

Search for $H^+ \rightarrow W^+A$ with $A \rightarrow \mu\mu$

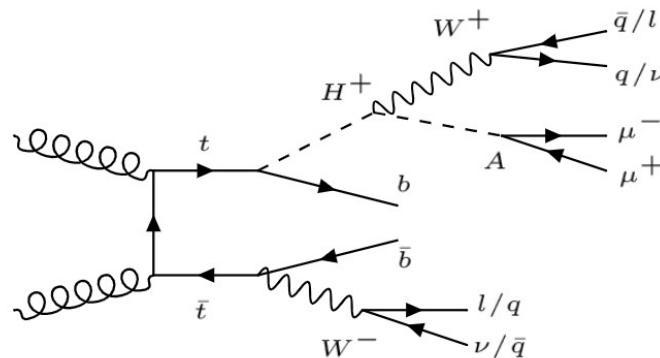


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Introduction

- Search for a light charged Higgs decaying to a CP-odd scalar (A) and a W boson
- Motivation: Extension of Higgs sector can offer solutions to outstanding problem in the Standard Model
 - Light CP-odd scalar **can account** for the anomalous muon magnetic moment, relevant in light of recent $g-2$ result
 - Bosonic decays of H^+ have been **neglected** in most current searches. These modes, when kinematically allowed, can **dominate** fermionic channels in BSM scenarios
 - ATLAS has not published on this decay in the past; the **CMS** result with 36 fb^{-1} is the only public result at LHC
- Semi-leptonic decays (i.e. $WW \rightarrow e\nu jj$) targeted: $e^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$ final states
 - Simpler combinatorics compared to $\mu\mu\mu$ mode
- Using full-Run 2 dataset, 139 fb^{-1}
- Target mass ranges as follows:
 - H^+ : 100–160 GeV
 - A : 15-75 GeV

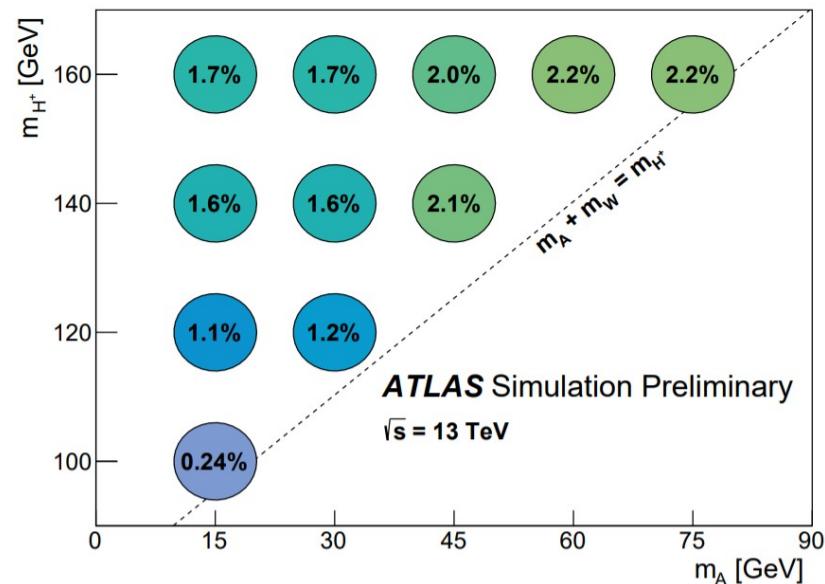


Signal

- Target signature is scalar decaying to muons, we thus look for signal in opposite-sign (OS) dimuon spectrum
- Signal Selection for 'Inclusive' SR:

	Event selection	
Trigger	single muon	di-muon
Muons	$p_T^{\text{leading}} > 27 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\text{subleading}} > 5 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^{\text{leading}} > 15 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\text{subleading}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$
	exactly 2, opposite sign $12 < m_{\mu\mu} [\text{GeV}] < 77$ $p_T(\mu_2^{SS})/p_T(\mu_1^{OS}) > 0.2$	
Electrons	exactly 1, $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$	
Jets	$\geq 3, p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $\geq 1 \text{ } b\text{-tagged jet}$	

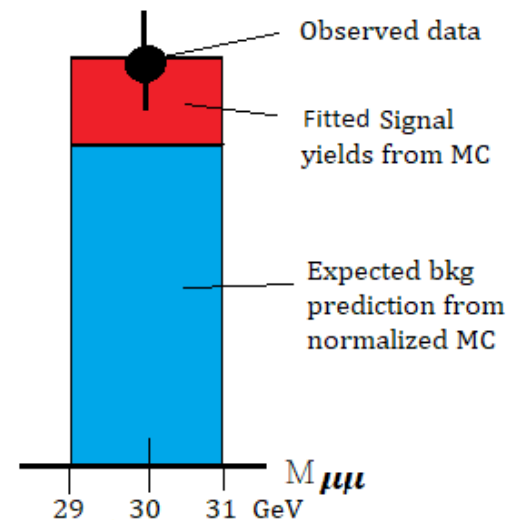
- Simulated 2D Mass Grid for signal samples



Simulated mass points and corresponding signal efficiencies in the inscribed circles

Design Overview

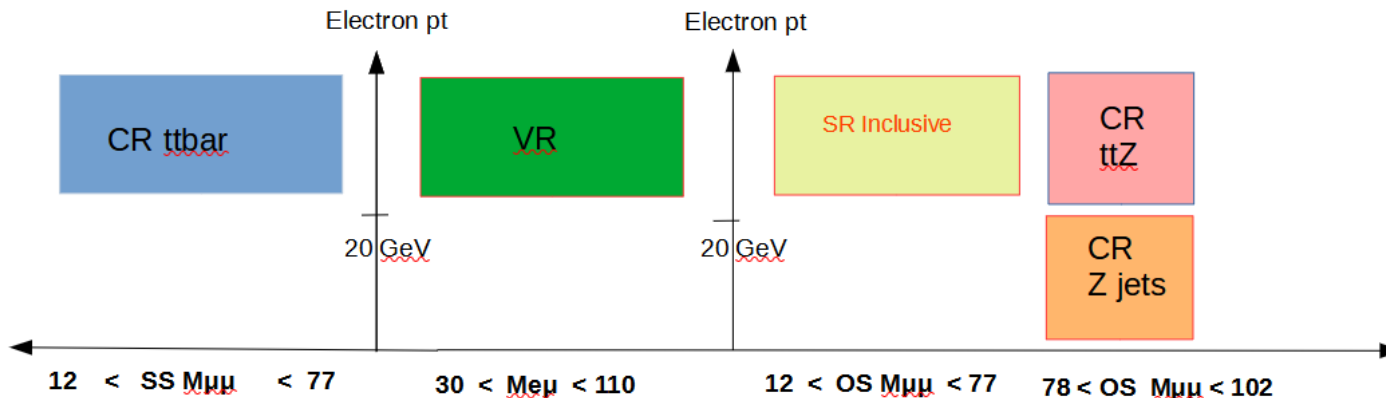
- Search strategy: split 65 GeV wide $M_{\mu\mu}$ spectrum into small windows and do counting experiments in each window
 - Single-bin likelihood fit done for each mass window i.e. cut-and-count approach
 - Window size chosen such that S/B is maximized for each mass hypothesis
- Background estimation: MC constrained with data in Control Regions
 - Free floating parameters for major backgrounds are determined in a likelihood fit to the yields
 - Systematic uncertainties implemented as nuisance parameters in the fit
- Statistical Package: Histfitter



Backgrounds: Control and Validation Regions

- Background distribution in SR:
 - Dominated by $t\bar{t}$ with one non-prompt lepton (80%), $t\bar{t}Z$ (6%), Z +jets (6%)
- CR $t\bar{t}$: same-sign muon region, to constrain the primary background. Enriched in muon fakes.
- CRZ and CR $t\bar{t}Z$: using the Z-peak in side-bands of SR to constrain Zjets & $t\bar{t}Z$. CRZ is enriched in electron fakes.
- VR: designed to be signal-poor with a mixture of SS and OS dimuon events. Used to check if normalization from SS region can be used in OS region.

