

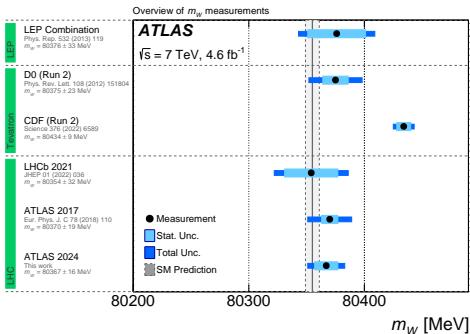
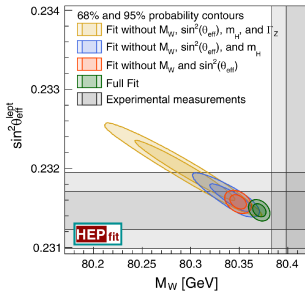
# A high precision measurement of the $W$ mass at CMS

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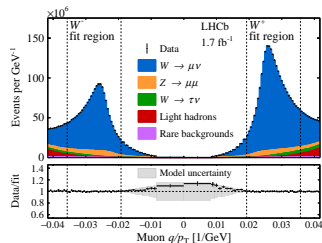
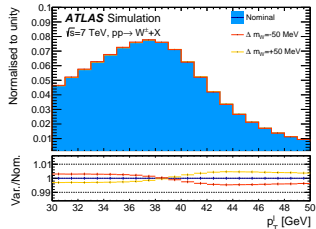
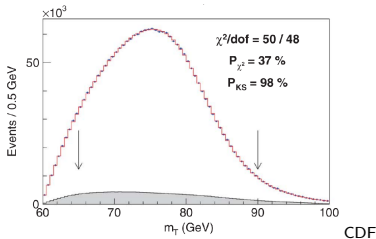
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- The discovery of the Higgs and the precise measurement of its mass provides the complete set of inputs needed to overconstrain the Standard Model
- Recent CDF measurement in significant tension with SM prediction and other measurements

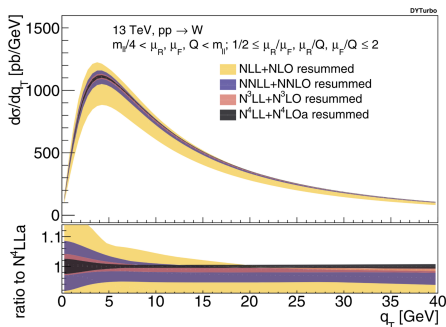
# $m_W$ Measurements at hadron colliders

- Hadronic channel not feasible due to huge QCD backgrounds/jet energy scale
- $W$  cannot be fully reconstructed in leptonic channel due to neutrino
- Mass must be inferred from lepton  $p_T$  or transverse mass distributions
- $m_W$  is sensitive to 0.1% level variations in templates
- Extreme control needed over all experimental and theoretical aspects

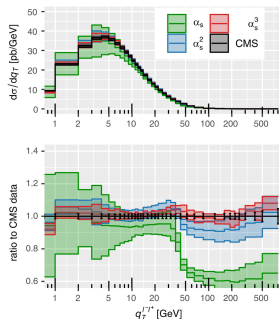


# Theoretical Considerations

- W (and Z) production at hadron colliders described by PDFs + perturbative QCD and Electroweak calculations
  - Small additional non-perturbative effects from “intrinsic  $k_T$ ”
- Relatively large theoretical uncertainties due to large logarithms at low W or Z  $p_T$
- Usual strategy is to use precise  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$   $p_T$  spectrum from data to tune the theoretical prediction



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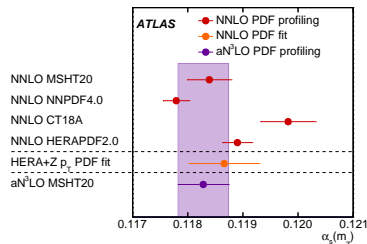
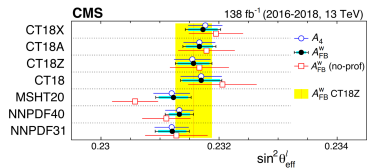


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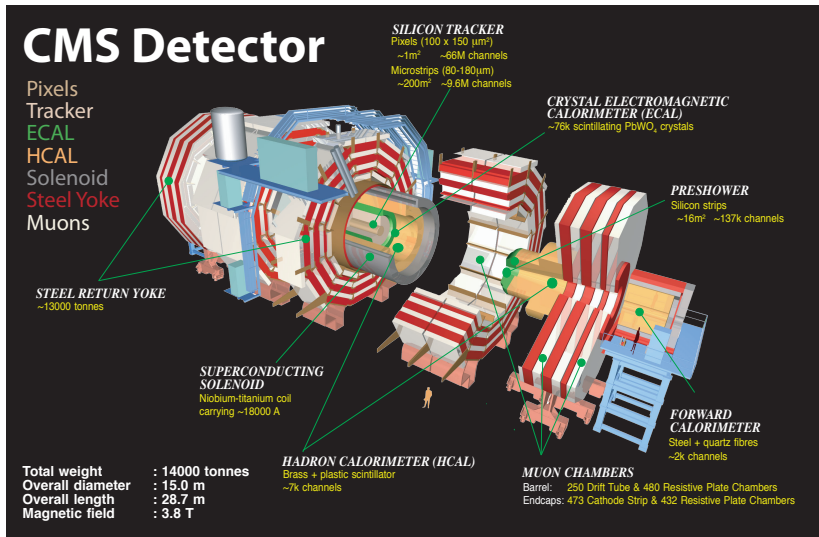
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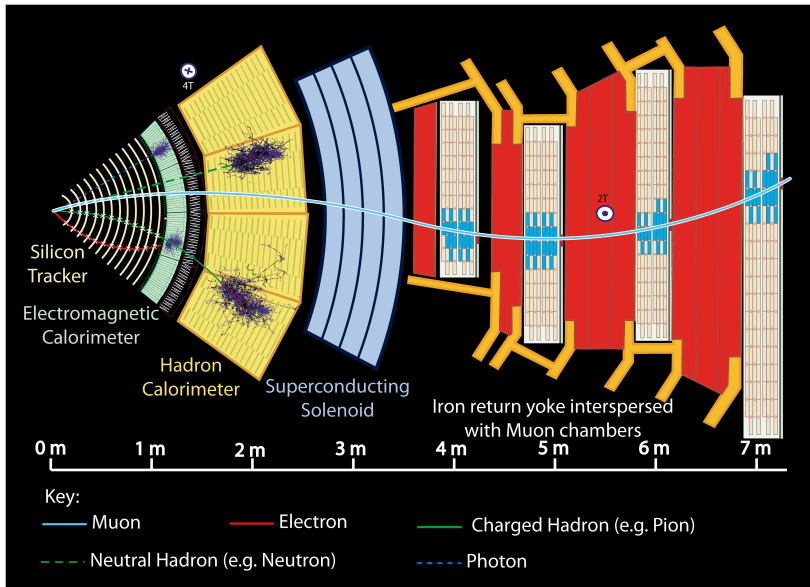
- PDFs are a challenge: In recent precision measurements at hadron colliders often a significant spread in measured values depending on the choice of PDF set
- Angular dependence of W and Z production can be decomposed in terms of angular coefficients/helicity cross sections:
- This can be a useful way to factorize theoretical corrections and uncertainties



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

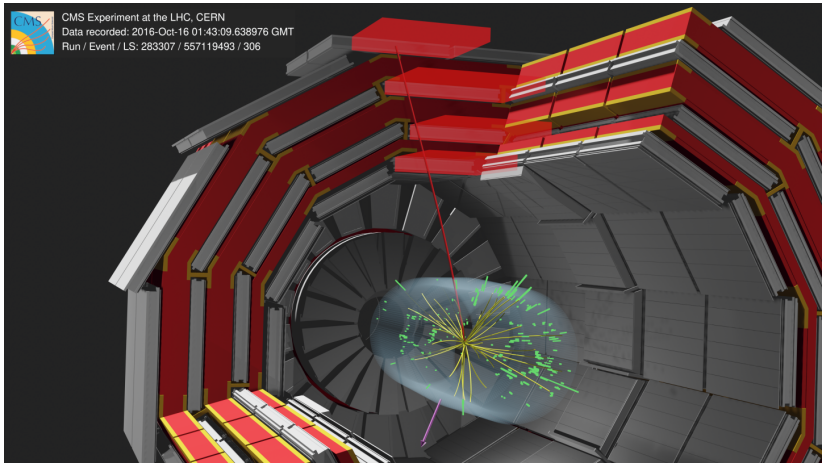


# The CMS Detector





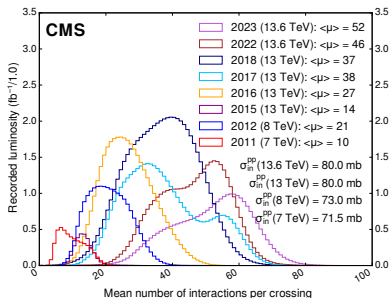
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# $m_W$ Measurement at CMS

