



# CP-sensitive simplified template cross-sections for $t\bar{t}H$

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*Introduction – Preamble* 



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force carriers

(or aauae bosons)

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Higgs decay channel	Branching ratio
$H  ightarrow bar{b}$	57.7%
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^-$	21.5%
$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	6.32%
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	2.64%
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	0.23%
$H  ightarrow Z\gamma$	0.15%
$H  ightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\sim 0.02\%$

Top quark decay:  $\sim$  99.9% to Wb





#### Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: June 2024



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## **Observation of the process:**

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- +  $t\bar{t}H$ : allow probe top-Higgs coupling at tree level
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The plots set Higgs-top coupling to reproduce the SM gluon-fusion cross section for every value of  $\alpha$  (link)



#### Model consequences:

- · Change in cross-section depending on CP hypothesis
- Lower angles have a behavior that is difficult to distinguish from the SM





#### ATLAS analysis (link):

- 1 train BDT to separate ttH from background (BKG Discriminant)
- 2 BDT trained to separate CP-even from CP-odd couplings (CP Discriminant)
- CP-odd excluded with 3.9 $\sigma$ ,  $|\alpha|$  > 43 at 95% CL

CMS analysis (link):

- Same strategy using MVAs to separate BKGs and CP-odd from CP-even
- Use of the parametrization:  $f_{CP}^{l\bar{t}H} = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2}{|\kappa_t|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2} \operatorname{sign}\left(\tilde{\kappa}_t/\kappa_t\right).$
- Observed  $f_{CP}^{t\bar{t}H}=0.00\pm0.33$  at 95% and pure CP-odd coupling excluded at  $3.2\sigma$ .



Currently instead of machine learning techniques, recent results started using directly CP-observables



ATLAS  $t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  (link) performed using CP-observables

CMS ttH (link),  $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ , from cross-section measurement



Very active field  $\rightarrow$  still requires a final combination



CMS  $t\bar{t}H$  (link), partial combination, BDT trained to separate CP-even/odd



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- Goal: developing an STXS extension targeting better  $t\bar{t}H$  CP sensitivity
- CP-odd excluded by various studies at  $4\sigma 
  ightarrow$  Obtained without the STXS framework
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- · laboratory frame (lab frame),
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- tt H rest frame, where  $\mathbf{p}_t + \mathbf{p}_{\overline{t}} + \mathbf{p}_H = \mathbf{0}$  (tt H frame),
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- Assume H, t and  $\bar{t}$  reconstructed

observable	definition	frame
$p_T^H$	-	lab, tī, tīH
$\Delta \eta_{t\bar{t}}$	$ \eta_t - \eta_{\overline{t}} $	lab, <i>H</i> , tīH
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$\cos(\theta^*)$	$\frac{\mathbf{p}_t \cdot \mathbf{n}}{ \mathbf{p}_t  \cdot  \mathbf{n} }$	tī
<i>b</i> <sub>1</sub>	$\frac{(\mathbf{p}_t \times \mathbf{n}) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_{\overline{t}} \times \mathbf{n})}{n^t - n^{\overline{t}}}$	all
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$b_4$	$\frac{p_t^2 p_t^2}{ \mathbf{p}_t   \mathbf{p}_{\bar{t}} }$	all
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- Metric to judge the sensitivity of the various observables assuming acceptance, smearing, luminosity of 300 fb $^{-1}$
- Account for statistical and systematic uncertainty, in each bin  $\sigma_i$  is:

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm sys}^2 + \sigma_{\rm stat}^2}$$

• Define significance S according to <u>link</u>: taking  $n_i$  the SM- and  $m_i$  the BSM- $t\bar{t}H$  yield per bin

$$S = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} S_i} = \sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \left( n_i ln \left[ \frac{m'_i(n_i + \sigma_i^2)}{n_i^2 + m_i \sigma_i^2} \right] - \frac{n_i^2}{\sigma_i^2} ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\sigma_i^2(m'_i - n_i)}{n_i(n_i + \sigma_i^2)} \right] \right)}$$

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• Other two examples below:  $b_1^{\text{lab}}$  and  $\theta^{*,t\bar{t}}$ 



*b*<sub>1</sub><sup>lab</sup>: [-1, -0.95, -0.8, -0.2, 0.3, 0.8, 1.0]



 $\theta^{*,t\bar{t}}$ : [0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.55, 0.7, 0.85, 1]

### **Best pairs significance results**

- Results of significance after bin optimization: very close performances
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Final result and proposed STXS extension

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# Extended proposition for STXS in $t\bar{t}H$





