

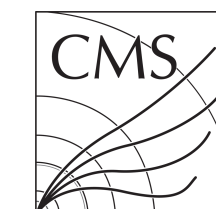
A decorative Feynman diagram in the background. It features a vertical line on the left with two vertices marked by grey circles. From the upper vertex, a dashed line extends horizontally to the right, ending with the letter 'H'. From the lower vertex, a wavy line extends horizontally to the right, ending with the letter 'V'.

VBS WH Analysis

Breaking down LHE-level plots of signal sample

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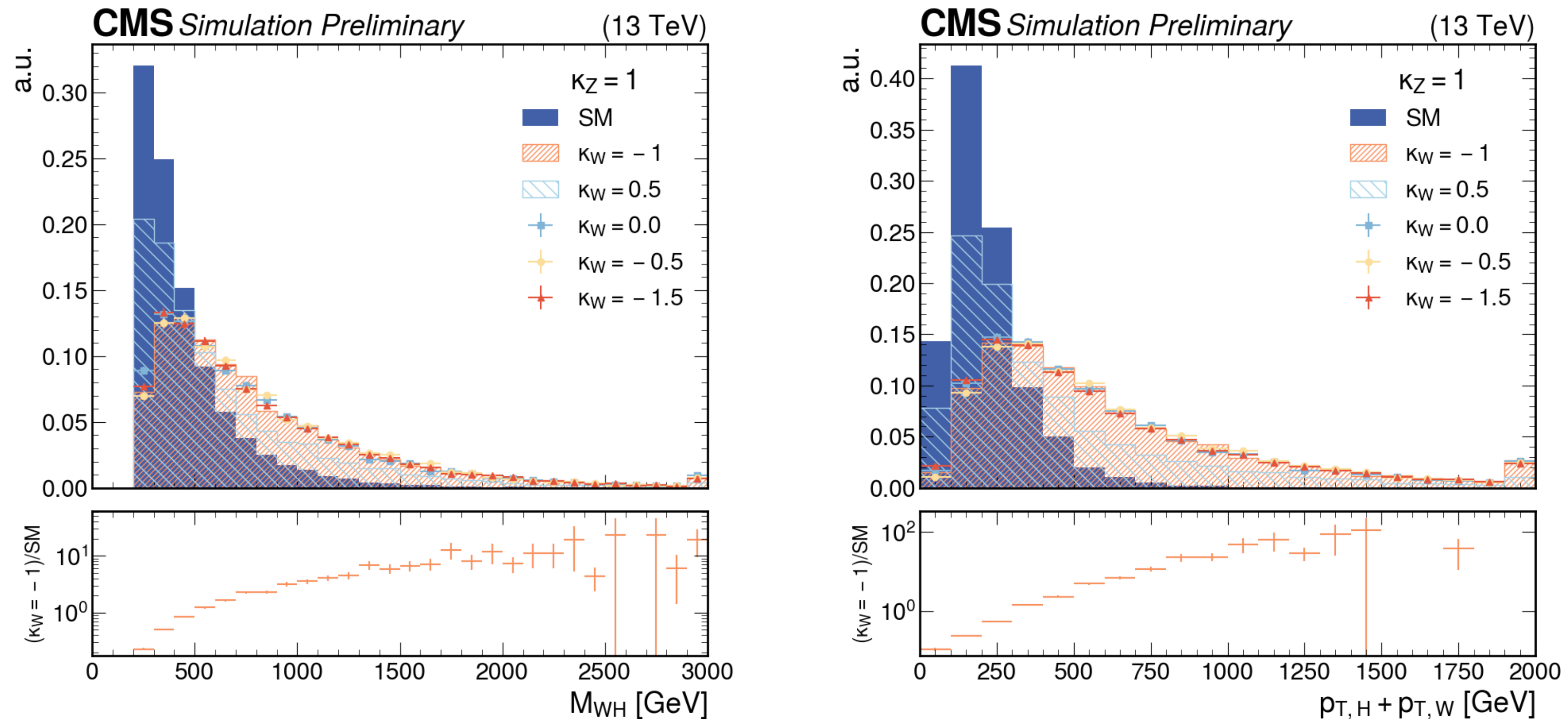
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Overview



- Asked for an intuitive explanation for why the $\kappa_W \leq 0$, $\kappa_Z = 1$ shapes are \sim identical
- **In these slides*, we offer such an explanation**

*All plots shown are at LHE level and have phase space cuts described in the backup

Breaking Down LHE Histograms

Recall (Eq. 3.3 from [here](#)):

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \kappa_W^2 |\mathcal{M}_W|^2 + \kappa_W \kappa_Z \mathcal{M}_{WZ}^2 + \kappa_Z^2 |\mathcal{M}_Z|^2$$