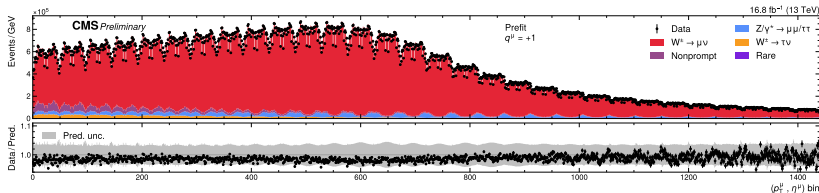
- Use well-understood subset of 13 TeV data:  $16.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  from later part of 2016 run ( $\sim 30$  mean interactions per crossing)
- Focus on muon channel and kinematics
  - Larger experimental systematics for electrons and hadronic recoil, especially with higher pileup
- **General strategy:** Exploit large dataset, accurate modeling of uncertainties for maximal in-situ constraints on theoretical modeling



- Reserve Z data as an independent cross-check as much as possible:
- Muon calibration from  $J/\psi$ , validated with Z
- In-situ constraints on theory modeling from W data itself, independent validation with Z

# $m_W$ Measurement at CMS

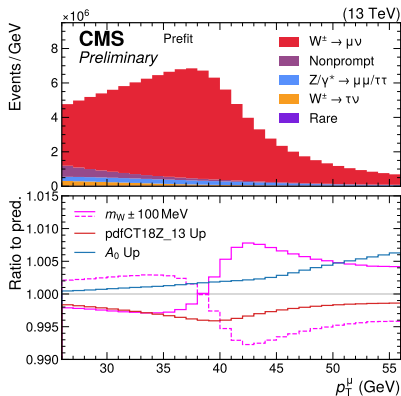
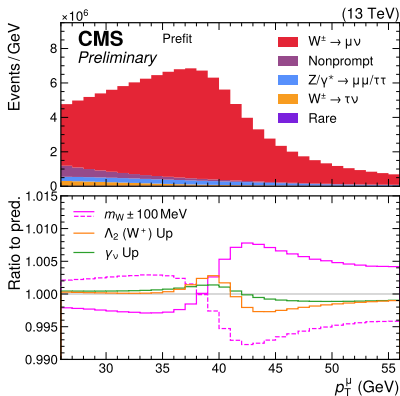
- $m_W$  extracted from profile likelihood fit to muon ( $\eta, p_T$ , charge)
  - Thousands of bins and systematic variations
  - Optimized Tensorflow-based fitting framework
- Building on experimental techniques, tools, and experience from W-like  $m_Z$  measurement (2016) and W rapidity-helicity measurement (2020) which established strong in-situ constraints on PDFs from charged lepton kinematics
- 4B fully simulated MC events,  $>100M$  selected W candidates
  - Significant computing/technical challenges for a measurement of this complexity



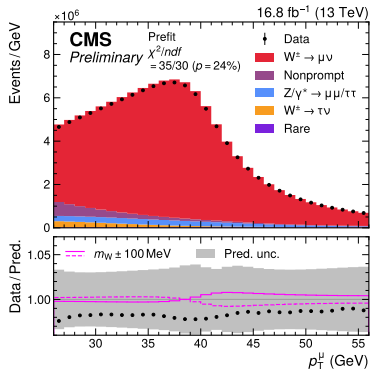
$\mu^+$  prefit

# $m_W$ Measurement at CMS

- **Enabling feature of the measurement:** Systematic variations in  $W$   $p_T$ , rapidity, decay angles from QCD uncertainties, PDFs, have a **different** effect on the muon kinematics as compared to a change in  $m_W$
- PDF and boson  $p_T$  modeling uncertainties are strongly constrained in-situ by the data

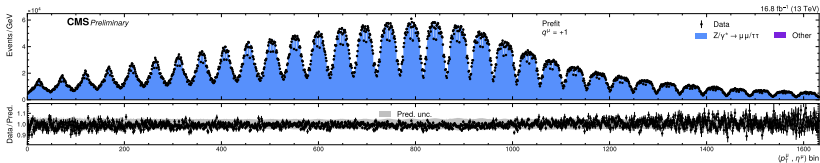


# Event selection



- Straightforward single muon selection: track quality criteria, loose transverse impact parameter cut, and isolation
- Selected events are about 90%  $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$
- Nonprompt background from data-driven estimate
  - Mostly from B and D decays with smaller contribution from  $\pi$  or K decay-in-flight
- Prompt backgrounds from simulation with all relevant corrections/uncertainties
  - $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ ,  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  (mostly with one muon out-of-acceptance),  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , top, diboson

# “W-like” selection of Z events



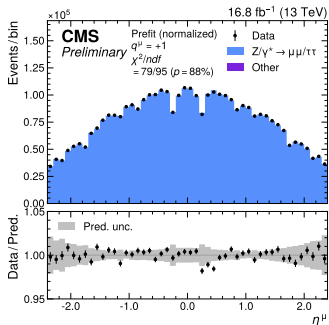
- $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events are also selected with very similar selection
- One muon removed and treated as neutrino
- To avoid statistical correlations, apply trigger and use kinematics of positive (negative) muons for even (odd) numbered events
- Z mass can be extracted from single muon ( $\eta, p_T$ , charge) distribution as for W case
- Validates all aspects of the actual W measurement except for non-prompt and  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  background
- Theory uncertainties are similar (but not identical) to final  $m_W$  measurement

- Likelihood fit implemented in Tensorflow for fast and accurate gradient and hessian calculation for minimization and uncertainties
- NanoAOD is a standard CMS dataformat with  $\sim 2\text{kB}/\text{event}$  representation of high level objects and variables sufficient for a wide range of analyses
- This measurement uses custom NanoAOD of around  $4\text{kB}/\text{event}$  with additional information sufficient even to reapply (in a linearized way) the global alignment corrections to the muons

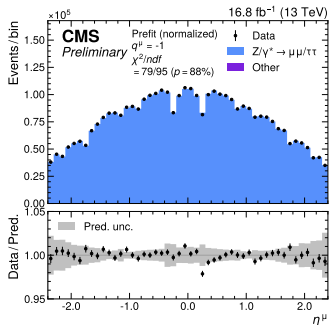
- Analysis workflow:
  - MINIAOD → NANOAOD (including refitting of muon tracks) on the grid in 1-2 days (once every few months)
  - NANOAOD→histograms, 1.5 hours for full 4B MC samples with data, 30 mins for reduced “test” sample with 1B MC events and all data
    - Optimized RDataFrame based analysis with multi-dimensional boost histograms and atomic storage to avoid memory constraints
    - Typical event rate approaching 1MHz, IO at 1-10Gbytes/sec level
    - Using high core count single machine and 100gbps network+NVMe storage
  - Histograms → Fit inputs: 1-2 minutes, with heavy use of numpy semantics and functionality on multi-dimensional histograms
  - Likelihood fit: 3 – 10 minutes
- Ultra-fast turnaround has been essential to enabling an analysis at this level of complexity

# Muon Efficiencies

- Muon tracking, reconstruction, identification, trigger, isolation efficiencies measured with tag-and-probe from  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events
- Scale factors measured differentially in muon ( $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ ) (and for most steps also split by charge)
- Isolation (and trigger) efficiencies also take into account contribution of hadronic recoil from W/Z boson to isolation sums



(a)  $\mu^+$  (prefit normalized)

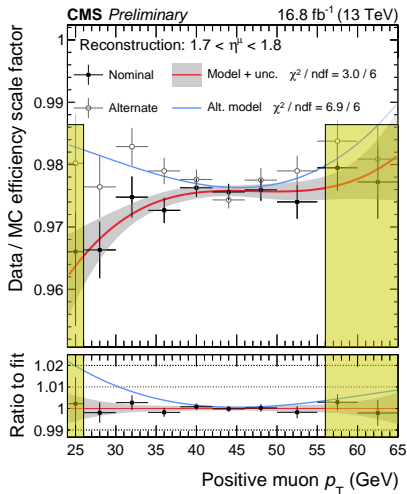


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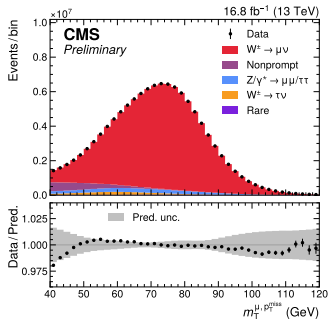
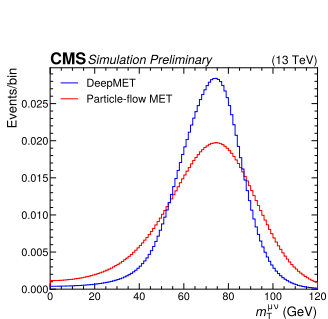
# Muon Efficiencies

- $p_T^\mu$  and  $u_T$  dependence within each  $\eta^\mu$  (charge) bin are smoothed with polynomials, with corresponding statistical uncertainty
- Large number of nuisance parameters to consistently account for statistical (de-)correlation of efficiency measurements across muon  $\eta$  and  $p_T$
- Systematic uncertainties from alternate signal and background models for the tag and probe



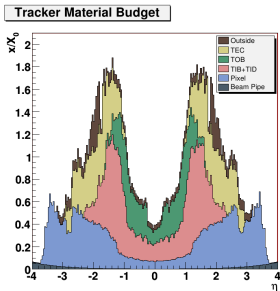
# Hadronic Recoil

- Transverse mass is not directly used as a fit variable in the present analysis, but it's used as part of the event selection and non-prompt background estimation
- Hadronic recoil is reconstructed with “DeepMET” algorithm: DNN-based recoil reconstruction operating with inputs at the individual particle flow candidate level
- Recoil response is calibrated using  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events

