

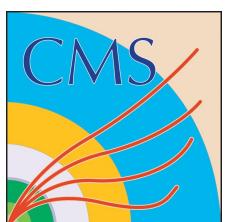
# Measurements of differential cross sections for the production of top quark pairs in $pp$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the CMS experiment

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# Analysis overview

Differential cross sections performed with full Run 2 data:

- Study details of  $t\bar{t}$  production dynamics in different phase space regions.
- Compare to state of the art Standard Model predictions: window to new physics.

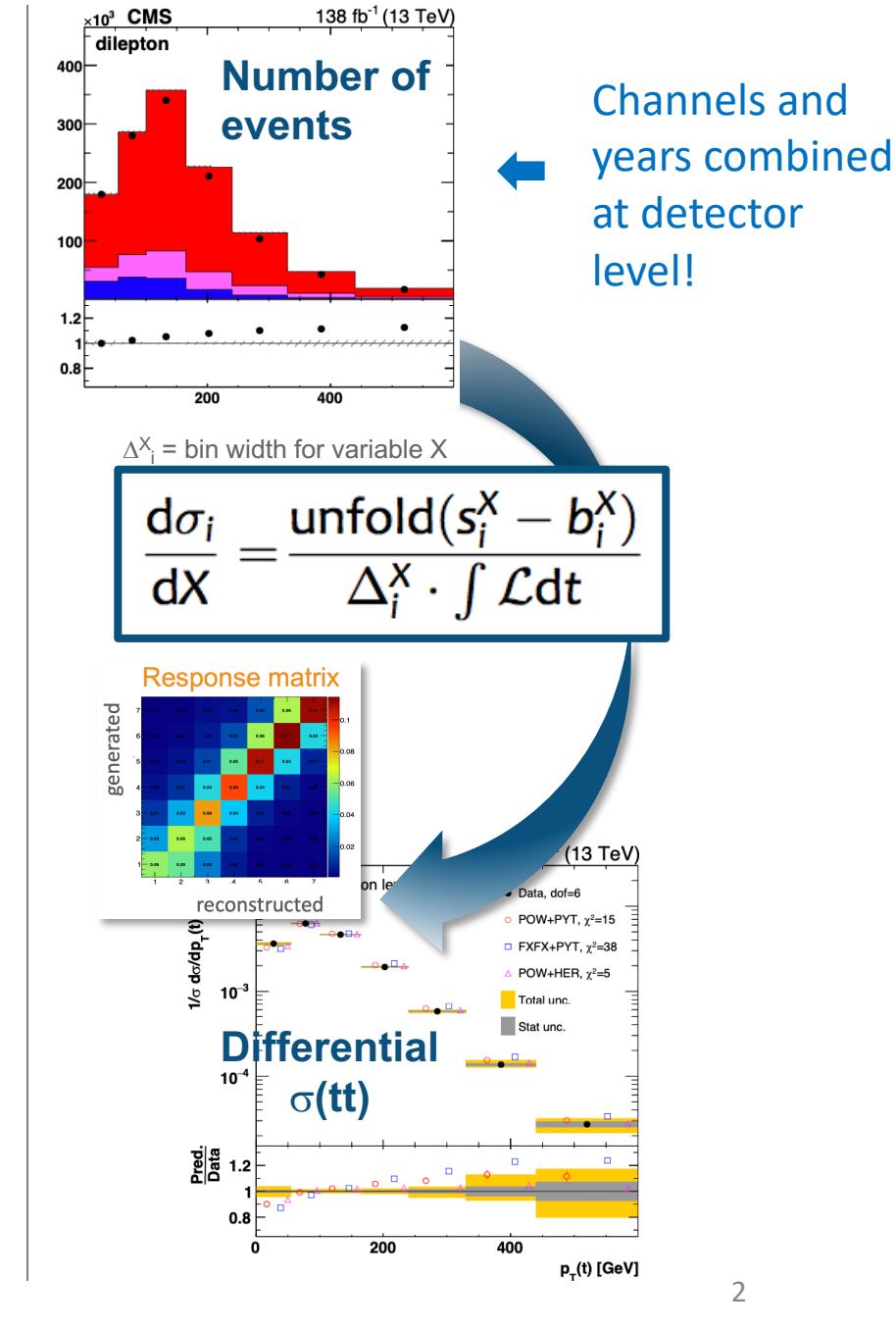
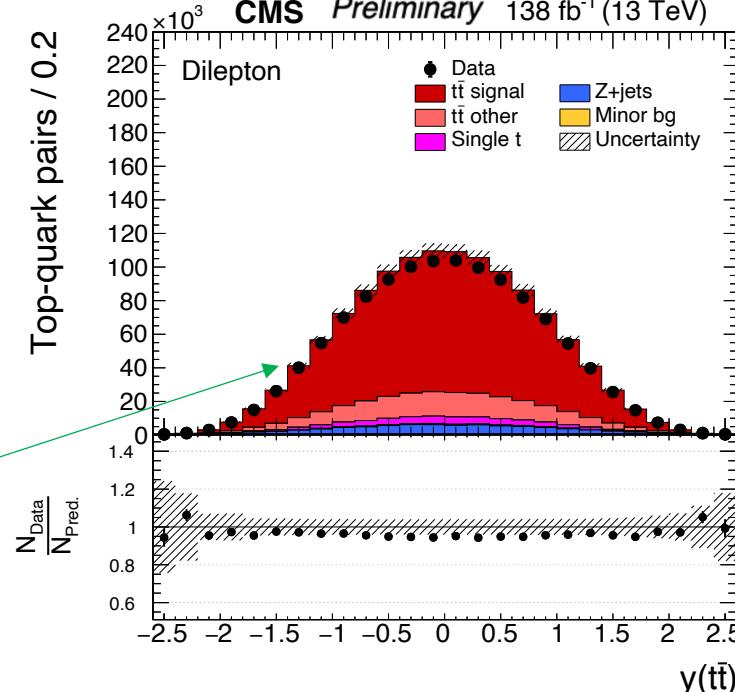
Study kinematical distributions and topologies of following objects

- $t, \bar{t}$  and  $t\bar{t}$
- Leptons and b-jets
- Additional jet multiplicity

$t\bar{t}$  decays to prompt  $e^\pm e^\mp, \mu^\pm \mu^\mp$  and  $e^\pm \mu^\mp$  final states:

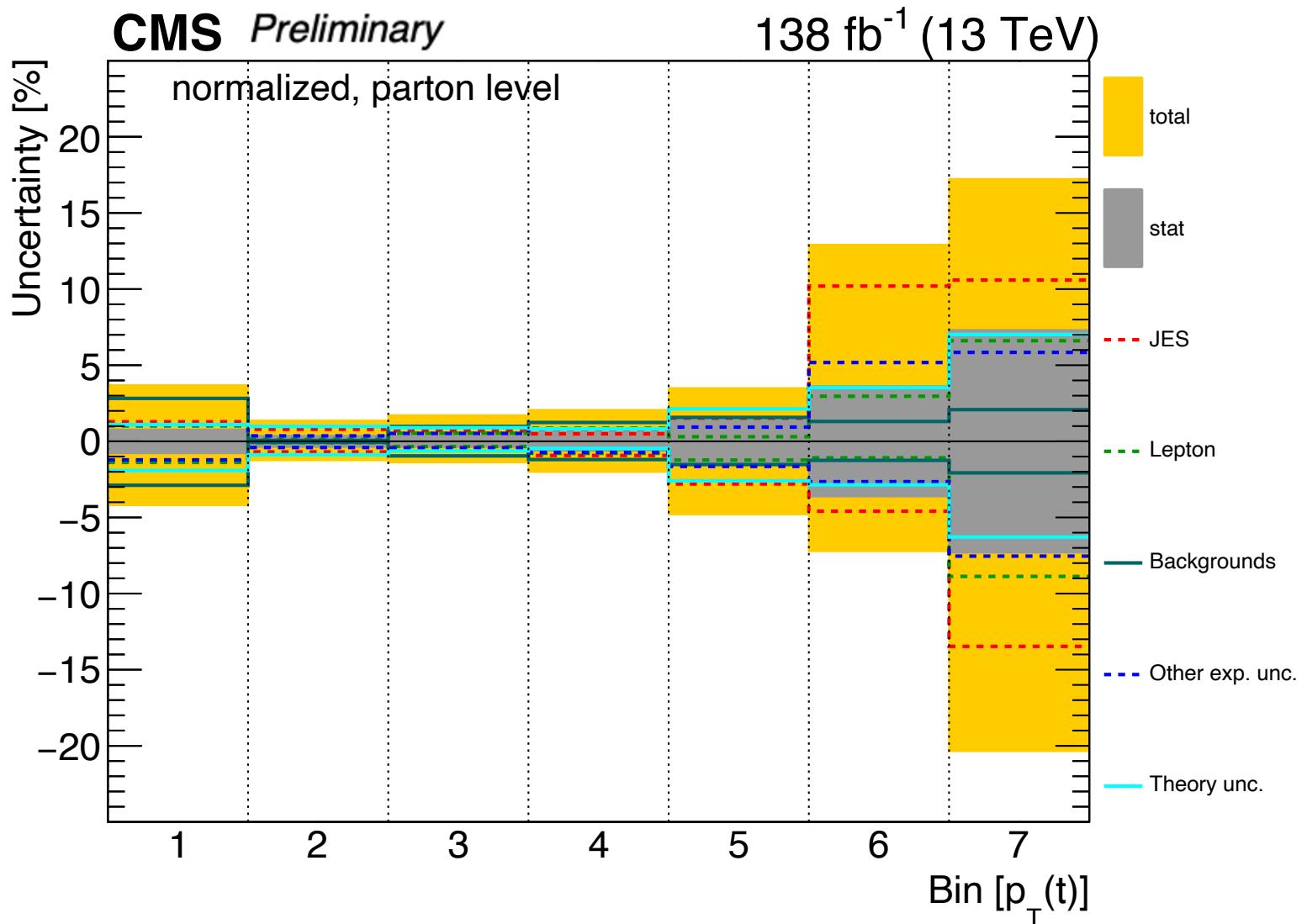
- Dilepton and single lepton triggers.
- Two high  $p_T$  leptons.
- Two high  $p_T$  jets ( $\geq 1$  b-tag).

