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# The Top-Higgs Coupling: A Key to Inferring Higgs Physics

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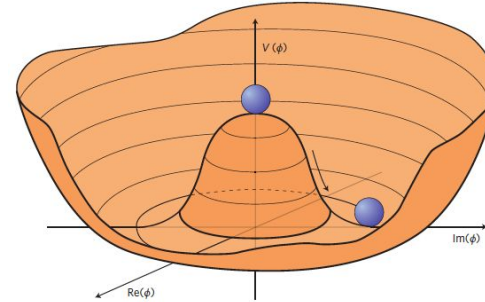
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# Why are Higgs properties important?

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**?



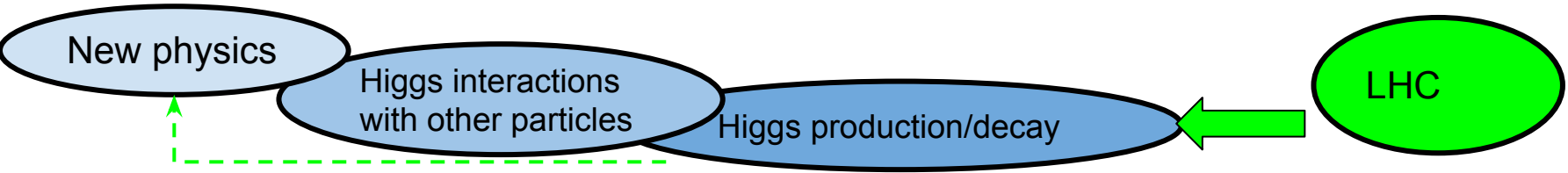
mass → charge → spin →	$\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $2/3$ $1/2$  up	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $2/3$ $1/2$  charm	$\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $2/3$ $1/2$  top	$0$ $0$ $1$  gluon	$\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $0$ $0$  Higgs boson
<b>QUARKS</b>	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$  down	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$  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	<b>GAUGE BOSONS</b>
<b>LEPTONS</b>	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$ $0$ $1/2$  electron neutrino	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $0$ $1/2$  muon neutrino	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $0$ $1/2$  tau neutrino	$80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\pm 1$ $1$  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



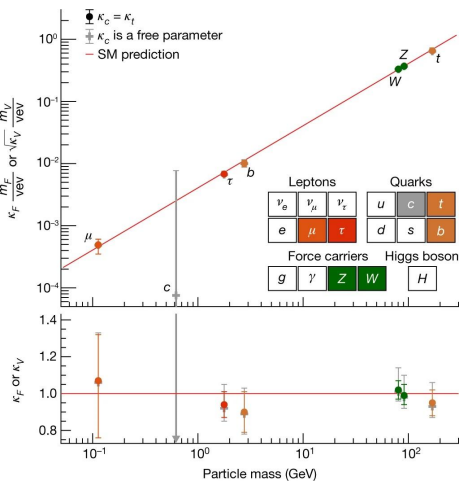
Three experimental approaches towards the new physics with Higgs properties:

- 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

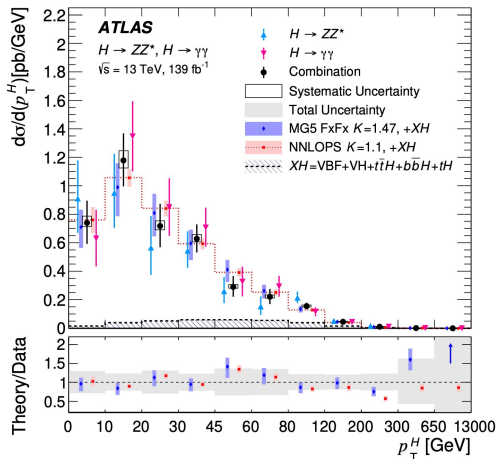
## Higgs couplings with other particles



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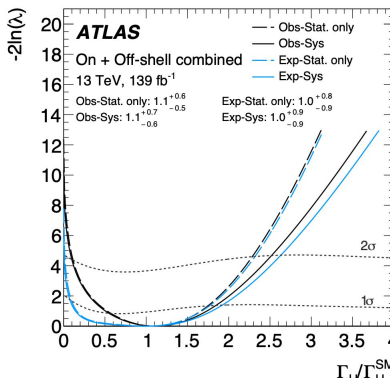
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## Differential cross-section



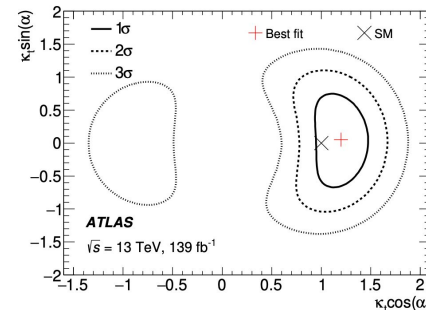
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## Width and Mass



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

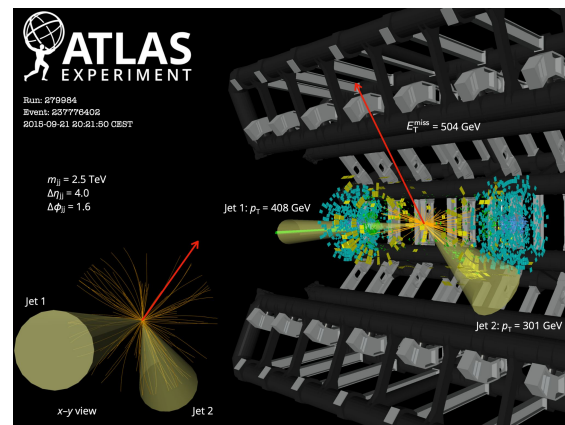
## CP properties



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

Searches  
 e.g. Higgs→invisible

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# 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  $10^2$

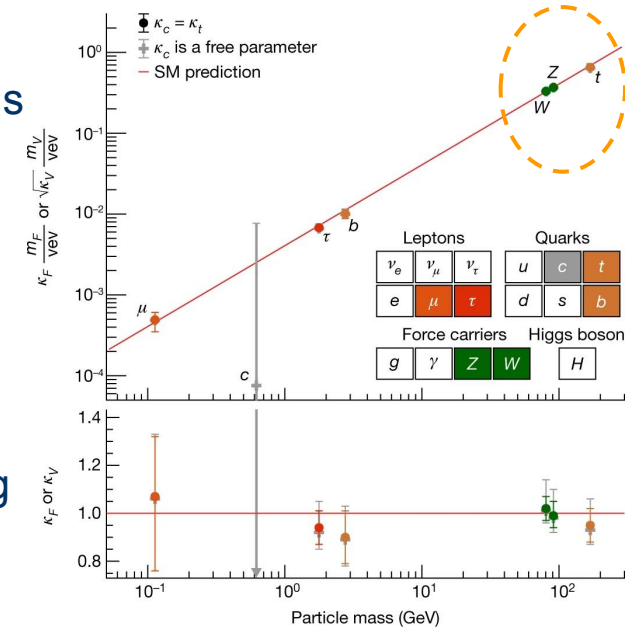
- the top-Higgs coupling strength is remarkably close to 1

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

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

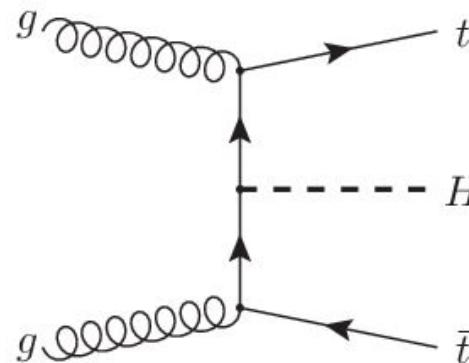
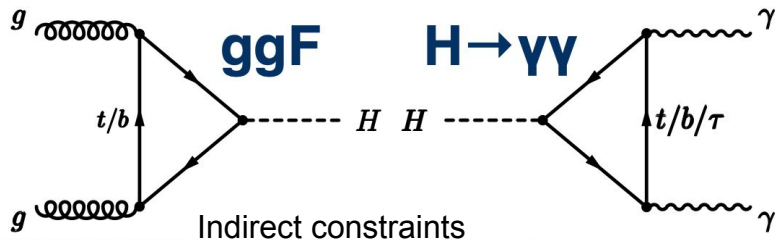
- In the SM, the Yukawa interactions are CP-even. In BSM models, CP-odd component arises
- The Lagrangian for top-Higgs interaction can be written as

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

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



# The Higgs width with top-Higgs couplings

- The Higgs total width is a sum of partial width over all possible SM and BSM decay final states
- One could use a combination of on- and off-shell measurements to constrain the Higgs total width,
  - for example, measure the top-Higgs coupling with off-shell Higgs boson in the four-top production

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm^2} = \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{(m^2 - m_H^2)^2 + m_H^2 \Gamma^2}$$

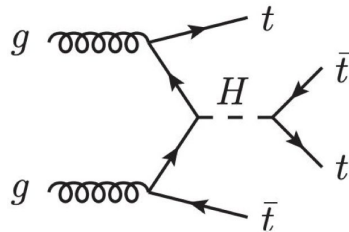
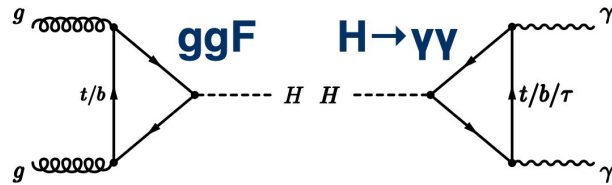
- The differential cross section is given by a Breit-Wigner

$$\sigma \propto \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{m_H \Gamma}$$

- For on-shell measurements of the Higgs boson, we cannot break the degeneracy between  $\kappa$  and  $\Gamma$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm^2} \propto \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{(m^2 - m_H^2)^2}$$

