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# Measurement of the $t\bar{Z}q$ cross section

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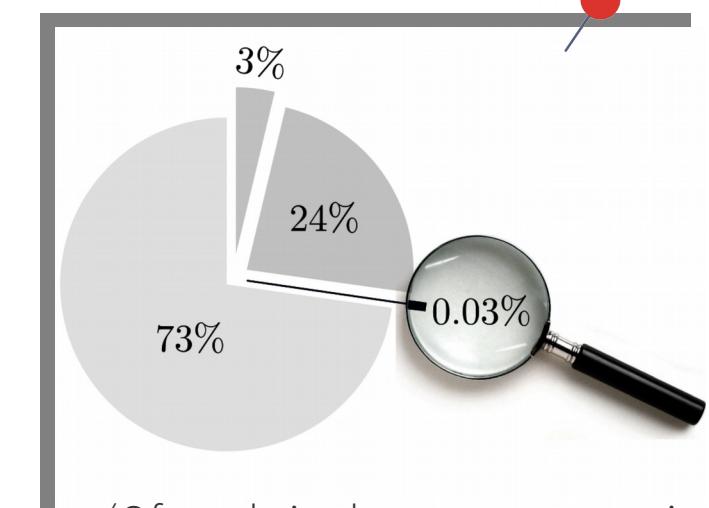
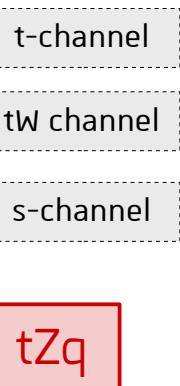
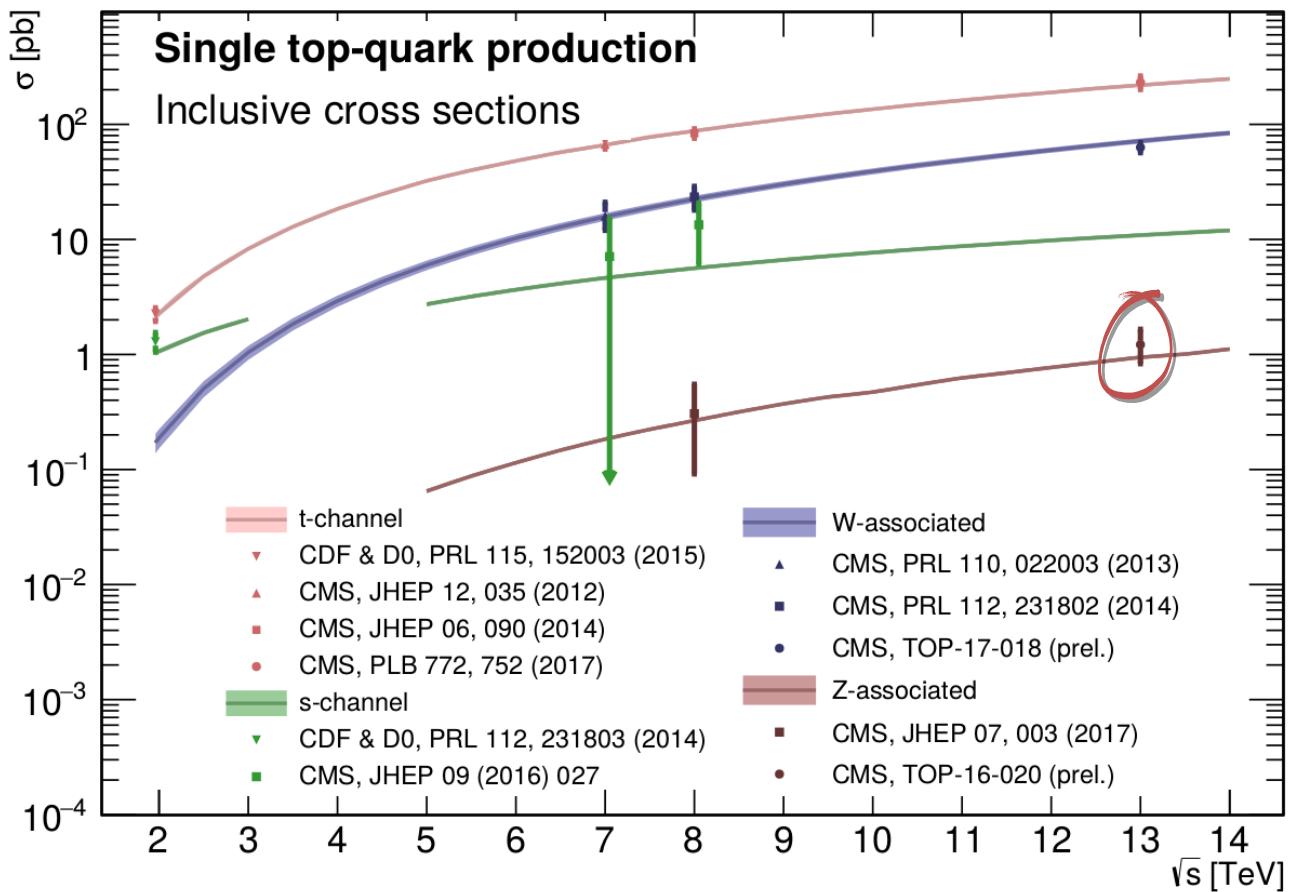
# Rare process

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- Yet unobserved SM process involving single top quark

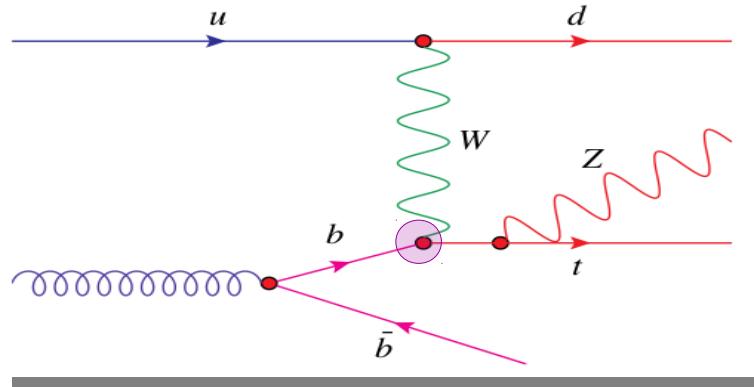
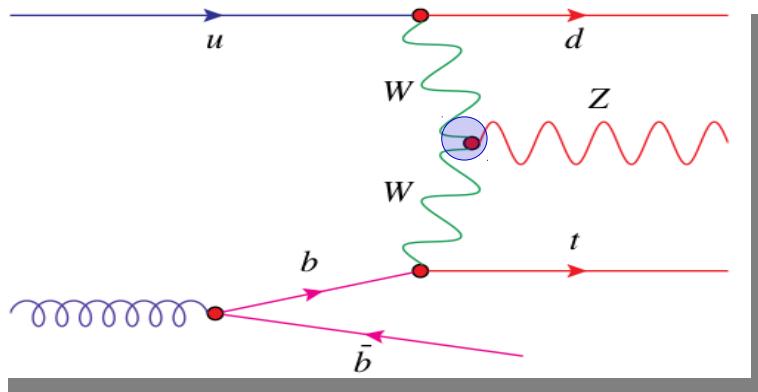
$$\sigma(t\ell^+\ell^-q) = 94.2^{+1.9}_{-1.8} \text{ (scale)} \pm 2.5 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ fb}$$

$\ell$  : electrons, muons, taus  
 $m_{\ell^+\ell^-} > 30$  GeV  
(CMS)



# Interesting process

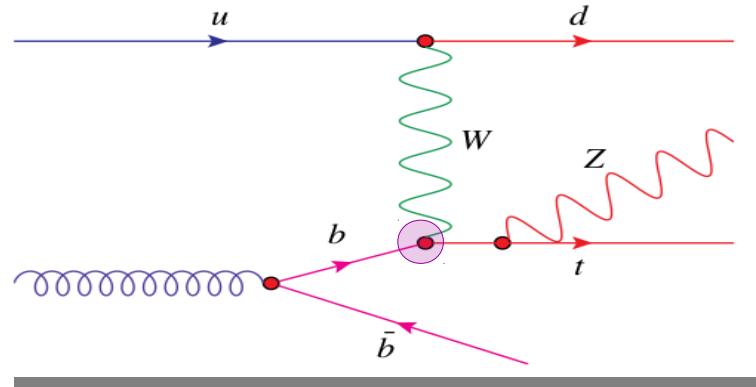
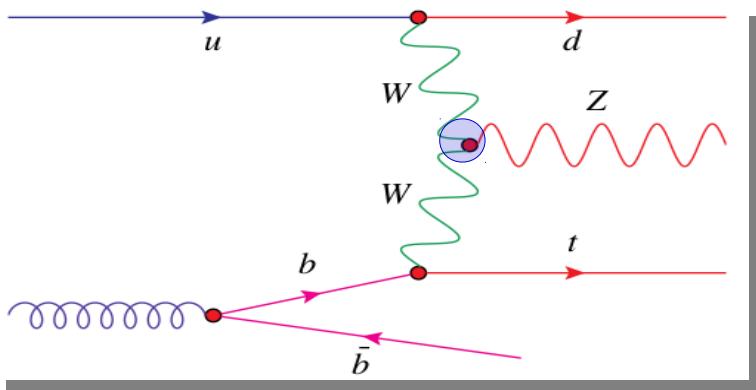
- Background to  $t\bar{t}H/V, t\bar{t}q, \dots$
- Sensitive to **tZ** & **WWZ** couplings



