



Physics of the Electroweak sector at CMS

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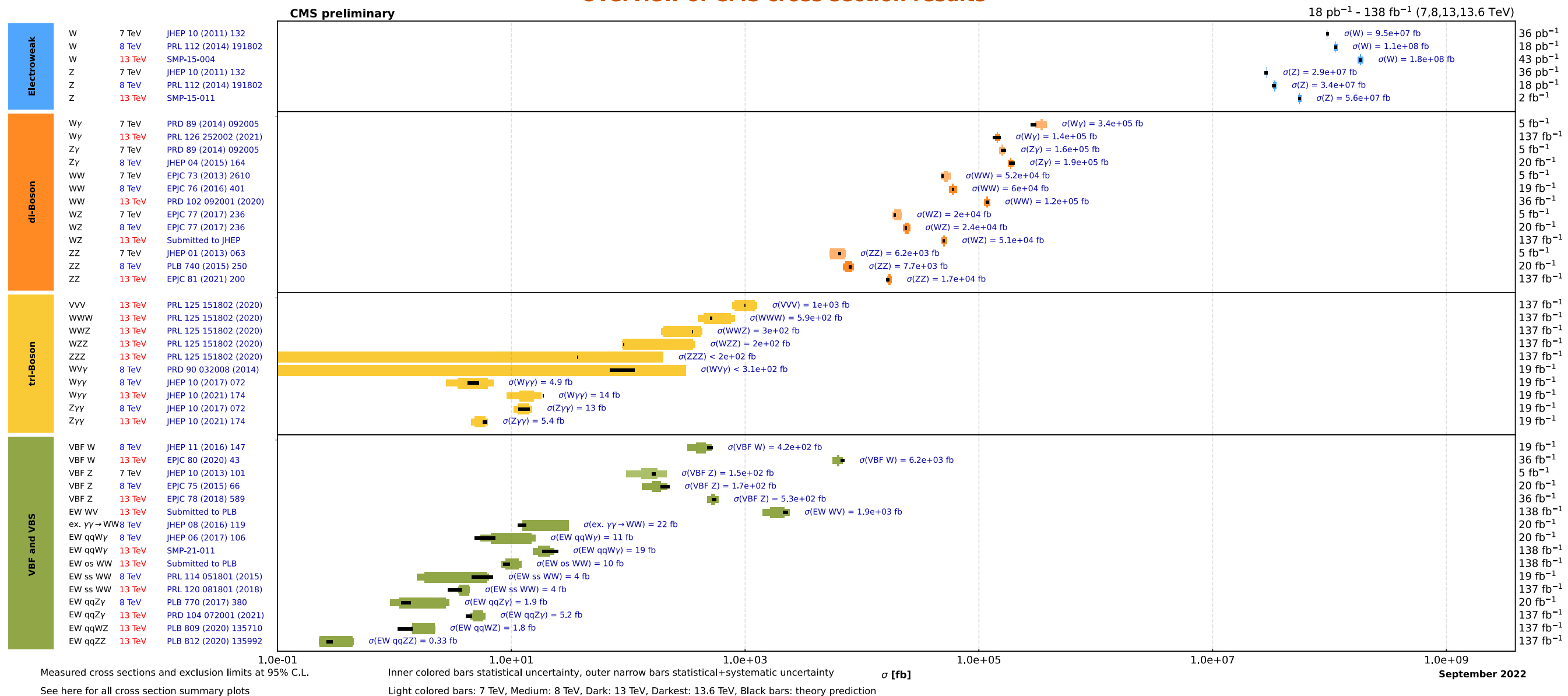


Accuracy for SM Measurement

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Spanning 9 Orders of Magnitude in Cross Section

