



# Exclusive $W^+W^-$ production in CMS

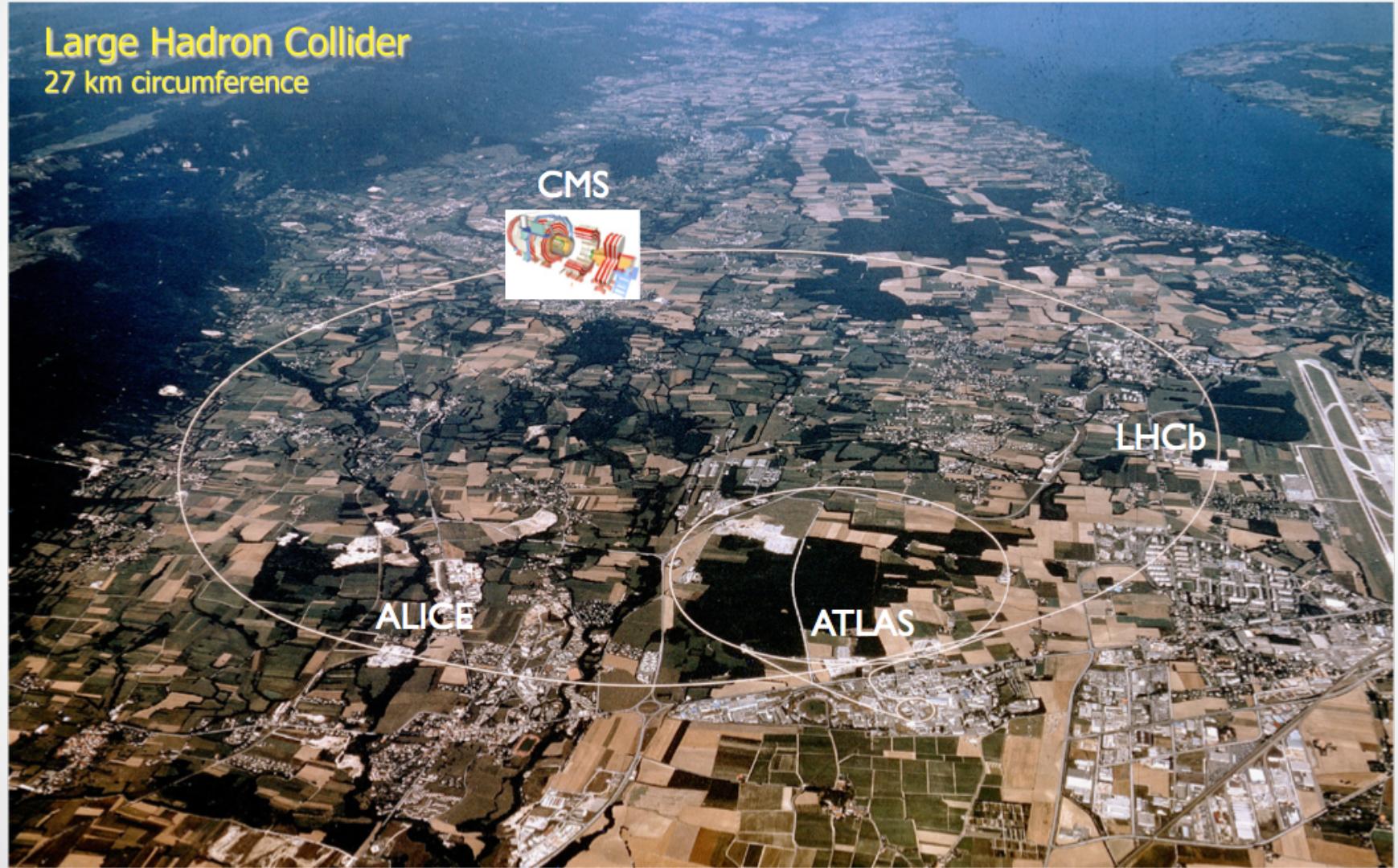
and other Forward Physics Results

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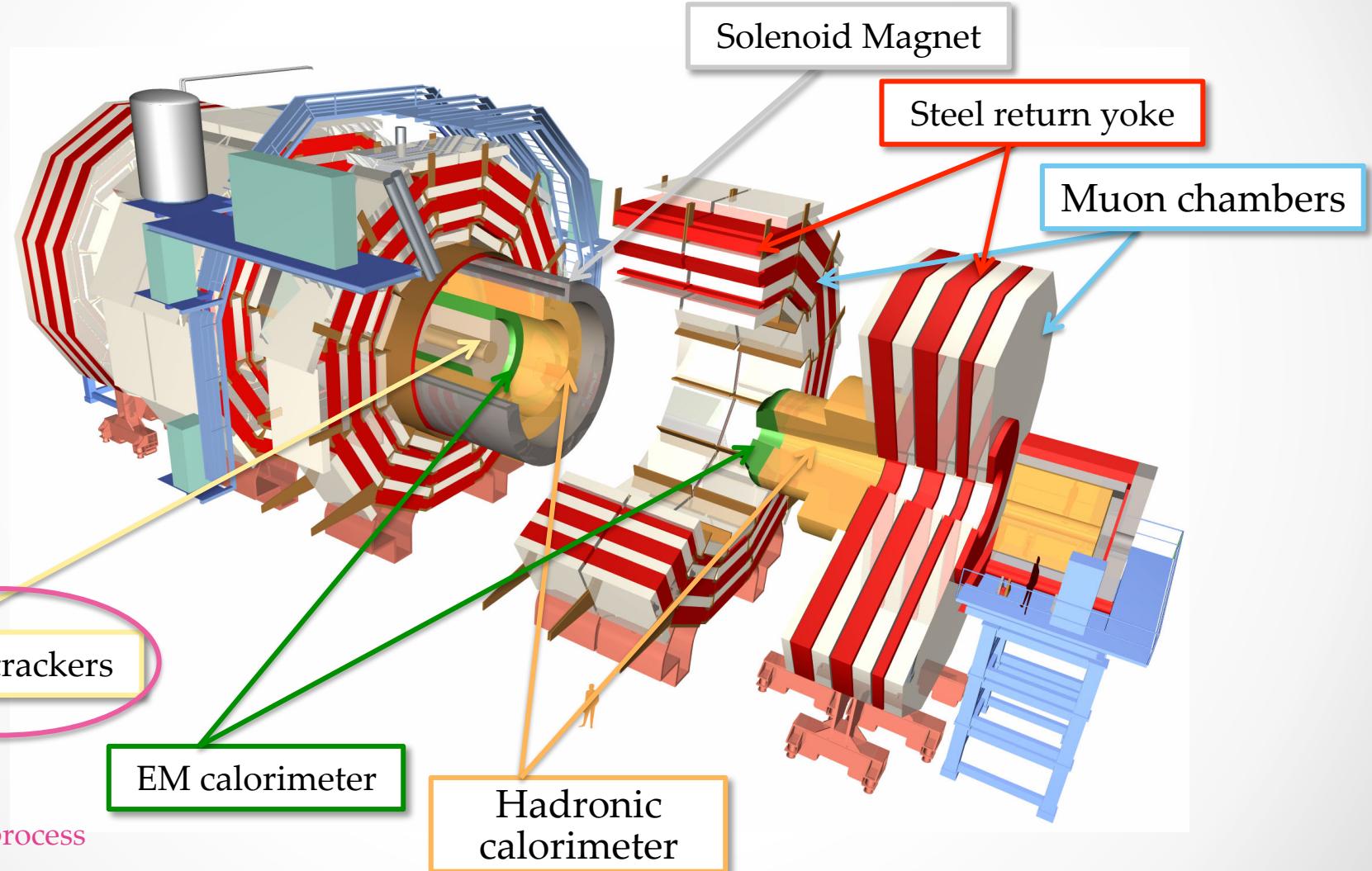
# Outline

- The CMS Experiment
- Recent Forward Physics Results
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  - Ridge @ 13 TeV
  - $dN/d\eta$  @ 13 TeV
- Evidence of Exclusive  $W^+W^-$  production @ 8 TeV

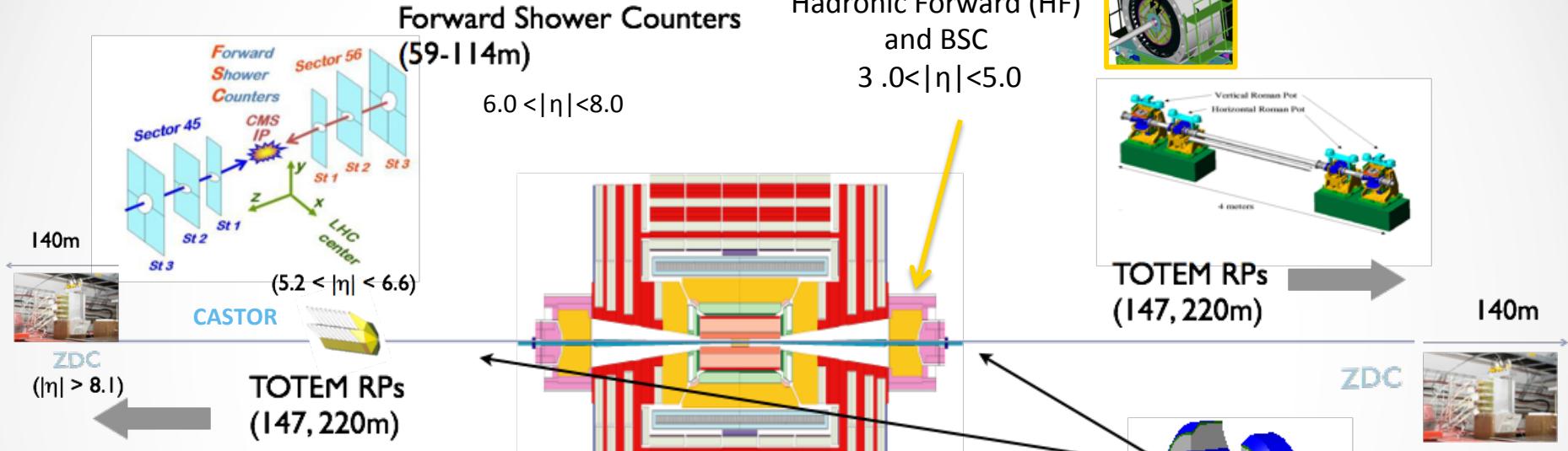
# The CMS Experiment



# The CMS Detector



# CMS Forward Region and TOTEM



Common data taking during low-PU runs in 2012



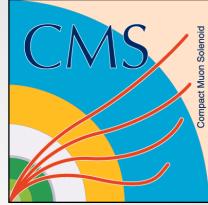
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check out Antonio Pereira's talk about plans for CT-PPS

