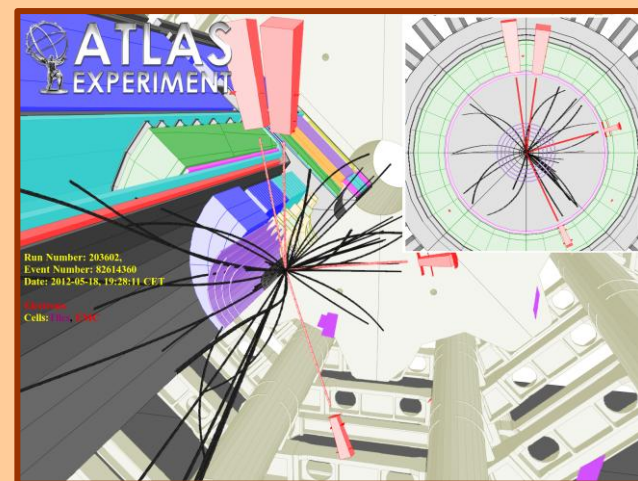
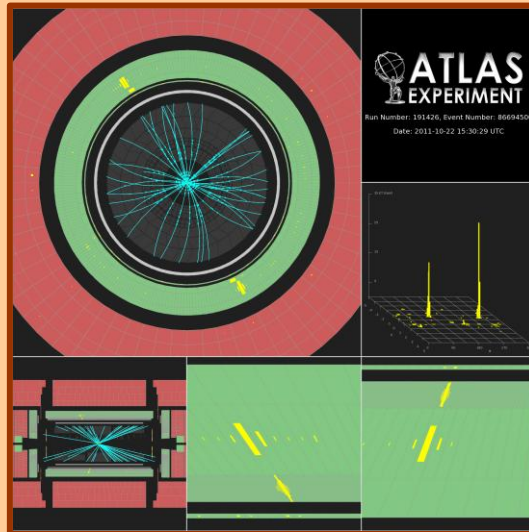
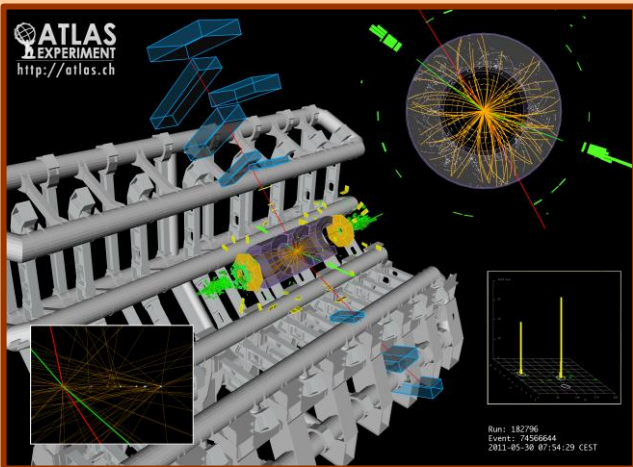
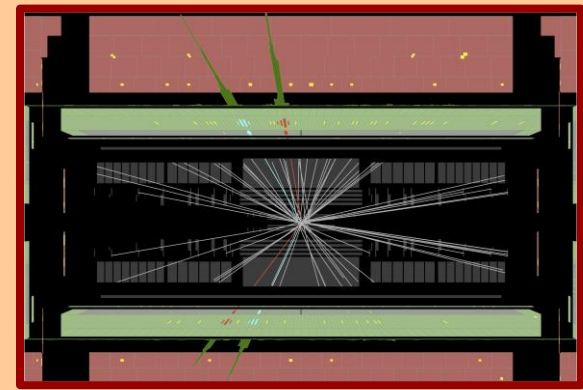


How did ATLAS discover a Higgs-like boson?

Scientific Symposium on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of Czech Republic at CERN, 26 October 2012

Fabiola Gianotti (CERN)



Stepping stones toward a discovery (and many other nice results ..)

More than 20 years of hard, talented work from conception to start of operation discussed by P. Jenni

More recent ingredients

Outstanding performance of the LHC

Excellent ATLAS data-taking efficiency and data quality

Detector and trigger performance approaching ultimate expectation:

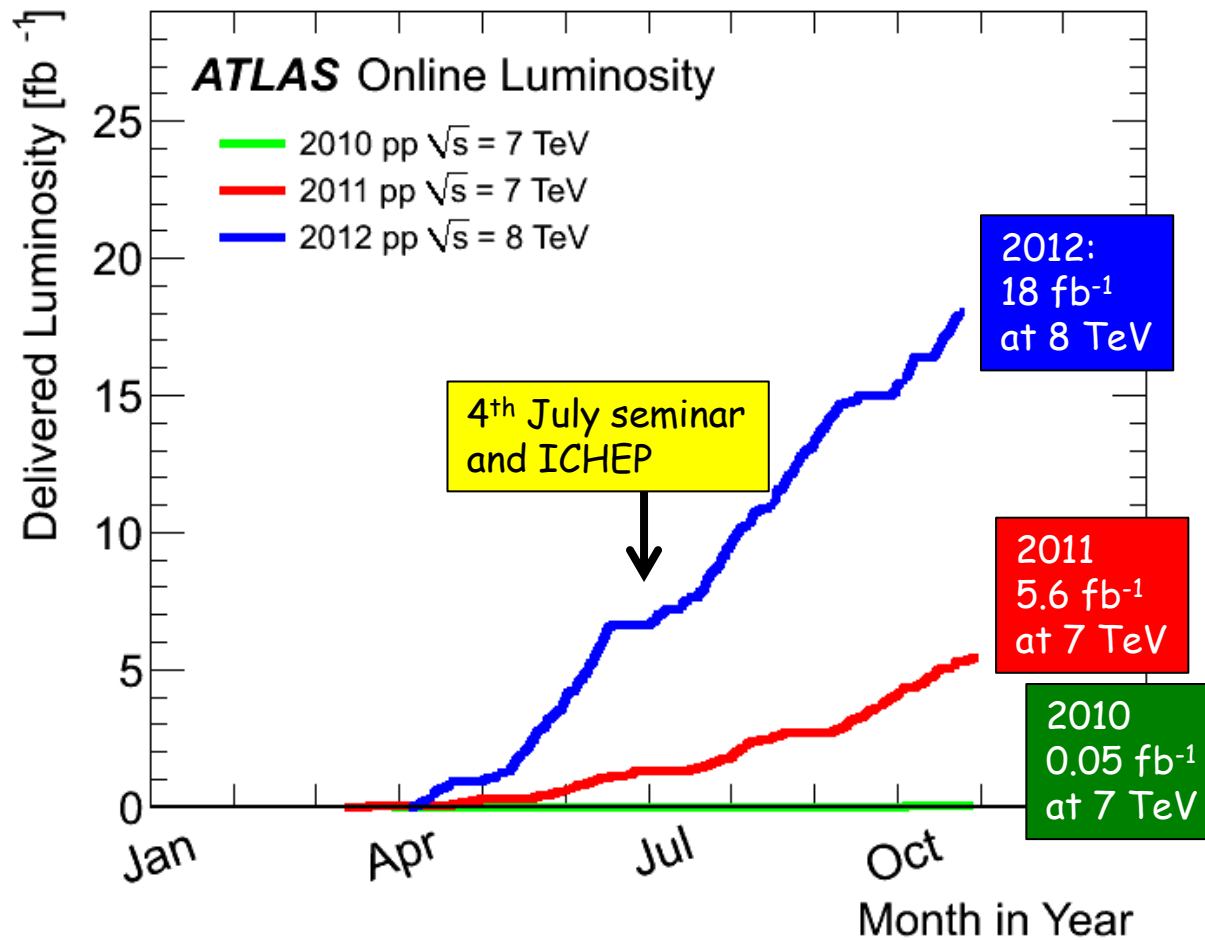
- ❑ experience gained with 2011 data propagated to trigger, reconstruction and simulation
→ improved detector understanding, alignment and calibration,
- ❑ huge effort since Fall 2011 to prepare for higher pile-up in 2012 and mitigate impact on trigger and reconstruction and identification of physics objects
→ sizeable gain in efficiency for $e/\gamma/\mu$, jets, E_T^{miss} , pile-up dependence minimized ...

Superb performance of the Computing Grid (resources over-stressed) allowing people (students !) from all over the world to do data analysis very effectively → see P. Jenni's talk

Detailed studies of Standard Model processes important on their own and as background to searches → see P. Jenni's talk

→ Huge amount of painstaking foundation work !

Luminosity delivered to ATLAS since the beginning



Max luminosity:
 $\sim 7.7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

BIG THANKS to the LHC team

2012 detector operation, data-taking efficiency, data quality



Fraction of non-operational detector channels:
(depends on the sub-detector)

few permil (most cases) to 5%

Data-taking efficiency = (recorded lumi)/(delivered lumi):

~ 93.7%

Good-quality data fraction, used for analysis :
(will increase further with data reprocessing)

> 93 %



~ 90%

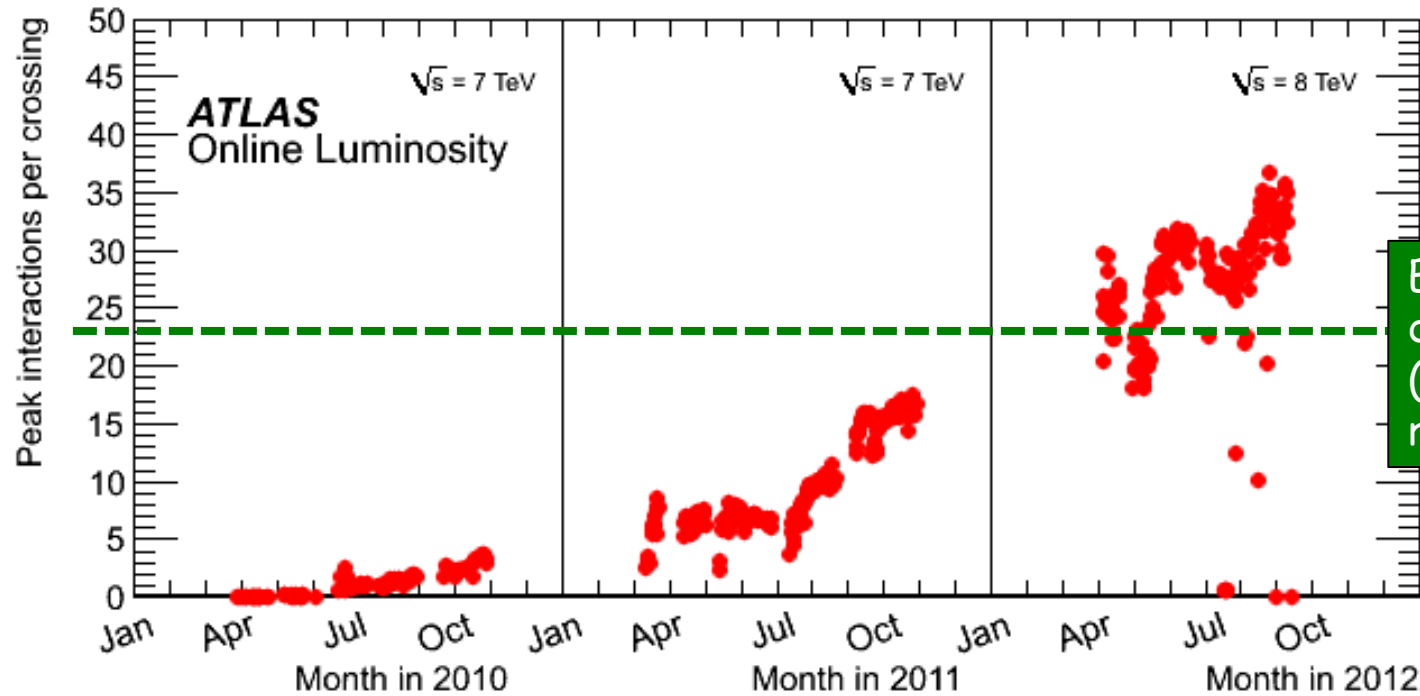
of the delivered luminosity used for physics

(slightly larger fraction than in 2011):

❑ in spite of the very fresh data

❑ in spite of the harsher conditions in 2012

The BIG challenge in 2012: PILE-UP

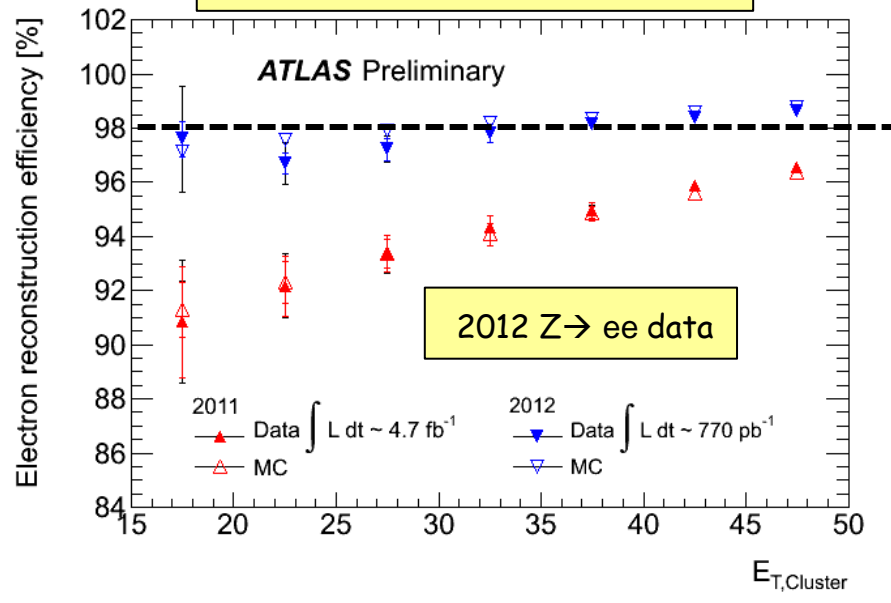


Experiment's design value (expected to be reached at $L=10^{34}$!)

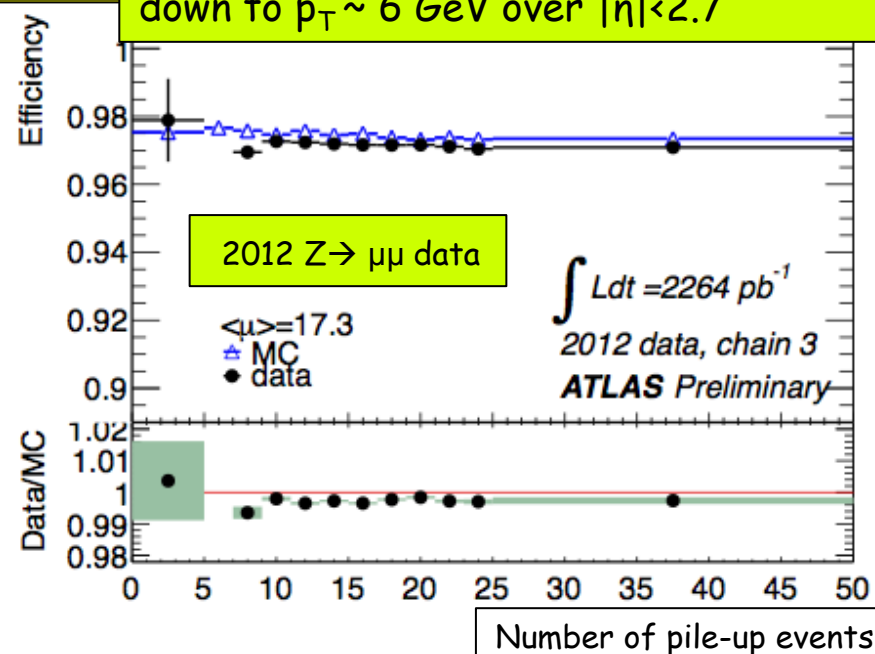
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ event from 2012 data with 25 reconstructed vertices



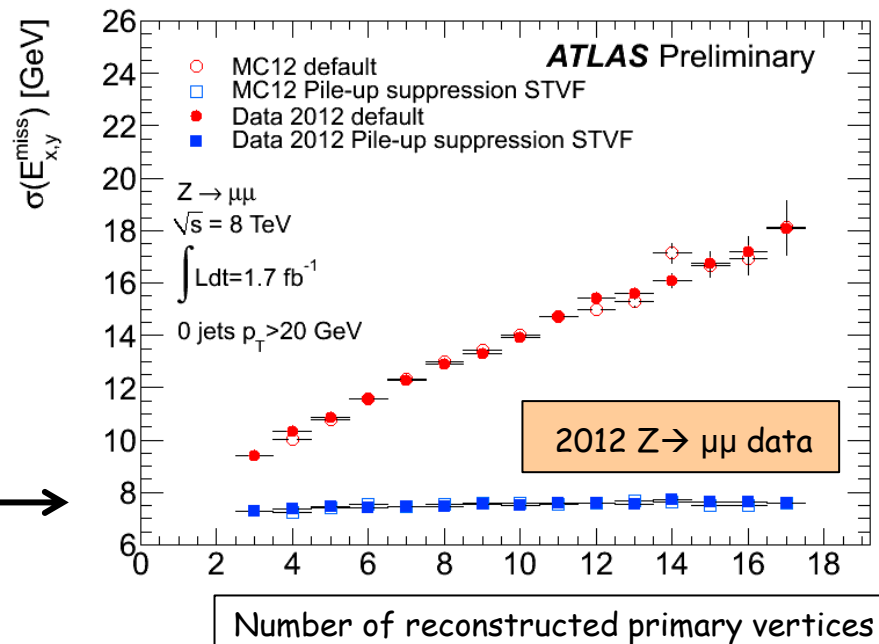
Improved e^\pm reconstruction to recover Brem losses

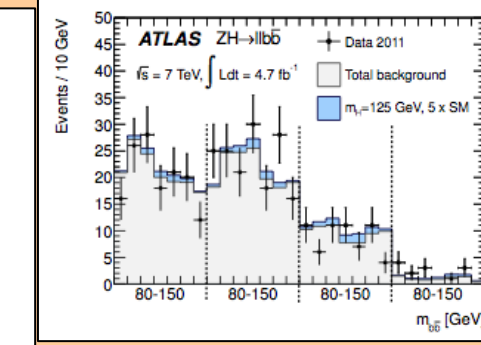
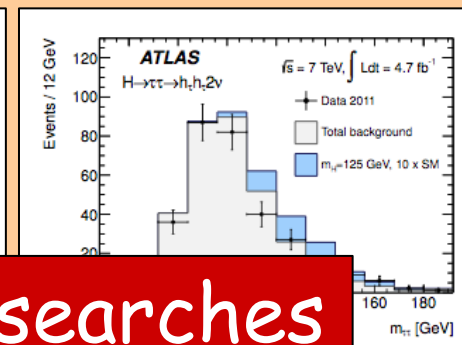
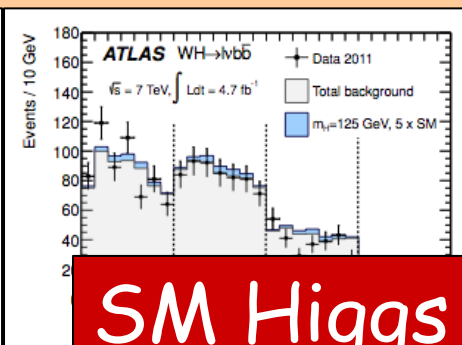
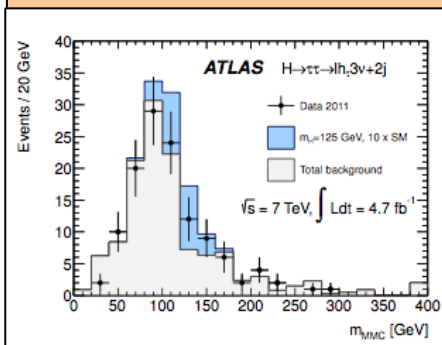


Muon reconstruction efficiency $\sim 97\%$ down to $p_T \sim 6 \text{ GeV}$ over $|\eta| < 2.7$



E_T^{miss} resolution vs pile-up **before** and **after** pile-up suppression using tracks



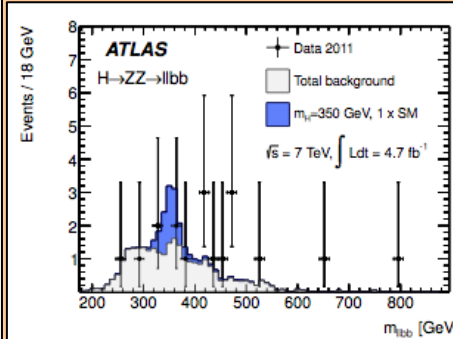
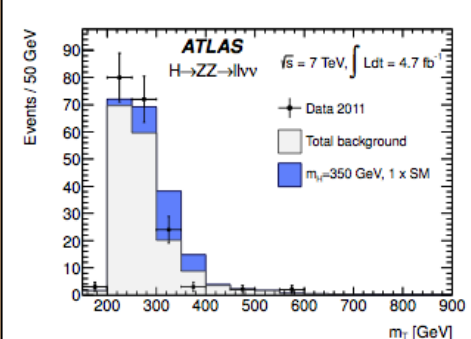
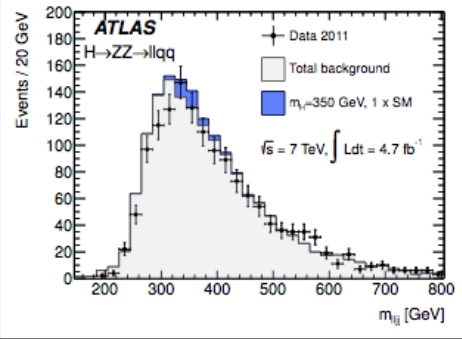
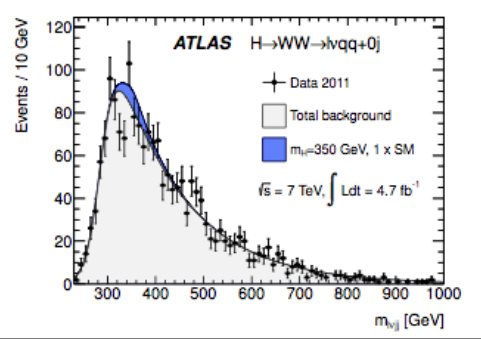
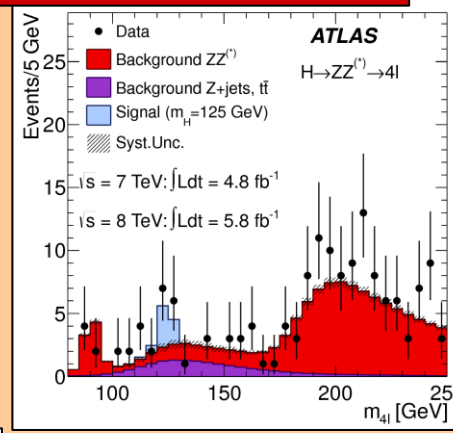
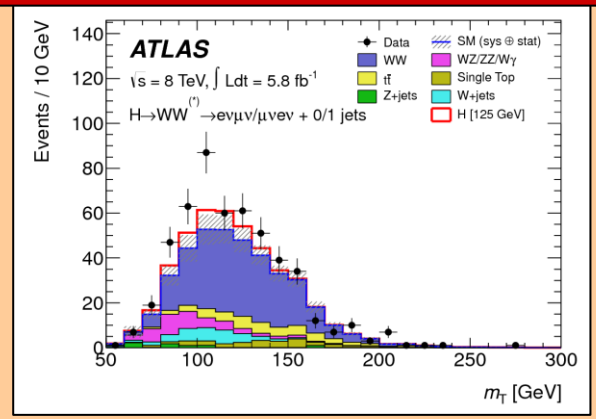
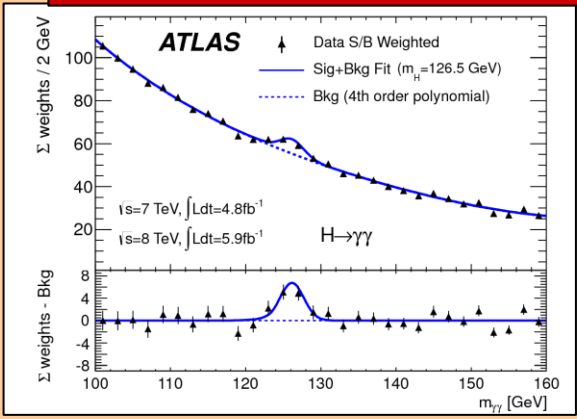


