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# Search for a CP-odd top-quark Yukawa coupling with the ATLAS experiment



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# **1. Motivation**

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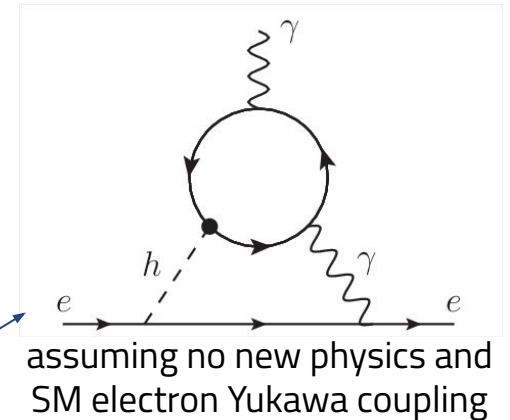
- Baryon asymmetry → new sources of CP-violation required
- Can be realized in Higgs bosons with both CP-even and CP-odd components
- CP-odd component does not couple to vector bosons at tree-level
- Could reveal itself in Yukawa interaction between top quark and the 125 GeV Higgs boson:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{tth} &= y_t \bar{\psi}_t \kappa'_t (\cos \alpha + i \gamma_5 \sin \alpha) \psi_t h \\ &= y_t \bar{\psi}_t (\kappa_t + i \gamma_5 \tilde{\kappa}_t) \psi_t h\end{aligned}$$

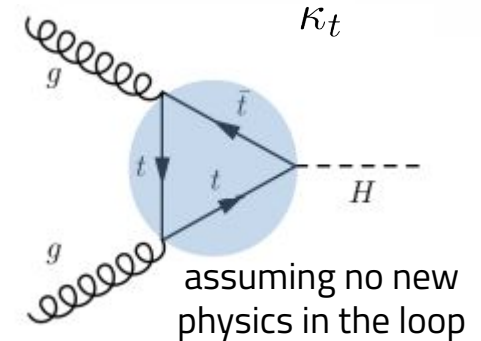
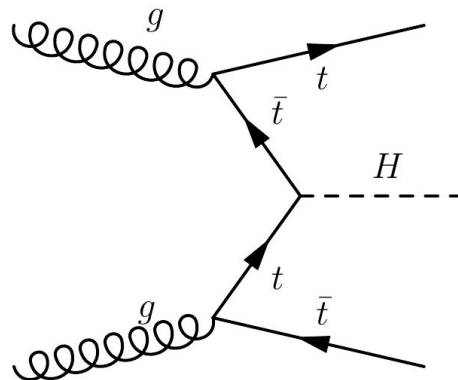
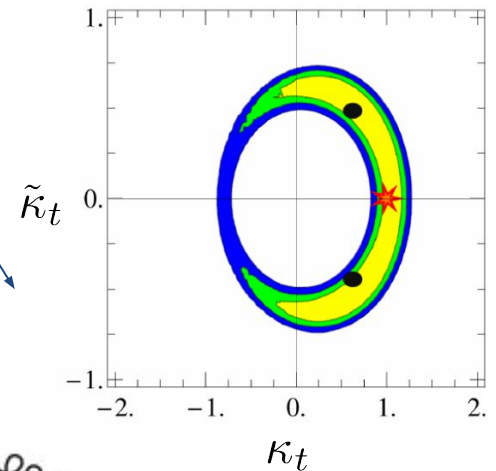
- top-Higgs coupling directly confirmed with observation of ttH production by ATLAS and CMS  
(Phys. Lett. B 784 (2018) 173, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 231801)

# Direct vs indirect

- Indirect constraints exist:  
(Phys. Rev. D 92, 015019, 2015; JHEP 1802 (2018) 073)
  - Electron electric dipole moment (EDM)
  - LHC Run I data, including ggF Higgs production
- **No direct measurement yet, the goal for my PhD thesis is to perform it**
- **ttH production at the LHC provides the best direct probe**

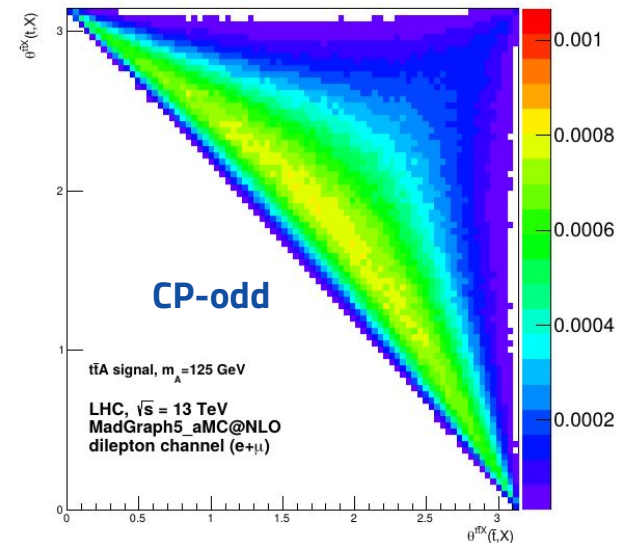
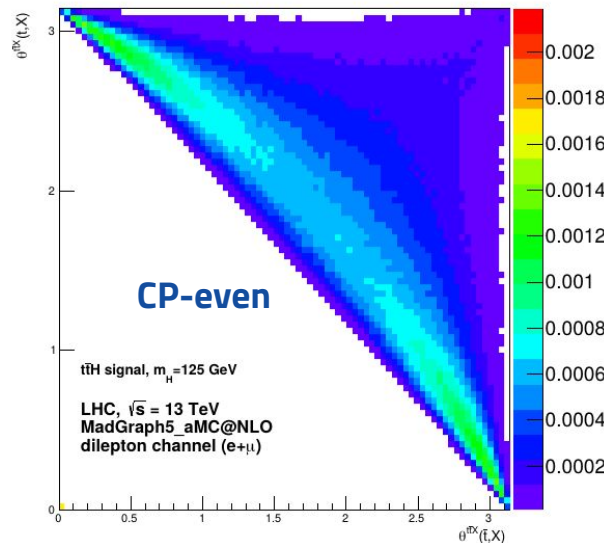
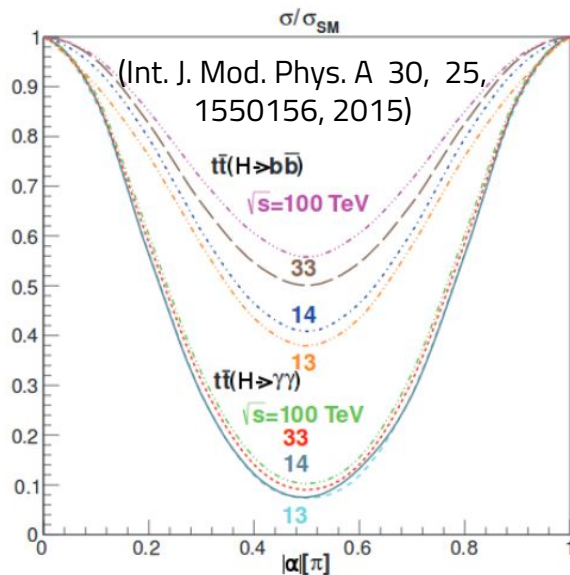
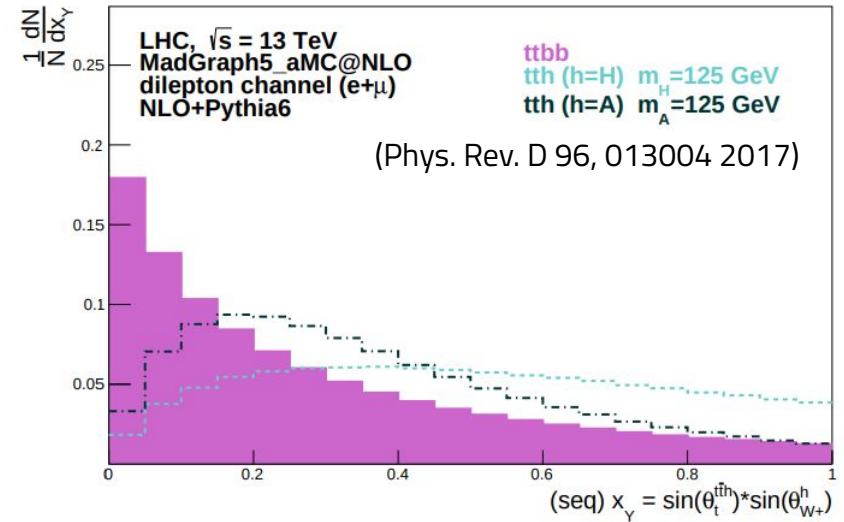


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# What is different in CP-odd ttH?

