

## Global analysis of electroweak data in the Standard Model

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We perform a global fit of electroweak data within the Standard Model, using state-of-the-art experimental and theoretical results, including a determination of the electromagnetic coupling at the electroweak scale based on recent lattice calculations. In addition to the posteriors for all parameters and observables obtained from the global fit, we present indirect determinations for all parameters and predictions for all observables. Furthermore, we present full predictions, obtained using only the experimental information on Standard Model parameters, and a fully indirect determination of Standard Model parameters using only experimental information on electroweak data. Finally, we discuss in detail the compatibility of experimental data with the Standard Model and find a global  $p$ -value of 0.5.

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In the Standard Model (SM) of electroweak (EW) and strong interactions, the  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  gauge symmetry is hidden at low energies through the Higgs mechanism, leaving only electromagnetism as a manifest symmetry. This hidden symmetry endows the SM with calculable relations among masses and couplings of EW bosons, and a huge theoretical effort in multiloop calculations has led to the reduction of theoretical errors in these relations down to  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4}-10^{-5})$  [1–31]. On the experimental side, the monumental legacy of on- and off-peak measurements of EW boson masses and couplings in  $e^+e^-$  collisions at SLD, LEP, and LEP2 [32,33] has been supplemented by TeVatron results [34–36] and is being further improved at the LHC [37–47]. The discovery of the Higgs boson [48] completed the SM Lagrangian and marked a change of perspective in the study of EW precision observables (EWPO), allowing us to fully exploit the constraining power of EW precision data (EWPD): all observables in the EW sector can be precisely predicted, the overall consistency of the fit can be assessed and SM parameters can be indirectly

determined from the fit.<sup>1</sup> We carry out this program in a Bayesian framework, using state-of-the-art experimental and theoretical results.

The study presented in this paper is carried out using the HEPfit package [49,50], a software tool to combine direct and indirect constraints on the Standard Model and its extensions.<sup>2</sup> We perform several Bayesian fits using the HEPfit Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) engine based on the BAT library [51].

The different fits presented in this paper, to be explained in detail below, are summarized for the reader's convenience in Table I. The list of SM parameters, EWPO, and EWPD included in our study is shown in Tables II and III, where we present results for the SM fit of EWPD both in a *standard* (Table II) and in a *conservative* (Table III) scenario, depending on the assumptions made in combining different measurements of  $m_t$  and  $m_H$ , as described below.

<sup>1</sup>In this paper we work in the  $\{\alpha(M_Z^2), G_\mu, M_Z, m_t, m_H, \alpha_s(M_Z^2)\}$  SM input scheme for the EW calculations. We refer to those observables that can be predicted as a function of the previous set of input parameters as EWPO. The experimental measurements of these EWPO is what we refer to as EWPD. SM parameters and their measurements should also be considered as part of the EWPO and EWPD, respectively, but for the sake of clarity we refer to them and their experimental inputs separately.

<sup>2</sup>The HEPfit package is available under the GNU General Public License (GPL) [50].

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TABLE I. Summary of the fits presented in each of the tables in this paper. See text for details.

Summary of results				
Table	Column(s)	Label	Scenario	Description
II (III)	3	Posterior	Standard (Conservative)	Posterior from the full fit including experimental inputs for all SM parameters and all EWPD.
II (III)	4–5	Individual Prediction and 1D Pull	Standard (Conservative)	Each row: posterior and 1D pull obtained from a fit excluding the experimental input in column 2 of the same row (or rows for the case of correlated EWPD).
II (III)	6	nD Pull	Standard (Conservative)	nD pull obtained from a fit excluding the experimental inputs in column 2 for the corresponding set of correlated EWPD.
IV	3–5	...	...	For each EWPO, parametric uncertainty due to the parameter indicated in each column. No theory uncertainty included.
IV	6 (8)	$m_t$	Standard (Conservative)	For each EWPO, parametric uncertainty due to $m_t$ . No theory uncertainty included.
IV	7 (9)	Total	Standard (Conservative)	For each EWPO, total parametric uncertainty. No theory uncertainty included.
V	3–4	Full Indirect	...	Posterior from a fit obtained including all EWPD and excluding the experimental inputs for all SM parameters.
V	5–6	Full Prediction	Standard	Prediction for all EWPO obtained using the experimental inputs for all SM parameters.
V	7–8	Full Prediction	Conservative	Prediction for all EWPO obtained using the experimental inputs for all SM parameters.

The main framework of the EW fit as implemented in HEPfit can be found in Refs. [52,53], to which we refer the reader for a more detailed description of how various EWPO have been implemented, and for a complete account of the literature on which such implementations are based. With respect to our previous studies, we now also take into account the latest developments on the theory side, such as the recent calculation of the 2-loop EW bosonic corrections to  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^b$  [30], as well as the full 2-loop corrections to the partial decays of the Z from Ref. [31]. As explained in Ref. [31], such corrections are very small and indeed we find they have no noticeable effect on the fit results.<sup>3</sup>

Among the SM input parameters, which we choose as  $\{\alpha(M_Z^2), G_\mu, M_Z, m_t, m_H, \alpha_s(M_Z^2)\}$ ,  $G_\mu$  and  $\alpha(0)$  are fixed ( $G_\mu = 1.1663787 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  and  $\alpha(0) = 1/137.035999139$  [56]), while  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$ ,  $M_Z$ ,  $m_t$ ,  $m_H$  and  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$  are varied in the MCMC process. Compared to our latest analysis [53], the EW fit presented in this paper contains several updates that are summarized below<sup>4</sup>:

- (1) The value of the strong coupling constant at the Z pole has been updated with the last average from the Particle Data Group (PDG),  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0010$  [56]. To avoid double counting the experimental information on EW observables, we

exclude from this combination the indirect determination from the EW fit and obtain  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1177 \pm 0.0010$ . This updates the previous average used in Ref. [53],  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0012$ . The small differences, both in the central value and error, have only a small effect on the global EW fit.

- (2) The value for the five-flavor hadronic contribution to the QED coupling constant at the Z-boson mass has also been recently updated by several groups, with mostly compatible results (see Ref. [57] for a more comprehensive discussion). In our study we make use of the lattice determinations of the euclidean correlation function  $\hat{\Pi}_{n_f=4}(-4 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.0712 \pm 0.0002$  from Ref. [58] (Table S3) and of the bottom quark contribution  $\hat{\Pi}_b(-4 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.00013$  from Ref. [59], which combined give

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(-4 \text{ GeV}^2) &= 4\pi\alpha(\hat{\Pi}_{n_f=4}(-4 \text{ GeV}^2) + \hat{\Pi}_b(-4 \text{ GeV}^2)) \\ &= 0.00654 \pm 0.00002. \end{aligned}$$

Running perturbatively to the scale  $-M_Z^2$  and continuing analytically to Minkowski spacetime according to Ref. [60] leads to  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = 0.02766 \pm 0.00010$ , compatible with, but more precise than, the value we previously used [53],  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) = 0.02750 \pm 0.00033$ .

- (3) For the top-quark mass, Ref. [53] used the 2014 world average from ATLAS and the Tevatron experiments.

<sup>3</sup>The recent evaluation of the leading fermionic three-loop corrections to EWPO [54,55] results in even smaller effects, which have been neglected in our fits.

<sup>4</sup>For recent comprehensive reviews of both theoretical and experimental inputs to EW precision fits see Ref. [56] and Ref. [57].

TABLE II. Experimental measurement, result of the global fit, individual prediction, and pull for the five input parameters ( $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$ ,  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$ ,  $M_Z$ ,  $m_t$ ,  $m_H$ ), and for the set of EWPO considered in the fit, in the *standard* scenario for  $m_t$  and  $m_H$ . Horizontal lines separate groups of correlated observables. For the results of the global fit and for the predictions, the 95% probability range is reported in square brackets. The values in the column *Individual Prediction* are determined without using the experimental information in the same row, or in the rows within the same block of correlated observables. Pulls are calculated both as individual pulls (*ID Pull*) and as global pulls (*nD Pull*) for sets of correlated observables, and are given in units of standard deviations.