1 million  $t\bar{t}$  events after full selection in Run 2!  
Unprecedented precision.



# Uncertainty contributions in unfolded cross sections

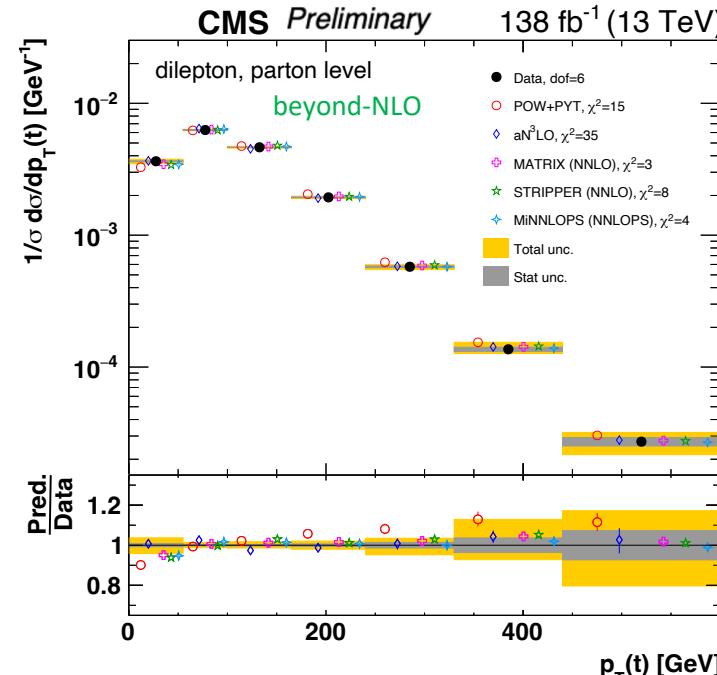
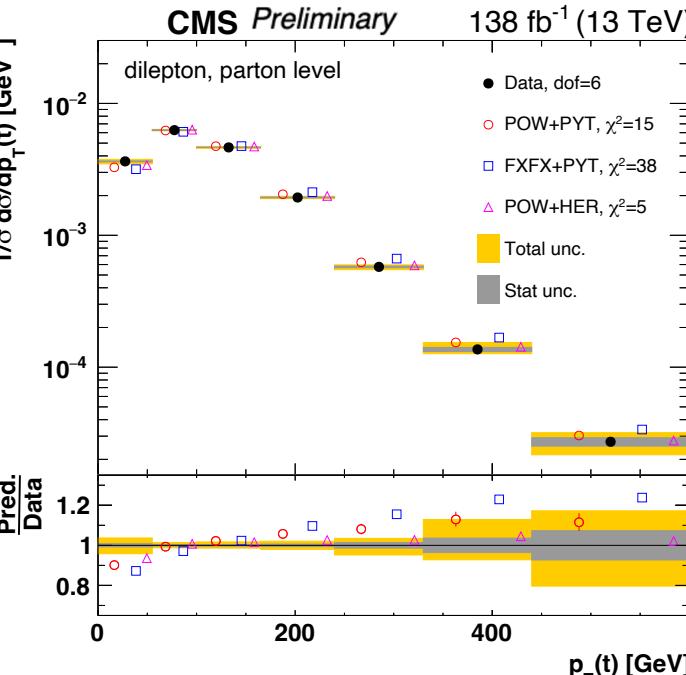
- Systematics dominated
- Experimental uncertainties are larger than theory uncertainties:
  - main sources: **Jet energy scale**, lepton efficiency and background normalization
- Total uncertainties are in 2 – 20% range
- Overall uncertainty reduced by a factor of  $\sim 2$  w.r.t. [previous measurements](#)



# $p_T$ of top and $t\bar{t}$

Left: comparison to different MC at NLO QCD:

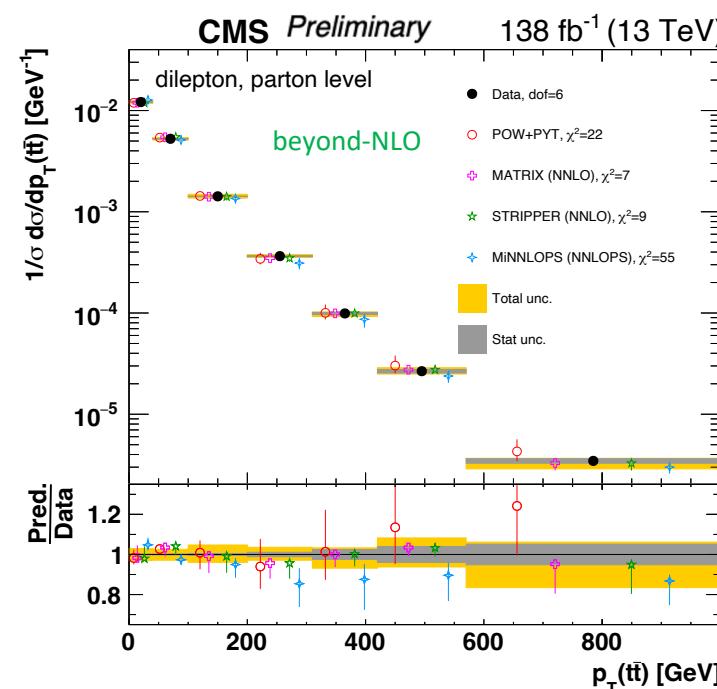
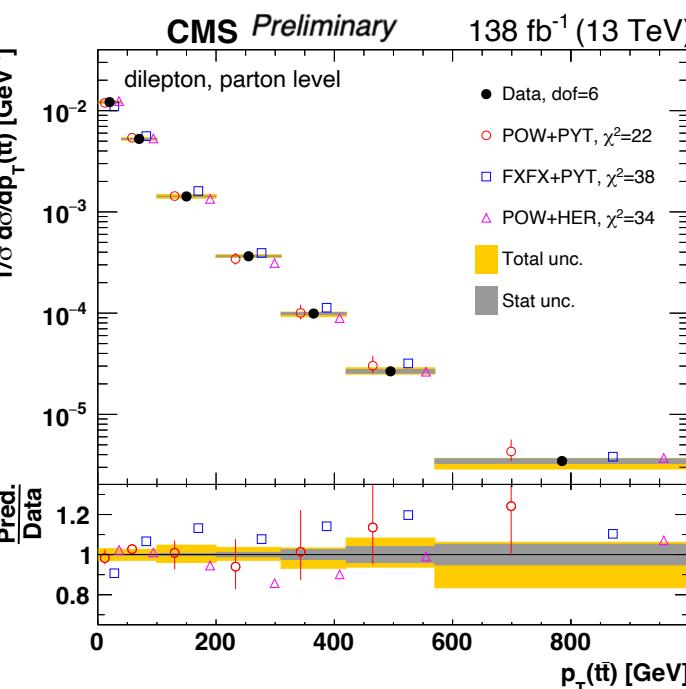
- POW+PYT → PowhegV2+Pythia8
- FXFX+PYT → MG5\_aMC@NLO[FxFx] +Pythia8
- △ POW+HER → PowhegV2+Herwig7



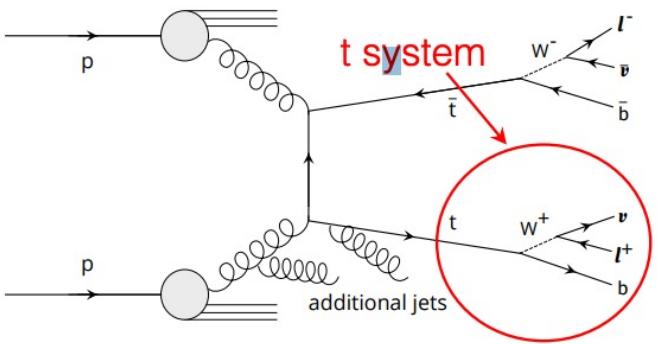
Right: comparison to beyond-NLO QCD (when available):

- ◊ aN<sup>3</sup>LO [N. Kidonakis](#).
- △ MATRIX (NNLO) [M. Grazzini et al.](#)
- ★ STRIPPER (NNLO) [M. Czakon et al.](#)
- ◆ MiNNLOPS (NNLOPS)

