

# (2) Vector Boson Production in Hadronic Collisions

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## Outline

Lecture 2 : Vector Boson Production

(A) Introduction

(B) QCD and Vector Boson Production

(C) Vector Boson Production at the LHC

## *What is the purpose of the LHC?*

*Different people may have different answers, but my answer is ...  
to test the Standard Model, precisely.*

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \text{QCD} \mapsto \quad \leftrightarrow \text{electroweak} \mapsto$$

$$\leftrightarrow \text{gluons} \mapsto \quad \leftrightarrow W^\pm Z^0 \gamma \mapsto$$

*Important: one cannot separate the interactions.*

*For example, QCD contributes to Drell-Yan processes.*

## *The Higgs Boson*

- ▪ ▪ *a triumph of physics,  
both theoretical and experimental*
- ▪ ▪ *a hint (or even the full answer?)  
about electroweak symmetry breaking*
- ▪ ▪ *a part of the Standard Model to be explored*

## *New Physics*

- ▪ ▪ *i.e., Beyond the Standard Model,  
measure the Standard Model so precisely, that  
BSM emerges*

Yesterday: aspects of the standard Drell-Yan process

- The experimental signal is “clean” because the underlying interaction is electroweak; at short distance  $\gg \lambda_{EW}$
- The theory is known accurately.
  - *factorization of short and long distances*
  - *perturbative QCD up to NNLO*
- Historical importance
  - *discoveries of  $\gamma$ ,  $Z^0$ ,  $W^\pm$*
  - *helped to establish QCD as a quantitative theory*
    - 💡 *angular dependence  $\propto 1 + \cos^2 \theta$ ;*
    - 💡 *NLO correction explains the **K-factor***  
*expt/LO  $\sim 2$ ; and NLO/LO  $\sim 2$*
  - *contributes to the phenomenology of PDFs*

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## (A) Introduction - Vector Boson Production in Hadronic Collisions

Exercise. Vector boson production is also called a Drell-Yan process. Explain why.

Today we will consider some recent applications of VBP :

- the W boson mass ;
- constraints on Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs) ;
- searching for new physics .

## Measuring the W-boson mass

Why is it important?

$M_W$  is a fundamental parameter of the Standard Model, so its value is needed to test the Standard Model precisely.

For example, to compare the **direct measurement** to **indirect measurements** based on precision experiments.

The  $Z^0$  mass is known very precisely because the decay  $Z^0 \rightarrow l^+ + l^-$  has a resonant peak at invar.mass  $m_{ll} = M_Z$  ;  
for example in the process  $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow Z^0 \rightarrow l^+ + l^-$   
at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 90$  GeV.

## Measuring the W mass

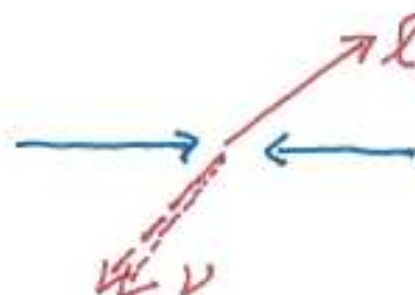
But for  $W^\pm$  the leptonic decay is  $W \rightarrow l \nu$ ; the neutrino is "missing energy" so the detector cannot reconstruct the W mass peak.

V boson	Mass	Decay width	IBR
Z0	$91.1876 \pm 0.0021$ GeV/c	$2.4952 \pm 0.0023$ GeV/c	0.068
$W^\pm$	$80.379 \pm 0.012$ GeV/c	$2.085 \pm 0.042$ GeV/c	0.210

However, there is a **Jacobian peak** in the distribution of the transverse momentum of the charged lepton,  $p_T^{(\text{lepton})}$ . The shape of that peak depends on  $M_W$ .

## The lowest-order calculation

W rest frame



$|\vec{p}_\ell| = |\vec{p}_\nu| = \frac{M_W}{2}$   
 $p_{\ell T} \leq \frac{M_W}{2}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^e} = \frac{d\sigma/d\cos\theta_*$$

$$= \frac{4p_T^e/m_W^2}{\sqrt{1-(2p_T^e/m_W)^2}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_*}$$

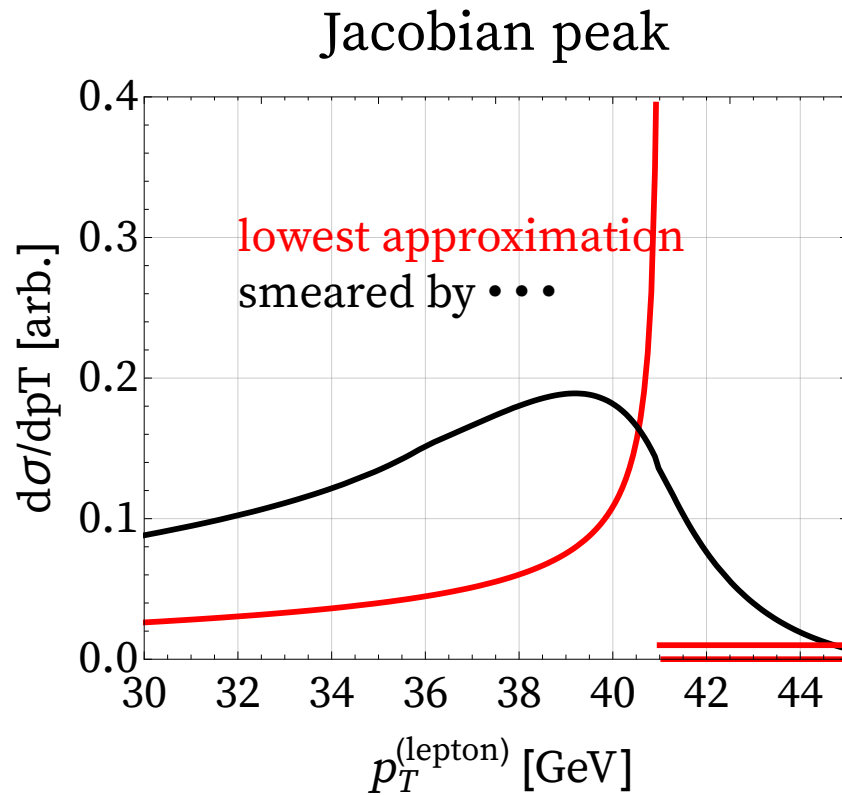
the Jacobian produces a "peak" at  $p_T^e = \frac{M_W}{2}$

or use transverse mass  $M_T = \sqrt{2E_{T\ell}E_{T\nu}(1-\cos\theta)}$



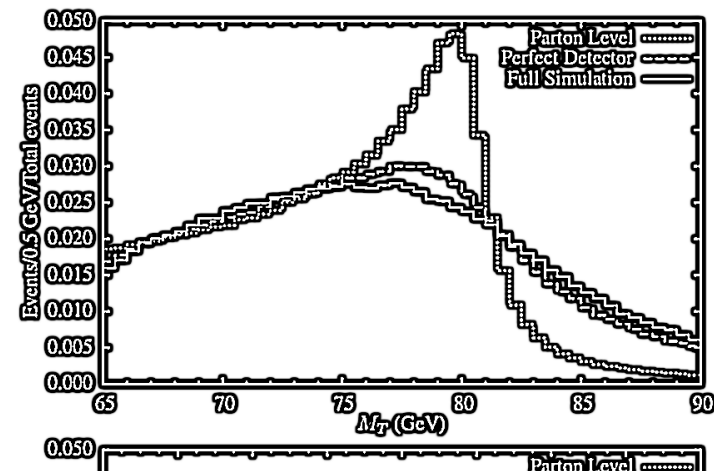
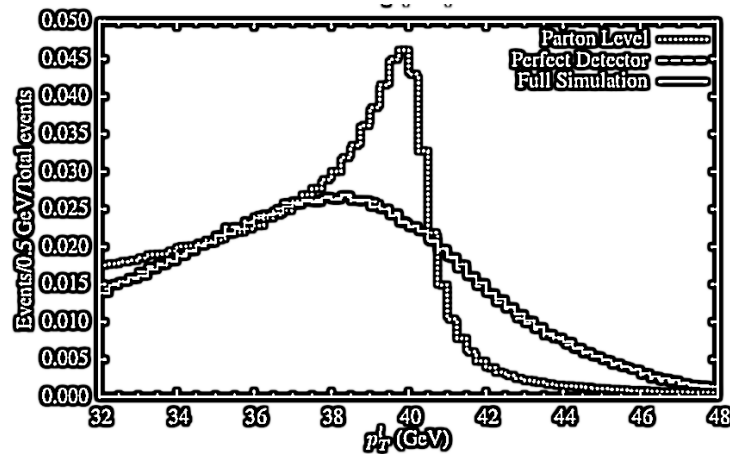
However, the sensitivity to  $M_W$  is reduced because of several effects

- $\Gamma_W$  ;
- QCD radiation (which makes  $p_{TW} \neq 0$ ) ;
- detector smearing.



## Transverse Momentum $p_T$ and Transverse Mass $M_T$

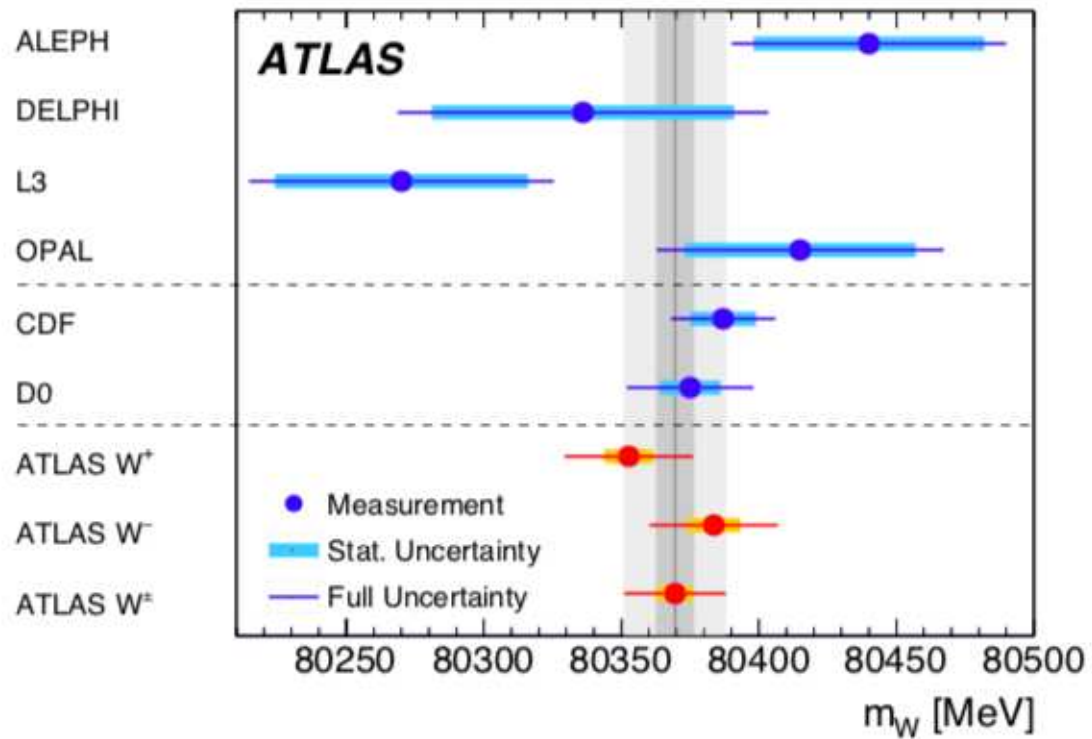
Quackenbush and Sullivan [hep-ph/1502.04671] studied in detail the detector limits for measuring the  $p_T$  or  $M_T$  Jacobian peak to determine  $M_W$ .



Importantly, they studied the effect of **PDF uncertainty** in the measurement of  $M_W$ . The goal is to measure  $M_W$  to an accuracy of 10 MeV.

Today:  $80.379 \text{ GeV} \pm 12 \text{ MeV}$ .

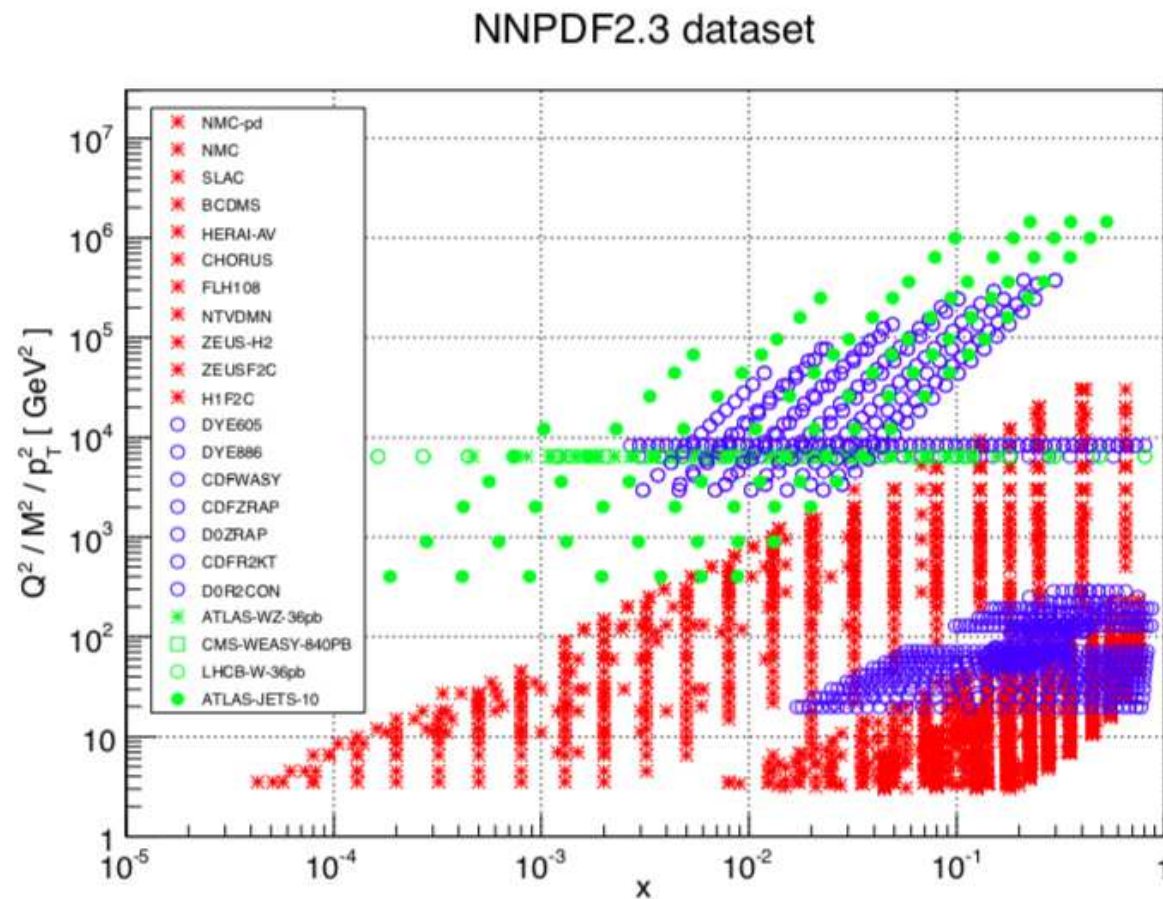
From ATLAS publication  
hep-ex/1701.07240



## (B) Constraints on PDFs from Vector Boson Production (VBP)

Recall ... “Global Analysis of QCD must be global.”

