

# Associated productions with top ( $t + X$ , $t\bar{t} + X$ with $X = W, Z, \gamma$ , heavy-flavours, $t\bar{t}$ ) at the LHC

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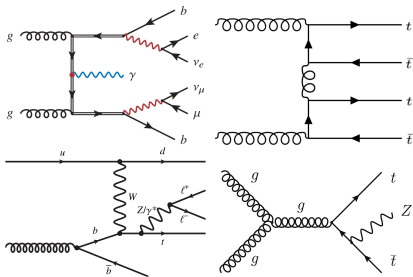


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# Introduction

## Top quark

- **Heaviest** known elementary particle ( $m_t \approx 173 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Extremely short mean lifetime ( $\approx 10^{-25} \text{ s}$ )
- Top quark decays before hadronisation



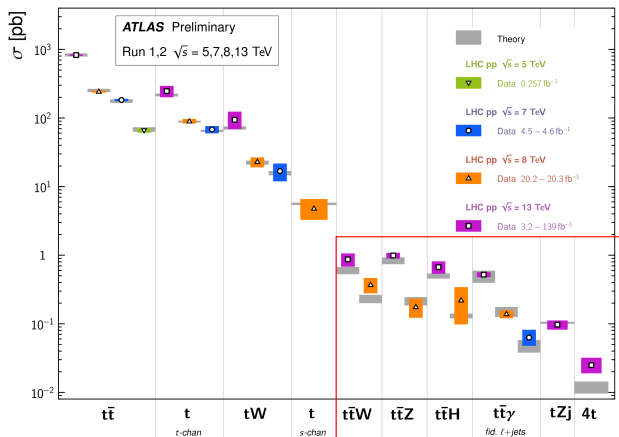
- In the SM top quark decays almost exclusively to  $W$  and  $b$
- LHC = top factory
- Can study **top+X processes!**

- ▶  $t(\bar{t}) + Z$
- ▶  $t\bar{t} + \gamma$
- ▶  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$
- ▶  $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$

## ■ Top+X processes - one of the rarest at the LHC

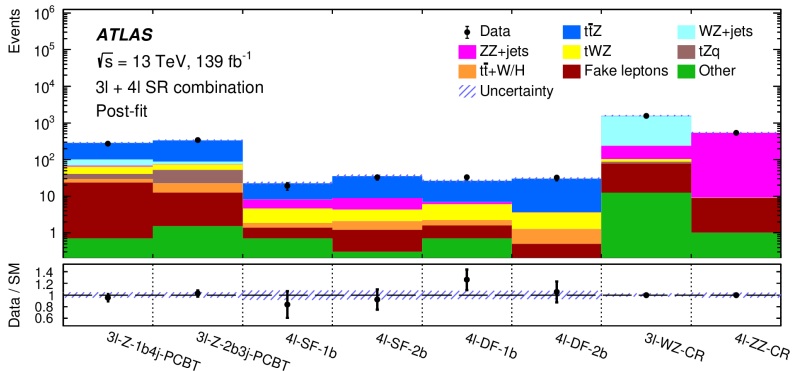
Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: May 2021



# ATLAS $t\bar{t}Z$ - Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 737 (2021)

- **Inclusive** and **differential** measurement, targeting 3-lepton and 4-lepton channels ( $e$  or  $\mu$ )
- $\geq 3$  jets,  $\geq 1$   $b$ -jet, 3 or 4 leptons,  $Z$  window
- **Control** regions for  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds (free-floating)
- Expected x-section:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}^{\text{exp.}} = 0.84^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$  pb
- Measured x-section:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z} = 0.99 \pm 0.05(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst.})$  pb

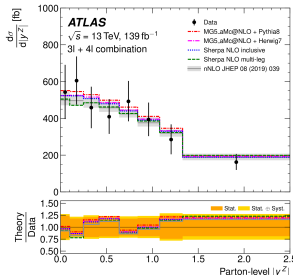
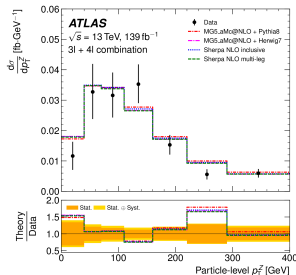
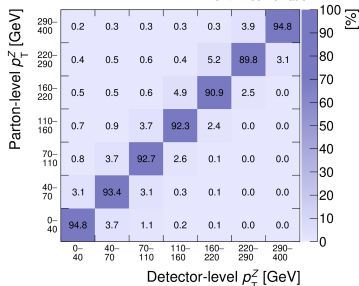


