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Hadronic flavor violation in $pp \rightarrow t \bar{t} \phi^0 + X$ and $pp \rightarrow t \bar{t} \phi^0 + X$ channels at the LHC¹ RISHABH JAIN, BRENT MCCOY, CHUNG KAO, JACKSON SLOAN, Univ of Oklahoma — We present a study of flavor changing neutral Higgs interaction in $pp \rightarrow t \phi^0 + X$ and $pp \rightarrow t \bar{t} \rightarrow b j j c \phi^0 + X$, where $\phi^0 = h^0$ or H^0 , at the Large Hadron Collider(LHC). We choose a general two Higgs doublet model (2HDM) to study the g_{htc} couplings with particular emphasis on the $\phi^0 \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ decay channel. With high top production cross section at the LHC, we expect these low background channels to provide a clean signature of flavor changing neutral current among up-type quarks in the Higgs sector and conduct detector simulations to study the visibility and significance of our signal for several values of Higgs masses and the g_{htc} couplings at the LHC. We include standard model (SM) physics background with realistic acceptance cuts at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV and 14 TeV.

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