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# Precise determination of the W mass with the CMS detector

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# Motivation

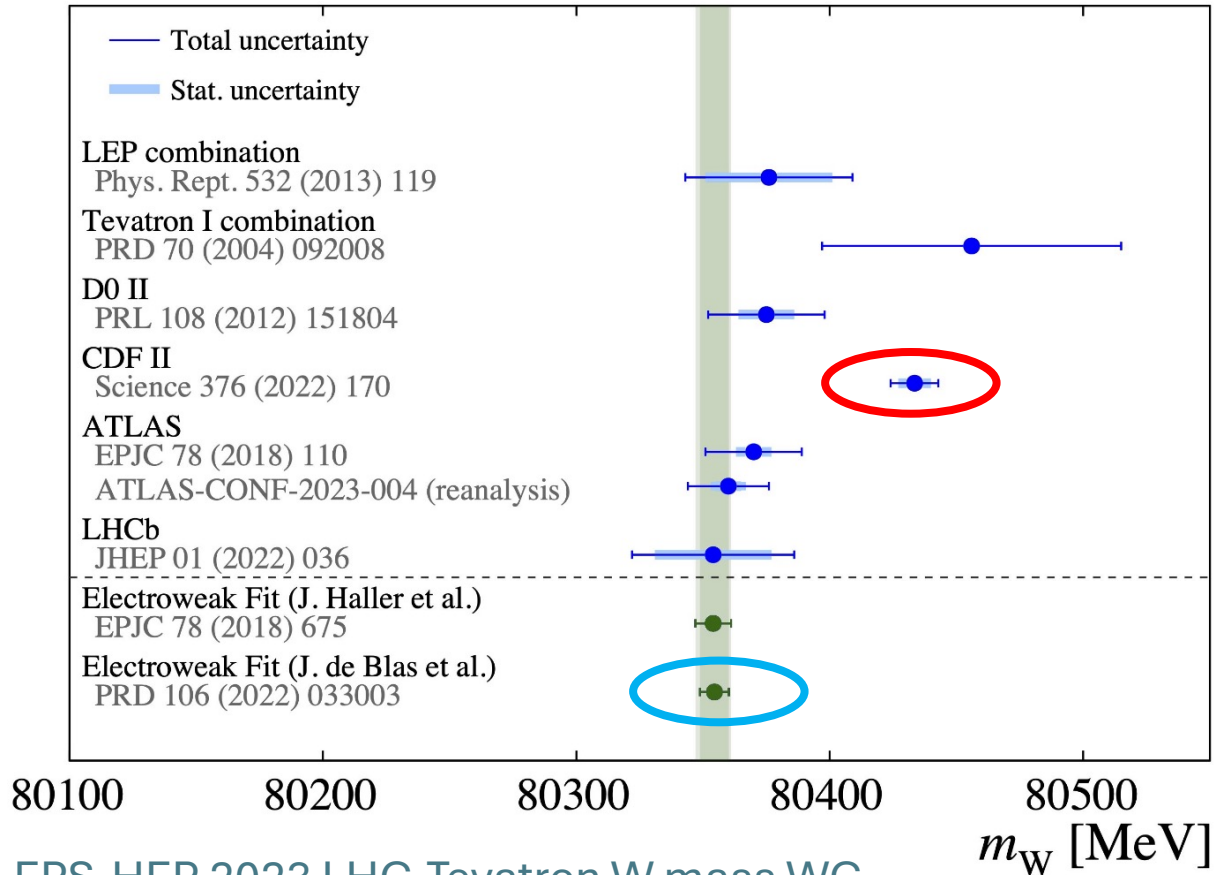
- W mass – fundamental parameter of SM – least precisely measured
- Closely related to the Z mass and the weak mixing angle ( $M_W = M_Z \cos\theta_w$ )
- New physics can change the relations via quantum loops
- Z mass measured to 2.1 MeV ( $2.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$  precision) at LEP using 17M Z decays
- W mass more challenging
- **Global SM fit:**  $\sigma(m_W) \sim 6$  MeV ( $<0.01\%$ )

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- **better than direct experimental determination**
- **Most precise result:**

$\sigma(m_W) = 9.4$  MeV by CDF II [Science 376 \(2023\) 170](#)

- **in clear **tension** with SM ( $\sim 7\sigma$ ) and other measurements**
- from global combination (except CDF II)  
 $\sigma(m_W) = 13.3$  MeV [EPJ C84 \(2024\) 451](#)
- Improved experimental precision crucial
- The most demanding measurement at LHC

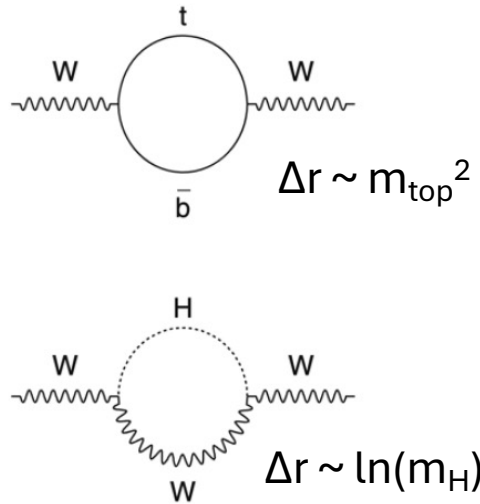


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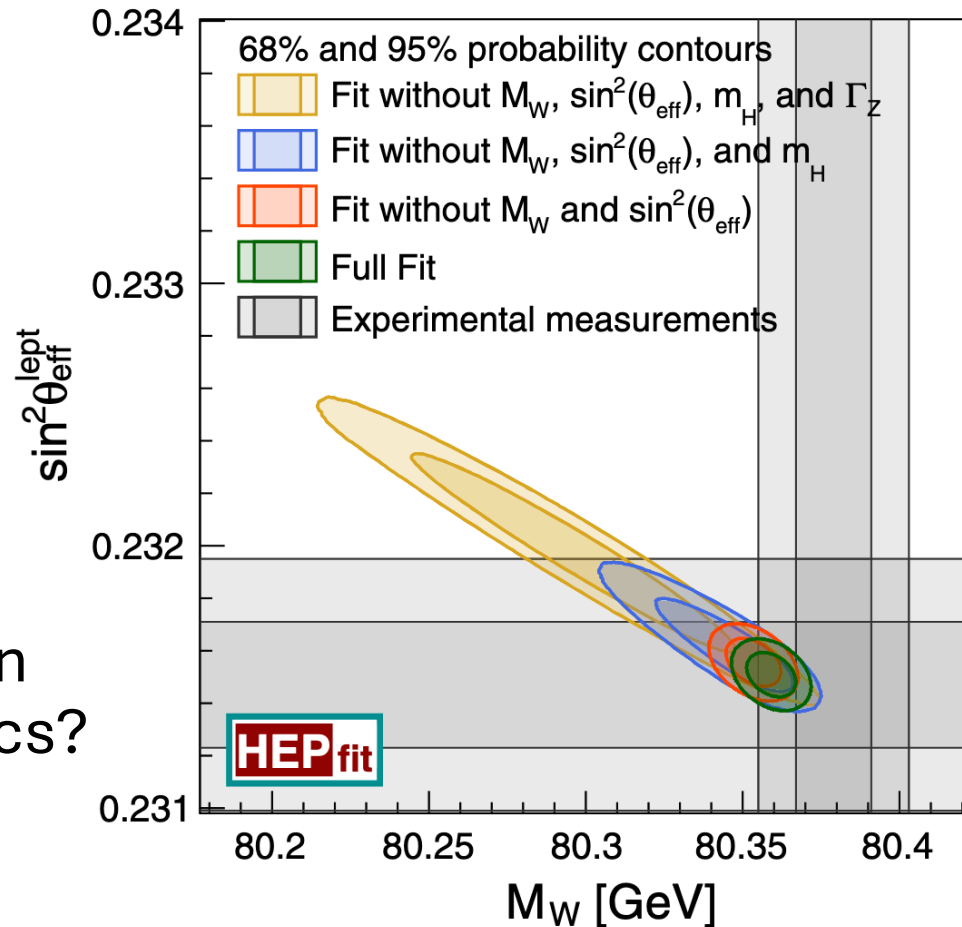
# W mass in Standard Model

$$M_W^2 \left( 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} \right) = \frac{\pi \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\sqrt{2} G_F} \times \frac{1}{1 - \Delta r}$$

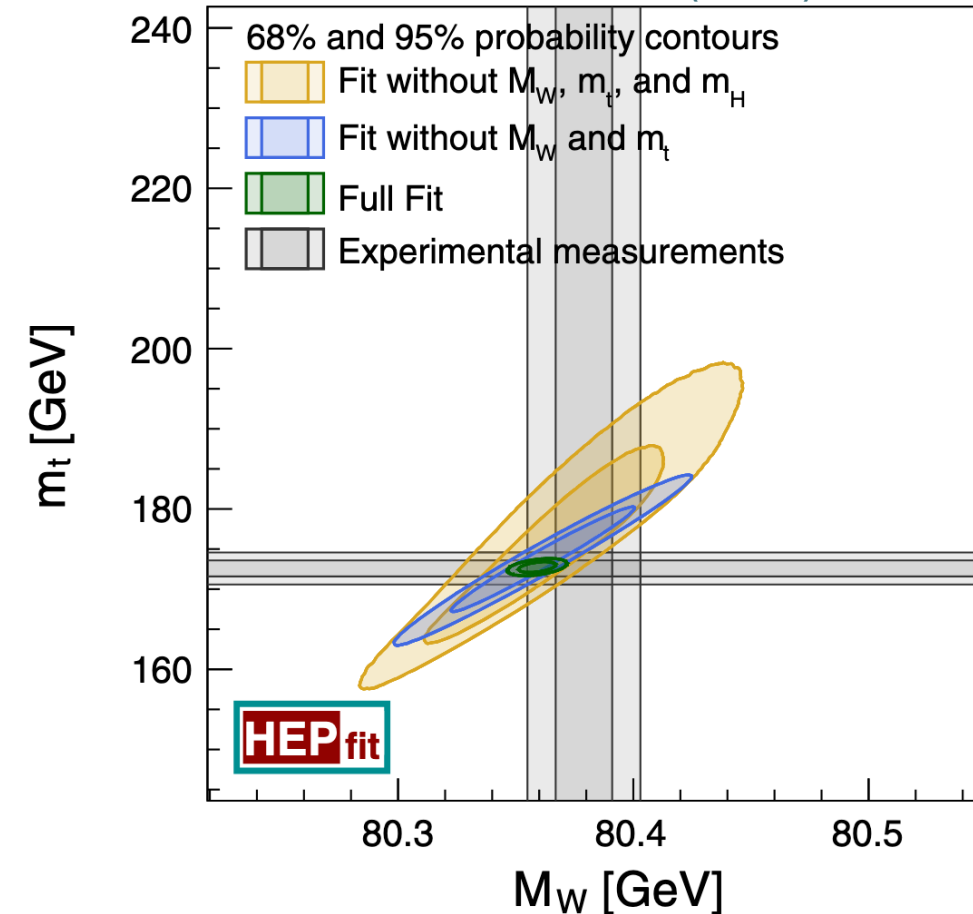
- Higgs discovery and precise mass measurement → EW sector over constrained
- Any conflict between direct and indirect determination of parameters? SM self-consistent?



- Any contribution from new physics?



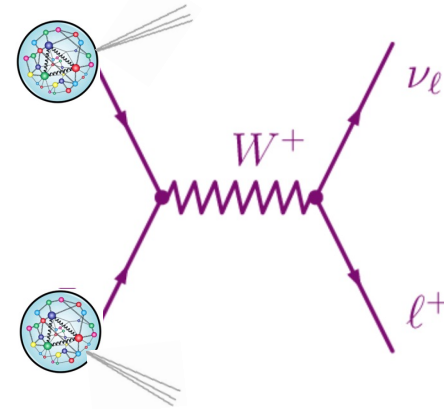
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# Data sample

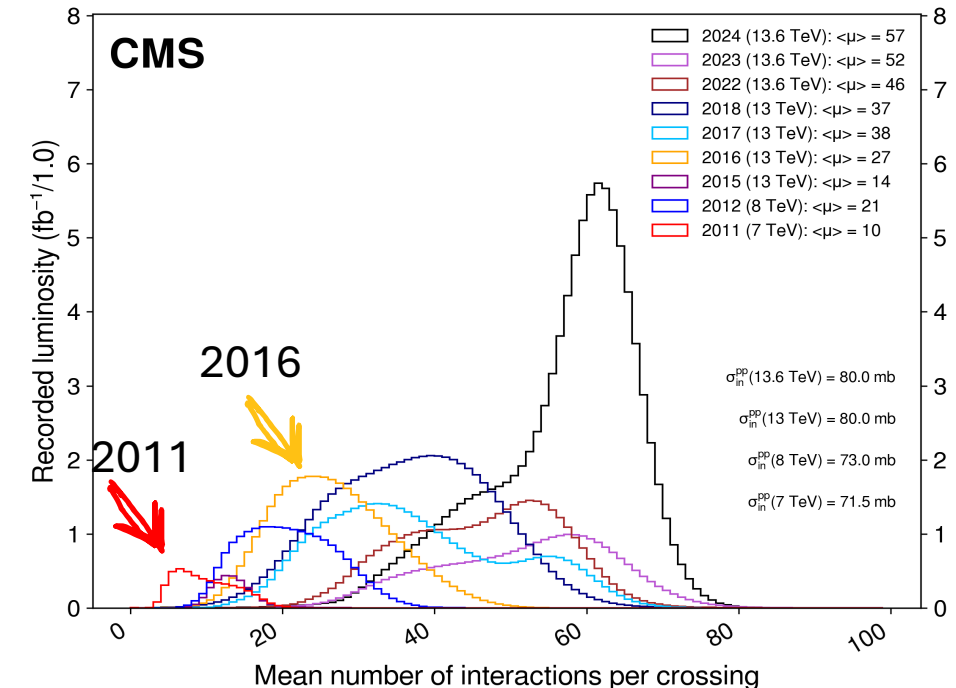
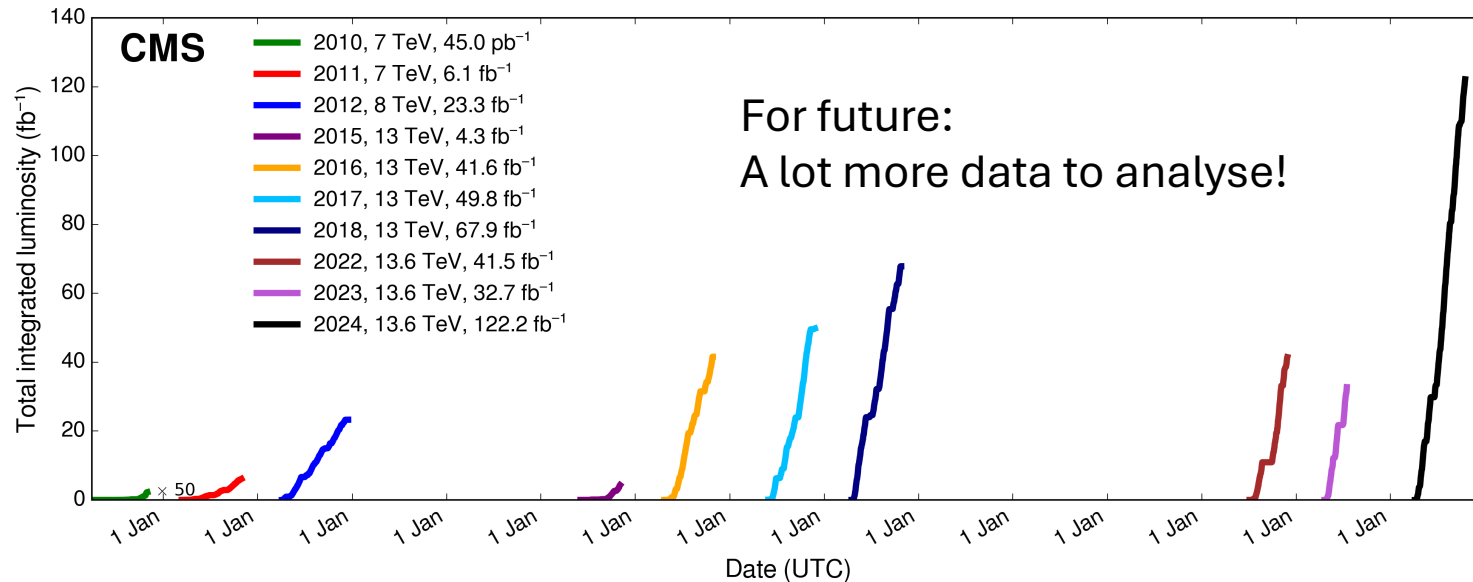
- 2016 pp @ 13 TeV
- Last ~40% of data with improved tracker performance:  $L_{\text{int}} = 16.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Average pileup  $\langle \text{PU} \rangle \sim 25$  (tail up to 44)
- Hadronic decay not accessible (large background, jet energy scale)
- In  $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$ , neutrino takes away momentum giving unbalanced events (missing  $p_T$ :  $-\Sigma \mathbf{p}_{T,i}$ )
  - Difficult to measure / model at high PU: only used in event selection!
- **>100M  $W \rightarrow \mu \nu$  events binned in muon ( $p_T^\mu, \eta^\mu, q^\mu$ )**