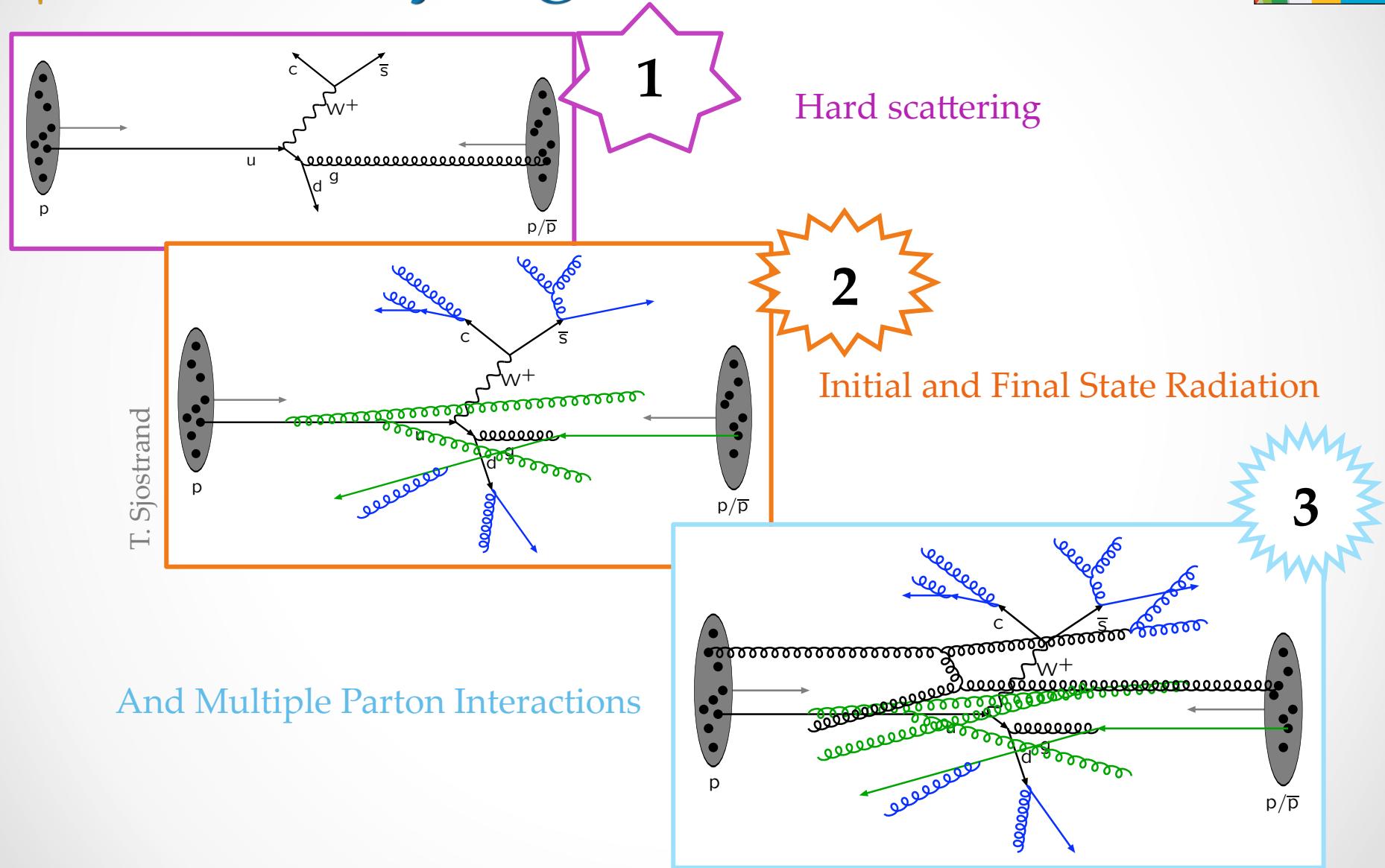
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# Recent Forward Physics Results @ 13 TeV

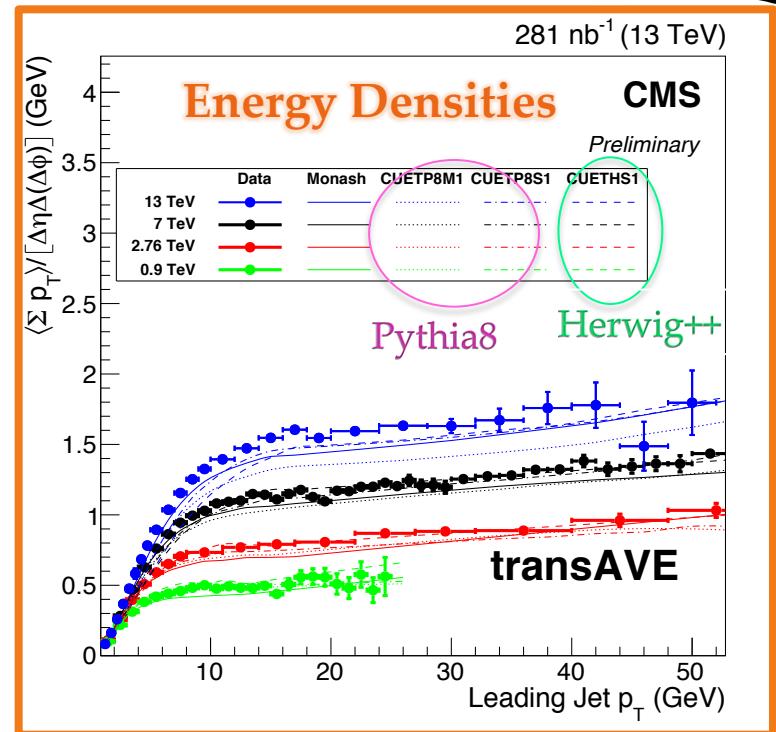
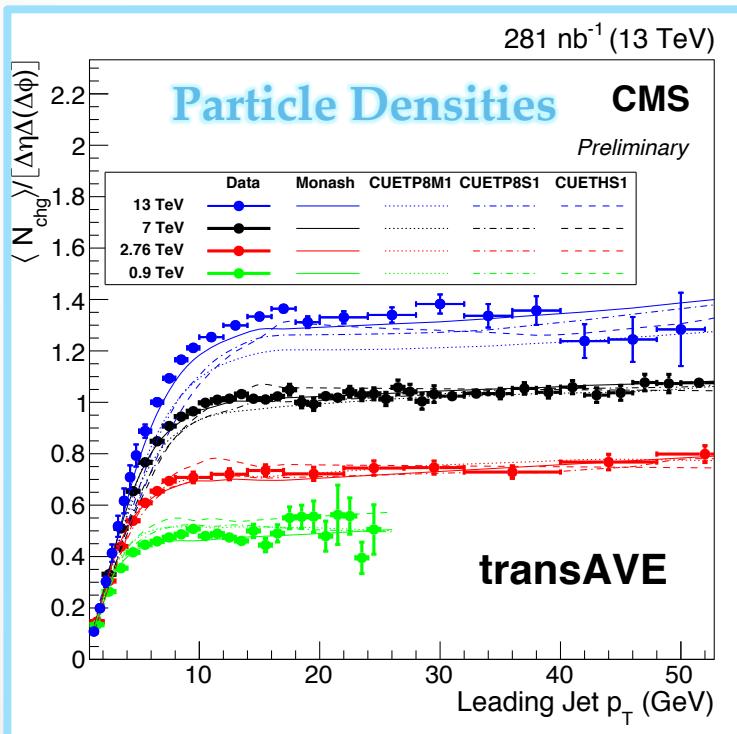
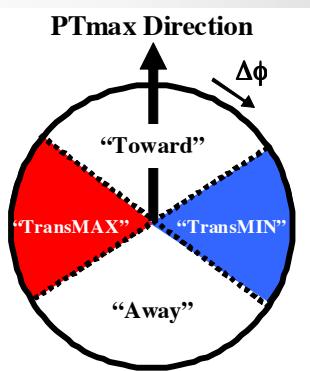
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# Underlying Event Definition



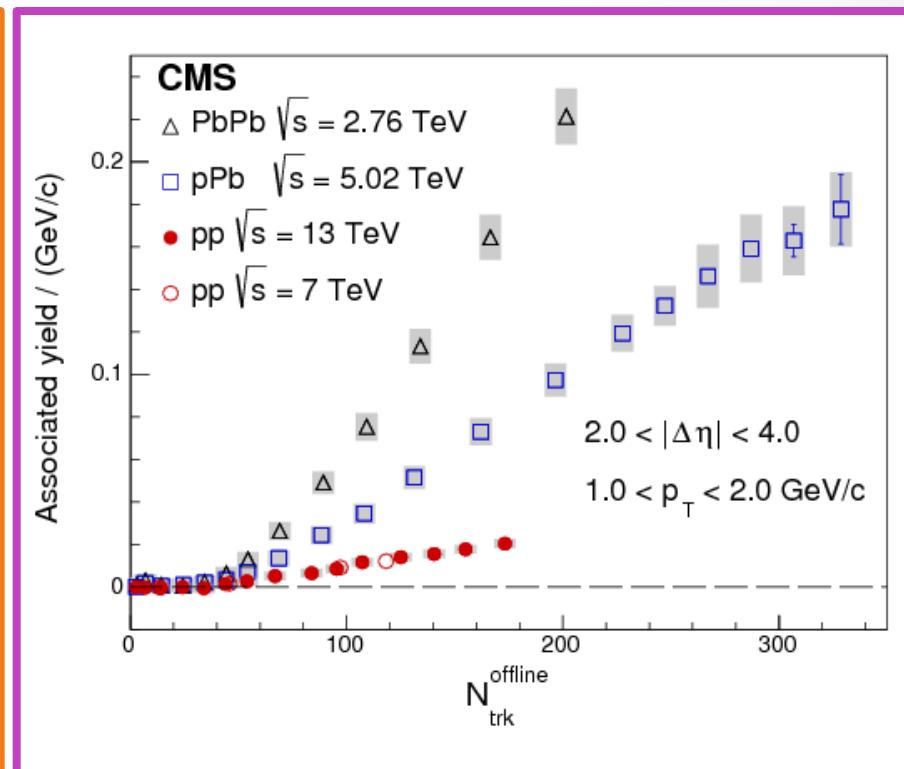
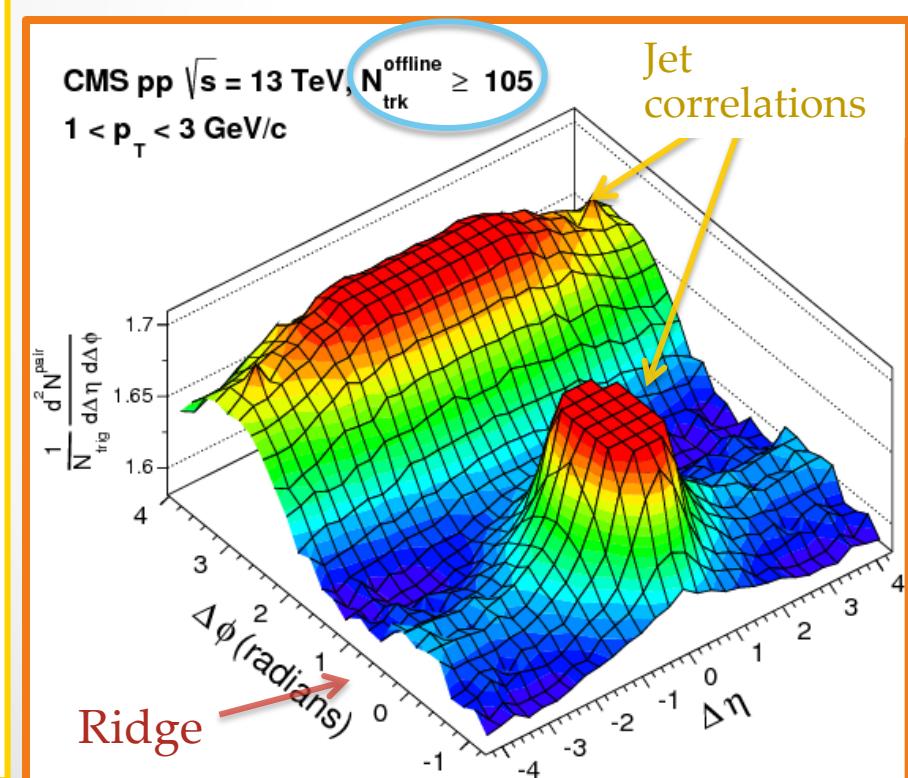
# Underlying Event at 13 TeV

- Comparison with previous measurements at lower energies show good description of energy dependence.
- Charged particle multiplicity** and  **$p_T$  sum density** in the region *transverse to highest- $p_T$  jet* well described (10-20%) by tested MC tunes.



