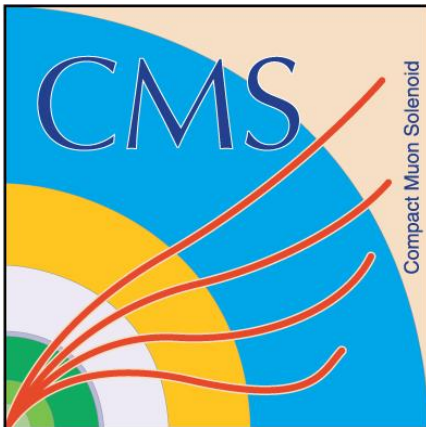


$t\bar{t}+X$ and $t+X$ production in CMS: $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}\gamma$, tZq , $t\gamma q$

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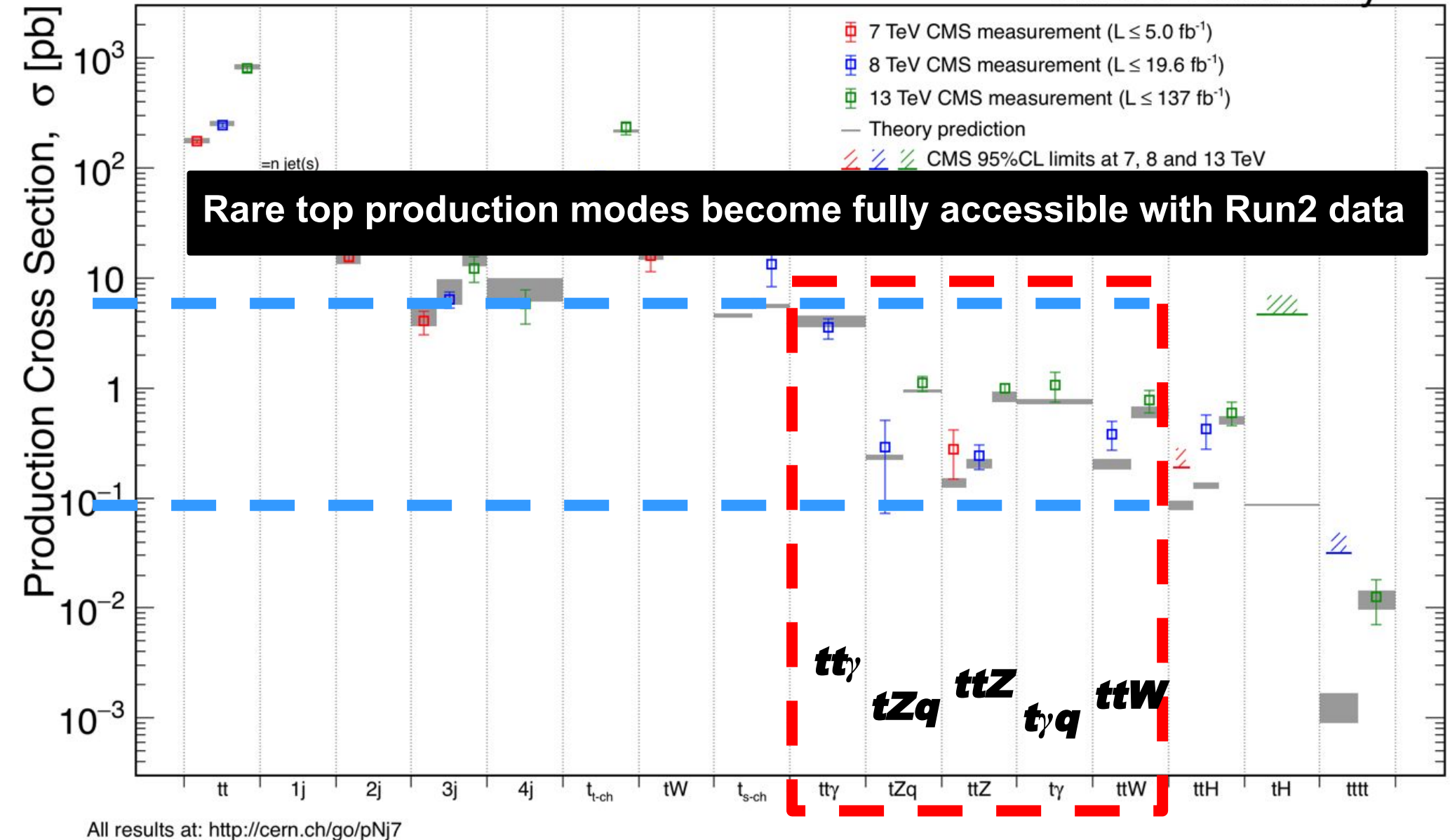
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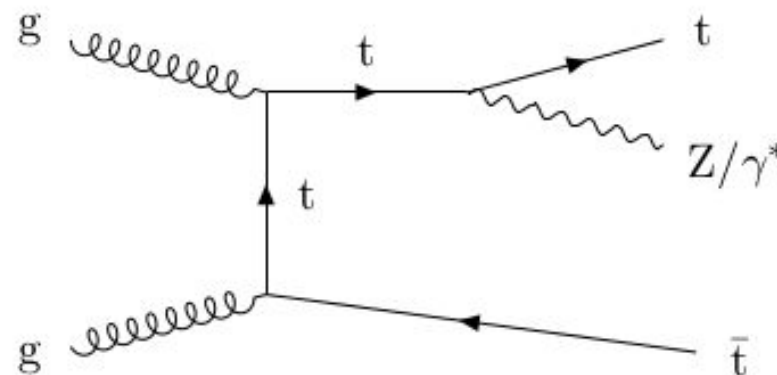
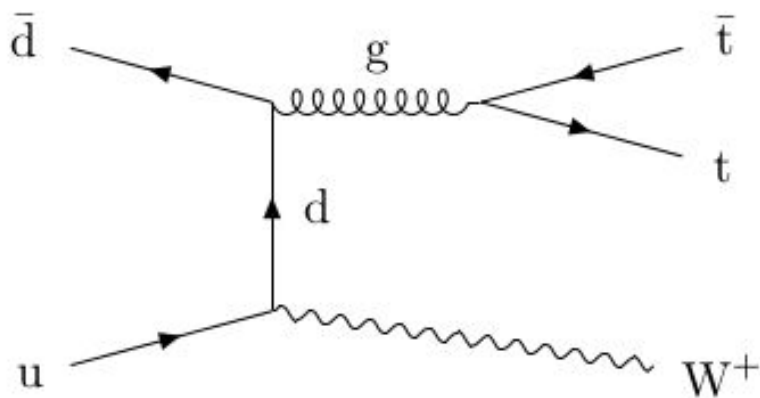
Top Quark Rare Production

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$t\bar{t}W/t\bar{t}Z$ Production



- ❖ Among the **most massive** signatures that can be studied at the LHC with **high precision**
- ❖ Important *backgrounds* for searches and measurements such as **$t\bar{t}H$** in multilepton final states
- ❖ **$t\bar{t}Z$** production is the **most sensitive** process for directly measuring the coupling of the top quark to the Z boson
- ❖ Receive significant enhancements in BSM models