# ATLAS $t\bar{t}Z$ - differential

- 10 observables unfolded to parton and particle level
- Sensitive to **BSM** effects and/or modelling
- Using IBU<sup>1</sup> technique
- Distributions compatible with predictions in most variables

ATLAS Simulation

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
3l + 4l combination



■ Dominates by stats

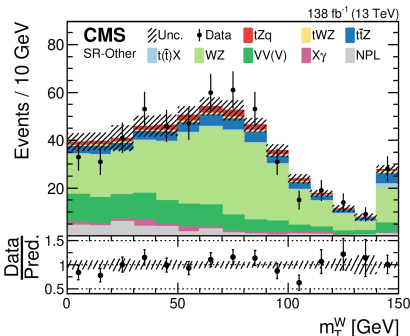
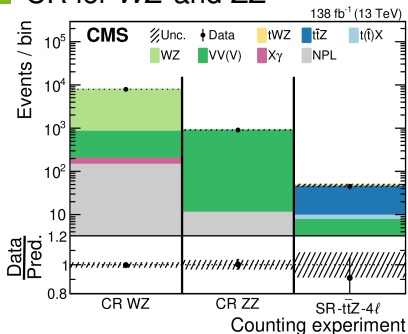
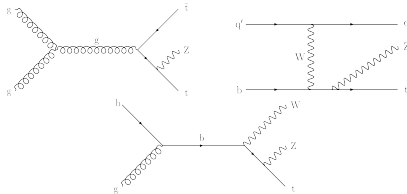
■ Dominant syst.:

- ▶ Fake leptons
- ▶ WZ modelling
- ▶  $t\bar{t}Z$  modelling
- ▶  $b$ -tagging

<sup>1</sup> Iterative Bayesian Unfolding

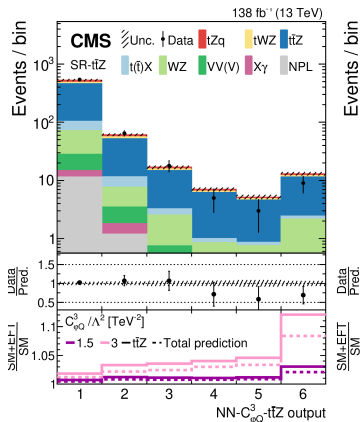
# CMS $t(\bar{t}) + Z$ - [arXiv:2107.13896](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.13896) - submitted to JHEP

- Targets  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $tZq$  and  $tWZ$
- Using 3L or 4L channels
- Focuses on **EFT** - Wilson Coefficient sensitivity
- NN to separate  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $tZq$ , other
- CR for  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$



# CMS $t(\bar{t}) + Z$ - EFT

- Using **dedicated NN** to separate SM and EFT
- Used to build the SR variables
- First time using the interference in the training**
- Five EFT operators



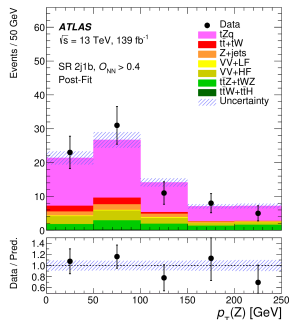
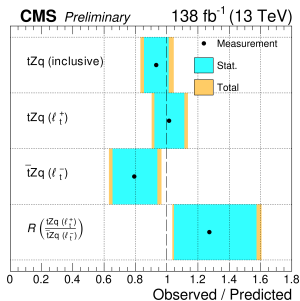
WC/Λ<sup>2</sup>  
[TeV<sup>-2</sup>]

95% CL confidence intervals

	Other WCs fixed to SM		5D fit	
	Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed
$c_{tZ}$	[-0.97, 0.96]	[-0.76, 0.71]	[-1.24, 1.17]	[-0.85, 0.76]
$c_{tW}$	[-0.76, 0.74]	[-0.52, 0.52]	[-0.96, 0.93]	[-0.69, 0.70]
$c_{\varphi Q}^3$	[-1.39, 1.25]	[-1.10, 1.41]	[-1.91, 1.36]	[-1.26, 1.43]
$c_{\varphi Q}^-$	[-2.86, 2.33]	[-3.00, 2.29]	[-6.06, 14.09]	[-7.09, 14.76]
$c_{\varphi t}$	[-3.70, 3.71]	[-21.65, -14.61] ∪ [-2.06, 2.69]	[-16.18, 10.46]	[-19.15, 10.34]