SM Higgs searches

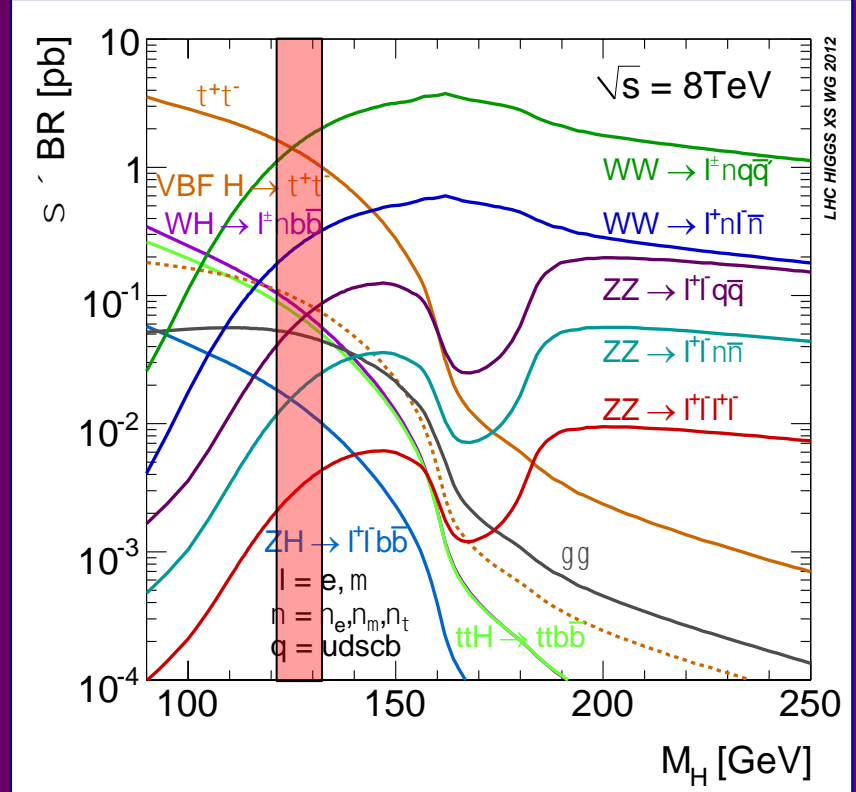
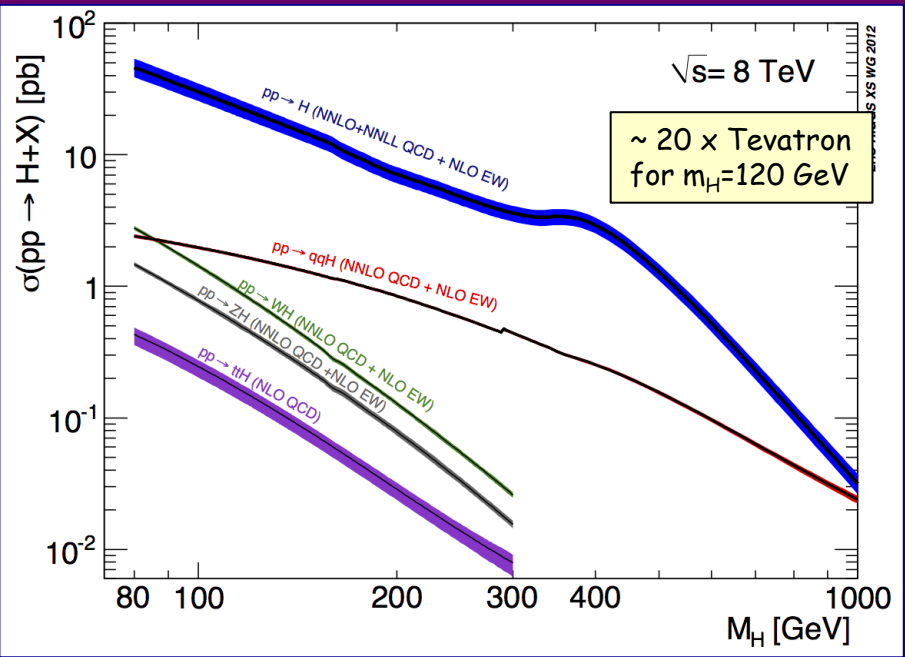
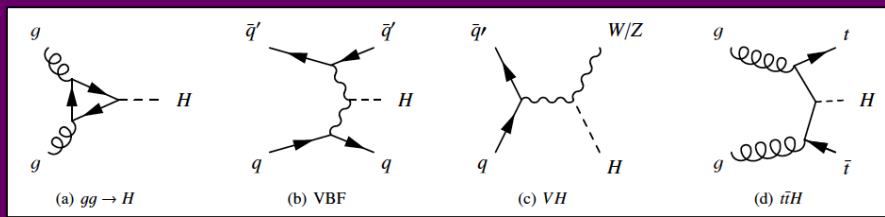
Results based on:

- ~ 4.9 fb⁻¹ √s = 7 TeV data (2011) + ~5.9 fb⁻¹ √s = 8 TeV data (2012) → total: ~10.7 fb⁻¹ for H → γγ, H → ZZ* → 4l, H → WW* → lνlν
- ~ 4.9 fb⁻¹ of √s = 7 TeV data (2011) for H → ττ, W/ZH → bb and high-mass channels

Update with ~ 13 fb⁻¹ of 2012 data planned for HCP Workshop (Kyoto, 12-16 November)



SM Higgs production cross-section and decay modes



Most sensitive channels (decreasing order) for $120 < m_H < 130 \text{ GeV}$:
 $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 $W/ZH \rightarrow W/Z b\bar{b}$

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \rightarrow 8 \text{ TeV}$:

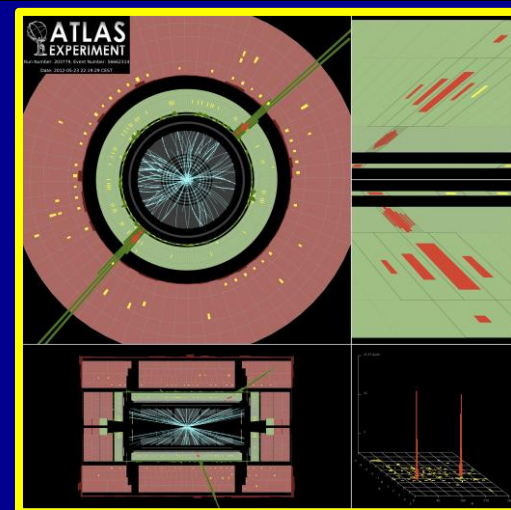
- Higgs cross-section increases by ~ 1.3 for $m_H \sim 125 \text{ GeV}$
- Similar increase for several irreducible backgrounds: e.g. 1.2-1.25 for $\gamma\gamma$, di-bosons
- Reducible backgrounds increase more: e.g. 1.3-1.4 for $t\bar{t}$, $Zb\bar{b}$
- Expected increase in Higgs sensitivity: 10-15%

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$110 \leq m_H \leq 150 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma \times \text{BR} \sim 50 \text{ fb } m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$$

- ❑ Simple topology: two high- p_T isolated photons
 $E_T(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) > 40, 30 \text{ GeV}$
- ❑ Main background: $\gamma\gamma$ continuum (irreducible, smooth, ..)



To increase sensitivity, events divided in 10 categories based on

- ❑ γ rapidity
- ❑ converted/unconverted γ
- ❑ $p_{T\perp}$ ($p_{T\perp}^{\gamma\gamma}$ perpendicular to $\gamma\gamma$ thrust axis)
- ❑ presence of 2 forward jets (targeting VBF process)

Gain in analysis sensitivity in 2012: + 15%

$\sigma_{\text{SM}} (\text{VBF}) \sim 7\%$

2 jets with
 $p_T > 25\text{-}30 \text{ GeV}$
 $|\eta| < 4.5$
 $|\Delta\eta|_{jj} > 2.8$
 $M_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$
 $|\Delta\phi| (\gamma\gamma\text{-}jj) > 2.6$

After all selections, expect $(10.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}, m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV})$

~ 170 signal events

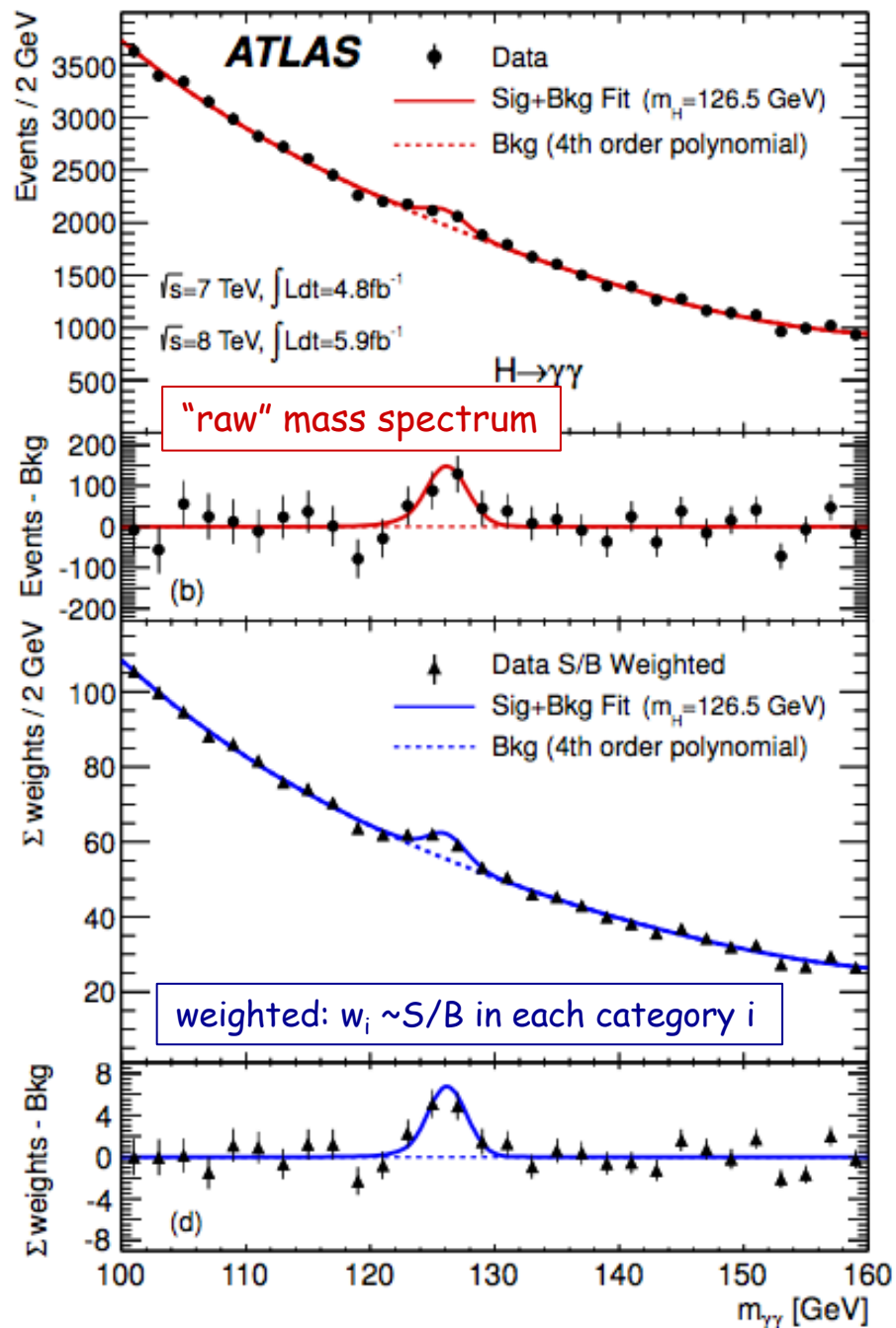
~ 6340 background events in mass window

→ $S/B \sim 3\%$ inclusive (~ 20% 2jet category)

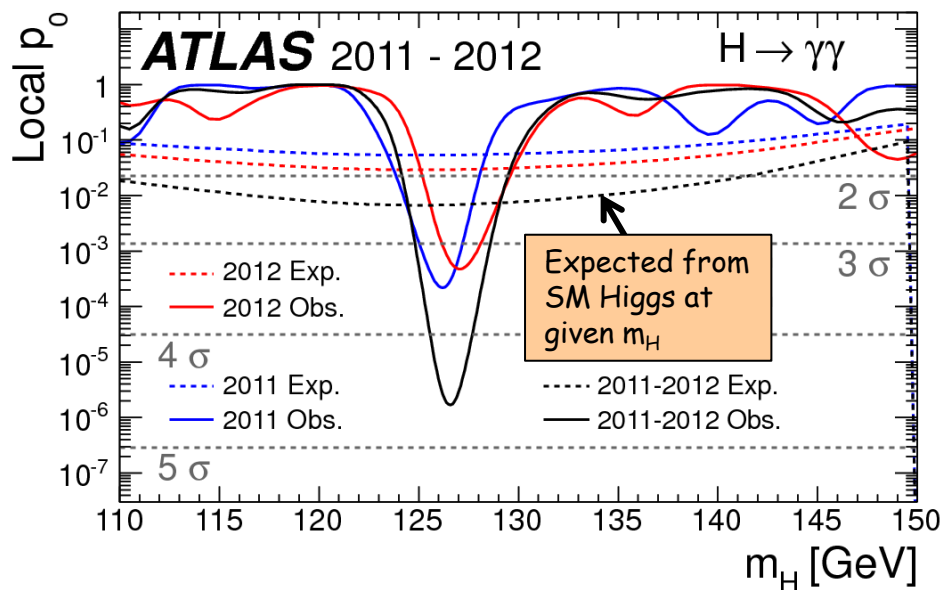
Crucial experimental aspects:

- ❑ excellent $\gamma\gamma$ mass resolution to observe narrow signal peak above irreducible background
- ❑ powerful γ identification to suppress γj and jj background with jet $\rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow \text{fake } \gamma$

After all selections: 59059 events



p-value: consistency of data with background-only expectation



Data sample	m_H of max significance	local significance obs. (exp. SM H)
2011	126 GeV	3.4 σ (1.6)
2012	127 GeV	3.2 σ (1.9)
2011+2012	126.5 GeV	4.5 σ (2.5)

$$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l \quad (4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu)$$

$$110 < m_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma \times \text{BR} \sim 2.5 \text{ fb} \quad m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$$

- ❑ Very small cross-section, but:
 - mass can be fully reconstructed \rightarrow events should cluster in a (narrow) peak
 - pure: $S/B \sim 1$
 - ❑ 4 leptons: $p_T^{1,2,3,4} > 20, 15, 10, 7-6$ (e- μ) GeV; $50 < m_{12} < 106$ GeV; $m_{34} > 17.5-50$ GeV (vs m_H)
 - ❑ Main backgrounds:
 - $ZZ^{(*)}$: irreducible
 - low-mass region $m_H < 2m_Z$: Zbb , Z +jets, tt with two leptons from b-jets or q-jets
- \rightarrow Suppressed with isolation and impact parameter cuts on two softest leptons

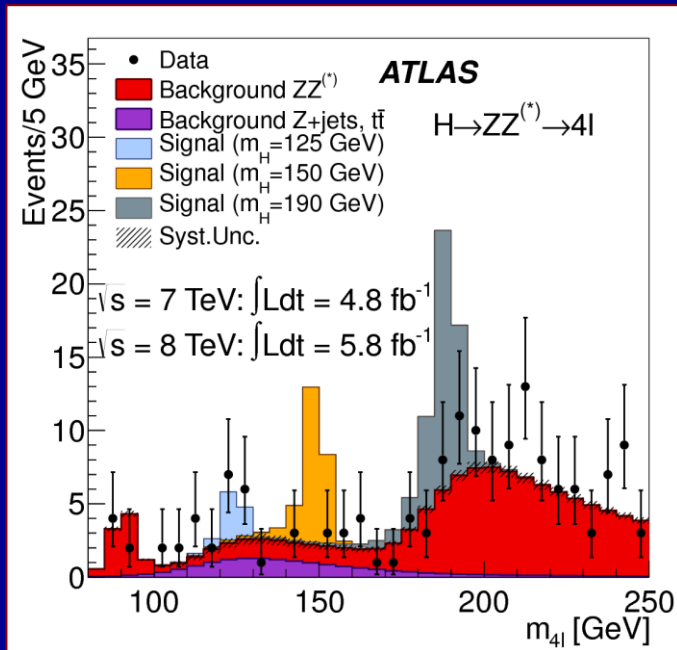
Crucial experimental aspects:

- ❑ High lepton acceptance, reconstruction and identification efficiency down to lowest p_T
- ❑ Good lepton energy/momentum resolution
- ❑ Good control of reducible backgrounds (Zbb , Z +jets, tt) in low-mass region:
 - \rightarrow cannot rely on MC alone (theoretical uncertainties, b/q-jet \rightarrow lepton modeling, ..)
 - \rightarrow need to validate MC with data in background-enriched control regions

Main improvements in analysis in 2012:

- ❑ kinematic cuts optimized/relaxed to increase signal sensitivity at low mass
 - ❑ increased e^\pm reconstruction and identification efficiency at low p_T and pile-up robustness
- \rightarrow Gain 20%-30% in sensitivity compared to last year's analysis

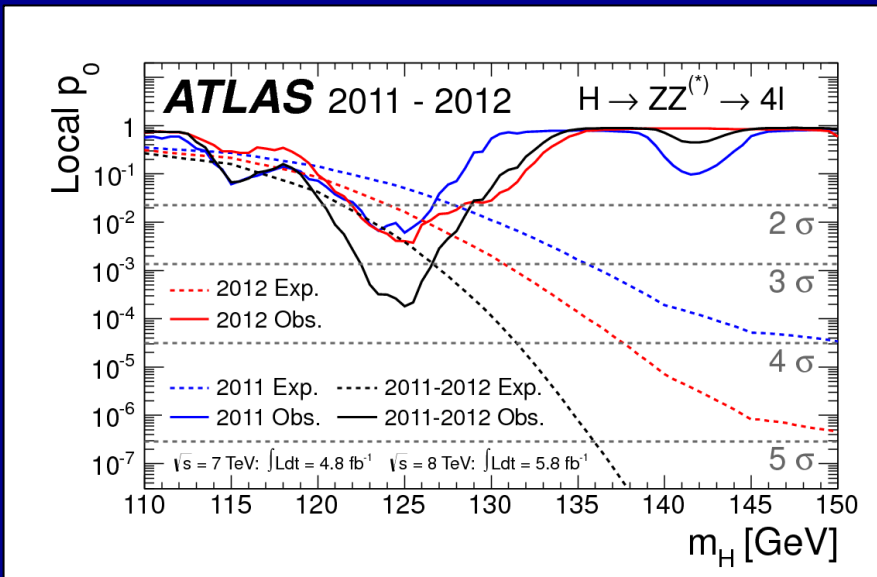
Reconstructed 4l mass spectrum after all selections



In the region $125 \pm 5 \text{ GeV}$

Observed	13 events
Expected from background only	4.9 ± 1
Expected from Higgs signal	$5.3 \pm .8$

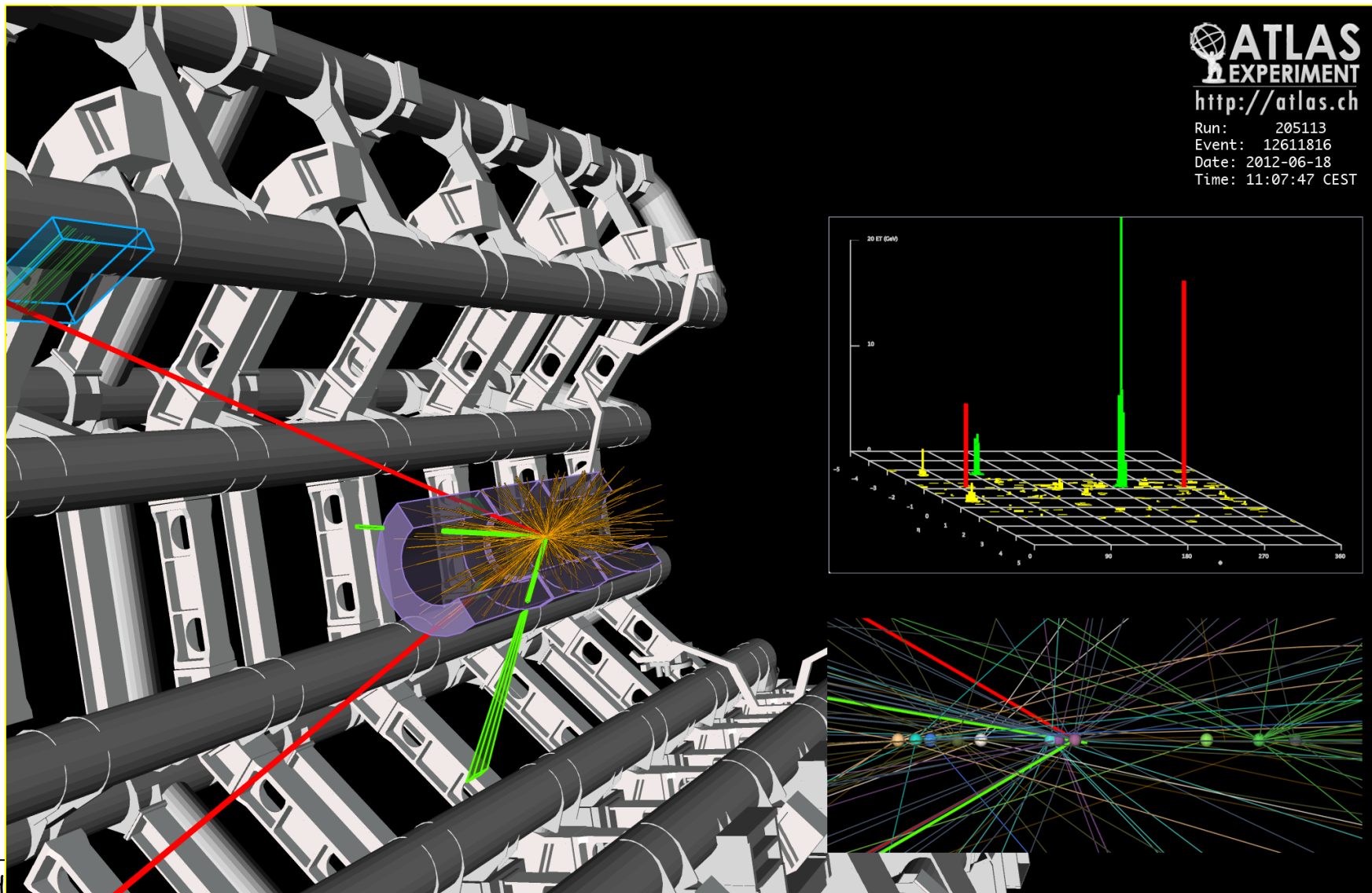
	4μ	2e2μ	4e
Data	6	5	2
Expected S/B	1.6	1.1	0.6
Reducible/total B	10%	60%	70%



