



High Precision W^\pm Measurements in ATLAS

Data Analysis for Transverse Momentum Measurements at 13 TeV

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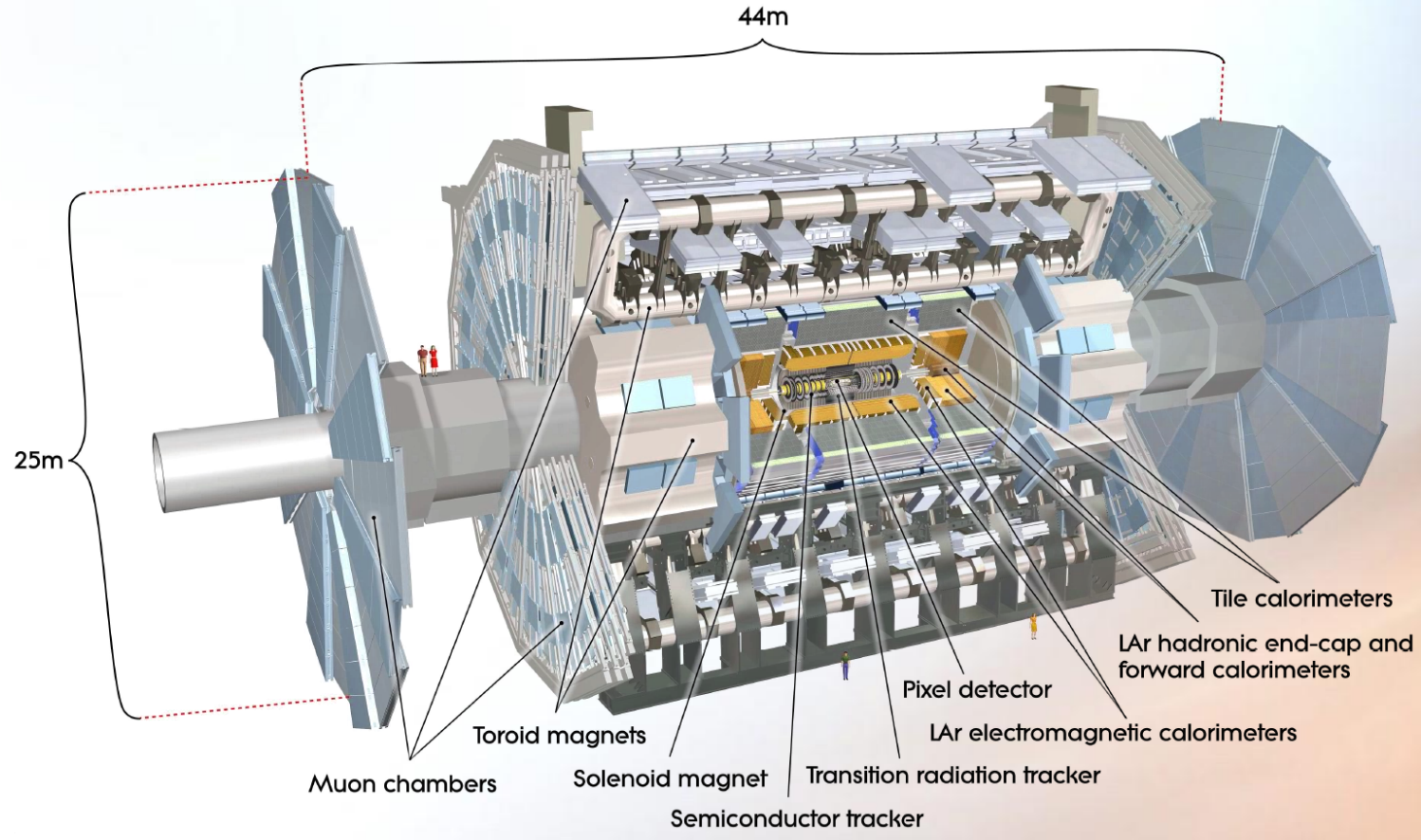
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Overview

- About ATLAS
- Research project goals
- Data, analysis, and results
- Project outcome
- Future goals



ATLAS

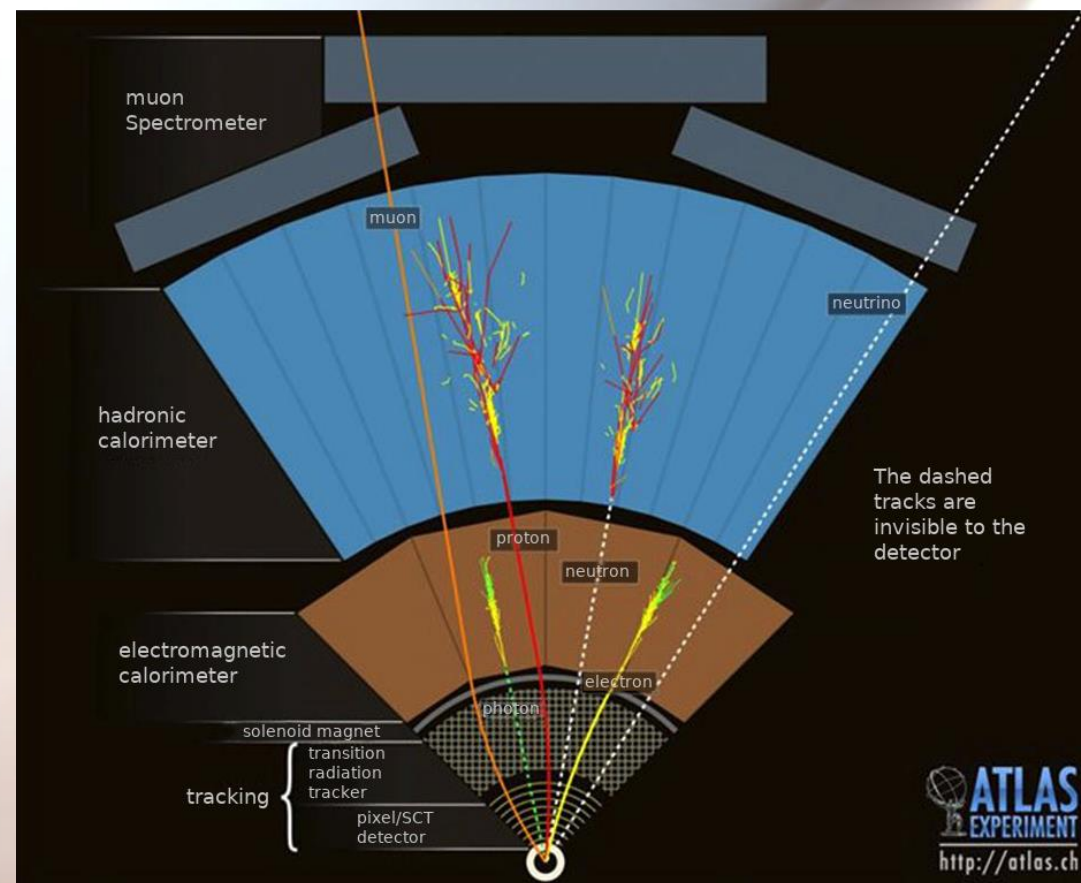


ATLAS

- 7,000 tonne detector for particle collisions
- Located at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland
- On the LHC track
 - Mutually anti-parallel proton beams are collided
 - Data is analyzed
- Construction
 - Four types of detectors
 - Magnetic Solenoid