For comparison

- **ATLAS 2011 pp @ 7 TeV, PU ~ 9**  
 $L_{\text{int}} = 4.6, 4.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $W \rightarrow e \nu, \mu \nu$   
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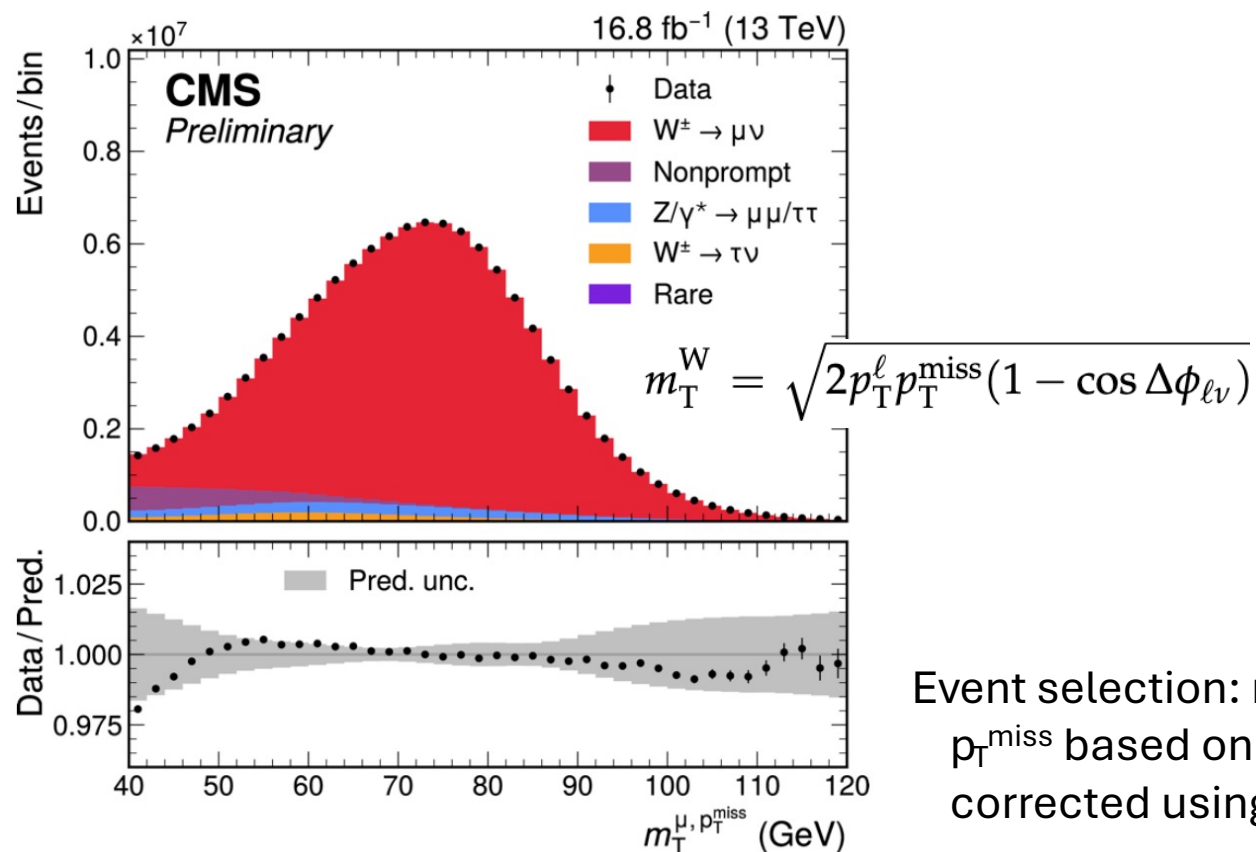
- **CDF  $p\bar{p}$  @ 1.96 TeV, PU ~ 2**  
 $L_{\text{int}} = 8.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $W \rightarrow e \nu, \mu \nu$   
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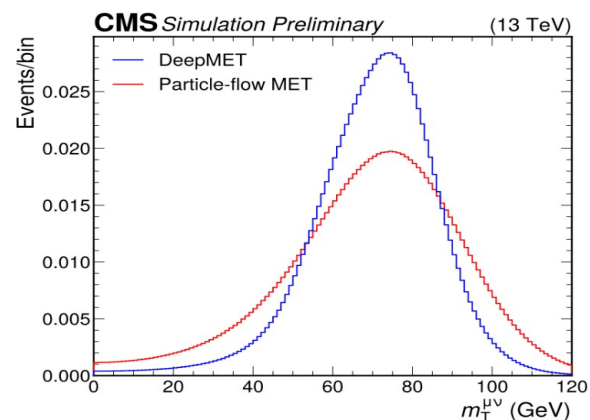
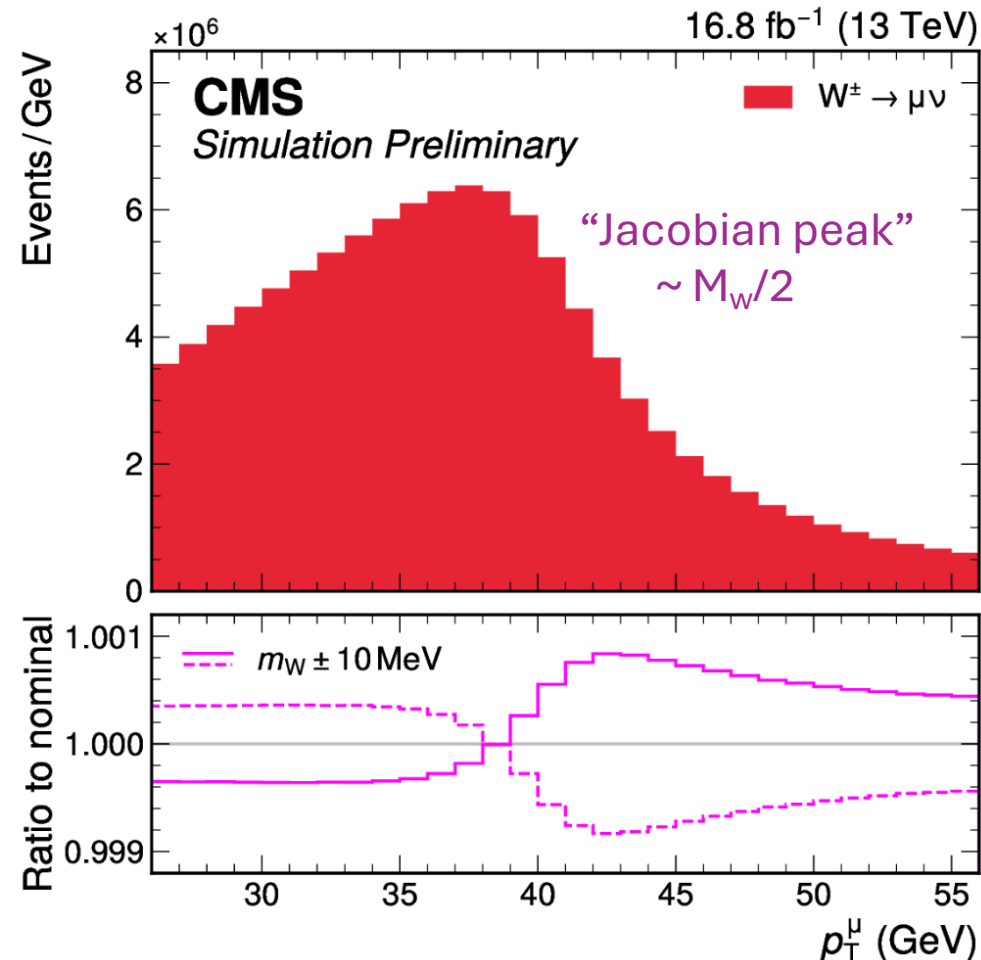


# $m_W$ measurement strategy

- From partial information
  - lepton  $p_T^\ell \rightarrow$  muons best measured, electrons higher syst
  - transverse mass  $m_T$  of *lepton - missing*  $p_T$  system
  - $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  (hadronic recoil reco) challenging at high PU
    - for future

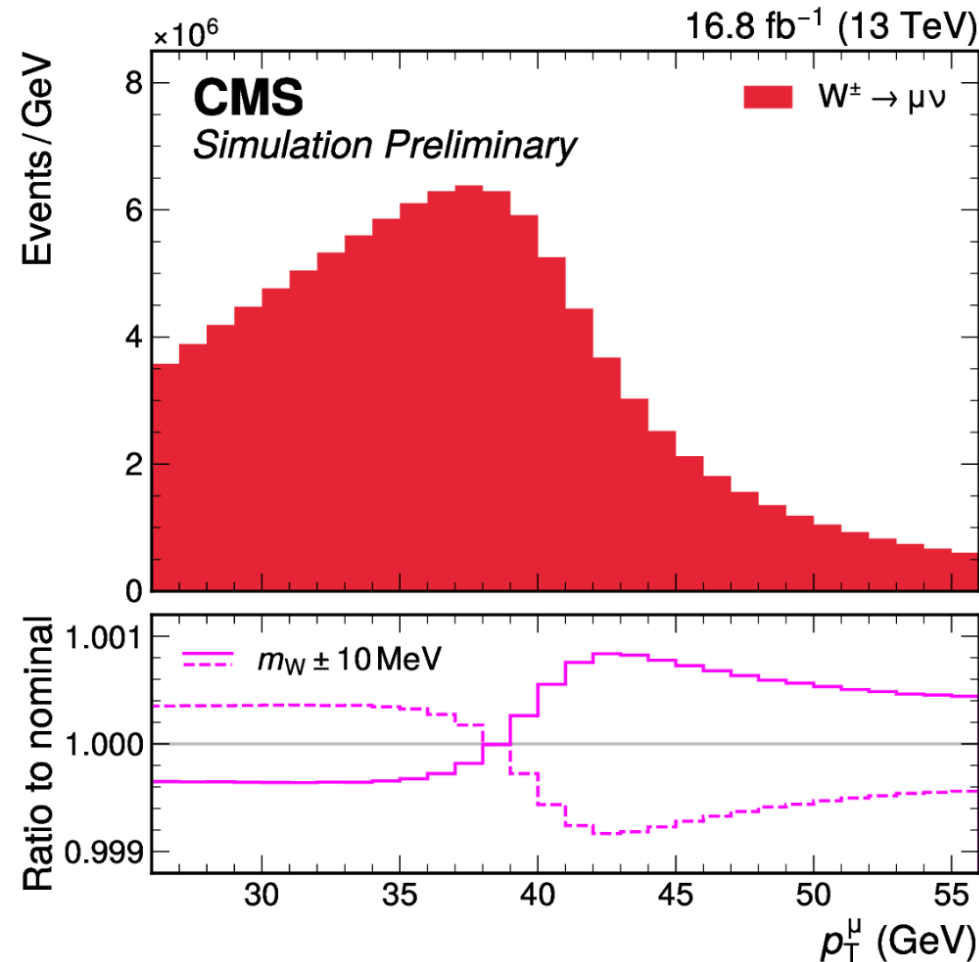


Event selection:  $m_T > 40$  GeV  
 $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  based on deep neural net,  
 corrected using  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  events



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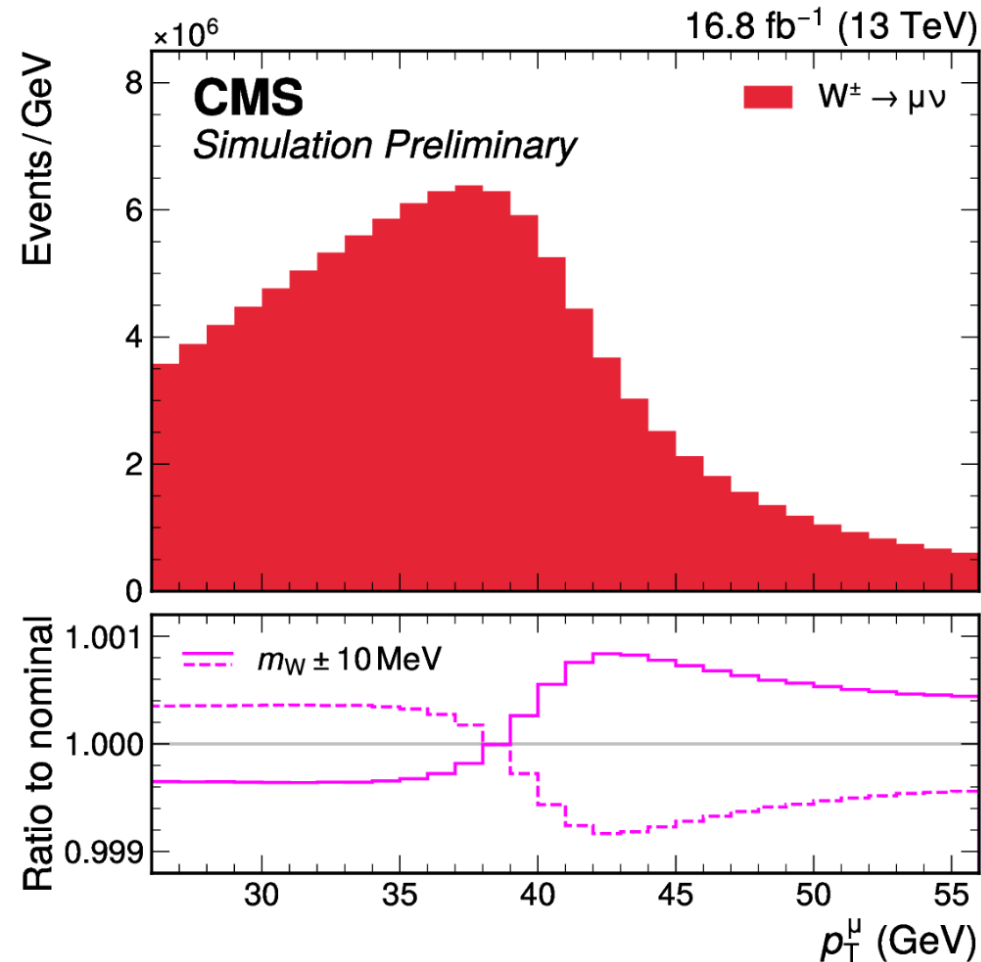
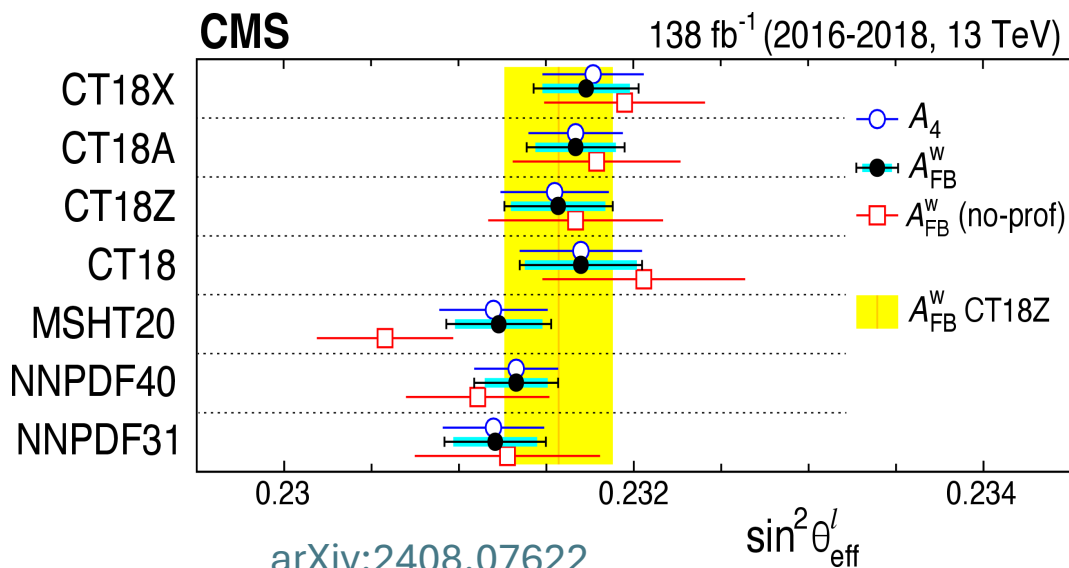
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    - only in event selection
- **CMS strategy:**  
**reconstruct muon kinematics to (sub) per mille precision**
  - $\sigma(p_T^\ell)/p_T^\ell \sim 10^{-4} \Rightarrow \sigma(m_W) \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$
  - precise control necessary for experimental (and theory) biases
  - well-understood data set, event selection, background estimation
  - in-situ muon efficiency correction with high granularity
  - muon momentum scale derived from  $J/\psi$  data, independent of Z and W data set
    - verified using Z events



# $m_W$ measurement strategy

- $p_T^\ell$  in W (and Z) decays affected by theoretical uncertainties (also  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  and  $m_T$ )
  - Initial state: parton distribution functions (pdf)
  - higher order pQCD corrections  $\rightarrow p_T^{W(Z)}$  model
    - large logs at low W (Z) pT
  - non-perturbative low-pT effects, like intrinsic transverse momentum of partons ( $k_T$ ) in proton
  - electroweak corrections
  - ...

Experimental results often depend more on pdf set choice than expected from given pdf set uncertainties

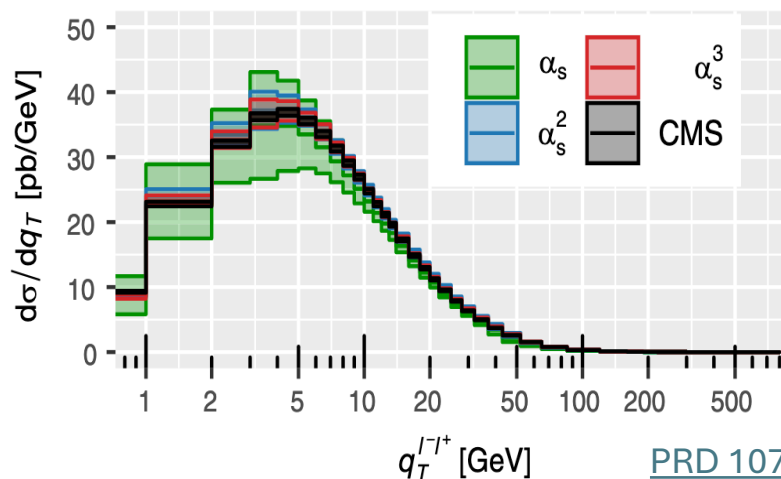




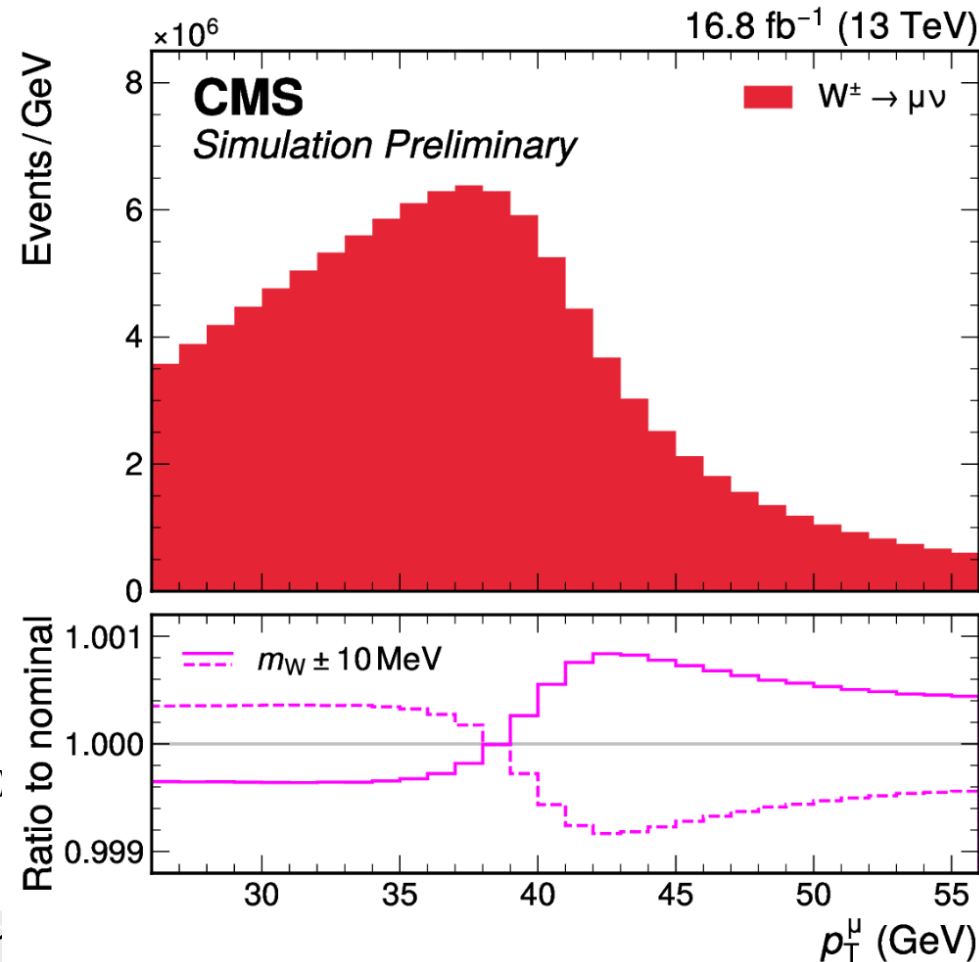
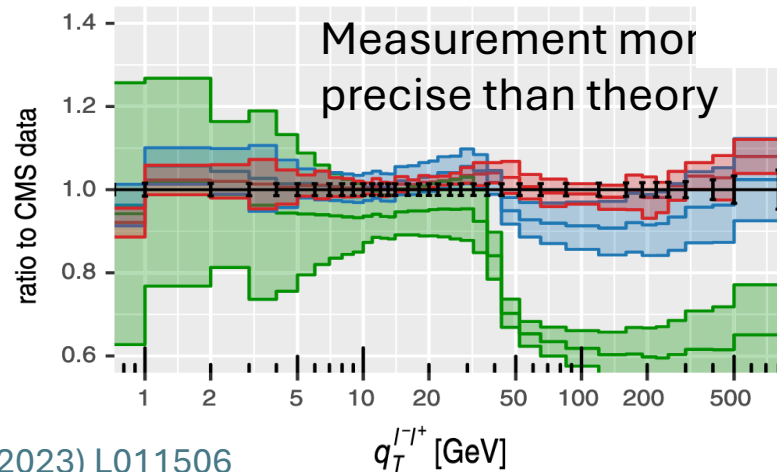
# $m_W$ measurement strategy

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    - large logs at low W (Z)  $p_T$
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  - electroweak corrections
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Theoretical description: NNLO in pQCD + N<sup>3</sup>LL (important if  $p_T^{W(Z)} < M_{W(Z)}$ )  
+ model for non-perturbative effects



