# Search for Flavor Changing Neutral Currents in Top Quark Decays

B-Tagging Working Point and  $e \rightarrow \gamma$  Fakes

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#### Overview

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The Top Quark
FCNC at the LHC
Object Preselection Cuts

B-tagging Working Point

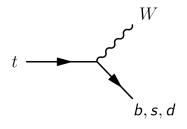
Neural Network

Neural Network Studies

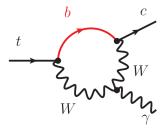
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Outlook and Conclusions

## Top Quark Decays in the SM



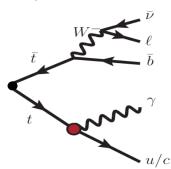
- ►  $t \rightarrow bW \approx 99.83\%$
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  ightarrow sW pprox 0.16%
- ►  $t \rightarrow dW \approx 0.01\%$



- $t \to q_{u,c} X \approx 10^{-17} 10^{-12}$
- Limits on  $t \rightarrow \gamma q$  processes: [JHEP 04 (2016) 035]
  - ►  $t \to \gamma u < 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$
  - ►  $t \to \gamma c < 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$

## FCNC: What are we looking for? $t\bar{t} o W( o l u) b + q \gamma$

- ► Final state topology
  - One Neutrino, from W
  - ► One Lepton, from W
  - ► One B-jet, SM Top
  - One Photon, FCNC Top
  - ► One Jet, FCNC Top



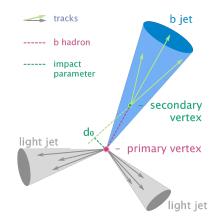
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### Object Preselection

- We preselect events with objects that look like similar to our expected topology
- ► Require:
  - **Exactly one lepton (e or**  $\mu$ )  $\geq$  25 GeV
  - ► Exactly one good photon ≥ 15GeV
  - ► Missing Transverse Energy ≥ 30GeV
  - ▶ ≥ 1 Jets
- ► Further exploration of the BJets will be discussed

#### B-tagging

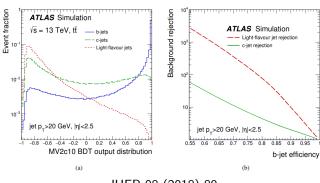
- ► B Hadrons travel a measureable distance before decay
- Tracks originate from outside of interaction point (Seconday Vertex)
- Backtracking tracks in displaced vertex gives an impact parameter
- Decay chain MVA attempts to reconstruct decay of the jet
- Outputs of these algorithms used in a BDT to determine if a Jet is from a b-quark



#### Mv2c10

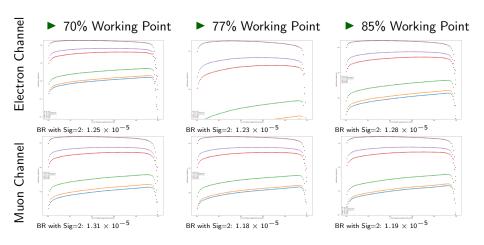
MV2c10 is used to tag b-jets. The c10 implies a 10% c-jet fraction in the background training sample. Can use various fixed-cut working points for b-jet identification.

Using a different working point can change which jets are identified as originating from b-quarks in the Analysis.

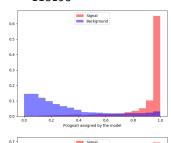


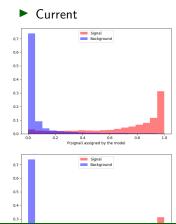
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#### Neural Network Results

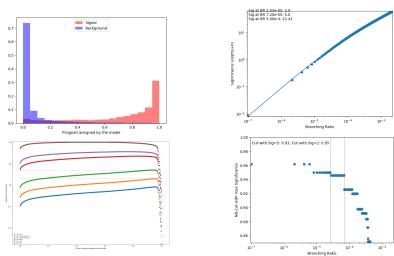


- ► MCee integral small range: 424,051.
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### Significance Plots, Muon Channel



Branching ratio with Significance = 2: 2.5e-5

## New Ntuple Production

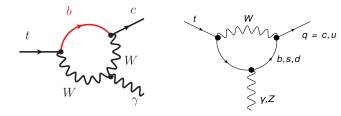
- New tools have been recently developed in the Top Group (Ref:VGammaORTool, Duplicate Event Removal,etc.)
- ► Replacing Custom Event Saver with that of tt+gamma group, more support and faster integration of new tools
- Custom post-grid local processing code developing
- Will transition with the currently running ntuples to local mini-ntuple creation
- ► Beginning to work with TRExFitter to push toward the statistical part of the analysis

#### Outlook

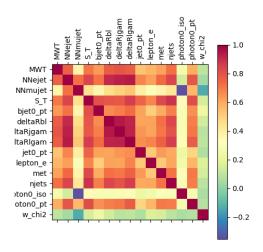
- ► As always, still lots to be done
- ► Fake Rates  $e \to \gamma$  and  $j \to \gamma$  are being investigated,  $e \to \gamma$  shown here,  $j \to \gamma$  to be investigated soon.
- ► Happy with the state of the neural network studies, any further reduction would require significant time for insignificant gain, factor 2 improvement thanks to feedback I got during this meeting
- ► Questions?

