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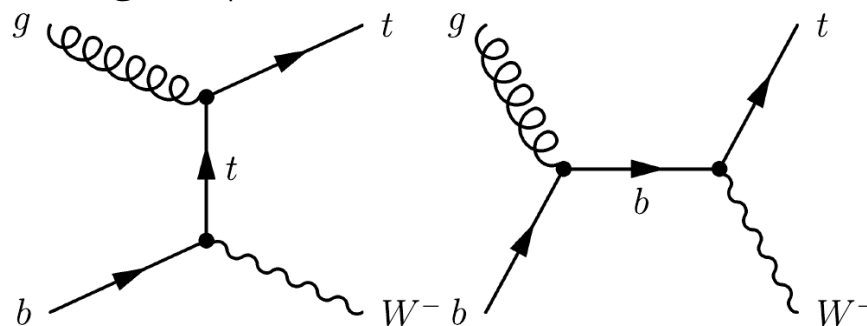
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Latest single top differential cross section measurements at CMS

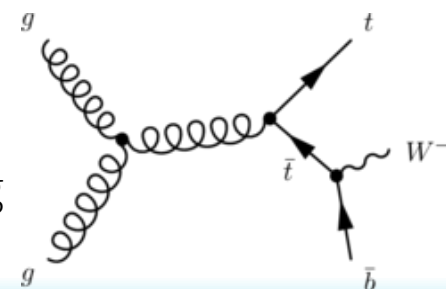
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Introduction

- The CMS' latest measurement of single top differential cross sections has been done on the tW process with 2016 data using dilepton final states ([CMS-PAS-TOP-19-003](#)).



- Main challenge: **background largely dominates signal**, being the most important $t\bar{t}$.
- This is a consequence of its similarity with the most important way of producing top quarks at p-p collisions: pair production. Actually, at NLO, **they interfere**. In order to resolve both processes' definitions, and avoid double counting issues, two approaches ([JHEP 07 \(2008\) 029](#)) are used to obtain the tW simulation samples.
 - Diagram Removal (**DR**): we remove Feynman diagrams that might present two on-shell tops (also called *double resonant*).
 - Diagram Subtraction (**DS**): we remove locally the pair-production contribution by adding an artificial term in the calculation.



- The differential cross sections are measured as a function of the leading lepton p_T , jet p_T , $\Delta\phi(e^\pm, \mu^\mp)$, $p_z(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j)$, $m(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j)$ and $m_T(e^\pm, \mu^\mp, j, p_T^{\text{miss}})$.

Methodology

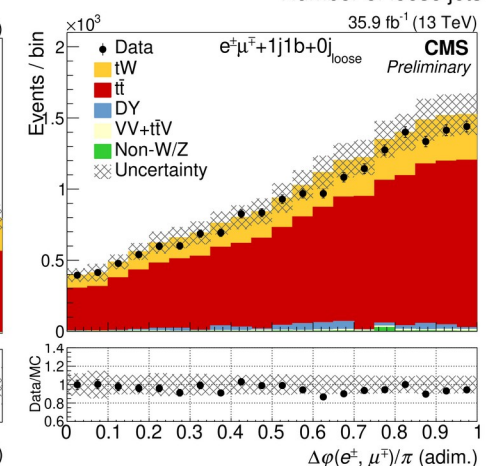
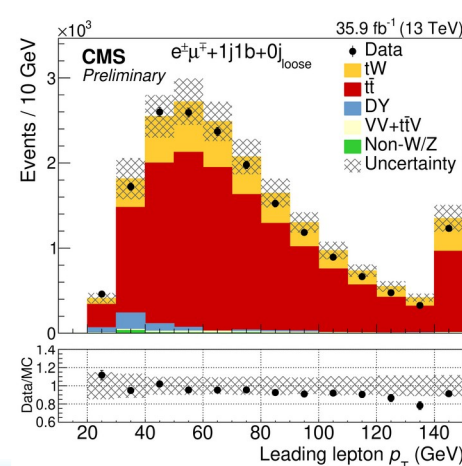
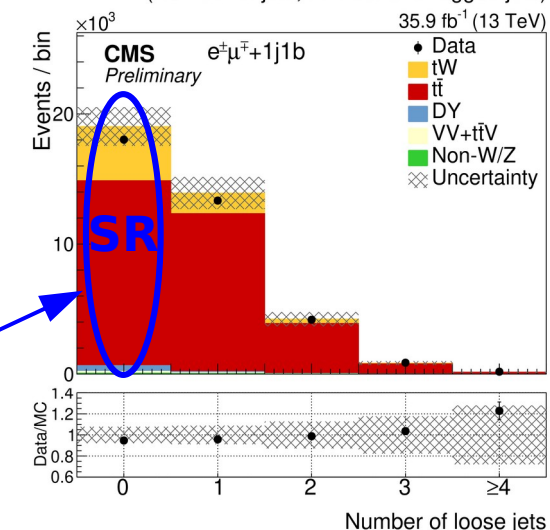
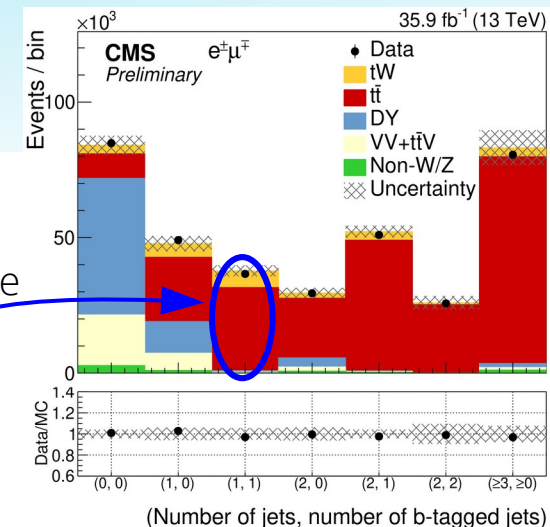
- The analysis is performed using the **complete 2016 dataset** (35.9 fb⁻¹).
- The **trigger strategy** uses a combination of single and double triggers to maximise efficiency.

Event selection

- At least two identified leptons.
- One of them must fulfil $p_T > 25$ GeV.
- The two first (in terms of p_T) must have opposite charge...
- ... and be an electron and a muon ($e\mu$ channel)...
- ...whose invariant mass satisfy $m(e, \mu) > 20$ GeV.
- Exactly 1 jet ($p_T > 30$ GeV) that must be b-tagged.
- Exactly zero loose jets (jets with $20 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 30 \text{ GeV}$).

- Signal is extracted by subtracting background to data.

- Afterwards, unfolding (implemented using **TUnfold**: [JINST 7 \(2012\) T10003](#)) is done to an equivalent fiducial region at particle level. The result is normalised to the fiducial cross section.



Result & discussion

- **Agreement** between data and expectations (with the two generators, POWHEG and MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO) is fairly good.
- Analysis largely dominated by systematic sources of uncertainties, whose main origin is the overwhelming background.
 - Main sources: jet-related uncs. (e.g. JES, JER) and modeling (e.g. ME/PS matching).
 - Depending on the bin and distribution, varying from ~15-40% (bulk of distributions) up to ~25-100% in the tails.
- In addition, the result shows **compatible agreement** for the DR and DS schemes of the signal process.

