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Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling with the heaviest final state ever observed

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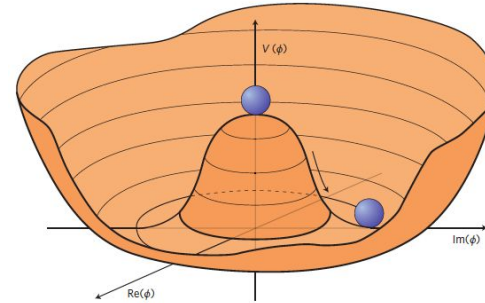
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Why are Higgs properties important?

Standard Model (SM) describes 3 fundamental interactions, but leaves several questions, including

- **Hierarchy**: why the weak scale \ll Planck scale ?
- What is the particle nature of **Dark Matter**?
- Why there is much more **Matter** than **Antimatter**?



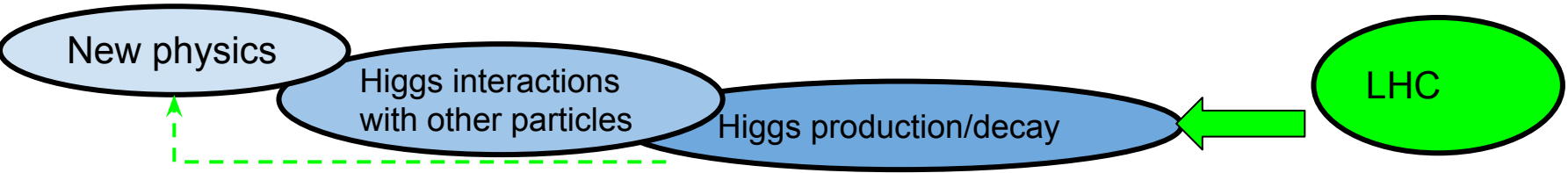
mass → charge → spin →	$\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $2/3$ $1/2$ up	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $2/3$ $1/2$ charm	$\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $2/3$ $1/2$ top	0 0 1 gluon	$\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0 Higgs boson
QUARKS	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ down	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ strange	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ bottom	0 0 1 photon	
	$0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $1/2$ electron	$105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $1/2$ muon	$1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ -1 $1/2$ tau	$91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 1 Z boson	GAUGE BOSONS
LEPTONS	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$ 0 $1/2$ electron neutrino	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $1/2$ muon neutrino	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $1/2$ tau neutrino	$80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ± 1 1 W boson	

Measuring Higgs boson properties

- a well established solution of the above questions

- Hierarchy origins from Higgs boson properties
- Dark Matter particles can obtain mass with Higgs mechanism
- There can be CP violation in Higgs couplings

Experimental approaches for Higgs properties



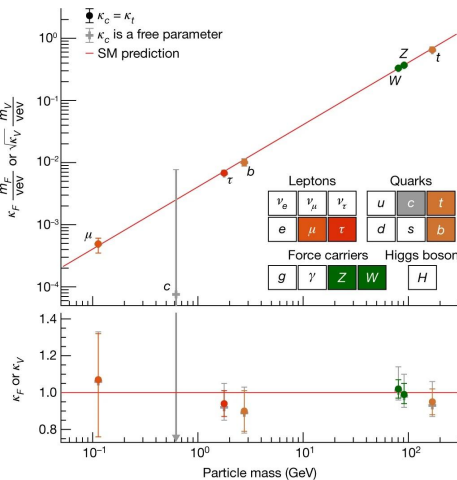
Three experimental approaches towards the new physics with Higgs properties:

- Measuring on-shell Higgs boson
 - Higgs boson as physics particle in the final state
- Measuring off-shell Higgs boson
 - Higgs boson as mediator in the physics process
- Searching for beyond SM (BSM) processes

I'll introduce how to use the 3 approaches for specific Higgs properties later

Experimental landscape of Higgs properties

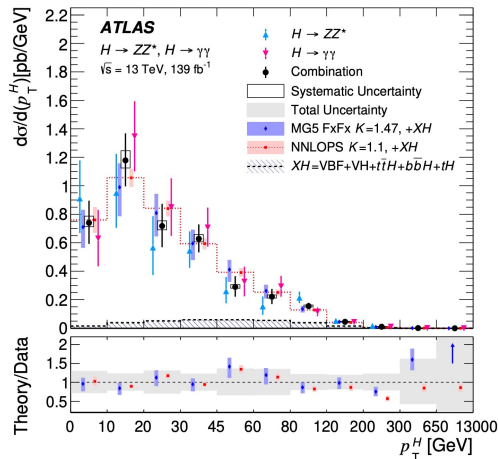
Higgs couplings with other particles



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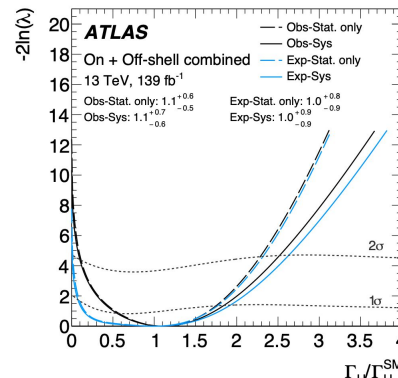
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Differential cross-section



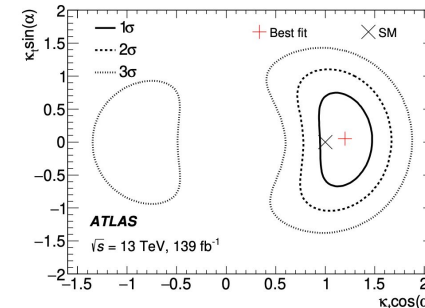
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Width and Mass



[PLB \(arXiv:2304.01532\)](#)

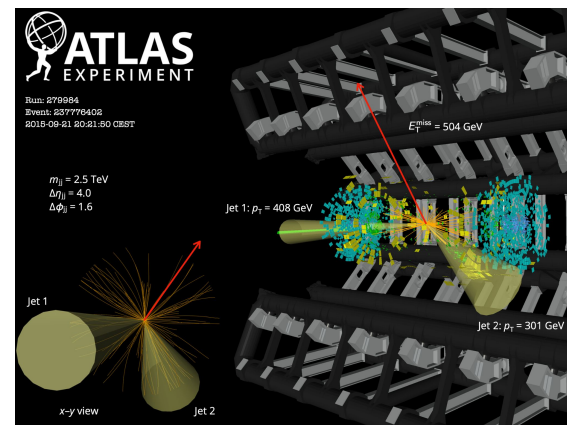
CP properties



[PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)

Searches
e.g. Higgs→invisible

[JHEP 08 \(2022\) 104](#)



Why top-Higgs coupling important

It's the **heaviest**

- top quark mass (172 GeV) is 10^4 - 10^5 times as u/d and electrons

In marco world, the adult human weight: 15 - 635 kg, scale difference is 10^2

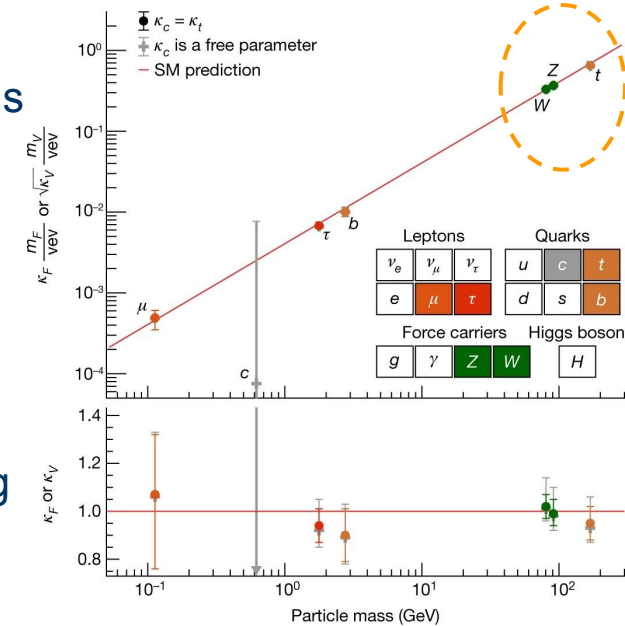
- the top-Higgs coupling strength is remarkably close to 1

$$y_t = \sqrt{2} m_t / v_e = \sqrt{2} (172 \text{ GeV}) / (246 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.99$$

Study top-Higgs coupling can answer unsolved questions, by testing

- can top-Higgs coupling violate CP symmetry?
- can top-Higgs coupling strength modified by the new physics?
- can top mass comes from other interactions than Higgs mechanism?

The questions will be addressed by the physics analyses I introduce today



The CP properties in top-Higgs couplings

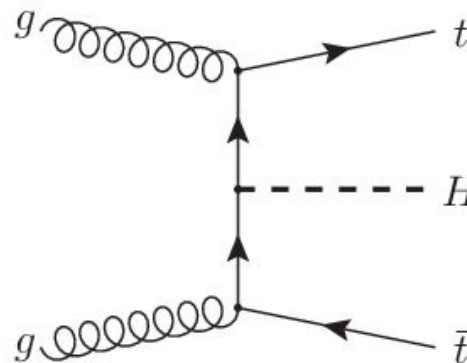
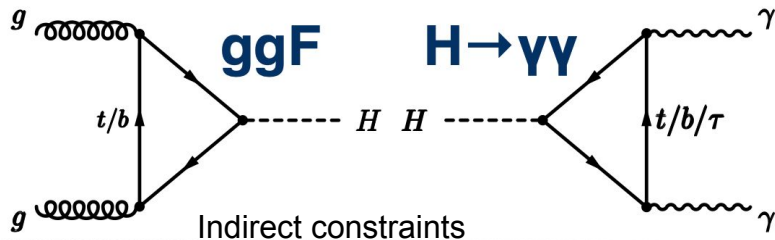
- In the SM, the Yukawa interactions are CP-even. In BSM models, CP-odd component arises
- The Lagrangian for top-Higgs interaction can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}_t = - \frac{m}{\nu} \underbrace{\kappa_t \cos(\alpha) \bar{t}t}_{\text{CP even}} + i \underbrace{\sin(\alpha) \bar{t}\gamma_5 t}_{\text{CP odd}} H, \quad \text{Standard model : } \alpha = 0, \kappa_t = 1$$

CP properties can be directly measured with top-Higgs coupling

The top-Higgs Yukawa couplings and CP properties can be constrained

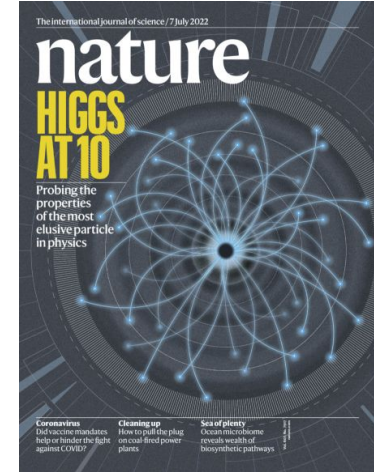
- directly, with tops in the final states (ttH/tH)
- indirectly, with tops as mediators



Experimental landscape of top-Higgs coupling

With the 3 experimental approaches, I'll introduce the following analyses today

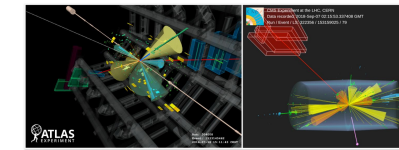
- top-Higgs coupling with on-shell Higgs boson
 - A direct measurement of CP properties in top-Higgs Yukawa coupling [PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)
 - Top-Higgs coupling with simplified template cross-section (STXS) measurements [JHEP \(arXiv:2207.00348\)](#) (input of [Nature 607 \(2022\) 52-59](#))
- Searching for new physics that may arise with new top-Higgs sectors
 - Higgs($\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$) + X searches [JHEP \(arXiv:2301.10486\)](#)
- top-Higgs coupling with off-shell Higgs boson
 - **Observation** of the four-top-quark production [EPJC \(arXiv:2303.15061\)](#)