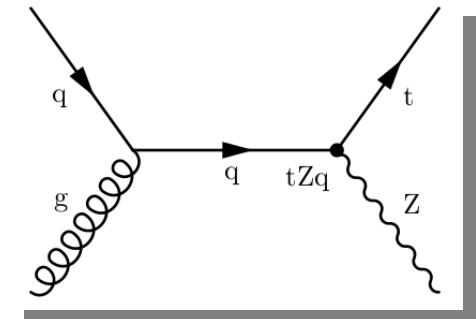
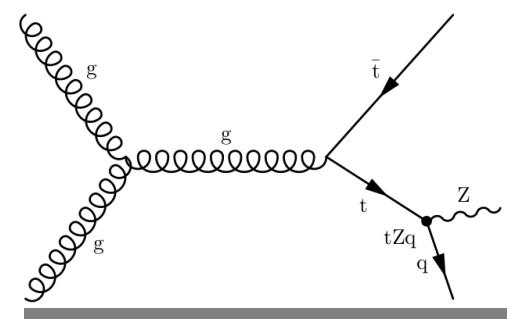
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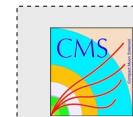
- Similar final state via **FCNC** interaction
- Highly suppressed within SM  
$$[ \mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow Xq) \approx 10^{-17} - 10^{-12} ]$$
- Many **BSM** models predict FCNC enhancement [up to  $\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow Xq) \approx 10^{-3}$  <sup>[1]</sup>]



Key process to test SM & constrain new physics

# State of the art

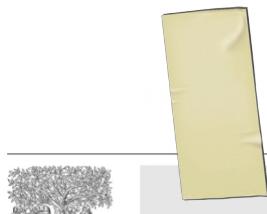
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8 TeV :  $2.4\sigma$  observed ( $1.8\sigma$  expected)



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Measurement of the associated production of a single top quark and a Z boson in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

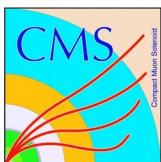


The CMS Collaboration\*

CMS article (l3 TeV)

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arXiv:1712.02825v2



ATLAS article (l3 TeV)

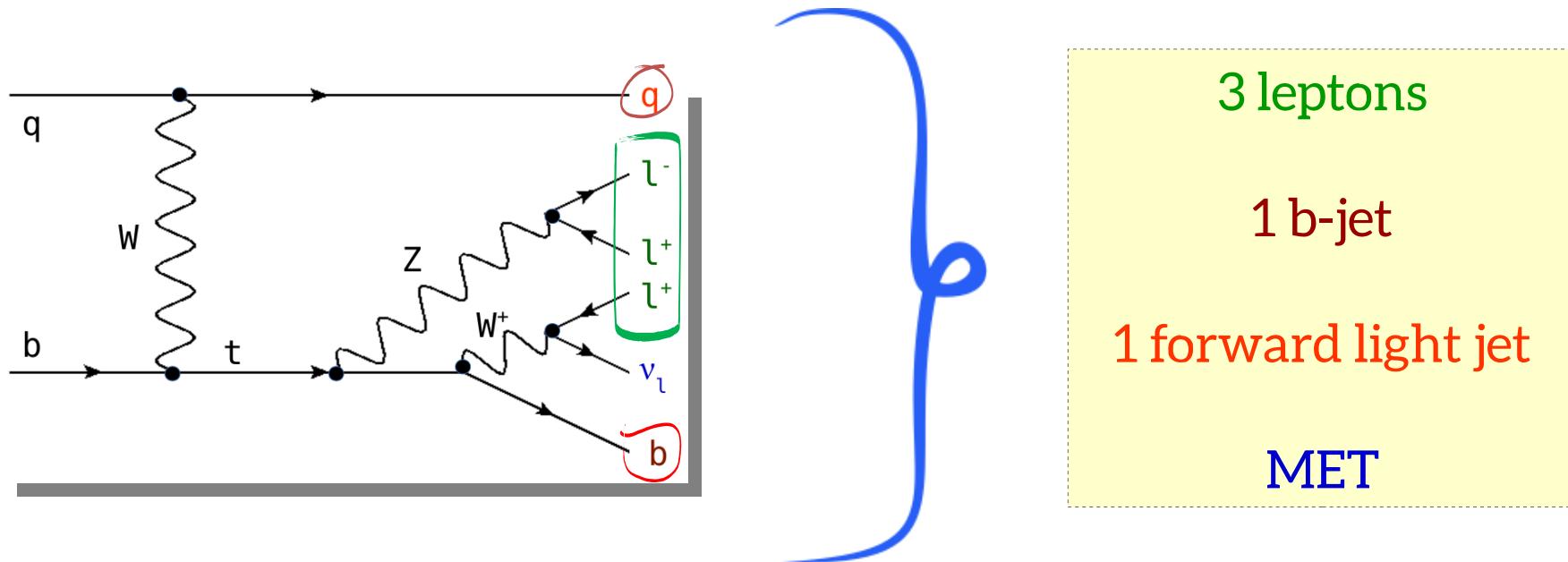
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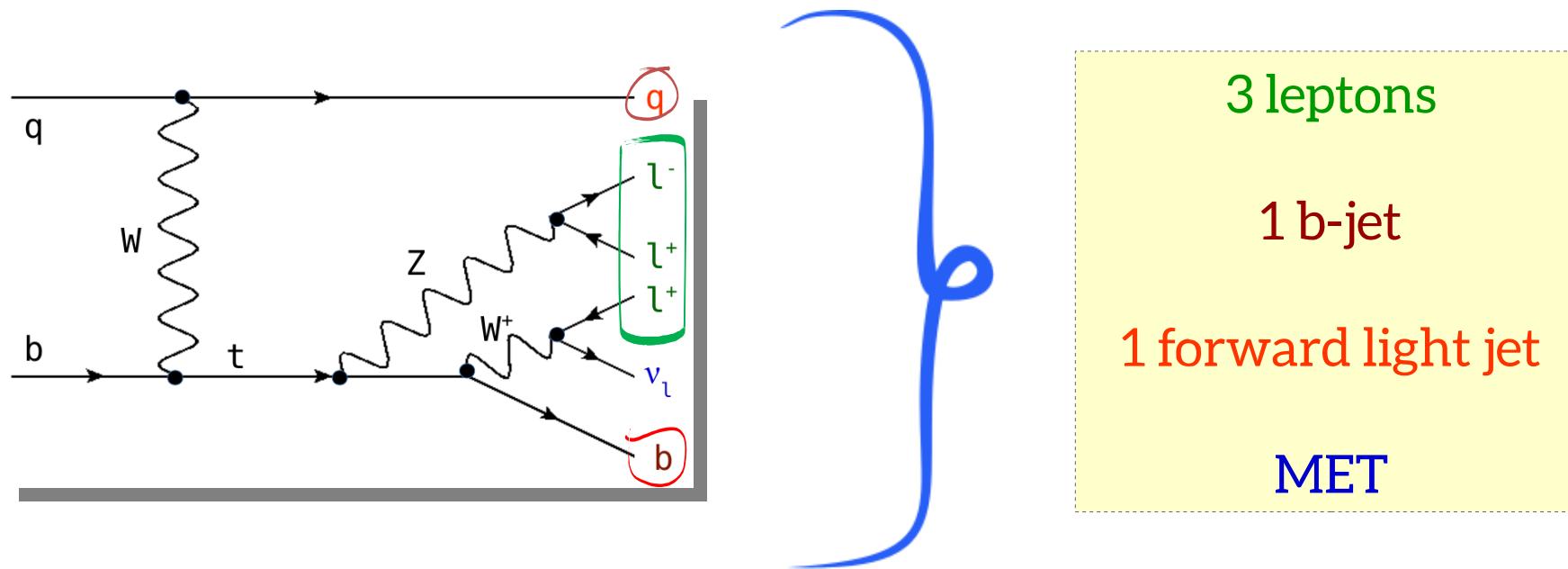
# Final state

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- Signal generated at **NLO** (4FS)
  - Theory x-sec
    - 5FS
  - Off-shell  $Z/\gamma^*$  interference included
    - $m_{ll} > 30$  GeV requirement

- Signal generated at **LO** (4FS), rescaled to NLO
  - Theory x-sec
    - 4FS
  - $Z$  forced on-shell