	Shared Cuts				
muons	Exactly 2 $p_T^{\text{leading}} > 27 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\text{subleading}} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ (single-mu trig) $p_T^{\text{leading}} > 15 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\text{subleading}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ (dimuon trig) $p_T(\mu^{SS})/p_T(\mu^{OS}) > 0.2$				
electrons	Exactly 1				
jets	At least three, $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, of which at least one is b-tagged jet				
	CRZ	CR $t\bar{t}Z$	CR $t\bar{t}$	SRIncl	VR
$M_{\mu\mu}$ [GeV]	[78,102]	[78,102]	[12,77]	[12,77]	No $M_{\mu\mu}$ cut
Electron p_T [GeV]	< 20	> 20			
dimuon charge	OS		SS	OS	No charge cut
$M_{e\mu}$ [GeV]	No $M_{e\mu_1}$ cut				$30 < M_{e\mu_1} < 110$



Background Model and Fit

- Background Model: using a semi-data driven approach where the MC is used as a base template for the backgrounds and the yield is normalized to the data in control regions using a maximum likelihood fit
- Fitting strategy:
 - **CR-only Fit ('Background-only')** : 3 free-floating parameters (μ_{ttZ} , μ_{zjets} , μ_{ttbar}) used for normalization of background yields to data. A single-bin likelihood fit is done simultaneously in 3 CRs. This configuration is used to test background modeling and get predictions in SR.
 - **Signal + Background Fit (Exclusion Fit)** : A simultaneous fit in 3 CRs + 1 SR window. Additional parameter μ_{signal} for the signal strength. Hypothesis testing done and limits extracted using CLs approach.
 - Hypothesis tests done for $M_A = [15,16,17,18.....45,47,49...71,73,75]$ GeV (45 in total)
 - Optimized $M_{\mu\mu}$ SR windows to maximize signal-to-background for each mass
 - 15 – 30 GeV : 1.5 GeV
 - 31 – 45 GeV : 2 GeV
 - 46 – 60 GeV: 3 GeV
 - 61 – 75 GeV : 4 GeV



Results with CR-only Fit

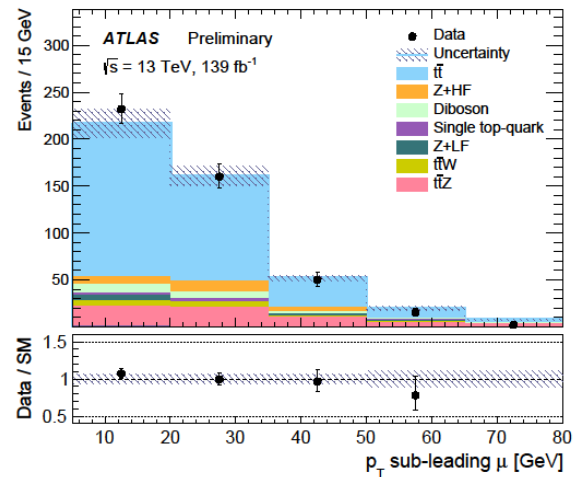
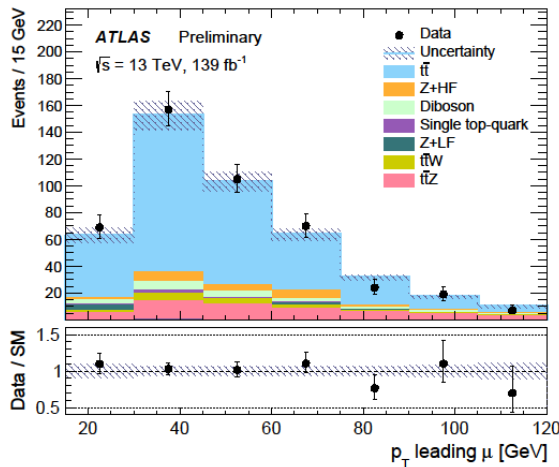
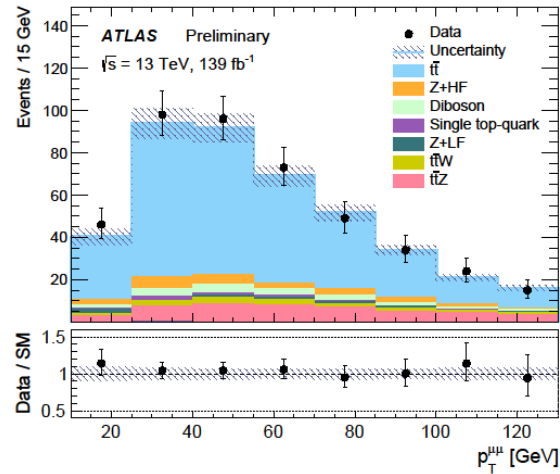
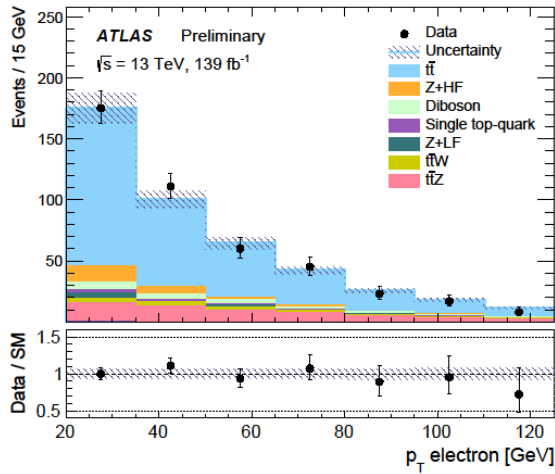
Post-Fit Yields

- Post-fit yields in various kinematic regions are shown with stat + sys errors
- CRZ, CR $t\bar{t}$ & CR $t\bar{t}Z$ agree by construction
- Encouraging to see good agreement in the VR and SRInclusive
 - shows normalization and fitting procedure is sound

Regions		CRZ	CR $t\bar{t}$	CR $t\bar{t}Z$	VR	SRInclusive
Observed events		803	190	635	529	465
	Total	803 ±28	190 ±14	635 ±25	541 ±43	470 ±37
Fitted background events	$t\bar{t}$	136 ±21	170 ±14	97 ±19	388 ±46	320 ±39
	Z+HF	491 ±49	0.72 ± 0.16	43 ± 8	18 ± 6	29 ± 6
	Z+LF	84 ±29	0.41 ± 0.14	12 ± 4	2.82 ± 0.98	13 ± 4
	$t\bar{t}Z$	52 ±14	6.40 ± 1.64	327 ±83	76 ±19	64 ±16
	diboson	34 ±17	0.58 ± 0.29	147 ±73	32 ±16	22 ±11
	W+jets	0.01 ± 0.01	0.40 ± 0.39	0 ± 0	0.08 ± 0.07	0.49 ± 0.48
	single top	4.13 ± 0.29	4.38 ± 0.23	2.39 ± 0.12	9.00 ± 0.46	6.17 ± 0.33
	$t\bar{t}W$	1.06 ± 0.15	7.43 ± 0.97	6.42 ± 0.83	14 ± 2	16 ± 2

- Normalization parameters consistent with other analyses:
 - $\mu_{t\bar{t}}$ = 1.04 +/- 0.10
 - μ_Z = 1.03 +/- 0.21
 - $\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$ = 1.61 +/- 0.41
 (compatible with 1.19 +/- 0.12 from the $t\bar{t}Z$ measurement [paper](#))

