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Measurement of the production cross section of a single top quark and a W boson in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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Abstract

A measurement of the associated production of a single top quark and a W boson in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the CMS experiment at the CERN LHC is presented. The analyzed data, collected in 2016, corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 35.9 fb^{-1} . The measurement is performed in the dilepton final state, using events with one electron and one muon. A multivariate discriminant, exploiting kinematic properties of events, is used to separate the signal from the dominant $t\bar{t}$ background. A cross section of $\sigma = 63.1 \pm 1.8$ (stat) ± 5.7 (syst) ± 2.1 (lumi) pb is measured, in agreement with the standard model expectation.

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1 Introduction

Single top quarks, observed for the first time by the CDF [1] and D0 [2] experiments at the Tevatron, are produced via the electroweak interaction. There are three different production modes: the exchange of a virtual W boson (t-channel), the production and decay of a virtual W boson (s-channel), and the associated production of a top quark in association with a W boson (tW channel). The study of tW production at the LHC at CERN provides unique opportunities for studying the standard model (SM) and its extensions: its production interferes at next-to-leading order (NLO) with top quark pair production [3–5]; it is sensitive to new physics [6–8]; and has an important role as a background to SUSY and Higgs searches.

The tW production channel, negligible at the Tevatron because of its small production rate in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV, represents a significant contribution to single top quark production at the LHC. The CMS and ATLAS Collaborations presented evidences [9, 10] and observations [11, 12] of this process with 7 and 8 TeV collision data, respectively, and the measured cross sections are in good agreement with the prediction from the SM. The ATLAS Collaboration measured the production cross section using 13 TeV data [13].

The tW production cross section has been computed at approximate next-to-next-to-leading-order (aNNLO), the theoretical prediction of the tW cross section in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, assuming a top-quark mass (m_t) of 172.5 GeV, is 71.7 ± 1.8 (scale) ± 3.4 (PDF) pb [14]. The leading order Feynman diagrams for tW production are shown in Fig. 1.

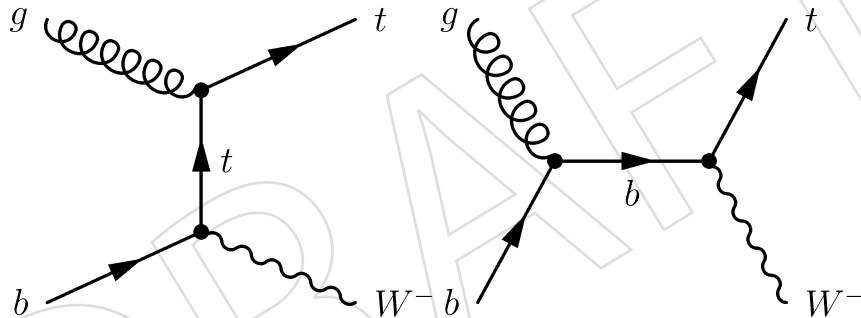


Figure 1: Leading order Feynman diagrams for single top quark production in the tW mode, the charge-conjugate modes are implicitly included.

This paper reports the first measurement from the CMS experiment of tW production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV. The measurement uses the full data set recorded by CMS at 13 TeV during 2016, which corresponds to an integrated luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 35.9 \pm 0.9$ fb $^{-1}$. The analysis is performed using the dilepton ($e^\pm\mu^\mp$) decay channel, in which the W boson produced in association with the top quark and the W boson from the decay of the top quark both decay leptonically into a muon or an electron, and a neutrino. The primary background to tW production in this final state comes from top quark pair production ($t\bar{t}$) production, with Drell-Yan (DY) events being the next most significant. To extract the signal, the analysis uses a multivariate technique, exploiting kinematic and topological differences to distinguish the tW signal from the dominant $t\bar{t}$ background.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 2 gives a summary of the CMS detector and of the Monte Carlo (MC) simulation samples used. The object and event selections are discussed in Section 3. The description of the method used to separate the tW signal from the $t\bar{t}$ background is shown in Section 4. The different sources of systematic uncertainties are discussed in Section 5. The tW production cross section extraction is described in Section 6 and a summary of

35 the results obtained is presented in Section 7.

36 2 The CMS detector and Monte Carlo simulation

37 The CMS detector [15] has a superconducting solenoid in its central region that provides an
 38 axial magnetic field of 3.8 T. The silicon pixel and strip trackers cover $0 < \phi < 2\pi$ in azimuth
 39 and $|\eta| < 2.5$ in pseudorapidity. The lead tungstate crystal electromagnetic calorimeter, and
 40 the brass and scintillator hadron calorimeter are located inside the solenoid. These are used to
 41 identify electrons, photons and jets. Muons are measured in gas-ionization detectors embedded
 42 in the steel flux-return yoke outside the solenoid. The detector is nearly hermetic, providing
 43 reliable measurement of the momentum imbalance in the plane transverse to the beams. A
 44 two-level trigger system selects the most interesting pp collisions for offline analysis. A more
 45 detailed description of the CMS detector, together with a definition of the coordinate system
 46 used and the relevant kinematic variables, can be found in Ref. [15].

47 The single top tW signal process is simulated at NLO using POWHEG v1 [16] with the NNPDF
 48 3.0 PDF set [17], and PYTHIA v8.2 [18, 19] with the CUETP8M1 [20, 21] tune is used for parton
 49 showering. At NLO, the definition of tW production in perturbative QCD interferes with $t\bar{t}$
 50 production [3–5]. Two different procedures are used to deal with this interference: “diagram
 51 removal” (DR) [3], where all NLO diagrams which are doubly resonant are excluded from the
 52 signal definition; and “diagram subtraction” (DS) [3, 22], in which the differential cross section
 53 is modified with a gauge-invariant subtraction term, that locally cancels the contribution of $t\bar{t}$
 54 diagrams. The DR scheme is used here, but it has been verified that the number of predicted
 55 events after full selection is comparable with the DS approach.

56 The NLO POWHEG v2 [23] setup, with turning the damping parameter (h_{damp}) on, is used to
 57 simulate $t\bar{t}$ events and the dependency of the $t\bar{t}$ modelling on m_t , the renormalization and
 58 factorization scale (Q^2), and the PDFs. The NNPDF 3.0 set is used as default PDF. The $t\bar{t}$ events
 59 are showered using PYTHIA v8.2 with the CUETP8M2T4 tune [24].