[Monni et al.](#), results provided by S. Amoroso

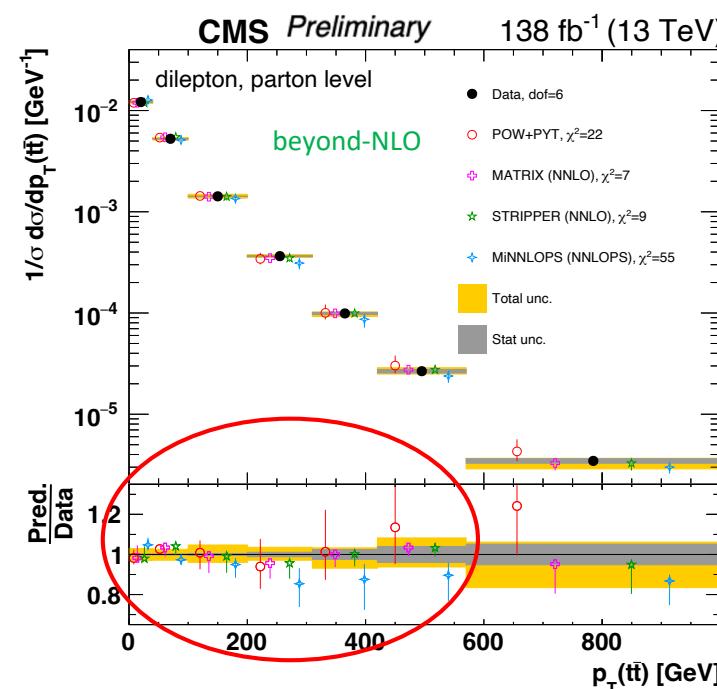
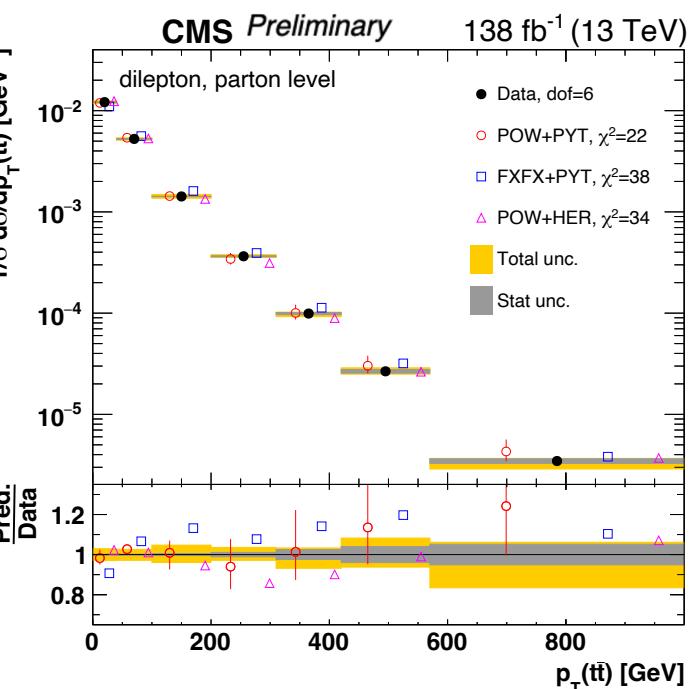
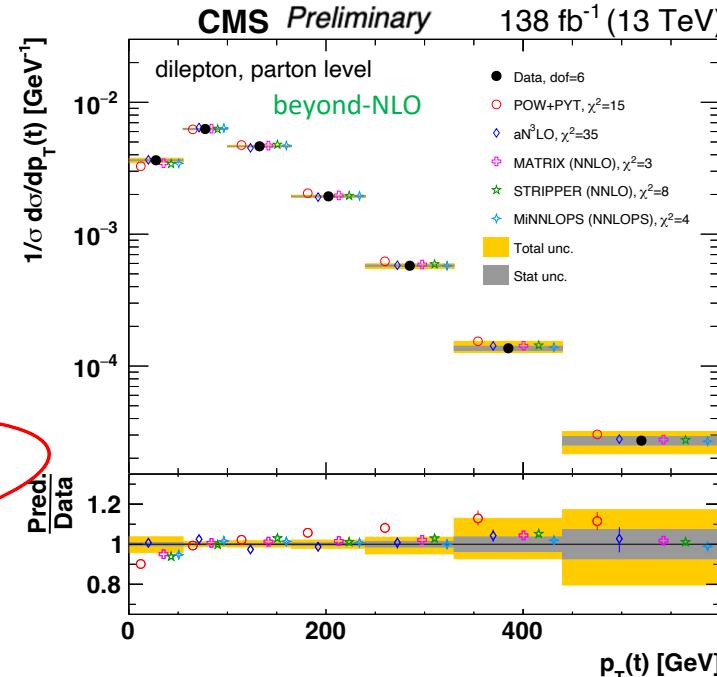
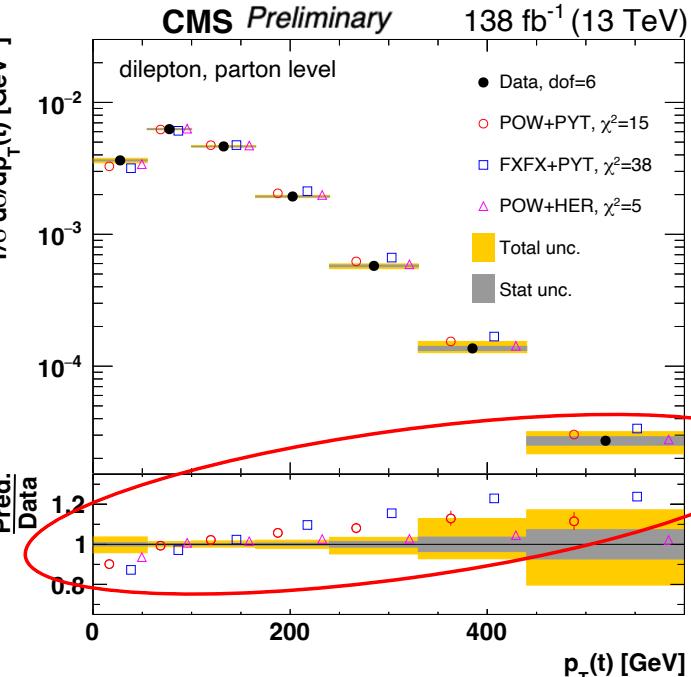


