# Search for Flavor Changing Neutral Currents in Top Quark Decays

Fake Rates and Initial Asimov Fits

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## Overview

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Brief Background
The Top Quark
FCNC at the LHC
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Fake Rate Studies

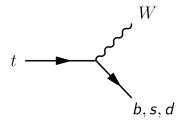
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 $j \rightarrow \gamma$  Fake Rate Studies: ABCD Method

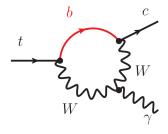
Asimov Data Initial Fits
Asimov Fit, e+jets channel MC16a

Outlook and Conclusions

# Top Quark Decays in the SM



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

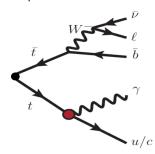


- $t \to q_{u,c} X \approx 10^{-17} 10^{-12}$
- Limits on  $t \rightarrow \gamma q$  processes: [Phys.Lett. B800 135082]
  - ►  $t \to \gamma u < 2.8 \times 10^{-5}$
  - ►  $t \to \gamma c < 18 \times 10^{-5}$

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

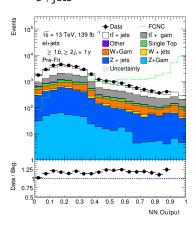
Will further investigate BJets here.

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

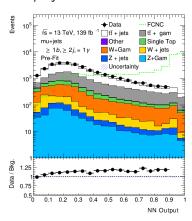


# Preselection NN Outputs





### $\blacktriangleright$ $\mu+jets$



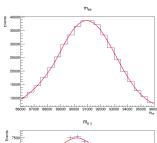
# Fake Rate Object Selection

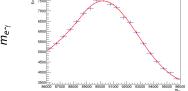
- Want to calculate fake rate in events which could enter the signal region.
- ► Create 2 control regions:  $Z \rightarrow ee$  and  $Z \rightarrow e\gamma$
- ► Require:
  - ► Common Object Selection (MET, Jets, Triggers, etc.)
  - ightharpoonup Z 
    ightarrow ee : 2 Opposite Sign Electrons, 86.1 GeV  $< m_{e^+e^-} <$  96.1 GeV
  - ▶  $Z \rightarrow e\gamma$ :1 Electron, ≥1 Photon, 86.1 GeV  $< m_{e\gamma} <$ 96.1 GeV
- ▶ Tag and Probe Method used
- ► Systematic determined by varying tail size and other parameters

### $m_{ee}, m_{e\gamma}$

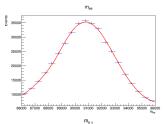
#### Data and MC

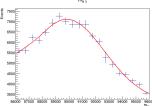
▶ Data





#### ► Monte Carlo





#### Scale Factor

$$\mathsf{FR}^{\mathsf{e-fake}} = rac{N_{e,\gamma}}{N_{e,e}}$$
  $\mathsf{SF}^{\mathsf{e-fake}}_\mathsf{FR} = rac{\mathsf{FR}^{\mathsf{e-fake}}_\mathsf{data}}{\mathsf{FR}^{\mathsf{e-fake}}_\mathsf{MC}}$ 

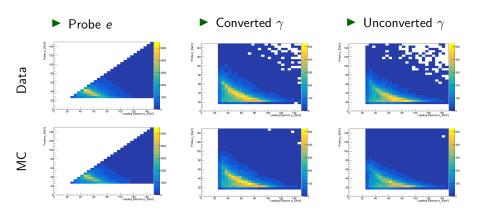
Basic Scale Factor can be calculated for the entire spectrum:

$$SF_{ER}^{e-fake} = 0.97 \pm 0.01$$

In practice this scale factor is calculated for converted and unconverted photons as well as in bins of  $\eta$  and  $\phi$ 

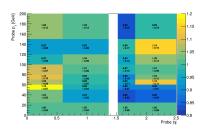
- Converted photons pair produce before the ECAL leaving tracks in the Inner Detector
- Unconverted photons only pair produce inside of the ECAL

# Data and MC Distributions

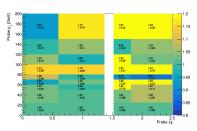


#### 2D Fake Rates

ightharpoonup Converted  $\gamma$ 

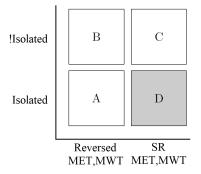


ightharpoonup Unconverted  $\gamma$ 



# $j \rightarrow \gamma$ Fake Rate Studies

Majority of hadronic fake photons are from  $t\bar{t}$  events where a final state jet radiates a non-prompt photon. Similarly radiated photons for W+jets and single top processes can enter the signal region through the radiation of a non-prompt photon.



