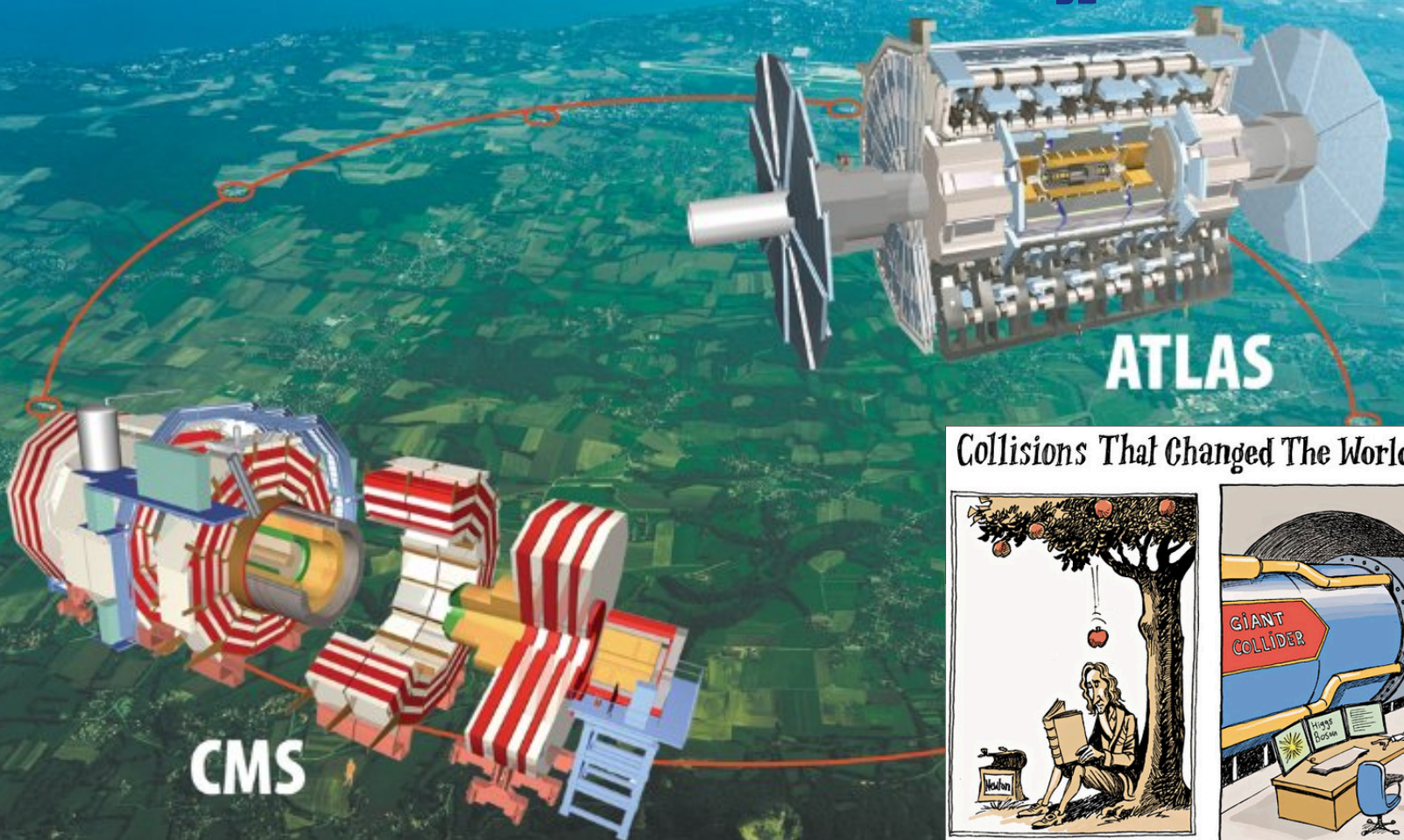


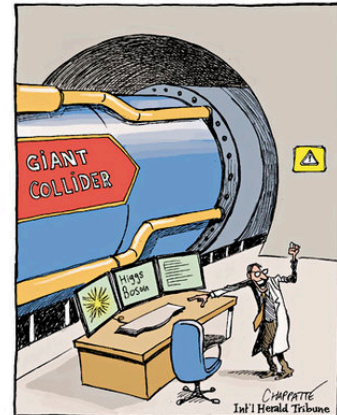
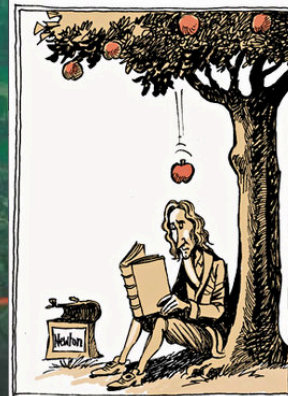
# Search for the Higgs Boson of the Standard Model at the LHC



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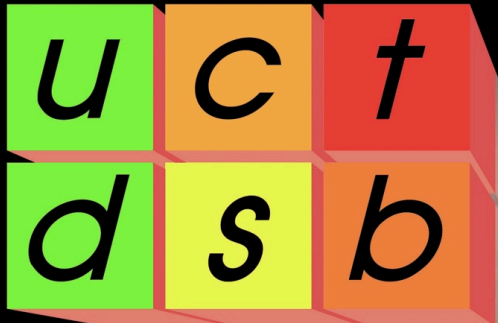


## Collisions That Changed The World

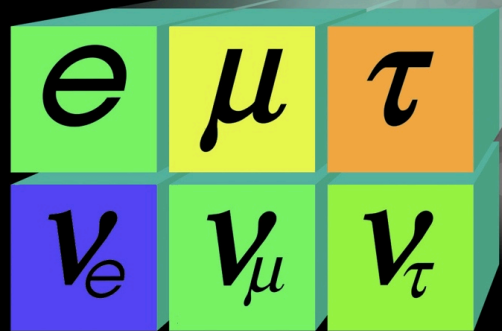
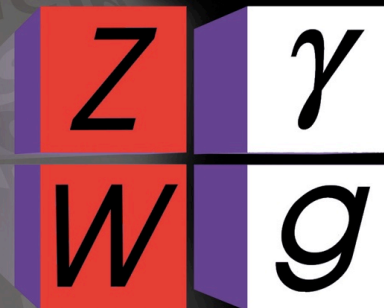


# Without the Higgs Boson the SM is Incomplete

## Quarks



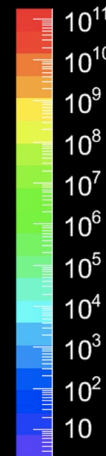
## Forces



## Leptons



mass  
[eV]

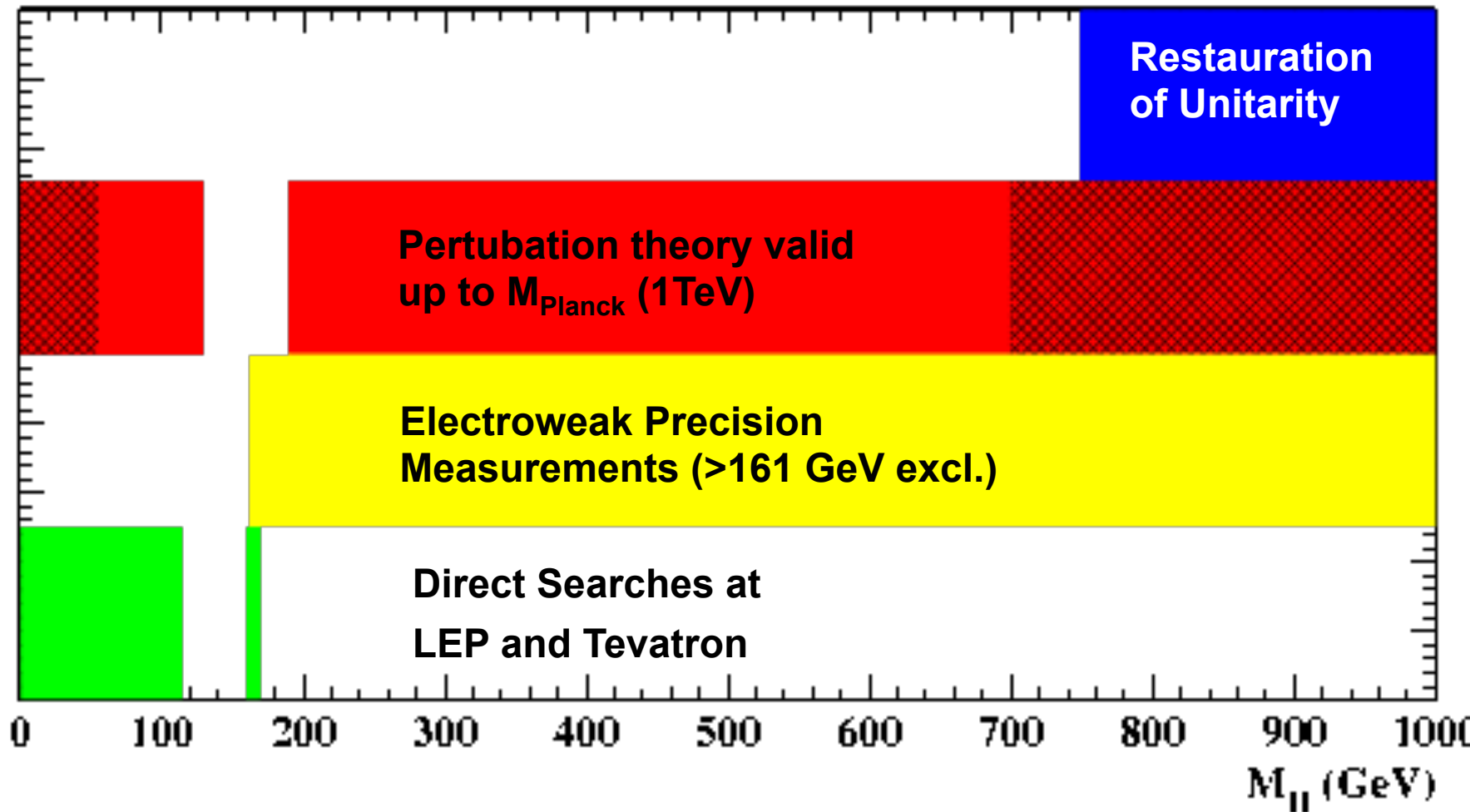


in the SM the complete profile of the Higgs is known if we specify its mass

the Higgs boson mass is the last unknown parameter of the SM

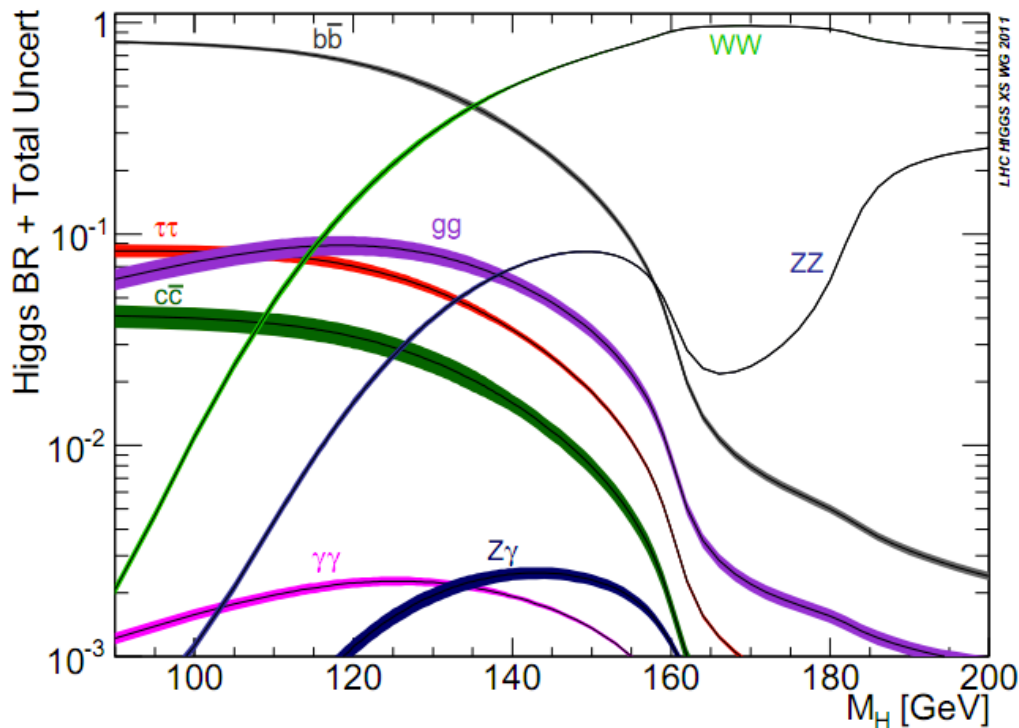
whether a Higgs boson is realised in nature is unclear

# Knowledge About the Higgs Boson Mass Before LHC

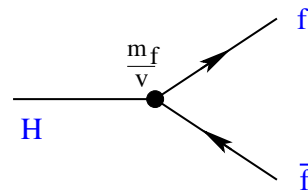


the Standard Model prefers a light Higgs boson

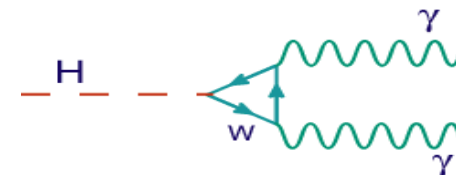
# Higgs Boson Decay: Branching Ratios



$$g_{Hff} = i \frac{m_f}{v}, \quad g_{HVV} = -2i \frac{M_V^2}{v}, \quad g_{HHVV} = -2i \frac{M_V^2}{v^2}$$



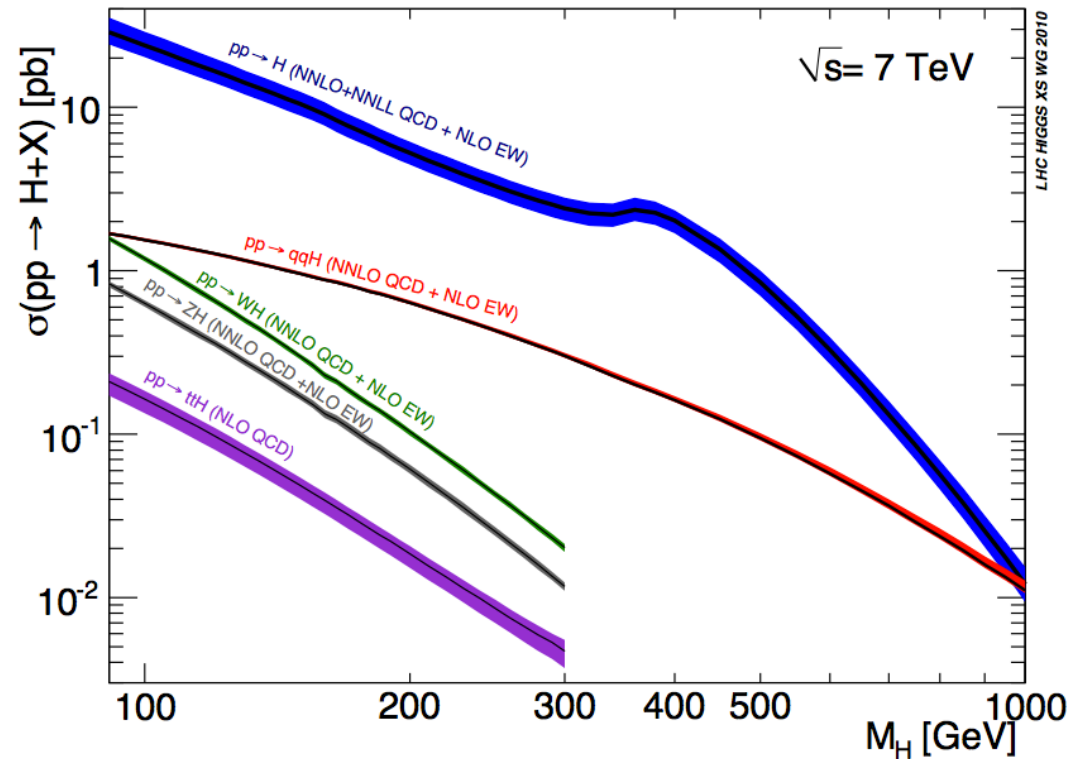
$$= ig m_W g^{\mu\nu}$$



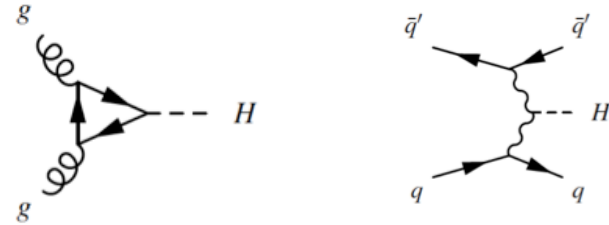
huge common effort by theorists and experimentalists to compile and agree on central values and uncertainties (LHC Higgs Cross Section WG)

MH	Decay	THU	PU	Total
<b>120 GeV</b>	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$\pm 2.9\%$	$\pm 2.5\%$	$\pm 5.4\%$
	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$\pm 1.3\%$	$\pm 1.5\%$	$\pm 2.8\%$
	$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$\pm 3.6\%$	$\pm 2.5\%$	$\pm 6.1\%$
<b>150 GeV</b>	$H \rightarrow WW$	$\pm 0.3\%$	$\pm 0.6\%$	$\pm 0.9\%$
	$H \rightarrow ZZ$	$\pm 0.3\%$	$\pm 0.6\%$	$\pm 0.9\%$

# Higgs Boson Production at LHC



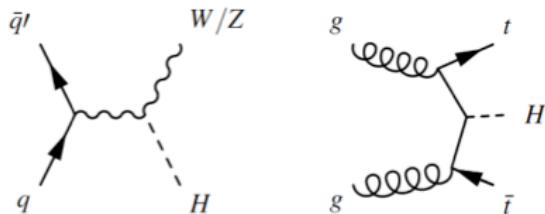
ggF: NNLO+NNLL QCD+NLO EW



qqH: NNLO QCD + NLO EW

WH: NNLO QCD + NLO EW

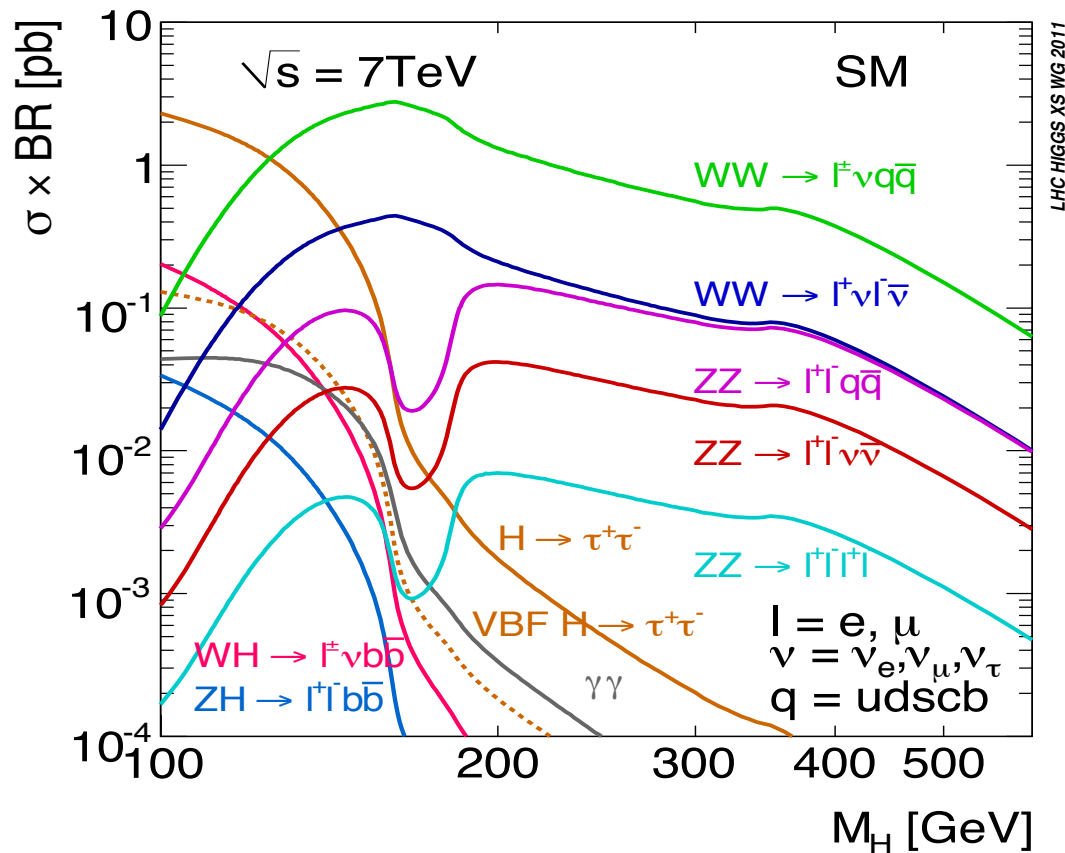
ZH: NNLO QCD + NLO EW



ttH: NLO QCD

	$K_{\text{NNLO/NLO}}$ ( $K_{\text{NLO/LO}}$ )	Scale	PDF + $\alpha_s$	Total error
ggF	+25% (+100%)	+12% -7%	$\pm 8\%$	+20 -15%
VBF	<1% (+5-10%)	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 4\%$	$\pm 5\%$
WH/ ZH	+2-6% (+30%)	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 4\%$	$\pm 5\%$
ttH	- (+5-20%)	+4% -10%	$\pm 8\%$	+12 -18%