Overview of CMS cross section results



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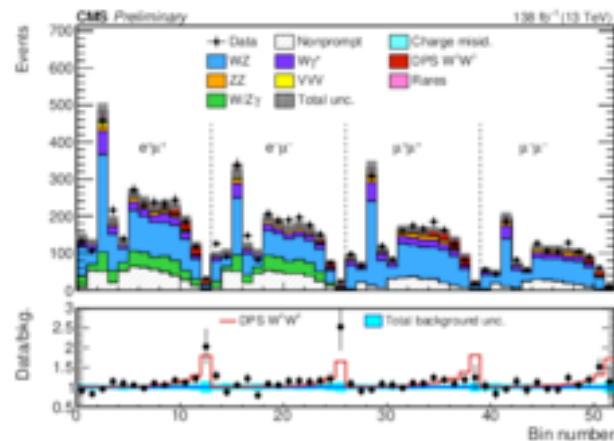
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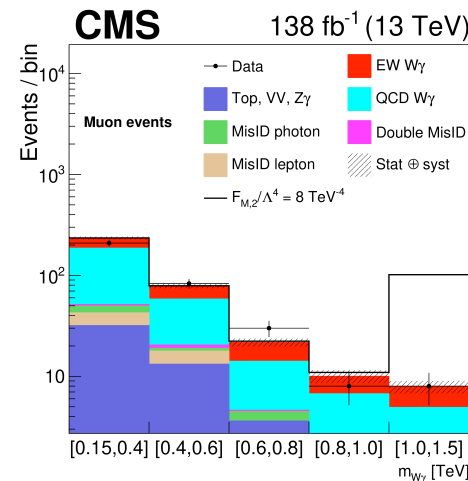
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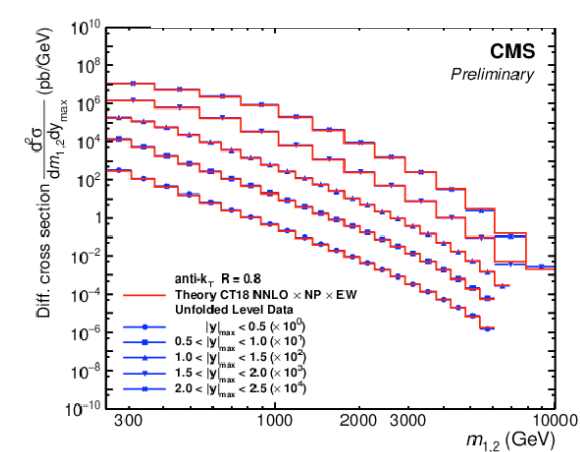
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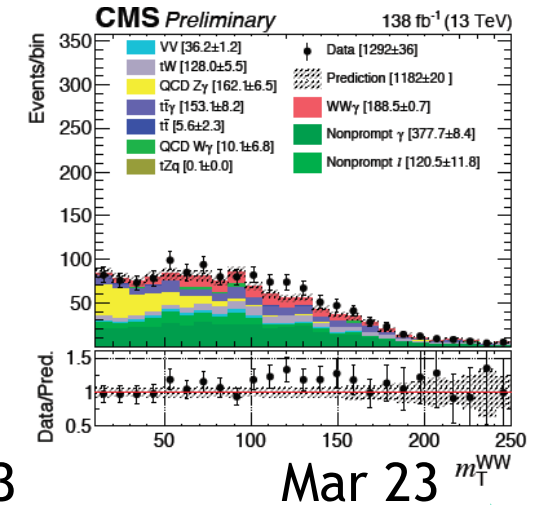
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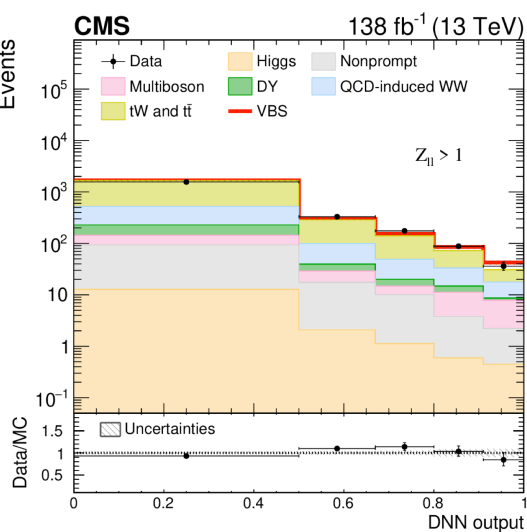
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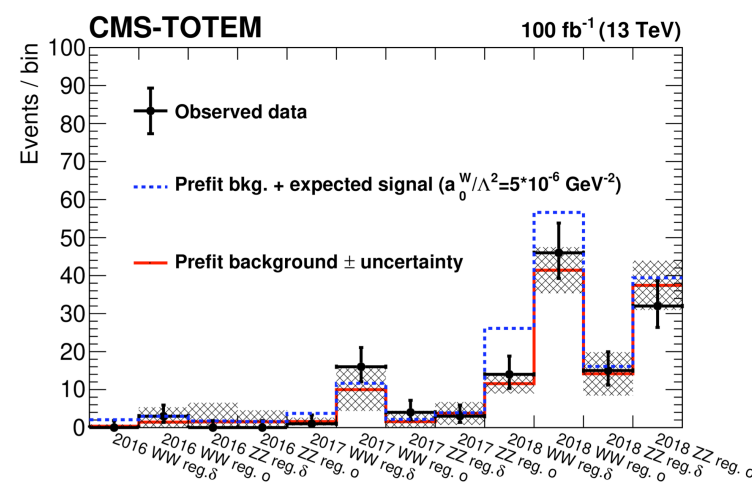
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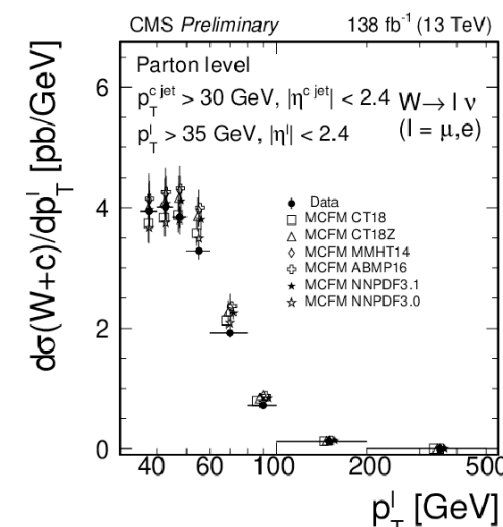
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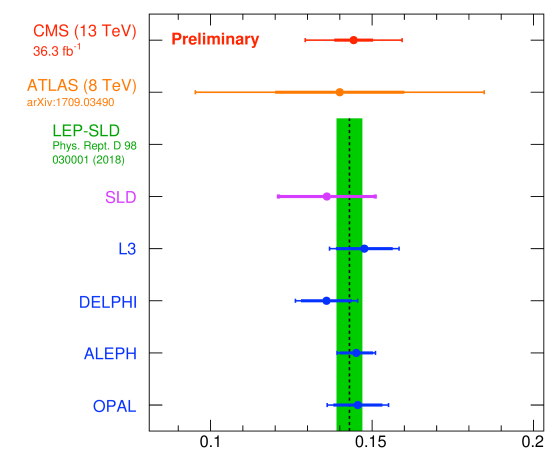
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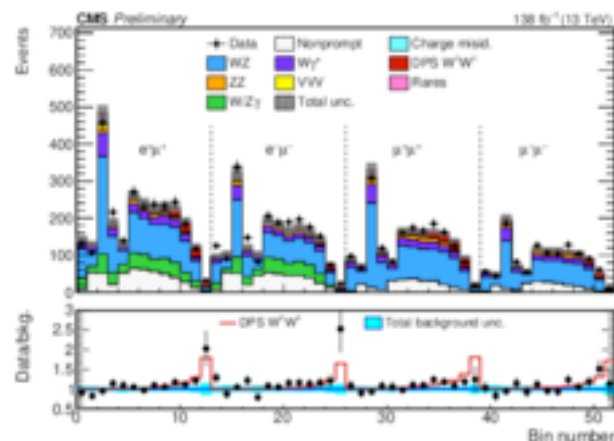
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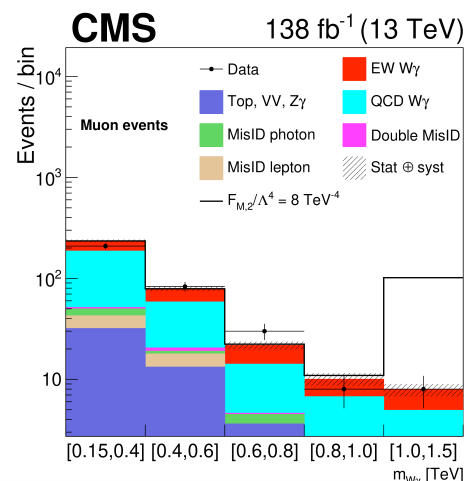
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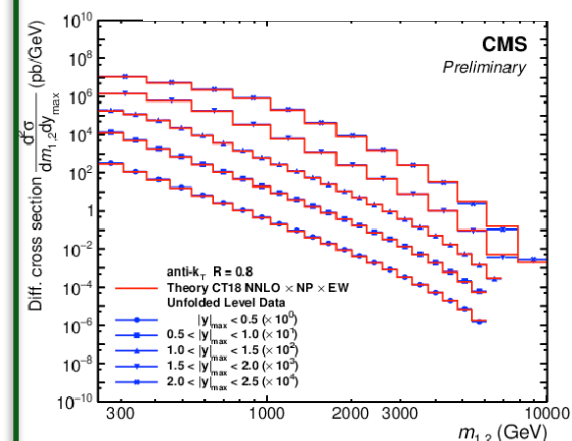
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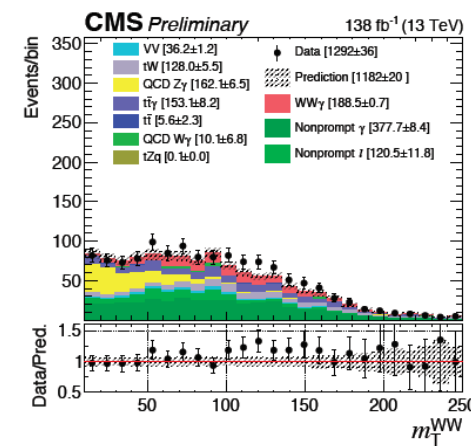
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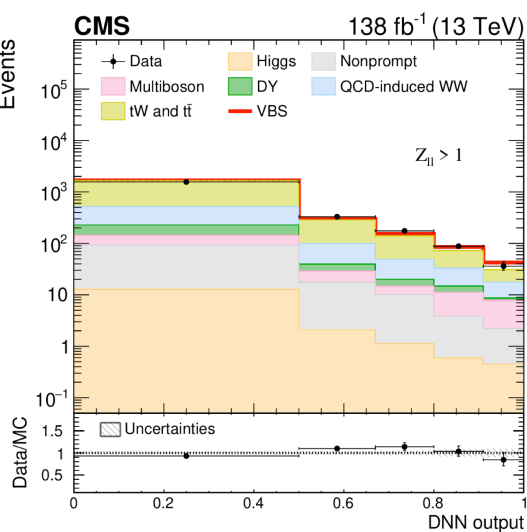
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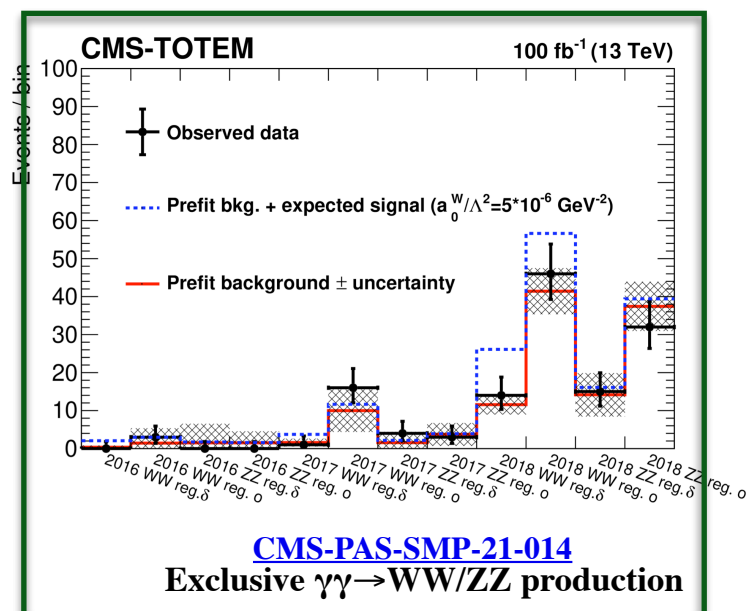
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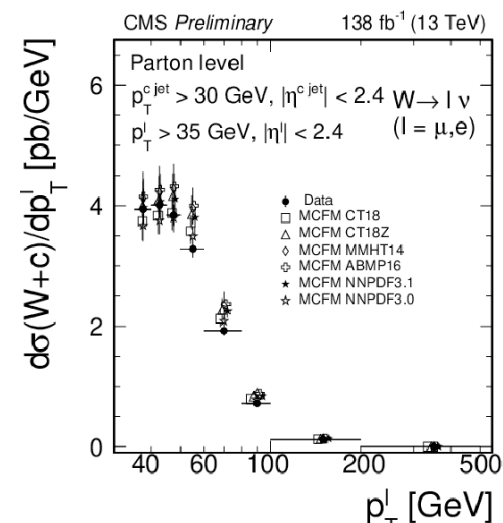
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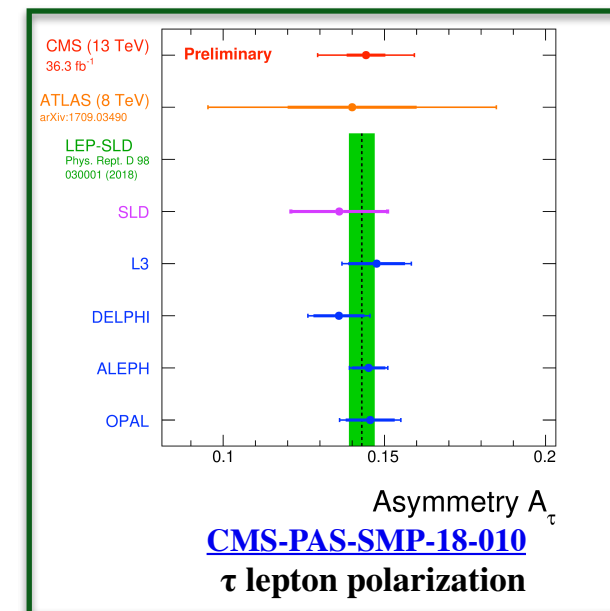
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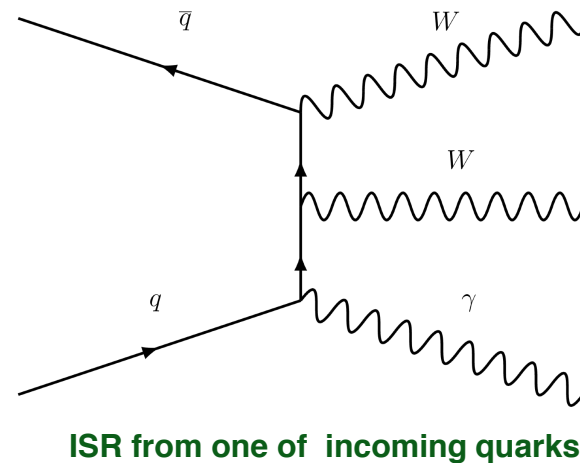
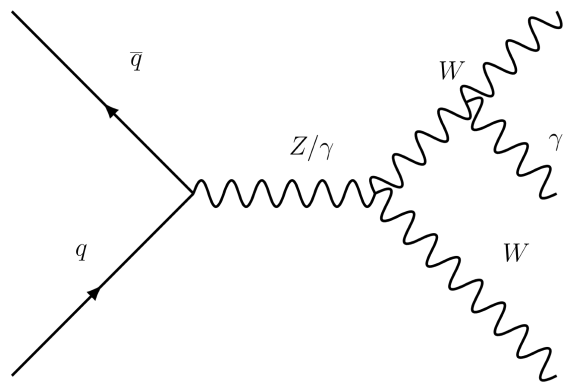
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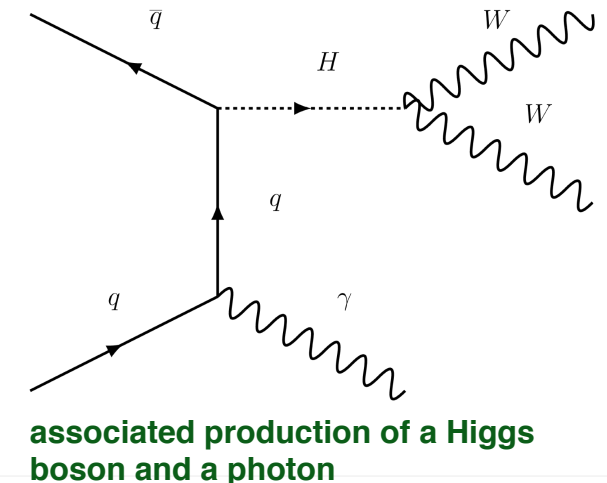
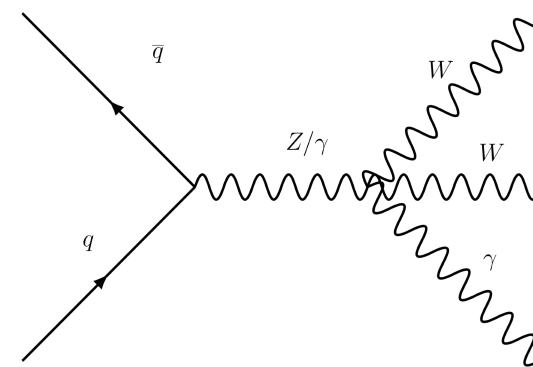
□ Multiboson production at the LHC provides a unique opportunity to study electroweak sector in detail

□ Direct measurement of gauge boson self-couplings and precision test of SM

FSR from outgoing charged leptons



WW γ TGC
WWZ γ or WW $\gamma\gamma$ QGC vertices



□ The LHC's high collision energy and large data collection make it the only way to access.

○ Measurements of WW γ performed by the CMS and ATLAS collaborations at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

☆ only upper limits on the production cross sections were reported

► due to a lack of statistical power and sensitivity.

