Search for a $W'$ boson decaying to a bottom quark and a top quark in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

The CMS Collaboration

Abstract

Results are presented from a search for a $W'$ boson using a dataset corresponding to 5.0 fb$^{-1}$ of integrated luminosity collected during 2011 by the CMS experiment at the LHC in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV. The $W'$ boson is modeled as a heavy W boson, but different scenarios for the couplings to fermions are considered, involving both left-handed and right-handed chiral projections of the fermions, as well as an arbitrary mixture of the two. The search is performed in the decay channel $W' \rightarrow tb$, leading to a final state signature with a single electron or muon, missing transverse energy, and jets, at least one of which is identified as a b-jet. A $W'$ boson that couples to the right-handed (left-handed) chiral projections of the fermions with the same coupling constants as the W is excluded for masses below 1.85 (1.51) TeV at the 95% confidence level. For the first time using LHC data, constraints on the $W'$ gauge couplings for a set of left- and right-handed coupling combinations have been placed. These results represent a significant improvement over previously published limits.

Published in Physics Letters B as doi:10.1016/j.physletb.2012.12.008.
1 Introduction

New charged massive gauge bosons, usually called $W'$, are predicted by various extensions of the standard model (SM), for example [1–4]. In contrast to the $W$ boson, which couples only to left-handed fermions, the couplings of the $W'$ boson may be purely left-handed, purely right-handed, or a mixture of the two, depending on the model. Direct searches for $W'$ bosons have been conducted in leptonic final states and have resulted in lower limits for the $W'$ mass of 2.15 TeV [5] and 2.5 TeV [6], obtained at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) by the ATLAS and CMS experiments respectively. CMS has also searched for the process $W' \rightarrow WZ$ using the fully leptonic final states and has excluded $W'$ bosons with masses below 1.14 TeV [7]. For $W'$ bosons that couple only to right-handed fermions, the decay to leptons will be suppressed if the mass of the right-handed neutrino is larger than the mass of the $W'$ boson. In that scenario, the limits from the leptonic searches do not apply. Thus it is important to search for $W'$ bosons also in quark final states. Searches for dijet resonances by CMS [8] have led to the limit $M(W') > 1.5$ TeV.

In this Letter, we present the results of a search for $W'$ via the $W' \rightarrow tb$ ($t\overline{b} + \overline{t}b$) decay channel. This channel is especially important because in many models the $W'$ boson is expected to be coupled more strongly to the third generation of quarks than to the first and second generations. In addition, it is easier to suppress the multijet background for the decay $W' \rightarrow tb$ than for $W'$ decays to first- and second-generation quarks. In contrast to the leptonic searches, the $tb$ final state is, up to a quadratic ambiguity, fully reconstructible, which means that one can search for $W'$ resonant mass peaks even in the case of wider $W'$ resonances.

Searches in the $W' \rightarrow tb$ channel at the Tevatron [9–11] and at the LHC by the ATLAS experiment [12] have led to the limit $M(W') > 1.13$ TeV. The SM $W$ boson and a $W'$ boson with non-zero left-handed coupling strength couple to the same fermion multiplets and hence would interfere with each other in single-top production [13]. The interference term may contribute as much as 5-20% of the total rate, depending on the $W'$ mass and its couplings [14]. The most recent D0 analysis [11], in which arbitrary admixtures of left- and right-handed couplings are considered, and interference effects are included, sets a lower limit on the $W'$ mass of 0.89 (0.86) TeV, assuming purely right-handed (left-handed) couplings. A limit on the $W'$ mass for any combination of left- and right-handed couplings is also included.

We present an analysis of events with the final state signature of an isolated electron, $e$, or muon, $\mu$, an undetected neutrino causing an imbalance in transverse momentum, and jets, at least one of which is identified as a $b$-jet from the decay chain $W' \rightarrow tb$, $t \rightarrow bW \rightarrow b/\ell \nu$. The reconstructed $tb$ invariant mass is used to search for $W'$ bosons with arbitrary combinations of left- and right-handed couplings. A multivariate analysis optimized for $W'$ bosons with purely right-handed couplings is also used. The primary sources of background are $t\bar{t}$, $W$+jets, single-top ($tW$, $s$- and $t$-channel production), $Z/\gamma^{*}$+jets, diboson production ($WW$, $WZ$), and QCD multijet events with one jet misidentified as an isolated lepton. The contribution of these backgrounds is estimated from simulated event samples after applying correction factors derived from data in control regions well separated from the signal region.

2 The CMS detector

The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector comprises a superconducting solenoid providing a uniform magnetic field of 3.8 T. The inner tracking system comprises a silicon pixel and strip detector covering $|\eta| < 2.4$, where the pseudorapidity $\eta$ is defined as $\eta = -\ln[\tan(\theta/2)]$. The polar angle $\theta$ is measured with respect to the counterclockwise-beam direction (positive $z$-axis).
and the azimuthal angle $\phi$ in the transverse $x$-$y$ plane. Surrounding the tracking volume, a lead tungstate crystal electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) with fine transverse ($\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi$) granularity covers the region $|\eta| < 3$, and a brass/scintillator hadronic calorimeter covers $|\eta| < 5$. The steel return yoke outside the solenoid is instrumented with gas detectors, which are used to identify muons in the range $|\eta| < 2.4$. The central region is covered by drift tube chambers and the forward region by cathode strip chambers, each complemented by resistive plate chambers. In addition, the CMS detector has an extensive forward calorimetry. A two-level trigger system selects the most interesting pp collision events for physics analysis. A detailed description of the CMS detector can be found elsewhere [15].

3 Signal and background modeling

3.1 Signal modeling

The most general model-independent lowest-order effective Lagrangian for the interaction of the $W'$ boson with SM fermions [16] can be written as

$$L = \frac{V_{f_i}}{2\sqrt{2}g_w} f_i \gamma_\mu \left[ a^R_{f_i f_j} (1 + \gamma^5) + a^L_{f_i f_j} (1 - \gamma^5) \right] W'^\mu f_j + \text{h.c.},$$

where $a^R_{f_i f_j}, a^L_{f_i f_j}$ are the right- and left-handed couplings of the $W'$ boson to fermions $f_i$ and $f_j$. $g_w = e/(\sin \theta_W)$ is the SM weak coupling constant, and $\theta_W$ is the Weinberg angle. If the fermion is a quark, $V_{f_i f_j}$ is the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix element, and if it is a lepton, $V_{f_i f_j} = \delta_{ij}$ where $\delta_{ij}$ is the Kronecker delta and $i$ and $j$ are the generation numbers. The notation is defined such that for a $W'$ boson with SM couplings $a^R_{f_i f_j} = 1$ and $a^L_{f_i f_j} = 0$.

This effective Lagrangian has been incorporated into the SINGLET{}HEP Monte Carlo (MC) generator [17], which simulates electroweak top-quark production processes based on the complete set of tree-level Feynman diagrams calculated by the CompHEP [18] package. This generator is used to simulate the s-channel $W'$ boson signal including interference with the standard model W boson. The complete chain of $W'$, top quark, and SM $W$ boson decays are simulated taking into account finite widths and all spin correlations between resonance state production and subsequent decay. The top-quark mass, $M_t$, is chosen to be 172.5 GeV. The CTEQ6.6M parton distribution functions (PDF) are used and the factorization scale is set to $M(W')$. Next-to-leading-order (NLO) corrections are included in the SINGLET{}HEP generator and normalization and matching between various partonic subprocesses are performed, such that both NLO rates and shapes of distributions are reproduced [14,16,19-21].

The CompHEP simulation samples of $W'$ bosons are generated at mass values ranging from 0.8 to 2.1 TeV. They are further processed with PYTHIA [22] for parton fragmentation and hadronization. The simulation of the CMS detector is performed using GEANT [23]. The leading-order (LO) cross section computed by CompHEP is then scaled to the NLO using a $k$-factor of 1.2 [16].

We generate the following simulated samples of s-channel $t\bar{b}$ production: $W'_L$ bosons that couple only to left-handed fermions ($a^L_{f_i f_j} = 1, a^R_{f_i f_j} = 0$), $W'_R$ bosons that couple only to right-handed fermions ($a^L_{f_i f_j} = 0, a^R_{f_i f_j} = 1$), and $W'_{LR}$ bosons that couple equally to both ($a^L_{f_i f_j} = 1, a^R_{f_i f_j} = 1$). All $W'$ bosons decay to $t\bar{b}$ final states. We also generate a sample for SM s-channel $t\bar{b}$ production through an intermediate $W$ boson. Since $W'_L$ bosons couple to the same fermion multiplets as the SM $W$ boson, there is interference between SM s-channel $t\bar{b}$ production and $t\bar{b}$ production through an intermediate $W'_L$ boson. Therefore, it is not possible to
generate separate samples of SM s-channel tb production and tb production through $W'$ bosons that couple to left-handed fermions. The samples for $W_L$ and $W_{LR}$ include s-channel tb production and the interference. The $W'_R$ bosons couple to different final-state quantum numbers and therefore there is no interference with s-channel tb production. The $W'_R$ sample includes tb production only through $W'_R$ bosons. This sample can then simply be added to the s-channel tb production sample to create a sample that includes all processes for s-channel tb.

The leptonic decays of $W'_R$ involve a right-handed neutrino $\nu_R$ of unknown mass. If $M_{\nu_R} > M_{W'}$, $W'_R$ bosons can only decay to $q\bar{q}$ final states. If $M_{\nu_R} \ll M_{W'}$, they can also decay to $\ell\nu$ final states leading to different branching fractions for $W' \rightarrow tb$. Table 1 lists the NLO production cross section times branching fraction, $\sigma(pp \rightarrow W')B(W' \rightarrow tb)$. Here $\sigma_L$ is the cross section for s-channel tb production in the presence of a $W'$ boson which couples to left-handed fermions, $(a^L, a^R) = (1, 0)$ including s-channel production and interference; $\sigma_{LR}$ is the cross section for $W'$ bosons that couple to left- and to right-handed fermions $(a^L, a^R) = (1, 1)$, including SM s-channel tb production and interference; $\sigma_R$ is the cross section for tb production in the presence of $W'$ bosons that couple only to right-handed fermions $(a^L, a^R) = (0, 1)$. The cross section for SM s-channel production, $(a^L, a^R) = (0, 0)$, $\sigma_{SM}$ is taken to be $4.63 \pm 0.07_{-0.17}^{+0.19}$ pb [24].

Table 1: NLO production cross section times branching fraction, $\sigma(pp \rightarrow W'/W)B(W'/W' \rightarrow tb)$, in pb, for different $W'$ boson masses.

| $M_{W'}$ (GeV) | $M_{\nu_R} \ll M_{W'}$ | $M_{\nu_R} > M_{W'}$ |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $\sigma_R$    | $\sigma_L$             | $\sigma_{LR}$          |
| 0.9           | 1.17                   | 2.28                   |
| 1.1           | 0.43                   | 1.40                   |
| 1.3           | 0.17                   | 1.20                   |
| 1.5           | 0.07                   | 1.13                   |
| 1.7           | 0.033                  | 1.12                   |
| 1.9           | 0.015                  | 1.11                   |

Figure 1 shows the invariant mass distributions for $W'_R$, $W'_L$, and $W'_{LR}$ bosons. These distributions are obtained after applying the selection criteria described in Sec. 3 and matching the reconstructed jets, lepton, and an imbalance in transverse momentum of a $W$ boson with mass 1.2 TeV to the generator level objects. These distributions show a resonant structure around the generated $W'$ mass. However, the invariant mass distributions for $W_L$ and $W_{LR}$ bosons also include the contribution from s-channel single top quark production and show a minimum corresponding to the destructive interference between the amplitudes for production of left-handed fermions via the $W$ and $W'$ bosons. The width of a $W'$ boson with a mass of 0.8 (2.1) TeV is about 25 (80) GeV, which is smaller than the detector resolution of 10 (13)% and hence does not have an appreciable effect on our search.

### 3.2 Background modeling

Contributions from the background processes are estimated using samples of simulated events. The $W$+jets and Drell–Yan ($Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$) backgrounds are estimated using samples of events generated with the MADGRAPH 5.1.3 [25] generator. The $t\bar{t}$ samples are generated using MADGRAPH and normalized to the approximate next-to-NLO (NNLO) cross section [26]. Electroweak diboson ($WW$, $WZ$) backgrounds are generated with PYTHIA and scaled to the NLO cross section calculated using MCFM [27]. The three single top production channels ($tW$, $s-$, and $t$-channel) are estimated using simulated samples generated with POWHEG [28], normalized to the NLO cross section calculation [24][29][30]. For the $W'_R$ search, the three single-top
Figure 1: Simulated invariant mass distributions for production of $W'_R$, $W'_L$, and $W'_R + W'_L$ with a mass 1.2 TeV. For the cases of $W'_L$ and $W'_R$, the invariant mass distributions also include the contribution from s-channel single top quark production and show a minimum corresponding to the destructive interference between the amplitudes for production of left-handed fermions via the W and $W'_L$ bosons. These distributions are after applying the selection criteria described in Sec. 4.

production channels are considered as backgrounds. In the analysis for $W'_L$ and $W'_R + W'_L$ bosons, because of interference between s-channel single-top production and $W'$, only tW and t-channel contribute to the backgrounds. Instrumental background due to a jet misidentified as an isolated lepton is estimated using a sample of QCD multijet background events generated using PYTHIA. The instrumental background contributions were also verified using a control sample of multijet events from data. All parton-level samples are processed with PYTHIA for parton fragmentation and hadronization and the response of the detector was simulated using GEANT. The samples are further processed through the trigger emulation and event reconstruction chain of the CMS experiment.

