# Interference effects and W' searches

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- Raise awareness and warn against inaccurate statements

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- Drell-Yan with W'/Z': up until now interference neglected in experimental searches

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- Neutrinos not detected  $\rightarrow$  transverse mass:  $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \longrightarrow M_T \approx \sin\theta \sqrt{\hat{s}}$





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- Limits from latest CMS analysis (April 2012): w/o interf. = 2.5 TeV; w interf. = 2.4 TeV



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	(GeV)			
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	350	44		
	550	96		
	700	3		
	800	11		
	1050	2		
	1150	1		
	1200	6		
	1350	18		
	1450	5.4		
	1450	1.		
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		C	$W'_{\rm R}$ ) × B
		3	W' mass
		4	(GeV)
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			700
		3	900
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Total cross-section e / u + v) [fb] 95% Observed Limit (Electron) 95% Observed Limit (Muon) 95% Observed (Combined) 95% Expected (Combined) etical Cross Section SSM W' with K-factor Theoretical Cross Section SSM W' without K-factor Theoretical Cross Section for  $W_{KK}$  ( $\mu$  = 10 TeV) Theoretical Cross Section for  $W_{KK}$  ( $\mu$  = 0.05 TeV) ↑10<sup>3</sup> N H 10<sup>2</sup> b CMS  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ L dt = 5.0 fb



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