

Measurements of differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections at CMS

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Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections:

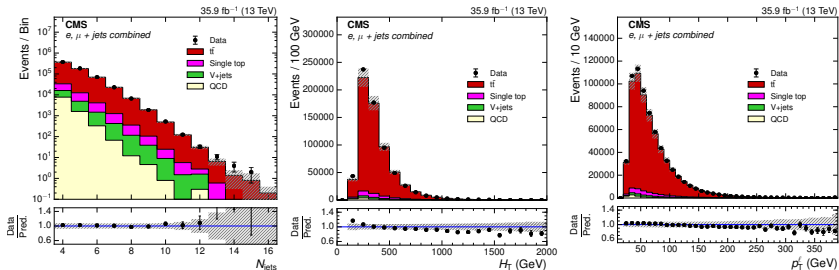
- as a function of kinematic event variables (JHEP06 (2018) 002)
- differential measurements at parton and particle level in dilepton (JHEP02 (2019) 149) and e/μ +jets (PRD97 (2018) 112003) channels
- multi-differential measurements in dilepton (arXiv:1904.05237 sub. EPJC) and e/μ +jets
- multiplicities and properties of jets in $t\bar{t}$ events (PRD97 (2018) 112003)
- with boosted reconstruction in all-jets final state (TOP-16-013)

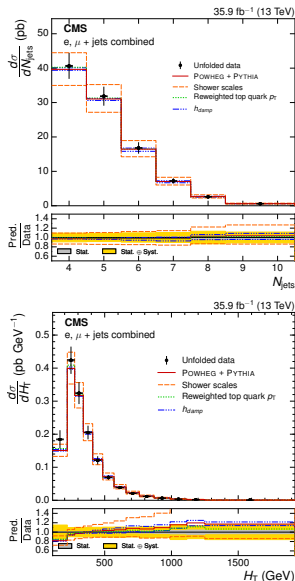
Measurements of variables that do not need reconstruction of top quarks.

Measurement based on “stable” particles (>30 ns) within experimental acceptance
 → avoid theory extrapolations.

Objects use RIVET definitions see CERN-CMS-NOTE-2017-004. [plugin available I1662081](#)

- Selection: exactly 1 e/μ , at least 4 jets, at least 2 b-tagged jets.



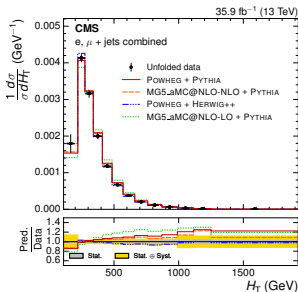
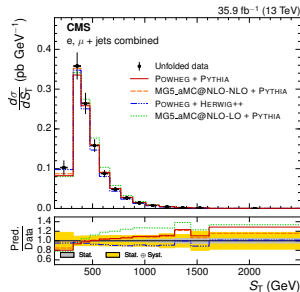
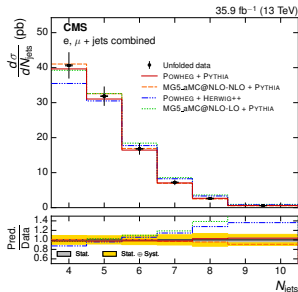


Systematic uncertainties

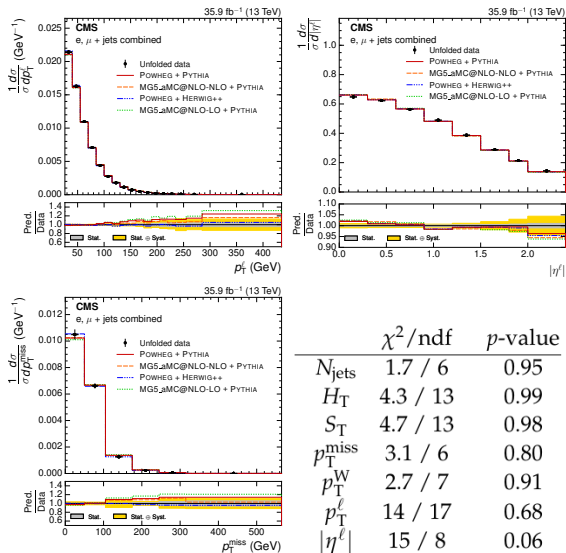
Relative uncertainty source (%)	N_{jets}	H_T
b tagging efficiency	3.2 – 4.1	3.6 – 4.7
Electron efficiency	1.2 – 1.4	1.3 – 1.6
Muon efficiency	1.7 – 1.9	1.6 – 2.2
JER	0.1 – 0.9	0.1 – 1.2
JES	1.8 – 12.6	5.7 – 16.8
QCD bkg cross section	0.1 – 0.5	0.1 – 0.7
QCD bkg shape	<0.1	0.1 – 1.0
Single top quark cross section	1.1 – 1.7	1.1 – 3.5
V+jets cross section	0.7 – 1.1	0.6 – 3.4
PDF	0.2 – 1.0	0.1 – 0.8
Color reconnection (Gluon move)	0.1 – 2.9	0.1 – 4.1
Color reconnection (QCD-based)	0.1 – 2.3	0.1 – 4.4
Color reconnection (Early resonance decays)	0.3 – 3.9	0.1 – 7.1
Fragmentation	0.1 – 2.8	0.6 – 3.1
h_{damp}	0.8 – 4.9	0.3 – 4.1
Top quark mass	0.7 – 2.8	0.4 – 4.9
Peterson fragmentation model	0.3 – 3.9	1.6 – 3.9
Shower scales	3.1 – 8.0	3.6 – 8.3
B hadron decay semileptonic branching fraction	0.2 – 0.9	0.2 – 1.2
Top quark p_T	0.8 – 1.6	0.1 – 1.4
Underlying event tune	0.8 – 3.9	0.3 – 7.0
Simulated sample size	0.1 – 1.6	0.1 – 1.6
Additional interactions	0.1 – 0.4	0.1 – 0.8
Integrated luminosity	2.5 – 2.5	2.5 – 2.5
Total	10.8 – 16.5	11.2 – 19.4

