

# Searches for BSM Higgs at ATLAS

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# Standard Model extension

- **Simple extension to Standard Model SM:**

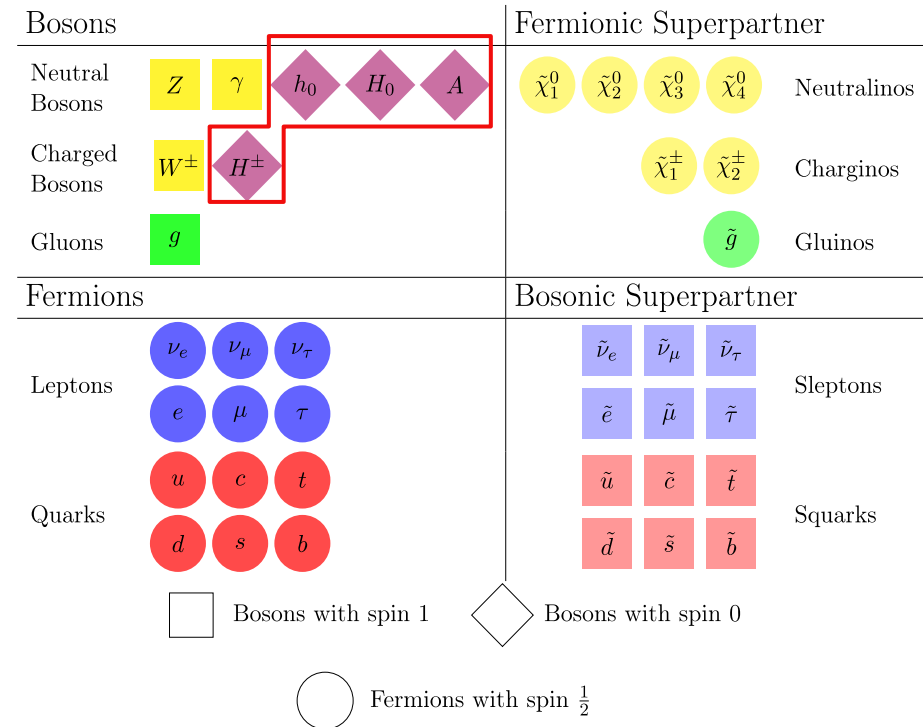
- 2 Higgs Doublet Models (2HDM)
- Higgs triplet extensions

- Part of models like Minimal supersymmetric SM (MSSM)

- **Higgs content:**  $h^0, H^0, A, H^\pm$

- Searches for BSM Higgs Bosons commonly interpreted in

- hMSSM and  $m_h^{125}$  models
- Parameterized at tree level by  $m_A$  and  $\tan(\beta) = v_u/v_d$



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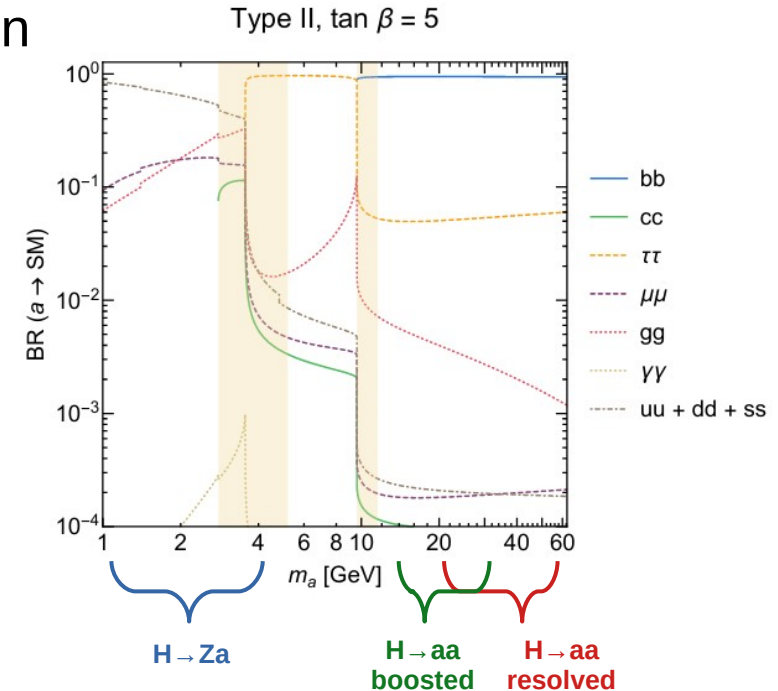
Search channel	L [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Comments	Reference
H → aa → bb bb	36	Light neutral Higgs	<a href="#">JHEP 10 (2018) 031</a> (resolved) <a href="#">arXiv:2005.12236</a> <b>(boosted)</b>
H → Za	<b>139</b>	Light neutral Higgs	<a href="#">arXiv:2004.01678</a>
H <sup>+</sup> → τ <sup>+</sup> ν <sub>τ</sub>	36	Charged Higgs	<a href="#">JHEP 09 (2018) 139</a>
H <sup>+</sup> → tb	<b>139</b>	Charged Higgs	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2020-039</a>
H <sup>+</sup> → ll lv	36	Charged Higgs	<a href="#">Phys. Lett. B 787 (2018) 68</a>
H <sup>++</sup> → W <sup>+</sup> W <sup>+</sup>	36	Charged Higgs	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79: 58</a>
H <sup>++</sup> → l <sup>+</sup> l <sup>+</sup>	36	Charged Higgs	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 199</a>
A → Zh	<b>139</b>	Heavy neutral Higgs	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2020-043</a>
A/H → ττ	<b>139</b>	Heavy neutral Higgs	<a href="#">PRL 125 (2020) 051801</a>

Di-Higgs searches presented in [Janas talk](#)

# Searches for light neutral Higgs

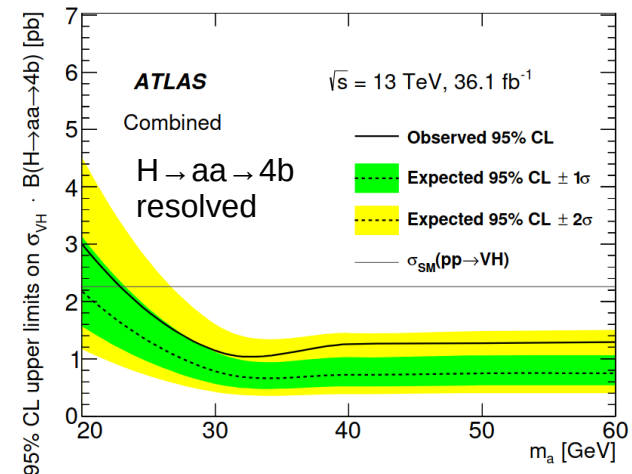
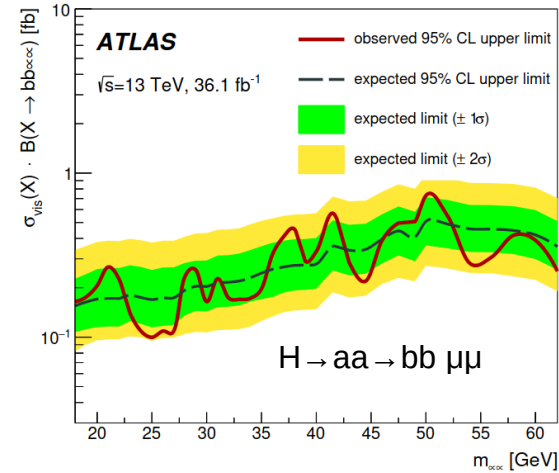
Phys. Rev. D 90, 075004 (2014)

