

A 3D visualization of particle tracks in a detector, likely ATLAS. The image shows a complex network of blue and yellow lines representing particle paths, with a prominent yellow starburst in the center. The background is dark blue with various geometric shapes and lines, suggesting a detailed detector structure.

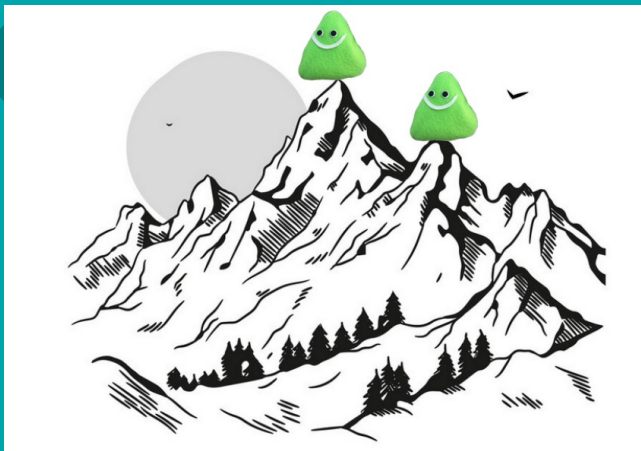
# Meeting di Gruppo ATLAS Milano



27 Novembre 2024

# THANKS TO TOMMASO

Ora puo' dedicarsi  
alla sua attivita' preferita



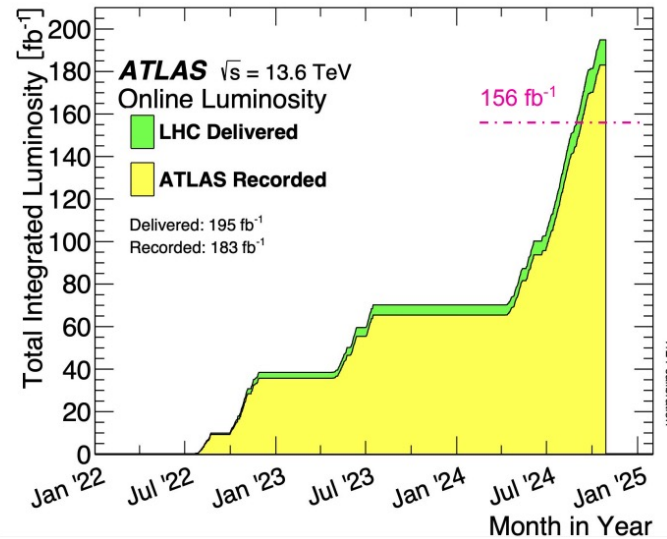
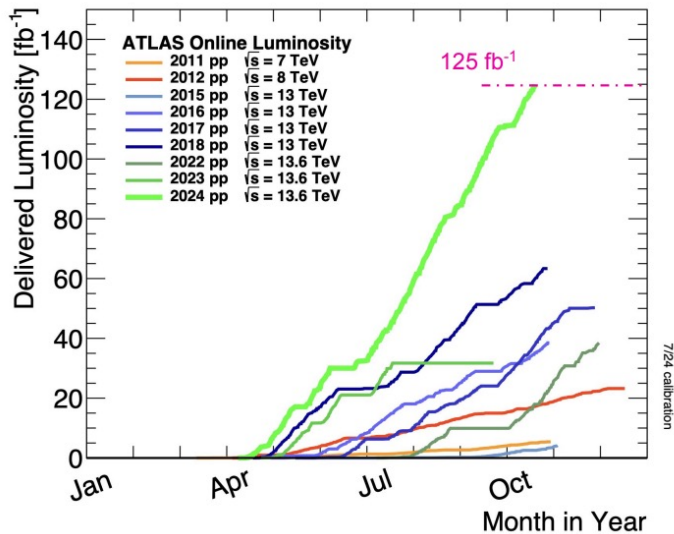
# DATA TAKING NEWS

## 13.6 TeV pp data-taking in 2024



2024 has been an extremely impressive year for pp data-taking!  
 Congratulations and a huge thank you to the LHC and injector complex for the excellent performance in 2024!!

- Exceeded predictions: **Delivered an integrated luminosity of 125 fb<sup>-1</sup>**
- Surpassed the Run-2 data-set (156 fb<sup>-1</sup>) in Run 3 (195 fb<sup>-1</sup>)