Modeling uncertainties represent baseline for all recent CMS top quark measurements.

- Shower scales have large impact on predictions. They also contribute as a dominant uncertainty in the measurement.



- POWHEG+HERWIG++ and POWHEG/MG5(MLM)+PYTHIA8 predict higher jet multiplicity
- H_T and S_T (p_T sum of all objects) are softer than predicted by most MCs.



Lepton related variables

- e/μ p_T softer and η less central.
- also observed for p_T^{miss} .

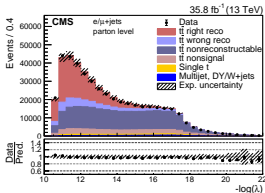
χ^2 -tests considering theory uncertainties (POWHEG+PYTHIA8) show compatibility between measurements and expectations.

	χ^2/ndf	p -value
N_{jets}	1.7 / 6	0.95
H_T	4.3 / 13	0.99
S_T	4.7 / 13	0.98
p_T^{miss}	3.1 / 6	0.80
p_T^W	2.7 / 7	0.91
p_T^ℓ	14 / 17	0.68
$ \eta^\ell $	15 / 8	0.06

e/μ +jets

36 fb^{-1} , 13 TeV, PRD97 (2018) 112003

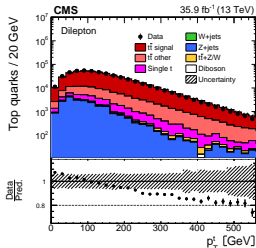
- Selection: exactly 1 e/μ , at least 4 jets, at least 2 b-tagged.
- Based on lepton and p_T^{miss} use mass constraints of m_t , m_W on leptonic side to obtain p_z -component of neutrino momentum, and correct b-jet.
- Calculate likelihood λ according to 2D mass distributions of reconstructed $m_t - m_W$ on hadronic side and compatibility of b-jet on leptonic side.



dilepton

36 fb^{-1} , 13 TeV, JHEP02 (2019) 149

- Selection: ee , $e\mu$, $\mu\mu$ at least 2 jets, at least 1 b-tagged.
- In same flavor channels exclude Z-Peak and require $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
- – Neutrino momenta calculated using m_t , m_W based on leptons and p_T^{miss} testing all permutation of jets (b jets preferred). Solution with lowest $M(t\bar{t})$ selected.
- Object momenta smeared according to resolution. 100 smeared events summed weighted according to expected $M(\ell\ell b\bar{b})$.



Measurements at particle level

36 fb⁻¹, 13 TeV, PRD97 (2018) 112003

Define proxy of top quark based on measurable objects (leptons, jets) in experimental acceptance:

→ clean definition of “top quark” observable.

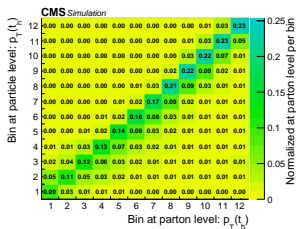
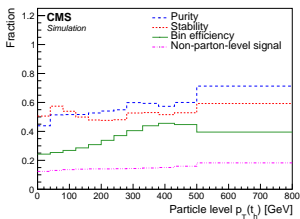
→ avoid theoretical extrapolations.

Definition of particle-level top quarks (CERN-CMS-NOTE-2017-004)

Events with exactly 1 electron/muon, 2 b jets, in total at least 4 jets

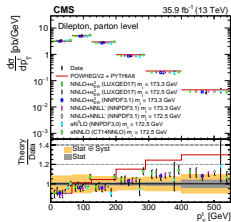
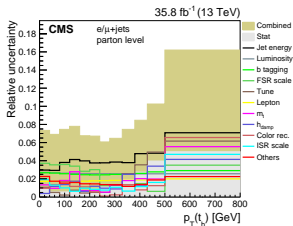
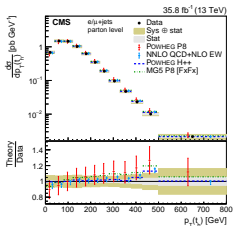
Sum momenta of all neutrinos p_N and find the permutation of jets that minimizes:

$$K^2 = (M(p_N + p_\ell + p_{b_1}) - m_t)^2 + (M(p_{j_1} + p_{j_2}) - m_{W})^2 + (M(p_{j_1} + p_{j_2} + p_{b_2}) - m_t)^2$$