# Signal Rates in Accessible Channels

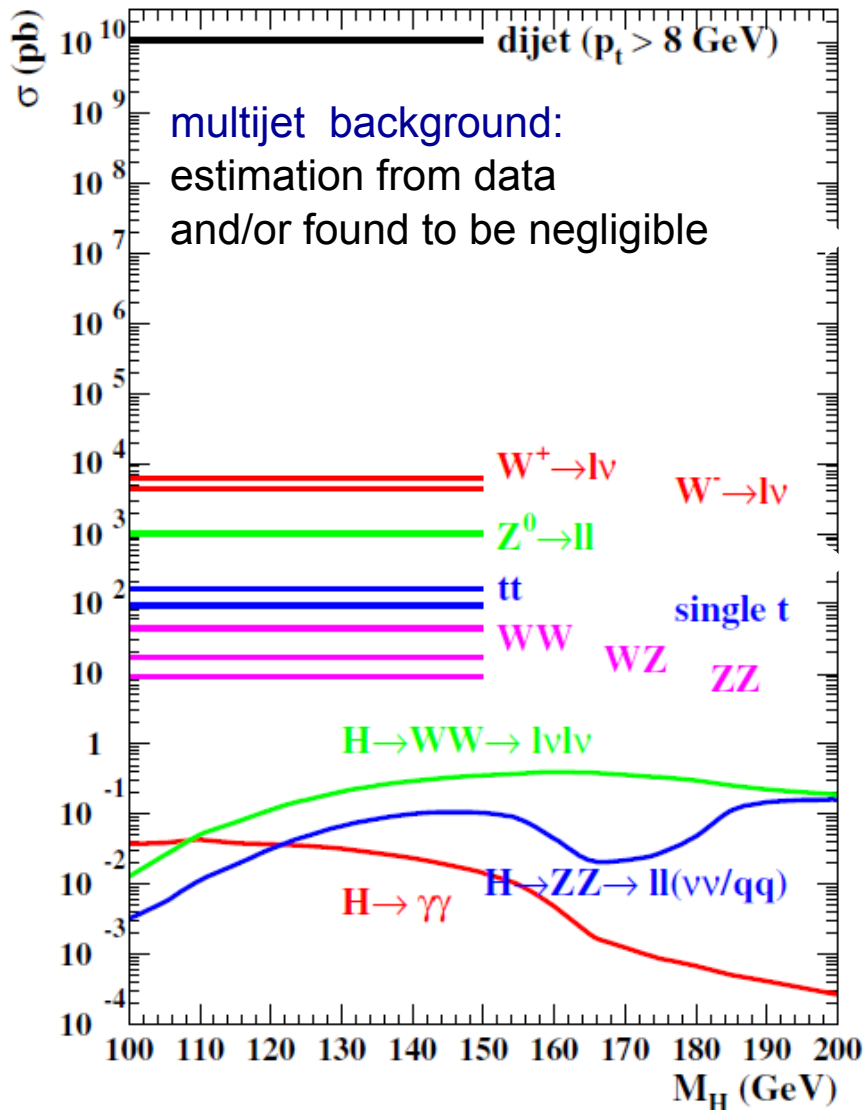


Events expected to be produced with  $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$m_H, \text{ GeV}$	$WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	$ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	$\gamma\gamma$
120	127	1.5	43
150	390	4.6	16
300	89	3.8	0.04

trigger issues and overwhelming backgrounds  
 forbid to search in highest rate channels  
 ggf and VBF with  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  and  $H \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4q$

# Reminder of the Challenge and Tasks



choose production times decay, which can be triggered and has sufficient rate

suppress reducible backgrounds  
→ identification and reconstruction of physics objects in final state

suppress irreducible backgrounds  
→ find discriminating variables  
e.g. topological cuts, mass of H candidate

evaluate backgrounds  
if possible with as less input from simulation as possible → data-driven

investigate systematic uncertainties

look at findings and interpret results

# Luminosity and Pile-up

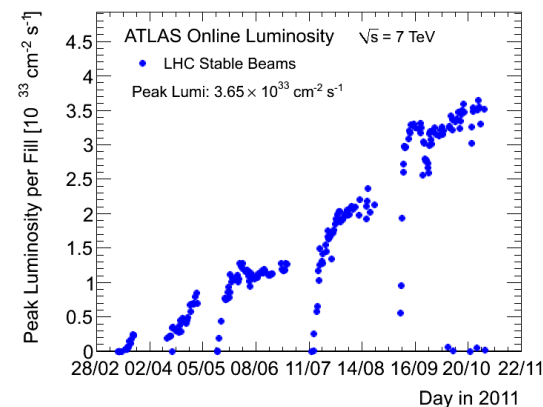
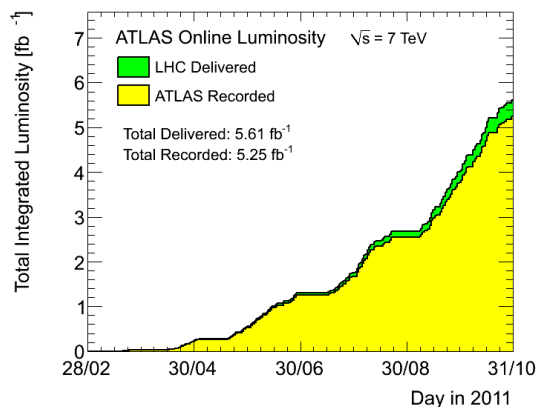
## Proton Runs 2010 & 2011

Highest luminosity =  $3.65 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

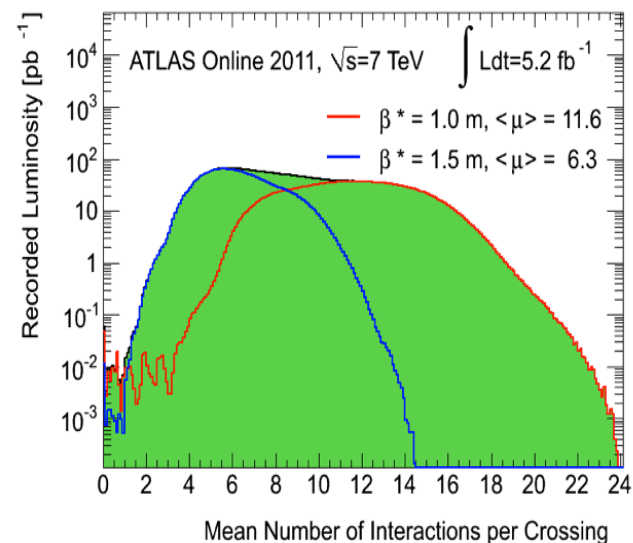
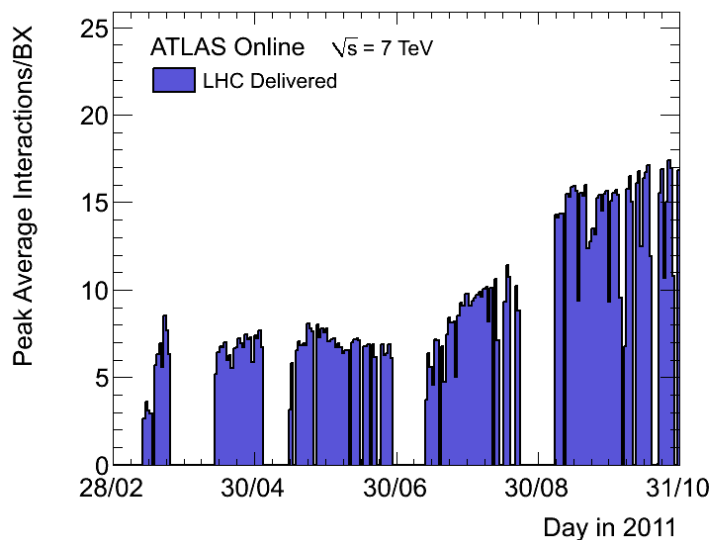
Total Collisions =  $350 \cdot 10^{12} = 350\,000\,000\,000\,000$

Recorded luminosity =  $5.257 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

excellent performance of LHC



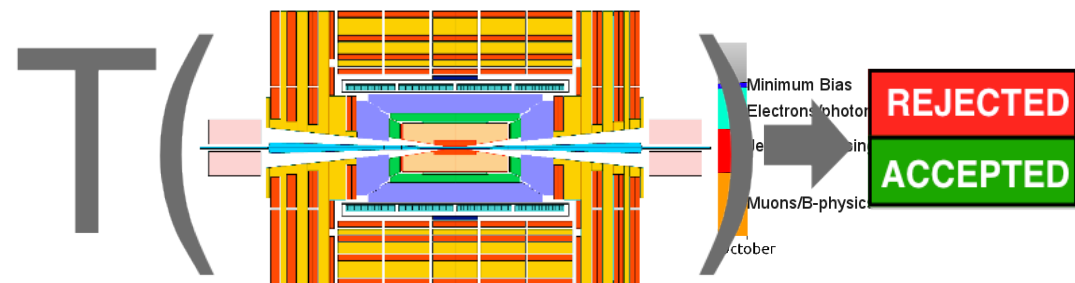
the price to pay: up to 25 overlaid minimum bias interactions





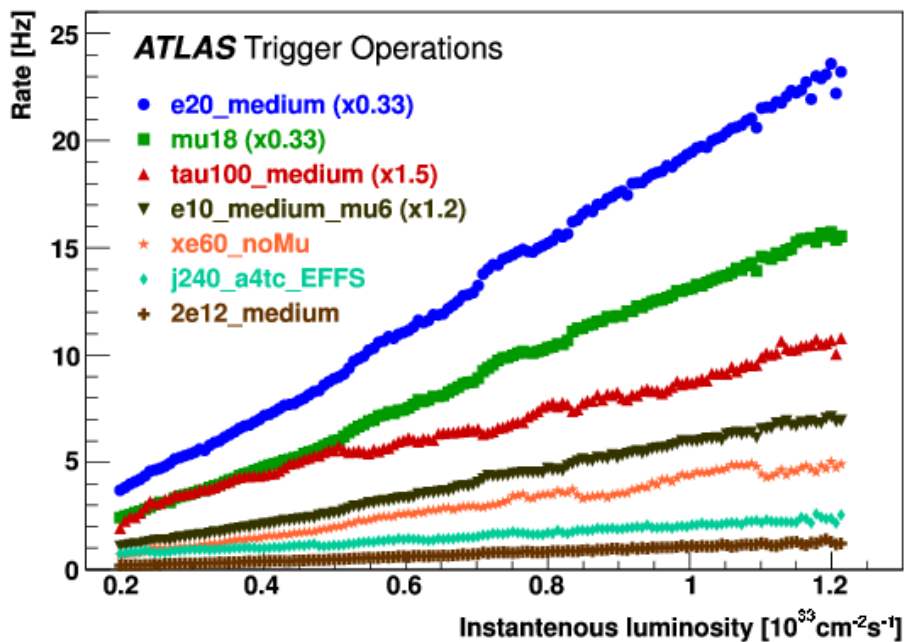
# Event Selection: 1<sup>st</sup> Step is the Trigger

The trigger is a function of :



reduce collision rate of 20 MHz  
to recording rate of few 100 Hz

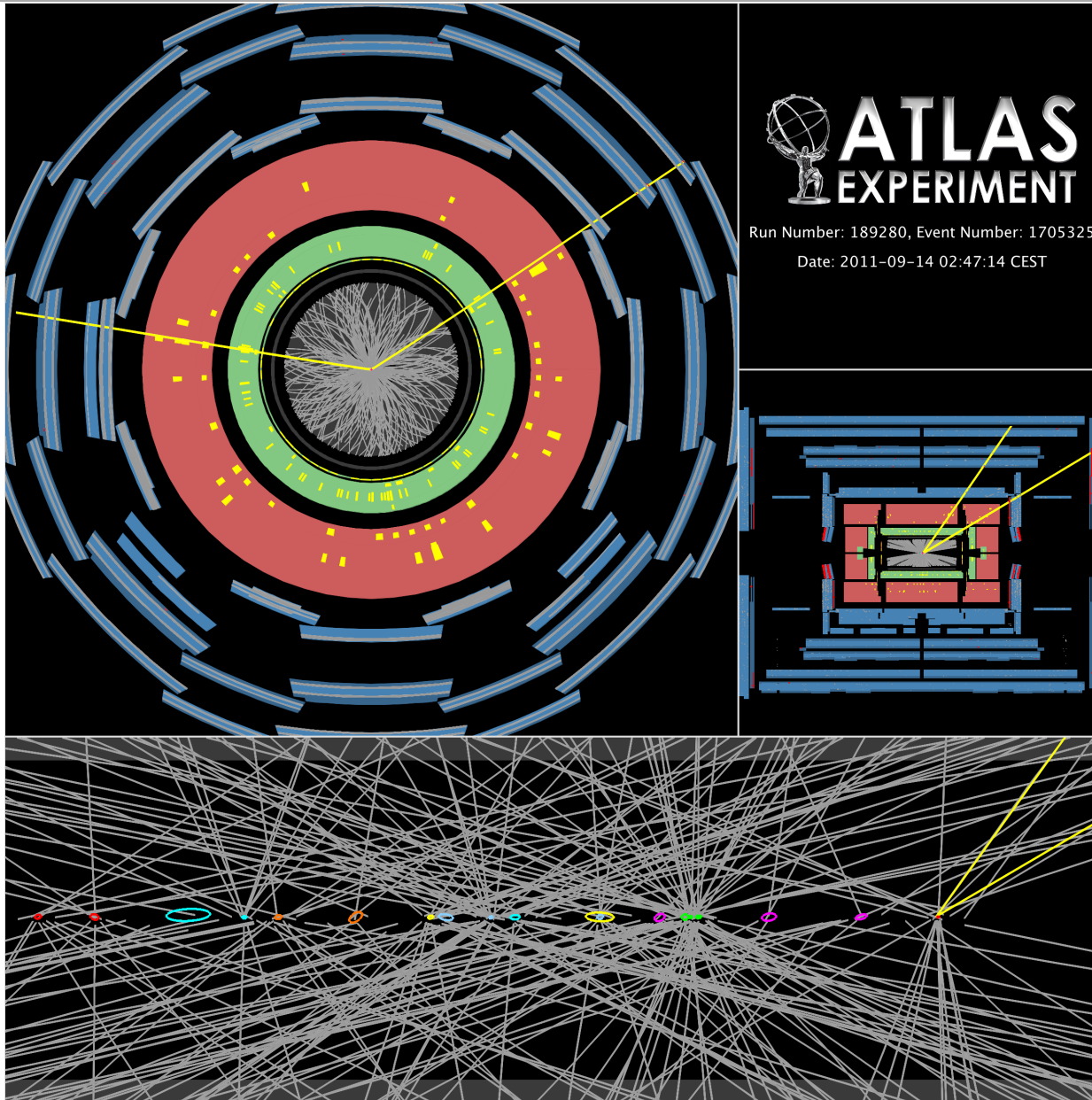
Event data & Apparatus  
Physics channels & Parameters



Higgs searches mostly rely  
on lepton and photon triggers

increase in peak luminosity  
→ increase in trigger rate  
→ increase in  $p_t$  thresholds  
and use di-object triggers

# The Challenge of Pile-Up



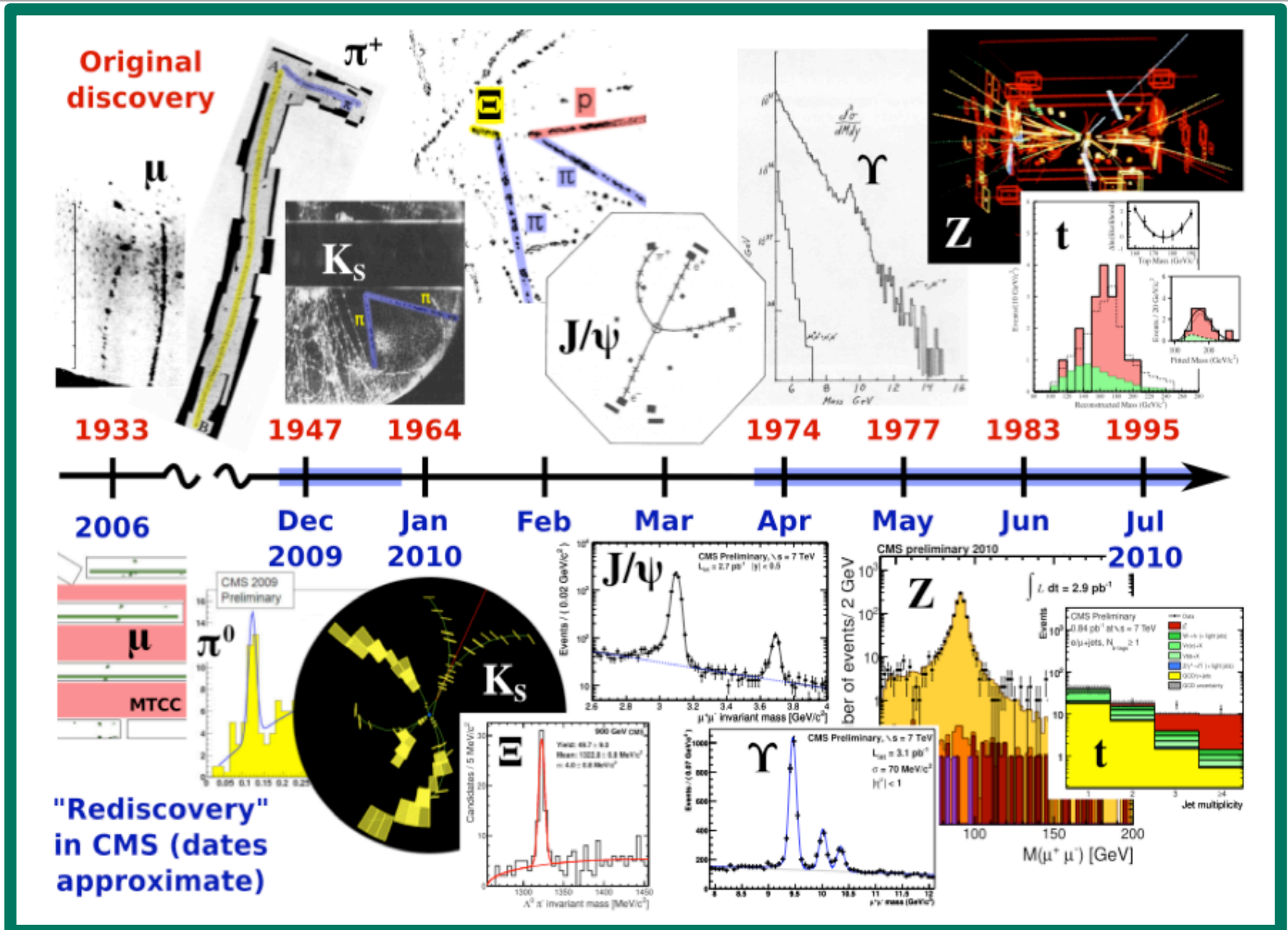
deteriorates in principle:

- identification (ID) efficiencies
- isolation efficiencies
- jet energy and missing transverse energy MET resolutions

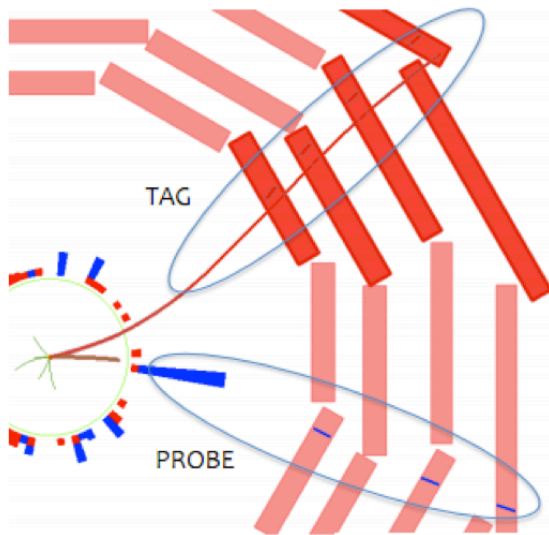
tools to recover:

- develop robust ID algorithms
- assign tracks and jets to primary vertex
- correct for pile-up contribution on event by event basis

# Rediscovery of the SM in 2010

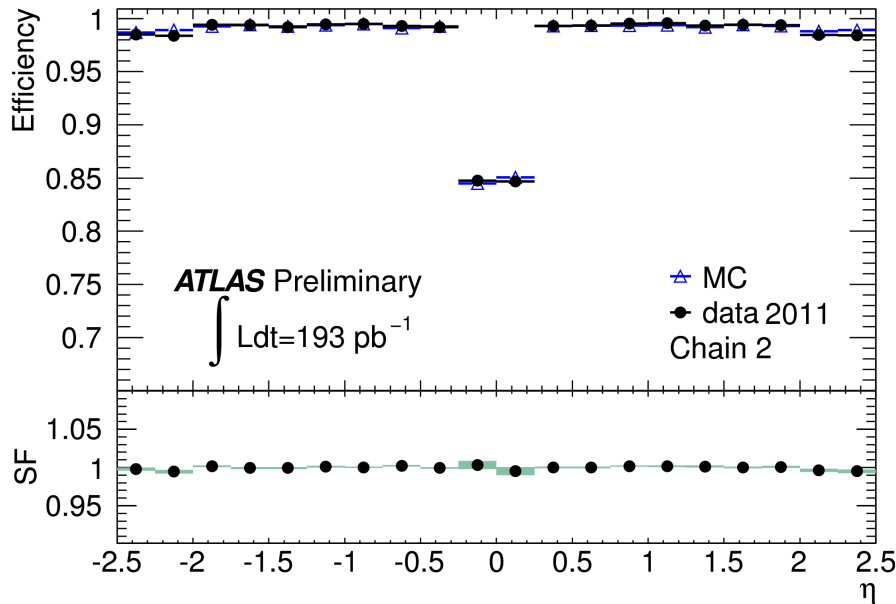


# Understanding of Detector: Example Muons



select samples with one tight muon and one track  
 $Z$  and  $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu_{\text{tight}} \mu_{\text{candidate}}$  („tag“&“probe“)  
 $\rightarrow$  determine efficiencies in data and simulation

$$\epsilon_{\mu} = \epsilon_{\text{reco}/(\text{track})} * \epsilon_{\text{ID}/\text{reco}} * \epsilon_{\text{ISO}/\text{ID}} * \epsilon_{\text{trigger1leg}/\text{ISO}}$$



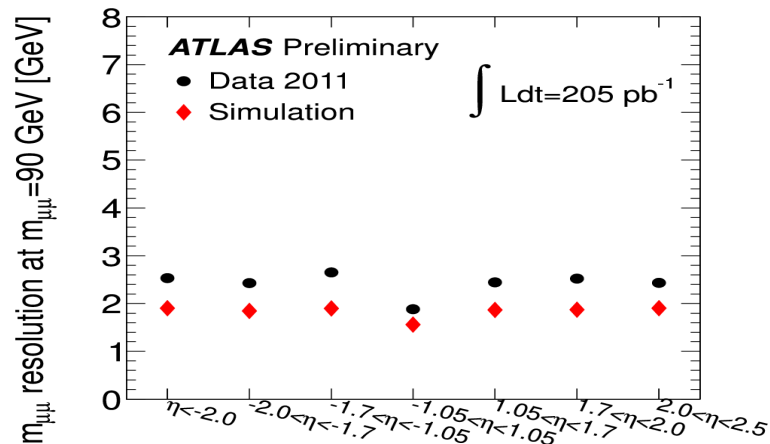
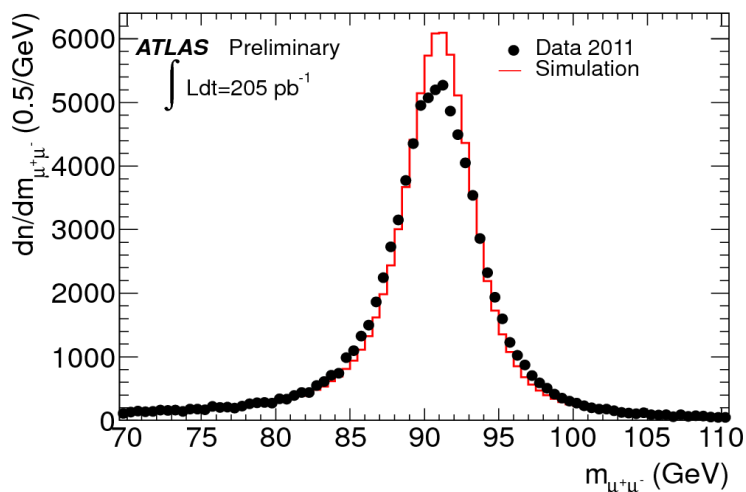
scale factor = data/simulation

- correct simulation
- use uncertainty to derive systematic uncertainty on event yield

same procedure for electron, taus, flavour tagging, ....