# $tZq$ inclusive

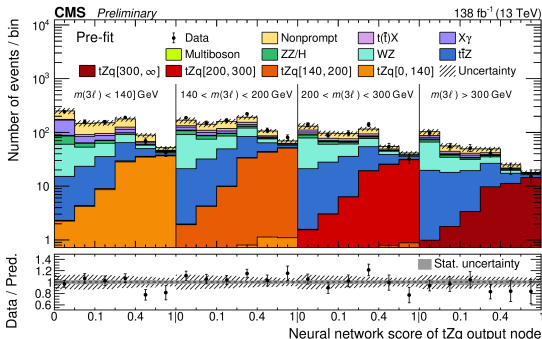
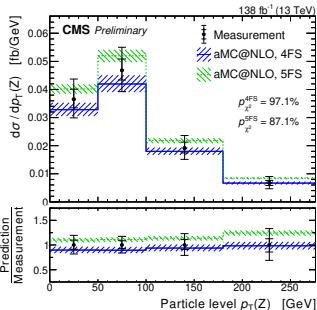
- ATLAS and CMS target 3L channel
- $\geq 2$  jets,  $b$ -tagged jet for SRs
- CRs for  $t\bar{t}Z$ , diboson,  $WZ$ (CMS),  $Z\gamma$ (CMS),  $t\bar{t}$ (ATLAS) - free floating
- **MVA to suppress bkg.**, ATLAS: NN, CMS: BDT
- SM prediction:  $\sigma_{tZq} = 102_{-2}^{+5}$  fb
- **CMS** PAS-TOP-20-010:  
 $\sigma_{tZq} = 87.9_{-7.3}^{+7.5}(\text{stat.})_{-6.0}^{+7.3}(\text{syst.})$  fb
- **ATLAS** JHEP 07 (2020) 124:  
 $\sigma_{tZq} = 97 \pm 13(\text{stat.}) \pm 7(\text{syst.})$  fb
- Good agreement with the SM





# CMS $tZq$ differential - PAS-TOP-20-010

- Likelihood-based unfolding to parton and particle level
- Differential:  $\leq 4$  jets
- Results mostly compatible with the MC predictions



- Unfolding in each kinematic region separately
- Multiclass NN to isolate  $tZq$

# $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive

## ■ CMS<sup>2</sup>: lepton+jets

- ▶  $\geq 3$  jets
- ▶ CRs for non-prompt  $\gamma$

## ■ ATLAS<sup>3</sup>: $e\mu$ only

- ▶  $\geq 2$  jets
- ▶  $t\bar{t}\gamma$  and  $tW\gamma$  combined
- ▶ Fitting  $S_T$  (scalar sum of  $p_T$ )

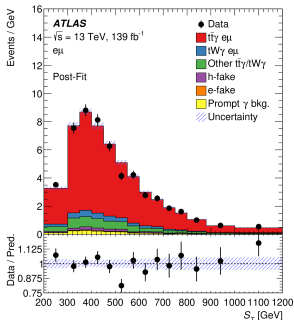
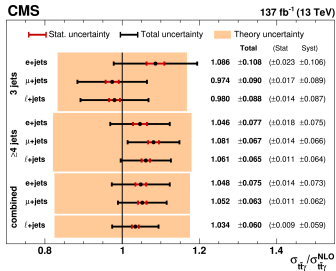
## ■ Inclusive **fiducial** cross-section

■  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{l+jets} = 800 \pm 7(\text{stat.}) \pm 46(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$

■  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{e\mu} = 39.6 \pm 0.8(\text{stat.})_{-2.2}^{+2.6}(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$

## ■ Dominant uncertainties:

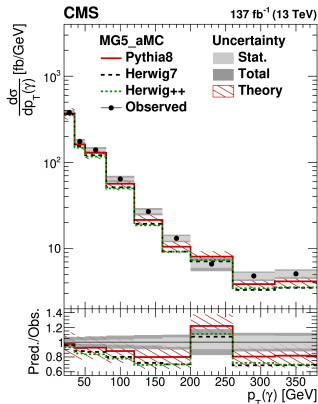
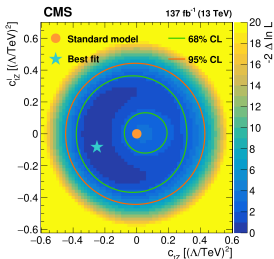
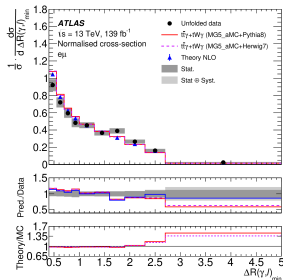
- ▶  $e\mu$ :  $t\bar{t}\gamma$  modelling, lumi
- ▶ l+jets: lepton/photon fakes, modelling, lumi