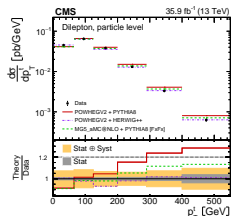
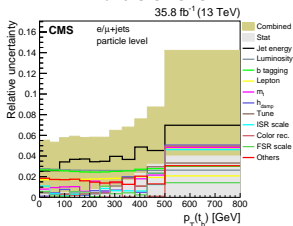
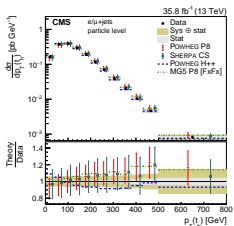


Analysis uses RIVET for particle level level definitions. [plugin available I1663958](#).

Parton level

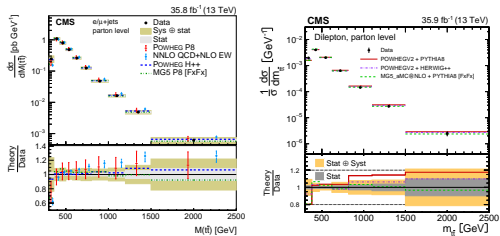


Particle level

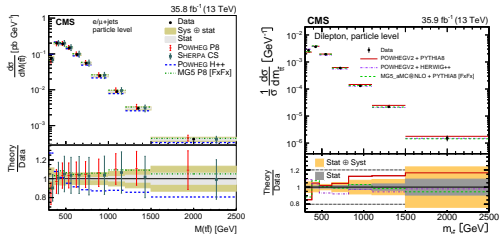


- Softer $p_T(t)$ compared to POWHEG/MG5(FxFx)+PYTHIA8 and SHERPA.
- Better $p_T(t)$ agreement with NNLO QCD + NLO EW [JHEP10 (2017) 186] calculation

Parton level



Particle level

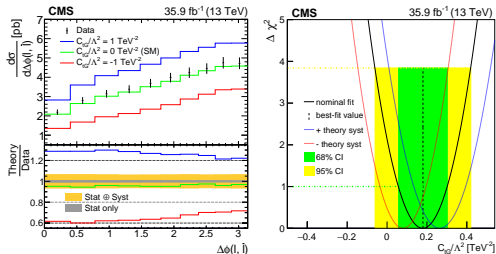


- e/μ +jets and dilepton channels show similar deviations from predictions
- Softer $M(t\bar{t})$ compared to POWHEG/MG5(FxFx)+PYTHIA8 and SHERPA.
- POWHEG+HERWIG++ too soft at particle level, while better at parton level.
- In general: χ^2 -tests (see backup) considering theory uncertainties (POWHEG+PYTHIA8 and SHERPA) show reasonable compatibility between measurements and SM predictions.

Normalized and absolute cross sections for all distributions available.

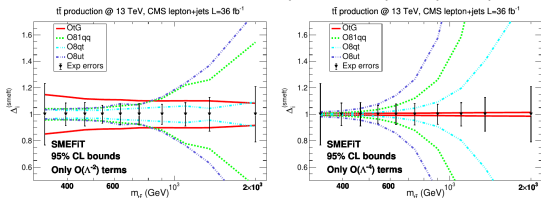
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Chromomagnetic dipole moment



- anomalous CMDM introduced by EFT operator (O_{Gt}) introducing a $ggt\bar{t}$ vertex
- experimentally mostly visible in angle between leptons.

Global EFT interpretations (JHEP04 (2019) 100)



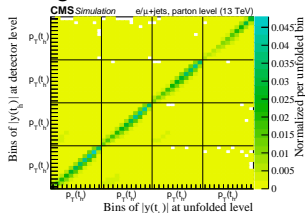
- high $M(t\bar{t})$ makes important contribution to the combined EFT interpretations of all top quark production related measurements at the LHC

