

Top quark pair and single top t-channel differential cross sections in CMS

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Differential measurements of top quark pair and single top quark (t-channel) production cross sections are presented using data collected by CMS at different center-of-mass energies. The cross sections are measured as a function of various kinematic observables of the top quarks and the jets and leptons of the event final state. The $t\bar{t}$ measurements are extended to the TeV range using jet substructure techniques to exploit the boosted regime. The results are confronted with precise theory calculations.

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1. Introduction

Measurements of top quark pair and single top quark cross section can test the standard model (SM) and probe new physics. The top quark process is an important background of many searches and other measurements. Precise measurements allow improving the modeling of top quark processes. It helps in validating the perturbative QCD calculations and better understanding the parton distribution function (PDF).

The CMS collaboration [1] has published many top pairs and single top quark measurements [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] in different final states such as dilepton, semi-lepton, and all jets channels at center-of-mass energies of 8 and 13 TeV. The measurements are performed as a function of various kinematic observables. The $t\bar{t}$ measurements extended to the TeV range are carried by jet substructure techniques to investigate the boosted regime. In this note, the recent measurements of differential $t\bar{t}$ and t -channel single top cross sections and double-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross section are described.

2. Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections in the dilepton channel

The normalized differential cross sections at both particle and parton levels are measured at 8 and 13 TeV. The measurements are performed at the particle level, using final state objects defined in a theoretically safe and unambiguous way. Precise measurements are unfolded to parton and particle level in order to compare with high order QCD calculations. As shown in Figure 1, top quark p_T distributions are softer in data than the predictions both at 8 and 13 TeV. In general, data measurements are well described by the SM predictions.

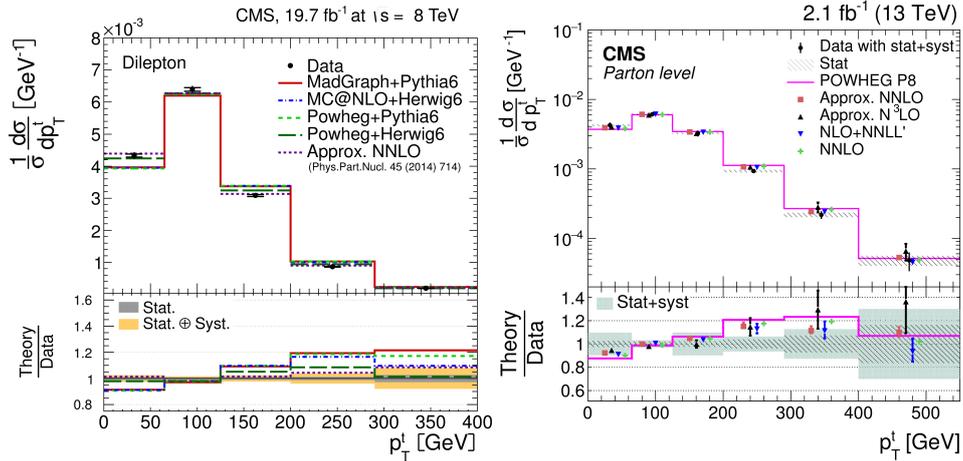


Figure 1: The error bars on data indicate total (combined statistical and systematic) uncertainties. The dark shaded band (left) and the hatched band (right) shows the statistical uncertainty. The measurements are compared to different perturbative QCD calculations [2, 3].

3. Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections in the semi-leptonic channel

The measurements of differential cross sections in the semi-leptonic channel are performed at 8 and 13 TeV [4, 5, 6]. Differential cross sections at parton level are measured as function of top quark p_T and compared to the available predictions. As shown in Figure 2 (left), they are also softer in data than the predictions, and the measurements agree better with the NNLO QCD + NLO EW calculation. The boosted regime is also measured as shown in Figure 2 (right). Generally, data measurements are found to be well described by the SM predictions.