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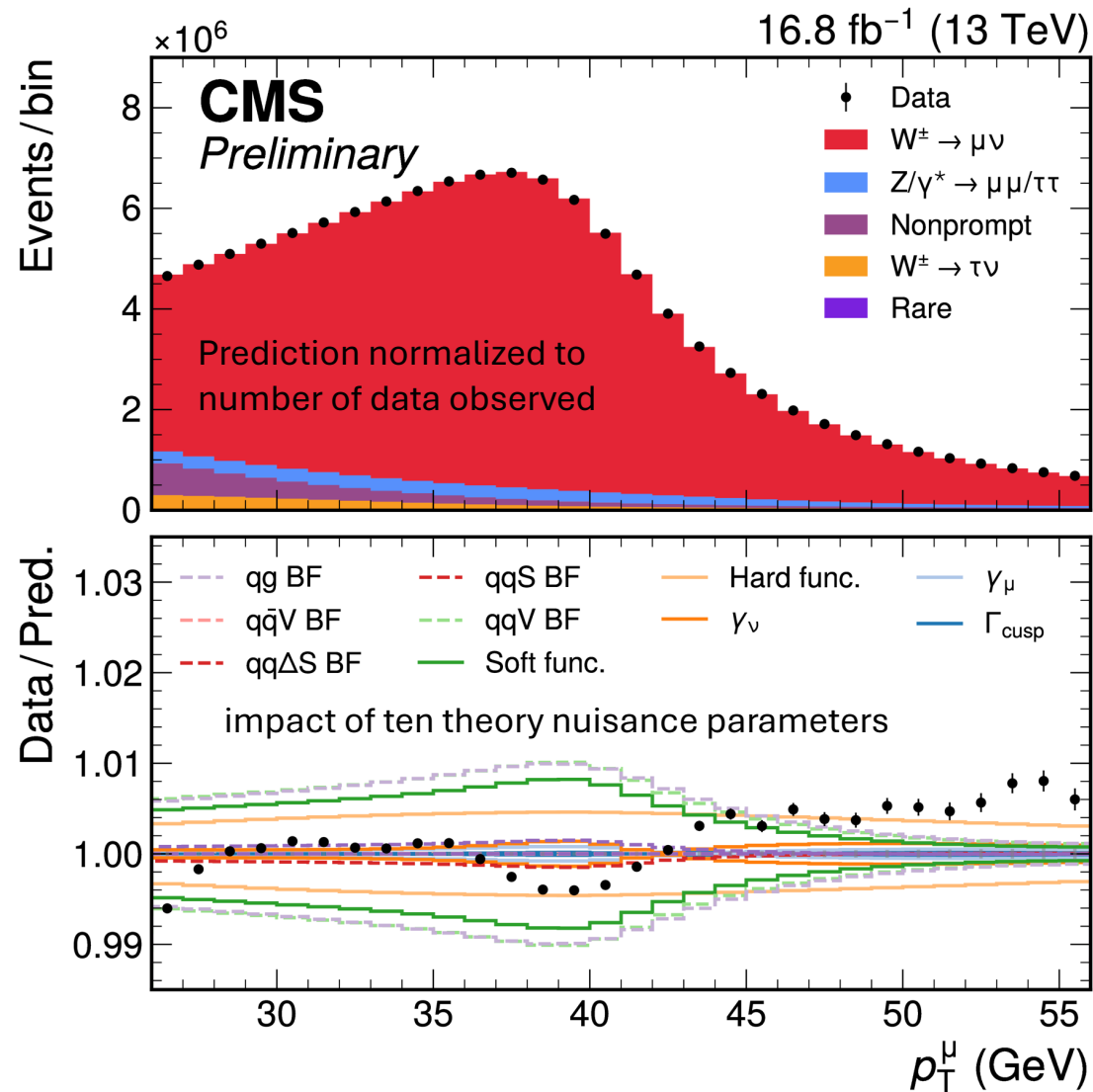
What was done before?  
Previous measurements (CDF, ATLAS) used the “precisely” measured  $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$   $p_T^Z$  spectrum to tune the theoretical prediction  
**BUT validation is difficult if Z already used!**

# $m_W$ measurement strategy

- In-situ constraint of theory and pdf description from W data thanks to high-statistics and finely-binned fit in  $(p_T^\mu, \eta^\mu, q^\mu)$
- State-of-the-art theory and pdf descriptions
  - 7 modern pdf sets
- W-like Z mass measurement (removing a muon)
  - **Z data not used to tune theory, but to perform independent cross check of the description**
- Crosscheck with less theory dependent helicity amplitude fit: simultaneous extraction of  $M_W$  and angular coefficients
- A decade of “blind”  $M_W$  measurement program
- Going through a W-like  $M_Z$  (2016) and W rapidity-helicity (2020) measurements

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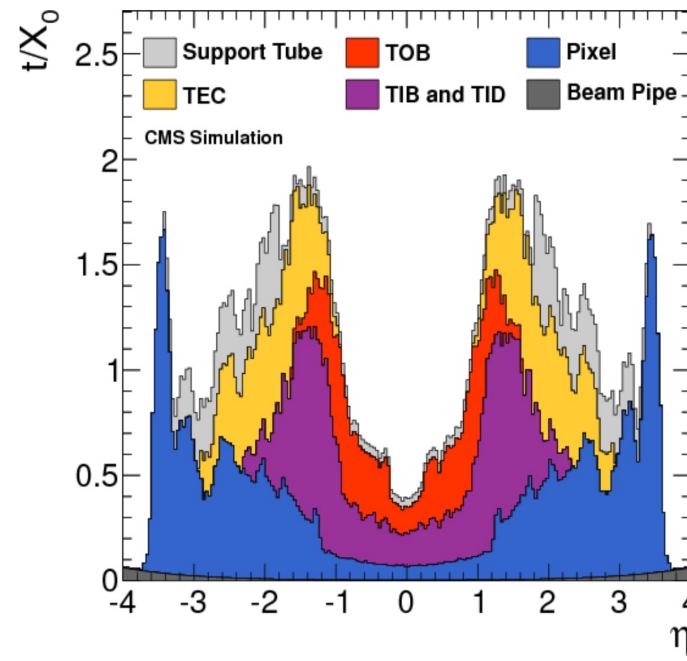
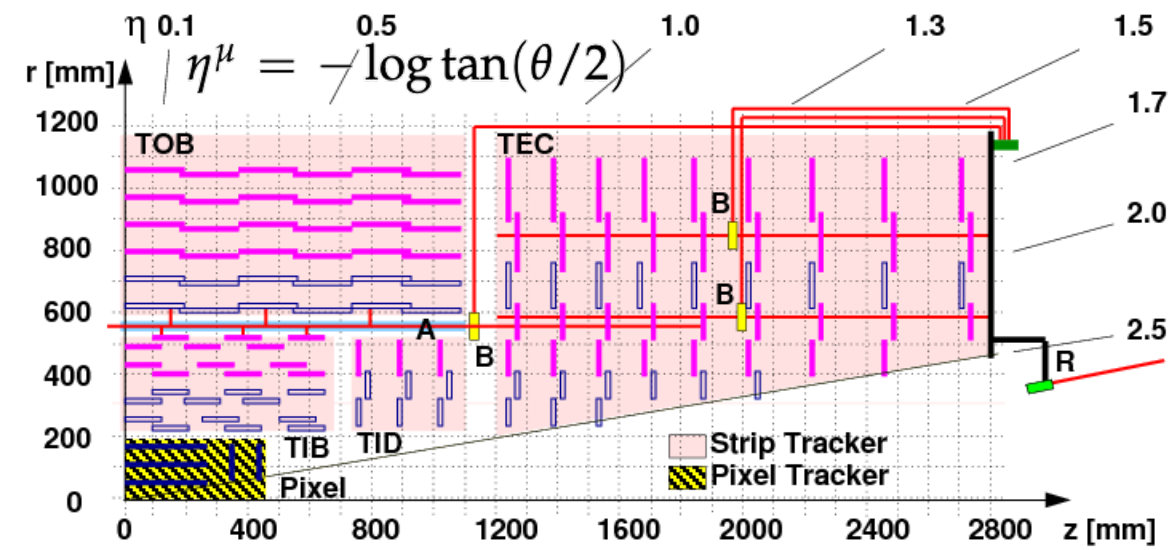
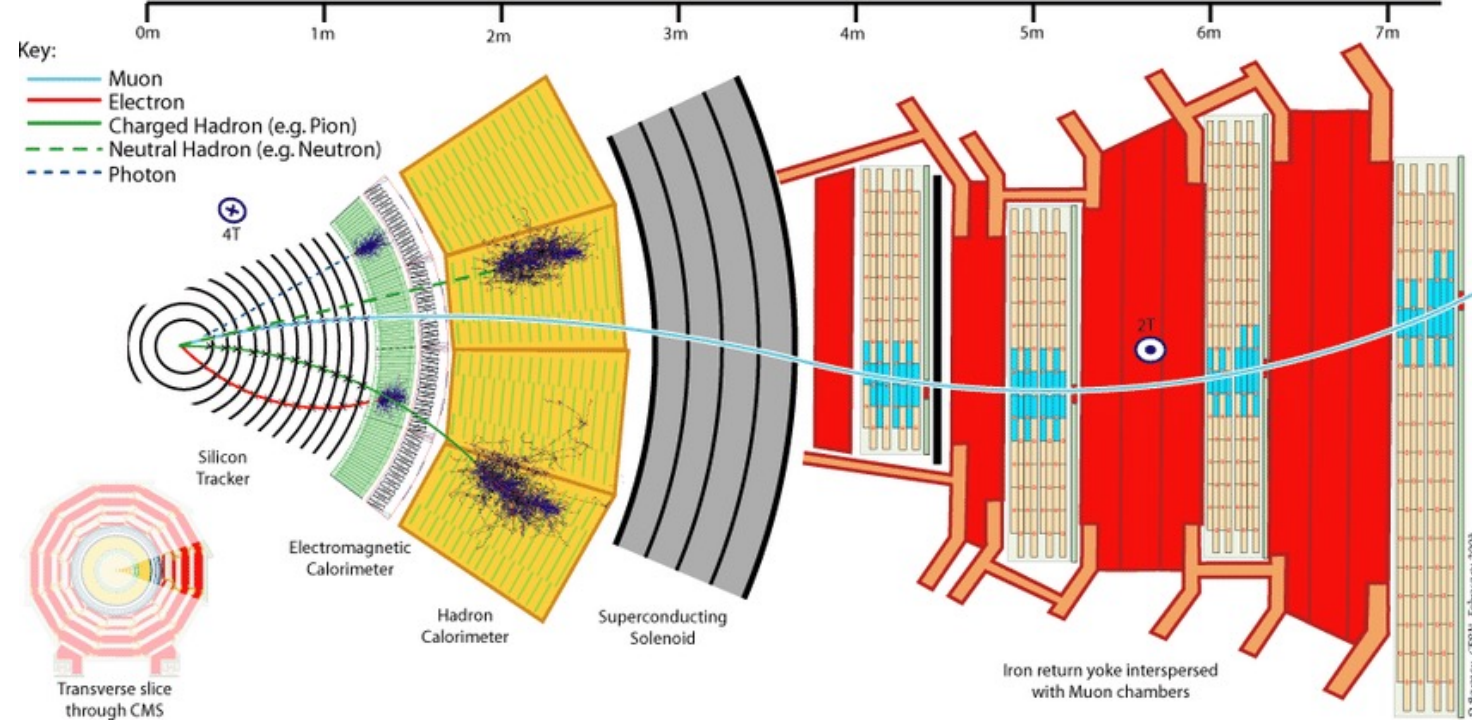
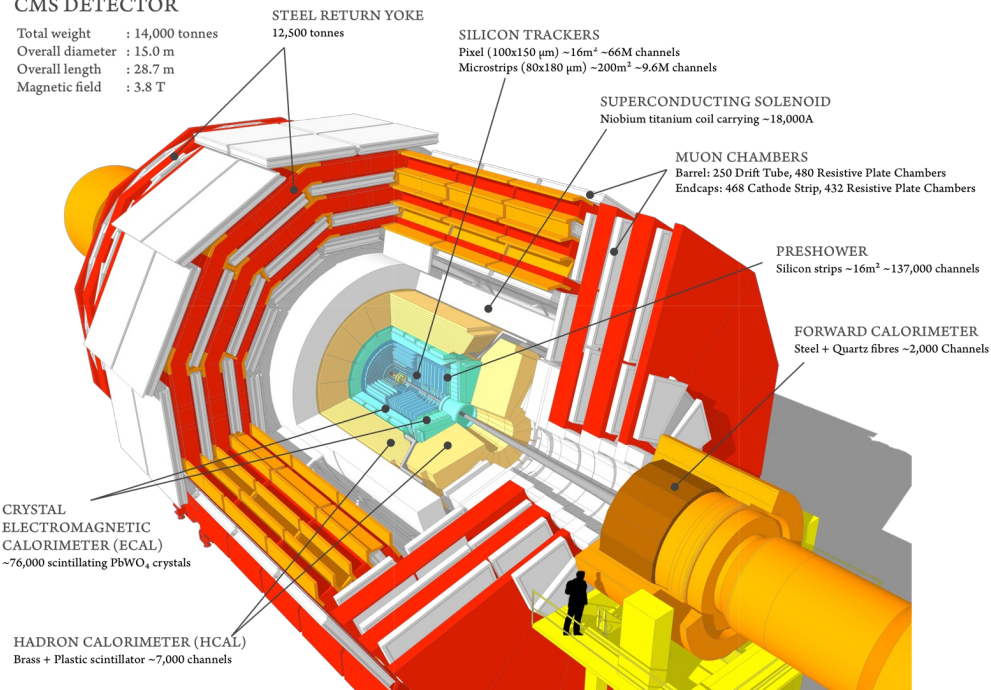
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# CMS detector

## CMS DETECTOR

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



- Trigger and identify muons using the outer muon detectors
- Measure momentum in the inner tracker alone (muon detectors important for higher  $p_T$  range than used in analysis but bring lots of complications for precise calibration)
- Corrections finely binned in pseudorapidity



# $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ selection

Only slight modifications for W-like  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  event selection with extra requirements on opposite charge and  $m_{\mu\mu}$  range

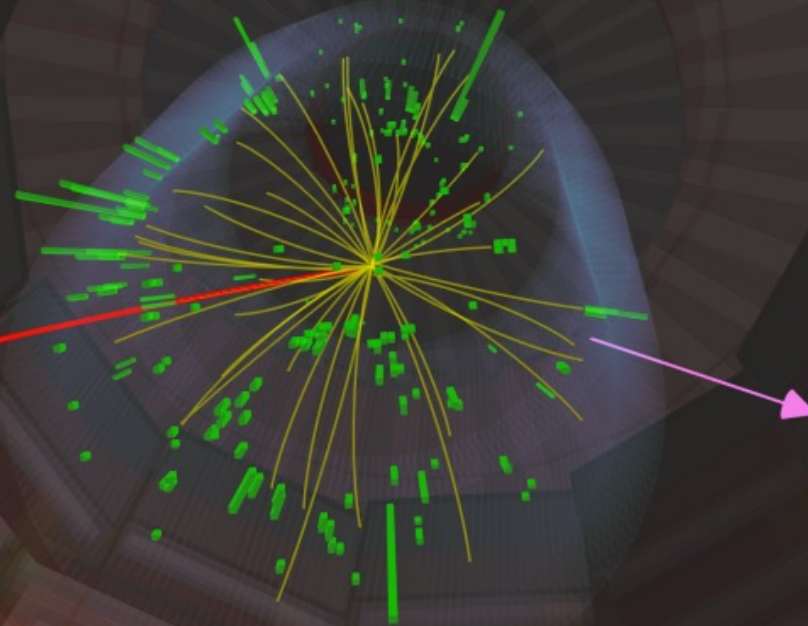
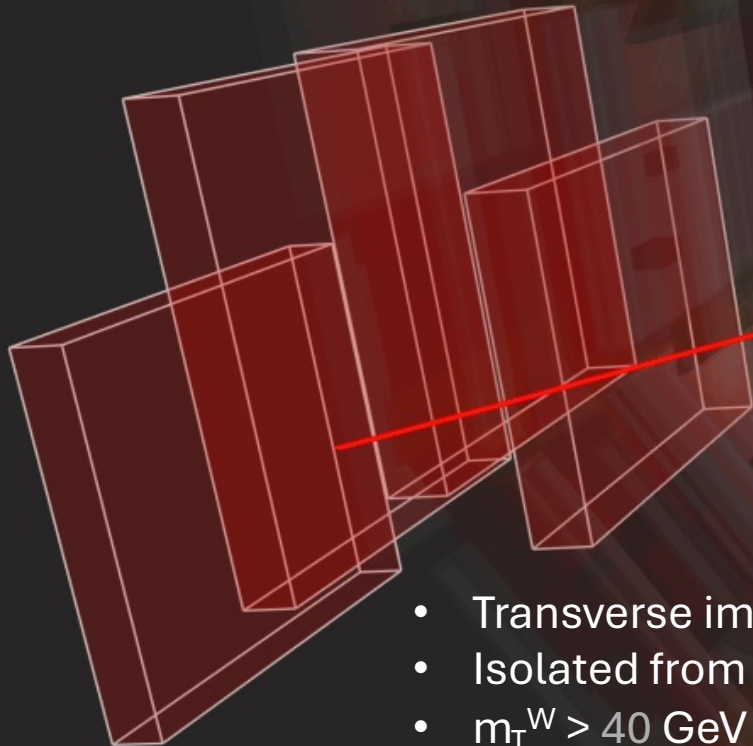


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- Isolated single muon trigger with  $p_T > 24$  GeV
- Tracker and muon detector data quality
- High purity global muon selection (in tracker & muon detector)
- $|\eta^\mu| < 2.4$  and  $26 < p_T^\mu < 56$  GeV matched to trigger object
- Veto on 2<sup>nd</sup> lepton (against Z, top and diboson backgrounds)



- Transverse impact parameter  $< 500 \mu\text{m}$
- Isolated from hadronic activity (against heavy flavour hadron and  $\pi/K$  in-flight decays)
- $m_T^W > 40$  GeV (against remaining  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ,  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$  and non-prompt backgrounds)

**Resulting signal purity ~ 87%**

# Muon momentum calibration

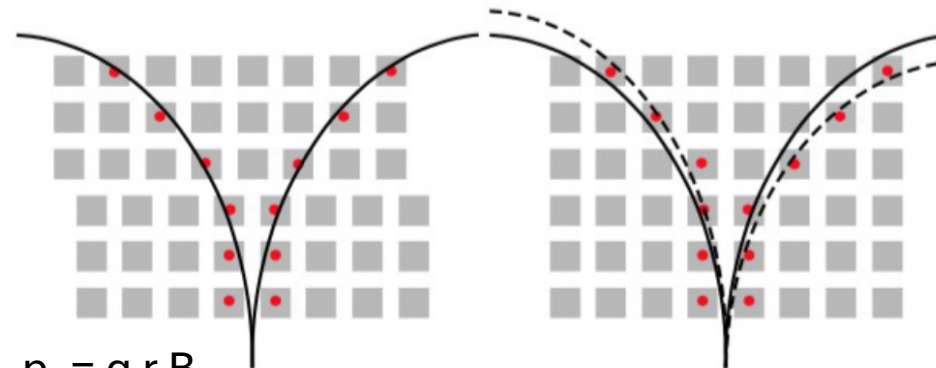
- Momentum from curvature of muon track in magnetic field in silicon tracker
- Momentum calibration depends on magnetic field (B), detector alignment, material distribution inducing energy loss (dE/dx) and multiple scattering
- Improved track fit, stringent pixel hit quality, new parametrization for local hit positions in endcap, detailed magnetic field map
- Dedicated alignment (position, orientation of detector elements) using fine granularity corrections for B and dE/dx, correcting also for weak modes (coherent misalignments)
- Residual scale bias derived using  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  events relying on well-known mass of  $J/\psi$
- Extrapolated based on physics-motivated model as a function of curvature:  $k \equiv 1/p_T$

Magnetic field
alignment

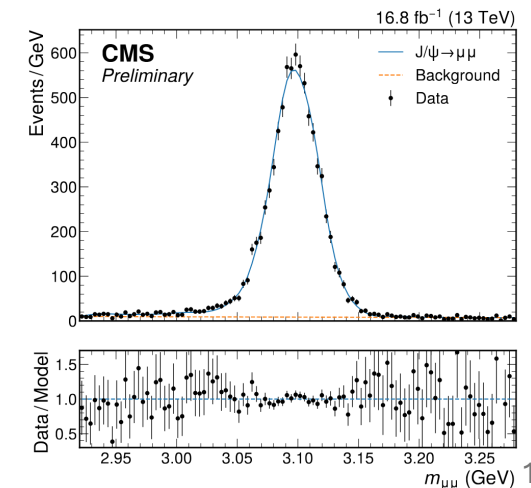
$$\delta k/k = A_{i\eta} - \epsilon_{i\eta}k + qM_{i\eta}/k$$

Energy loss (material)

