

# Top quark pair and single top differential cross sections in CMS

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# Outline

## ◆ Top pair production

- ▶ Differential Cross Section measurements (high-pT)
- ▶ Normalised multi-differential Cross Section measurements
- ▶ Strong coupling strength  $a_s$
- ▶ Top quark pole mass  $m_t^{pole}$
- ▶ Parton distribution functions (PDF)

## ◆ Single top production



- ▶ Differential cross section measurements (t-channel, tW)
- ▶ Associated production with a W boson
- ▶ Charge Ratios (t-channel)

# CMS @ LHC Run2 (2015-2018)



- ◆ During Run 2 the LHC produced unprecedented event samples

- ▶  $10^{16}$  pp collisions @ 13TeV

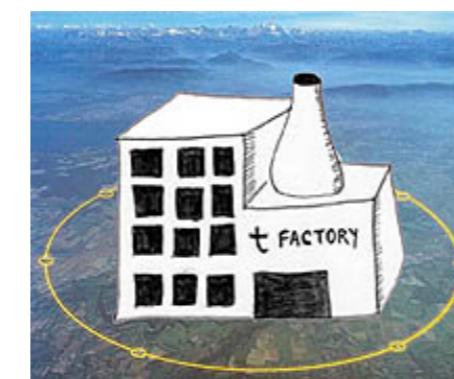
- ▶ 2015-2018 runs:

- Total Luminosity  $\sim 163 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Top quarks: 300 million



- On average 34 interactions per bunch crossing

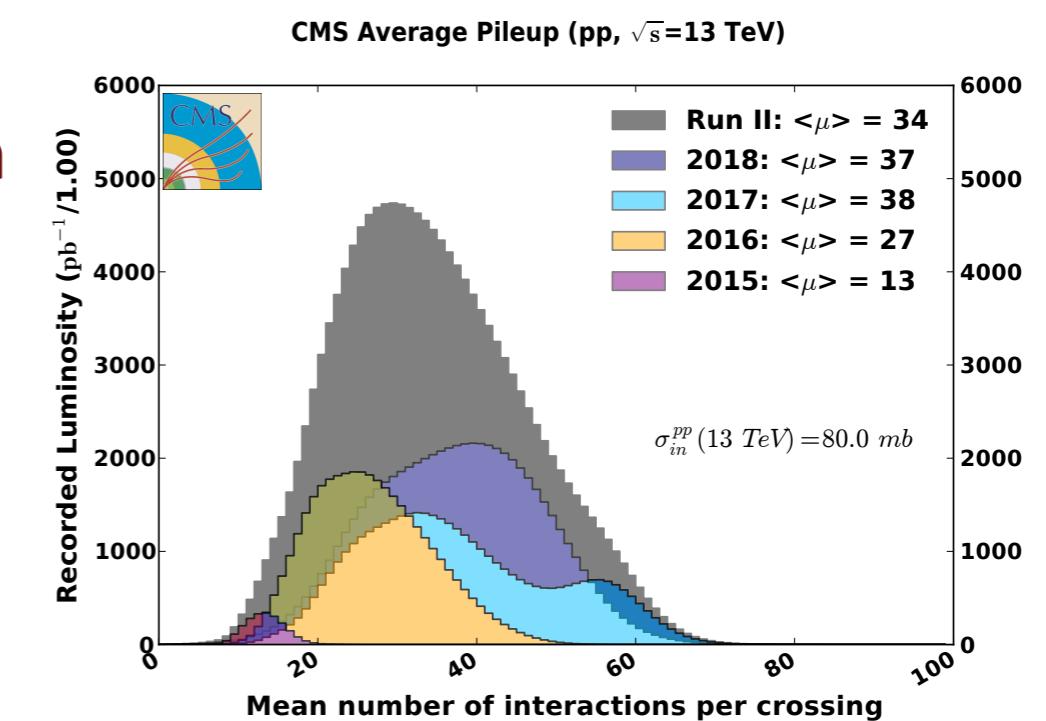
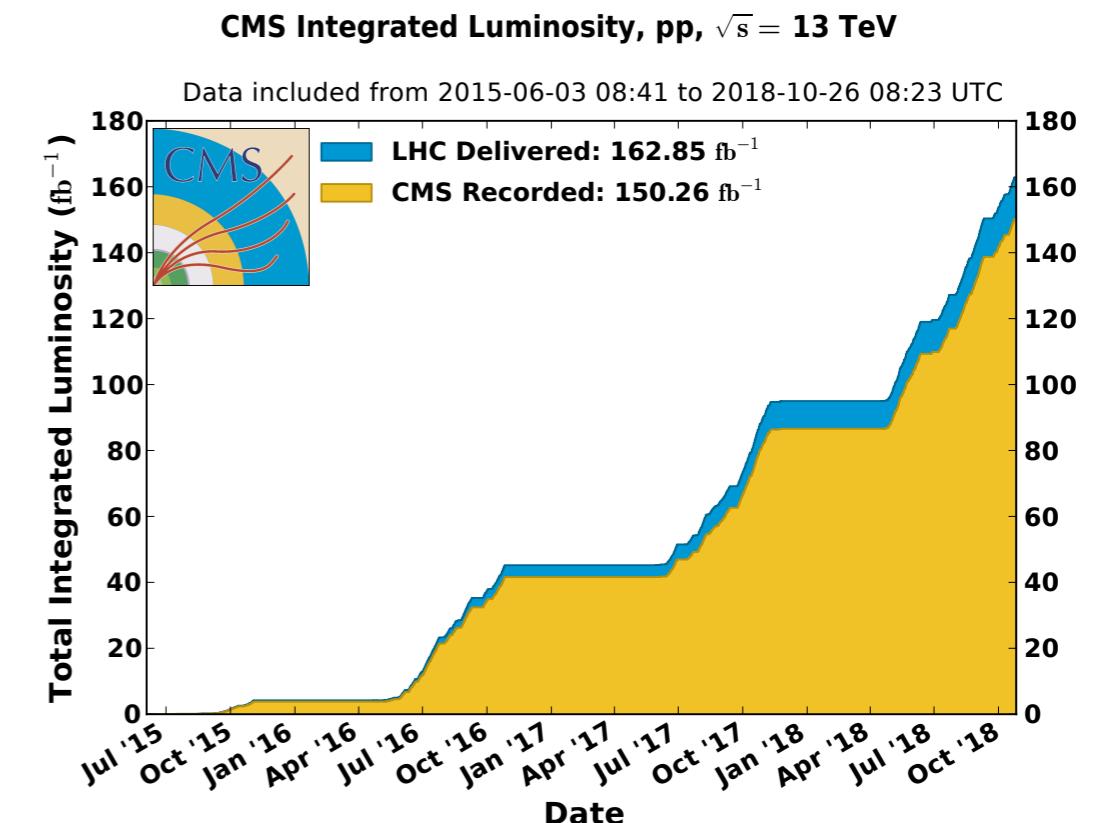


- ◆ Event sample enable broad physics that can

- ▶ Probe SM processes/calculations with high precision

- ▶ Detect very rare processes

- ▶ Explore vast kinematic phase space



# Why differential measurements?

- $t\bar{t}$  as a function of different kinematic variables:

- Opportunity to test the SM at TeV scale

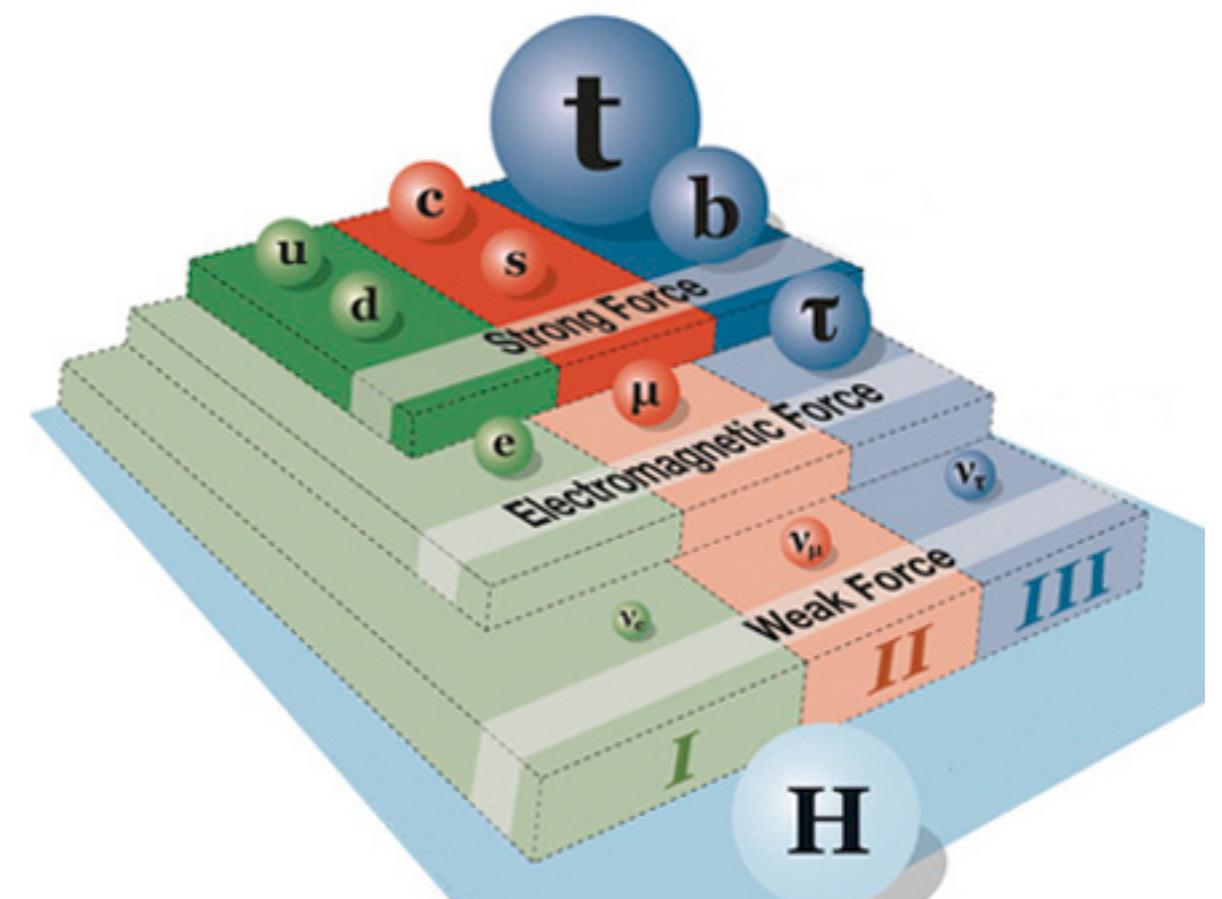
- Extensions to the SM may modify the  $t\bar{t}$  differential cross sections in ways that an inclusive cross sections measurement is not sensitive to:

- Such effects can distort top quark pT (especially at high pT's)

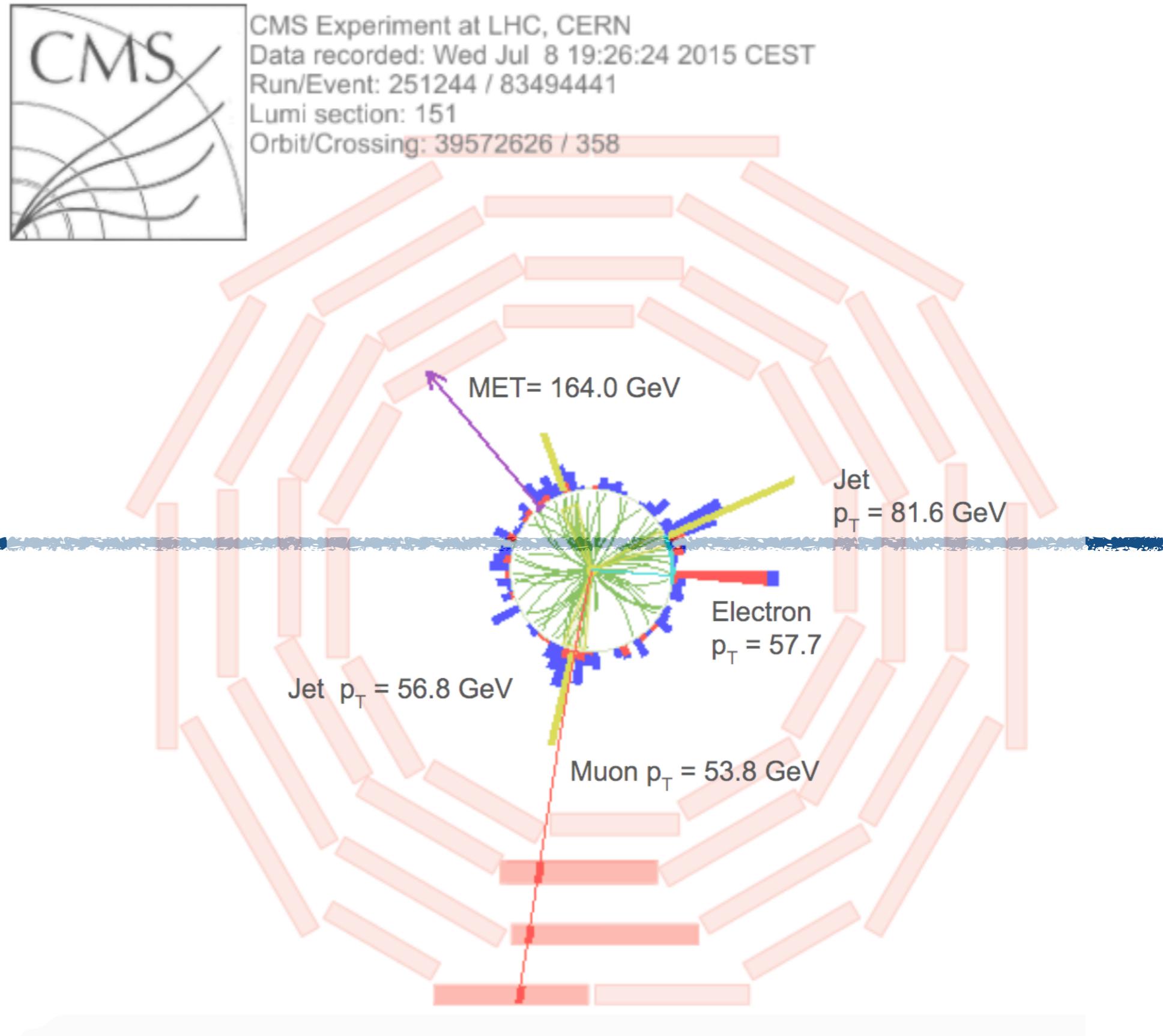
- Enhance sensitivity to possible BSM effects