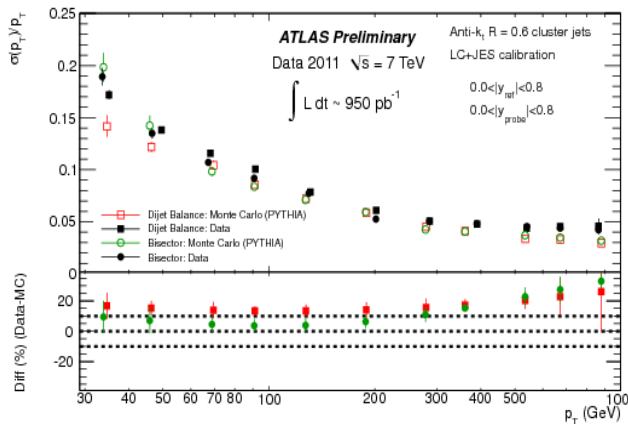
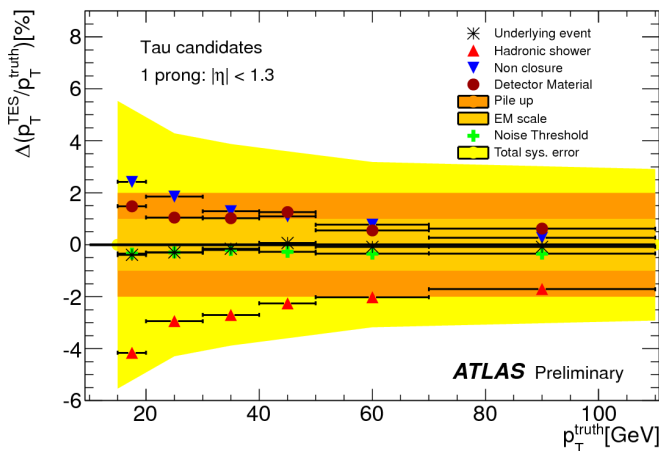
# Understanding of Detector: Example Muons (2)

momentum scale and resolution from  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  peak position and width



correct simulation for difference

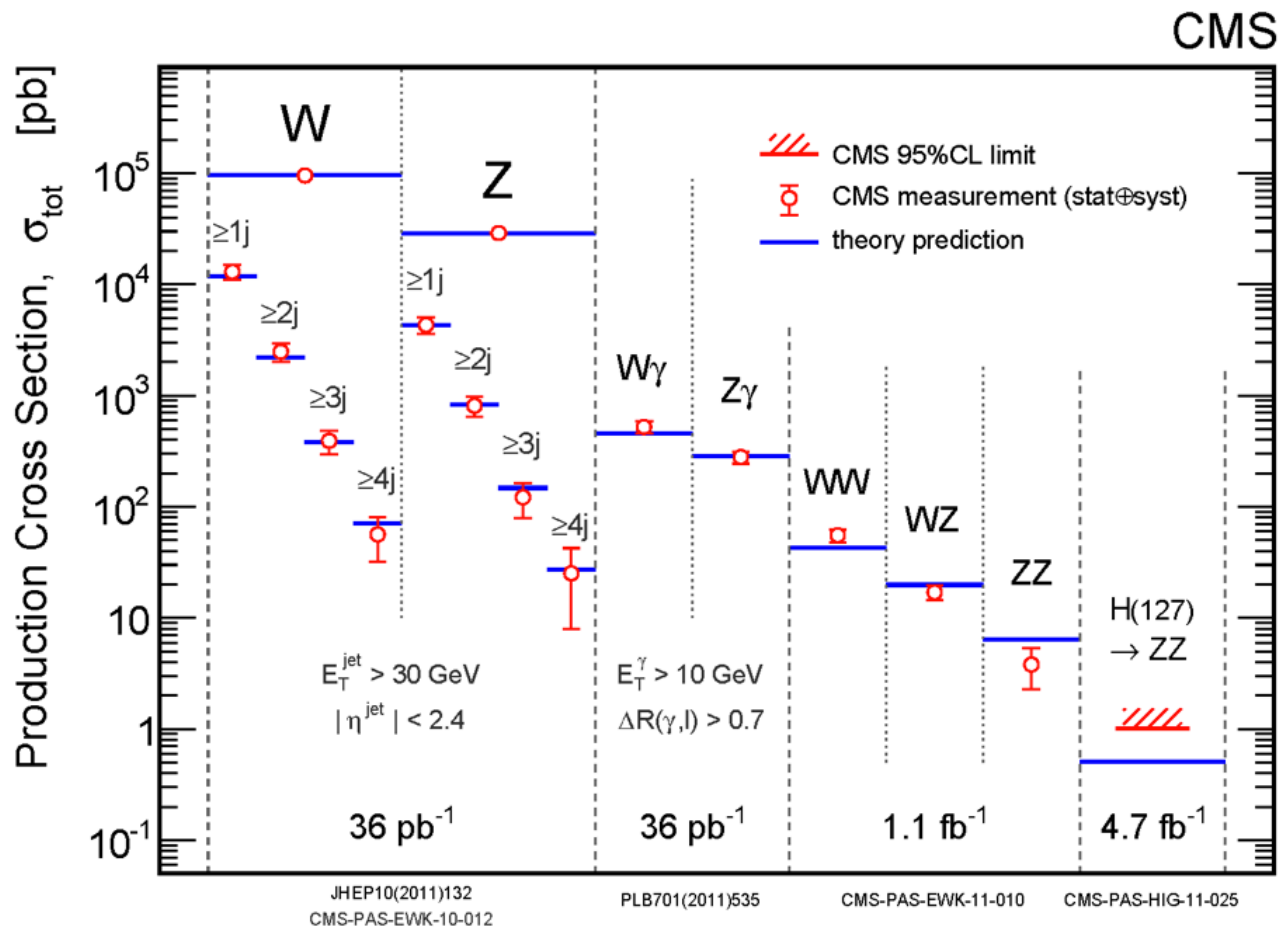
use uncertainty of correction to determine uncertainty on event yield



in similar way  
for electron,  
tau leptons, jets,  
b-jets,  
missing trans. energy

# Understanding the Background Processes

In  $\sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  after selection cuts:  $\sim 30\text{M } W \rightarrow \mu(e)\nu$ ,  $\sim 3\text{M } Z \rightarrow \mu\mu, ee$ ,  $\sim 60\text{k top pairs}$



Excellent agreement between theory prediction and measurement due to very precise calculations and good understanding of detector performance

# Estimating the Background

a) from simulation only  $N^B = \varepsilon_{\text{reco,ID,isolation,cuts}} * A * \sigma_{\text{theo}} * L$

$\varepsilon$  = efficiency (reco., ID, isolation, topological cuts)

$A$  = acceptance (phase space cuts)

$\sigma_{\text{theo}}$  = inclusive cross section, mostly from theory

$L$  = integrated luminosity

uncertainties: detector performance related  $\varepsilon_{\text{reco,ID,isolation}}$   
vary efficiency scale factor, E resolutions and scales

acceptance  $A$ : compare event generators, choice of  $\alpha_s$ ,  
renormalisation  $\mu_r$  and factorisation  $\mu_f$  scales PDF sets

$\sigma_{\text{theo}}$ : evaluate uncertainty from  $\mu_f$ ,  $\mu_r$ ,  $\alpha_s$ , PDF sets

$L$ :  $\sim 4\%$

for signal process: only way to estimate uncertainties on expected event yield  
and shape of final discriminating observable

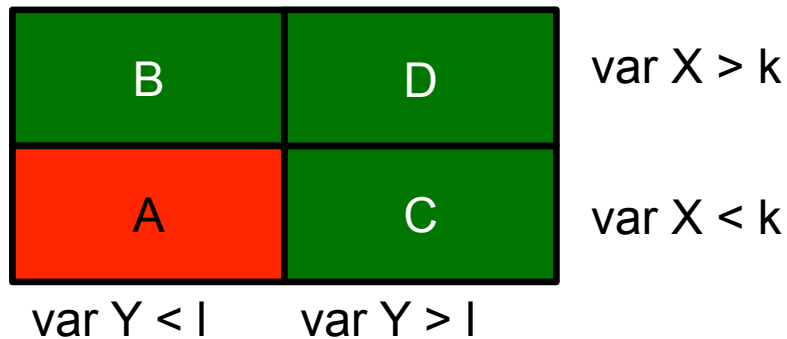
# Estimating the Background (2)

b) almost completely data driven

- use parametric model for description of mass distribution, fixed in side band  
uncertainties from model choice, statistics in sidebands, ...

- select signal free control sample in data to obtain shape and to large  
extend also normalisation from data

uncertainties from selection of control sample, pollution of other processes,  
agreement of shape in signal and control region, ...



“ABCD-method” assumptions:

- observables X and Y uncorrelated
- control regions B,C,D dominated by background to be estimated
- shape of observable of interest same in A and B or A and C or all regions

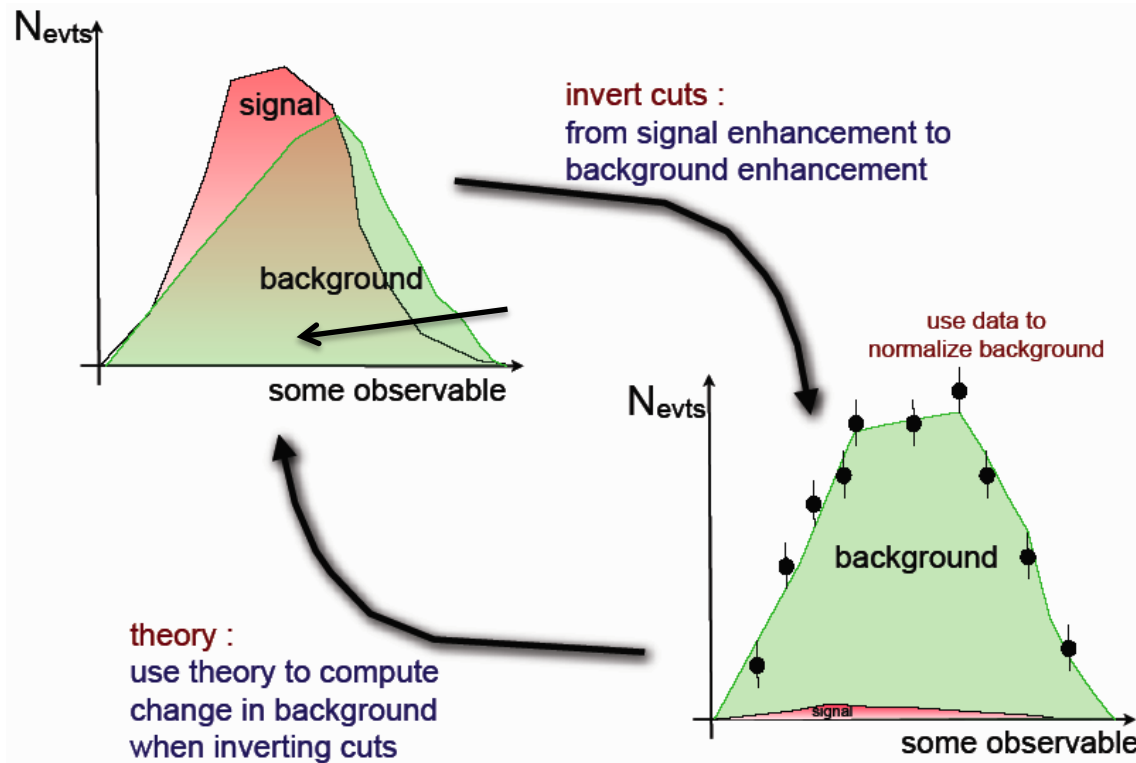
prediction in signal region A:  $n_A(m) = B/D n_C(m)$



# Estimating the Background (3)

c) normalisation from control region in **data** (inversion of some selection criteria)  
ratio of signal/control region **and** shape of observable from simulation

$$N_{\text{signal region}}^{\text{B}} = k_{\text{Extrapolation}} * N_{\text{control region}}^{\text{B}}$$

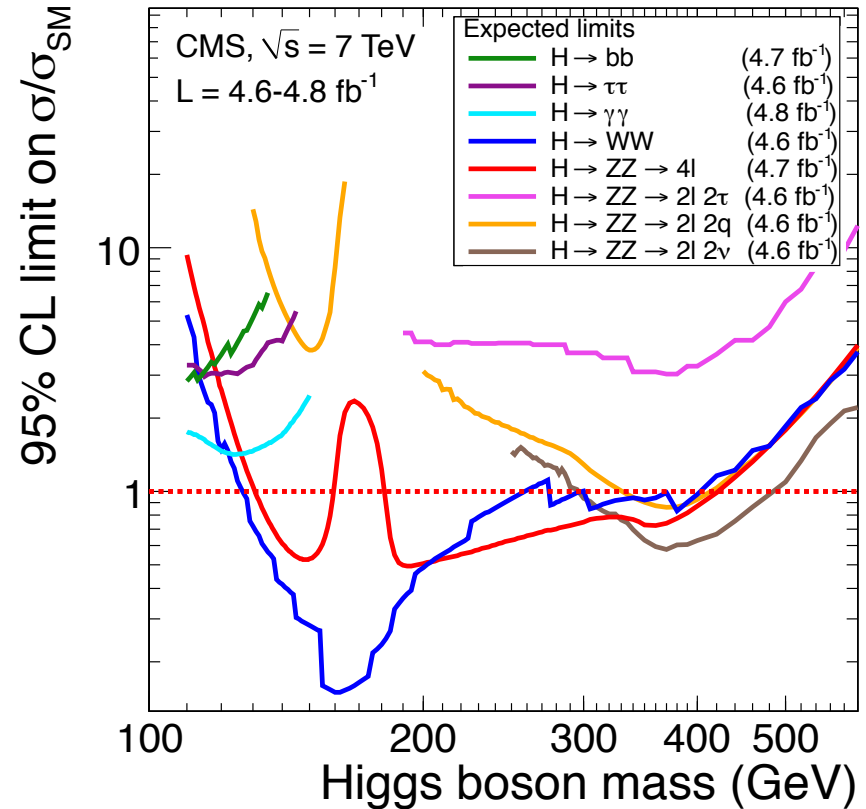
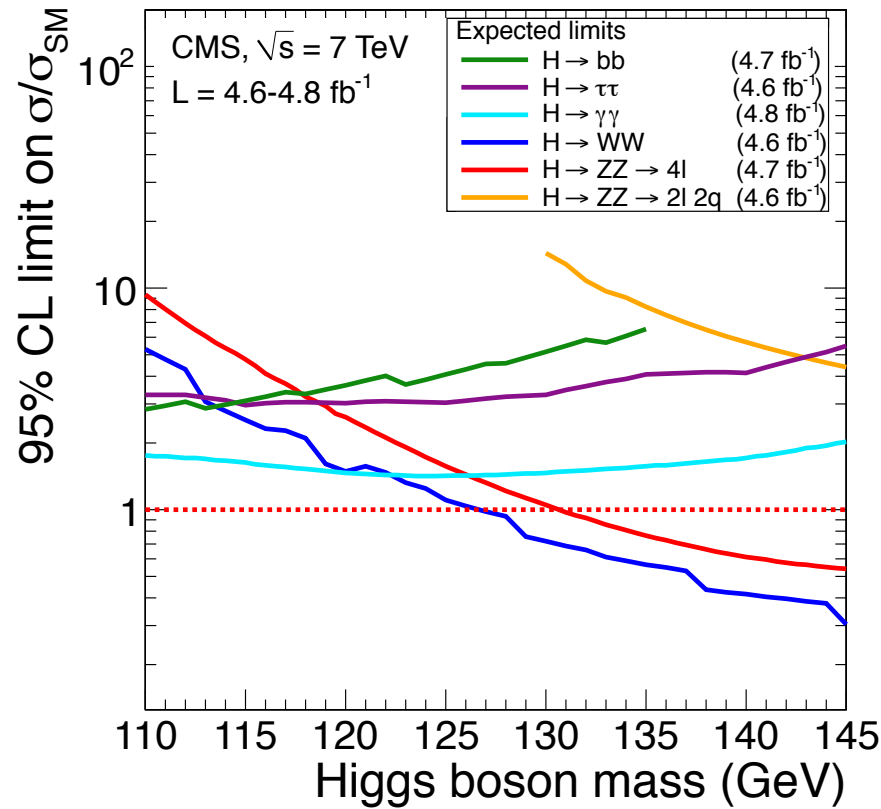


uncertainties:  
pollution of control region  
with other processes

knowledge of  $k_{\text{Extrapolation}}$   
- theory uncertainties  
( $\mu_f, \mu_r, \alpha_s, \text{PDF}, \dots$ )  
- detector performance  
(identification, resolution, ...)

most common method, called “data-driven” but still ... input from simulation

# Sensitive Search Channels in Different Mass Ranges



$m_H < 120/125$  GeV:  
 $H \rightarrow 2\gamma\gamma$   
 $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$   
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (VBF)  
 $H \rightarrow bb$  in VH

$125 < m_H < 200$  GeV  
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2l 2\nu$   
 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

$m_H > 200$  GeV  
 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l, ll\nu\nu, lljj$   
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu, l\nu jj$

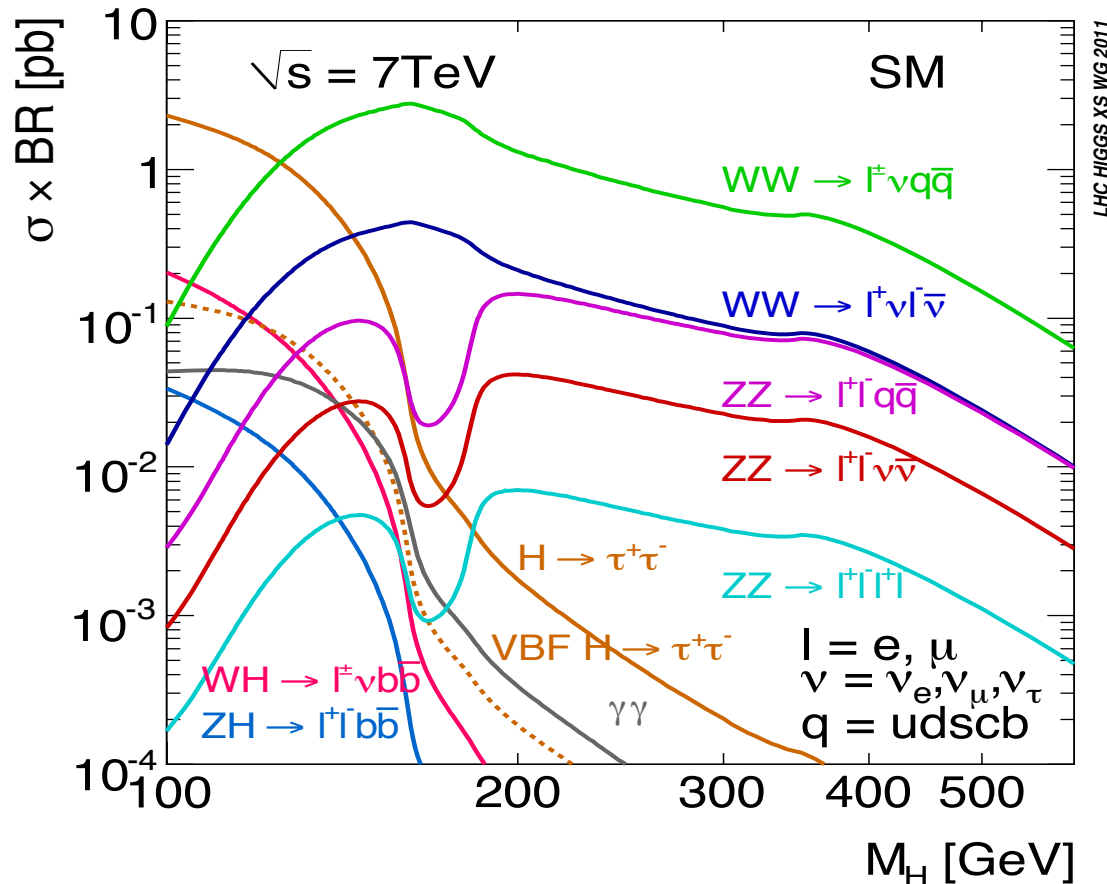
# Higgs Boson Search Channels

channel	ATLAS			CMS		
	Lumi	Mass Range	Sub chan.	Lumi	Mass range	Sub chan.
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	4.9	110-150	9	4.8	110-150	5
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1.1	100-150	4	4.6	110-145	9
$H \rightarrow bb$	1.1	110-130	4	4.7	110-135	5
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	2.1	110-300	6	4.6	110-600	5
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$	1.1	240-600	2	---	-----	-
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	4.8	110-600	3	4.7	110-600	3
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\tau$	----	-----		4.7	190-600	8
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\nu$	2.1	200-600	2	4.6	250-600	2
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2q$	2.1	200-600	4	4.6	130-164 225-600	6

CMS: 42 subchannels, all published with full 2011 data set

ATLAS: 34+n subchannels, hopefully all finalized for Moriond 2012

# High Signal Rates $\rightarrow$ Early Sensitivity



LHC HIGGS XS WG 2011

rule of thumb:  
you need to expect 3 signal events after full selection to exclude such a hypothesis

