

# Top quark couplings

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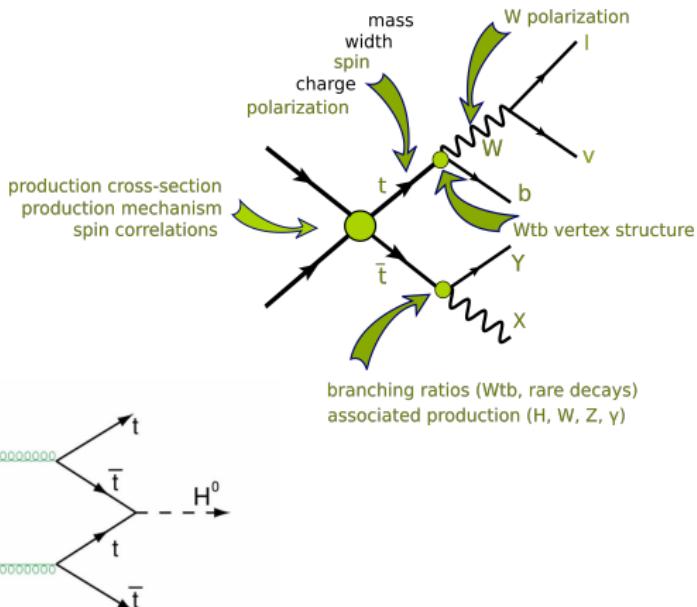


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Measuring top quark couplings with precision is quite important ↗ precision tests of the SM and search for BSM

Topics covered in this talk:

- Cross sections @ LHC
  - $t\bar{t}$  production and,
  - single top quark production
- The  $t \rightarrow bW$  decay in  $t\bar{t}$  events
  - the  $Wtb$  vertex structure and anomalous couplings
- Top Quark Couplings to Bosons
  - $V_{tb}$  @ LHC
  - $tV$  ( $V = \gamma, Z, W, H$ )
- Top quark beyond SM
  - FCNC processes
    - ( $tqX, X = \gamma, Z, g, H$ )



# The top quark

- The top quark was discovered by CDF and D0 in 1995, 22 years ago

PRL74 2626-2631 (1995);

PRL74 2632-2637 (1995).

- Properties:

- belongs to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of quarks
- the top quark is the weak-isospin partner of the  $b$ -quark
- spin = 1/2
- charge = +2/3 |e|
- heaviest known fundamental fermion  
( $m_t = 173.34 \pm 0.76$  GeV, World comb.(2014), arXiv:1403.4427)
- dominant decay mode:  $t \rightarrow bW$   
 $BR(t \rightarrow sW) \leq 0.18\%$ ,  $BR(t \rightarrow dW) \leq 0.02\%$
- $\Gamma_t^{SM} = 1.42$  GeV (including  $m_b$ ,  $m_W$ ,  $\alpha_s$ , EW corrections)
- $\tau_t = (3.29_{-0.63}^{+0.90}) \times 10^{-25}$  s (D0, PRD 85 091104, 2012)  
 $\ll \Lambda_{QCD}^{-1} \sim (100 \text{ MeV})^{-1} \sim 10^{-23}$  s (hadronization time)  
⇒ top decays before hadronization takes place

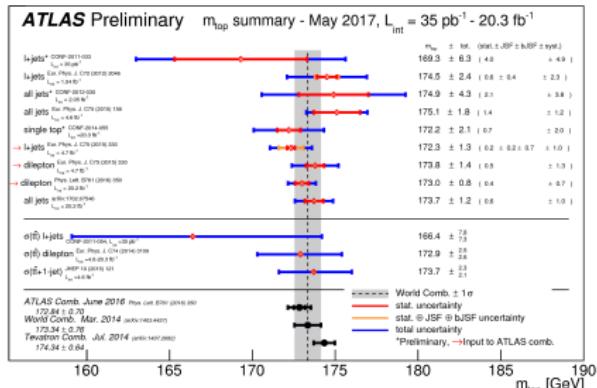
Three generations of matter (fermions)			
Quarks	I	II	III
mass →	2.4 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.27 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	171.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2
name →	u	c	t
	up	charm	top
Leptons			
mass →	4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	104 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	4.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	-1/3	-1/2	-1/2
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2
name →	d	s	b
	down	strange	bottom
Gauge bosons			
mass →	<2.2 eV/c <sup>2</sup>	<0.17 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	<15.5 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	0	0	0
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2
name →	e	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$
	electron neutrino	muon neutrino	tau neutrino
mass →	0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	105.7 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.777 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	-1	-1	-1
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2
name →	$\mu$	$\tau$	$\tau$
mass →	126 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>		
charge →	0		
spin →	0		
name →	$H^0$		
	Higgs boson		

# Briefly mentioning the mass, a lot of activity



## Summary of Top Quark Mass @ LHC

☞ most precise measurement ever on top quark physics



Direct measurements:

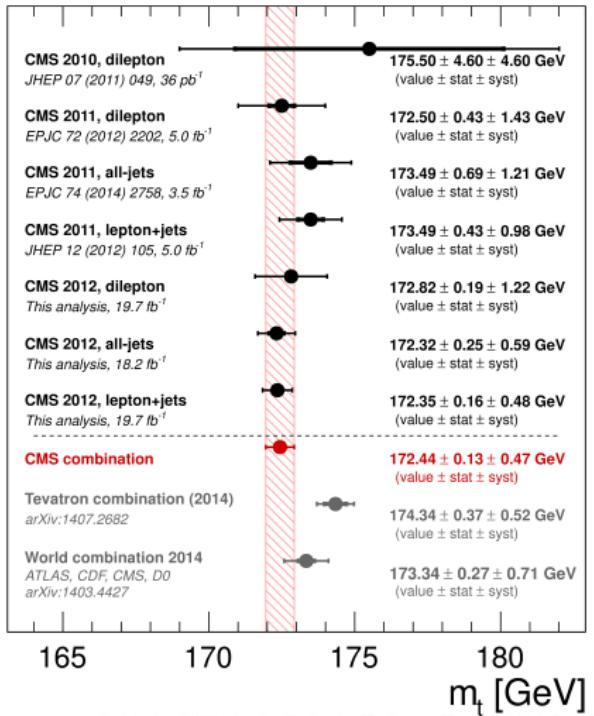
$$\Delta(m_t)/m_t = 0.3\text{--}0.4\%$$

Indirect complementary methods for  $m_t^{\text{pole}}$ :

ATLAS: JHEP 10 (2015) 121

CMS: JHEP 08 (2016) 029

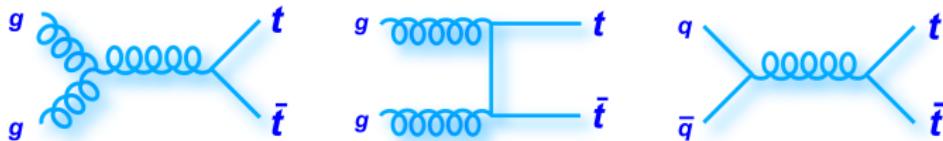
$$\Delta(m_t^{\text{pole}})/m_t^{\text{pole}} \sim 1\%$$



## Top Quark Production

# $t\bar{t}$ production at the LHC

- Production at the LHC:

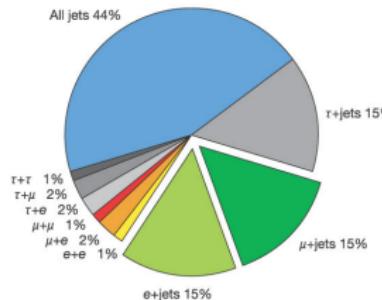


$\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 177.3 \pm 9.9^{+4.6}_{-6.0}$  pb @ 7 TeV,  $\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 252.9 \pm 11.7^{+6.4}_{-8.6}$  pb @ 8 TeV,  $\sigma(t\bar{t}) = 832^{+40}_{-46}$  pb @ 13 TeV  
 NNLO+NNLL,  $m_t = 172.5$  GeV PLB **710** 612 (2012), PRL **109** 132001(2012),  
 JHEP **1212** 054(2012), JHEP **1301** 080(2013), PRL **110** 252004 (2013).

