

BSM resonance to $t\bar{t}$ search at ATLAS and CMS

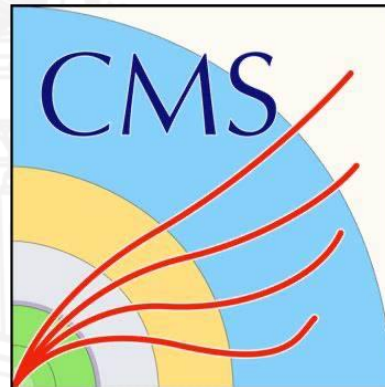
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Explore Beyond the Standard Model:

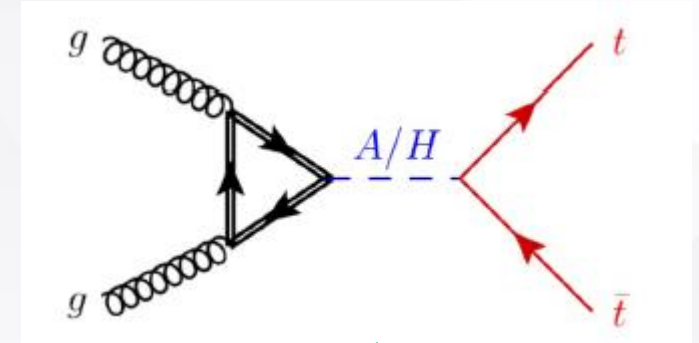
- Two-Higgs-Doublet Model (2HDM) and Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model(MSSM)

Direct insight of Higgs-top yukawa coupling

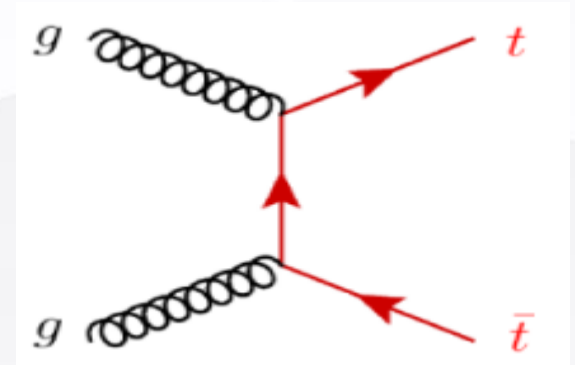
Understand Electroweak Symmetry Breaking

Challenges:

- Strong interference between signal and SM $t\bar{t}$ background
- Two Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM) and its variation:
 - ◆ e.g: MSSM, hMSSM
 - ◆ 5 Higgs Bosons: h, H, A, H^+, H^-
 - ◆ 7 free parameters: 5 Higgs masses, α , $\tan \beta$
 - ◆ Widely used as a benchmark for BSM Higgs searches



Negative interference



- Full run 2 dataset (140 fb^{-1})
- High mass ($m_{A/H}$) : 400-1400 GeV
- Large cross section when $\tan\beta$ is small and m_A is large

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Two orthogonal channels: 1L (e or μ) + 2LOS

- 2L channel: $m_{llbb} \geq 2$ small-R jets, ≥ 1 b-tagged jets
- 1L channel: $m_{t\bar{t}}$
 - Resolved: ≥ 4 small-R jets and well reconstructed $t\bar{t}$ system
 - Merged: ≥ 1 large -VR jet

CR_Z and CR_f to evaluate small backgrounds: e.g Z+jets, fake leptons

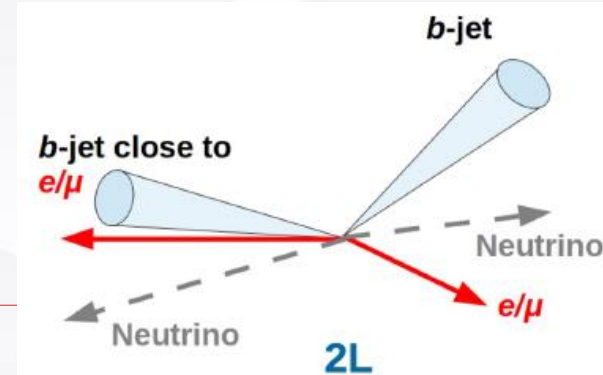
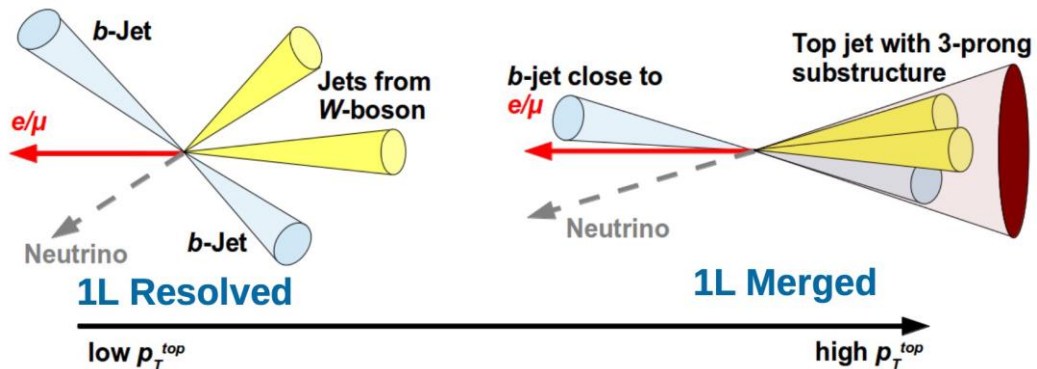
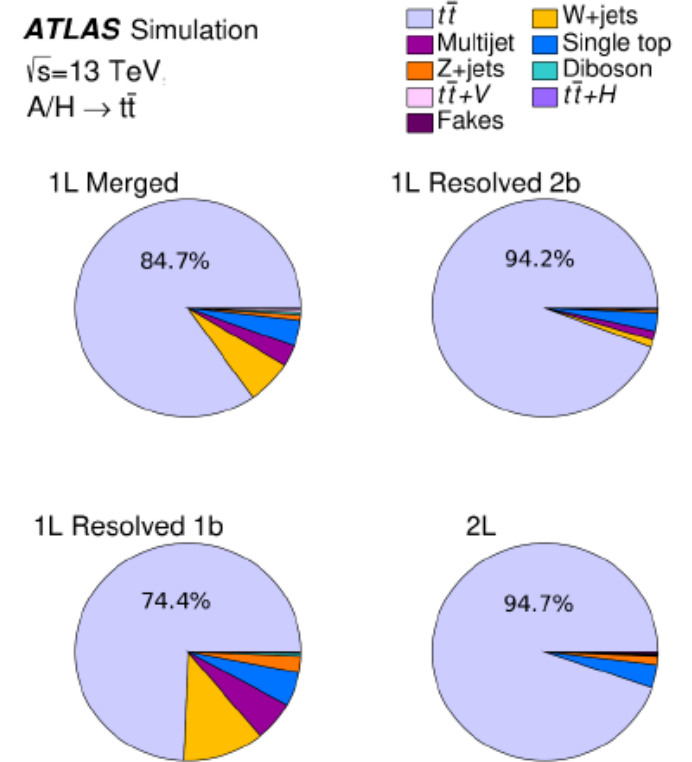