60 Besides the $t\bar{t}$ background process, the other background contributions are also estimated from
 61 MC simulations. The DY and W+jets background samples are generated with MG5_aMC@NLO
 62 v5.2.2.2 [25] with NNPDF 3.0 and interfaced to PYTHIA v8.2 with the CUETP8M1 tune for
 63 hadronization and fragmentation. Z-bosons are simulated with up to two additional partons
 64 and the FxFx scheme [26] is used for the merging. The generation is split into two distinct
 65 $\ell^+\ell^-$ invariant mass ranges: $10 < M_{\ell^+\ell^-} < 50$ GeV and $M_{\ell^+\ell^-} > 50$ GeV. The contributions
 66 from WW, WZ, and ZZ (referred to as “VV”) processes are simulated with PYTHIA v8.2 with
 67 the CUETP8M1 tune. Other contributions from W and Z boson production in association with
 68 $t\bar{t}$ events (referred to as “ $t\bar{t}V$ ”) are simulated using MG5_aMC@NLO v5.2.2.2 and PYTHIA v8.2.
 69 Finally, $t\bar{t}$ or W+jets events in the lepton+jets final state with a jet incorrectly reconstructed as a
 70 lepton or with a lepton incorrectly identified as being isolated are also taken into account. These
 71 events, included in the samples described above, are classified into the nonprompt leptons
 72 category (“non-W/Z”) since prompt leptons are defined as originating from decays of W or Z
 73 boson.

74 For comparison with the measured distributions, the event yields in the simulated samples
 75 are normalized to the corresponding integrated luminosity and their theoretical cross sections.
 76 These are taken from NNLO (W+jets and DY [27]), aNNLO (single top quark tW -channel [14]),
 77 and NLO (diboson [28]) calculations. For the simulated $t\bar{t}$ sample, the full NNLO+NNLL calcu-
 78 lation, performed with the TOP++ 2.0 program [29], is used. The PDF and α_s uncertainties are
 79 estimated using the PDF4LHC prescription [30, 31] with the MSTW2008, CT10 NNLO [32, 33],

80 and NNPDF2.3 5f FFN [34] PDF sets, and added in quadrature to the scale uncertainty to ob-
 81 tain a $t\bar{t}$ production cross section of $832 \pm_{29}^{20}$ (scale) ± 35 (PDF + α_s) pb assuming $m_t=172.5$ GeV.
 82 The simulated samples include additional interactions per bunch crossing (pileup), with the
 83 distribution matching that observed in data, with an average of about 27 collisions per bunch
 84 crossing.

85 3 Event selection

86 In the SM, top quarks decay almost exclusively into a W boson and a b quark. The analysis is
 87 performed using the $e^\pm\mu^\mp$ decay channel, in which the W boson produced in association with
 88 the top quark and the W boson from the decay of the top quark both decay leptonically, one
 89 into an electron and the corresponding neutrino, the other into a muon and the corresponding
 90 neutrino. This leads to a final state composed of two oppositely charged isolated leptons, a
 91 jet resulting from the fragmentation of a b quark, and two neutrinos. The event selection de-
 92 scribed here follows closely the one used in the measurement of the top quark-antiquark pair
 93 production cross section in the dilepton channel [35].

94 Events are required to pass either a dilepton or single lepton trigger. The dilepton triggers
 95 require events to contain either one electron with transverse momentum $p_T > 12$ GeV and one
 96 muon with $p_T > 23$ GeV or one electron with $p_T > 23$ GeV and one muon with $p_T > 8$ GeV.
 97 In addition, single-lepton triggers with one electron (muon) with $p_T > 27$ GeV (24) are used
 98 in order to increase the efficiency. The efficiency for the combination of the single lepton and
 99 dilepton triggers is measured in data using triggers based on p_T imbalance in the event. The
 100 trigger in simulation is corrected using a multiplicative data-to-simulation scale factor (SF),
 101 given by the trigger efficiency measured in data with independent monitoring triggers.

102 The particle-flow (PF) event algorithm [36] reconstructs and identifies each individual particle
 103 with an optimized combination of information from the various elements of the CMS detec-
 104 tor. Selected dilepton events are required to contain one isolated electron [37] and one isolated
 105 muon [38] with opposite electric charges and $p_T > 20$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$. Isolation require-
 106 ments are based on the ratio of the scalar sum of the transverse momenta of all PF candidates,
 107 reconstructed inside a cone centered on the lepton, excluding the contribution from the lepton
 108 candidate. This isolation variable is required to be smaller than 6% (15%) of the electron (muon)
 109 p_T . Events with W bosons decaying into τ leptons contribute to the measurement only if the
 110 τ leptons decay into electrons or muons that satisfy the selection requirements. In events with
 111 more than two leptons passing the selection, the two with the largest p_T are selected for further
 112 study.

113 Jets are reconstructed from the PF candidates using the anti- k_T clustering algorithm [39, 40]
 114 with a distance parameter of 0.4. The jet momentum is determined from the vectorial sum
 115 of all particle momenta in the jet, and is estimated, from simulation, to be within 5 to 10% of
 116 the true momentum over the whole p_T spectrum and detector acceptance. An offset correction
 117 is applied to jet energies to take into account the contribution from additional proton-proton
 118 interactions within the same or nearby bunch crossings. Jet energy corrections are derived from
 119 simulation, confirmed with in situ measurements of the energy balance in dijet and photon + jet
 120 events, and are applied as a function of the jet p_T and η [41] to both data and simulated events.
 121 Jets are required to have $p_T > 30$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$. In order to avoid double counting, jets
 122 within a ΔR cone of 0.4 with respect to the selected leptons are not considered. Jets passing
 123 looser kinematic selection (referred to as "loose jets") are required to have p_T between 20 and
 124 30 GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$.

125 The missing transverse momentum vector, \vec{p}_T^{miss} , is defined as the negative vector sum of the
 126 momenta of all reconstructed PF candidates in an event, projected onto the plane perpendicular
 127 to the direction of the proton beams. Its magnitude is referred to as p_T^{miss} and the corrections to
 128 jet momenta are propagated to the p_T^{miss} calculation [42].

129 Unlike some of the backgrounds, such as DY events, the tW final state contains a b quark. The
 130 identification of jets originating from b quarks reduces significantly the background contami-
 131 nation. Jets are identified as b jets using the combined secondary vertex algorithm v2 [43, 44],
 132 with an operating point which yields identification efficiencies of $\simeq 70\%$ and a misidentifica-
 133 tion (mistag) probabilities of about 1% and 15% [44] for light-flavor jets (u, d, s, and gluons)
 134 and c jets, respectively, estimated in simulated events.

135 Events are classified as belonging to the $e^\pm\mu^\mp$ final state if the two leading leptons passing
 136 the above selection criteria are an electron and a muon of opposite charge. We require the
 137 leading lepton to have $p_T > 25$ GeV. To reduce the contamination from DY background, the
 138 invariant mass of the lepton pair is required to be greater than 20 GeV. Figure 2 shows data
 139 and simulation for several lepton kinematic variables after this baseline selection. In general,
 140 good agreement is observed.

