

# W, Z cross-sections and $A_{FB}$ at LHCb

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# Outline

- Introduction
- Preliminary results on  $W, Z$  cross-sections and ratios.
- Potential to measure  $A_{FB}$  and requirements from PDFs.

# EW physics motivation

$$\sigma_X(Q^2) = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, Q^2) f_b(x_2, Q^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}(x_1, x_2, Q^2)$$

Hadronic  
Cross-section

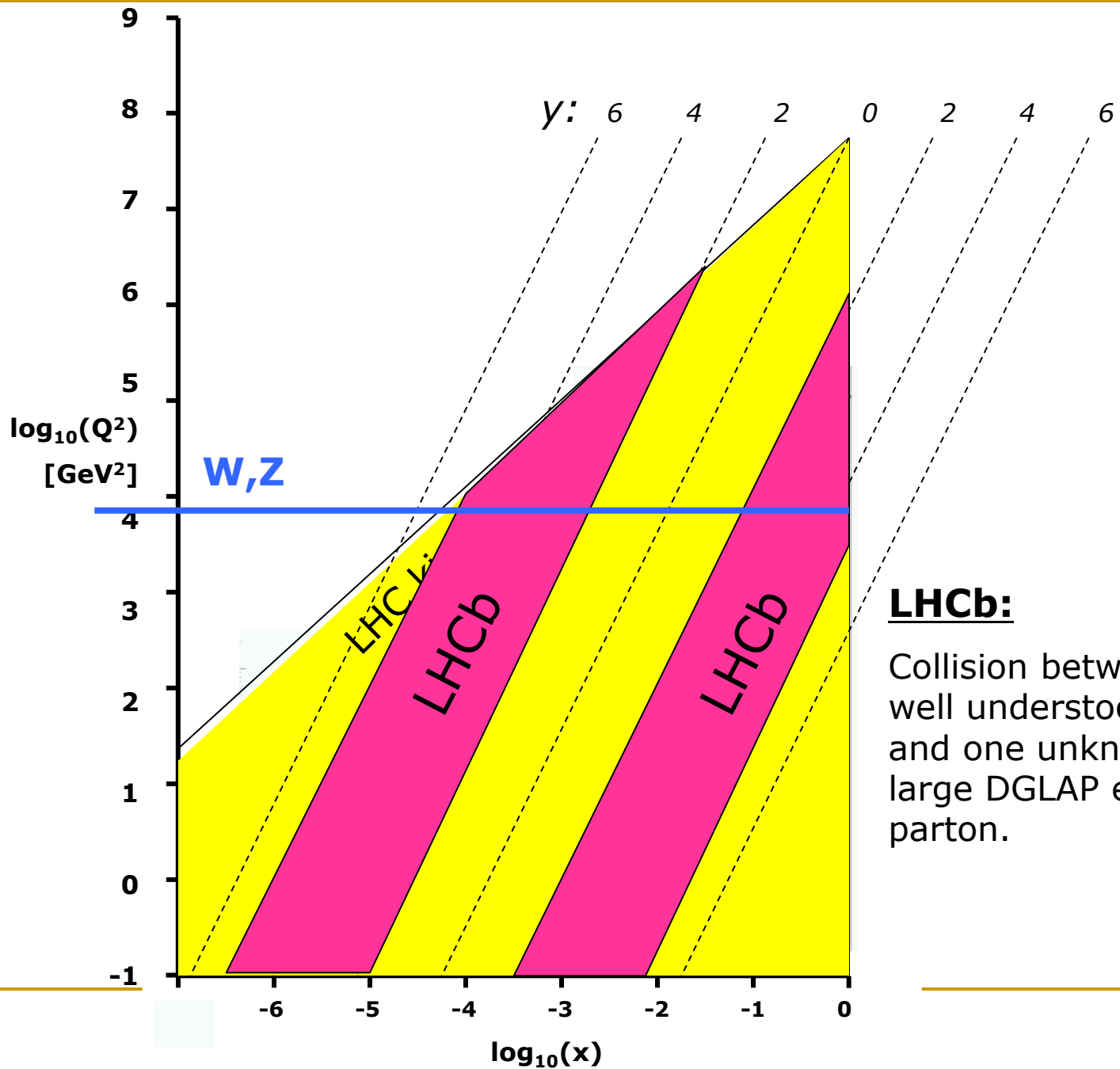
PDFs  
(3-5%)

Partonic  
Cross-section  
FEWZ NNLO(1%)

Test the SM at highest energies

Check out that DGLAP evolution works (test QCD)

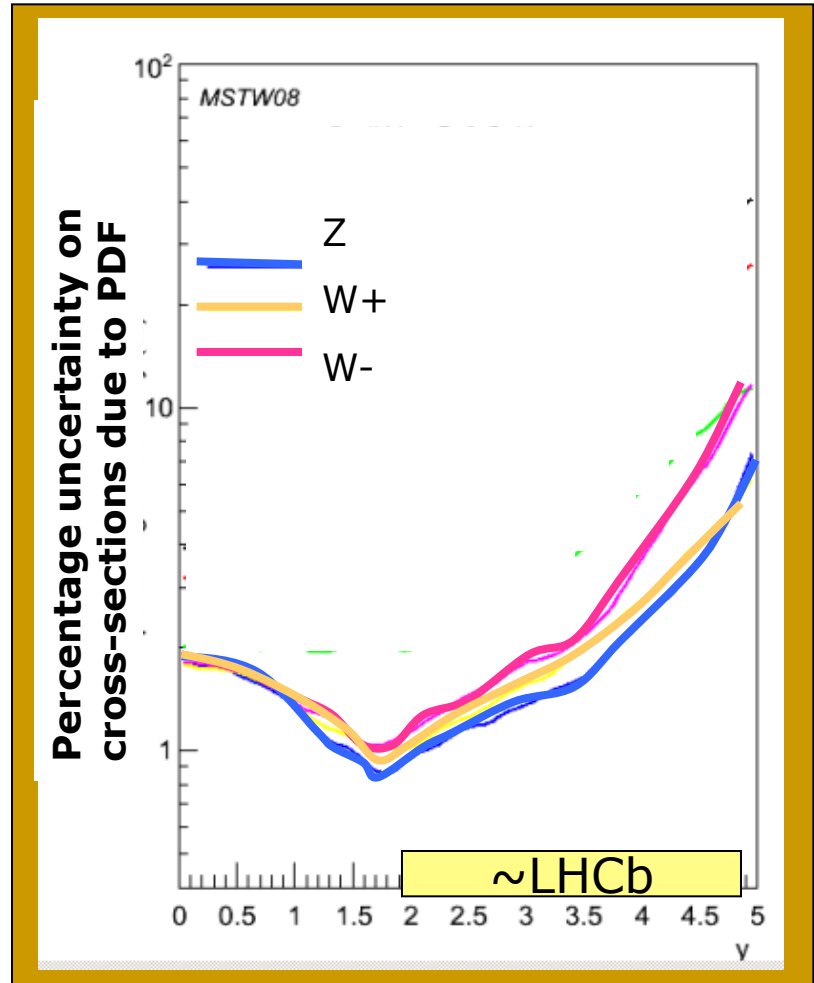
Push theory into interesting regions with very soft gluons



# Effect of PDF uncertainties on cross-sections

- Region where the most precise EW tests can be made.
- At highest rapidities, PDFs can be constrained.

- Experimental statistical error  $\ll 1\%$ .
- Systematic error likely to be  $\sim 1\%$



# But you can do better !

$$R_{\mp}(y_W) \equiv \frac{d\sigma/dy_W(W^-)}{d\sigma/dy_W(W^+)} \approx \frac{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)} = \frac{d(x_1)}{u(x_1)} \cdot \frac{\bar{u}(x_2)}{\bar{d}(x_2)} \approx \frac{d(x_1)}{u(x_1)}$$

So ratio of Ws is sensitive to d to u ratio. (For LHCb  $d_v/u_v$ )

$$A_{\pm}(y_W) = \frac{d\sigma/dy_W(W^+) - d\sigma/dy_W(W^-)}{d\sigma/dy_W(W^+) + d\sigma/dy_W(W^-)} \approx \frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) - d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)} \approx \frac{u(x_1) - d(x_1)}{u(x_1) + d(x_1)}$$

W asymmetry is sensitive to difference in u and d. (For LHCb  $u_v - d_v$ )

$$R_{Z/W}(y) \equiv \frac{d\sigma/dy(Z^0)}{d\sigma/dy(W^+) + d\sigma/dy(W^-)} \approx \frac{\kappa_u u(x'_1)\bar{u}(x'_2) + \kappa_d d(x'_1)\bar{d}(x'_2)}{|V_{ud}|^2 \{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)\}}$$

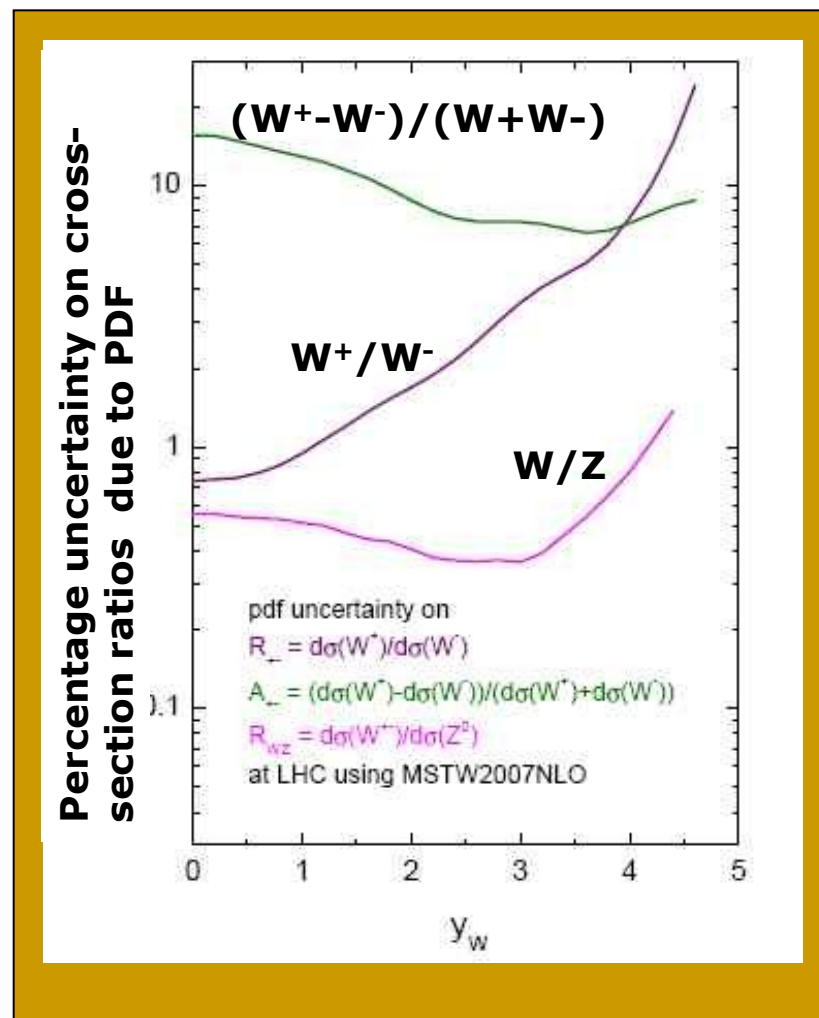
Ratio of Z to W is almost insensitive to PDFs!