Double-Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections measurements

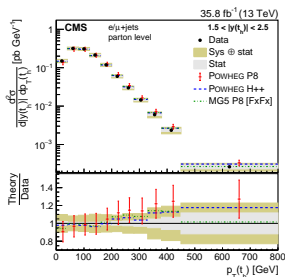
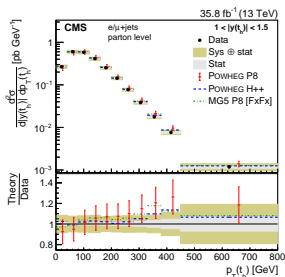
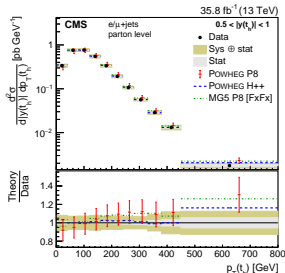
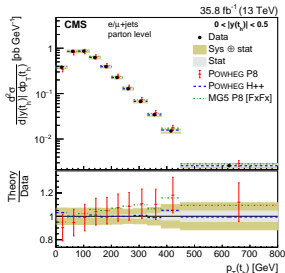
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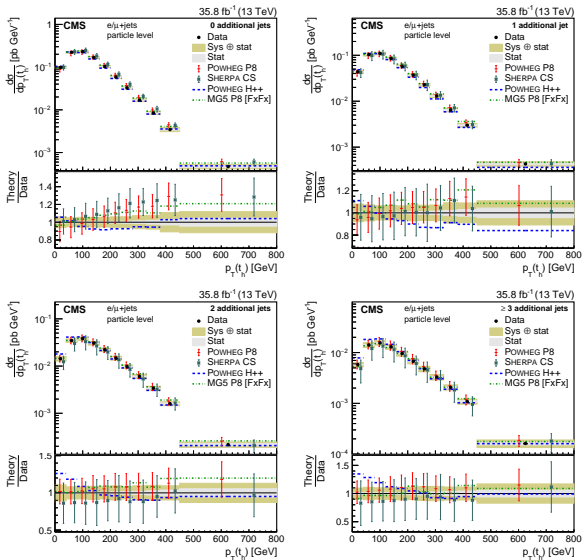
Results unfolded in 2 dim.

→ correction for migrations among all bins.



- Provide more details in corners of phase space.
- $p_T(t)$ softer in all rapidity regions.



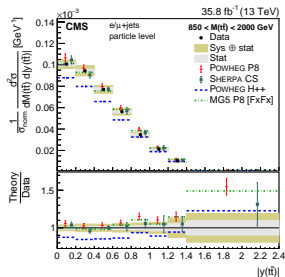
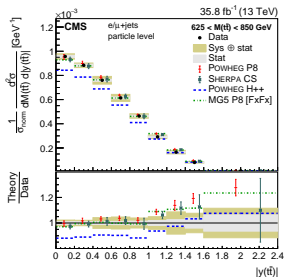
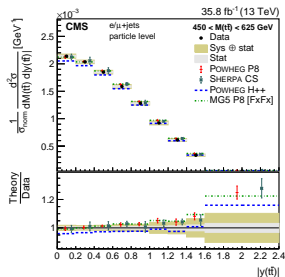
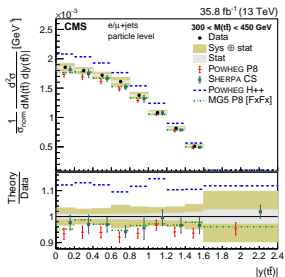
$p_T(t)$ in bins of jet multiplicity ($p_T(\text{jet}) > 30$ GeV)

2 dim. unfolding in $p_T(t)$ and number of additional jets.

- The slope disappears for events with higher jet multiplicity.
- HERWIG++ does not follow the trend.

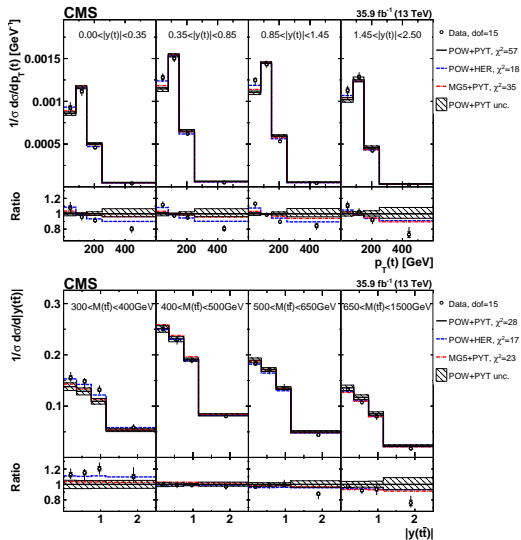
$y(t\bar{t})$ in different $M(t\bar{t})$ regions

- Here at particle level, but all distributions not including additional jets also available at parton level.
- Some tendency to overestimate the cross section at higher $M(t\bar{t})$ and $|y(t\bar{t})|$



Multi-Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections in the dilepton channel