Data sample	m_H of max significance	local significance obs. (exp. SM H)
2011	125 GeV	2.5σ (1.6)
2012	125.5 GeV	2.6σ (2.1)
2011+2012	125 GeV	3.6σ (2.7)

$2e2\mu$ candidate with $m_{2e2\mu} = 123.9 \text{ GeV}$

$p_T(e, e, \mu, \mu) = 18.7, 76, 19.6, 7.9 \text{ GeV}$, $m(e^+e^-) = 87.9 \text{ GeV}$, $m(\mu^+\mu^-) = 19.6 \text{ GeV}$
12 reconstructed vertices



$$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow |l\nu|l\nu \text{ (} e\nu e\nu, \mu\nu\mu\nu, e\nu\mu\nu \text{)}$$

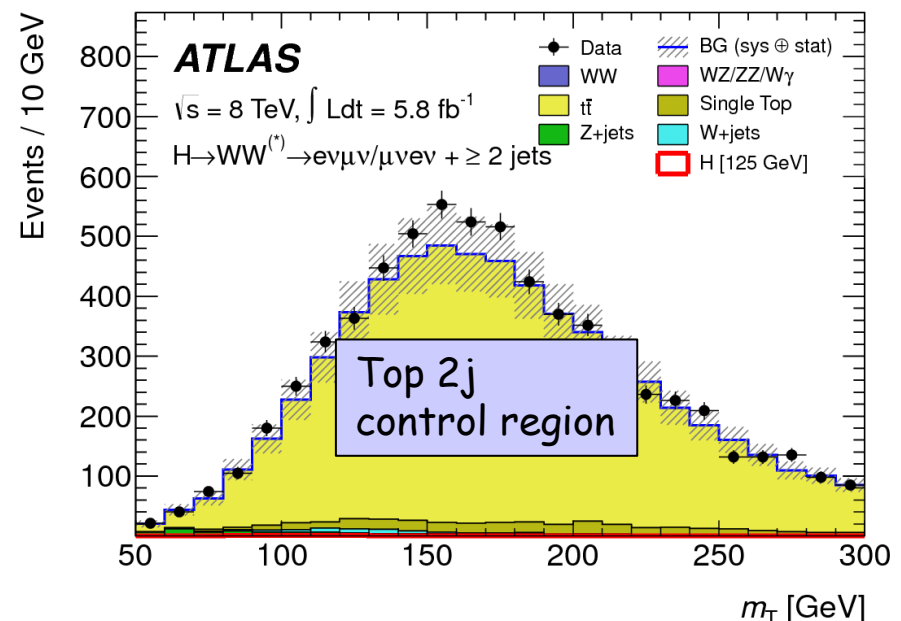
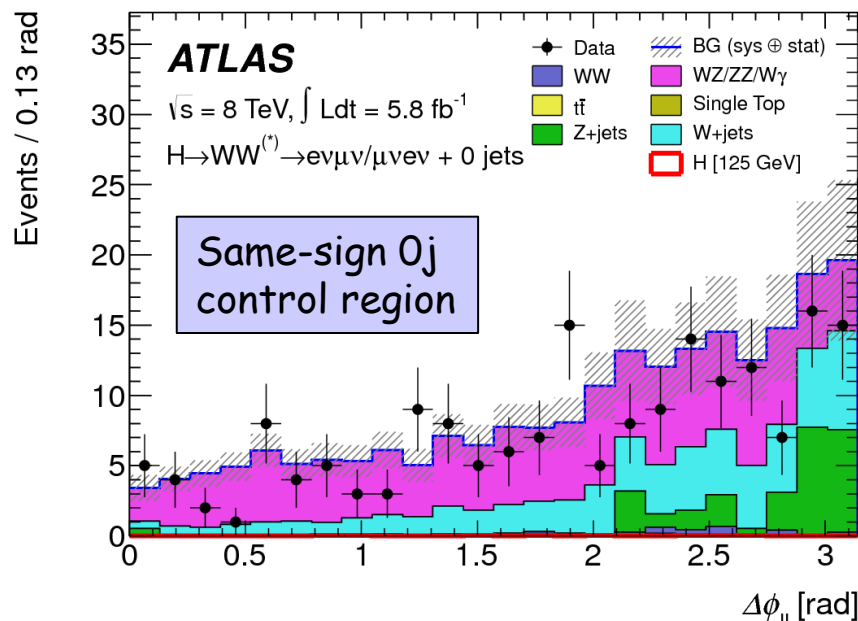
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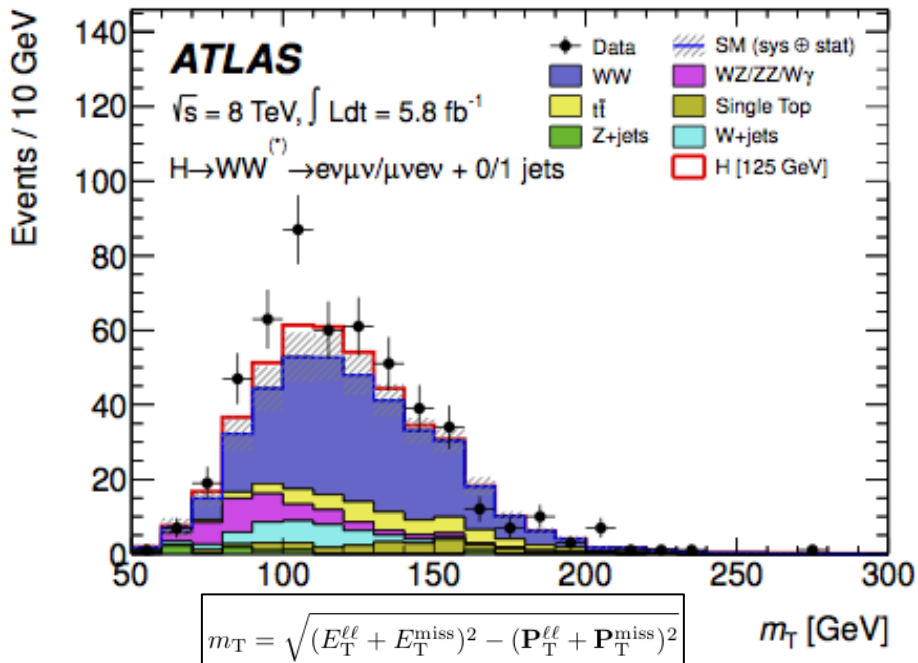
$$\sigma \times \text{BR} \sim 200 \text{ fb} \quad \text{for } m_H \sim 125 \text{ GeV}$$

- ❑ Large cross section
 - ❑ However: 2ν in final state \rightarrow mass peak cannot be reconstructed \rightarrow "counting channel"
 - ❑ $H \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ studied with 2012 data: $\sim 85\%$ of sensitivity, less Drell-Yan background
- ❑ 2 isolated opposite-sign leptons, $p_T > 25, 15 \text{ GeV}$
 - ❑ Main backgrounds: WW , top, Z +jets, W +jets
 - \rightarrow large E_T^{miss} , $m_{ll} \neq m_Z$, b-jet veto ..+ topological cuts: p_{Tll} , m_{ll} , $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ (smaller for scalar Higgs)

Crucial experimental aspects:

- ❑ understanding of E_T^{miss}
- ❑ very good modeling of background in signal region \rightarrow use signal-free control regions in data to constrain MC \rightarrow use MC to extrapolate to signal region



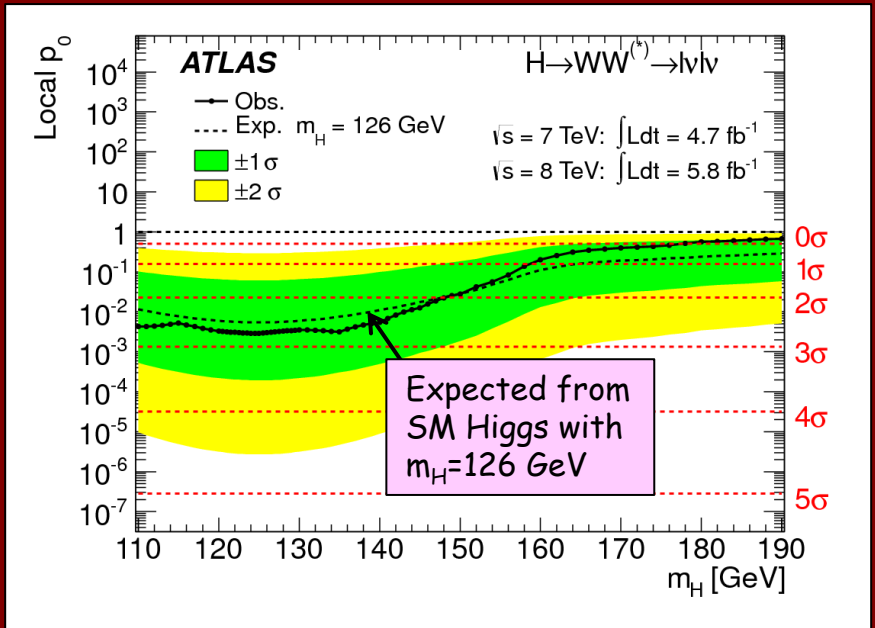


After all selections

Observed:	223 events
expected from background only	168 ± 20
expected from Higgs $m_H=126 \text{ GeV}$	25 ± 5

Data sample	m_H of max significance	local significance obs. (exp. SM H)
2011	135 GeV	1.1σ (3.4)
2012	120 GeV	3.3σ (1.0)
2011+2012	125 GeV	2.8σ (2.3)

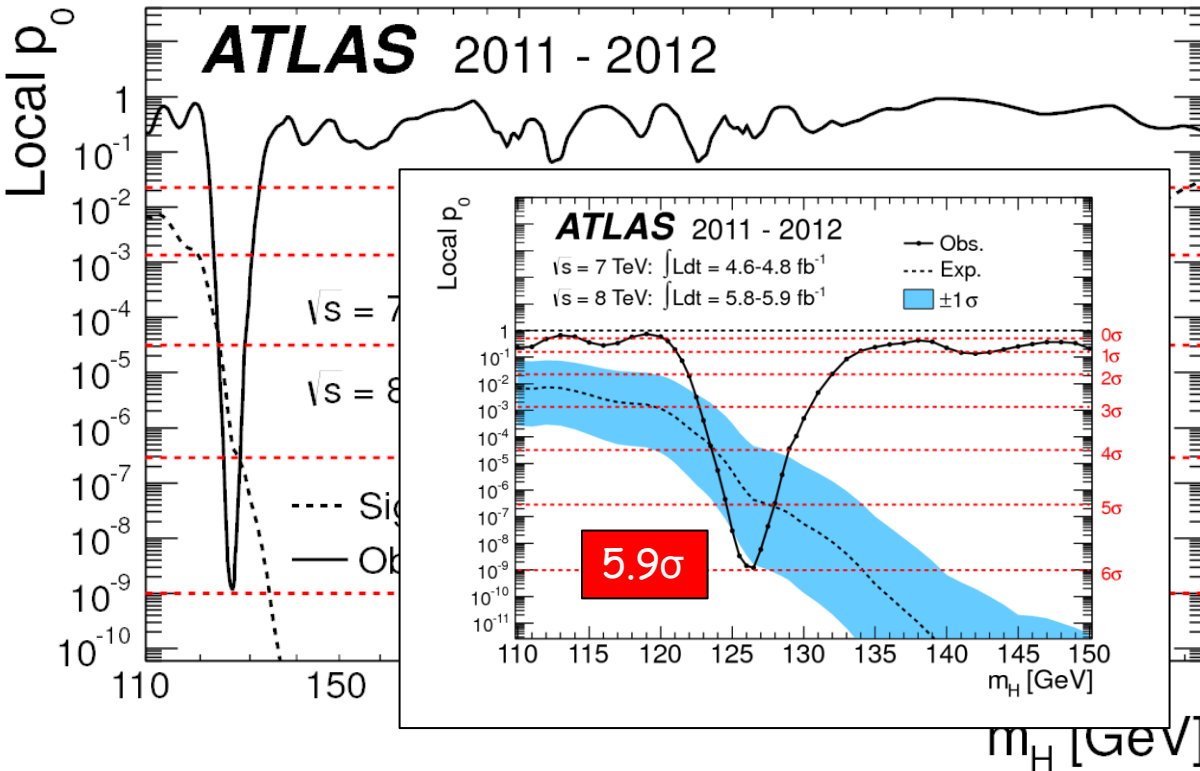
Broad excess, extending over $> 50 \text{ GeV}$ in mass, due to poor mass resolution



Intermezzo ...



Combining all (12) channels together



Channel	Obs. significance (exp. from SM H)
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	4.5σ (2.5)
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Combined	5.9σ (4.9)

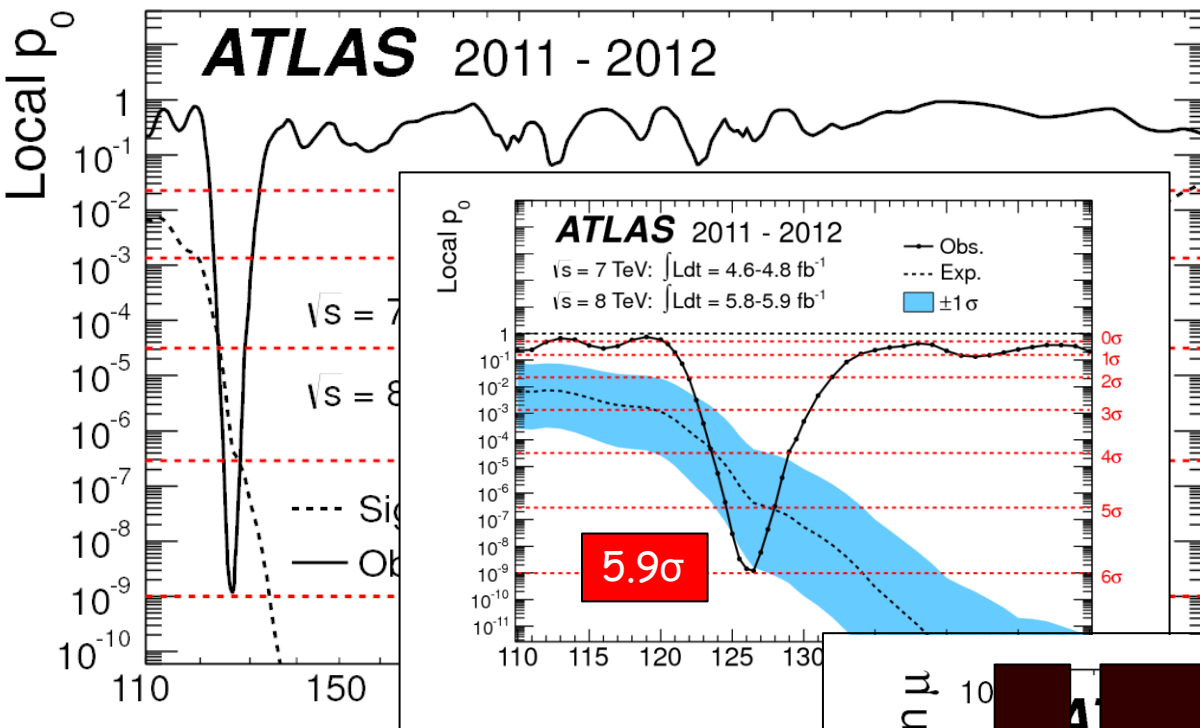
For $m_H \sim 126.5 \text{ GeV}$

Probability of background fluctuation: 1.7×10^{-9}

Local significance 5.9σ

Global significance: $\sim 5.2 \sigma$

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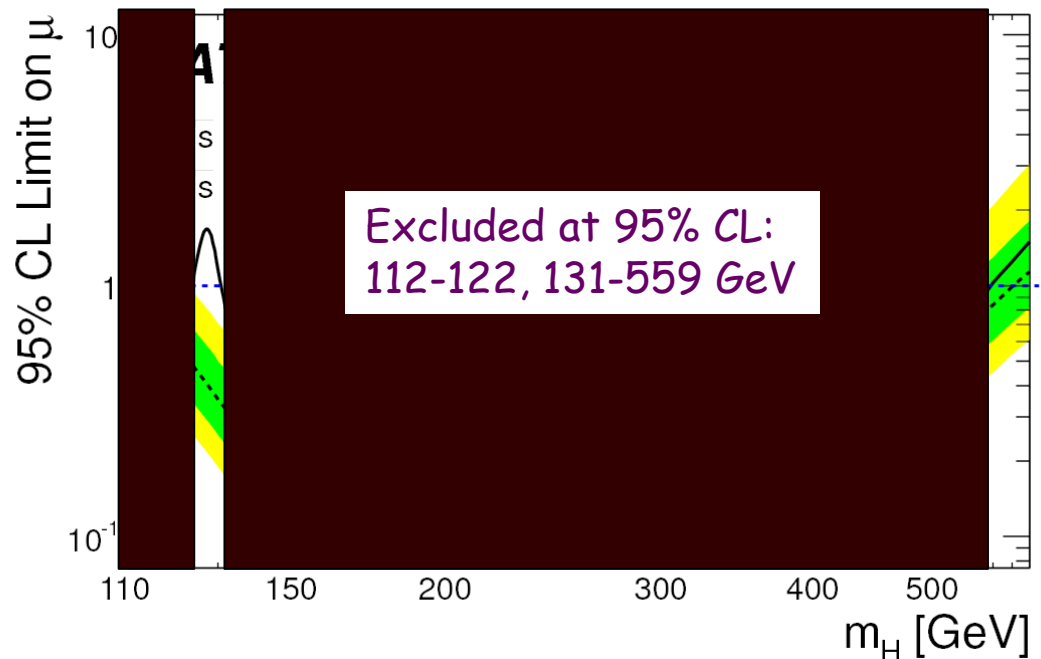
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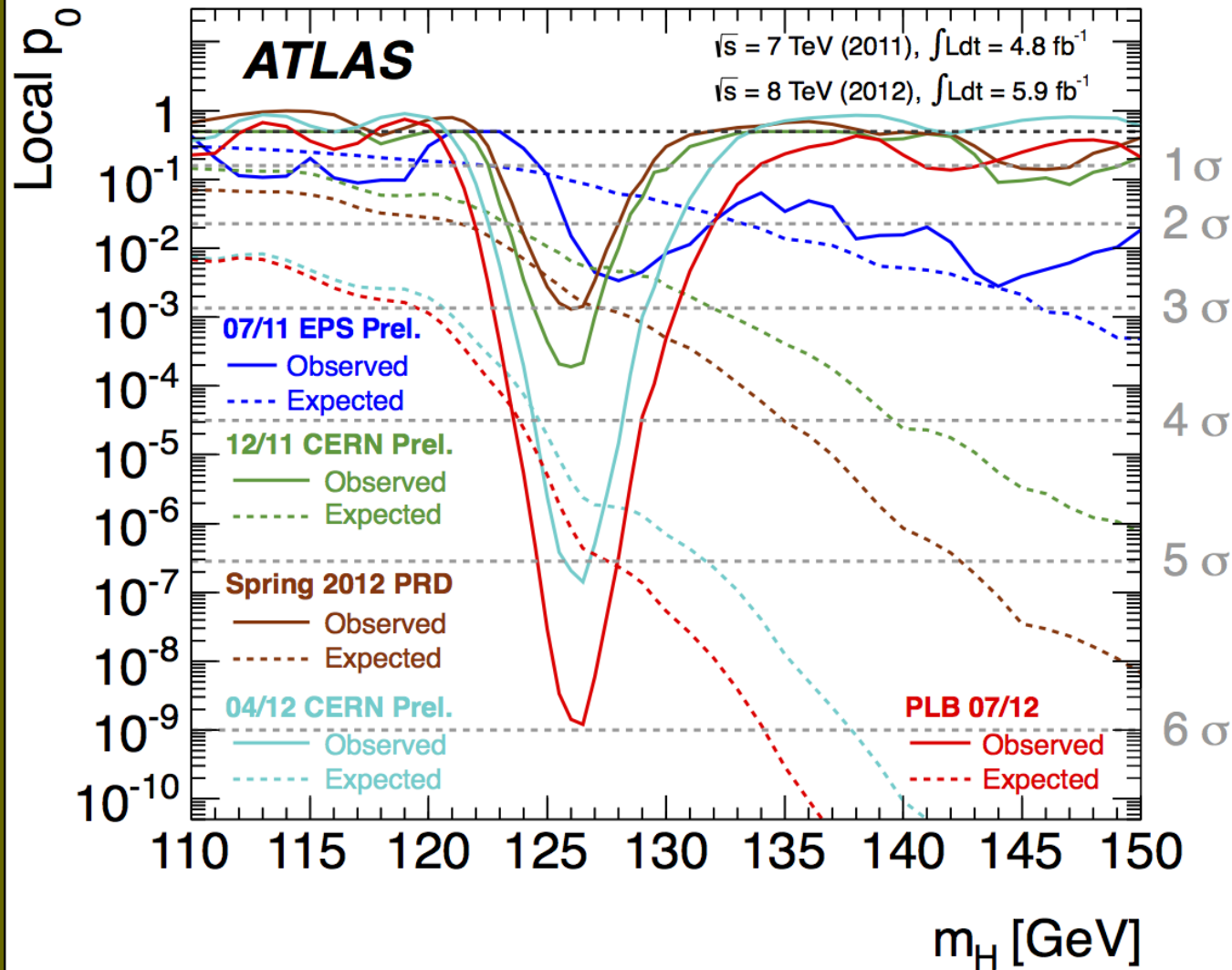
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Evolution of the excess with time

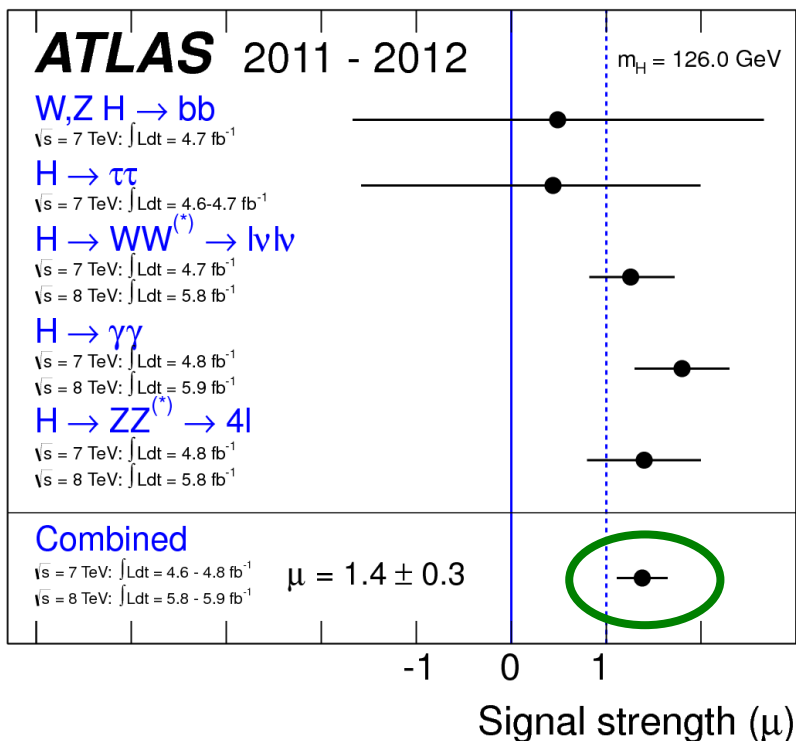


Significance increase from 4th July to now from including 2012 data for $H \rightarrow WW^*$ search