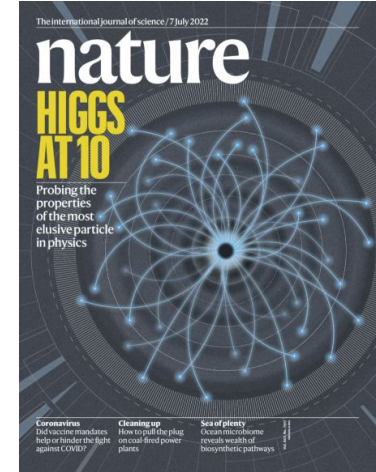
- The off-shell measurements determine couplings without the assumption of width



# Experimental landscape of top-Higgs coupling

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

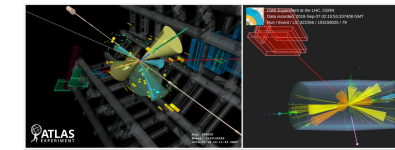
- top-Higgs coupling with on-shell Higgs boson
  - A direct measurement of CP properties in top-Higgs Yukawa coupling [PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)
  - Top-Higgs coupling with simplified template cross-section (STXS) measurements [JHEP \(arXiv:2207.00348\)](#) (input of [Nature 607 \(2022\) 52-59](#))
- 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 83 \(2023\) 496](#)



## 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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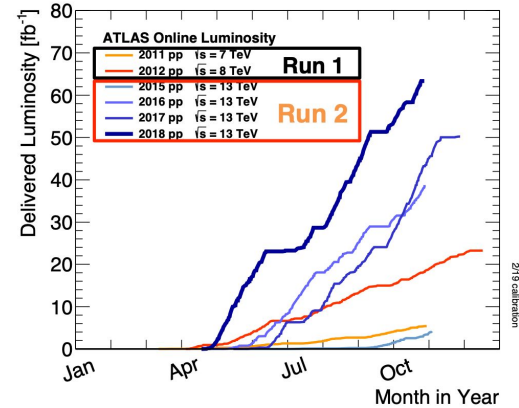
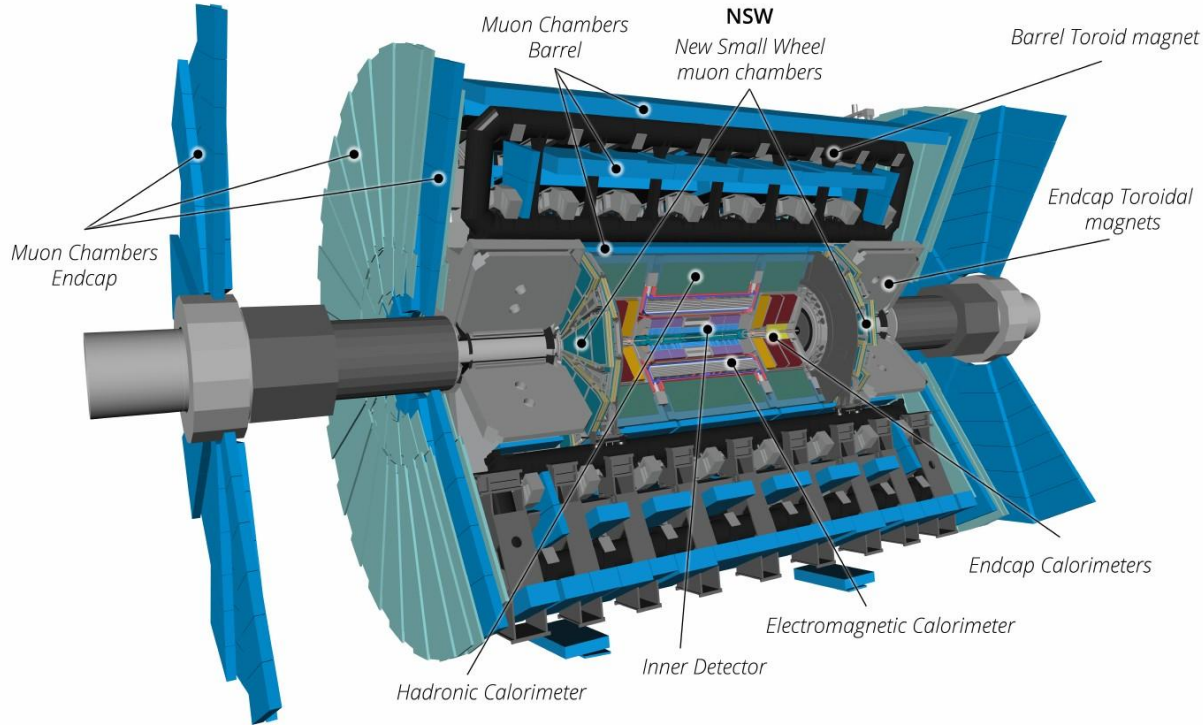


Event display of four top-quark production from ATLAS (left) and CMS (right).

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# ATLAS Detector and Run-2 data



This talk: 140 fb<sup>-1</sup> pp collision data at 13 TeV with ATLAS (ATLAS Run-2)

SJTU-ATLAS team contributes to the muon detectors upgrade (TGC), and PKU-CMS team contributes to the muon detector upgrade of CMS (GEM). Both teams leads various physics analyses.



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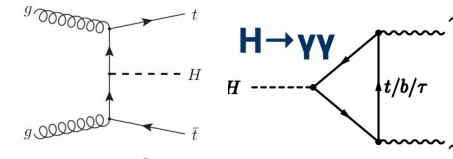
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A 3D visualization of a particle detector simulation, likely from the ATLAS experiment at CERN. It shows a complex network of blue and green rectangular structures representing detector components. A central point of interaction is shown with several tracks and energy deposits radiating outwards, illustrating the detection of particles like an on-shell Higgs boson.

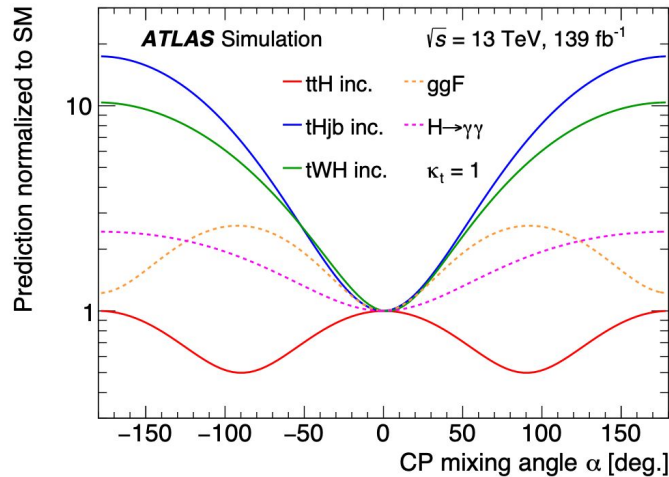
**with on-shell Higgs boson**

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

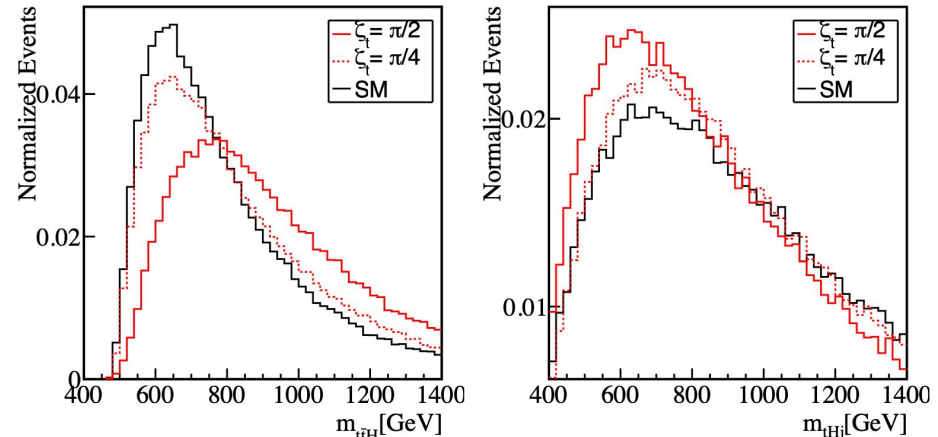
- CP properties in the top-Higgs coupling with ATLAS Run-2 [PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](#)
  - Select ttH/tH,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  events, extract the number of signal events
  - Parameterise ttH/tH productions with top-Higgs coupling modifier  $\kappa_t$ , and CP mixing angle  $\alpha$
  - Interpret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



ttH and tH cross-section as function of  $(\kappa_t, \alpha)$



tops + Higgs kinematics as function of  $(\kappa_t, \alpha)$



# CP in top-Higgs coupling: selections

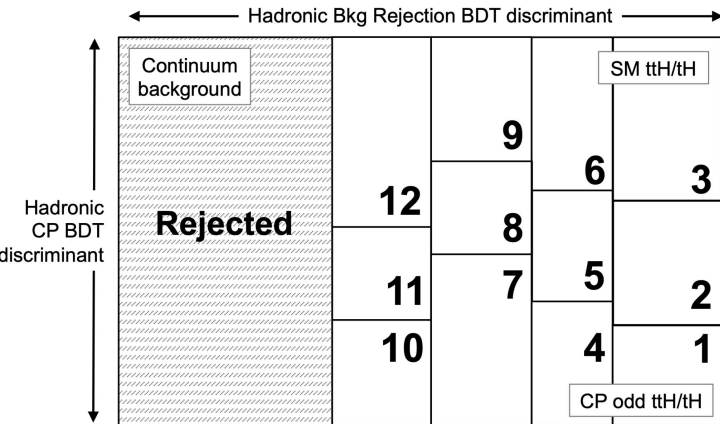
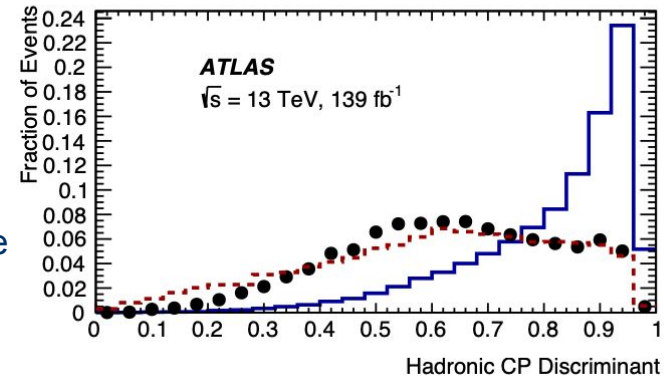
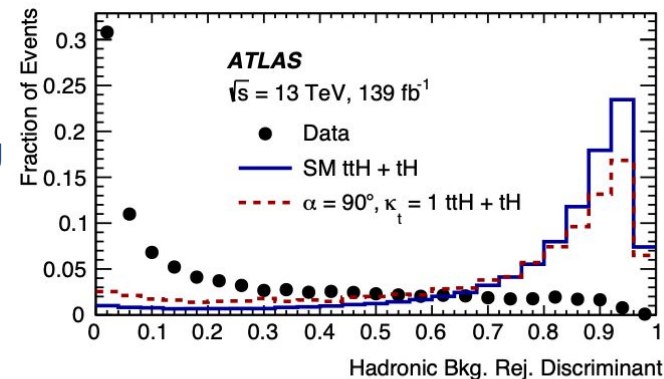
The ttH/tH, H → γγ events are selected with two event classifiers

