



# Single-top quark production at CMS

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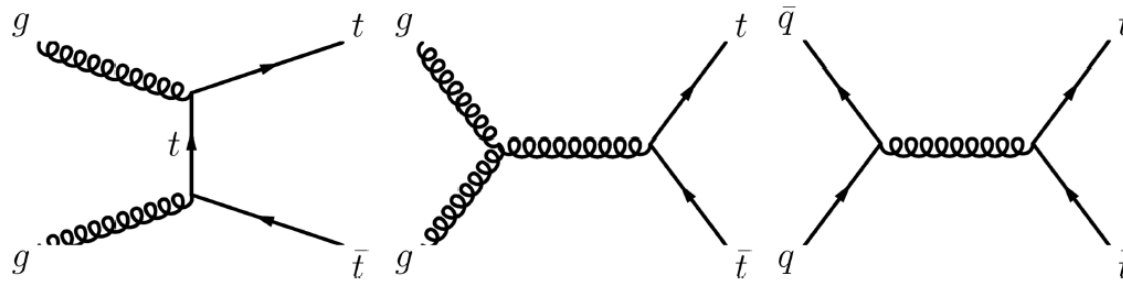
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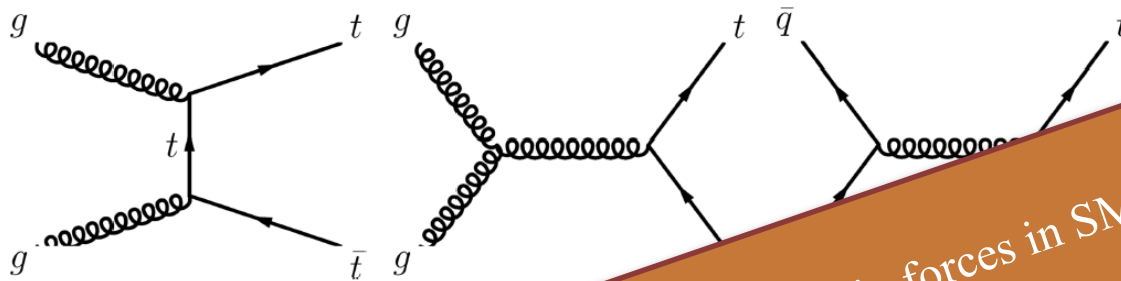


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- Short Lifetime=>decay before hadronizing:  
    unique way to observe a bare quark.
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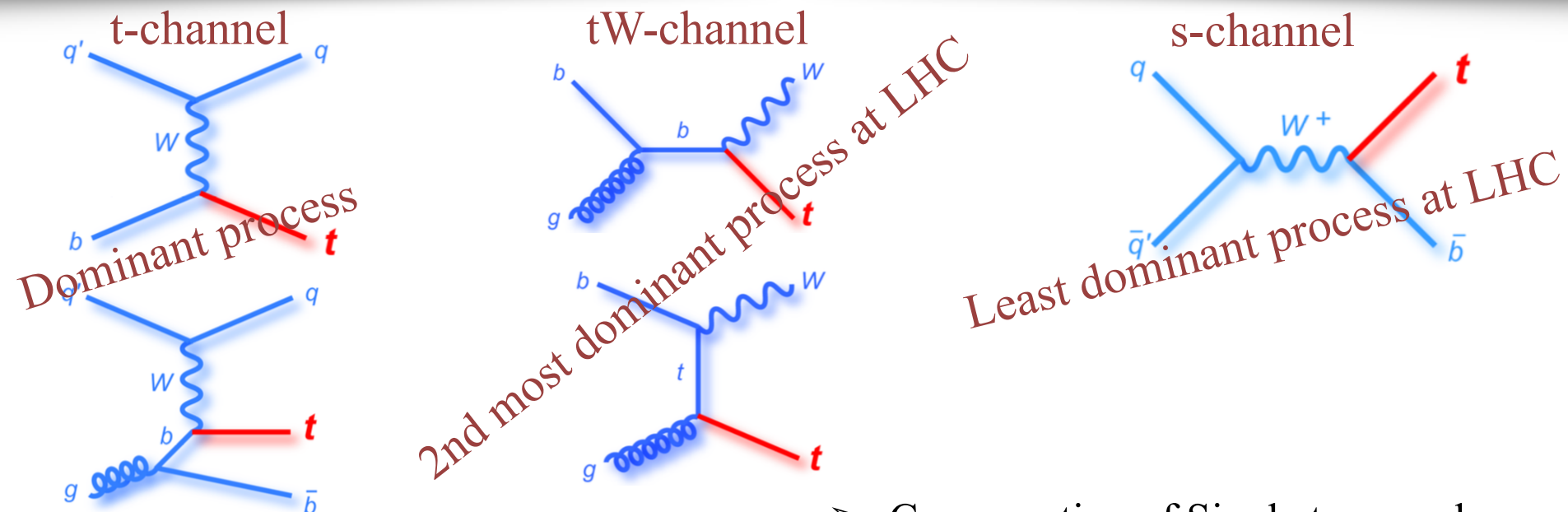
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- It is the heaviest elementary particle in the SM.
- Short Lifetime:  $\tau \approx 10^{-25}$  s. Unique among quarks: top quark => provides important tests of two main forces in SM.
- Unique among quarks: top quark is a bare quark.