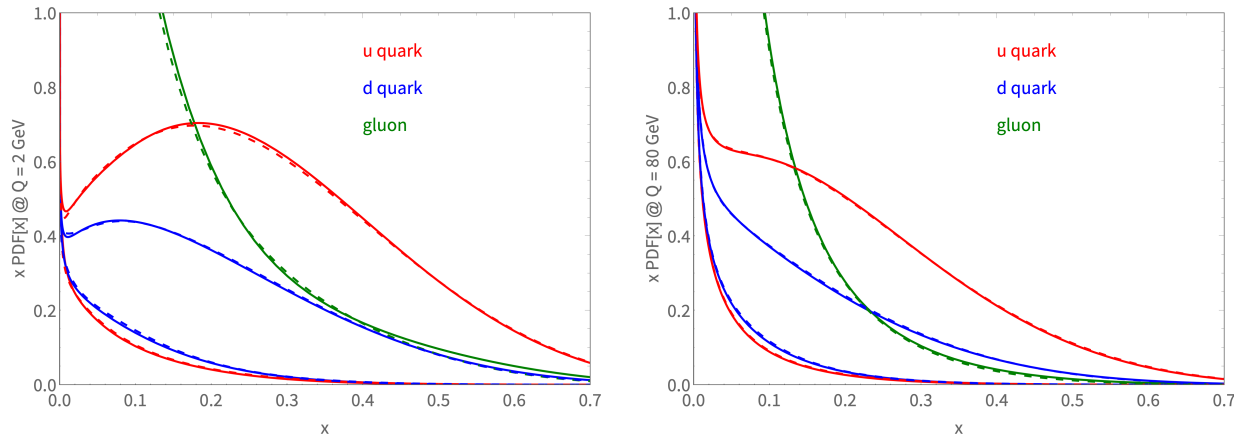
In other words we must use many experiments.



# A comment on PDF uncertainty

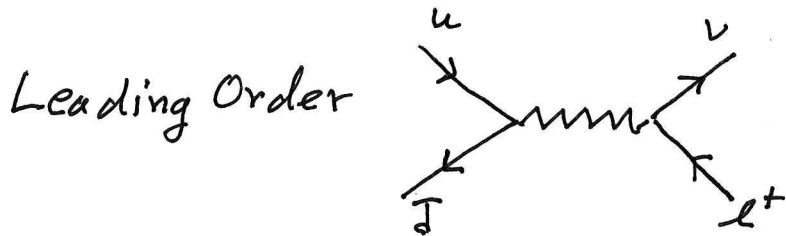
## ≡ lectures by Marco Guzzi

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W and Z production will be sensitive for PDFs at  $Q = 80$  or  $90$  GeV, so we obtain new information about PDFs, different from fixed-target Drell-Yan experiments.

QCD and the process  $pp \rightarrow W^+ + X$   
 $\hookrightarrow \nu e^+$



THE BLACK BOOK OF QUANTUM CHROMODYNAMICS  
 Campbell, Huston, Krauss

Chaps 2,3

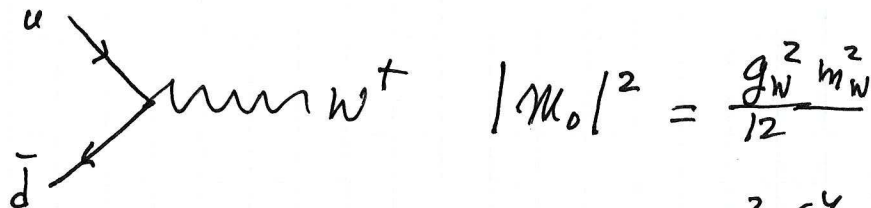
$$\sum |M_0|^2 = \frac{g_W^2}{12} \frac{\bar{E}^2}{(Q^2 - m_W^2)^2 + m_W^2 \Gamma_W^2}$$

$$\bar{S} = (p_u + p_{\bar{d}})^2 \text{ and } \bar{E} = (p_{\nu} - p_{e^+})^2$$

Simpler:

ignore the decay

(narrow width approximation)



$$|M_0|^2 = \frac{g_W^2 m_W^2}{12}$$

$$\sigma^{(LO)}(h_1 h_2 \rightarrow W^+ X) = \frac{\pi g_W^2}{125} \int_{-y_{max}}^{y_{max}} dy_W f_{u/h_1}(x_u) f_{\bar{d}/h_2}(x_{\bar{d}})$$

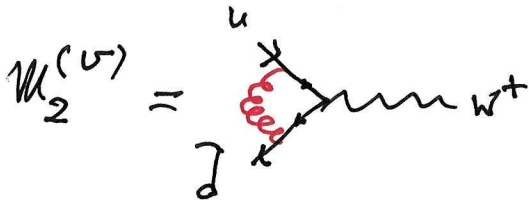
$\sum_{u, \bar{d}}$  implied

where  $x_u = \frac{m_W}{\sqrt{S}} e^{y_W}$

$$x_{\bar{d}} = \frac{m_W}{\sqrt{S}} e^{-y_W}$$

$$\pm y_{max} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{S}{m_W^2}\right)$$

## QCD Virtual Correction



$$= \frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}} g_s^2 \bar{U}(d) \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2} S_F(p_u - k) S_F(p_d + k) U(u) \epsilon(W)$$

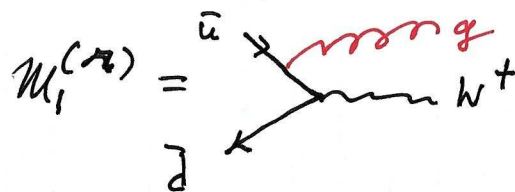
replace it by  $\mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D}$  where  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

(later  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Eq. (2.117)

$$2 |M_2^{(v)} m_0| = |M_0|^2 \frac{\alpha_s}{2F} C_F \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)^\epsilon \frac{4\pi^\epsilon}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \times \left\{ -\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 8 + \pi^2 \right\}$$

## QCD Real Corrections; e.g.



$\Rightarrow$  Eq (2.118)

$$\mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} |M_1^{(r)}|^2 = |M_0|^2 \frac{\alpha_s}{2F} C_F \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)^\epsilon \frac{4\pi^\epsilon}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)}$$

$$\times \left\{ \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{\epsilon} + \frac{\pi^2}{3}\right) \delta(1-z) + \text{finite distributions} \right\}$$

(x = m<sub>q</sub><sup>2</sup>/s and z = ??)

e.g.  $\frac{P^{(1)}(z)}{z}$

$\therefore$  Cancellation of singularities  $\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^{(NLO)}$

"DIMENSIONAL TRANSMUTATION"  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)^\epsilon = \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)$

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(#0) Dzero with  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV

lepton charge asymmetry in  $W^\pm$  production

hep-ex/1412.2862

### Information about the experiment

- “Measurement of the electron charge asymmetry in  $p \bar{p} \rightarrow W + X \rightarrow e \nu + X$  decays in  $p \bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV” (2016)
- I believe this is the most precise lepton charge asymmetry measurement from the Tevatron Collider.



## Lepton Charge Asymmetry...

### ... from inclusive $W^\pm$ production

- the Fermilab Tevatron Collider, a proton-antiproton collider with  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV. The measurement of electron charge asymmetry in the process  $p \bar{p} \rightarrow W+X$  provided important information about PDFs.
- In  $p \bar{p}$  collisions, W production is predominantly due to annihilation of valence quarks,  $u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+$  and  $d\bar{u} \rightarrow W^-$ .
- Think about the x dependence of PDFs, and note that  $u_{\bar{p}} = \bar{u}_p$ , etc.  
 $\therefore W^+$  bosons tend to move in the direction of the proton ( $y_W > 0$ );  
 $W^-$  bosons tend to move in the direction of the antiproton ( $y_W < 0$ ).

Define W-charge asymmetry by

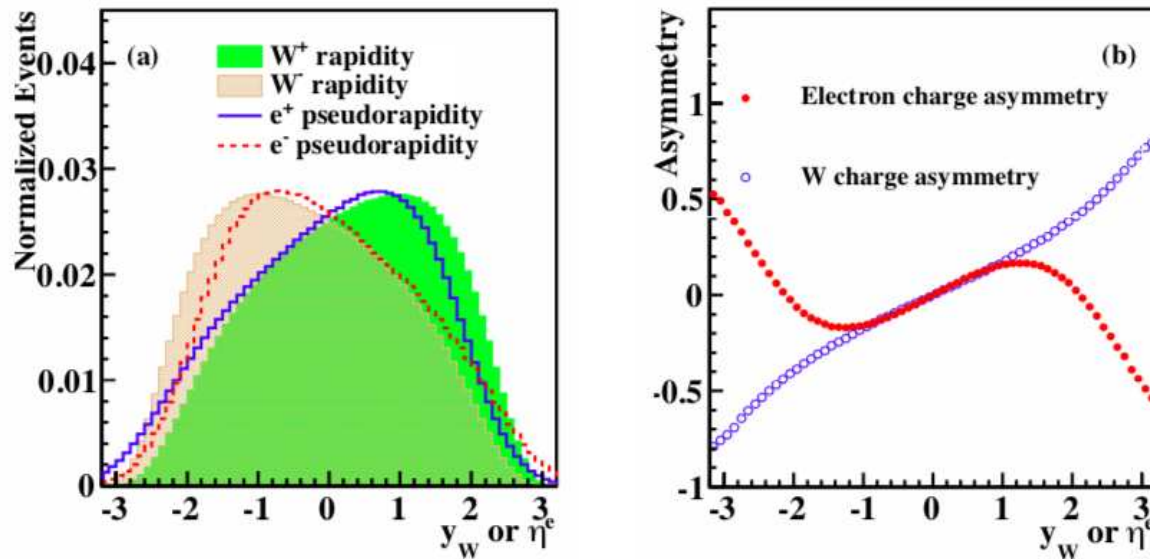
$$A_W(y_W) = \frac{(d\sigma/dy)_{W^+} - (d\sigma/dy)_{W^-}}{(d\sigma/dy)_{W^+} + (d\sigma/dy)_{W^-}} = \frac{\text{plus} - \text{minus}}{\text{plus} + \text{minus}}$$

*However, we can't measure the rapidity of the W because the neutrino is "missing energy".*

Instead the experiments measure **lepton charge asymmetry**, as a function of the **pseudorapidity** of the observed (charged) lepton;

$$A_l(\eta_l) = \frac{(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta})_{\eta^+} - (\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta})_{\eta^-}}{(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta})_{\eta^+} + (\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta})_{\eta^-}} = \frac{\text{plus} - \text{minus}}{\text{plus} + \text{minus}}$$

## Behavior of $W^+$ and $W^-$ inclusive production at the Tevatron collider

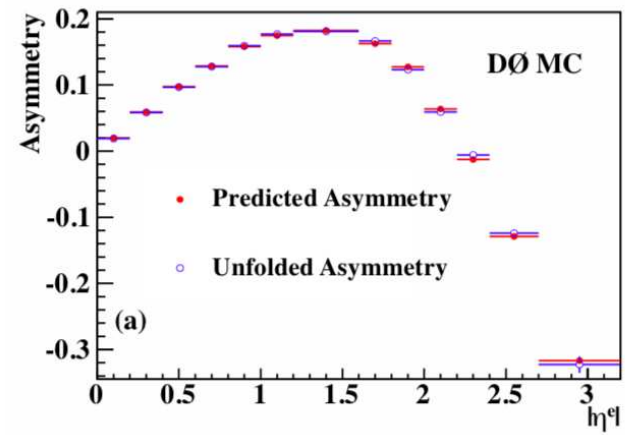
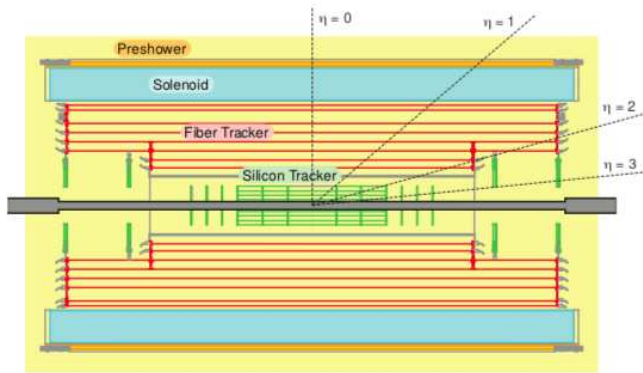


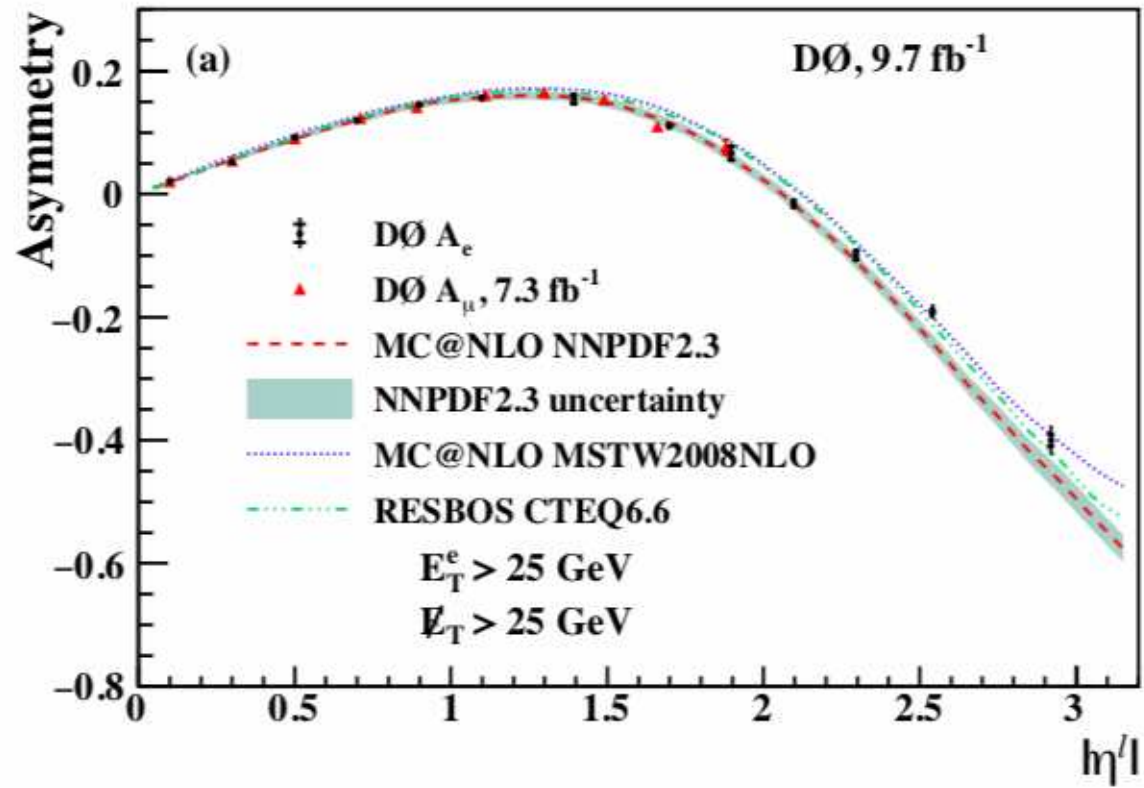
cross section versus  $y_W$  or  $\eta^e$  || Asymmetry =  $(+ - -) / (+ + -)$

The electron asymmetry has a "turn-over" due to the convolution of the W boson asymmetry and the V-A structure of the W boson decay.