- Validated using Y(1S) and Z events



Alignment effect

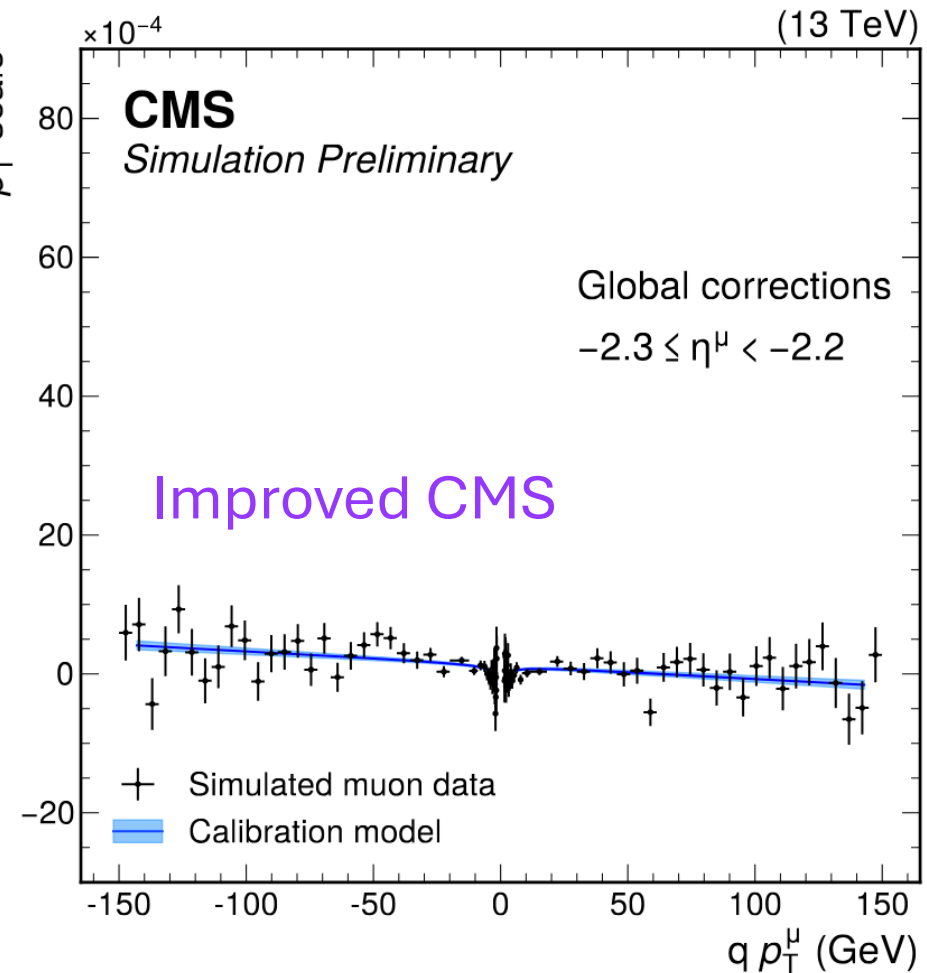
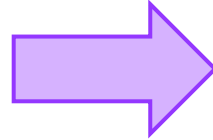
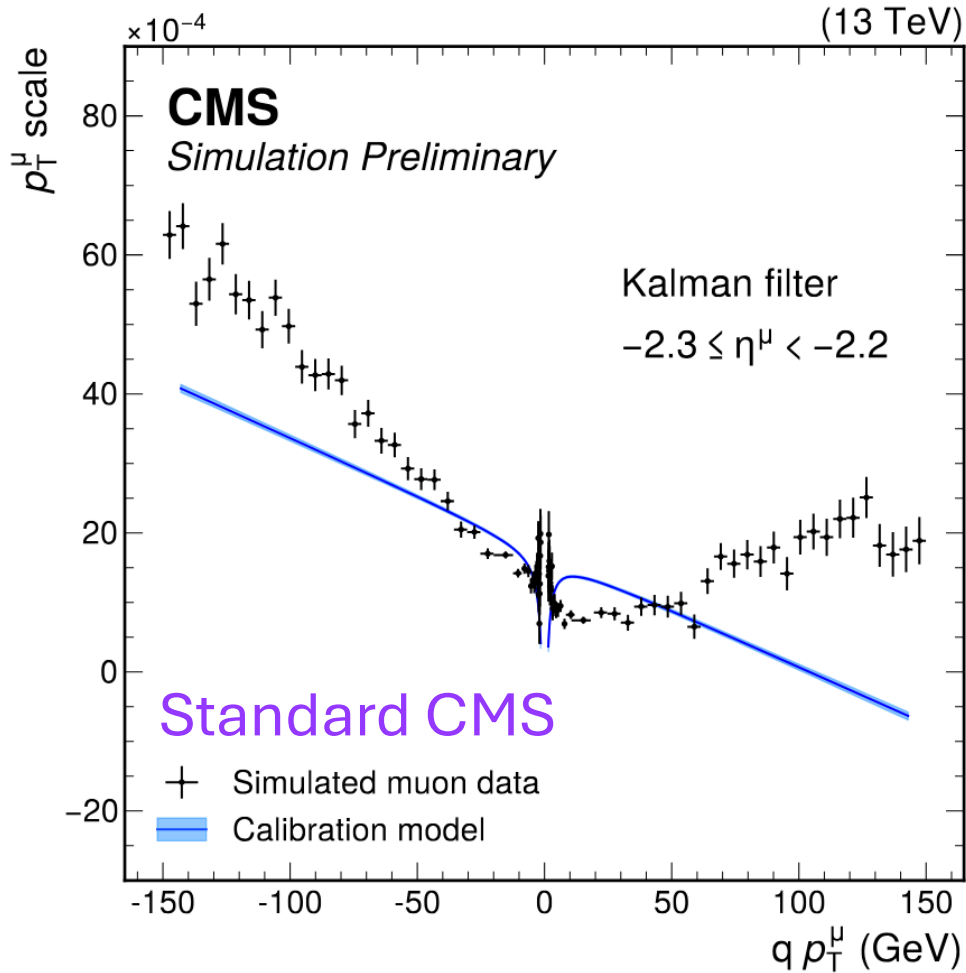


# Muon momentum calibration

## Validation of extrapolation model

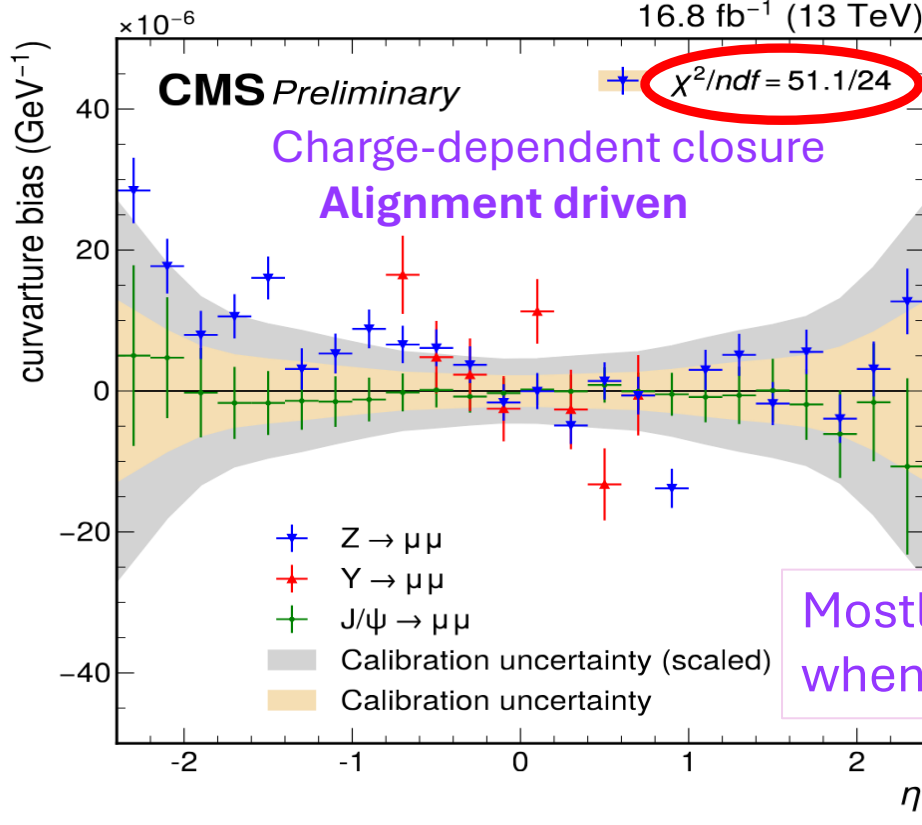
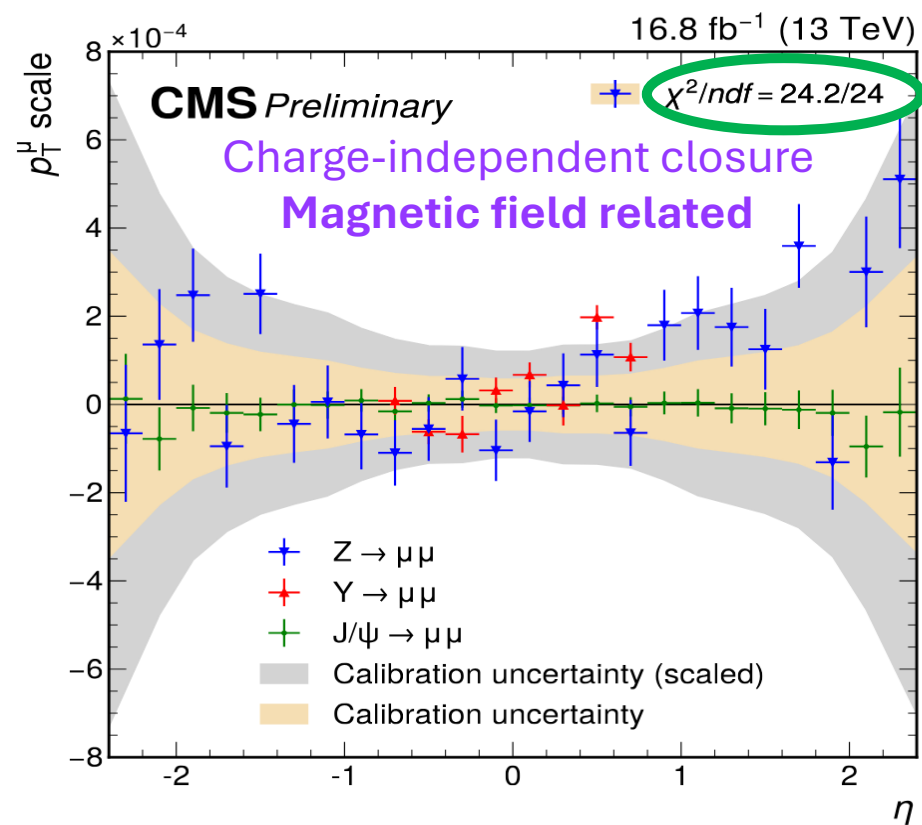
$$\delta k/k = A_{i\eta} - \epsilon_{i\eta} k + q M_{i\eta}/k$$

Magnetic field alignment  
Energy loss (material)





# Muon momentum calibration closure



Closure measures remaining systematic effects, related to weak modes with different sensitivity in  $J/\psi$  and  $Z$  events, trigger biases, or other sources

Mostly cancels out in  $M_W$  when both charges used

Statistical uncertainty scaled up by 2.1 to account for closure  $\chi^2/\text{dof}$  for various binnings and assumptions for  $\eta$  symmetry, etc.

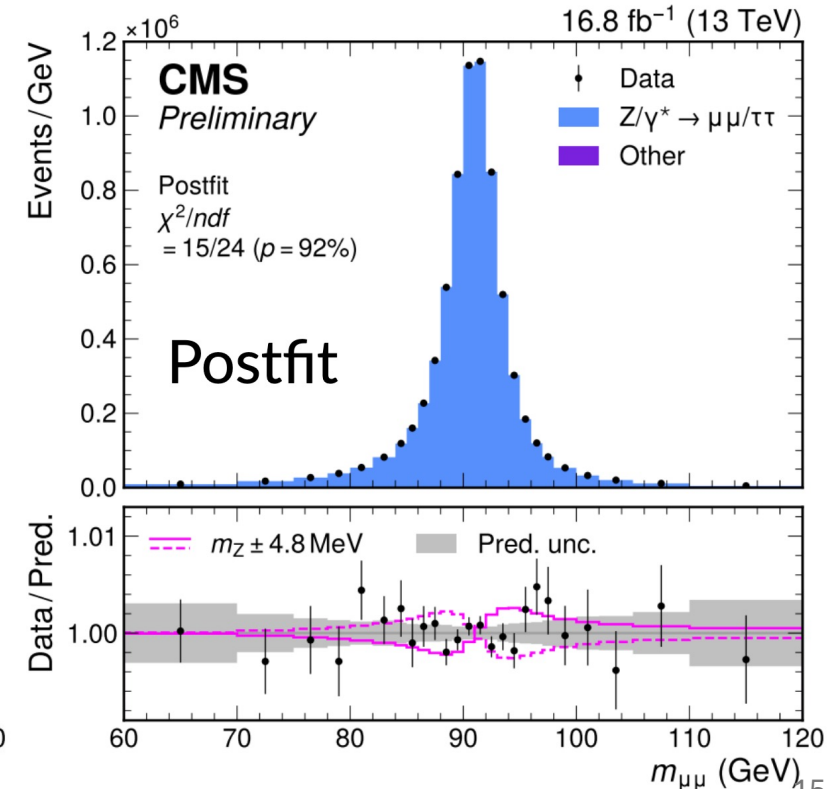
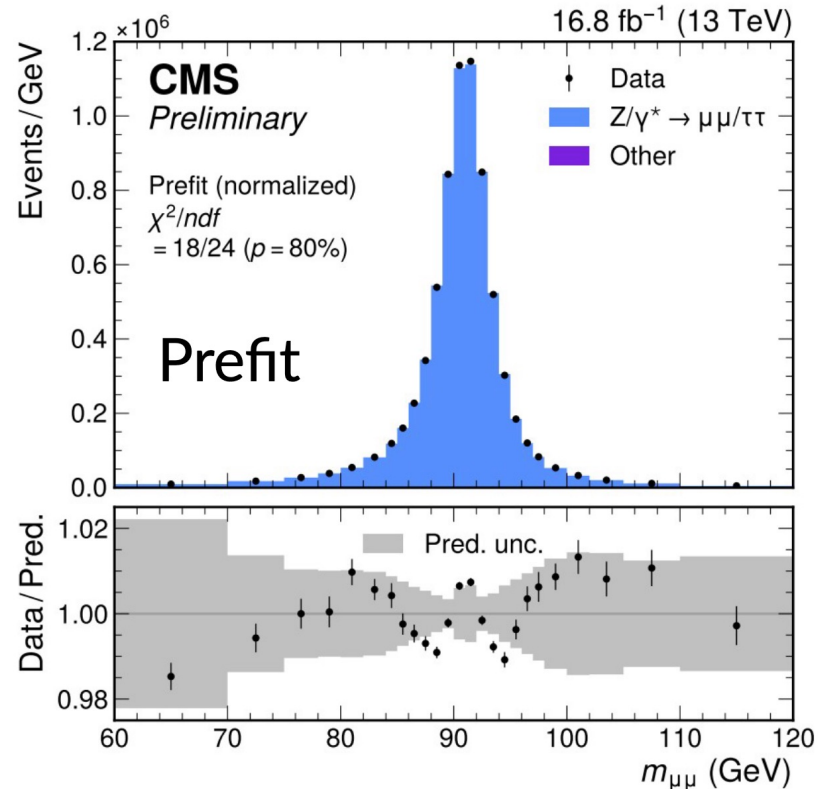
Source of uncertainty	Nuisance parameters	Uncertainty in $m_W$ (MeV)
$J/\psi$ calibration stat. (scaled $\times 2.1$ )	144	3.7
$Z$ closure stat.	48	1.0
$Z$ closure (LEP measurement)	1	1.7
Resolution stat. (scaled $\times 10$ )	72	1.4
Pixel multiplicity	49	0.7
Total	314	4.8

# Scale validation with Z mass extraction

- 2D profile-likelihood fit in  $m_{\mu\mu}$  and  $\eta$  of the most forward muon:

$$m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = -2.2 \pm 4.8 \text{ MeV} = -2.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ (stat)} \pm 4.7 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}$$

- Dominated by calibration uncertainty
- Not an independent  $M_Z$  measurement (yet): Z closure used to tune calibration and enters the uncertainty model
- Competitive future measurement feasible

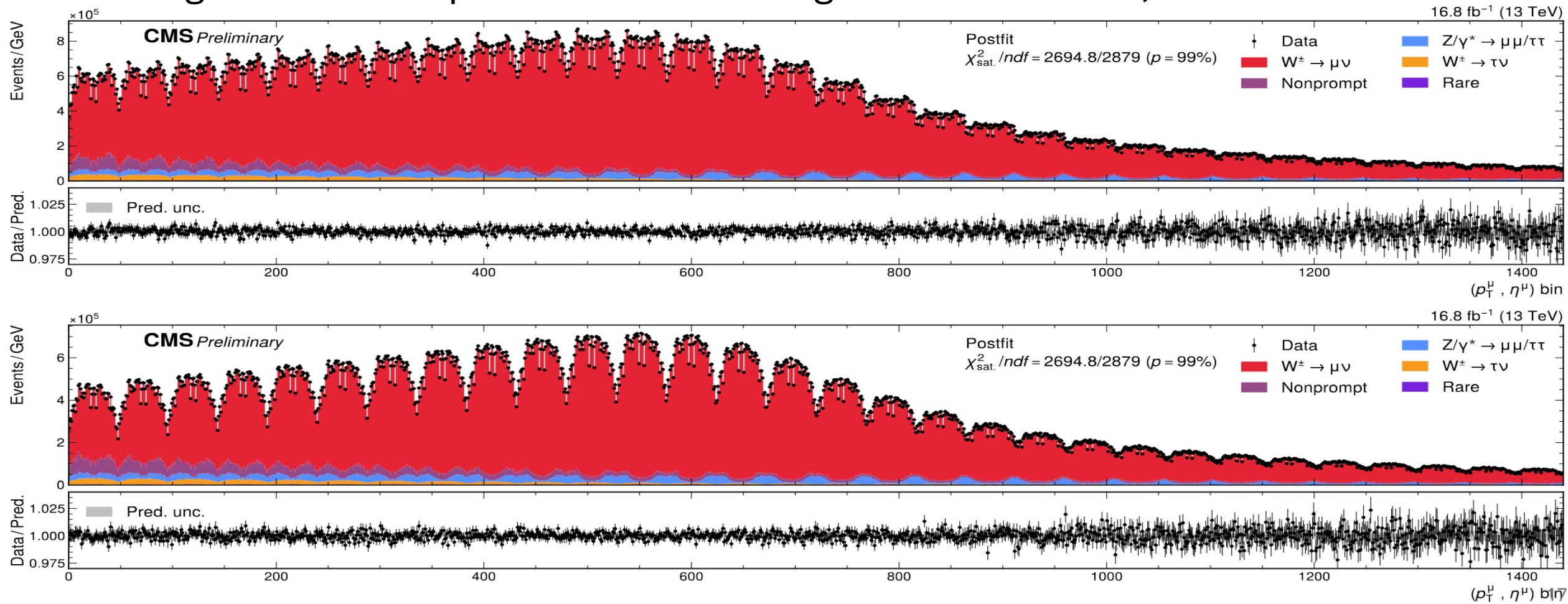






# Measured “postfit” spectra

- Two-dimensional distributions “unrolled” for each charge
- Each bin on represents one  $(p_T^\mu, \eta^\mu)$  cell
- Good agreement with prediction after fitting biases from data, uncertainties after fit