ATLAS and CMS observe simultaneous production of four top quarks

The ATLAS and CMS collaborations have both observed the simultaneous production of four top quarks, a rare phenomenon that could hold the key to physics beyond the Standard Model

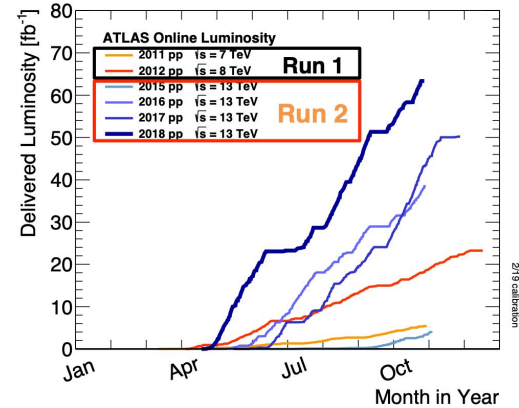
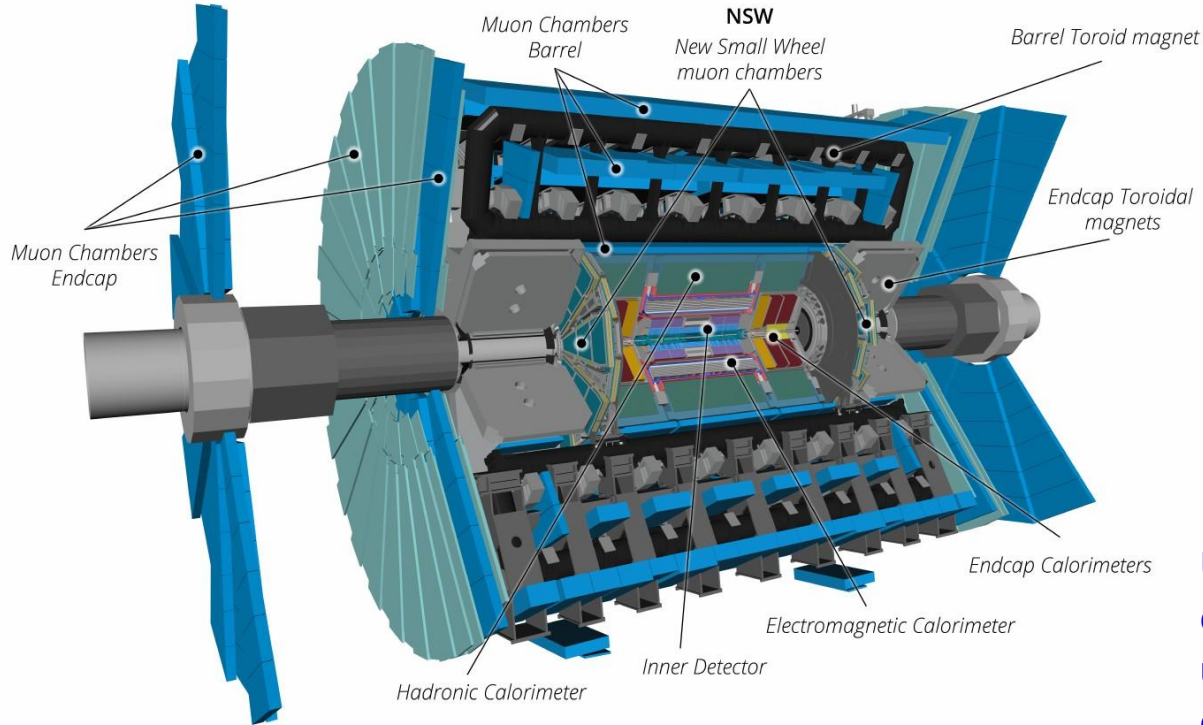
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Event display of four top-quark production from ATLAS (left) and CMS (right).

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ATLAS Detector and Run-2 data



This talk: 140 fb⁻¹ pp collision data at 13 TeV with ATLAS (ATLAS Run-2)

USTC-ATLAS contributions: the current muon detector, the phase-II upgrade of timing, tracking, muon detectors, the leadership of various physics analyses with ATLAS



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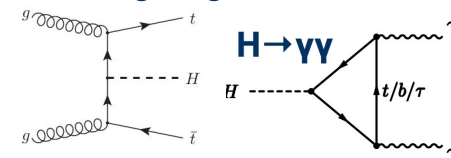
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A complex 3D visualization of a particle detector, likely the ATLAS detector at CERN. It shows a central collision point with various detector components like calorimeters and tracking chambers arranged in a cylindrical structure. The visualization is rendered in shades of blue and green, with some yellow and red highlights. The text "with on-shell Higgs boson" is overlaid in white on the central part of the detector.

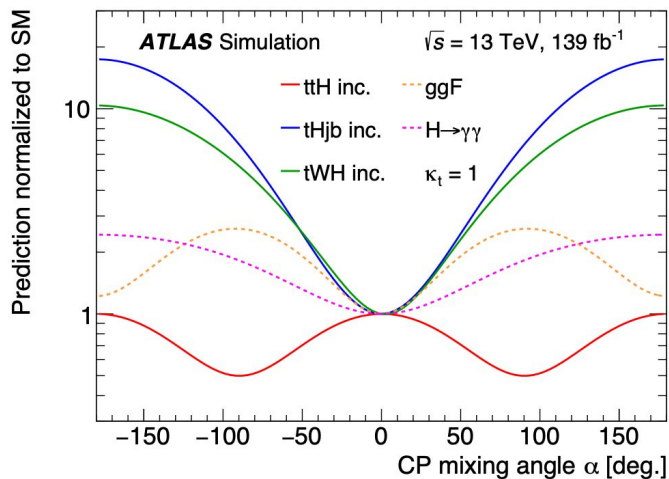
with on-shell Higgs boson

CP in top-Higgs coupling with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

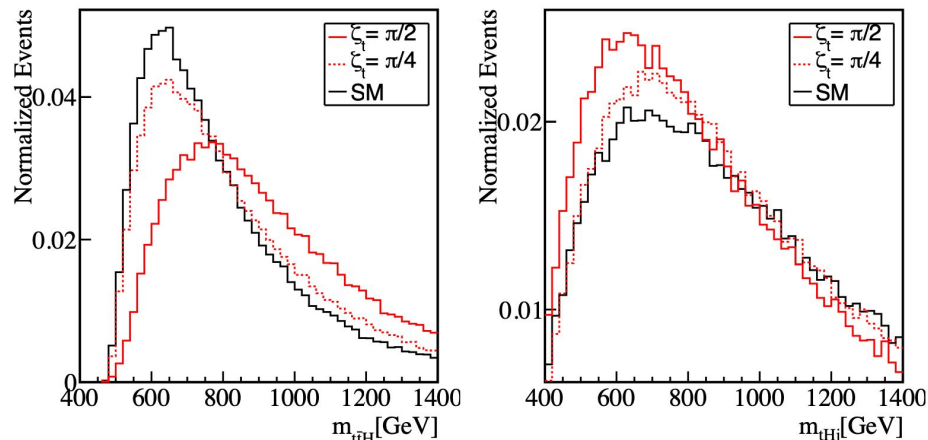
- CP properties in the top-Higgs coupling with ATLAS Run-2 [PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)
 - Select $t\bar{t}H/tH$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events, extract the number of signal events
 - Parameterise $t\bar{t}H/tH$ productions with top-Higgs coupling modifier κ_t , and CP mixing angle α
 - Interpret the result and measure (κ_t, α)



$t\bar{t}H$ and tH cross-section as function of (κ_t, α)



tops + Higgs kinematics as function of (κ_t, α)



CP in top-Higgs coupling: selections

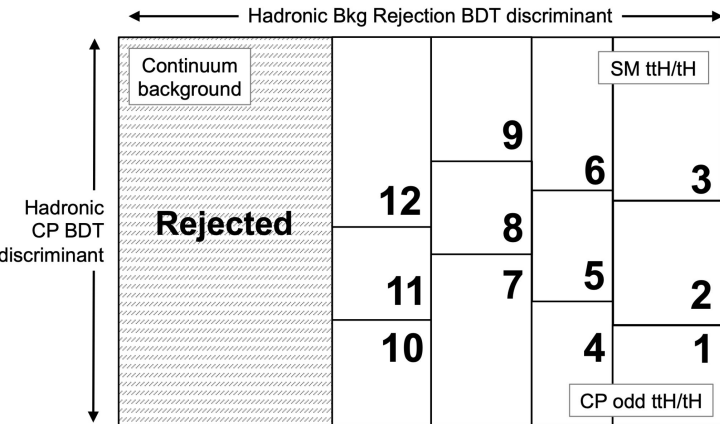
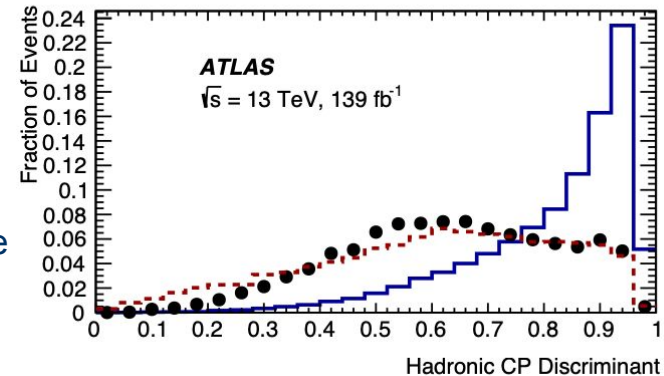
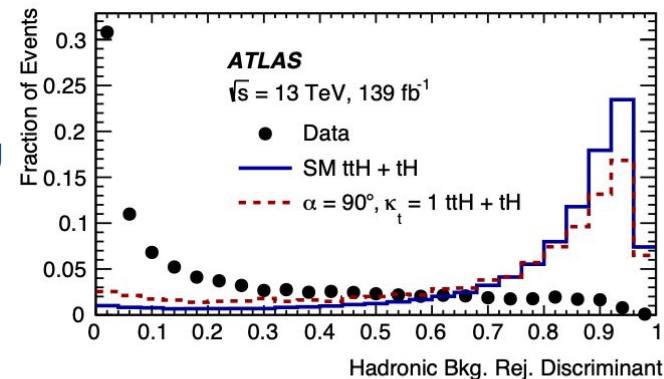
The ttH/tH, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events are selected with two event classifiers

ttH/tH CP odd vs CP even

- A boosted decision tree (BDT)
- Using kinematics of $\gamma\gamma$ system and the **top candidates**
- For the top candidates, using a top-reconstruction method combining the 3 objects (tri-jets or $j, e/\mu, \nu$) from top decay