- Challenge theoretical predictions that reach the NNLO accuracy in perturbative QCD

- Sensitive to the differences between MC generators:
  - Valuable input to the tuning of the MC parameters

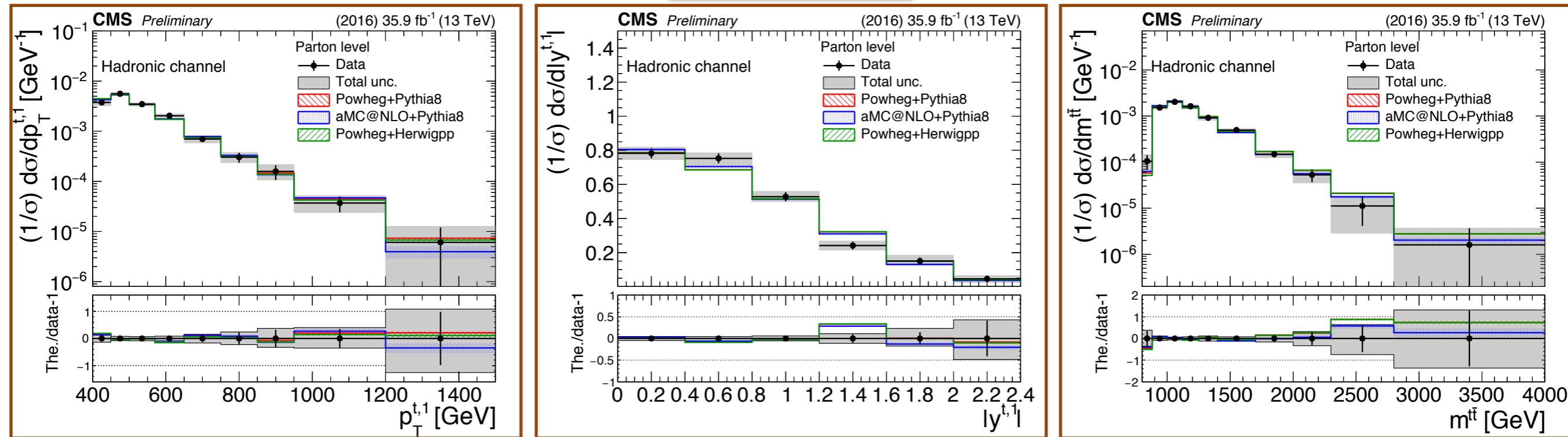


# **Top Pair**



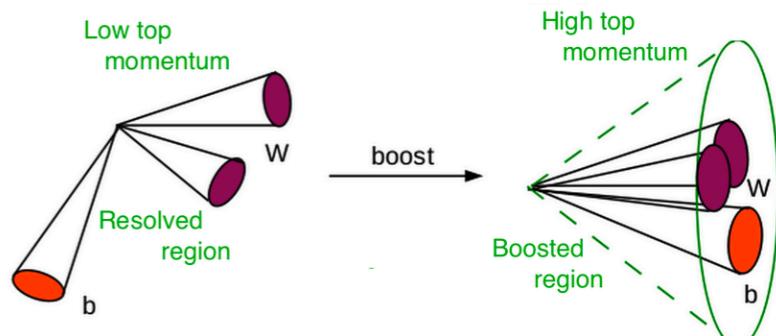
# Differential Cross Sections $d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dX$

## Parton



## Hadronic

- Full hadronic for **high-pT** jets
  - Selection and  $t\bar{t}$  reconstruction with NN
  - Explore the kinematic region beyond the reach of the resolved analyses
- Measurements
  - Absolute and normalised differential cross section @ Parton and particle levels
  - Top & top pair kinematic observables
- Results
  - Shapes overall compatible with theory: no top pT slope
  - Overall Shift in the order of 35% in the total cross section



# Differential Cross Sections $d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dX$

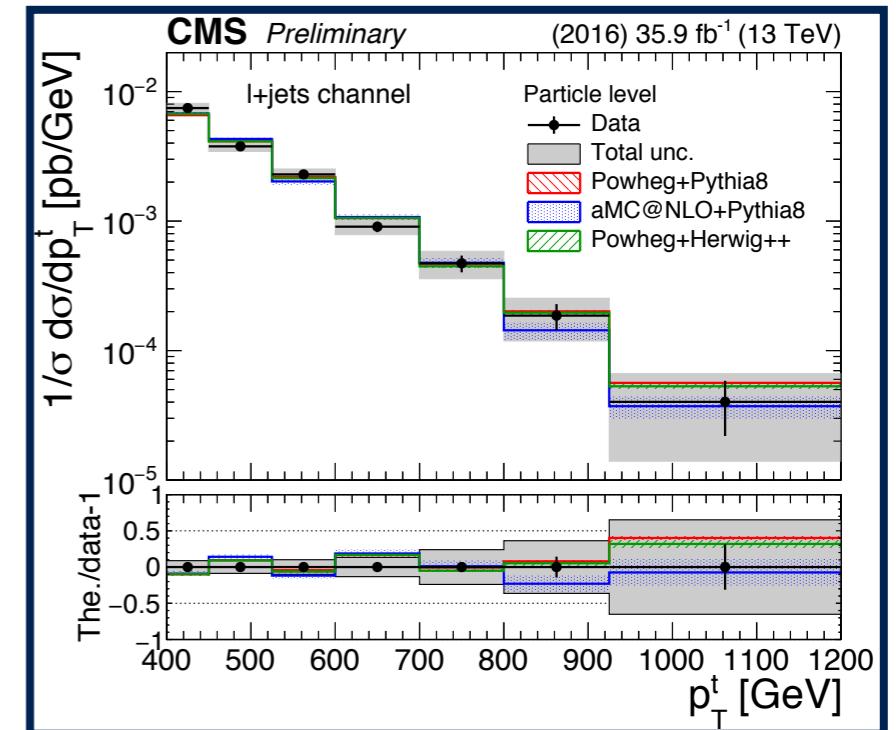


- L + jets for high-pT jets
  - Selection based on t- and b-jet categories

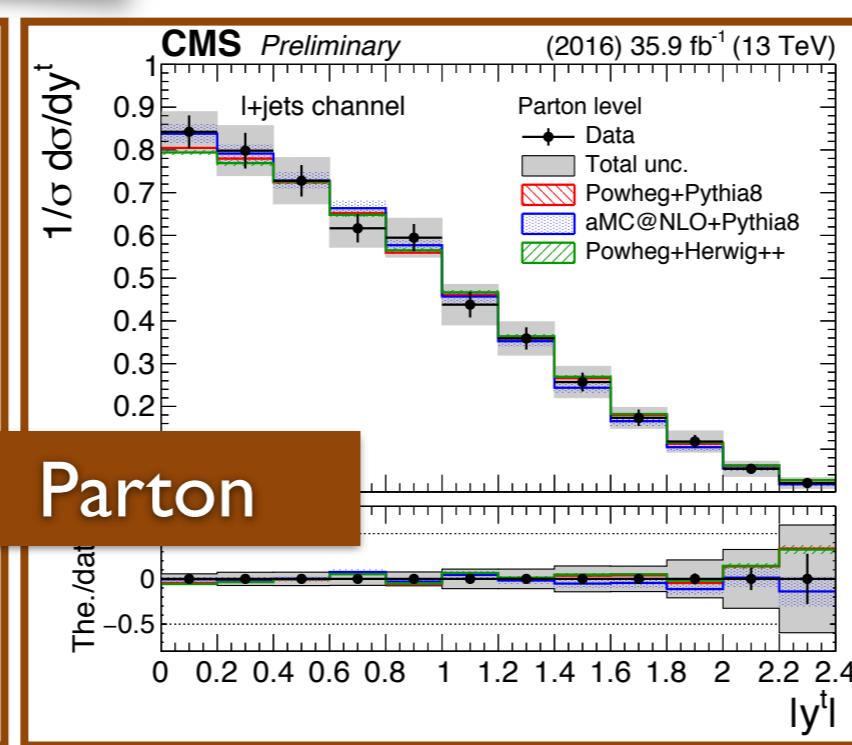
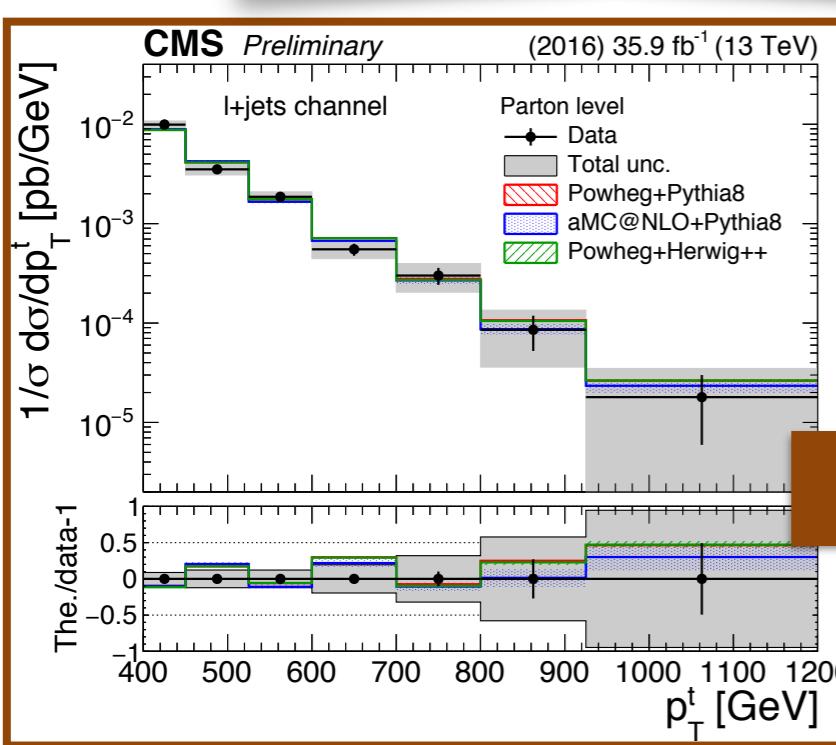
- Measurements
  - Absolute and normalised differential cross section @ Parton and particle levels
  - Hadronically decaying top pT and  $|y|$

- Results
  - Differential distributions are generally well described
  - All models overpredict the absolute cross section (~20%)

