

# Overview of $m_W$ measurements: past, present and future

## Outline

- Recently published legacy measurement from CDF (at TeVatron)  
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- A quick chronological overview and perspective : from UA2 to FCCee
- What is likely to happen in the near future at the LHC?

# Recent very precise CDF $m_W$ measurement

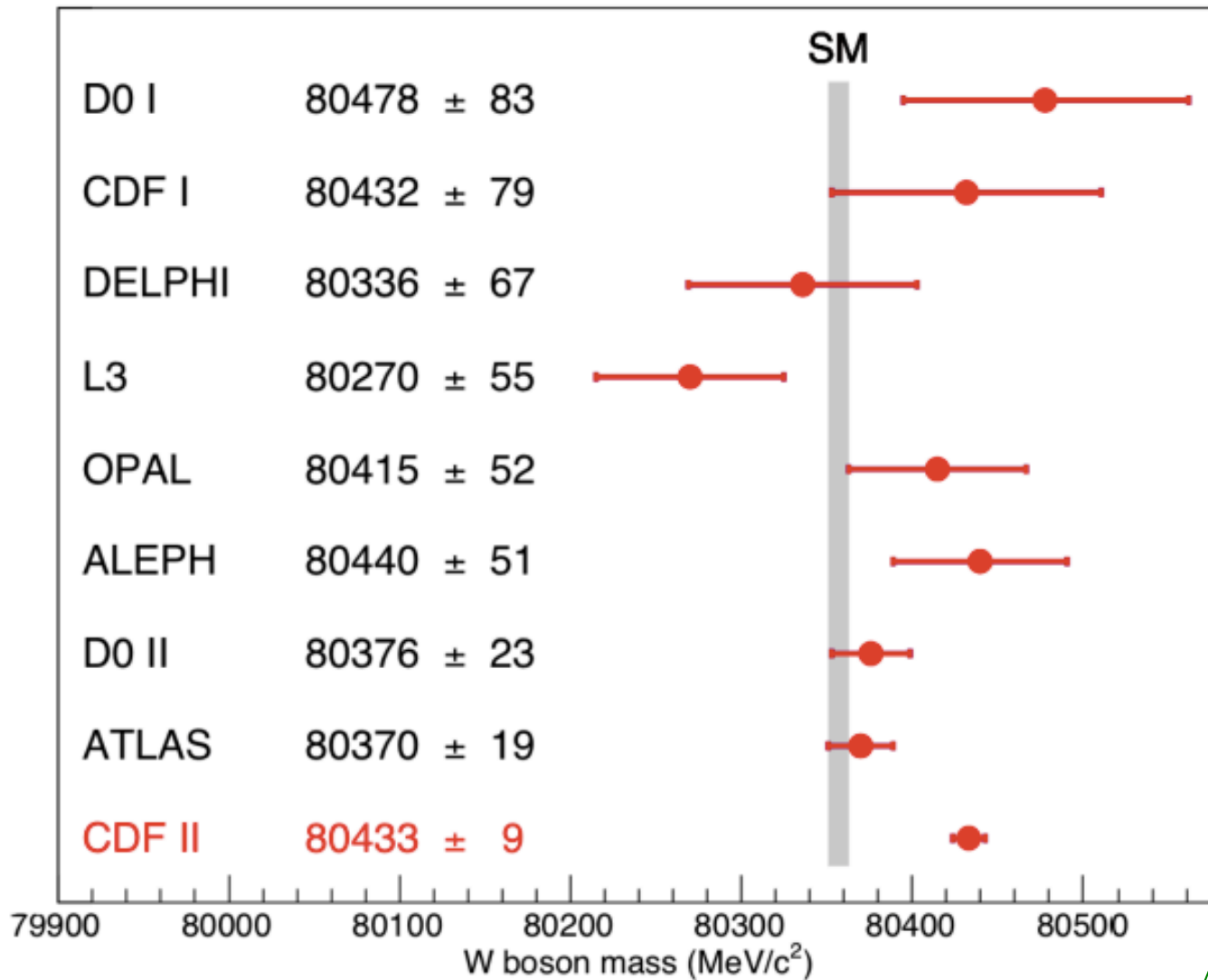


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## Combinations of Fit Results

Combination	$m_T$ fit		$p_T^\ell$ fit		$p_T^\nu$ fit		Value (MeV)	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	Probability (%)
	Electrons	Muons	Electrons	Muons	Electrons	Muons			
$m_T$	✓	✓					80 439.0 ± 9.8	1.2 / 1	28
$p_T^\ell$			✓	✓			80 421.2 ± 11.9	0.9 / 1	36
$p_T^\nu$					✓	✓	80 427.7 ± 13.8	0.0 / 1	91
$m_T$ & $p_T^\ell$	✓	✓	✓	✓			80 435.4 ± 9.5	4.8 / 3	19
$m_T$ & $p_T^\nu$	✓	✓			✓	✓	80 437.9 ± 9.7	2.2 / 3	53
$p_T^\ell$ & $p_T^\nu$			✓	✓	✓	✓	80 424.1 ± 10.1	1.1 / 3	78
Electrons	✓		✓		✓		80 424.6 ± 13.2	3.3 / 2	19
Muons		✓		✓		✓	80 437.9 ± 11.0	3.6 / 2	17
All	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80 433.5 ± 9.4	7.4 / 5	20

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- Combined electrons (3 fits):  $M_W = 80424.6 \pm 13.2$  MeV,  $P(\chi^2) = 19\%$
- Combined muons (3 fits):  $M_W = 80437.9 \pm 11.0$  MeV,  $P(\chi^2) = 17\%$

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- All combined (6 fits):  $M_W = 80433.5 \pm 9.4$  MeV,  $P(\chi^2) = 20\%$

# A few points about legacy CDF $m_W$ measurement

## Summary

- The  $W$  boson mass is a very interesting parameter to measure with increasing precision
- New CDF result is twice as precise as previous measurements:
  - $M_W = 80433.5 \pm 6.4_{\text{stat}} \pm 6.9_{\text{syst}} \text{ MeV}$   
 $= 80433.5 \pm 9.4 \text{ MeV}$
- Difference from SM expectation of  $M_W = 80,357 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}$ 
  - significance of  $7.0\sigma$
  - suggests the possibility of improvements to the SM calculation or of extensions to the SM

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Thank you for your attention !

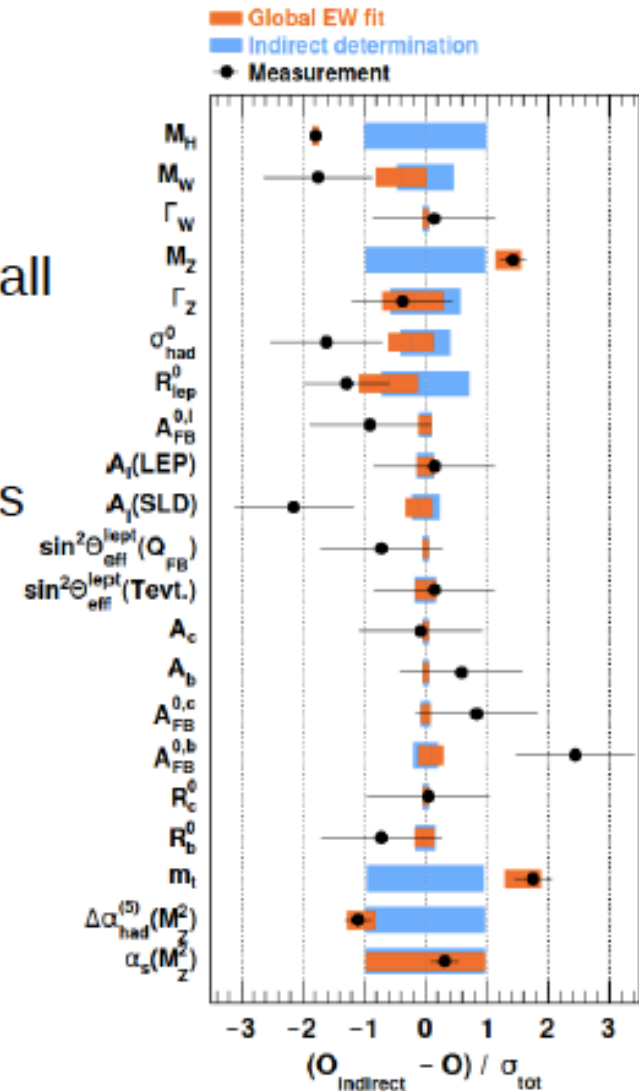
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In the recent past, the global electroweak fit was able to predict the masses of the top quark and Higgs boson before their discovery

- After the measurement of the Higgs mass, all the free parameters of the Standard Model are known
- Relations between electroweak observables can be predicted at 2-loop level

Precise measurements of the electroweak parameters allow

- Stringent test of the self consistency of the SM
- Looking for hints of physics beyond the SM



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The electroweak gauge sector of the Standard Model is constrained by three precisely measured parameters

$$\alpha = 1/137.035999139(31)$$

$$G_F = 1.1663787(6) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$m_Z = 91.1876(21) \text{ GeV}$$



At tree level, other EW parameters can be expressed as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F (1 - m_W^2/m_Z^2) (1 - \Delta r)} \\ \sin_{\text{eff}}^2 \theta_W = \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}\right) \kappa \\ \Gamma_W = \frac{3G_F m_W^3}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} \rho \end{array} \right.$$

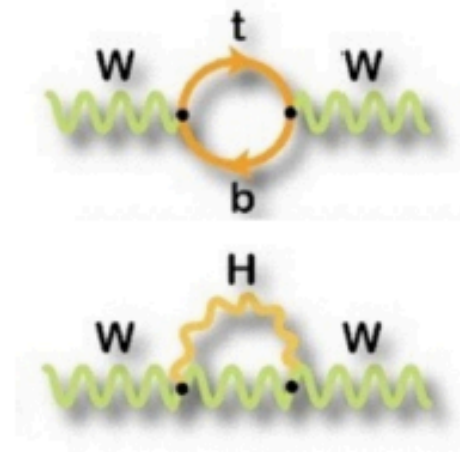
Higher order corrections modify these relations, and determine sensitivity to other particle masses and couplings