Signal vs background

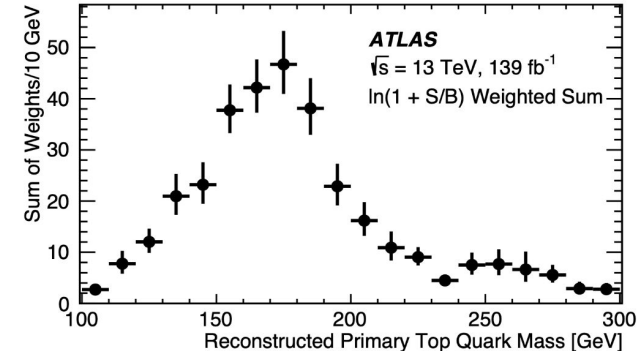
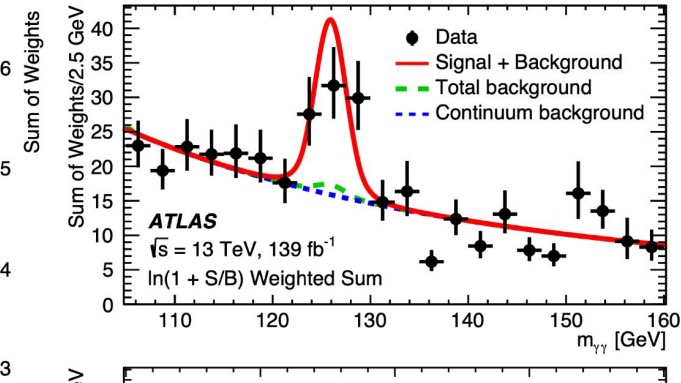
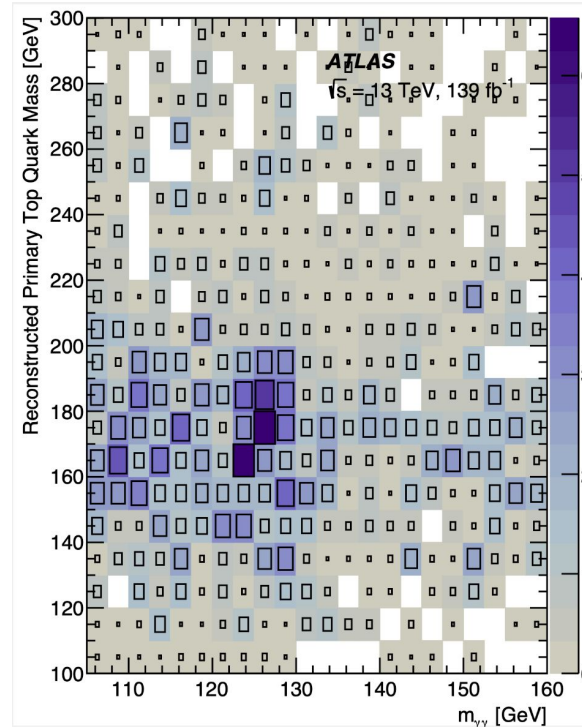
- A BDT distinguish the ttH/tH from background (other Higgs, $\gamma\gamma, \gamma+j, tt\gamma\gamma$)
- Using $\gamma, e/\mu, j$ and missing ET kinematics



12 categories for top hadronic decays
+ 8 more categories for the top leptonic decays

CP in top-Higgs coupling with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

1. Top quark kinematics are used to distribute events in categories
2. Signal + background fit on the $m(\gamma\gamma)$ in each category
3. Extract $t\bar{t}H/tH$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events

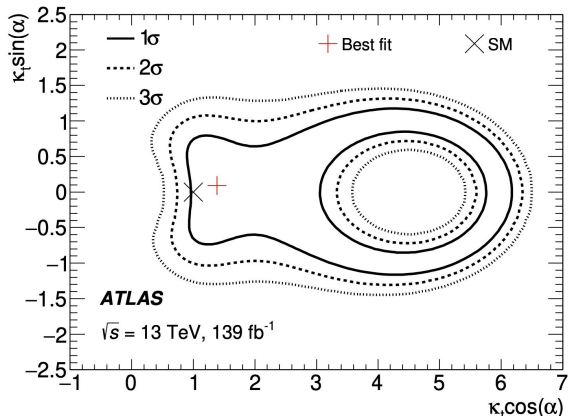


CP in top-Higgs coupling with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

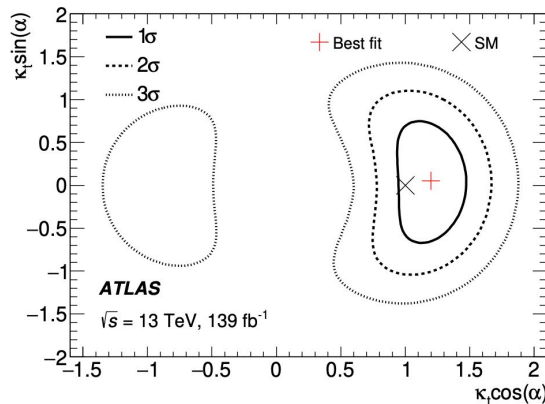
- The measurement $t\bar{t}H/tH$ cross-section is

$$\mu = 1.43^{+0.33}_{-0.31}(\text{stat.})^{+0.21}_{-0.15}(\text{syst.}) \quad \text{Observation of } t\bar{t}H/tH \text{ firstly in single channel (sig.} = 5.2\sigma)$$

- κ_t , α are measured
 - total CP-odd ($\alpha=90^\circ$) is excluded by 3.9σ , 95% CL limit on CP mixing: $|\alpha| < 43^\circ$
 - 2D 95% CL limits on $[\kappa_t \sin(\alpha), \kappa_t \cos(\alpha)]$



ggF and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ resolved with (κ_t, α)



κ_g and κ_γ set to combined measurements

[PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)

The STXS measurements with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Simplified Template Cross Sections (STXS) divides cross-section measurements in phase spaces ([arxiv 1906.02754](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.02754)), which is sensitive to measure Higgs couplings
 - The $t\bar{t}H/tH$ cross-section in p_{T}^H bins with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [JHEP \(arXiv:2207.00348\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.00348) further constrain the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling, and probe the impacts from new physics like CP-odd and FCNC processes

$t\bar{t}H$
[$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$]

tH
[$pp \rightarrow tH + X$]

$p_{T}^H < 60 \text{ GeV}$

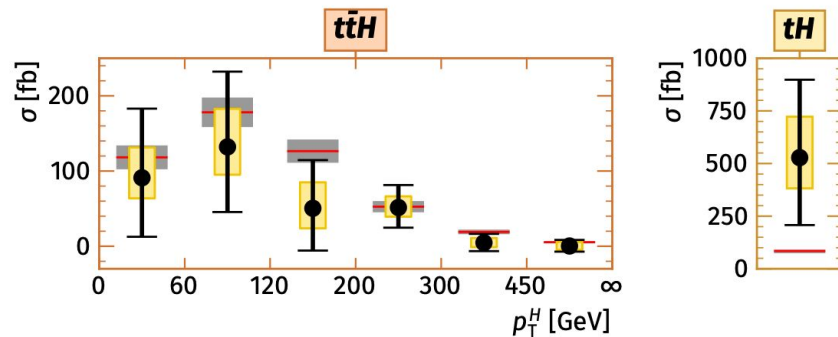
$60 \leq p_{T}^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$

$120 \leq p_{T}^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$

$200 \leq p_{T}^H < 300 \text{ GeV}$

$p_{T}^H \geq 300 \text{ GeV}$

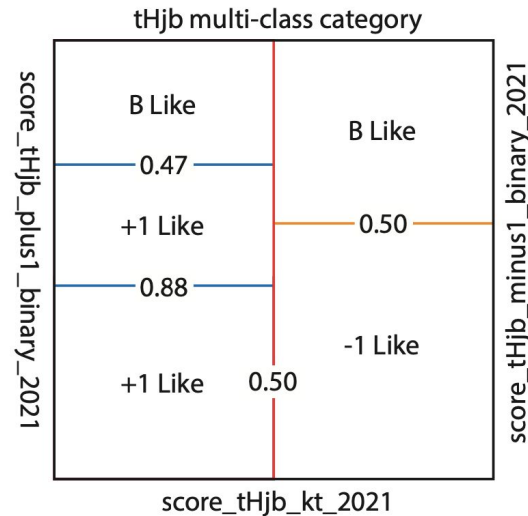
six $t\bar{t}H/tH$ phase spaces for the STXS, which is divided by p_{T}^H + various ggH , qqH and VH phase spaces are also studied in the same publication



ttH/tH selection with STXS

1. ttH/tH vs Higgs boson production in other phase spaces
 - The five ttH, and two tH (tWH, tHjb) phase spaces are selected with **multi-class BDT**
2. In the ttH and tWH classes, use another ttH/tH vs background BDT
3. In the tHjb class, To further constrain top-Higgs coupling k_t , optimized the tHjb categorization to separate CP-even/-odd, using 3 NN scores
 - CP even vs CP odd
 - CP even vs background
 - CP odd vs background

The input variables are from $\gamma\gamma$ system, top candidates, top + Higgs system and forward jets



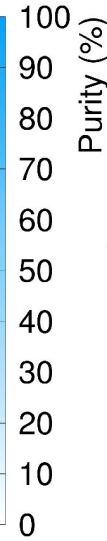
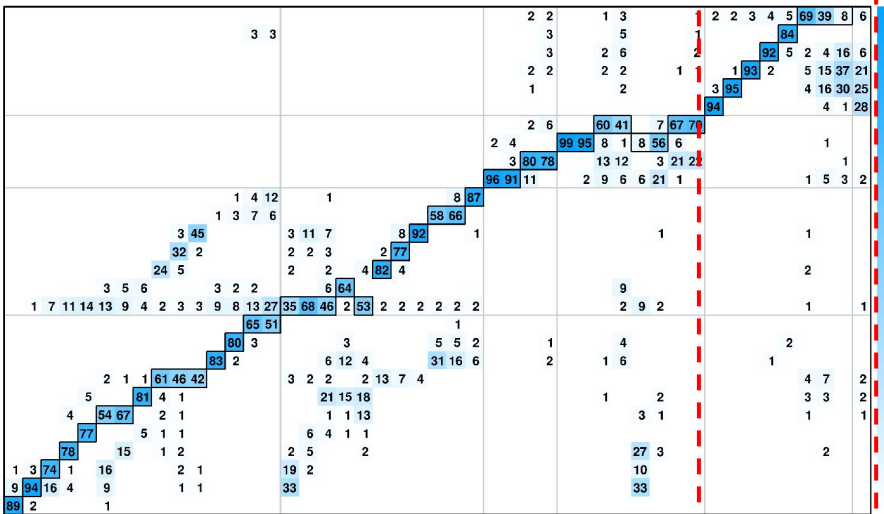
Finally, 9 categories targeting to the 6 ttH/tH phase spaces

STXS categorization

ATLAS Simulation 139 fb⁻¹ H → γγ, √s = 13 TeV

STXS Region

- tt-H, p_T^H ≥ 300 GeV
- tt-H, 200 ≤ p_T^H < 300 GeV
- tt-H, 120 ≤ p_T^H < 200 GeV
- tt-H, 60 ≤ p_T^H < 120 GeV
- tt-H, p_T^H < 60 GeV
- Hll, p_T^H ≥ 150 GeV
- Hll, p_T^H < 150 GeV
- qq → Hlv, p_T^H ≥ 150 GeV
- qq → Hlv, p_T^H < 150 GeV
- qq → Hqq, ≥ 2-jets, m_J ≥ 1000 GeV, p_T^H ≥ 200 GeV
- qq → Hqq, ≥ 2-jets, 350 ≤ m_J < 1000 GeV, p_T^H ≥ 200 GeV
- qq → Hqq, ≥ 2-jets, m_J ≥ 1000, p_T^H < 200 GeV
- qq → Hqq, ≥ 2-jets, 700 ≤ m_J < 1000 GeV, p_T^H < 200 GeV
- qq → Hqq, ≥ 2-jets, 350 ≤ m_J < 700 GeV, p_T^H < 200 GeV
- qq → Hqq, VH hadronic
- qq → Hqq, ≤ 1-jet, VH veto
- gg → H, p_T^H ≥ 450 GeV
- gg → H, 300 ≤ p_T^H < 450 GeV
- gg → H, 200 ≤ p_T^H < 300 GeV
- gg → H, 200 ≤ p_T^H < 300 GeV
- gg → H, ≥ 2-jets, m_J ≥ 350 GeV, p_T^H ≥ 200 GeV
- gg → H, ≥ 2-jets, m_J < 350 GeV, 120 ≤ p_T^H < 200 GeV
- gg → H, ≥ 2-jets, m_J < 350 GeV, p_T^H < 120 GeV
- gg → H, 1-jet, 120 ≤ p_T^H < 200 GeV
- gg → H, 1-jet, 60 ≤ p_T^H < 120 GeV
- gg → H, 1-jet, p_T^H < 60 GeV
- gg → H, 0-jet, p_T^H ≥ 10 GeV
- gg → H, 0-jet, p_T^H < 10 GeV