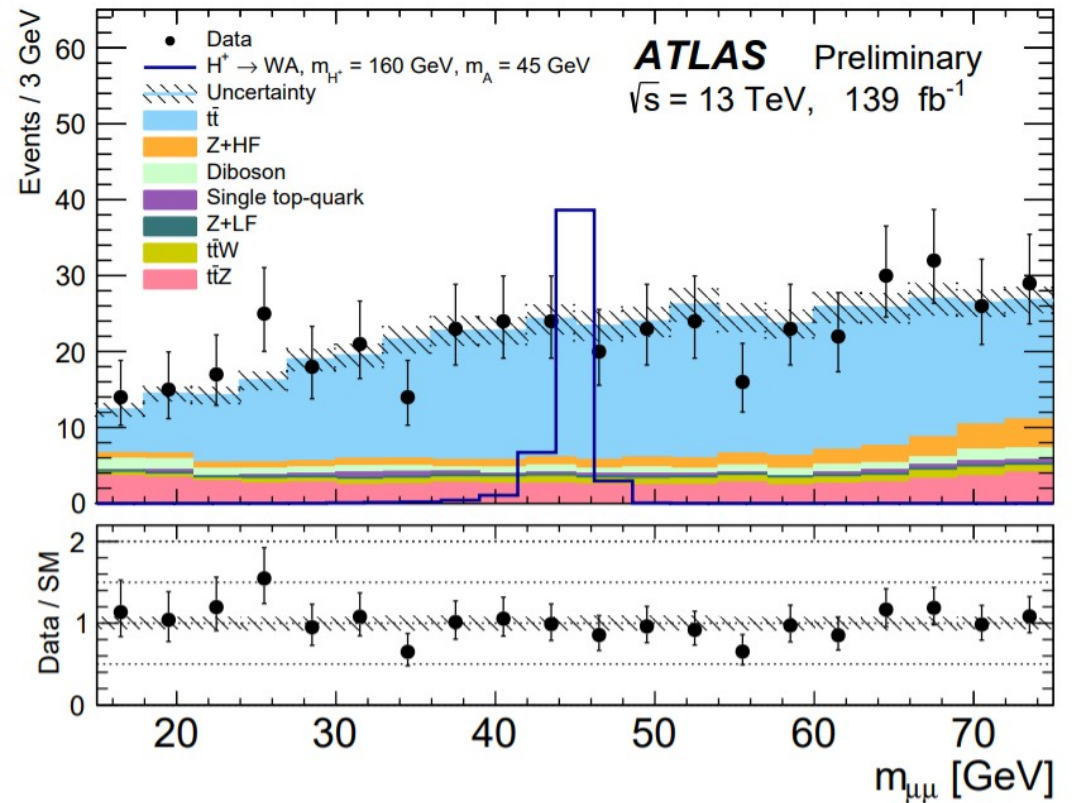
Bkg validation: Post-Fit Data/MC in SRInclusive



- Good data/MC agreement seen in all lepton kinematics in the SR
- Demonstrates that normalization from CR \rightarrow SR and fitting procedure is reliable

$\mu\mu$ mass spectrum

- Observing smooth distribution, no significant excess
 - Small dips 35, 45 and 55 GeV
 - Small bumps 24, 42, 65 GeV
- Signal overlaid on background for demonstration, not used in this fit

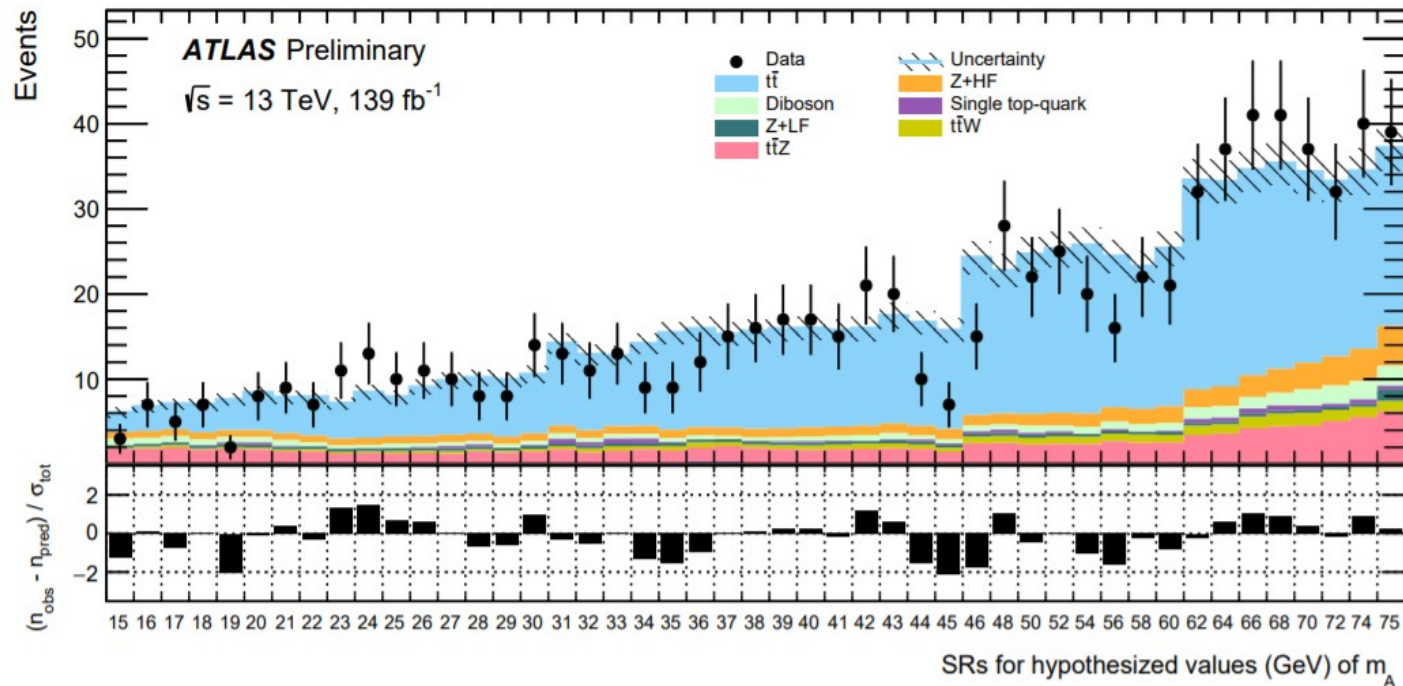


Assumptions on signal:

$$\sigma = 832 \text{ pb}, B(t \rightarrow bH^+, H^+ \rightarrow WA, A \rightarrow \mu\mu) = 9e-6$$

Data in SR windows

- Observed Vs expected events counts in individual SR regions after application of di-muon mass cuts to inclusive SR
- Steps at 30, 45, 60 GeV due to change in width of mass window



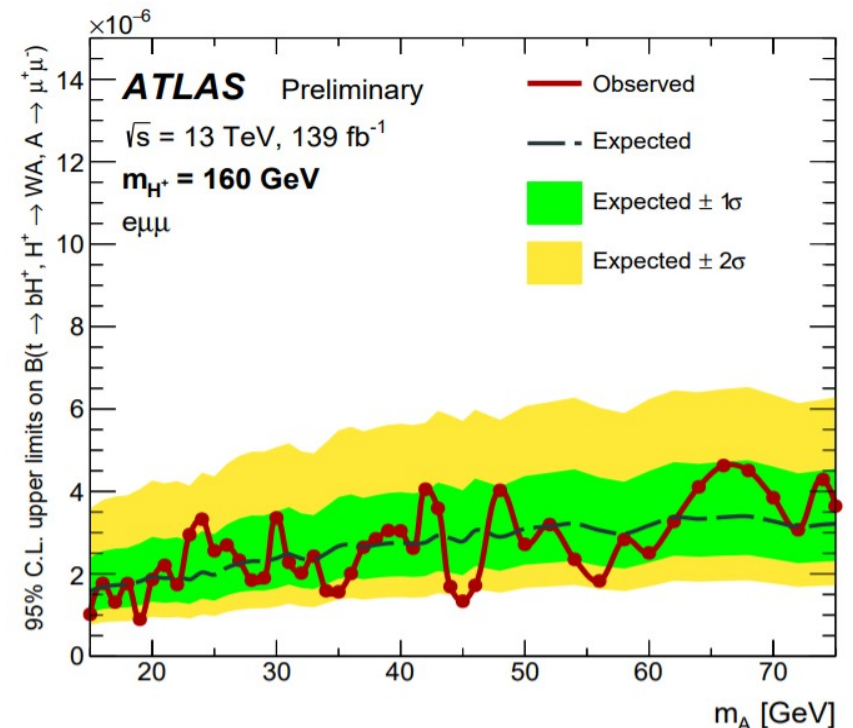


Results with Signal + Background Fit (Exclusion Fit)