141 Figure 3 shows a comparison of the yields observed in data with the ones estimated from sim-
 142 ulated events, classified according to the number of jets and identified b jets in the event. As
 143 expected, most of the signal events populate the region with one jet which is tagged as a b jet
 144 (1j1b region), but the amount of signal in comparison with the overwhelming $t\bar{t}$ background
 145 makes a cut based analysis extremely challenging. Therefore, a multivariate analysis is pur-
 146 sued.

147 For the final analysis, events in the 1j1b signal region are used, as well as two background
 148 dominated control regions. The background control regions are defined as events with exactly
 149 two jets which have exactly one b-tagged jet (2j1b region) and which have both jets b-tagged
 150 (2j2b region).

151 4 Signal extraction

152 As referred to previously, after the baseline event selection is performed, the data sample in the
 153 1j1b region consists primarily of $t\bar{t}$ events with a significant number of tW signal events (see
 154 Fig. 3). Given there is no single observable that clearly discriminates between the signal and
 155 background, a multivariate method is used in order to provide discrimination between the tW
 156 signal and $t\bar{t}$ events, the main background process. Several observables are combined into a
 157 single discriminator using a boosted decision tree (BDT) technique [45]. In this analysis, the
 158 BDT implementation is provided by the "Toolkit for Multivariate Data Analysis" (TMVA) [46]
 159 package, using the GradientBoost algorithm. The training of the BDT is performed using dedi-
 160 cated samples for tW and $t\bar{t}$, statistically independent from the ones used for the signal extrac-
 161 tion. The input variables used for the training of the BDT in the 1j1b region, listed in order of
 162 importance to the BDT training, are the following:

- 163 • p_T of leading loose jet, defined as 0 for events with no loose jets present,
- 164 • vector sum of the p_T of leptons, jet, and \vec{p}_T^{miss} (p_T^{sys}),
- 165 • p_T of the leading, tight, b-tagged jet,
- 166 • ratio of scalar sum of p_T of the leptons to the H_T of full system,
- 167 • number of loose jets,

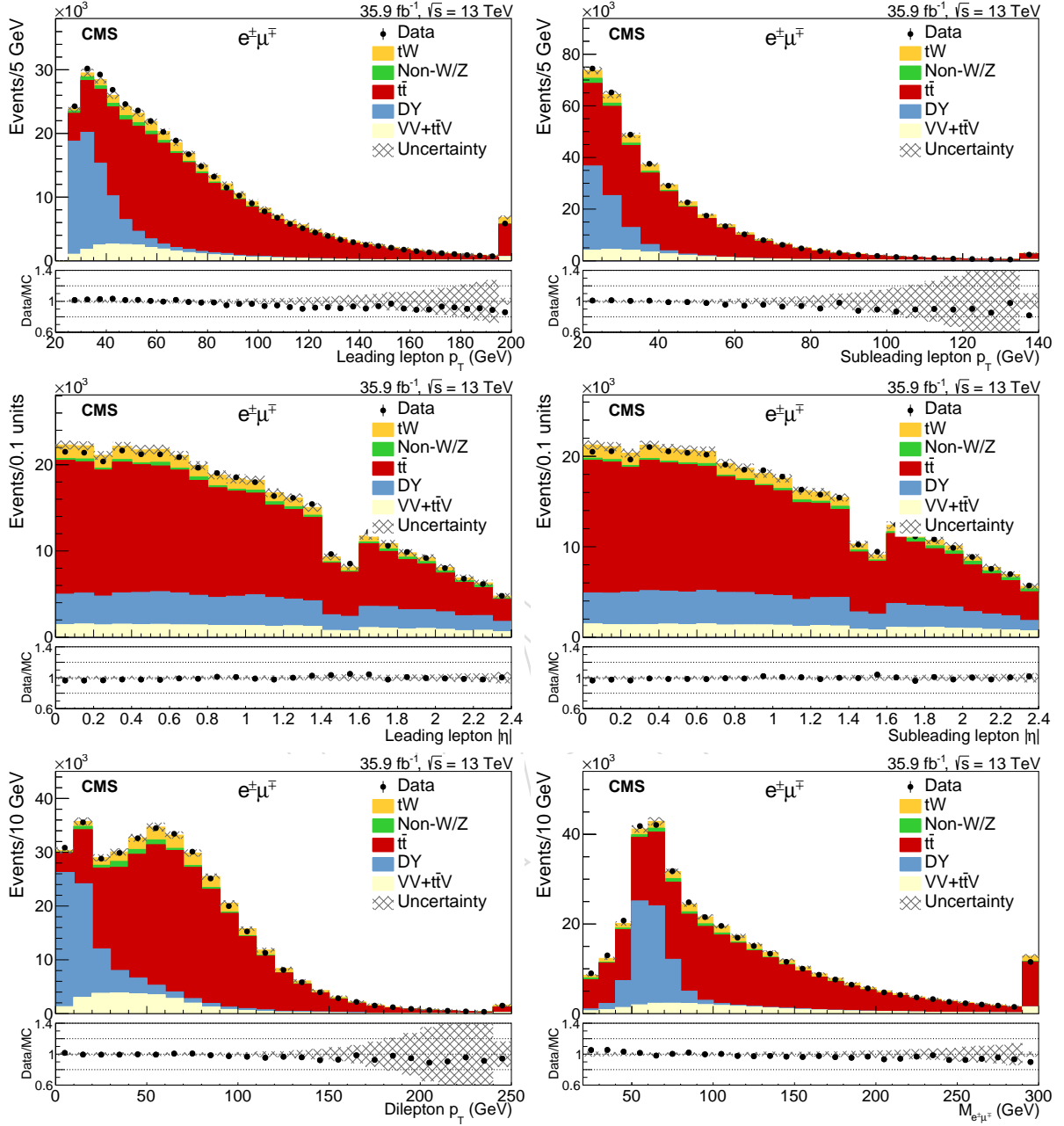


Figure 2: Comparison of the observed data and simulated events for several lepton kinematic variables after the dilepton selection is applied. The error band includes the statistical and systematic uncertainties. The bottom of each panel shows the ratios of data to the sum of the expected yields.