Detector Construction

- Inner tracking detectors
 - Pixel detector
 - 80 Million pixels
 - Semiconductor Tracker
 - Silicon microstrip
 - Transition radiation tracker
 - Array of tungsten wires
 - Direction, momentum, and charge
- Solenoid magnet
 - Field parallel to beam
- Calorimeters
 - Absorb particle energy so it can be measured
 - Electromagnetic Calorimeter
 - Electrons, photons
 - Hadronic Calorimeter
 - Protons, neutrons
- Muon spectrometer
 - Gas detectors
 - Measure the pT of the muon particle

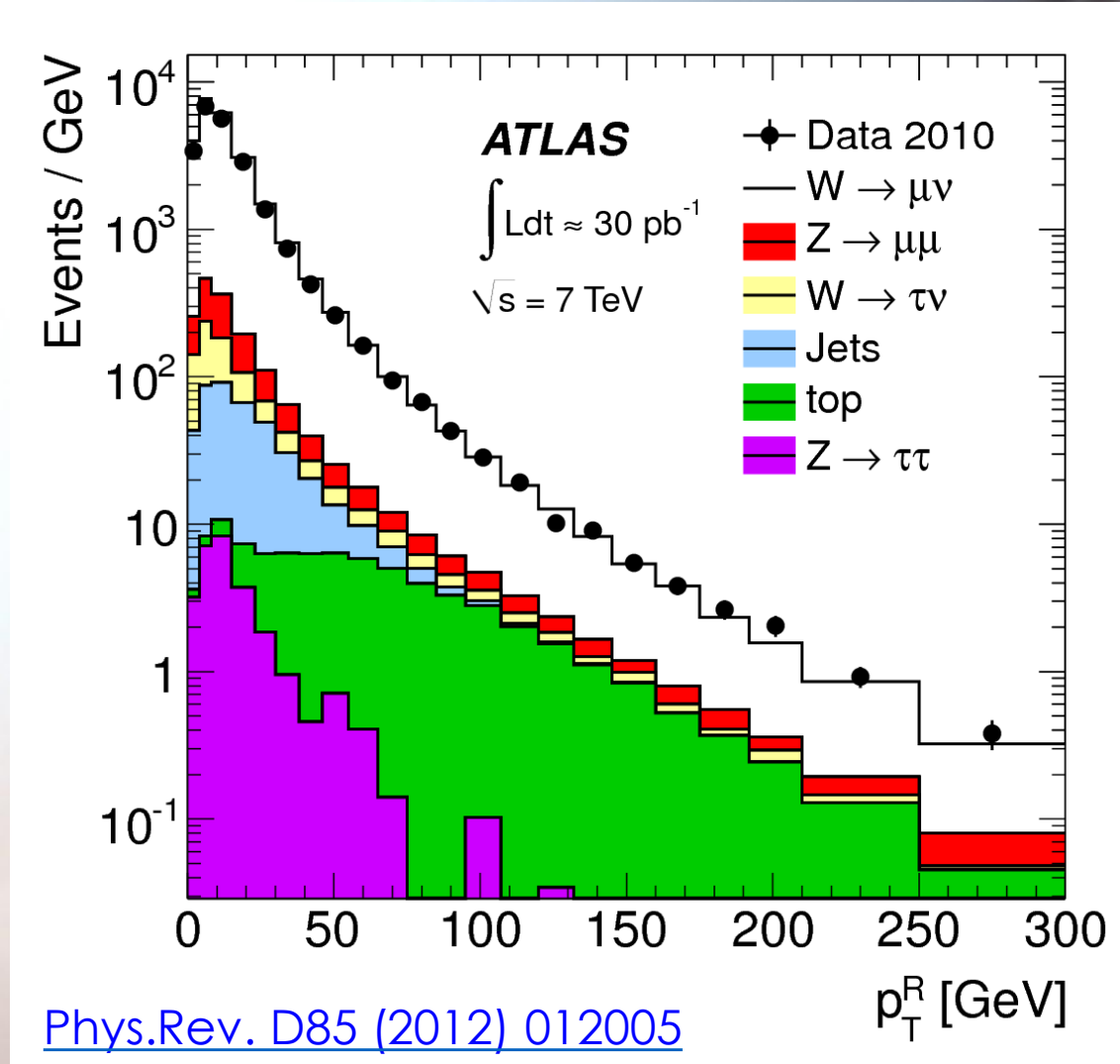


The background features a soft, out-of-focus composition. On the right side, there are two overlapping spheres. The upper one is white with a subtle blue gradient, while the lower one is a vibrant orange. The overall lighting is bright and diffused, creating a clean, modern aesthetic.

Project

Current Measurements of W Mass

- Previous precision
 - Averages of multiple measurements
 - Particle data group average
 - 80385 ± 15 MeV
 - Room for improvement
 - Standard model predicts an uncertainty of 8 MeV
- Future goals
 - Standard model consistency
 - Expand knowledge beyond standard model

