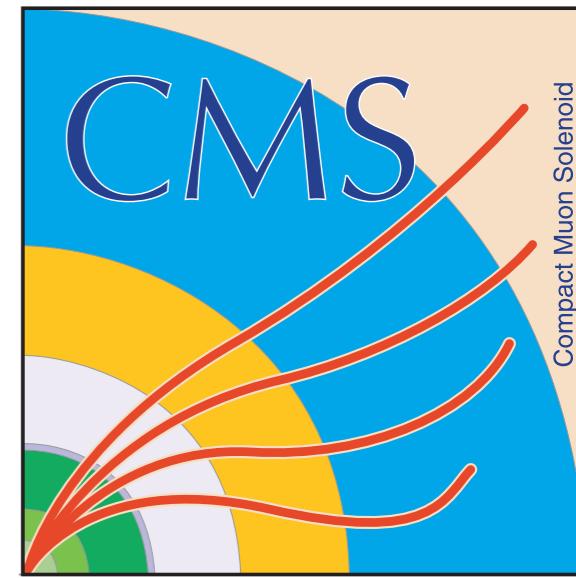


# Latest Results on Heavy Neutrino Searches with CMS

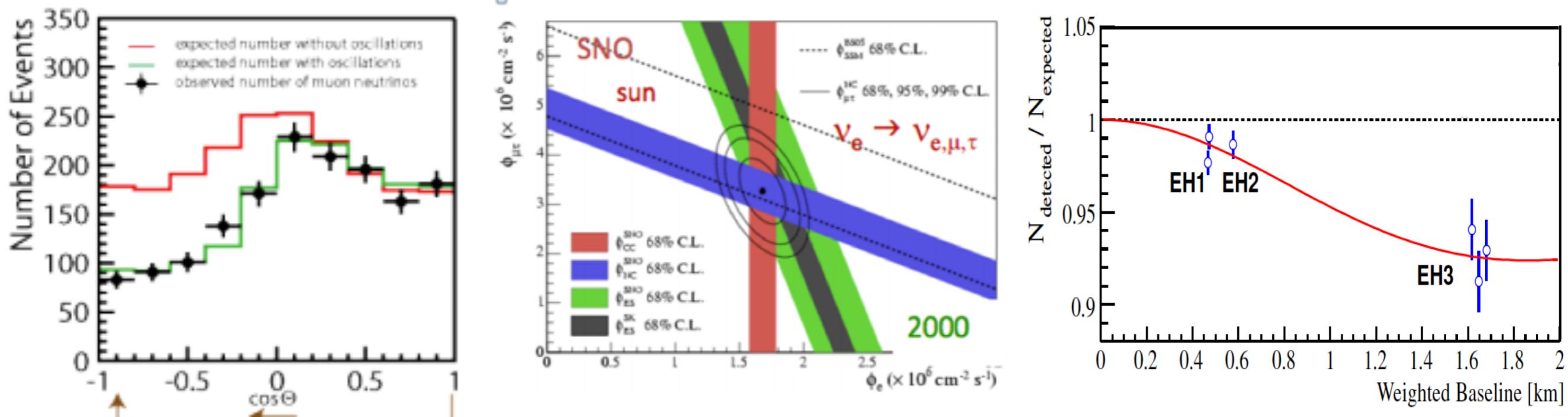
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On behalf of the CMS collaboration



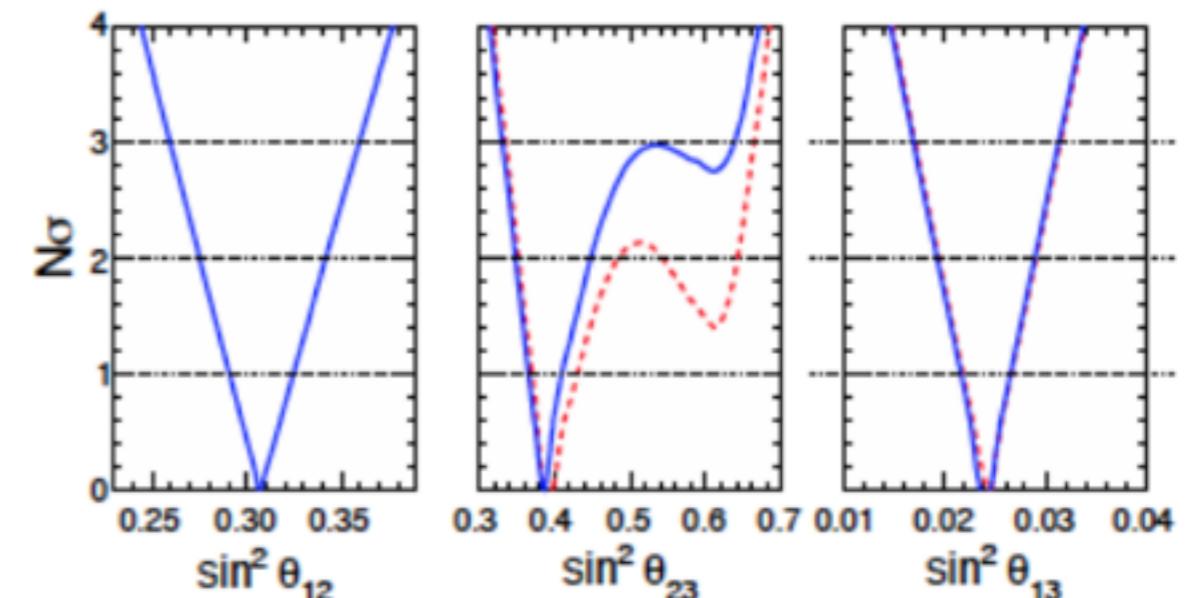
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# Why Look For Heavy Neutrinos?



- Neutrinos oscillate between all three flavours.
  - At least two massive neutrinos
- First conclusive experimental evidence for BSM physics.
- Sum of light neutrino masses < 0.23 eV from cosmology.
- Small neutrino mass can be naturally explained by the SeeSaw mechanism with heavy Majorana neutrinos.
- Some theories with heavy neutrinos can also provide a Dark Matter candidate.



# Searches For Heavy Neutrinos at CMS

- Small neutrino mass -> heavy neutrino ( $N_R$ ) by “SeeSaw”
  - Several models predict TeV scale heavy neutrinos.
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- If heavy neutrinos exist at TeV scale we should be able to see them at the LHC.
  - CMS and ATLAS have performed searches for heavy neutrinos in a number of models.



- Type 1: weak-singlet fermion ( $N$ )  
EXO-12-057 EXO-14-014
- Left-Right Symmetric Model (LRSM):  
 $SU(2)_R$  symmetry to the SM:  $N, W_R, Z'$   
EXO-13-008
- Type 3 : weak-triplet fermion ( $\Sigma^0 \Sigma^{+/-}$ )  
EXO-14-001  
Type 3 In Back Up slides

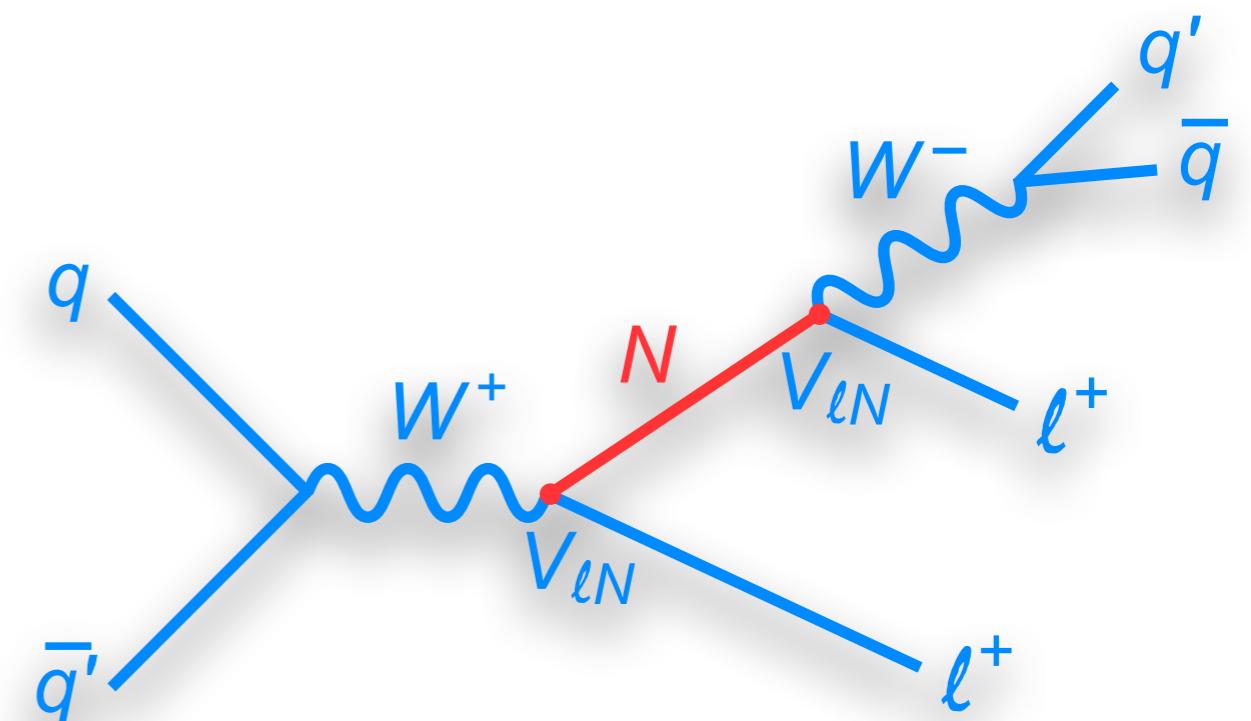
# Heavy Neutrino production at the LHC

## Type-1 Seesaw

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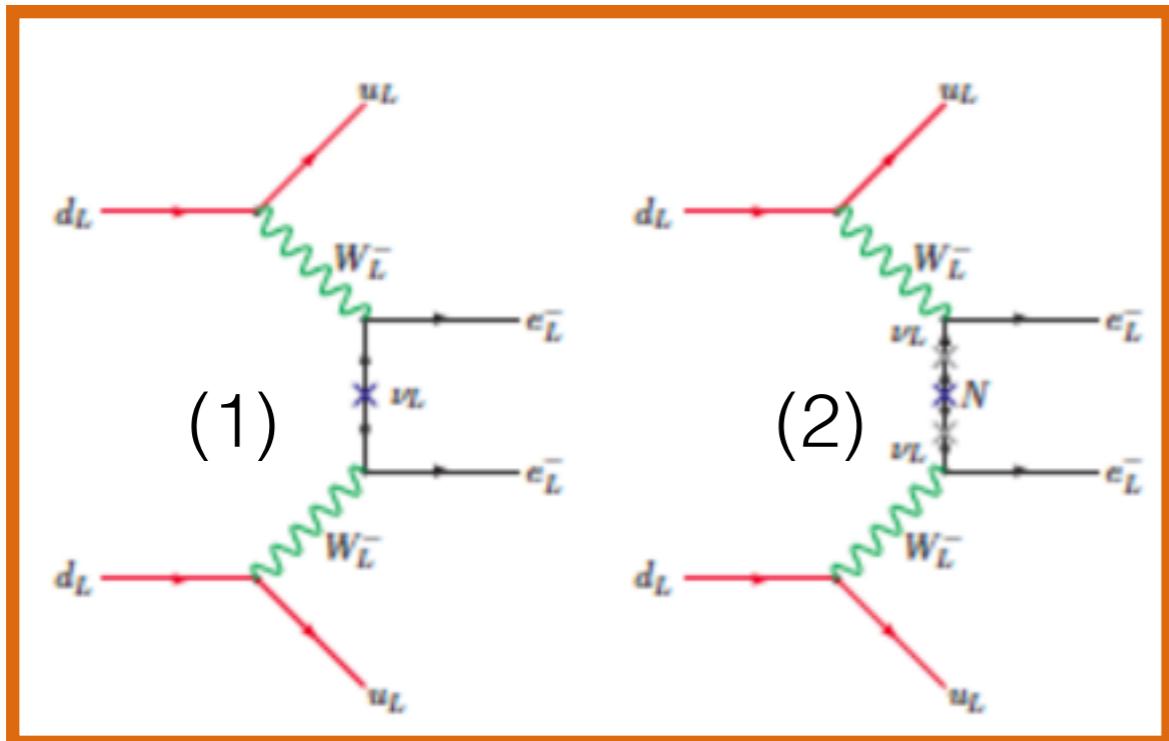
- This is the simplest model that allows for heavy neutrinos **N**.
- Assume N has no new interactions.
- **N** mixes with SM leptons via mixing angle  $V_{lN}$ .
- Best channel to search for this is s-channel using di-lepton final state:
  - Majorana neutrino can decay into positive or negative lepton.
  - cross section depends on  $|V_{lN}|^2$



Analysis sets limit on cross section and mixing angles  $|V_{lN}|^2$

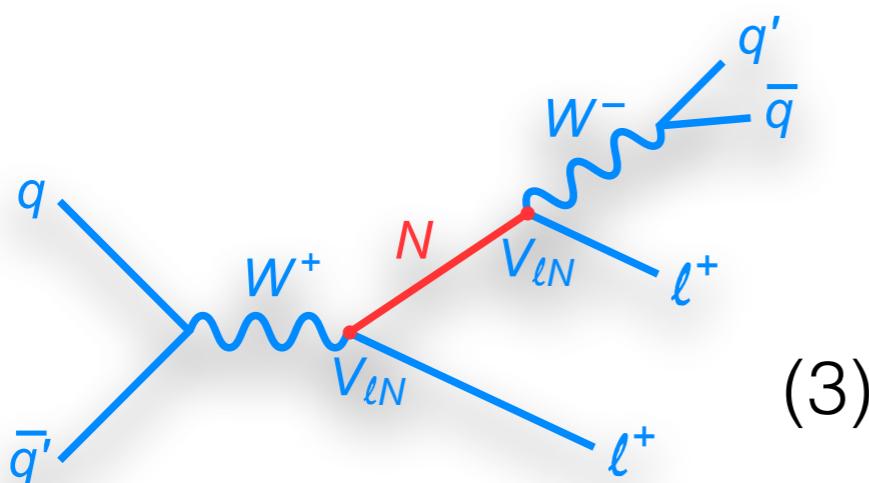
# Previous Constraints on Mixing

- Strong limits on  $|V_{eN}|^2$  from neutrino-less double beta decay experiments (arXiv:hep-ph/0412300):



$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^n V_{eN_j}^2 \frac{1}{m_{N_j}} \right| < 5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1},$$

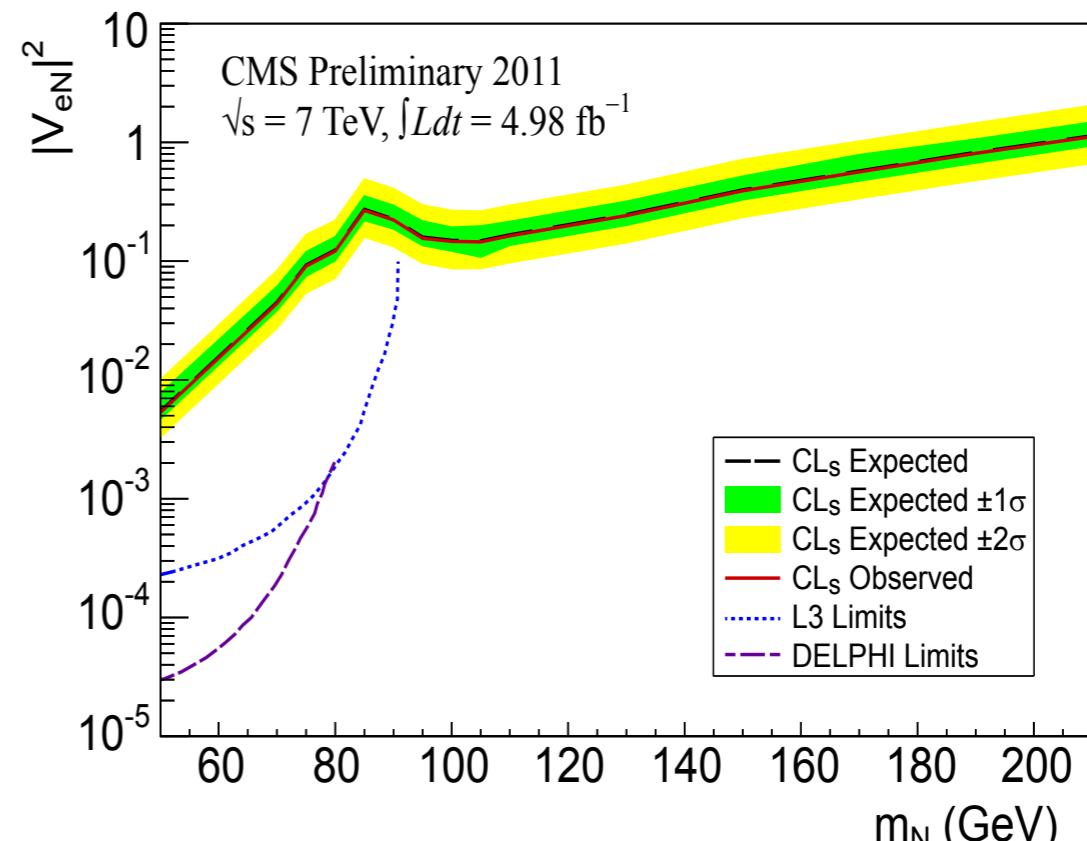
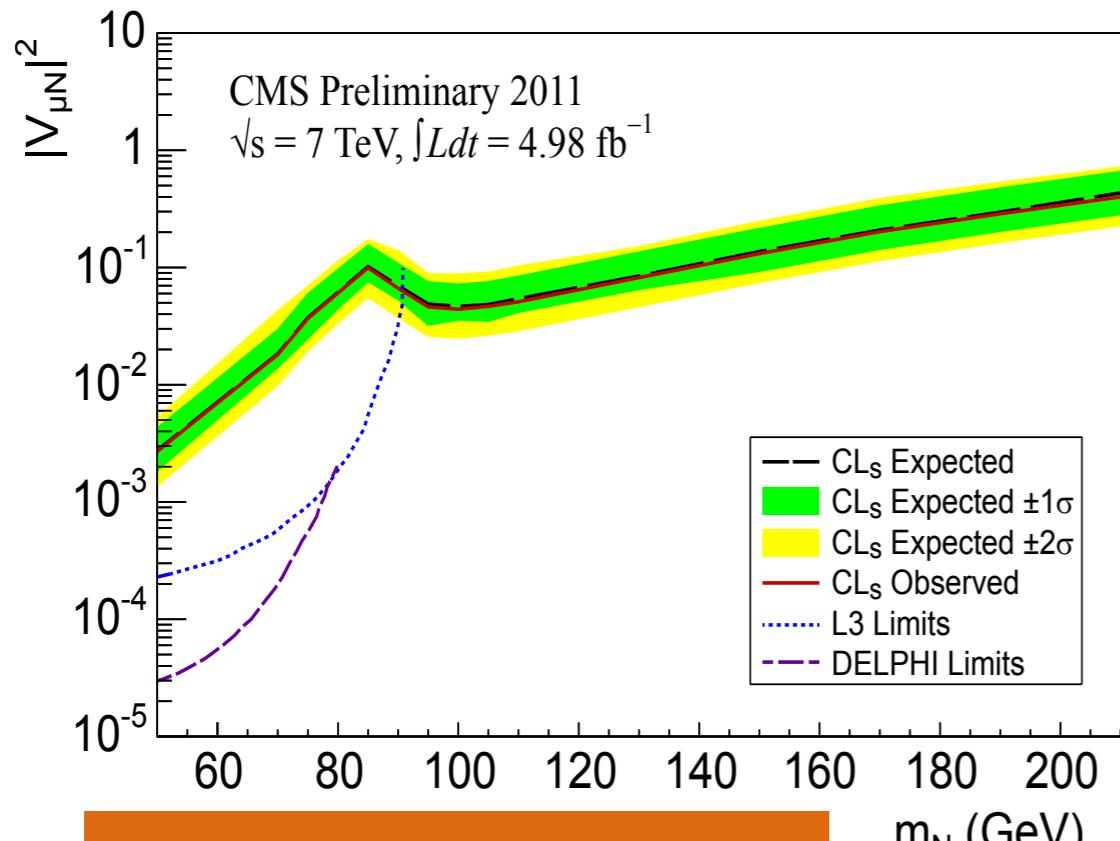
- The neutrino-less double beta decay:
  - (1) a long-range interaction
  - (2) a short-range interaction
- But the limits were extracted assuming (2) is dominant.
- At LHC, heavy N production (3) is short-range only.