Observed limits

- S + B fit : simultaneous single-bin fit in 3 CRs + 1 SR window. Limits set on $B(t \rightarrow bH^+, H^+ \rightarrow WA, A \rightarrow \mu\mu)$
- Hypothesis tests done:
 - in 1 GeV steps for $M_{\mu\mu} < 45$ GeV
 - in 2 GeV steps for $M_{\mu\mu} > 45$ GeV
- Optimized $M_{\mu\mu}$ SR windows to maximize signal-to-background for each mass-point
 - 15 – 30 GeV: 1.5 GeV
 - 31 – 45 GeV: 2 GeV
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- Small peaks/dips match mass plot
- Most significant p-value is at $m_A = 24$ GeV of 0.10 with significance of 1.24σ

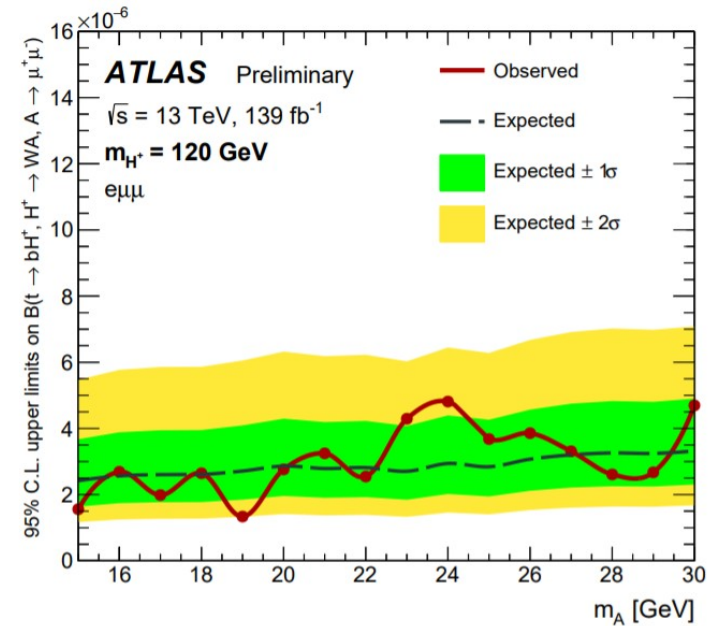
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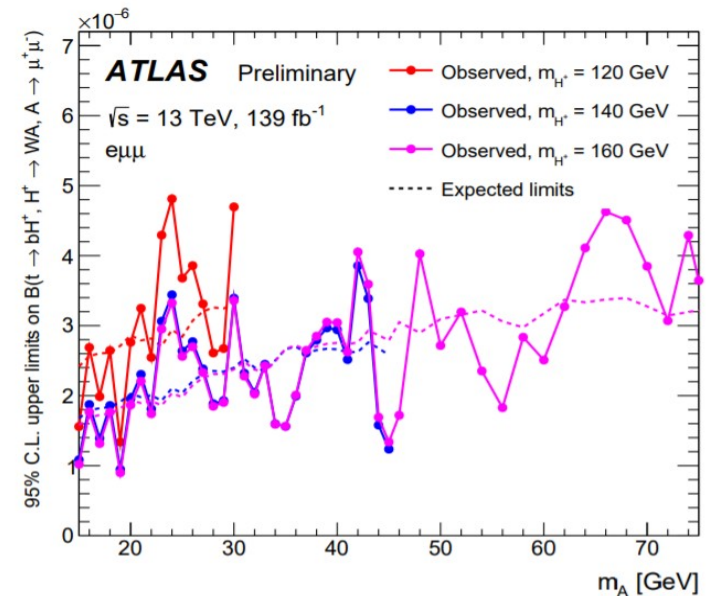
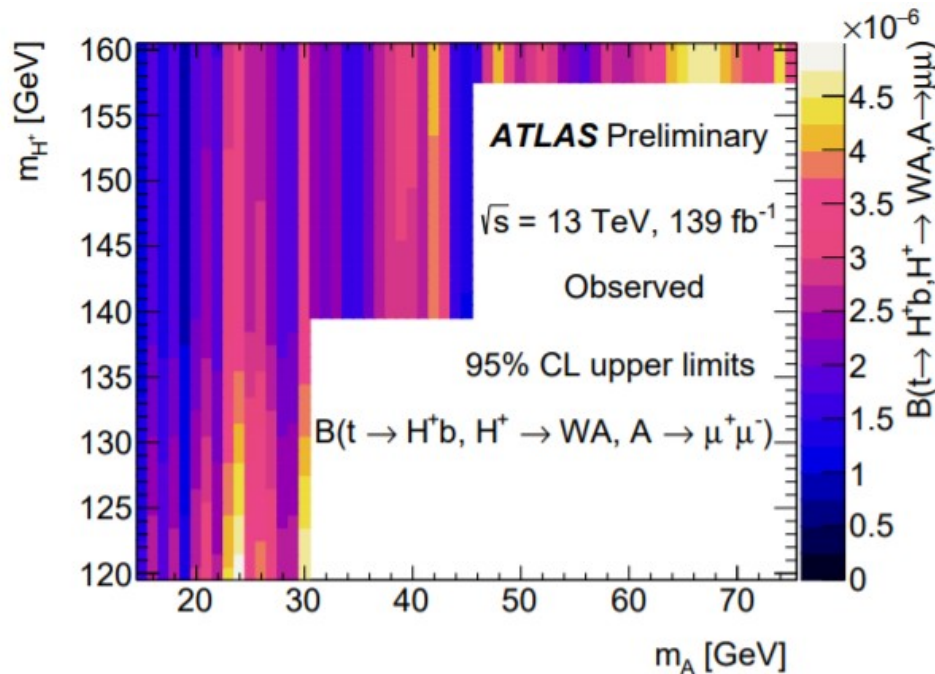
No significant excess observed

Observed limits

- 2D limits generated by linearly interpolating between the 1D limits from the tested H^+ mass points in 1 GeV steps

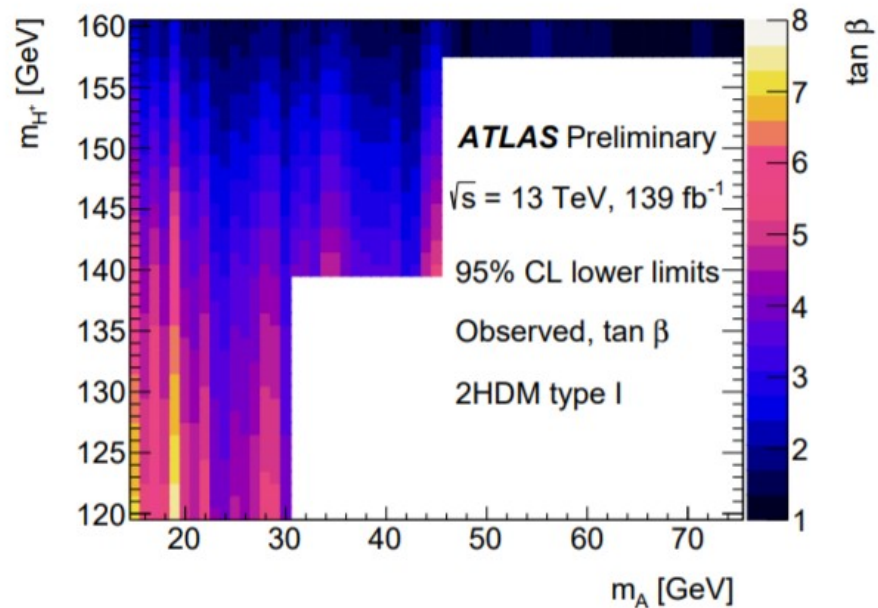
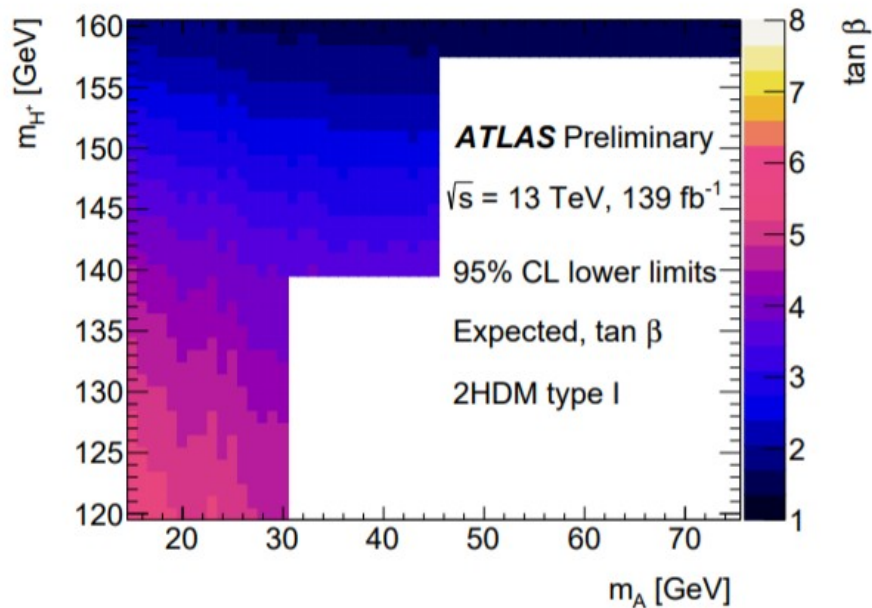