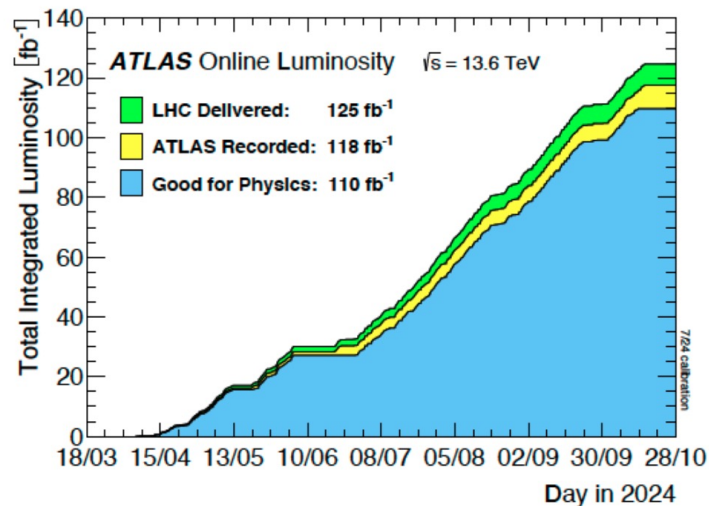
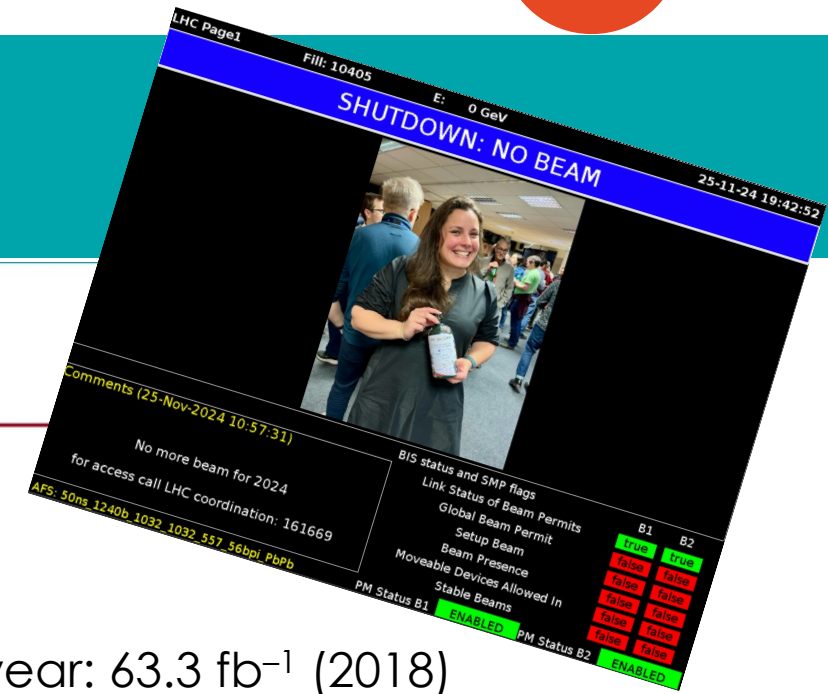
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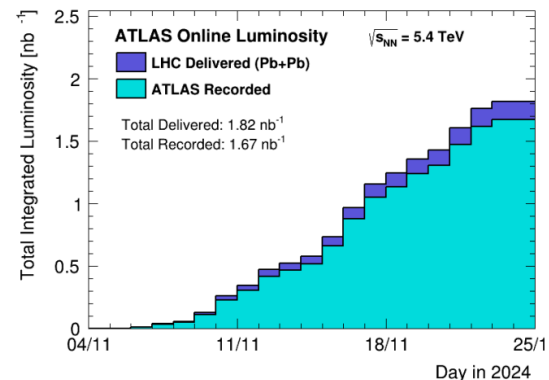
### 2024 Run completed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November

#### Good for physics:

- $L=110 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in 2024  $\Rightarrow$  Record pp L, double previous peak year:  $63.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (2018)
- $L=169 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  total Run3  $\Rightarrow$  Expected to end Run3 with  $\sim$  double integrated Lumi wrt Run2
- $L=140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  total Run2



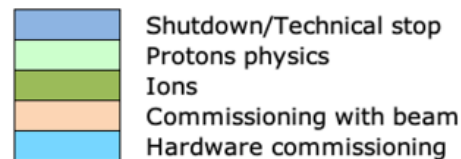
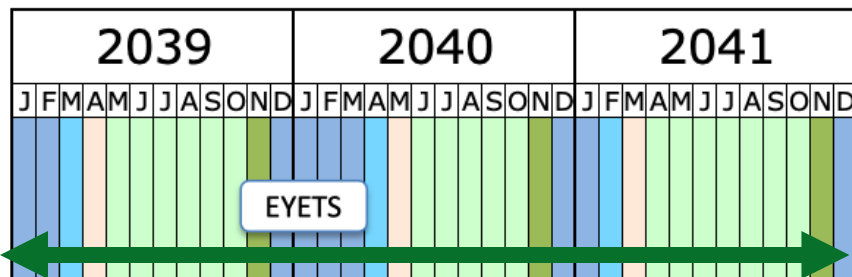
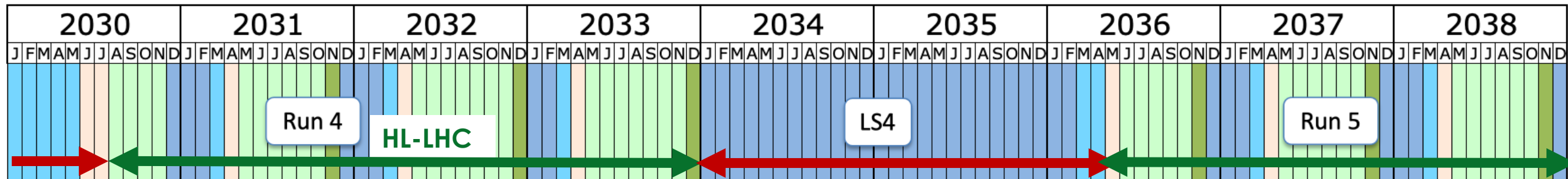
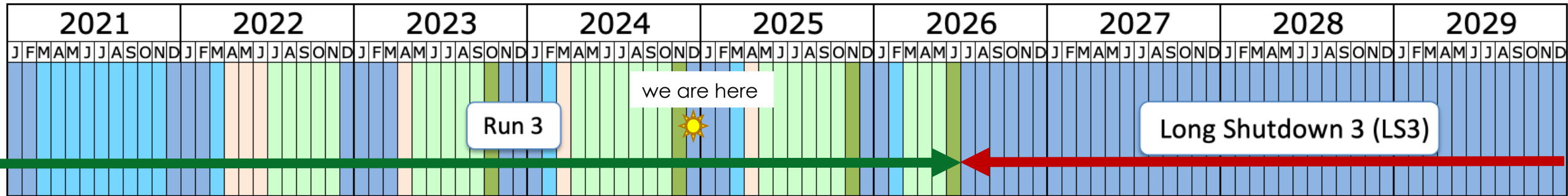
### PbPb data taking during November