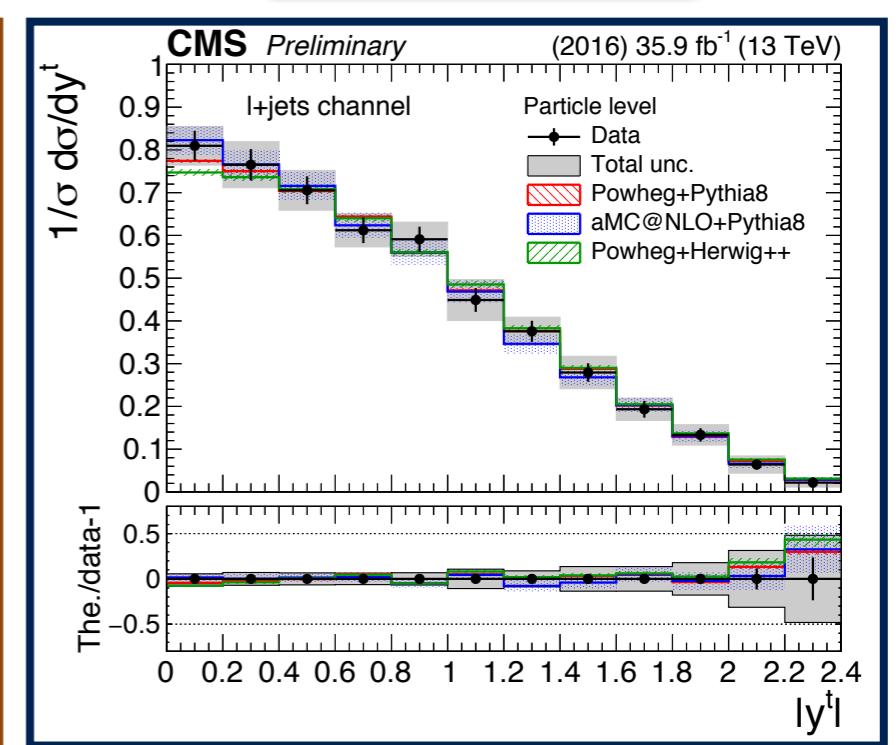
L + jets



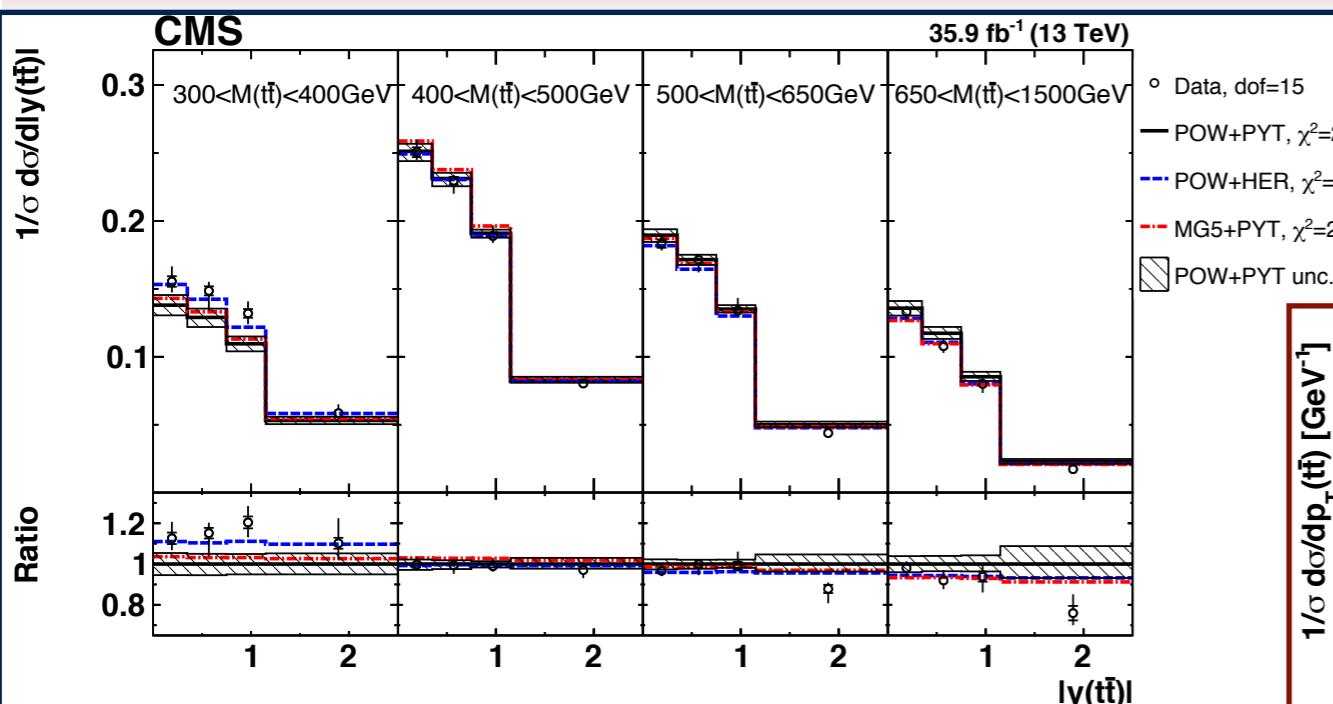
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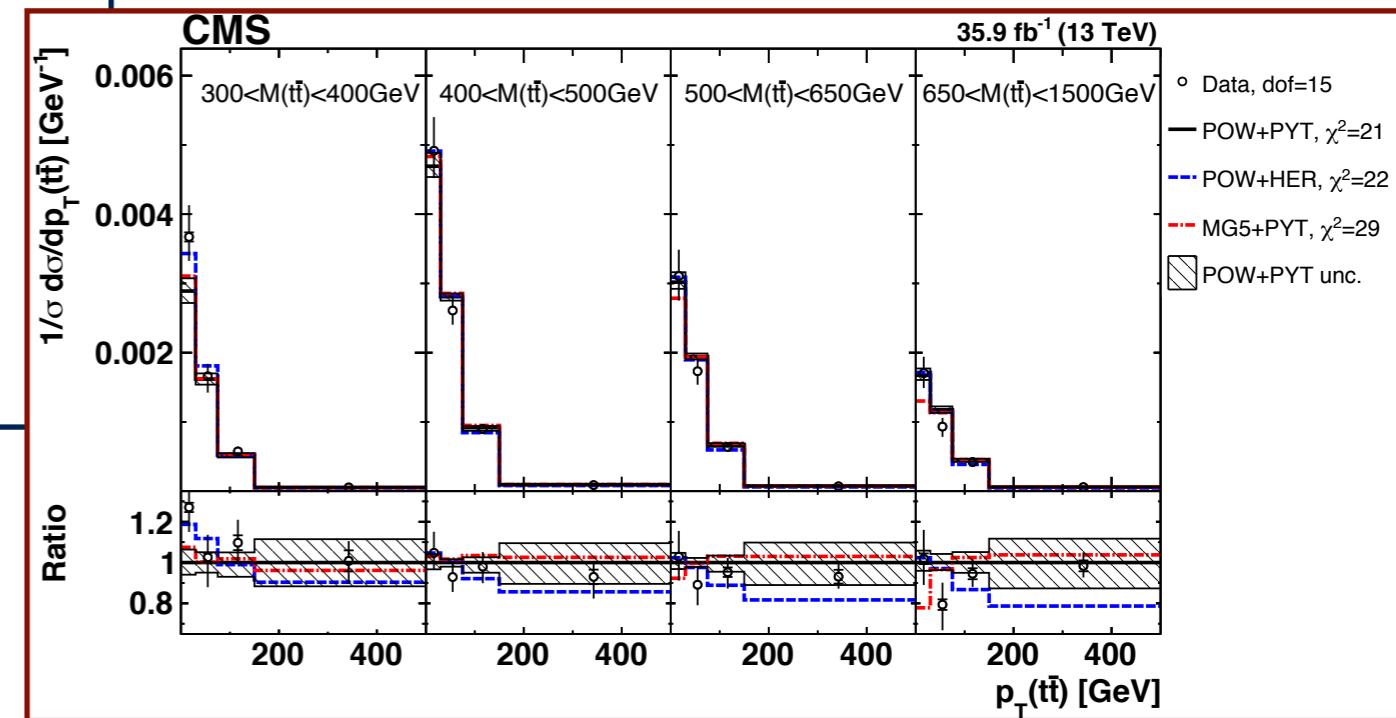
Parton



# 2D Differential Cross Sections



- All MC describe data well
- MG5+PYT predicts too hard  $p_T(t\bar{t})$  at highest  $M(t\bar{t})$  range



- In general shapes are well described
- MC is less central than data in largest  $M(t\bar{t})$  range
- Best description by ‘POW+HER’

- Measured Normalised 2D and 3D  $t\bar{t}$  cross section in dilepton channel

- Require 2  $l^\pm$ , 2 jets (at least 1 b-tagged)
- $t\bar{t}$  cross sections can be used to extract PDF's: constrain high-x gluon
- Constrain fundamental SM parameters:  $a_s$ ,  $m_t^{pole}$



- Quantitative comparison to several MC prediction

- Data can reveal trends and can distinguish between predictions

- 3D cross sections to constrain  $a_s$ ,  $m_t^{pole}$  and PDF's

- Most precise result for  $m_t^{pole}$  up to this date
- $a_s$  and  $m_t^{pole}$  are extracted simultaneously

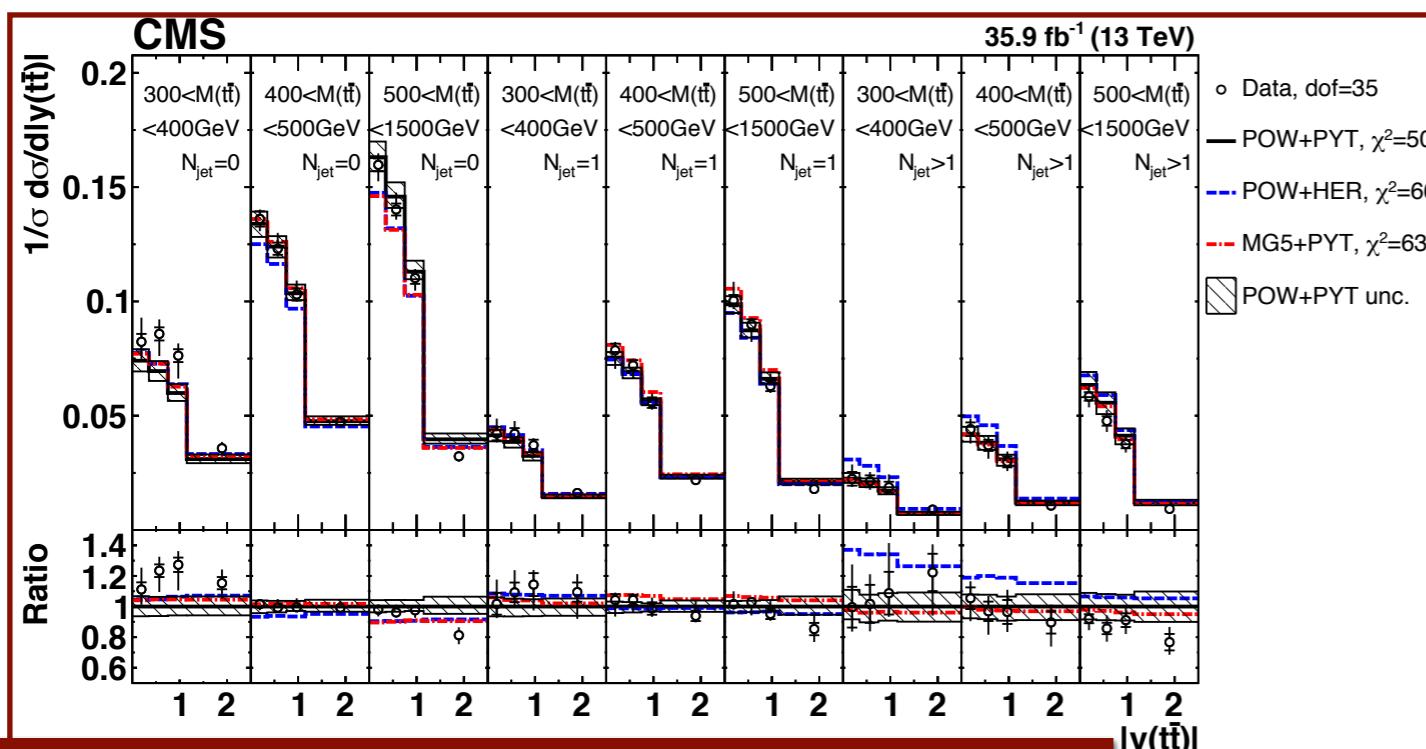
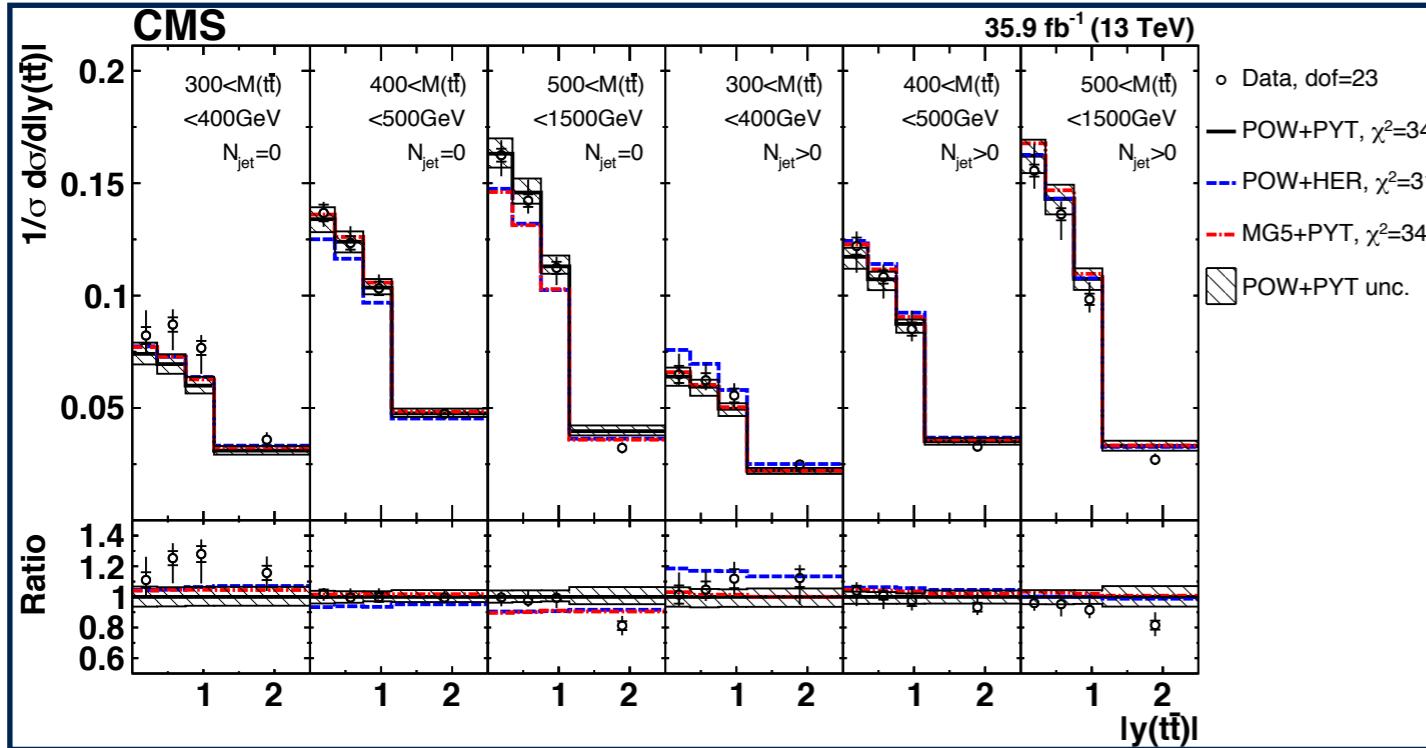
POW+PYT: POWHEG + Pythia8  
 POW+HER: POWHEG + Herwig++  
 MG5+PYT: MG5\_aMC@NLO

# 3D Differential Cross Sections

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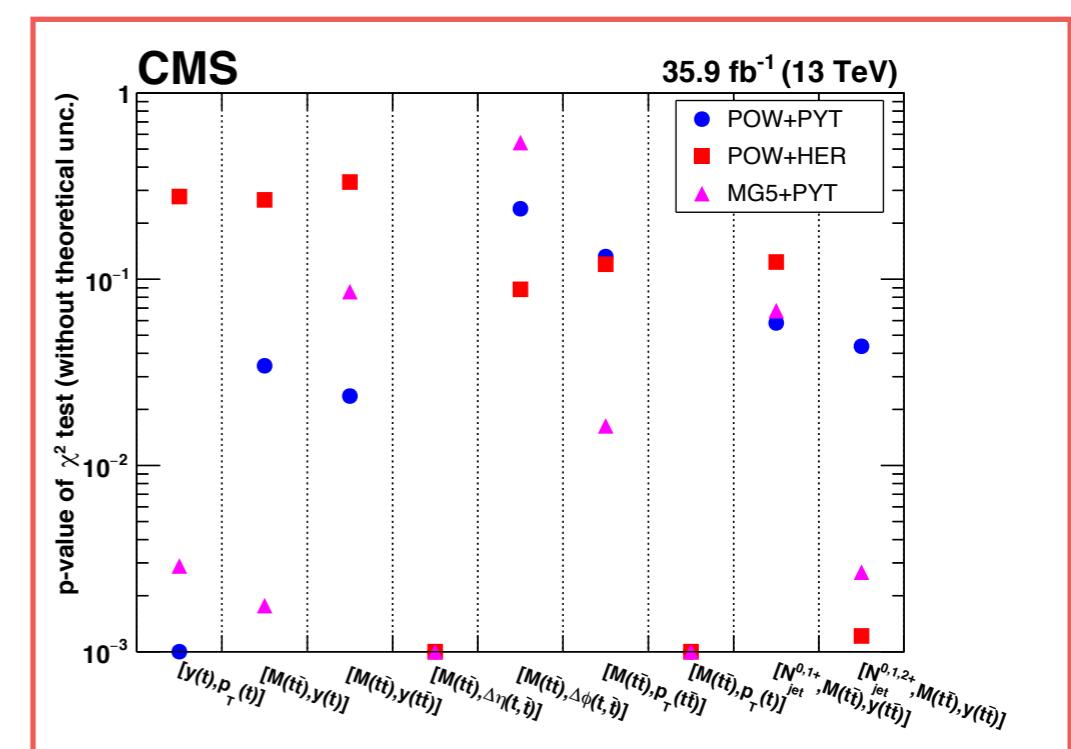


All MC describe data well



- Only 'POW+PYT' is in an agreement with data
- 'POW+HER' predicts too high XSEC for  $N_{jet} > 1$
- 'MG5+PYT' worse  $M(t\bar{t})$  at  $N_{jet} = 1$