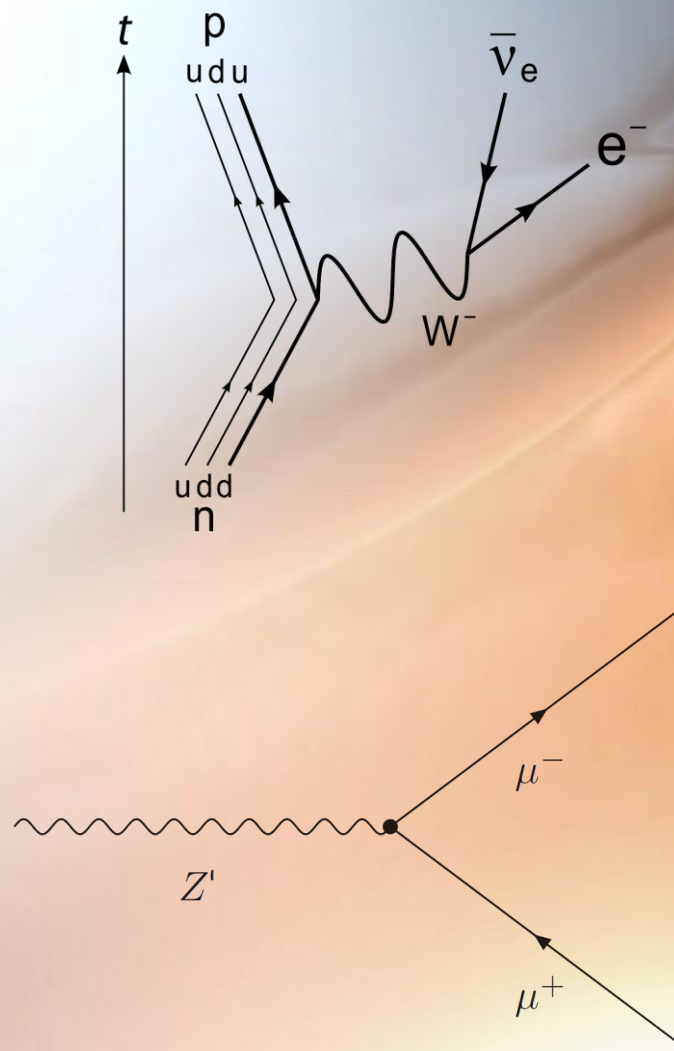


Current W Topology Limitations

- Current ability to account for all particles precisely
 - Specifically, neutrinos cannot be measured by ATLAS
 - They can, however, be accounted for indirectly
 - Calculate missing energy after reconstruction
 - Increase precision of reconstruction
 - Multiple methods and algorithms
 - Choose best one through analysis

Precision Calibration

- Calibrate detector
 - $W \rightarrow l\nu$
- Candidate for detector calibration: Z boson
- Easy to select
- Clean final state
 - $Z \rightarrow ll$
- Using $\mu\mu^-$

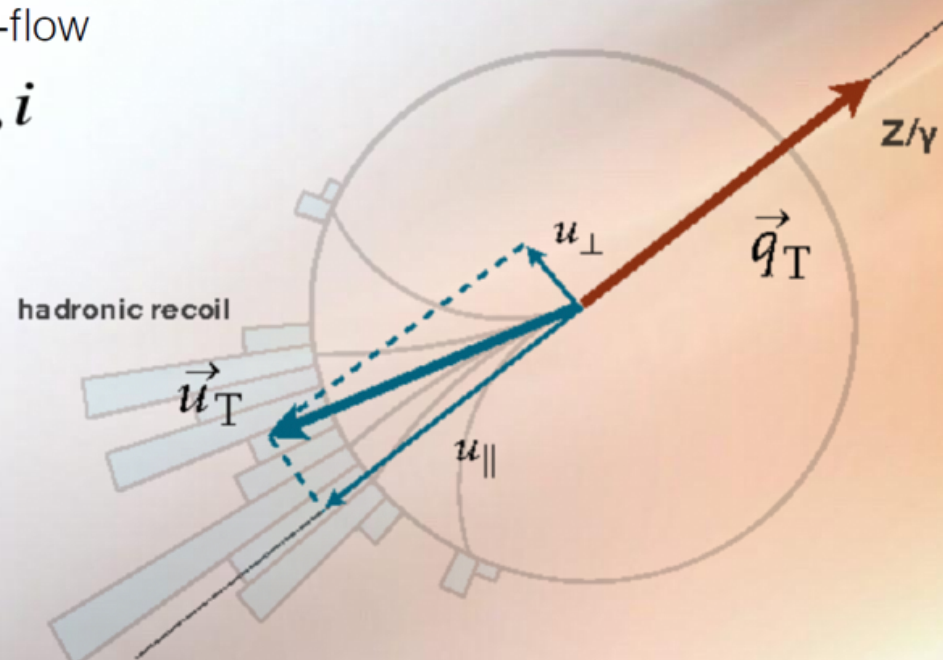


Hadronic Recoil components

- u^\perp is a measure of resolution
- $u^\parallel + Z_{pT}$ is a measure of scale