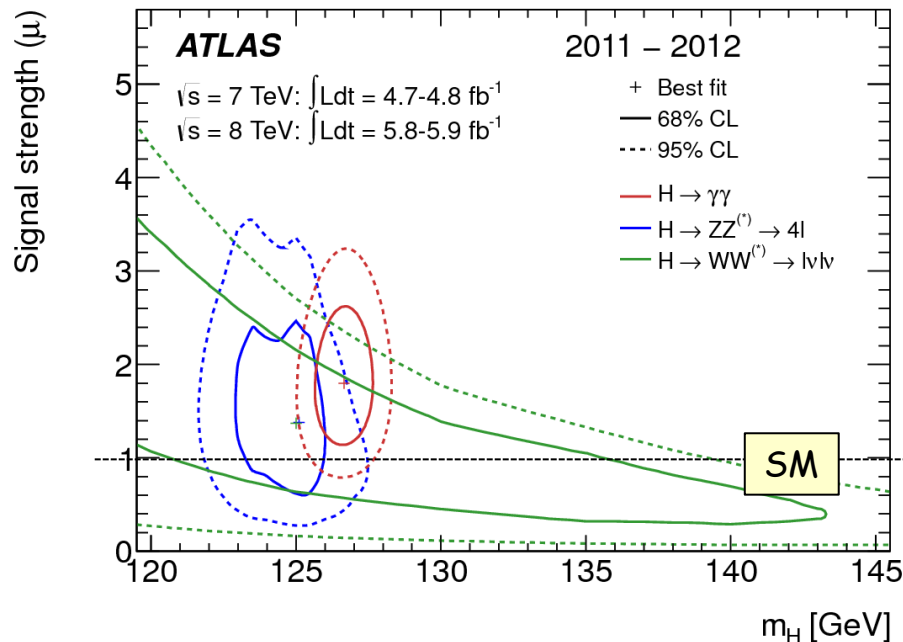
Characterizing the new particle: mass and signal strength

Estimated mass:
 $m_H = 126 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$

μ = signal strength normalized to the SM Higgs expectation at $m_H = 126 \text{ GeV}$



2-dim likelihood fit to signal mass and strength

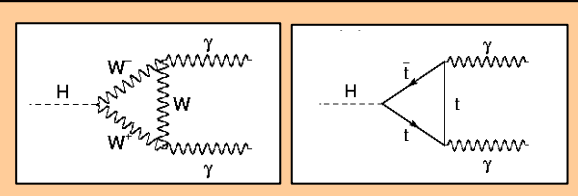
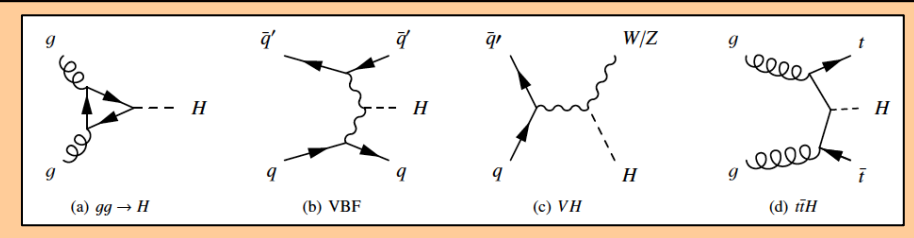


Best-fit value at 126 GeV:

$$\mu = 1.4 \pm 0.3$$

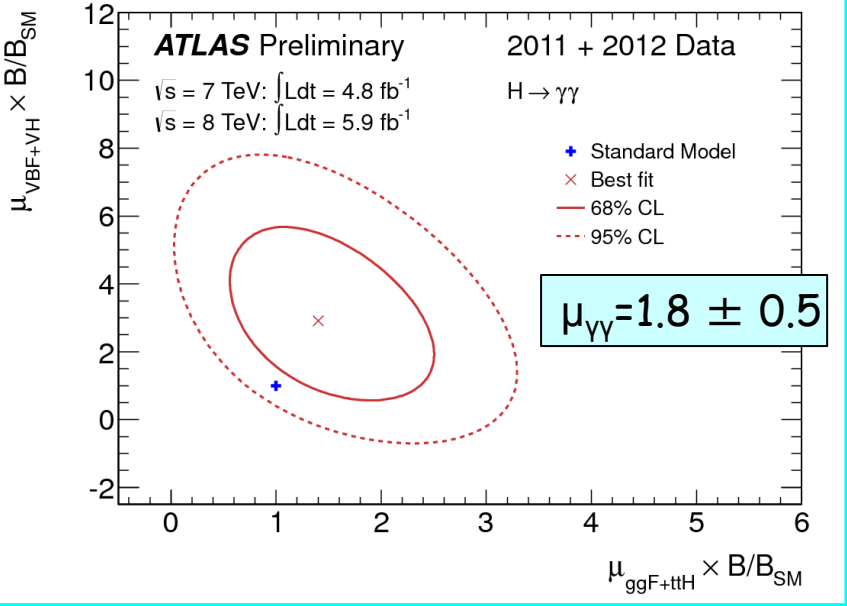
→ in agreement with the expectation for a SM Higgs within the present statistical uncertainty

Characterizing the new particle: first measurements of couplings (examples ..)

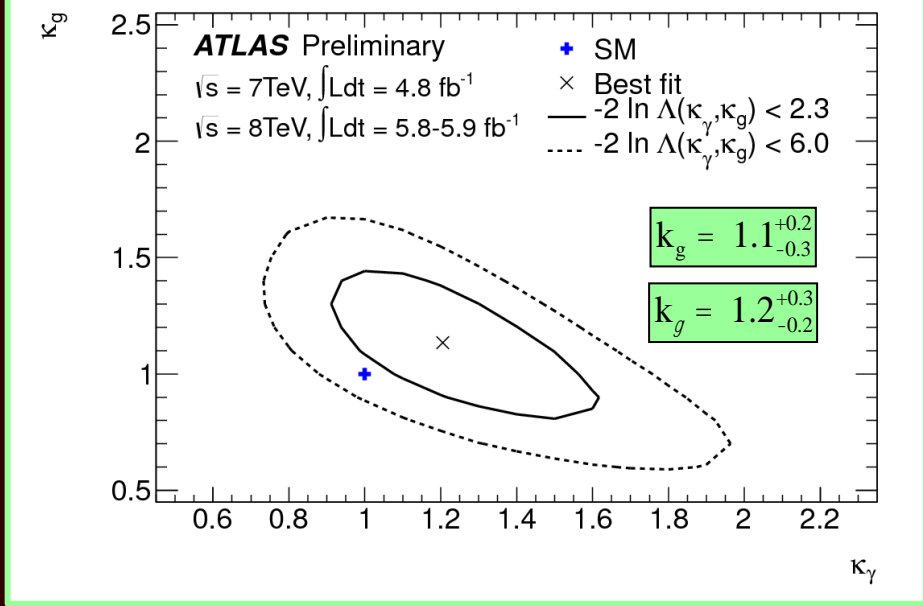


$$k_i^2 = \frac{G_i^{\text{data}}}{G_i^{\text{SM}}}$$

Explore tension SM-data from $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ different production modes (VBF, ggF)



New particles in the $gg \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ loops ?



$$\frac{k_W}{k_Z} = 1.07^{+0.35}_{-0.27}$$

BR ($H \rightarrow$ invisible or undetected) < 0.84 at 95% CL

Couplings to fermions k_F weakly constrained by direct $H \rightarrow \tau\tau, bb$; indirect constraints from ggF (tt loop) indicate it's non-vanishing (see spare slides)

Higgs: the next steps ...

MORE DATA essential to:

- ❑ Establish the observation in more channels ($\tau\tau$, bb , more exclusive topologies ..)
- ❑ Measure nature and properties of the new particle (J^{CP} , couplings, ..) with increasing precision \rightarrow test compatibility with SM Higgs; how is Higgs mechanism implemented ?
- ❑ How much does this "Higgs" contribute to restoring $V_L V_L$ unitarity at high mass ?
- ❑ Natural Higgs or fine-tuned Higgs ? If natural: what stabilizes its mass (SUSY? Other New Physics ?)?

End 2012

Assuming $\sim 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ($\sim 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 8 TeV + 5 fb^{-1} 7 TeV) expect from a SM Higgs:

- ❑ 4-5 σ from each of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$, $H \rightarrow 4l$ per experiment
- ❑ $\sim 3 \sigma$ from $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and $\sim 3 \sigma$ from $W/ZH \rightarrow W/Z bb$ (already achieved by Tevatron !)
per experiment
- ❑ Separation $O^+/2^+$ and O^+/O^- at 4σ level combining ATLAS and CMS

Further ahead (present LHC plans):

2013-2014: shut-down (LS1)

2015-2017: $\sqrt{s} \sim 13 \text{ TeV}$, $L \sim 10^{34}$, $\sim 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

2018: shut-down (LS2)

2019-2021: $\sqrt{s} \sim 13 \text{ TeV}$, $L \sim 2 \times 10^{34}$, $\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

2022-2023: shut-down (LS3)

2023-2030 ? : $\sqrt{s} \sim 13 \text{ TeV}$, $L \sim 5 \times 10^{34}$, $\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (HL-LHC)

Spin/CP can be determined at $> 5\sigma$ with 300 fb^{-1} for a non-mixed state

Without constraints, ratios of couplings can be measured with typical precisions:

20-50% with $\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

5-25% with 3000 fb^{-1}

per experiment

Measurements of rare decays with 3000 fb^{-1} :

$ttH \rightarrow tt\gamma\gamma$: 200 events

$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: 6σ

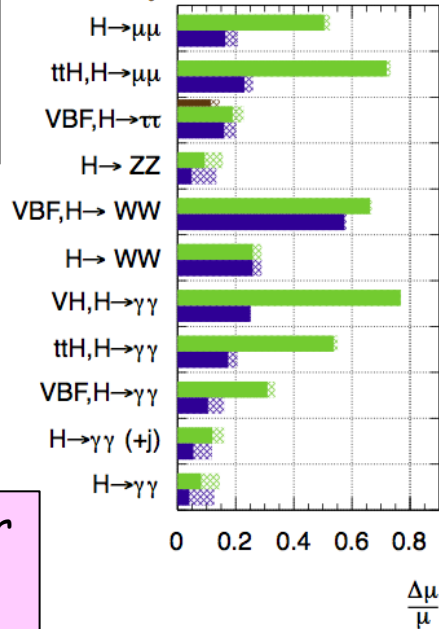
per experiment

Assuming Γ_H (SM) and one scale factor for the fermion/vector sector \rightarrow measure k_F, k_V to 6% (3%) with 300 (3000) fb^{-1} per experiment

ATLAS Preliminary (Simulation)

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$: $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$; $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

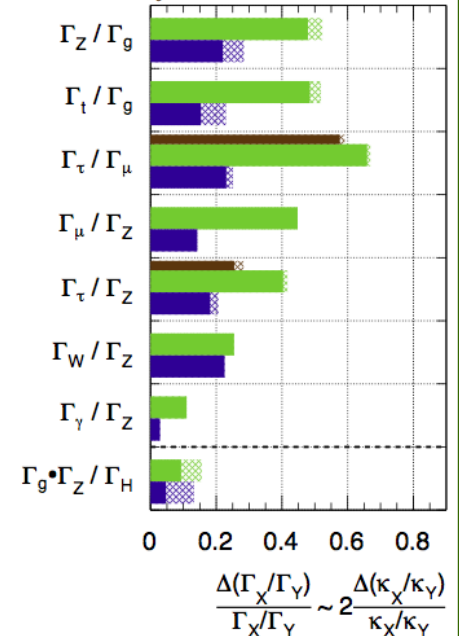
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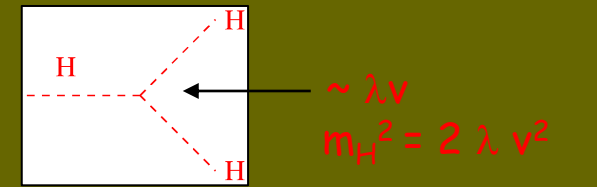
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$\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ extrapolated from 7+8 TeV



Higgs self-couplings: $\sim 3\sigma$ per experiment expected from $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ channel with 3000 fb^{-1} ; $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ also promising $\sim 30\%$ measurement of λ/λ_{SM} may be achieved

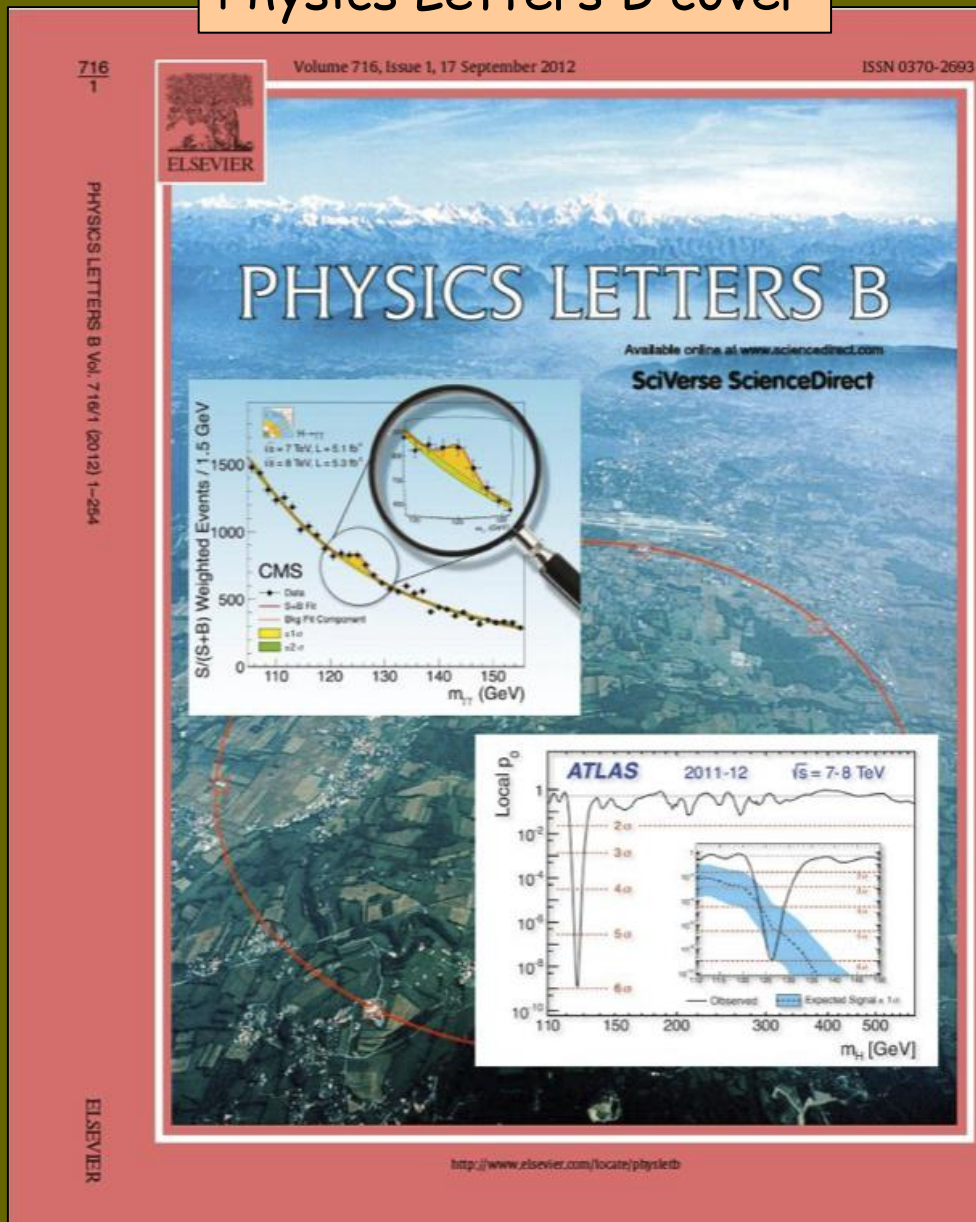


Note: -- these results are very preliminary (work of a few months) and conservative
 -- physics potential of LHC upgrade is much more than just Higgs

Conclusions

Similar, very nice results from CMS

ATLAS and CMS "Higgs discovery" papers published side by side in Phys. Lett. B716 (2012)



Superb performance and accomplishments of the LHC accelerator, experiments and Computing Grid in less than 3 years of operation.

ATLAS has recorded $\sim 5.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ in 2011 and $\sim 17 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ in 2012 at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

The whole experiment works very well in all its components, from smooth and efficient operation of the detector, trigger and computing to the fast delivery of physics results.

Huge physics output covered in > 200 papers and > 400 Conference notes (not only Higgs!): a wealth of measurements and searches; no New Physics (yet !)

In July 2012 ATLAS has reported the discovery of a new Higgs-like boson:

- ❑ with significance $\sim 6\sigma$, driven by $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, 4l$, with contributions also from $H \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
- ❑ signal strength: 1.4 ± 0.3 of the Standard Model Higgs expectation
- ❑ mass: $126 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$
- ❑ first couplings measurements consistent with SM within present (large) uncertainties

If it is a SM Higgs boson, it's very kind of Nature to have chosen this mass
→ accessible at LHC in $\gamma\gamma, ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l, WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu, bb, \tau\tau$, and (HL-LHC) $\mu\mu$

The era of precise "Higgs measurements" has started. In parallel, quest for New Physics at TeV scale more and more motivated: natural EW scale or desert scenario ?
→ LHC and its upgrade will have a lot to say

Czech Republic in ATLAS:

- Olomuc, Prague AS, Prague CTU, Prague CU
- 75 scientists (~35 students)
- Contributions to inner detector, radiation shielding and monitors, calorimeter, trigger, physics, upgrade



These accomplishments are the results of more than 20 years of talented work and extreme dedication by the ATLAS Collaboration

More in general, they are the results of the ingenuity, vision and painstaking work of the HEP community (accelerator, instrumentation, computing, physics)

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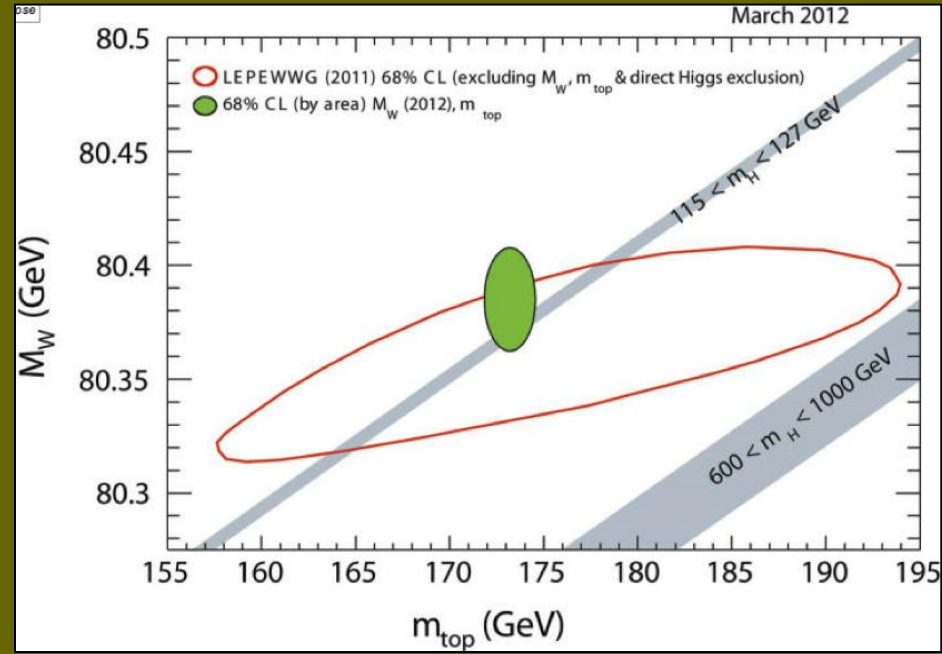
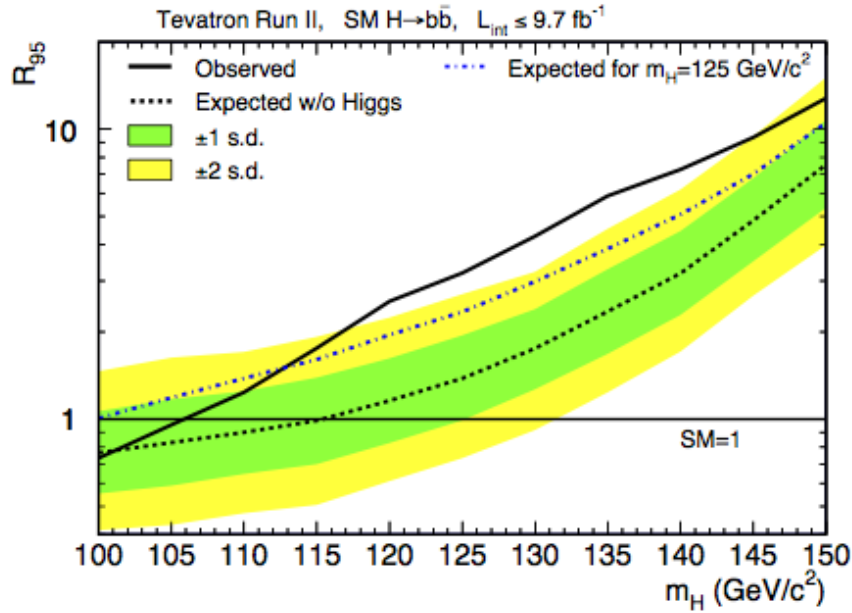
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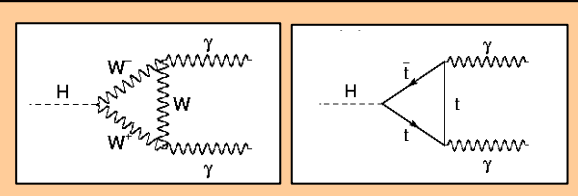
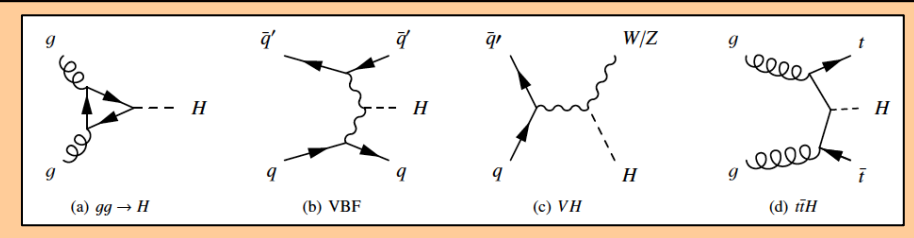
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The Tevatron legacy