Gold plated test of SM at the highest energies

# Effect of PDF uncertainties on cross-sections

- $R_{WZ}$  precise test of SM everywhere.
- Difference in u and d quarks can be significantly improved by all experiments at the LHC.
- Going forward, you increasingly constrain the u-valence to d-valence ratio.

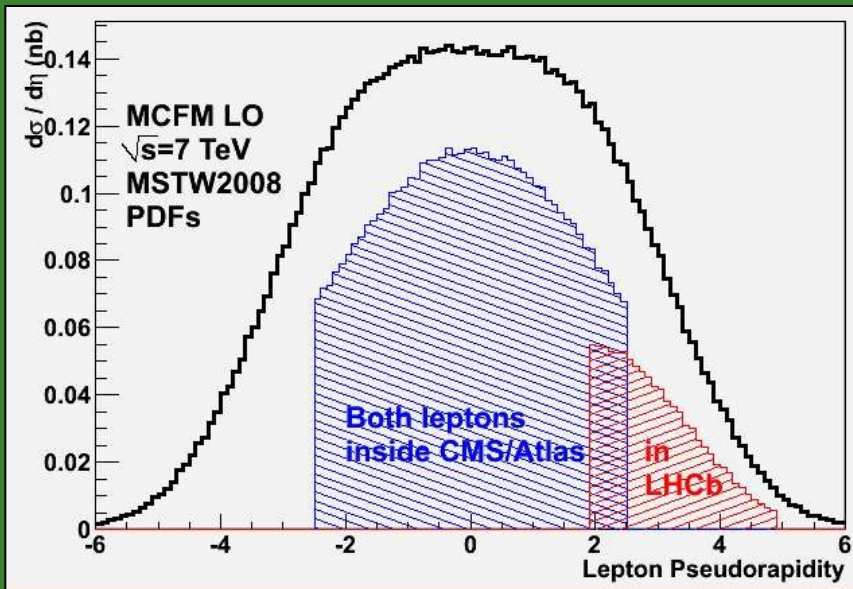
• Even nicer, most experimental systematics (especially luminosity) cancel in the ratio.



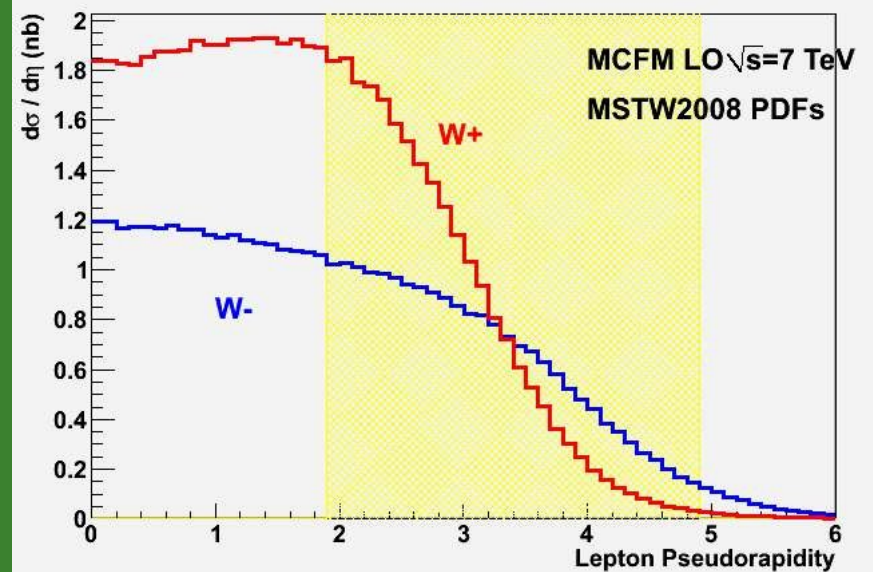
# Z Cross-section Measurement at LHCb

$$\sigma(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu : 2 < \eta_{\mu} < 4.5, P_{T\mu} > 20 \text{ GeV}, 81 < M_{\mu\mu} < 101 \text{ GeV} )$$





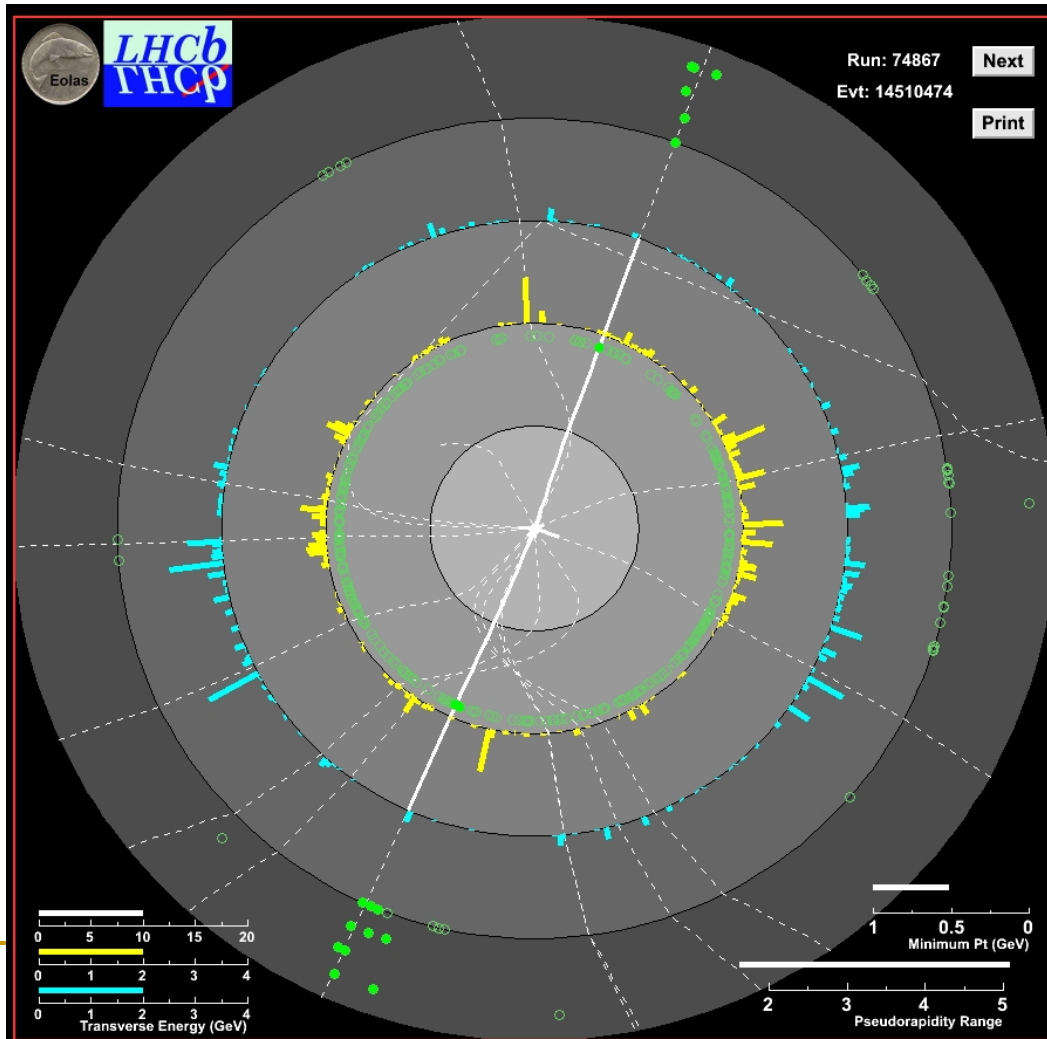
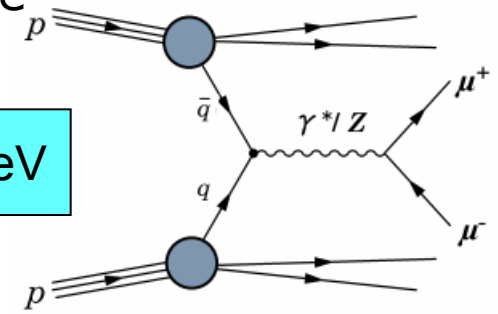
**8% of Z within LHCb acceptance**



**17% (16%) of  $W^+$  ( $W^-$ ) within LHCb acceptance**

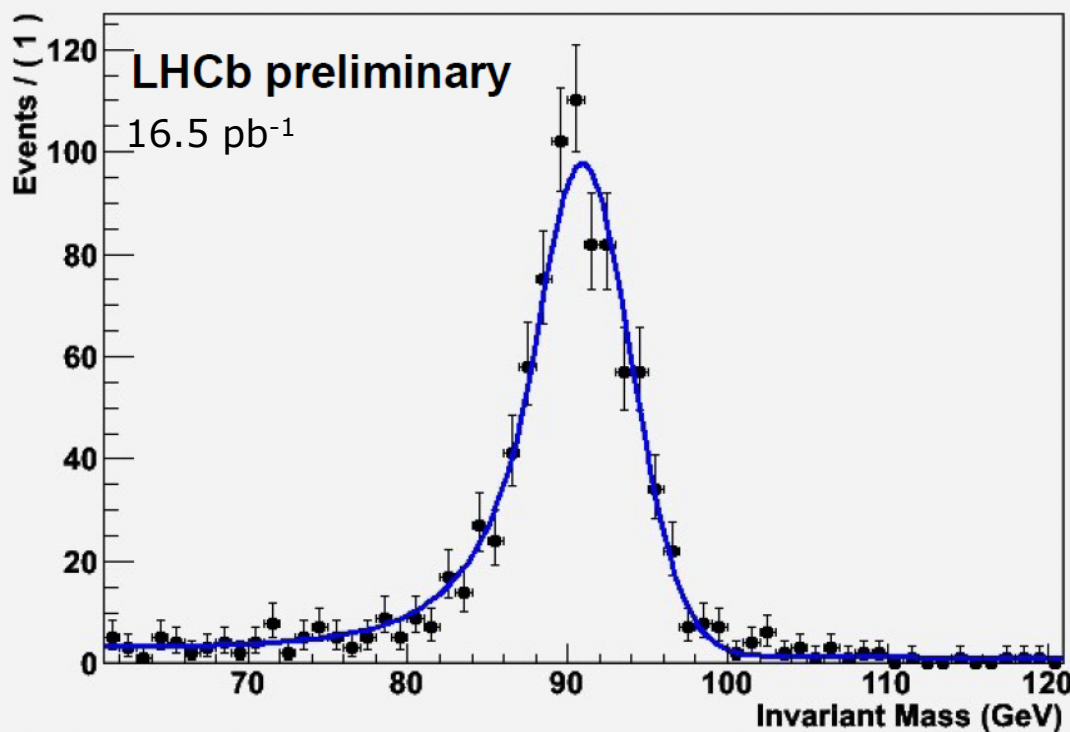
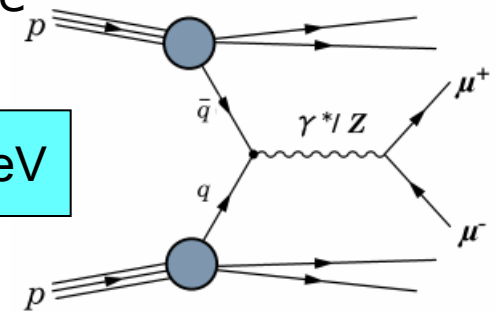
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To turn into cross-section:

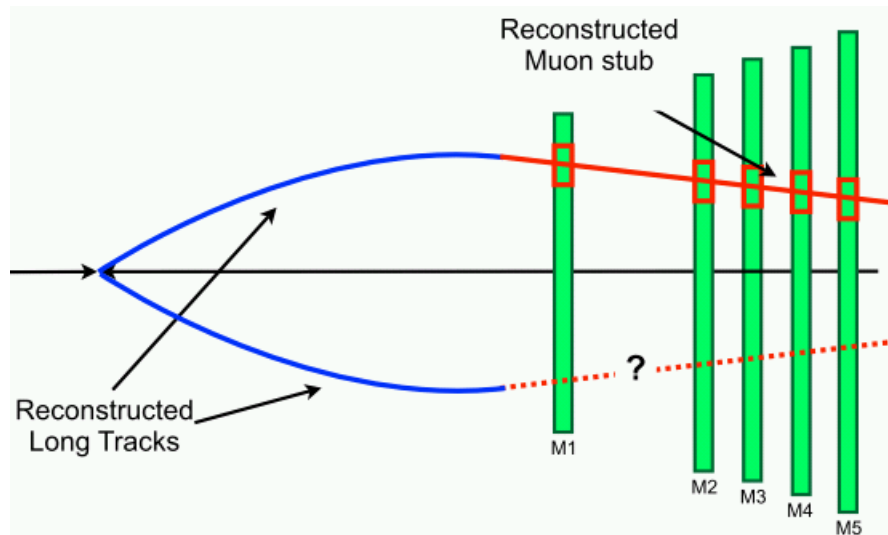
$$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \mu\mu}(\Delta y) = \frac{N_{tot}^Z - N_{bkg}^Z}{\epsilon_Z L}$$

$$\epsilon_Z = \underbrace{A_Z}_{=1} \epsilon_Z^{trig} \epsilon_Z^{track} \epsilon_Z^{muon} \underbrace{\epsilon_Z^{selection}}_{=1}$$

Inasmuch as possible, take everything from data.

# Muon identification efficiency

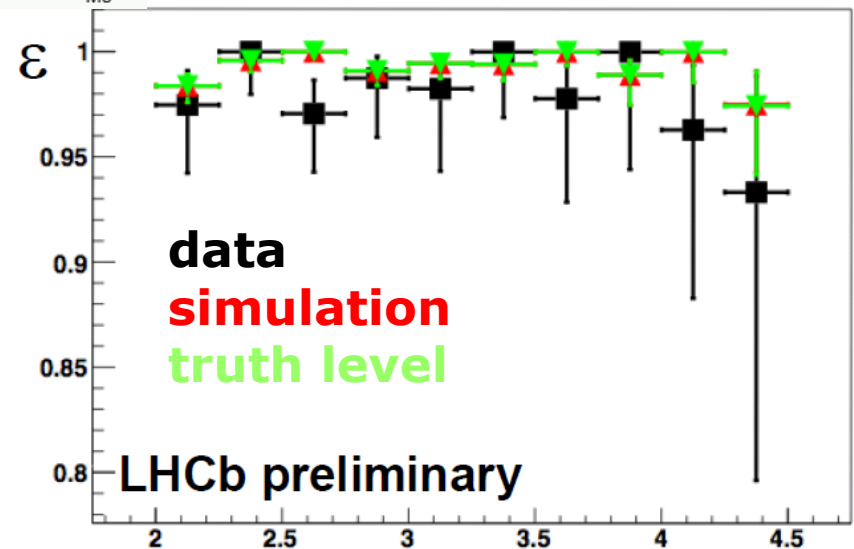
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$$\epsilon_W = 98.2 \pm 0.5\%$$

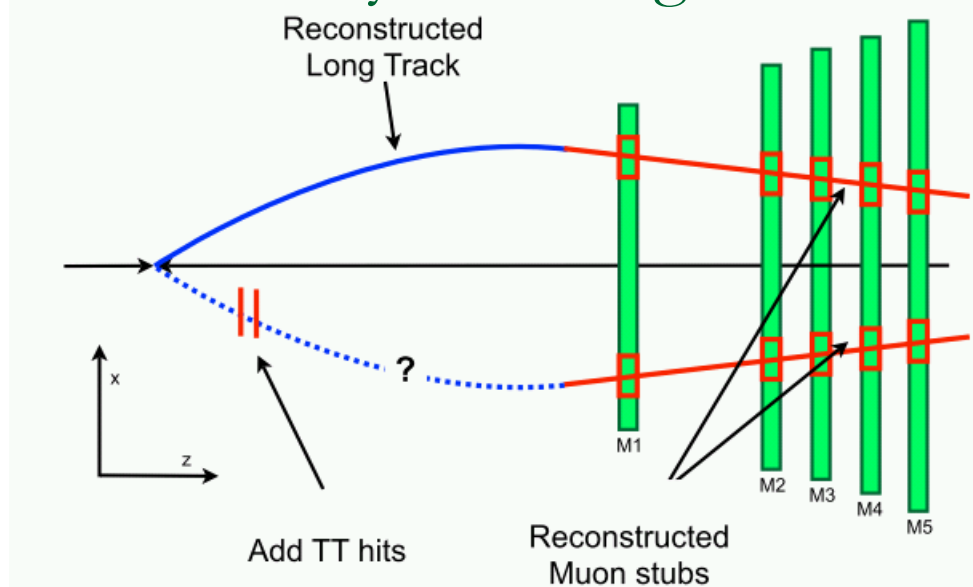
$$\epsilon_Z = 96.5 \pm 0.7\%$$

Efficiency flat in  $p_T, \eta, \phi$   
 No evidence for charge bias



# Track Efficiency from Tag and Probe

$$\epsilon_Z = A_z \epsilon_Z^{trigger} \epsilon_Z^{track} \epsilon_Z^{muon} \epsilon_Z^{selection}$$

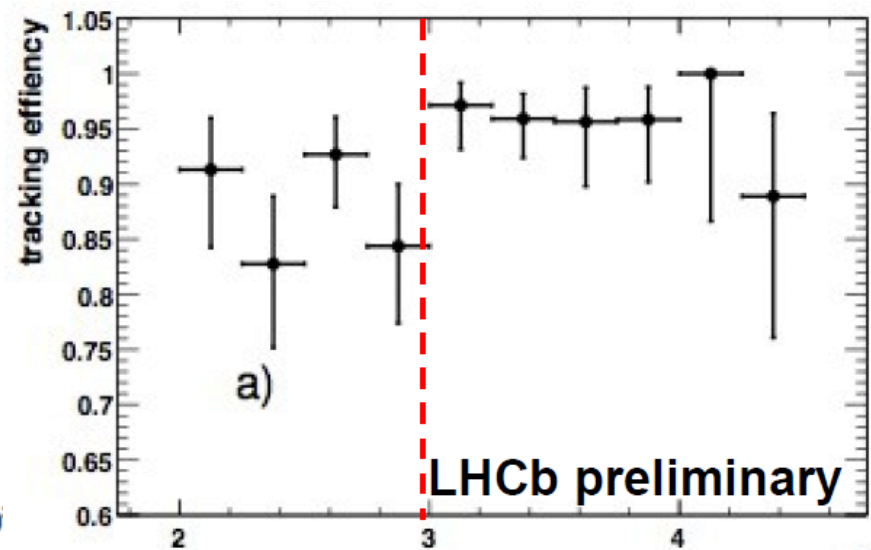
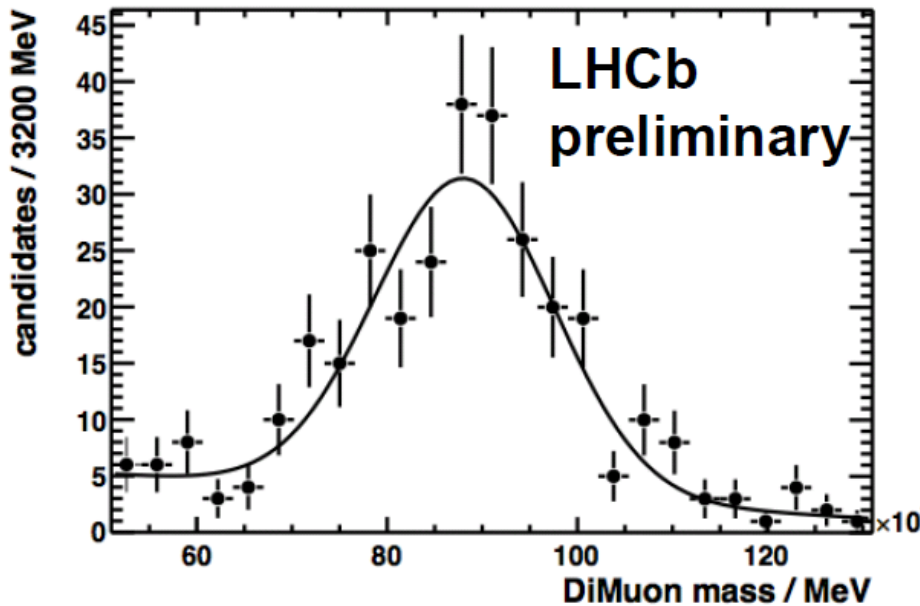


$$\epsilon_{W^+} = 73 \pm 3\%$$

$$\epsilon_{W^-} = 78 \pm 3\%$$

$$\epsilon_Z = 83 \pm 3\%$$

(W<sup>+</sup>/W<sup>-</sup> differ due to lepton  $\eta$  distribution)