Global SM EW fit ( <i>standard</i> scenario)					
	Measurement	Posterior	Individual Prediction	ID Pull	nD Pull
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$0.1177 \pm 0.0010$	$0.11792 \pm 0.00094$ [0.11606, 0.11978]	$0.1198 \pm 0.0028$ [0.1143, 0.1253]	-0.7	
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$0.02766 \pm 0.00010$	$0.027627 \pm 0.000096$ [0.027436, 0.027815]	$0.02717 \pm 0.00037$ [0.02646, 0.02789]	1.3	
$m_t$ [GeV]	$172.58 \pm 0.45$	$172.75 \pm 0.44$ [171.89, 173.62]	$176.2 \pm 2.0$ [172.2, 180.0]	-1.8	
$m_H$ [GeV]	$125.21 \pm 0.12$	$125.21 \pm 0.12$ [124.97, 125.44]	$108.3 \pm 11.7$ [90.1, 137.4]	1.3	
$M_W$ [GeV]	$80.379 \pm 0.012$	$80.3591 \pm 0.0052$ [80.3489, 80.3692]	$80.3545 \pm 0.0057$ [80.3433, 80.3659]	1.8	
$\Gamma_W$ [GeV]	$2.085 \pm 0.042$	$2.08827 \pm 0.00055$ [2.08719, 2.08936]	$2.08829 \pm 0.00056$ [2.08720, 2.08938]	-0.1	
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$0.10860 \pm 0.00090$	$0.108381 \pm 0.000022$ [0.108337, 0.108424]	$0.108380 \pm 0.000022$ [0.108337, 0.108423]	0.2	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}(Q_{\text{FB}}^{\text{had}})$	$0.2324 \pm 0.0012$	$0.231509 \pm 0.000056$ [0.231399, 0.231619]	$0.231506 \pm 0.000056$ [0.231397, 0.231617]	0.7	
$P_{\tau}^{\text{pol}} = \mathcal{A}_\ell$	$0.1465 \pm 0.0033$	$0.14712 \pm 0.00044$ [0.14625, 0.14799]	$0.14713 \pm 0.00045$ [0.14626, 0.14801]	-0.2	
$M_Z$ [GeV]	$91.1875 \pm 0.0021$	$91.1883 \pm 0.0021$ [91.1842, 91.1922]	$91.2047 \pm 0.0088$ [91.1874, 91.2217]	-1.9	
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$2.4955 \pm 0.0023$	$2.49443 \pm 0.00065$ [2.49317, 2.49569]	$2.49423 \pm 0.00069$ [2.49289, 2.49558]	0.5	
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	$41.480 \pm 0.033$	$41.4908 \pm 0.0076$ [41.4756, 41.5057]	$41.4927 \pm 0.0079$ [41.4772, 41.5086]	-0.4	1.0
$R_\ell^0$	$20.767 \pm 0.025$	$20.7493 \pm 0.0080$ [20.7337, 20.7651]	$20.7462 \pm 0.0087$ [20.7291, 20.7632]	0.8	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$	$0.0171 \pm 0.0010$	$0.016234 \pm 0.000098$ [0.016043, 0.016425]	$0.016225 \pm 0.000097$ [0.016035, 0.016417]	0.9	
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$ (SLD)	$0.1513 \pm 0.0021$	$0.14712 \pm 0.00044$ [0.14625, 0.14799]	$0.14713 \pm 0.00046$ [0.14622, 0.14803]	1.9	
$R_b^0$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	$0.215878 \pm 0.000100$ [0.215681, 0.216075]	$0.21587 \pm 0.00010$ [0.21567, 0.21607]	0.6	
$R_c^0$	$0.1721 \pm 0.0030$	$0.172205 \pm 0.000054$ [0.172100, 0.172310]	$0.172206 \pm 0.000053$ [0.172101, 0.172311]	0.0	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$0.0996 \pm 0.0016$	$0.10314 \pm 0.00031$ [0.10253, 0.10375]	$0.10315 \pm 0.00033$ [0.10251, 0.10378]	-2.2	1.3
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$0.0707 \pm 0.0035$	$0.07369 \pm 0.00023$ [0.07324, 0.07414]	$0.07370 \pm 0.00024$ [0.07322, 0.07416]	-0.9	
$\mathcal{A}_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	$0.934738 \pm 0.000040$ [0.934661, 0.934817]	$0.934739 \pm 0.000040$ [0.934661, 0.934818]	-0.6	
$\mathcal{A}_c$	$0.670 \pm 0.027$	$0.66782 \pm 0.00022$ [0.66739, 0.66825]	$0.66783 \pm 0.00022$ [0.66740, 0.66825]	0.0	
$\mathcal{A}_s$	$0.895 \pm 0.091$	$0.935651 \pm 0.000040$ [0.935573, 0.935730]	$0.935651 \pm 0.000040$ [0.935572, 0.935729]	-0.4	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}(\text{HC})$	$0.23143 \pm 0.00025$	$0.231509 \pm 0.000056$ [0.231399, 0.231619]	$0.231512 \pm 0.000057$ [0.231400, 0.231625]	-0.3	
$R_{uc}$	$0.1660 \pm 0.0090$	$0.172227 \pm 0.000032$ [0.172166, 0.172290]	$0.172228 \pm 0.000032$ [0.172166, 0.172290]	-0.7	

TABLE III. Same as Table II in the *conservative* scenario for the errors on  $m_t$  and  $m_H$ .

Global SM EW fit ( <i>conservative</i> scenario)					
	Measurement	Posterior	Individual Prediction	1D Pull	nD Pull
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$0.1177 \pm 0.0010$	$0.11793 \pm 0.00094$ [0.11610, 0.11979]	$0.1199 \pm 0.0028$ [0.1143, 0.1254]	-0.7	
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$0.02766 \pm 0.00010$	$0.027631 \pm 0.000097$ [0.027441, 0.027823]	$0.02721 \pm 0.00039$ [0.02646, 0.02797]	1.1	
$m_t$ [GeV]	$172.6 \pm 1.0$	$173.31 \pm 0.90$ [171.55, 175.06]	$176.1 \pm 2.0$ [172.2, 180.0]	-1.6	
$m_H$ [GeV]	$125.21 \pm 0.21$	$125.21 \pm 0.21$ [124.80, 125.62]	$109.7 \pm 12.6$ [89.9, 141.2]	1.2	
$M_W$ [GeV]	$80.379 \pm 0.012$	$80.3619 \pm 0.0064$ [80.3491, 80.3746]	$80.3549 \pm 0.0077$ [80.3398, 80.3700]	1.7	
$\Gamma_W$ [GeV]	$2.085 \pm 0.042$	$2.08850 \pm 0.00063$ [2.08725, 2.08974]	$2.08849 \pm 0.00063$ [2.08726, 2.08975]	-0.1	
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$0.10860 \pm 0.00090$	$0.108380 \pm 0.000022$ [0.108337, 0.108424]	$0.108380 \pm 0.000022$ [0.108337, 0.108424]	0.2	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}(Q_{\text{FB}}^{\text{had}})$	$0.2324 \pm 0.0012$	$0.231497 \pm 0.000058$ [0.231382, 0.231612]	$0.231494 \pm 0.000058$ [0.231380, 0.231611]	0.8	
$P_\tau^{\text{pol}} = \mathcal{A}_\ell$	$0.1465 \pm 0.0033$	$0.14722 \pm 0.00046$ [0.14632, 0.14813]	$0.14724 \pm 0.00046$ [0.14632, 0.14814]	-0.2	
$M_Z$ [GeV]	$91.1875 \pm 0.0021$	$91.1881 \pm 0.0021$ [91.1841, 91.1922]	$91.2045 \pm 0.0094$ [91.1859, 91.2231]	-1.8	
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$2.4955 \pm 0.0023$	$2.49454 \pm 0.00066$ [2.49323, 2.49584]	$2.49434 \pm 0.00070$ [2.49297, 2.49573]	0.5	
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	$41.480 \pm 0.033$	$41.4912 \pm 0.0077$ [41.4761, 41.5062]	$41.4931 \pm 0.0080$ [41.4774, 41.5091]	-0.4	0.9
$R_\ell^0$	$20.767 \pm 0.025$	$20.7492 \pm 0.0080$ [20.7335, 20.7650]	$20.7458 \pm 0.0087$ [20.7290, 20.7629]	0.8	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$	$0.0171 \pm 0.0010$	$0.01626 \pm 0.00010$ [0.01606, 0.01645]	$0.01625 \pm 0.00010$ [0.01605, 0.01645]	0.9	
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$ (SLD)	$0.1513 \pm 0.0021$	$0.14722 \pm 0.00046$ [0.14632, 0.14813]	$0.14724 \pm 0.00048$ [0.14629, 0.14819]	1.9	
$R_b^0$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	$0.21586 \pm 0.00010$ [0.21565, 0.21606]	$0.21585 \pm 0.00010$ [0.21564, 0.21606]	0.7	
$R_c^0$	$0.1721 \pm 0.0030$	$0.172212 \pm 0.000055$ [0.172106, 0.172318]	$0.172212 \pm 0.000054$ [0.172106, 0.172319]	0.0	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$0.0996 \pm 0.0016$	$0.10321 \pm 0.00033$ [0.10257, 0.10384]	$0.10323 \pm 0.00034$ [0.10255, 0.10389]	-2.2	1.3
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$0.0707 \pm 0.0035$	$0.07374 \pm 0.00024$ [0.07326, 0.07422]	$0.07375 \pm 0.00025$ [0.07325, 0.07425]	-0.9	
$\mathcal{A}_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	$0.934741 \pm 0.000040$ [0.934662, 0.934819]	$0.934741 \pm 0.000040$ [0.934662, 0.934820]	-0.6	
$\mathcal{A}_c$	$0.670 \pm 0.027$	$0.66787 \pm 0.00023$ [0.66742, 0.66832]	$0.66788 \pm 0.00023$ [0.66742, 0.66833]	0.1	
$\mathcal{A}_s$	$0.895 \pm 0.091$	$0.935660 \pm 0.000042$ [0.935577, 0.935743]	$0.935659 \pm 0.000042$ [0.935578, 0.935742]	-0.4	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}(\text{HC})$	$0.23143 \pm 0.00025$	$0.231497 \pm 0.000058$ [0.231382, 0.231612]	$0.231501 \pm 0.000060$ [0.231383, 0.231619]	-0.3	
$R_{uc}$	$0.1660 \pm 0.0090$	$0.172234 \pm 0.000033$ [0.172170, 0.172299]	$0.172234 \pm 0.000033$ [0.172170, 0.172299]	-0.7	