- Extended Higgs sector in NMSSM (2HDM+S) predict existence of light CP-odd neutral **a** Boson
- **Models with light a Boson:**
  - Mediator between DM and SM particles
  - Can explain: galactic center gamma ray excess, baryogenesis ...
- **When  $m_a$  sufficiently low:**
  - $H_{125 \text{ GeV}} \rightarrow aa$
  - $H_{125 \text{ GeV}} \rightarrow Za$



# Current light Higgs results

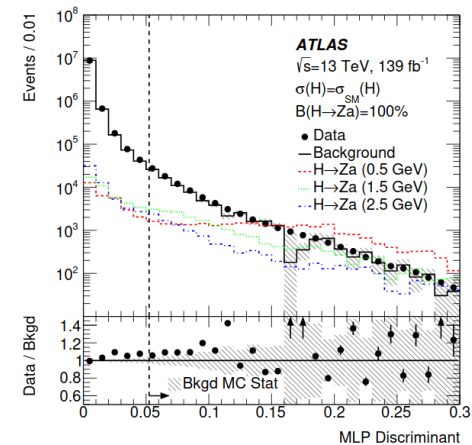
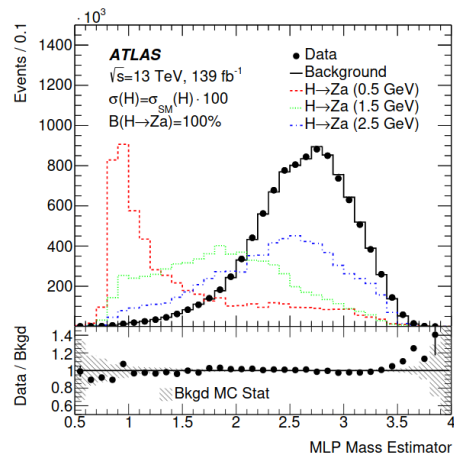
- Results based on 2015 and 2016 data
- $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb \mu\mu$   
Phys. Lett. B 790 (2019) 1
- $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb bb$  (resolved)  
JHEP 10 (2018) 031
- $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma jj$   
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- $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4l$   
JHEP 06 (2018) 166



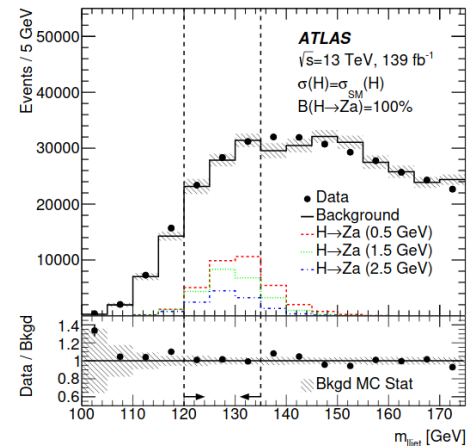
# $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll + \text{jet}$

New!  
Full Run2

- Searching masses from:  
 $0.5 \text{ GeV} \leq m_a \leq 4 \text{ GeV}$
- Events triggered by lepton triggers
- Selecting 2 lepton (Z), 1 jet (a)
- 2-staged Multi-Layer-Perceptron (MLP) based on jet tracks:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> MLP estimates  $m_a$
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> MLP discriminates QCD vs jets from a-decay



$a$ mass [GeV]	$a \rightarrow gg$		$a \rightarrow s\bar{s}$	
	Exp	Obs	Exp	Obs
0.5	$16^{+6}_{-5}$	17		
0.75	$19^{+7}_{-5}$	20		
1.0	$17^{+7}_{-5}$	18		
1.5	$20^{+8}_{-6}$	22	$19^{+7}_{-5}$	20
2.0	$26^{+10}_{-7}$	27	$23^{+9}_{-6}$	24
2.5	$38^{+15}_{-11}$	40	$32^{+12}_{-9}$	33
3.0	$75^{+29}_{-21}$	78	$65^{+25}_{-18}$	68
3.5	$110^{+40}_{-30}$	120		
4.0	$320^{+130}_{-90}$	340		



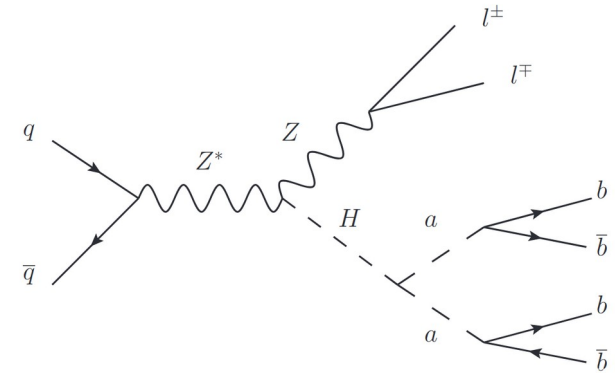
95% CL upper limit on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H)Br(H \rightarrow Za)$  in pb.  
Quoted for  $Br(a \rightarrow gg)$  and  $Br(a \rightarrow s\bar{s}) = 100\%$ .

# $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb \bar{b}\bar{b}$

New Boosted Tagger

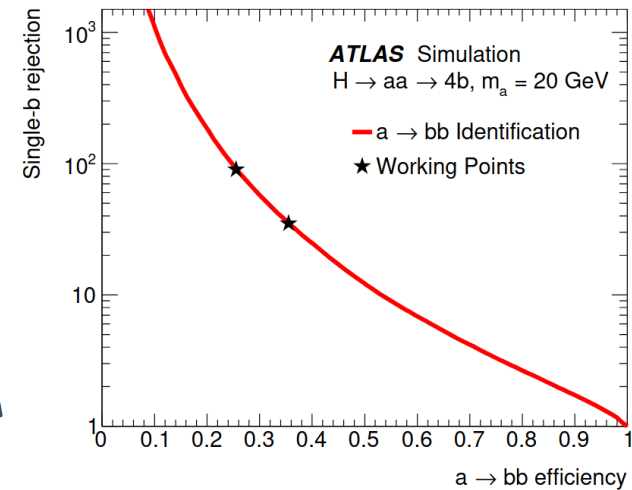
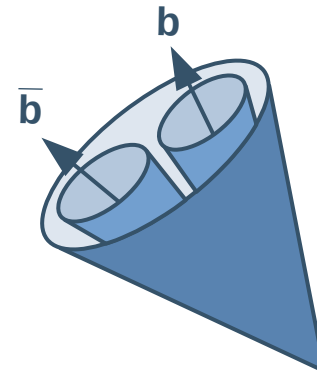
- Searches for  $15 \text{ GeV} < m_a < 30 \text{ GeV}$

- Merging jets from  $b\bar{b}$  system
- Associated production with  $Z \rightarrow ll$



- Dedicated double b-tagger:

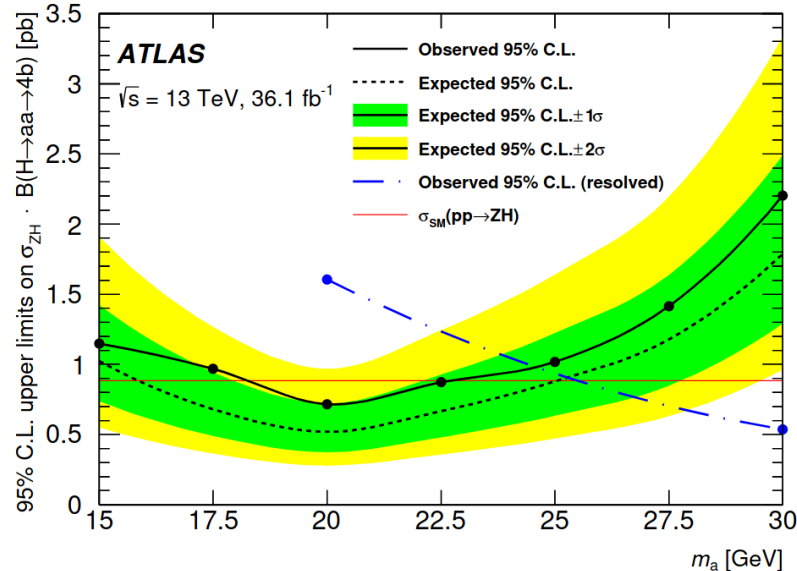
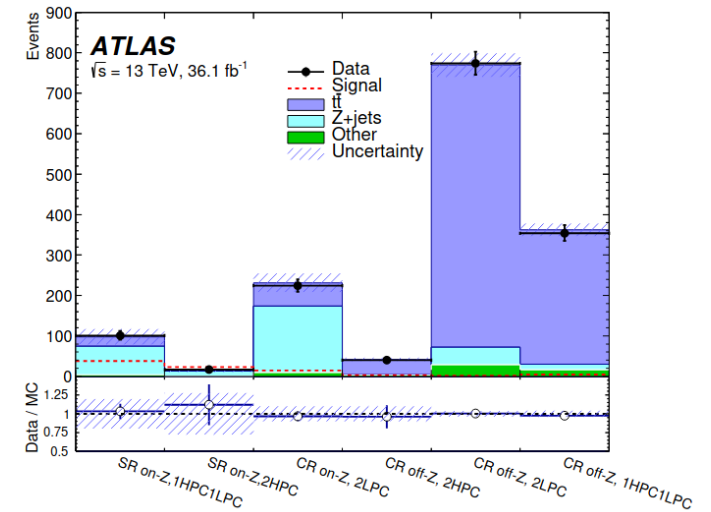
- Recluster  $R=0.4$  jets to  $R=0.8$  jets
- Reconstructing track-based subjects in large radius jets
- Dedicated identification (ID) for  $b\bar{b}$  system
- Separates  $b\bar{b}$ -jets from b-jets



# $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb \bar{b}\bar{b}$



- Two leptons with  $m_{ll} \sim m_Z$
- Two  $b\bar{b}$ -tagged reclustered jets
- **Regions defined by:**
  - Loose or Tight ID  $b\bar{b}$ -jets
  - pass/fail Z selection cuts
- One bin analysis of all regions
- Improves results from resolved analysis



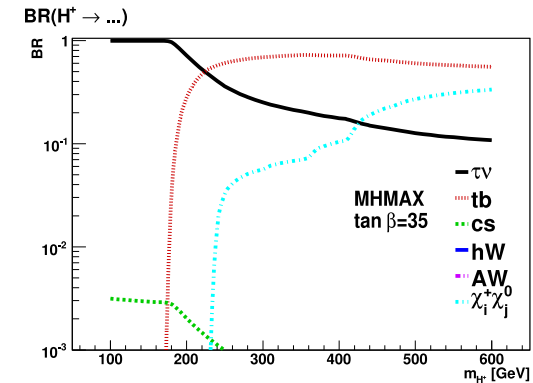
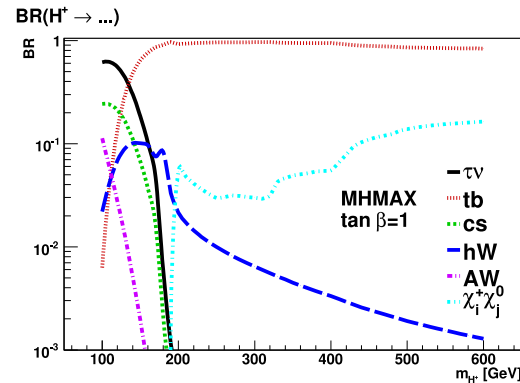
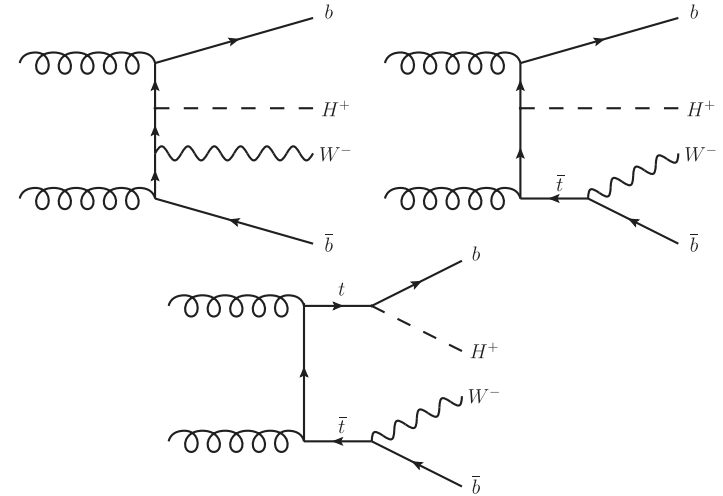


# Searches for charged Higgs

- **Singly charged Higgs Bosons:**  
 $H^+$  resonance part of Higgs sector in 2HDM scenarios:

- hMSSM
- $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ ,  $m_h^{\text{mod}-}$ ,  $m_h^{\text{max}}$