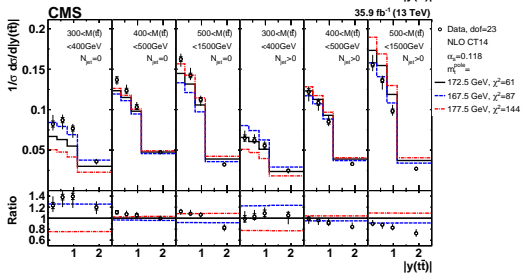
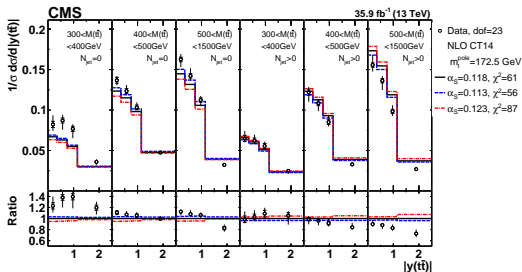
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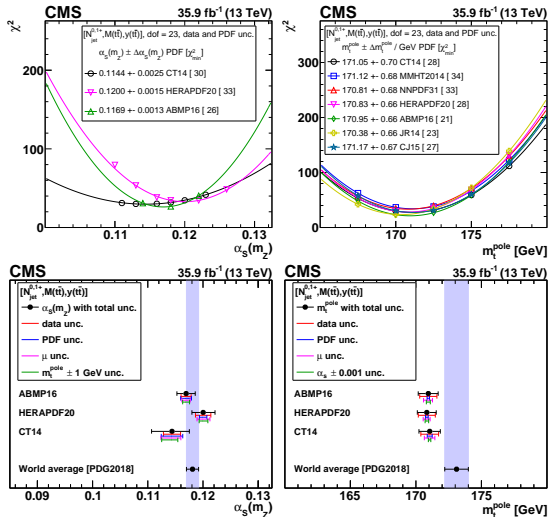
- Uses same reconstruction as single differential measurement in dilepton channel.
- Results show similar behavior as in e/μ +jets.

Interpretations of multi-Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections

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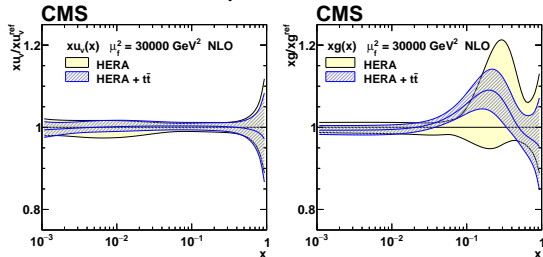


- $M(t\bar{t})$ vs $y(t\bar{t})$ in bins of jet multiplicity is sensitive to m_t^{pole} and α_S
- The kinematics of the $t\bar{t}$ system (not of the individual top quarks) are reconstructed without using m_t to avoid a reconstruction bias:
 $p_Z(\nu\bar{\nu}) = p_Z(\ell^+\ell^-)$



- m_t^{pole} and α_s are extracted from comparisons with fixed order NLO cross section.
- taking into account scale and PDF uncertainties in the theoretical prediction.

Comparison of PDF



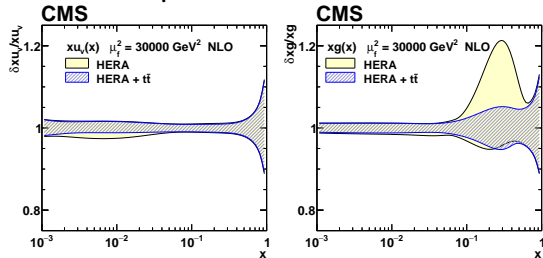
PDF constraints

- m_t and α_s are free parameters
- PDF parameterization as in HERAPDF2.0
- combined fit with HERA DIS data
- extracted:

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 170.5 \pm 0.8 \text{ GeV}$$

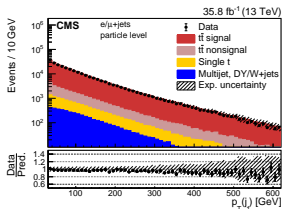
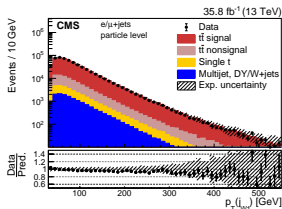
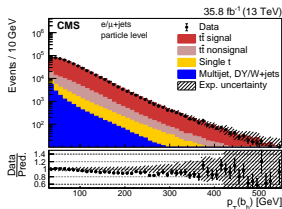
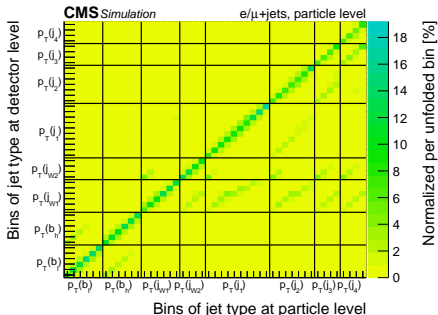
$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1135^{+0.0021}_{-0.0017}$$

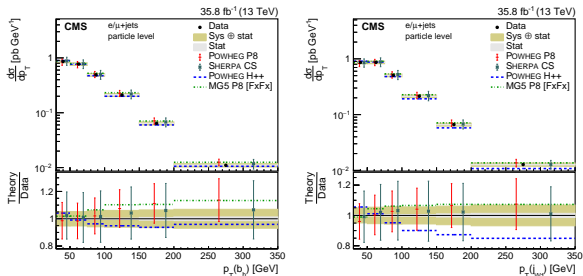
Comparison of PDF uncertainties



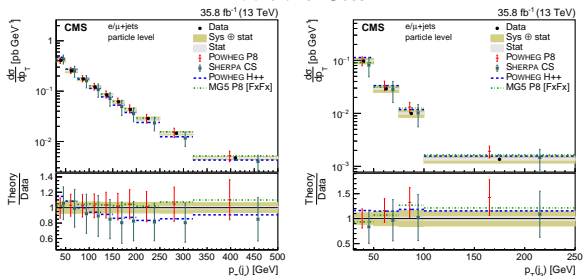
Jet properties

- Measurement of kinematic properties of jets in $t\bar{t}$ system (b_l , b_h , j_{W1} , j_{W2}) and up to four additional jets ($j_1 \dots j_4$) ordered by p_T .
- Correct for effects of resolution and mis-identification of jets.