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#### Outlook

- The full study is **published:** <u>link</u>
- To implement the proposal ightarrow parton level top quark definition needs to be added to the STXS framework
- · Have been consider applying this new approach in ongoing measurements

# Thank you for your attention

# BACKUP

# tīH bb channel



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# t**īH (H→bb)**

#### Analysis Strategy (at 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

- Results in the STXS formalism;
   5 STXS Higgs p<sub>T</sub> bins
- Two main analysis channels; single-lepton or dilepton
- Signal/control regions defined by number of jets, b-tagged jets
  - Additional boosted Higgs categories for single-lepton





- Different MVAs used for reconstructing Higgs boson candidate and event classification
- Large irreducible background mainly from tt+≥1b constrained by dedicated Control regions (CRs)

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#### Background modeling

- tt+bb background modelled with 4 flavour-scheme NLO QCD accuracy
- Main shape systematic uncertainties: Initial and final state radiation, parton shower, NLO matching, relative fractions of tt+heavy flavor components
  - Additional uncertainty to account for mis-modeling observed in reconstructed p<sub>T,higgs</sub>





Inclusive results:

 $\mu = 0.35 \pm 0.20 \text{ (stat.)} ^{+0.30}_{-0.28} \text{ (syst.)} = 0.35 ^{+0.36}_{-0.34}$ **Z = 1.07 (2.77 exp.)** 

(139 fb-1)

- Measured µ for five separate p<sub>T,higgs</sub> bins
- Sensitivity dominated by large theoretical uncertainties on irreducible tt+≥1b background

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# t**īH/tH (H→yy)**

#### Analysis Strategy (at 139 fb-1)

- targets tTH/tH production along w/other Higgs productions through Simplified Template Cross Sections (STXS) formalism where cross-section is measured as a function of truth pTH
- In total 45 STXS regions defined
  - based on targeted production, Higgs p<sub>T</sub> and number of jets





#### STXS category assignment:

- Multi-classifier BDT sensitive to particular STXS regions + additional binary BDT trained to distinguish signal from background
- *tHqb* class divided into two sub-classes using a neural network to distinguish between κ<sub>t</sub> = 1 and κ<sub>t</sub> = -1, and further categorization done to separate signal from background events

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## tīt H $\gamma\gamma$ channel – 1





### tTH – indirect CP constraints (EDM)





Figure 2. Left: Present constraints on  $\kappa_t$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}_t$  from the electron EDM (blue), the neutron EDM (red), the mercury EDM (brown), and Higgs physics (gray). Right: Projected future constraints on  $\kappa_t$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}_t$ , see text for details.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -rac{\mathcal{Y}_{f}}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\kappa_{f}ar{f}f+i ilde{\kappa}_{f}ar{f}\gamma_{5}f
ight)h$$

where  $f = t, b, \tau$  and  $y_f = \sqrt{2}m_f/v$  is the SM Yukawa coupling with  $m_f$  the fermion mass and  $v \simeq 246$ GeV the electroweak symmetry breaking vacuum expectation value of the Higgs field. The couplings  $\tilde{\kappa}_f$  are CP violating, while  $\kappa_f$  parametrize CP-conserving NP (see link)

 $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ 

Normalized



- Various factor utilized to scale the distributions for the three channels
- They were taken from available info from published papers in the three channels

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	A	cceptance factors	5					Smearing factors		
	$t\bar{t}H(parton)$	$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	ttH(multilep.)	$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$		tī	H(parton)	$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	ttH(multilep.)	$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$
$\alpha = 0^{\circ}$	1	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$		$\Delta p_{T,H}$	None	4GeV	120 <i>GeV</i>	80 <i>GeV</i>
$\alpha = 35^{\circ}$	1	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$		$\Delta p_{T,t}$	None	40 <i>GeV</i>	70 <i>GeV</i>	70 <i>GeV</i>
$\alpha = 45^{\circ}$	1	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$		$\Delta \eta_t$	None	0.5	0.8	0.8
$\alpha = \mathbf{90^{\circ}}$	1	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	6.5 · 10 <sup>-3</sup>		$\Delta \phi_t$	None	None	20°	20°
			N	ormalization factors + Branching Ratio						
			ttH(parton)	$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	ttH(multilep.)	$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$	-			
		BR	1	$2.27 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$6.79 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.81 \cdot 10^{-1}$	_			
		$\alpha = 0^{\circ}$	Normalized	93	401	473	-			
		$\alpha = 35^{\circ}$	Normalized	77	328	397	-			
		$\alpha = 45^{\circ}$	Normalized	69	290	358	-			

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