<sup>2</sup>arXiv:2107.01508 - submitted to JHEP, <sup>3</sup>JHEP 09 (2020) 049

# $t\bar{t}\gamma$ differential

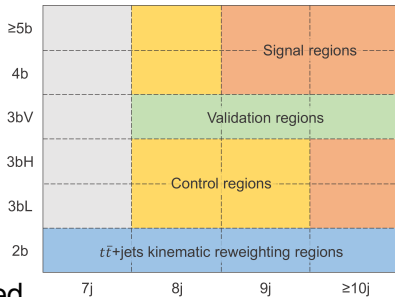
- Strongly diagonal migrations
- ATLAS: IBU unfolding
- CMS: TUnfold - matrix inversion
- NLO theory prediction describes data better than LO generators
- EFT fit (CMS) to detector level



# 4 tops ( $t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}$ ) - [arXiv:2106.11683](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.11683) - submitted to JHEP

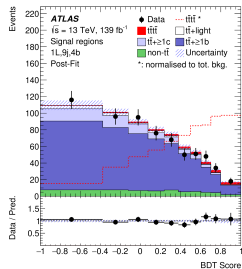
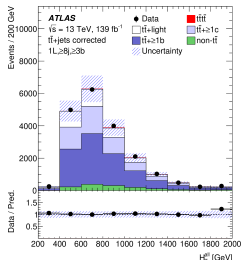
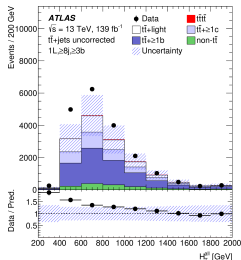
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- Extremely **rare** process - 12 fb
- 1L and 2L opposite sign
- LO signature:  $\geq 8$  jets,  $\geq 4$   $b$ -jets
- Dominant background:  $t\bar{t}$ +jets
  - Sequential **reweighting using data** - improves prediction
- Dom. unc.: modelling,  $b$ -tagging



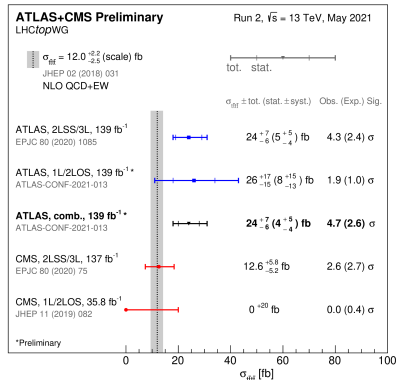
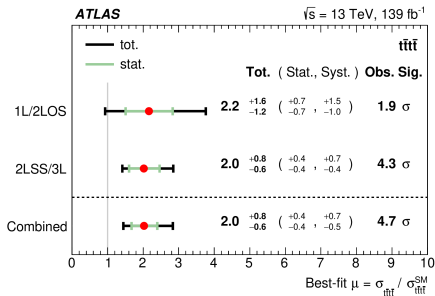
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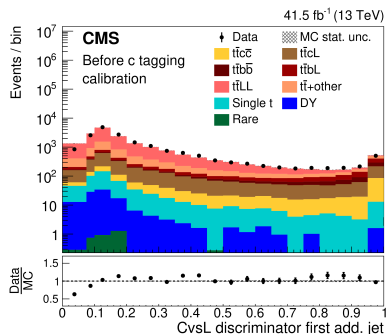
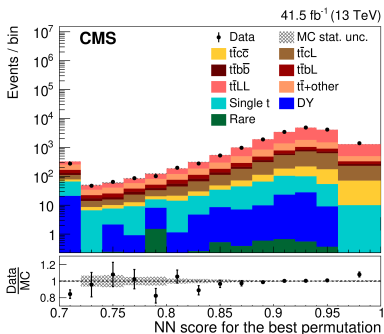
# 4 tops ( $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ ) - results + combination

- Using **BDT** distribution in the SRs - to enhance signal
- 1LOS result:  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 26_{-15}^{+17}$  fb - further evidence of 4tops process
- Combination with 2L SS and 3L channels - EPJC 80 (2020) 1085
- Combination:  $2\sigma$  away from the SM prediction (exp:  $12.0 \pm 2.4$  fb)



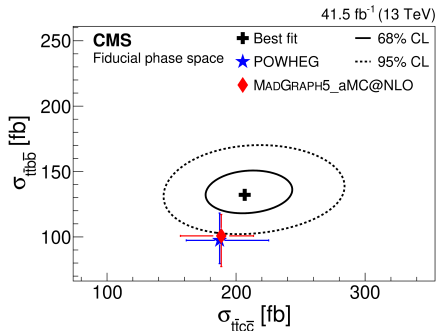
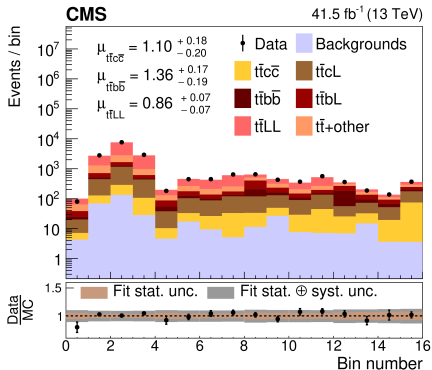
# $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ - Phys. Lett. B. 820 (2021) 136565