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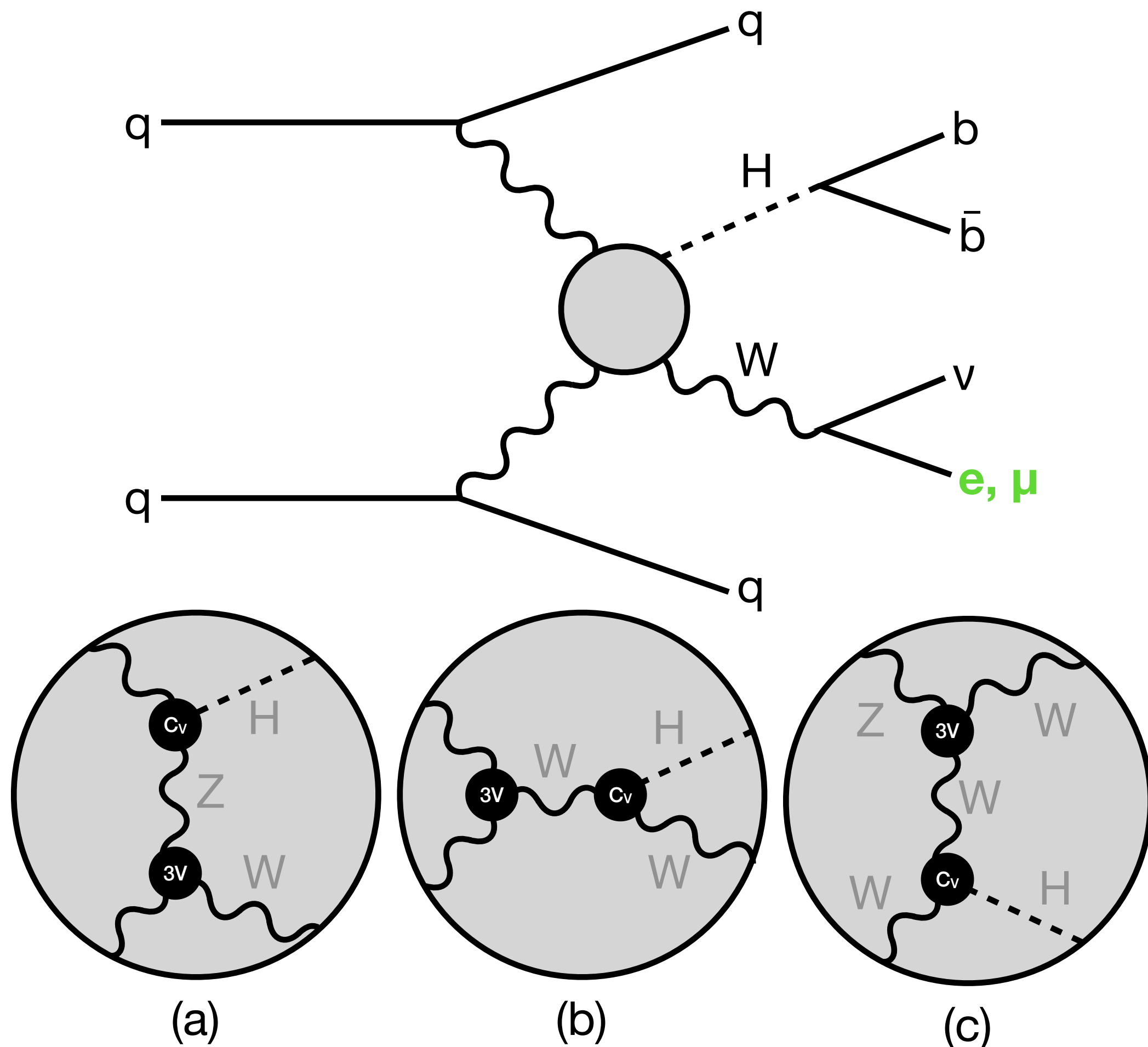
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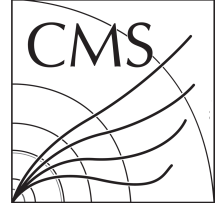
- The histogram for $\kappa_W = 0, \kappa_Z = 1$ gives (a) alone

