

FCNC $u/c \rightarrow t\gamma$

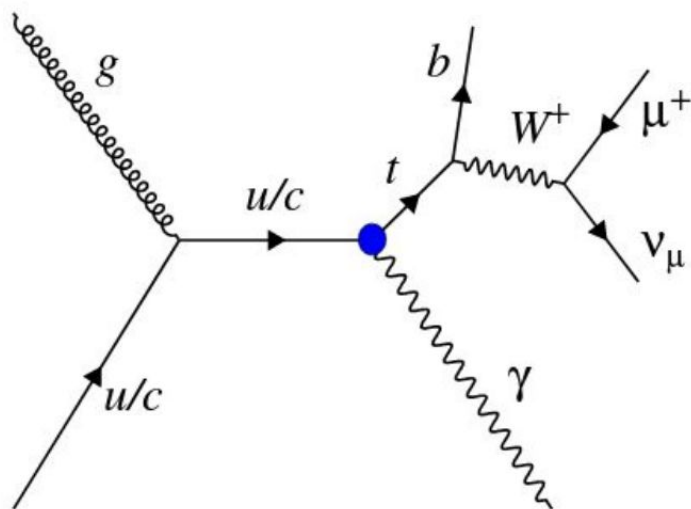
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Sensitivity of the upgraded CMS detector to FCNC transitions is estimated for:

- FCNC in $tq\gamma$ vertex
- Single-top quark production in association with photon
- Final-state signature with single muon or electron, neutrino and photon

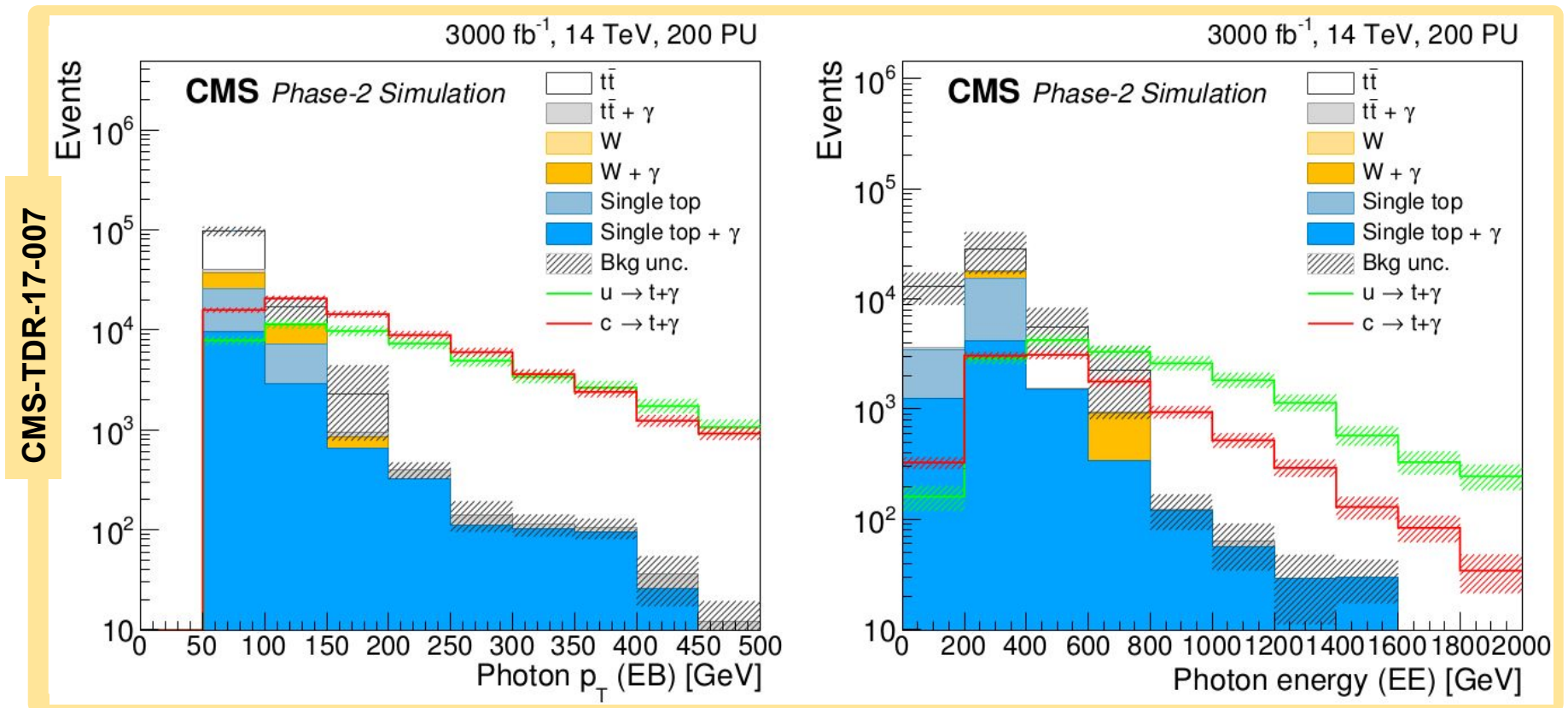


- FCNC are strongly suppressed in SM
- Top decays through FCNC are enhanced in many BSM models
- The most stringent constraints on the $B(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$ are set by the CMS experiment through single-top quark production in association with a photon

Selections:

- **Exactly one tight lepton** (e or μ) with $P_T > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.8$, $\text{reIso} < 0.15$ (Electrons in the overlap region $1.4 < |\eta| < 1.6$ are removed)
- No additional leptons with $P_T > 10$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.8$, $\text{reIso} < 0.25$
- **Exactly one b-tagged jet** with $P_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.8$ (DeepCSV algorithm for $|\eta| > 1.5$, cMVA algorithm for $|\eta| < 1.5$, anti- k $R=0.4$, PUPPI)
- **At least one photon** with $P_T > 50$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.8$ (excluding photons within $1.4 < |\eta| < 1.6$)
- **MET** > 30 GeV
- Reconstructed top quark mass in the range of 130 to 220 GeV

- **Full simulation** of the upgraded CMS detector for **signals** and following **backgrounds**:
 - $t\bar{t}, t\bar{t} + \gamma$
 - $W + jets, W + jets + \gamma$
 - *Single Top*
- Unfortunately, *Single top + γ* sample from Full simulation with $\sim 300k$ events show a lack of statistics in signal region \rightarrow **Delphes simulation** of *Single top + γ* with $\sim 7M$ events is used
- High photon P_T / Energy regions are populated by signal events:



Expected limits extracted from the Asimov dataset of background-only model with asymptotic **CLs** method:

95% CL Upper Limits:

● **14 TeV 3000 fb-1**

- $\text{Br} (t \rightarrow u+\gamma) < 1.16 \times 10^{-5}$
- $\text{Br} (t \rightarrow c+\gamma) < 9.12 \times 10^{-5}$

CMS-TDR-17-007

● **8 TeV 19.7 fb-1**

- $\text{Br} (t \rightarrow u+\gamma) < 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$
- $\text{Br} (t \rightarrow c+\gamma) < 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$

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● **Previous results for FCNC tq γ searches based on fast simulation:**

- $\text{Br} (t \rightarrow u+\gamma) < 2.7 \times 10^{-5}$
- $\text{Br} (t \rightarrow c+\gamma) < 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$

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- Among the systematic uncertainties *Single Top* + γ cross section and $t\bar{t}$ + γ scale uncertainties are dominated → NLO is needed
 - Number of events in Full simulation *Single top* + γ sample is critically small