❖ Baseline selection: exactly **3** or **4 leptons** and **0 jets**

➤ OS SF pair consistent with Z boson mass

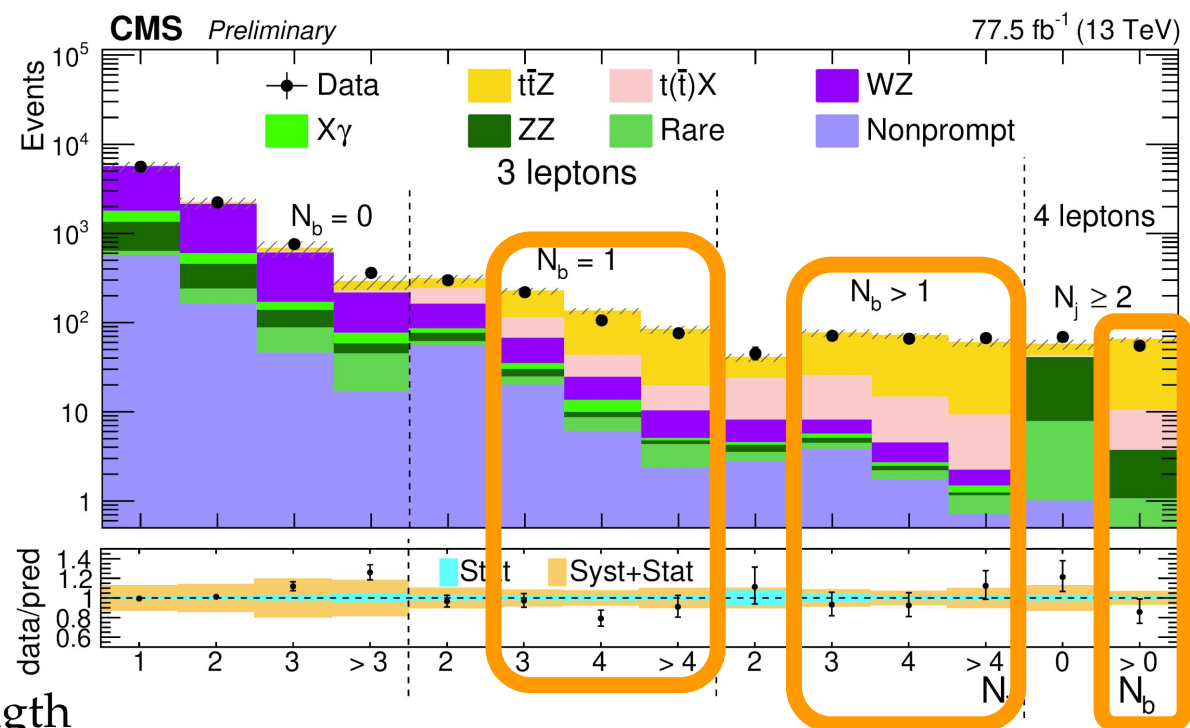
❖ Events further classified according

N_{jets} and $N_{b\text{-tags}}$

❖ Main backgrounds are from events

with at least one **top quark** in

association with a **W**, **Z** or **H**



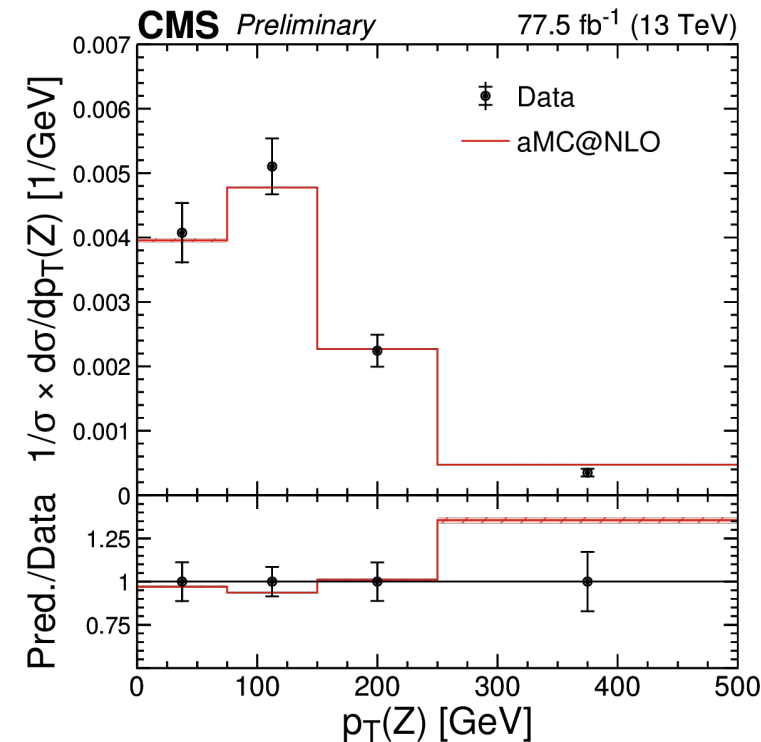
Fit configuration Measured signal strength

3ℓ	$1.24^{+0.07}_{-0.07}(\text{stat})^{+0.08}_{-0.08}(\text{syst})$
4ℓ	$1.15^{+0.18}_{-0.17}(\text{stat})^{+0.10}_{-0.08}(\text{syst})$
Combined	$1.19^{+0.07}_{-0.06}(\text{stat})^{+0.08}_{-0.07}(\text{syst})$

$$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 1.00^{+0.06}_{-0.05}(\text{stat})^{+0.07}_{-0.06}(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}(\text{NLO}) = 0.839 \pm 0.101 \text{ pb}$$

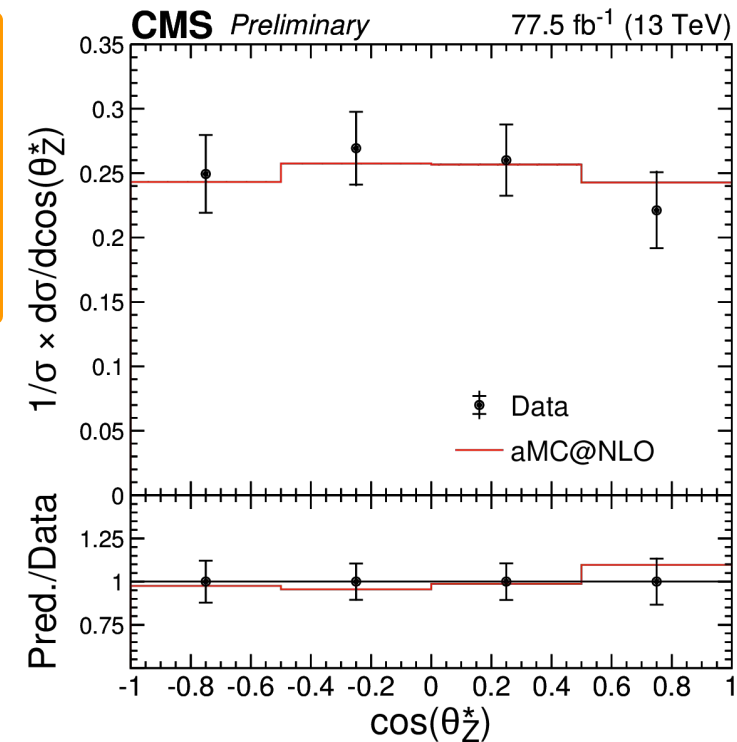
- ❖ Differential cross sections measured as a function of the *transverse momentum of the Z boson* and the *angular distribution of the decay lepton*