□ Objective :

□ Fiducial cross section for WW γ and first observation

□ Study the coupling between Higgs and light quarks by H γ (H \rightarrow WW*) process

WW γ production : Event Selection

Final states : two opposite charge leptons plus a photon : $e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \nu_\mu \gamma$ and $\mu^+ \nu_\mu e^- \nu_e \gamma$

Backgrounds :

$Z\gamma$, $t\bar{t}\gamma$, Single Top, ZZ/WW

estimated using simulations with normalisation extracted from dedicated CR in data

Non-prompt leptons and photons backgrounds

Data-driven estimation

SSWW γ CR : validate non-prompt photons

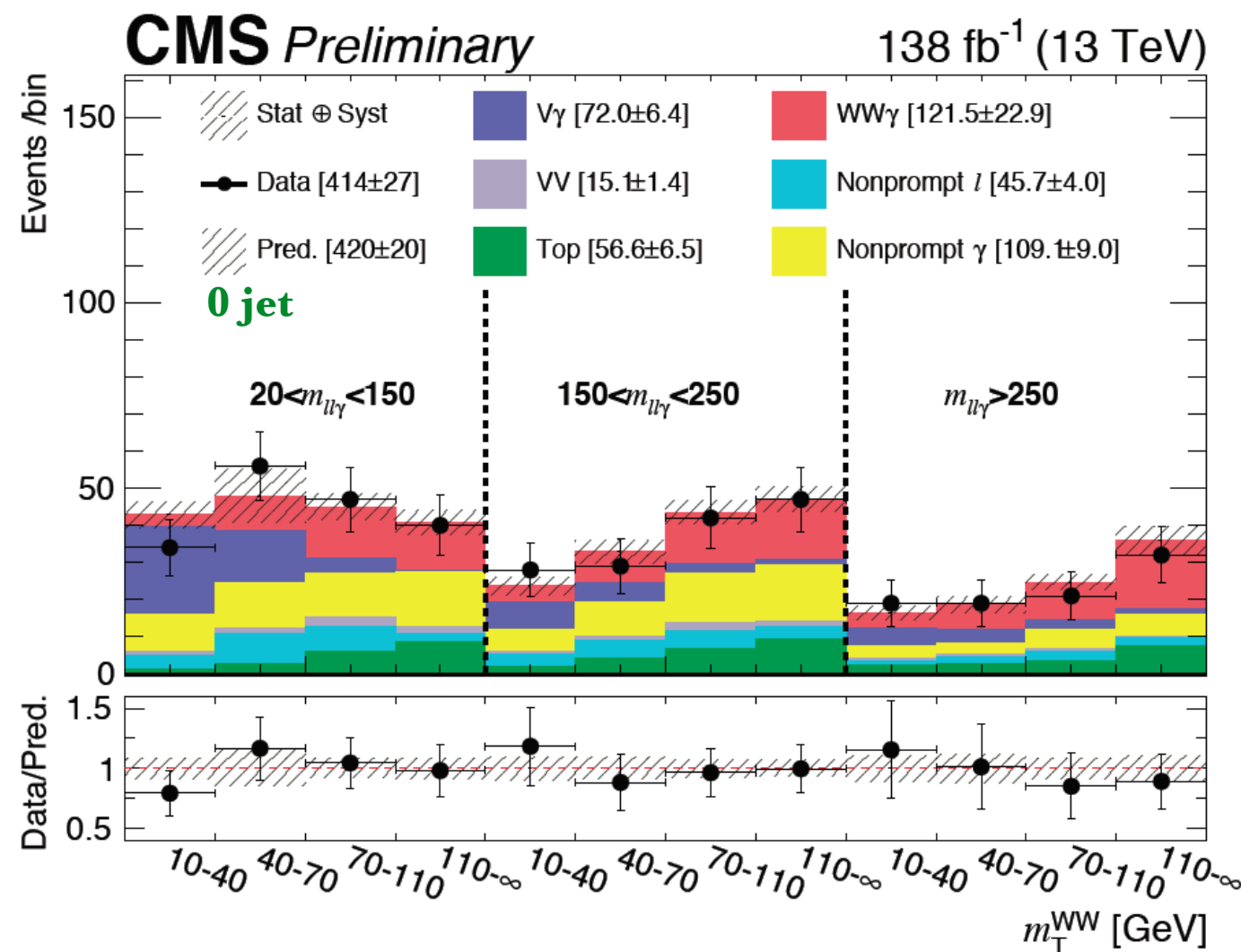
☆ opposite sign charge requirement is inverted

Topy CR: validate non-prompt leptons

☆ b-jets ≥ 1

Simultaneous fit is performed using **SSWW γ** , **Topy** CR and **WW γ SR**

Signal significance and strength are extracted using binned maximum likelihood in bins of $m_T(WW)$, $m_{ll\gamma}$



	WW γ		Topy	SSWW γ
	0 jet	≥ 1 jet		
m_T^{WW}	[10,40,70,110, ∞]	[10,40,70,110, ∞]	[10, ∞]	[10,40,70,110, ∞]
$m_{ll\gamma}$	[20,150,250, ∞]	[20,150,250, ∞]	[20, ∞]	[20, ∞]

WW γ production : Results

□ The first observation on tri-boson WW γ production at LHC at 13 TeV

□ Observed Signal significance is 5.6 σ (expected 4.7 σ)

□ Measured fiducial cross-section for WW γ

$$\sigma = 6.04 \pm 1.69 \text{ fb} = 6.04 \pm 1.03 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.97 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.85 \text{ (theo)} \text{ fb}$$

□ In agreement with next-to-leading order QCD prediction

□ Search for associated production of Higgs boson and a photon

□ upper limit on cross-section and 95% confidence limit on Higgs coupling to light quark are provided

○ Assuming Higgs is produced by Yukawa direct coupling to light quarks

Process	σ_{up} pb exp.(obs.)	Yukawa couplings limits exp.(obs.)
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.067 (0.085)	$ \kappa_u \leq 13000 \text{ (16000)}$
$d\bar{d} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.058 (0.072)	$ \kappa_d \leq 14000 \text{ (17000)}$
$s\bar{s} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.049 (0.068)	$ \kappa_s \leq 1300 \text{ (1700)}$
$c\bar{c} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.067 (0.087)	$ \kappa_c \leq 110 \text{ (200)}$

Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW/ZZ$ production

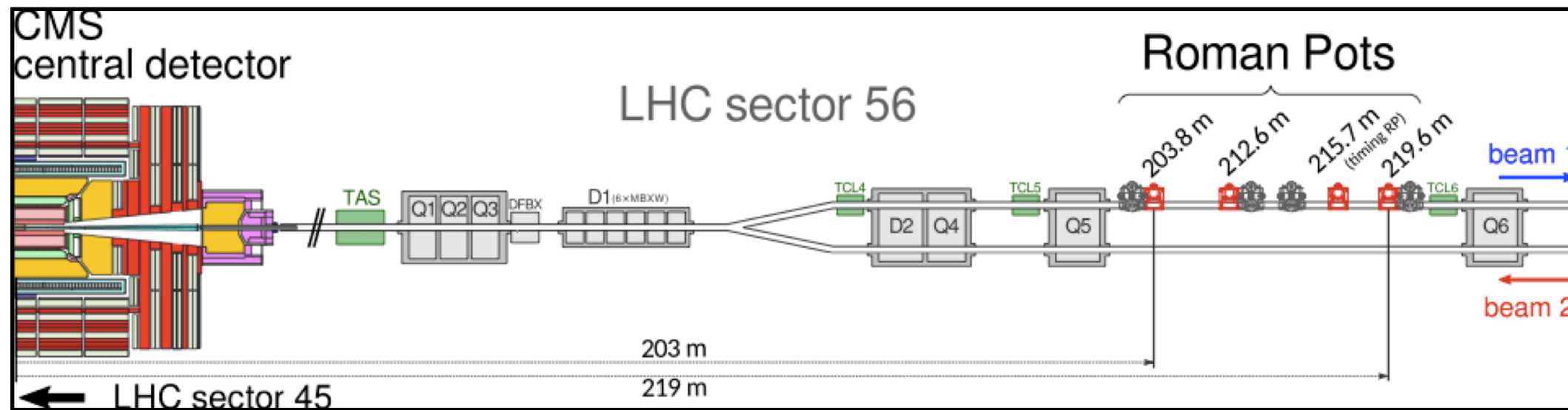
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□ Probing gamma-gamma collisions at hadron collider

□ Addition of PPS to CMS allows to reconstruct the full 13 TeV collision energy in signal events

□ PPS detects in-tact protons momenta ~ 200 m from the CMS IP using LHC magnets



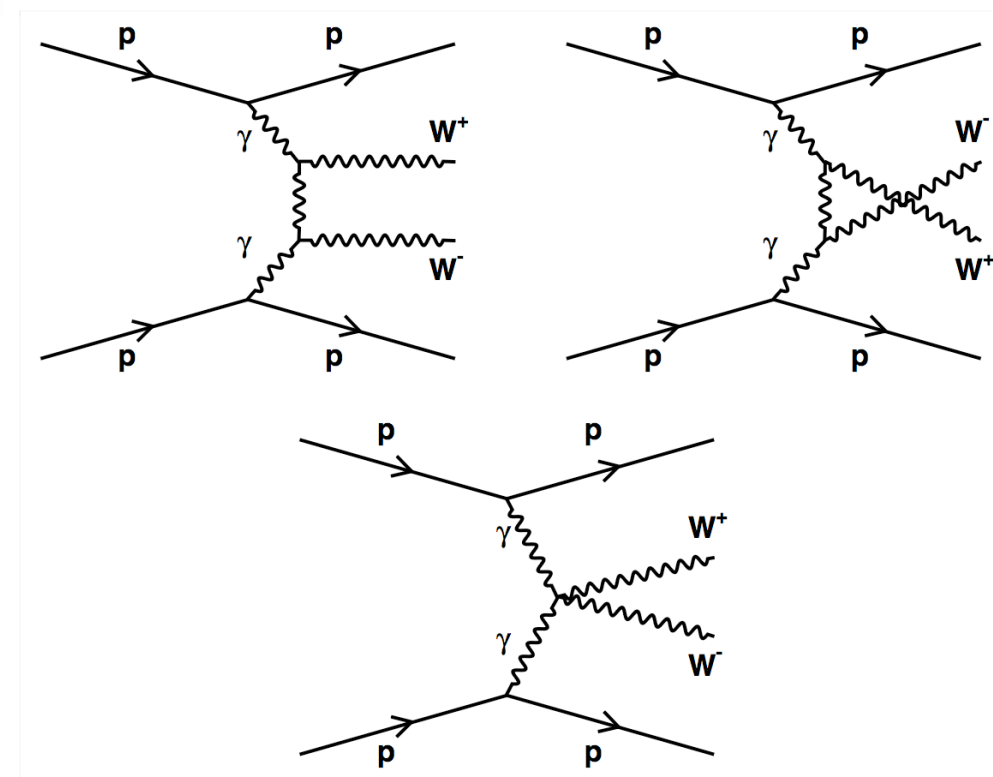
□ Objectives :

□ to probe SM quartic coupling at tree level

○ $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ allowed and concentrated at low values of $m(WW)$

○ $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ZZ$ neutral quartic coupling not allowed

□ BSM contributions (non-resonant) enhancements over the SM in high mass tails (aQGC/EFT)