Relative Resolution: $\frac{U_{RMS}^\perp}{\langle U_T \rangle}$

$$\vec{u}_T = \sum_i \vec{E}_{T,i}^{\text{p-flow}}$$

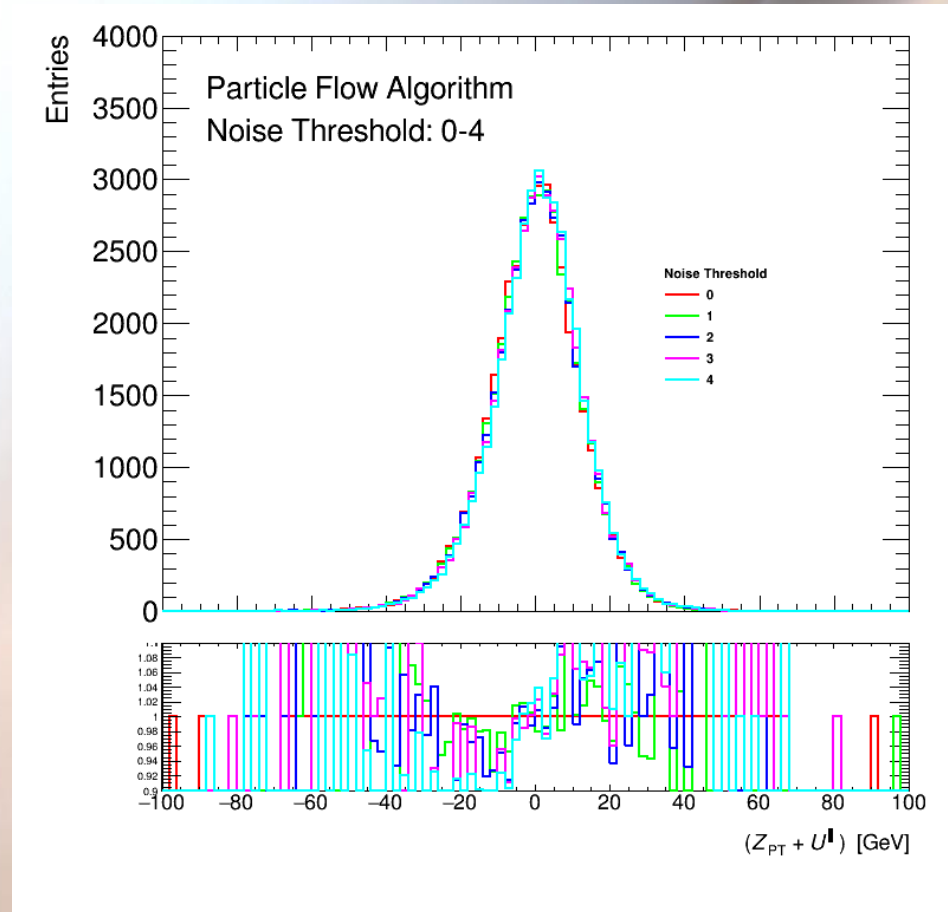


Methodology

- Split scale bias and resolution into bins based on energy level
 - Bins of Z_{PT}
 - 16 energy bins from [0,200]
 - Bins of $\sum E_T$
 - 10 energy bins from [0,1000]
- Two different methods to extract scale bias and resolution
 - Fit: Gaussian fits with $\pm 2\sigma$
 - RMS and Mean: Get these values from the histogram

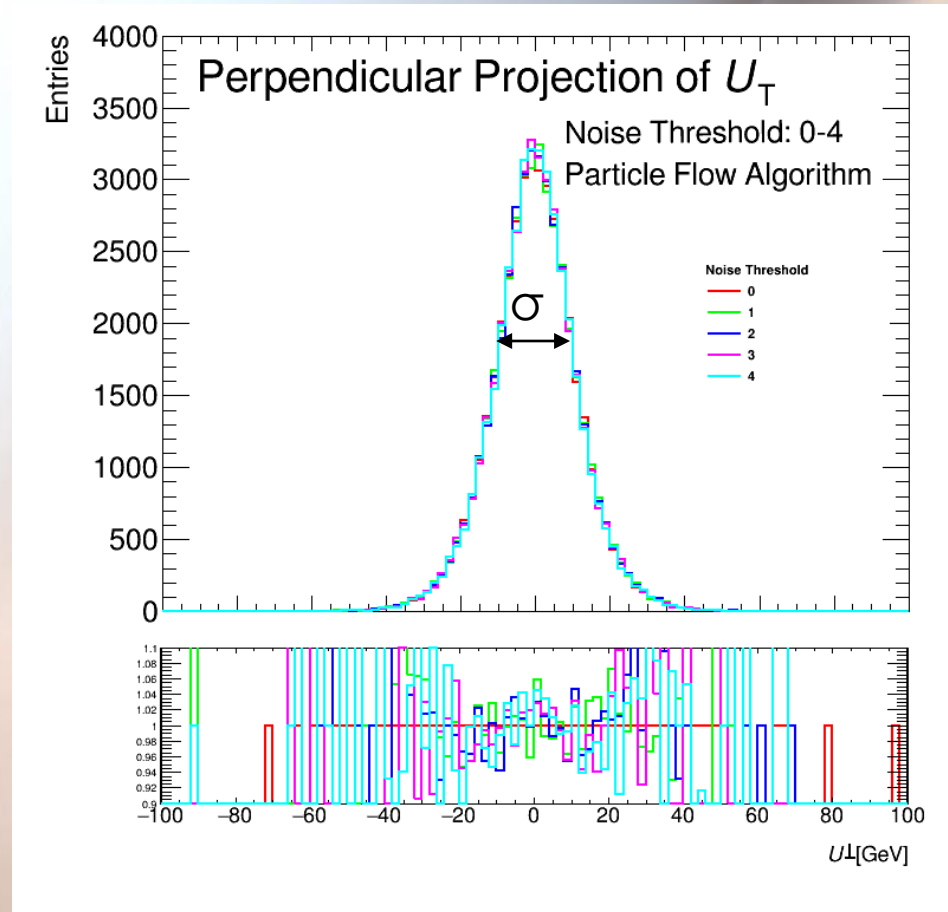
Scale Comparison

- Add Z_{PT} & u^{\parallel} together
 - Mean value should be zero
 - Mean value is not zero
 - Need better H-recoil reconstruction through calibration
- Next steps
 - Create gaussian fits to these distributions
 - Compare mean value

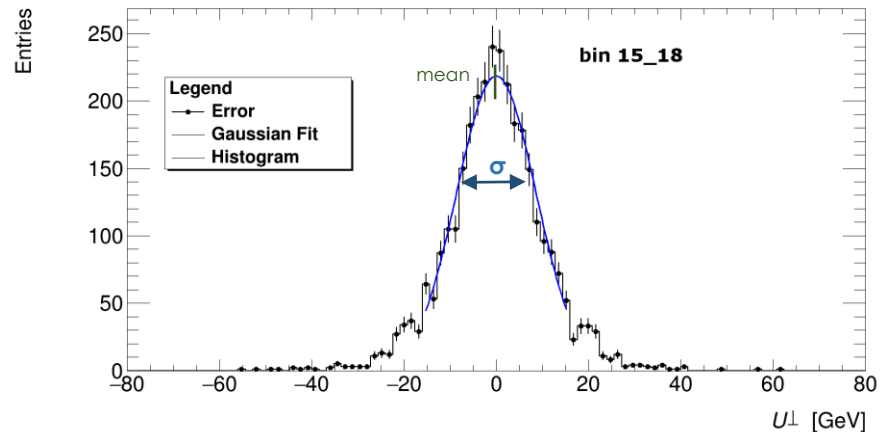
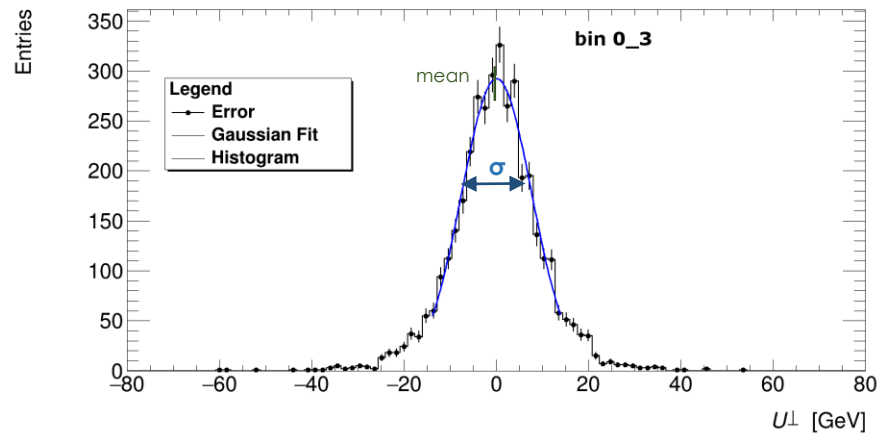