# The “Ridge”

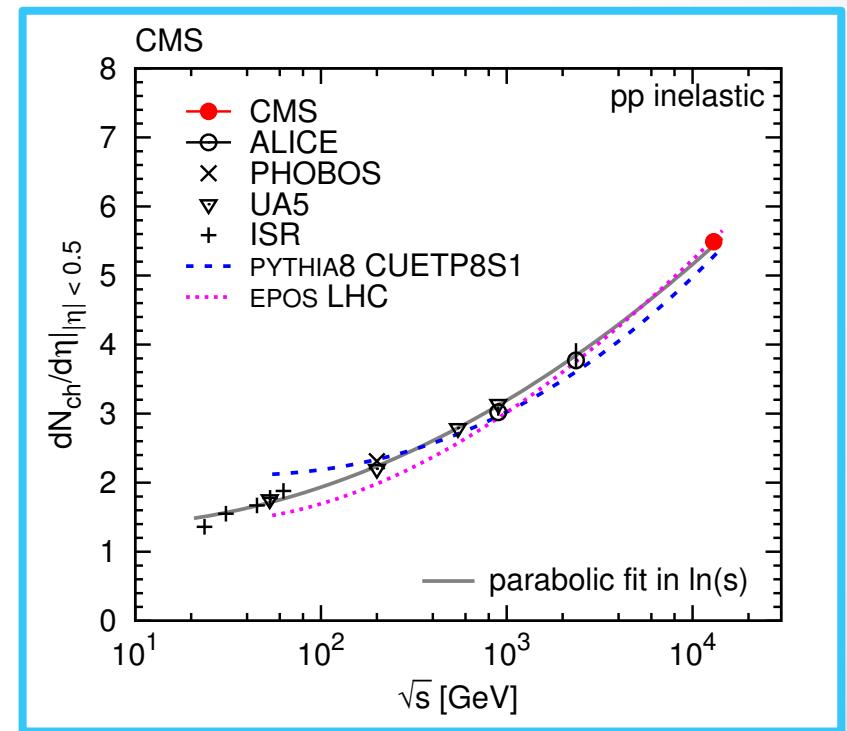
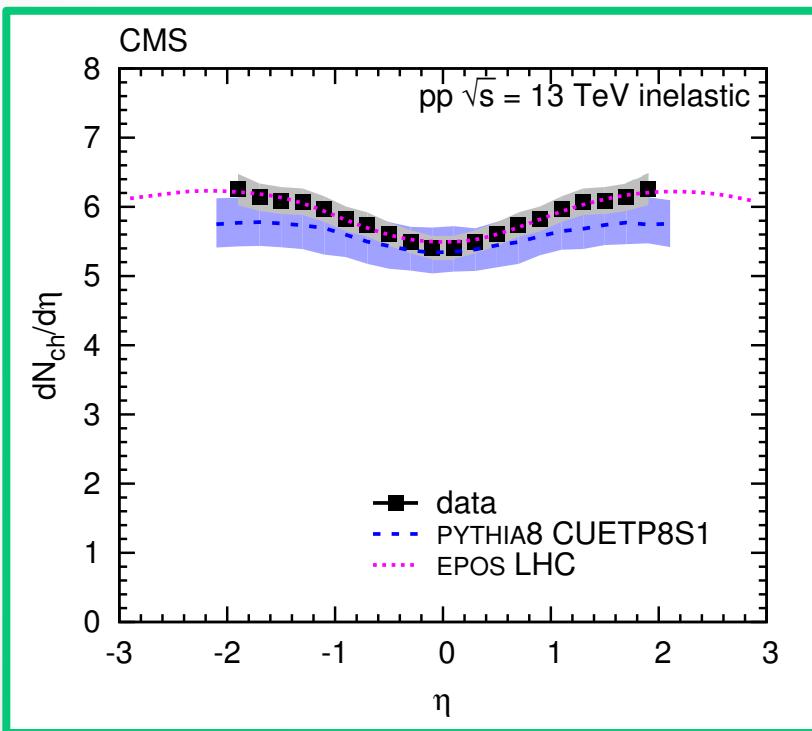
- two-particle correlations confirm the presence of a ridge-like structure for same-side ( $\Delta\phi \sim 0$ ) pairs in high-multiplicity events at 13 TeV.
- strong collision system size dependence observed when comparing data from pp, pPb, and PbPb collisions

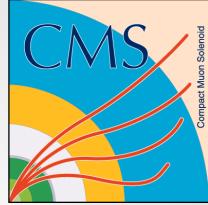


# Charged-hadron $dN/d\eta$

- Measured charged-hadron production as a function of pseudorapidity, and multiplicity in central region consistent with previous measurements at lower energies and theoretical models.

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# Exclusive $W^+W^-$ production @ 8 TeV

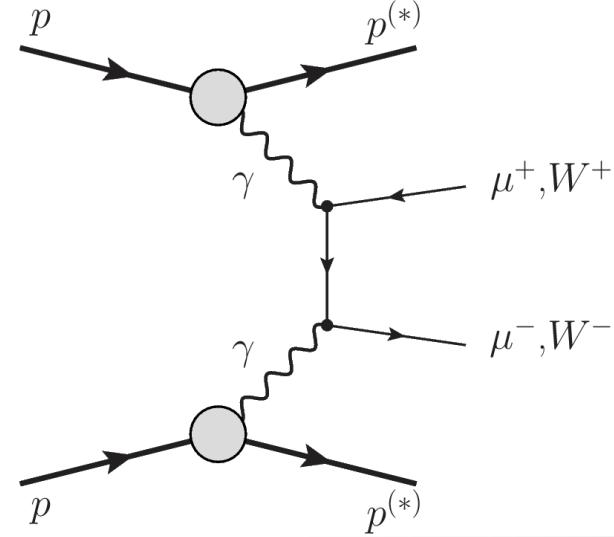
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*And limits on anomalous Quartic Gauge Couplings*

# Motivation

The exclusive production of W pairs:

$$pp \rightarrow p^{(*)} W^+ W^- p^{(*)}$$

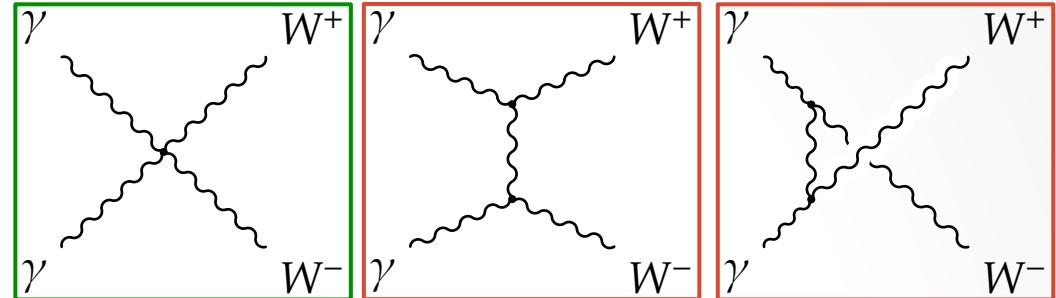


is **sensitive** to anomalous quartic gauge couplings (**aQGC**)

- QGCs predicted by standard model's electroweak sector
- any **deviation** from **SM expectation** can signal new physics
- untagged proton  $p^{(*)} \rightarrow$  final states where the proton is either **intact** or **dissociates** into undetected low-mass system.

# Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$

In the SM we have:



- provide clean  $\ell\ell'$  final state with **no hadronic** activity
- goal: measure **SM** and look for **aQGC**
  - ◆ New physics  $\rightarrow$  effective lagrangean:

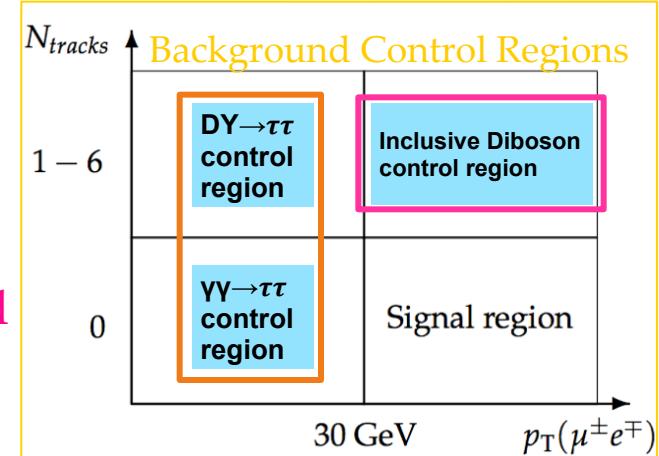
$$\mathcal{L}_6^0 = -\frac{e^2}{8} \frac{a_0^W}{\Lambda^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} W^{+\alpha} W_\alpha^- .$$

$$\mathcal{L}_6^C = -\frac{e^2}{16} \frac{a_c^W}{\Lambda^2} F^{\mu\alpha} F_{\mu\beta} (W^{+\alpha} W_\beta^- + W^{-\alpha} W_\beta^+) \quad \Lambda = \text{scale of NP}$$

Anomalous coupling constants for quartic vertex  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$

# Signal Selection and Control Regions

- opposite-sign  $e\mu$  pair originating from a common primary vertex
  - DY and  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell\ell$  backgrounds too big in ee,  $\mu\mu$  channels
- invariant mass  $m(e\mu) > 20$  GeV
  - to get rid of any low mass resonances
- 0 extra tracks at dilepton vertex
  - to remove most of the inclusive WW background
- $p_T(e\mu) > 30$  GeV
  - to suppress DY and  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$