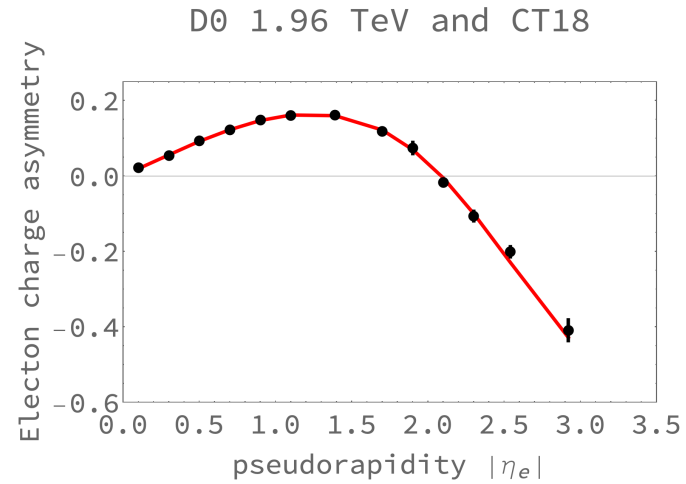
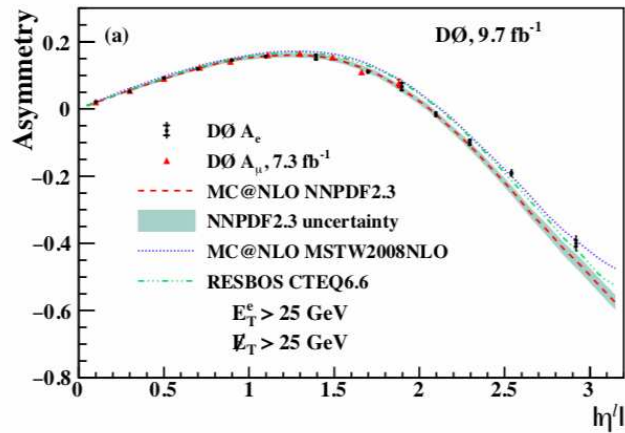
MC event generator RESBOS with the CTEQ6 .6 central PDF set

# Experimental Results





Compare to the CT18 global analysis,



$\chi^2 / N = 22.8/13$  with 6 systematic errors.

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(#1) ATLAS 7 TeV

inclusive W and Z production

hep-ex/1109.5141

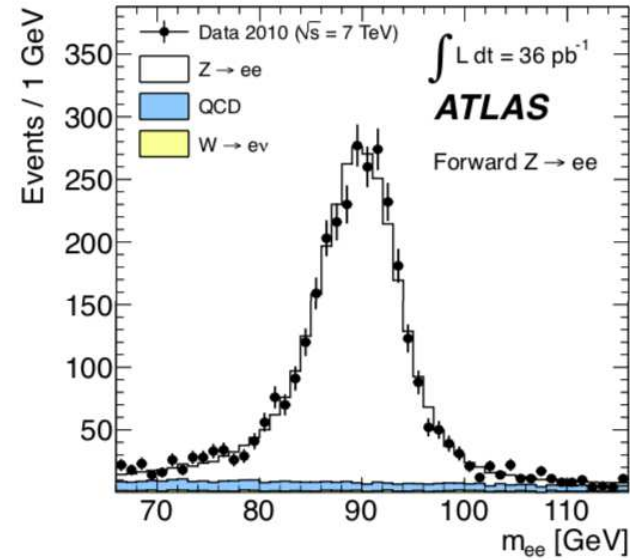
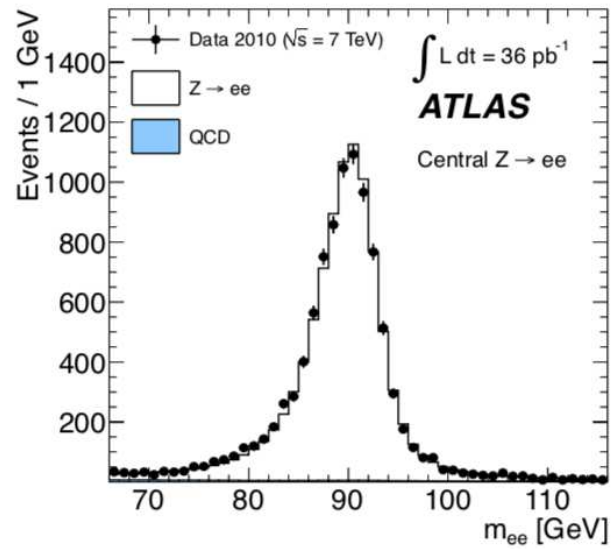
Information about the experiment

“Measurement of the inclusive  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0 / \gamma^*$  cross sections in the e and  $\mu$  decay channels in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV with the ATLAS detector”

Number of data points = 41

Number of systematic errors = 31

# What is a Z boson at the LHC?

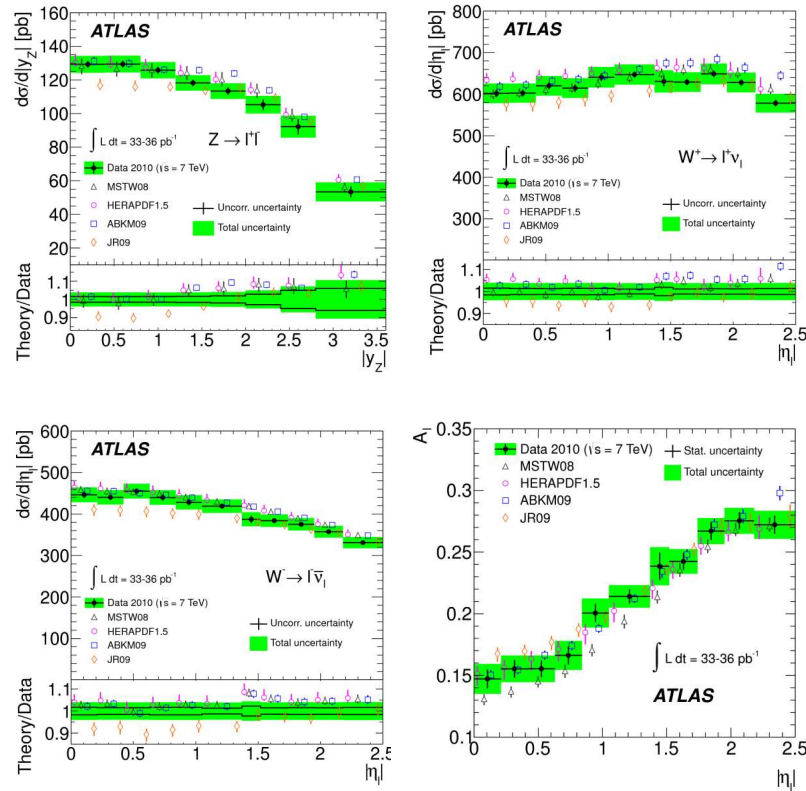


$$m_{ll} \in \{ 66, 111 \} \text{ GeV}$$

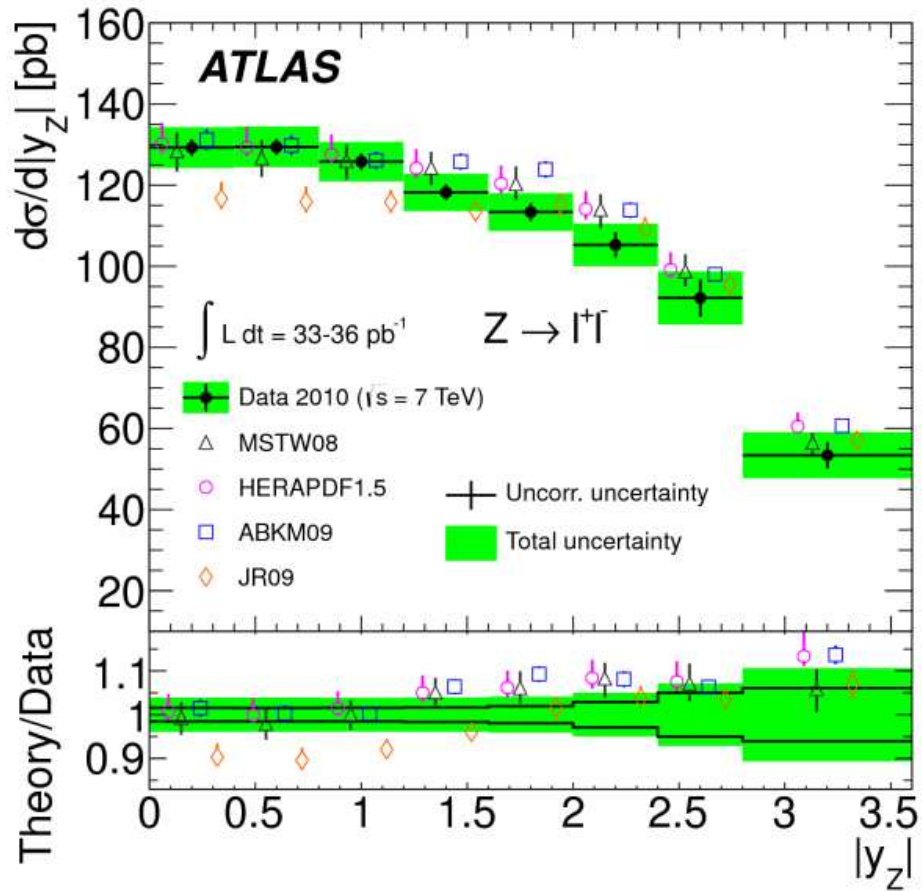


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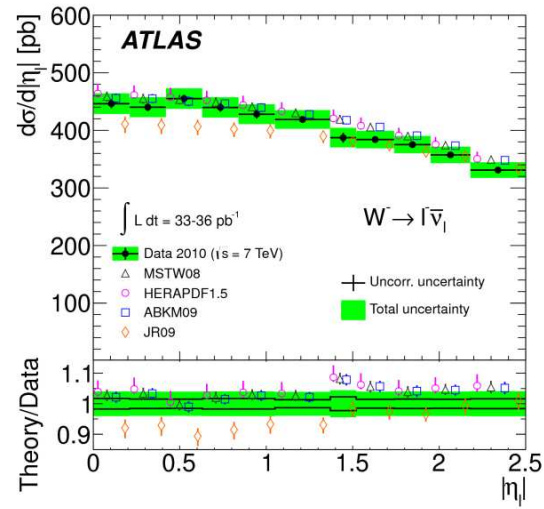
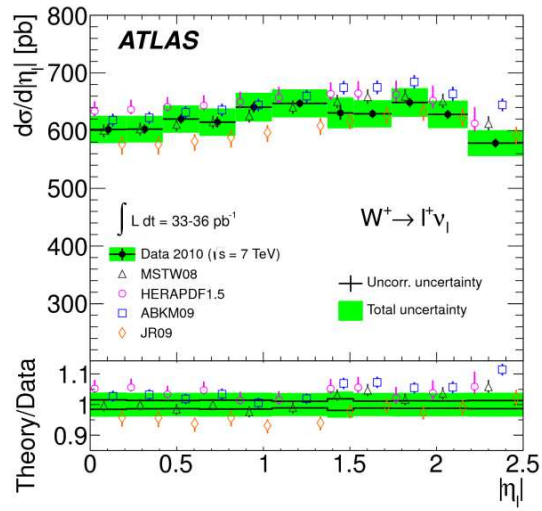
ATLAS 7 TeV; cross sections for W and Z production, versus  $y_Z$  or  $\eta_l$ ; also lepton asymmetry



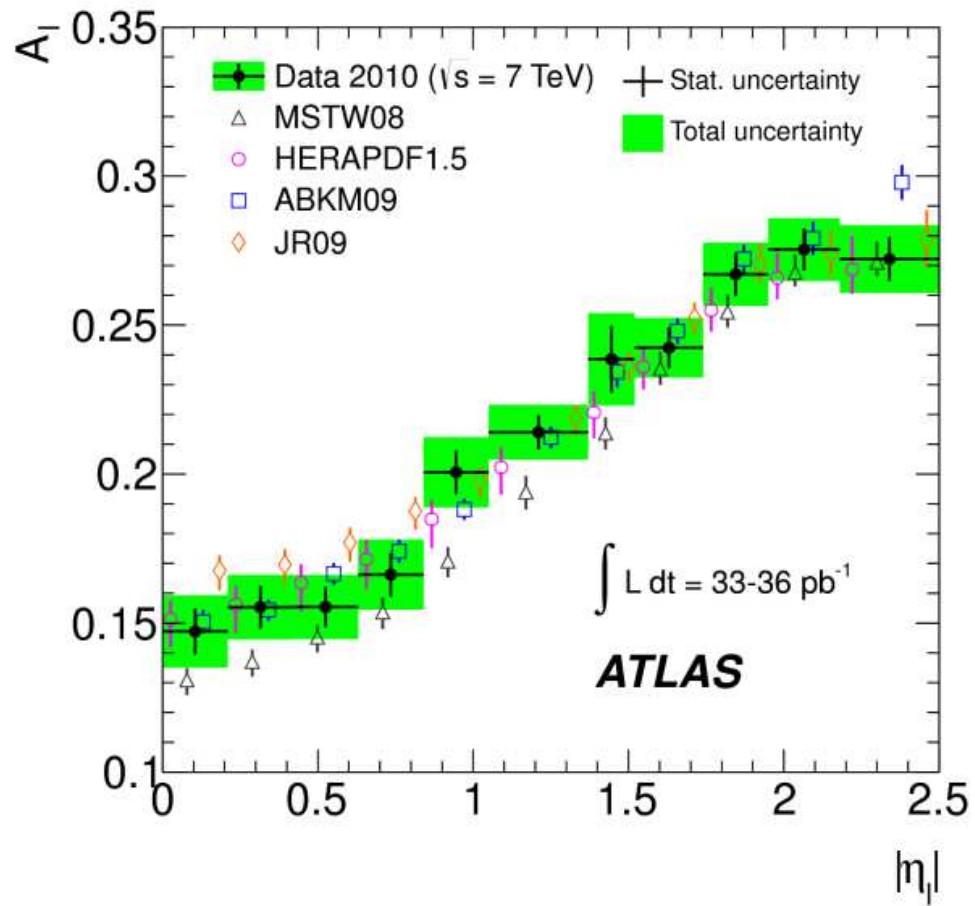
# $d\sigma/d|y_Z|$ for Z production



# $d\sigma / d|\eta_1|$ for $W^+$ and $W^-$

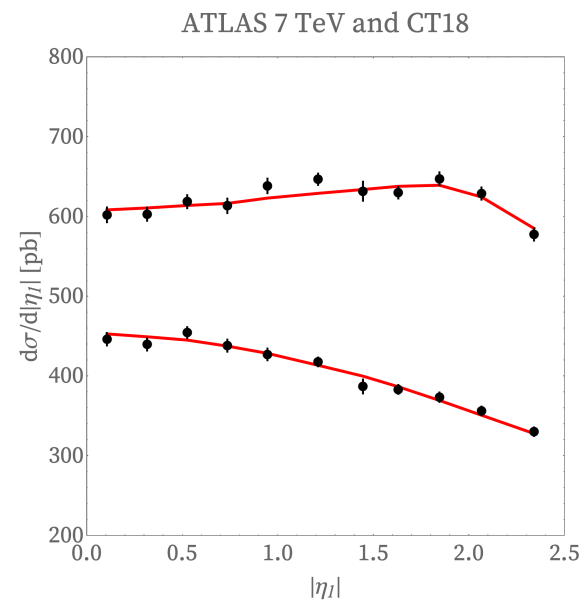
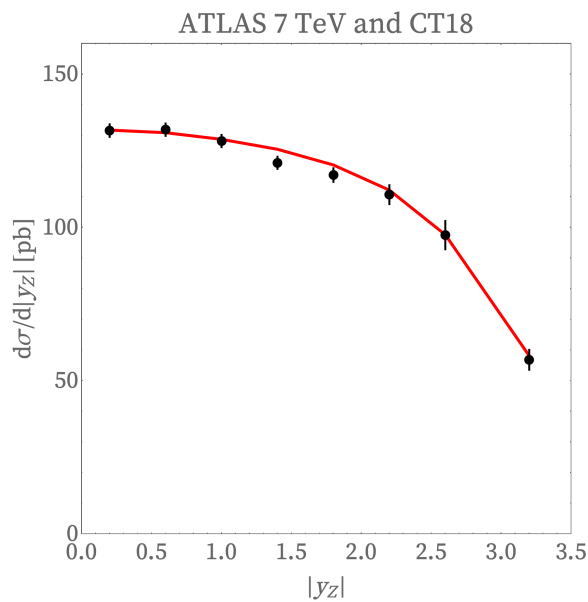