- Dilepton channel of  $t\bar{t}$
- Main difficulty: separation from  $t\bar{t} + b(\bar{b})$  and  $t\bar{t} + \text{light}$
- Using **c-tagger** - exploiting multiclass flavour tagger
- **NN to match jets** to partons (permutations)
- Event-level NN - 5 classes for flavour of additional jets - projected onto two discriminators



# $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$

- **Template fit** (separate templates for  $ee, e\mu, \mu\mu$ )
- First fit to extract absolute **cross-sections**
- Second fit to extract **fractions**
- Dominant uncertainties: fragmentation, modelling, flavour tagging

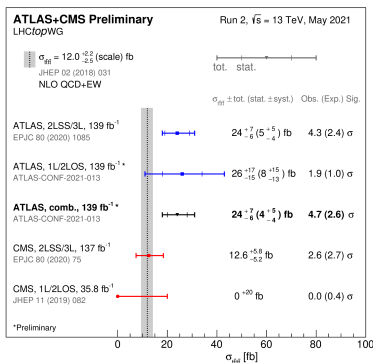
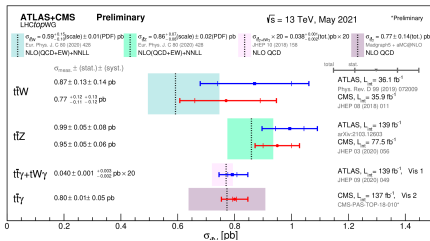


# Summary

- Many **new results** for top+X in ATLAS and CMS
  - ▶ E.g.  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  or  $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$
- Significantly **improved results** from previous iterations
- New EFT interpretations
- **More top-related results:** ATLAS and CMS

## Outlook

- "Second wave" of analyses
  - ▶ More sophisticated tools - improved precision
  - ▶ More channels
- Combination of channels/measurements - EFT

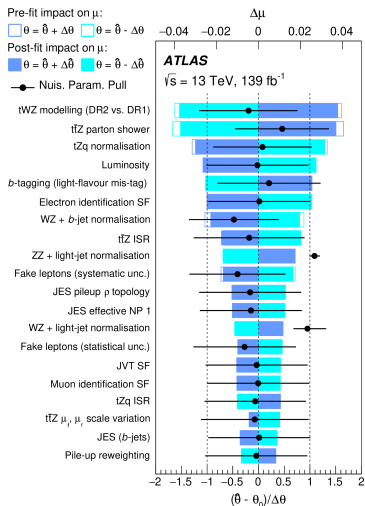




# BACK UP

# ATLAS $t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive

- Systematic uncertainties dominated by modelling
- Diagram removal
- Pythia vs Herwig comparison
- Dominant detector uncertainty: flavour tagging