Signal enriched region

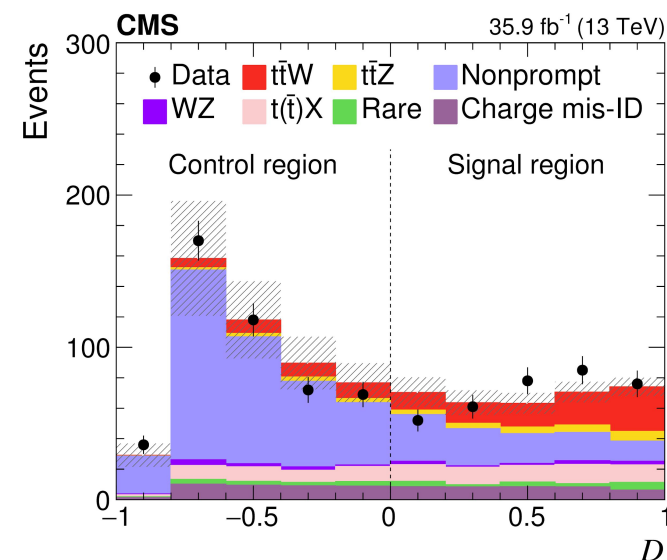
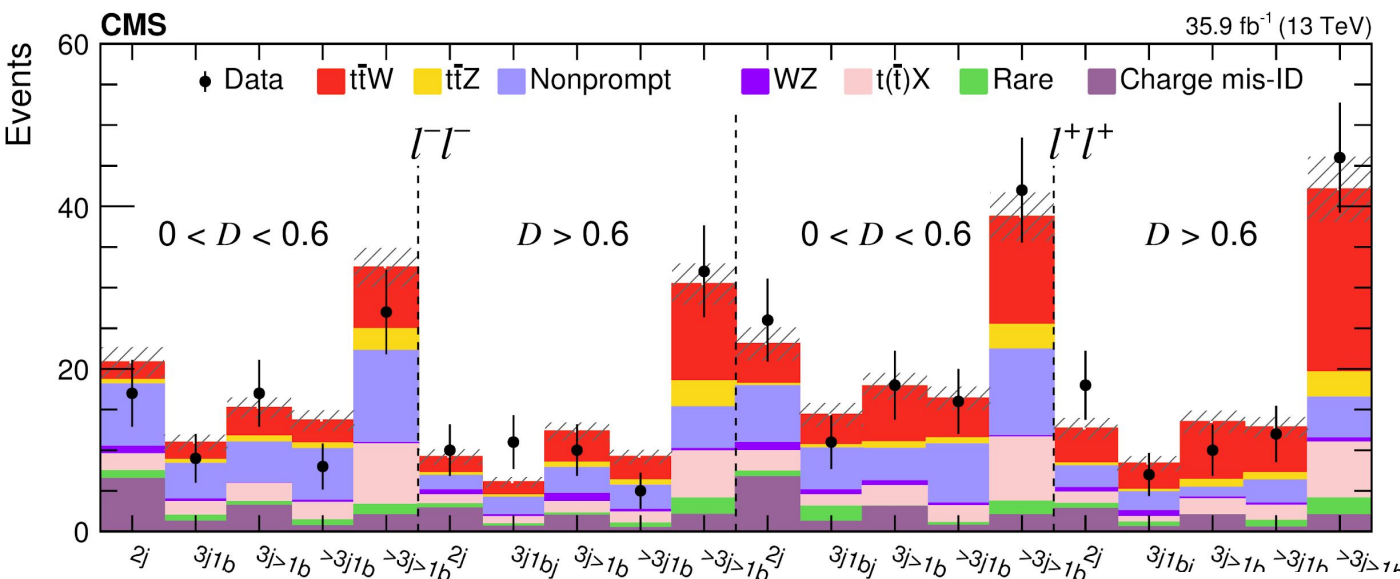
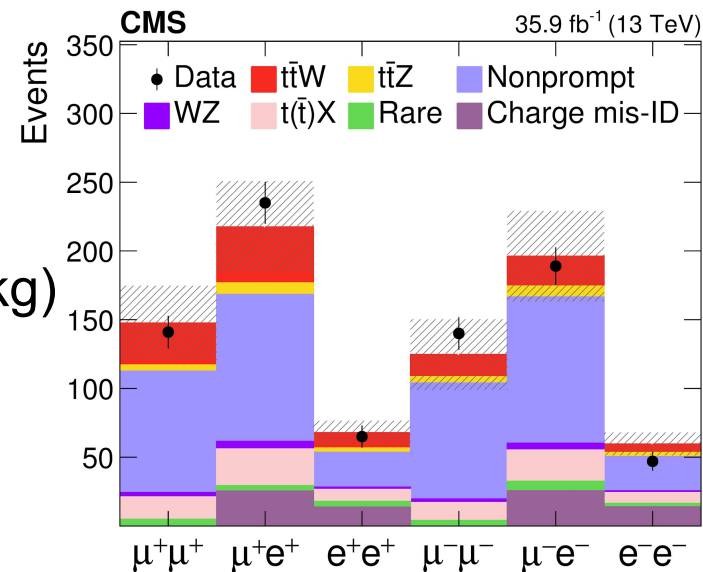
- Exactly 3 leptons
- $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3$
- $N_{\text{b-tags}} \geq 1$

$\cos \theta_z^*$ (between the negative charged lepton and the Z candidates in the Z rest frame)



- ❖ **aMC@NLO** generator describes the shape well
- ❖ **Main systematics:** lepton ID, jet energy, non-prompt background
- ❖ For EFT interpretation, see K. Skovpen's talk

- ❖ Baseline selection: 2 leptons with same charge
- ❖ BDT used: N_{jets} , $N_{\text{b-tags}}$, H_T , MET,...
- ❖ Select events with $D > 0$ (suppress nonprompt lepton bkg)
- ❖ Events further classified according to the value of BDT output, N_{jets} , $N_{\text{b-tags}}$ and lepton charge

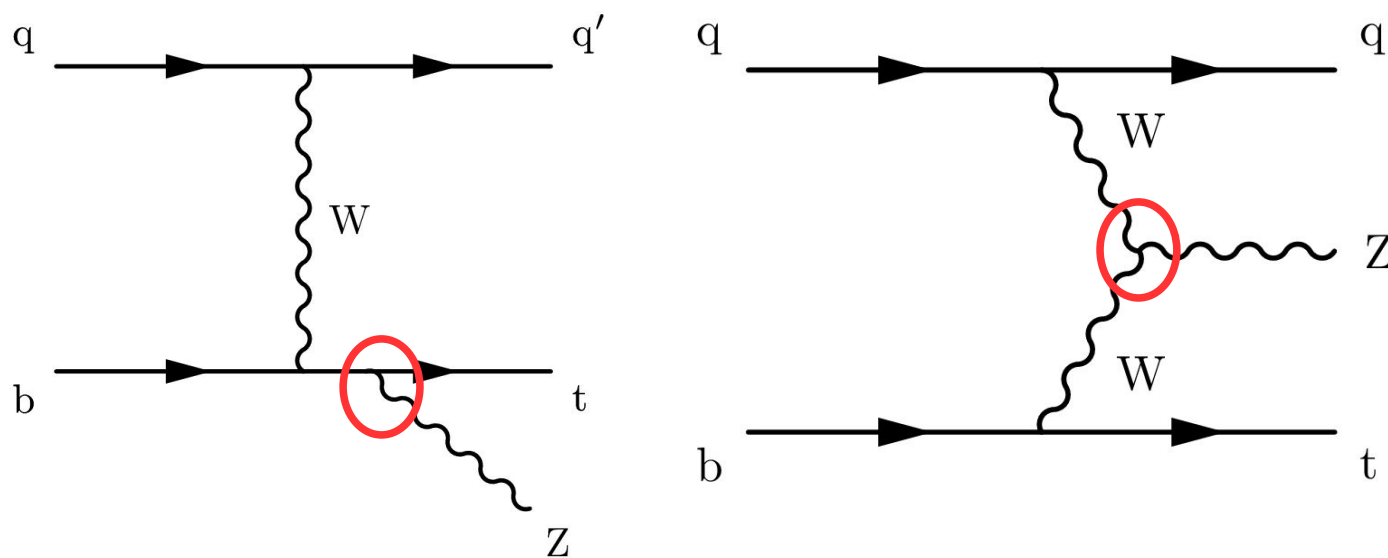


- ❖ Observed (expected) sign. of **5.3 (4.5) σ**
- ❖ **Main systematics:** luminosity, lepton ID, trigger, jet energy and non-prompt bkg