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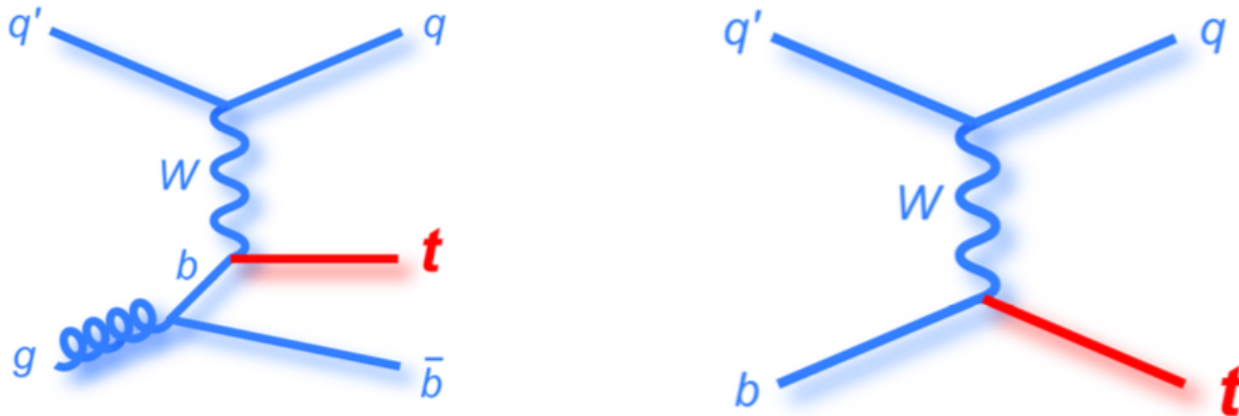
# Single top-quark production at LHC



Center of mass Energy	t-Channel (NNLO) (in Pb)	s-Channel (NNLO) (in Pb)	tW-Channel (NNLO) (in Pb)
Tevatron (ppBar) 1.96TeV	2.08	1.05	0.22
LHC (pp) 7TeV	63.89	4.29	15.74
LHC (pp) 8TeV	84.69	5.24	22.37
LHC (pp) 13TeV	216.99	10.32	71.7

- Cross-section of Single top quark production  $\Rightarrow |V_{tb}|$  matrix element of CKM matrix.
- Sensitive to non-SM couplings of  $Wtb$  vertex.
- Background for precision  $t\bar{t}$  physics and many other BSM searches.

# t-channel

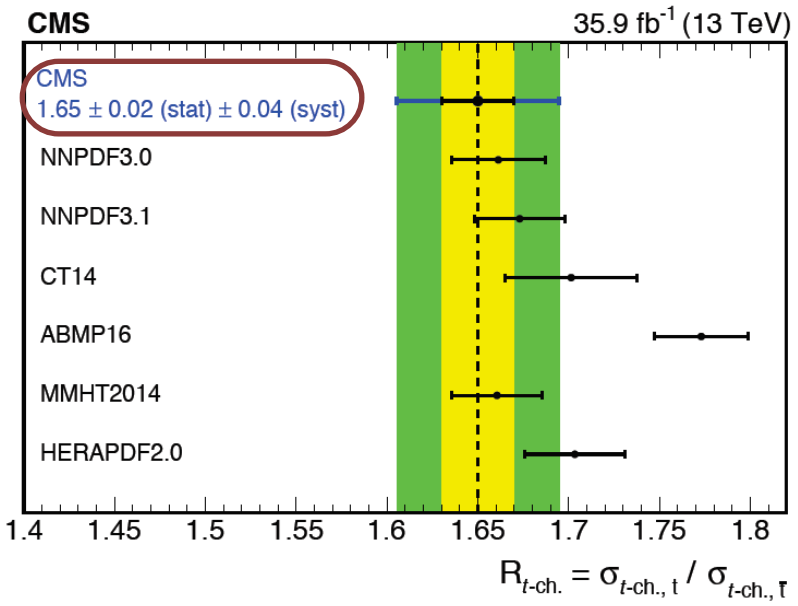


- Contains  $\sim 73\%$  of the total single top quark production at LHC.
- Direct measurement of  $|V_{tb}|$  matrix element of CKM matrix.
- New physics beyond the SM would alter the couplings and affect the polarisation.
- Also suited for testing the proton PDF and comparing the various models with data.

# t-channel@13TeV



Singnature: 1lepton(e/μ), 2 jets, 1 b tag,MET



$$\sigma_{t-ch., t+\bar{t}} = 219.0 \pm 1.5(stat) \pm 32.9(syst) pb$$

$$|f_{LV} V_{tb}| = 1.01 \pm 0.05(exp) \pm 0.02(theo)$$

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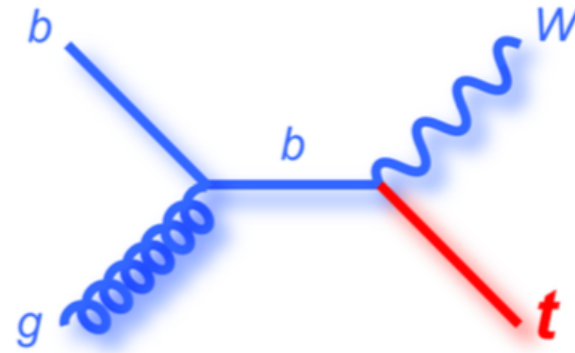
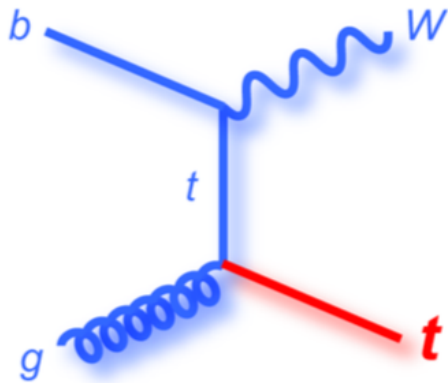
$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow Wb) \approx 1 \Rightarrow f_{LV}^2 V_{tb}^2 = \sigma_{meas.} / \sigma_{theo.}$$