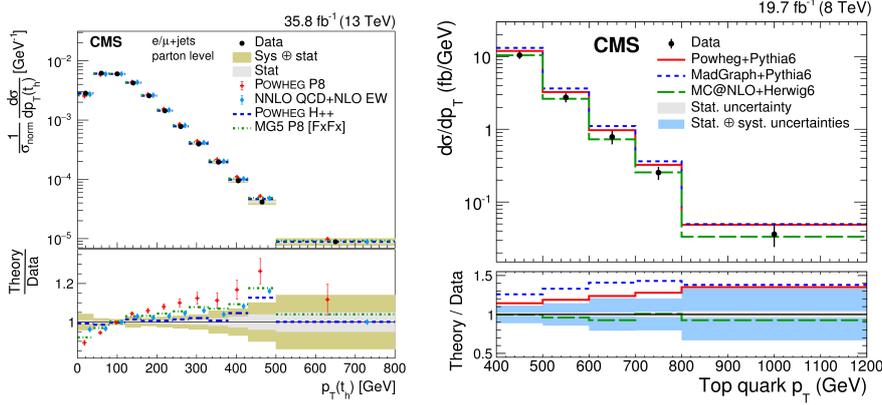


Figure 2: The error bars on data indicate total (combined statistical and systematic) uncertainties. The dark shaded band shows the statistical uncertainty. The measurements are compared to different theory predictions [5, 6]. The boosted regime is also investigated (right).

4. Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections in the all jets channel

Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross section in all jets channel at 8 and 13 TeV are measured in the resolved and boosted regime [7, 8]. The measurements are extended to the TeV range using jet substructure techniques to investigate the boosted regime. Figure 3 shows the $t\bar{t}$ cross section as a function of the leading top quark p_T at parton level in the boosted (left) and detector level in the resolved and boosted regime (right). The measurements are compared to different theory predictions.

5. Double-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections

Double-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections can disentangle effects and set constraints on PDFs. The measurements of double-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross section are performed in the dilepton and semi-leptonic channel at 8 and 13 TeV [9, 6]. The measurements at 8 TeV are compared to the NLO (MNR) prediction calculated with CT14 and HERAPDF2.0 and the approximate NNLO (DiffTop) prediction calculated with CT14. The double-differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections at 13 TeV are measured at parton and particle level and compared to the predictions. Data measurements are found to be in good agreement with the SM predictions as shown in Figure 4.

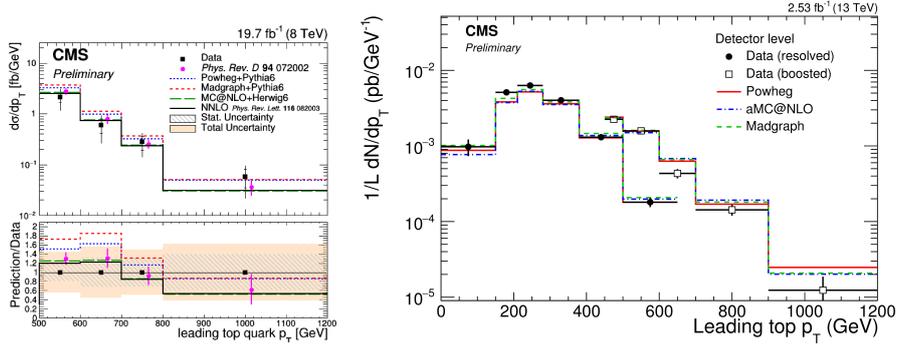


Figure 3: Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross section in all jets channel at 8 and 13 TeV are measured as a function of the leading top quark p_T at parton level in the boosted (left) and detector level in the resolved and boosted regime (right). The measurements are compared to theory predictions [7, 8].