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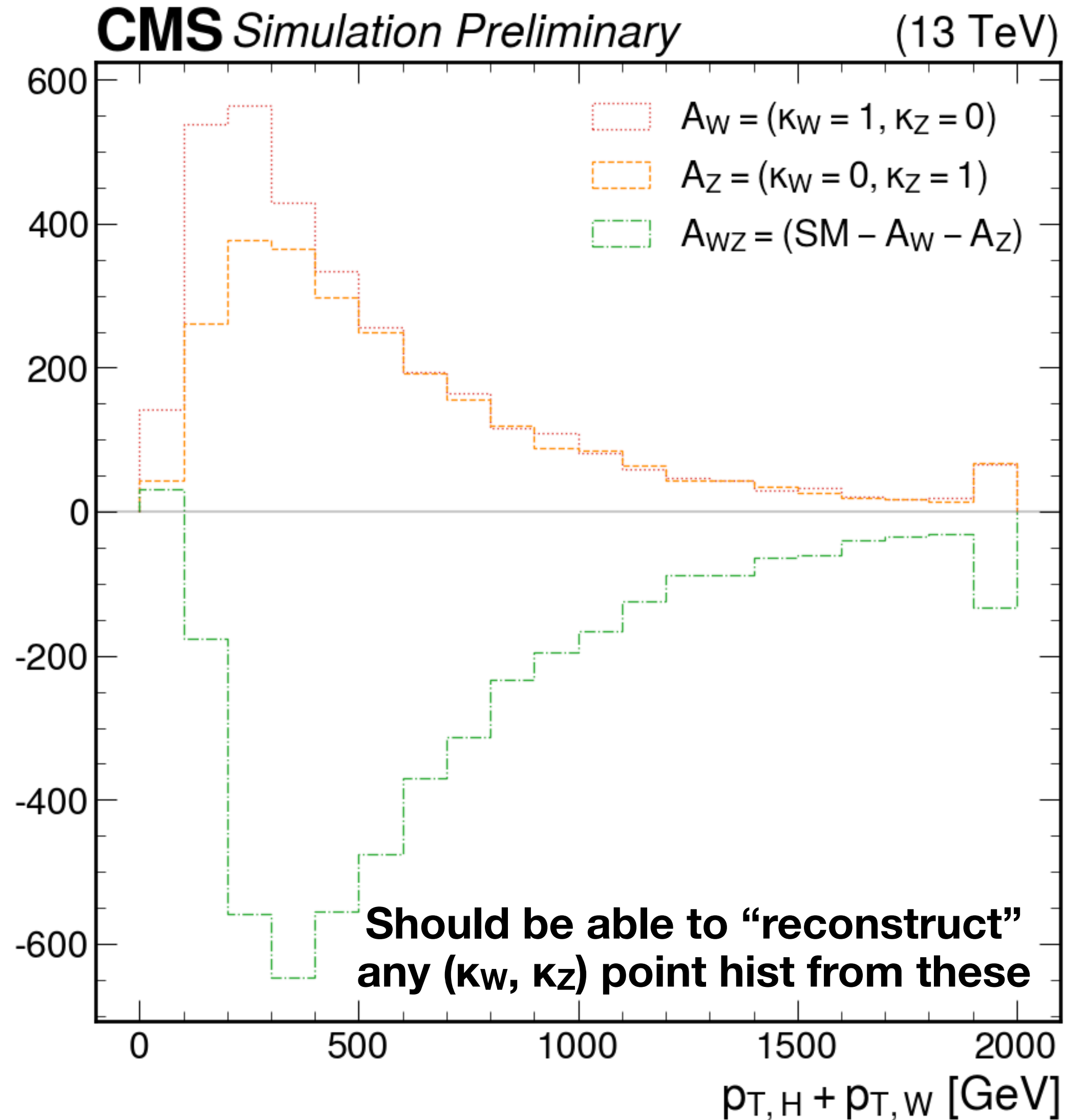
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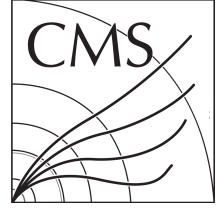
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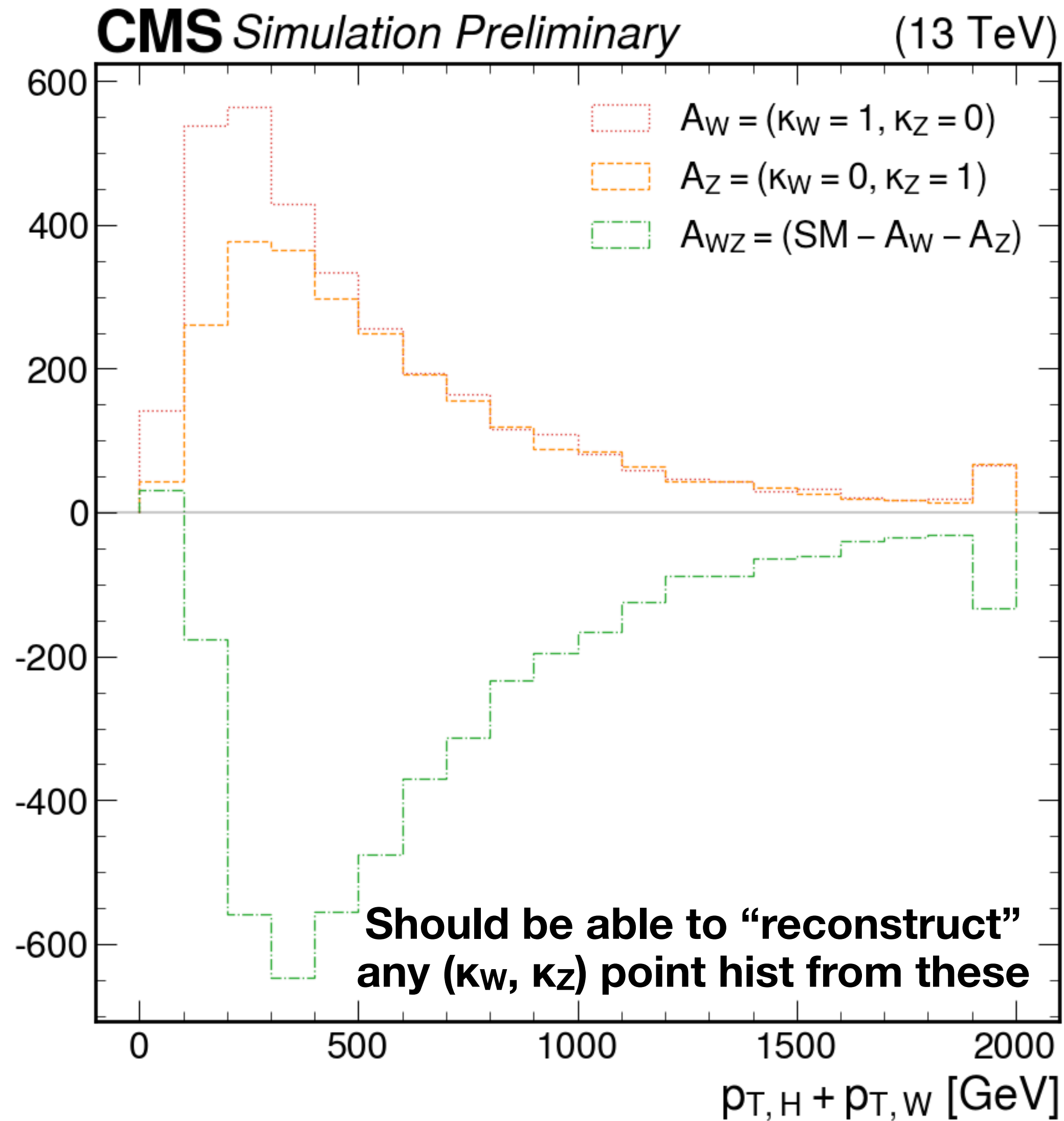