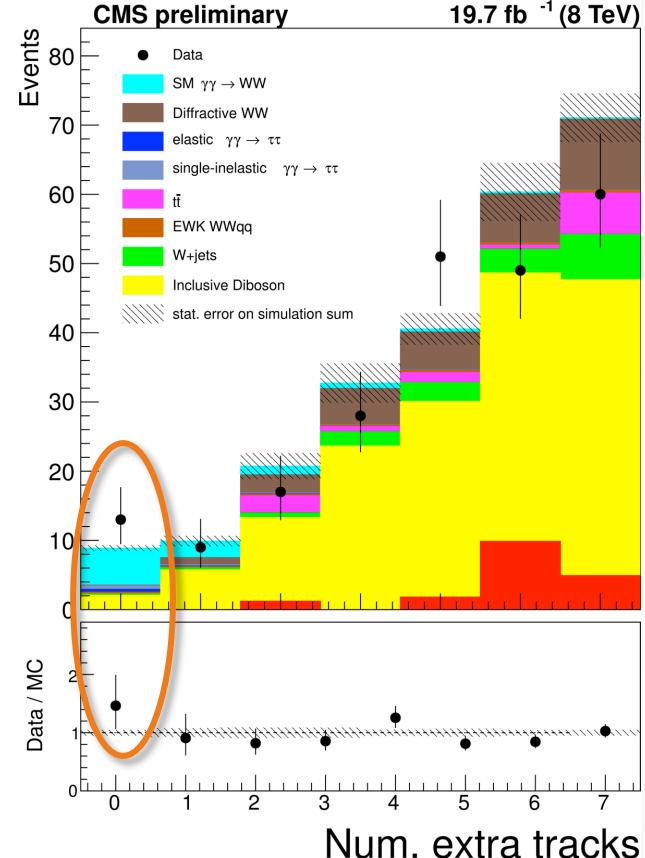
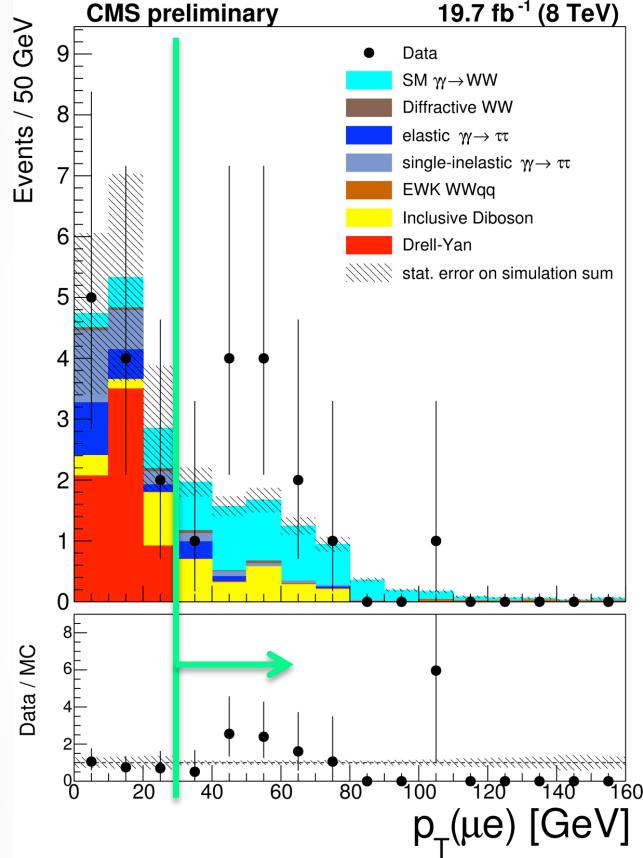
## MC Expectation

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Selection step	Excl. $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$	Total Background	$WW + jets$	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$DY \rightarrow \tau\tau$	Pompyt WW	Other Backgrounds
Trigger and preselection	$26.9 \pm 0.2$	$12560 \pm 230$	$1057.5 \pm 8.1$	$18.1 \pm 0.8$	$7000 \pm 75$	$206.2 \pm 3.0$	$4280 \pm 210$
$m(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 20$ GeV	$26.6 \pm 0.2$	$12370 \pm 220$	$1035.5 \pm 8.0$	$18.1 \pm 0.8$	$6974 \pm 75$	$202.2 \pm 3.0$	$4140 \pm 210$
Electron and Muon ID	$22.5 \pm 0.2$	$6458 \pm 93$	$1027.9 \pm 8.0$	$12.6 \pm 0.7$	$4172 \pm 58$	$197.2 \pm 2.9$	$1048 \pm 72$
$\mu^\pm e^\mp$ vertex with 0 extra tracks	$6.7 \pm 0.2$	$14.9 \pm 2.5$	$2.8 \pm 0.4$	$4.3 \pm 0.5$	$6.5 \pm 2.3$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.1 \pm 0.6$
$p_T(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 30$ GeV	$5.3 \pm 0.1$	$3.5 \pm 0.5$	$2.0 \pm 0.4$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	0	$0.1 \pm 0.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$

# SM evidence

CMS-PAS-FSQ-13-008

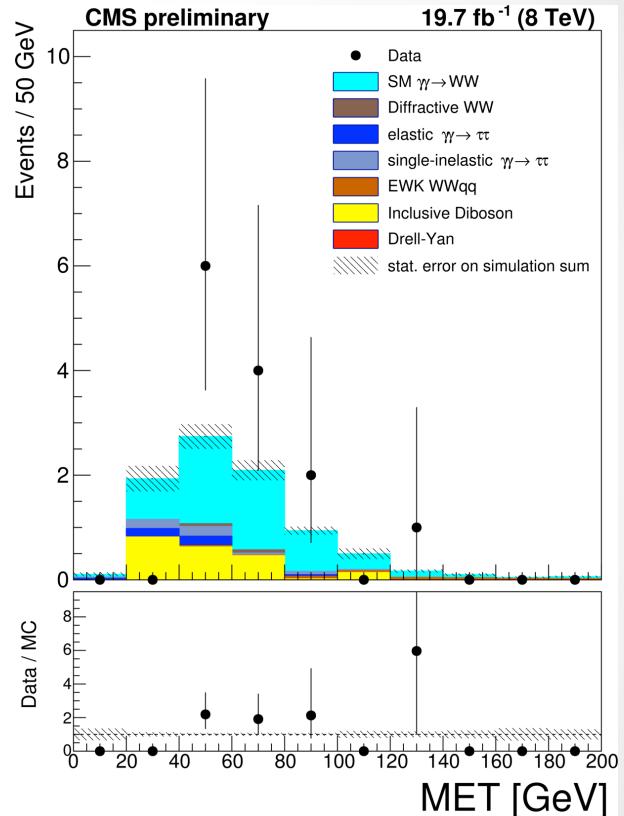
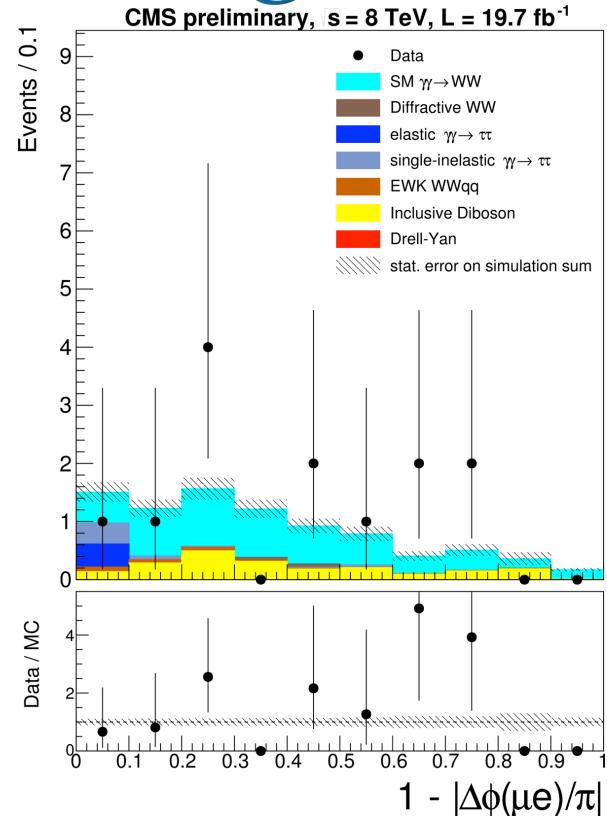
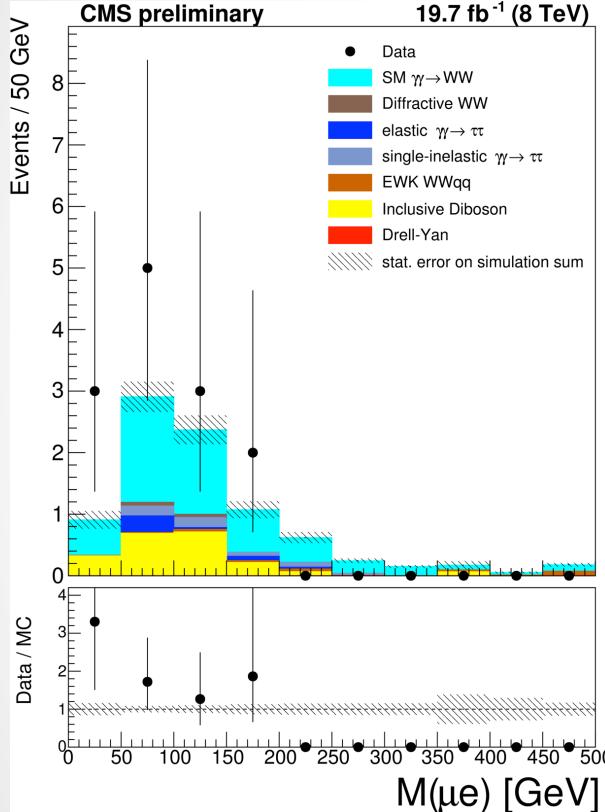


- observed 13 events in signal region ( $5.3 \pm 0.1$  signal and  $3.5 \pm 0.5$  background exp.)
- $3.6\sigma$  excess over background-only hypothesis (with  $2.4\sigma$  expected)

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)} \rightarrow p^{(*)}\mu^\pm e^\mp p^{(*)}) = 12.3^{+5.5}_{-4.4} \text{ fb.}$$

# Distributions in Signal Region

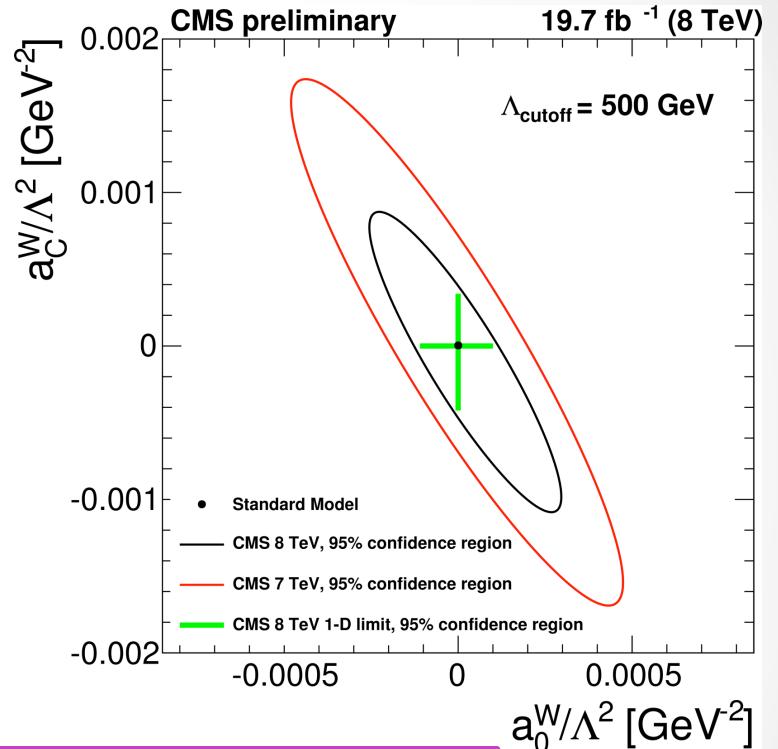
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For invariant mass, acoplanarity and missing  $E_T$  there's **agreement in shape**, slightly **higher normalization in data** due to excess of observed events.