4 Event selection

The $W' \rightarrow tb$ decay with $t \rightarrow Wb$ and $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$ is characterized by the presence of at least two b jets with high transverse momentum ($p_T$), a significant length of the vectorial sum of the negative transverse momenta of all objects in the event ($E^{\text{miss}}_T$) associated with an escaping neutrino, and a high-$p_T$ isolated lepton. The isolation requirement is based on the ratio of the total transverse energy observed from all hadrons and photons in a cone of size $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta \eta)^2 + (\Delta \phi)^2} < 0.4$ around the lepton direction to the transverse momentum of the lepton itself (relative isolation).

Candidate events are recorded if they pass an online trigger requiring an isolated muon trigger or an electron + jets + $E^{\text{miss}}_T$ trigger and are required to have at least one reconstructed primary vertex. Leptons, jets, and $E^{\text{miss}}_T$ are reconstructed using the particle-flow algorithm. At least one lepton is required to be within the detector acceptance ($|\eta| < 2.5$ for electrons excluding the barrel/endcap transition region, $1.44 < |\eta| < 1.56$, and $|\eta| < 2.1$ for muons). The selected data samples corresponds to a total integrated luminosity of $5.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$.

Leptons are required to be separated from jets by $\Delta R(\text{jet}, \ell) > 0.3$. Muons are required to have relative isolation less than 0.15 and transverse momentum $p_T > 32 \text{ GeV}$. The track associated with a muon candidate is required to have at least ten hits in the silicon tracker, at least one pixel hit and a good quality global fit with $\chi^2$ per degree of freedom <10 including at least one
hit in the muon detector. Electron candidates are selected using shower-shape information, the quality of the track and the match between the track and electromagnetic cluster, the fraction of total cluster energy in the hadronic calorimeter, and the amount of activity in the surrounding regions of the tracker and calorimeters [32]. Electrons are required to have relative isolation less than 0.125, $p_T > 35$ GeV, and are initially identified by matching a track to a cluster of energy in the ECAL. Events are removed whenever the electron is determined to originate from a converted photon. Events containing a second lepton with relative isolation requirement less than 0.2 and a minimum $p_T$ requirement for muons (electrons) of 10 GeV (15 GeV) are also rejected. Additionally, the cosmic-ray background is reduced by requiring the transverse impact parameter of the lepton with respect to the beam spot to be less than 0.2 mm.

Jets are clustered using the anti-$k_T$ algorithm with a size parameter $\Delta R = 0.5$ [33] and are required to have $p_T > 30$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$. Corrections are applied to account for the dependence of the jet response as a function of $p_T$ and $\eta$ [34] and the effects of multiple primary collisions at high instantaneous luminosity. At least two jets are required in the event with the leading jet $p_T > 100$ GeV and second leading jet $p_T > 40$ GeV. Given that there would be two $b$ quarks in the final state, at least one of the two leading jets is required to be tagged as a $b$ jet. Events with more than one $b$-tagged jet are allowed. The combined secondary vertex tagger [32] with the medium operating point is used for this analysis. The chosen operating point is found to provide best sensitivity based on signal acceptance and expected limits [36].

The QCD multijet background is reduced by requiring $E_T^{miss} > 20$ GeV for the muon + jets channel. Since the multijet background from events in which a jet is misidentified as a lepton is larger for the electron + jets channel, and because of the presence of a $E_T^{miss}$ requirement in the electron trigger, a tighter $E_T^{miss} > 35$ GeV requirement is imposed for this channel.

To estimate the $W'$ signal and background yields, data-to-MC scale factors ($g$) measured using Drell–Yan data are applied in order to account for the differences in the lepton trigger and in the identification and isolation efficiencies. Scale factors related to the $b$-tagging efficiency and the light-quark tag rate (misidentification rate), with a jet $p_T$ and $\eta$ dependency, are applied on a jet-by-jet basis to all $b$, $c$, and light quark jets in the various MC samples [36]. Additional scale factors are applied to $W$+jets events in which a $b$ quark, a charm quark, or a light quark is produced in association with the $W$ boson. The overall $W$+jets yield is normalized to the NNLO cross section [37] before requiring a $b$-tagged jet. The fraction of heavy flavor events ($Wb\bar{b}$, $Wc\bar{c}$) is scaled by an additional empirical correction derived using lepton+jets samples with various jet multiplicities [38]. Since this correction was obtained for events with a different topology than those selected in this analysis, an additional correction factor is derived using two data samples: events containing zero $b$-quark jets (0-$b$-tagged sample) and the inclusive sample after all the selection criteria, excluding any $b$-tagging requirement (preselection sample). Both samples are background dominated with negligible signal contribution. By comparing the $W$+jets background prediction with observed data in these two samples, through an iterative process, we extract $W$+light-flavor jets ($g_{Wljf}$) and $W$+heavy-flavor jets ($g_{Whf}$) scale factors. The value of the $W$+heavy-flavor jets scale factor determined via this method is within the uncertainties of the $g_{Whf}$ corrections derived in Ref. [38]. Both $g_{Wljf}$ and $g_{Whf}$ scale factors are applied to obtain the expected number of $W$+jets events.

The observed number of events and the expected background yields after applying the above selection criteria and scale factors are listed in Table 2. These numbers are in agreement between the observed data and the expected background yields. The signal efficiency ranges from 87% to 67% for $W_R$ masses from 0.8 to 1.9 TeV respectively.
Table 2: Number of events observed, and number of signal and background events predicted. For the background samples, the expectation is computed corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.0 fb$^{-1}$. The total background yields include the normalization uncertainty on the predicted backgrounds. “Additional selection” corresponds to requirements of the W$^\prime$ invariant mass analysis (described in Sec. 5.1) and are: $p_T$(top) > 75 GeV, $p_T$(jet1,jet2) > 100 GeV, 130 < $M$(top) < 210 GeV.

| Process | e+jets | µ+jets |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Signal  | b-tagged jets | Additional selection | b-tagged jets | Additional selection |
| $W_R$ (0.8 TeV) | 405 | 631 | 463 | 539 | 838 | 605 |
| $W_R$ (1.2 TeV) | 63 | 90 | 68 | 76 | 109 | 81 |
| $W_R$ (1.6 TeV) | 11 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 11 |
| $W_R$ (1.9 TeV) | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |

**Table 2 continued:**

| Process | e+jets | µ+jets |
|---------|--------|--------|
| t-channel | 8496 | 10659 | 4795 | 13392 | 16957 | 6692 |
| s-channel | 587 | 686 | 300 | 1047 | 1223 | 442 |
| tW-channel | 46 | 73 | 32 | 81 | 134 | 51 |
| W($\rightarrow$ℓ$^+$+jets) | 549 | 628 | 270 | 886 | 1007 | 395 |
| Z$^\prime$($\rightarrow$ ℓ$^+$+jets) | 4588 | 4760 | 1404 | 8673 | 9023 | 2350 |
| Diboson | 164 | 173 | 68 | 388 | 414 | 135 |
| Multijet QCD | 51 | 52 | 17 | 77 | 79 | 27 |

| Total background | 14585±3199 | 17256±3780 | 6886±1371 | 24665±4917 | 28958±5765 | 10092±1802 |
| Data | 14337 | 16758 | 6638 | 23979 | 28392 | 9821 |

## 5 Data analysis

In this section, we describe two analyses to search for W$^\prime$ bosons. The reconstructed tb invariant mass analysis is used to search for W$^\prime$ bosons with arbitrary combinations of left- and right-handed couplings while a multivariate analysis is optimized for the search of W$^\prime$ bosons with purely right-handed couplings.

### 5.1 The tb invariant mass analysis

The distinguishing feature of a W$^\prime$ signal is a resonant structure in the tb invariant mass. However, we cannot directly measure the tb invariant mass. Instead we reconstruct the invariant mass from the combination of the charged lepton, the neutrino, and the jet that gives the best top-quark mass reconstruction, and the highest $p_T$ jet that is not associated with the top-quark. The $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ is used to obtain the $xy$-components of the neutrino momentum. The z-component is calculated by constraining the $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ and lepton momentum to the W-boson mass (80.4 GeV). This constraint leads to a quadratic equation in $|p_z^\nu|$. When the W reconstruction yields two real solutions, both solutions are used to reconstruct the top candidates. When the solution is complex, the $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ is minimally modified to give one real solution. In order to reconstruct the top quark momentum vector, the neutrino solutions are used to compute the possible W momentum vectors. The top-quark candidates are then reconstructed using the possible W solutions and all of the selected jets in the event. The candidate with mass closest to 172.5 GeV is chosen as the best representation of the top quark ($M$(W,best jet)). The W$^\prime$ invariant mass ($M$(best jet, jet2, W)) is obtained by combining the “best” top-quark candidate with the highest $p_T$ jet (jet2) remaining after the top-quark reconstruction.

Figure 2 shows the reconstructed tb invariant mass distribution for the data and simulated W$^\prime$.
signal samples generated at four different mass values (0.8, 1.2, 1.6, and 1.9 TeV). Also included in the plots are the main background contributions. The data and background distributions are shown for sub-samples with one or more b tags, separately for the electron and muon channels. Three additional criteria are used in defining the $\geq 1$ b-tagged jet sample to improve the signal-to-background discrimination: the $p_T$ of the best top candidate must be greater than 75 GeV, the $p_T$ of the system comprising of the two leading jets $p_T(\text{jet1,jet2})$ must be greater than 100 GeV, and the best top candidate must have a mass $M(W, \text{best jet})$ greater than 130 GeV and less than 210 GeV.

Figure 2: Reconstructed $W'$ invariant mass distributions after the full selection. Events with electrons (muons) are shown in the left panel (right panel) for data, background, and four different $W'_R$ signal mass points (0.8, 1.2, 1.6, and 1.9 TeV). The hatched bands represent the total normalization uncertainty in the predicted backgrounds. For the purpose of illustration, the expected yields for $W$ signal samples are scaled by a factor of 20.

Since the $W+jets$ process is one of the major backgrounds to the $W'$ signal (see Table 2), a study is performed to verify that the $W+jets$ shape is modeled realistically in the simulation. Events with zero b-tagged jets in data that satisfy all other selection criteria are expected to originate predominantly from the $W+jets$ background. These events are used to verify the shape of the $W+jets$ background invariant mass distribution in data. The shape is obtained by subtracting the backgrounds other than $W+jets$ from the data. The invariant mass distribution with zero b-tagged jets derived from data using this method is compared with that from the $W+jets$ MC sample. They were found to be in agreement, validating the simulation. Any small residual difference is taken into account as a systematic uncertainty. The difference between the distributions is included as a systematic uncertainty on the shape of the $W+jets$ background. Using MC samples, it was also checked that the shape of $W+jets$ background does not depend on the number of b-tagged jets by comparing the $tb$ invariant mass distribution with and without b-tagged jets with the distribution produced by requiring one or more b-tagged jets.

5.2 The boosted decision tree analysis

The boosted decision tree (BDT) multivariate analysis technique \cite{39-41} is also used to distinguish between the $W'$ signal and the background. For the BDT analysis we apply all the selection criteria described in Sec. 4, except the additional selection given in Table 2. This method, based on judicious selection of discriminating variables, provides a considerable increase in sensitivity for the $W'$ search compared to the $W'$ invariant mass analysis, described in Sec. 5.1.

The discriminating variables used for the BDT analysis fall into the following categories: object kinematics such as individual transverse momentum ($p_T$) or pseudorapidity ($\eta$) variables; event kinematics, e.g. total transverse energy or invariant mass variables; angular correlations,
Table 3: Variables used for the multivariate analysis in four different categories. For the angular variables, the subscript indicates the reference frame.

| Object kinematics | Event kinematics |
|-------------------|------------------|
| $\eta$(jet1)     | Aplanarity(alljets) |
| $p_T$(jet1)      | Sphericity(alljets) |
| $\eta$(jet2)     | Centrality(alljets) |
| $p_T$(jet2)      | $M$(btag1,btag2,W) |
| $\eta$(jet3)     | $M$(jet1,jet2,W) |
| $p_T$(jet3)      | $M$(alljets) |
| $\eta$(jet4)     | $M$(alljets,W) |
| $p_T$(jet4)      | $M$(W) |
| $\eta$(lepton)   | $M$(alljets,lepton,$E_T^{miss}$) |
| $p_T$(lepton)    | $M$(jet1,jet2) |
| $\eta$(notbest1) | $M_T$(W) |
| $p_T$(notbest1)  | $p_T$(jet1,jet2) |
| $p_T$(notbest2)  | $p_T$(jet1,jet2,W) |
| $E_T^{miss}$     | $p_z/H_T$(alljets) |
| Top quark reconstruction | Angular correlations |
| $M$(W,btag1)     | $\Delta\phi$(lepton,jet1) |
| (“btag1” top mass) | $\Delta\phi$(lepton,jet2) |
| $M$(W,best1)     | $\Delta\phi$(jet1,jet2) |
| (“best” top mass) | $\cos$(best,lepton)$_{\text{beststop}}$ |
| $M$(W,btag2)     | $\cos$(light,lepton)$_{\text{beststop}}$ |
| (“btag2” top mass) | $\Delta R$(jet1,jet2) |
| $p_T$(W,btag1)   | |
| (“btag1” top $p_T$) | |
| $p_T$(W,btag2)   | |
| (“btag2” top $p_T$) | |

The input variables selected for the BDT are checked for accurate modeling. We consider an initial set of about 50 variables as inputs to the BDT. The selection of the final list of input variables uses important components from the BDT training procedure, namely the ranking of variables in the order of their importance and correlations among these variables. In order to maximize the information and keep the training optimal, the variables with smallest correlations are selected. The final list of variables is determined through an iterative process of training and selection (based on ranking and correlations), and the degree of agreement between the data and MC in two background-dominated regions (W+jets and t$\bar{t}$). While the relative importance of the various variables used by the BDT depends on the $W'$ mass, for a 2 TeV $W'$, the four most important variables are $\cos$(best,lepton)$_{\text{beststop}}$, $M$(alljets), $\Delta \phi$(lepton,jet1), and $p_T$(jet1). The W+jets dominated sample is defined by requiring exactly two jets, at least one b-tagged jet, and the scalar sum of the transverse energies of all kinematic objects in the event to be less than 300 GeV. The t$\bar{t}$ dominated sample is defined by requiring more than four jets, and at least one b-tagged jet.