ttH/tH CP odd vs CP even

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

Signal vs background

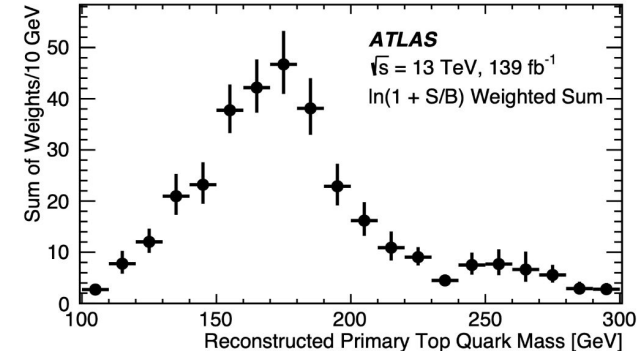
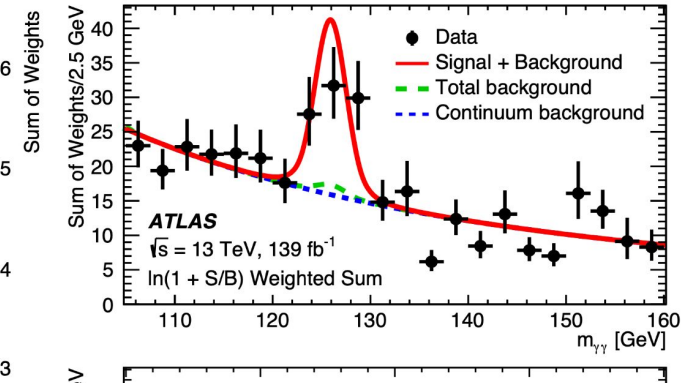
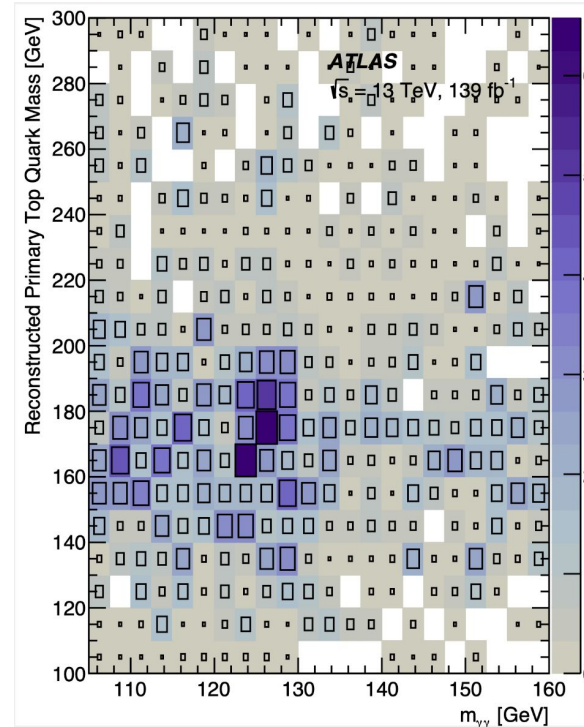
- A BDT distinguish the ttH/tH from background (other Higgs, γγ, γ+j, ttγγ)
- Using γ, e/μ, j and missing ET kinematics



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  $ttH/tH$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  events

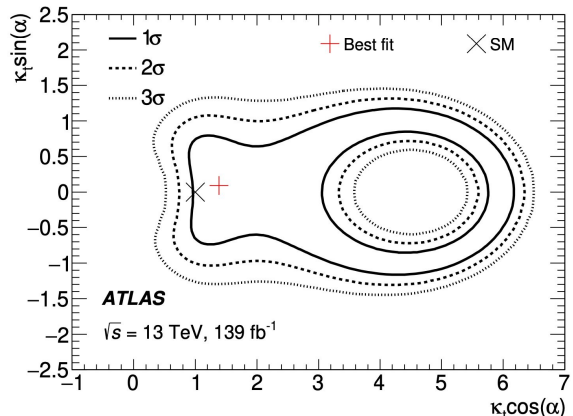


# CP in top-Higgs coupling with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

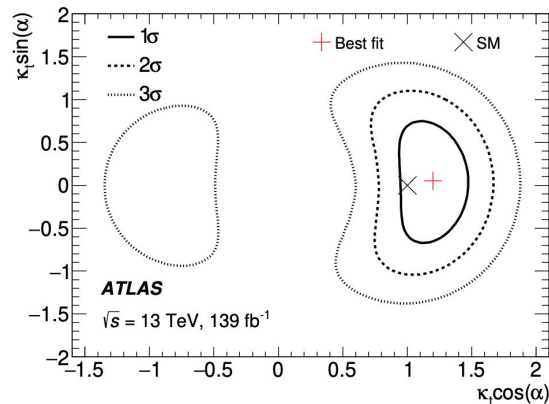
- The measurement  $t\bar{t}H/tH$  cross-section is

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

- $\kappa_t$ ,  $\alpha$  are measured
  - total CP-odd ( $\alpha=90^\circ$ ) is excluded by  $3.9\sigma$ , 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  $(\kappa_t, \alpha)$

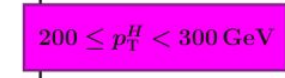
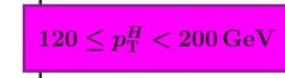
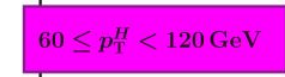
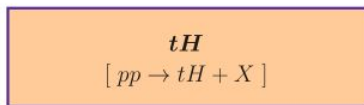
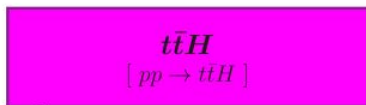


$\kappa_g$  and  $\kappa_\gamma$  set to combined measurements

[PRL 125 \(2020\) 061802](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.07407)

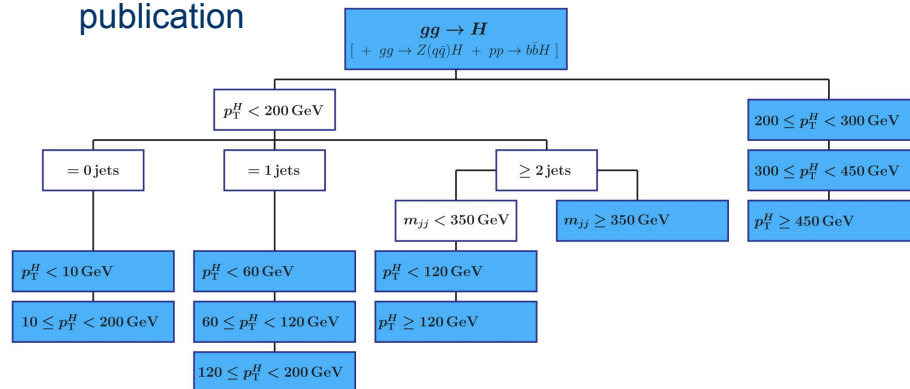
# The STXS measurements with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- 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



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

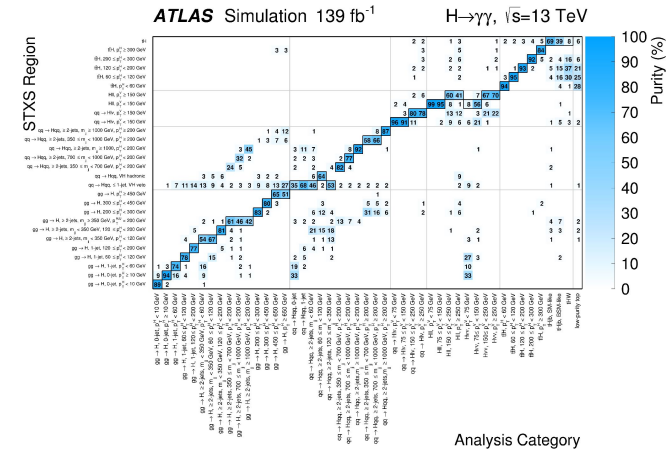
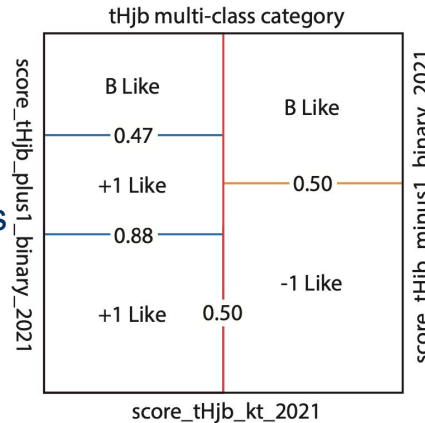


# ttH/tH selection with STXS

1. ttH/tH vs Higgs boson production in other phase spaces
  - o 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