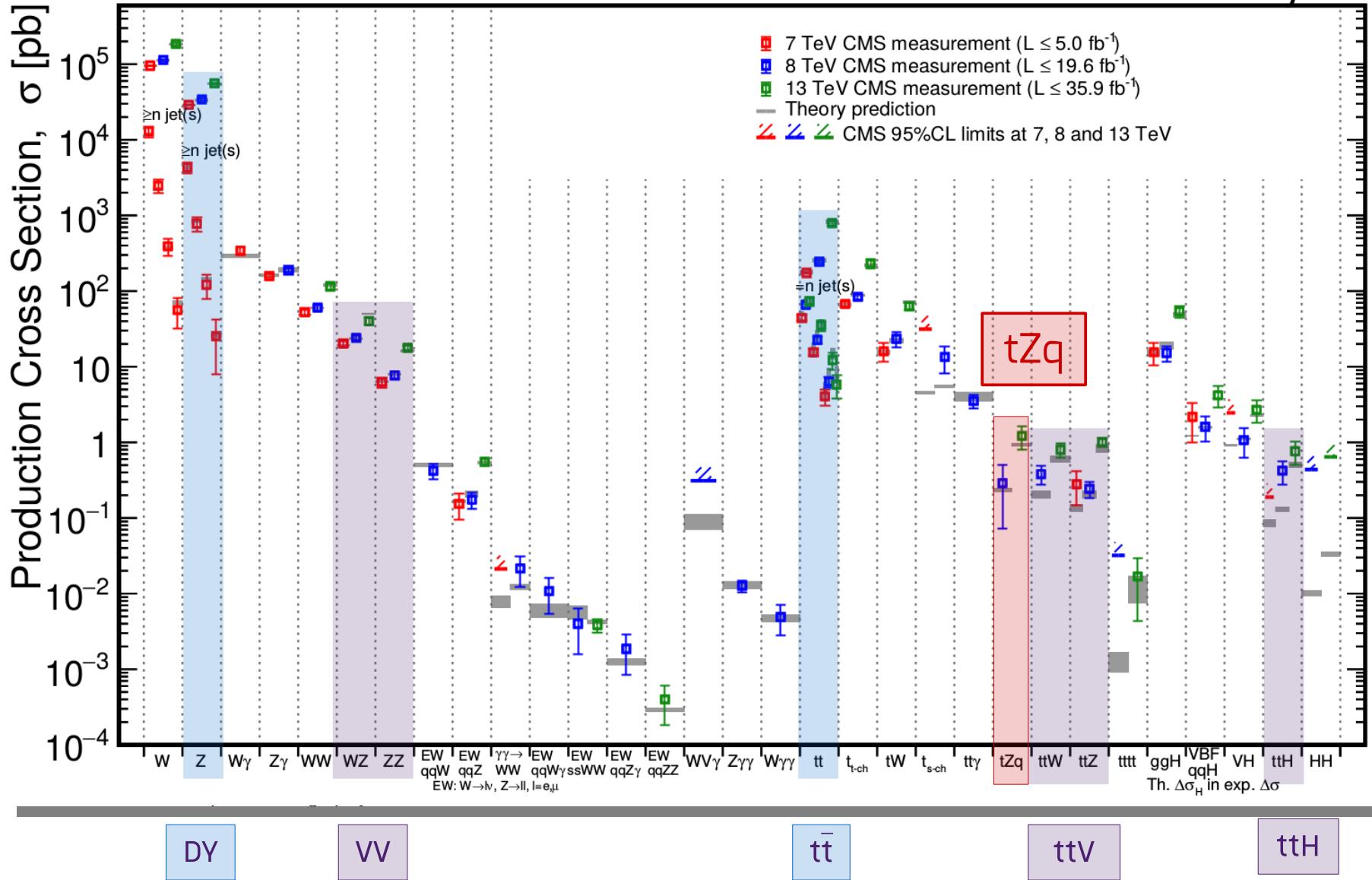


# Backgrounds

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September 2017

CMS Preliminary



DY

VV

$t\bar{t}$

$ttV$

$ttH$



Background control is key to this analysis

# Event selection

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- $p_T(\text{lep}) > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- $|m_{\parallel} - mZ| < 15 \text{ GeV}$
- **2 or 3 jets**,  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Btagging : 83 % WP, **10 % mistag**

- $p_T(\text{lep}) > 28/25/15 \text{ GeV}$
- $|m_{\parallel} - mZ| < 10 \text{ GeV}$
- **== 2 jets**,  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Btagging : 77% WP, **1% mistag**
- $m_T(W) > 20 \text{ GeV}$



# Event sel. & Regions - ATLAS

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- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Validation regions → Check main bkggs modelling</li> <li>▪ Control regions → Extract norm. of diboson &amp; <math>t\bar{t}</math> bkggs</li> </ul>                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



SR	Diboson VR / CR	$t\bar{t}$ VR	$t\bar{t}$ CR
$\geq 1$ OSSF pair	$\geq 1$ OSSF pair	$\geq 1$ OSSF pair	$\geq 1$ OSDF pair
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 10 \text{ GeV}$	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 10 \text{ GeV}$	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10 \text{ GeV}$	No OSSF pair
2 jets, $ \eta  < 4.5$	1 jet, $ \eta  < 4.5$	2 jets, $ \eta  < 4.5$	2 jets, $ \eta  < 4.5$
1 $b$ -jet, $ \eta  < 2.5$	-	1 $b$ -jet, $ \eta  < 2.5$	1 $b$ -jet, $ \eta  < 2.5$
-	VR/CR: $m_T(\ell_W, \nu) > 20/60 \text{ GeV}$	-	-

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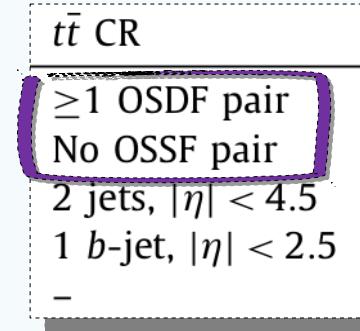


- Splitting by lepton flavours → 4 channels
  - Define **3 different regions, all included in final fit :**
- |                                  |                   |                                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| ▪ SR « 1bjet » : 2 or 3 jets     | exactly 1 b-jet   | ↔ Signal-enriched              |
| ▪ CR « 2bjet » : at least 2 jets | at least 2 b-jets | ↔ Mainly ttZ, some signal      |
| ▪ CR « 0bjet » : at least 1 jet  | no b-jet          | ↔ Mainly WZ & DY (+non-prompt) |



Non-prompt lepton (NPL)  $\leftrightarrow$  not from W or Z decay (meson decay, mis-ID, ...)

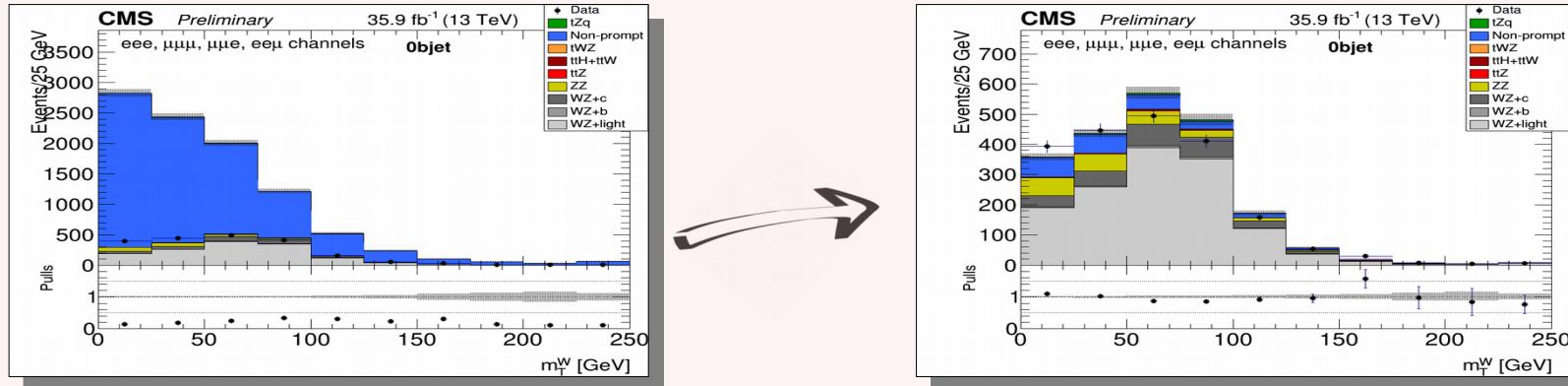
- Non-prompt backgrounds (DY,  $t\bar{t}$ ) are the most challenging
  - Known to be poorly modeled by MC  $\rightarrow$  Data-driven methods
- DY &  $t\bar{t}$  are evaluated separately, to account for different behaviours of NPL
- $t\bar{t}$ : shape from MC, single scale factor from  $t\bar{t}$  CR
  - ~ No contamination from DY/SR events
  - Uncertainty estimated by deriving SFs using different  $m_{ll}$  mass windows, + stat.
- DY : data events, scale factor from SR sideband with  $m_T(W) < 20$  GeV
  - Separately for e /  $\mu$
  - ~ 50 % contamination from other bkg, subtracted
  - Uncertainty of 40 %



$$\frac{N_{data}(3iso)}{N_{data}(2iso, 1fail)}$$



- Single data-driven NPL sample (correct relative proportions, by construction)
  - Inverted isolation & looser ID for 1 lepton among any of the 3
- « Out-of-the-box » normalisation is arbitrary



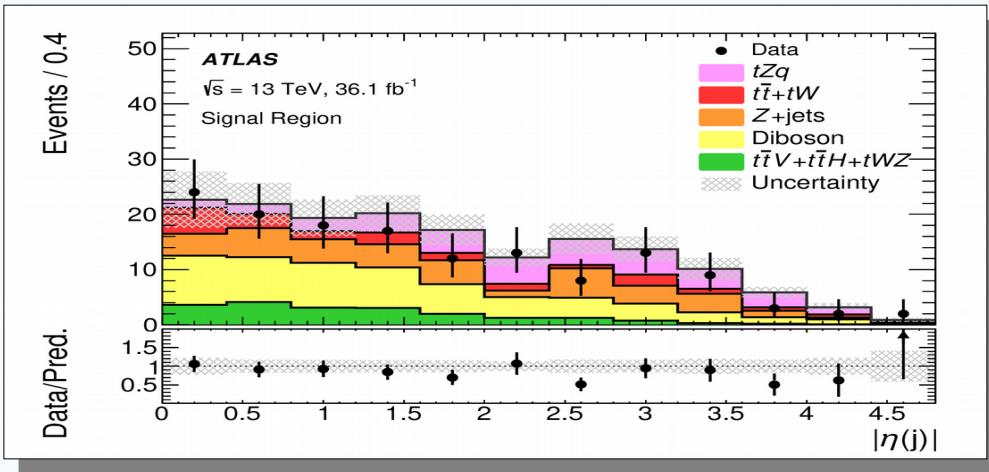
« Prefit » normalisation of non-prompt bkg only,  
using  $m_T(W)$  distribution in Objet control region

- NPL e/ $\mu$  yields = independent **free parameters in the fit**
- **Shape uncertainty** accounted for, by varying iso requirement

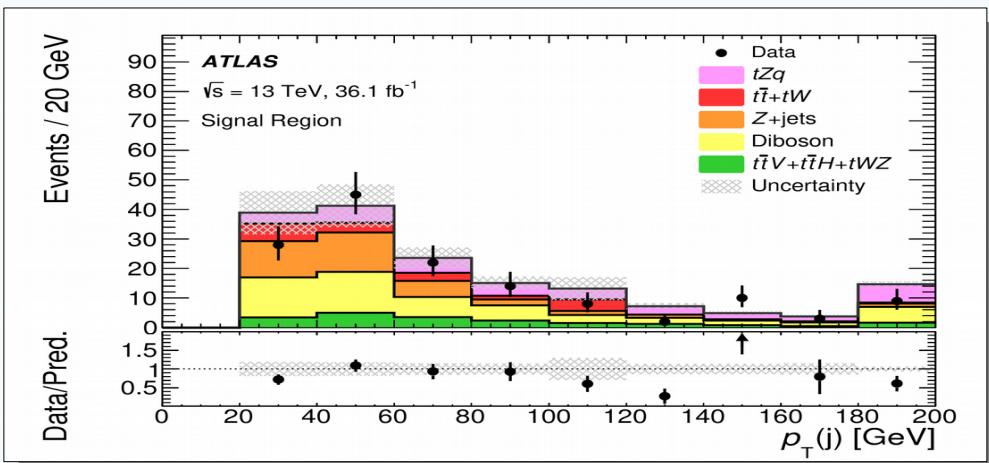
- Neural network trained with all processes BUT  $t\bar{t}$

→ DY included !