$$\sigma_{t-ch., t+\bar{t}}^{th} = 217.0_{-4.6}^{+6.6} (scale) \pm 6.2 (PDF+\alpha_S) pb (NLO)$$

👉 R's exp. uncertainty ~ PDF model's theoretical uncertainties: proton structure

- Simultaneous ML fit on multivariate discriminators, separately for signal region(2j1t) and 2 control regions (3j1t,3j2t) NjMt region, lepton flavour, and lepton charge (12 discriminator distributions fitted simultaneously).
- Fit repeated two times:
  - 1) First fit: top channel signal strength and anti-top channel signal strength are free parameters.
  - 2) Second fit: Anti-top channel signal strength and  $R_{t-ch.}$  free parameters.
- Main systematic: Signal modeling.

# tW-channel



● Contains ~25% of the total single top quark production at LHC.

● **Challenge for tW-Channel:** Interference at NLO level with top-quarks pair production for extraction of tW signal.

➤ Two configurations to subtract overlapping diagrams: diagram subtraction(DS) & diagram removal(DR)

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^{(tw)} + \mathcal{M}^{(tt\sim)}$$

DR
DS

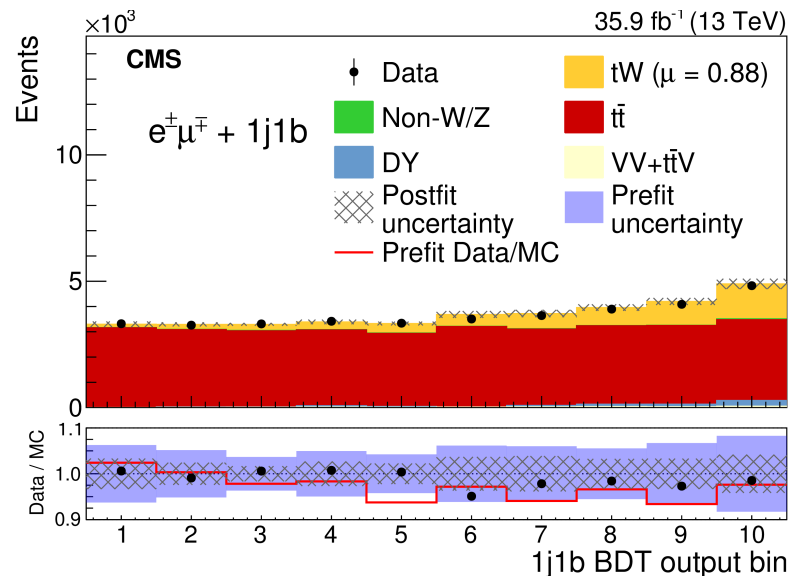
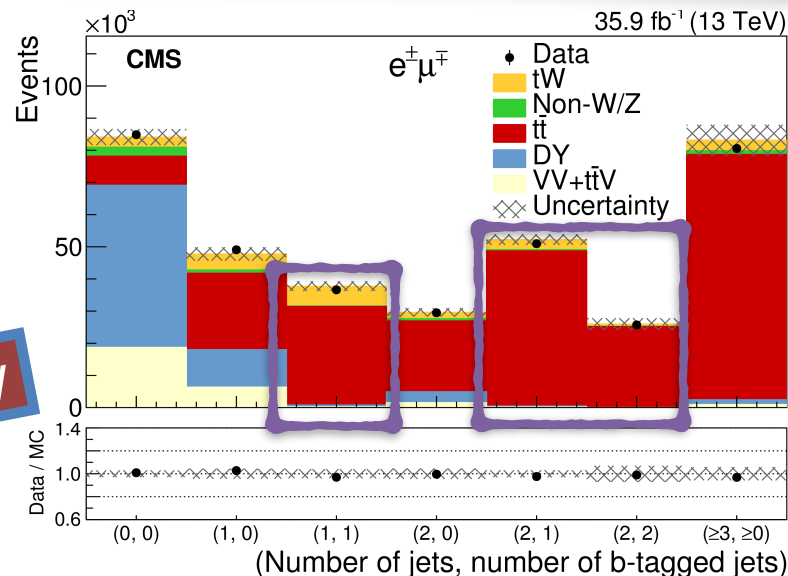
$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}^{(tw)}|^2 + 2\text{Re}\{\mathcal{M}^{(tw)} \mathcal{M}^{(tt\sim)*}\} + |\mathcal{M}^{(tt\sim)}|^2$$

- Signature: 2 OS leptons ( $e\mu$ ), 1 jet, 1 b-tag
- Three regions defined for signal extraction: 1j1t (main signal region), 2j1t, 2j2t
- Signal strength determined from a ML fit to BDT distribution in 1j1t and 2j1t regions and sub-leading jet  $p_T$  in 2j2t.
- Main systematic: JES, lepton identification,  $t\bar{t}$  modeling.