28 classes for the measurements are clearly distinguished with 101 categories with correlations controlled, including the 9 ttH/tH categories



STXS measurement result

The analysis extracted signal events with S+B fits on $m(\gamma\gamma)$

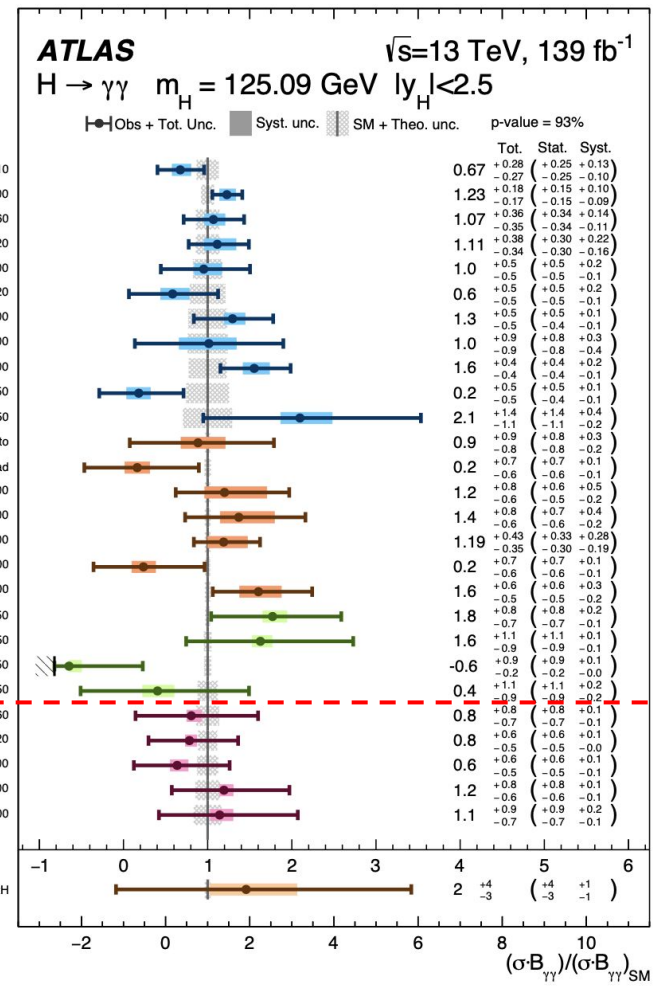
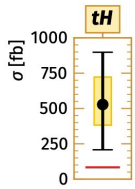
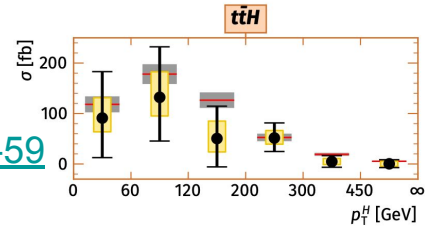
The Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ STXS measurement has highest sensitivity to constrain ttH/tH cross-sections among all Higgs decay channels in the combined measurement

ttH differential cross-section is compatible with SM
 tH cross-section 95% CL limit is 10 times SM expectation

[JHEP \(arXiv:2207.00348\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.00348)

[Nature 607 \(2022\) 52-59](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-0350-4)

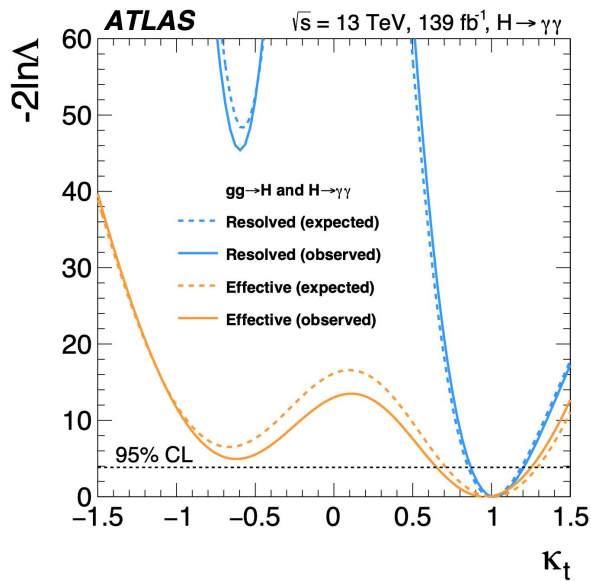
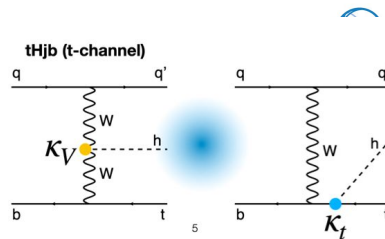
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The top-Higgs coupling with STXS

Top-Higgs coupling (κ_t) is directly measured

- tH yields are parameterized as function of κ_t $y_i = \kappa_t^2 A + \kappa_V^2 B + \kappa_t \kappa_V C$
- $\kappa_t = 1.01 \pm 0.09$ if resolve the ggF and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ processes with κ_t
- Remove assumptions by taking ratios among loop vertices (κ_V, κ_g), total width (κ_H), vector and top couplings (κ_V, κ_t)



$$\kappa_t = 0.95^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$$

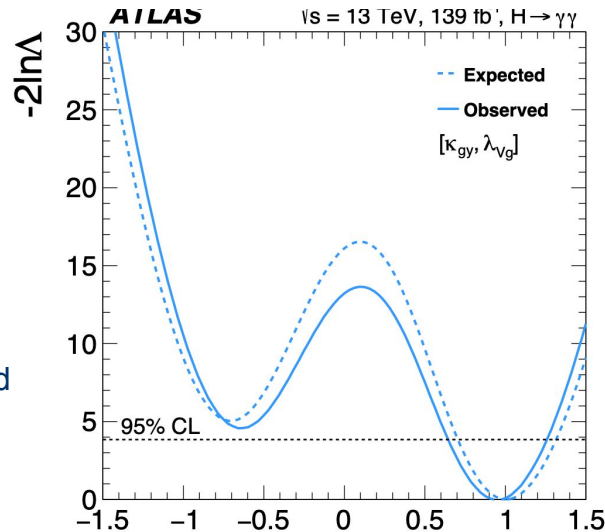
, when κ_g and κ_V set to 1.0

$$\kappa_t = 1.01 \pm 0.09$$

, when ggF and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ resolved with κ_t

$$\kappa_t = 0.94 \pm 0.11$$

, in combination, with other modifiers profiled



$$\lambda_{tg} = \kappa_t / \kappa_g$$

$$\lambda_{Vg} = \kappa_V / \kappa_g$$

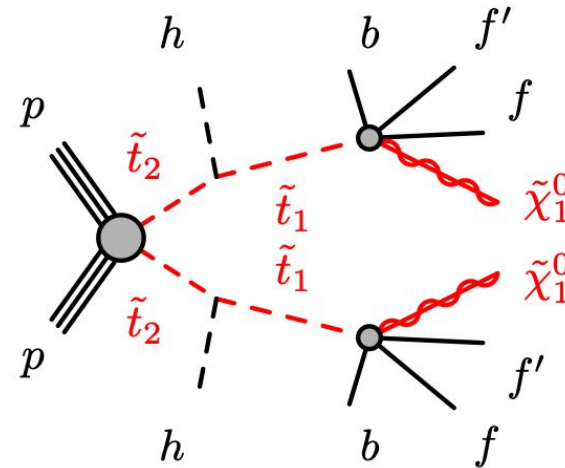
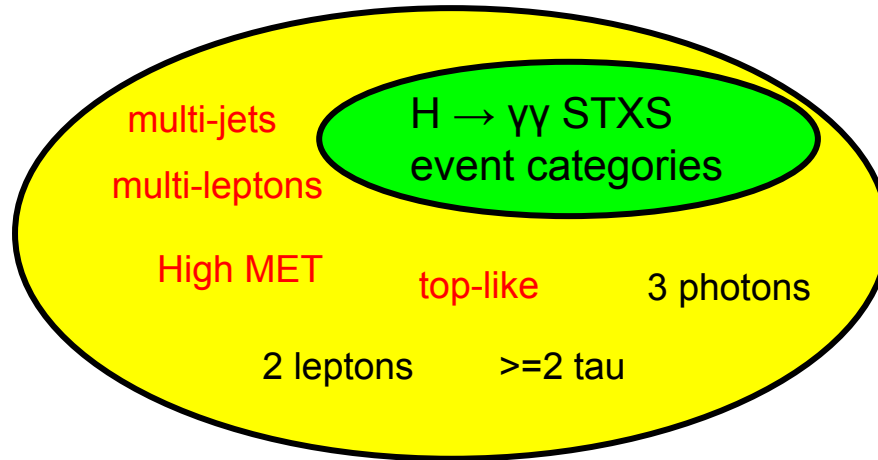
$$\kappa_{g\gamma} = \kappa_V \kappa_g / l$$

Parameter	Result	Total
$\kappa_{g\gamma h}$	1.02	± 0.06
λ_{Vg}	1.01	± 0.11
λ_{tg}	0.95	± 0.15 ± 0.16

λ_{tg}

Model independent H+X search

- STXS measurement covers various phase spaces, but there are many regions uncovered..
- Various of BSM models, like EW or strong SUSY and Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC) expect the production of Higgs boson and new particles
 - Including the new physics that arise with the top-Higgs sector
- A search ([JHEP \(arXiv:2301.10486 \)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.10486)) for $H(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)+X$ process is model-independent



H+X search: event selection

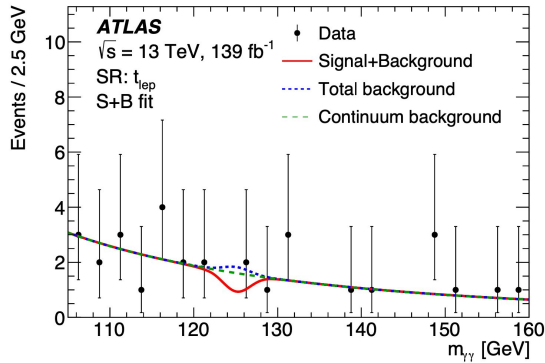


- 22 cut-based categories are defined with different final states, they are triggered by different BSM models
- The additional top-Higgs sectors can result in **multiple b-jets, jets, leptons, high HT (scalar sum of jet pT), high missing ET and additional top candidates**
- The searches are performed independently in all the signal regions, by S+B fits on the $m(\gamma\gamma)$