# Lepton charge asymmetry for W production



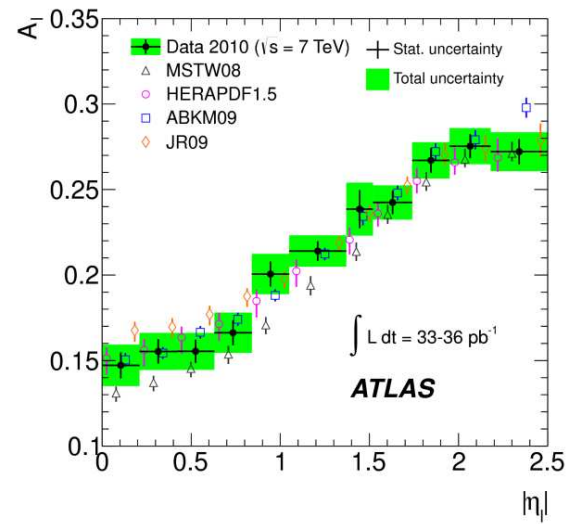
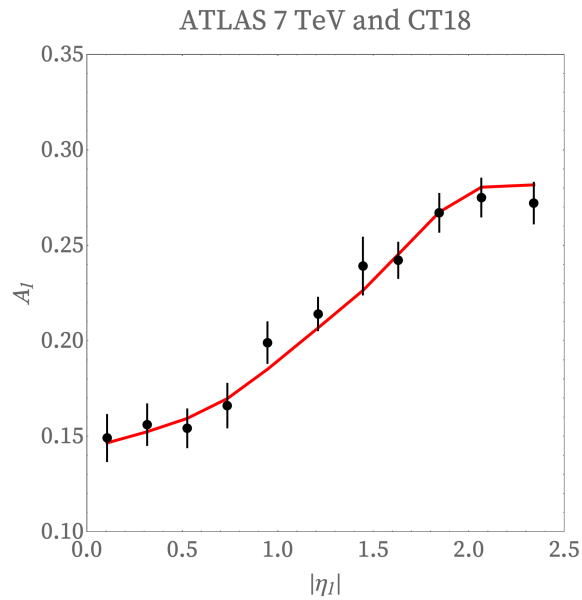
Some of the data from this experiment are being used in the ‘CT18’ Global Analysis of QCD.

Show data compared to theory with ‘CT18’ PDFs



$$\chi^2 / N = 1.084$$

# Lepton charge asymmetry : theory | data



CT18  $\iff$  ATLAS data

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## (#2) CMS 7 TeV

Muon charge asymmetry in W production  
hep-ex/1312.6283

### Information about the experiment

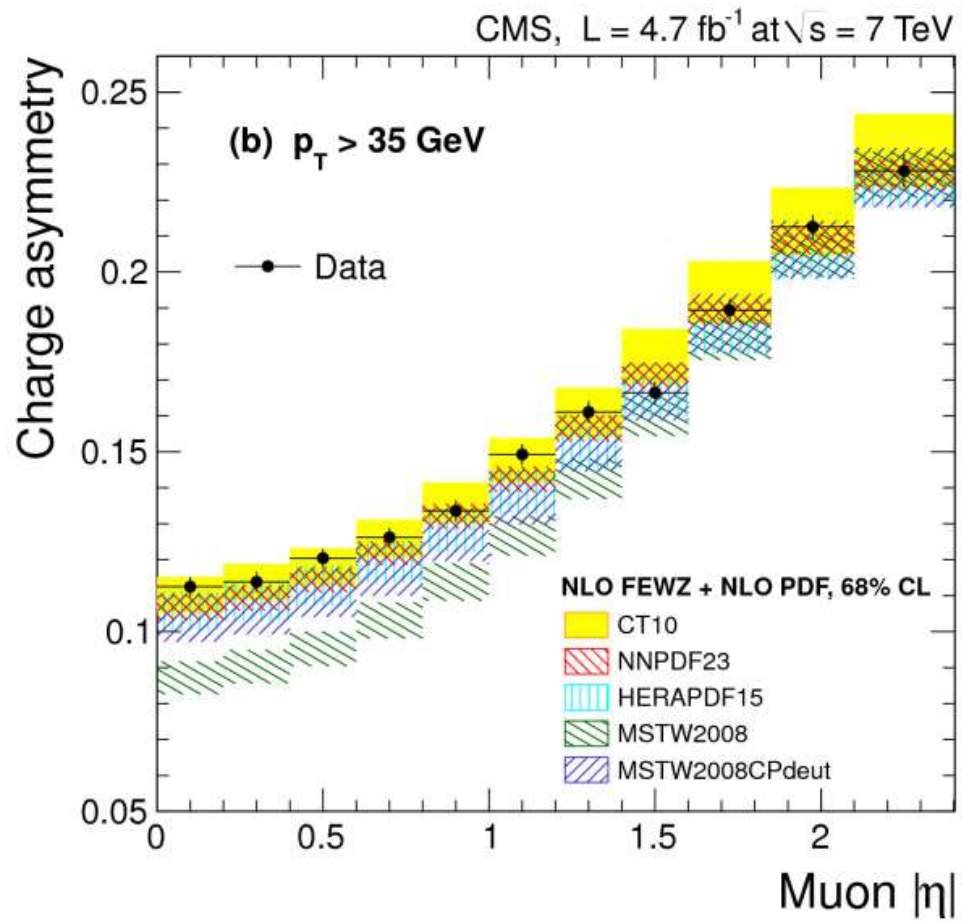
“Measurement of the muon charge asymmetry in inclusive pp  
→ W + X production at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV and an improved determination of light parton distribution functions” (2014)

Number of data points = 33

number of systematic errors = 12

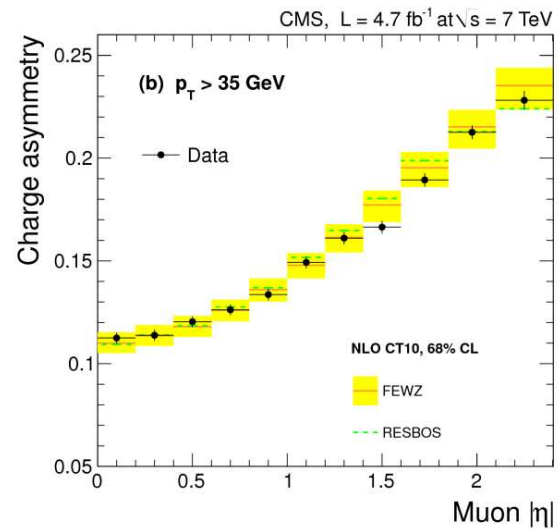
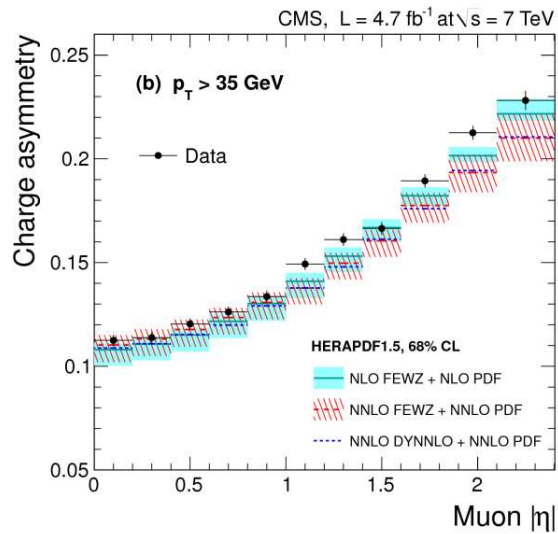
## Results

### Muon charge asymmetry for W production

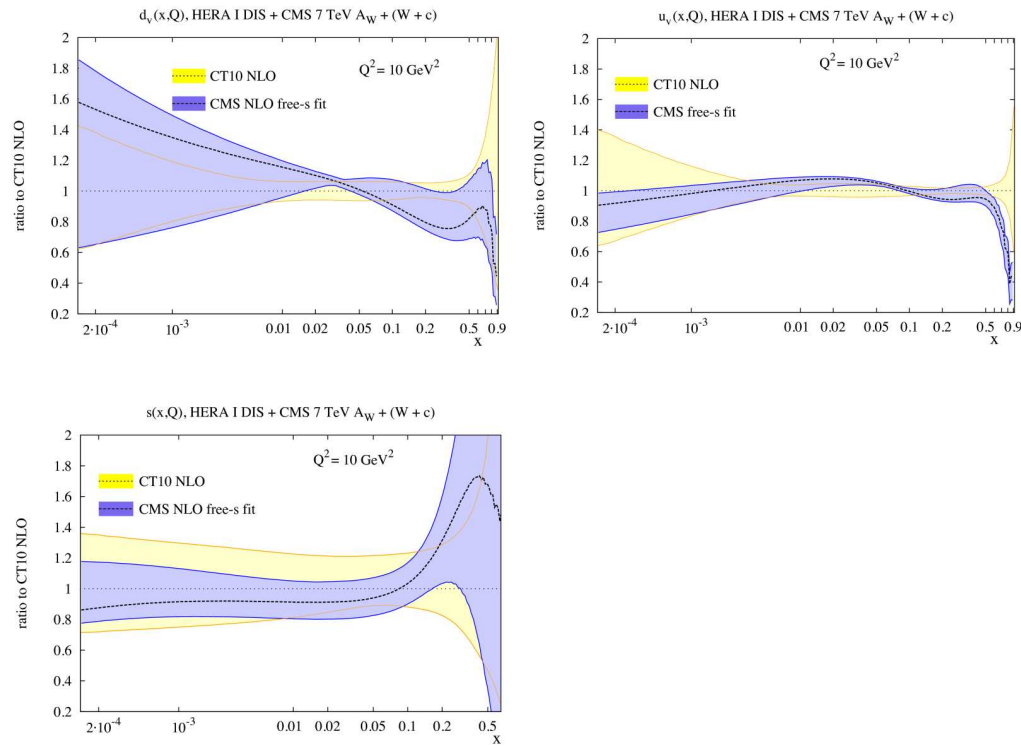




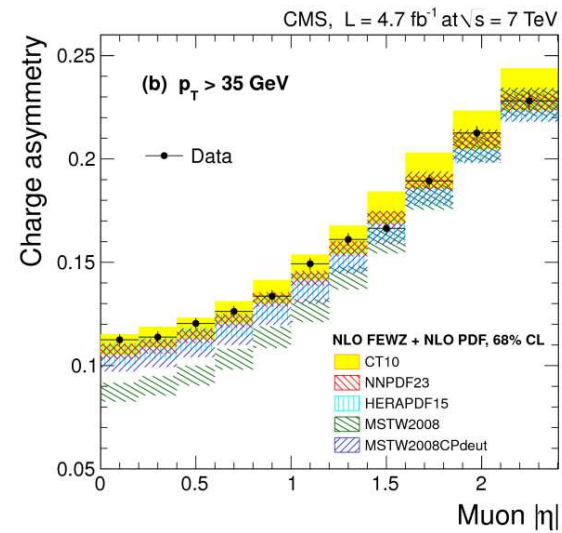
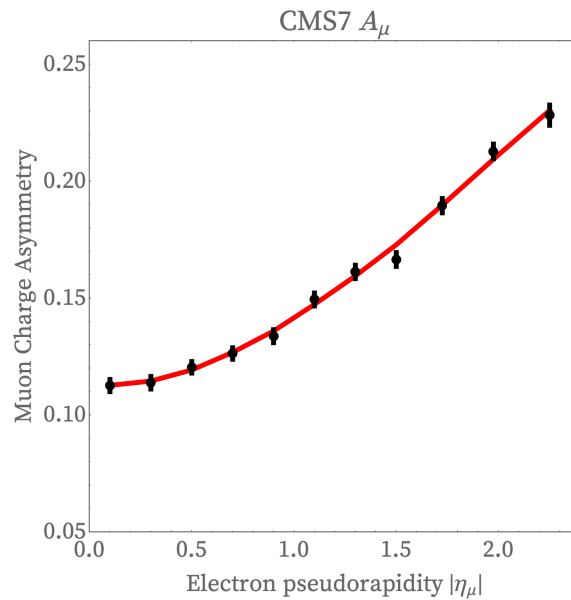
# Comparisons of data to NNLO pQCD and to a resummation calculation



# Light parton distribution functions “HERA+CMS” ratio to CT10 PDFs ; [ $d_{\text{valence}}, u_{\text{valence}}$ ] and [strange]



Data from this experiment are being used in the ‘CT18’ Global Analysis of QCD; show data compared to NNLO theory with ‘CT18’ PDFs ...



$$\chi^2 / N = 1.630$$

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(#3) CMS 7 TeV

Electron charge asymmetry in W production  
hep-ex/1206.2598

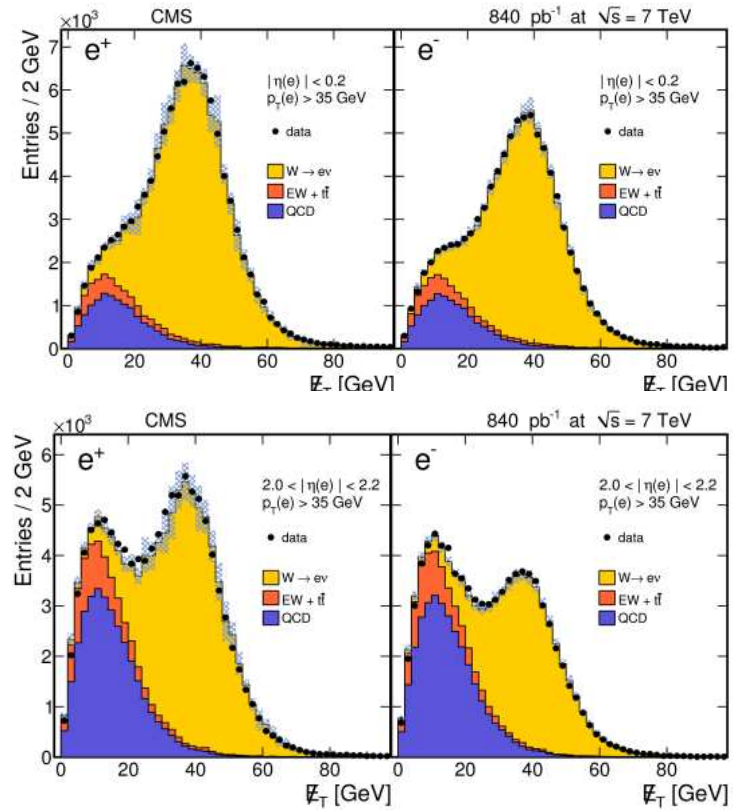
Information about the experiment

“Measurement of the electron charge asymmetry in inclusive W production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV” (2013)