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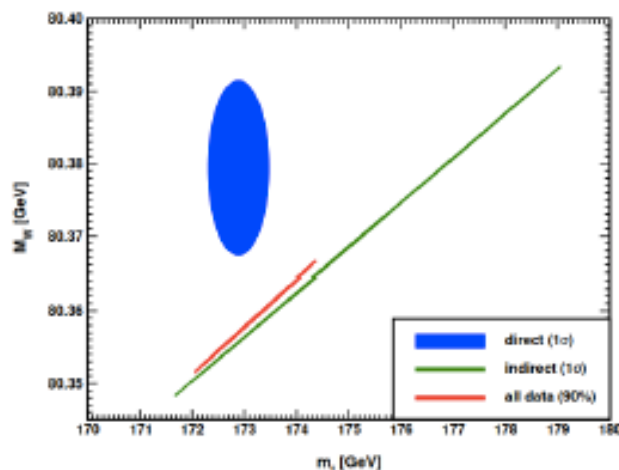
Radiative corrections  $\Delta r$  to  $m_W$  are dominated by top-quark and Higgs loops

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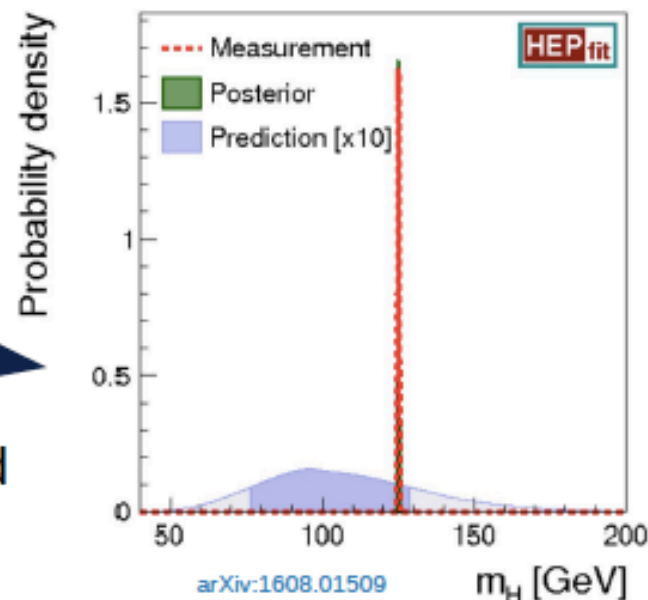


- The relation between  $m_t$ ,  $m_H$  and  $m_W$  provides a stringent test of the SM

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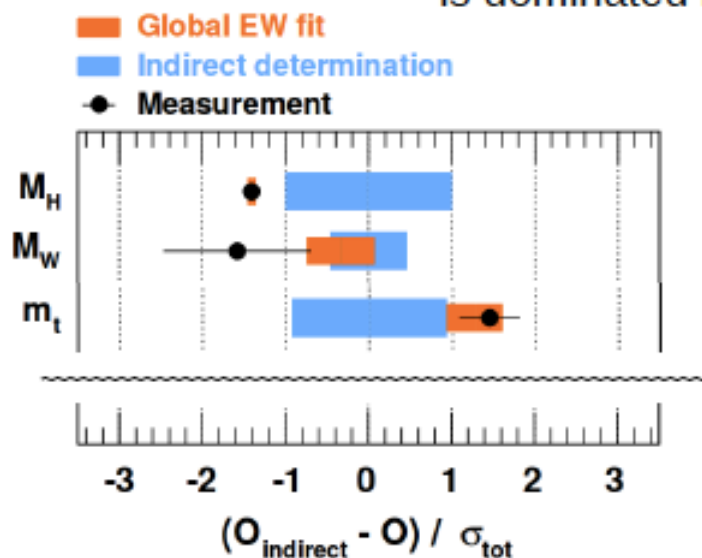
- The comparison between the measured  $m_H$  and the predicted  $m_H$  is sensitive to new physics



arXiv:1608.01509

# Overview of $m_W$ measurements: past, present and future

The global fit of the electroweak observables is dominated by the measurement of  $m_W$



	Measurement	SM Prediction (*)
$m_H$	$125.09 \pm 0.24$	$100.6 \pm 23.6$
$m_t$	$173.1 \pm 0.6$	$176.1 \pm 2.2$
$m_W$	$80.379 \pm 0.012$	$80.360 \pm 0.007$

(\*) arXiv:1710.05402

The measurements of the Higgs and top-quark masses are currently more precise than their indirect determination from the global fit of the electroweak observables



Improving precision will not increase sensitivity to new physics

Indirect determination of  $m_W$  ( $\pm 7$  MeV) is more precise than the experimental measurement

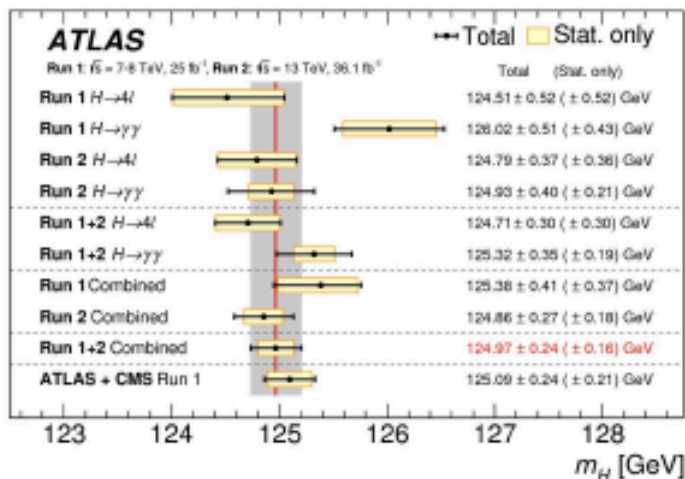
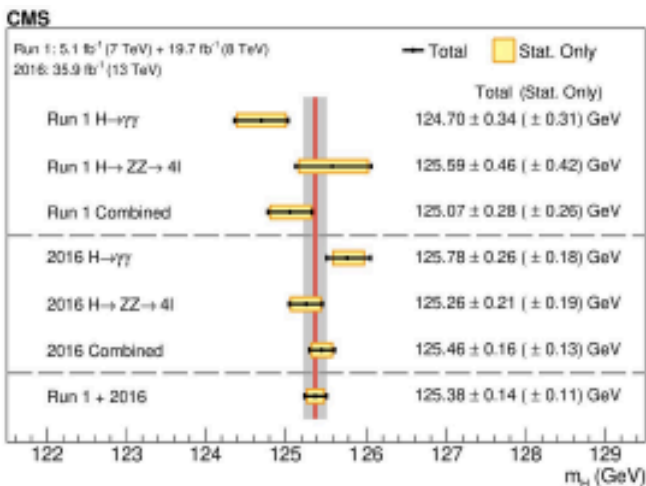


Call for  $\delta m_W^{\text{exp}} \sim 5$  MeV

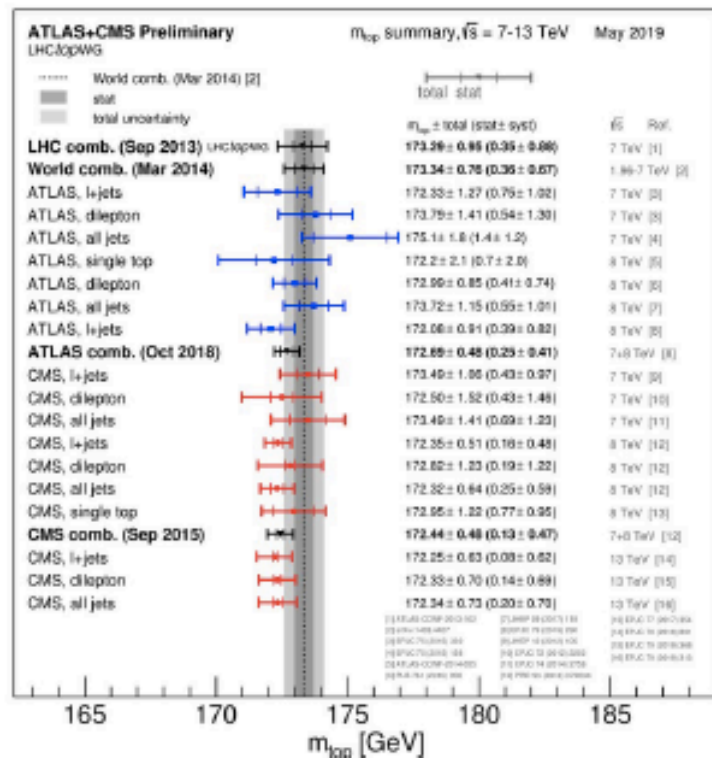
*The W mass is nowadays the crucial measurement to improve the sensitivity of the global EW fits to new physics*



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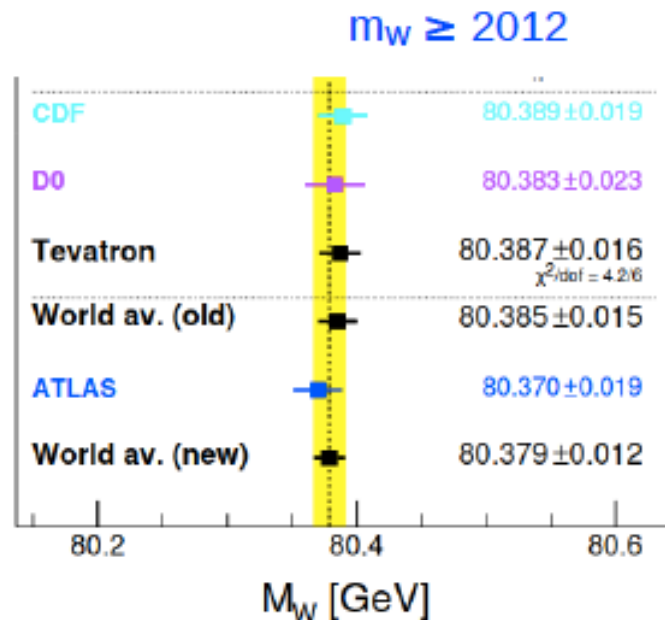


