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Recent results on associated $t\bar{t}Z$ and $t\bar{t}\gamma$ from the ATLAS and CMS experiments

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Overview

$t\bar{t}Z$



inclusive + differential

13 TeV; 139 fb⁻¹
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inclusive + differential + EFT

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inclusive + differential + EFT

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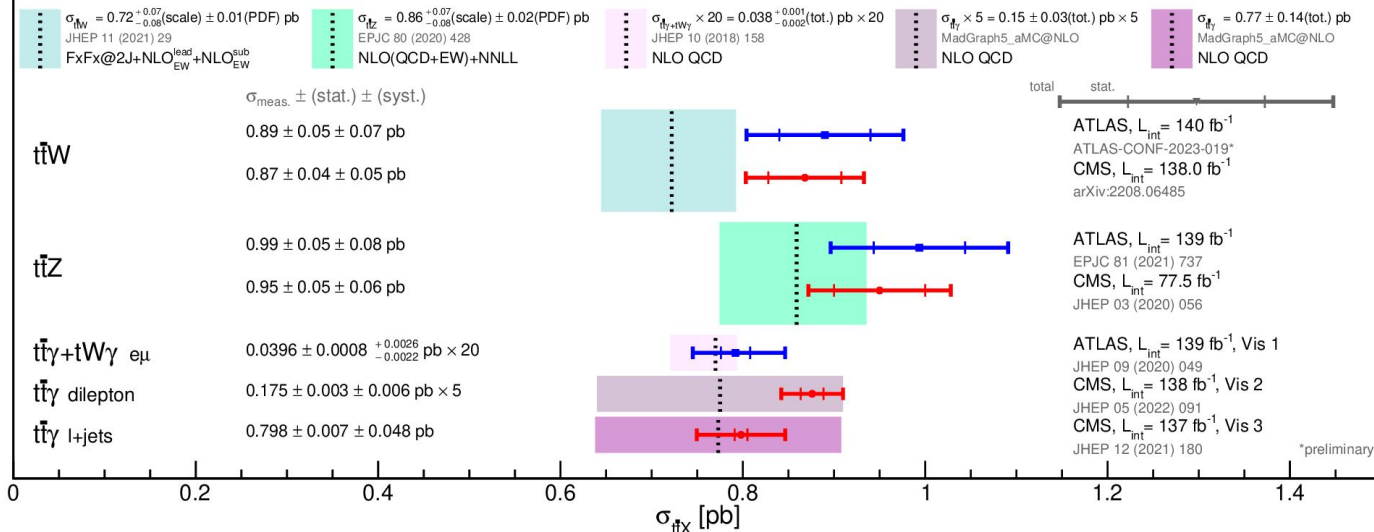


boosted $t\bar{t}Z$ + $t\bar{t}H$

13 TeV; 138 fb⁻¹
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$\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, June 2023



$t\bar{t}\gamma$



inclusive + differential $t\bar{t}\gamma + tW\gamma$

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charge asymmetry $t\bar{t}\gamma$

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ATLAS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ + $tW\gamma$ inclusive + differential x_S

139 fb⁻¹

- Combined measurement of $t\bar{t}\gamma$ and $tW\gamma$
- Probes $t\gamma$ EW coupling, sensitive to the new physics through top quark anomalous dipole moments
- Only $e\mu$ channel (clean dataset, no need for MVA)

Inclusive x_S measurement:

- Binned PLF to the S_T distribution (scalar sum of p_T of l, jets, γ and p_T^{miss})

Result:

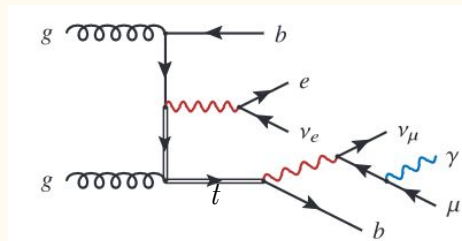
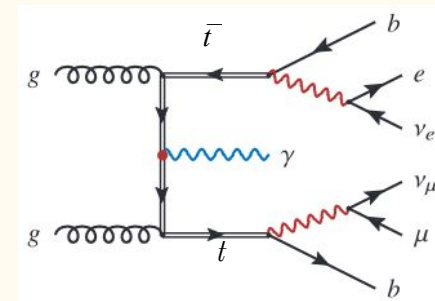
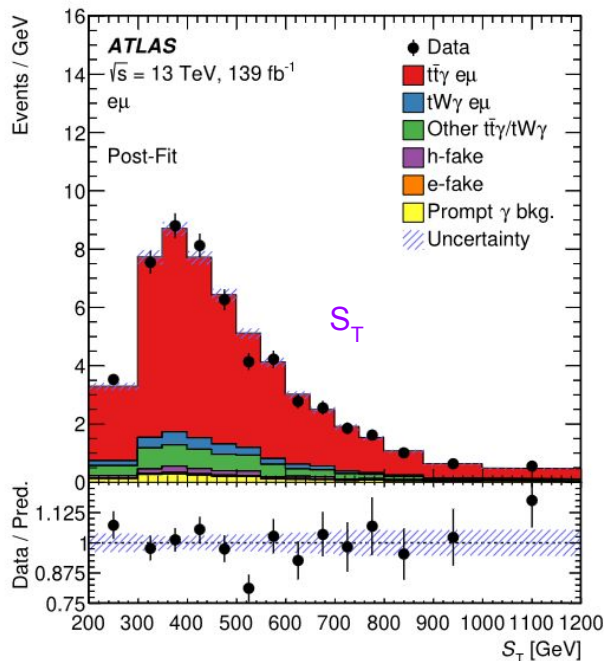
- Measured:

6.3%

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 39.6 \pm 0.8 \text{ (stat)} \begin{matrix} +2.6 \\ -2.2 \end{matrix} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb} = 39.6 \begin{matrix} +2.7 \\ -2.3 \end{matrix} \text{ fb}$$

- Compatible with NLO prediction within uncertainties

- syst. uncert. dominated by signal and background modelling and $tW\gamma$ parton definition



Signal selection:

- one electron and muon with opposite charges
- one isolated high- p_T photon
- at least 2 jets (≥ 1 b-tag)

ATLAS: $t\bar{t}\gamma+tW\gamma$ inclusive + differential x_s

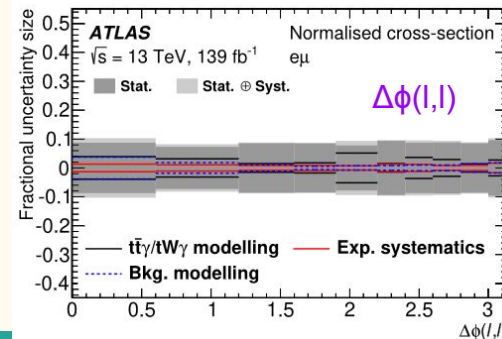
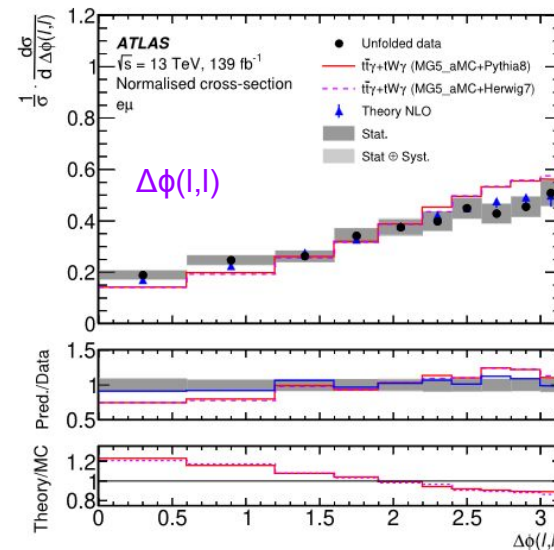
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Differential x_s measurements:

- **IBU** with 2 iterations
- 5 observables unfolded to parton-level (absolute and normalised)
 - $p_T(\gamma)$, $|\eta(\gamma)|$, $\Delta R(\gamma, \ell)_{\min}$, $\Delta\phi(\ell, \ell)$, $|\Delta\eta(\ell, \ell)|$
 - sensitive to $t\gamma$ coupling, $t\gamma$ separation and $t\bar{t}$ spin correlations
- Binning optimised for **high resolution** and **small migrations**

Results:

- Compared to:
 - **NLO** dedicated theory predictions
 - **LO** parton-level $t\bar{t}\gamma + tW\gamma$ (only for normalised)
- Overall **good agreement** (better compatibility with NLO calculations)
- Dominated by **statistical uncertainty**



Normalised x_s	$p_T(\gamma)$		$ \eta(\gamma) $		$\Delta R(\gamma, \ell)_{\min}$		$\Delta\phi(\ell, \ell)$		$ \Delta\eta(\ell, \ell) $	
	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value
$t\bar{t}\gamma+tW\gamma$ (MG5_aMC+PYTHIA8)	6.3/10	0.79	7.3/7	0.40	20.1/9	0.02	30.8/9	< 0.01	6.5/7	0.48
$t\bar{t}\gamma+tW\gamma$ (MG5_aMC+HERWIG7)	5.3/10	0.87	7.7/7	0.36	18.9/9	0.03	31.6/9	< 0.01	6.8/7	0.45
Theory NLO	6.0/10	0.82	4.5/7	0.72	13.5/9	0.14	5.8/9	0.76	5.6/7	0.59

CMS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive + differential (l+jets)



Signal selection:

- one electron or muon
- one isolated high- p_T photon, $|\eta(\gamma)| < 1.44$
- two SRs based on jet multiplicity

Backgrounds:

- Non-prompt γ (23%), missID e (19%) - from data

Inclusive xs:

- Simultaneous PLF in all SRs and CRs
- Fitted M_3 distribution (invariant mass of 3-jet combination with highest p_T sum)

- Measured:

6.1%

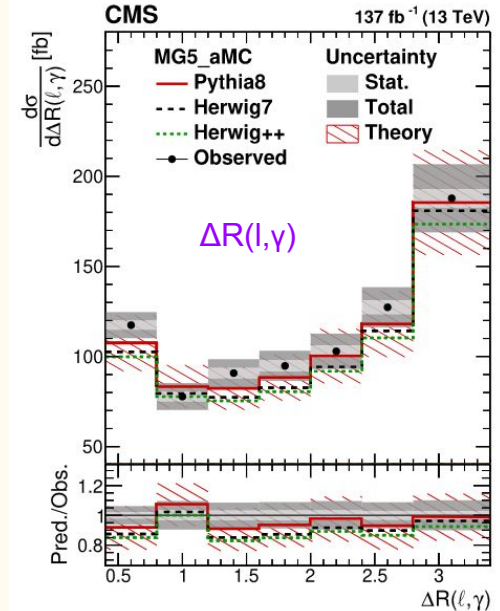
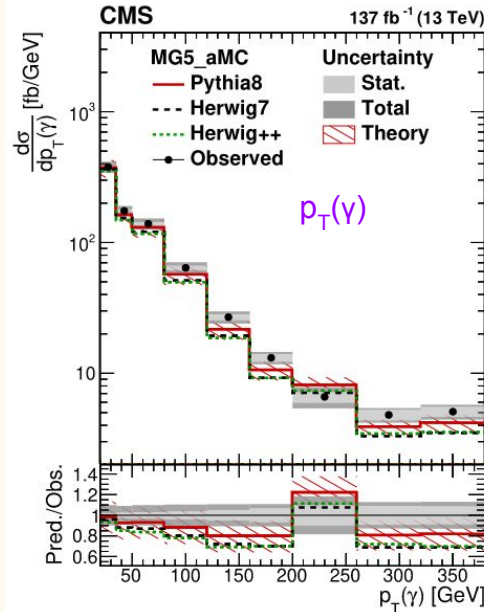
$$\sigma(t\bar{t}\gamma) = 798 \pm 7 \text{ (stat)} \pm 48 \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$$

- Good agreement with SM NLO prediction
- Highly systematically dominated (W γ normalisation, non-prompt γ bckg, lumi)

- SMEFT interpretation - more sensitive than dilepton analysis!

Differential xs:

- 3 observables unfolded to particle-level (absolute xs)
- Matrix inversion without regularisation (TUnfold) - backgrounds constrained in CRs via ML fit
- Observables:
 - $p_T(\gamma)$, $|\eta(\gamma)|$, $\Delta R(l, \gamma)$ - sensitive to t- γ coupling
- Dominated by **syst. uncertainties** -JES, γ ID efficiency, color reconnection



CMS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive + differential (dilepton)



138 fb⁻¹

Signal selection:

- $t\bar{t}$ dilepton selection ($e^\pm\mu^\mp$, e^+e^- , $\mu^+\mu^-$)
- one high- p_T photon in barrel region

Backgrounds:

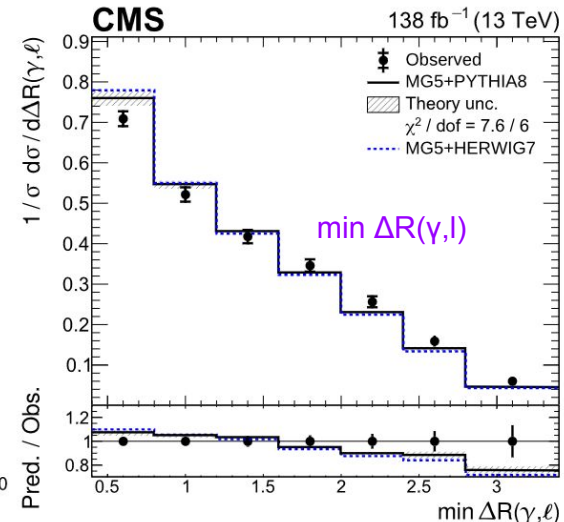
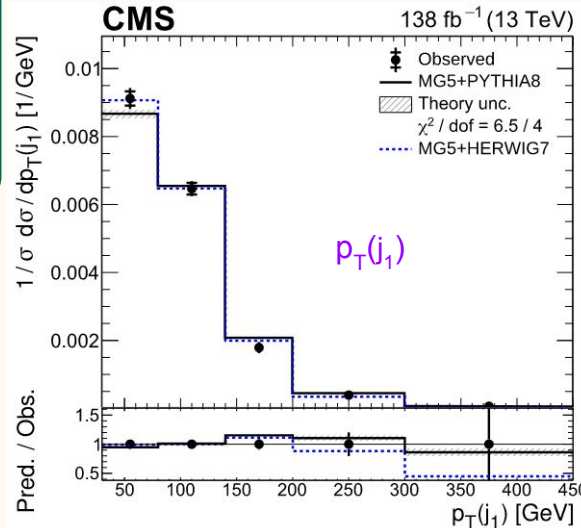
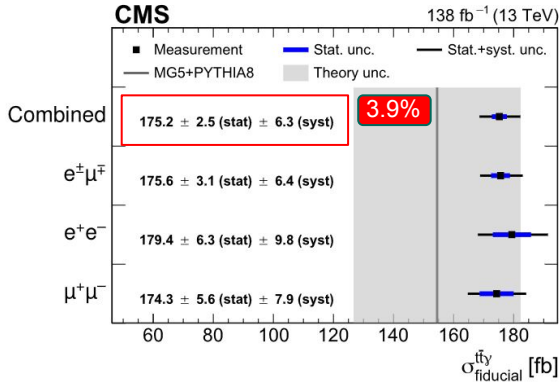
- Prompt γ bckg (13%) - $Z\gamma$ (from data), $t\gamma$ (from MC)
- Nonprompt γ bckg (13%) - from data

Inclusive xs:

- PLF to reconstructed $p_T(\gamma)$ - 9 bins (separate fit for $e^\pm\mu^\mp$, e^+e^- , $\mu^+\mu^-$ and combined)
- Dominated by **syst. uncertainty** (Lumi, signal modelling, flavour tagging)
- Agrees with the SM prediction within uncertainties
- **Lower prediction** (12%) caused by neglecting γ radiation from t decay products in LO sample

Differential xs:

- **12 observables** unfolded to **particle level**
- Small migrations → **matrix inversion** without regularisation (**TUnfold**)
- **Observables** related to photon kinematics, separation of γ from l , jets, b -jets, and leptons p_T
- **Slight trends in $l+\gamma$ and $l+l$ variables** - hints on mismodelling of γ origin in LO simulation
- Large differences between predictions for high p_T bins, but **overall good agreement**



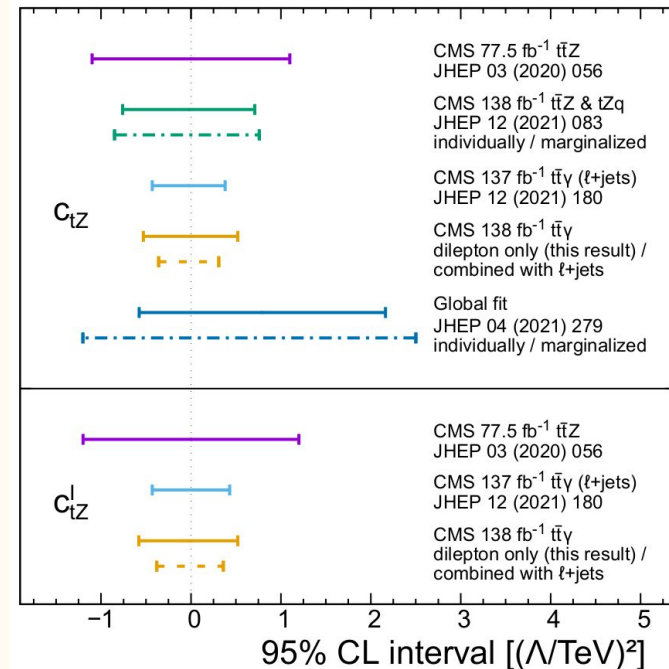
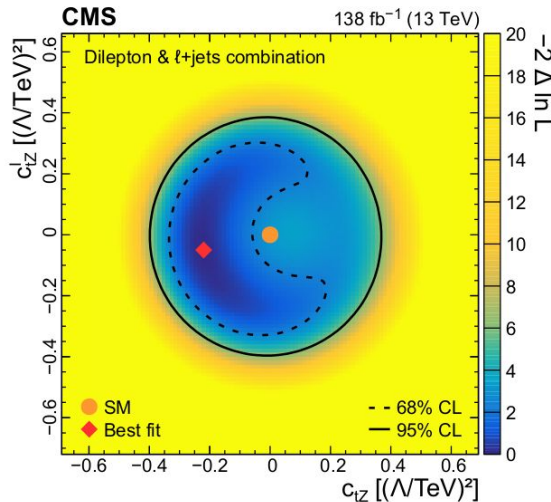
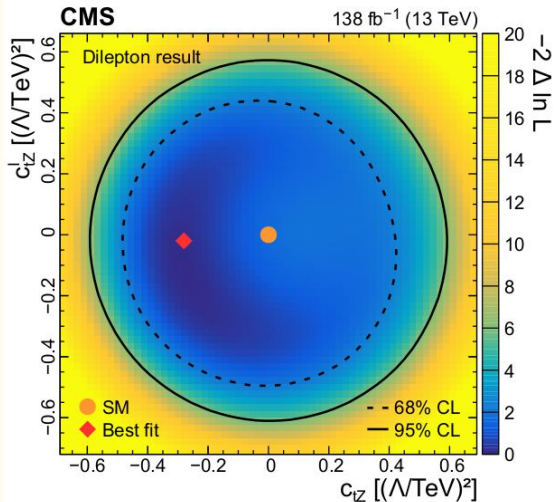
CMS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive + differential (dilepton)



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EFT interpretation:

- **Two WCs** considered - c_{tZ}, c_{tZ}^{\perp} (complementary to $c_{t\gamma}, c_{t\gamma}^{\perp}$)
- Using $p_T(\gamma)$, differential observables insensitive
- **l+jets** analysis more sensitive for EFT effects - larger statistics at high p_T
- **1D and 2D scans** in **dilepton channel only** and also **combined with l+jets**
- Results in agreement with SM - most stringent limits on these WCs to date



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Signal selection:

- 1 OSSF lepton pair and at least 1 jet
- 3SR 3l channel and 2SR in 4l channel based on b-jet multiplicity

Backgrounds:

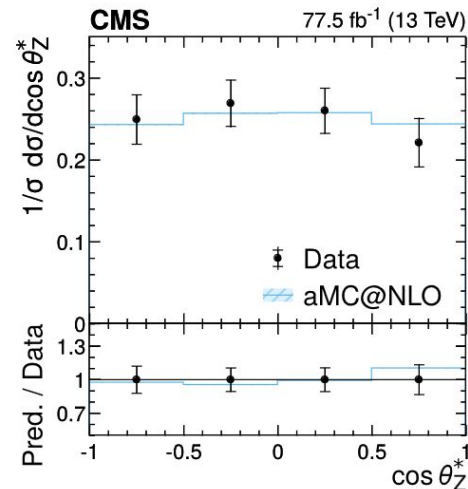
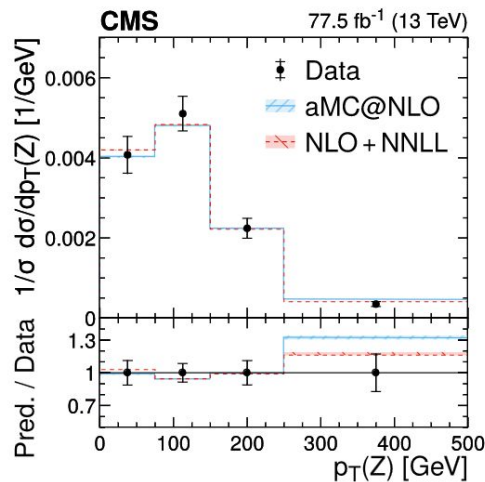
- $t(\bar{t})X$ where $X=W,Z,H$ - from MC
- WZ+jets (3l), ZZ+jets (4l) - from data - WZ/ZZ CR
- Nonprompt leptons - from data - CR

Inclusive xs:

- Simultaneous PLF to event yields in 5 SRs and 2 CRs
- Measured: **8.2%**
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 0.95 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$
- Good agreement with NLO+NNLL prediction, total unc. competitive with theory
- Leading systematics: lepton selection eff., PS, $t(\bar{t})X$ and WZ modelling

Differential xs:

- Only in 3l channel ($N_j \geq 3, N_b \geq 1$)
- 2 observables unfolded to parton level (absolute and normalised xs)
 - p_T^Z (t-Z coupling) and $\cos \theta_Z^*$ (anomalous dipole moments)
- Small migrations → matrix inversion without regularisation - TUnfold
- Overall good agreement



CMS: $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive + differential xs



Search for anomalous $t\bar{t}Z$ couplings:

- Testing SM predictions for $C_{1,V}$, $C_{1,A}$ (non-zero in SM) and $C_{2,V}$, $C_{2,A}$ (0 at LO, $\sim 10^{-3}$ overall)

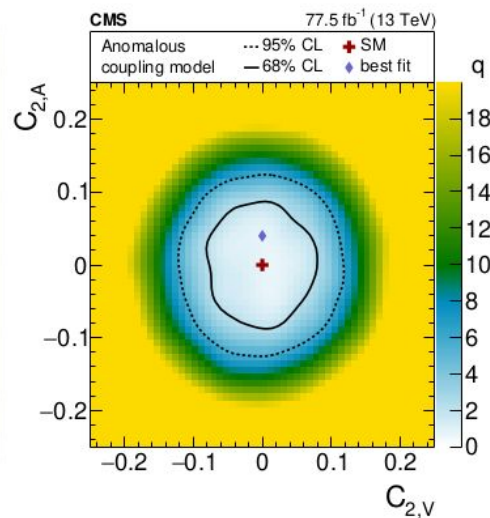
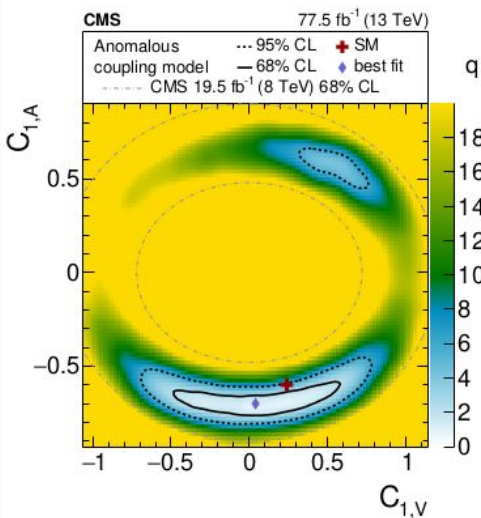
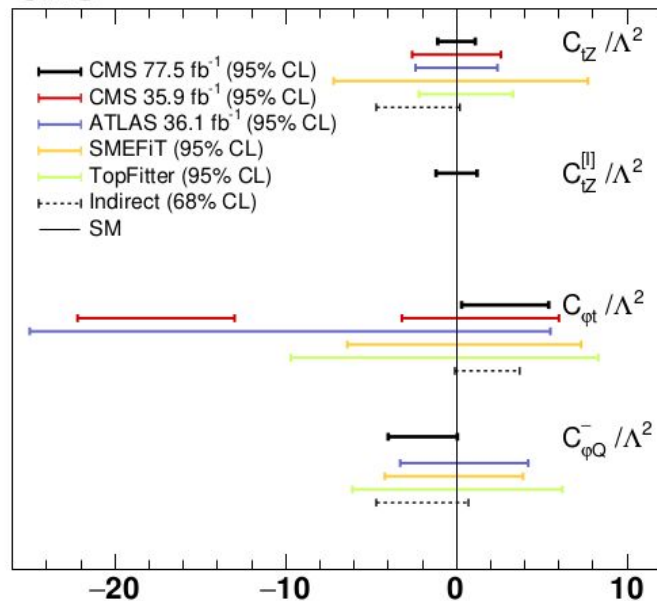
$$\mathcal{L} = e\bar{u}_t \left[\gamma^\mu (C_{1,V} + \gamma_5 C_{1,A}) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} p_\nu}{m(Z)} (C_{2,V} + i\gamma_5 C_{2,A}) \right] v_{\bar{t}} Z_{\mu'}$$

- $\cos \theta_Z^*$ provide high sensitivity
- Obtained **results agree with SM**

EFT interpretation:

- 4 dim-6 WCs constrained
- 12 SRs and CRs in 3I
- 3 SRs and CRs in 4I
- 1D and 2D likelihood scans
- All results in agreement with SM predictions

CMS





ATLAS: Refined $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive + differential xs

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Improving previous $t\bar{t}Z$ measurement (*EPJC 81 (2021) 737*):

- Addition of **2l** channel in inclusive xs
- MVA for SR definitions and PLF
- Improved **unfolding technique**

Signal selection:

- 3 SRs in **2l** → jet and b-jet multiplicity
- 3 SRs in **3l** → output nodes of multiclass NN
- 2 SRs in **4l** → SF, DF + cut on NN output in SF

Also covered in Harriet's [talk](#)

Backgrounds:

- **2l** dominated by **Z+jets** and **$t\bar{t}$** - from data
- **3l** dominated by **WZ+jets** - from CR
- **4l** dominated by **ZZ+jets** - from CR
- **3 CRs for fakes** in 3l and 4l

Differential xs measurement:

- **Profile Likelihood Unfolding** in 3l and 4l
 - Regularisation for observables featuring hadronic top
- **17 observables** unfolded to particle and parton level
 - sensitive to MC modelling, tZ coupling, BSM effects
- **Good agreement** - lower p values (2%) for $H_T(l)$ → bad modelling

Inclusive xs:

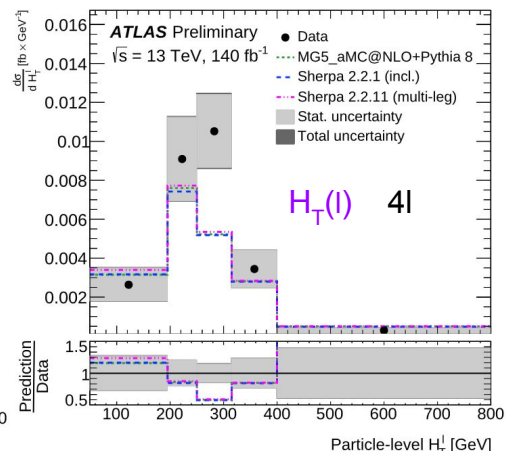
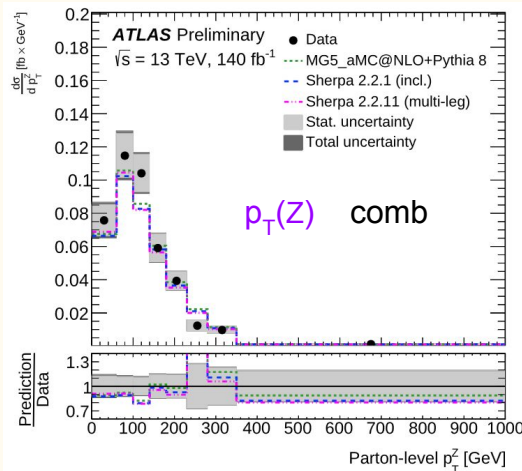
NLO: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 0.84_{-0.10}^{+0.09}$ pb

- Simultaneous PLF to NN outputs

Channel	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}$
Dilepton	0.84 ± 0.11 pb = 0.84 ± 0.06 (stat.) ± 0.09 (syst.) pb
Trilepton	0.84 ± 0.07 pb = 0.84 ± 0.05 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.) pb
Tetralepton	$0.97_{-0.12}^{+0.13}$ pb = 0.97 ± 0.11 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.) pb
Combination (2l, 3l&4l)	0.86 ± 0.06 pb = 0.86 ± 0.04 (stat.) ± 0.04 (syst.) pb

6.5%

- Compatible with SM prediction
- **6%** relative precision (**10%** in previous ATLAS $t\bar{t}Z$)
- Leading systematics: background normalisations, jets+E_T^{miss} and b-tagging





ATLAS: Refined $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive + differential xs



Spin correlations interpretation:

- **First evidence** of top-quark spin correlations in $t\bar{t}Z$
- 6 independent observables (in $t\bar{t}$ rest frame):

$$\cos \theta_k^+, \cos \theta_k^-, \cos \theta_n^+, \cos \theta_n^-, \cos \theta_r^+, \cos \theta_r^-,$$

- Observables defined using **leptons from $t\bar{t}$** (or **lepton + down-type quark** from W decay)

Strategy:

- **Template fit** of detector-level distributions
- Each observable O fitted to **lin. combination of spin-on and spin-off hypotheses**:

$$O = f_{SM} \cdot O_{\text{spin-on}} + (1 - f_{SM}) \cdot O_{\text{spin-off}}$$

POI (=1 for SM-like correlations and =0 in absence of spin. corr.)

Template with SM spin. corr.

Template without spin. corr.