M_W dominates internal consistency tests of SM. Hard for LHC to improve on Tevatron superb precision (16 MeV !) → Tevatron will contribute to full picture still for a long time

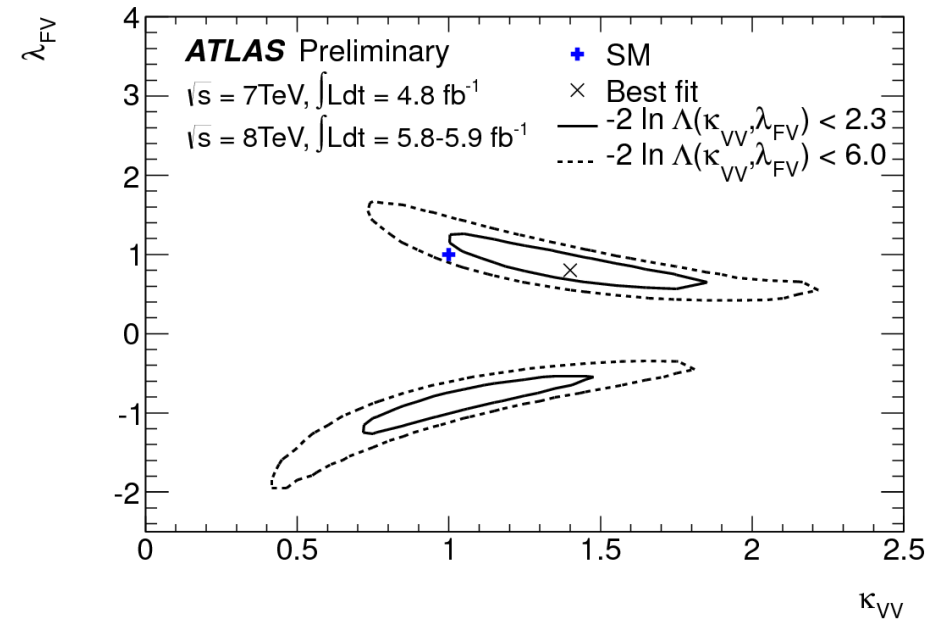
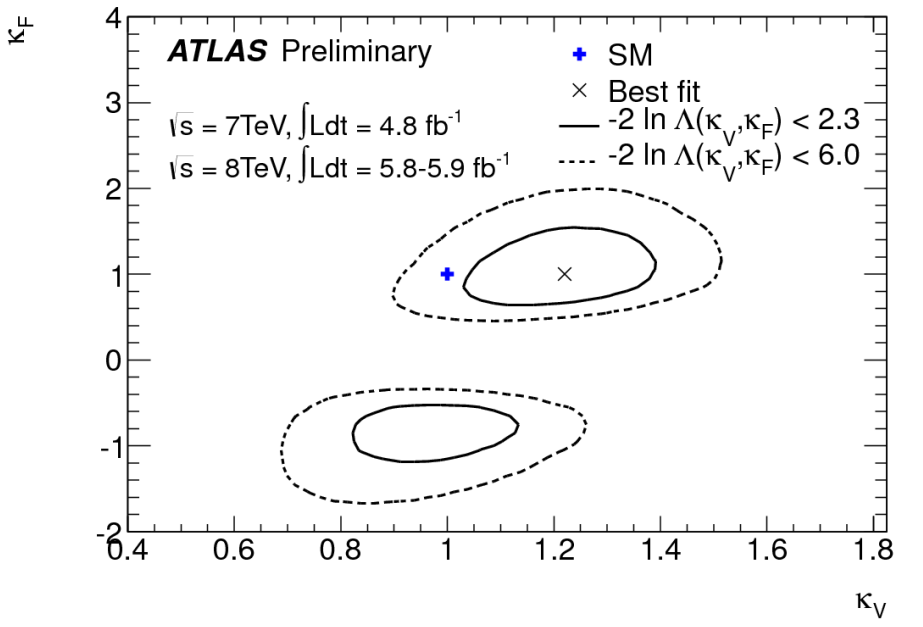
Characterizing the new particle: first measurements of couplings (examples ..)



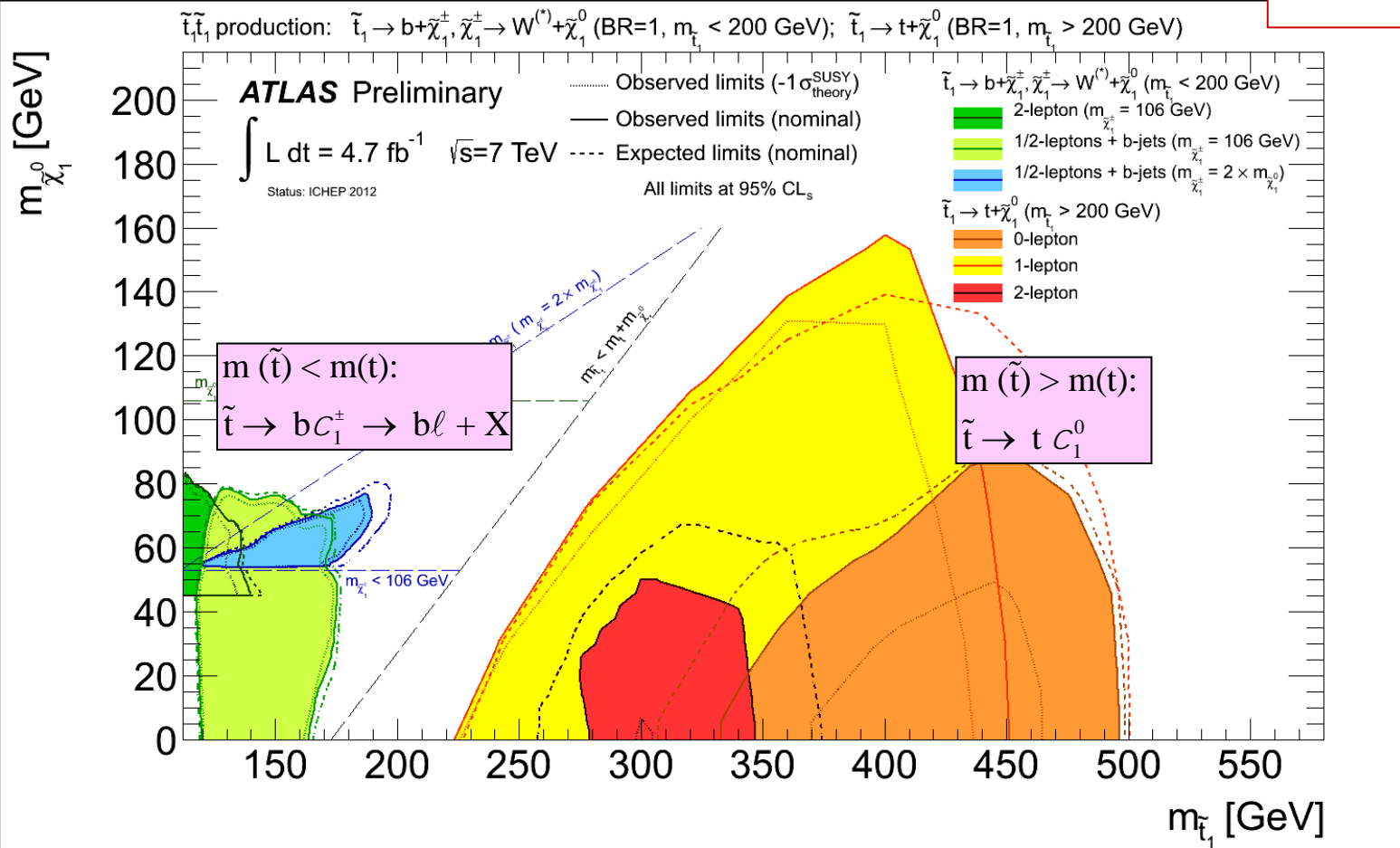
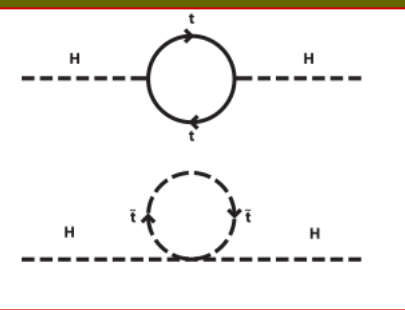
$$\kappa_i^2 = \frac{G_i^{\text{data}}}{G_i^{\text{SM}}}$$

Couplings to fermions vs couplings to bosons assuming SM width (driven by large bb BR)

Ratio of couplings to fermions and bosons (λ_{VF}) without assumptions on the SM width



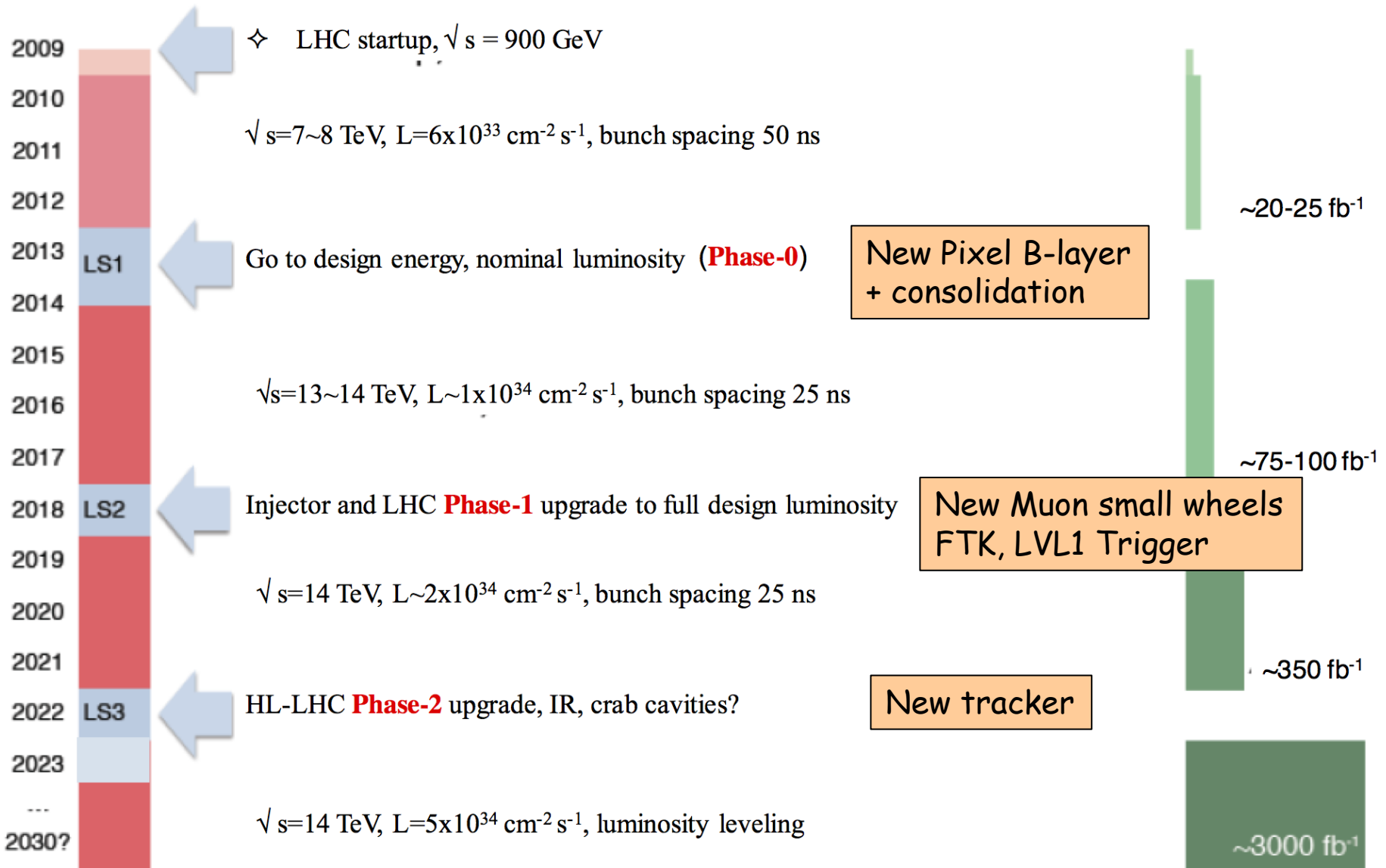
Is the Higgs mass stabilized by New Physics ?



With $\sim 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by end 2012: expect to cover stop masses up to $\sim 700\text{-}800 \text{ GeV}$ and most of hole at $m_{\text{stop}} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ (by allowing branching ratios $\text{stop} \rightarrow t \chi_1^0$ and $\text{stop} \rightarrow b \chi_1^\pm$ to vary)

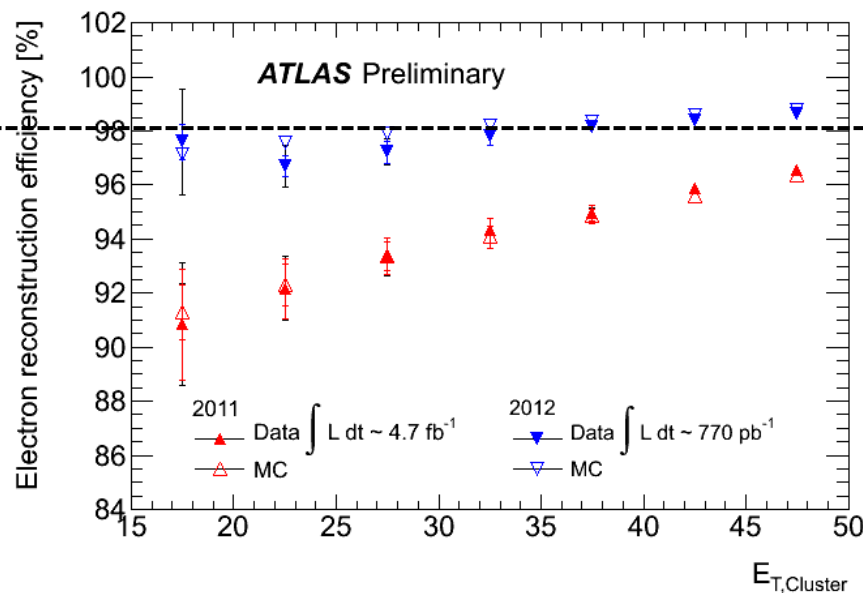
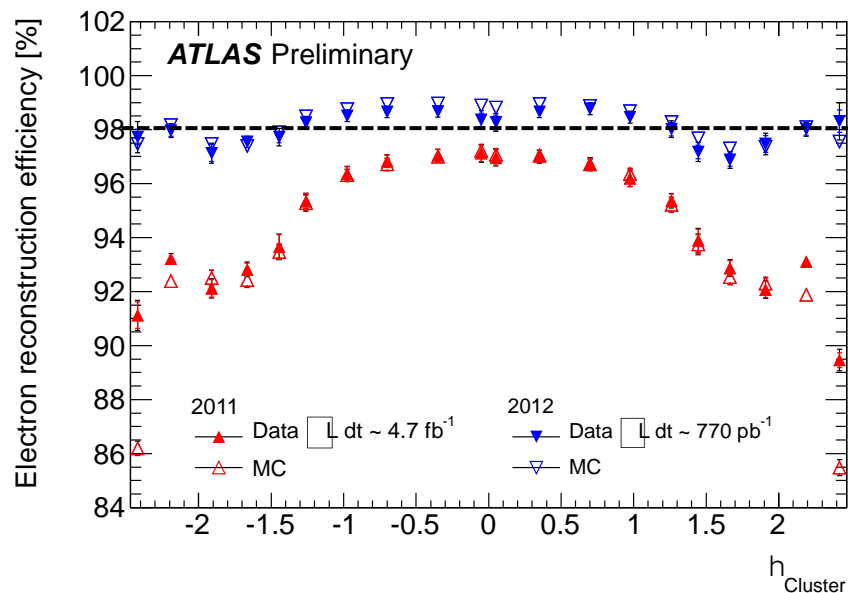
Further ahead: present LHC upgrade plans

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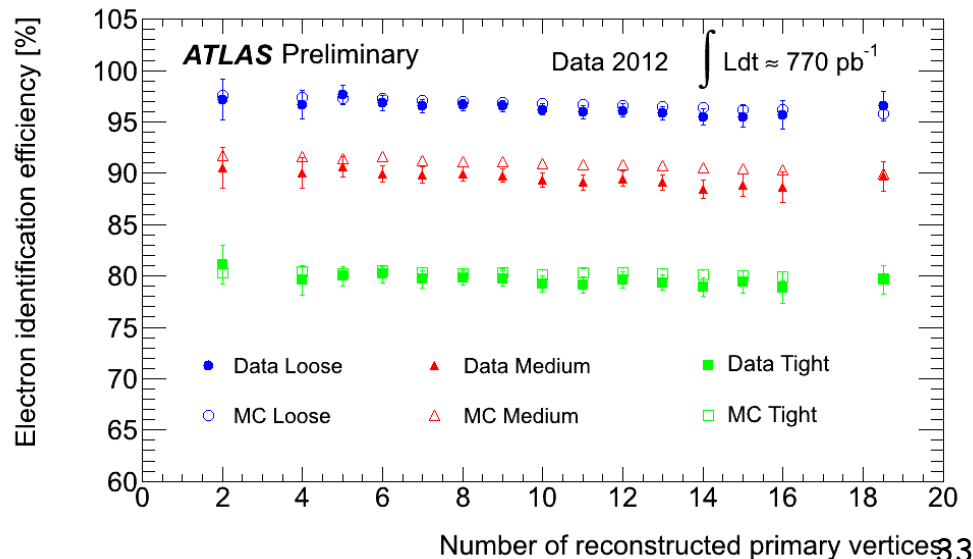


High efficiency for low- p_T electrons (affected by material) crucial for $H \rightarrow 4e, 2\mu 2e$

Improved track reconstruction and fitting to recover e^\pm undergoing hard Brem
 \rightarrow achieved $\sim 98\%$ reconstruction efficiency, flatter vs η and E_T



Re-optimized e^\pm identification using pile-up robust variables (e.g. Transition Radiation, calorimeter strips) \rightarrow achieved $\sim 95\%$ identification efficiency, \sim flat vs pile-up; higher rejections of fakes

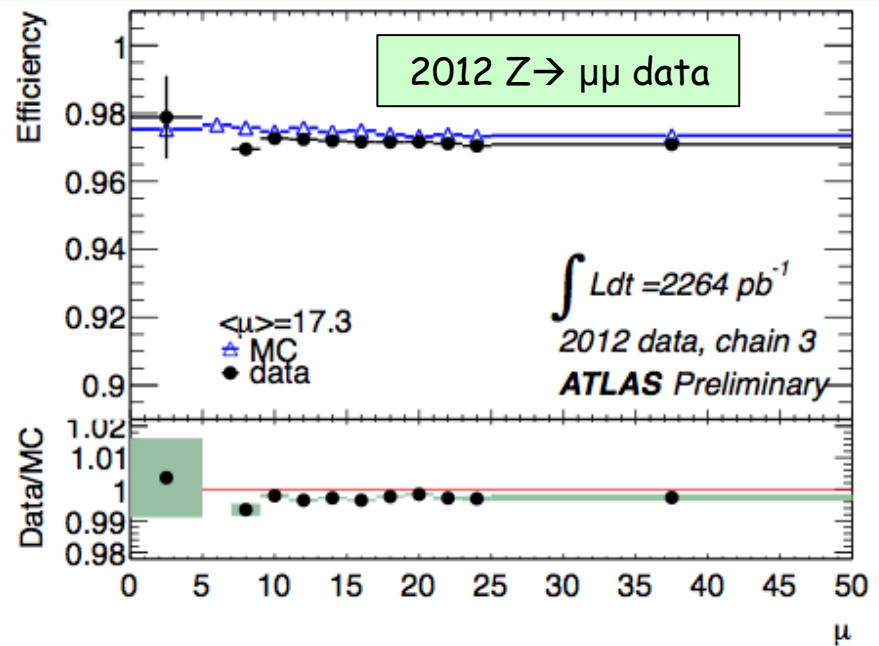


Results are from $Z \rightarrow ee$ data and MC tag-and-probe

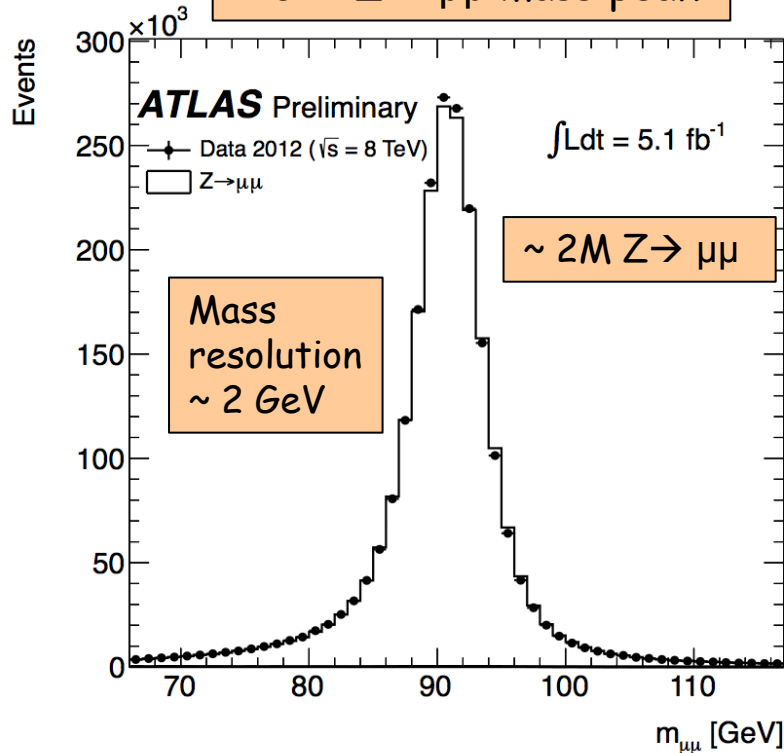
Muons reconstructed down to $p_T = 6 \text{ GeV}$
over $|\eta| < 2.7$

Reconstruction efficiency $\sim 97\%$
 \sim flat over full range

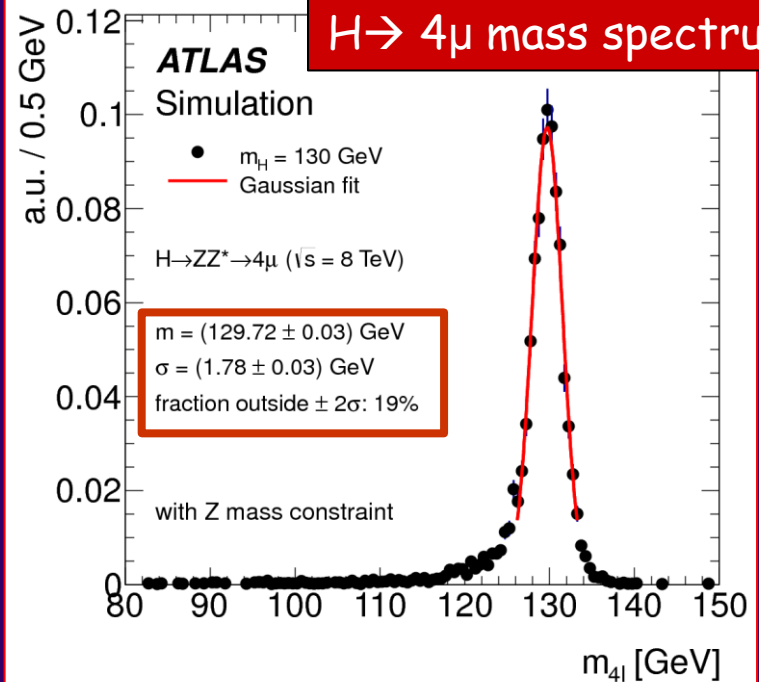
Total acceptance \times efficiency
for $H \rightarrow 4\mu$: $\sim 40\%$ (+45% gain)



