

# New results of the $H^+ \rightarrow tb$ search using full Run-2 data with the ATLAS detector

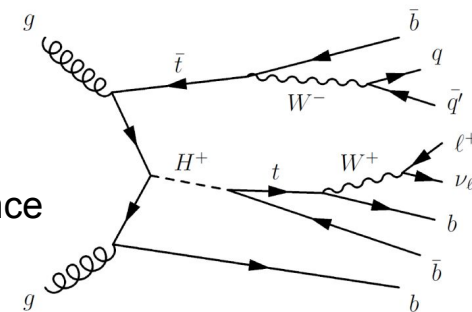
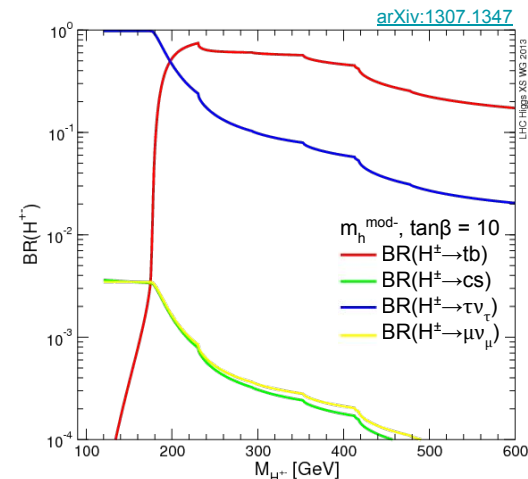
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→ Charged Higgs predicted in many BSM models

- ◆ In the 2HDM with  $\cos(\beta-\alpha) \sim 0$  (the light neutral scalar is SM-like) the dominant decay is  $H^+ \rightarrow tb$  for masses larger than 200 GeV

→ Search for  $H^+$  produced in association with top and bottom quarks in 200 - 2000 GeV mass range

- ◆ Full Run-2 dataset used ( $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ), previous publication based on 2015+2016 ( $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) [10.1007/JHEP11\(2018\)085](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1007/JHEP11(2018)085)
- ◆ Focused on the **single lepton channel** since it provides the best significance

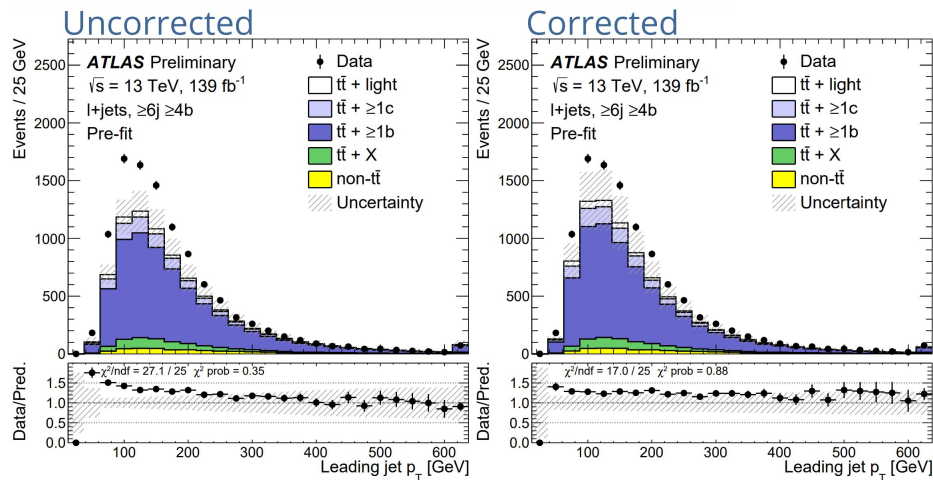


# Analysis strategy

→ Classify events depending on jet and b-jet multiplicities

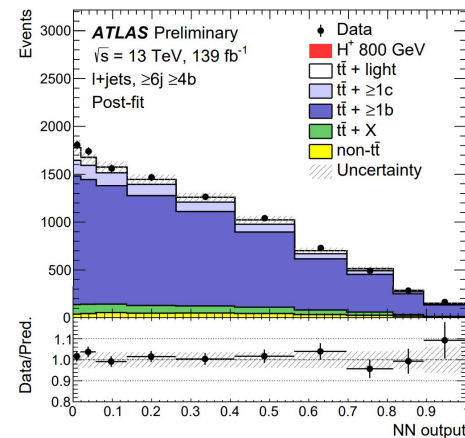
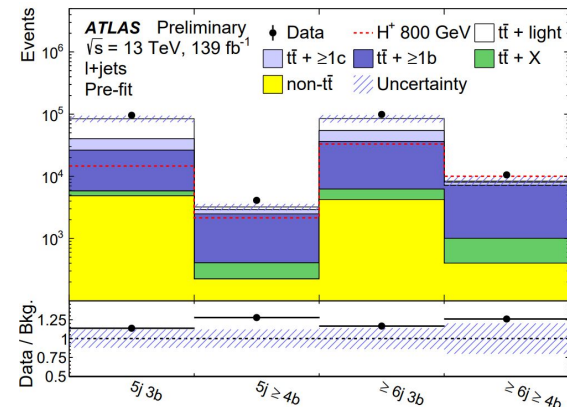
◆ Main background:  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  in  $\geq 4b$  regions and  $t\bar{t} + \text{light}$  in  $3b$  regions