$m_H$  2012 – 2020

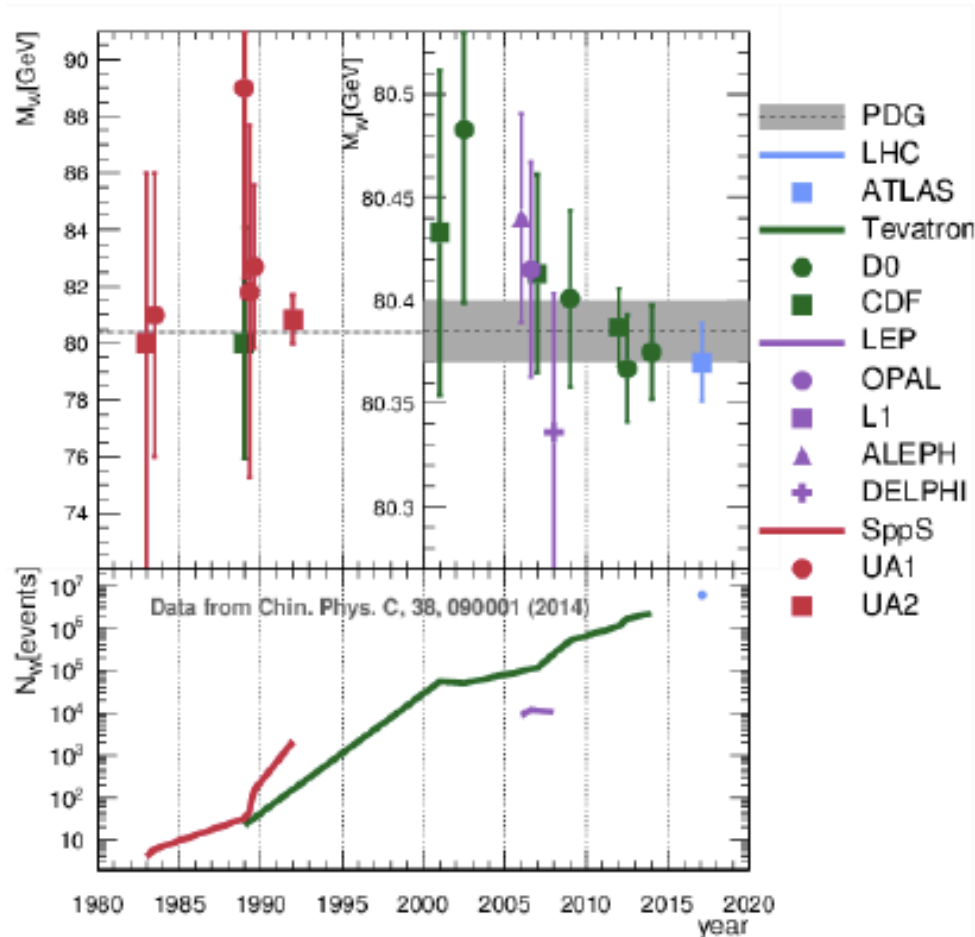


$m_t$  2013 – 2019

Many more  $m_t$  and  $m_H$  measurements in recent years than  $m_W$



# History of W-boson mass measurements



- 1983 CERN SPS – W discovery
- 1983 – UA1  
 $m_W = 81 \pm 5 \text{ GeV}$
- 1992 – UA2 (with  $m_Z$  from LEP)  
 $m_W = 80.35 \pm 0.37 \text{ GeV}$
- 2013 – LEP combined  
 $m_W = 80.376 \pm 0.033 \text{ GeV}$
- 2013 – Tevatron combined  
 $m_W = 80.387 \pm 0.016 \text{ GeV}$
- 2017 – LHC (ATLAS)  
 $m_W = 80.370 \pm 0.019 \text{ GeV}$

- Only four W-boson mass measurements in the last 10 years



Complex measurements which require O(5-7) years

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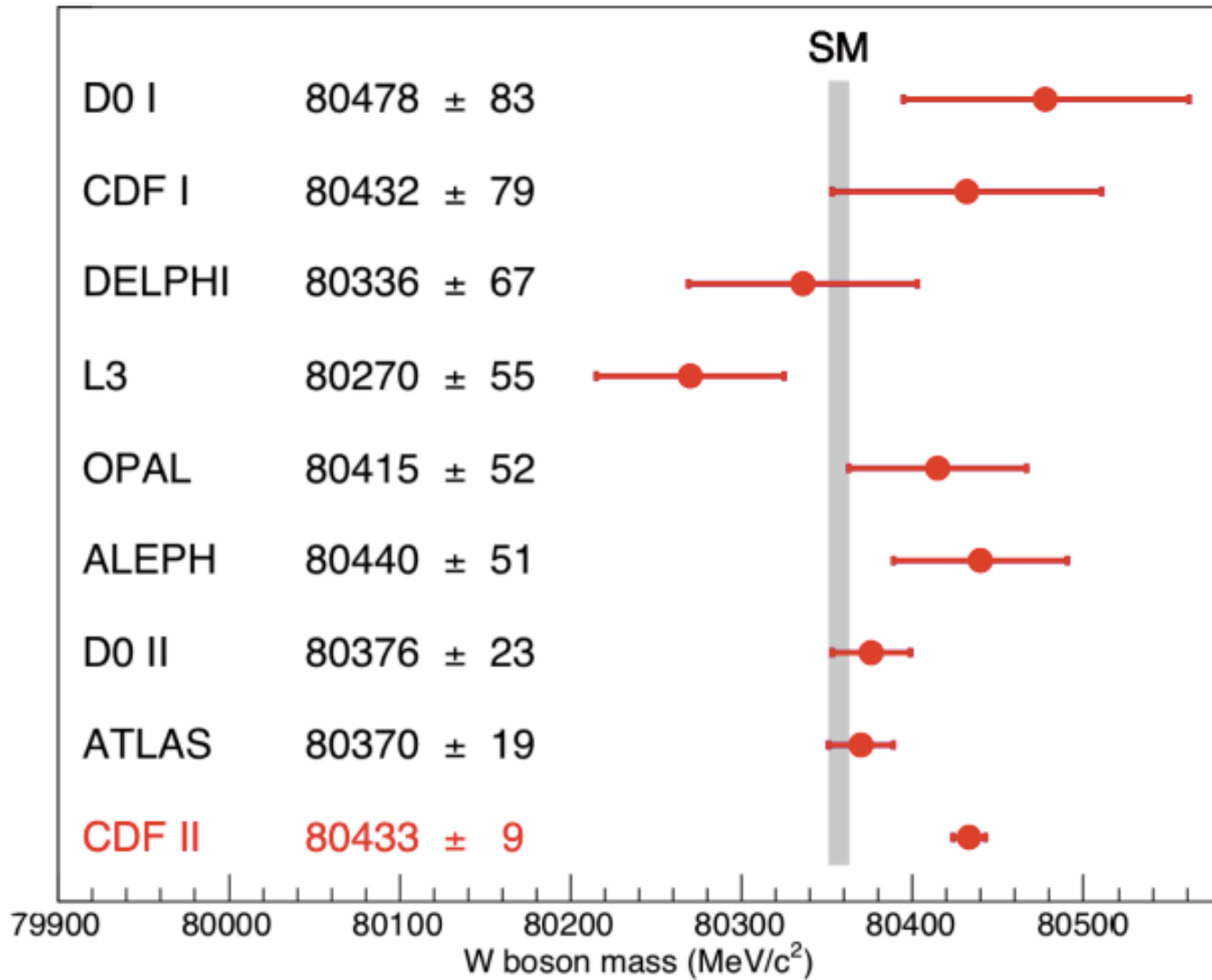


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# Methodology of W-boson mass measurements

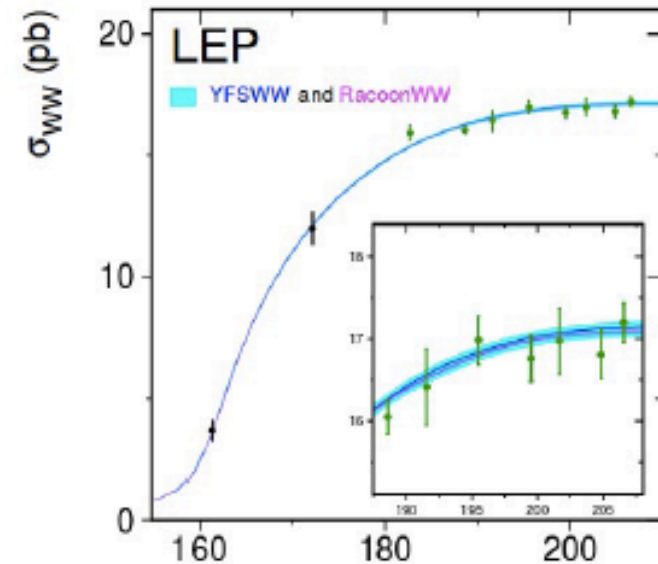
The W-boson mass can be measured from:

- Kinematic properties of decay leptons in the final state in  $pp \rightarrow W \rightarrow lv$  processes (hadron colliders)
- Direct reconstruction from the final state in  $ee \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqqq/qqlv$  ( $e+e-$  colliders)
- W-pair production at thresholds ( $e+e-$  colliders)

SPS, Tevatron,  
LHC

LEP best  
measurements

Limited by stats at LEP,  
but best prospect  
at FCC<sub>ee</sub> where better than  
1 MeV might be reached



# Intermezzo

# Historical perspective: the 80's in UA1/UA2 at the SppS

From the beginning, with the observation of two-jet dominance  
and of 4  $W \rightarrow e\nu$  and 8  $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$  decays