# aQGC Search and Limits

- Use shape of  $p_T(e\mu)$  distribution to search for sign of anomalous quartic gauge couplings
  - 2 bins :  $30 < p_T(e\mu) < 130 \text{ GeV}$  and  $p_T(e\mu) > 130 \text{ GeV}$
- Region outside solid line is excluded at 95% C.L.



$$-1.1 \times 10^{-4} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

$$-4.2 \times 10^{-4} < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 3.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}).$$

25% improvement over 7 TeV limits  
with dipole Form Factor →

$$a_{0,C}^W(W_{\gamma\gamma}^2) = \frac{a_{0,C}^W}{\left(1 + \frac{W_{\gamma\gamma}^2}{\Lambda_{\text{cutoff}}^2}\right)^2}.$$

# Summary

- 13 TeV early measurements:
  - Underlying event → MC tunes
  - Pseudorapidity distribution of charged hadrons
  - Ridge structure in near-side two-particle correlations observed
- Exclusive  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ 
  - 13 events observed with expected background of 3.5 events → excess of  $3.6\sigma$  consistent with first SM evidence of the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  process
  - Measured cross-section x branching ratio
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^- p^{(*)} \rightarrow p^{(*)}\mu^\pm e^\mp p^{(*)}) = 12.3^{+5.5}_{-4.4} \text{ fb.}$$
  - Search for aQGC → the most stringent upper limits so-far
$$-1.1 \times 10^{-4} < a_0^W/\Lambda^2 < 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_C^W/\Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$
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  - Expect more results in the future (13 TeV) with CT-PPS

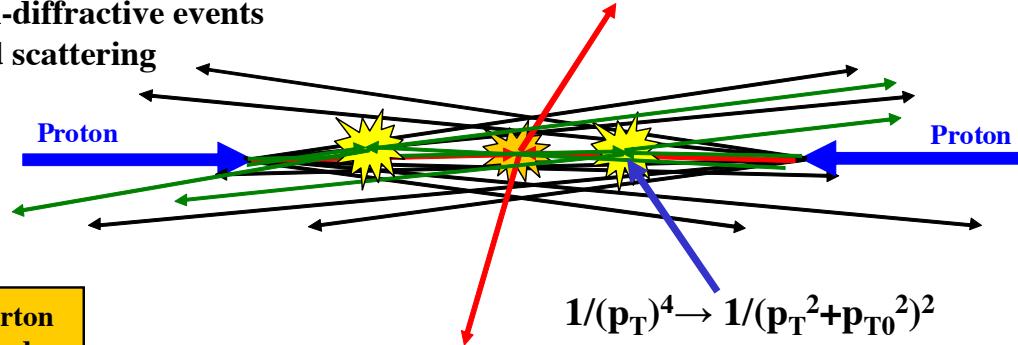
# Backup Slides

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Additional material

# Underlying Event Definition

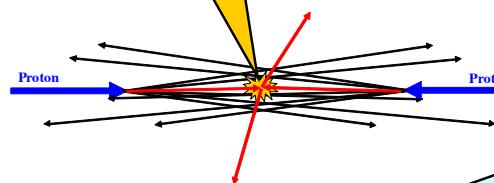
Select inelastic non-diffractive events  
that contain a hard scattering



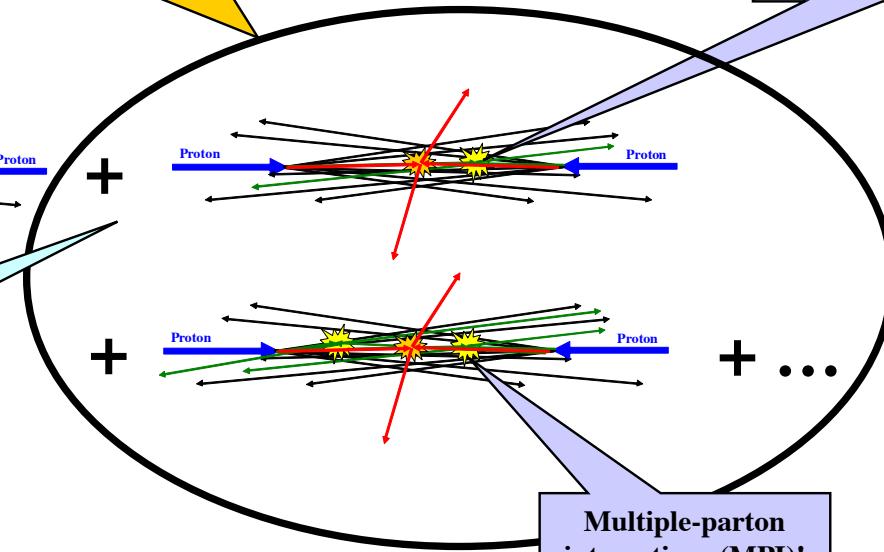
Hard parton-parton  
collisions is hard  
( $p_T > \approx 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ )

The “underlying-event” (UE)!

“Semi-hard” parton-  
parton collision  
( $p_T < \approx 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ )



Given that you have one hard  
scattering it is more probable to  
have MPI! Hence, the UE has  
more activity than “min-bias”.

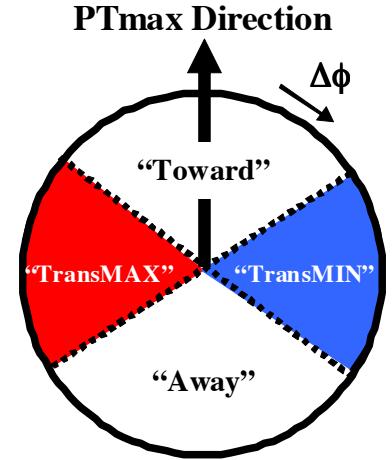


Multiple-parton  
interactions (MPI)!

# Underlying Event Observables

- “transMAX” and “transMIN” Charged Particle Density: Number of charged particles ( $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.8$ ) in the maximum (minimum) of the two “transverse” regions as defined by the leading charged particle, PTmax, divided by the area in  $\eta$ - $\phi$  space,  $2\eta_{\text{cut}} \times 2\pi/6$ , averaged over all events with at least one particle with  $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta| < \eta_{\text{cut}}$ .
- “transMAX” and “transMIN” Charged PTsum Density: Scalar  $p_T$  sum of charged particles ( $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.8$ ) in the maximum (minimum) of the two “transverse” regions as defined by the leading charged particle, PTmax, divided by the area in  $\eta$ - $\phi$  space,  $2\eta_{\text{cut}} \times 2\pi/6$ , averaged over all events with at least one particle with  $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta| < \eta_{\text{cut}}$ .

Overall “Transverse” = “transMAX” + “transMIN”



$$\eta_{\text{cut}} = 0.8$$

**Note:** The overall “transverse” density is equal to the average of the “transMAX” and “TransMIN” densities. The “TransDIF” Density is the “transMAX” Density minus the “transMIN” Density

“Transverse” Density = “transAVE” Density = (“transMAX” Density + “transMIN” Density)/2

“TransDIF” Density = “transMAX” Density - “transMIN” Density

# Underlying Event Tunes

► PYTHIA 8 Tunes: Corke & Sjöstrand Tune 4C-CTEQ6L and CMS Tune CUETP8S1-CTEQ6L (CMS1).

	4C	CMS1
PDF	CTEQ6L	CTEQ6L
ecmRef	1800	1800
pT0Ref	2.085	<b>2.1006</b>
ecmPow	0.19	<b>0.21057</b>
expPow	2.0	<b>1.60889</b>
reconnectRange	1.5	<b>3.31257</b>
MultipartonInteractions:alphaSvalue	0.135	0.135
SigmaProcess:alphaSvalue	0.135	0.135
SpaceShower:alphaSvalue	0.137	0.137
TimeShower:alphaSvalue	0.1383	0.1383
TimeShower:pTmin	0.4	0.4
TimeShower:pTminChgQ	0.4	0.4
BeamRemnants:halfScaleForKT	1.0	1.0
BeamRemnants:primordialKThard	2.0	2.0
BeamRemnants:primordialKTsoft	0.50	0.50
Tune:ee	3	3

Start with Tune 4C and vary 4 parameters!

CMS Tune CUETP8S1-CTEQ6L  
**pT0Ref = 2.1006**  
**ecmPow = 0.21057**  
**ecmRef = 1800**

Ecm (TeV)	pT0 (GeV/c)
0.3	1.440
0.9	1.815
1.96	2.139
7	2.796
13	3.185

$$pT0(E_{cm}) = pT0Ref \times (E_{cm}/ecmRef)^{ecmPow}$$

# Underlying Event Tunes

→ PYTHIA 8 Tunes: Peter Skands Tune Monash-NNPDF2.3LO and CMS Tune CUETP8M1-NNPDF2.3LO (MonashStar).

	Monash	MonashStar
PDF	NNPDF2.3LO	NNPDF2.3LO
ecmRef	7000	7000
pT0Ref	2.280	<b>2.402374</b>
ecmPow	0.2150	<b>0.25208</b>
expPow	1.85	<b>1.6</b>
reconnectRange	1.80	1.80
MultipartonInteractions:alphaSvalue	0.13	0.13
SigmaProcess:alphaSvalue	0.13	0.13
SpaceShower:alphaSvalue	0.1365	0.1365
TimeShower:alphaSvalue	0.1365	0.1365
TimeShower:pTmin	0.5	0.5
TimeShower:pTminChgQ	0.5	0.5
BeamRemnants:halfScaleForKT	1.5	1.5
BeamRemnants:primordialKThard	1.8	1.8
BeamRemnants:primordialKTsoft	0.9	0.9
Tune:ee	7	7



Start with Monash and change 3 parameters!