- o CP even vs CP odd
- o CP even vs background
- o CP odd vs background

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







# STXS measurement result

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

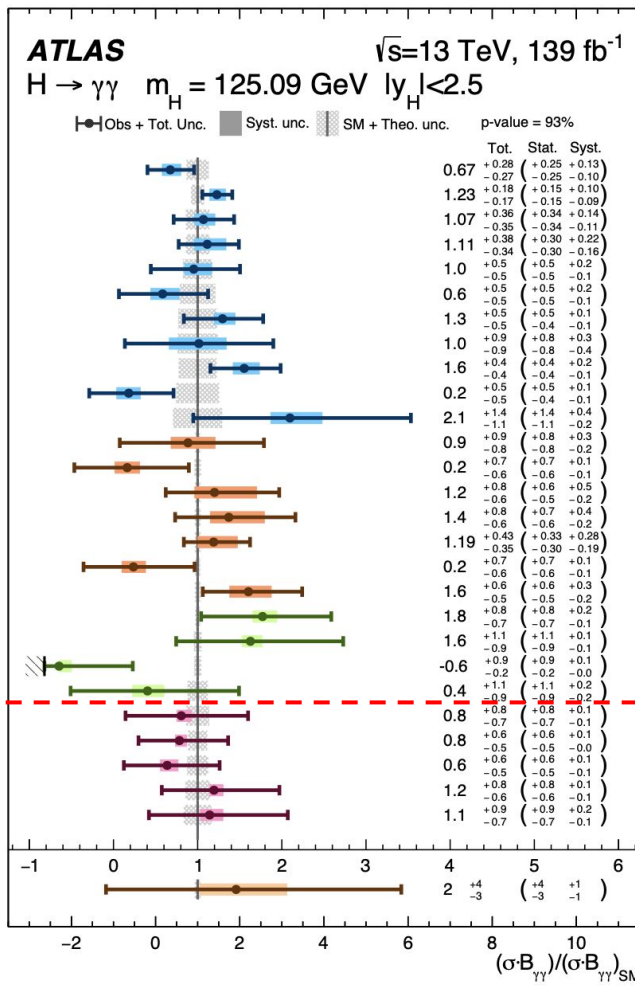
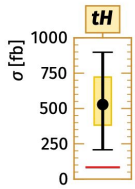
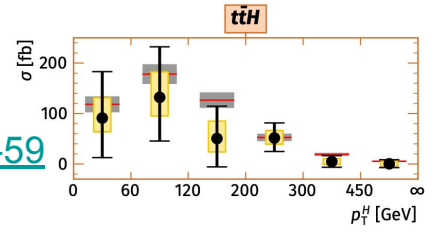
The Higgs  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  STXS measurement has highest sensitivity to constrain  $ttH/tH$  cross-sections among all Higgs decay channels in the combined measurement

$ttH$  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/s41586-022-0348-4)

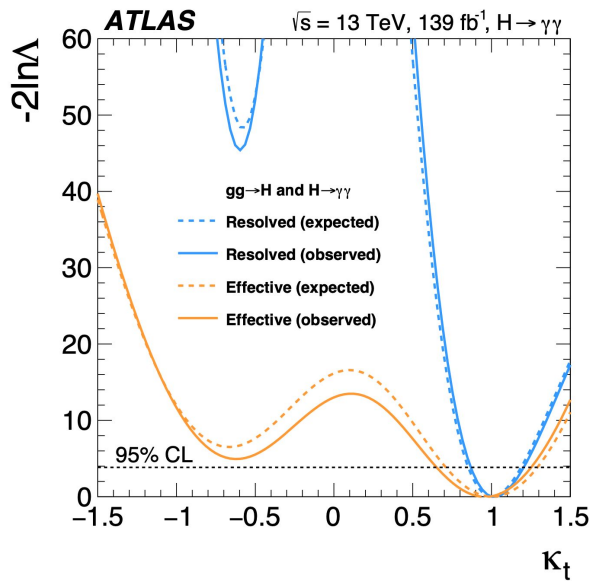
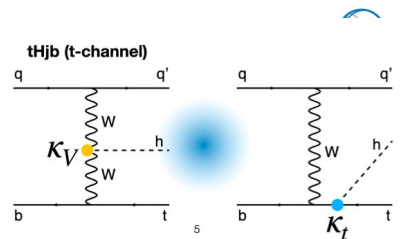
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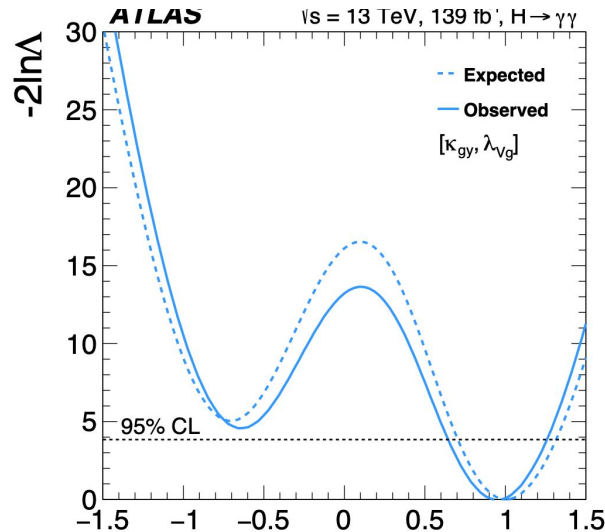
# The top-Higgs coupling with STXS

Top-Higgs coupling ( $\kappa_t$ ) is directly measured

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



$\kappa_t = 0.95^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$   
 , when  $\kappa_g$  and  $\kappa_\gamma$  set to 1.0  
 $\kappa_t = 1.01 \pm 0.09$   
 , when ggF and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  resolved with  $\kappa_t$



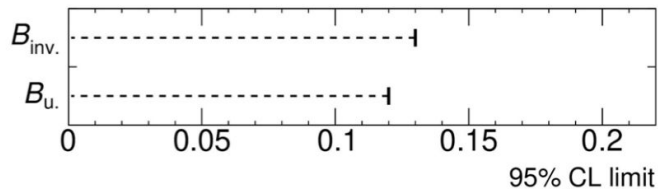
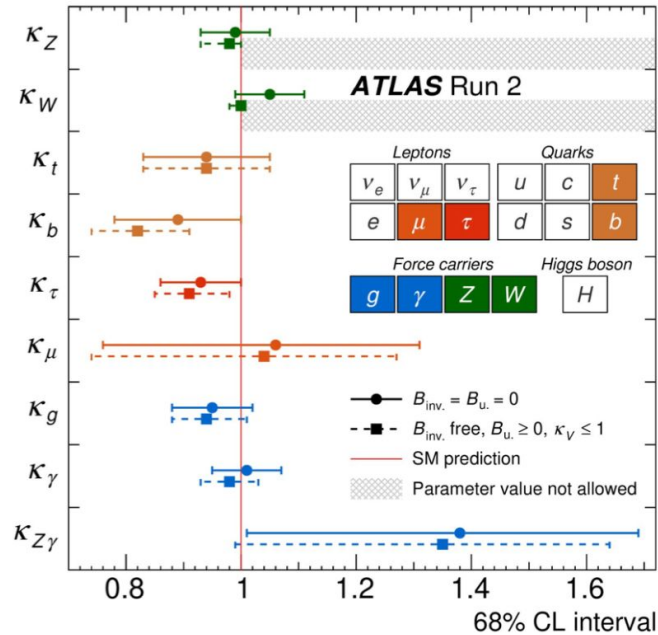
$$\lambda_{tg} = \kappa_t / \kappa_g$$

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

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

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

# The top-Higgs coupling with STXS



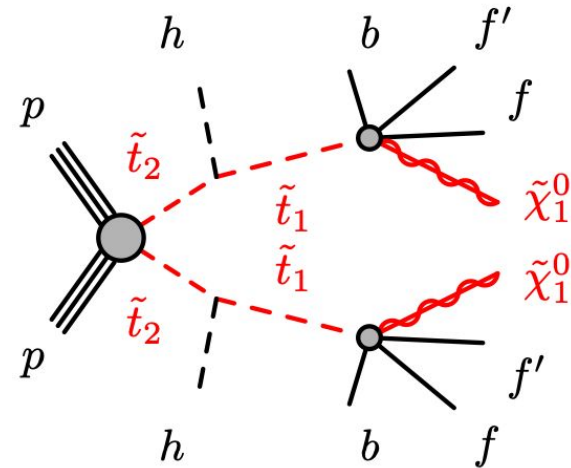
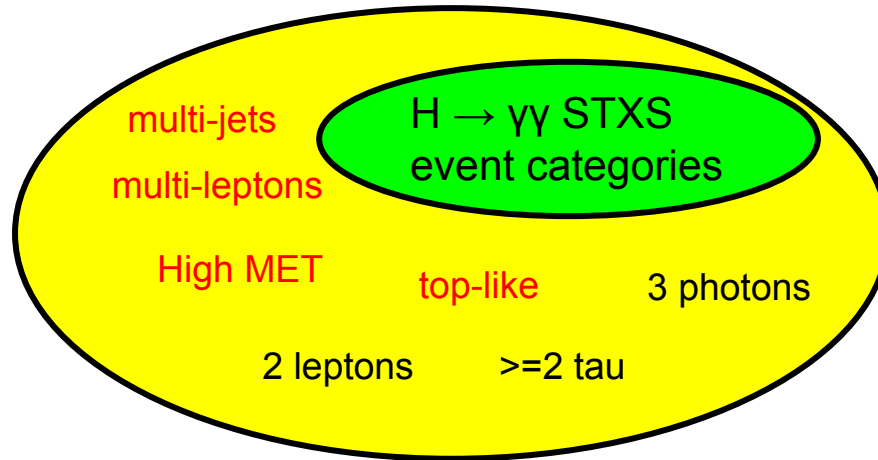
Most precise coupling determination from ATLAS