# Previous Constraints on Mixing

- Strong limits on  $|V_{eN}|^2$  from neutrino-less double beta decay experiments (arXiv:hep-ph/0412300):
- Strong limits for ee (and  $\mu\mu$ ) for  $M_N < 90$  GeV by LEP
- CMS and ATLAS set limits with 7 TeV:

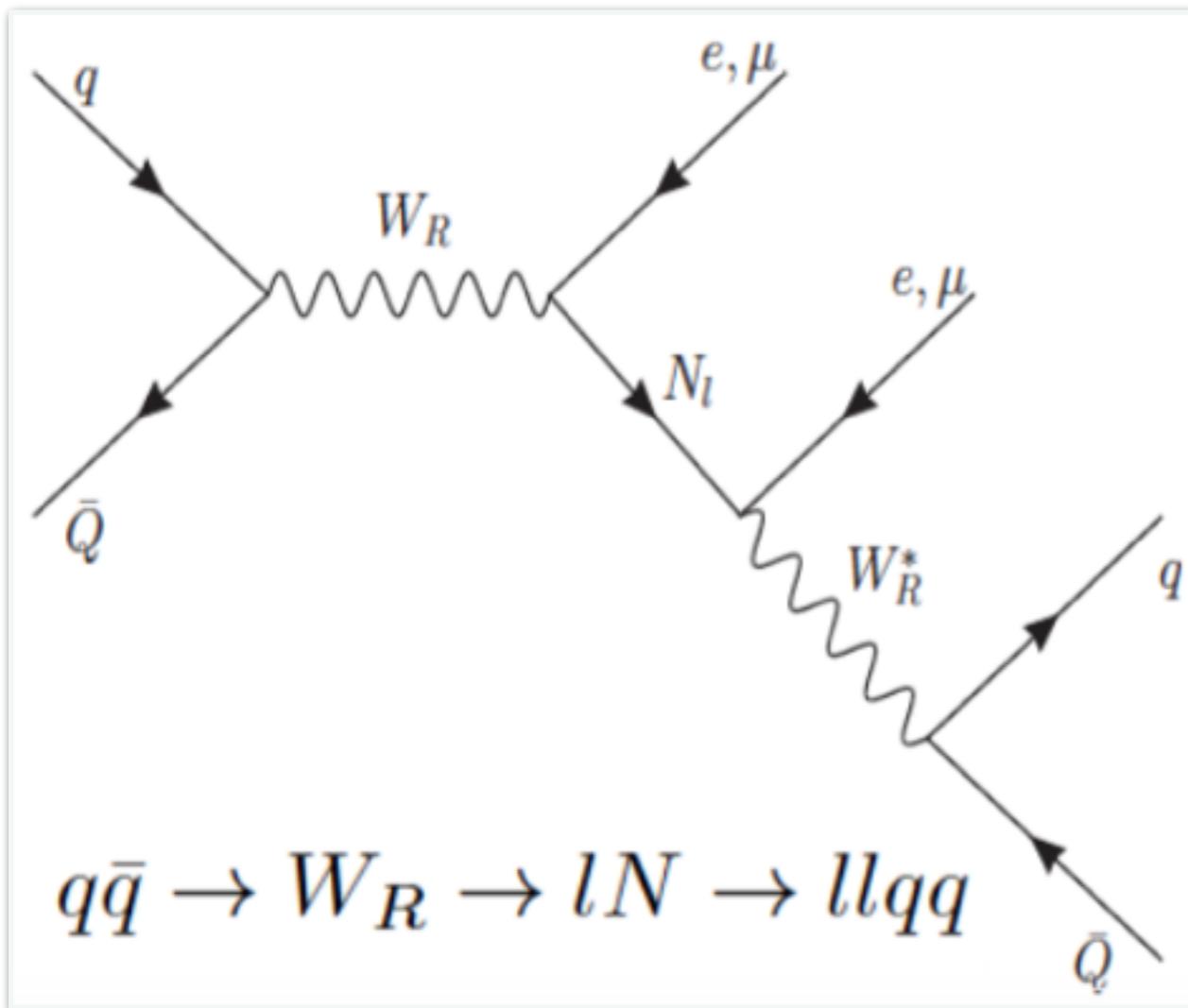
$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^n V_{eN_j}^2 \frac{1}{m_{N_j}} \right| < 5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1},$$



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# Heavy Neutrinos in the Left-Right Symmetric Model at LHC

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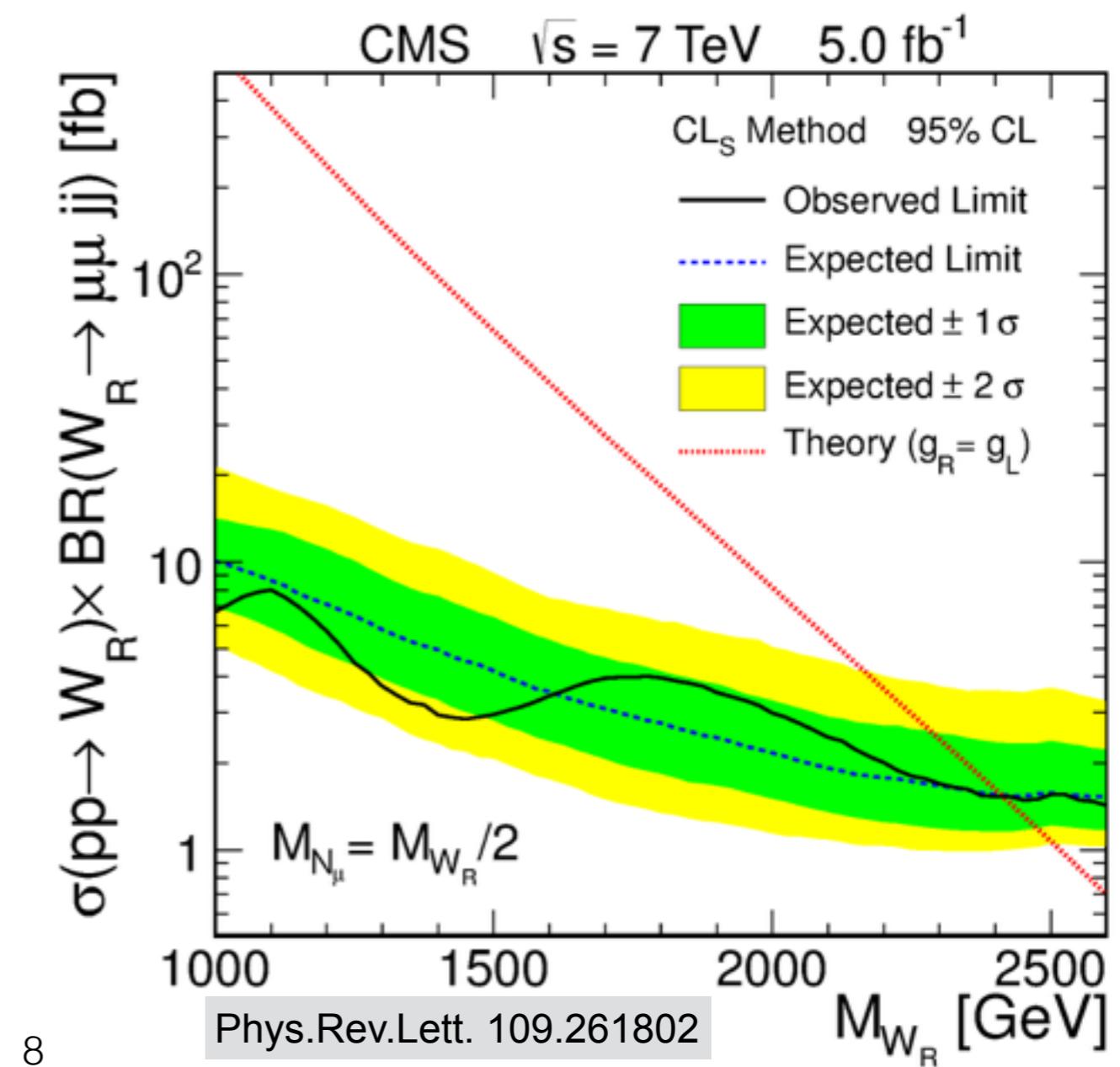
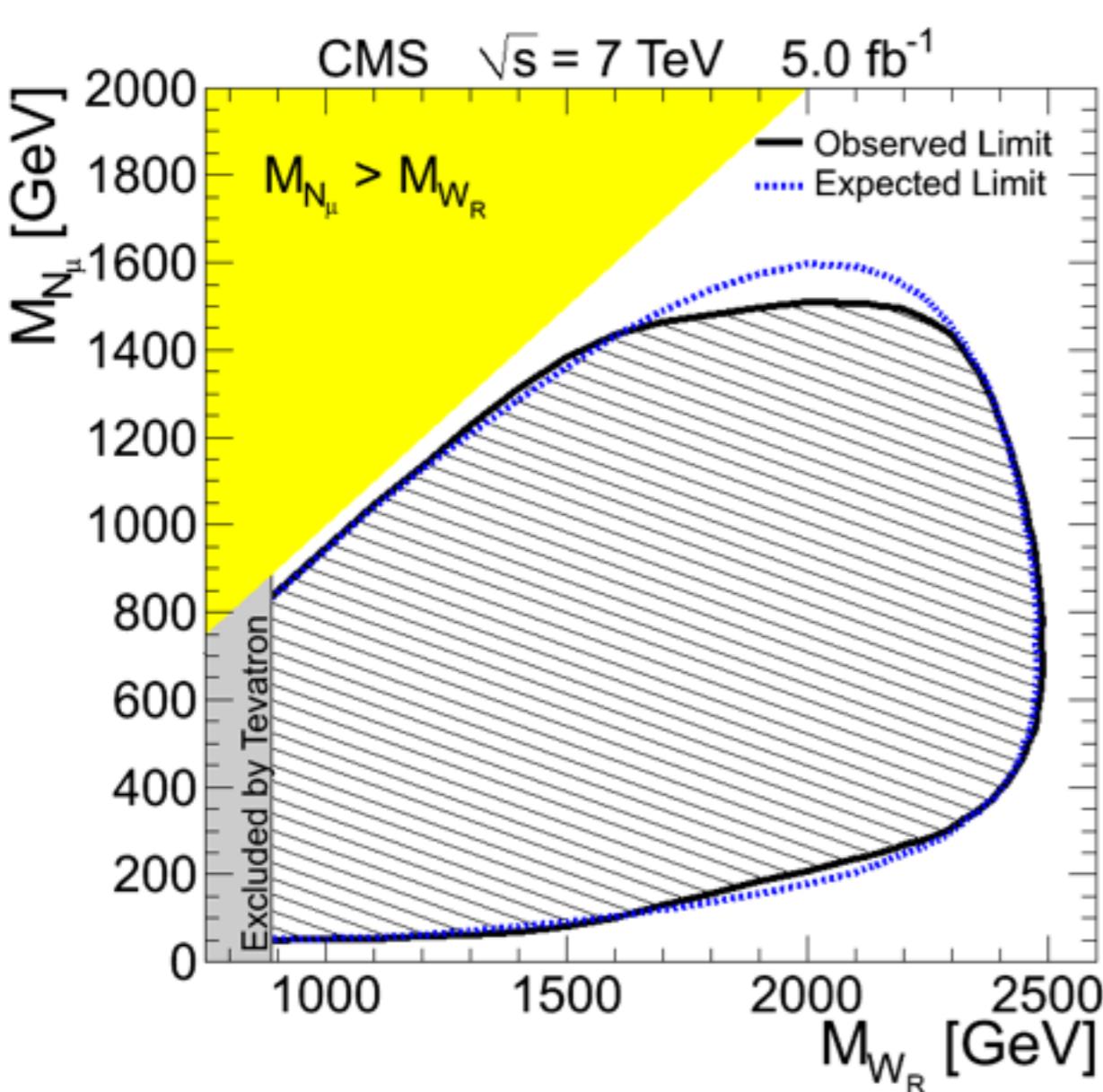


- A high energy gauge theory that can explain parity violation in the weak sector.
- Included 3 TeV scale gauge bosons ( $2W_R$  and  $Z'$ )
- Naturally introduces right-handed heavy neutrinos  $N$ .
- Promising signal at the LHC.

Analysis sets limit on Mass of  $W_R$  and  $N$ .

# Previous Constraints on $M_N$ and $M_{W_R}$

- ATLAS and CMS set limits with 7 TeV.
- CMS excluded masses up to 2.5 TeV for  $M_{W_R}$
- and 1.4 TeV for  $M_N$  for certain values of  $M_{W_R}$





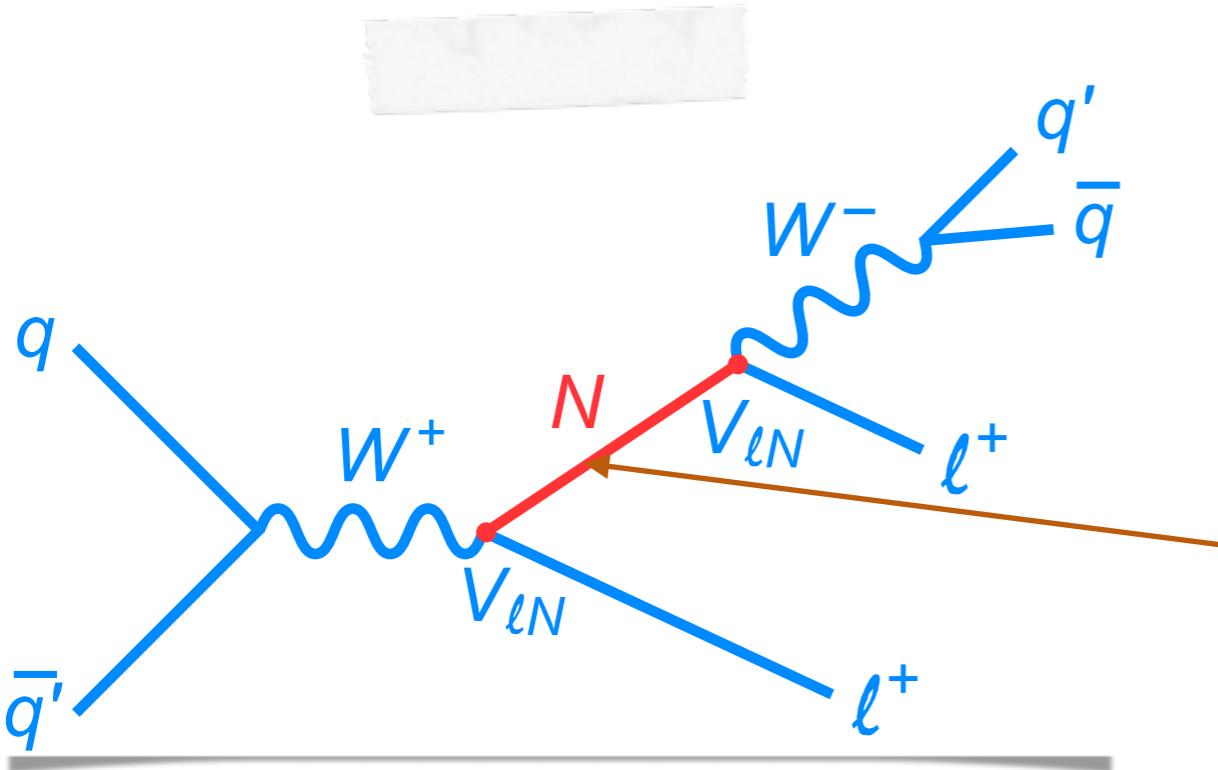
**8 TeV Analyses**

**At  
CMS**

Compact Muon Solenoid

# Searches in Minimal Type-1 Seesaw at 8 TeV

- Search for resonant s-channel production of a heavy Majorana neutrino.



Rare signature characterised by:

- two same-sign isolated leptons,
- two jets,
- no significant missing energy.

Majorana Neutrino  
Same-sign in 50%  
of events

Remarks:

- Use same-sign events due to Z+jet background.

Challenges:

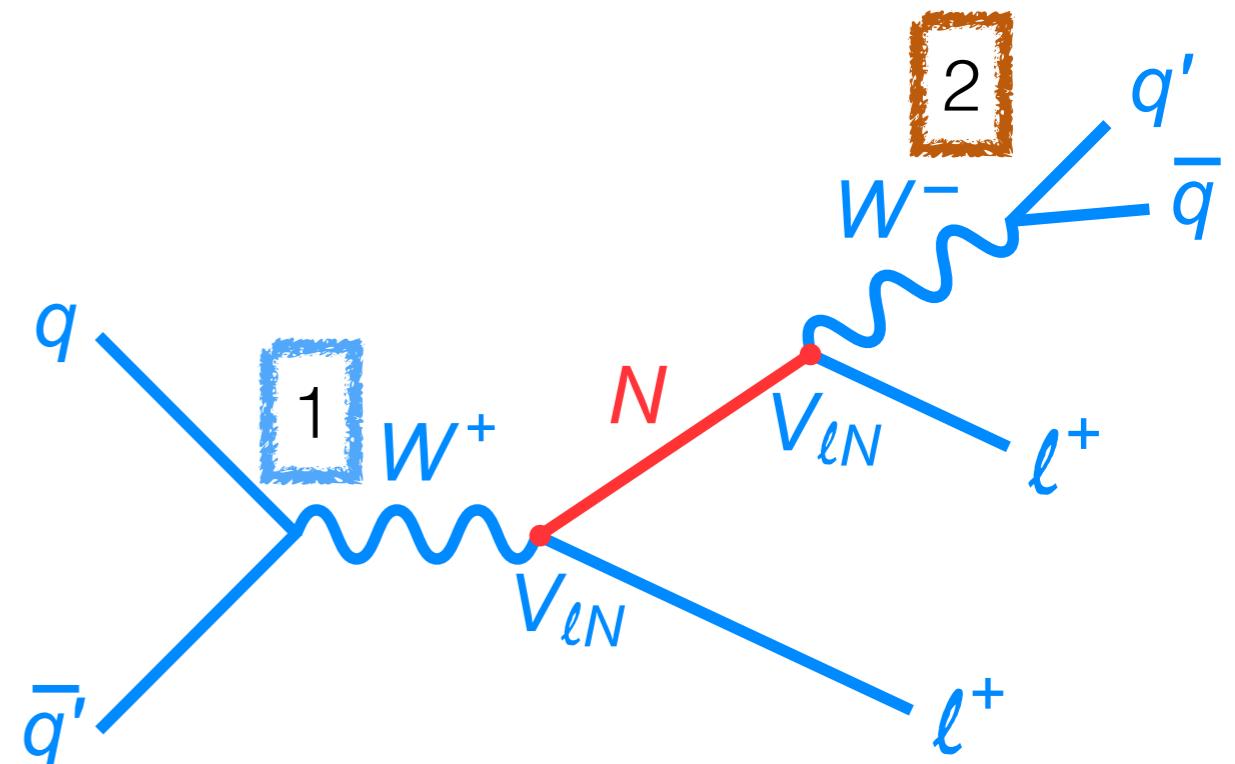
- Daughter particles can be very soft: Main issue is understanding background from misidentified leptons from multi-jet QCD events.
- Understand charge mis-measurement rate for electron: Z+jet bkgd

# Analysis Strategy for 8 TeV

Two main regions can be distinguished across the neutrino mass scan for all three channels:

- 1)  $M_N < M_W$  GeV. Low-Mass Signal Region
- 2)  $M_N > M_W$  GeV. High-Mass Signal Region

- In case 1 the first  $W$  [1] is real and the second  $W$  [2] is virtual.
  - $M(l\bar{l}jj) = M_W$
- In case 2 the first  $W$  [1] is virtual and the second  $W$  [2] is real.
  - $M(jj) = M_W$



# Event Selection

## Preselection

- Dilepton trigger (17/8 GeV)
- 2 same-sign leptons\*\*
- $n_{jet} \geq 2$
- veto third looser lepton

\*\*Very Tight cuts on lepton:  
Isolation  
Impact parameter

Low-Mass and High-Mass selection (on top of preselection) :

Region	$E_T$ (GeV)	$m(\ell^\pm \ell^\pm jj)$ (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$m(\ell^\pm \ell^\pm)$ (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$m(jj)$ (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$p_T^{j_1}$ (GeV/c)
Low-Mass	< 30	< 200	> 10	< 120	> 20
High-Mass	< 35	> 80	> 15	50 – 110	> 30

+ bjet veto

- Low-mass has soft final state particles.
- Two jets chosen such that:
  - Low-Mass :  $M(ljj)$  closest to  $M_W$
  - High-Mass :  $M(jj)$  closest to  $M_W$

## control regions

- reverse the b-jet veto
- place a MET > 50 GeV.
- Events with 1 jet ( $m(l)$  > 100 GeV)