$\eta$ (fwd jet) - SR



$p_T$  (fwd jet) - SR



- 10 input variables :
  - Kinematics
  - Reconstructed top/Z variables

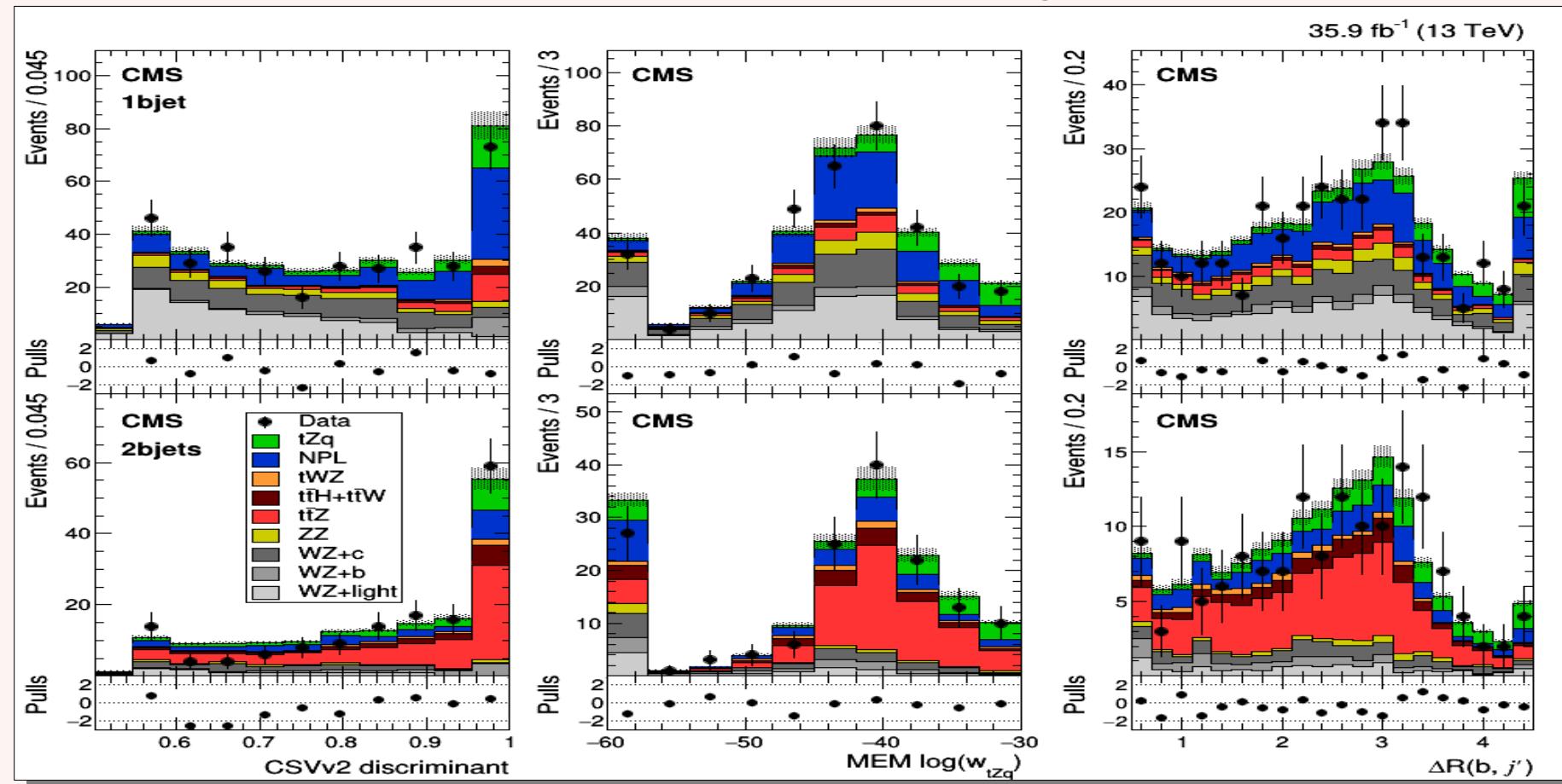
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$\Delta R(j, Z)$	$\Delta R$ between the untagged jet and the $Z$ boson
$m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	Transverse mass of $W$ boson
$p_T(t)$	Reconstructed top-quark $p_T$
$p_T(b)$	Tagged jet $p_T$
$p_T(Z)$	$p_T$ of the reconstructed $Z$ boson
$ \eta(\ell^W) $	Absolute value of $\eta$ of the lepton coming from the $W$ -boson decay

- 1 BDT in SR  $\star$  1 BDT in 2bjets CR

  - Trained against ttZ, WZ, ZZ backgrounds (not enough MC statistics for NPL)

- Input variables : lepton/jet kinematics, distances, top mass, btag discri.

- Postfit distributions of some of the most discriminating ones :



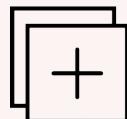
Principle : for each event, compute a probability related to a given hypothesis

$$P(x|\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sigma_\alpha} \int d\Phi(\mathbf{y}) dq_1 dq_2 \underbrace{f_1(q_1)f_2(q_2)}_{\text{Phase-space}} |M_\alpha|^2(\mathbf{y}) \underbrace{W(x, \mathbf{y})}_{\text{Matrix element}}$$

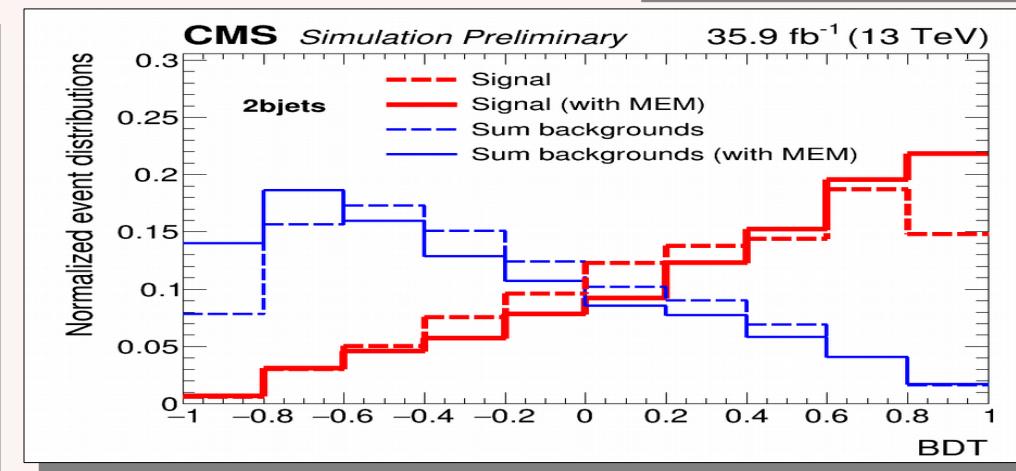
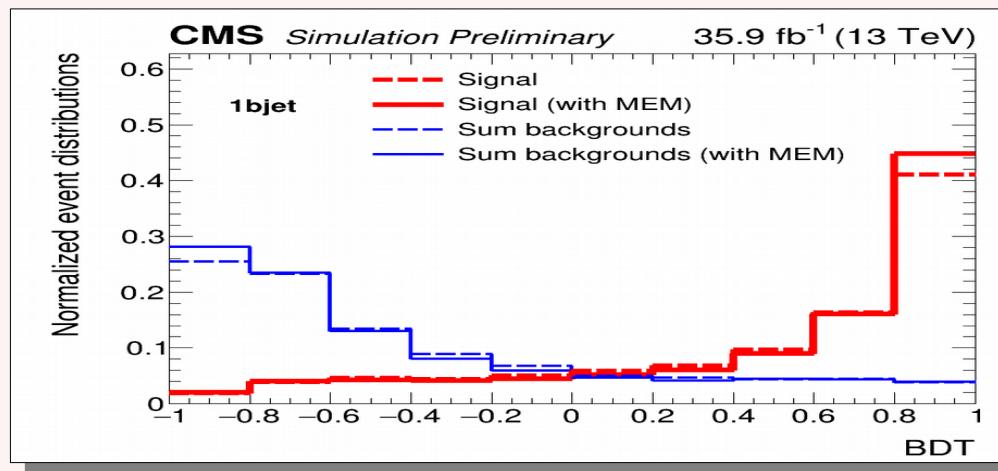
PDF                      Transfer func.