$\kappa_Z, \kappa_W, \kappa_\tau, \kappa_g, \kappa_\gamma$  at a level of < 10%

$\kappa_t = 0.94 \pm 0.11$  in combination, with other modifiers profiled

# 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



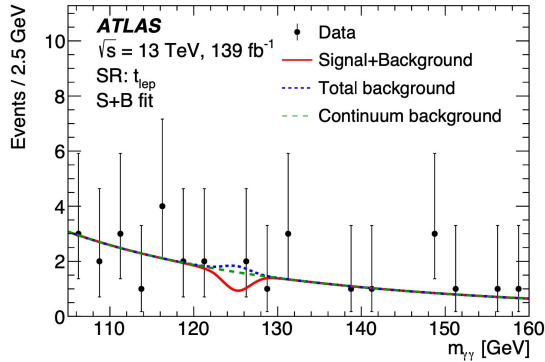
# H+X search: event selection

- 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  $m(\gamma\gamma)$

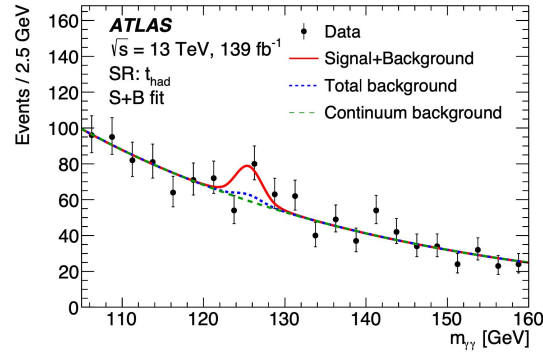
Target	Region	Detector Level
Heavy flavor	$\geq 3b$	$n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 3$ , 85% W.P.
	$\geq 4b$	$n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 4$ , 85% W.P.
High jet activity	$\geq 4j$	$n_{\text{jet}} \geq 4$ , $ \eta_{\text{jet}}  < 2.5$
	$\geq 6j$	$n_{\text{jet}} \geq 6$ , $ \eta_{\text{jet}}  < 2.5$
	$\geq 8j$	$n_{\text{jet}} \geq 8$ , $ \eta_{\text{jet}}  < 2.5$
	$H_T > 500$ GeV	$H_T > 500$ GeV
	$H_T > 1000$ GeV	$H_T > 1000$ GeV
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ 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	$\ell b$	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} \geq 1$ , $n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 1$ , 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	$\geq 1\ell$	$n_{\ell=e,\mu} \geq 1$
	$2\ell$	$ee, \mu\mu$ , 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 $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$
	$1 \gamma\text{-}m_{\gamma\gamma}^{23}$	$n_\gamma \geq 3$ , $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ defined with $\gamma_2, \gamma_3$

# H+X search: results

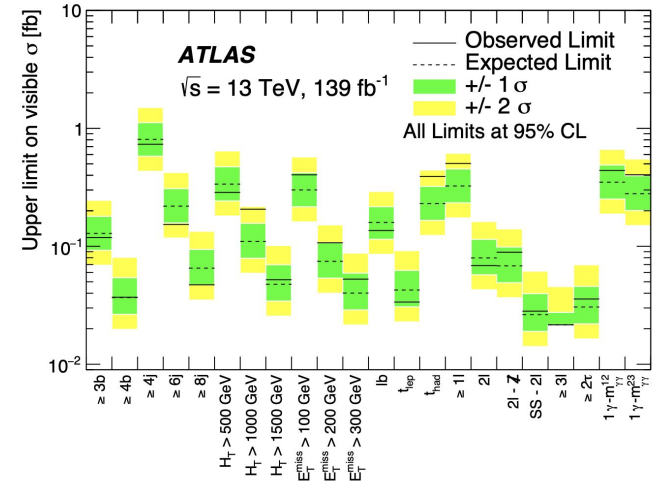
- no obvious excess for H+X production.
  - The largest deviation from SM has a local significance  $1.8\sigma$  in the HT > 1000 GeV region
  - There's  $1.7\sigma$  local significance in the top hadronic decay region
- The detector level limits are set on the H+X cross-sections, and the detector efficiencies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



-0.7 $\sigma$  deviations wrt SM in the leptonic top decay region



1.7 $\sigma$  significance in the hadronic top decay region



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



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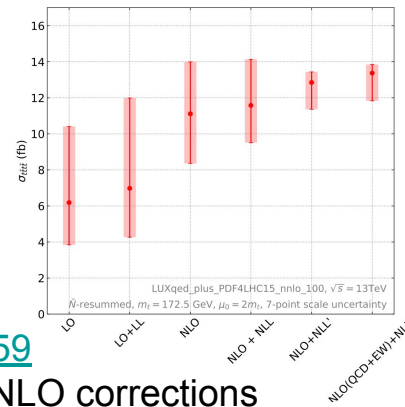
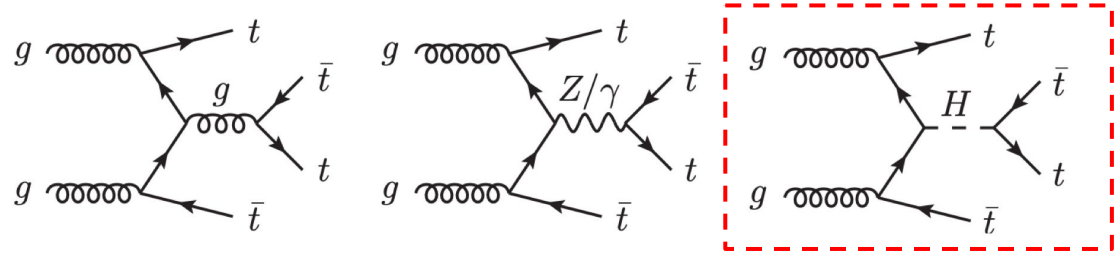
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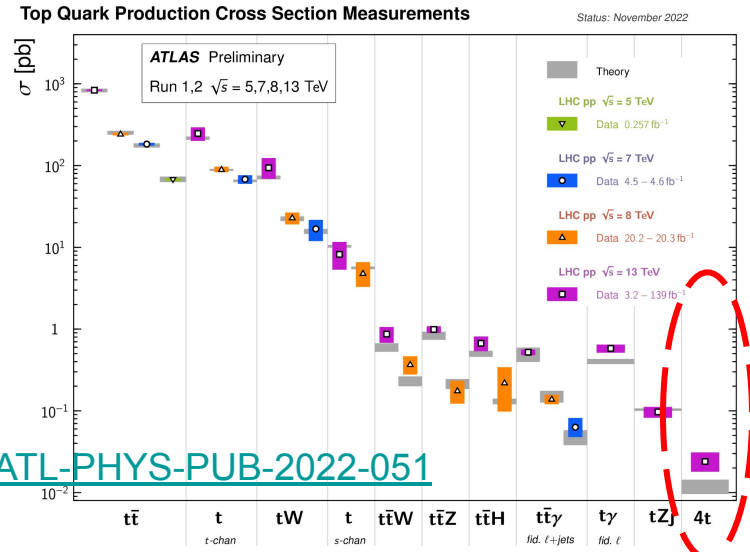
**with off-shell Higgs boson  
- the observation of  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$**

# The four-top-quarks production at LHC



- The four-top production is rare:  $\sigma_{tt\bar{t}\bar{t}}$ :  $\sim 12\text{ fb}$  (at  $10^{-5}$  level of  $t\bar{t}$ bar)
- 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 83 \(2023\) 496](#)

[arXiv:2212.03259](#)  
 The  $\sigma_{tt\bar{t}\bar{t}}$ , large NLO corrections





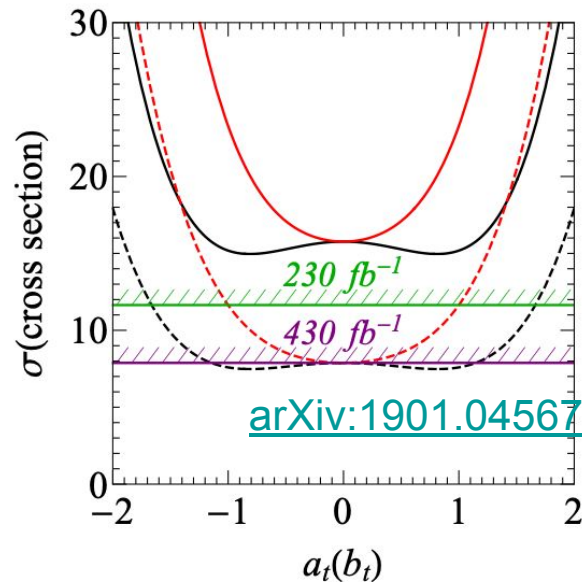
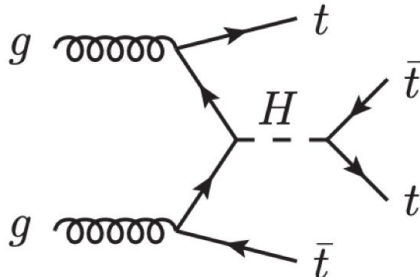
# Top-Higgs Yukawa couplings with four-tops

- 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
  - $\sigma_{tttt}$  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.