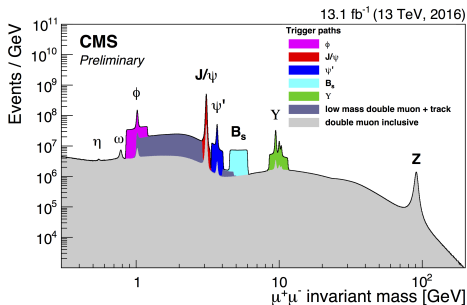


# Muon Momentum Calibration

- **General strategy:** Calibrate with quarkonia, validate with  $Z$
- **Muon chambers are not used for final momentum measurement,** “only” for trigger and identification
- Precise calibration requires accurate simulation track reconstruction, precise modeling of magnetic field, material, and alignment in the inner detector
- **Challenge:** Significant amount of material in the tracking volume



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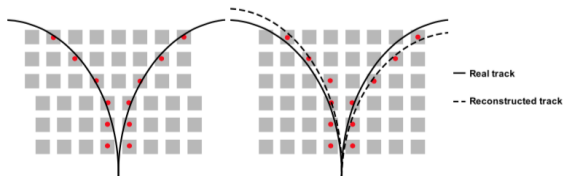
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# Muon Momentum Calibration

- Calibration from quarkonia and extrapolation to  $W/Z$  momentum range requires precise control over momentum dependence of the calibration
- Canonical expression for curvature bias (with  $k \equiv 1/p_T$ ):

$$\frac{\delta k}{k} = A - \epsilon k + qM/k$$

- The three terms correspond to biases in the magnetic field, material (energy loss) and alignment
- In a silicon tracker, multiple scattering must be explicitly accounted for in the track fit
- In this case **local** biases in magnetic field, material or alignment (or small biases in simulation or reconstruction) can lead to additional non-trivial momentum dependence of the curvature bias



# Muon Momentum Calibration

- In a silicon tracker, multiple scattering must be explicitly accounted for in the track fit (e.g. with Kalman Filter, Generalized Broken Line Fit, etc), in this case

$$\frac{\delta k}{k} = A - \epsilon k + qM/k + \sum_I^m \frac{A_I - \epsilon_I k + qM_I/k}{1 + d_I^2 k^2}$$

- The “extra” terms are generated by **local** biases in magnetic field, material or alignment, which effectively receive a momentum-dependent weight  $\frac{1}{1+d^2 k^2}$  due to the competition between hit resolution and multiple scattering in the track fit
- Small biases in the simulation or reconstruction can also contribute to momentum-dependent biases

- Staged approach designed to first eliminate biases in the simulation and reconstruction and then calibrate the muons
  - 1 Tune simulation parameters to remove small biases
  - 2 Refit muon tracks to remove small biases and improve B-field and material modeling
  - 3 Correct for local biases in B-field, material and alignment between data and reconstruction model
  - 4 Final corrections for residual scale differences between data and simulation

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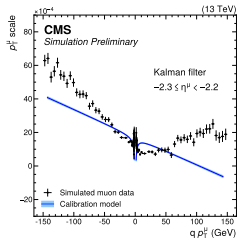
- 1 Tune simulation parameters to remove small biases**
  - Increase surface intersection precision in Geant
- 2 Refit muon tracks to remove small biases and improve B-field and material modeling**
  - Continuous Variable Helix (CVH) track fit developed for this measurement with improved reconstruction accuracy, better modeling of B-field and material (Geant4e propagator)
- 3 Correct for local biases in B-field, material and alignment between data and reconstruction model**
  - Generalization of global alignment procedure with additional parameters for B-field and energy loss corrections and using  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- 4 Final corrections for residual scale differences between data and simulation**
  - High accuracy determination of parameterized residual B-field, material (energy loss) and alignment biases using mass fits in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events
  - Residual resolution corrections from  $J/\psi$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  using related parameterization for multiple scattering and hit resolution

# Track Refit and Generalized Global Corrections

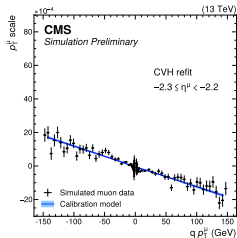
- **Muon tracks refit using “Continuous Variable Helix” (CVH) fit:**
  - Extension of Generalized Broken Line Fit with  $\sim$  continuous energy loss and multiple scattering via Geant4e propagator using full material model from simulation
  - Avoids small local biases related to material approximations (infinitesimal planes) and Kalman Filter smoothing
  - Higher accuracy B-field model based on three-dimensional field-map taken of CMS solenoid on the surface
  - Several other refinements with respect to nominal CMS track reconstruction
  - When B-field, material and alignment are consistent between simulation and reconstruction, gives consistent momentum scale to  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  out of the box in MC
- **Generalized Global Corrections:**
  - Generalization of global alignment procedure with additional parameters for local magnetic field and material corrections
  - Parameters determined from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events using muon tracks with common vertex and mass constraint
  - Sufficient to correct local biases, but limitations in Gaussian mass constraint leave significant weak modes remaining



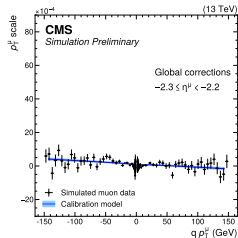
# Validation of Functional Form in Simulation



(a) Kalman Filter



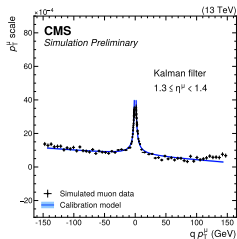
(b) CVH Refit



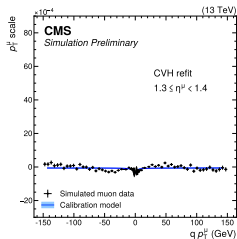
(c) +global corrections

- Showing curvature bias vs charge and momentum in simulation at different stages of the reconstruction/corrections
- Curvature bias is fit using the functional form for the final calibration step which comes afterwards
- Both CVH refit and generalized global corrections are needed to remove all local biases such that the parameterization is valid in all detector regions

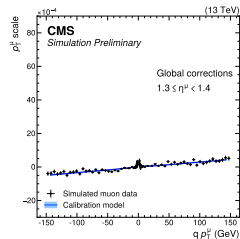
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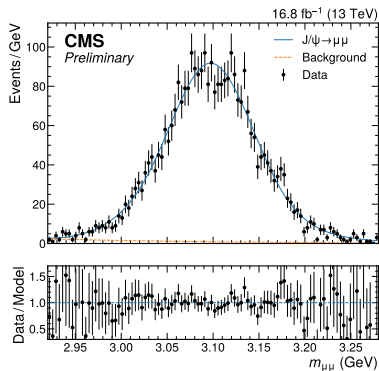
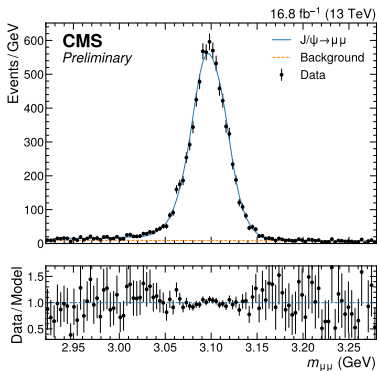


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- Curvature bias vs charge and momentum is fit using the functional form for the final calibration step which comes afterwards
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- Track refit also dramatically improves the description of the energy loss in some detector regions

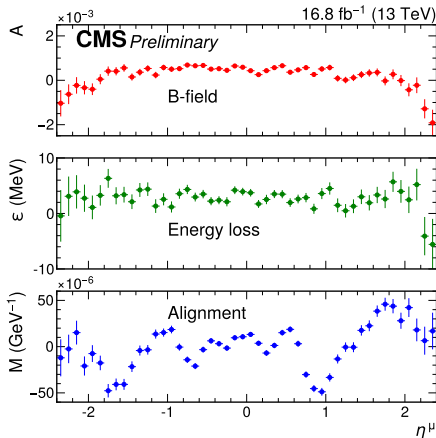
# Final Parameterised Corrections

- Residual difference in mass scale between data and simulation is determined by fitting the  $m_{\mu\mu}$  distribution in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events
- Fits are finely binned in two-muon kinematics ( $\eta^+$ ,  $p_T^+$ ,  $\eta^-$ ,  $p_T^-$ )



# Final Parameterised Corrections

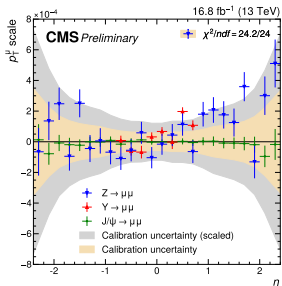
- Global  $\chi^2$  is constructed and minimized over all mass bins to extract calibration parameters at the single muon level, binned in  $\eta$  and parametrizing the  $p_T$ -dependence of the residual correction
- For muons in the relevant momentum range, residual corrections from  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$  in the central region up to a few  $10^{-3}$  in the forward region



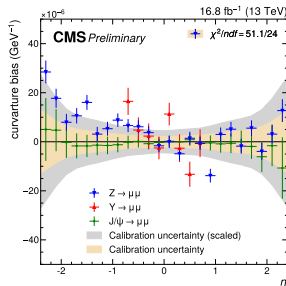
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# Validation and uncertainties

charge-independent



charge-dependent



- Calibration is validated with  $\Upsilon_{1S} \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  in terms of B-field and alignment-like residual parameters
- B-field-like term for  $Z$  is consistent with zero within statistical uncertainties, alignment-like almost so
- Statistical uncertainty on calibration parameters from  $J/\psi$  scaled by 2.1 to cover all possible correlated patterns of bias across the detector from any not-explicitly-accounted-for systematic effects

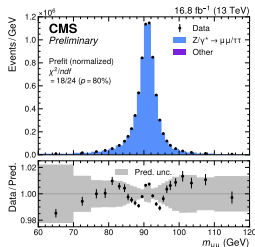
Table A.1: Breakdown of muon calibration uncertainties.