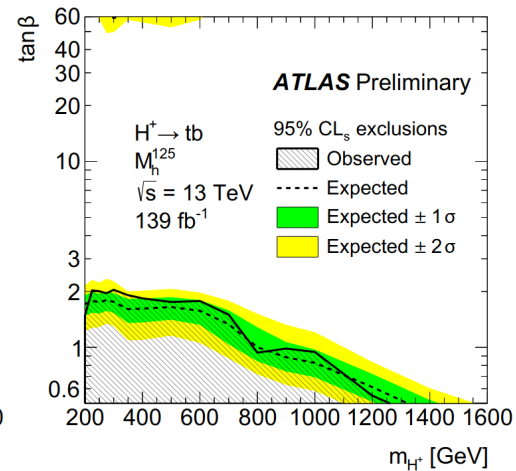
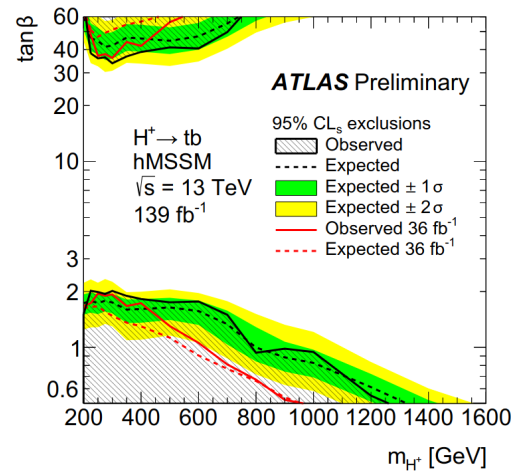
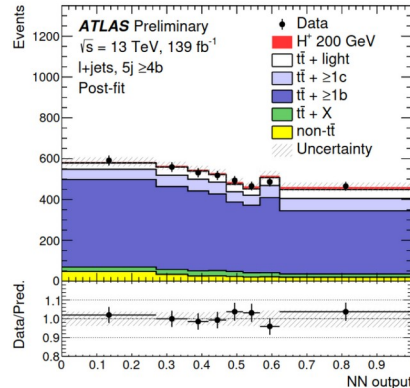
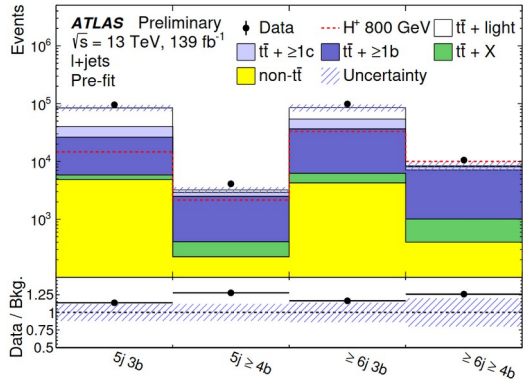
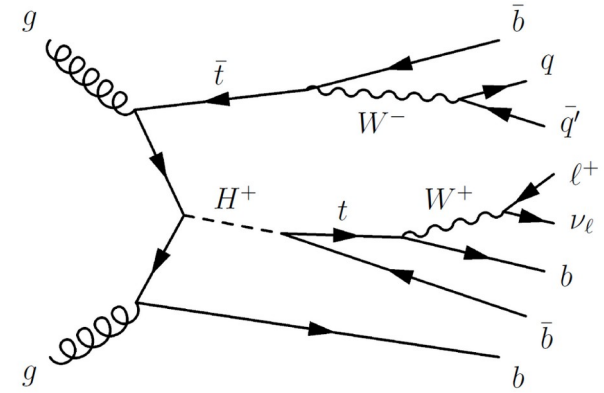
- **High mass – low  $\tan(\beta)$**   
 strong coupling to  $tb$
- **Low mass – high  $\tan(\beta)$**   
 strong coupling to  $\tau\nu_\tau$



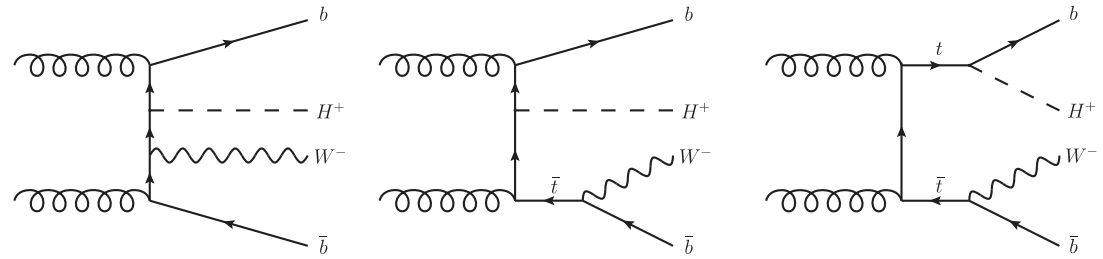
# $H^+ \rightarrow tb$

New!  
Full Run2

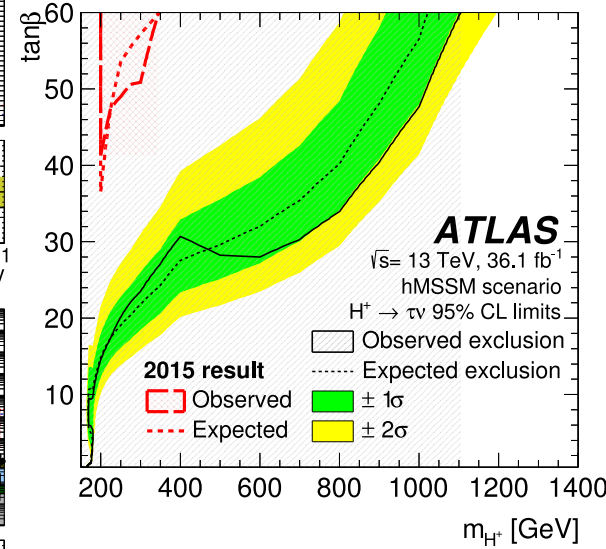
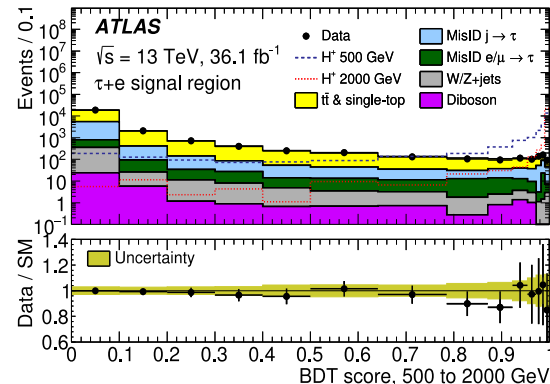
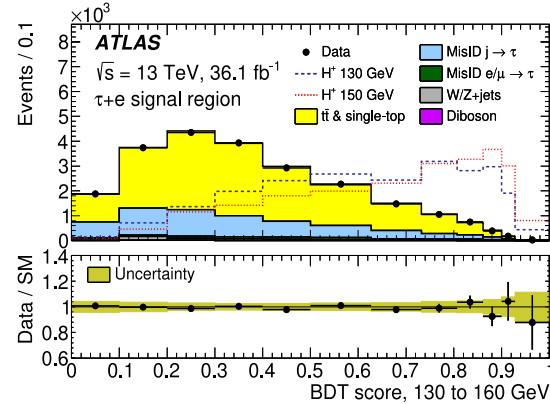
- Events triggered by single lepton trigger
- 1 light lepton,  $\geq 5$  jets ( $\geq 2$  b-jets)
- Categories based on number of jets and b-jets in final state
- **Parameterized Neural Network as final discriminant**



$$H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ U$$



- Selecting 1  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$
- At least one b-jet
- Additional jet ( $\tau$ +jet) or one additional lepton ( $\tau e$ ,  $\tau \mu$ )
- Triggered by  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  ( $\tau$ +jets) and single lepton triggers ( $\tau l$ )



- **Boosted Decision Tree score as final discriminant**
- Optimized for different  $H^+$  mass intervals