Cross section variables	dof	$\chi^2$		
		'POW+PYT'	'POW+HER'	'MG5+PYT'
$[y(t), p_T(t)]$	15	57	18	35
$[M(t\bar{t}), y(t)]$	15	26	18	36
$[M(t\bar{t}), y(\bar{t})]$	15	28	17	23
$[M(t\bar{t}), \Delta\eta(t, \bar{t})]$	11	66	68	124
$[M(t\bar{t}), \Delta\phi(t, \bar{t})]$	15	14	18	10
$[M(t\bar{t}), p_T(t\bar{t})]$	15	21	22	29
$[M(t\bar{t}), p_T(t)]$	15	77	34	68
$[N_{jet}^{0,1+}, M(t\bar{t}), y(t\bar{t})]$	23	34	31	34
$[N_{jet}^{0,1,2+}, M(t\bar{t}), y(t\bar{t})]$	35	50	66	63

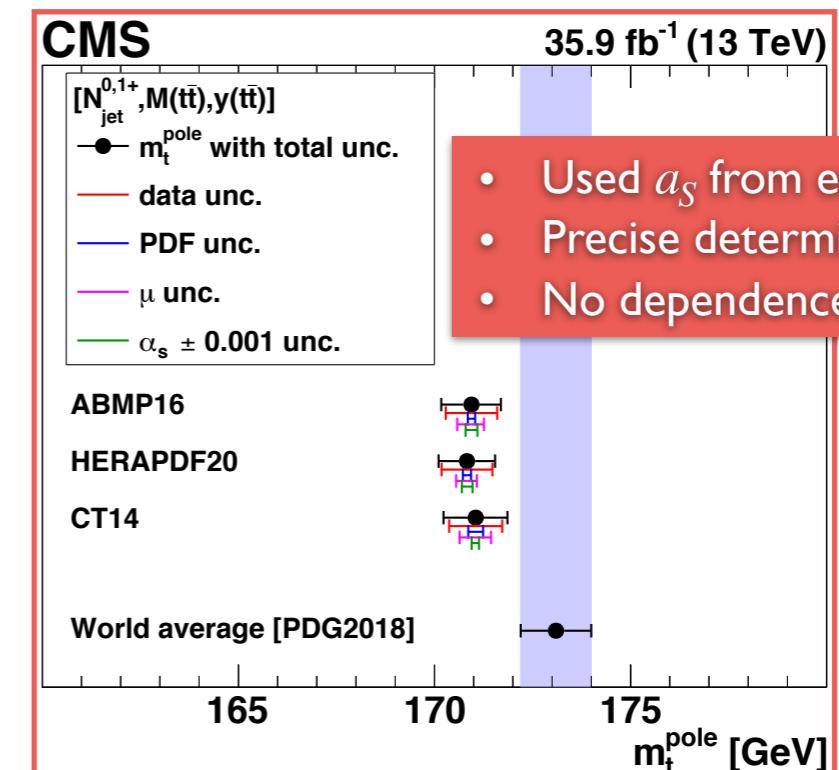
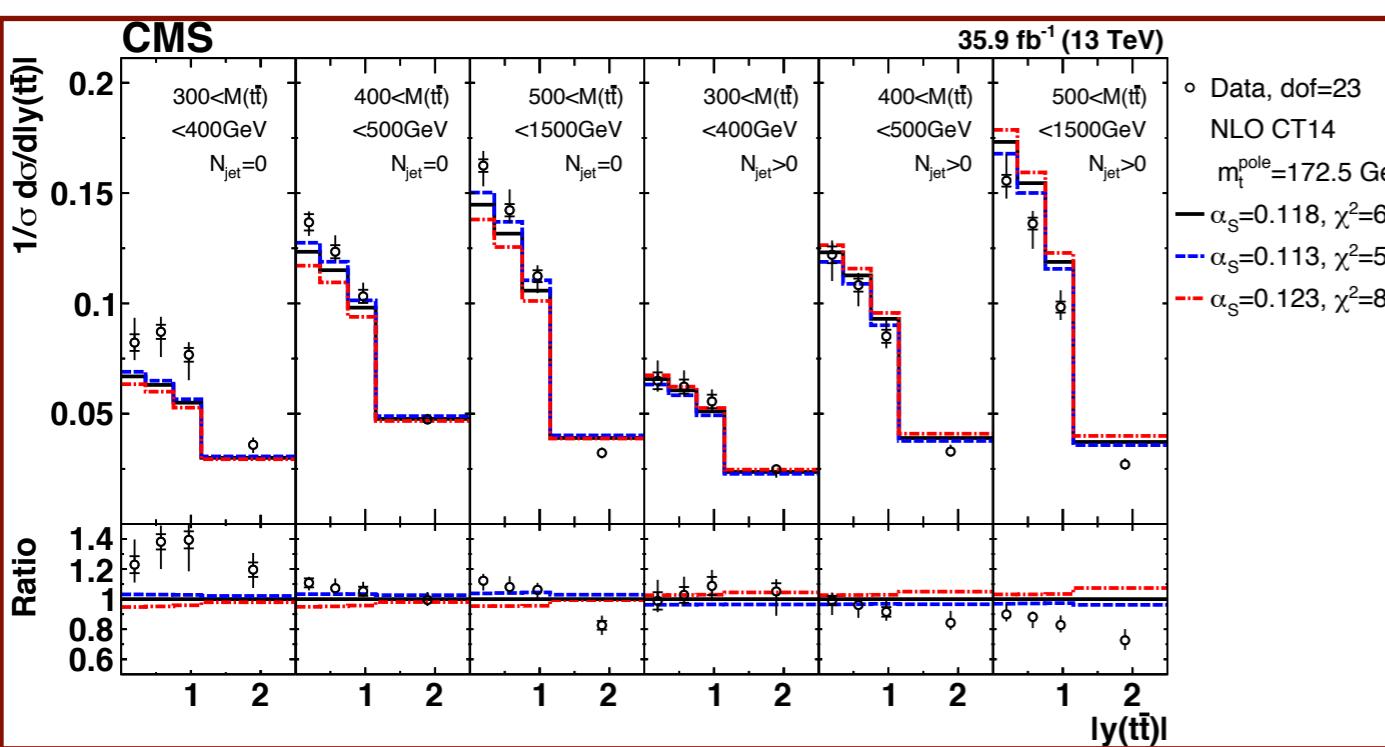
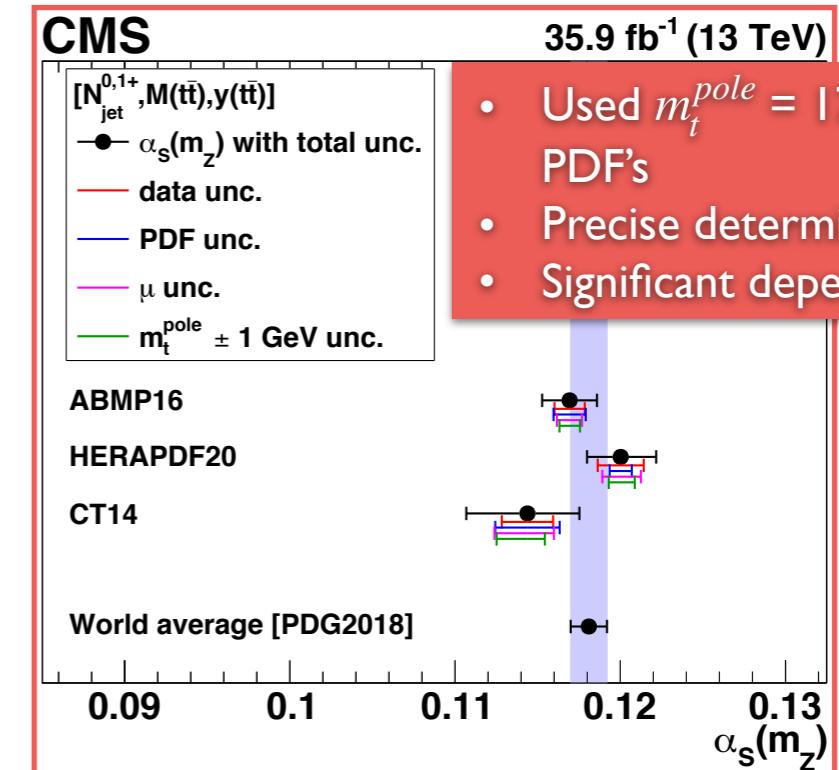
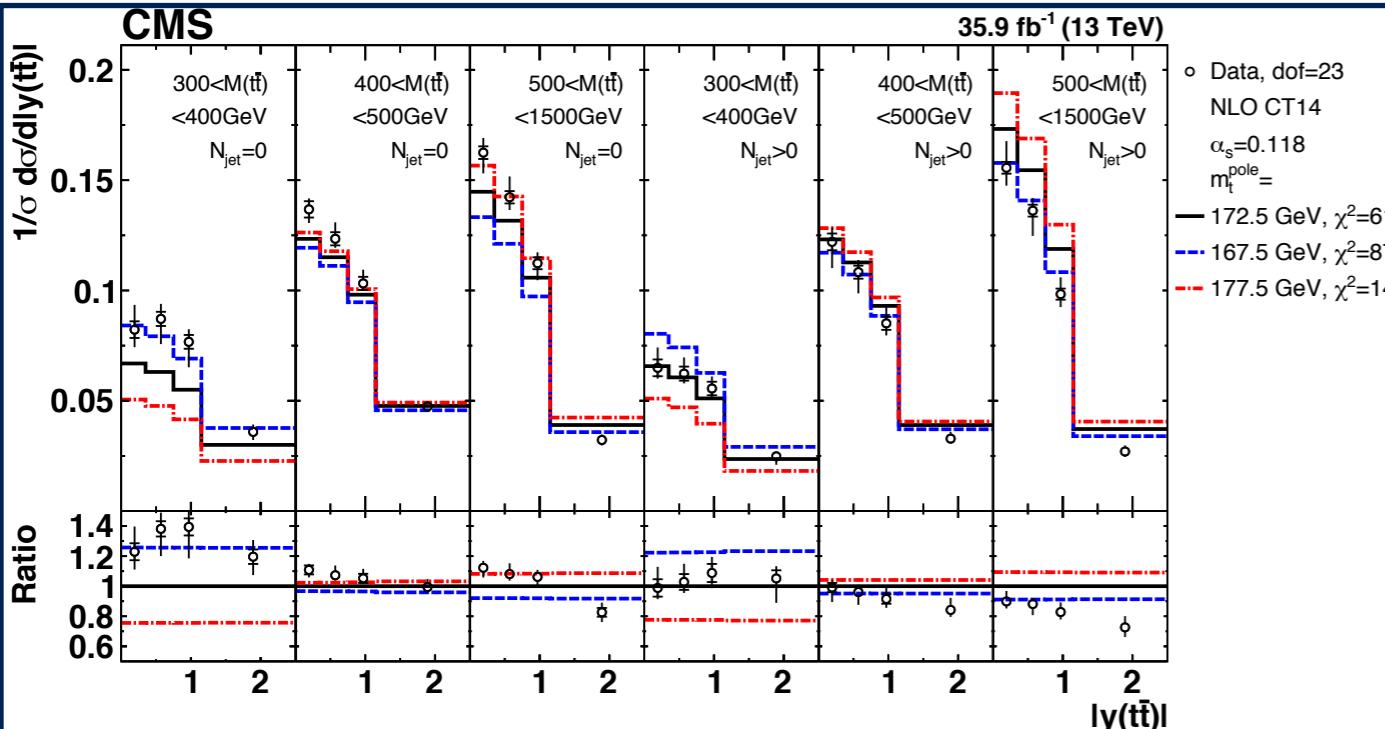


- Summary of Comparison to MC models
- None of the Central MC predictions is able to describe all distributions
- Best description by 'POW+PYT' and 'POW+HER'

# Extraction of $a_s$ , $m_t^{pole}$ using external PDF's from 3D cross sections

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$m_t^{pole}$  sensitivity comes from  $M(t\bar{t})$ , mainly 1st bin

