

## Search for associated production of a Higgs boson with a single top quark at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

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An analysis is presented concerning the search for the associated production of a Higgs boson with a single top quark (tH), a process highly sensitive to the complex phase of the top-quark Yukawa coupling. The analysis uses the full  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of ATLAS data at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, targeting  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ,  $WW$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $\tau\tau$  decays. Advanced multivariate analysis techniques were employed to achieve optimal sensitivity and to separate the tiny tH signal from the large background. The measured signal strength is  $\mu_{tH} = 8.1 \pm 2.6$  (stat.)  $\pm 2.0$  (syst.). The observed (expected) significance of the tH signal over the background-only hypothesis is  $2.8\sigma$  ( $0.4\sigma$ ). The observed (expected) upper limit on the tH production cross-section is 13.9 (6.1) times the SM prediction at the 95% confidence level. Interpretations for both Standard Model and inverted top-quark Yukawa coupling scenarios also are presented.

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