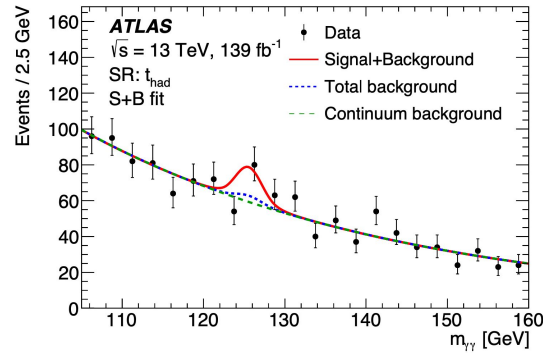
Target	Region	Detector Level
Heavy flavor	$\geq 3b$	$n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 3$, 85% W.P.
	$\geq 4b$	$n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 4$, 85% W.P.
High jet activity	$\geq 4j$	$n_{\text{jet}} \geq 4$, $ \eta_{\text{jet}} < 2.5$
	$\geq 6j$	$n_{\text{jet}} \geq 6$, $ \eta_{\text{jet}} < 2.5$
	$\geq 8j$	$n_{\text{jet}} \geq 8$, $ \eta_{\text{jet}} < 2.5$
	$H_T > 500$ GeV	$H_T > 500$ GeV
	$H_T > 1000$ GeV	$H_T > 1000$ GeV
	$H_T > 1500$ GeV	$H_T > 1500$ GeV
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV
	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV
	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300$ GeV
Top	ℓb	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} \geq 1$, $n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 1$, 70% W.P.
	$t_{\ell p}$	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} = 1$, $n_{\text{jet}} = n_{b\text{-jet}} = 1$, 70% W.P.
	t_{had}	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} = 0$, $n_{\text{jet}} = 3$, $n_{b\text{-jet}} = 1$, 70% W.P., $\text{BDT}_{top} > 0.9$
Lepton	$\geq 1\ell$	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} \geq 1$
	2ℓ	$ee, \mu\mu$, or $e\mu$
	$2\ell\text{-}Z$	$ee, \mu\mu$, or $e\mu$, $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z > 10$ if leptons are same flavor
	$SS\text{-}2\ell$	$ee, \mu\mu$, or $e\mu$ with the same charge
	$\geq 3l$	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} \geq 3$
	$\geq 2\tau$	$n_{\tau,had} \geq 2$ †
Photon	$1 \gamma\text{-}m_{\gamma\gamma}^{12}$	$n_\gamma \geq 3$, $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ defined with γ_1, γ_2
	$1 \gamma\text{-}m_{\gamma\gamma}^{23}$	$n_\gamma \geq 3$, $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ defined with γ_2, γ_3

H+X search: results

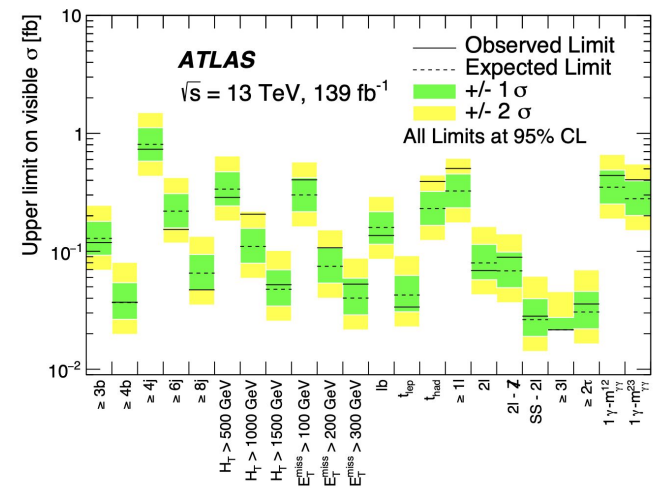
- no obvious excess for H+X production.
 - The largest deviation from SM has a local significance 1.8σ in the HT > 1000 GeV region
 - There's 1.7σ local significance in the top hadronic decay region
- The detector level limits are set on the H+X cross-sections, and the detector efficiencies of various BSM models are reported to utilize the limits



-0.7 σ deviations wrt SM in the leptonic top decay region



1.7 σ significance in the hadronic top decay region



[JHEP \(arXiv:2301.10486\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.10486)



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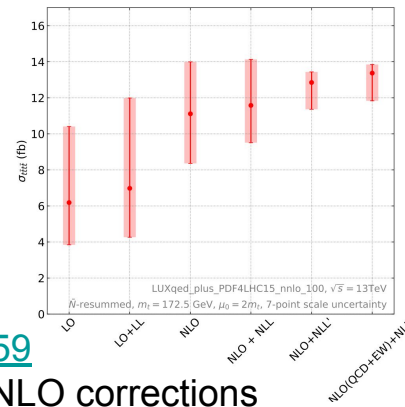
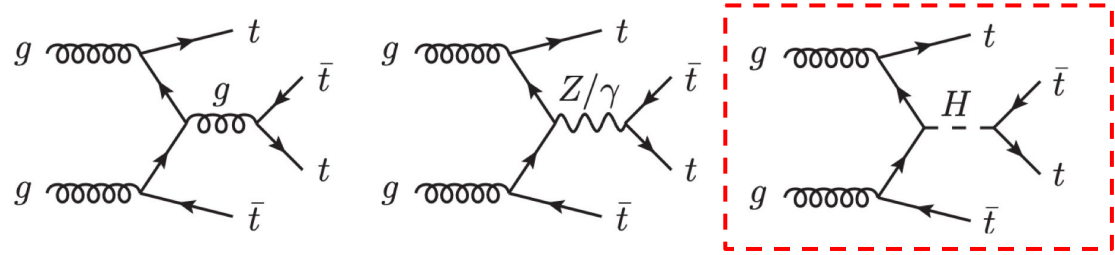
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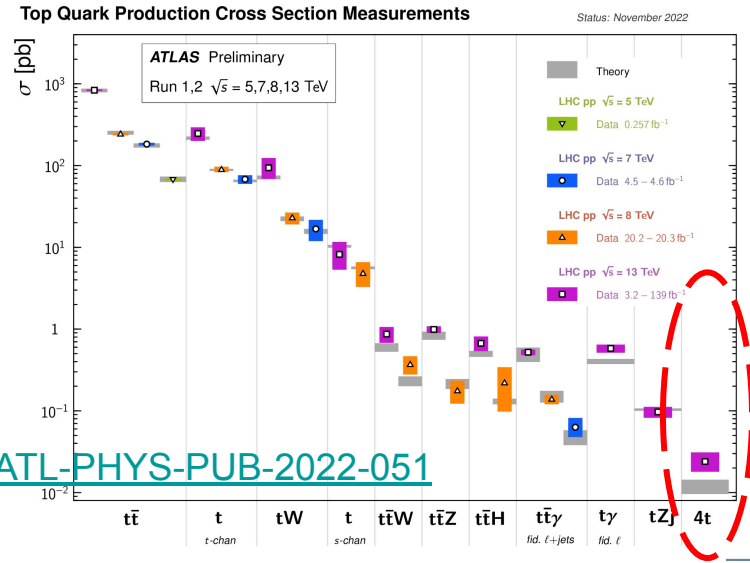
**with off-shell Higgs boson
- the observation of $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$**

The four-top-quarks production at LHC



- The four-top production is rare: $\sigma_{tttt} \sim 12\text{ fb}$ (at 10^{-5} level of $t\bar{t}$)
- However, four-top is **distinct** to measure SM and probe new physics, including top-Higgs coupling (Higgs as mediator in four-top production)
 - Today's talk highlights the four-top-quarks observation in 2023 [EPJC \(arXiv:2303.15061\)](#)

[arXiv:2212.03259](#)
 The σ_{tttt} , large NLO corrections



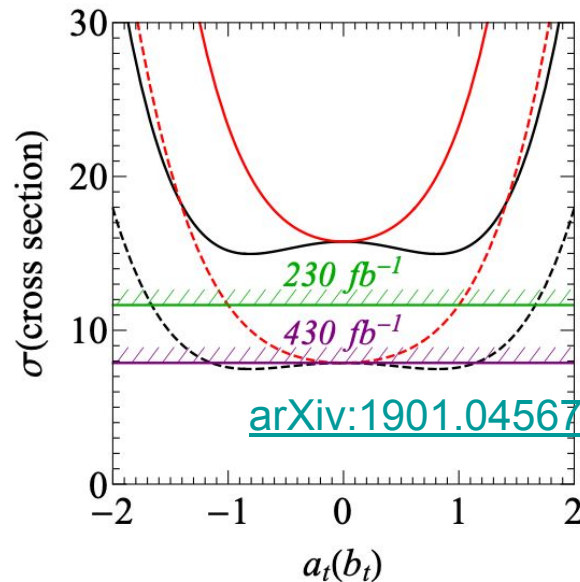
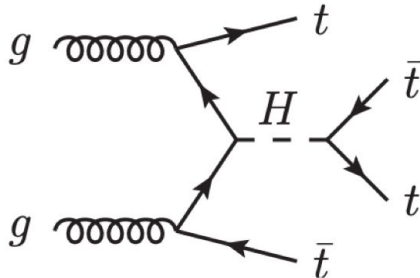
Top-Higgs Yukawa couplings with four-tops

- There are various motivations of four-top cross-section measurement: SUSY (2HDM, Gluino), $t\bar{t} + X$, composite top models, composite Higgs models (CERN-TH-2020-166)
- Among which, top-Higgs Yukawa coupling has unique impacts on the four top cross-section with quartic terms, so it is independent from Higgs coupling measurements with Higgs production/decays
 - σ_{tttt} parameterization ([arXiv:1901.04567](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.04567)) in terms of [$a_t = k_t \cos(\alpha)$, $b_t = k_t \sin(\alpha)$] shows flat behavior for small couplings and rise above 1.5.

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_t \bar{t} (a_t + i b_t \gamma_5) t h,$$

$$\sigma_{tttt} = c_0 + c_1 a_t^2 + c_2 b_t^2 + c_3 a_t^4 + c_4 a_t^2 b_t^2 + c_5 b_t^4$$

$$\sigma_{ttH} = A a_t^2 + B b_t^2$$

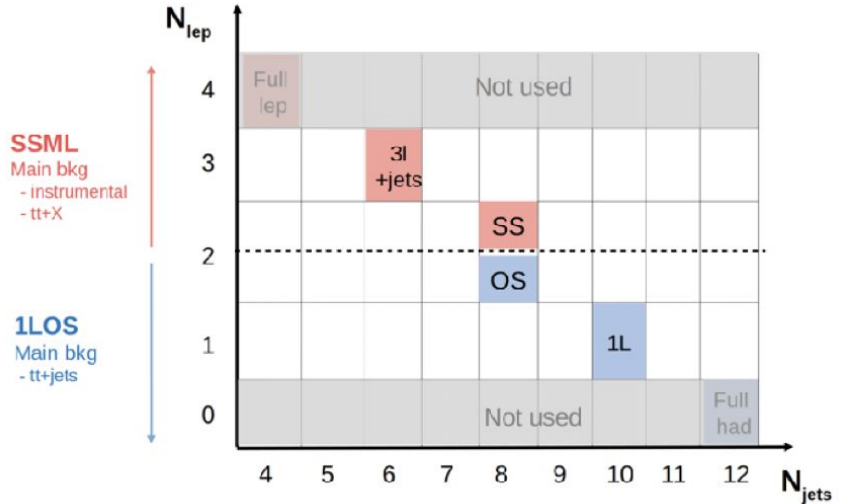
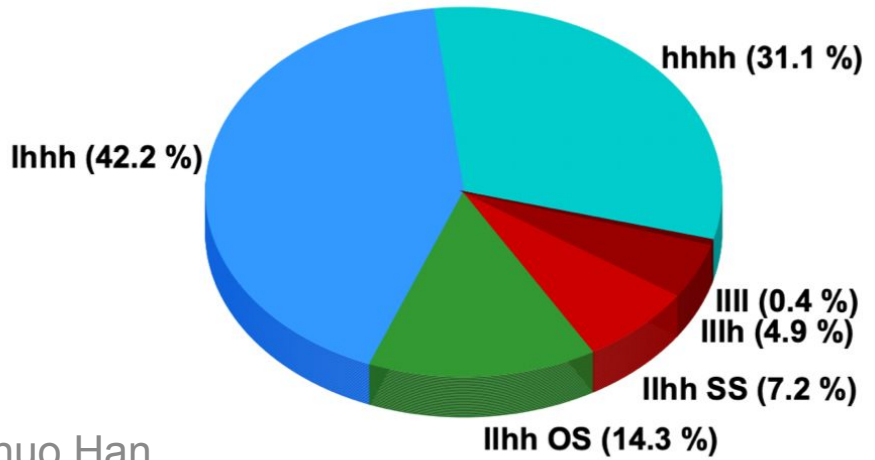
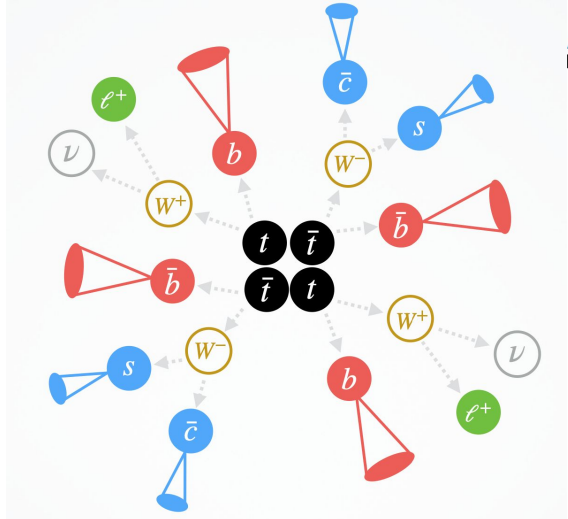


The four-top decays

Each top quark decays to b quark + W boson
 The most sensitive channels for four-top are:

- **2 leptons same sign and 3 leptons (2LSS/3L), 13% branching ratio, highest sensitivity -- observation.**
- 1 lepton and 2 leptons opposite sign (1L/2LOS), 57% branching ratio, large ttbar background.

