

# Precision measurement of the W boson mass @LHCb

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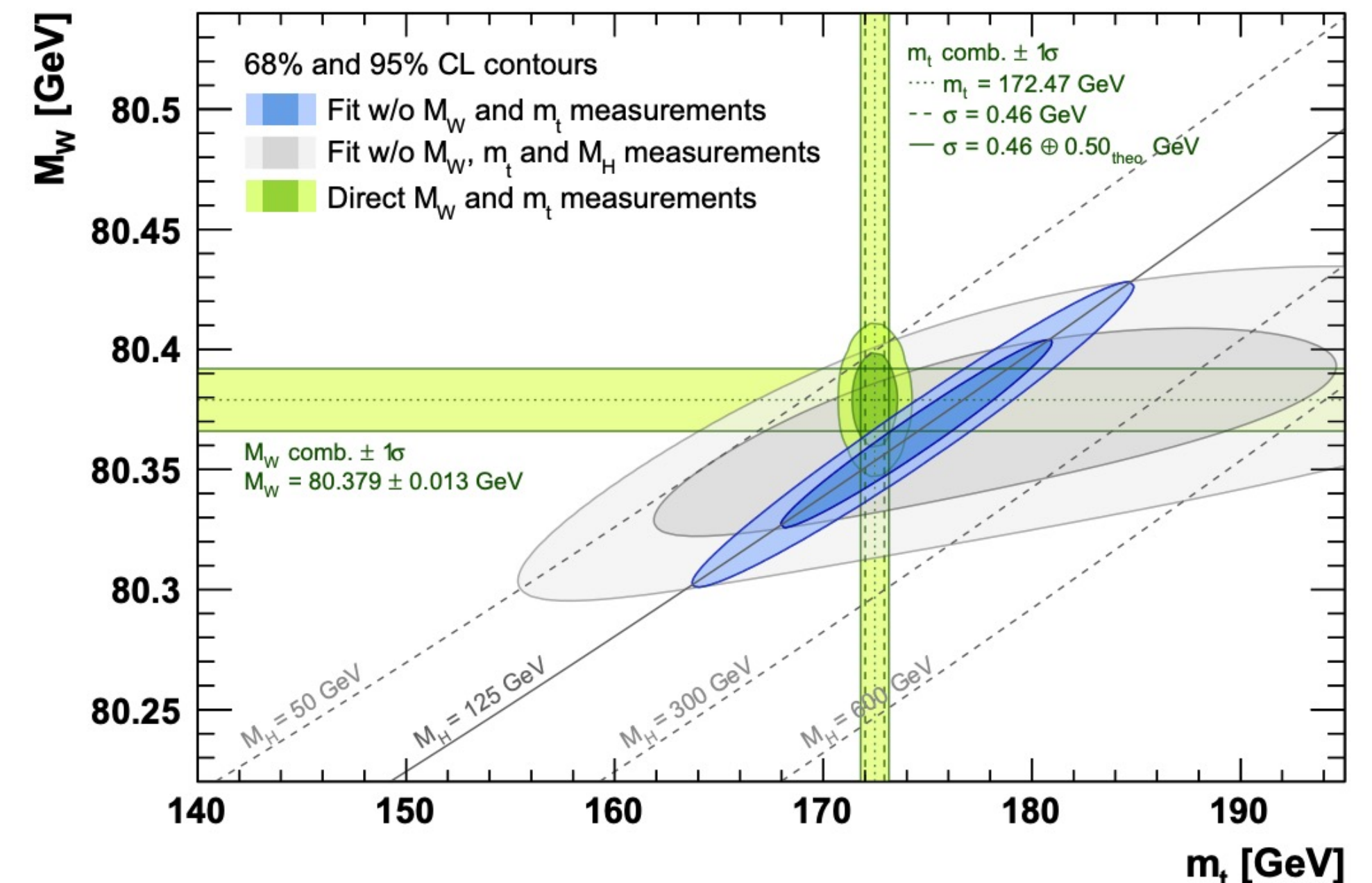


# Introduction

- The **W boson mass** is one of the most **important parameters of the SM**
  - Constrains many other parameters
  - Great probe for new physics
- **LHCb** measurement **complementary to ATLAS/CMS**
  - PDF uncertainties expected to be anti-correlated

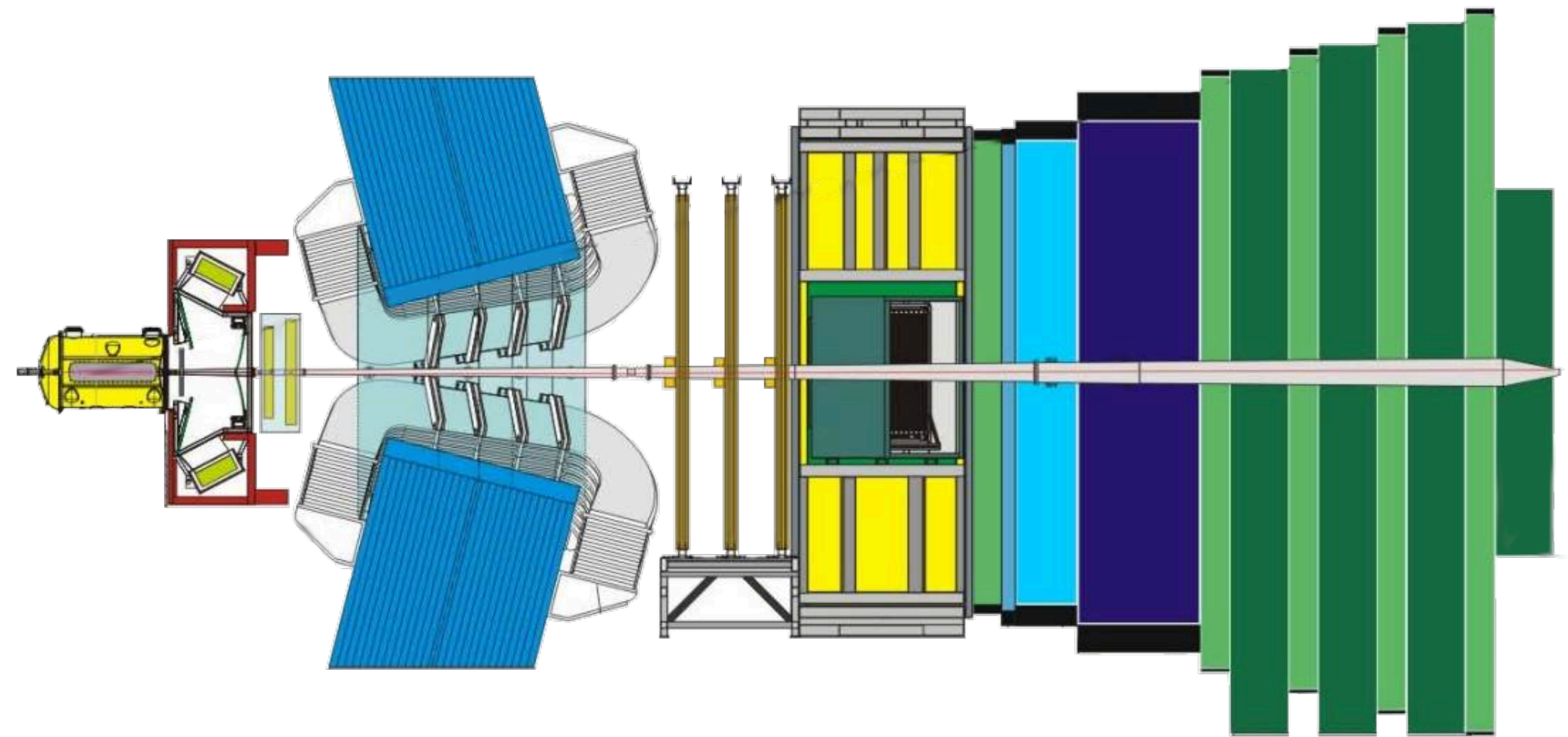
$$m_W^2 \left( 1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} \right) = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F} (1 + \Delta)$$

	SM prediction	PDG average
$M_W$	$80354 \pm 7 \text{ MeV}$	$80379 \pm 12 \text{ MeV}$



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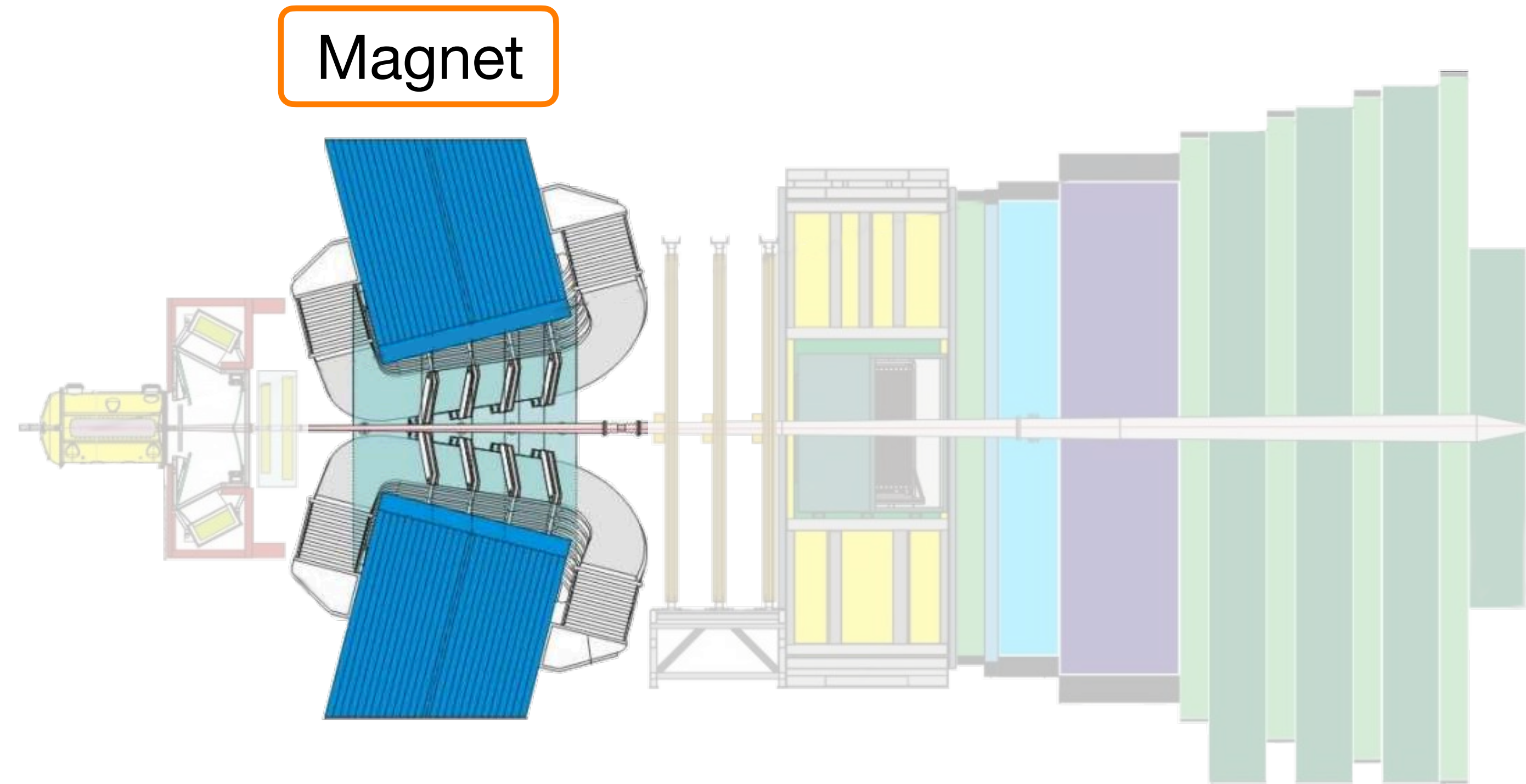
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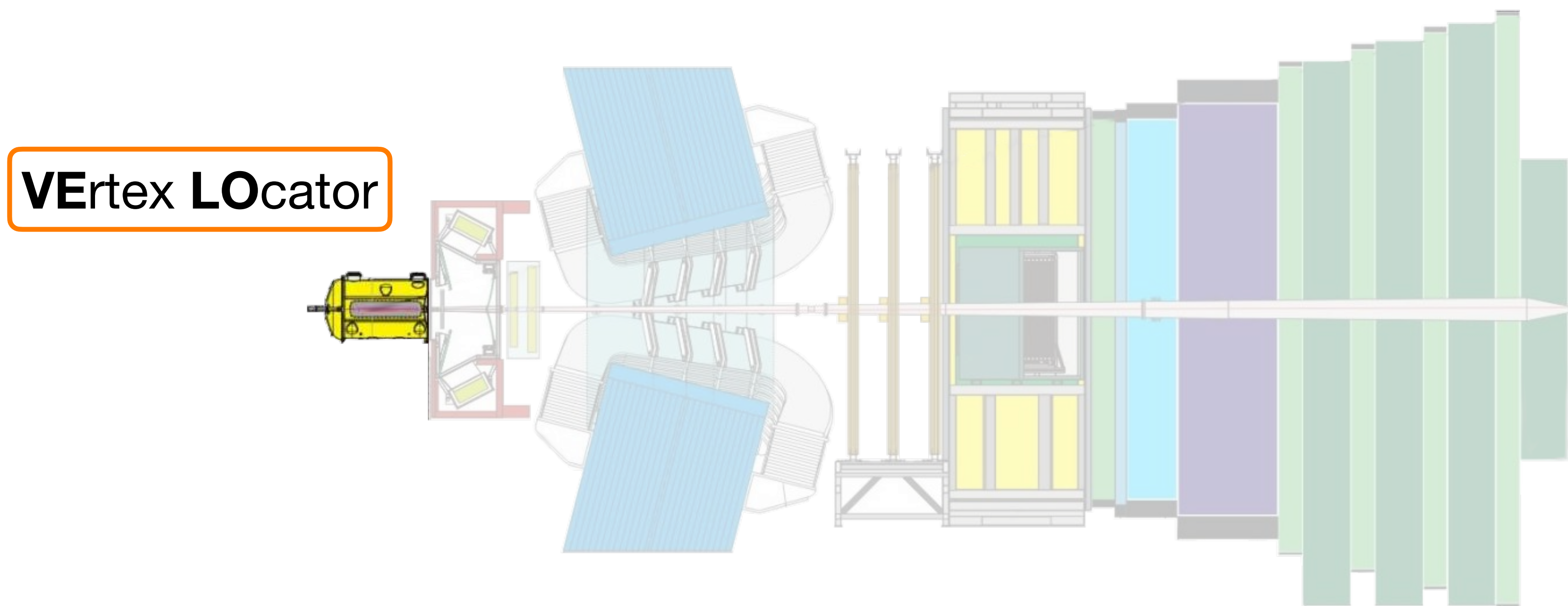
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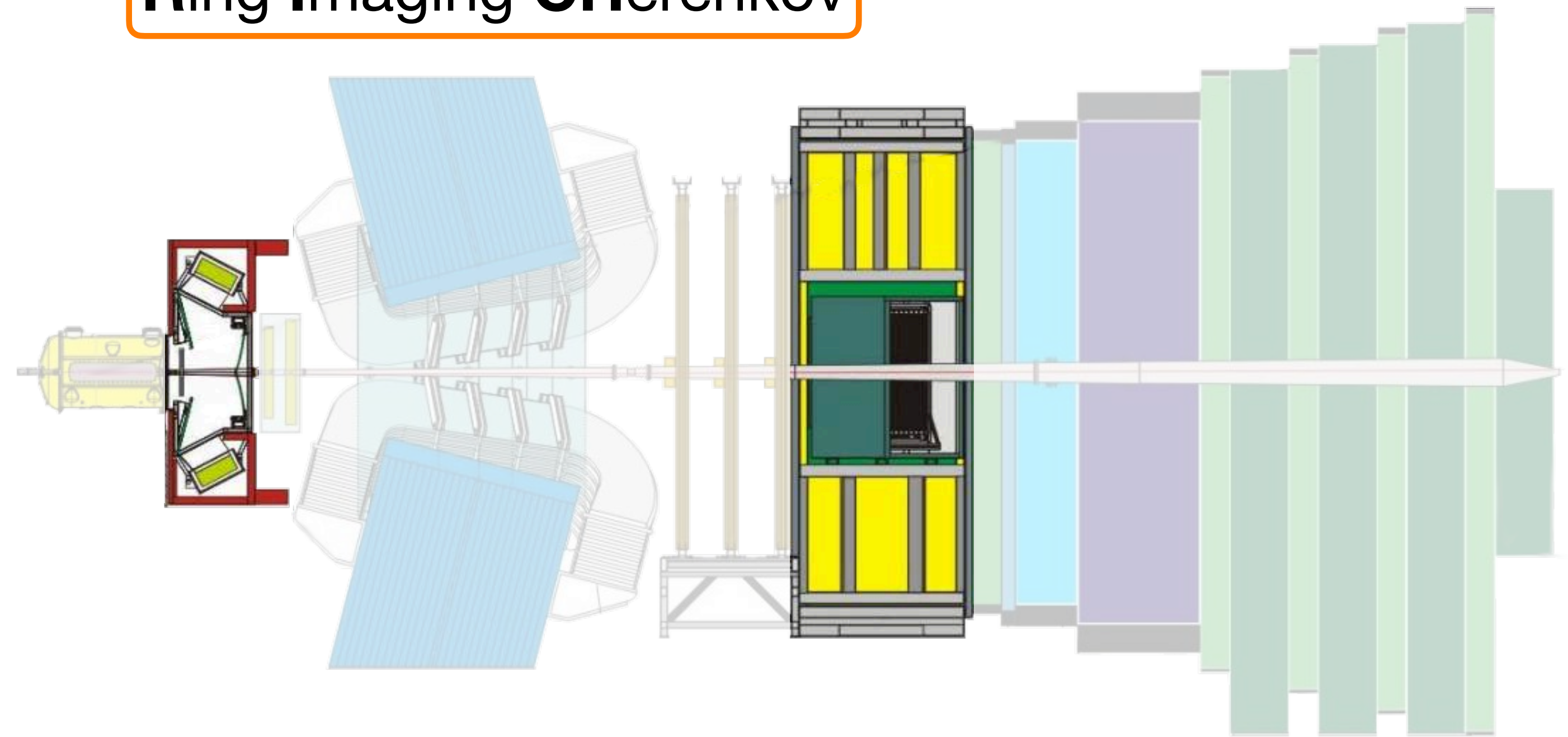