$$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow t\bar{t}W) = 0.77^{+0.12}_{-0.11} (\text{stat})^{+0.13}_{-0.12} (\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}W}(\text{NLO}) = 0.628 \pm 0.082 \text{ pb}$$

tZq Production



- ❖ Extremely rare process
- ❖ Sensitive to top-Z and triple gauge boson WWZ couplings
 - Possible deviations may indicate physics BSM (FCNC, anomalous couplings)
- ❖ Typically studied in the leptonic decay mode
 - Small BR but much cleaner than 1 and 2 leptons channels
- ❖ Main backgrounds from $t\bar{t}V$, WZ and non-prompt lepton production

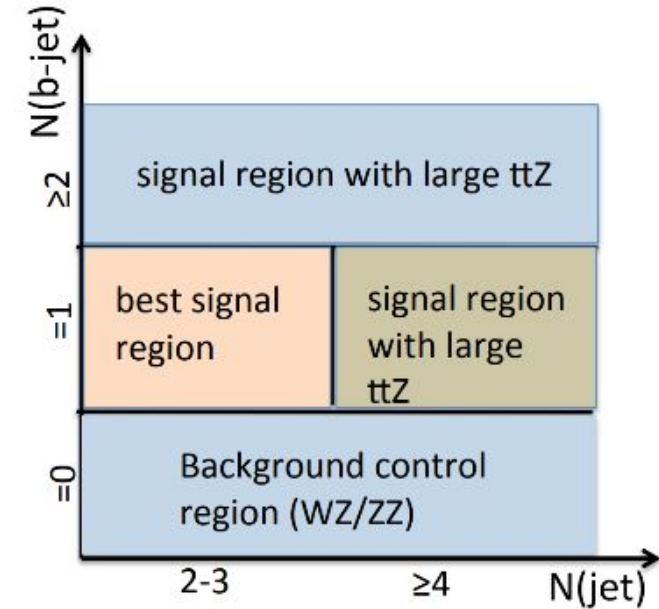
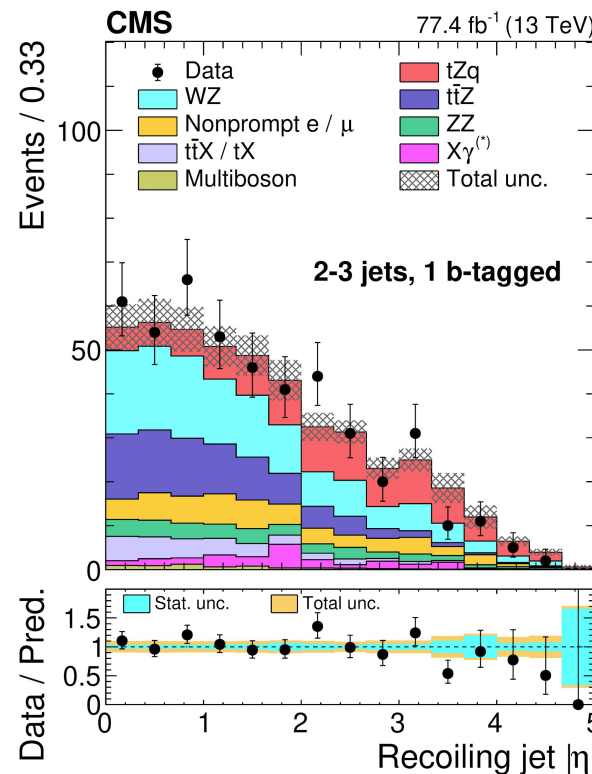
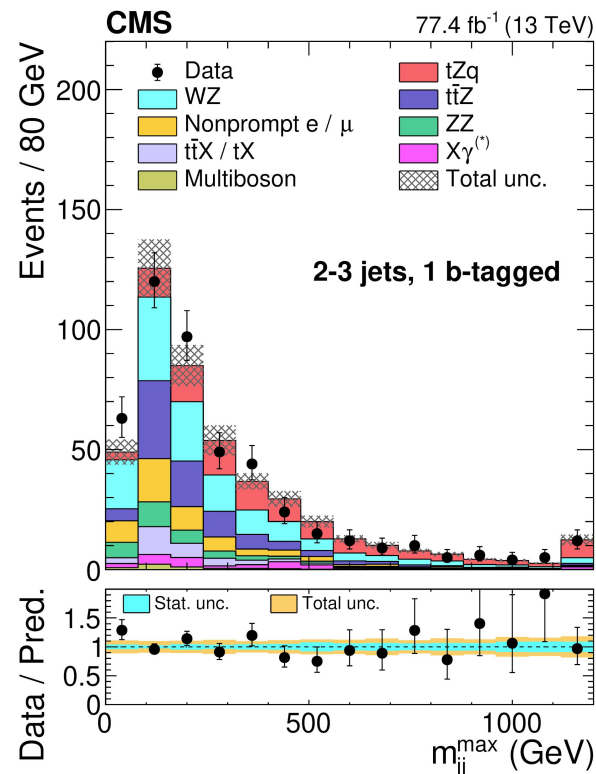
tZq Production - 77.4 fb⁻¹ @13 TeV - [PRL 122 \(2019\) 132003](#)

❖ 3 isolated high- p_T leptons, with one OS SF pair consistent with Z boson mass

❖ Events are divided into 3 categories depending on N_{jets} and $N_{\text{b-tags}}$