# Backgrounds

## Background

## Estimation Method

Charge-flip

Data + MC

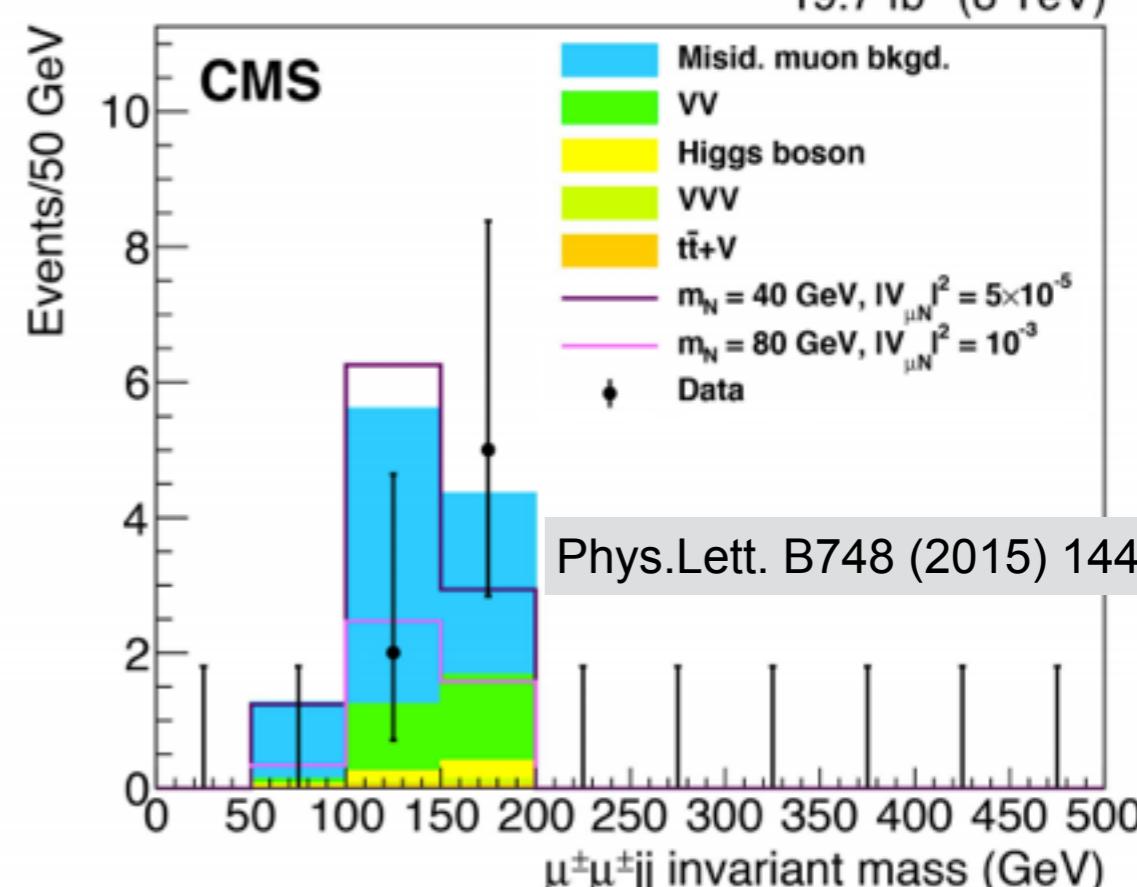
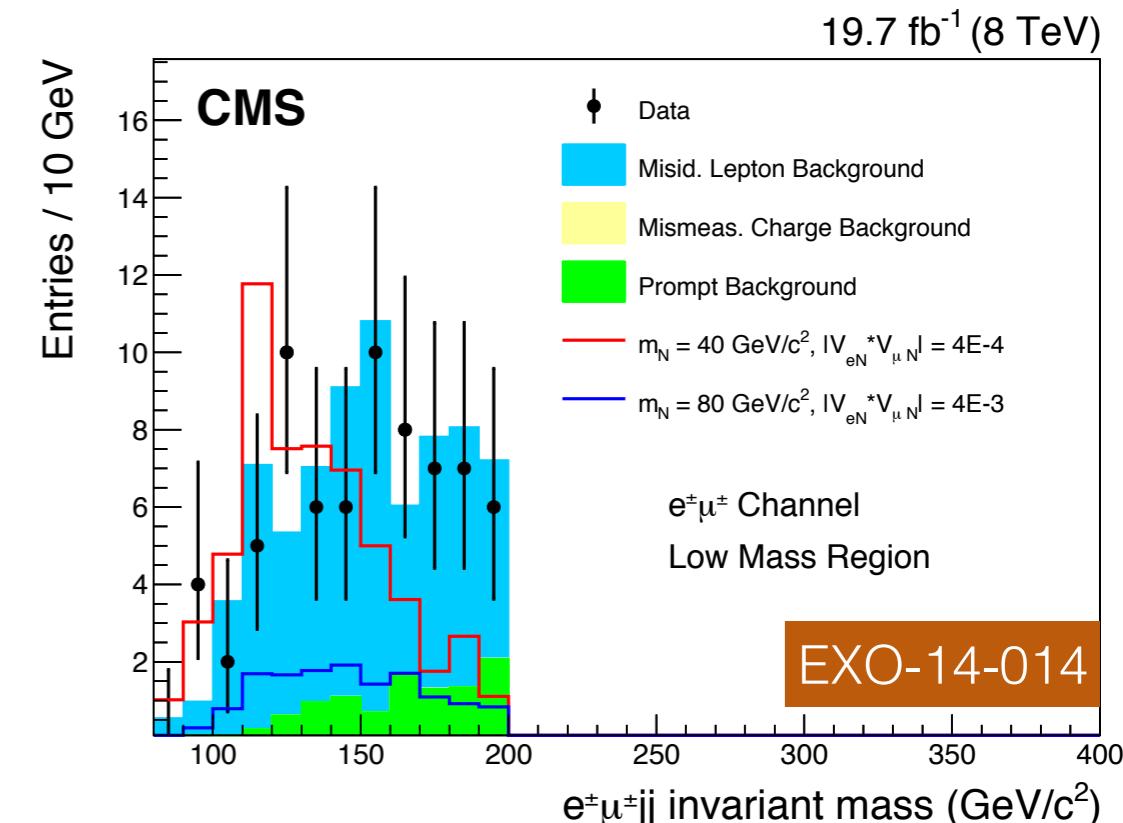
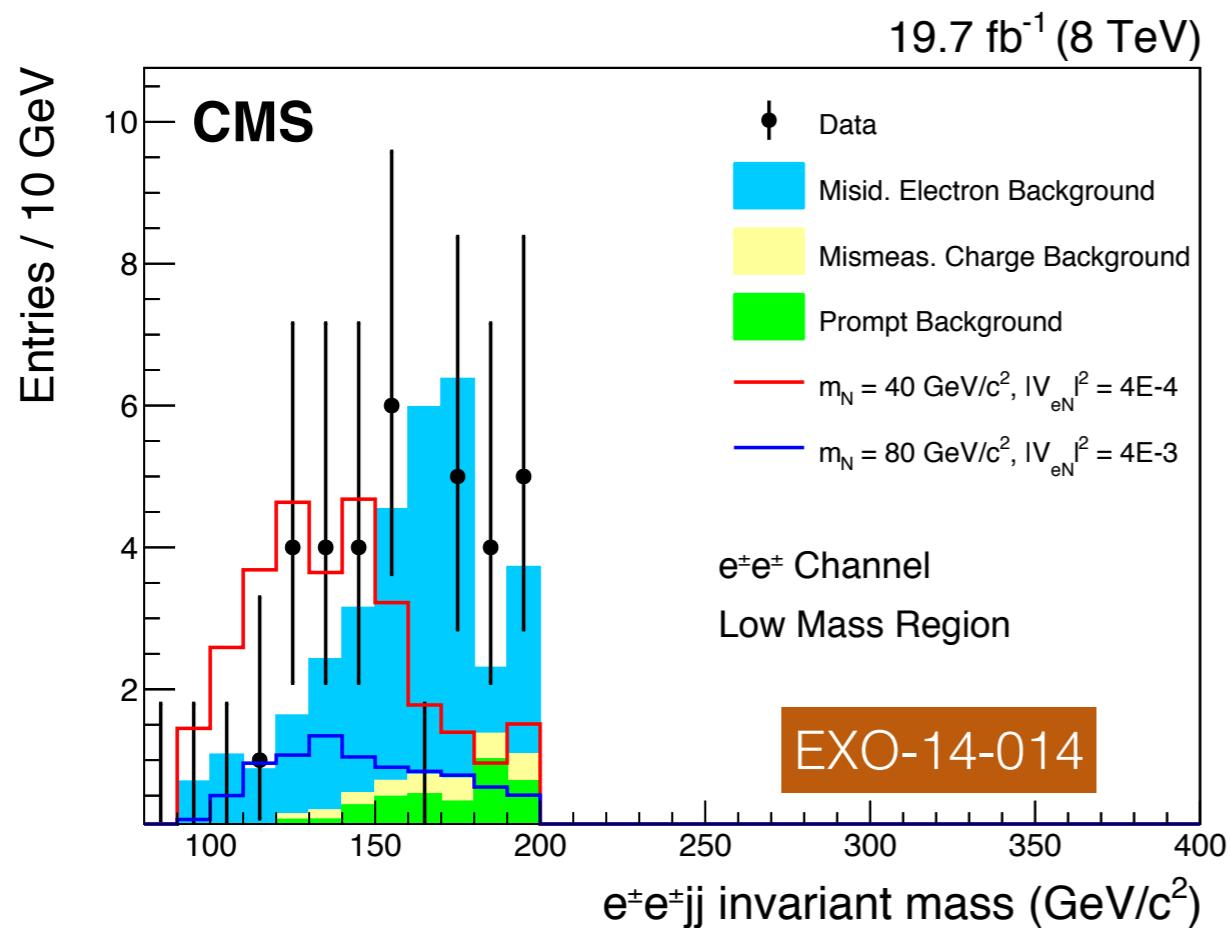
SM irreducible

MC

Misidentified leptons

Data

- Muon charge-flip bkg. is considered negligible
- Misidentified lepton background the largest



# Systematics

Main systematic is from misidentified leptons bkd.

- $\mu\mu = 28\%$ ,  $e\mu = 35\%$ ,  $ee = 40\%$

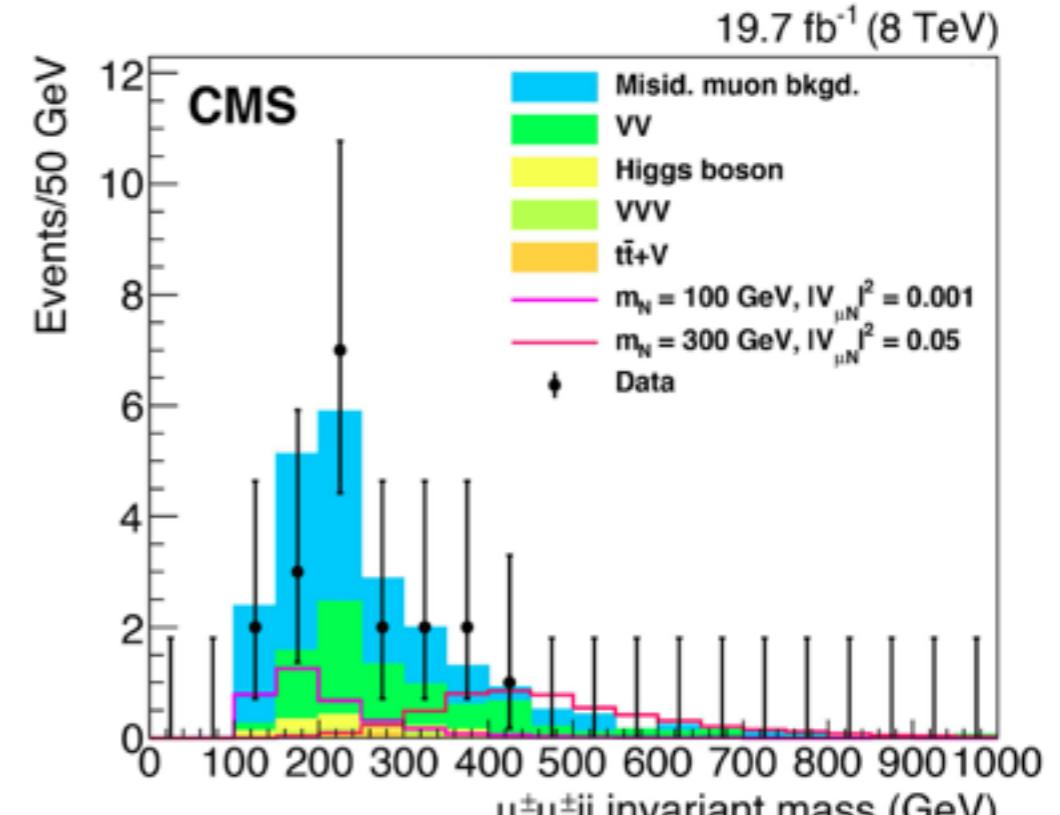
**MC (Prompt) Systematic:**

**Determined for low and high-mass:**

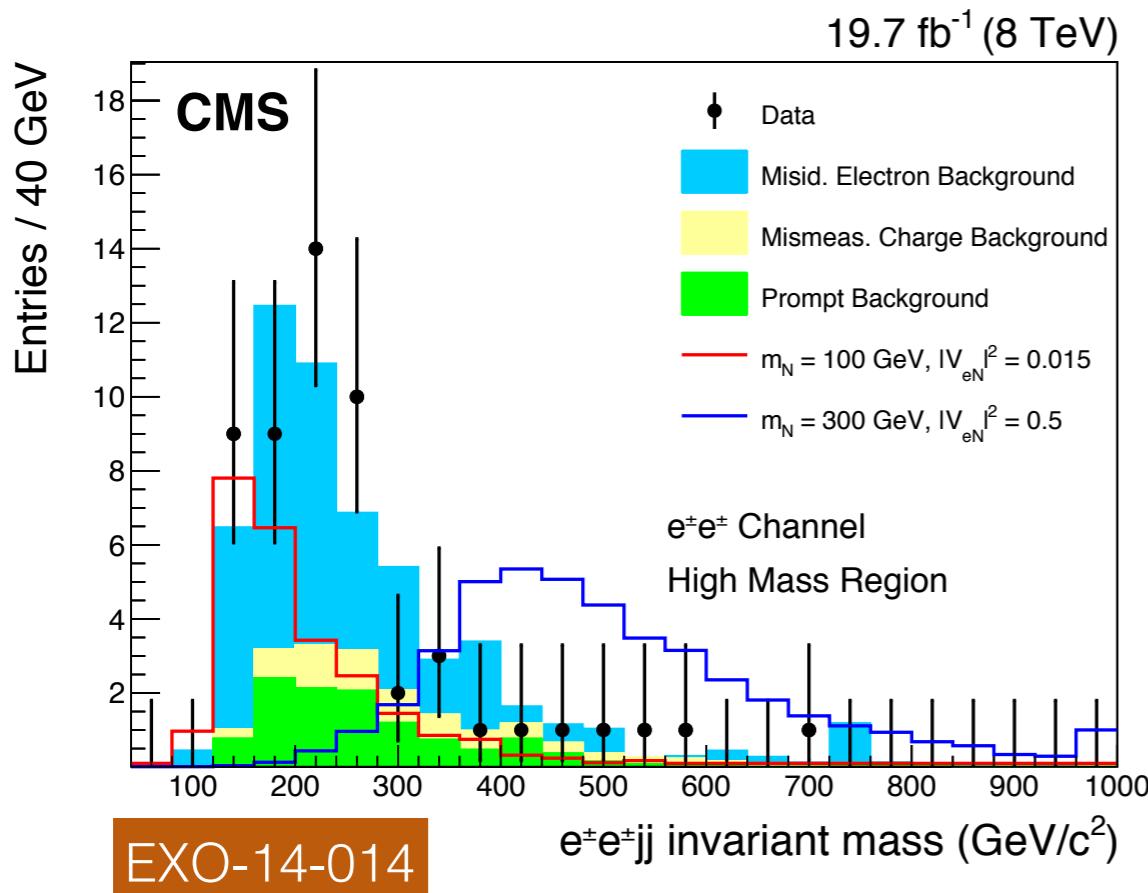
- Low Mass = ~20 % High Mass = ~18 %
- Main systematic is from cross section: ~15%

**Signal Systematic:**

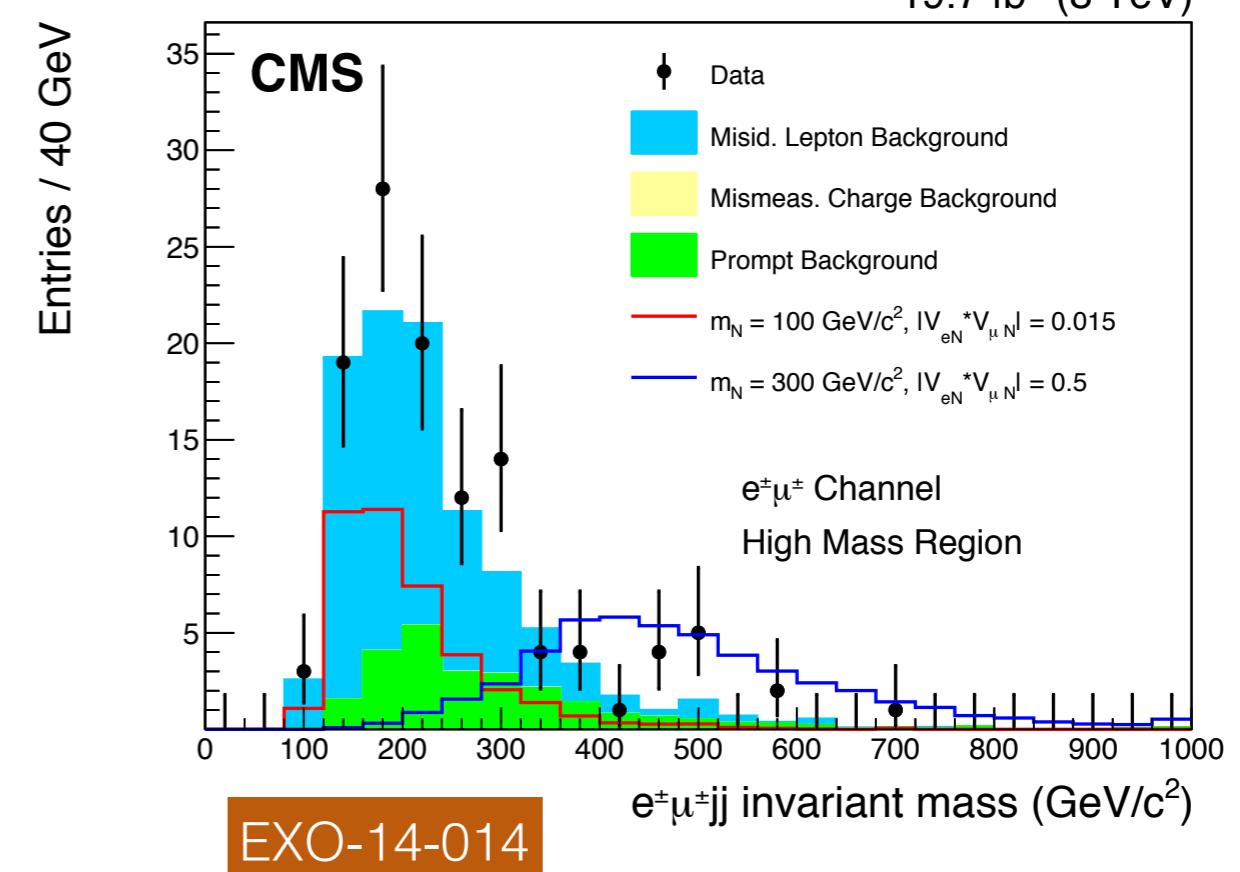
- Low Mass = 15-18% High Mass = 7-19 %
- JET uncertainty and  $Q^2$  is dominant



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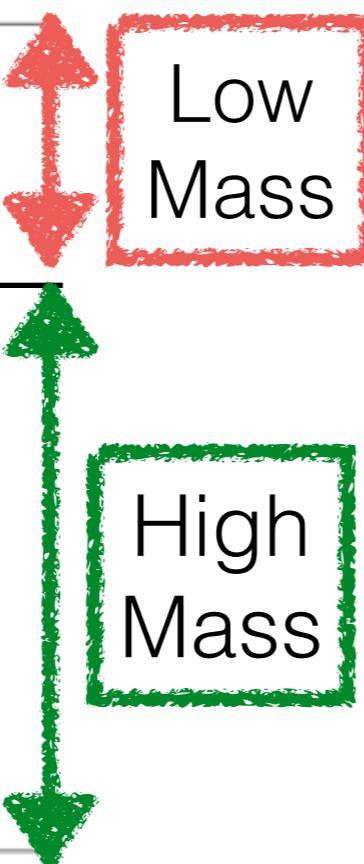


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# Signal Optimisation and Results

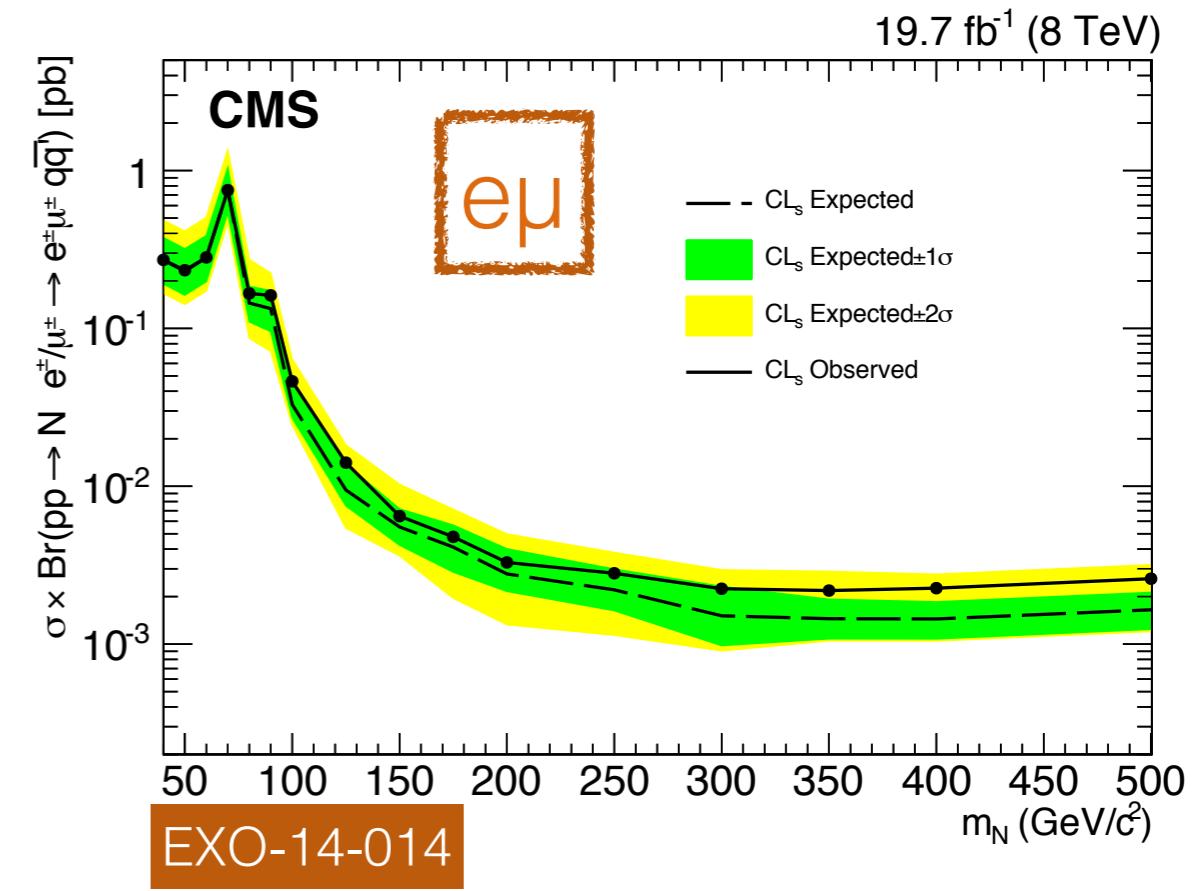
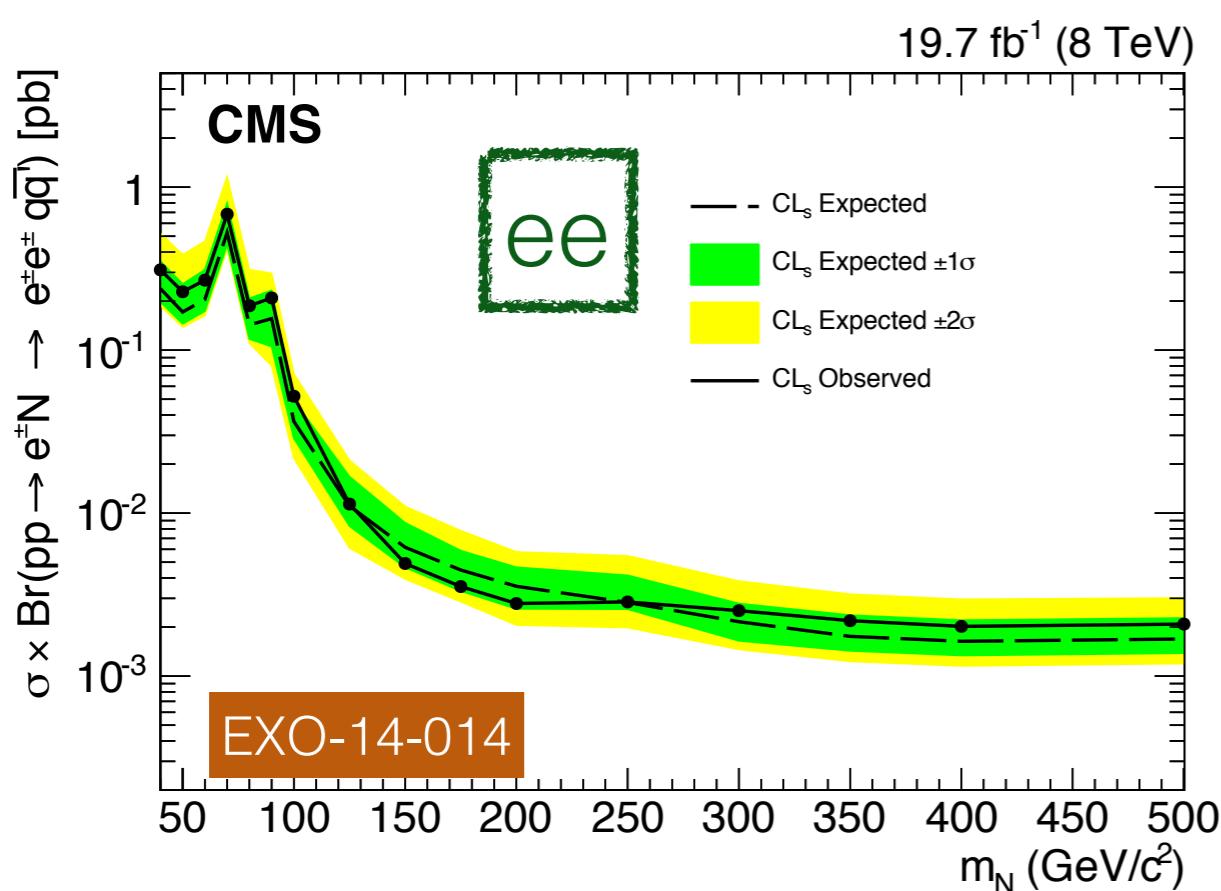
- Further optimisation done per mass point using punzi\*\* figure of merit using (**new for 8 TeV**):
  - $p_T$  leptons
  - $m(l_1 jj)$
  - $m(l_2 jj)$  (for ee and e $\mu$  channels)
- Table for  $\mu\mu$  channel shown:

$m_N$ (GeV)	$m(\mu^\pm \mu^\pm jj)$ (GeV)	$p_{T1}$ (GeV)	$p_{T2}$ (GeV)	Acceptance (%)
40	80	20	15	0.69
50	80	20	15	0.80
60	80	20	15	0.64
70	80	20	15	0.26
80	80	20	15	1.2
90	110	20	15	1.2
100	120	20	15	4.7
125	140	25	20	11
150	160	35	25	13
175	200	45	30	15
200	220	50	35	16
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300	290	100	45	15
350	290	100	45	16
400	290	100	45	15
500	290	100	45	12

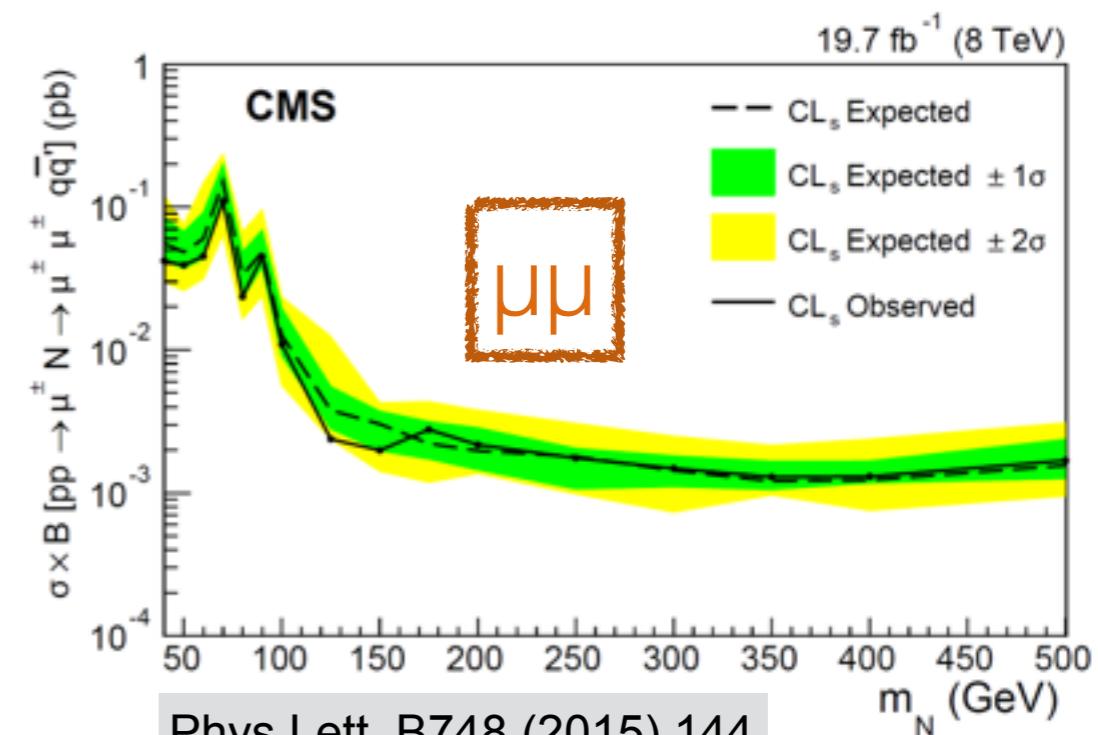


$m_N$ (GeV)	SM Bkgd.	Misid. Bkgd.	Total Bkgd.	$N_{obs}$
40	$3.0 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.6$	$6.7 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.9$	$9.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 2.0$	7
50	$3.0 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.6$	$6.7 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.9$	$9.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 2.0$	7
60	$3.0 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.6$	$6.7 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.9$	$9.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 2.0$	7
70	$3.0 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.6$	$6.7 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.9$	$9.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 2.0$	7
80	$3.0 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.6$	$6.7 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.9$	$9.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 2.0$	7
90	$8.7 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.7$	$12.6 \pm 1.1 \pm 3.5$	$21.3 \pm 1.3 \pm 3.9$	19
100	$8.7 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.7$	$11.7 \pm 1.0 \pm 3.3$	$20.4 \pm 1.2 \pm 3.7$	19
125	$7.9 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.5$	$5.9 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.6$	$13.8 \pm 0.9 \pm 2.2$	8
150	$6.4 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.2$	$3.6 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.0$	$9.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.6$	7
175	$4.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.8$	$1.6 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5$	$6.0 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.0$	7
200	$3.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.7$	$0.8 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$	$4.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.7$	5
250	$1.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.3$	$0.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$	$2.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4$	3
300	$0.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.0$	$1.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$	1
350	$0.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.0$	$1.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$	1
400	$0.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.0$	$1.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$	1
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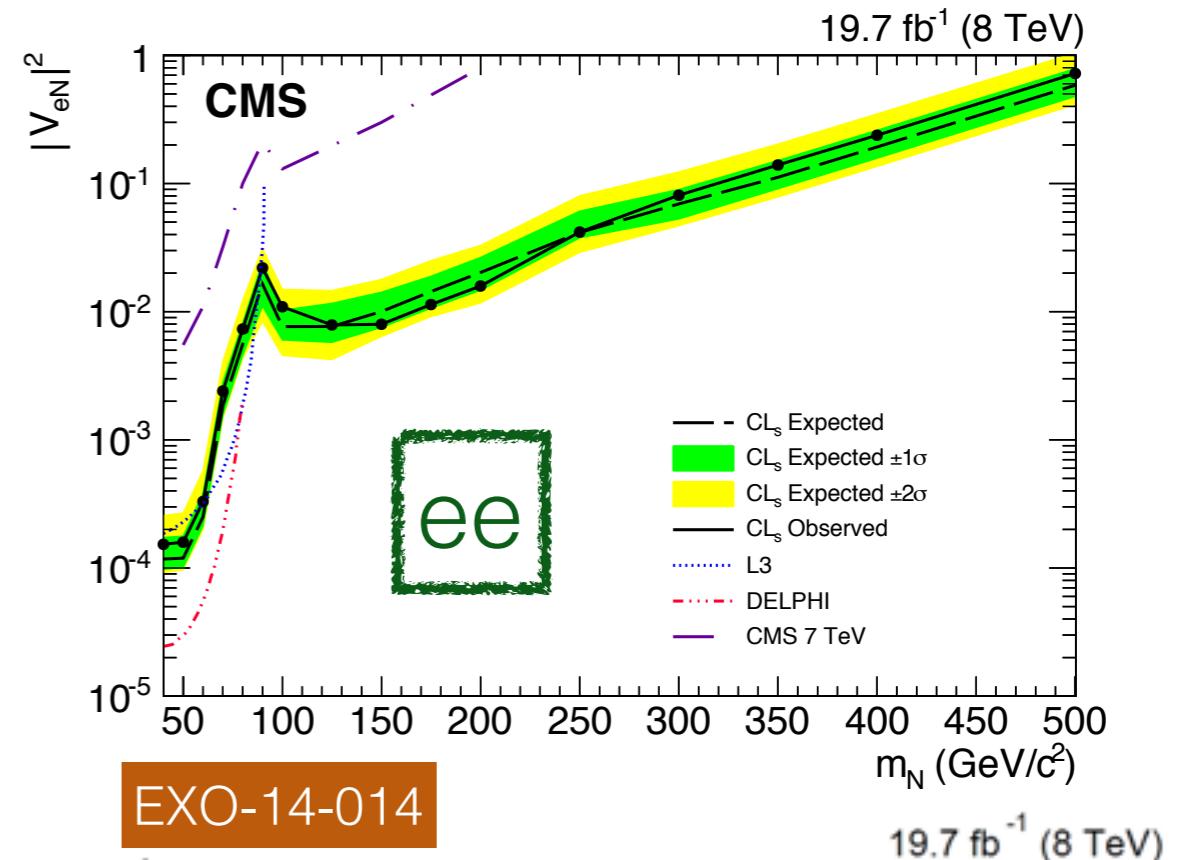
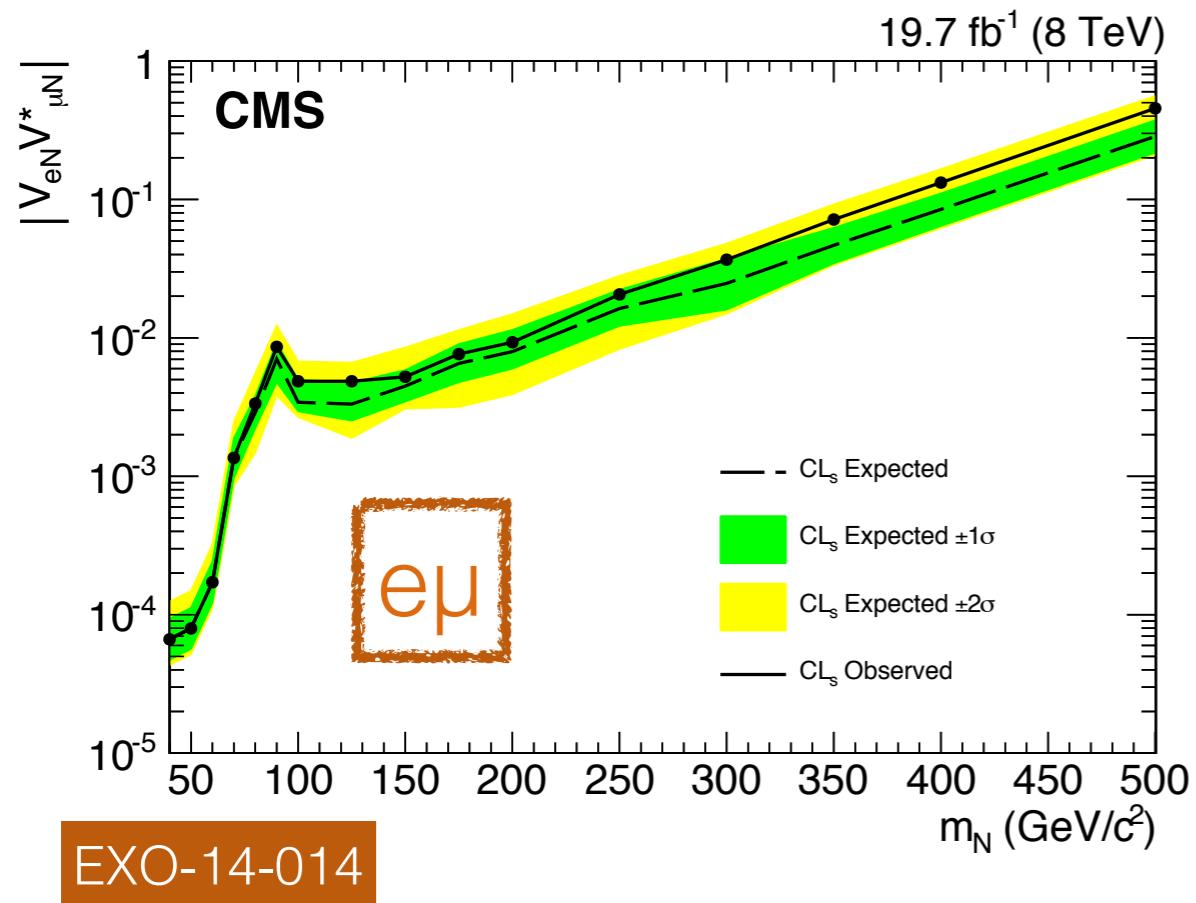
# NEW Limits on cross section (approved this week)



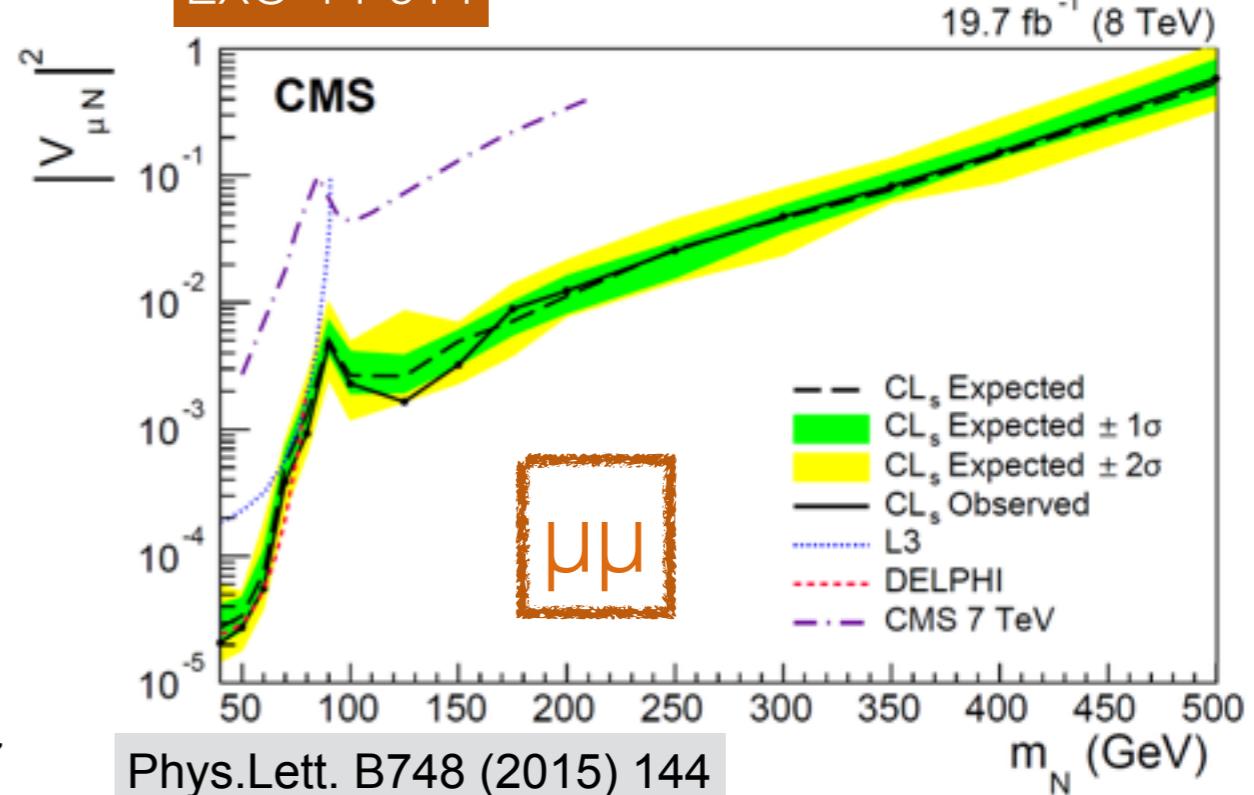
- No excess is seen beyond expected background.
- 95% CL limits on the cross section are set.
- Limits are obtained by counting number of events passing signal selection.
- Limits calculated using CLs method.
- **First** direct limits on eμ cross section.

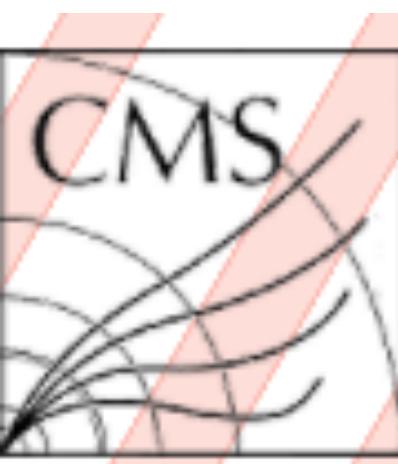


# Limit on coupling $|V_{lN}V^*_{l'N}|$

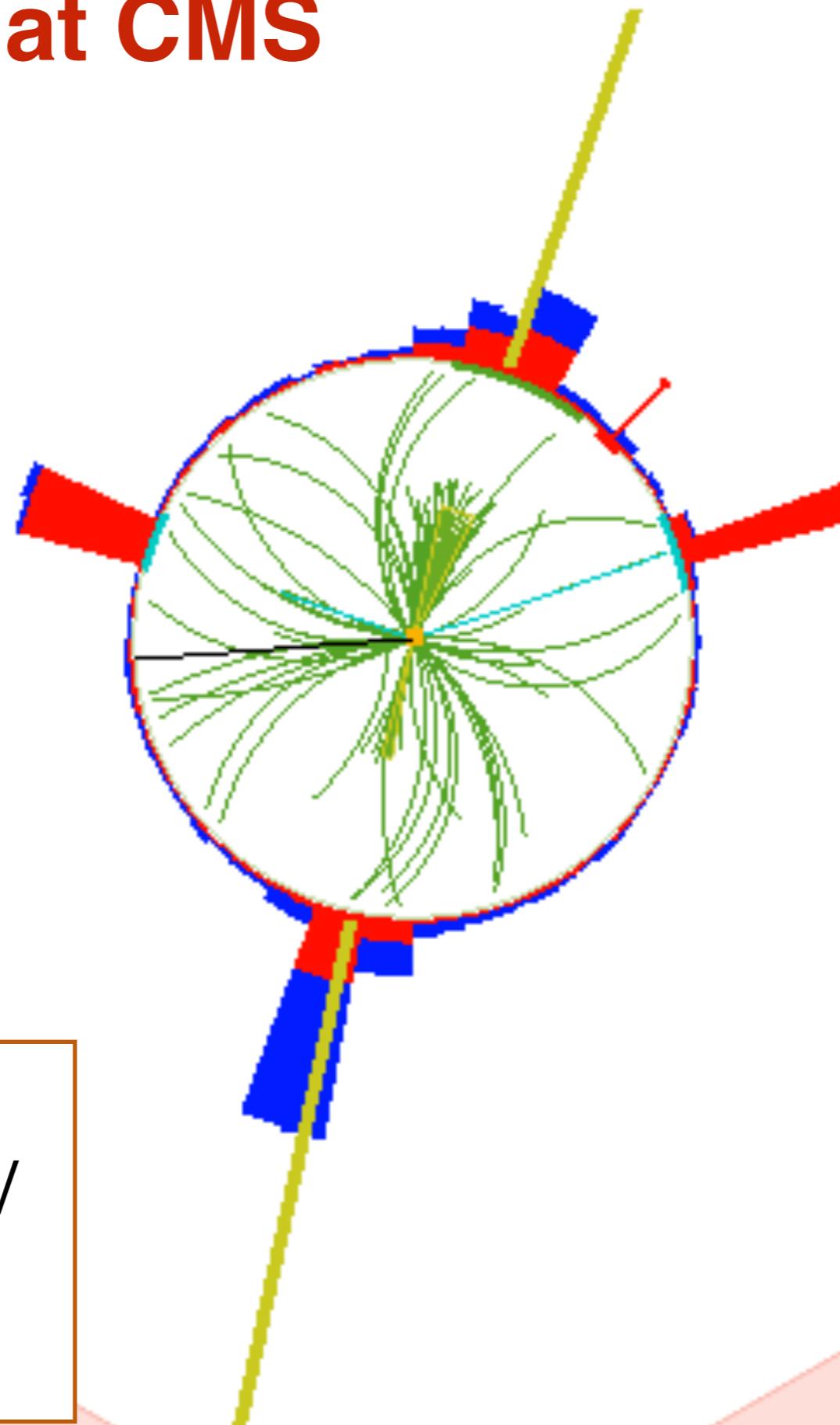


- Limits significantly improve previous direct searches for  $m_N > 90$  GeV.
- Muon channel comparable with LEP.
- More than an order of magnitude better than 7 TeV for lowest masses.





