$t\bar{t}+ \geq 1b$ modeling studies for the $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ analysis and b-tagging upgrade studies for the ATLAS tracker

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- Introduction: LHC, ATLAS and Higgs discovery
- $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ analysis and $t\bar{t}$ modeling studies.
- B-tagging upgrade studies for the ATLAS tracker @HL-LHC.
- Summary

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27 km ring, collides two beams of protons at high center of mass energies.
- LHC Run phases: Run 1 (2010-2013) @7-8 TeV, Long Shut down (LS1) 2013-2015, Run 2 (2013-2018) @13 TeV.
- 4 main experiments: ATLAS and CMS (general purpose), ALICE (Quark Gluon Plasma), LHCb (B physics)



The ATLAS experiment



- ATLAS reconstructs physics objects (electrons, photons, jets, MET) based on a combination of subdetectors: tracker, electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters, muon spectrometer.
- ATLAS probes phenomena within the SM and beyond (SUSY, Dark matter,..)
- Within the SM sector, the main focus of ATLAS is the search for the Higgs boson and measurements of its properties.

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Higgs boson discovery

 In July 2012, ATLAS and CMS announced the Higgs boson discovery. This led to the 2013 physics Nobel prize.









19.7 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV) + 5.1 fb⁻¹ (7 TeV)

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Higgs boson discovered... Yay!!!!



\Rightarrow Well ... not quite!!!



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Higgs boson measurements



- Higgs mass \approx 125 GeV, spin (0), parity (+).
- $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, WW^{*}, ZZ^{*}, $\tau \tau$ (discovered).
- Evidence for Higgs coupling to bottom quarks and "VH" production (arXiv:1708.03299).
- Only indirect constraints on the top Yukawa coupling (ggF, H → γγ) assuming no BSM contributions to loops. A direct observation is yet evading measurement :-(!!!
- So far, all measurements are consistent with the SM.

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Part I

ttH(bb) analysis and tt modeling studies



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Top Yukawa coupling and the $\mathrm{t\bar{t}H}$ channel

- In the SM, the top Yukawa coupling (y_t) is the strongest (heaviest particle... as heavy as a Gold atom!!!).
- A sensitive probe with great potential to shed light on new physics beyond the SM.
- Targeting processes where the Higgs boson is produced in association with top quarks is the only way to observe directly this coupling \Rightarrow ttH



In the search for $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$: Strategy

- tt̃H(bb̄) channel exploits the large branching ratio of H → bb (58%) and the leptonic decays of top quarks ⇒ distinctive signature.
- Two channels based on the number of leptons in the final state: single lepton, dilepton.
- To increase sensitivity, events are further categorized based on the number of jets and how likely these are to contain a B hadron "b-tagged" ⇒ Signal -rich (-depleted) regions.
- $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ channel is overwhelmed with the $t\bar{t} + jets$ background ($t\bar{t} + \ge 1b$: irreducible background)





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In the search for $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$: Main challenge

Uncertainty source	Δ	μ
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ modelling	+0.46	-0.46
background model statistics	± 0.29	-0.31
b-tagging efficiency and mis-tag rates	+0.16	-0.16
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.14	-0.14
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	+0.22	-0.05
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ modelling	+0.09	-0.11
JVT, pileup modelling	+0.03	-0.05
Other background modelling	+0.08	-0.08
$t\bar{t} + \text{light modelling}$	+0.06	-0.03
Luminosity	+0.03	-0.02
Light lepton (e, μ) id., isolation, trigger	+0.03	-0.04
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.57	-0.54
$t\bar{t} + \ge 1b$ normalisation	+0.09	-0.10
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ normalisation	+0.02	-0.03
Intrinsic statistical uncertainty	+0.21	-0.20
Total statistical uncertainty	+0.29	-0.29
Total uncertainty	+0.64	-0.61



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Limiting factor of the analysis \Rightarrow the poor modeling of the $t\bar{t} + jets$ $(t\bar{t} + \geq 1b)$ by the available "state of the art" MC generators.

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$\mathrm{t}\bar{\mathrm{t}}$ modeling studies for $\mathrm{t}\bar{\mathrm{t}}\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{b}\bar{\mathrm{b}})$ -I

- $t\bar{t} + jets$ events are categorized based on the flavor of additional jets into : $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$, $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ and $t\bar{t} + light$.
- Large differences between $t\bar{t}$ generators were observed before due to the definition of these fractions.
- Detailed studies have been performed to investigate the definition impact (on the analysis) and have shown that the differences among tt generators are fairly stable against various definitions ⇒ crucial point for the analysis.



$t\bar{t}$ modeling studies for $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ -II

- In-depth studies of the modeling of $t\bar{t}+ \geq 1b$ related kinematics have been undergone to understand better the differences between the available predictions.
- Kinematic differences between B hadrons and b-jets from parton shower and matrix element have been closely examined.