Resolution Comparison

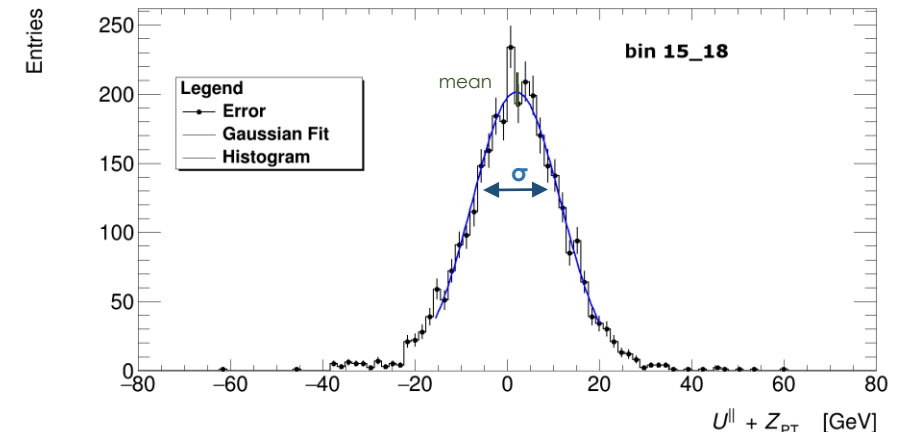
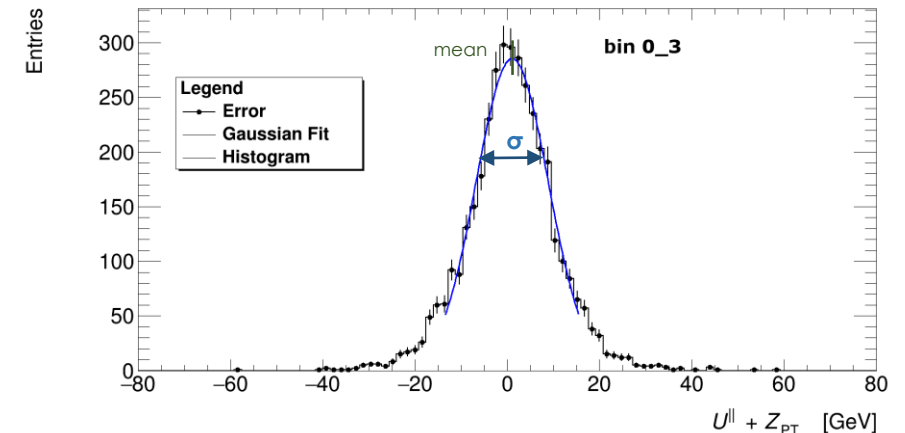
- Using u^\perp
 - Spread of distribution gives resolution of measurements
 - Smaller standard deviation means better resolution
 - Achieved through detector calibration
- Next steps
 - Create gaussian fits to these distributions
 - Compare RMS and σ



Gaussian Fits



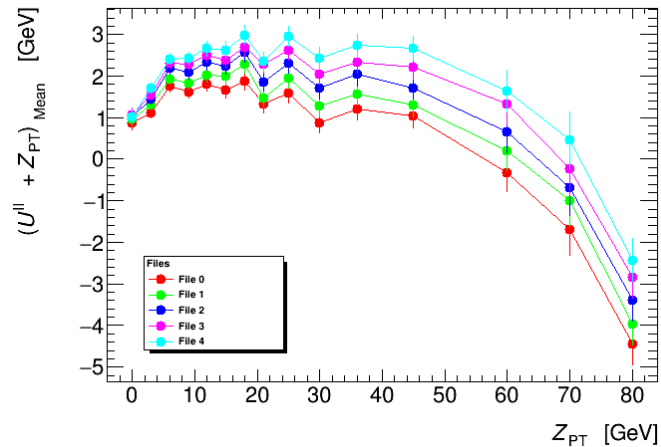
Gaussian fits for resolution: low energy bin (top) and medium energy bin (bottom)



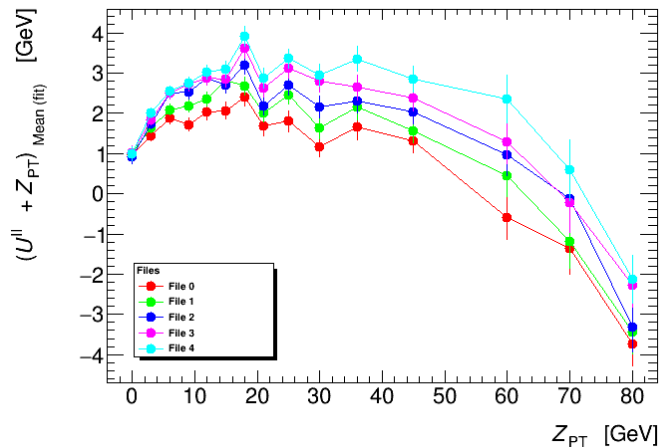
Gaussian fits for scale: low energy bin (top) and medium energy bin (bottom)

Histogram vs. Fit

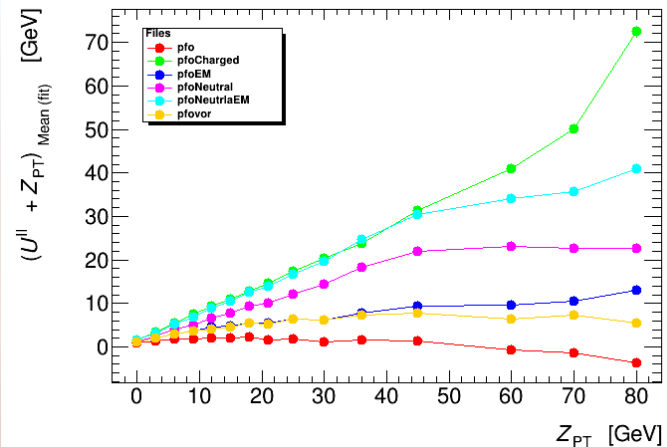
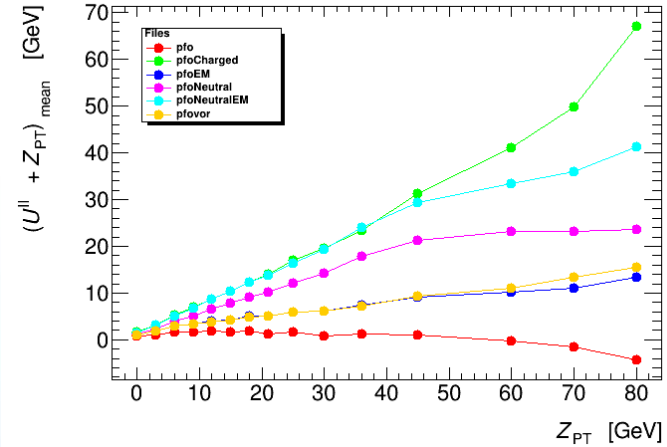
- Top: scale bias mean value vs. energy bin