- Smaller inclusive cross-section
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- Larger  $\Delta\eta$  between top quarks
- Different angles measured in boosted rest frames



(Phys. Rev. D 96, 013004 2017)

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## **Analysis strategy in ATLAS**

$tt(H \rightarrow bb)$  with leptons

# SM $t\bar{t}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ analysis with leptons

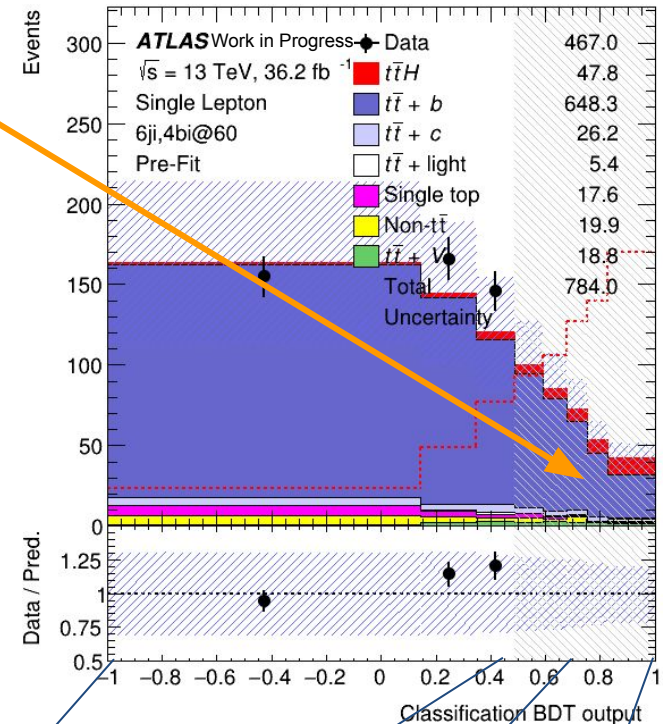
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- Two categories: **dilepton** and **single lepton**
- Define regions based on jet and b-tag multiplicities
  - Dilepton: 3 or  $\geq 4$  jets; 3 or  $\geq 4$  b-tags
  - Single lepton: 5 or  $\geq 6$  jets; 3 or  $\geq 4$  b-tags
    - Additionally, boosted region
- In signal regions, two multivariate discriminants employed:
  - **Reconstruction BDT** (resolved regions only): correctly assign jets to Higgs and top quarks, providing access to their four-vectors
  - **Classification BDT**: separate  $t\bar{t}H$  signal from  $t\bar{t}$ +jets background
- Profile-likelihood fit to extract signal strength
  - Scale factors for  $t\bar{t}+c$  and  $t\bar{t}+b$  and shape uncertainties on  $t\bar{t}$ +jets modeling to accommodate known mismodeling



# Region definition for CP-odd analysis

- Target high signal purity, taking advantage of **signal/background discriminant** (classification BDT)
- Introduce **CP discriminant**, simultaneously fit rate and CP-mixing angle
- Current strategy:
  - Split 4b regions** based on classification BDT score
  - Fit CP discriminant distribution** in each of the newly-defined regions
- Will focus on single lepton today**
  - Collaborating closely with Manchester who are working on dilepton



**5j:** 3b  
**≥6j:** 3b  
boosted

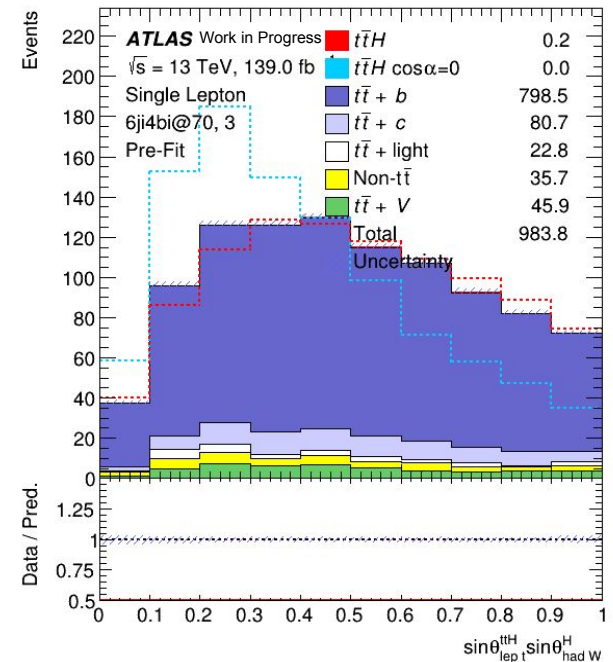
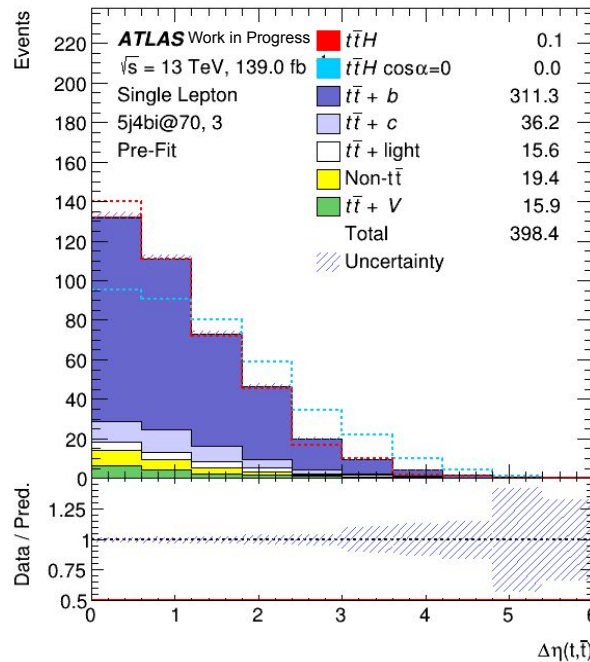
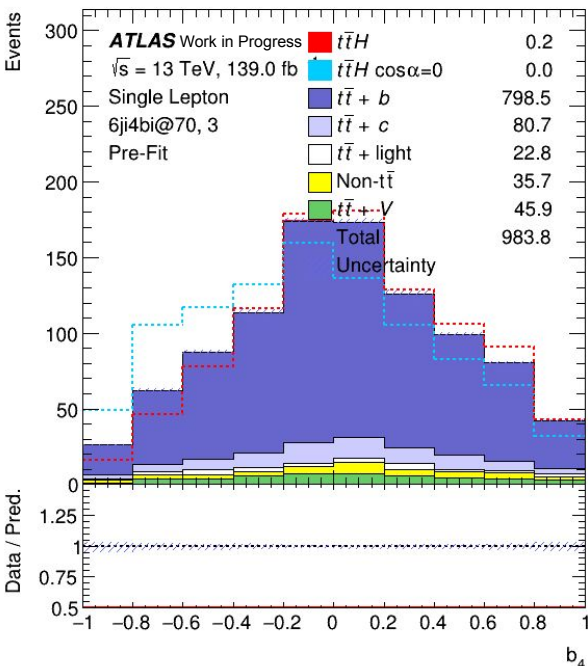
**≥4b, 1**  
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**≥4b, 2**  
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**≥4b, 3**  
**≥4b, 3**

# CP-sensitive variables

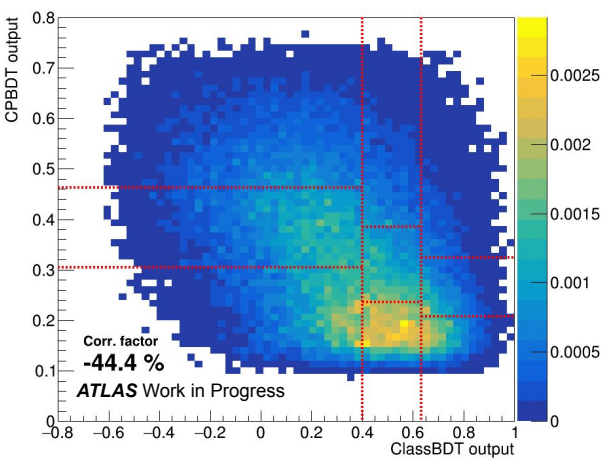
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  - Angular observables in boosted reference frames