Result:

$$f_{SM}^{\text{obs.}} = 1.20 \pm 0.63 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.25 \text{ (syst.)} = 1.20 \pm 0.68 \text{ (tot.)}$$

- Measurement **stat. dominated**,
- Spin-off hypothesis rejected with **1.8 σ**

opening angle between charged leptons (or lepton and s-jet)

Distribution	Channel	Expected values	Observed values
$\cos \varphi$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.39}_{-1.38}$	$-0.09^{+1.34}_{-1.28}$
$\cos \theta_r^+ \cdot \cos \theta_r^-$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.83}_{-1.82}$	$1.17^{+1.80}_{-1.76}$
$\cos \theta_k^+ \cdot \cos \theta_k^-$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.78}_{-1.78}$	$1.39^{+1.72}_{-1.73}$
$\cos \theta_n^+ \cdot \cos \theta_n^-$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.87}_{-1.86}$	$-1.05^{+2.06}_{-1.96}$
$\cos \theta_r^+ \cdot \cos \theta_k^- + \cos \theta_r^- \cdot \cos \theta_k^+$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.93}_{-1.93}$	$0.36^{+1.99}_{-1.93}$
$\cos \theta_r^+$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.81}_{-1.80}$	$1.56^{+1.86}_{-1.98}$
$\cos \theta_r^-$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.82}_{-1.78}$	$1.81^{+1.63}_{-1.68}$
$\cos \theta_k^+$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.69}_{-1.67}$	$2.00^{+1.65}_{-1.70}$
$\cos \theta_k^-$	$3\ell + 4\ell$	$1^{+1.68}_{-1.68}$	$2.31^{+1.68}_{-1.68}$

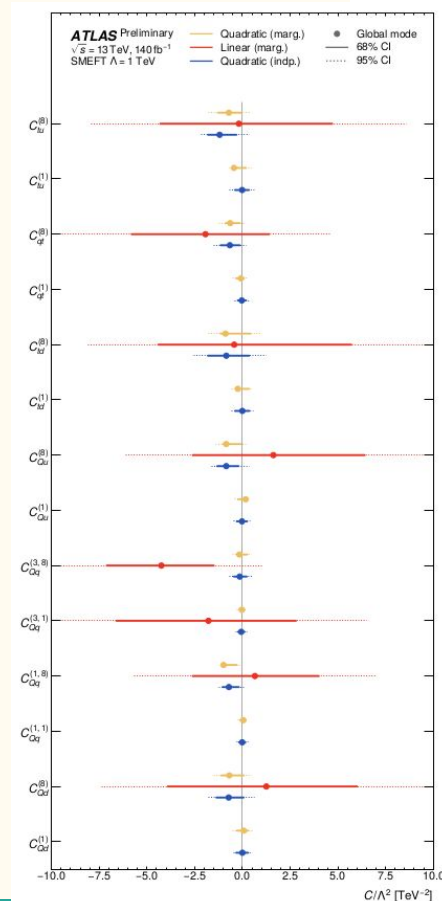
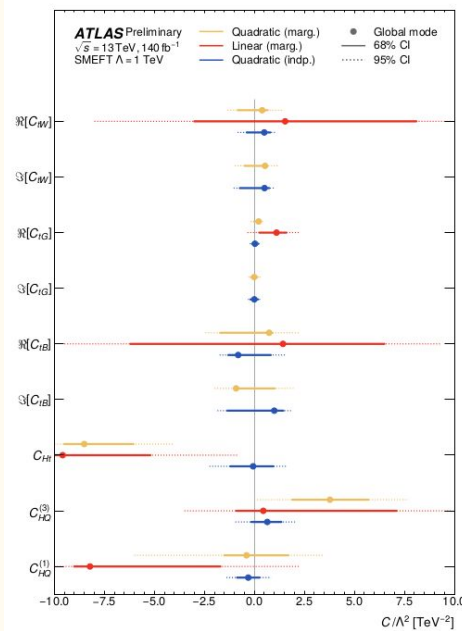
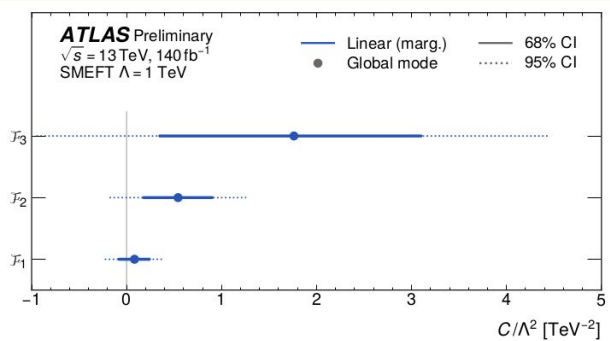
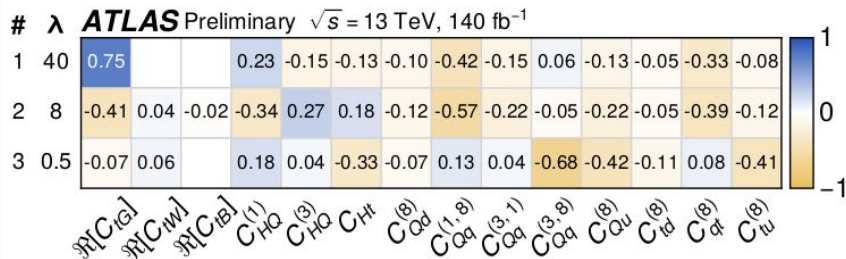


ATLAS: Refined $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive + differential xs



EFT interpretation:

- 20 dim-6 EFT operators
- Particle-level diff. distributions taken as input
- Linear and quadratic fits (other WCs profiled, and fixed to 0)
- Fisher information matrix
 - inverse covariance matrix rotated into the space of the WCs
 - measure of sensitivity achieved along directions in WC space
- Results compatible with SM predictions within uncertainties



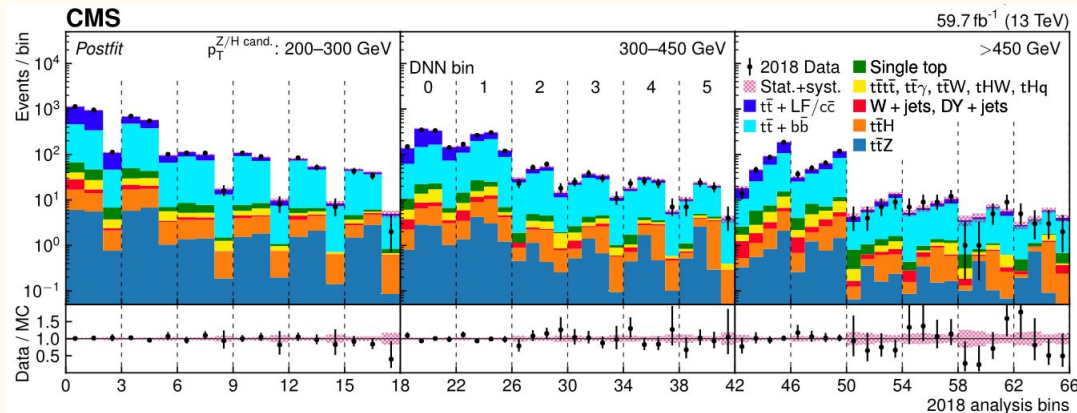
CMS: Boosted $t\bar{t}Z$ + $t\bar{t}H$



- Probes t - Z/H couplings
- $Z/H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ and $t\bar{t} \rightarrow l+jets$
- one e or μ , one **AK8 high- p_T jet** (H/Z candidate), ≥ 5 **AK4 jets** (≥ 2 b -tagged)

Signal strength extraction:

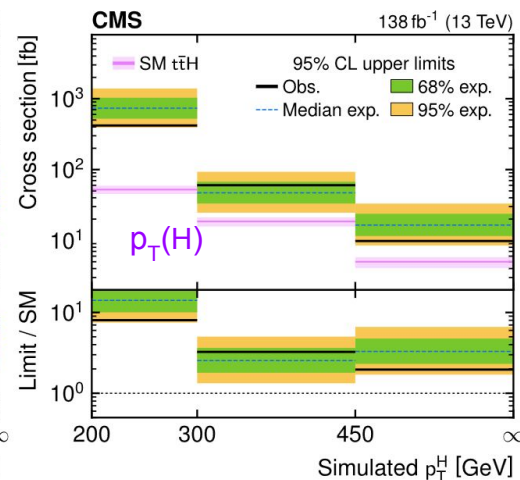
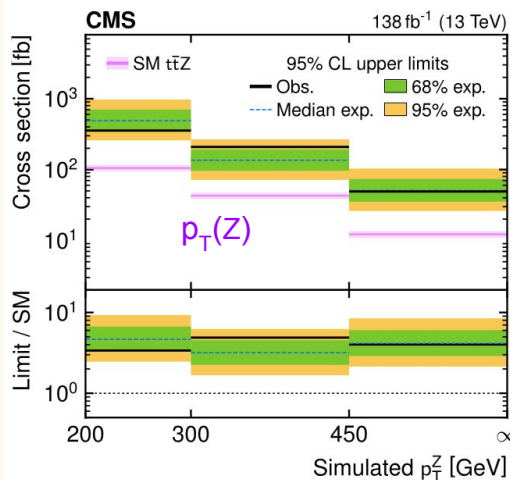
- **Simultaneous profile likelihood fit** to event yields in **198 analysis bins** ($p_T^{Z/H}$, m_{SD} and **DNN output**)
- **POIs:** $\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$, $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$
- Normalisation of $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$ **free floating**
- Low correlation between $\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$ and $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ (-10%)
- Results **stat. dominated**



Signal strength	Observed	Stat.	MC stat.	Exp. syst.	Theo. syst.	Expected
$\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$	$0.65^{+1.04}_{-0.98}$	$+0.80$ -0.75	$+0.36$ -0.38	$+0.38$ -0.31	$+0.43$ -0.38	$1.00^{+0.91}$ -0.84
$\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$	$-0.27^{+0.86}_{-0.83}$	$+0.72$ -0.65	$+0.31$ -0.33	$+0.19$ -0.19	$+0.28$ -0.35	$1.00^{+0.79}$ -0.72

Upper limits on differential xs:

- **Profile likelihood unfolding** to obtain **95% CL upper limits** for p_T^Z and p_T^H
- Same fiducial volume as for μ extraction
- **Higher sensitivity on H than Z** due to larger $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ branching fraction

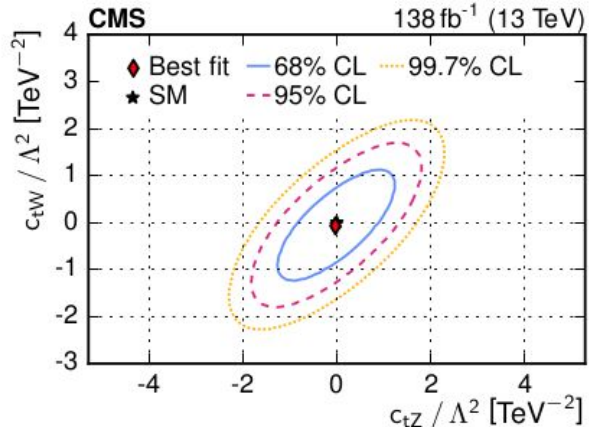
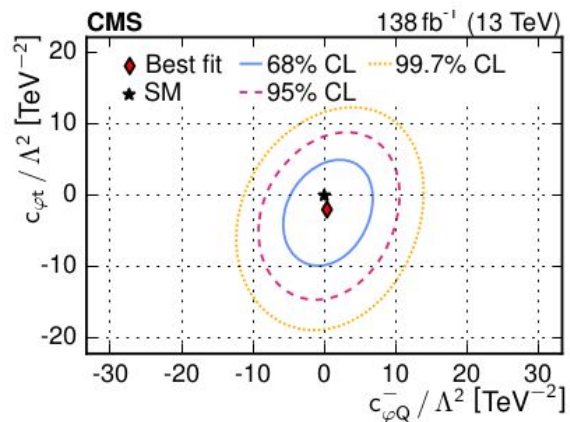
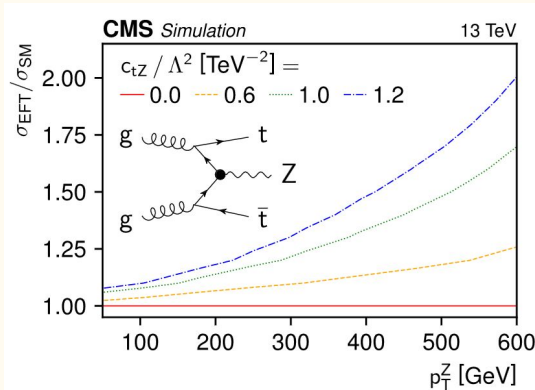


CMS: Boosted $t\bar{t}Z$ + $t\bar{t}H$



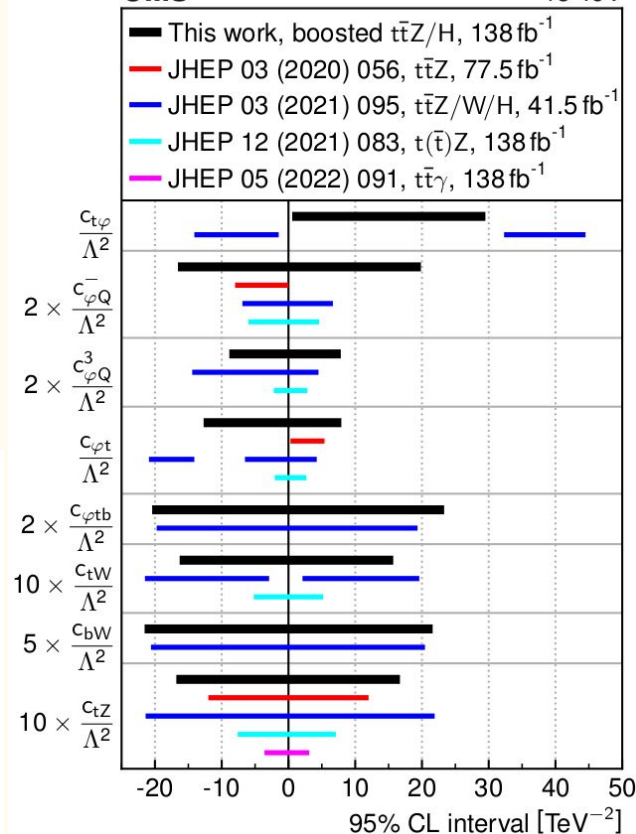
EFT interpretation:

- EFT effects more pronounced in **high p_T regions**
- **8 dim-6 WCs**
- Varying $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}H$ and $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$ samples
- Likelihood scan for each WC while others:
 - fixed to 0
 - profiled (floating)
- **2D scans** for 3 pairs (remaining 6 fixed to 0)
- 95% CL limits **in agreement with SM**
- Comparable sensitivity to other results









CMS

13 TeV



Summary

Analysis	Inclusive xs	Differential xs	EFT	Extra
$\bar{t}\bar{t}\gamma+tW\gamma$ 	39.6 fb \pm 6.3%	5 observables	no	—
$\bar{t}\bar{t}\gamma$ (l+jets) 	798 fb \pm 6.1%	3 observables	yes	—
$\bar{t}\bar{t}\gamma$ (dilepton) 	175.2 fb \pm 3.9%	12 observables	yes	—
$\bar{t}\bar{t}Z$ 	0.95 pb \pm 8.2%	2 observables	yes	Limits on anomalous couplings
$\bar{t}\bar{t}Z$ refined  NEW!	0.86 pb \pm 6.5%	15 observables	yes	$\bar{t}\bar{t}Z$ spin correlations
$\bar{t}\bar{t}Z + \bar{t}\bar{t}H$ boosted 	—	2 observables (upper limits)	yes	Signal strengths for $\bar{t}\bar{t}Z$ and $\bar{t}\bar{t}H$

- Latest $\bar{t}\bar{t}Z$ and $\bar{t}\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive results now **beating precision of NLO calculations**
- **Inclusive** measurements become **systematically limited**, **differential** remain **statistically limited**

Thank you for your attention !