- Bottom: scale bias mean value from Gaussian fit vs. energy bin



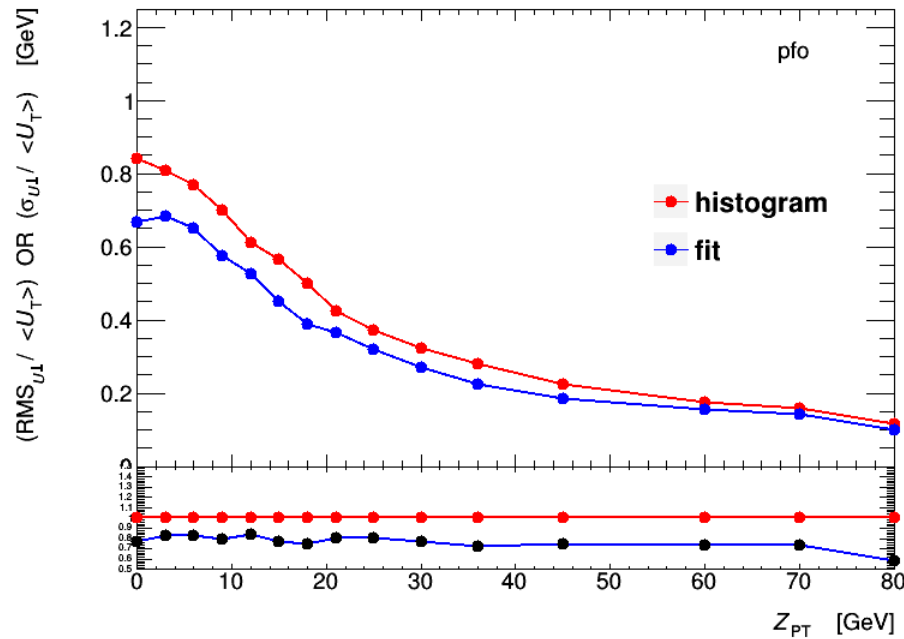
Scale Bias : COMPARING different reconstruction parameter for the same recoil algorithm



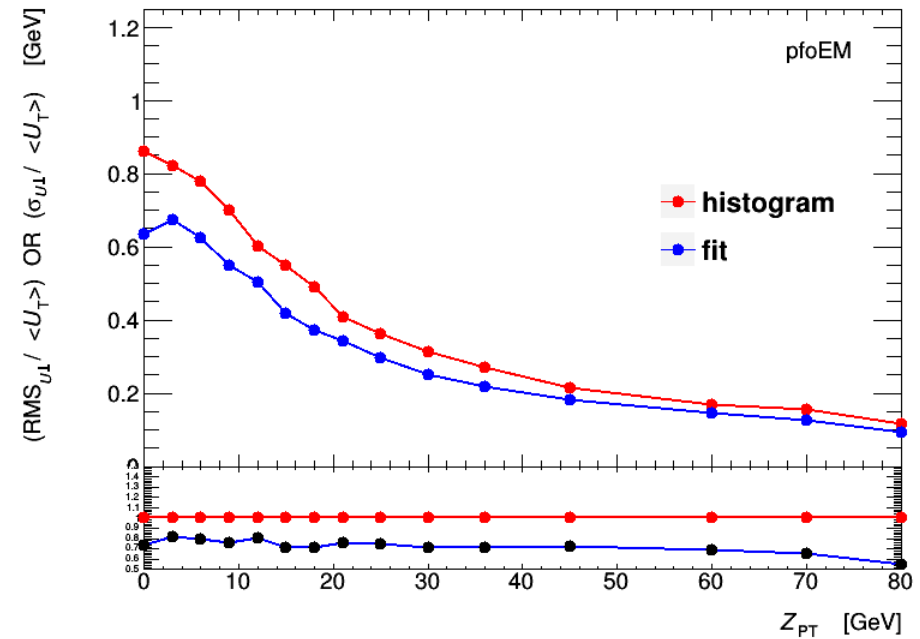
Scale Bias: COMPARING different recoil algorithm

P-flow vs. P-flowEM

Relative Resolution



Standard pfo fit values are slightly higher than other algorithms throughout.



pfoEM fit values are slightly lower, and within 20-30% of histogram values at low energy.

A close-up, artistic photograph of a glass filled with a golden-brown liquid, likely whiskey. The glass is partially filled, and the liquid has a smooth, slightly rippled surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light colors, possibly a wall or a backdrop, which makes the glass and its contents stand out. The lighting is warm and directional, coming from the right, creating highlights on the rim of the glass and the surface of the liquid.