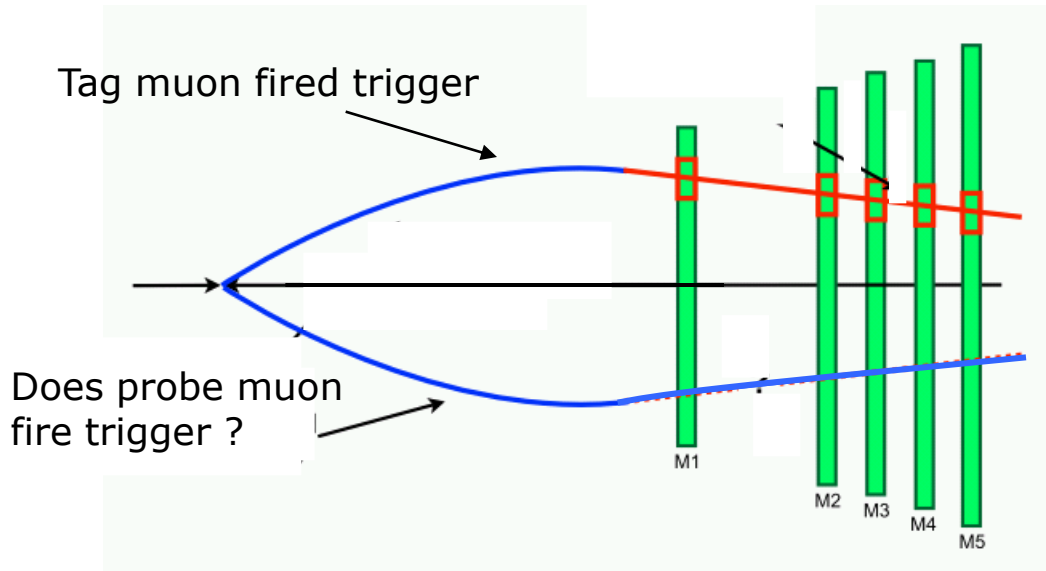


(flat in  $p_T$  and  $\phi$ )

$\eta$

# Trigger Efficiency from Tag and Probe

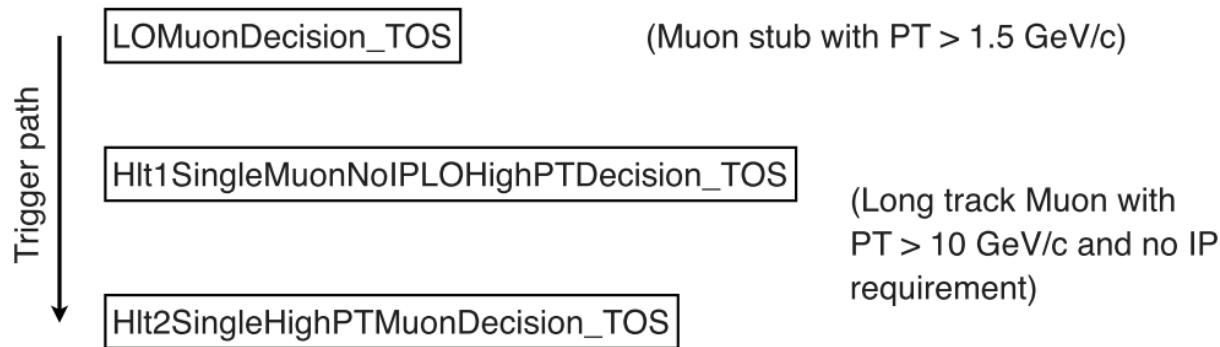
$$\epsilon_Z = A \cdot \epsilon_Z^{trig} \epsilon_Z^{track} \epsilon_Z^{muon} \epsilon_Z^{selection}$$



$$\epsilon_W = 0.9 \cdot (80.5 \pm 1.4)\%$$

$$\epsilon_Z = 0.9 \cdot (95.7 \pm 0.5)\%$$

(Global cuts:  
Very large events  
rejected by trigger)



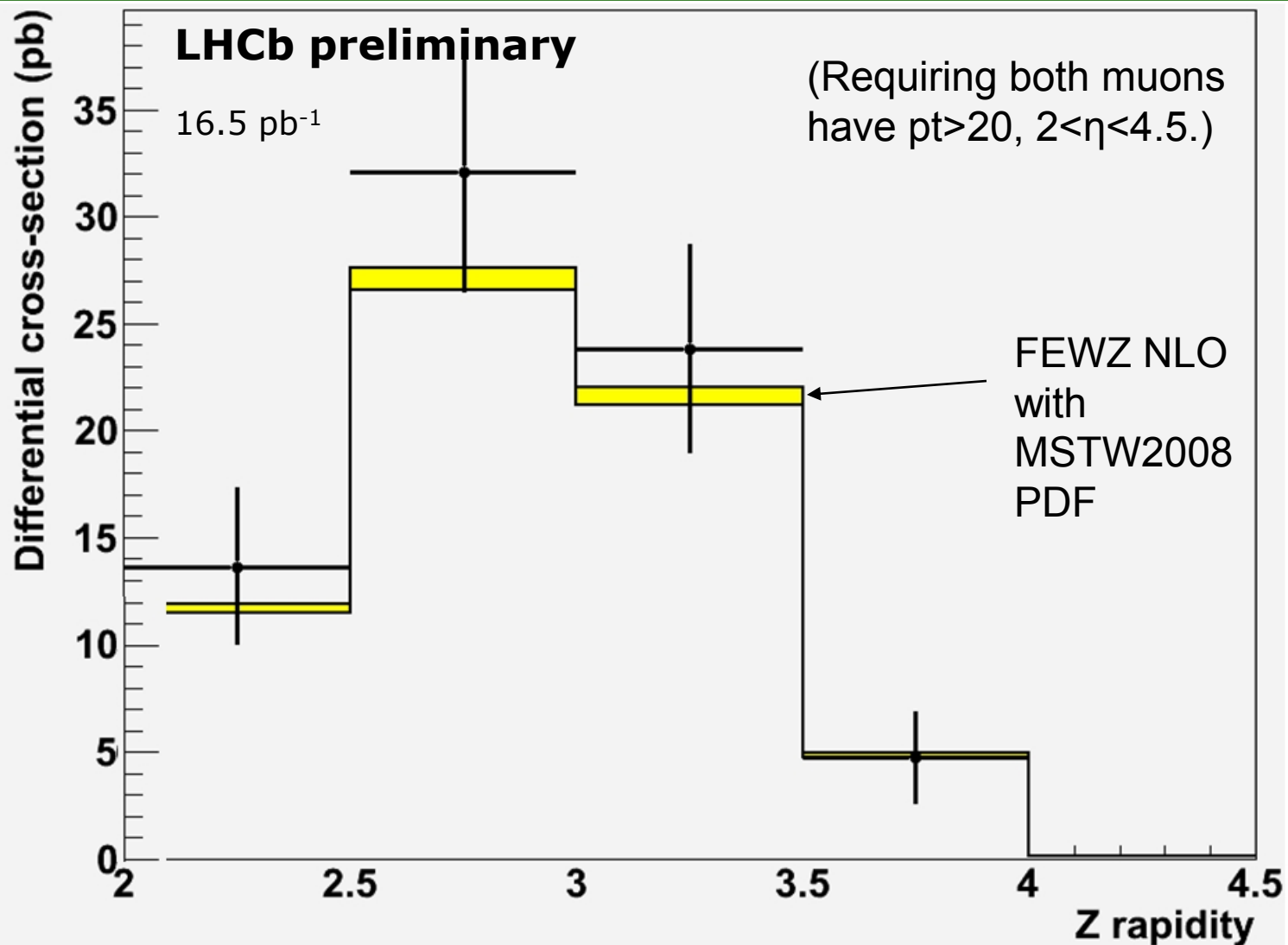
# Z analysis

$$\sigma_{Z \rightarrow \mu\mu}(\Delta y) = \frac{N_{tot}^Z - N_{bkg}^Z}{\epsilon_Z L}$$

$N_Z^{tot}$	833
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
Heavy flavours	$1 \pm 1$
Misidentified $\pi/K$	$\ll 1$
$N_Z^{bkg}$	$1.2 \pm 1.2$
$\epsilon_Z^{trig}$	$0.86 \pm 0.01$
$\epsilon_Z^{track}$	$0.83 \pm 0.03$
$\epsilon_Z^{muon}$	$0.97 \pm 0.01$
$\epsilon_{sel}^Z$	1.
$A^Z$	1.
$\epsilon_Z$	$0.69 \pm 0.03$
L	$16.5 \pm 1.7 pb^{-1}$
$\sigma_Z(2. < \eta_1, \eta_2 < 4.5, 81 < m_Z < 101)$	$73 \pm 4 \pm 7 pb.$

↑ Phase space for measurement ↑

# Differential distribution ( $Z$ )



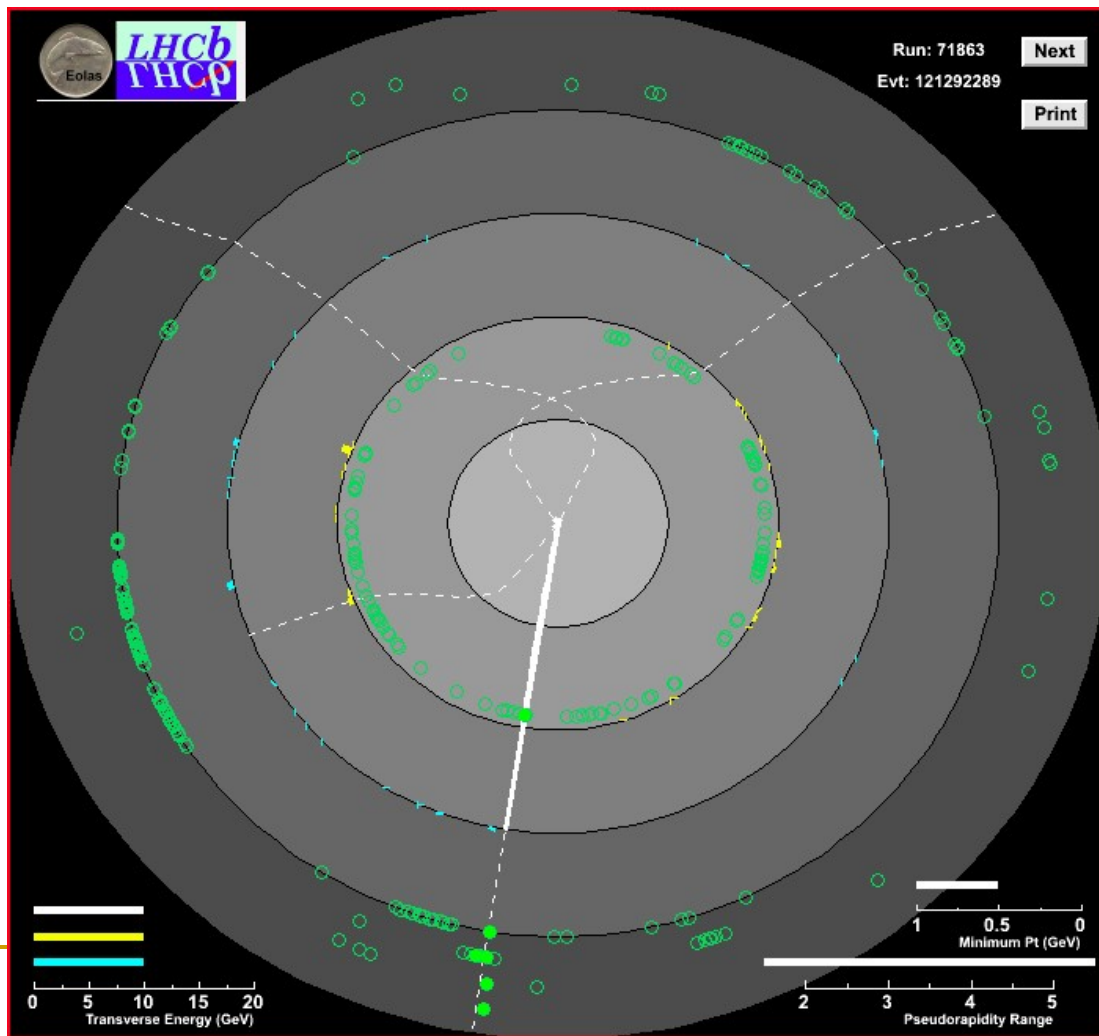
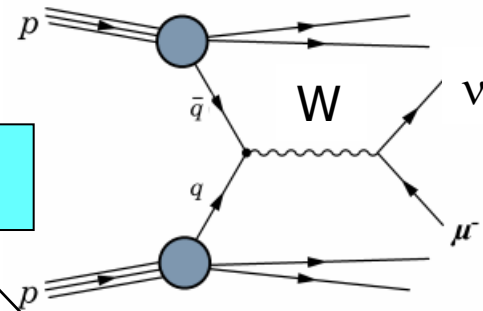