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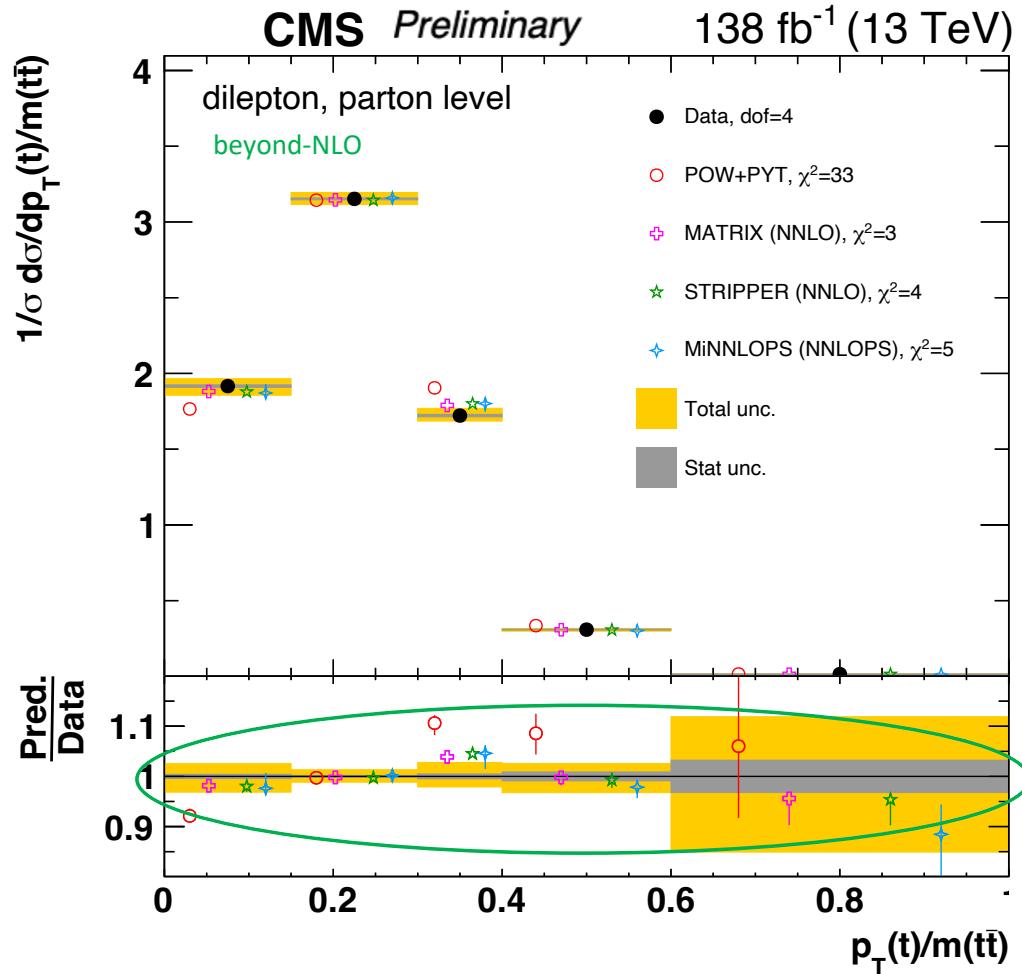
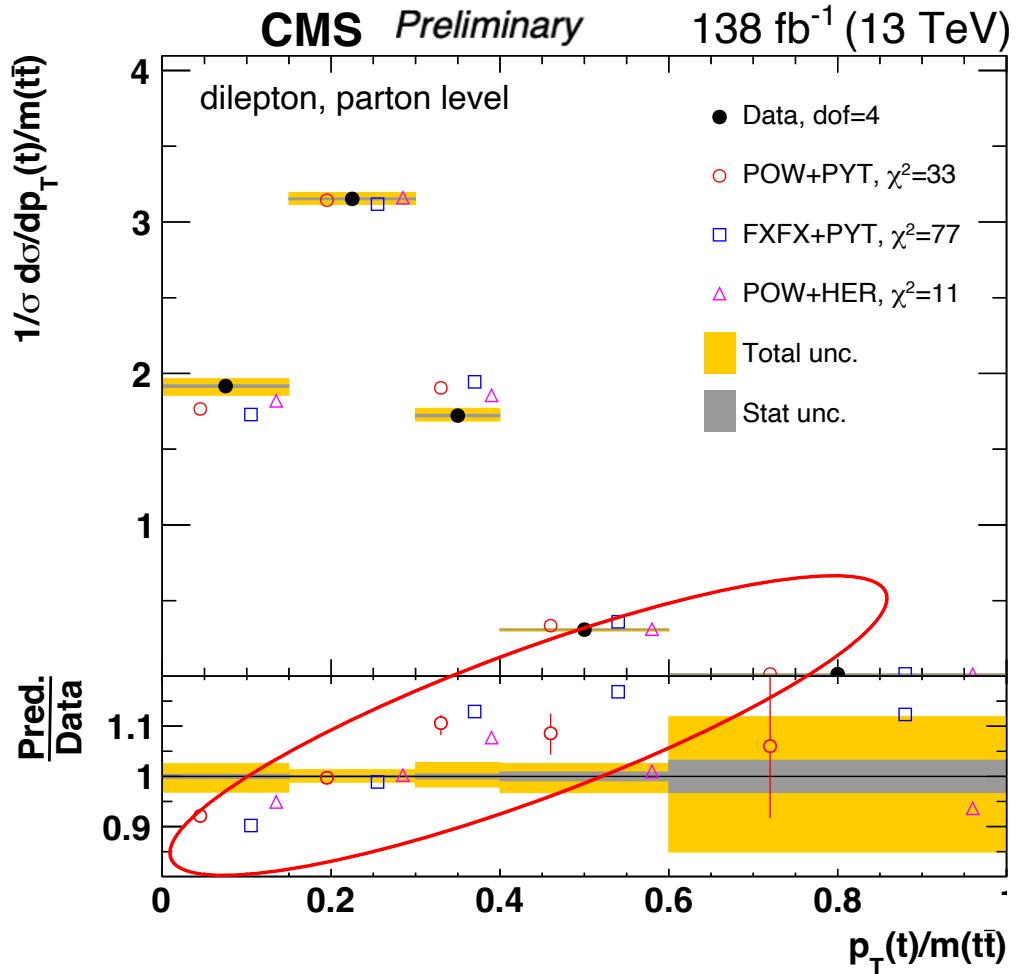


- The 'POW+PYT' and 'FXFX+PYT' models predict harder  $p_T(t)$ .

- $p_T(t\bar{t})$  directly sensitive to additional gluon radiation.
  - All models exhibit slight modulation.

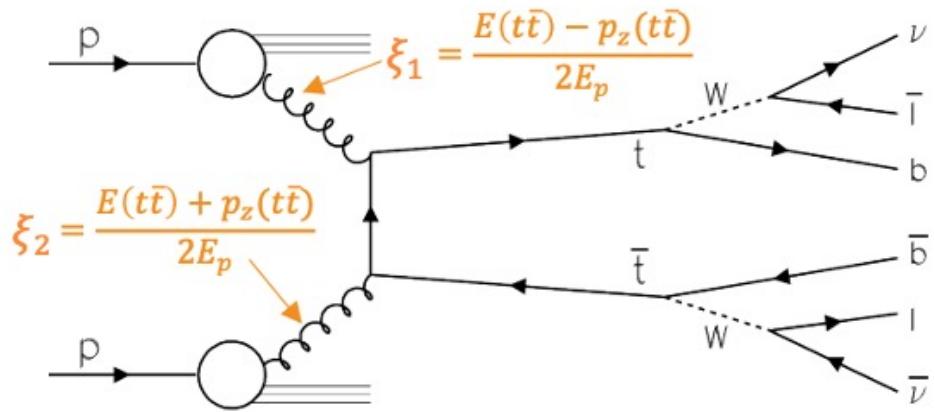


# New ratio observable: $p_T(t)/m(t\bar{t})$

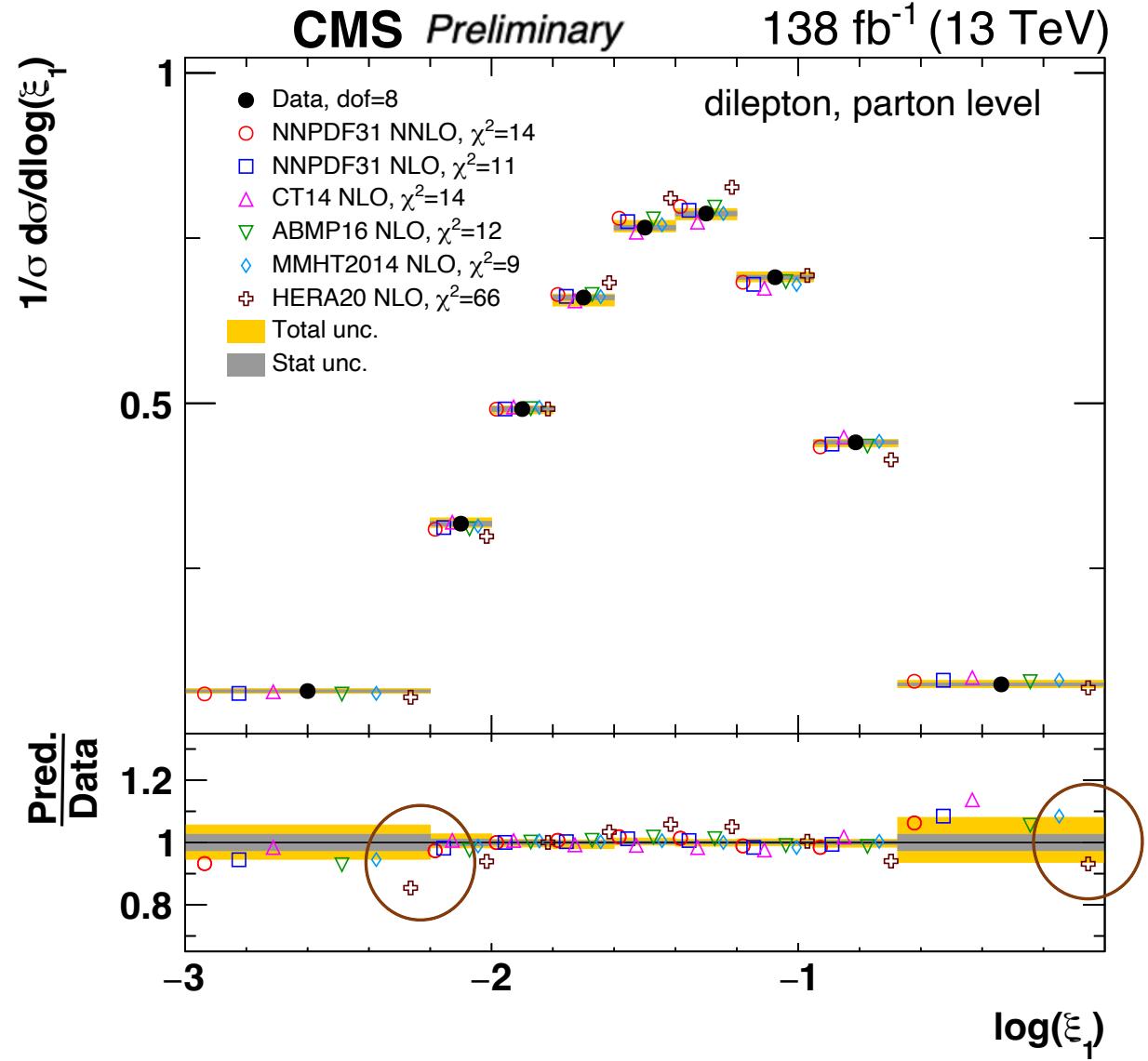


- The ‘POW+PYT’ and ‘FXFX+PYT’ models predict harder spectra than in data.
- Good description of data from predictions at beyond-NLO precision.

