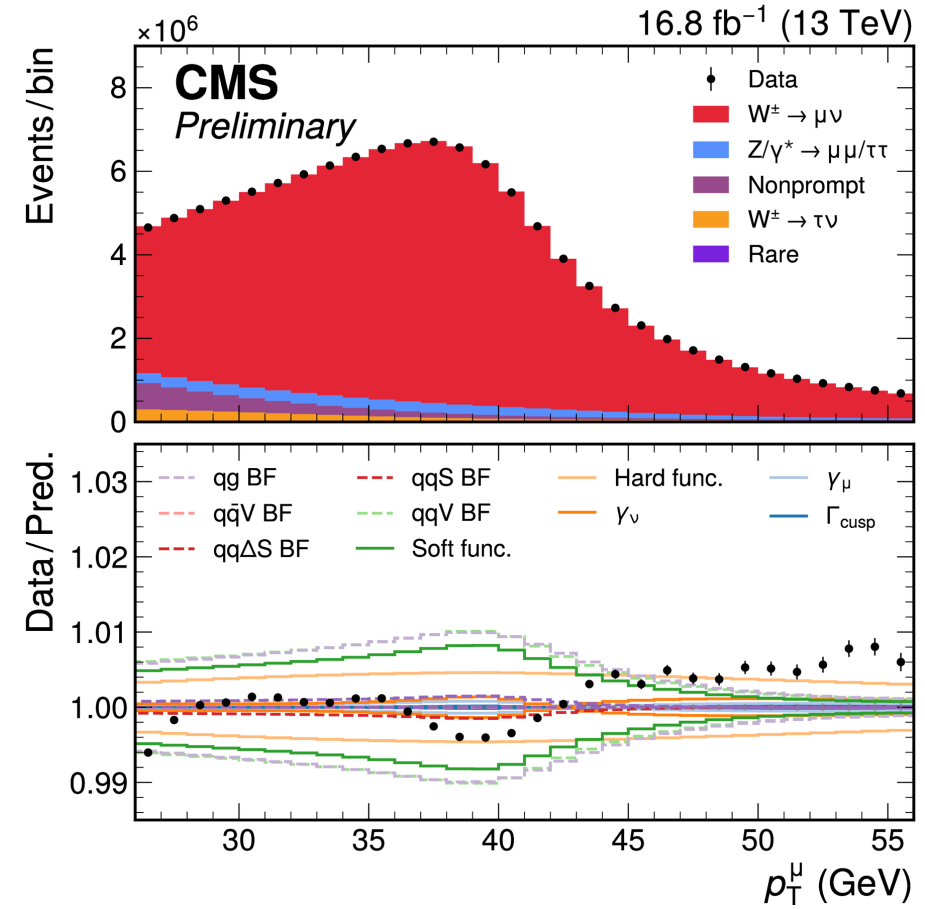
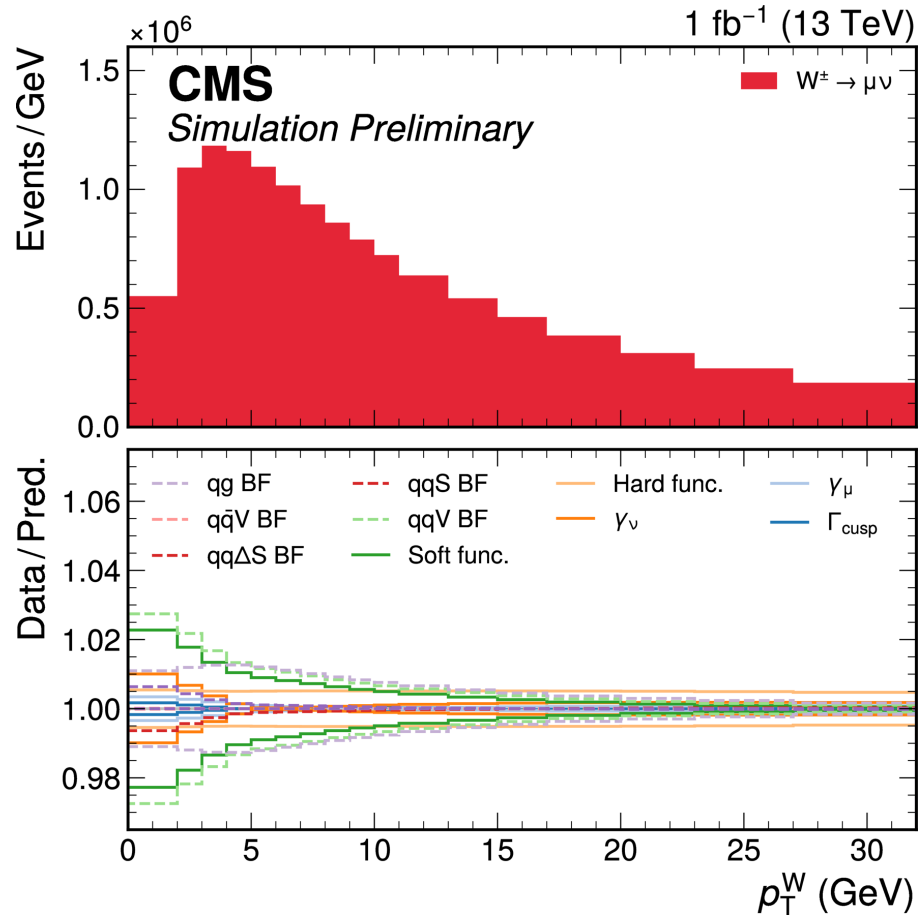
Fit model