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

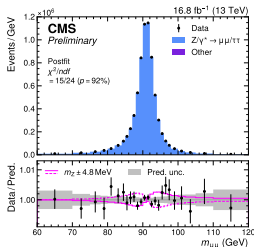
- Z is not used in the final scale calibration, but uncertainties associated with the  $J/\psi$  vs Z closure are included since this is the precision with which the calibration is validated
- Small additional uncertainty for pixel hit multiplicity which mainly affects matching of data vs simulation resolution in the tails (but also results in some increase for the overall resolution uncertainties)

# $m_Z$ dilepton mass fit

- Final validation of calibration/uncertainties by extracting  $m_Z$ , dominated by calibration uncertainties
- 2D profile-likelihood fit in  $m_{\mu\mu}$  and pseudo-rapidity of the most forward muon
- $m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = -2.2 \pm 4.8 \text{ MeV} = -2.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ (stat)} \pm 4.7 \text{ (syst)} \text{ MeV}$



(a) prefit (normalised)

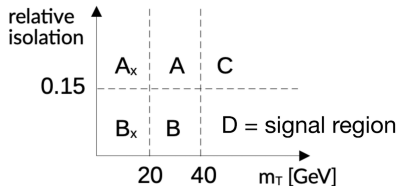


(b) postfit

- Since  $J/\psi$  vs  $Z$  closure was used to tune calibration and enters the uncertainty model, not (yet) a fully independent measurement for inclusion in world average

# Non-prompt Background

- Non-prompt background from QCD multijet event, mostly heavy flavour
- Data-driven estimate using extended ABCD method with 3 regions of transverse mass and 2 regions of isolation

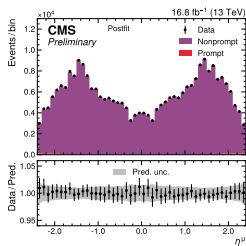
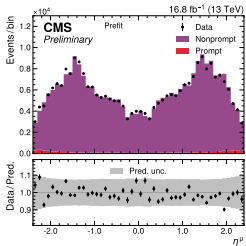
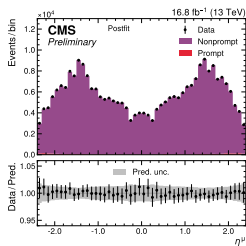
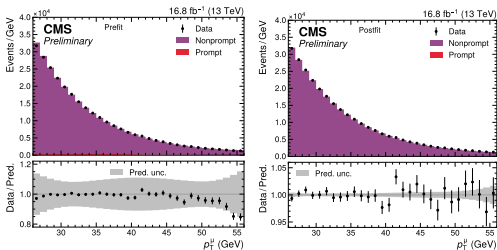


$$D = C \frac{A_x B^2}{B_x A^2}$$

- Prompt contamination in sideband regions dominated by W and Z events, estimated from simulation with all corrections and uncertainties
  - including “anti-isolation” scale factors consistently anti-correlated with the isolation scale factors
- Non-prompt distributions are smoothed with polynomials
- Procedure validated using QCD Simulation and secondary-vertex control region in data



# Nonprompt Background



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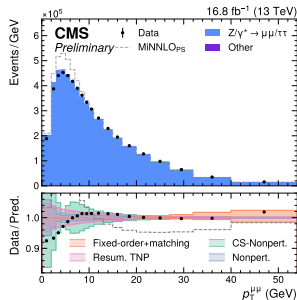
(b) postfit

- Validation plots comparing extended ABCD nonprompt prediction to data in secondary vertex control region
- Very small prompt contamination
- 15% normalization correction applied (consistent between SV control region and QCD MC)
- additional normalization and shape uncertainties to cover residual differences

- **Overall strategy:** construct the best possible theoretical model for the  $W$  and constrain in-situ directly with the  $W$  data
- $Z$  data is “only” used for validation
- **Nominal Theory uncertainties:**
  - Perturbative QCD
  - PDFs
  - Additional non-perturbative QCD (e.g. transverse momentum of partons within proton)
  - Electroweak effects
- **In addition:** Helicity cross section fit is used as a cross-check which augments or replaces the theory uncertainties by directly varying the different components of the angular decomposition
  - Reduced theory/model-dependence at the cost of increased statistical uncertainty

# Theoretical Modeling: Technical Details

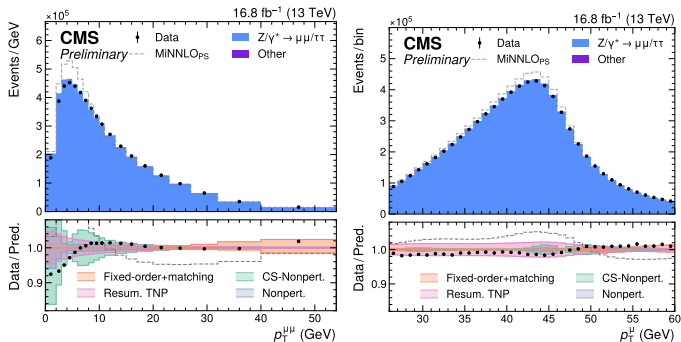
- Fully coherent theoretical treatment for W and Z (both  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  decays)
- Fully simulated MC samples with MiNNLOPS + Pythia 8 + Photos
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  accuracy (also for angular coefficients), but limited logarithmic accuracy for W/Z  $p_T$  modeling from POWHEG emissions and shower



- $\sigma^{U+L}$  is corrected double (triple) differentially for W (Z) production using resummed SCETLIB prediction matched to fixed order DYTURBO prediction ( $N^3LL + NNLO$  for nominal predictions)
- Angular coefficients are left as-is (validated against MCFM and DYTURBO fixed order predictions)\*

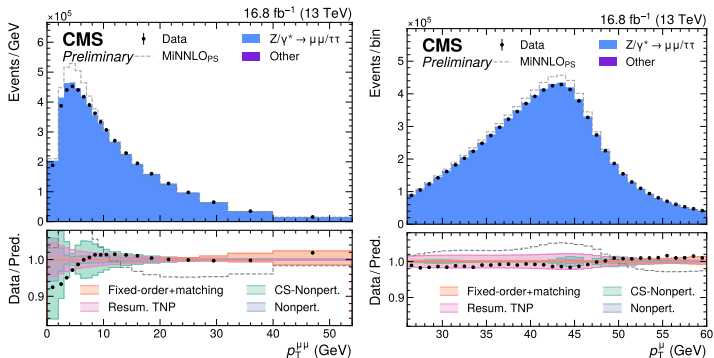
$$\frac{d^5\sigma}{dq_T^2 dy dm d\cos\theta d\phi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d^3\sigma^{U+L}}{dq_T^2 dy dm} \left[ (1 + \cos^2\theta) + \frac{1}{2} A_0 (1 - 3\cos^2\theta) + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos\phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} A_2 \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin\theta \cos\phi + A_4 \cos\theta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

# Boson $p_T$ Modeling Uncertainties



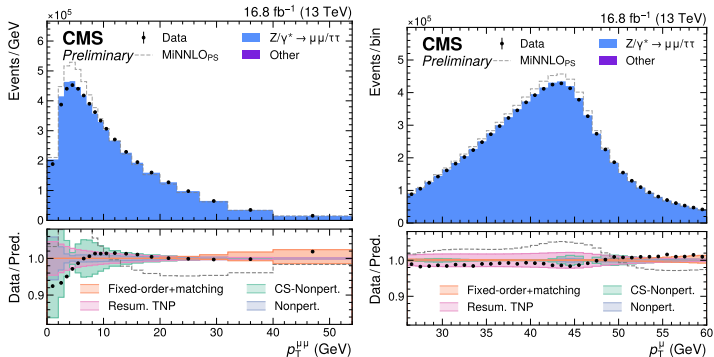
- **Non-perturbative:** Intrinsic momentum of partons (TMD PDF), non-perturbative uncertainties in resummation
- **Resummation** (perturbative): “Theory Nuisance Parameters” corresponding to coefficients in resummed calculation
- **Matching:** Variation in matching scale
- **Fixed order:** Missing higher orders in  $\alpha_s$  assessed through  $\mu_r, \mu_f$  variations

# Boson $p_T$ Modeling Uncertainties: Non-perturbative effects



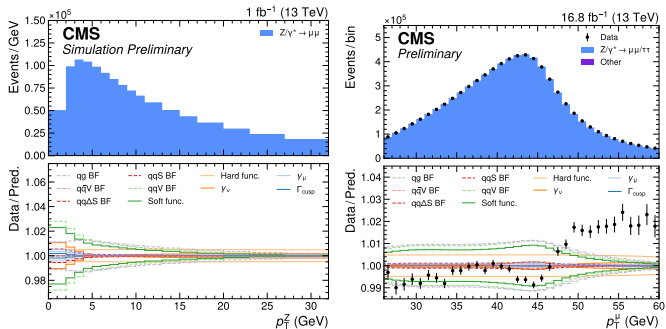
- **Empirical model inspired by TMD PDFs:**  $\sim$ Gaussian smearing of parton momentum, with additional freedom to account for possible  $x$  and flavour dependence
- The associated parameters cannot be predicted a priori, but must be determined from data (or lattice calculations)
- Initial values are somewhat arbitrary, with large uncertainties applied  $\rightarrow$  **intended to be constrained from data**