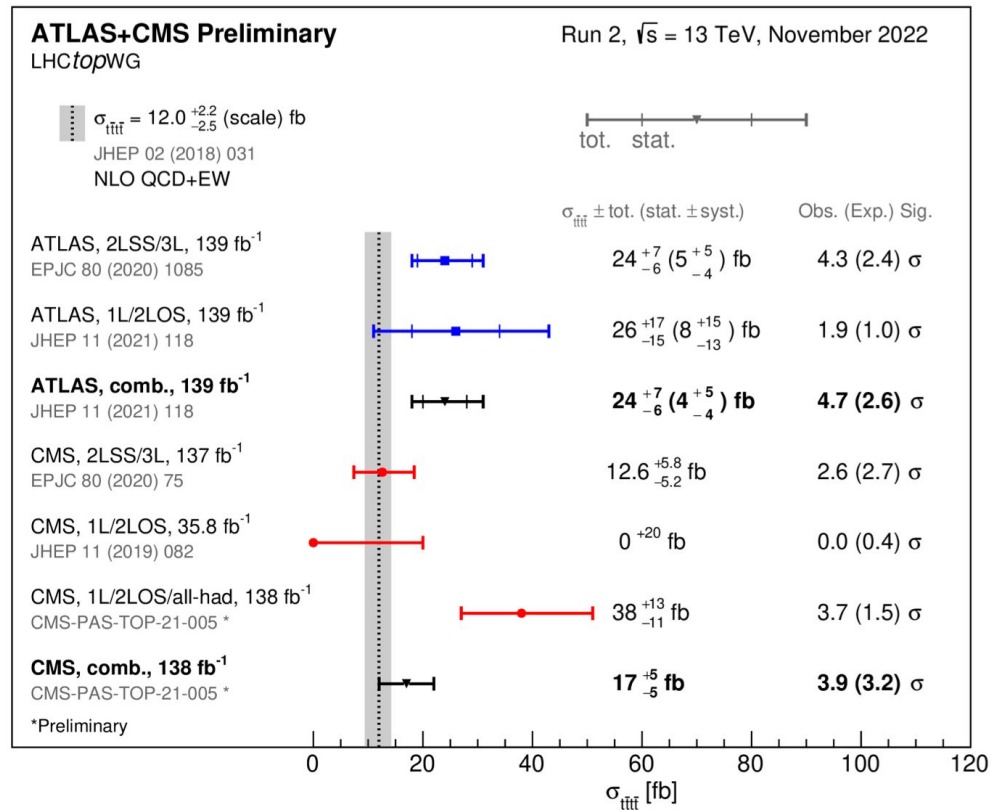
The complicated final state is a challenge



The publications before the observation

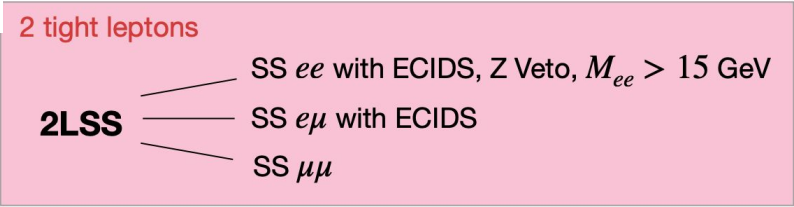
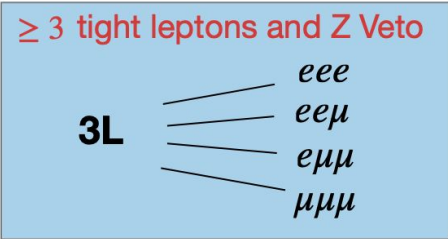
Before observation, both ATLAS and CMS measured four-top with Run-2 data, they declared evidences

Then, both analyses decided to re-optimize with the same data, eventually there are observations in the single channel of 2LSS/3L



Object and event selections

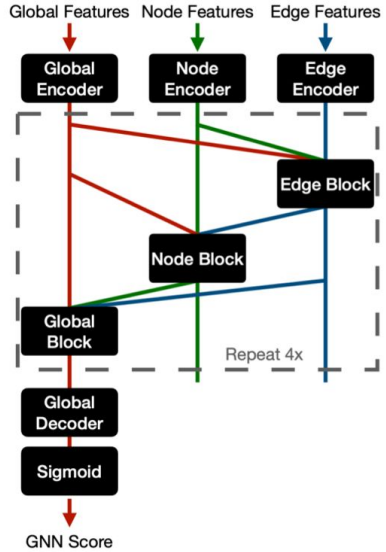
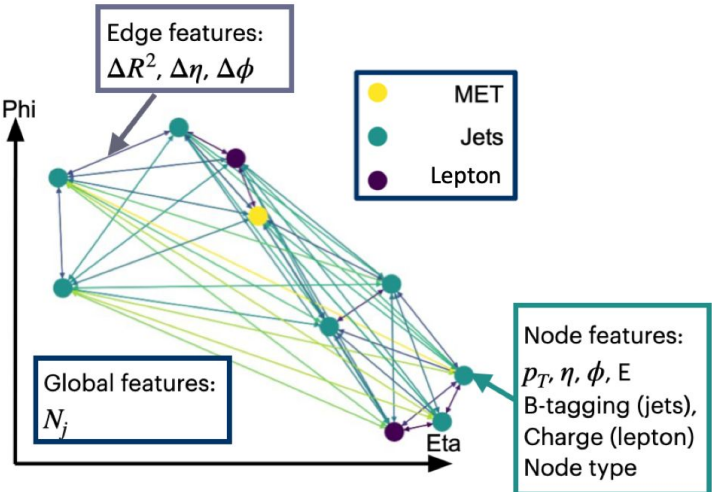
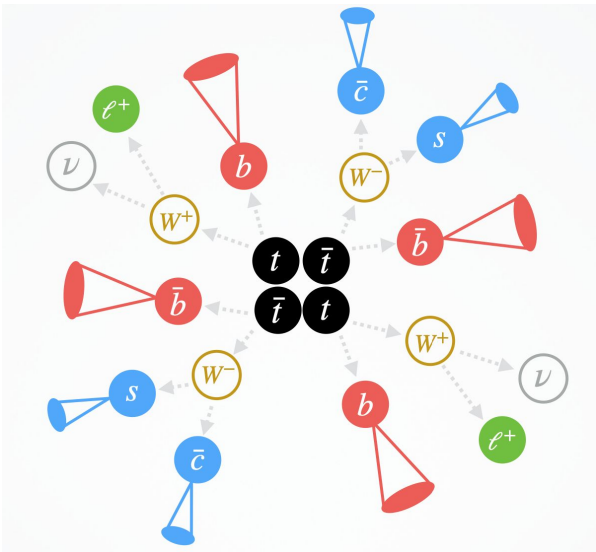
1. Triggers: single or di-lepton triggers
2. Low p_T thresholds of (leptons, jets) of (15, 20 GeV)
3. Select the 2LSS / 3L events
4. Pre-selected region (SR):
 - a. 2LSS or 3L, $N_{jet} \geq 6$, $N_{bjet} \geq 2$, $HT > 500$ GeV
5. S+B fit on an event classifiers in the SR (next pages)



	SR
$t\bar{t}W$	130 ± 40
$t\bar{t}Z$	72 ± 15
$t\bar{t}H$	65 ± 11
QmisID	27 ± 4
Mat. Conv.	16.5 ± 2.3
HF e	3.1 ± 1.0
HF μ	7.1 ± 1.2
Low m_{γ^*}	14.1 ± 2.0
Others	47 ± 11
$t\bar{t}t$	2.9 ± 0.9
Total bkg	390 ± 50
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	38 ± 4
Total	430 ± 50
Data	482

GNN multivariate analysis

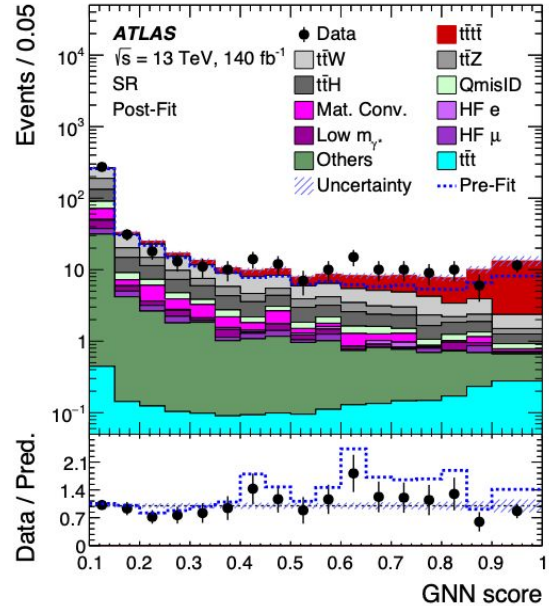
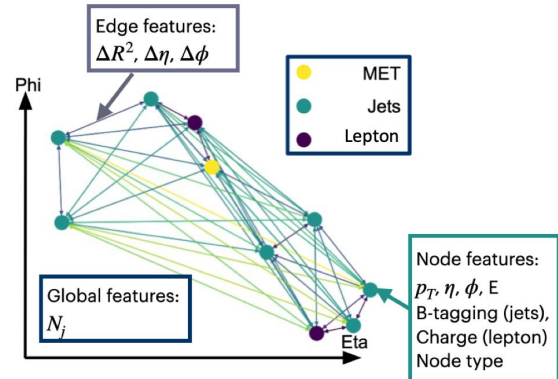
- The main challenge of the four-top signal extraction is the complicated final state
- The **Graphic Neural Network (GNN, [arxiv 1806.01261 \[graph_nets\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.01261))** combines information about all objects (jets, leptons, MET) from an event into a graph, with node, edge and global properties.
- Message passing architecture allows network to learn complex features of the four top process.