# ABCD Method

$$\frac{N_D^{\text{h-fake}}}{N_C^{\text{h-fake}}} = \frac{N_A^{\text{h-fake}}}{N_B^{\text{h-fake}}} \text{ and } \frac{N_D^{\text{h-fake}}}{N_A^{\text{h-fake}}} = \frac{N_C^{\text{h-fake}}}{N_B^{\text{h-fake}}}$$

Want uncorrelated variables, use a correction factor to account to ensure closure

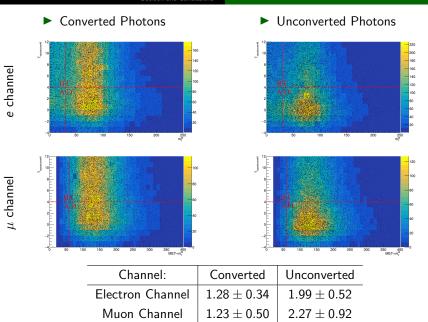
$$heta_{\mathsf{MC}} = rac{N_{\mathsf{D},\mathsf{MC}}^{\mathsf{h-fake}}/N_{\mathsf{C},\mathsf{MC}}^{\mathsf{h-fake}}}{N_{\mathsf{A},\mathsf{MC}}^{\mathsf{h-fake}}/N_{\mathsf{B},\mathsf{MC}}^{\mathsf{h-fake}}}$$

$$N_{ ext{D,est.}}^{ ext{h-fake}} = rac{N_{ ext{A,data}}^{ ext{h-fake}} imes N_{ ext{C,data}}^{ ext{h-fake}}}{N_{ ext{B,data}}^{ ext{h-fake}}} imes heta_{ ext{MC}}$$



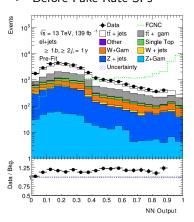
Reversed SR MET,MWT MET,MWT

$$\mathsf{SF}^{\mathsf{h\text{-}fake}} = \frac{\mathsf{N}^{\mathsf{h\text{-}fak}}_{\mathsf{D},\mathsf{est}}}{\mathsf{N}^{\mathsf{h\text{-}fak}}_{\mathsf{D},\mathsf{MG}}}$$

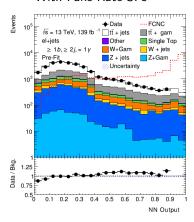


# Preselection NN Outputs

#### ► Before Fake Rate SEs

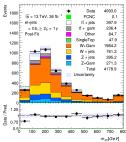


#### ▶ With Fake Rate SFs.

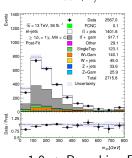


#### Asimov Data Post-Fit

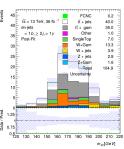




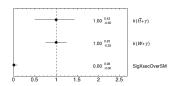
# ▶ VR2: $t\overline{t} + \gamma$



#### Signal Region



Nominal signal strength  $\mu=1.0\Rightarrow$  Branching Ratio  $=10^{-3}$ 



## Statistical Limit from Asimov Fit

- $\blacktriangleright$  Expected signal strength  $\mu = 0.13^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$
- ► Corresponds to BR( $t \rightarrow q\gamma$ ) =  $13 \times 10^{-5}$
- **E**xtrapolation to full data set limit: BR( $t o q \gamma$ )  $\approx 4 imes 10^{-5}$

## Outlook

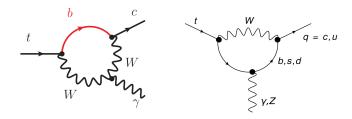
- Fake rates calculated
- ► Full systematics samples almost done, one major sample being run locally
- ► Fitting machinery in place
- Internal note draft started, complete first draft expected by end of February
  - ► Will be hosted here: gitlab:fcnc-tggam-decay-intnote

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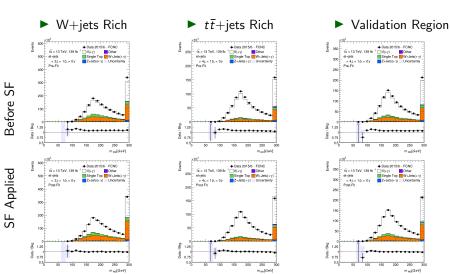
▶ New post-doc joining the project to help push toward publication either alone or in combination with production mode

# Backup

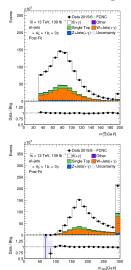
# FCNC Diagrams

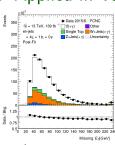


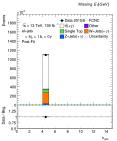
### No Photon Scale Factors

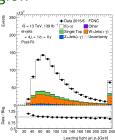


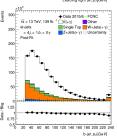
# No Photon Region SF Applied in Val Region



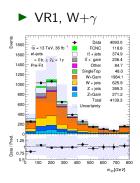


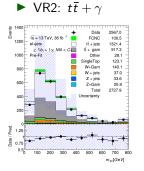


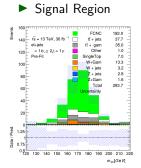




#### Asimov Data Pre-Fit







# 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

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