# ATLAS $t\bar{t}Z$ differential

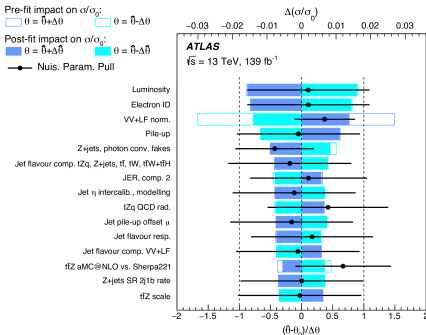
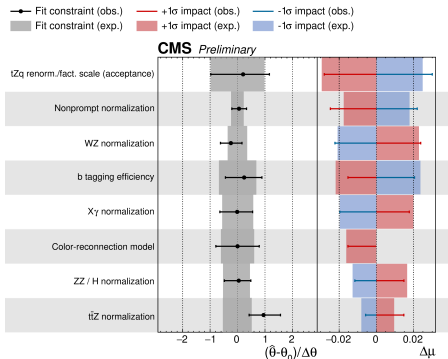
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$3\ell + 4\ell$	$p_{\text{T}}^Z$	✓	✓	9(a)	12.8/7	0.08	12.0/7	0.10	11.6/7	0.11	12.1/7	0.10	/	/
	$p_{\text{T}}^Z$		✓	9(b)	12.8/7	0.08	11.7/7	0.11	11.2/7	0.13	11.3/7	0.13	10.4/7	0.17
	$p_{\text{T}}^Z$	✓		10(a)	11.0/6	0.09	10.8/6	0.09	10.6/6	0.10	10.7/6	0.10	/	/
	$p_{\text{T}}^Z$		✓	10(b)	11.0/6	0.09	10.8/6	0.10	10.7/6	0.10	10.6/6	0.10	10.5/6	0.11
	$ y^Z $	✓	✓	11(a)	2.8/8	0.95	2.9/8	0.94	4.0/8	0.85	2.7/8	0.95	2.9/8	0.94
$3\ell$	$N_{\text{jets}}$	✓	✓	12(a)	0.8/3	0.85	0.6/3	0.90	0.3/3	0.95	0.5/3	0.92	/	/
	$p_{\text{T}}^{\ell, \text{non-Z}}$		✓	13(a)	7.6/4	0.11	8.8/4	0.07	8.3/4	0.08	8.6/4	0.07	/	/
	$ \Delta\phi(Z, t_{\text{lep}}) $		✓	13(b)	5.5/3	0.14	5.8/3	0.12	5.2/3	0.16	6.9/3	0.07	6.6/3	0.09
	$ \Delta y(Z, t_{\text{lep}}) $		✓	14(a)	0.9/3	0.82	0.7/3	0.88	0.2/3	0.98	0.5/3	0.92	0.3/3	0.96
$4\ell$	$N_{\text{jets}}$	✓	✓	12(b)	1.4/4	0.84	1.7/4	0.79	2.8/4	0.59	2.8/4	0.59	/	/
	$ \Delta\phi(\ell_1^+, \ell_2^-) $		✓	14(b)	2.1/4	0.72	2.3/4	0.69	2.7/4	0.62	2.6/4	0.63	/	/
	$ \Delta\phi(t\bar{t}, Z) $		✓	15(a)	5.2/3	0.16	4.7/3	0.19	3.5/3	0.32	3.4/3	0.33	4.9/3	0.18
	$p_{\text{T}}^{t\bar{t}}$	✓	✓	15(b)	3.5/4	0.47	3.6/4	0.47	3.5/4	0.48	3.5/4	0.47	4.6/4	0.33

## CMS $t(\bar{t}) + Z$ uncertainties

Source	$c_{tZ}$	$c_{tW}$	t	$c_{\phi Q}^-$	$c_{\phi t}$
tZq normalization	<0.1	<0.1	1.2	0.1	0.8
$t\bar{t}Z$ normalization	0.6	<0.1	0.4	37	38
tWZ normalization	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.7	2.1
Background normalizations	<0.1	<0.1	6.9	3.6	6.8
NPL background estimation	1.4	0.2	5.6	0.3	3.8
Jet energy scale	<0.1	<0.1	0.8	0.7	2.3
Jet energy resolution	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	1.4
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.2
b tagging	<0.1	<0.1	0.9	2.0	0.3
Other (experimental)	<0.1	<0.1	1.6	0.8	0.6
Lepton identification and isolation	0.4	0.4	1.2	2.2	0.8
Theory	2.1	1.1	0.4	0.9	0.9

# $tZq$ systematic uncertainties

- Similar selection - can compare uncertainties
- **Dominant** systematic uncertainties
  - ▶ **CMS**:  $tZq$  modelling, non-prompt leptons,  $WZ$
  - ▶ **ATLAS**: Luminosity, electron ID,  $VV$  normalisation





# $t\bar{t}\gamma$ inclusive 2

## ATLAS

Pre-fit impact on  $\mu$ :

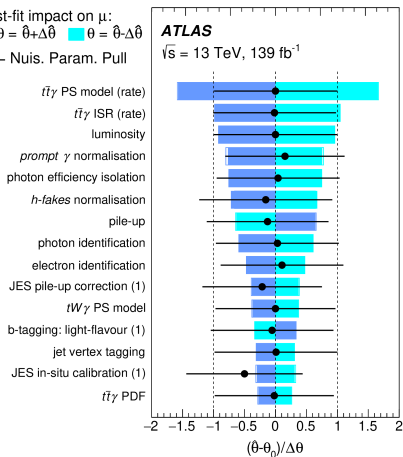
$\theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$   $\theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$

$\Delta\mu$   
-0.04 -0.02 0 0.02 0.04

Post-fit impact on  $\mu$ :