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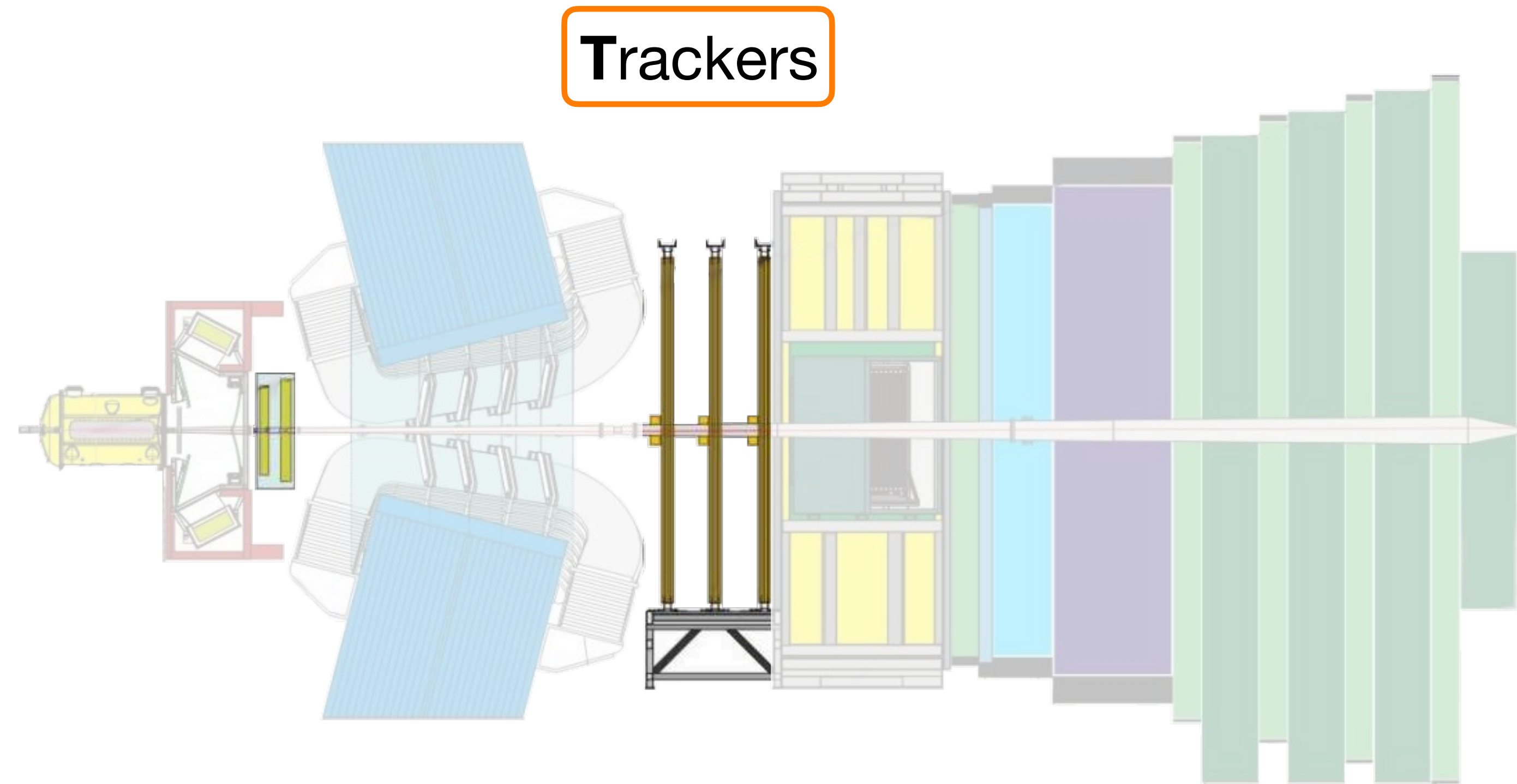
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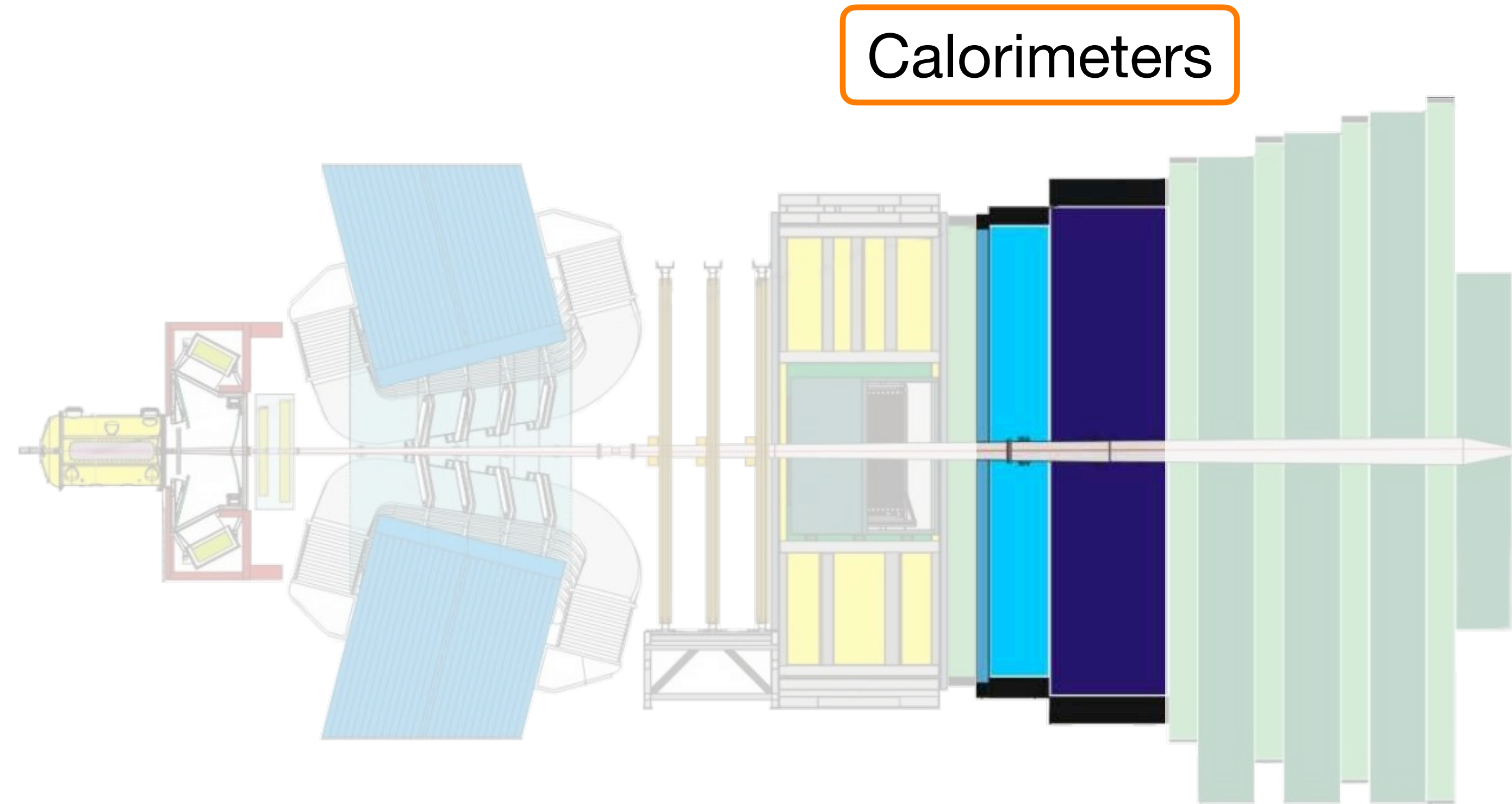
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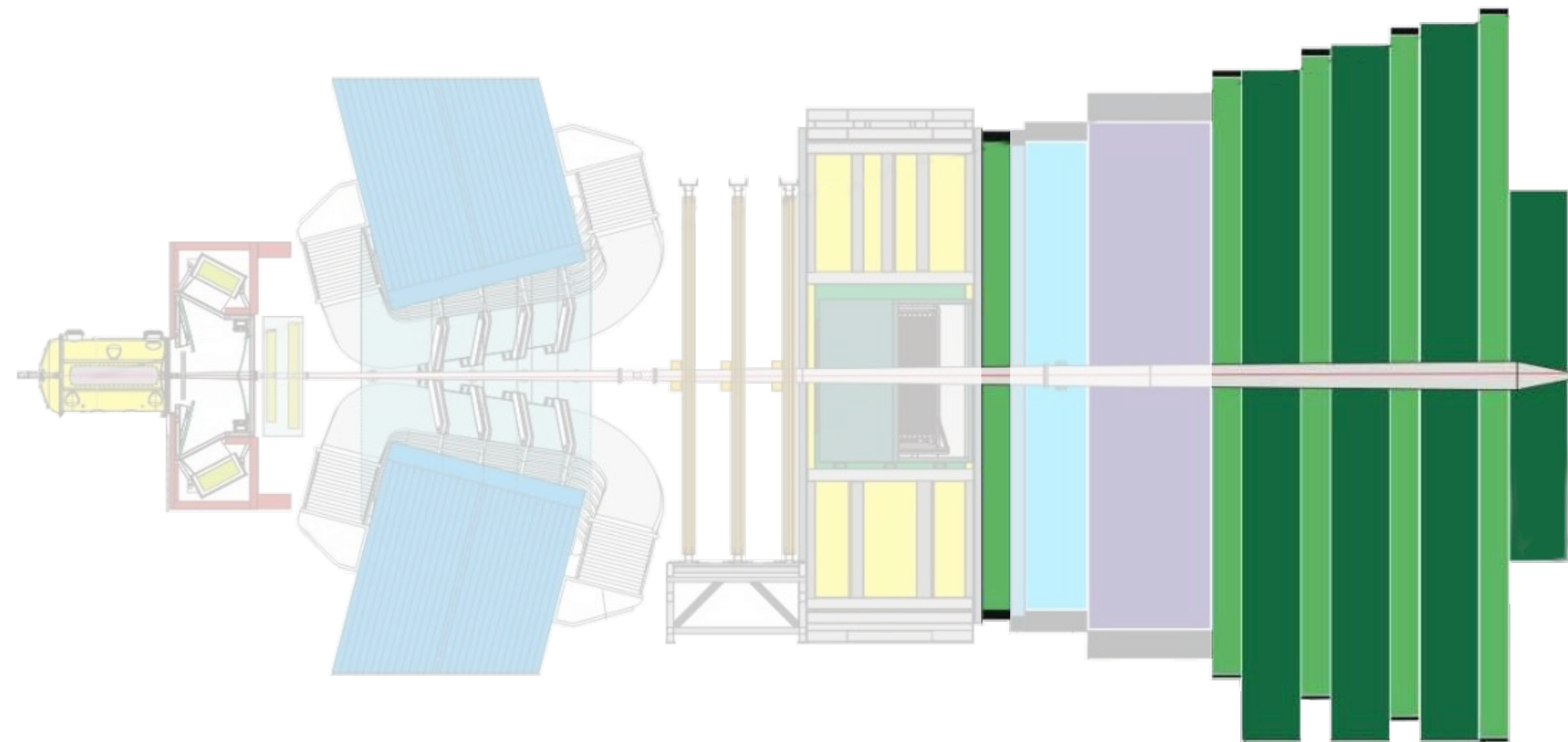
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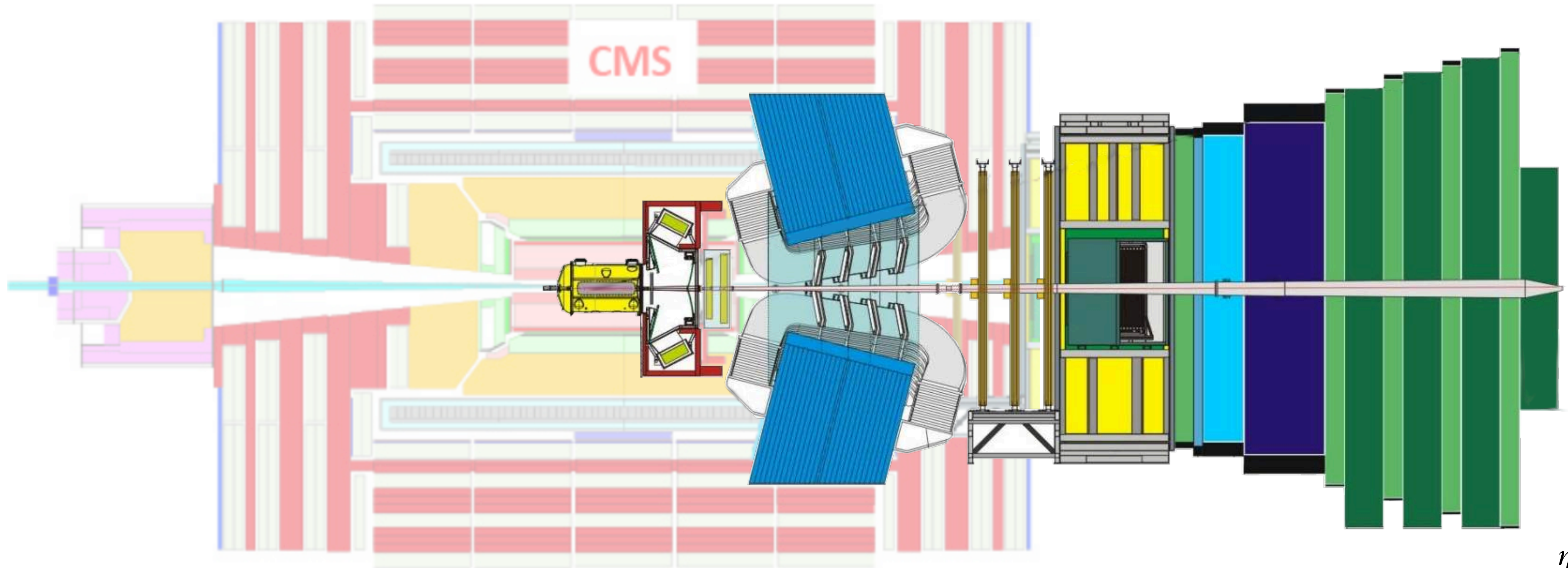
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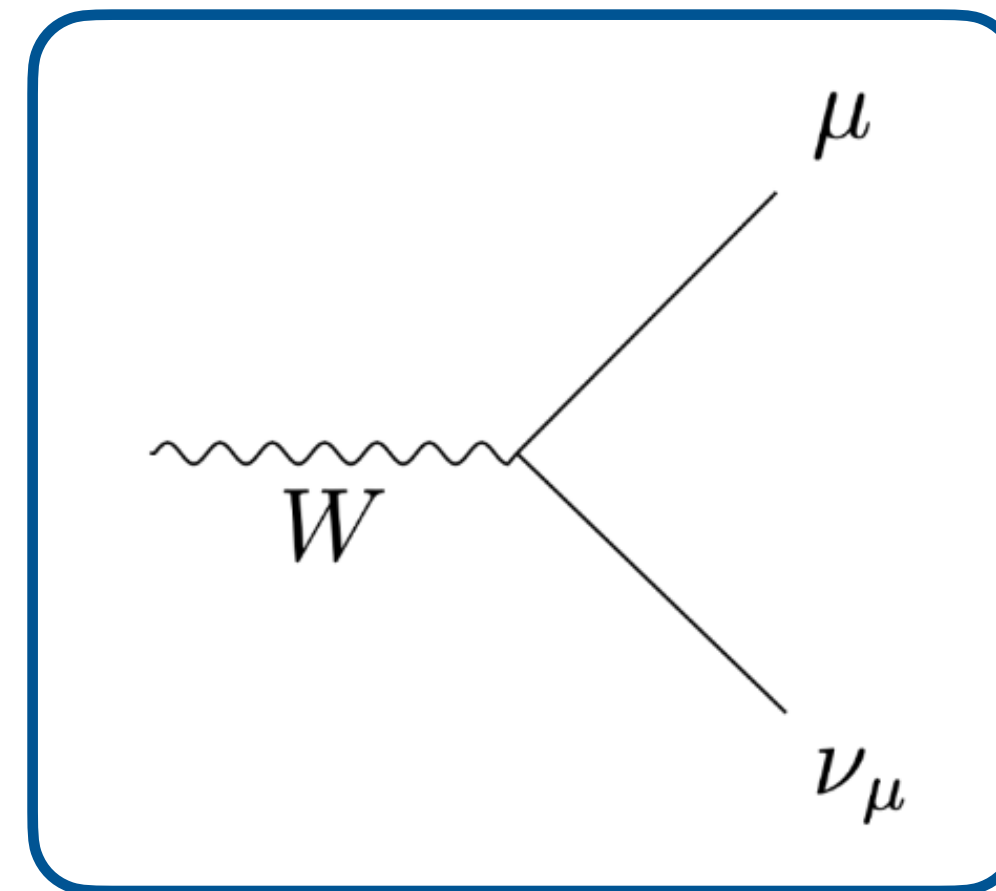
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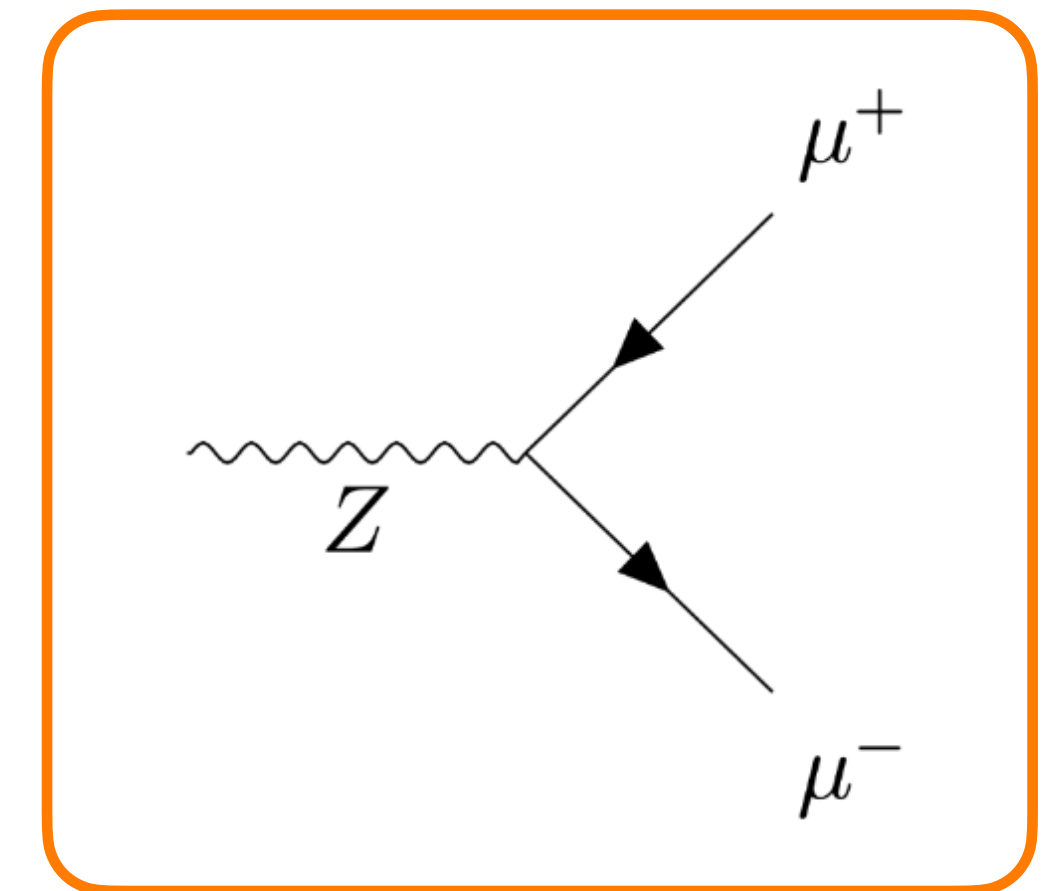
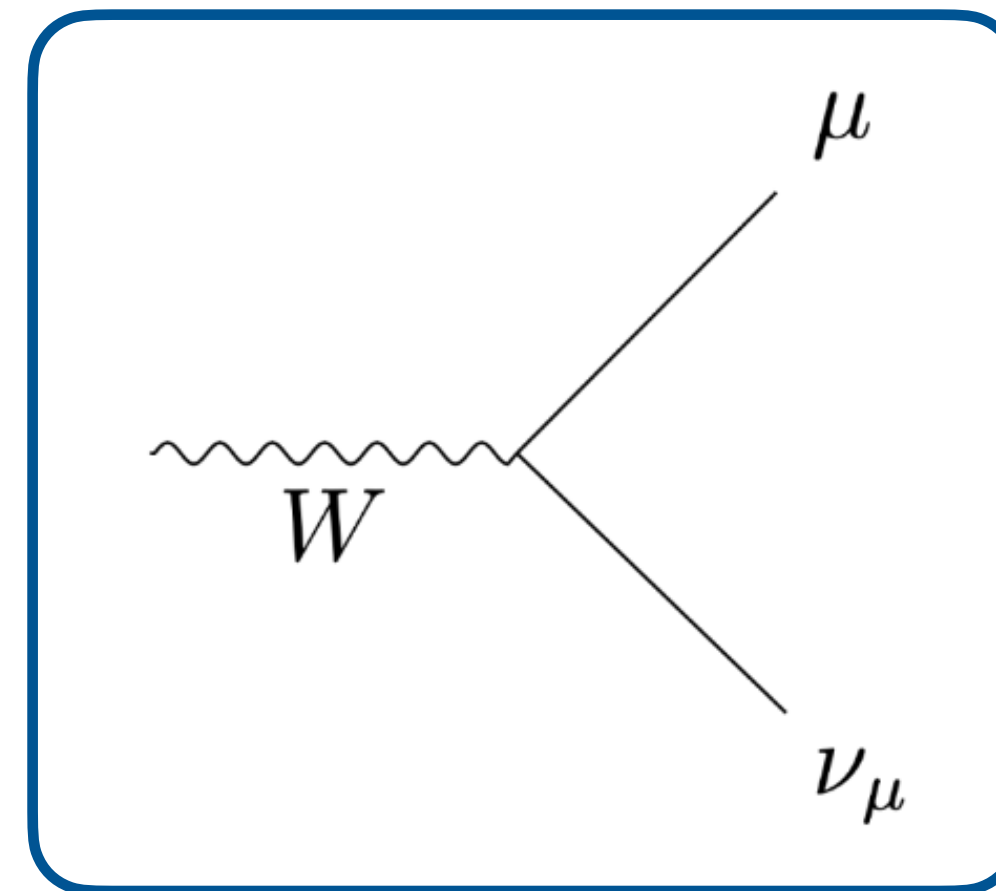
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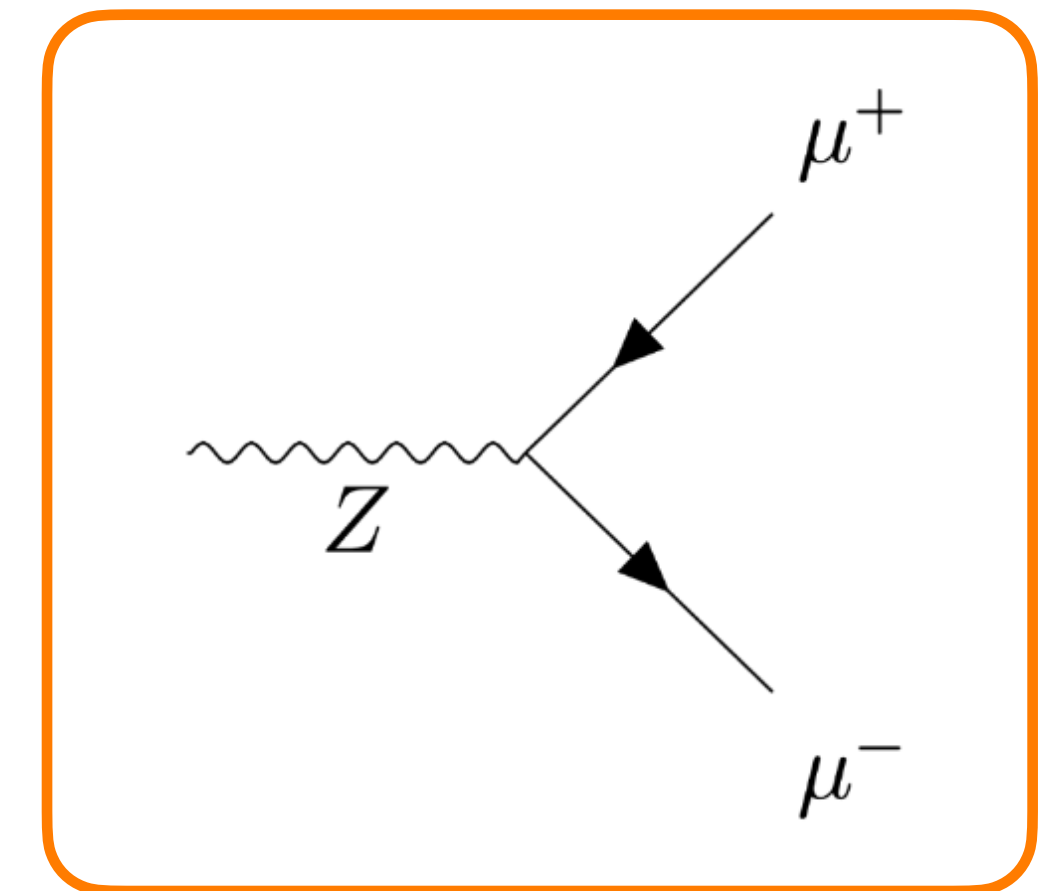