The BDTs are trained at each $W'$ mass. We use the Adaptive Boost Algorithm (AdaBoost) with
value 0.2 and 400 trees for training. We use the Gini index [42] as the criterion for node splitting. The training to distinguish between signal and the total expected background is performed separately for the electron and muon event samples, after requiring the presence of one or more b-tagged jets. In order to avoid training bias, the background and signal samples are split into two statistically independent samples. The first sample is used for training of the BDT and the second sample is used to obtain the final results for the $W'$ signal expectations. Cross checks are performed by comparing the data and MC for various BDT input variables and the output discriminants in two control regions, one dominated by $W+$jets background events and the other by $t\bar{t}$ background events. Figure 3 shows data and background comparison for a $W'_R$ with mass of 1 TeV, for both e+jets and $μ$+jets events.

![Figure 3: Distribution of the BDT output discriminant. Plots for the e+jets (left) and the $μ$+jets (right) samples are shown for data, expected backgrounds, and a $W'_R$ signal with mass of 1 TeV. The hatched bands represent the total normalization uncertainty on the predicted backgrounds.](image)

6 Systematic uncertainties

The sources of systematic uncertainties fall into two categories: (i) uncertainties in the normalization, and (ii) uncertainties affecting both shape and normalization of the distributions. The first category includes uncertainties on the integrated luminosity (2.2%) [43], theoretical cross-sections and branching fractions (15%), object identification efficiencies (3%), and trigger modeling (3%). The uncertainty in the $W'$ cross section is about 8.5% and includes contributions from the NLO scale (3.3%), PDFs (7.6%), $\alpha_s$ (1.3%), and the top-quark mass (< 1%). Also included in this group are uncertainties related to obtaining the heavy-flavor ratio from data [38]. In the limit estimation, these are defined through log-normal priors based on their mean values and their uncertainties. The shape-changing category includes the uncertainty from the jet energy scale, the b-tagging efficiency and misidentification rate scale factors. For the $W+$jets samples, uncertainties on the light- and heavy-flavor scale factors are also included. This uncertainty has the largest impact in the limit estimation. The variation of the factorization scale $Q^2$ used in the strong coupling constant $\alpha_s(Q^2)$, and the jet-parton matching scale [44] uncertainties are evaluated for the $t\bar{t}$ background sample. In the case of $W+$jets, there is an additional systematic uncertainty due to the shape difference between data and simulation as observed in the 0-b-tagged sample. These shape uncertainties are evaluated by raising and lowering the corresponding correction by one standard deviation and repeating the complete analysis. Then, a bin-wise interpolation using a cubic spline between histogram templates at the different variations is performed. A nuisance parameter is associated to the interpolation and
included in the limit estimation. Systematic uncertainties from a mismodeling of the number of simultaneous primary interactions is found to be negligible in this analysis.

7 Results

The observed $W'$ mass distribution (Fig. 2) and the BDT discriminant distributions (Fig. 3) in the data agree with the prediction for the total expected background within uncertainties. We proceed to set upper limits on the $W'$ boson production cross section for different $W'$ masses.

7.1 Cross section limits

The limits are computed using a variant of the CL$_{s}$ statistic [45, 46]. A binned likelihood is used to calculate upper limits on the signal production cross section times branching fraction: $\sigma(pp \to W')B(W' \to tb \to \ell\nu bb)$. The procedure accounts for the effects on normalization and shape from systematic uncertainties, see Sec. 6, as well as for the limited number of events in the background templates. Expected cross section limits for each $W'_R$ boson mass are also computed as a measure of the sensitivity of the analysis. To obtain the best sensitivity, we combine the muon and electron samples.

The BDT discriminant distributions, trained for every mass point, are also used to set upper limits on the production cross section of the $W'_R$. The expected and measured 95% CL upper limits on the production cross section times decay branching fraction for the $W'_R$ bosons are shown in Fig. 4. The sensitivity achieved using the BDT output discriminant is greater than that obtained using the shape of the distribution of the $W'$ boson invariant mass.

In all the plots shown in Fig. 4, the black solid line denotes the observed limit and the red solid line and dot-dashed lines represent the theoretical cross section predictions for the two scenarios $M_{\nu R} > M_{W'}$, where $W'$ can decay only to quarks and $M_{\nu R} \ll M_{W'}$, where all decays of $W'$ are allowed.

We define the lower limit on the $W'$ mass by the point where the measured cross section limit crosses the theoretical cross section curves [14, 16]. The observed lower limit on the mass of the $W'$ boson with purely right-handed coupling to fermions is listed in Table 4.

In the electron channel, we observe 2 events with a mass above 2 TeV with an expected background of $3.0 \pm 1.5$ events. In the muon channel, we observe 6 events with an expected background of $1.4 \pm 0.9$ events. This gives a total of 8 events with an expected background of $4.4 \pm 1.7$ events with a mass above 2 TeV. The significance of the excursion in the muon channel is 2.2 standard deviations. The dominant contributions to the expected background above 2 TeV come from $W+$jets and top-quark production.

7.2 Limits on coupling strengths

From the effective Lagrangian given in Eq. (1), it can be shown that the cross section for single-top quark production in the presence of a $W'$ boson can be expressed, for arbitrary combinations of left-handed ($a^L$) or right-handed ($a^R$) coupling strengths, in terms of four cross sections, $\sigma_L, \sigma_R, \sigma_{LR},$ and $\sigma_{SM}$ of the four simulated samples, listed in Table 1 as
Figure 4: The expected and measured 95% CL upper limits on the production cross section \( \sigma(pp \to W')B(W \to tb \to l\nu b b) \) of right handed W' bosons obtained using the BDT discriminant for \( \geq 1 \) b-tagged electron+jets events (a), muon+jets events (b), and combined (c). Also shown (d) is a comparison of the expected 95% CL upper cross section limits obtained using invariant mass distribution and BDT output for right handed W' bosons for \( \geq 1 \) b-tagged muon+jet events, electron+jet events, and combined. The \( \pm 1\sigma \) and \( \pm 2\sigma \) excursions from expected limits are also shown. The solid and dot-dashed red lines represent the theoretical cross section predictions for the two scenarios \( M_{W_R} > M_{W'} \), where W' can decay only to quarks and \( M_{W_R} \ll M_{W'} \), where all decays of W' are allowed. [16–18].

\[
\sigma = \sigma_{SM} + a^L_{ud}a^L_{tb} (\sigma_L - \sigma_R - \sigma_{SM}) \\
+ \left( a^L_{ud}a^L_{tb} \right)^2 + \left( a^R_{ud}a^R_{tb} \right)^2 \sigma_R \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \left( a^L_{ud}a^R_{tb} \right)^2 + \left( a^R_{ud}a^L_{tb} \right)^2 (\sigma_{LR} - \sigma_L - \sigma_R). \tag{2}
\]

We assume that the couplings to first-generation quarks, \( a_{ud,} \) which are important for the production of the W' boson, and the couplings to third-generation quarks, \( a_{tib} \), which are important for the decay of the W' boson, are equal. For given values of \( a^L \) and \( a^R \), the distributions are obtained by combining the four signal samples according to Eq. (2).

We vary both \( a^L \) and \( a^R \) between 0 and 1 in steps of 0.1, for a series of values of the mass of the W' boson. Templates of the reconstructed W' invariant mass distributions are generated for each set of \( a^L \), \( a^R \), and \( M(W') \) values by weighting the events from the four simulated samples, as described in Sec. 3, according to Eq. (2). For each of these combinations of \( a^L \), \( a^R \), and \( M(W') \), we determine the expected and observed 95% CL upper limits on the cross section. We then
Summary

Assume values for $a^L$ and $a^R$, and interpolate the cross section limit in the mass value. Figure 5 shows the contours for the $W'$ boson mass in the $(a^L, a^R)$ plane for which the cross section limit equals the predicted cross section. For each contour of $W'$ mass, combinations of the couplings $a^R$ and $a^L$ above and to the right of the curve are excluded. The contours are obtained using the $W'$ invariant mass distribution. For this analysis, we make the conservative assumption that $M_{\nu R} \ll M_{W'}$. The observed lower limit on the mass of the $W'$ boson with coupling to purely left-handed fermions and with couplings to both left- and right-handed fermions with equal strength is listed in Table 4.

![Figure 5: Contour plots of $M(W')$ in the $(a^L, a^R)$ plane at which the 95% CL upper cross section limit equals the predicted cross section for the combined $e, \mu +$jets sample. The left (right) panel is for observed (expected) limits. The color-scale axis shows the $W'$ mass in GeV. The dark lines represent equispaced contours of $W'$ mass at 150 GeV intervals.](image)

Table 4: Observed lower limit on the mass of the $W'$ boson. For $W'$ with right-handed couplings, we consider two cases for the right-handed neutrino: $M_{\nu R} > M_{W'}$ and $M_{\nu R} \ll M_{W'}$.

| Analysis          | $(a^L, a^R) = (0, 1)$ | $(a^L, a^R) = (1, 0)$ | $(a^L, a^R) = (1, 1)$ |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| BDT               | 1.91 TeV             | 1.85 TeV             | —                    |
| Invariant Mass     | —                    | —                    | 1.51 TeV             | 1.64 TeV |

8 Summary

A search for $W'$ boson production in the $tb$ decay channel has been performed in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV using data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.0 fb$^{-1}$ collected during 2011 by the CMS experiment at the LHC. Two analyses have searched for $W'$ bosons, one uses the reconstructed $tb$ invariant mass analysis to search for $W'$ bosons with arbitrary combinations of left- and right-handed couplings while a multivariate analysis is optimized for the search of $W'$ bosons with purely right-handed couplings. No evidence for $W'$ boson production is found and 95% CL upper limits on the production cross section times branching ratio are set for arbitrary mixtures of couplings to left- and right-handed fermions. Our measurement is compared to the theoretical prediction for the nominal value of the cross section to determine the lower limits on the mass of the $W'$. For $W'$ bosons with right-handed couplings to fermions a limit of 1.85 (1.91) TeV is established when $M_{\nu R} \ll M_{W'}$ ($M_{\nu R} > M_{W'}$). This limit also applies.
for $W'$ bosons with left-handed couplings to fermions when no interference with SM $W$ boson is included. In the case of interference, and for $M_{W'} \ll M_W$, the limit obtained is $M_{W'} > 1.51$ TeV for purely left-handed couplings and $M_{W'} > 1.64$ TeV if both left- and right-handed couplings are present.

For the first time using the LHC data, constraints on the $W'$ gauge couplings for a set of left- and right-handed coupling combinations have been placed. These results represent a significant improvement over previously published limits in the case of the $tb$ final state.

Acknowledgements

We congratulate our colleagues in the CERN accelerator departments for the excellent performance of the LHC machine. We thank the technical and administrative staff at CERN and other CMS institutes, and acknowledge support from: BMWF and FWF (Austria); FNRS and FWO (Belgium); CNPq, CAPES, FAPERJ, and FAPESP (Brazil); MES (Bulgaria); CERN; CAS, MoST, and NSFC (China); COLCIENCIAS (Colombia); MSES (Croation); RPF (Cyprus); MEYS (Czech Republic); MoER, SF0690030s09 and ERDF (Estonia); Academy of Finland, MEC, and HIP (Finland); CEA and CNRS/IN2P3 (France); BMBF, DFG, and HGF (Germany); GSRT (Greece); OTKA and NKTH (Hungary); DAE and DST (India); IPM (Iran); SFI (Ireland); INFN (Italy); NRF and WCU (Korea); LAS (Lithuania); CINVESTAV, CONACyt, SEP, and UASLP-FAI (Mexico); MSI (New Zealand); PAEC (Pakistan); MSHE and NSC (Poland); FCT (Portugal); JINR (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan); MON, RosAtom, RAS and RFBR (Russia); MSTD (Serbia); SEIDI and CPAN (Spain); Swiss Funding Agencies (Switzerland); NSF (Taipei); TUBITAK and TAEK (Turkey); NASU (Ukraine); STFC (United Kingdom); DOE and NSF (USA).