BACKUP

ATLAS: $t\bar{t}\gamma+tW\gamma$ inclusive + differential xs

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Signal selection:

- > **one electron and muon** with $p_T > 25\text{GeV}$ and **opposite charges**
- > $m_{e\mu} > 15\text{GeV}$
- > **one** reconstructed **photon** with $\Delta R(l, \gamma) > 0.4$
- > at least **2 jets** (≥ 1 b-tag)

- S_T provides good S/B separation and is less sensitive to systematics than jets N or p_T
- Measured in **fiducial phase space** emulating event selection from dedicated theory calculation (parton level)

Backgrounds:

- > All estimated from MC:
- > **other $t\bar{t}\gamma/tW\gamma$ (9%)**
- > **prompt γ bckg. (3%)**
- > **γ from hadron decays $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (3%) = h-fake**
- > **electron mimicking γ (0.8%) = e-fake**

- Predicted NLO (*JHEP 01 (2019) 188*):

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 38.50^{+0.56}_{-2.18} (\text{scale})^{+1.04}_{-1.18} (\text{PDF}) \text{ fb}$$

Category	Uncertainty		
$t\bar{t}\gamma/tW\gamma$ modelling	3.8%	Leptons	1.1%
Background modelling	2.1%	Flavour-tagging	1.1%
Photons	1.9%	MC statistics	0.4%
Luminosity	1.8%	Soft term E_T^{miss}	0.2%
Jets	1.6%	$tW\gamma$ parton definition	2.8%
Pile-up	1.3%	Total syst.	6.3%

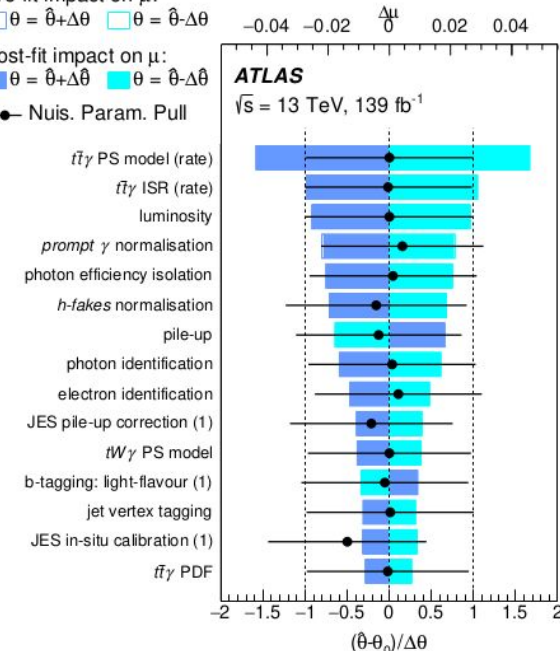
Pre-fit impact on μ :

□ $\theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$ □ $\theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$

Post-fit impact on μ :

■ $\theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$ ■ $\theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$

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- $tW\gamma$ parton def. - sample produced with only one b, second b produced in PS, but sometimes missing (30% in Herwig, 50% in Pythia)

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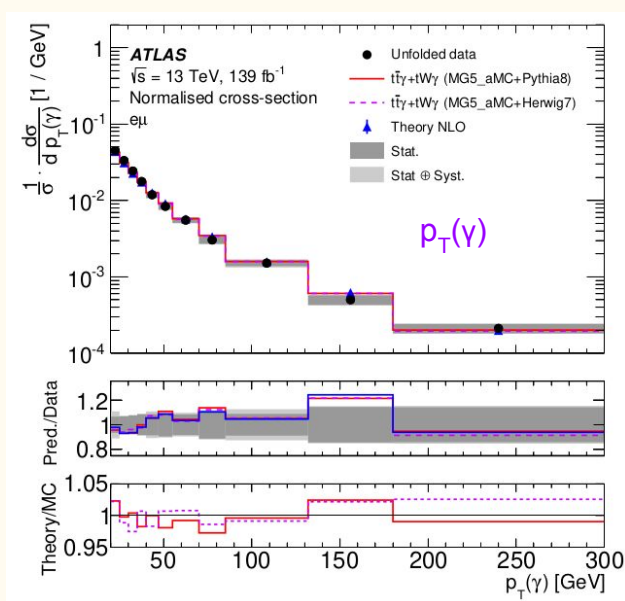
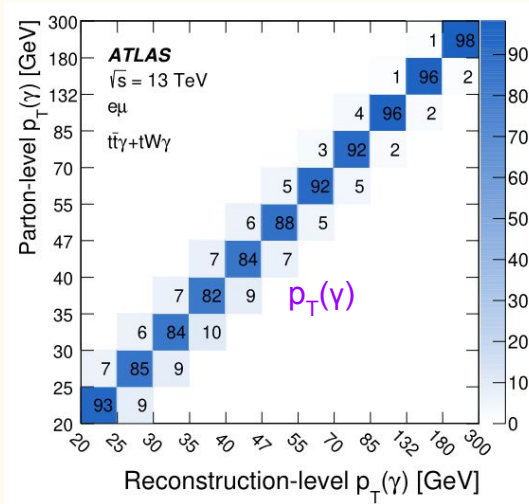
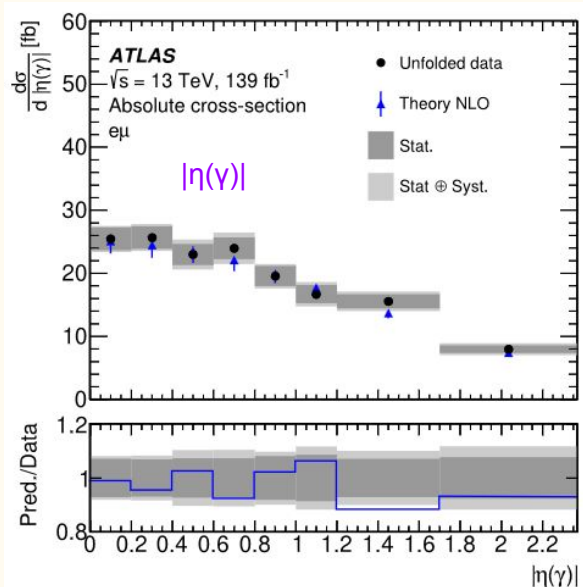


Table 3: χ^2/ndf and p -values between the measured absolute cross-sections and the NLO calculation.

Predictions	$p_T(\gamma)$		$ \eta(\gamma) $		$\Delta R(\gamma, \ell)_{\text{min}}$		$\Delta\phi(\ell, \ell)$		$ \Delta\eta(\ell, \ell) $	
	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value	χ^2/ndf	p -value
Theory NLO	6.1/11	0.87	4.5/8	0.81	11.7/10	0.31	5.8/10	0.83	6.2/8	0.62

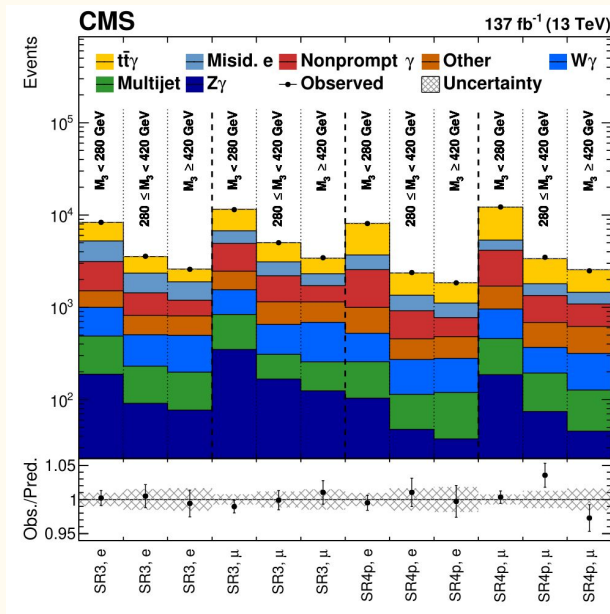
- Binning:
 - bin widths larger than **twice the resolution**
 - stat. uncert. **less than 10%** in each bin
 - high resolution → **small migrations** (on diagonal >80%)

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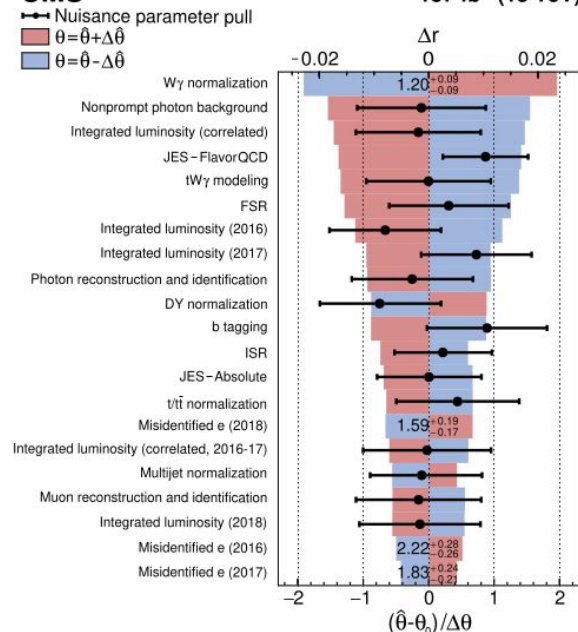


Backgrounds:

- **Non-prompt γ (23%):**
 - dominant, estimated from data in sideband CR
 - signal and other bckgs. subtracted from data
- **Misidentified e (19%):**
 - from data, dedicated CRs ($N_b = 0$)
 - high mass ($W\gamma$), low mass ($W\gamma, Z\gamma$) and Z mass ($|m(l,\gamma) - m_Z| \leq 10$ GeV, $Z \rightarrow ee$)
 - $W\gamma$ normalisation \rightarrow free parameter of the fit
- **Multijet (< 0.5%):**
 - from data in sideband region
 - CRs with loosened isol. criteria (pass loose, fail tight), $N_b = 0$
 - template fit of $m_T(W)$



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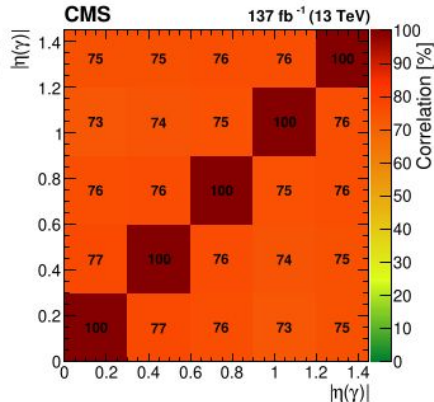
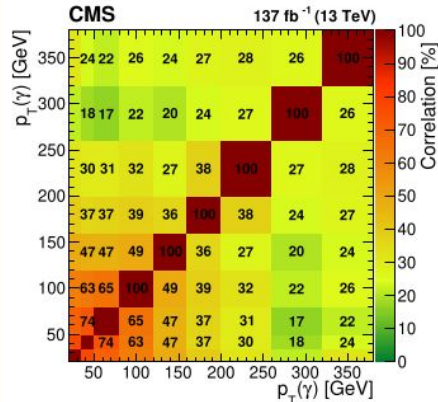
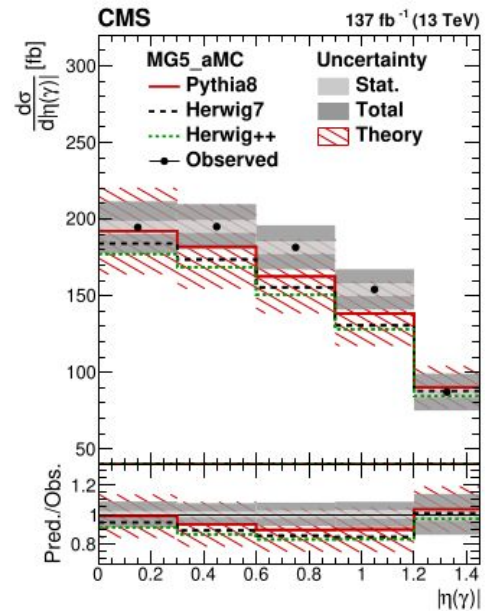


Photon	e (μ)	Jet	b jet
$p_T > 20$ GeV	$p_T > 35$ (30) GeV	$p_T > 30$ GeV	$p_T > 30$ GeV
$ \eta < 1.4442$	$ \eta < 2.4$	$ \eta < 2.4$	$ \eta < 2.4$
no hadronic origin	no hadronic origin	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \ell) > 0.4$	$\Delta R(\text{b jet}, \ell) > 0.4$
$\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$		$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \gamma) > 0.1$	$\Delta R(\text{b jet}, \gamma) > 0.1$
isolated			matched to b hadrons

- **Predicted NLO:**

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}}(t\bar{t}\gamma) = 773 \pm 135 \text{ fb.}$$

CMS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive + differential (l+jets)



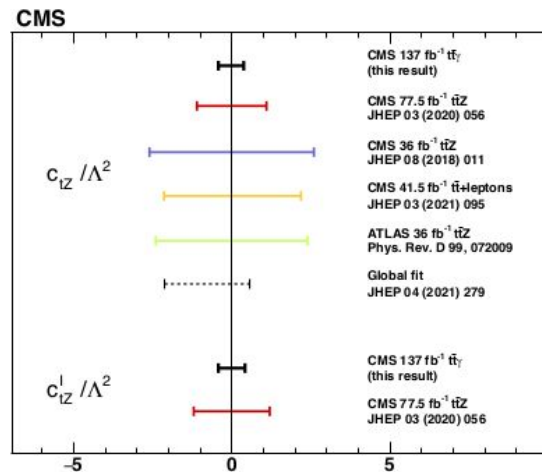
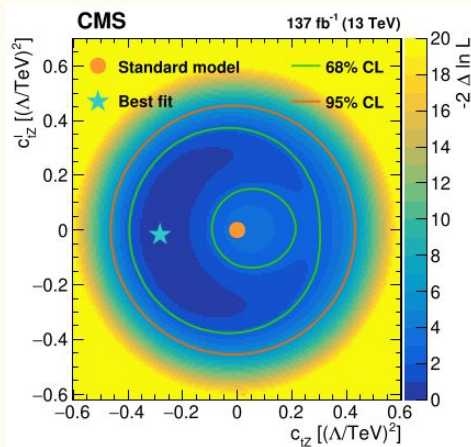
	$p_T(\gamma)$	$\ln(\gamma)$	$\Delta R(l, \gamma)$
χ^2	12.0	5.2	6.3
NDF	9	5	7

$$c_{lZ} = \text{Re} \left(-\sin \theta_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + \cos \theta_W C_{uW}^{(33)} \right),$$

$$c_{lZ}^I = \text{Im} \left(-\sin \theta_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + \cos \theta_W C_{uW}^{(33)} \right),$$

$$c_{t\gamma} = \text{Re} \left(\cos \theta_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + \sin \theta_W C_{uW}^{(33)} \right),$$

$$c_{t\gamma}^I = \text{Im} \left(\cos \theta_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + \sin \theta_W C_{uW}^{(33)} \right),$$



CMS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive + differential (dilepton)