#### Successful heavy ion data taking:

- Delivered  $L = 1.82 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Recorded  $L = 1.67 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- For comparison: ATLAS recorded  $1.71 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in 2023 heavy ion run

# LHC NEWS

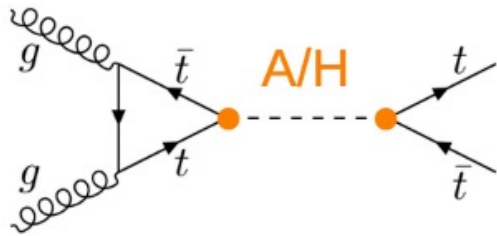


Nuova scheda prevede un anno aggiuntivo prima della fase HL\_LHC:  
 => **Run 3 esteso fino a giugno 2026**  
 => **Partenza HL-LHC: estate 2030**  
 Siamo nel YETS che durerà 19 settimane,  
**La presa dati ripartirà a maggio 2025**

# CMS EXCESS



## Search for $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$



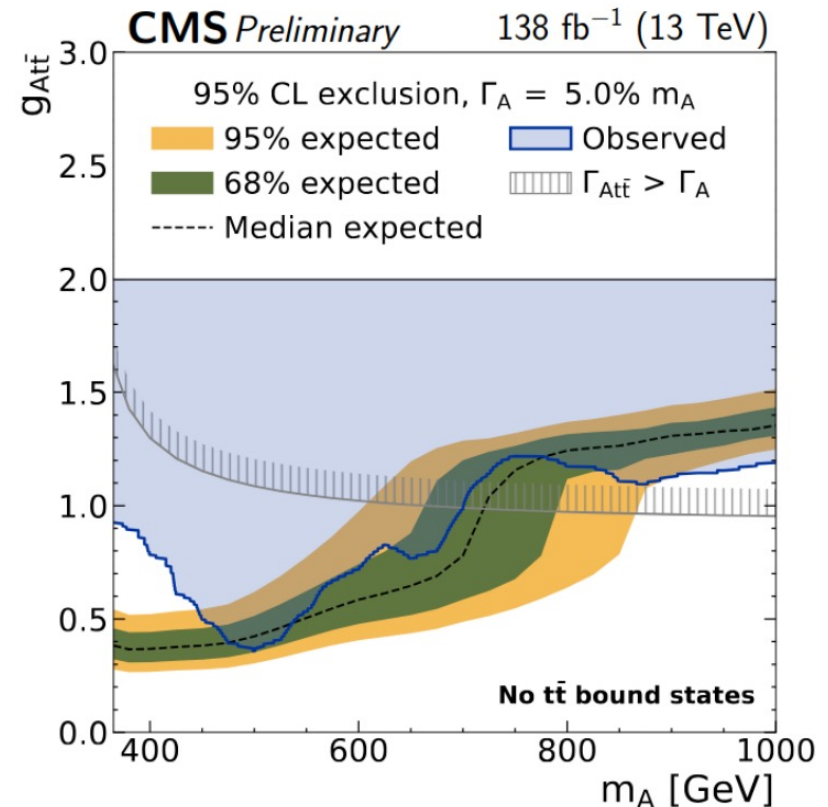
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[CMS-PAS-HIG-22-013](#)