# Further charged Higgs searches

- **$H^\pm$  in triplet extensions**

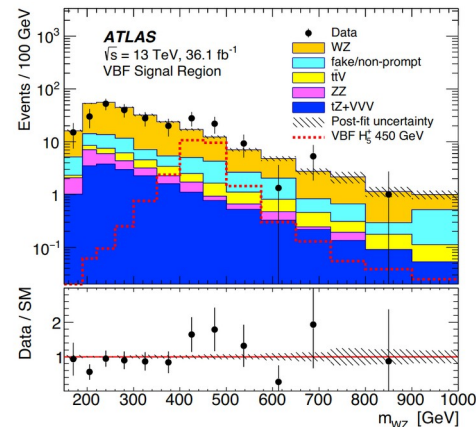
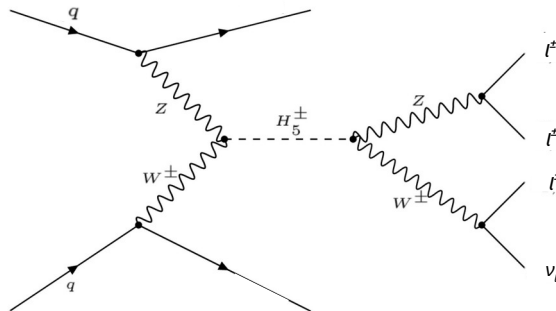
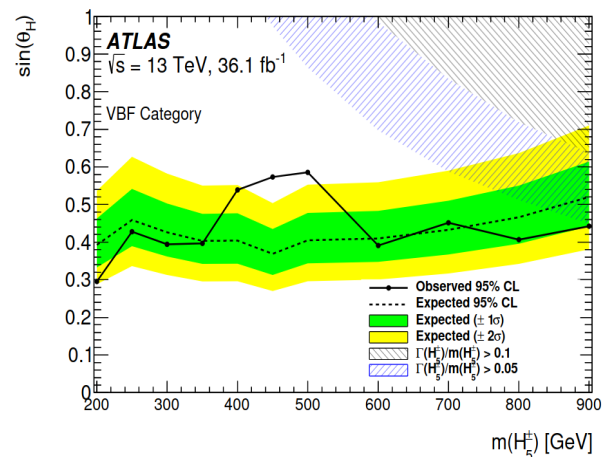
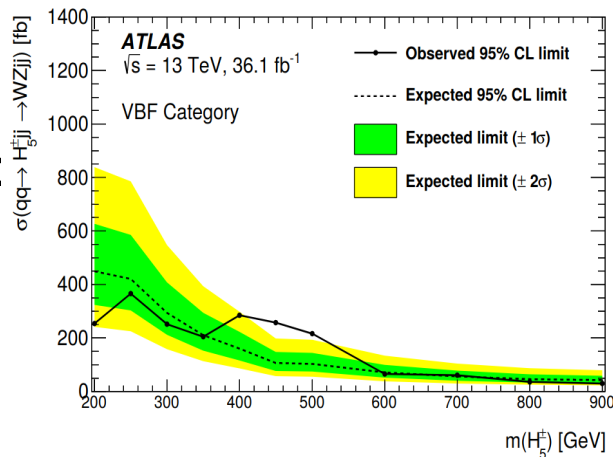
- Georgi–Machacek model: 1 real and complex triplet
- Produced via vector-boson fusion (VBF)

- Searched for in  $WZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$  analysis

[Phys. Lett. B 787 \(2018\) 68](#)

- Selecting 3 leptons assigned to vector-boson

- For VBF: 2 jets opposite in  $\eta$



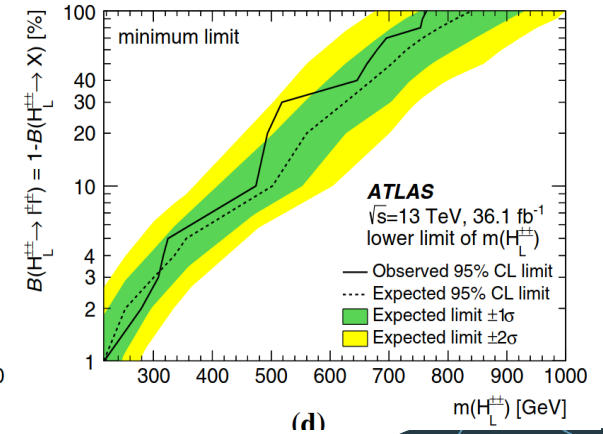
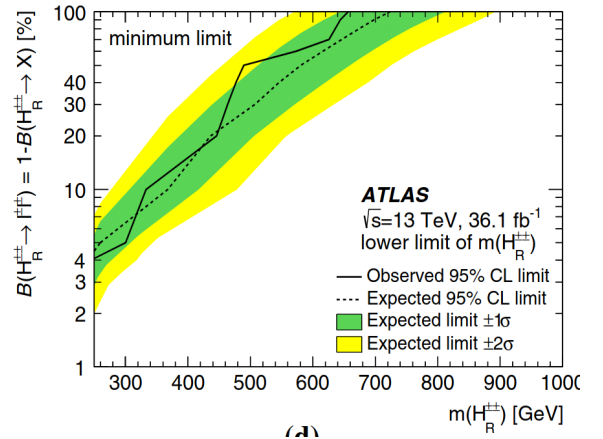
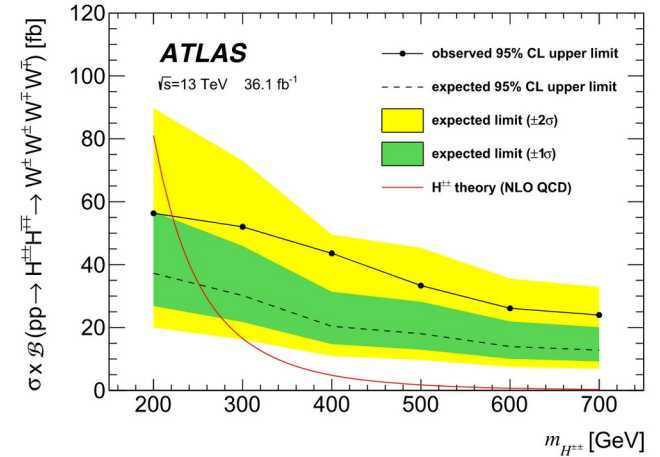
# Doubly-charged Higgs searches

- **Doubly Charged Higgs searches:**

- Models with hypercharge  $Y=2$  triplet
- After EWSB:  $H^{\pm\pm} H^\pm A^0 H^0 h$

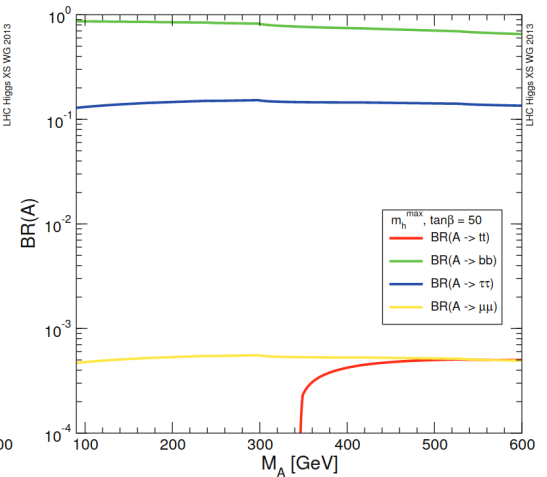
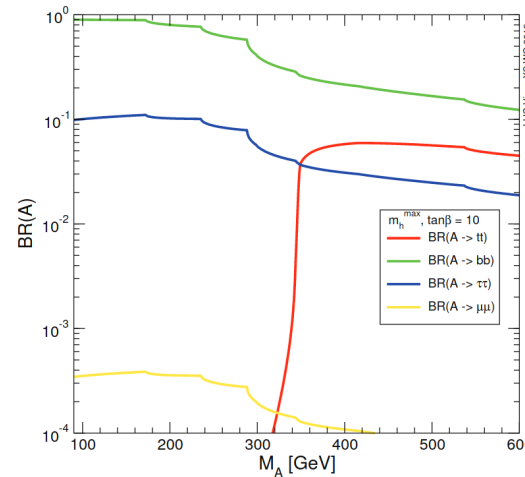
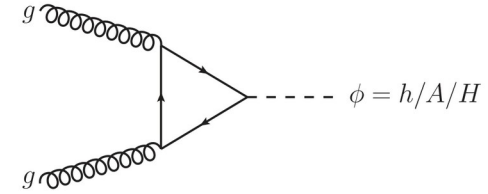
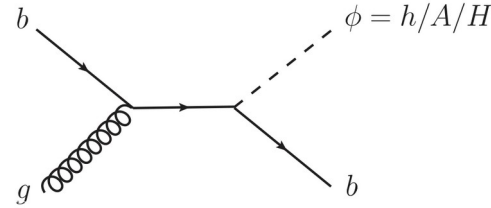
- Searched for in final states:

- $H^{++} \rightarrow W^+ W^+$   
[Eur. Phys. J. C \(2019\) 79:58](#)
- $H^{++} \rightarrow |\ell^+|^+$   
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# Searches for heavy neutral Higgs

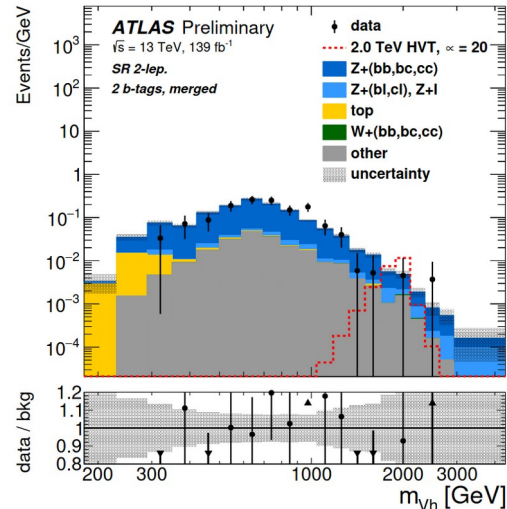
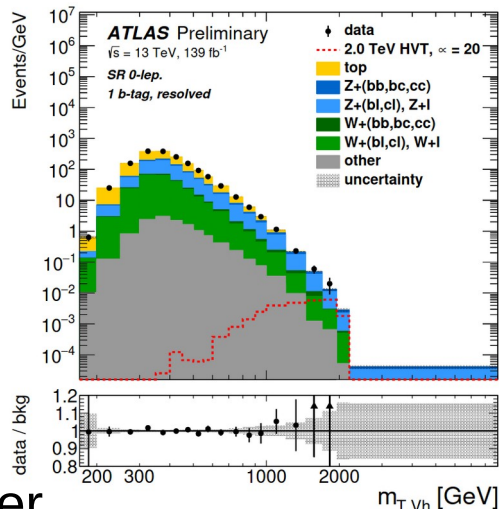
- Heavy neutral Higgs Bosons part of Higgs sector in MSSM
- **Production Modes:**
  - Gluon-gluon fusion
  - b-associated production
- **MSSM Models predict:**
  - Increased coupling to heavy SM particles
  - Large  $\tan(\beta)$   $\rightarrow$  increased coupling to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation down-type fermions



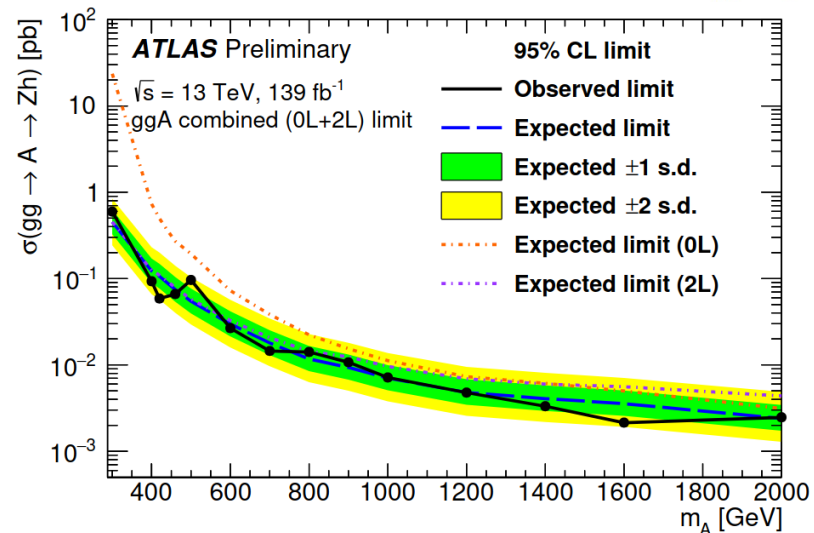
Handbook of LHC Higgs Cross Sections: 3. Higgs Properties

# A $\rightarrow$ Zh

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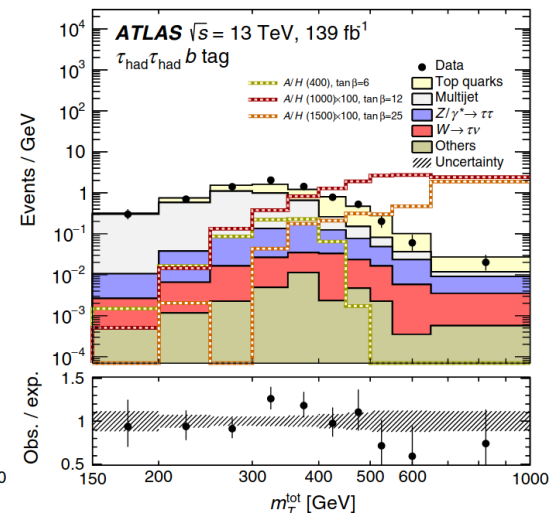
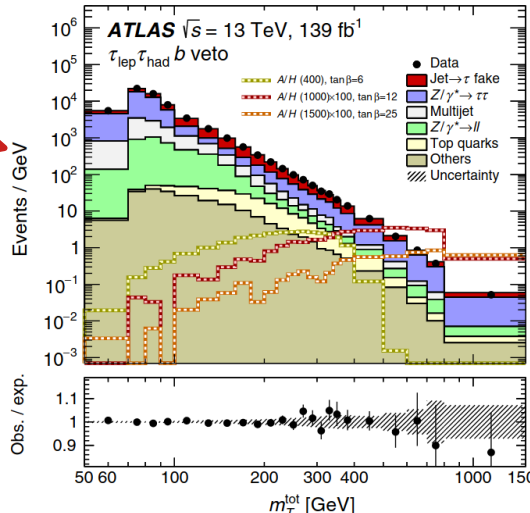


- Two channels:
  - Zh  $\rightarrow$   $\nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$  (0l)
  - Zh  $\rightarrow$   $l^+l^- b\bar{b}$  (2l)
- $E_{T}^{\text{miss}}$  (0l) and single lepton (2l) trigger used
- $E_{T}^{\text{miss}} > 150$  GeV (0l) or 2 identified leptons (2l)
- Categorization:
  - Resolved, Merged  $b\bar{b}$  system
  - 1 or 2 b-tags
- $m_{T,Vh}$  (0l) and  $m_{Vh}$  (2l) as final discriminant