References

[1] J. C. Pati and A. Salam, “Lepton number as the fourth "color’”, Phys. Rev. D 10 (Jul, 1974) 275, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.10.275,
[2] R. S. Chivukula, E. H. Simmons, and J. Terning, “Limits on noncommuting extended technicolor”, Phys. Rev. D 53 (1996) 5258, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.53.5258, arXiv:hep-ph/9506427.
[3] T. Appelquist, H.-C. Cheng, and B. A. Dobrescu, “Bounds on universal extra dimensions”, Phys. Rev. D 64 (2001) 035002, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.64.035002, arXiv:hep-ph/0012100.
[4] M. Schmaltz and D. Tucker-Smith, “Little Higgs review”, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 55 (2005) 229, doi:10.1146/annurev.nucl.55.090704.151502, arXiv:hep-ph/0502182.
[5] ATLAS Collaboration, “Search for a heavy gauge boson decaying to a charged lepton and a neutrino in 1 fb$^{-1}$ of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV using the ATLAS detector”, Phys. Lett. B 705 (2011) 28, doi:10.1016/j.physletb.2011.09.093, arXiv:1108.1316.
[6] CMS Collaboration, Collaboration, “Search for leptonic decays of $W'$ bosons in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV”, (2012). arXiv:1204.4764
[7] CMS Collaboration, Collaboration, “Search for a $W'$ or Techni-$\rho$ Decaying into $WZ$ in $pp$ Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV”, (2012). arXiv:1206.0433
[8] CMS Collaboration, “Search for Resonances in the Dijet Mass Spectrum from 7 TeV pp Collisions at CMS”, Phys. Lett. B 704 (2011) 123, doi:10.1016/j.physletb.2011.09.015

[9] CDF Collaboration, “Search for the Production of Narrow tb Resonances in 1.9 fb$^{-1}$ of $p\bar{p}$ Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV”, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103 (2009) 041801, doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.103.041801, arXiv:0902.3276

[10] D0 Collaboration, “Search for $W'$ Boson Resonances Decaying to a Top Quark and a Bottom Quark”, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 211803, doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.100.211803, arXiv:0803.3256

[11] D0 Collaboration, “Search for $W'\rightarrow tb$ resonances with left- and right-handed couplings to fermions”, Phys. Lett. B 699 (2011) 145, doi:10.1016/j.physletb.2011.03.066, arXiv:1101.0806

[12] ATLAS Collaboration Collaboration, “Search for tb resonances in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS detector”, (2012). arXiv:1205.1016

[13] E. H. Simmons, “New gauge interactions and single top-quark production”, Phys. Rev. D 55 (1997) 5494, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.55.5494, arXiv:hep-ph/9612402

[14] E. Boos, V. Bunichev, L. Dudko, and M.Perfilov, “Interference between $W'$ and $W$ in single-top quark production processes”, Phys. Lett. B 655 (2007) 245, doi:10.1016/j.physletb.2007.03.064, arXiv:hep-ph/0610080

[15] CMS Collaboration, “The CMS experiment at the CERN LHC”, JINST 03 (2008) S08004, doi:10.1088/1748-0221/3/08/S08004

[16] Z. Sullivan, “Fully differential $W'$ production and decay at next-to-leading order in QCD”, Phys. Rev. D 66 (2002) 075011, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.66.075011, arXiv:hep-ph/0207290

[17] E. Boos et al., “Method for simulating electroweak top-quark production events in the NLO approximation: SingleTop event generator”, Phys. Atom. Nucl. 69 (2006) 1317, doi:10.1134/S1063778806080084

[18] CompHEP Collaboration, “CompHEP 4.4: Automatic computations from Lagrangians to events”, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 534 (2004) 250, doi:10.1016/j.nima.2004.07.096, arXiv:hep-ph/0403113

[19] Z. Sullivan, “Understanding single-top-quark production and jets at hadron colliders”, Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004) 114012, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.70.114012, arXiv:hep-ph/0408049

[20] Q.-H. Cao and C.-P. Yuan, “Single top quark production and decay at next-to-leading order in hadron collision”, Phys. Rev. D 71 (2005) 054022, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.71.054022, arXiv:hep-ph/0408180

[21] Q.-H. Cao, R. Schwienhorst, and C.-P. Yuan, “Next-to-leading order corrections to single top quark production and decay at Tevatron:1. s-channel process”, Phys. Rev. D 71 (2005) 054023, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.71.054023, arXiv:hep-ph/0409040

[22] T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, and P. Z. Skands, “PYTHIA 6.4 physics and manual”, JHEP 05 (2006) 026, doi:10.1088/1126-6708/2006/05/026, arXiv:hep-ph/0603175
[23] GEANT4 Collaboration, “GEANT4—a simulation toolkit”, *Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A* **506** (2003) 250, [doi:10.1016/S0168-9002(03)01368-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0168-9002(03)01368-8).

[24] N. Kidonakis, “NNLL resummation for s-channel single top quark production”, *Phys. Rev. D* **81** (2010) 054028, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.81.054028](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.81.054028), [arXiv:1001.5034](https://arxiv.org/abs/1001.5034).

[25] J. Alwall et al., “MadGraph 5: going beyond”, *JHEP* **06** (2011) 128, [doi:10.1007/JHEP06(2011)128](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP06(2011)128), [arXiv:1106.0522](https://arxiv.org/abs/1106.0522).

[26] N. Kidonakis, “Top Quark Theoretical Cross Sections and $p_T$ and Rapidity Distributions”, (2011). [arXiv:1109.3231](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.3231).

[27] J. M. Campbell and R. K. Ellis, “MCFM for the Tevatron and the LHC”, *Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl.* **205–206** (2010) 10, [doi:10.1016/j.nuclphysbps.2010.08.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nuclphysbps.2010.08.011), [arXiv:1007.3492](https://arxiv.org/abs/1007.3492).

[28] S. Frixione, P. Nason, and C. Oleari, “Matching NLO QCD computations with Parton Shower simulations: the POWHEG method”, *JHEP* **11** (2007) 070, [doi:10.1088/1126-6708/2007/11/070](https://doi.org/10.1088/1126-6708/2007/11/070).

[29] N. Kidonakis, “Next-to-next-to-leading-order collinear and soft gluon corrections for t-channel single top quark production”, *Phys. Rev. D* **83** (2011) 091503, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.83.091503](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.83.091503), [arXiv:1103.2792](https://arxiv.org/abs/1103.2792).

[30] N. Kidonakis, “Two-loop soft anomalous dimensions for single top quark associated production with a $W^-$ or $H^-$”, *Phys. Rev. D* **82** (2010) 054018, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.82.054018](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.82.054018), [arXiv:1005.4451](https://arxiv.org/abs/1005.4451).

[31] CMS Collaboration, “Commissioning of the particle-flow event reconstruction with leptons from $J/\Psi$ and $W$ decays at 7 TeV”, CMS Physics Analysis Summary CMS-PAS-PFT-10-003, 2010.

[32] CMS Collaboration, “Electron Reconstruction and Identification at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV”, CMS Physics Analysis Summary CMS-PAS-EGM-10-004, 2010.

[33] M. Cacciari, G. P. Salam, and G. Soyez, “The Anti-k(t) jet clustering algorithm”, *JHEP* **0804** (2008) 063, [doi:10.1088/1126-6708/2008/04/063](https://doi.org/10.1088/1126-6708/2008/04/063), [arXiv:0802.1189](https://arxiv.org/abs/0802.1189).

[34] CMS Collaboration, “Determination of jet energy calibration and transverse momentum resolution in CMS”, *JINST* **6** (2011) P11002, [doi:10.1088/1748-0221/6/11/P11002](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/6/11/P11002).

[35] CMS Collaboration, “b-Jet Identification in the CMS Experiment”, CMS Physics Analysis Summary CMS-PAS-BTV-11-004, 2011.

[36] CMS Collaboration, “b-Jet Identification in the CMS Experiment”, CMS Physics Analysis Summary CMS-PAS-BTV-11-004, 2011.

[37] K. Melnikov and F. Petriello, “Electroweak gauge boson production at hadron colliders through $O(\alpha^2)$”, *Phys. Rev. D* **74** (2006) 114017, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.74.114017](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.74.114017), [arXiv:hep-ph/0609070](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0609070).

[38] CMS Collaboration, “Measurement of $t\bar{t}$ pair production cross section at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV using b-quark jet identification in lepton + jet events”, *Phys. Rev. D* **84** (2011) 092004, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.84.092004](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.84.092004), [arXiv:1108.3773](https://arxiv.org/abs/1108.3773).
[39] D. Bowser-Chao and D. L. Dzialo, “Comparison of the use of binary decision trees and neural networks in top-quark detection”, Phys. Rev. D 47 (1993) 1900, doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.47.1900.

[40] Y. Freund and R. E. Schapire, “Experiments with a new boosting algorithm”, in Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML ’96), p. 146. Morgan Kaufmann, Bari, Italy, 1996.

[41] L. Breiman, J. H. Friedman, R. A. Olshen, and C. J. Stone, “Classification and Regression Trees”. Statistics/Probability Series. Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, California, U.S.A., 1984.

[42] Y. Freund and R. E. Schapire, “A decision-theoretic generalization of on-line learning and an application to boosting”, J. Comput. Syst. Sci. 55 (August, 1997) 119, doi:10.1006/jcss.1997.1504.

[43] CMS Collaboration, “Absolute Calibration of the Luminosity Measurement at CMS: Winter 2012 Update”, CMS Physics Analysis Summary CMS-PAS-SMP-12-008, 2012.

[44] J. Alwall et al., “Comparative study of various algorithms for the merging of parton showers and matrix elements in hadronic collisions”, Eur. Phys. J. C 53 (2008) 473, doi:10.1140/epjc/s10052-007-0490-5, arXiv:0706.2569.

[45] A. L. Read, “Presentation of search results: the CL_s technique”, J. Phys. G 28 (2002) 2693, doi:10.1088/0954-3899/28/10/313.

[46] T. Junk, “Confidence level computation for combining searches with small statistics”, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 434 (1999) 435, doi:10.1016/S0168-9002(99)00498-2, arXiv:hep-ex/9902006.
A The CMS Collaboration

Yerevan Physics Institute, Yerevan, Armenia
S. Chatrchyan, V. Khachatryan, A.M. Sirunyan, A. Tumasyan

Institut für Hochenergiephysik der OeAW, Wien, Austria
W. Adam, T. Bergauer, M. Dragicevic, J. Erö, C. Fabjan1, M. Friedl, R. Frühwirth1, V.M. Ghete, J. Hammer, N. Hörmann, J. Hrbacek, M. Jeitler1, W. Kiesenhofer, V. Knünz, M. Krammer1, D. Liko, I. Mikulec, M. Pernicka1, B. Rahbaran, C. Rohringer, H. Rohringer, R. Schöfbeck, J. Strauss, A. Taurok, P. Wagner, W. Waltenberger, G. Walzel, E. Widl, C.-E. Wulz1

National Centre for Particle and High Energy Physics, Minsk, Belarus
V. Mossolov, N. Shumeiko, J. Suarez Gonzalez

Universiteit Antwerpen, Antwerpen, Belgium
S. Bansal, T. Cornelis, E.A. De Wolf, X. Janssen, S. Luyckx, T. Maes, L. Mucibello, S. Ochesanu, B. Roland, R. Rougny, M. Selvaggi, Z. Staykova, H. Van Haevermaet, P. Van Mechelen, N. Van Remortel, A. Van Spilbeeck

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussel, Belgium
F. Blekman, S. Blyweert, J. D’Hondt, R. Gonzalez Suarez, A. Kalogeropoulos, M. Maes, A. Olbrechts, W. Van Doninck, P. Van Mulders, G.P. Van Onsem, I. Villella

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Bruxelles, Belgium
B. Clerbaux, G. De Lamentdecker, V. Dero, A.P.R. Gay, T. Hreus, A. Léonard, P.E. Marage, T. Reis, L. Thomas, C. Vander Velde, P. Vanlaer, J. Wang

Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium
V. Adler, K. Beernaert, A. Cimmino, S. Costantini, G. Garcia, M. Grunewald, B. Klein, J. Lellouch, A. Marinov, J. Mccartin, A.A. Ocampo Rios, D. Ryckbosch, N. Strobbe, F. Thyssen, M. Tytgat, P. Verwilligen, S. Walsh, E. Yazgan, N. Zaganidis

Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
S. Basegmez, G. Bruno, R. Castello, A. Caudron, L. Ceard, C. Delaere, T. du Pree, D. Favart, L. Forthomme, A. Giammanco2, J. Hollar, V. Lemaitre, J. Liao, O. Militaru, C. Nuttens, D. Pagano, L. Perrini, A. Pin, K. Piotrzkowski, N. Schul, J.M. Vizan Garcia

Université de Mons, Mons, Belgium
N. Beliy, T. Caerbergs, E. Daubie, G.H. Hammad

Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
G.A. Alves, M. Correa Martins Junior, D. De Jesus Damiao, T. Martins, M.E. Pol, M.H.G. Souza

Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
W.L. Aldá Júnior, W. Carvalho, A. Custódio, E.M. Da Costa, C. De Oliveira Martins, S. Fonseca De Souza, D. Matos Figueiredo, L. Mundim, H. Nogima, V. Oguri, W.L. Prado Da Silva, A. Santoro, L. Soares Jorge, A. Sznjader

Instituto de Física Teórica, Universidade Estadual Paulista, Sao Paulo, Brazil
C.A. Bernardes3, F.A. Dias4, T.R. Fernandez Perez Tomei, E. M. Gregores3, C. Lagana, F. Marinho, P.G. Mercadante3, S.F. Novaes, Sandra S. Padula

Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy, Sofia, Bulgaria
V. Genchev5, P. Iaydjiev5, S. Piperov, M. Rodozov, S. Stoykova, G. Sultanov, V. Tcholakov, R. Trayanov, M. Vutova
University of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria
A. Dimitrov, R. Hadjiiska, V. Kozhuharov, L. Litov, B. Pavlov, P. Petkov

Institute of High Energy Physics, Beijing, China
J.G. Bian, G.M. Chen, H.S. Chen, C.H. Jiang, D. Liang, S. Liang, X. Meng, J. Tao, J. Wang, X. Wang, Z. Wang, H. Xiao, M. Xu, J. Zang, Z. Zhang

State Key Lab. of Nucl. Phys. and Tech., Peking University, Beijing, China
C. Asawatangtrakuldee, Y. Ban, S. Guo, Y. Guo, W. Li, S. Liu, Y. Mao, S.J. Qian, H. Teng, S. Wang, B. Zhu, W. Zou

Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia
C. Avila, J.P. Gomez, B. Gomez Moreno, A.F. Osorio Oliveros, J.C. Sanabria

Technical University of Split, Split, Croatia
N. Godinovic, D. Lelas, R. Plestina, D. Polic, I. Puljak

University of Split, Split, Croatia
Z. Antunovic, M. Kovac

Institute Rudjer Boskovic, Zagreb, Croatia
V. Brigljevic, S. Duric, K. Kadija, J. Luetic, S. Morovic

University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus
A. Attikis, M. Galanti, G. Mavromanolakis, J. Mousa, C. Nicolaou, F. Ptochos, P.A. Razis

Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
M. Finger, M. Finger Jr.

Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Egyptian Network of High Energy Physics, Cairo, Egypt
Y. Assran, S. Elgammal, A. Ellithi Kamel, S. Khalil, M.A. Mahmoud, A. Rady

National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics, Tallinn, Estonia
M. Kadastik, M. Munktel, M. Raidal, L. Rebane, A. Tiko

Department of Physics, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
V. Azzolini, P. Eerola, G. Fedi, M. Voutilainen

Helsinki Institute of Physics, Helsinki, Finland
J. Härkönen, A. Heikkinen, V. Karimäki, R. Kinnunen, M.J. Kortelainen, T. Lampén, K. Lassila-Perini, S. Lehti, T. Lindén, P. Luukka, T. Mäenpää, T. Peltola, E. Tuominen, J. Tuominiemi, E. Tuovinen, D. Ungaro, L. Wendland

Lappeenranta University of Technology, Lappeenranta, Finland
K. Banzuzi, A. Karjalainen, A. Korpela, T. Tuuva

DSM/IRFU, CEA/Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France
M. Besancon, S. Choudhury, M. Dejardin, D. Denegri, B. Fabbro, J.L. Faure, F. Ferri, S. Ganjour, A. Givernaud, P. Gras, G. Hamel de Monchenault, P. Jarry, E. Locci, J. Malcles, L. Millischer, A. Nayak, J. Rander, A. Rosowsky, I. Shreyber, M. Titov

Laboratoire Leprince-Ringuet, Ecole Polytechnique, IN2P3-CNRS, Palaiseau, France
S. Baffioni, F. Beaudette, L. Benhabib, L. Bianchini, M. Bluj, C. Broutin, P. Busson, C. Charlot, N. Daci, T. Dahms, L. Dobrzynski, R. Granier de Cassagnac, M. Haguenaier, P. Miné, C. Mironov, M. Nguyen, C. Ochando, P. Paganini, D. Sabes, R. Salerno, Y. Sirois, C. Veelken, A. Zabi
Institut Pluridisciplinaire Hubert Curien, Université de Strasbourg, Université de Haute Alsace Mulhouse, CNRS/IN2P3, Strasbourg, France
J.-L. Agram, J. Andrea, D. Bloch, D. Bodin, J.-M. Brom, M. Cardaci, E.C. Chabert, C. Collard, E. Conte, F. Drouhin, C. Ferro, J.-C. Fontaine, D. Gelé, U. Goerlach, P. Juillot, A.-C. Le Bihan, P. Van Hove

Centre de Calcul de l’Institut National de Physique Nucleaire et de Physique des Particules, CNRS/IN2P3, Villeurbanne, France, Villeurbanne, France
F. Fassi, D. Mercier

Université de Lyon, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, CNRS-IN2P3, Institut de Physique Nucléaire de Lyon, Villeurbanne, France
S. Beauceron, N. Beaupere, O. Bondu, G. Boudoul, J. Chasserat, R. Chierici, D. Contardo, P. Depasse, H. El Mamouni, J. Fay, S. Gascon, M. Gouzevitch, B. Ille, T. Kurca, M. Lethuillier, L. Mirabito, S. Perries, V. Sordini, S. Tosi, Y. Tschudi, P. Verdier, S. Viret

Centre de Calcul de l’Institut National de Physique Nucleaire et de Physique des Particules, CNRS/IN2P3, Villeurbanne, France
F. Fassi, D. Mercier

Institute of High Energy Physics and Informatization, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
Z. Tsamalaidze

RWTH Aachen University, I. Physikalisches Institut, Aachen, Germany
G. Anagnostou, S. Beranek, M. Edelhoff, L. Feld, N. Heracleous, O. Hindrichs, R. Jussen, K. Klein, J. Merz, A. Ostapchuk, A. Perieanu, F. Raupach, J. Sammet, S. Schael, D. Sprenger, H. Weber, B. Wittmer, V. Zhukov

RWTH Aachen University, III. Physikalisches Institut A, Aachen, Germany
M. Ata, J. Caudron, E. Dietz-Laursonn, D. Duchardt, M. Erdmann, R. Fischer, A. Güth, T. Hebbeker, C. Heidemann, K. Hoepfner, D. Klingebiel, P. Kreuzer, J. Lingemann, C. Magass, M. Merschmeyer, A. Meyer, M. Olschewski, P. Papacz, H. Pieta, H. Reithler, S.A. Schmitz, L. Sonnenschein, J. Steggemann, D. Teyssier, M. Weber

RWTH Aachen University, III. Physikalisches Institut B, Aachen, Germany
M. Bontenackels, V. Cherepanov, G. Flügge, H. Geenen, M. Geisler, W. Haj Ahmad, F. Hoehle, B. Kargoll, T. Kress, Y. Kuessel, A. Nowack, L. Perchalla, O. Pooth, J. Rennefeld, P. Sauerland, A. Stahl

Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron, Hamburg, Germany
M. Aldaya Martin, J. Behr, W. Behrenhoff, U. Behrens, M. Bergholz, A. Bethani, K. Borras, A. Burgmeier, A. Cakir, L. Calligaris, A. Campbell, E. Castro, F. Costanza, D. Dammann, C. Diez Pardos, G. Eckerlin, D. Eckstein, G. Flucke, A. Geiser, I. Glushkov, P. Gunnellini, S. Habib, J. Hauk, G. Hellwig, H. Jung, M. Kasemann, P. Katsas, C. Kleinwort, H. Kluge, A. Knutsson, M. Krämer, D. Krücker, E. Kuznetsova, W. Lange, W. Lohmann, B. Lutz, R. Mankel, I. Marfin, M. Marienfeld, I.-A. Melzer-Pellmann, A.B. Meyer, J. Mnich, A. Mussgiller, S. Naumann-Emme, J. Olzem, H. Perrey, A. Petrikhun, D. Pitzl, A. Raspereza, P.M. Ribeiro Cipriano, C. Riedl, E. Ron, M. Rosin, J. Salfeld-Nebgen, R. Schmidt, T. Schoerner-Sadenius, N. Sen, A. Spiridonov, M. Stein, R. Walsh, C. Wissing

University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
C. Autermann, V. Blobel, J. Draeger, H. Enderle, J. Erfle, U. Gebbert, M. Görner, T. Hermanns, R.S. Höing, K. Kaschube, G. Kaussen, H. Kirschenmann, R. Klanner, J. Lange, B. Mura, F. Nowak, T. Pfeiffer, N. Pietsch, D. Rathjens, C. Sander, H. Schettler, P. Schleper, E. Schlieckau, A. Schmid, M. Schröder, T. Schum, M. Seidel, V. Sola, H. Stadie, G. Steinbrück, J. Thomsen, L. Vanelderen
Institut für Experimentelle Kernphysik, Karlsruhe, Germany
C. Barth, J. Berger, C. Böser, T. Chwalek, W. De Boer, A. Descroix, A. Dierlamm, M. Feindt, M. Guthoff, C. Hackstein, F. Hartmann, T. Hauth, M. Heinrich, H. Held, K.H. Hoffmann, S. Honc, I. Katkov, J.R. Komaragiri, P. Lobelle Pardo, D. Martschei, S. Mueller, Th. Müller, M. Niegel, A. Nürnberg, O. Oberst, A. Oehler, J. Ott, G. Quast, K. Rabbertz, F. Ratnikov, N. Ratnikova, S. Röcker, A. Scheurer, F.-P. Schilling, G. Schott, H.J. Simonis, F.M. Stober, D. Troendle, R. Ulrich, J. Wagner-Kuhr, S. Wayand, T. Weiler, M. Zeise

Institute of Nuclear Physics”Demokritos”, Aghia Paraskevi, Greece
G. Daskalakis, T. Geralis, S. Kesisoglou, A. Kyriakis, D. Loukas, I. Manolakos, A. Markou, C. Markou, C. Mavrommatis, E. Ntomari

University of Athens, Athens, Greece
L. Gouskos, T.J. Mertzimekis, A. Panagiotou, N. Saoulidou

University of Ioánnina, Ioánnina, Greece
I. Evangelou, C. Foudas, P. Kokkas, N. Manthos, I. Papadopoulos, V. Patras

KFKI Research Institute for Particle and Nuclear Physics, Budapest, Hungary
G. Bencze, C. Hajdu, P. Hidas, D. Horvath, F. Sikler, V. Veszpremi, G. Vesztergombi

Institute of Nuclear Research ATOMKI, Debrecen, Hungary
N. Beni, S. Czellar, J. Molnar, J. Palinkas, Z. Szillasi

University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary
J. Karancsi, P. Raics, Z.L. Trocsanyi, B. Ujvari

Panjab University, Chandigarh, India
S.B. Beri, V. Bhatnagar, N. Dhingra, R. Gupta, M. Jindal, M. Kaur, M.Z. Mehta, N. Nishu, L.K. Saini, A. Sharma, J. Singh

University of Delhi, Delhi, India
Ashok Kumar, Arun Kumar, S. Ahuja, A. Bhawardj, B.C. Choudhary, S. Malhotra, M. Naimuddin, K. Ranjan, V. Sharma, R.K. Shivpuri

Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, India
S. Banerjee, S. Bhattacharya, S. Dutta, B. Gomber, Sa. Jain, Sh. Jain, R. Khurana, S. Sarkar, M. Sharan

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, India
A. Abdulsalam, R.K. Choudhury, D. Dutta, S. Kailas, V. Kumar, P. Mehta, A.K. Mohanty, L.M. Pant, P. Shukla

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research - EHEP, Mumbai, India
T. Aziz, S. Ganguly, M. Guchait, M. Maity, G. Majumder, K. Mazumdar, G.B. Mohanty, B. Parida, K. Sudhakar, N. Wickramage

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research - HECR, Mumbai, India
S. Banerjee, S. Dugad

Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences (IPM), Tehran, Iran
H. Arfæi, H. Bakhshiansohi, S.M. Etesami, A. Fahim, M. Hashemi, H. Hesari, A. Jafari, M. Khakzad, M. Mohammadi Najafabadi, S. Paktinat Mehdipradi, B. Safarzadeh, M. Zeinali

INFN Sezione di Bari, Università di Bari, Politecnico di Bari, Bari, Italy
M. Abbrescia, L. Barbone, C. Calabria, S.S. Chhibra, A. Colaleo, D. Creanza,
N. De Filippis$^{a,c,5}$, M. De Palma$^{a,b}$, L. Fiore$^a$, G. Iaselli$^{a,c}$, L. Lusito$^{a,b}$, G. Maggi$^{a,c}$, M. Maggi$^a$, B. Marangelli$^{b,h}$, S. My$^{a,c}$, S. Nuzzo$^{a,b}$, N. Pacifico$^{a,b}$, A. Pompili$^{a,b}$, G. Pugliese$^{a,c}$, G. Selvaggi$^{a,b}$, L. Silvestris$^a$, G. Singh$^{a,b}$, R. Venditti$^{a,b}$, G. Zito$^a$