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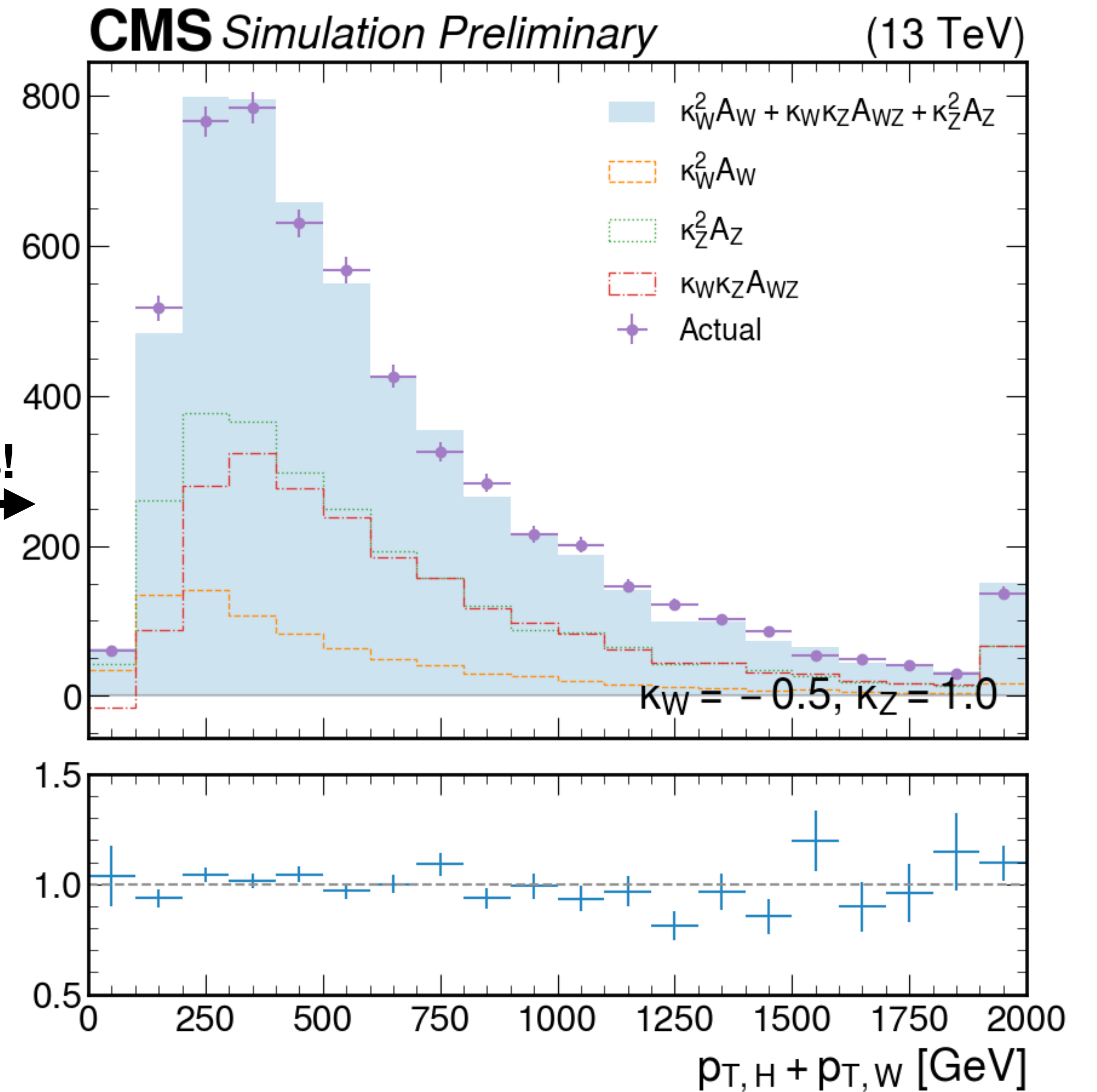
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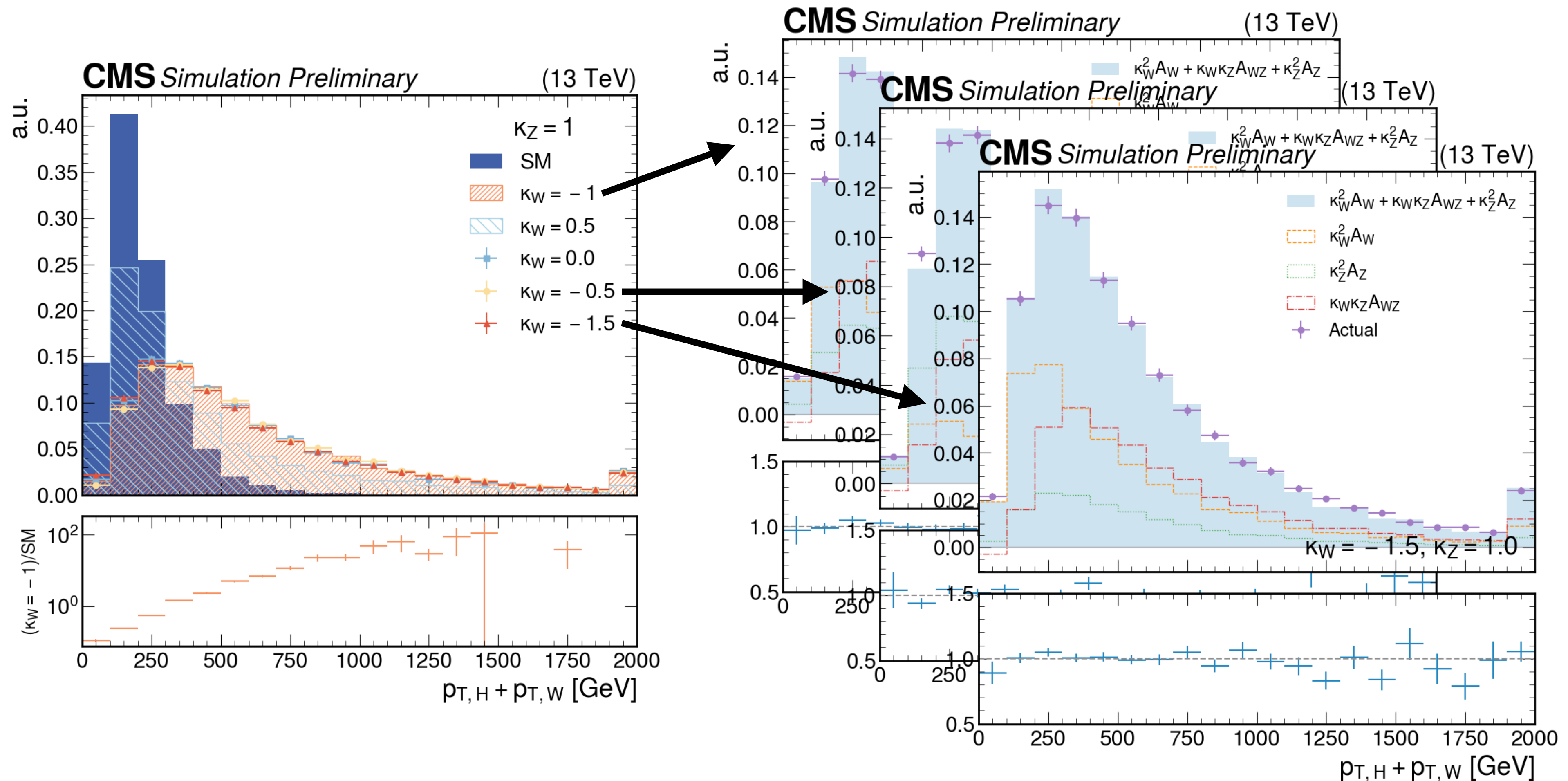
Breaking Down LHE Histograms