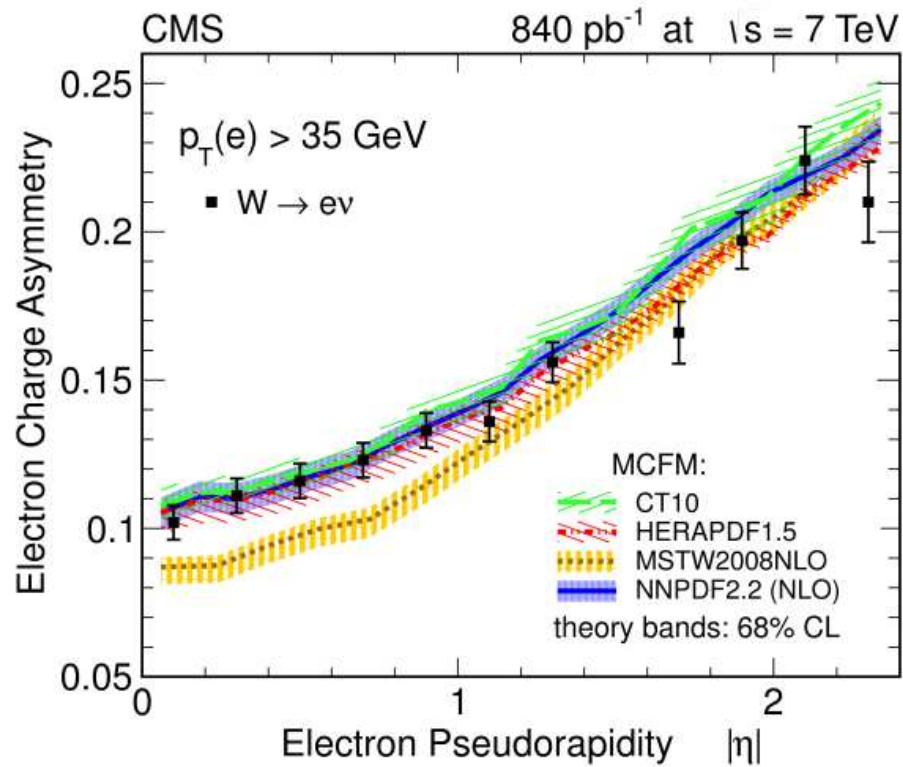
Number of points = 11;  
systematic errors = 0

## Results

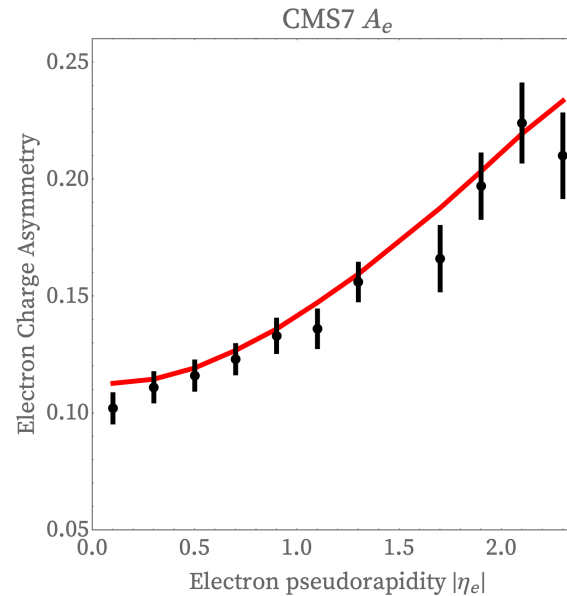
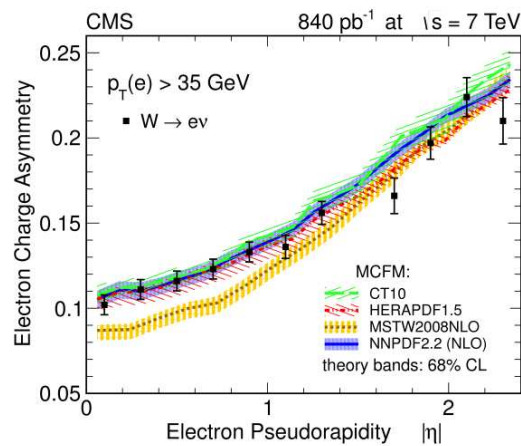
I'm not sure what to say about this...



This shows the electron charge asymmetry for W production at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV; the data is compared to MCFM calculations with various parton distribution functions, showing that this data imposes constraints on PDFs



Data from this experiment are being used in the ‘CT18’ Global Analysis of QCD. Show the data compared to NNLO theory with ‘CT18’ PDFs ...



$$\chi^2/N = 1.070$$

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(#4) LHCb 7 TeV

W and Z production

hep-ex/1505.07024

**Information about the experiment**

“Measurement of the forward Z boson production cross section in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV” (2015)

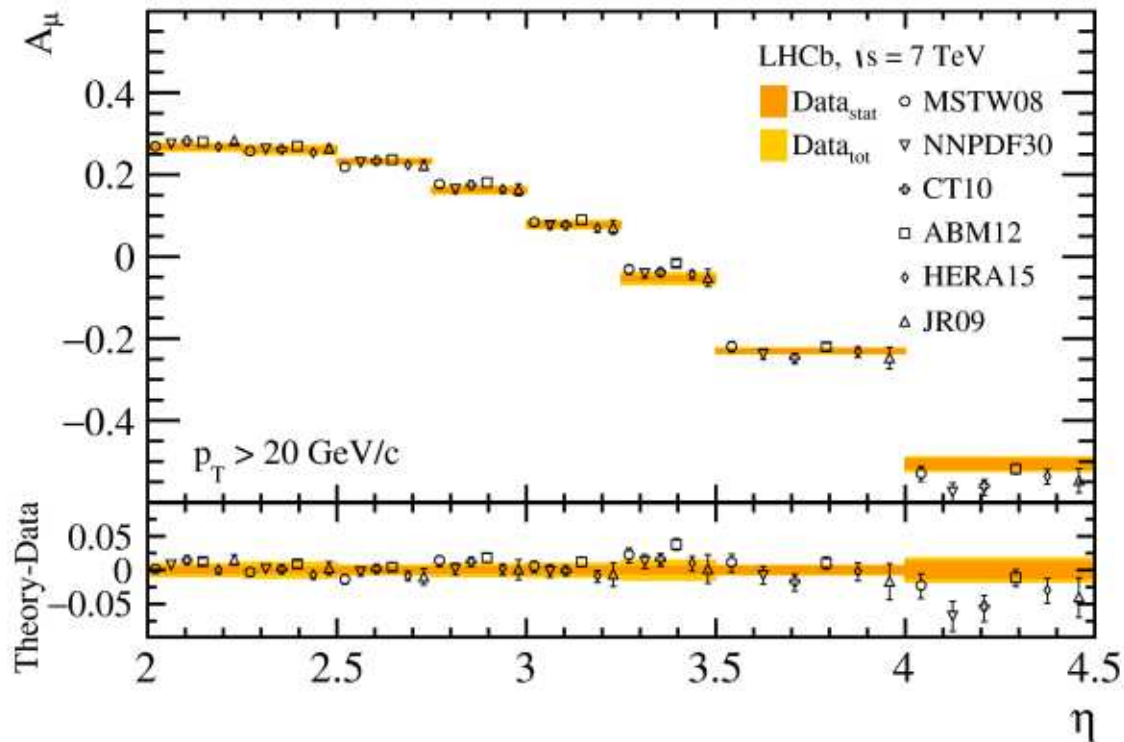
The number of data points = 33;

the number of systematic errors = 12

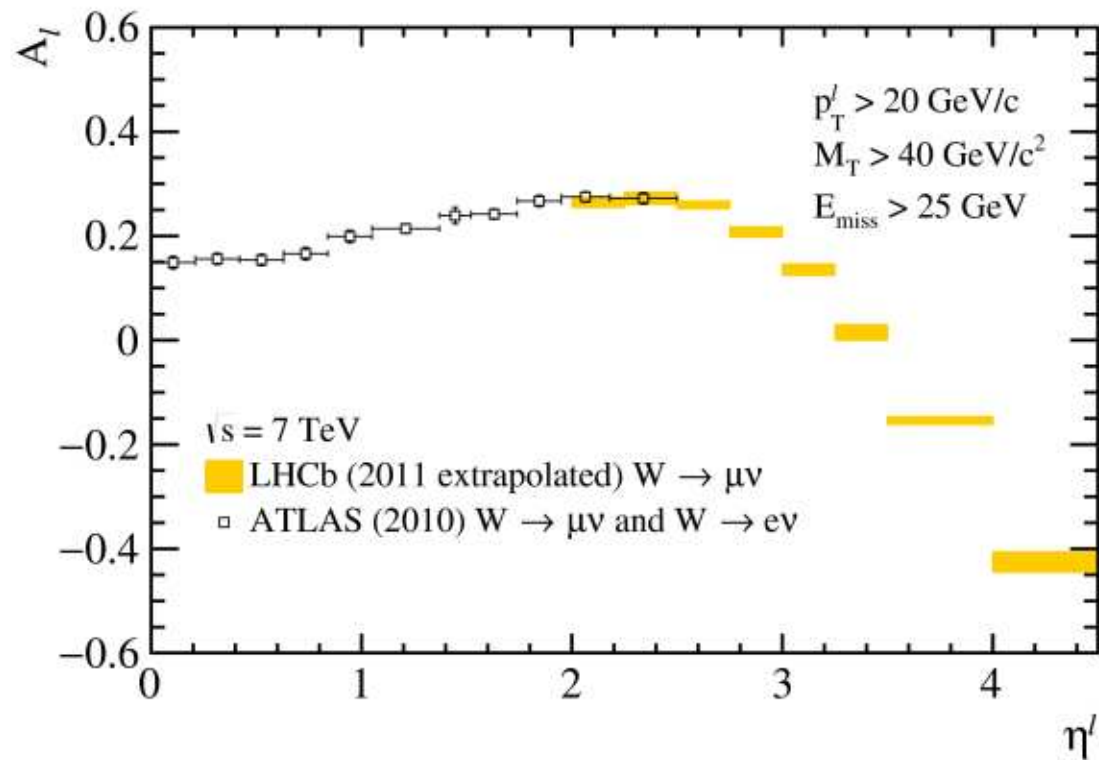


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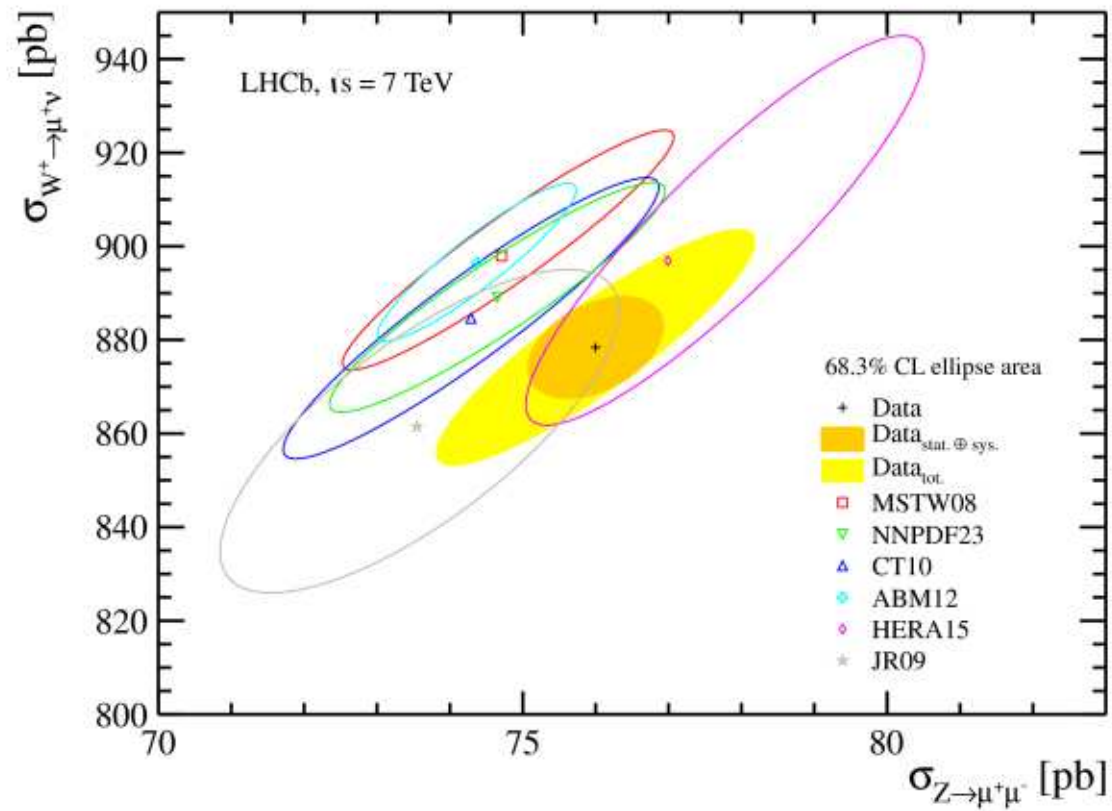
### Muon charge asymmetry for forward W production



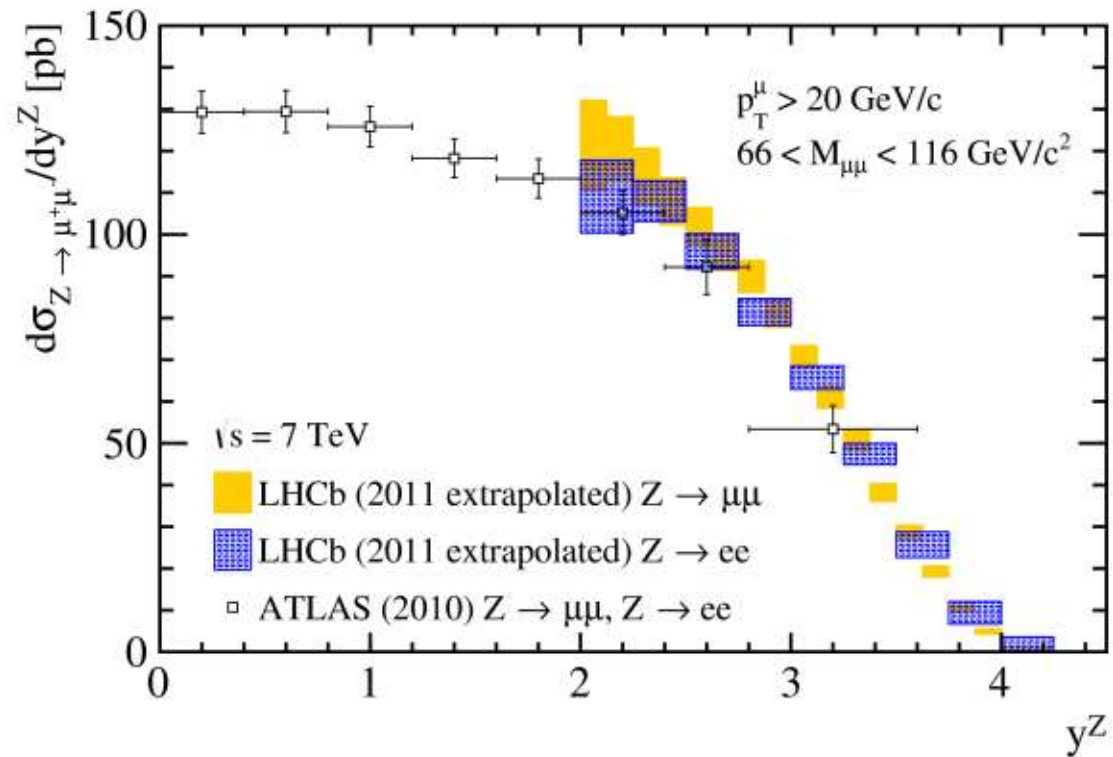
# Lepton charge asymmetry, comparing LHCb and ATLAS