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

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

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

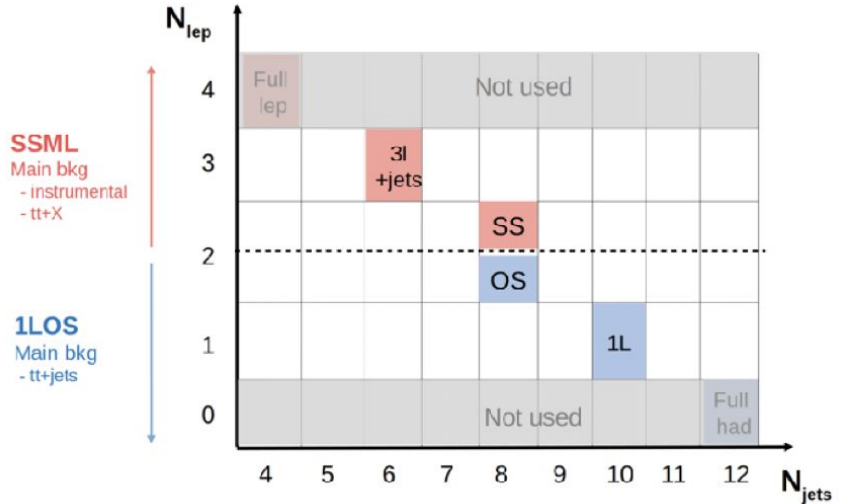
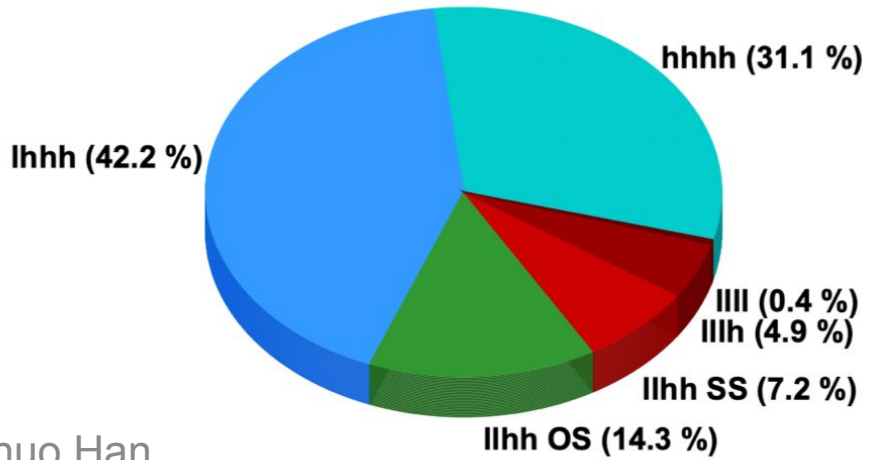
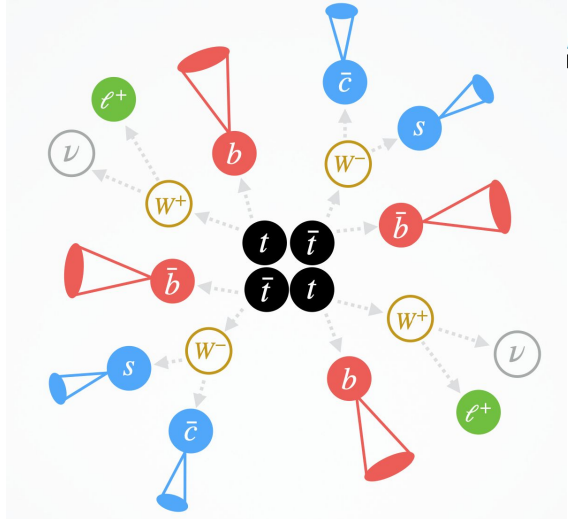


# The four-top decays

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.

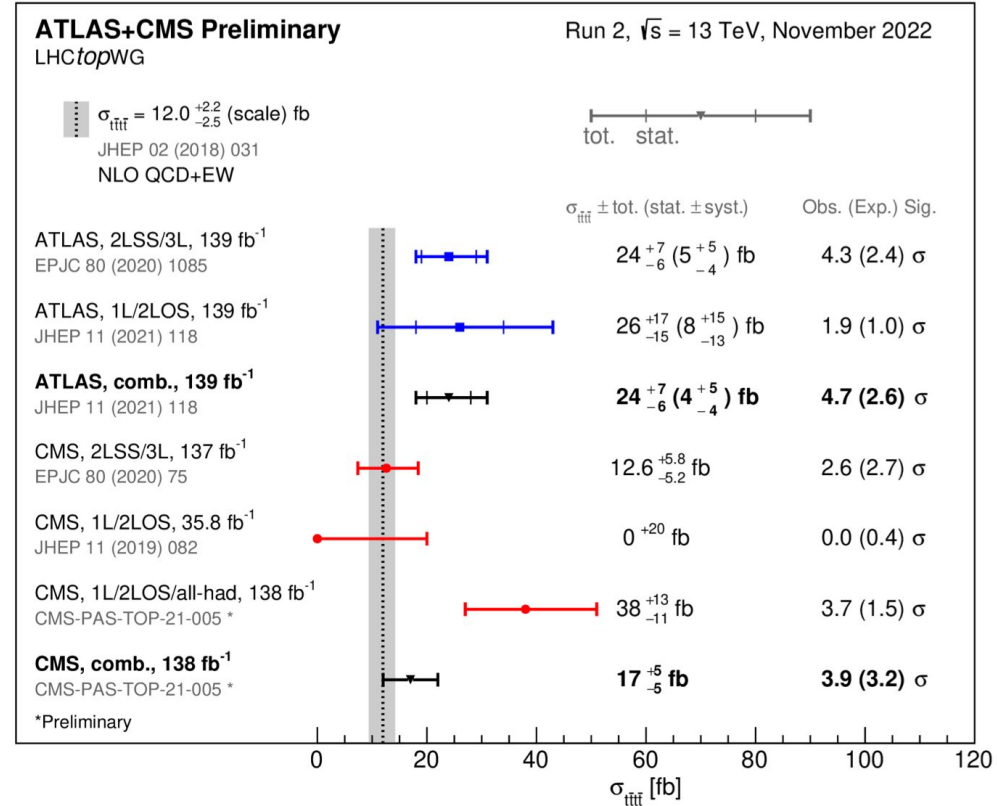
The complicated final state is a challenge



# The publications before the observation

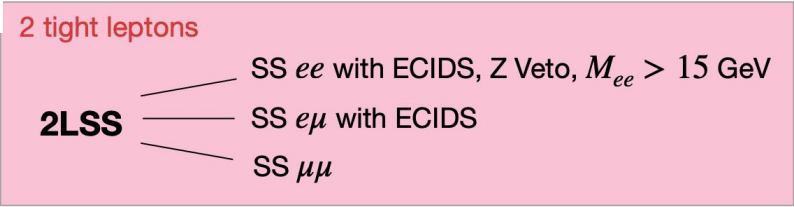
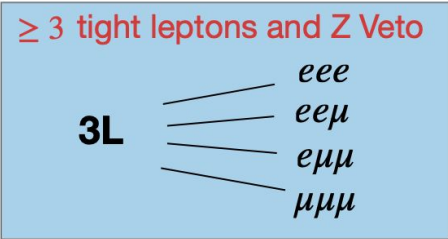
Before observation, both ATLAS and CMS measured four-top with Run-2 data, they declared evidences

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

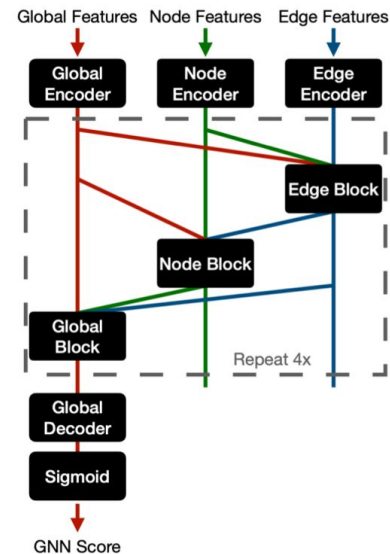
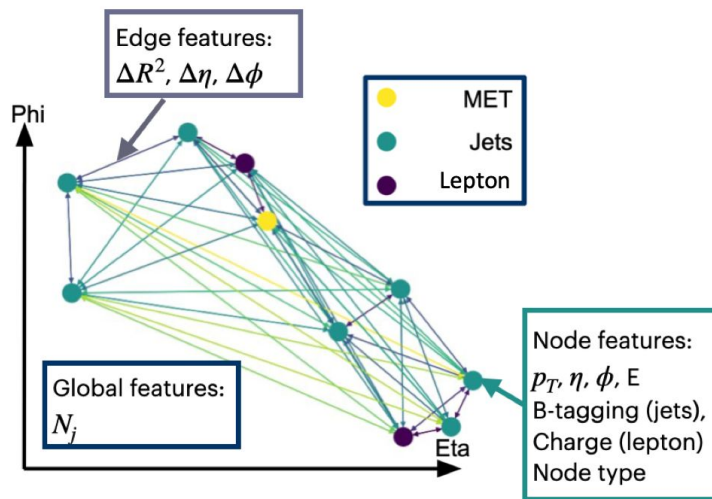
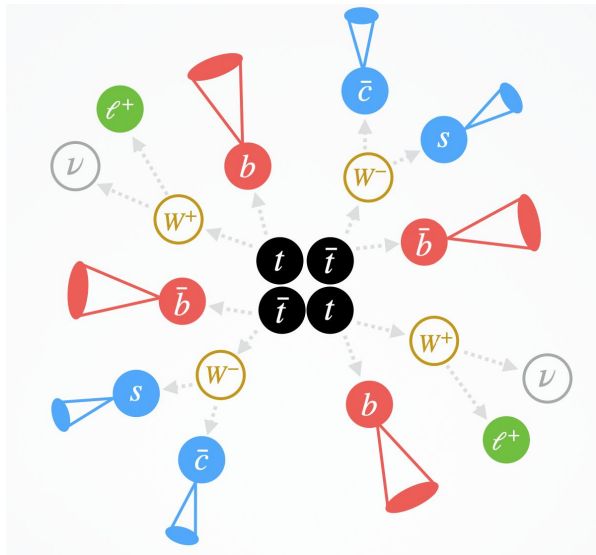
1. Triggers: single or di-lepton triggers
2. Low  $p_T$  thresholds of (leptons, jets) of (15, 20 GeV)
3. Select the 2LSS / 3L events
4. Pre-selected region (SR):
  - a. 2LSS or 3L,  $N_{jet} \geq 6$ ,  $N_{bjet} \geq 2$ ,  $HT > 500$  GeV
5. S+B fit on an event classifiers in the SR (next pages)