First measurement at 13TeV

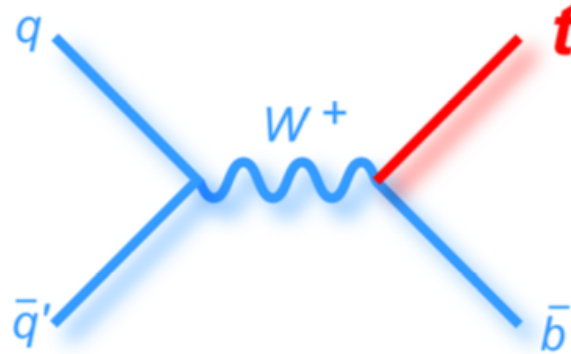
$$\sigma_{tW} = 63.1 \pm 1.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 6.4 \text{ (syst)} \pm 2.1 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

$$\text{SM: } \sigma_{tW}(\text{NNLO}) = 71.7 \pm 1.8 \text{ (scale)} \pm 3.4 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ pb}$$





# s-channel



- Contains  $\sim 3\%$  of the total single top quark production at LHC  $\Rightarrow$  Challenging final state.
- Grows much slower with CME than other top production modes.
- Sensitive to new physics (Searches for  $W'$ , charged Higgs).

# s-channel@7&8TeV

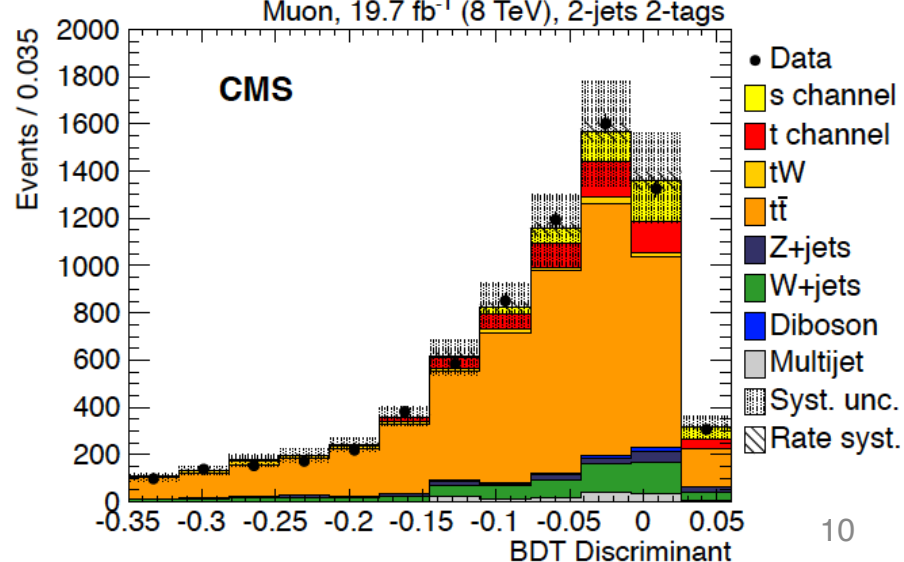
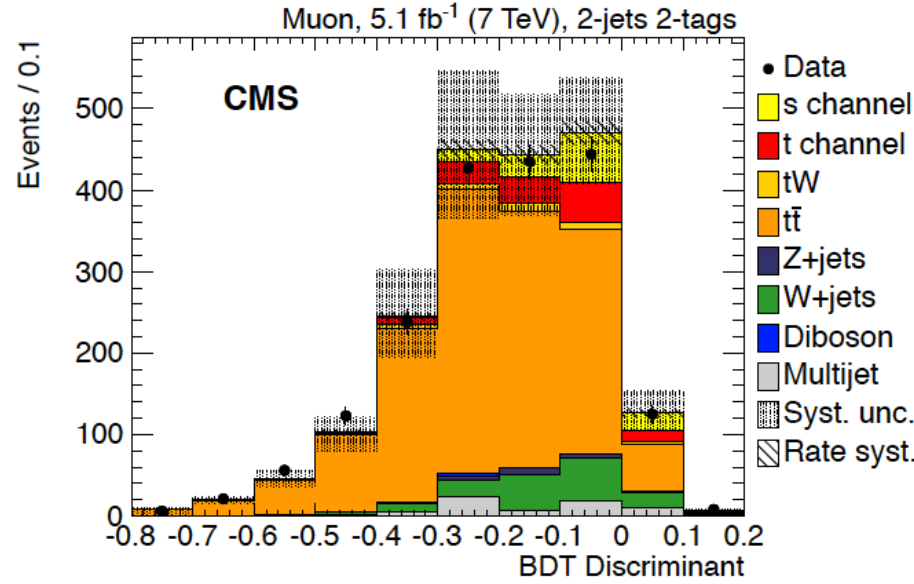
- Signature: 1 lepton, 2 jets, 2 b-tag
- Binned likelihood fit on BDT output in 2j2t (signal), 3j2t (tt) and 2j1t (t-channel and w+jets) regions.
- Observed(expected) significance (combination): 2.5(1.1)  $\sigma$
- Main systematic: JES, generator, b-tagging.