W Events

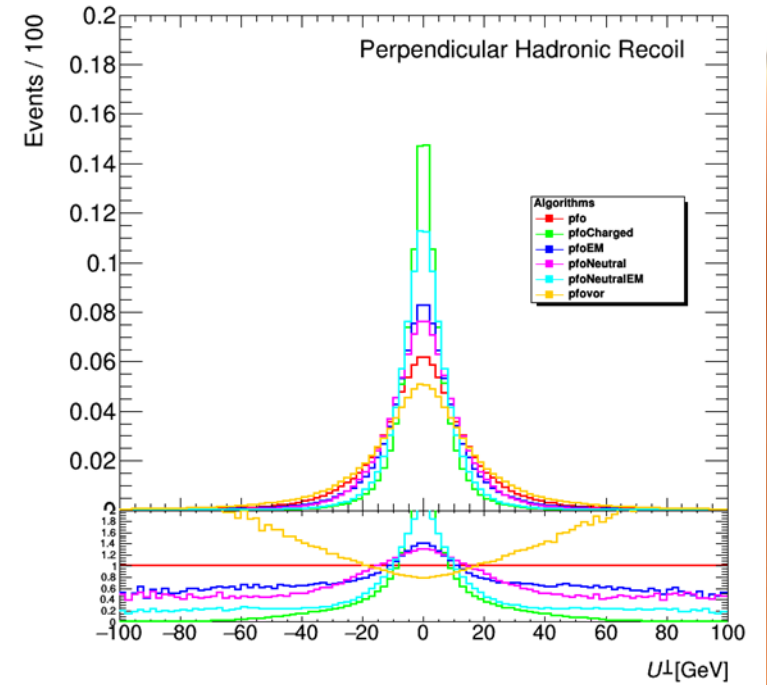
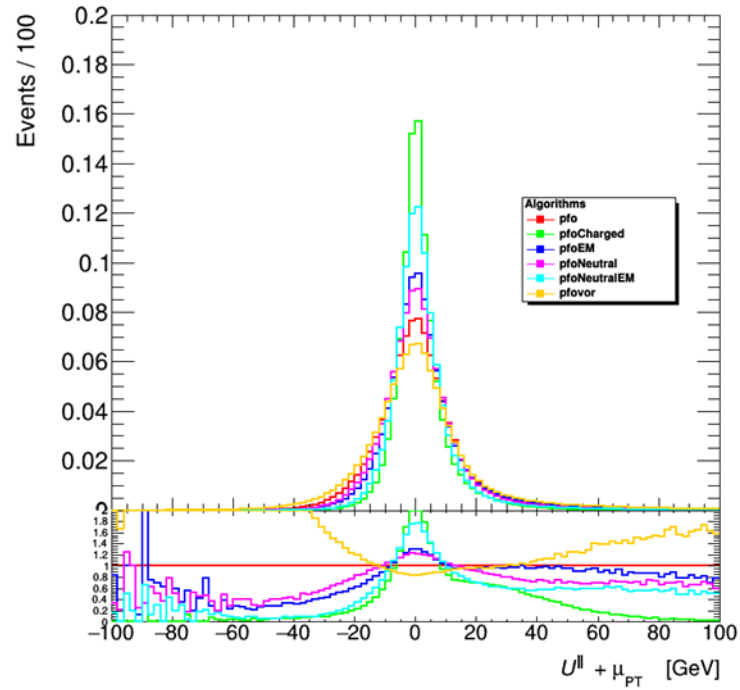
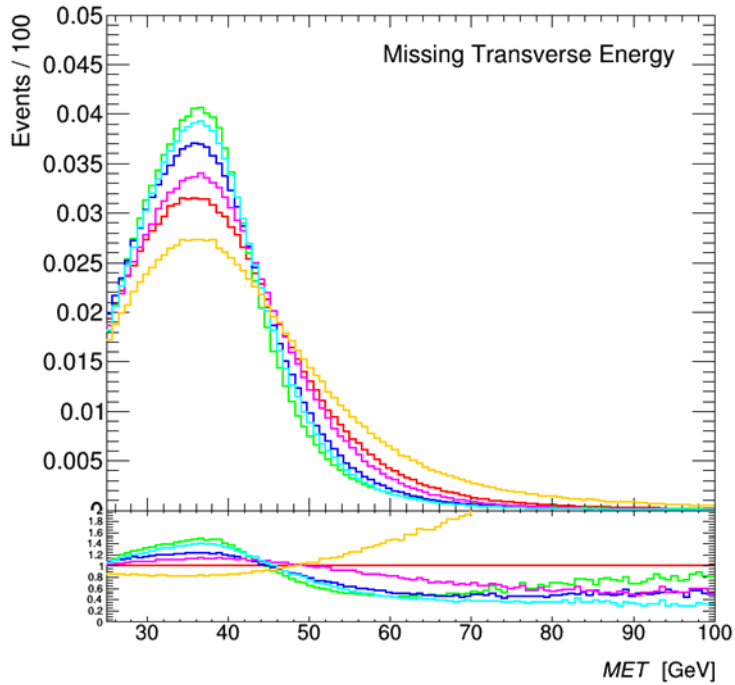
Calibration Procedure

- W-boson: different decay from Z-boson
 - Can no longer use just hadronic recoil to calibrate
 - Neutrino must be accounted for by missing energy
- U_T -- H-recoil retrieved from the tree
- MET -- Addition of H-recoil vector and muon vector
- U^\perp -- H-recoil projected perpendicular to muon vector
- U^\parallel -- H-recoil projected parallel to muon vector
- W_{mT} -- Calculated using $\sqrt{2 \cdot P_{T \vec{\mu}} \cdot P_{T \vec{MET}} \cdot (1 - \cos(\Delta\phi_{\vec{\mu}, \vec{MET}}))}$