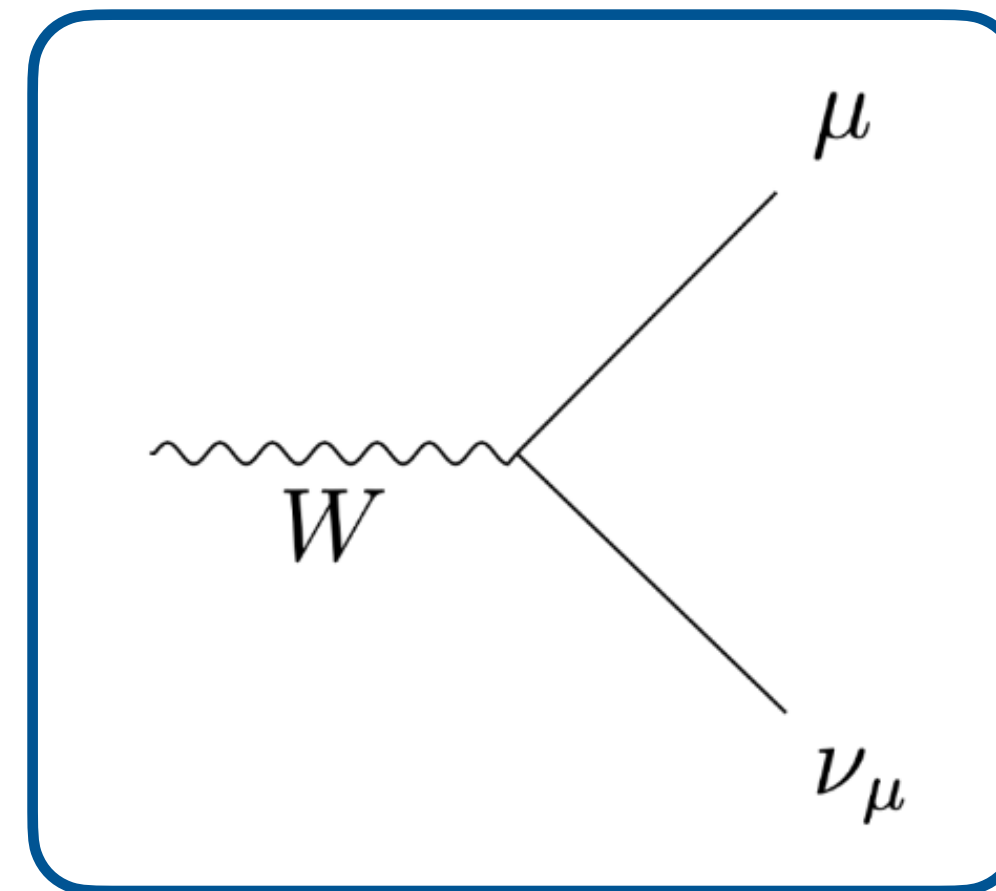
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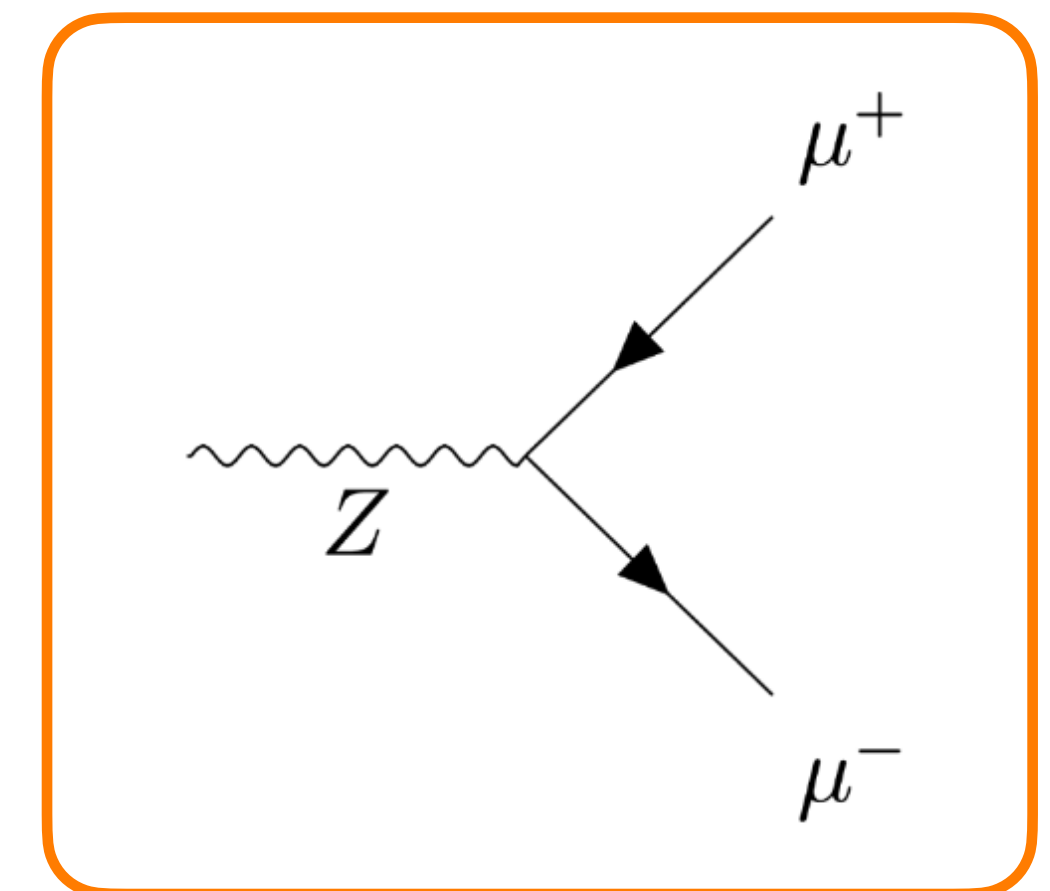
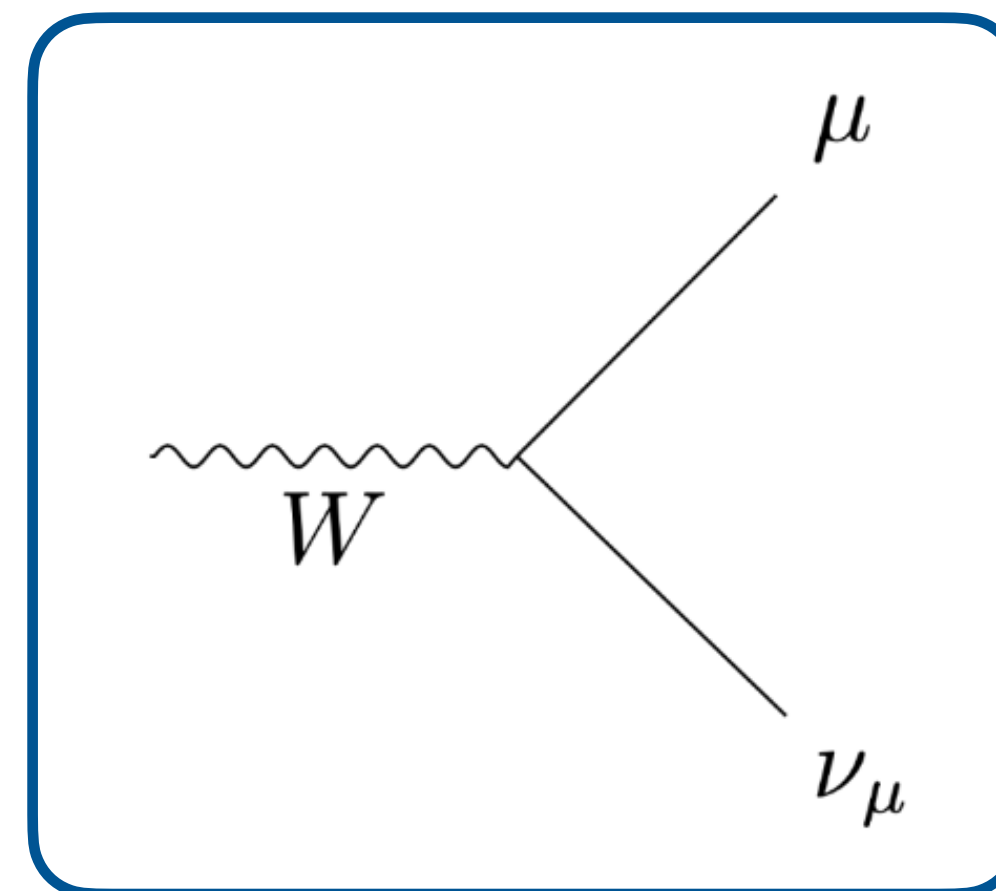
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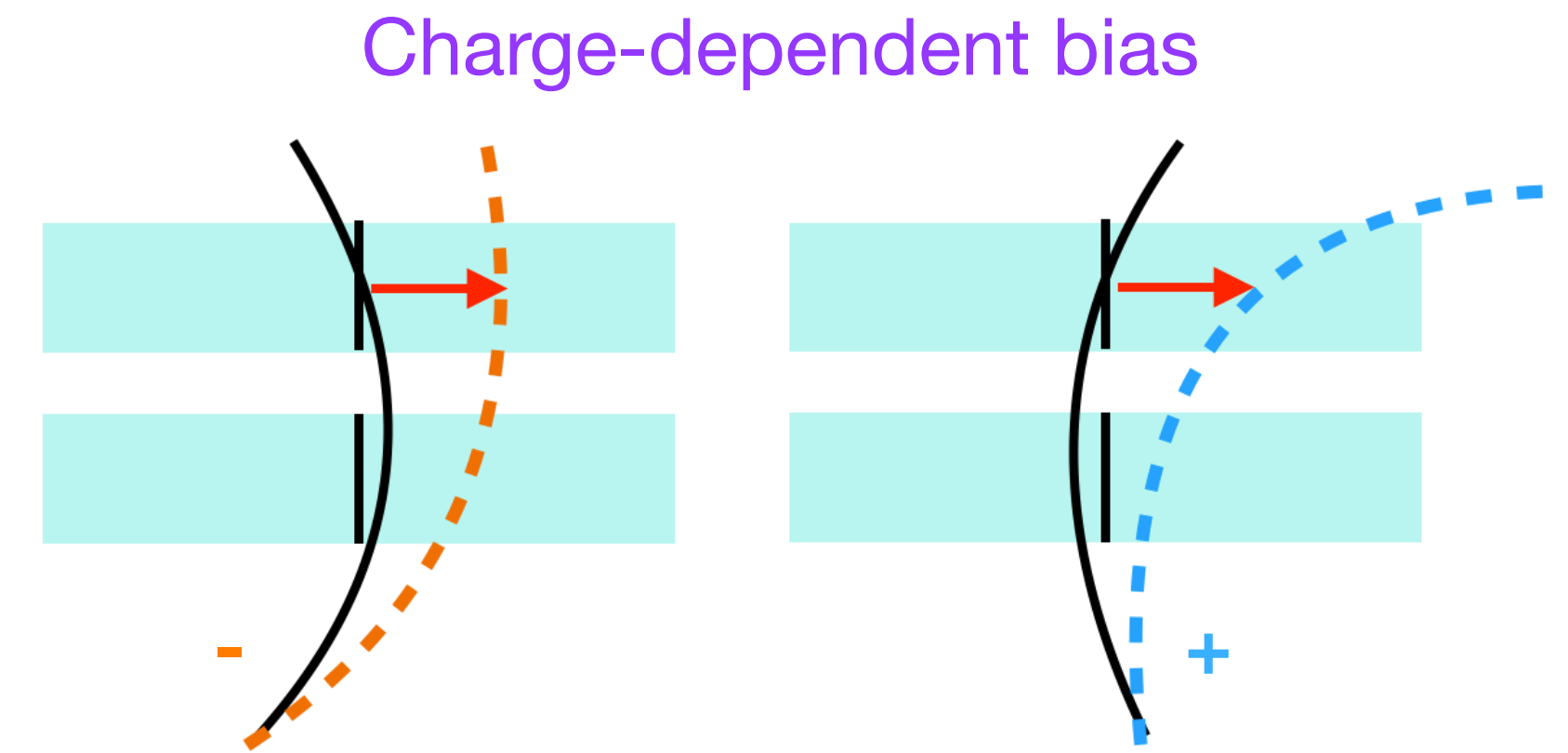
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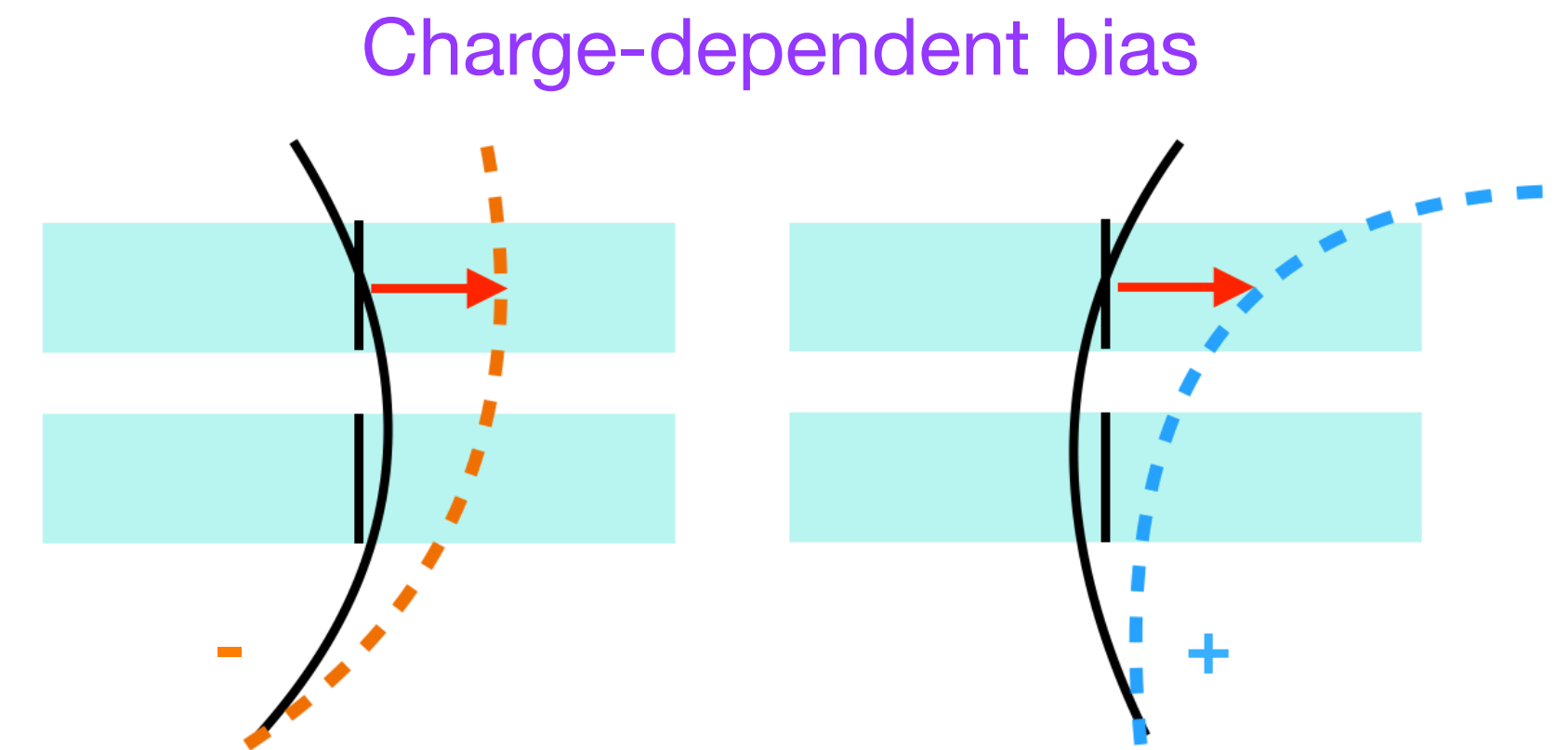
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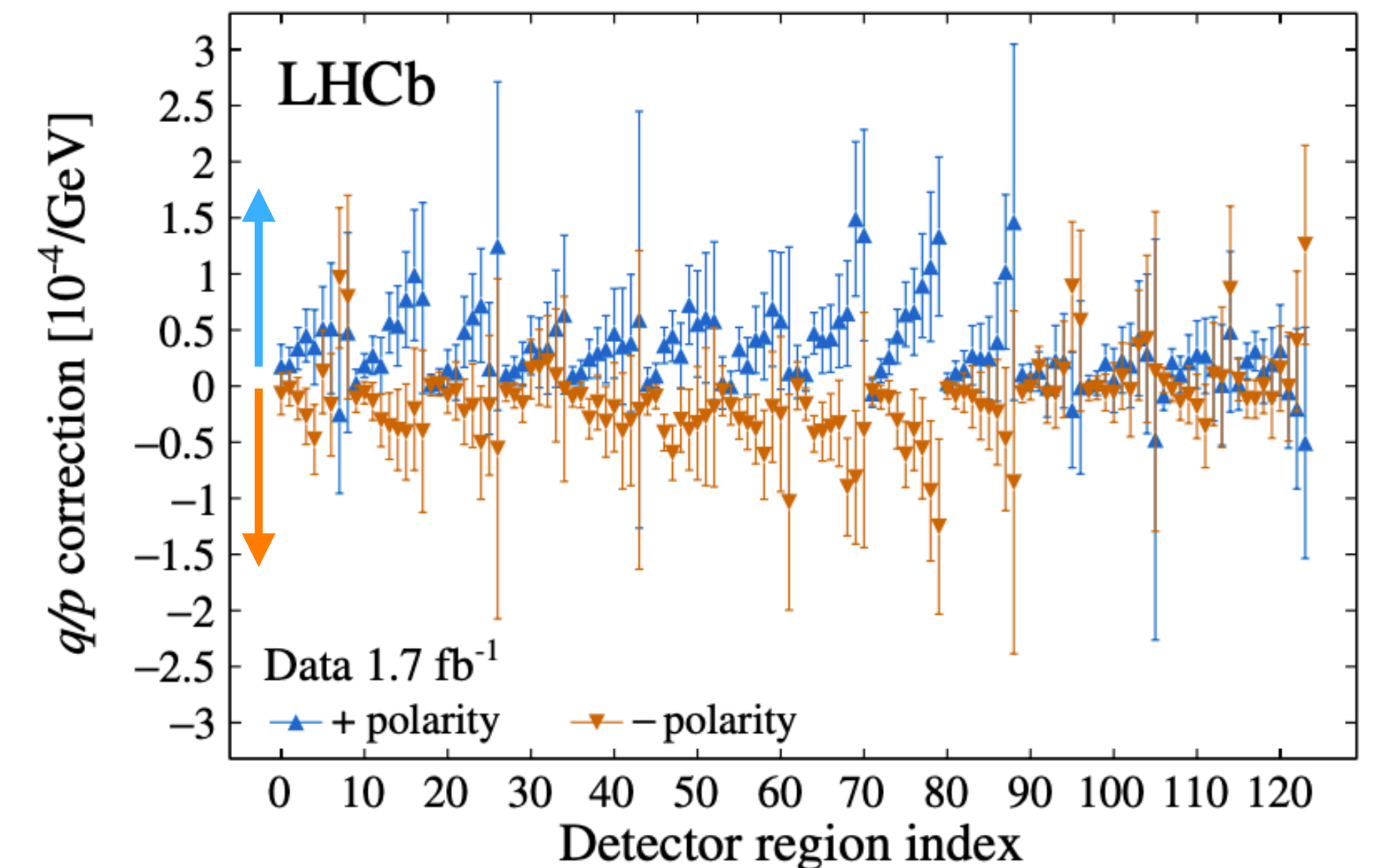
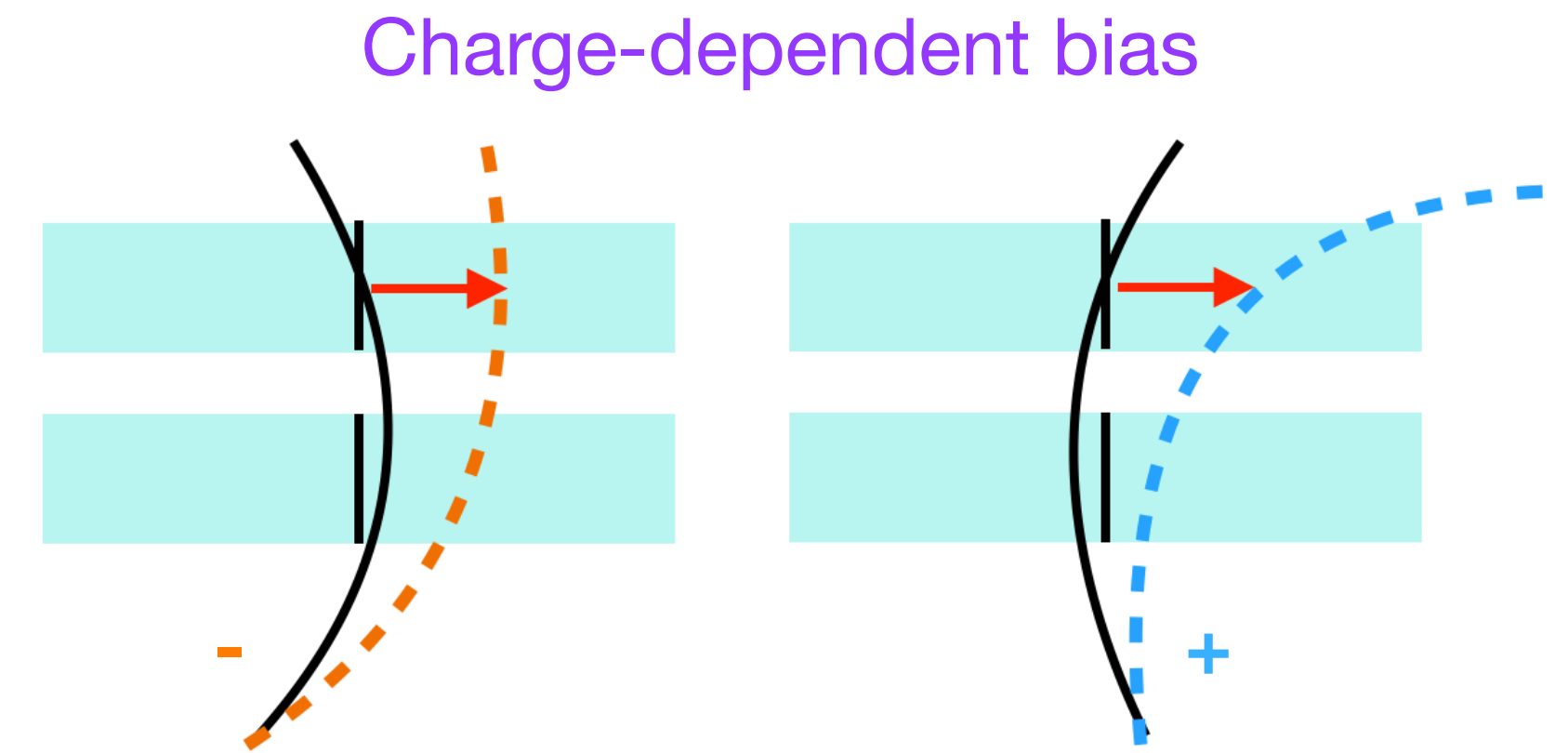
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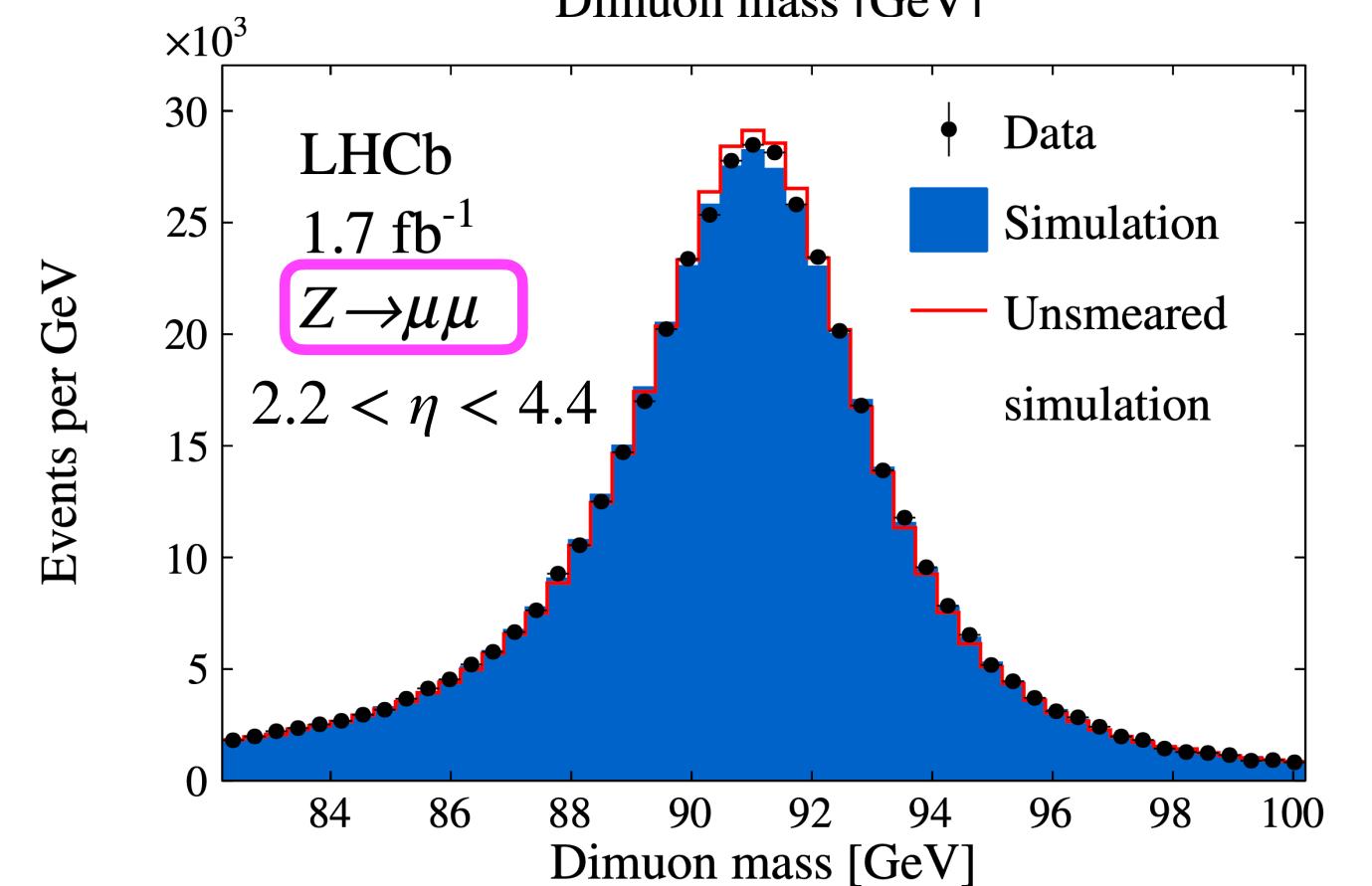
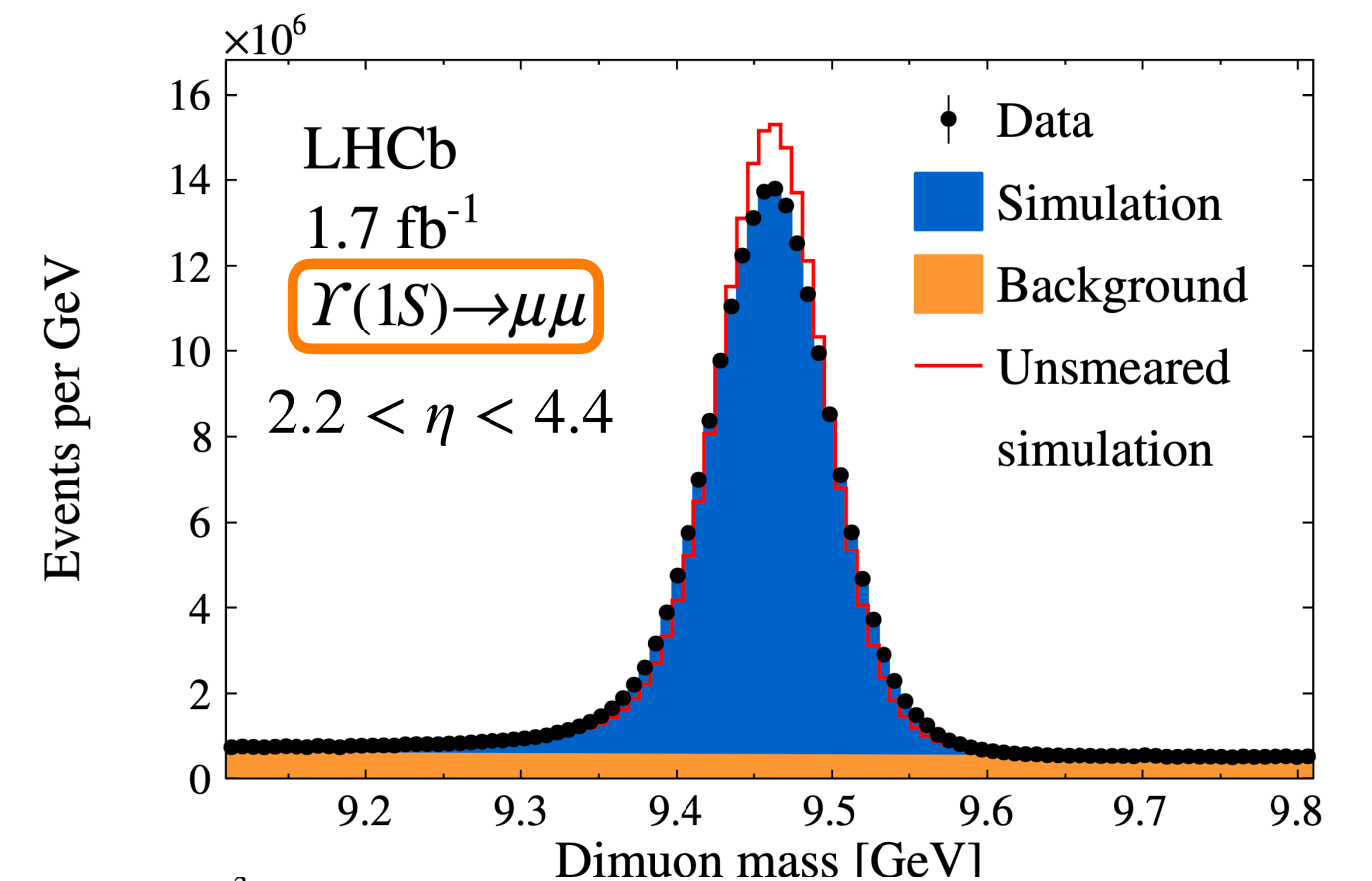
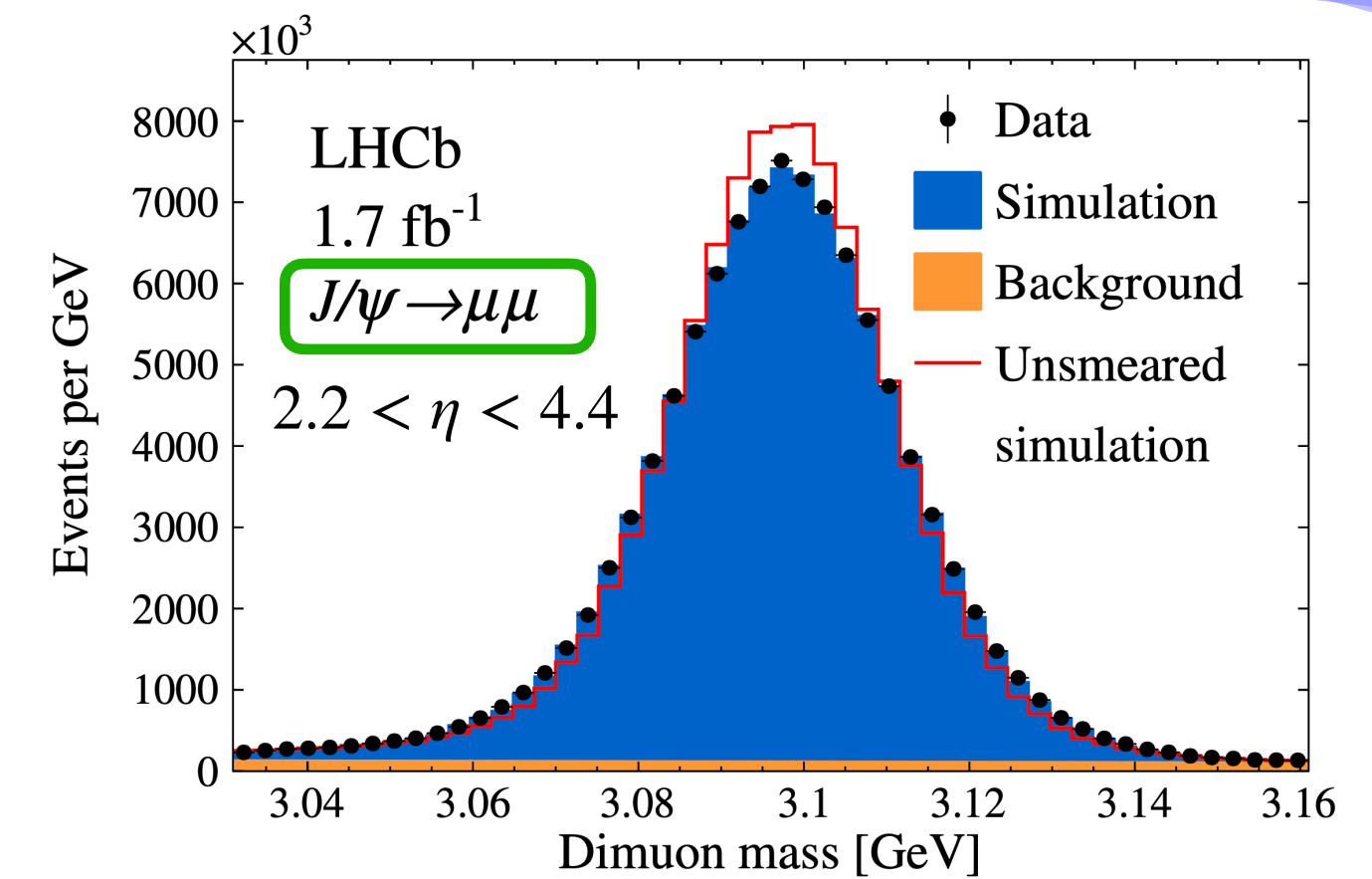