2012 $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ mass peak



$H \rightarrow 4\mu$ mass spectrum



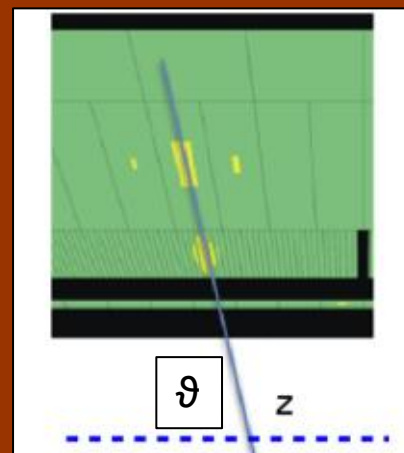
$$m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2 E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos\alpha)$$

α =opening angle of the two photons

High pile-up: many vertices distributed over σ_z (LHC beam spot) ~ 5 -6 cm
 \rightarrow difficult to know which one has produced the $\gamma\gamma$ pair

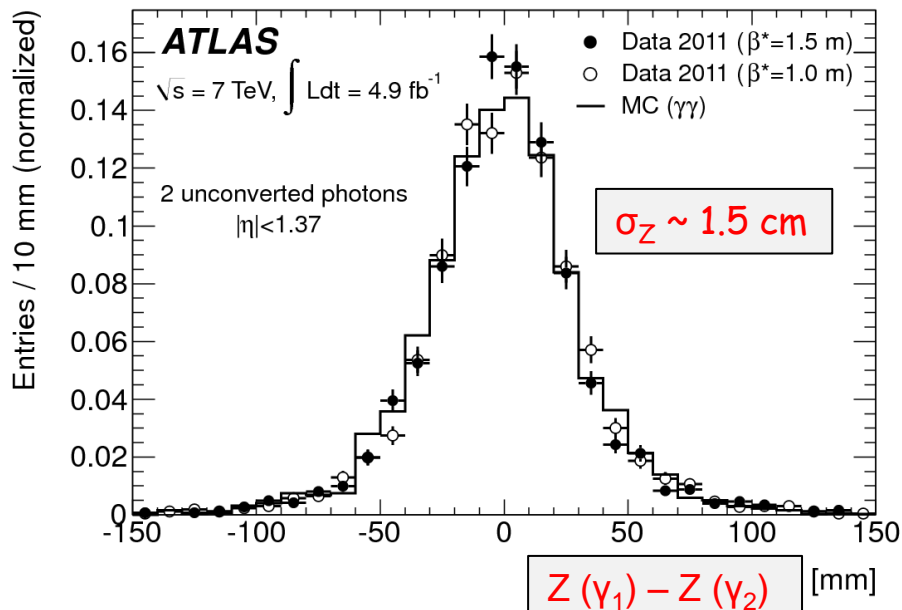
Primary vertex from:

- EM calorimeter longitudinal (and lateral) segmentation
- tracks from converted photons



Measure γ direction with calo
 \rightarrow get Z of primary vertex

Z-vertex measured in $\gamma\gamma$ events from calorimeter "pointing"

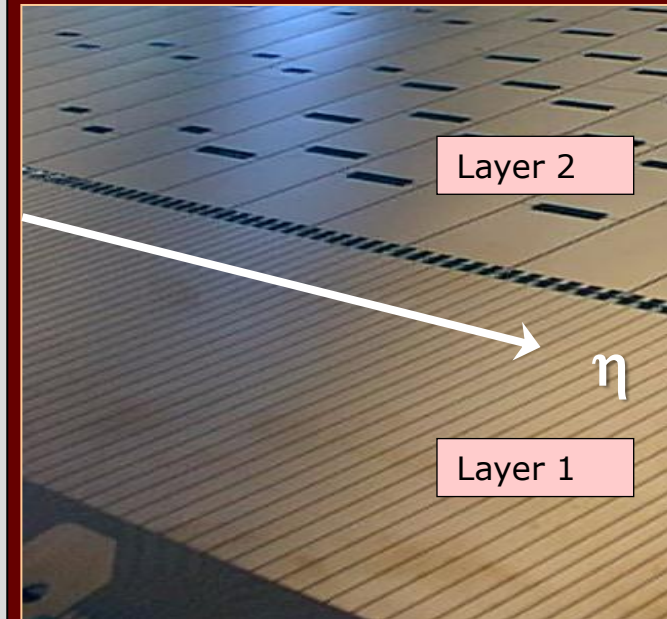
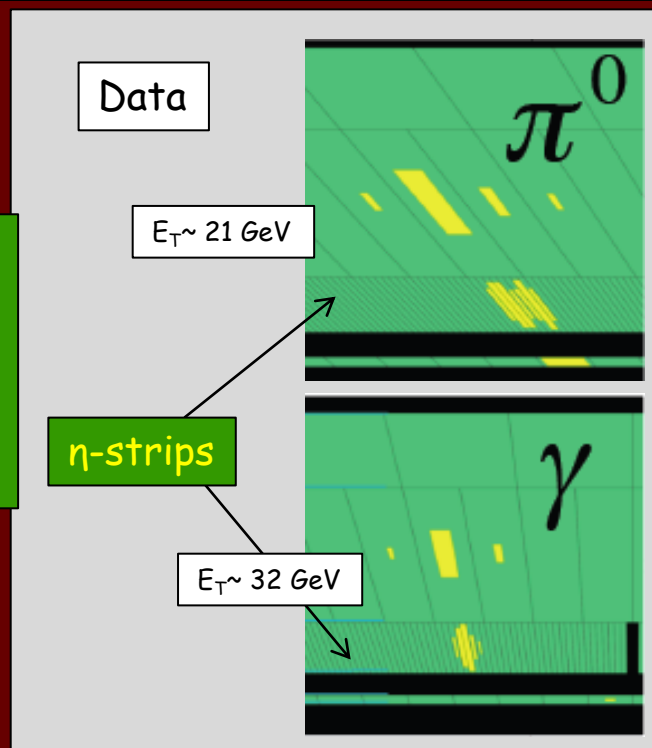


Note:

- Calorimeter pointing alone reduces vertex uncertainty from beam spot spread of ~ 5 -6 cm to ~ 1.5 cm and is robust against pile-up
 \rightarrow good enough to make contribution to mass resolution from angular term negligible
- Addition of track information (less pile-up robust) needed to reject fake jets from pile-up in 2j/VBF category

γ /jet separation

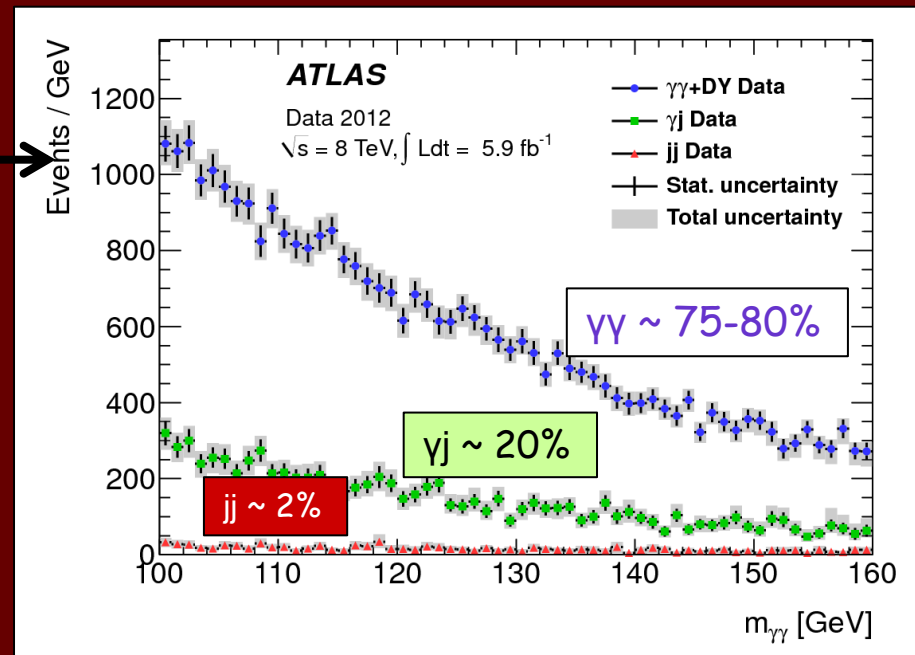
Determined choice of fine lateral segmentation (4mm η -strips) of the first compartment of ATLAS EM calorimeter



Data-driven decomposition of selected $\gamma\gamma$ sample

High $\gamma\gamma$ purity thanks to:

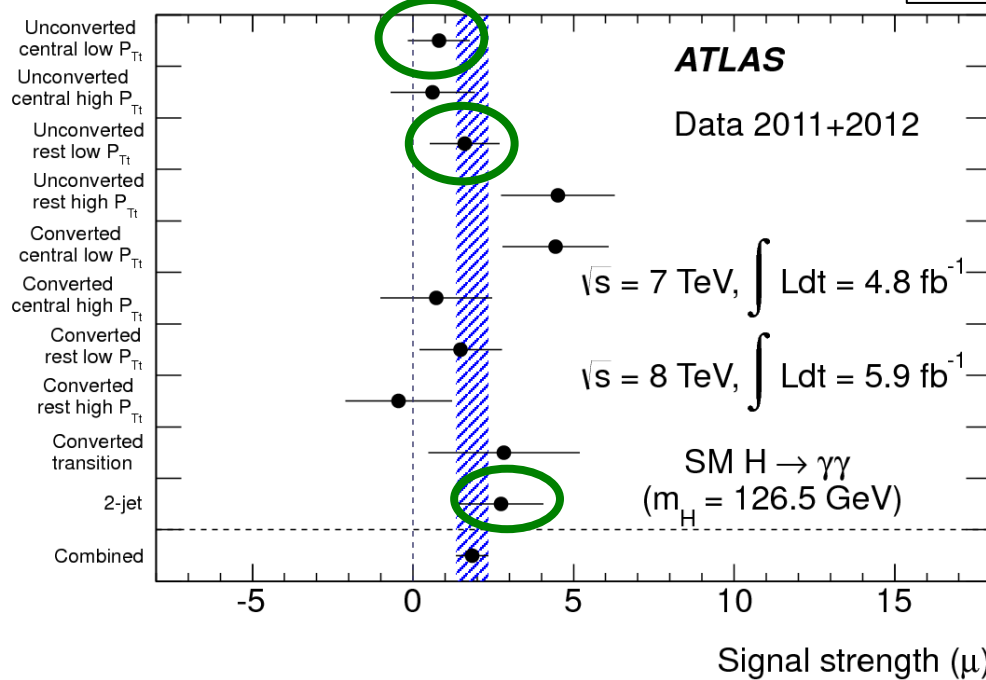
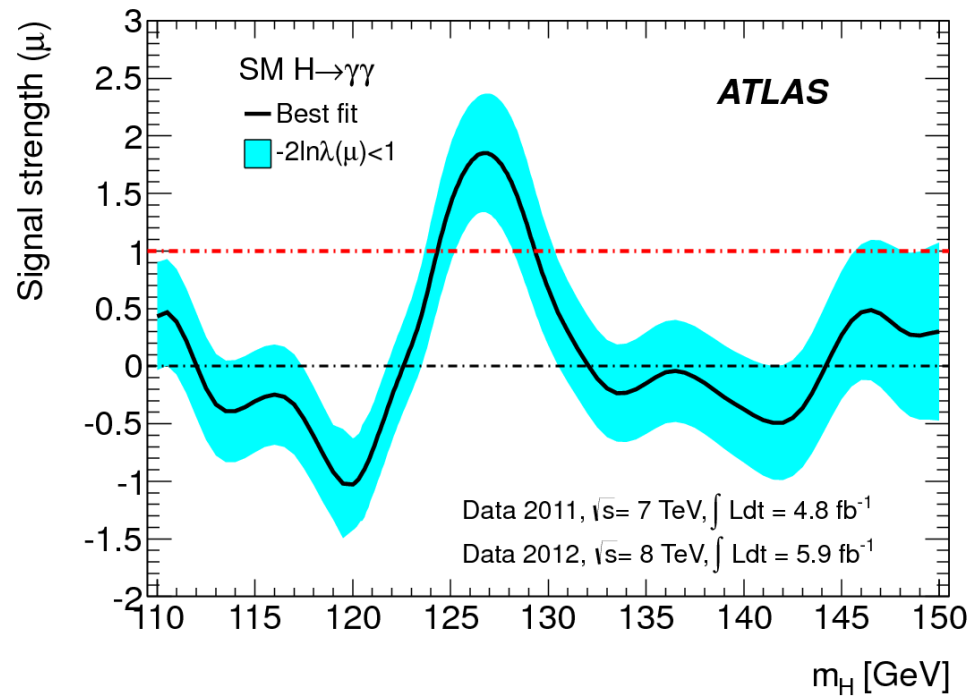
$$R_j \sim 10^4$$
$$\varepsilon(\gamma) \sim 90\%$$



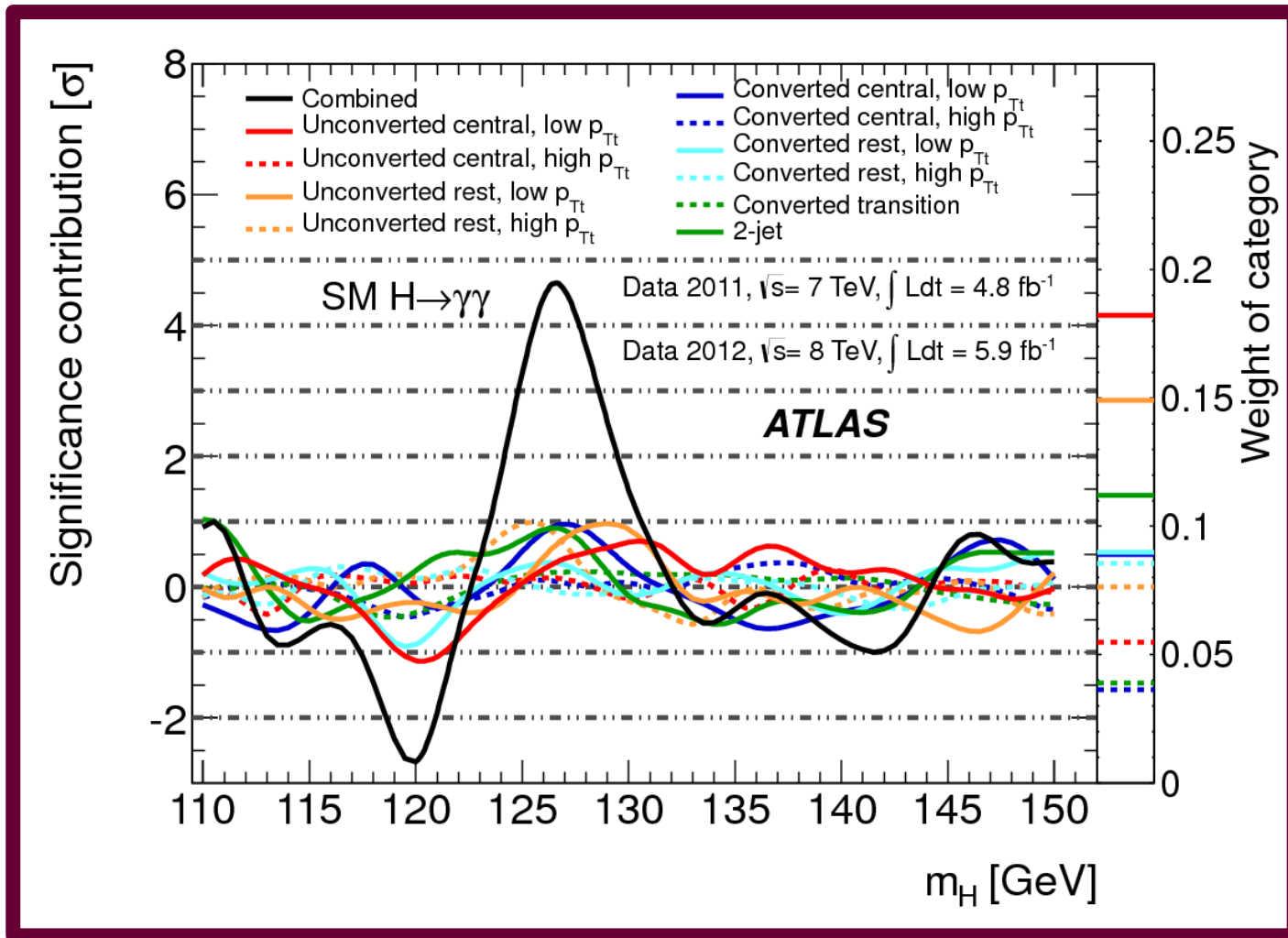
Fitted signal strength

Normalized to SM Higgs expectation at given m_H (μ)

Best-fit value at 126.5 GeV:
 $\mu = 1.9 \pm 0.5$



Consistent results from various categories within uncertainties
 (most sensitive ones indicated)

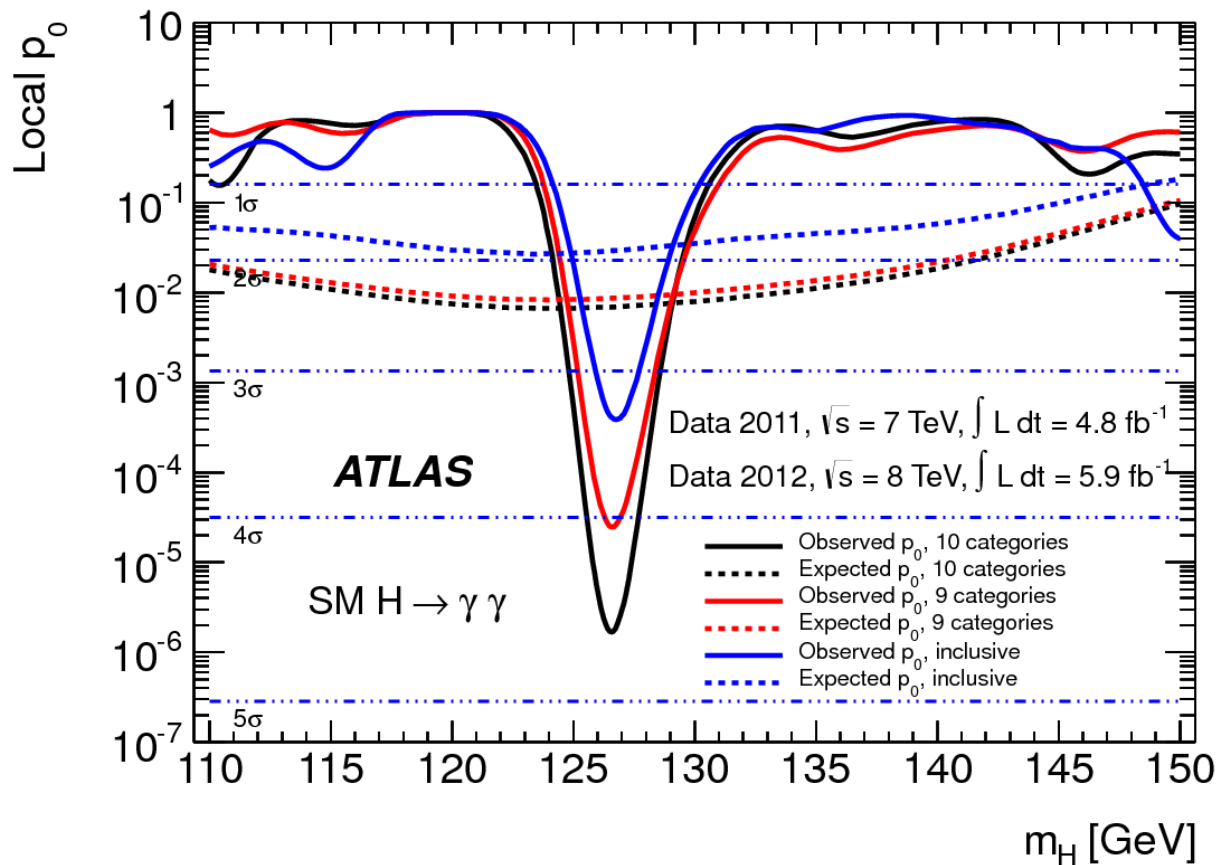


-2.5 σ downward fluctuation at $m_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 119 \text{ GeV}$

□ probability 15% ($\sim 1 \sigma$)

□ does not affect significance of fitted signal

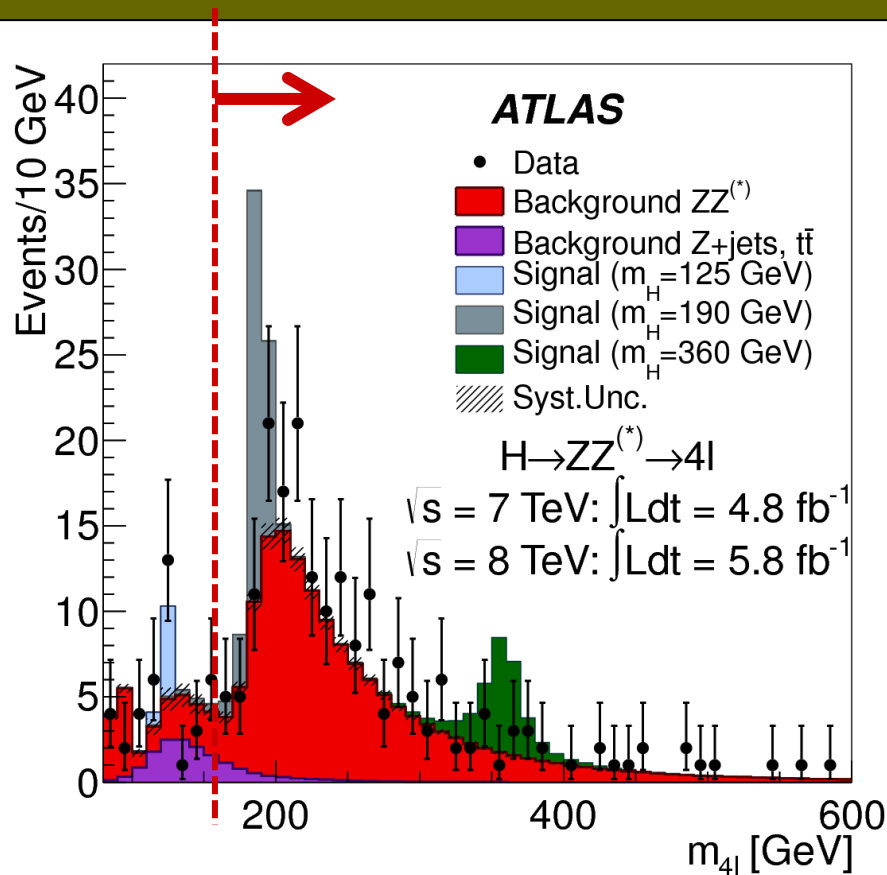
□ unlike "signal" excess does not appear in most significant categories