# Searches in Left Right Symmetric Model at CMS



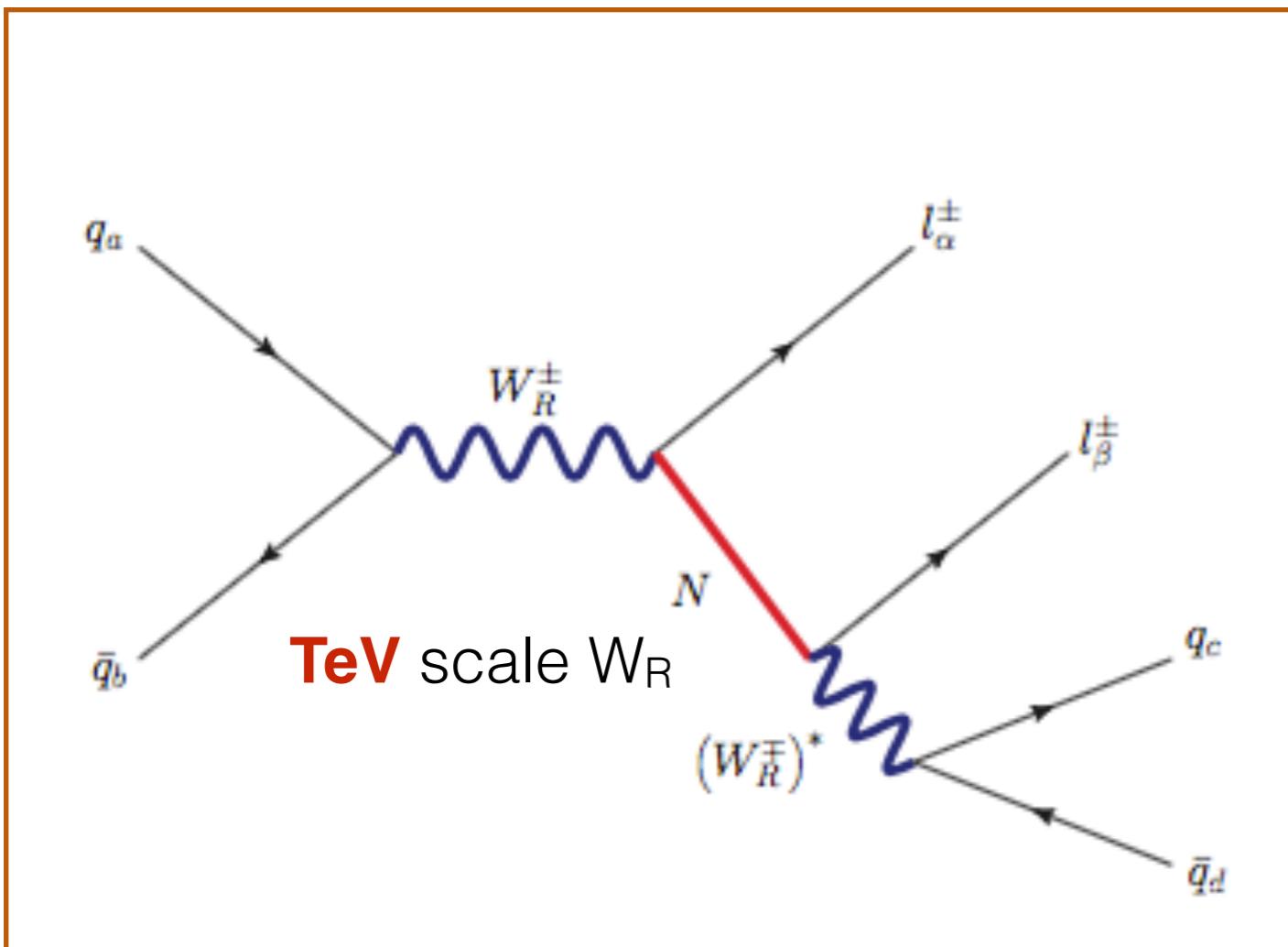
**eejj candidate:**

$$M(eejj) = 3228 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M(ee) = 639 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M(jj) = 2553 \text{ GeV}$$

# Searches in Left Right Symmetric Model at CMS at 8 TeV



Final State  
2 leptons  
2 Jets  
No Missing Energy

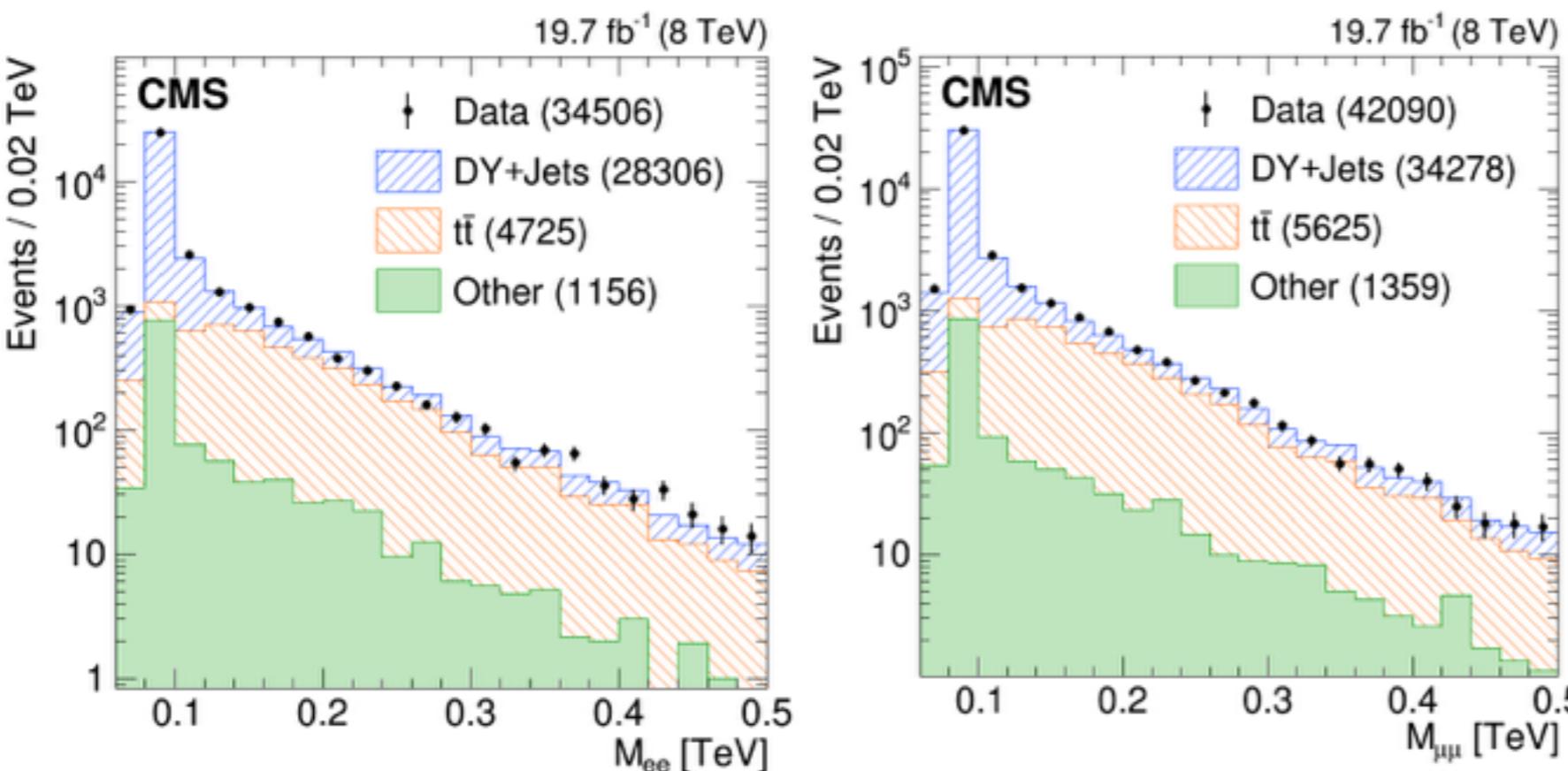
Resonant Production  
 $M(l_1 jj) = M_{WR}$   
 $M(l_2 jj) = M_N$

- Included electron channel for 8 TeV.
- Same final state as Seesaw type-1 BUT very different kinematics.
- For  $M_N \ll M_{WR}$  jets and leptons from  $N$  overlap in detector since  $N$  is boosted. Standard isolation kills signal.

# Event Selection

2 \*isolated leptons of same flavour: e or  $\mu$ .  
No charge requirement on leptons (OS +SS)  
Leading(trailing) lepton  $P_T > 60(40)$  GeV  
 $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$  : Jet  $P_T > 40$  GeV

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\* signal efficiency drops as  $M_N/M_{\text{WR}}$  decreases since  $N$  becomes boosted

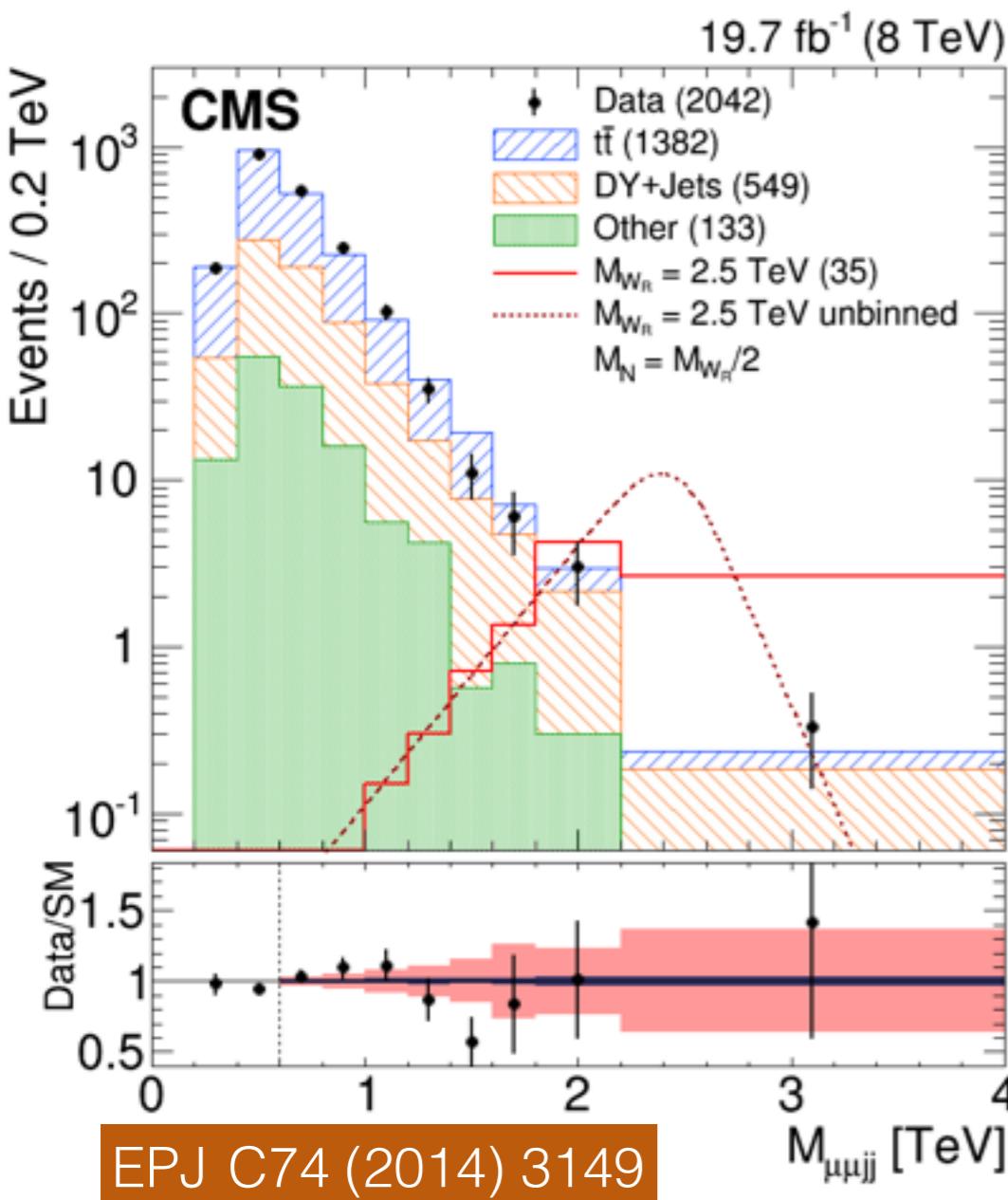
Plots use selection  
[1]

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$M(ll) > 200$  GeV (remove Z bkg)  
 $M(lljj)$  (i.e.  $M_{\text{WR}}$ )  $> 600$  GeV

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# Backgrounds and Systematics



## Dominant Backgrounds

Background	Shape	Norm.
$t\bar{t}$	Data	MC
DY+jets	MC	Data
VV + singletop	MC	NLO/NNLO

- $t\bar{t}$ : use  $e\mu$  events to get shape.
- DY MC norm. to data in  $60 < M(\text{ll}) < 120 \text{ GeV}$
- Background from misidentified leptons found to be negligible.

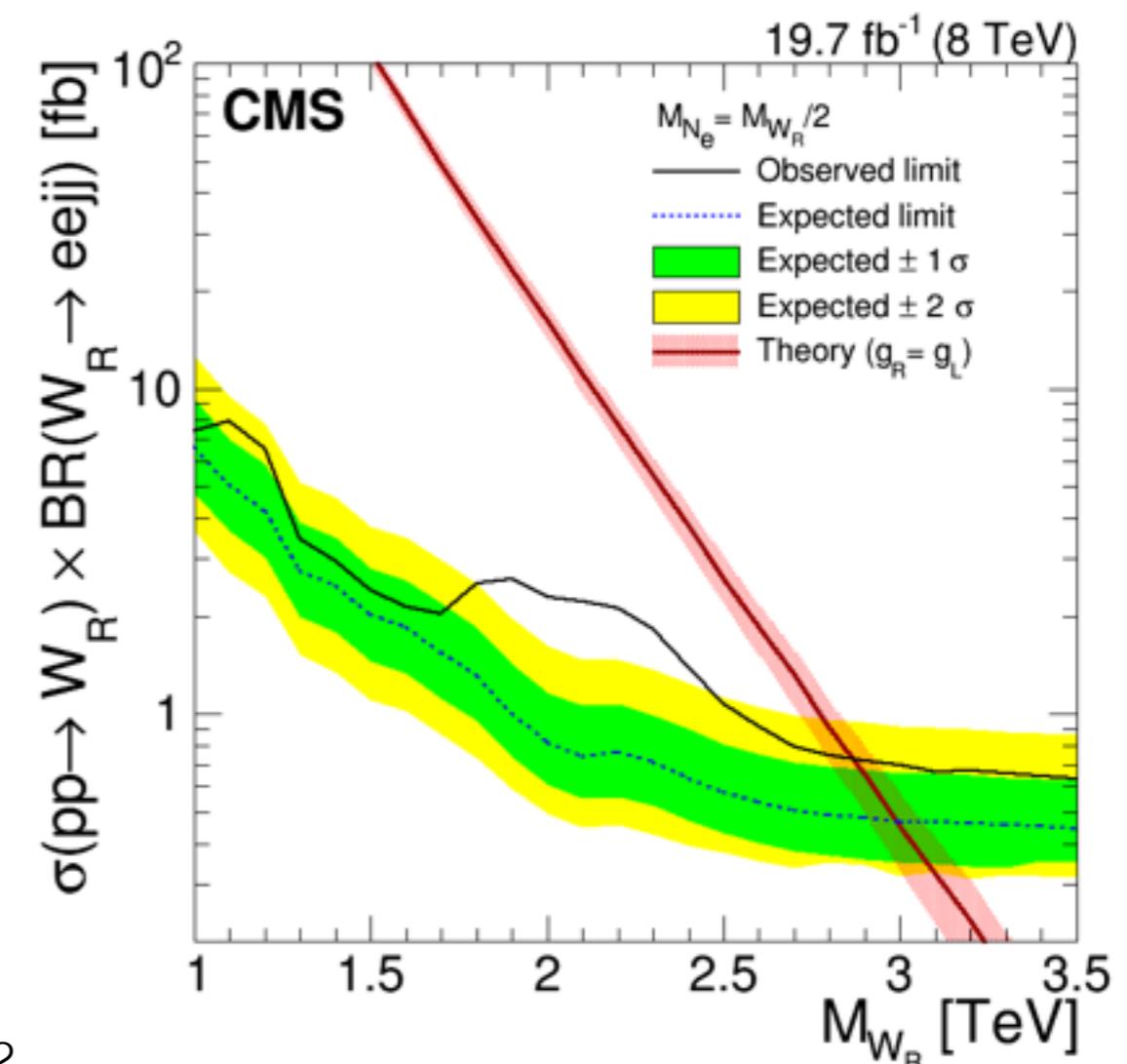
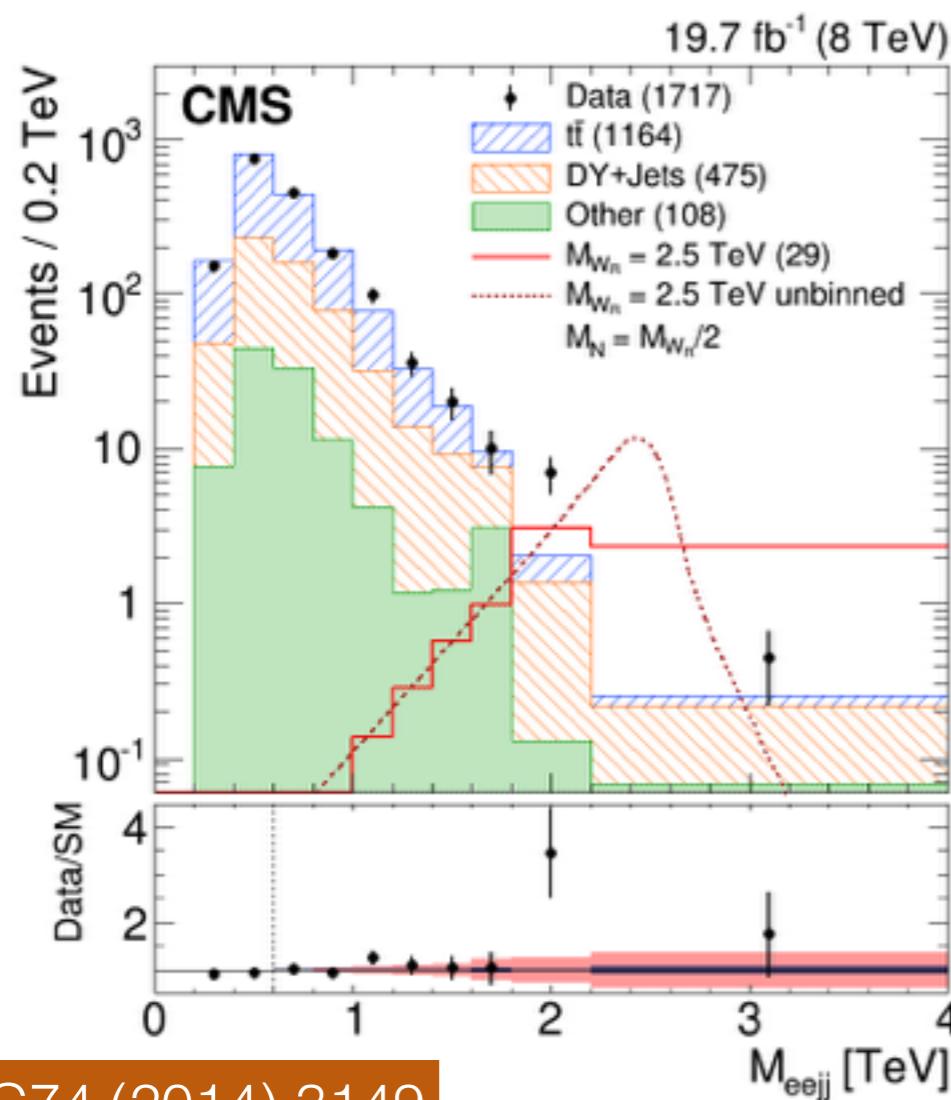
## Systematic:

- Leading systematic is from background shape
- PDF uncertainty largest for signal

# Limits in the LRSM

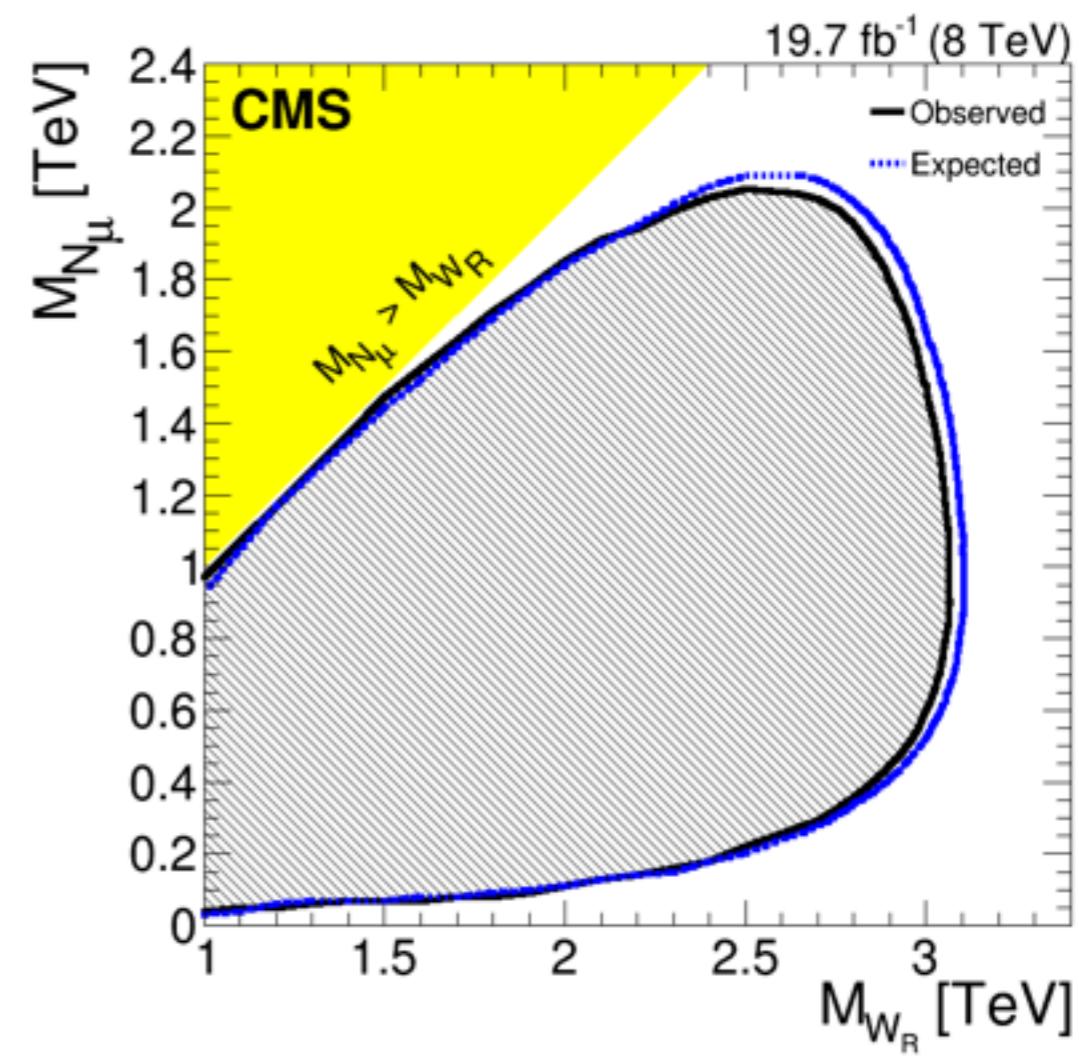
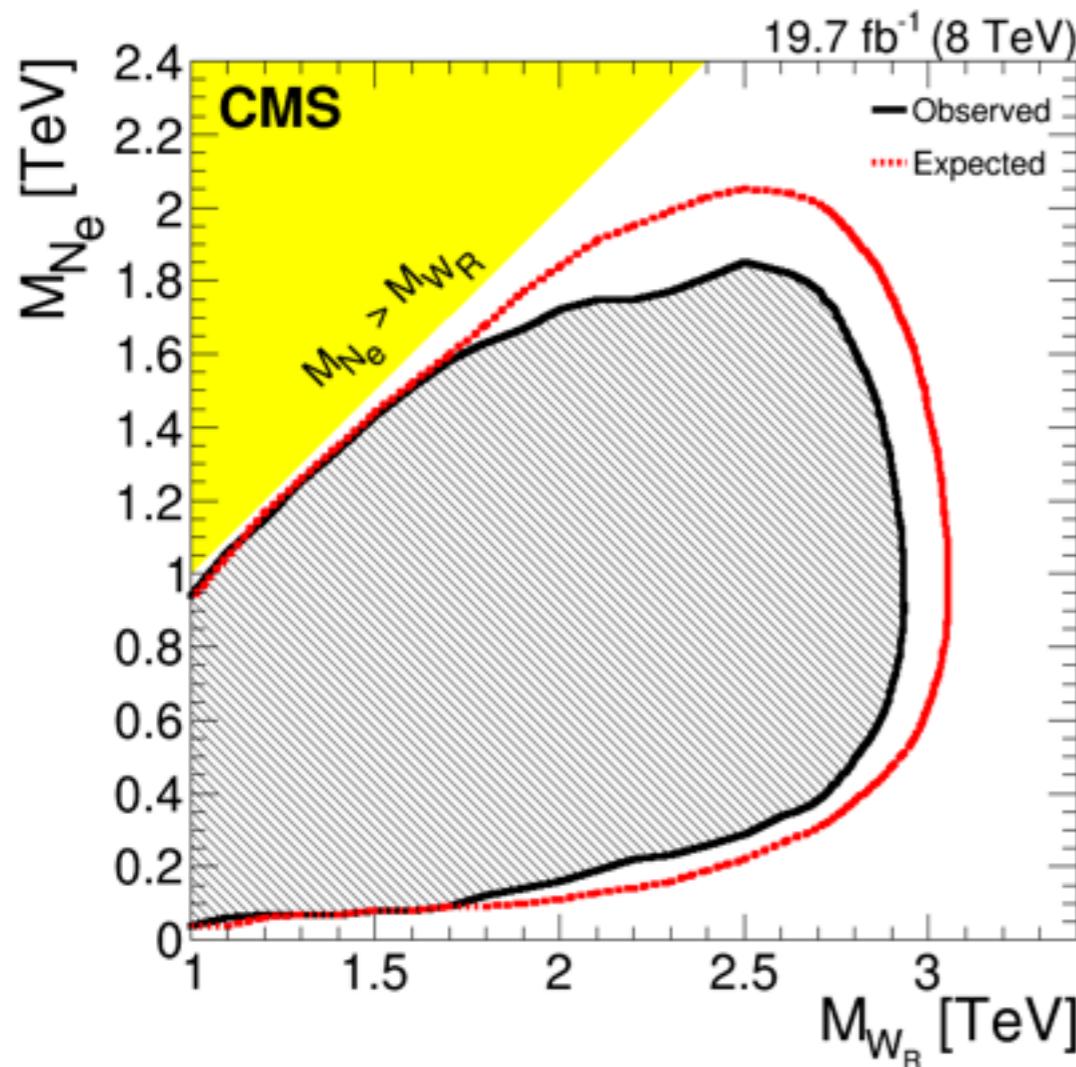
An interesting excess in electron channel:

- Local significance,  $2.8\sigma$  effect at  $M(eejj) \sim 2.1$  TeV.
- Not consistent with LRSM model
- Excess in OS events: ATLAS looked at SS only.