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

# GNN multivariate analysis

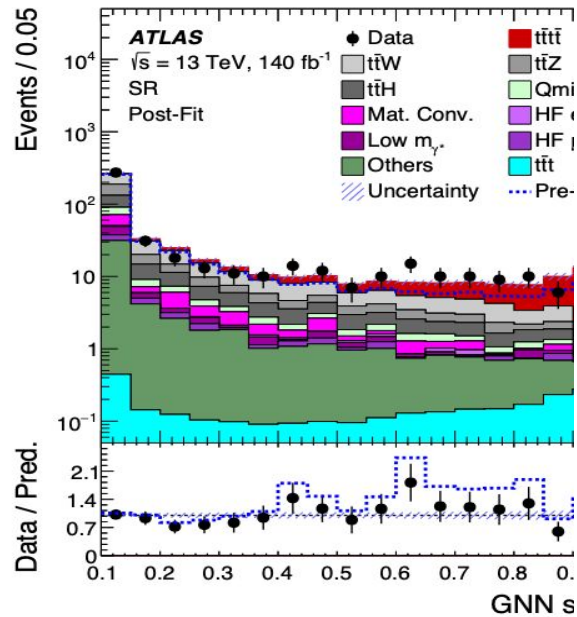
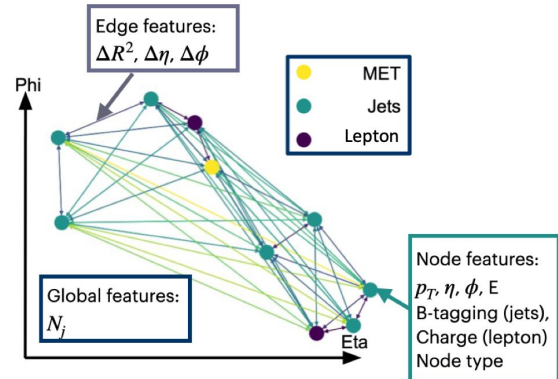
- The main challenge of the four-top signal extraction is the complicated final state
- The **Graphic Neural Network (GNN, [arxiv 1806.01261 \[graph\\_nets\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.01261))** combines information about all objects (jets, leptons, MET) from an event into a graph, with node, edge and 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

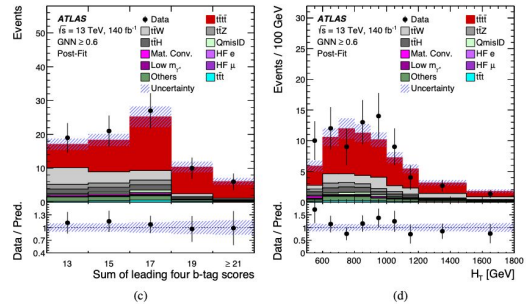
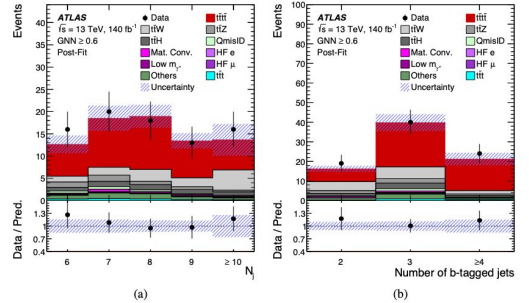
# GNN multivariate analysis

- "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

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

Instrumental and fake backgrounds (~25%)

- Charge mis-ID: data-driven method
- **Non-prompt leptons and (virtual) photon conversions**: ttbar 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 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}$

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

- 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

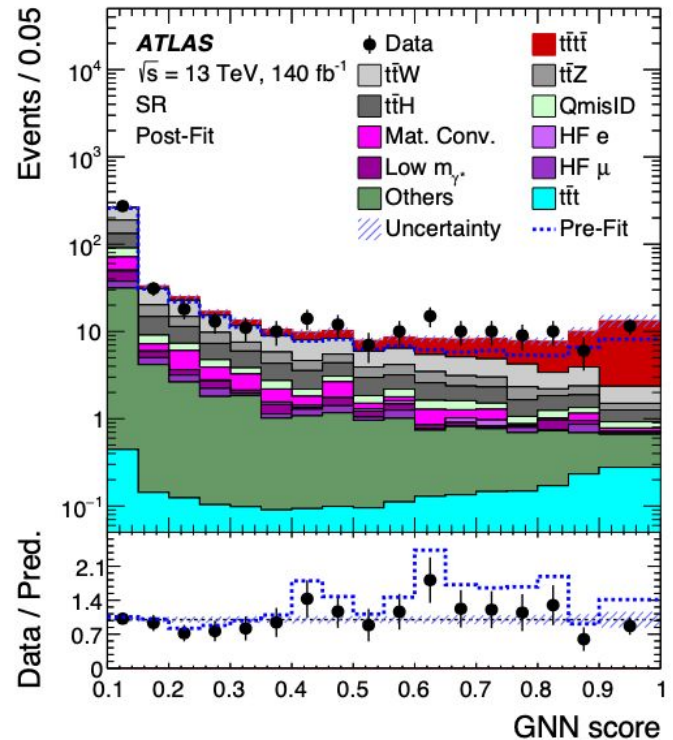
**6.1 $\sigma$  (4.3 $\sigma$ )**

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

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

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

in agreement with SM





# Top-Higgs coupling and CP

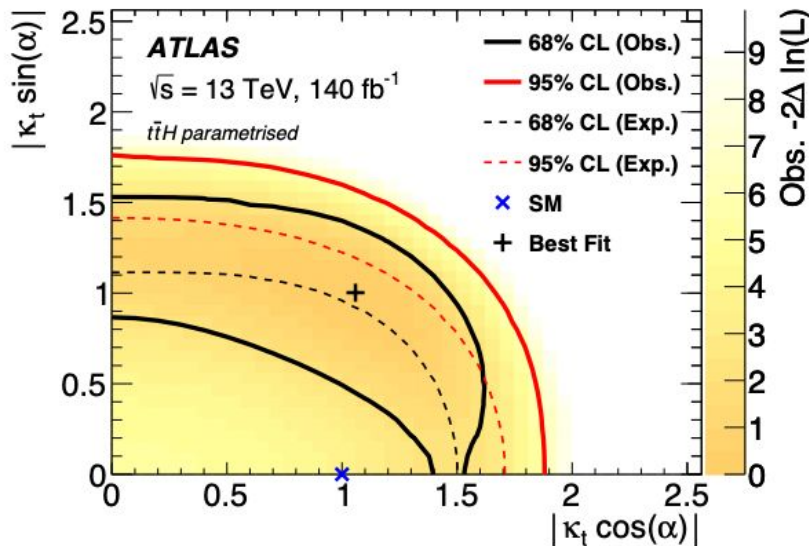
Two scenarios ( $k_t, \alpha$ ) measurements

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

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

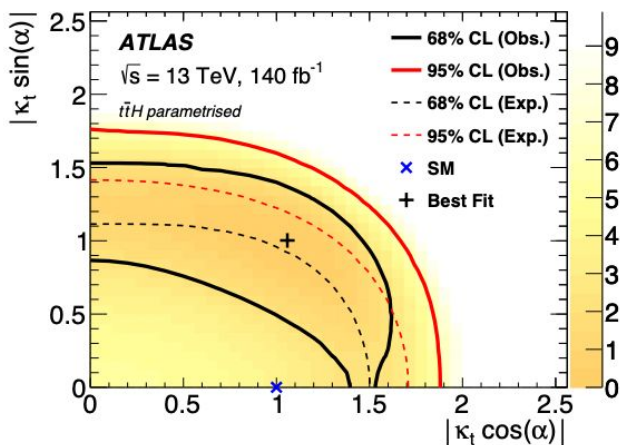
- 1) ttH parameterized:  $|k_t| < 1.8$  (1.6 expected), 2) ttH not parameterized:  $|k_t| < 2.2$  (1.8 expected)

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

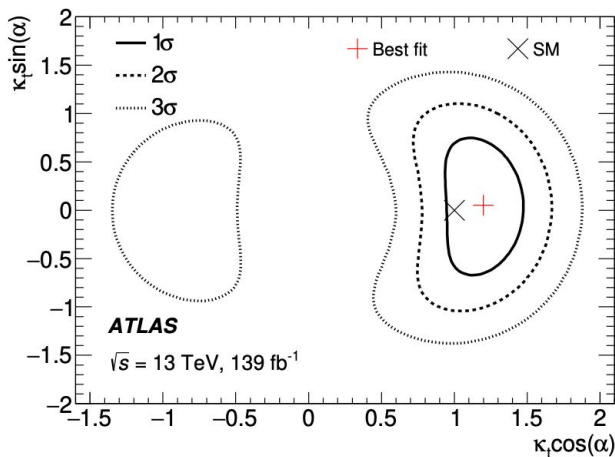


# Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling

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

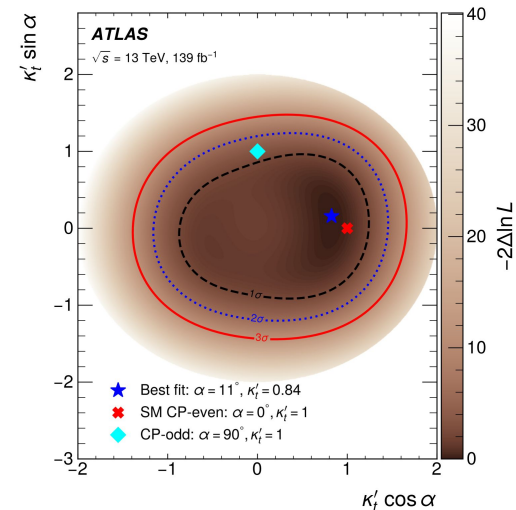


Four tops



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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