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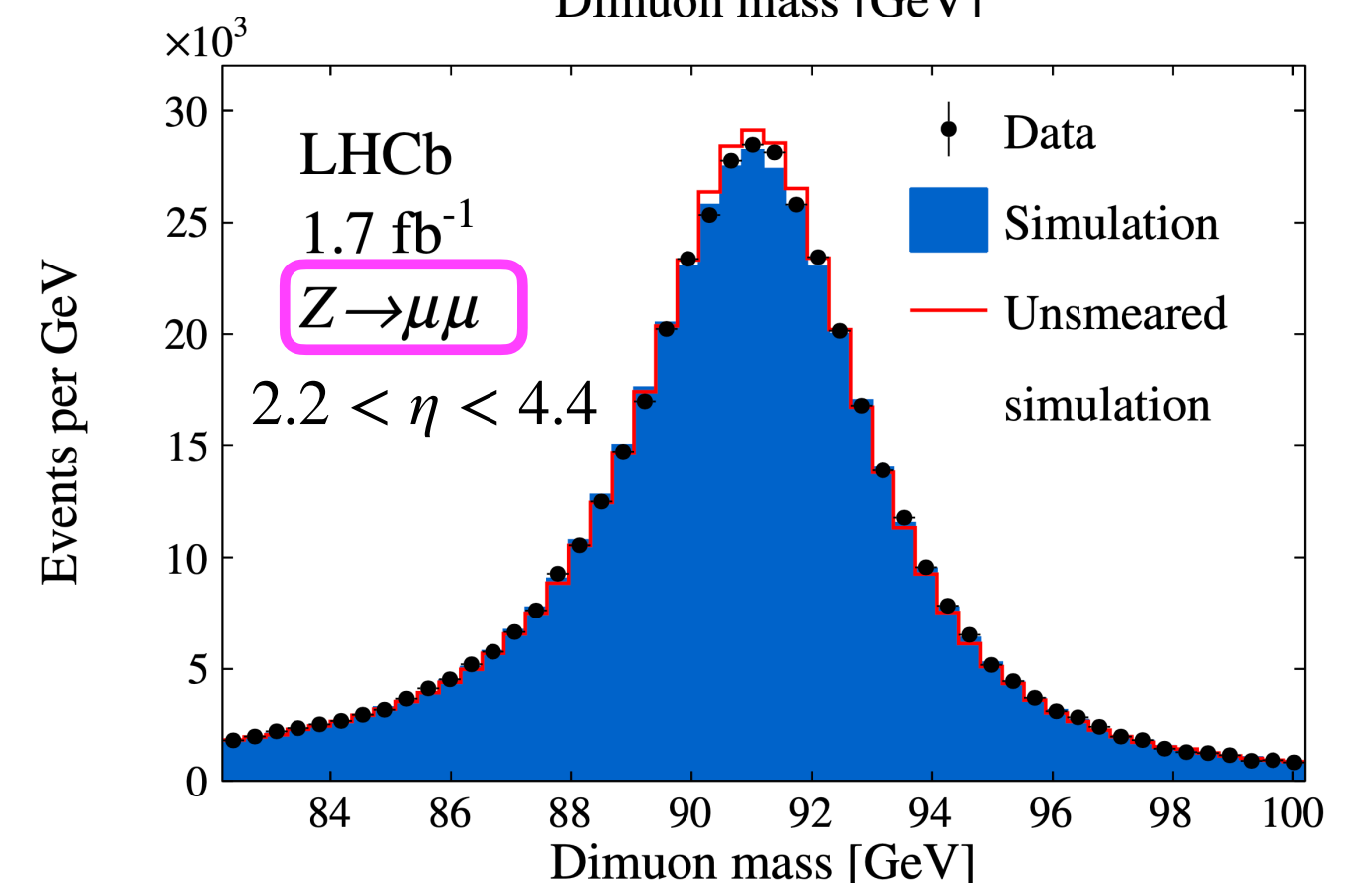
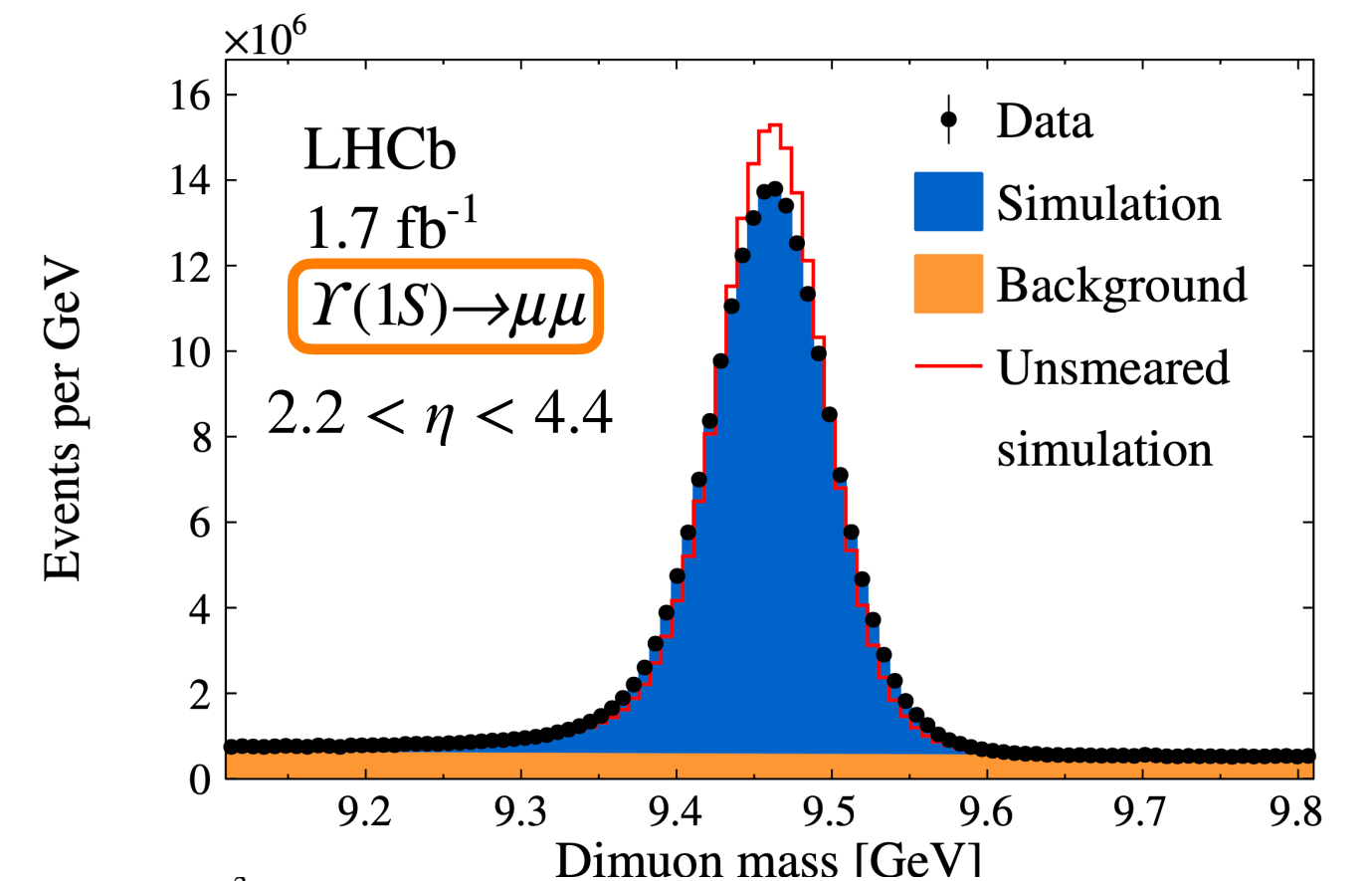
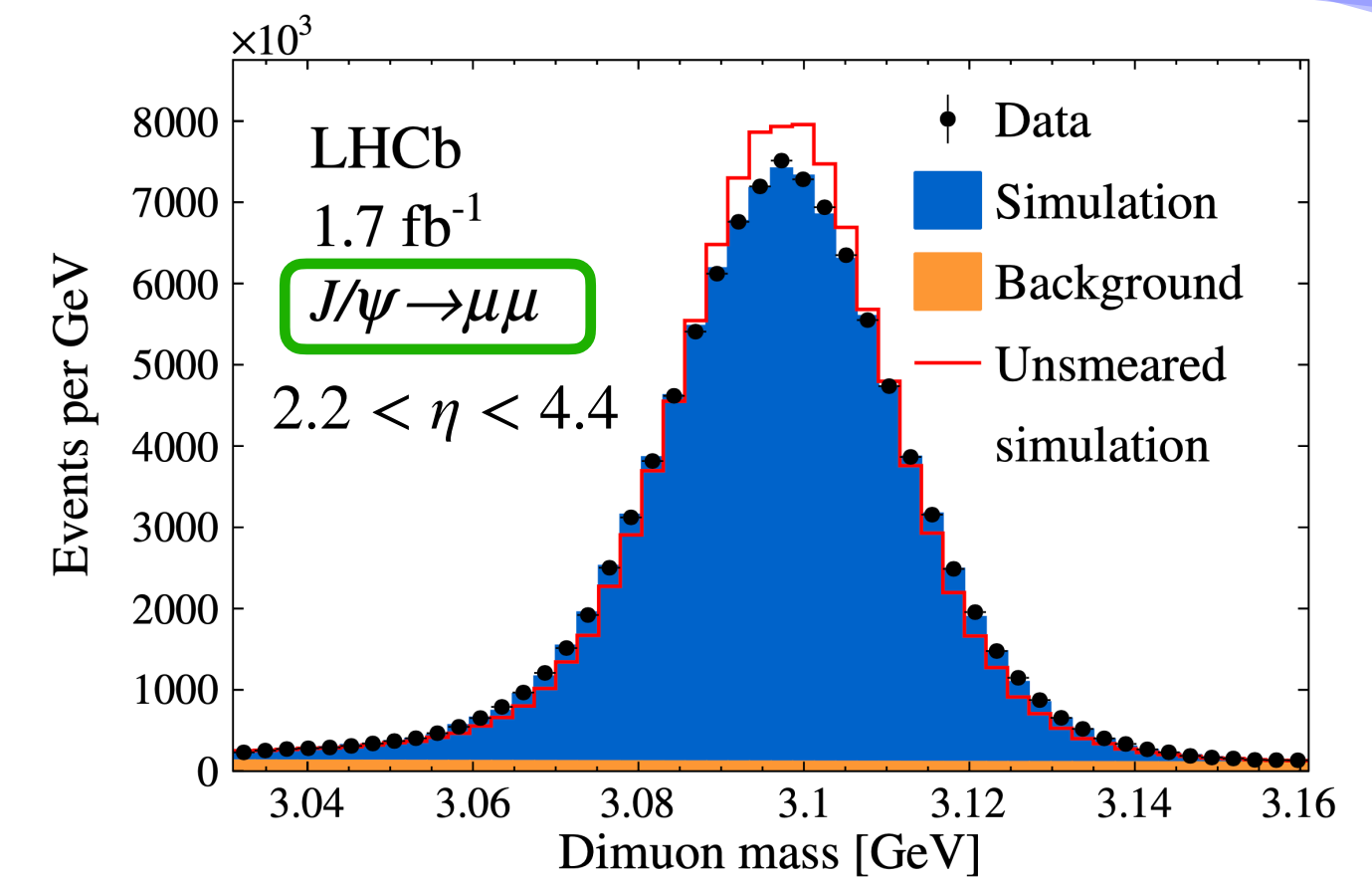
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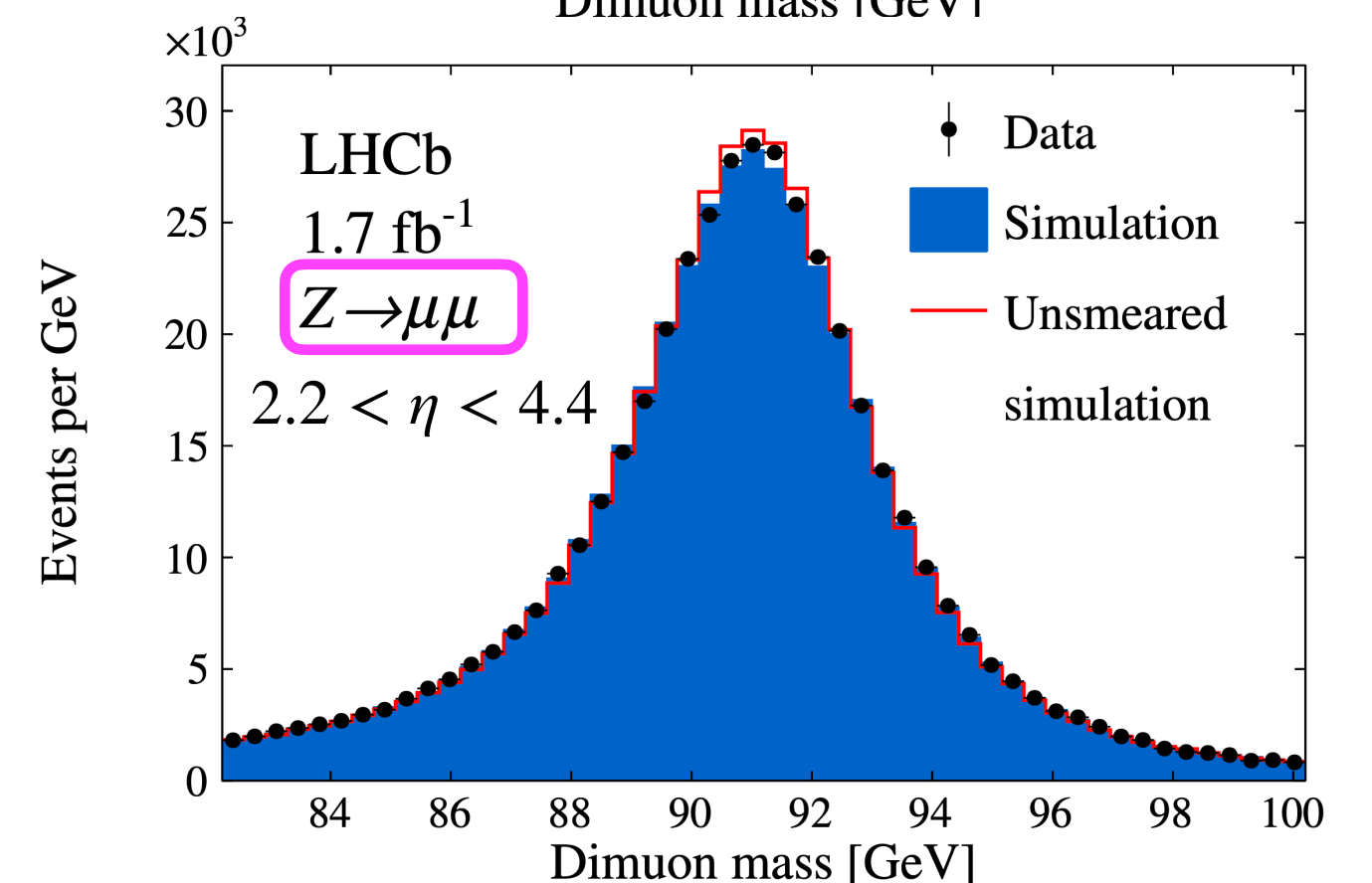
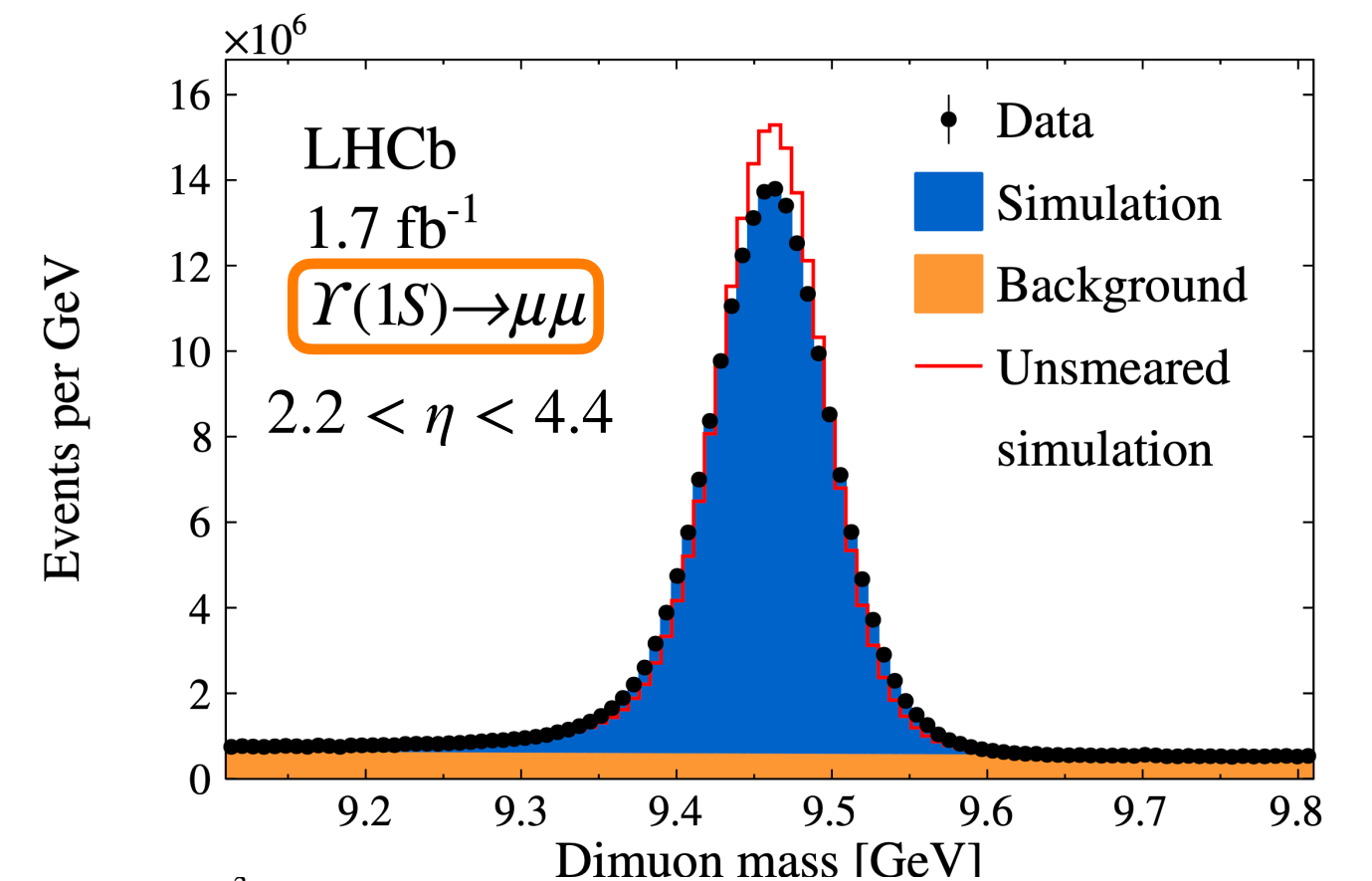
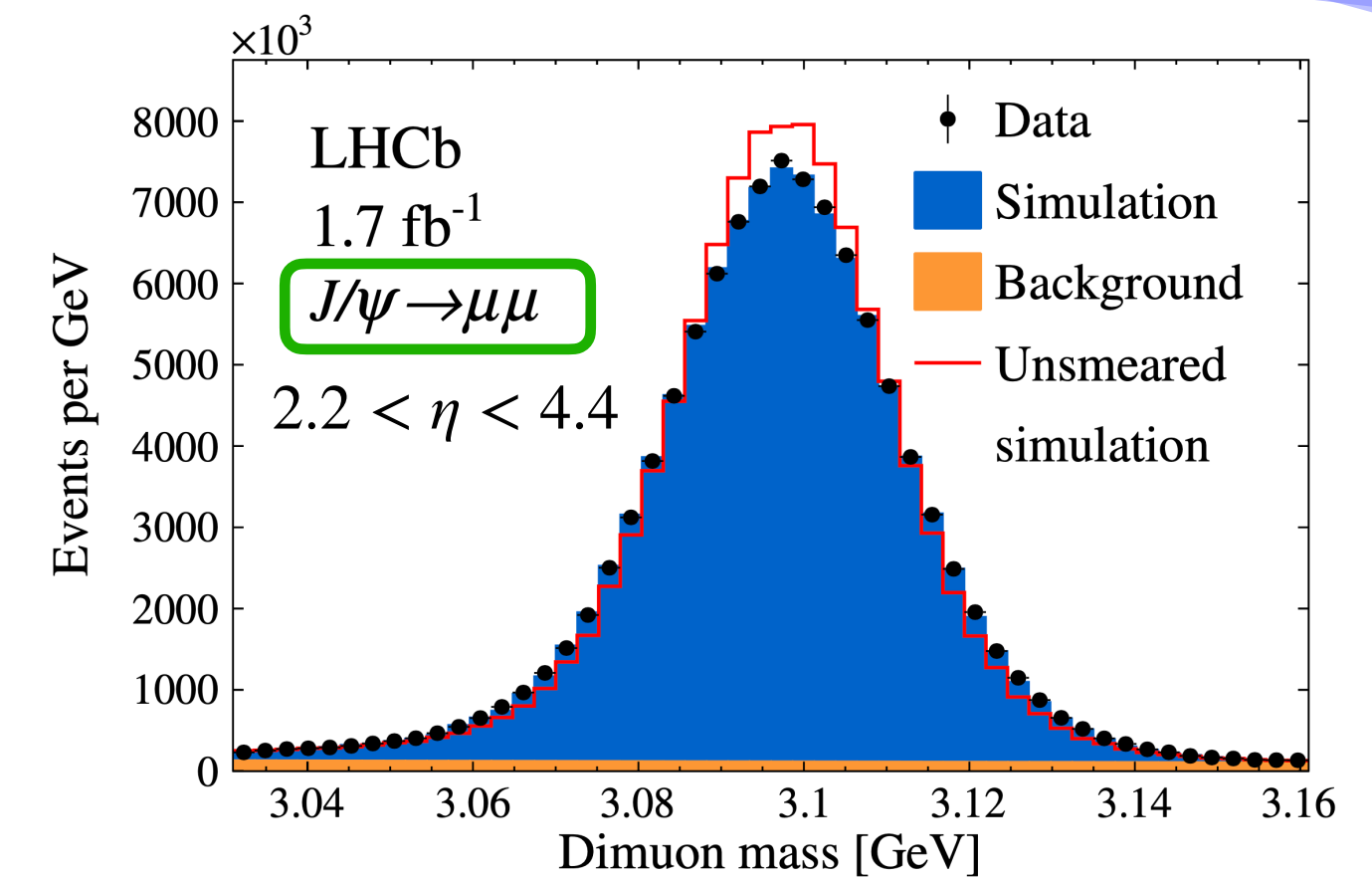
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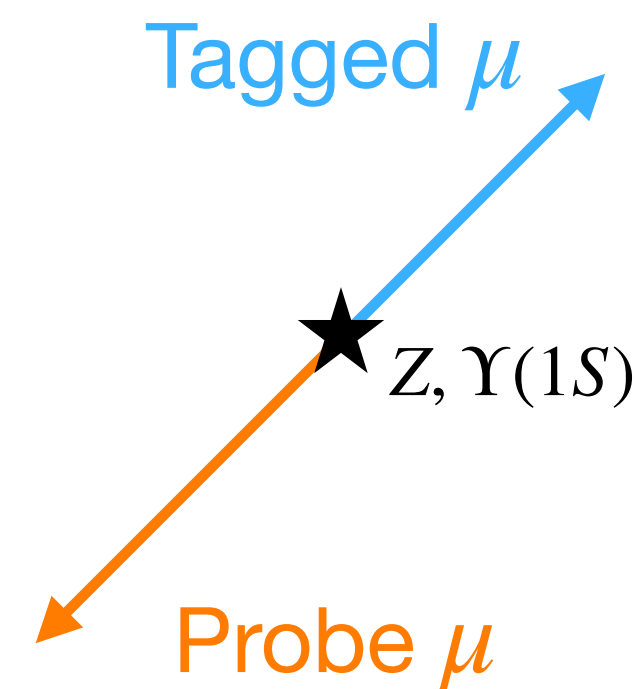
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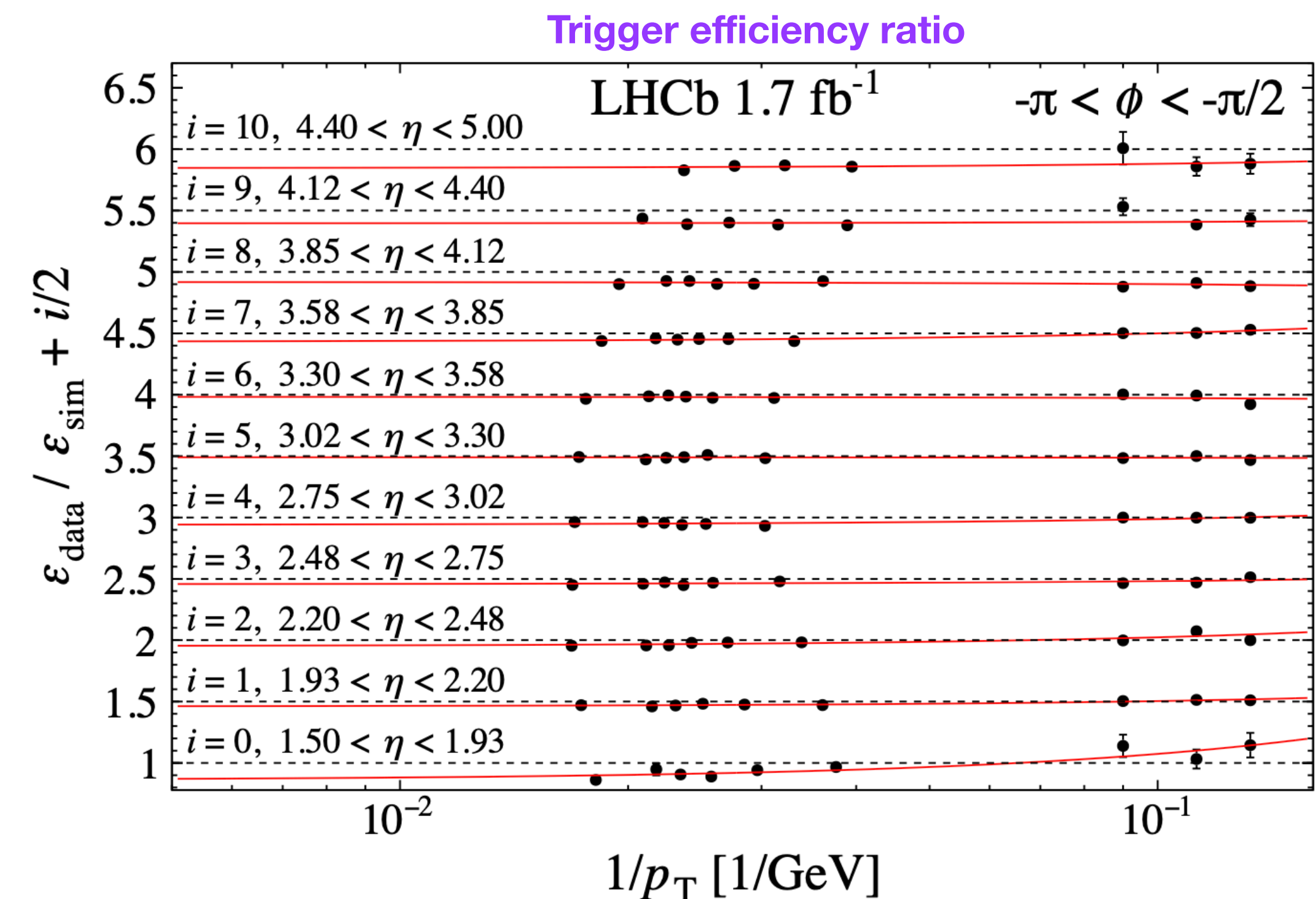
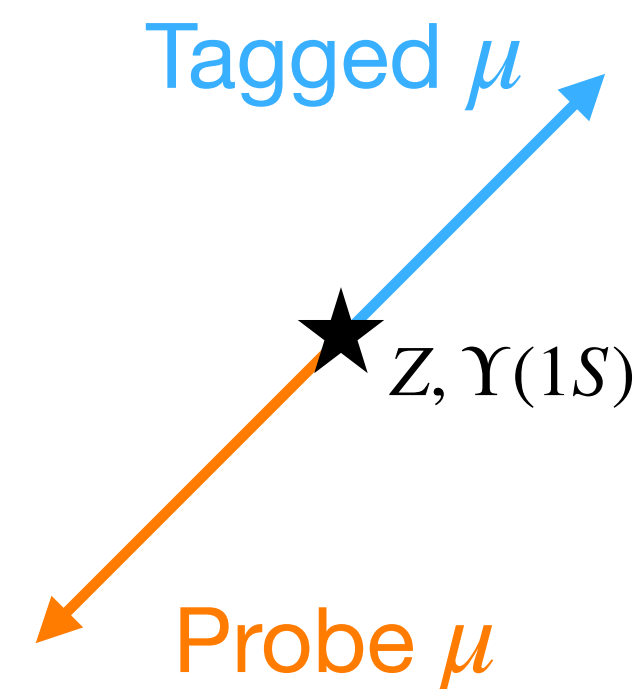
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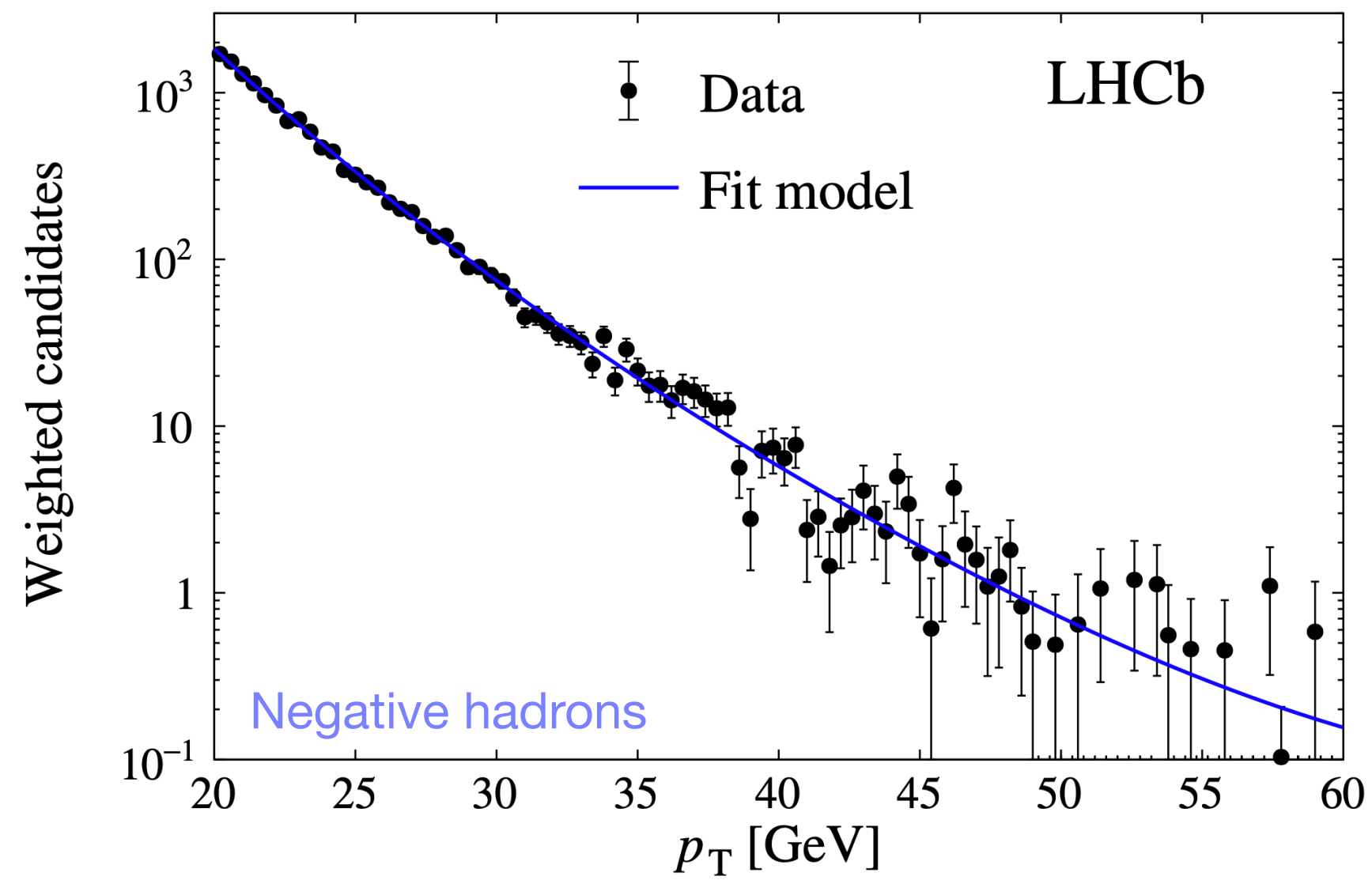
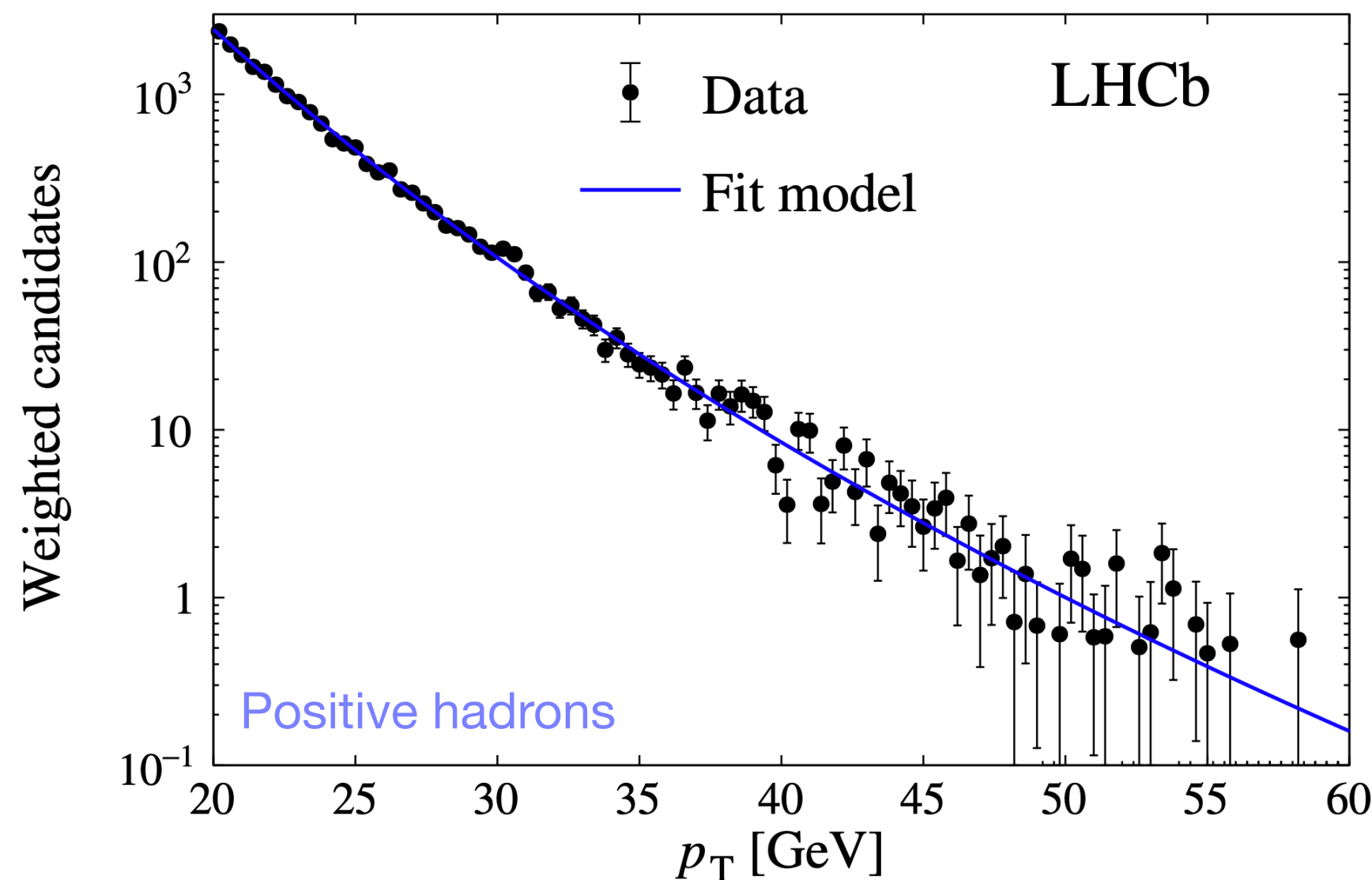