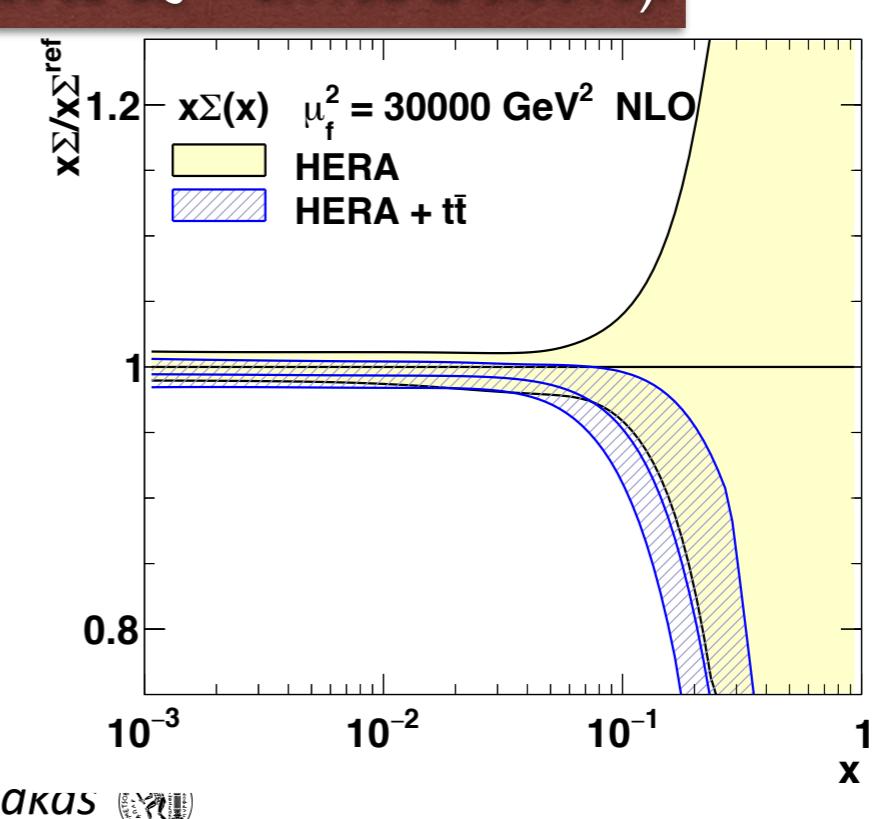
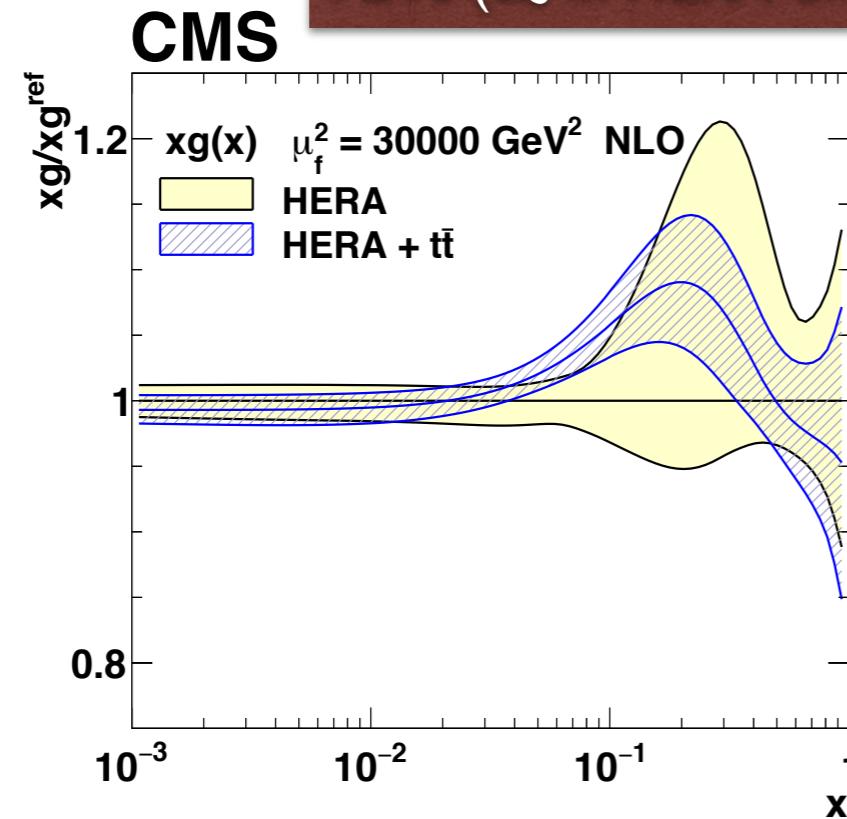
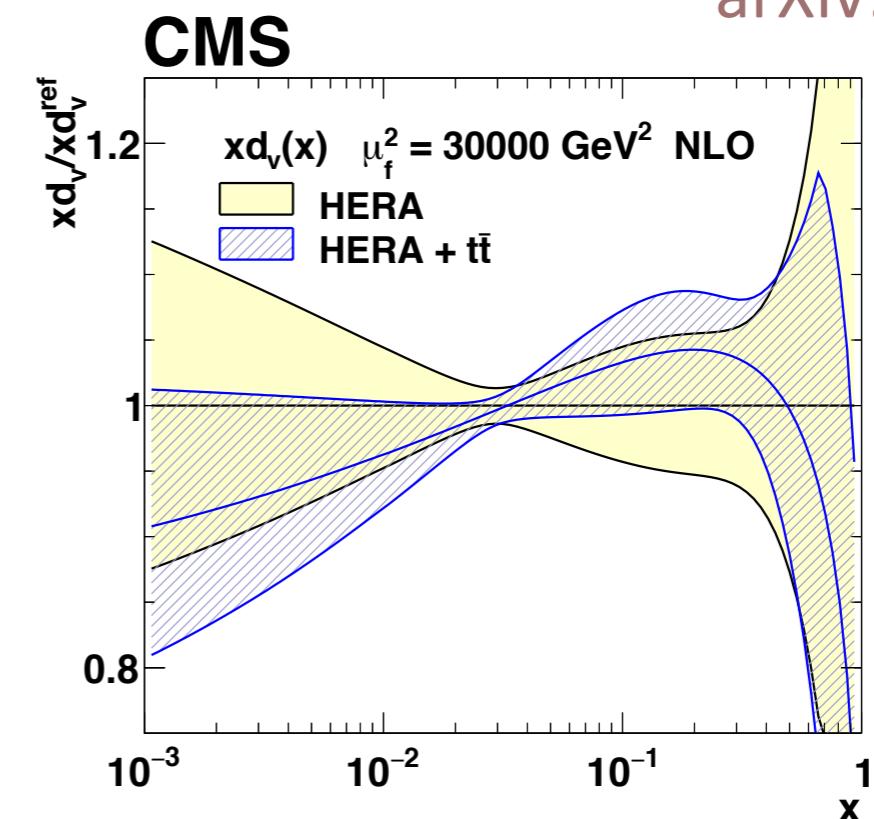
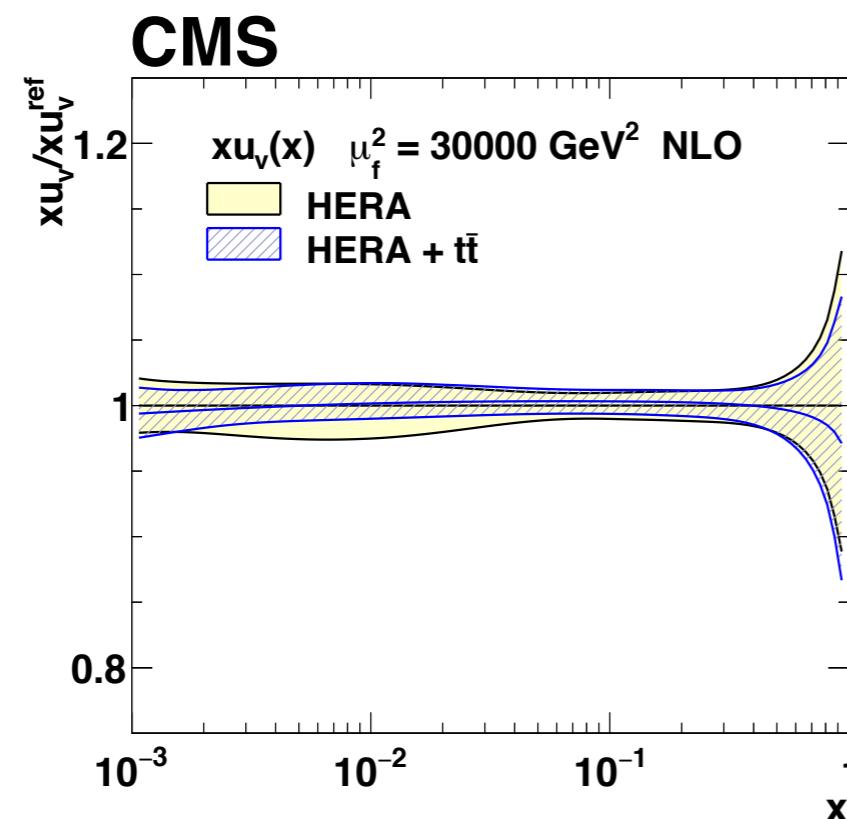


$\alpha_s$  sensitivity comes from different  $N_{jet}$  bins

# Extraction of $a_s$ , $m_t^{pole}$ and PDF's from 3D cross sections

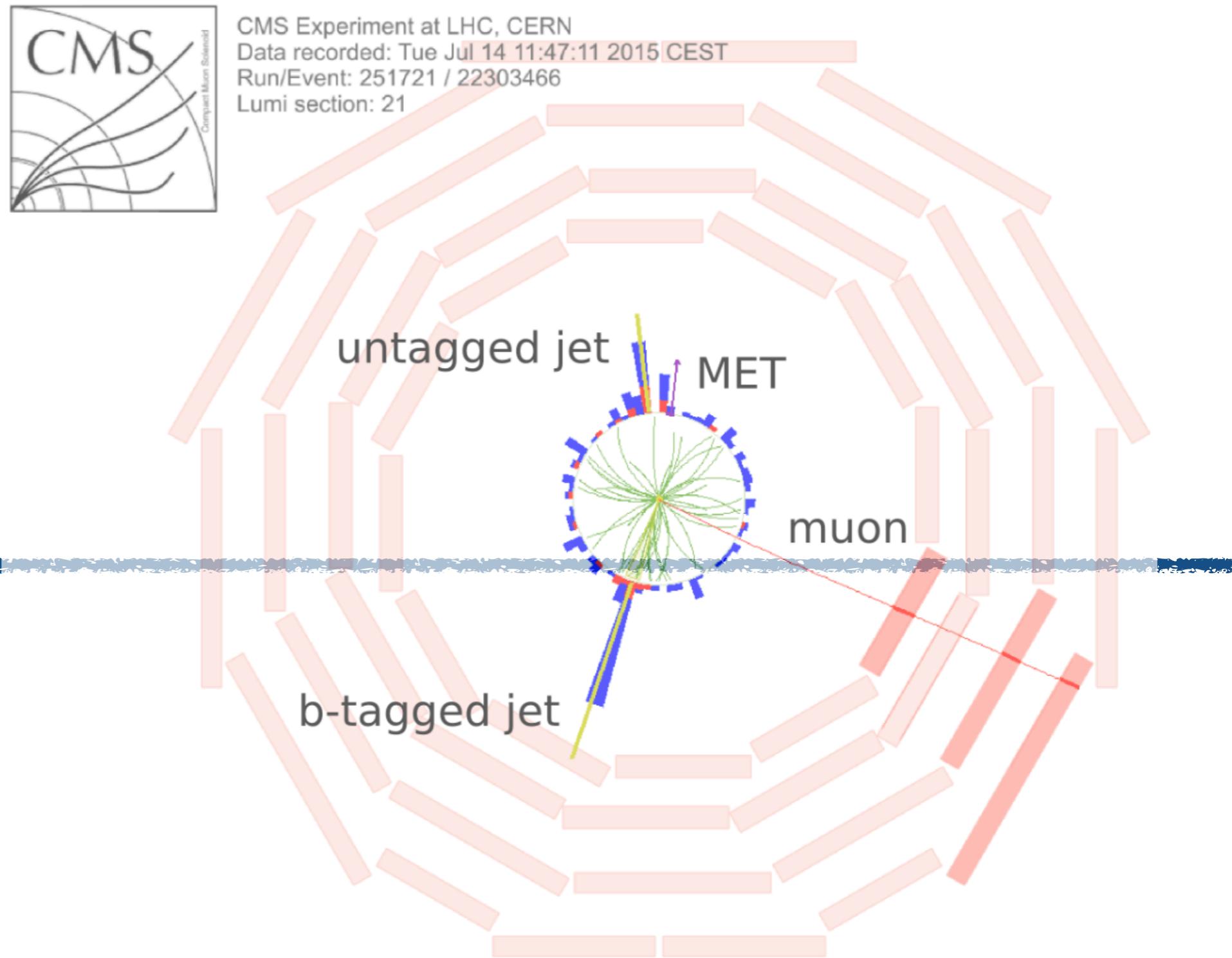


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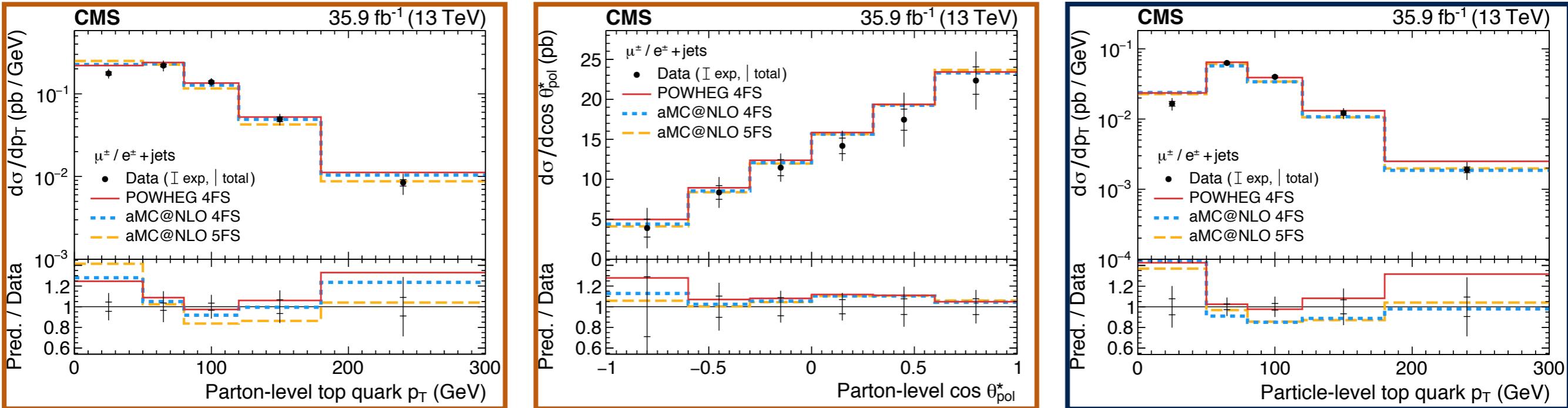


PDFs ( $\alpha_s$  in HERA-only fit set to  $\alpha_s = 0.1135 \pm 0.0016$ ):

# Single Top



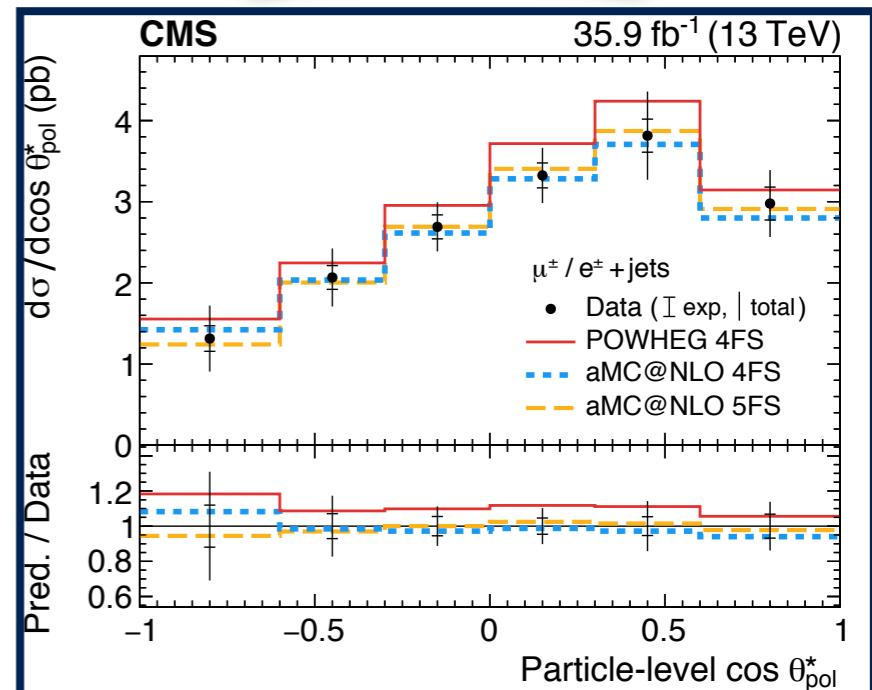
# Differential Cross Sections $d\sigma_{t(\bar{t})}/dX$ in t-channel