Categories provide $\sim 30\%$ gain in sensitivity compared to inclusive analysis. However, excess remains also with simpler inclusive analysis: $\sim 3.5 \sigma$

2jet/VBF category brings $\sim 3\%$ gain in expected sensitivity; observed gains in data are 10-15% (both years)
 Caveat: 2jet category affected by largest systematics ($\sim 20\%$ on signal yield)

H → 4l mass spectrum after all selections: 2011+2012 data

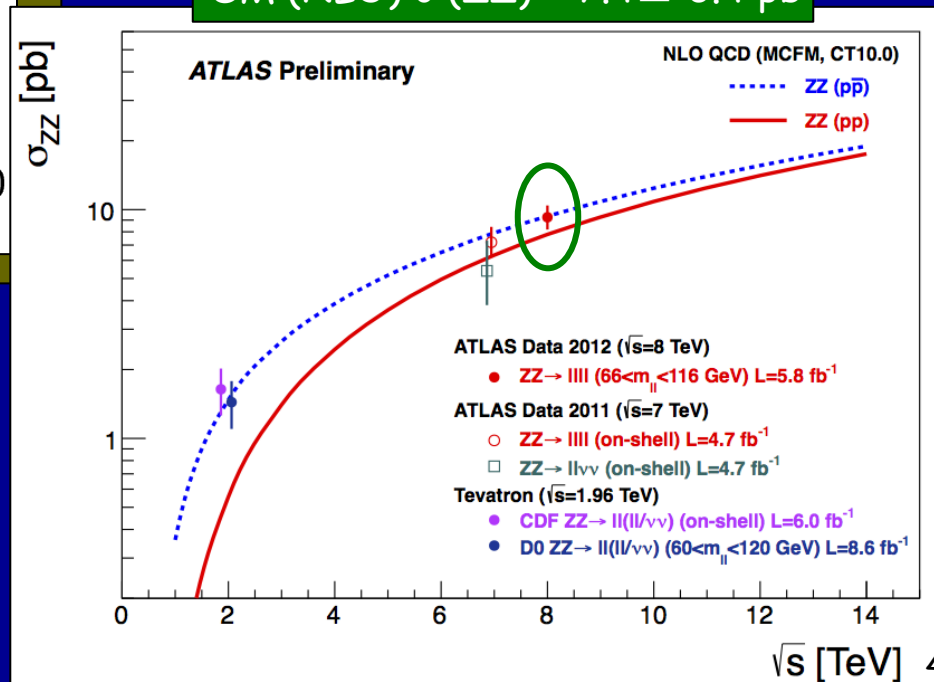


m(4l) > 160 GeV
(dominated by ZZ background):
147 ± 11 events expected
191 observed

~ 1.3 times more ZZ events in data than SM prediction → in agreement with measured ZZ cross-section in 4l final states at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

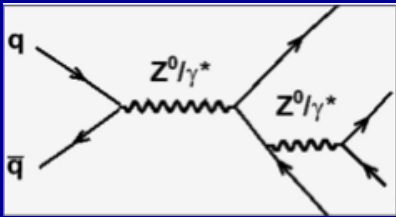
Measured $\sigma(ZZ) = 9.3 \pm 1.2 \text{ pb}$
SM (NLO) $\sigma(ZZ) = 7.4 \pm 0.4 \text{ pb}$

Discrepancy has negligible impact on the low-mass region < 160 GeV
(no change in results if in the fit ZZ is constrained to its uncertainty or left free)

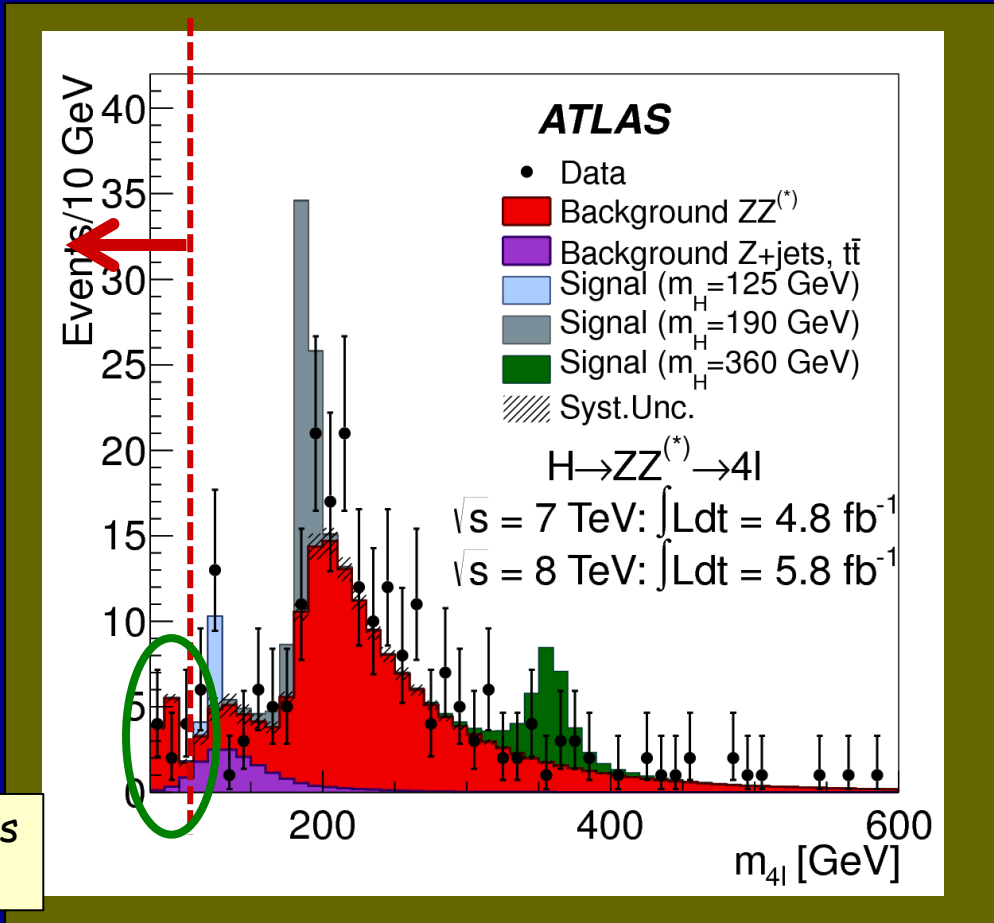
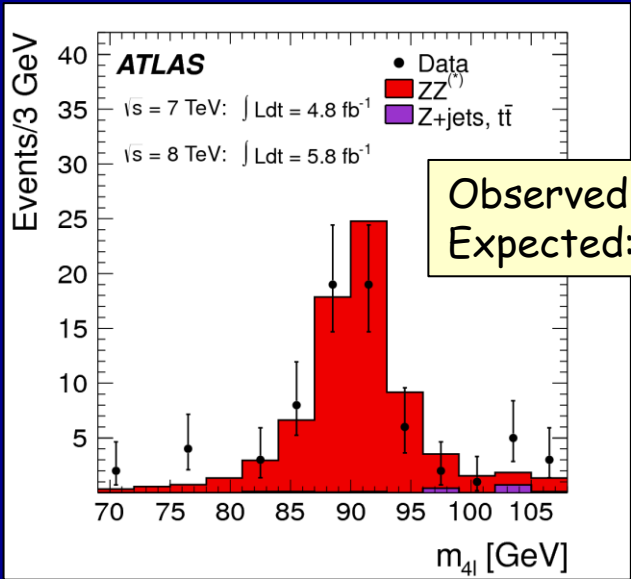


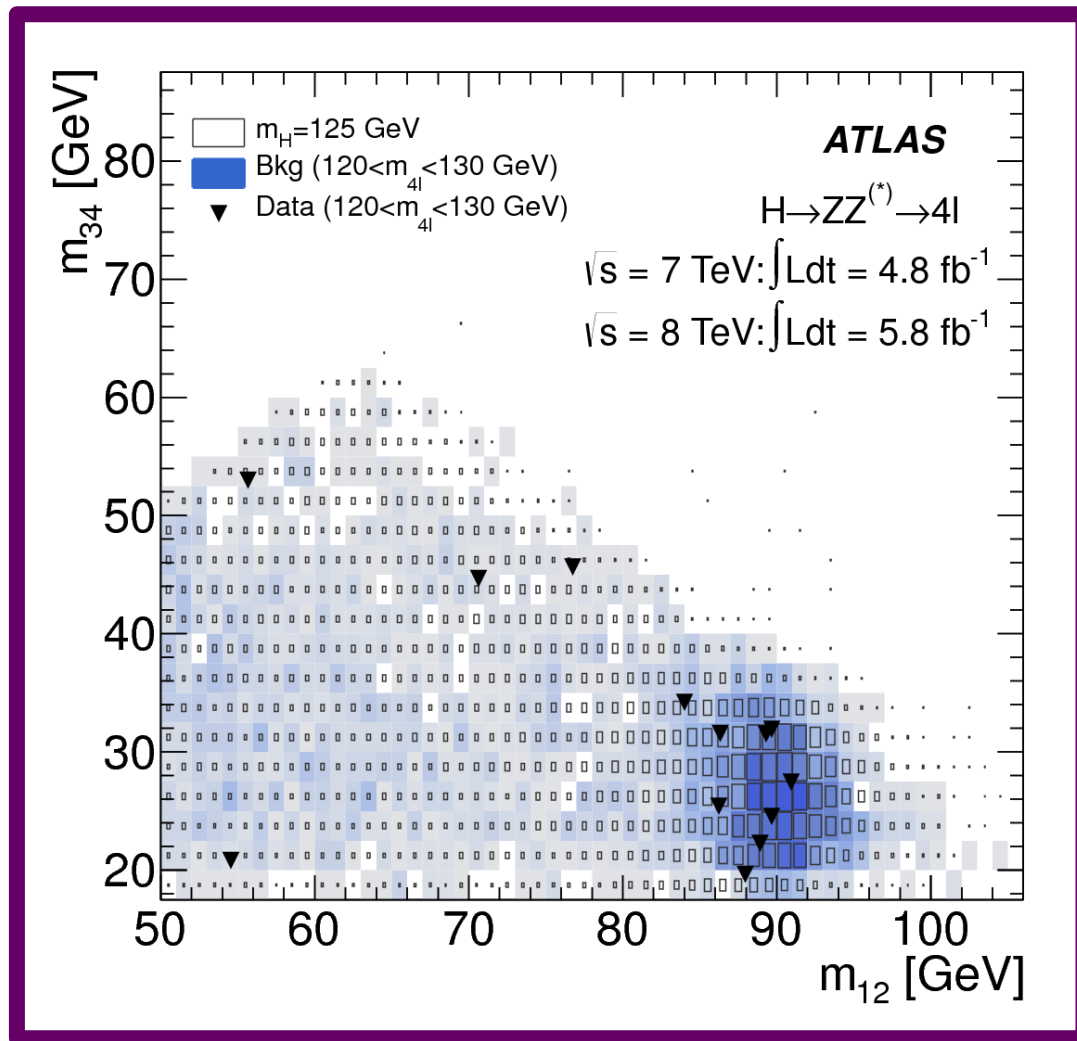
H → 4l mass spectrum after all selections: 2011+2012 data

Peak at $m(4l) \sim 90$ GeV from single-resonant $Z \rightarrow 4l$ production



Enhanced by relaxing cuts on m_{12} , m_{34} and $p_T(\mu_4)$



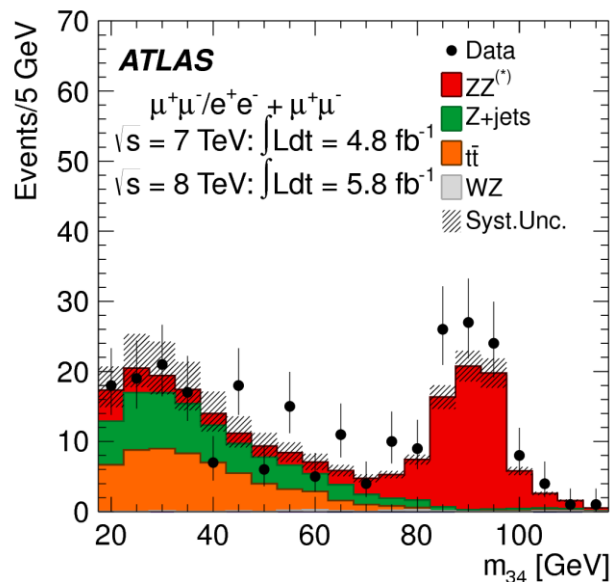


Reducible backgrounds from Z +jets, Z_{bb} , $t\bar{t}$ giving 2 genuine + 2 fake leptons measured using background-enriched, signal-depleted control regions in data

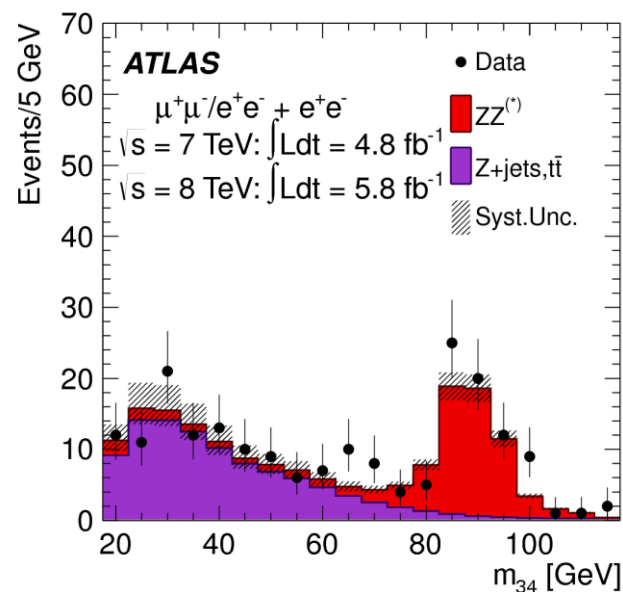
Typical control regions:

- ❑ leading lepton pair (l_1l_2) satisfies all selections
- ❑ sub-leading pair (l_3l_4): no isolation nor impact parameter requirements applied

$l_3l_4 = \mu\mu \rightarrow$ background dominated by $t\bar{t}$ and Z_{bb} in low mass region



$l_3l_4 = ee \rightarrow$ background dominated by Z +jets in low mass region



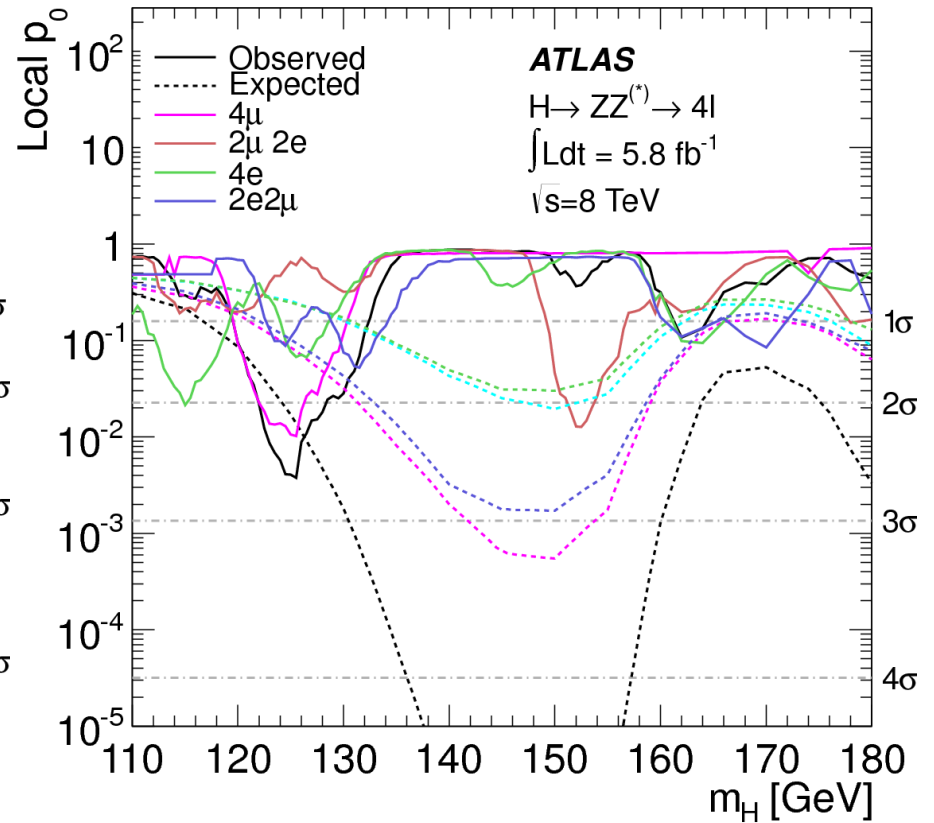
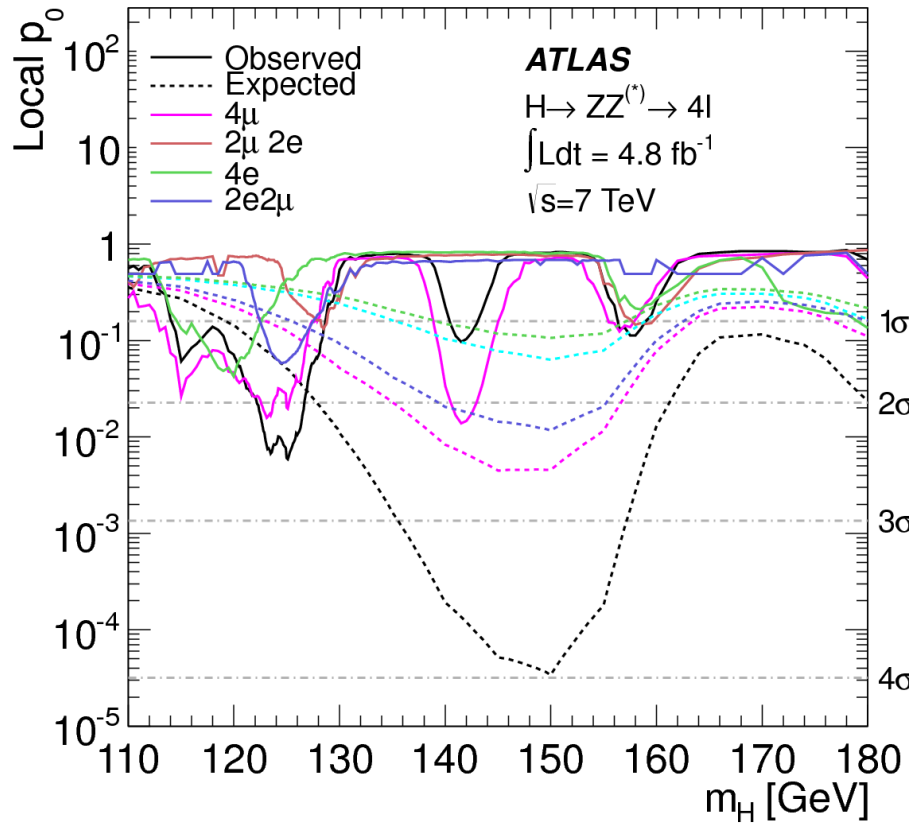
- ❑ Data well described by MC within uncertainties (ZZ excess at high mass ...)
- ❑ Samples of $Z+\mu$ and $Z+e$ used to compare efficiencies of isolation and impact parameter cuts between data and MC \rightarrow good agreement \rightarrow MC used to estimate background contamination in signal region
- ❑ Several cross-checks made with different control regions \rightarrow consistent results

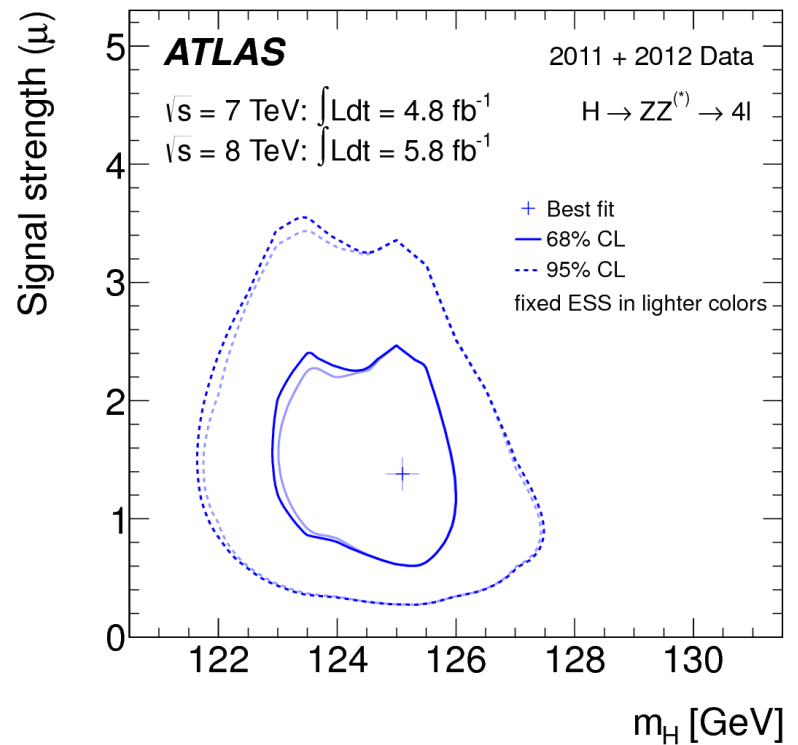
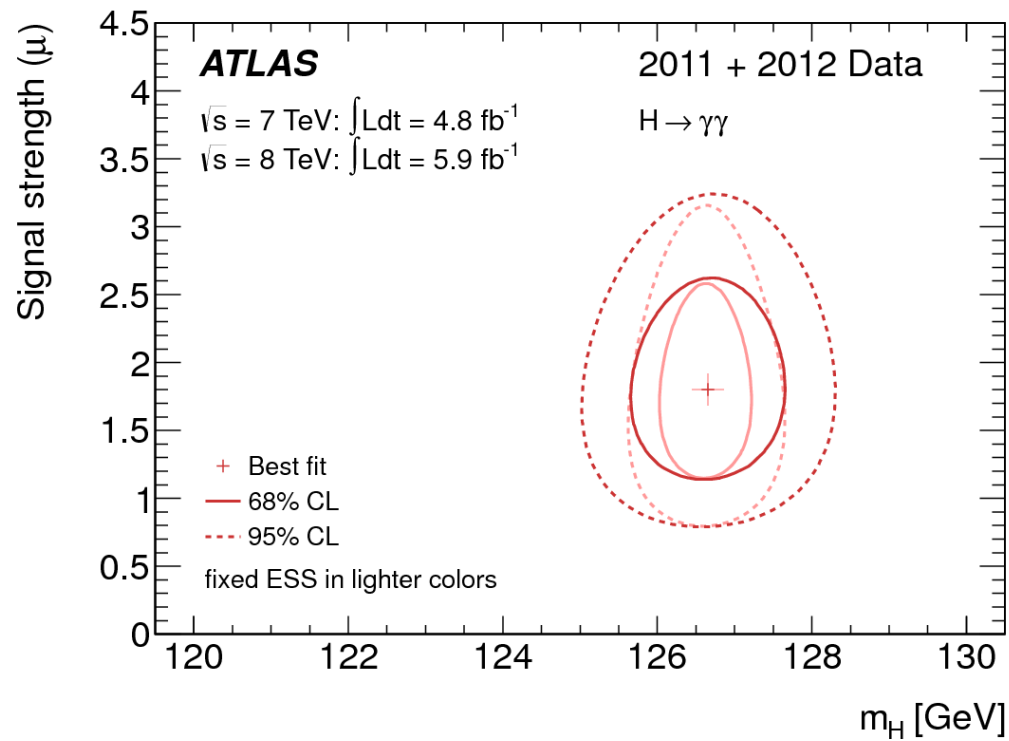
Table 3: The numbers of expected signal ($m_H = 125$ GeV) and background events, together with the numbers of observed events in the data, in a window of size ± 5 GeV around 125 GeV, for the combined $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV data.