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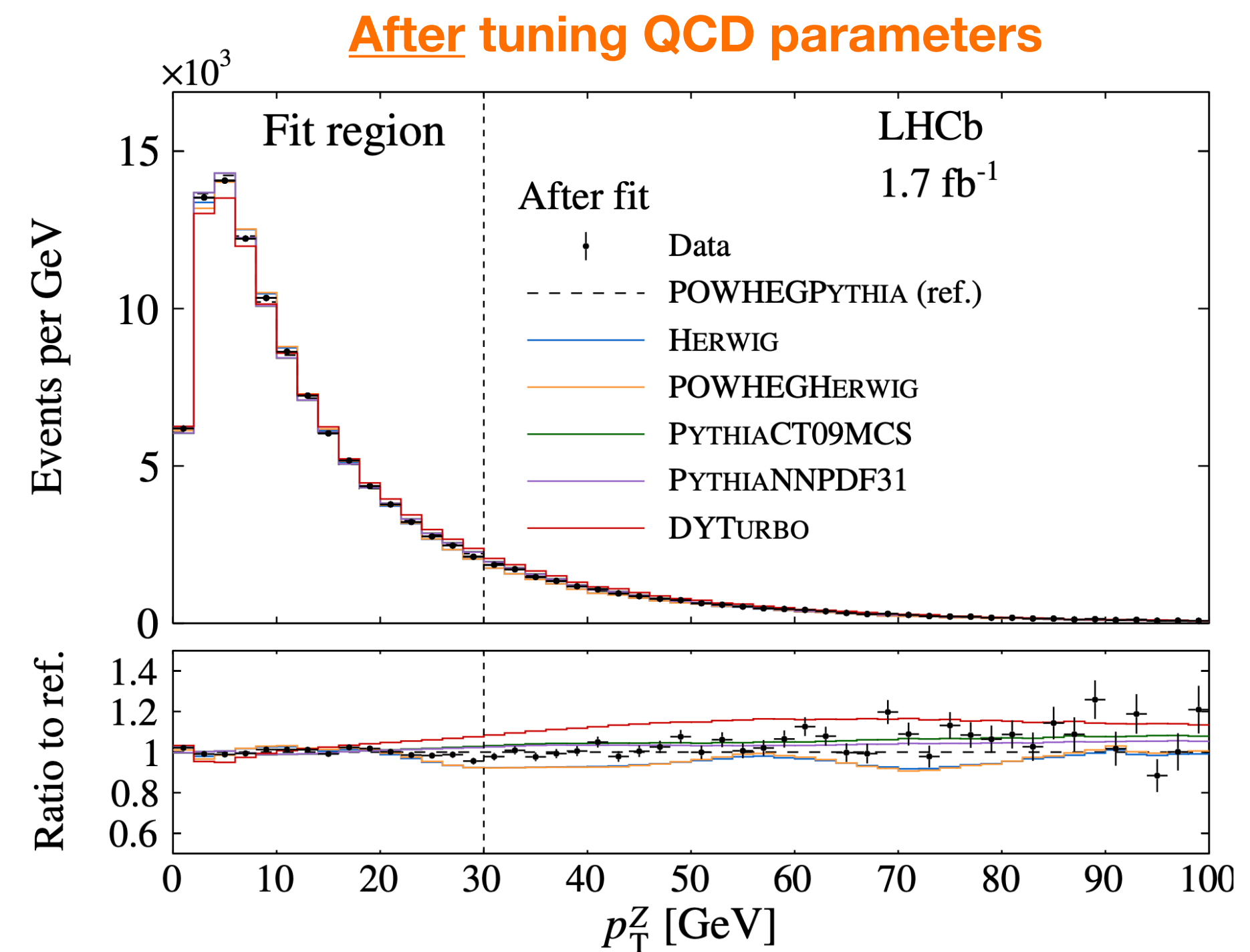
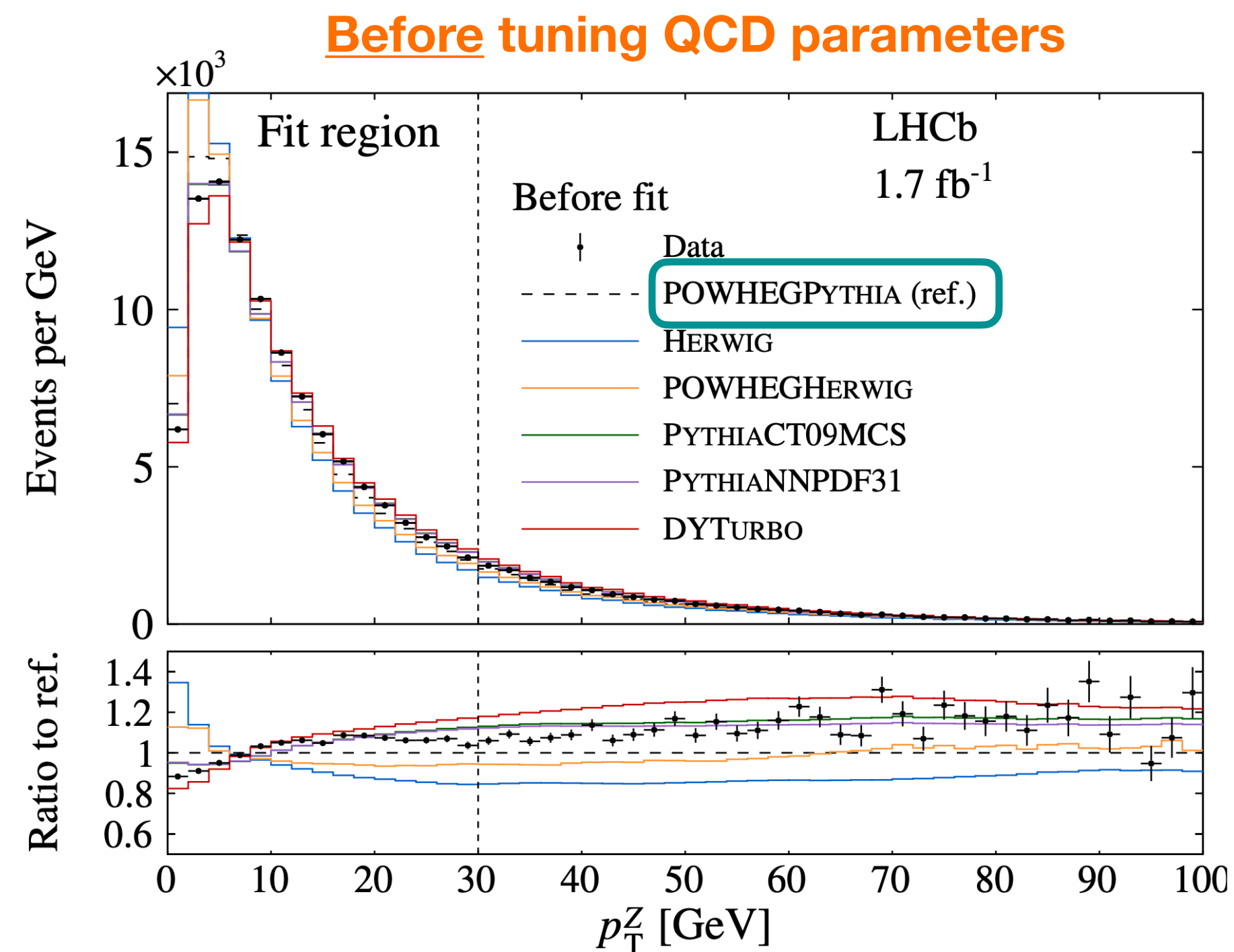
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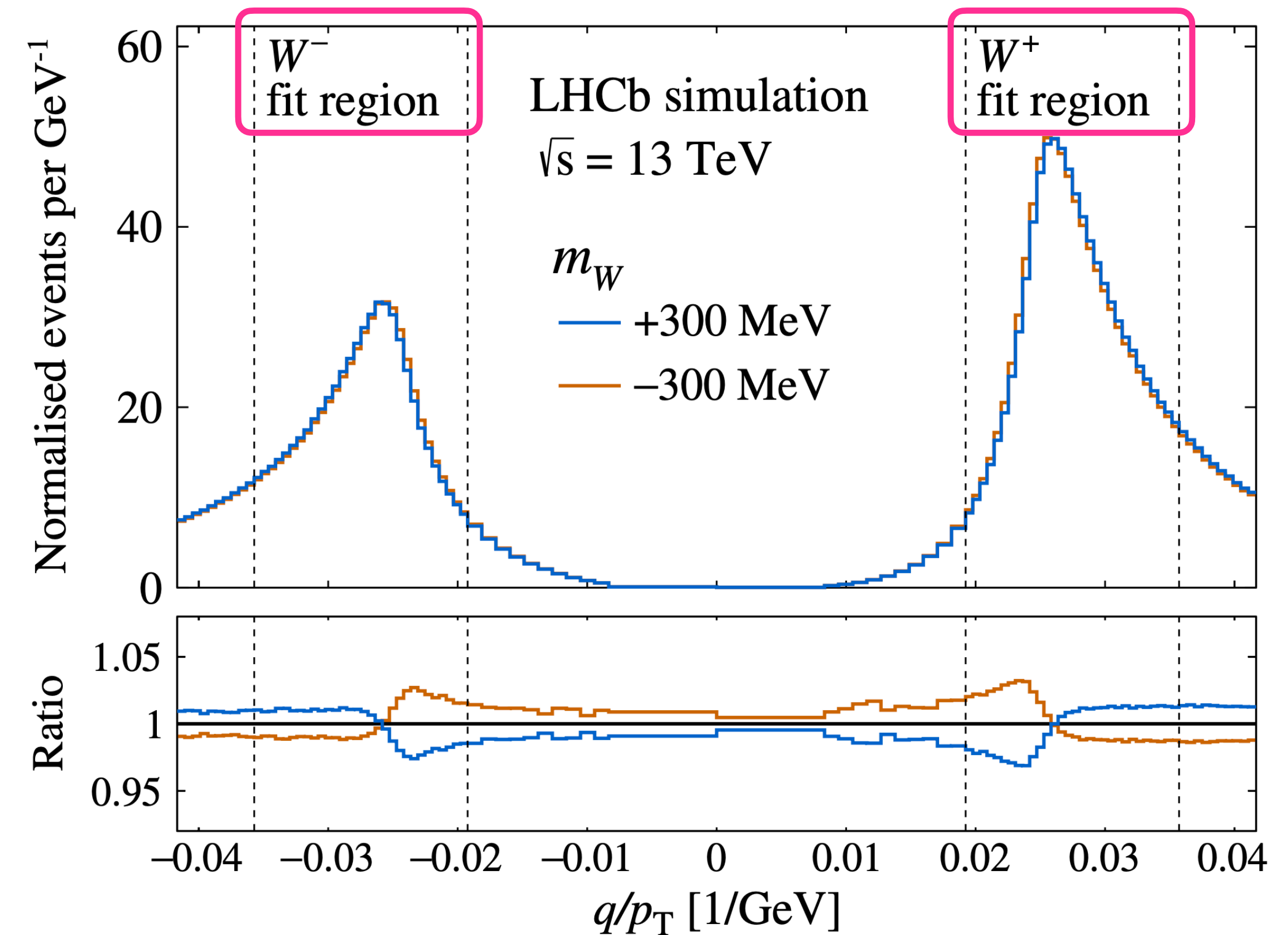
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- **Different generators** are tested to find the best one by fitting the  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events data
  - **POWHEGPYTHIA** is found to be the most reliable after tuning QCD parameters
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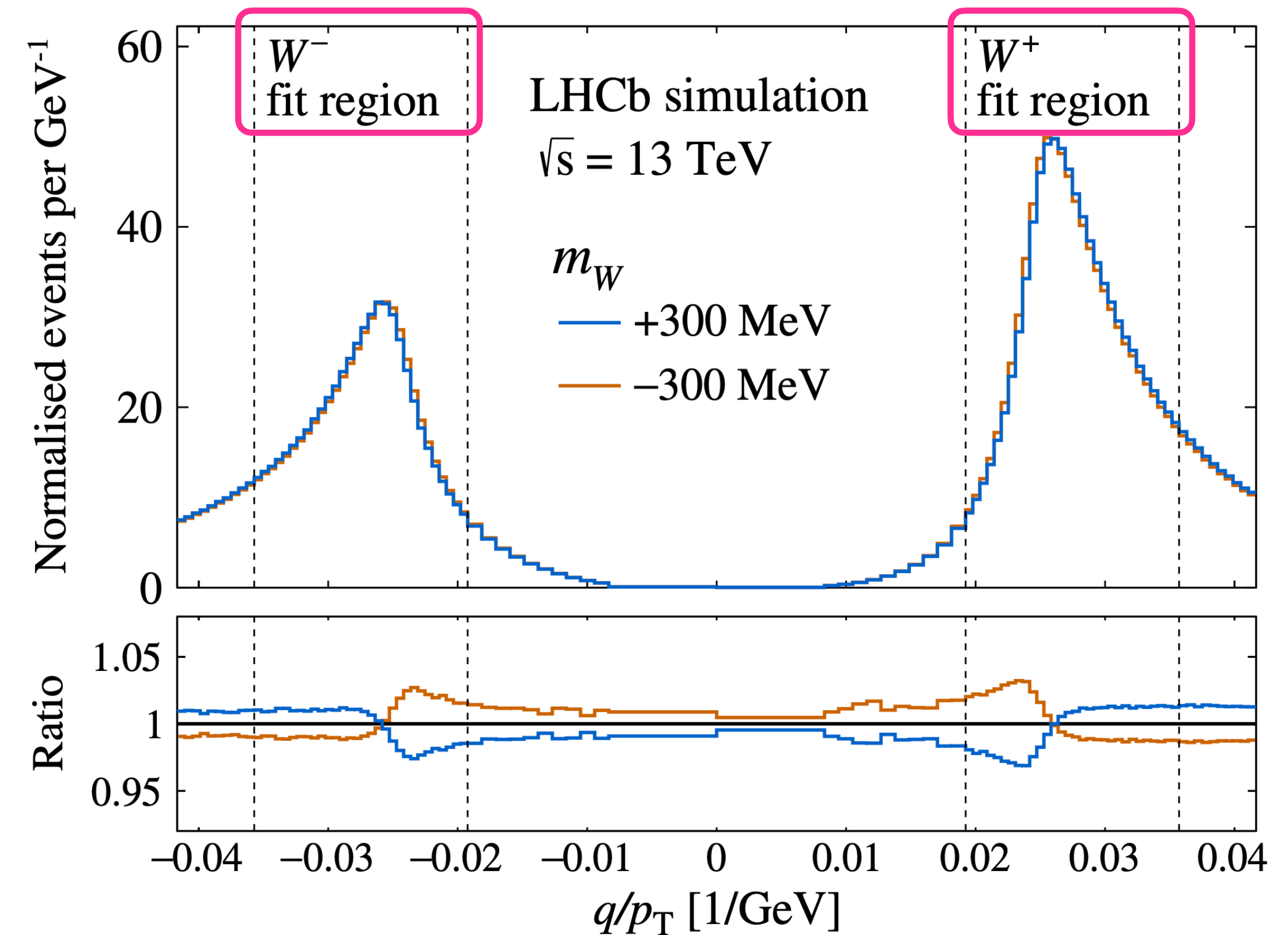
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  - intrinsic  $p_T$  of the initial state partons ( $k_T^{intr}$ )
  - scaling of angular coefficient  $A_3$