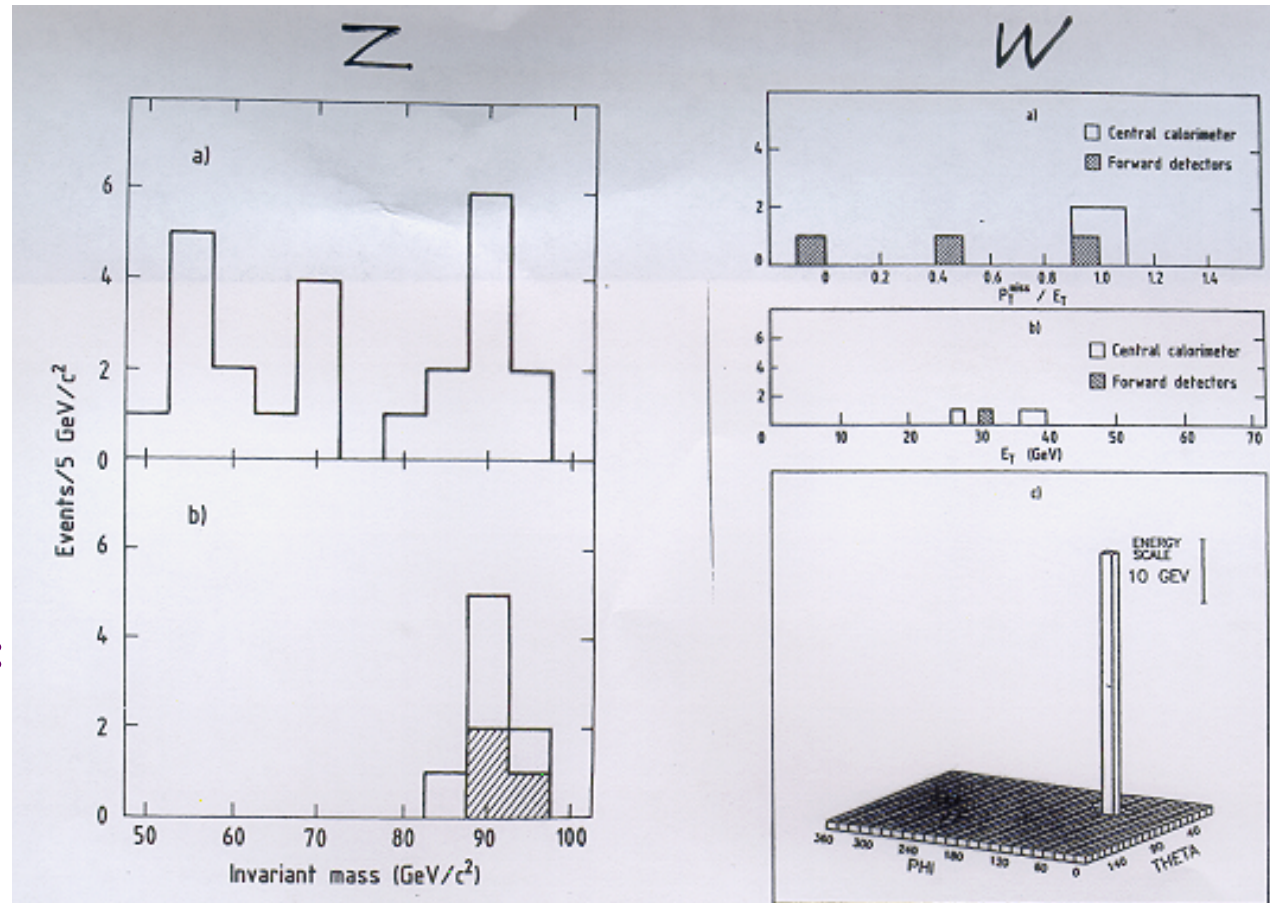
$$\sqrt{s} = 546 \text{ GeV}, L \sim 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

UA2 was perceived  
as large at the time:

- ♥ 10-12 institutes
- ♥ from 50 to 100 authors
- ♥ cost  $\sim 10$  MCHF
- ♥ duration 1980 to 1990

Physics analysis was  
organised in two groups:

1. Electrons  $\rightarrow$  electroweak
2. Jets  $\rightarrow$  QCD

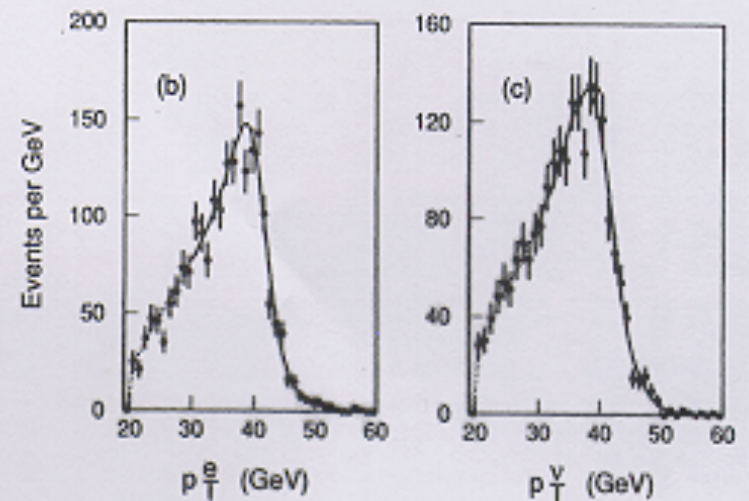
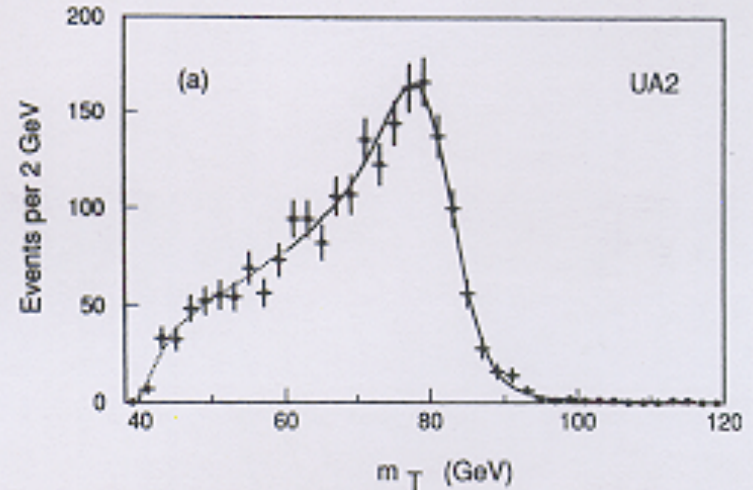
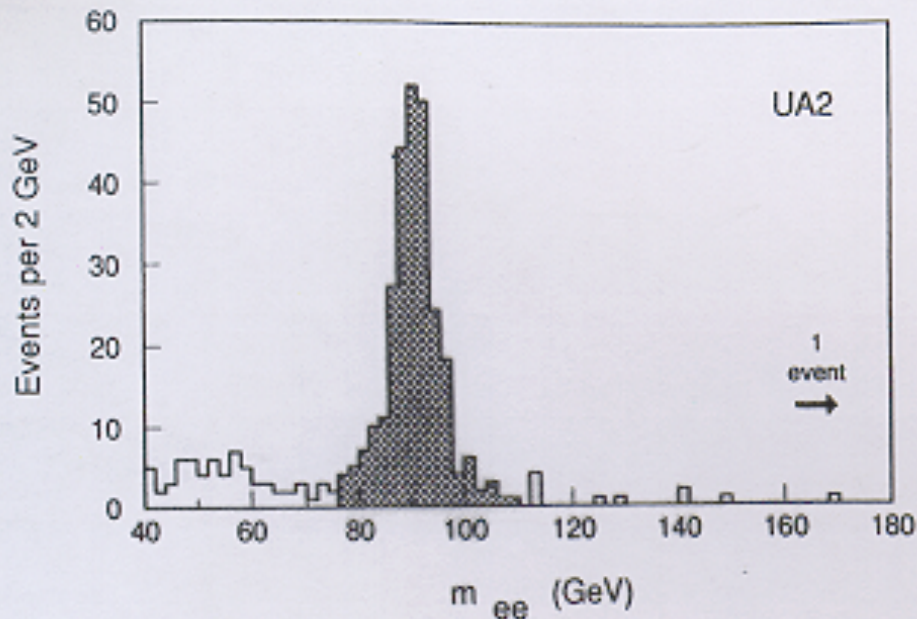


*first events 1982/3*

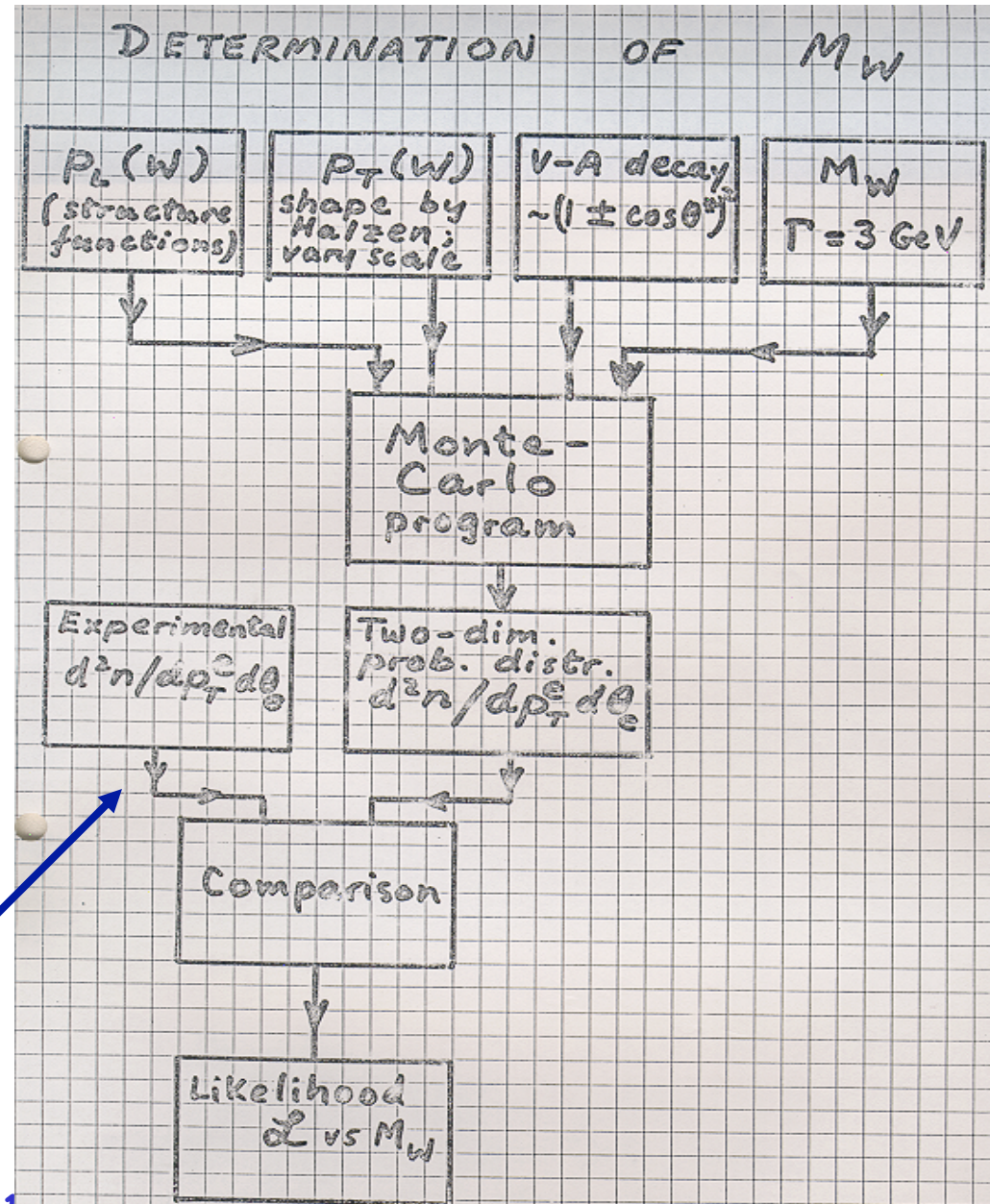
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To the end, with first accurate measurements of the  $W/Z$  masses and the search for the top quark and for supersymmetry