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Channel Categorization



Split resolved **1L** region into **5** bins of $\cos \theta^*$

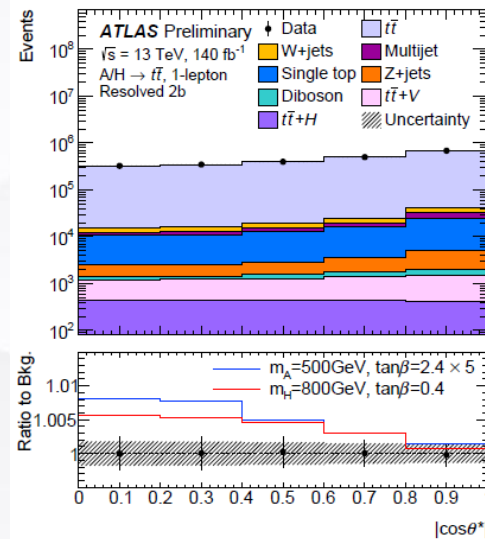
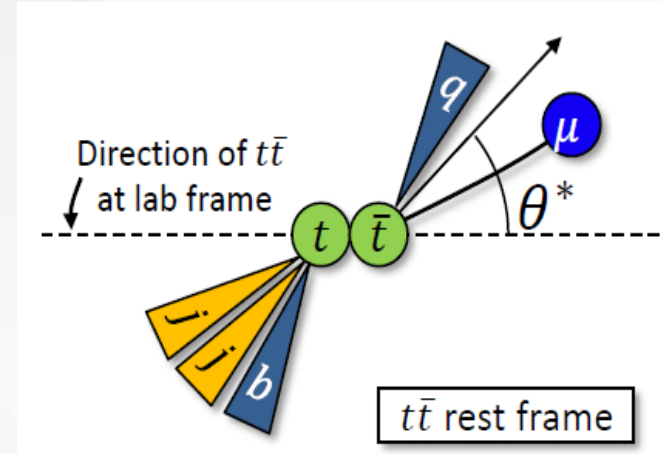
➤ Exploit the flat signal and peaked background distributions in $\cos \theta^*$

Split resolved **2L** region into **5** bins of $\Delta\phi_{ll}$

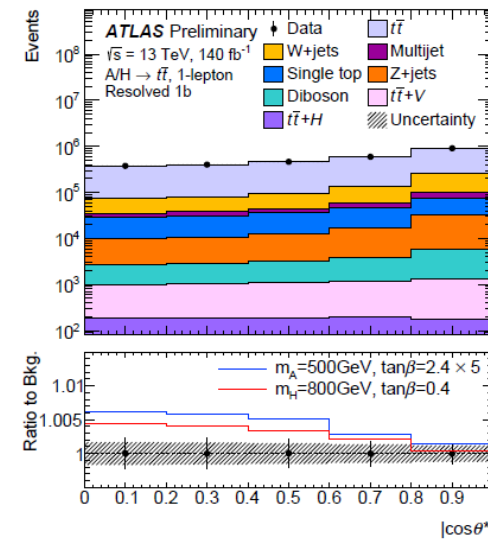
➤ Enhance the sensitivity to spin-0 states

16 signal regions in total

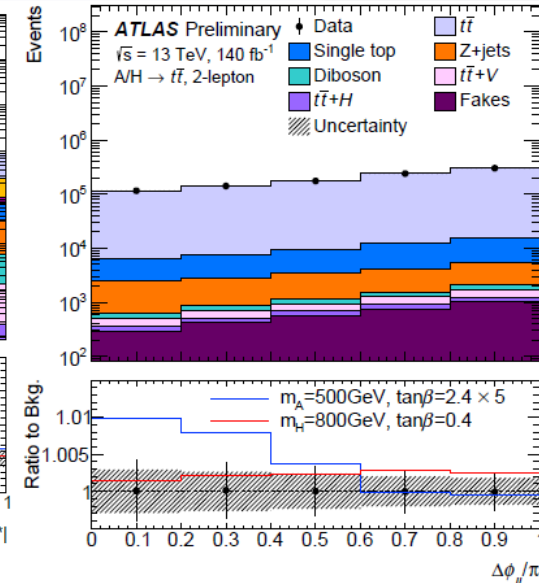
- 1L merged
- 1L resolved 1b in 5 $\cos \theta^*$ bins
- 1L resolved 2b in 5 $\cos \theta^*$ bins
- 2L in 5 $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ bins



(a) Resolved 2b



(b) Resolved 1b





Systematic uncertainties



Main syst. uncert. from SM $t\bar{t}$ modeling

- NLO MC sample reweighting
- SM $t\bar{t}$ MC samples comparison
- NLO+PS prediction

JES and JER are dominant experimental uncertainties.

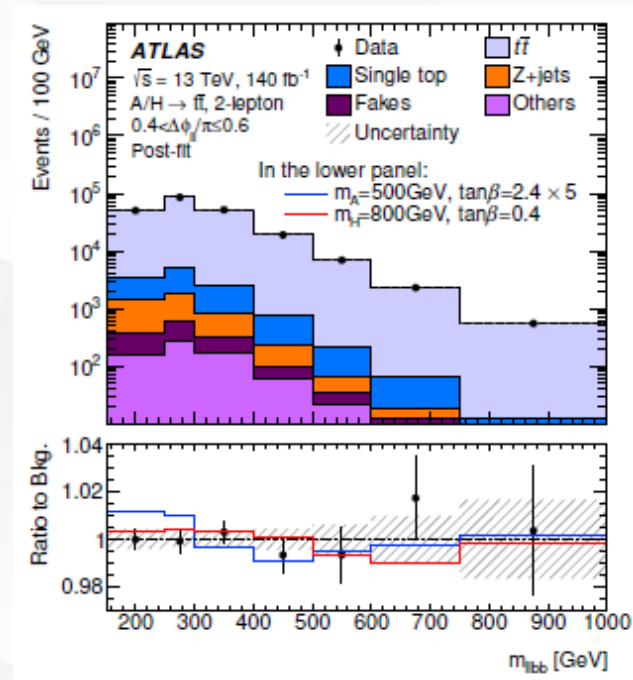
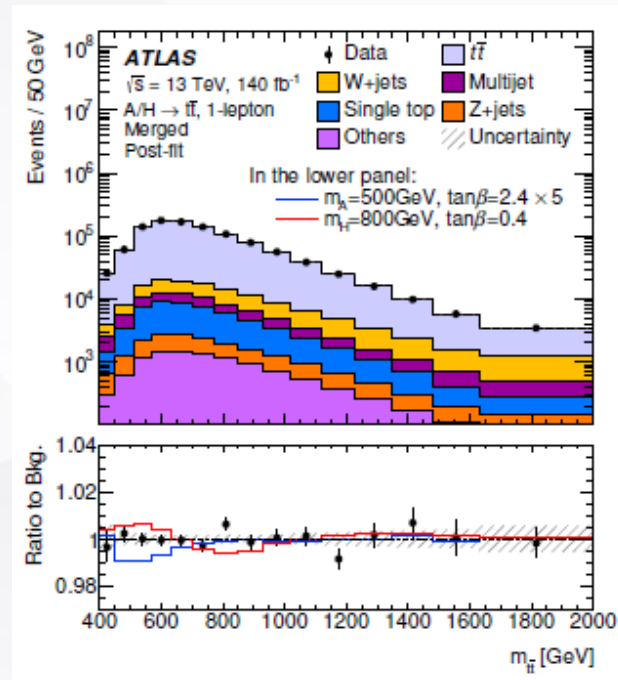
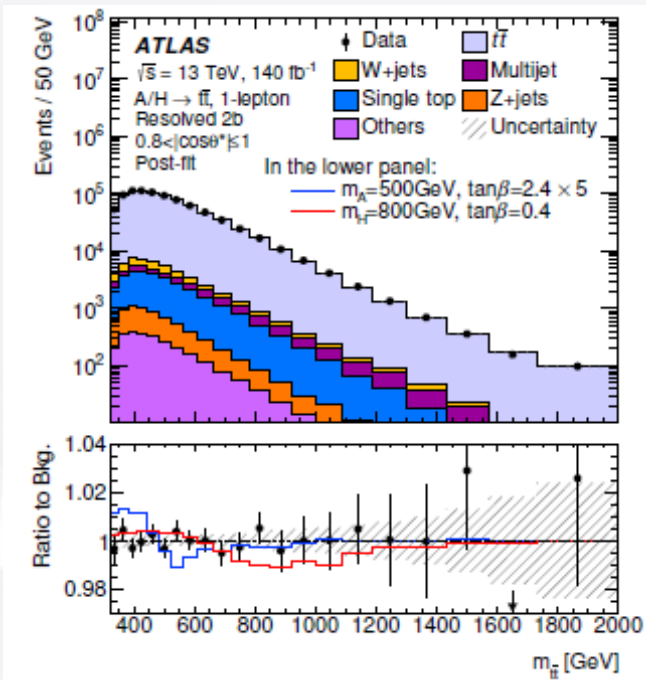
- Reduce the JES affect by re-calibrating to remove the MC dependence