# Theoretical model

- More than 4B simulated events with state-of-the-art model of Z and W production
  - MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> ( $O(\alpha_s^2)$ ) + Pythia8 (fragmentation/hadronization) + Photos++ (QED radiation)
  - Unpolarized cross section corrected to resummed SCETLIB + DYTurbo (NNLO+N<sup>3</sup>LL)
- Differential cross section as function of muon kinematics described in terms of angular coefficients  $A_i(p_T^V, M_V, y_V)$ :

unpolarized cross section

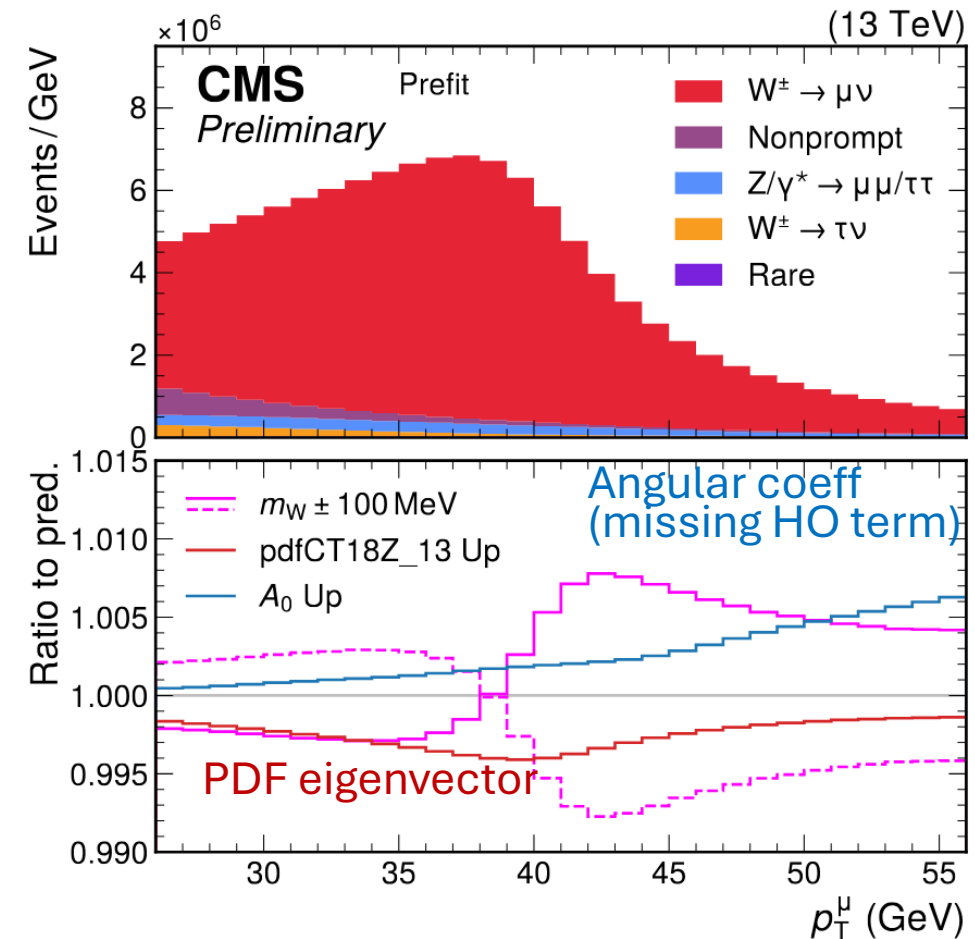
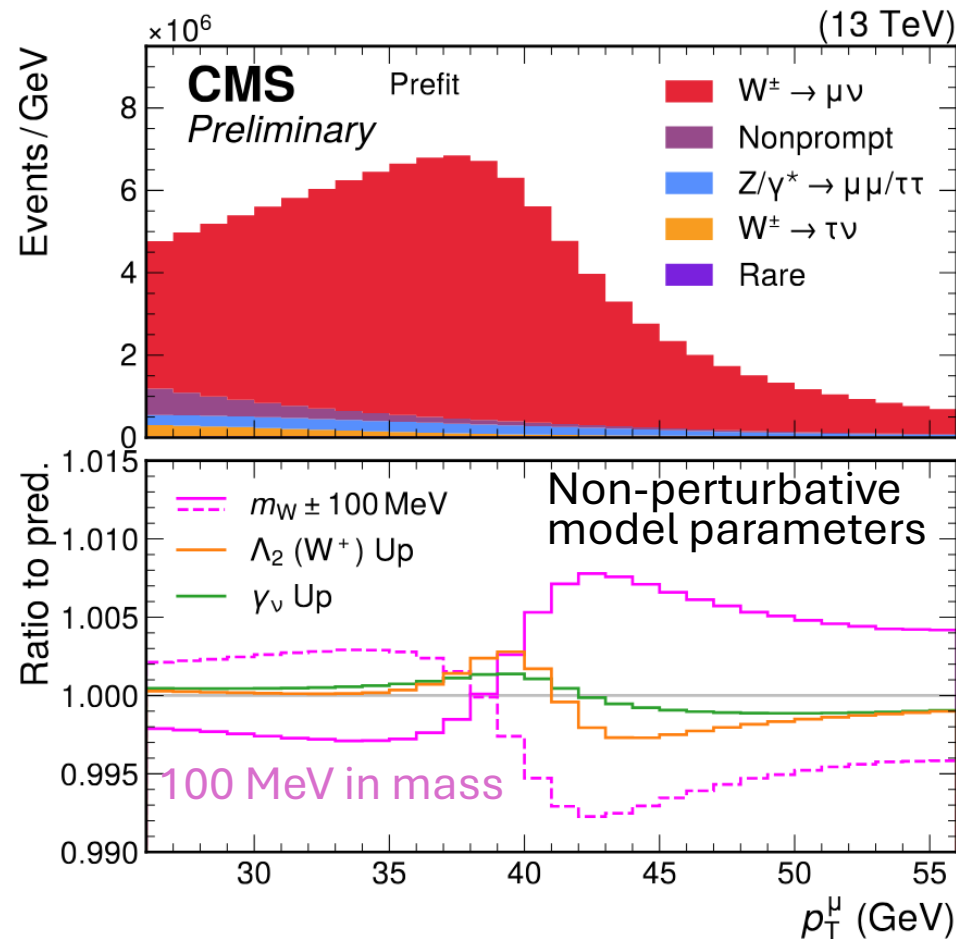
$$\frac{d^5\sigma}{dq_T^2 dy dm d\cos\theta d\phi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d^3\sigma^{U+L}}{dq_T^2 dy dm} \left[ (1 + \cos^2\theta) + \frac{1}{2}A_0(1 - 3\cos^2\theta) + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos\phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2}A_2 \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin\theta \cos\phi + A_4 \cos\theta + A_5 \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + A_7 \sin\theta \sin\phi \right]$$

- Using spherical harmonics, cross section decomposed into nine helicity-dependent states
- Use “theory nuisance parameters” (TNP) exploiting the universal structure of the resummation to parametrize the impact of unknown perturbative corrections ([F. Tackmann](#))
  - Defines correlation model between different bins and W and Z

# Constraining the theoretical model

- Change in  $m_W$  has a different effect on lepton kinematics ( $p_T^\ell$ ) than variations in  $p_T^W$ , rapidity or decay angles due to QCD uncertainties and PDFs
- Different shapes of biases  $\rightarrow p_T^W$  and PDF uncertainties can be constrained in-situ by the data

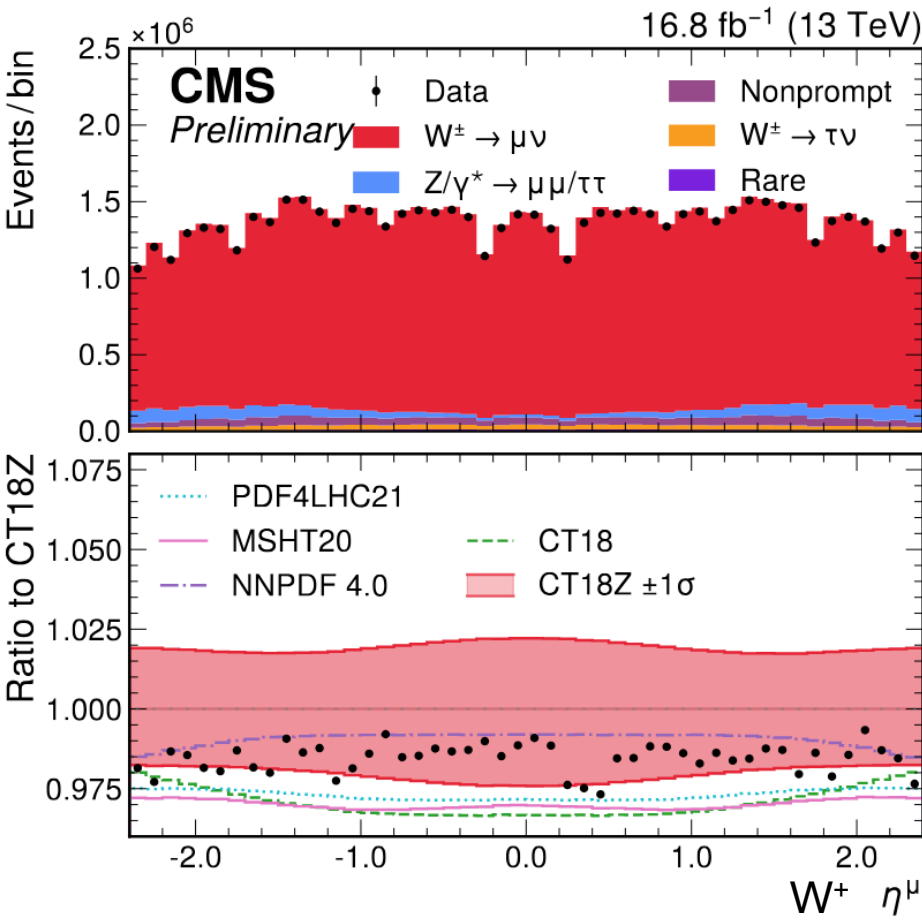
- $p_T^\ell$  sensitive to  $m_W$
- Use of  $\eta$  and charge enhances in-situ constraints on theory model (PDFs...)



# Theoretical uncertainties: PDFs

- PDFs impact boson kinematics → measured  $m_W$
- Uncertainty evaluated using Hessian eigenvectors of given PDF set which fully captures correlations across bins and processes
- Different sets frequently do not agree within uncertainties → using pseudo data generated using the central values of other sets, inflate the prefit uncertainties of the set studied to cover the  $m_W$  prediction

PDF set	Scale factor	Impact in $m_W$ (MeV)	
		Original $\sigma_{\text{PDF}}$	Scaled $\sigma_{\text{PDF}}$
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



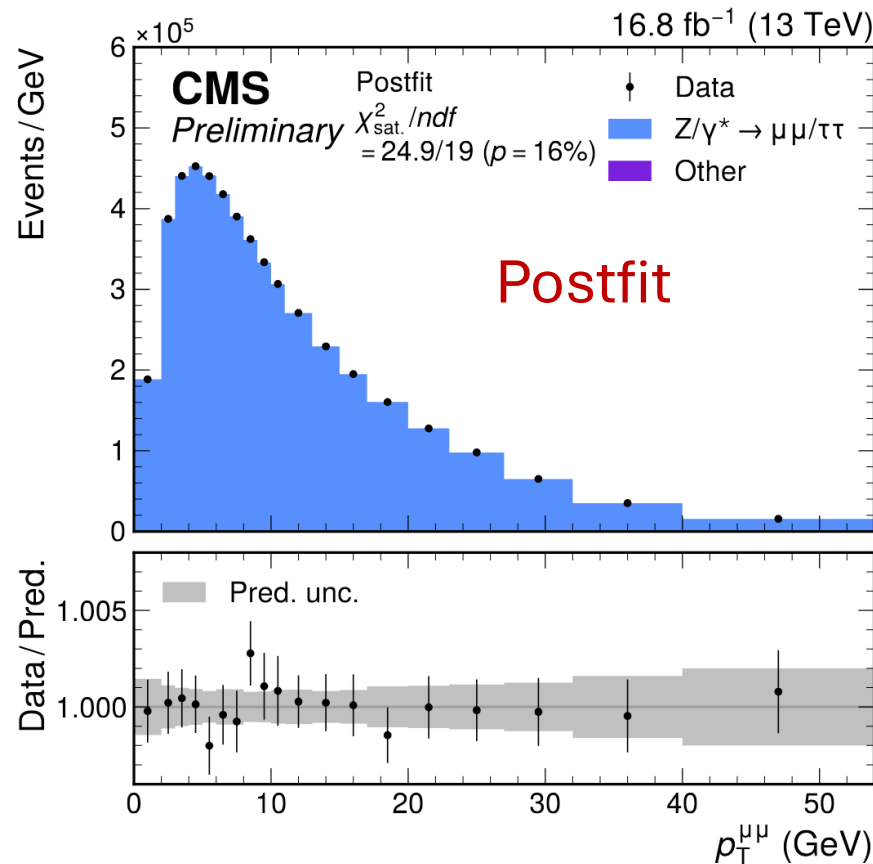
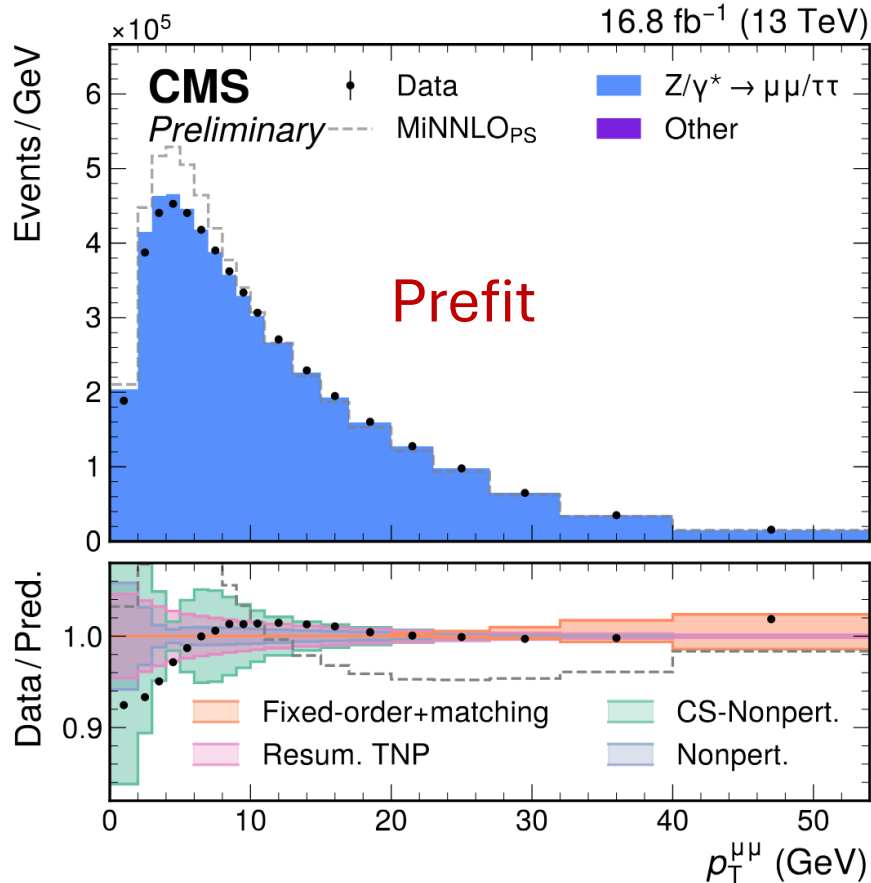
## CT18Z chosen as nominal

- covers the others without scaling, with small uncertainty
- among largest nominal uncertainties



# Theory model validation using Z sample: dilepton $p_T$

- Fit theory model to dilepton  $p_T$  spectrum directly to validate that it
- O(10%) discrepancy originating from untuned non-perturbative parameters at low  $p_T$  fully absorbed: postfit agreement at 0.1% level



**Non-perturbative:** Intrinsic momentum of partons (transverse momentum dependent PDF), non-perturbative uncertainties in resummation

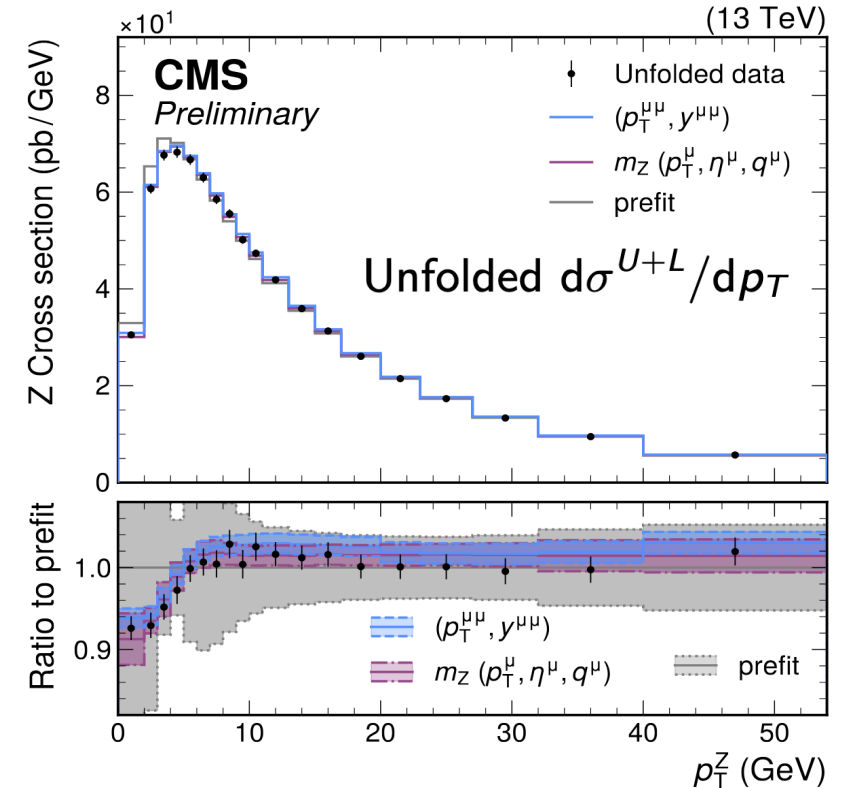
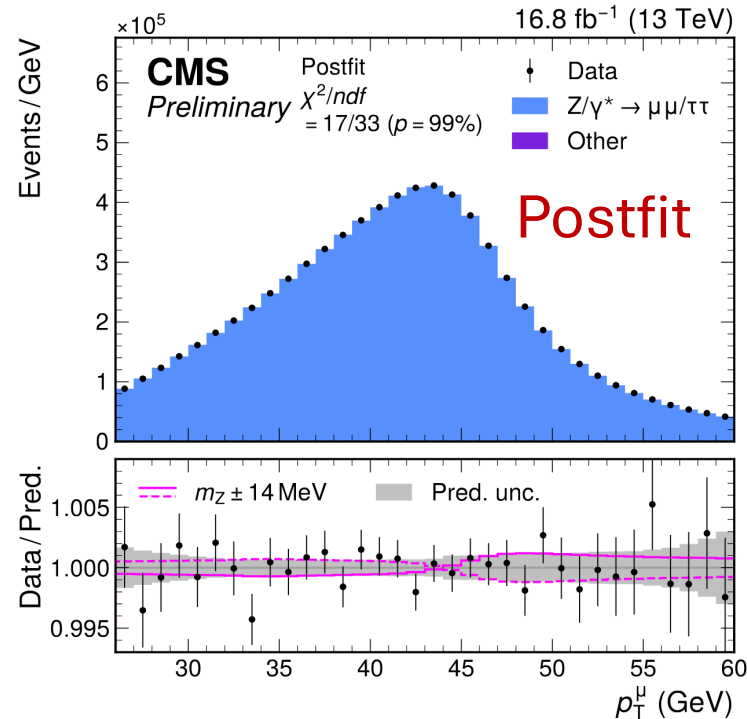
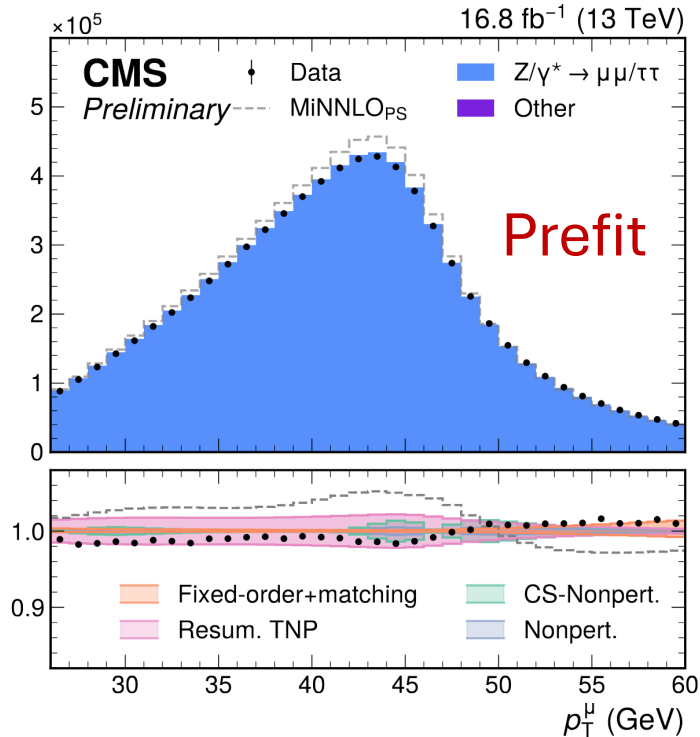
**Resummation** (perturbative): “Theory Nuisance Parameters” corresponding to coefficients in resummed calculations

**Matching:** Variation in matching scale

**Fixed order:** Missing higher orders assessed through  $\mu_r$ ,  $\mu_f$  variations

# Theory model validation using Z sample: W-like lepton $p_T$

- Remove one muon from Z events to perform W-like analysis
- In W-like fit to single muon ( $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ , charge) spectrum, the model also precisely accommodates the muon  $p_T$  distribution

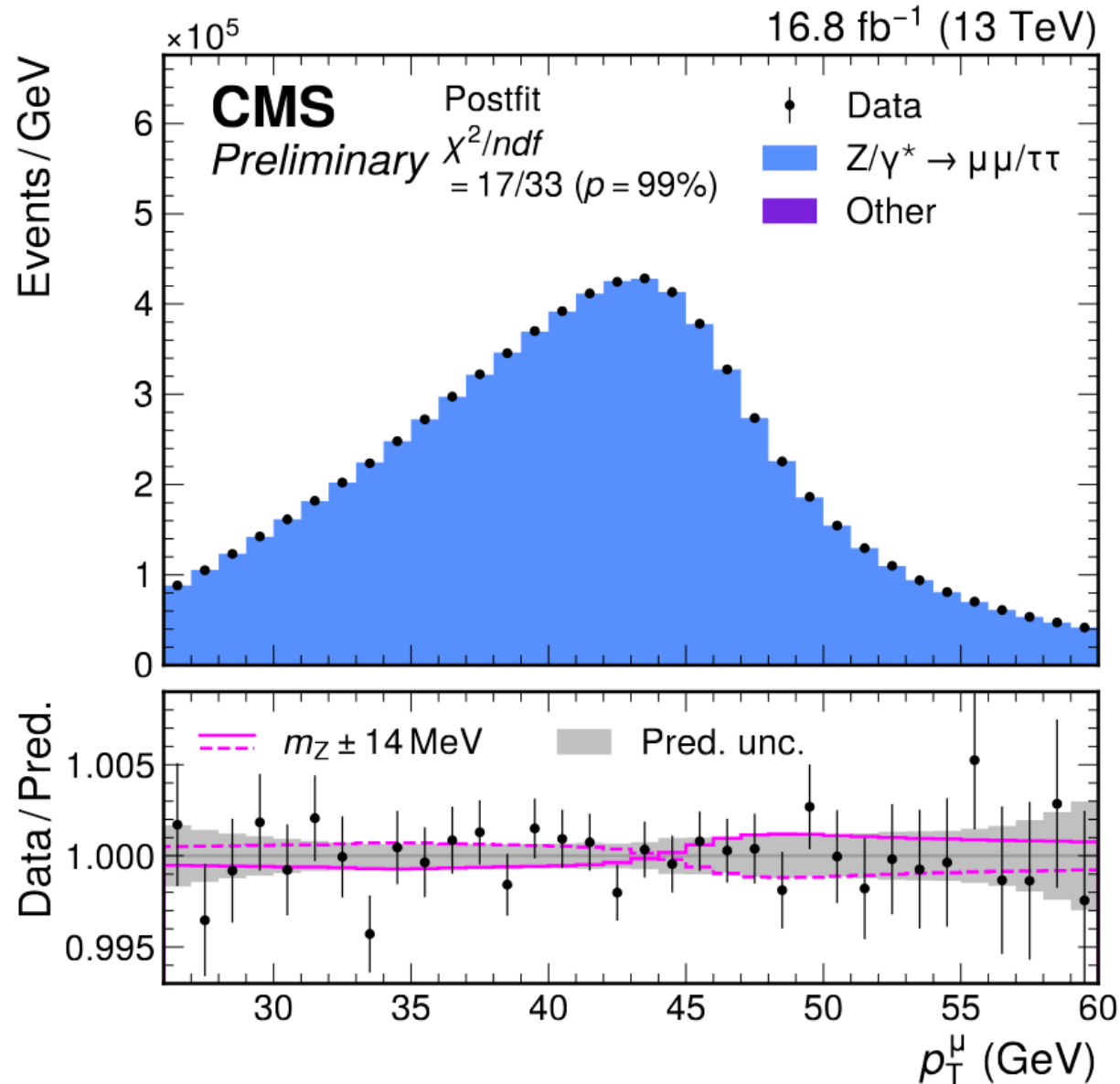


Compare direct  $p_T^Z$  measurement (“unfolded data”) to the fitted  $p_T^Z$  from dimuon spectra (previous slide), and  $p_T^Z$  derived from W-like fit → strong constraints, excellent agreement

Method can be used for  $p_T^W$  (and  $m_W$ ) extraction as well!