*final results  
1992*



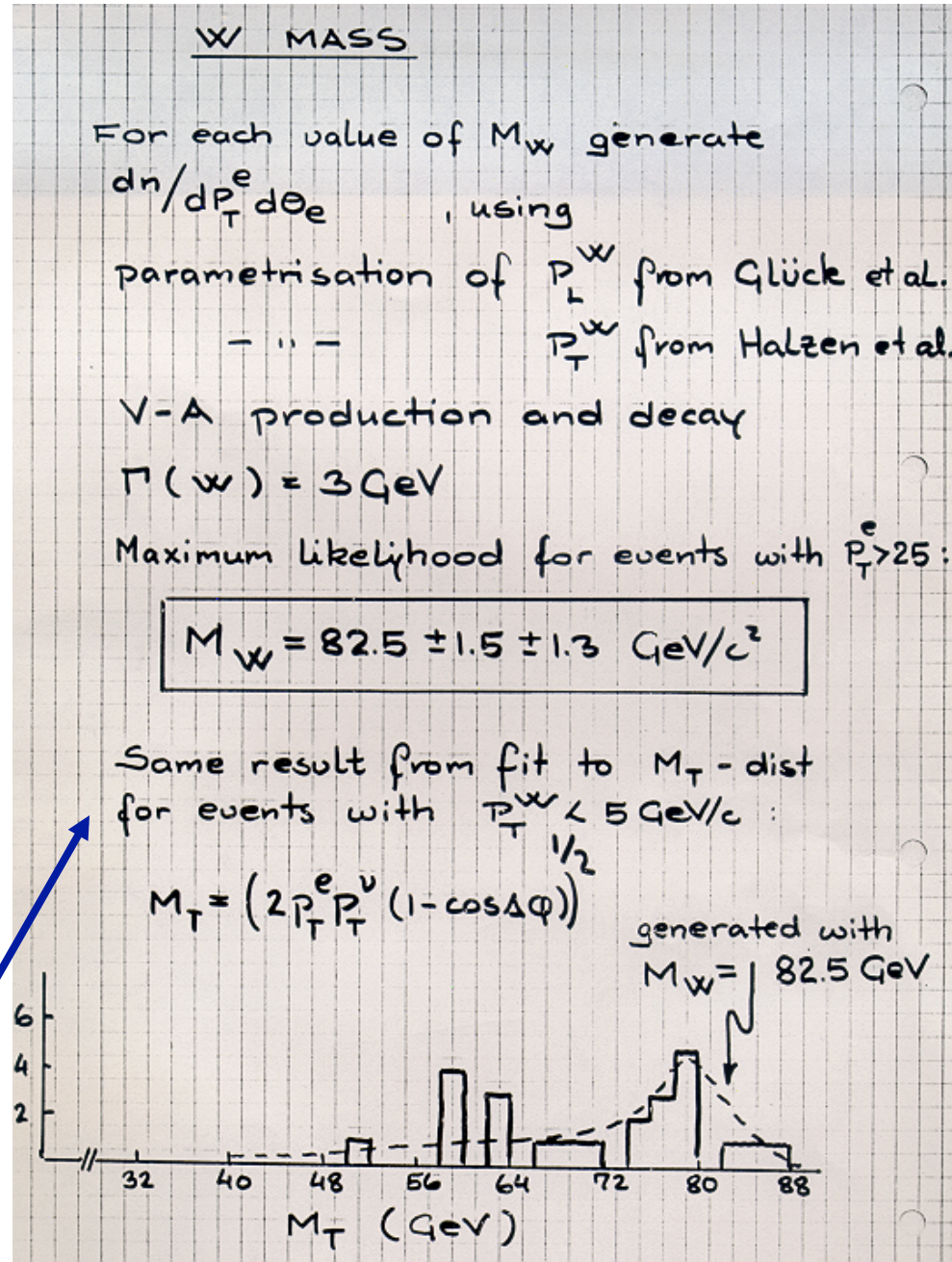
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Software design in UA2



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Analysis support note in UA2

# Historical perspective: the 80's in UA1/UA2 at the SppS

## First ever EW fits in UA2 before LEP turned on

From these events we measure the mass of the  $Z^0$  boson to be :

$$M_Z = 91.9 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \quad (2)$$

where the first error accounts for measurement errors and the second for the uncertainty on the overall energy scale.

The rms of this distribution is  $2.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , consistent with the expected  $Z^0$  width<sup>14)</sup> and with our experimental resolution of  $\sim 3\%$ .

Under the hypothesis of Breit-Wigner distribution we can place an upper limit on its full width

$$\Gamma < 11 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \quad (90\% \text{ CL}) \quad (3)$$

corresponding to a maximum of  $\sim 50$  different neutrino types in the universe<sup>15)</sup>

The standard  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  electroweak model makes definite predictions on the  $Z^0$  mass. Taking into account radiative corrections to 0 ( $\alpha$ ) one finds<sup>14)</sup>

$$M_Z = 77 \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\sin 2 \theta_W)^{-1} \text{ GeV}/c^2 \quad (4)$$

where  $\theta_W$  is the renormalised weak mixing angle defined by modified minimal subtraction, and  $\rho$  is a parameter which is unity in the minimal model.

Assuming  $\rho = 1$  we find

$$\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.227 \pm 0.009 \quad (5)$$

However, we can also use the preliminary value of the W mass found in this experiment<sup>16)</sup>

$$M_W = 81.0 \pm 2.5 \pm 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2.$$

Using the formula<sup>14)</sup>

$$M_W = 38.5 (\sin \theta_W)^{-1} \text{ GeV}/c^2 \quad (6)$$

we find  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.226 \pm 0.014$ , and using also Eq. (4) and our experimental value of  $M_Z$  we obtain

$$\rho = 1.004 \pm 0.052 \quad (7)$$

# Historical perspective: the 80's in UA1/UA2 at the SppS

Most important results from 1987-1990 campaign with UA2:

precise measurement of  $m_W/m_Z$

and direct limit on top-quark mass ( $m_{top} < 60 \text{ GeV}$ )

Transverse mass distribution for  
electron-neutrino pairs

$$\frac{m_W}{m_Z} = 0.8813 \pm 0.0036 \pm 0.0019$$

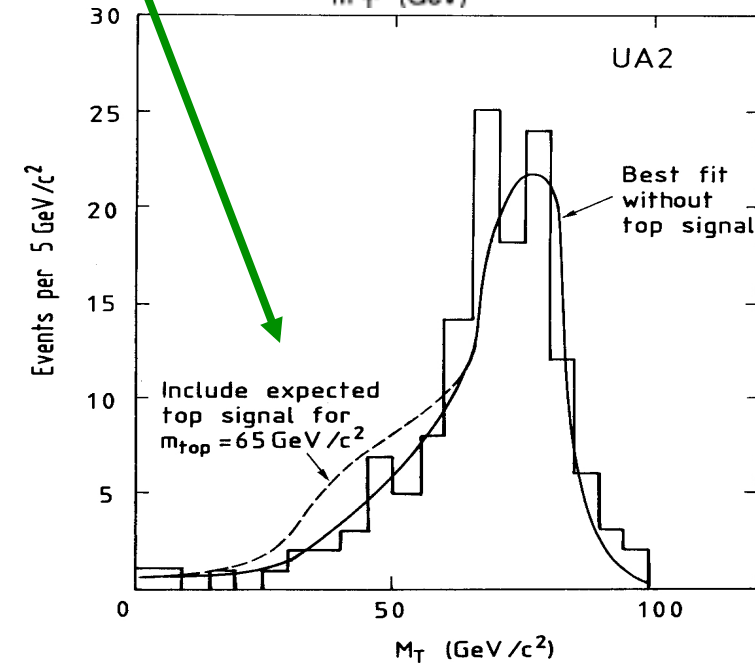
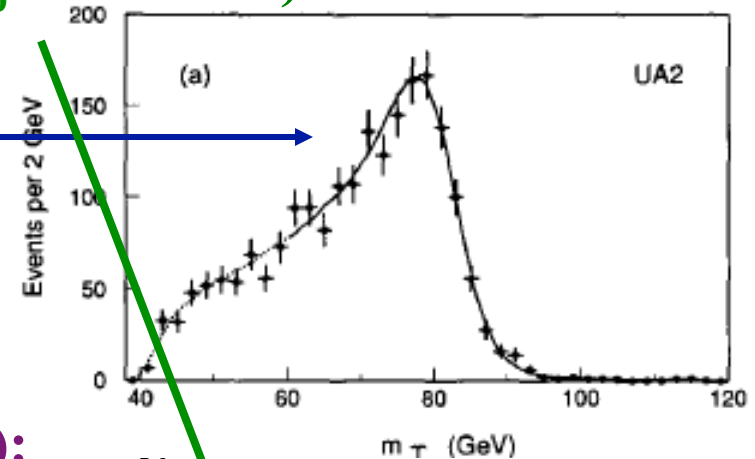
Using the precise measurement of  $m_Z$  (LEP):

$$m_W = 80.35 \pm 0.33 \pm 0.17 \text{ GeV}$$

→ Indirect limits on top-quark  
mass in the context of the  
Standard Model:

$$m_{top} = 160_{-60}^{+50} \text{ GeV}$$

(four years before the discovery  
of the top quark at Fermilab)