- m_W extracted from binned maximum-likelihood fit
 - Systematic uncertainties → **nuisance parameters (NP)** with Gaussian constraints
- RDataFrame → multi-dimensional Boost Histogram's
 - Nominal × **systematic variations**
- Likelihood calculation and minimization based on Tensorflow library

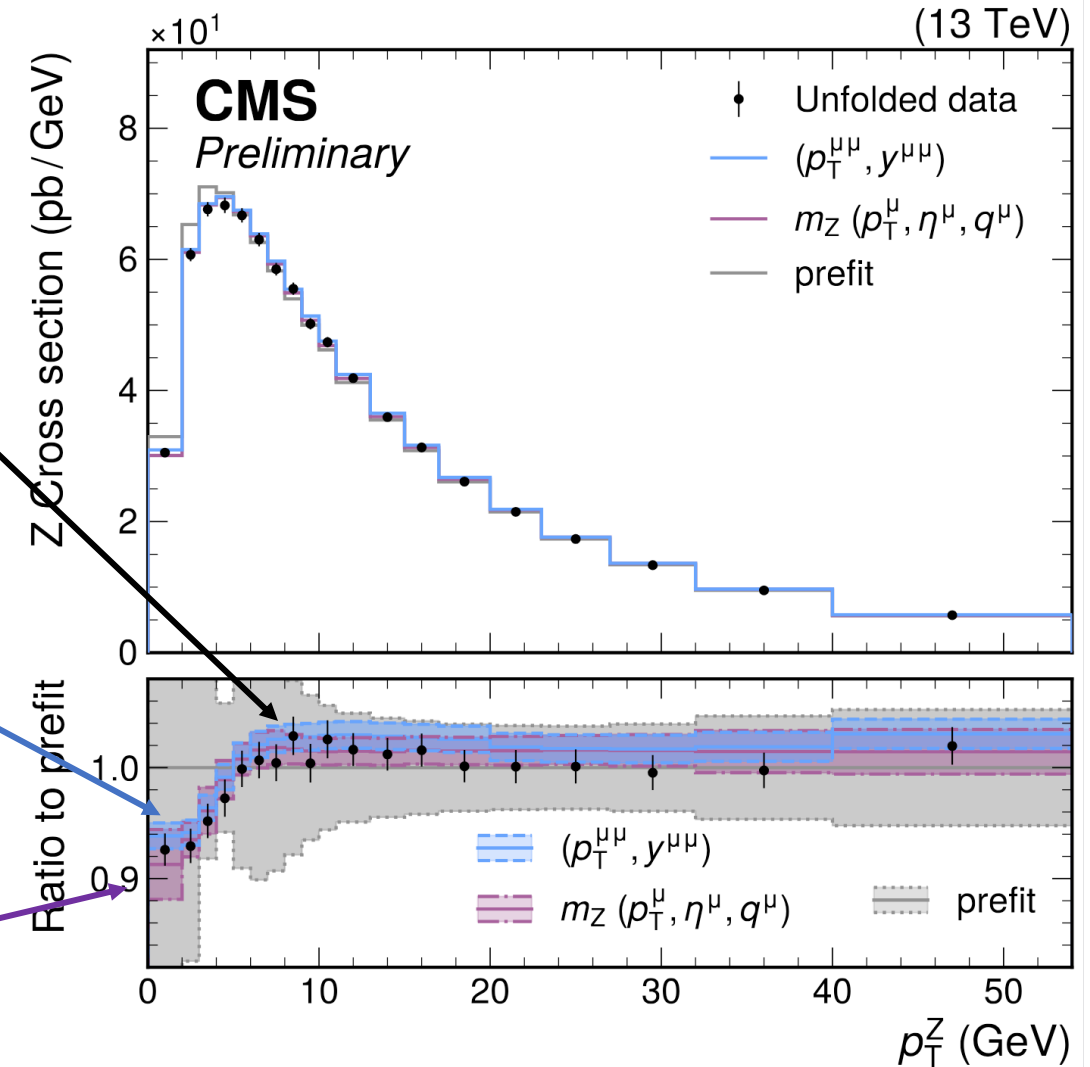
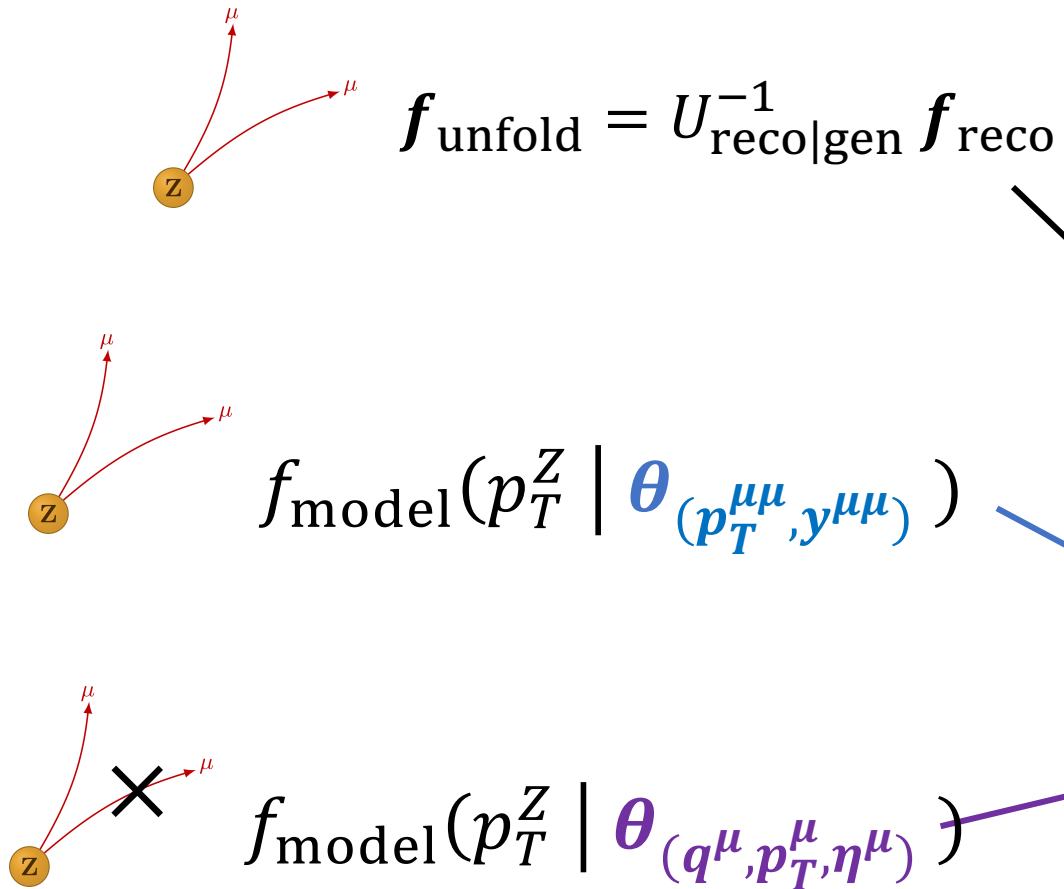
Systematic uncertainties	W-like m_Z	m_W
Muon efficiency	3127	3658
Muon eff. veto	–	531
Muon eff. syst.	343	
Muon eff. stat.	2784	
Nonprompt background	–	387
Prompt background	2	3
Muon momentum scale	338	
L1 prefire	14	
Luminosity	1	
PDF (CT18Z)	60	
Angular coefficients	177	353
W MINNLO _{PS} μ_F, μ_R	–	176
Z MINNLO _{PS} μ_F, μ_R	176	
PYTHIA shower k_T	1	
p_T^Y modeling	22	32
Nonperturbative	4	10
Perturbative	4	8
Theory nuisance parameters	10	
c, b quark mass	4	
Higher-order EW	6	7
Z width	1	
Z mass	1	
W width	–	1
W mass	–	1
$\sin^2 \theta_W$	1	
Total	3750	4859