# W-like Z mass measurement

3750 fit parameters!



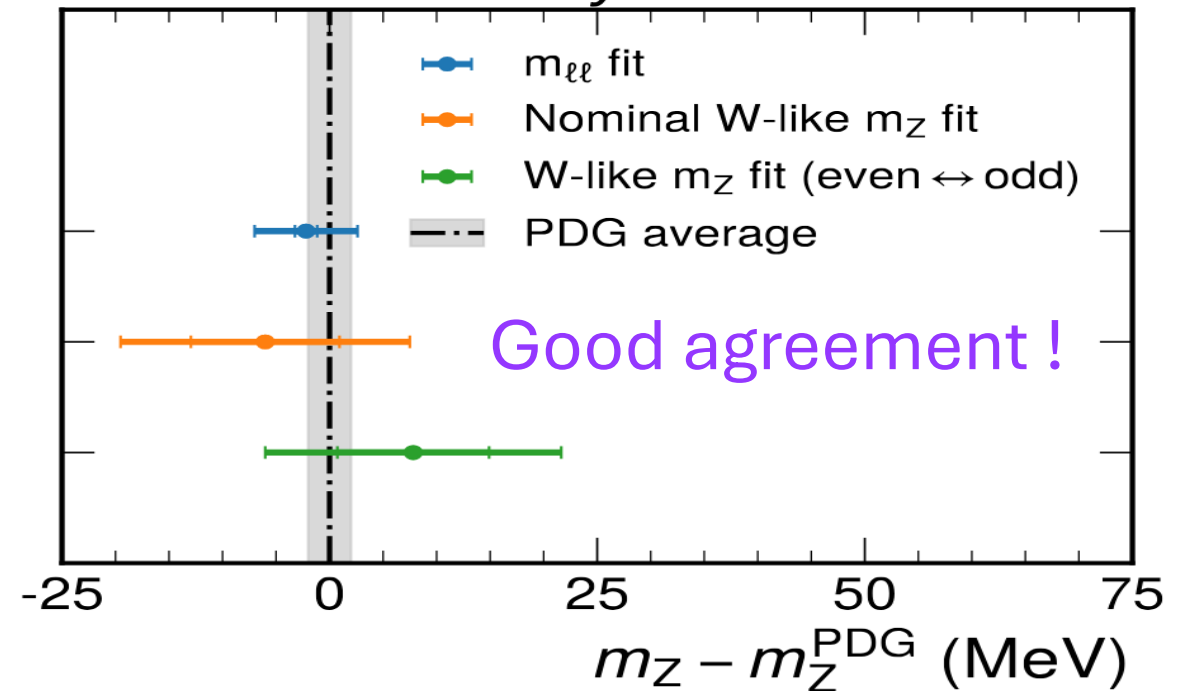
Dilepton:  $m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = -2.2 \pm 4.8$  MeV

W-like:  $m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = -6 \pm 14$  MeV

Alternate muon choice (almost independent):

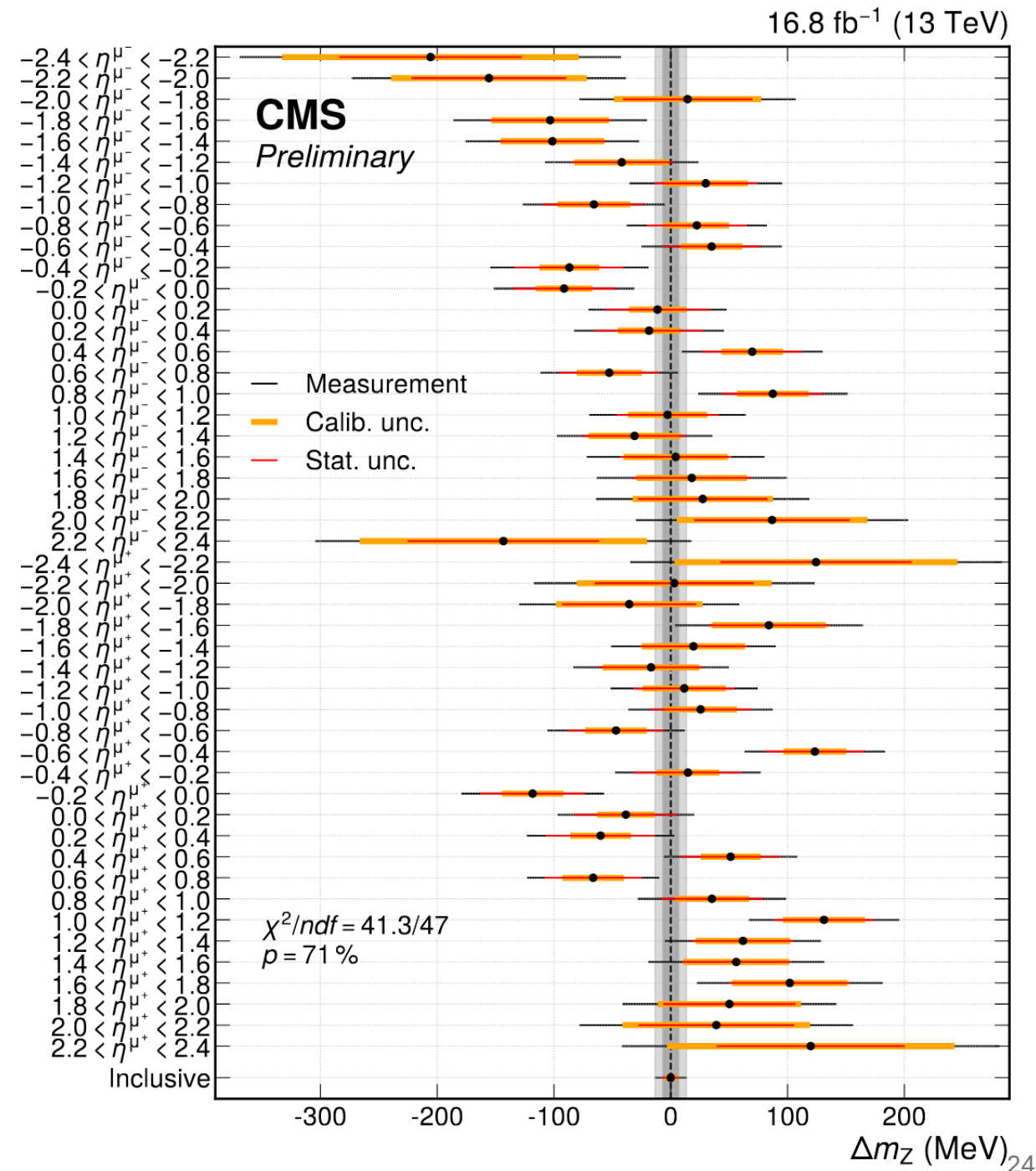
$$m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = 8 \pm 14 \text{ MeV}$$

**CMS Preliminary**



# Z mass crosschecks

- Consistent results when extracting 48 independent  $m_Z$  values (+/-charge , 24  $\eta$  bins)
- Pseudorapidity dependence:  
 $M_Z^{\eta>0} - M_Z^{\eta<0} = 35 \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$
- Charge dependence:  
 $M_Z^+ - M_Z^- = 31 \pm 32 \text{ MeV}$
- Charge dependence with alternate selection:  
 $M_Z^+ - M_Z^- = 6 \pm 32 \text{ MeV}$





# W mass measurement

4859 fit parameters!

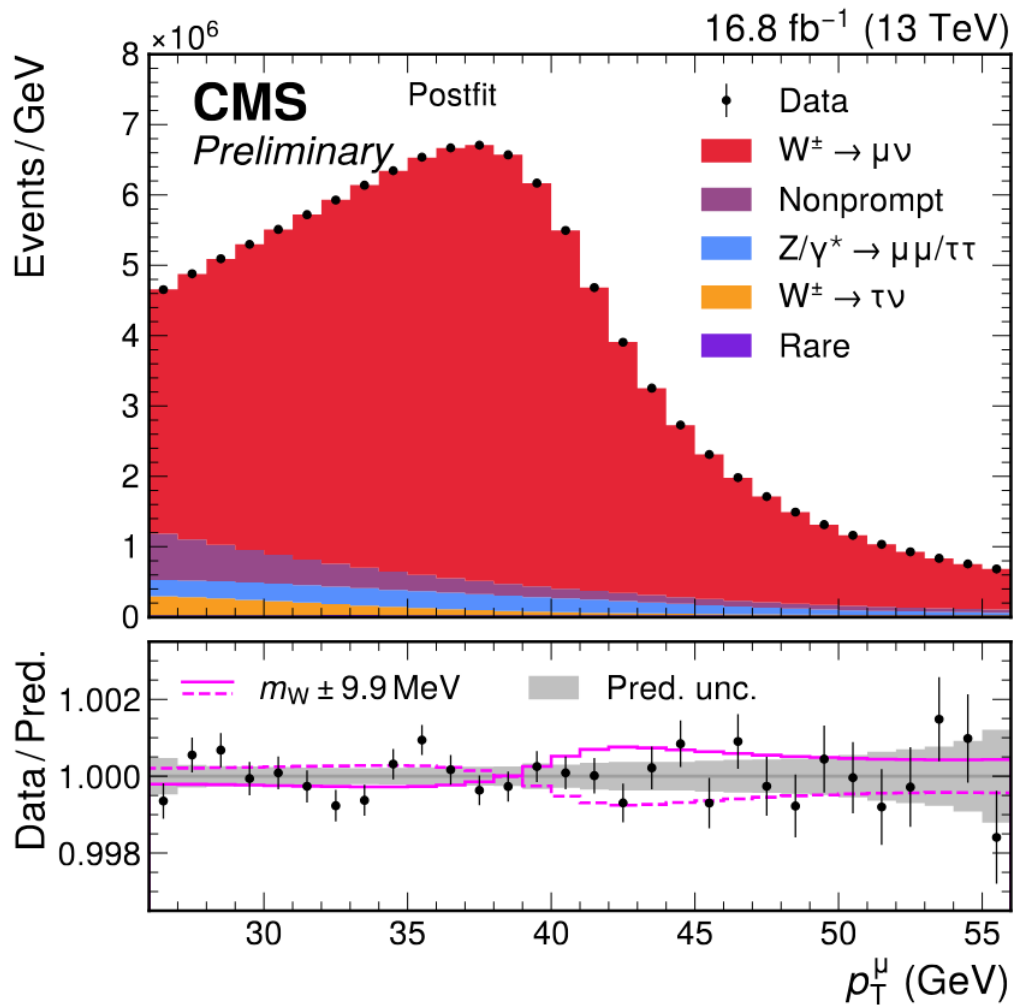
3658 muon efficiency

338 pT scale

390 background

458 theory related

$$m_W = 80\,360.2 \pm 2.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 9.6 \text{ (syst)} = 80\,360.2 \pm 9.9 \text{ MeV}$$



Source of uncertainty	Impact (MeV)	
	Nominal	Global
Muon momentum scale	4.8	4.4
Muon reco. efficiency	3.0	2.3
W and Z angular coeffs.	3.3	3.0
Higher-order EW	2.0	1.9
$p_T^V$ modeling	2.0	0.8
PDF	4.4	2.8
Nonprompt background	3.2	1.7
Integrated luminosity	0.1	0.1
MC sample size	1.5	3.8
Data sample size	2.4	6.0
Total uncertainty	9.9	9.9

Similar contribution from exp and theory sources

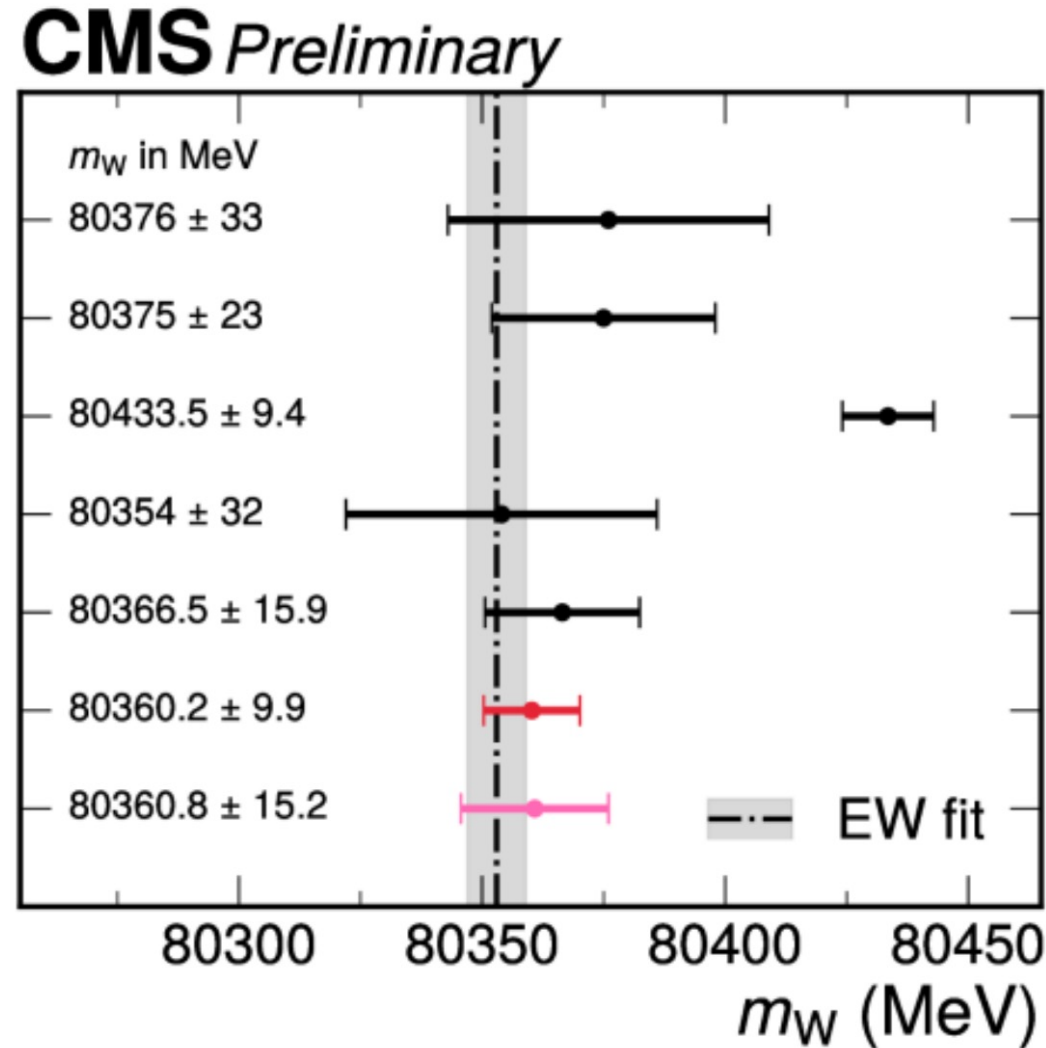
Alternative helicity fit:  $80\,360.8 \pm 15.2$  MeV

Reduced theory, larger stat uncertainty

Global impact uses ATLAS definition of uncertainties for easier comparison

# Standard Model triumphs again...

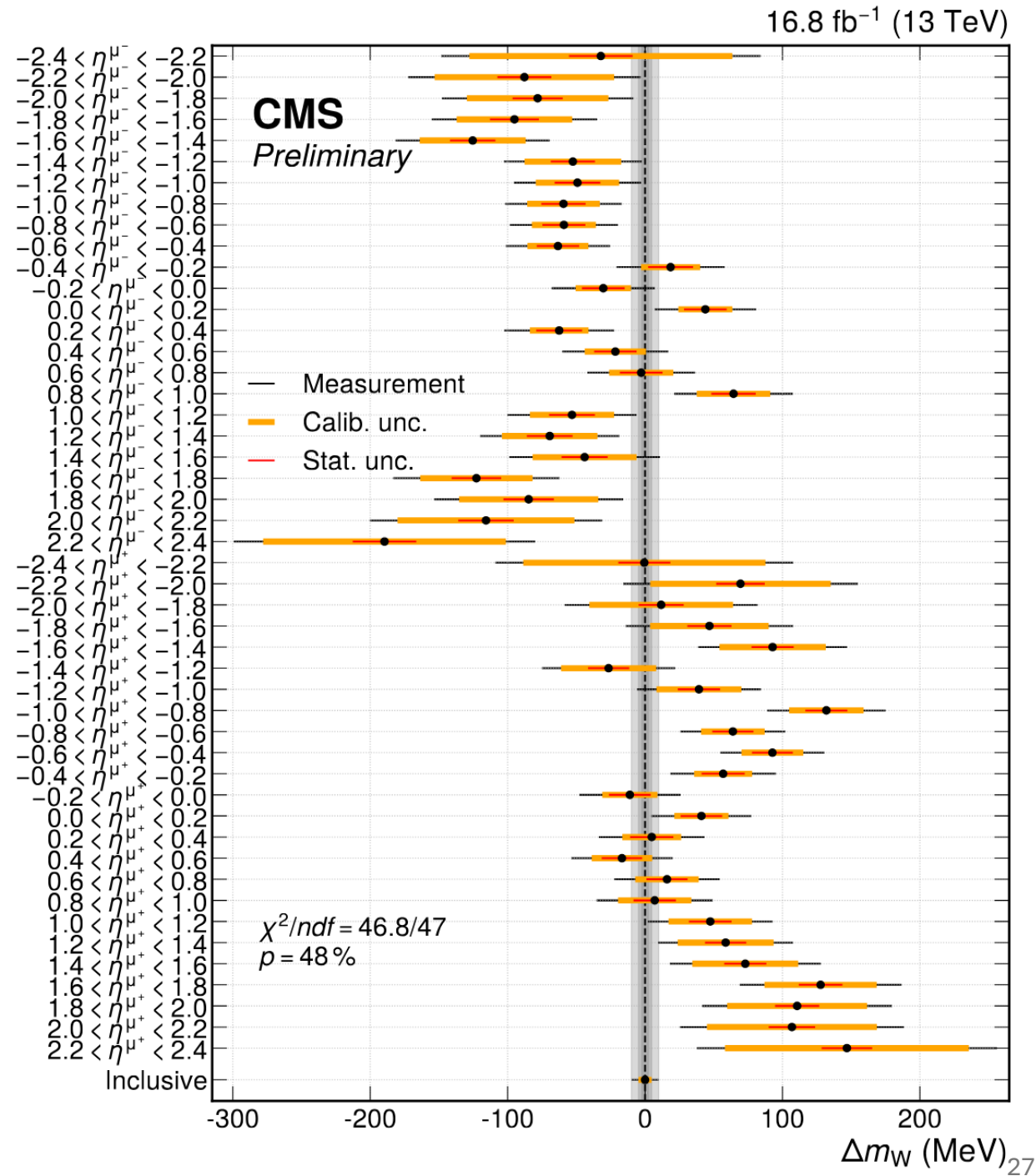
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ATLAS  
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**CMS**  
Main Result  
**CMS**  
Helicity fit