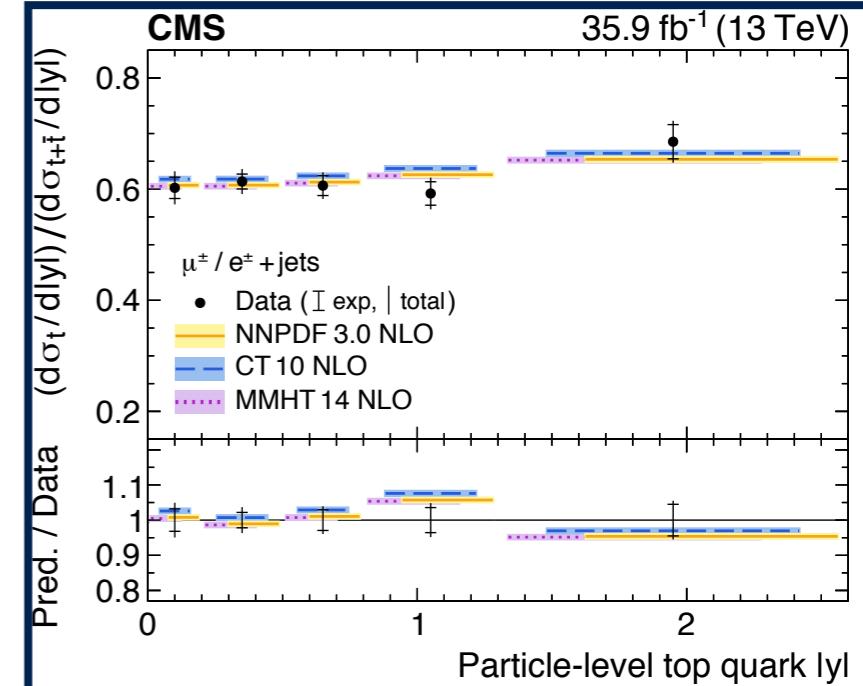
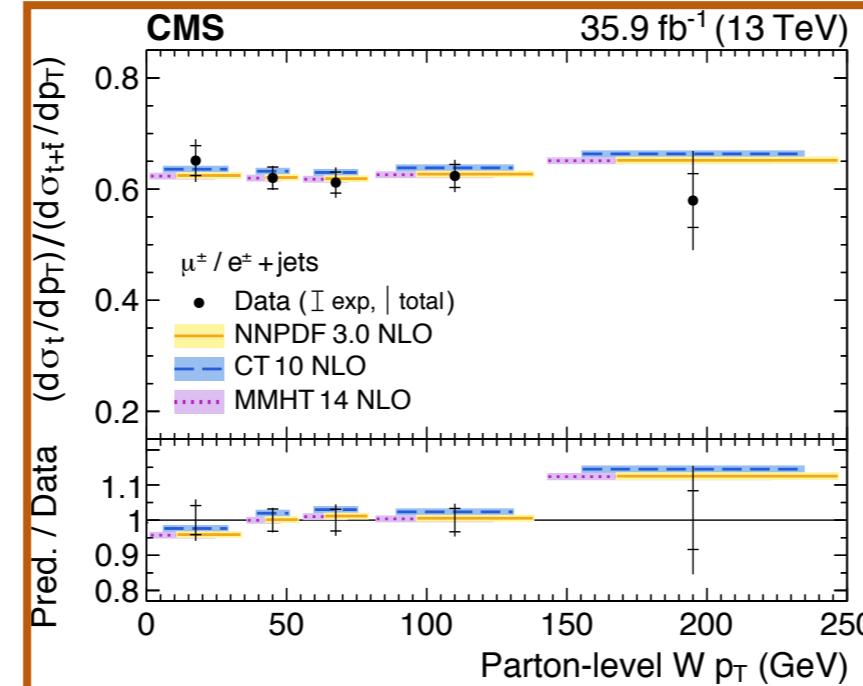
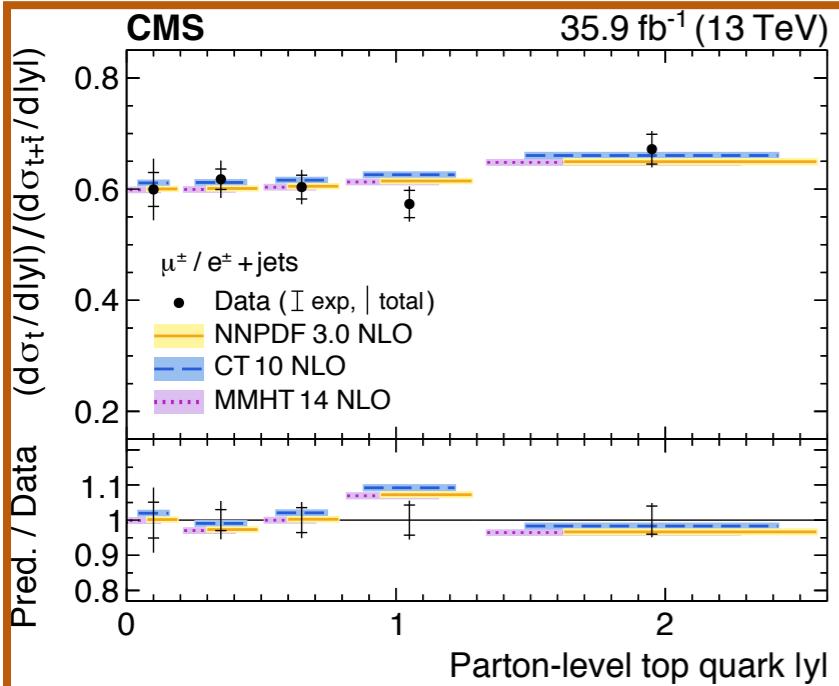
## Parton

- Single top in t-channel
  - Events containing single muons or electrons and two or three jets are analysed (2j0b W+jet region, 2j1b signal region, 3j2b  $t\bar{t}$  region)
- Measurements
  - Absolute and normalised differential cross section @ Parton and particle levels
  - Top quark  $p_T$ , rapidity and polarisation angle  $\cos\theta_{pol.}^* = \frac{\vec{p}_{q'}^{(top)} \cdot \vec{p}_l^{(top)}}{|\vec{p}_{q'}^{(top)}| \cdot |\vec{p}_l^{(top)}|}$
  - Unlike  $t\bar{t}$  productions, tops in t-channel are highly polarised due to the V-A coupling structure
  - Charged lepton  $p_T$ , rapidity, W boson  $p_T$  from the top quark decay
- Results
  - In agreement with predictions using various next-to-leading order event generators and various sets of parton distribution functions

## Particle



# Charge Ratios for single top quark in t-channel



Parton

Particle

## ● Charge Ratio

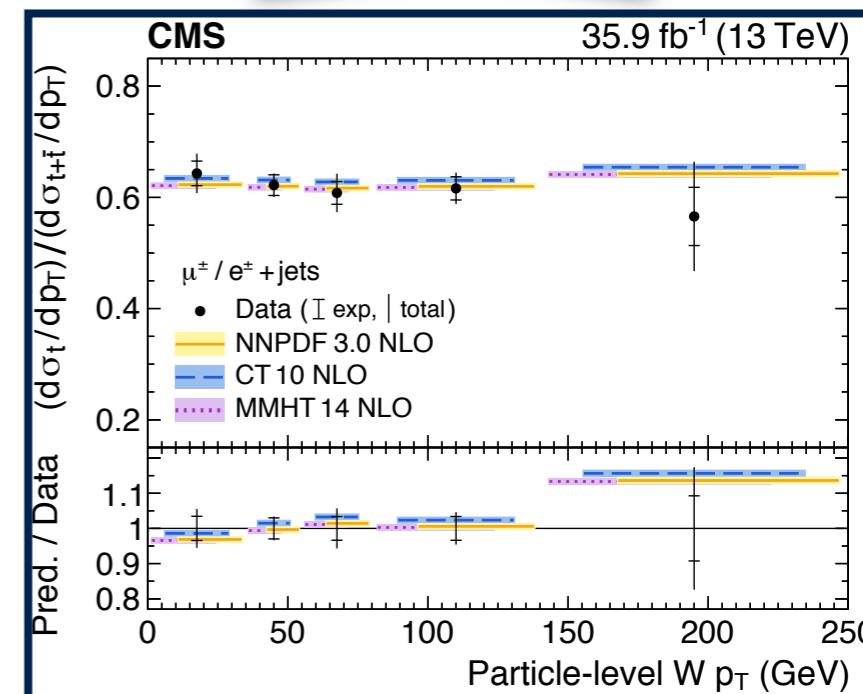
- Ratio of the single top cross section to the sum of the single top quark and antiquark cross sections

## ● Measurement

- Differentially as a function of the top quark, charged lepton, and W boson kinematic observables

## ● Results

- Shapes overall compatible with theory



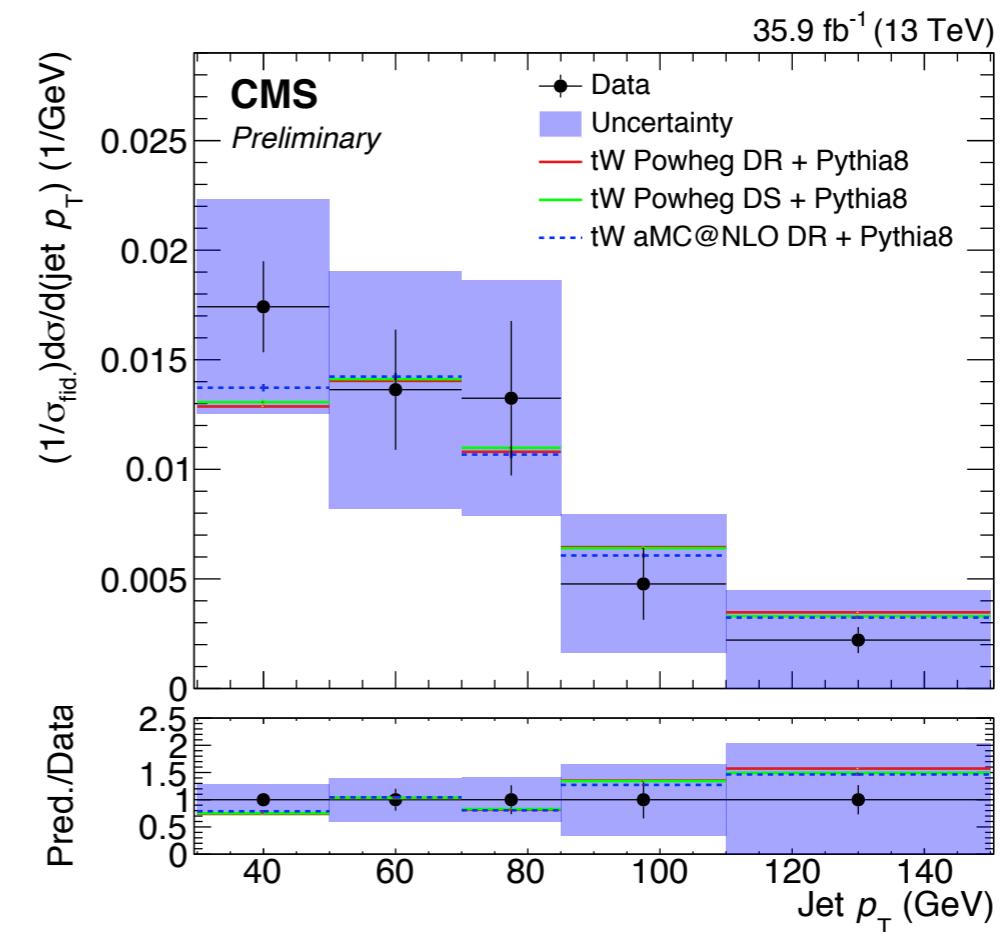
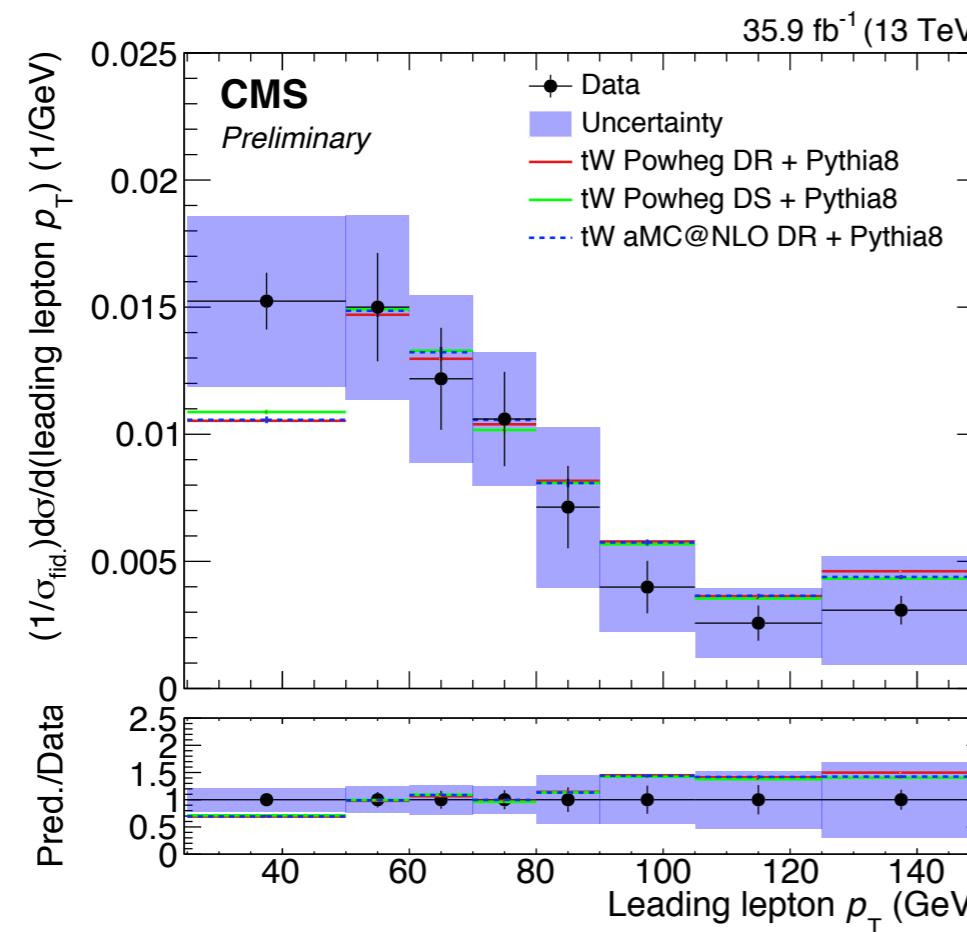
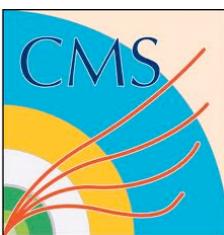
# Spin Asymmetry in the single top t-channel