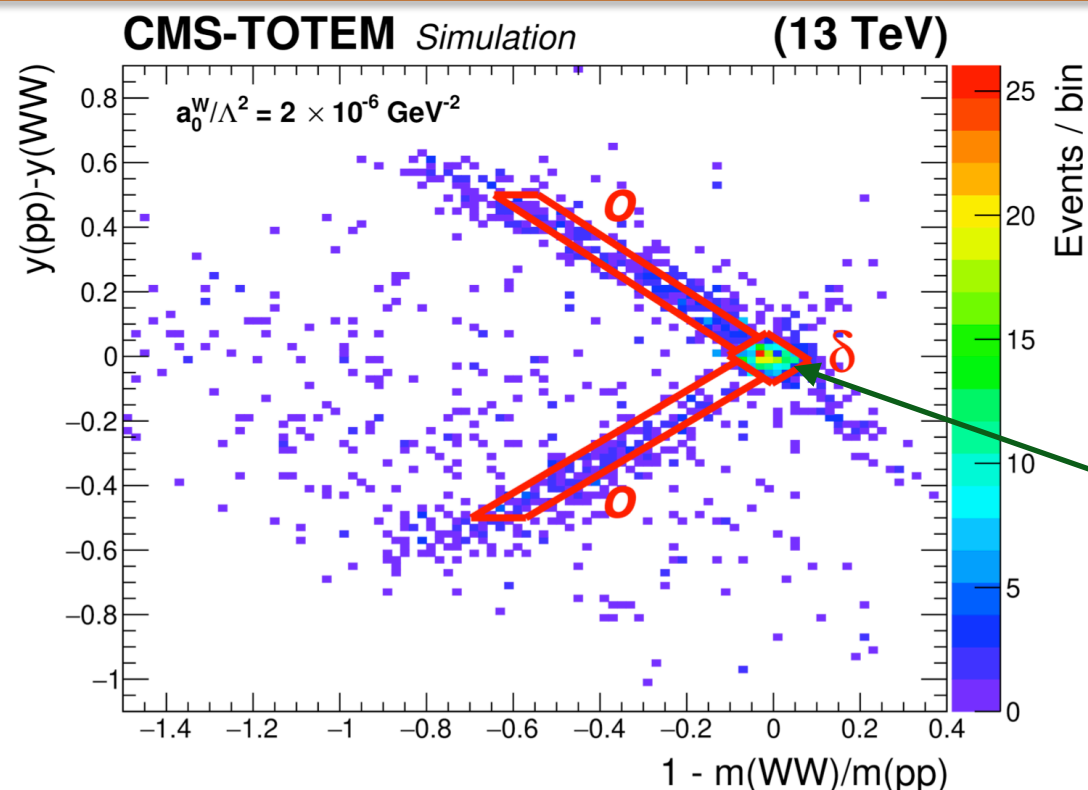
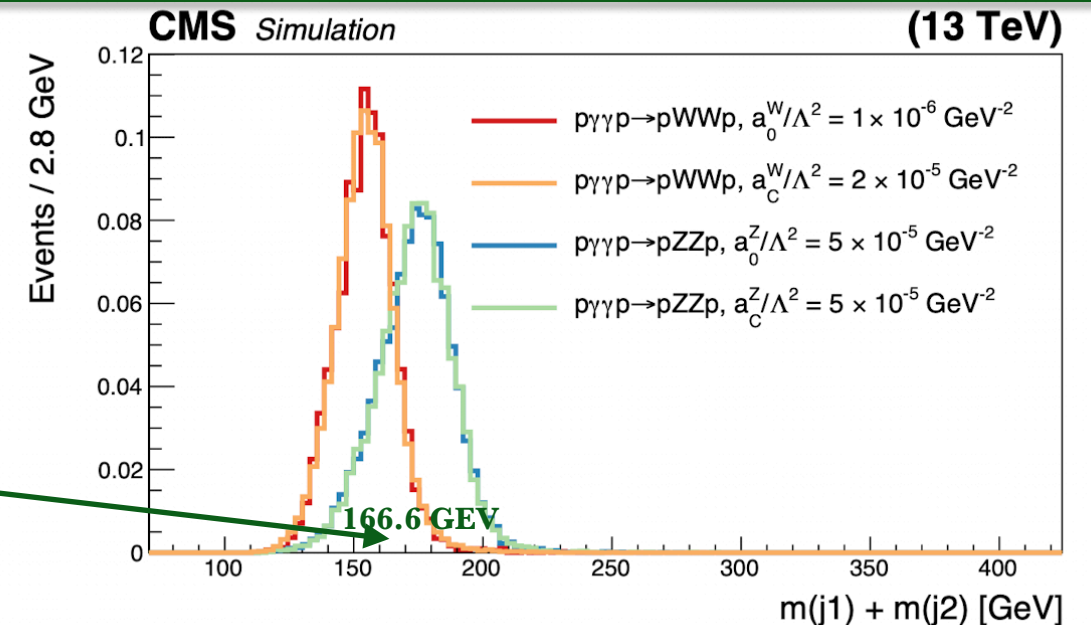


Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW/ZZ$ production: Event Selection

□ **Final state** : two bosons (hadronically decaying) in CMS and scattered **protons** in PPS

□ **Boosted/Merged jet from weak vector boson**

- selected using N-subjettiness after pruning where $m_{jj} > 1126$ GeV
- sum of jet masses discriminate between WW and ZZ events



□ **Forward Protons**

- reconstructed using “multi-RP” algorithm ; combine tracks reconstructed in both Roman Pots in each arm

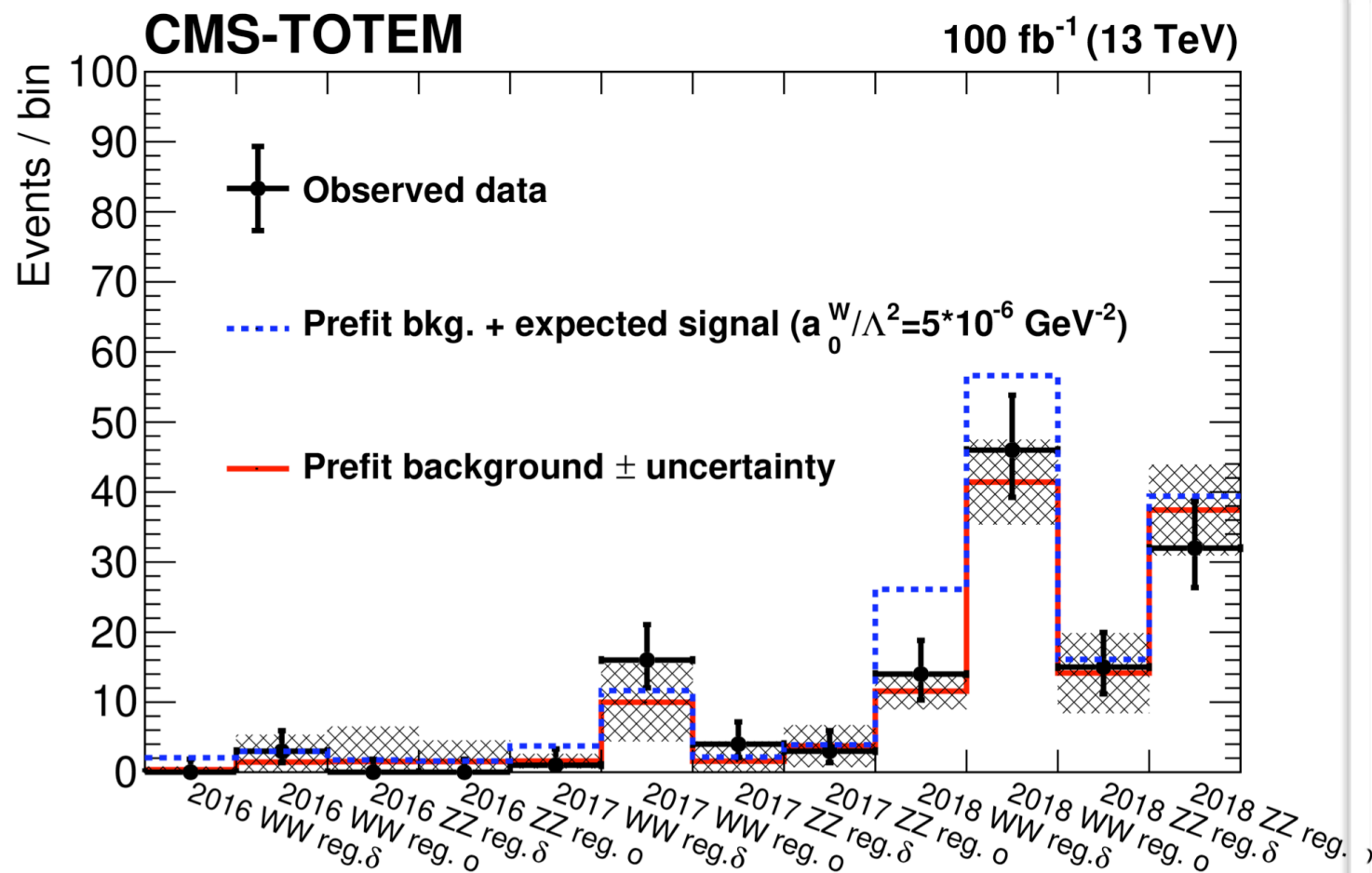
□ **Match forward protons to jets**

- comparing mass and rapidity of bosons to pp system
- define two SR: 1(δ) or 2(o) protons are correctly matched