Phase-space            Matrix element

- Weights are computed for tZq, ttZ & WZ hypothesis



Include MEM variables into BDT training (4 in 1bjet SR & 2 in 2bjets CR)



— with MEM  
- - - no MEM

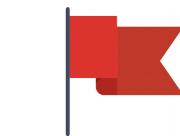


- Fit output of Neural Network in SR

- $\sigma_{tZq}$  extracted from **simultaneous fit** to [3 regions X 4 channels]

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{BDT in 1bjet SR} \\ \text{BDT in 2bjet CR} \\ m_T(W) \text{ in 0bjet CR} \end{array} \right\}$

- NPL rates as free parameters
  - WZ+jets sample split according to jet flavour
    - b/c/light
- Infer relative proportions from data



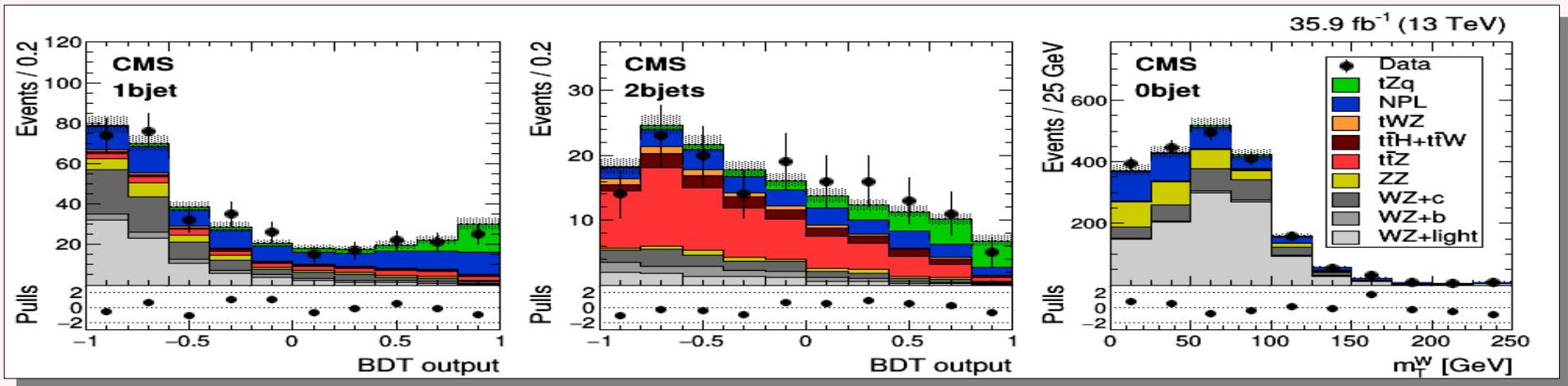
# Results

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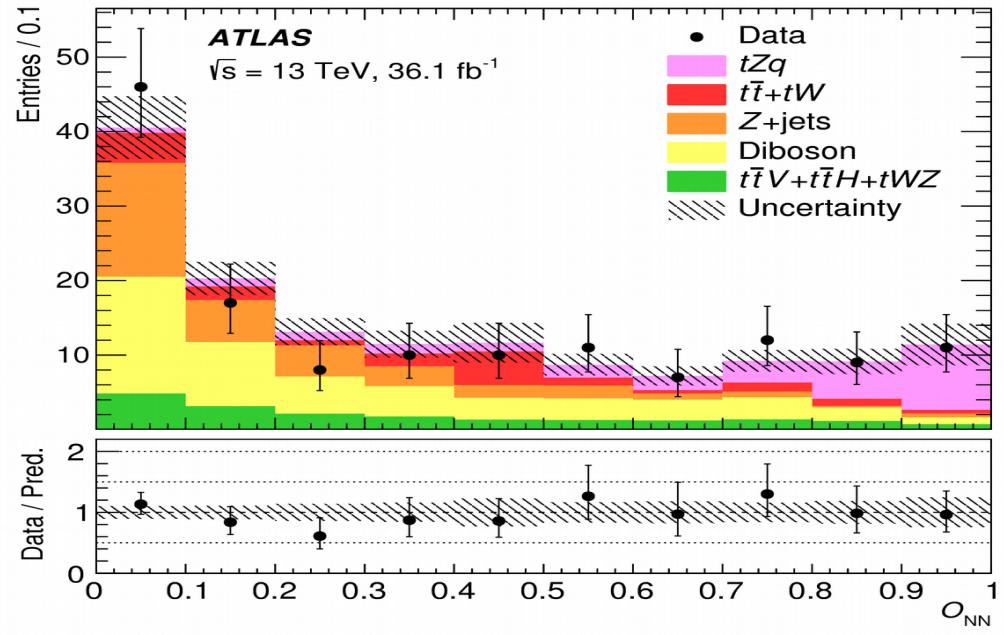
- Significance :  $3.7\sigma$  observed ( $3.1\sigma$  expected)

$$\mu = 1.31^{+0.35}_{-0.33} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.31}_{-0.25} \text{ (syst)}$$



- Significance :
- $4.2\sigma$  observed
- ( $5.4\sigma$  expected)

$$\mu = 0.75 \pm 0.21(\text{stat}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst}) \pm 0.05(\text{th})$$





- Main systematics:

- NPL backgrounds norm.
- Scale dependance at PS level
- Btagging efficiency
- $t\bar{t}Z$  norm.

	Norm. uncert.
• All bkg	30 %
• NPL	flat prior, constrained from fit

Source	Uncertainty [%]
$tZq$ radiation	$\pm 10.8$
Jets	$\pm 4.6$
$b$ -tagging	$\pm 2.9$
MC statistics	$\pm 2.8$
$tZq$ PDF	$\pm 2.2$
Luminosity	$\pm 2.1$
Leptons	$\pm 2.1$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\pm 0.3$

Impact of systematics on signal yield

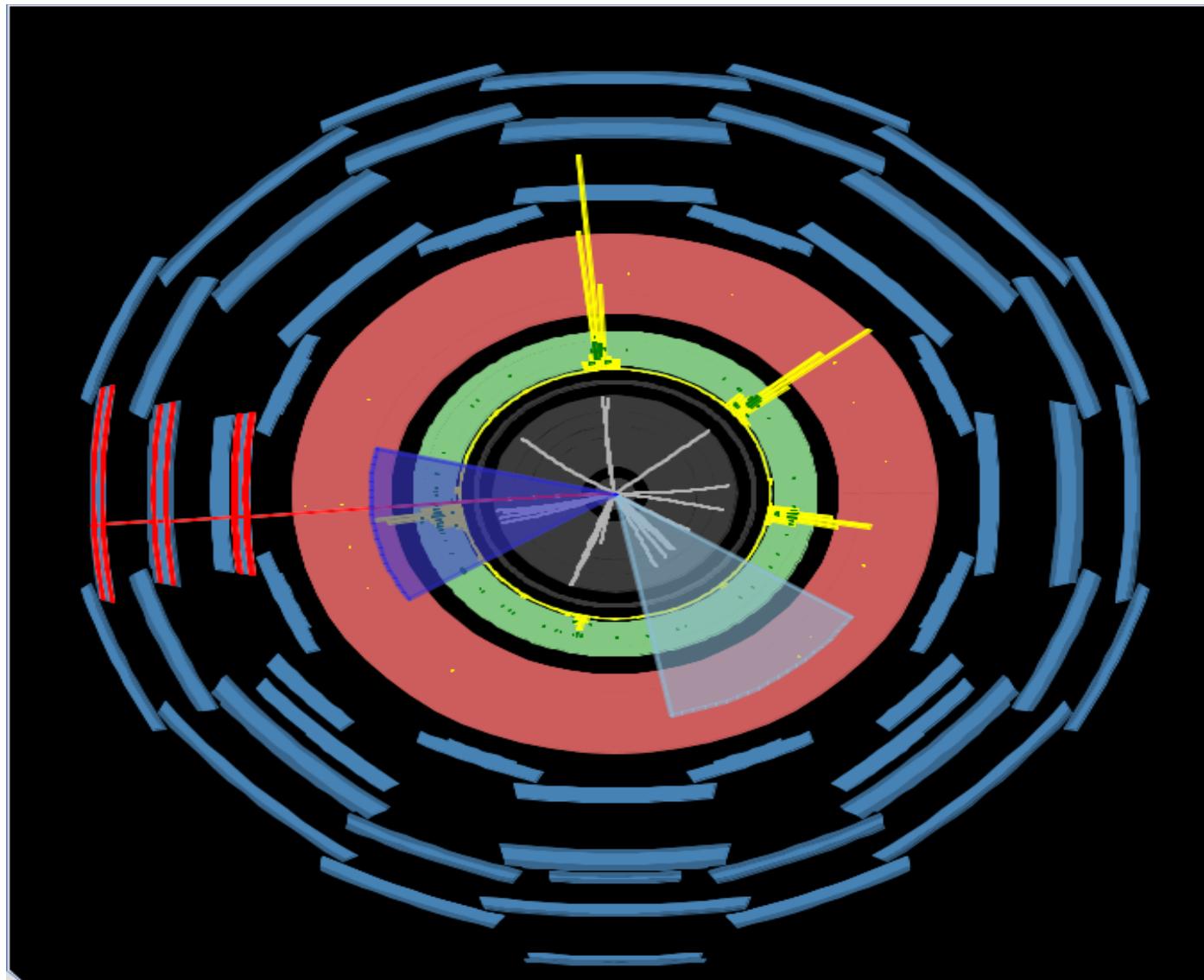
	Norm. uncert.
• Diboson	30 %
• DY & $t\bar{t}$	40 %
• $t\bar{t}H/t\bar{t}V/tWZ$	13 %



Still **statistically-limited** for now

- Measurement of tZq cross-section provides interesting **test of SM**
- **Evidence** for this rare process found by both ATLAS (4.2  $\sigma$  obs.) and CMS (3.7  $\sigma$  obs.)
  - Compatible with SM prediction
  - Main differences b/w analysis : {
    - Signal modelisation
    - Non-prompt bkg estimation & treatment
    - Fitting strategy
- Uncertainty still dominated by statistics
-  ▪ 2017 dataset + technical improvements (e.g. fake-rate method, lepton ID, etc.) likely to allow **discovery** !