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

● Nuis. Param. Pull



## CMS

Source	Correlation	Uncertainty [%] yield	$\sigma(t\bar{t}\gamma)$
Integrated luminosity	partial	2.3–2.5	1.8
Fileup	100%	0.5–2.0	<0.5
Trigger efficiency	—	<0.5	<0.5
Electron reconstruction and identification	100%	0.2–1.7	<0.5
Muon reconstruction and identification	partial	0.5–0.7	0.7
Photon reconstruction and identification	100%	0.4–1.4	1.0
$p_T(e)$ and $p_T(\gamma)$ reconstruction	100%	0.1–1.2	<0.5
JES	partial	1.0–4.1	1.9
JER	—	0.4–1.6	0.6
b tagging	100% (2017/2018)	0.8–1.6	1.1
LI prefiring	100% (2016/2017)	0.3–0.9	<0.5
Tune	100%	0.1–1.9	<0.5
Color reconnection	100%	0.4–3.6	0.6
ISR/FSR	100%	1.0–5.6	1.9
PDF	100%	<0.5	<0.5
ME scales $\mu_R, \mu_F$	100%	0.4–4.7	<0.5
Multijet normalization	100%	1.3–6.5	0.9
Nonprompt photon background	100%	1.2–2.7	2.0
Misidentified e	—	2.5–8.0	1.8
$Z\gamma$ normalization	100%	0.6–2.5	0.5
$W\gamma$ normalization	100%	1.0–3.5	2.4
DY normalization	100%	0.1–1.1	1.0
t normalization	100%	1.0–1.9	1.0
“Other” bkg. normalization	100%	0.3–1.0	<0.5
Total systematic uncertainty			5.7
Statistical uncertainty			0.9
Total			5.8

## ATLAS

Predictions	$p_T(\gamma)$		$ \eta(\gamma) $		$\Delta R(\gamma, \ell)_{\min}$		$\Delta\phi(\ell, \ell)$		$ \Delta\eta(\ell, \ell) $	
	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p$ -value	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p$ -value	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p$ -value	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p$ -value	$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$p$ -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

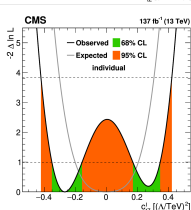
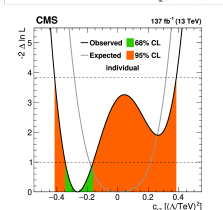
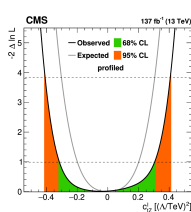
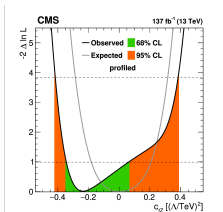
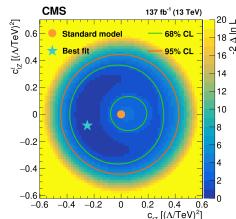
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Wilson coefficient		68% CL interval ( $\Lambda/\text{TeV}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	95% CL interval ( $\Lambda/\text{TeV}$ ) <sup>2</sup>
Expected	$c_{tZ}^I = 0$ profiled	$[-0.19, 0.21]$	$[-0.29, 0.32]$
	$c_{tZ}^I$ profiled	$[-0.20, 0.20]$	$[-0.30, 0.31]$
Observed	$c_{tZ}^I = 0$ profiled	$[-0.35, -0.16]$	$[-0.42, 0.38]$
	$c_{tZ}^I$ profiled	$[-0.35, 0.07]$	$[-0.42, 0.39]$
	$c_{tZ}^I = 0$ profiled	$[-0.35, -0.16], [0.17, 0.35]$	$[-0.42, 0.42]$
	$c_{tZ}^I$ profiled	$[-0.32, 0.31]$	$[-0.41, 0.41]$

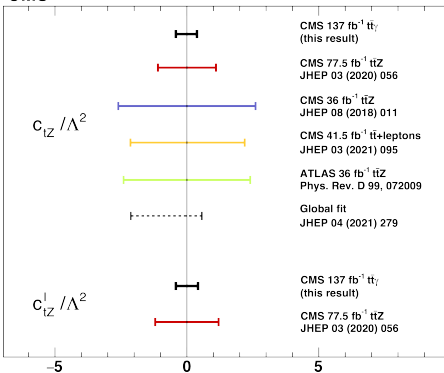


# $t\bar{t}\gamma$ EFT interpretation

- **Detector level** distributions parametrised using EFT (Wilson) coefficients
- Fit to observed data - extract EFT
- **Comparison** with  $t\bar{t}Z$  and  $t\bar{t}$