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W-like: p_T^Z modeling

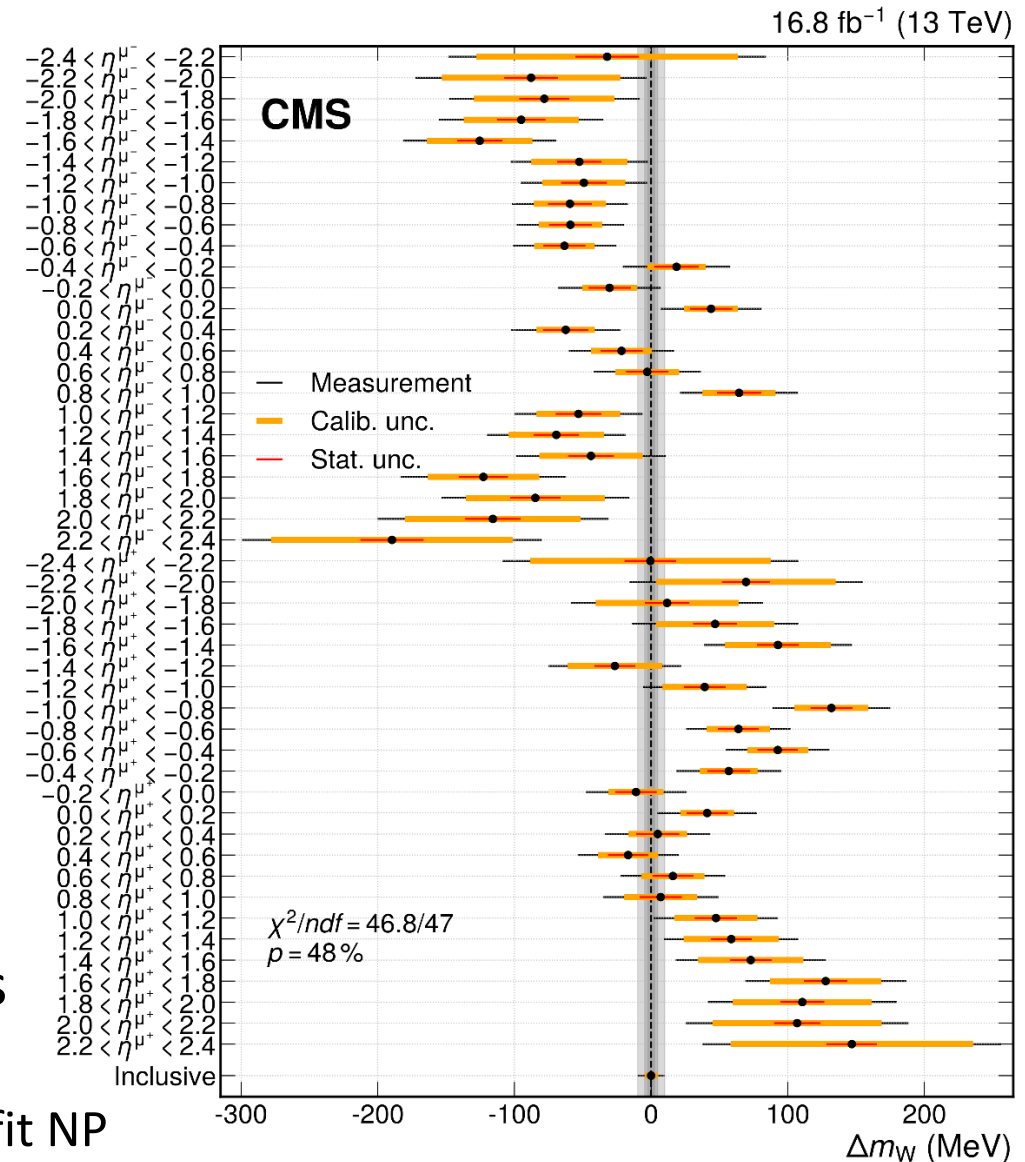


Charge asymmetry