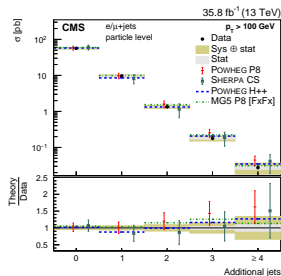
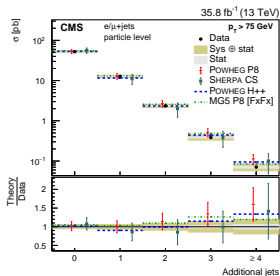
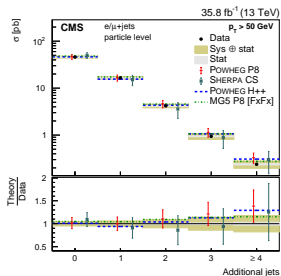
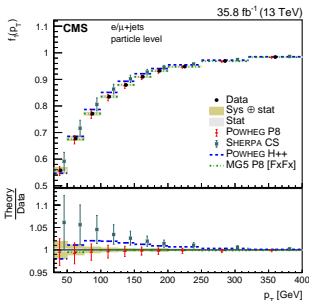
Jets of the $t\bar{t}$ system

Additional Jets



- POWHEG+PYTHIA8: describes data, but > 1 jet from parton shower.
- MG5+PYTHIA8 [FxFx] ($t\bar{t}$ + up to 2 jets NLO): similar to POWHEG+PYTHIA8.
- SHERPA ($t\bar{t}$ + 0,1 jet NLO, up to 4 jets LO): some deviation description of add. jets.
- POWHEG+HERWIG++: jets in $t\bar{t}$ system too soft (related to soft p_T at particle level).

- Gap fraction (fraction of events without a jet above a given p_T threshold) well described by POWHEG/MG5+PYTHIA8.
- SHERPA and POWHEG+HERWIG++ show both differences.
- Jet multiplicities for various p_T thresholds show reasonable agreement.



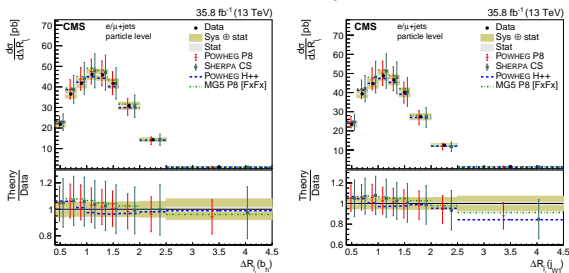
Minimum separation between a jet and the jets in $t\bar{t}$ system

- Sensitive to final state PS.
- Jets of $t\bar{t}$ decay closer due to higher top p_T in Simulation.
- POWHEG+HERWIG++ predicts too many jets close to $t\bar{t}$ jets. → reduced momentum of particle level top quark.

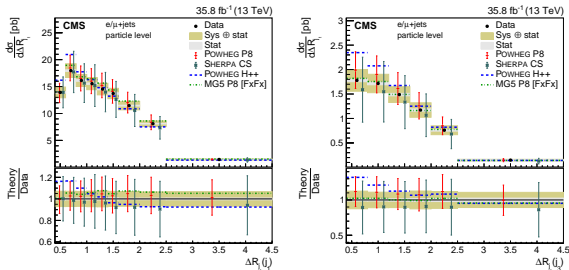
χ^2 -tests with full set of th. uncertainties for jet related distributions:

- POWHEG+PYTHIA8: relies on PS tuning shows reasonable agreement
- SHERPA: with default tune and LO at high jet multiplicities shows larger deviations.

Jets of the $t\bar{t}$ system



Additional Jets



In all-jets final state including boosted reconstruction

2.5 fb⁻¹, 13 TeV, CMS-TOP-16-013

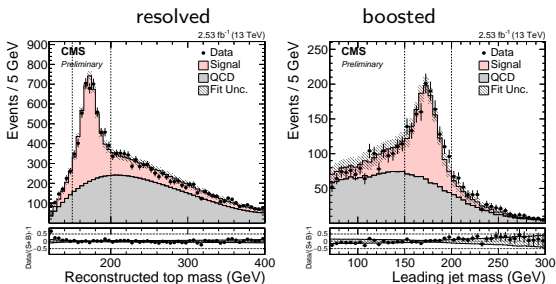
Resolved

- Selection: at least 6 jets, 2 b tagged.
- Perform kinematic fit for $t\bar{t}$ reconstruction (based on W and top mass constrains)
- Accept events with $150 < m_t^{\text{fit}} < 200$ GeV, and fit probability greater than 0.02.