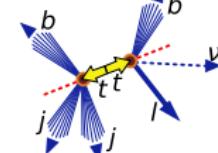
Top pair decay channels

$c\bar{s}$				all-hadronic		
$u\bar{d}$	electron+jets		muon+jets	tau+jets		
$t\bar{t}$	$e\tau$ $\mu\tau$ $\tau\tau$		tau+jets			
$\mu\bar{\nu}$	$e\mu$ $\mu\mu$ $\mu\tau$		muon+jets			
$e\bar{\nu}$	$ee$ $\mu\mu$ $e\tau$		electron+jets			
$w$ decay	$e^+$	$\mu^+$	$\tau^+$	$u\bar{d}$	$c\bar{s}$	

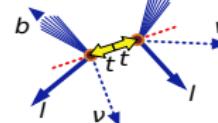
Top pair branching fractions



$\Rightarrow$  Lepton+jets ( $\sim 30\%$ ):  
 $(\ell = e^\pm, \mu^\pm)$



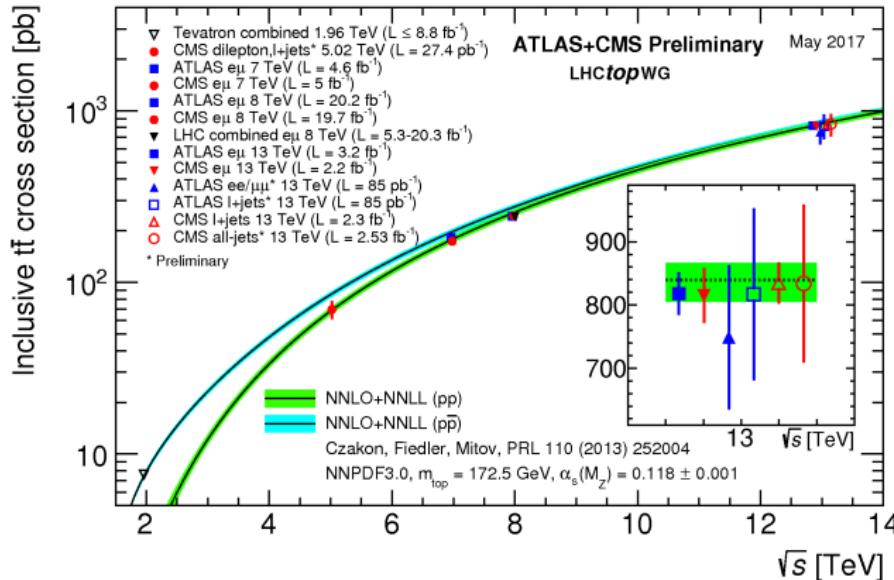
$\Rightarrow$  Dilepton ( $\sim 5\%$ ):  
 $(\ell = e^\pm, \mu^\pm)$



# $t\bar{t}$ production @ the LHC and Tevatron

## Cross-Section Measurements @ 2,7,8 and 13 TeV

☞ significant number of measurements @ LHC ( $pp$ ) and Tevatron ( $p\bar{p}$ )



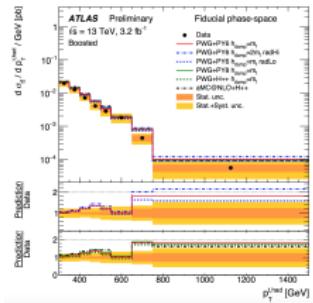
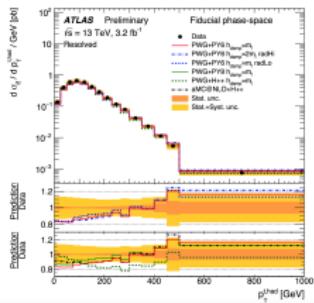
Already quite precise measurements of ATLAS+CMS:  $\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 4\%$

☞ experimental precision is  $\sim$  to theoretical one (NNLO+NNLL)

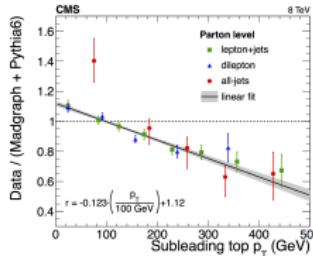
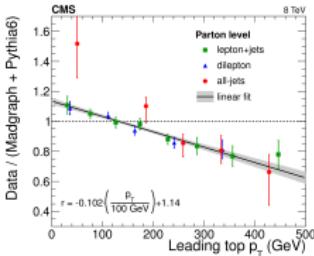
# Differential $t\bar{t}$ production @ the LHC

Measure Cross sections with respect to different kinematical variables    Unique opportunity to test SM @ TeV scale

ATLAS-CONF-2016-040 (13 TeV,  $3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\ell + \text{jets}$ , top quarks produced at higher  $p_T$ , up to 1.5TeV)



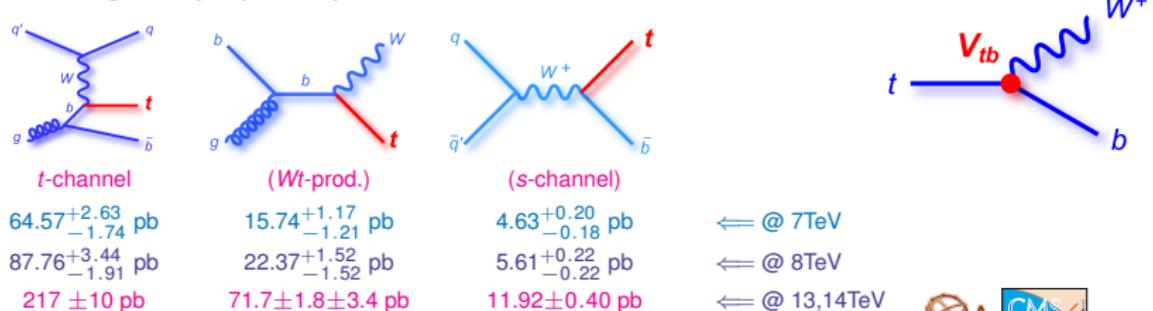
CMS arXiv:1509.06076 [hep-ex], Eur. Phys. J. C 76 (2016) 128 (already seen @ 8TeV in all decay topos.)



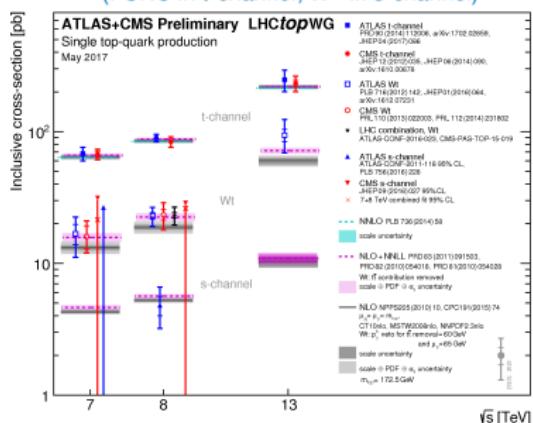
Data softer than MC requires better modelling

# Single top quark

- Single top quark production cross section @ LHC:



- Powerfull probe of  $V_{tb}$  ( $\delta V_{tb} / V_{tb}$  few % @ LHC) and Test of physics BSM (FCNC in t-channel;  $W'$  in s-channel)



$\Delta\sigma_t/\sigma_t \sim 10\% @ 7-8\text{TeV}, 20\% @ 13\text{TeV}$

$\Delta\sigma_{wt}/\sigma_{wt} \sim 20\% @ 7-8\text{TeV}, 30\% @ 13\text{TeV}$

ATLAS@8 TeV:

$$\sigma_s = 4.8 \pm 0.8 (\text{stat.})^{+1.6}_{-1.3} (\text{syst.}) \text{ pb (3.2}\sigma \text{ sign.)}$$

CMS@8 TeV:

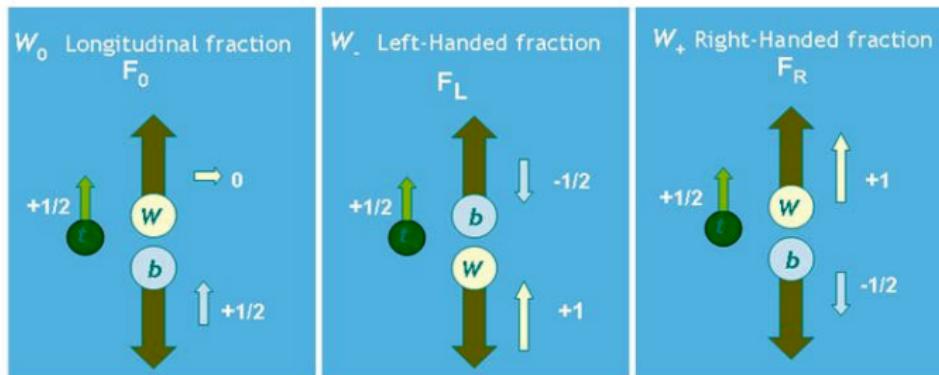
$$\sigma_s(95\%) < 28.8 \text{ pb } [13.4 \pm 7.3 (\text{stat+syst}) \text{ pb}]$$

## Top quark properties

# The $t \rightarrow bW$ decay in $t\bar{t}$ events

Testing a Standard Model prediction:

[Phys. Rev. D 45 (1992) 124]



$W$  bosons produced with different helicities:

$$F_0^{\text{SM}} = 0.687 \pm 0.005 \quad F_L^{\text{SM}} = 0.311 \pm 0.005 \quad F_R^{\text{SM}} = 0.0017 \pm 0.0001, \\ (F_0 + F_L + F_R = 1)$$

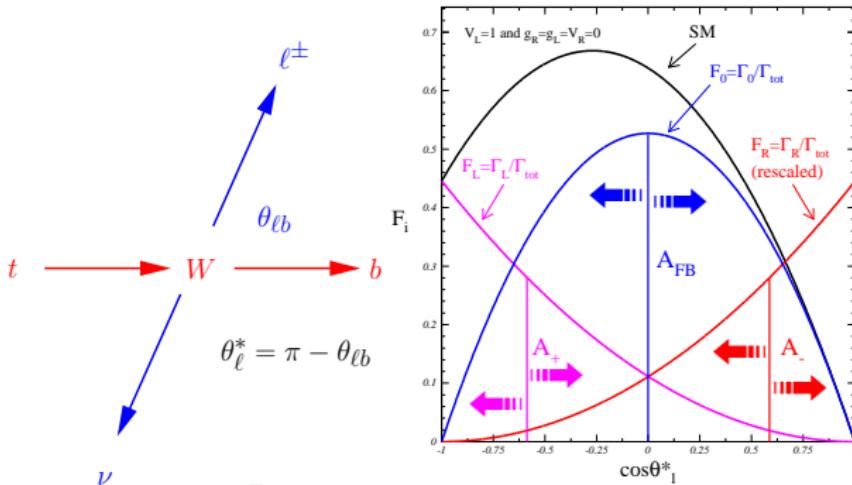
@ NNLO QCD calculation, Phys. Rev. **D81** (2010) 111503

# The $t \rightarrow bW$ decay in $t\bar{t}$ events

Measuring the W helicity states:

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_\ell^*} = \frac{3}{2} \left[ F_0 \left( \frac{\sin \theta_\ell^*}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + F_L \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta_\ell^*}{2} \right)^2 + F_R \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta_\ell^*}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

$\theta_\ell^*$  → the angle between the  $\ell$  (in  $W$  rest frame) and the  $W$  (in  $t$  rest frame)



Asymmetries (@ NNLO):

$$A_t = \frac{N(\cos \theta_\ell^* > t) - N(\cos \theta_\ell^* < t)}{N(\cos \theta_\ell^* > t) + N(\cos \theta_\ell^* < t)}$$

$$A_{FB} = -0.232 \pm 0.004$$

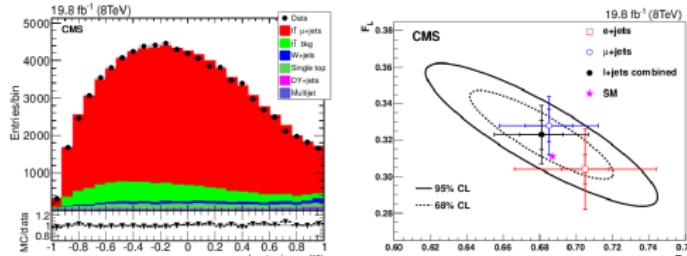
$$A_+ = 0.537 \pm 0.004$$

$$A_- = -0.841 \pm 0.006$$

- Full  $t\bar{t}$  events reconstruction required ( $\ell$ +jets and dilepton) and:
  - fit the  $\cos \theta^*$  with templates and evaluate angular asymmetries
  - these observables allows to probe the  $Wtb$  vertex and look for new physics

# The $t \rightarrow bW$ decay in $t\bar{t}$ events

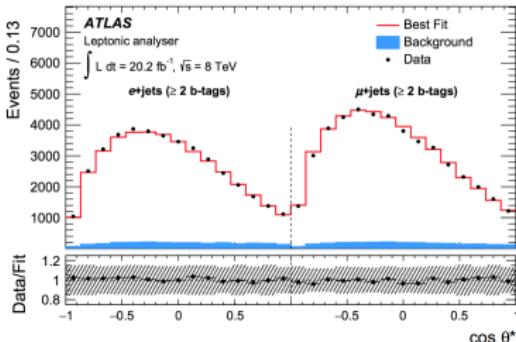
$W$  Helicity from CMS (19.7  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 8 TeV): [PLB762 (2016) 512]



👉 single top important: JHEP01 053 (2015)  
stringent limits on anomalous couplings!!



$W$  Helicity from ATLAS, Eur.Phys.J. C27 (2017) 264:



Systematic Uncertainties (likelihood fit):

$F_0$ : Multijet backg., Fac./Renorm. scales,  
 $t\bar{t}$  MC and Hadronization

$F_L$ :  $t\bar{t}$  MC and Hadronization, scales

$$F_0 = 0.681 \pm 0.012(\text{stat}) \pm 0.023(\text{syst})$$

$$F_L = 0.323 \pm 0.008(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst})$$

$$F_R = -0.004 \pm 0.005(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst})$$

$$\Delta F_0/F_0 = 4\%, \quad \Delta F_L/F_L = 5\%$$

Lepton+Jets @ 8 TeV, 20.2  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ :

( $e$  and down-type quark analysers used)

$$F_0 = 0.709 \pm 0.012(\text{stat}) \pm 0.015(\text{syst})$$

$$F_L = 0.299 \pm 0.008(\text{stat}) \pm 0.013(\text{syst})$$

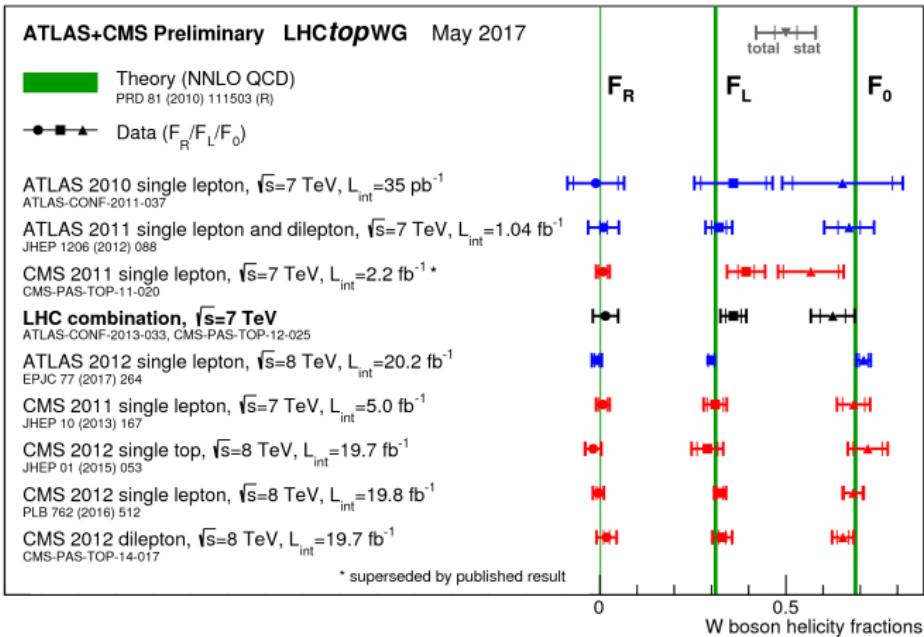
$$F_R = -0.008 \pm 0.006(\text{stat}) \pm 0.006(\text{syst})$$

$$\Delta F_0/F_0 = 3\%, \quad \Delta F_L/F_L = 5\%$$

# The $t \rightarrow bW$ decay in $t\bar{t}$ events



## Summary of $W$ -boson helicity meas. @ LHC



$$\Delta F_0/F_0 = 3\%, \quad \Delta F_L/F_L = 5\% \quad F_R = -0.008 \pm 0.014$$

# The $t \rightarrow bW$ decay in $t\bar{t}$ events

## General Wtb vertex

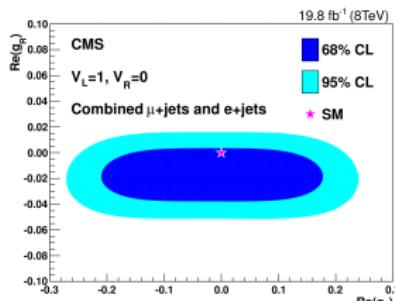
Eur.Phys.J. C50 (2007) 519-533

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^-$$

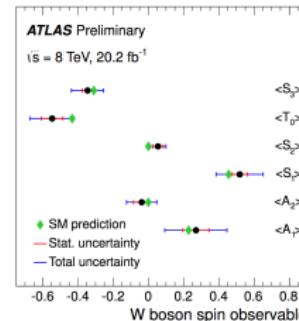
Vector ( $V_R$ ) and Tensor like couplings ( $g_L, g_R$ ) zero @ tree level in SM

- Angular distributions of the top decay products (and asymmetries) can be used to probe anomalous couplings at the  $Wtb$  vertex Combinations is the game!