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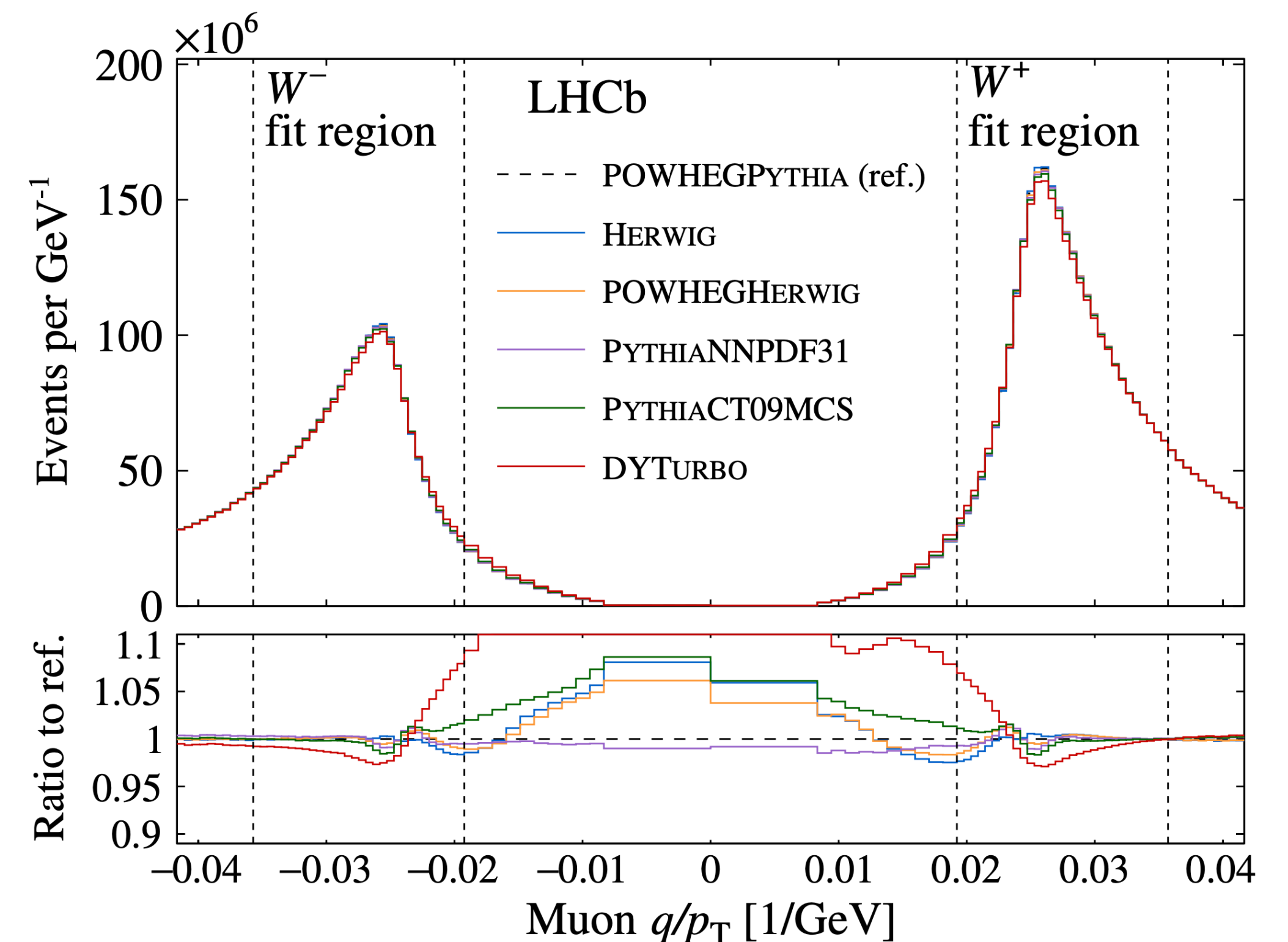
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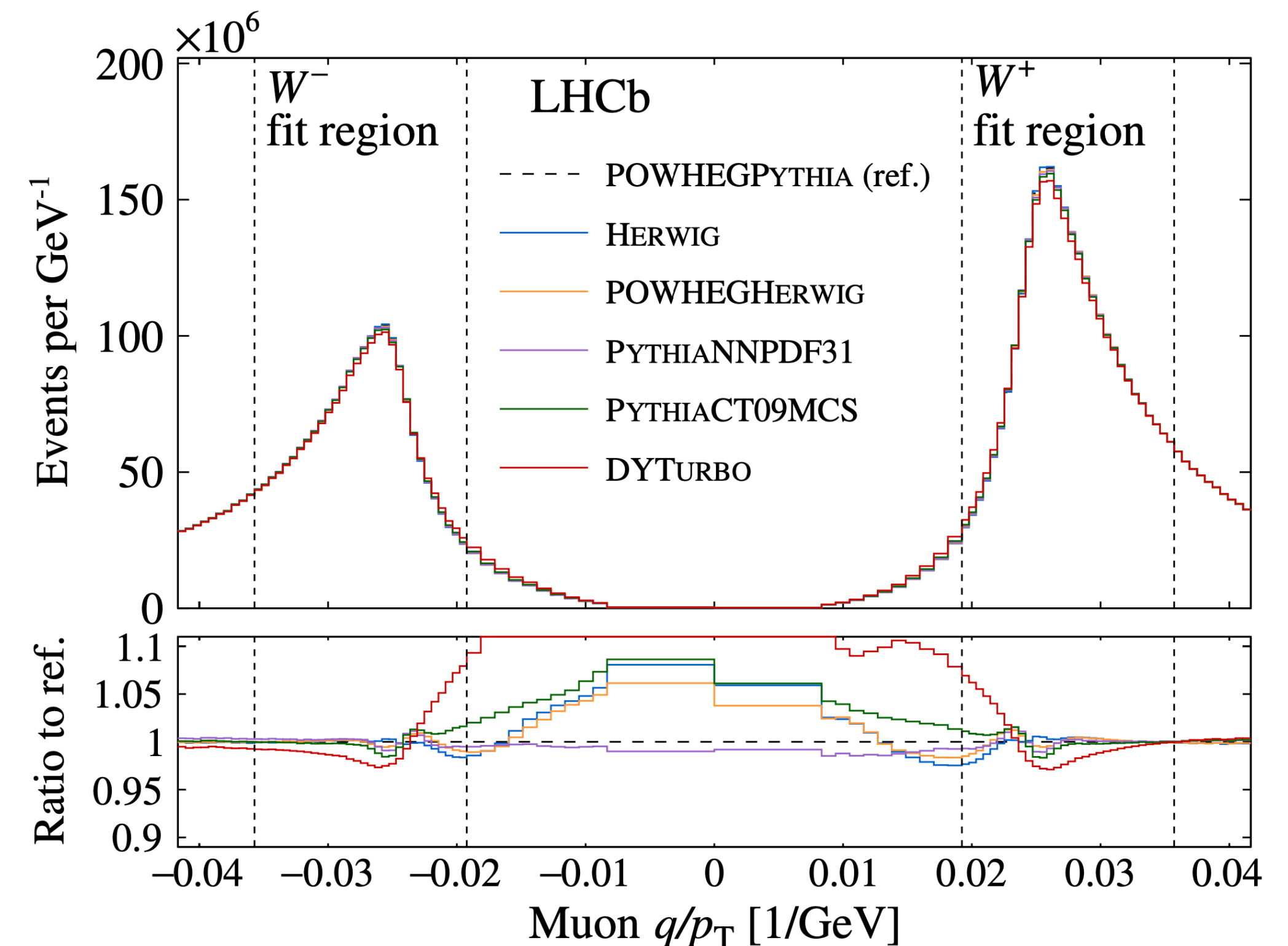
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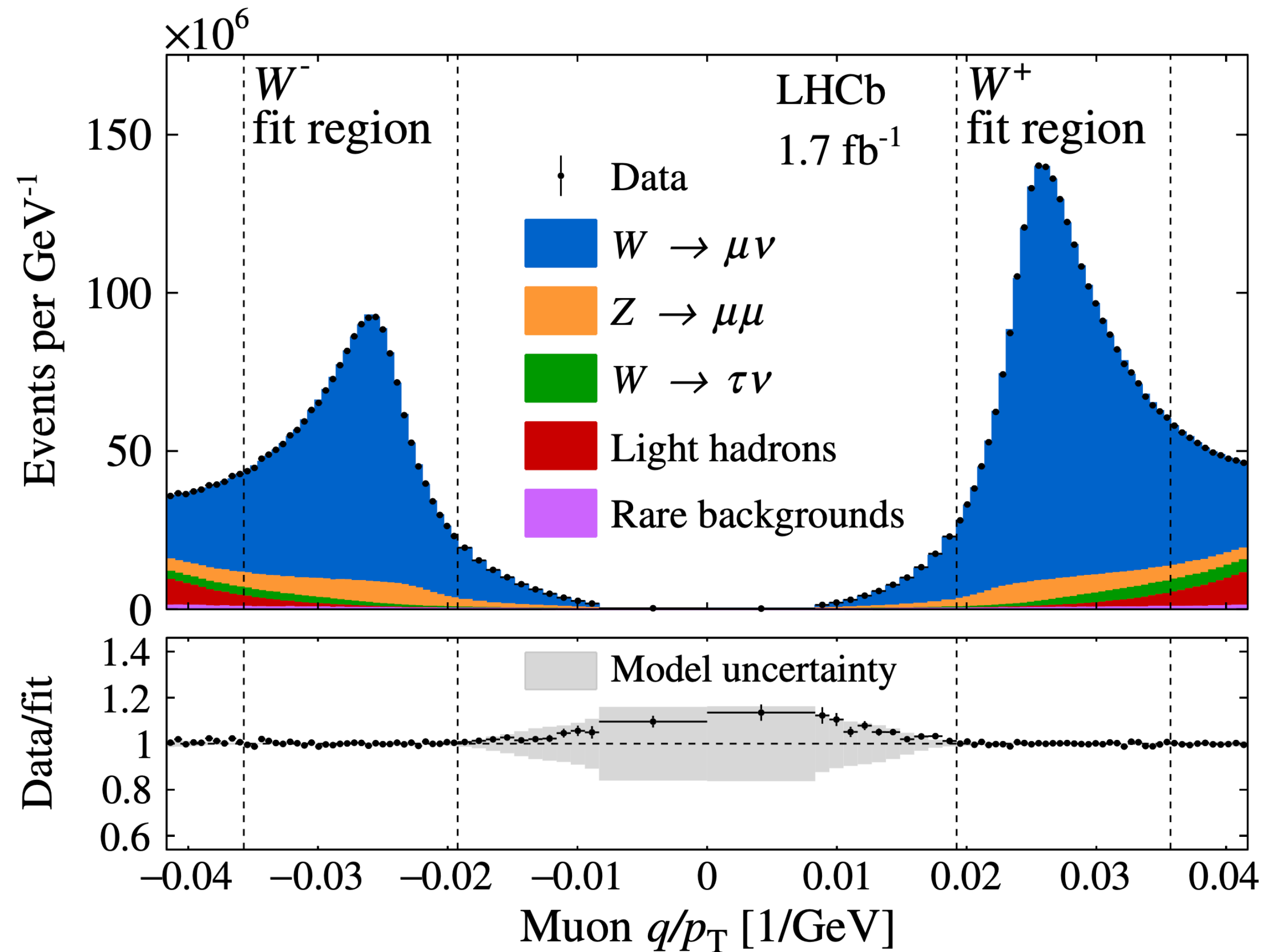
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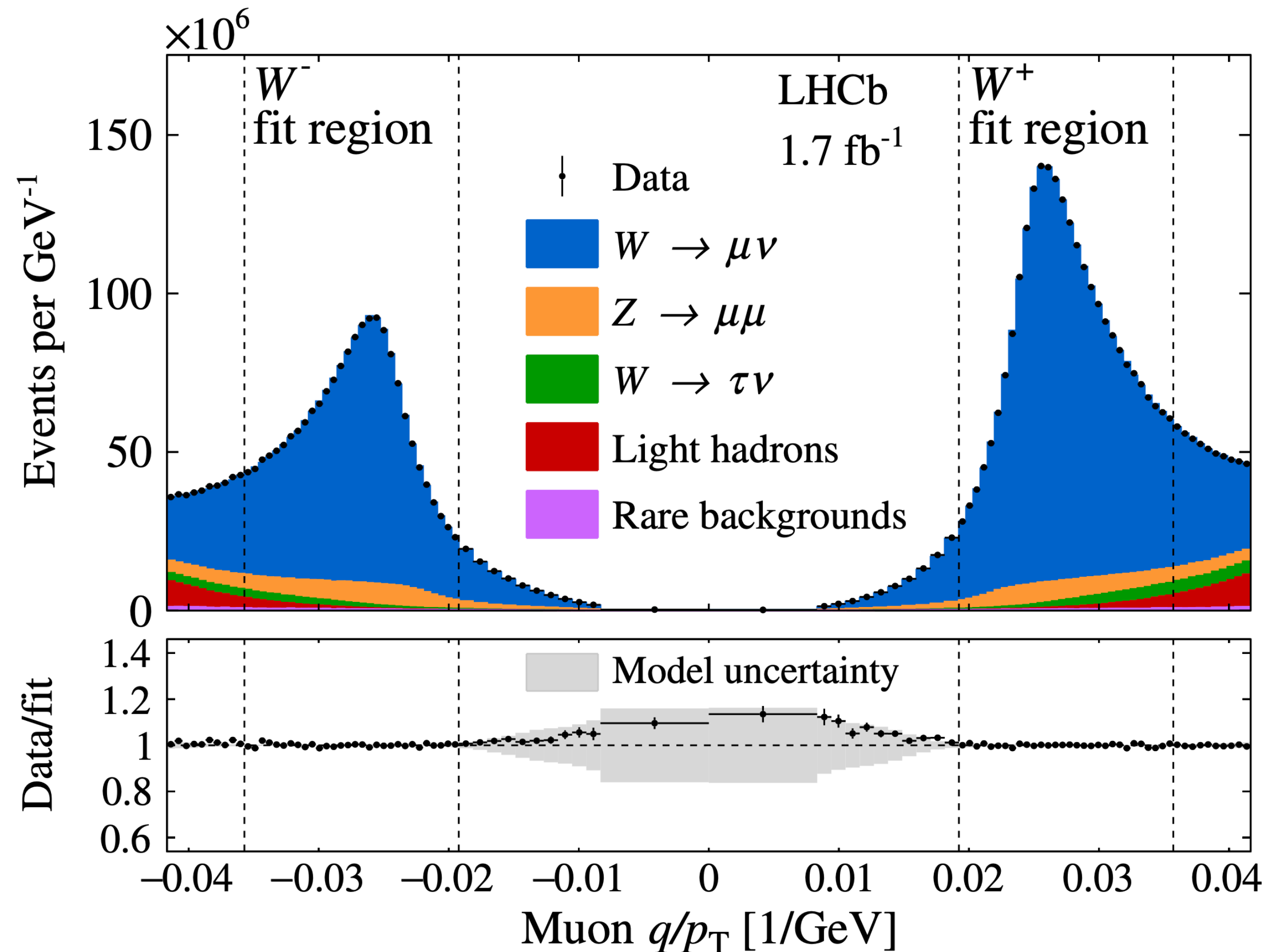