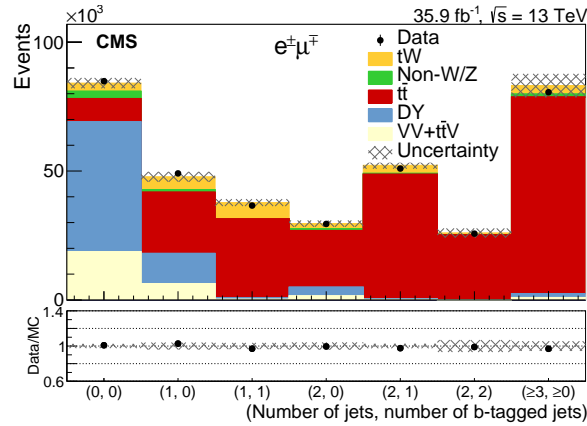


Figure 3: Yields observed in data compared with those expected from simulation as a function of the number of jets and number of b-tagged jets for events passing the baseline dileptonic selection. The error band includes the statistical and systematic uncertainties. The bottom of each panel shows the ratios of data to the sum of the expected yields.

- 168 • centrality (ratio between the sum of the transverse momentum and the sum of the
- 169 total momentum) of the jet and the two leptons,
- 170 • vector sum of p_T of jet and leptons.
- 171 • scalar sum of the p_T of leptons, jet, and p_T^{miss} (H_T),
- 172 • ratio of p_T^{sys} to H_T for the event,
- 173 • invariant mass of the combination of the leptons, jet, and p_T^{miss} (M_{sys}),
- 174 • number of b-tagged loose jets,

175 Events in the 2j1b control region also show a reasonable signal to background ratio. In order to
 176 gain additional discrimination power a second BDT is trained with events in this category. The
 177 input variables used for the training, listed in order of importance to the BDT training, are the
 178 following:

- 179 • separation in the $\phi - \eta$ space between the dilepton and dijet system ($\Delta R(e^\pm \mu^\mp, j_1 j_2)$),
- 180 • separation in the $\phi - \eta$ space between the dilepton system and the dijet and missing
 181 transverse momentum system ($\Delta R(e^\pm \mu^\mp, j_1 j_2 E_T^{sys})$).
- 182 • p_T of the subleading jet,
- 183 • separation in the $\phi - \eta$ space between the leading lepton and the leading jet ($\Delta R(\ell_1, j_1)$),

184 Finally, 2j2b events, a region highly enriched in $t\bar{t}$ events, are also used in order to constrain
 185 the main source of background. In order to do that, the distribution of the p_T of the subleading
 186 jet is used. This variable is sensitive to jet energy scale variations and, therefore, helpful to
 187 constrain this source of systematic uncertainty.

188 The distributions of the BDT output in the 1j1b and 2j1b categories, and of the p_T of the sub-
 189 leading jet in the 2j2b region for data and simulated events are shown in Fig. 4.

190 The signal is extracted by performing a maximum likelihood fit to data using several distribu-
 191 tions. Fit templates for signal and background processes are taken from MC. The distributions
 192 from Fig. 4, after changing the binning of the BDT outputs such that each bin contains the same
 193 amount of $t\bar{t}$ background, are included in the fit. This election of binning ensures that enough
 194 background events populate all the bins of the distribution, helping to constrain the system-

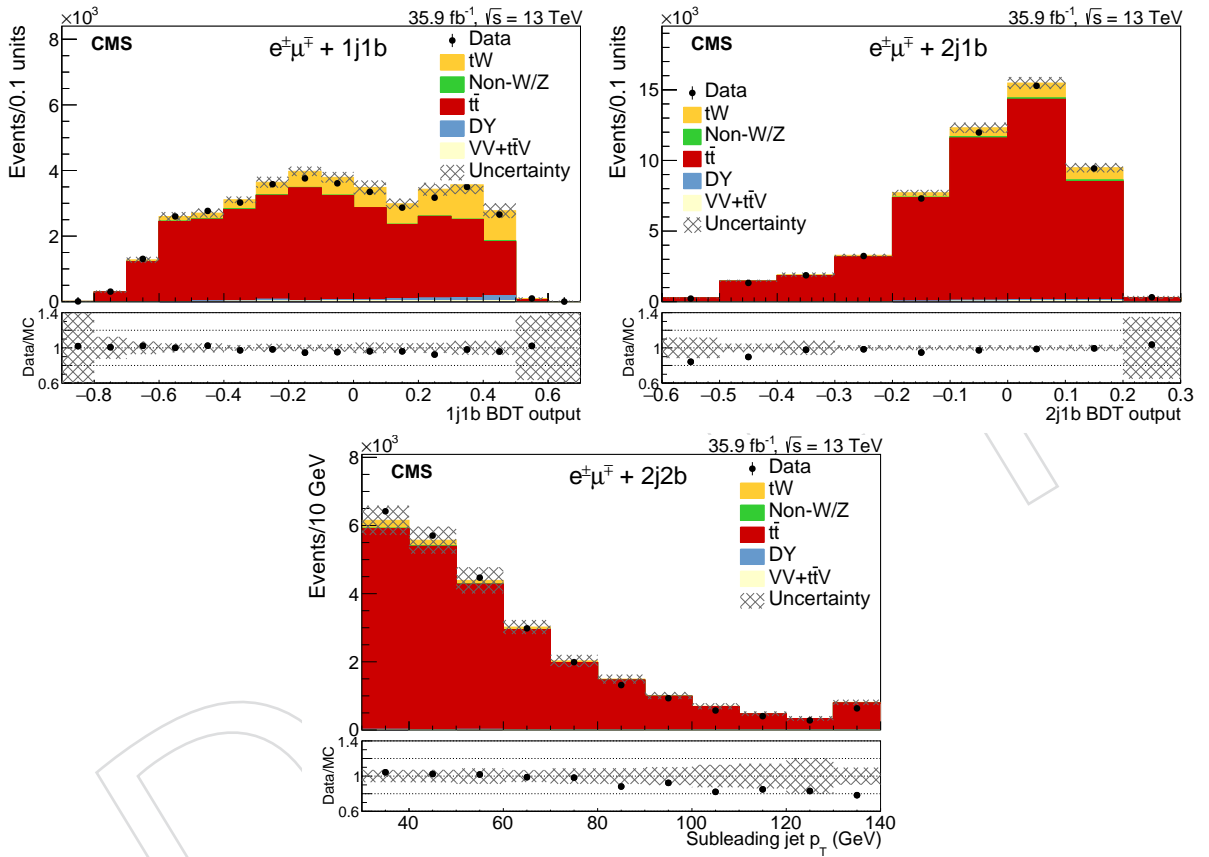


Figure 4: Comparison of the observed data and simulated events for the BDT output in the 1j1b (left) and 2j1b (center) regions and the p_T of the subleading jet in the 2j2b region (right). The error band includes the statistical and systematic uncertainties. The bottom of each panel shows the ratios of data to the sum of the expected yields.