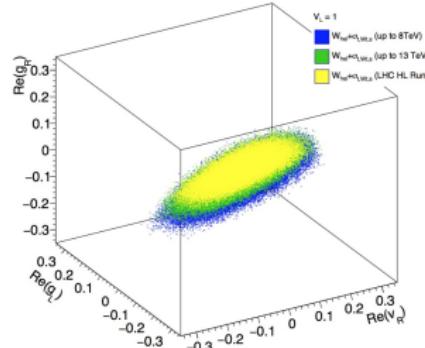
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PRD 93 (2016) 11, 113021 (TopFit)

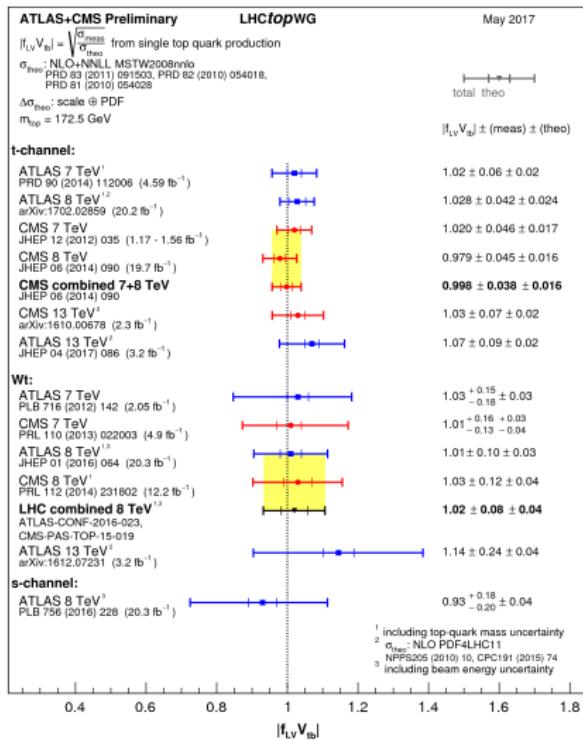


- Assuming  $V_L=1$  ( $V_R=0$ )

What is the current LHC status of  $V_{tb}$  in the SM?

# Top quark couplings to bosons: $V_{tb}$ @ LHC

## Summary of $V_{tb}$ Measurements @ LHC



👉  $|V_{tb}|^2$  extracted with:

$$|V_{tb,obs}|^2 = \frac{\sigma_{t,obs.}}{\sigma_{t,SM}} \times |V_{tb,SM}|^2$$

$\delta|V_{tb}|/|V_{tb}| @ 5-10\%$

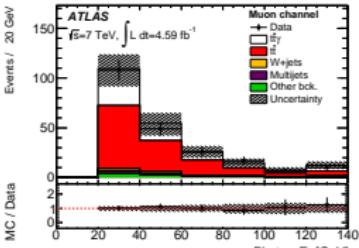
👉 What about the top quark couplings to the known gauge bosons ( $\gamma, W, Z, H$ )?

## Top Quark Couplings to Gauge Bosons $t\bar{t}\gamma$ , $t\bar{t}Z$ , $t\bar{t}W$ , $t\bar{t}H$

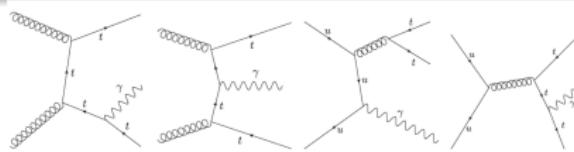
# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = \gamma$ )

## The $t\bar{t}\gamma$ process

ATLAS @ 7 TeV,  $4.59 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  :



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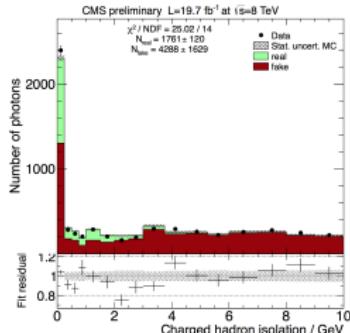
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma} = 48(47) \pm 10(10) \text{ fb} \text{ Whizard (MadGraph)}$$

- $\sigma(t\bar{t}\gamma)$  measurement of top quark EW coupling to  $\gamma$  ( $\propto Q_t$ )
- fully fiducial measurement
- Analysis:  $\ell + jets$  channel  $\oplus \gamma$  with  $\Delta R(\gamma, \ell) < 0.7$ ,  $\Delta R(\gamma, j) < 0.5$ ,  $|m_{e\gamma} - m_Z| > 5 \text{ GeV}$  ( $N_{e+jets} = 140$  and  $N_{\mu+jets} = 222$  events in data)
- $\gamma$  isolation used  $p_{T,\gamma}$  Fit w/ Prompt+Fake Temp.

CMS @ 8 TeV,  $19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :  
 CMS-PAS-TOP-13-011



$$\sigma(t\bar{t}\gamma) \times BR = 63 \pm 8(\text{stat})^{+17}_{-13}(\text{syst}) \pm 1(\text{lumi}) \text{ fb}, \text{ sign. of } 5.3\sigma$$



Fiducial region for  $\gamma$ :  $E_{T,\gamma} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\Delta(\eta_\gamma, b/\bar{b})| > 0.1$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{SM} = 1.8 \pm 0.5 \text{ pb}$$

Event selection:

$\mu + jets$  final state  $\oplus \gamma$

$\geq 4$  jets,  $2b$ -jets,  $E_{T,\gamma} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta_\gamma| < 1.444$

$$R = \sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = [1.07 \pm 0.07(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.27(\text{syst.})] \times 10^{-2}$$

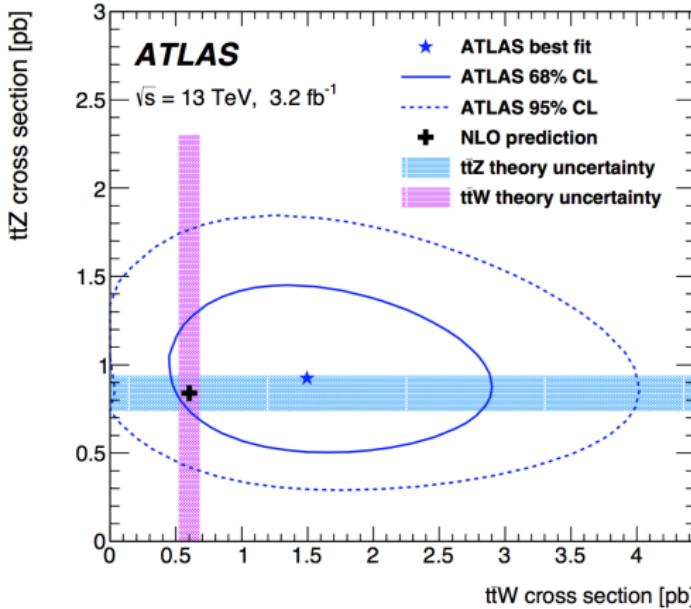
$$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma} \sim 30\%$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{CMS} = 2.4 \pm 0.2(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$$

# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = Z, W$ )

The  $t\bar{t}V$  ( $V = Z, W$ ) processes: Eur.Phys.J. **C77** (2017) 40

Simultaneous fit of  $t\bar{t}Z$  and  $t\bar{t}W$  by ATLAS @ 13 TeV,  $3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