# Boson $p_T$ Modeling Uncertainties: Non-perturbative effects



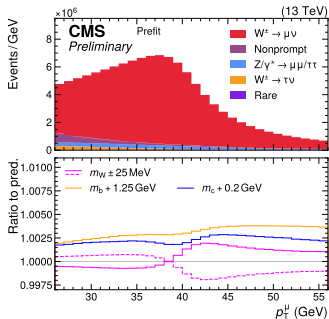
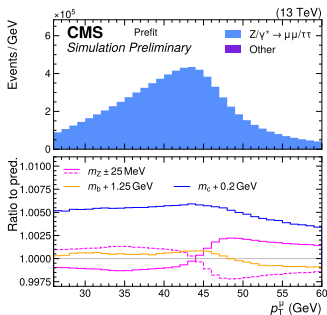
- CS kernel is related to matching of non-perturbative model to resummation and is “universal” (fully correlated between  $W$  and  $Z$ )
- The rest of the NP model is taken as decorrelated between  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$  and  $Z$ , and with an additional rapidity-dependent term for the degree of smearing to account for possible  $x$  and flavour dependence

# Boson $p_T$ Modeling Uncertainties: Resummation



- Use “Theory Nuisances Parameters” corresponding to the terms appearing in the resummed calculation
- In contrast to scale variations, this provides a well defined correlation model across phase space (and between W and Z) and therefore better suited to profiling (see e.g. talk from F. Tackmann [here](#))
- Propagating the uncertainty in this way facilitates constraining the theory from W data alone, but **also** makes the correlation model between W and Z more robust for a simultaneous fit/tuning

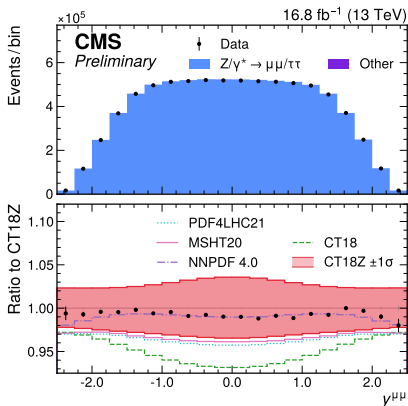
# Boson $p_T$ Modeling Uncertainties: Heavy Quark Mass Effects



- Impact of heavy quark mass effects at least partly evaluated by varying charm and bottom thresholds in MSHT20 PDF set
- Contribution to uncertainty on  $m_W$ : 0.6 MeV
- Somewhat different effects on W vs Z  $\rightarrow$  More delicate for combined W+Z fit



# Parton Distribution Functions



- **Good:** PDF sets are accompanied by uncertainty models with well defined correlations across phase space and between processes
- **Bad:** Different PDFs don't necessarily agree within their uncertainties
- Missing higher order uncertainties, resummation corrections in predictions usually not included
  - Partly mitigated by tolerance factors, etc

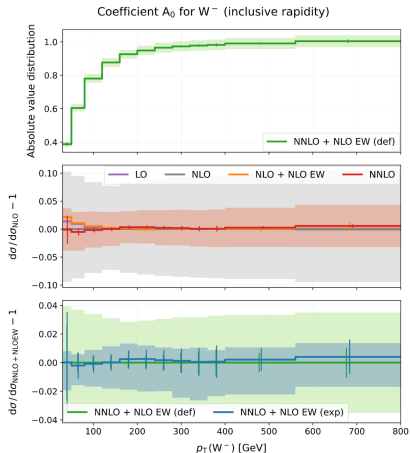
# Parton Distribution Functions

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

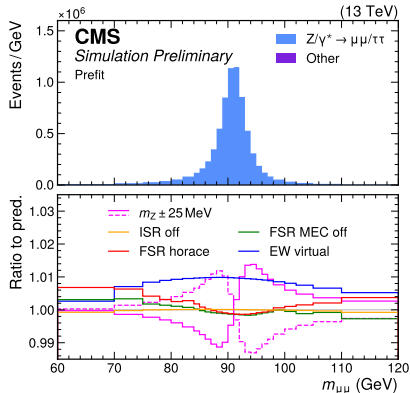
- **Strategy:** Scale prefit PDF uncertainties to ensure consistency between sets for measured  $m_W$  value
- This procedure does **not** prove that e.g. NNPDF4.0 uncertainty is underestimated, only that it's too small to cover the central value of the other sets
- CT18Z is chosen as the nominal since it covers the others without scaling and with small uncertainty
  - But note that this set is amongst the largest in terms of nominal uncertainty

# Angular Distributions

- Missing higher order uncertainties propagated to angular coefficients through variations of  $\mu_r$  and  $\mu_f$  in MiNNLOPS
- While MiNNLOPS predicts angular coefficients consistent with fixed order calculations, Pythia intrinsic  $k_T$  treatment actually modifies them somewhat
  - In particular  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  at low boson  $p_T$  due to isotropic smearing
- This effect may or may not be physical  $\rightarrow$  propagate the full difference as an additional uncertainty

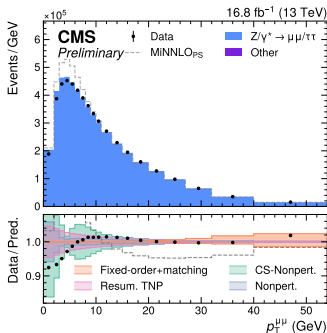


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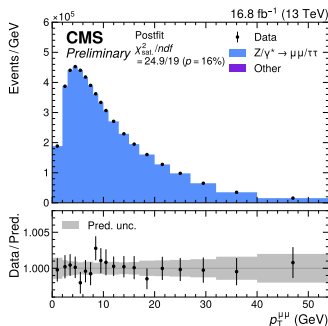


- Most important electroweak effect is from QED FSR, included in nominal MC prediction through PHOTOS
  - Includes higher order corrections and pair production
- Residual uncertainties for QED FSR (and ISR) very small,  $< 0.5\text{MeV}$  contribution for  $m_W$
- Largest electroweak uncertainty from virtual corrections,  $\sim 2\text{MeV}$  on  $m_W$

# Validation of boson $p_T$ modeling with $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$



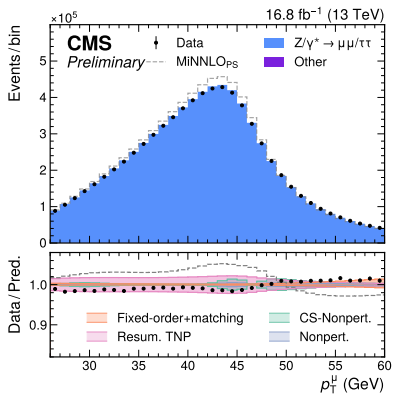
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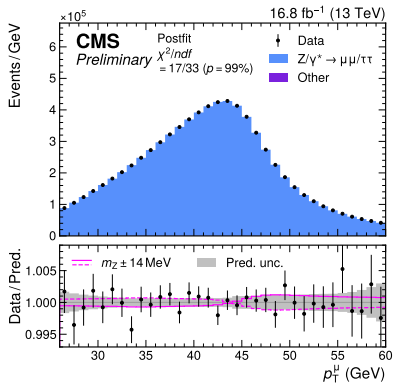
(b) postfit

- Fit theory model to dilepton  $p_T$  spectrum directly to validate that it can describe the data
- $O(10\%)$  level discrepancy due to untuned non-perturbative parameters at low  $p_T$  fully reabsorbed
- Postfit description of the spectrum at 0.1% level

# Validation of boson $p_T$ modeling with W-like $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$



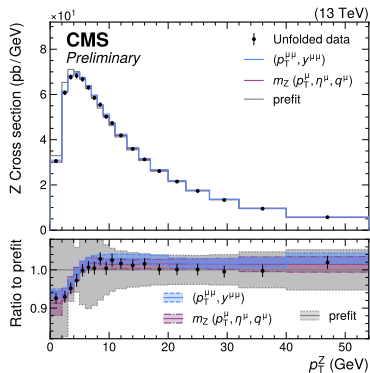
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(b) postfit

- When running the full W-like fit to single muon ( $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ , charge) the theory model is also able to accommodate the muon  $p_T$  distribution very precisely

# Validation of boson $p_T$ modeling with $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$



(a) Unfolded  $d\sigma^{U+L}/dp_T$

- Detector level fit results can be propagated to predictions for unfolded  $Z$   $p_T$  spectrum
  - For both direct fit to  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  and W-like fit to single muon ( $\eta, p_T, \text{charge}$ )
- Strong and **consistent** constraints from **both** fits, and in agreement with unfolded data
- Direct fit to  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  has stronger constraints but W-like fit is able to correctly disentangle  $m_Z$  from the  $Z$   $p_T$  spectrum
- $m_W$  can be measured without **tuning the  $p_T$  spectrum to the  $Z$**