$$\sigma_{s\text{-ch}}(7\text{ TeV}) = 7.1 \pm 8.1 \text{ (stat+syst) pb}$$

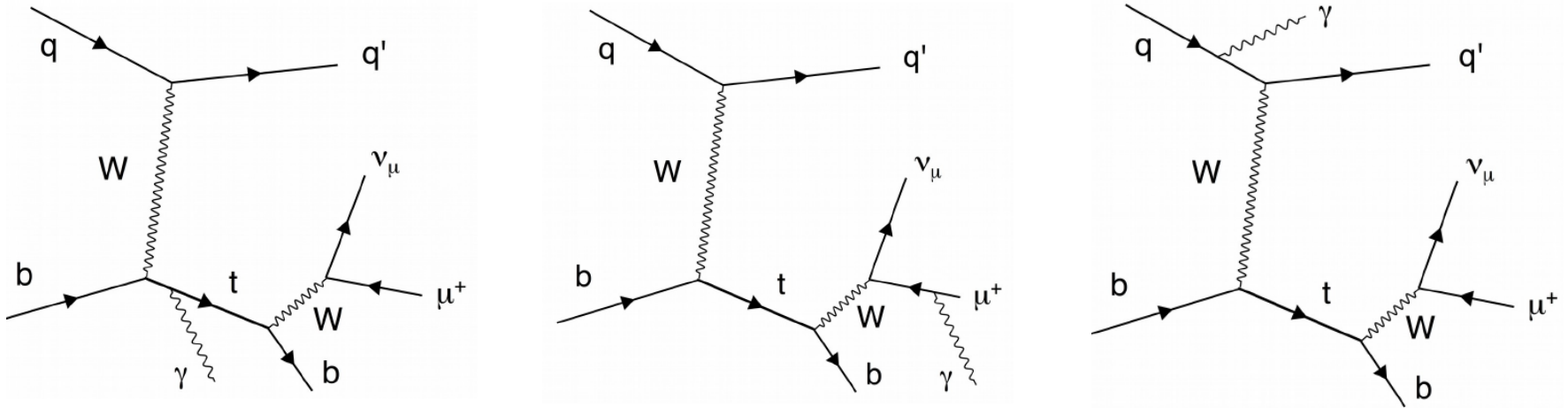
$$\sigma_{s\text{-ch}}(8\text{ TeV}) = 13.4 \pm 7.3 \text{ (stat+syst) pb}$$

$$\sigma_s(7\text{ TeV}) = 4.56 \pm 0.07 \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.17 \text{ (PDF) pb}$$

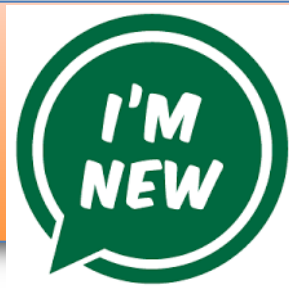
$$\sigma_s(8\text{ TeV}) = 5.55 \pm 0.08 \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.21 \text{ (PDF) pb} \quad (\text{NNLO})$$



# $\gamma$ -production in t-channel mode



- Extremely rare process: couplings through electroweak loop corrections opens up the possibility to search for new physics in the top quark sector.
- Sensitive to the top quark electric charge and the top quark electric and magnetic dipole moments.



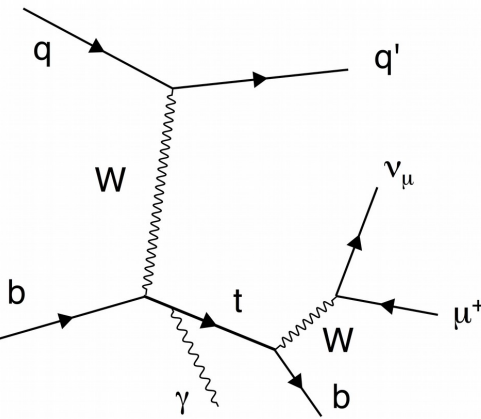
Signature: t-channel  $1\mu$ ,  $1\gamma$ , MET,  $\geq 2$  jets, 1 b tagged jet

Binned likelihood fit on BDT output on signal 1-tag region and control 2-tag region  $tt+\gamma$ .

First evidence of process!

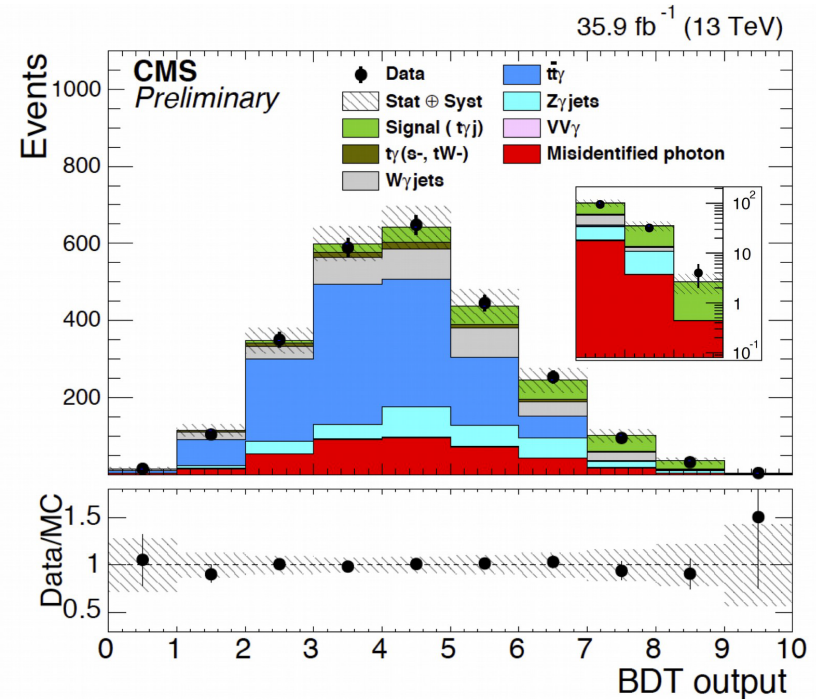
Observed (expected including all sources of systematic uncertainties) significance:  $4.4(3.0) \sigma$

Main systematic: JES and signal modeling.