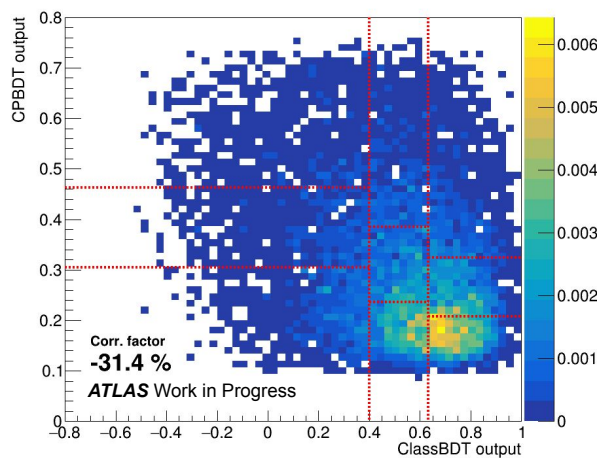
# CP BDT

- New discriminant, CP BDT, trained to separate CP-even and CP-odd ttH signals

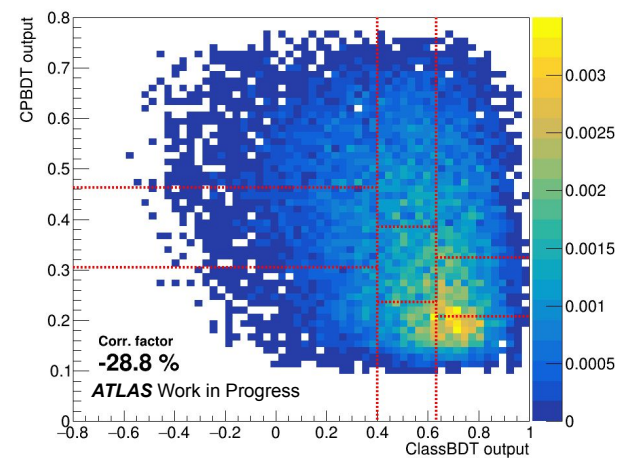
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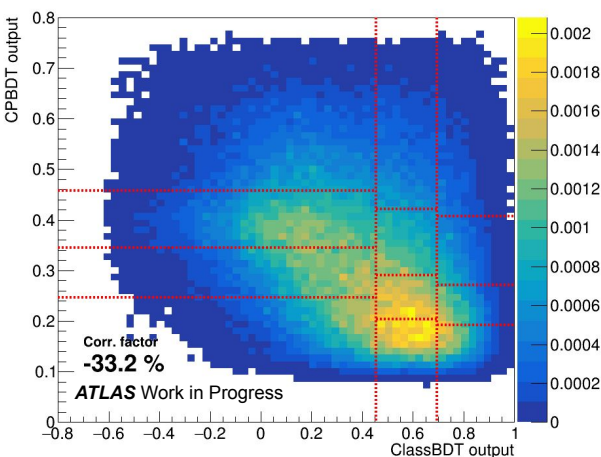
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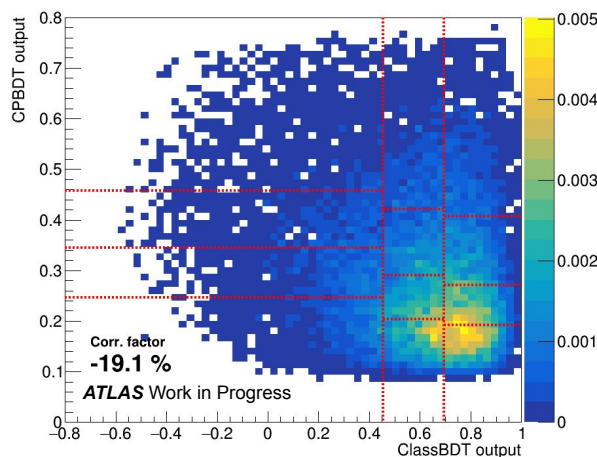
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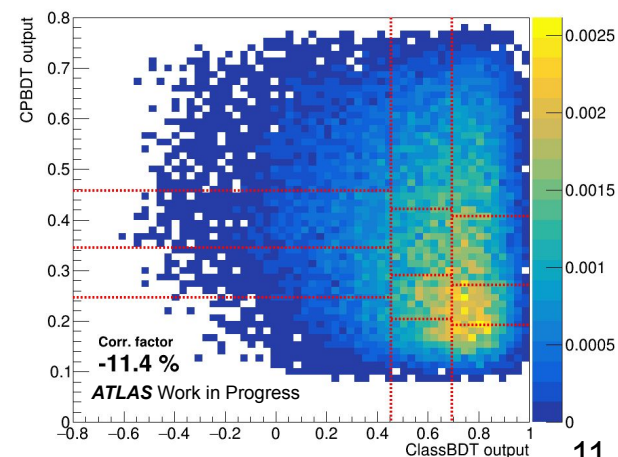
ttbar, 6ji4bi



ttH CP-even, 6ji4bi



ttH CP-odd, 6ji4bi



# Fit setup

- Data and MC corresponding to full Run 2 luminosity (139 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
- Fitting  $\kappa_t'$  and  $\alpha$  or  $\kappa_t$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}_t$ 

$$\mathcal{L}_{tth} = y_t \bar{\psi}_t \kappa_t' (\cos \alpha + i \gamma_5 \sin \alpha) \psi_t h$$

$$= y_t \bar{\psi}_t (\kappa_t + i \gamma_5 \tilde{\kappa}_t) \psi_t h$$
- Using 2 signal templates (CP-even and CP-odd) and interpolating as  $\sigma = \kappa_t^2 \sigma_{even} + \tilde{\kappa}_t^2 \sigma_{odd}$
- Fitted distributions:
  - 3b regions:  $H_T^{\text{jets}}$
  - 4b regions: CP BDT
  - boosted region: classification BDT
- **Complete systematics model.** Main components:
  - Theoretical: NLO gen. matching, parton shower and hadronisation, initial and final state radiation, de-correlated for tt+b, tt+c and tt+light
  - Experimental: b-tagging, jet energy scale