# Limits in the LRSM

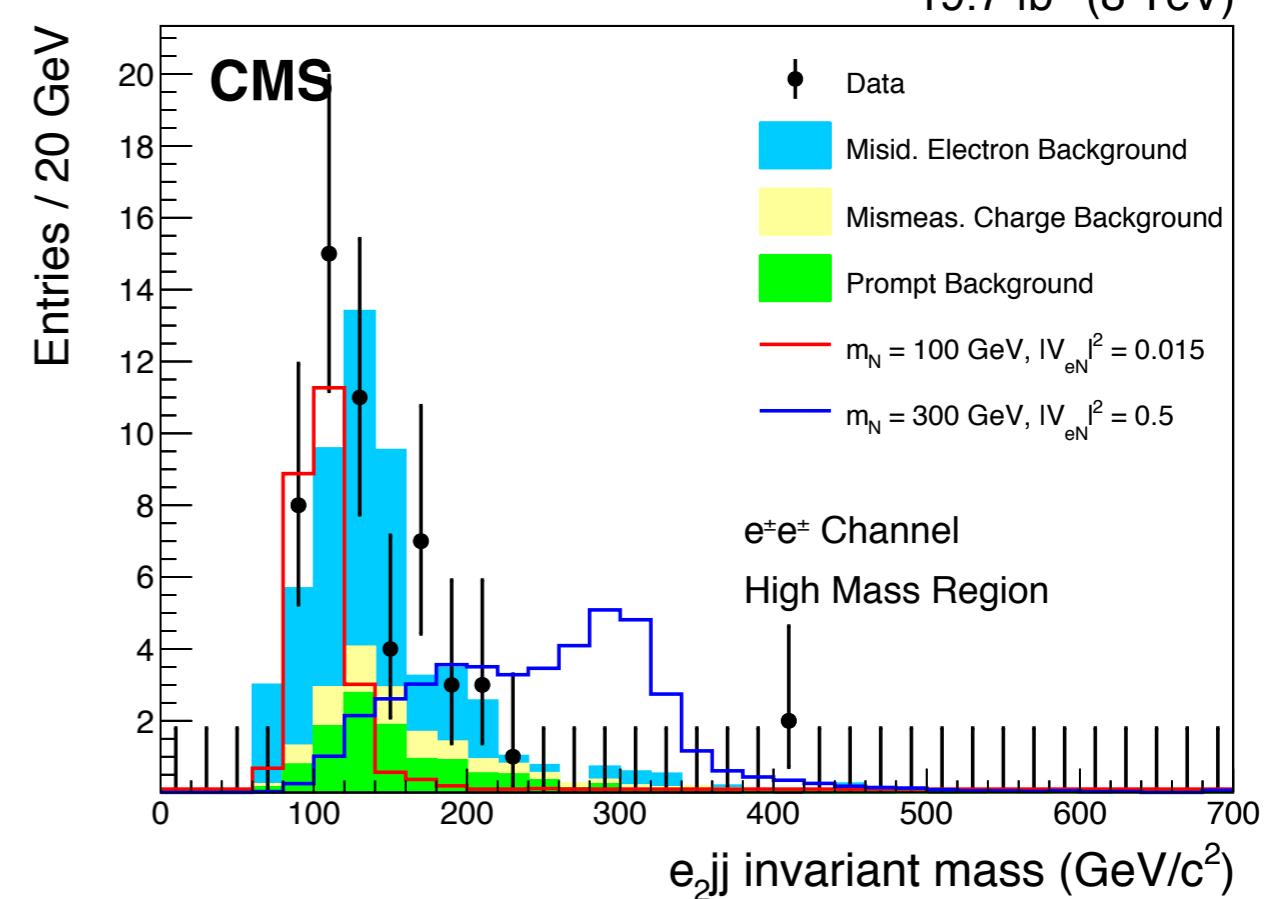
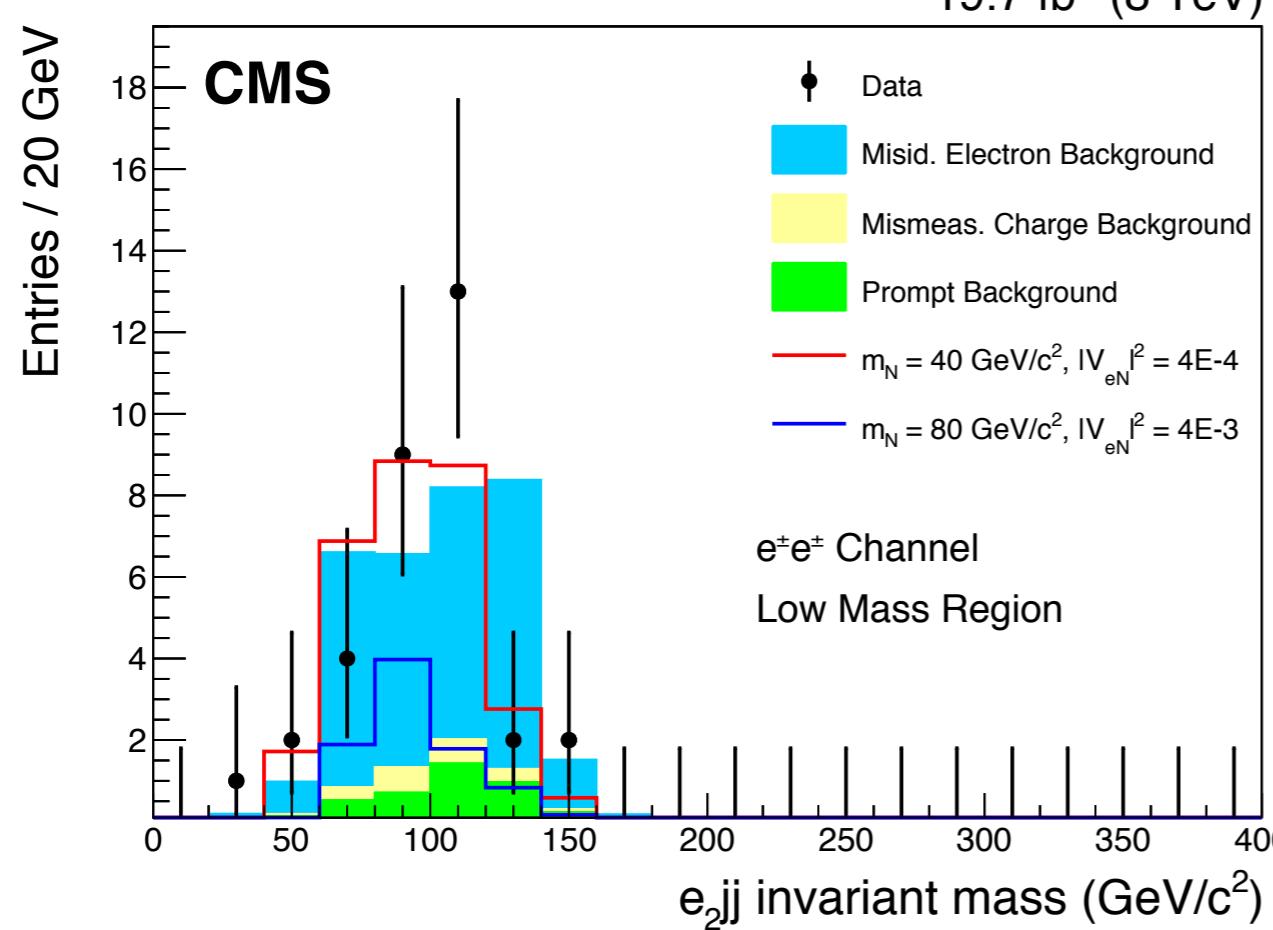
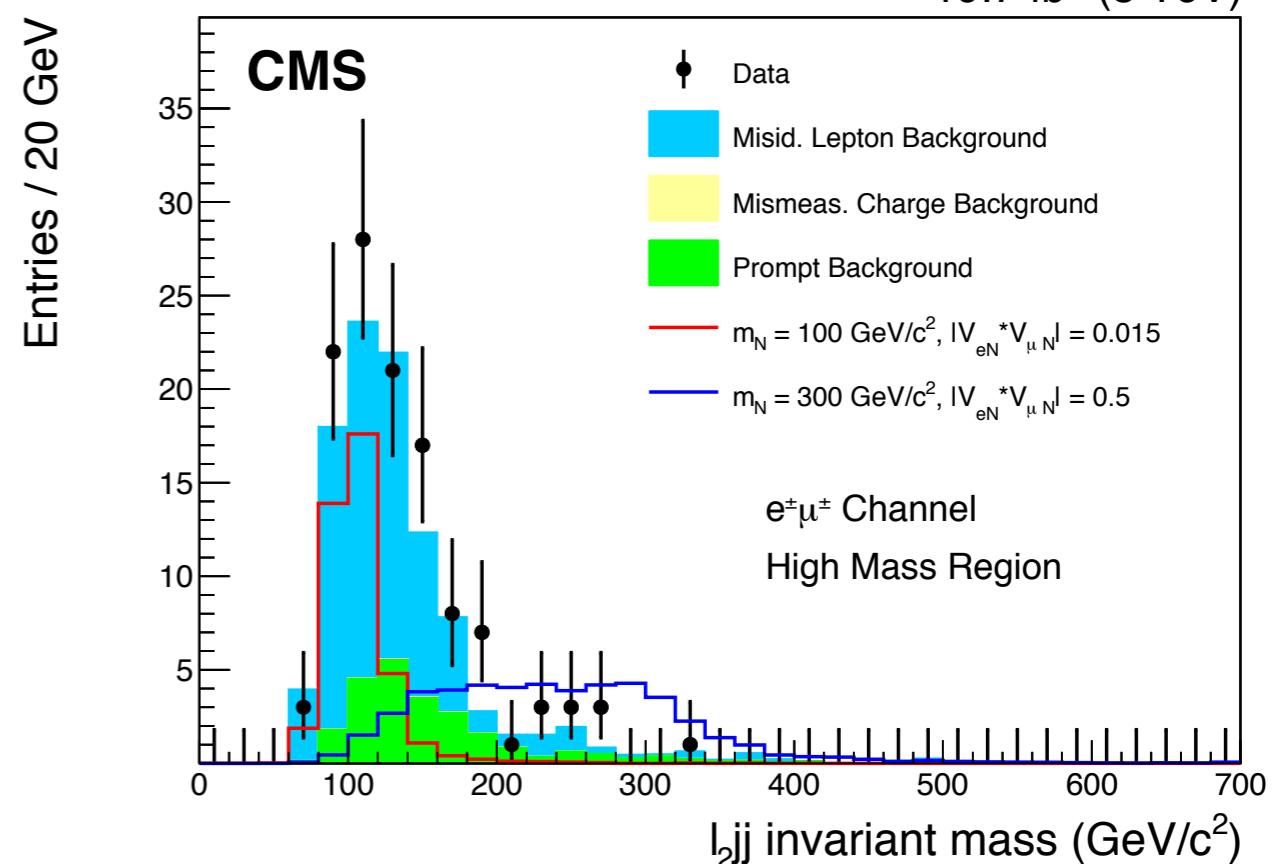
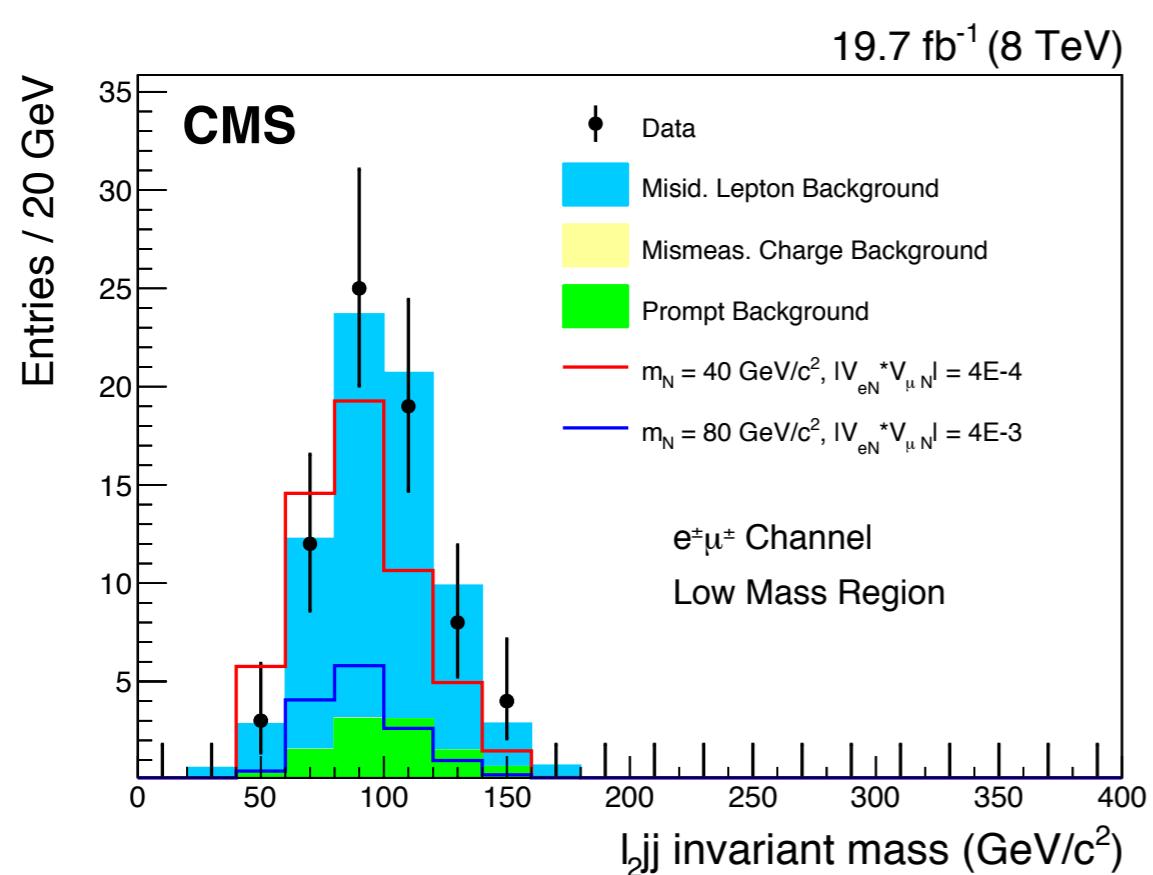
- Shape of reconstructed  $W_R$  is used to calculate limit.
- Used multibin  $CL_S$  limit setting technique.
- Exclusion in  $M_N$  and  $M_{WR}$  plane:
  - $M(WR) < 3.00$  (2.87) TeV for muon (electron) channel.
  - CMS has best sensitivity at 8 TeV.

