

Precise measurement of the W boson mass with the CMS detector at the CERN LHC

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Introduction and motivation

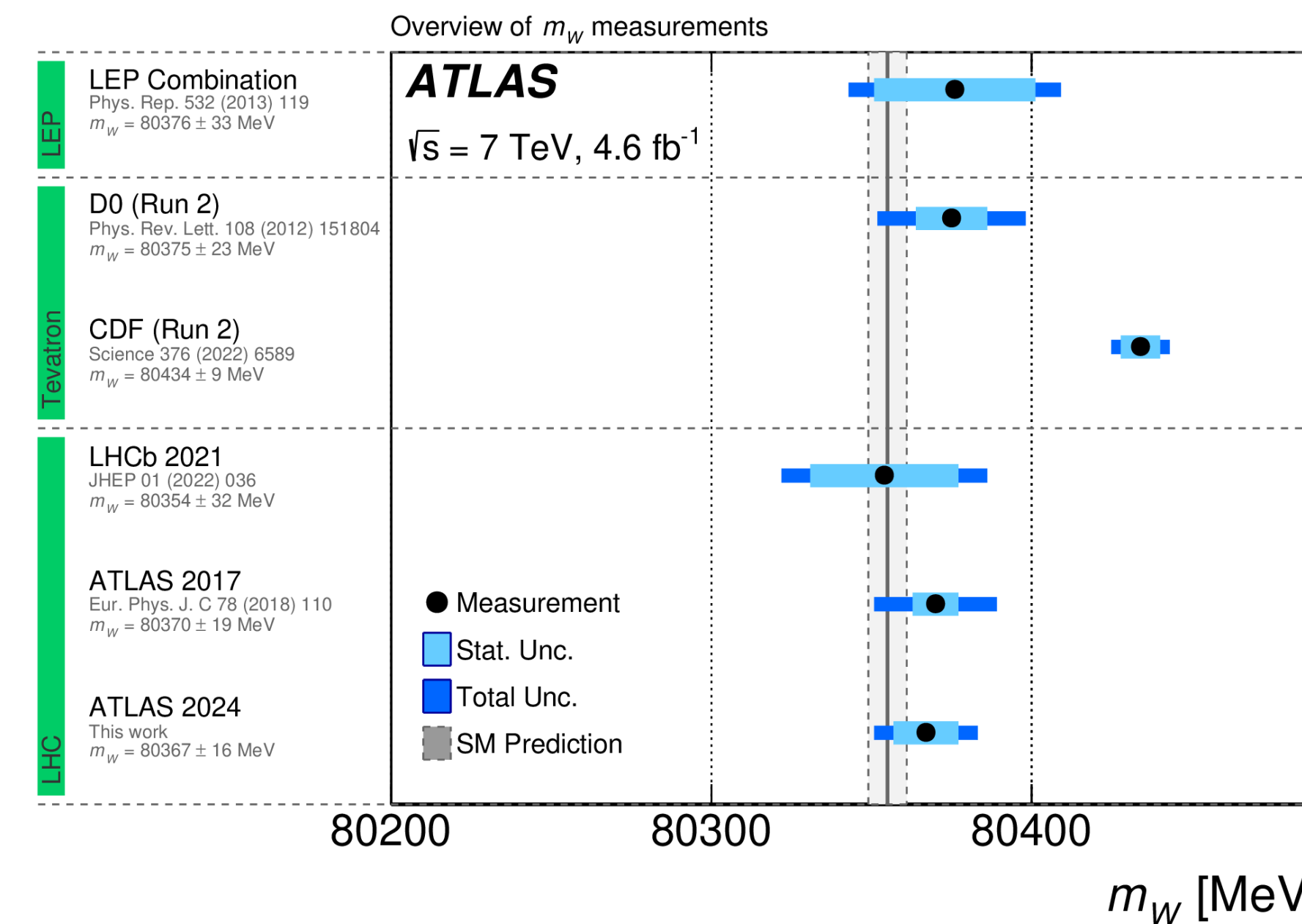
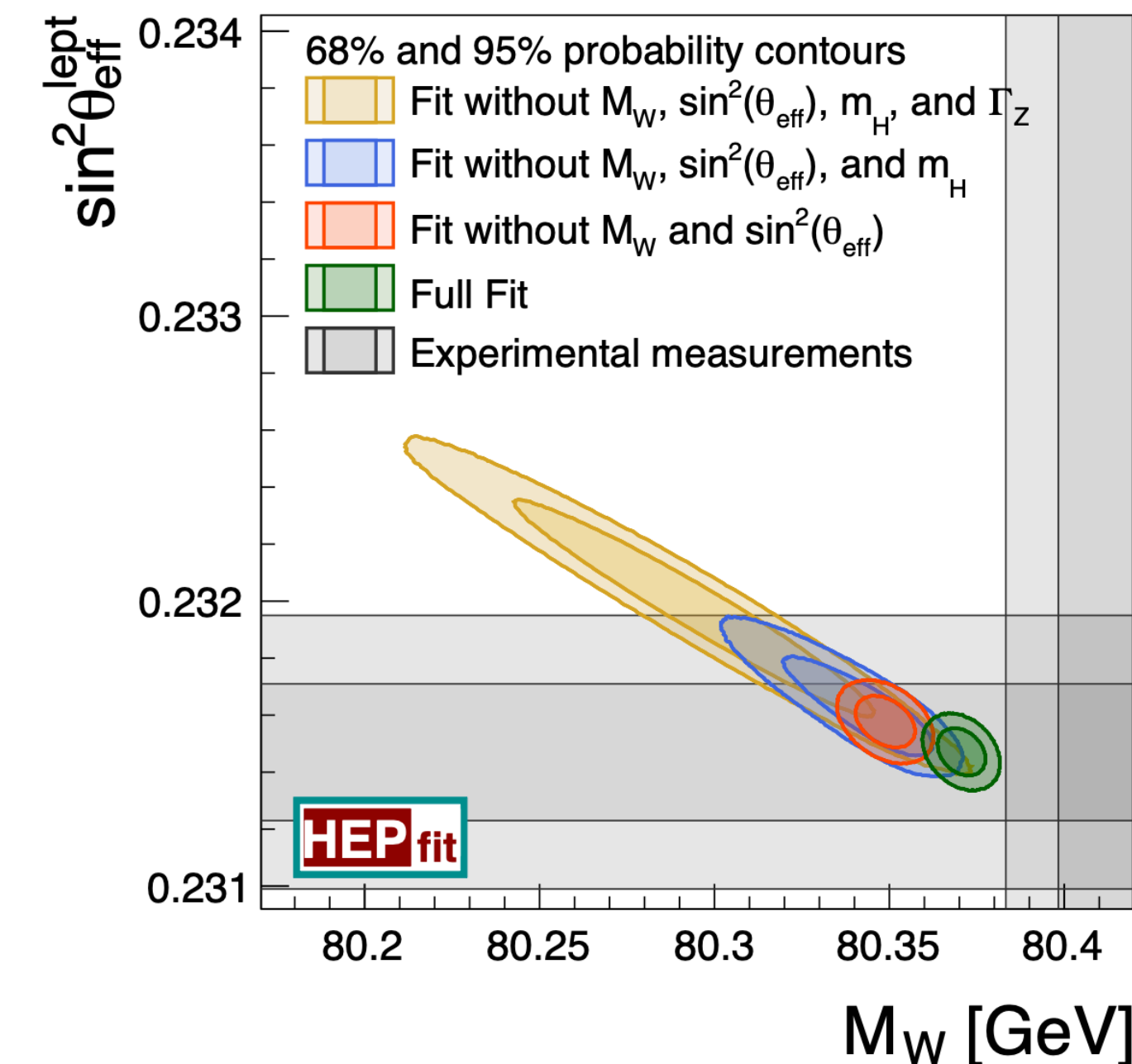
- Masses, couplings are experimental inputs to the SM
 - But relationships between parameters are **exactly predicted**
 - Direct measurements over-constrain the SM

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

Very well measured

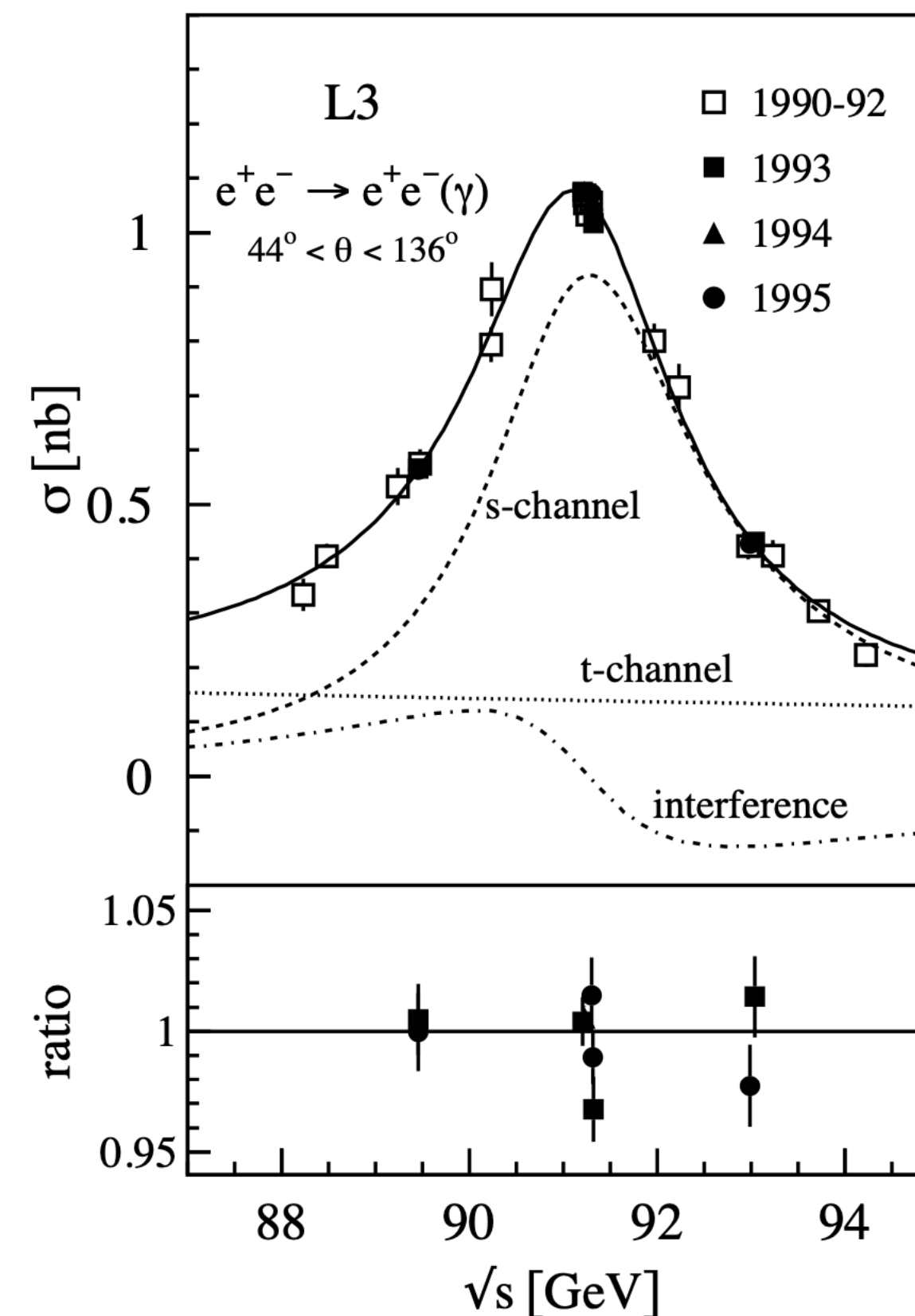
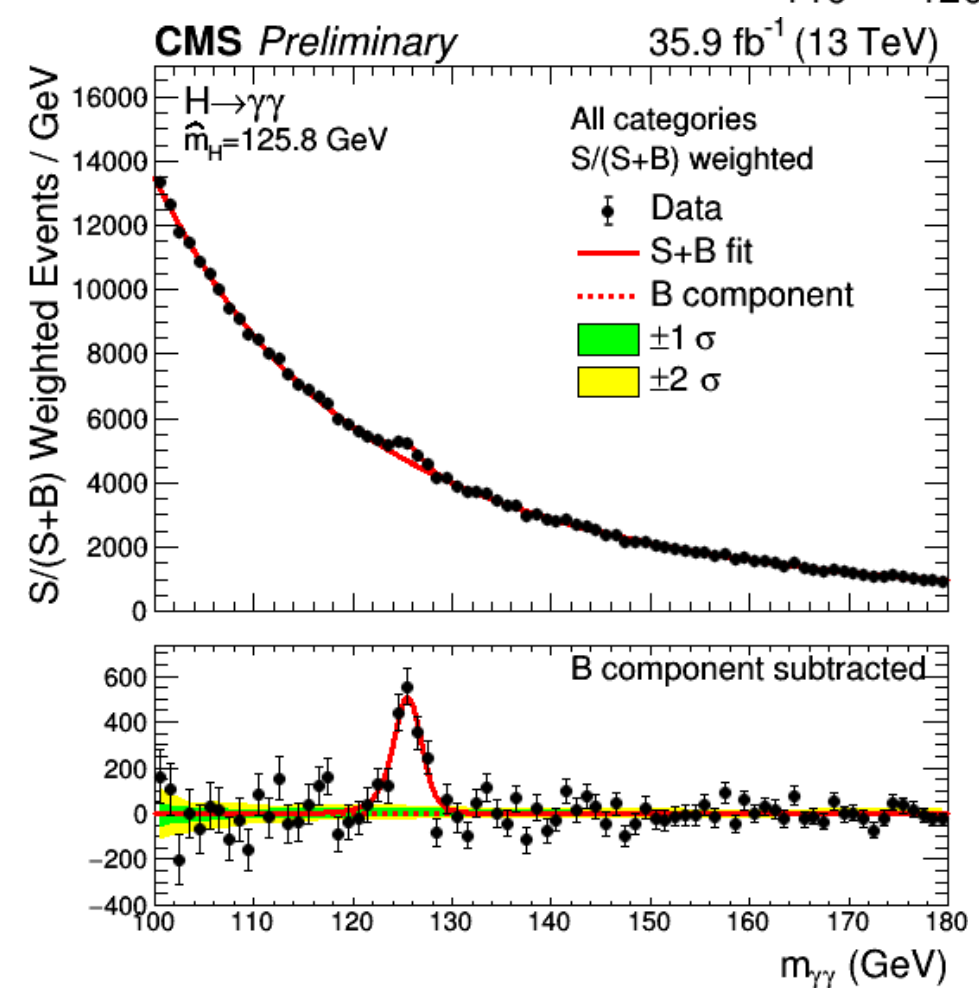
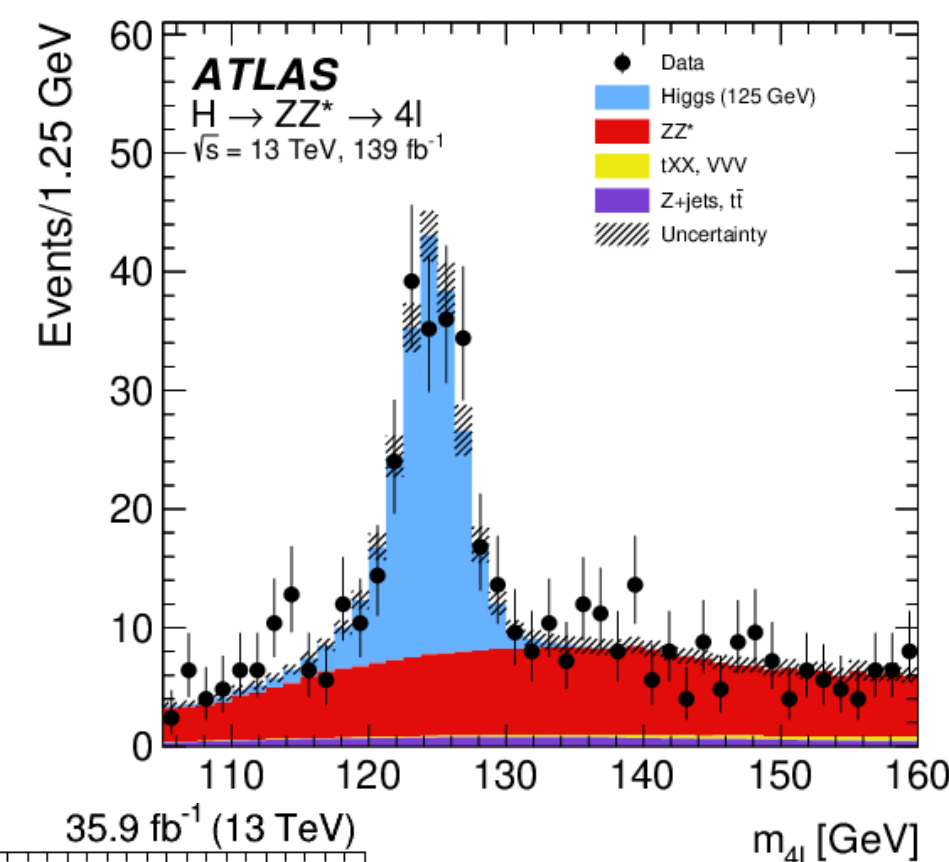
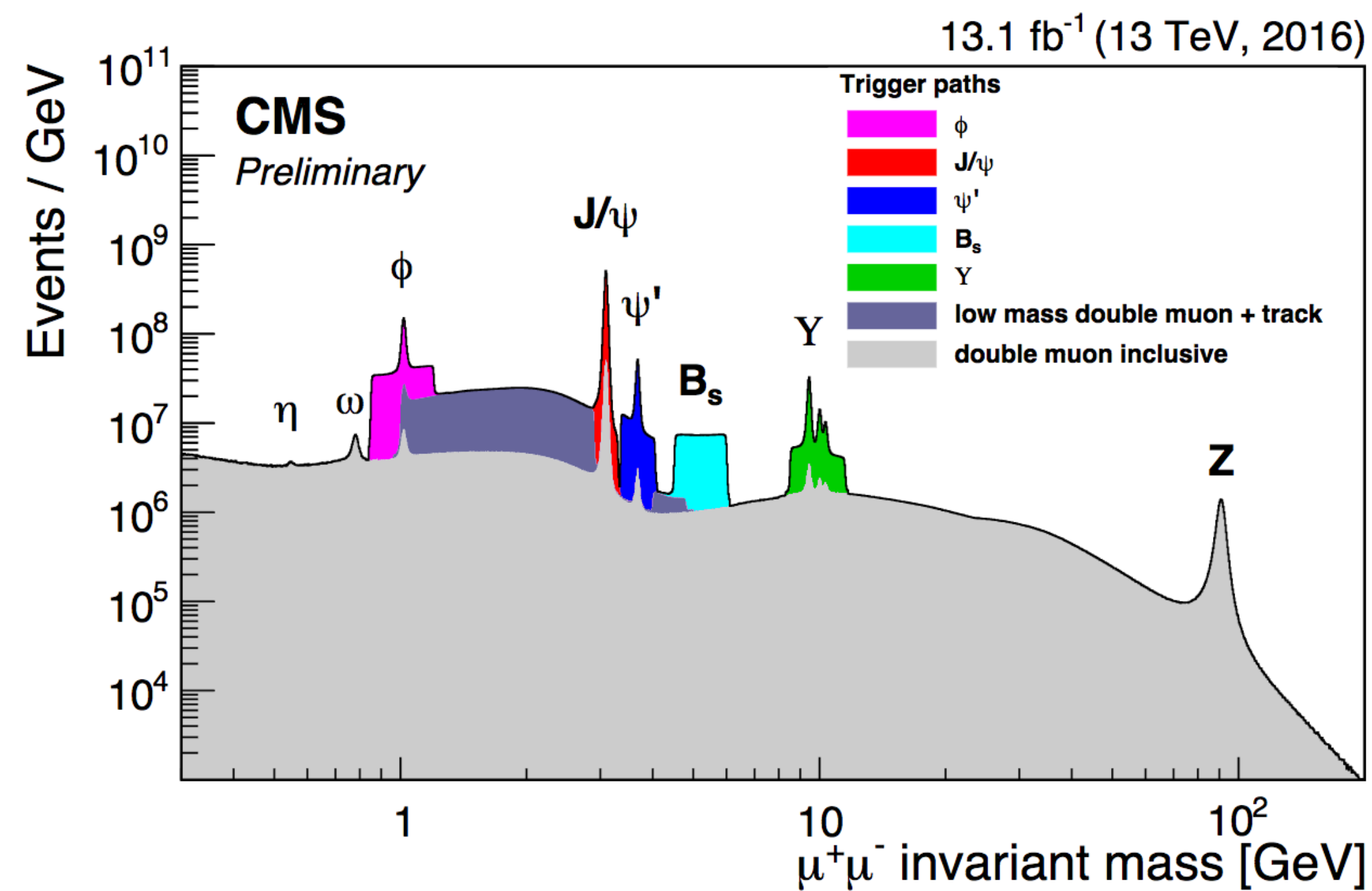
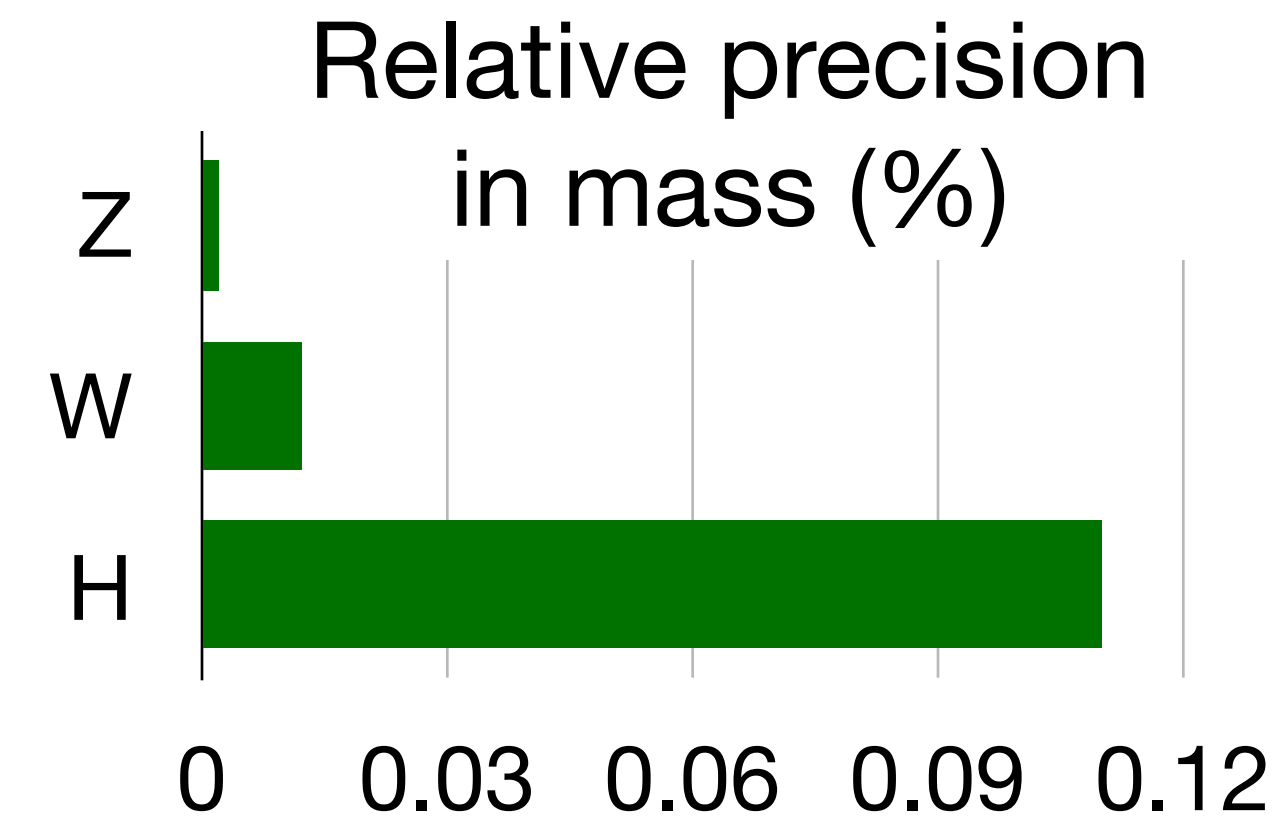
Higher-order corrections
Depend on $m_t, m_H, \dots m_{\text{BSM}}?$

- Most precise measurement of W boson mass from CDF, $m_W = 80,433.5 \pm 9.4$ MeV, in strong tension with expectation
 - And with other experiments... **new result needed!**



Mass measurements at colliders

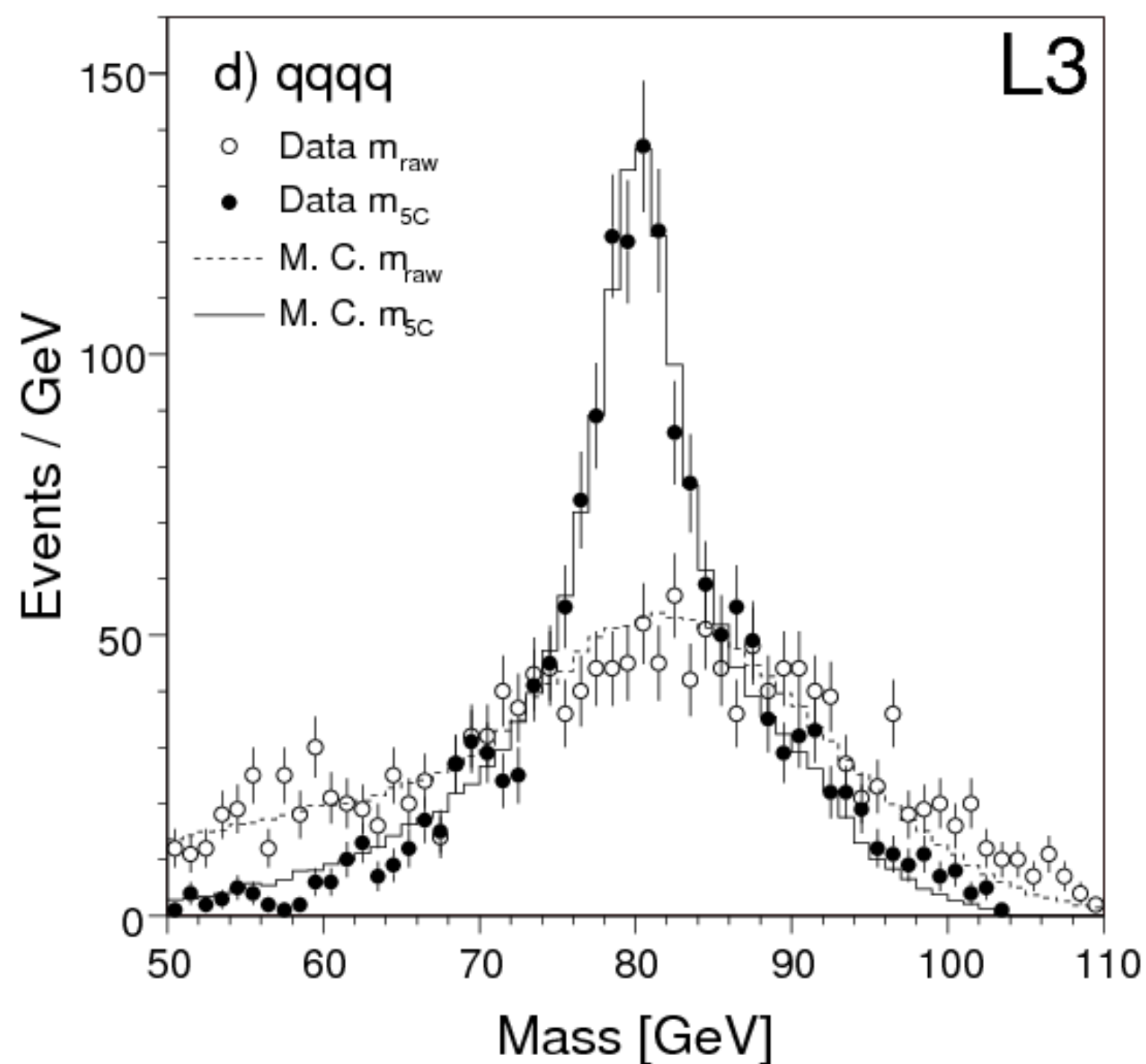
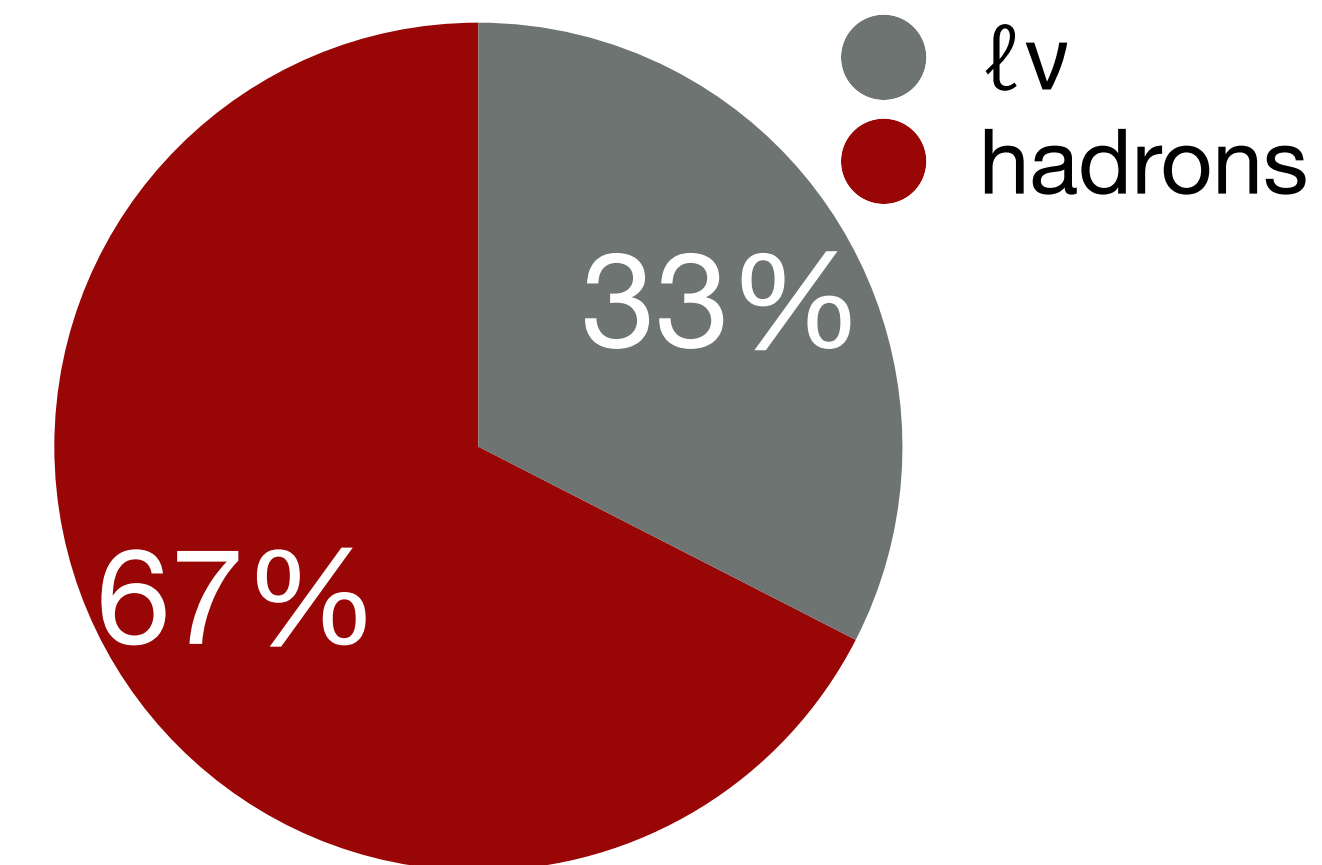
- Measure short-lived resonances via their decay productions
 - Measure momentum in detector, mass from four-momentum conservation
 - Look for resonant production vs. beam energy scan
 - Not possible at hadron colliders
- ➔ Measurement of $m_W \sim 7x$ less precision than m_Z
- Very precise energy scan measurements at LEP



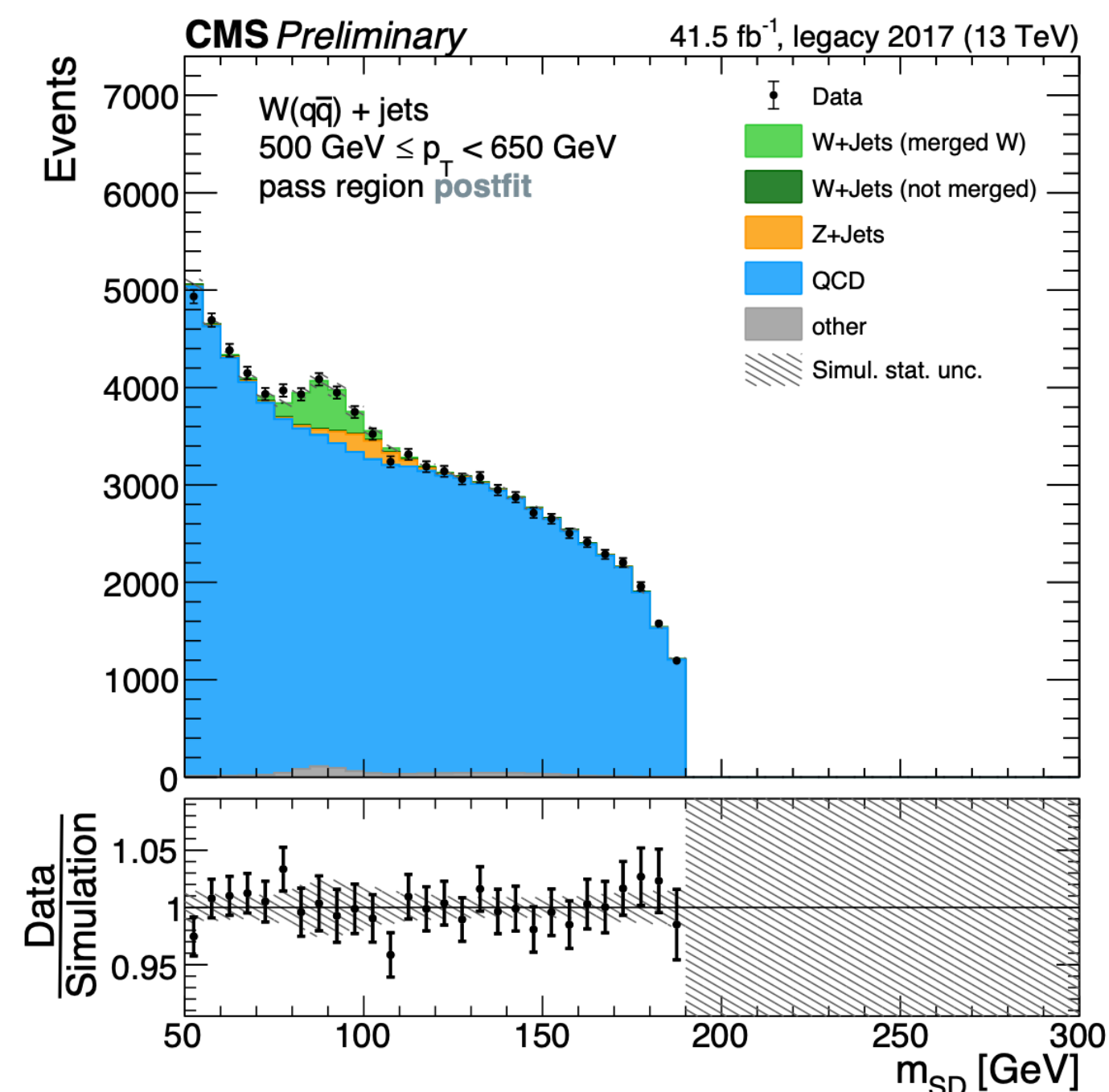
Directly reconstructing the W boson

- Direct reconstruction of W possible with hadronic decays
 - Precise measurement at LEP using $ee \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqqq$ (or $qq\ell\nu$) events
 - When the full decay is measured, little dependence on production details
 - At hadron colliders
 - Exact initial conditions are not known (Parton distribution functions)
 - Background/calibration of jet momentum significantly more complex
- ➔ Only lepton+neutrino decay is practical

W boson decays



LEP (L3)
vs.
LHC (CMS)





CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
 Overall diameter : 15.0 m
 Overall length : 28.7 m
 Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE
 12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS
 Pixel (100x150 μm) ~1m² ~66M channels
 Microstrips (80x180 μm) ~200m² ~9.6M channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
 Niobium titanium coil carrying ~18,000A

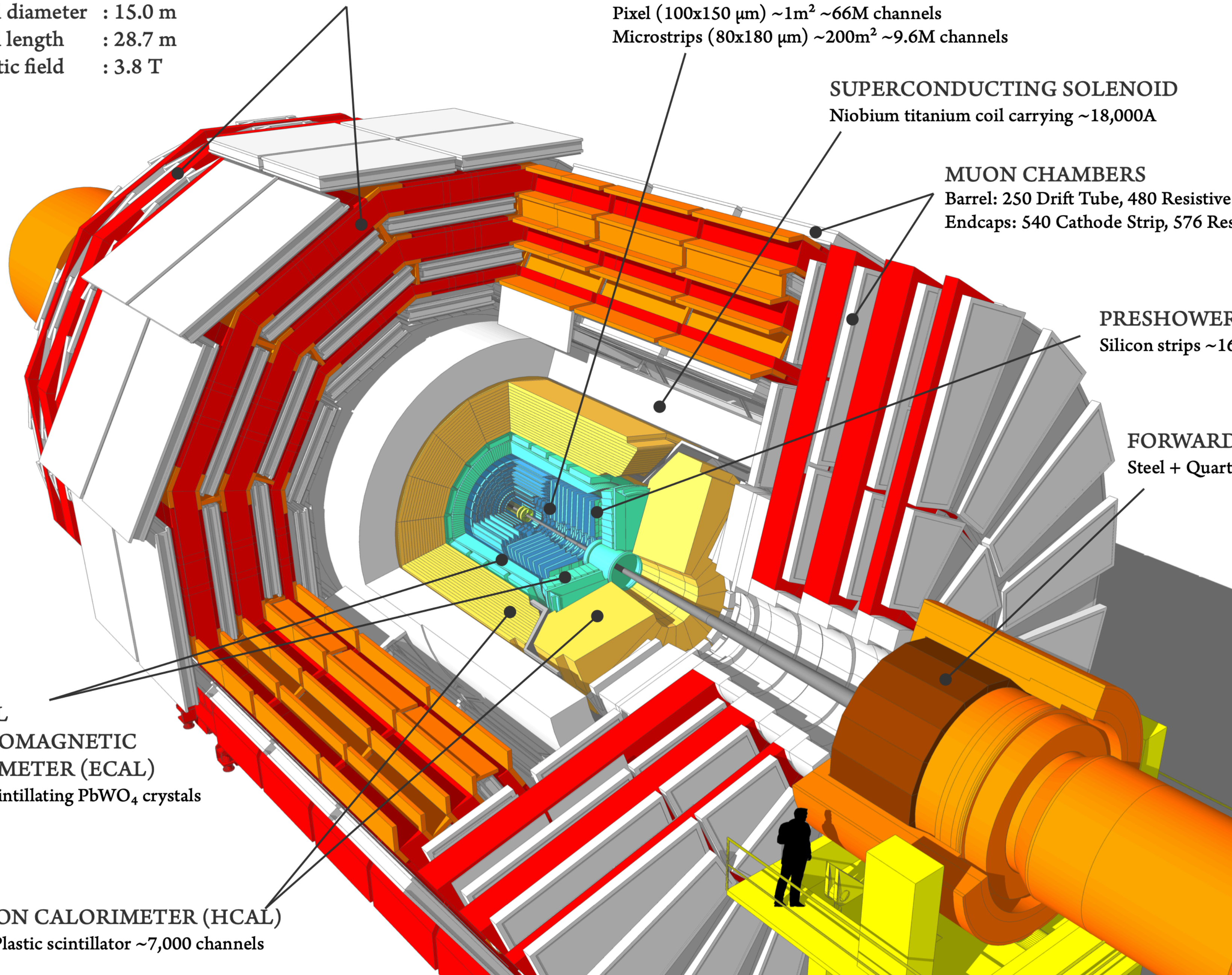
MUON CHAMBERS
 Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
 Endcaps: 540 Cathode Strip, 576 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER
 Silicon strips ~16m² ~137,000 channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER
 Steel + Quartz fibres ~2,000 Channels

CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)
 ~76,000 scintillating PbWO₄ crystals

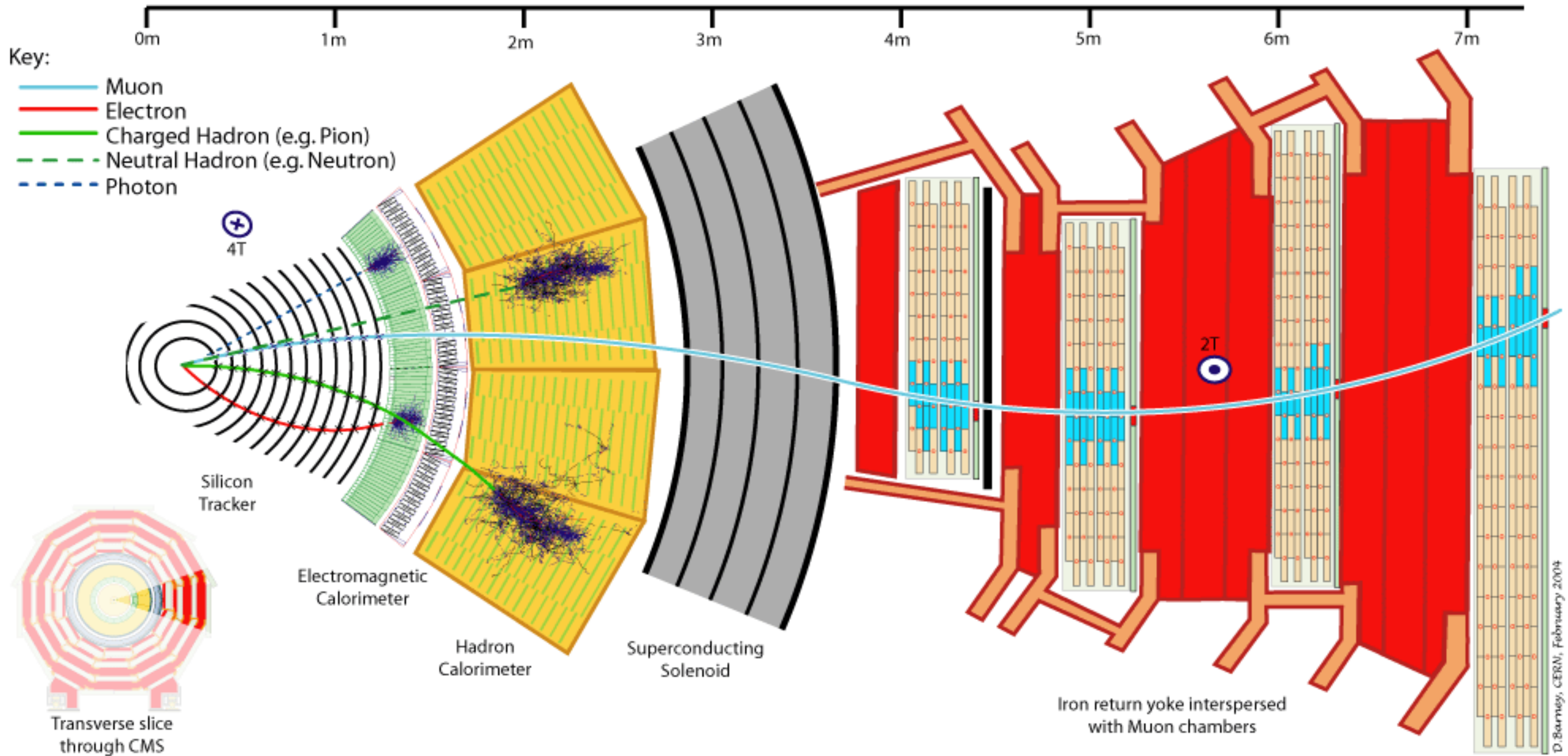
HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
 Brass + Plastic scintillator ~7,000 channels



$\vec{r} = r(\phi, \eta, z)$

$\eta = -\ln \left[\tan \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$

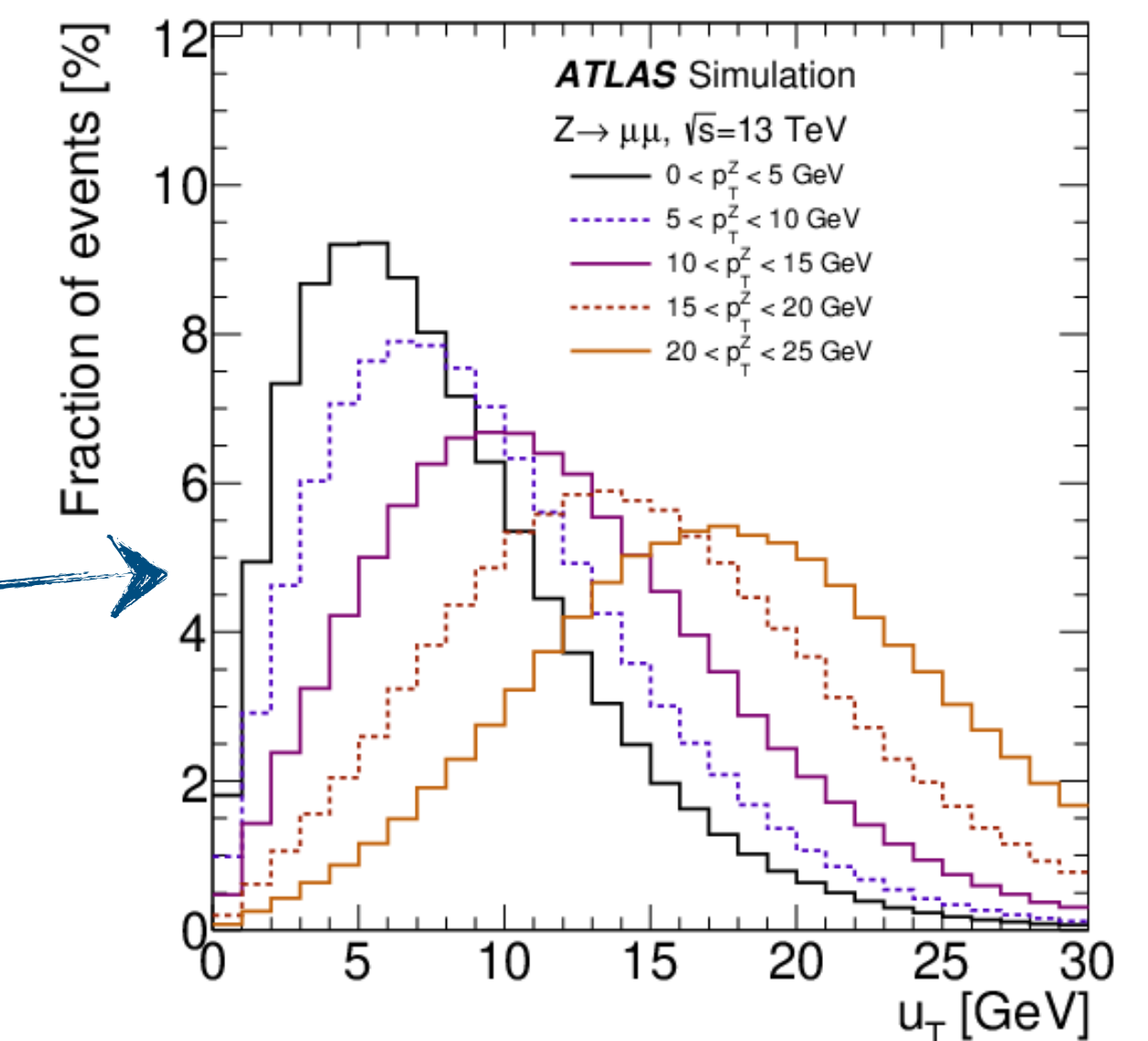
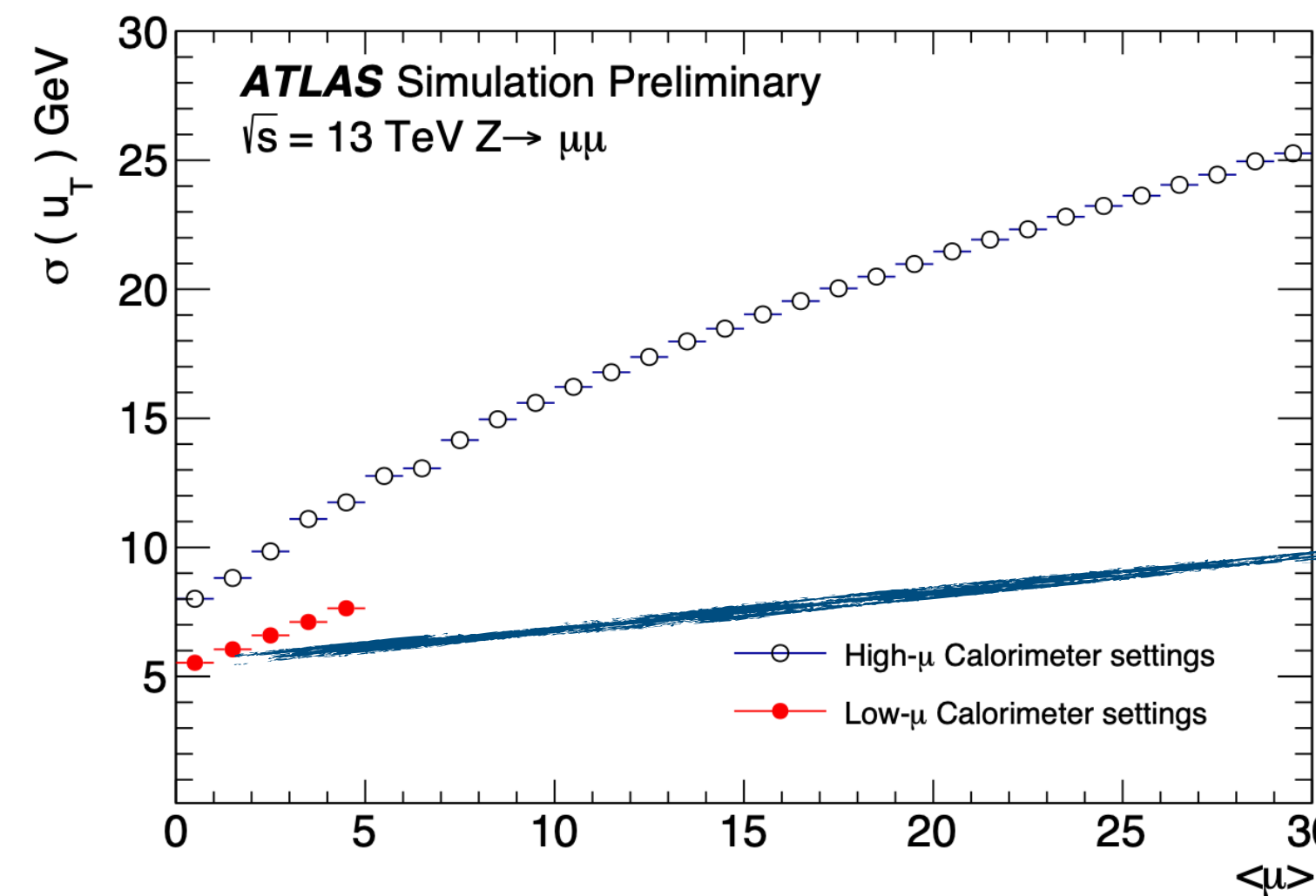
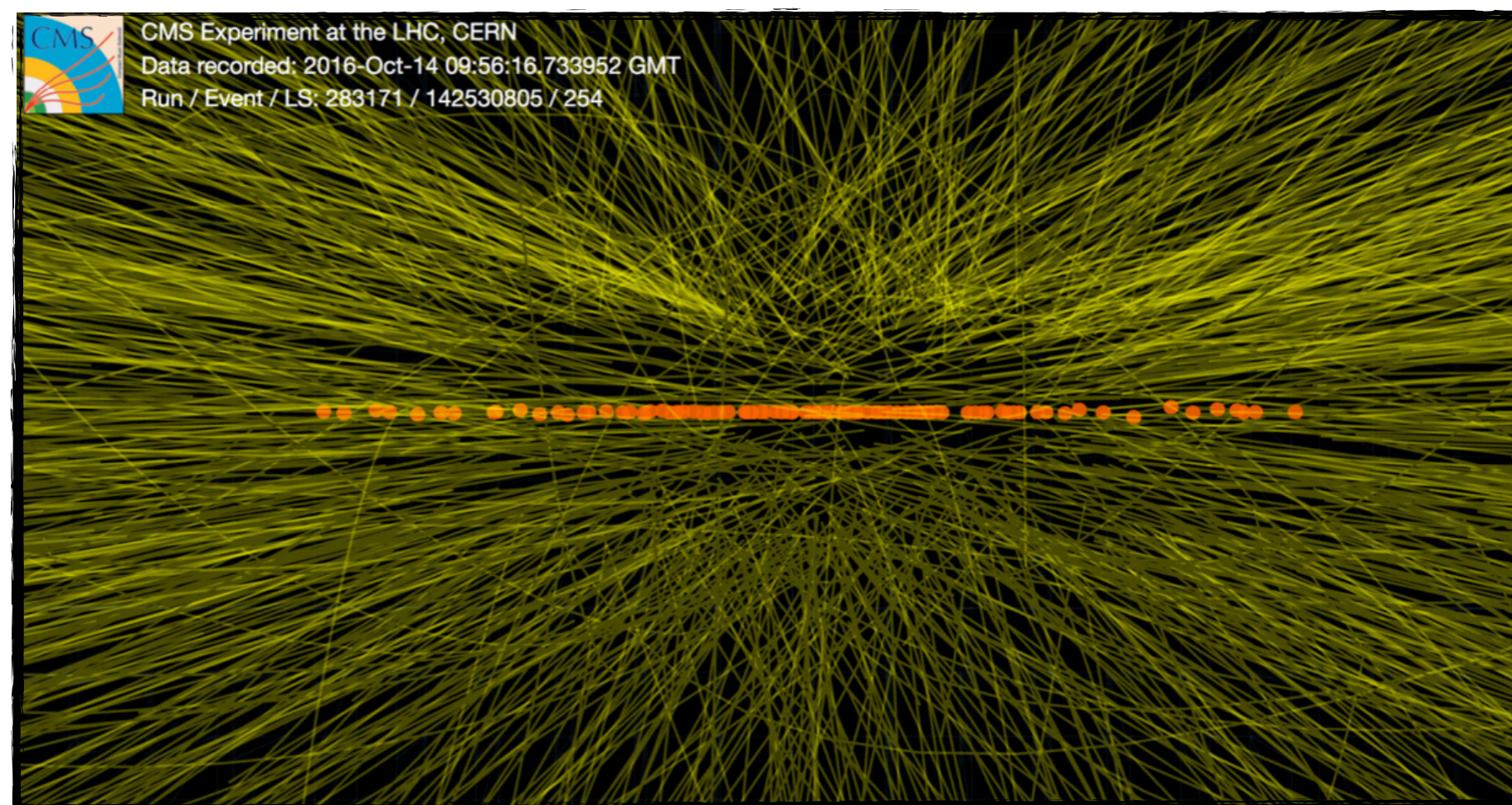
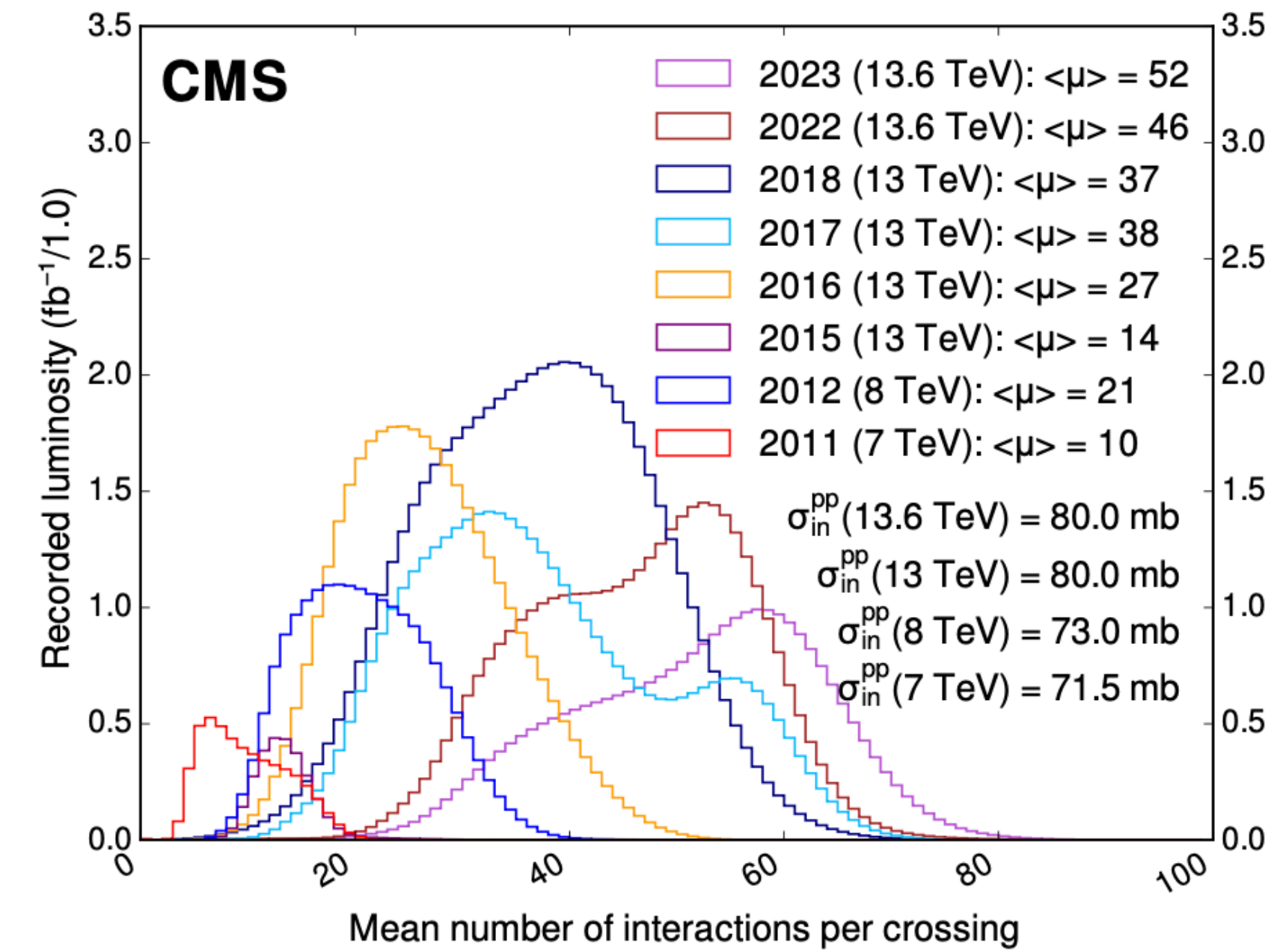
Particle reconstruction with the CMS detector