**BUT...**  
tension between CDF II  
and other results still  
not understood...

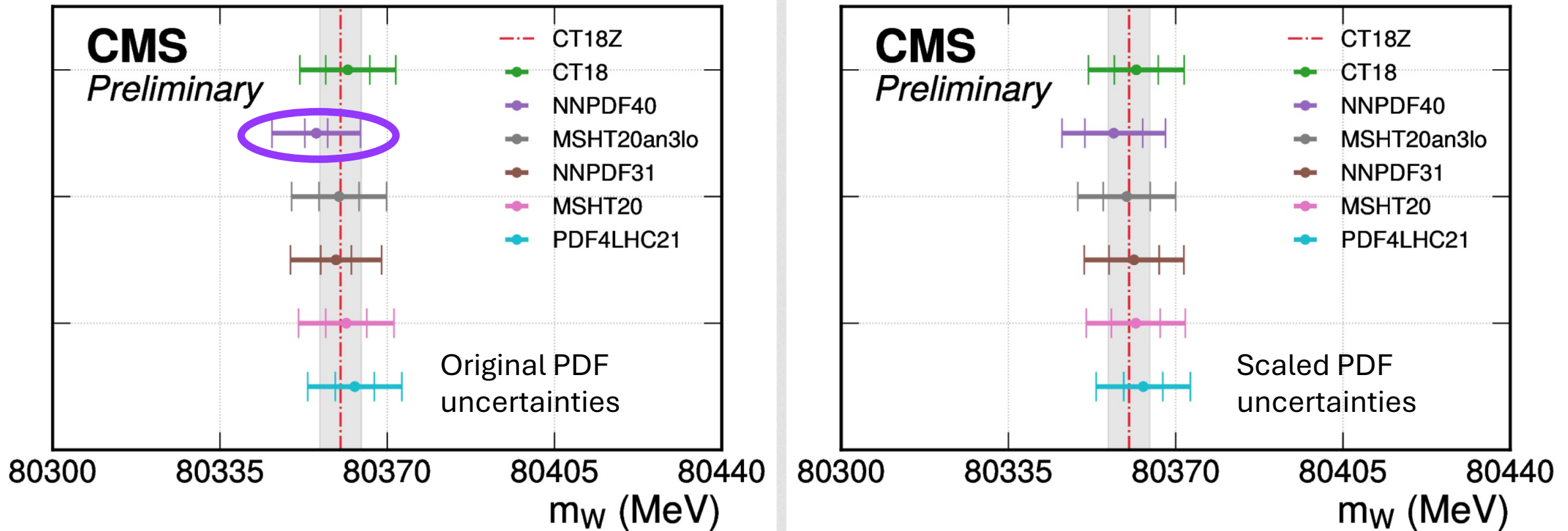
# W mass crosschecks

- Consistent results when extracting 48 independent  $m_W$  values  
(+/-charge , 24  $\eta$  bins)
- Pseudorapidity dependence:  
 $m_W^{\eta>0} - m_W^{\eta<0} = 5.8 \pm 12.4 \text{ MeV}$
- Charge dependence:  
 $m_W^+ - m_W^- = 57 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$   
(p-value: 6.0%, within  $2\sigma$ )
- Hint of residual mis-alignment issues?
- Strong anti-correlations between  $m_W^+$  and  $m_W^-$  due to experimental uncertainties (alignment) and theory uncertainties related to W polarization (opposite-parity coupling of W to  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$ )
- Correlation between charge difference and  $m_W$  only 2%
- Many crosschecks performed. No sign of anything suspicious



# $m_W$ extracted with different PDF sets

Quoted uncertainty of  $m_W$  based on CT18Z



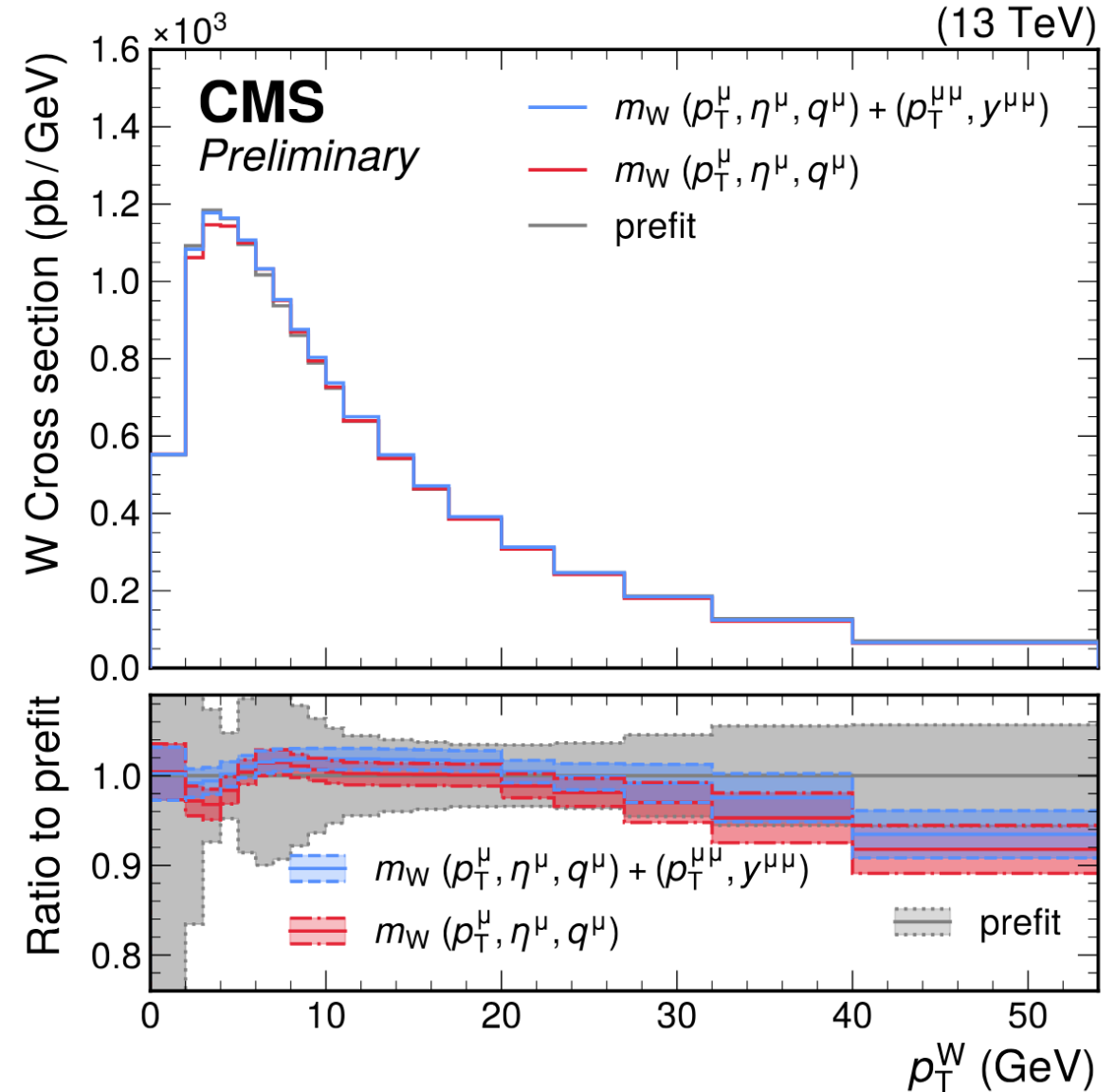
Inner bar: PDF uncertainty

Outer bar: total uncertainty



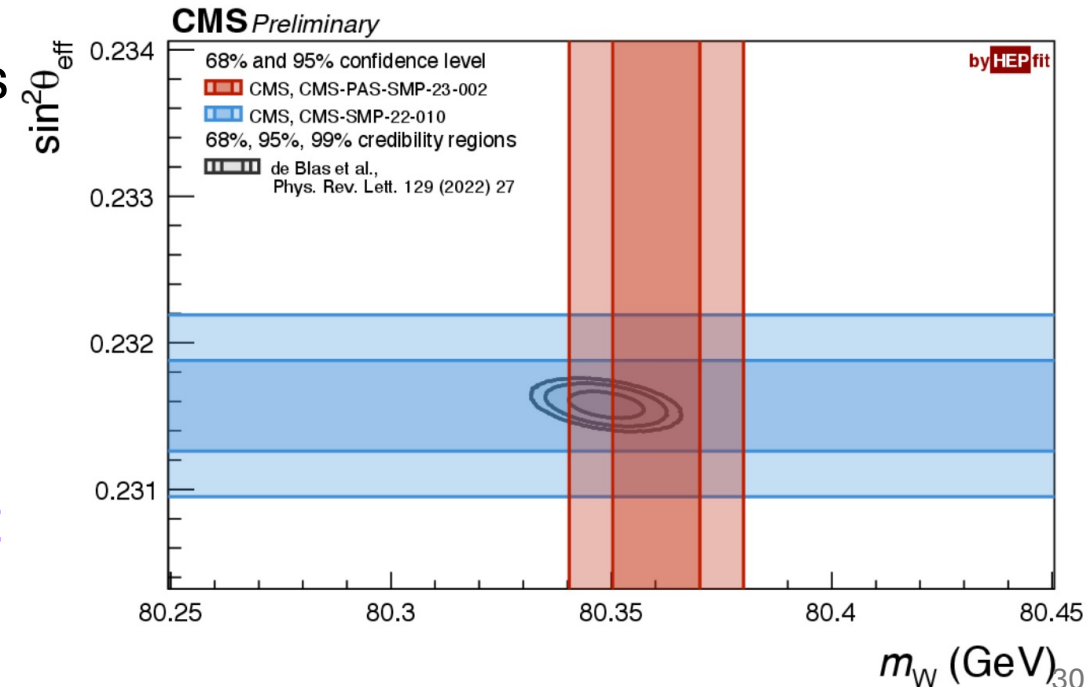
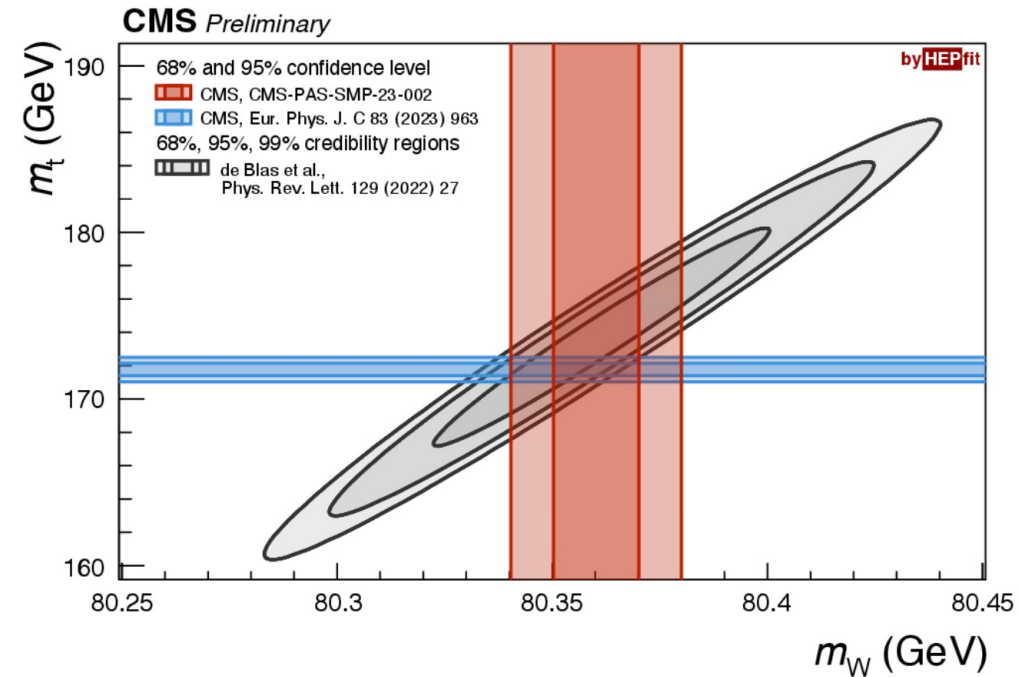
# Combined fit to W and Z data

- Nominal result: fit to muon ( $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ , charge) for W candidates alone
- Compare with simultaneous fit to dimuon distribution from Z events
- Postfit W  $p_T$  distributions consistent
- Strong constraints from data in both cases
- $\Delta m_W = +0.6$  MeV with respect to nominal
- Decreased uncertainty of 9.6 MeV
- Additional complications for W/Z correlations, so less robust result, not used as baseline



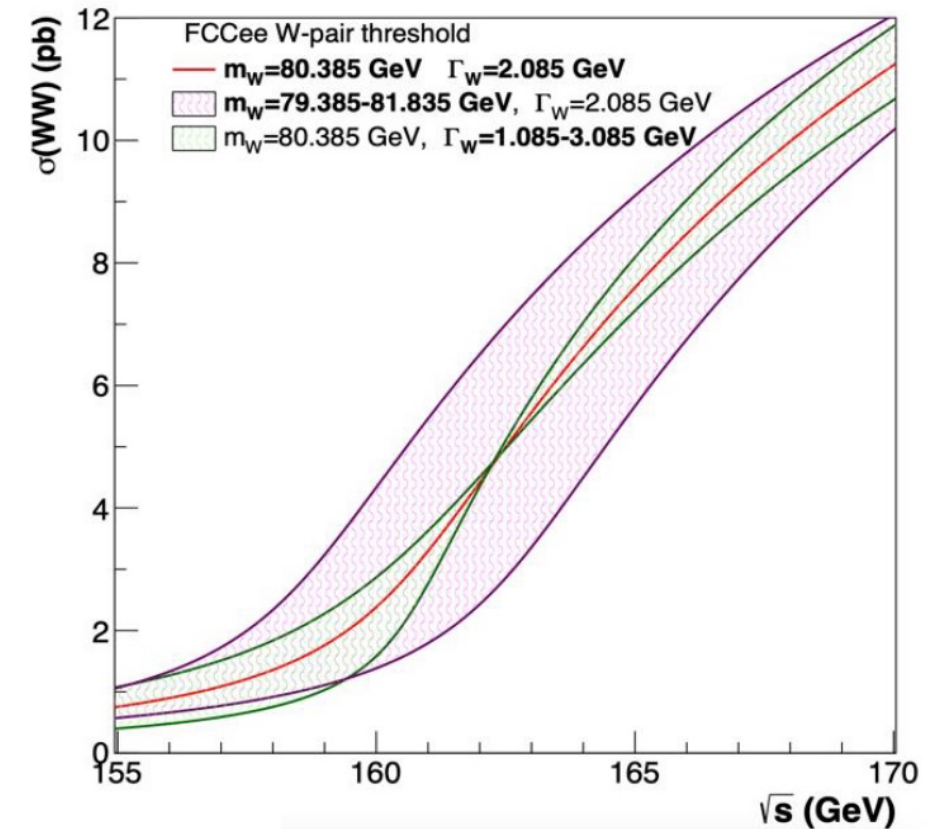
# Summary: SM is alive 😊

- CMS (and LHC in general) became a “precision” experiment
- Very high accuracy determination of experimental effects
- 3D max LH fit constrains in-situ the theoretical inputs and their uncertainties
  - Requires high accuracy of theoretical predictions
  - Novel techniques to model their uncertainties and correlations across phase-space using theory nuisance parameters
  - Large data statistics
- $80360.2 \pm 9.9 \text{ MeV}$  result breaks the “psychological” barrier of 10 MeV
- Comparable precision with CDF II but **excellent agreement with SM**



# Future improvements?

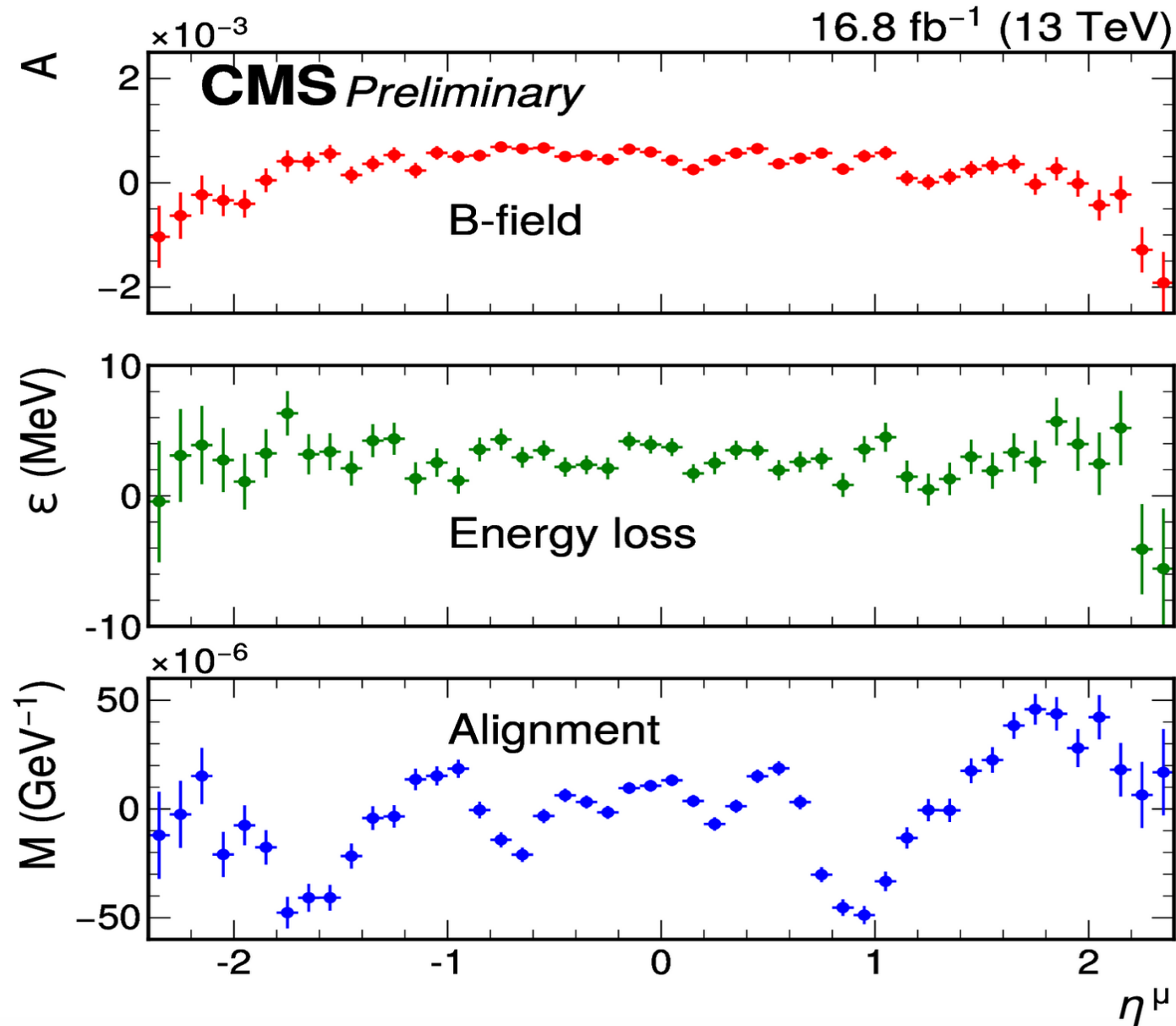
- Much more CMS data to include
  - takes long time as very careful re-reconstruction of data needed
- Include  $m_T$  in extraction – more info, better constraints on theory
  - Improve hadronic recoil, missing transverse momentum reconstruction
- Use low PU runs with better control of  $m_T$
- Combine experiments
- Next electron – positron collider from WW cross section threshold scan ( $<1$  MeV)
  - Rather far in future