# W Cross-section Measurement at LHCb

$$\sigma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu : 2 < \eta_{\mu} < 4.5, P_{T\mu} > 20 \text{ GeV} )$$

W One high transverse momentum muon with little else. Background much larger than for Z

Require muon  $p_t > 20\text{GeV}$  + little activity in 'rest of event'

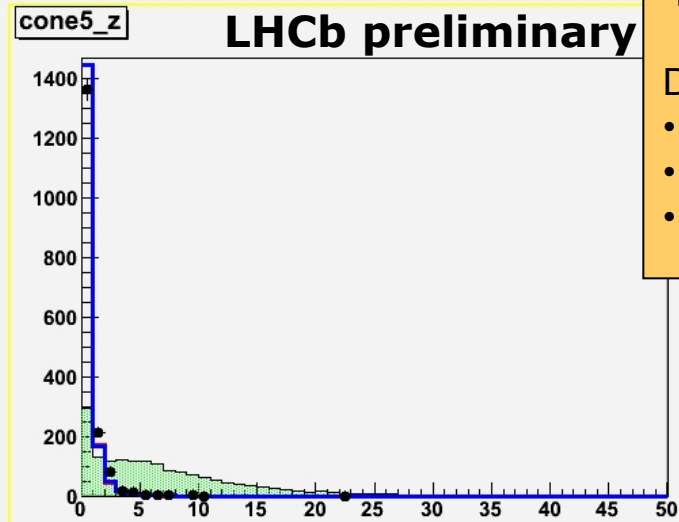
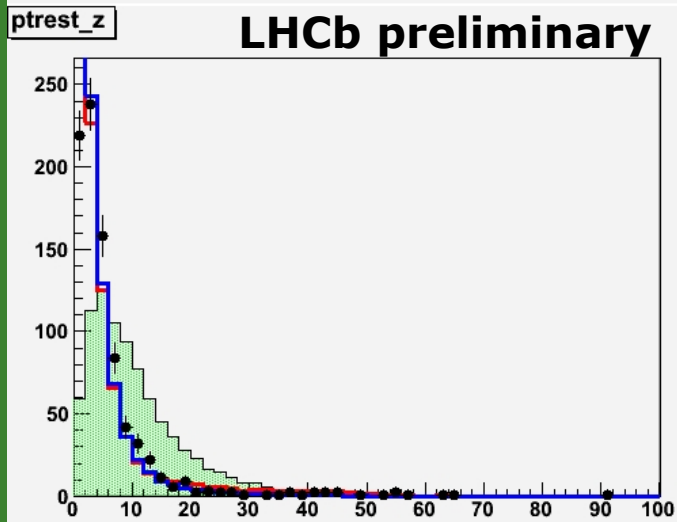
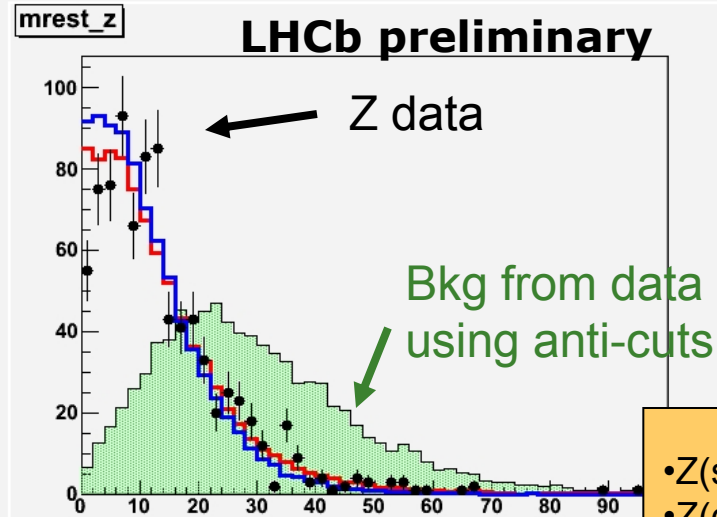
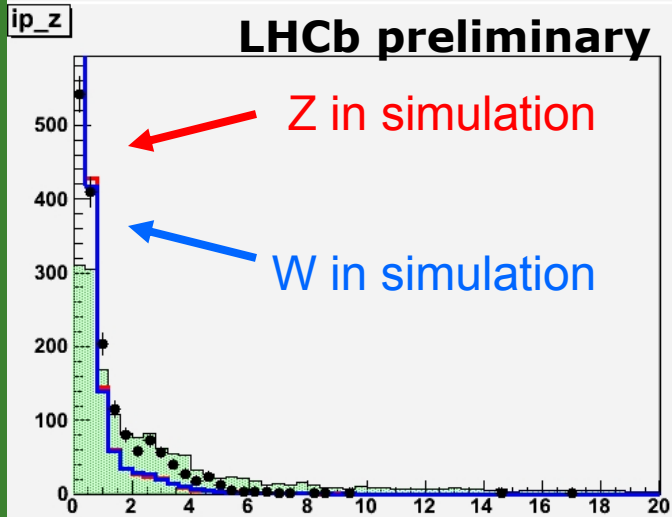


Can be found using Z events **in data**

# Selecting W events

- pt of muon ( $>20\text{GeV}$ )
- ip significance of muon ( $<2$ )
- Mass of *rest of event* ( $<20\text{ GeV}$ )
- Pt of *rest of event* ( $<10\text{ GeV}$ )
- Charged transverse momentum in cone of 0.5 units of  $\sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2+(\Delta\Phi)^2}$  around muon. ( $<2\text{ GeV}$ )

# W analysis

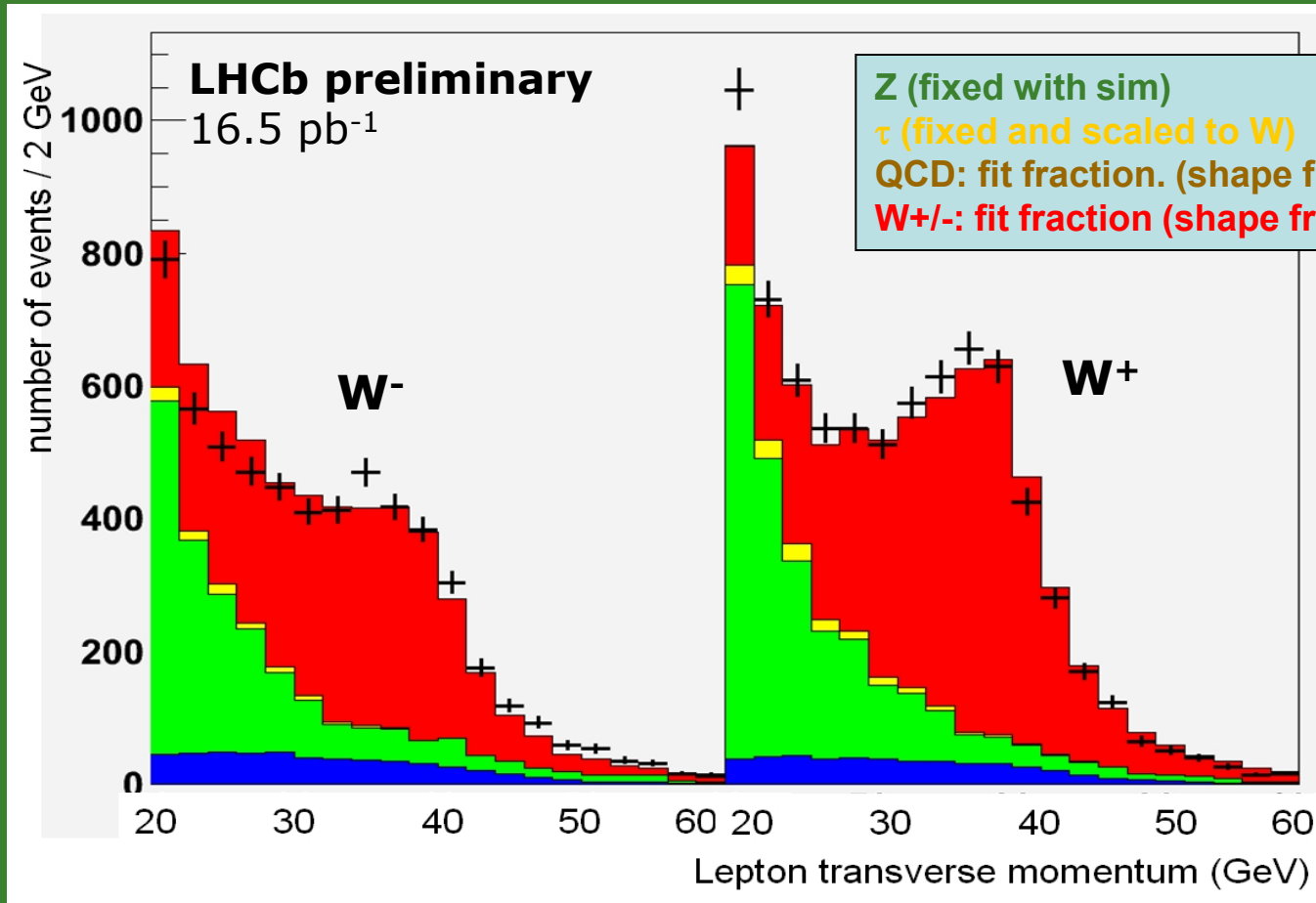


- $Z(\text{sim}) = W(\text{sim})$
- $Z(\text{data}) \sim Z(\text{sim})$
- $\text{Bkg}(\text{data}) \neq Z(\text{data})$

Data derived:

- cuts;
- efficiency;
- purity.