CMS Tune MonashStar  
pT0Ref = 2.402374  
ecmPow = 0.25208  
ecmRef = 7000

Ecm (TeV)	pT0 (GeV/c)
0.3	1.086
0.9	1.432
1.96	1.743
7	2.402
13	2.808

Skands-Monash  
pT0Ref = 2.280  
ecmPow = 0.2150  
ecmRef = 7000

Ecm (TeV)	pT0 (GeV/c)
0.3	1.158
0.9	1.467
1.96	1.734
7	2.280
13	2.605

# The Ridge

## Data: proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

- Integrated luminosity: **270 nb<sup>-1</sup>**
- Pile-up conditions: **1.3** (average number of collisions per bunch crossing)
- Data collected with full solenoid magnetic field (**B = 3.8T**)
- Extension of the 7 TeV results to **higher energy and higher multiplicity.**
- Trigger (online):  $E_{\text{CAL}} > 15$  or  $40$  GeV (L1 trigger)  
 $\text{pixel tracking } N_{\text{trk}} > 60, 85, 110 \text{ with } |\eta| > 2.4, p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Trigger (offline): at least one tower in each of the two HF calorimeters ( $3 < |\eta| < 5$ ) with more than 3 GeV (suppress diffraction)
- Pile-up rejection: vertices cannot be too close above some multiplicity
- Tracks are weighted by 1/efficiency

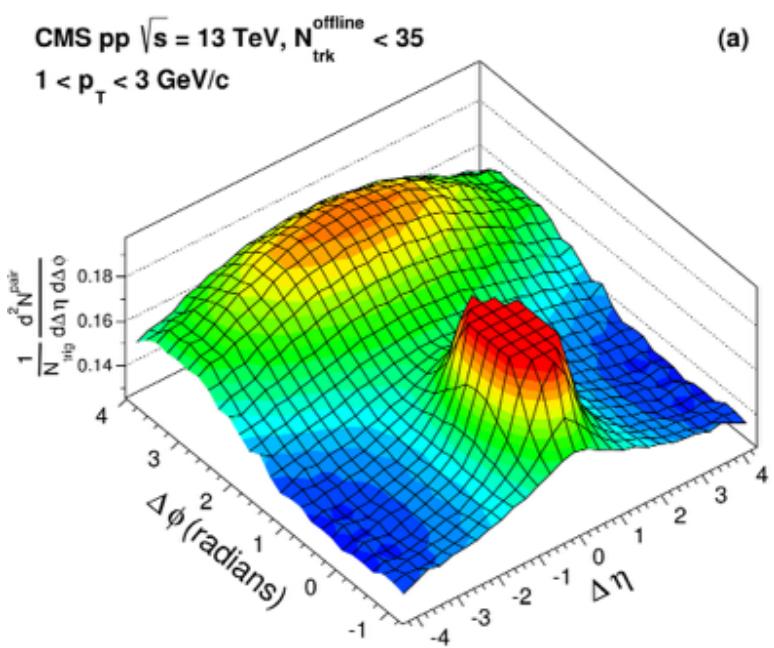
# The Ridge

## Systematic uncertainties

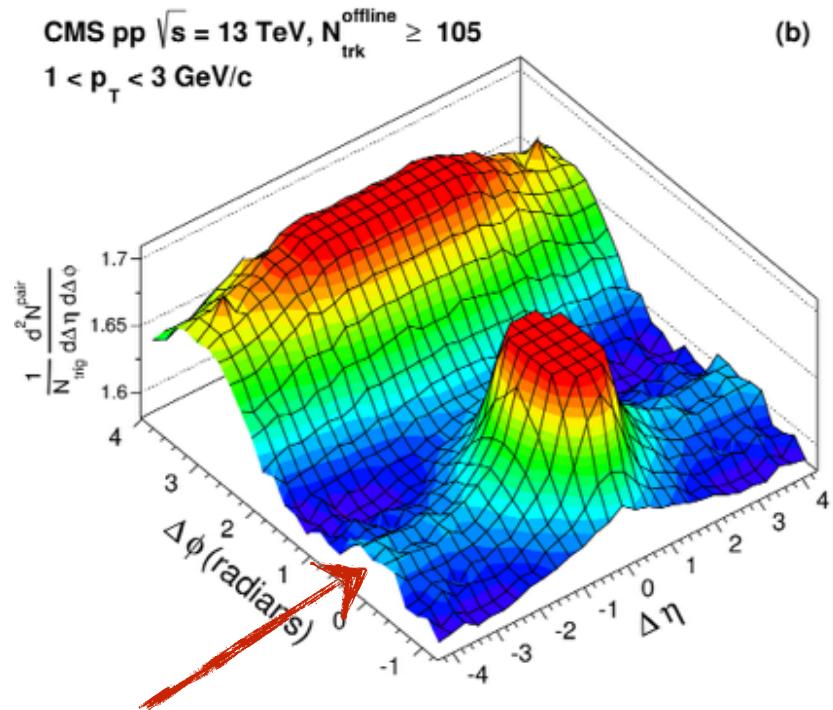
- Results are **insensitive** to tracking efficiency (ratios)
- Requiring 1 vertex and no pile-up rejection has only a small effect
- Different trigger combinations were tested
- Various fit functions to determine the ZYAM factor

Systematic uncertainty sources	Abs. uncertainty ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )
Track quality requirements	0.6
Trigger efficiency	1.5
Correction for tracking efficiency	<0.08
Effect of pile-up events	0.6
Vertex selection	1.0
ZYAM procedure	0.7
Total	2.1

# Two-particle correlations in pp at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV



(a)



(b)

Low multiplicity

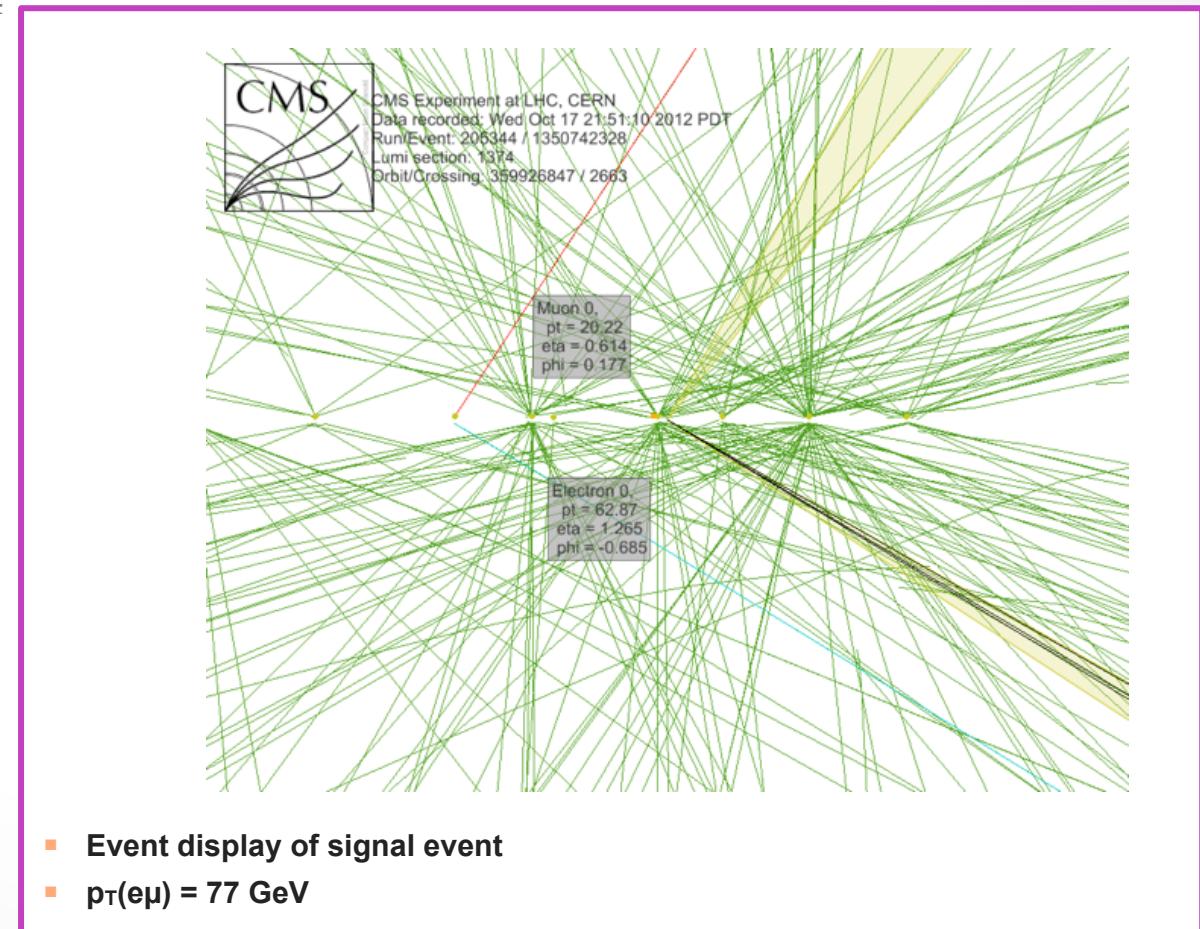
High multiplicity

Features:

- jet peak (truncated)
- away-side back-to-back jet correlation
- near-side, long-range “ridge”

# Exclusive WW Preselection

- Integrated luminosity  $19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Preselection:
  - opposite sign  $\mu$  and  $e$  from same vertex
  - $p_T(l) > 20 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|n_l| < 2.4$
  - < 16 extra tracks
- $m(e\mu) > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- lepton ID for both leptons
- 0 extra tracks at dilepton vertex
- $p_T(e\mu) > 30 \text{ GeV}$



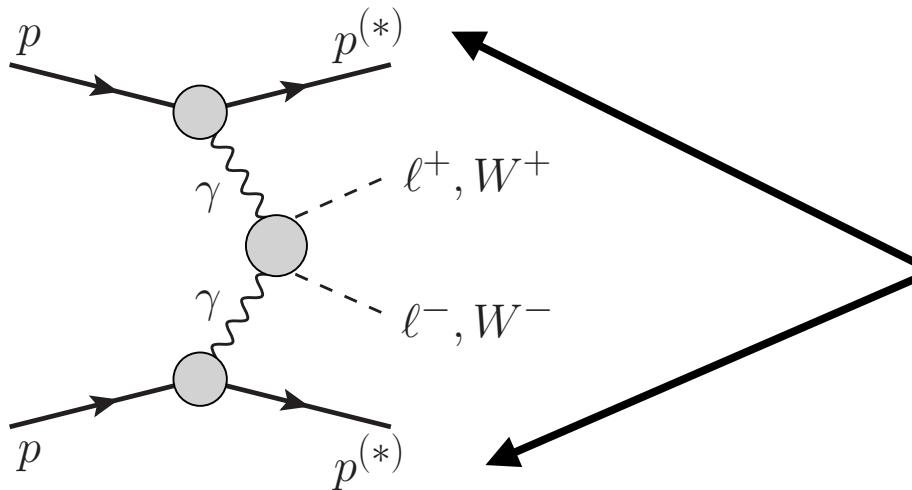
# Exclusive WW Systematics

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$  used to test exclusivity requirement and proton dissociation
- Corrections for proton dissociation factor (only elastic contribution of signal sample is simulated) and for efficiency of 0 extra-tracks cut contribute most to uncertainty

	Uncertainty
Proton dissociation factor	10.5%
0 extra tracks Efficiency Correction	5.0%
Trigger and lepton ID	2.4%
Luminosity	2.6%
Total	12.1%