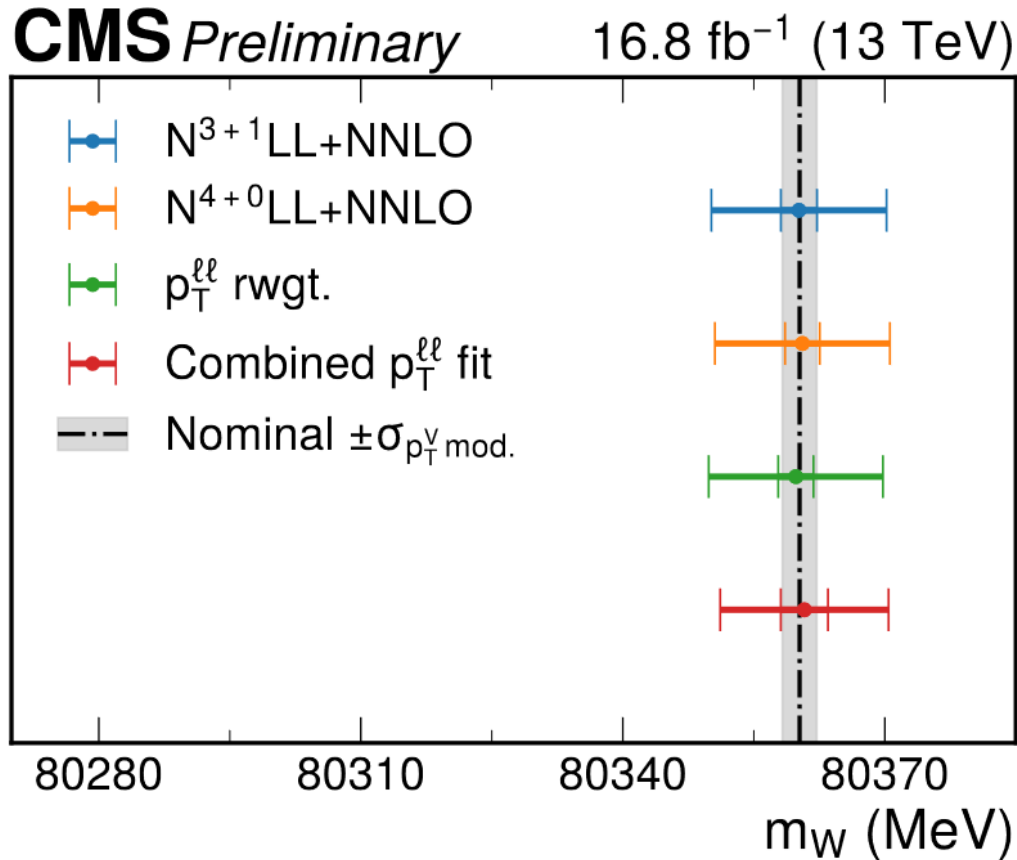
- $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-} = 57 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$
 - p -value = 6%