- Sensitive to top quark polarisation
- Determined from the differential distribution of the polarisation angle @ Parton Level
- In agreement with the SM predictions (POWHEG @ NLO): *0.436 (negligible uncertainty)*

		$A_\mu$	$A_e$	$A_{\mu+e}$
	Central values	0.403	0.446	0.440
Profiled uncertainties	Statistical	$\pm 0.029$	$\pm 0.038$	$\pm 0.024$
	$t\bar{t}/tW$ normalisation	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.007$
	$W/Z/\gamma^*+$ jets normalisation	$\pm 0.012$	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.012$
	Multijet normalisation	$<0.001$	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.003$
	Multijet shape	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.006$	$<0.001$
	Jet energy scale/resolution	$\pm 0.008$	$<0.001$	$<0.001$
	b tagging efficiencies/misidentification	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.009$	$\pm 0.004$
	Others	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.005$
Theoretical uncertainties	Top quark mass	$\pm 0.033$	$\pm 0.063$	$\pm 0.044$
	$PDF+\alpha_S$	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.009$	$\pm 0.011$
	$t$ channel renorm./fact. scales	$\pm 0.013$	$\pm 0.018$	$\pm 0.020$
	$t$ channel parton shower	$\pm 0.030$	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.014$
	$t\bar{t}$ renorm./fact. scales	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.019$	$\pm 0.017$
	$t\bar{t}$ parton shower	$\pm 0.031$	$\pm 0.037$	$\pm 0.033$
	$t\bar{t}$ underlying event tune	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.014$	$\pm 0.014$
	$t\bar{t} p_T$ reweighting	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.009$
	$W+$ jets renorm./fact. scales	$<0.001$	$\pm 0.019$	$\pm 0.014$
	Color reconnection	$\pm 0.036$	$\pm 0.056$	$\pm 0.031$
	Fragmentation model	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.011$
Profiled uncertainties only (statistical+experimental)		$\pm 0.041$	$\pm 0.047$	$\pm 0.031$
	Total uncertainties	$\pm 0.071$	$\pm 0.099$	$\pm 0.070$

# Single top - $tW$ $d\sigma_{t(\bar{t})}/dX$

CMS-PAS-TOP-19-003



## ● Measurement of $tW$ differential Cross Section

- Main challenge is that background dominates signal  $\rightarrow t\bar{t}$  being the largest
- Signal extraction performed by subtracting bkg, estimated through MC simulations

## ● Measurements

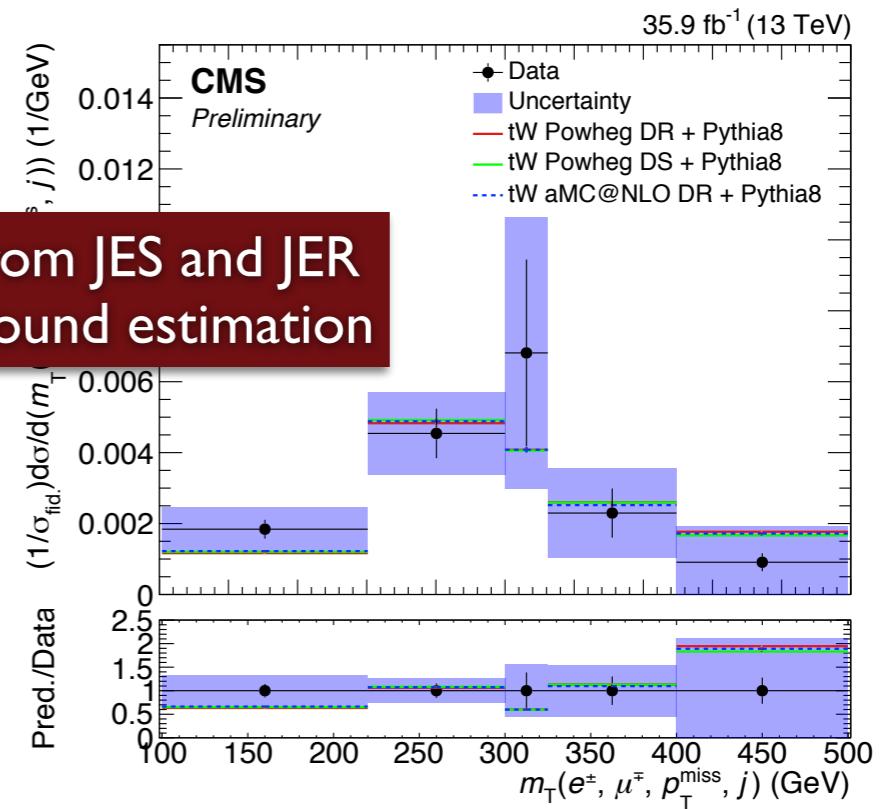
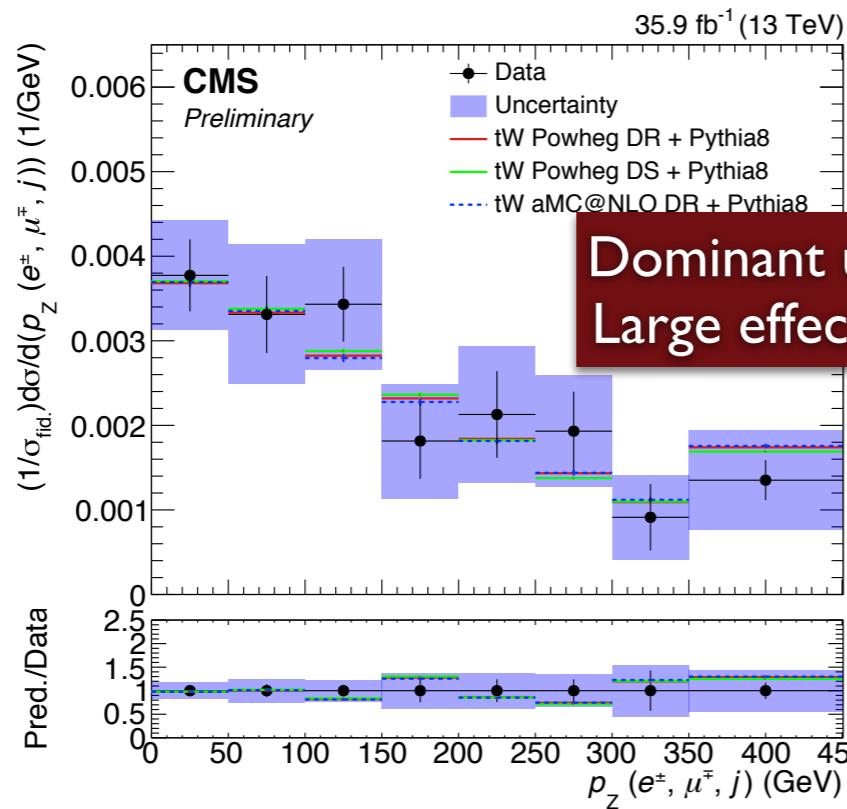
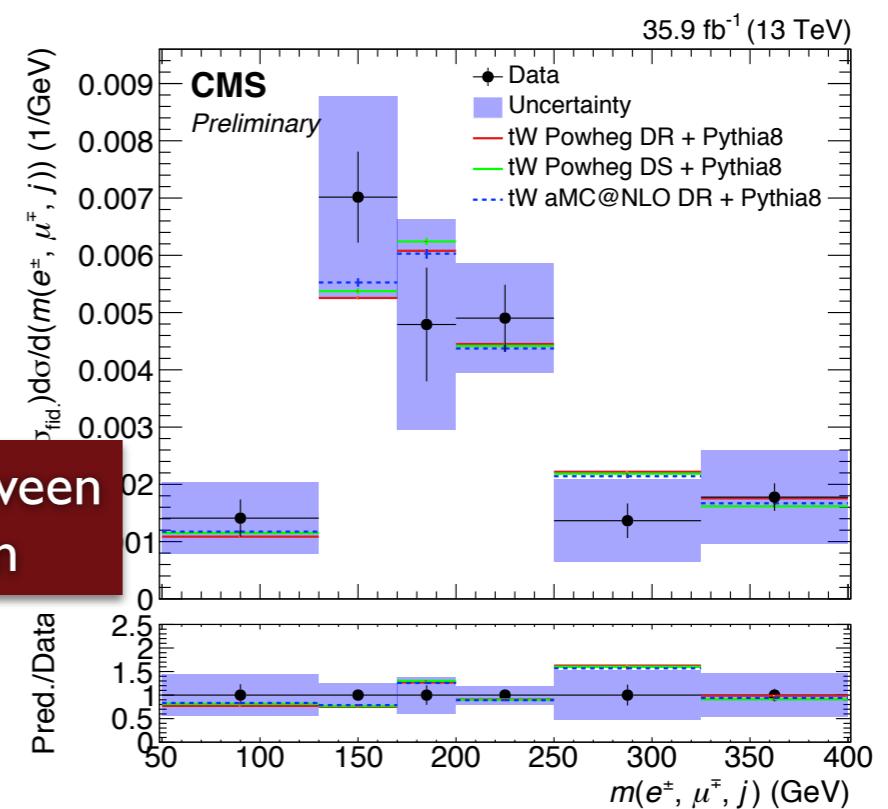
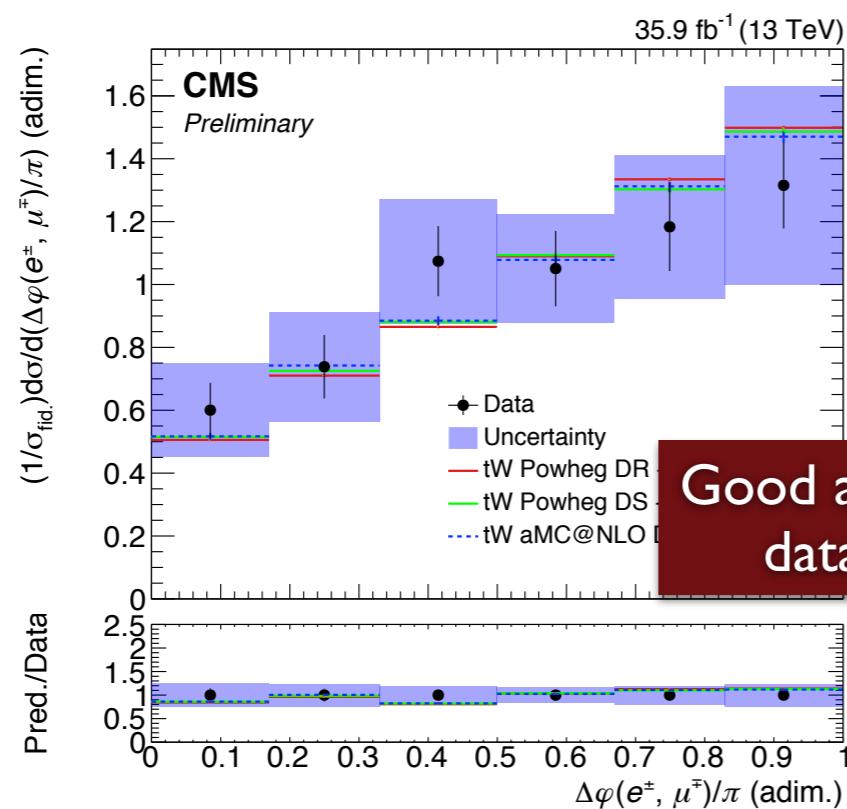
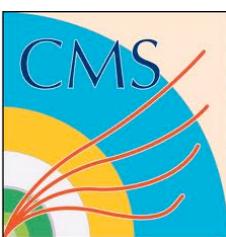
- Absolute and normalised differential cross section @ Particle level
- $p_T$  for both the lepton and the jet,  $\Delta\varphi(l_1, l_2)$ ,  $m(l_1, l_2, j)$ ,  $m_T(l_1, l_2, j, E_T^{\text{miss}})$  and  $p_Z(l_1, l_2, j)$

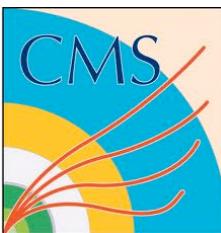
## ● Results

- Fair agreement, within the uncertainties with POWHEG DR, POWHEG DS and MADGRAPH5 aMC@NLO

# Single top - $tW$ $d\sigma_{t(\bar{t})}/dX$

CMS-PAS-TOP-19-003





# Summary & Outlook

## ◆ Single differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections:

- Hadronic and  $l + jets$  channel using 2016 CMS data (high pT jets)
- All measurements are consistent with Standard Model expectations with an overall shift of the order of  $\sim 35\%$  in the hadronic channel and  $\sim 20\%$  in the  $l + jets$  channel

## ◆ Multi-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections:

- Dilepton channel using 2016 CMS data
- 3D cross sections:
  - First extraction of such kind using  $t\bar{t}$  differential cross sections
  - Most precise result on  $m_t^{pole}$  up to this date
  - $a_S$  and  $m_t^{pole}$  are extracted simultaneously

## ◆ Differential single top quark cross sections:

- tW process using 2016 CMS data, both absolute and normalised results @ Particle level
- t-channel process using 2016 CMS data:
  - Normalised and absolute diff cross sections @ Parton and Particle levels
  - Top quark spin asymmetry estimated from  $d(\sigma)/d(\cos\theta_{pol})$

## ◆ Stay tuned for more CMS results!

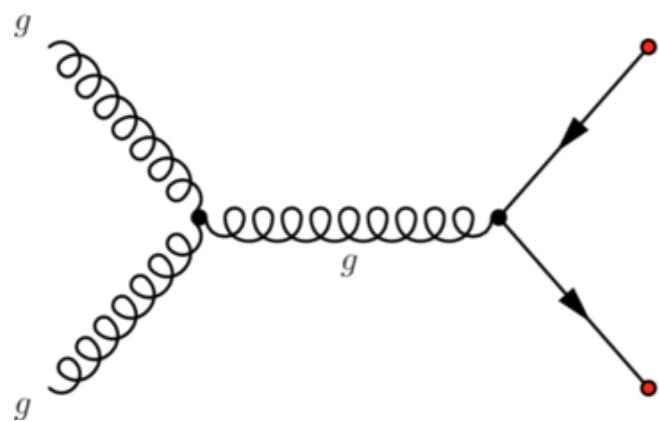
- large dataset available: will keep us busy in the next years!!