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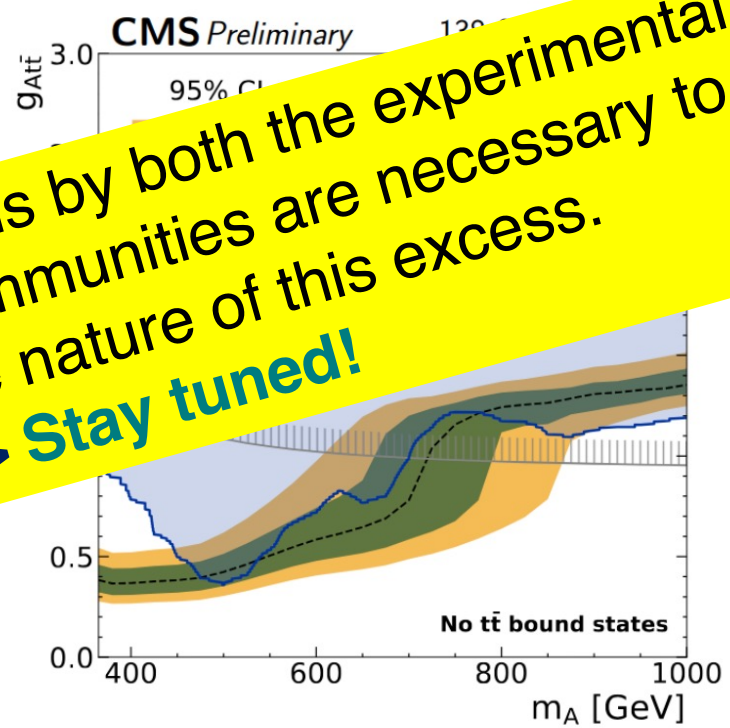
**ATLAS search** observed no significant deviation from SM expectation  $\Rightarrow$  under investigation (see [Katharina B. talk](#))

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Further investigations by both the experimental and theoretical communities are necessary to elucidate the nature of this excess.  $\Rightarrow$  **Stay tuned!**



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# ATLAS NEWS

## Our colleagues in Russia are leaving



This is the final week of Russian membership at CERN and ATLAS before the International Cooperation Agreement expires end of Nov 2024, following the decision by CERN Council in response to Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine

**We thank our Russian colleagues for more than 30 years of broad and skilled contributions to ATLAS with an unflinching collaborative spirit, including their very constructive attitude during these difficult transition years**

- **Eight teams from Russia signed the original ATLAS Letter of Intend in 1992.** They, and others joining later, contributed to the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the Inner Detector (SCT, TRT, ID-Gen), LAr and Tile Calorimeters, Muon Spectrometer, and Trigger & Data Acquisition. They also built the feet and rails system which supports the barrel toroid and allows to slide detector components, and they contributed to the magnet system and to Technical Coordination
- **Russian groups strongly contributed to the Phase-I upgrade of ATLAS:** Muon NSW, LAr digital trigger electronics, Tile scintillator upgrade, DAQ upgrade (FELIX readout and networking), and the preparation of other systems for Run 3
- **Groups from Russia also strongly engaged in the ATLAS Phase-II upgrades:** ITk (Pixel, Common), LAr, Tile, Muon, HGTD, Common fund
- **Our colleagues from Russia further made invaluable contributions to software, computing, data preparation, performance, and – of course – to our successful physics programme**



Sasha Zaitsev led the Russian groups since the beginning

TRT endcap rings at PNPI (2002)



LAr endcap presampler installation (2005)



# ATLAS NEWS

- At the end of February 2025, **Andreas Hoecker** will end his mandate as ATLAS Spokesperson.
- We propose to make a book for Andreas with greeting cards from all 185 Institutions with your messages and signatures, in the spirit of the ones made for Peter Jenni (2009), Fabiola Gianotti (2013), Dave Charlton (2017), and Karl Jakobs (2021).
- The idea is that you can, for example, write a message on behalf of your team, insert pictures, add the signatures of your team members, etc. Please feel free to personalise the page to your pleasure, including hand-written and scanned messages and/or drawings.
- **Please return the Powerpoint file to Martine Desnyder-Ivesdal by email, by Wednesday 18 December at the latest.**



**Ci sono volontari?**

# LOCAL NEWS

- Discussione tesi dottorato di **Elena**: 19 dicembre alle 14.30 🙌🙌
  - Commissione: Fabio Cerutti, Pamela Ferrari e Mauro Donega'
  - Previsto pranzo con commissione a cui tutti sono invitati
- **Alessandro** ha vinto il simelfellow (inizia il 1 marzo 2025) 🥳🥳
- Rinnovato assegno per **Anna** che ha anche completato la sua qualifica per diventare ATLAS author 💪💪
- In questi giorni **Sonia e Antonio** sono impegnati nei colloqui per assegni di ricerca 🙌🙌

# GRANTS/BORSE/CONCORSI

- **“ATLAS Software Development Grants”**
  - deadline for application: **Friday 6 December 2024**
  - Around five candidates will be selected to spend about six months at CERN for training and work on priority software projects.
  - All applicants should hold a valid contract at an ATLAS institute for at least one year from March 2025. Graduate students may exceptionally be considered.
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/pub/AtlasProtected/OfflineActivityCoordinationBoard/Software-Development-Grant-Proposals-2025.pdf>
- **Borse CSN1 in laboratori stranieri** (CERN, DESY, FNAL....) da sfruttarsi da Maggio 2025
  - laureandi/laureati triennali (magistrali) - borse di 1 mese (3 mesi)
  - Raccolti i programmi di ricerca: **Leonardo e Ruggero** hanno sottomesso 2 argomenti.
  - Bando a Gennaio
- **Bando Concorso da Ricercatore INFN (terzo livello):**
  - deliberato nel Direttivo di Ottobre, bando uscirà a Dicembre.
  - Suddivisione: 40 posti «sperimentali», 10 posti «teorici»
  - Sedi di lavoro a scelta del candidato