→ Data/MC-based correction to mitigate  $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$  mismodelling

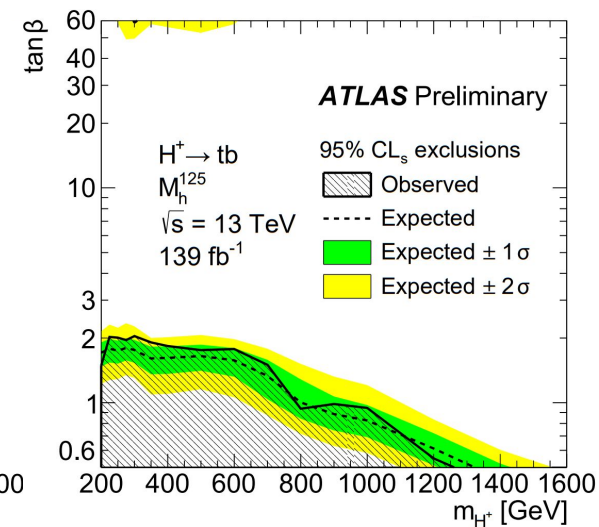
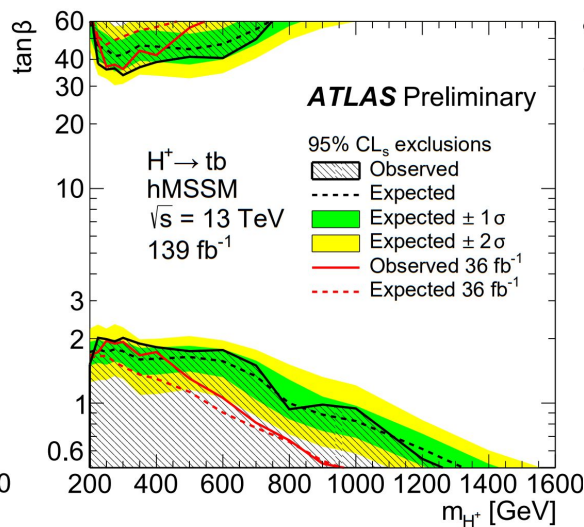
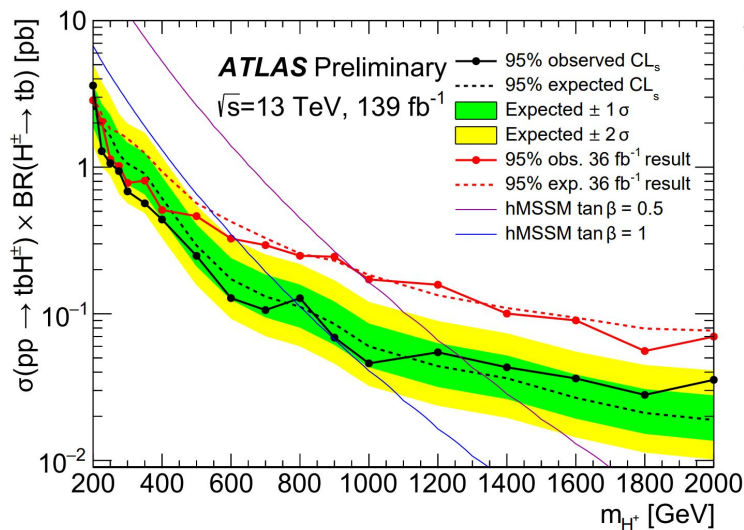


→ Profile likelihood fit to mass-parameterised neural network (NN) output

- ◆ Single training for each region and including all  $H^+$  signal mass points
- ◆ Normalisation of  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  backgrounds free floating in the fit
- ◆ Systematic uncertainties included as nuisance parameters



# Results



→ Improved exclusion limits at 95% CL with respect to the  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  publication, especially at high  $H^+$  mass signal

→ More information in the full poster