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Fraction of $W^- \rightarrow \mu^-\nu$	$0.3508 \pm 0.0005$
Fraction of hadron background	$0.0146 \pm 0.0007$
$\alpha_s^Z$	$0.1243 \pm 0.0004$
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$k_T^{\text{intr}}$	$1.57 \pm 0.14 \text{ GeV}$
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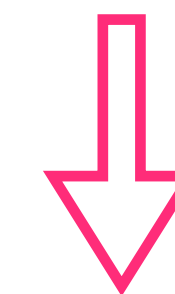


# Fit results



## Best fit parameters

Parameter	Value
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Fraction of $W^- \rightarrow \mu^-\nu$	$0.3508 \pm 0.0005$
Fraction of hadron background	$0.0146 \pm 0.0007$
$\alpha_s^Z$	$0.1243 \pm 0.0004$
$\alpha_s^W$	$0.1263 \pm 0.0003$
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x3 PDF models

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 \end{aligned}$$

# Uncertainties

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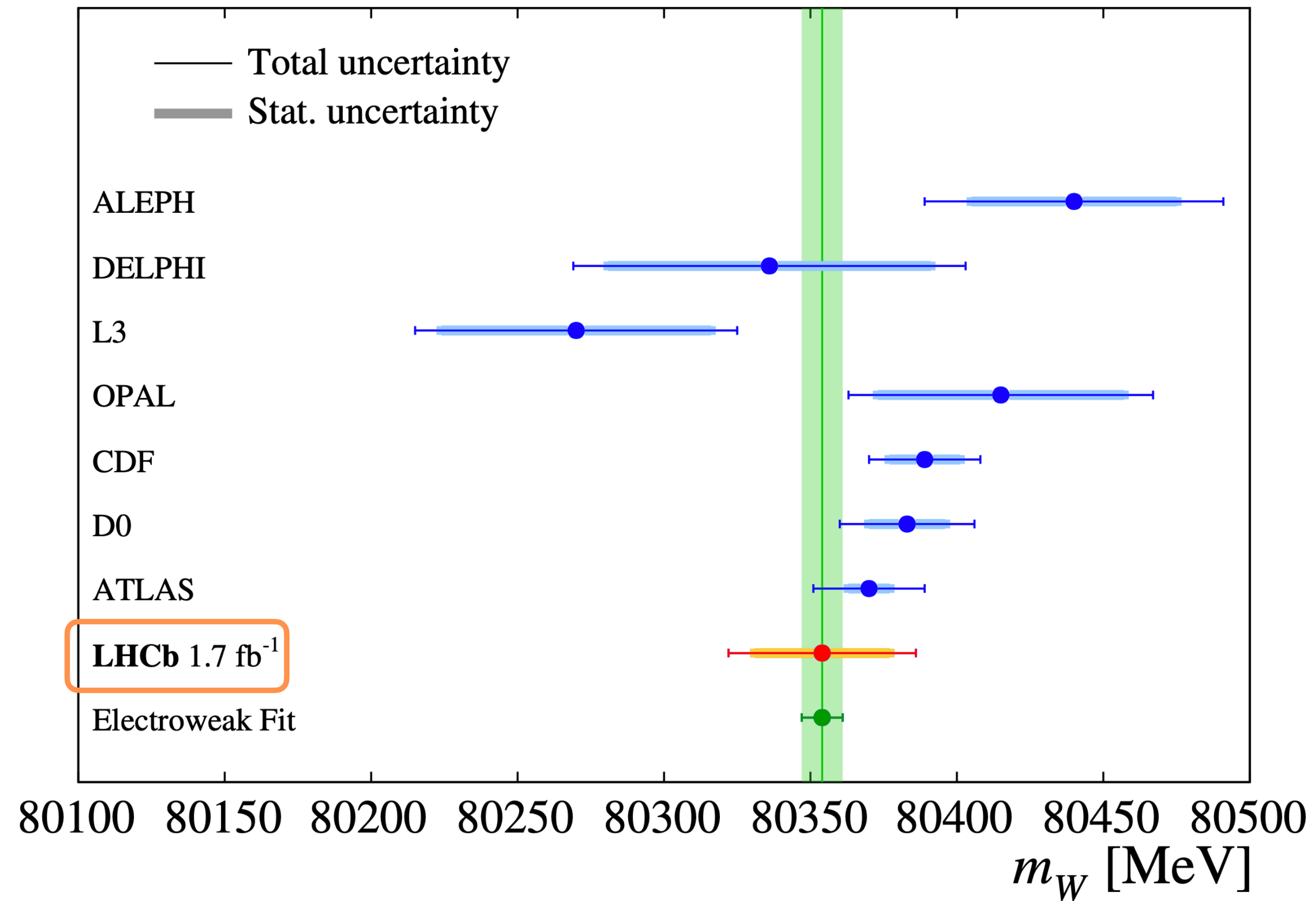
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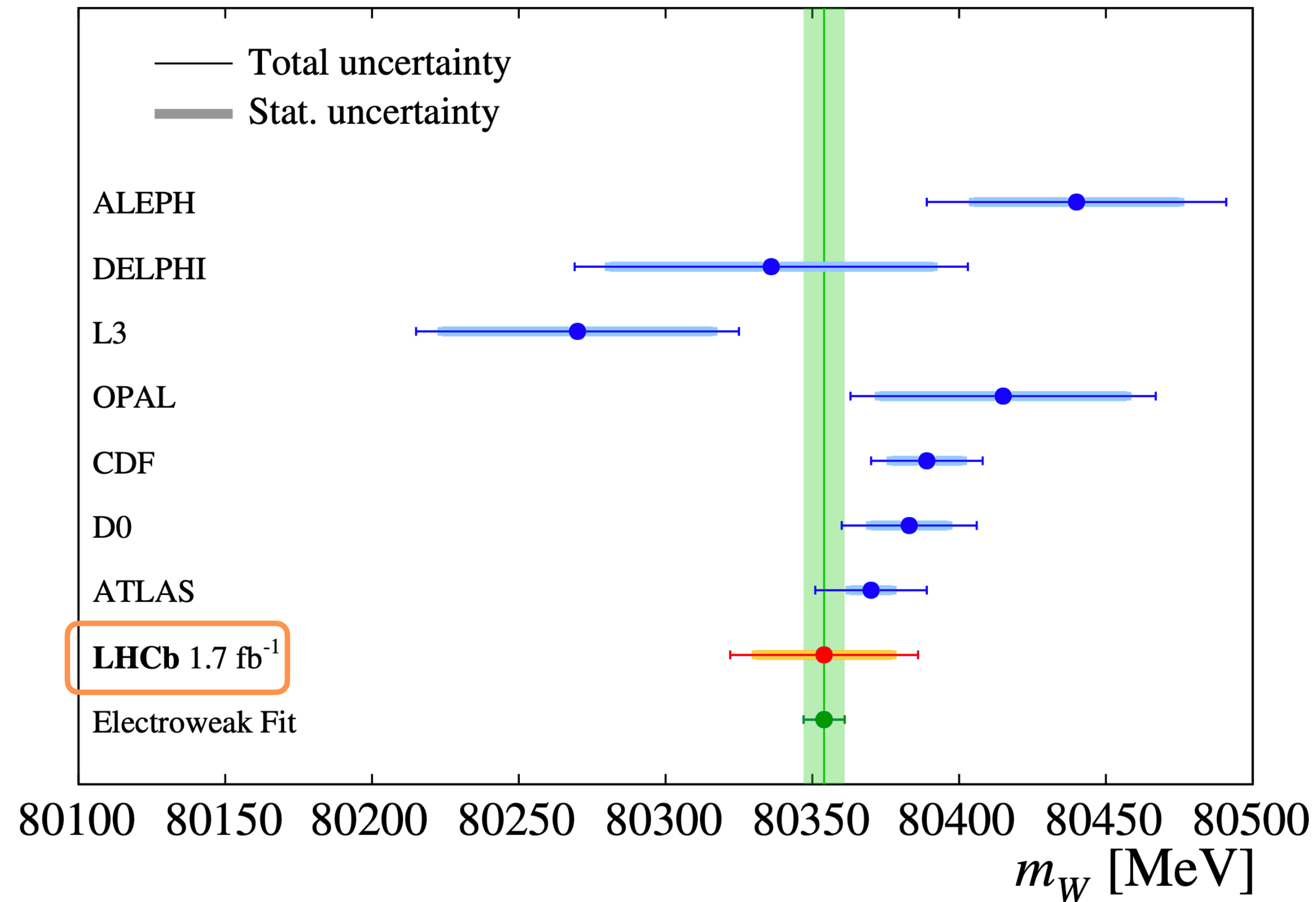
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# Comparison with other measurements



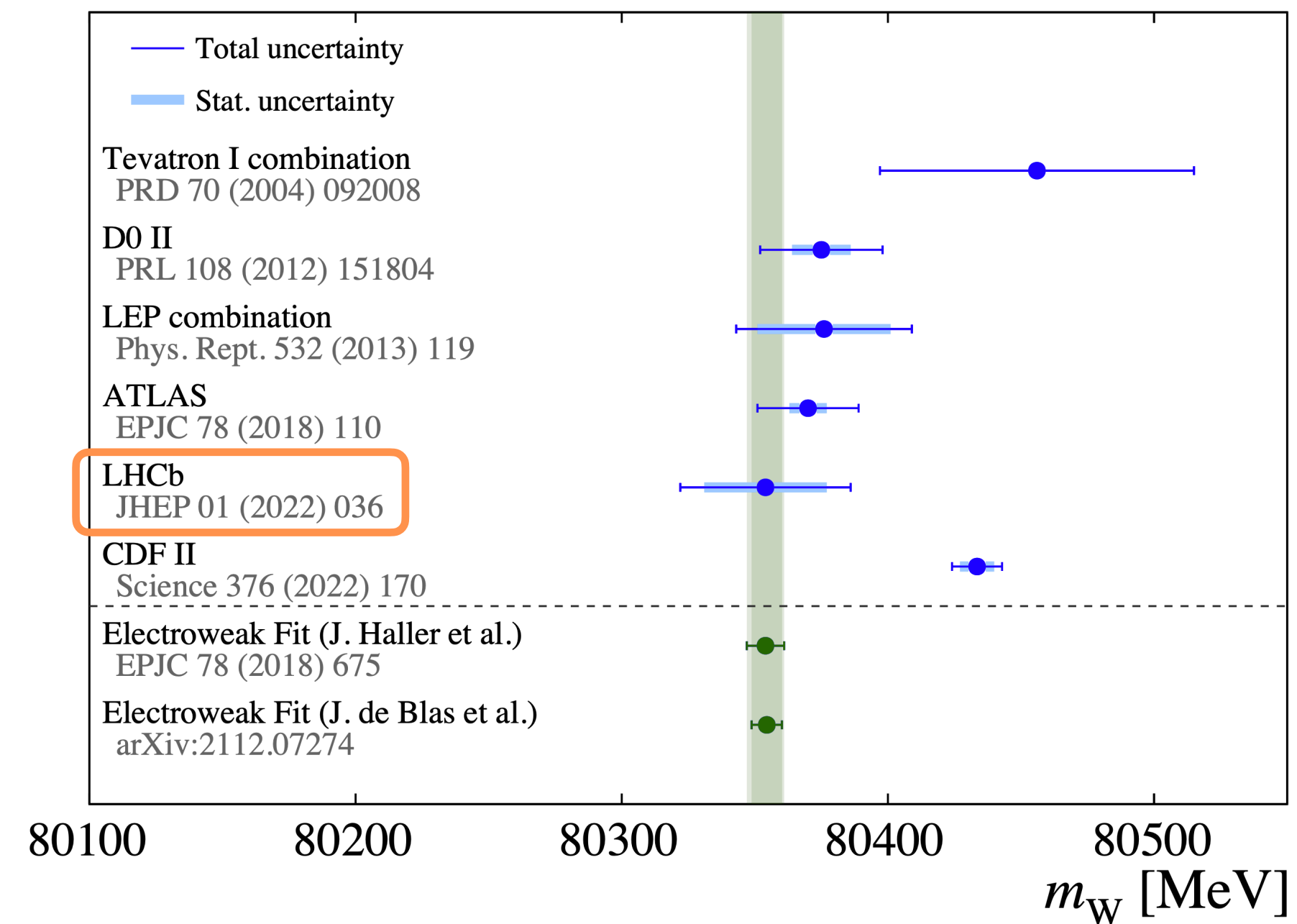
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$$m_W = 80354 \pm 23_{\text{stat}} \pm 10_{\text{exp}} \pm 17_{\text{theory}} \pm 9_{\text{PDF}} \text{ MeV}$$

# Summary & Outlook

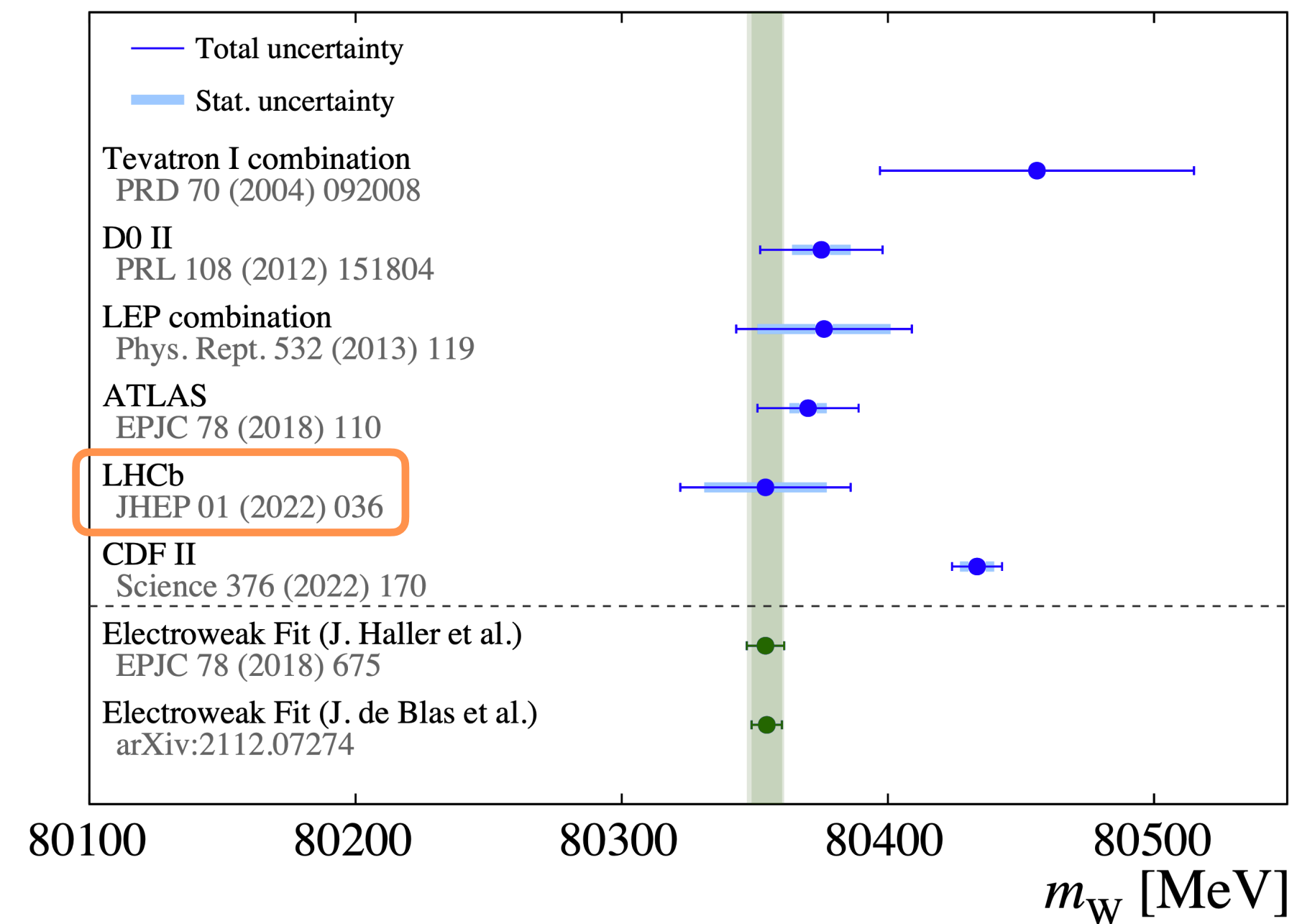
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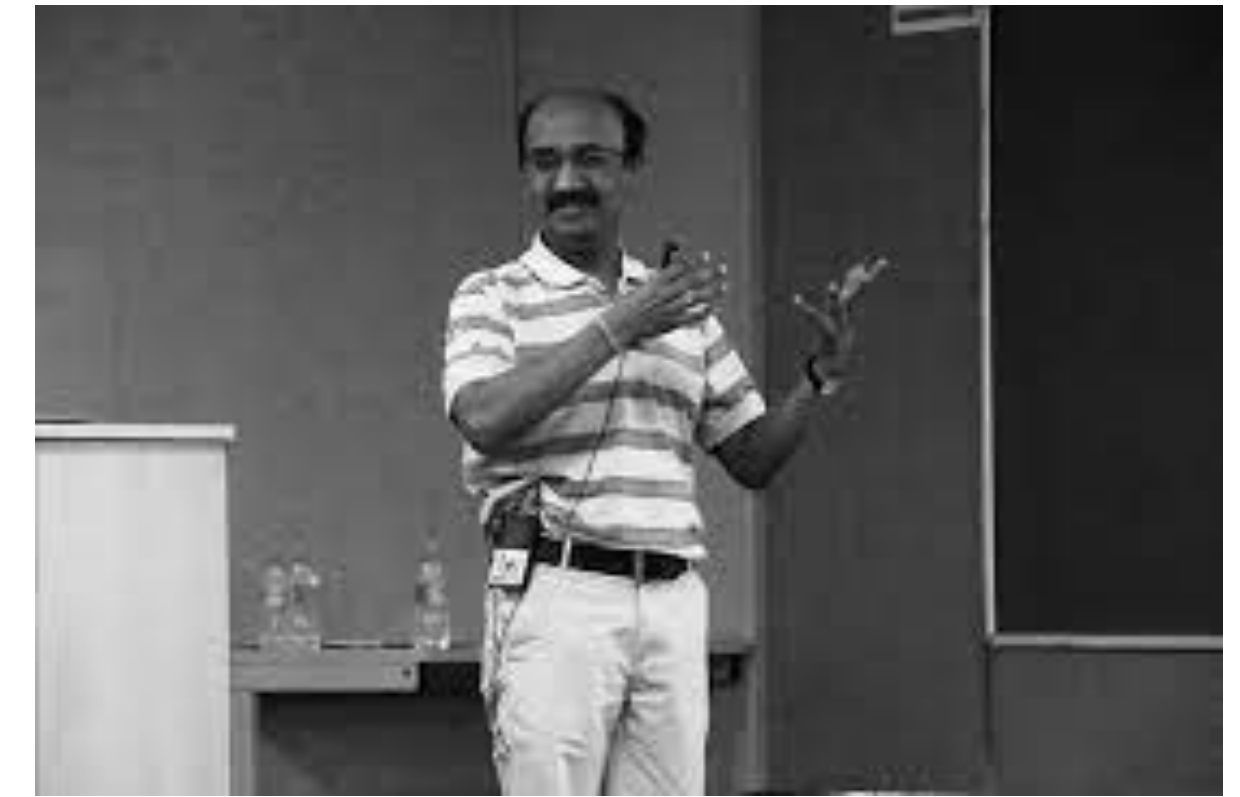