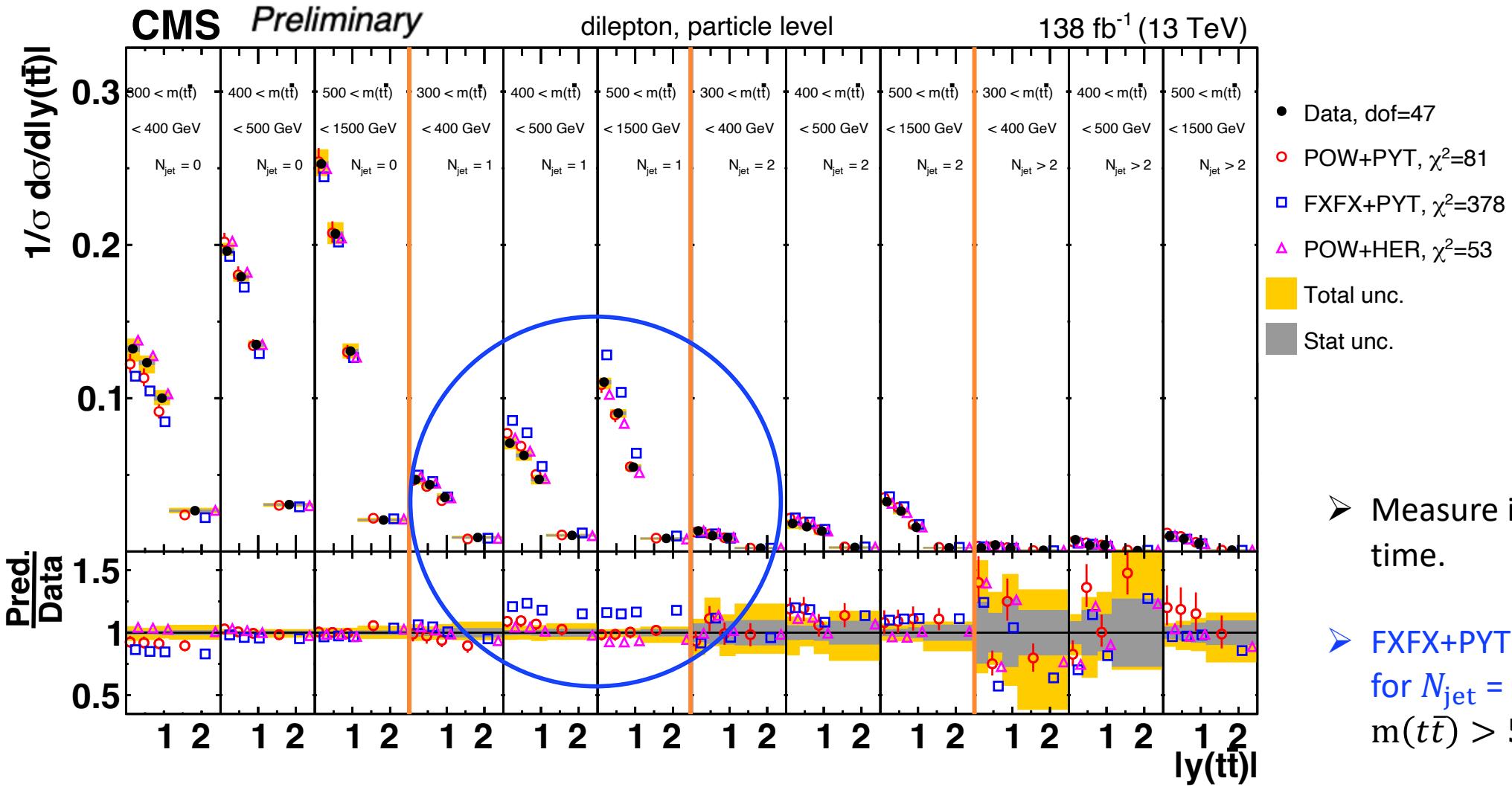
# Proton momentum fraction



- Sensitive to gluon momentum density fractions up to  $\sim 0.2$ .
- The HERAPDF2.0 NLO prediction undershoots the data in outer regions of  $\log(\xi_1)$ .



# $t\bar{t}$ kinematics and extra jets multiplicity: [ $n_{\text{jet}}^{0,1,2,3+}$ , m( $t\bar{t}$ ), y( $t\bar{t}$ )]



- Measure in 4  $N_{\text{jet}}$  bins for first time.
- FXFX+PYT has poor description for  $N_{\text{jet}} = 1$  in all rapidity bins at  $m(t\bar{t}) > 500 \text{ GeV}$ .

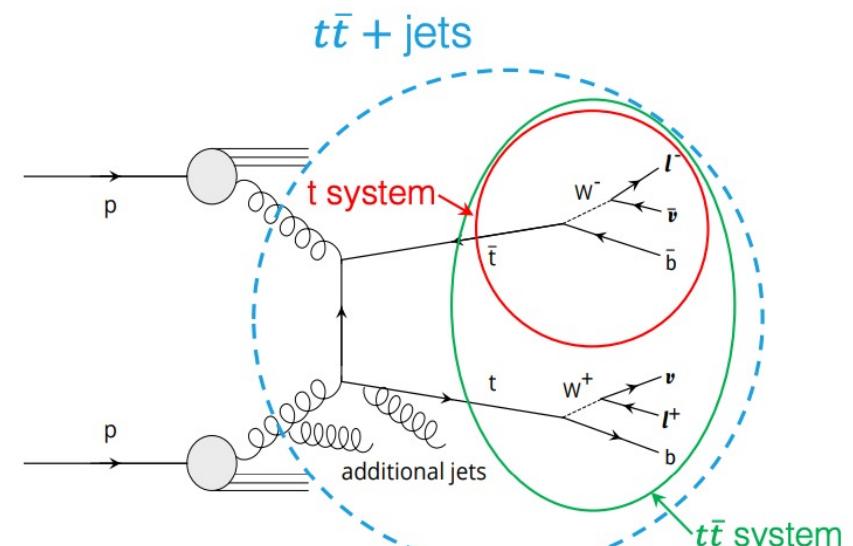
# Summary

➤ Presented measurements of differential  $t\bar{t}$  cross sections in the dilepton channel using full Run 2 data:

- Comprehensive set of observables of  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $t$ ,  $\bar{t}$ , their decay products (leptons and b-jets), and the additional jet multiplicity in the event.
- Several new observables measured for the first time ever.
- Total uncertainties are reduced by a factor  $\sim 2$ .

➤ Comparison of results with predictions:

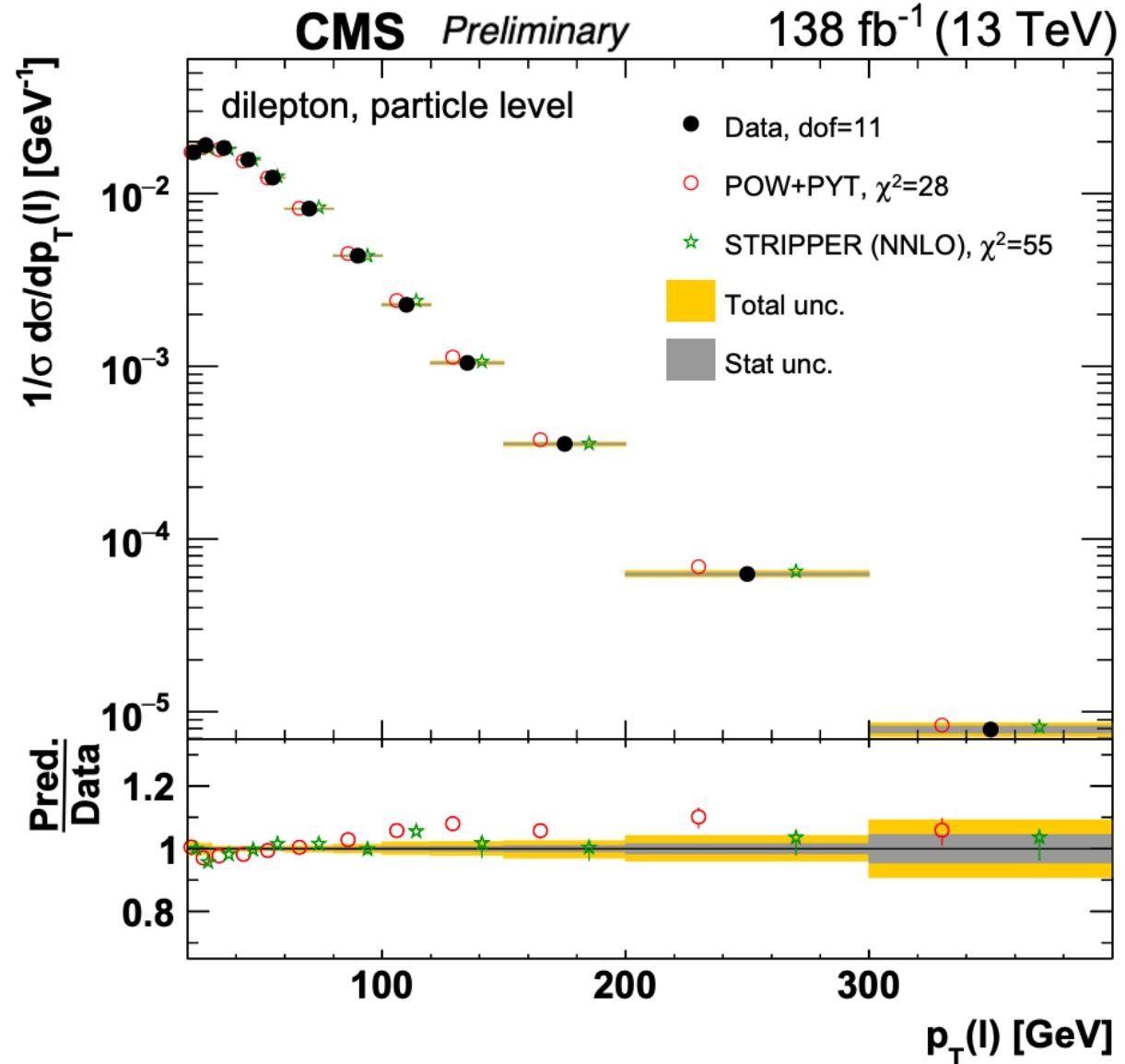
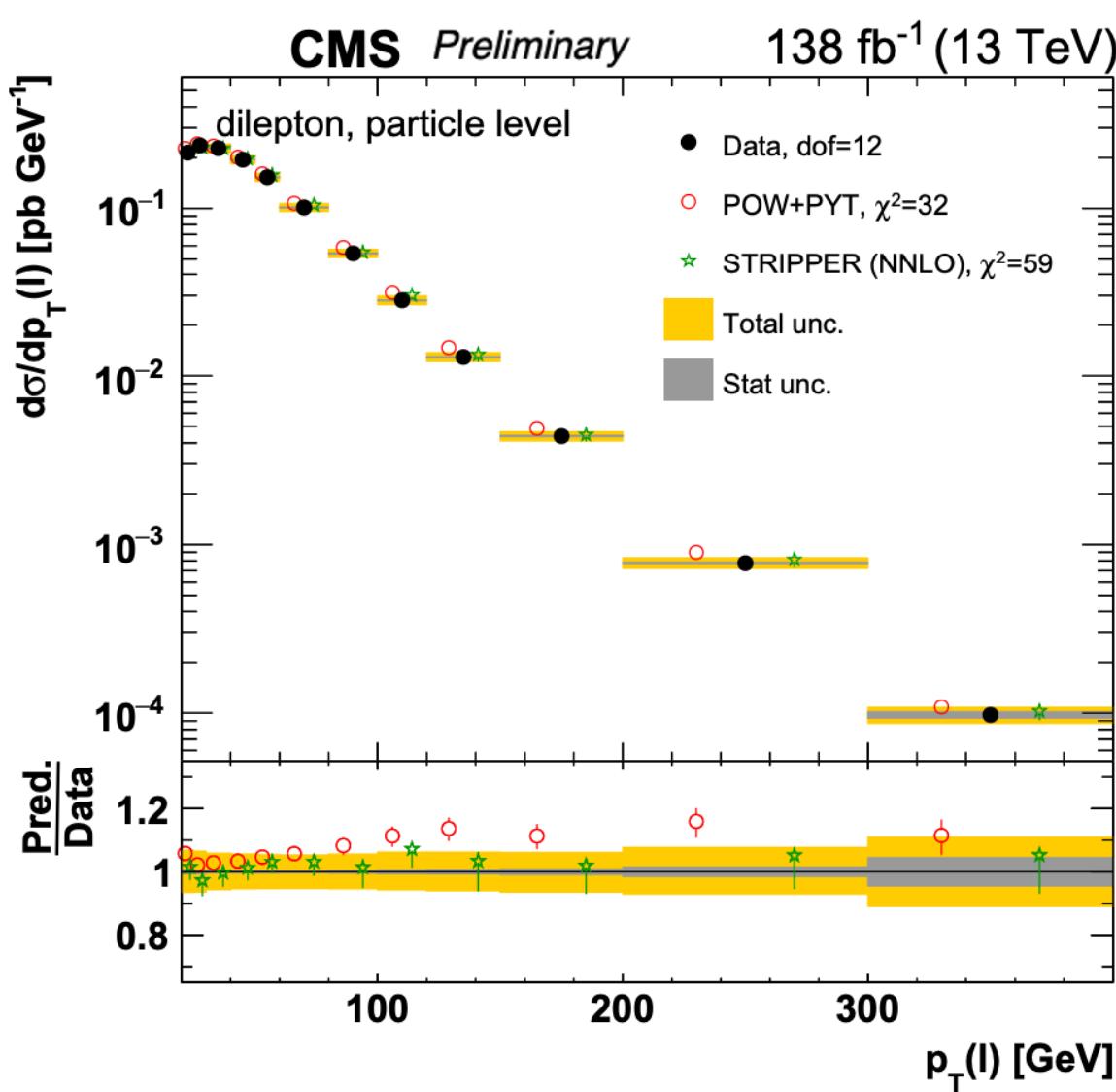
- No single model at NLO or beyond-NLO precision provides a good description of the data in all measured cross sections.
- beyond-NLO theory predictions provide
  - similar or improved descriptions of the data, e.g. for  $p_T(t)$ .
  - exceptions are e.g.  $p_T(t\bar{t})$ , where theory scale uncertainties are large.



All results are featured in the preliminary result [CMS-PAS-TOP-20-006!](#)