**End of intermezzo**

# Discussion of CDF measurement

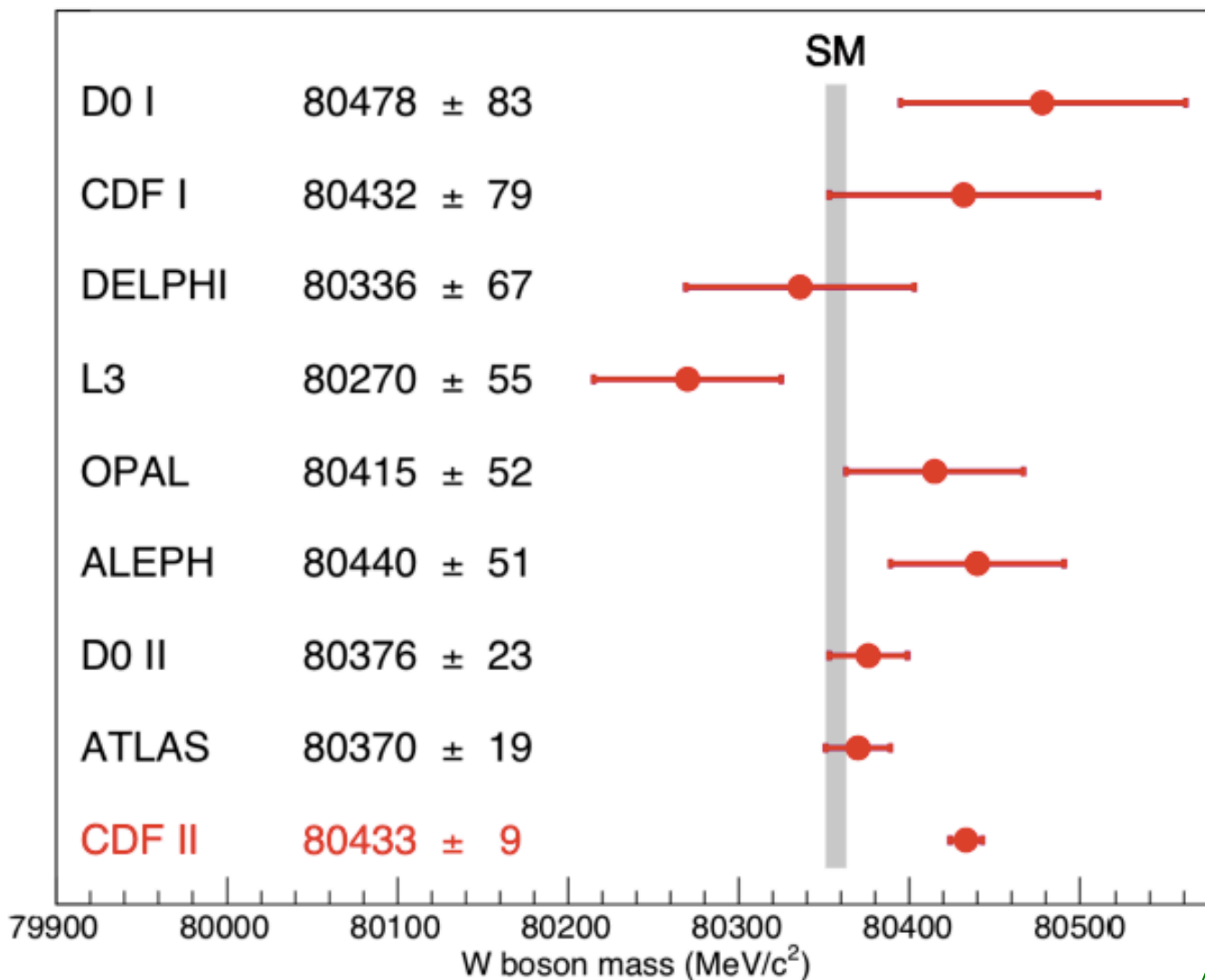


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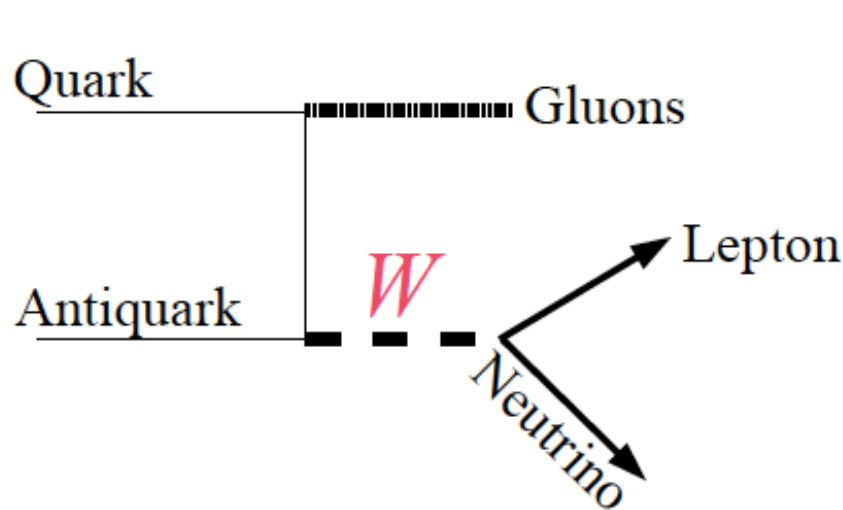
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## W Boson Production at the Tevatron

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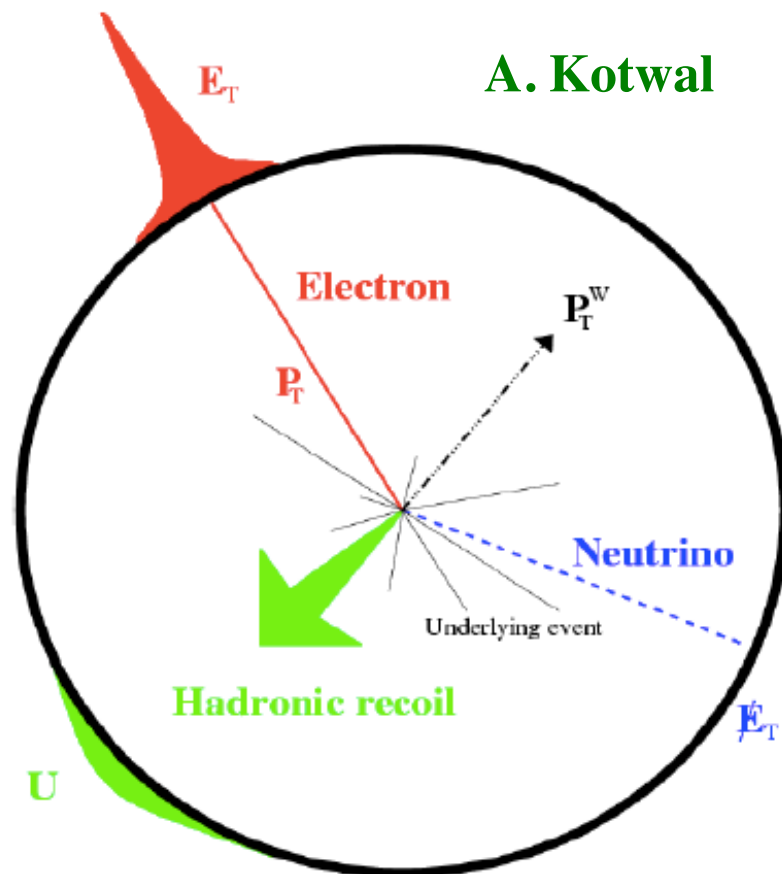


Quark-antiquark annihilation dominates (80%)

Lepton  $p_T$  carries most of  $W$  mass information, can be measured precisely (achieved 0.004%)

Initial state QCD radiation is  $O(10 \text{ GeV})$ , measure as soft 'hadronic recoil' in calorimeter (calibrated to  $\sim 0.2\%$ )

dilutes  $W$  mass information, fortunately  $p_T(W) \ll M_W$



# Discussion of CDF measurement

Information is scant: no ratio plots nor reference to  $m_W$  shift!

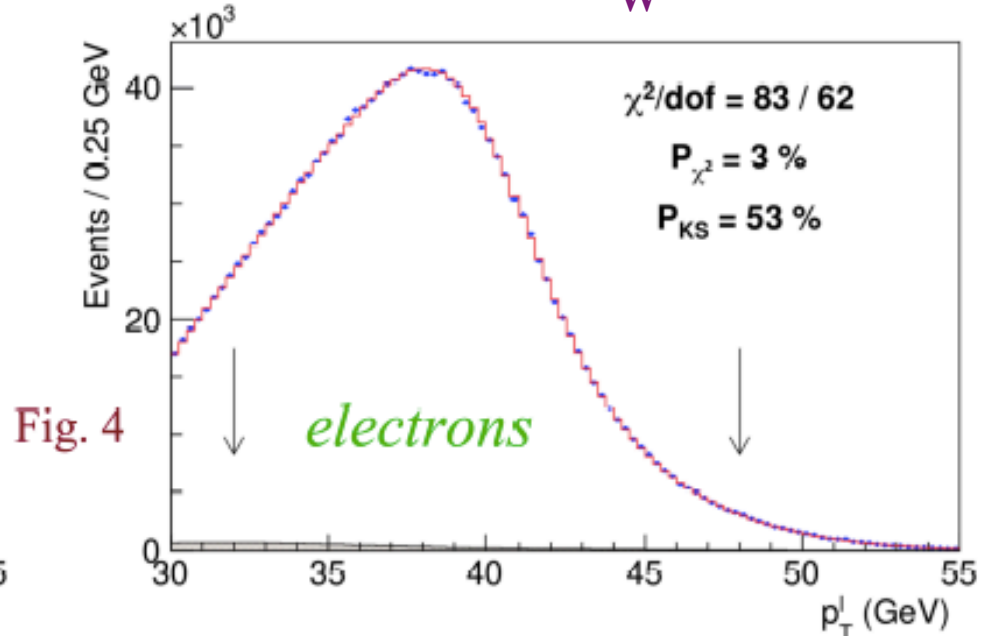
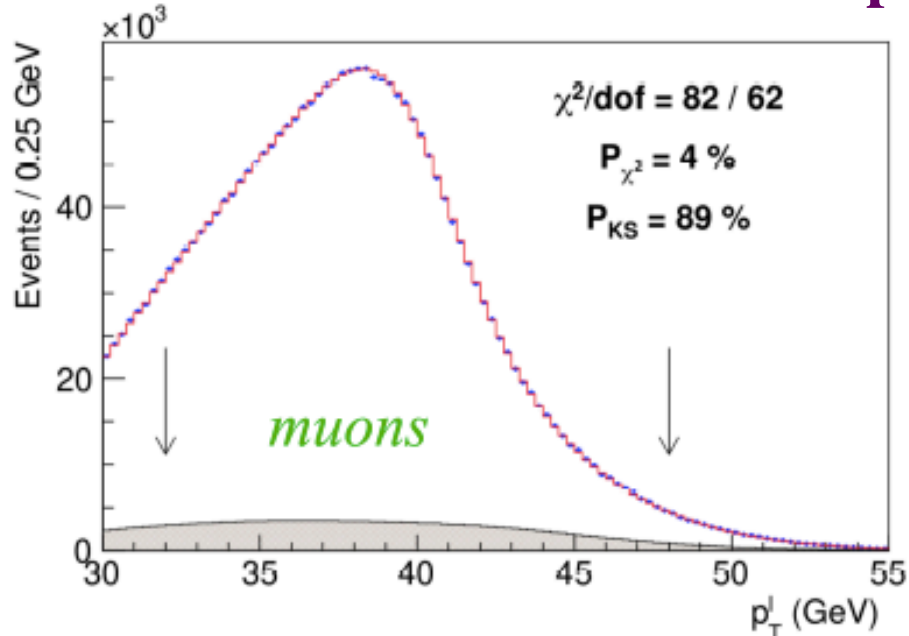