**INFN Sezione di Bologna**$^a$, **Università di Bologna**$^b$, Bologna, Italy

G. Abbiendi$^a$, A.C. Benvenuti$^a$, D. Bonacorsi$^{a,b}$, S. Braibant-Giacomelli$^{a,b}$, L. Brigliadori$^{a,b}$, P. Capiluppi$^{a,b}$, A. Castro$^{a,b}$, F.R. Cavallo$^a$, M. Cuffiani$^{a,b}$, G.M. Dallavalle$^a$, F. Fabbri$^a$, A. Fanfani$^{a,b}$, D. Fasanella$^{b,k,5}$, P. Giacomelli$^a$, C. Grandi$^a$, L. Guiducci$^{b,h}$, S. Marcellini$^a$, G. Masetti$^a$, M. Meneghelli$^{a,b,5}$, A. Montanari$^a$, F.L. Navarria$^{a,b}$, F. Odorici$^a$, A. Perrotta$^a$, F. Primavera$^{a,b}$, A.M. Rossi$^{a,b}$, T. Rovelli$^{a,b}$, G. Sioli$^{a,b}$, R. Travaglini$^{a,b}$

**INFN Sezione di Catania**$^a$, **Università di Catania**$^b$, Catania, Italy

S. Albergo$^{a,b}$, G. Cappello$^{a,b}$, M. Chiorboli$^{a,b}$, S. Costa$^{a,b}$, R. Potenza$^{a,b}$, A. Tricomia$^{a,b}$, C. Tuve$^{a,b}$

**INFN Sezione di Firenze**$^a$, **Università di Firenze**$^b$, Firenze, Italy

G. Barbagli$^a$, V. Ciulli$^{a,b}$, C. Civenini$^a$, R. D’Alessandro$^{a,b}$, E. Focardi$^{a,b}$, S. Frosali$^{a,b}$, E. Gallo$^a$, S. Gonzi$^{a,b}$, M. Meschini$^a$, S. Paolotti$^a$, G. Sguazzoni$^a$, A. Tropiano$^{a,5}$

**INFN Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, Frascati, Italy**

L. Benussi, S. Bianco, S. Colafranceschi$^{25}$, F. Fabbri, D. Piccolo

**INFN Sezione di Genova, Genova, Italy**

P. Fabbricato, R. Musenich

**INFN Sezione di Milano-Bicocca**$^a$, **Università di Milano-Bicocca**$^b$, Milano, Italy

A. Benaglia$^{a,b,5}$, F. De Guio$^{a,b}$, L. Di Matteo$^{a,b,5}$, S. Fiorendi$^{a,b,5}$, S. Gennai$^{a,5}$, A. Ghezzi$^{a,b}$, S. Malvezzi$^a$, R.A. Manzoni$^{a,b}$, A. Martelli$^{a,b}$, A. Massironi$^{a,b,5}$, D. Menasce$^a$, L. Moroni$^a$, M. Paganoni$^{a,b}$, D. Pedrini$^a$, S. Ragazzi$^{a,b}$, N. Redaelli$^a$, S. Sala$^a$, T. Tabarelli de Fatis$^{a,b}$

**INFN Sezione di Napoli**$^a$, **Università di Napoli “Federico II”**$^b$, Napoli, Italy

S. Buontempo$^a$, C.A. Carrillo Montoya$^{a,5}$, N. Cavallo$^{a,26}$, A. De Cosa$^{a,b,5}$, O. Dogangun$^{a,b}$, F. Fabozzi$^{a,26}$, A.O.M. Iorio$^a$, L. Lista$^a$, S. Meola$^{a,27}$, M. Merola$^a$, P. Paolucci$^{a,5}$

**INFN Sezione di Padova**$^a$, **Università di Padova**$^b$, **Università di Trento (Trento)**$^c$, Padova, Italy

P. Azzurri$^a$, N. Bacchetta$^{a,5}$, D. Bisello$^{a,b}$, A. Branca$^{a,b,5}$, R. Carlin$^{a,b}$, P. Cecchi$^a$, T. Dorigo$^a$, F. Gasparini$^{a,b}$, U. Gasparini$^{a,b}$, A. Gozzelino$^a$, K. Kanishchev$^{a,c}$, S. Lacapra$^a$, I. Lazzizzera$^{a,c}$, M. Margoni$^{a,b}$, A.T. Meneguzzo$^{a,b}$, J. Pazzini$^{a,b,5}$, N. Pozzobon$^{a,b}$, P. Ronchese$^{a,b}$, F. Simonetto$^{a,b}$, E. Torassa$^a$, M. Tosi$^{b,5}$, A. Triossi$^a$, S. Vanin$^{a,b}$, P. Zotto$^{a,b}$, A. Zucchetta$^a$, G. Zumerle$^{a,b}$

**INFN Sezione di Pavia**$^a$, **Università di Pavia**$^b$, **Pavia, Italy**

M. Gabusi$^{a,b}$, S.P. Ratti$^{a,b}$, C. Riccardi$^{a,b}$, P. Torre$^{a,b}$, P. Vitulo$^{a,b}$

**INFN Sezione di Perugia**$^a$, **Università di Perugia**$^b$, Perugia, Italy

M. Biasini$^{a,b}$, G.M. Bilei$^a$, L. Fanò$^{a,b}$, P. Lariccia$^{a,b}$, A. Lucaroni$^{a,b,5}$, G. Mantovani$^{a,b}$, M. Menichelli$^a$, A. Nappi$^{a,b}$, F. Romeo$^{a,b}$, A. Saha$^a$, A. Santocchia$^{a,b}$, S. Taroni$^{a,b,5}$

**INFN Sezione di Pisa**$^a$, **Università di Pisa**$^b$, **Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa**$^c$, Pisa, Italy

P. Azzurri$^{a,c}$, G. Bagliesi$^a$, T. Boccali$^a$, G. Broccoli$^{a,c}$, R. Castaldi$^b$, R.T. D’Agnolo$^{a,c}$, R. Dell’Orso$^a$, F. Fiori$^{a,b,5}$, L. Foà$^{a,c}$, A. Giassi$^a$, A. Kraan$^a$, F. Ligabue$^{a,c}$, T. Lomtadze$^a$, L. Martini$^{28}$, A. Messineo$^{a,b}$, F. Palla$^a$, A. Rizzi$^{a,b}$, A.T. Serban$^{a,29}$, P. Spagnolo$^a$, P. Squillacioti$^{25}$, R. Tenchini$^a$, G. Tonelli$^{a,b,5}$, A. Venturi$^{a,5}$, P.G. Verdini$^a$

**INFN Sezione di Roma**$^a$, **Università di Roma “La Sapienza”**$^b$, Roma, Italy

L. Barone$^{a,b}$, F. Cavallari$^a$, D. Del Re$^{a,b,5}$, M. Diemoz$^a$, M. Grassi$^{a,b,5}$, E. Longo$^{a,b}$
A The CMS Collaboration

P. Meridiani\textsuperscript{a,5}, F. Micheli\textsuperscript{a,b}, S. Nourbakhsh\textsuperscript{a,b}, G. Organtini\textsuperscript{a,b}, R. Paramatti\textsuperscript{a}, S. Rahatlou\textsuperscript{a,b}, M. Sigamani\textsuperscript{a}, L. Soffi\textsuperscript{a,b}

INFN Sezione di Torino \textsuperscript{a}, Università di Torino \textsuperscript{b}, Università del Piemonte Orientale (Novara) \textsuperscript{c}, Torino, Italy

N. Amapane\textsuperscript{a,b}, R. Arcidiacono\textsuperscript{a,c}, S. Argiro\textsuperscript{a,b}, M. Arneodo\textsuperscript{a,c}, C. Biino\textsuperscript{a}, N. Cartiglia\textsuperscript{a}, M. Costa\textsuperscript{a,b}, G. Dellacasa\textsuperscript{a}, N. Demaria\textsuperscript{a}, A. Graziano\textsuperscript{a,b}, C. Mariotti\textsuperscript{a,5}, S. Maselli\textsuperscript{a}, E. Migliore\textsuperscript{a,b}, V. Monaco\textsuperscript{a,b}, M. Musich\textsuperscript{a,5}, M.M. Obertino\textsuperscript{a,c}, N. Pastrone\textsuperscript{a}, M. Pelliccioni\textsuperscript{a}, A. Potenza\textsuperscript{a,b}, A. Romero\textsuperscript{a,b}, R. Sacchi\textsuperscript{a,b}, A. Solano\textsuperscript{a,b}, A. Staiano\textsuperscript{a}, A. Vilela Pereira\textsuperscript{a}

INFN Sezione di Trieste \textsuperscript{a}, Università di Trieste \textsuperscript{b}, Trieste, Italy

S. Belforte\textsuperscript{a}, V. Candelise\textsuperscript{a,b}, F. Cossutti\textsuperscript{a}, G. Della Ricca\textsuperscript{a,b}, B. Gobbo\textsuperscript{a}, M. Marone\textsuperscript{a,b,5}, D. Montanino\textsuperscript{a,b,5}, A. Penzo\textsuperscript{a}, A. Schizzi\textsuperscript{a,b}

Kangwon National University, Chunchon, Korea

S.G. Heo, T.Y. Kim, S.K. Nam

Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Korea

S. Chang, D.H. Kim, G.N. Kim, D.J. Kong, H. Park, S.R. Ro, D.C. Son, T. Son

Chonnam National University, Institute for Universe and Elementary Particles, Kwangju, Korea

J.Y. Kim, Zero J. Kim, S. Song

Korea University, Seoul, Korea

S. Choi, D. Gyun, B. Hong, M. Jo, H. Kim, T.J. Kim, K.S. Lee, D.H. Moon, S.K. Park

University of Seoul, Seoul, Korea

M. Choi, J.H. Kim, C. Park, I.C. Park, S. Park, G. Ryu

Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon, Korea

Y. Cho, Y. Choi, Y.K. Choi, J. Goh, M.S. Kim, E. Kwon, B. Lee, J. Lee, S. Lee, H. Seo, I. Yu

Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania

M.J. Bilinskas, I. Grigelionis, M. Janulis, A. Juodagalvis

Centro de Investigacion y de Estudios Avanzados del IPN, Mexico City, Mexico

H. Castilla-Valdez, E. De La Cruz-Burelo, I. Heredia-de La Cruz, R. Lopez-Fernandez, R. Magaña Villalba, J. Martínez-Ortega, A. Sánchez-Hernández, L.M. Villasenor-Cendejas

Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico

S. Carrillo Moreno, F. Vazquez Valencia

Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla, Puebla, Mexico

H.A. Salazar Ibarguen

Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí, Mexico

E. Casimiro Linares, A. Morelos Pineda, M.A. Reyes-Santos

University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

D. Krofcheck

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

A.J. Bell, P.H. Butler, R. Doesburg, S. Reucroft, H. Silverwood
National Centre for Physics, Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
M. Ahmad, M.I. Asghar, H.R. Hoorani, S. Khalid, W.A. Khan, T. Khurshid, S. Qazi, M.A. Shah, M. Shoaib

Institute of Experimental Physics, Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
G. Brona, K. Bunkowski, M. Cwiok, W. Dominik, K. Doroba, A. Kalinowski, M. Konecki, J. Krolkowski

Soltan Institute for Nuclear Studies, Warsaw, Poland
H. Bialkowska, B. Boimska, T. Frueboes, R. Gokieli, M. Górski, M. Kazana, K. Nawrocki, K. Romanowska-Rybinska, M. Szleper, G. Wrochna, P. Zalewski

Laboratório de Instrumentação e Física Experimental de Partículas, Lisboa, Portugal
N. Almeida, P. Bargassa, A. David, P. Faccioli, M. Fernandes, P.G. Ferreira Parracho, M. Gallinaro, J. Seixas, J. Varela, P. Vischia

Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia
I. Belotelov, P. Bunin, M. Gavrilenko, I. Golutvin, A. Kamenev, V. Karjavin, G. Kozlov, A. Lanev, A. Malakhov, P. Moisenz, V. Palichik, V. Perelygin, M. Savina, S. Shmatov, V. Smirnov, A. Volodko, A. Zarubin

Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute, Gatchina (St Petersburg), Russia
S. Evtuyukhin, V. Golovtsov, Y. Ivanov, V. Kim, P. Levchenko, V. Murzin, V. Oreshkin, I. Smirnov, V. Sulimov, L. Uvarov, S. Vavilov, A. Vorobyev, An. Vorobyev

Institute for Nuclear Research, Moscow, Russia
Yu. Andreev, A. Dermenev, S. Gninenko, N. Golubev, M. Kirsanov, N. Krasnikov, V. Matveev, A. Pashenkov, D. Tlisov, A. Toropin

Institute for Theoretical and Experimental Physics, Moscow, Russia
V. Epshteyn, M. Erofeeva, V. Gavrilov, M. Kossov, N. Lychkovskaya, V. Popov, G. Safronov, S. Semenov, V. Stolin, E. Vlasov, A. Zhokin

Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia
A. Belyaev, E. Boos, V. Bunichev, M. Dubinin, L. Dudko, A. Ershov, A. Gribushin, V. Klyukhin, I. Lokhtin, A. Markina, S. Obraztsov, M.Perfilov, S. Petrushanko, A. Popov, L. Sarycheva, V. Savrin, A. Snigirev