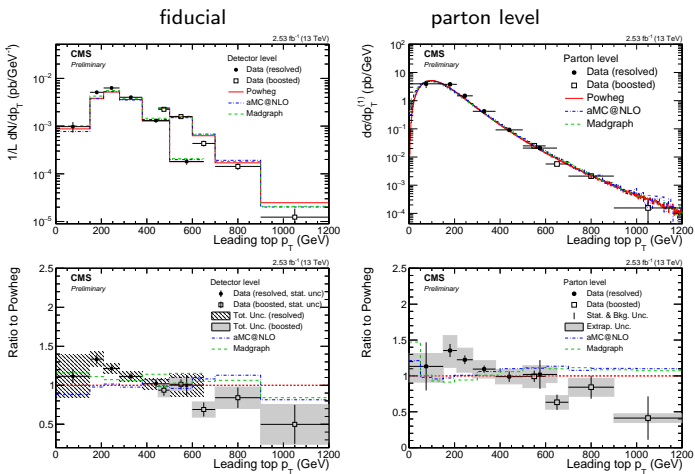
Boosted

- 1 jet $p_T > 200$ GeV and 1 jet $p_T > 450$ GeV
- each jet: softdrop mass > 50 GeV, b tagged subjet, n-jettiness requirements.

Template Fit: Signal template from MC, background template from data by inverting b tagging.

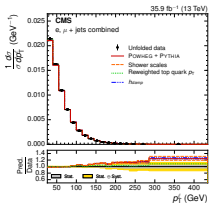
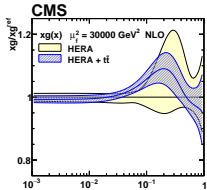
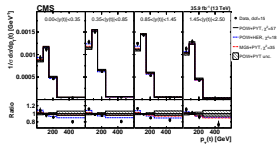
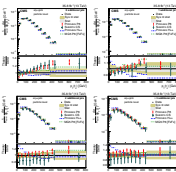
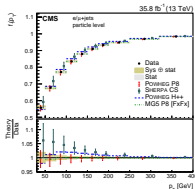
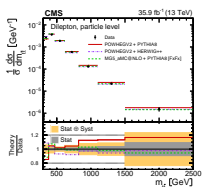


$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 834 \pm 25(\text{stat})_{-104}^{+118}(\text{syst}) \pm 23(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$



Soft $p_T(t)$ confirmed in all-jets channel and persisting in boosted regime.

Conclusion



Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections:

- Event variables.
- 1D, 2D differential cross sections of the top quarks.
- Differential distributions of jets in $t\bar{t}$ events.

These measurements provide:

- Precision test of the SM top quark production.
- Tests of parton shower models
 → improved understanding of systematics in other measurements, e.g., top mass.
- PDF constraints, extractions of m_t and α_s .
- Constraints on BSM effective theories
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Backup

Parton level

Distribution	χ^2/dof	$p\text{-value}$	χ^2/dof	$p\text{-value}$	χ^2/dof	$p\text{-value}$
	POWHEG+P8 with unc.		POWHEG+P8		NNLO QCD+NLO EW	
$p_T(t_{\text{high}})$	16.4/12	0.173	27.4/12	<0.01		
$p_T(t_{\text{low}})$	22.4/12	0.033	42.7/12	<0.01		
$p_T(t_h)$	16.4/12	0.175	24.0/12	0.020	5.13/12	0.953
$ y(t_h) $	1.28/11	1.000	1.41/11	1.000	2.27/11	0.997
$p_T(t_\ell)$	22.2/12	0.035	38.3/12	<0.01	9.56/12	0.654
$ y(t_\ell) $	2.04/11	0.998	2.42/11	0.996	8.14/11	0.700
$M(t\bar{t})$	7.67/10	0.661	11.6/10	0.314	24.7/10	<0.01
$p_T(t\bar{t})$	5.38/8	0.717	46.5/8	<0.01		
$ y(t\bar{t}) $	3.98/10	0.948	5.66/10	0.843	9.26/10	0.507
$ y(t_h) $ vs. $p_T(t_h)$	23.6/44	0.995	41.6/44	0.577		
$M(t\bar{t})$ vs. $ y(t\bar{t}) $	20.6/35	0.975	35.0/35	0.469		
$p_T(t_h)$ vs. $M(t\bar{t})$	38.9/32	0.188	59.3/32	<0.01		
	POWHEG+H++		MG5_aMC@NLO+P8 FxFx		—	
$p_T(t_{\text{high}})$	6.60/12	0.883	16.3/12	0.180		
$p_T(t_{\text{low}})$	28.5/12	<0.01	15.3/12	0.225		
$p_T(t_h)$	5.09/12	0.955	11.0/12	0.530		
$ y(t_h) $	2.39/11	0.997	2.21/11	0.998		
$p_T(t_\ell)$	6.55/12	0.886	17.4/12	0.136		
$ y(t_\ell) $	2.54/11	0.995	3.99/11	0.970		
$M(t\bar{t})$	4.16/10	0.940	12.1/10	0.275		
$p_T(t\bar{t})$	55.0/8	<0.01	26.8/8	<0.01		
$ y(t\bar{t}) $	11.9/10	0.292	8.92/10	0.540		
$ y(t_h) $ vs. $p_T(t_h)$	57.9/44	0.077	40.2/44	0.634		
$M(t\bar{t})$ vs. $ y(t\bar{t}) $	40.8/35	0.229	58.7/35	<0.01		
$p_T(t_h)$ vs. $M(t\bar{t})$	93.0/32	<0.01	166/32	<0.01		