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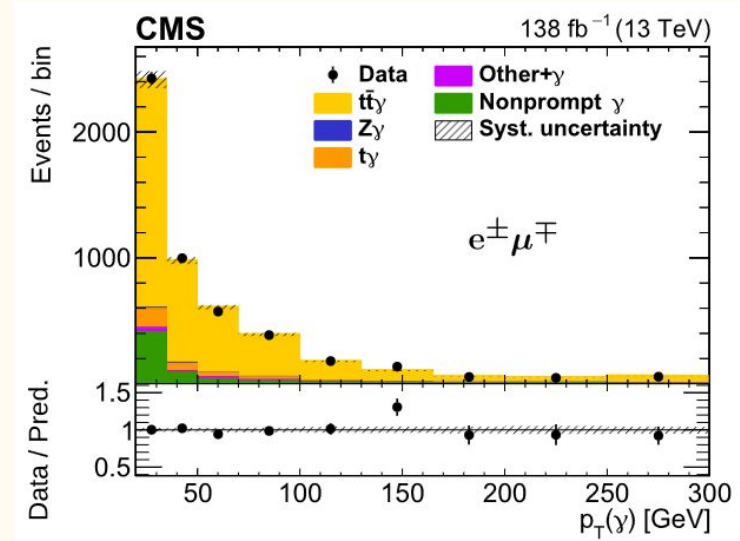
Signal selection:

Leptons	Photons	Jets	b jets	Events
$p_T > 25$ (15) GeV	$p_T > 20$ GeV	$p_T > 30$ GeV	$p_T > 30$ GeV	$N_\ell = 2$ (OC)
$ \eta < 2.4$	$ \eta < 1.44$	$ \eta < 2.4$	$ \eta < 2.4$	$N_\gamma = 1$
	$\Delta R(\gamma, \ell) > 0.4$	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \ell) > 0.4$	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \ell) > 0.4$	$N_b \geq 1$
	isolated	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \gamma) > 0.1$	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \gamma) > 0.1$	$m(\ell\ell) > 20$ GeV
			matched to b hadron	

+ $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 15$ GeV and $|m_{\ell\nu} - m_Z| > 15$ GeV for SF leptons

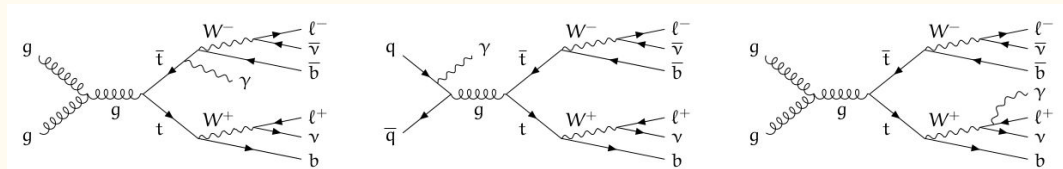
Backgrounds:

- **Prompt γ bckg (13%):**
 - dominated by $Z\gamma$, $t\gamma$
 - $Z\gamma$ from data, others from MC
 - $Z\gamma$ CR:
 - $|m_{\ell\nu} - m_Z| < 15$ GeV; only SF leptons
- **Nonprompt γ bckg (13%):**
 - estimated from data in sideband region (99.5% purity)
 - “tight-to-loose ratio” method applied to $\bar{t}\bar{t}$
 - corr. factor as ratio of events passing and failing ID criteria for γ



- Predicted (NLO MG5_aMC@NLO):

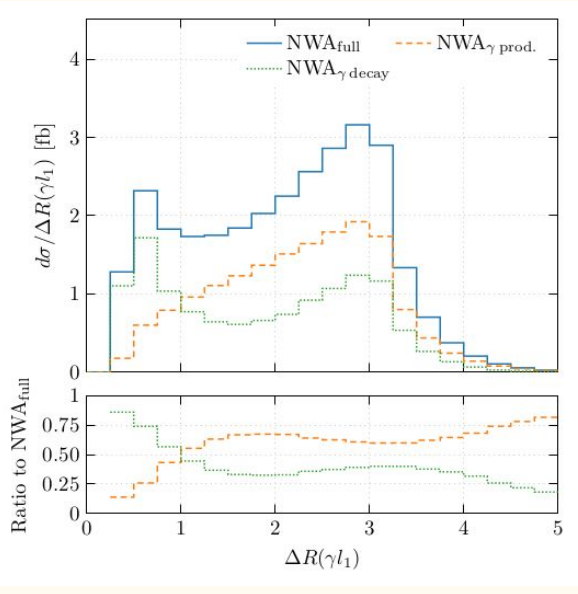
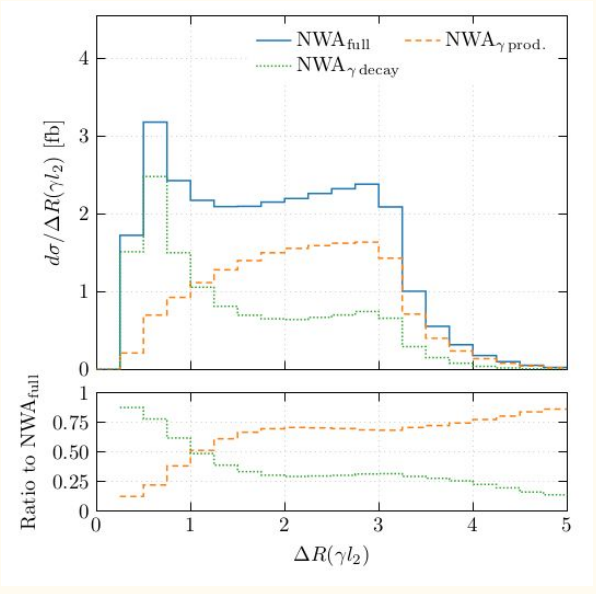
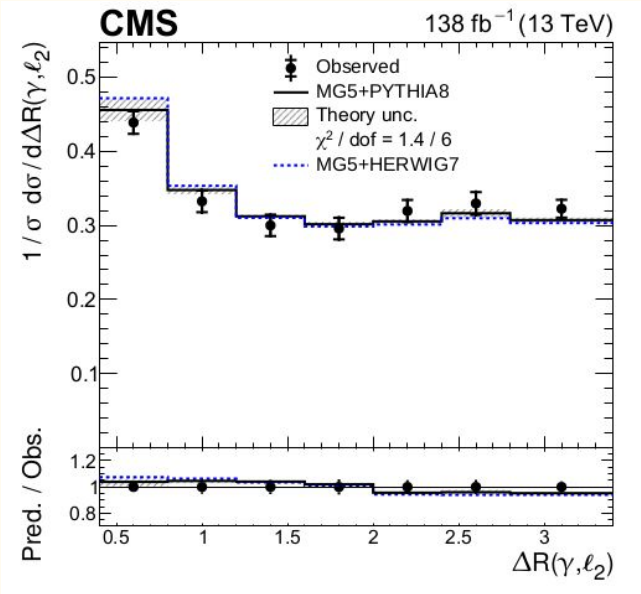
$$\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma) = 155 \pm 27 \text{ fb}$$



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- $\Delta R < 1$ - 80% γ from top decay
- $\Delta R > 1$ - only 20-40% γ from top decay, majority from production

CMS: $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive + differential xs



Signal selection:

- 3l channel:
 - 3 leptons with $p_T > 40, 20, 10$ GeV
 - 1 OSSF lepton pair with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 10$ GeV
 - $N_b \geq 1$
 - 3SR based on $N_b = 0, 1, \geq 2$
- 4l channel:
 - 4 leptons with $p_T > 40, 10, 10, 10$ GeV
 - 1 OSSF lepton pair with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 20$ GeV
 - $N_b \geq 1$
 - 2SR based on $N_b = 0, \geq 1$
- For differential xs only 3l channel with $N_j \geq 3, N_b \geq 1$

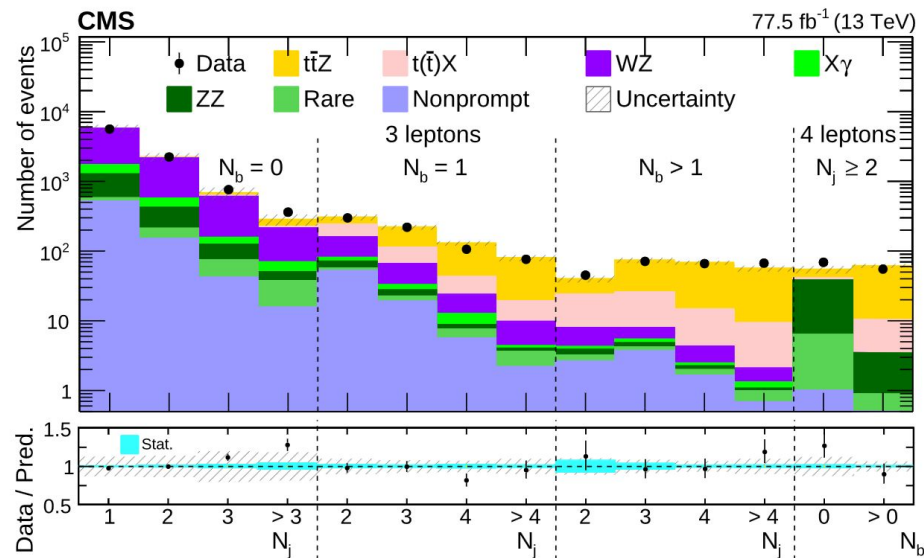
- Based on the previous CMS $t\bar{t}Z$ analysis (*JHEP 08 (2018) 011*) at 36 fb⁻¹
- Improved trigger and lepton (MVA) selection
- Fiducial phase space defined by $70 \leq m_{ll} \leq 110$ GeV
- **Predicted (NLO+NNLL):**

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 0.84^{+0.09}_{-0.10} \text{ pb}$$

Backgrounds:

- Main contribution from $t(\bar{t})X$ where $X=W,Z,H$
 - estimated from MC
- **WZ+jets** (3l), **ZZ+jets** (4l)
 - from data - WZ/ZZ CR
- **Nonprompt leptons** - subdominant
 - from data - CR (3l events without Z candidate)
- Minor contribution from **VVV** ("Rare") and **Z γ^* , $t\bar{t}\gamma$** (X γ)
 - from MC

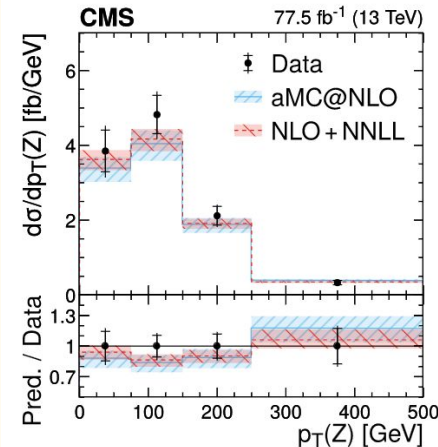
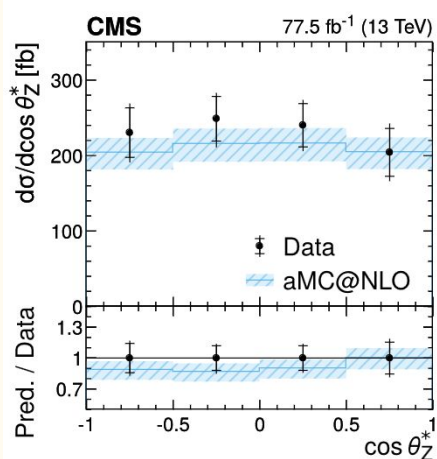
Lepton requirement	Measured cross section
3l	0.97 ± 0.06 (stat) ± 0.06 (syst) pb
4l	0.91 ± 0.14 (stat) ± 0.08 (syst) pb
Total	0.95 ± 0.05 (stat) ± 0.06 (syst) pb



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N_ℓ	N_b	N_j	N_Z	$p_T(Z)$ (GeV)	$-1 \leq \cos\theta_Z^* < -0.6$	$-0.6 \leq \cos\theta_Z^* < 0.6$	$0.6 \leq \cos\theta_Z^*$
				0-100	SR1	SR2	SR3
3	≥ 1	≥ 3	1	100-200	SR4	SR5	SR6
				200-400	SR7	SR8	SR9
				≥ 400	SR10	SR11	SR12
				0-100		SR13	
4	≥ 1	≥ 1	1	100-200	SR14		
				≥ 200	SR15		
				0-100	CR1	CR2	CR3
3	0	≥ 1	1	100-200	CR4	CR5	CR6
				200-400	CR7	CR8	CR9
				≥ 400	CR10	CR11	CR12
				0-100		CR13	
4	≥ 0	≥ 1	2	100-200	CR14		
				≥ 200	CR15		



$$C_{1,V}^{SM} = \frac{I_{3,q}^f - 2Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W}{2 \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W} = 0.2448 \quad (52),$$

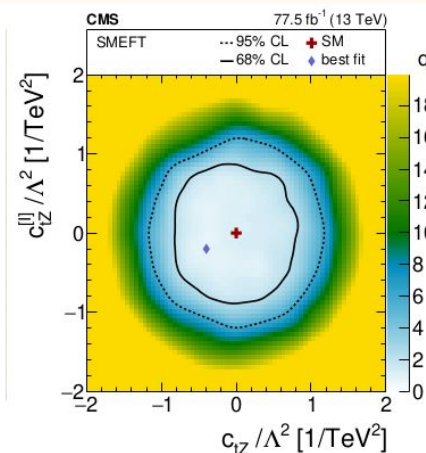
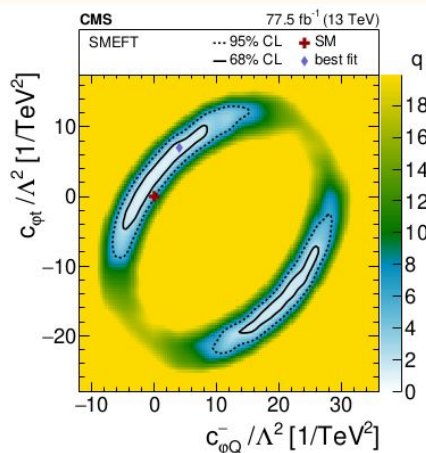
$$C_{1,A}^{SM} = \frac{-I_{3,q}^f}{2 \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W} = -0.6012 \quad (14),$$

$$c_{tZ} = \text{Re} \left(-\sin \theta_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + \cos \theta_W C_{uW}^{(33)} \right)$$

$$c_{tZ}^{[I]} = \text{Im} \left(-\sin \theta_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + \cos \theta_W C_{uW}^{(33)} \right)$$

$$c_{\phi t} = C_{\phi t} = C_{\phi u}^{(33)}$$

$$c_{\phi Q}^- = C_{\phi Q} = C_{\phi q}^{1(33)} - C_{\phi q}^{3(33)},$$





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Process	Generator	Parton Shower	PDF	Reference Cross Section (fb)
$t\bar{t}Z$	MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO 2.8.1	PYTHIA 8.244	NNPDF3.0NLO	876.4 [19, 54]
$t\bar{t}H$	MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO 2.6.0	PYTHIA 8.230	NNPDF3.0NLO	507.4 [19]
$t\bar{t}W/t\bar{t}Wj$	SHERPA 2.2.10	SHERPA 2.2.10	NNPDF3.0NNLO	722.4 [68]
tZq	MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO 2.9.5	PYTHIA 8.245	NNPDF3.0NLO	38.72
tWZ	MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO 2.2.2	PYTHIA 8.212	NNPDF2.3LO	16.08
$t\bar{t}$	POWHEG Box 2	PYTHIA 8.230	NNPDF3.0NLO	87,710 [69]
$WZ+jet/ZZ+jets$	SHERPA 2.2.2	SHERPA 2.2.2	NNPDF3.0NNLO	7,334
$V+jets$	SHERPA 2.2.1	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0NNLO	$6,255 \times 10^3$ [67]
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO 2.3.3	PYTHIA 8.230	NNPDF3.1NLO	11.97 [70]
$t\bar{t}t$	MADGRAPH 2.2.2	PYTHIA 8.186	NNPDF2.3LO	1.64
VH	PYTHIA 8.186	PYTHIA 8.186	NNPDF2.3LO	2,250 [71–77]
VVV	SHERPA 2.2.2	SHERPA 2.2.2	NNPDF3.0NLO	13.74