Uncertainty component	Fractional contribution [%]	
	$m_A = 800 \text{ GeV}$ $\tan \beta = 0.4$	$m_A = m_H = 500 \text{ GeV}$ $\tan \beta = 2.0$
Experimental	30	42
Small- R jets (JER, JES)	22	29
Large- V R jets	11	20
Flavour tagging	13	17
Leptons	4	5
Other (E_T^{miss} , luminosity, pile-up, JVT)	10	14
Modelling: SM $t\bar{t}$ and signal	91	79
$t\bar{t}$ NNLO	49	28
$t\bar{t}$ lineshape	27	29
$t\bar{t}$ ME-PS (p_T^{hard})	36	30
$t\bar{t}$ ME-PS (h_{damp})	41	25
$t\bar{t}$ ISR& FSR	9	13
$t\bar{t}$ PS	29	41
$t\bar{t}$ cross-section	21	31
$t\bar{t}$ Scales & PDF	21	16
m_t	6	4
Signal	19	9
Modelling: other	41	16
W +jets	11	8
Z +jets	1	2
Multijet	27	10
Fakes	<1	1
Other bkg.	29	10
MC statistics	18	26
Total systematic uncertainty	± 100	± 100
Total statistical uncertainty	< 1	< 1



Post fit results

- background-only hypothesis ($\mu = 0$)
- No significant interference pattern is found in the data
- Most significant deviation from SM-only: 2.3σ at $m_A = 800\text{GeV}$, $\Gamma/m = 10\%$

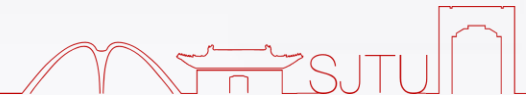
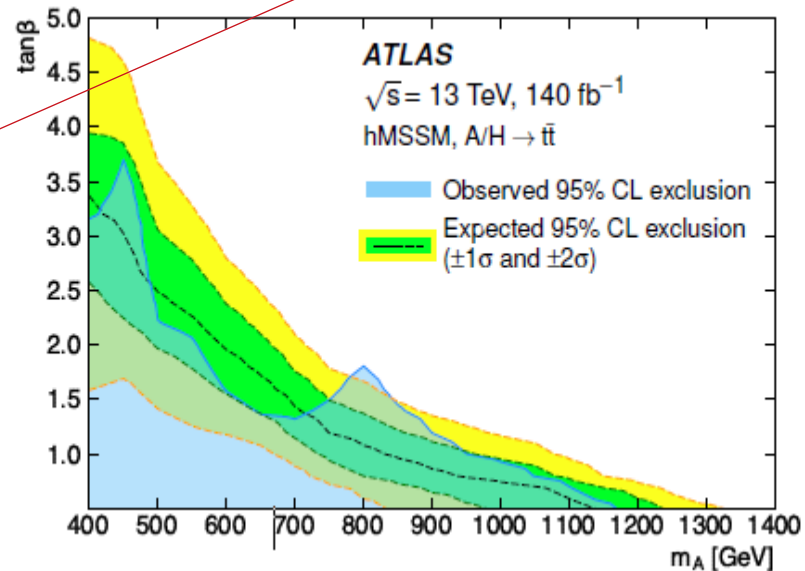
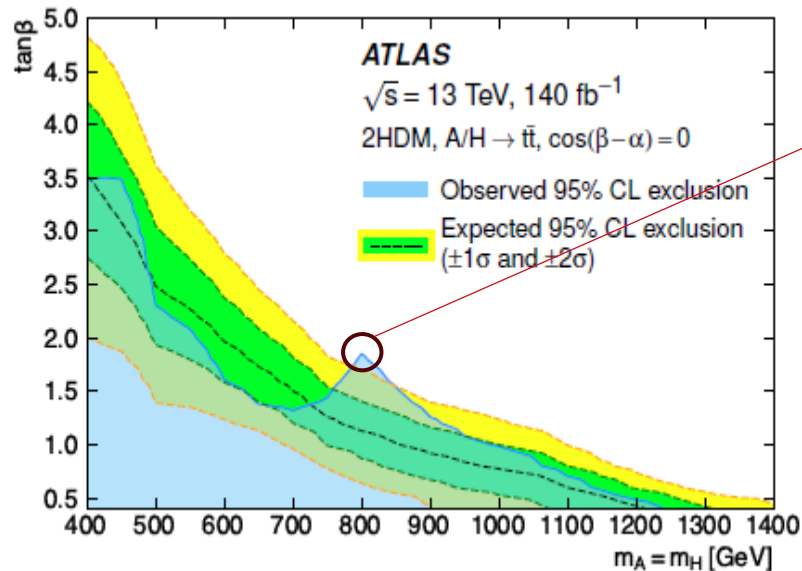




Exclusion on 2HDM and hMSSM



- ⊗ $\tan \beta < 3.49$ (3.52) are observed (expected) to be excluded for $m_A = m_H = 400$ GeV in the 2HDM
- ⊗ $\tan \beta < 3.16$ (3.37) are observed (expected) to be excluded for $m_A = 400$ GeV in hMSSM
- ⊗ The observed exclusion is stronger than the expected exclusion by about **2 σ** in the mass region $m_A = m_H \approx 850$ GeV.





CMS: Analysis Strategy



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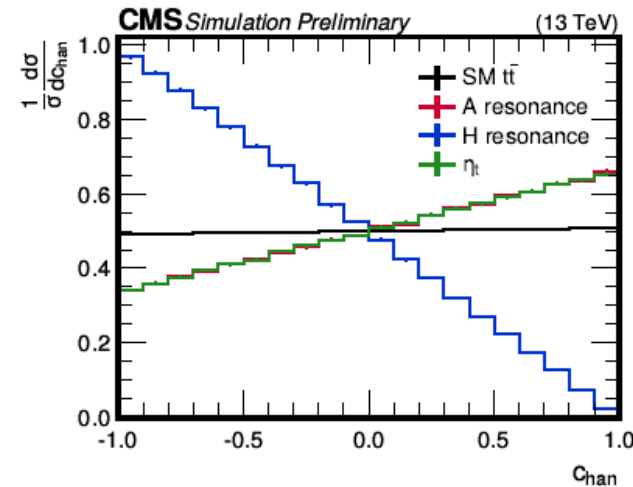
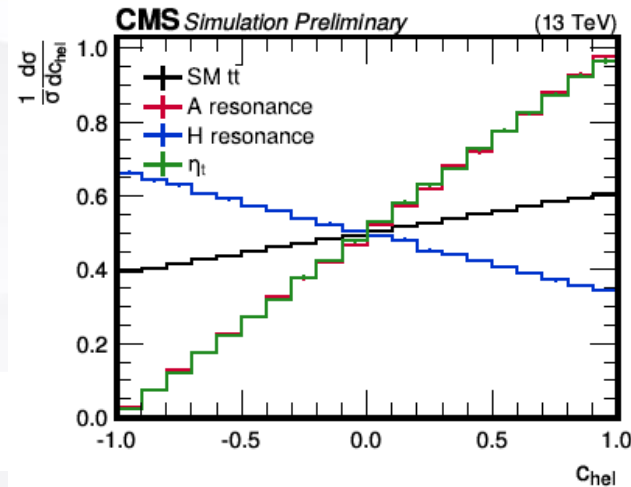
- Full run 2 dataset (138 fb^{-1})
- High mass ($m_{A/H}$) : 365-1000 GeV with relative widths of 0.5-25%
- 2LOS channel :
 - 2 OS ℓ (ee/e μ / $\mu\mu$)
 - ≥ 2 jets
 - ≥ 1 jets tagged b
- 1l channel :
 - 1 ℓ (e/ μ)
 - ≥ 3 jets
 - ≥ 2 jets tagged b

Observables:

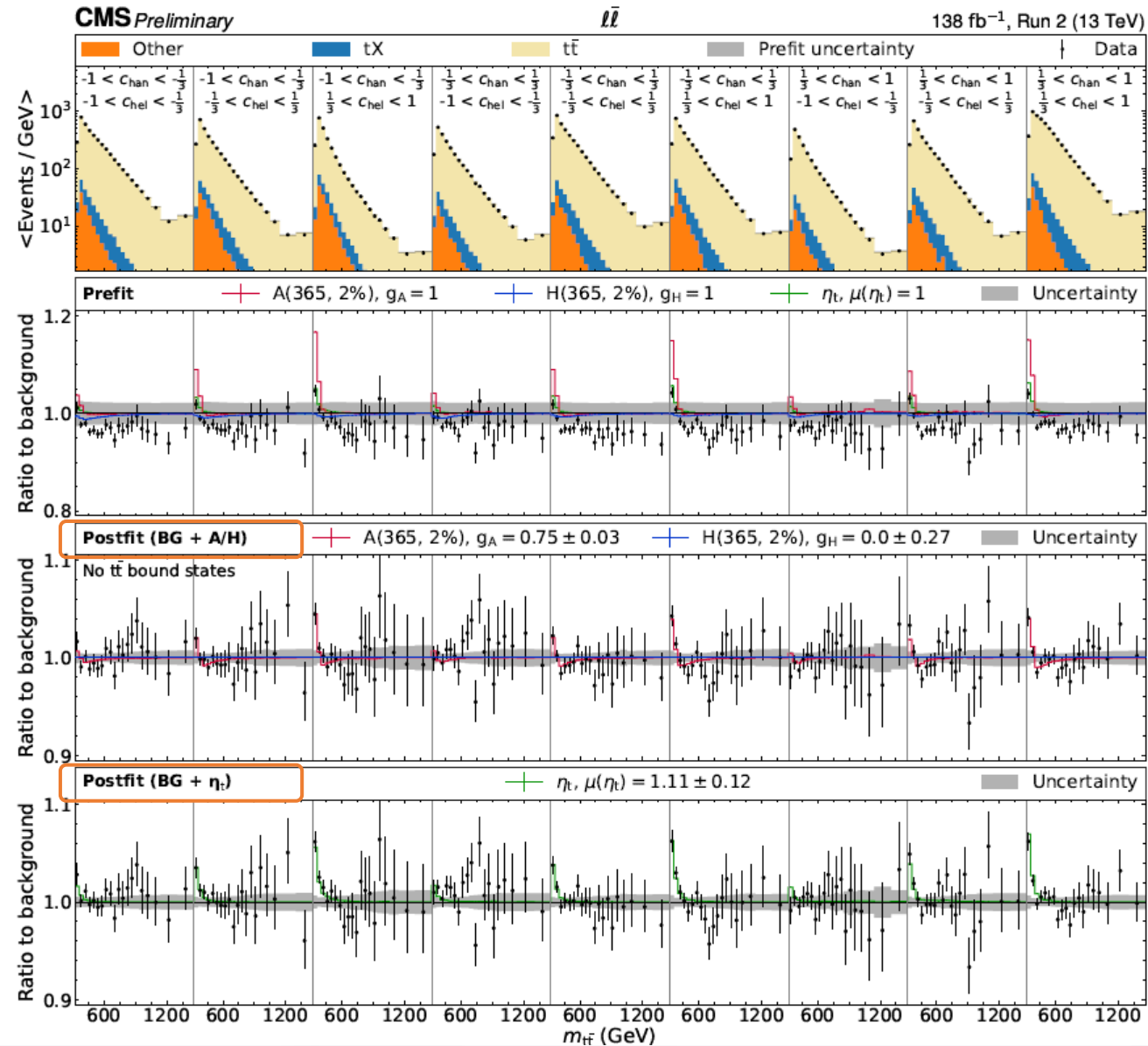
- 1l channel: $m_{t\bar{t}}, \cos \theta^*$
- 2lOS channel: $m_{t\bar{t}}, c_{hel}(\cos\varphi), c_{han}(\cos'\varphi)$

where φ denotes the angle between the direction of flight of the lepton ℓ^+ (or jet j_1) and of ℓ'^- (or j_2), defined in the t or \bar{t} rest frames, respectively.

C_{han} : obtained by flipping the sign of the component parallel to the top quark direction



- Data vs. perturbative QCD (pQCD) bkg-only + A/H boson
- Data vs. pQCD bkg-only + pseudoscalar color-singlet $t\bar{t}$ bound state (η_t)
- $> 5\sigma$ significance for A(365,2%) with respect to bkg-only hypos

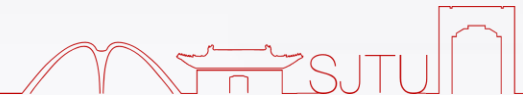
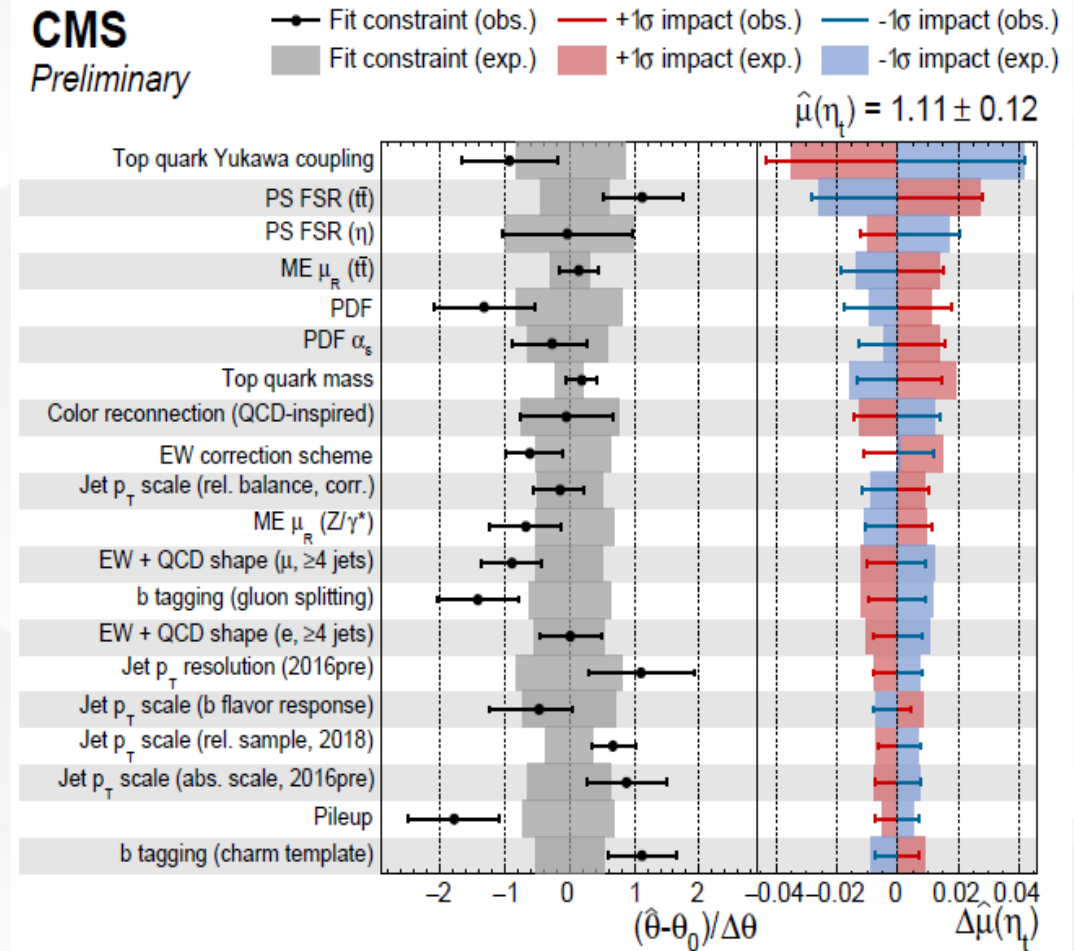




⊗ Cross section measurement for the η_t signal model

➤ $\sigma(\eta_t) = 7.14 \pm 0.77 \text{ pb}$ (theory 6.42 pb)

⊗ Dominant NPs arise from the top-Yukawa coupling and modeling systematics affecting the $m_{t\bar{t}}$ threshold region.





