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Test of the universality of \tau and \mu lepton couplings in W-boson decays at CMS

The standard model (SM) assumes identical couplings of electroweak bosons to the three lepton generations, a property known as lepton flavor universality (LFU), whose violation implies the presence of new physics. LFU implies W boson decay rates equal across the three generations. We report a measurement of the LFU ratio $R(\tau/\mu)$ performed using leptonically decaying top quark pairs recorded by the CMS experiment during 2016–2018.

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