Since then several updated measurements have become available, with individual uncertainties exceeding that of the 2014 average. We have therefore reconsidered and updated the value of and uncertainty on  $m_t$  that is used on the current EW precision fit. In this study we consider: (i) the 2016 Tevatron [61] combination; (ii) the 2015 CMS Run 1 combination [37]; (iii) the combination of ATLAS Run 1 results in Ref. [38]; (iv) the CMS Run 2 measurements in the dilepton, lepton + jets and all-jet channels [39–41]; and (v) the ATLAS Run 2 result from the lepton + jet channel [42]. Unfortunately, combining these different measurements is non-trivial due to the correlations between theoretical errors and several of the systematic uncertainties of the different measurements. For the purpose of this paper, we consider a correlated combination between the different measurements,<sup>5</sup> assuming the linear correlation coefficient between two systematic uncertainties to be written as  $\rho_{ij}^{\text{sys}} = \min\{\sigma_i^{\text{sys}}, \sigma_j^{\text{sys}}\} / \max\{\sigma_i^{\text{sys}}, \sigma_j^{\text{sys}}\}$ . This results in  $m_t = 172.58 \pm 0.45$  GeV. In performing this combination, we note that, while the LHC measurements of  $m_t$  are reasonably consistent with each other, there is some tension between the ATLAS and CMS lepton + jet values. This is also the case between the LHC and Tevatron  $m_t$  combinations, and while these tensions could be just due to statistical fluctuations, in the worst case scenario they could indicate that some of the systematics included in these measurements have been underestimated. A common way of dealing with this issue is to use a rescaled error following the PDG average method [56]. In our case the resulting uncertainty would turn out to be unreasonably large,  $\sim 1.7$  GeV. For the purpose of this paper we illustrate the impact of the top-mass uncertainty on the SM precision fits by considering two scenarios: one where we use the *standard* error of  $\delta m_t = 0.45$  GeV and one where we consider a more *conservative* error of  $\delta m_t = 1$  GeV. As we will see, the two different scenarios lead at the moment to very similar results since the parametric uncertainties are subleading with respect to the experimental ones.

- (4) The Higgs-boson mass, whose value after Run 1 was  $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24$  GeV [48] (as used in Ref. [53]), has now also been measured in Run 2 both by ATLAS [63,64] and CMS [65,66] in the  $4\ell$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  channels. We follow the same combination procedure as for  $m_t$  and combine all the different measurements to obtain

$m_H = 125.21 \pm 0.12$  GeV as the *standard* input value for our fits. Some tension between the ATLAS and CMS Run 2 combinations is also present in this case. This tension does not have a visible impact in the fits, since the parametric uncertainty associated to  $m_H$  is negligible for  $\delta m_H$  up to  $O(10$  GeV). Nevertheless, we consider an uncertainty  $\delta m_H = 0.21$  GeV for the *conservative* scenario, obtained using the PDG scaling method [56].

- (5) The ATLAS collaboration presented their first direct determination of the  $W$ -boson mass,  $M_W = 80.370 \pm 0.019$  GeV [43], with an uncertainty comparable to the current LEP2 + Tevatron average. Assuming the absence of significant correlations between the LHC and Tevatron determinations, one can compute an approximate “world average” of  $M_W = 80.379 \pm 0.012$  GeV. Although different from the LEP2 + Tevatron world average used in Ref. [53],  $M_W = 80.385 \pm 0.015$  GeV, the update of  $M_W$  has a very minor effect on the SM fits.<sup>6</sup>
- (6) The determination of the effective leptonic weak mixing angle,  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ , at hadron colliders has also been updated. Using the same procedure as for the Higgs-boson and top-quark masses, we combine the ATLAS [44,45] and CMS [46] measurements, the Tevatron determinations in Ref. [68], and the LHCb measurement in Ref. [47]. This combination is done separately for the measurements in the electron and muon channels, yielding  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{ee} = 0.23175 \pm 0.00029$  and  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\mu\mu} = 0.23093 \pm 0.00039$ , respectively. We also obtain a combination assuming lepton universality,  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} = 0.23143 \pm 0.00025$ . In this last case, we note that there is some tension between the CDF and D0 values, but this would only result in a small rescaling of the error and it is ignored here.
- (7) The updates in the  $Z$ -lineshape observables reported in Ref. [69] have been included. Compared to Ref. [32], these updates are due to the use of more accurate calculations of the Bhabha cross section, which lead to a better understanding of any systematic bias on the integrated luminosity. Only the  $Z$  width,  $\Gamma_Z$ , the hadronic cross section at the  $Z$  peak,  $\sigma_h^0$ , and its correlations with other  $Z$ -lineshape observables are noticeably affected by these updates.
- (8) We have included the update in the determination of the forward-backward asymmetry of the bottom quark,  $A_{FB}^{0,b}$ , after taking into account the massive  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  corrections in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  at the  $Z$  pole [70]. As we will see, these corrections slightly reduce the longstanding tension between the experimental measurement of this observable and its SM prediction.

<sup>5</sup>We do not consider the CMS measurement using the single-top channel [62], but we checked it has a negligible impact on the average.

<sup>6</sup>The very recent result on  $M_W$  from the LHCb Collaboration [67] will be included in future updates of our fit.

TABLE IV. Total parametric uncertainties for SM predictions of EWPO, and individual contributions related to each SM parameter, except for  $m_H$  (see text). Individual contributions are obtained setting all SM parameters to their central values, except for the one indicated in each column, which is allowed to float according to its uncertainty. Results in this table do not include the intrinsic uncertainties in Eq. (1).

	Prediction					Standard scenario		Conservative scenario	
		$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$M_Z$	$m_t$	Total	$m_t$	Total	
$M_W$ [GeV]	80.3545	$\pm 0.0006$	$\pm 0.0018$	$\pm 0.0027$	$\pm 0.0027$	$\pm 0.0042$	$\pm 0.0060$	$\pm 0.0069$	
$\Gamma_W$ [GeV]	2.08782	$\pm 0.00040$	$\pm 0.00014$	$\pm 0.00021$	$\pm 0.00021$	$\pm 0.00052$	$\pm 0.00047$	$\pm 0.00066$	
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	0.108386	$\pm 0.000024$	$\pm 0.000000$	$\pm 0.000000$	$\pm 0.000000$	$\pm 0.000024$	$\pm 0.000000$	$\pm 0.000024$	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$	0.231534	$\pm 0.000003$	$\pm 0.000035$	$\pm 0.000015$	$\pm 0.000013$	$\pm 0.000041$	$\pm 0.000030$	$\pm 0.000048$	
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	2.49414	$\pm 0.00049$	$\pm 0.00010$	$\pm 0.00021$	$\pm 0.00010$	$\pm 0.00056$	$\pm 0.00023$	$\pm 0.00060$	
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	41.4929	$\pm 0.0049$	$\pm 0.0001$	$\pm 0.0020$	$\pm 0.0003$	$\pm 0.0053$	$\pm 0.0007$	$\pm 0.0053$	
$R_\ell^0$	20.7464	$\pm 0.0062$	$\pm 0.0006$	$\pm 0.0003$	$\pm 0.0002$	$\pm 0.0063$	$\pm 0.0004$	$\pm 0.0063$	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$	0.016191	$\pm 0.000006$	$\pm 0.000060$	$\pm 0.000026$	$\pm 0.000023$	$\pm 0.000070$	$\pm 0.000052$	$\pm 0.000084$	
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$	0.14692	$\pm 0.00003$	$\pm 0.00028$	$\pm 0.00012$	$\pm 0.00010$	$\pm 0.00032$	$\pm 0.00023$	$\pm 0.00038$	
$R_b^0$	0.215880	$\pm 0.000011$	$\pm 0.000001$	$\pm 0.000000$	$\pm 0.000015$	$\pm 0.000019$	$\pm 0.000034$	$\pm 0.000035$	
$R_c^0$	0.172198	$\pm 0.000020$	$\pm 0.000002$	$\pm 0.000001$	$\pm 0.000005$	$\pm 0.000020$	$\pm 0.000011$	$\pm 0.000023$	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	0.10300	$\pm 0.00002$	$\pm 0.00020$	$\pm 0.00008$	$\pm 0.00007$	$\pm 0.00023$	$\pm 0.00016$	$\pm 0.00027$	
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	0.07358	$\pm 0.00001$	$\pm 0.00015$	$\pm 0.00006$	$\pm 0.00006$	$\pm 0.00018$	$\pm 0.00013$	$\pm 0.00021$	
$\mathcal{A}_b$	0.934727	$\pm 0.000001$	$\pm 0.000023$	$\pm 0.000010$	$\pm 0.000003$	$\pm 0.000025$	$\pm 0.000007$	$\pm 0.000026$	
$\mathcal{A}_c$	0.66775	$\pm 0.00001$	$\pm 0.00012$	$\pm 0.00005$	$\pm 0.00005$	$\pm 0.00014$	$\pm 0.00011$	$\pm 0.00017$	
$\mathcal{A}_s$	0.935637	$\pm 0.000002$	$\pm 0.000022$	$\pm 0.000010$	$\pm 0.000009$	$\pm 0.000026$	$\pm 0.000020$	$\pm 0.000031$	
$R_{uc}$	0.172220	$\pm 0.000019$	$\pm 0.000002$	$\pm 0.000001$	$\pm 0.000005$	$\pm 0.000020$	$\pm 0.000011$	$\pm 0.000023$	