Variable	Preselection		
N_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	= 3		
	≥ 1 OSSF lepton pair with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 10$ GeV for all OSSF combinations: $m_{\text{OSSF}} > 10$ GeV		
p_T (ℓ_1, ℓ_2, ℓ_3)	> 27, 20, 15 GeV		
N_{jets} ($p_T > 25$ GeV)	≥ 3		
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets}}$	≥ 1@85%		
	SR-3ℓ-tZq	SR-3ℓ-tZq	SR-3ℓ-WZ
DNN-tZq output	< 0.40	≥ 0.40	—
DNN-WZ output	< 0.22	< 0.22	≥ 0.22
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets}}$	—	—	≥ 1@60%

Variable	Preselection		
N_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	= 2		
	= 1 OSSF lepton pair with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 10$ GeV		
p_T (ℓ_1, ℓ_2)	> 30, 15 GeV		
	SR-2ℓ-5j2b	SR-2ℓ-6j1b	SR-2ℓ-6j2b
N_{jets} ($p_T > 25$ GeV)	= 5	≥ 6	≥ 6
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets}@77\%}$	≥ 2	= 1	≥ 2

Variable	Preselection	
N_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	= 4	
	≥ 1 OSSF lepton pair with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 20$ GeV for all OSSF combinations: $m_{\text{OSSF}} > 10$ GeV	
p_T ($\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4$)	> 27, 7, 7, 7 GeV	
The sum of lepton charges	= 0	
N_{jets} ($p_T > 25$ GeV)	≥ 2	
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets}}$	≥ 1@85%	
	SR-4ℓ-SF	SR-4ℓ-DF
$\ell\ell^{\text{non-Z}}$	e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$	$e^\pm\mu^\mp$
DNN output	≥ 0.4	—



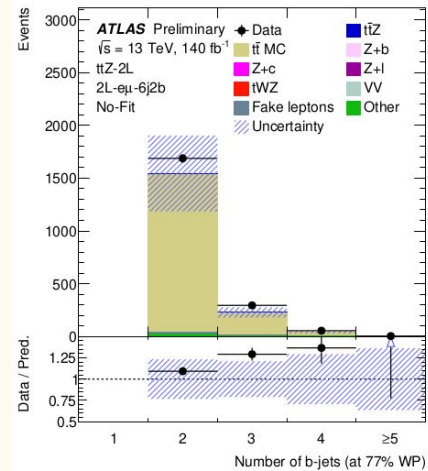
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Backgrounds:

- **2l channel:**
 - Dominated by **Z+jets** and $t\bar{t}$
 - Z+l from MC, Z+b/c from data
 - $t\bar{t}$ from data - 3 regions (OSSF → OSDF)
- **3l channel:**
 - Dominated by **WZ+jets** and **tZq**
 - WZ+b from data, all other from MC
- **4l channel:**
 - Main bckg. is **ZZ+jets** - dedicated CR
- **3 CRs for fakes (F-e-HF, F-e-other, F-μ-HF)** in 3l and 4l (in 2l from MC)

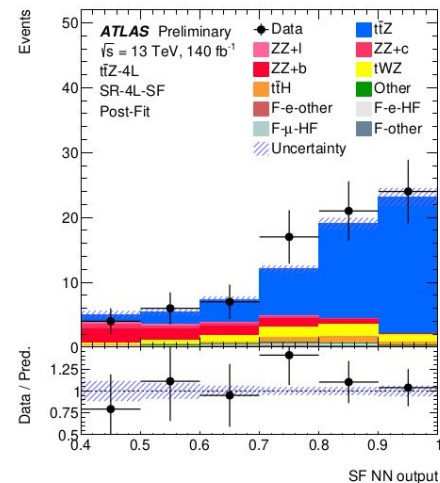
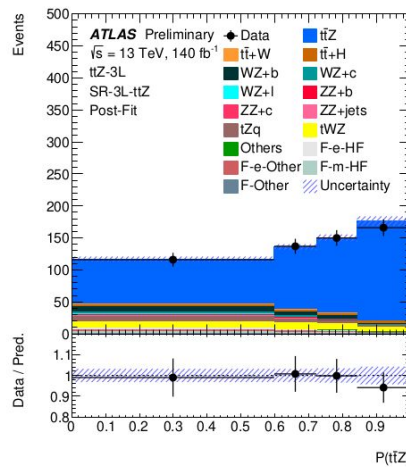
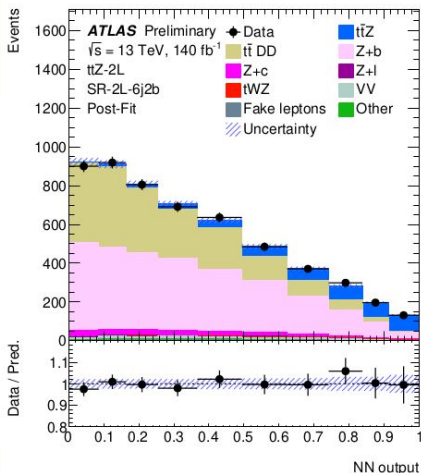
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Variable	Preselection		
N_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	= 2		
	= 1 OSDF lepton pair with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 10$ GeV		
$p_T(\ell_1, \ell_2)$	> 30, 15 GeV		
	2ℓ-eμ-5j2b	2ℓ-eμ-6j1b	2ℓ-eμ-6j2b
$N_{\text{jets}} (p_T > 25$ GeV)	= 5	≥ 6	≥ 6
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets @ 77\%}}$	≥ 2	= 1	≥ 2



ZZ+jets CR in 4l

Variable	Preselection
N_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	= 4
	≥ 1 OSSF lepton pair with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 20$ GeV for all OSSF combinations: $m_{\text{OSSF}} > 10$ GeV
$p_T(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4)$	> 27, 7, 7, 7 GeV
The sum of lepton charges	= 0
$N_{\text{jets}} (p_T > 25$ GeV)	≥ 2
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets}}$	≥ 1 @ 85%
	CR-4ℓ-ZZ
$\ell\bar{\ell}\text{non-Z}$	e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$
DNN-SF output	< 0.4





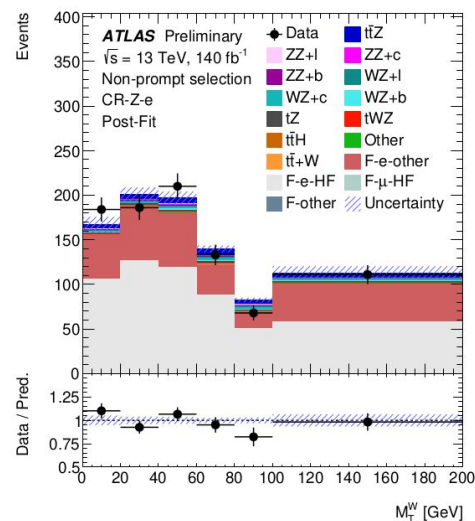
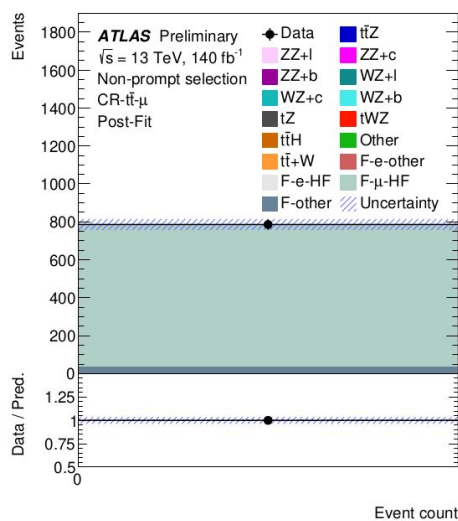
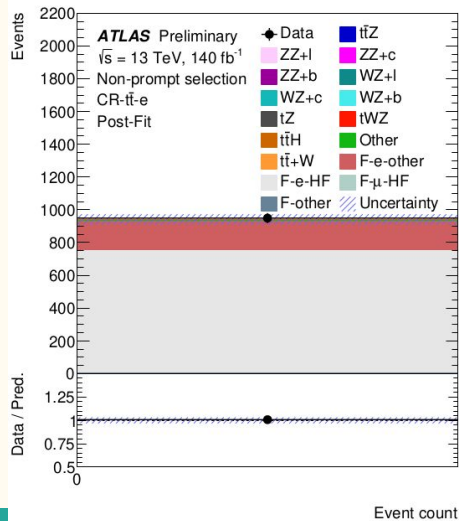
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Variable	Preselection		
N_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	= 3 (of which = 1 loose non-tight)		
p_T (ℓ_1, ℓ_2, ℓ_3)	> 27, 20, 15 GeV		
Sum of lepton charges	± 1		
N_{jets} ($p_T > 25$ GeV)	≥ 3		
$N_{b\text{-tagged jets}}$	$\geq 1 @ 85\%$		
	CR- $t\bar{t}e$	CR- $t\bar{t}\mu$	CR-Z-e
Lepton flavours	no OSSF pair (loose lepton is an electron)	no OSSF pair (loose lepton is a muon)	OSSF pair (exactly 3 electrons)
E_T^{miss}	—	—	< 80 GeV





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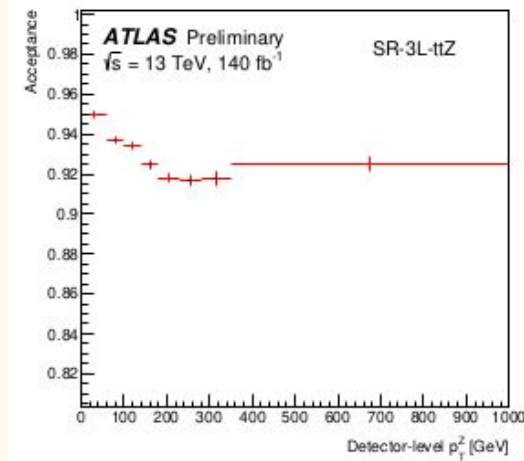
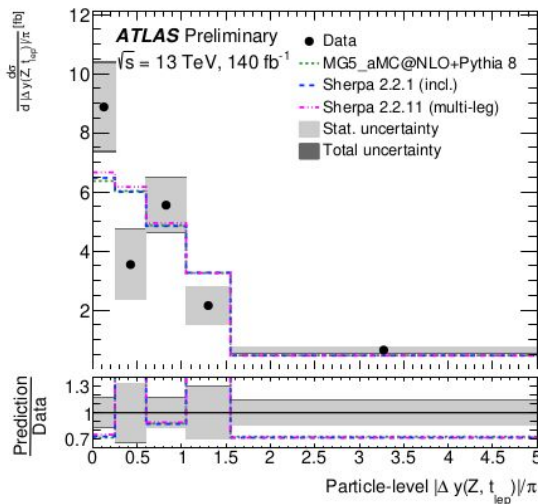
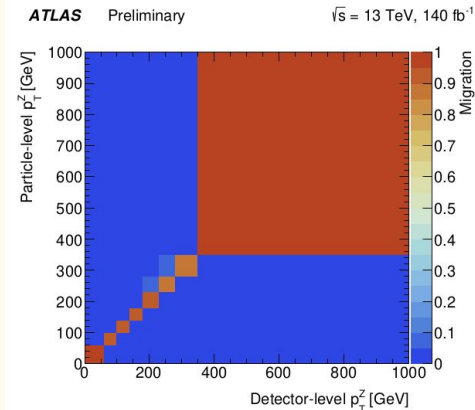


Uncertainty Category	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}$ [%]
Background normalisations	2.0
Jets and E_T^{miss}	1.9
b -tagging	1.7
$t\bar{t}Z$ μ_F and μ_R scales	1.6
Leptons	1.6
Z +jets modelling	1.5
tWZ modelling	1.1
$t\bar{t}Z$ showering	1.0
$t\bar{t}Z$ A14	1.0
Luminosity	1.0
Diboson modelling	0.8
tZq modelling	0.7
PDF (signal & backgrounds)	0.6
MC statistical	0.5
Other backgrounds	0.5
Fake leptons	0.4
Pile-up	0.3
Data-driven $t\bar{t}$	0.1

Observables:

- **3l channel:** $N_{\text{jets}}, p_T^{l, \text{non-}Z}, |\Delta\phi(Z, t_{\text{lep}})|, |\Delta y(Z, t_{\text{lep}})|, H_T^l$
 - **4l channel:** $N_{\text{jets}}, |\Delta\phi(l_t^+, l_t^-)|, H_T^l$
 - **combination:** $p_T^Z, |y^Z|, \cos\theta_{Z^*}, p_T^t, p_T^{\bar{t}}, |\Delta\phi(\bar{t}\bar{t}, Z)|, m^{\bar{t}Z}, m^{\bar{t}}, |y^{\bar{t}Z}|$
- Binning:**
- optimised with IBU (stat. only)
 - **low stat. uncertainty (<35%)**
 - **low migrations** between reco. and truth bins

- Uncertainties **between 15-40%** (dominated by stat. uncert.)
- Parton level more precise (more diagonal mig. matrices)





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Variable	Regularisation	τ^{particle}	τ^{parton}	Definition	
3 ℓ + 4 ℓ	p_T^Z	No	-	Transverse momentum of the Z boson	
	$ y^Z $	No	-	Absolute rapidity of the Z boson	
	$\cos \theta_Z^*$	No	-	Angle between the direction of the Z boson in the detector reference frame and the direction of the negatively charged lepton in the rest frame of the Z boson	
	p_T^t	Yes	1.5	1.4	Transverse momentum of the top quark
	$p_T^{t\bar{t}}$	Yes	1.6	1.5	Transverse momentum of the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$ \Delta\phi(t\bar{t}, Z) $	Yes	2.4	2.1	Absolute azimuthal separation between the Z boson and the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$m^{t\bar{t}Z}$	Yes	1.5	1.6	Invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}Z$ system
	$m^{t\bar{t}}$	Yes	1.5	1.4	Invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}$ system
	$ y^{t\bar{t}Z} $	Yes	1.5	1.5	Absolute rapidity of the $t\bar{t}Z$ system
	H_T^ℓ	No	-	-	Sum of the transverse momenta of all the signal leptons
3 ℓ	$ \Delta\phi(Z, \ell_{\text{ep}}) $	No	-	Absolute azimuthal separation between the Z boson and the top (anti-top) quark featuring the $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ decay	
	$ \Delta y(Z, \ell_{\text{ep}}) $	No	-	Absolute rapidity difference between the Z boson and the top (anti-top) quark featuring the $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ decay	
	$p_T^{\ell, \text{non-Z}}$	No	-	Transverse momentum of the lepton which is not associated with the Z boson	
N_{jets}	No	-	-	Number of selected jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$	
4 ℓ	H_T^ℓ	No	-	Sum of the transverse momenta of all the signal leptons	
	$ \Delta\phi(\ell_+^+, \ell_+^-) $	No	-	Absolute azimuthal separation between the two leptons from the $t\bar{t}$ system	
	N_{jets}	No	-	Number of selected jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$	