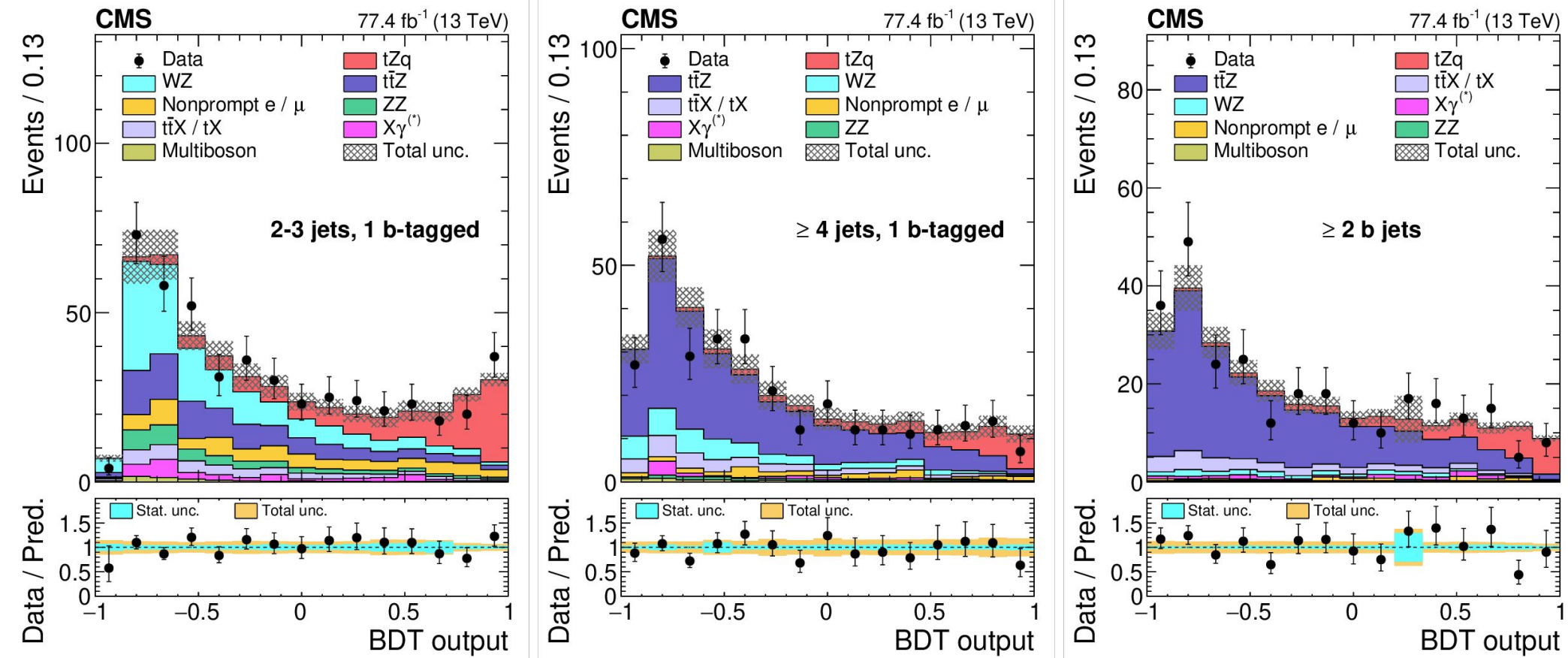
➤ Signal: at least 2 jets and exactly 1 b-tagged jet

❖ In each of these categories, a dedicated BDT is trained



❖ Non-prompt and fake lepton bkg: MVA classifier exploiting ID and isolation information

***tZq* Production - 77.4 fb^{-1} @13 TeV - [PRL 122 \(2019\) 132003](#)**



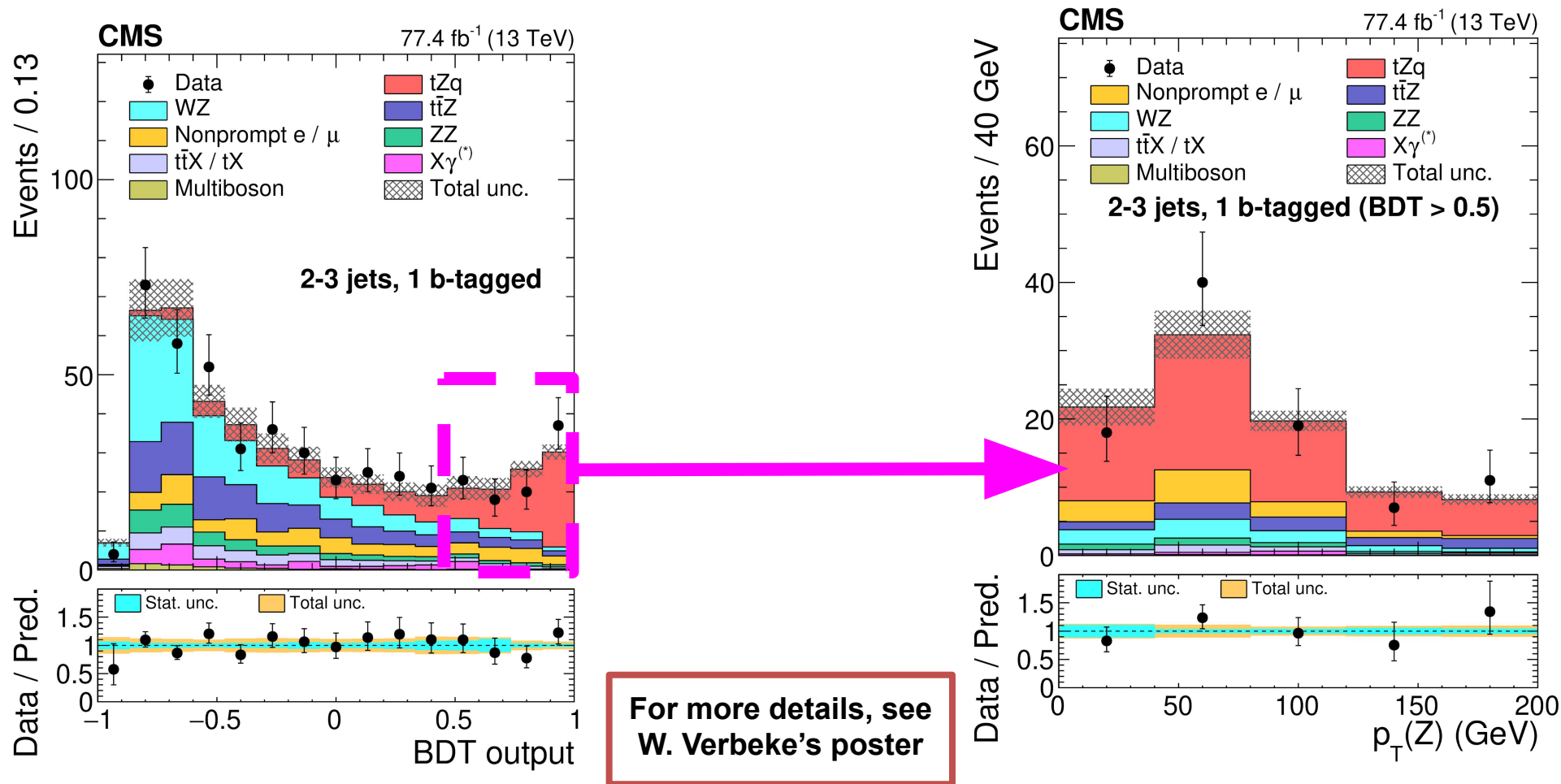
❖ Simultaneous template fit to BDT outputs and yields of control regions is performed

tZq Observation - 77.4 fb⁻¹ @13 TeV - [PRL 122 \(2019\) 132003](#)