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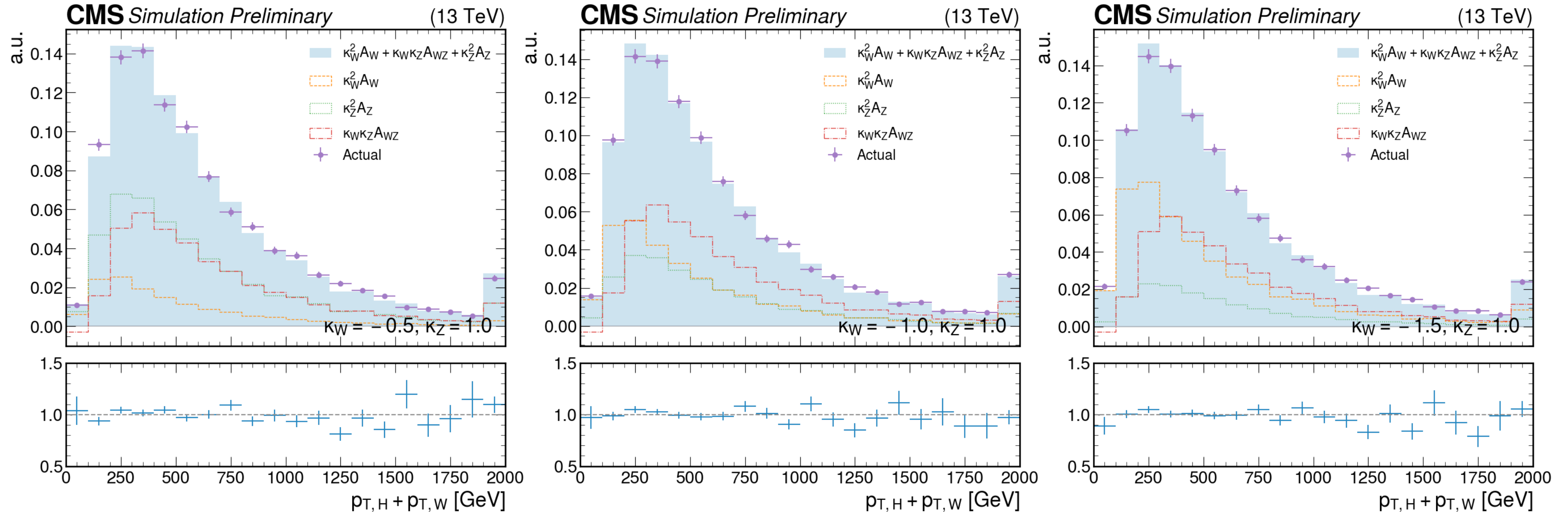