3 ELECTRONS



ATLAS event display of a  $t\bar{Z}q$  candidate

Fwd JET

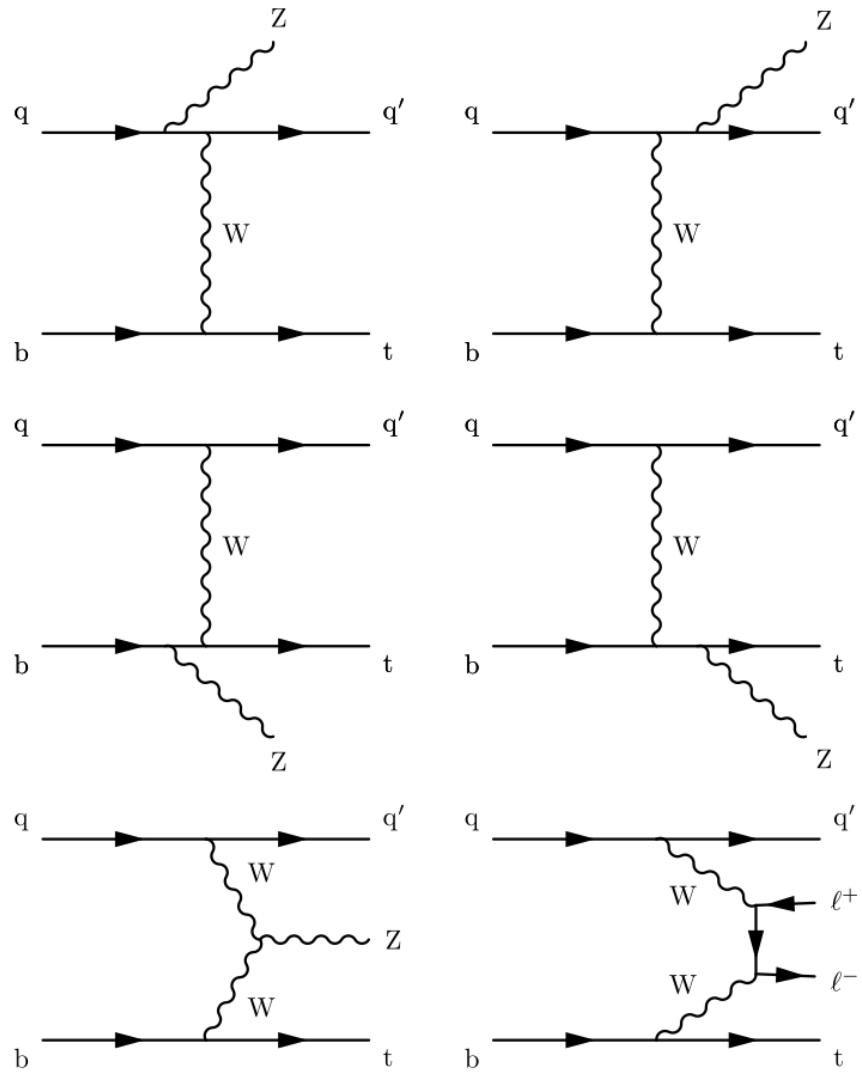
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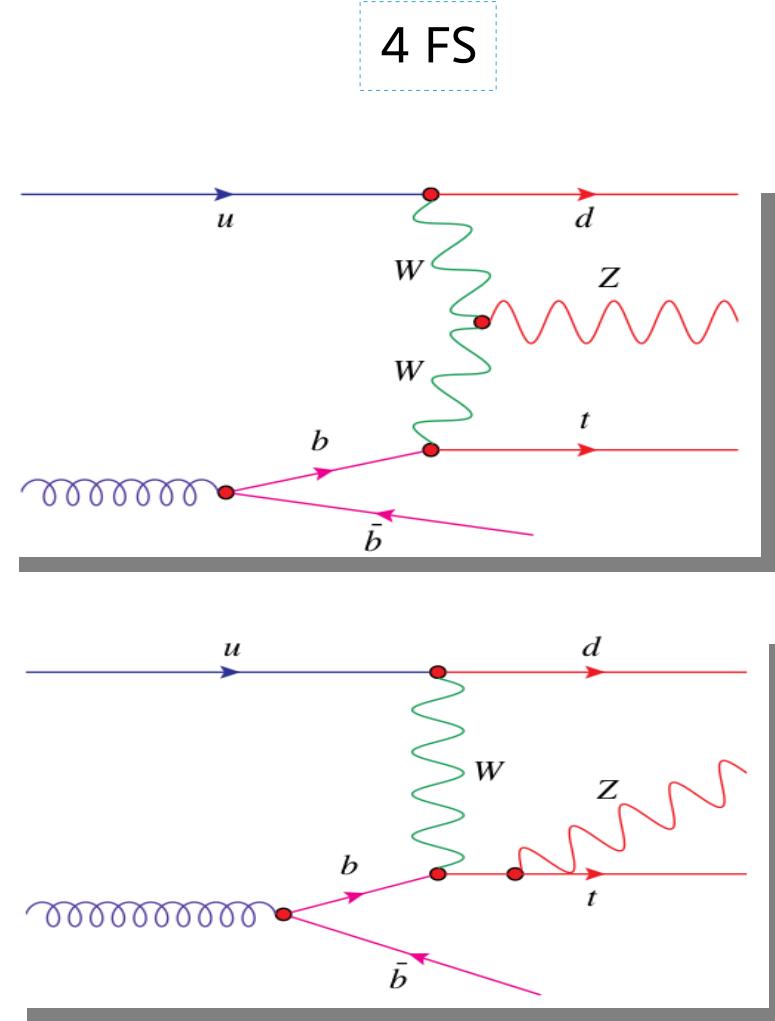
# Feynman diagrams

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5 FS



4 FS



# Input variables

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Description of the variables used in the BDTs. The symbol Y (N) in the third and fourth columns indicates that the variable was (was not) used in the 1bjet and 2bjets BDTs.

	Variable description	1bjet	2bjets
1	CSVv2 algorithm discriminant	Y	Y
2	$\Delta R$ separation between the jet identified as a b quark and the recoiling jet	Y	Y
3	$\eta$ of the recoiling jet	Y	Y
4	$p_T$ of the recoiling jet	Y	Y
5	$\eta$ of the Z boson	Y	Y
6	Top quark mass	Y	Y
7	$\Delta R$ separation between the top quark decay lepton and the jet closest to it	Y	Y
8	Top quark decay lepton asymmetry	Y	Y
9	Azimuth angle separation between the top quark decay lepton and the Z boson	Y	Y
10	Azimuth angle separation between the top quark decay lepton and the b quark	Y	N
11	$\eta$ of the top quark decay lepton	Y	N
12	$\eta$ of the jet with highest $p_T$	Y	N
13	$\Delta R$ separation between the top quark decay lepton and the recoil jet	N	Y
14	$\Delta R$ separation between the Z boson and the top quark	N	Y
15	$p_T$ of the Z boson	N	Y
16	Number of b tagged jets	N	Y
17	Logarithm of the MEM score associated to the most probable tZq kinematic configuration	Y	Y
18	Logarithm of the MEM score associated to the most probable t̄Z hypothesis against the t̄Z hypothesis	N	Y
19	Log-likelihood ratio of the tZq hypothesis against the t̄Z hypothesis	Y	N
20	Log-likelihood ratio of the tZq hypothesis against the t̄Z hypothesis with t̄Z and tZq weights rescaled such that their mean values are similar	Y	N
21	Log-likelihood ratio of the MEM weights for t̄Z against t̄Z + WZ hypothesis	Y	N

Variables used as input to the neural network, ordered by their separation power.

Variable	Definition
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# Postfit yields

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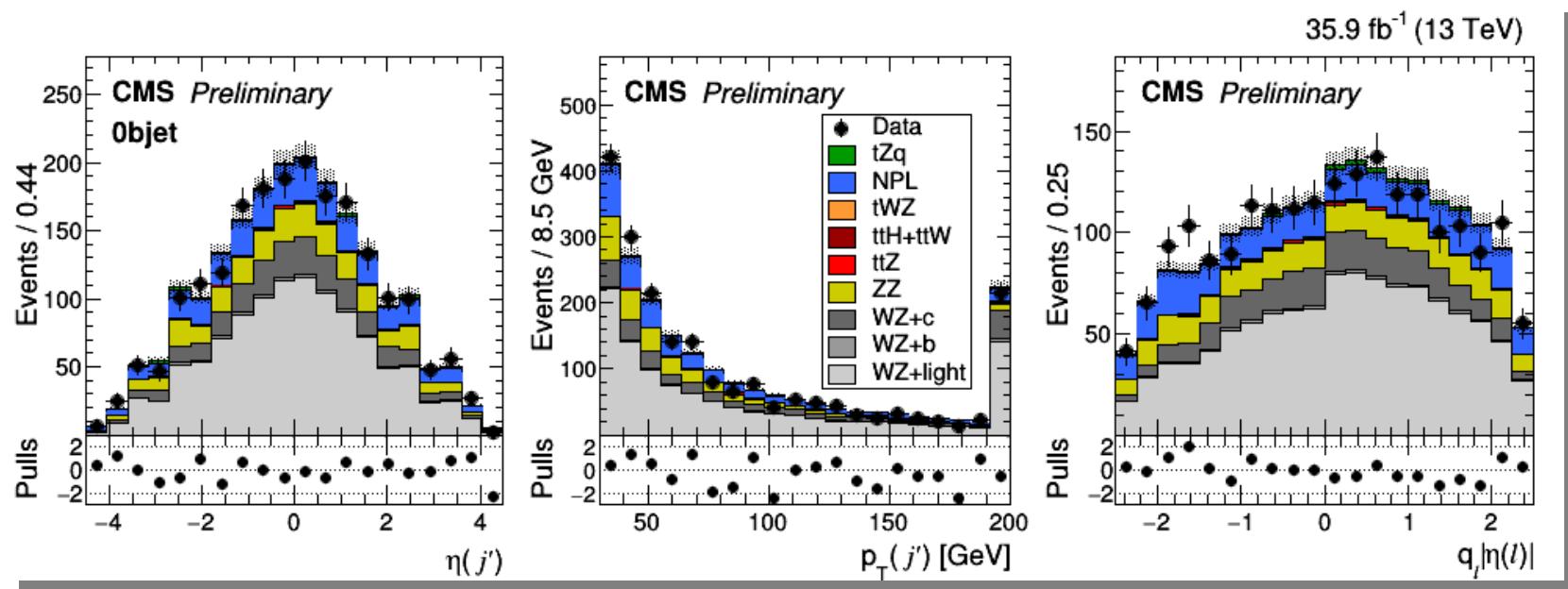