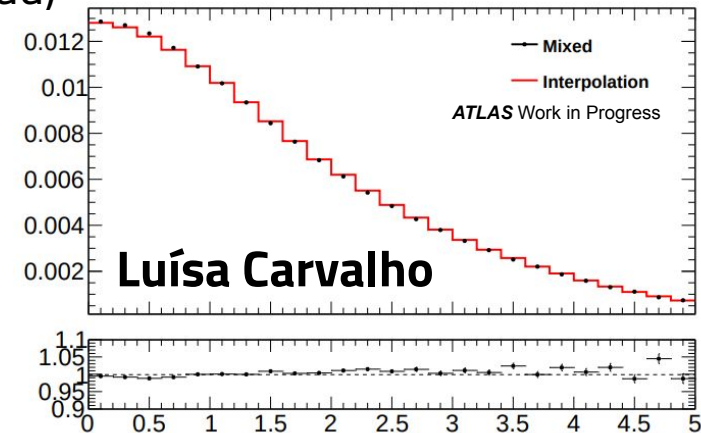
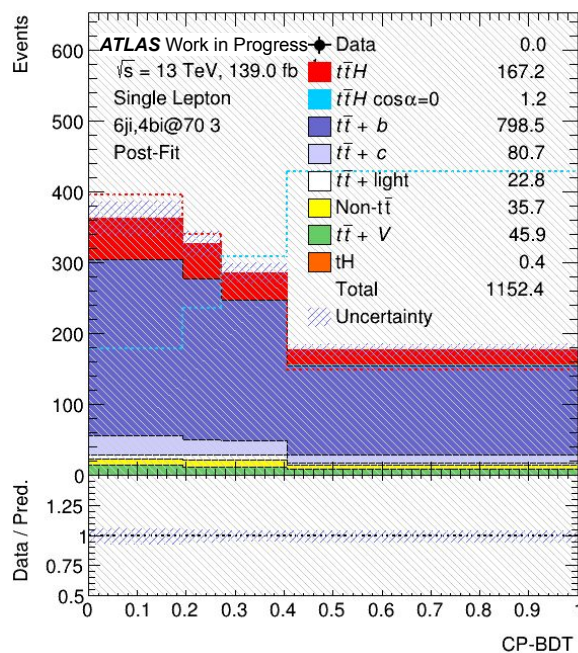
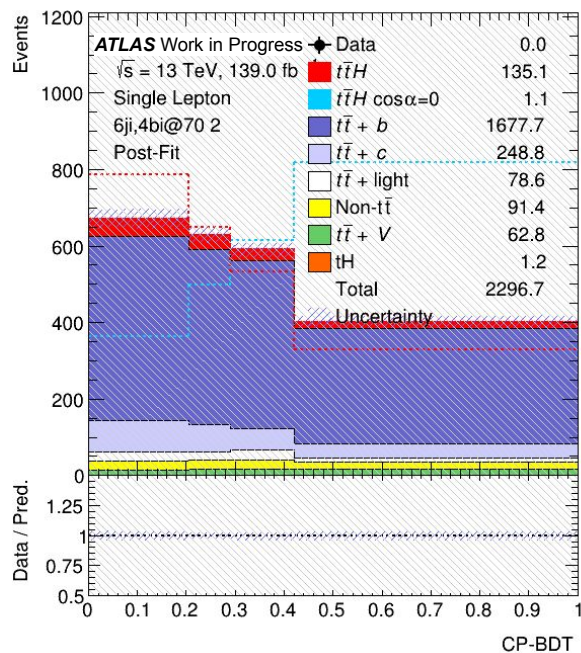
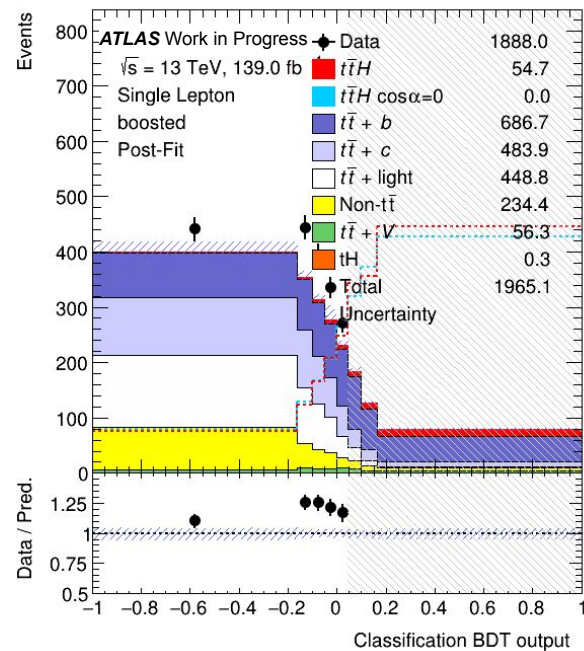
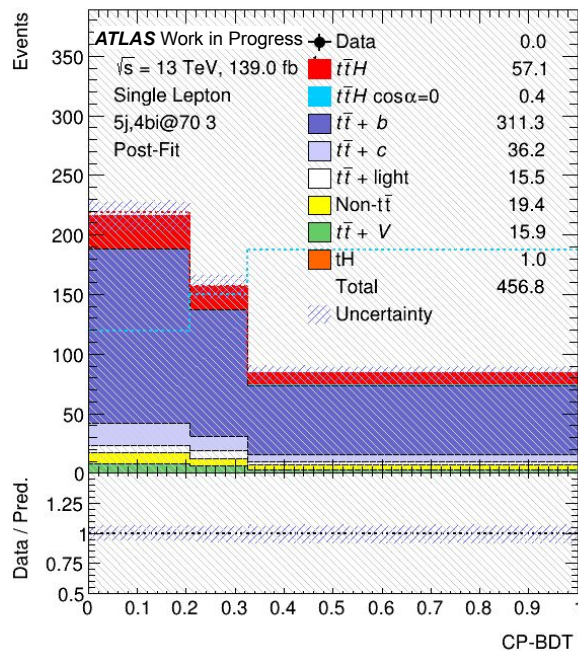
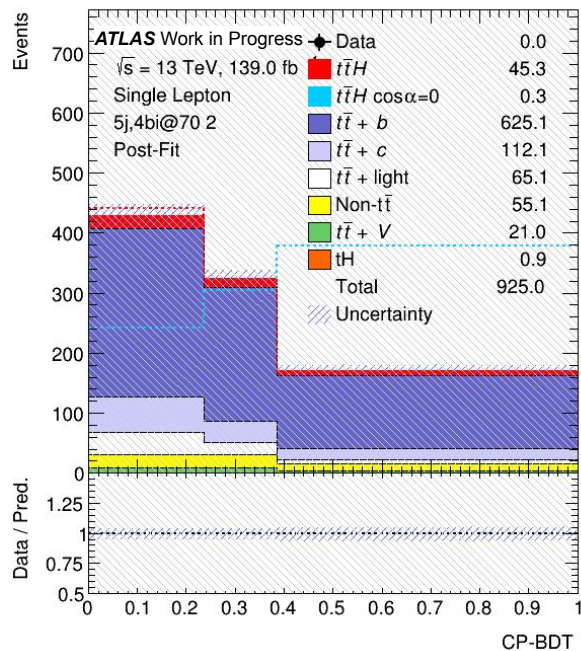


Figure:  $\Delta\eta(tlep, thad)$



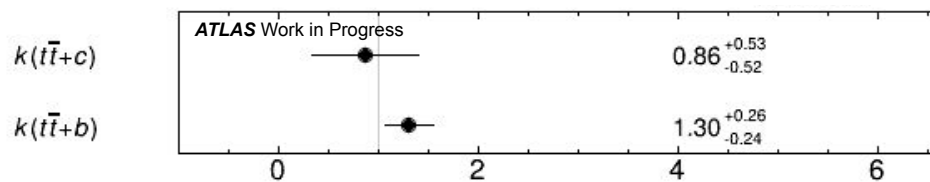
# Signal regions (CP-even Asimov)



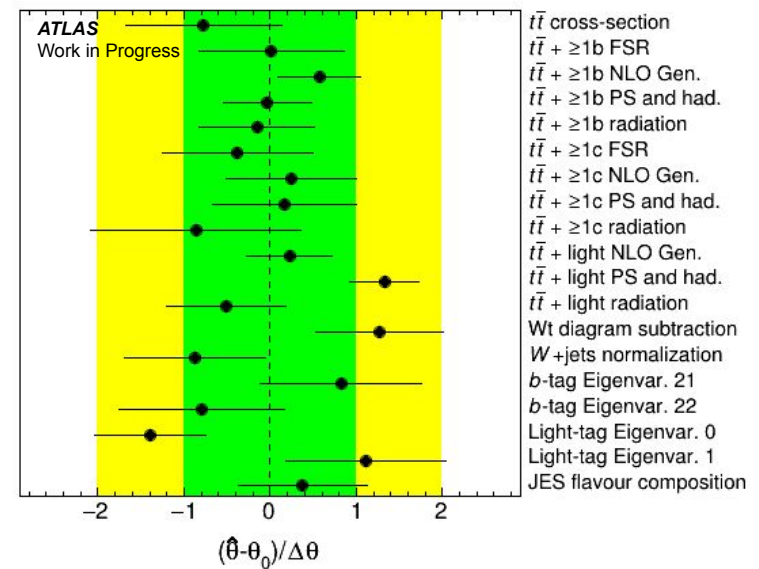
- No shape difference in boosted region, need to investigate CP-sensitive variables

# Background-only fits to data

- Fit data in control regions under the background-only hypothesis
- Test flexibility of the model, check for large pulls and constraints



- Norm. factors for  $t\bar{t}+b$  and  $t\bar{t}+c$  and pulls of nuisance parameters consistent with SM analysis
- $t\bar{t}$ +light modeling and b-tag systematics pulled to correct mismodeling of  $t\bar{t}$ +light
- Currently investigating fit model to understand these features and make sure the required degrees of freedom are included



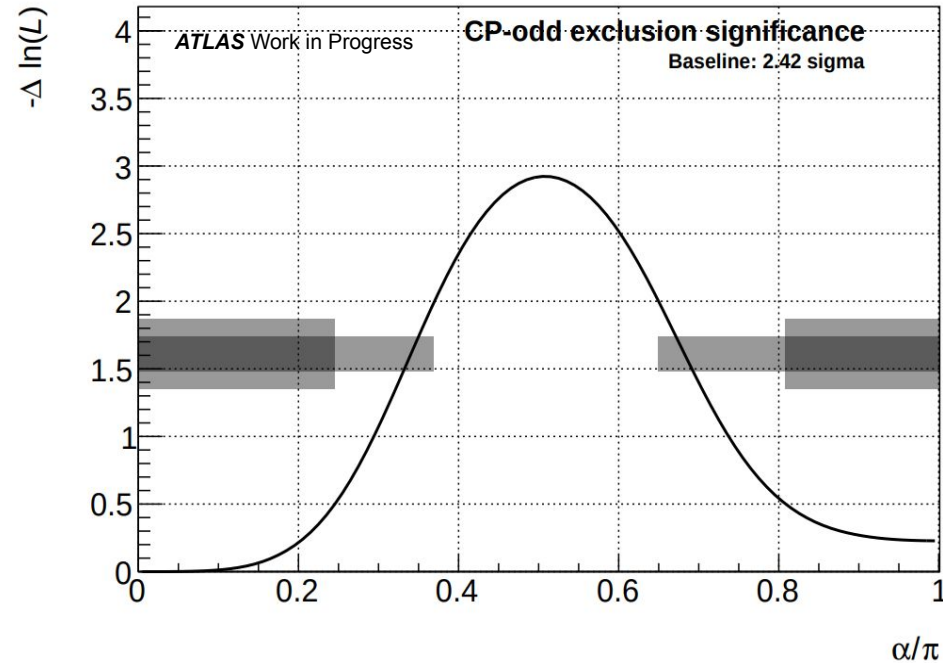
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**Expected sensitivity**