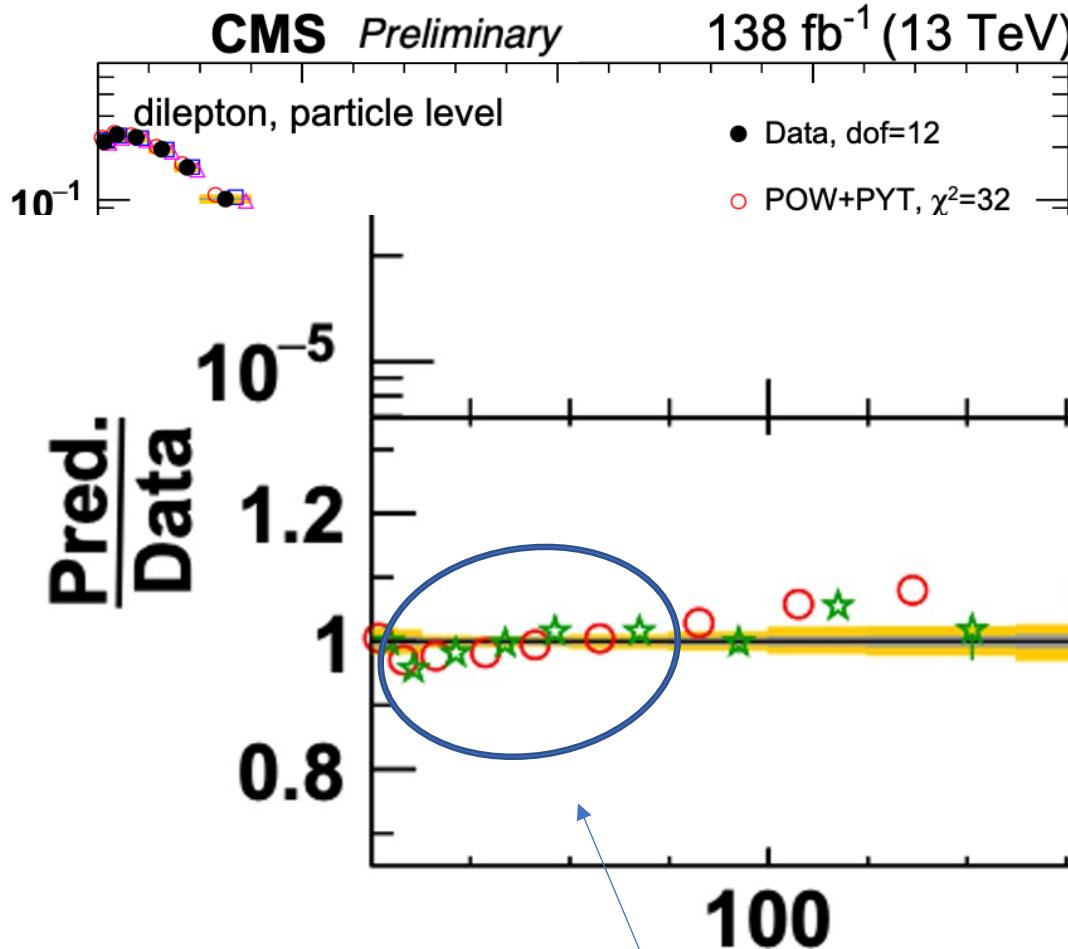
# Back-up

# Lepton $p_T$

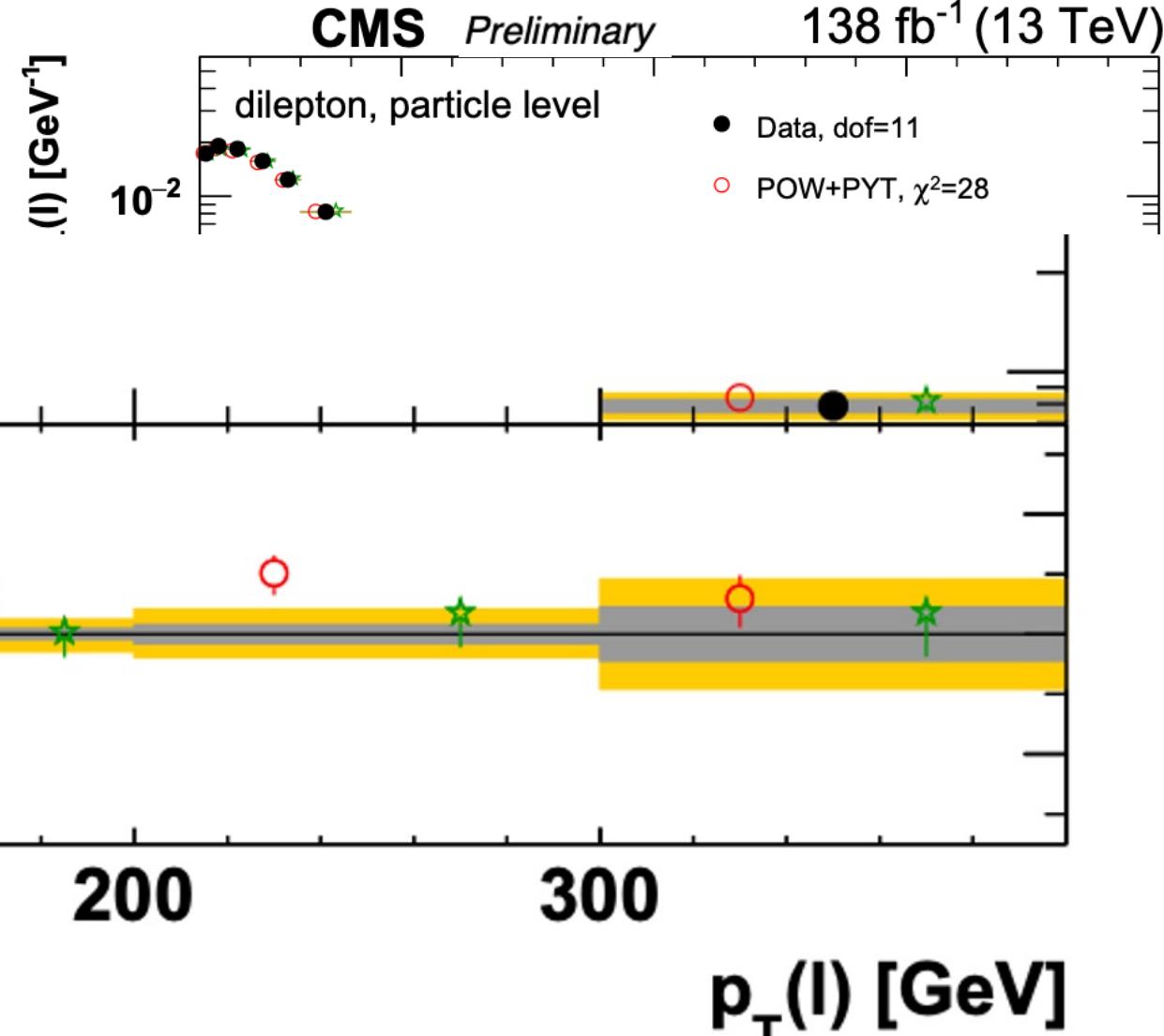


# Lepton $p_T$

$d\sigma/dp_T(l) [pb GeV^{-1}]$

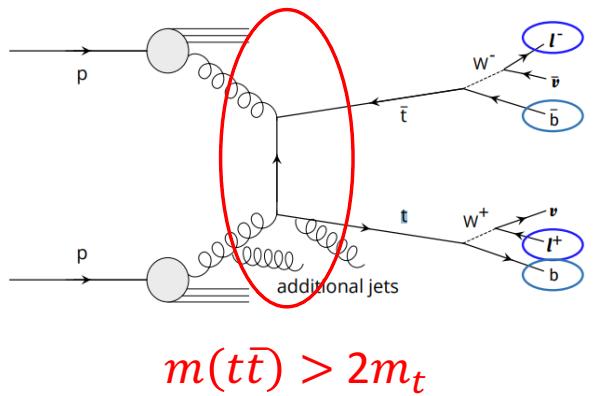


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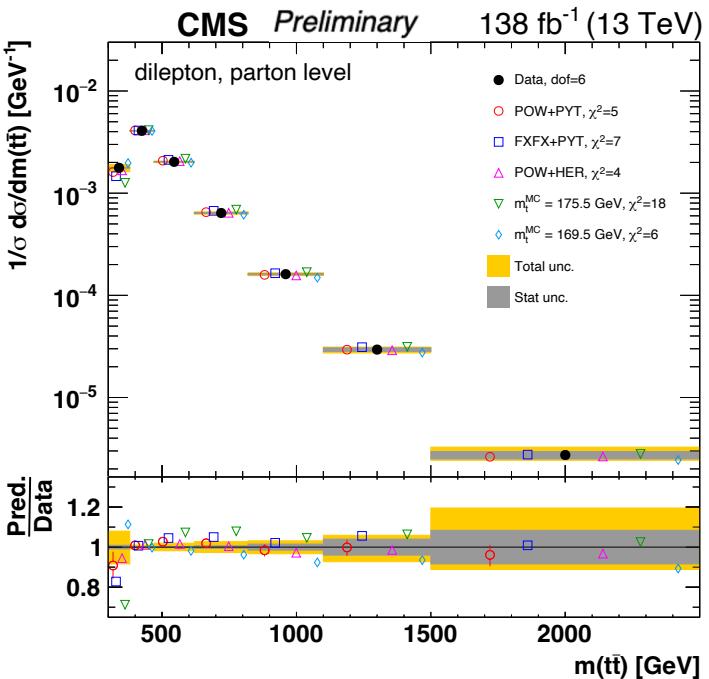
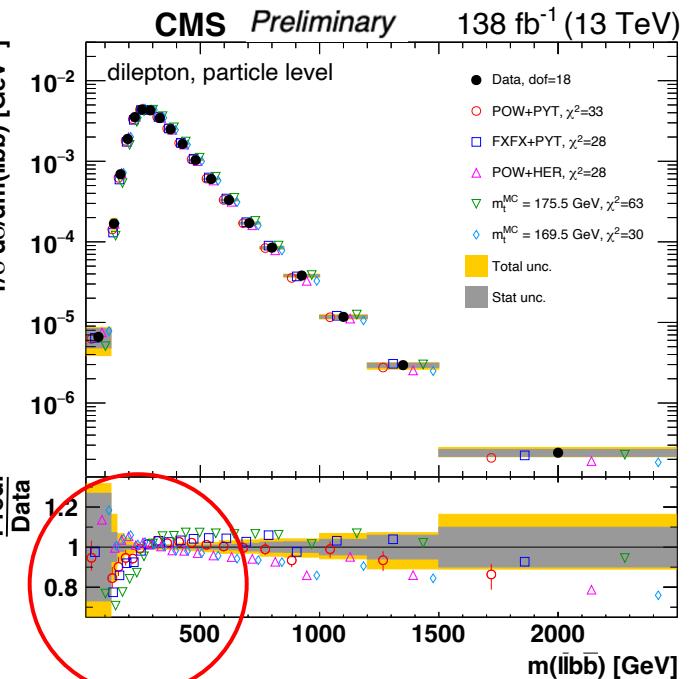
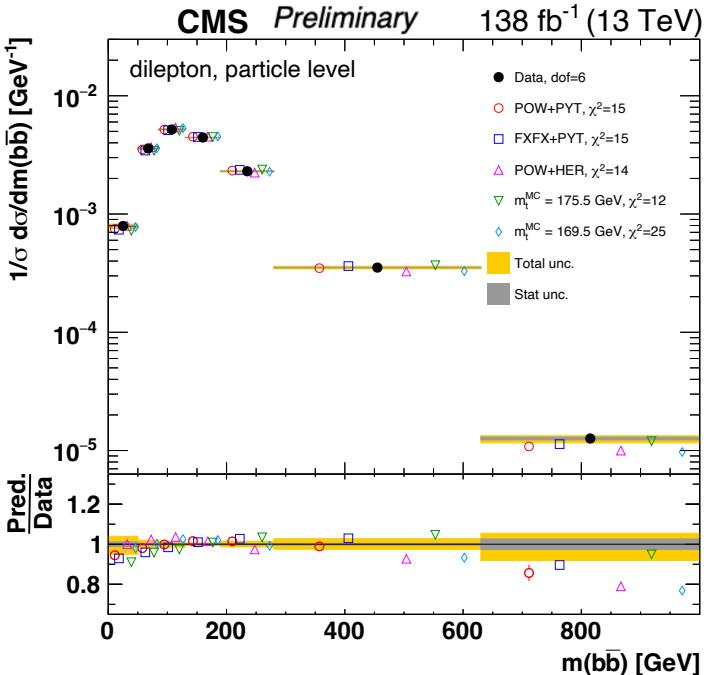
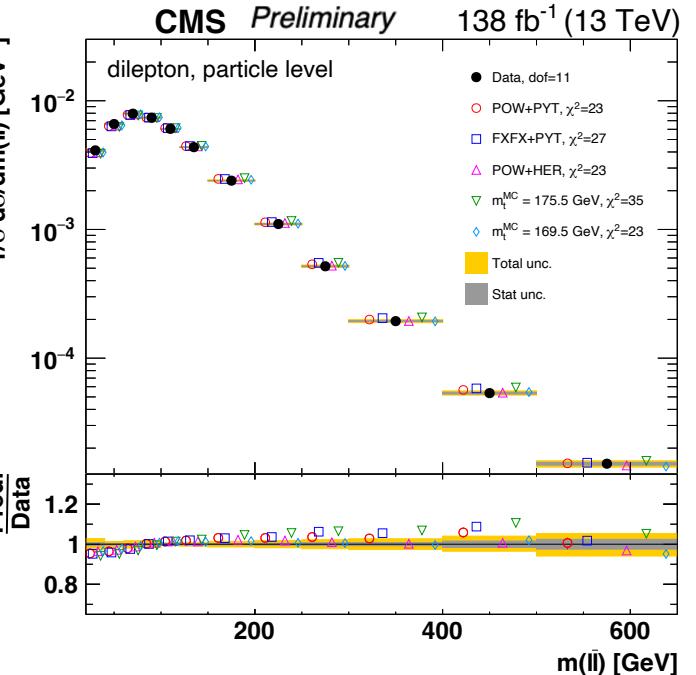