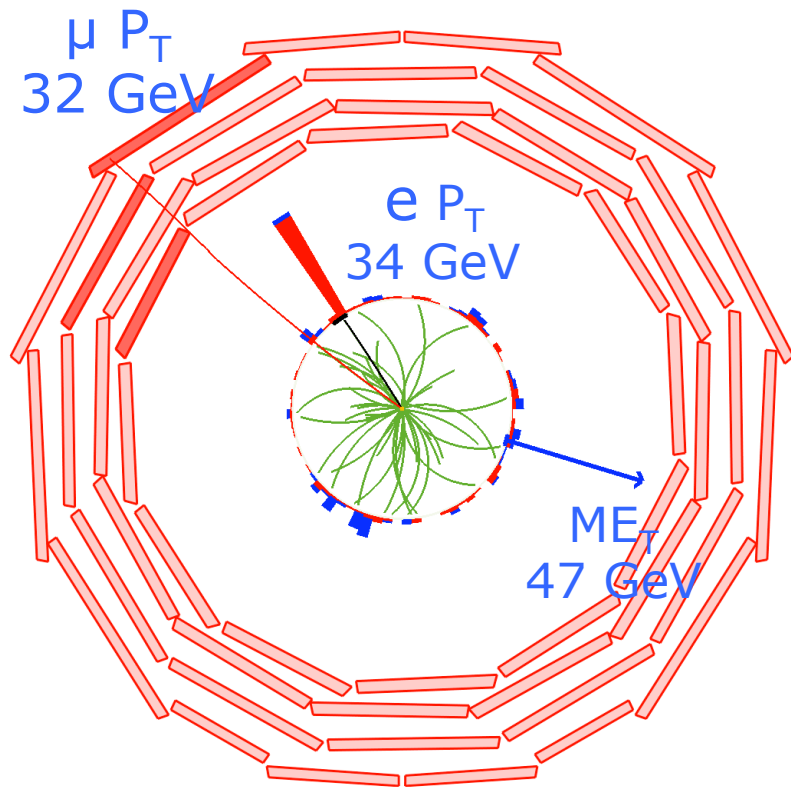
Events expected to be produced with  $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$m_H$ , GeV	$WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	$ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	$\gamma\gamma$
120	127	1.5	43
150	390	4.6	16
300	89	3.8	0.04

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  second highest rate for  $M_H > 150$  GeV, earliest sensitivity at LHC

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$  suffers from large  $W$ +jets background  
only considered for  $M_H > 240$  GeV in ATLAS

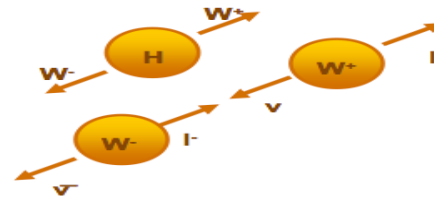
# CMS: $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



No mass reconstruction  
 $\rightarrow$  signal extraction from event counting

Signature: ( $ee, e\mu, \mu\mu$  considered)

- 2 isolated, high  $p_T$  leptons with small opening angle  $\Delta\phi$



- Large Missing Transverse Energy MET

Analysis optimized for 3 exclusive jet multiplicities (0, 1, 2 jets) and for different Higgs mass hypotheses

- $p_T^l, M_{ll}, M_T, \Delta\phi$  discriminating variables
- VBF selections for the 2-jet case

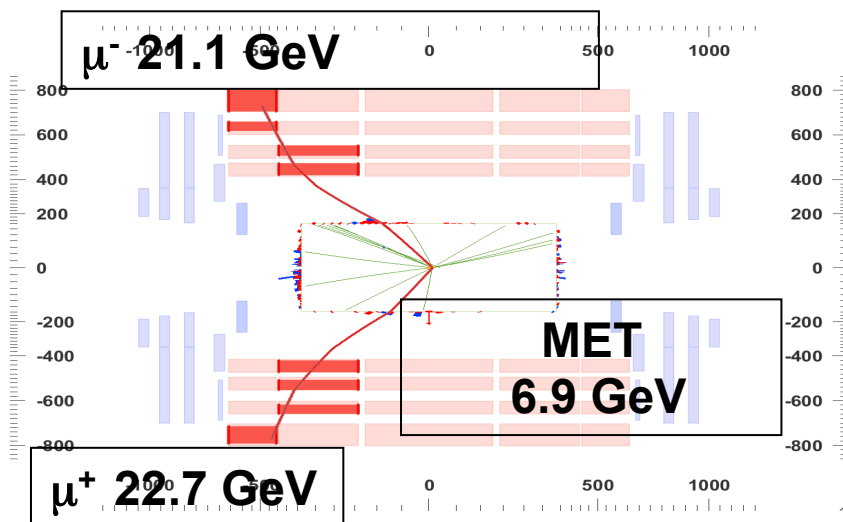
For 0, 1 jet bin: also multivariate technique

Events expected to be produced with  $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$m_H, \text{ GeV}$	$WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
120	127
150	390
300	89

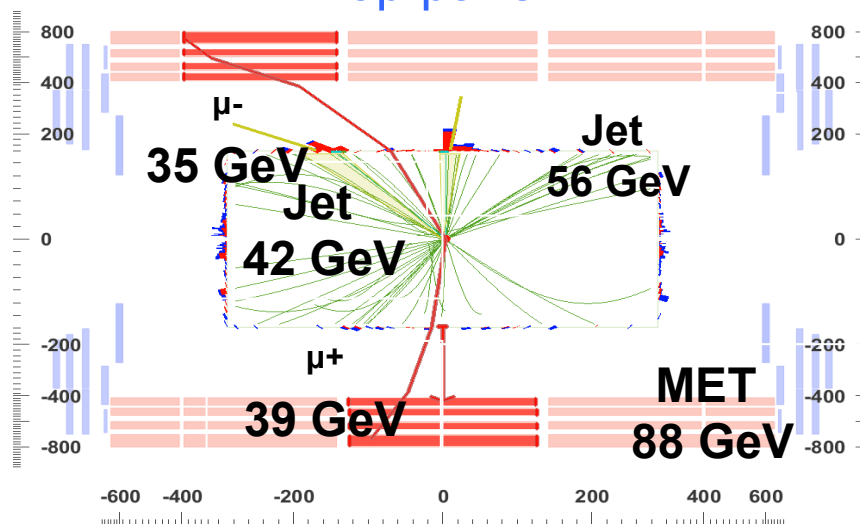
# WW → lν lν Preselection

## Drell-Yan



Simulation

## Top pairs



Simulation

veto on Z:  $|M_{ll} - M_Z| > 30$  GeV  
MET requirement

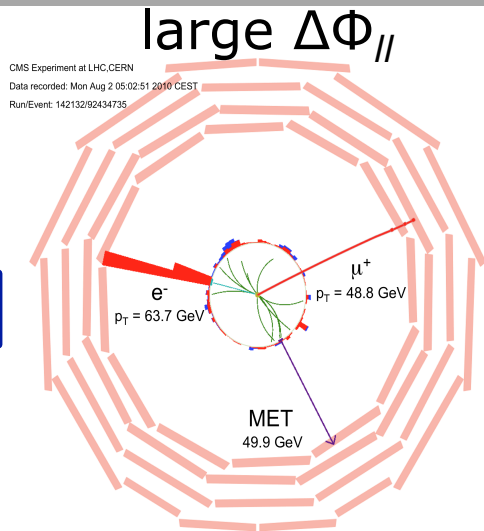
apply top-tagger (soft muon, etc.)  
veto tagged events

against WZ, ZZ backgrounds: veto 3<sup>rd</sup> lepton

at this stage 1359/909/703 events in 0,1,2 jet topologies  
signal efficiency ( $M_H = 130$  GeV) = 5.5%

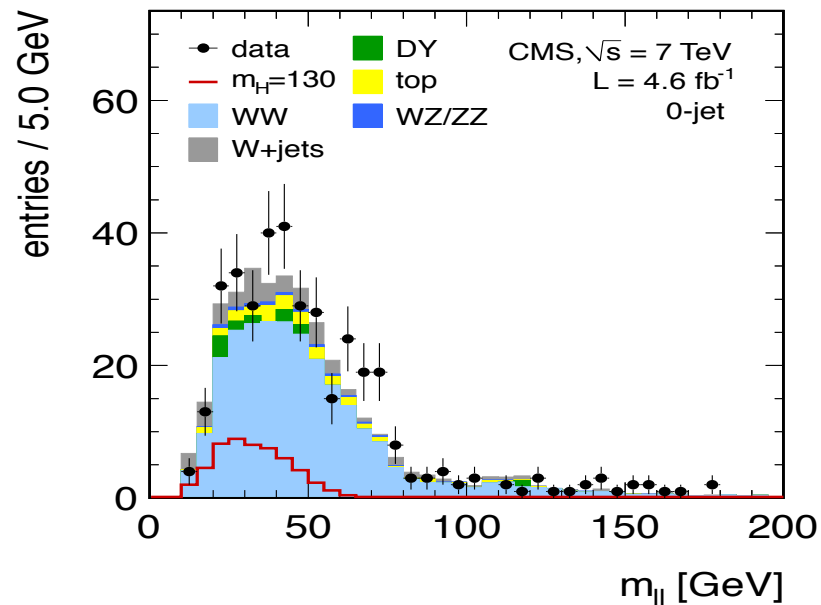
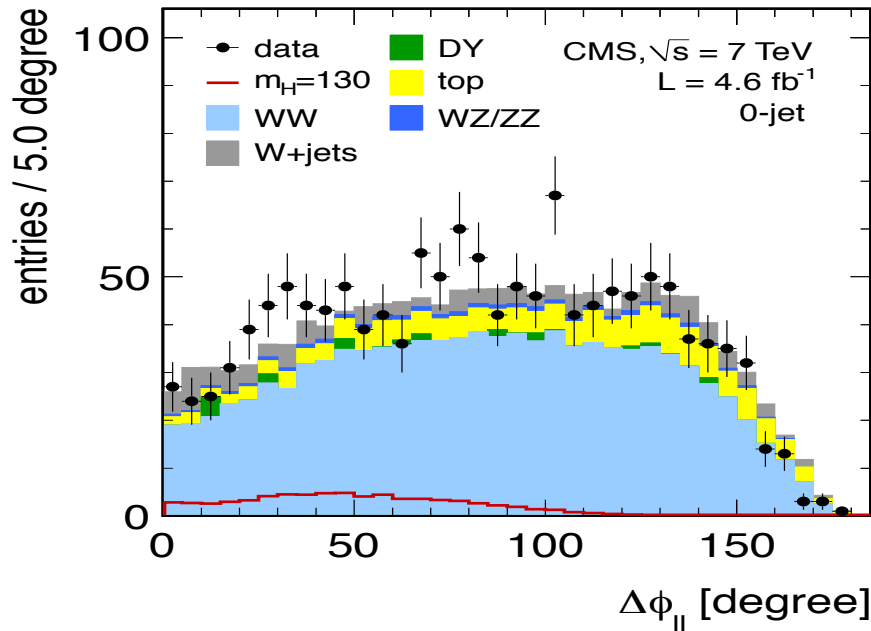
# After $WW \rightarrow \nu \nu$ Preselection

**2010 Data**



background dominated by  $WW \rightarrow \nu \nu$

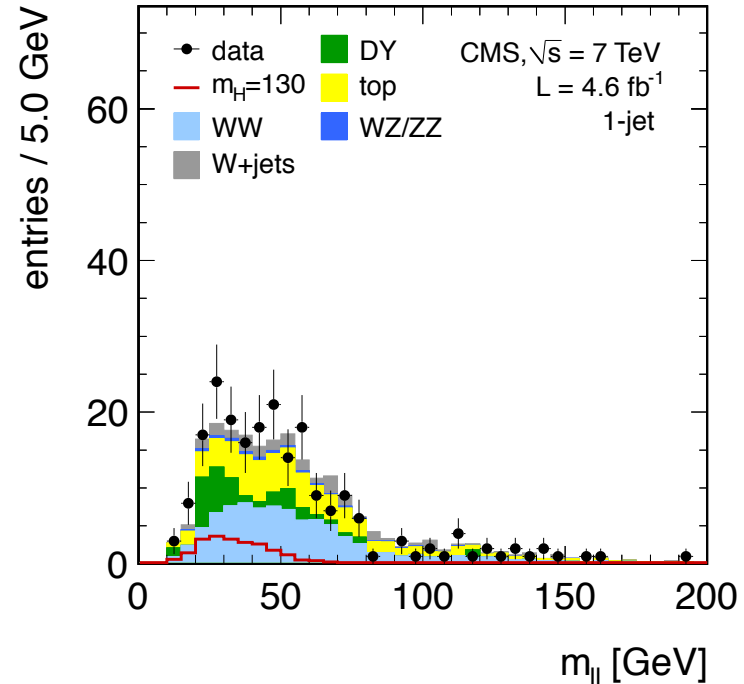
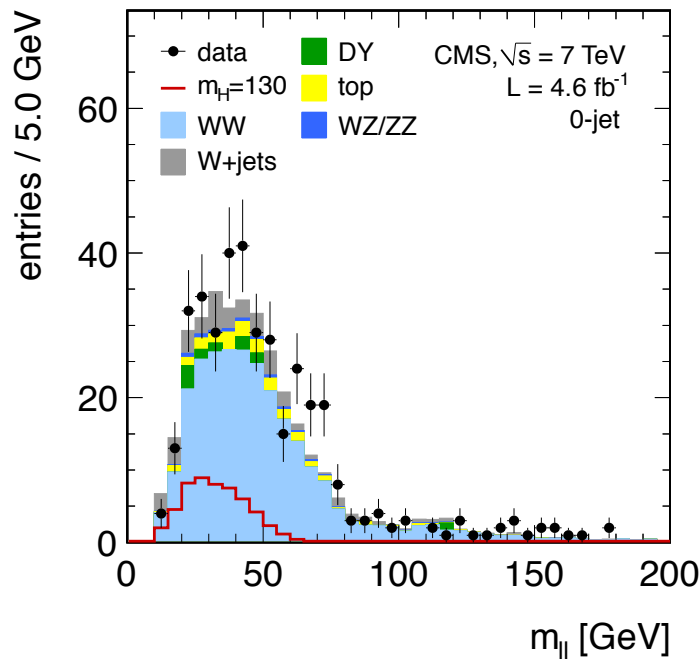
further jet topology dependent selection



# Final selection for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

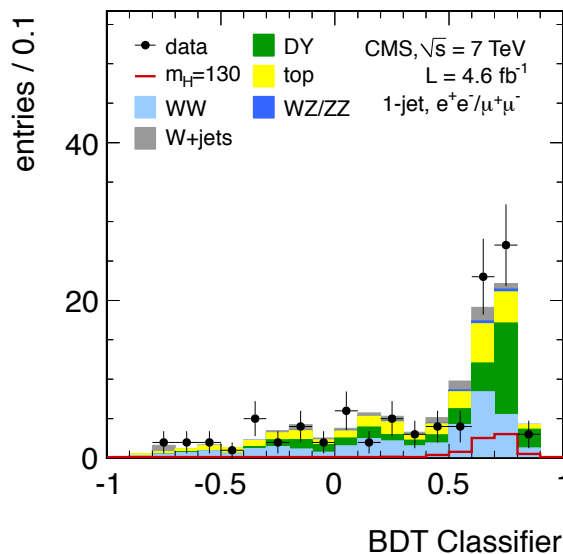
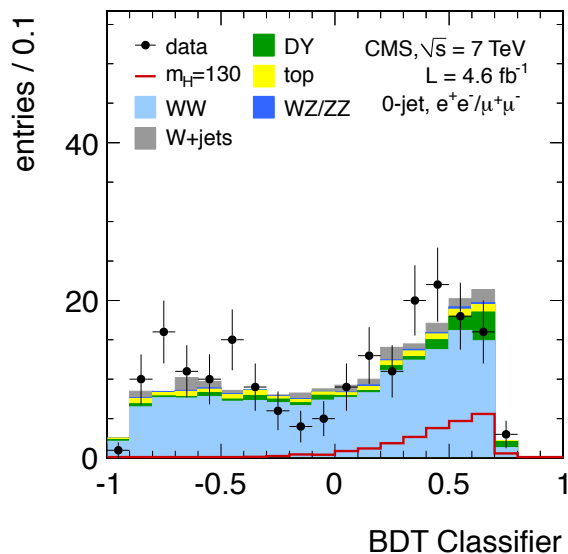
$m_H$	data	all bkg.	pp $\rightarrow W^+W^-$	top	W + jets	WZ + ZZ + W $\gamma^{(*)}$	Z/ $\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$	H $\rightarrow W^+W^-$
0-jet category								
120	136	136.7 $\pm$ 12.7	100.3 $\pm$ 7.2	6.7 $\pm$ 1.0	14.7 $\pm$ 4.7	6.1 $\pm$ 1.5	8.8 $\pm$ 9.2	15.7 $\pm$ 0.8
130	193	191.5 $\pm$ 14.0	142.2 $\pm$ 10.0	10.6 $\pm$ 1.6	17.6 $\pm$ 5.5	7.4 $\pm$ 1.6	13.7 $\pm$ 7.8	45.2 $\pm$ 2.1
160	111	101.7 $\pm$ 6.8	82.6 $\pm$ 5.4	10.5 $\pm$ 1.4	3.0 $\pm$ 1.5	2.2 $\pm$ 0.4	3.4 $\pm$ 3.4	122.9 $\pm$ 5.6
200	159	140.8 $\pm$ 6.8	108.2 $\pm$ 4.5	23.3 $\pm$ 3.1	3.4 $\pm$ 1.5	3.2 $\pm$ 0.3	2.7 $\pm$ 3.7	48.8 $\pm$ 2.2
400	109	110.8 $\pm$ 5.8	59.8 $\pm$ 2.7	35.9 $\pm$ 4.7	5.5 $\pm$ 1.8	9.3 $\pm$ 1.1	0.2 $\pm$ 0.2	17.5 $\pm$ 0.8
1-jet category								
120	72	59.5 $\pm$ 5.9	27.0 $\pm$ 4.7	17.2 $\pm$ 1.0	5.4 $\pm$ 2.4	3.2 $\pm$ 0.6	6.6 $\pm$ 2.3	6.5 $\pm$ 0.3
130	105	79.9 $\pm$ 7.7	38.5 $\pm$ 6.6	25.6 $\pm$ 1.4	6.5 $\pm$ 2.5	4.0 $\pm$ 0.6	5.3 $\pm$ 2.5	17.6 $\pm$ 0.8
160	86	70.8 $\pm$ 6.0	33.7 $\pm$ 5.5	27.9 $\pm$ 1.4	3.2 $\pm$ 1.4	1.9 $\pm$ 0.3	4.2 $\pm$ 1.4	60.2 $\pm$ 2.6
200	111	130.8 $\pm$ 6.7	49.3 $\pm$ 2.2	59.4 $\pm$ 2.8	5.2 $\pm$ 1.8	2.2 $\pm$ 0.1	14.6 $\pm$ 5.3	25.8 $\pm$ 1.1
400	128	123.6 $\pm$ 5.3	44.6 $\pm$ 2.2	60.6 $\pm$ 2.9	6.2 $\pm$ 2.1	3.9 $\pm$ 0.5	8.3 $\pm$ 3.2	12.2 $\pm$ 0.5
2-jet category								
120	8	11.3 $\pm$ 3.6	1.3 $\pm$ 0.2	5.5 $\pm$ 2.8	0.7 $\pm$ 0.6	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	1.9 $\pm$ 1.4	1.1 $\pm$ 0.1
130	10	13.3 $\pm$ 4.0	1.6 $\pm$ 0.2	6.5 $\pm$ 3.2	0.7 $\pm$ 0.6	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	2.7 $\pm$ 1.9	2.7 $\pm$ 0.2
160	12	15.9 $\pm$ 4.6	1.9 $\pm$ 0.2	8.4 $\pm$ 3.9	1.2 $\pm$ 0.8	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	2.7 $\pm$ 1.9	12.2 $\pm$ 0.7
200	13	17.8 $\pm$ 5.0	2.2 $\pm$ 0.2	9.4 $\pm$ 4.2	1.2 $\pm$ 0.8	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	3.2 $\pm$ 2.1	8.4 $\pm$ 0.5
400	20	23.8 $\pm$ 6.4	3.5 $\pm$ 0.3	14.1 $\pm$ 5.8	1.1 $\pm$ 0.8	1.9 $\pm$ 1.5	3.3 $\pm$ 2.1	2.5 $\pm$ 0.1

$m_H$	$p_T^{\ell, \max}$	$p_T^{\ell, \min}$	$m_{\ell\ell}$	$\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$	$m_T$
[GeV]	[GeV]	[GeV]	[GeV]	[ $^\circ$ ]	[GeV]
	>	>	<	<	[,]
120	20	10 (15)	40	115	[80,120]
130	25	10 (15)	45	90	[80,125]
160	30	25	50	60	[90,160]
200	40	25	90	100	[120,200]
250	55	25	150	140	[120,250]
300	70	25	200	175	[120,300]
400	90	25	300	175	[120,400]

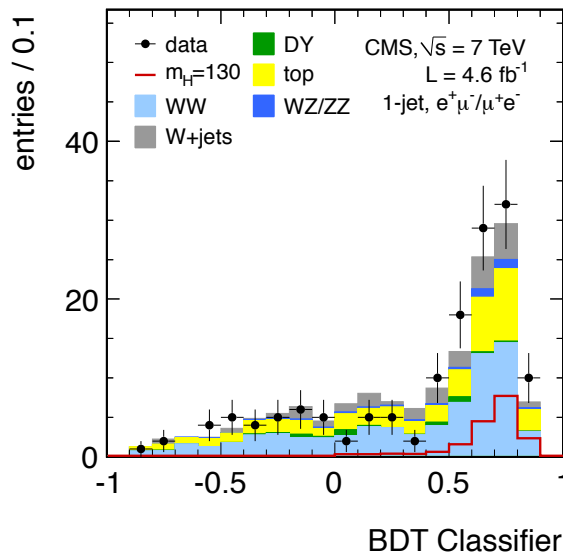
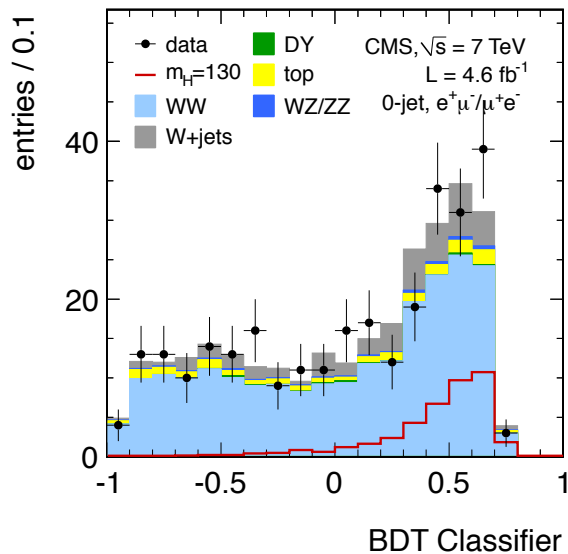




# H $\rightarrow$ WW $\rightarrow$ $\nu\nu$ : Boosted Decision Tree Analysis



no significant deviation  
from background  
expectation observed



# H → WW → l<sub>ν</sub>l<sub>ν</sub> Background Estimation

signal region (SR): 2 tight leptons, small m<sub>ll</sub>, veto on top-tagged events

W+jets and multijet with „fake“ leptons: Δ<sub>BG</sub> ~ 35%

define control region (CR) with 1 tight (t) and 1 loose (l) lepton  
determine ε<sub>l→t</sub> from independent sample with non-prompt lepton  
weight events in CR by ε<sub>l→t</sub> / (1 - ε<sub>l→t</sub>)

top quark production: Δ<sub>BG</sub> ~ 10 to 25%

CR = top-tagged events determine ε<sub>top-tag</sub> from top enriched b-tagged sample  
SR = CR × (1 - ε<sub>top-tag</sub>) / ε<sub>top-tag</sub>