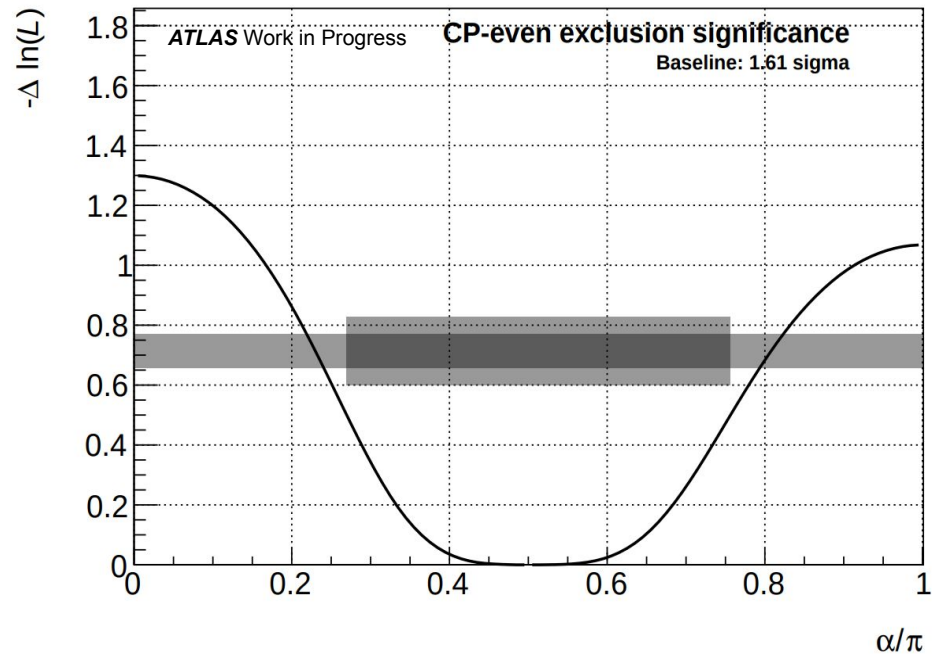
Full Run 2 ( $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

# Expected sensitivity - 1D scan

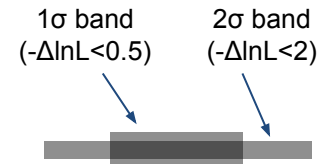
## CP-even Asimov



## CP-odd Asimov



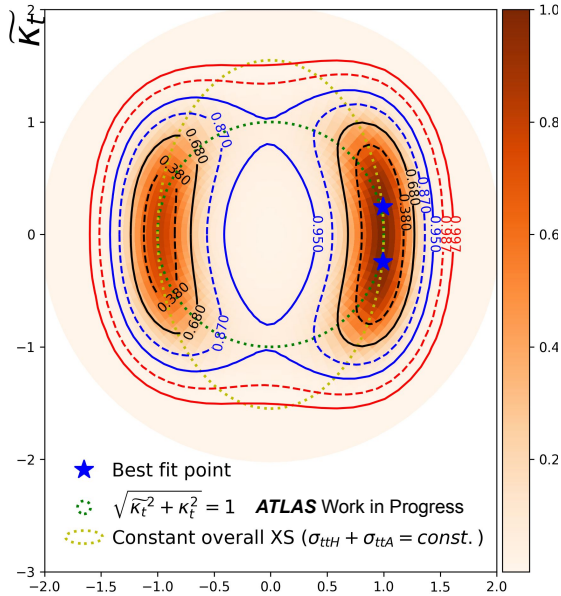
- CP-even Asimov: **2.42 σ** for CP-odd exclusion
- CP-odd Asimov: **1.61 σ** for CP-even exclusion



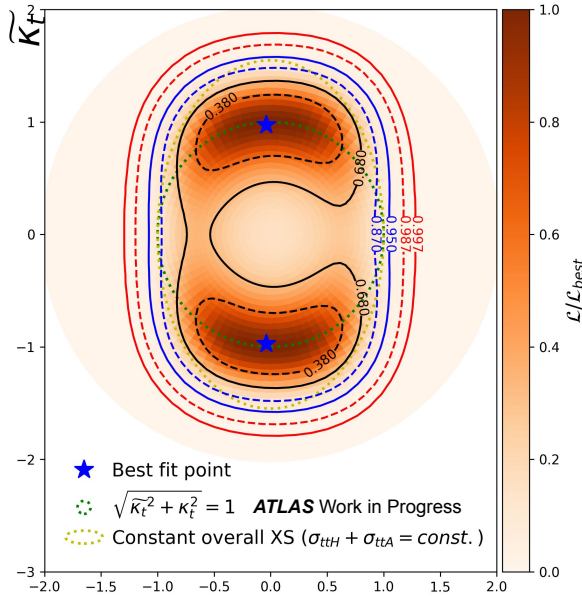


# Expected sensitivity - 2D scans

CP-even Asimov



CP-odd Asimov



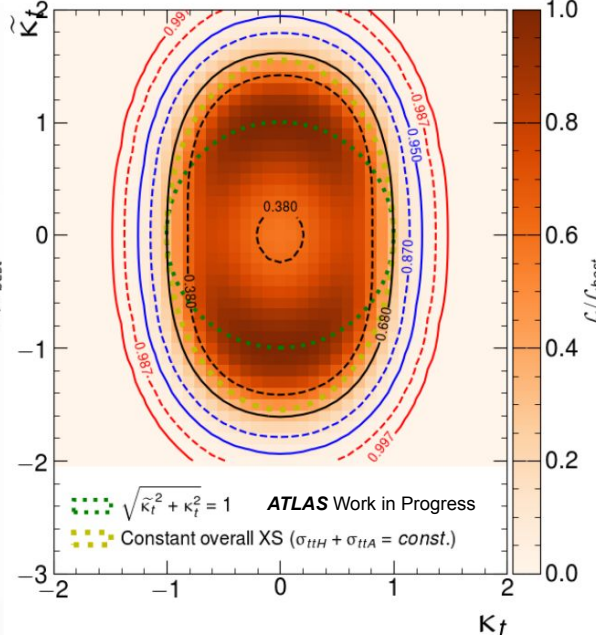
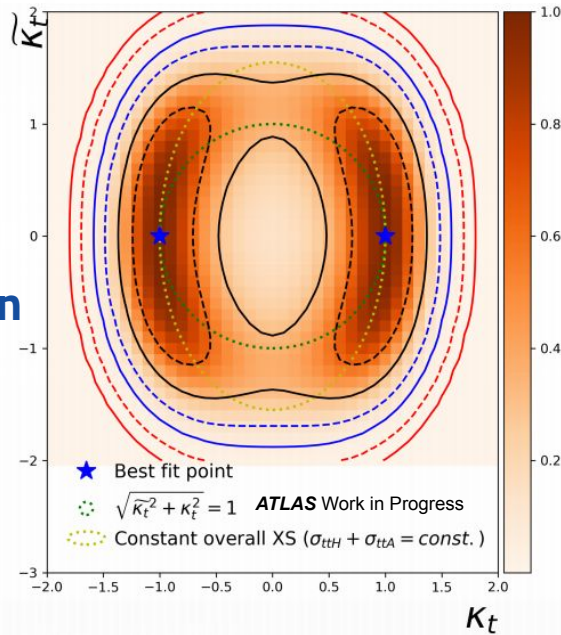
**CP-even Asimov 68% CL intervals for  $\tilde{\kappa}_t$**