Apart from these updates, we have also extended the EW fit by including the following extra observables:

- (9) The determination of the  $s$ -quark asymmetry parameter  $\mathcal{A}_s$  at SLD [71].
- (10) The PDG average of the different LEP experiment determinations of the ratio  $R_{uc} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{Z \rightarrow u\bar{u} + c\bar{c}} / \Gamma_{Z \rightarrow \text{had}}$  [56].
- (11) The leptonic branching ratio of the  $W$  boson,  $\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell} \equiv \Gamma_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell} / \Gamma_W$  [56].

We use flat priors for all the SM input parameters, and include the information of their experimental measurements in the likelihood. We assume that all experimental distributions are Gaussian. The known *intrinsic* theoretical uncertainties due to missing higher-order corrections to EWPO are also included in the fits, using the results of Ref. [31] to which we refer for more details. The main theory uncertainties we consider are:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\text{th}} M_W &= 4 \text{ MeV}, & \delta_{\text{th}} \sin^2 \theta_W &= 5 \times 10^{-5}, \\
\delta_{\text{th}} \Gamma_Z &= 0.4 \text{ MeV}, & \delta_{\text{th}} \sigma_{\text{had}}^0 &= 6 \text{ pb}, \\
\delta_{\text{th}} R_\ell^0 &= 0.006, & \delta_{\text{th}} R_c^0 &= 0.00005, \\
\delta_{\text{th}} R_b^0 &= 0.0001. & &
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

These uncertainties are implemented in the fit as nuisance parameters with Gaussian prior distributions. Theoretical uncertainties are still small compared to the experimental ones and, therefore, they have a very small impact on the fit. The same applies to the *parametric* theory uncertainties, obtained by propagating the experimental errors of the SM

inputs into the predictions for the EWPO. The breakdown of these parametric errors is detailed in Table IV, except for the contributions coming from the uncertainty in  $m_H$ , which, even in the conservative scenario, are numerically irrelevant in the total parametric uncertainty.

For each observable, we give in Tables II and III, the experimental information used as input (*Measurement*), together with the output of the combined fit (*Posterior*),<sup>7</sup> and the *Individual Prediction* of the same quantity. The latter is obtained from the posterior predictive distribution derived from a combined analysis of all the other quantities that are not experimentally correlated with the given observable. The compatibility of the constraints is then evaluated by sampling the posterior predictive distribution and the experimental one, by constructing the probability density function (p.d.f.) of the residuals  $p(x)$ , and by computing the integral of the p.d.f. in the region  $p(x) < p(0)$ . This two-sided *p-value* is then converted to the equivalent number of standard deviations for a Gaussian distribution. In the case of a Gaussian posterior predictive distribution, this quantity coincides with the usual pull defined as the difference between the central values of the two distributions divided by the sum in quadrature of the residual mean square of the distributions themselves. The advantage of this approach is that no approximation is made on the shape of p.d.f.'s. These *ID pulls* are also shown in Fig. 1. We can see a clear

<sup>7</sup>The correlation matrices from these fits are reported in the Appendix.

consistency between the measurement of all EWPO and their SM predictions. Only  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$  shows some tension (at the  $2\sigma$  level), which should be considered in investigating new physics but also treated with care given the large number of observables considered in the EW fit (see the discussion below for a quantitative assessment of the global significance taking the *look-elsewhere* effect into account).

Moreover, when interpreting this *1D pull* one needs to take into account that  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$  is actually part of a set of experimentally correlated observables. In order to check the consistency between SM and experiments in this case, one can define an *nD pull* by removing from the fit one set of correlated observables at a time and computing the prediction for the set of observables together with their covariance matrix. Then the same procedure described for *1D pulls* can be carried out, this time sampling the posterior predictive and experimental n-dimensional p.d.f.'s. This *nD pull* is shown in the last column in Tables II and III, as well as

in Fig. 1, in which case we see that the global pull for the set of correlated observables involving  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$  is reduced to  $1.3\sigma$ . To get an idea of the agreement between the SM and EWPD, it is useful to consider the distribution of the *p*-values corresponding to the 1D pulls for the individual measurements. For purely statistical fluctuations, one expects the *p*-values to be uniformly distributed between 0 and 1. From the results in Tables II and III, we obtain in both scenarios an average *p*-value of 0.5 with  $\sigma = 0.3$ , fully compatible with a flat distribution.

In addition to the *individual predictions* obtained removing each individual observable/set of correlated observables from the fit, one can obtain a *full prediction* by dropping all experimental information on EWPO and just using the SM and the information on SM parameters. Conversely, one can obtain a *full indirect* determination of the SM parameters by dropping all information on all parameters simultaneously and determining all of them from the fit to EWPD. The results of these two extreme possibilities are

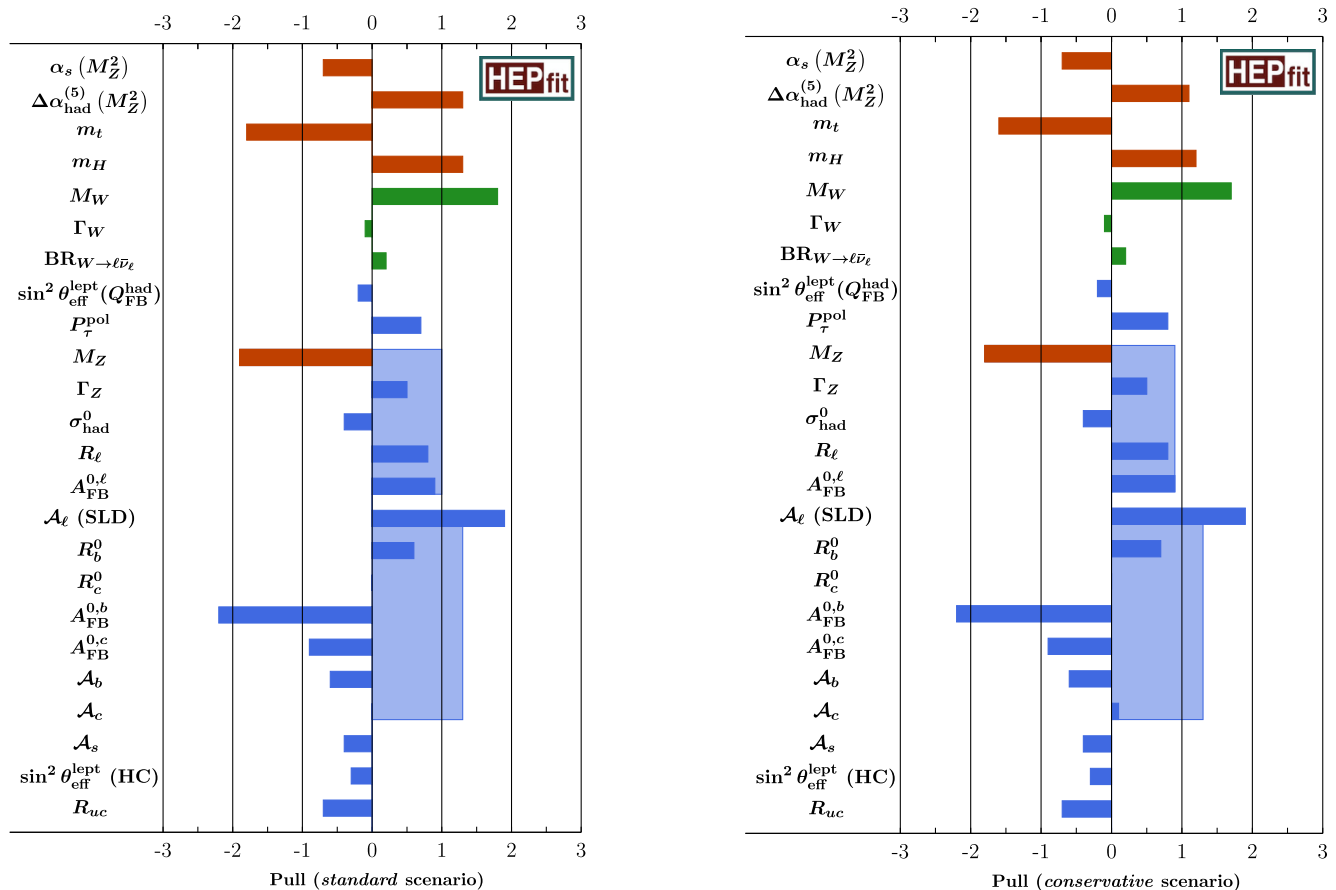


FIG. 1. 1D pulls between the observed experimental values and the SM predictions (indirect determinations) for the different EWPO (SM input parameters) considered in the fit, for the *standard* and *conservative* scenarios. (The different colors in the figure are simply used to distinguish the SM inputs [orange], charged-current observables [green] and neutral-current observables [blue].) Each *individual prediction* is obtained removing the corresponding observable/set of correlated observables from the fit. The *transparent bars* represent the corresponding nD pulls for groups of correlated observables. See text for details.