CMS: Model interpretation



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa,A}} = ig_{A\bar{t}t} \frac{m_t}{v} \bar{t} \gamma_5 t A, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa,H}} = -g_{H\bar{t}t} \frac{m_t}{v} \bar{t} t H,$$

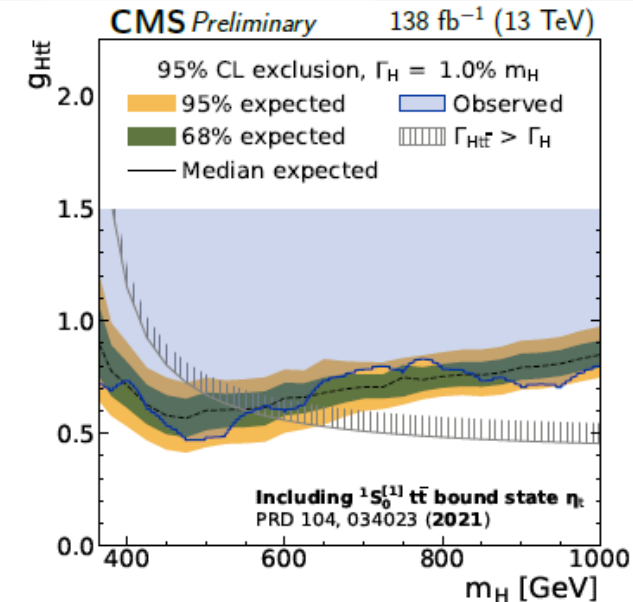
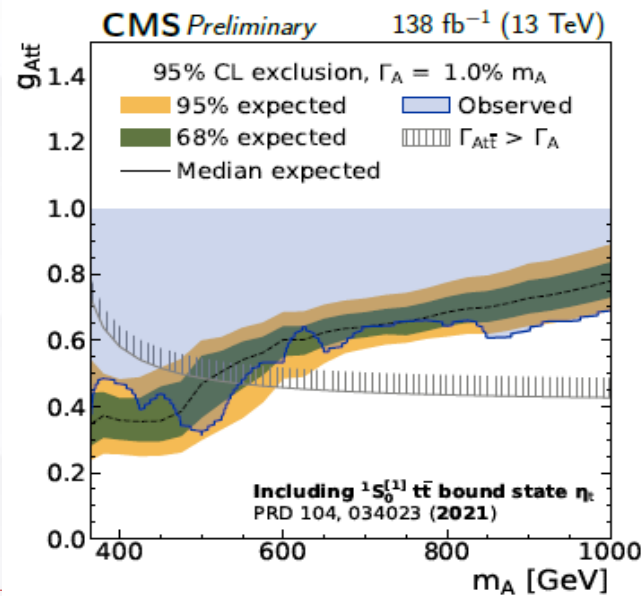
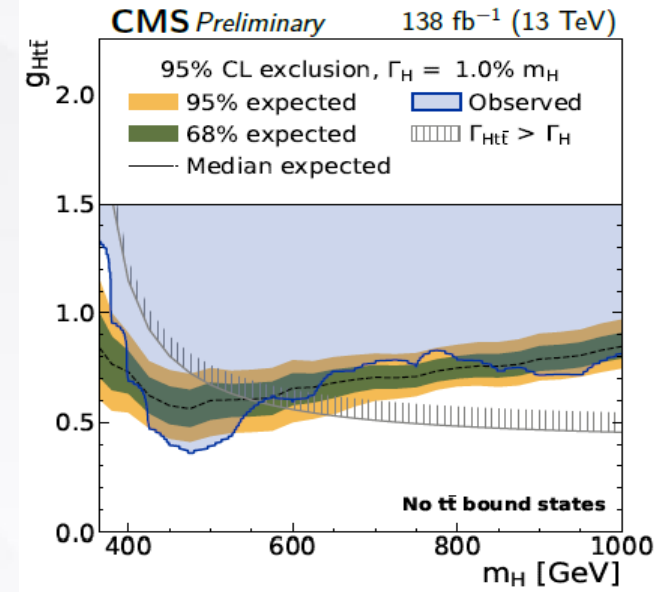
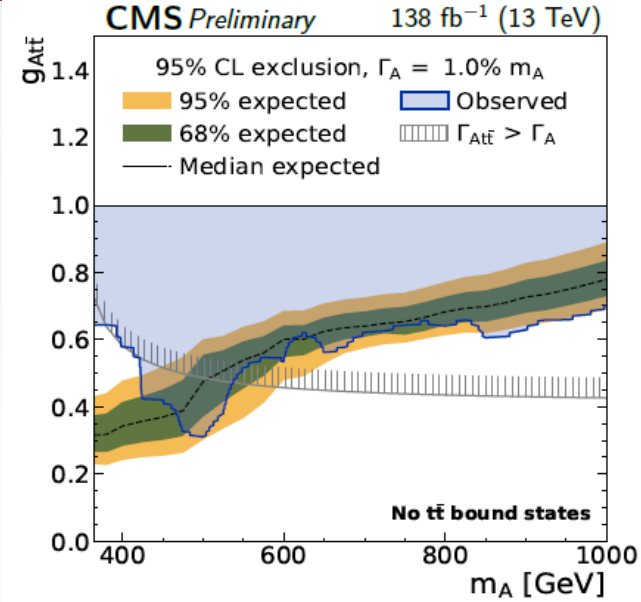
Single A/H interpretation

- Top row: pQCD SM background only
- Bottom row: pQCD + η_t (as bkg)

Including η_t production in the background leads to a **good** description of the observed data

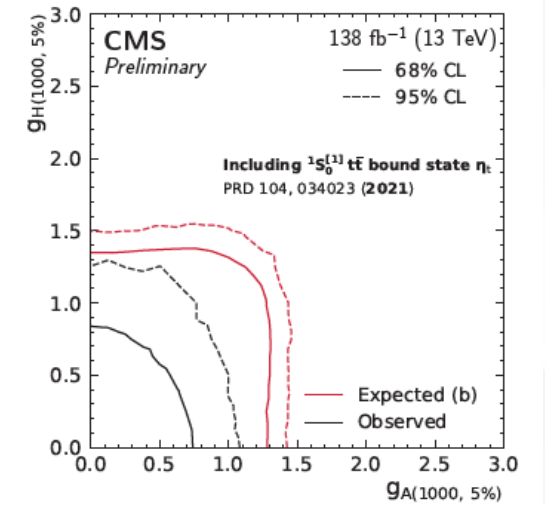
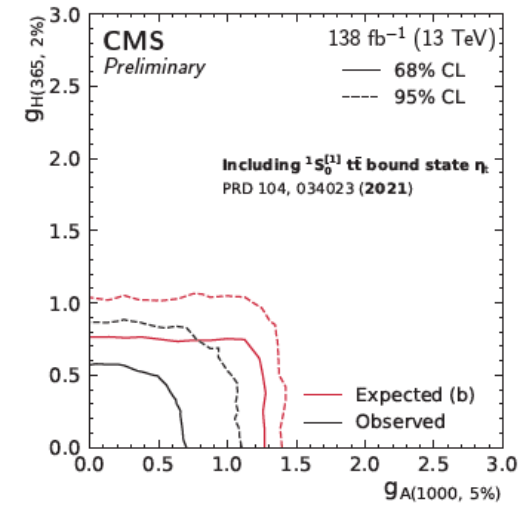
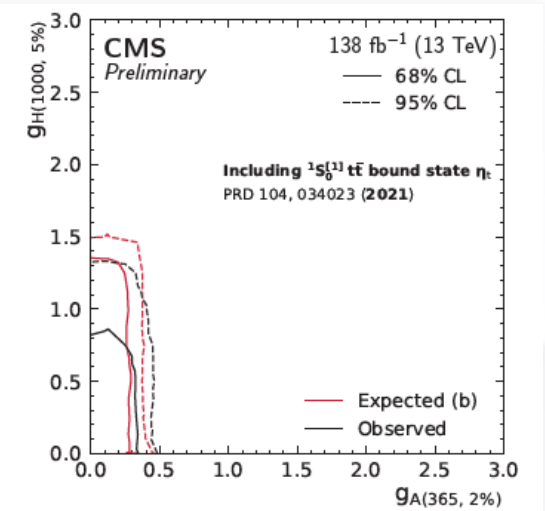
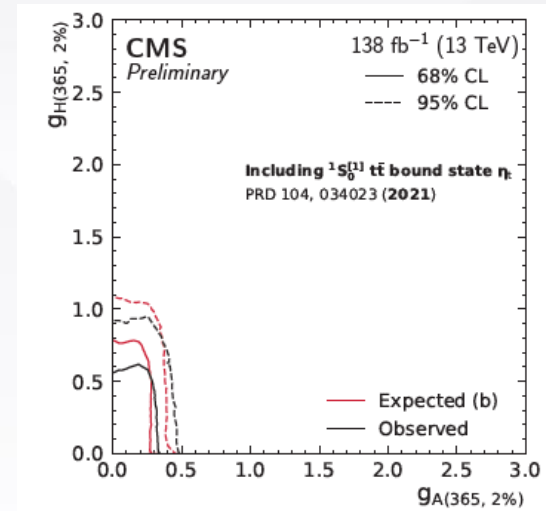
No hint for new A/H