195 atic uncertainties. The fit is performed to extract the tW signal strength parameter, defined as
 196 $\mu = \sigma_{tW} / \sigma_{tW}^{SM}$. Comparisons of the final pre-fit distributions of the BDT discriminants in the
 197 1j1b and 2j1b regions as well as the distribution of the subleading jet p_T in the 2j2b region for
 198 data and simulated events are shown in Fig. 5.

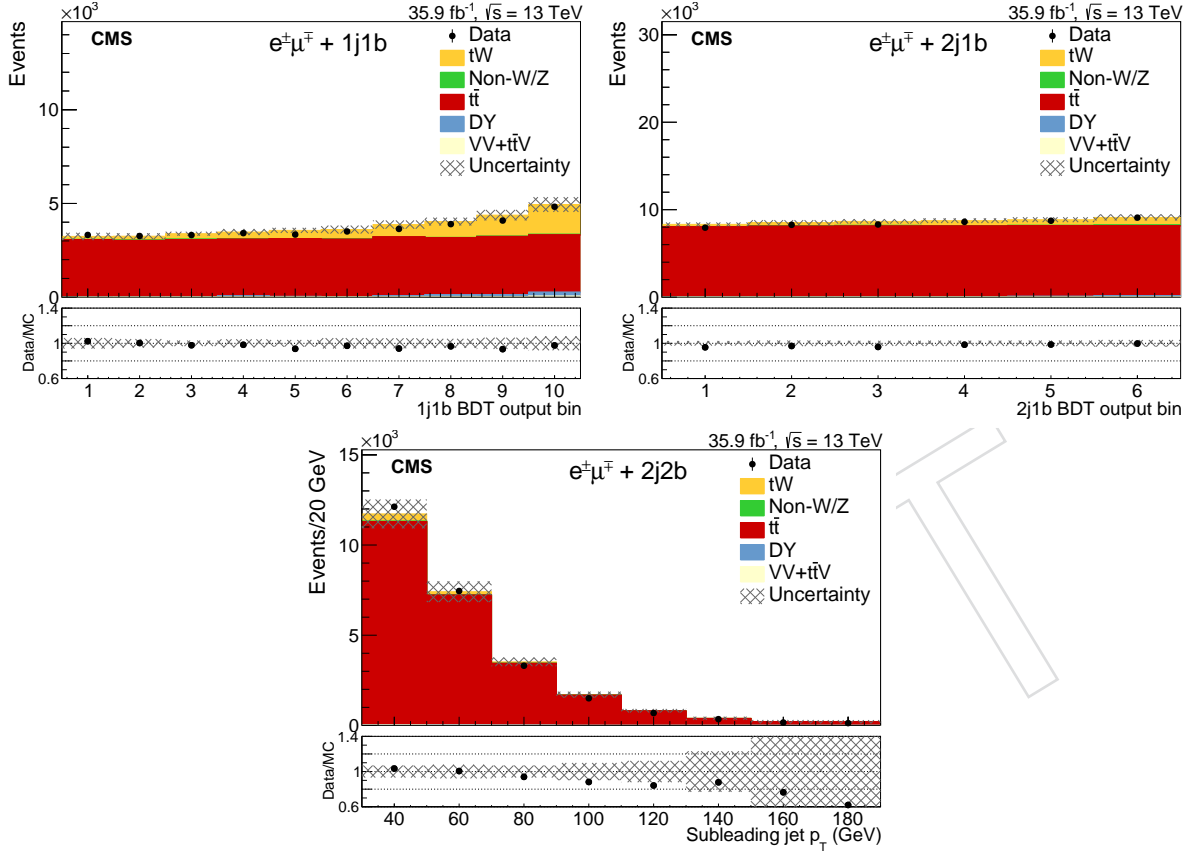


Figure 5: Comparison of the observed data and simulated events for the distributions to which the fit is performed: BDT output in the 1j1b (left) and 2j1b (center) regions and the p_T of the subleading jet in the 2j2b region (right). The binning in the two BDT outputs is chosen such that each bin contains the same amount of $t\bar{t}$ background, while intervals of 20 GeV are taken for the p_T of the subleading jet. The error band includes the statistical and systematic uncertainties. The bottom of each panel shows the ratios of data to the sum of the expected yields.

199 5 Sources of systematic uncertainty

200 The measurement of the tW production cross section is affected by different sources of sys-
 201 tematic uncertainties that originate from detector effects and from theoretical modeling. Each
 202 source of systematic uncertainty is assessed individually by suitable variations of the MC simu-
 203 lations or by variations of parameter values in the analysis within their estimated uncertainties.
 204 Each contribution is finally represented by a nuisance parameter which is fit together with the
 205 tW production cross section.

206 5.1 Experimental uncertainties

- 207 • The uncertainties on the dilepton trigger and lepton identification efficiencies in
 208 simulation are estimated by varying data-to-simulation SFs by their uncertainties.,

which are about 0.7% and 1.5%, respectively, with some dependence on the lepton p_T and η .

- The uncertainty due to the limited knowledge of the jet energy scale and jet energy resolution is determined by varying the scale and resolution within its uncertainties in bins of p_T and η , typically by a few percent [41].
- The uncertainties resulting from the b tagging efficiency and misidentification rate are determined by varying, within their uncertainties, the b tagging data-to-simulation SF of the b jets and the light-flavor jets, respectively. These uncertainties depend on the p_T and η of the jet and amount to approximately 2% for b jets and 10% for mistagged jets [44] as measured in simulated $t\bar{t}$ events.
- For $t\bar{t}V$, VV , DY and non- W/Z background contributions, a conservative normalization uncertainty of $\pm 50\%$ is assumed.
- The uncertainty assigned to the number of pileup events in simulation is obtained by changing the inelastic proton-proton cross section, which is used to estimate the pileup in data, by $\pm 4.6\%$ [47].
- The uncertainty on the integrated luminosity is estimated to be 2.5% [48].

5.2 Modeling uncertainties

The modeling of the tW signal and $t\bar{t}$ background events by the MC simulation is an important ingredient of the measurement. The impact of theoretical assumptions in the modeling is determined by repeating the analysis and replacing the standard POWHEG +PYTHIA $t\bar{t}$ simulation by dedicated simulation samples with altered parameters.

The uncertainty on modeling of the hard-production process is assessed through changes in the renormalization (μ_R) and factorization (μ_F) scales in the POWHEG sample by factors of two and 0.5 relative to their common nominal value, which is set in POWHEG to $\mu_R = \mu_F = Q = \sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$, where $p_{T,t}^2$ denotes the square transverse momentum of the top quark in the $t\bar{t}$ zero-momentum frame.