Process	eee	ee $\mu$	$\mu\mu e$	$\mu\mu\mu$	All channels	$\frac{N_{\text{obs}}}{N_{\text{pred}}}$
tZq	$5.0 \pm 1.5$	$6.6 \pm 1.9$	$8.5 \pm 2.5$	$12.3 \pm 3.6$	$32.3 \pm 5.0$	—
t $\bar{t}$ Z	$3.7 \pm 0.7$	$4.7 \pm 0.9$	$6.1 \pm 1.2$	$8.0 \pm 1.5$	$22.4 \pm 2.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$
t $\bar{t}$ W	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.7 \pm 0.2$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$1.9 \pm 0.3$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
Z Z	$4.8 \pm 1.3$	$3.2 \pm 0.9$	$9.0 \pm 2.5$	$7.8 \pm 2.2$	$24.7 \pm 3.6$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$
WZ+b	$3.0 \pm 0.9$	$3.4 \pm 1.1$	$4.6 \pm 1.4$	$5.5 \pm 1.7$	$16.6 \pm 2.6$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
WZ+c	$9.0 \pm 2.4$	$13.7 \pm 3.7$	$18.0 \pm 4.9$	$24.2 \pm 6.5$	$64.8 \pm 9.3$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
WZ+light	$12.2 \pm 1.6$	$16.6 \pm 2.0$	$22.4 \pm 2.8$	$29.1 \pm 3.4$	$80.3 \pm 5.1$	$0.7 \pm 0.1$
t $\bar{t}$ H	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.3$	$1.0 \pm 0.3$	$1.5 \pm 0.4$	$4.0 \pm 0.6$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
tWZ	$1.0 \pm 0.3$	$1.3 \pm 0.4$	$1.7 \pm 0.5$	$2.4 \pm 0.7$	$6.5 \pm 1.0$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
NPL: electrons	$19.2 \pm 3.1$	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$17.9 \pm 2.8$	—	$37.7 \pm 4.2$	—
NPL: muons	—	$7.2 \pm 2.3$	$31.1 \pm 9.9$	$15.3 \pm 4.9$	$53.6 \pm 11.3$	—
Total	$58.8 \pm 4.8$	$58.4 \pm 5.5$	$120.9 \pm 12.4$	$106.6 \pm 10.1$	$344.8 \pm 17.6$	
Data	56	58	104	125	343	

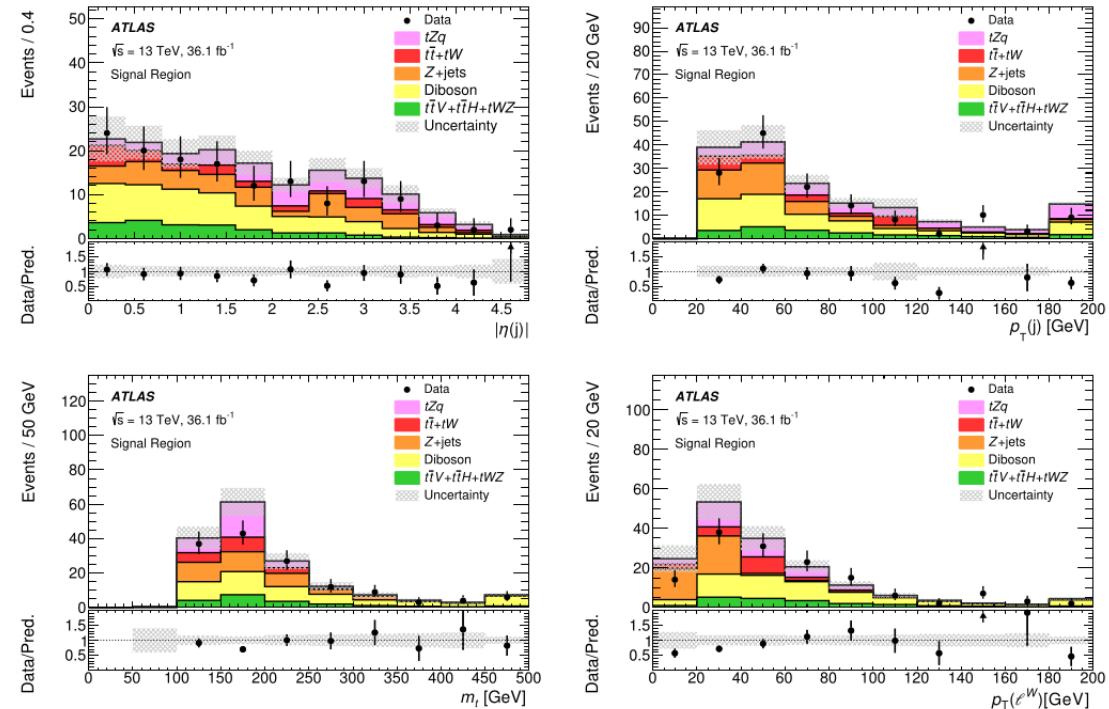


Channel	Number of events	
	Asimov dataset	Data
tZq	$35 \pm 9$	$26 \pm 8$
t $\bar{t}$ +tW	$28 \pm 7$	$17 \pm 7$
Z + jets	$37 \pm 11$	$34 \pm 11$
Diboson	$53 \pm 13$	$48 \pm 12$
t $\bar{t}$ V + t $\bar{t}$ H + tWZ	$20 \pm 3$	$18 \pm 3$
Total	$163 \pm 12$	$143 \pm 11$

- 4 channels summed

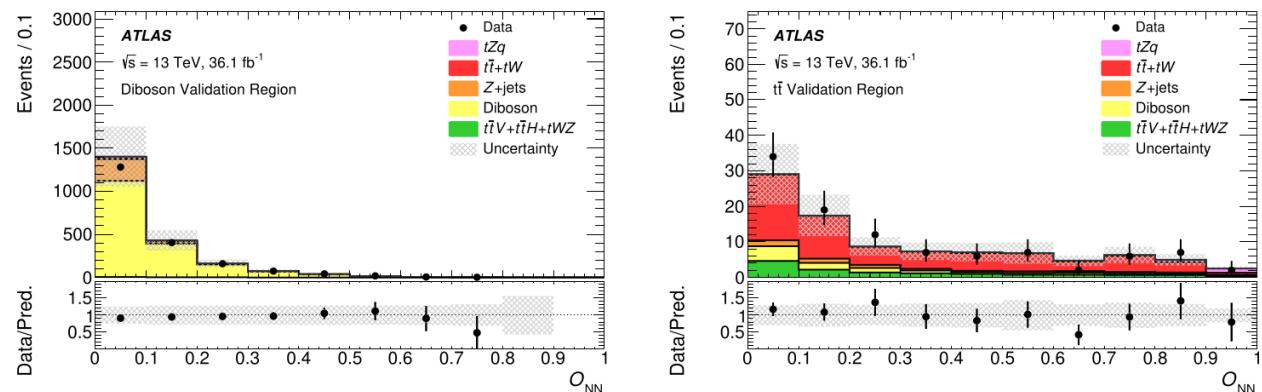


- Best training variables



**Fig. 2.** Comparison of the data and the signal + background model for the neural-network training variables with the highest separation power. Signal and backgrounds are normalised to the expected number of events. The  $Z + \text{jets}$  background is estimated using a data-driven technique. The uncertainty band includes the statistical uncertainty and the uncertainties in the backgrounds derived in Section 6. The rightmost bin includes overflow events.

- Output of NN in Diboson (left) and  $t\bar{t}$  (right) validation regions



**Fig. 3.** Neural-network output distribution of the events in the diboson (left) and  $t\bar{t}$  (right) validation regions. Signal and backgrounds are normalised to the expected number of events. The  $Z + \text{jets}$  background is estimated using a data-driven technique. The uncertainty band includes the statistical uncertainty and the uncertainties in the backgrounds derived in Section 6.

# Simulations

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- **tZq** : MG5\_aMC@NLO, **NLO, 4FS, off-shell Z/ $\gamma^*$  included**
- WZ, ttV : MG5\_aMC@NLO, **NLO**, up to 1 additionnal jet
- ZZ : MG5\_aMC@NLO, **NLO**
- ttH : POWHEG, NLO
- tWZ : Madgraph, LO
- All samples normalised to NLO cross-sections, except tWZ at LO
- PDF set : NNPDF3.0 (for all generators)
- Interfaced to PYTHIA8 for parton shower & hadronisation