Limits for $H^+ = 120 \text{ GeV}$



2 Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM) Interpretation

- We re-interpret branching ratio results as lower limits on $\tan \beta$ in 2HDM Type I (reminder: $\tan \beta$ is ratio of the VEVs in 2 Higgs Doublet Fields)
- Values of $\tan \beta$ from 0.5 to 10 are tested, lower limits range from 1.1 to 7.7
- Interpolation done in 1 GeV steps, same method as before
- **2HDMC** calculates all the branching ratios needed:
 - Given 2HDM type, m_h , m_H , m_A , m_{H^+} , m_{12}^{sq} , $\tan \beta$, $\sin(\beta-\alpha)$, λ_6 and λ
 - 3 scenarios defined in [1312.5571](#); we represent limits for type I scenario using $m_H = 300$ GeV and $m_{12}^{\text{sq}} = 25600$ GeV



Summary

- We present the first search in ATLAS for $H^+ \rightarrow WA$ with $15 < M_{\mu\mu} < 75$ GeV
- No significant deviation from Standard Model expectation is observed. Data shows excellent agreement with SM predictions.
- The most stringent exclusion limits on $B(t \rightarrow bH^+, H^+ \rightarrow WA, A \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ are placed by exploiting Run 2 dataset
- First lower limits on $\tan \beta$ in the (m_{H^+}, m_A) parameter space are set
- [Public page](#) for results to be live soon



Backup

Systematic Uncertainties

- All major systematic sources have been added to the fit
- Background MC:
 - Experimental: JET, JES, b-tagging, flavour tagging, pileup, muons, electrons
 - Theory: ttbar generator, shower and radiations systematics
- Signal MC:
 - Experimental: same as background
 - Cross-section uncertainties applied using Top recommendations
 - Custom systematic: Interpolation error for Splines

Systematics Breakdown in SR

- Breakdown of systematics in representative SR bins, post-fit
- Average systematic across bins is ~ 20%
- Main source of error on bkg yields are from:
 - Uncertainty on normalization parameters
 - MC stat error
 - ttbar theory systematics
- Reduced systematics shown for brevity, see Note for full list

Uncertainty of channel	SR15	SR31	SR48	SR70
Total background expectation	5.47	13.55	21.89	32.52
Total statistical ($\sqrt{N_{\text{exp}}}$)	± 2.34	± 3.68	± 4.68	± 5.70
Total background systematic	± 0.87 [15.88%]	± 2.84 [20.99%]	± 4.87 [22.26%]	± 6.52 [20.05%]
MC_gamma_stat_SR15	± 0.49 [8.9%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]
MC_gamma_stat_SR31	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.74 [5.5%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]
MC_gamma_stat_SR70	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 1.32 [4.1%]
MC_gamma_stat_SR48	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.94 [4.3%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]
alpha_ttbar_showerSysNominal	± 0.49 [9.0%]	± 2.10 [15.5%]	± 3.65 [16.7%]	± 4.88 [15.0%]
mu_ttZ	± 0.45 [8.3%]	± 0.45 [3.3%]	± 0.64 [2.9%]	± 1.16 [3.6%]
alpha_db_Xsec	± 0.39 [7.1%]	± 0.32 [2.3%]	± 0.30 [1.4%]	± 0.95 [2.9%]
alpha_ttbar_genSysNominal	± 0.38 [6.9%]	± 1.63 [12.0%]	± 2.83 [12.9%]	± 3.78 [11.6%]
mu_Top	± 0.21 [3.9%]	± 0.91 [6.7%]	± 1.59 [7.3%]	± 2.12 [6.5%]
alpha_MUON_SCALE	± 0.12 [2.1%]	± 0.17 [1.3%]	± 0.28 [1.3%]	± 0.56 [1.7%]
alpha_ttbar_radSysNominal	± 0.08 [1.4%]	± 0.33 [2.4%]	± 0.58 [2.6%]	± 0.77 [2.4%]
alpha_JET_Flavor_Response	± 0.06 [1.1%]	± 0.08 [0.62%]	± 0.12 [0.55%]	± 0.00 [0.00%]
alpha_zLF_Xsec	± 0.06 [1.1%]	± 0.06 [0.42%]	± 0.06 [0.26%]	± 0.06 [0.18%]
alpha_JET_GroupedNP_2	± 0.05 [0.96%]	± 0.02 [0.16%]	± 0.22 [1.00%]	± 0.03 [0.10%]
mu_Z	± 0.05 [0.90%]	± 0.06 [0.42%]	± 0.08 [0.37%]	± 0.19 [0.57%]
alpha_MUON_ID	± 0.03 [0.63%]	± 0.12 [0.85%]	± 0.18 [0.80%]	± 0.06 [0.19%]
alpha_MUON_MS	± 0.03 [0.62%]	± 0.11 [0.85%]	± 0.62 [2.8%]	± 0.01 [0.02%]
alpha_JET_GroupedNP_1	± 0.03 [0.56%]	± 0.03 [0.21%]	± 0.20 [0.93%]	± 0.06 [0.20%]
alpha_EG_Resolution	± 0.03 [0.55%]	± 0.10 [0.77%]	± 0.06 [0.26%]	± 0.05 [0.17%]
alpha_leptonWeight_EL_EFF_Reco	± 0.02 [0.36%]	± 0.12 [0.92%]	± 0.15 [0.67%]	± 0.19 [0.58%]
alpha_bTagWeight_FT_EFF_B_syst	± 0.02 [0.34%]	± 0.00 [0.03%]	± 0.02 [0.09%]	± 0.05 [0.15%]
alpha_leptonWeight_EL_EFF_Reco	± 0.02 [0.32%]	± 0.08 [0.59%]	± 0.13 [0.61%]	± 0.18 [0.55%]
alpha_EG_Scale	± 0.01 [0.26%]	± 0.14 [1.0%]	± 0.06 [0.29%]	± 0.03 [0.09%]
alpha_bTagWeight_FT_EFF_Light_syst	± 0.01 [0.23%]	± 0.01 [0.07%]	± 0.06 [0.25%]	± 0.07 [0.22%]
alpha_ttW_Xsec	± 0.01 [0.21%]	± 0.05 [0.34%]	± 0.10 [0.48%]	± 0.19 [0.58%]
alpha_leptonWeight_MUON_EFF	± 0.01 [0.21%]	± 0.05 [0.38%]	± 0.03 [0.16%]	± 0.04 [0.12%]
alpha_leptonWeight_EL_EFF_Iso	± 0.01 [0.14%]	± 0.03 [0.25%]	± 0.06 [0.26%]	± 0.08 [0.23%]
alpha_JET_GroupedNP_3	± 0.01 [0.14%]	± 0.04 [0.30%]	± 0.00 [0.01%]	± 0.02 [0.08%]
alpha_bTagWeight_FT_EFF_C_syst	± 0.00 [0.04%]	± 0.00 [0.02%]	± 0.03 [0.15%]	± 0.01 [0.02%]
alpha_st_Xsec	± 0.00 [0.00%]	± 0.03 [0.20%]	± 0.02 [0.10%]	± 0.03 [0.08%]