In order to take into account parton-shower (PS) uncertainties, different effects are studied:

- Underlying event: the parameters of the PYTHIA tune to measurements of the underlying event [21, 24], used to take into account non-perturbative QCD effects, are varied up and down within their uncertainties.
- Matrix element/PS matching: the uncertainty in the combination of the matrix element calculation with the parton shower is estimated from the variation of the POWHEG parameter $h_{damp} = 1.58_{-0.59}^{+0.66} \cdot m_t$, which regulates the damping of real emissions in the NLO calculation when matching to the PS [21].
- Initial (final) state radiation scale: the PS scale used for the simulation of the initial (final) state radiation is varied up and down by a factor of two ($\sqrt{2}$).
- Color reconnection: the effect of multiple-parton interactions and the parameterization of color reconnection have been studied in [24] and are varied accordingly. In addition, we use a simulation with activated color reconnection of resonant decays. The uncertainties that arise from ambiguities in modeling color reconnection effects are estimated by comparing the default model in PYTHIA with two alternative models of color reconnection, a model with string formation beyond leading color [49] and a model in that the gluons can be moved to another string [50]. All models are tuned to measurements of the underlying event [21, 24].

253 The uncertainty from the choice of PDFs is determined by reweighting the sample of simulated
 254 $t\bar{t}$ events according to the 100 NNPDF3.0 error PDF sets [17]. The root-mean-square of the
 255 distribution is taken as an uncertainty.

256 Additionally the difference between the DS and DR schemes is taken as a source of systematic
 257 uncertainty on the signal.

258 6 Results

259 The tW signal strength parameter that results in the best fit to the data is 0.88 ± 0.02 (stat) \pm
 260 0.08 (syst) ± 0.03 (lumi), corresponding to a measured cross-section of 63.1 ± 1.8 (stat) \pm
 261 5.7 (syst) ± 2.1 (lumi) pb, consistent with SM expectations.

262 Comparisons of the final post-fit distributions of the BDT discriminants in the 1j1b and 2j1b
 263 regions as well as the distribution of the subleading jet p_T in the 2j2b region for data and simu-
 264 lated events are shown in Fig. 6.

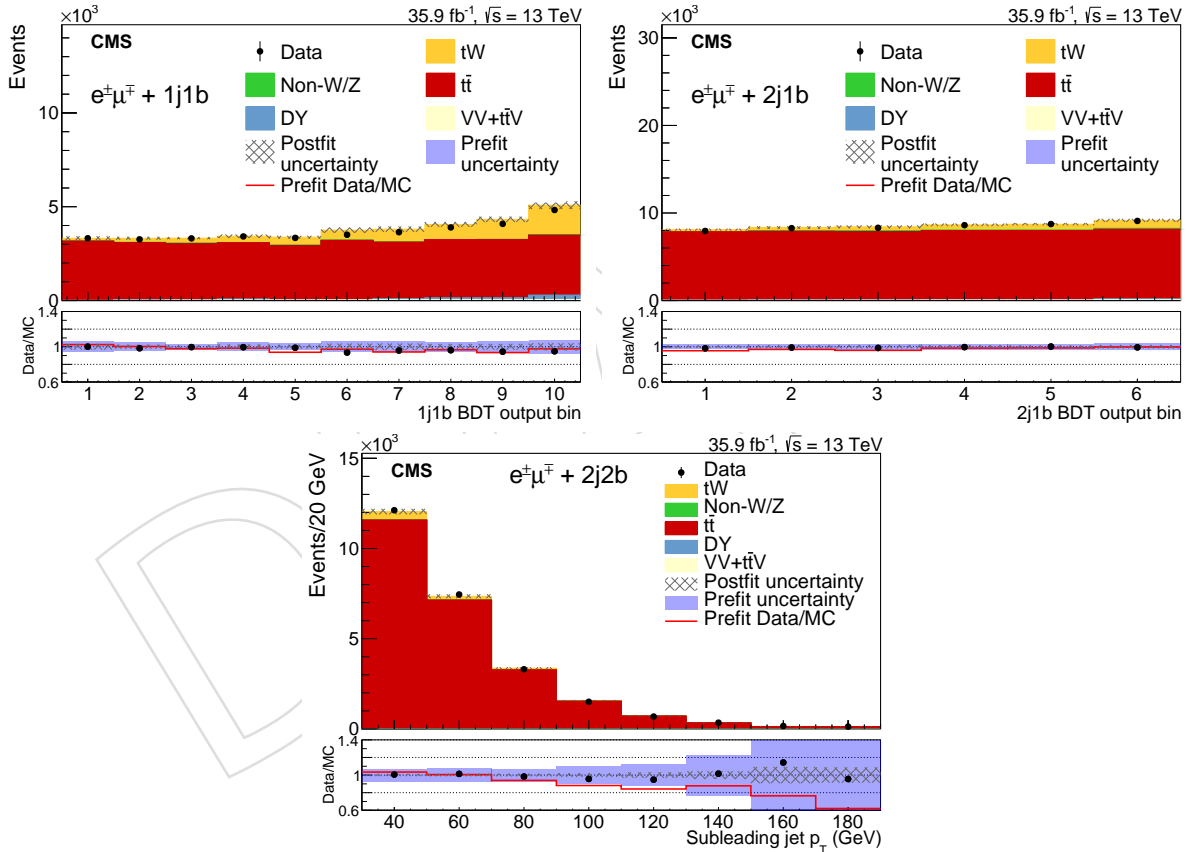


Figure 6: Comparison of the observed data and simulated events for the distributions after the fit is performed: BDT output in the 1j1b (left) and 2j1b (center) regions and the p_T of the subleading jet in the 2j2b region (right). The error band includes the statistical and systematic uncertainties. The bottom of each panel shows the ratios of data to the sum of the expected yields.

265 The impact of each source of systematic uncertainty in the fit, shown in Table 1, is evaluated by
 266 performing the fit fixing the rest of the nuisance parameters to their post-fit value.

Table 1: Estimation of the effect of each source of systematic uncertainty to the fit.