☞  $t\bar{t}Z$  cross section:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z} = 0.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ pb}$$

$$\Delta\sigma/\sigma \sim 30\%$$

☞  $t\bar{t}W$  cross section:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}W} = 1.5 \pm 0.8 \text{ pb}$$

$$\Delta\sigma/\sigma \sim 50\%$$

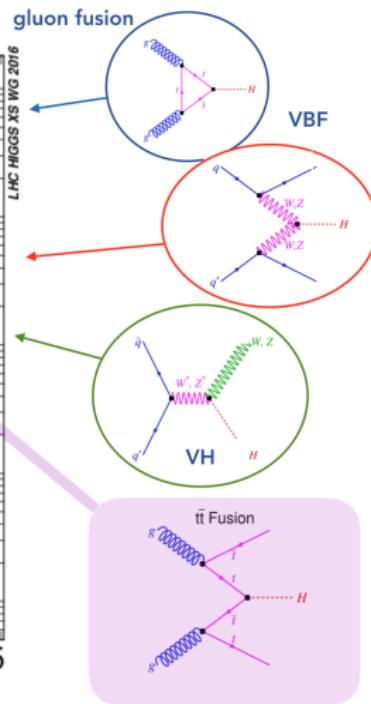
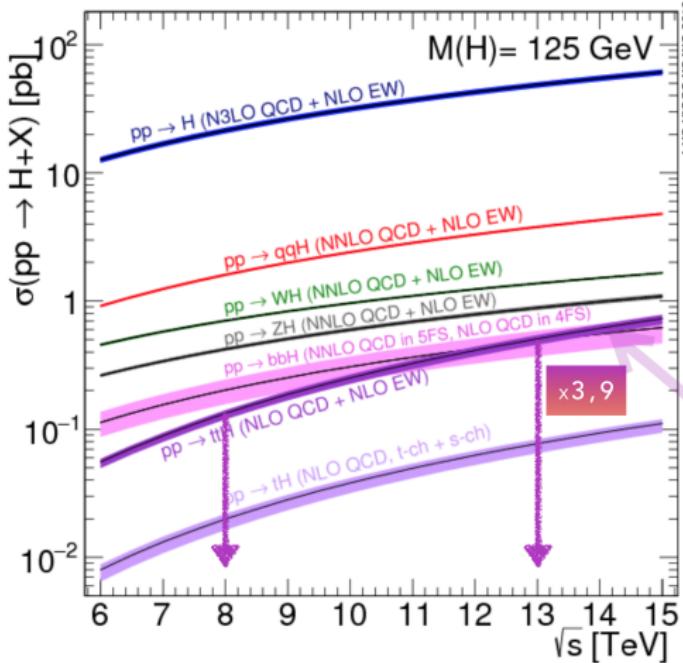
Both OK with NLO QCD theory

CMS @ 8 TeV

$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}V}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}V} = 20\text{-}30\%$ , sig. of  $4.8\sigma(6.4\sigma)$  over back. for  $t\bar{t}W(t\bar{t}Z)$

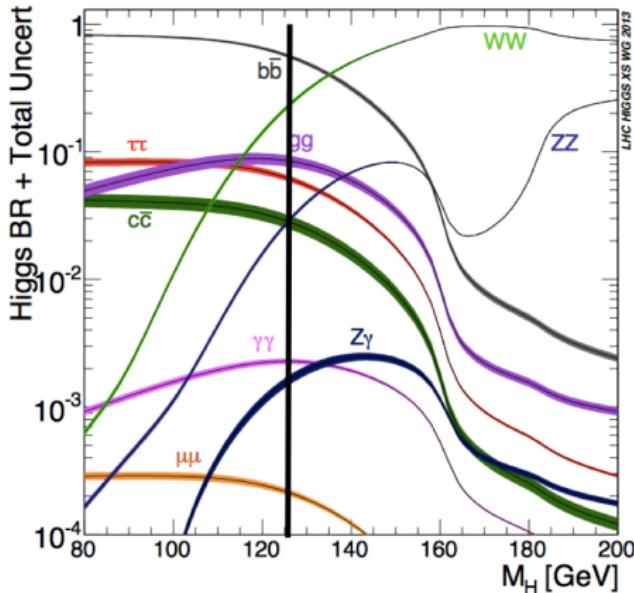
# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

☛  $t\bar{t}H$  Production @ the LHC:



# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

## ☞ Higgs Decay Branching Ratios (SM):



Decay channel	Branching ratio [%]
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$57.5 \pm 1.9$
$H \rightarrow WW$	$21.6 \pm 0.9$
$H \rightarrow gg$	$8.56 \pm 0.86$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$6.30 \pm 0.36$
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$2.90 \pm 0.35$
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	$2.67 \pm 0.11$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$0.228 \pm 0.011$
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	$0.155 \pm 0.014$
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	$0.022 \pm 0.001$

SM BR theory uncertainties  
2-5% for most important decays

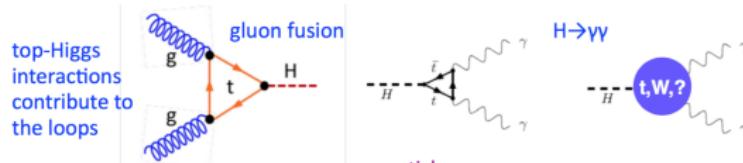
☞ Width determined by experimental resolution effects

☞ ATLAS+CMS measurements shown by Luca and André

# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

👉 all about top quark-Higgs Couplings!

- the top quark has the biggest coupling to the Higgs SM boson ( $Y_t \sim 1$ )
- precision measurements of top quark Yukawa couplings are really important
- .....as well as deviations !!!
- need also to understand the nature of the coupling ( $h = H, A$ )
- indirect constraints are important (involve several contributions)



👉 probing CP-even( $a$ ) -odd( $d$ ) nature of couplings in  $t\bar{t}H$ ,

$$L_{h\bar{t}\bar{t}} \sim [a_f + i b_f \gamma_5] \sim [\cos(\alpha) + i \sin(\alpha) \gamma_5]$$

PRL 76, 24 (1996)

J.F.Gunion, Xiao-Gang He

$$a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, b_3 \dots b_4 = \frac{p_t^z p_{\bar{t}}^z}{|\vec{p}_t| |\vec{p}_{\bar{t}}|}$$

PRD 92, 1 (2015)

F.Boudjema, R.M.Godbole, D.Guadagnoli, K.A.Mohan

$$\Delta\phi^{\bar{t}t}(l+, l-), \beta_{bb} \Delta\theta^{\ell h}(l+, l-)$$

$$\beta \equiv \text{sgn} ((\vec{p}_b - \vec{p}_{\bar{b}}) \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell^-} \times \vec{p}_{\ell^+})) \quad \cos(\Delta\theta^{\ell h}(\ell^+, \ell^-)) = \frac{(\vec{p}_h \times \vec{p}_{\ell^+}) \cdot (\vec{p}_h \times \vec{p}_{\ell^-})}{|\vec{p}_h \times \vec{p}_{\ell^+}| |\vec{p}_h \times \vec{p}_{\ell^-}|}$$

- need to understand  $t\bar{t}H$  production and decay

arXiv:1611.00049v2, A.Broggio,A.Ferroglia,B.D.Pecjak,L.L.Yang

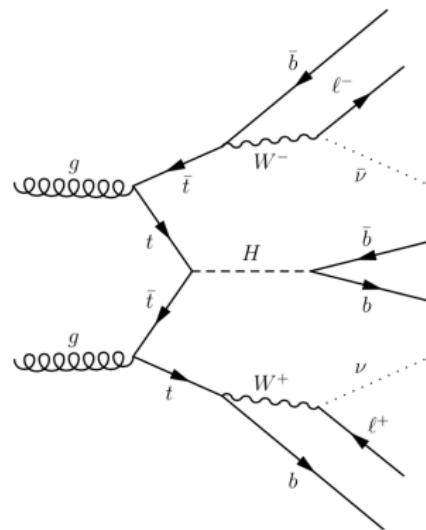
# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

Choice of a Particularly Challenging Final State Topology:

☞  $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow (bl^+\nu_\ell)(\bar{b}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell)(b\bar{b})$  (dileptonic topology)

☞ Event Generation @ 13 TeV:

- MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO JHEP 1407, 079 (2014) J.Alwall *et al.*  
⊕ NNPDF2.3 PDF NPB 867 244 (2013) R.D.Ball *et al.*  
for  $t\bar{t}X$ ,  $X = A, H$  and  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  (@ NLO)  
other backgrounds @ LO with MLM:  
 $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ ,  $t\bar{t}V + \text{jets}$ , Single  $t$ ,  
 $W(Z)+\text{jets}$ ,  $W(Z)b\bar{b}+\text{jets}$ ,  $VV+\text{jets}$
- Full spin correlation of  $t \rightarrow bW^+ \rightarrow bl^+\nu_\ell$ ,  
 $\bar{t} \rightarrow \bar{b}W^- \rightarrow \bar{b}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell$ ,  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$   
by MadSpin JHEP 1303, 015 (2013) P.Artoisenet *et al.*
- Shower and hadronization by Pythia 6  
JHEP 0605, 026 (2006) T.Sjostrand, S.Mrenna, P.Z.Skands



☞ Simulation: DELPHES 3 (default ATLAS cards)  
JHEP 1402, 057 (2014)

J. de Favereau, C.Delaere, P. Demin, A.Giammanco, V. Lemaître, A.Mertens, M.Selvaggi

☞ MadAnalysis5 and Event Selection:

EPJC 74, no. 10, 3103 (2014) E.Conte, B.Dumont, B.Fuks, C.Wymant

$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$  ( $p_T \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| \leq 2.5$ )  $\oplus$   $N_{\text{lep}} \geq 2$  ( $p_T \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| \leq 2.5$ )

# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

## Dileptonic Signal Reconstruction:

☞  $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow (bl^+\nu_\ell)(\bar{b}\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell)(b\bar{b})$

## ☞ Constrained Kinematic fit

### I- Mass constraints (2D-distributions):

- (1)  $(p_{W^+} + p_b)^2 = m_t^2$
- (2)  $(p_{W^-} + p_{\bar{b}})^2 = m_{\bar{t}}^2$
- (3)  $(p_{\ell^+} + p_\nu)^2 = m_{W^+}^2$
- (4)  $(p_{\ell^-} + p_{\bar{\nu}})^2 = m_{W^-}^2$

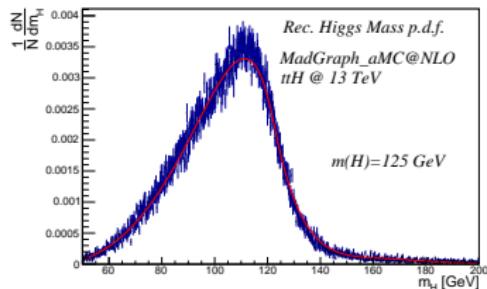
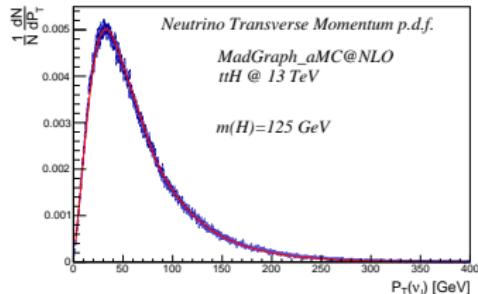
### II- Missing Transverse Energy (use p.d.f.):

- (1)  $p_x^\nu + p_x^{\bar{\nu}} = \cancel{E}_x$
- (2)  $p_y^\nu + p_y^{\bar{\nu}} = \cancel{E}_y$

### III- Likelihood probability (use p.d.f.):

(1)  $L_{t\bar{t}H} = \frac{1}{p_{T\nu}p_{T\bar{\nu}}} P(p_{T\nu})P(p_{T\bar{\nu}}) \times P(p_T)p(p_{T\bar{t}})P(m_t, m_{\bar{t}})P(p_{Tt\bar{t}})P(m_H)$

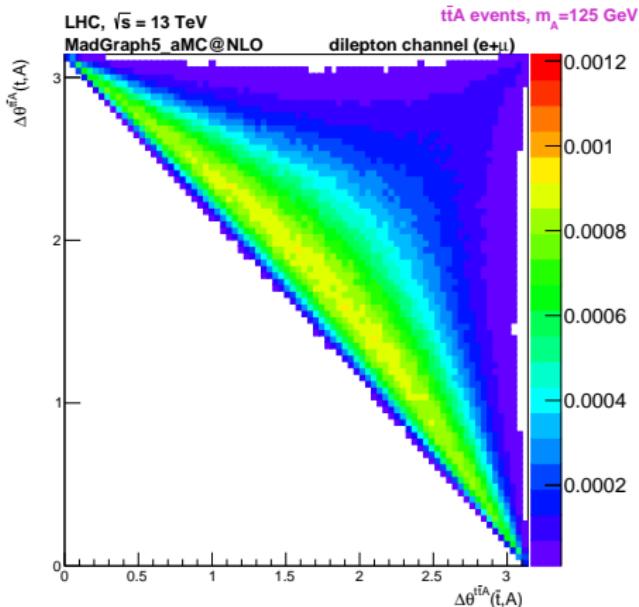
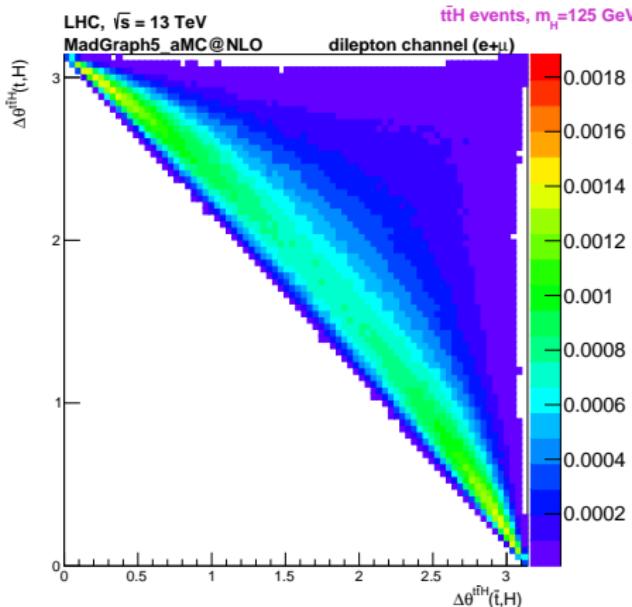
☞ Two steps: Reconstruction (1) with and (2) without Truth Match, i.e., imposing Reconstructed objects close to Parton objects (based on  $\Delta R$ ) criteria



# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

Angles between  $t$ -quarks and Higgs boson, arXiv:1704.03565

👉 angles are measured in  $t\bar{t}H$  centre-of-mass system

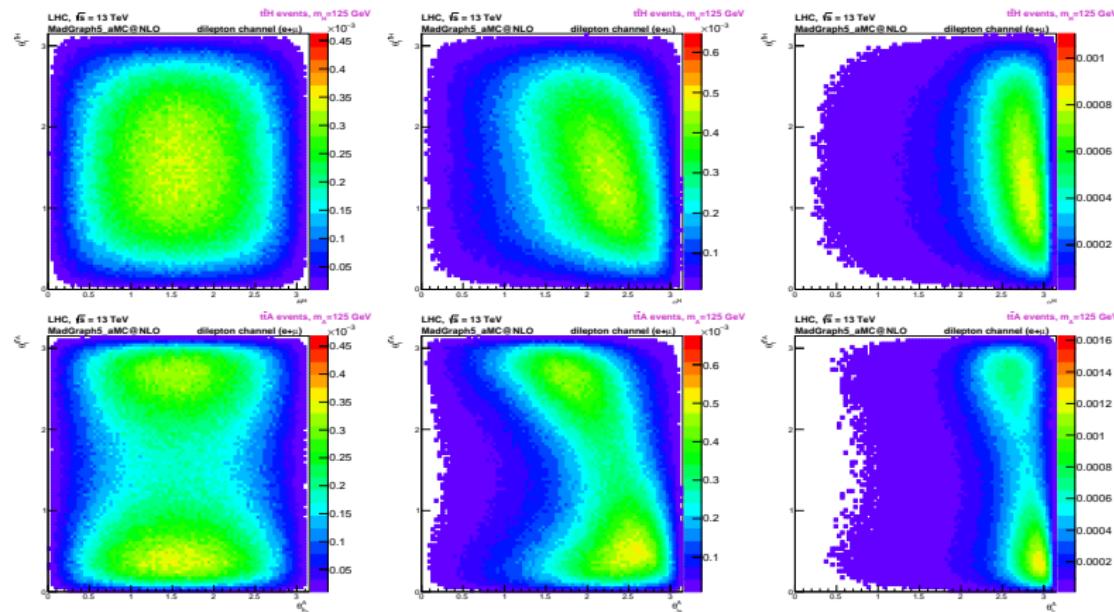


**Figure:** NLO+Shower angle between the  $t$  quark and Higgs boson (x-axis) as a function of the angle between the  $\bar{t}$  quark and Higgs boson (y-axis), in the  $t\bar{t}H$  centre-of-mass system. The SM Higgs boson ( $X = H$ ) distribution (left) and the pure pseudo-scalar Higgs boson ( $X = A$ ) distribution (right) are shown.

# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

Angles between several decay products of  $t, \bar{t}, h$

☞ angles are in several centre-of-mass systems



**Figure:** NLO+Shower angle between decay products (left)  $b$  quark from Higgs boson, (middle)  $\ell^+$  from top quark and (right)  $\ell^-$  from  $\bar{t}$  (all boosted to the Higgs centre-of-mass) and Higgs direction in  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $x$ -axis), as a function of the angle between the top quark in the  $t\bar{t}H$  centre-of-mass system ( $y$ -axis). The top (bottom) distributions correspond to  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $t\bar{t}A$ ) without any cuts.