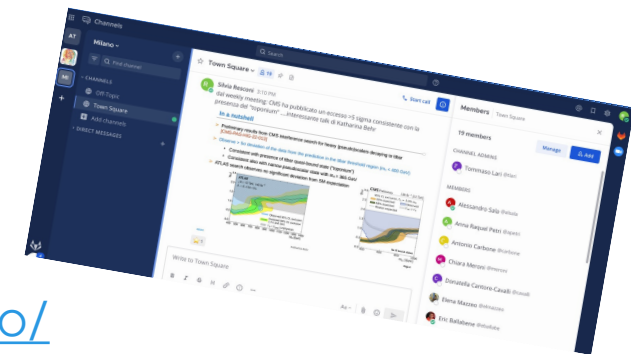
# MEETINGS/TOOLS/WEB PAGE

- **Meeting di Gruppo:**

- Slot per meeting di Gruppo: **Mercoledì' mattina alle 11:00**
- Meeting aperti a tutto il Gruppo ATLAS (invitati tutti gli "active members" )
- Meeting ristretti (staff + TD + post-doc)
- Frequenza: ogni 2,3 settimane e aperto/ristretto a seconda delle esigenze.

- **Uso di Mattermost** per scambio rapido di news/vignette:

- Attualmente 19 members
- Scaricare la app e collegarsi al Mattermost server URL:  
<https://mattermost.web.cern.ch/>
- Oppure interfaccia web: <https://mattermost.web.cern.ch/atlas-milano/>



- **pag web del gruppo ATLAS Milano** sul sito [mi.infn.it](http://mi.infn.it) e' vuota

- Contattato A. Baldini + S. Rognoni per implementazione, sulla falsariga del sito unimi.
- Aggiungere info su disponibilita' di tesi (?)

## EVENTI



- **Pontremoli and Occhialini's scientific legacy** (12 Novembre):  
<https://www.sif.it/corsi/pontremoli-occhialini-2024> (link ai talk)
- **Pixel Week** in Milano (9-12 Dicembre):  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1442035/>
- **End of the year physics workshop**, CERN (11-13 Dicembre):  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1475731/>
- **Workshop dell' INFN dedicato alla presentazione ed alla discussione dell' Input alla prossima European Strategy for Particle Physics**, presso l' Università di Milano Bicocca, 4 Febbraio 2025 (agenda tbd)
- **Prossimo meeting di Gruppo (natalizio)**: il 18 dicembre



# BACK-UP

# ATLAS NEWS

## Publications & Physics results



Publication status in 2024: 113 papers released so far

- In total: 385 on full Run-2 and 13 papers on Run-3 data-set

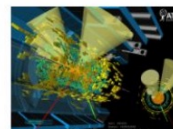
Since the last LHCC meeting in September, quite some new

[ATLAS results](#)

- 16 papers
- 4 conference notes and 3 public notes
- 5 new [physics briefings](#)

<https://atlas.cern/Updates/Briefing>

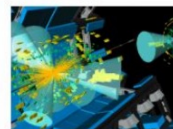
### Briefings



#### ATLAS observes top quarks in lead-lead collisions

The ATLAS Collaboration at CERN has observed top-quark pair production in lead-lead ion collisions, marking the first observation of this process in nucleus-nucleus interactions.

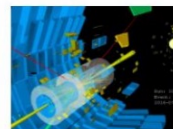
Physics Briefing | 12 November 2024



#### Why stop at two? ATLAS hunts for the production of three Higgs bosons

At this week's Higgs2024 conference, the ATLAS Collaboration unveiled the first LHC search for tri-Higgs production – a process over 60,000 times rarer than the production of a single Higgs boson.

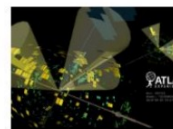
Physics Briefing | 8 November 2024



#### Cracking open the Higgs shell

ATLAS researchers are using innovative new techniques in their analysis of off-shell Higgs-boson production.

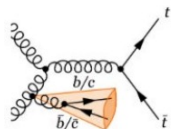
Physics Briefing | 6 November 2024



#### Advancements in particle tagging accelerate the search for new particles

The ATLAS Collaboration has released three major searches for new-physics phenomena, all utilising new advancements in particle tagging.