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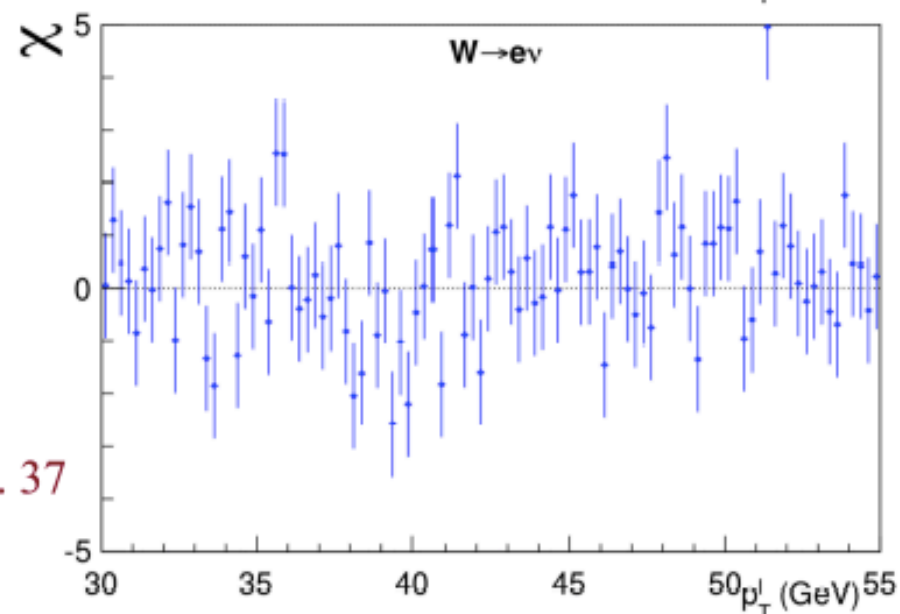
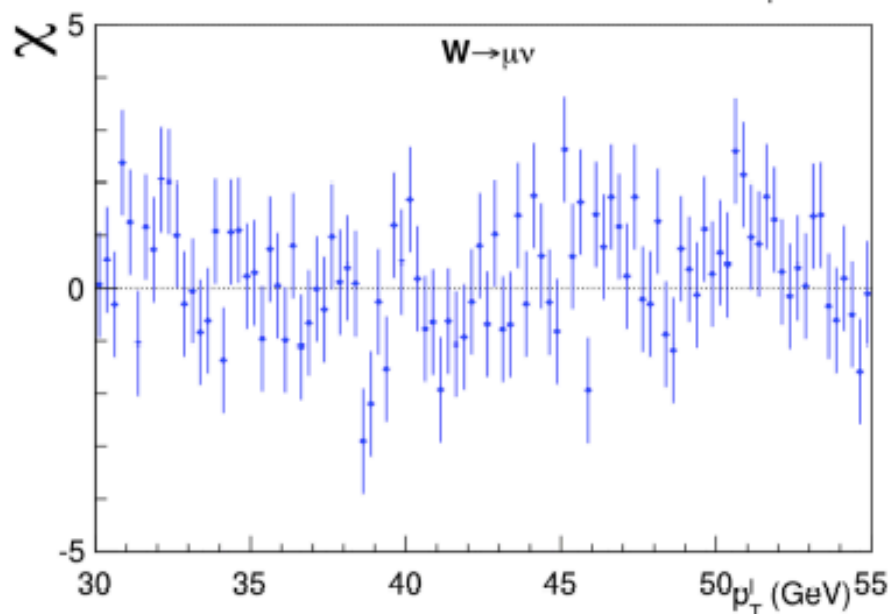


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# Discussion of CDF measurement

Information is scant: hard to assess very small numbers below

Previous CDF Result ( $2.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

Transverse Mass Fit Uncertainties (MeV)

	<i>electrons</i>	<i>muons</i>	<i>common</i>
W statistics	19	16	0
Lepton energy scale	10	7	5
Lepton resolution	4	1	0
Recoil energy scale	5	5	5
Recoil energy resolution	7	7	7
Selection bias	0	0	0
Lepton removal	3	2	2
Backgrounds	4	3	0
pT(W) model	3	3	3
Parton dist. Functions	10	10	10
QED rad. Corrections	4	4	4
Total systematic	18	16	15
Total	26	23	

Systematic uncertainties shown in green: statistics-limited by control data samples



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## New CDF Result ( $8.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) Transverse Mass Fit Uncertainties (MeV)

	<i>electrons</i>	<i>muons</i>	<i>common</i>
W statistics	10.3	9.2	0
Lepton energy scale	5.8	2.1	1.8
Lepton resolution	0.9	0.3	-0.3
Recoil energy scale	1.8	1.8	1.8
Recoil energy resolution	1.8	1.8	1.8
Selection bias	0.5	0.5	0
Lepton removal	1	1.7	0
Backgrounds	2.6	3.9	0
pT(Z) & pT(W) model	1.1	1.1	1.1
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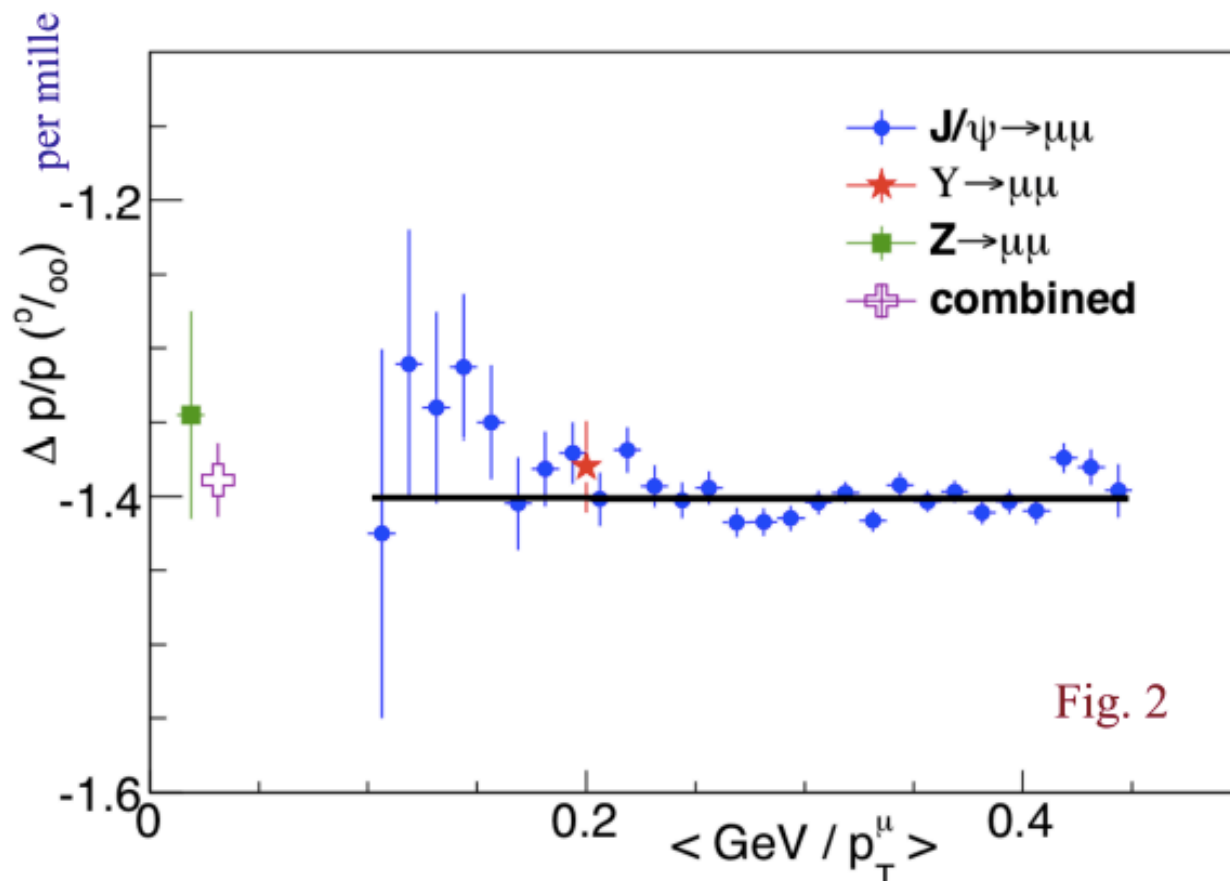
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- Final calibration using the  $J/\psi$ ,  $\Upsilon$  and  $Z$  bosons for calibration
- Combined momentum scale correction :

$$\Delta p/p = ( -1389 \pm 25_{\text{syst}} ) \text{ parts per mille}$$

- $Z$  mass consistent with PDG value (91188 MeV) ( $0.7\sigma$  statistical)
- $M_Z = 91192.0 \pm 6.4_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.3_{\text{momentum}} \pm 3.1_{\text{OED}} \pm 1_{\text{alignment}}$  MeV