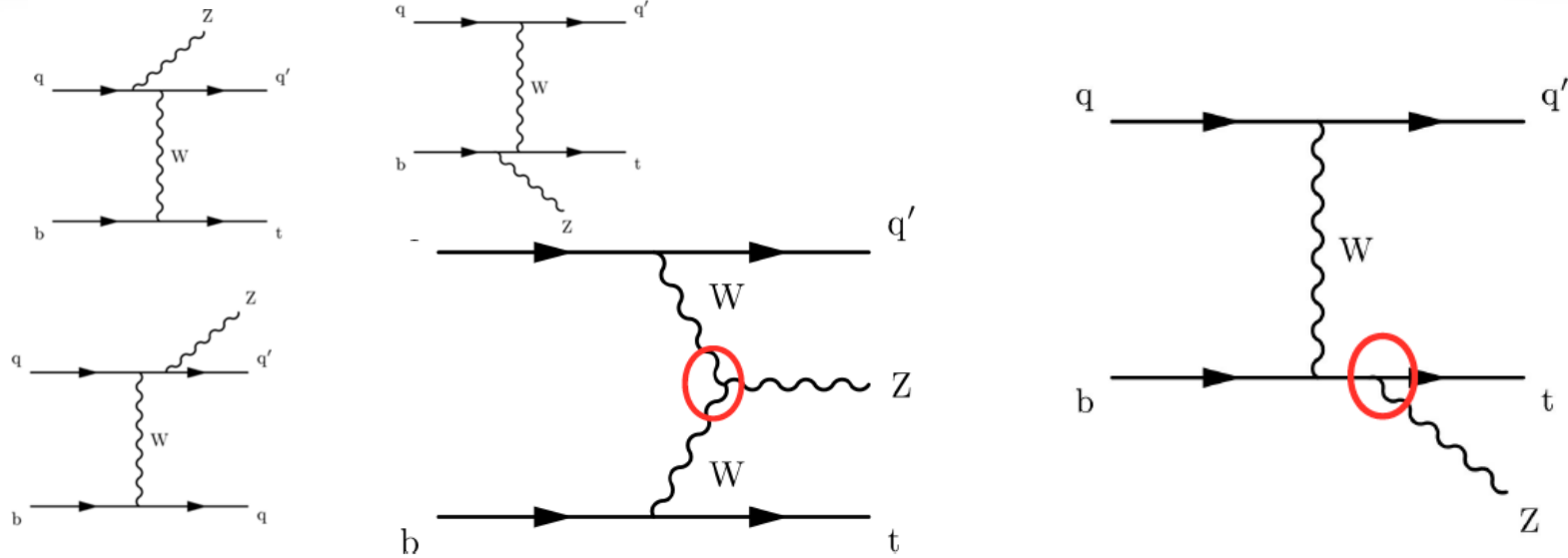


$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow \mu\nu b)\sigma(t\gamma j) = 115 \pm 17(\text{stat})_{-27}^{+33}(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

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

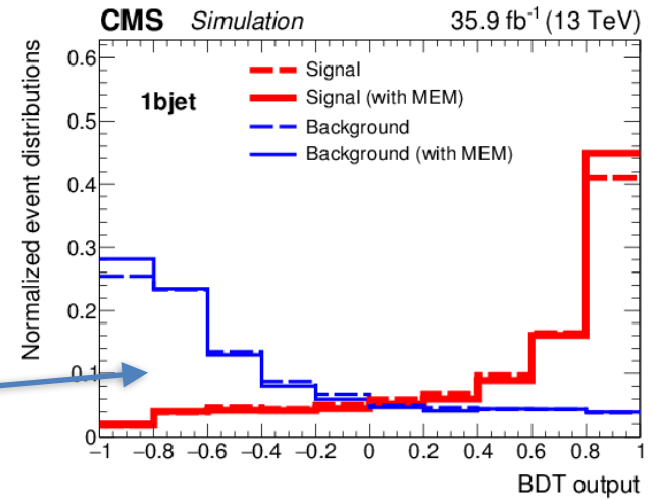


# tZ-production in t-channel mode



- Extremely rare process: 2 orders of magnitude smaller than tW.
- Sensitive to  $ttZ$  and triple gauge boson (WWZ) couplings: possible deviations may indicate physics BSM.
- Main backgrounds from  $ttV$ , WZ and non-prompt lepton production.