Source of uncertainty	Global impact (MeV)			
	in $m_{Z^+} - m_{Z^-}$	in m_Z	in $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-}$	in m_W
Muon momentum scale	21.2	5.3	20.0	4.4
Muon reco. efficiency	6.5	3.0	5.8	2.3
W and Z angular coeffs.	13.9	4.5	13.7	3.0
Higher-order EW	0.2	2.2	1.5	1.9
p_T^V modeling	0.4	1.0	2.7	0.8
PDF	0.7	1.9	4.2	2.8
Nonprompt background	-	-	4.8	1.7
Integrated luminosity	< 0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
MC sample size	6.4	3.6	8.4	3.8
Data sample size	18.1	10.1	13.4	6.0
Total uncertainty	32.5	13.5	30.3	9.9

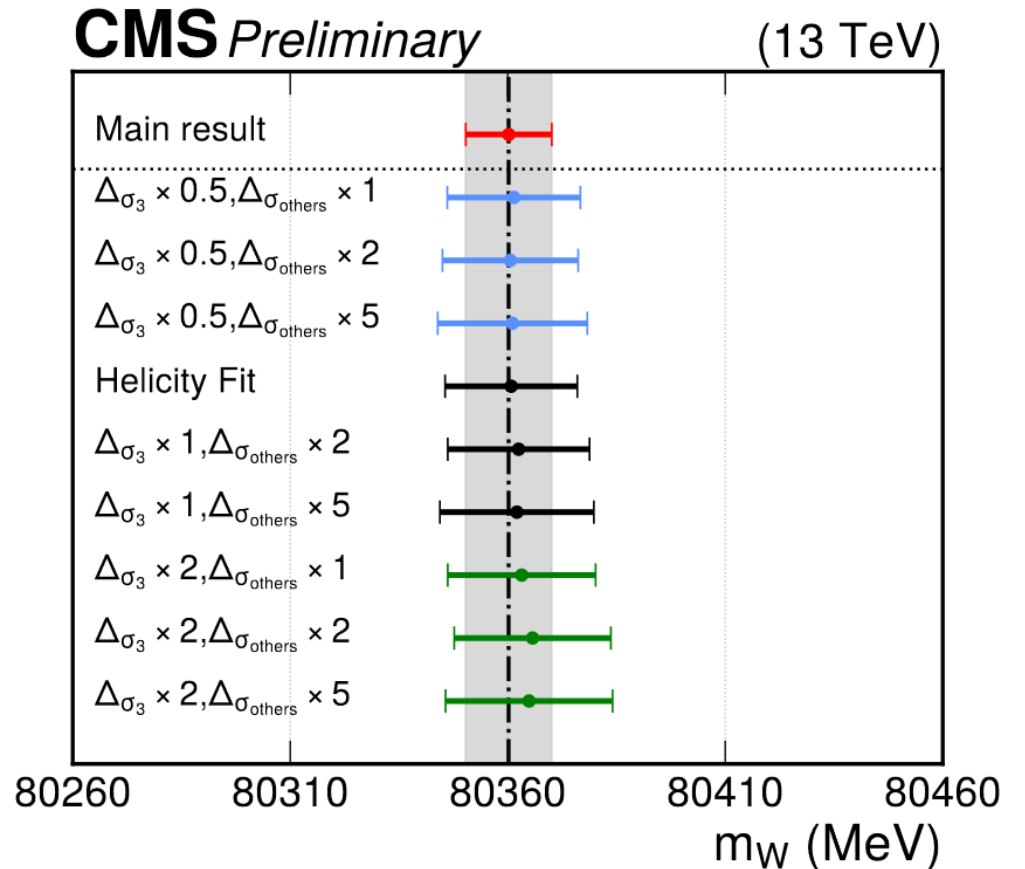
- Likely, a combination of alignment/theory nuisances consistently pulled by $\sim 1\sigma$
 - no significant shift in m_W even for generous shifts of pre-fit NP