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$\mathrm{t\bar{t}+\geq 1b}$ studies for differential measurements analysis

- A method to reconstruct the top quarks based on the final state objects needs to be developed.
- This method is essential as separating b-jets from tt and bb is crucial to measure pure kinematic distributions and be more sensitive to differences among generators.





Matching separation





Results: Evidence for $t\bar{t}H$!!!

Signal Strength:
$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{SM}}$$



- Results compatible with the SM.
- Significance w.r.t background only hypothesis: 1.4σ (exp: 1.6σ)
- Evidence for ttH(bb) when combining with other decay modes (H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I, H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$): 4.2 σ (exp: 3.8 σ)

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Part II

B-tagging upgrade studies for the ATLAS tracker (ITk) @HL-LHC

HL-LHC upgrade (I)

- High Luminosity LHC upgrade planned during LS3 (2024-2026).
- \Rightarrow Luminosity reflects how many collisions (p-p) will take place in the accelerator.



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HL-LHC upgrade (II)

Challenges:

- \Rightarrow x10 increase in integrated luminosity (4*ab*⁻¹) \rightarrow radiation damage.
- \Rightarrow Pileup increase: 25 @LHC \rightarrow 200 @HL-LHC \rightarrow better tracking needed.



 \Rightarrow ATLAS will replace the ID with the Inner Tracker (ITk) to cope with HL-LHC extreme conditions.

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ATLAS Phase II upgrade: Inner Tracker

- \Rightarrow All Silicon detector with coverage up to $|\eta| < 4$:
- \Rightarrow Strip detector: outer part, consists of 4 barrel layers and 6 End-Cap disks ($|\eta| < 2.7$).
- \Rightarrow Pixel detector: inner part, consists of 5 barrel layers.

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B-tagging in a nutshell

- Crucial tool for all analyses having b-jets in the final state e.g $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$.
- To identify b-jets, b-tagging exploits the long lifetime of B hadrons ~ 1.5 ps:
 - B hadron decay vertex displaced w.r.t the primary vertex(PV): secondary vertex (SV)
 - Massive SV (up to 5 GeV)
 - Tracks from B decays have large impact parameters (incompatible with PV) (*d*₀, *z*₀).
- These information are fed to the b-tagging algorithms (e.g IP3D) to distinguish b-jets from those originating from c quarks (c-jets) and light jets (g,u,d,s)



IPTag track categorization I

- The IP3D weight is computed based on the Log Likelihood Ratio (LLR) formalism which utilizes tracks categorization.
- Run 2 tracks categories (14) were designed such that each track is assigned a quality criterion based on its hit pattern ⇒ dependent on the ID geometry (IBL).



IPTag track categorization II



⇒ For ITk, these categories need to be redefined in a way that is consistent with the ITk geometry

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IPTag optimization for ITk I

• 3 track categorizations, consistent with ITk geometry, were defined combining tracks kinematic and hit pattern criteria.



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Example: γ separation in configuration 3



γ reflects how much multiple scattering a track undergoes.

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b-tagging performance with each configuration

• For each configuration, the b-tagging performance was checked to choose a baseline categorization.



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IPTag optimization for ITk II



• Configuration 4 is adopted as the basline for the ITk pixel studies (Technical Design report TDR).

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Gain in b-tagging performance



- ⇒ MV2 is a b-tagging discriminant based on training Boosted Decision Trees (BDT) and incorporates IP3D as input.
- ⇒ Making use of the ITk categories enhances greatly the performance: up to 100% @70% b-tagging efficiency.

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Gain in b-tagging performance w.r.t Run 2



- Adopting the new track categorization for ITk not only recovers the Run 2 b-tagging performance but also exceeds it.
- These plots are included in the ITk pixel TDR (currently in the review process).

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Summary and outlooks

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1\mathrm{b}$ modeling for the $t\bar{t}H(\mathrm{b}\bar{\mathrm{b}})$ analysis

- \Rightarrow The top Yukawa coupling is a great probe to shed light on new physics.
- \Rightarrow ttH(bb) grants direct access to observe the top Yukawa coupling.
- \Rightarrow The bottleneck of this analysis is the poor modeling of the overwhelming $t\bar{t}+jets$ $(t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$) background.
- $\Rightarrow \text{ In depth studies of the } t\bar{t}+\geq 1b \text{ process have been carried out to understand better the differences among the available MC predictions.}$
- ⇒ Providing differential measurements of $t\bar{t}$ + ≥ 1b is becoming critical to provide inputs for theorists to improve the modeling of this process.

B-tagging upgrade studies for ITk

- \Rightarrow ATLAS will replace the ID with ITk to cope with HL-LHC extreme conditions.
- ⇒ B-tagging is a crucial tool for analyses involving b-jets and it has to be optimized taking into account the new tracker geometry.
- ⇒ New track categorization has been designed and optimized in terms of b-tagging performance for IP3D. It results in even better performance w.r.t to Run 2 with ID.

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Poor modeling of $\mathrm{t}\overline{\mathrm{t}}$



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