# W analysis



$$\sigma_{W \rightarrow \mu\nu}(\Delta\eta) = \frac{N_{tot}^W - N_{bkg}^W}{\epsilon_W L} \rightarrow \frac{N_{tot}^W}{L} \left( \frac{p_W}{\epsilon_W} \right)$$

and all found from data.

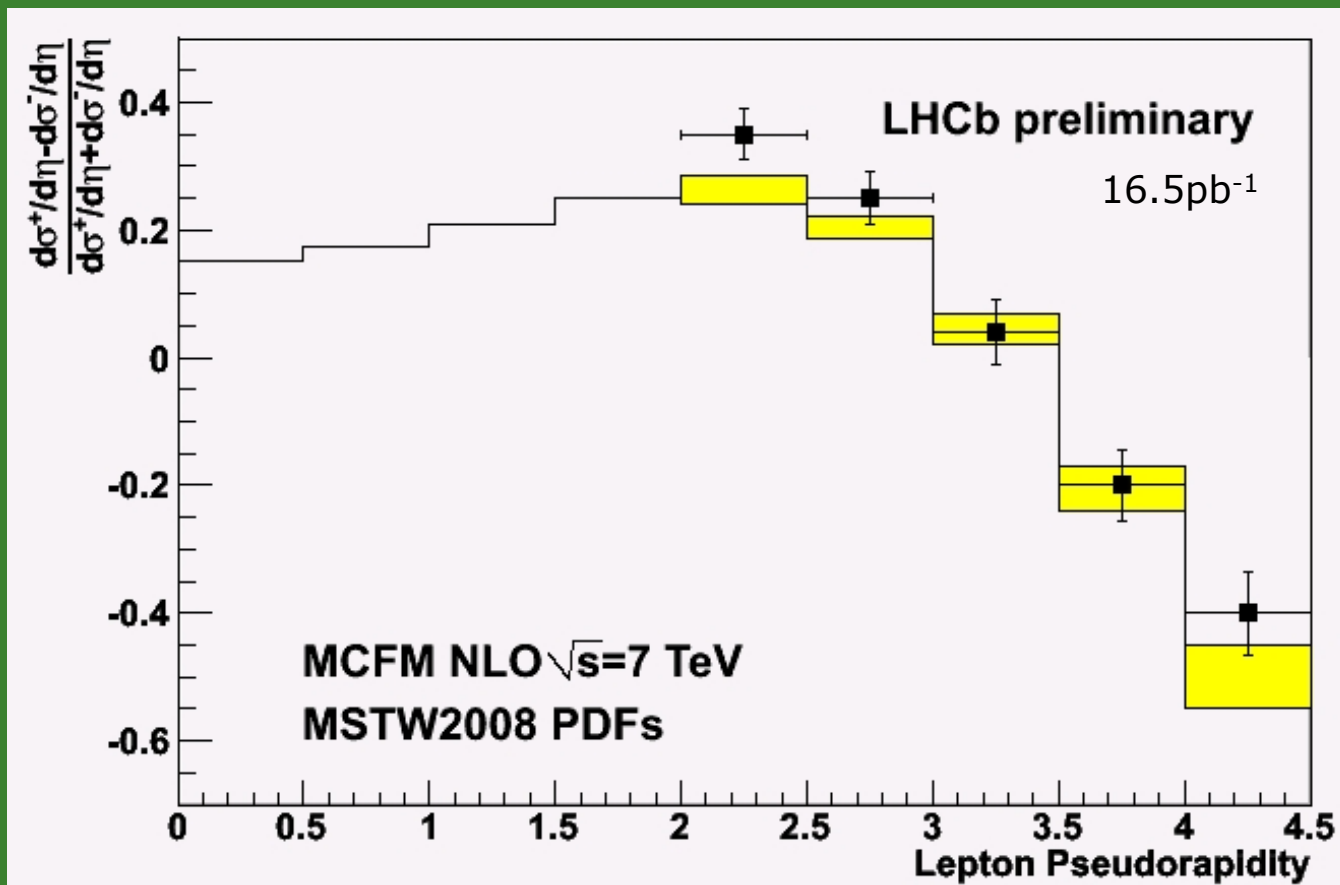
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$$\sigma_{W \rightarrow \mu\nu}(\Delta\eta) = \frac{N_{tot}^W - N_{bkg}^W}{\epsilon_W L}$$

	W+	W-
$N_W^{tot}$	7624	5732
$W \rightarrow \tau\nu$	151	90
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2	2
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$	460	506
QCD	$2194 \pm 150$	$1654 \pm 150$
$N_W$	$4817 \pm 165$	$3480 \pm 161$
$\epsilon_{trig}^W$	$0.725 \pm 0.03$	
$\epsilon_{track}^W$	$0.73 \pm 0.03$	$0.78 \pm 0.03$
$\epsilon_{muon}^W$	$0.982 \pm 0.005$	
$\epsilon_{sel}^W$	$0.55 \pm 0.01$	
$A^W$	1	1
$\epsilon_W$	$0.29 \pm 0.01$	$0.31 \pm 0.01$
$N_W^{tot}$	$16610 \pm 800$	$11226 \pm 650$
L	$16.5 \pm 1.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$16.5 \pm 1.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
$\sigma_W(2.0 < y < 4.5)$	$1007 \pm 48 \pm 100 \text{ pb}$	$682 \pm 40 \pm 68 \text{ pb}$

(Measurement as function of lepton rapidity)

# W asymmetry

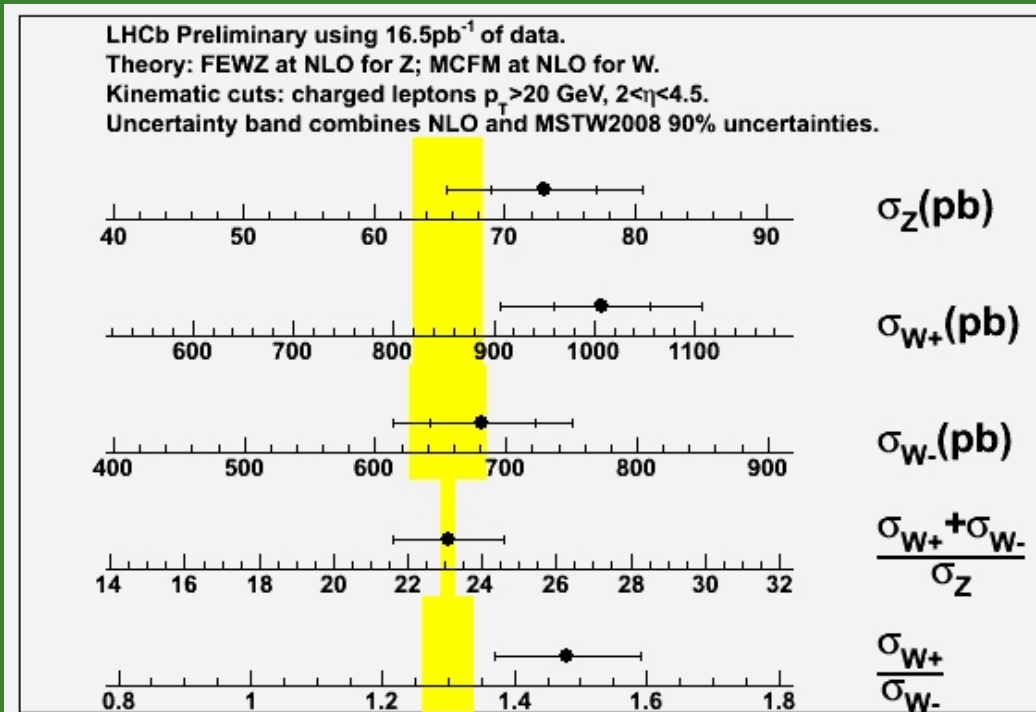


# W,Z Summary

$$\frac{\sigma_{W^+}(2.0 < \eta_\mu < 4.5) + \sigma_{W^-}(2.0 < \eta_\mu < 4.5)}{\sigma_Z(2.0 < y < 4.5)}$$

Generator	Order	PDF Set	Z	W+	W-	(W+ + W-)/Z	W+/W-
FEWZ	NLO	MSTW08NLO CTEQ66NLO NNPDF2.0	$65.7^{+2.9}_{-2.5}$				
MCFM		MSTW08NLO CTEQ66NLO NNPDF2.0	$65.5^{+2.8}_{-2.5}$	$855 \pm 43$	$656 \pm 39$	$23.1 \pm 0.1$	$1.30 \pm 0.05$
FEWZ	NNLO	MSTW08NNLO					
Data			$73 \pm 4 \pm 7.5$	$1007 \pm 48 \pm 101$	$682 \pm 40 \pm 68$	$23.1 \pm 1.5$	$1.48 \pm 0.11$