Source	Uncertainty (%)
Trigger efficiencies	2.7
Muon efficiencies	3.1
Electron efficiencies	3.2
Jet energy scale	3.2
Jet energy resolution	1.8
b tagging efficiency	1.4
Mistagging rate	0.2
Pileup	3.3
μ_R and μ_F scale	2.7
Underlying event	0.4
ME/PS matching	1.8
Initial state radiation	0.8
Final state radiation	0.8
Color reconnection	2.0
PDF	1.5
DR-DS	1.3
VV normalization	0.4
Drell–Yan normalization	1.1
Non-W/Z leptons normalization	1.6
t \bar{t} V normalization	0.1
MC statistics	1.6
Total systematic (excluding integrated luminosity)	9.1
Integrated luminosity	3.3
Statistical	2.8
Total	10.1

7 Summary

The full data set recorded by CMS at 13 TeV during 2016, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of $35.9 \pm 0.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, is used to measure the tW production cross section in the $e^\pm\mu^\mp$ channel. The signal is measured using a maximum likelihood fit to the distribution of BDT discriminants in the 1j1b and 2j1b categories and the subleading jet p_T distribution in the 2j1b category. The measured cross section of the tW production is found to be $63.1 \pm 1.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 5.7 \text{ (syst)} \pm 2.1 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$. A relative uncertainty of 10% in the tW production cross section is achieved. The measurement, which represents the first one from the CMS experiment at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$, is consistent with the standard model prediction of $71.7 \pm 1.8 \text{ (scale)} \pm 3.4 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ pb}$ and with a similar measurement by the ATLAS collaboration [13].

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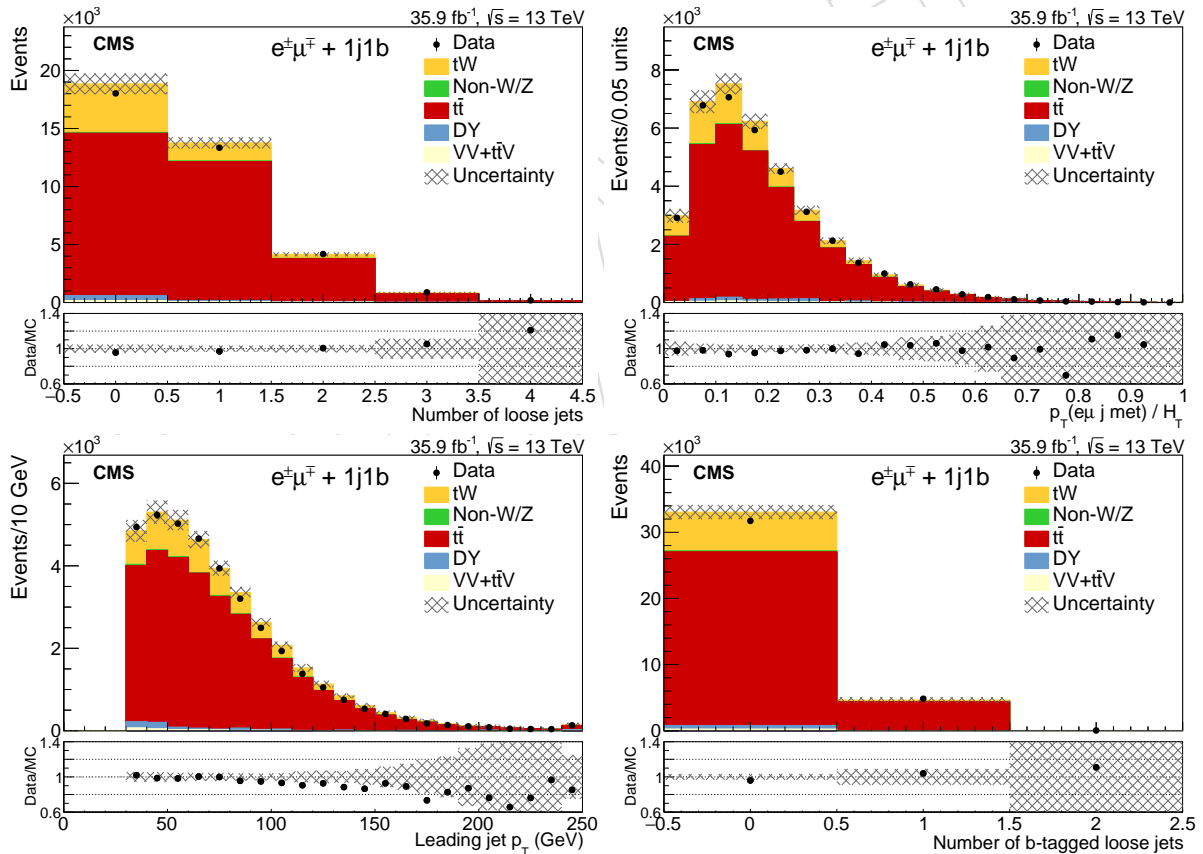


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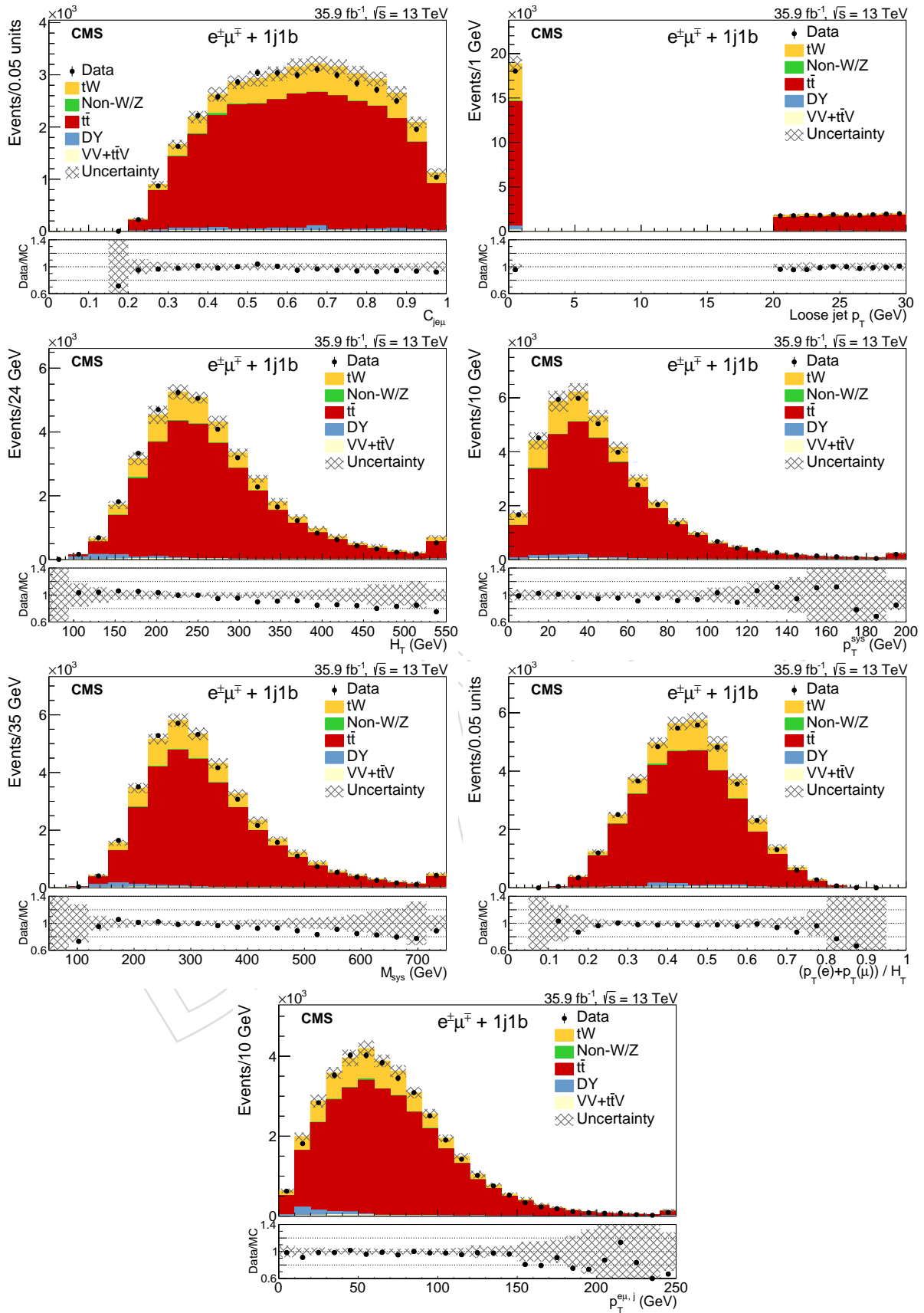