Single lepton:  $[-0.83, 0.84]$

Dilepton:  $[-1.17, 1.17]$

**Combined:  $[-0.76, 0.75]$**

Dilepton

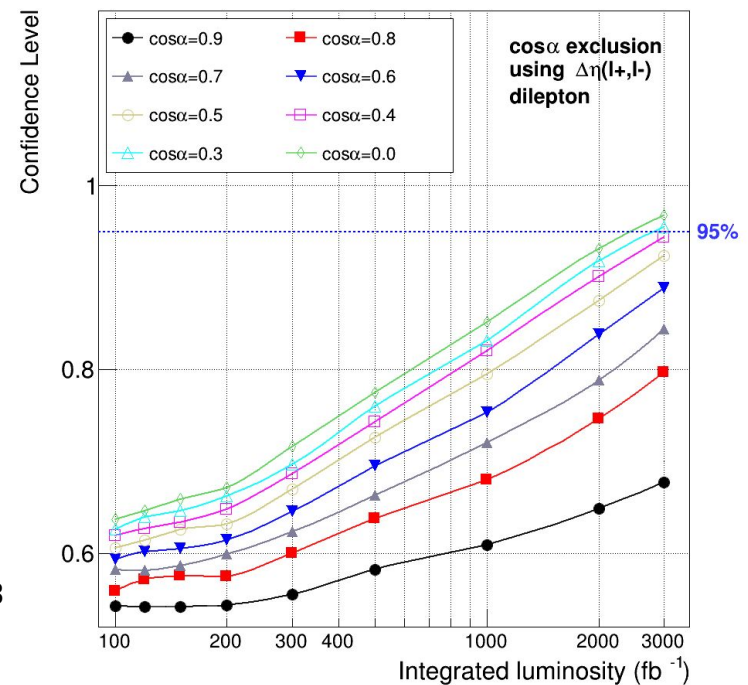
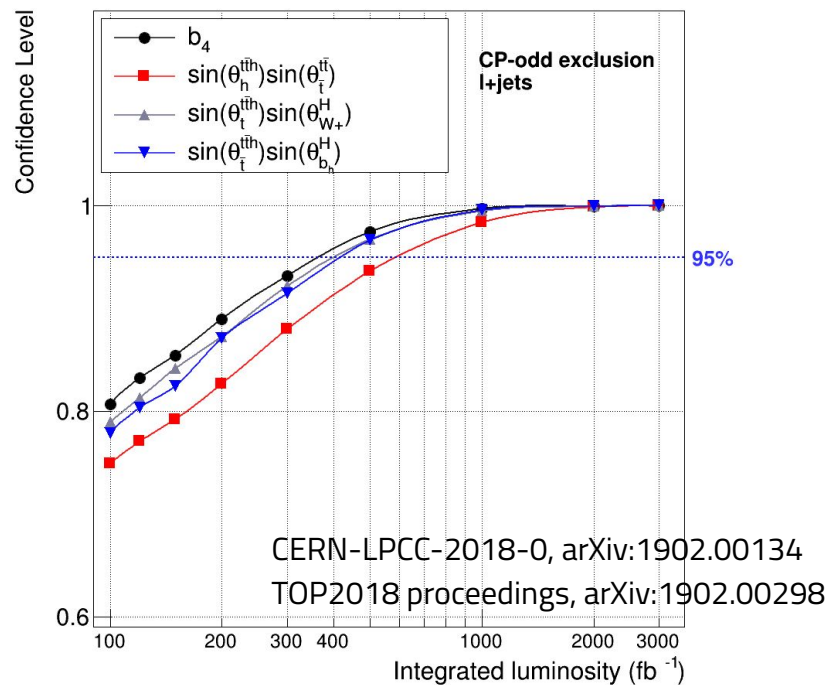


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## **Prospects for HL-LHC**

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- NLO samples ( $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV), fast detector simulation, select signal-rich region, full kinematical reconstruction
- Confidence level of CP-odd exclusion from as a function of luminosity



- Good choice of observables could mean less few hundred  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  needed at HL-LHC to probe CP
- Mixed scenarios much harder to exclude than almost pure CP-odd

# 5. Summary

# Summary

- A source of CP violation in the Higgs sector could manifest itself in Yukawa couplings
  - **ttH production is the best direct probe to the largest (top-quark) Yukawa coupling**
- Implemented CP BDT to use as a discriminant, which includes input variables from phenomenology work @ LIP
- Fit model with complete set of systematics for single lepton, dilepton and combination, built “on top” of SM analysis
- Results in terms of  $\kappa_t'$  and  $\alpha$  or  $\kappa_t$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}_t$
- **Analysis chain necessary for CP measurement in  $tt(H \rightarrow bb)$  is in place, with expected exclusion of CP-odd at  $2.4\sigma$  in single lepton alone**
- Fits to data under background-only hypothesis show large pulls

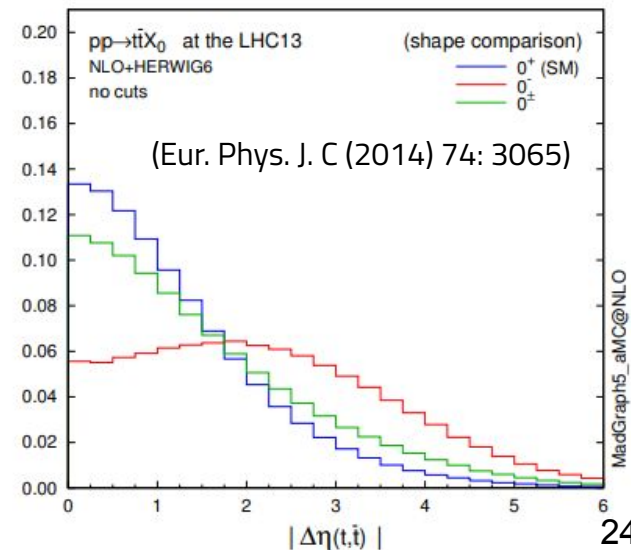
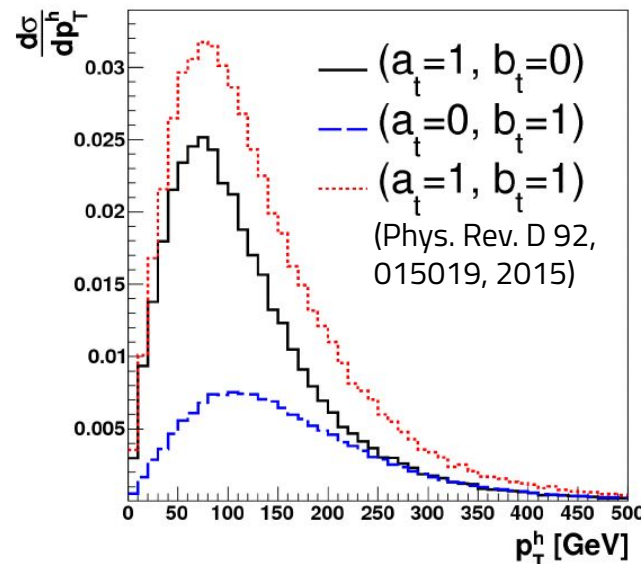
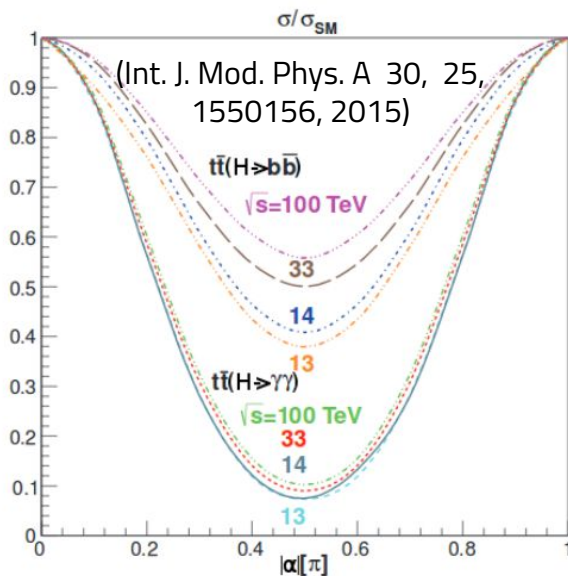
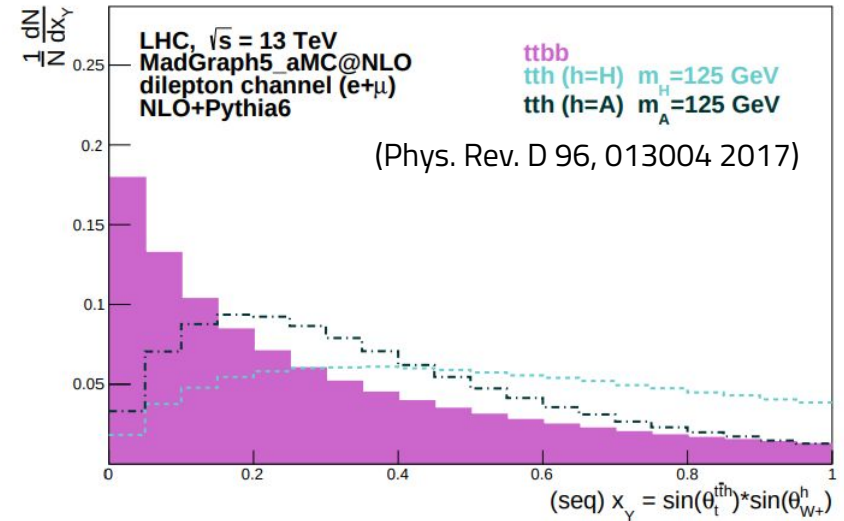
## Next steps

- Improve tt+jets modeling and systematics→common effort with SM analysis
- Re-train SM analysis multivariate discriminants, with a CP-even+CP-odd mixture as signal sample
- Re-optimize region definition and CP BDT
- Thesis writing until next summer