LHCb preliminary

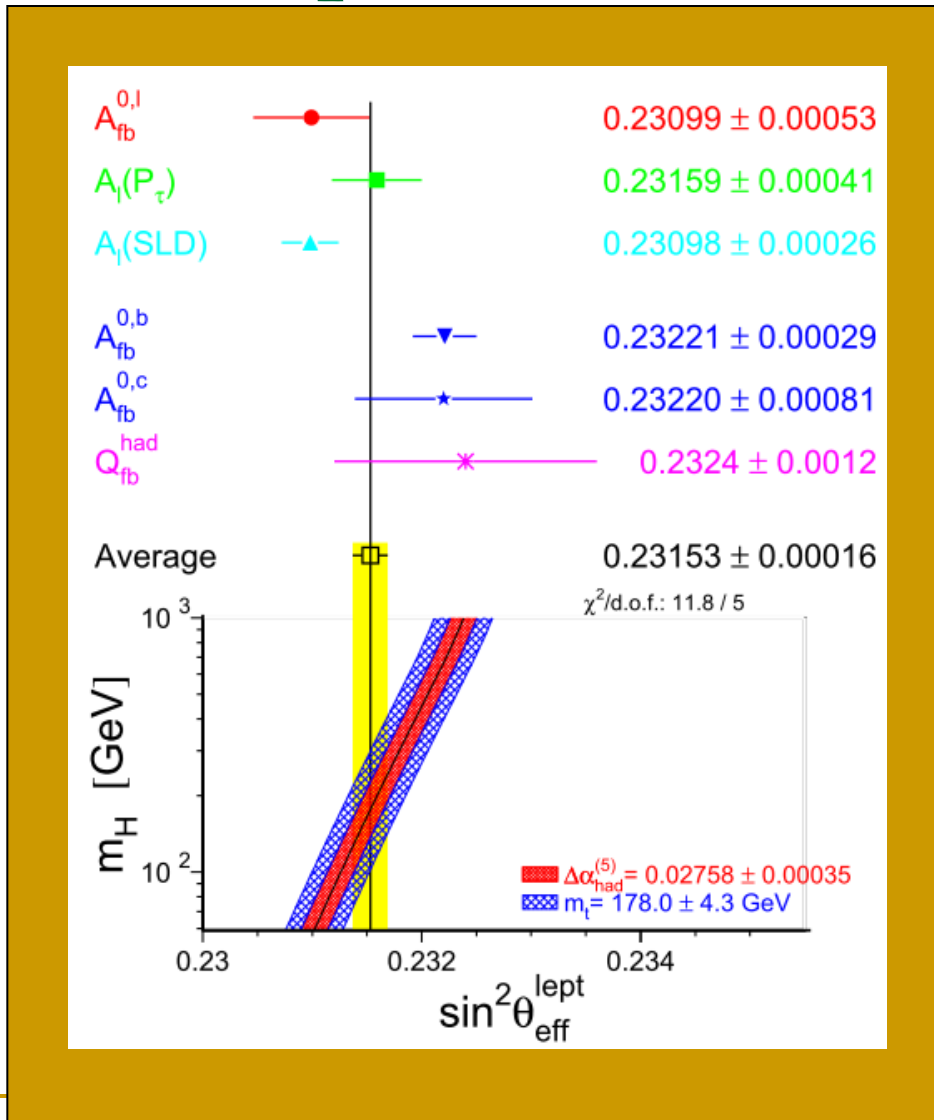




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For the future:  
Intriguing possibility of a precise  
measurement of  $A_{\text{FB}}$

# Current precision on $\sin^2\theta_W$



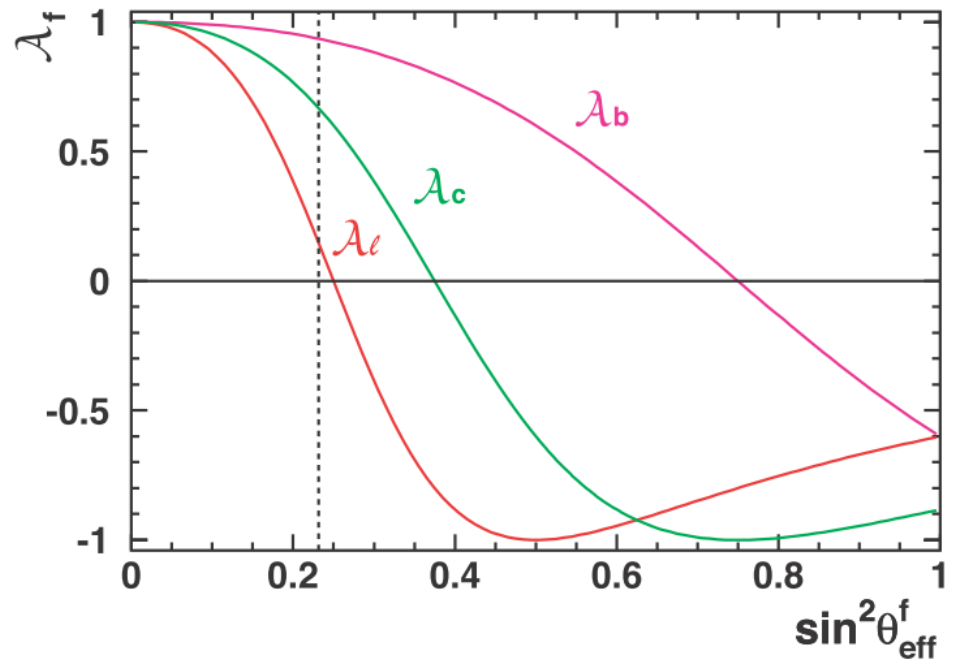
Unsatisfactory that two most precise measurements are  $>3\sigma$  apart, and that W.A. is marginally consistent with either.

$$A_{FB}^{0,f} = \frac{3}{4} A_f (uA_u + dA_d + sA_s) \quad A_f = \frac{2g_{Vf}g_{Af}}{g_{Vf}^2 + g_{Af}^2}$$

$A_{FB}$  sensitive to  $\sin^2\theta_W$

$A_{FB}$  in muon channel at LHC is about 5 times larger than at LEP.

But sensitivity coming more from  $A_l$  rather than  $A_u$  or  $A_d$



# Measuring $A_{FB}$ in $pp \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ?

$$A_{FB}^0 = 3/4 A_{\mu} (u A_u + d A_d + s A_s)$$

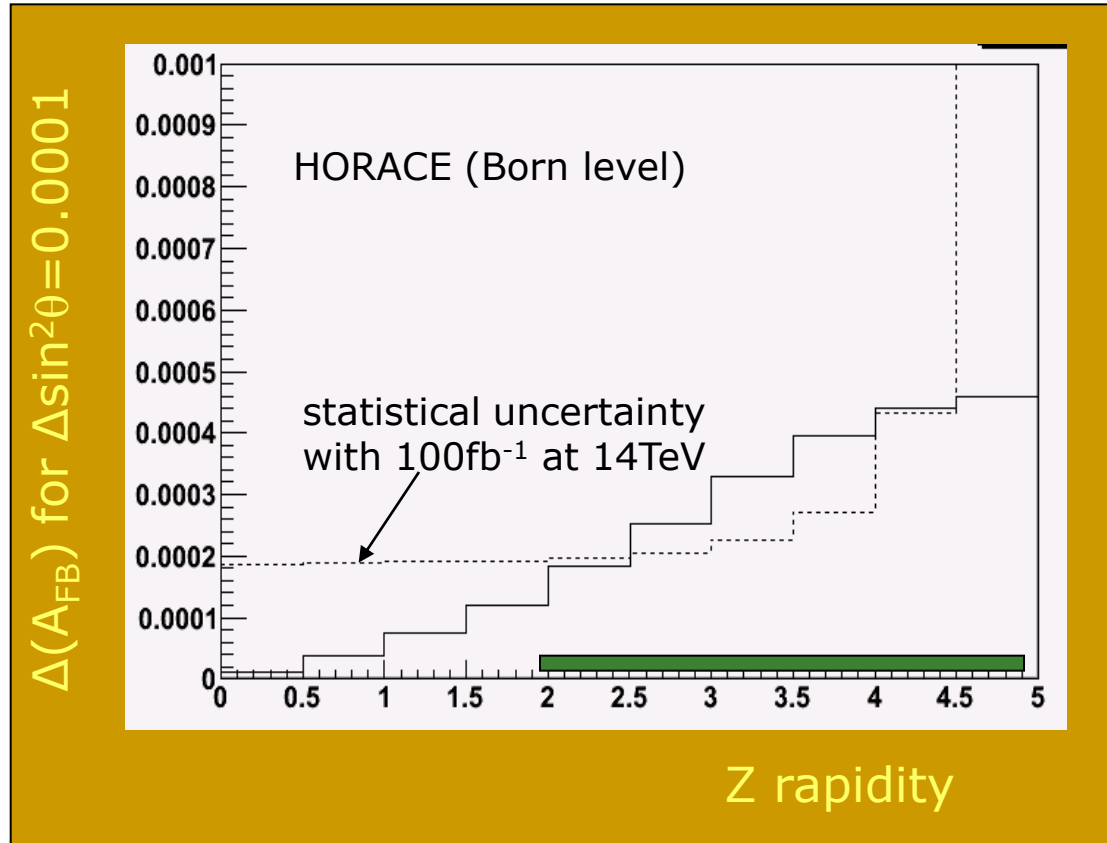
LHC Problems:

1. PDF uncertainties
2. Which is quark direction?

Going forward helps....

*How confident are we:*

- of theory?
- of PDF uncertainties?
- of detector systematics?



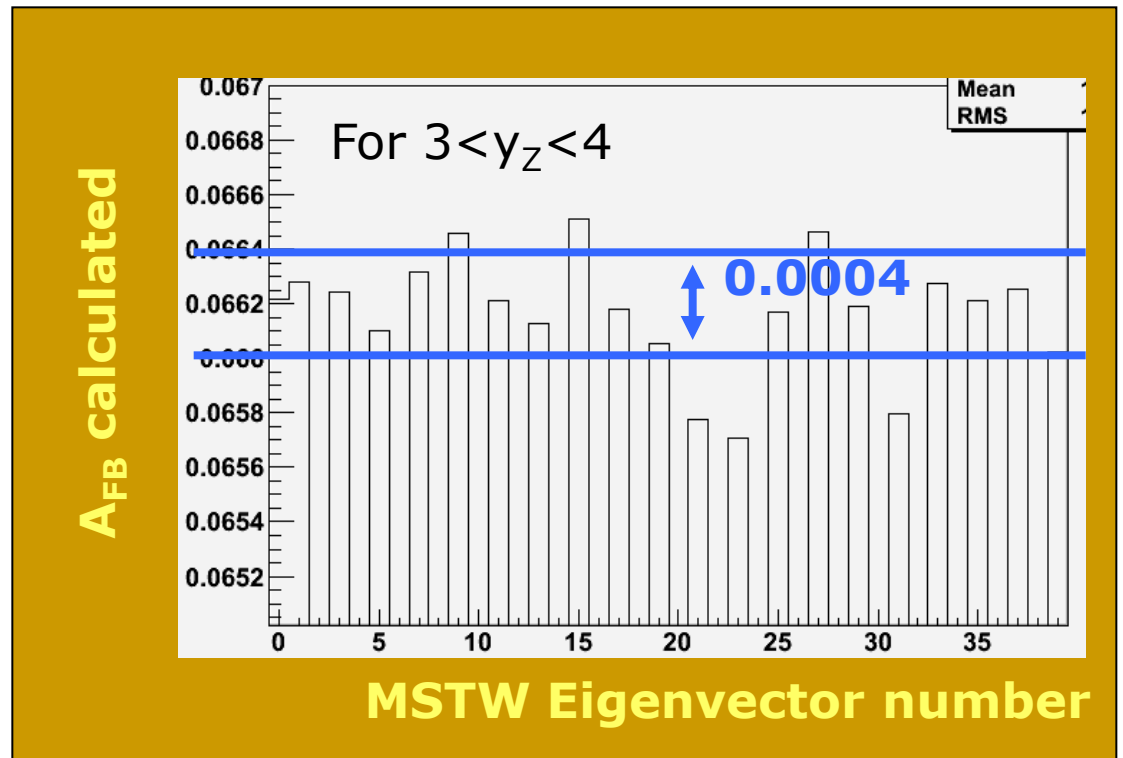
Statistically, a forward detector at high luminosity could measure  $A_{FB}$  with better precision than current WA (0.00016).