# Helicity Cross Section Fit

- Theory model represents our best understanding of QCD and proton structure
- As an additional test of its validity, or in case of BSM physics in  $W$  production or decay, a less model-dependent measurement of  $m_W$  is useful
- **Basic strategy:** Parameterize theory uncertainty explicitly in terms of the 9 helicity cross sections  $\sigma_i \equiv \sigma^{U+L} A_i$  instead of the PDF and non-perturbative models + perturbative uncertainty, and fit the helicity cross sections (double-differential in  $W$  rapidity and  $p_T$ ) together with  $m_W$
- In this way theoretical uncertainties are “traded” for larger statistical uncertainties

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

- With current data/observables not possible to simultaneously constrain all of the relevant helicity components, so cross sections are regularized via constraints to the nominal prediction
- Relevant theory uncertainties are retained since they have different correlations



# Nuisance 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

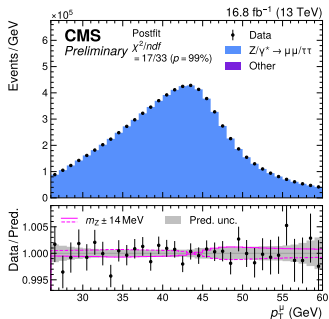
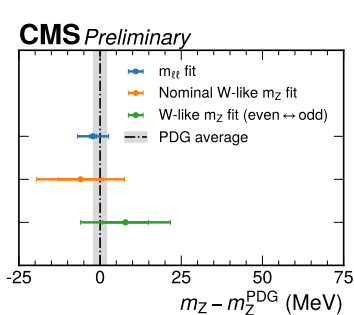
# W-like $m_Z$ result

- Nominal W-like result:

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

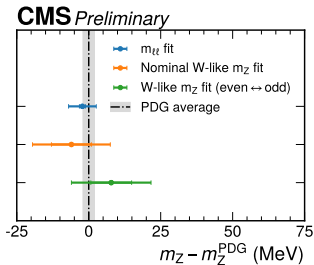
- Even-odd event selection reversed (nearly statistically independent sample)

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



- All extracted  $m_Z$  values in agreement with the LEP/PDG value

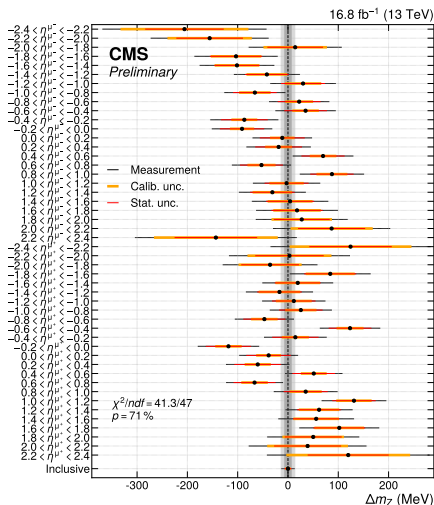
# W-like $m_Z$ result: Uncertainty Breakdown



Source of uncertainty	Impact (MeV)	
	Nominal	Global
Muon momentum scale	5.6	5.3
Muon reco. efficiency	3.8	3.0
W and Z angular coeffs.	4.9	4.5
Higher-order EW	2.2	2.2
$p_T^V$ modeling	1.7	1.0
PDF	2.4	1.9
Integrated luminosity	0.3	0.2
MC sample size	2.5	3.6
Data sample size	6.9	10.1
Total uncertainty	13.5	13.5

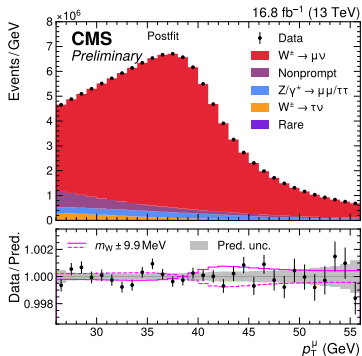
- Largest uncertainties are statistical, muon calibration, angular coefficients
- Total uncertainty is well defined, but several different ways of decomposing statistical and systematics uncertainties
- When uncertainties are constrained in-situ, “global” impacts (used e.g. for ATLAS 2024  $m_W$  measurement) tends to count them as part of the statistical uncertainties

# W-like $m_Z$ result: Validation checks



- Consistent results when extracting 48 independent  $m_Z$  parameters split in charge and 24  $\eta$  bins
- $\eta$ -sign difference:  
 $m_Z^{\eta>0} - m_Z^{\eta<0} = 35 \pm 20 \text{ MeV}$
- Charge difference:  
 $m_Z^+ - m_Z^- = 31 \pm 32 \text{ MeV}$
- Charge difference with reversed even-odd event selection:  
 $m_Z^+ - m_Z^- = 6 \pm 32 \text{ MeV}$

- Now with all elements in place, on to the  $m_W$  measurement:



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

- For the nominal measurement, total uncertainty is 9.9 MeV
- Most precise measurement at the LHC and comparable to CDF precision

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

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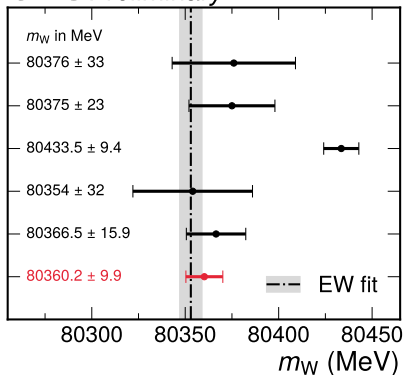
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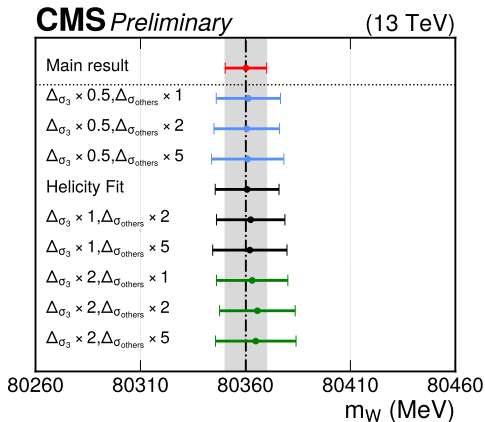
**CMS Preliminary**



- Compatible with the Standard Model expectation and with other measurements
- In clear tension with the CDF measurement

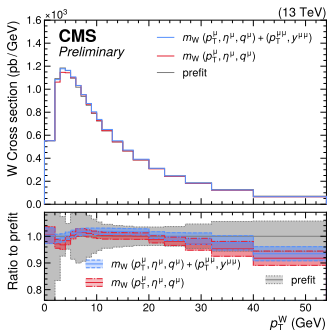
# Helicity Cross Section Fit $m_W$ result

Helicity Fit Result:  $m_W = 80360.8 \pm 15.2 \text{ MeV}$



- Helicity cross section fit result very compatible with the nominal, with somewhat larger uncertainties as expected
- Result is very stable with looser or tighter initial constraints on the helicity cross sections

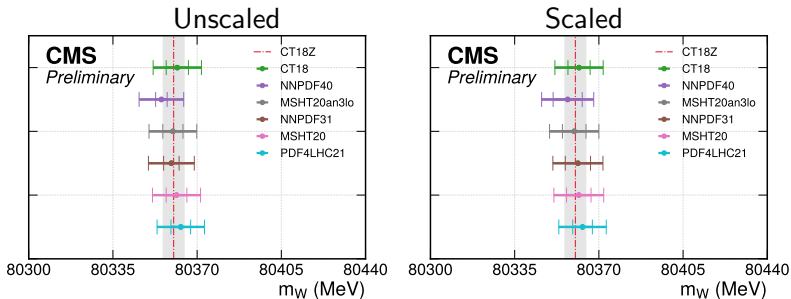
# Validation: Simultaneous dilepton+W fit



- Nominal result is from fit to muon ( $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ , charge) for W candidates alone
- Interesting to compare with simultaneous fit to  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$  distribution from Z events
- Fit results propagated to inclusive W  $p_T$  distribution as for Z case shown previously
- **Postfit W  $p_T$  distribution broadly consistent and with strong constraints from data**
- $\Delta m_W = +0.6$  MeV with respect to nominal, uncertainty would decrease to 9.6 MeV
- But additional complications for W/Z correlations, so the nominal W only fit is more robust and is the nominal result



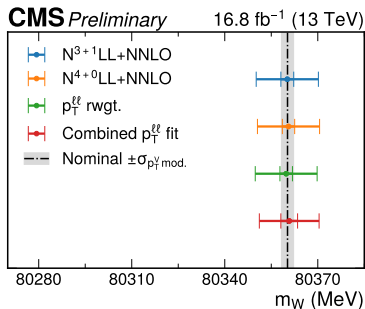
# PDF Dependence of Result



PDF set	Extracted $m_W$ (MeV)	
	Original $\sigma_{\text{PDF}}$	Scaled $\sigma_{\text{PDF}}$
CT18Z	$80\,360.2 \pm 9.9$	
CT18	$80\,361.8 \pm 10.0$	
PDF4LHC21	$80\,363.2 \pm 9.9$	
MSHT20	$80\,361.4 \pm 10.0$	$80\,361.7 \pm 10.4$
MSHT20aN3LO	$80\,359.9 \pm 9.9$	$80\,359.8 \pm 10.3$
NNPDF3.1	$80\,359.3 \pm 9.5$	$80\,361.3 \pm 10.4$
NNPDF4.0	$80\,355.1 \pm 9.3$	$80\,357.0 \pm 10.8$