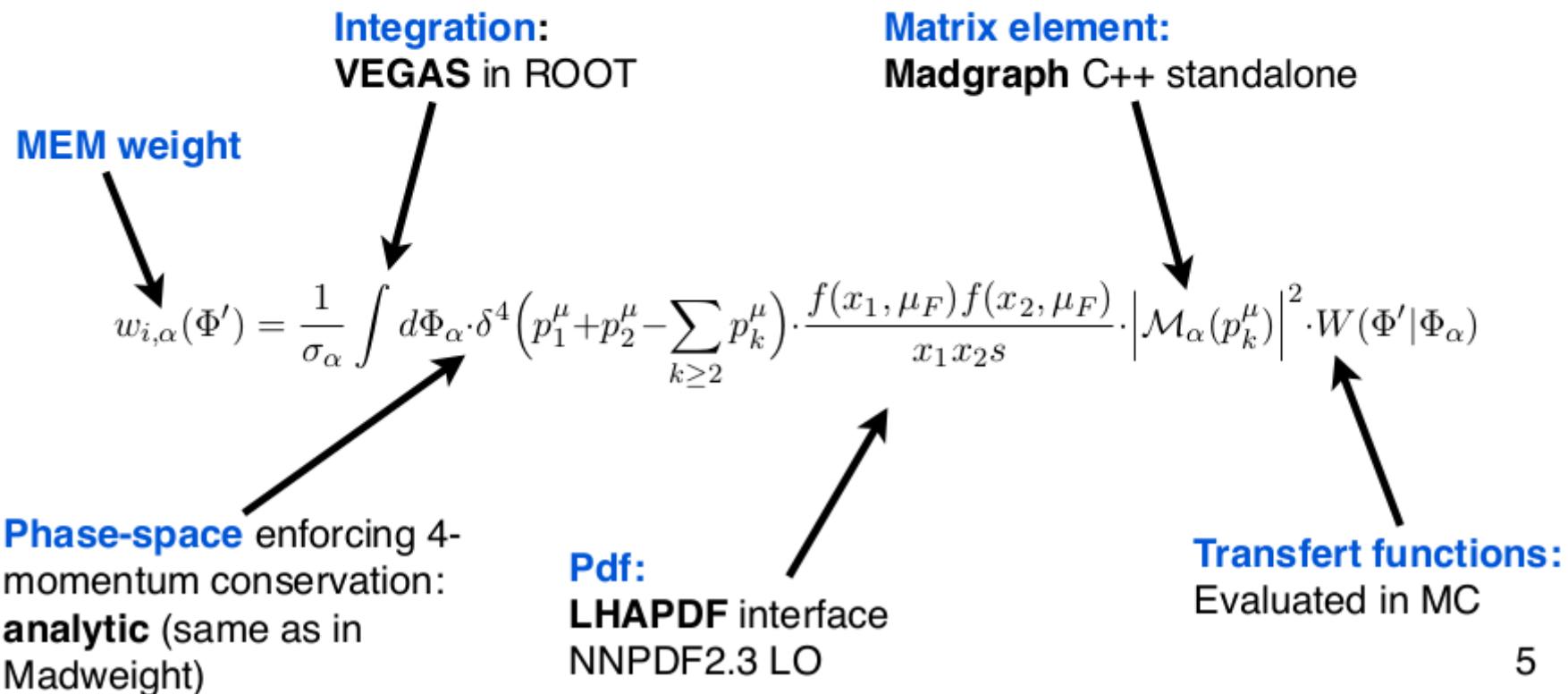


- **tZq** : MG5\_aMC@NLO, **LO, 4FS, on-shell Z only**
- PS & hadronisation : Pythia6, Perugia2012 param.
- PDF set : CTEQ6L1 LO PDF
- Diboson : Sherpa, **LO**, up to 3 additional partons, CT10 PDFs
- tt, tw : Powheg-box, processed w/ Pythia6, CT10 PDFs
- ttV, ttH, tWZ : MG5\_aMC@NLO, processed with Pythia8, NNPDF2.3LO PDFs

- Multiple minimum bias events (Pythia8) added for each event to mimic presence of PU. Events reweighted so that distribution of number of PU interactions matched in data & MC
  - Full detector simulations from GEANT4

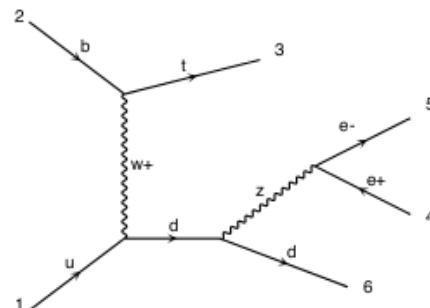
## Matrix element method:

- Custom framework in C++
- Categories where 1 or 2 jets are not reconstructed are included: integrate over missing jet momenta



- Assume **narrow-width for top**
- Treat final-state b from top as massive
- Keep **full W and Z propagators** in the top ME: follows a Breit-Wigner
- Dilepton : Z and gamma\* contributions included

## TZQ hypothesis



Hypothesis

## TTZ hypothesis

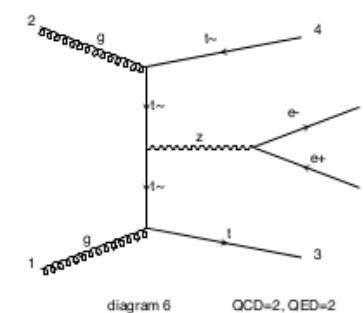
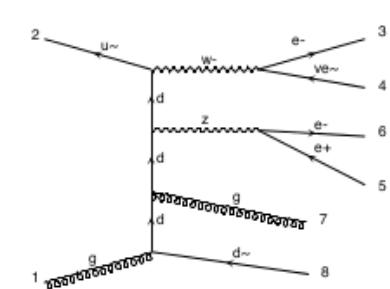


diagram 6      QCD=2, QED=2

## WZ hypothesis



- sm\_no\_b\_mass model in MG5: initial-state b is massless (5FS)
- Top leptonic decay

- Tops : leptonic and hadronic decay

- 2 additional jets considered in the ME

**Look for the kinematic configuration having maximum probability:**

Maximize

$$w_{i,\alpha}(\Phi') = \frac{1}{\sigma_\alpha} \int d\Phi_\alpha \cdot \delta^4(p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu - \sum_{k \geq 2} p_k^\mu) \cdot \frac{f(x_1, \mu_F) f(x_2, \mu_F)}{x_1 x_2 s} \cdot \left| \mathcal{M}_\alpha(p_k^\mu) \right|^2 \cdot W(\Phi' | \Phi_\alpha)$$

Kin. fit

- The system is fully constrained, by construction: Lorentz momenta of any particles in the hypothesis could be computed
- We will **use solely the maximum of the function** integrated, i.e. the score of the kinematic fit (obtained with the **highest integrand value** tried by **VEGAS** among all iterations of the integration: does not add computing time)



**Phase space : use parametrization from Madweight paper**

$$d\Phi_{top,had} \propto dE_b d\theta_b d\phi_b \cdot d\theta_{j1} d\phi_{j1} \cdot d\theta_{j2} d\phi_{j2} \cdot dm_W$$

$$d\Phi_{top,lep} \propto dE_b d\theta_b d\phi_b \cdot dE_l d\theta_l d\phi_l \cdot d\phi_\nu dm_W$$

$$d\Phi_Z \propto dE_l_1 d\theta_{l1} d\phi_{l1} \cdot dE_l_2 d\theta_{l2} d\phi_{l2}$$

$$d\Phi_j \propto dE_j d\theta_j d\phi_j$$

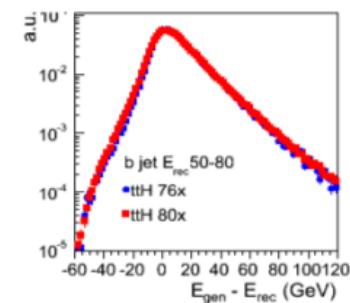
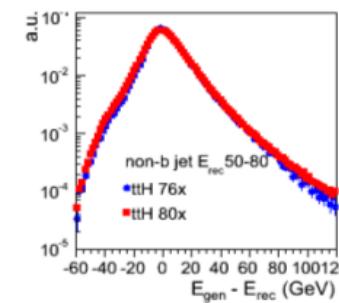
**b-jet/jet angles, and lepton energy and angles assumed to be known**

Full integration on neutrino variable, assumed unknown

**Transfer functions** : Relating parton energies to reconstructed energies

- Integrate over jet and b-jet energy, **constrained** by a transfer function
- **Jets, b-jets Erec/Egen**: distributions in 3 eta bins x 6 Energy bins

use 76X MC  
(very similar to 80X)



- **mET and mET  $\Phi$  pdfs** : 2 mET bins and 3 mET sum bins



## Leptons:

- The three reconstructed leptons are assigned to the partonic leptons

## B-quarks:

- Up to 2 jets with highest CSV are assigned to the partonic b-quarks

**Non b-quarks:** they are selected among the remaining jets

- **TZQ hypothesis:** Select the single jet with highest  $||\eta||$
- **TTZ hypothesis:**
  - Select 2 jets with dijet mass closest to  $m_W$  (hadronic top)
  - Reconstructed jets can be escaping detection (in tZq region): extend integration phase space to the missing jets
- **WZ hypothesis:** Select 2 jets with highest  $p_T$

## Weight average over permutations

$$\begin{cases} w_\alpha = 10^{-300} & \text{if } \sum w_i = 0 \\ w_\alpha = \frac{1}{N_{w_i \neq 0}} \sum_{w_i \neq 0} w_i & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Luminosity (2.5%, norm.)
- Trigger (1-2 %, norm.)
- Pile-up (+- 4.6 %, shape)
- Lepton selection (SFs +-  $1\sigma$ , shape + norm.)
- Jet Energy Scale & Resolution (+-  $1\sigma$ , shape + norm.)
- B-tagging (SFs +-  $1\sigma$ , shape + norm.)
- Normalisations of MC backgrounds (30 %, norm.)
- NPL backgrounds shape uncertainties (variation of iso. Criterion)

- - The scale and PDF uncertainties for simulated signal ( $tZq$ ) and background processes. These uncertainties affect the shape of the signal as well as the shape and normalisation of the simulated background samples, except for  $tWZ$ , for which only normalisation uncertainties from scale and PDF were considered.
    - The renormalisation and factorisation scales at the matrix element level are varied by factors of 1/2 and 2.
    - The renormalisation and factorisation scales at the parton shower level are varied by factors of 1/2 and 2; this uncertainty is only estimated for the signal sample.
    - The PDF uncertainties are estimated following the PDF4LHC recommendations, as the RMS of the results from 100 variations of the NNPDF.

The dominant systematic uncertainties arise from the normalisation of the NPL background, the scale variations at the parton shower level, the b-tagging efficiency, and the normalisation of the  $t\bar{t}Z$  background.

- Lowest  $p_T$  threshold for tri-lepton triggers : 16/12/8 GeV (electrons) & 12/10/5 GeV (muons)
- Lowest  $p_T$  thresholds for di-lepton triggers : 23/12 GeV (electrons) & 17/8 GeV (muons)
- $p_T$  thresholds for single-lepton triggers : 32 GeV (electrons) & 24 GeV (muons)

→ ~ 100 % trigger efficiency

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- Signal strength per channel:

- mmm :  $1.22^{+0.75}_{-0.63}$

Best channel

- eee :  $1.32^{+1.14}_{-0.99}$

- eem :  $0.66^{+0.78}_{-0.63}$

- mme :  $0.01^{+0.97}_{-0.01}$