# Proton dissociation factor



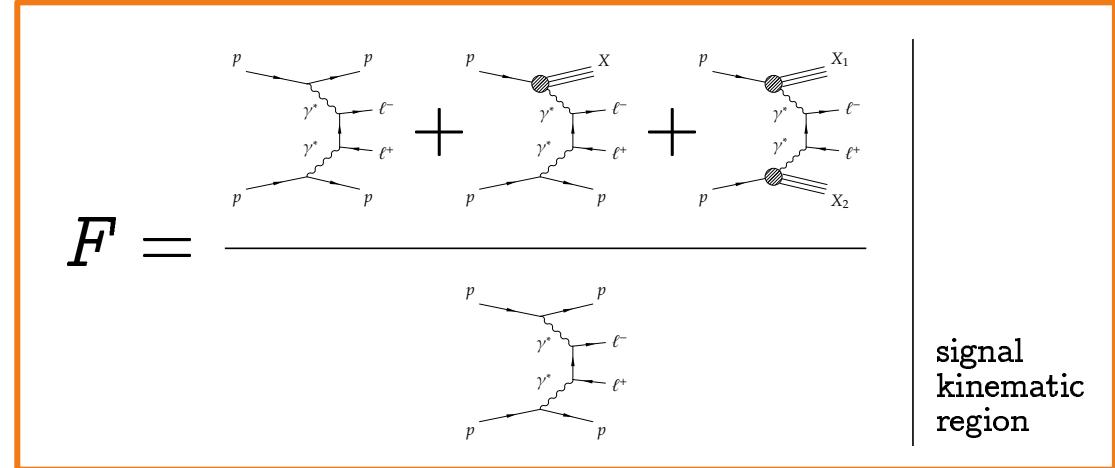
Need to take into account proton dissociation for signal samples

- Our signal samples are pure elastic samples, do not have contribution from single dissociation or double dissociation production
- To estimate contribution for single dissociation, double dissociation  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W,W$  production use  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l,l$  as control sample
- Estimate proton dissociation factor ( $F$ ) at above twice the  $W$  mass in  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l,l$  control samples.
- Multiply  $F$  by elastic exclusive SM  $WW$  to get full contribution including non-elastic

$$F = \frac{N_{ll \text{ data}} - N_{DY}}{N_{\text{elastic}}} \Bigg|_{m(l^+l^-) > 160 \text{ GeV}}$$

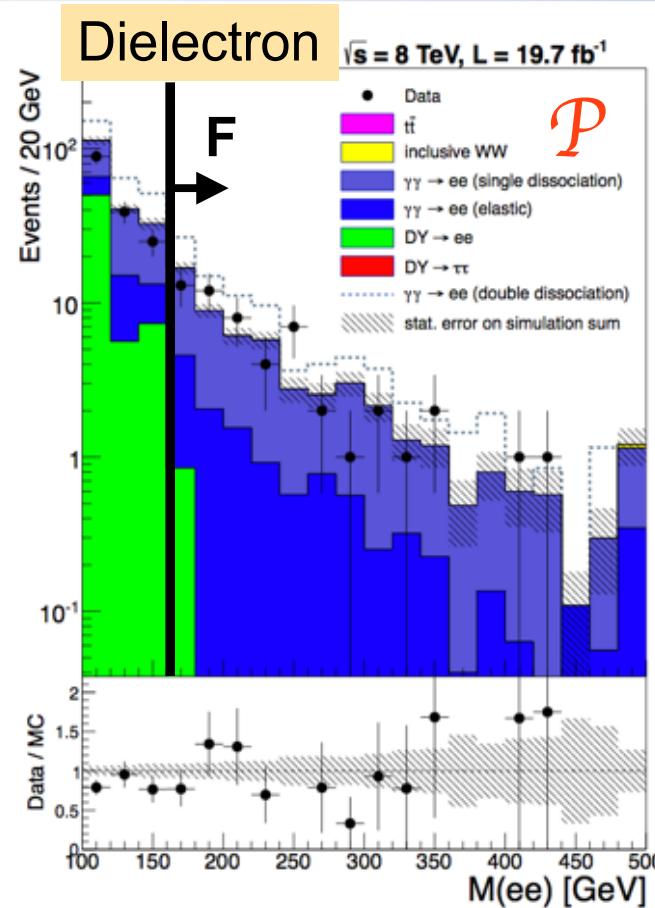
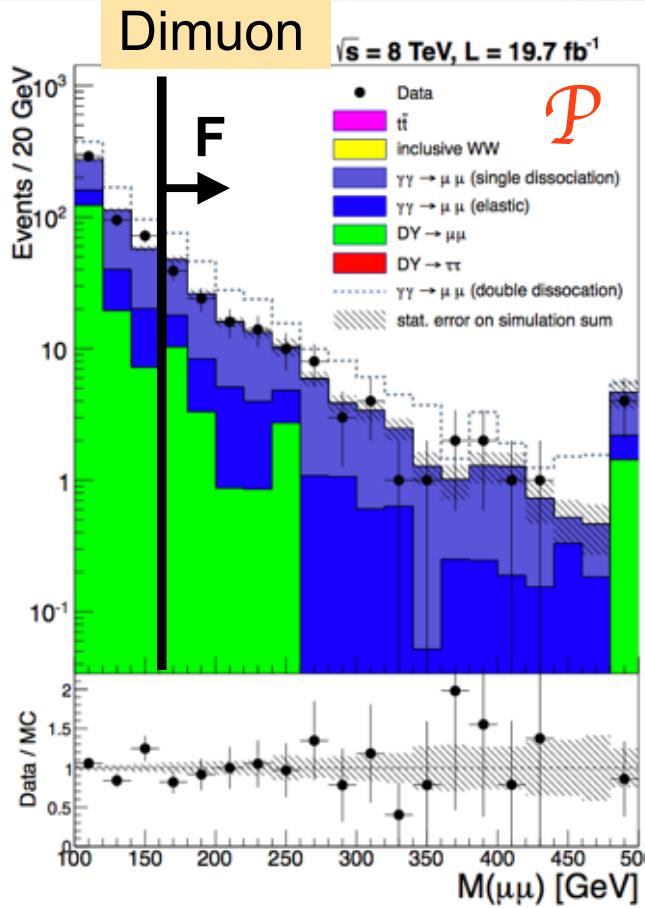
# Proton dissociation Factor

$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{total}} = F \times \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{elastic}}$$



- Proton dissociation factor is the following ratio: (Elastic + Single Dissociative + Double-Dissociative) / Elastic
- Proton dissociation factor calculated from data:  $4.10 \pm 0.43$ . Slightly higher than 7 TeV analysis,  $3.23 \pm 0.61$
- Proton dissociation factor calculated from MC:
  - Assuming survival probability of 1 for single dissociative, and 0 for double dissociative:  $4.39 \pm 0.48$
  - Assuming survival probability of 1 for both signal dissociative and double dissociative:  $7.71 \pm 0.57$
- Theory predicts large survival probability for single dissociative and small survival probability for double dissociative (arXiv:1204.4803)
  - Data is consistent with this prediction

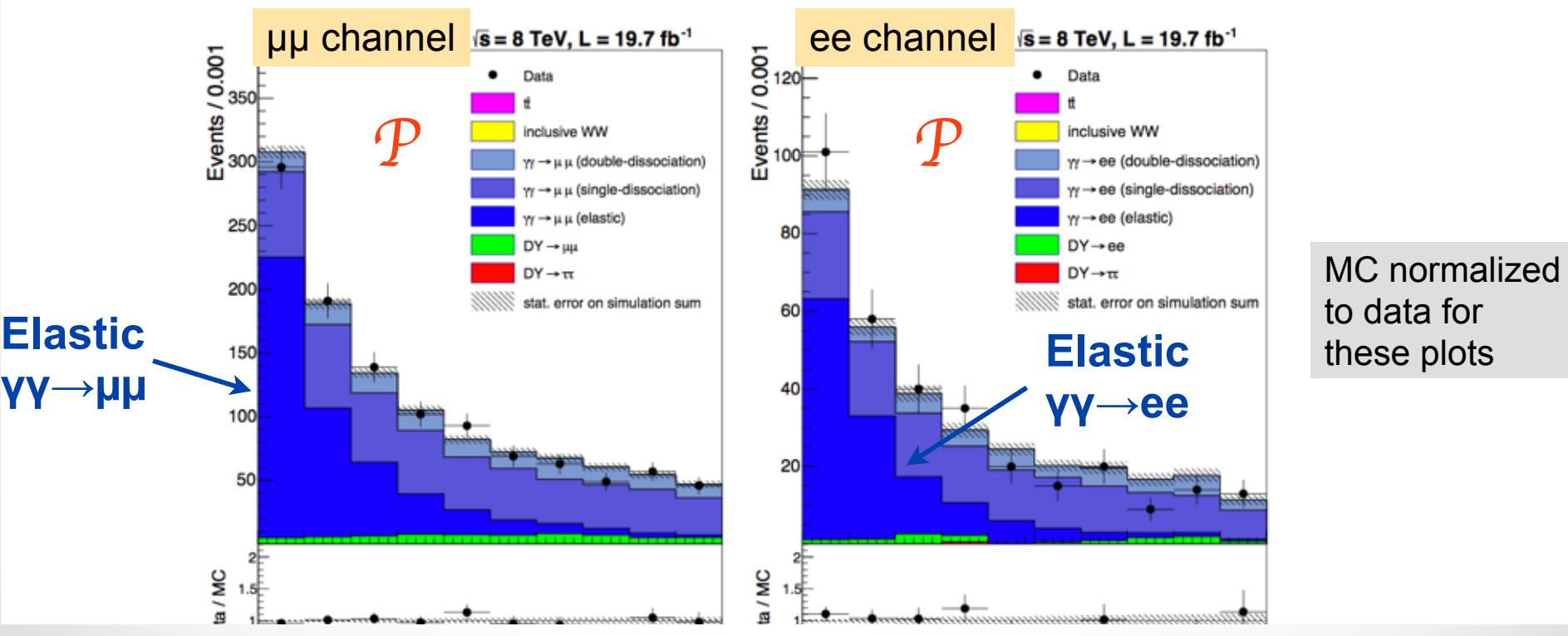
# Proton dissociation factor



- Plots made for 0 extra tracks, efficiency correction applied to MC
- Proton dissociation factor calculated with 0 extra tracks,  $\text{Mass}(ll) > 160 \text{ GeV}$   $\rightarrow F = \frac{N_{ll} \text{ data} - N_{DY}}{N_{\text{elastic}}} \Big|_{m(l^+l^-) > 160 \text{ GeV}}$
- Factor is essentially ratio of data points divided by elastic contribution (dark blue histogram)
- Combined μμ and ee channel proton dissociation factor:  $4.10 \pm 0.43$