TABLE V. Results of the *full indirect* determination of SM parameters using only EWPD (third column) and of the *full prediction* for EWPO using only information on SM parameters, in the *standard* (fourth column) and *conservative* (fifth column) scenarios. For comparison, the input values are reported in the second column. See the text for details.

	Measurement	Full indirect	Pull	Full prediction	Pull	Full prediction	Pull
				<i>Standard scenario</i>		<i>Conservative scenario</i>	
$\alpha_s(M_Z)$	$0.1177 \pm 0.0010$	$0.1217 \pm 0.0046$	-0.8	$0.1177 \pm 0.0010$	...	$0.1177 \pm 0.0010$	...
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}$	$0.02766 \pm 0.00010$	$0.02752 \pm 0.00066$	0.2	$0.02766 \pm 0.00010$	...	$0.02766 \pm 0.00010$	...
$M_Z$ [GeV]	$91.1875 \pm 0.0021$	$91.200 \pm 0.039$	-0.3	$91.1875 \pm 0.0021$	...	$91.1875 \pm 0.0021$	...
$m_t$ [GeV]	$172.58 \pm 0.45$	$180.1 \pm 9.6$	-0.8	$172.58 \pm 0.45$	...	$172.6 \pm 1.0$	...
$m_H$ [GeV]	$125.21 \pm 0.12$	$196.2 \pm 89.9$	-0.4	$125.21 \pm 0.12$	...	$125.21 \pm 0.21$	...
$M_W$ [GeV]	$80.379 \pm 0.012$	$80.379 \pm 0.012$	0.0	$80.3544 \pm 0.0058$	1.8	$80.3545 \pm 0.0080$	1.7
$\Gamma_W$ [GeV]	$2.085 \pm 0.042$	$2.0916 \pm 0.0023$	-0.1	$2.08781 \pm 0.00060$	-0.1	$2.08781 \pm 0.00073$	-0.1
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$0.10860 \pm 0.00090$	$0.10829 \pm 0.00011$	0.3	$0.108386 \pm 0.000023$	0.2	$0.108386 \pm 0.000024$	0.2
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}(Q_{\text{FB}}^{\text{had}})$	$0.2324 \pm 0.0012$	$0.23147 \pm 0.00014$	0.8	$0.231533 \pm 0.000062$	0.7	$0.231534 \pm 0.000067$	0.7
$P_\tau^{\text{pol}} = \mathcal{A}_\ell$	$0.1465 \pm 0.0033$	$0.1474 \pm 0.0011$	-0.3	$0.14693 \pm 0.00049$	-0.1	$0.14693 \pm 0.00053$	-0.1
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$2.4955 \pm 0.0023$	$2.4947 \pm 0.0020$	0.3	$2.49414 \pm 0.00069$	0.6	$2.49413 \pm 0.00072$	0.6
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	$41.480 \pm 0.033$	$41.466 \pm 0.031$	0.3	$41.4930 \pm 0.0081$	-0.4	$41.4930 \pm 0.0081$	-0.4
$R_\ell^0$	$20.767 \pm 0.025$	$20.765 \pm 0.022$	0.1	$20.7466 \pm 0.0086$	0.8	$20.7466 \pm 0.0087$	0.8
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$	$0.0171 \pm 0.0010$	$0.01630 \pm 0.00024$	0.8	$0.01619 \pm 0.00011$	0.9	$0.01619 \pm 0.00012$	0.9
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$ (SLD)	$0.1513 \pm 0.0021$	$0.1474 \pm 0.0011$	1.6	$0.14693 \pm 0.00049$	2.0	$0.14693 \pm 0.00053$	2.0
$R_b^0$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	$0.21562 \pm 0.00035$	0.9	$0.21588 \pm 0.00010$	0.6	$0.21588 \pm 0.00011$	0.6
$R_c^0$	$0.1721 \pm 0.0030$	$0.17233 \pm 0.00017$	-0.1	$0.172199 \pm 0.000054$	0.0	$0.172198 \pm 0.000055$	0.0
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$0.0996 \pm 0.0016$	$0.10334 \pm 0.00077$	-2.1	$0.10300 \pm 0.00034$	-2.1	$0.10300 \pm 0.00037$	-2.1
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$0.0707 \pm 0.0035$	$0.07386 \pm 0.00059$	-0.9	$0.07359 \pm 0.00026$	-0.8	$0.07358 \pm 0.00028$	-0.8
$\mathcal{A}_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	$0.93468 \pm 0.00016$	-0.6	$0.934726 \pm 0.000041$	-0.6	$0.934727 \pm 0.000041$	-0.6
$\mathcal{A}_c$	$0.670 \pm 0.027$	$0.66805 \pm 0.00048$	0.1	$0.66774 \pm 0.00022$	0.1	$0.66774 \pm 0.00025$	0.1
$\mathcal{A}_s$	$0.895 \pm 0.091$	$0.935693 \pm 0.000088$	-0.4	$0.935637 \pm 0.000041$	-0.4	$0.935637 \pm 0.000045$	-0.4
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}(\text{HC})$	$0.23143 \pm 0.00025$	$0.23147 \pm 0.00014$	-0.1	$0.231533 \pm 0.000062$	-0.4	$0.231534 \pm 0.000067$	-0.4
$R_{\mu c}$	$0.1660 \pm 0.0090$	$0.17236 \pm 0.00017$	-0.7	$0.172221 \pm 0.000032$	-0.7	$0.172221 \pm 0.000034$	-0.7

reported in Table V, while the corresponding correlation matrices can be found in the Appendix. Again, for the *full prediction* case we obtain an average  $p$ -value of 0.5 with  $\sigma = 0.3$ , fully compatible with a flat distribution. The results of the *full indirect* fit represent the best possible agreement with EWPD one could possibly reach in the SM. Indeed, in this case the tension on  $M_W$  disappears, while the tensions on  $\mathcal{A}_\ell$  (SLD) and  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$  are only mildly decreased. One would need to go beyond the SM to improve the agreement further. The tension on  $M_W$  is released by allowing for a larger value of  $m_t$ , as can be seen from the left panel of Fig. 2, where the impact of different constraints in shaping the two-dimensional p.d.f.'s of  $m_t$  vs  $M_W$  and of  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$  vs  $M_W$  is shown.

The p.d.f.'s for the SM input parameters are reported in Fig. 3, together with the posterior from the fit, the indirect determination and the *full indirect* one. While direct measurements are more precise than indirect

determinations (by orders of magnitude in the case of the Higgs mass), all indirect determinations are compatible with the measurements within  $2\sigma$ . Our indirect determination of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$  fully agrees with the independent one recently obtained in Ref. [72] using the Gfitter library [73]. The pull between the determination of  $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$  based on the BMW lattice calculation [58] and the indirect determination is of  $1.3\sigma$  ( $1.1\sigma$ ) in the *standard* (*conservative*) scenario, showing no inconsistency between the current lattice evaluation and the EW fit. It will be very interesting to see if the good agreement between the lattice determination and the EW fit persists when the updated lattice value corresponding to the value of the hadronic vacuum polarization recently published in Ref. [74] is released. The indirect determination of the top mass is also compatible with the measurement at less than  $2\sigma$ , but on the larger  $m_t$  side, bringing the SM further away from the Planck stability bound (see e.g., Ref. [75]).