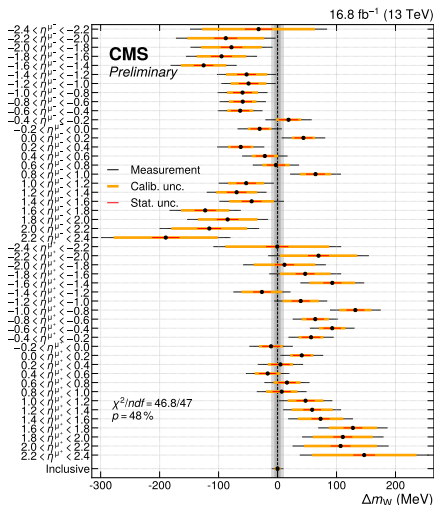
- Scaling of prefit PDF uncertainties reduces the dependence on PDF set and brings the variations within the quoted PDF uncertainties

# Additional Theory Cross Checks



- Result is stable under variations of the TNP model and not very sensitive to changes in the initial prediction within the uncertainties

# $m_W$ result: Validation checks



- Consistent results when extracting 48 independent  $m_W$  parameters split in charge and 24  $\eta$  bins
- $\eta$ -sign difference:  
 $m_W^{\eta>0} - m_W^{\eta<0} = 5.8 \pm 12.4 \text{ MeV}$
- Charge difference:  
 $m_W^+ - m_W^- = 57 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$

# $m_W$ result: Closer look at charge difference

- $m_W^+ - m_W^- = 57 \pm 30\text{MeV}$ , p-value 6.0%
- Uncertainty on charge difference much larger than nominal  $m_W$  uncertainty
- Strong anti-correlations 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  $m_W$  itself is only 2%

Source of uncertainty	Uncertainty (MeV)	
	in $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-}$	in $m_W$
Muon momentum scale	21.6	4.8
Muon reco. efficiency	7.2	3.0
W and Z angular coeffs.	18.7	3.3
Higher-order EW	1.5	2.0
$p_T^V$ modeling	7.4	2.0
PDF	11.8	4.4
Nonprompt background	7.5	3.2
Integrated luminosity	0.1	0.1
MC sample size	3.0	1.5
Data sample size	4.7	2.4
Total	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

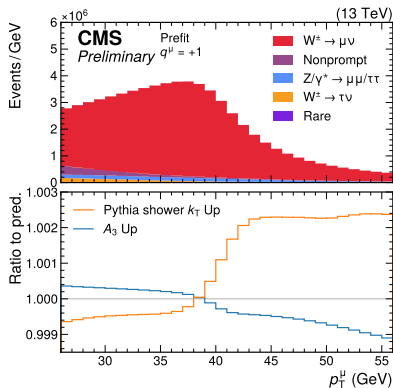
- Reminder: For W-like  $m_Z$  fit:

$$m_Z^+ - m_Z^- = 31 \pm 32 \text{ MeV (nominal)}$$

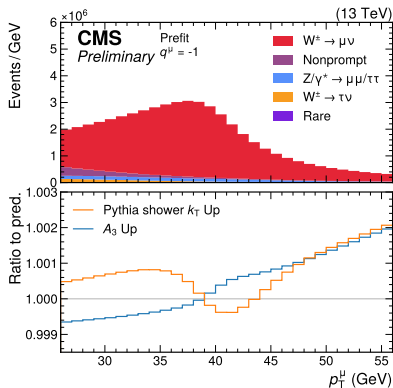
$$m_Z^+ - m_Z^- = 6 \pm 32 \text{ MeV (reversed even-odd event selection)}$$

- 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  $m_W$  ( $< 1\text{MeV}$ ), 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)

# $A_3$ Variations By Charge



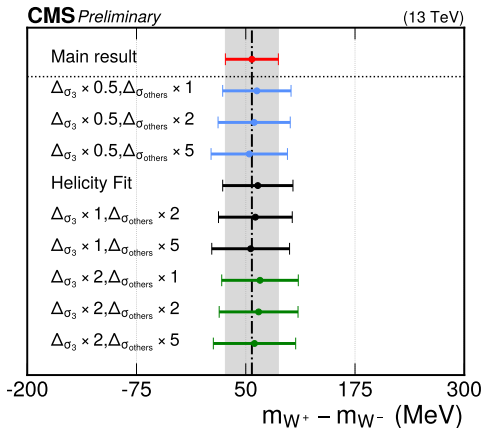
(a)  $W^+$



(b)  $W^-$

- A correlated variation of  $A_3$  between  $W^+$  and  $W^-$  produces an anti-correlated variation for the charged lepton kinematics
- The variation corresponding to switching off pythia intrinsic  $k_T$  for the angular coefficients mixes effects from  $A_1$  and  $A_3$

# Charge Difference with Helicity Fit



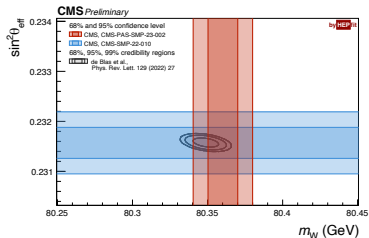
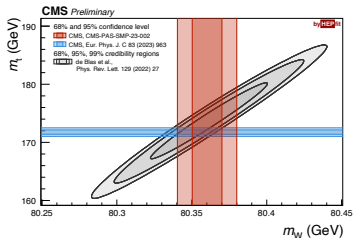
- Charge difference also very similar between nominal and helicity fit, and stable under changes in prefit uncertainties for the helicity cross sections

# Additional Stability/Consistency Tests

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



# Towards the Electroweak Fit Precision



# Conclusions

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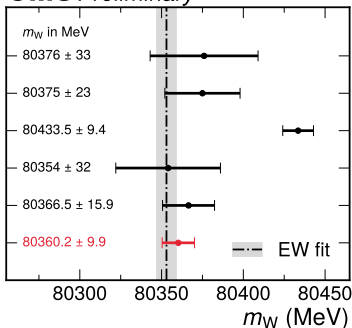
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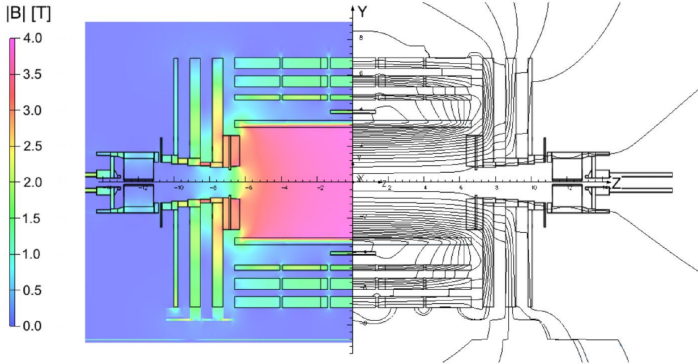
**CMS** Preliminary



- This is the first  $m_W$  measurement from CMS
- Measurement is performed with  $\sim 10\%$  of Run 2 data
- Major advances in experimental and theoretical techniques form the basis for further improved precision and additional measurements in the future



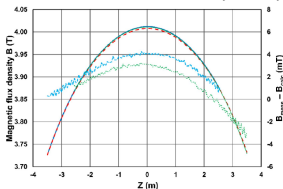
# Magnetic Field Model



# Magnetic Field Model

- High granularity (33,840 space points) 3D field map taken in 2006 (but on the surface and without much of the detector)
  - NMR probes with relative accuracy better than  $5e-5$  and calibrated hall probes with accuracy of  $\sim 3e-4$
- TOSCA model+parameterization used for track reconstruction reproduces field map data to  $\pm 0.1\%$  with some variation vs  $z$
- Possible future improvement: use the (interpolated) field map data directly
- Several NMR probes inside the solenoid (but outside the tracking volume) for monitoring
- **Magnetic field in tracking volume known to 0.1% a priori**
  - Residual corrections at this level not-unexpected
  - Uniformity could possibly be improved with direct use of field map data

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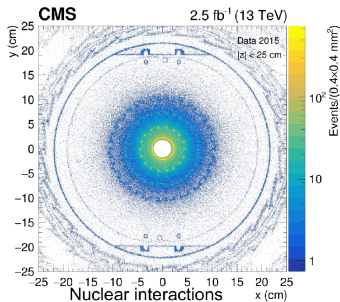
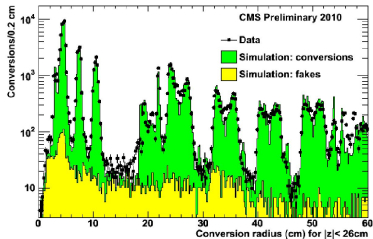


Model vs field map data at  $R = 0.1\text{m}$  (surface)

Source	Field	$\Delta$ (rel.)
Surface NMR (2006)	3.9176T	$-8e-4$
In-situ NMR (2008)	3.9206T	0
In-situ Model Prediction	3.9181T	$-6e-4$

Model vs NMR Measurements at  $R = 2.91\text{m}$ ,  $z = -0.01\text{m}$ <sup>13</sup>

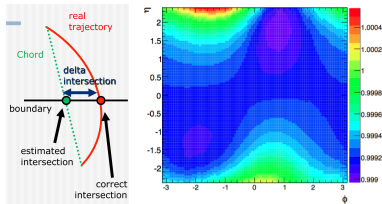
## Material Model



- Material model in simulation is correct at the O(10%) level
- Additional corrections may be needed due to the infinitesimal plane approximation in the tracking