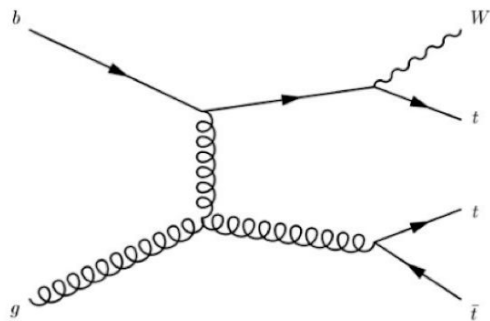


$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

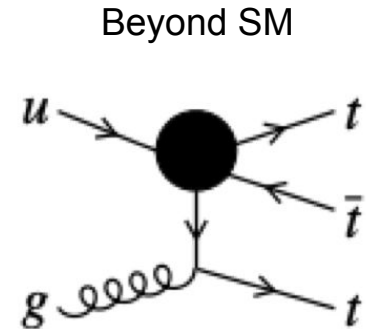
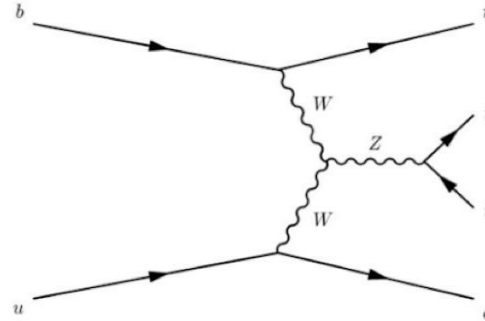
PLB (arXiv:2303.05974)

# 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



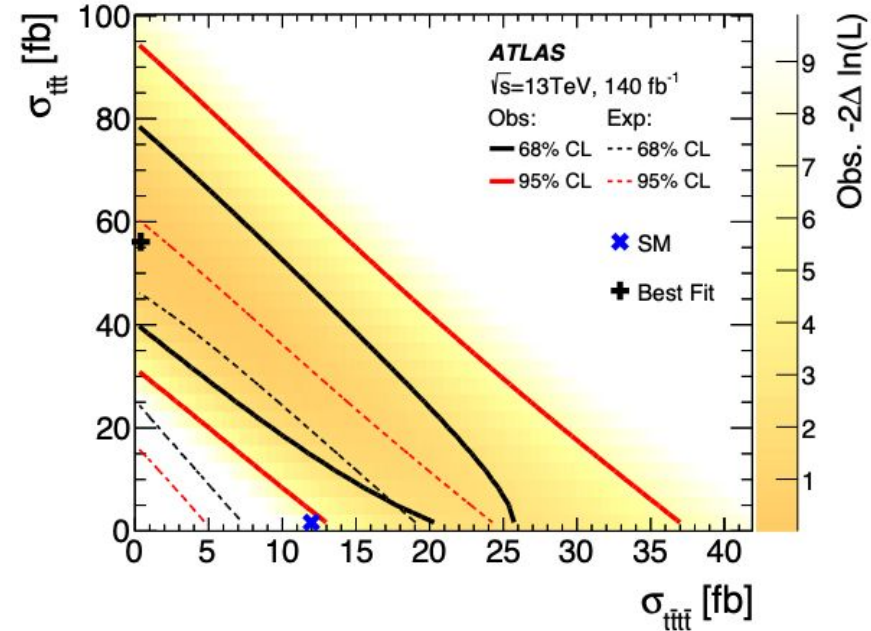
Standard Model



# 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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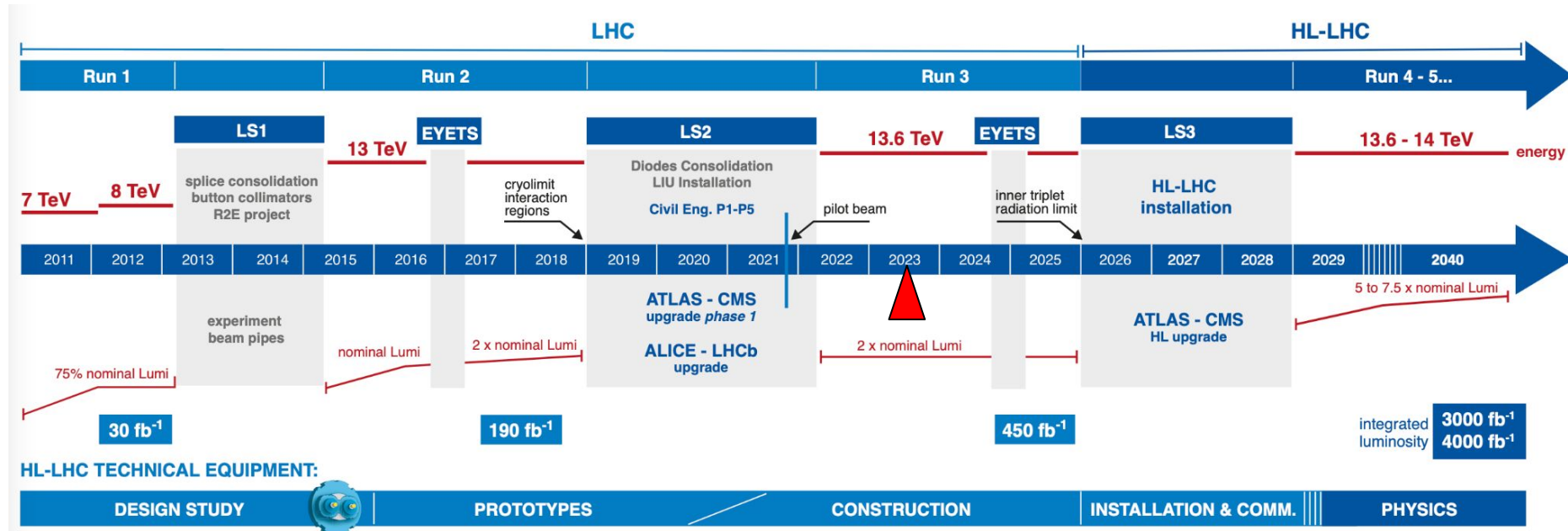


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# Outlook

# Run3 and HL-LHC

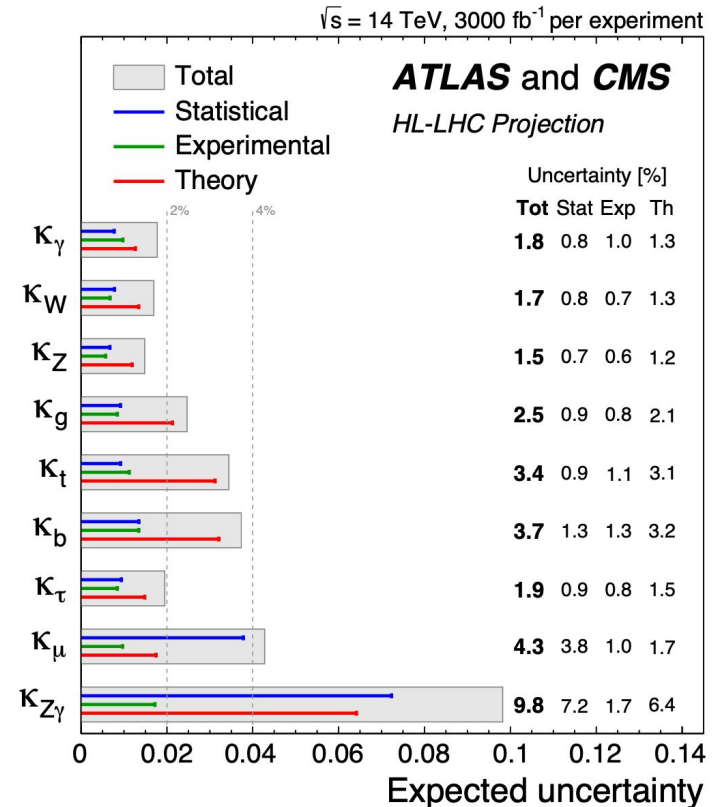
- Run-3 (ongoing, 2022-2025) : expect  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 13.6 TeV
- Long shutdown for the HL-LHC (2026-2028): ATLAS phase-II upgrade
- HL-LHC (Run 4+ , 2029-) : expect  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 14 TeV



# 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%)
  - in future e+e- collider it can be <2% at 240 GeV, while it can be further improved with higher ECM
- 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](#)



# Challenges for future top-Higgs studies



- The high pile-up with HL-LHC:
  - The  $\sim 200$  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 83 \(2023\) 496](#)

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

Thanks PKU-SJTU for hosting the seminar!

# backup



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

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

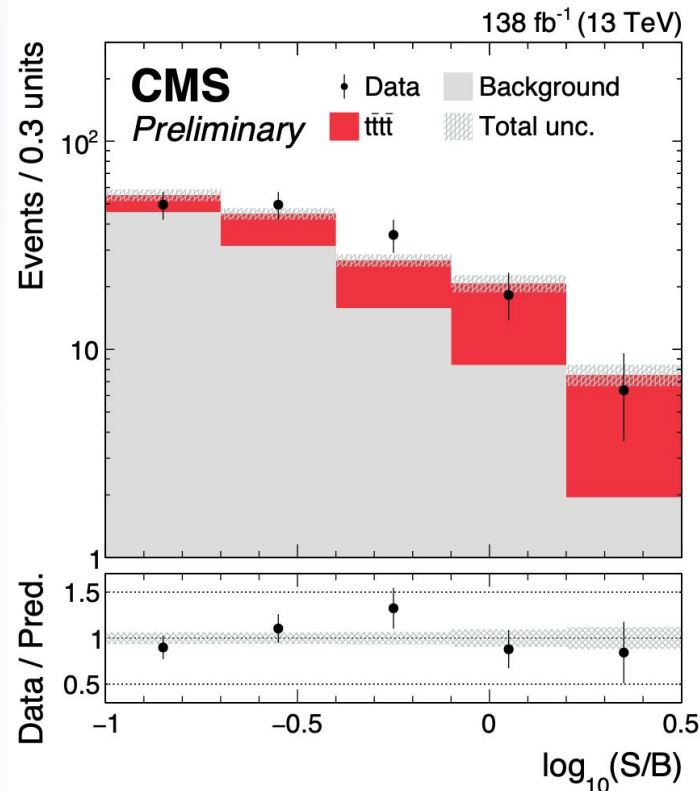
$$S_{\bar{t}t\bar{t}t} = 5.5 \text{ (4.9)} \sigma$$

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)