Object selection and Triggers

- Muons

Cut	Value/description
ID	LowPt
Acceptance	$p_T > 3\text{GeV}, \eta < 2.7$
Isolation	FCLoose
IP	$z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ $d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$

- Electrons

Cut	Value/description
ID	MediumLLH
Acceptance	$p_T > 5\text{GeV}, \eta < 2.47$
Isolation	FCLoose
High p_T Isolation	FCHighPtCaloOnly
IP	$z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ $d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5$

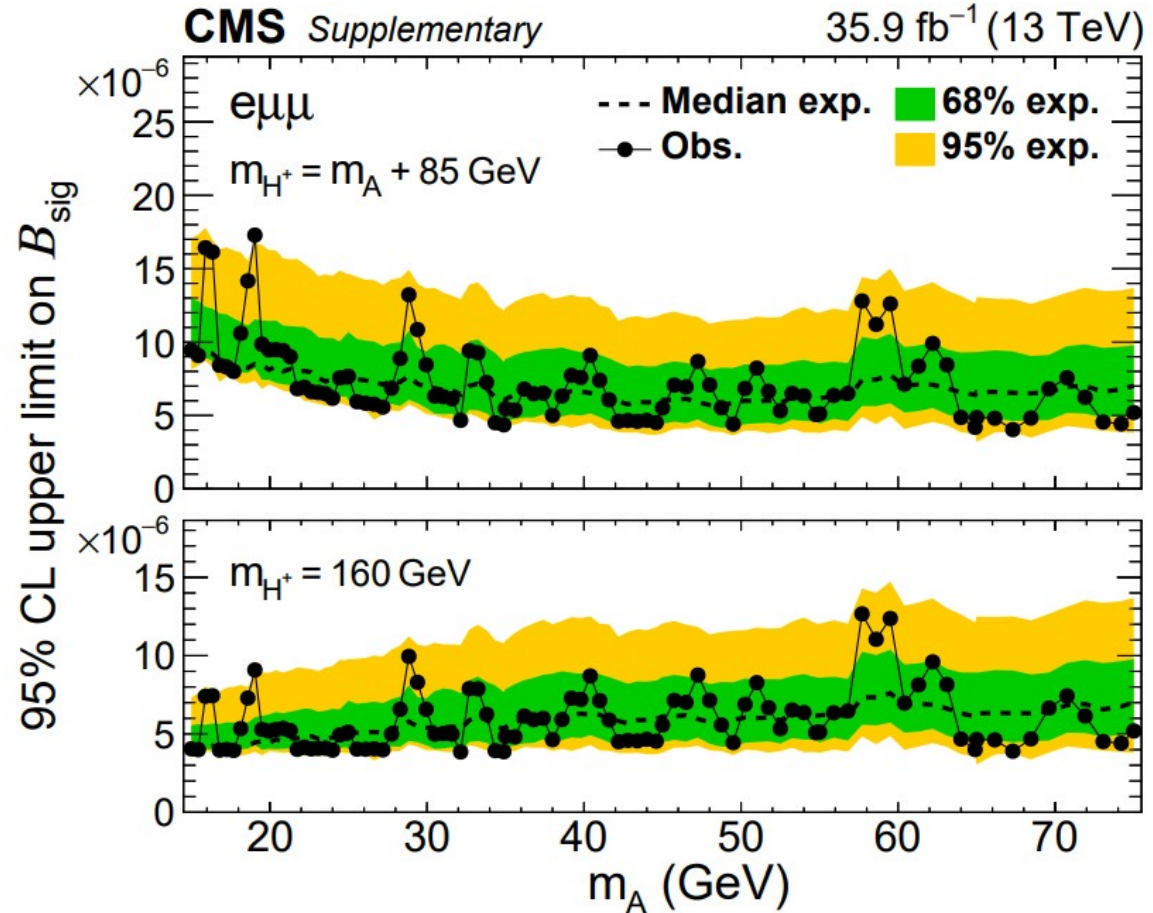
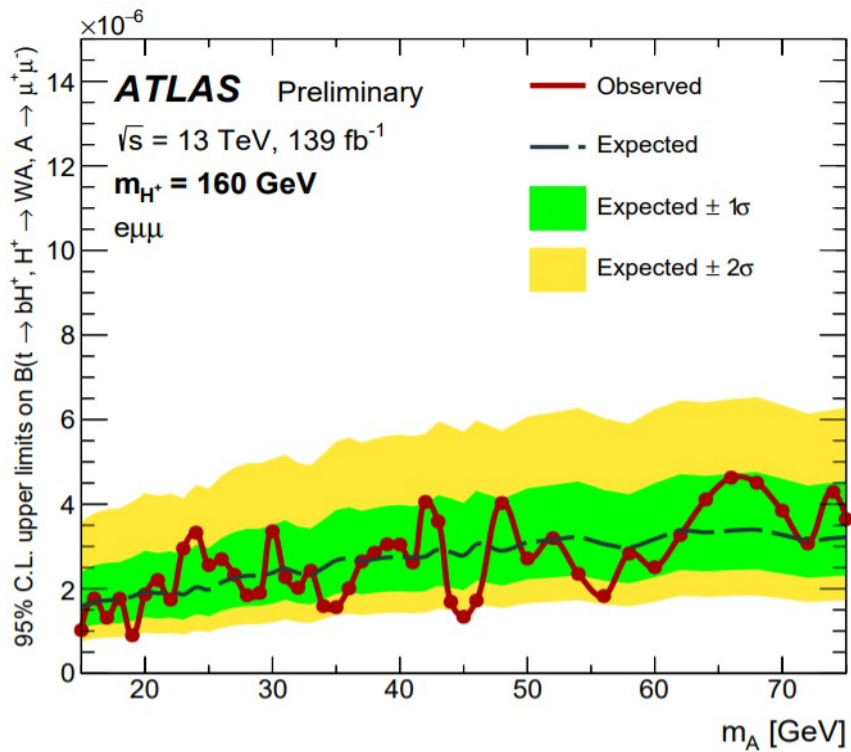
- Jets

Cut	Value/description
Acceptance	$p_T > 20\text{GeV}, \eta < 2.5$
JVT	Tight WP, JVT > 0.5 for $ \eta < 2.4$ and $20 < p_T < 60 \text{ GeV}$
b -tagging	MC2c10 > 0.64, $\epsilon_b = 77.53\%$

- Triggers: single and di-muon triggers

Trigger	Run period
HLT_mu20_iloose_L1MU15	276262 – 284484
HLT_mu26_ivarmedium	297730 –
HLT_2mu10	276262 – 284484
HLT_2mu14	297730 –