❖ The tZq signal is **observed** with a **significance well above 5σ**

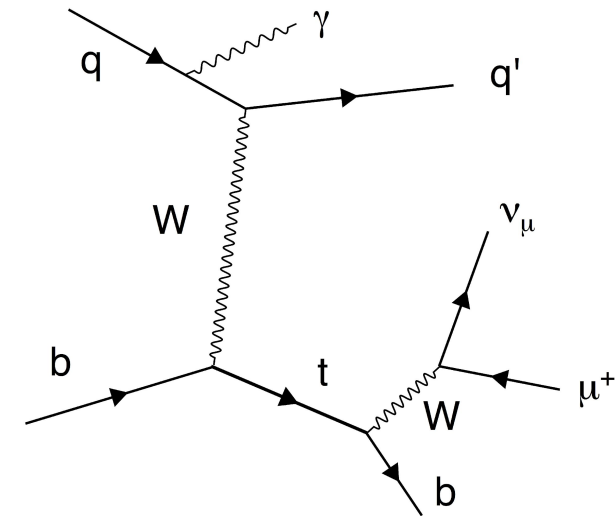
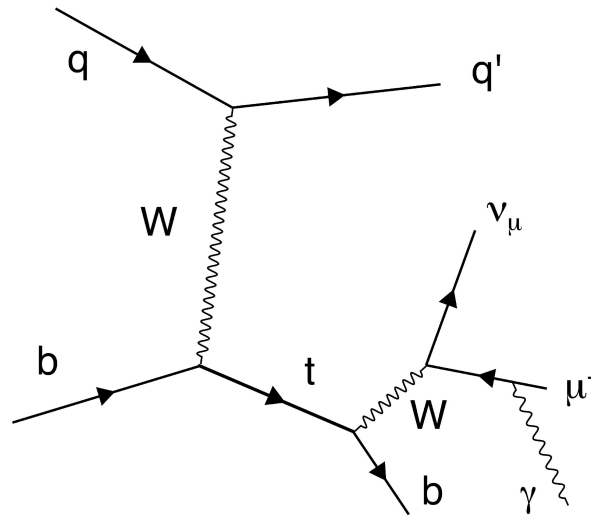
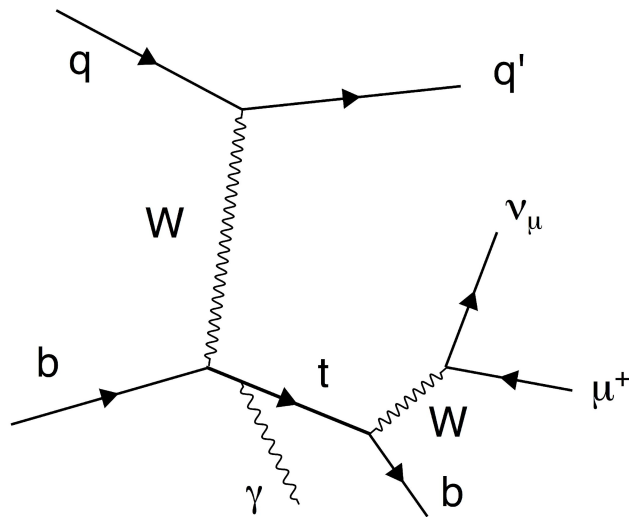
➤ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow tZ(\rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)q) = 111 \pm 13(\text{stat})_{-9}^{+11}(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$ $[m(\ell^+ \ell^-) > 30 \text{ GeV}/c^2]$

➤ In agreement with the NLO SM expectation: **94.2 ± 3.1 fb**



❖ **Main systematics:** non-prompt bkg, lepton ID, FSR modeling, jet energy

$t\gamma q$ Production

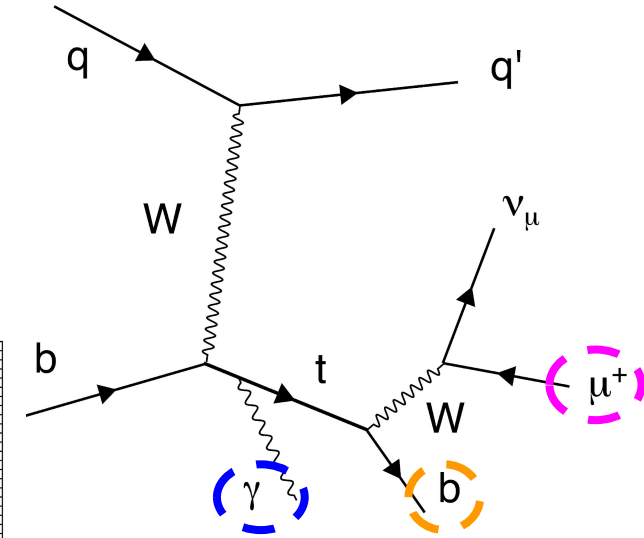
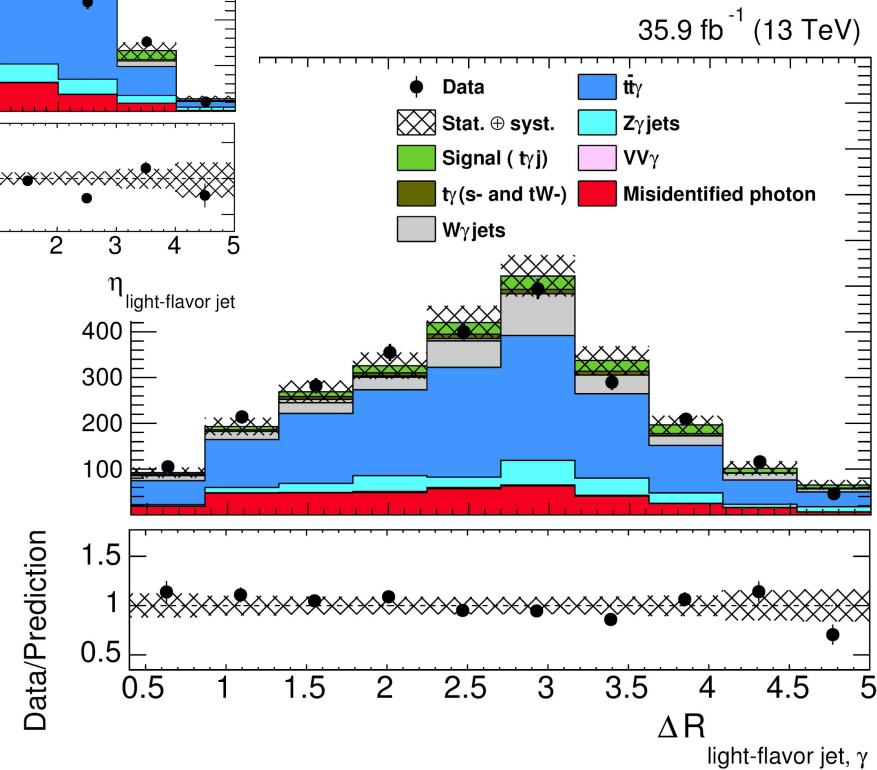
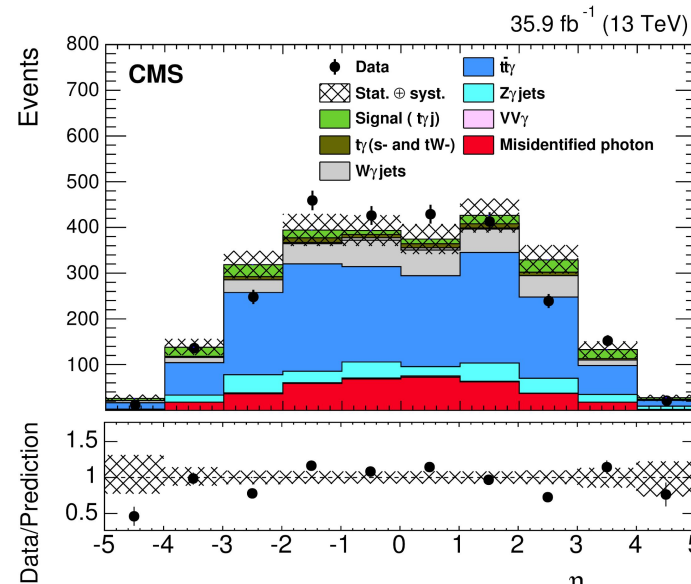


- ❖ Extremely rare process
- ❖ Sensitive to the top quark charge and the top quark electric and magnetic dipole moments