Excluded real-valued coupling modifier $g_{A\bar{t}t}$ ($g_{H\bar{t}t}$) is **0.4 (0.6)** for masses in 365-1000 GeV and widths 0.5-25%





- ① **Simultaneous A+H interpretation**
- ② Consider η_t as background
- ③ The observed exclusion contours are compatible with zero A+H contribution in all cases.





- ① Search for $t\bar{t}$ decayed from heavy Higgs boson with interference in ATLAS and CMS
- ① Several benchmark models very well physics motivated are tested
- ① Most stringent constraints on the 2HDM, hMSSM and pQCD parameter space



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Backup

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- Largest source from SM ttbar modelling
 - **NNLO:**
 - Uncertainties in reweighting
 - Scale and PDF uncertainties on calculation
 - Uncertainty on EW component from PDFs
 - **Line-shape:** comparison with MadSpin
 - **PS:** Pythia vs Herwig
 - Strongest constraint as observed in other ATLAS Top analyses
- Uncertainties from alternative samples with non-negligible constraints are treated un-correlated across SRs and split into shape/normalization component
 - Considered to be conservative
 - Including PS, ME-PS, ...

Extend likelihood to include interference term

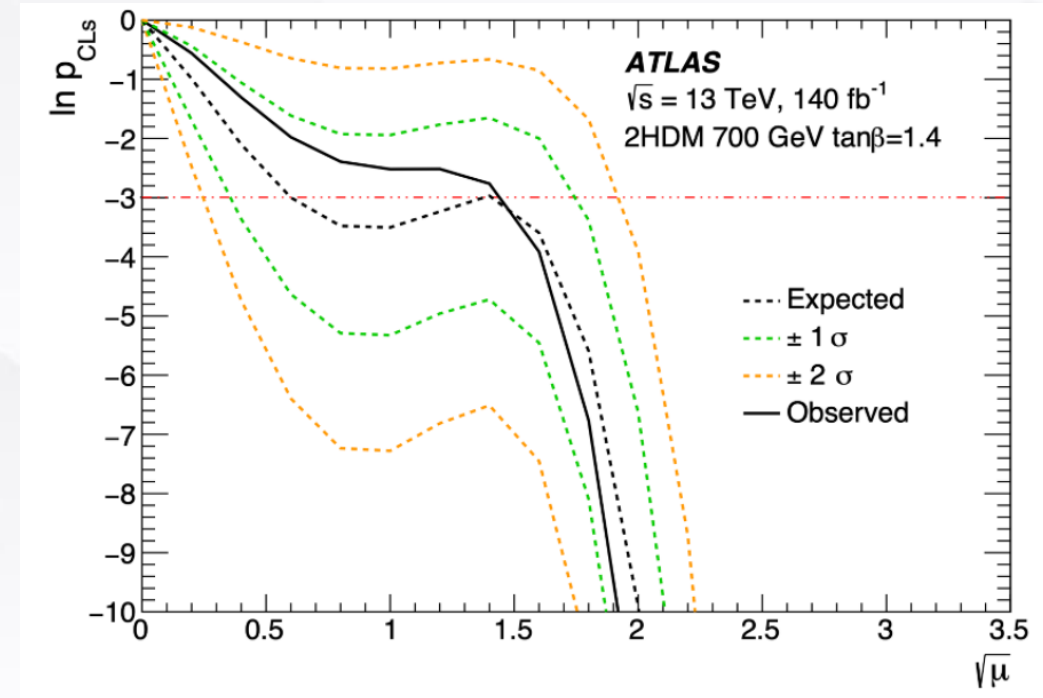
• $\mu S + \sqrt{\mu} I + B = (\mu - \sqrt{\mu}) S + \sqrt{\mu} (S + I) + B.$

• Quadratic dependence on μ

- Design interference-specified statistical method
- Including offset to handle the negative histograms
- Choice of test statistics:

- Search stage $q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta}_{\hat{\mu}})}$
- Exclusion stage $q_{1,0} = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(1, \hat{\theta}_1)}{r(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}$

• Interpolate $\ln p_{\text{CLs}}$ between signal hypotheses



Extended Higgs Sector Models

[arXiv:2209.07510](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.07510)

Additional Singlet

- Simplest extension: $\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda_{\phi S} \phi^2 S^2$, S: real singlet scalar
- Higgs portal \rightarrow connection to dark sector
- With Z_2 symmetry, **3 new free parameters**: mass of the scalar, mixing angle α , ratio of two VEVs $\tan \beta$
- Couplings inherited from SM h_{125} suppressed by $\sin \alpha$

Additional Singlet + Doublet

- 2HDM+S: 2HDM extended with a complex singlet
- Additional CP-odd/even scalars wrt pure 2HDM
- Required by next-to-minimal supersymmetric SM (NMSSM)

Additional Doublet

- Two Higgs Doublet Models (2HDMs): additional SU(2) doublet \rightarrow Richer phenomenology
- Required by SUSY \rightarrow received a lot of attention over time
- Standard parametrization: $\tan \beta$, α , masses
- **5 physical scalar states**: two neutral CP-even (H, h), one neutral CP-odd (A) and two charged (H^\pm)
- In the *alignment limit* ($\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$): $h \equiv h_{125}$
- Yukawa couplings: $\lambda_f^{SM} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} m_f$, $\lambda_f^{BSM} = \frac{\eta_f}{\tan \beta} \lambda_f^{SM}$

	Type-I	Type-II	Type-L	Type-F
η_u	1	1	1	1
η_d	1	$-\tan^2 \beta$	1	$-\tan^2 \beta$
η_l	1	$-\tan^2 \beta$	$-\tan^2 \beta$	1