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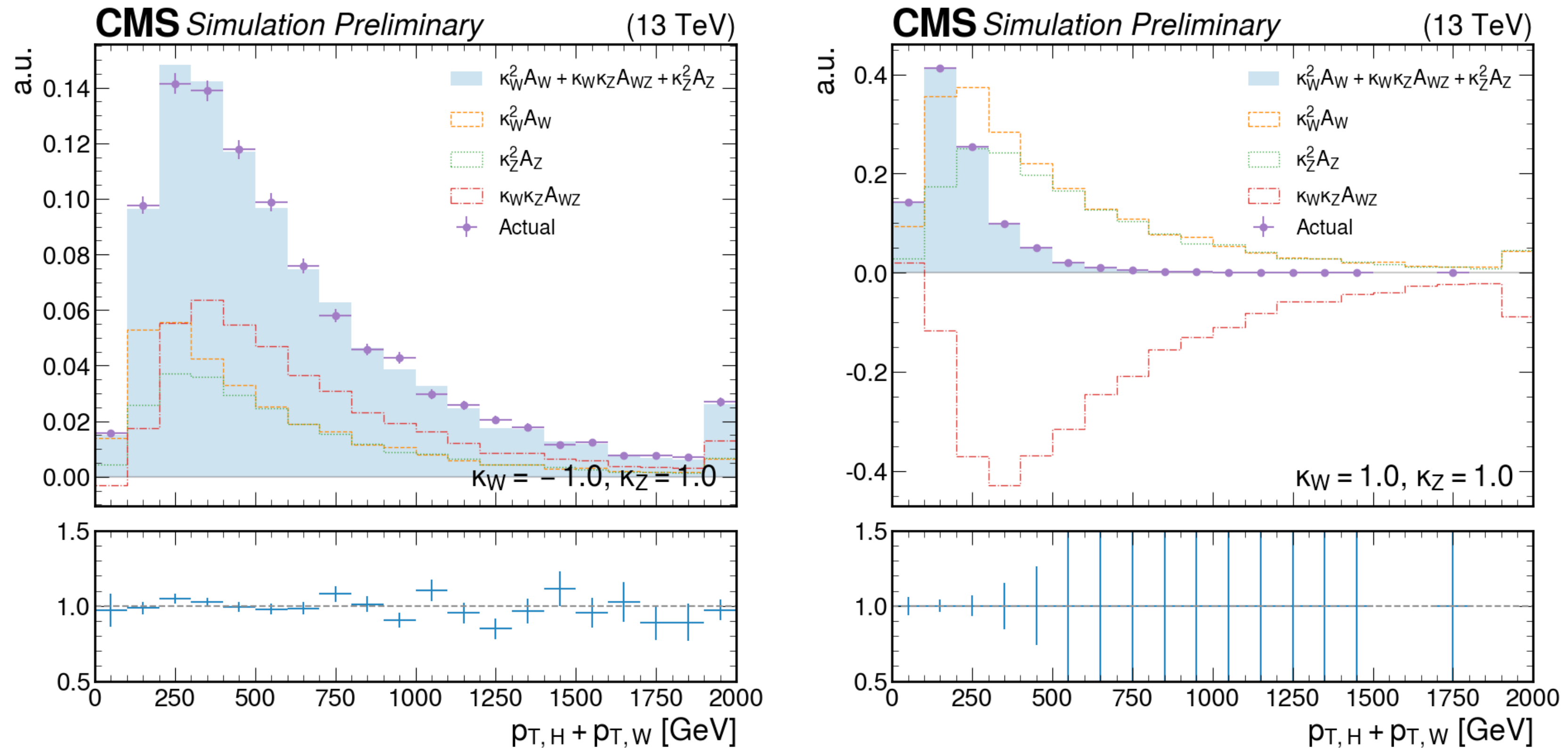
For these slides, we focus on the LHE S_T histogram

Breaking Down LHE Histograms



- Breakdown histograms normalized to actual histogram integral
- **Peak migrates slightly (due to A_W vs. A_Z), but A_W and A_Z have ~same tail as A_{WZ} i.e. composition changes, but the sum gives ~same shape!**