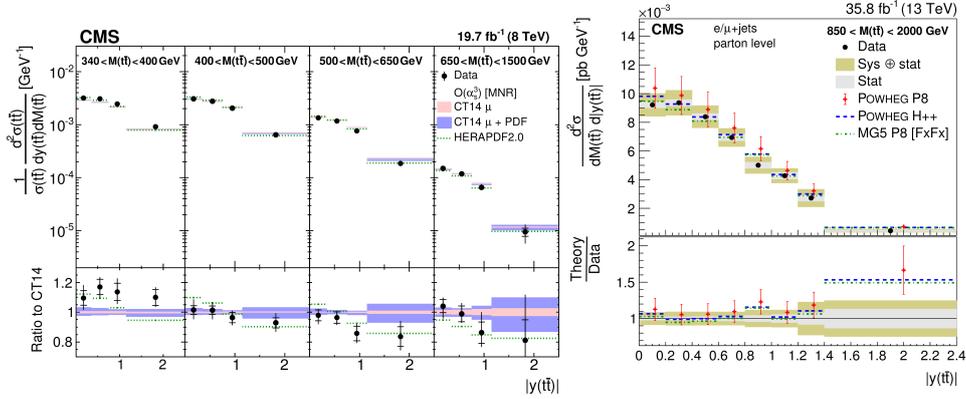


Figure 4: Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross section in all jets channel at 8 and 13 TeV are measured as a function of the leading top quark p_T at parton level in the boosted (left) and detector level in the resolved and boosted regime (right). The measurements are compared to theory predictions [9, 6].

6. Differential cross section of t -channel single top quark

Differential t -channel single top quark cross sections at 13 TeV [10] are measured. Figure 5 shows the measurements as a function of the top quark p_T . Horizontal ticks on the error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty and vertical bars indicate the total uncertainty per bin. The measurements are compared to theoretical predictions. The first bin of top quark p_T has a relatively large uncertainty due to the low acceptance and large sensitivity to the systematic uncertainties.

7. Conclusions

Differential cross sections of $t\bar{t}$ and t -channel single top are measured using data collected by CMS. Measurements are performed in dilepton, lepton+jet, and all jet channels at different energies of 8 and 13 TeV. The measurements in the boosted regime are included using jet substructure

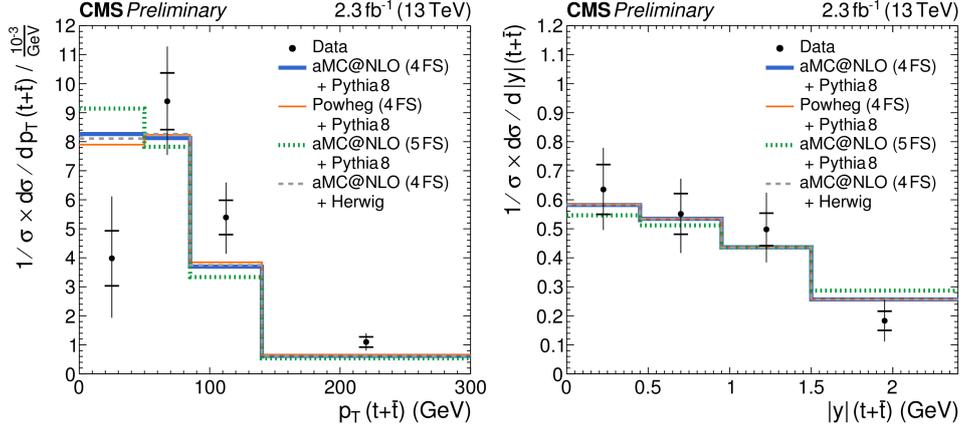


Figure 5: Differential t -channel single top quark cross section at 13 TeV are measured as a function of the top quark p_T and rapidity. Horizontal ticks on the error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty and vertical bars indicate the total uncertainty per bin. The measurements are compared to theory predictions [10].

techniques. Also, double-differential cross sections are measured. Differential t -channel single top quark cross sections are measured at 13 TeV. In general, the measurements are found to be in good agreement with the predictions within uncertainties.

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