# Muon Momentum Calibration

- Tune simulation parameters to remove small biases
  - Increase Geant4 surface surface intersection precision to avoid small, charge-dependent, accumulating biases in the propagation
- Refit muon tracks to remove small biases and improve B-field and material modeling
  - Continuous Variable Helix fit developed for this measurement which extends Generalized Broken Line fit with quasi-continuous energy loss and multiple scattering using Geant4e propagator
  - Avoids infinitesimal-plane approximation for material since full simulation geometry is used
  - Higher accuracy B-field map from full 3d field-survey



# Muon Momentum Calibration

- Correct for local biases in B-field, material and alignment between data and reconstruction model
  - Generalization of global alignment procedure with additional parameters for local magnetic field and material corrections
  - Parameters determined from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events
  - Sufficient to correct local biases, but limitations in Gaussian mass constraint leave significant weak modes remaining
- Final corrections for residual scale differences between data and simulation
  - High accuracy determination of residual B-field, material (energy loss) and alignment biases using mass fits in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events
  - Parameterized using “simple” functional form since local biases have been removed or corrected
  - Residual resolution corrections from  $J/\psi$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  using corresponding parameterization for hit resolution, multiple scattering and correlation terms



# Parton Distribution Functions

PDF set	Scaling factor	Impact on $m_W$	
		Original $\sigma_{\text{PDF}}$	Scaled $\sigma_{\text{PDF}}$
CT18Z	1.0		4.4
CT18	1.0		4.6
PDF4LHC21	1.0		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

- **Strategy:** Scale prefit PDF uncertainties to ensure consistency between sets for measured  $m_W$  value
- Scaling factors are determined with analysis still blind by using pseudodata generated from each PDF set and fitting with every other PDF set and its uncertainty
- n.b. symmetrization procedure is applied for asymmetric uncertainties which tends to increase the uncertainty for CT18 and MSHT
- This procedure does **not** prove that e.g. NNPDF4.0 uncertainty is underestimated, only that it's too small to cover the central value of the other sets
- CT18Z is chosen as the nominal since it covers the others without inflation and small uncertainty

## Cross checks for mW charge difference

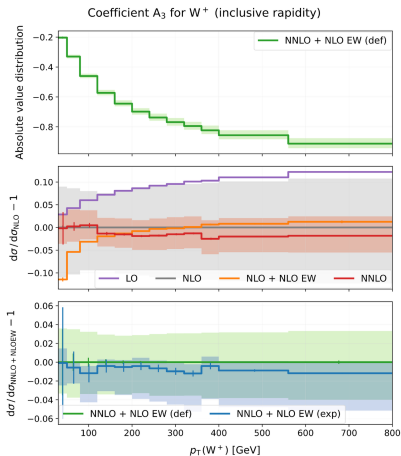
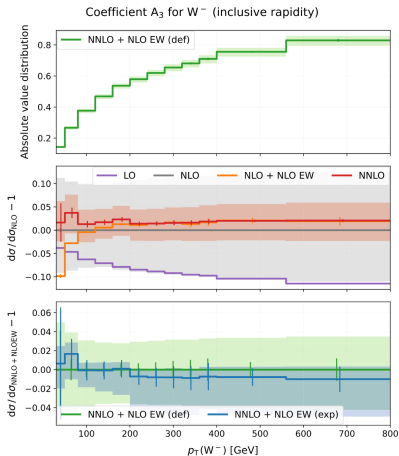
Configuration	mW+ - mW- (MeV)	Delta mW wrt nominal (MeV)
nominal	57.0 +- 30.3	0
J/psi+Z calibration	46.8 +- 28.4	-1.9
Z-only calibration	41.5 +- 25.2	0.5
Adjust calibration alignment parameter by hand ( $M \pm 1e-5$ )	-4.6 +- 30.2	0.6
Shift central value of pythia shower kT by +1 sigma (ie treat LHE angular coeffs as nominal)	47.9 +- 30.2	-0.5
Z-only calibration + shift shower kT	35.6 +- 25.1	0.1

- Key numbers to compare to:
  - Calibration uncertainty on mW: 4.8 MeV
  - Calibration uncertainty on mW+ - mW-: 21.3 MeV
  - Non-perturbative uncertainty on angular coeffs (pythia shower kT) for mW: 1 MeV
  - Non-perturbative uncertainty on angular coeffs (pythia shower kT) for mW+ - mW-: 14 MeV
  - Data+MC stat uncertainty (global impacts) on mW+ - mW-: 15.8 MeV
- N.b alternate calibrations don't necessarily have fully consistent/complete uncertainty models

- Various plausible shifts of systematic uncertainties can give large variations on mW+ - mW- but small variations on mW itself
  - Always within the corresponding uncertainties for both cases
- Even extreme brute force variation of alignment parameters leads to very small change in mW
- No smoking gun, not possible to identify a single "cause"
- Likely a combination of a few systematic effects (alignment, angular coefficients) at the 1 sigma level, combined with a statistical fluctuation

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# Higher order corrections for $A_3$

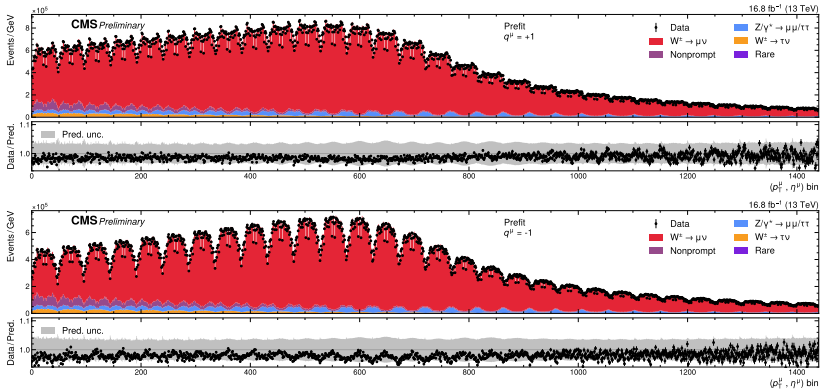


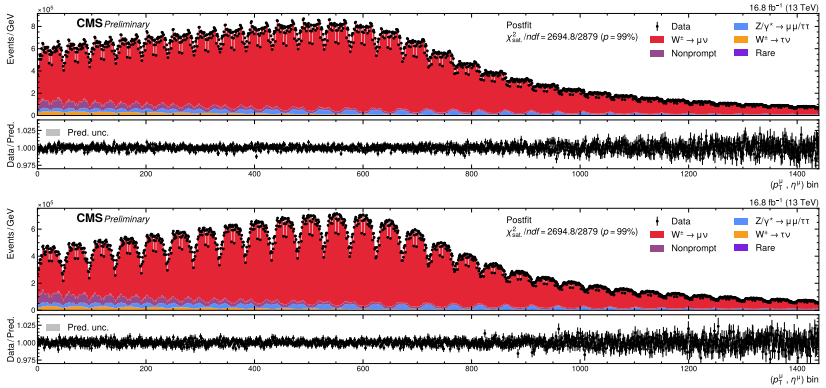
# Charge Difference Impacts: Nominal

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

# Charge Difference Impacts: Global

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



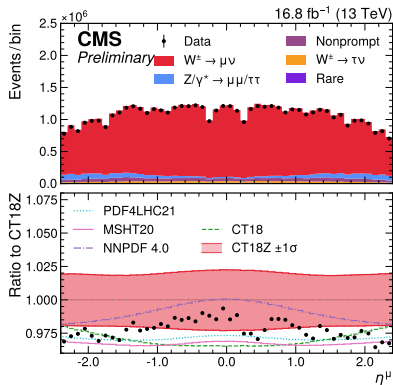
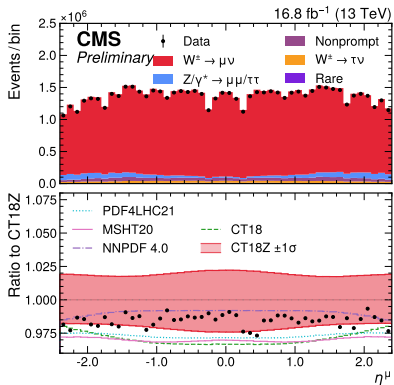


# PDF Compatibility with Data

PDF set	Nominal fit		Without PDF+ $\alpha_s$ unc.		Without theory unc.	
	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p\text{-val. (\%)}$	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p\text{-val. (\%)}$	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p\text{-val. (\%)}$
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



# PDF Compatibility with Data



# Comparisons

Unc. [MeV]	Total	Stat.	Syst.	PDF	$A_i$	Backg.	EW	$e$	$\mu$	$u_T$	Lumi	$\Gamma_W$	PS
$p_T^\ell$	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
$m_T$	24.4	11.4	21.6	11.7	4.7	4.1	4.9	6.7	6.0	11.4	2.5	0.2	7.0
Combined	15.9	9.8	12.5	5.7	3.7	2.0	5.4	6.0	5.4	2.3	1.3	0.1	2.3

**Table 2. Uncertainties on the combined  $m_W$  result.**

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
$p_T^\ell$ model	1.8
$p_T^W / p_T^\ell$ model	1.3
Parton distributions	3.9
QED radiation	2.7
$W$ boson statistics	6.4
Total	9.4

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
$p_T^W$ 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