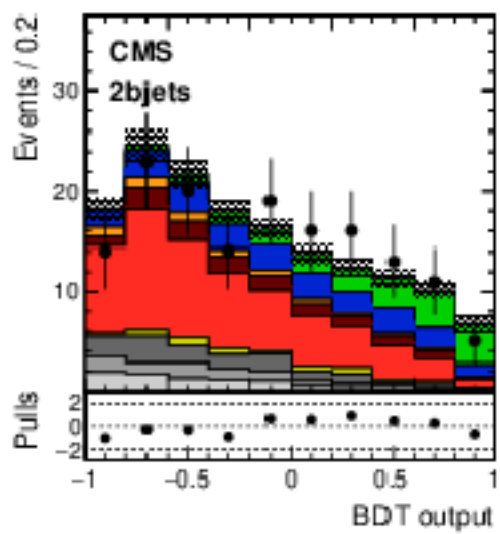
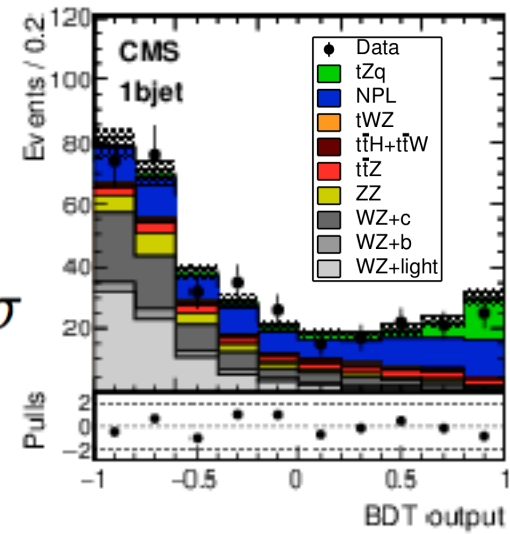
- Signature: 3 leptons (2 OS leptons within  $\pm 10\text{GeV}$  around Z mass)
- Three regions defined for binned maximum-likelihood fit to 12 distributions: 1b-tag (main signal region), 2b-tag (ttZ) and 0b-tag (non-prompt leptons)
- BDT trained against WZ, ttV and ZZ using top and Z reconstruction: ME weights added to increase performance



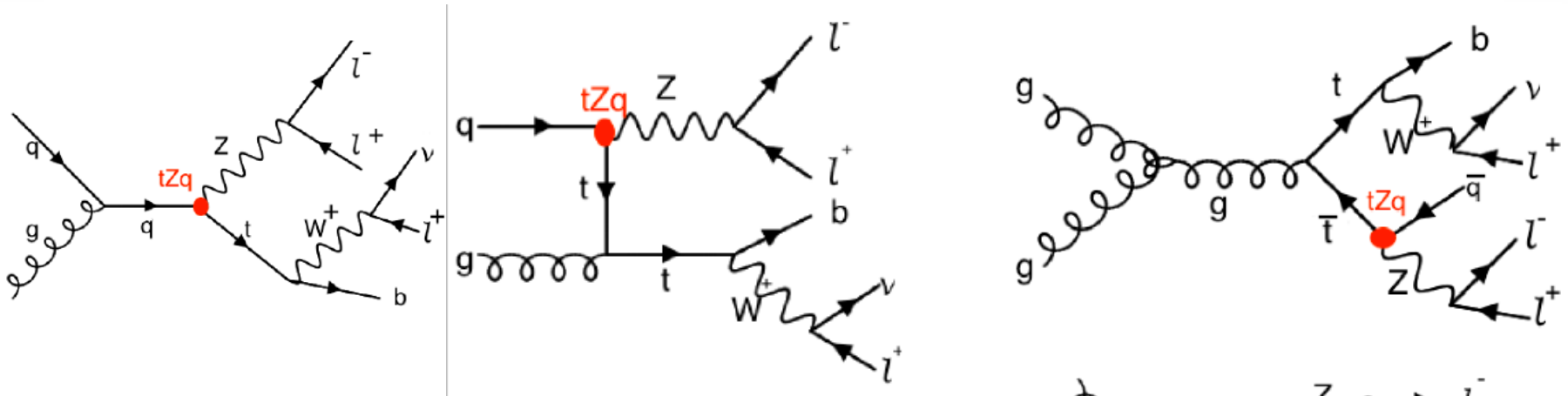
$$\sigma(tl^+l^-q) = 123^{+33}_{-31} \text{ (stat)} \ ^{+29}_{-23} \text{ (syst) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{tZ(l)q} \text{ (NLO)} = 94.2 \pm 3.1 \text{ fb}$$

- Observed(expected) significance:  $3.7(3.1)\sigma$
- Main systematic: Background normalization and signal modeling.



# FCNC $tZq$



- Flavour changing neutral current transitions are interaction processes where a fermion undergoes a change of flavour without the alternation of its charge.
- In SM, FCNC are forbidden at tree level and highly suppressed at higher order
  - $BR(t \rightarrow u/c Z) \approx 10^{-14}$
- Several SM extensions enhance these BRs.

FCNC interaction might happen at the production or at the top quark decay.

# FCNC $tZq$ @13TeV

- Search focused on single top &  $tt$  FCNC interactions observable in 31 final states, FCNC interaction happens at the production or at the top quark decay.
- Same selection as  $tZ$  analysis.
- Two simultaneous likelihood fits: one for single top and another one for  $tt$  FCNC.