- high B-field, excellent silicon tracker + muon system \Rightarrow precise μ measurement
- Hadronic jets from clustering individual particle candidates
- Neutrino transverse momentum from conservation of momentum

Pileup

- Multiple pp interactions in one LHC bunch crossing
 - Critical to the LHC push to high luminosity, but not “for free”
- **“Is pileup really such a big deal?”** — Anonymous theory colleague
 - Most measurements: it’s worth the hit
 - Precision measurements: it’s a huge challenge!
- More stuff in the detector \Rightarrow more chances for confusion (e.g., tracks built from wrong hits), higher chance to mis-measure
 - Balancing act between lumi. and performance
 - **Dedicated low-pileup runs** offer unique opportunities





Measuring $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ at CMS



Very precise μ reconstruction

ν not directly reconstructed

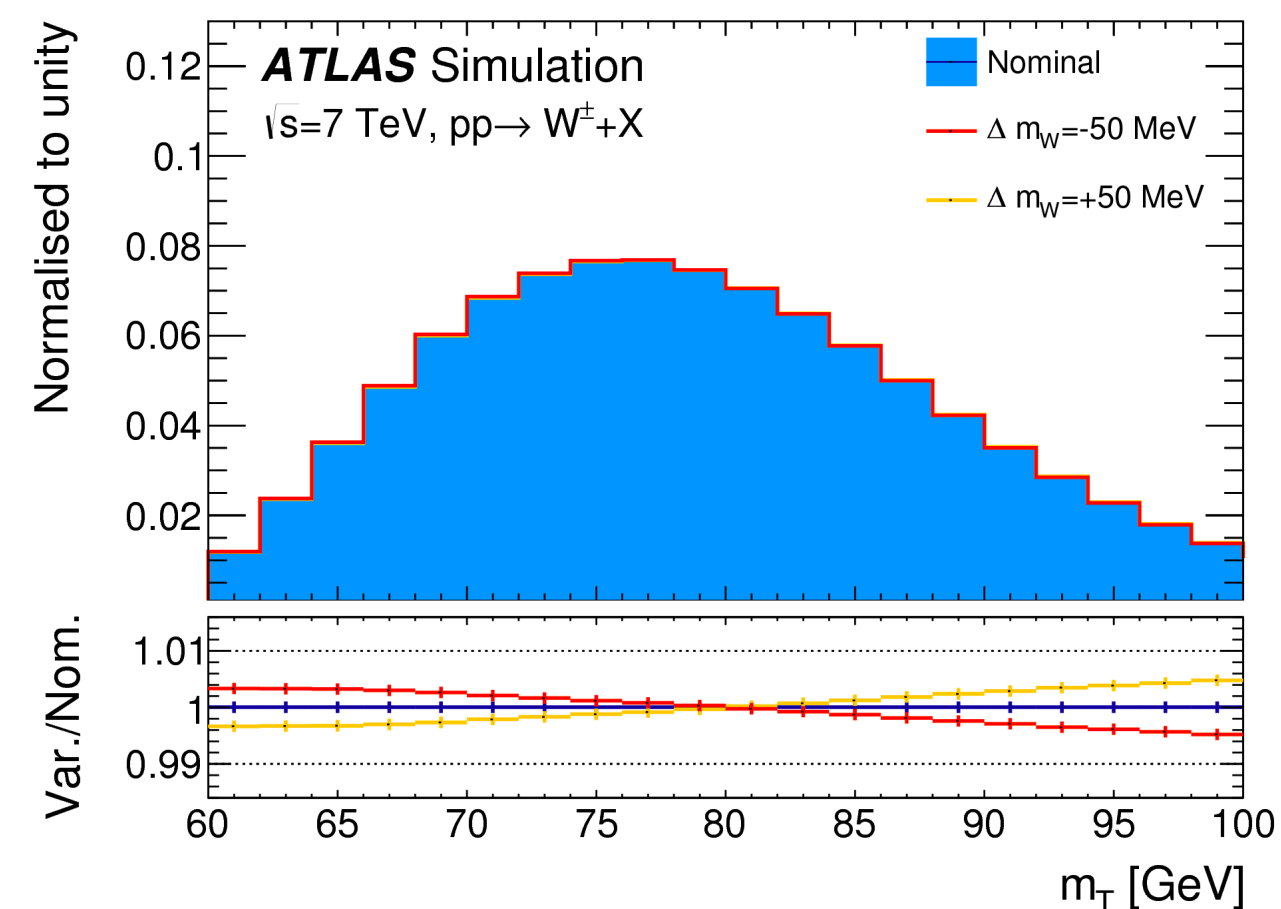
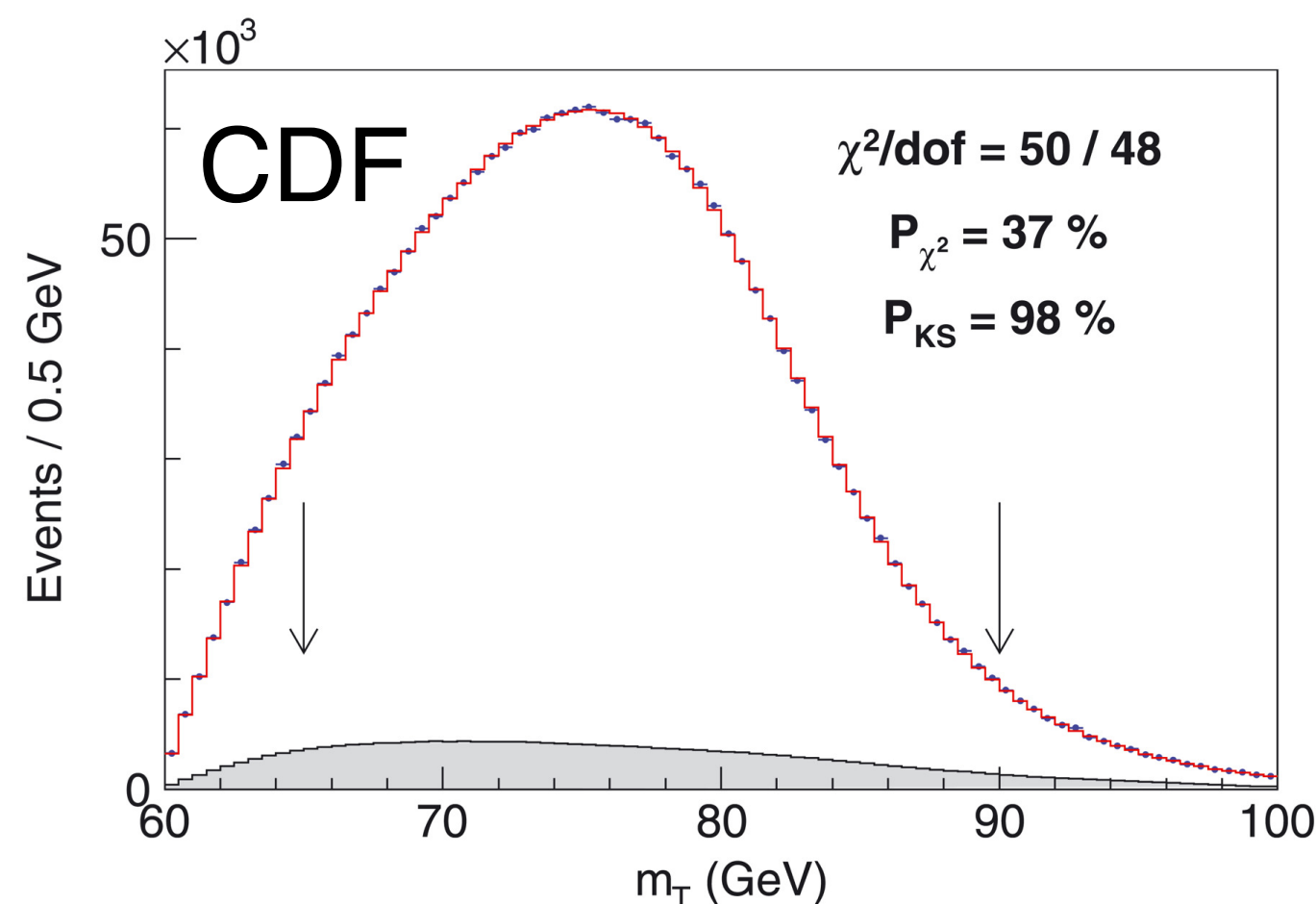
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Measuring m_W at hadron colliders

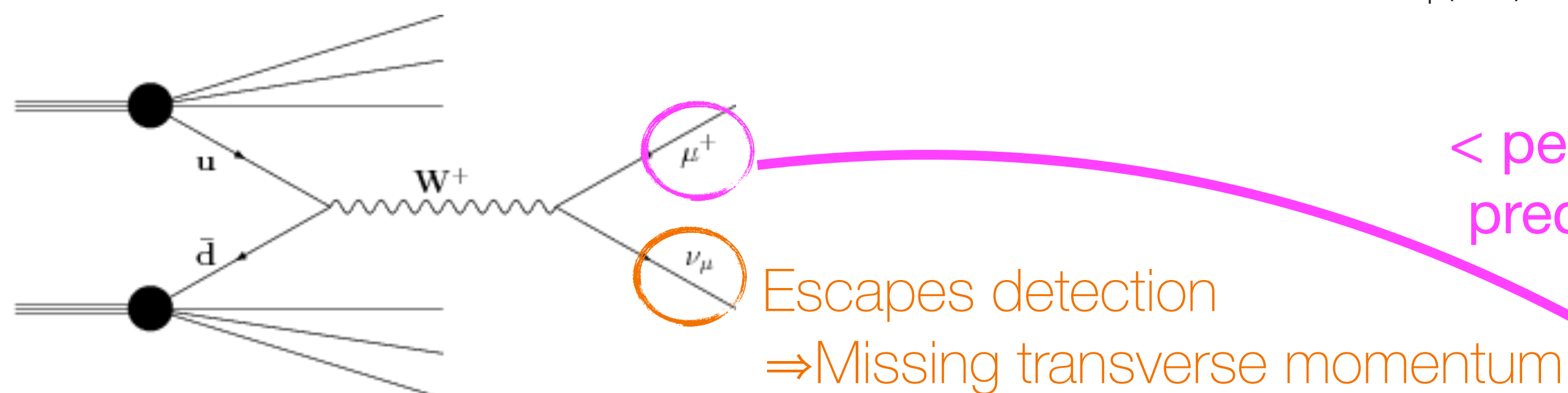
- Rely on observable(s) sensitive to m_W built from measurable objects
 - Requires subpercent-level control of theoretical and exp. inputs

$$m_T^W = \sqrt{2 p_T^\mu p_T^{\text{miss}} (1 - \cos \Delta\phi_{\ell\nu})}$$

- Jacobian peak at m_W
- Small dependence on p_T^W
- Precise p_T^{miss} very difficult at LHC

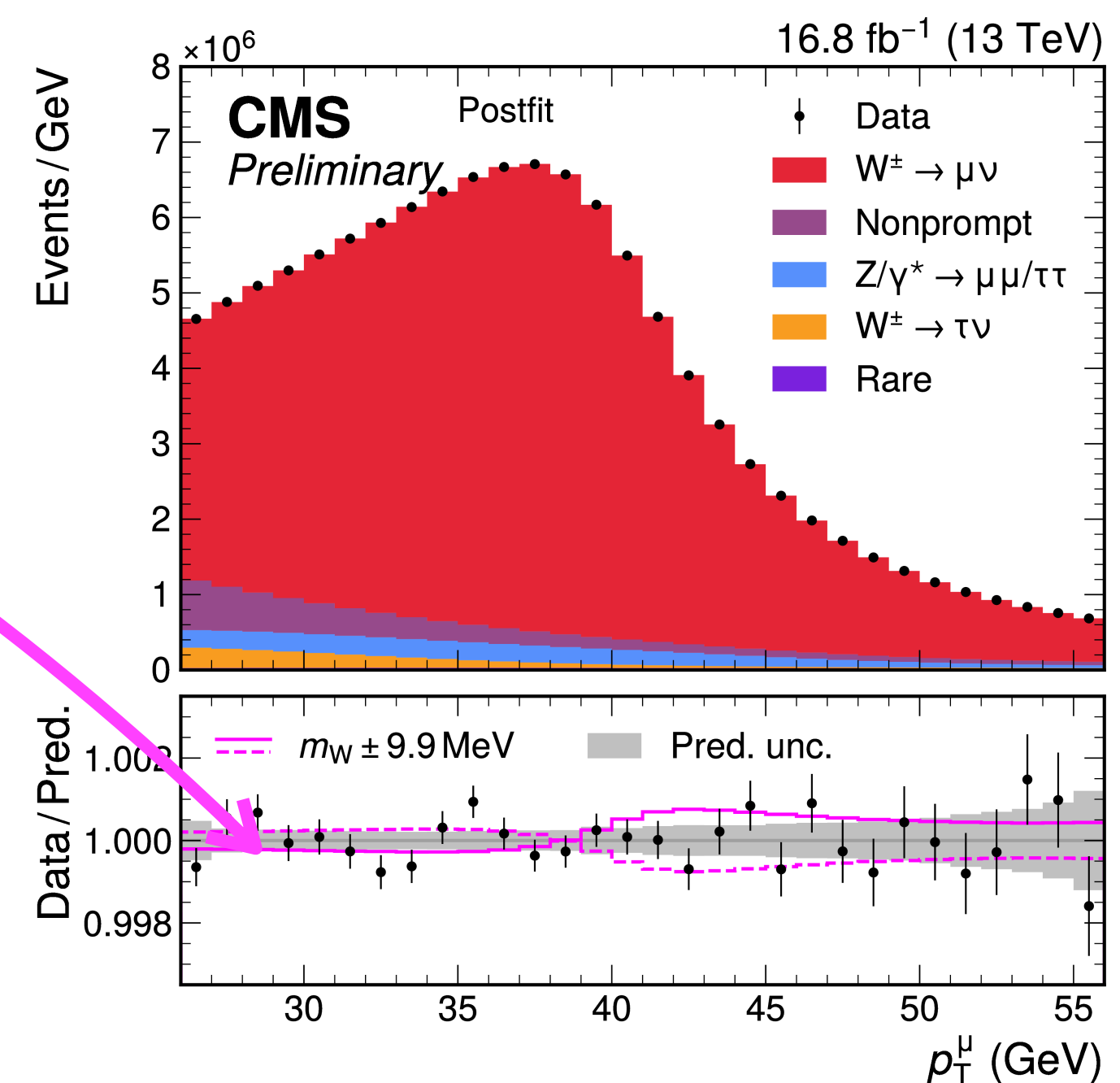


● $\ell\nu$
 33%



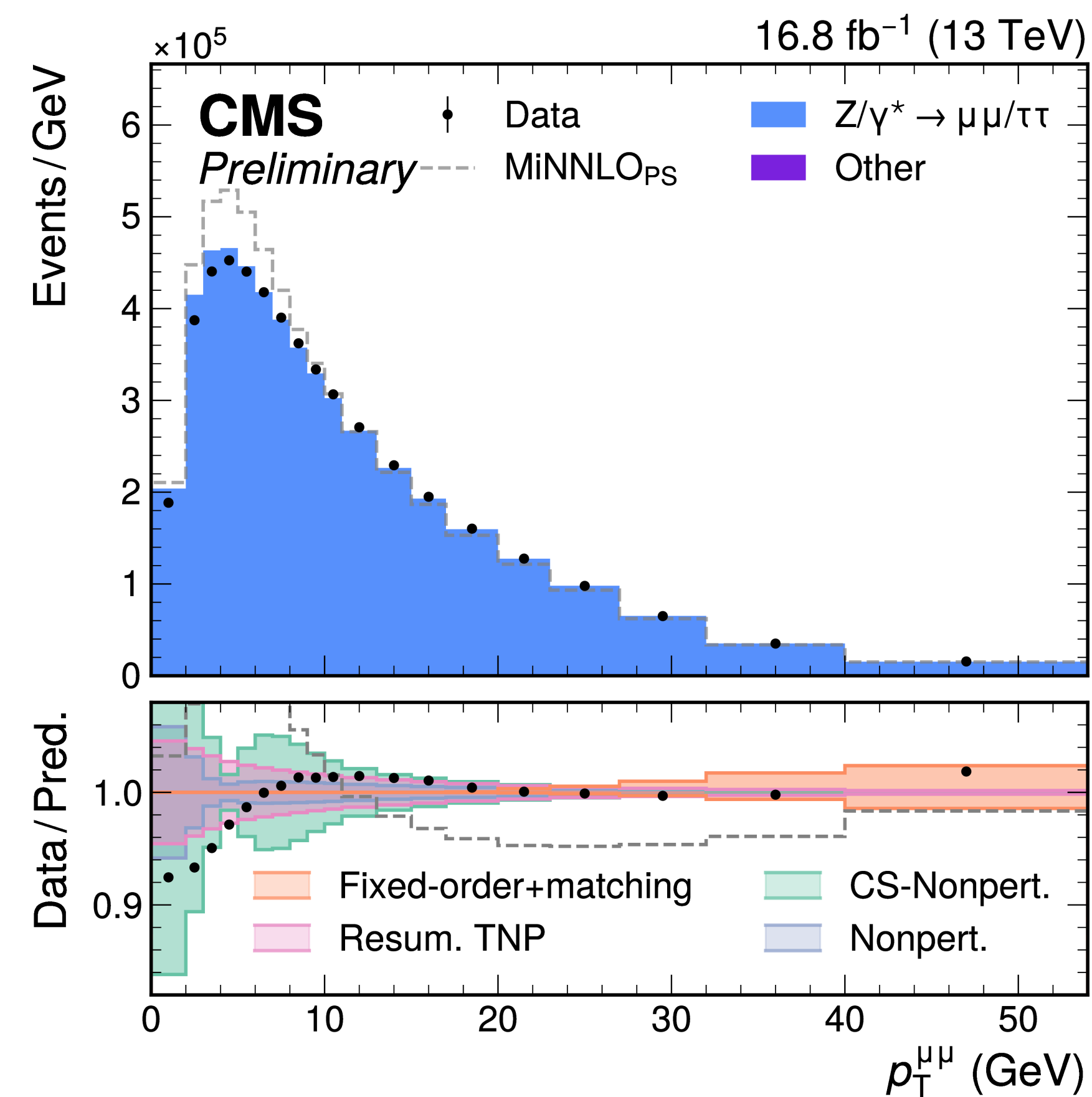
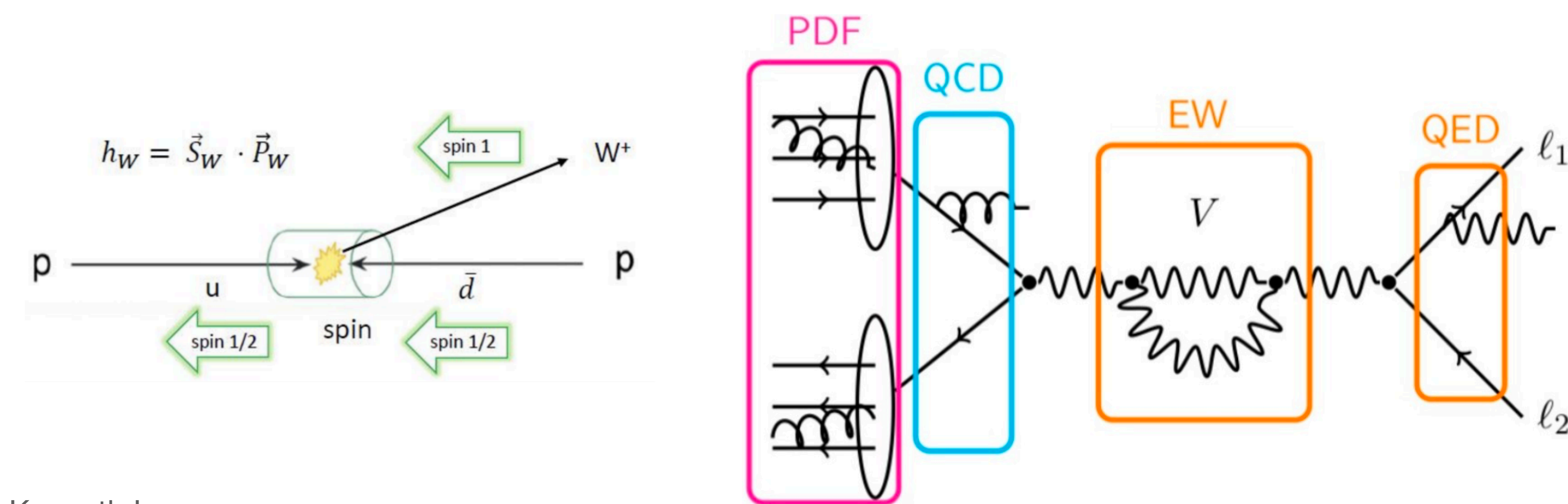
< per mille precision

- Mass is equally divided between μ and ν
- In rest frame, $p^\mu \sim m_W/2$
- In lab frame, smeared by p^W
- ➔ knowledge of W momentum required

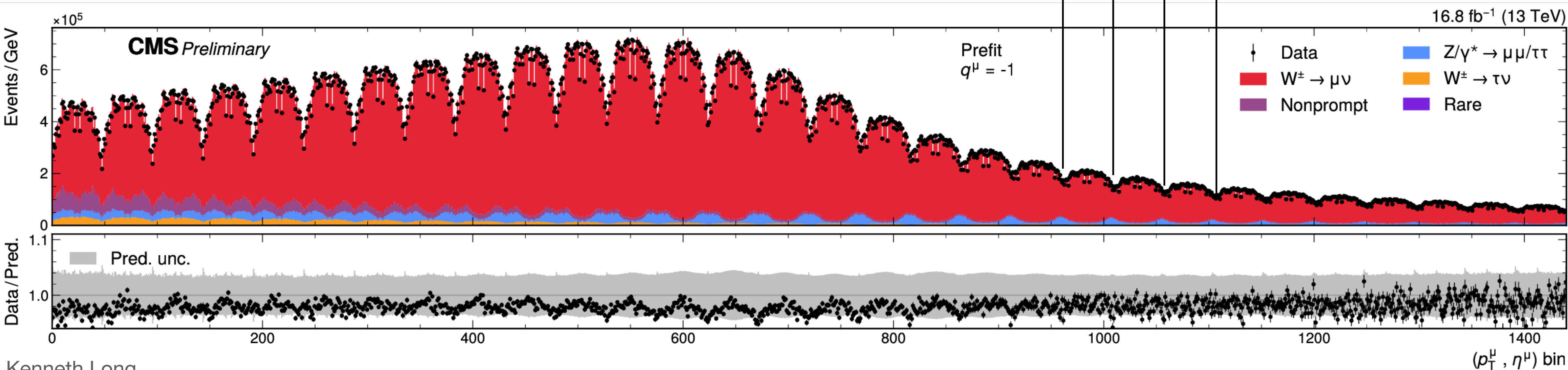
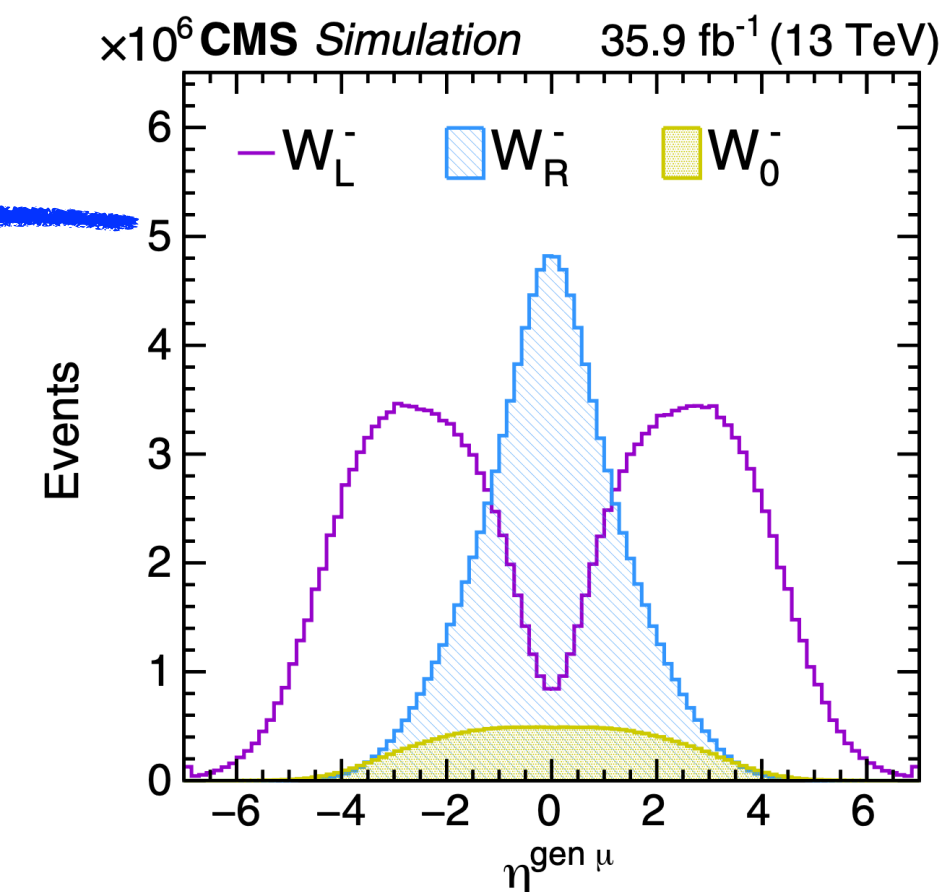
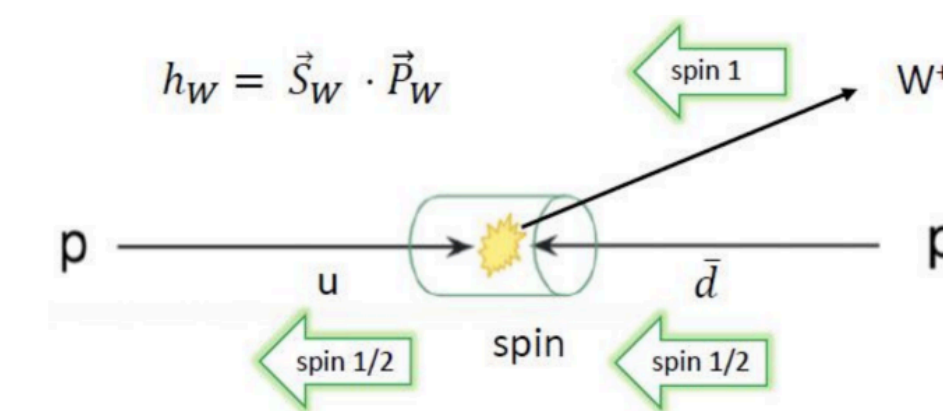


W and Z boson production at the LHC

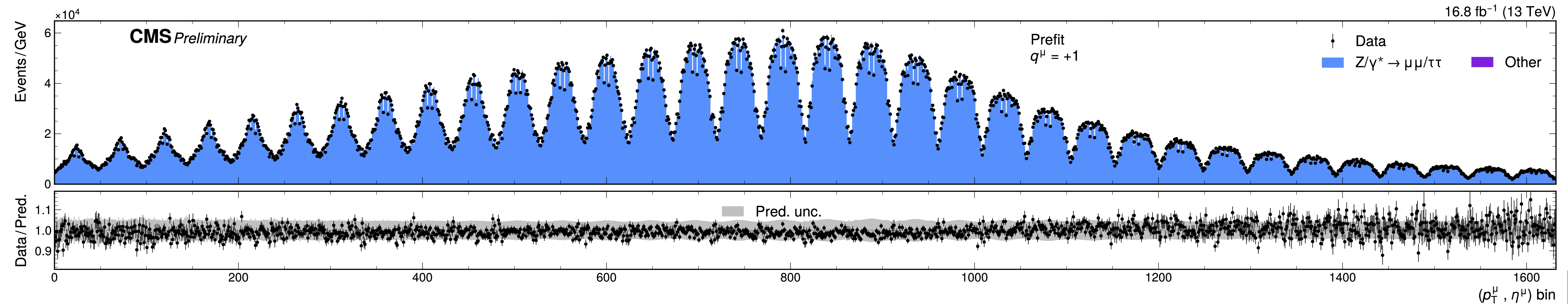
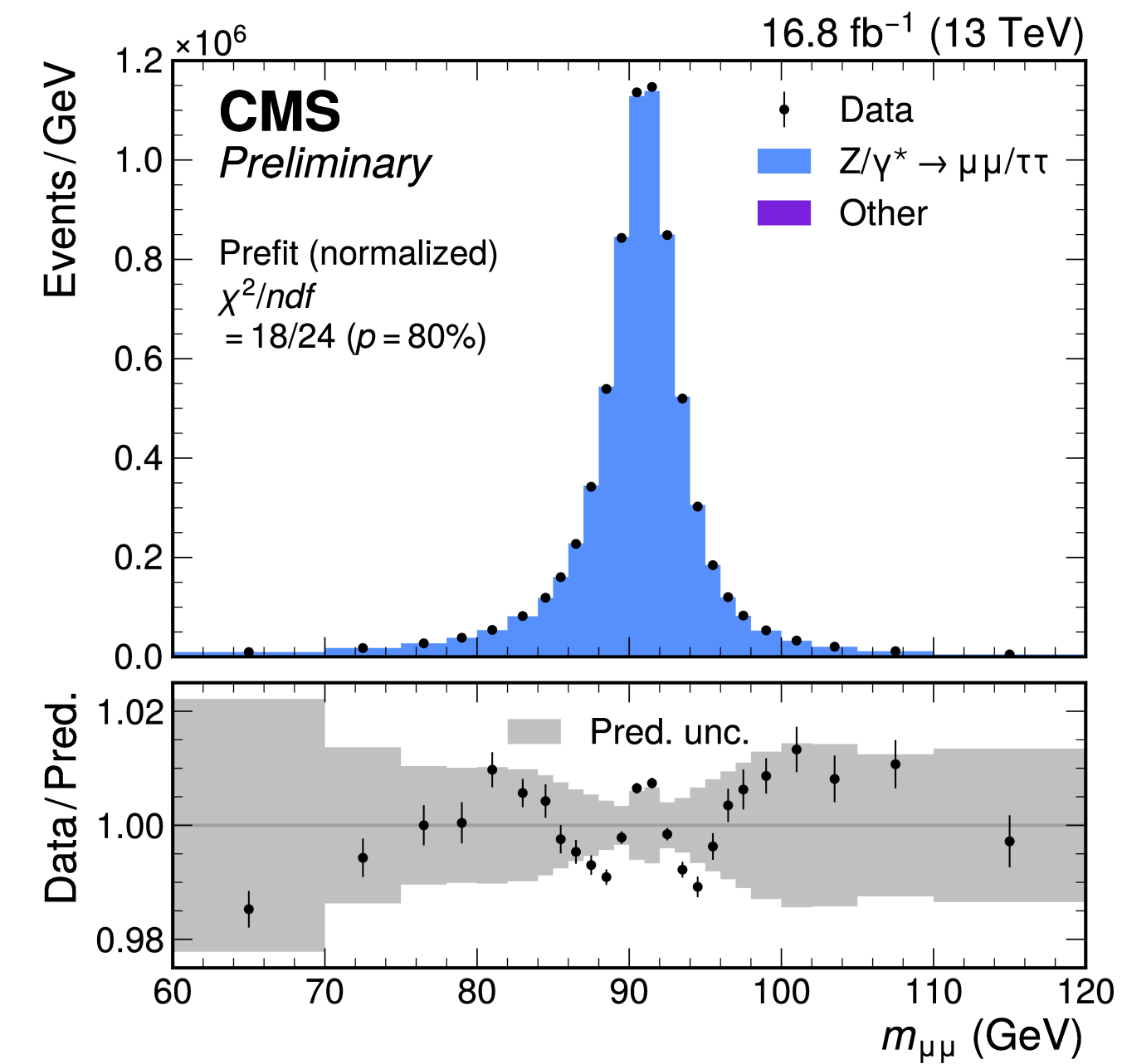
- Final state is not fully reconstructed \Rightarrow measurement is highly sensitive to W (Z) production
 - Many similarities between W and Z, but also important differences (e.g., quark flavours)
- Non-zero p_T^V due to gluon radiation from colliding quarks
 - Cannot be measured with high precision in LHC conditions
 - Subpercent-level precision in predictions immensely challenging
 - **pQCD accurate at high p_T^V**
 - **Resum soft gluons for low/intermediate region**
 - **Non-perturbative motion of quarks important at low p_T^V**
- Polarisation impacts kinematics of leptons from V decay
 - **Largely determined by PDFs**
- Electroweak corrections small, but relevant impact on V and ℓ



- Focus on lepton kinematics
 - Restrict to muon channel (better calibration of momentum)
- Data has strong constraining power
 - 16.8 fb⁻¹ subset of data collected in 2016 (~100 M selected W events)
 - Small subset of data, but largest-ever dataset for m_W measurement
 - In particular y^W (η^μ), is dependent on W helicity, which is largely determined by PDF \Rightarrow sensitivity to PDF from η^μ
- Extract mass from fit to $(q^\mu, \eta^\mu, p_{T^\mu})$ distribution

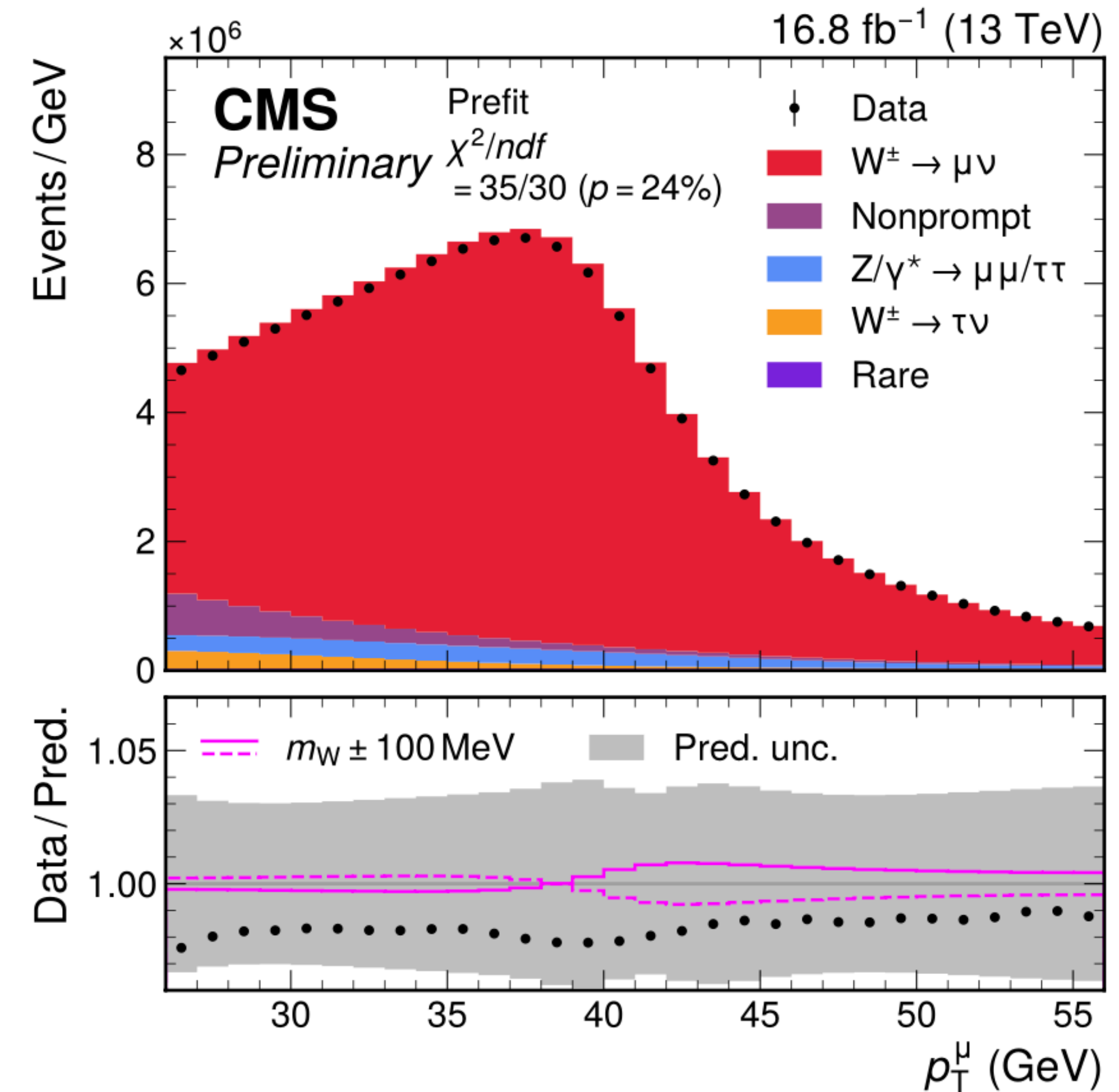


- Crucial tool to validate m_W extraction
 - Select Z events
 - Discard one lepton (add to p_T^{miss})
 - Measure m_Z with single-lepton kinematics
 - Cross-check with direct measurement of m_Z (and m_Z world average)
- Selection **maximally consistent with W analysis**
 - Take ℓ^+ (ℓ^-) in even (odd) events
 - Reject event if selected lepton is not the object that triggered event



Statistical analysis

- Results from binned maximum likelihood fits to distributions sensitive to parameter-of-interest (m_W or m_Z)
 - **Using tensorflow-based** implementation of binned maximum likelihood fit
 - Avoid numerical instabilities due to fit complexities
- **O(3k) template bins in m_W fit and ~ 4000 nuisance parameters**
- **m_W (m_Z) uncertainty ± 100 MeV shift computed in simulation and propagated via event weights**
 - Unconstrained in fit
 - Extrapolation within range using log normal shape (validated to within < 0.1 MeV)
 - Consistent with typical χ^2 minimization
- **Measurement performed “blind”**
 - Likelihood fit with m_W only performed on data in final steps
 - m_Z and m_W values hidden, “unblinded” in sequence after finalising all inputs



➔ The m_W measurement is the culmination of an extensive program

★ ★ ★ Highly granular and precise estimation of μ reconstruction efficiency

★ ★ ★ Calibration of absolute $p_{T\mu}$ scale ($\delta p_{T\mu} \sim 10^{-4} \Rightarrow \delta m_W \sim 8$ MeV)

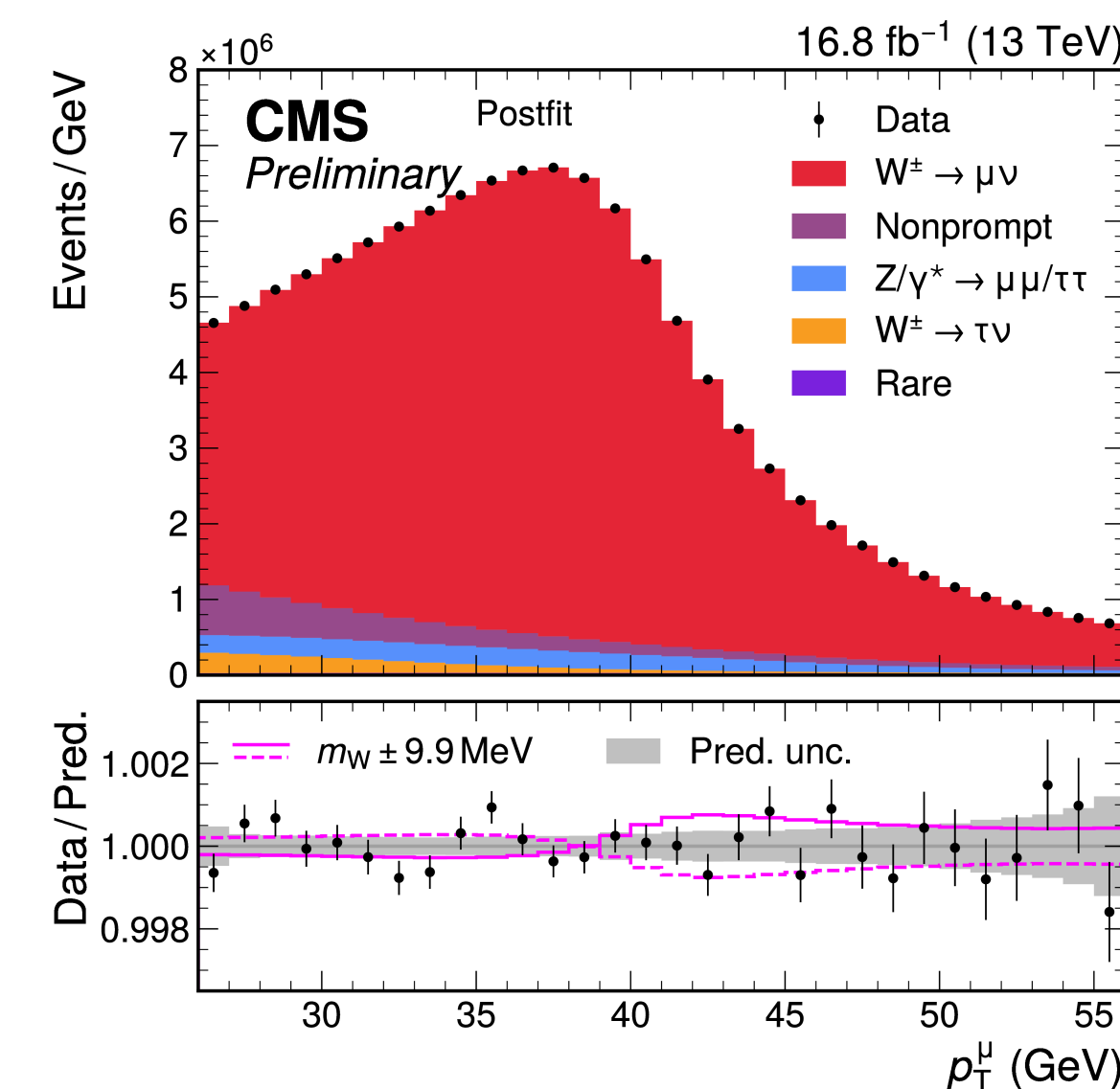
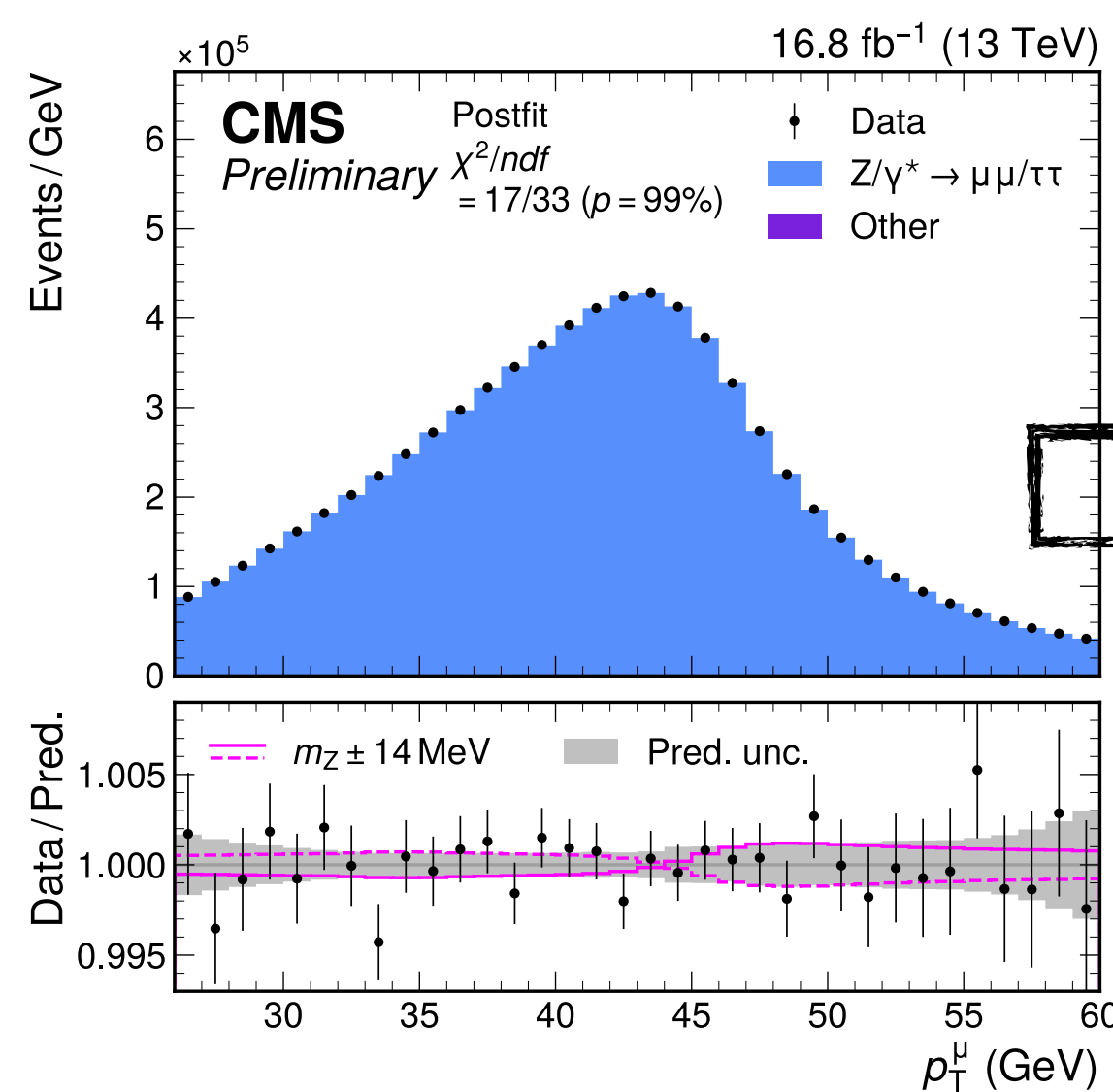
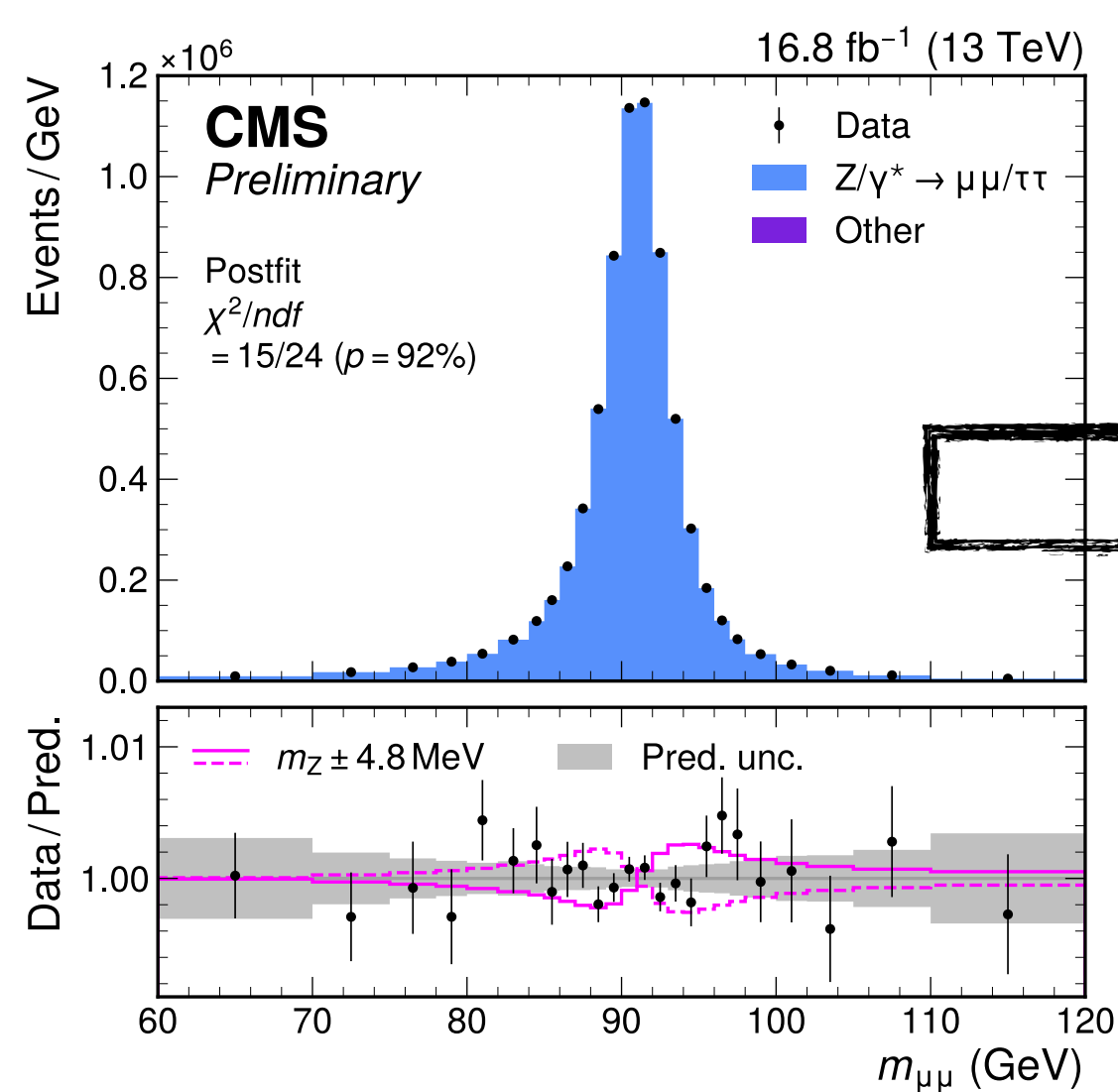
➔ $> \times 10$ better than typical CMS analysis