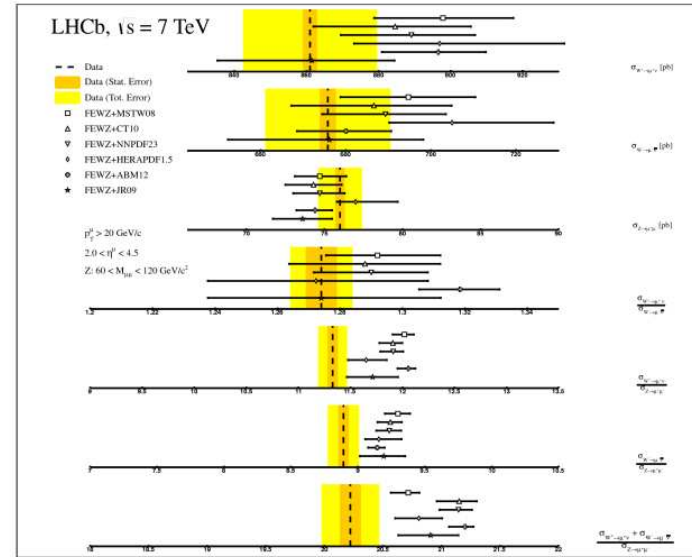
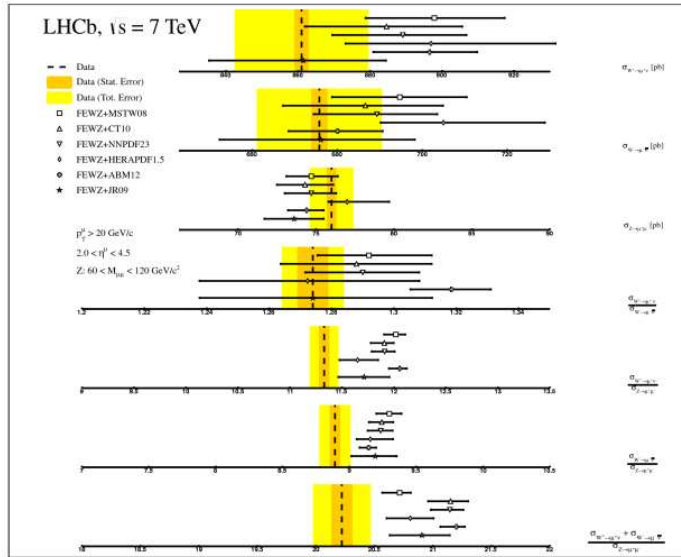


Integrated cross sections, comparing  $W^+$  and  $Z^0$  production in the forward direction; apparently these cross sections can constrain PDFs.

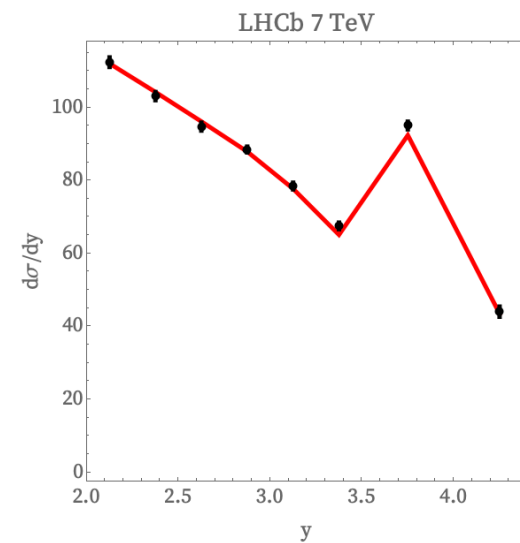
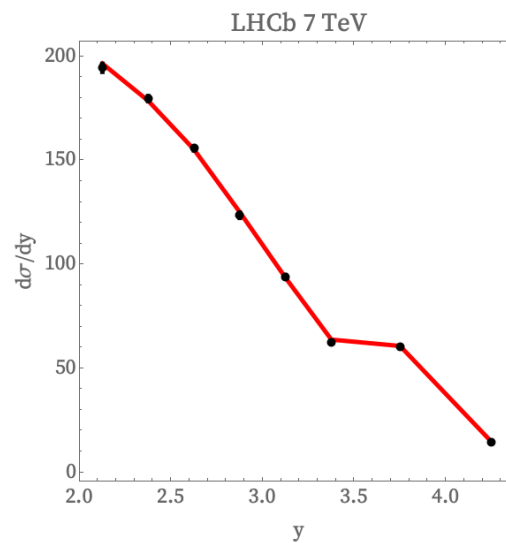
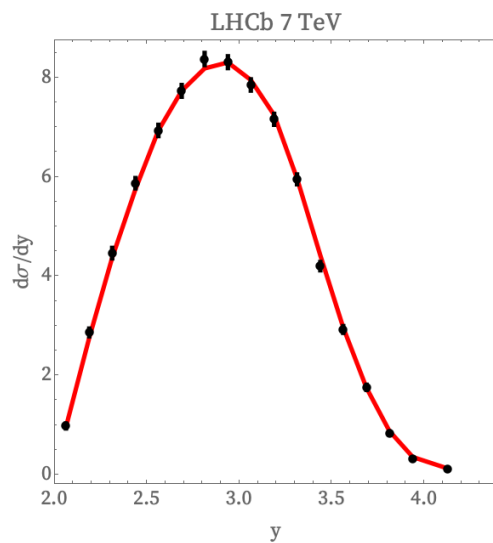


# Comparing $d\sigma/dy_Z$ from LHCb and ATLAS experiments





The LHCb 7 TeV data for forward VBP is used in the ‘CT18’ Global Analysis of QCD; compare the data to the theory.



$$Z^0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad W^+ \quad \longrightarrow \quad W^-$$

$$\chi^2/N = 1.630$$

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(#5) ATLAS 8 TeV : “P T Z”

$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  ; pT cross section

hep-ex/1512.02192

### Information about the experiment

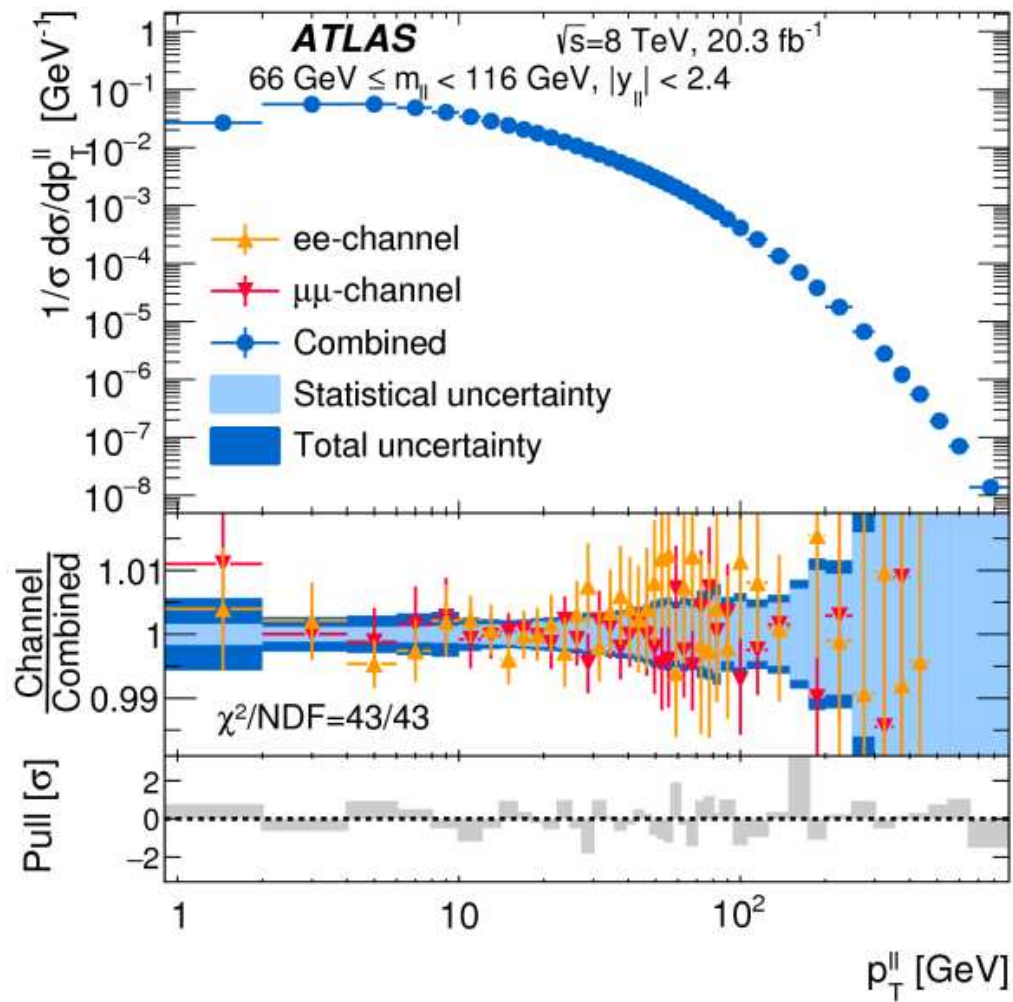
“Measurement of the transverse momentum and  $\phi^* \eta$  distributions of Drell–Yan lepton pairs in proton–proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV with the ATLAS detector” (2016)

Number of data points = 27;