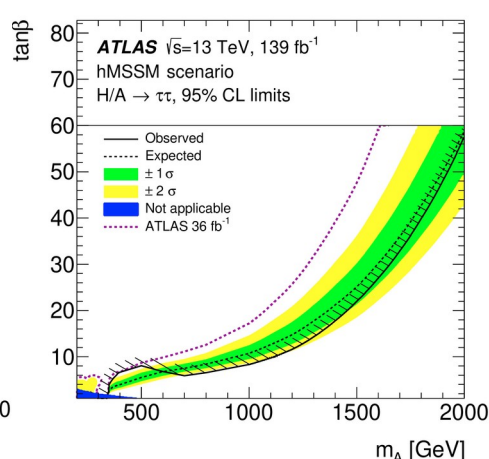
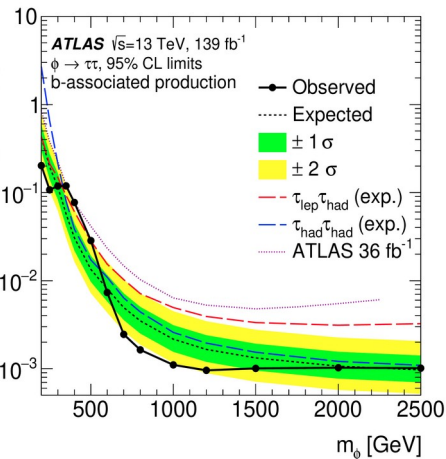
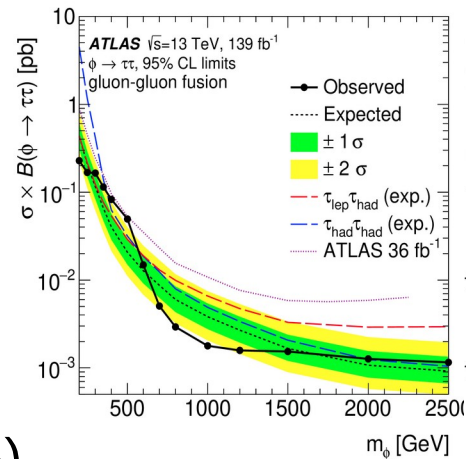


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- Sensitive to H and A production
- **Two final states:**  $\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$ ,  $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$
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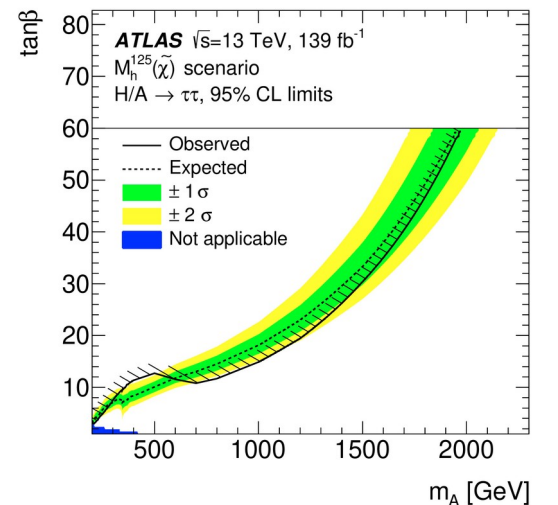
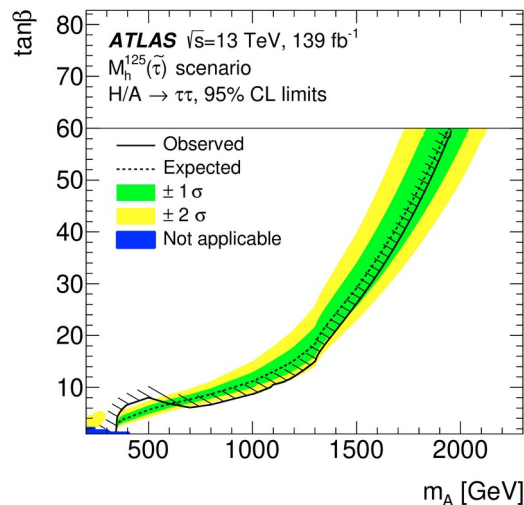
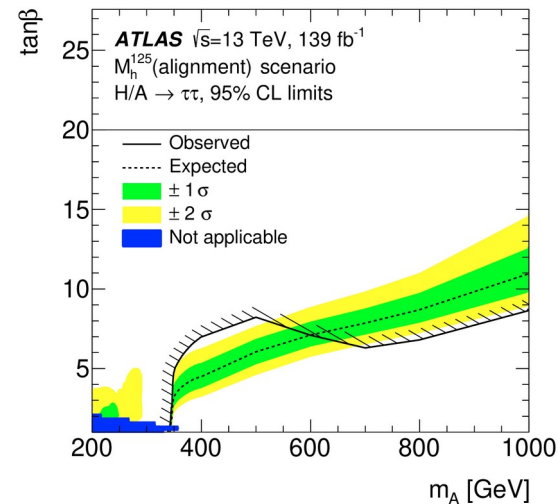
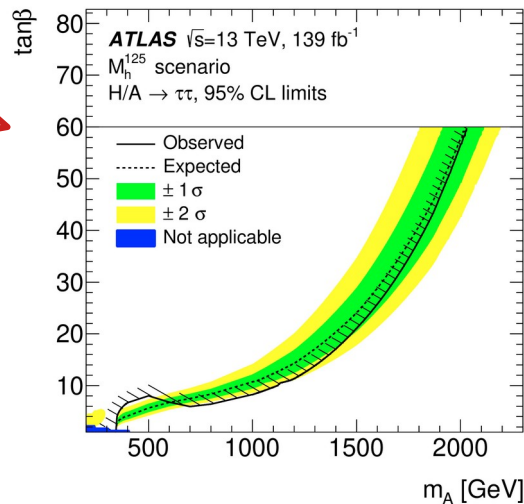
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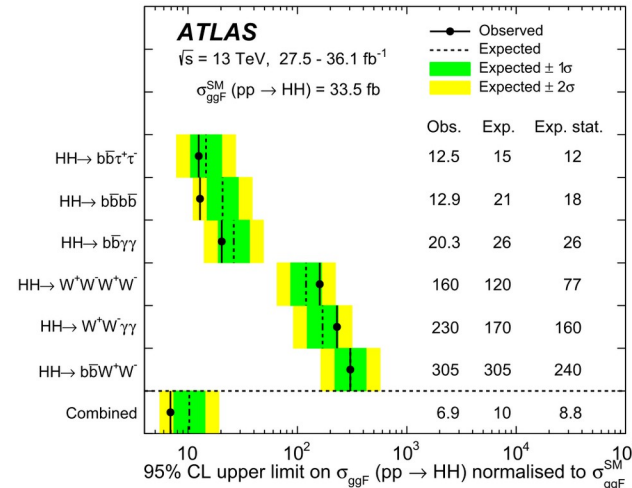
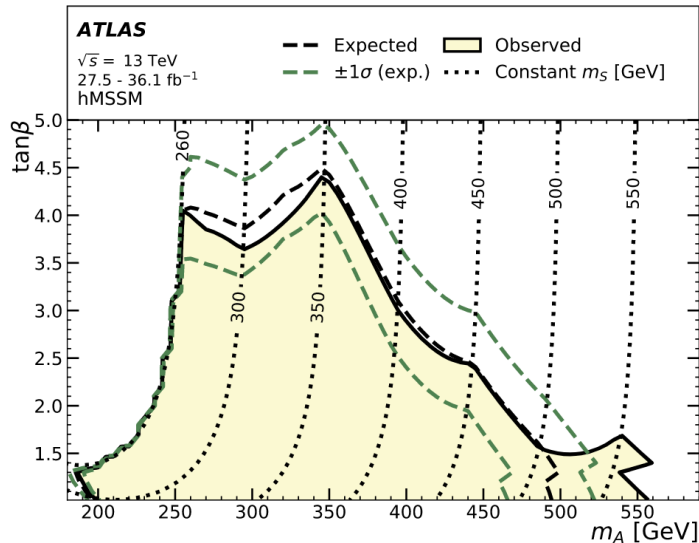
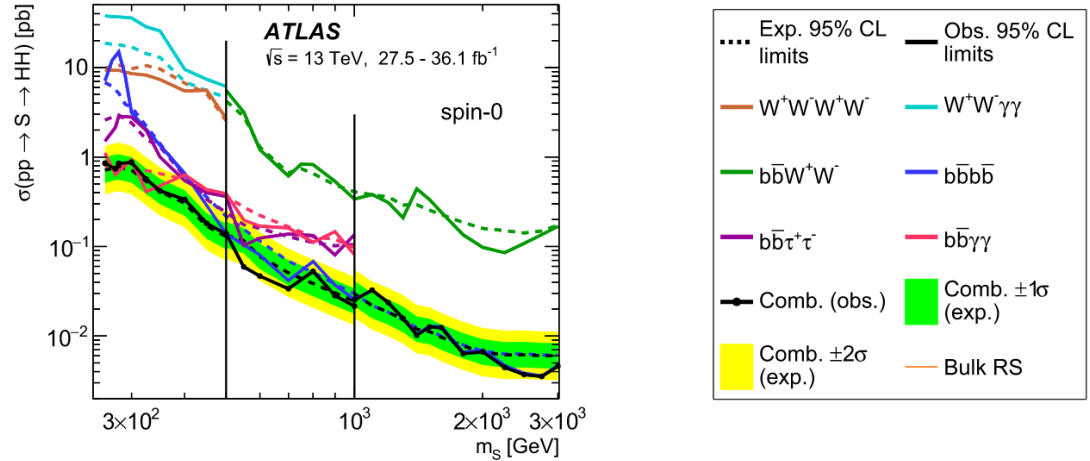
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# Di-Higgs combination