Test of model dependence

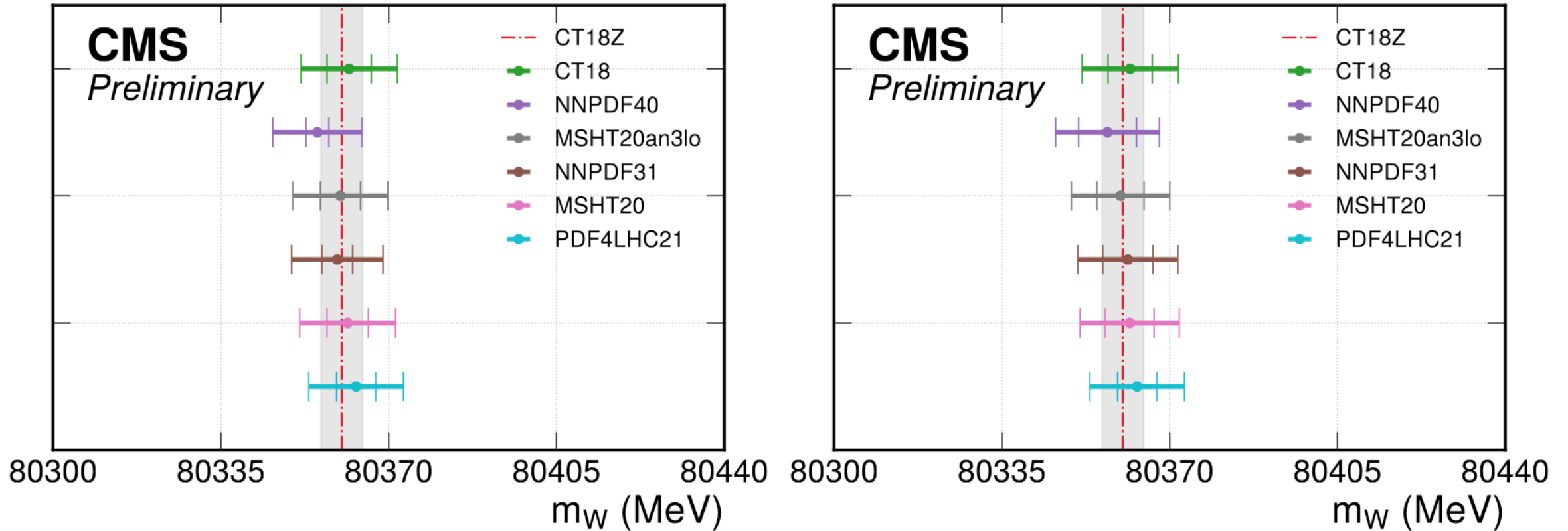


Different p_T^V uncertainty models



“Helicity fit”: loose priors on $\sigma_{UL,0,\dots,4}$

PDF dependence



Spread of central values within the uncertainty of **nominal PDF set**

Spread of central values within the uncertainty of **any PDF sets**

Comparison w/ ATLAS & CDF-II

- To enable one-to-one comparison with ATLAS, use "global" impacts

arXiv:2307.04007

Unc. [MeV]	Total	Stat.	Syst.	PDF	A_i	Backg.	EW	e	μ	u_T	Lumi	Γ_W	PS
p_T^ℓ	16.2	11.1	11.8	4.9	3.5	1.7	5.6	5.9	5.4	0.9	1.1	0.1	1.5

Source of uncertainty	Impact (MeV)			
	Nominal		Global	
	in m_Z	in m_W	in m_Z	in m_W
Muon momentum scale	5.6	4.8	5.3	4.4
Muon reco. efficiency	3.8	3.0	3.0	2.3
W and Z angular coeffs.	4.9	3.3	4.5	3.0
Higher-order EW	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.9
p_T^V modeling	1.7	2.0	1.0	0.8
PDF	2.4	4.4	1.9	2.8
Nonprompt background	–	3.2	–	1.7
Integrated luminosity	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
MC sample size	2.5	1.5	3.6	3.8
Data sample size	6.9	2.4	10.1	6.0
Total uncertainty	13.5	9.9	13.5	9.9

Source	Uncertainty (MeV)
Lepton energy scale	3.0
Lepton energy resolution	1.2
Recoil energy scale	1.2
Recoil energy resolution	1.8
Lepton efficiency	0.4
Lepton removal	1.2
Backgrounds	3.3
p_T^Z model	1.8
p_T^W/p_T^Z model	1.3
Parton distributions	3.9
QED radiation	2.7
W boson statistics	6.4
Total	9.4

[arXiv:2403.15085](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.15085)

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Recoil