★ ★ Calibration of the W/Z boson hadronic recoil

★ ★ Accurate modeling and uncertainty estimation for W/Z production

★ Estimation of backgrounds

- primarily heavy flavour decays in jets mis-ID'd as leptons)



★ m_Z measurement from $m_{\mu\mu}$

★ m_Z measurement from $p_{T\mu}$

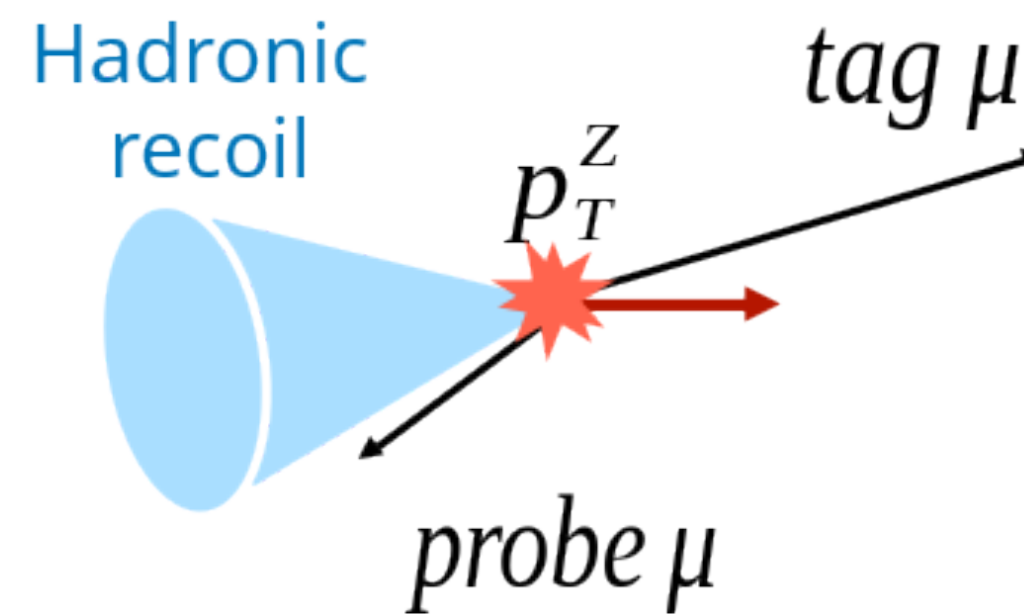
★ m_W measurement

Muon reconstruction efficiency

- **First step of analysis is reconstructing muons very precisely**
 - *in situ* measurement of reconstruction rate from $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ sample (tag-and-probe)
 - ϵ binned very finely in (p_T^μ, η^μ) and divided by into steps:
 - tracking, track+muon system match, ID, trigger, isolation
 - Smoothed in p_T^μ to reduce stat. fluctuations
 - ~2400 nuisance parameters in final signal extraction

➔ **3.0 MeV unc. in m_W**

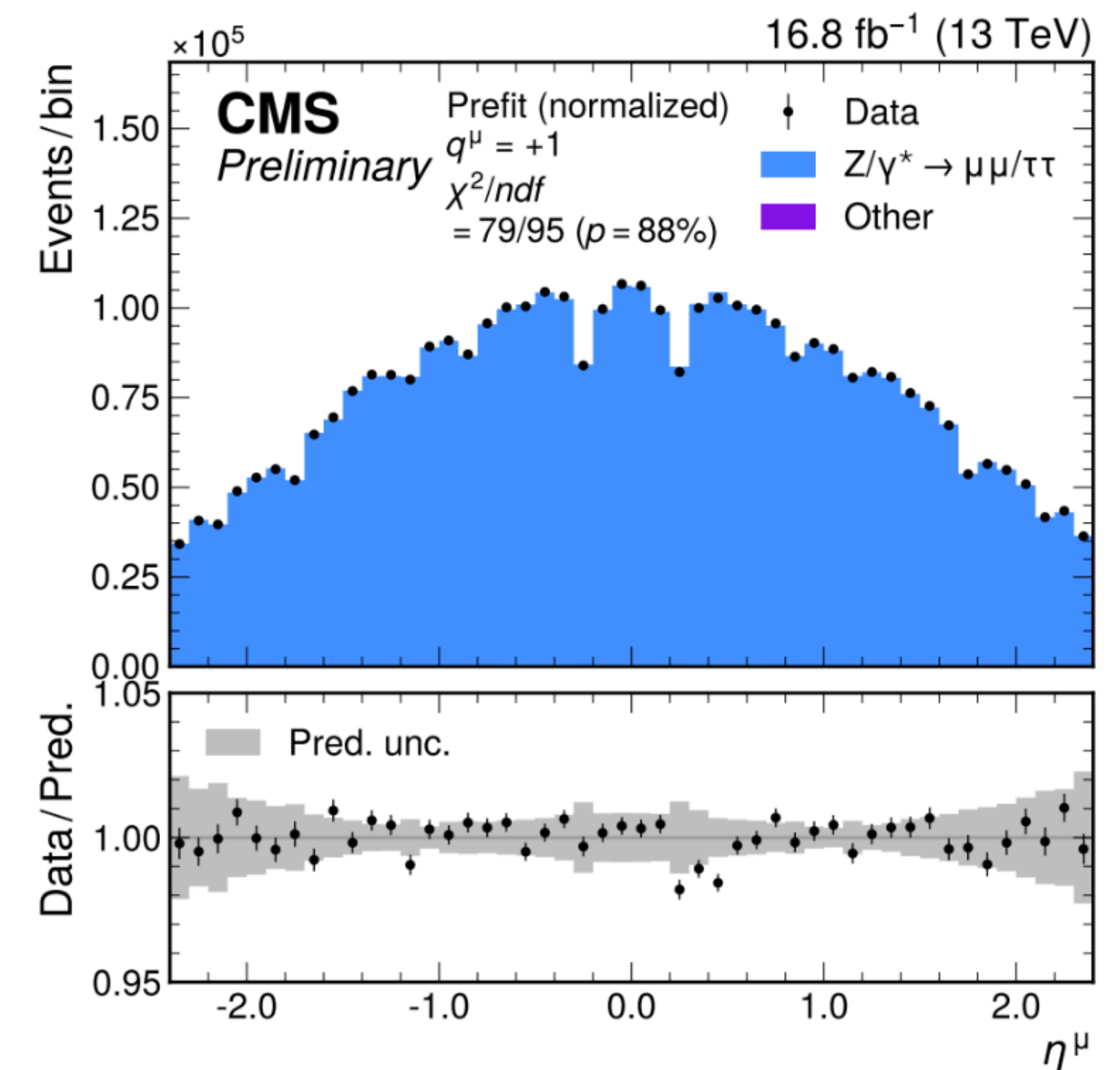
- NB: for loss of events before the trigger, or differences between W and Z, this technique will fail to capture effects



$$u_T = \frac{\vec{p}_T^\mu \cdot \vec{p}_T^V}{p_T^\mu}$$

- Account for W/Z recoil differences
- Vertexing selection modified for W/Z consistency
- Trigger “pre-firing” estimated independently

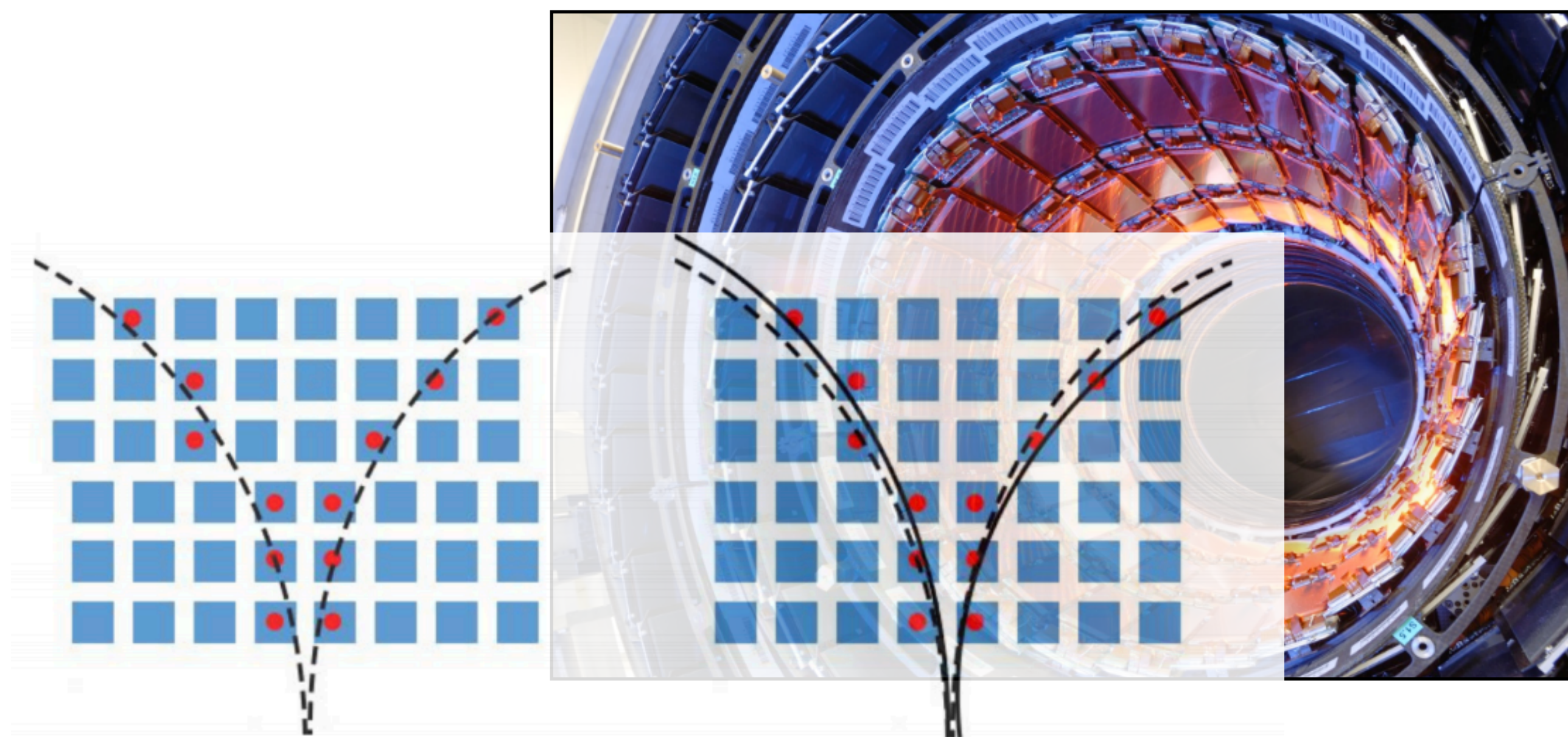
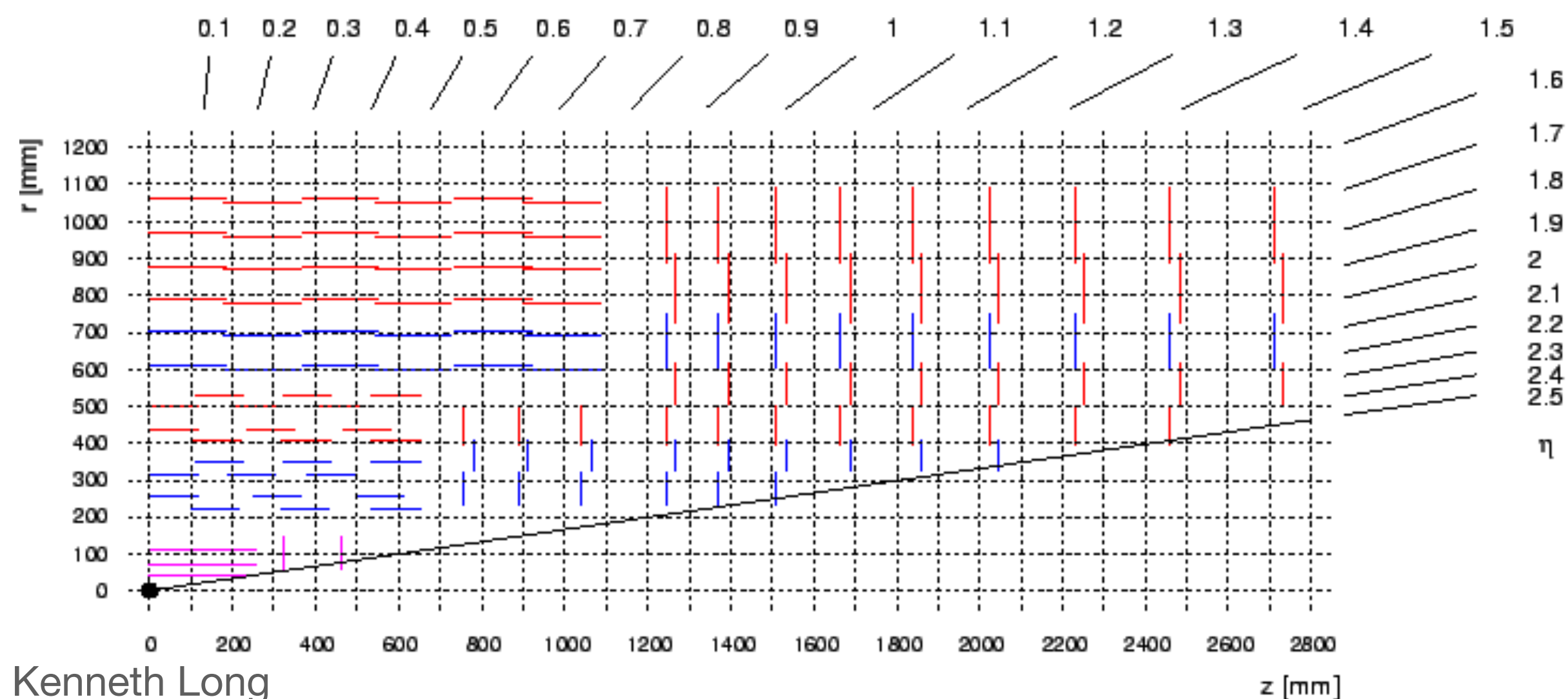
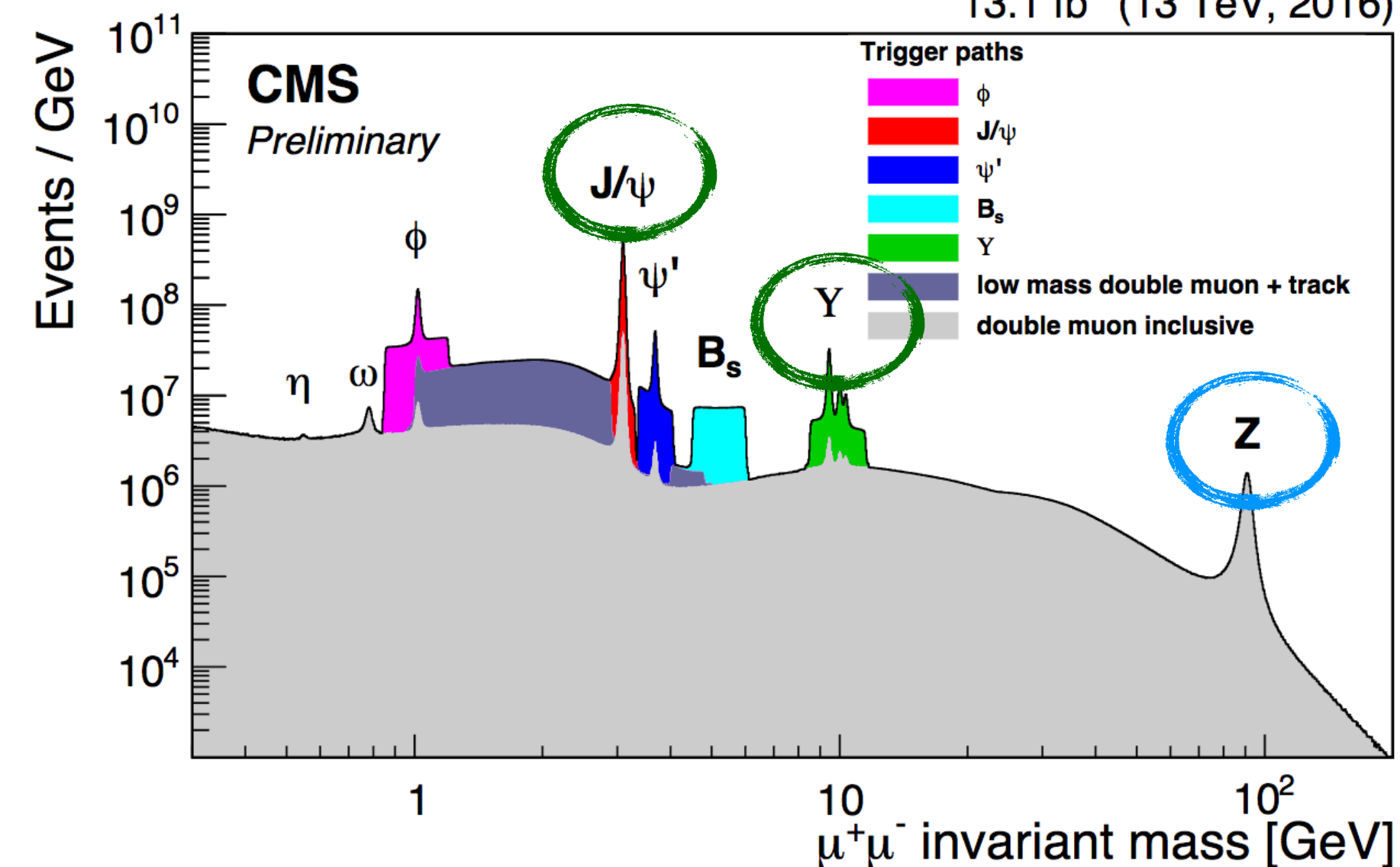
$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{passing probes}}{\text{passing probes} + \text{failing probes}}$$



Muon momentum calibration: overview

13.1 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV, 2016)

- Momentum measured from track curvature
 - Up to ~17 hits per track: single-hit resolution of 9-50 μm
 - $\delta p_T^l \sim 10^{-4} \Rightarrow$ Sagitta ~ 6 mm, $\delta S \sim 0.6$ μm
 - Significant material interactions
- **Absolute scale of curvature \Leftrightarrow momentum correspondence set by known resonance**
 - J/ψ or Υ (use Z for validation)
 - ➔ Requires extrapolation across momentum range



If the tracker is misaligned and we don't know it...

...the track will be reconstructed as if the tracker was aligned

➔ Need robust parameterisation extrapolation across p_T

- $k \equiv 1/p_T$ (curvature)
- A : magnetic field correction
- M : alignment correction
- e : energy loss correction (e.g., material budget)

$$k_{corr} = Ak + qM + \frac{k}{1 + ek}$$

$$\delta k/k \approx A + qM/k - ek$$

- Multi-step procedure

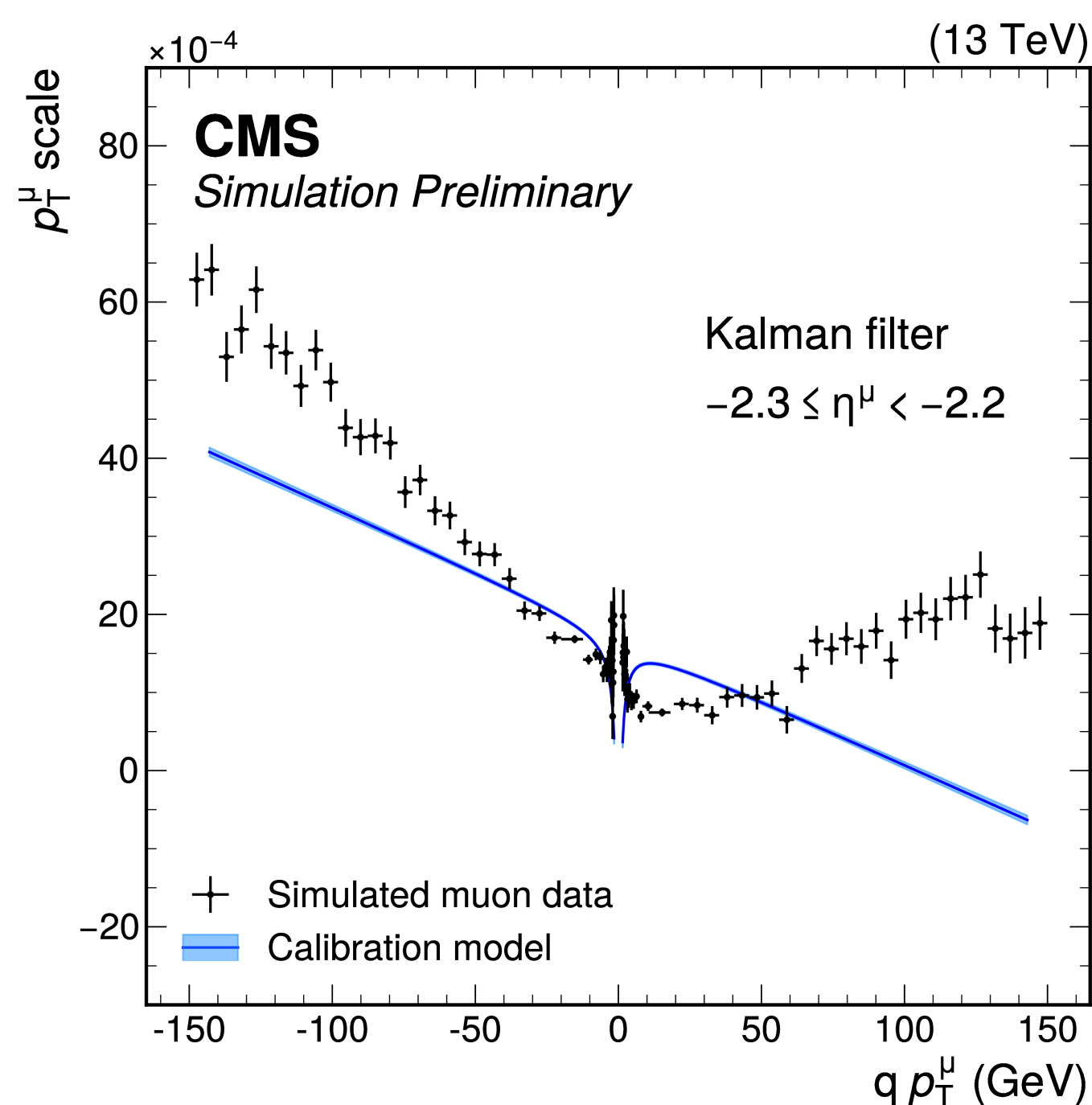
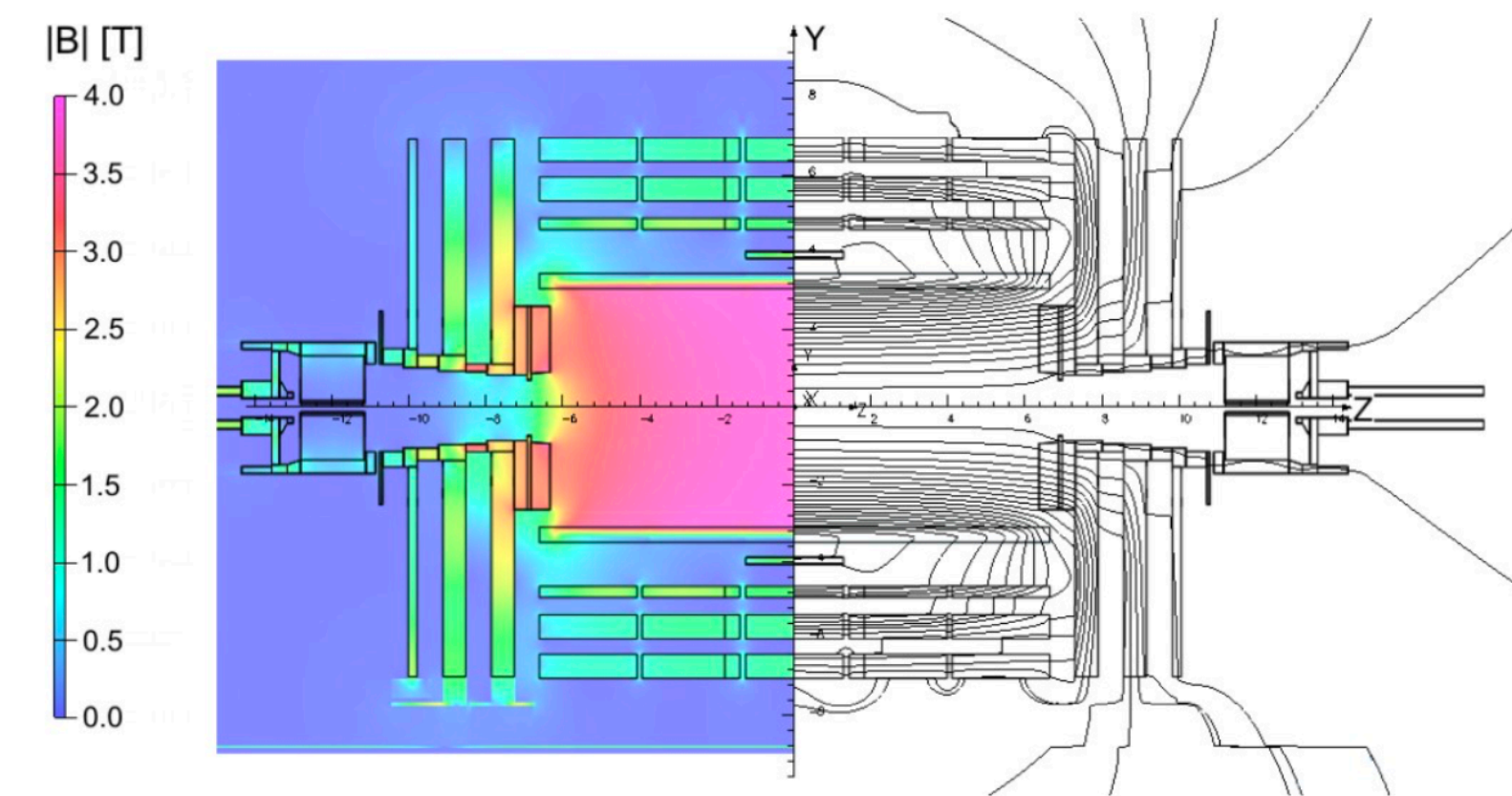
- Improved, custom refit of track to muon hits to remove bias
- Apply module-by-module corrections obtained from track refit
- Derive parameterised corrections (binned in η_μ) from fit to J/ψ resonance

➔ Validate J/ψ -based calibration with $\Upsilon(1S)$ and Z

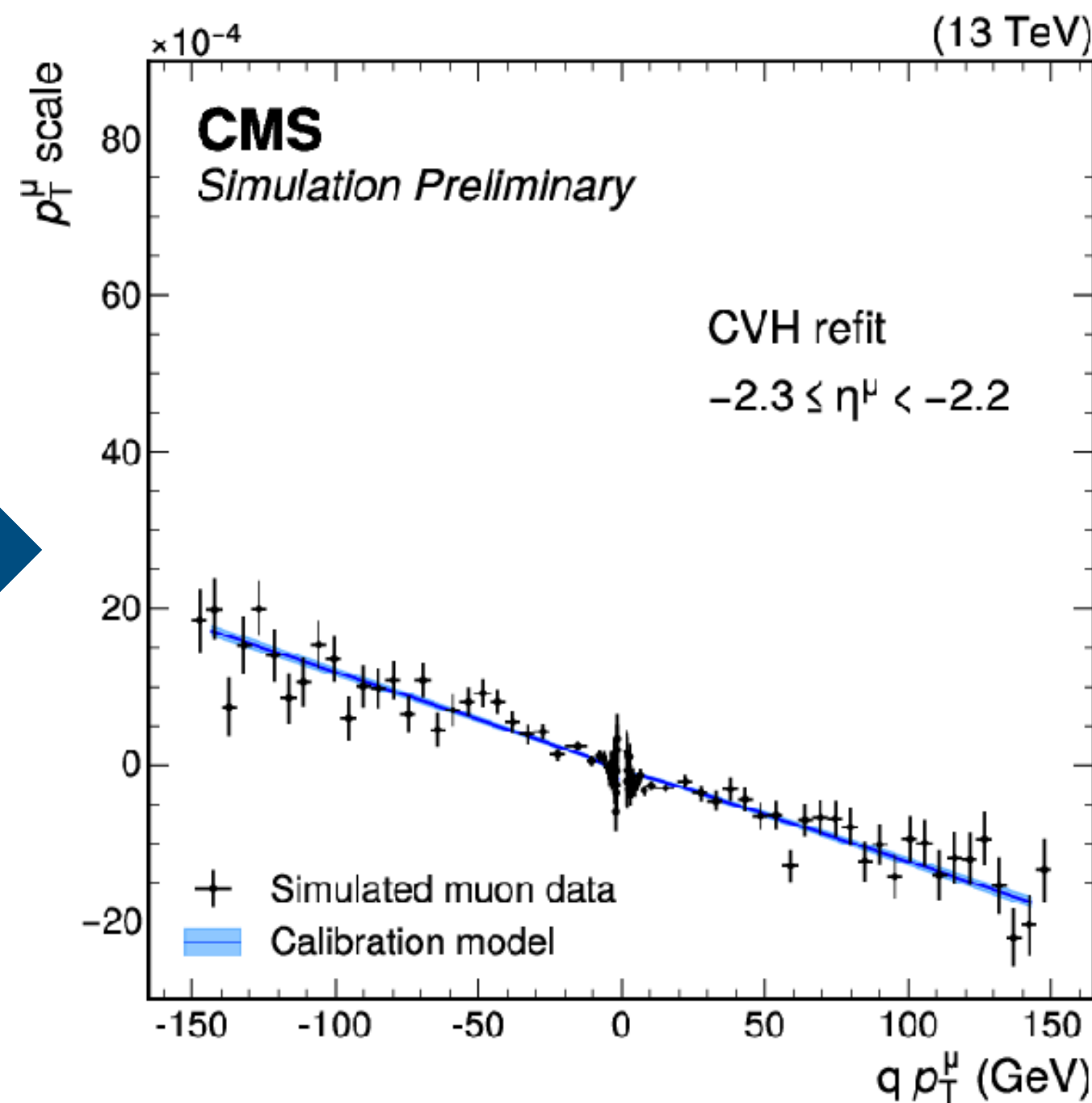
- Corrections for muon momentum resolution derived from binned (in η_μ) fits to Z events
 - Parameterised to account for multiple scattering (a), hit resolution (c), and correlation terms (b, d)

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)^2 = a^2 + c^2 \cdot p_T^2 + \frac{b^2}{1 + \frac{d^2}{p_T^2}}$$

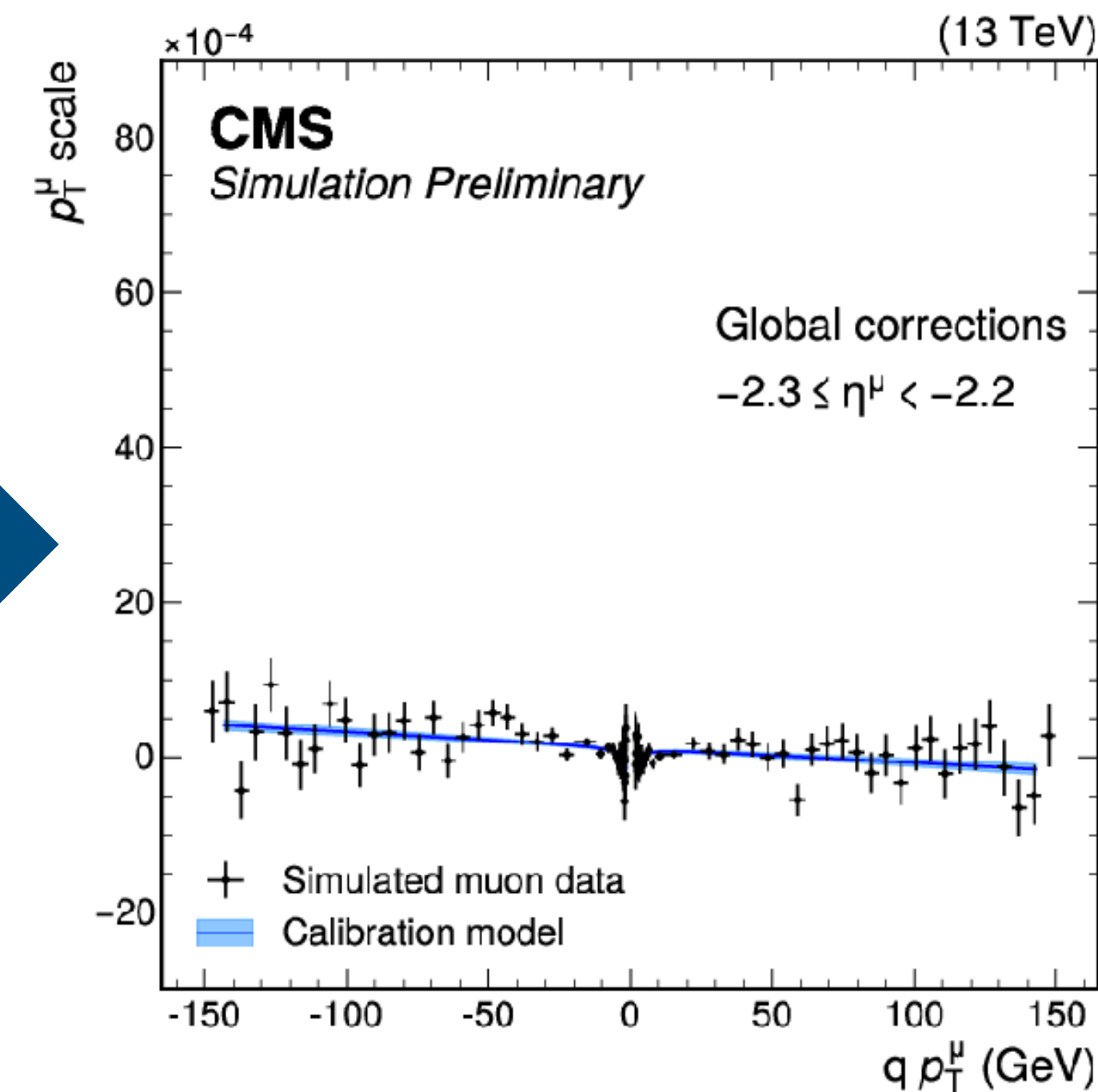
- Refit muon hits using custom “Continuous Variable Helix” fit
 - Model material in helix fit with Geant4+additional params for B-field
 - Increase Geant precision wrt standard CMS reco.
 - Use of high-precision B-field map (lower speed wrt standard reco.)
- ➔ Extract and apply per-module parameter corrections



Default CMS reco.



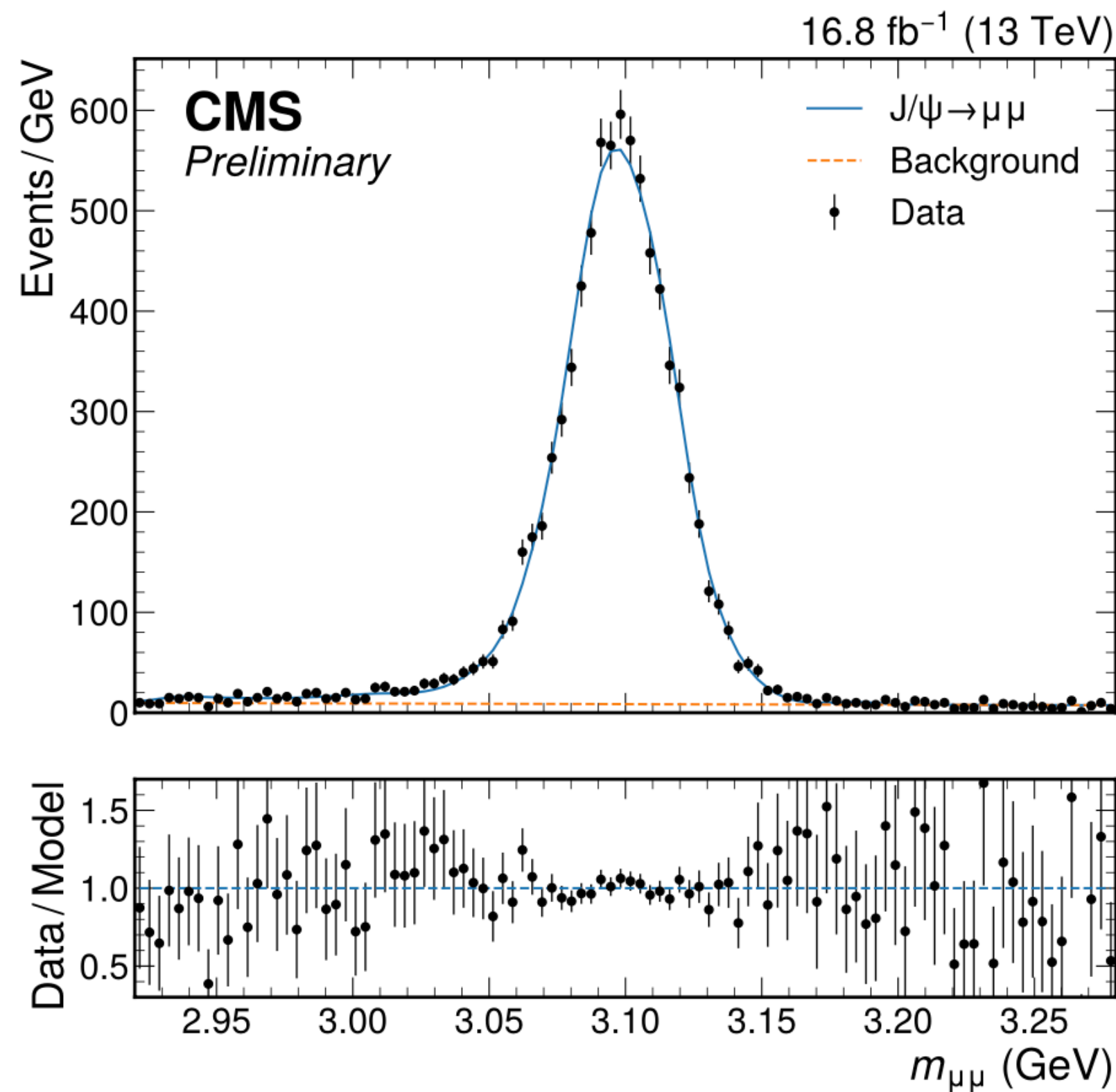
CVH refit



CVH refit+corr.

- Parameter extraction procedure

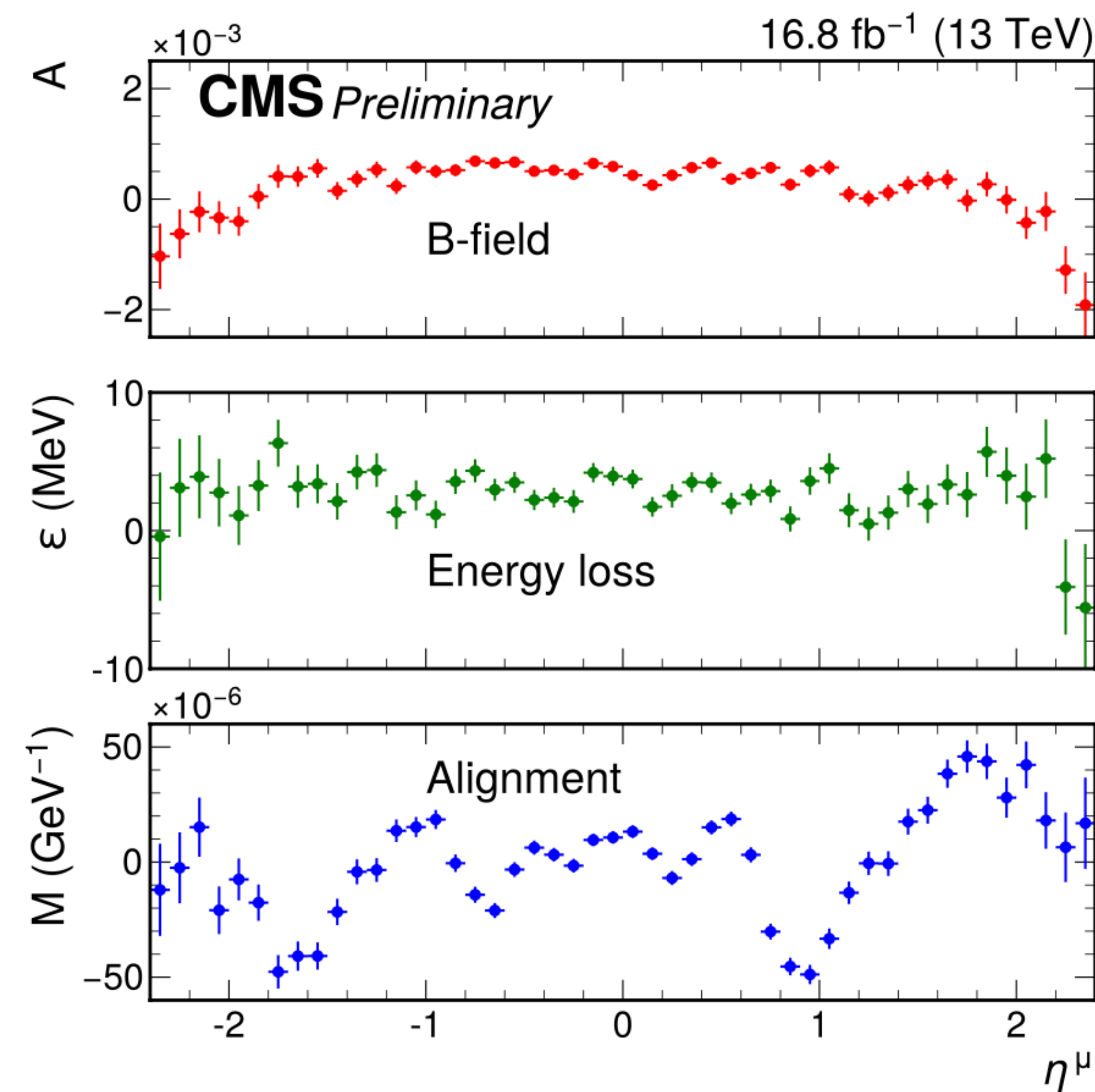
1. **Fit J/ψ mass** in a binned 4D space of $(p_{T\mu^+}, p_{T\mu^-}, \eta^{\mu^+}, \eta^{\mu^-})$
2. Using χ^2 minimization, **extract η -binned calibration parameters** per muon
3. Closure test: **perform same procedure on Y(1S) and Z** to assess consistency



$$\delta k/k \approx A + qM/k - ek$$

Left: example fit to J/ψ in central η bin

Right: Extracted parameters per η bin, (on top of module-level corr.)



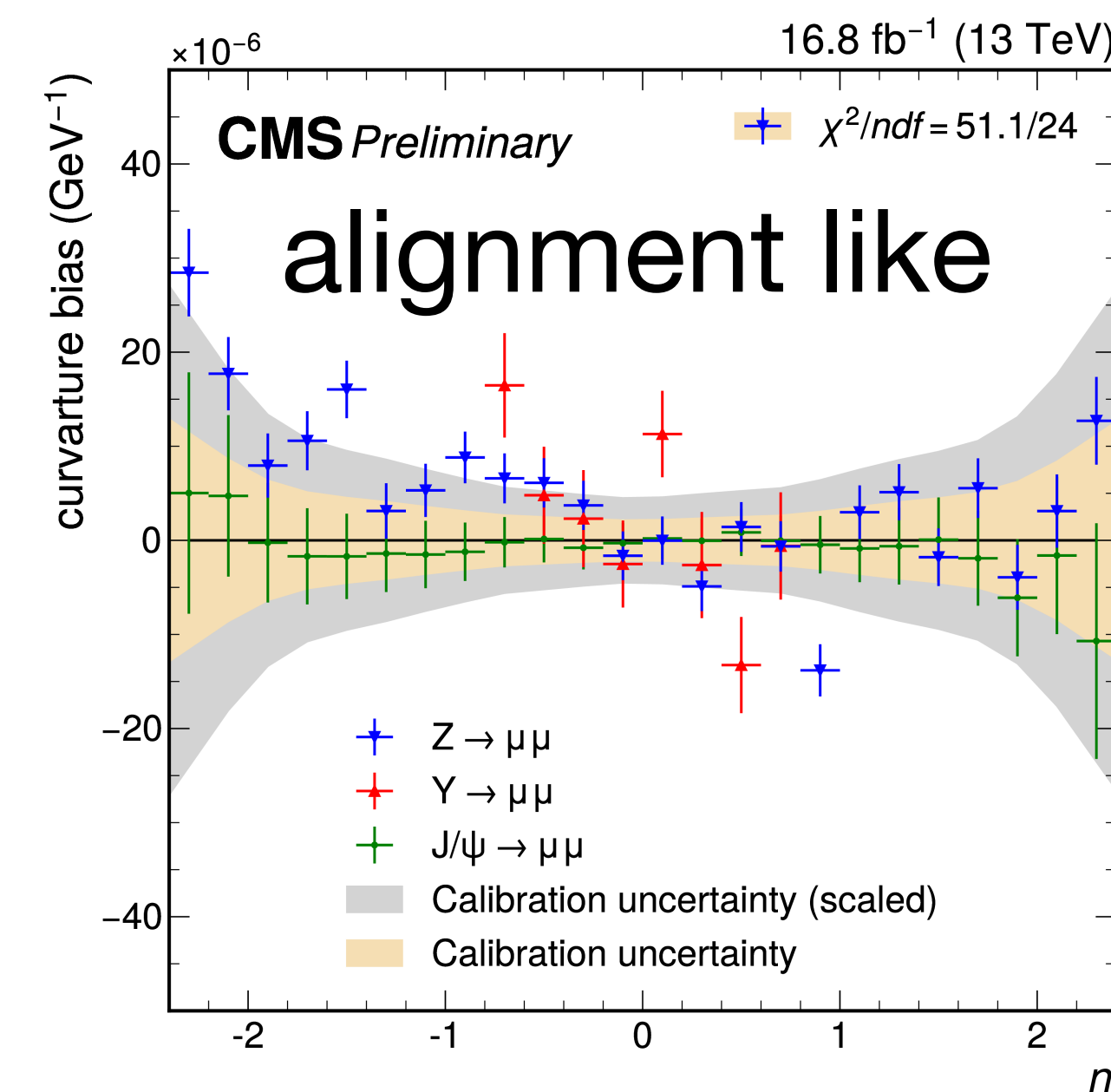
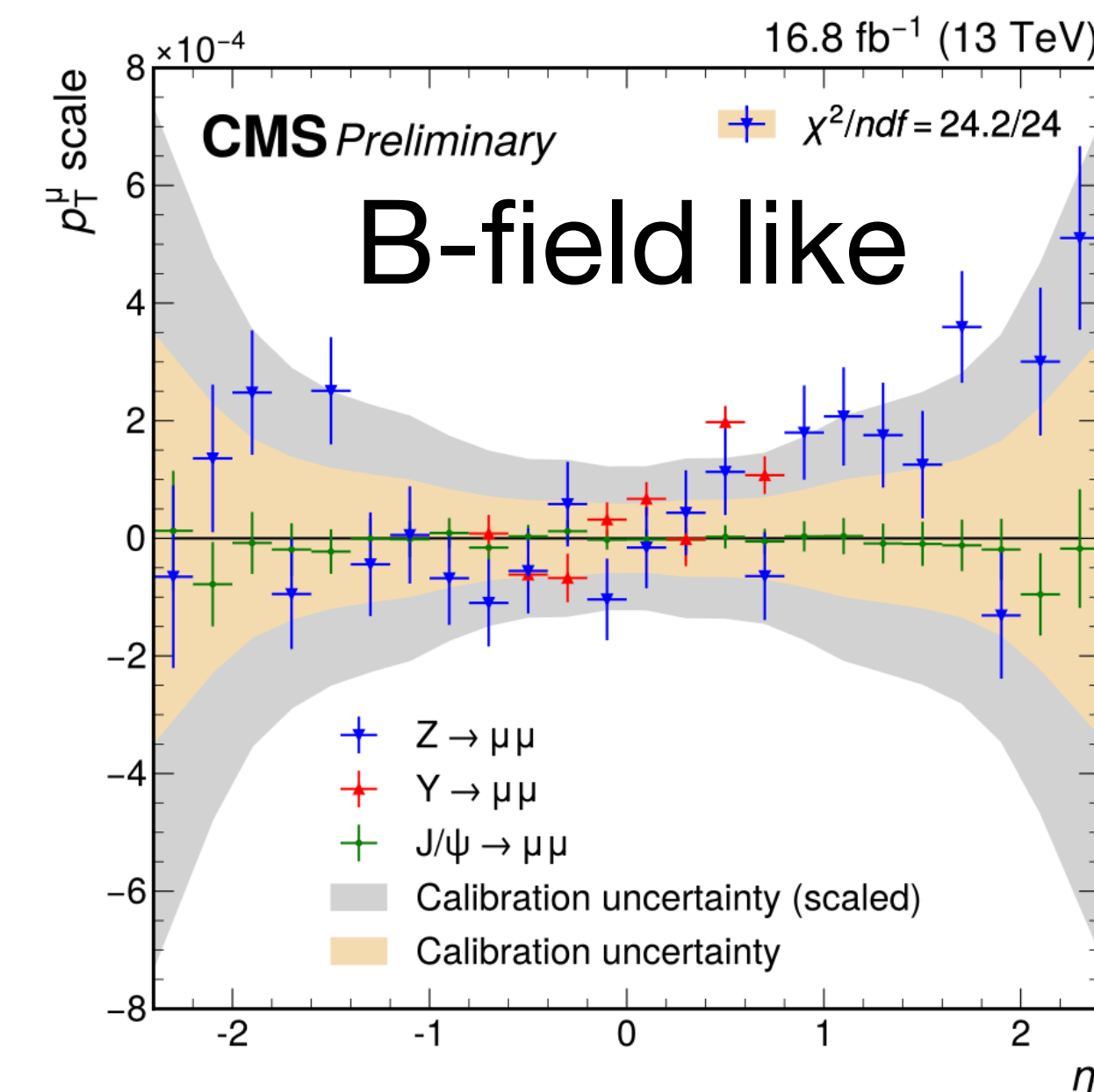
- Closure tests: apply mass-fit procedure to Y(1S) and Z
 1. Correct by binned (A, e, M) parameters from J/ψ
 2. Fit for residual correction to parameters
- Stat. unc. in parameters from J/ψ used as basis for systematic unc.
 - Scaled up by 2.1 for full coverage
 - Confirmed impact in analysis is within unc.

➔ Uncertainty in m_W 4.8 MeV

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

ATLAS: calibration on Z (~7 MeV unc.)

CDF: Combination of J/ψ, Y, and Z (3 MeV unc.)