**Thank you!**

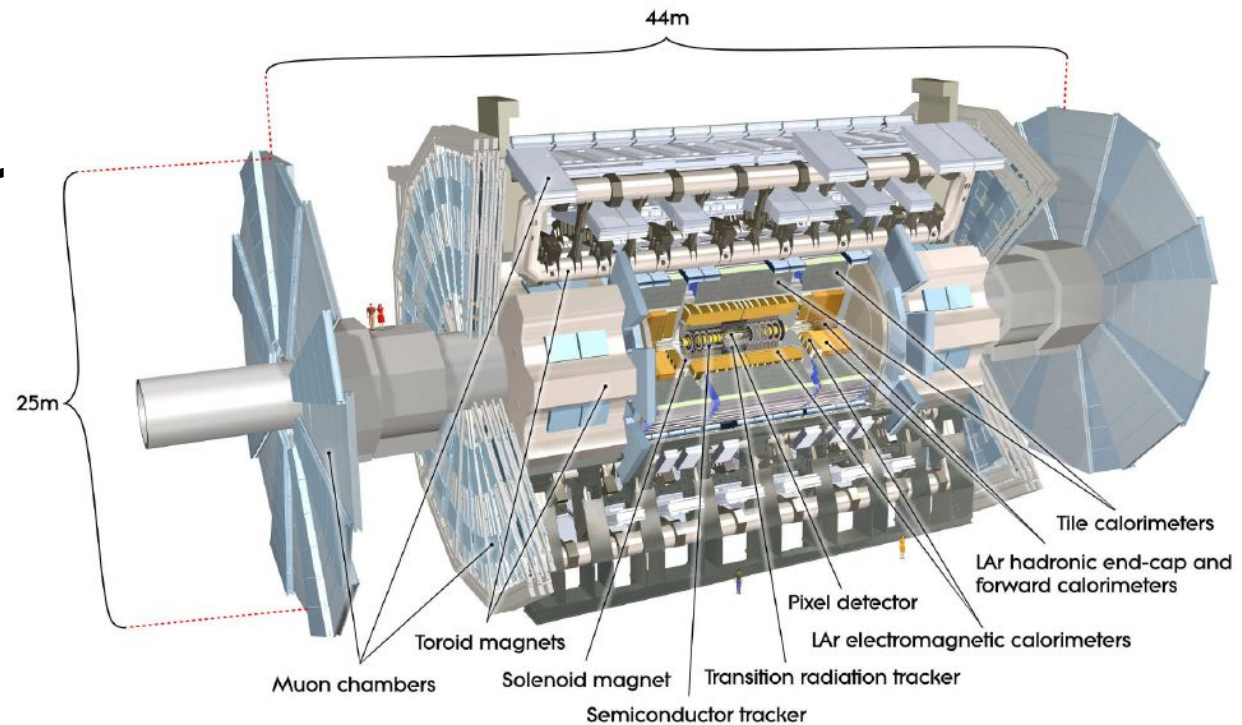
# What is different in CP-odd ttH?

- Lower inclusive cross-section
- Higher Higgs  $p_T$
- Top quarks much farther from each other in  $\eta$  and closer in  $\phi$
- Different angles measured in boosted rest frames





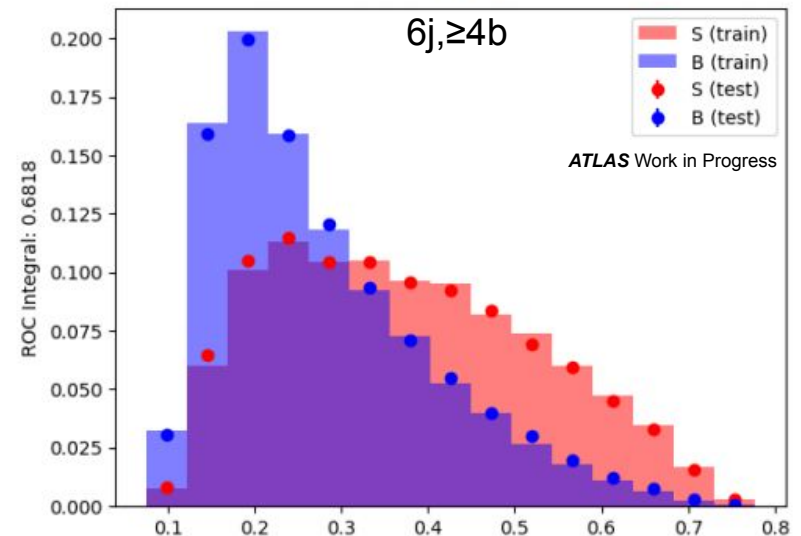
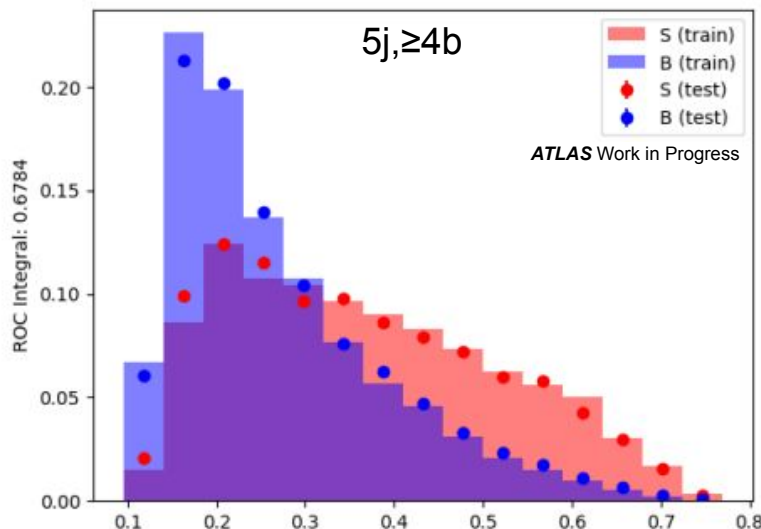
# ATLAS detector



- General purpose detector at the LHC
- Magnetic fields: inner solenoidal field and outer toroidal field
- Inner tracker, electromagnetic calorimeter, hadronic calorimeter and muon spectrometer
- Reconstruction and identification of leptons, photons, missing transverse energy and hadronic jets, which can be “b-tagged” (identified as resulting from b-quark hadronisation)
- Trigger system: filter up to 40 MHz of collision rate down to  $\sim 1.5$  kHz, a rate manageable for storage

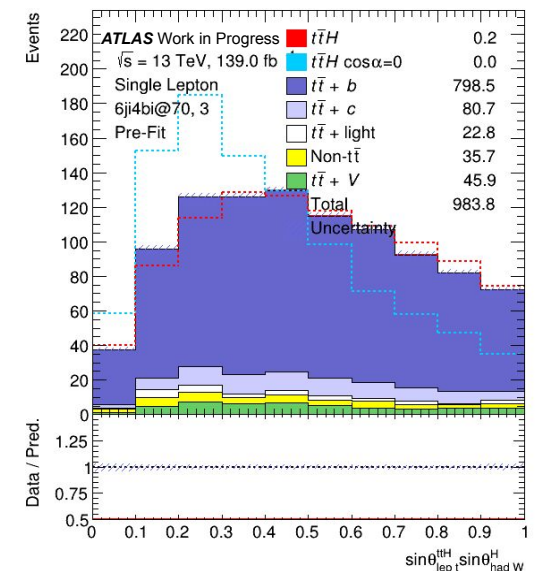
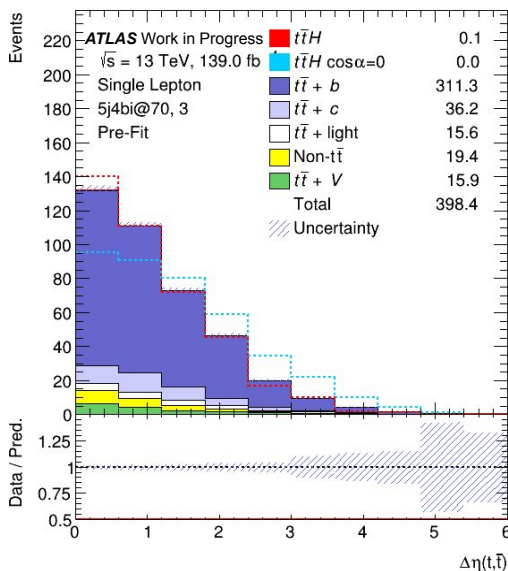
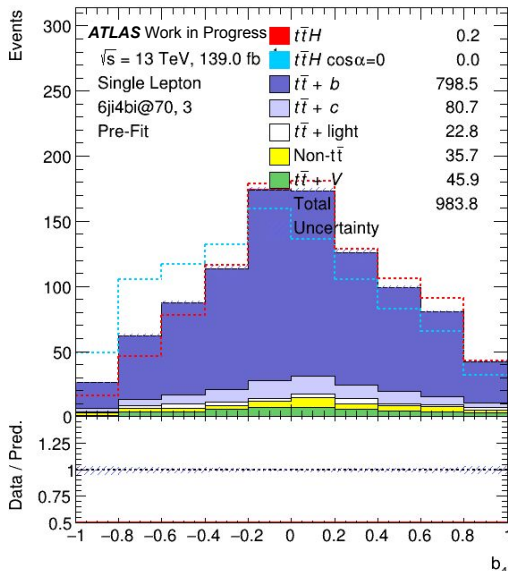
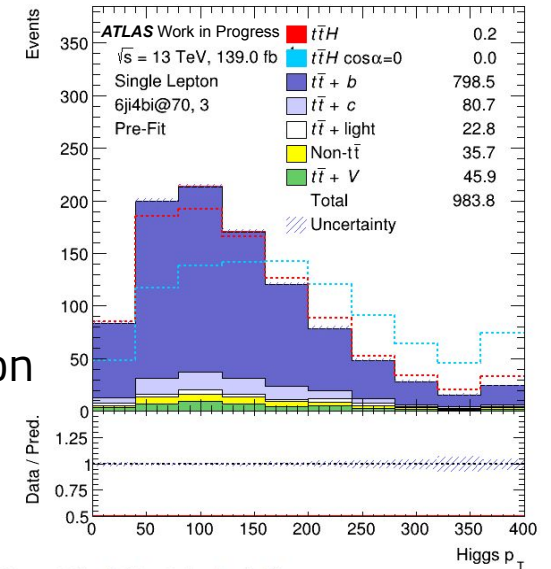
# CP BDTs