Comparison with CMS



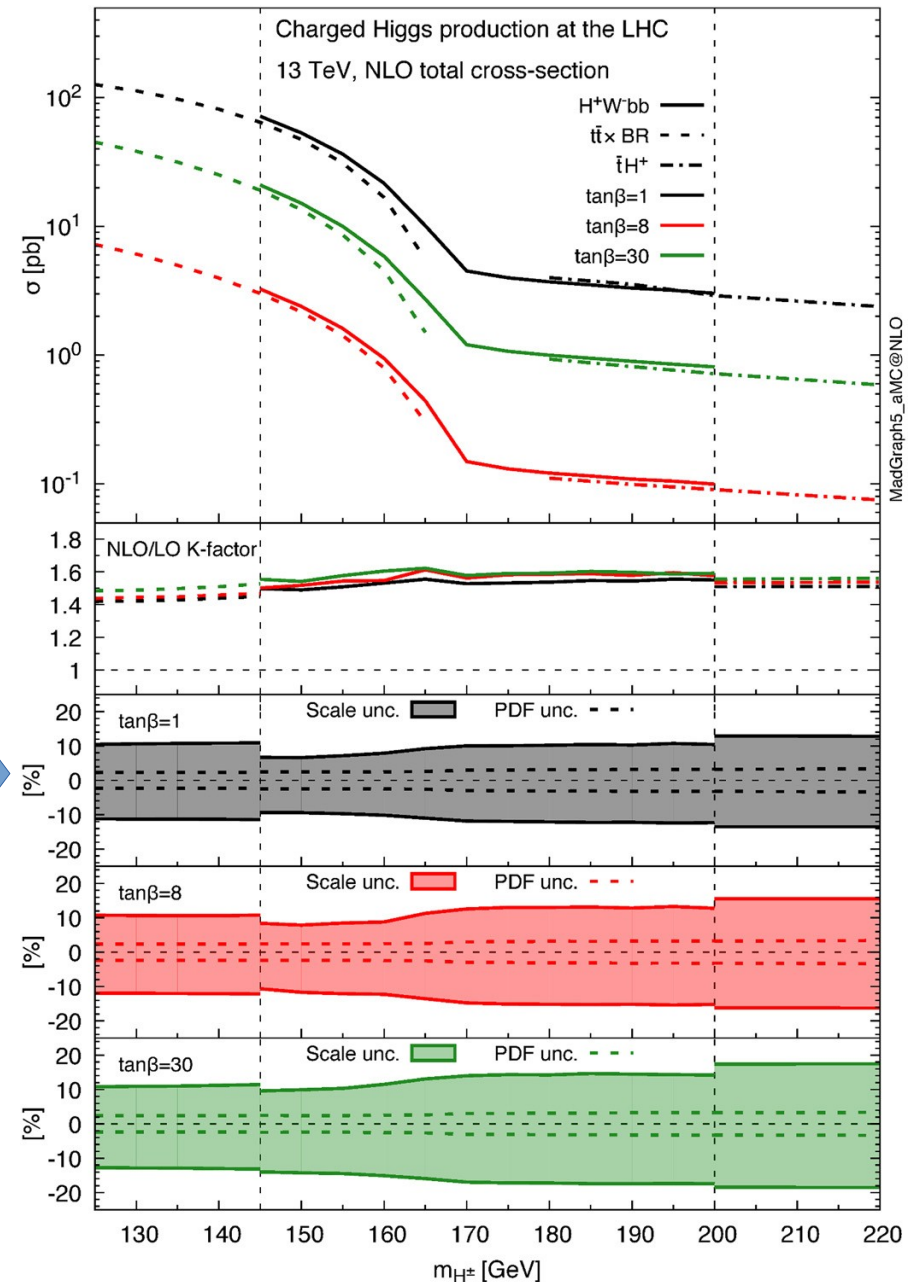
CMS result with 36 fb^{-1}

Interpreting $tt \rightarrow H^+ \rightarrow WA \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- So far limits have been set on top branching ratio
 - Implicitly assumes only tt production mechanism
 - Needs top cross-section
- Today we would like to propose setting 2HDM $\tan\beta$ li
 - Re-interpreting the branching ratio results.

2HDM tools

- **2HDMC** calculates all the branching ratios needed
 - Given 2HDM type, m_h , m_H , m_A , m_{H^+} , m_{12}^{sq} , $\tan\beta$, $\sin(\beta-\alpha)$, λ_6 and λ_7
 - 3 scenarios defined [1312.5571](#)
 - But for H^+ it seems only type Higgs masses & $\tan\beta$ matter
- More recently, Degrande et al. calculated $pp \rightarrow tH^+bb$ at NLO with widths,
 - Grid of $(m_{H^+}, \tan\beta)$ available
 - Includes single top cross-section
 - More important as $m_{H^+} \sim m_t$
 - But not what we simulated



2HDMC scenarios

Parameter	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
Type	I	II	II
M_h (GeV)	125	125	125
M_H (GeV)	300	300	400
M_A (GeV)	330	270	500
M_{H^+} (GeV)	230	335	550
M_h (GeV)	25600	1798	15800
$\tan \beta$	1.5	50	10
$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	0.901314	0.999001	0.999
λ_6	0	0	0
λ_7	0	0	0

- Try these scenarios but with m_A , m_{H^+} , $\tan\beta$ scanned as required
- B and C give results always identical to 3 figures

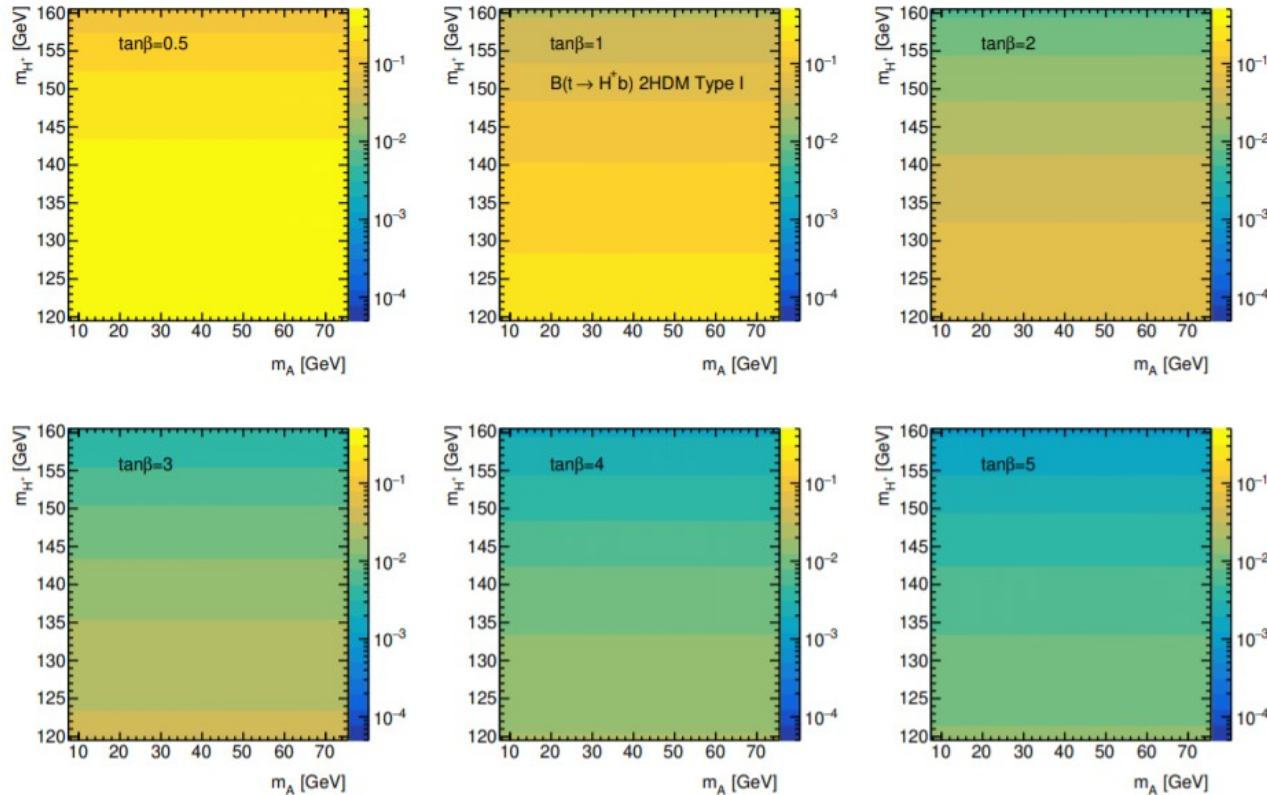
2HDM tools compared

m_{H^+}	$\tan \beta$	Full NLO	2HDMC	Ratio
145 GeV	1	70.4 fb	79.7 fb	0.88
	3	9.86 fb	9.92 fb	0.99
	10	3.63 fb	3.56 fb	1.02
160 GeV	1	21.3 fb	19.9 fb	1.07
	3	2.70 fb	2.32 fb	1.16
	10	1.04 fb	0.83 fb	1.25