Variable	AMC@NLO +PYTHIA 8		SHERPA 2.2.1 (incl.)		SHERPA 2.2.11 (multi-leg)		
	parton	particle	parton	particle	parton	particle	
3 ℓ	$ \Delta\phi(Z, t^l) /\pi$	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.06
	$ \Delta y(Z, t^l) $	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02
	H_T^l	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.07
	$p_T^{l, \text{non-Z}}$	0.63	0.63	0.29	0.5	0.29	0.41
	N_{jets}	-	0.42	-	0.81	-	0.75
4 ℓ	N_{jets}	-	0.40	-	0.65	-	0.61
	$ \Delta\phi l, l /\pi$	0.75	0.76	0.73	0.75	0.74	0.80
	H_T^l	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02
3 ℓ + 4 ℓ	$ y^Z $	0.71	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.69
	p_T^Z	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.14
	$\cos \theta_{*Z}$	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.15
	$ \Delta\phi(t\bar{t}, Z) /\pi$	0.74	0.71	0.02	0.36	0.02	0.39
	$m^{t\bar{t}}$	0.79	0.88	0.87	0.73	0.27	0.43
	$m^{t\bar{t}Z}$	0.84	0.93	0.8	0.91	0.81	0.89
	p_T^{top}	0.03	0.23	0.01	0.29	0.01	0.1
	$p_T^{t\bar{t}}$	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03
	$ y^{t\bar{t}Z} $	0.87	0.52	0.85	0.64	0.59	0.28

Coefficient	Expression
c_{rr}	$-9\langle \cos \theta_r^+ \cdot \cos \theta_r^- \rangle$
c_{kk}	$-9\langle \cos \theta_k^+ \cdot \cos \theta_k^- \rangle$
c_{nn}	$-9\langle \cos \theta_n^+ \cdot \cos \theta_n^- \rangle$
c_{rk}	$-9\langle \cos \theta_r^+ \cdot \cos \theta_k^- + \cos \theta_r^- \cdot \cos \theta_k^+ \rangle$
c_{kn}	$-9\langle \cos \theta_k^+ \cdot \cos \theta_n^- + \cos \theta_k^- \cdot \cos \theta_n^+ \rangle$
c_{rn}	$-9\langle \cos \theta_r^+ \cdot \cos \theta_n^- + \cos \theta_r^- \cdot \cos \theta_n^+ \rangle$
c_r	$-9\langle \cos \theta_k^+ \cdot \cos \theta_n^- - \cos \theta_k^- \cdot \cos \theta_n^+ \rangle$
c_k	$-9\langle \cos \theta_n^+ \cdot \cos \theta_r^- - \cos \theta_n^- \cdot \cos \theta_r^+ \rangle$
c_n	$-9\langle \cos \theta_r^+ \cdot \cos \theta_k^- - \cos \theta_r^- \cdot \cos \theta_k^+ \rangle$
b_r^+	$3\langle \cos \theta_r^+ \rangle$
b_r^-	$3\langle \cos \theta_r^- \rangle$
b_k^+	$3\langle \cos \theta_k^+ \rangle$
b_k^-	$3\langle \cos \theta_k^- \rangle$
b_n^+	$3\langle \cos \theta_n^+ \rangle$
b_n^-	$3\langle \cos \theta_n^- \rangle$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \varphi} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos \varphi), \quad D = -\frac{c_{rr} + c_{kk} + c_{nn}}{3}, \quad D = -3\langle \cos \varphi \rangle.$$

- k, n, r - axes in orthonormal basis, +/- is charge of lepton/quark
- In **4I** observables defined using **leptons from $t\bar{t}$**
- In **3I** necessary to use **lepton + down-type quark** from W decay (c or s) - c tagged jets if pass at least 85% but fail 60% (its companion is s-quark)
- **Template fit** of detector-level distributions (unfolded distribution cannot be used due to highly non-diagonal mig. matrices in 4I - would require regularisation → bias)
- **Only 9 coefficient** are non-0 within theoretical uncert. → improve stability of the fit
- Coefficients fitted **individually** and then **combined** using profiled χ^2 fit
- main syst. from MC modelling, E_T^{miss} and flavour tagging
- negative (or >1) f_{SM} caused by large variability of the fit results under local excesses not compatible with either the spin-on or spin-off templates
- fit enhances the impact of systematic uncertainties with an important shape component (alternative parton showers for $t\bar{t}Z$, electron isolation and ZZ+b scale uncertainties in 4I)
- future spin density measurements will be able to probe possible CP-violation effects and 4-fermion operators



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$$O = O_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i C_i A_i + \sum_{i,j} C_i C_j B_{ij}$$

- Observables used as an input to EFT fits - **particle level normalised distributions**:
 - p_{τ}^Z (top-Z operators), $|y^Z|$, $\cos\theta_Z^*$, p_{τ}^t (4-quark operators), $|\Delta\phi(\bar{t}t, Z)|$, $|y^{\bar{t}tZ}|$

Wilson coefficient	68% CI (exp.)	95% CI (exp.)	68% CI (obs.)	95% CI (obs.)	Best-fit
\mathcal{F}_1 $O(\Lambda^{-2})$ (marg.)	[-0.15, 0.16]	[-0.30, 0.31]	[-0.080, 0.24]	[-0.23, 0.39]	0.08
\mathcal{F}_2 $O(\Lambda^{-2})$ (marg.)	[-0.36, 0.36]	[-0.72, 0.70]	[0.18, 0.90]	[-0.18, 1.3]	0.5
\mathcal{F}_3 $O(\Lambda^{-2})$ (marg.)	[-1.4, 1.3]	[-2.7, 2.7]	[0.35, 3.1]	[-0.95, 4.5]	2

- For some operators the results of the linear fits are not quoted since the corresponding interference term is vanishing at LO in QCD
- For some operators by introducing pure EFT contributions in quadratic fits, the linearised limits are drastically reduced by factor 6 to 30, i.e. $C_{Qq}^{(3,1)}$, $C_{Qq}^{(3,8)}$

	Operator	Definition	
top-boson	Q_{tW}	$(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}t)\sigma^i\bar{H}W_{\mu\nu}^i$	(★)
	Q_{tB}	$(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}t)\bar{H}B_{\mu\nu}$	(★)
	Q_{tG}	$(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}T^a t)\bar{H}G_{\mu\nu}^a$	(★)
	$Q_{HQ}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{Q}\gamma^\mu Q)$	
	$Q_{HQ}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^3 H)(\bar{Q}\sigma^i\gamma^\mu Q)$	
	Q_{Ht}	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{t}\gamma^\mu t)$	
four-quark	$Q_{tu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{t}\gamma_\mu t)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$	
	$Q_{tu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{t}T^a\gamma_\mu t)(\bar{u}T^a\gamma^\mu u)$	
	$Q_{td}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{t}\gamma_\mu t)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$	
	$Q_{td}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{t}T^a\gamma_\mu t)(\bar{d}T^a\gamma^\mu d)$	
	$Q_{qt}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{t}\gamma^\mu t)$	
	$Q_{qt}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}T^a\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{t}T^a\gamma^\mu t)$	
	$Q_{Qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$	
	$Q_{Qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{Q}T^a\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{u}T^a\gamma^\mu u)$	
	$Q_{Qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$	
	$Q_{Qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{Q}T^a\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{d}T^a\gamma^\mu d)$	
	$Q_{Qq}^{(1,1)}$	$(\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)$	
	$Q_{Qq}^{(3,1)}$	$(\bar{Q}\sigma^i\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{q}\sigma^i\gamma^\mu q)$	
$Q_{Qq}^{(1,8)}$	$(\bar{Q}T^a\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{q}T^a\gamma^\mu q)$		
$Q_{Qq}^{(3,8)}$	$(\bar{Q}\sigma^i T^a\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{q}\sigma^i T^a\gamma^\mu q)$		

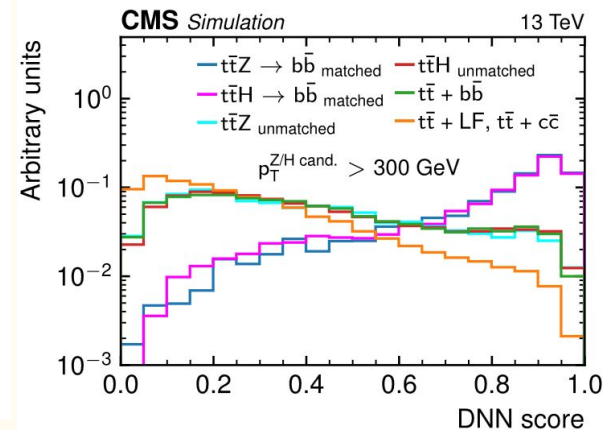
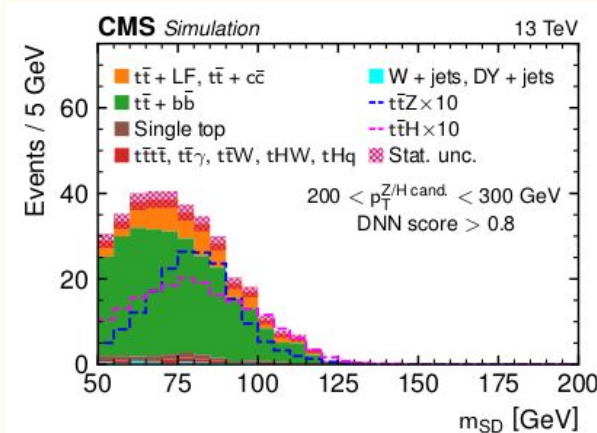
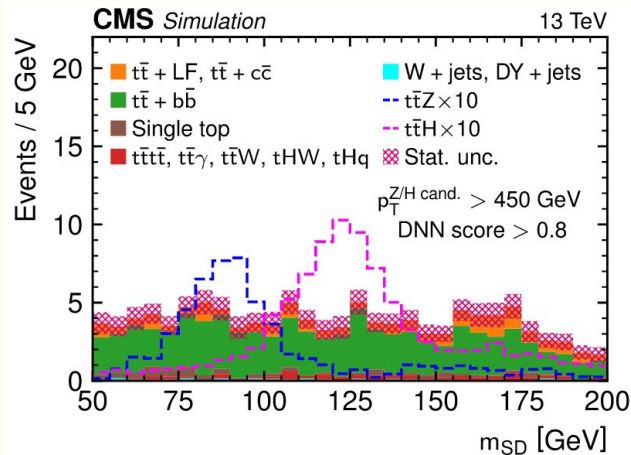


Signal selection:

- 1 e or μ with $p_T > 30$ GeV
- At least 1 **AK8 jet** (one H/Z candidate with $b\bar{b}$ tagger score > 0.8 , $R=0.8$) with $p_T > 200$ GeV, $50 < m_{SD} < 200$ GeV
- **≥ 5 AK4 jets** ($R=0.4$) - (3 or 4 jets not overlapping with AK8)
- **≥ 2 b-tagged AK4 jets** from $t\bar{t}$ (separated from H/Z by $\Delta R > 0.8$)
- $p_T^{miss} > 20$ GeV
- $m_{l+l.} > 12$ GeV (to eliminate J/ Ψ and Y decays)

Strategy:

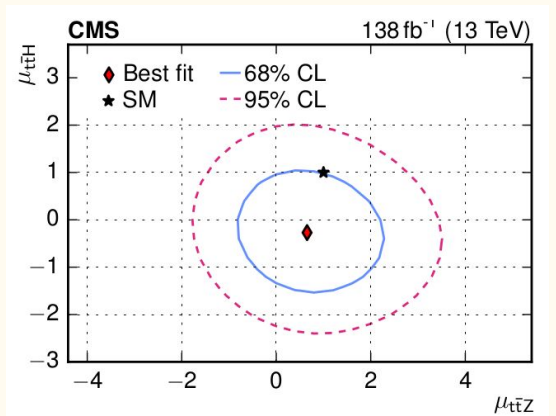
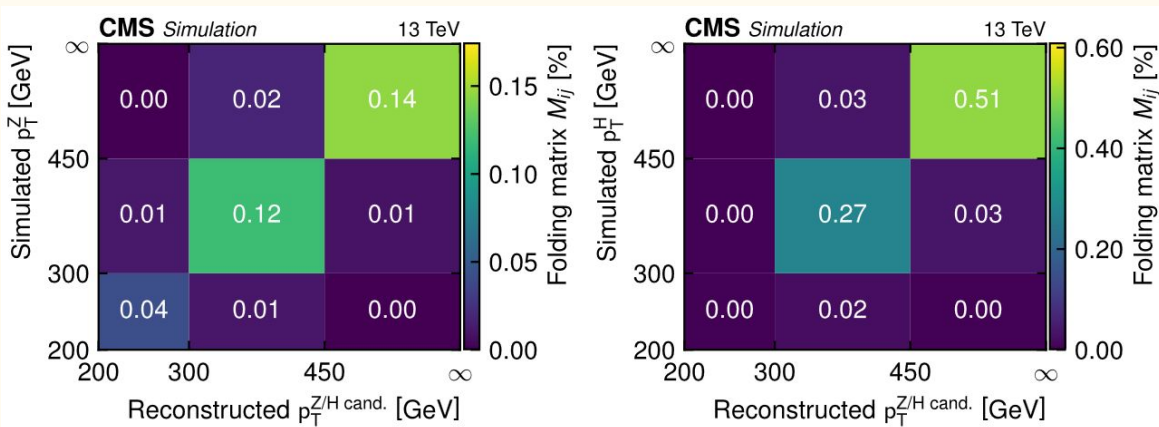
- 3 discriminating variables for S and B separation ($p_T^{Z/H}$, m_{SD} and DNN output)
- DNN:
 - 3 output nodes (signal $t\bar{t}Z/t\bar{t}H$, $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$, $t\bar{t}+LF/cc$)
 - **Only S/B discrimination**
- **198 analysis bins** for signal strength extraction:
 - 3 **data-taking** periods
 - 3 bins in $p_T^{Z/H}$
 - 3 (for lowest $p_T^{Z/H}$ bin) or 4 bins in m_{SD}
 - 6 bins in DNN
- **Upper limits for diff. xs** evaluated for p_T^Z and p_T^H (4bins, first one constrained to SM prediction)