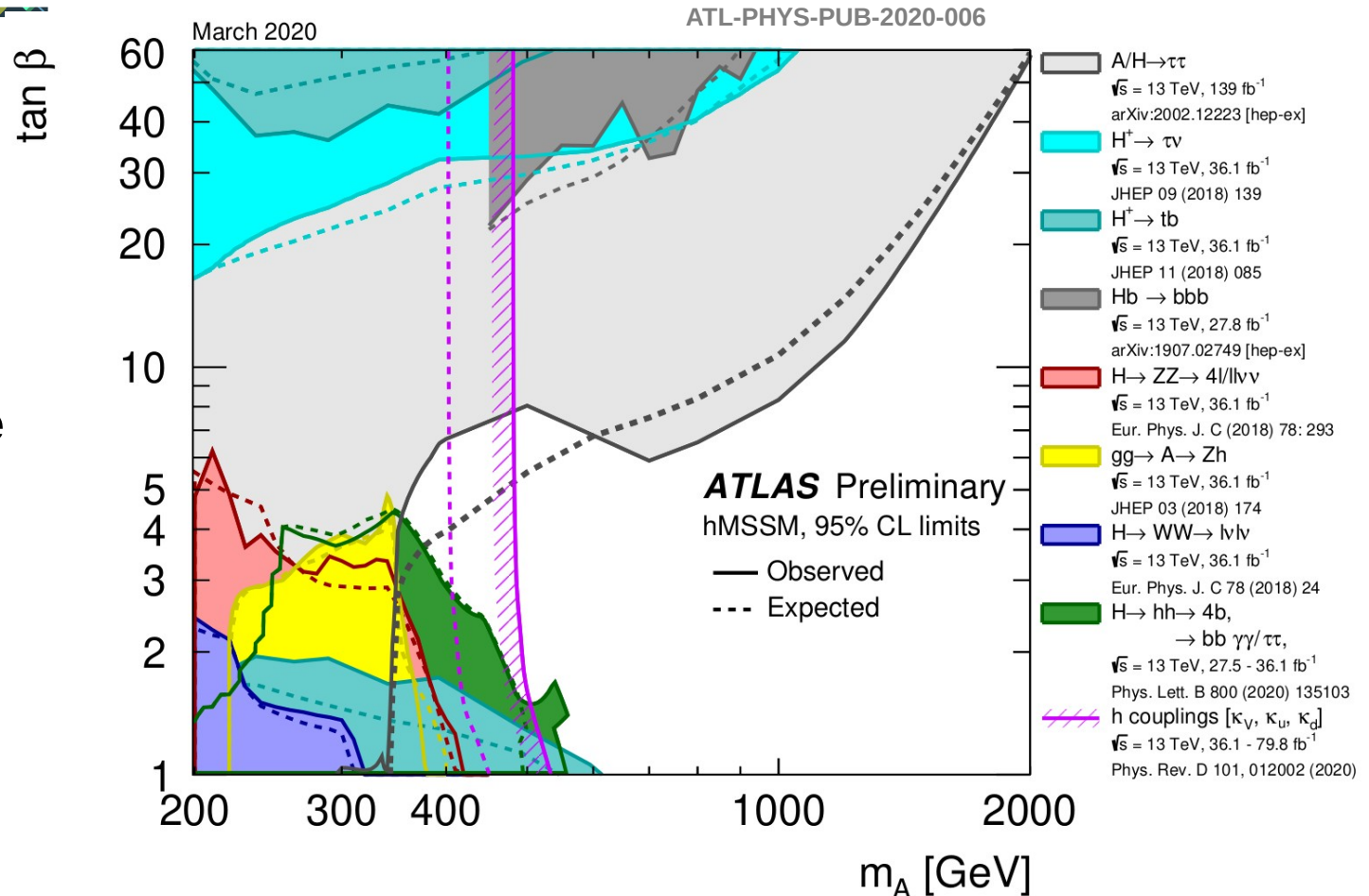
- Many scalar to di-Higgs covered in [this talk](#)
- Combination of searches for limits for hMSSM



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 191801](#)  
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[JHEP 05 \(2019\) 124](#)  
[Eur. Phys. J. C \(2018\) 78:1007](#)  
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# Heavy higgs results summary

- Overlay of Run 2 results
- New results, since overlay:
  - $H^+ \rightarrow tb$
  - $A \rightarrow Zh$



# Summary

- Overview of different BSM Higgs searches in ATLAS
- **Full Run 2 results:**
  - $H \rightarrow Za$
  - $H^+ \rightarrow tb$
  - $A \rightarrow Zh$
  - $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- Improvements with new double b-tagging algorithm and use of neural networks
- **Many searches covering large range of masses and decay modes**
  - tighten constraints on parameter spaces



# Thanks