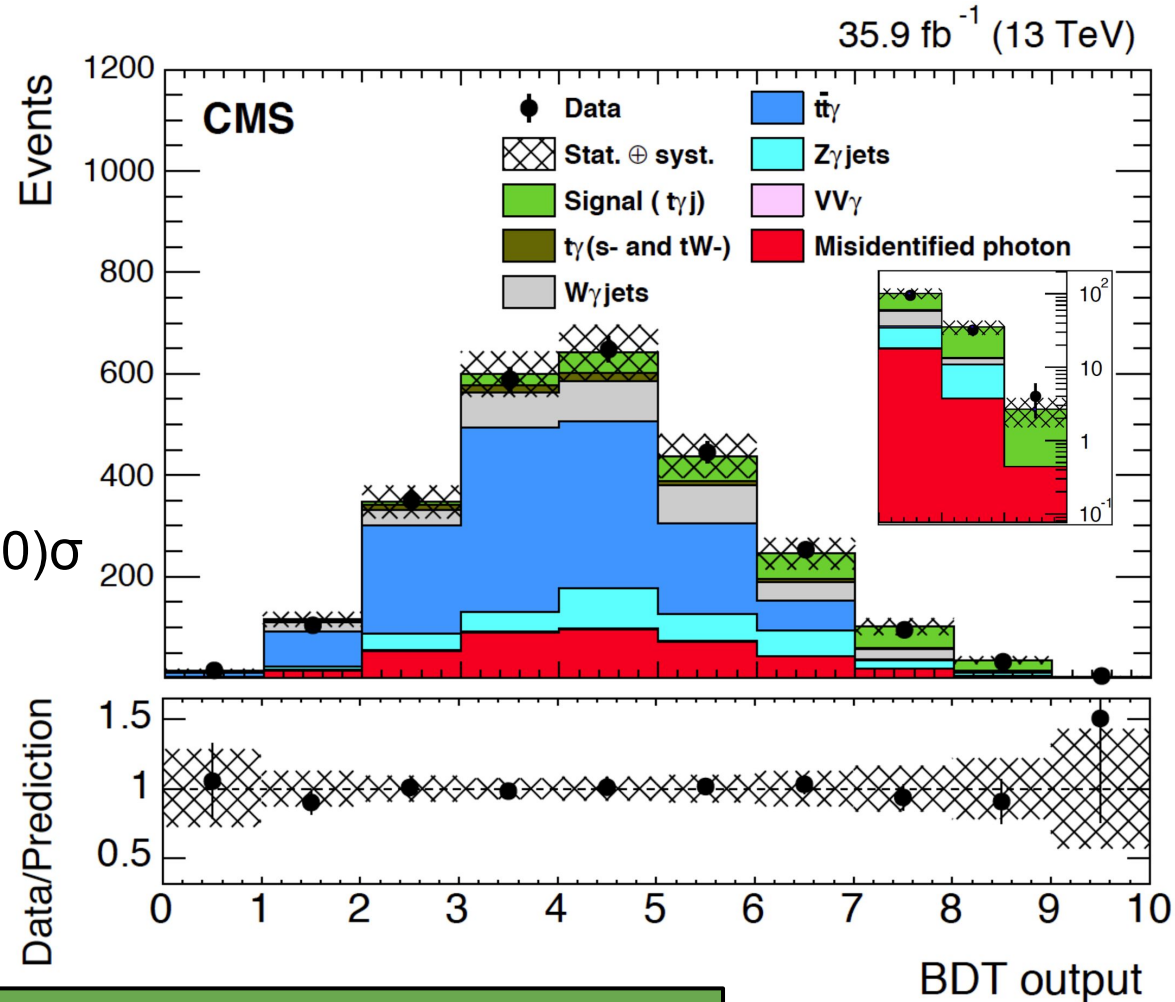
- ❖ t-channel: 1 μ , 1 γ , MET, ≥ 2 jets, 1 b-tagged jet
- ❖ Fake photon bkg: data-driven, using photon isolation and shower shape

Process	Event yield
$t\bar{t}+\gamma$	1401 ± 131
$W\gamma$ +jets	329 ± 78
$Z\gamma$ +jets	232 ± 55
Misidentified photon	374 ± 74
$t\gamma$ (s- and tW-channel)	57 ± 8
$VV\gamma$	8 ± 3
Total background	2401 ± 178
Expected signal	154 ± 24
Total SM prediction	2555 ± 180
Data	2535

- ❖ BDT based on topological and kinematic properties



- ❖ Binned likelihood fit is performed to the BDT in the SR and the $t\bar{t}+\gamma$ CR (2 b-tagged jets)
- ❖ Observed (expected) sign. of **4.4** (3.0) σ
 - First evidence of this process!
- ❖ **Main systematics**
 - JES and signal modeling



Fiducial xs: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\gamma q) \times \text{BR}(t \rightarrow \mu\nu b) = 115 \pm 17$ (stat) ± 30 (syst) fb

$$\sigma_{t\gamma}(\text{NLO}) = 81 \pm 4(\text{scale+PDF}) \text{ fb}$$

- ❖ **Fiducial** region: $p_{T,\gamma} > 25 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_\gamma| < 1.44$ and $\Delta R(\{\mu, b, j\}, \gamma) > 0.5$

❖ Semileptonic decays

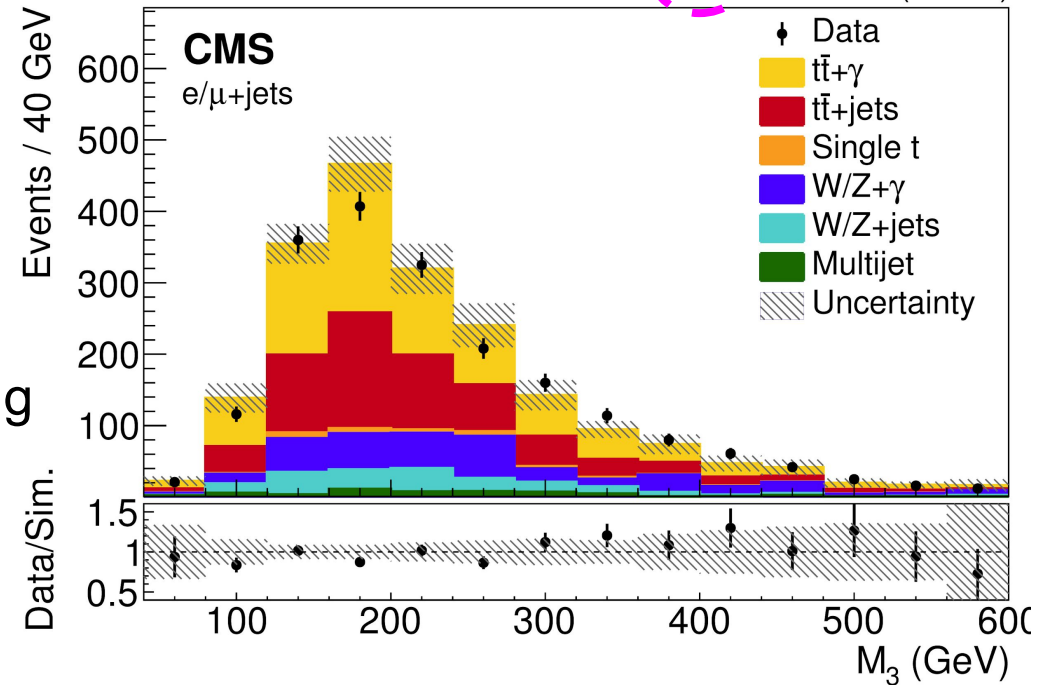
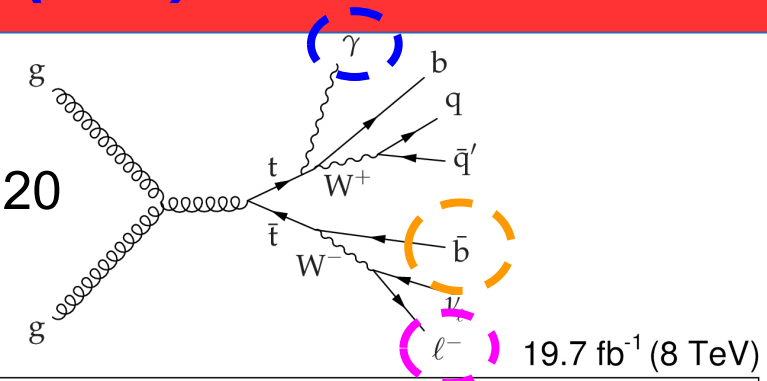
- 1 lepton, 1 γ , ≥ 3 jets, ≥ 1 b-tagged jet, MET>20