- Trained BDTs to separate **CP-even ttH** from **CP-odd ttH**
- Trained separately in  $5j, \geq 4b$  and  $\geq 6j, \geq 4b$
- Start with many variables, remove one by one and check that performance is not significantly affected
- Ended with 12 inputs for  $5j$  and 15 inputs for  $\geq 6j$  (full list in backup)



# CP-sensitive variables

- Good news: ttH reconstruction in place → free access to tops, Higgs and their decay products
- Many variables checked for CP-even/odd separation
  - Input variables of reconstruction and classification BDTs
  - Higgs  $p_T$ ,  $\Delta\phi(t, t\bar{t})$ ,  $\Delta\eta(t, t\bar{t})$ ,  $m(lj\bar{j}\bar{j}\bar{j})$ ,  $b_4 = (p_t^z \cdot p_{\bar{t}}^z) / (|\vec{p}_t| \cdot |\vec{p}_{\bar{t}}|)$
  - Angular observables in boosted reference frames



## CP BDT 5j inputs

$$\Delta\eta_{bb}^{\max \Delta\eta}$$

$$\Delta\eta_{jl}^{\max \Delta\eta}$$

$$m_{ljjjjj}$$

$$m_{bb}^{\max p_T}$$

$$m_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}$$

$$\Delta\phi_{t\bar{t}} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\Delta R_{H,lepton} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$m_{H,b_{lepton}} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\Delta\eta_{t\bar{t}} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\sin(\theta_{lq1(A)}^H)$$

$$\sin(\theta_{t(B)}^{t\bar{t}H})\sin(\theta_{b(A)}^H)$$

$$\sin(\theta_{lep. t}^{t\bar{t}H})\sin(\theta_{lep}^H)$$

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$$m_{bb}^{\max p_T}$$

$$m_{bb}^{\max m}$$

$$\Delta\phi_{t\bar{t}} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$b_4^{ll} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\Delta\eta_{t\bar{t}} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\Delta R_{b1H,bhadtop} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\Delta R_{b1H,lep} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$p_T^{Higgs} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

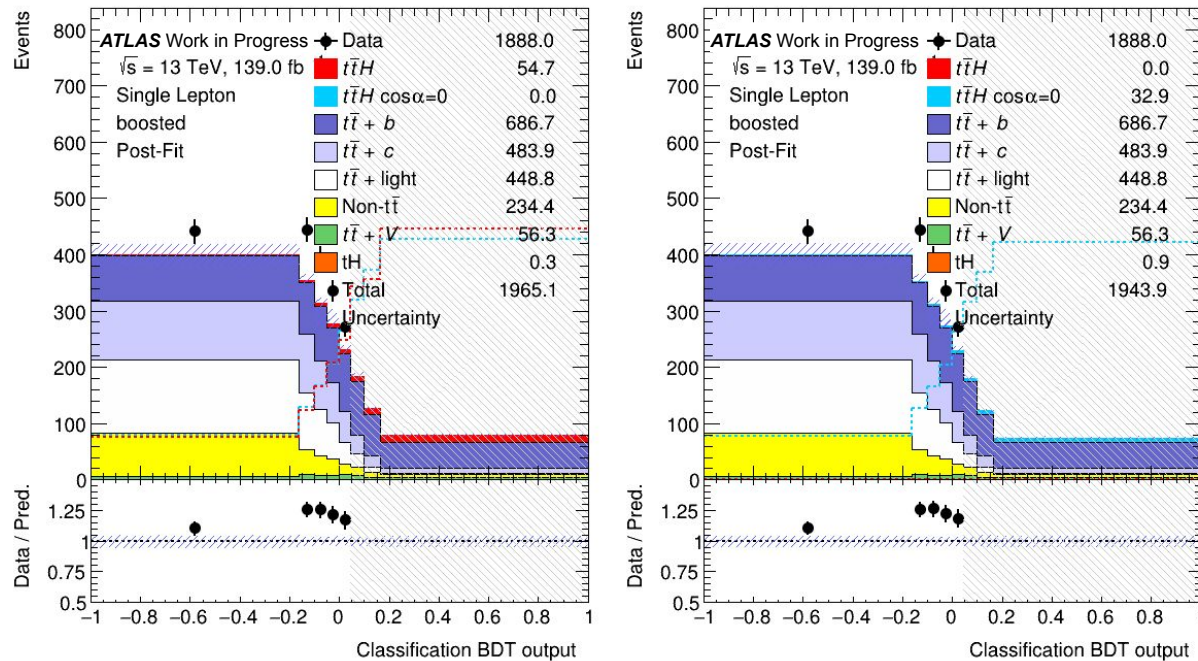
$$m_{lepW,bhadtop} \text{ (TTHReco)}$$

$$\sin(\theta_{t(B)}^{t\bar{t}H})\sin(\theta_{b(A)}^H)$$

$$\cos(\theta_{b1(H)}^{t(A)})\cos(\theta_{b2(H)}^{t(A)})$$

$$\sin(\theta_{lep. t}^{t\bar{t}H})\sin(\theta_{W(had. t)}^H)$$

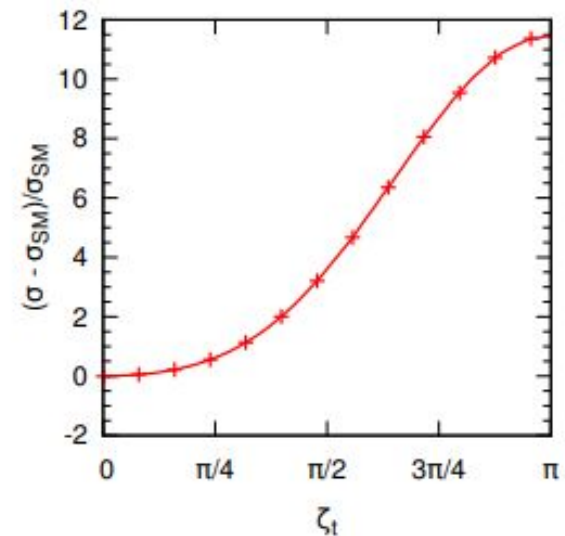
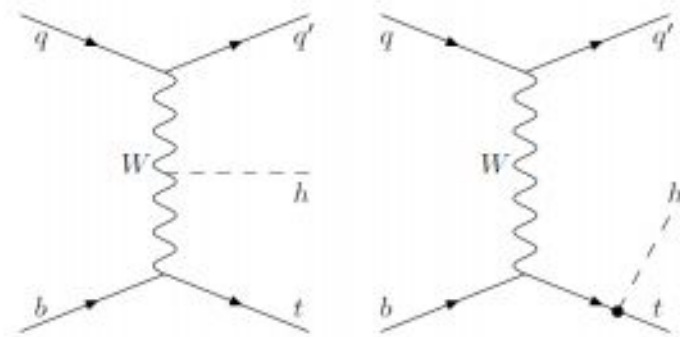
# Boosted region



- No shape difference between CP-odd and CP-even, to investigate CP-sensitive variables in this region

# tH and CP-odd ttH coupling

- Large destructive interference in SM
- Great cross-section enhancement as we move through CP-even  $\rightarrow$  CP-odd  $\rightarrow$  CP-even negative coupling
- Unlike ttH, for which cross-section decreases
- tH region in ttH(bb) fit could add constraining tension



[arXiv:1605.03806](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.03806)

## Next steps

- Improve morphing of tH sample templates
- Study CP discriminant for boosted region
- Get better understanding of tt+jets mismodeling → common effort with SM analysis
  - Apply corrections to improve pre-fit data/MC agreement
  - Introduce degrees of freedom in the fit to account for it
- Validate data/MC of CP BDT inputs
- Perform more fits to data and pseudo-data to gain confidence in the fit model before unblinding
- Re-train reconstruction and classification BDTs, with a CP-even+CP-odd mixture as signal sample
- Re-optimize region definition and CP BDT