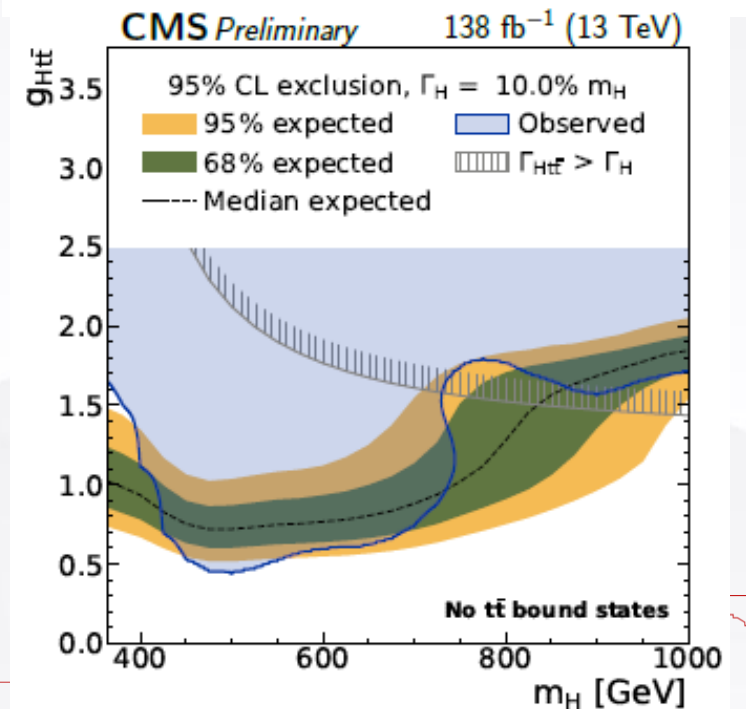
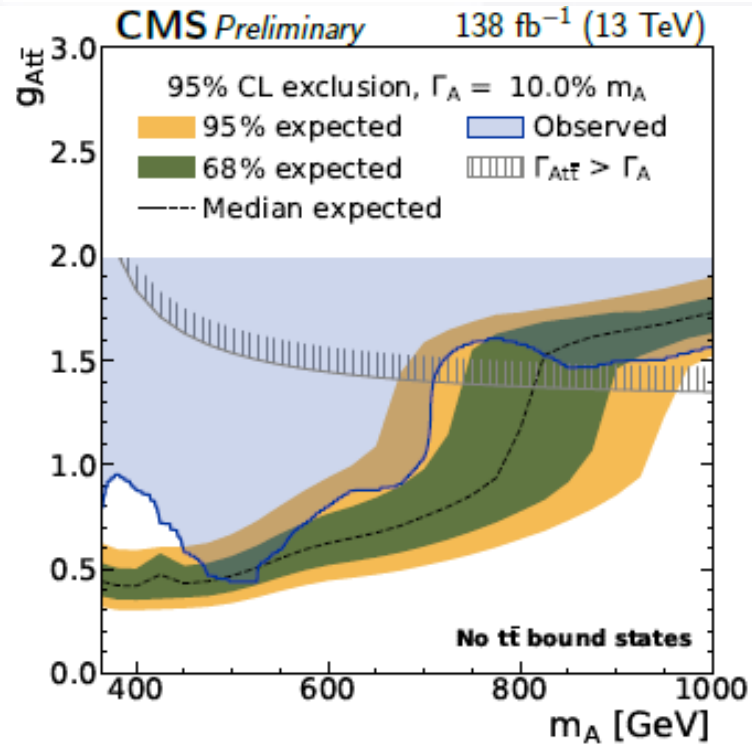
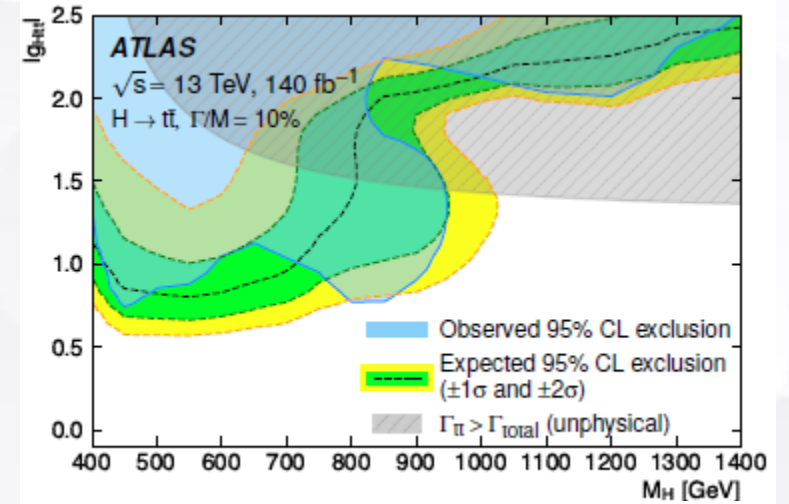
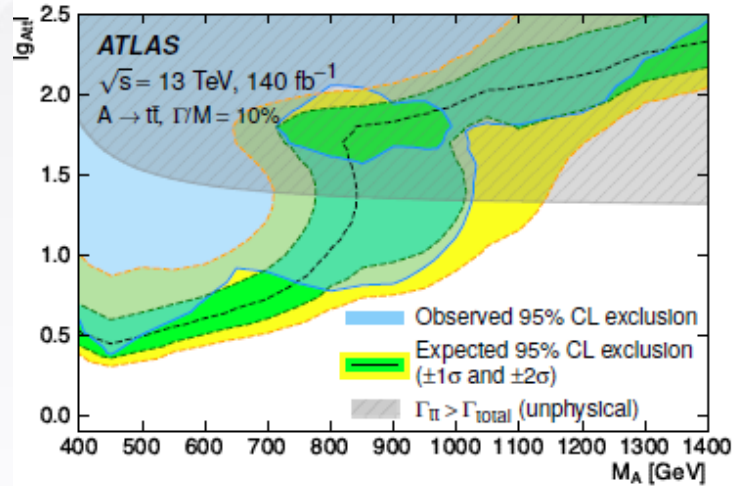


of $m_{A/H}$ and $\tan \beta$. In a type-II 2HDM, the
couplings are $g_{A t \bar{t}} = 1/\tan \beta$ and $g_{H t \bar{t}} = -1/\tan \beta$.

$$\begin{aligned}(S + I)g_{A/H t \bar{t}}^2 &= g_{A/H t \bar{t}}^4 \cdot S + g_{A/H t \bar{t}}^2 \cdot I \\ &= (g_{A/H t \bar{t}}^4 - g_{A/H t \bar{t}}^2) \cdot S + g_{A/H t \bar{t}}^2 \cdot (S + I).\end{aligned}$$



CMS and ATLAS comparison





ATLAS Selection table



- resolved and merged signal regions in the 1-lepton channel

Selection	Criteria
Common selection	
Run and event cleaning	All detector components with acceptable conditions
Single lepton trigger	Separate single-electron or single-muon triggers
Exactly one lepton	Exactly one e or μ with $p_T > 28$ GeV.
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + W$ transverse mass	$E_T^{\text{miss}} + m_T^W > 60$ GeV
b -tagging	≥ 1 b -tagged jet
Merged-topology selection	
Large- VR jet	≥ 1 large- VR jet, $p_T > 200$ GeV
Top tagging (hadronic decay)	Large- VR jet mass consistent with m_{top} : $m > 100$ GeV
Candidate b -jet (leptonic decay)	≥ 1 jet with $\Delta R(\ell, R=0.4 \text{ jet}) < 2.0$ $\Delta R(\text{candidate } b\text{-jet}, \ell) < 2.0$
Back-to-back $t\bar{t}$ topology	$\Delta R(\text{large-}VR \text{ jet, candidate } b\text{-jet}) > 1.5$ $\Delta R(\text{large-}VR \text{ jet}, \ell) > 1.5$
Matching of b -jets and top candidates	≥ 1 top candidate reconstructed with exactly one b -jet
Resolved-topology selection	
Small- R jets	≥ 4 jets, $p_T > 25$ GeV
Well-reconstructed $t\bar{t}$ system	$\log_{10}(\chi^2) < 0.9$
Matching of b -jets and top candidates	≥ 1 top candidate reconstructed with exactly one b -jet
Veto events passing merged-topology selection	

A χ^2 minimisation approach is used to select the four jets from the $t\bar{t}$ decay from all selected small- R jets and assign them to the leptonically- and hadronically- decaying top quarks. It is defined as follows:

$$\chi^2 = \left[\frac{m_{jj} - m_{W_h}}{\sigma_{W_h}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{(m_{jjb} - m_{jj}) - m_{t_h - W_h}}{\sigma_{t_h - W_h}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{m_{jlv} - m_{t_l}}{\sigma_{t_l}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{(p_{T,jjb} - p_{T,jlv}) - (p_{T,t_h} - p_{T,t_l})}{\sigma_{\text{diff}p_T}} \right]^2. \quad (7.1)$$