number of systematic errors = 88

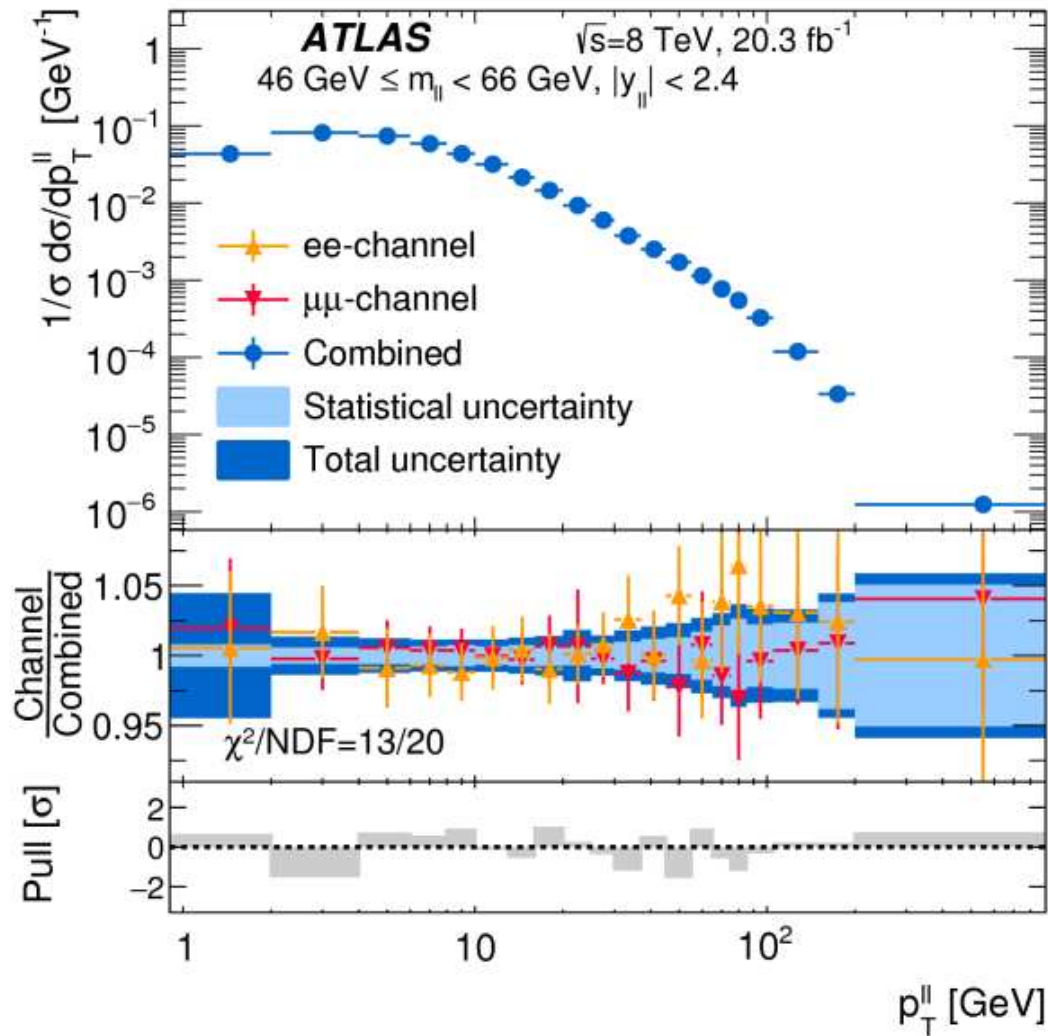
## Results

$Z^0$  production as a function of  $p_T$ ;  $m_{ll} \in \{66, 116\}$  GeV

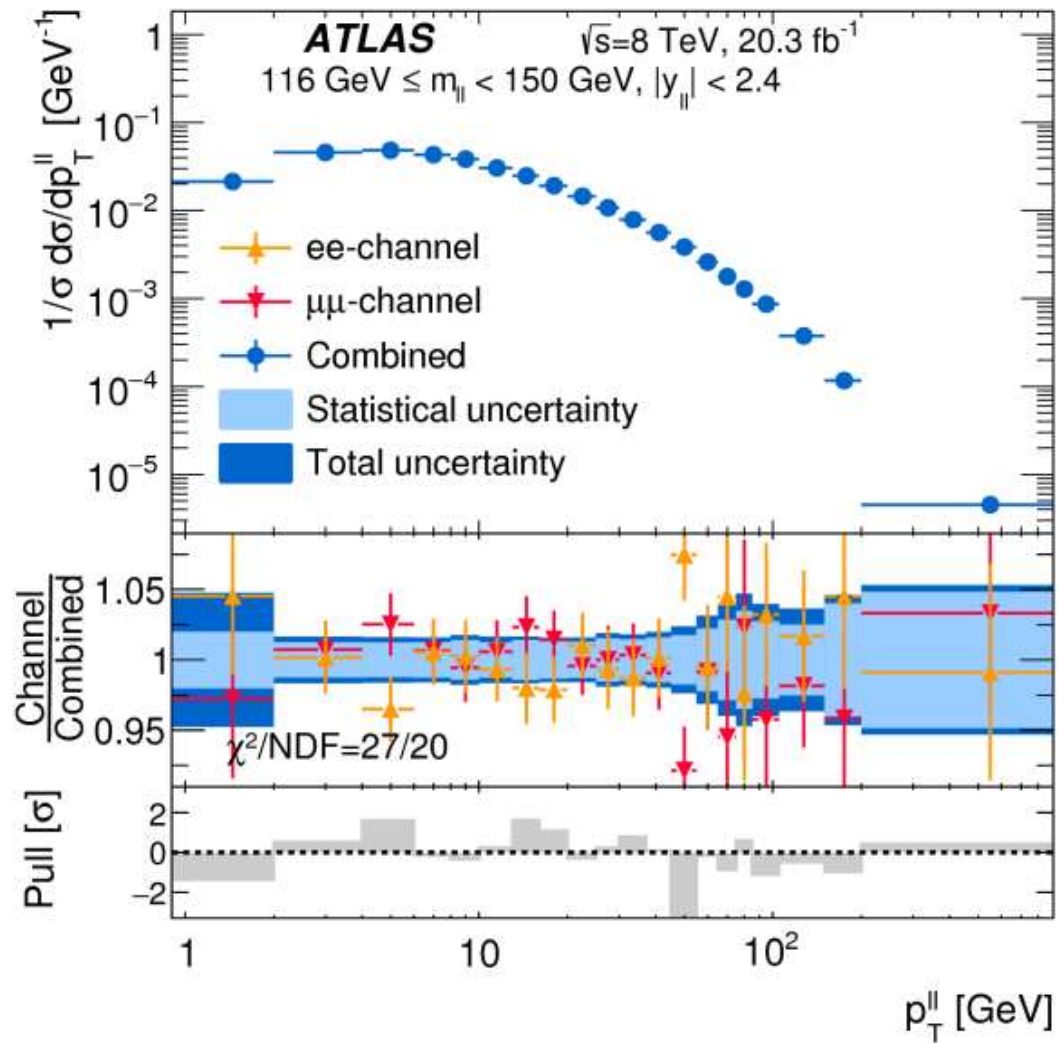




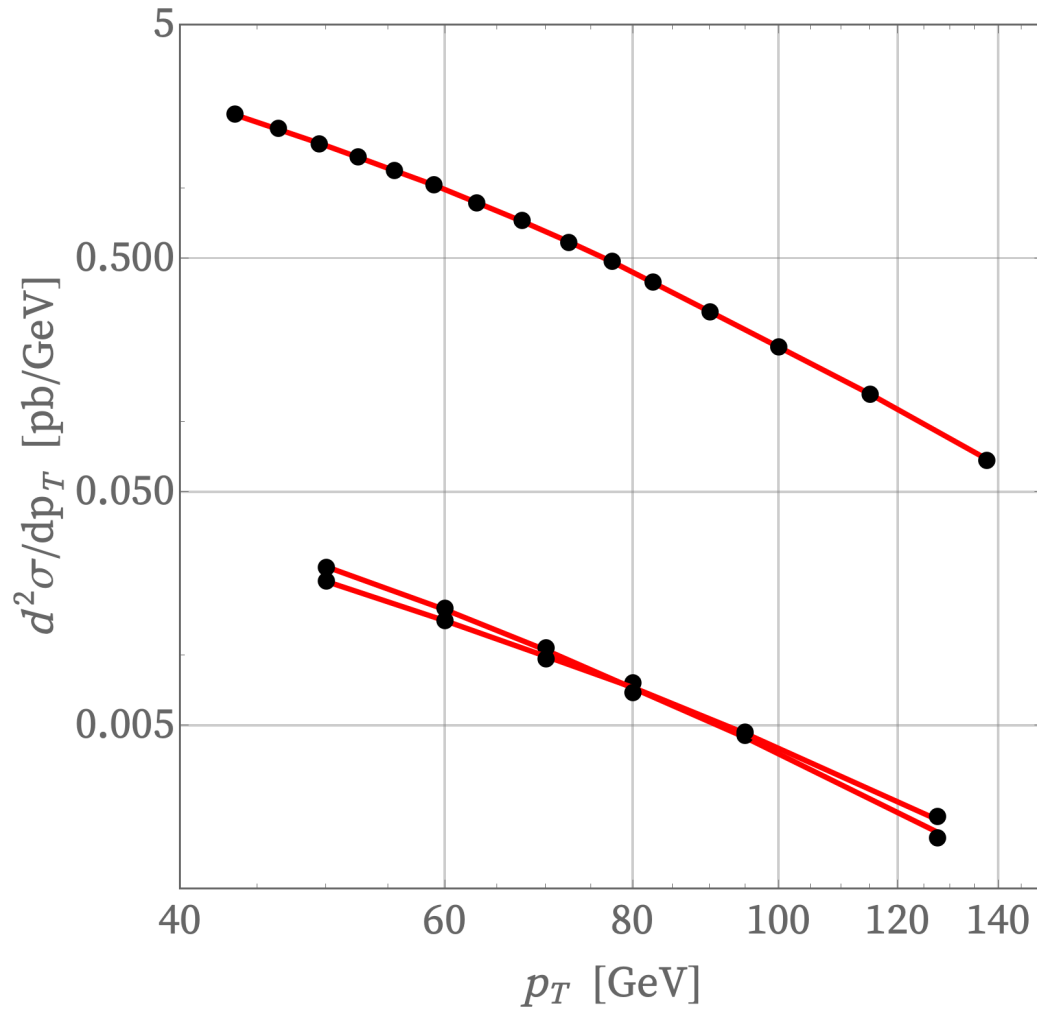
# Low-mass Drell-Yan process as a function of $p_T$ ; $m_{ll} \in \{46, 66\}$ GeV



# High-mass Drell-Yan process as a function of $p_T$ ; $m_{ll} \in \{116, 150\}$ GeV



Use of this data in the 'CT18' Global Analysis of QCD;  
show the data compared to theory [ $\chi^2/N = 1.118$ ]



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## (#6) CMS 8 TeV

$W^\pm$  production

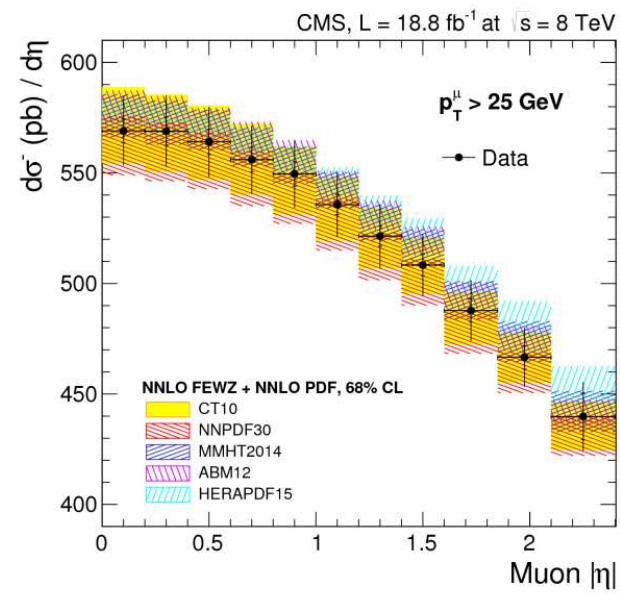
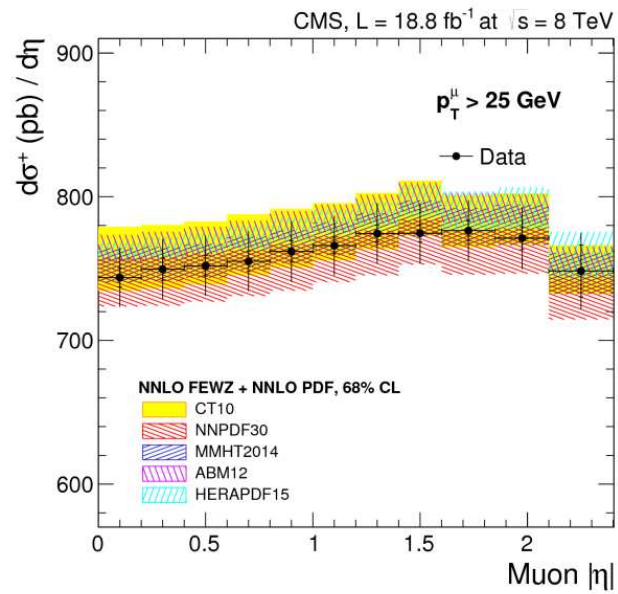
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### Information about the experiment

“Measurement of the differential cross section and charge asymmetry for inclusive  $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + X$  production at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV” (2016)

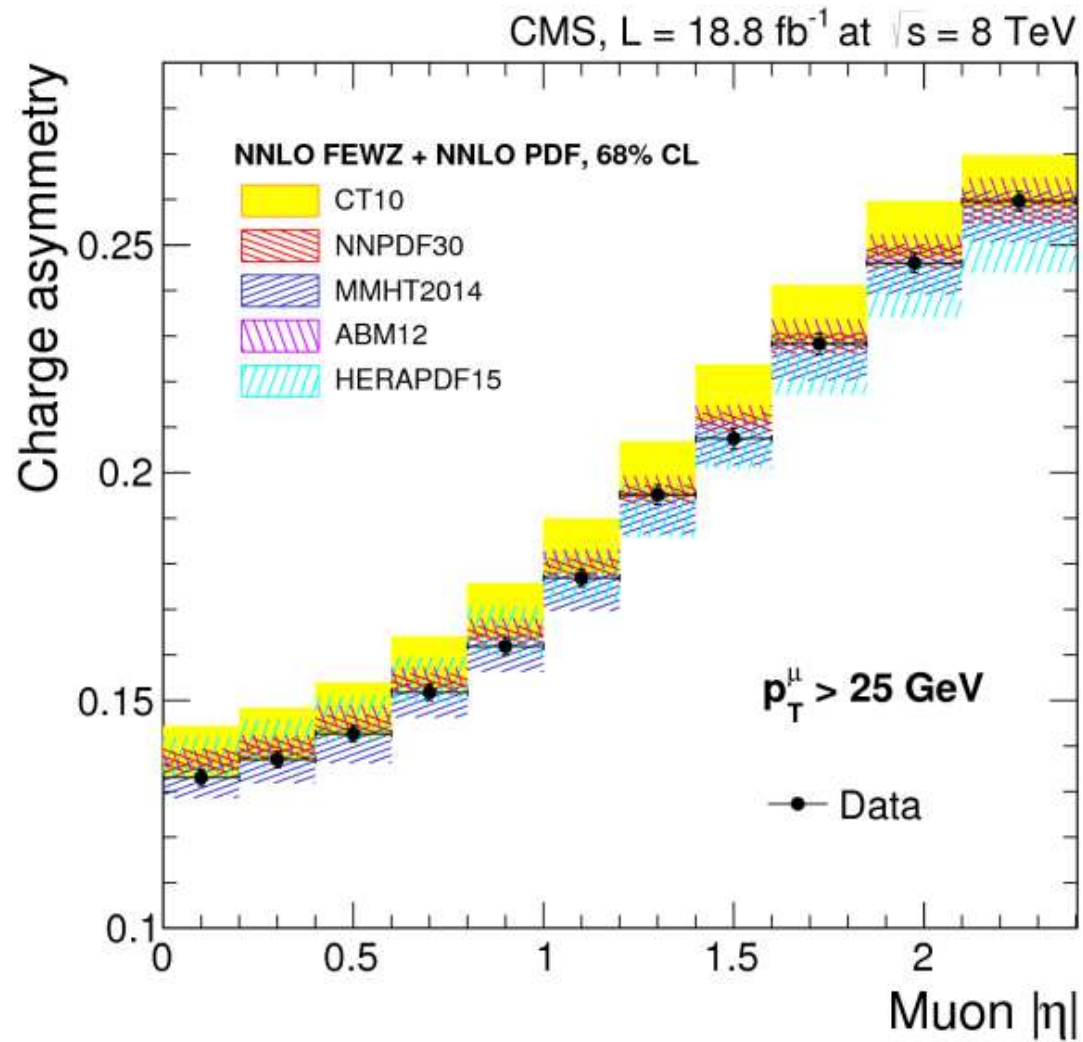
$$N_{\text{dpt}} = 33 ; N_{\text{sys}} = 12$$

# Results

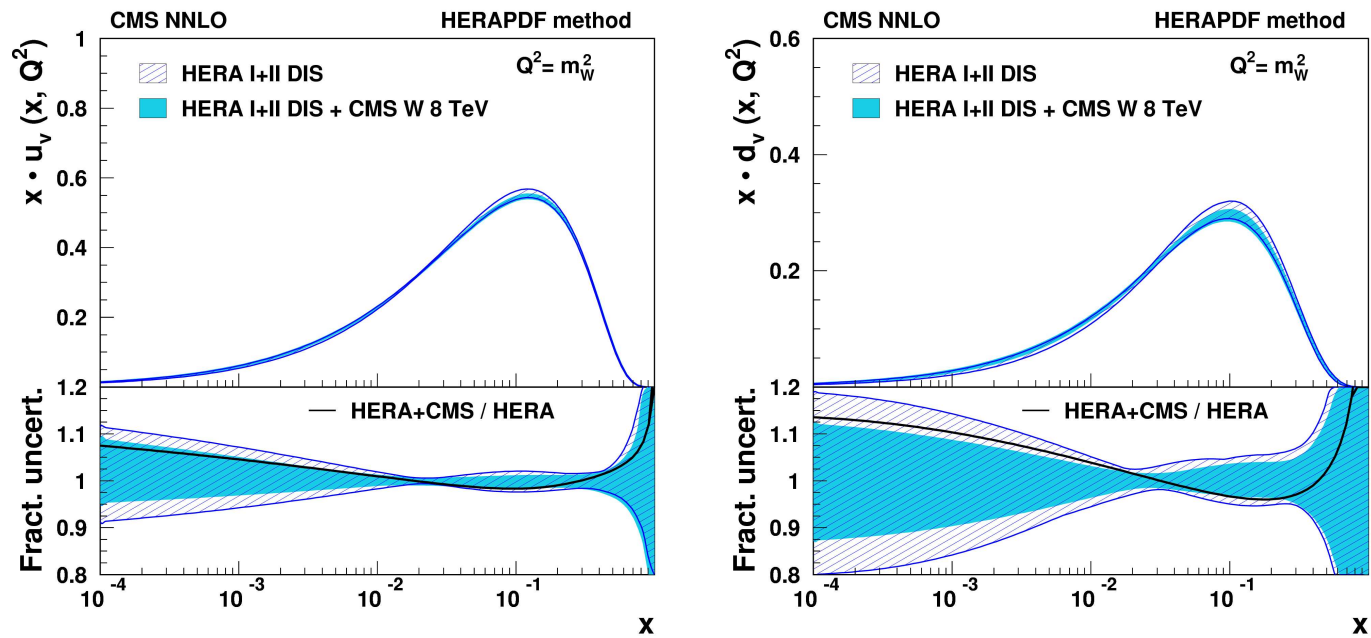


$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta_\mu}\right)_+ \longrightarrow \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta_\mu}\right)_-$$