P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute, Moscow, Russia
V. Andreev, M. Azarkin, I. Dremin, M. Kirakosyan, A. Leonidov, G. Mesyats, S.V. Rusakov, A. Vinogradov

State Research Center of Russian Federation, Institute for High Energy Physics, Protvino, Russia
I. Azhgirey, I. Bayshev, S. Bitioukov, V. Grishin, V. Kachanov, D. Konstantinov, A. Korablev, V. Krychkine, V. Petrov, R. Ryutin, A. Sobol, L. Tourchanovitch, S. Troshin, N. Tyurin, A. Uzunian, A. Volkov

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Physics and Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia
P. Adzic, M. Djordjevic, M. Ekmedzic, D. Krpic, J. Milosevic

Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas Medioambientales y Tecnológicas (CIEMAT), Madrid, Spain
M. Aguilar-Benitez, J. Alcaraz Maestre, P. Arce, C. Battilana, E. Calvo, M. Cerrada, M. Chamizo
Llatas, N. Colino, B. De La Cruz, A. Delgado Peris, D. Domínguez Vázquez, C. Fernandez Bedoya, J.P. Fernández Ramos, A. Ferrando, J. Flix, M.C. Fouz, P. García-Abia, O. González Lopez, S. Goy Lopez, J.M. Hernandez, M.I. Josa, G. Merino, J. Puerta Pelayo, A. Quintario Olmeda, I. Redondo, L. Romero, J. Santaolalla, M.S. Soares, C. Willmott

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
C. Albajar, G. Codispoti, J.F. de Trocóniz

Universidad de Oviedo, Oviedo, Spain
H. Brun, J. Cuevas, J. Fernandez Menendez, S. Folgueras, I. Gonzalez Caballero, L. Lloret Iglesias, J. Piedra Gomez

Instituto de Física de Cantabria (IFCA), CSIC-Universidad de Cantabria, Santander, Spain
J.A. Brochero Cifuentes, I.J. Cabrillo, A. Calderon, S.H. Chang, J. Duarte Campderros, M. Felcini33, M. Fernandez, G. Gomez, J. Gonzalez Sanchez, C. Jorda, A. Lopez Virto, J. Marco, R. Marco, C. Martinez Rivero, F. Matorras, F.J. Munoz Sanchez, T. Rodrigo, A.Y. Rodriguez-Marrero, A. Ruiz-Jimeno, L. Scodellaro, M. Sobron Sanudo, I. Vila, R. Vilar Cortabitarte

CERN, European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland
D. Abbaneo, E. Auffray, G. Auzinger, P. Baillon, A.H. Ball, D. Barney, J.F. Benitez, C. Bernet6, G. Bianchi, P. Bloch, A. Bocci, A. Bonato, A. Botta, H. Breuker, T. Camporesi, G. Cerminara, T. Christiansen, J.A. Coarasa Perez, D. D’Enterria, A. Dabrowski, A. De Roeck, S. Di Guida, M. Dobson, N. Dupont-Sagorin, A. Elliott-Peisert, B. Frisch, W. Funk, G. Georgiou, M. Giffels, D. Gigi, K. Gill, D. Giordano, M. Giunta, L. Gonzalez Sanchez, C. Jorda, A. Lopez Virto, J. Marco, R. Marco, C. Martinez Rivero, F. Matorras, F.J. Munoz Sanchez, T. Rodrigo, A.Y. Rodriguez-Marrero, A. Ruiz-Jimeno, L. Scodellaro, M. Sobron Sanudo, I. Vila, R. Vilar Cortabitarte

Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen, Switzerland
W. Bertl, K. Deiters, W. Erdmann, K. Gabathuler, R. Horisberger, Q. Ingram, H.C. Kaestli, S. König, D. Kotlinski, U. Langenegger, W. Lustermann, A.C. Marini, P. Martinez Ruiz del Arbol, R. Mohr, F. Moortgat, C. Nägeli37, P. Nef, F. Nessi-Tedaldi, F. Pandolfi, L. Pape, F. Pauss, M. Peruzzi, F.J. Ronga, M. Rossini, L. Sala, A.K. Sanchez, A. Starodumov38, B. Stieger, M. Takahashi, L. Tauscher†, A. Thea, K. Theofilatos, D. Treille, C. Urscheler, R. Wallny, H.A. Weber, L. Wehrli

Institute for Particle Physics, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
L. Bäni, P. Bortignon, M.A. Buchmann, B. Casal, N. Chanon, A. Deisher, G. Dissertori, M. Dittmar, M. Dünser, J. Eugster, K. Freudenreich, C. Grab, D. Hits, P. Lecomte, W. Lustermann, A.C. Marini, P. Martinez Ruiz del Arbol, R. Mohr, F. Moortgat, C. Nägeli37, P. Nef, F. Nessi-Tedaldi, F. Pandolfi, L. Pape, F. Pauss, M. Peruzzi, F.J. Ronga, M. Rossini, L. Sala, A.K. Sanchez, A. Starodumov38, B. Stieger, M. Takahashi, L. Tauscher†, A. Thea, K. Theofilatos, D. Treille, C. Urscheler, R. Wallny, H.A. Weber, L. Wehrli

Universität Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland
E. Aguilo, C. Amsler, V. Chiochia, S. De Visscher, C. Favaro, M. Ivova Rikova, B. Millan Mejias, P. Otiougova, P. Robmann, H. Snoek, S. Tupputi, M. Verzetti

National Central University, Chung-Li, Taiwan
Y.H. Chang, K.H. Chen, C.M. Kuo, S.W. Li, W. Lin, Z.K. Liu, Y.J. Lu, D. Mekterovic, A.P. Singh, R. Volpe, S.S. Yu

National Taiwan University (NTU), Taipei, Taiwan
P. Bartalini, P. Chang, Y.H. Chang, Y.W. Chang, Y. Chao, K.F. Chen, C. Dietz, U. Grundler, W.-S. Hou, Y. Hsiung, K.Y. Kao, Y.J. Lei, R.-S. Lu, D. Majumder, E. Petrakou, X. Shi, J.G. Shiu, Y.M. Tzeng, X. Wan, M. Wang

Cukurova University, Adana, Turkey
A. Adiguzel, M.N. Bakirci, S. Cerci, C. Dozen, I. Dumanoglu, E. Eskut, S. Girgis, G. Gokbulut, E. Gurpinar, I. Hos, E.E. Kangal, G. Karapinar, A. Kayis Topaksu, G. Onengut, K. Ozdemir, S. Ozturk, A. Polatoz, K. Sogut, D. Sunar Cerci, B. Tali, H. Topkli, L.N. Vergili, M. Vergili

Middle East Technical University, Physics Department, Ankara, Turkey
I.V. Akin, T. Aliiev, B. Bilin, S. Bilmis, M. Deniz, H. Gamsizkan, A.M. Guler, K. Ocalan, A. Ozpineci, M. Serin, R. Sever, U.E. Surat, M. Yalvac, E. Yildirim, M. Zeyrek

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
E. Gulemez, B. Isildak, M. Kaya, O. Kaya, S. Ozkorucuklu, N. Sonmez

Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey
K. Cankocak

National Scientific Center, Kharkov Institute of Physics and Technology, Kharkov, Ukraine
L. Levchuk

University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom
F. Bostock, J.J. Brooke, E. Clement, D. Cussans, H. Flacher, R. Frazier, J. Goldstein, M. Grimes, G.P. Heath, H.F. Heath, L. Kreczko, S. Metson, D.M. Newbold, K. Nirunpong, A. Poll, S. Senkin, V.J. Smith, T. Williams

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot, United Kingdom
L. Basso, K.W. Bell, A. Belyaev, C. Brew, R.M. Brown, D.J.A. Cockerill, J.A. Coughlan, K. Harder, S. Harper, J. Jackson, B.W. Kennedy, E. Olaiya, D. Petyt, B.C. Radburn-Smith, C.H. Shepherd-Themistocleous, I.R. Tomalin, W.J. Womersley

Imperial College, London, United Kingdom
R. Bainbridge, G. Ball, R. Beuselinck, O. Buchmuller, D. Colling, N. Cripps, M. Cutajar, P. Dauncey, G. Davies, M. Della Negra, W. Ferguson, J. Fulcher, D. Futyan, A. Gilbert, A. Guneratne Bryer, G. Hall, Z. Hatherell, J. Hays, G. Iles, M. Jarvis, G. Karapostoli, L. Lyons, A.-M. Magnan, J. Marrouche, B. Mathias, R. Nandi, J. Nash, A. Nikitenko, A. Papageorgiou, J. Pela, M. Pesaresi, K. Petridis, M. Pioppi, D.M. Raymond, S. Rogerson, A. Rose, M.J. Ryan, C. Seez, P. Sharp, A. Sparrow, M. Stoye, A. Tapper, M. Vazquez Acosta, T. Virdee, S. Wakefield, N. Wardle, T. Whyntie

Brunel University, Uxbridge, United Kingdom
M. Chadwick, J.E. Cole, P.R. Hobson, A. Khan, P. Kyberd, D. Leggat, D. Leslie, W. Martin, I.D. Reid, P. Symonds, L. Teodorescu, M. Turner

Baylor University, Waco, USA
K. Hatakeyama, H. Liu, T. Scarborough

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, USA
O. Charaf, C. Henderson, P. Rumerio
Boston University, Boston, USA
A. Avetisyan, T. Bose, C. Fantasia, A. Heister, J. St. John, P. Lawson, D. Lazic, J. Rohlf, D. Sperka, L. Sulak

Brown University, Providence, USA
J. Alimena, S. Bhattacharya, D. Cutts, A. Ferapontov, U. Heintz, S. Jabeen, G. Kukartsev, E. Laird, G. Landsberg, M. Luk, M. Narain, D. Nguyen, M. Segala, T. Sinthuprasith, T. Speer, K.V. Tsang

University of California, Davis, Davis, USA
R. Breedon, G. Breto, M. Calderon De La Barca Sanchez, S. Chauhan, M. Chertok, J. Conway, R. Conway, P.T. Cox, J. Dolen, R. Erbacher, M. Gardner, R. Houtz, W. Ko, A. Kopecky, R. Lander, T. Miceli, D. Pellett, B. Rutherford, M. Searle, J. Smith, M. Squires, M. Tripathi, R. Vasquez Sierra

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, USA
V. Andreev, D. Cline, R. Cousins, J. Duris, S. Erhan, P. Everaerts, C. Farrell, J. Hauser, M. Ignatenko, C. Jarvis, C. Plager, G. Rakness, P. Schlein, J. Tucker, V. Valuev, M. Weber

University of California, Riverside, Riverside, USA
J. Babb, R. Clare, M.E. Dinardo, J. Ellison, J.W. Gary, F. Giordano, G. Hanson, G.Y. Jeng, H. Liu, O.R. Long, A. Luthra, H. Nguyen, S. Parameswaran, J. Sturdy, S. Sumowidagdo, R. Wilken, S. Wimpenny

University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, USA
D. Barge, R. Bellan, C. Campagnari, M. D’Alfonso, T. Danielson, K. Flowers, P. Gefft, J. Incandela, C. Justus, P. Kalavase, S.A. Koay, D. Kovalskyi, V. Krutelyov, S. Lowette, N. Mccoll, V. Pavlunin, F. Rebassoo, J. Ribnik, J. Richman, R. Rossin, D. Stuart, W. To, C. West

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, USA
A. Apresyan, A. Bornheim, Y. Chen, E. Di Marco, J. Duarte, M. Gataullin, Y. Ma, A. Mott, H.B. Newman, C. Rogan, V. Timciuc, P. Traczyk, J. Veverka, R. Wilkinson, Y. Yang, R.Y. Zhu

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
B. Akgun, R. Carroll, T. Ferguson, Y. Iiyama, D.W. Jang, Y.F. Liu, M. Paulini, H. Vogel, I. Vorobiev

University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, USA
J.P. Cumalat, B.R. Drell, C.J. Edelman, W.T. Ford, A. Gaz, B. Heyburn, E. Luiggi Lopez, J.G. Smith, K. Stenson, K.A. Ulmer, S.R. Wagner

Cornell University, Ithaca, USA
J. Alexander, A. Chatterjee, N. Eggert, L.K. Gibbons, B. Heltsley, A. Khukhunaishvili, B. Kreis, N. Mirman, G. Nicolas Kaufman, J.R. Patterson, A. Ryd, E. Salvati, W. Sun, W.D. Teo, J. Thom, J. Thompson, J. Vaughan, Y. Weng, L. Winstrom, P. Wittich

Fairfield University, Fairfield, USA
D. Winn
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, USA
S. Abdullin, M. Albrow, J. Anderson, L.A.T. Bauer, D. Beretvas, J. Berryhill, P.C. Bhat, I. Bloch, K. Burkett, J.N. Butler, V. Chetluru, H.W.K. Cheung, F. Chlebana, V.D. Elvira, I. Fisk, J. Freeman, Y. Gao, D. Green, O. Gutsche, J. Hanlon, R.M. Harris, J. Hirschauer, B. Hooberman, S. Jindariani, M. Johnson, U. Joshi, B. Kilminster, B. Klima, S. Kunori, S. Kwan, C. Leonidopoulos, D. Lincoln, R. Lipton, J. Lykken, K. Maeshima, J.M. Marraffino, S. Maruyama, D. Mason, P. McBride, K. Mishra, S. Mrenna, Y. Musienko52, C. Newman-Holmes, V. O’Dell, O. Prokofyev, E. Sexton-Kennedy, S. Sharma, W.J. Spalding, L. Spiegel, P. Tan, L. Taylor, S. Tkaczyk, N.V. Tran, L. Uplegger, E.W. Vaandering, R. Vidal, J. Whitmore, W. Wu, F. Yang, F. Yumiceva, J.C. Yun