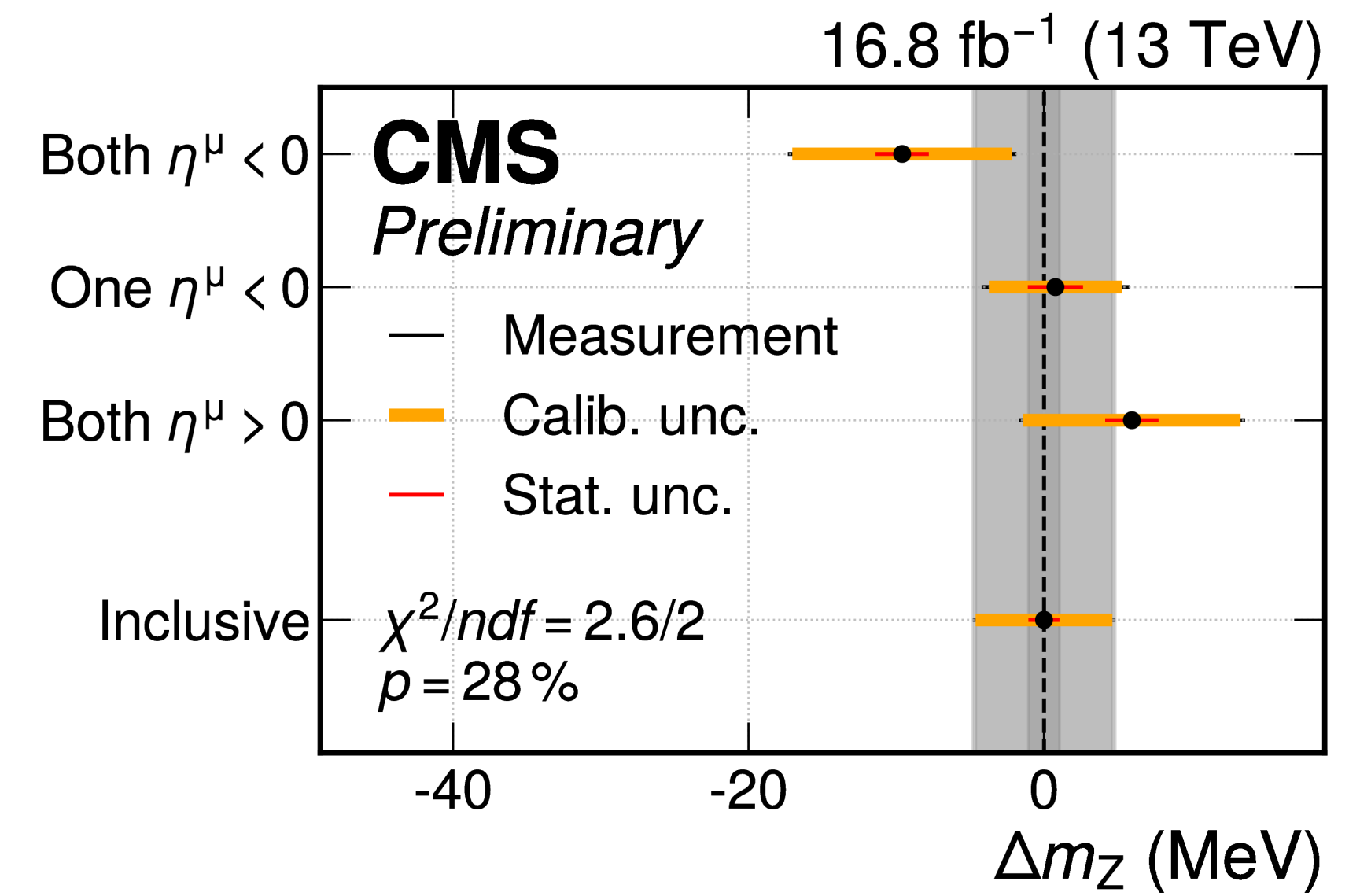
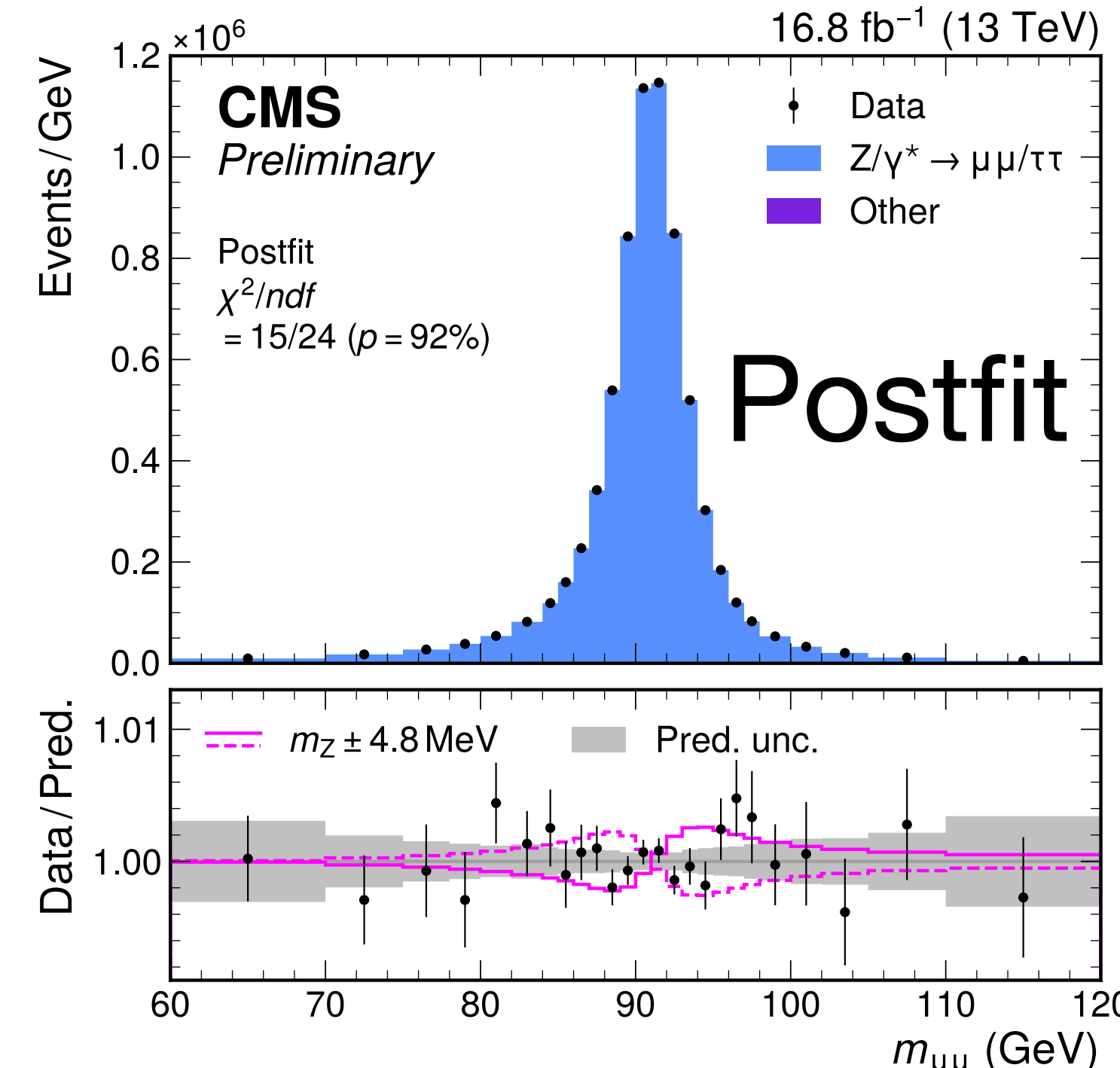
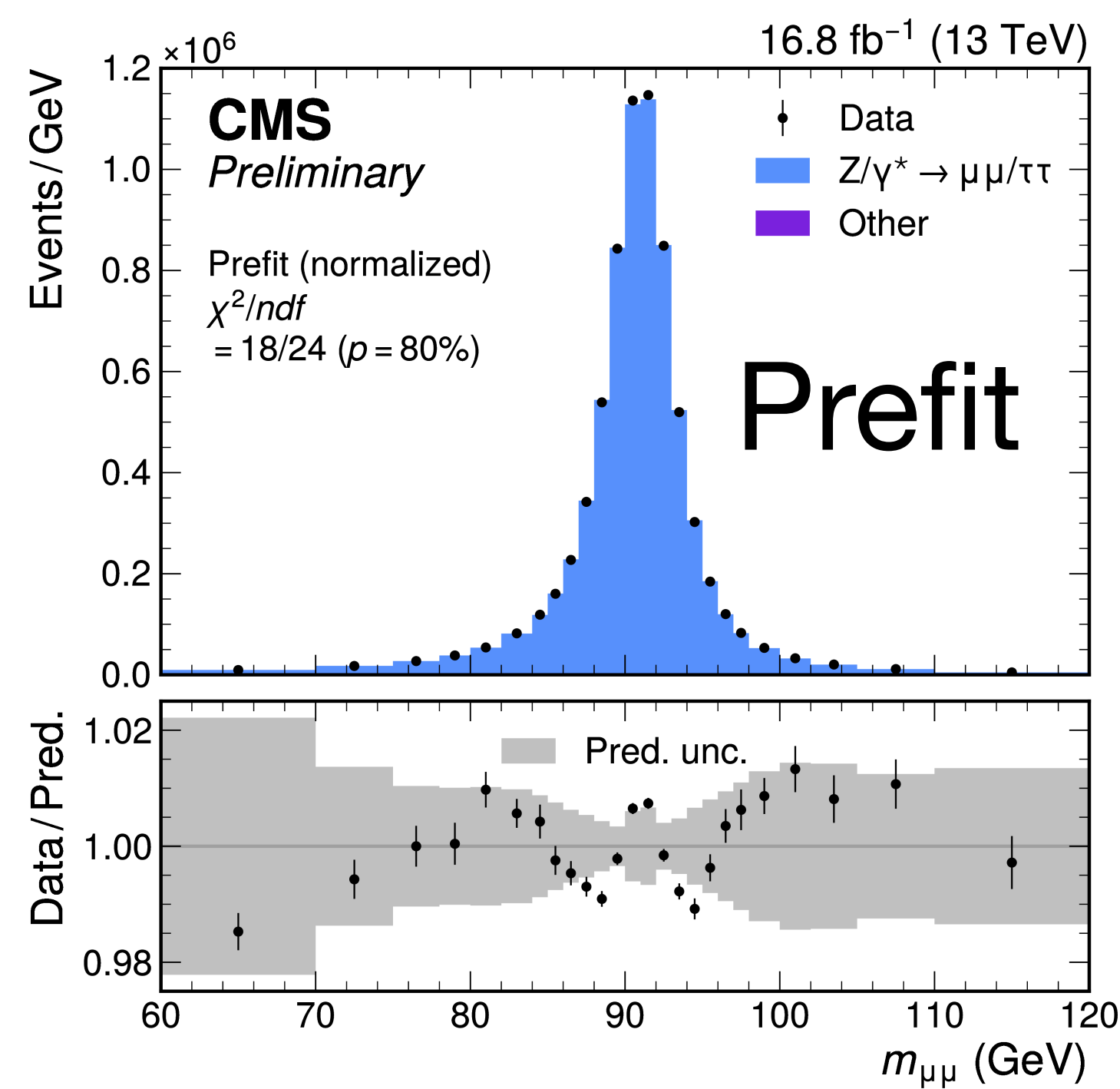


★ Extracting m_Z from fit to $m_{\mu\mu}$

- Validation of experimental techniques by extracting m_Z
 - Binned likelihood fit to $m_{\mu\mu}$ in bins of signed η^μ of most forward muon

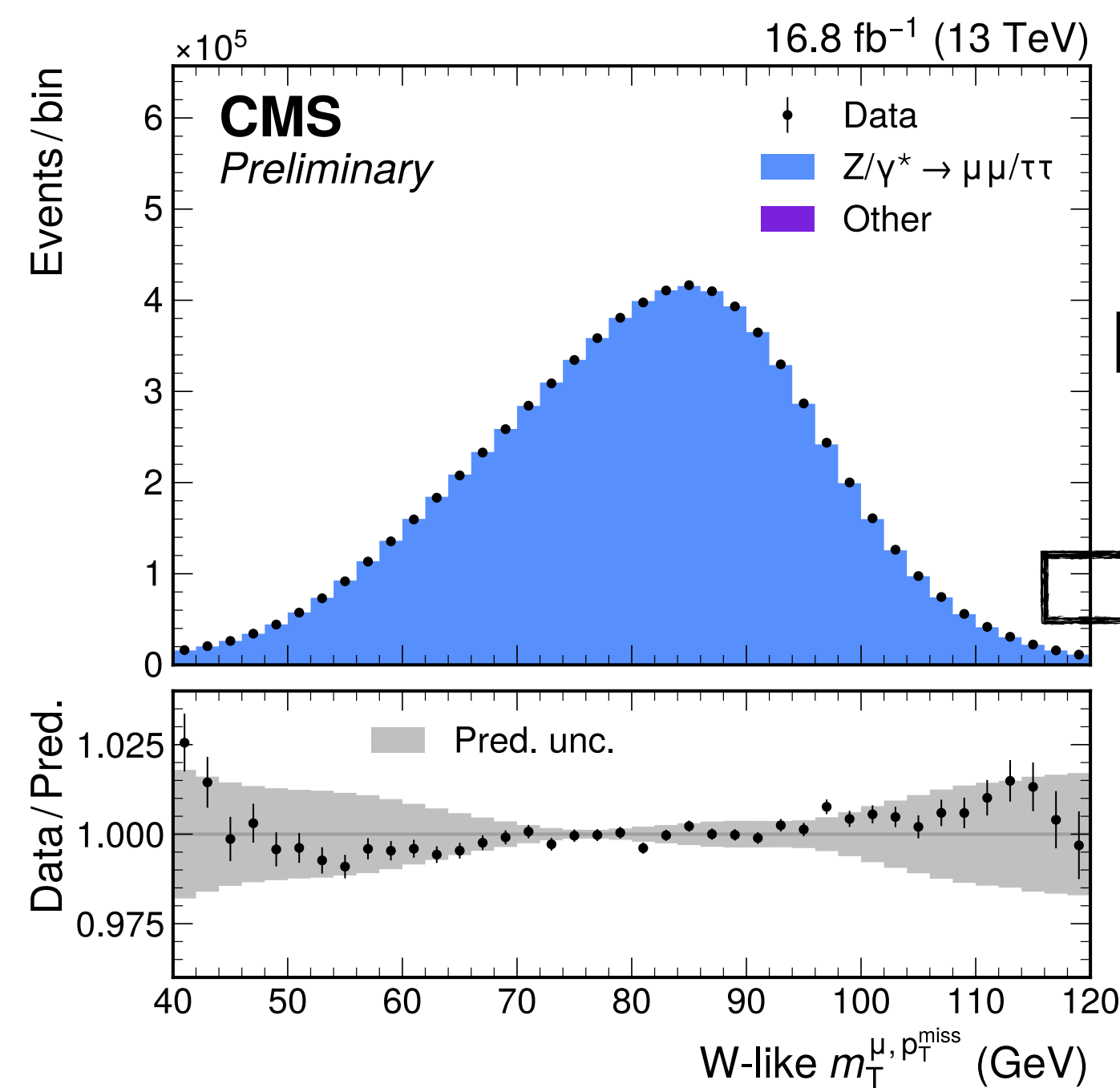
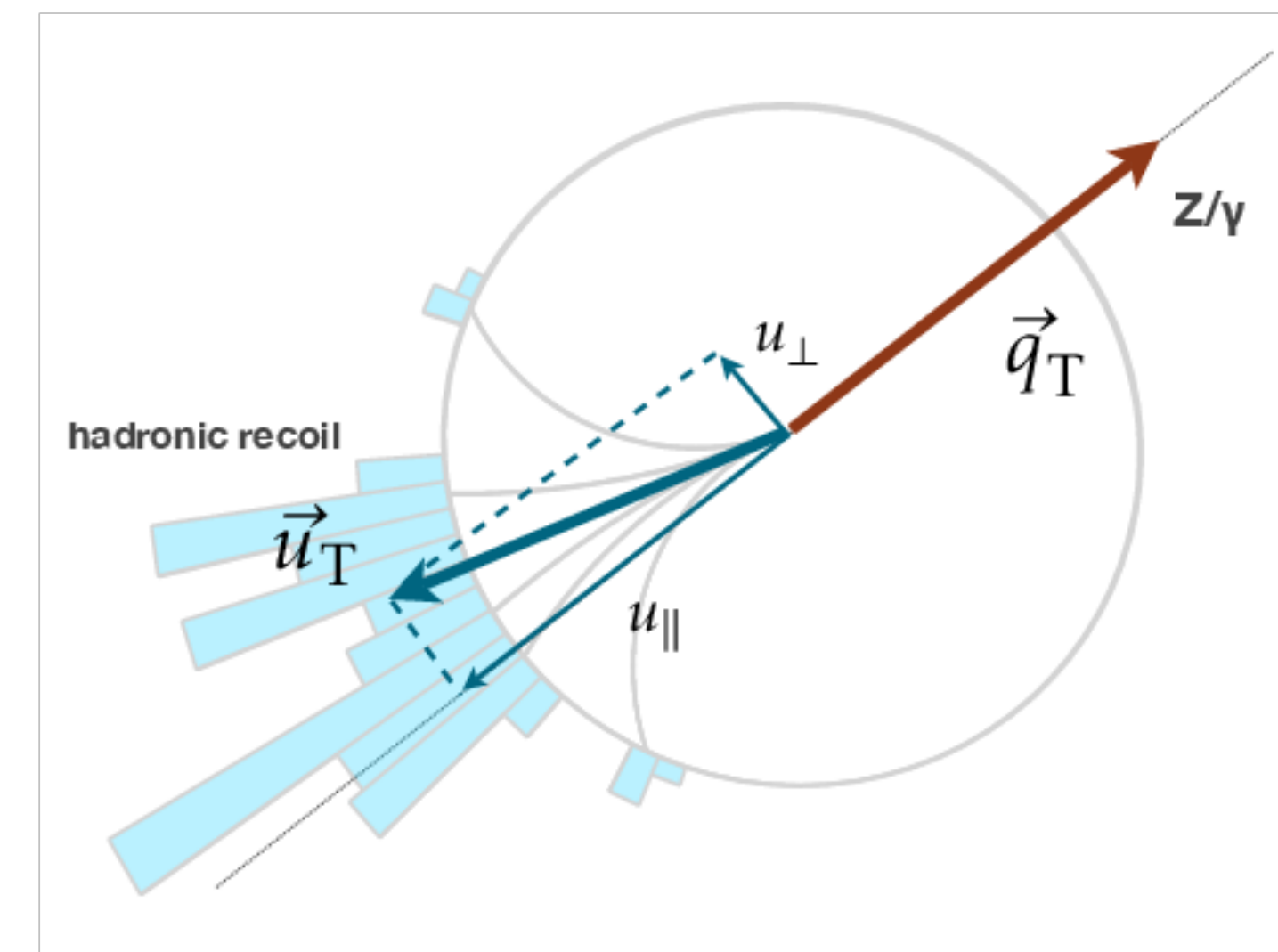
$$m_Z - m_Z^{\text{PDG}} = -2.2 \pm 4.8 \text{ MeV} = -2.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ (stat)} \pm 4.7 \text{ (syst) MeV}$$

- Not (yet) an independent measurement of m_Z
- Stability of result (calibration) validated across η^μ

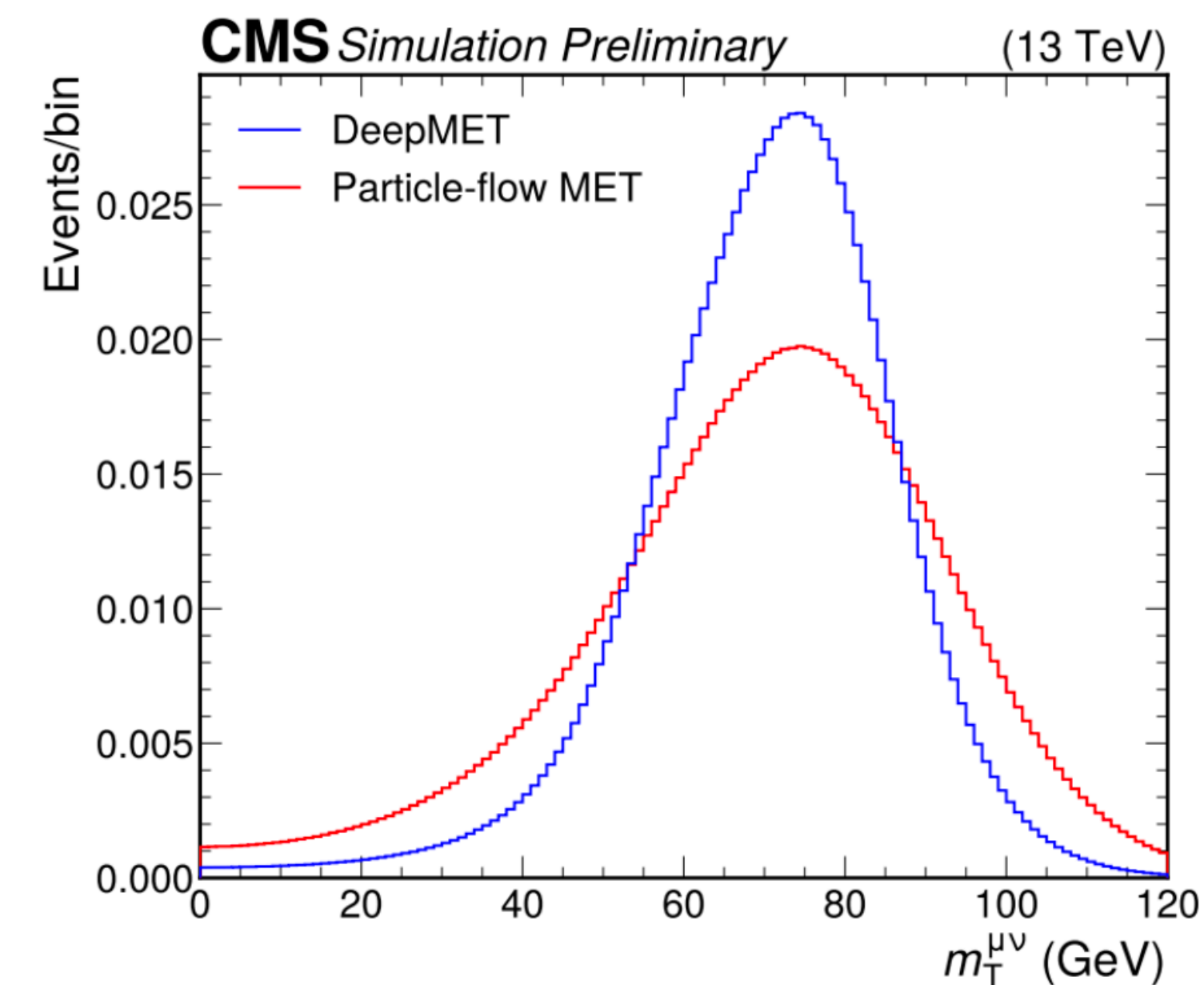
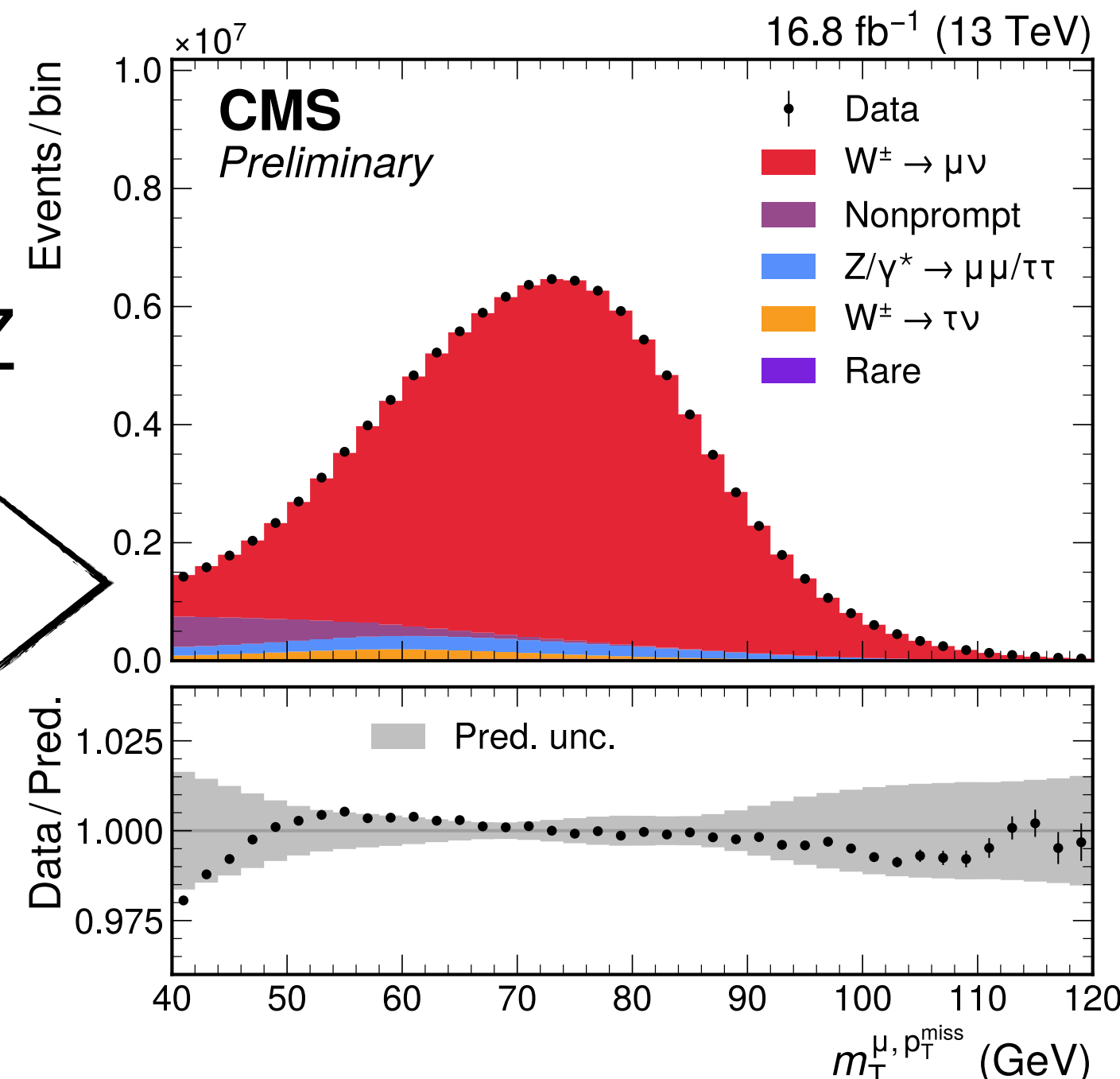


Recoil calibration

- p_T^{miss} enters the analysis via the signal ($m_T > 40$ GeV)
 - DeepMET gives improved resolution, better signal vs. background
- **Recoil calibrations from dimuon data** improve modelling of p_T^{miss} in MC
 - Parameterization of recoil templates in bins of boson p_T
 - Applied to Z (validation) and W MC using the inverse CDF method



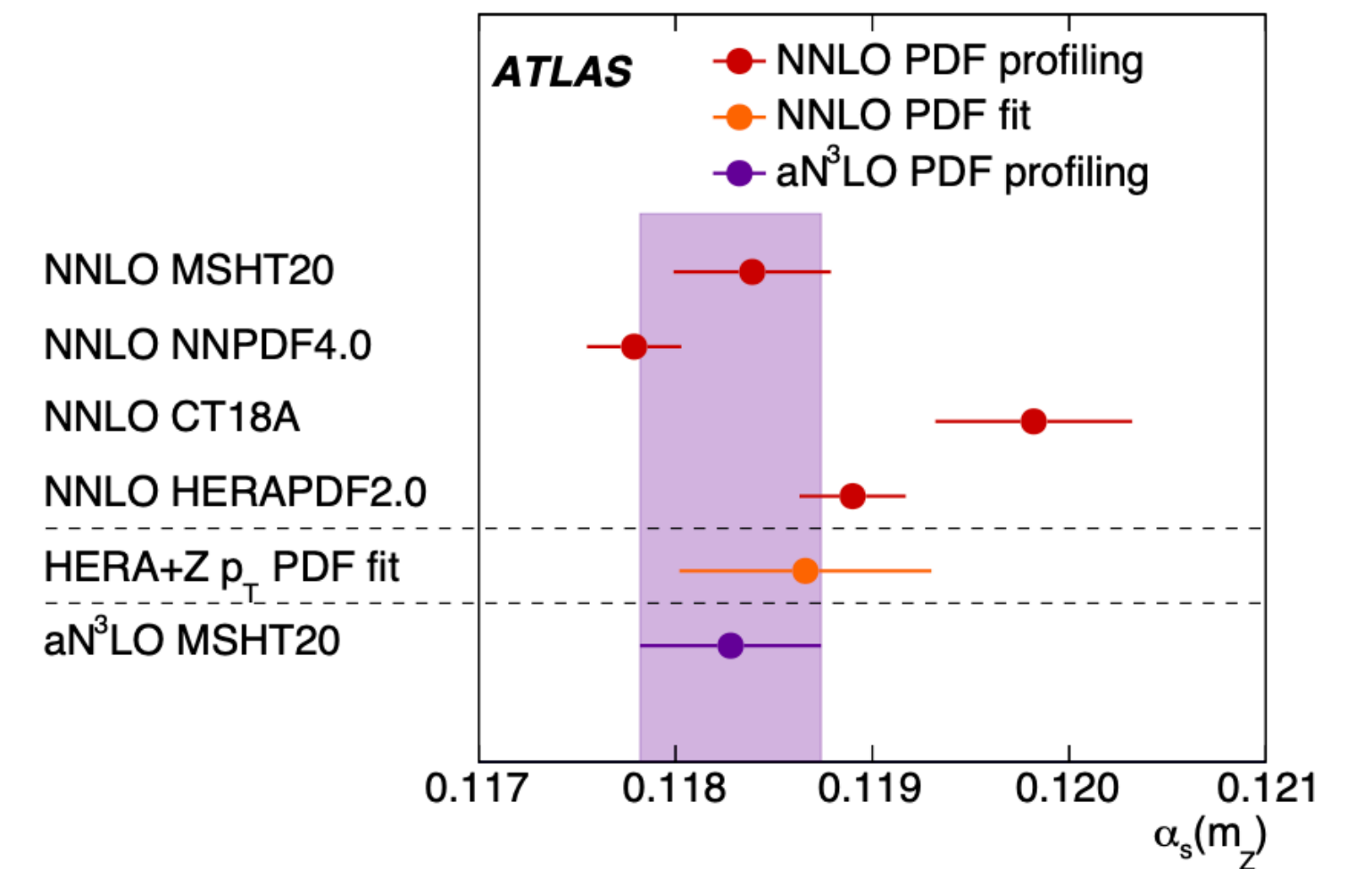
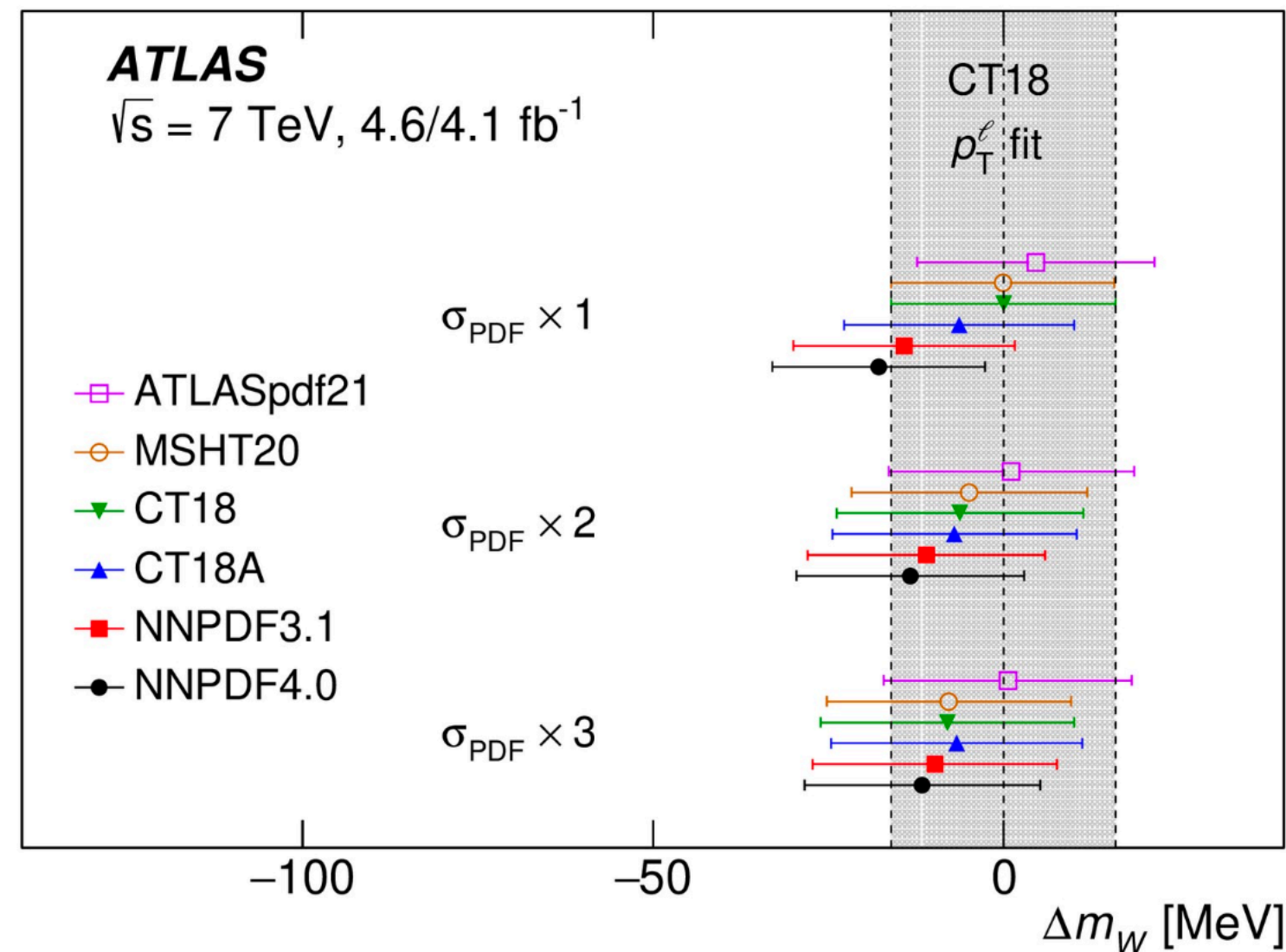
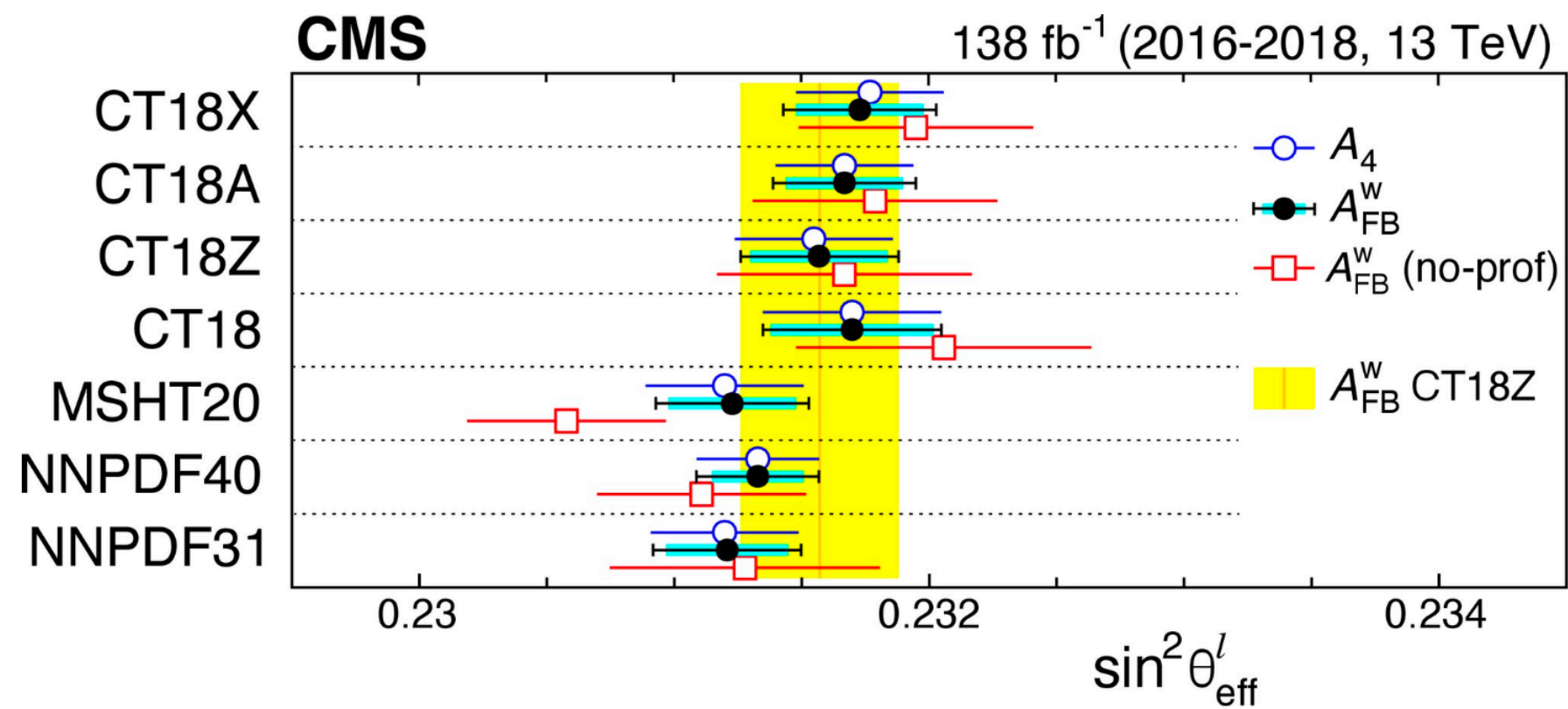
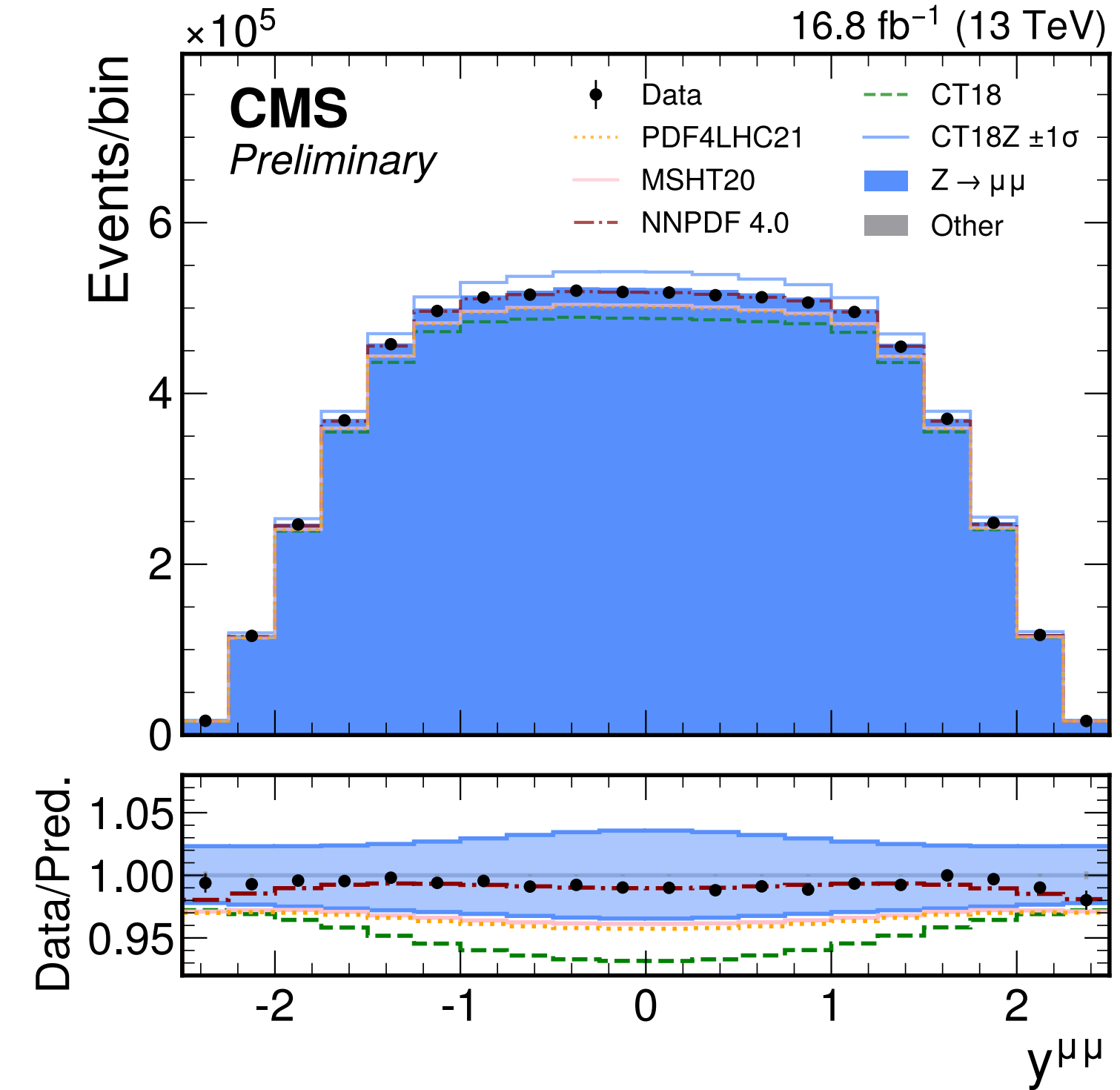
Derived from Z applied to W



Theoretical modeling: PDF



- PDF is a **significant modeling uncertainty**
 - Modern PDF sets (MSHT20, NNPDF4.0, CT18 +...) in MiNNLO simulation as event weights
 - PDF uncertainties from the experimental data fitted+tolerances
 - Well defined statistical treatment, but...
 - Sets with different parameterisations+slightly different data, are not necessarily covered by uncertainties of others
 - **No PDFs include theory unc.** (approx. in special MSHT20, NNPDF)



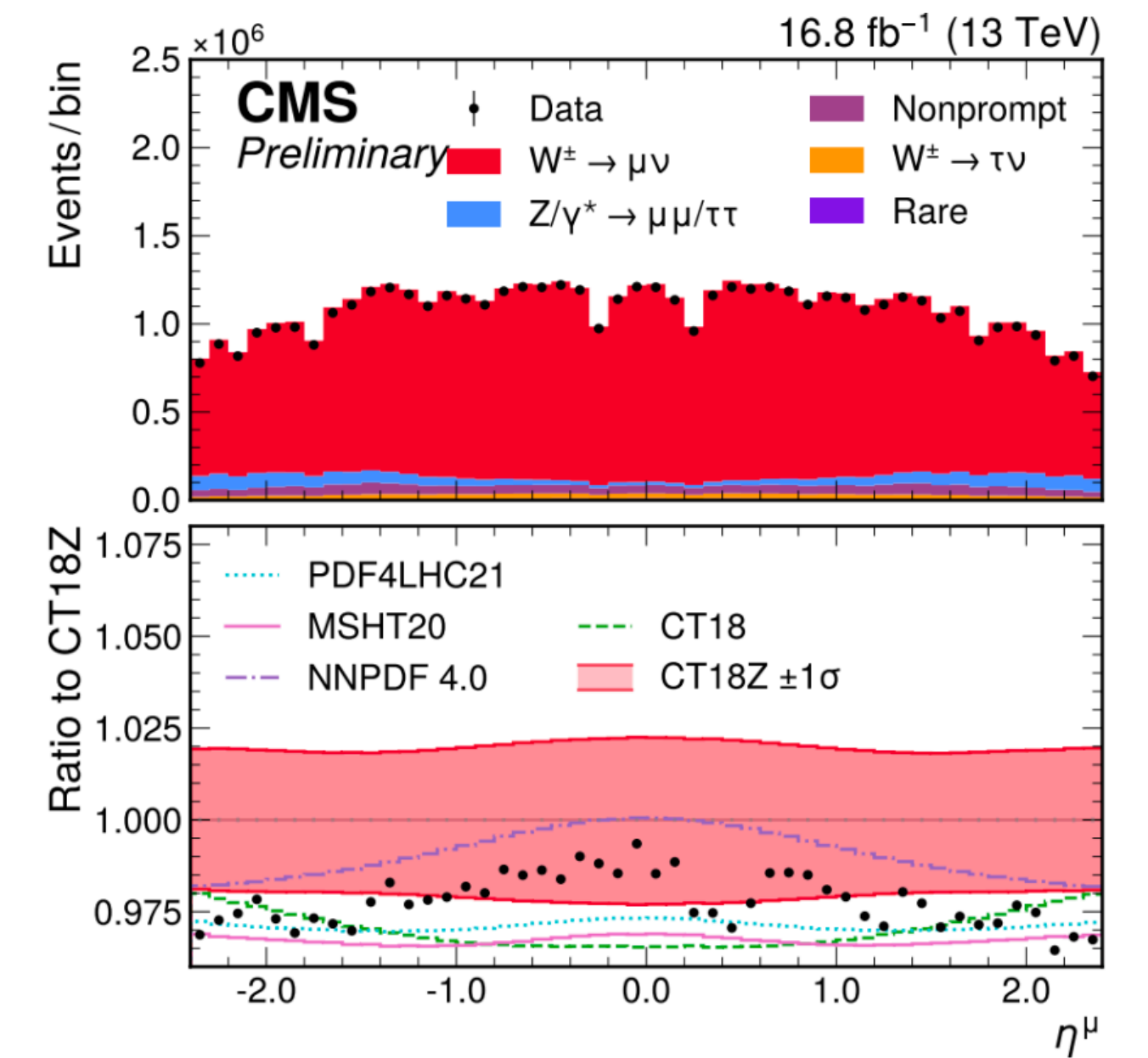
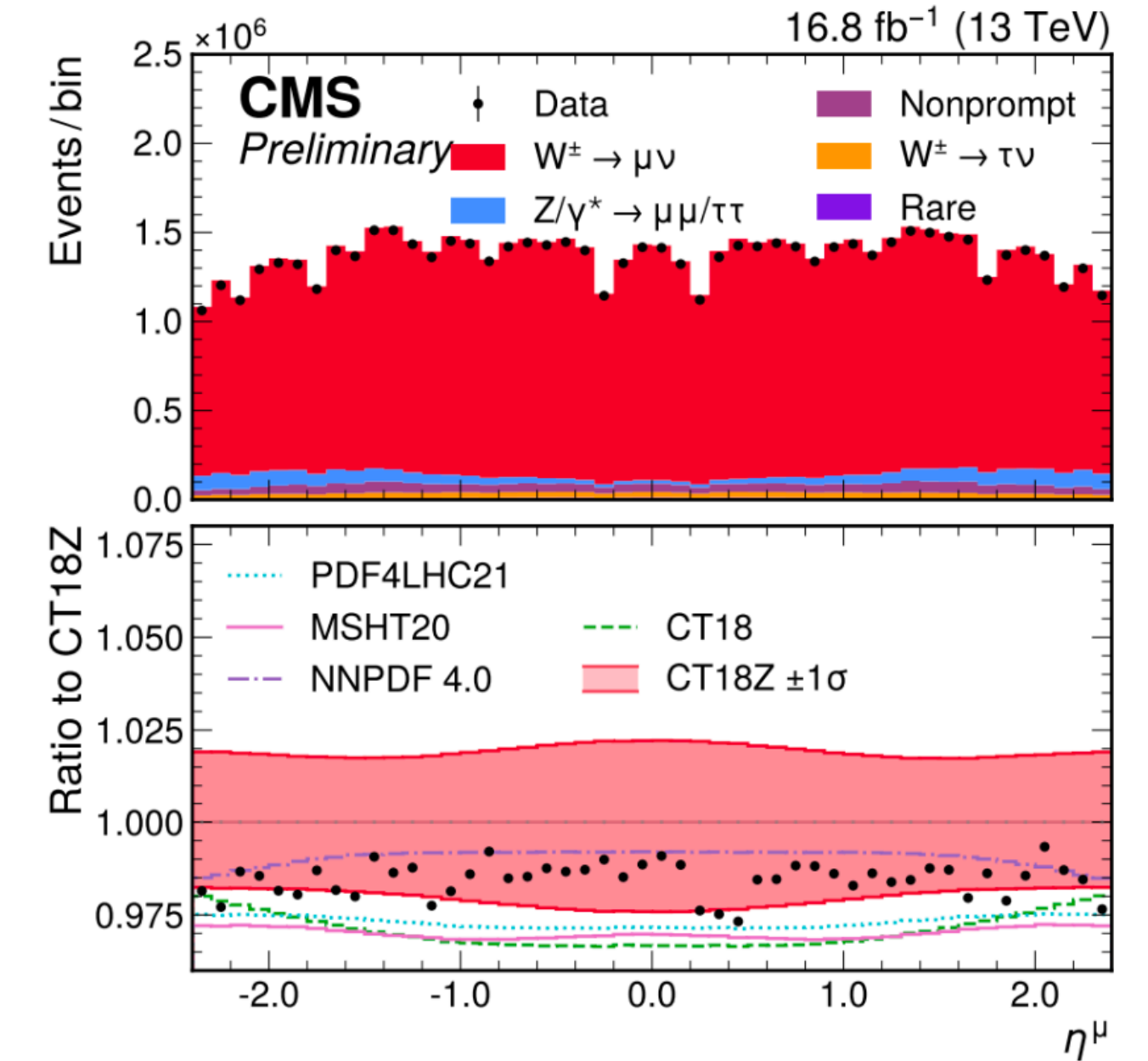
Theoretical modeling: PDF uncertainty



- Studied the impact of 8 modern PDF sets in our analysis
 - Compare consistency of sets with bias tests: treat one as MC prediction and another as pseudo data
 - Scaling factors for each PDF set uncertainty based on bias studies
 - Results for m_W with derived scaling and unscaled
- **Select CT18Z as nominal set** because of coverage of other sets and consistency with our data

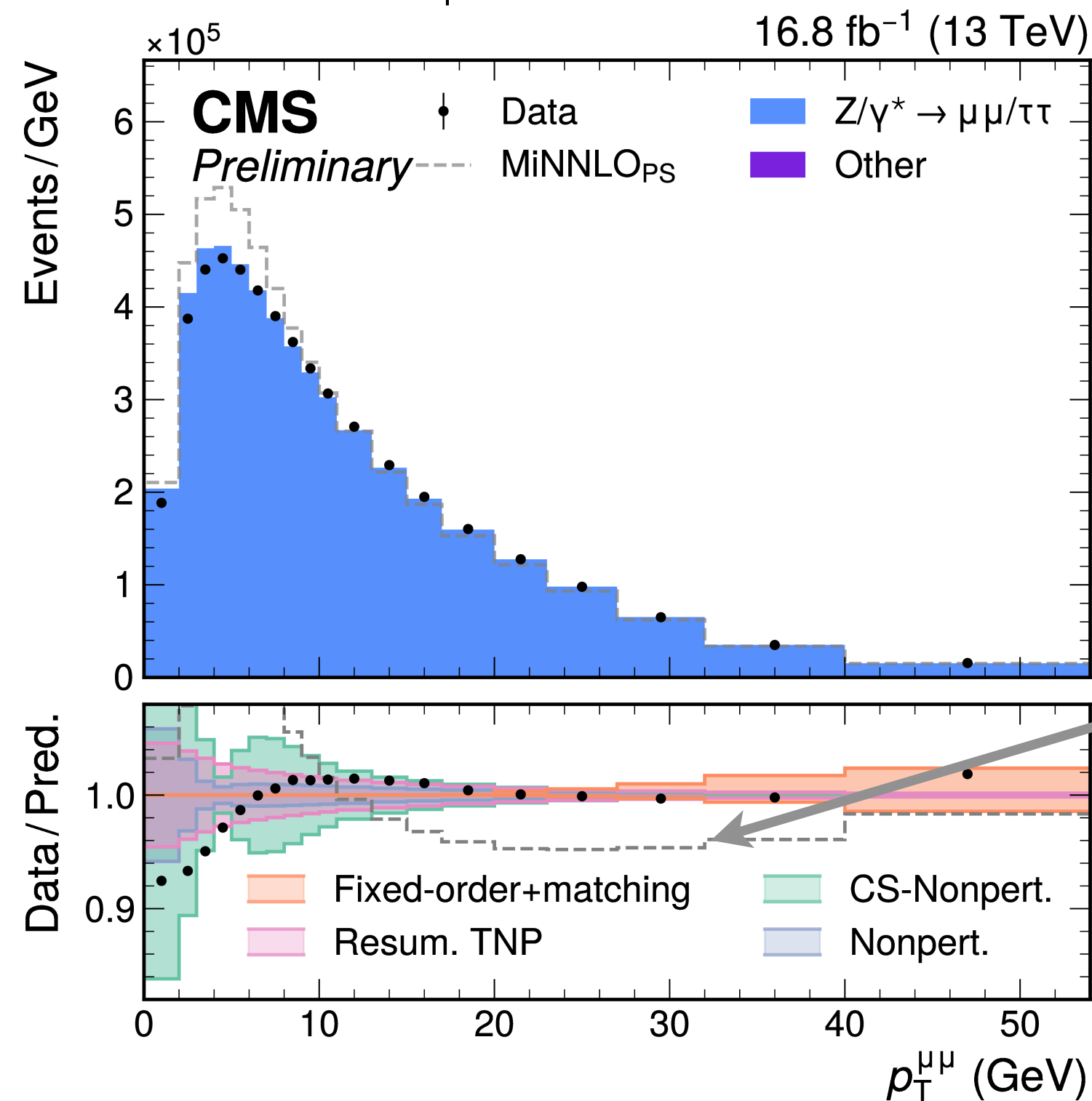
➡ 4.4 MeV in m_W

PDF set	Scaling factor	Impact on m_W	
		Original σ_{PDF}	Scaled σ_{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

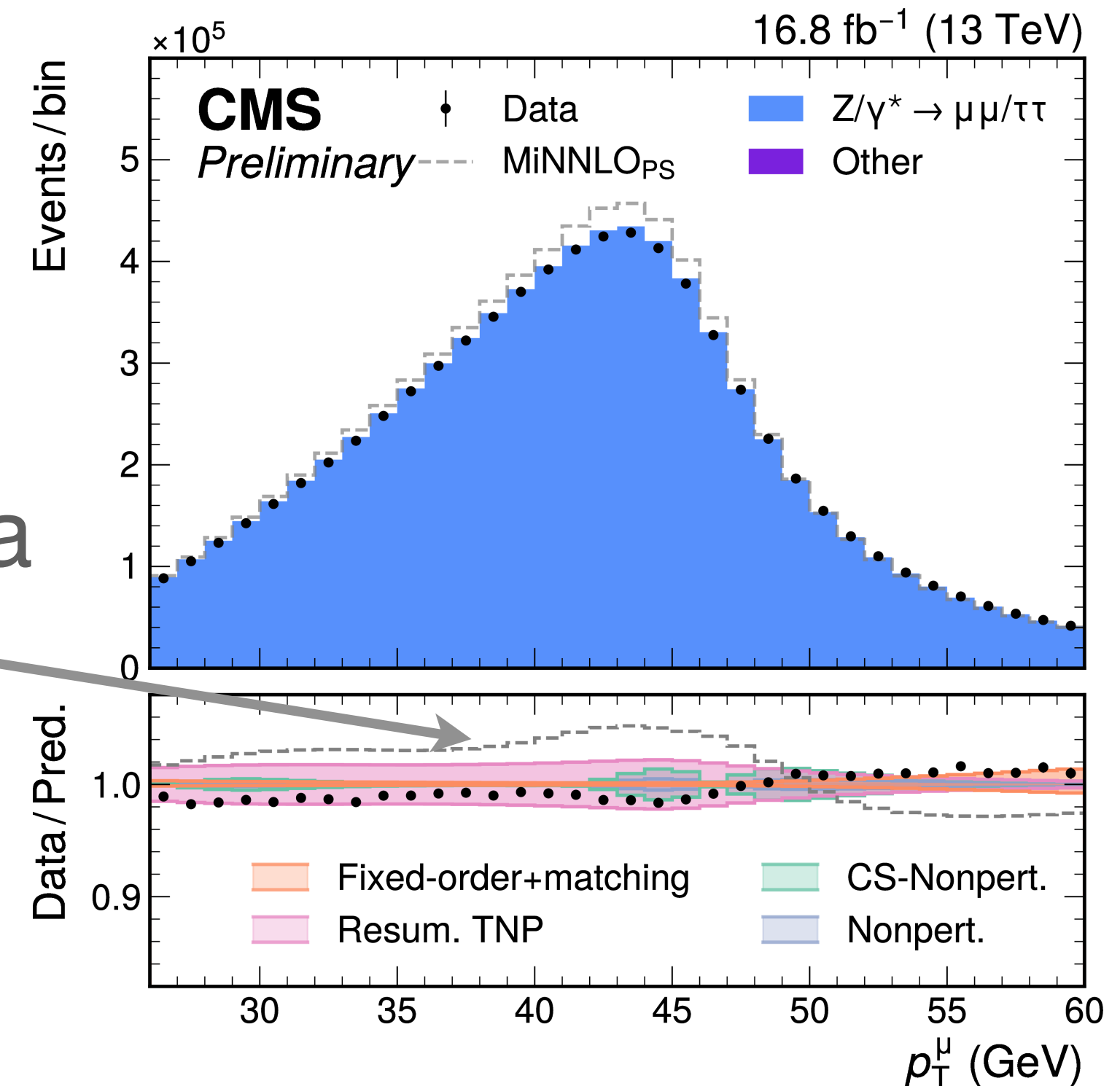


p_T^V modeling and uncertainties: overview

- Huge sample with with full detector simulation (4 B events) from MiNNLO_{PS}+Pythia+Photos++
 - Low- p_T^V dominated by non-perturbative effects, radiation of soft gluons (modelled by Pythia)
 - Improved accuracy from high-order calculation in resummation theory
 - Apply granular, high-stat. 2D binned corrections to MiNNLO from SCETlib+DYTurbo
- Do not derive corrections for simulation from the Z boson
 - ➔ Rely on accurate predictions + robust model of uncertainties, Z boson only as testing ground



MiNNLO_{PS}+Pythia
Uncorrected



ATLAS: tune Pythia to p_T^Z (5 MeV unc.)