"Global" scores can pick-up signal events
 "Edge" scores can reconstruct tops

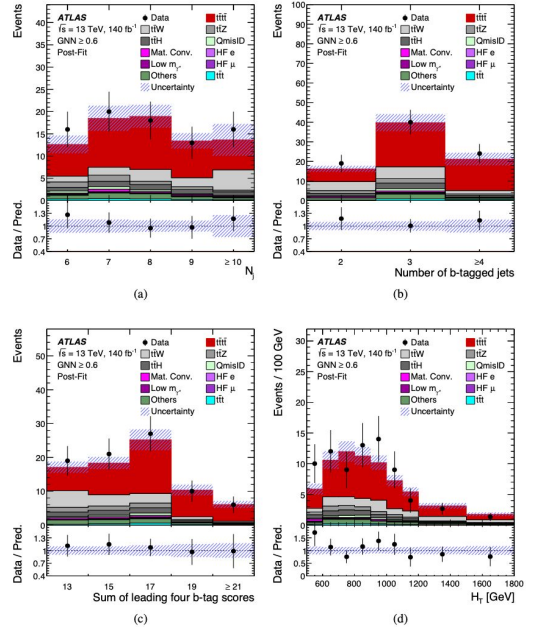
GNN multivariate analysis

- "global score" is used and chosen as the event classifier and the observable in the pre-selected region
 - 10% higher sensitivity compared with the best BDT methods after fine tuning.



Good data/mc agreements on the GNN score are observed

Data vs MC when GNN > 0.6



Background modelings

SM physics processes: (~75%)

- **ttW**: a data-driven parameterization with 4 **ttW control regions**
- ttZ, ttH and others: using MC

a_0	a_1	$NF_{t\bar{t}W^+(4jet)}$	$NF_{t\bar{t}W^-(4jet)}$
0.51 ± 0.10	$0.22^{+0.25}_{-0.22}$	$1.27^{+0.25}_{-0.22}$	$1.11^{+0.31}_{-0.28}$

Instrumental and fake backgrounds (~25%)

- Charge mis-ID: data-driven method
- **Non-prompt leptons and (virtual) photon conversions**: t**tb**ar MC distributions, but correct the normalization with 4 **non-prompt/fake control regions**

$NF_{Mat. Conv.}$	$NF_{Low m_{\gamma^*}}$	$NF_{HF e}$	$NF_{HF \mu}$
$1.80^{+0.47}_{-0.41}$	$1.08^{+0.37}_{-0.31}$	$0.66^{+0.75}_{-0.46}$	$1.27^{+0.53}_{-0.46}$

- Fake leptons from light mesons, quark/gluon jets, others: using MC

8 control regions + 1 signal region, 8 background parameters

Standard model $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 22.5^{+4.7}_{-4.3} (\text{stat})^{+4.6}_{-3.4} (\text{syst}) \text{ fb} = 22.5^{+6.6}_{-5.5} \text{ fb.}$$

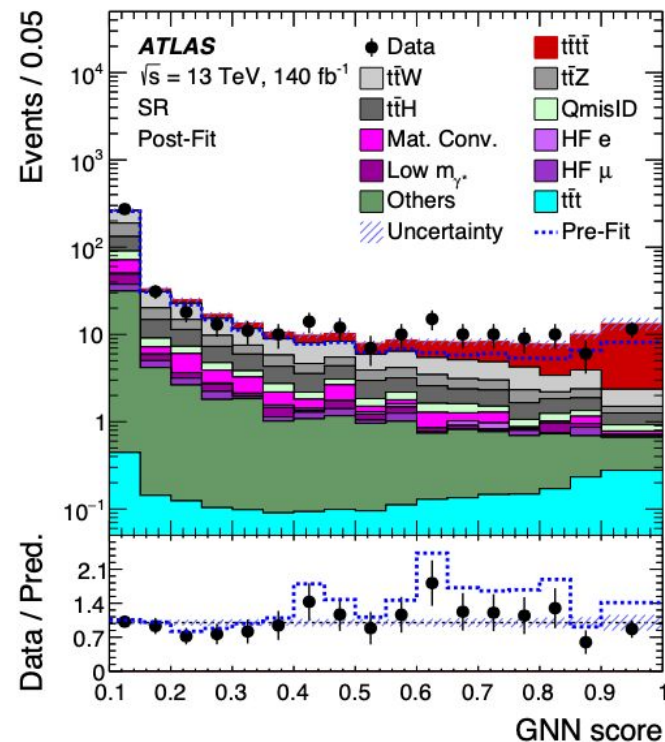
- The expectation $\sigma^{\text{SM}} = 12.0 \pm 2.4 \text{ fb}$, so $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} / \sigma^{\text{SM}} = 1.9$
- Background only hypothesis is rejected with **6.1 σ (4.3 σ)**

observed (expected) [EPJC \(arXiv:2303.15061\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.15061)

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 17.9^{+3.7}_{-3.5} (\text{stat.})^{+2.4}_{-2.1} (\text{syst.}) \text{ fb} \quad \bullet S_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 5.5 (4.9) \sigma$$

[CMS-PAS-TOP-22-013](#)

in agreement with SM



Top-Higgs coupling and CP

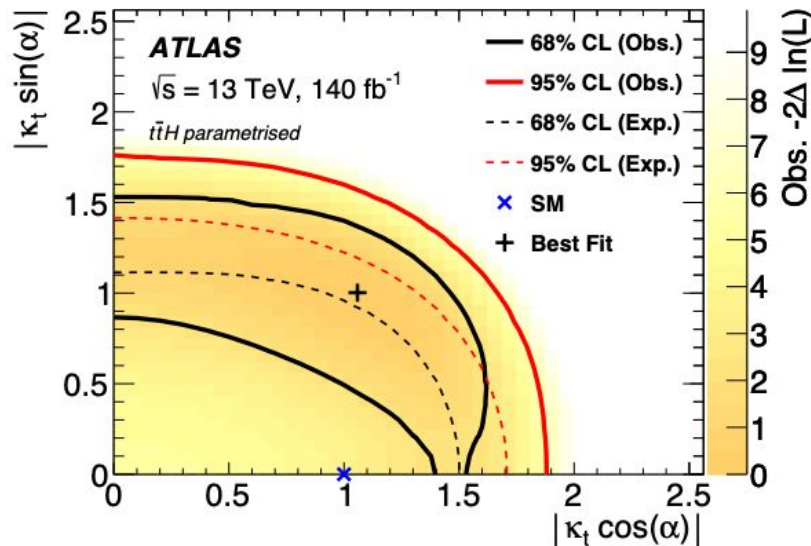
Two scenarios (k_t, α) measurements

- 1) both four-top and ttH parameterized as a function of (k_t, α)
- 2) only four-top parameterized, ttH normalization is profiled as background parameter

95% CL limits on $|k_t|$ (assuming CP-even, $\alpha = 0$)

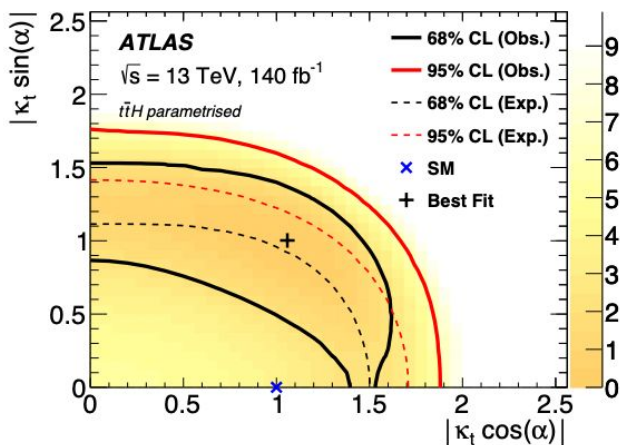
- 1) ttH parameterized: $|k_t| < 1.8$ (1.6 expected), 2) ttH not parameterized: $|k_t| < 2.2$ (1.8 expected)

2D contour of CP-even ($|k_t \cos(\alpha)|$) and CP-odd ($|k_t \sin(\alpha)|$) contributions are compatible with the SM.

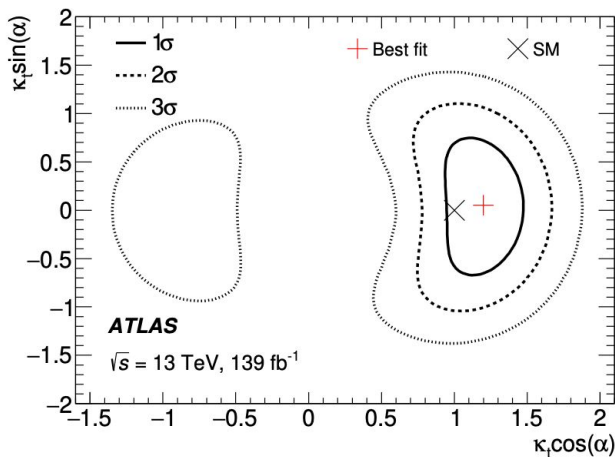


Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling

- Four-top analysis provides a distinct measurement compared with the on-shell Higgs measurements

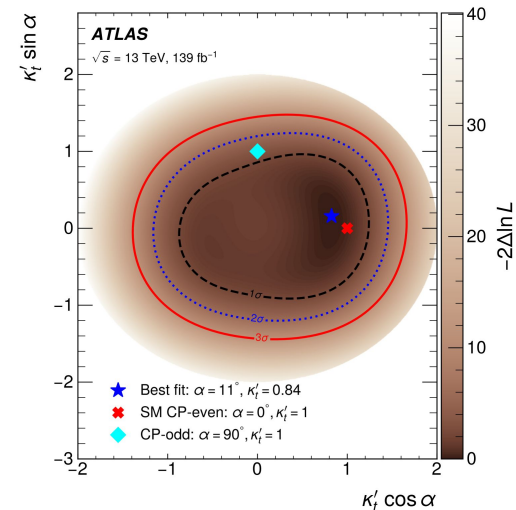


Four tops



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

[PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)

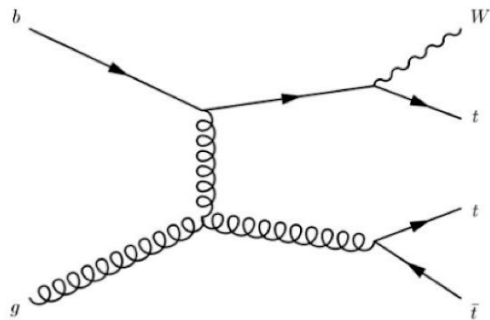


$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

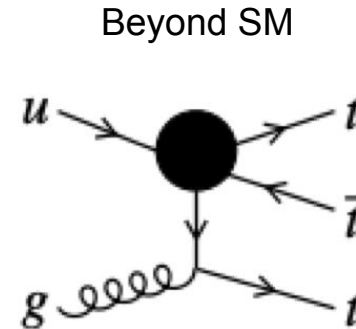
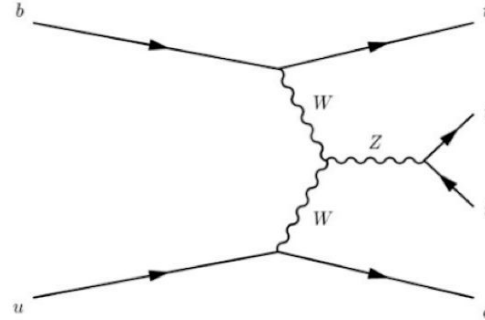
PLB (arXiv:2303.05974)

The tri-top production

- The tri-top production ($t\bar{t}t+W$, $t\bar{t}t+j$) is another rare top production, $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t}^{\text{SM}} \sim 1.67 \text{ fb}$ (NLO)
- Tri-top is sensitive to different new theories, like FCNC, 2HDM models
 - The modifications of tri-top may also come from new top-Higgs sectors
- Since the final state is very close to the four tops, the tri-top is measured simultaneously with the four-top production