Physics Briefing | 5 November 2024



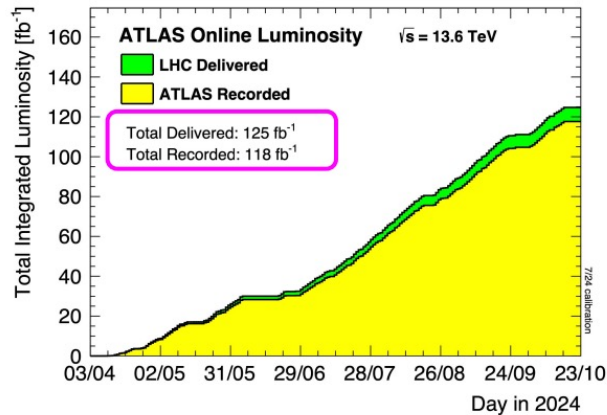
#### Decoding top quarks: Precision in heavy-flavour partner production

Two new studies from the ATLAS Collaboration explore how top-quark pairs are produced alongside heavy-flavour quarks, like bottom and charm.

Physics Briefing | 26 September 2024

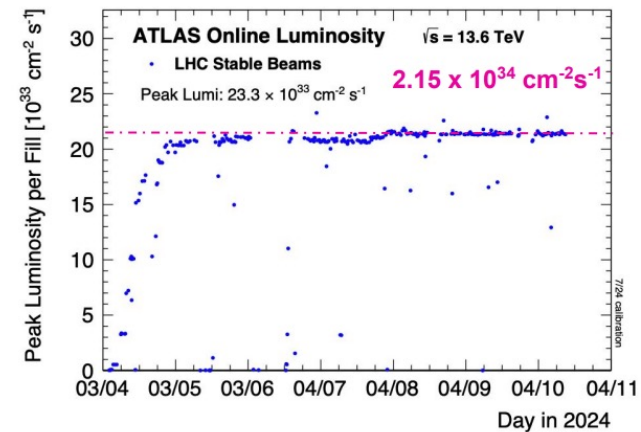
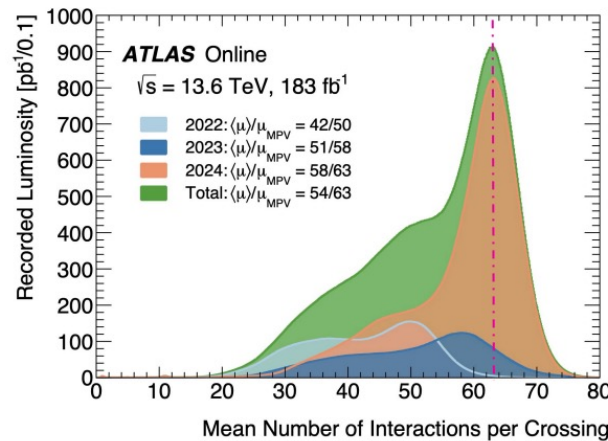
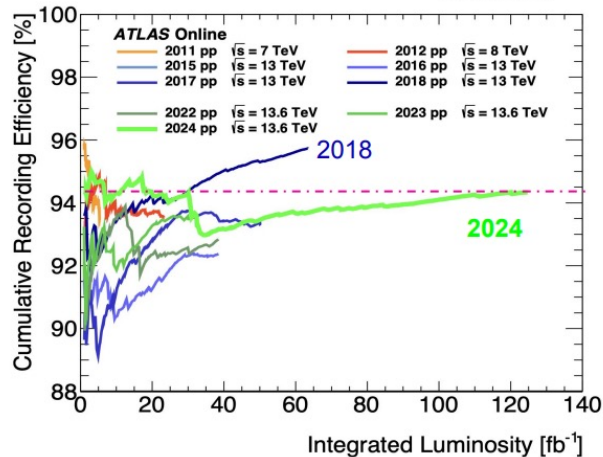
# ATLAS NEWS

## ATLAS operation performance in 2024



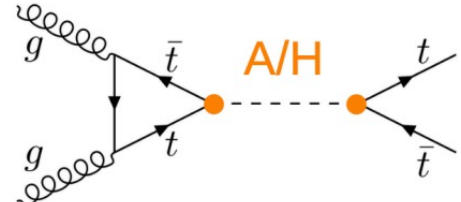
### Data-taking efficiency of **94.3%**, on the rise throughout 2024 (and Run 3)

- 2nd best data-taking year so far (at higher pileup / luminosity with levelling)
- Levelled at **pileup of 64** and **luminosity of  $2.15 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$**
- Thanks to:
  - Phase-I upgrades
  - Experience and expertise gained in operating our detector
  - Addressing also the smaller inefficiencies causing data loss