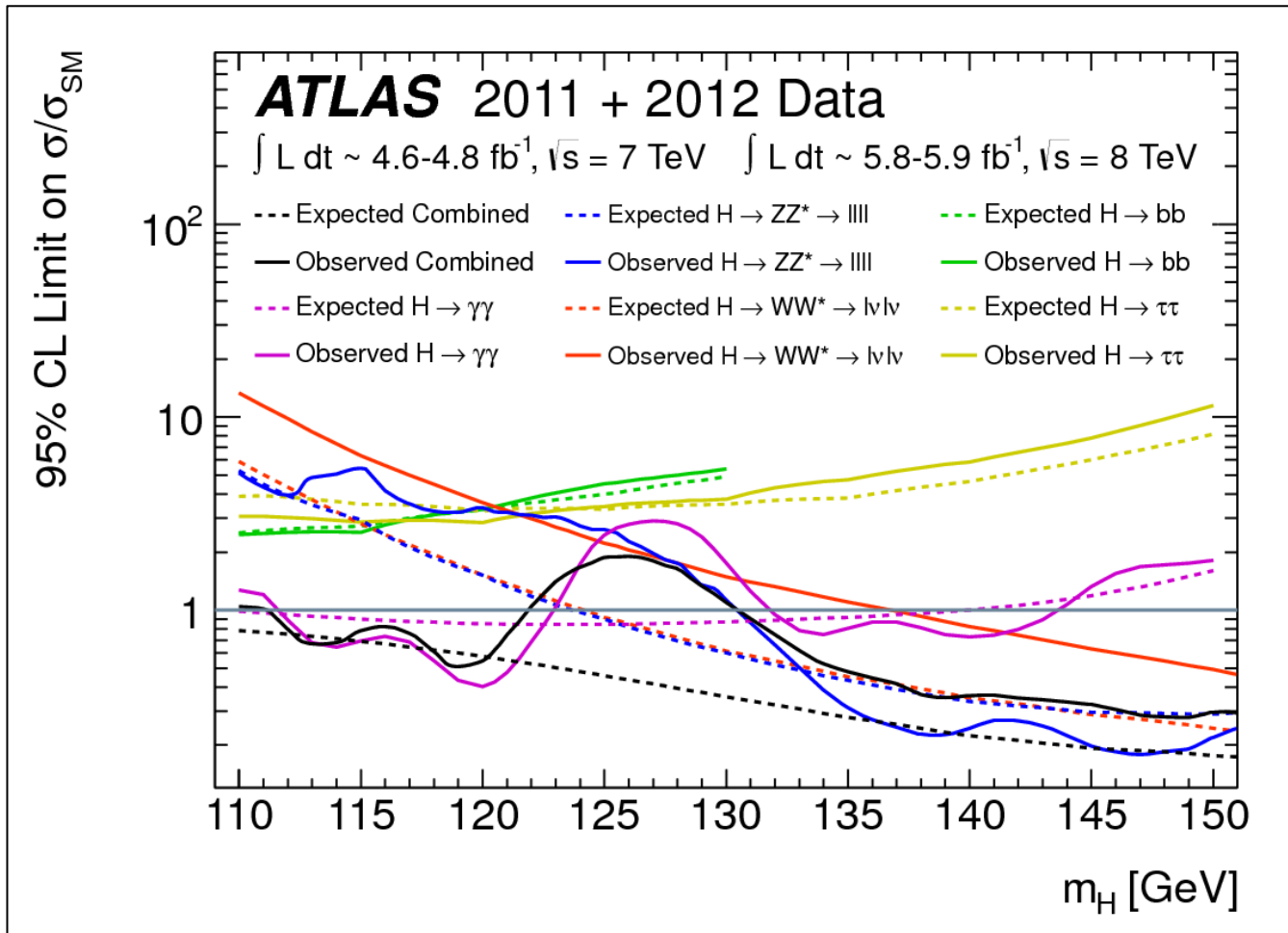
	Signal	$ZZ^{(*)}$	Z + jets, tt	Observed
4μ	2.09 ± 0.30	1.12 ± 0.05	0.13 ± 0.04	6
$2e2\mu/2\mu2e$	2.29 ± 0.33	0.80 ± 0.05	1.27 ± 0.19	5
$4e$	0.90 ± 0.14	0.44 ± 0.04	1.09 ± 0.20	2

Main systematic uncertainties

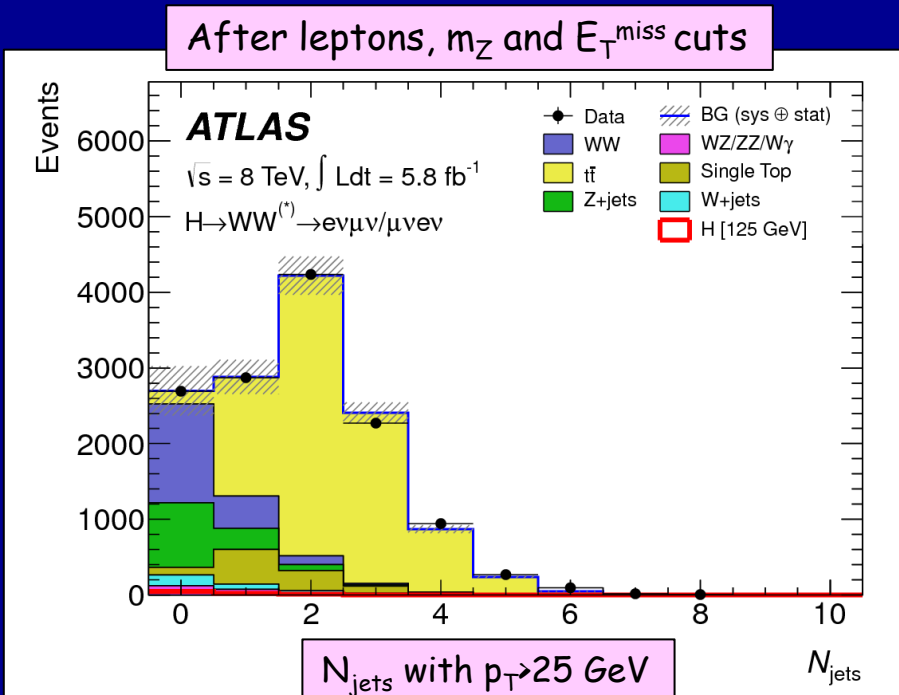
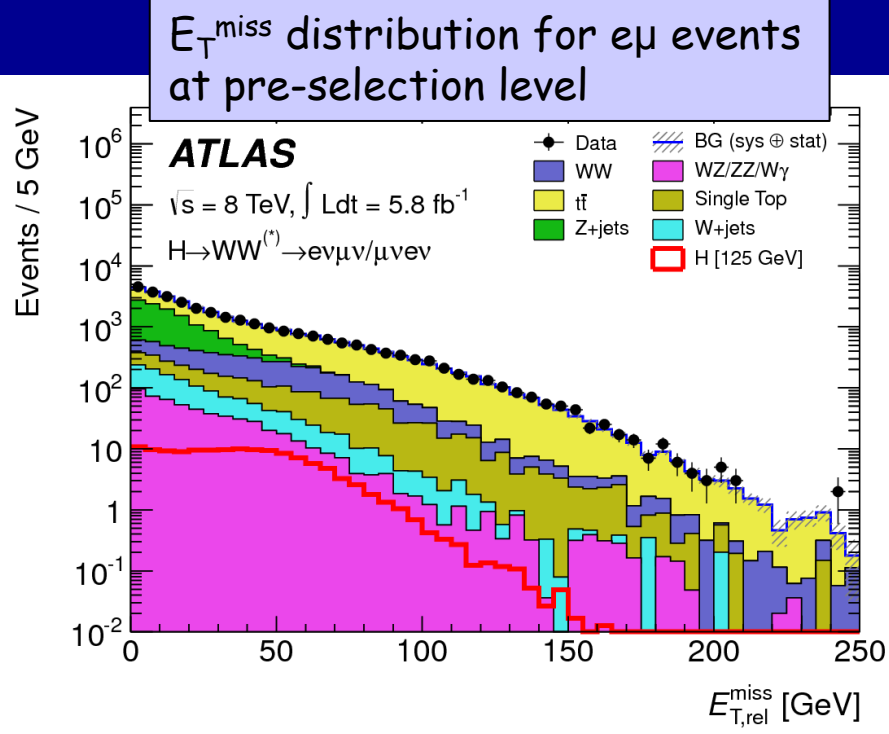
Higgs cross-section	: ~ 20%
Electron efficiency	: ~8% (4e)
ZZ^* background	: ~ 15%
Reducible backgrounds	: ~ 40%

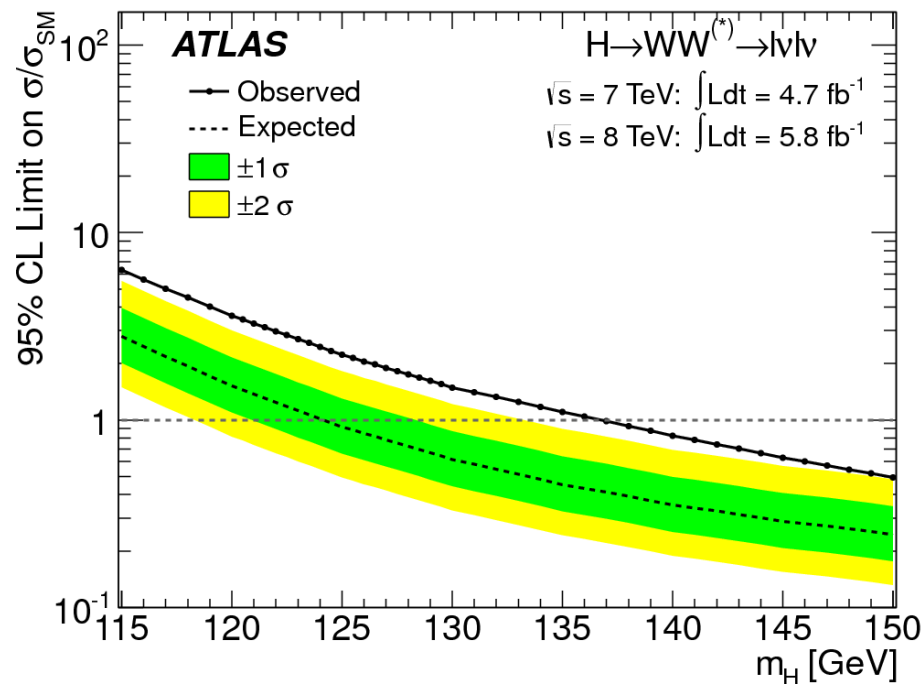
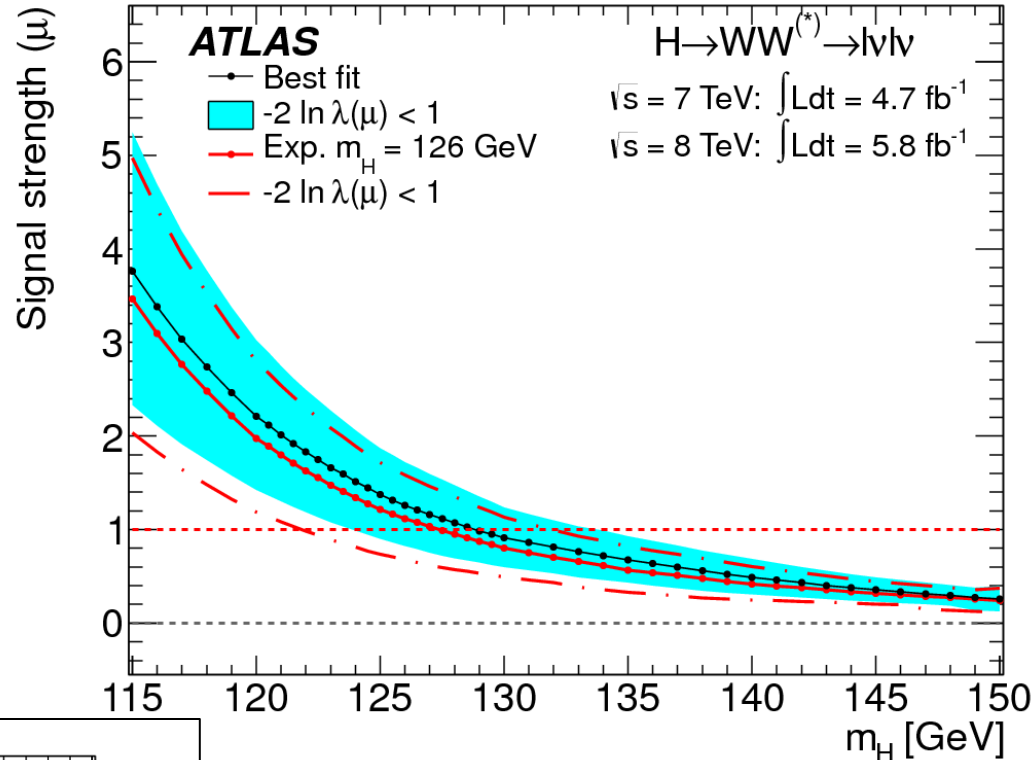






- To increase sensitivity, events divided in 3 categories: 0-jet, 1-jet, 2-jet
- 2-jet: VBF-like cuts:
 $|\Delta\eta|_{jj} > 3.8$. $M_{jj} > 500$ GeV, central-jet veto





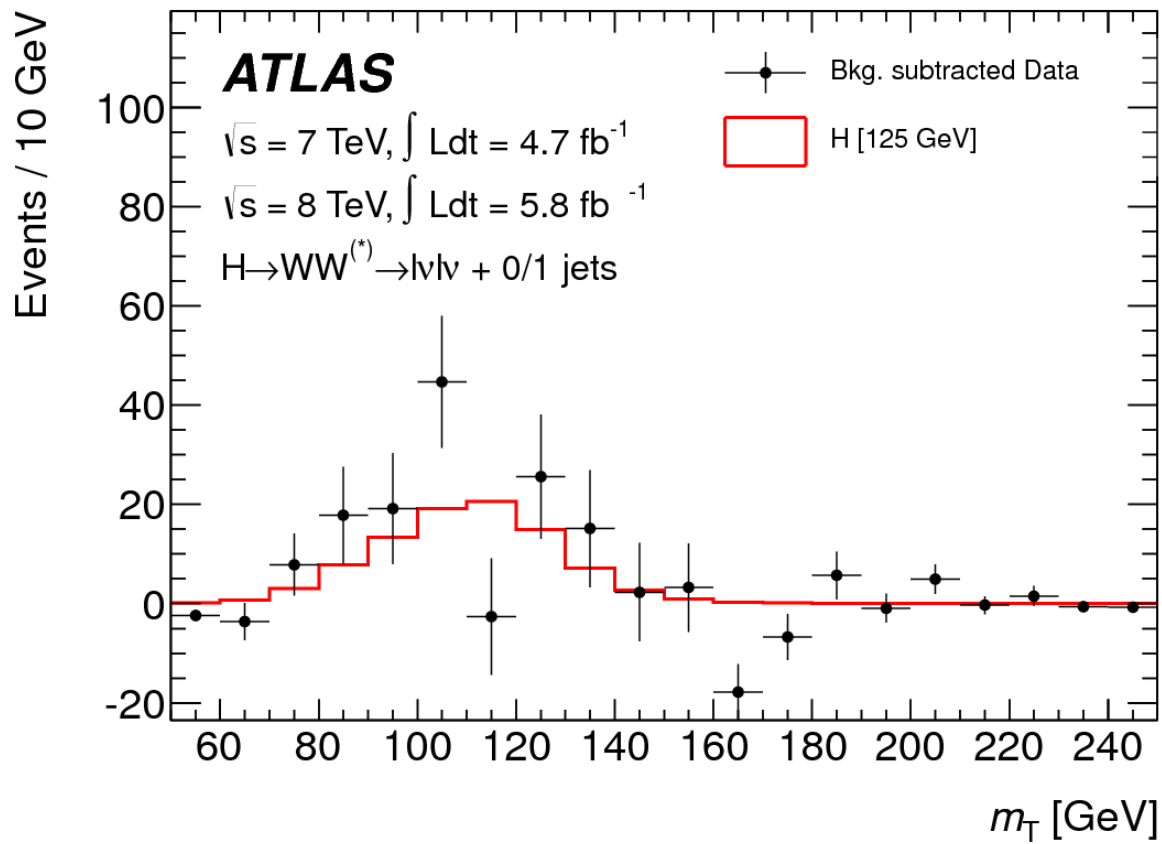


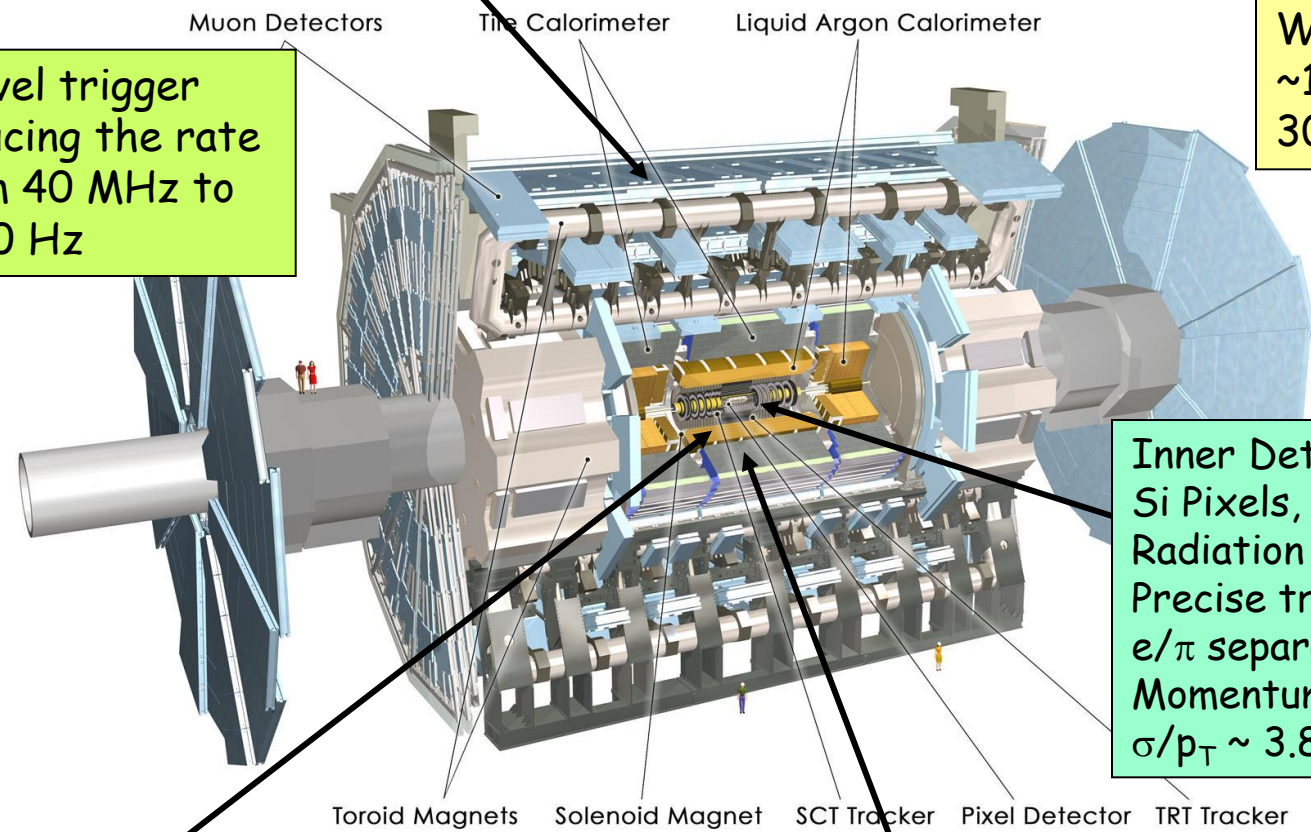
Table 4: Main relative systematic uncertainties on the predicted numbers of signal ($m_H = 125$ GeV) and background events for the $H+0$ -jet and $H+1$ -jet analyses. The same m_T criteria as in Table 3 are imposed. All numbers are summed over lepton flavours. The effect of the quoted inclusive signal cross section renormalisation and factorisation scale uncertainties on exclusive jet multiplicities is explained in Section 5. Sources of uncertainty that are negligible or not applicable in a particular column are marked with a ‘-’.

Source (0-jet)	Signal (%)	Bkg. (%)
Inclusive ggF signal ren./fact. scale	13	-
1-jet incl. ggF signal ren./fact. scale	10	-
Parton distribution functions	8	2
Jet energy scale	7	4
WW modelling and shape	-	5
QCD scale acceptance	4	2
WW normalisation	-	4
W +jets fake factor	-	4
Lepton isolation	3	3
Source (1-jet)	Signal (%)	Bkg. (%)
1-jet incl. ggF signal ren./fact. scale	28	-
2-jet incl. ggF signal ren./fact. scale	16	-
WW normalisation	0	14
b -tagging efficiency	-	8
Top normalisation	-	6
Pile-up	5	5

Muon Spectrometer ($|\eta| < 2.7$): air-core toroids with gas-based muon chambers
 Muon trigger and measurement with momentum resolution $< 10\%$ up to $E_\mu \sim 1$ TeV

Length : ~ 46 m
 Radius : ~ 12 m
 Weight : ~ 7000 tons
 $\sim 10^8$ electronic channels
 3000 km of cables

3-level trigger
 reducing the rate
 from 40 MHz to
 ~ 200 Hz



Inner Detector ($|\eta| < 2.5, B=2T$):
 Si Pixels, Si strips, Transition
 Radiation detector (straws)
 Precise tracking and vertexing,
 e/π separation
 Momentum resolution:
 $\sigma/p_T \sim 3.8 \times 10^{-4} p_T (\text{GeV}) \oplus 0.015$

EM calorimeter: Pb-LAr Accordion
 e/γ trigger, identification and measurement
 E-resolution: $\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$

HAD calorimetry ($|\eta| < 5$): segmentation, hermeticity
 Fe/scintillator Tiles (central), Cu/W-LAr (fwd)
 Trigger and measurement of jets and missing E_T
 E-resolution: $\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$