# Extra



# Muon calibration factors (48 bins)

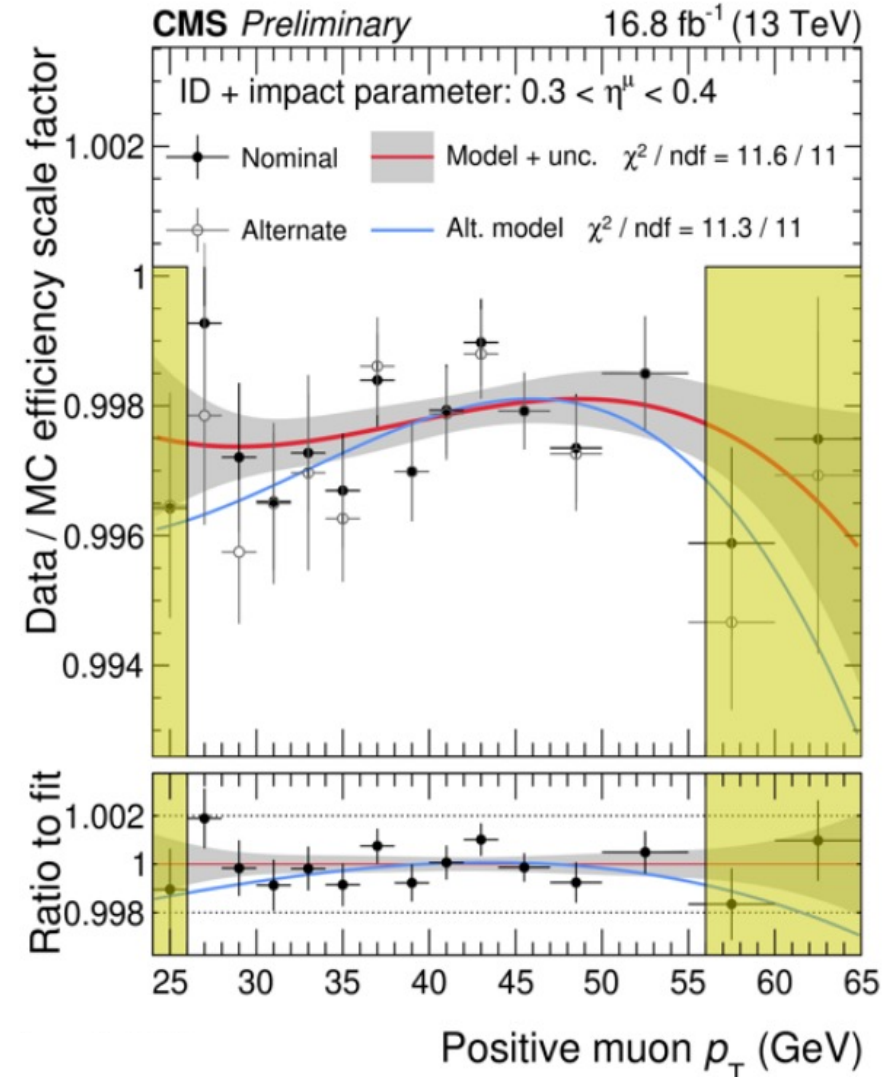
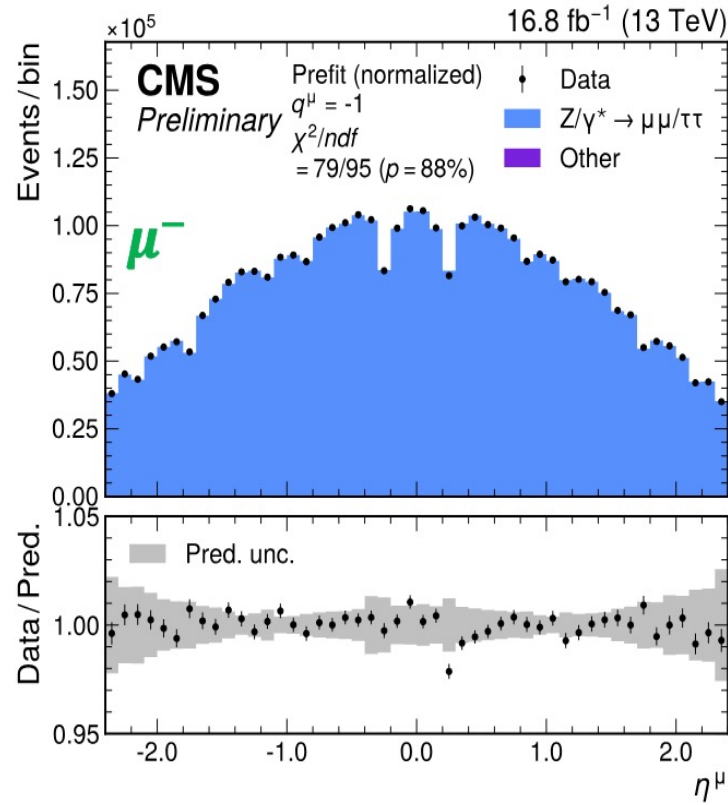
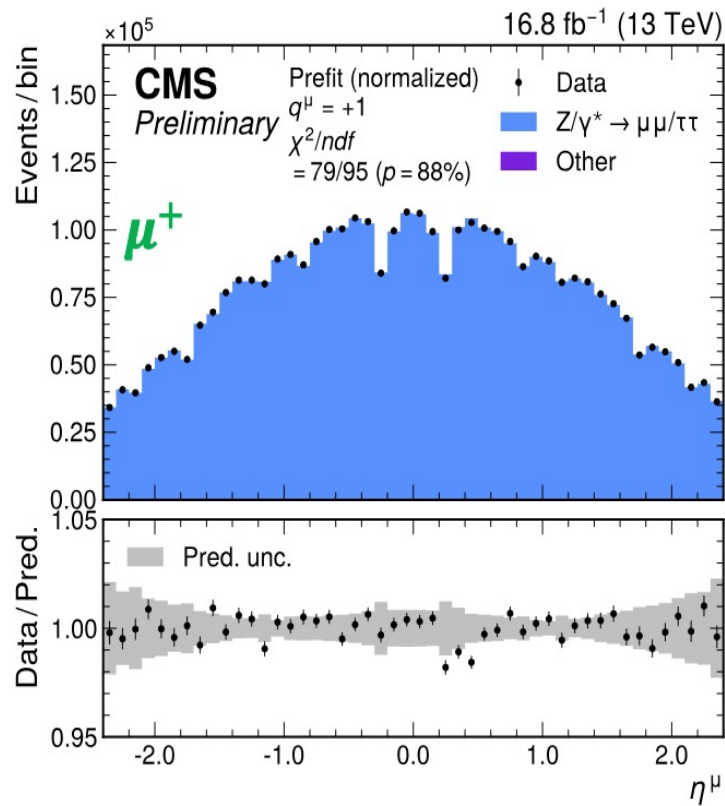


# Muon efficiency

- Measured from data using the tag-and-probe method using Z events binned in  $(p_T^\mu, \eta^\mu)$ , and for most steps in charge
- Factorized to tracking, reconstruction, identification, isolation, trigger efficiencies
- For isolation (and trigger), contribution from hadronic recoil to isolation sum also to be taken into account
  - measure in bins of  $(p_T^\mu, \eta^\mu, u_T)$ , with  $u_T$  being hadronic recoil projection into muon probe:  
$$\frac{\vec{p}_T^\mu \cdot \vec{p}_T^Z}{|\vec{p}_T^\mu|}$$
- Correction factors calculated wrt Z simulation, and applied for all samples
- Smooth in  $p_T^\mu$  and  $u_T$  to improve correlation model and reduce statistical uncertainty
- Impact  $\sim 3$  MeV on W mass

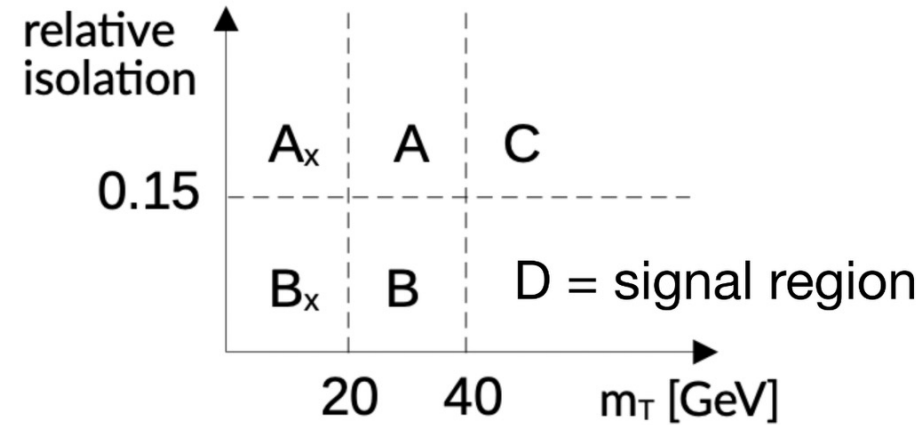
# Muon efficiency

## Pre-fit data-MC comparison of $\eta^\mu$ in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ selection



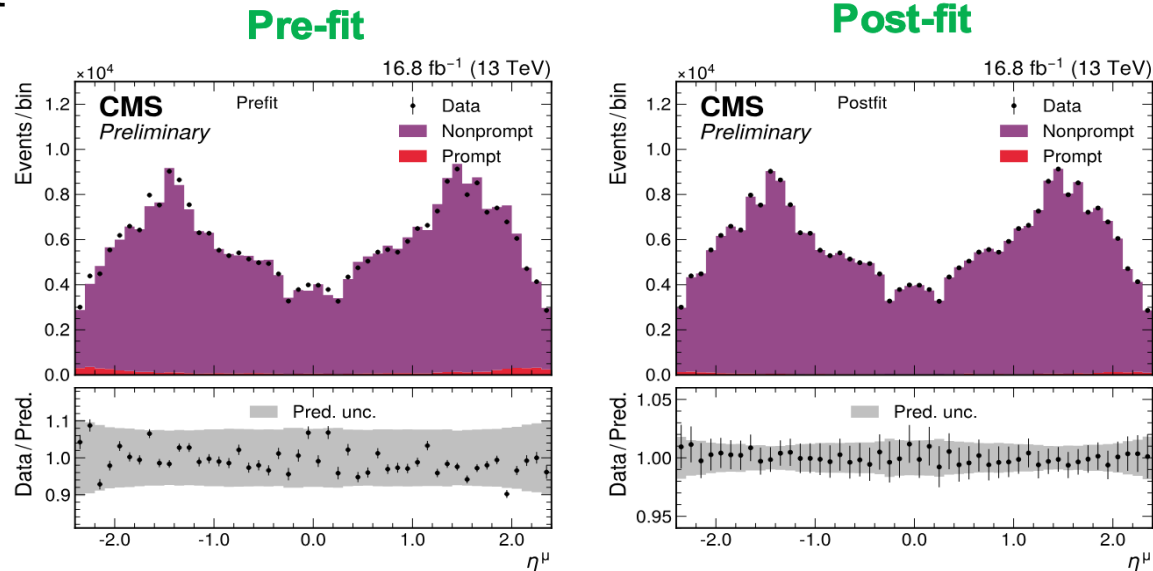
# Non-prompt background estimation

- Non-prompt background from QCD multijet event, mostly heavy flavour
- Estimated using data driven fake extended ABCD method
- Prompt contamination in sideband regions dominated by W and Z events, estimated from simulation with all corrections and uncertainties
- Procedure validated using QCD simulation and secondary-vertex control region in data
- Negligible for dilepton and W-like Z measurements, important for W measurement



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

Comparison between the estimation and the data in a non prompt enriched phase space, selected requiring that the muon is not compatible to originate from the primary vertex





# Monte Carlo simulations

- 4B fully simulated Monte Carlo events using detailed GEANT4 model of CMS
- W and Z boson production at NNLO in QCD using MINNLOPS in POWHEG-BOX-V2 interfaced with PYTHIA 8 for the parton shower and hadronization, and with PHOTOS++ for the final-state photon radiation
- To get most accurate modeling of the W and Z pT, MINNLOPS predictions corrected bin-by-bin using SCETLIB matched to fixed-order from DYTURBO, thereby achieving NNLO+N3LL accuracy
- CT18Z PDF set for the nominal analysis
- Pile-up and z vertex position reweighting
- Correction of efficiencies of trigger, muon reconstruction and identification
- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  and  $m_T$  corrected for hadronic recoil mismodelling

# Number of fit parameters

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 <sub>PS</sub> $\mu_F, \mu_R$	–	176
Z MINNLO <sub>PS</sub> $\mu_F, \mu_R$	176	
PYTHIA shower $k_T$	1	
$p_T^V$ 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

# Uncertainties in W-like $m_Z$ and $m_W$ measurements

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

# Summary of extraction uncertainties

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



# Summary of extraction uncertainties

Source of uncertainty	Nominal impact (MeV)			
	in $m_{Z^+} - m_{Z^-}$	in $m_Z$	in $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-}$	in $m_W$
Muon momentum scale	23.1	5.6	21.6	4.8
Muon reco. efficiency	7.1	3.8	7.2	3.0
W and Z angular coeffs.	14.5	4.9	18.7	3.3
Higher-order EW	0.2	2.2	1.5	2.0
$p_T^V$ modeling	0.6	1.7	7.4	2.0
PDF	0.9	2.4	11.8	4.4
Nonprompt background	–	–	7.5	3.2
Integrated luminosity	< 0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
MC sample size	4.9	2.5	3.0	1.5
Data sample size	13.9	6.9	4.7	2.4
Total uncertainty	32.5	13.5	30.3	9.9

## $m_W$ result: Closer look at charge difference

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

- Reminder: For W-like  $m_Z$  fit:  
 $m_Z^+ - m_Z^- = 31 \pm 32$  MeV (nominal)  
 $m_Z^+ - m_Z^- = 6 \pm 32$  MeV (reversed even-odd event selection)
- No conclusive evidence for a systematic problem ( $< 2\sigma$ )
- Statistical fluctuations from finite data and MC samples at the level of 16 MeV for  $m_W^+ - m_W^-$
- Even extreme variations of the related systematics lead to small variations in  $m_W$  ( $< 1$ MeV), within associated uncertainties
- Possible/plausible scenario:  $\sim 1\sigma$  off on alignment and  $A_i$ 's plus  $\sim 1\sigma$  statistical fluctuation corresponds to totally negligible effect on  $m_W$  (0.1MeV)

# Different $p_T^W$ modelling

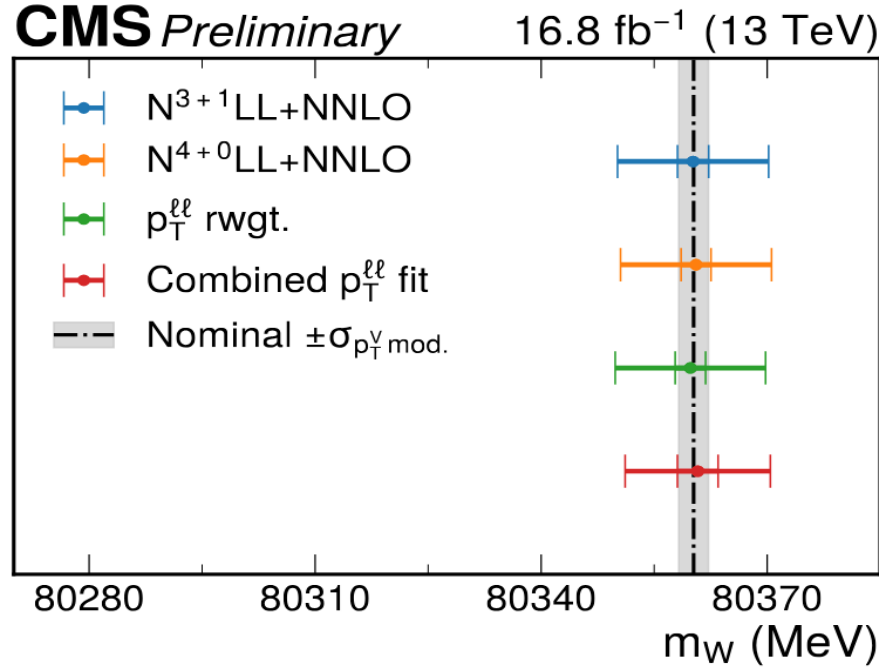
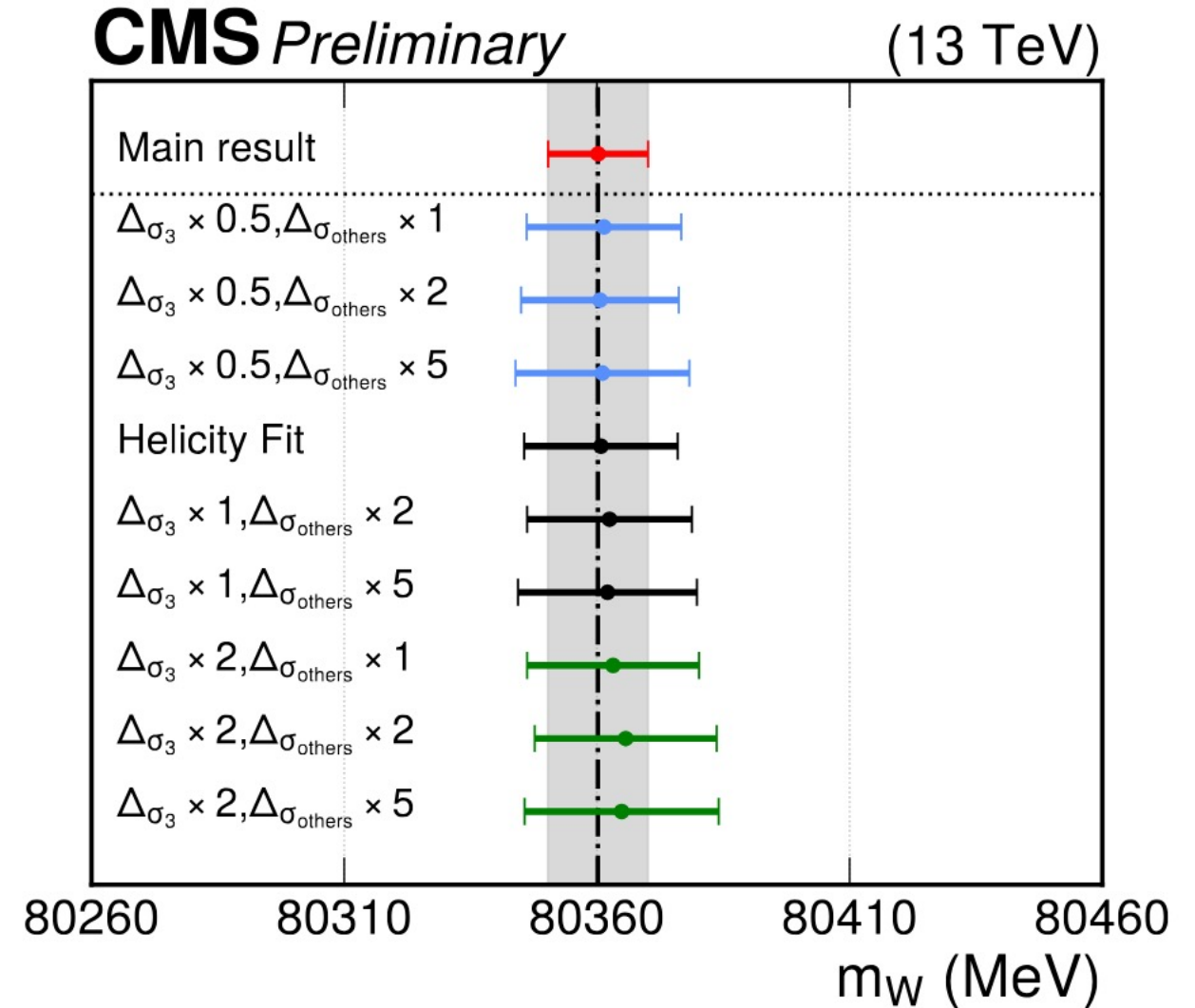


Figure A.16: Comparison of the nominal result and its theory uncertainty, using SCETLIB+DYTURBO at  $N^3\text{LL} + \text{NNLO}$ , with the value of  $m_W$  measured when using alternative approaches to the  $p_T^W$  modeling and its uncertainty. The impact of correcting the  $p_T^W$  distribution with the  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  data, both via bin-by-bin reweighting corrections and via a simultaneous maximum likelihood fit, is also shown. The dash-dotted black line represents the nominal result, while the shaded gray band shows the  $p_T^W$ -modeling uncertainty. The results from alternative approaches to the  $p_T^W$ -modeling and uncertainty are shown as points. The  $p_T^W$ -modeling uncertainties are shown as the inner bars, while the outer bars denote the total uncertainty.

# Helicity fit

- Angular coefficients sensitive to beyond SM contributions
- Simultaneous extraction of helicity cross section components with  $m_W$  allows more freedom in theoretical description
- Larger uncertainty as expected (more free parameters!)
  - Trading theory to stat uncertainty
- Check stability of helicity fit: inflate or shrink prefit helicity cross section uncertainties
- Observed shifts within uncertainty of baseline method
- Theory description seems adequate!

$$\sigma_i = \sigma^{U+L} A_i$$



No sensitivity to  $i > 4$

Loose priors on unpolarised xsec and  $i=0..4$  components