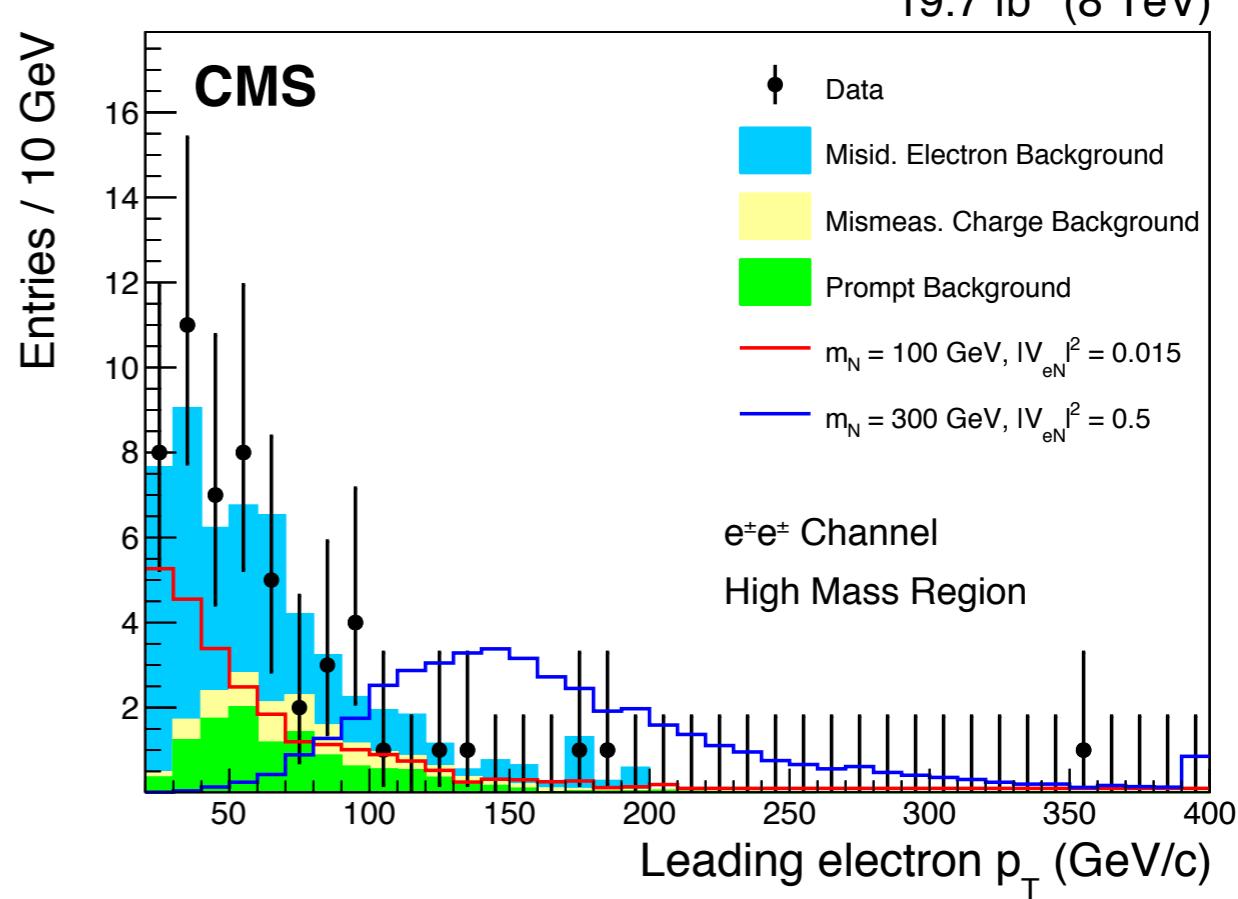
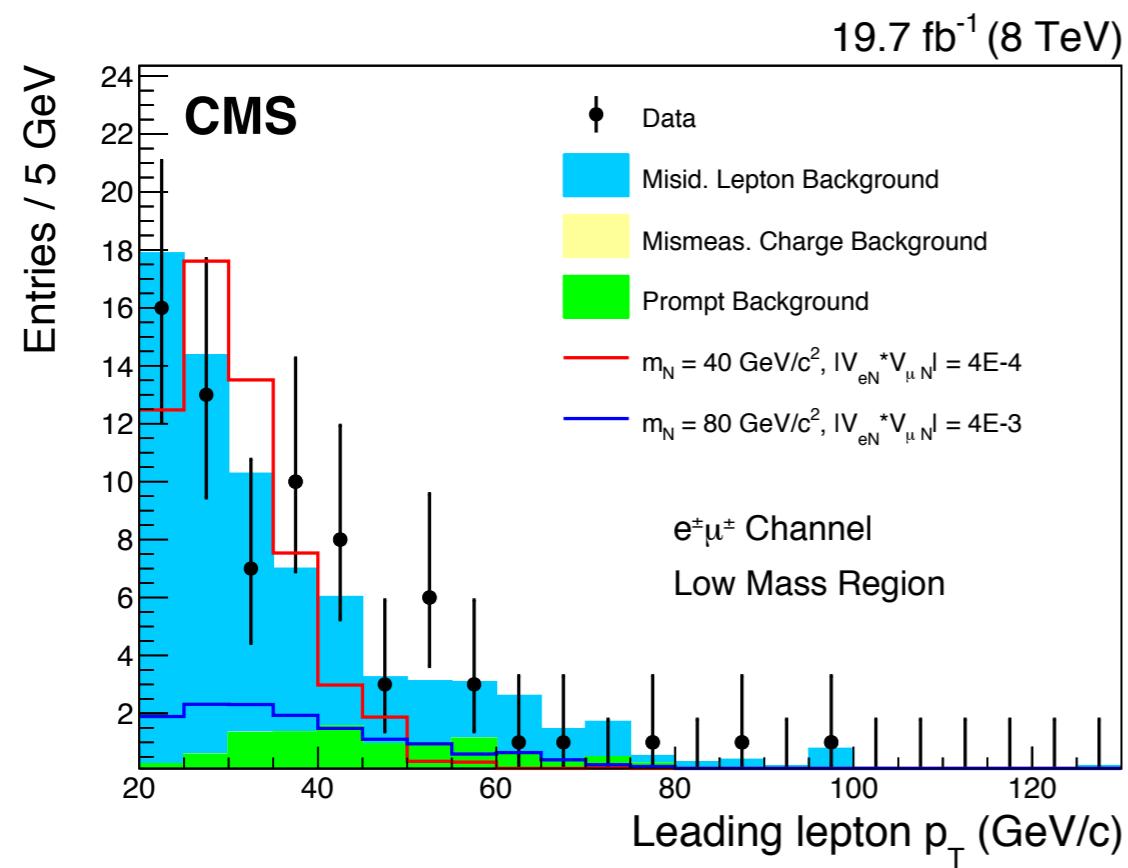
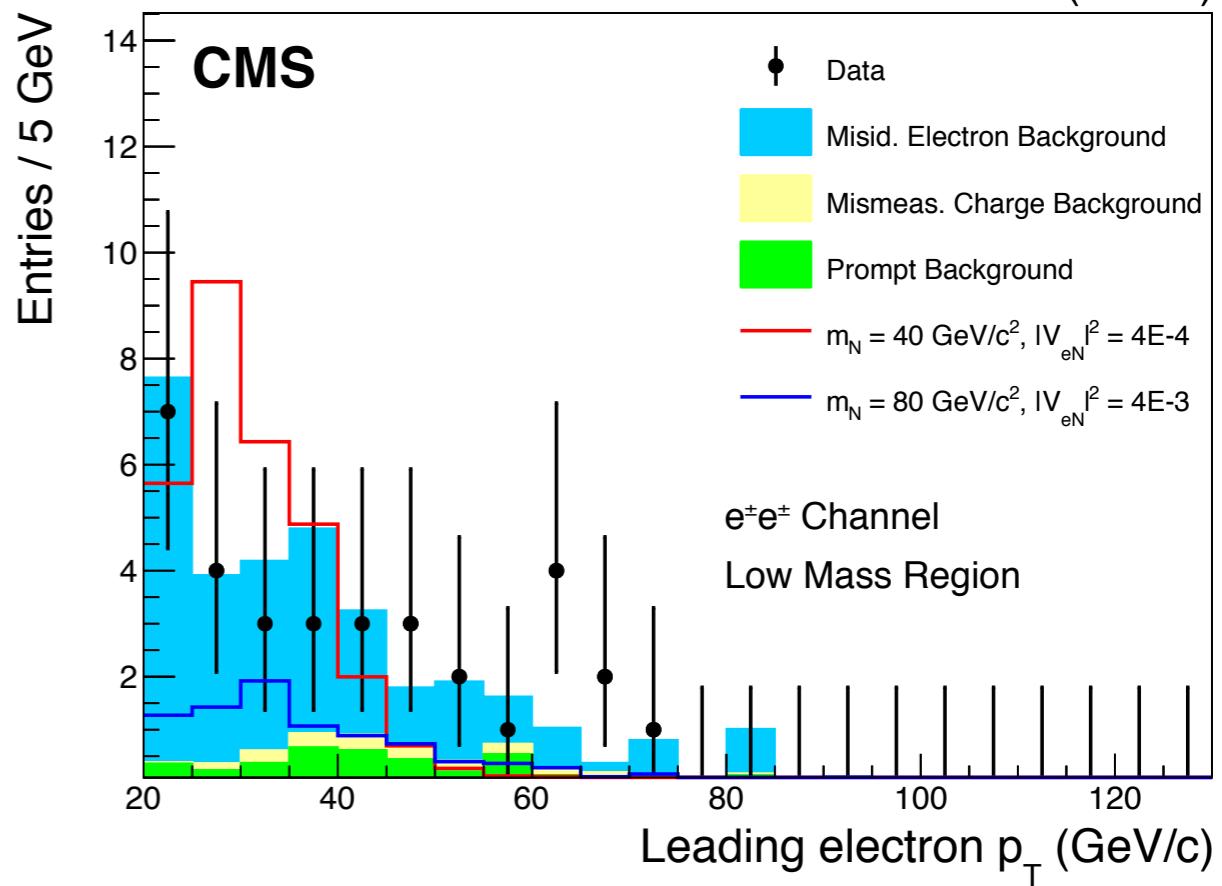
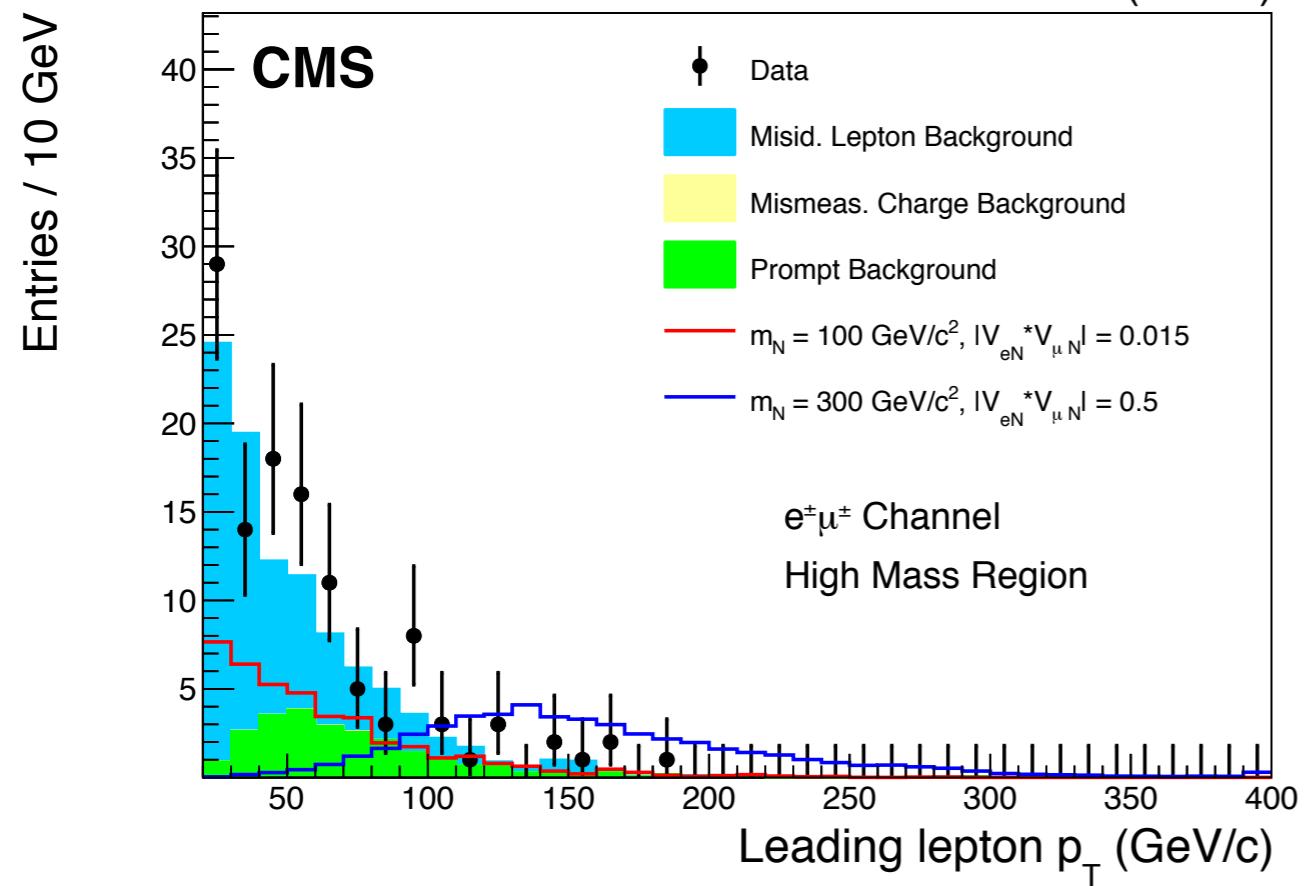


# Conclusion

- CMS have searched for heavy neutrinos in events with 2 leptons, two jets and no missing transverse energy.
- No excess seen in the data, 95% CL upper limits have been set:
  - LRSM: on the mass of heavy neutrino (up to 2 TeV) and  $W_R$  mass (up to 3.0 TeV).
  - SeeSaw type-1: on the coupling of heavy neutrino and lepton vs  $m_N$ .
    - $e\bar{e}$  and  $\mu\bar{\mu}$  channel: most stringent direct limits to date for  $m_N > 90$  GeV.
    - $e\bar{\mu}$  channel: first direct limits set for  $m_N > 90$  GeV.
- 13 TeV data taking has started. Exciting times ahead.

# Backup





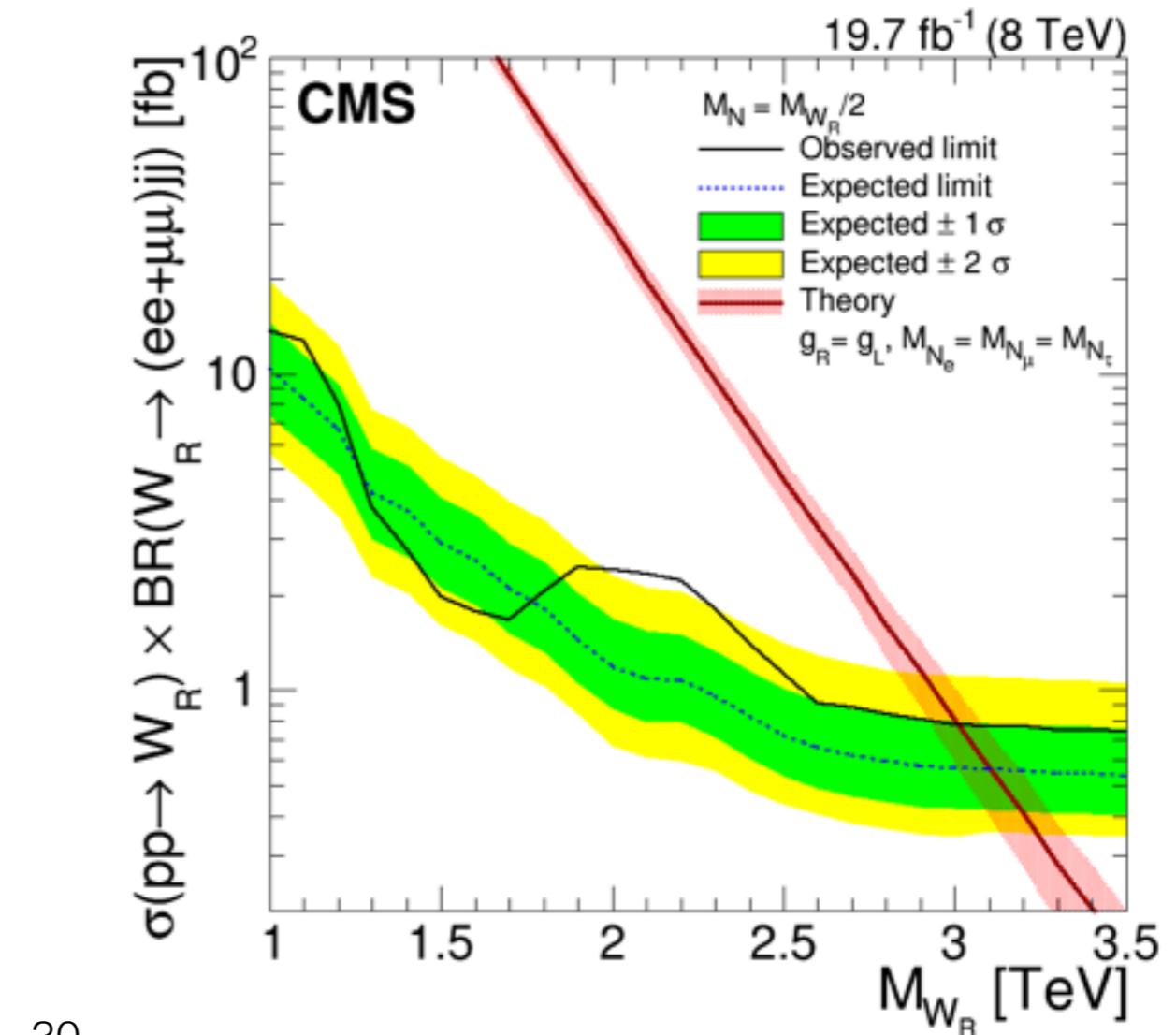
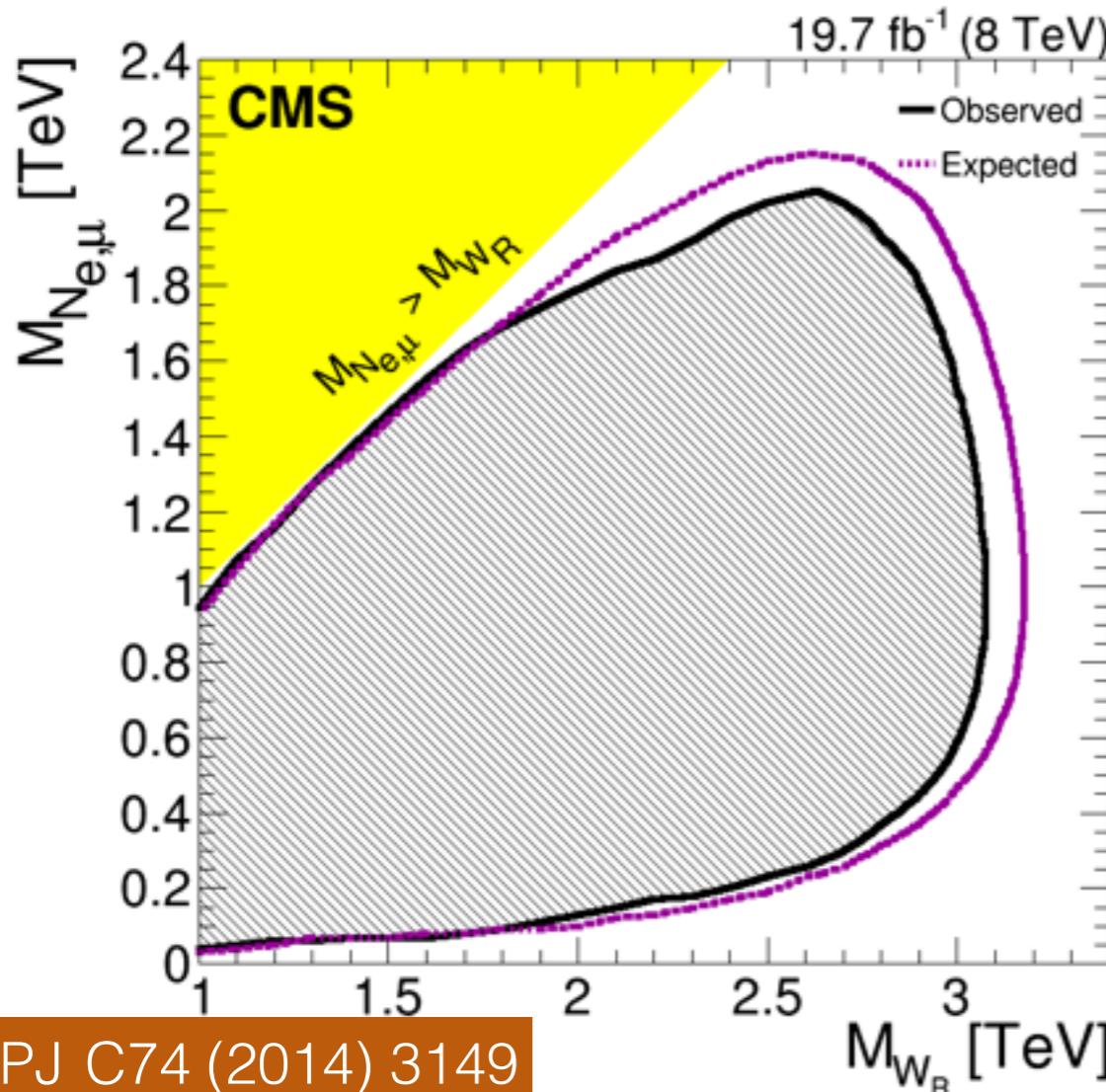


Channel		Misid. Bkgd. (%)	Mismeas. Charge Bkgd. (%)	SM Bkgd. (%)
ee	Systematics for $m_N=100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ selection	99.4	0.2	0.4
	Systematics for $m_N=500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ selection	95.2	2.0	2.8
$e\mu$	Systematics for $m_N=100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ selection	90.7	0.0	9.3
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Source	ee		$e\mu$	
	Signal (%)	SM Bkgd. (%)	Signal (%)	SM Bkgd. (%)
<b>Simulation</b>				
SM cross section	–	9-25 [9-25]	–	9-25 [9-25]
Jet energy scale	6-8 [1-3]	5 [7]	4-8 [1-2]	8 [7]
Jet energy resolution	3-7 [2-3]	10 [7]	3-10 [2-3]	10 [6]
Event pileup	2-3 [0-2]	4 [1]	2-3 [0-2]	3 [2]
Unclustered energy	1-3 [1-2]	4 [5]	1-3 [1-2]	5 [1]
Integrated luminosity	2.6 [2.6]	2.6 [2.6]	2.6 [2.6]	2.6 [2.6]
Electron selection	2 [2]	2 [2]	2 [2]	2 [2]
Trigger selection	6 [6]	6 [6]	6 [6]	6 [6]
b tagging	0-1 [1-2]	2 [1]	0-1 [1-2]	1 [1]
PDF (shape)	2.0 [2.0]	–	2.0 [2.0]	–
PDF (rate)	3.5 [3.5]	–	3.5 [3.5]	–
Renormalization /Factorization scales	8-10 [1-6]	–	8-10 [1-6]	–
Signal MC statistics	5-15 [1-6]	–	3-7 [1-3]	–
<b>Data-Driven</b>				
Misidentified leptons	–	40 [40]	–	35 [35]
Mismeasured charge	–	12 [12]	–	12 [12]