Stripper has larger slope w.r.t. data in high precision bins.

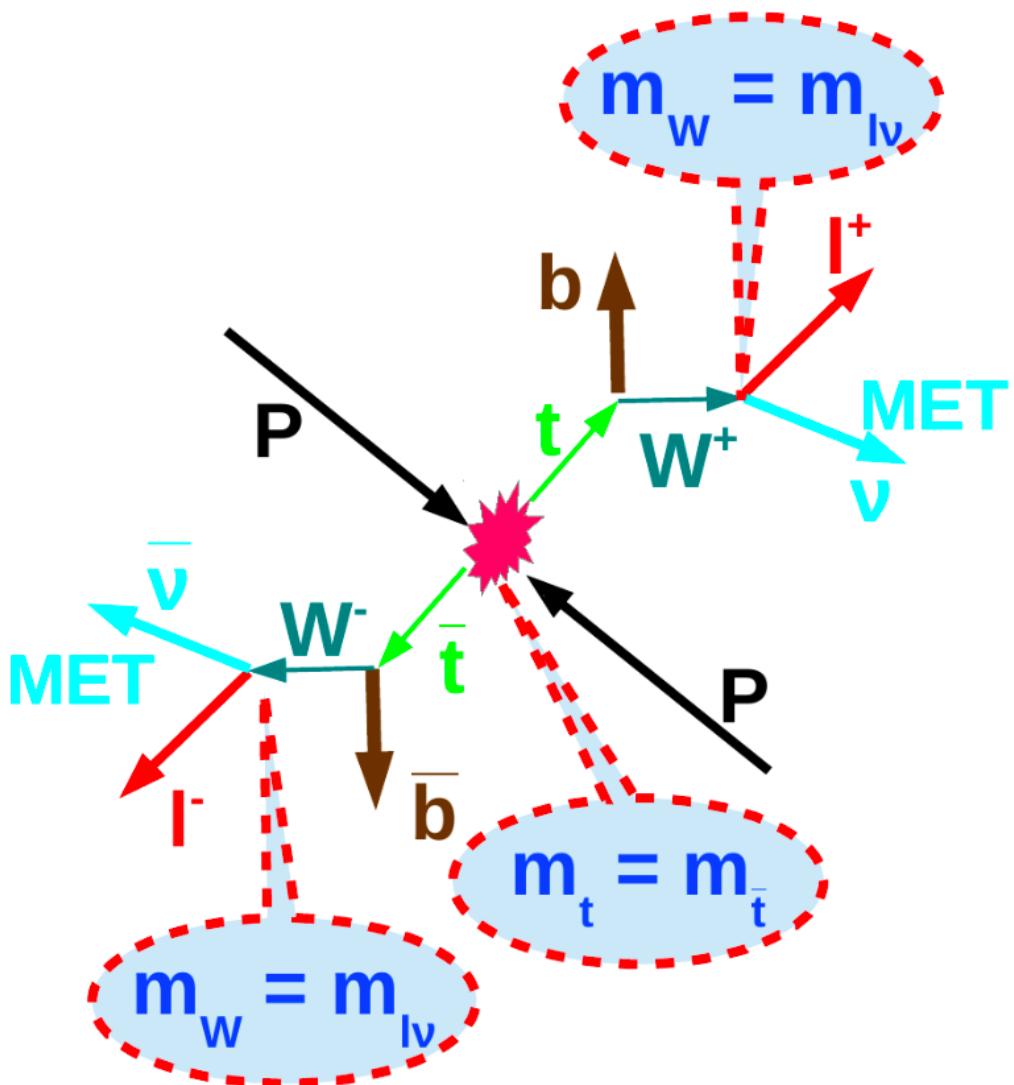
# Masses of decay particle systems



- Study sensitivity to the top mass from proxies for  $t\bar{t}$  mass system.
- Comparison to  $m_t^{\text{MC}} = 175.5 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_t^{\text{MC}} = 169.5 \text{ GeV}$ :
  - $m(l\bar{l}b\bar{b})$  exhibits **best sensitivity**.



# Kinematic reconstruction



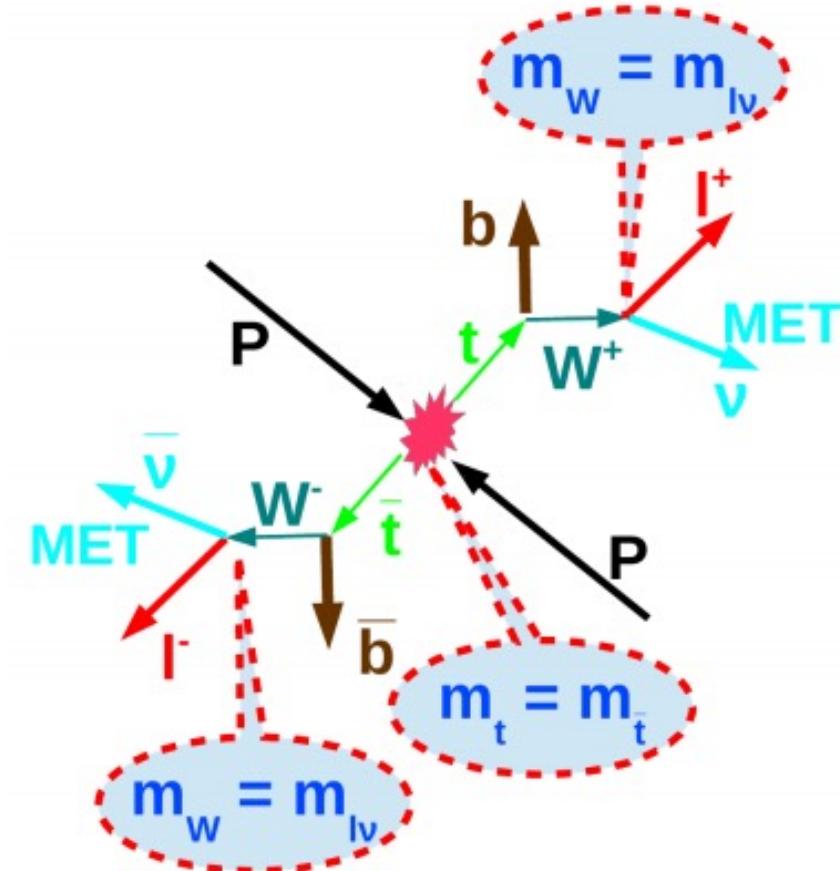
- Input: leptons, jets, **MET**
- Unknowns:  $\mathbf{p}_v, \mathbf{p}_{\bar{v}}$  (6)
- Constraints:
  - ▶  $m_t, m_{\bar{t}}$  (2)
  - ▶  $m_{w^+}, m_{w^-}$  (2)
  - ▶  $(\mathbf{p}_v + \mathbf{p}_{\bar{v}})_T = \mathbf{MET}$  (2)

# Kinematic reconstruction

with additional details for loose kinematic reconstruction

## Loose kinematic reconstruction

- No constraint on top mass
  - Mass onset is accessible
  - Can only reconstruct  $t\bar{t}$  system
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- Kinematic requirements:  
 $p_{x,y}(\nu\bar{\nu}) = \text{MET}_{x,y}$   
 $p_z(\nu\bar{\nu}) = p_z(l\bar{l}), E_z(\nu\bar{\nu}) = E_z(l\bar{l})$   
 $M(\nu\bar{\nu}) \geq 0, M(\nu\bar{\nu}l\bar{l}) \geq 2M_W$



# Comparisons to recent measurements from CMS and ATLAS

- No single model at NLO or beyond-NLO precision provides a good description of the data in all measured cross sections.
- Discrepancies between the predictions and data are enhanced in the double-differential measurements.