CDF: Tune Resbos+reduce unc. from data comparisons (2 MeV unc.)

Non-perturbative effects and uncertainty

- PDF assumes parton momentum is entirely aligned with the proton motion
 - Residual motion in the proton: **low energy \Rightarrow nonperturbative (NP)**
- Use **phenomenological NP model in SCETlib** inspired by lattice QCD
 - Params untuned, loosely constrained, extracted separately for W and Z
 - Constrained by data: **~ 1.5 MeV unc. in m_W**

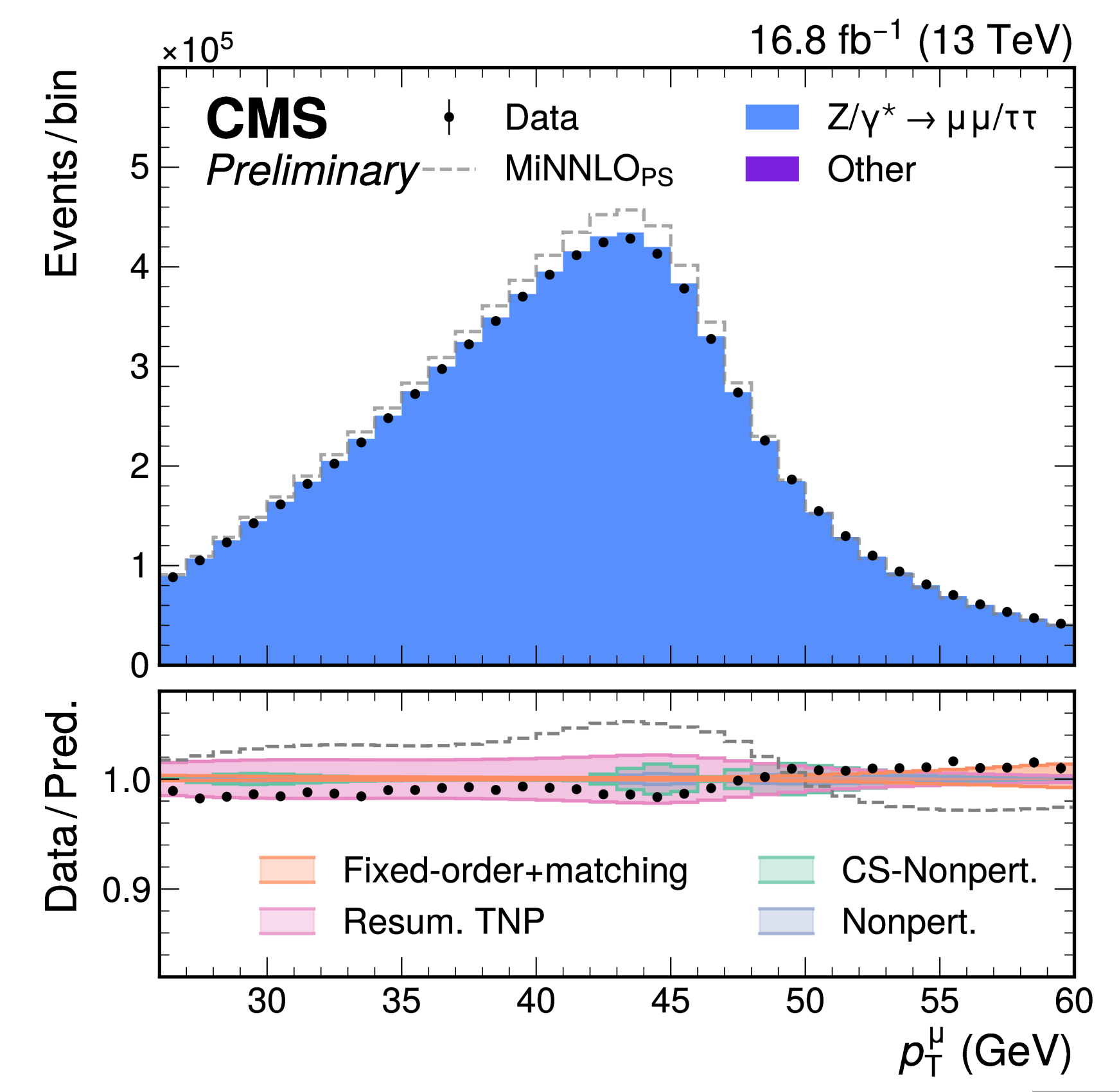
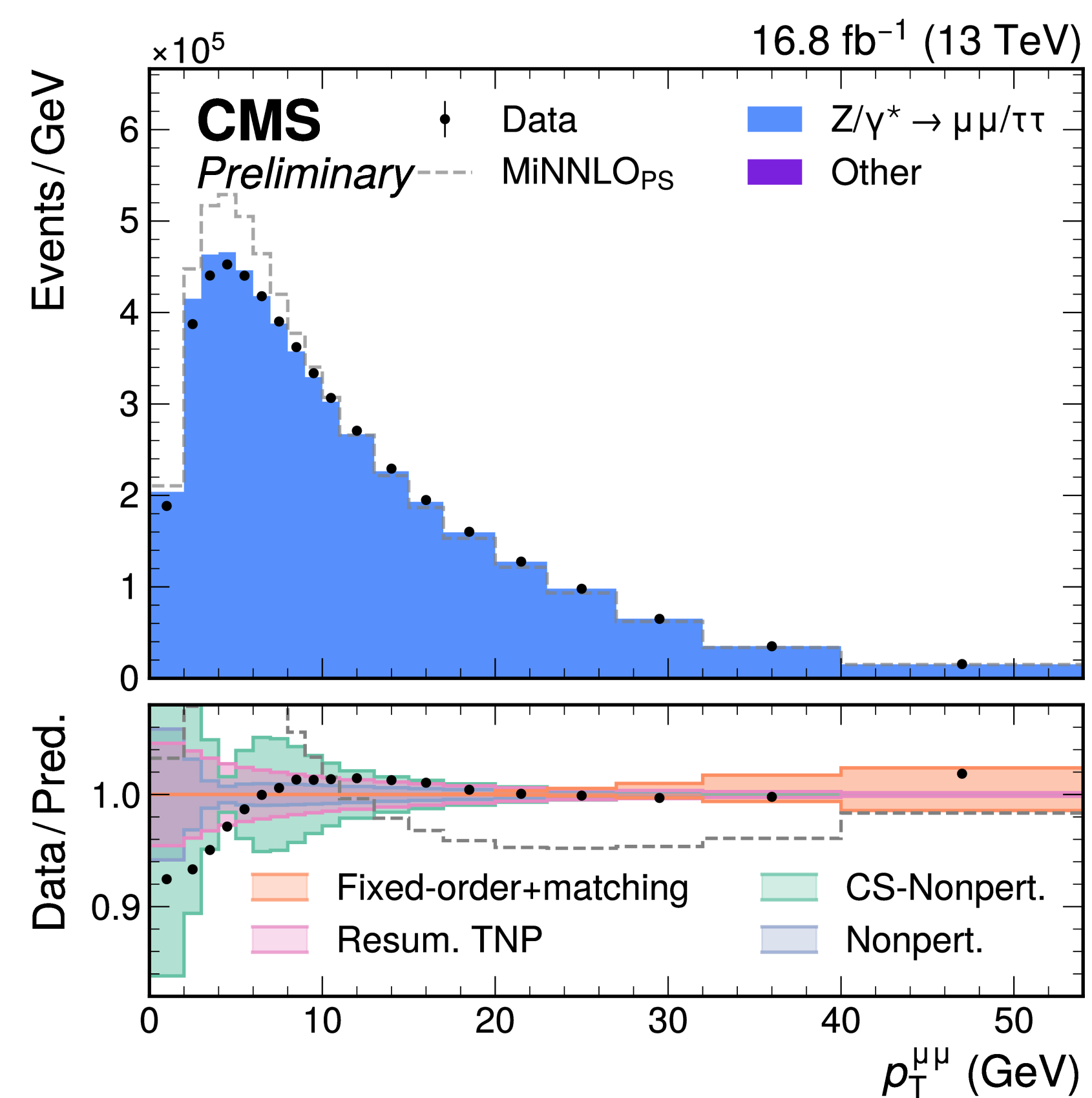
$$\tilde{\sigma}^{\text{np}}(Y) = [1 + \bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}(Y) b_T^2]^2 \exp(-2\Lambda^{(4)} b_T^4),$$

$$\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}(Y) = \bar{\Lambda}^{(2)} + Y^2 \Delta\bar{\Lambda}^{(2)}.$$

[arxiv:2201.07237](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07237)

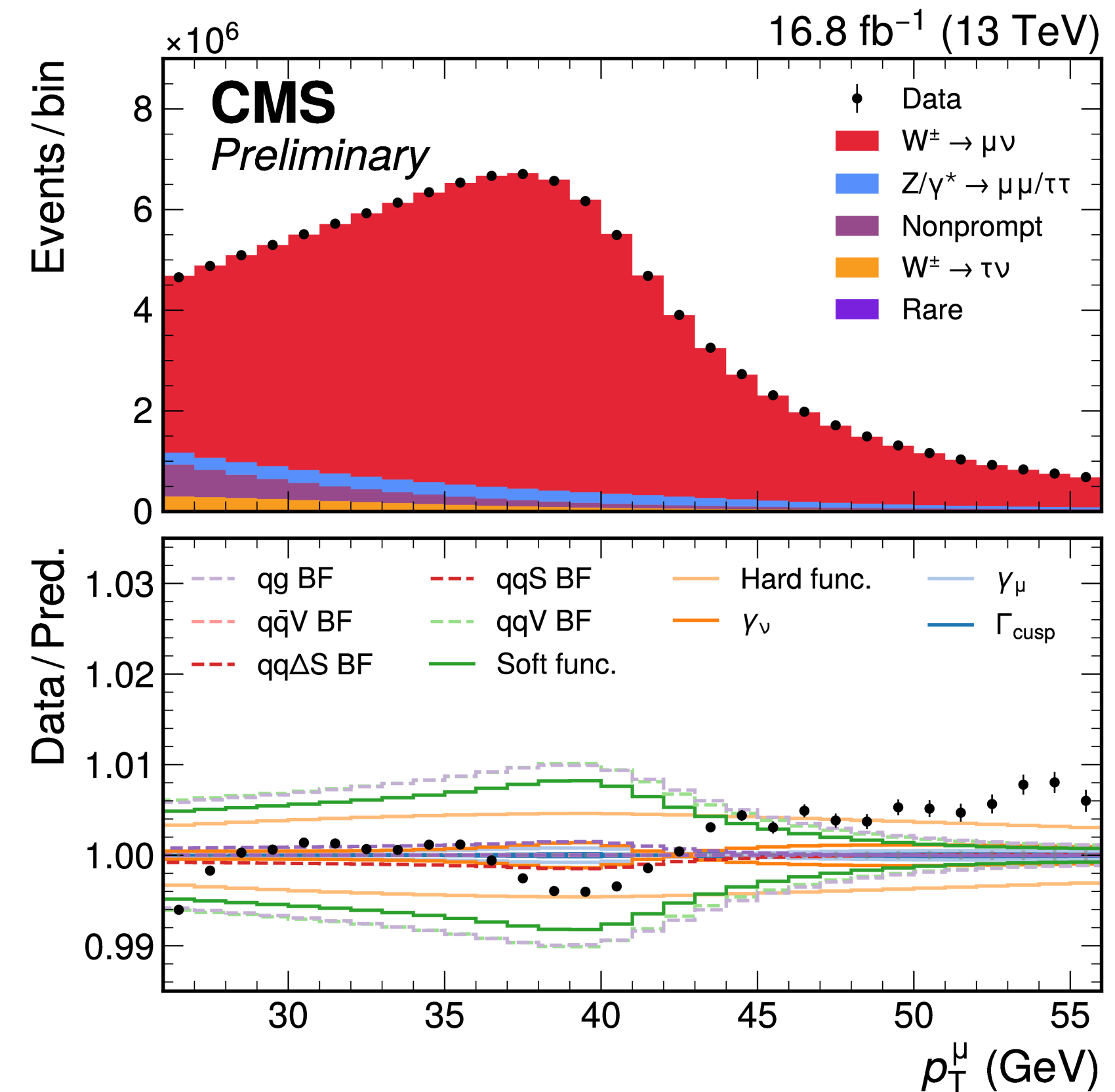
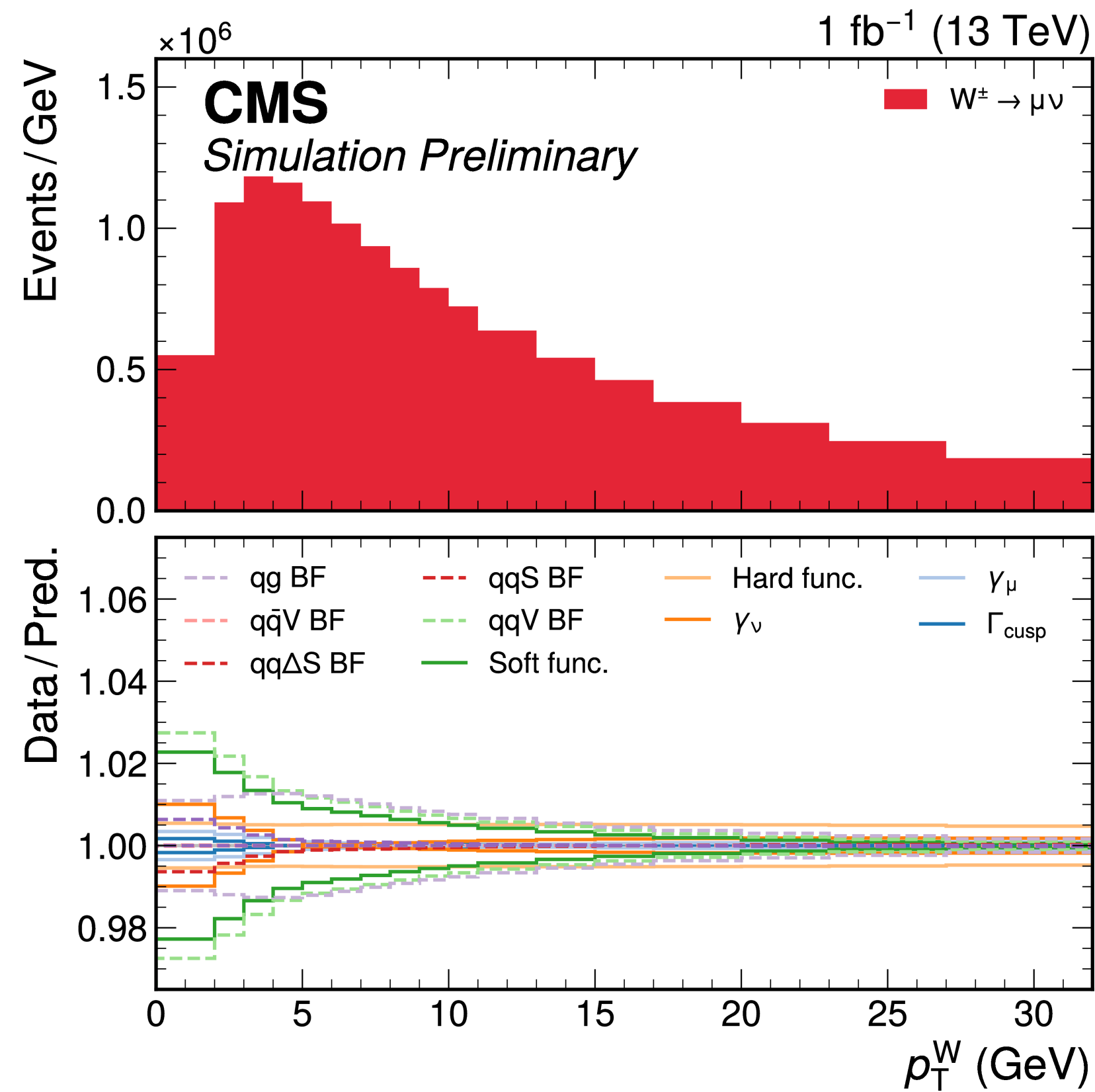
y-dependence as proxy for
x and flavour dependence

- **Collins-Soper (CS) kernel** universal
(correlated for W and Z)
- **Others (Gaussian intrinsic momentum)**
not correlated



Perturbative uncertainties

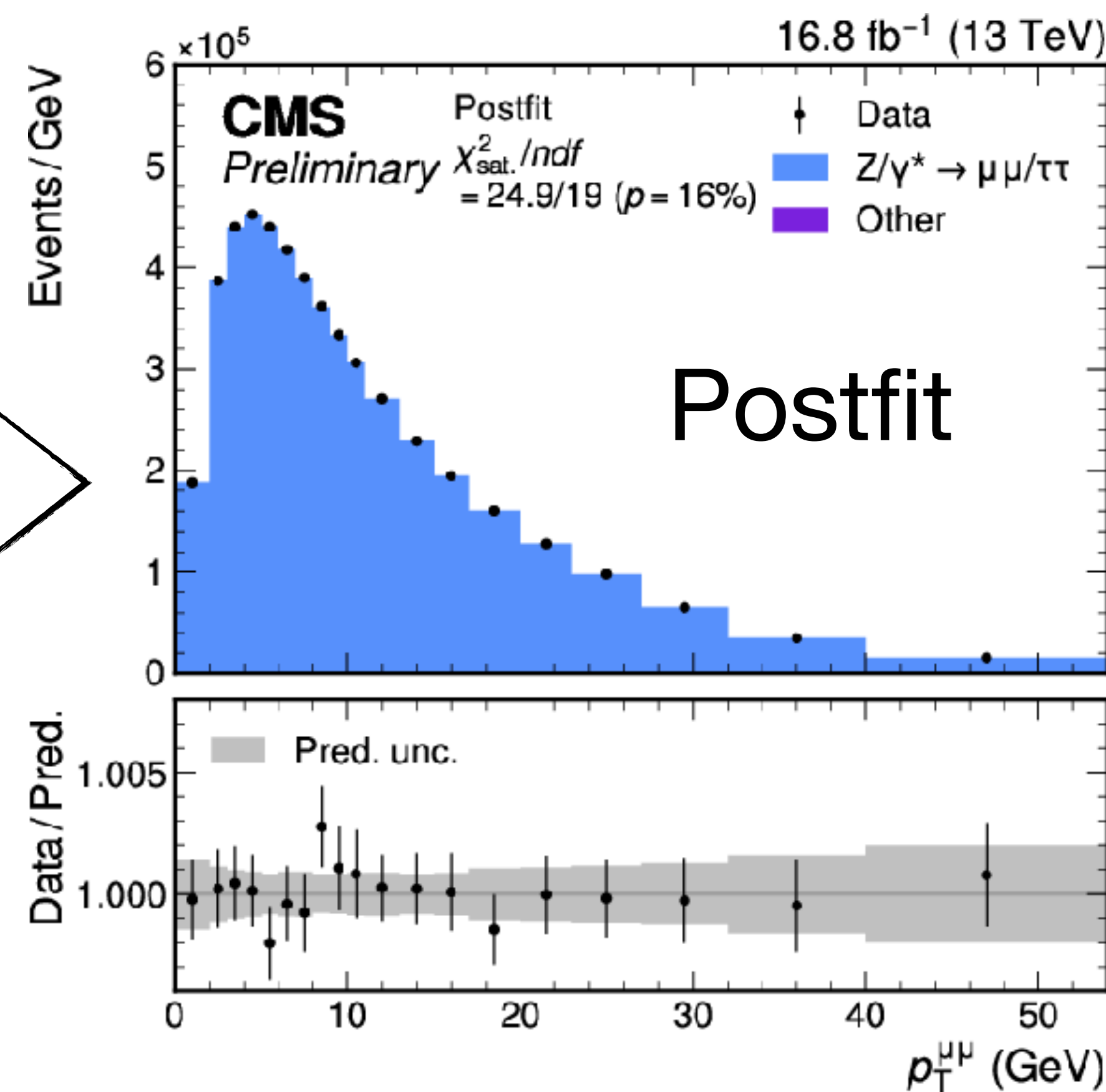
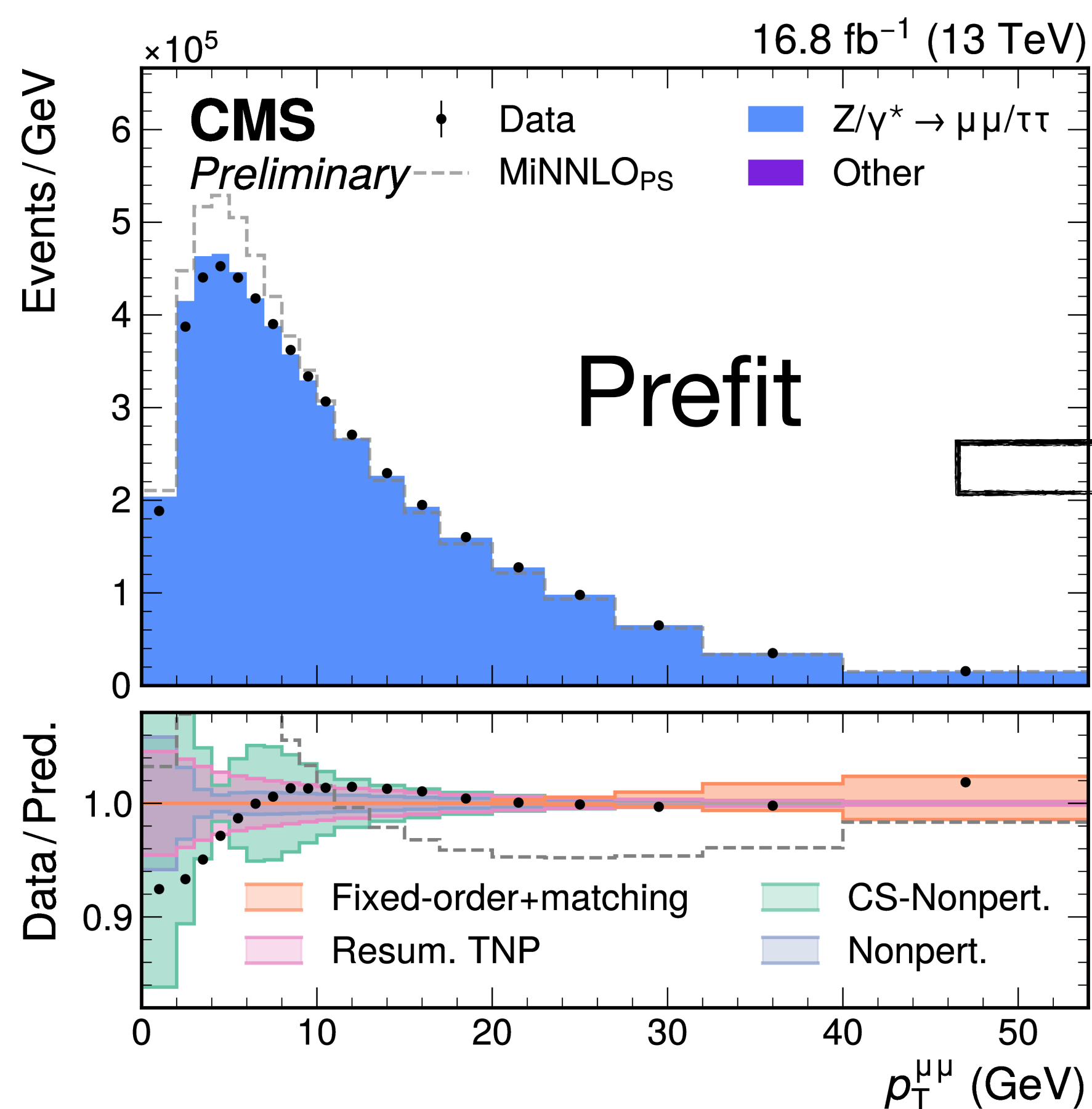
- “Theory nuisance parameters” calculated from SCETlib at N³LL and propagated through analysis
 - Structure of resummation is known to all orders, many corrections are (unknown) numerical constants
 - Parameterize elements of resummation series, uncertainties directly represent unknown terms
 - Meaningful shape variation (**critical!**) and meaningful constraints from data
 - **Unc. in m_W ~ 0.5 MeV**



Sufficiency of the theoretical model

- General strategy: **do not tune parameters of the theoretical models**
 - Robust parameterization, uncertainties + data corrections extracted from maximum likelihood fit
- Direct maximum likelihood fit to $(y^{\mu\mu}, p_{T^{\mu\mu}})$ is first test of sufficiency of this approach
 - P-value of 16%

➔ Total unc. in m_W 2.0 MeV



- For a given helicity state, **relationship between $V = W, Z$ and decaying leptons is known analytically** (up to small higher-order QED corrections)

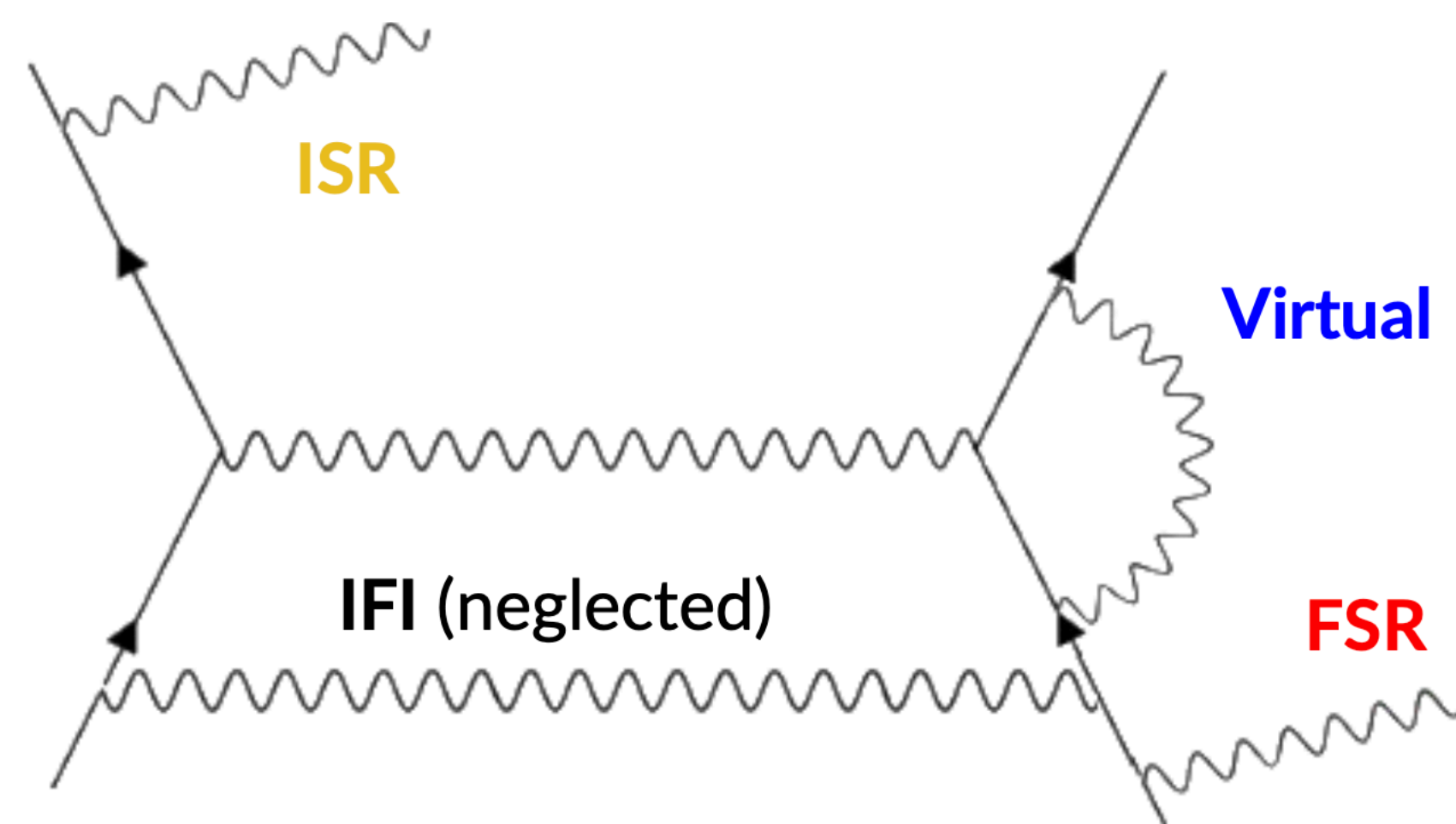
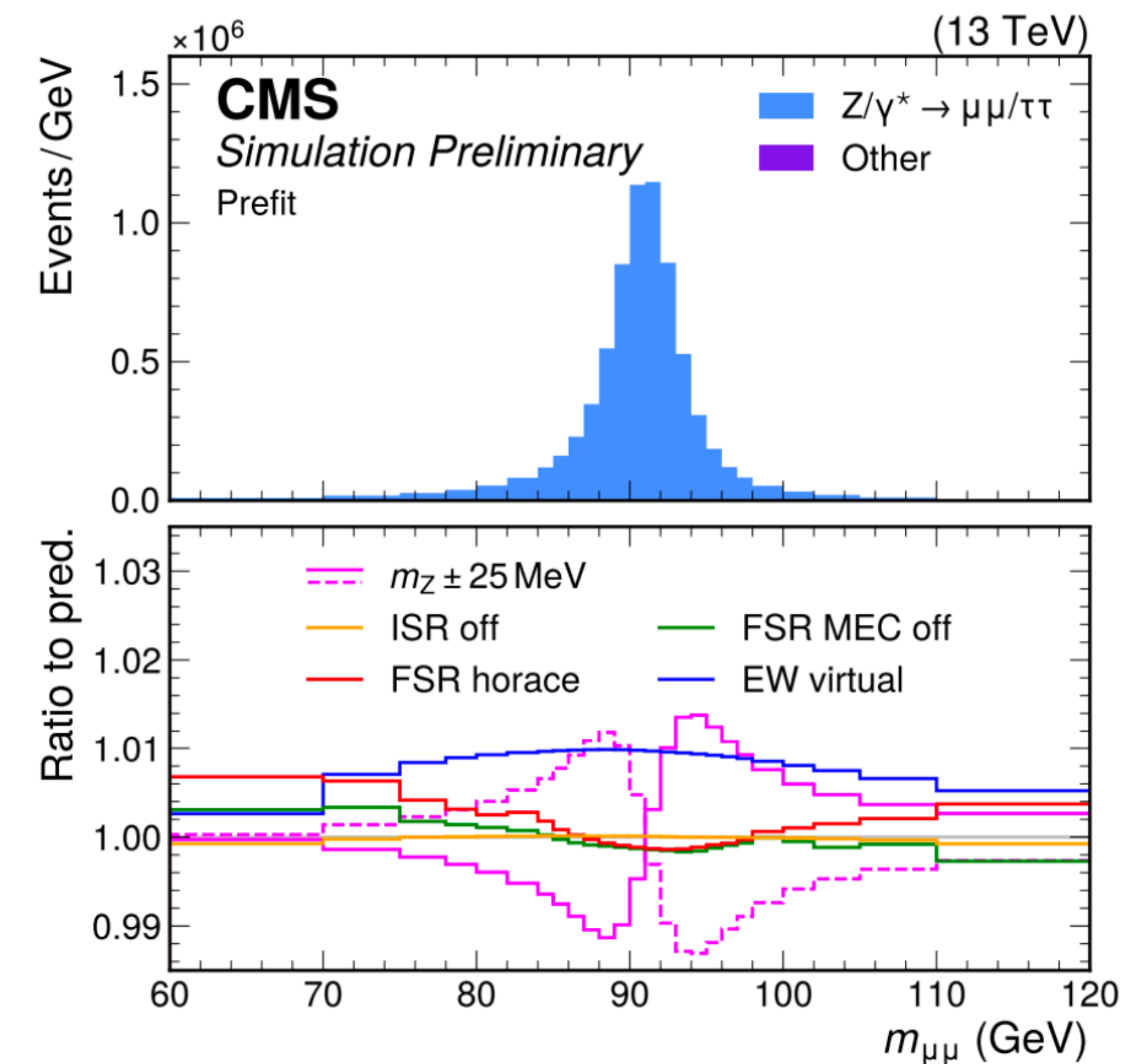
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dm dy d\cos\theta^* d\phi^*} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \underbrace{\frac{d\sigma_{UL}}{dp_T^2 dm dy}}_{\text{Kinematics of W/Z}} \left[(1 + \cos^2\theta^*) + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^7 A_i(p_T, m, y)}_{\text{Angular coefficients (Predicted by pQCD)}} \cdot \underbrace{P_i(\cos\theta^*, \phi^*)}_{\text{Spherical harmonics of decay angles in CS frame}} \right]$$

- Modifications of A_i **change relationship between p_T^V and p_T^μ**
 - Estimated at NNLO with MiNNLO, verified consistency with fixed-order NNLO
 - Uncertainty from scale variations, decorrelated across 10 bins of p_T^V
- ➔ **3.3 MeV unc. in m_W**
- Exploit this relationship for **alternative theory-reduced measurement (helicity cross-section fit)**
 - Attempt to measure (y^V, p_T^V) templates by dividing (η^V, p_T^μ) templates by A_i
 - ~600 parameters, binned in (y^V, p_T^V) per A_i , loose constrained around theory
 - Uncertainty in σ_{UL} (σ_4) of 50% (100%), others constrained by envelope of theory unc (e.g., different PDFs)

➔ Larger stat. uncertainty but reduced theory dependence

Higher-order EW uncertainties

- Main impact of EW corrections captured by photos in nominal simulation
 - Includes QED @leading-log $\gamma \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ pair production and matrix element corrections (MEC) \sim NLO QED
- Impact of higher-order EW evaluated by comparisons of full NLO EW calculation to MiNNLO+photos prediction. Factorized
 - **FSR** \sim **0.3 MeV** in m_W
 - Horace QED FSR
 - Photos++ MEC off
 - **ISR** $<$ **0.1 MeV**
 - Switching on/off QED ISR in pythia
 - **Virtual** \sim **1.9 MeV**
 - Z: Powheg NLO+HO EW
 - W: ReneSANCe NLO+HO EW



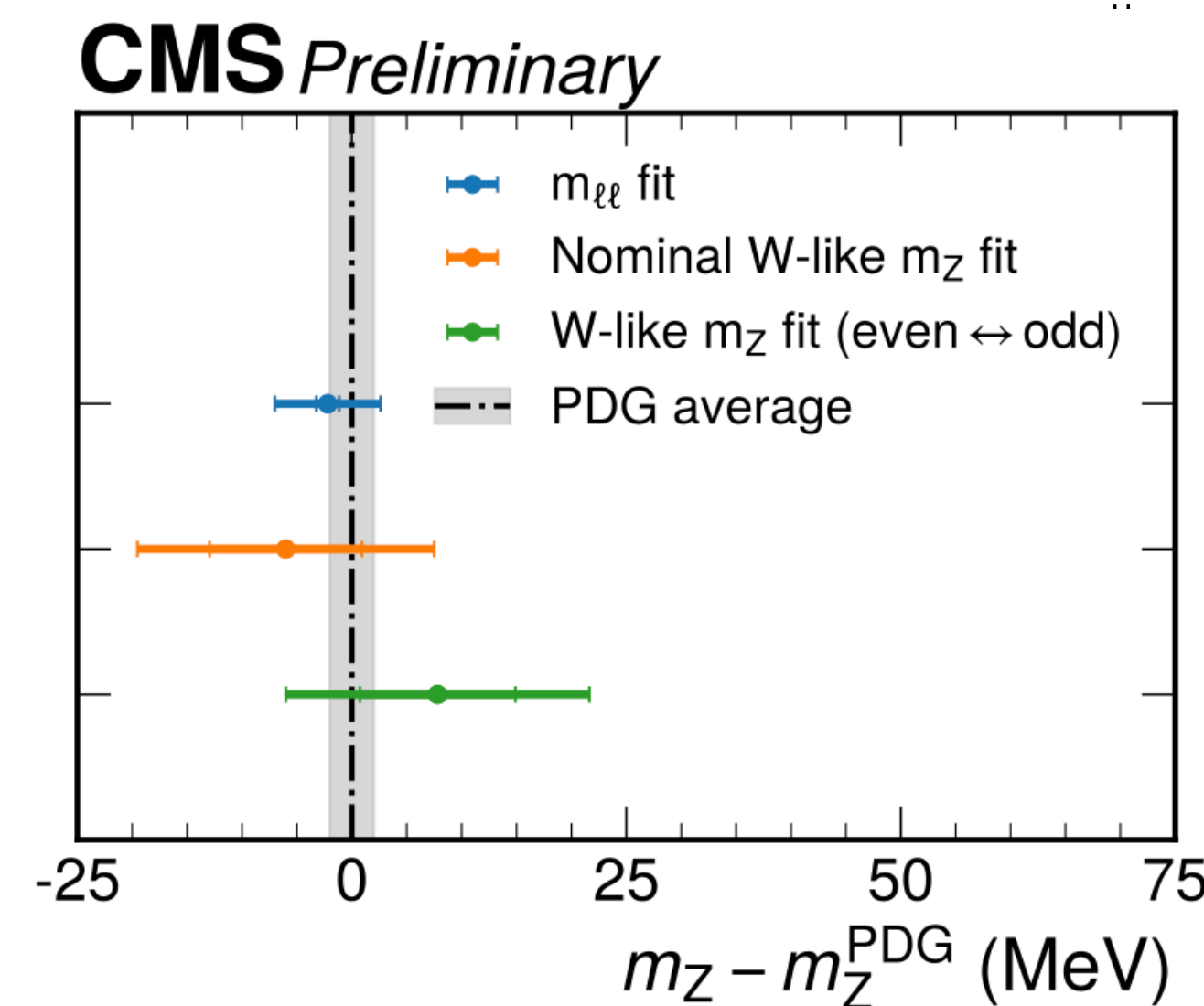
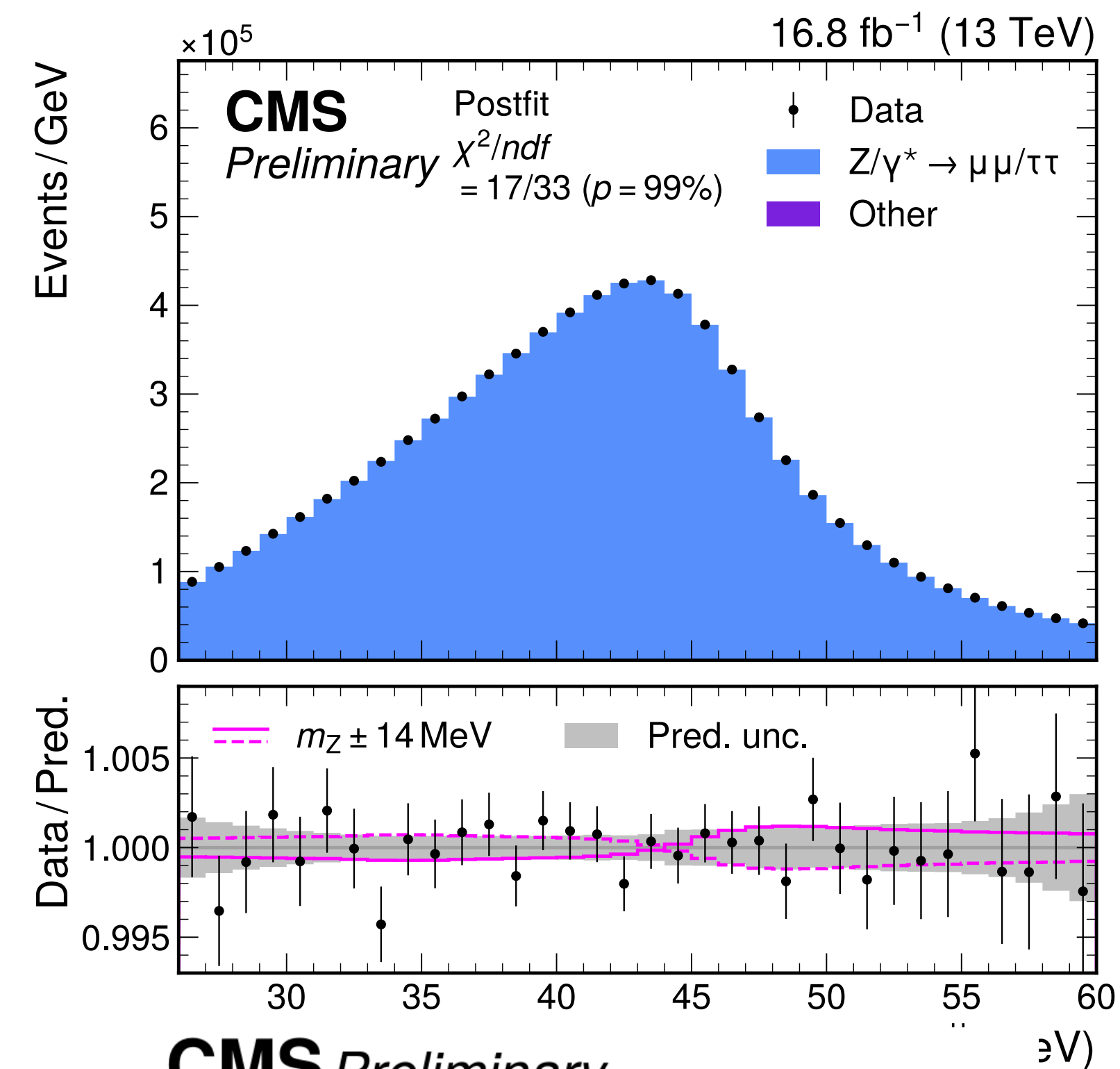
ATLAS: Pythia vs. Photos (6 MeV unc.)
 CDF: 2.7 MeV unc. (Horace)

★ Extracting m_Z from fit to (η^μ, p_{T^μ})

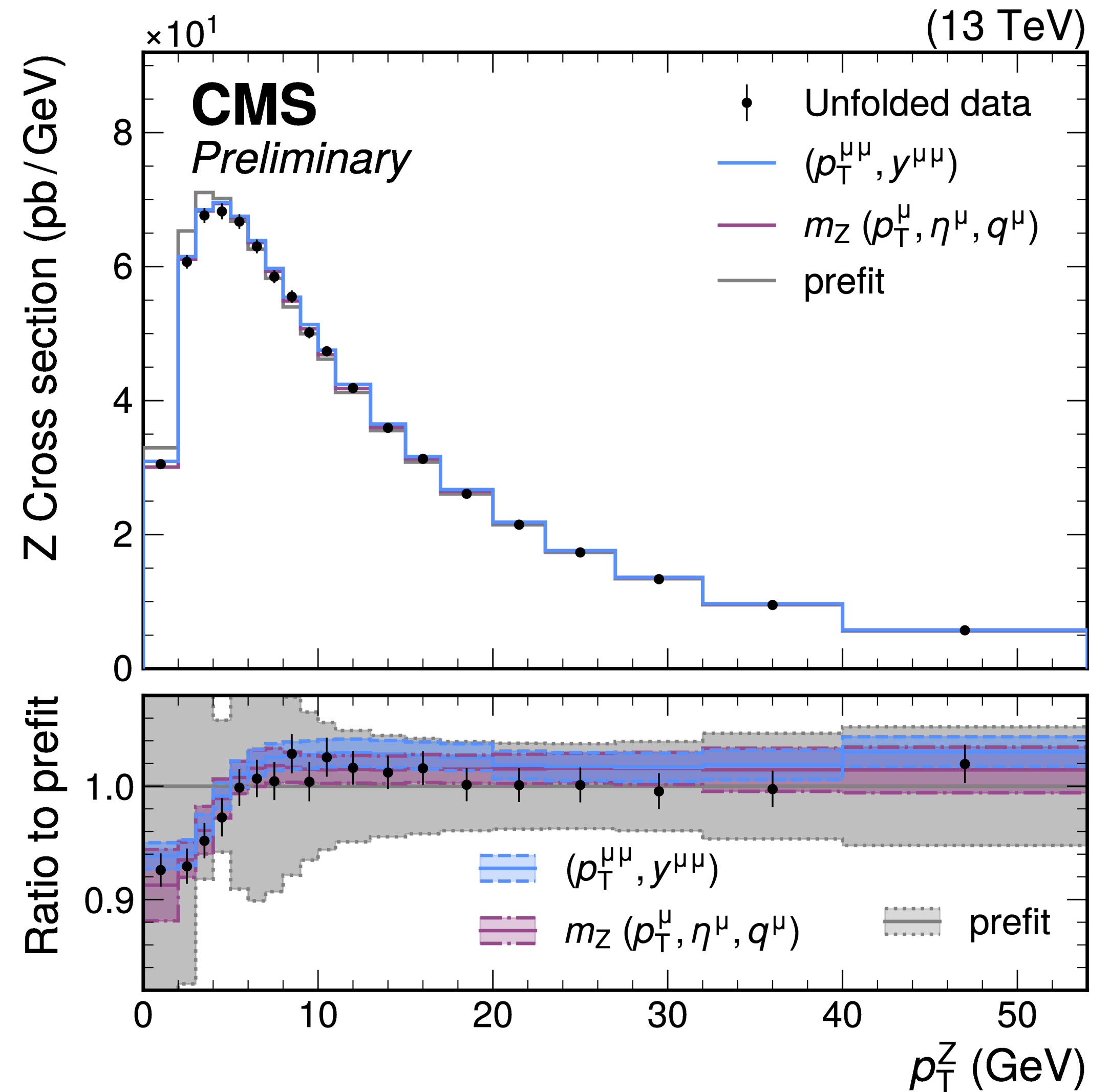
- W-like measurement of m_Z using approach developed for m_W
 - Split into two data samples to avoid need for evaluating correlations within events
 - Both results highly consistent with PDG (LEP)

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

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

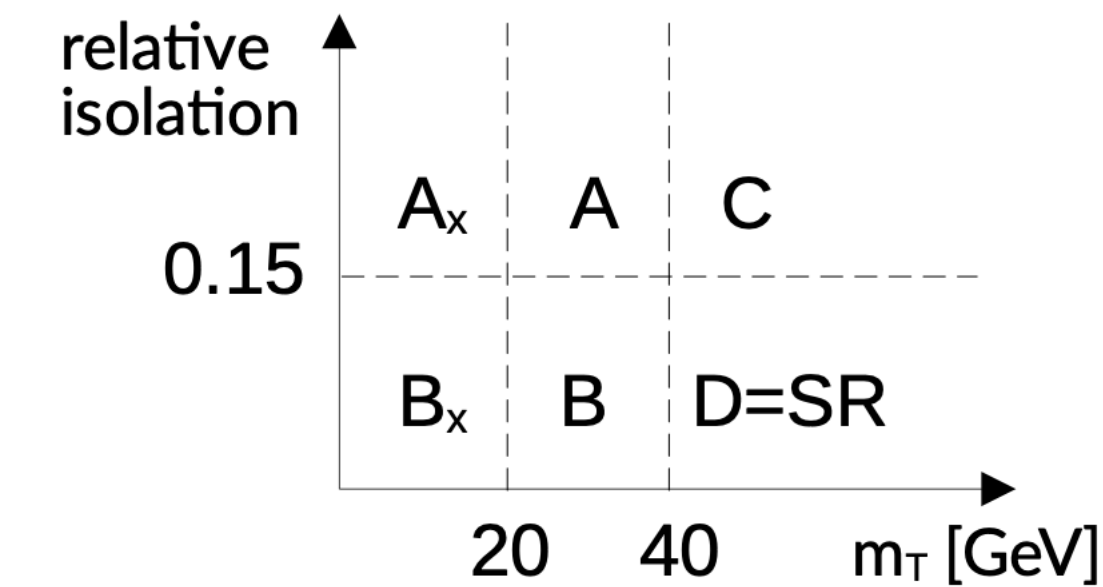


- Propagate postfit pulls and constraints of theory uncertainties to generator-level distributions
 - In situ corrections from data
 - Compare
 - **Unfolded $p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$ data**
 - **Direct fit to $p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$**
 - **W-like (η^μ, p_{T^μ}) fit**
 - Strong and consistent constraints between direct fit to and $p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$ to p_{T^μ}
 - (η^μ, p_{T^μ}) distribution able to simultaneously correct $p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$ and extract m_Z without bias
- ➔ **Justifies performing m_W measurement without corrections from $p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$**