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- Limits slightly improved when assuming  $N_l$  are degenerate.
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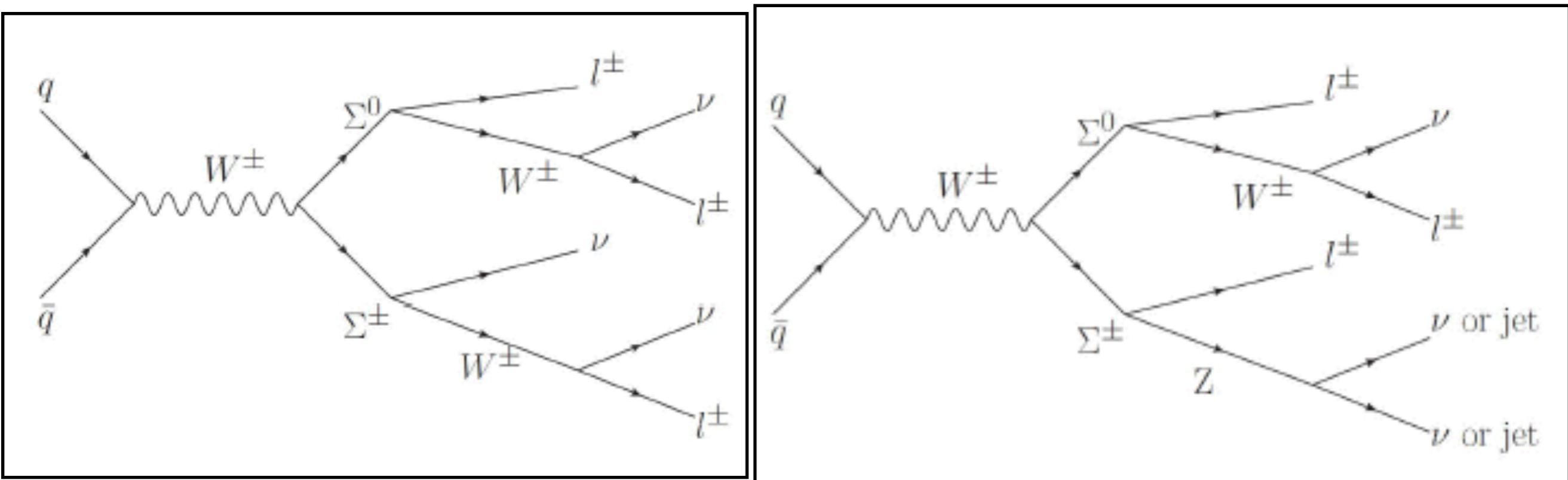
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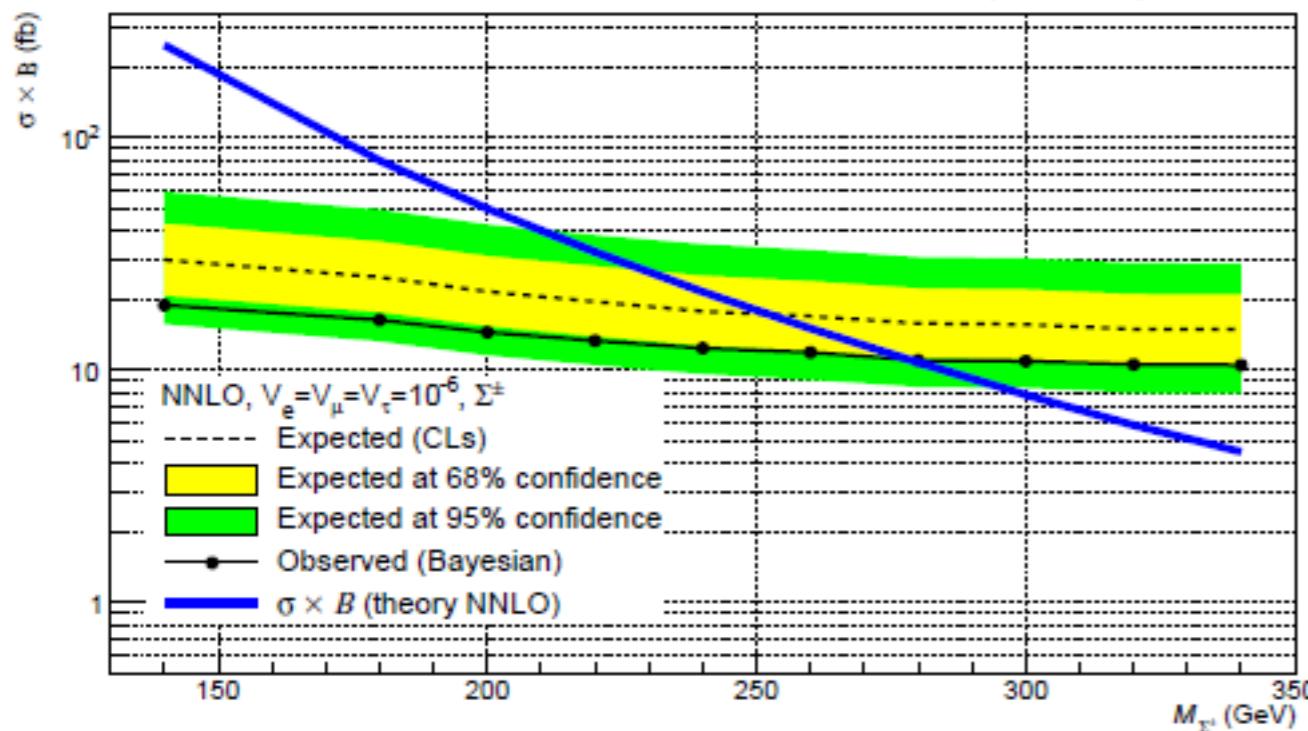
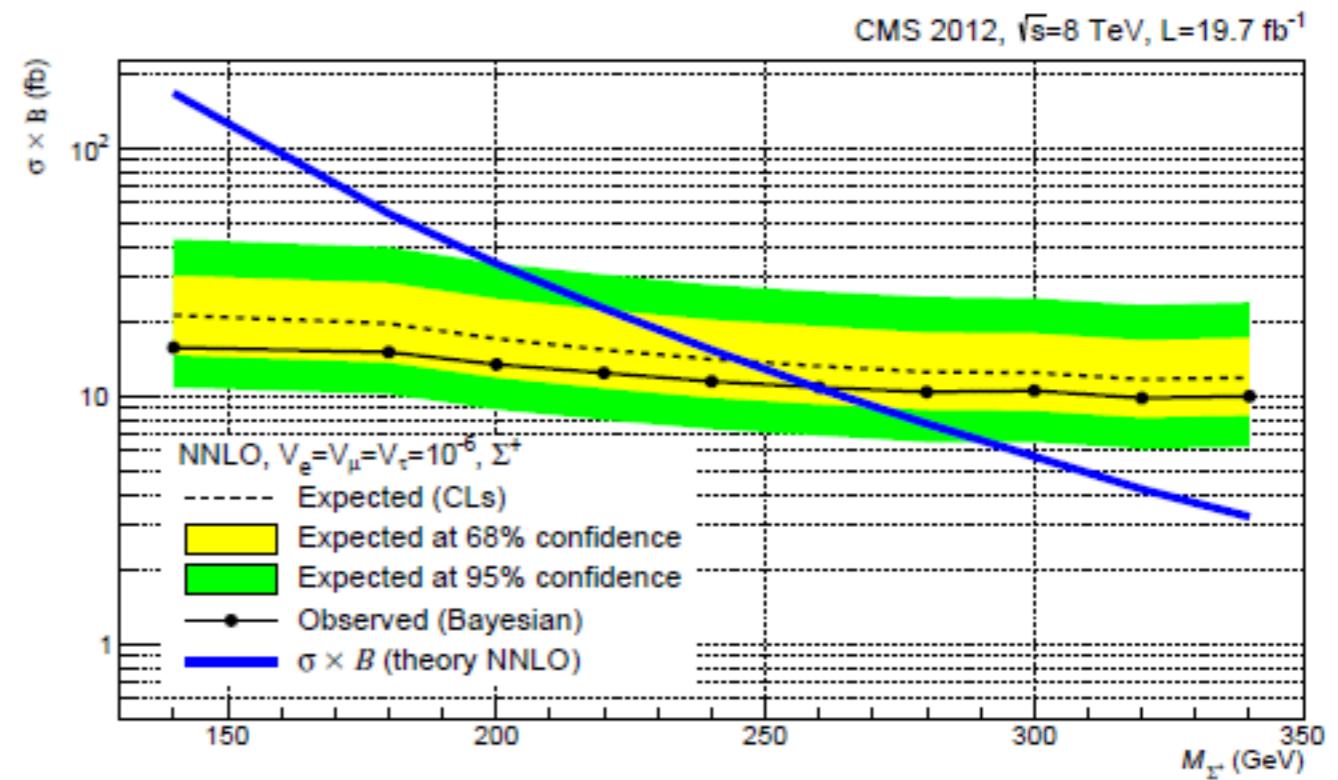
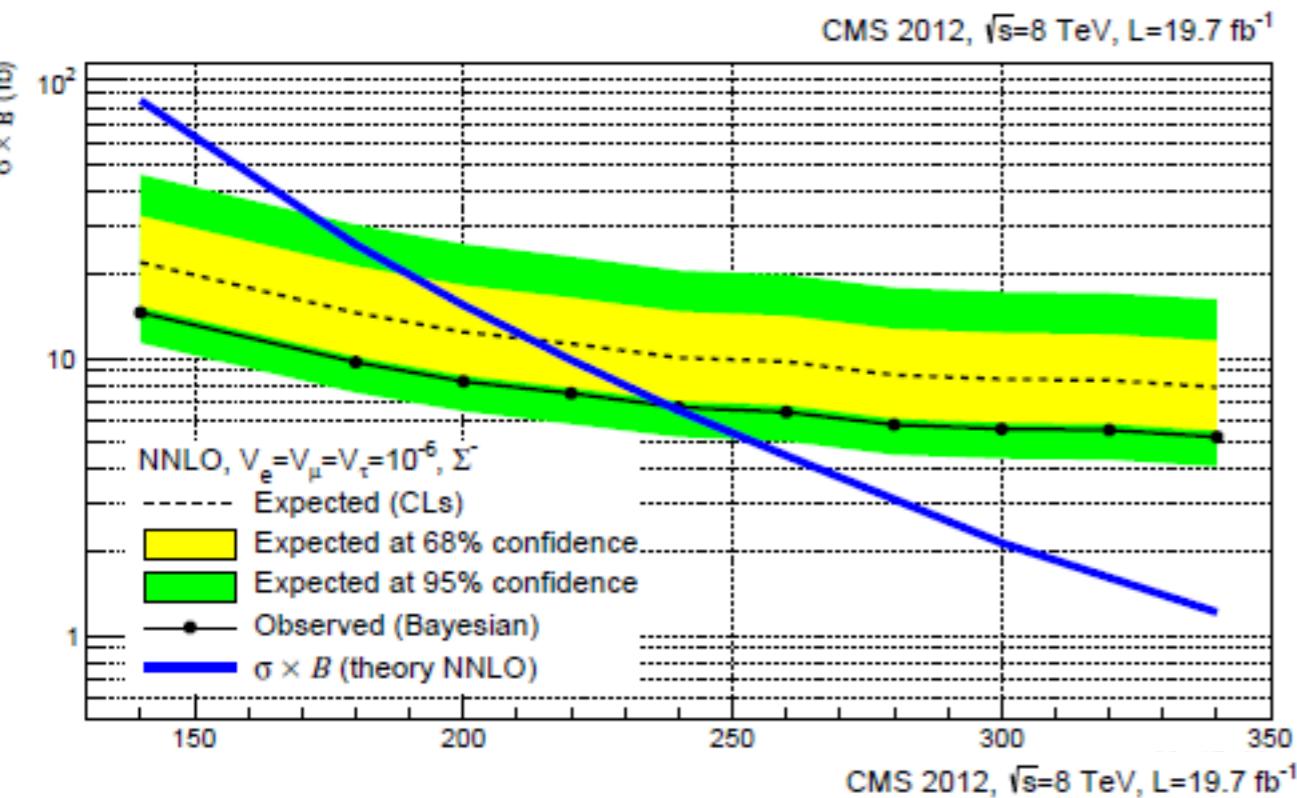
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# Type-3 SeeSaw: Heavy N production

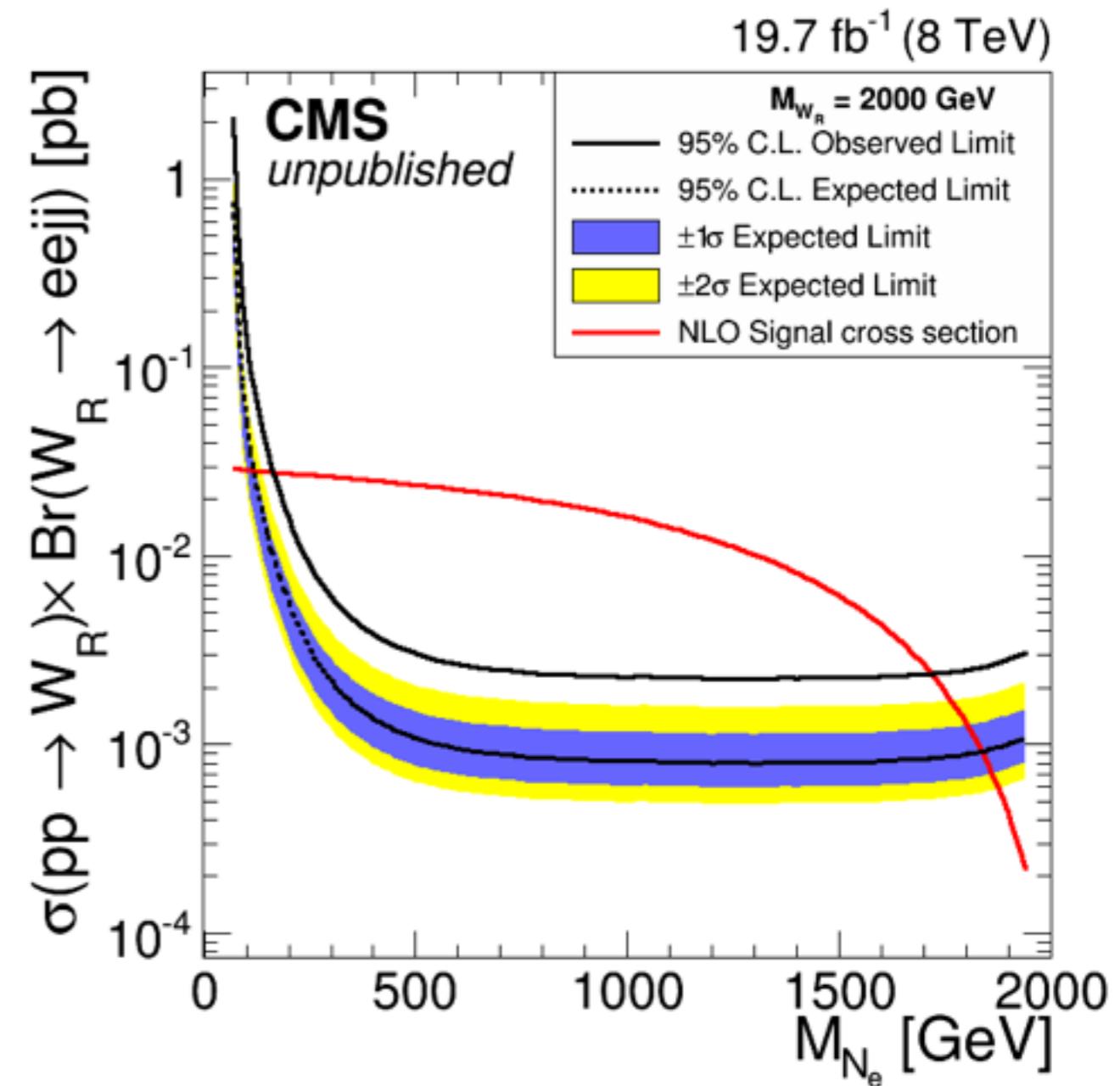
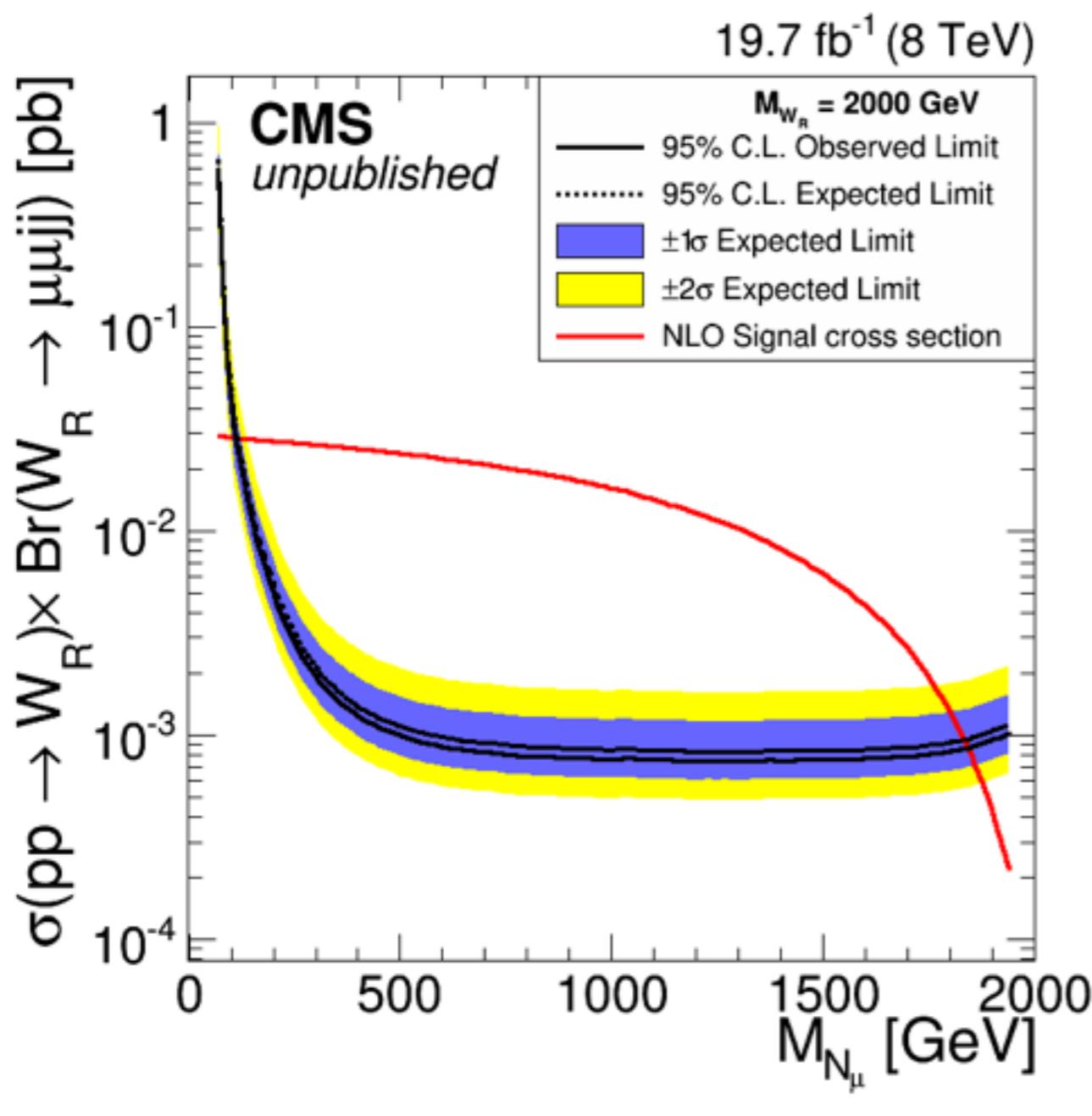
- **Type 3**
  - Production of  $\Sigma^0, \Sigma^{+/-}$  via s-channel  $W^*$
  - Trilepton final state



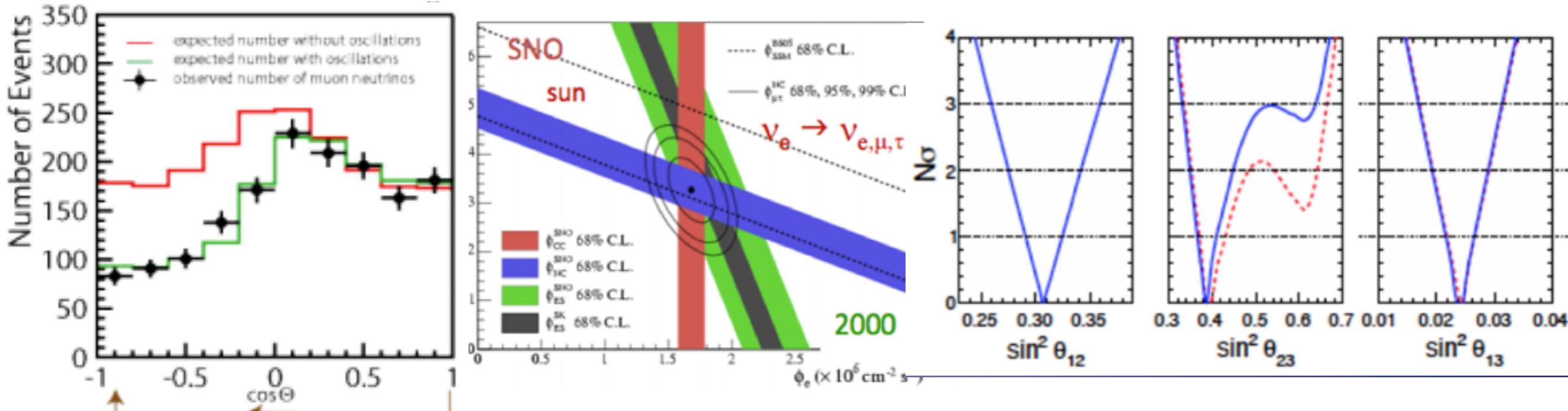
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# Additional plots for LRSM EXO-13-008



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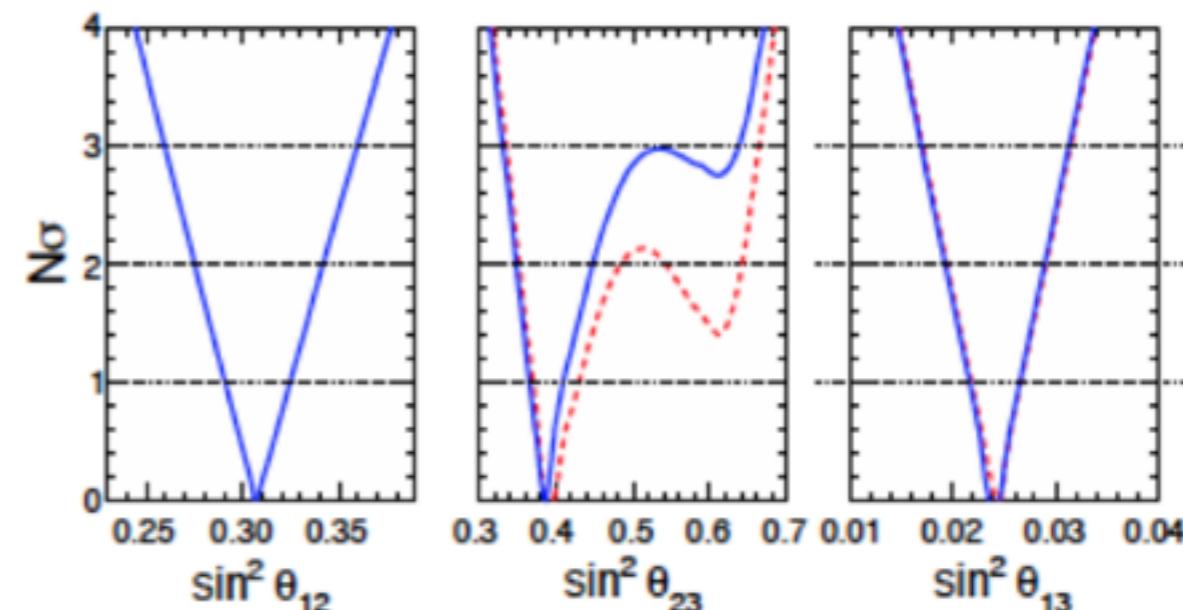
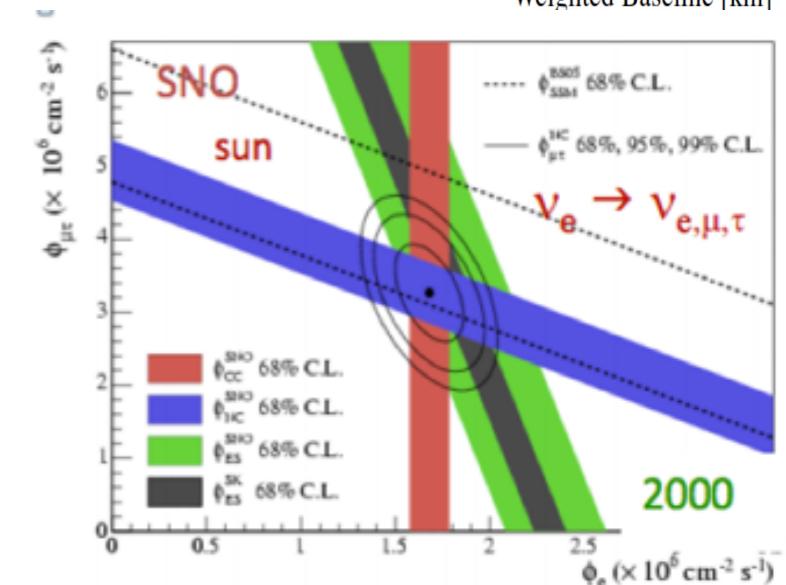
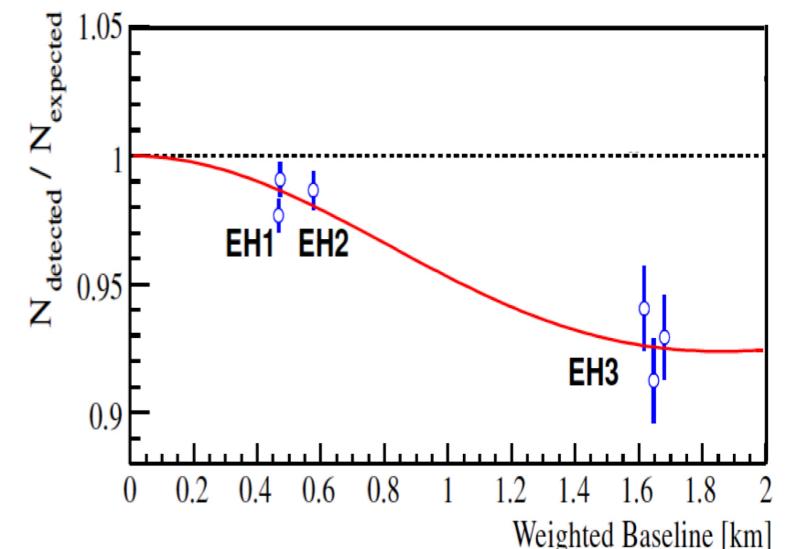


- Type 1: weak-singlet fermion (N)  
EXO-12-057 EXO-14-014
- Left-Right Symmetric Model (LRSM):  
 $SU(2)_R$  symmetry to the SM: N,  $W_R$ ,  $Z'$   
EXO-13-008
- Type 3 : weak-triplet fermion ( $\Sigma^0 \Sigma^{+/-}$ )  
EXO-14-001

Type 3 In Back Up slides

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  - At least two massive neutrinos
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