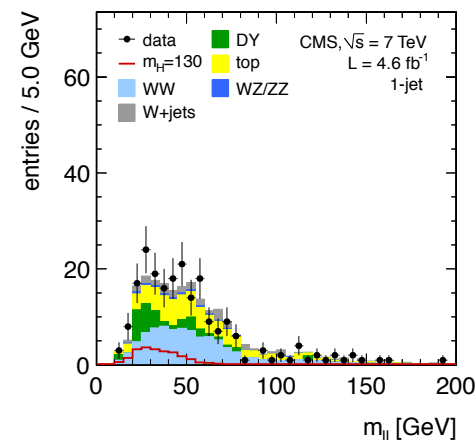
WW production (for M<sub>H</sub> < 200 GeV, otherwise from simulation only): Δ<sub>BG</sub> ~ 10%

CR = m<sub>ll</sub> > 100 GeV SR = k<sub>MC</sub> CR

Drell-Yan: Δ<sub>BG</sub> ~ 50%

CR = |m<sub>ll</sub> - M<sub>Z</sub>| < 7.5 GeV subtract non Z background  
SR = k<sub>MC</sub> CR from eμ sample

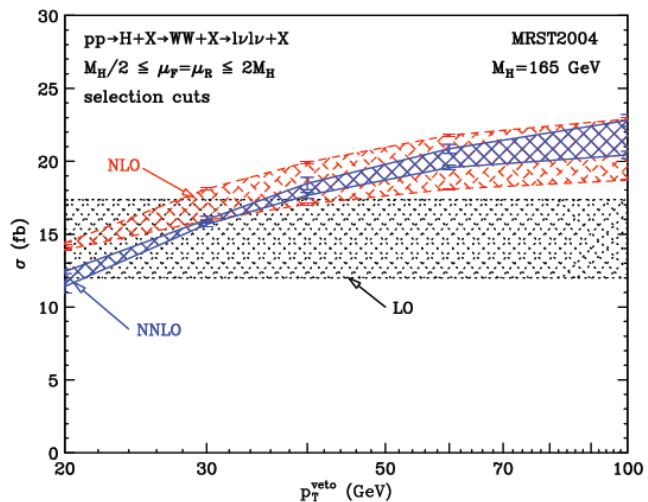
other backgrounds (WZ, ZZ, Wγ) from simulation



# H → WW → lνlν Uncertainties

background yield: 15% (stat. uncertainty in CRs, dominated by WW)

signal efficiency: 20% dominated by theory uncertainties



WW + 0 jet: Veto jet of  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$   
 WW + 1 jet: 1 jet of  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$   
 WW + 2 jet: 2 jet of  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$  - VBF like

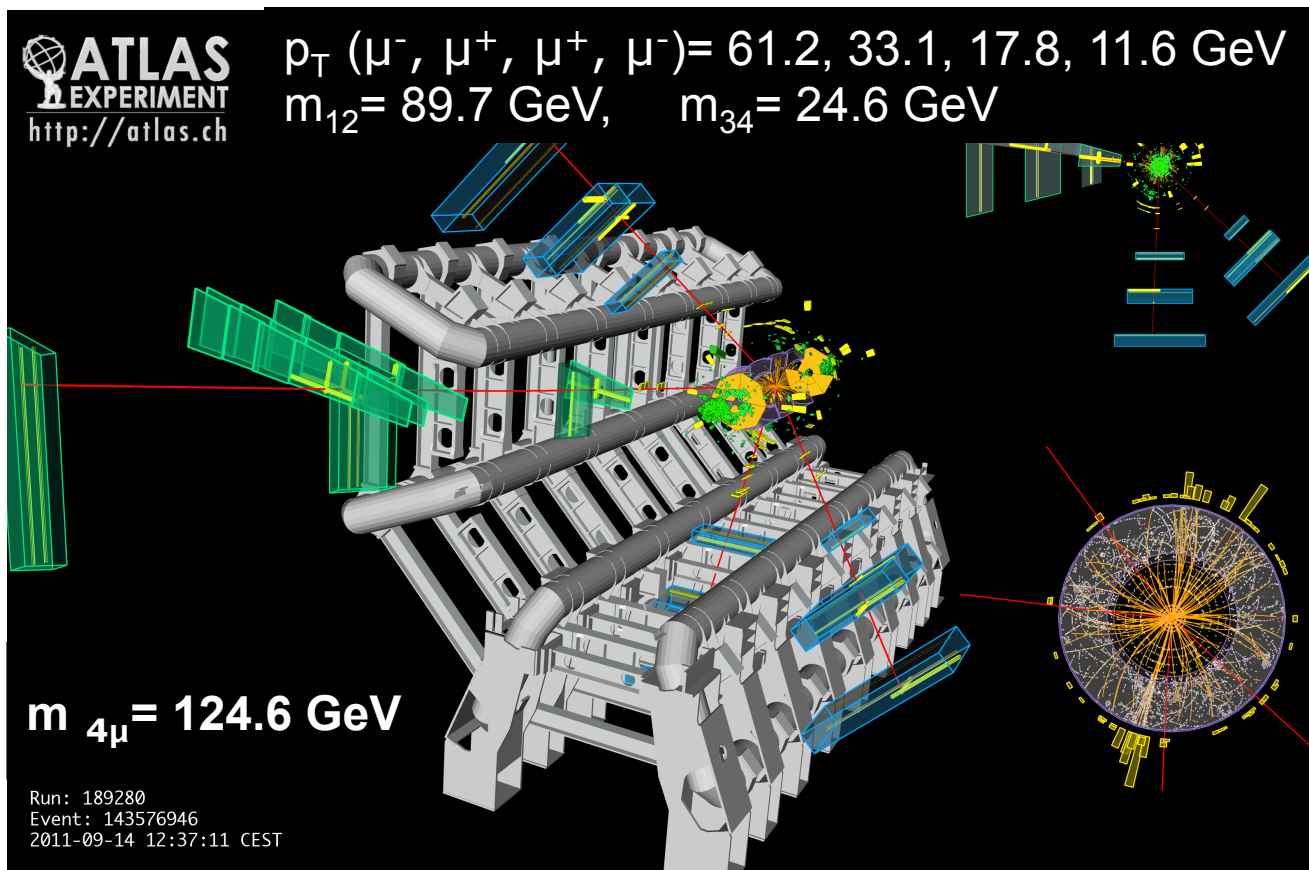
Theoretically best computation for incl.  $\sigma_{\text{total}}$ ,  $\sigma_{\geq 1}$ ,  $\sigma_{\geq 2}$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_0 = \sigma_{\text{total}} - \sigma_{\geq 1}, \quad \sigma_1 = \sigma_{\geq 1} - \sigma_{\geq 2}, \quad \sigma_{\geq 2}$$

→ correlated uncertainties on jet bin cross sections with size between 10 and 30%

$\delta\sigma_{\geq 0}$	+12-7%
$\delta\sigma_{\geq 1}$	±20%
$\delta\sigma_{\geq 2}$	±30% (NLO) ±70% (LO)

# Still the golden channel: $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$



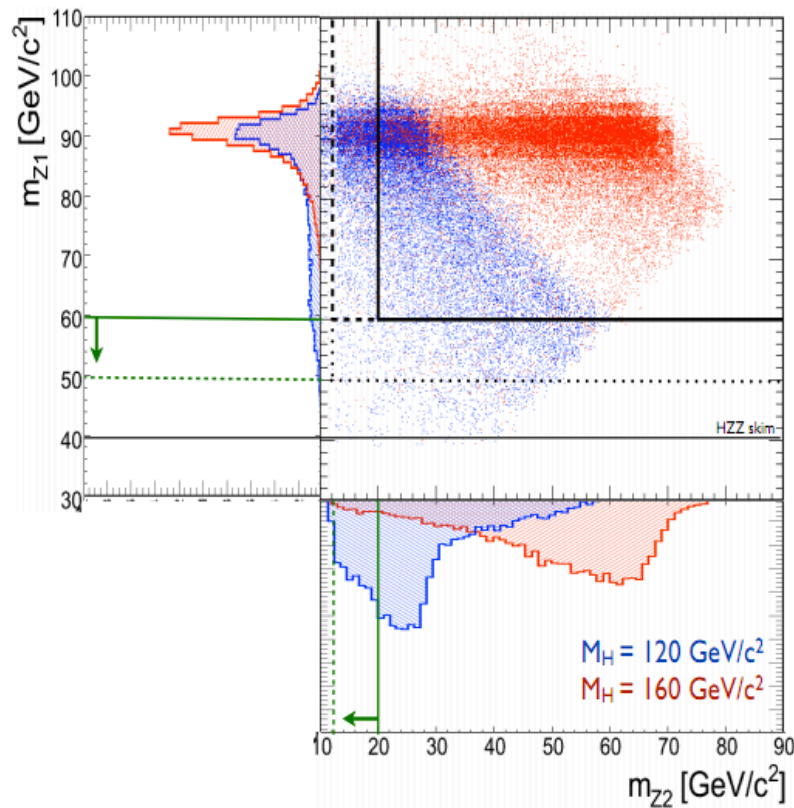
Events expected to be produced with  $L=1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$m_{H^0}$ GeV	$WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	$ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	$\gamma\gamma$
120	127	1.5	43
150	390	4.6	16
300	89	3.8	0.04

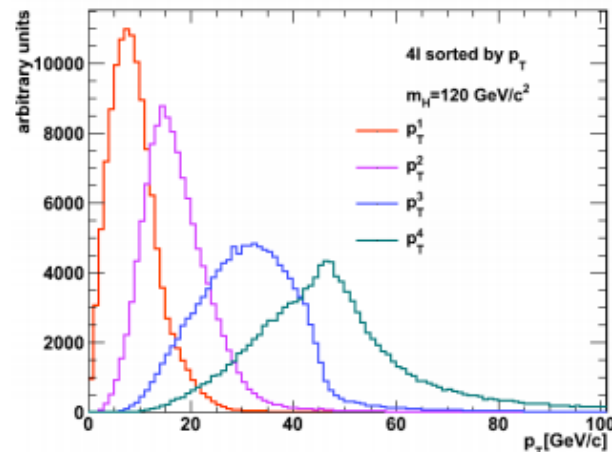
Very tiny cross section  $\rightarrow$   
 thus high efficiency must be conserved

Very clean final state:  
 4 high pt leptons, isolated from primary vertex

# $M_{Z1}$ versus $M_{Z2}$ and Lepton $p_t$ -spectra



lowering the  $p_t$ -thresholds increases significantly the sensitivity to low mass Higgs boson



challenge: lower the  $p_t$ -threshold as much as possible but retain good separation and understanding

Trigger:  $2e$  12 GeV or  $1e$  20 to 22 GeV or  $2\mu$  10 GeV or  $1\mu$  18 GeV

Offline: 4 l  $p_t > 7$  GeV, 2 l with  $p_t > 20$  GeV

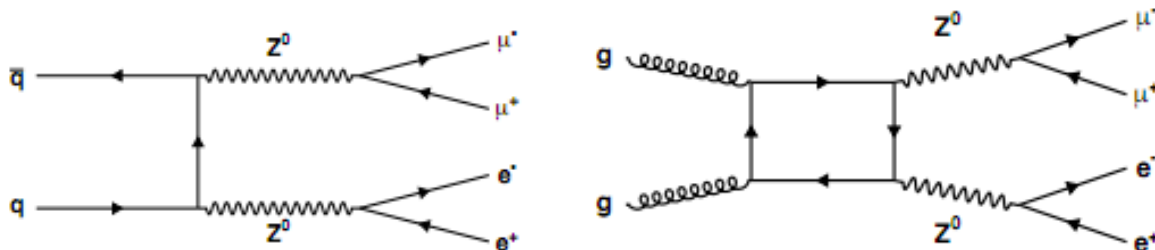
Z1:  $|M_{12} - M_Z| < 15$  GeV

Z2:  $M_{\min} < M_{34} < 115$  GeV

$m_{4\ell}$ (GeV)	$\leq 120$	130	140	150	160	165	180	190	$\geq 200$
$m_{34}$ threshold (GeV)	15	20	25	30	30	35	40	50	60

# Irreducible Background processes

Irreducible background:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$   $gg \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$



precise reconstruction  
of  $M_Z$  and  $M_{4l}$

estimate from MC simulation (uncertainties as for signal):

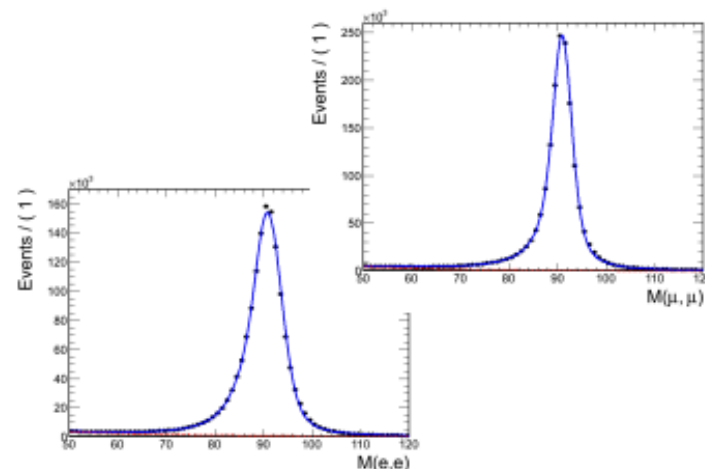
$$\left( \sigma_{NLO}^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} \times \epsilon_{MC}^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} + \sigma_{LO}^{gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} \times \epsilon_{MC}^{gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} \right) \times L$$

crosscheck: normalisation to  $Z \rightarrow ll$  rate in data

$$\frac{\sigma_{NLO}^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} + \sigma_{LO}^{gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l}}{\sigma_{NNLO}^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 2l}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{MC}^{ZZ \rightarrow 4l}}{\epsilon_{MC}^{Z \rightarrow 2l}} \times N_{data}^{Z \rightarrow ll}$$

luminosity uncert. cancel in the ratio the  
TH uncertainties  $\sim 10\%$

(PDF4LHC prescription + QCD scales)

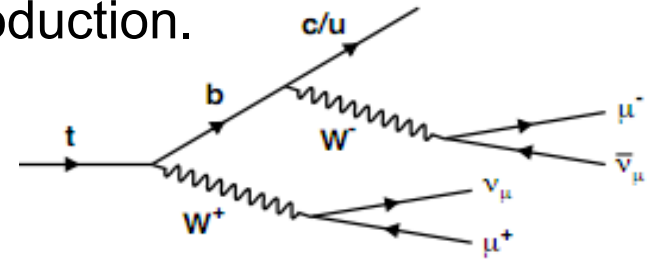
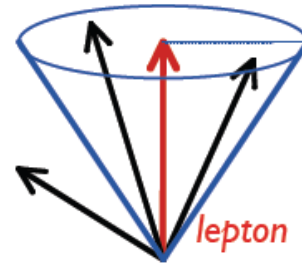
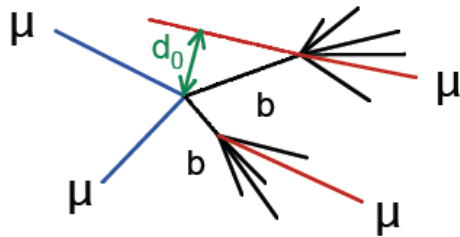


# Reducible Background Processes

Reducible background:  $Zbb/Zcc$ , and  $tt$  pair production.

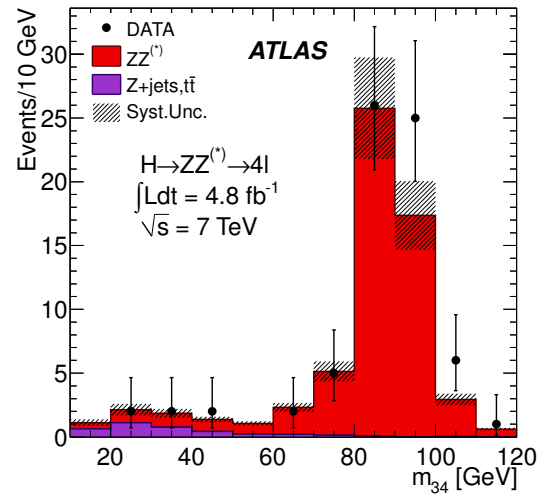
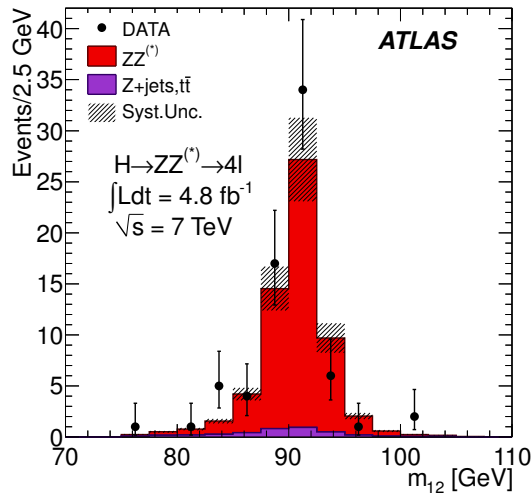
i.e. semileptonic  $B(D)$  decays

Leptons inside jets, from secondary vertex

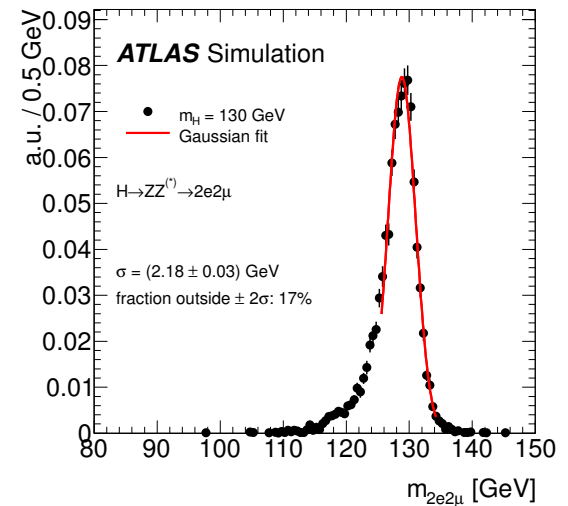
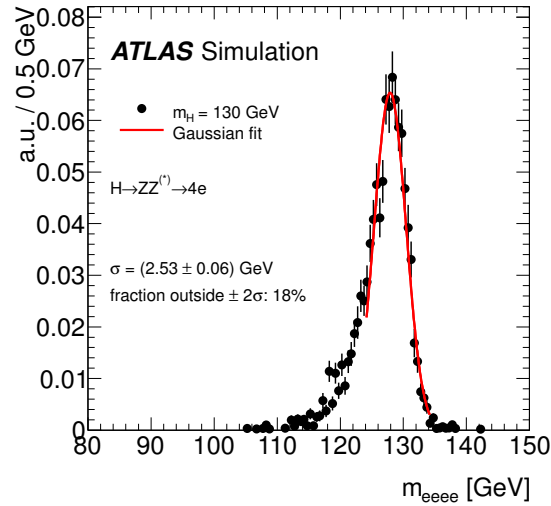
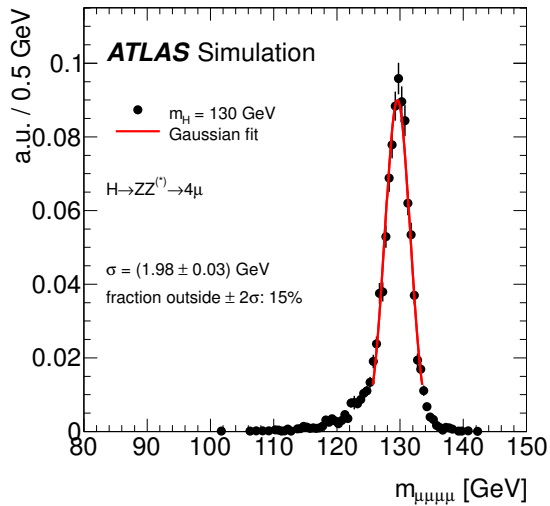


Instrumental background:

QCD and  $Z/W$ +light jets. Events with jets faking leptons (mostly electrons)



# Signal: Mass Resolution and Efficiencies



Signal:

Efficiency: 4e/4 $\mu$ /2e2 $\mu$  14/27/18% at 130 GeV (45/60/52% at 360 GeV)

Mass resolution: 2.5/2.0/2.2 GeV for 4e/4 $\mu$ /2e2 $\mu$  at 130 GeV

For  $M_H > 350$  width dominated by natural width of Higgs boson

Systematic uncertainties:

$\mu$  efficiency: 0.2% e efficiency: 2 to 8%

e energy resolution: 0.6% on  $M_{4l}$  in 4e channel

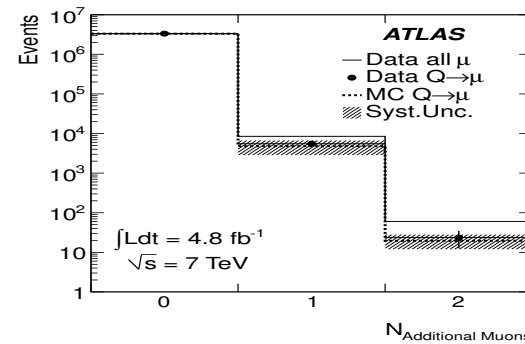
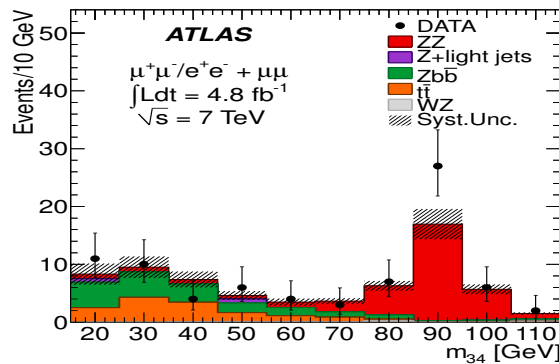
+ theory uncertainties from total  $\sigma$  and modeling of signal in simulation



# Estimation of Reducible Backgrounds

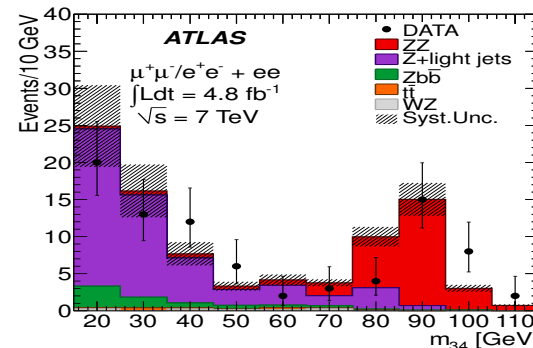
**Z+jets control sample:** full selection w/o isolation and impact parameter requirements on leptons building  $m_{34}$  pair