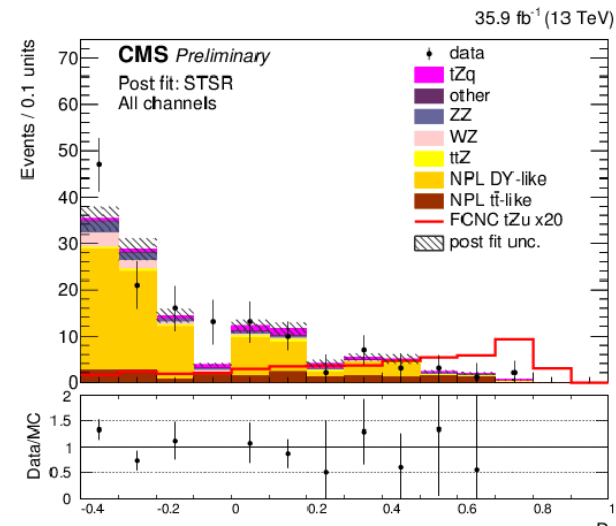
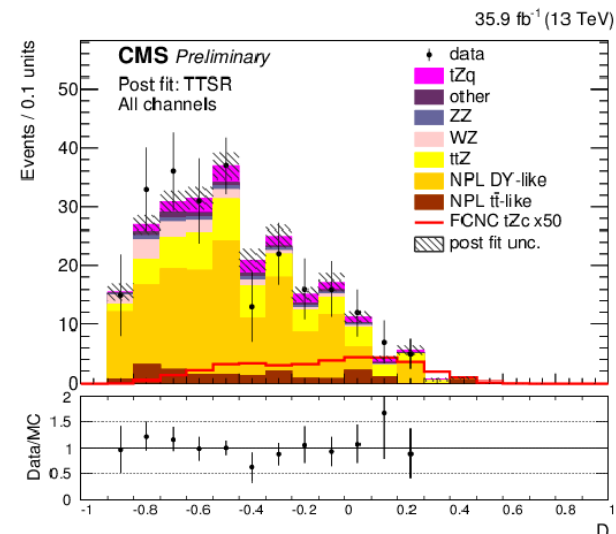
4 lepton channels and 5 regions used.

	WZ control region (WZCR)	single top quark signal region (STSR)	top quark pair signal region (TTSR)	single top quark control region (STCR)	top quark pair control region (TTCR)
Number of jets	$\geq 1, \leq 3$	1	$\geq 2, \leq 3$	1	$\geq 2, \leq 3$
Number of b jets	0	1	$\geq 1$	1	$\geq 1$
$ M(Z_{reco}) - M_Z  < 7.5$ GeV	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

$B(t \rightarrow uZ) < 0.024$  (0.015)%  
 $B(t \rightarrow cZ) < 0.045$  (0.037)%

Obs. (exp.)

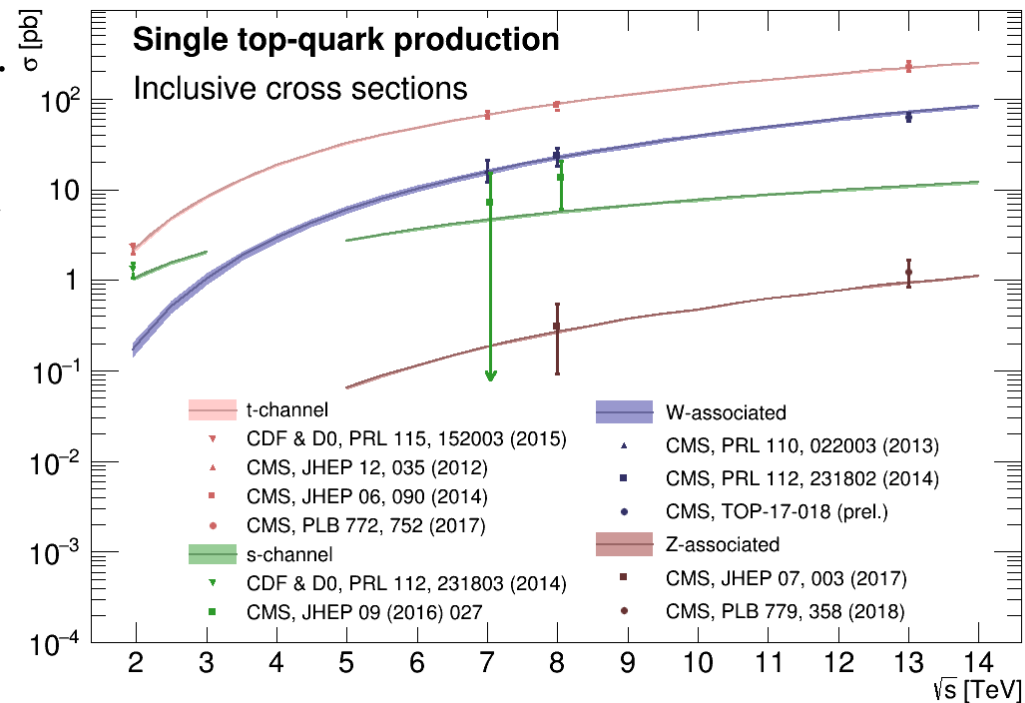
- Main systematic: modeling, JES, b-tagging





# Summary

- CMS single top covers a broad range of analysis.
- From precision measurements: t and tW channels.
- To evidences of new processes: s channel, tZ and tgamma.
- And searches for BSM processes: FCNC.
- Many more new results are coming soon.



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