With  $50\text{fb}^{-1}$ ,  $A_{FB}$  measured to 0.0004,  $\sin^2\theta_W$  measured to 0.0001

# Uncertainty due to PDF

Uncertainty from PDF  
(from one PDF set)  
about the same as  
statistical uncertainty.

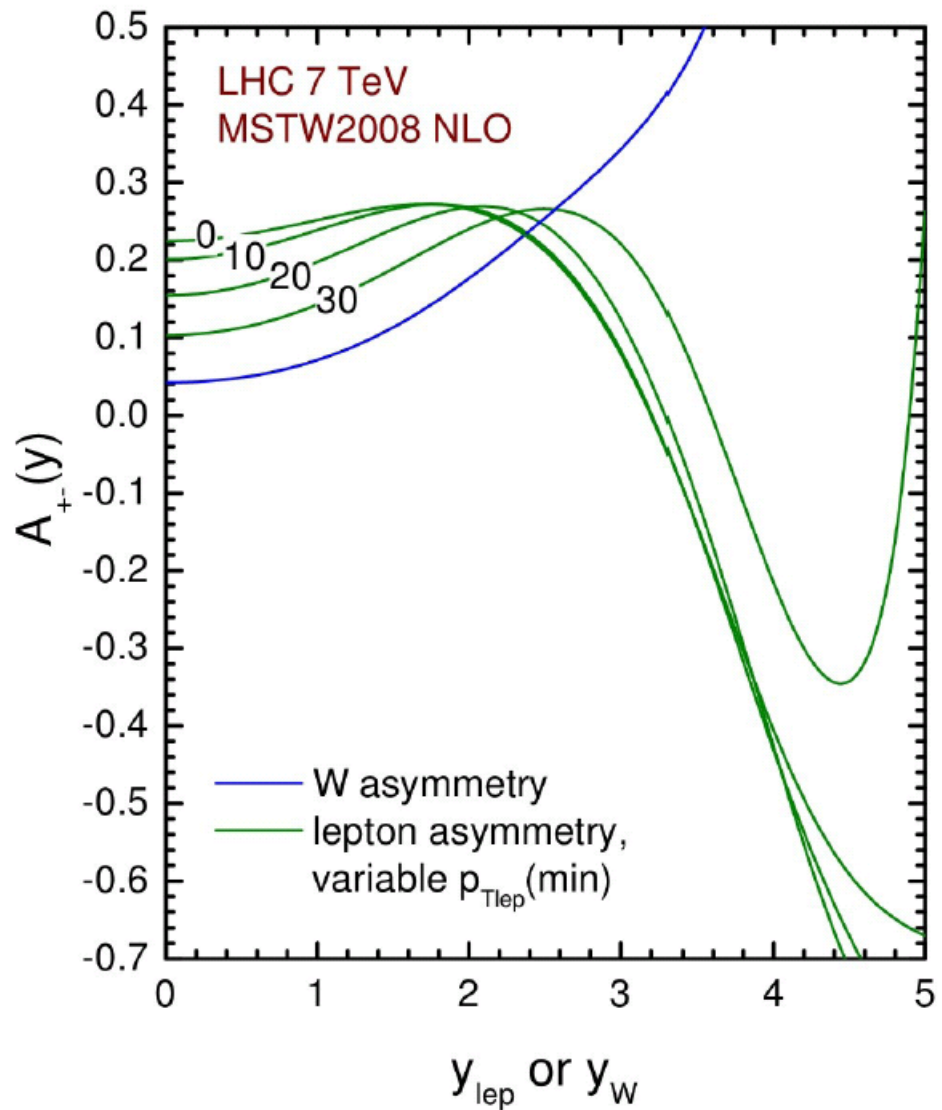
With time, this should  
improve ( $\sim 50\%$ ?)



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# Summary

- W and Z cross-sections limited by luminosity uncertainty.
- Ratios limited by knowledge of background in W sample
  
- For the future: PDFs have an impact on theoretical prediction for  $A_{FB}$



from J.Stirling

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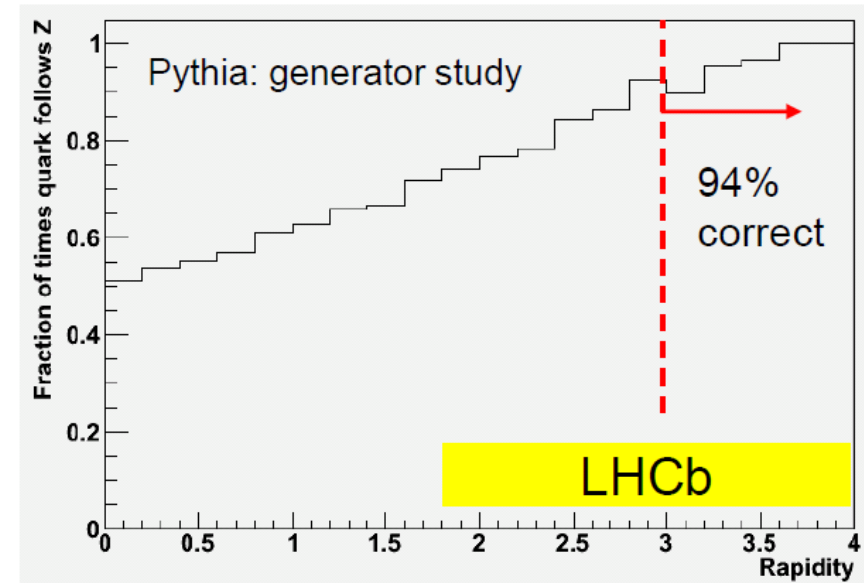
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Uncertainties from :

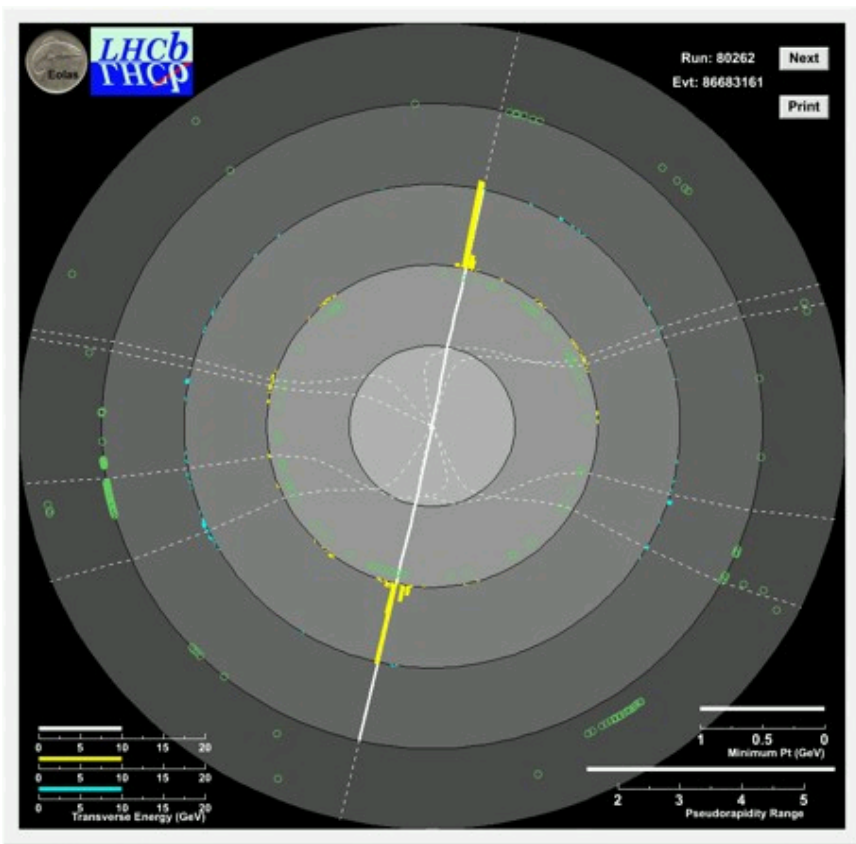
Forward (quark) direction  
PDF knowledge of sea

LHCb:

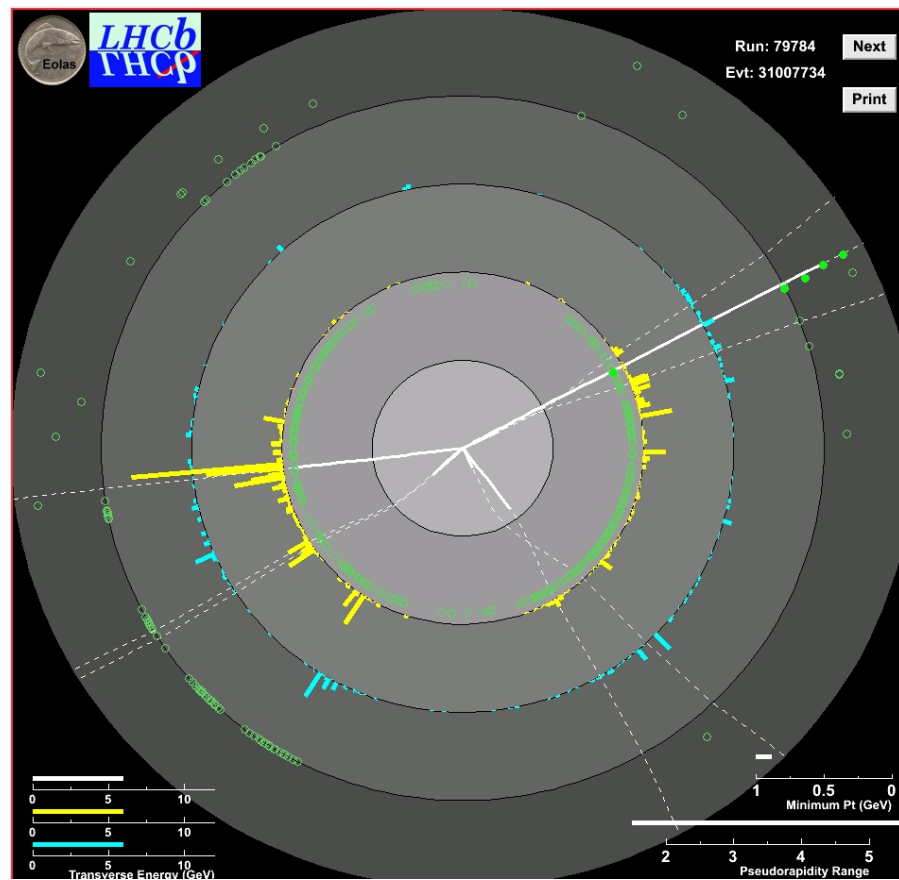
predominately valence - sea  
collisions  
ss contribution reduced







Z->ee



Z->tautau