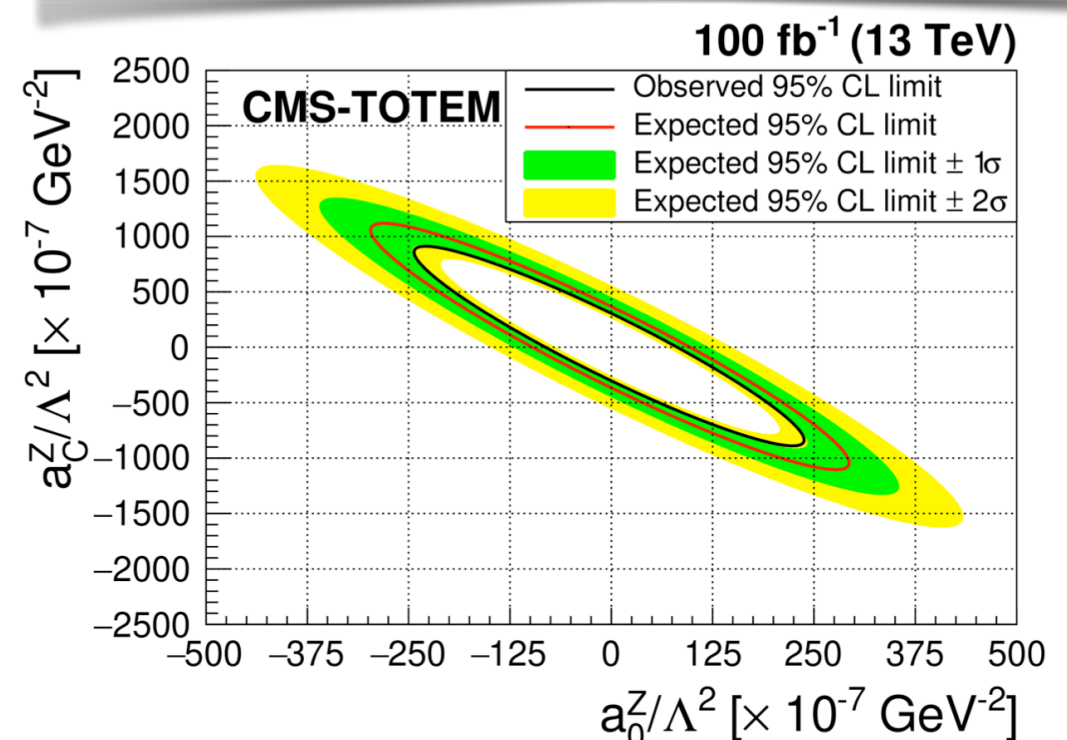
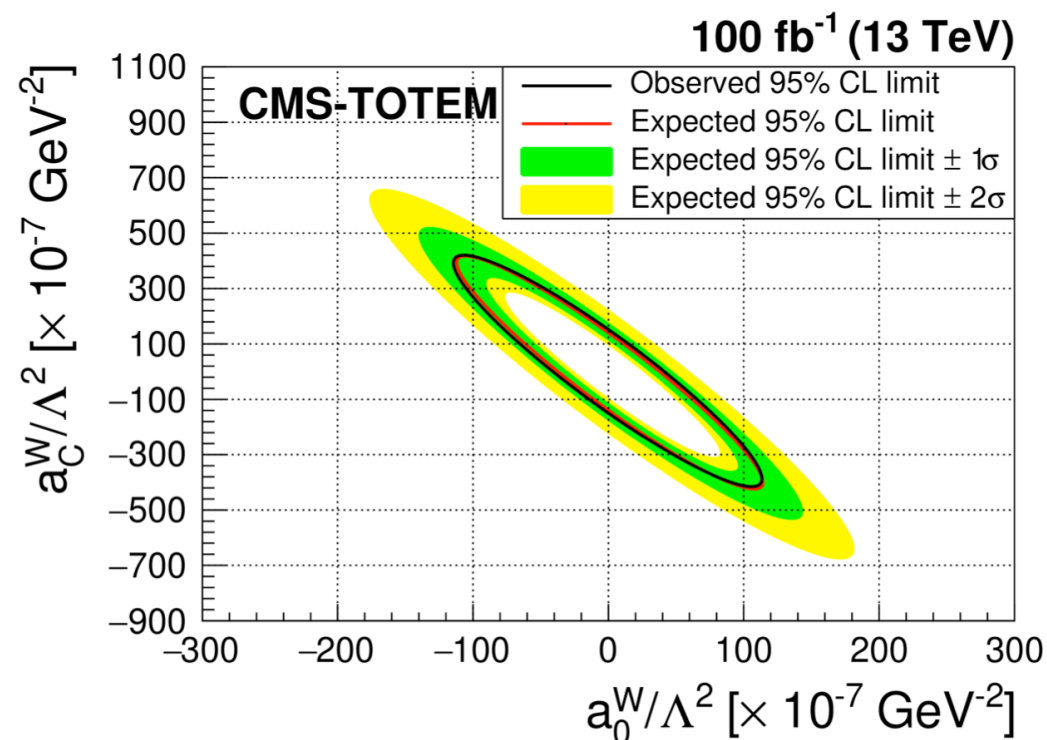
□ Background estimated from the control regions

- Inverting the observables for jet topology and pp matching

Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW/ZZ$ production : Results



- ☐ No excess above the SM background prediction is observed
- ☐ limits on dim-6 and dim-8 aQGC
- ☐ More stringent than Run1 data
- ☐ EFT Dimension-8 operators are constrained as well
- ☐ Limits on fiducial cross-section considering $m_{\nu\nu} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ and proton fractional charge $< 20\%$
- ☐ cross-section upper limit at 95%
 - ☐ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow pWWp) < 67 \text{ fb}$
 - ☐ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow pZZp) < 43 \text{ fb}$



□ Vector boson scattering (VBS) processes are crucial

□ understanding electroweak symmetry breaking

□ probe new physics beyond the SM

□ Objectives :

□ Measure the Electroweak (EW) production of $W\gamma$

○ fiducial and differential cross section.

○ search for anomalous coupling

□ Exploiting the VBS $W\gamma jj$ topology ;

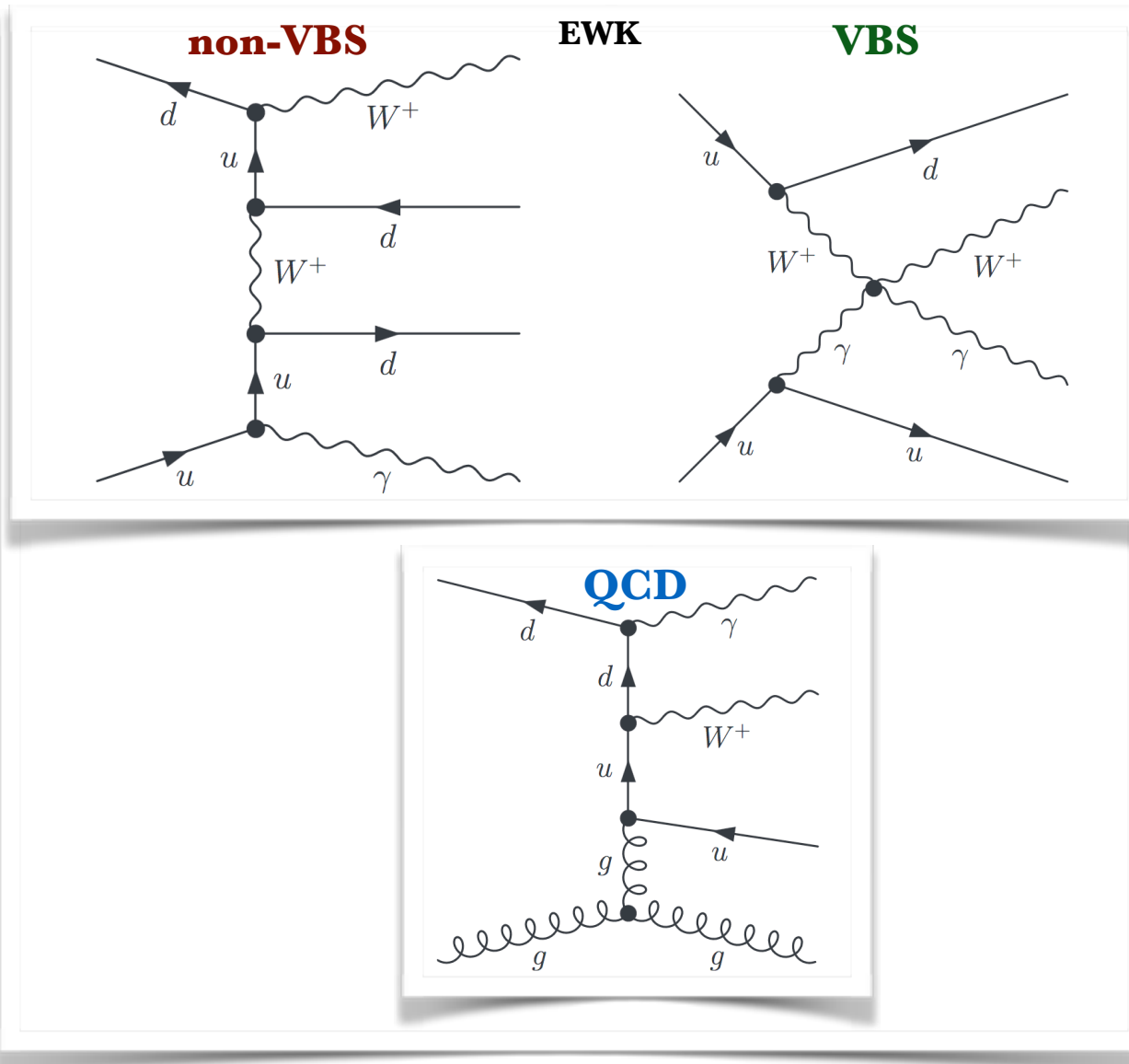
□ the two jets with

○ large invariant mass m_{jj}

○ large separation in pseudorapidity $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$.

□ momentum of the $W\gamma$ system is balanced by that of the dijet system

□ suppresses the contamination from the QCD-induced production of $W\gamma jj$, as well as the non-VBS EWK contribution



Electroweak production of $W\gamma$ with two jets : Event Selection

□ **Final State:** Events with leptonic W decay ($e/\mu + p_T^{\text{miss}}$), photon and two jets