Breaking Down LHE Histograms



- Breakdown histograms normalized to actual histogram integral
- **Interference term (A_{WZ}) kills the high- S_T tail**

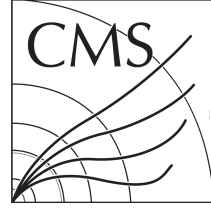
Summary

- We are able to intuitively understand the shape of all LHE plots shown
- We show why the shapes for $\kappa_W = 0, -0.5, -1.0, -1.5$ ($\kappa_Z = 1$) are consistent
- All plots can be found here: http://uaf-10.t2.ucsd.edu/~jguiang/lhe_plots/vbswh/
 - Includes non-normalized hists and M_{WH} hists
- We propose that the signal simulation is therefore understandable/trustworthy

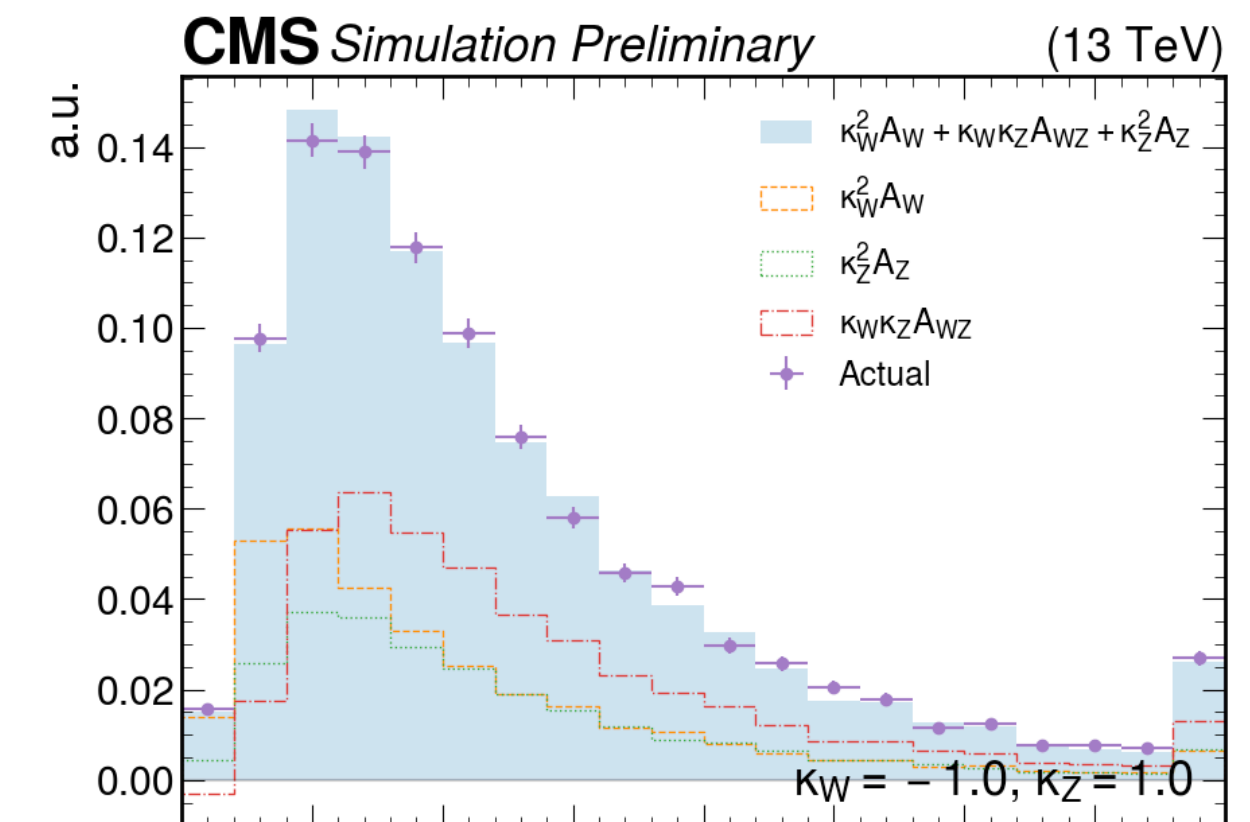
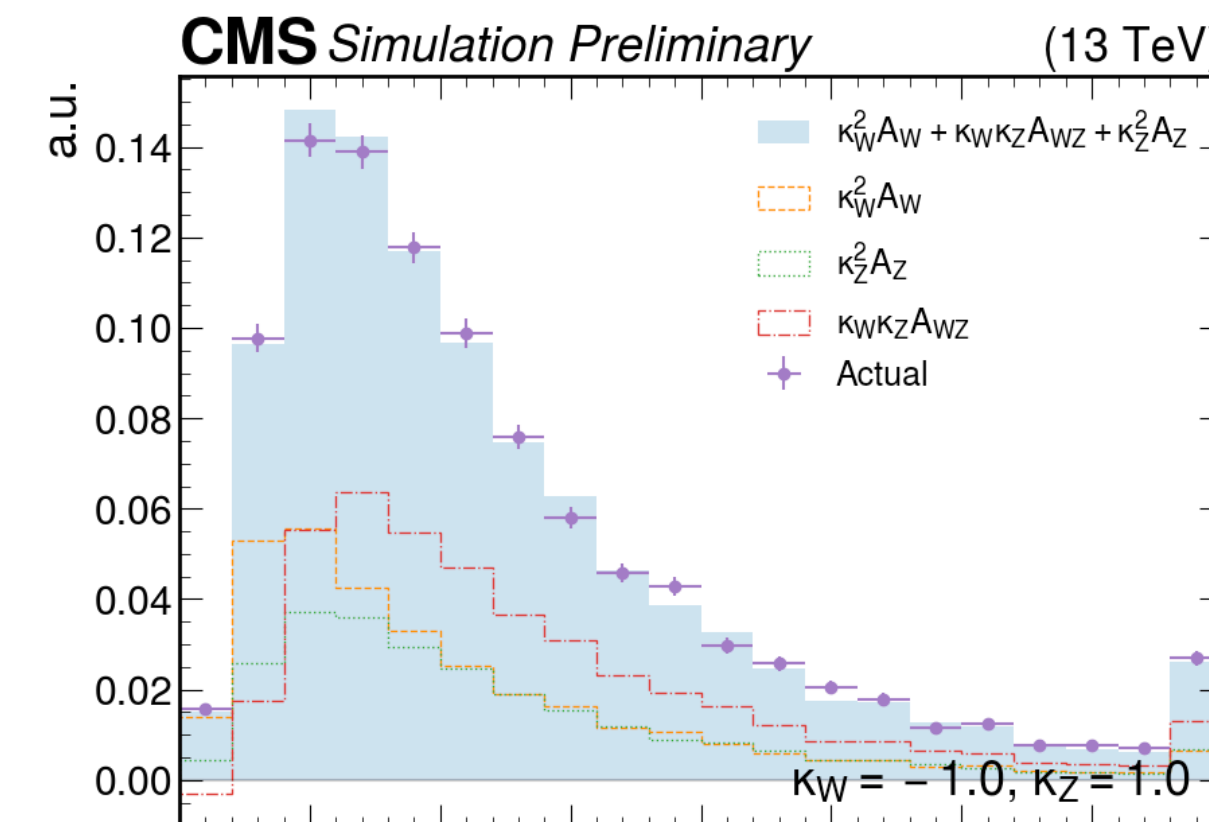
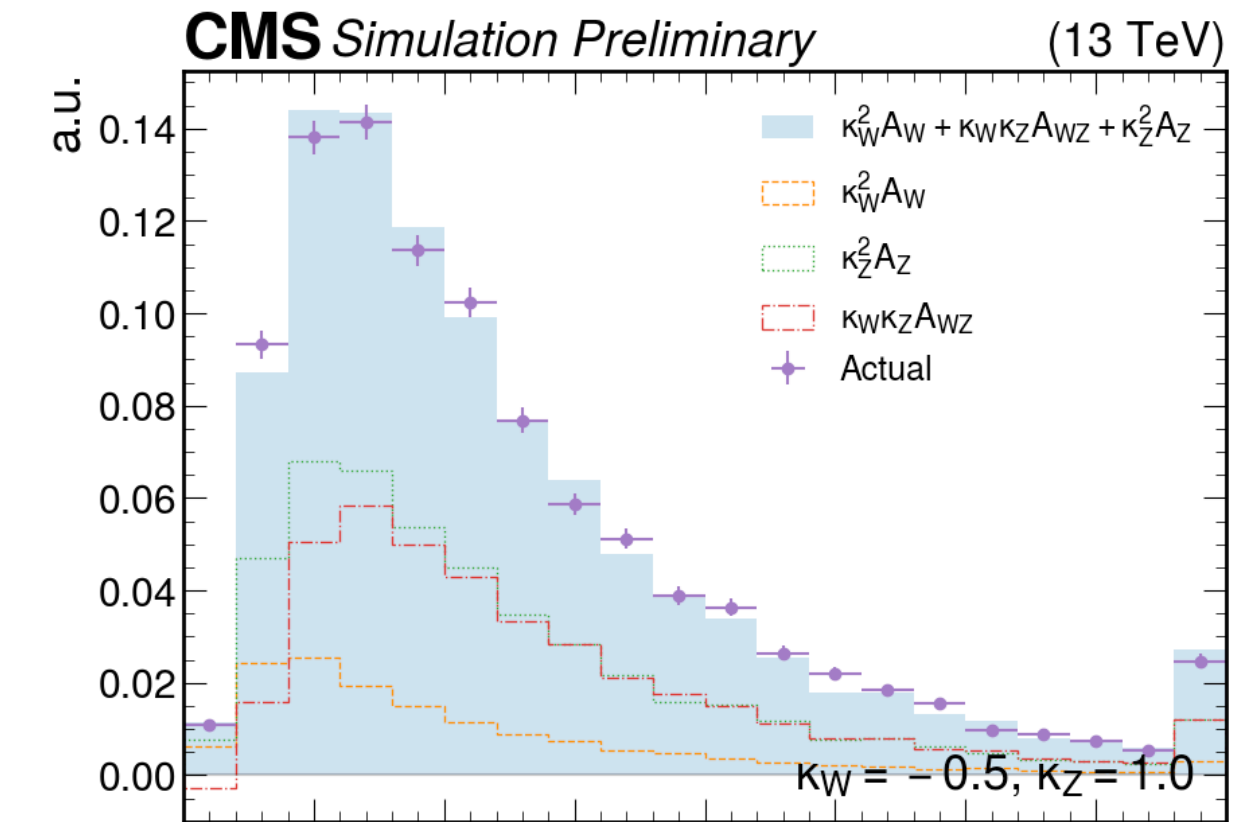