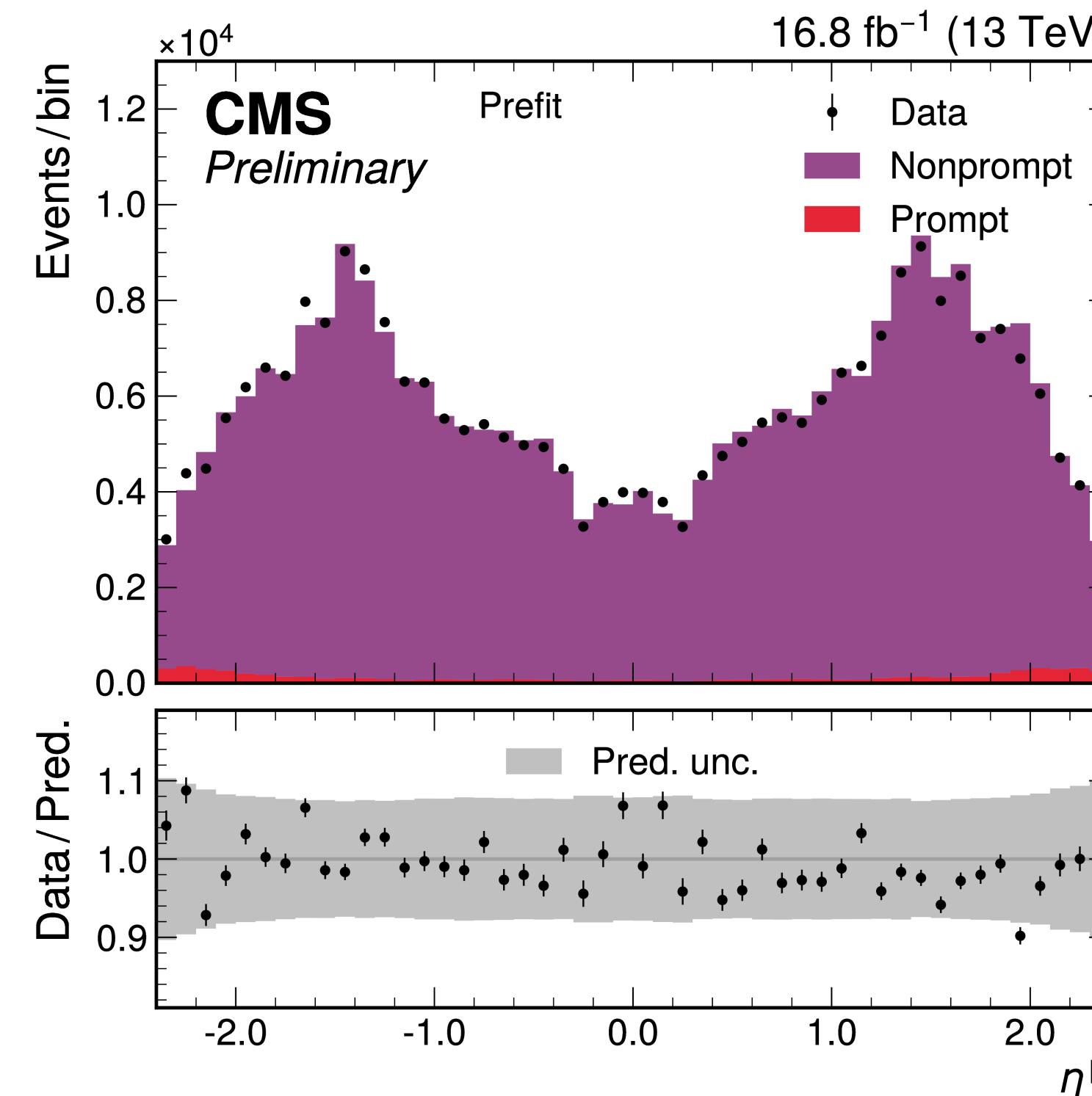
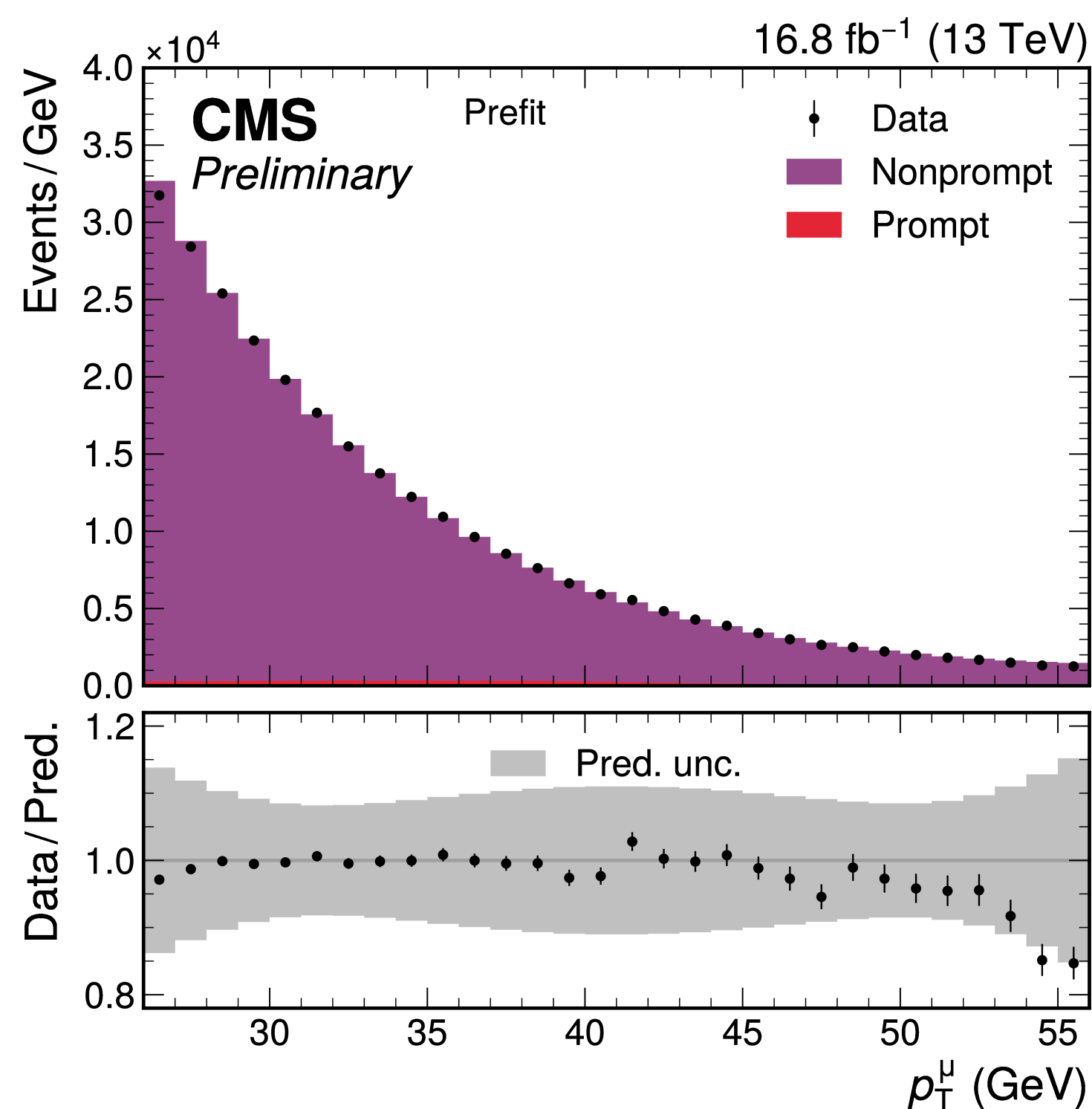
Nonprompt background estimation

- Data driven estimate with “extended ABCD method”
 - 6 regions of isolation/ m_T to correct for correlations
 - Smoothing to reduce stat. fluctuations
 - **3.2 MeV unc. in m_W**
- Full **uncertainties of prompt subtraction propagated through analysis**
 - Dedicated efficiency measurement for iso-failing muons
 - Prompt uncertainty in MC propagated through non-signal regions



$$D = C \cdot \underbrace{\frac{A_x B^2}{B_x A^2}}_{\text{fakerate}}$$

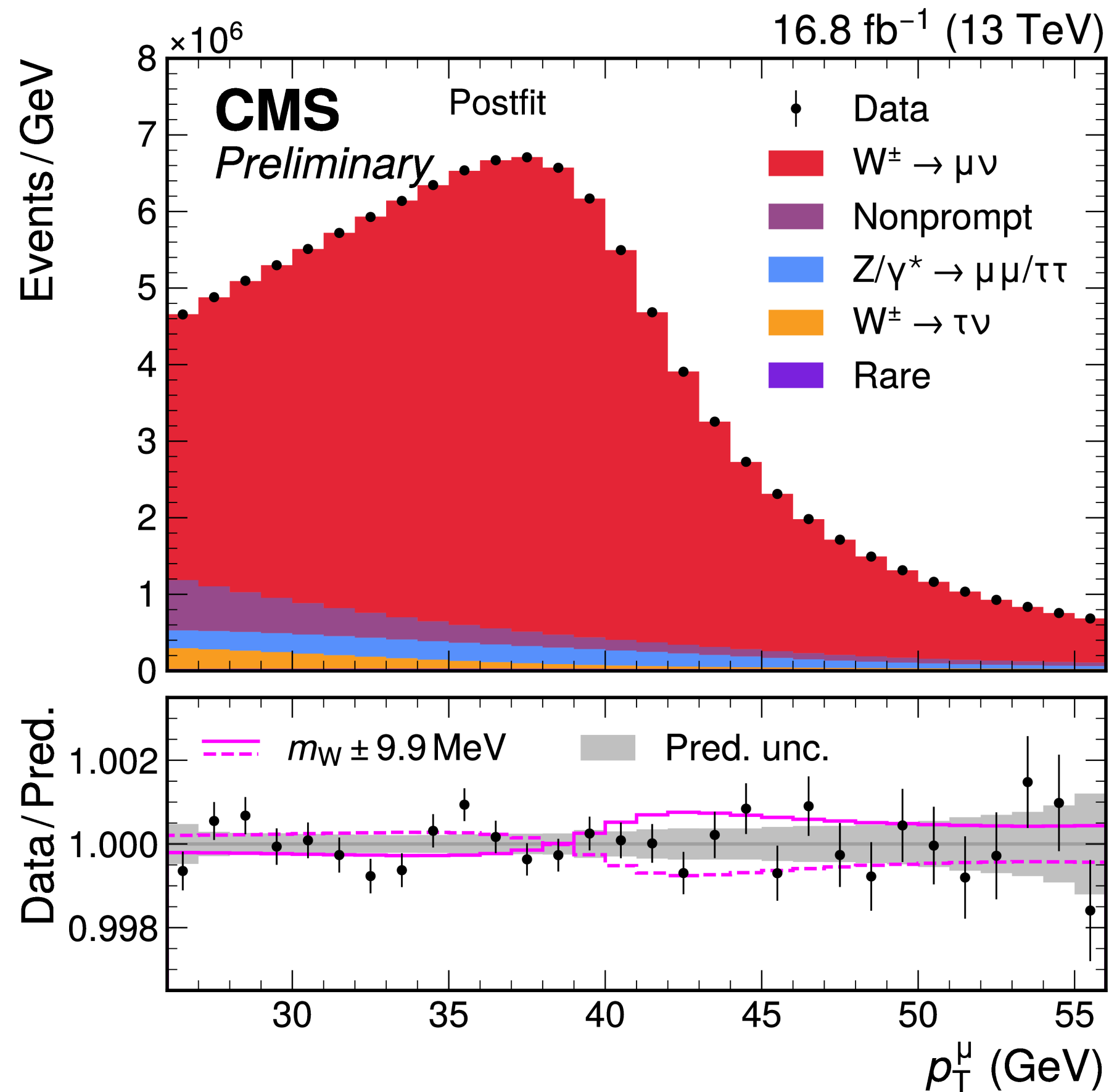
- Primarily heavy flavour decays to leptons in jets
- ➔ Validated in secondary vertex control region



★ Extracting m_W from fit to (η^μ, p_T^μ)

- Total uncertainty of 9.9 MeV
 - Muon momentum scale and PDF dominant

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

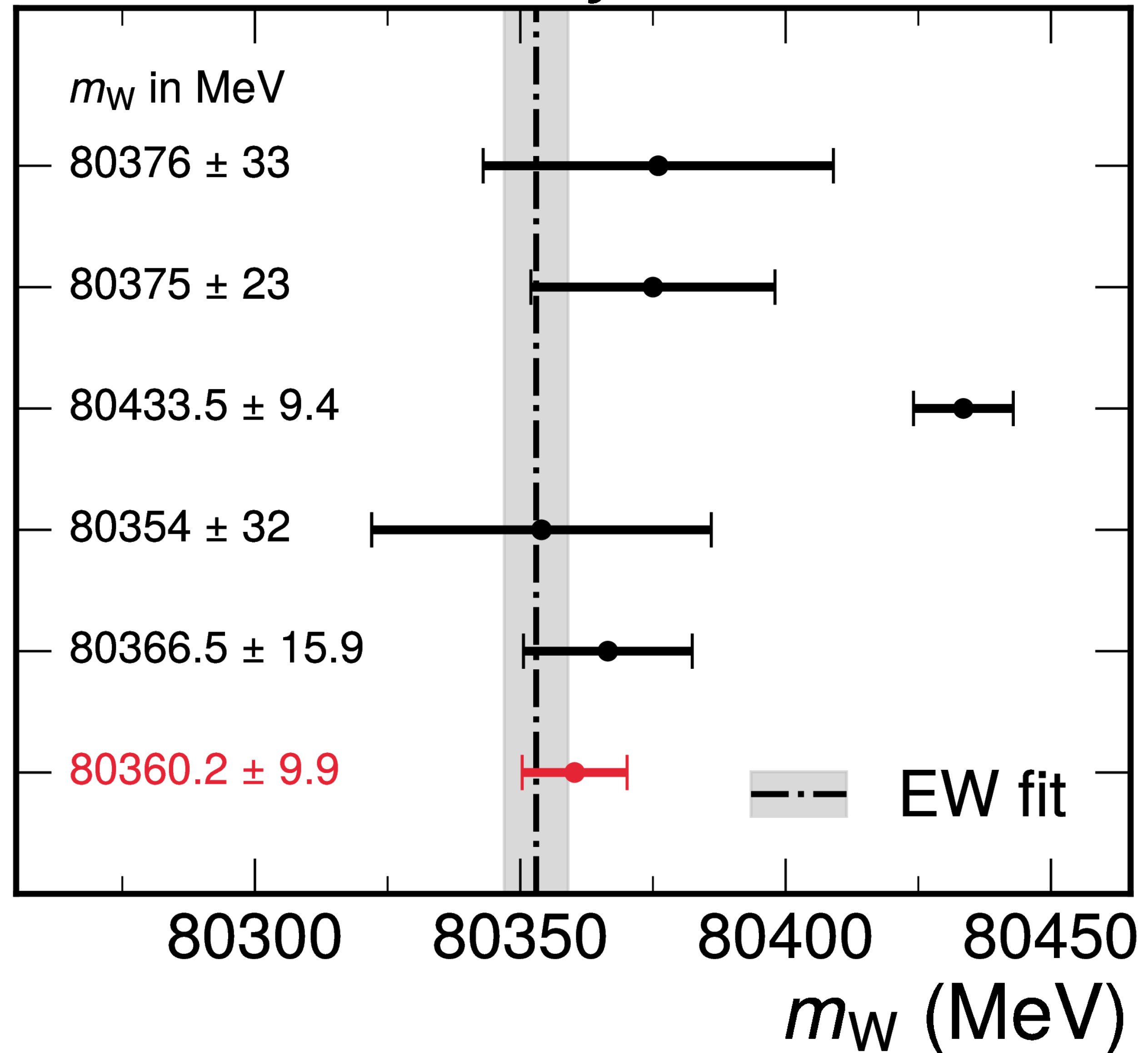


Source of uncertainty	Impact (MeV)	
	Nominal	Global
Muon momentum scale	4.8	4.4
Muon reco. efficiency	3.0	2.3
W and Z angular coeffs.	3.3	3.0
Higher-order EW	2.0	1.9
p_T^V modeling	2.0	0.8
PDF	4.4	2.8
Nonprompt background	3.2	1.7
Integrated luminosity	0.1	0.1
MC sample size	1.5	3.8
Data sample size	2.4	6.0
Total uncertainty	9.9	9.9

Comparison to other results

CMS Preliminary

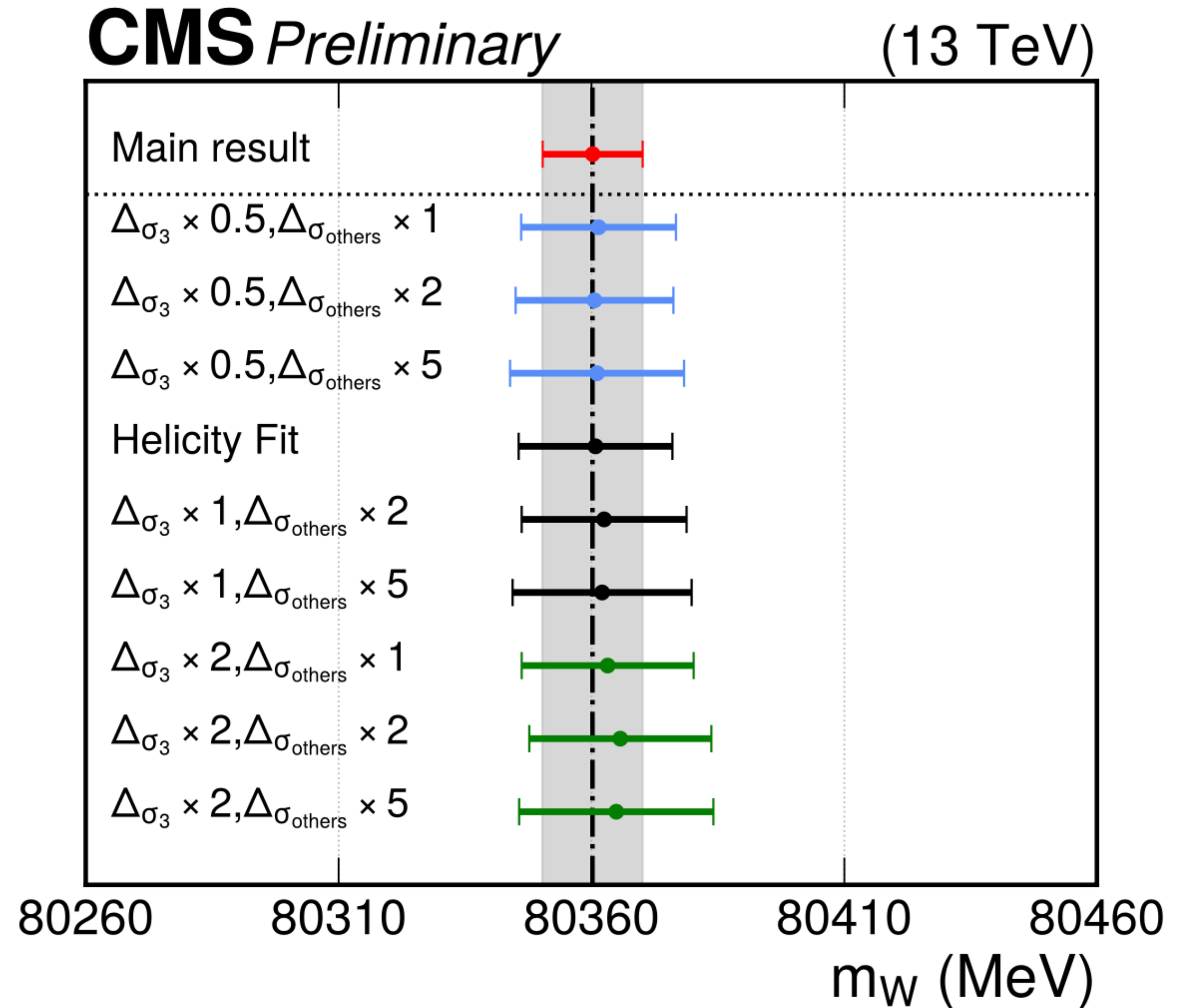
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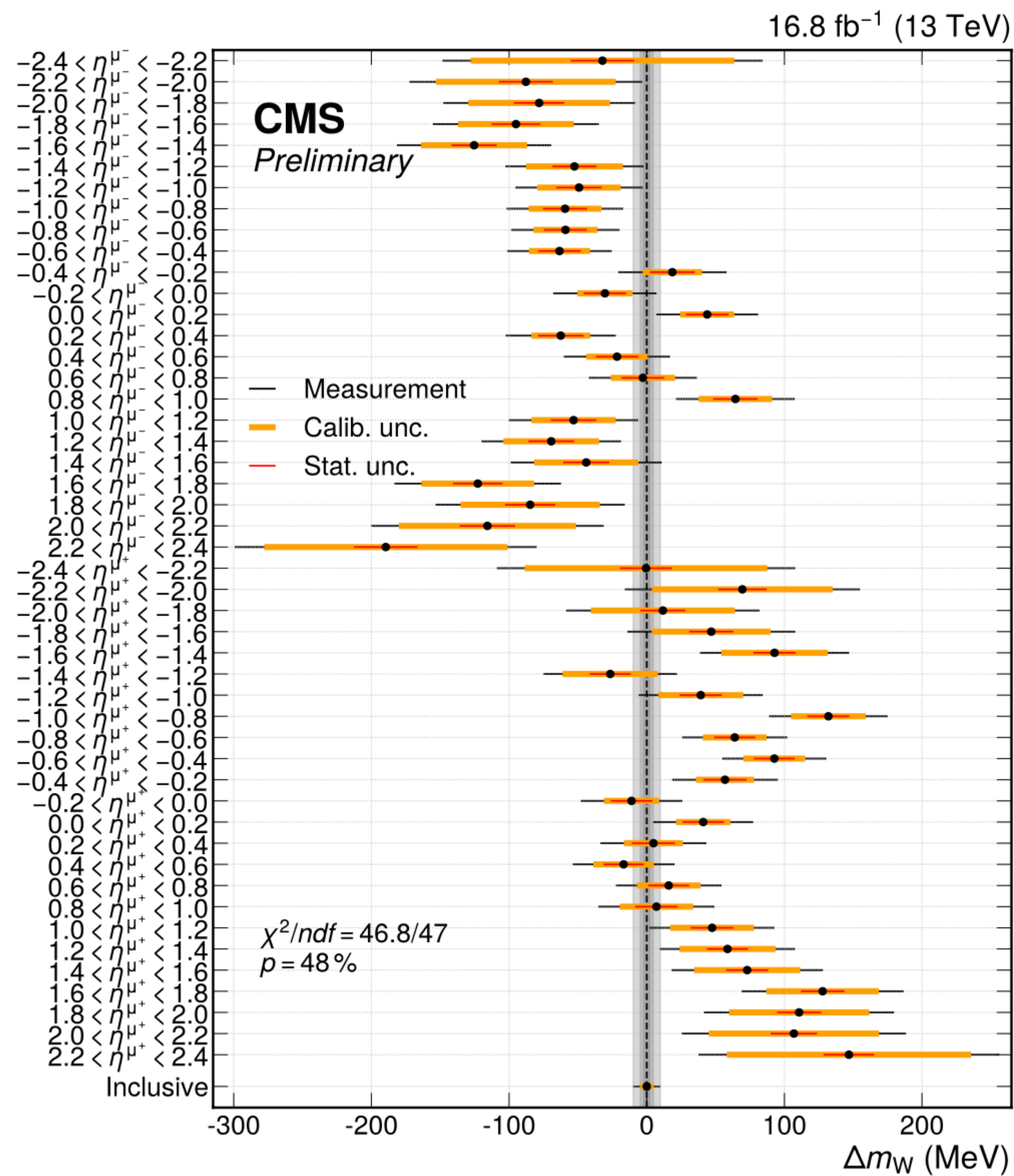
Helicity cross section fit result

$$m_W = 80360.8 \pm 15.2 \text{ MeV}$$

- Helicity cross section fit result very compatible with the nominal
 - Larger uncertainties by design
- Result is stable wrt looser or tighter initial constraints on the helicity cross sections

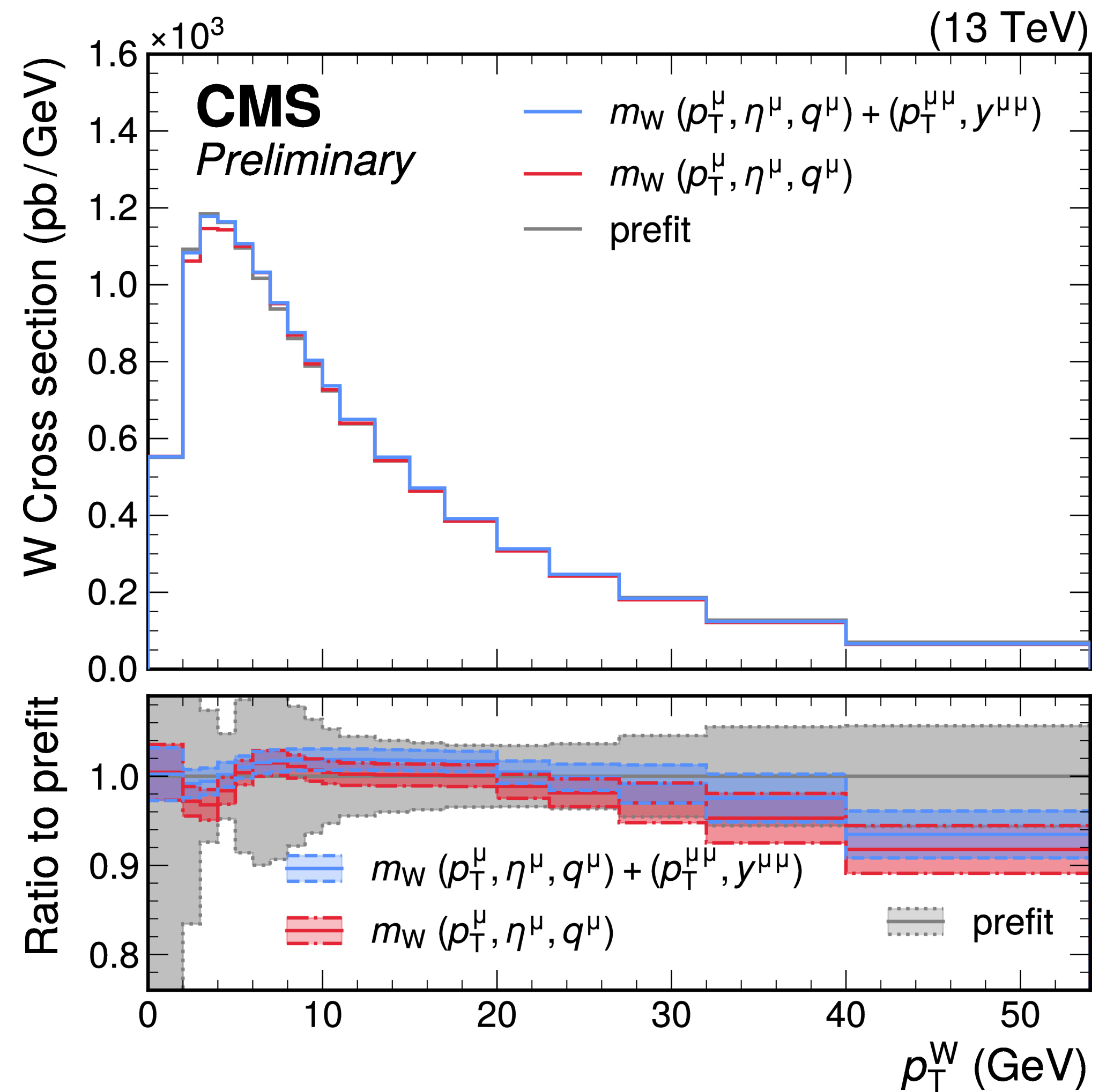
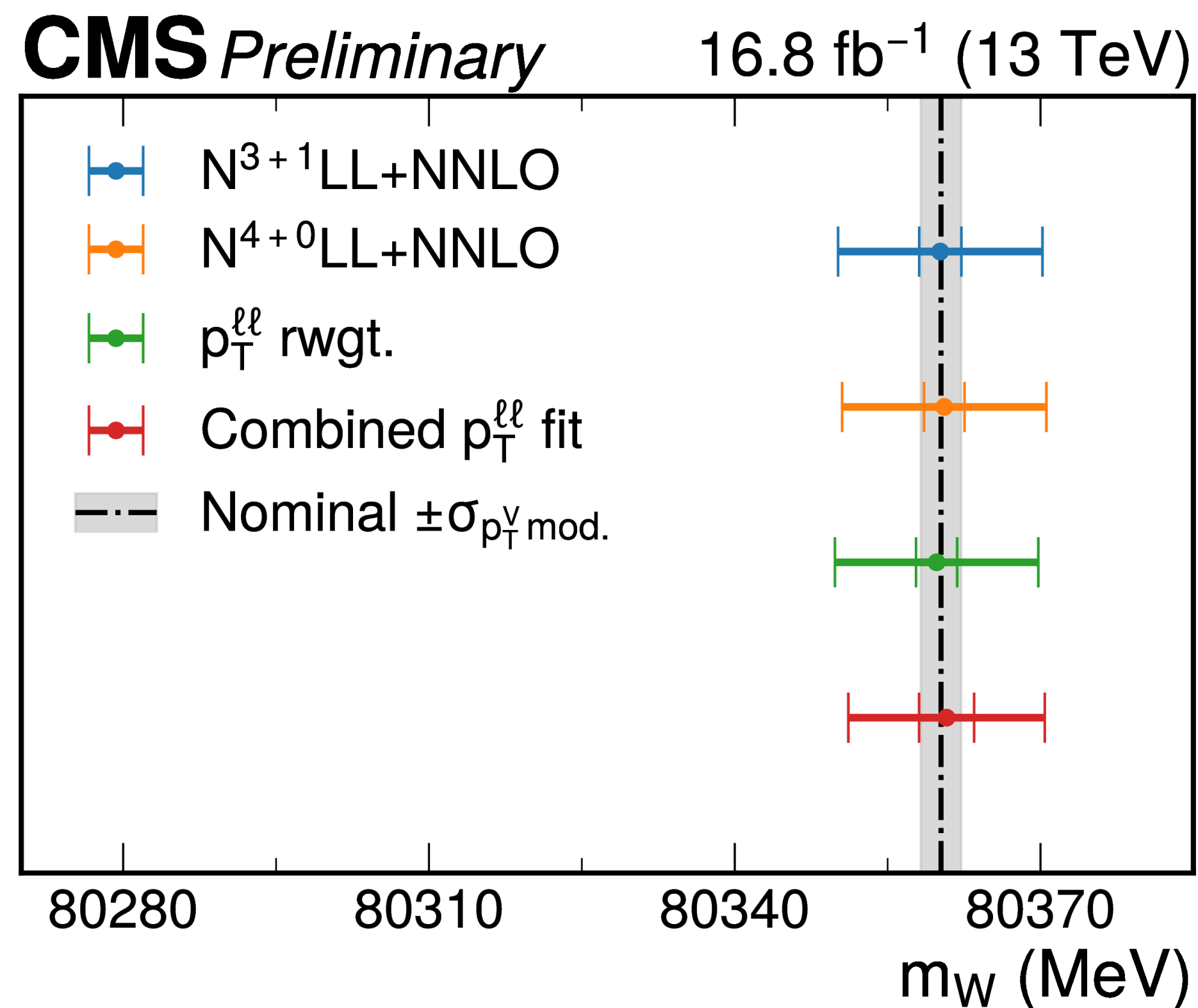


- Compatibility tested when allowing different m_W parameters per η /charge regions
 - Mass difference between
 - $\eta < 0$ and $\eta > 0$: 5.8 ± 12.4 MeV
 - Barrel vs. endcap: 15.3 ± 14.7 MeV
 - W^+ vs. W^- : 57 ± 30 MeV
 - Charge difference studied extensively, and no clear issues found.
 - m_{W^+} and m_{W^-} are highly anti-correlated (-40%)
 - Only 2% correlation between m_{W^+} and m_{W^-}
- ➔ Even if some small charge-dependent correction is underestimated, impact in m_W is very small



- Tested effect of varying treatment of theoretical uncertainties
 - Partial high-order resummation + theory nuisance parameters
 - Explicit reweighing of p_{T^W} by measured p_{T^Z} correction
 - Combined $m_W + p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$ fit

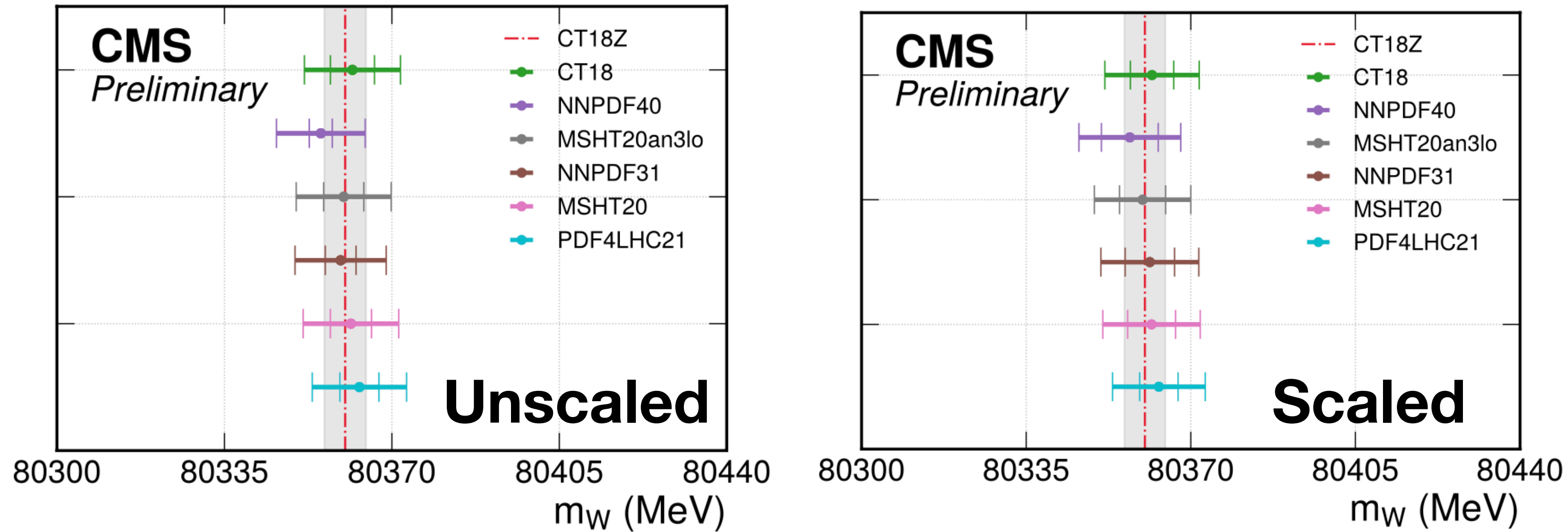
➔ All results consistent with nominal approach



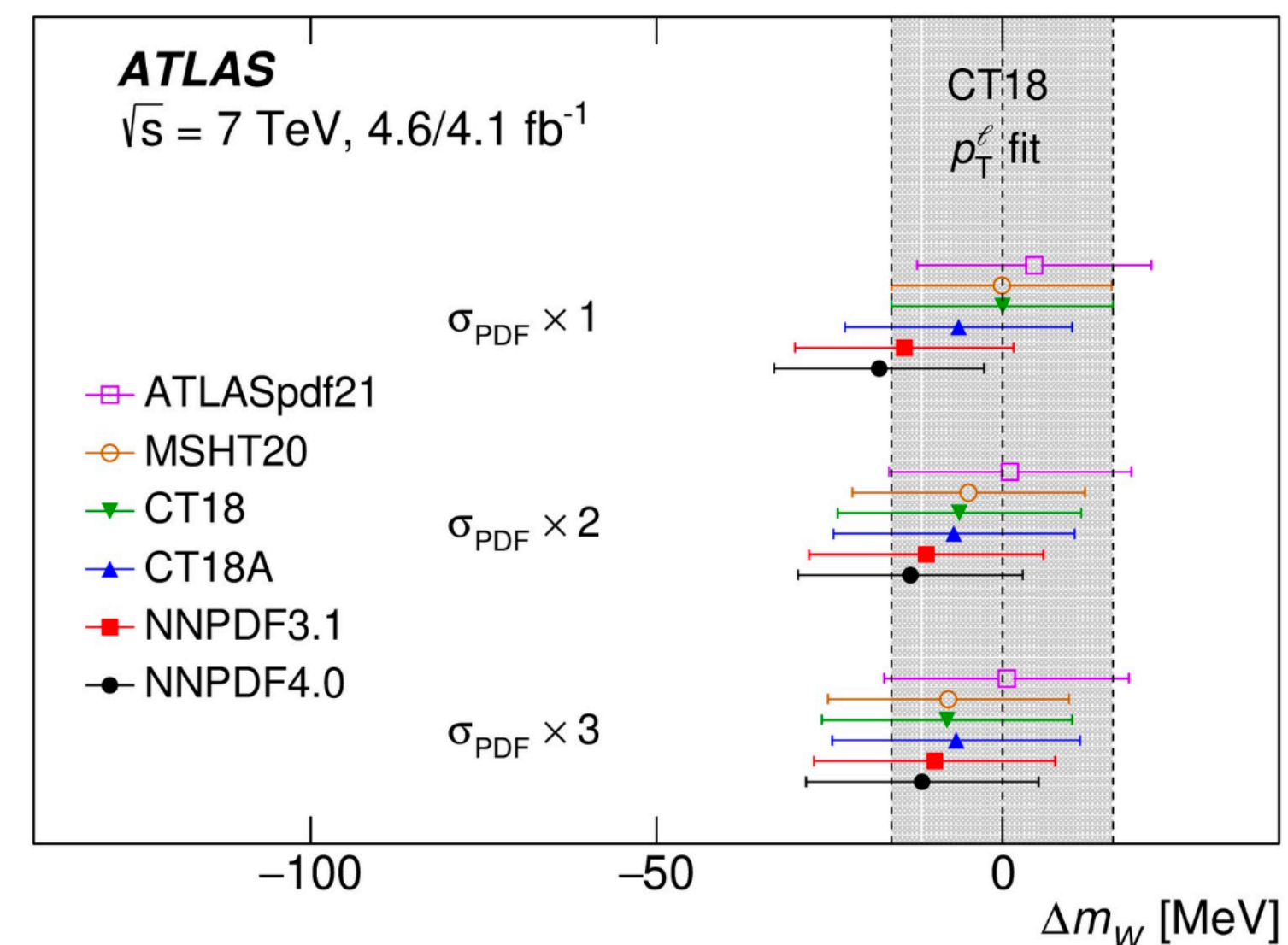
Comparison of generator-level postfit distributions from nominal and combined $m_W + p_{T^{\mu\mu}}$ fits

Results with alternative PDF sets

- Unc. scaling reduces spread of results, brings all within nominal uncertainty



PDF set	Extracted m_W (MeV)	
	Original σ_{PDF}	Scaled σ_{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



- Only “global” uncertainty breakdown ([arxiv:2307.04007](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.04007)) comparable to ATLAS

Unc. [MeV]	Total	Stat.	Syst.	PDF	A_i	Backg.	EW	e	μ	u_T	Lumi	Γ_W	PS
p_T^ℓ	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

ATLAS

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

Compared to ATLAS

- Leverage larger data set while managing comparable exp. uncertainties in high PU
- Stronger constraints on PDFs
- Reduced impact of other theory
 - ATLAS EW unc. due to use of older Photos++
- Total calibration + muon eff. only 10% better
 - but Z-independent, model-based

CDF has advantages from pp, Lower E, PU

- PDFs better understood (valence quarks)
- Less hadronic activity (simpler recoil calibration)
- Low tracking material aids lepton calibration

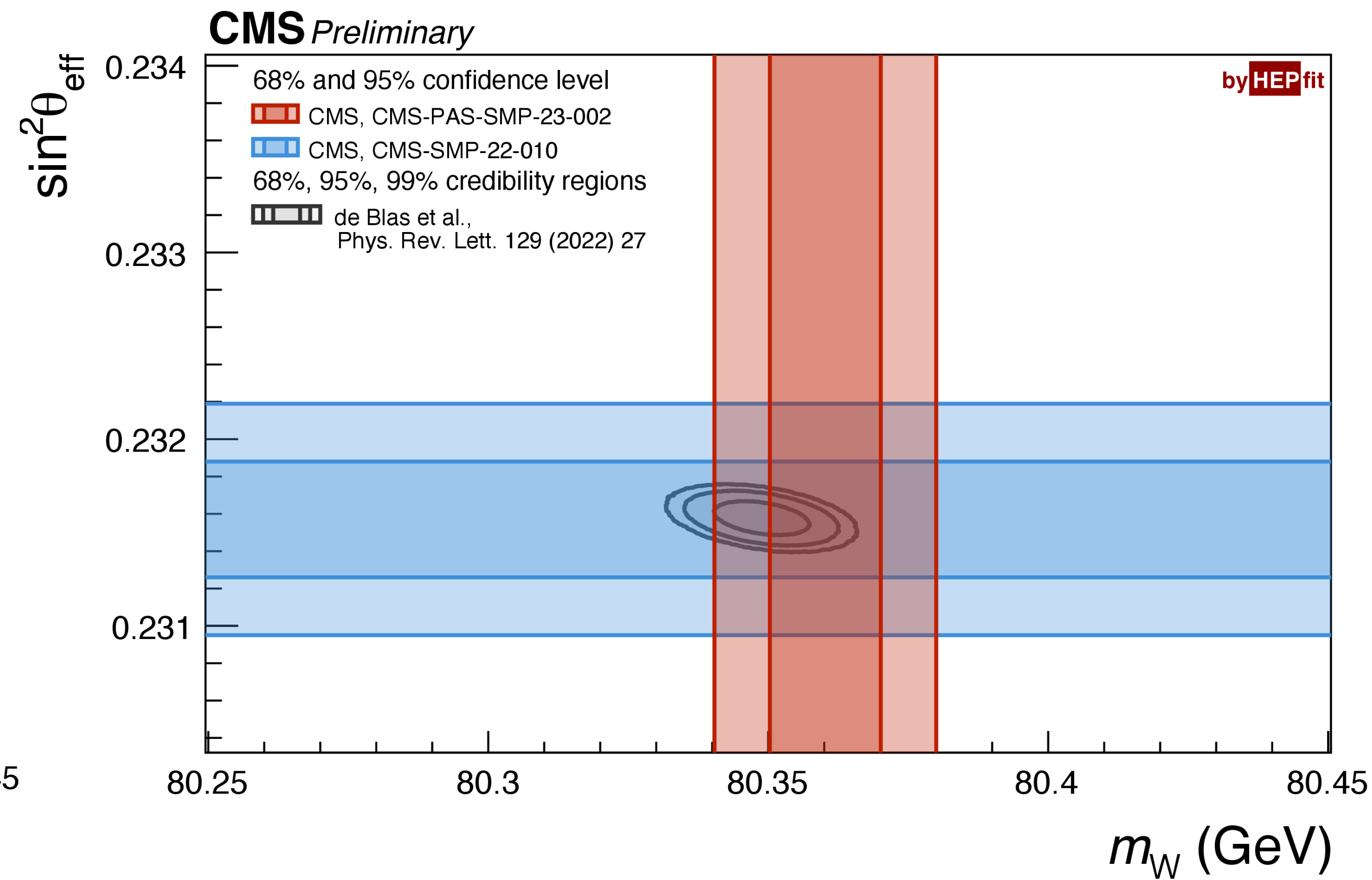
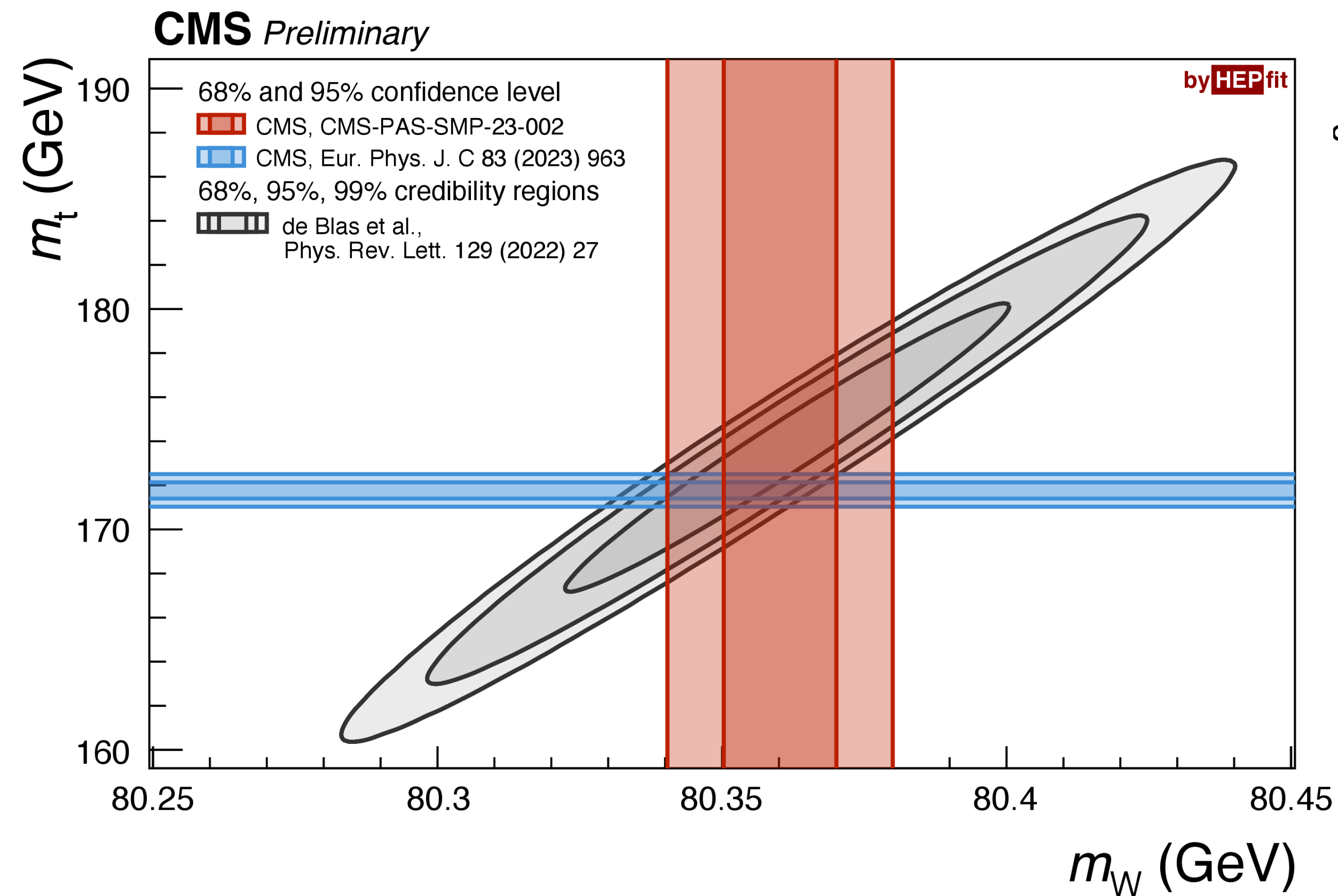
➔ Much larger data set is the CMS saving grace

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
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Nonprompt background	3.2	1.7
Integrated luminosity	0.1	0.1
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CDF

CMS

The CMS precision measurement program and the electroweak fit



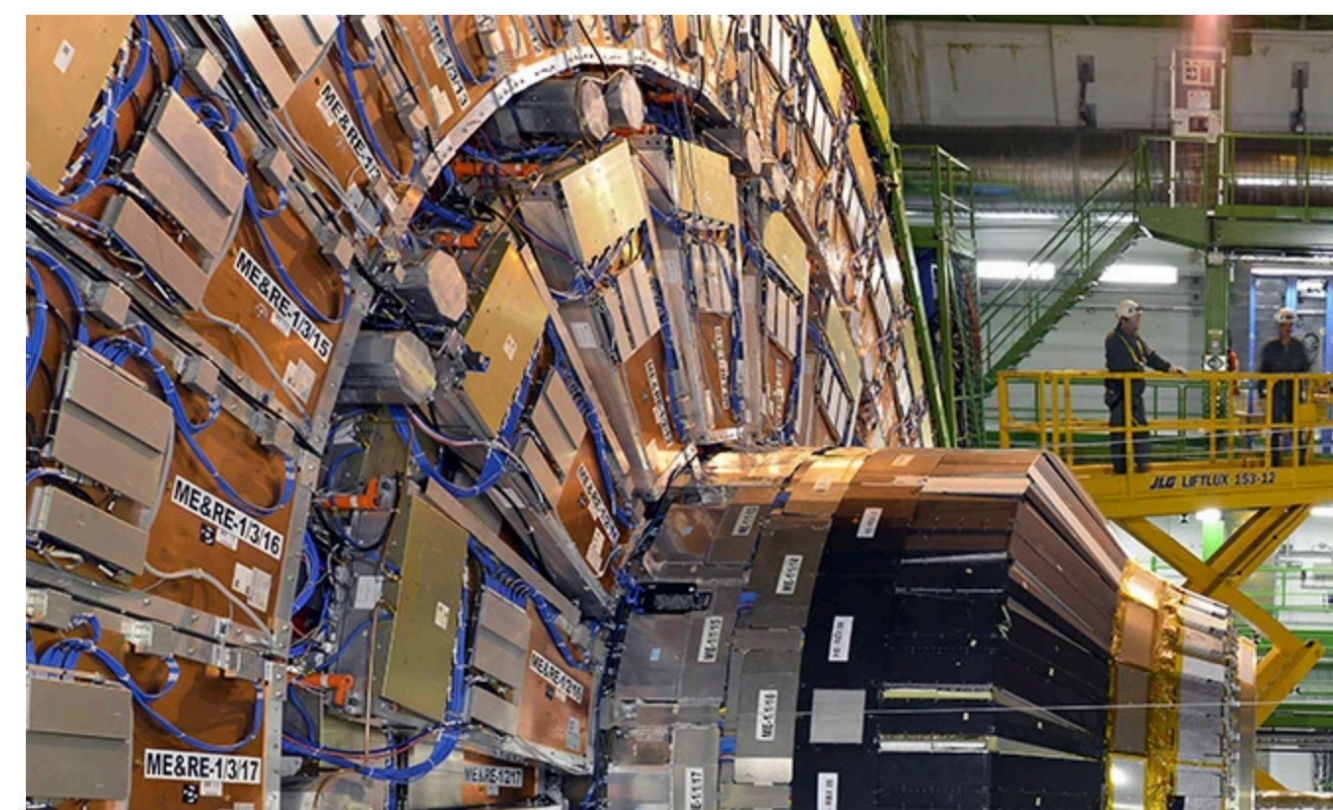
Summary and conclusions

- The first m_W measurement at CMS is a long-awaited milestone for precision physics at the LHC
 - Documented in [CMS-PAS-SMP-23-002](#), submission to journal very shortly
 - Most precise measurement at LHC
 - In tension with CDF measurement
- The CMS detector and the LHC are precision instruments, far exceeding expectations

'The standard model is not dead': ultra-precise particle measurement thrills physicists

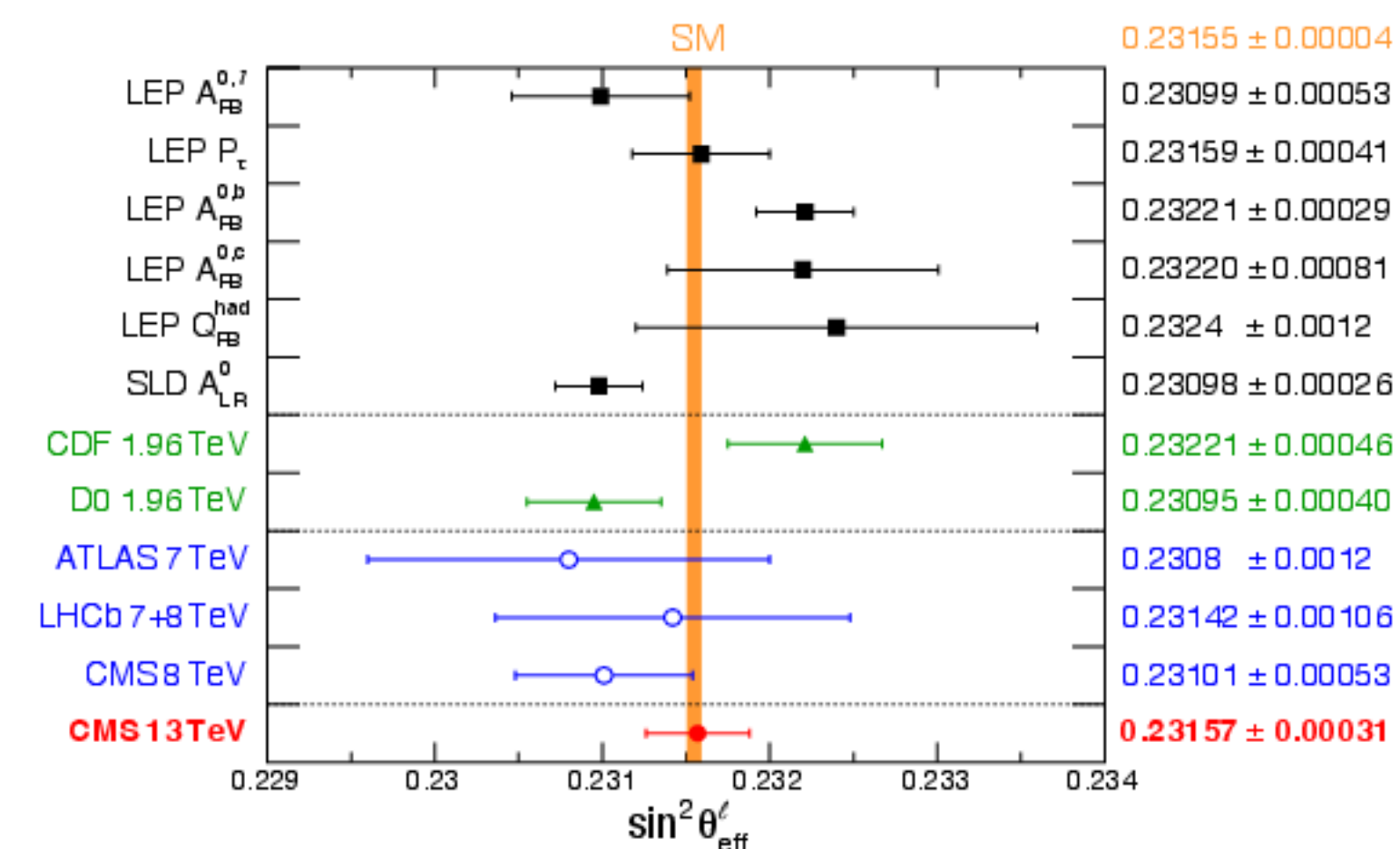
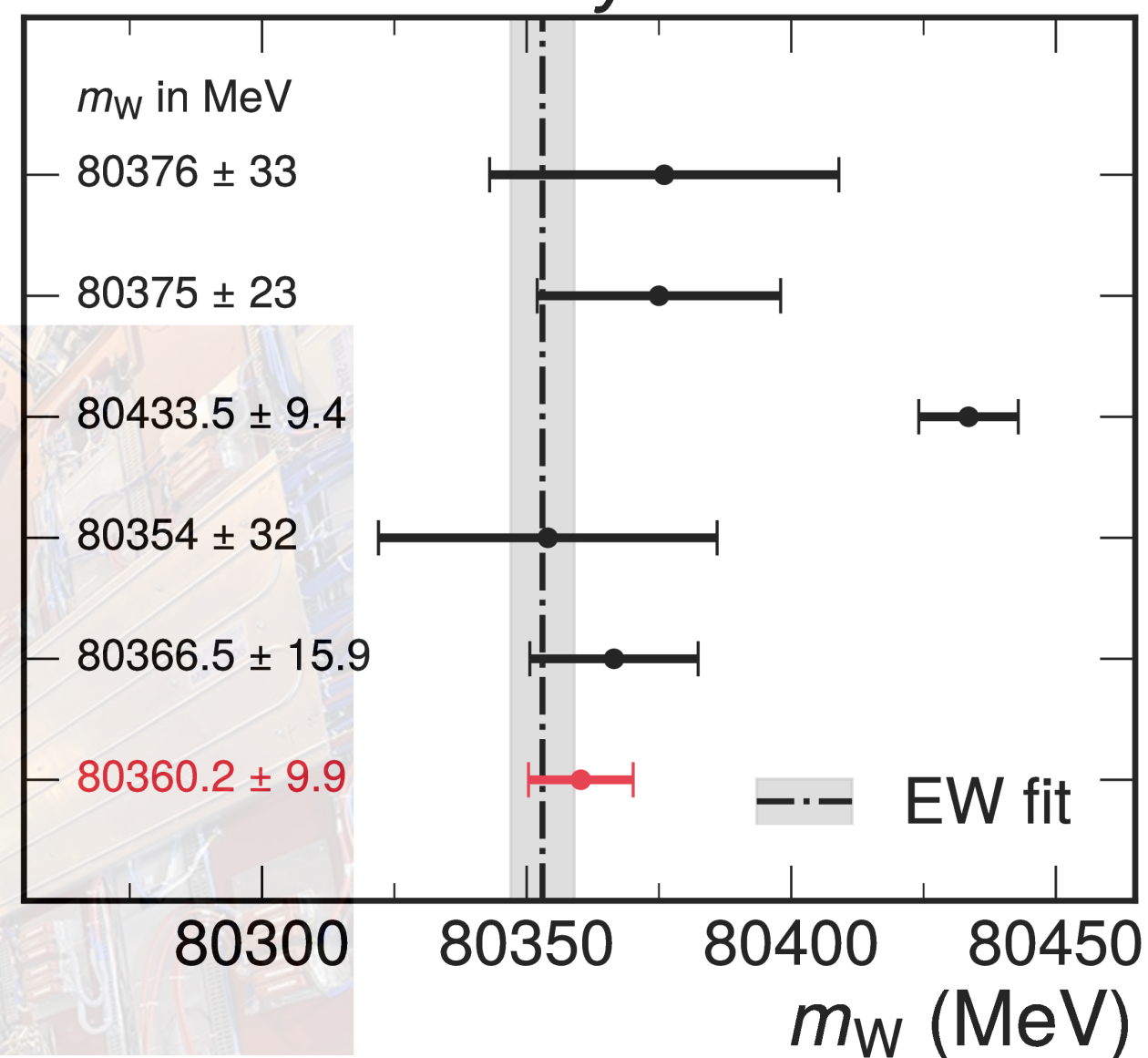
CERN's calculation of the W boson's mass agrees with theory, contradicting a previous anomaly that had raised the possibility of new physics.