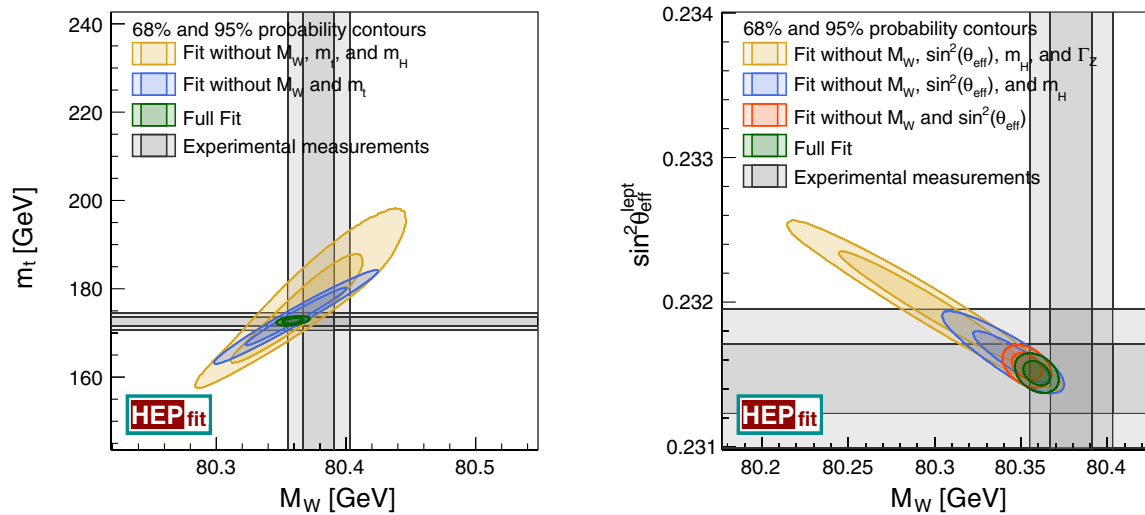


FIG. 2. Impact of various constraints in the  $m_t$  vs  $M_W$  (left) and  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$  vs  $M_W$  (right) planes. Dark (light) regions correspond to 68% (95%) probability ranges.

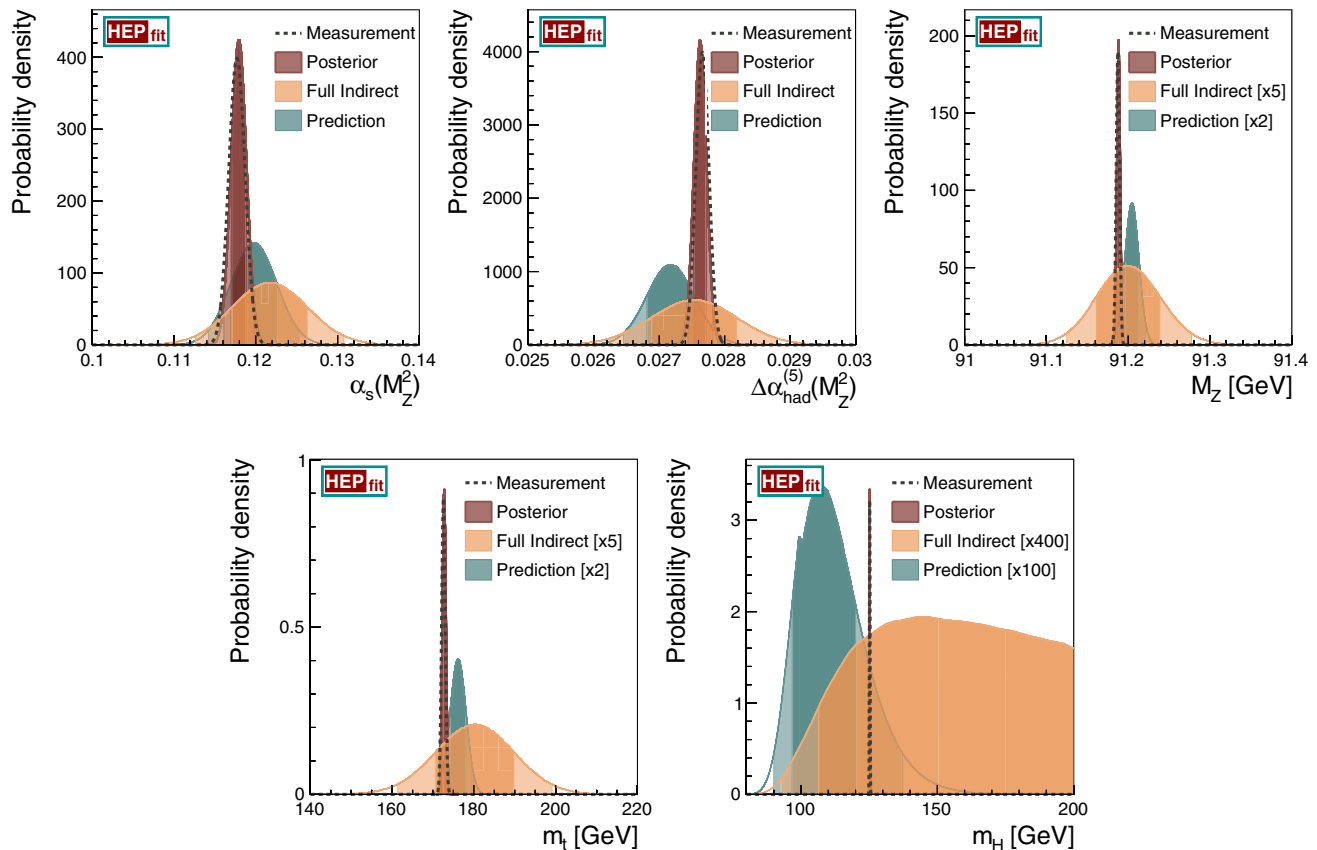


FIG. 3. Comparison among the direct measurement, the posterior, the posterior predictive (or indirect) probability distribution (denoted by “prediction”), and the full indirect determination of the input parameters in the SM fit. The posterior predictive and the full indirect determination distributions are obtained from the fit by assuming a flat prior for the parameter under consideration or for all SM parameters respectively. To allow for a comparison with the posterior predictive distribution, the full indirect p.d.f. for the Higgs mass is truncated in the figure. Dark (light) regions correspond to 68% (95%) probability ranges. HEPfit uses different semi-analytical approximations to the full available calculations of the EWPD, depending the range of variation of the SM inputs, see e.g., [31]. The small “bump” in the posterior predictive of the  $m_H$  figure arises as a result of the transition between these approximated expressions.

In conclusion, EWPD appear to be fully compatible with the SM, with no more tensions than expected from statistical fluctuations. In the *standard scenario* SM fit, the largest pull neglecting correlations is  $2.2\sigma$  on 24 observables, while taking correlations into account it is  $1.8\sigma$  on 14 observables. In both the *full indirect* and *full prediction* determinations, the largest pull neglecting correlations is  $2.1\sigma$  on 24 observables. To quantify further the agreement of the SM, we generated 600 toy experiments centered on the *full prediction* with the current experimental uncertainty and computed the fraction of toys in which the largest pull was larger than the largest one observed in real data. This fraction is an estimate of the *global p-value*. Neglecting correlations, we obtain  $p = 0.53$ , corresponding to  $0.6\sigma$  for a Gaussian distribution, while taking into account the correlations (fixed to the values observed in current data) we get  $p = 0.45$ , corresponding to  $0.8\sigma$ .

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## APPENDIX: CORRELATION MATRICES

In Tables VI–X we report the correlation matrices for global fits and predictions. Notice that  $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\ell = P_\tau^{\text{pol}}$  are 100% anticorrelated, while  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\ell$  within current uncertainties are  $\sim 100\%$  correlated, so we only include  $\mathcal{A}_\ell$  in the following tables.

TABLE VI. Correlation matrix for the posteriors of the global fit reported in Table II.