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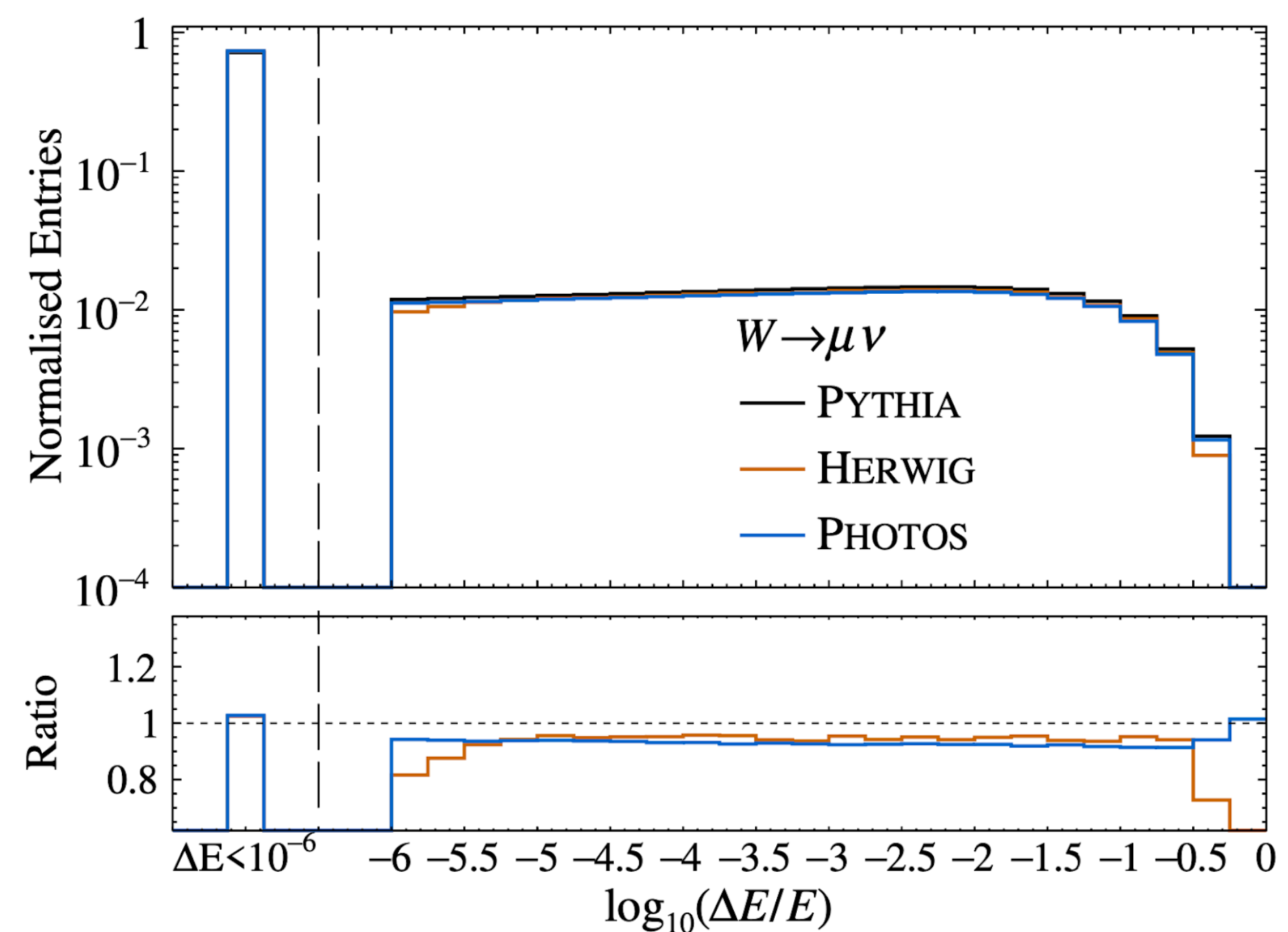
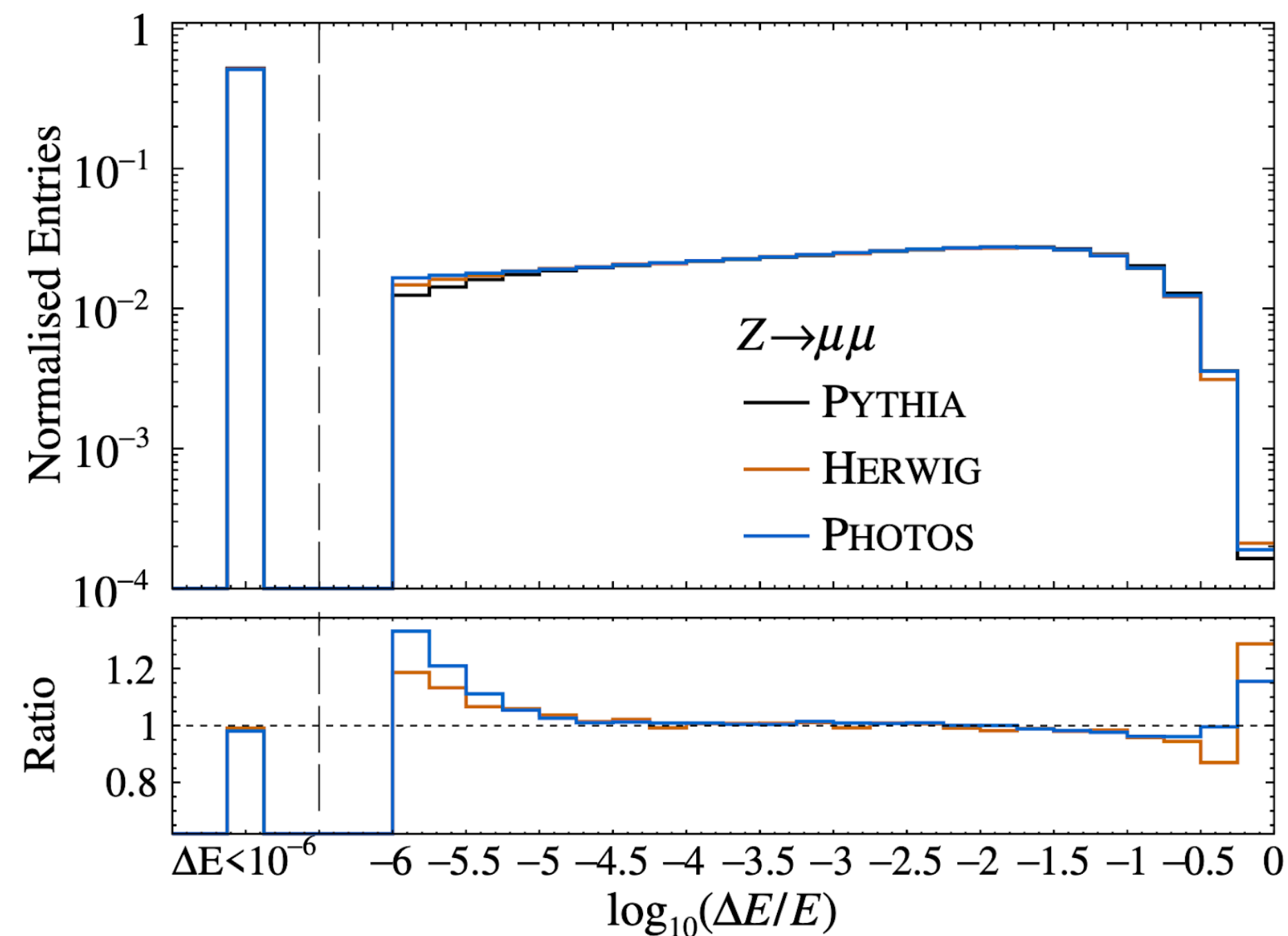
**“The truth is in the details ...”**

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# Backup slides

# QED corrections

- Muons can lose part of their energy  $\Delta E$  due to final-state radiation.
- Three different LO QED models are combined to extract the energy loss distribution.
- Higher order electroweak corrections are not considered.

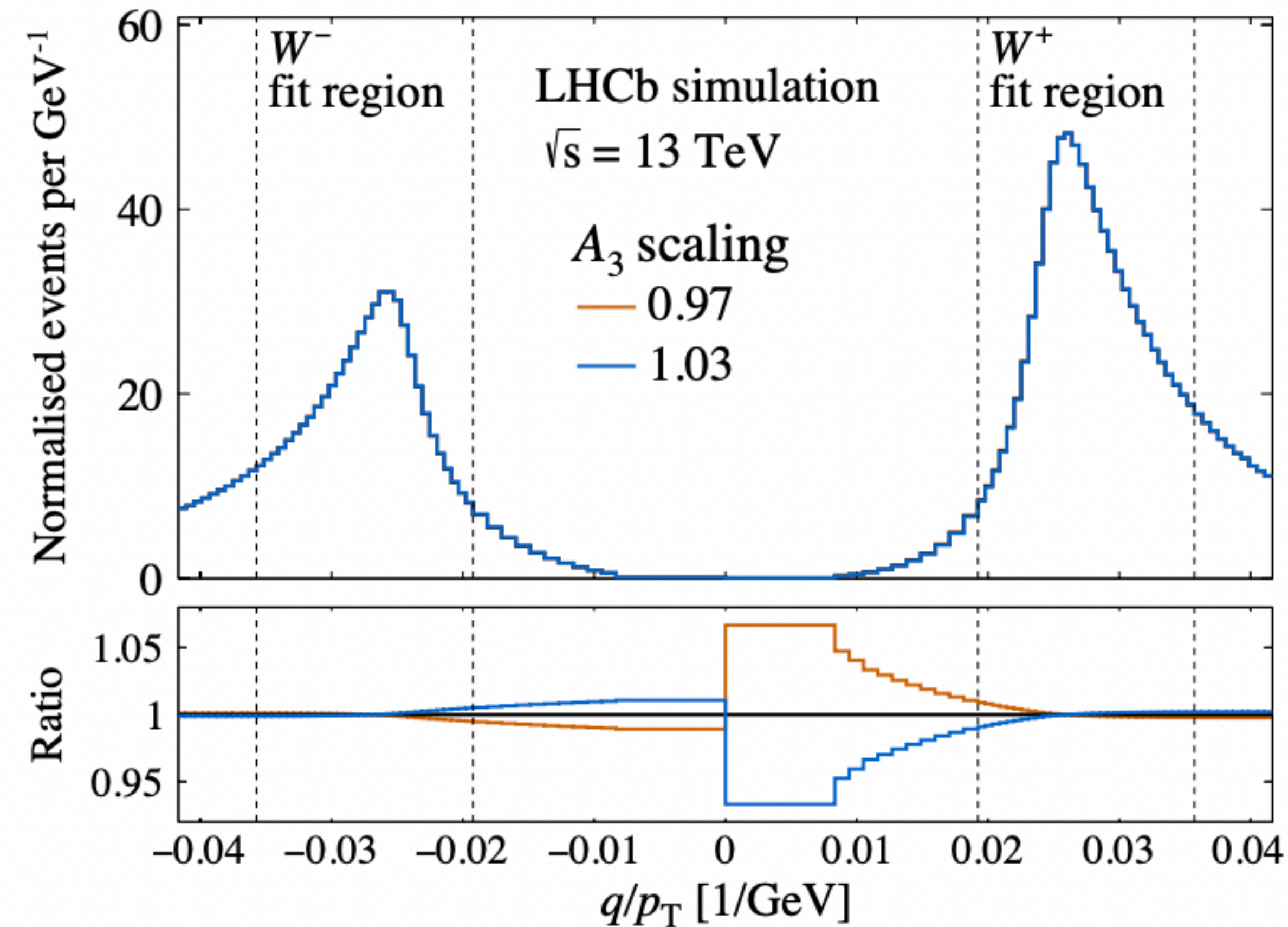


# Angular coefficients

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^W dy dM d\cos\theta d\phi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{unpol}}}{dp_T^V dy dM} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Unpolarised cross-section} \\ \{ (1 + \cos^2\theta) + A_0 \frac{1}{2} (1 - 3\cos^2\theta) + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos\phi \\ + A_2 \frac{1}{2} \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + \boxed{A_3 \sin\theta \cos\phi} + A_4 \cos\theta \\ + A_5 \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + A_7 \sin\theta \sin\phi \} \end{array} \right.$$

Angular terms ( $A_i = \text{angular coefficients}$ )

- $A_i$  Predictions from DYTurbo at  $O(\alpha_3^2)$
- Float a single  $A_3$  scale factor in the fit to absorb the uncertainty on the prediction of  $A_3$



# Fit results

- The data and simulation samples are split into orthogonal subsets

Subset	$\chi^2_{\text{tot}}/\text{ndf}$	$\delta m_W$ [MeV]
Polarity = -1	92.5/102	—
Polarity = +1	97.3/102	$-57.5 \pm 45.4$
$\eta > 3.3$	115.4/102	—
$\eta < 3.3$	85.9/102	$+56.9 \pm 45.5$
Polarity $\times q = +1$	95.9/102	—
Polarity $\times q = -1$	98.2/102	$+16.1 \pm 45.4$
$ \phi  > \pi/2$	98.8/102	—
$ \phi  < \pi/2$	115.0/102	$+66.7 \pm 45.5$
$\phi < 0$	91.8/102	—
$\phi > 0$	103.0/102	$-100.5 \pm 45.3$

# Fit results

- Variations the  $p_T^{\min}$  and  $p_T^{\max}$  of the fit range in the  $q/p_T$  distribution

Change to fit range	$\chi_{\text{tot}}^2/\text{ndf}$	$\delta m_W$ [MeV]	$\sigma(m_W)$ [MeV]
$p_T^{\min} = 24$ GeV	96.5/102	+6.8	19.7
$p_T^{\min} = 26$ GeV	97.7/102	+9.6	20.9
$p_T^{\min} = 30$ GeV	102.7/102	+3.0	25.7
$p_T^{\min} = 32$ GeV	84.9/102	-21.6	30.8
$p_T^{\max} = 48$ GeV	105.3/102	-3.8	23.2
$p_T^{\max} = 50$ GeV	103.0/102	-2.1	23.0
$p_T^{\max} = 54$ GeV	96.3/102	-8.6	22.6
$p_T^{\max} = 56$ GeV	103.7/102	-14.3	22.4

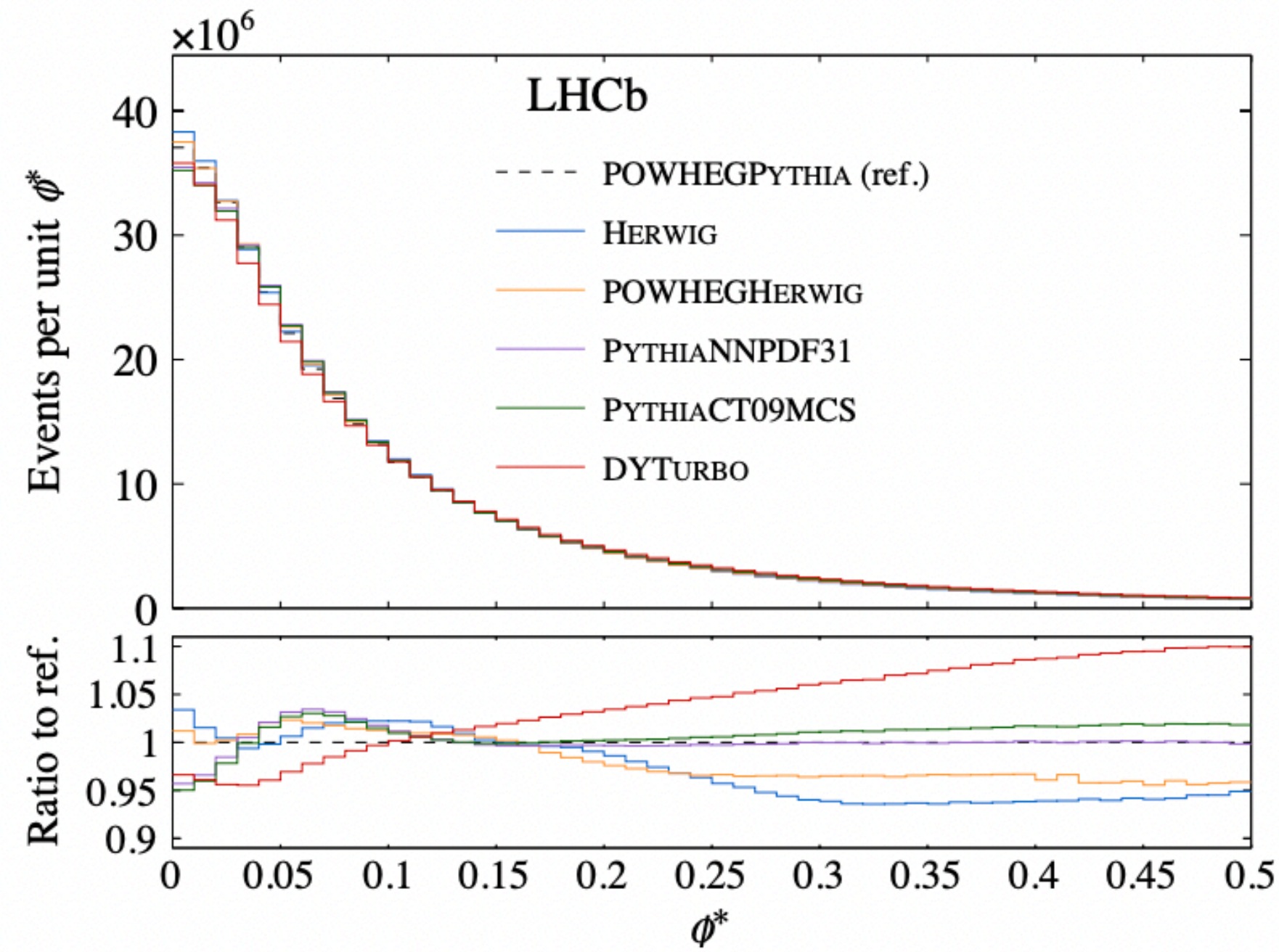
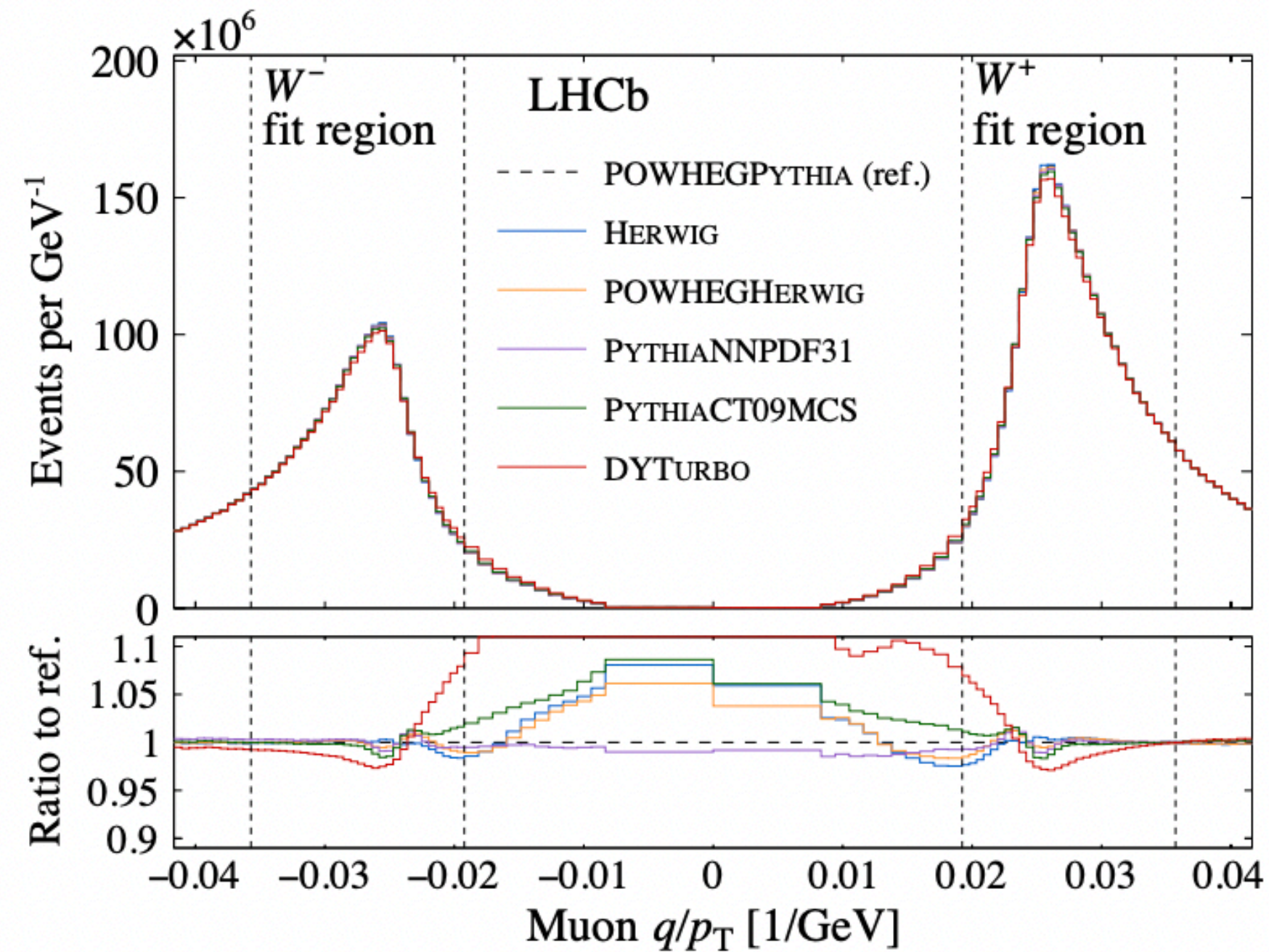
# Fit results

- Variations in the parameters determined in the fit ( Fit model freedom)

Configuration change	$\chi^2_{\text{tot}}/\text{ndf}$	$\delta m_W$ [MeV]	$\sigma(m_W)$ [MeV]
2 $\rightarrow$ 3 $\alpha_s$ parameters	103.4/101	-6.0	$\pm 23.1$
2 $\rightarrow$ 1 $\alpha_s$ and 1 $\rightarrow$ 2 $k_T^{\text{intr}}$ parameters	116.1/102	+13.9	$\pm 22.4$
1 $\rightarrow$ 2 $k_T^{\text{intr}}$ parameters	104.0/101	+0.4	$\pm 22.7$
1 $\rightarrow$ 3 $k_T^{\text{intr}}$ parameters	102.8/100	-2.7	$\pm 22.9$
No $A_3$ scaling	106.0/103	+4.4	$\pm 22.2$
Varying QCD background asymmetry	103.8/101	-0.7	$\pm 22.7$



# (Pseudo) data challenges



- Using the central model to fit pseudo data generated from different models gives a similar spread as using those different models to fit the real data

Data config.	$\chi_W^2$	$\chi_Z^2$	$\delta m_W$ [MeV]	$\alpha_s^Z$	$\alpha_s^W$	$A_3$ scaling
POWHEGPYTHIA	64.8	34.2	–	$0.1246 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1245 \pm 0.0003$	$0.979 \pm 0.029$
HERWIG	71.9	600.4	1.6	$0.1206 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1218 \pm 0.0003$	$1.001 \pm 0.029$
POWHEGHERWIG	64.0	118.6	2.7	$0.1206 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1226 \pm 0.0003$	$0.991 \pm 0.029$
PYTHIA, CT09MCS	71.0	215.8	–2.4	$0.1239 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1243 \pm 0.0003$	$0.983 \pm 0.029$
PYTHIA, NNPDF31	66.9	156.2	–10.4	$0.1225 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1223 \pm 0.0003$	$0.967 \pm 0.029$
DYTURBO	83.0	428.5	4.3	$0.1305 \pm 0.0001$	$0.1321 \pm 0.0003$	$0.982 \pm 0.028$