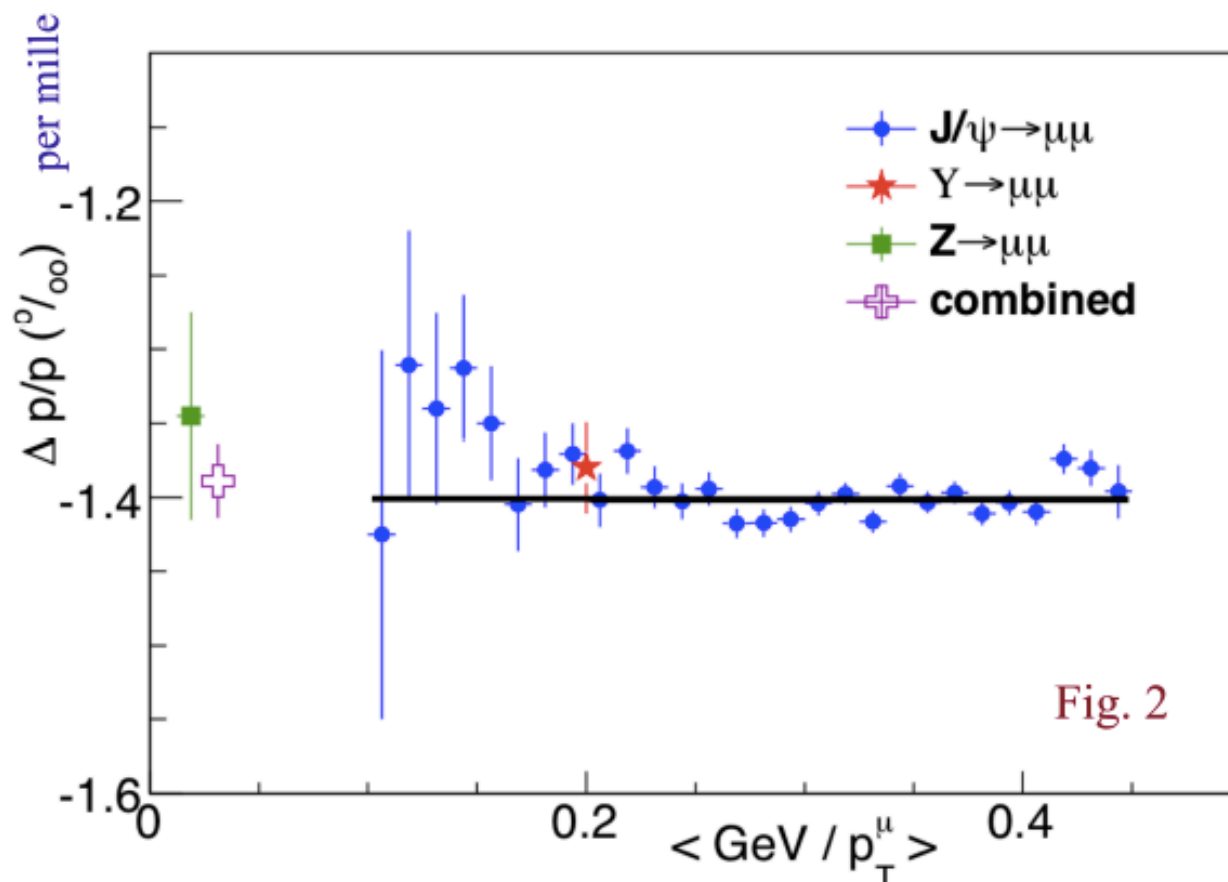


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# Discussion of CDF measurement

## Discussion:

- 1) Very impressive work on muon momentum scale calibration
- 2) However overall shift of scale seen below, although compatible with being flat over whole spectrum corresponds to  $> 100$  MeV
- 3) A bit difficult to believe the overall 2 MeV systematic assigned



# Discussion of CDF measurement

Effect below affects potentially central value but also uncertainty

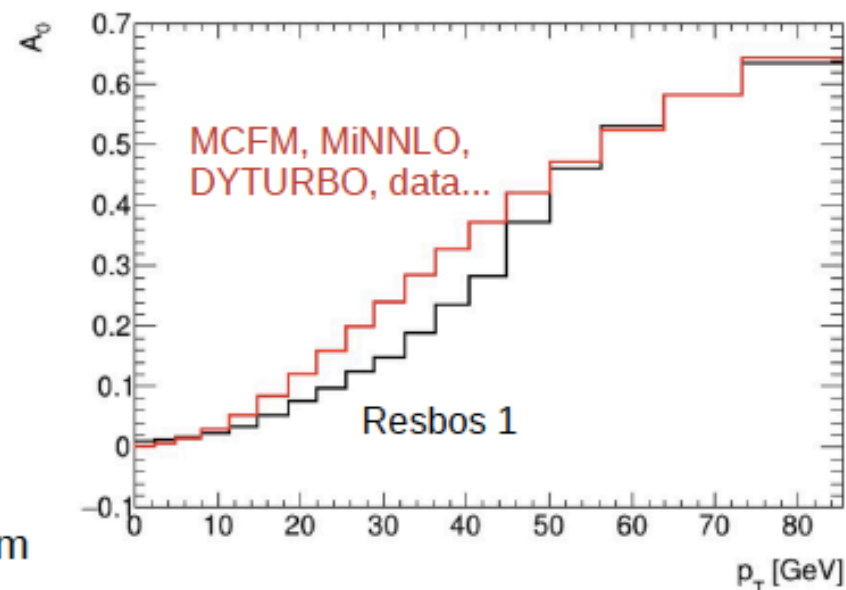
## Physics : QCD

- Scale variations found to have negligible impact (largely follows from fit procedure [normalized histograms] and tight uT cut)
- Spin correlations : problematic (and not mentioned)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{dm dp_T dy} \left[ (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2} A_0 (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta) + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} A_2 \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin \theta \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + A_4 \cos \theta + A_5 \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin \phi + A_7 \sin \theta \sin \phi \right],$$

biased  $A_0$  → biased  $\theta^*$  → biased  $p_T^l, m_T$

Effect is typically to harden the predicted spectrum



# Discussion of CDF measurement

Precision measurement of  $m_W$  at hadron colliders is in deep trouble!

CDF  $M_W$  vs  $m_{top}$

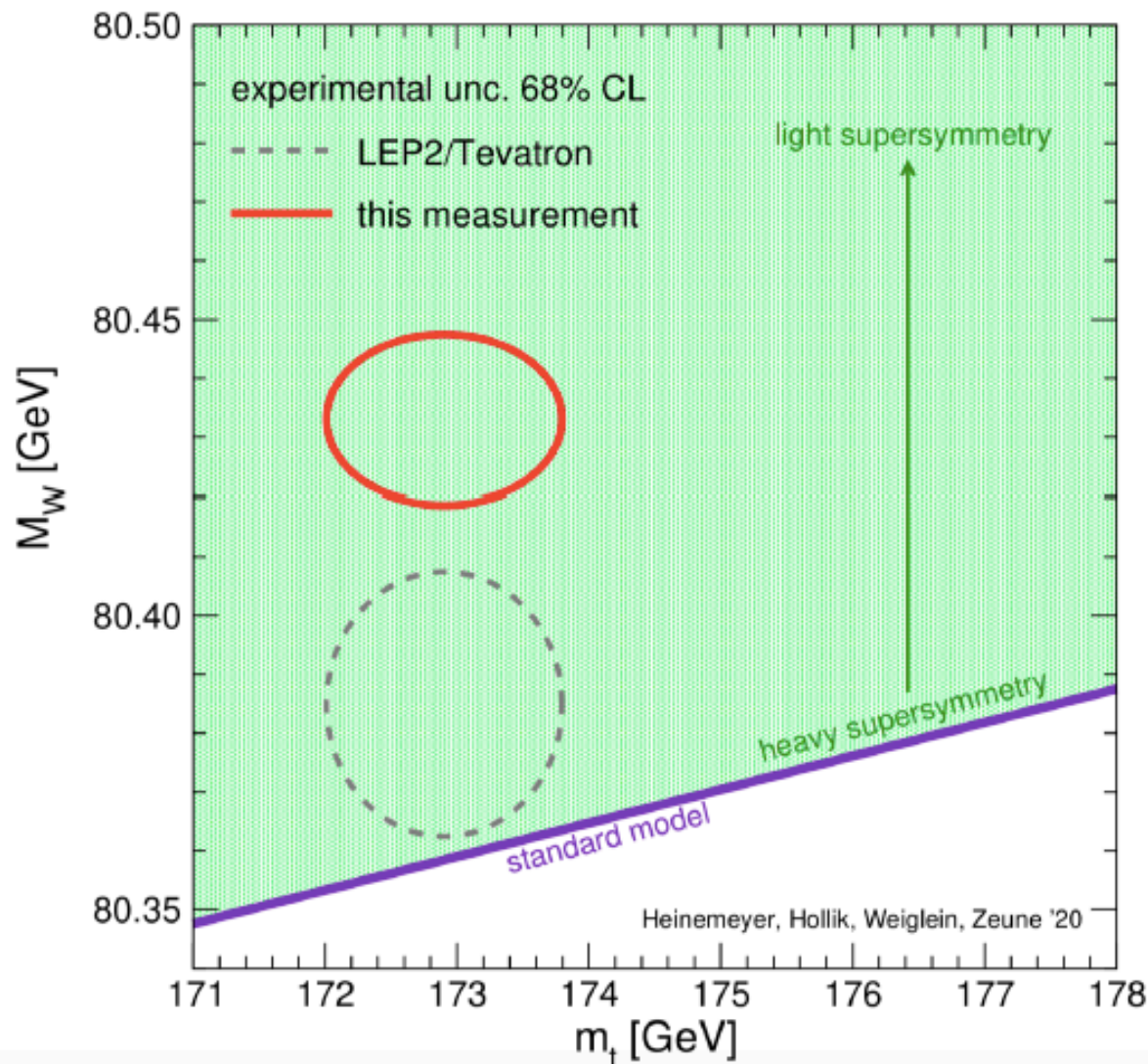


Fig. 1

# Back-up slides

# Precision EW measurements: measure $m_W$ to $\sim 5$ MeV: very difficult! What for??

- Perhaps untangle whether possibly observed Higgs boson is SM or SUSY-like?