□ Background

□ QCD $W(\ell\nu)\gamma$

□ MisID photon/leptons

○ W+jets and top quark processes where the jet constituents are misidentified

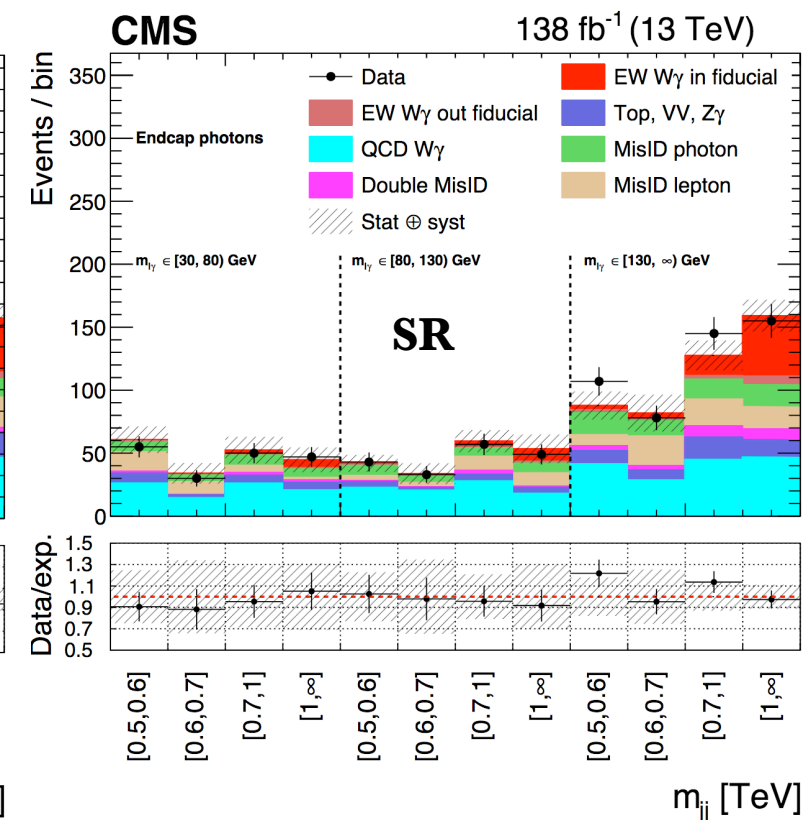
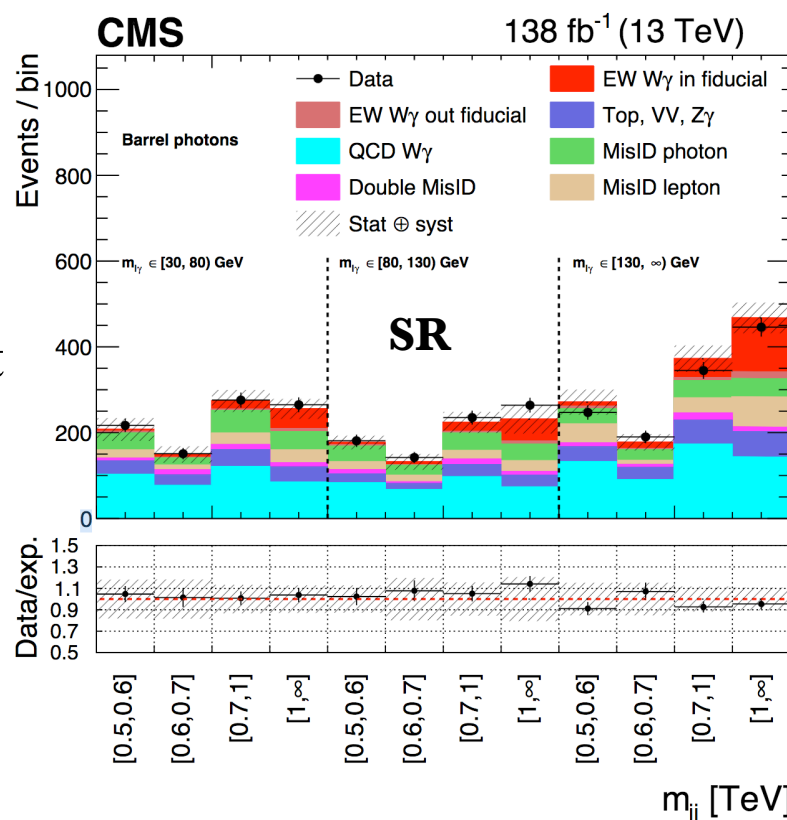
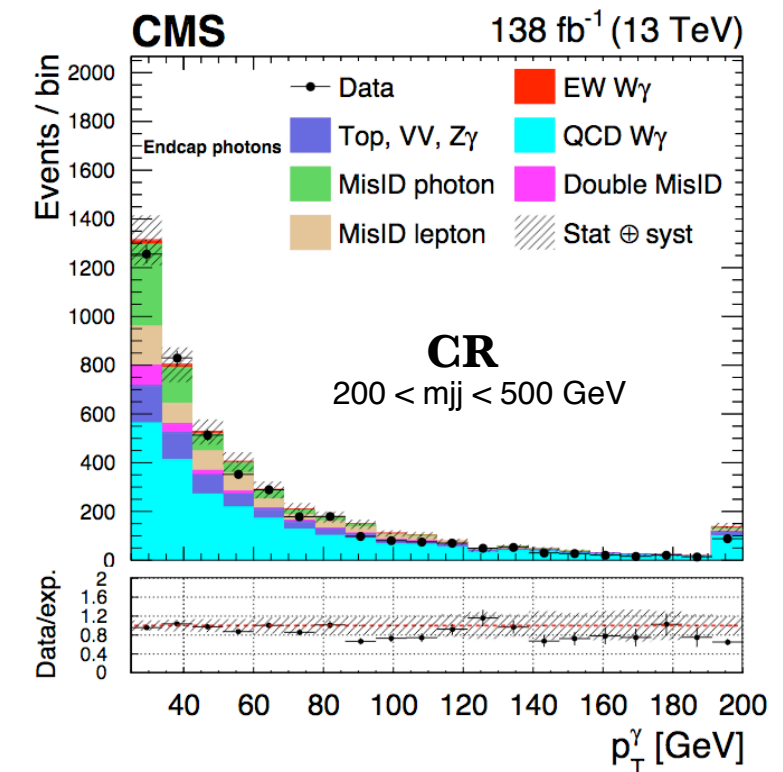
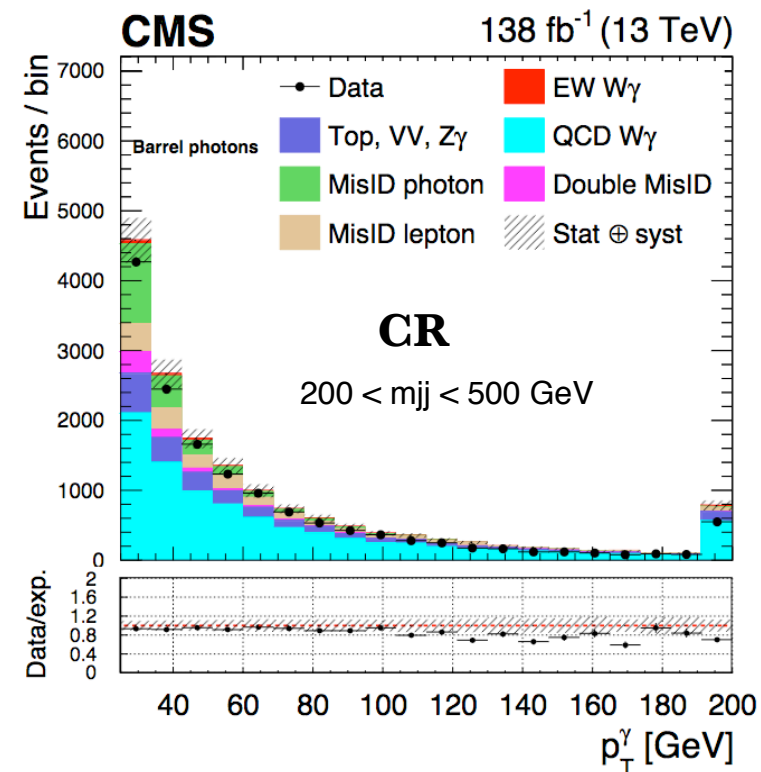
○ Data driven estimation

□ Other background (top quark, diboson and $Z\gamma$) estimated from MC simulation

□ Separated into barrel and endcap to account for differences in photon performance

□ Fit performed in

○ 2D distribution of m_{jj} and $m_{\ell\nu}$



Electroweak production of $W\gamma$ with two jets : Results

☐ Observed (expected) significance: 6.0σ (6.79σ)

☐ Measurement of EWK-only and EWK+QCD

☐ fiducial cross-section

$$\sigma_{EW}^{fid} = 23.5 \pm 2.8 \text{ (stat)}_{-1.7}^{+1.9} \text{ (theo)}_{-3.4}^{+3.5} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb} = 23.5_{-4.7}^{+4.9} \text{ fb.}$$

$$\sigma_{EW+QCD}^{fid} = 113 \pm 2.0 \text{ (stat)}_{-2.3}^{+2.5} \text{ (theo)}_{-13}^{+13} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb} = 113 \pm 13 \text{ fb.}$$

○ consistent with SM predictions

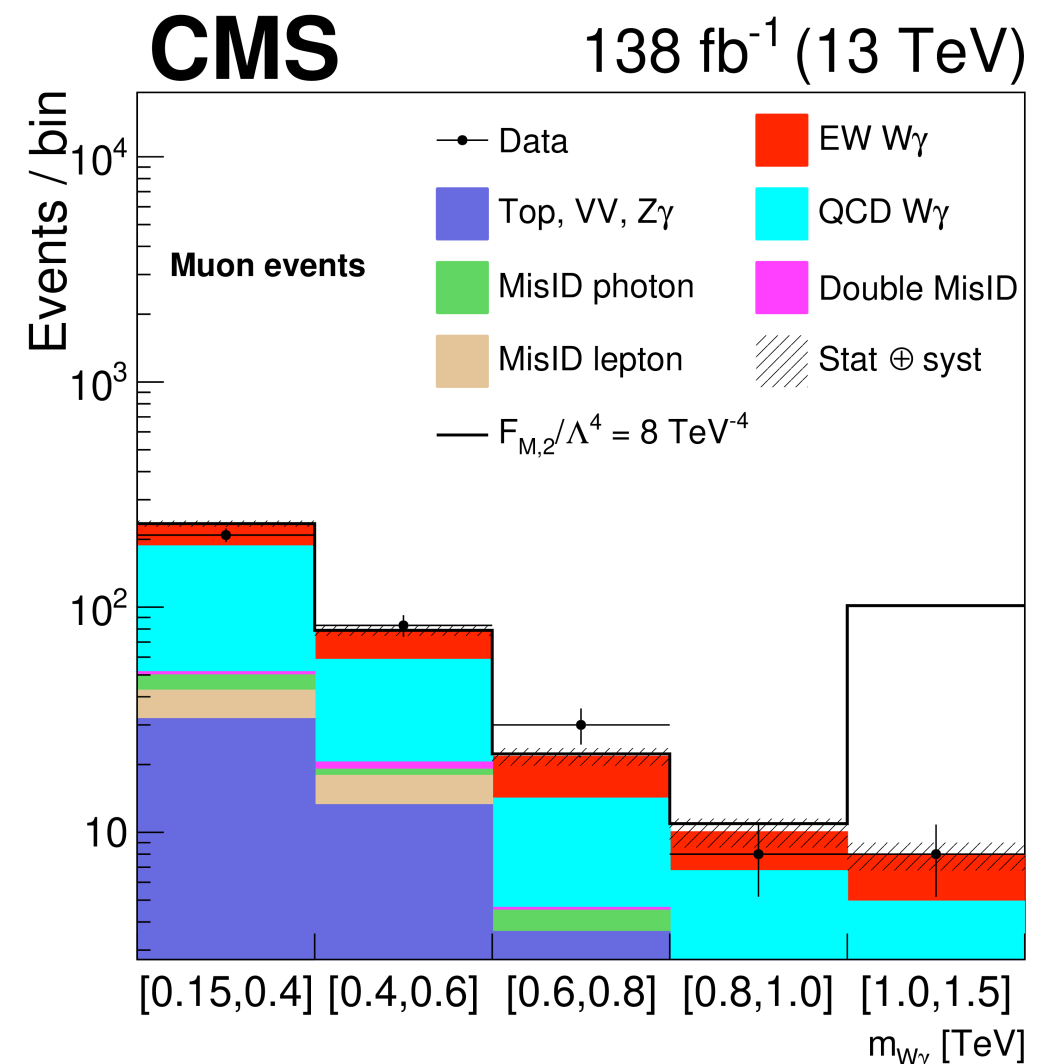
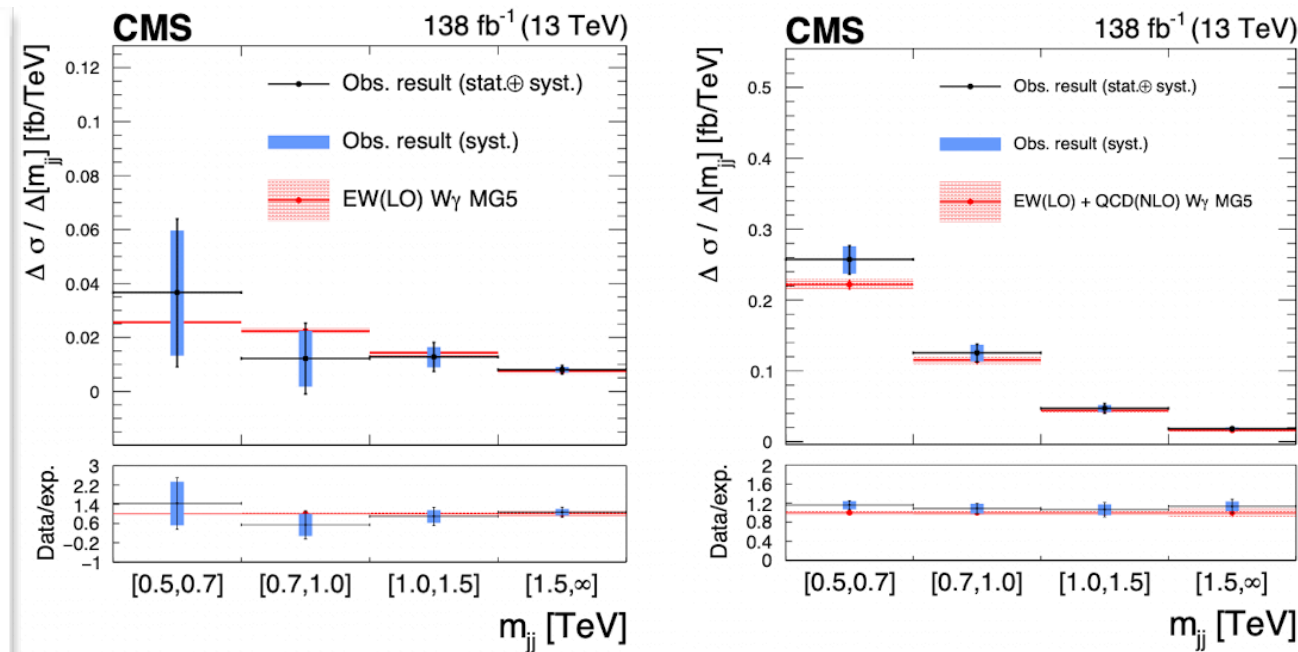
☐ differential cross-sections in several observables: $p_{T\gamma}$, p_{Tl} , p_{Tj1} , m_{jj} , $m_{l\gamma}$, $\Delta\eta_{jj}$