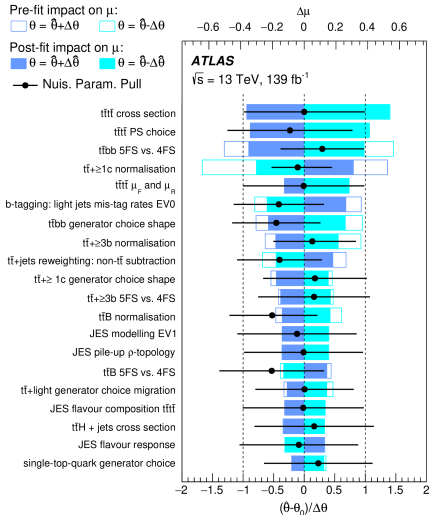
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# 4 tops

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}\bar{t}} [\text{fb}]$	
<b>Signal Modelling</b>		
$t\bar{t}\bar{t}$ modelling	+8	-3
<b>Background Modelling</b>		
$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$ modelling	+8	-7
$t\bar{t}+\geq 1c$ modelling	+5	-4
$t\bar{t}$ +jets reweighting	+4	-3
Other background modelling	+4	-3
$t\bar{t}$ +light modelling	+2	-2
<b>Experimental</b>		
Jet energy scale and resolution	+6	-4
$b$ -tagging efficiency and mis-tag rates	+4	-3
MC statistical uncertainties	+2	-2
Luminosity	< 1	
Other uncertainties	< 1	
<b>Total systematic uncertainty</b>	+15	-12
<b>Statistical uncertainty</b>	+8	-8
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	+17	-15

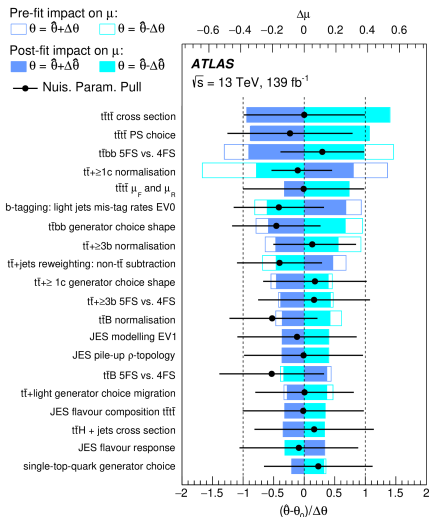
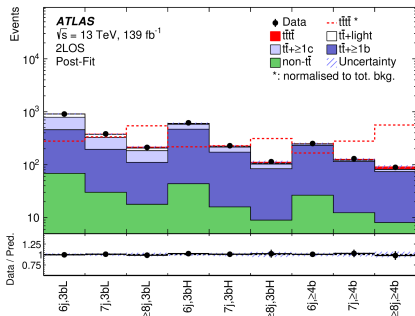
Pre-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\square \theta = \bar{\theta} + \Delta\theta$      $\square \theta = \bar{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
 Post-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\square \theta = \bar{\theta} + \Delta\theta$      $\square \theta = \bar{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
 —●— Nuis. Param. Pull



# 4 tops ( $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ )

## Dominant systematic uncertainties

- ▶ 4tops PS and hadronisation **model** (Pythia vs Herwig)
- ▶  $t\bar{t}bb/t\bar{t} + c$  **modelling**
- ▶ 4tops **scales**
- ▶ **b-tagging**



$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ 

Sources	Systematic uncertainty (%)				
	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}c\bar{c}}$	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}b\bar{b}}$	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}LL}$	$\Delta R_c$	$\Delta R_b$
Jet energy scale	4.0	3.2	4.7	2.8	2.1
Jet energy resolution	2.3	1.0	0.9	2.5	1.3
c tagging calibration	7.0	3.2	2.5	7.3	3.5
Lepton identification and isolation	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.3
Trigger	2.0	2.0	2.0	< 0.1	< 0.1
Pileup	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	< 0.1
Total integrated luminosity	2.3	2.4	2.3	< 0.1	< 0.1
$\mu_R$ and $\mu_F$ scales in ME	3.3	6.2	2.1	3.8	6.8
PS scale	0.4	1.6	0.3	0.5	1.6
PDF	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
ME-PS matching	7.1	5.7	3.5	2.6	1.5
Underlying event	1.9	2.3	1.1	0.5	0.9
b fragmentation	0.4	1.9	0.8	0.3	2.4
c fragmentation	4.6	< 0.1	< 0.1	3.9	0.7
$t\bar{t}bL(cL)/t\bar{t}b\bar{b}(c\bar{c})$ and $t\bar{t}+other/t\bar{t}LL$	2.4	1.8	1.1	1.8	1.5
Efficiency (theoretical)	2.4	2.1	2.0	< 0.1	< 0.1
Simulated sample size	3.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	2.5
Background normalization	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1
Total	13.7	11.4	8.2	10.9	9.2