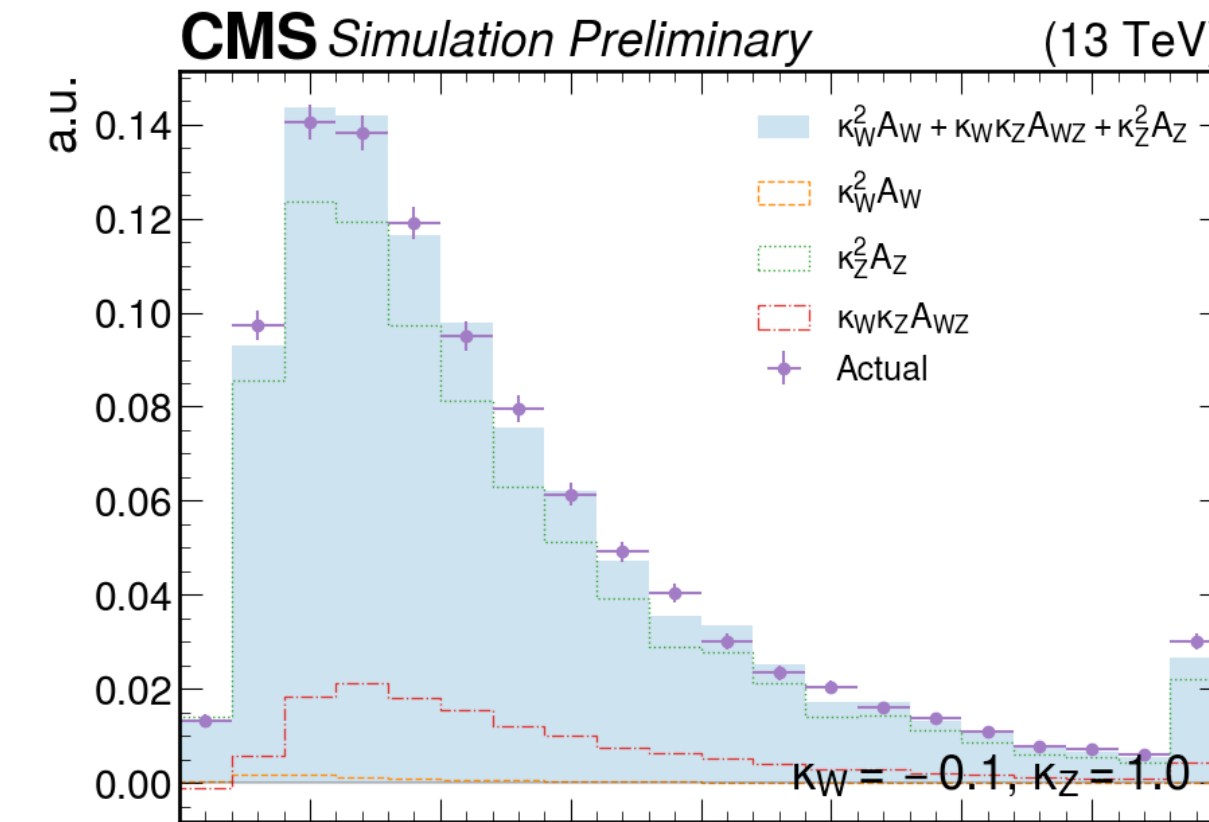
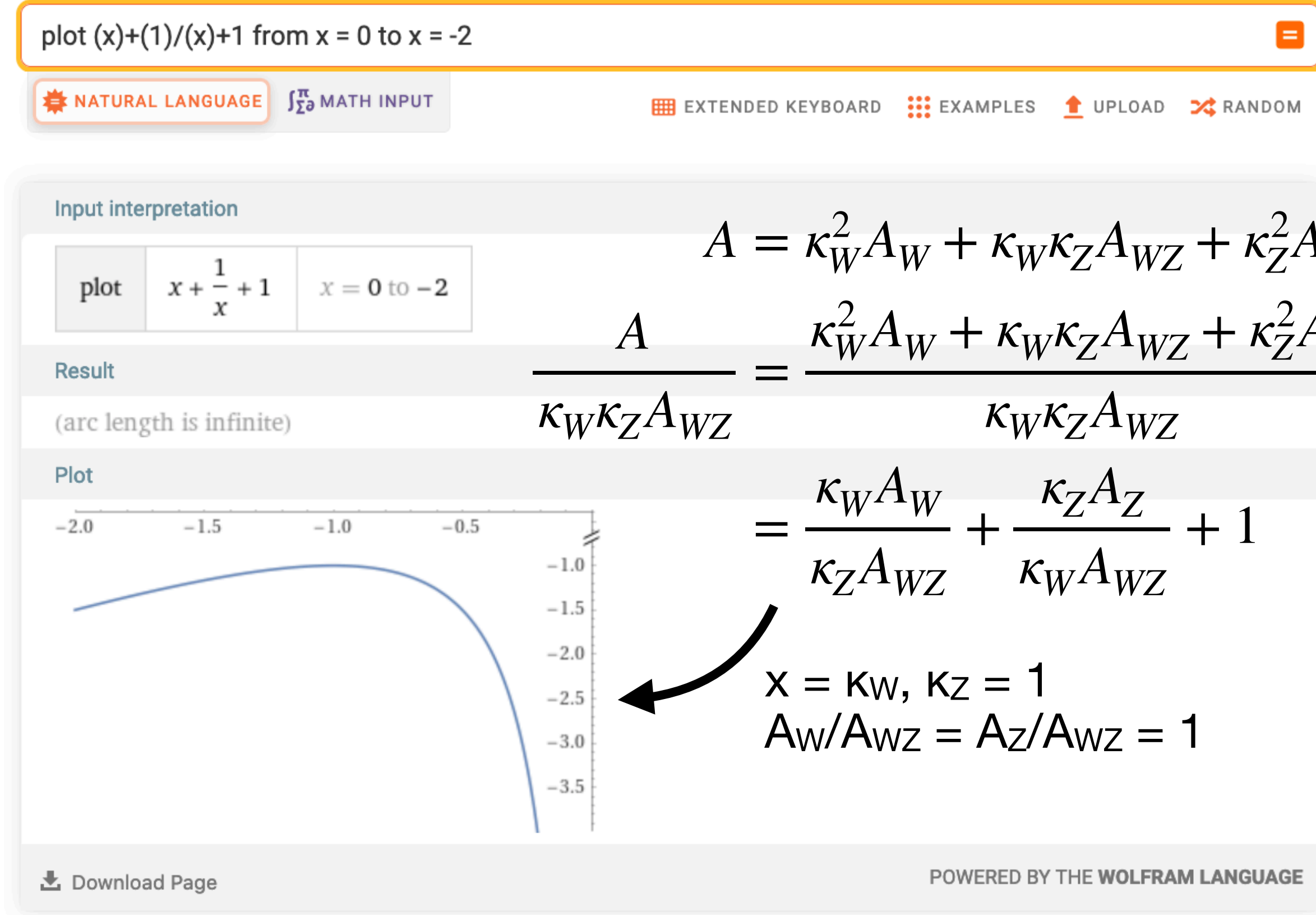
Backup

LHE Selection (Run Card)

- In addition to the standard phase space cuts:
 - $M(\text{jet}+\text{jet}) > 100$
 - $|\eta(\text{jet})| < 6.5$
- The additional cuts were approved/requested by GEN contacts
- Identical run card to central sample:
https://github.com/cms-sw/genproductions/blob/master/bin/MadGraph5_aMCatNLO/cards/production/13TeV/VBSWH_mkW_Inclusive_4f_LO/VBSWH_mkW_Inclusive_4f_LO_run_card.dat



Why is A_{WZ}/real approximately the same?



It is not exactly the same, and only looks different for very large or small values of $|\kappa_W|$ (for $\kappa_Z = 1$), since $A_W \sim A_Z$