☐ Constraints placed on anomalous quartic gauge couplings

☐ Dim-8 aQGC limits based on $M_{W\gamma}$ distribution

☐ tightening selection: $m_{jj} > 800$ $p_{T\gamma} > 100$ GeV

☐ most stringent limits



τ lepton polarization in Z boson decays

□ Precise measurement of SM input parameters is crucial to

□ identify any deviations

□ discover new physics

□ Electroweak Mixing Angle $\sin^2 \theta_W$

□ Key (free) parameter in Electroweak sector of the SM

□ Objective :

□ Measure average polarisation of τ leptons in Z/ γ events

$$P_\tau = (\sigma^+ - \sigma^-) / (\sigma^+ + \sigma^-)$$

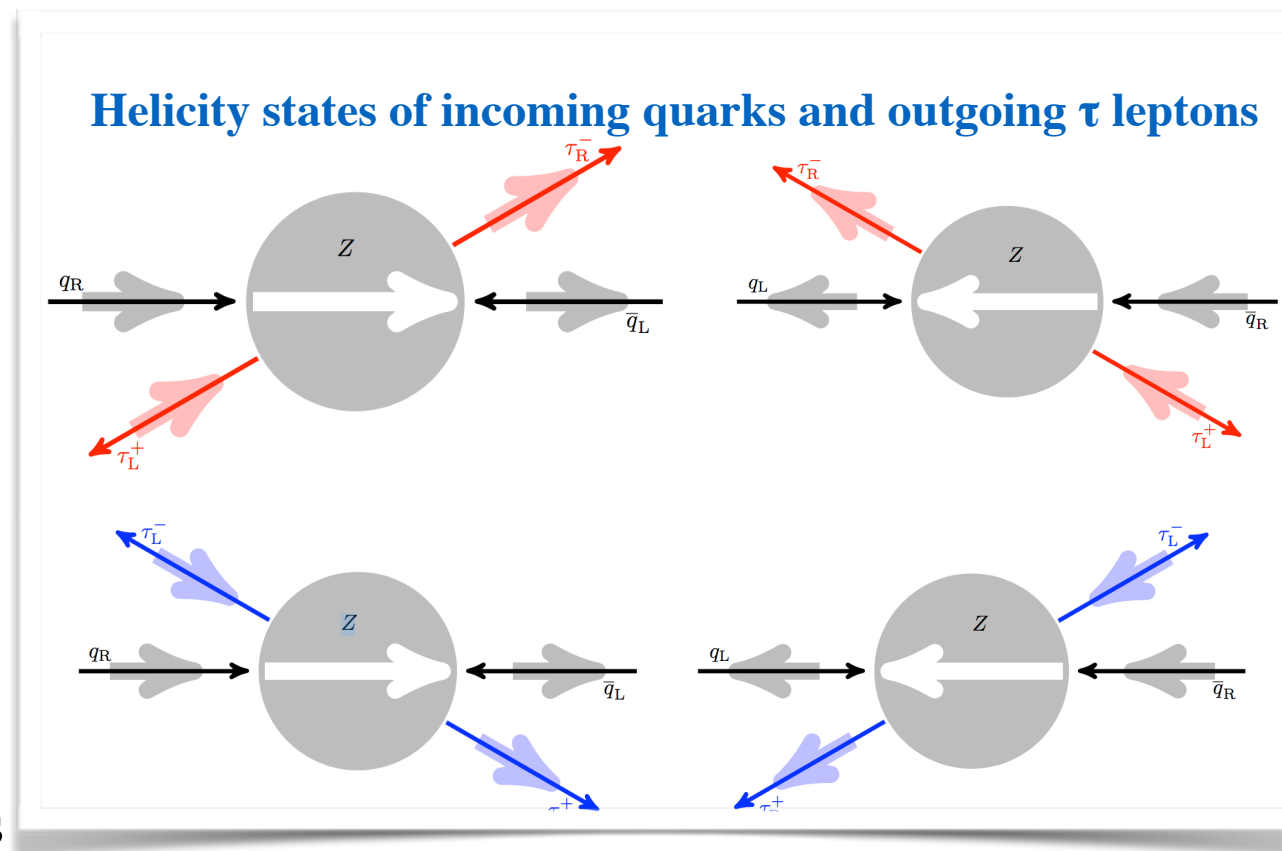
σ are the cross sections of the production of the τ^- with positive and negative helicity

□ Convert polarisation into effective weak mixing angle $\sin^2 \theta_W$ $P_\tau \approx -2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$

□ τ leptons decay rapidly inside the detector, polarization is measured

□ by analyzing the energy and direction of their decay products

○ angular or momenta distributions of the visible tau decaying leptonically or hadronically, with respect to the τ flight direction



τ lepton polarization in Z boson decays : Event Selection

□ 11 combinations hadronic and leptonic τ decays measurement

□ 11 templates of discriminants used to extract polarisation

Channel	Category	Discriminator
$\tau_e \tau_\mu$	$e + \mu$	$m_{\text{vis}}(e, \mu)$
$\tau_e \tau_h$	$e + a_1$	$\omega(a_1)$
	$e + \rho$	$\omega_{\text{vis}}(\rho)$
	$e + \pi$	$\omega(\pi)$
$\tau_\mu \tau_h$	$\mu + a_1$	$\omega(a_1)$
	$\mu + \rho$	$\omega_{\text{vis}}(\rho)$
	$\mu + \pi$	$\omega(\pi)$
$\tau_h \tau_h$	$a_1 + a_1$	$m_{\text{vis}}(a_1, a_1)$
	$a_1 + \pi$	$\Omega(a_1, \pi)$
	$\rho + \tau_h$	$\omega_{\text{vis}}(\rho)$
	$\pi + \pi$	$m_{\text{vis}}(\pi, \pi)$

$m_{\text{vis}}(1,2) = \text{visible mass}$

$\omega_{\text{vis}}(\rho) = \cos \beta$

$\omega(\pi), \omega(a_1) = \text{Optimal observable}$

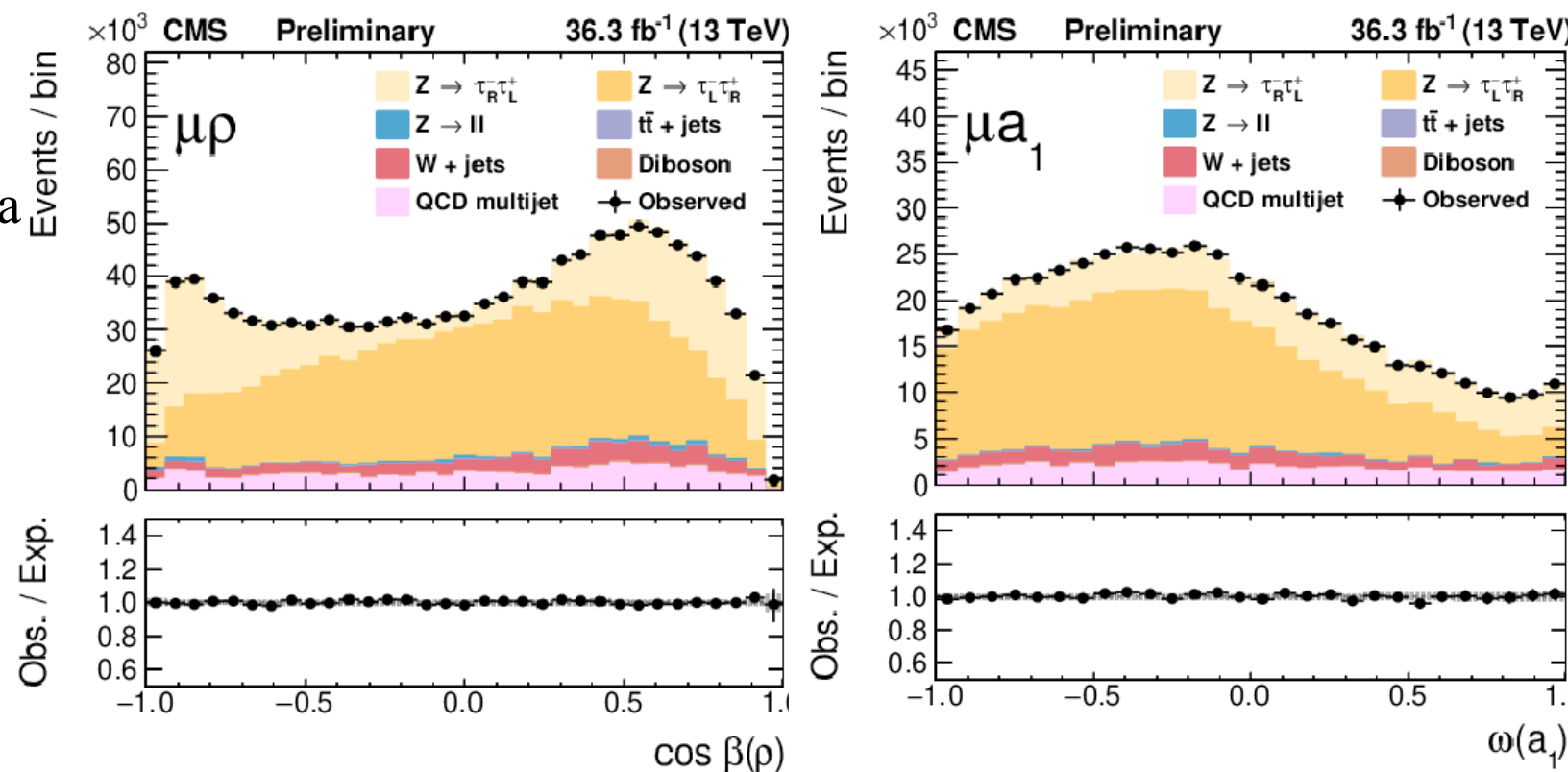
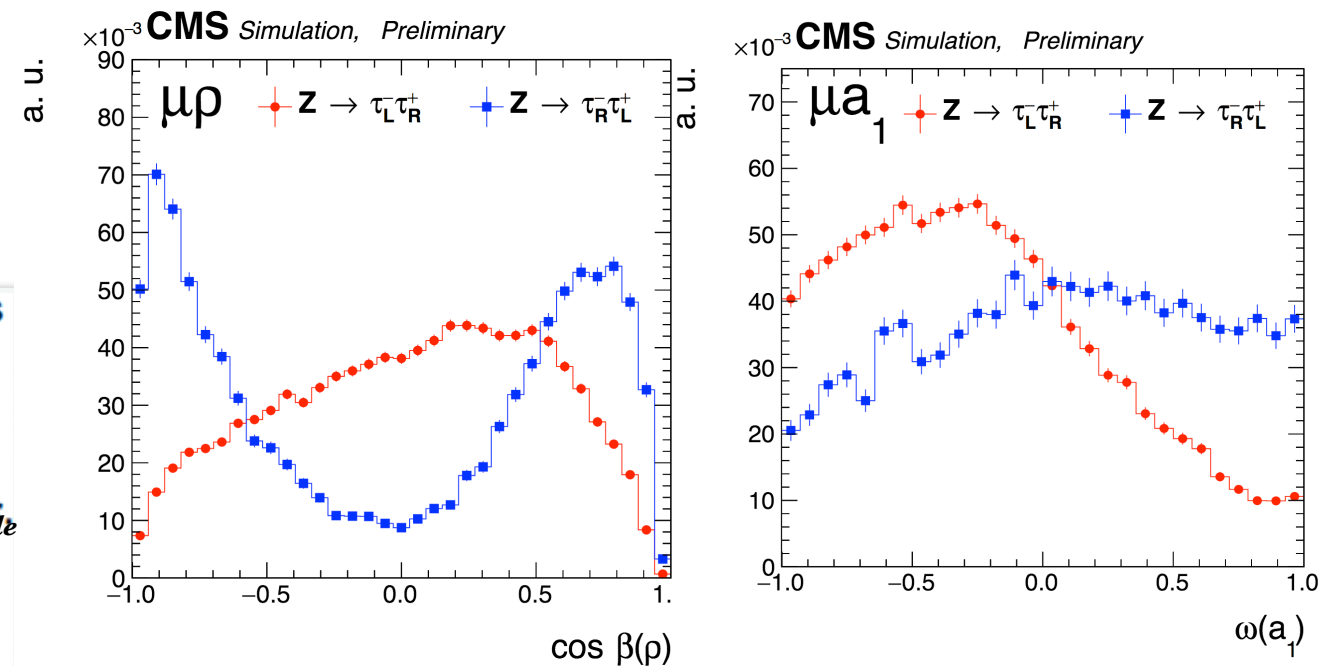
$\Omega(a_1, \pi) = \frac{\omega(\pi) + \omega(a_1)}{1 + \omega(\pi)\omega(a_1)}$