By [Elizabeth Gibney](#)



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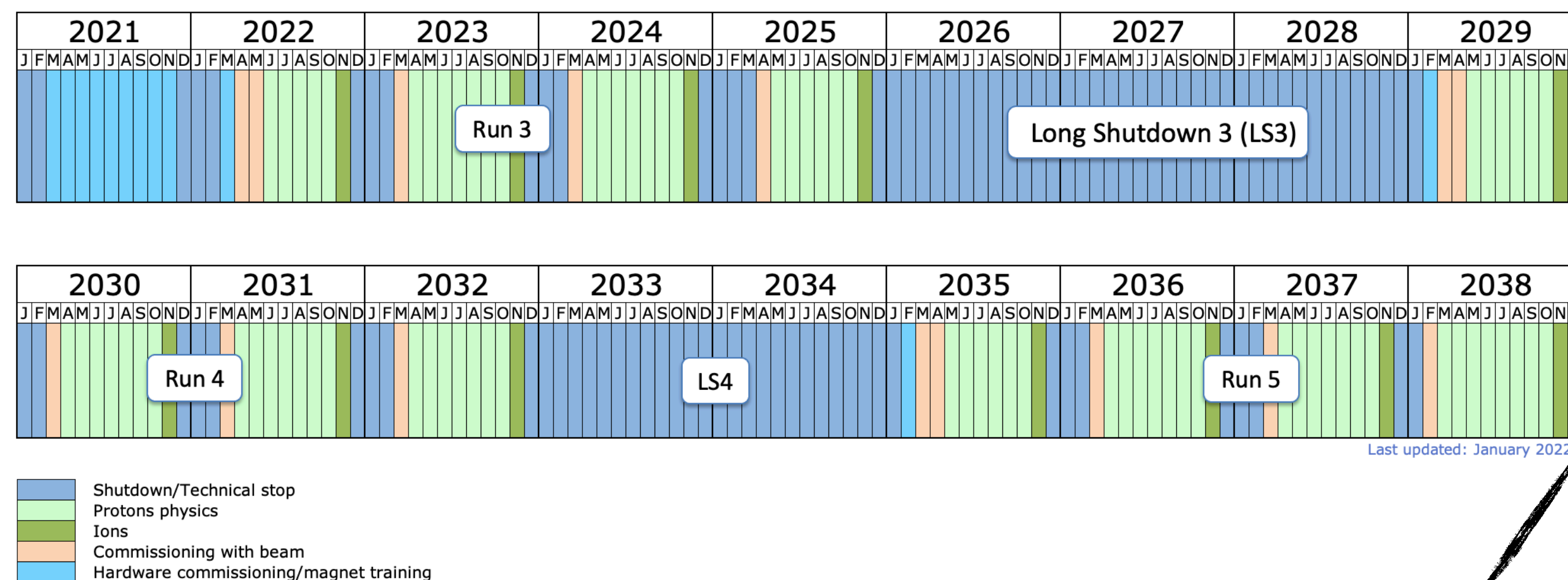




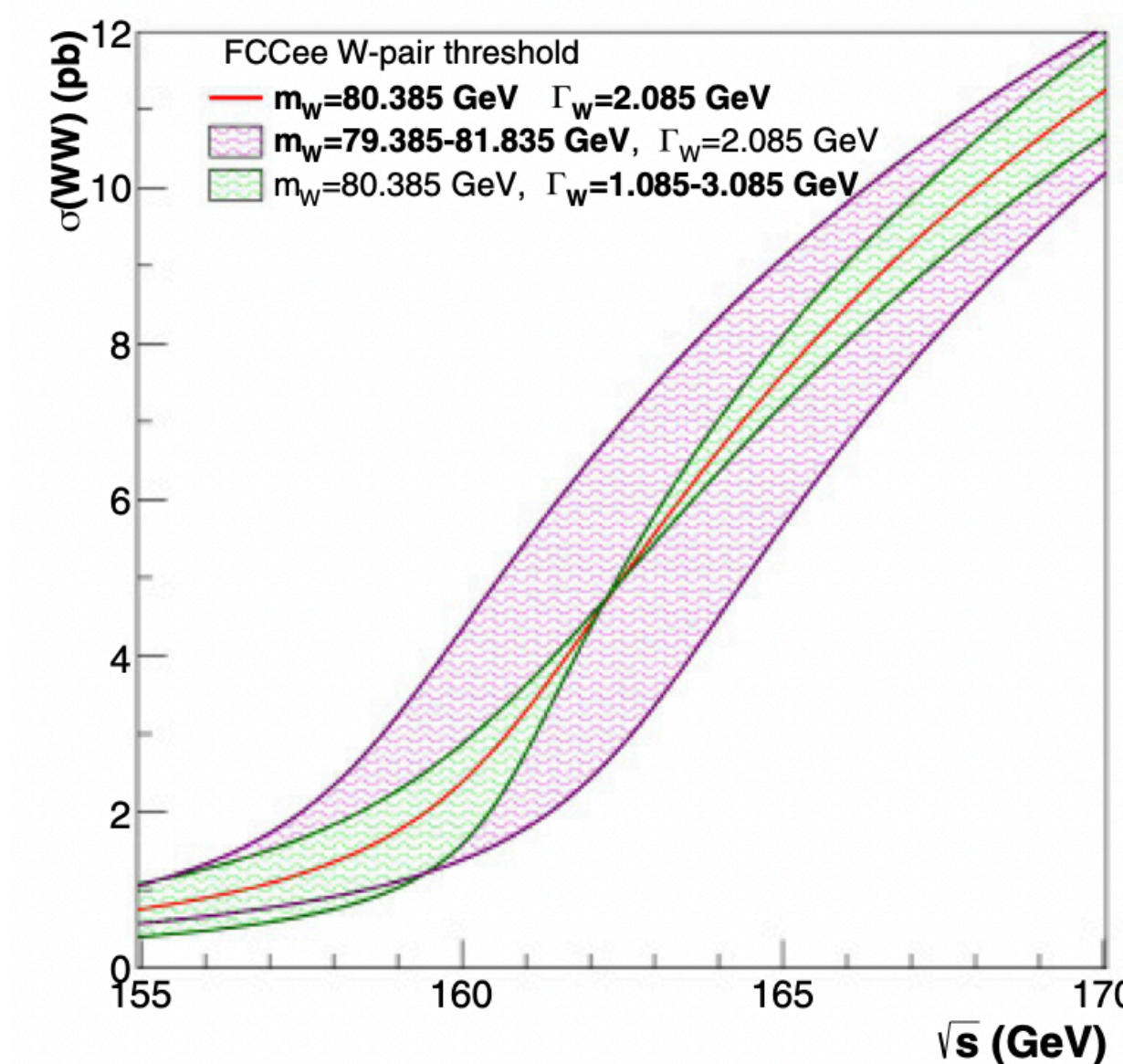
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Looking forward

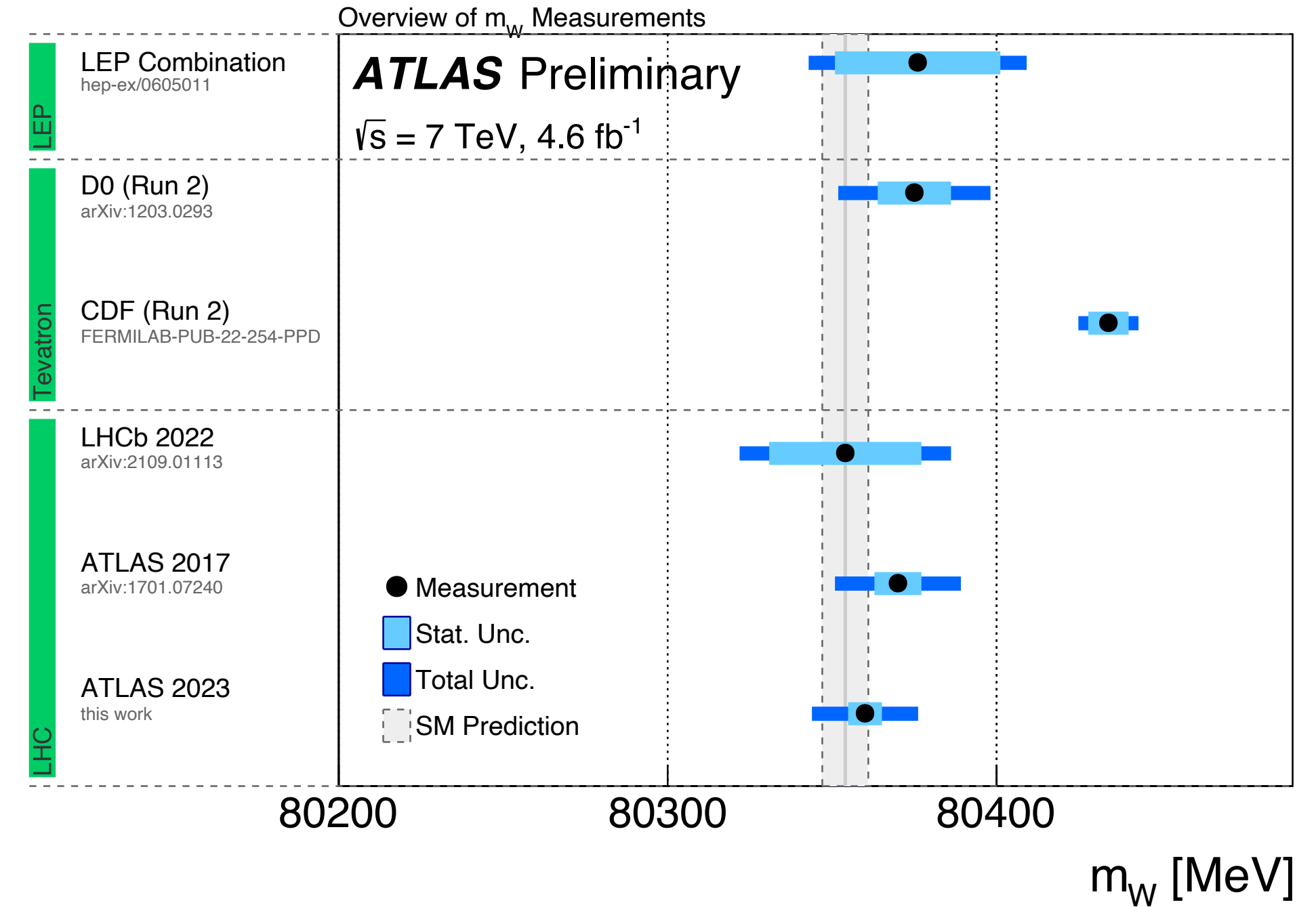
- In the near (and not so near) future, **hadron colliders are our main probe of m_W**
 - Can envision huge theoretical progress in next 20 years
 - Enormous data set will come with increased experimental challenges due to high-pileup and detector aging
 - Mitigate with special runs, detector upgrades, reconstruction advancements
- Future e^+e^- collider provides more direct, less theory-dependent measurement from threshold scans
 - FCC-ee anticipates < 1 MeV unc. in m_W
- Experimental+theory hadron collider communities must meet the challenge of providing results that stand the test of time
- Publish/maintain analyses that can be reinterpreted with improved theory



FCC-ee?



- **LEP combination (2013): 33 MeV unc.**
 - Semi-leptonic and fully hadronic WW decays
- **Tevatron (proton-antiproton):**
 - wrt LHC: Smaller W production uncertainty, better estimation of neutrino momentum
- **D0 (2013): (23 MeV unc.)**
- **CDF (2022): (9.4 MeV unc.)**
 - m_{T+pt}^ℓ ($e+\mu$); very precise ℓ calibration; 4.2 M events
- **LHCb (2021) (32 MeV unc.)**
 - 13 TeV, p_{T^μ} channel only; 2.4 M events
- **ATLAS (15.9 MeV unc.)**
 - Published 2017, updated earlier this year
 - 7 TeV data, m_{T+pt}^ℓ ($e+\mu$, 3 η categories); 14 M events
 - Driven by p_{T^ℓ} channel (~90%)
- **CMS (9.9 MeV unc.)**
 - 13 TeV data, p_{T^ℓ} (μ only, 48 η categories); 100 M events



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CDF
uncertainty
breakdown

Comparison of measurements (previous ATLAS)

	ATLAS	LHCb	CDF
Collider	pp	pp	$p\bar{p}$
\sqrt{s}	7	13	1.96
\mathcal{L}	4.1–4.6	1.7	8.8
$N_{pileup} \sim$	9	2	3
Final states	e/μ	μ	e/μ
Fit variables	m_T, p_T^ℓ	$q/p_T^\ell, p_T^{\text{miss}}$	$m_T, p_T^\ell, p_T^{\text{miss}}$
$p_T^\ell > (\text{GeV})$	30	28	30
$p_T^\ell < (\text{GeV})$	50	52	55
$\eta^\ell >$	-2.5	2.2	-1.0
$\eta^\ell <$	2.5	4.4	1.0
$p_T^{\text{miss}} > (\text{GeV})$	30	N/A	30
$m_T > (\text{GeV})$	60	N/A	60
$m_T < (\text{GeV})$	100	N/A	100
$u_T < (\text{GeV})$	15	N/A	15
Selected events \sim	13.7M	2.4M	4.2M
MC generator	POWHEG-PYTHIA 8	POWHEG-PYTHIA 8	RESBOS
PDF set	NNPDF3.0	NNPDF3.1	NNPDF3.1

Comparison of uncertainties (previous ATLAS)

Source	ATLAS (MeV)	LHCb (MeV)	CDF (MeV)
Lepton uncertainties	9.2	10	3.5
Recoil energy scale & resolution	2.9	N/A	2.2
Backgrounds	4.5	2	3.3
Model theoretical uncertainties	9.9	17	3.5
PDFs	9.2	9	3.9
Statistical	6.8	23	6.4
Total	18.5	32	9.4

Theory nuisance parameters

- **Level 1:** At given order vary parameters around their known values

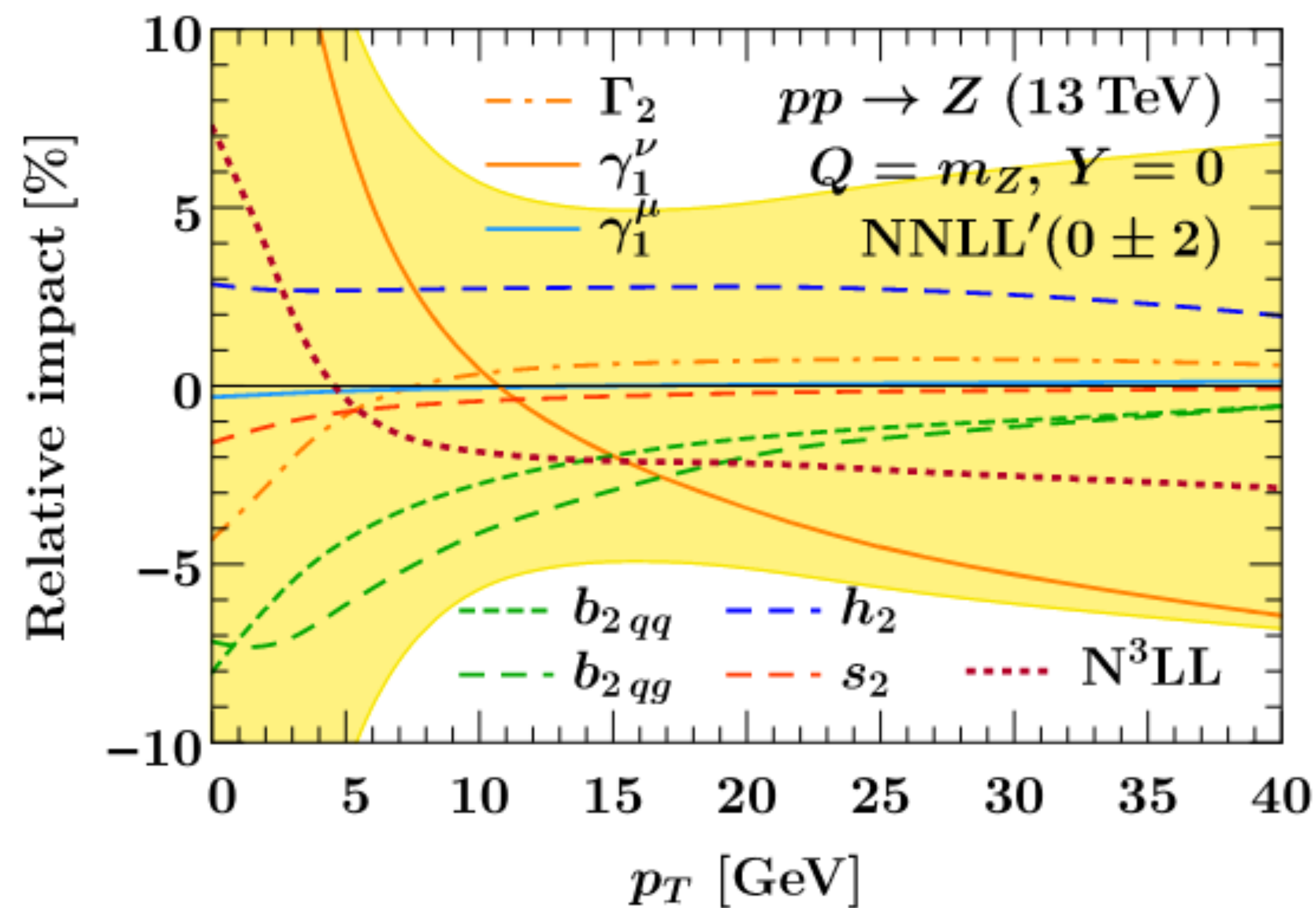
$$c_0 + \alpha_s(\mu) [c_1 + \alpha_s(\mu) c_2 + \dots] \rightarrow c_0 + \alpha_s(\mu) (c_1 + \tilde{\theta}_1)$$

- ▶ Simpler but perhaps less robust

- **Level 2:** Implement the full next order in terms of unknown parameters

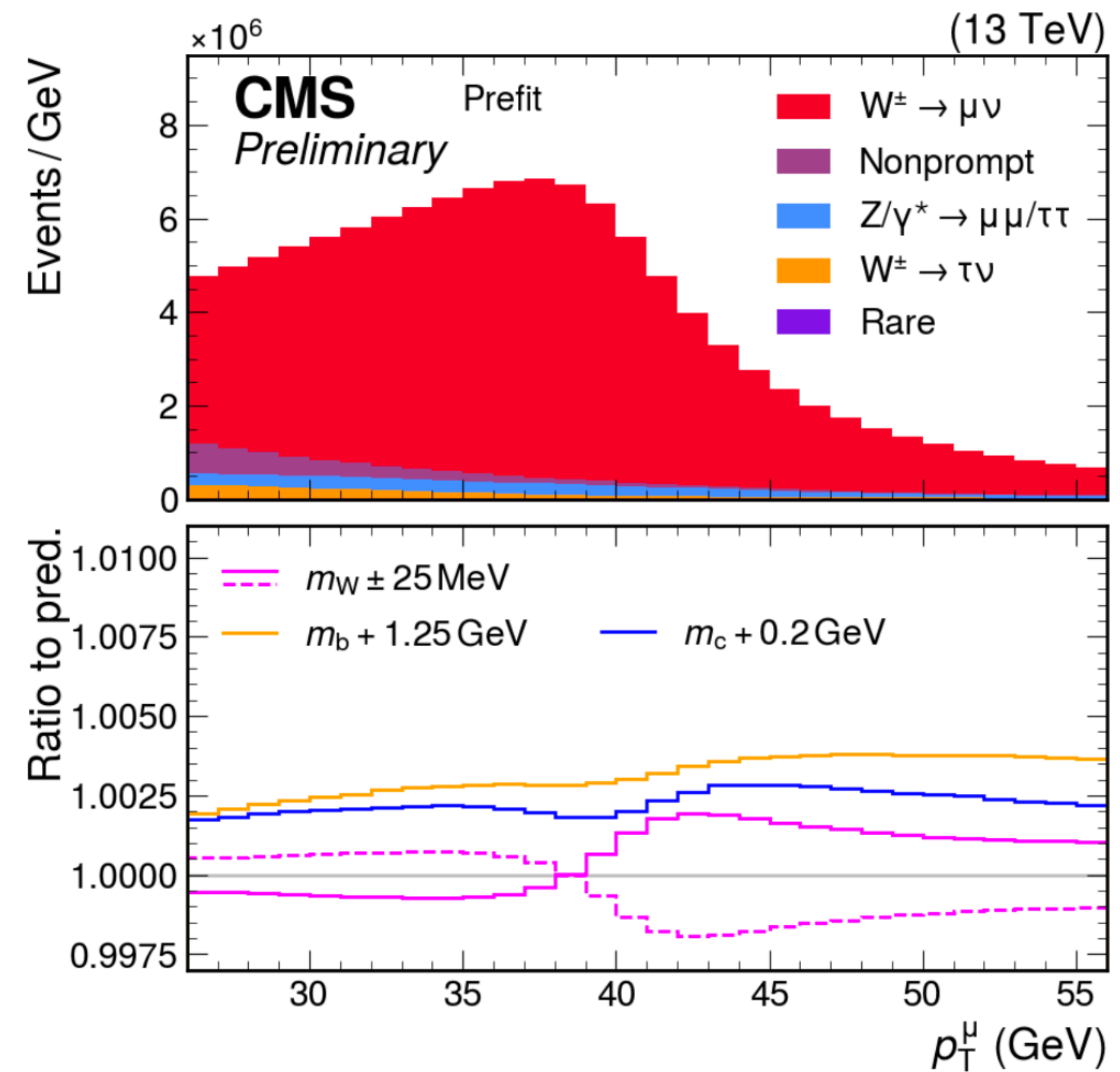
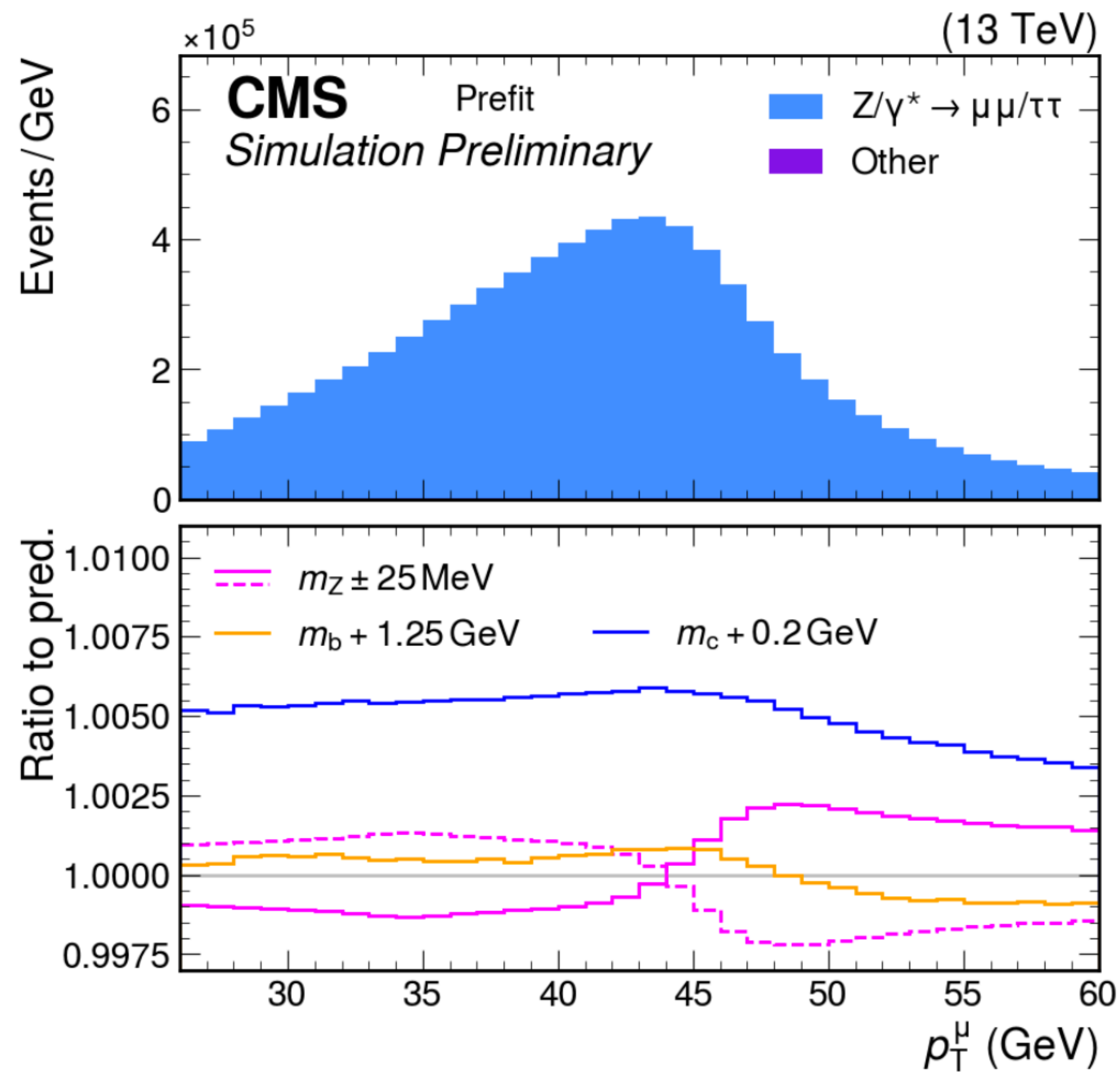
$$c_0 + \alpha_s(\mu) [c_1 + \alpha_s(\mu) c_2 + \dots] \rightarrow c_0 + \alpha_s(\mu) [c_1 + \alpha_s(\mu) \theta_2]$$

- ▶ More involved, but also more robust, allowing for maximal precision



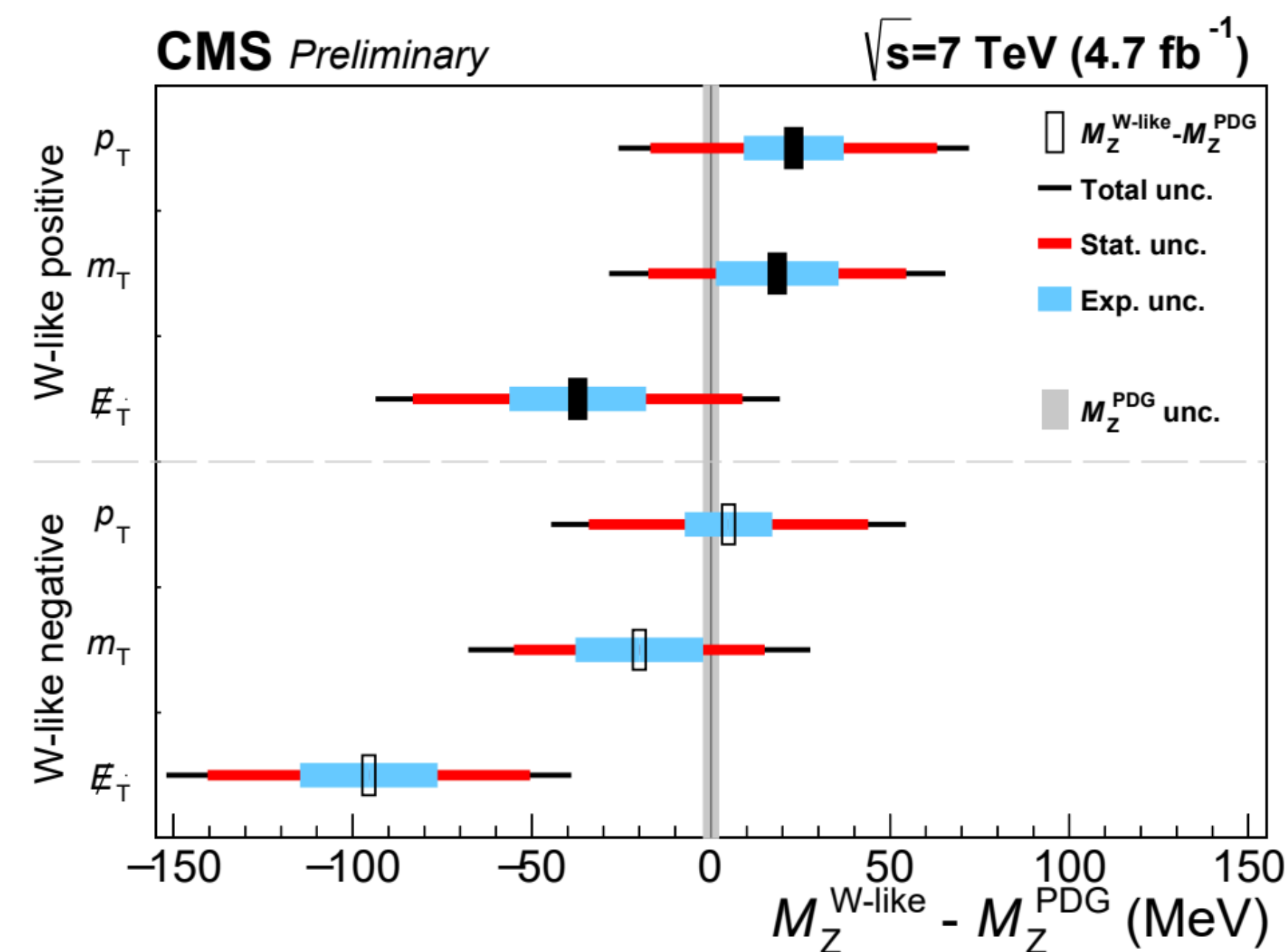
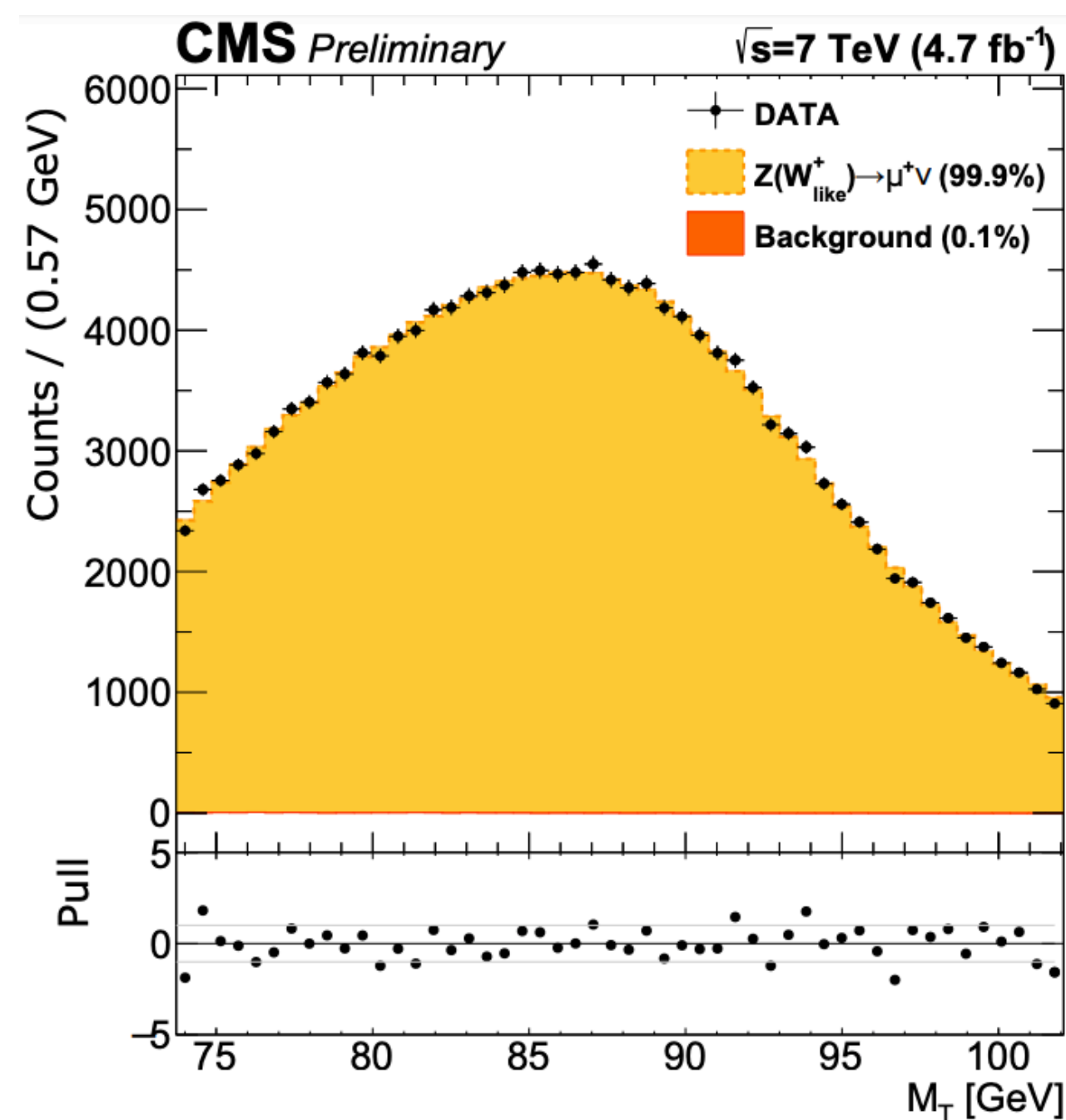
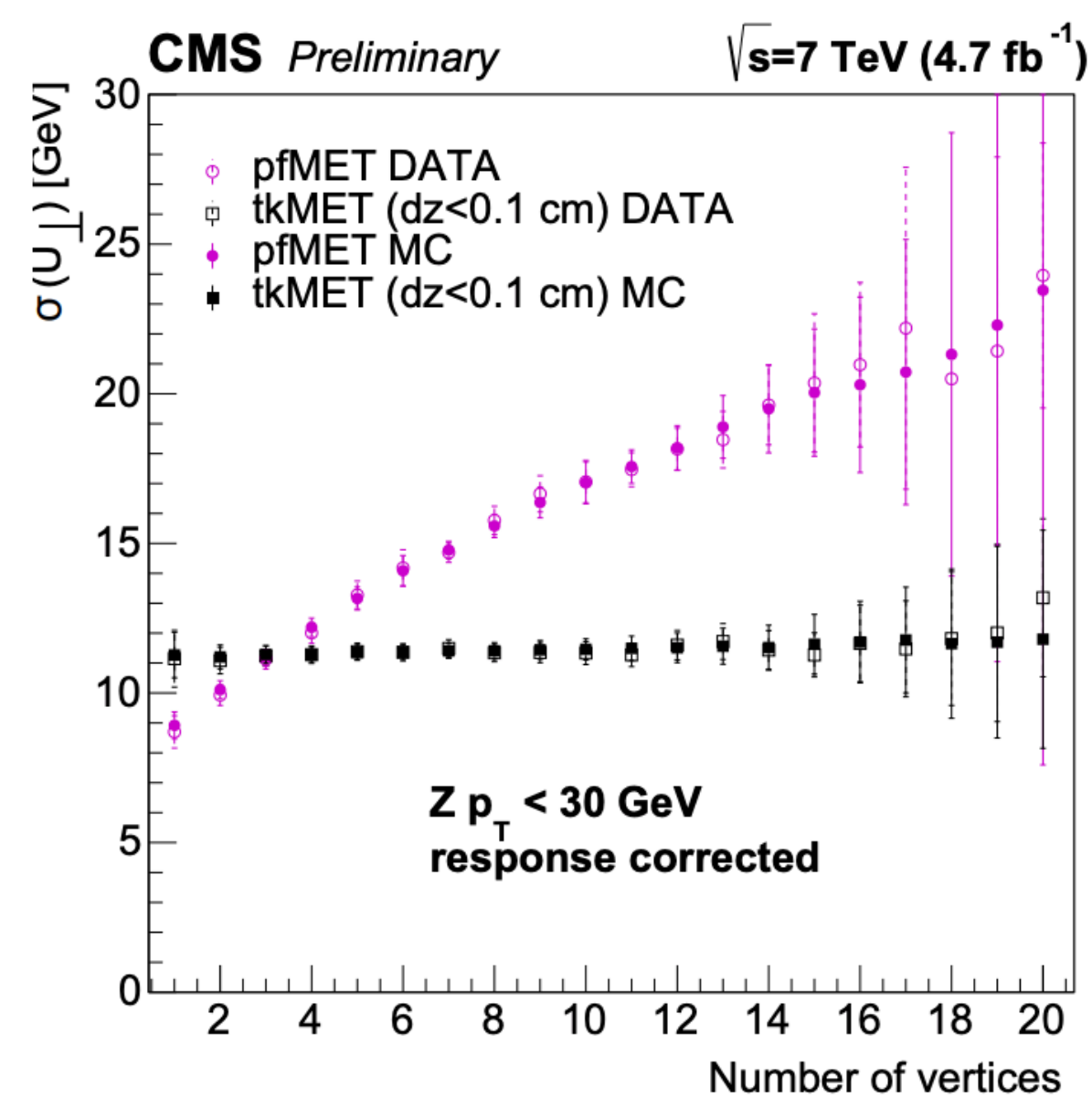
Heavy quark masses

- Impact of quark mass thresholds estimated by varying quark mass thresholds in PDF (dedicated MSHT20 PDF sets)
- Impact ~ 0.7 MeV



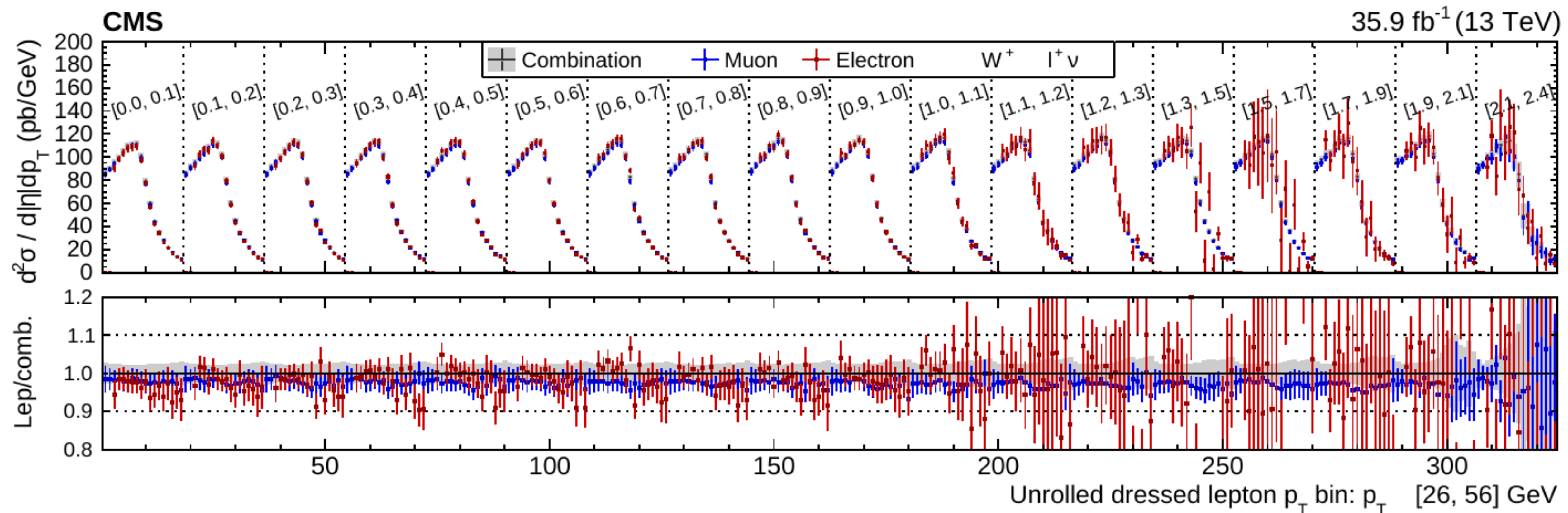
CMS W-like Z measurement

- Measurement of the Z mass in a “W-like” way: add one lepton to the p_T^{miss}
- First effort towards a W mass measurement
- Focused on calibration of muon momentum scale and recoil
- **Limited to central muons**
- In principle, a demonstration that this is possible at CMS
- Combination of technical issues (MC production) and sociological ones (loss of person power) meant the effort stopped here

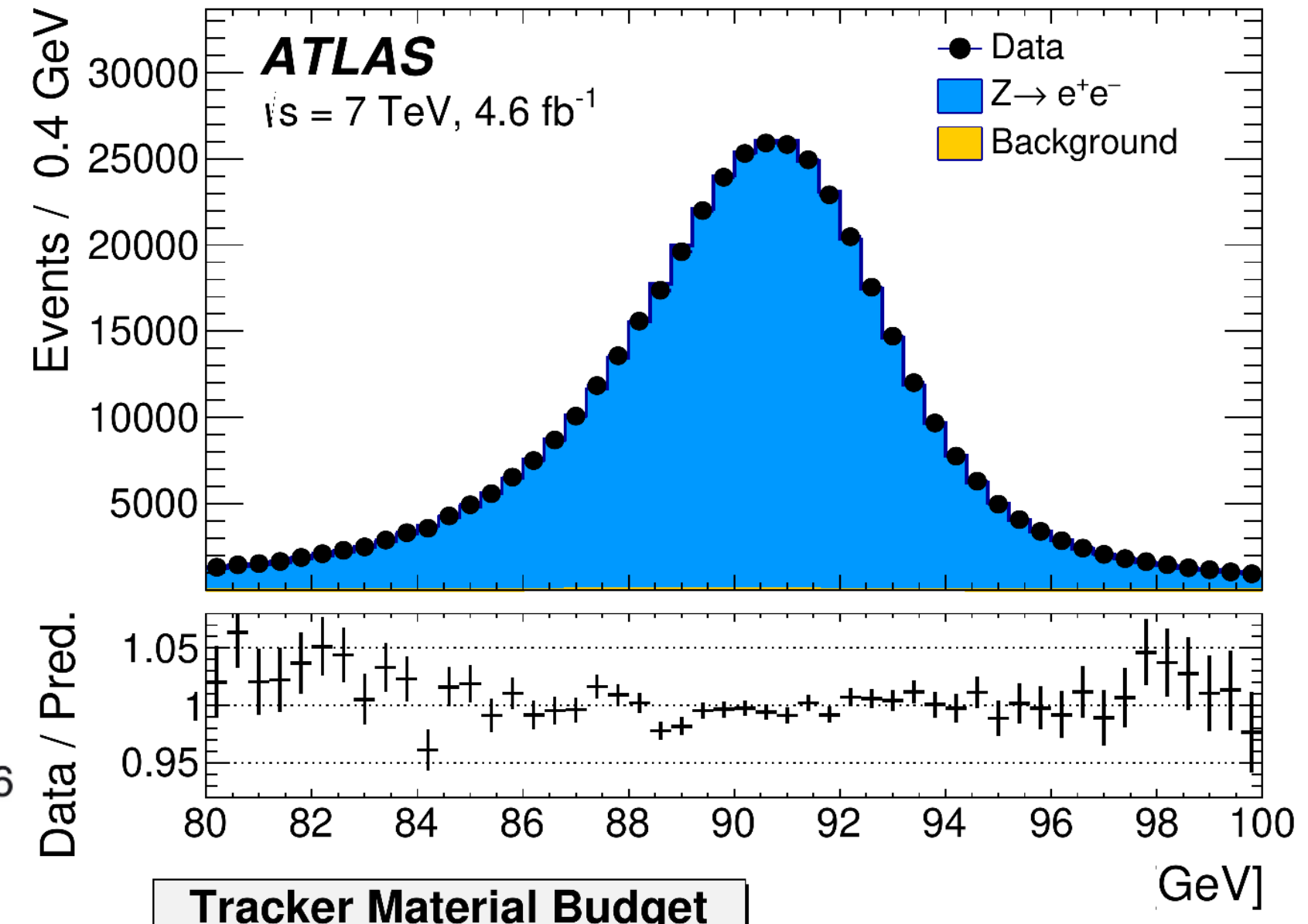
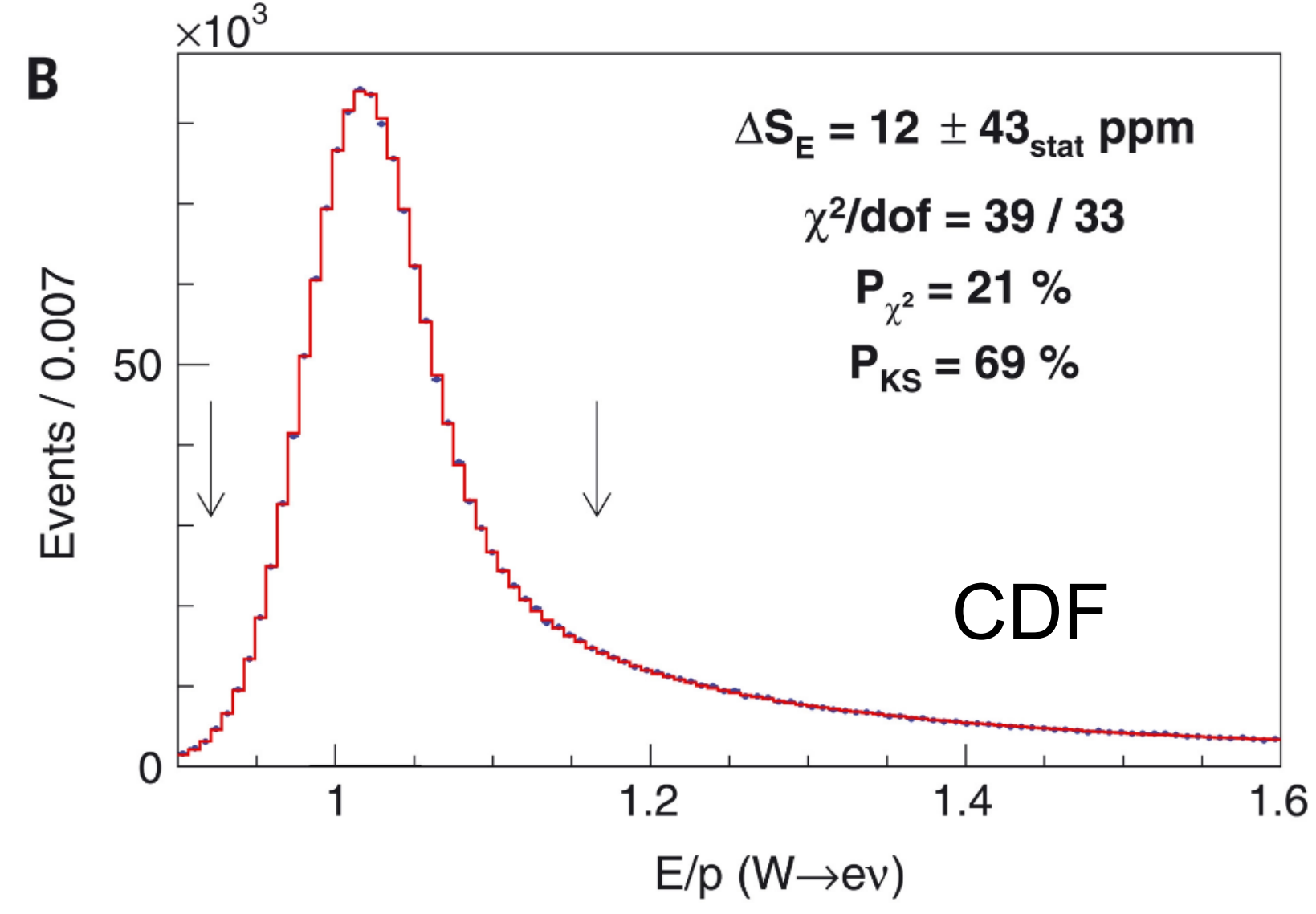
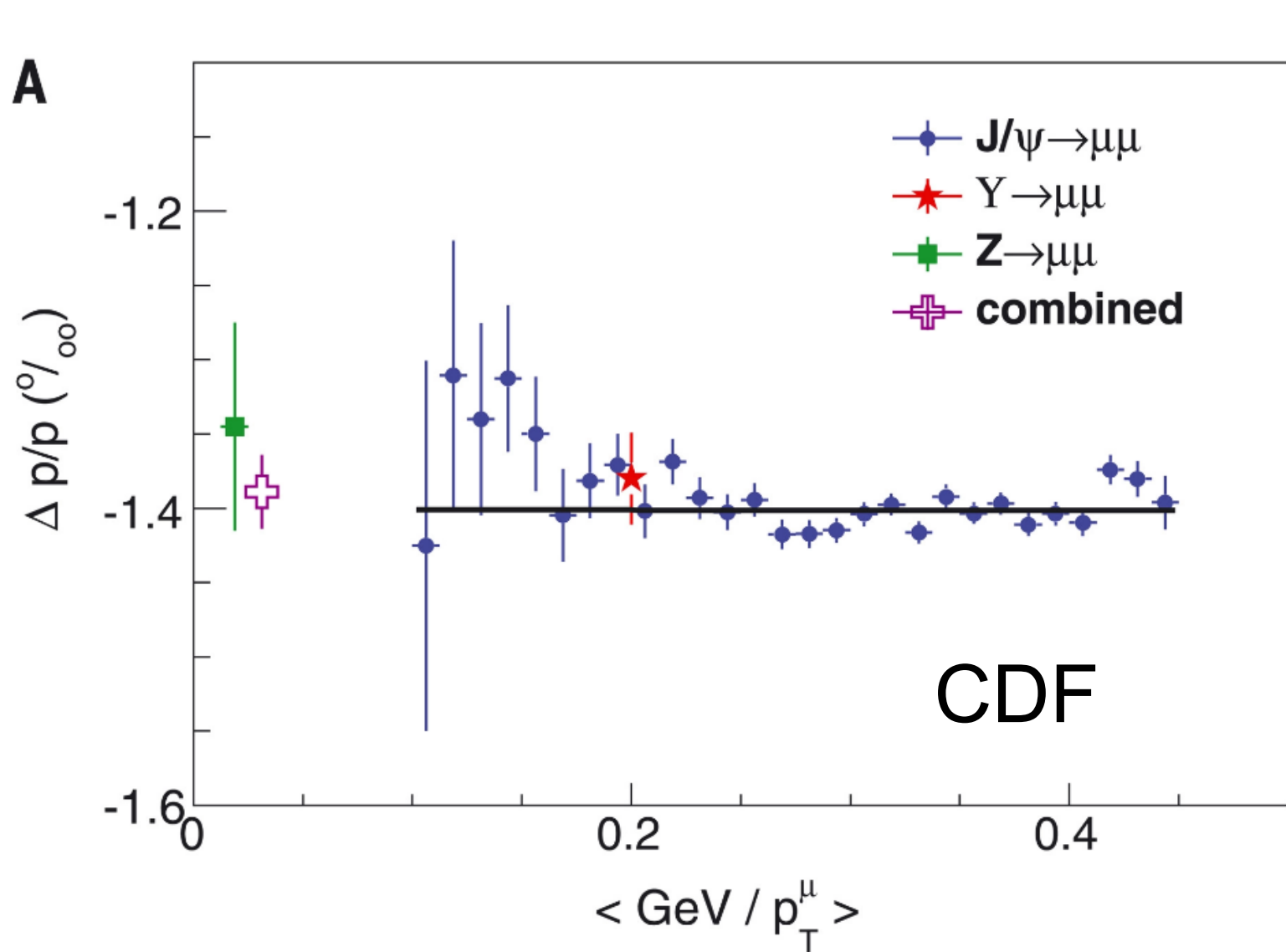