Particle level

Distribution	χ^2/dof	p -value	χ^2/dof	p -value	χ^2/dof	p -value
	POWHEG+P8 with unc.		SHERPA with unc.		POWHEG+P8	
$p_T(t_h)$	15.9/12	0.197	7.21/12	0.844	29.5/12	<0.01
$ y(t_h) $	1.96/11	0.999	1.48/11	1.000	2.23/11	0.997
$p_T(t_\ell)$	27.0/12	<0.01	22.3/12	0.034	80.2/12	<0.01
$ y(t_\ell) $	4.55/11	0.951	5.07/11	0.928	4.99/11	0.932
$M(t\bar{t})$	5.83/10	0.829	2.40/10	0.992	9.07/10	0.525
$p_T(t\bar{t})$	4.96/8	0.761	28.9/8	<0.01	41.2/8	<0.01
$ y(t\bar{t}) $	5.93/10	0.821	6.63/10	0.760	8.61/10	0.570
$ y(t_h) $ vs. $p_T(t_h)$	35.7/44	0.810	29.6/44	0.953	64.1/44	0.025
$M(t\bar{t})$ vs. $ y(t\bar{t}) $	25.9/35	0.867	24.2/35	0.914	56.2/35	0.013
$p_T(t_h)$ vs. $M(t\bar{t})$	47.4/32	0.039	57.2/32	<0.01	73.2/32	<0.01
	SHERPA		POWHEG+H++		MG5_aMC@NLO+P8 FxFx	
$p_T(t_h)$	13.5/12	0.335	32.1/12	<0.01	17.4/12	0.137
$ y(t_h) $	2.32/11	0.997	4.89/11	0.936	3.16/11	0.988
$p_T(t_\ell)$	39.4/12	<0.01	21.8/12	0.040	47.7/12	<0.01
$ y(t_\ell) $	5.54/11	0.902	4.04/11	0.969	7.22/11	0.781
$M(t\bar{t})$	2.86/10	0.985	52.8/10	<0.01	5.45/10	0.859
$p_T(t\bar{t})$	68.7/8	<0.01	46.8/8	<0.01	21.3/8	<0.01
$ y(t\bar{t}) $	12.1/10	0.276	18.6/10	0.046	8.13/10	0.616
$ y(t_h) $ vs. $p_T(t_h)$	48.3/44	0.305	116/44	<0.01	44.9/44	0.434
$M(t\bar{t})$ vs. $ y(t\bar{t}) $	41.5/35	0.208	219/35	<0.01	55.7/35	0.014
$p_T(t_h)$ vs. $M(t\bar{t})$	66.5/32	<0.01	152/32	<0.01	48.9/32	0.028

With additional jets

Distribution	χ^2/dof	p -value	χ^2/dof	p -value	χ^2/dof	p -value
	POWHEG+P8 with unc.		SHERPA with unc.		POWHEG+P8	
Additional jets	1.52/6	0.958	27.3/6	<0.01	10.1/6	0.121
Additional jets vs. $p_T(t_h)$	35.1/44	0.830	64.6/44	0.023	71.6/44	<0.01
Additional jets vs. $M(t\bar{t})$	27.5/36	0.845	68.9/36	<0.01	38.8/36	0.345
Additional jets vs. $p_T(t\bar{t})$	64.6/29	<0.01	181/29	<0.01	175/29	<0.01
$p_T(\text{jet})$	70.2/47	0.016	374/47	<0.01	133/47	<0.01
$ \eta(\text{jet}) $	120/70	<0.01	174/70	<0.01	171/70	<0.01
ΔR_{j_t}	60.9/66	0.655	215/66	<0.01	168/66	<0.01
ΔR_t	64.0/62	0.405	229/62	<0.01	121/62	<0.01
	SHERPA		POWHEG+H++		MG5_aMC@NLO+P8 FxFx	
Additional jets	63.0/6	<0.01	34.1/6	<0.01	11.1/6	0.086
Additional jets vs. $p_T(t_h)$	88.5/44	<0.01	230/44	<0.01	53.4/44	0.156
Additional jets vs. $M(t\bar{t})$	112/36	<0.01	300/36	<0.01	55.1/36	0.022
Additional jets vs. $p_T(t\bar{t})$	285/29	<0.01	223/29	<0.01	122/29	<0.01
$p_T(\text{jet})$	768/47	<0.01	624/47	<0.01	111/47	<0.01
$ \eta(\text{jet}) $	214/70	<0.01	259/70	<0.01	133/70	<0.01
ΔR_{j_t}	334/66	<0.01	959/66	<0.01	67.0/66	0.441
ΔR_t	316/62	<0.01	483/62	<0.01	78.9/62	0.073