	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$M_Z$ [GeV]	$m_t$ [GeV]	$m_H$ [GeV]	$M_W$ [GeV]	$\Gamma_W$	$\text{BR}_{W\rightarrow\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	1.00000	0.00356	-0.00006	0.00720	0.00074	-0.10483	0.68930	-1.00000	0.70827	-0.58367
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$		1.00000	0.05033	0.04912	-0.00020	-0.26146	-0.18669	-0.00387	-0.11297	0.00582
$M_Z$ [GeV]			1.00000	-0.05470	0.00212	0.40447	0.29455	0.00012	0.29342	-0.25653
$m_t$ [GeV]				1.00000	0.00213	0.41822	0.31418	-0.00673	0.13062	0.04527
$m_H$ [GeV]					1.00000	-0.00714	-0.00433	-0.00075	-0.01458	-0.00108
$M_W$ [GeV]						1.00000	0.64821	0.10576	0.14908	-0.03266
$\Gamma_W$							1.00000	-0.68863	0.65134	-0.47051
$\text{BR}_{W\rightarrow\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell}$								1.00000	-0.70814	0.58366
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]									1.00000	-0.49203
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]										1.00000
	$R_\ell^0$	$\mathcal{A}_\ell$	$R_b^0$	$R_c^0$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$\mathcal{A}_b$	$\mathcal{A}_c$	$\mathcal{A}_s$	$R_{uc}$
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.68108	-0.05138	-0.10366	0.34258	-0.05159	-0.05447	-0.03303	-0.05069	-0.05057	0.58258
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	-0.06644	-0.51788	0.00470	-0.03052	-0.52282	-0.54958	-0.53138	-0.51588	-0.51594	-0.05079
$M_Z$ [GeV]	0.03465	0.19825	0.00501	0.00843	0.20021	0.20984	0.20825	0.19226	0.19230	0.01435
$m_t$ [GeV]	-0.02200	0.16984	-0.14412	0.09523	0.16953	0.18144	0.03805	0.18073	0.18034	0.16058
$m_H$ [GeV]	0.00056	-0.00567	0.00073	-0.00111	-0.00574	-0.00606	-0.00632	-0.00598	-0.00597	-0.00178
$M_W$ [GeV]	-0.04705	0.33065	-0.05510	0.02093	0.33292	0.35111	0.27640	0.33154	0.33138	0.03392
$\Gamma_W$	0.48704	0.20178	-0.12007	0.27790	0.20327	0.21434	0.17578	0.20300	0.20298	0.47135
$\text{BR}_{W\rightarrow\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell}$	-0.68106	0.05166	0.10359	-0.34253	0.05187	0.05477	0.03325	0.05098	0.05085	-0.58248
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	0.49988	0.12215	-0.09434	0.26393	0.12323	0.12963	0.11959	0.12175	0.12180	0.44811
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	-0.40274	-0.02497	0.05462	-0.19906	-0.02546	-0.02639	-0.04348	-0.02380	-0.02389	-0.33893
$R_\ell^0$	1.00000	0.00456	-0.06847	0.23408	0.00484	0.00486	0.02083	0.00473	0.00482	0.39783
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$		1.00000	-0.02801	0.02189	0.99991	0.99527	0.34487	0.36389	0.36385	0.03559
$R_b^0$			1.00000	-0.05048	-0.02799	-0.02973	-0.00824	-0.02792	-0.02788	-0.08463
$R_c^0$				1.00000	0.02199	0.02328	0.01501	0.02229	0.02230	0.95913
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$					1.00000	0.99551	0.35729	0.36696	0.36691	0.03577
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$						1.00000	0.36608	0.45265	0.45260	0.03790
$\mathcal{A}_b$							1.00000	0.34452	0.34452	0.02511
$\mathcal{A}_c$								1.00000	1.00000	0.03686
$\mathcal{A}_s$									1.00000	0.03687
$R_{uc}$										1.00000

TABLE VII. Correlation matrix for the posteriors of the global fit reported in Table III.

	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$M_Z$ [GeV]	$m_t$ [GeV]	$m_H$ [GeV]	$M_W$ [GeV]	$\Gamma_W$	$\text{BR}_{W\rightarrow\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	1.00000	0.00425	-0.00306	0.01489	0.00141	-0.07624	0.60801	-1.00000	0.69215	-0.57925
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$		1.00000	0.04229	0.09928	-0.00204	-0.15733	-0.12042	-0.00448	-0.08991	0.01266
$M_Z$ [GeV]			1.00000	-0.10761	0.00228	0.26920	0.21070	0.00305	0.26171	-0.26243
$m_t$ [GeV]				1.00000	0.00380	0.68373	0.55886	-0.01392	0.26035	0.09411
$m_H$ [GeV]					1.00000	-0.00965	-0.00623	-0.00143	-0.02429	-0.00146
$M_W$ [GeV]						1.00000	0.74523	0.07749	0.25242	0.02185
$\Gamma_W$							1.00000	-0.60702	0.66441	-0.36918
$\text{BR}_{W\rightarrow\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell}$								1.00000	-0.69183	0.57932
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]									1.00000	-0.45764
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]										1.00000
	$R_\ell^0$	$\mathcal{A}_\ell$	$R_b^0$	$R_c^0$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$\mathcal{A}_b$	$\mathcal{A}_c$	$\mathcal{A}_s$	$R_{uc}$
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.68025	-0.04452	-0.10189	0.33974	-0.04475	-0.04707	-0.03247	-0.04514	-0.04504	0.56404
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	-0.06888	-0.46950	-0.01716	-0.01719	-0.47433	-0.49507	-0.52400	-0.46410	-0.46431	-0.02646
$M_Z$ [GeV]	0.03809	0.16364	0.02608	-0.00719	0.16554	0.17191	0.19831	0.15554	0.15567	-0.01224
$m_t$ [GeV]	-0.04466	0.33202	-0.28398	0.18744	0.33146	0.35246	0.07710	0.35078	0.35011	0.31165
$m_H$ [GeV]	-0.00086	-0.00864	0.00035	-0.00148	-0.00875	-0.00910	-0.01147	-0.00846	-0.00845	-0.00226
$M_W$ [GeV]	-0.06108	0.42735	-0.18989	0.11286	0.42883	0.45208	0.26147	0.43629	0.43587	0.18718
$\Gamma_W$	0.40587	0.31092	-0.22058	0.31780	0.31194	0.32894	0.18570	0.31773	0.31746	0.52747
$\text{BR}_{W\rightarrow\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell}$	-0.68028	0.04504	0.10161	-0.33955	0.04526	0.04761	0.03274	0.04567	0.04557	-0.56372
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	0.47845	0.18109	-0.14430	0.29006	0.18199	0.19128	0.13081	0.18213	0.18206	0.48115
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	-0.40304	-0.00087	0.03275	-0.18299	-0.00135	-0.00045	-0.03576	0.00362	0.00348	-0.30300
$R_\ell^0$	1.00000	-0.00675	-0.05487	0.22523	-0.00647	-0.00722	0.01860	-0.00764	-0.00753	0.37287
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$		1.00000	-0.09674	0.06799	0.99992	0.99553	0.35086	0.42307	0.42292	0.11173
$R_b^0$			1.00000	-0.08606	-0.09662	-0.10267	-0.02510	-0.10194	-0.10177	-0.14347
$R_c^0$				1.00000	0.06801	0.07217	0.02608	0.07179	0.07170	0.95500
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$					1.00000	0.99573	0.36272	0.42576	0.42562	0.11177
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$						1.00000	0.37027	0.50676	0.50662	0.11854
$\mathcal{A}_b$							1.00000	0.34968	0.34971	0.04256
$\mathcal{A}_c$								1.00000	1.00000	0.11738
$\mathcal{A}_s$									1.00000	0.11724
$R_{uc}$										1.00000

TABLE VIII. Correlation matrix for the full predictions in the *standard scenario* reported in Table V.

	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$M_Z$ [GeV]	$m_t$ [GeV]	$m_H$ [GeV]	$M_W$ [GeV]	$\Gamma_W$	$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	1.00000	-0.00088	0.00059	0.00098	-0.00039	-0.11018	0.66303	-1.00000	0.72288	-0.61226
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$		1.00000	-0.00037	-0.00135	-0.00037	-0.31293	-0.23545	0.00052	-0.13922	0.01820
$M_Z$ [GeV]			1.00000	-0.00213	0.00034	0.45220	0.34098	-0.00043	0.31152	-0.24851
$m_t$ [GeV]				1.00000	0.00104	0.46214	0.35240	-0.00045	0.14834	0.03925
$m_H$ [GeV]					1.00000	-0.00883	-0.00666	0.00038	-0.01538	-0.00110
$M_W$ [GeV]						1.00000	0.67098	0.11115	0.17308	-0.03154
$\Gamma_W$							1.00000	-0.66229	0.67002	-0.48034
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$								1.00000	-0.72270	0.61224
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]									1.00000	-0.51628
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]										1.00000
	$R_\ell^0$	$\mathcal{A}_\ell$	$R_b^0$	$R_c^0$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$\mathcal{A}_b$	$\mathcal{A}_c$	$\mathcal{A}_s$	$R_{uc}$
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.71570	-0.05270	-0.11019	0.35925	-0.05284	-0.05541	-0.03194	-0.05193	-0.05180	0.60281
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	-0.07170	-0.56411	0.01322	-0.03723	-0.56843	-0.59187	-0.55560	-0.54306	-0.54311	-0.06254
$M_Z$ [GeV]	0.03163	0.24225	-0.00424	0.01490	0.24415	0.25414	0.24183	0.23280	0.23282	0.02575
$m_t$ [GeV]	-0.02121	0.21452	-0.14846	0.09637	0.21443	0.22626	0.07856	0.21882	0.21844	0.16100
$m_H$ [GeV]	-0.00087	-0.00736	0.00209	-0.00303	-0.00741	-0.00755	-0.00707	-0.00535	-0.00534	-0.00380
$M_W$ [GeV]	-0.05205	0.39059	-0.06249	0.02318	0.39277	0.41035	0.32317	0.38166	0.38150	0.03882
$\Gamma_W$	0.49457	0.25512	-0.12979	0.28577	0.25665	0.26800	0.21934	0.24901	0.24898	0.47946
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	-0.71568	0.05305	0.11011	-0.35918	0.05320	0.05578	0.03222	0.05227	0.05215	-0.60269
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	0.53334	0.14675	-0.10448	0.28396	0.14782	0.15413	0.14065	0.14292	0.14297	0.47632
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	-0.44789	-0.02911	0.06166	-0.22091	-0.02957	-0.03046	-0.04674	-0.02708	-0.02718	-0.37052
$R_\ell^0$	1.00000	0.00527	-0.07657	0.25851	0.00552	0.00544	0.02161	0.00416	0.00426	0.43346
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$		1.00000	-0.03417	0.02537	0.99993	0.99613	0.39101	0.41217	0.41211	0.04320
$R_b^0$			1.00000	-0.05424	-0.03420	-0.03611	-0.01566	-0.03555	-0.03551	-0.09103
$R_c^0$				1.00000	0.02549	0.02676	0.01939	0.02590	0.02592	0.95683
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$					1.00000	0.99633	0.40199	0.41494	0.41489	0.04341
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$						1.00000	0.41028	0.49060	0.49055	0.04550
$\mathcal{A}_b$							1.00000	0.37675	0.37675	0.03331
$\mathcal{A}_c$								1.00000	1.00000	0.04344
$\mathcal{A}_s$									1.00000	0.04346
$R_{uc}$										1.00000

TABLE IX. Correlation matrix for the full predictions in the *conservative scenario* reported in Table V.