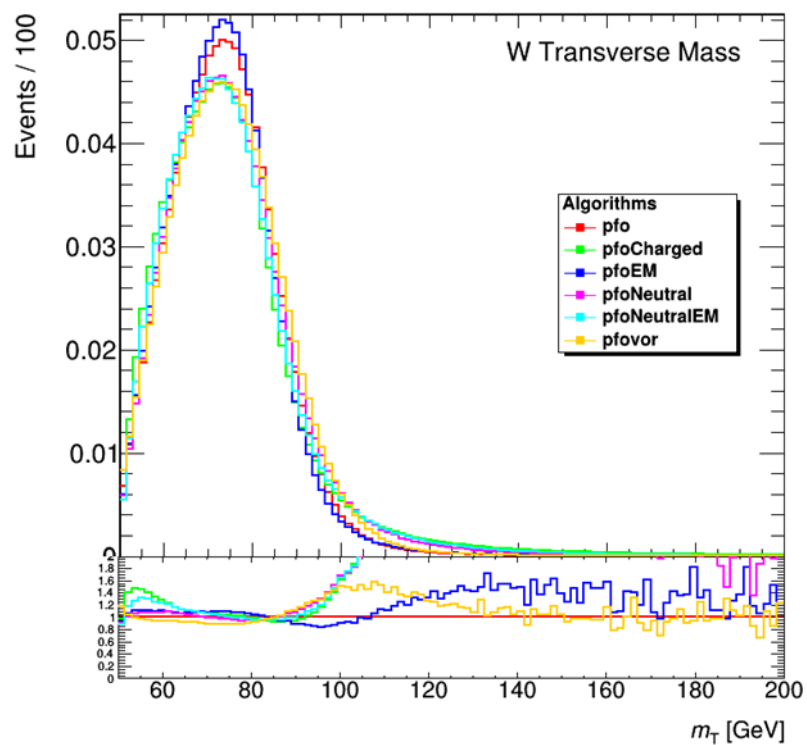
MET

$U^{\parallel} + \mu_{pT}$

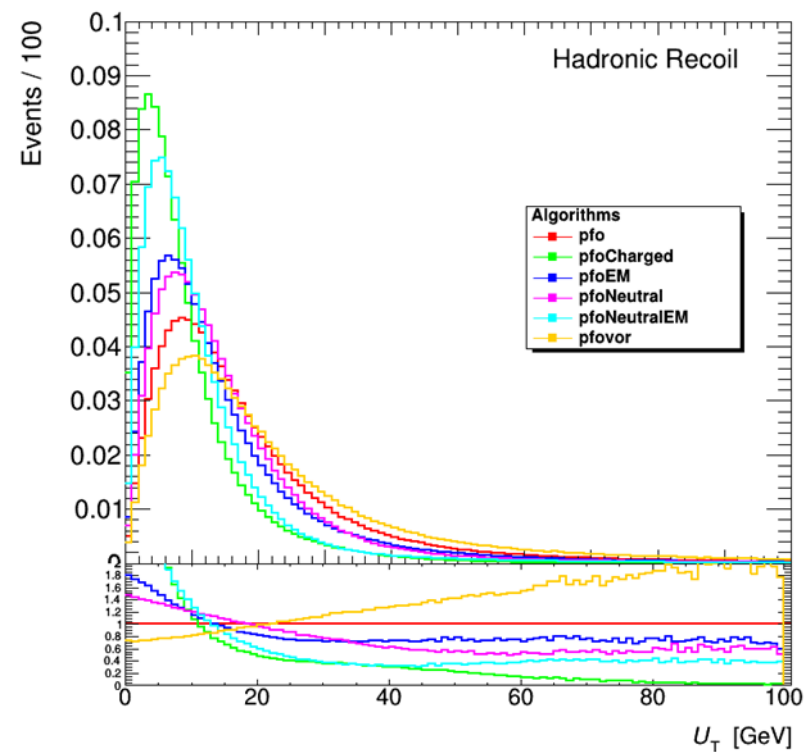
U^{\perp}



pfoCharged gives the best results in these plots – drastically so in the U^{\parallel} distribution

W_{mT} 

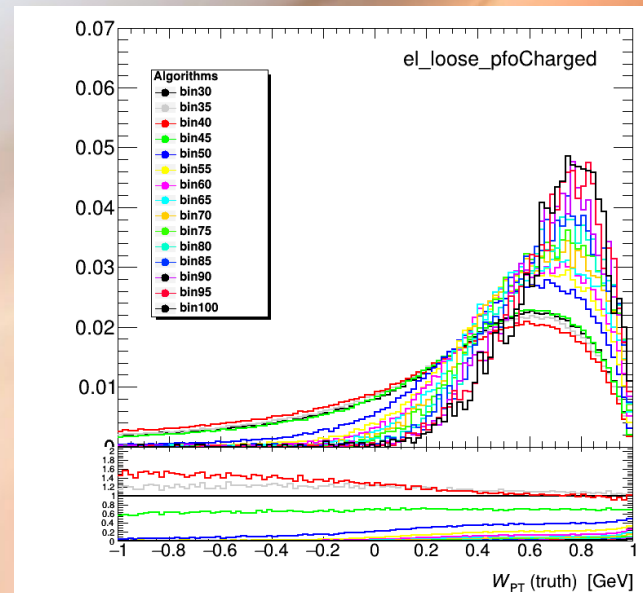
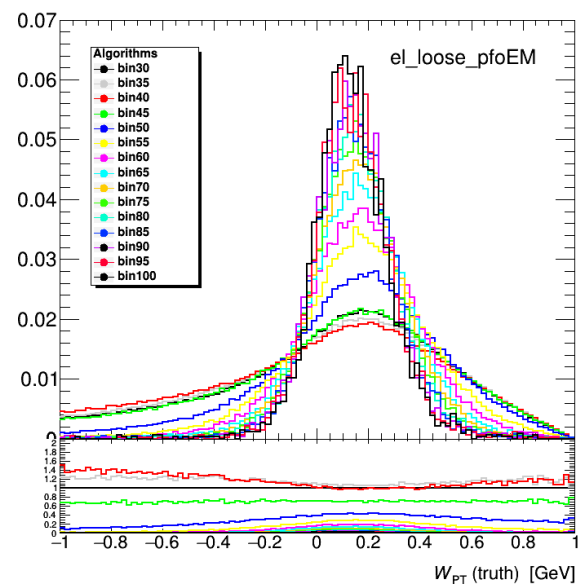
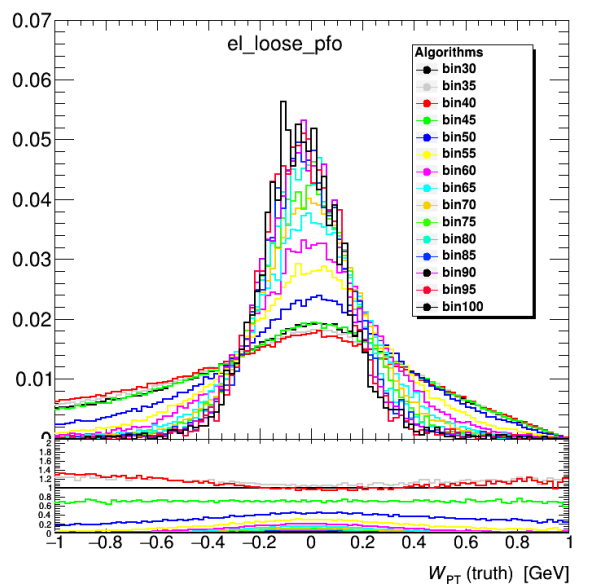
Here pfoEM gives the best W mass distribution

 U_T 

Once again pfoCharged has the highest, most narrow peak

W Truth Transverse Momentum

$$\frac{(W_{PT})_{Truth} - U_T(recoil)}{(W_{PT})_{Truth}}$$



Summary

- Use $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu^-$ events to see best reconstruction algorithm
- Compare $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ events to see best reconstruction algorithm
- Look for mutual consistencies in success
 - Found ~20%-30% bias in relative resolution RMS and Gaussian fits
 - U^{\parallel} & U^{\perp} Projections
- Choose best suited algorithm for detector calibration
 - Previous plots show that pfoEM has the best:
 - Relative resolution
 - Transverse W mass

What I Have Learned

- A large amount of particle physics
- Detector physics and operation
- Data analysis
- Coding and implementation
- Problem solving
- I have great interest in this field of study

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