CMS: Boosted $t\bar{t}Z$ + $t\bar{t}H$

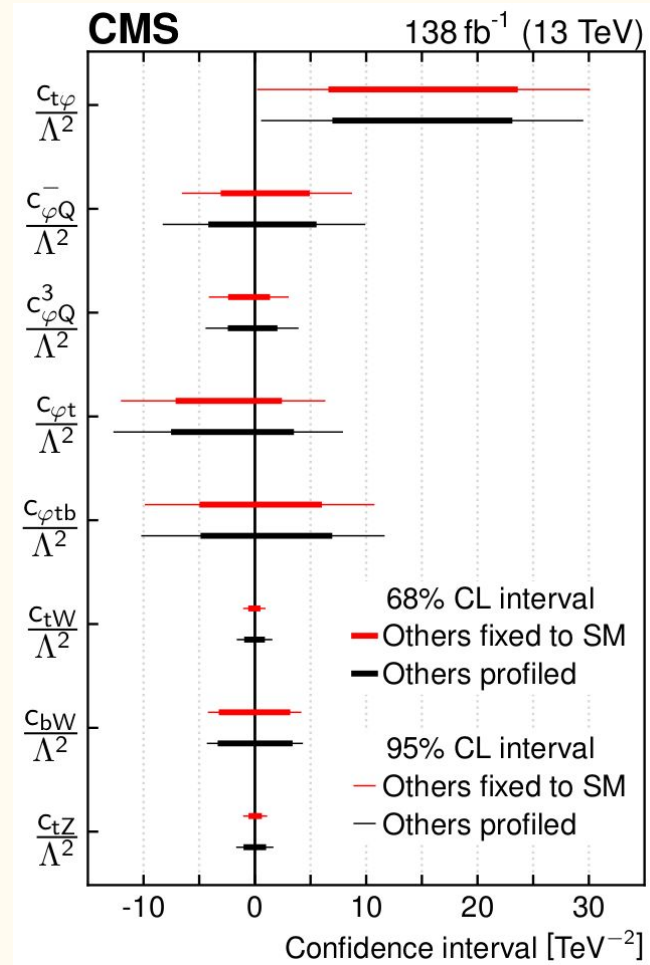
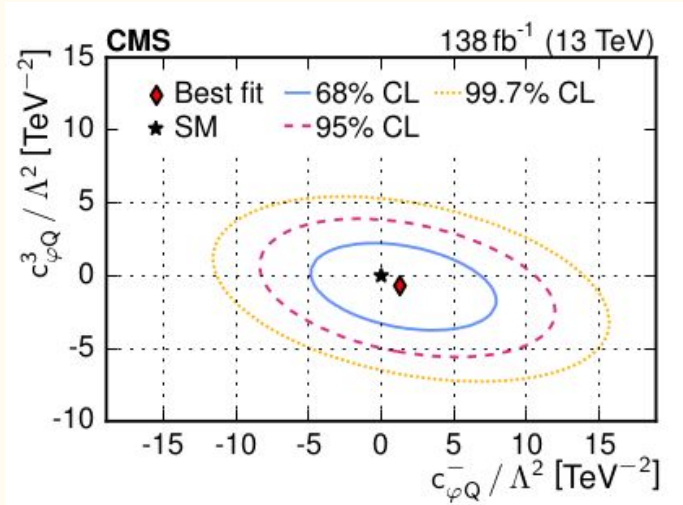


Source of uncertainty	$\Delta\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$	$\Delta\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$
$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ cross section	+0.27 -0.23	+0.14 -0.13
$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$ cross section	+0.18 -0.24	+0.16 -0.22
$t\bar{t} + 2b$ cross section	+0.03 -0.03	± 0.09
μ_R and μ_F scales	+0.12 -0.14	+0.11 -0.15
Parton shower	+0.16 -0.17	+0.07 -0.06
b tagging efficiency	+0.25 -0.13	± 0.10
$b\bar{b}$ tagging efficiency	+0.18 -0.13	+0.07 -0.04
Jet energy scale and resolution	± 0.11	+0.11 -0.12
Jet mass scale and resolution	± 0.10	± 0.08



Signal	$p_T^{Z/H}$ interval [GeV]	95% CL upper limit [fb]		95% CL upper limit / SM	
		Observed	Expected	Observed	Expected
$t\bar{t}Z$	200–300	360	490 ⁺²¹⁰ ₋₁₄₀	3.4	4.7 ^{+2.0} _{-1.4}
	300–450	209	135 ⁺⁵⁸ ₋₄₀	4.9	3.2 ^{+1.4} _{-0.9}
	>450	49	51 ⁺²³ ₋₁₅	4.0	4.1 ^{+1.9} _{-1.3}
$t\bar{t}H$	200–300	420	740 ⁺³⁰⁰ ₋₂₁₀	8.0	14.1 ^{+5.7} _{-4.1}
	300–450	60	47 ⁺²⁰ ₋₁₄	3.2	2.5 ^{+1.1} _{-0.8}
	>450	9.8	16.5 ^{+7.3} _{-4.9}	2.0	3.3 ^{+1.5} _{-1.0}

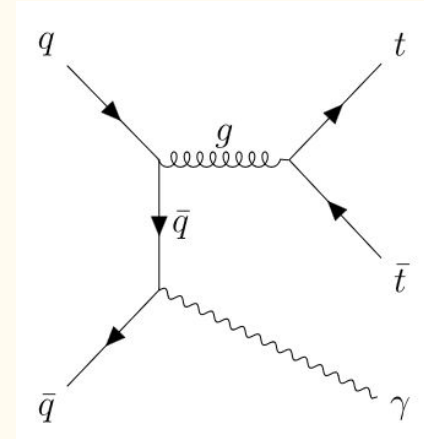
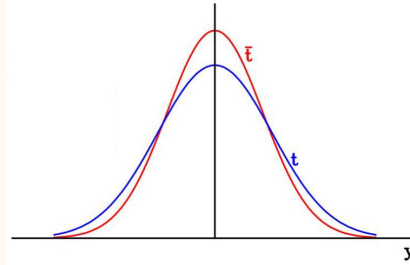
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ATLAS: $t\bar{t}\gamma$ Charge Asymmetry

- Central-forward asymmetry predicted at the LHC

$$A_C = \frac{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) - N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) + N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)},$$



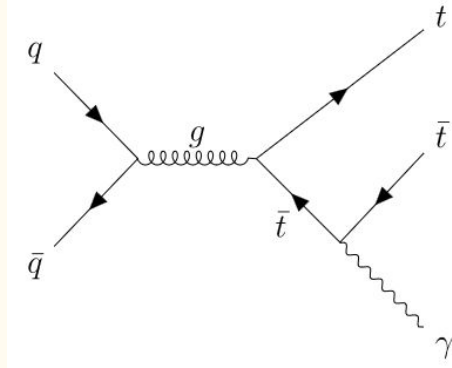
- $A_C=0$ at LO in QCD but is **non-zero at NLO** thanks to the interference between initial-state and final-state gluon emission and between box and Born diagrams
- A_C in $t\bar{t}\gamma$ - largest contribution from interference between ISR and FSR in qq annihilation
- Predicted $A_C < 0$ for $t\bar{t}\gamma$

Signal selection:

- **one electron or muon**
- **one reconstructed photon** with $\Delta R(l,\gamma) > 0.4$
- events with $|m_{e\gamma} - m_Z| < 5\text{GeV}$ rejected
- at least **4 jets** (≥ 1 b-tag)

Backgrounds:

- **$t\bar{t}\gamma$ decay (30%)**
 - only $t\bar{t}\gamma$ before the decay considered signal
 - estimated from MC
- **prompt γ bckg. (15%)**
 - estimated from MC
 - two VRs - $Z\gamma$ and $W\gamma$
- **electron mimicking γ (16%) = e-fake**
 - from data using tag-and-probe to $Z \rightarrow ee$ events
- **γ from hadron decay $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (7%) = h-fake**
 - from data using ABCD method



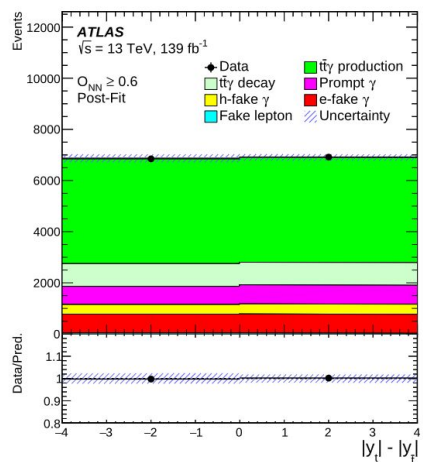
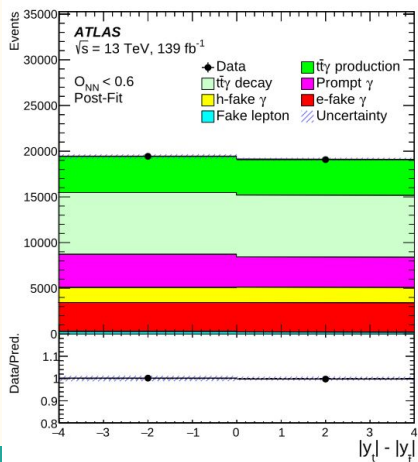
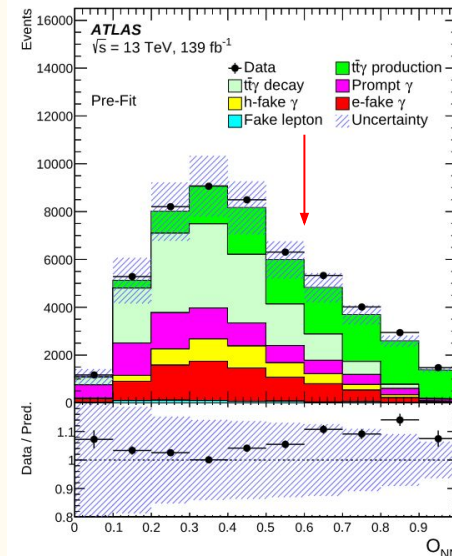
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Signal discrimination:

- DNN to discriminate signal $t\bar{t}\gamma$ from backgrounds
- NN discriminant used to design **signal-enriched** ($O_{NN} \geq 0.6$) and **background-enriched** ($O_{NN} < 0.6$) regions

Analysis strategy:

- A_C extracted from $|y_{\bar{t}}| - |y_t|$ distribution in a fiducial region defined at particle level
- Simultaneous **maximum likelihood unfolding** in two regions (2 bins in each - $|y_{\bar{t}}| - |y_t| > 0$ and $|y_{\bar{t}}| - |y_t| < 0$)
- Free parameters of the fit:
 - μ_+ - signal strength in bin $|y_{\bar{t}}| - |y_t| > 0$
 - $A_C = (\mu_+ T_+ - \mu_- T_-) / (\mu_+ T_+ + \mu_- T_-)$ instead of μ_-
(T_+ = number of $t\bar{t}\gamma$ events at particle level in bin $|y_{\bar{t}}| - |y_t| > 0$)



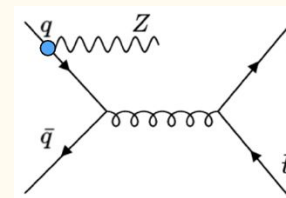
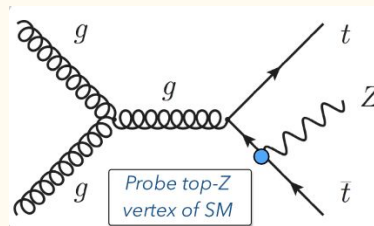
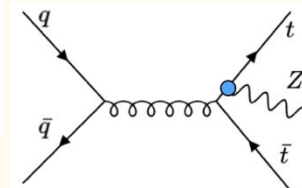
Results:

- Measured:
 $A_C = -0.003 \pm 0.029 = -0.003 \pm 0.024(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.017(\text{syst.})$
- Predicted (MG5_aMC@NLO):
 $A_C = -0.014 \pm 0.001(\text{scale})$
- Result **compatible with the SM** within uncertainty!
- Measurement **statistically dominated!**

Total uncertainty	0.029
Statistical uncertainty	0.024
MC statistical uncertainties	
Background processes	0.008
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production	0.004
Modelling uncertainties	
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ production modelling	0.003
Background modelling	0.002
Prompt background normalisation	0.002
Experimental uncertainties	
Jet	0.009
Fake-lepton background estimate	0.005
E_T^{miss}	0.005
Fake-photon background estimates	0.003
Photon	0.001
b -tagging	0.001
Other experimental	0.004

ATLAS: $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive + differential xs

- Provides check of **internal consistency of SM** + hints of **new physics**
- Probes **coupling between t and Z**
- Differential xs useful for **MC modelling** improvements
- **$t\bar{t}Z$ irreducible bckg.** for several BSM searches and SM analyses ($t\bar{t}H$, tZ ,...)

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Signal selection:

- **3 signal regions in 3l channel:**
 - **1b4j** and **2b3j** **PCBT** - *inclusive xs*
 - **2b3j** fixed 85% btag WP - *differential xs*
- **4 signal regions in 4l channel:**
 - **1b2j SF, 2b2j SF, 1b2j DF, 2b2j DF**
 - separate for inclusive, combined for diff.
 - **E_T^{miss} cuts** to reduce ZZ+jets in SF regions
- At least **1 OSSF lepton pair** with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 10$ GeV
- **m_{OSSF} > 10 GeV** for all OSSF lepton pairs

Inclusive xs:

- **Simultaneous PLF** of event yields in 3l, 4l and 3l+4l regions
- **Free parameters of the fit:** $\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$, N_{WZ+} , N_{ZZ+}
- Combined fit **dominated by 3l channel**
- Results **stat. limited** in 4l, **syst. limited** in 3l and comb.

- **Measured:** $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 0.99 \pm 0.05$ (stat.) ± 0.08 (syst.) pb.

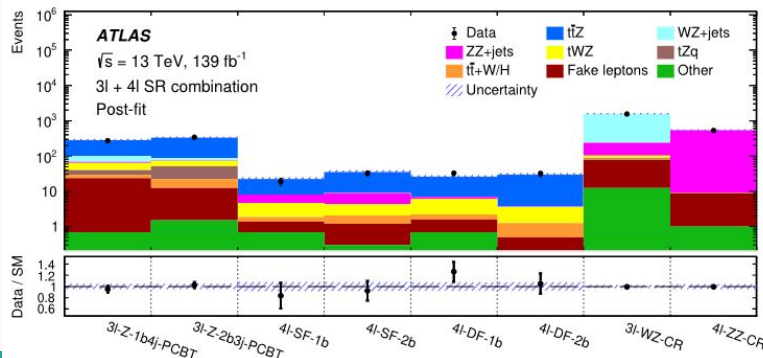
- **Predicted NLO:** $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 0.84^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$ pb

9.5%

Uncertainty	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}$ [%]
$t\bar{t}Z$ parton shower	3.1
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	2.9
b-tagging	2.9
WZ/ZZ+jets modelling	2.8
tZq modelling	2.6
Lepton	2.3
Luminosity	2.2
Jets + E _T ^{miss}	2.1
Fake leptons	2.1
$t\bar{t}Z$ ISR	1.6
$t\bar{t}Z$ μ_f and μ_r scales	0.9
Other backgrounds	0.7
Pile-up	0.7
$t\bar{t}Z$ PDF	0.2
Total systematic	8.4
Data statistics	5.2
Total	10

Backgrounds:

- **WZ/ZZ+ l jets** from data - 2 dedicated CRs (**WZ/ZZ + b** and **c** jets from MC)
- **tWZ** - important bckg., from MC
- **fake leptons** - from data using matrix method
- **others** ($t\bar{t}+W/H$, $t\bar{t}WW$, ...) - from MC



Differential xs measurement:

- **Iterative Bayesian Unfolding**
- **9 observables** unfolded to particle and parton level
- Absolute and normalised distributions
- Reconstruction of **leptonic top** in 3l and **$t\bar{t}$ system** in transverse plane in 4l
- **Binning:**
 - as many bins as possible
 - **low stat.** uncertainty
 - **low migrations** between reco. and truth bins (>50% on diagonal)
- Number of **iterations between 2 and 5**

Observables:

- Sensitive to MC modelling, tZ coupling, BSM effects, spin correlations
 - **3l channel:** $N_{\text{jets}}, p_T^{l,\text{non-Z}}, |\Delta\phi(Z, t_{\text{lep}})|, |\Delta y(Z, t_{\text{lep}})|$
 - **4l channel:** $N_{\text{jets}}, p_T^{t\bar{t}}, |\Delta\phi(t\bar{t}, Z)|, |\Delta\phi(l_1^+, l_1^-)|$
 - **combination:** $p_T^Z, |y^Z|$

Results:

- Diff. distributions compared to:
 - **MG5_aMC@NLO + Pythia 8**
 - **MG5_aMC@NLO + Herwig 7**
 - **Sherpa 2.2.1 inclusive**
 - **Sherpa 2.2.1 multi-leg**
 - **Dedicated theory predictions** (NLO, NLO+NNLL, nNLO) - only at parton level
- Dominated by the **stat. uncertainty**
- Leading syst. related to **$t\bar{t}Z$ /WZ modelling** and **b-tagging**