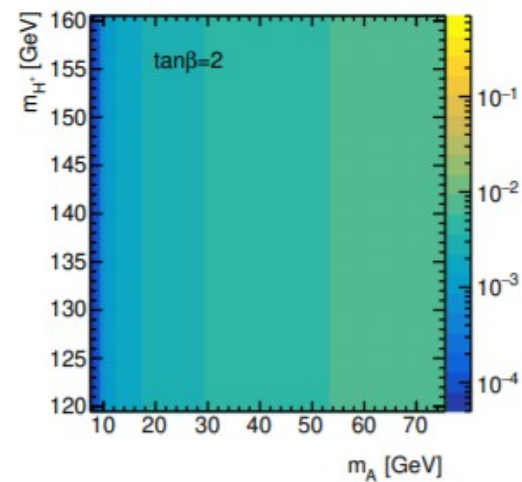
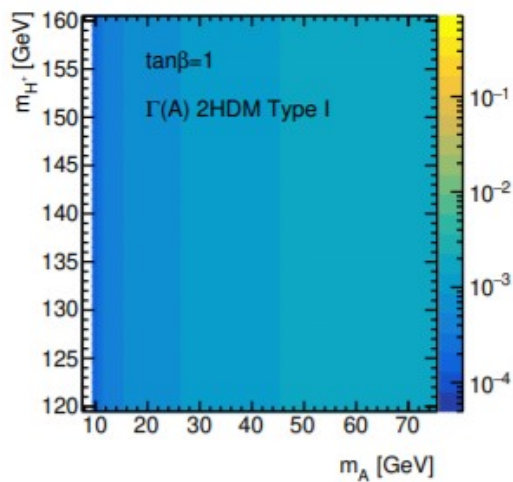
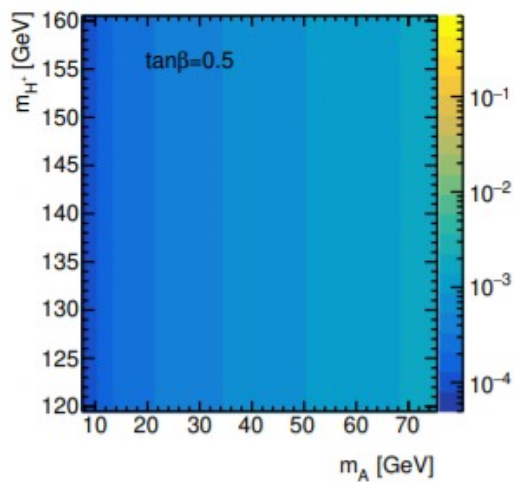
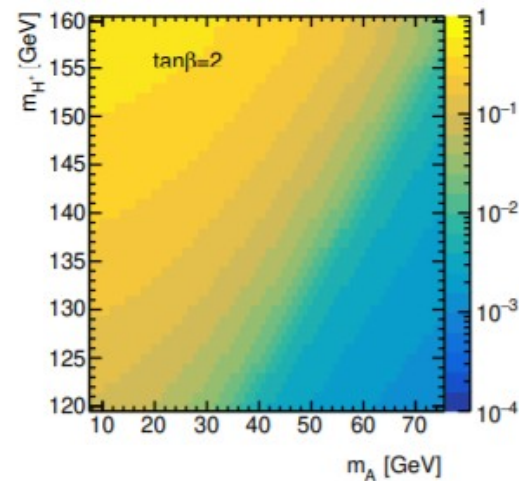
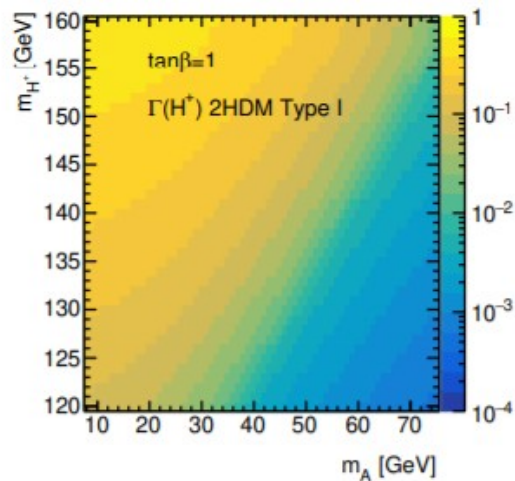
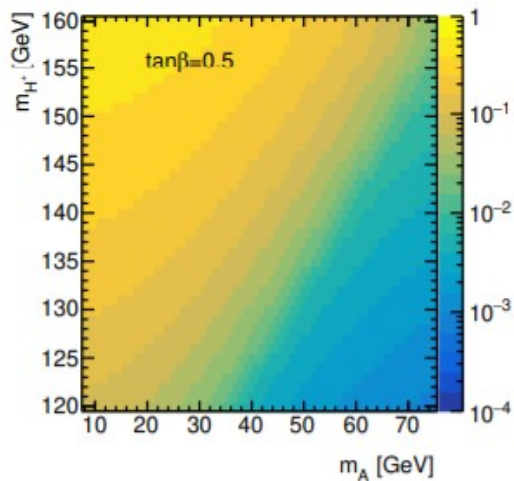
- We compare Degrande (full) with 2HDMC $t \rightarrow H^+$ BR, multiplied by 831.76~pb $t\bar{t}$ cross-section
 - Note: Degrande seems to be quoting only H^+ XS, not including H^-
- Significant increase at 160 GeV was expected
- Dependence upon $\tan\beta$ - any thoughts anyone?
- We use m_{H^+} 100-160, Degrande 145-200, so matching would be tricky
- Fortunately limits are set at bold points where differences are small.

BR ($t \rightarrow H+b$) in Scenario A

- Example BR's for different tan beta values



Decay Widths



Z+jets break down

- Action Item: What's the breakdown of different flavour of Z-jets in CR and SR ? What if you float a different component of Z+jets?
- We summarize the breakdown of Z + jets by flavour on the right. HF dominates in both SR and CR
- If we let μ_z constrain only Z+jets 'Bfilter' , we still get the same value i.e. $\mu_z = 1.03$
- We have updated the fit and classify the Bfilter and Cfilter as Z + HF. We let μ_Z constrain Z + HF in CRZ and we find $\mu_Z = 1.03 \pm .2$

	CRZ	%	SR	%
Zjets 'Bfilter'	440.6	78	20.4	50
Zjets 'CfilterBVeto'	34.1	6	7.3	18
Zjets Bfilter + CFilter	474.7	85	27.7	68
Zjets all other	83.9	15	12.5	31
total	558.6		40.2	

Cutflow for signal

	H160a15		H160a45		H160a75		H140a15		H120a15		H120a30	
	events	eff., %	events	eff., %	events	eff., %	events	eff., %	events	eff., %	events	eff., %
$\mathcal{L} \times \sigma \times \mathcal{B} \times \epsilon_{gen}$	135.5	100	141.4	100	140.9	100	138.2	100	142.1	100	145.0	100
$\equiv 2$ muons	55.8	41.2	62.3	44	68.8	48.8	51.1	37	43.6	30.7	50.3	34.7
muon p_T selection	45.0	33.2	54.0	38.2	63.2	44.9	37.8	27.4	27.6	19.4	30.6	21.1
≥ 3 jets, 20 GeV	36.7	27.1	44.4	31.4	52.0	36.9	32.6	23.6	24.1	17.0	27.0	18.6
≥ 1 b-jet	26.9	19.9	32.5	23.0	38.5	27.3	26.6	19.3	20.7	14.5	23.1	16.0
OS muons	24.2	17.8	29.9	21.2	36.1	25.6	23.3	16.8	16.7	11.8	19.1	13.2
$\equiv 1$ electron	5.3	3.9	6.8	4.8	8.2	5.8	4.9	3.5	3.4	2.4	4.1	2.8
electron $p_T > 20$ GeV	4.6	3.4	5.9	4.1	7.2	5.1	4.2	3.0	3.0	2.1	3.5	2.4
Mass window	4.2	3.1	4.8	3.4	5.2	3.7	3.8	2.7	2.6	1.8	2.9	2.0
$\frac{p_T(\mu_2^{SS})}{p_T(\mu_1^{OS})} > 0.2$	3.8	2.8	4.4	3.1	4.9	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.4	1.7	2.6	1.8

- Observing respectable signal efficiencies across dimuon spectrum

ttbar estimates with side-bands (April 2020)

- Testing out new CR for estimating ttbar: using sidebands of the signal windows. Sidebands have ~ 85% ttbar ..so can serve as good CR.
- Idea: We do the mass scan in 4 GeV signal windows for $15 < m_{\mu\mu} < 75$. Everything outside the signal window would be the CR to constrain ttbar.
- Concerns:
 - Blinded analysis, so can't look at the data in the sidebands right now.
 - Need to come up with a CR to study ttbar
 - Issue of using part of the SR as the CR i.e. region with high signal contamination (from another mass point however)