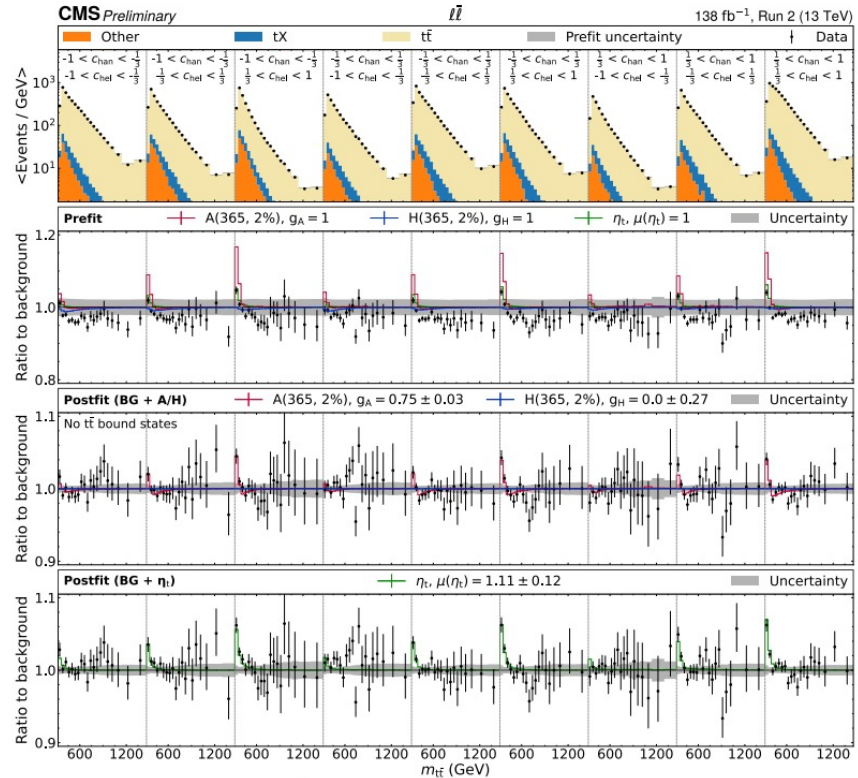
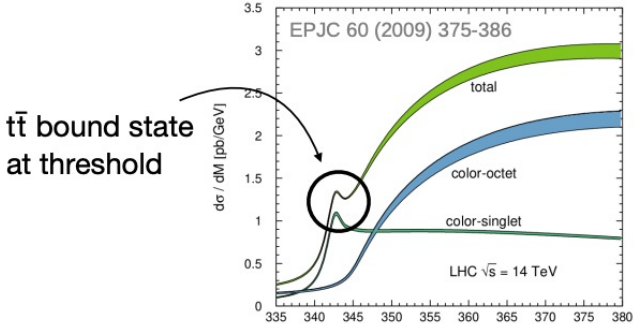


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Spin correlation observables used to distinguish between  $0^+$  and  $0^-$  hypotheses

Test A, H, and  $\eta_t$  (pseudoscalar  $t\bar{t}$  bound state) hypotheses

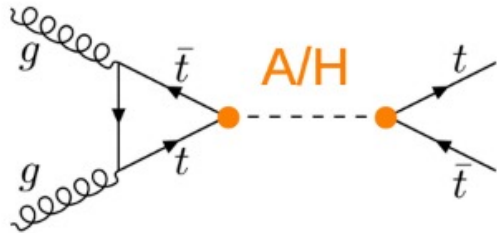


**Excess observed in  $t\bar{t}$  threshold region**  
 significance  $> 5\sigma$   
 pseudoscalar hypothesis favoured,  $\sigma_{\eta_t} = 7.1$  pb, 11% uncertainty



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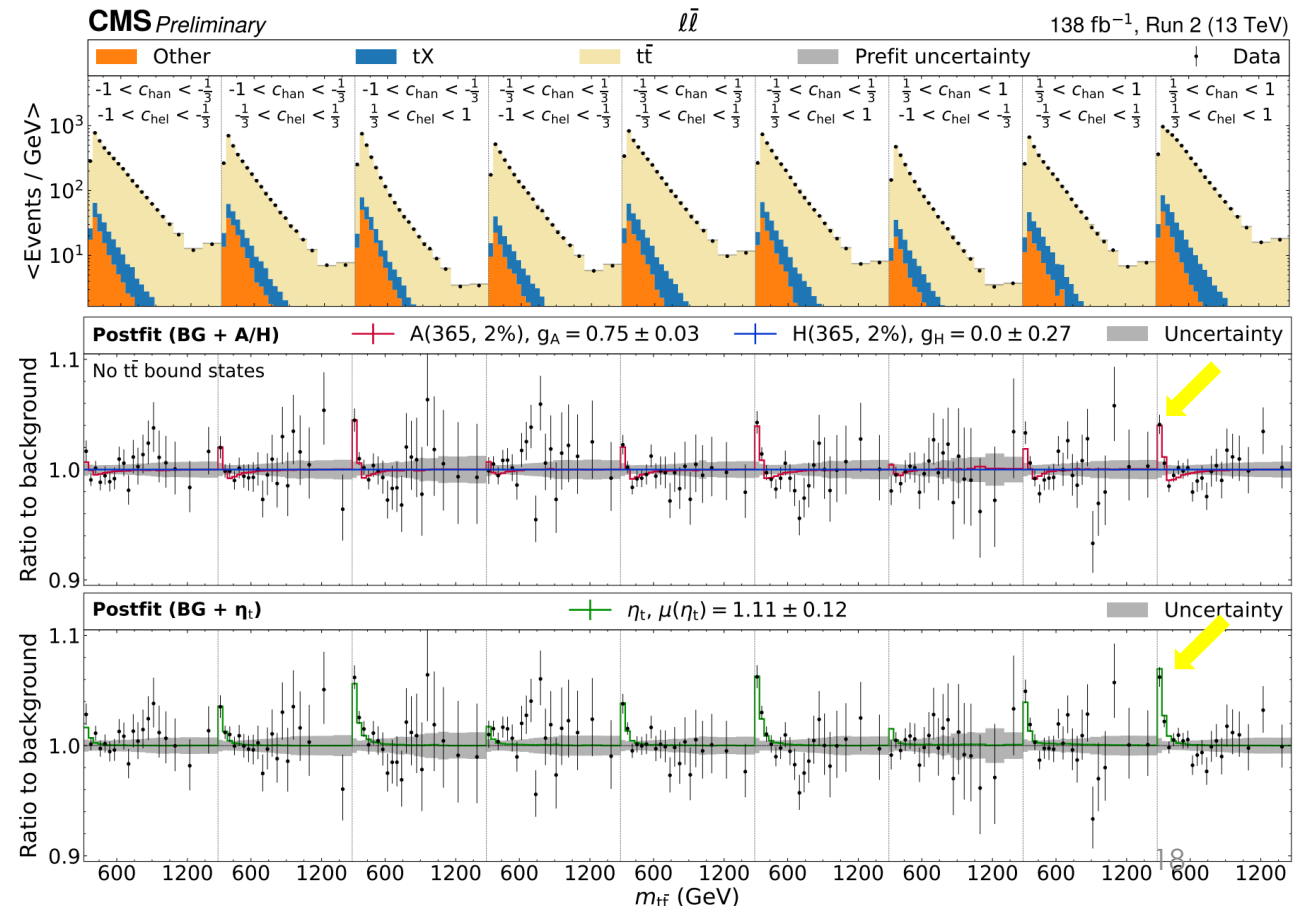
Signal tested: A, H, and  $\eta_t$  (pseudoscalar  $t\bar{t}$  bound state, "toponium")