University of Florida, Gainesville, USA
D. Acosta, P. Avery, D. Bourilkov, M. Chen, S. Das, M. De Gruttola, G.P. Di Giovanni, D. Dobur, A. Drozdetskiy, R.D. Field, M. Fisher, Y. Fu, I.K. Furic, J. Gartner, J. Hugon, B. Kim, J. Konigsber, A. Korytov, A. Kropivnitskaya, T. Kypreos, J.F. Low, K. Matchev, P. Milenovic53, G. Mitselmakher, L. Muniz, R. Remington, A. Rinkevicius, P. Sellers, N. Shirkaladze, M. Snowball, J. Yelton, M. Zakaria

Florida International University, Miami, USA
V. Gaultney, L.M. Lebolo, S. Linn, P. Markowitz, G. Martinez, J.L. Rodriguez

Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA
J.R. Adams, T. Adams, A. Askew, J. Bochenek, J. Chen, B. Diamond, S.V. Gleyzer, J. Haas, S. Hagopian, V. Hagopian, M. Jenkins, K.F. Johnson, H. Prosper, V. Veeraraghavan, M. Weinberg

Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, USA
M.M. Baarmand, B. Dorney, M. Hohlmann, H. Kalakhety, I. Vodopiyanov

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Chicago, USA
M.R. Adams, I.M. Anghel, L. Apanasevich, Y. Bai, V.E. Bazterra, R.R. Betts, I. Bucinskaite, J. Callner, R. Cavanaugh, C. Dragoiu, O. Evdokimov, L. Gauthier, C.E. Gerber, D.J. Hofman, S. Khalatyan, F. Lacroix, M. Malek, C. O’Brien, C. Silkworth, D. Strom, N. Varelas

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA
U. Akgun, E.A. Albayrak, B. Bilki54, W. Clarida, F. Duru, S. Griffiths, J.-P. Merlo, H. Mermerkaya55, A. Mestvirishvili, A. Moeller, J. Nachtman, C.R. Newsom, E. Norbeck, Y. Onel, F. Ozok, S. Sen, E. Tiras, J. Wetzel, T. Yetkin, K. Yi

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
B.A. Barnett, B. Blumenfeld, S. Bolognesi, D. Fehling, G. Giurgiu, A.V. Grismann, Z.J. Guo, G. Hu, P. Maksimovic, S. Rappoccio, M. Swartz, A. Whitbeck

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA
P. Baringer, A. Bean, G. Benelli, O. Grachov, R.P. Kenny Iii, M. Murray, D. Noonan, S. Sanders, R. Stringer, G. Tinti, J.S. Wood, V. Zhukova

Kansas State University, Manhattan, USA
A.F. Barfuss, T. Bolton, I. Chakaberia, A. Ivanov, S. Khalil, M. Makouski, Y. Maravin, S. Shrestha, I. Svintradze

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, USA
J. Gronberg, D. Lange, D. Wright

University of Maryland, College Park, USA
A. Baden, M. Boutemeur, B. Calvert, S.C. Eno, J.A. Gomez, N.J. Hadley, R.G. Kellogg, M. Kirn,
T. Kolberg, Y. Lu, M. Marionneau, A.C. Mignerey, K. Pedro, A. Peterman, A. Skuja, J. Temple, M.B. Tonjes, S.C. Tonwar, E. Twedt

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA
G. Bauer, J. Bendavid, W. Busza, E. Butz, I.A. Cali, M. Chan, V. Dutta, G. Gomez Ceballos, M. Goncharov, K.A. Hahn, Y. Kim, M. Klute, K. Krajczar, W. Li, P.D. Luckey, T. Ma, S. Nahn, C. Paus, D. Ralph, C. Roland, G. Roland, M. Rudolph, G.S.F. Stephans, E. Stöckli, K. Sumorok, K. Sung, D. Velicanu, E.A. Wenger, R. Wolf, B. Wyslouch, S. Xie, M. Yang, Y. Yilmaz, A.S. Yoon, M. Zanetti

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA
S.I. Cooper, B. Dahmes, A. De Benedetti, G. Franzoni, A. Gude, S.C. Kao, K. Klapoetke, Y. Kubota, J. Mans, N. Pastika, R. Rusack, M. Sasseville, A. Singovsky, N. Tambe, J. Turkewitz

University of Mississippi, University, USA
L.M. Cremaldi, R. Kroeger, L. Perera, R. Rahmat, D.A. Sanders

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, USA
E. Avdeeva, K. Bloom, S. Bose, J. Butt, D.R. Claes, A. Dominguez, M. Eads, J. Keller, I. Kravchenko, J. Lazo-Flores, H. Malbouisson, S. Malik, G.R. Snow

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, USA
U. Baur, A. Godshalk, I. Iashvili, S. Jain, A. Khcharilava, A. Kumar, S.P. Shipkowski, K. Smith

Northeastern University, Boston, USA
G. Alverson, E. Barberis, D. Baumgartel, M. Casco, J. Haley, D. Nash, D. Trocino, D. Wood, J. Zhang

Northwestern University, Evanston, USA
A. Anastassov, A. Kubik, N. Mucia, N. Odell, R.A. Ofierzynski, B. Pollack, A. Pozdnyakov, M. Schmitt, S. Stoynev, M. Velasco, S. Won

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, USA
L. Antonelli, D. Berry, A. Brinkerhoff, M. Hildreth, C. Jessop, D.J. Karmgard, J. Kolb, K. Lannon, W. Luo, S. Lynch, N. Marinelli, D.M. Morse, T. Pearson, R. Ruchti, J. Slaunwhite, N. Valls, M. Wayne, M. Wolf

The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA
B. Bylsma, L.S. Durkin, A. Hart, C. Hill, R. Hughes, R. Hughes, K. Kotov, T.Y. Ling, D. Puigh, M. Rodenburg, C. Vuosalo, G. Williams, B.L. Winer

Princeton University, Princeton, USA
N. Adam, E. Berry, P. Elmer, D. Gerbaudo, V. Halyo, P. Hebda, J. Hegeman, A. Hunt, P. Jindal, D. Lopes Pegna, P. Lujan, D. Marlow, T. Medvedeva, M. Mooney, J. Olsen, P. Piroué, X. Quan, A. Raval, B. Safdi, H. Saka, D. Stickland, C. Tully, J.S. Werner, A. Zuranski

University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, USA
J.G. Acosta, E. Brownson, X.T. Huang, A. Lopez, H. Mendez, S. Oliveros, J.E. Ramirez Vargas, A. Zatserklyanly

Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA
E. Alagöz, V.E. Barnes, D. Benedetti, G. Bolla, D. Bortoletto, M. De Mattia, A. Everett, Z. Hu, M. Jones, O. Koybasi, M. Kress, A.T. Laasanen, N. Leonardo, V. Maroussov, P. Merkel, D.H. Miller, N. Neumeister, I. Shipsey, D. Silvers, A. Svyatkovskiy, M. Vidal Marono, H.D. Yoo, J. Zablocki, Y. Zheng
Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, USA
S. Guragain, N. Parashar

Rice University, Houston, USA
A. Adair, C. Boulahouache, K.M. Ecklund, F.J.M. Geurts, B.P. Padley, R. Redjimi, J. Roberts, J. Zabel

University of Rochester, Rochester, USA
B. Betchart, A. Bodek, Y.S. Chung, R. Covarelli, P. de Barbaro, R. Demina, Y. Eshaq, A. Garcia-Bellido, P. Goldenzweig, J. Han, A. Harel, D.C. Miner, D. Vishnevskiy, M. Zielinski

The Rockefeller University, New York, USA
A. Bhatti, R. Ciesielski, L. Demortier, K. Goulianos, G. Lungu, S. Malik, C. Mesropian

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Piscataway, USA
S. Arora, A. Barker, J.P. Chou, C. Contreras-Campana, E. Contreras-Campana, D. Duggan, D. Ferencek, Y. Gershtein, R. Gray, E. Halkiadakis, D. Hidas, A. Lath, S. Panwalkar, M. Park, R. Patel, V. Rekovic, J. Robles, K. Rose, S. Salur, S. Schnetzer, C. Seitz, S. Somalwar, R. Stone, S. Thomas

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA
G. Cerizza, M. Hollingsworth, S. Spanier, Z.C. Yang, A. York

Texas A&M University, College Station, USA
R. Eusebi, W. Flanagan, J. Gilmore, T. Kamon, V. Khotilovich, R. Montalvo, I. Osipenkov, Y. Pakhotin, A. Perloff, J. Roe, A. Safronov, T. Sakuma, S. Sengupta, I. Suarez, A. Tatarinov, D. Toback

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, USA
N. Akchurin, J. Damgov, P.R. Dudero, C. Jeong, K. Kovitanggoon, S.W. Lee, T. Libeiro, Y. Roh, I. Volobouev

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA
E. Appelt, C. Florez, S. Greene, A. Gurrola, W. Johns, C. Johnston, P. Kurt, C. Maguire, A. Melo, P. Sheldon, B. Snook, S. Tuo, J. Velkovska

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA
M.W. Arenton, M. Balazs, S. Boutle, B. Cox, B. Francis, J. Goodell, R. Hirosky, A. Ledovskoy, C. Lin, C. Neu, J. Wood, R. Yohay

Wayne State University, Detroit, USA
S. Gollapinni, R. Harr, P.E. Karchin, C. Kottachchi Kankanamge Don, P. Lamichhane, A. Sakharov

University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA
M. Anderson, M. Bachtis, D. Belknap, L. Borrello, D. Carlsmit, M. Cepeda, S. Dasu, E. Friis, L. Gray, K.S. Grogg, M. Grothe, R. Hall-Wilton, M. Herndon, A. Hervé, P. Klabbers, J. Klukas, A. Lanaro, C. Lazaridis, J. Leonard, R. Loveless, A. Mohapatra, I. Ojalvo, F. Palmonari, G.A. Pierro, I. Ross, A. Savin, W.H. Smith, J. Swanson

†: Deceased
1: Also at Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria
2: Also at National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics, Tallinn, Estonia
3: Also at Universidade Federal do ABC, Santo Andre, Brazil
4: Also at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, USA
5: Also at CERN, European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland
6: Also at Laboratoire Leprince-Ringuet, Ecole Polytechnique, IN2P3-CNRS, Palaiseau, France
7: Also at Suez Canal University, Suez, Egypt
8: Also at Zewail City of Science and Technology, Zewail, Egypt
9: Also at Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt
10: Also at Fayoum University, El-Fayoum, Egypt
11: Also at British University, Cairo, Egypt
12: Now at Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
13: Also at Soltan Institute for Nuclear Studies, Warsaw, Poland
14: Also at Université de Haute-Alsace, Mulhouse, France
15: Now at Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia
16: Also at Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia
17: Also at Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus, Germany
18: Also at Institute of Nuclear Research ATOMKI, Debrecen, Hungary
19: Also at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary
20: Also at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research - HECR, Mumbai, India
21: Also at University of Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India
22: Also at Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran
23: Also at Isfahan University of Technology, Isfahan, Iran
24: Also at Plasma Physics Research Center, Science and Research Branch, Islamic Azad University, Teheran, Iran
25: Also at Facoltà Ingegneria Università di Roma, Roma, Italy
26: Also at Università della Basilicata, Potenza, Italy
27: Also at Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, Roma, Italy
28: Also at Università degli studi di Siena, Siena, Italy
29: Also at University of Bucharest, Faculty of Physics, Bucuresti-Magurele, Romania
30: Also at Faculty of Physics of University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
31: Also at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, USA
32: Also at Scuola Normale e Sezione dell’ INFN, Pisa, Italy
33: Also at INFN Sezione di Roma; Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Roma, Italy
34: Also at University of Athens, Athens, Greece
35: Also at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot, United Kingdom
36: Also at The University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA
37: Also at Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen, Switzerland
38: Also at Institute for Theoretical and Experimental Physics, Moscow, Russia
39: Also at Gaziosmanpasa University, Tokat, Turkey
40: Also at Adiyaman University, Adiyaman, Turkey
41: Also at Izmir Institute of Technology, Izmir, Turkey
42: Also at The University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA
43: Also at Mersin University, Mersin, Turkey
44: Also at Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey
45: Also at Kafkas University, Kars, Turkey
46: Also at Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey
47: Also at Ege University, Izmir, Turkey
48: Also at School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Southampton, Southampton, United Kingdom
49: Also at INFN Sezione di Perugia; Università di Perugia, Perugia, Italy
50: Also at University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
51: Also at Utah Valley University, Orem, USA
52: Also at Institute for Nuclear Research, Moscow, Russia
53: Also at University of Belgrade, Faculty of Physics and Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia
54: Also at Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, USA
55: Also at Erzincan University, Erzincan, Turkey
56: Also at KFKI Research Institute for Particle and Nuclear Physics, Budapest, Hungary
57: Also at Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Korea