**Z+ $\mu\mu$ :** dominated by Zbb and Zcc (subtract Z+light jets by applying fake rate)



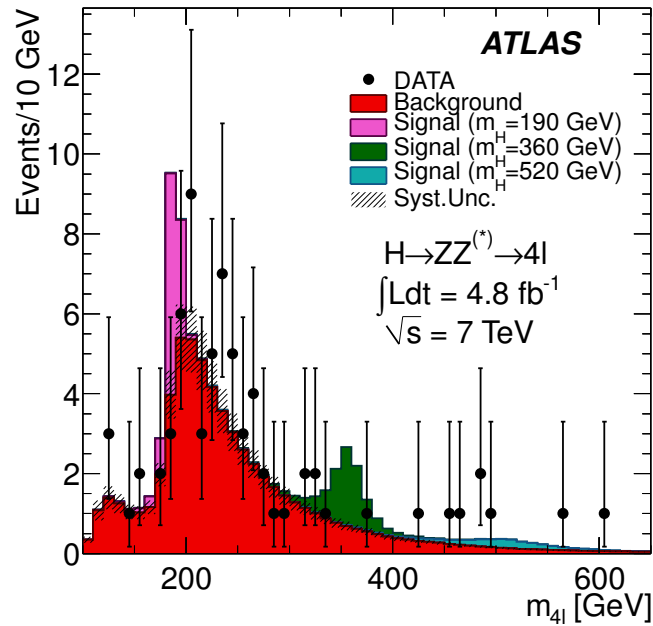
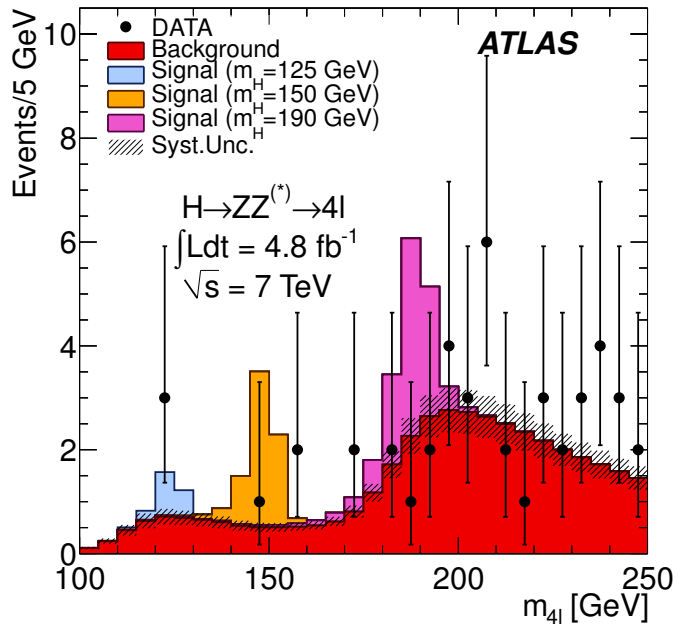
**Z+ee:** dominated by Z+ light jets

for both extrapolate from CR to SR  
uncertainty 45 and 40%



**top pairs:** control region  $M_{12}$  from  $e\mu$  +  $M_{34}$  from same flavour confirms normalisation from simulation

# Results: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



Data: 71 observed  
 $4\mu/2e2\mu/4e$ : 24,30,17

Background exp:  
 $62 \pm 9$

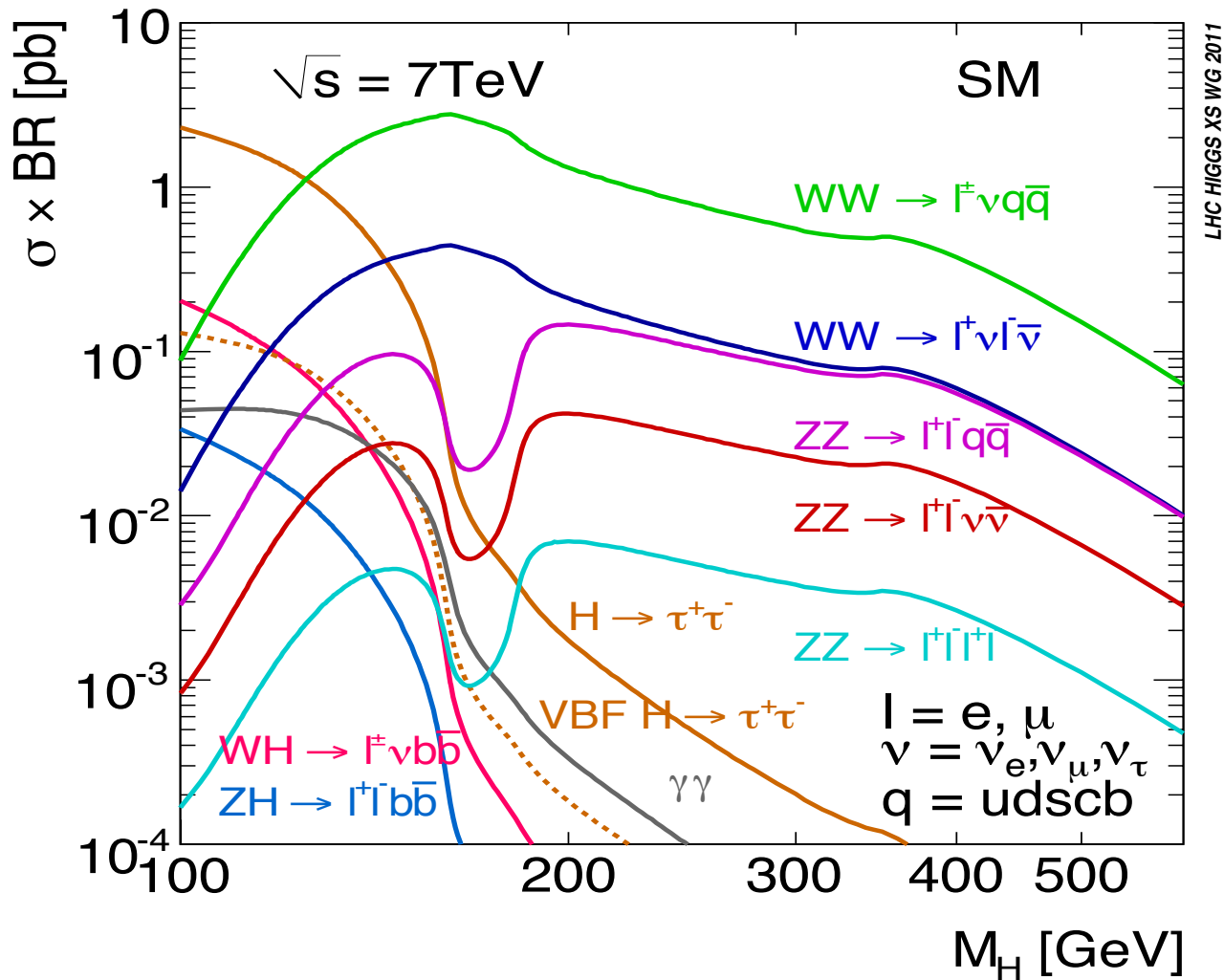
$4\mu$ :  $19 \pm 3$   
 $2\mu/2e$ :  $30 \pm 5$   
 $4e$ :  $13 \pm 2$

	$\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$		$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$		$e^+e^-e^+e^-$	
	Low- $m_{4l}$	High- $m_{4l}$	Low- $m_{4l}$	High- $m_{4l}$	Low- $m_{4l}$	High- $m_{4l}$
Int. Luminosity	4.8 fb <sup>-1</sup>		4.8 fb <sup>-1</sup>		4.9 fb <sup>-1</sup>	
$ZZ^{(*)}$	$2.1 \pm 0.3$	$16.3 \pm 2.4$	$2.8 \pm 0.6$	$25.2 \pm 3.8$	$1.2 \pm 0.3$	$10.4 \pm 1.5$
$Z + \text{jets and } t\bar{t}$	$0.16 \pm 0.06$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	$1.4 \pm 0.5$	$0.17 \pm 0.08$	$1.6 \pm 0.7$	$0.18 \pm 0.08$
Total Background	$2.2 \pm 0.3$	$16.3 \pm 2.4$	$4.3 \pm 0.8$	$25.4 \pm 3.8$	$2.8 \pm 0.8$	$10.6 \pm 1.5$
Data	3	21	3	27	2	15
$m_H = 130$ GeV	$1.00 \pm 0.17$		$1.22 \pm 0.21$		$0.43 \pm 0.08$	
$m_H = 150$ GeV	$2.1 \pm 0.4$		$2.9 \pm 0.4$		$1.12 \pm 0.18$	
$m_H = 200$ GeV	$4.9 \pm 0.7$		$7.7 \pm 1.0$		$3.1 \pm 0.4$	
$m_H = 400$ GeV	$2.0 \pm 0.3$		$3.3 \pm 0.5$		$1.49 \pm 0.21$	
$m_H = 600$ GeV	$0.34 \pm 0.04$		$0.62 \pm 0.10$		$0.30 \pm 0.06$	

$M_{4l} < 190$  GeV  
 obs.: 8 exp 9.4

$M_{4l} > 190$  GeV  
 obs: 63 exp: 52.3

# Very Low Mass Channels ( $M_H < 130$ GeV)



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$     $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (mainly VBF)    $VH, H \rightarrow bb$

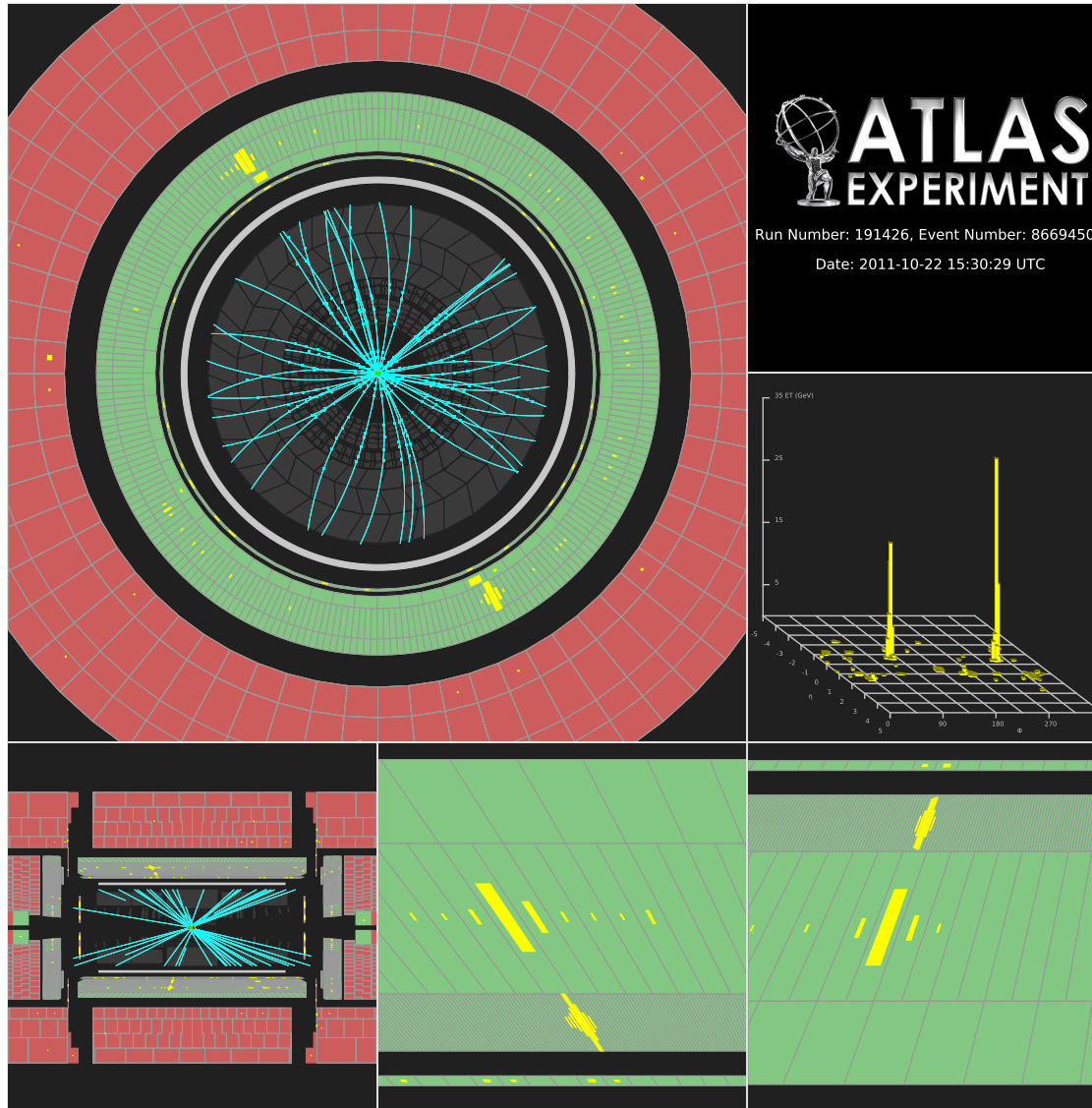
# H → 2 Photons ( $M_H$ from 110 to 150 GeV)

signal topology: 2 isolated photons

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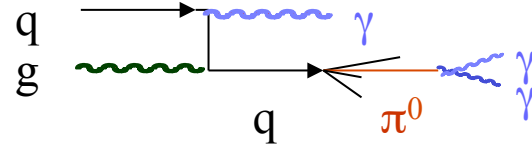
Trigger:  
 $2 \gamma E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$

Offline:  
 $E_T(1) > 40 \text{ GeV}$   
 $E_T(2) > 25 \text{ GeV}$



# H → 2 Photons: Background Suppression

reducible:  $\gamma$ -jet , 2jet-jet



→ discriminate photon from jet

ID efficiency = 65 to 95%

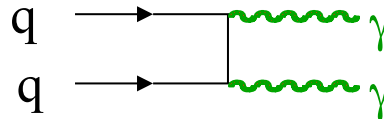
( $E_T$  25 to 80 GeV)

rejection of jets  $R \sim O(8000)$

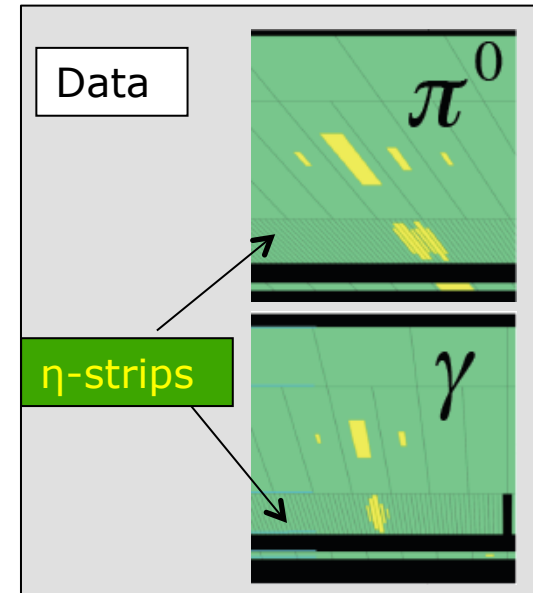
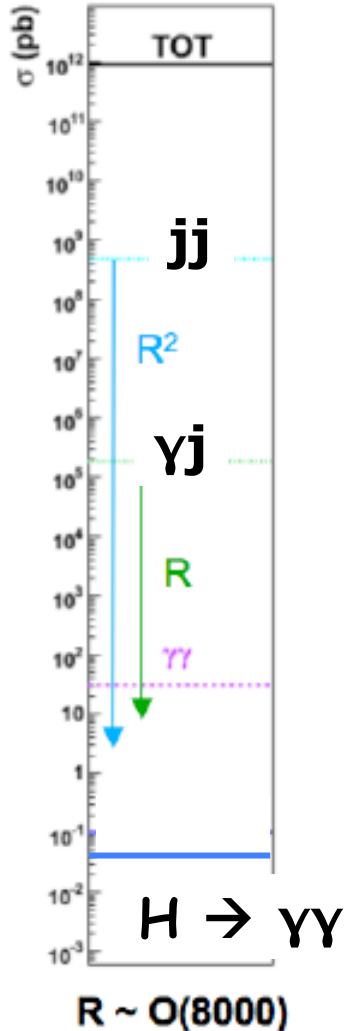
isolation:  $E < 5$  GeV in  $\Delta R = 0.3$

$$\epsilon^2 = 87\%$$

irreducible:  $\gamma\gamma$



→ excellent reconstruction of  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$



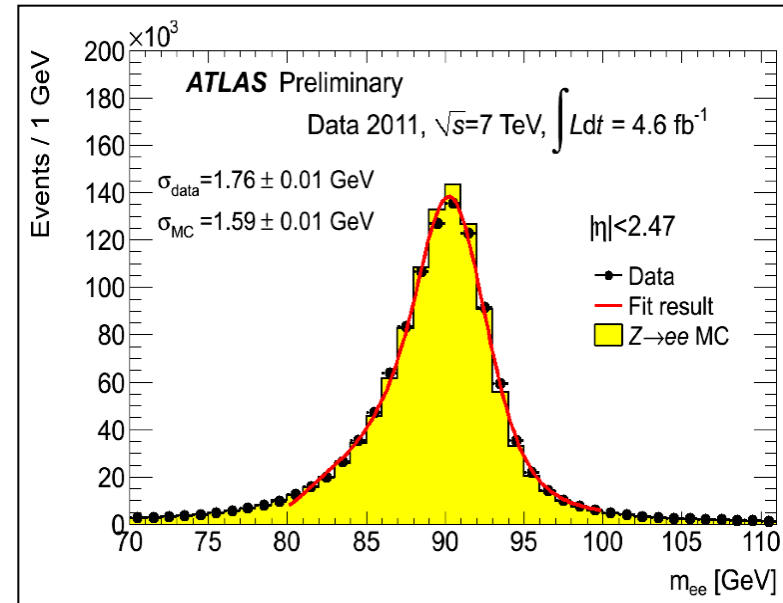
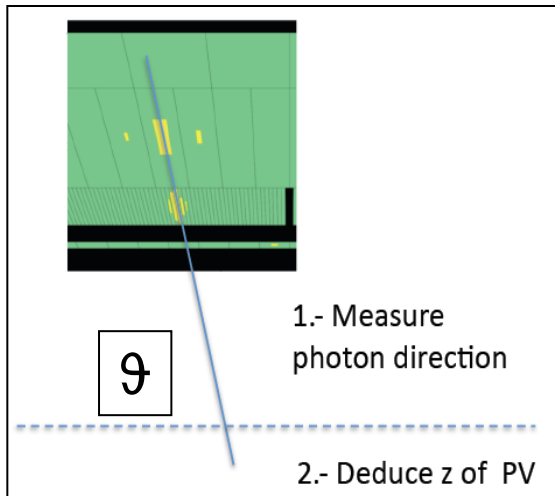
# H → 2 γ: Mass Reconstruction $m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2 E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos\alpha)$

## energy E

from Z, J/ψ → ee, W → ev data + MC:

- energy scale at  $m_Z$  known to ~ 0.5%
- linearity better than 1%
- “uniformity” (constant term of resolution) 1% (barrel) -1.7 % (end-cap)

## opening angle α



select primary vertex (~10/BX in 6 cm) via

a) non converted photons:

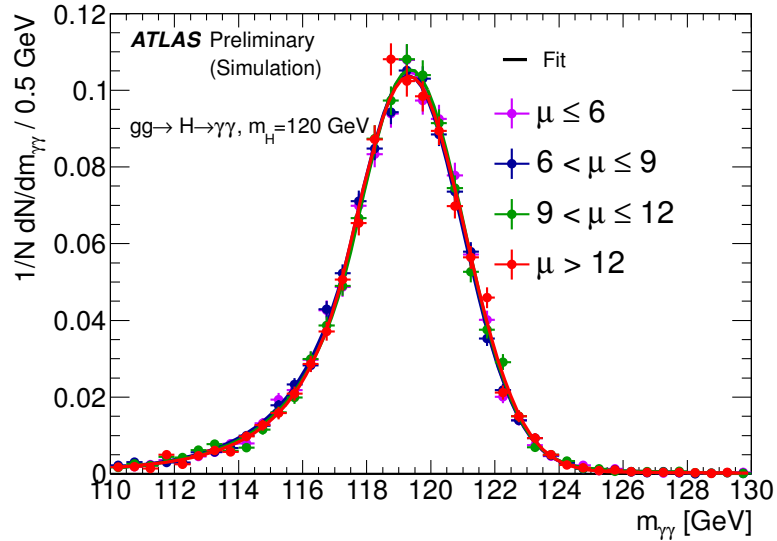
intersect of photon direction from  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sampling with beam line

b) converted photons:

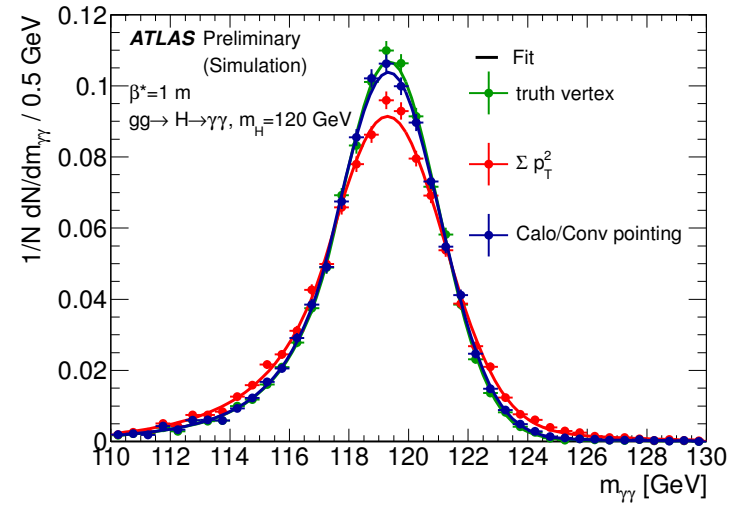
impact in calo. and conversion vertex

# H → 2 γ: Mass Reconstruction $m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2 E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos\alpha)$

robust against pileup



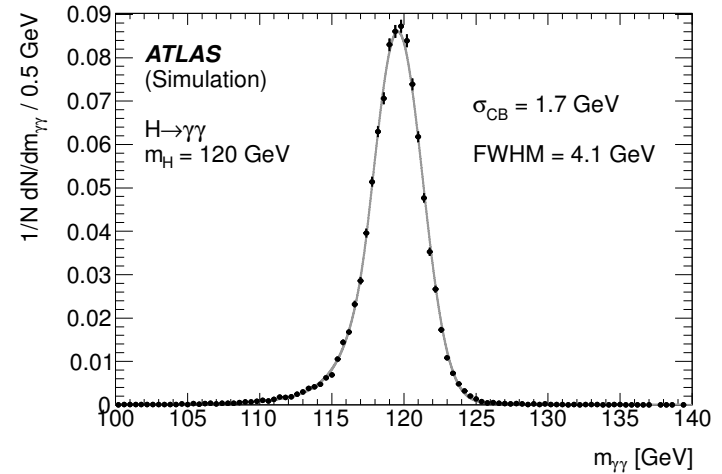
contribution to resolution from α negligible



mass resolution 1.7 GeV  
 80% in  $\pm 1.4\sigma$  window

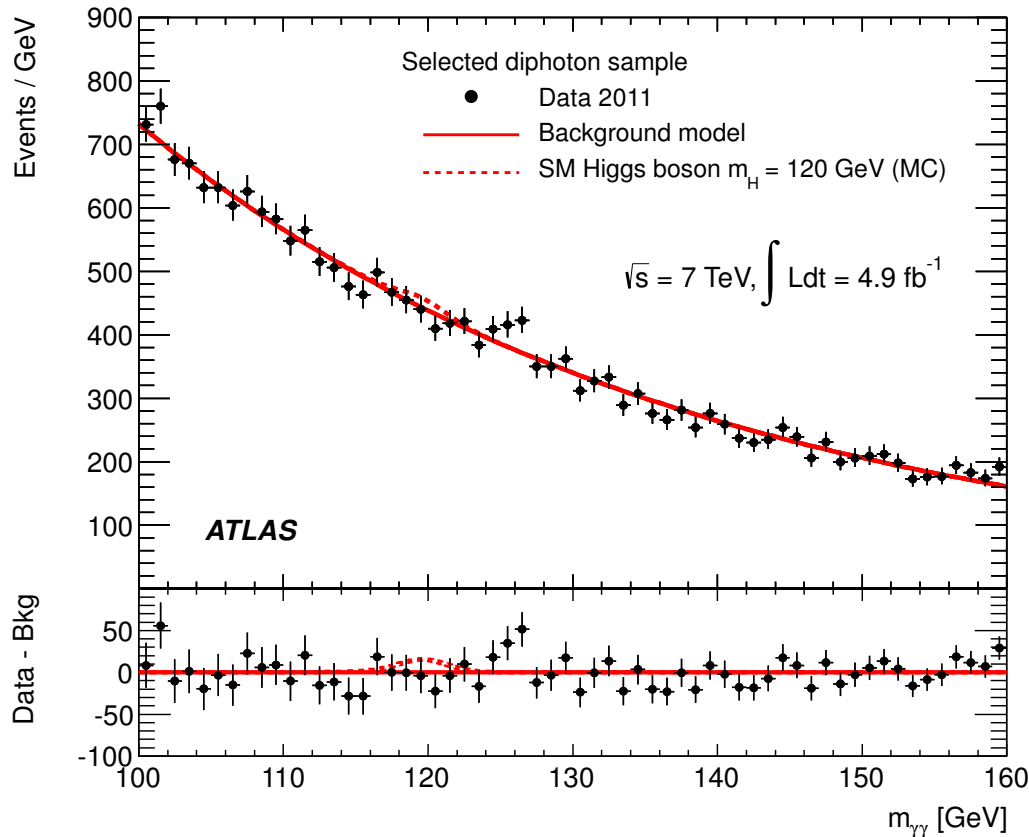
$$N \cdot \begin{cases} e^{-t^2/2} & \text{if } t > -\alpha_{CB} \\ \left(\frac{n_{CB}}{\alpha_{CB}}\right)^{n_{CB}} \cdot e^{-\alpha_{CB}^2/2} \cdot \left(\frac{n_{CB}}{\alpha_{CB}} - \alpha_{CB} - t\right)^{-n_{CB}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$t = (m_{\gamma\gamma} - m_H - \delta_{m_H}) / \sigma_{CB}$$



# H → 2 Photons: Inclusive Mass Spectrum

inclusive mass spectrum ( $\epsilon_{\text{Signal}} \sim 35\%$ ) 22489 events



$m_H$ [GeV]	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150
$\sigma \times BR$ [fb]	45	44	43	40	36	32	27	22	16
Signal events	69	72	72	69	65	58	50	41	31
Efficiency [%]	31	33	34	35	37	37	38	38	39

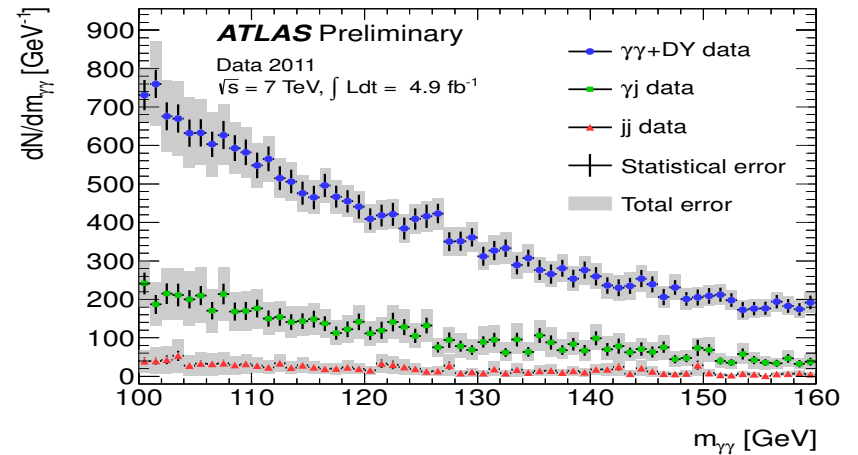
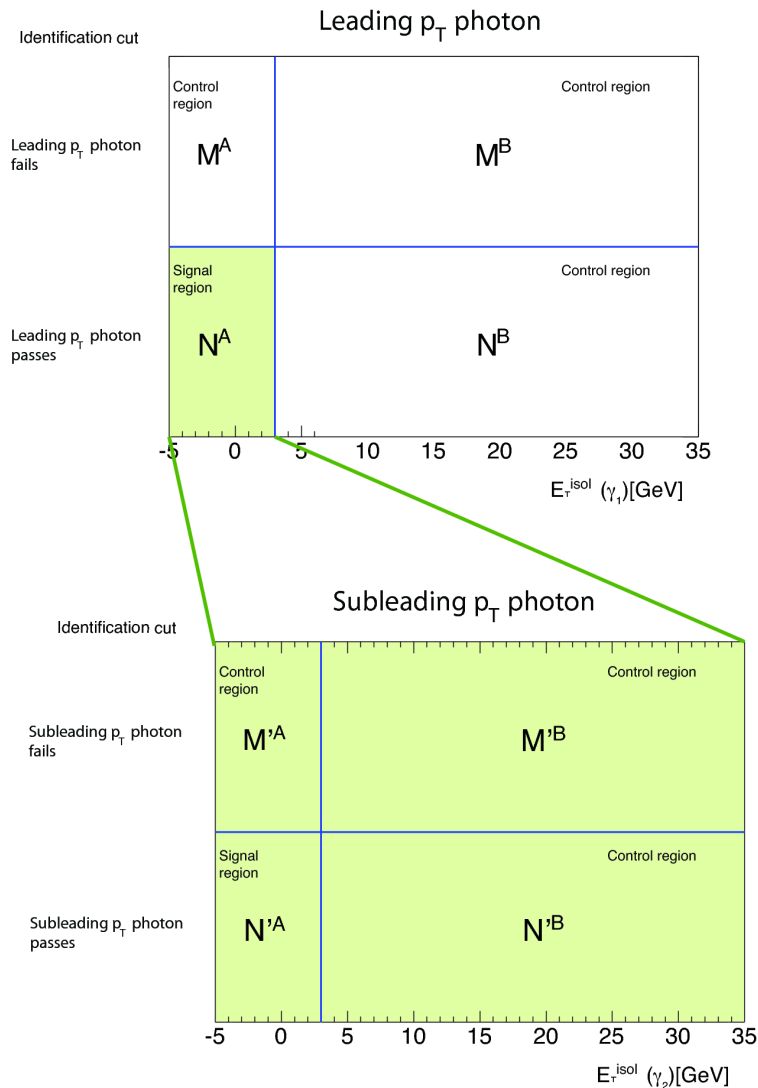
background shape described by a single exponential (no simulation used)  
 (checked with double exponential and 2nd order Bernstein polynom)

syst. uncertainty: difference in 4 GeV window between exp. and MC prediction

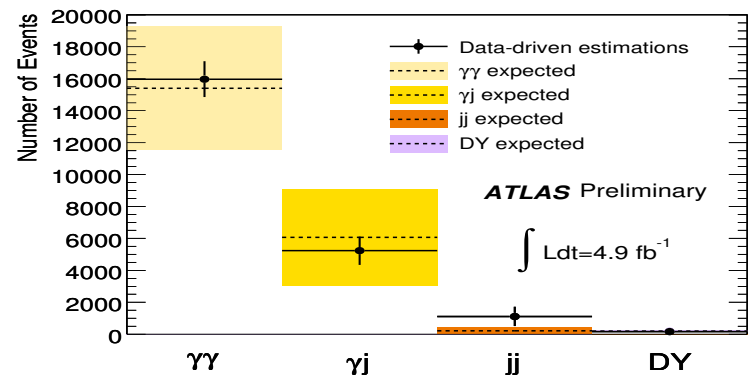


# H → 2 Photons: Sample Composition

from double-sideband „A=B\*C/D“ method



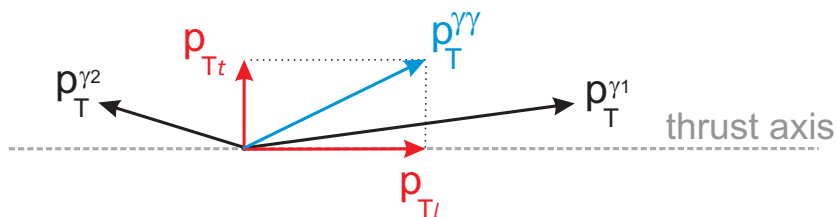
	$\gamma\gamma$	$\gamma j$	$jj$	Drell-Yan
Events	$16000 \pm 1100$	$5230 \pm 890$	$1130 \pm 600$	$165 \pm 8$
Fraction	$(71 \pm 5) \%$	$(23 \pm 4) \%$	$(5 \pm 3) \%$	$(0.7 \pm 0.1) \%$



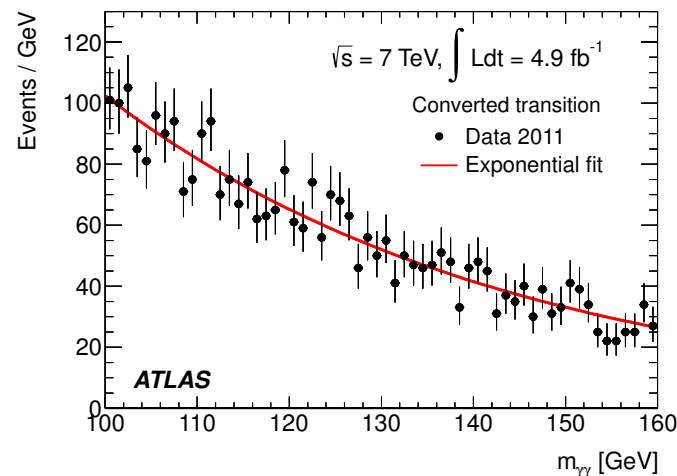
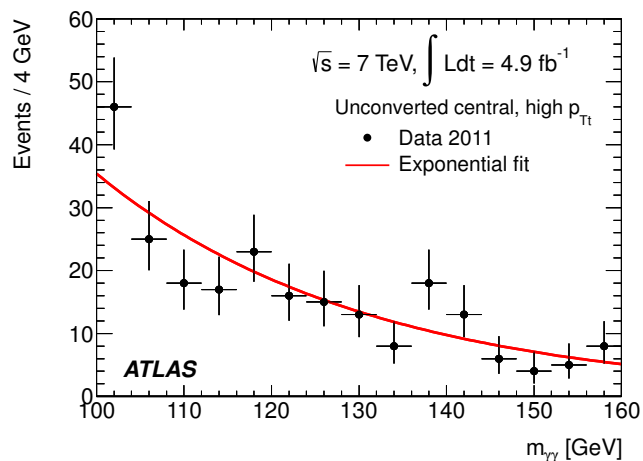
# ATLAS: $H \rightarrow 2$ Photons - Analysis Optimisation

enhance signal/background ratio  
and mass resolution by splitting  
in 9 categories:

converted/ non converted  
central / forward/ transition  
low high  $p_{T}^{\gamma\gamma} > (\leq) 40$  GeV



Category	$\sigma_{CB}$	FWHM	$N_S$	$N_D$	S/B
Unconverted central, low $p_{Tt}$	1.4	3.4	9.1	1763	0.05
Unconverted central, high $p_{Tt}$	1.4	3.3	2.6	235	0.11
Unconverted rest, low $p_{Tt}$	1.7	4.0	17.7	6234	0.02
Unconverted rest, high $p_{Tt}$	1.6	3.9	4.7	1006	0.04
Converted central, low $p_{Tt}$	1.6	3.9	6.0	1318	0.03
Converted central, high $p_{Tt}$	1.5	3.6	1.7	184	0.08
Converted rest, low $p_{Tt}$	2.0	4.7	17.0	7311	0.01
Converted rest, high $p_{Tt}$	1.9	4.5	4.8	1072	0.03
Converted transition	2.3	5.9	8.5	3366	0.01
All categories	1.7	4.1	72.1	22489	0.02



# ATLAS $H \rightarrow 2 \gamma$ : Systematic Uncertainties

## Signal event yield

Photon reconstruction and identification	$\pm 11\%$
Effect of pileup on photon identification	$\pm 4\%$
Isolation cut efficiency	$\pm 5\%$
Trigger efficiency	$\pm 1\%$
Higgs boson cross section (scales)	$^{+12\%}_{-8\%}$
Higgs boson cross section (PDF + $\alpha_s$ )	$\pm 8\%$
Higgs boson $p_T$ modeling	$\pm 1\%$
Luminosity	$\pm 3.9\%$

## Signal mass resolution

Calorimeter energy resolution	$\pm 12\%$
Photon energy calibration	$\pm 6\%$
Effect of pileup on energy resolution	$\pm 3\%$
Photon angular resolution	$\pm 1\%$

## Signal mass position

Photon energy scale	$\pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$
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## Signal category migration

Higgs boson $p_T$ modeling	$\pm 8\%$
Conversion rate	$\pm 4.5\%$

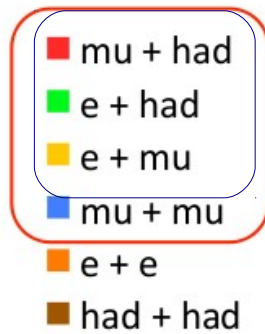
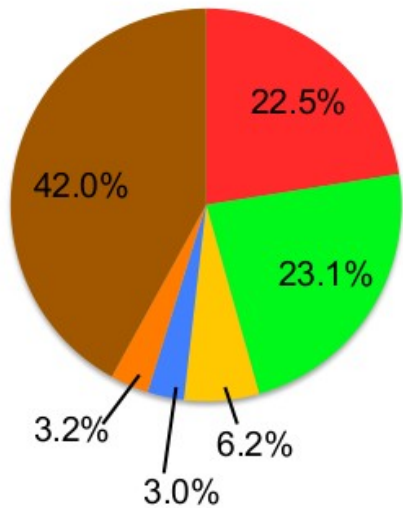
## Background model

$\pm (0.1 - 7.9) \text{ events}$

Category	Events
Unconverted central, low $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 2.8$
Unconverted central, high $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 0.1$
Unconverted rest, low $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 5.9$
Unconverted rest, high $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 0.7$
Converted central, low $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 1.8$
Converted central, high $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 0.1$
Converted rest, low $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 7.9$
Converted rest, high $p_{Tt}$	$\pm 0.8$
Converted transition	$\pm 1.7$

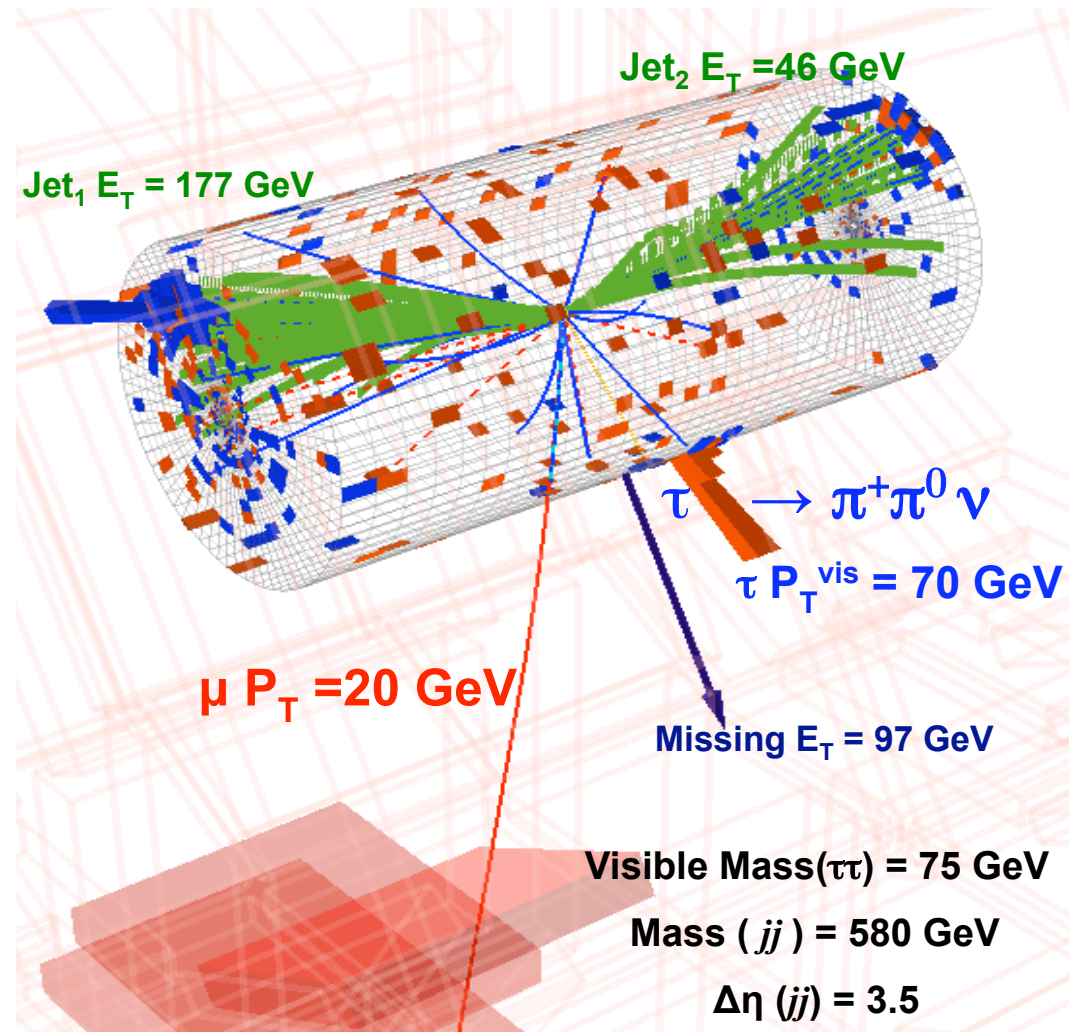
# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ with $4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (110-145 GeV)

$\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu$  18 %  
 $\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu$  17 %  
 $\tau \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}} \nu$  65 %

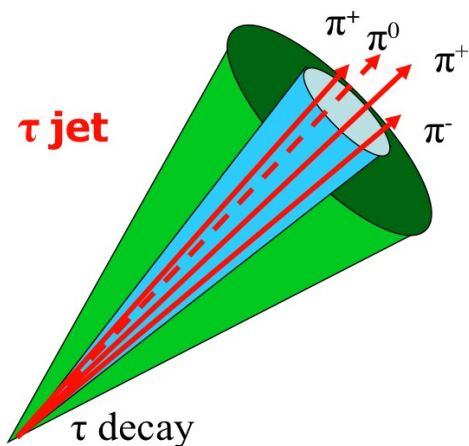


three combinations of decay modes considered

$\mu + \tau_{\text{had}}$ ,  $\mu + \tau_{\text{had}}$ ,  $\mu + e$

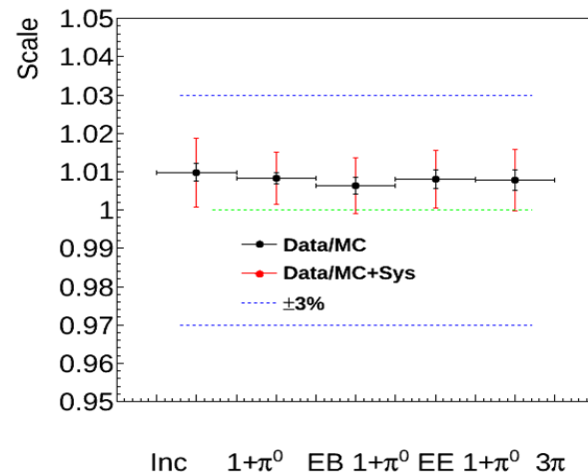


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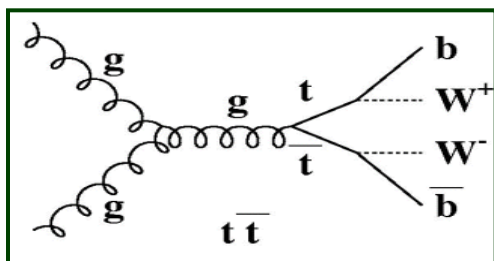


select  $\tau$  decay products

- $\tau_{\text{had}}$  energy scale  $\Delta=3\%$
- $\tau_{\text{had}}$  efficiency  $\Delta=6\%$

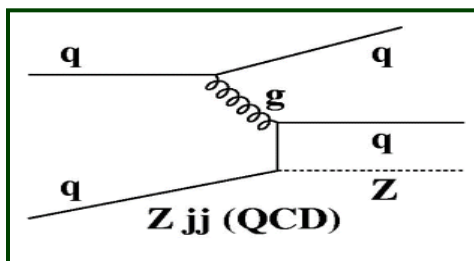


backgrounds: reducible -----> irreducible  
 vor VBF

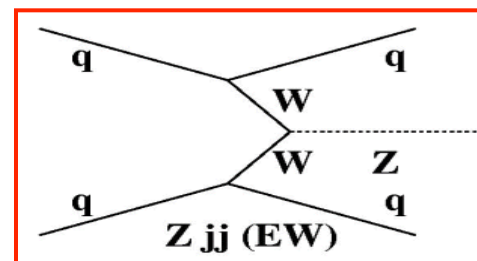


500xsignal

kinematics, colour flow,...