□ The average polarisation $\langle P_\tau \rangle$ is obtained by a template fit to the observed optimal τ -polarisation observables

□ Global maximum-likelihood fit is performed

□ Unbaised procedure closure test using MC simulated events

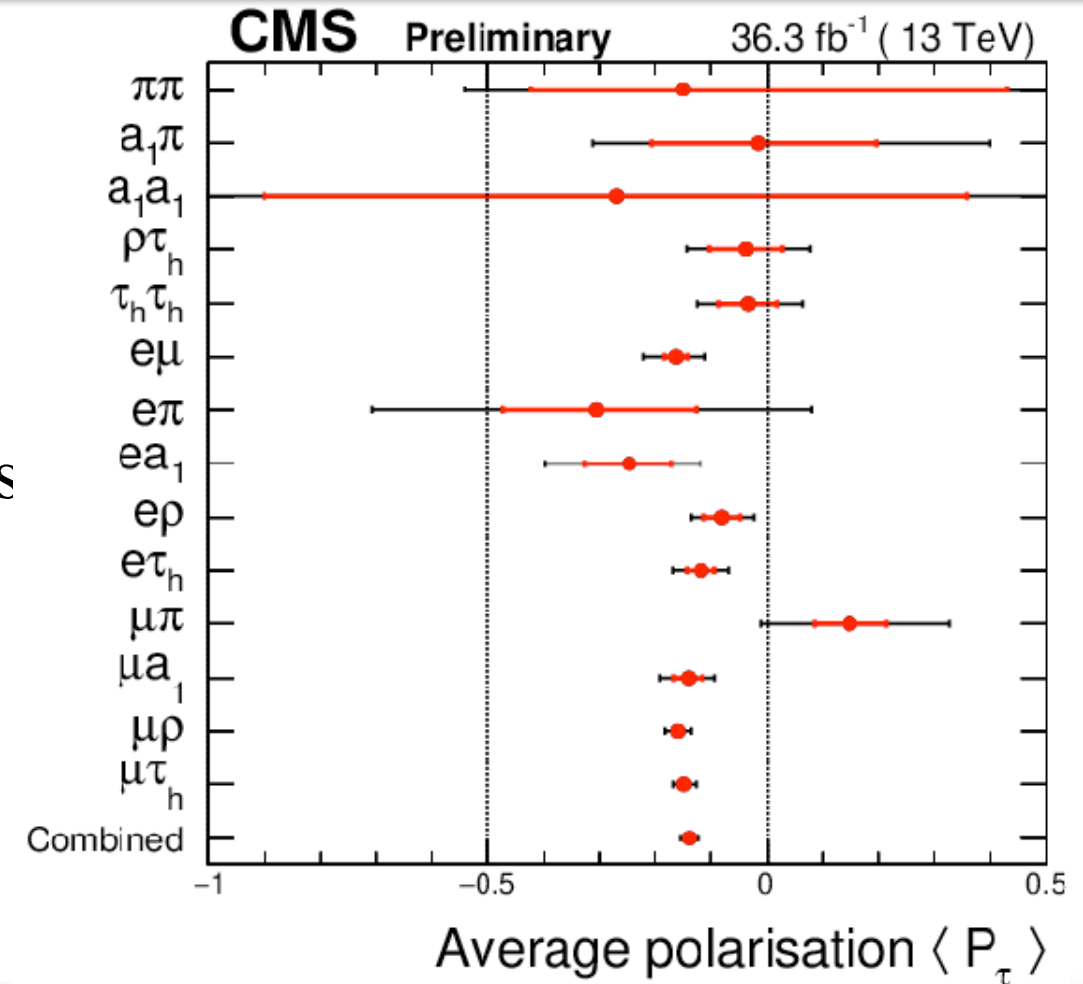
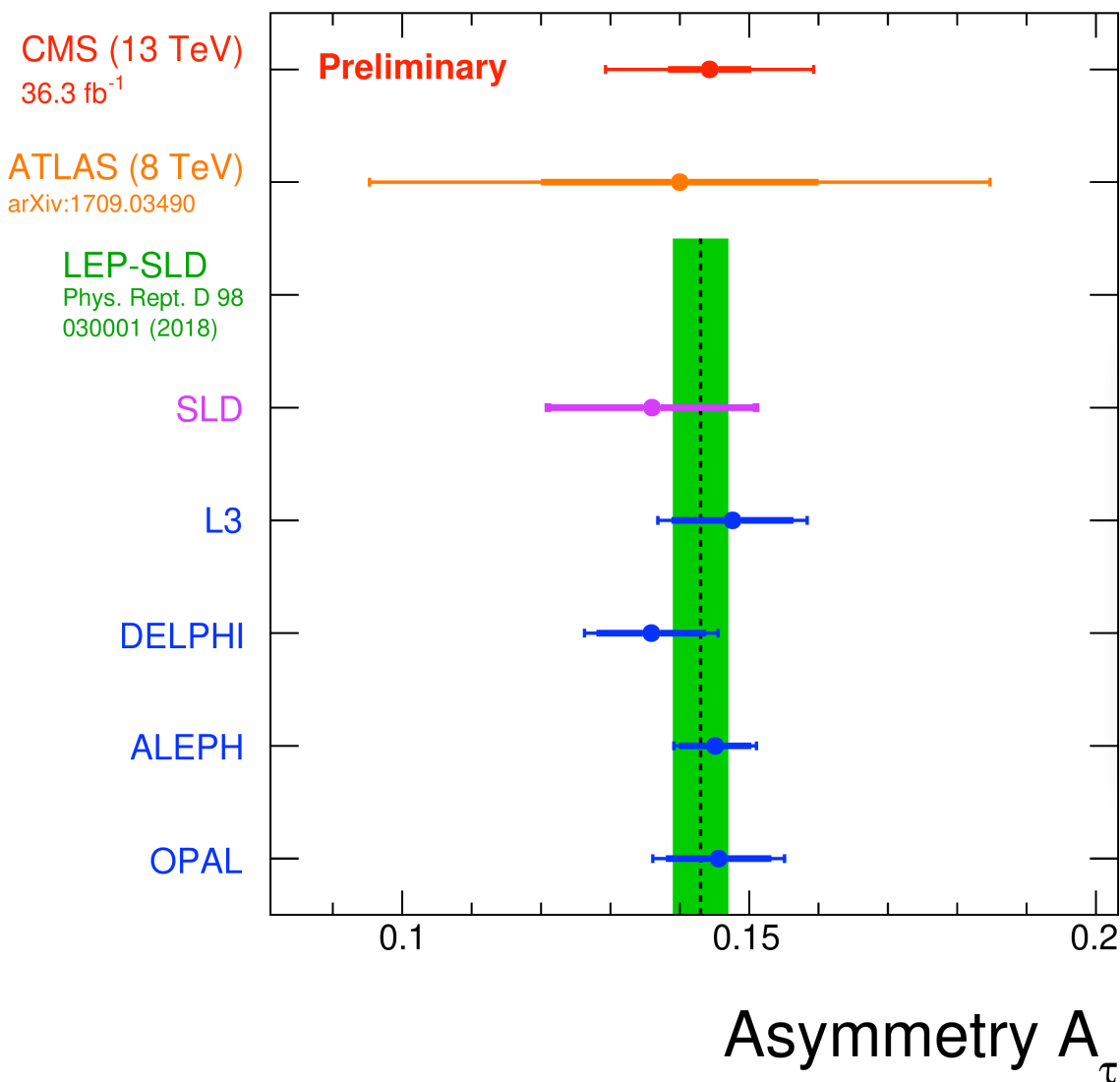
□ τ invariant mass in the range 75–120 GeV



τ lepton polarization in Z boson decays : Results

□ best sensitivity : $\mu\tau_h$; Good selection efficiency and reconstruction of the spin observable

□ $\tau_h\tau_h$: suffers from higher trigger thresholds, which lead to fewer events and distortions of the templates



Average τ polarisation is corrected to the value at the Z pole
 $\mathcal{P}_\tau(Z^0) = -0.144 \pm 0.015 = -0.144 \pm 0.006 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.014 \text{ (syst)}$

The effective weak mixing angle

$\sin^2 \theta_W^{\text{eff}} = 0.2319 \pm 0.0019 = 0.2319 \pm 0.0008 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.0018 \text{ (syst)}$

Precision of 0.8% and is independent of the production process of the Z boson.

□ Harsh environment than LEP

□ provide precise determinations of the polarisation of the τ lepton, and spin correlations between τ -lepton pairs

Summary

☐ Electroweak sector at CMS

- ☐ allows for the testing and refinement of the Standard Model

- ☐ search for new physics phenomena.

☐ The Run 2 data has enabled CMS to achieve an unparalleled level of precision in its measurements.

- ☐ No deviation from the SM have been observed so far

- ☐ Numerous new measurements are in pipeline with the full/partial Run 2 dataset

☐ Expanded the possibilities for measuring differential cross-sections and rare electroweak phenomena

- ☐ EWK VBS or rare diboson processes have been observed/established

Stay tuned for a continuation of results from CMS during Run 2, as well as initial findings from Run 3 !!