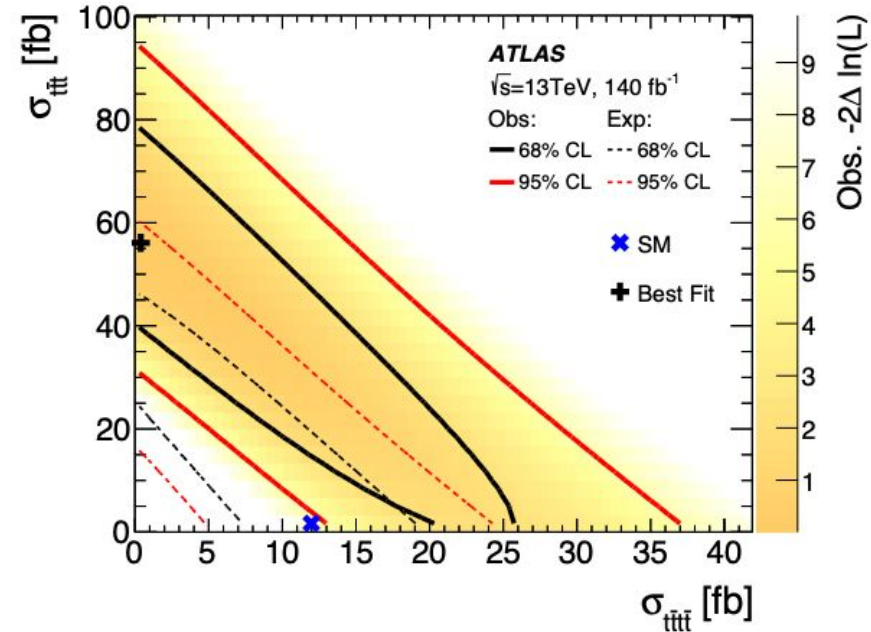
Standard Model



Tri-top and Four-top measurements

- Strong anti-correlations between tri-top and four-top
- The simultaneous measurement is compatible with SM within 2.1 standard deviation
- Limits are set on tri-top cross-sections assuming four top follows the SM or at its best-fit value

Processes	95% CL cross section interval [fb]	
	$\mu_{t\bar{t}\bar{t}} = 1$	$\mu_{t\bar{t}\bar{t}} = 1.9$
$t\bar{t}$	[4.7, 60]	[0, 41]
$t\bar{t}W$	[3.1, 43]	[0, 30]
$t\bar{t}q$	[0, 144]	[0, 100]





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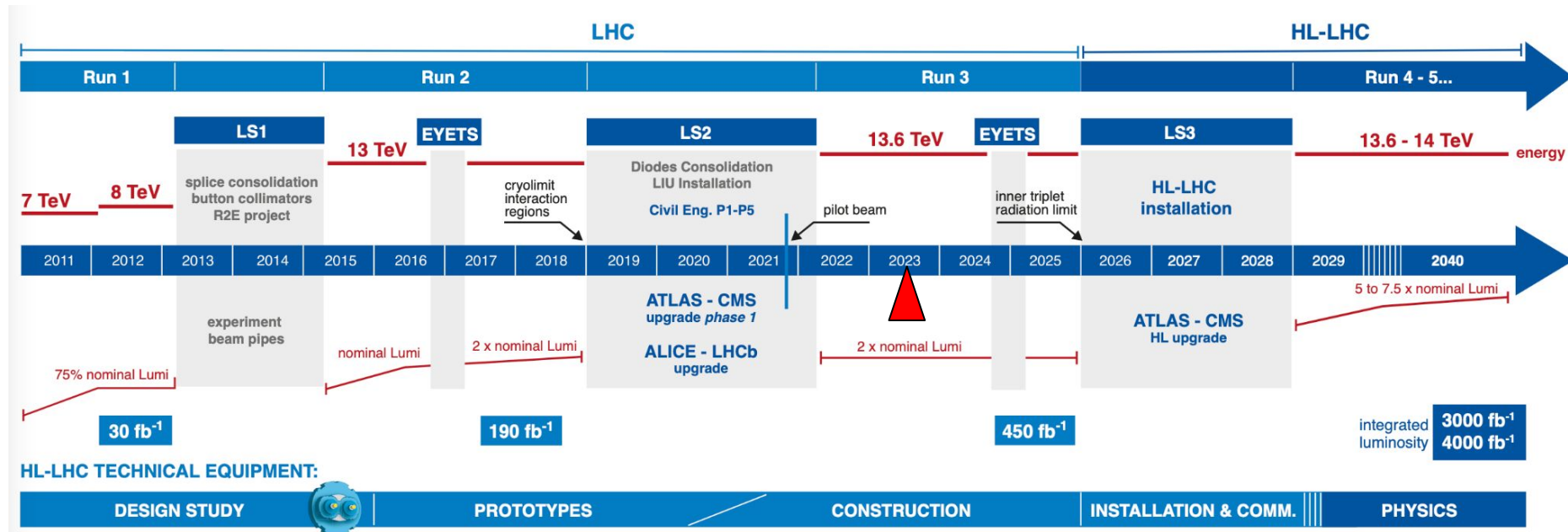
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Outlook

Run3 and HL-LHC

- Run-3 (ongoing, 2022-2025) : expect 300 fb^{-1} at 13.6 TeV
- Long shutdown for the HL-LHC (2026-2028): ATLAS phase-II upgrade
- HL-LHC (Run 4+ , 2029-) : expect 3000 fb^{-1} at 14 TeV



The Higgs couplings at HL-LHC

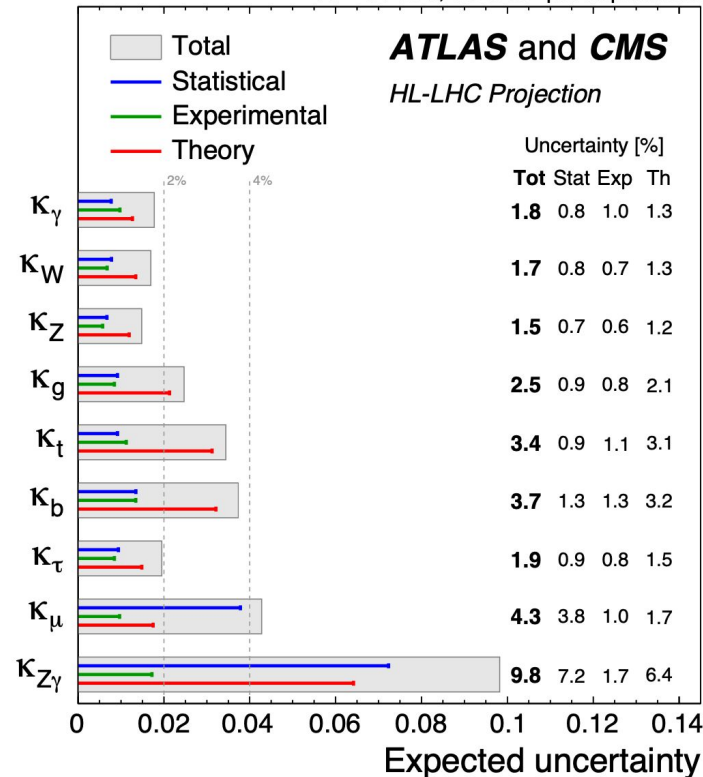
- HL-LHC is expected to significantly increase the sensitivities of Higgs coupling to tops

Total uncertainty on k_t is expected to be 3.4% (now 10%)

- However, the top-Higgs coupling measurement will be dominated by systematic uncertainties
- There are more challenges in the HL-LHC studies

[CERN-LPCC-2018-04](#)

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ per experiment



Challenges for future top-Higgs studies



- The high pile-up with HL-LHC:
 - The ~ 200 actual interactions per bunch crossing (pile-up) challenges the reconstruction of analysis objects, for example the vertex efficiency of the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events will be $< 60\%$
 - **Solution: detector upgrades and its software utilization, like timing detectors**
- Complicated physics processes:
 - The processes like multi-top and di-Higgs are complicated, but they are very unique to measure SM properties, it's hard to enhance their sensitivities. For example tri-top and four-top are not well distinguished in the current study
 - **Solution: the lost info. from reconstruction, advanced machine learning (GNN and new methods)**
- Large-statistic Monte Carlo
 - Huge computing power is required for maintaining the ratio between MC and data statistics with high luminosities, this is important for the event selection/classifier, modelings and systematic uncertainties
 - **Solution: generative models, like a normalizing-flow method ([arXiv:2303.10148](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.10148)) in the early Run 3 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analyses**
- ... more challenges and opportunities

Recap

We discussed why the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling and Higgs CP properties are important

Four studies of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling and Higgs CP properties

- With on-shell Higgs
 - CP and top-Higgs couplings with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)
 - STXS measurements with top-Higgs couplings [JHEP \(arXiv:2207.00348\)](#)
- Searches
 - $H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + X$ searches for new t-H sectors [JHEP \(arXiv:2301.10486\)](#)
- With off-shell Higgs
 - Four tops observation - the heaviest final state ever observed [EPJC \(arXiv:2303.15061\)](#)

More challenges and opportunities in LHC Run3 and HL-LHC!

Thanks USTC for hosting the seminar!

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The CMS result (2LSS/3L/4L)

$$\sigma_{\bar{t}t\bar{t}t} = 17.9^{+3.7}_{-3.5} \text{ (stat.) } ^{+2.4}_{-2.1} \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

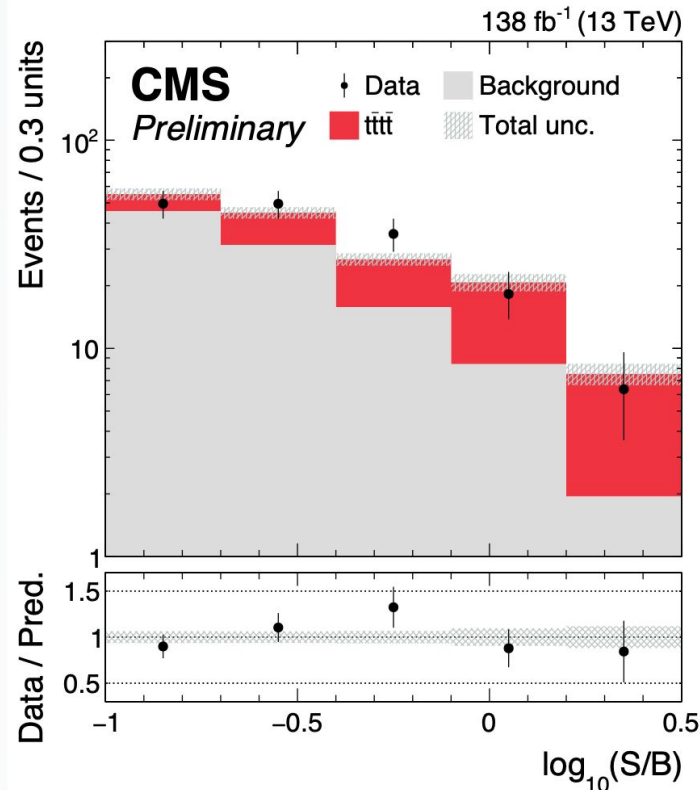
$$S_{\bar{t}t\bar{t}t} = 5.5 \text{ (4.9)} \sigma$$

in agreement with SM

- $\sigma_{\bar{t}t\bar{t}t}/\sigma_{\bar{t}t\bar{t}t}^{\text{th.}} = 1.3 \pm 0.3$
- $\sigma_{\text{ttW}}/\sigma_{\text{ttW}}^{\text{th.}} = 1.4 \pm 0.1$
- $\sigma_{\text{ttZ}}/\sigma_{\text{ttZ}}^{\text{th.}} = 1.3 \pm 0.1$

Differences

- CMS has a 4-lepton channel (tiny contribution), lepton channels are split, ATLAS merged 2LSS/3L channels.
- CMS is using multi-class BDT, ATLAS is using GNN
- CMS merged tri-top contribution with all the minor top productions, with a 20% uncertainty.
- CMS used data-driven method to estimate the non-prompt (ttbar) backgrounds, ATLAS used MC ttbar, with profiled normalizations.
- CMS measures four-top, ttW and ttZ simultaneously, ATLAS measures four-top, ttW and non-prompt (ttbar) simultaneously



(CMS-PAS-TOP-22-013)