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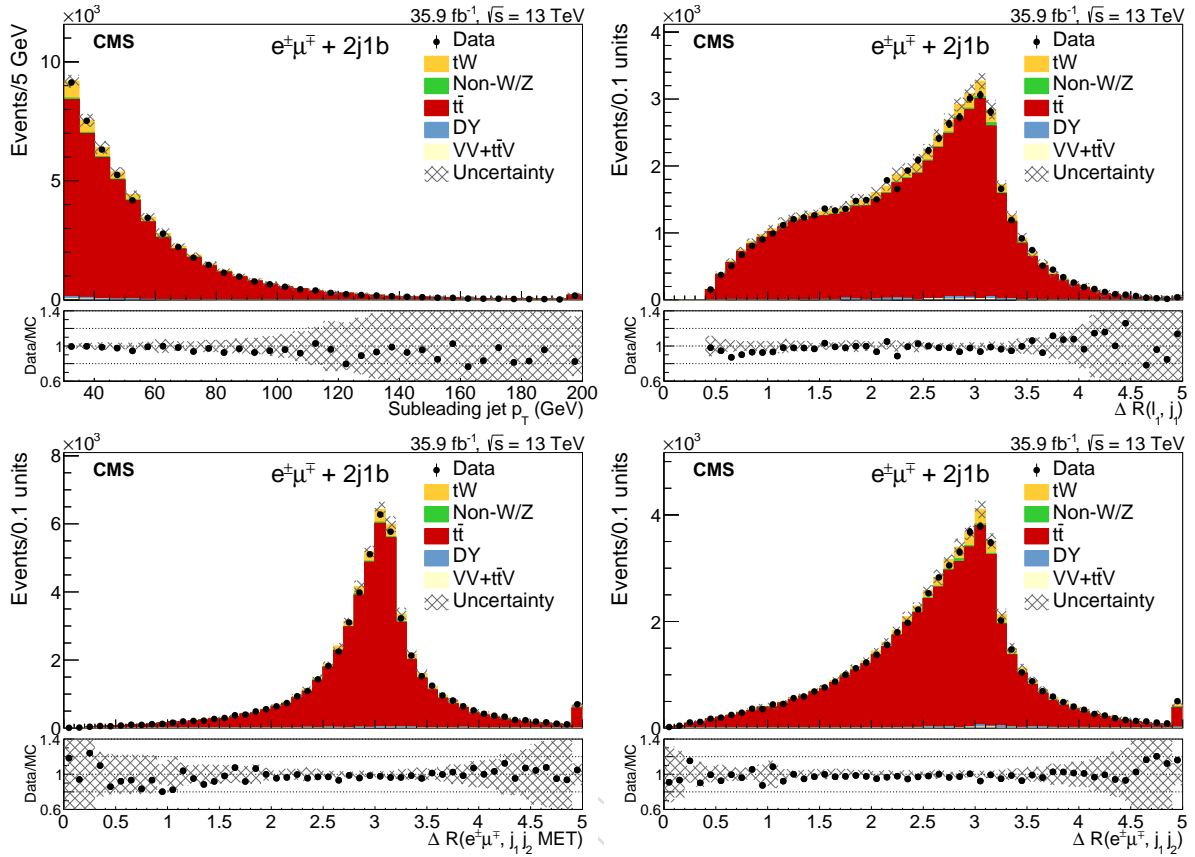


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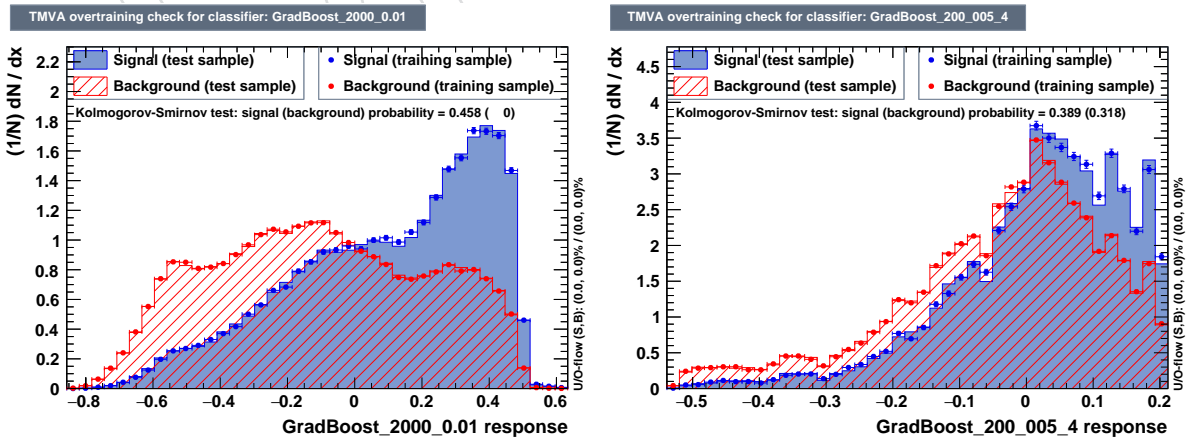


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