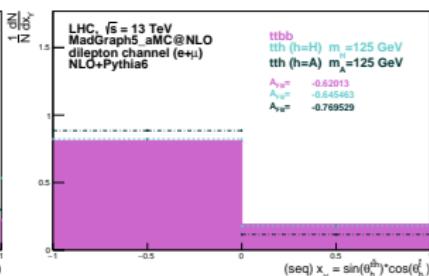
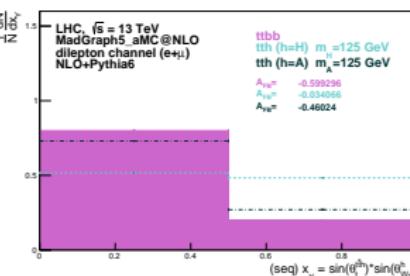
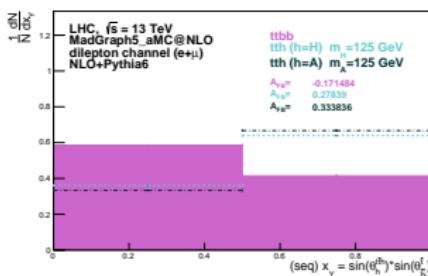
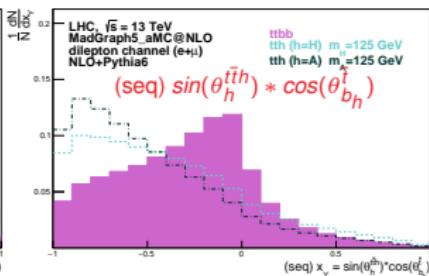
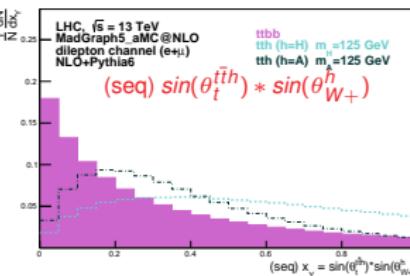
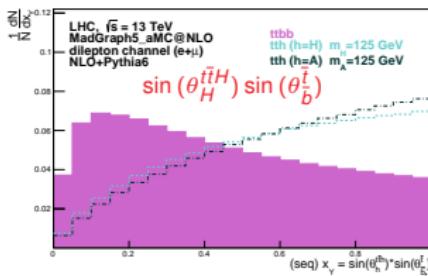
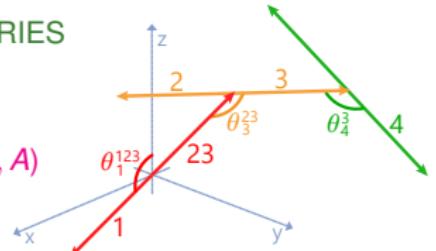
# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

## NEW ANGULAR DISTRIBUTIONS AND ASYMMETRIES

👉 (1) NLO+Shower observables NO CUTs

motivated by spin helicity formalism

are there good discriminators to separate signals ( $H, A$ )  
from dominant backgrounds? Yes!



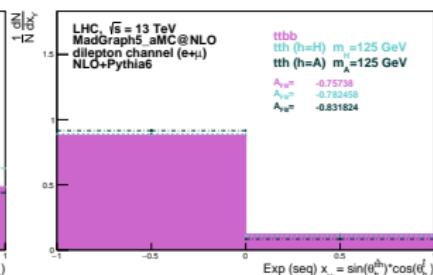
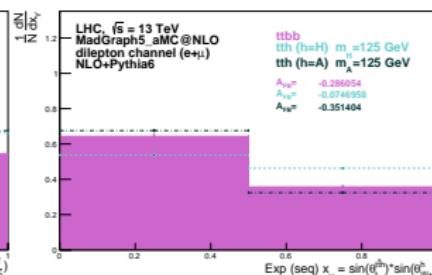
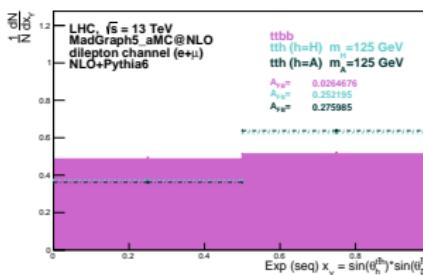
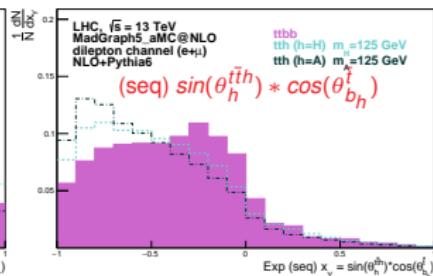
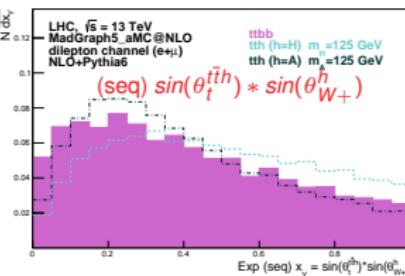
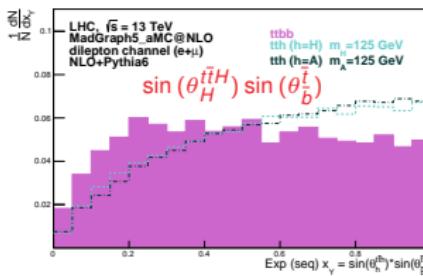
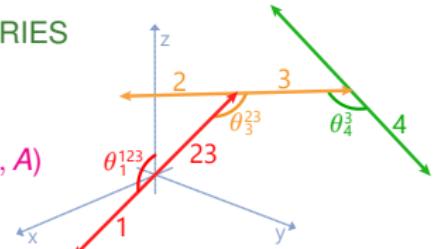
# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

## NEW ANGULAR DISTRIBUTIONS AND ASYMMETRIES

👉 (3) REC. LEVEL observables WITH CUTs

motivated by spin helicity formalism

are there good discriminators to separate signals ( $H, A$ ) from dominant backgrounds? Yes!



# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

Several TMVA Methods tested: Boosted Decision Tree (BDTG) chosen with 15 (best) Kinematical Variables:

## I- Proposed in the literature

$$b_4 = \frac{p_t^z p_{\bar{t}}^z}{|\vec{p}_t| |\vec{p}_{\bar{t}}|}, m_{b\bar{b}}$$

$$(*) \Delta\phi^{\bar{t}\bar{t}}(I+, I-), \beta_{b\bar{b}} \Delta\theta^{lh}(I+, I-)$$

## II- Usual ATLAS choices

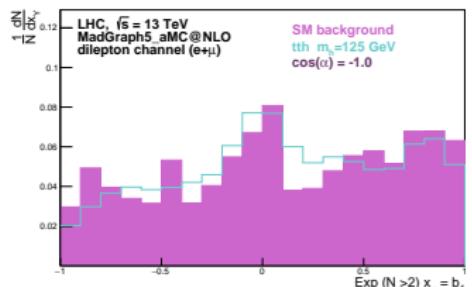
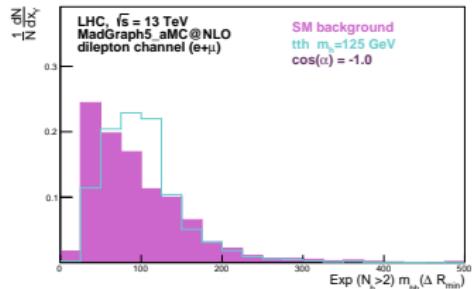
$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta\eta_{jj}^{\max \Delta\eta}, m_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}, \Delta R_{hl}^{\min \Delta R}, \Delta R_{hl}^{\max \Delta R}, \\ & \Delta R_{bb}^{\max p_T}, m_{jj}^{\text{closest to } 125 \text{ GeV}}, \\ & \text{jets aplanarity} \end{aligned}$$

## III- Angular Distributions

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(\theta_h^{\bar{t}h}) \cos(\theta_{\ell-}^h), \sin(\theta_h^{\bar{t}h}) \sin(\theta_{\ell-}^h), \\ & \sin(\theta_{\bar{t}}^{\bar{t}h}) \sin(\theta_{b_h}^h) (\text{seq.}), \sin(\theta_h^{\bar{t}h}) \cos(\theta_{b_h}^{\bar{t}}) (\text{seq.}), \\ & \sin(\theta_h^{\bar{t}h}) \sin(\theta_{\bar{b}_h}^{\bar{t}}) (\text{seq.}), \sin(\theta_{\bar{t}}^{\bar{t}h}) \sin(\theta_{W+}^h) (\text{seq.}) \end{aligned}$$

Scan on  $\cos(\alpha)$  performed

(\*) these variables were not used, they are here for illustration purposes only.