# Backup

## FCNC Diagrams



### NN Input Variable Correlations



#### Neural Network Model Inputs

#### Separation = $\sum_{i}^{bins} \frac{n_{si} - n_{bi}}{n_{si} + n_{bi}}$

#### mu+jets channel

| Variable   | Separation |
|------------|------------|
| photon0iso | 41.18      |
| mqgam      | 28.27      |
| photon0pt  | 24.07      |
| mtSM       | 11.60      |
| mlgam      | 7.56       |
| deltaRjgam | 5.64       |
| deltaRbl   | 4.42       |
| MWT        | 3.34       |
| ST         | 3.30       |
| nuchi2     | 3.12       |
| jet0pt     | 2.81       |
| njets      | 2.07       |
| smchi2     | 1.89       |
| wchi2      | 1.87       |
| jet0e      | 1.52       |
| deltaRlgam | 1.17       |
| leptone    | 0.87       |
| deltaRjb   | 0.86       |
| met        | 0.68       |
| bjet0pt    | 0.52       |
| leptoniso  | 0.27       |
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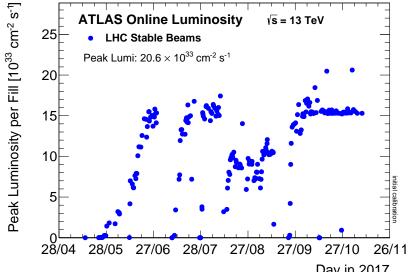
#### e+iets channel

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|------------|------------|
| Variable   | Separation |
| photon0pt  | 23.14      |
| mqgam      | 22.73      |
| photon0iso | 18.70      |
| mtSM       | 11.02      |
| mlgam      | 9.53       |
| deltaRbl   | 5.00       |
| deltaRjgam | 4.60       |
| ST         | 3.83       |
| MWT        | 3.16       |
| jet0pt     | 2.47       |
| njets      | 1.70       |
| nuchi2     | 1.59       |
| deltaRlgam | 1.40       |
| wchi2      | 1.33       |
| smchi2     | 1.09       |
| deltaRjb   | 0.88       |
| leptone    | 0.85       |
| leptoniso  | 0.56       |
| bjet0pt    | 0.50       |
| met        | 0.47       |

#### Input Variables

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['photon0iso', 'photon0pt', 'mqgam', 'mlgam', 'mtSM', 'deltaRjgam', 'deltaRbl', 'MWT', 'ST', 'njets', 'wchi2', 'jet0pt', 'deltaRlgam', 'leptone', 'met', 'bjet0pt']
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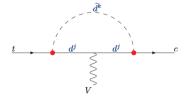
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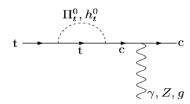


## A Couple BSM Diagrams

 R-parity-violating supersymmetric models
 [arXiv:hep-ph/9705341]

 Top-color-assisted technicolor models
 [arXiv:hep-ph/0303122]





## Jets/AntiKT

$$d_{ij} = min(rac{1}{
ho_{ti}^2}, rac{1}{
ho_{tj}^2})rac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$
  $d_{iB} = rac{1}{
ho_{ti}^2}$   $\Delta_{ij}^2 = (\eta_i - \eta_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$ 

- ▶ Find minimum of entire set of  $\{d_{ii}, d_{iB}\}$
- ▶ If  $d_{ij}$  is the minimum particles i,j are combined into one particle and removed from the list of particles
- ► If *d<sub>iB</sub>* is the minimum i is labelled as a final jet and removed from the list of particles
- ▶ Repeat until all particles are part of a jet with distance between jet axes  $\Delta_{ij}$  is greater than R

$$\mathcal{L}_{tq\gamma}^{eff} = -e\bar{c}\frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{m_{t}}(\lambda_{ct}^{L}P_{L} + \lambda_{ct}^{R}P_{R})tA_{\mu} + H.c.$$