and the charge asymmetry  $A_\mu(\eta_\mu)$

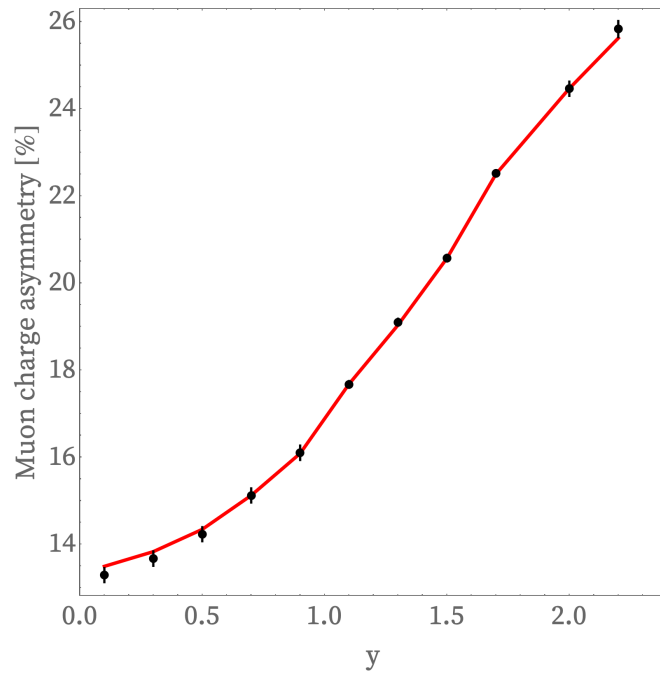


# HERA + CMS parton distribution functions

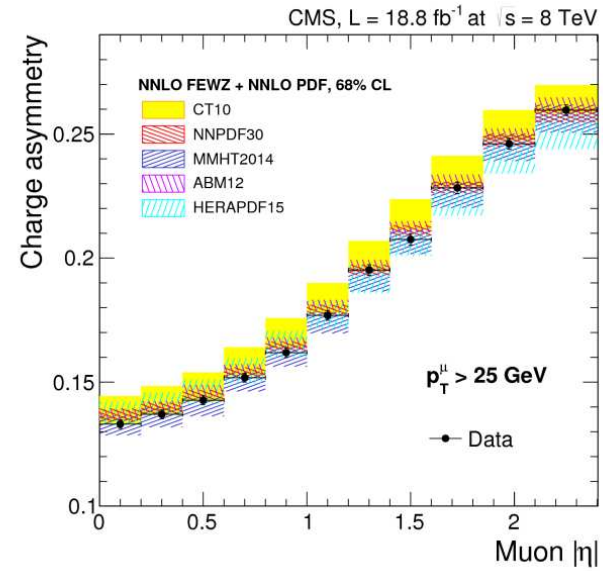


$$u_{\text{valence}}(x) \rightarrow d_{\text{valence}}(x)$$

# Compare the data to the CT18 global analysis



$$\chi^2/N = 1.630$$





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(#7) LHCb 8 TeV

$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  production

hep-ex/1503.00963

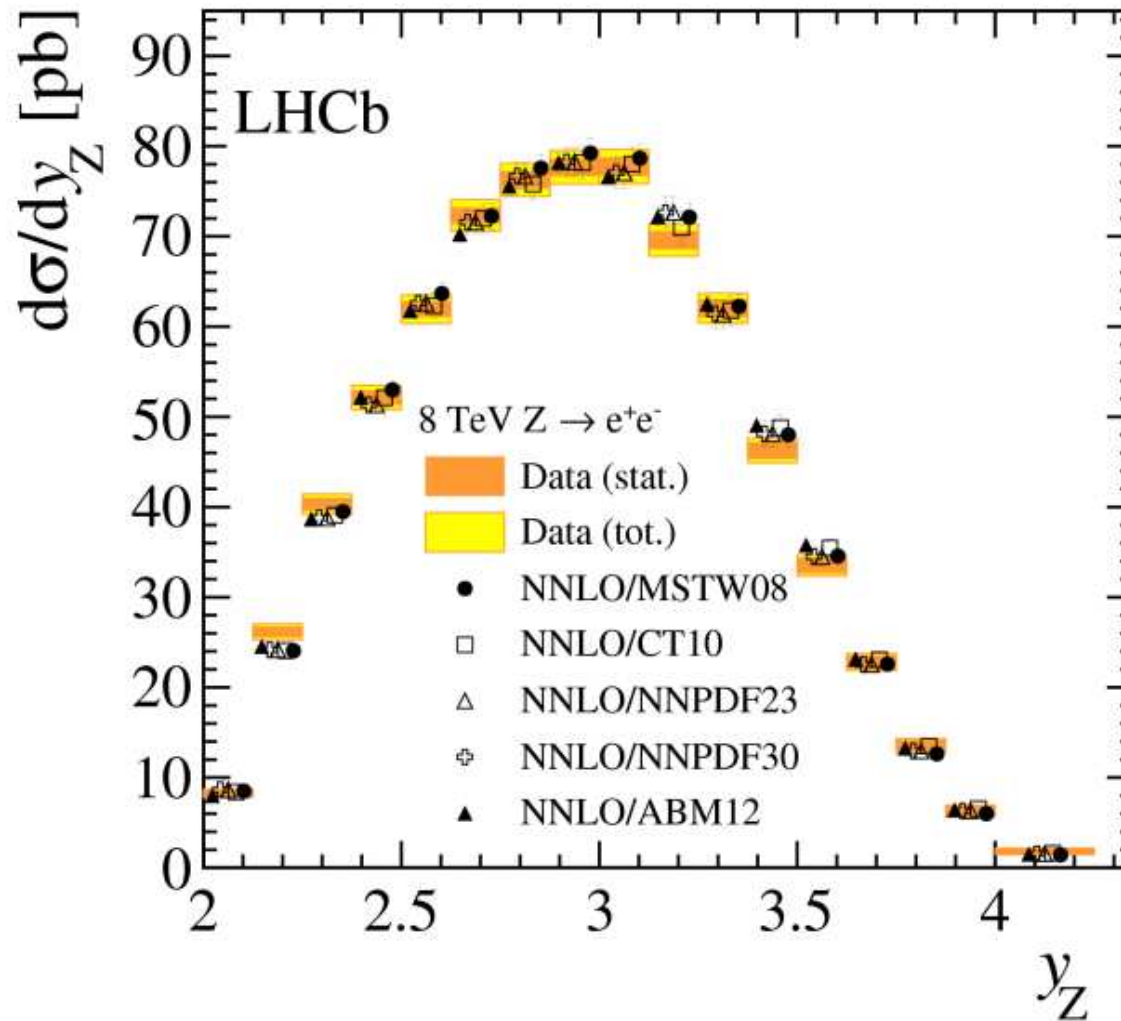
### Information about the experiment

“Measurement of forward  $Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  production at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV” (2015)

$N_{\text{dpt}} = 17$  ;  $N_{\text{sys}} = 1$

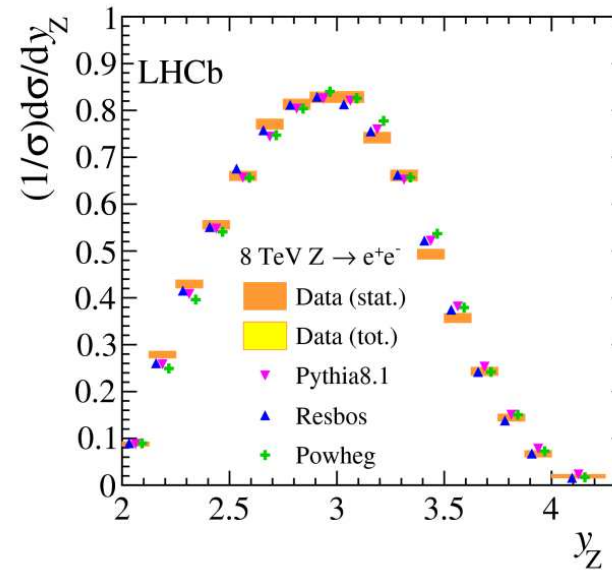
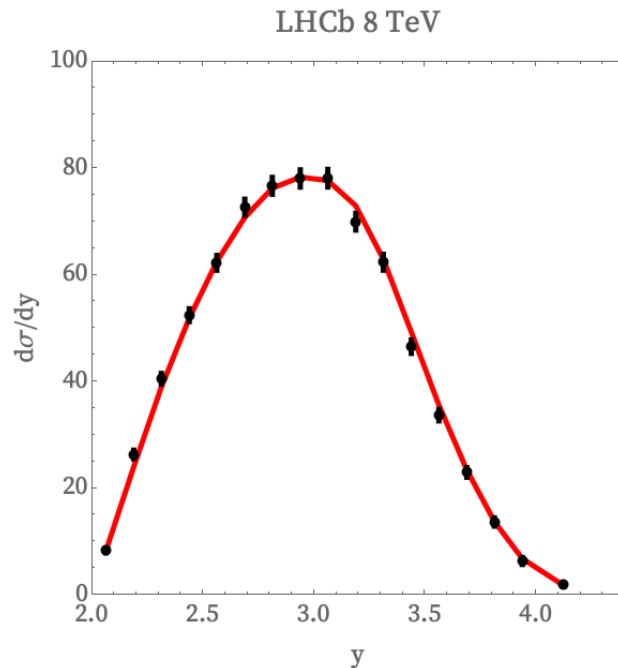
# Results

$\rho_3$



Some data from this experiment are being used in the  
 ‘CT18’ Global Analysis of QCD [  $\chi^2/N = 1.519$  ]

$\rho^4$



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(#8) LHCb 8 TeV

W and Z forward production

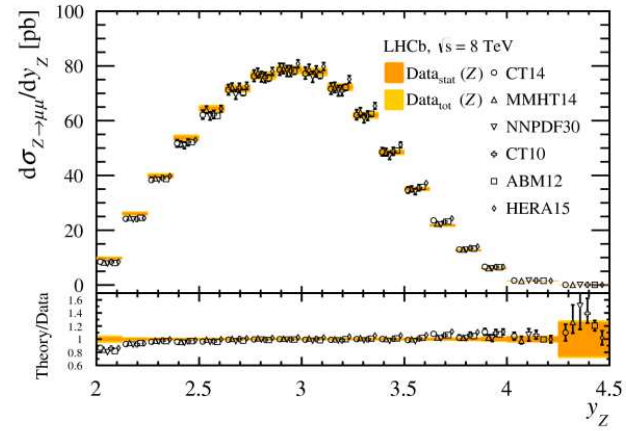
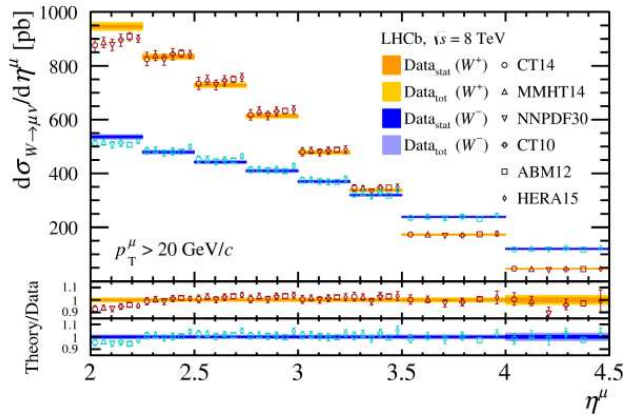
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Information about the experiment

“Measurement of forward W and Z boson production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV” (2016)

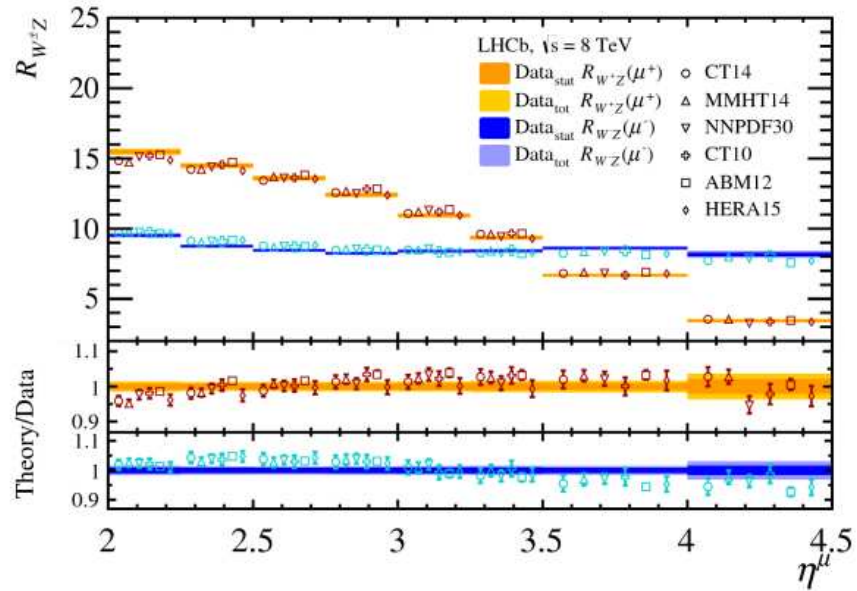
$N_{\text{dpt}} = 34$  ;  $N_{\text{sys}} = 9$

# Results

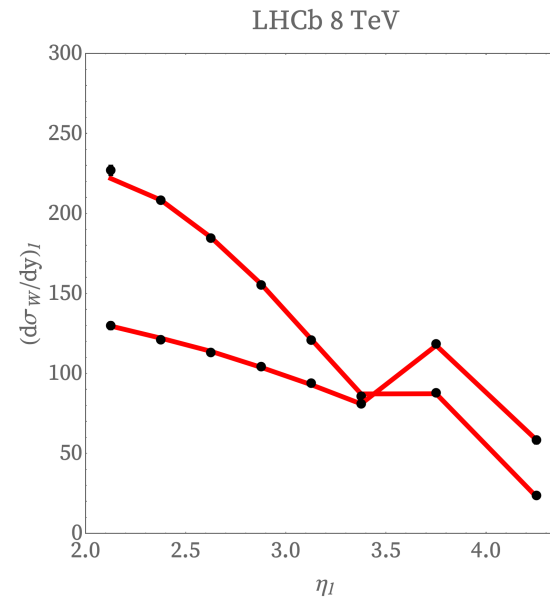
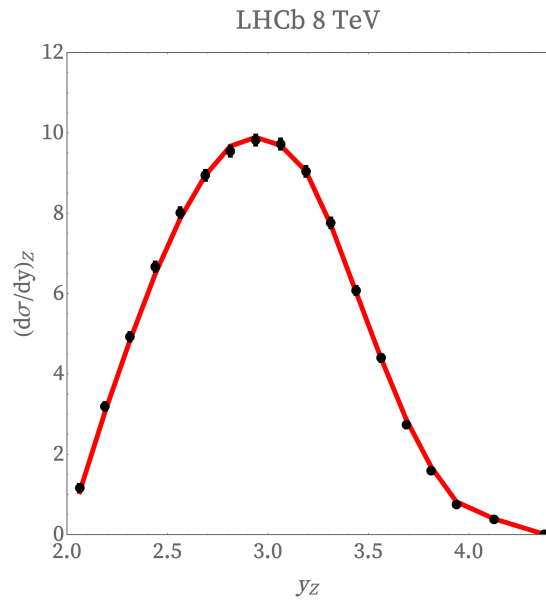


$$d\sigma_W/d\eta_\mu \quad \rightarrow \quad d\sigma_Z/dy_Z$$

# Ratio $W^\pm / Z^0$



# Use of this data in the 'CT18' Global Analysis of QCD



$$(\mathrm{d}\sigma/\mathrm{d}y)_Z \longrightarrow (\mathrm{d}\sigma/\mathrm{d}\eta)_{W^\pm} \quad ; \quad [\chi^2/N = 2.167]$$