Electrons vs Muons

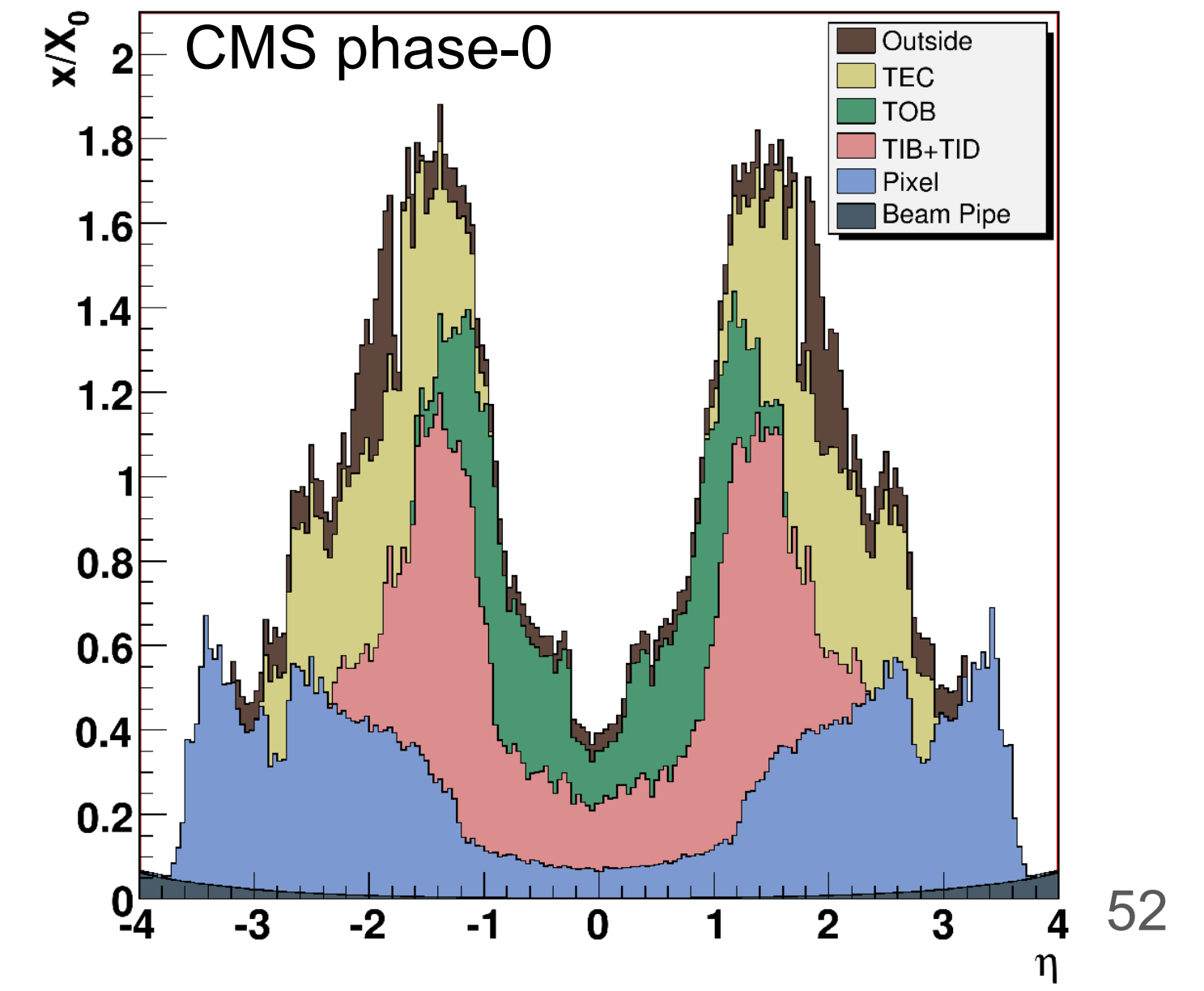
- Significantly larger statistical+experimental uncertainties for electrons already in W helicity measurement
- Energy calibration is also more challenging
- Will be difficult to be competitive with muons for mW measurements

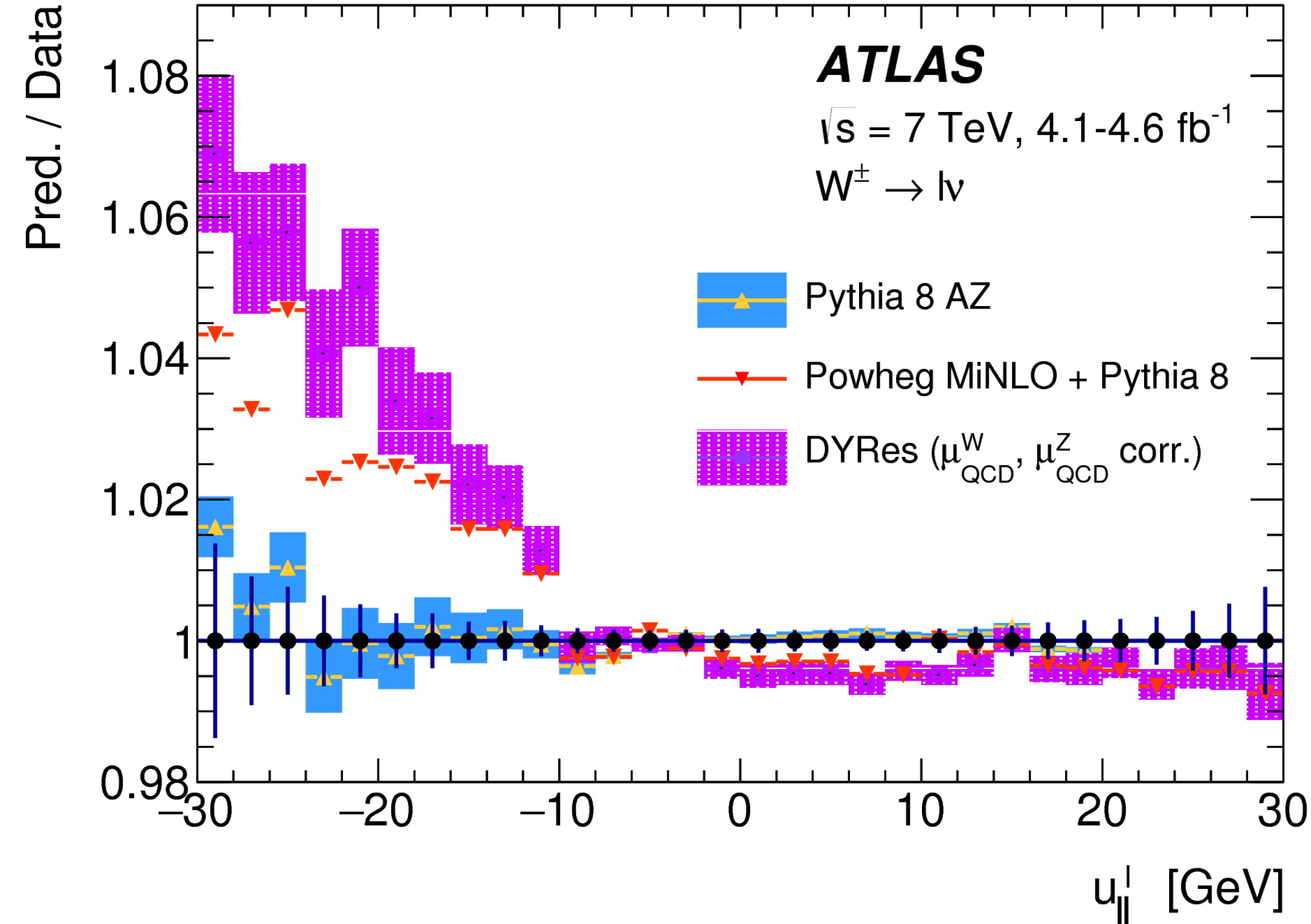
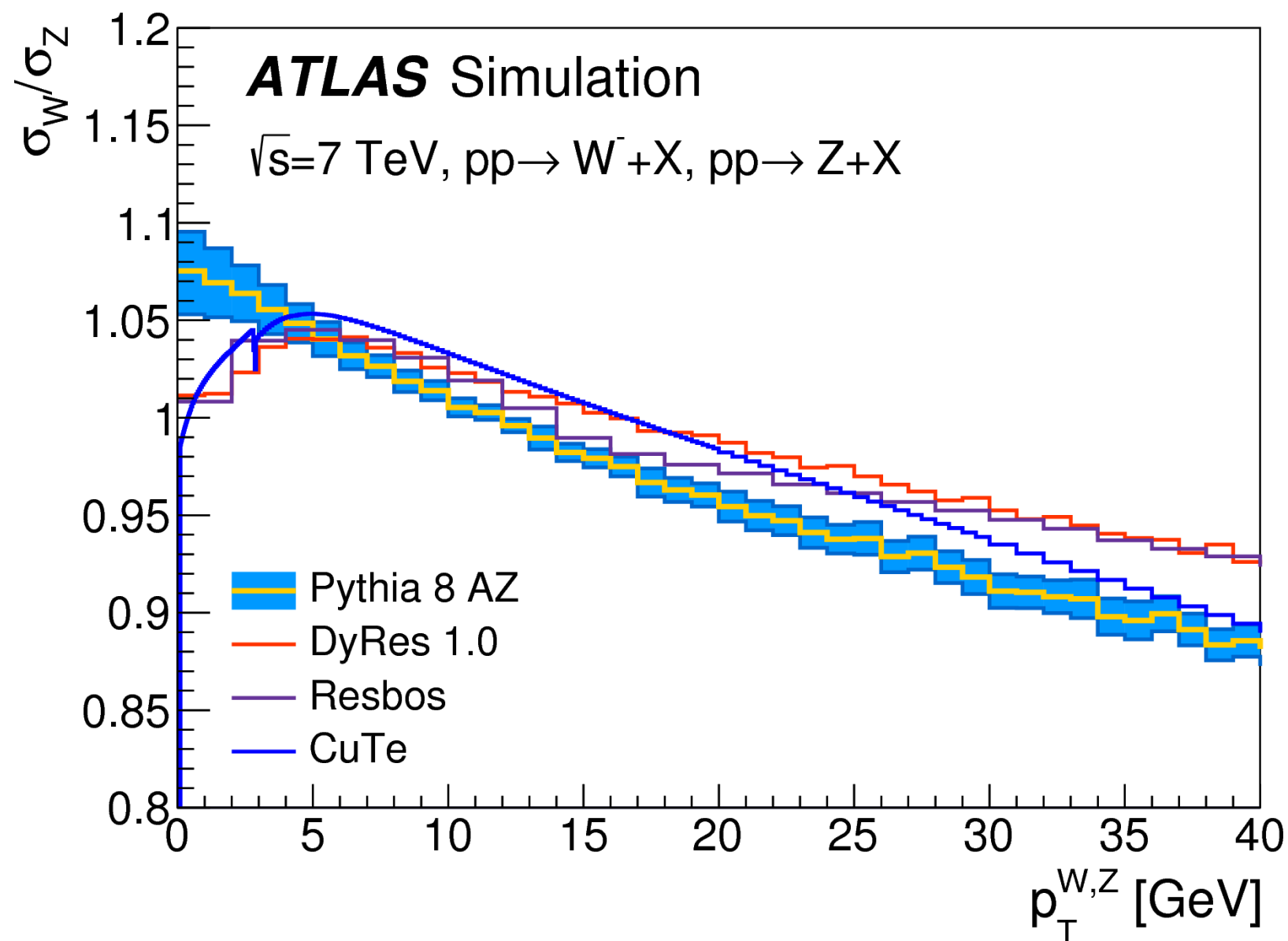


Electron Energy scale calibration in CDF and ATLAS

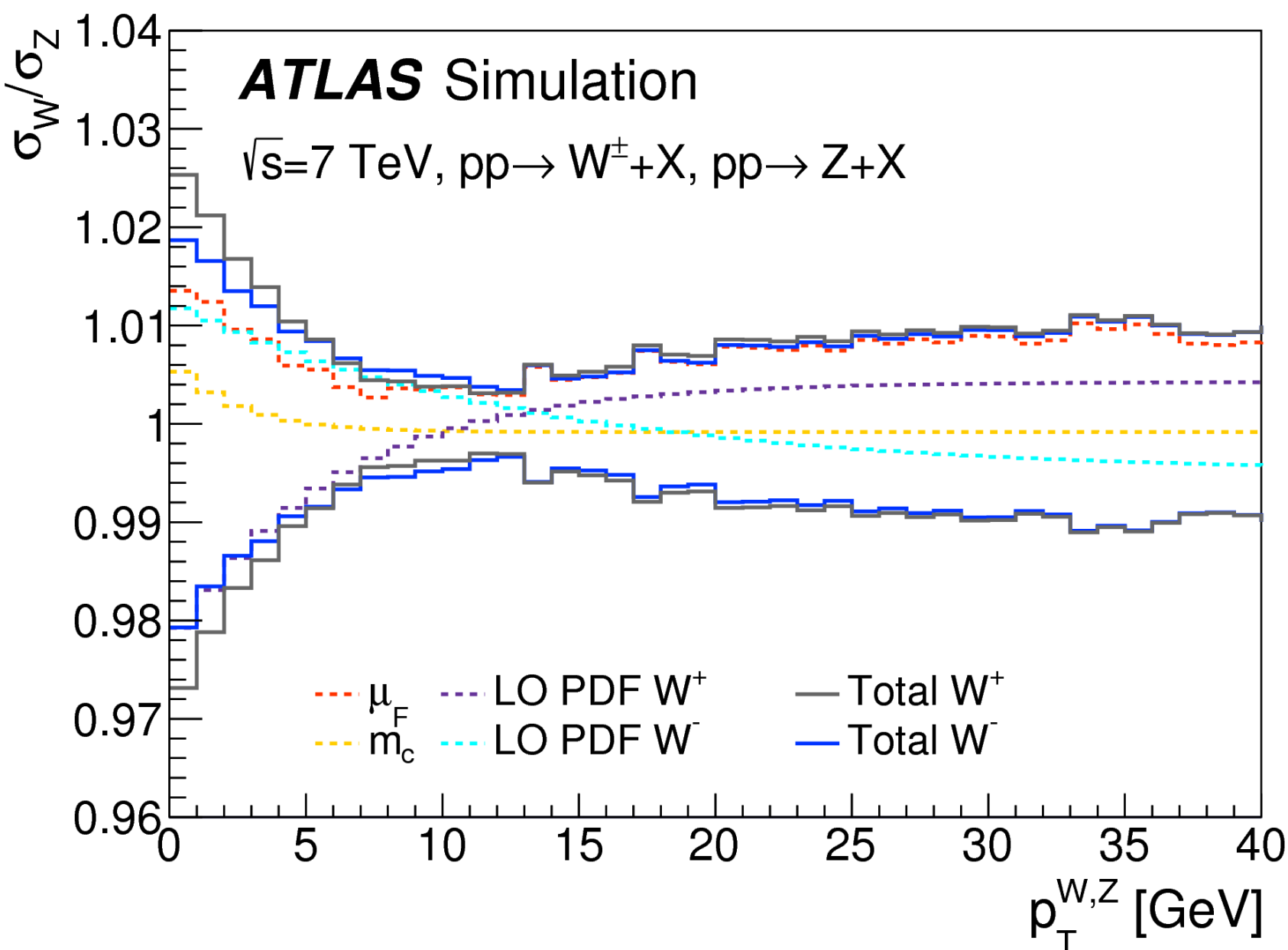


- CDF quotes systematic uncertainties on electron energy scale $< 1e-4$
- Achieved by transporting ultra high precision tracking calibration from muons to electron tracks and then using E/p
- CDF has < 0.2 radiation lengths of material in the tracking volume however...
- Quoted ATLAS electron energy scale uncertainties are approaching $1e-4$, but rely maximally on $Z \rightarrow ee$ for calibration

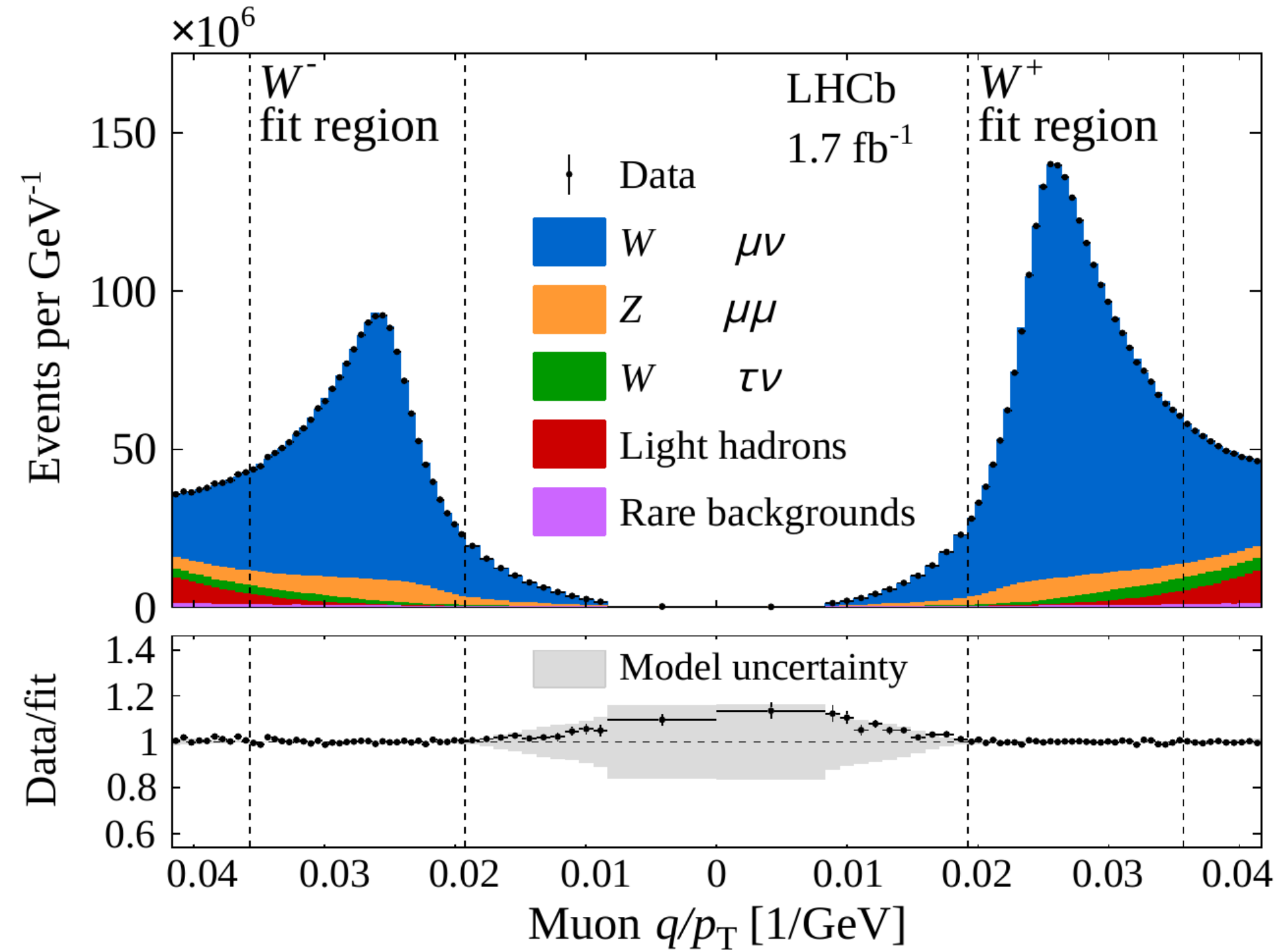




- Measured hadronic recoil distribution has some sensitivity to W p_T distribution, appears to disfavour more advanced calculations of W/Z p_T ratio
- Measurement relies on Pythia model tuned to Z p_T , with residual uncertainties for $W \rightarrow Z$ extrapolation



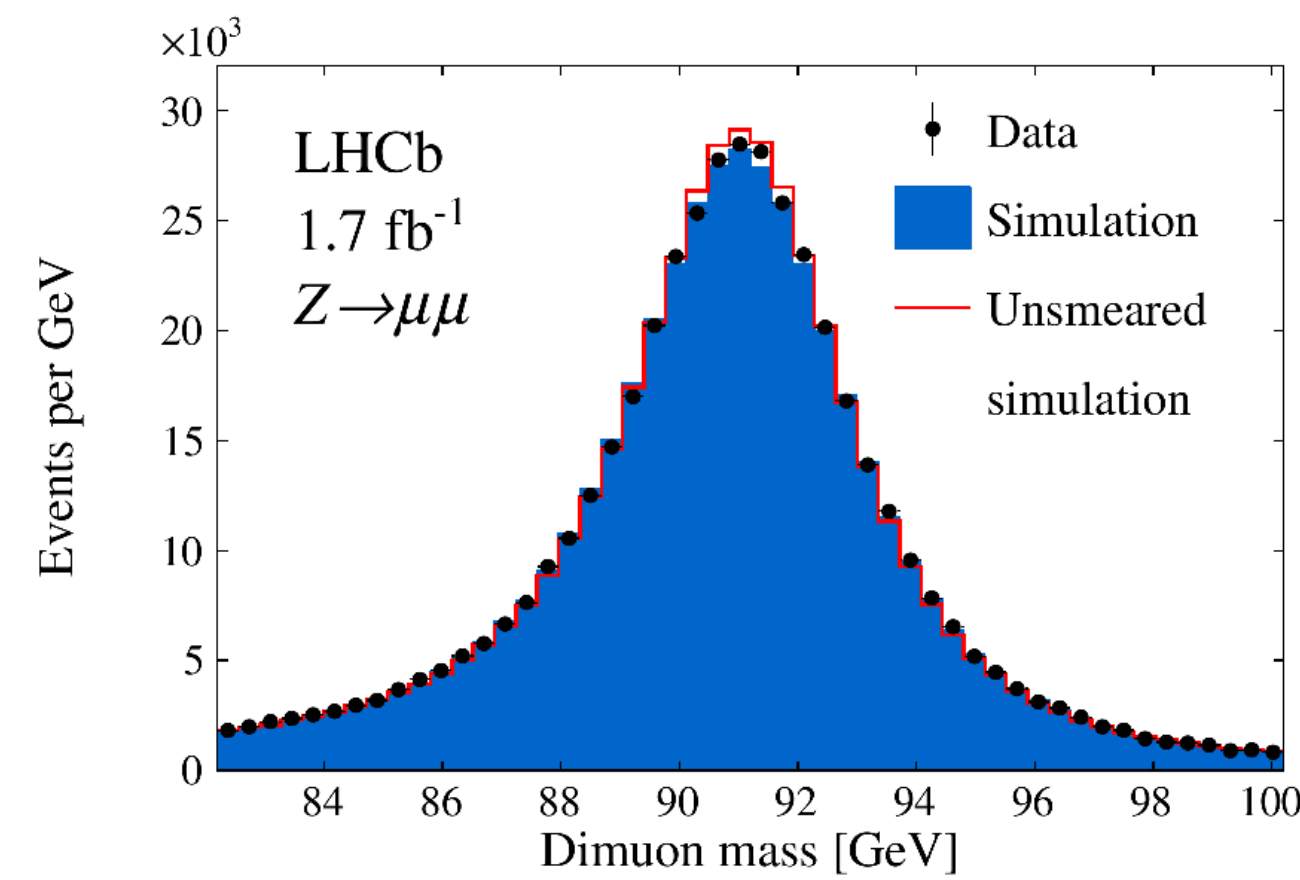
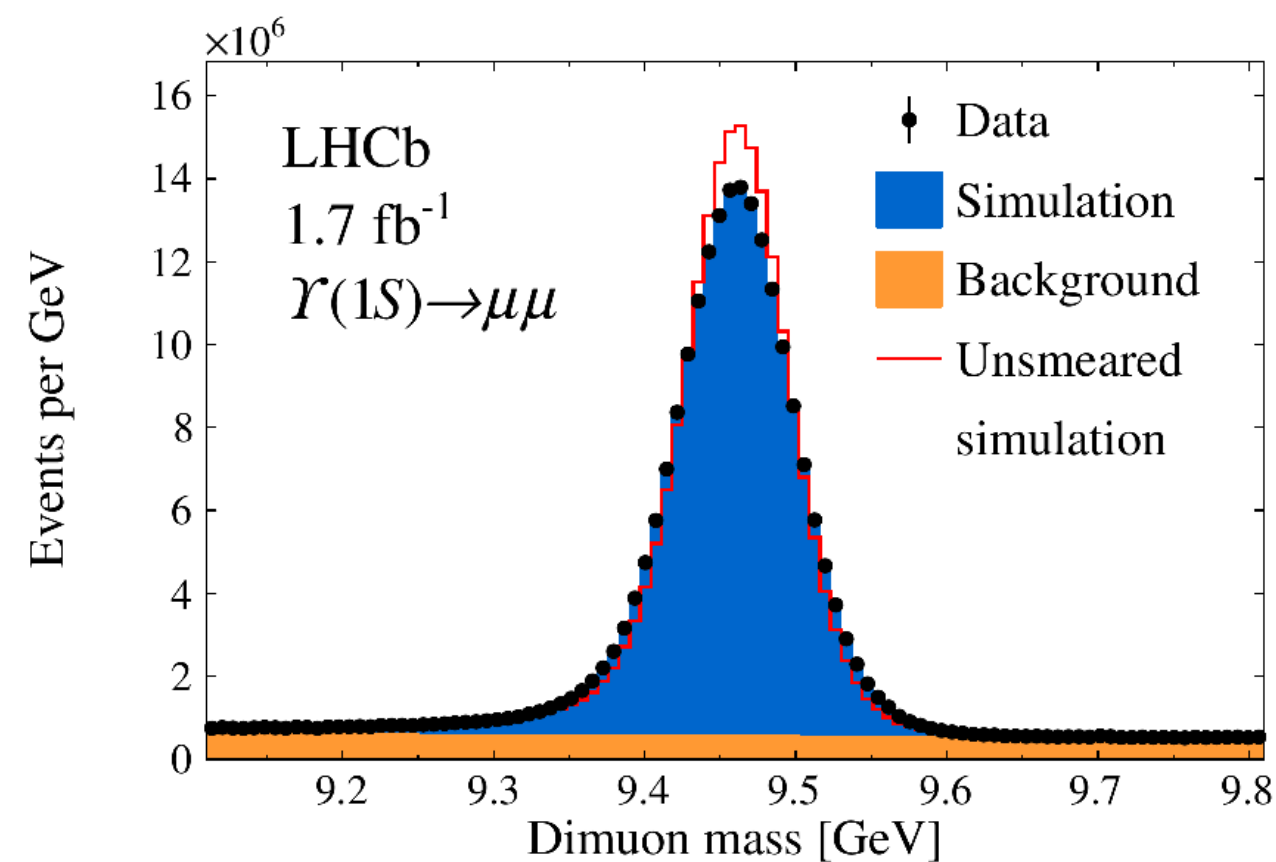
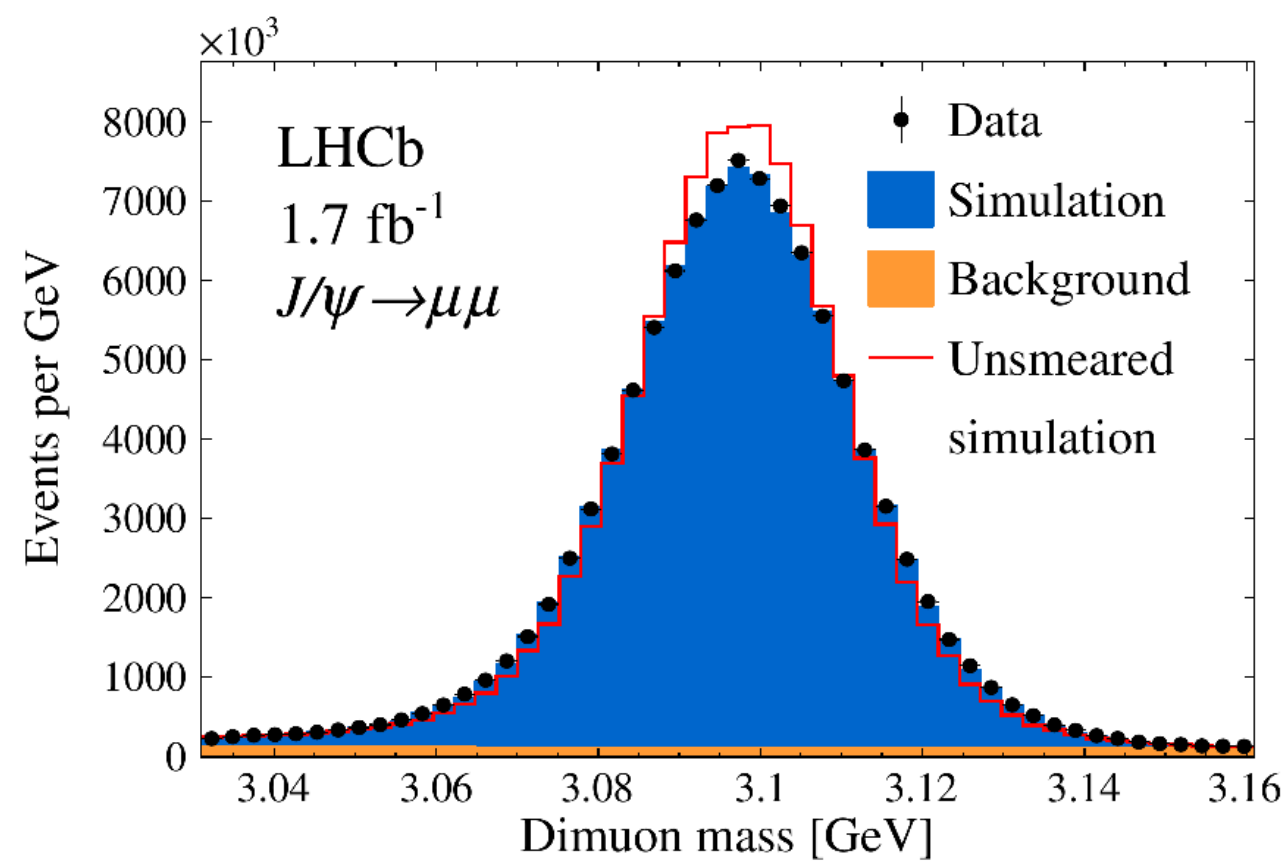
W -boson charge	W^+		W^-		Combined	
	p_T^ℓ	m_T	p_T^ℓ	m_T	p_T^ℓ	m_T
Kinematic distribution						
δm_W [MeV]						
Fixed-order PDF uncertainty	13.1	14.9	12.0	14.2	8.0	8.7
AZ tune	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.4
Charm-quark mass	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.5
Parton shower μ_F with heavy-flavour decorrelation	5.0	6.9	5.0	6.9	5.0	6.9
Parton shower PDF uncertainty	3.6	4.0	2.6	2.4	1.0	1.6
Angular coefficients	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.3
Total	15.9	18.1	14.8	17.2	11.6	12.9



Source	Size [MeV]
Parton distribution functions	9
Theory (excl. PDFs) total	17
Transverse momentum model	11
Angular coefficients	10
QED FSR model	7
Additional electroweak corrections	5
Experimental total	10
Momentum scale and resolution modelling	7
Muon ID, trigger and tracking efficiency	6
Isolation efficiency	4
QCD background	2
Statistical	23
Total	32

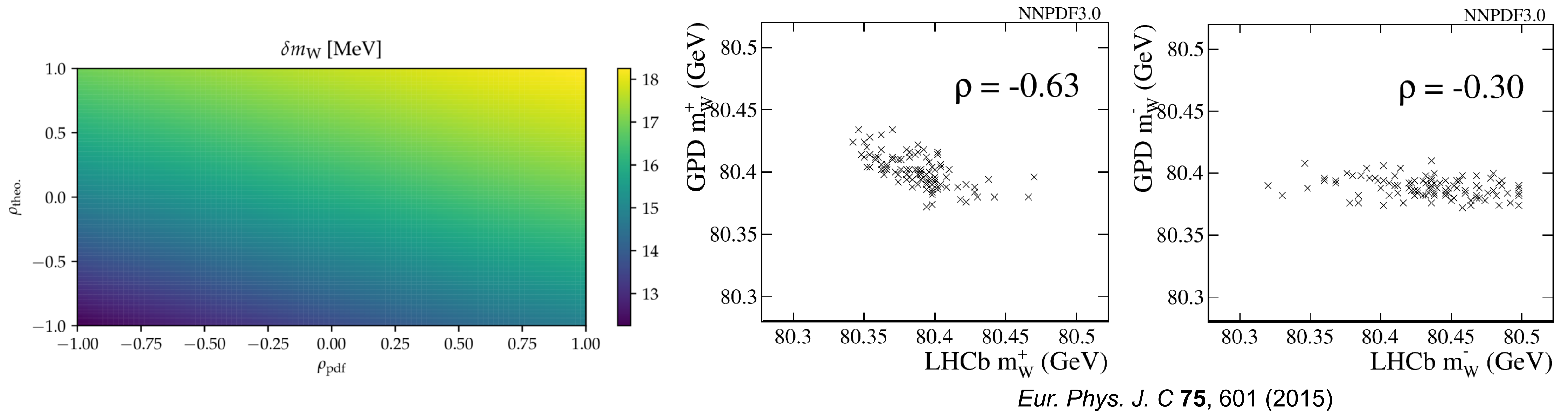
- Detector design limits measurement to muon transverse momentum, but excellent calibration possible with quarkonia
- Unique forward phase space

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



LHCb Combination prospects

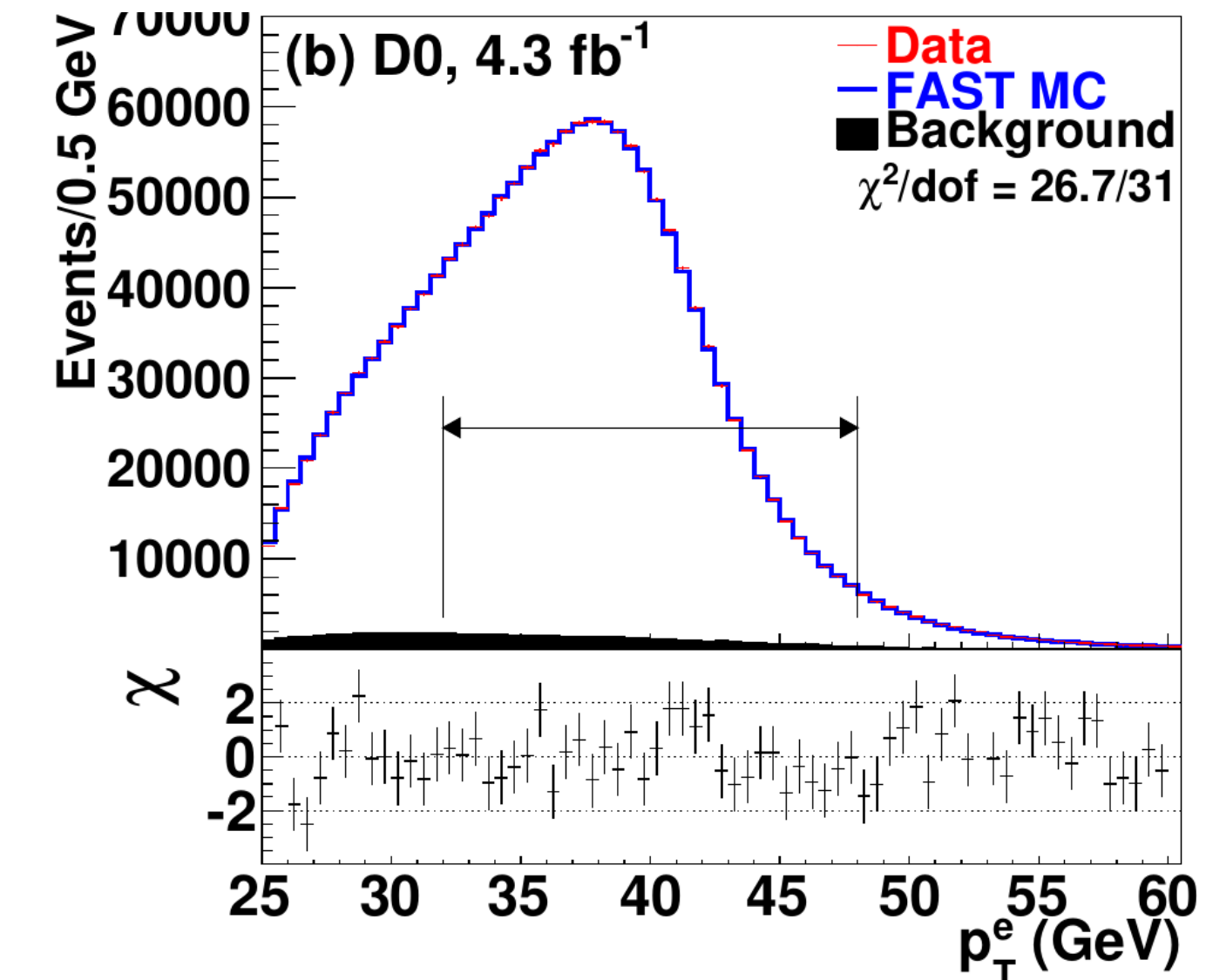
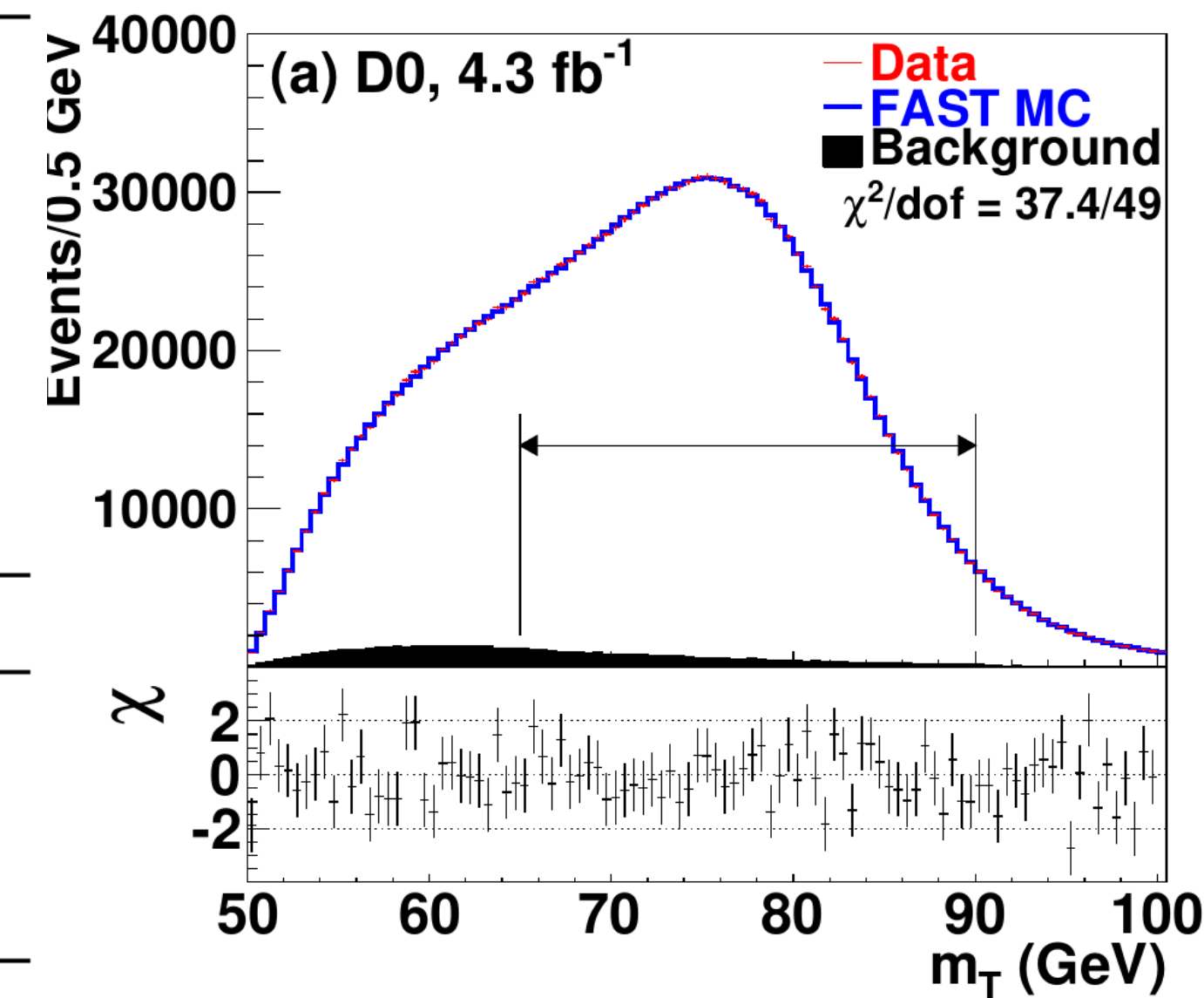
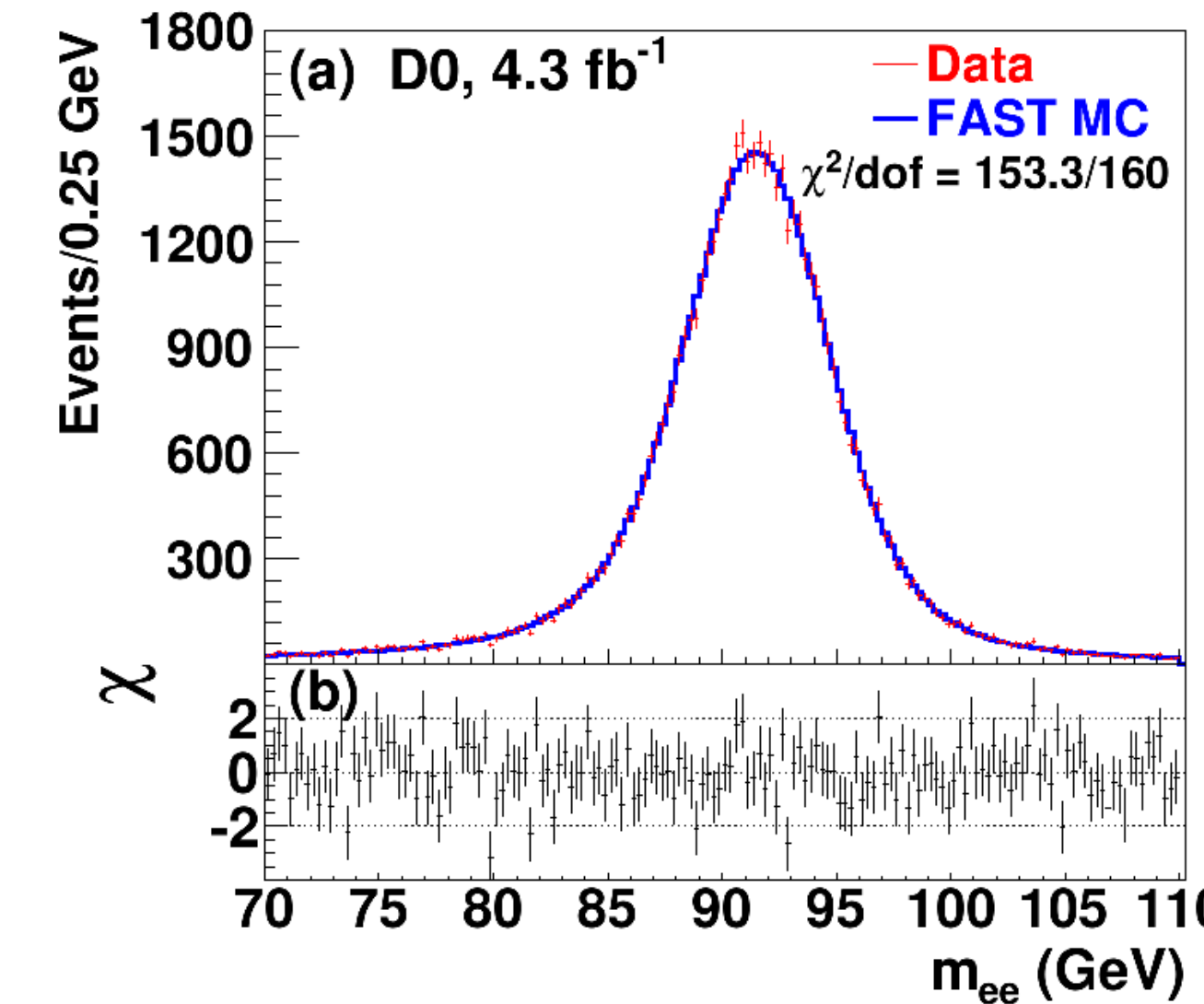
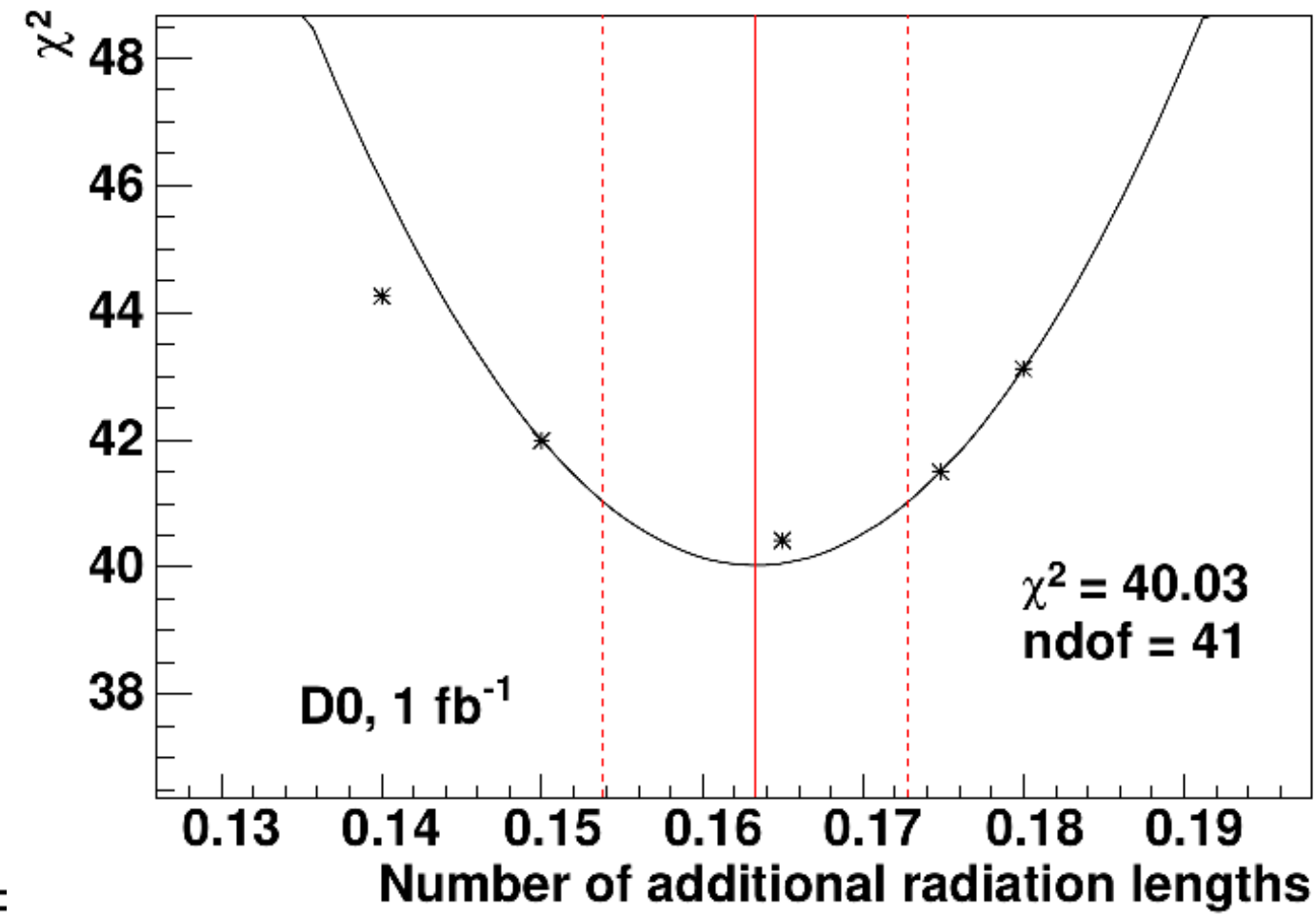
- Forward phase space with respect to ATLAS and CMS leads to an anti-correlation of PDF uncertainties
- PDF uncertainties can be further reduced in combination



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- Measurement with 4.3 +1.0/fb in electron channel
- Electron energy scale, hadronic recoil, theory model calibrated/tuned with Z->ee

$$M_W = 80.375 \pm 0.023 \text{ GeV.}$$



Source	m_T	p_T^e	\cancel{E}_T
Experimental			
Electron Energy Scale	16	17	16
Electron Energy Resolution	2	2	3
Electron Shower Model	4	6	7
Electron Energy Loss	4	4	4
Recoil Model	5	6	14
Electron Efficiencies	1	3	5
Backgrounds	2	2	2
$\Sigma(\text{Experimental})$	18	20	24
W Production and Decay Model			
PDF	11	11	14
QED	7	7	9
Boson p_T	2	5	2
$\Sigma(\text{Model})$	13	14	17
Systematic Uncertainty (Experimental and Model)	22	24	29
W Boson Statistics	13	14	15
Total Uncertainty	26	28	33

Variable	Fit Range (GeV)	Result (GeV)	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
m_T	$65 < m_T < 90$	80.371 ± 0.013	37/49
p_T^e	$32 < p_T^e < 48$	80.343 ± 0.014	27/31
\cancel{E}_T	$32 < \cancel{E}_T < 48$	80.355 ± 0.015	29/31

Measurement	NNPDF3.1	NNPDF4.0	MMHT14	MSHT20	CT14	CT18	ABMP16
CDF y_Z	24 / 28	28 / 28	30 / 28	32 / 28	29 / 28	27 / 28	31 / 28
CDF A_W	11 / 13	14 / 13	12 / 13	28 / 13	12 / 13	11 / 13	21 / 13
D0 y_Z	22 / 28	23 / 28	23 / 28	24 / 28	22 / 28	22 / 28	22 / 28
D0 $W \rightarrow e\nu A_\ell$	22 / 13	23 / 13	52 / 13	42 / 13	21 / 13	19 / 13	26 / 13
D0 $W \rightarrow \mu\nu A_\ell$	12 / 10	12 / 10	11 / 10	11 / 10	11 / 10	12 / 10	11 / 10
ATLAS peak CC y_Z	13 / 12	13 / 12	58 / 12	17 / 12	12 / 12	11 / 12	18 / 12
ATLAS $W^- y_\ell$	12 / 11	12 / 11	33 / 11	16 / 11	13 / 11	10 / 11	14 / 11
ATLAS $W^+ y_\ell$	9 / 11	9 / 11	15 / 11	12 / 11	9 / 11	9 / 11	10 / 11
Correlated χ^2	75	62	210	88	81	41	83
Total χ^2 / d.o.f.	200 / 126	196 / 126	444 / 126	270 / 126	210 / 126	162 / 126	236 / 126
$p(\chi^2, n)$	0.003%	0.007%	$< 10^{-10}$	$< 10^{-10}$	0.0004%	1.5%	10^{-8}

Table 6: χ^2 per degree of freedom for the Tevatron Z -rapidity and W^- and l -asymmetry measurements at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV, and the LHC Z -rapidity and W lepton-rapidity measurements at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV. The total χ^2 is the sum of those quoted for individual measurements along with a separate contribution for correlated uncertainties, where the latter is extracted using a nuisance parameter representation of the χ^2 [47]. The CT14 and CT18 PDF uncertainties correspond to 68% coverage, obtained by rescaling the eigenvectors by a factor of 1/1.645. The probability of obtaining a total χ^2 at least as high as that observed is labelled $p(\chi^2, n)$.