	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$M_Z$ [GeV]	$m_t$ [GeV]	$m_H$ [GeV]	$M_W$ [GeV]	$\Gamma_W$	$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	1.00000	-0.00009	0.00052	-0.00013	-0.00160	-0.08204	0.54273	-1.00000	0.69182	-0.61041
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$		1.00000	0.00228	-0.00062	-0.00075	-0.22991	-0.19215	-0.00027	-0.13337	0.01686
$M_Z$ [GeV]			1.00000	0.00036	-0.00105	0.33393	0.28037	-0.00037	0.29928	-0.24682
$m_t$ [GeV]				1.00000	0.00022	0.75774	0.64202	0.00130	0.31724	0.08494
$m_H$ [GeV]					1.00000	-0.01221	-0.01083	0.00158	-0.02794	0.00096
$M_W$ [GeV]						1.00000	0.79253	0.08347	0.31459	0.02858
$\Gamma_W$							1.00000	-0.54153	0.68890	-0.34874
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$								1.00000	-0.69135	0.61046
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]									1.00000	-0.47139
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]										1.00000
	$R_\ell^0$	$\mathcal{A}_\ell$	$R_b^0$	$R_c^0$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$\mathcal{A}_b$	$\mathcal{A}_c$	$\mathcal{A}_s$	$R_{uc}$
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.71528	-0.04882	-0.10334	0.35264	-0.04898	-0.05087	-0.03313	-0.04769	-0.04758	0.57458
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	-0.07021	-0.51664	0.01222	-0.03682	-0.52065	-0.53760	-0.54772	-0.49709	-0.49727	-0.05953
$M_Z$ [GeV]	0.03123	0.22382	-0.00389	0.01642	0.22555	0.23270	0.23700	0.21333	0.21341	0.02616
$m_t$ [GeV]	-0.05071	0.43980	-0.31667	0.20597	0.43966	0.45994	0.17287	0.44712	0.44648	0.33710
$m_H$ [GeV]	-0.00392	-0.01012	0.00177	-0.00444	-0.01021	-0.01063	-0.01187	-0.01078	-0.01077	-0.00608
$M_W$ [GeV]	-0.07082	0.53023	-0.23558	0.14188	0.53165	0.55351	0.33902	0.52863	0.52820	0.23132
$\Gamma_W$	0.37764	0.41736	-0.26285	0.33597	0.41845	0.43575	0.26480	0.41677	0.41647	0.54756
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	-0.71531	0.04956	0.10296	-0.35238	0.04972	0.05164	0.03357	0.04843	0.04832	-0.57415
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	0.49764	0.24189	-0.17423	0.31957	0.24280	0.25230	0.17650	0.23896	0.23888	0.52059
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	-0.44897	0.00289	0.03699	-0.20213	0.00248	0.00334	-0.03276	0.00621	0.00607	-0.32928
$R_\ell^0$	1.00000	-0.01405	-0.05970	0.24483	-0.01383	-0.01471	0.01274	-0.01438	-0.01425	0.39884
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$		1.00000	-0.14167	0.09648	0.99994	0.99657	0.41407	0.50275	0.50257	0.15709
$R_b^0$			1.00000	-0.10262	-0.14167	-0.14804	-0.05946	-0.14283	-0.14264	-0.16731
$R_c^0$				1.00000	0.09657	0.10086	0.04820	0.09774	0.09765	0.95219
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$					1.00000	0.99673	0.42407	0.50506	0.50489	0.15724
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$						1.00000	0.43119	0.57261	0.57244	0.16421
$\mathcal{A}_b$							1.00000	0.40181	0.40182	0.07816
$\mathcal{A}_c$								1.00000	1.00000	0.15897
$\mathcal{A}_s$									1.00000	0.15883
$R_{uc}$										1.00000

TABLE X. Correlation matrix for the full indirect fit reported in Table V.

	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	$M_Z$ [GeV]	$m_t$ [GeV]	$m_H$ [GeV]	$M_W$ [GeV]	$\Gamma_W$	$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	1.00000	-0.25772	-0.69541	0.79333	0.38501	0.01085	0.91598	-1.00000	0.02752	0.26917
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$		1.00000	0.27795	-0.20295	-0.39742	0.26160	-0.13449	0.25771	0.42287	-0.15865
$M_Z$ [GeV]			1.00000	-0.81360	-0.02145	0.08915	-0.59974	0.69465	0.20823	-0.87439
$m_t$ [GeV]				1.00000	0.48966	0.26912	0.83790	-0.79278	-0.40012	0.61389
$m_H$ [GeV]					1.00000	0.16126	0.42644	-0.38529	-0.60757	-0.16833
$M_W$ [GeV]						1.00000	0.41076	-0.01047	0.09282	-0.04924
$\Gamma_W$							1.00000	-0.91582	0.04593	0.22862
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$								1.00000	-0.02781	-0.26811
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]									1.00000	-0.34152
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]										1.00000
	$R_\ell^0$	$\mathcal{A}_\ell$	$R_b^0$	$R_c^0$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	$\mathcal{A}_b$	$\mathcal{A}_c$	$\mathcal{A}_s$	$R_{uc}$
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.95492	-0.09035	-0.84363	0.94800	-0.10332	-0.07731	-0.63528	0.05811	0.05633	0.94792
$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)$	-0.33260	-0.80329	0.20378	-0.26182	-0.79779	-0.81055	-0.30106	-0.86810	-0.86827	-0.26162
$M_Z$ [GeV]	-0.56150	-0.03252	0.85057	-0.82653	-0.01870	-0.04418	0.58916	-0.16299	-0.16007	-0.82583
$m_t$ [GeV]	0.58888	-0.14500	-0.99242	0.93910	-0.16153	-0.12779	-0.82989	0.05150	0.04913	0.93934
$m_H$ [GeV]	0.28596	-0.01573	-0.43203	0.41521	-0.02406	-0.00145	-0.37922	0.14519	0.14587	0.41661
$M_W$ [GeV]	-0.09863	0.02512	-0.23165	0.14059	0.02043	0.03008	-0.19047	0.08040	0.07978	0.14101
$\Gamma_W$	0.82779	-0.07474	-0.86691	0.92317	-0.08856	-0.06070	-0.66203	0.08462	0.08276	0.92328
$\text{BR}_{W \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$	-0.95515	0.09051	0.84309	-0.94766	0.10348	0.07748	0.63494	-0.05786	-0.05609	-0.94757
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	0.20787	-0.04144	0.30661	-0.15873	-0.03434	-0.05186	0.28601	-0.15767	-0.15771	-0.15963
$\sigma_h^0$ [nb]	0.09222	0.05147	-0.62135	0.50088	0.04083	0.05958	-0.43614	0.14161	0.13884	0.50017
$R_\ell^0$	1.00000	0.05058	-0.65936	0.82435	0.04078	0.06009	-0.39965	0.15643	0.15515	0.82403
$\mathcal{A}_\ell$		1.00000	0.13022	-0.08016	0.99986	0.99982	0.67164	0.97706	0.97737	-0.08084
$R_b^0$			1.00000	-0.96886	0.14664	0.11349	0.81505	-0.06061	-0.05813	-0.96897
$R_c^0$				1.00000	-0.09573	-0.06447	-0.74333	0.09792	0.09563	1.00000
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$					1.00000	0.99939	0.68395	0.97363	0.97398	-0.09642
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$						1.00000	0.65856	0.98091	0.98120	-0.06514
$\mathcal{A}_b$							1.00000	0.51049	0.51243	-0.74393
$\mathcal{A}_c$								1.00000	0.99999	0.09742
$\mathcal{A}_s$									1.00000	0.09513
$R_{uc}$										1.00000

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