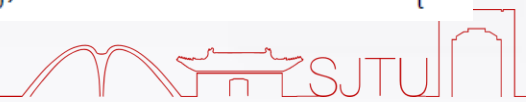
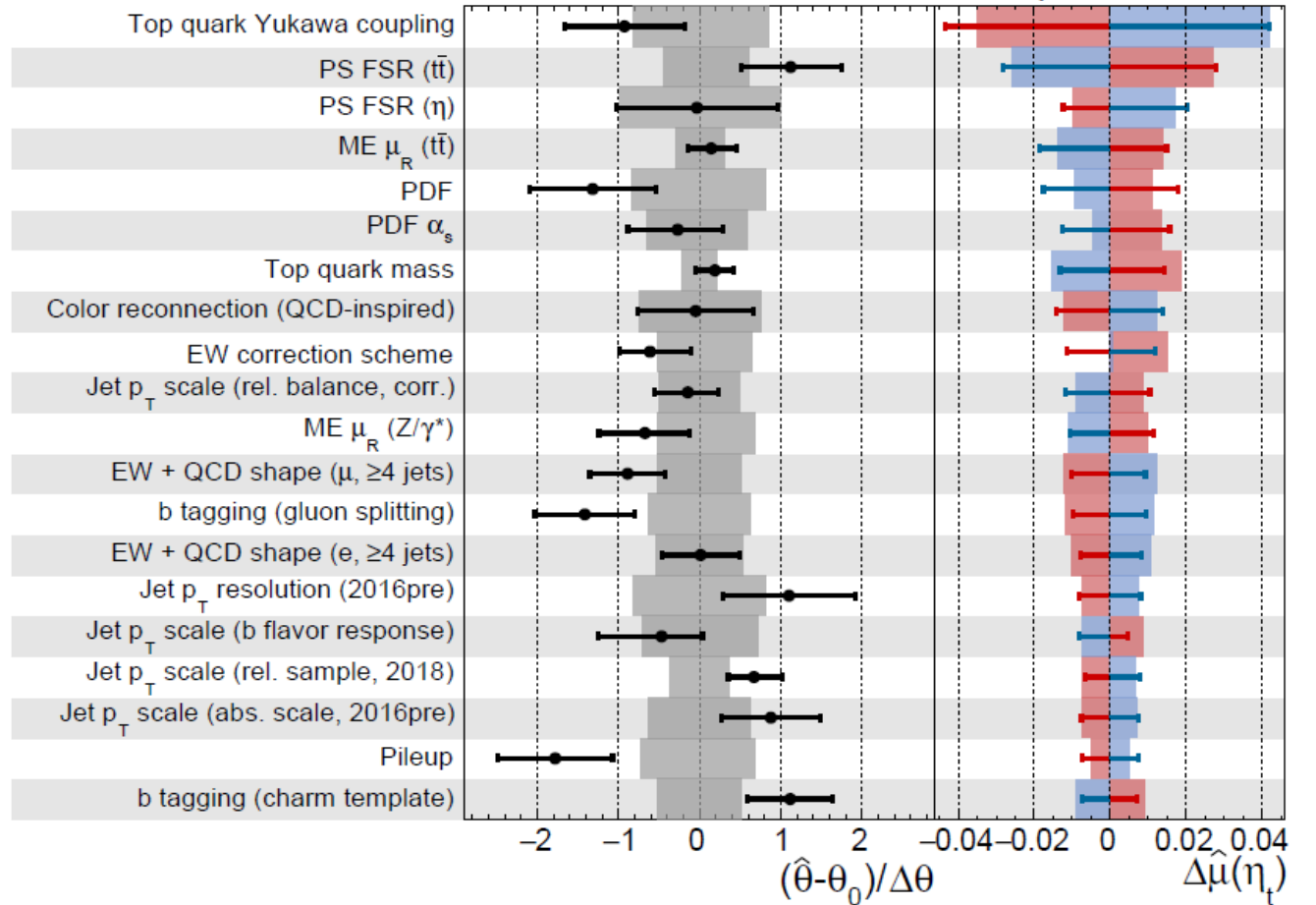


The dominant contributions arise from modeling uncertainties, particularly those affecting the m_{tt} threshold region.

CMS
Preliminary

—●— Fit constraint (obs.) —+— +1 σ impact (obs.) —-— -1 σ impact (obs.)
 ■ Fit constraint (exp.) ■ +1 σ impact (exp.) ■ -1 σ impact (exp.)

$$\hat{\mu}(\eta_t) = 1.11 \pm 0.12$$





CMS: A+H interpretation

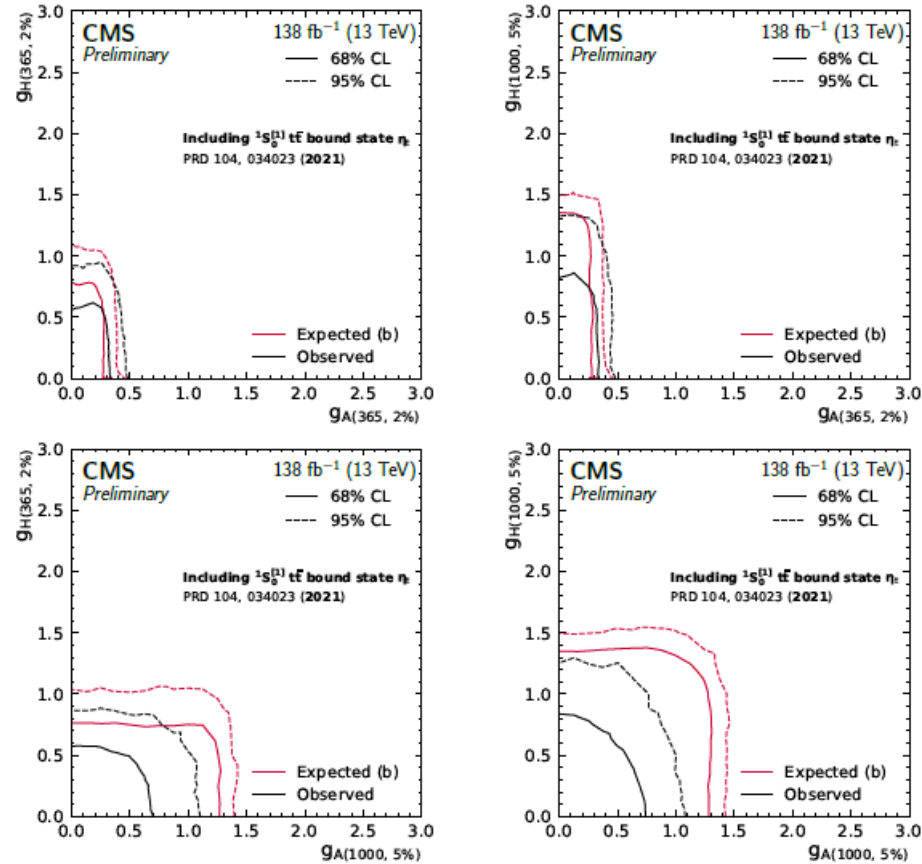
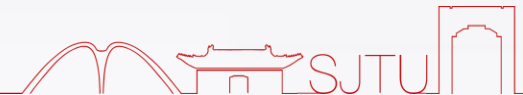


Figure 12: Frequentist 2D exclusion contours for $g_{A\bar{t}t}$ and $g_{H\bar{t}t}$ in the A+H interpretation for four different signal hypotheses: A(365, 2%) + H(365, 2%) (upper left), A(365, 2%) + H(1000, 5%) (upper right), A(1000, 5%) + H(365, 2%) (lower left), and A(1000, 5%) + H(1000, 5%) (lower right). The expected and observed contours, evaluated with the Feldman–Cousins prescription [108], are shown in black and red, respectively, with the solid and dashed lines corresponding to exclusions at 68 and 95% CL, and the respective best-fit points for $g_{A\bar{t}t}$ and $g_{H\bar{t}t}$ are shown as the colored crosses. In all cases, the η_t contribution is considered as part of the background.



$\mu_{10pb}^{A(365,2\%)}$ is far from the origin of zero signal contribution, with a local significance beyond five standard deviations.