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Consistent also with narrow pseudoscalar state with  $m(A) = 365$  GeV

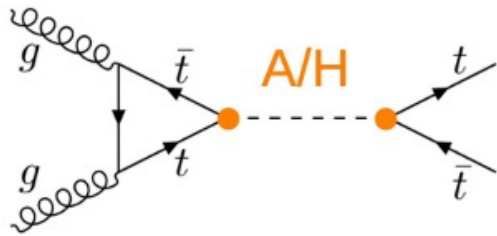
Split 1L and 2L regions into bins of angular variables sensitive to spin state of the  $t\bar{t}$  system



# CMS EXCESS



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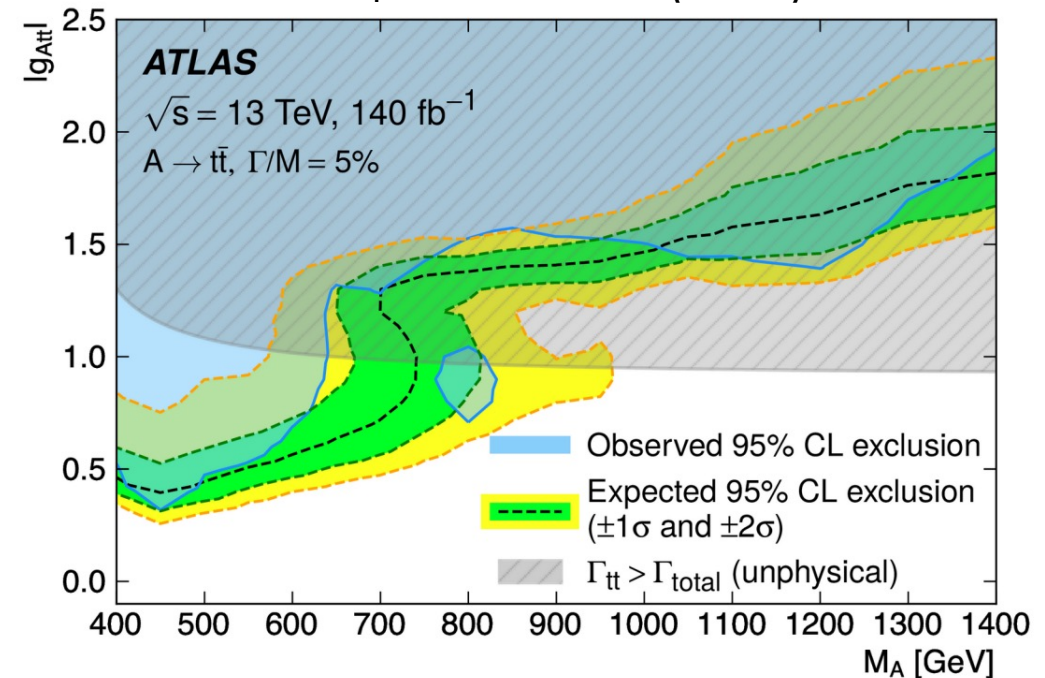
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ATLAS Paper: JHEP 08 (2024) 013



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