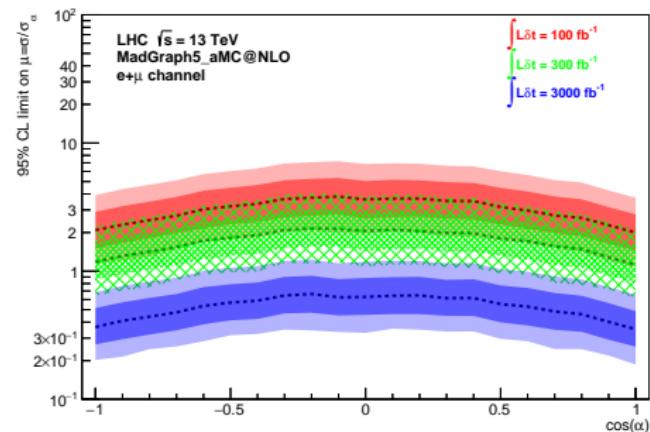
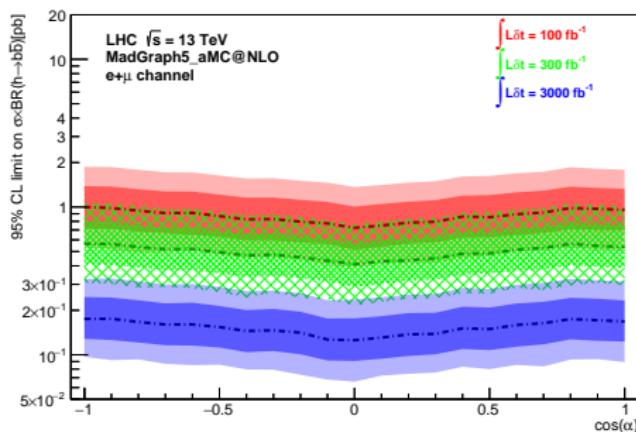


# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

Expected limits at 95% CL in the background-only hypothesis

👉 95% C.L.  $\sigma \times BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$

👉 95% C.L. on  $\mu$



**Figure:** limits on  $\sigma \times BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  (left) and  $\mu$  (right) obtained with the BDTG output discriminant for integrated luminosities of 100, 300 and 3000 fb $^{-1}$ . The lines correspond to the median, while the narrower(wider) bands correspond to the  $1\sigma$ ( $2\sigma$ ) intervals..

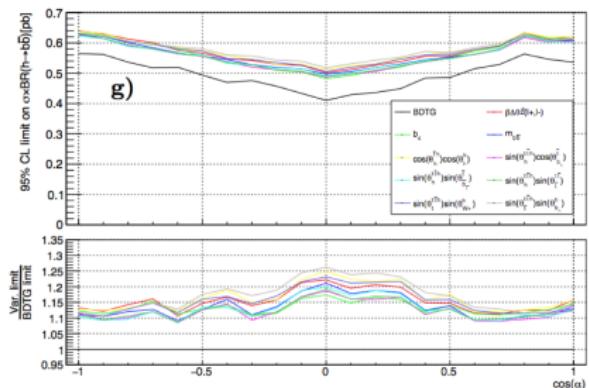
Dilpetonic channel ONLY 👕 Combinations with other channels are expected to improve results quite significantly

# Top Couplings to Bosons $t\bar{t}V$ ( $V = H$ )

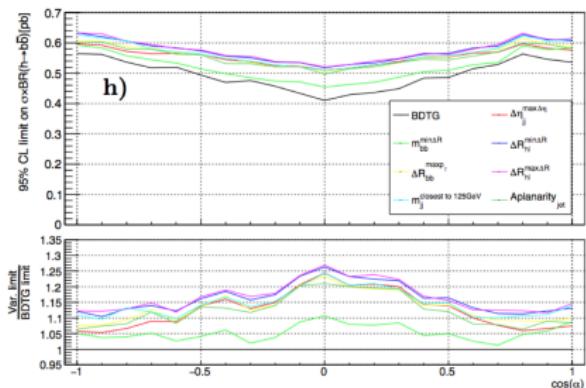
Expected limits at 95% CL Comparison in the background-only hypothesis ↗ variable dependence show an interesting pattern

↳ 95% C.L.  $\sigma \times BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ :

## Angular Distributions



## ATLAS variables



**Figure:** comparison between limits on  $\sigma \times BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ , at  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , obtained from each one of the individual distributions used in the BDTG. Left:  $\beta_{bb}\Delta\theta^{\ell h}(\ell^+, \ell^-)$ ,  $b_4$ ,  $m_{bb}$  and angular distributions. Right: remaining distributions used as input for the BDTG. The ratios with respect to the limit obtained from the BDTG distribution are also represented.

# Conclusions

- At the LHC things went really well for top quark and higgs physics i.e., the higgs was discovered and the top quark measurements became a World reality (CDF, D0, ATLAS and CMS) with the best precision ever observed
- New non-SM physics might be just around the corner @ the LHC
- Many top quark measurements are already dominated by systematic errors need combinations with dedicated tools

Still a long way to go @ RUN 2 (looks really promising):

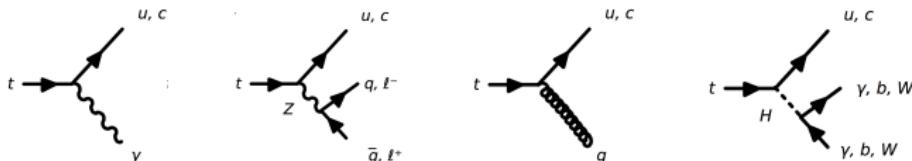
- top quark production (e.g. s-channel single top and  $V_{tb}$ )
  - couplings to gauge bosons ( $t\bar{t}V$ ,  $V = \gamma, Z, W, H$ ) form factors
  - rare decays ( $t \rightarrow Ws, Wd, \text{FCNC, new physics}$ )
- The higgs production and decay have been measured with precision still room for improvement
  - LHC Run-2 @ 13TeV will most definitely improve precision

High Precision Needed @ LHC

## Top Quark Rare Decays (FCNC)

# FCNC processes ( $tqX$ , $X = \gamma, Z, g, H$ )

- Several  $t\bar{t}$  FCNC Decay Channels Studied @ LHC:



## Theoretical predictions for the BR of FCNC top quark decays

Process	SM	QS	2HDM	FC 2HDM	MSSM	R SUSY	RS
$t \rightarrow uZ$	$8 \times 10^{-17}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	—	—	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	—
$t \rightarrow u\gamma$	$3.7 \times 10^{-16}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-9}$	—	—	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	—
$t \rightarrow ug$	$3.7 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	—	—	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	—
$t \rightarrow uH$	$2 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.5 \times 10^{-6}$	—	$10^{-5}$	$\sim 10^{-6}$	—
$t \rightarrow cZ$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^{-7}$	$\sim 10^{-10}$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-5}$
$t \rightarrow c\gamma$	$4.6 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-9}$	$\sim 10^{-6}$	$\sim 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$
$t \rightarrow cg$	$4.6 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$\sim 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^{-8}$	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	$\leq 10^{-10}$
$t \rightarrow cH$	$3 \times 10^{-15}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 10^{-5}$	$10^{-5}$	$\sim 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-4}$

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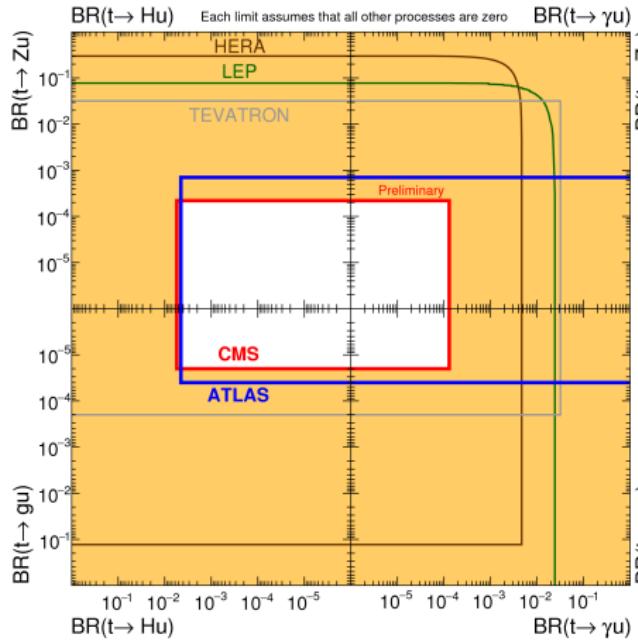
- In the SM flavour changing neutral currents (FCNC) are forbidden at tree level and **much smaller** than the dominant decay mode ( $t \rightarrow bW$ ) at one loop level
- BSM models predict **higher BR** for top FCNC decays  
 powerful probe for new physics

# FCNC processes ( $tqX$ , $X = \gamma, Z, g, H$ )

## FCNC Direct Bounds (short) Summary:



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