❖ Main bkg:

- $t\bar{t}$ + fake γ : M_3
 ➤ $V+\gamma$: γ charged hadron isolation

❖ l+jets fiducial region of top and γ

❖ **Main systematics**: fit stats., JES, modeling



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\gamma}^{\text{fid.}} = \frac{N_{t\bar{t}+\gamma}}{\epsilon_{t\bar{t}+\gamma} L'}$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\gamma}^{\text{fid.}}}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}}} = \frac{N_{t\bar{t}+\gamma}}{\epsilon_{t\bar{t}+\gamma}} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{top}}^{\text{fid.}} A_{\text{top}}^{\text{fid.}}}{N_{t\bar{t}}}$$

Category	R	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\gamma}^{\text{fid.}}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\gamma} \mathcal{B}$ (fb)
e+jets	$(5.7 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-4}$	138 ± 45	582 ± 187
μ +jets	$(4.7 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-4}$	115 ± 32	453 ± 124
Combination	$(5.2 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-4}$	127 ± 27	515 ± 108
Theory	—	—	592 ± 71 (scales) ± 30 (PDFs)

Summary

- ❖ The large amount of LHC data recorded up to date allows probing very rare SM processes, very small production cross sections
- ❖ Rare processes with top quarks are **sensitive** to beyond the SM interactions
- ❖ Many processes are explored for the first time at the LHC — and most presented analyses do not use the full 13 TeV data sample yet
- ❖ All results are in good agreement with **SM** prediction
- ❖ **Highlights:**
 - First $t\bar{t}Z$ differential cross section measurement
 - First observation of tZq
 - First evidence for $t\gamma q$
- ❖ **Stay tuned:** New results with more data are on their way...

<http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/preliminary-results/TOP/index.html>

Back-up

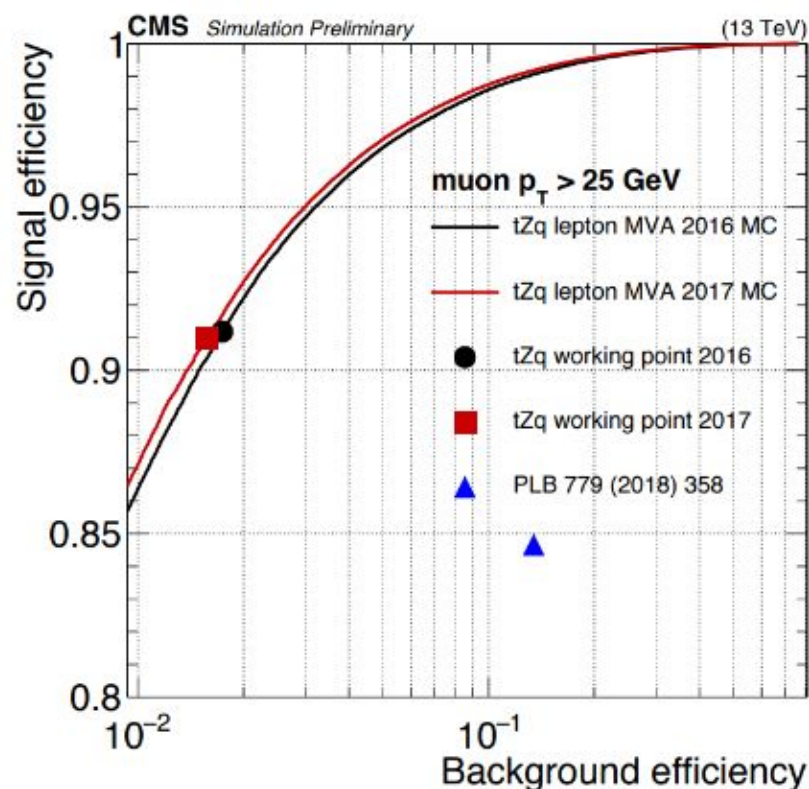
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Source	Uncertainty range (%)	Correlated in 2016 and 2017	Impact on the $t\bar{t}Z$ cross section (%)
Integrated luminosity	2.5	×	2
PU modeling	1–2	✓	1
Trigger	2	×	2
Lepton ID efficiency	4.5–6	✓	4
Jet energy scale	1–9	✓	2
Jet energy resolution	0–1	✓	1
B tagging light flavor	0–4	×	1
B tagging heavy flavor	1–4	×	2
Choice in μ_R and μ_F	1–4	✓	1
PDF choice	1–2	✓	1
Color reconnection	1.5	✓	< 1
Parton shower	1–8	✓	1
WZ cross section	10–20	✓	3
WZ + heavy flavor	8	✓	1
ZZ cross section	10	✓	1
$t(\bar{t})X$ bg.	10–15	✓	3
$X\gamma$ background	20	✓	1
Nonprompt background	30	✓	< 1
Rare SM background	50	✓	2
Stat. unc. in nonprompt bg.	5–50	×	< 1
Stat. unc. in rare SM bg.	5–100	×	< 1
Total uncertainty			7

- ❖ Compared to previous 2016 search, several factors improve significantly the sensitivity
- ❖ More inclusive trigger
- ❖ Multivariate lepton identification
- ❖ Better lepton and b-tagging efficiency measurements

Source	Uncertainty from each source (%)	Impact on the measured $t\bar{t}W$ cross section (%)	Impact on the measured $t\bar{t}Z$ cross section (%)
Integrated luminosity	2.5	4	3
Jet energy scale and resolution	2–5	3	3
Trigger	2–4	4–5	5
B tagging	1–5	2–5	4–5
PU modeling	1	1	1
Lepton ID efficiency	2–7	3	6–7
Choice in μ_R and μ_F	1	<1	1
PDF	1	<1	1
Nonprompt background	30	4	<2
WZ cross section	10–20	<1	2
ZZ cross section	20	—	1
Charge misidentification	20	3	—
Rare SM background	50	2	2
$t(\bar{t})X$ background	10–15	4	3
Stat. unc. in nonprompt background	5–50	4	2
Stat. unc. in rare SM backgrounds	20–100	1	<1
Total systematic uncertainty	—	14	12

- ❖ Compared to previous searches, several factors improve significantly the sensitivity
- ❖ The increased **integrated luminosity**
 - Added 2017 data: 35.9 to 77.4 fb⁻¹
- ❖ **Multivariate lepton identification**
- ❖ **Redesigned analysis strategy**



Source	Uncertainty (%)
Statistical likelihood fit	15.5
Top quark mass	7.9
JES	6.9
Fact. and renorm. scale	6.7
ME/PS matching threshold	3.9
Photon energy scale	2.4
JER	2.3
Multijet estimate	2.0
Electron misid. rate	1.3
Z+jets scale factor	0.8
Pileup	0.6
Background normalization	0.6
Top quark p_T reweighting	0.4
b tagging scale factor	0.3
Muon efficiency	0.3
Electron efficiency	0.1
PDFs	0.1
Muon energy scale	0.1
Electron energy scale	0.1
Total	20.7