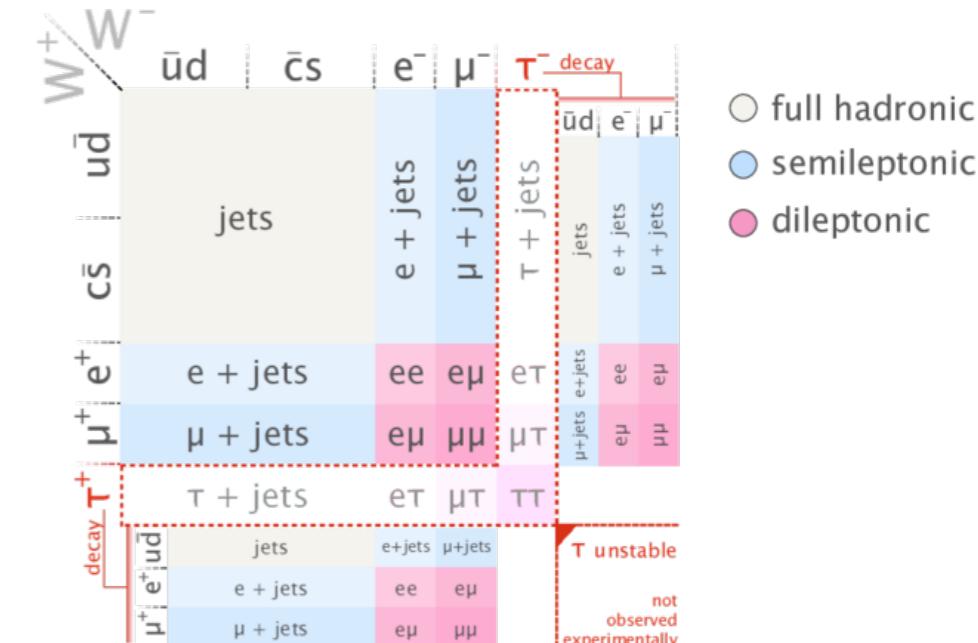
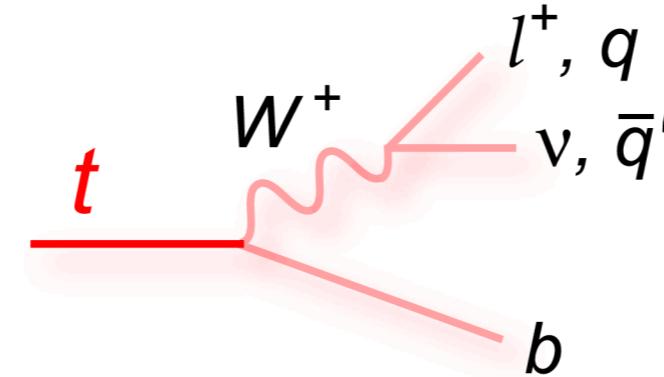
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# Top Production and Decay

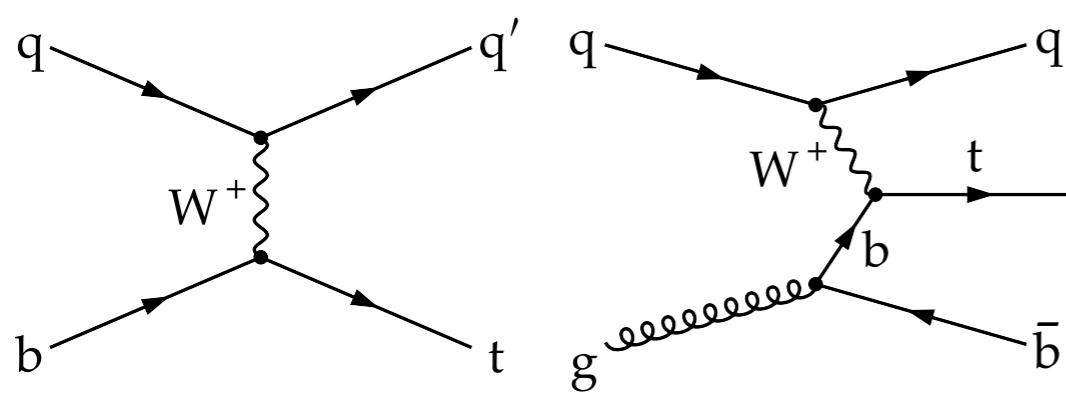
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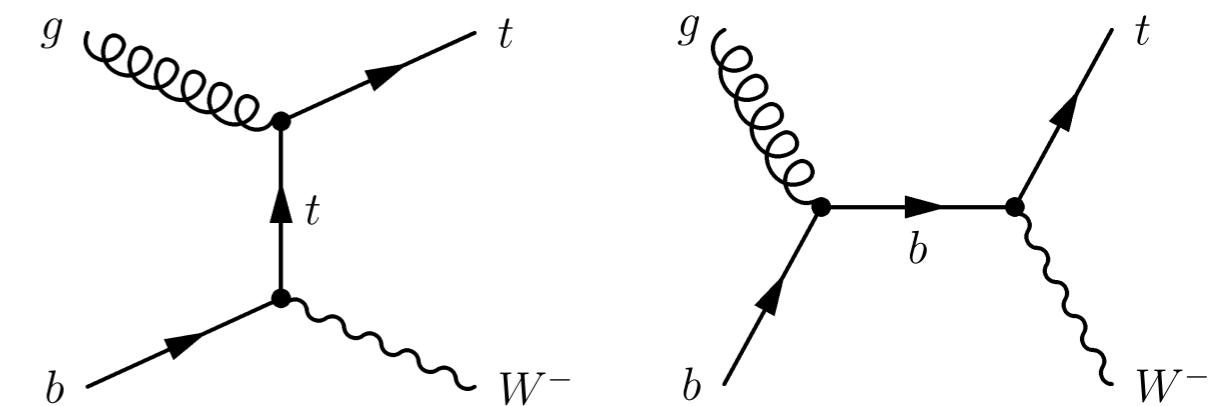
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single top quark production (t channel)



single top quark production (tW mode)



# References (Publications + Preliminary Results)



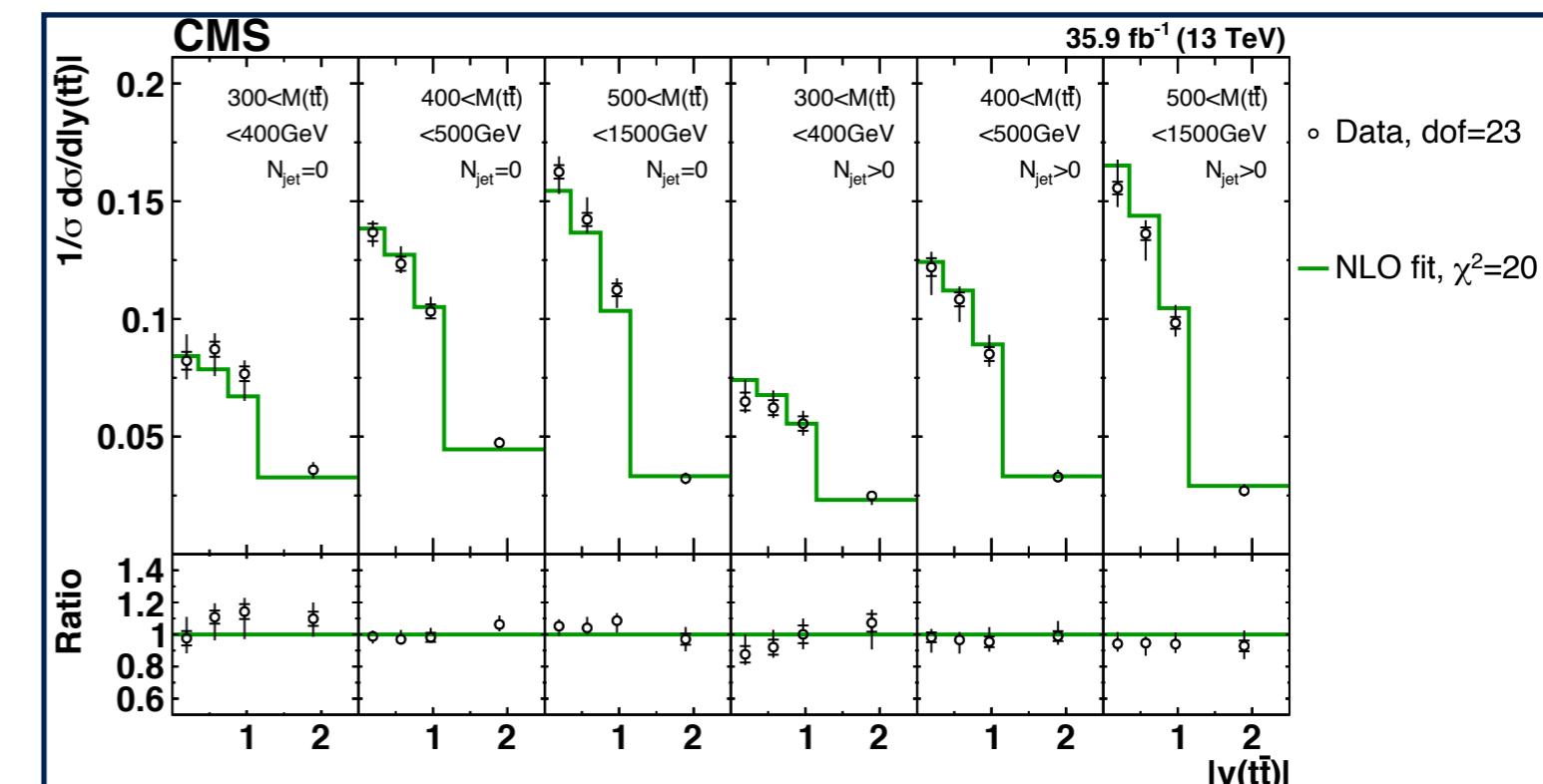
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# Simultaneous PDF, $a_S$ and $m_t^{pole}$ fit

## ● Simultaneous fit of PDF's, $a_S$ and $m_t^{pole}$ using HERA DIS:

- This presents fully unbiased extraction of PDF's,  $a_S$  and  $m_t^{pole}$ , but using also HERA data
- Important as exercise to understand  $t\bar{t}$  data, providing baseline for future global fits

Data sets	$\chi^2/dof$	
	Nominal fit	$+[N_{jet}^{0,1+}, M(t\bar{t}), y(t\bar{t})]$
CMS $t\bar{t}$		10/23
HERA CC $e^- p$ , $E_p = 920$ GeV	55/42	55/42
HERA CC $e^+ p$ , $E_p = 920$ GeV	38/39	39/39
HERA NC $e^- p$ , $E_p = 920$ GeV	218/159	217/159
HERA NC $e^+ p$ , $E_p = 920$ GeV	438/377	448/377
HERA NC $e^+ p$ , $E_p = 820$ GeV	70/70	71/70
HERA NC $e^+ p$ , $E_p = 575$ GeV	220/254	222/254
HERA NC $e^+ p$ , $E_p = 460$ GeV	219/204	220/204
Correlated $\chi^2$	82	90
Log-penalty $\chi^2$	+2	-7
Total $\chi^2/dof$	1341/1130	1364/1151



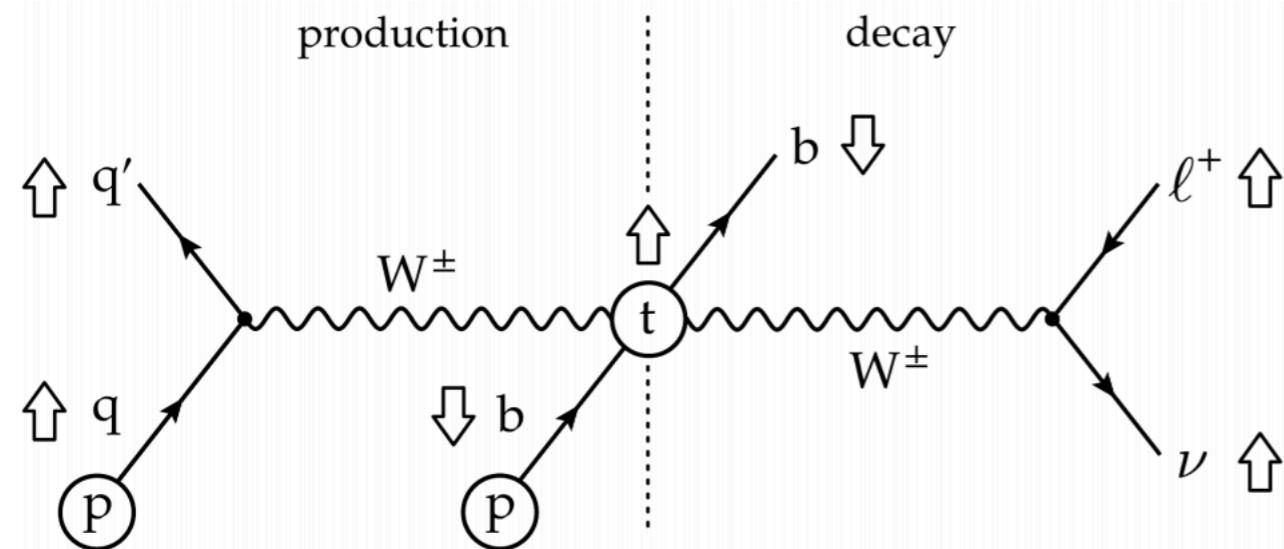
- The resulting values of  $a_S$  and  $m_t^{pole}$  extracted using NLO calculations:

$a_S$	$0.1135^{+0.0021}_{-0.0017}$
$m_t^{pole}$	$170.5 \pm 0.8$ GeV

Comparison of the measured  $[N_{jet}^{0,1+}, M(t\bar{t}), y(t\bar{t})]$  cross sections to the NLO predictions using the parameter values from the simultaneous PDF,  $a_S$  and  $m_t^{pole}$  fit

# Spin Asymmetry in the single top t-channel

## ● Differential Cross section @ Paton Level



$$\frac{d\sigma}{\sigma d\cos\theta_{pol}^*} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2A_l \cos\theta_{pol}^*)$$

$$\cos\theta_{pol}^* = \frac{\vec{p}_{q'}^{(top)} \vec{p}_l^{(top)}}{|\vec{p}_{q'}^{(top)}| \cdot |\vec{p}_l^{(top)}|}$$

$$A_l = \frac{1}{2} P \cdot a_l$$

- Spin - analyzing power  $a_l \rightarrow$  degree of alignment of charged lepton with top spin
- Polarisation  $P_t \rightarrow$  degree of alignment of spectator quark momentum with top spin
- Estimate asymmetry through linear  $\chi^2$  from  $d\sigma/d\cos\theta_{pol}$ .