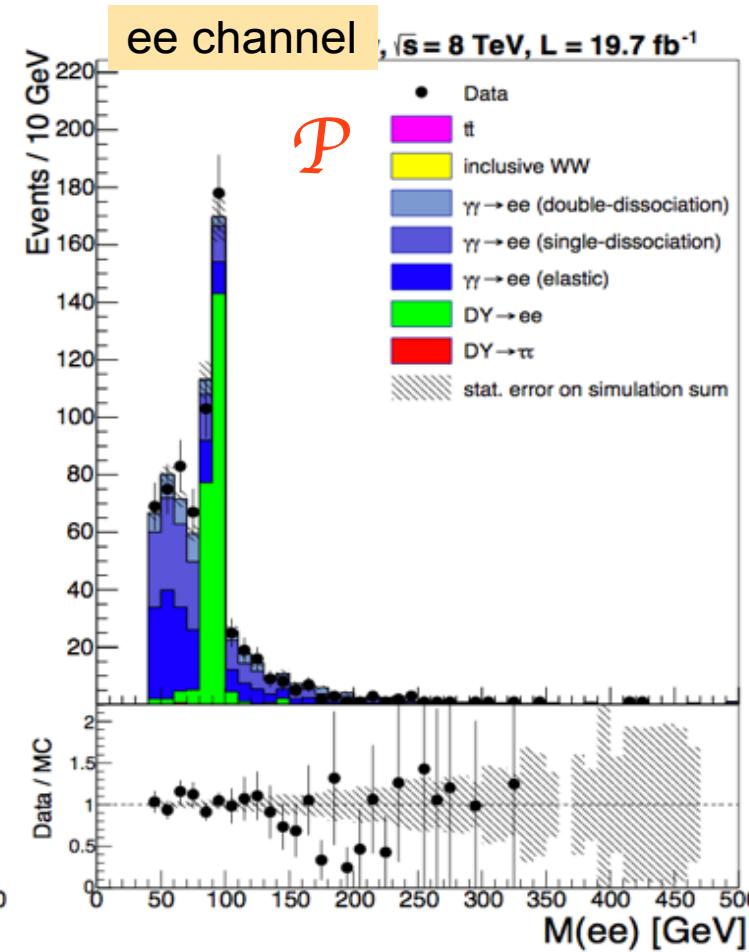
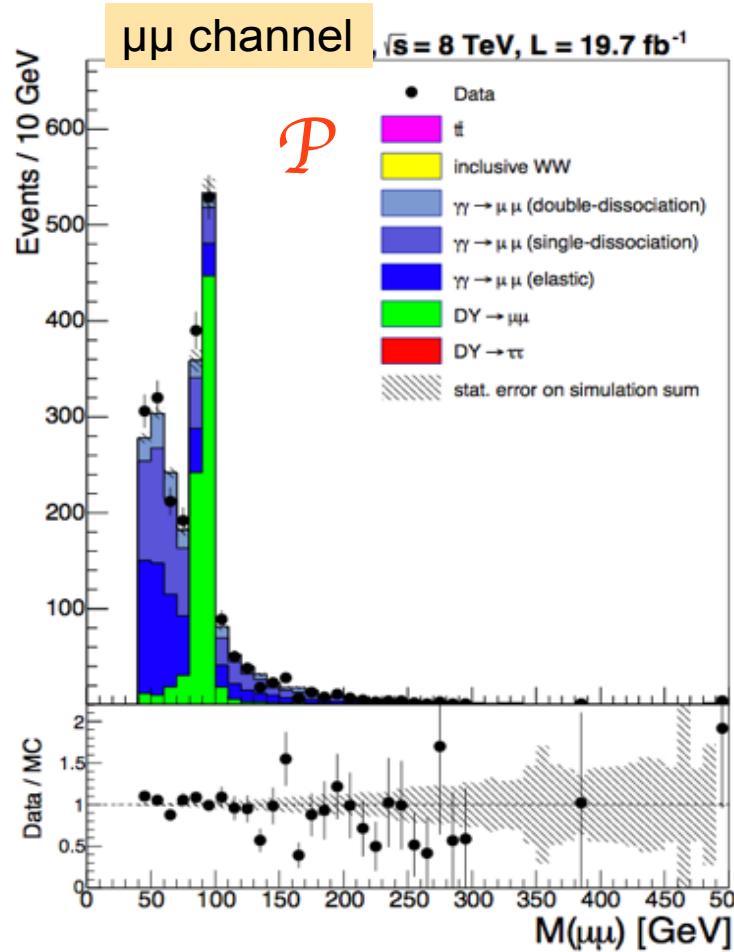
# Efficiency correction (I)

- To account for efficiency difference apply correction to 0 extra tracks efficiency
  - $\mu\mu$  channel:  $0.63 \pm 0.04$ , ee channel:  $0.63 \pm 0.07$
- Efficiency difference is coming from MC not simulating well tracks from pileup vertices getting associated to the dilepton vertex in exclusive events
- Apply this correction to exclusive WW, exclusive  $\tau\tau$  samples in signal region



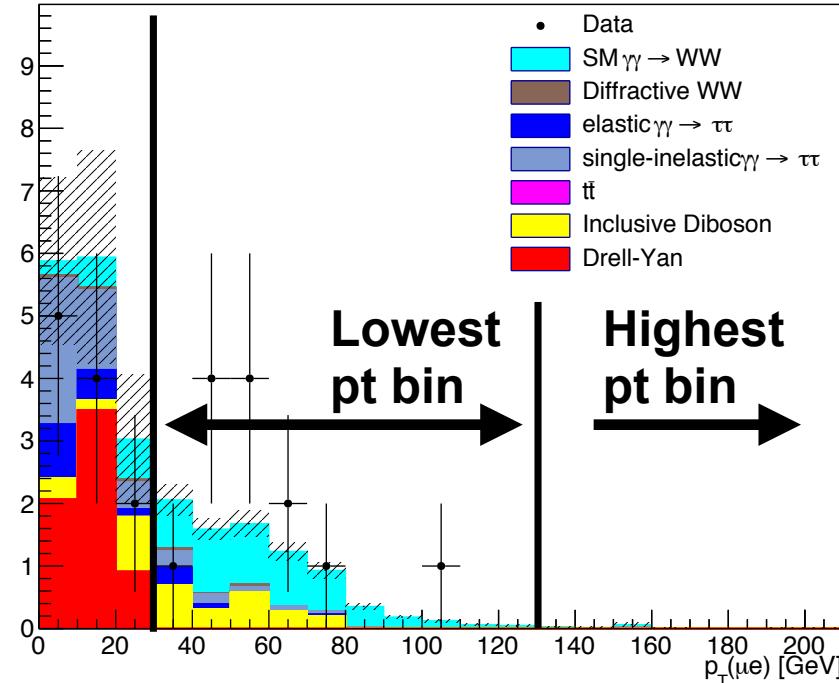
# Efficiency correction (II)

- Kinematic distributions agree well after efficiency correction, see backup slides for more distributions (MET, lepton pt, eta, number of primary vertices, etc.)



# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ aQGC search

CMS 2012,  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV,  $L = 19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



- For  $p_T(e\mu) = 30$  GeV - 130 GeV:
  - 13 data events
  - $8.6 \pm 0.5$  expected SM events ( $5.3 \pm 0.1$  SM exclusive WW,  $3.3 \pm 0.5$  other background)
- For  $p_T(e\mu) > 130$  GeV no events in data.  $0.1$  SM exclusive WW events expected



# AQGC exclusion limits (dimension 6 operators) 95% CL

With Form Factor, cutoff = 500 GeV

**8 TeV:**  $-1.1 \times 10^{-4} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ ),

$-4.2 \times 10^{-4} < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ ).

**7 TeV:**  $-0.00015 < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.00015 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ ),

$-0.0005 < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.0005 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ ).

8 TeV limit ~25% better than 7 TeV limit

No Form Factor

**8 TeV:**  $-1.2 \times 10^{-6} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \text{no form factor}$ ),

$-4.5 \times 10^{-6} < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 4.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \text{no form factor}$ ).

**7 TeV:**  $-4.0 \times 10^{-6} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \text{no form factor}$ ),

$-1.5 \times 10^{-5} < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  ( $a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \text{no form factor}$ ).

8 TeV limit 3x better than 7 TeV limit



# AQGC exclusion limits (dimension 8 operators)

**Relationship between dimension 6 and dimension 8 operators.**

-Additional constraint that the WWZ $\gamma$  vertex should vanish (similar to what is done in SMP-13-015)



$$\frac{a_0^W}{\Lambda^2} = -\frac{4M_W^2}{g^2} \frac{f_{M,0}}{\Lambda^4} - \frac{8M_W^2}{g'^2} \frac{f_{M,2}}{\Lambda^4}$$

$$\frac{a_C^W}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{4M_W^2}{g^2} \frac{f_{M,1}}{\Lambda^4} + \frac{8M_W^2}{g'^2} \frac{f_{M,3}}{\Lambda^4}$$

**With Form Factor, cutoff = 500 GeV**

$$-4.2 \times 10^{-10} < f_{M,0}/\Lambda^4 < 3.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \quad (\Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

$$-16 \times 10^{-10} < f_{M,1}/\Lambda^4 < 13 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \quad (\Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

$$-2.1 \times 10^{-10} < f_{M,2}/\Lambda^4 < 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \quad (\Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

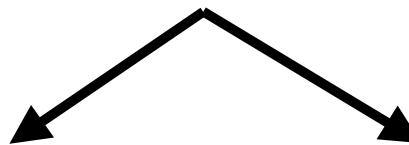
$$-8.0 \times 10^{-10} < f_{M,3}/\Lambda^4 < 6.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \quad (\Lambda_{\text{cutoff}} = 500 \text{ GeV}).$$



# AQGC exclusion limits (dimension 8 operators)

## No Form Factor

$$\begin{aligned} -4.6 \times 10^{-12} < f_{M,0}/\Lambda^4 &< 4.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \text{ (no form factor),} \\ -17 \times 10^{-12} < f_{M,1}/\Lambda^4 &< 17 \times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \text{ (no form factor),} \\ -2.3 \times 10^{-12} < f_{M,2}/\Lambda^4 &< 2.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \text{ (no form factor),} \\ -8.5 \times 10^{-12} < f_{M,3}/\Lambda^4 &< 8.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-4} \text{ (no form factor).} \end{aligned}$$



7-16 times more stringent than  
SMP-13-009 (Search for WW $\gamma$  and WZ $\gamma$ )

Observed Limits
$-77 \text{ (TeV}^{-4}) < f_{M,0}/\Lambda^4 < 81 \text{ (TeV}^{-4})$
$-131 \text{ (TeV}^{-4}) < f_{M,1}/\Lambda^4 < 123 \text{ (TeV}^{-4})$
$-39 \text{ (TeV}^{-4}) < f_{M,2}/\Lambda^4 < 40 \text{ (TeV}^{-4})$
$-66 \text{ (TeV}^{-4}) < f_{M,3}/\Lambda^4 < 62 \text{ (TeV}^{-4})$

3-7 times more stringent than  
SMP-13-015 (Vector Boson Scattering)

TABLE II. Observed and expected upper and lower limits at 95% C.L. on the nine dimension-eight operators that affect quartic couplings between the weak gauge bosons. Limits from unitarity are reported. The units are TeV $^{-4}$ .

Operator coefficient	Exp. lower	Exp. upper	Obs. lower	Obs. upper	Unitarity limit
$F_{S,0}/\Lambda^4$	-42	43	-38	40	0.016
$F_{S,1}/\Lambda^4$	-129	131	-118	120	0.050
$F_{M,0}/\Lambda^4$	-35	35	-33	32	80
$F_{M,1}/\Lambda^4$	-49	51	-44	47	205
$F_{M,6}/\Lambda^4$	-70	69	-65	63	160
$F_{M,7}/\Lambda^4$	-76	73	-70	66	105
$F_{T,0}/\Lambda^4$	-4.6	4.9	-4.2	4.6	0.027
$F_{T,1}/\Lambda^4$	-2.1	2.4	-1.9	2.2	0.022
$F_{T,2}/\Lambda^4$	-5.9	7.0	-5.2	6.4	0.08

caveat: don't believe SMP-13-015 makes assumption that WWZ $\gamma$  vertex should vanish