10000xsignal



17xsignal

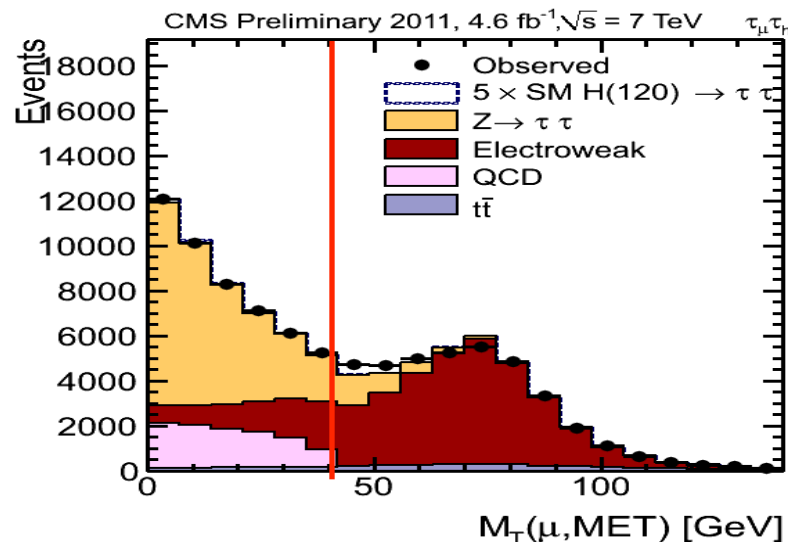
mass reconstruction

# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ examples of topological cuts

$e(\mu) \tau_{had}$  channels:

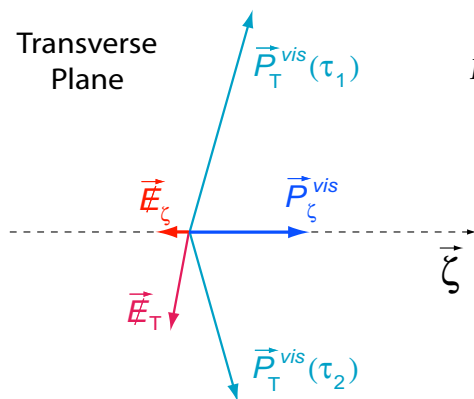
$M_T(I, MET) < 40$  GeV

→ suppress W backgrounds



$e\mu$  channel:

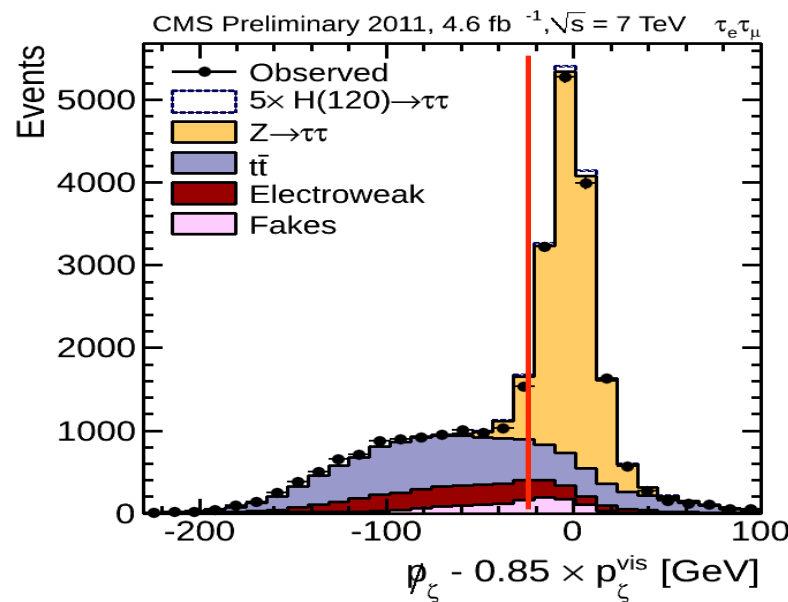
projection on bisector of tau decays



$$P_\zeta = p_{T,1} \cdot \zeta + p_{T,2} \cdot \zeta + E_T \cdot \zeta$$

$$P_\zeta^{vis} = p_{T,1} \cdot \zeta + p_{T,2} \cdot \zeta$$

$$P_\zeta - 0.85 P_\zeta^{vis} > -25 \text{ GeV}$$



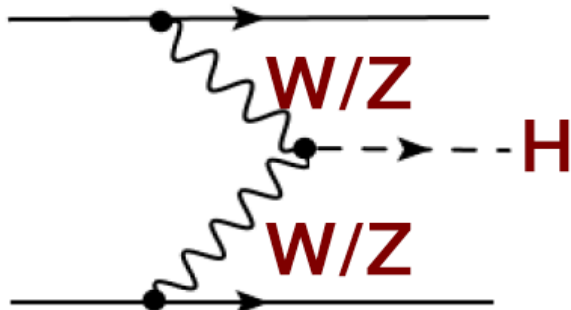
# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ categories

optimize sensitivity by splitting in jet/topology categories

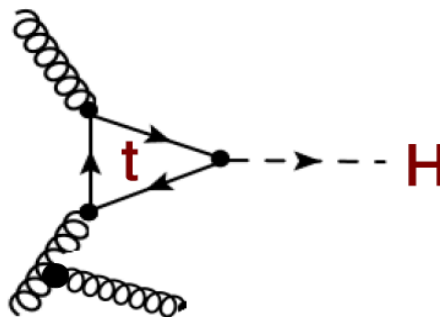
→ past has shown: VBF has highest sensitivity

but all production modes considered:  $gg \rightarrow H$ , VBF,  $W(Z)H$ ,  $ttH$

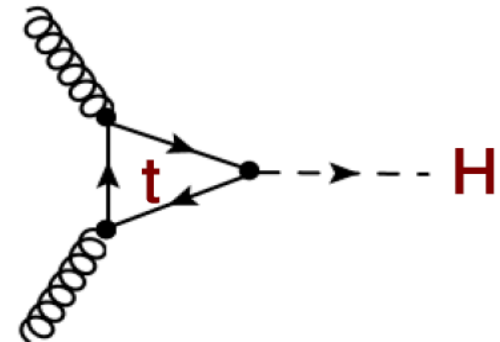
VBF



Boosted



0/1 Jet



VBF

$\geq 2$  jets  $>30$  GeV

$\Delta\eta > 4$ ,  $M_{jj} > 400$  GeV

No additional jets with  $P_T > 30$  GeV

In the rapidity gap

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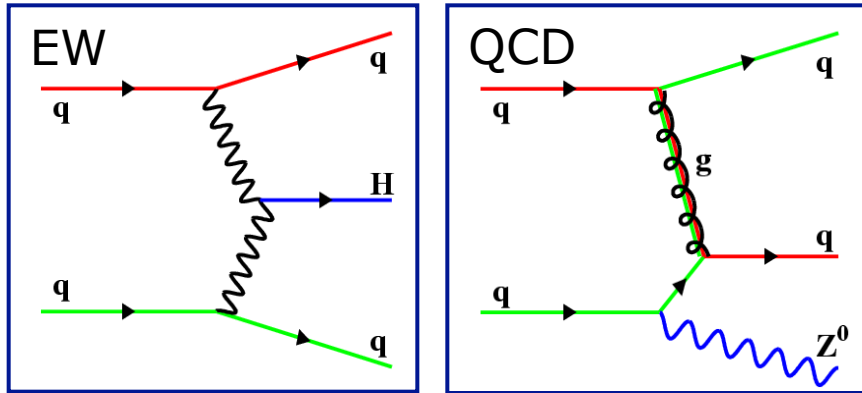
One jet  $P_T > 150$  GeV

0/1 Jet

at most 1 jet with  $P_T > 30$  GeV

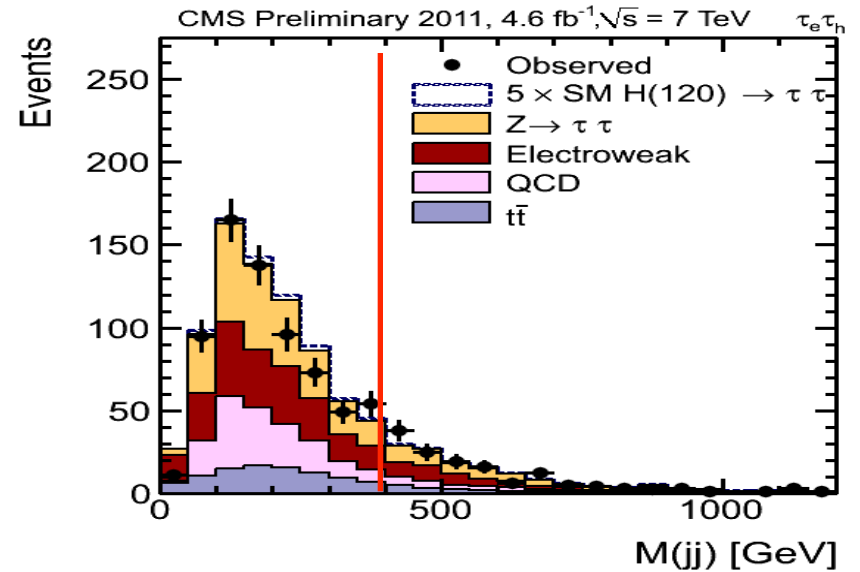
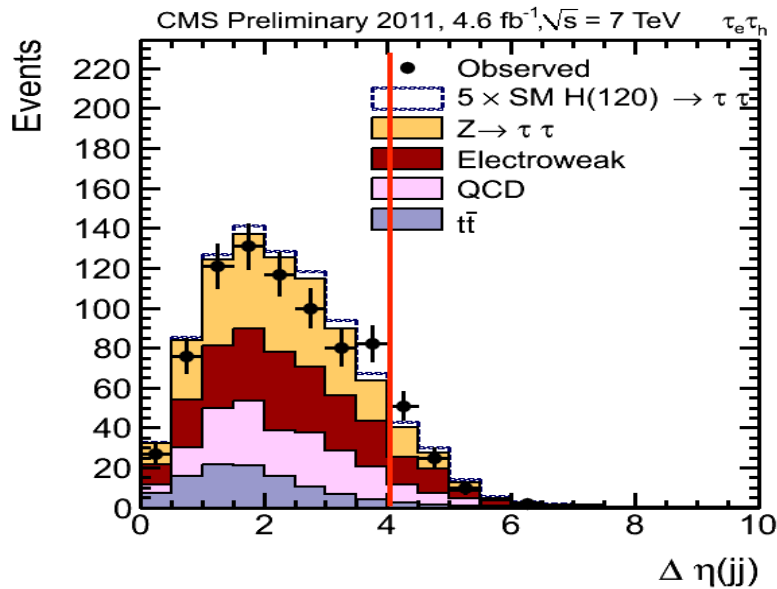
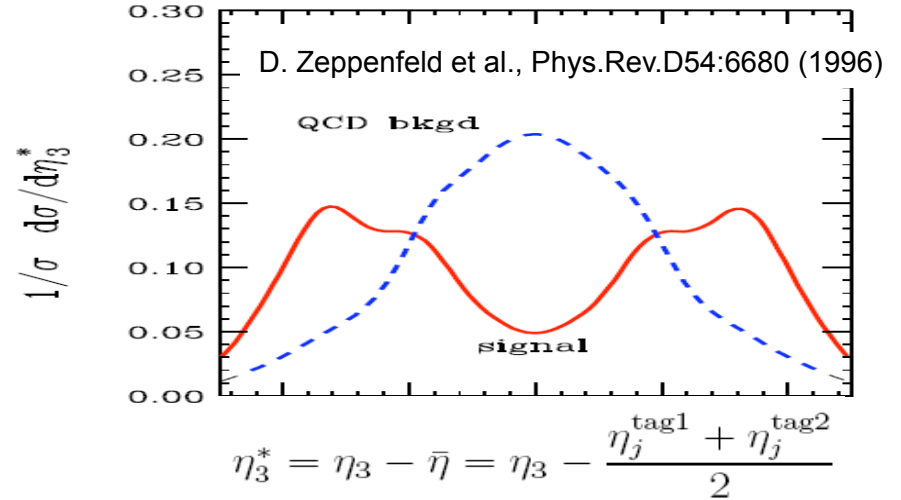
if 1 jet, then  $P_T < 150$  GeV

# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ VBF selection



exploit different colour flow

veto on 3rd jet btw. tagging jets





# Mass Reconstruction: Missing Mass Calculator

Elagin, Murat, Pranko, Safonov, Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A654 (2011) 481

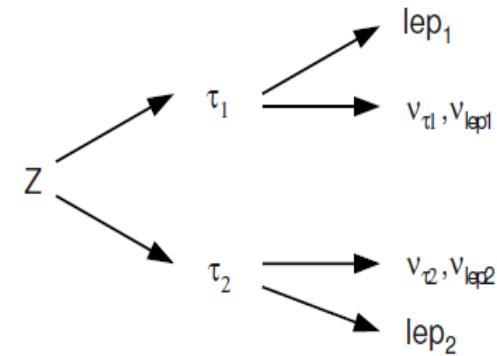
**idea:** also fully reconstruct  $\tau$  4-vectors  $\rightarrow$  invariant di-tau mass

**assumption:** MET only from neutrinos

$\tau\tau \rightarrow \text{had had } 2\nu$ : 6 unknowns  $2 \times (p_x, p_y, p_z)$

$\tau\tau \rightarrow \text{lep had } 3\nu$ : 7 unknowns:  $2 \times (P_x, P_y, P_z) + m_{\nu\nu}$

$\tau\tau \rightarrow \text{lep lep } 4\nu$ : 8 unknowns:  $2 \times (P_x, P_y, P_z) + 2 \times m_{\nu\nu}$



four kinematic constraints (non linear equations)

2  $\text{MET}_{x/y}$  from  $\nu$ s only

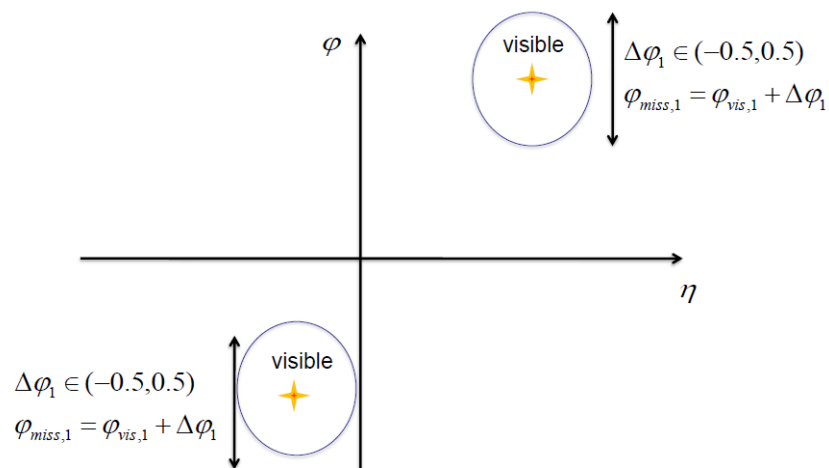
2  $m_\tau$  constraints

$\rightarrow$  need to assume 2 to 4 values for neutrino momenta to solve equations

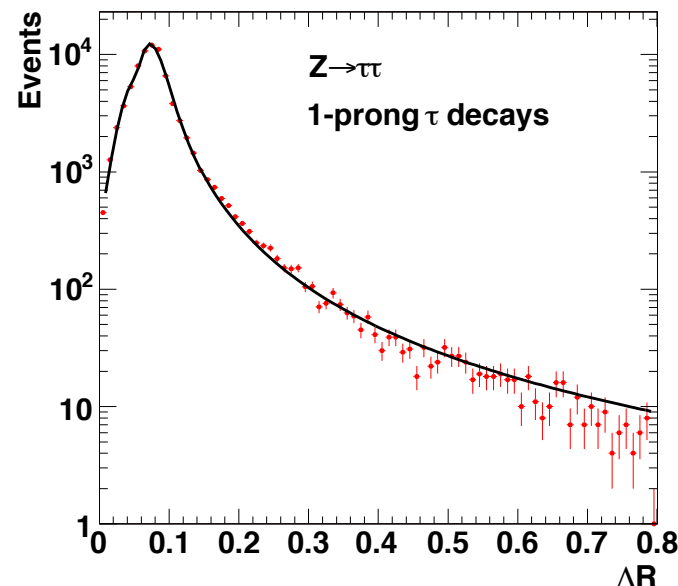
scan phase space and solve equations for each point

# Missing Mass Calculator

scan phase space  
solve equations for each point



calculate probability for each phase-space point to stem from 2 tau decays



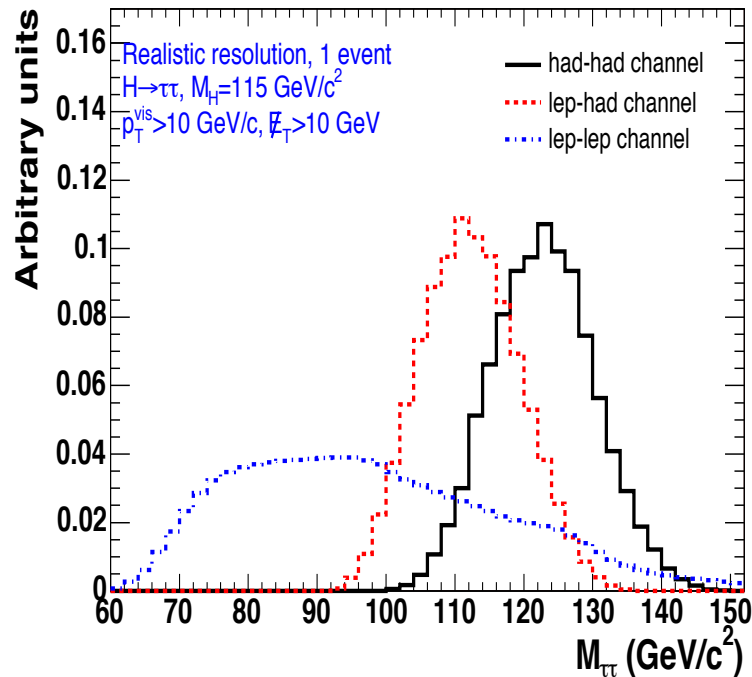
phase space weight =  $\mathcal{P}(\Delta R_1, p_{\tau 1}) \times \mathcal{P}(\Delta R_2, p_{\tau 2}) \times \mathcal{P}(\Delta E_{T_x}) \times \mathcal{P}(\Delta E_{T_y})$

includes weight for MET resolution

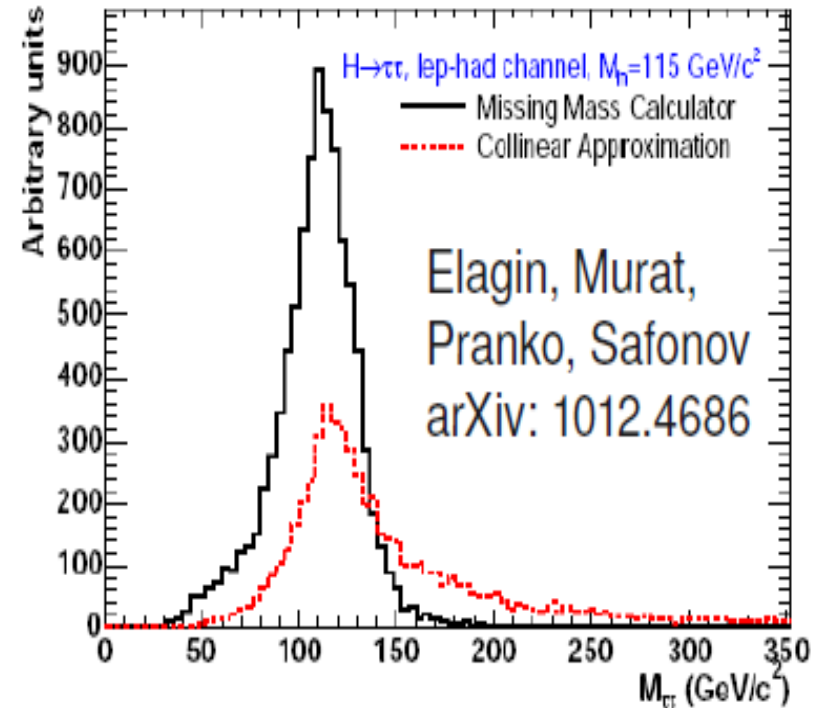
$$\mathcal{P}(E_{T_{x,y}}) = \exp\left(-\frac{(\Delta E_{T_{x,y}})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

# Missing Mass Calculator

distribution of weighted mass solutions for one event



choose the mass bin with highest weight sum

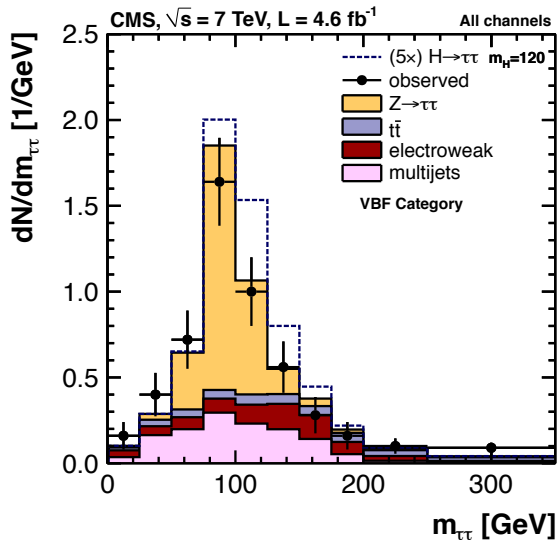


ATLAS and CMS are using a similar method CMS:  $\sigma_M/M \sim 21\%$

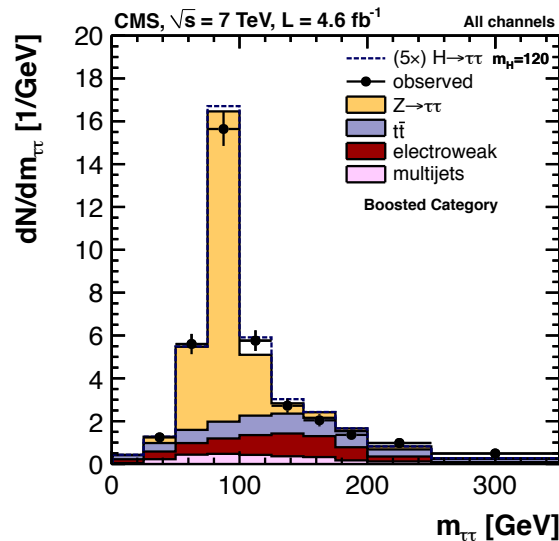
no detailed comparison for VBF topology btw. collinear mass and MMC

# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Mass Distributions and Event Yields

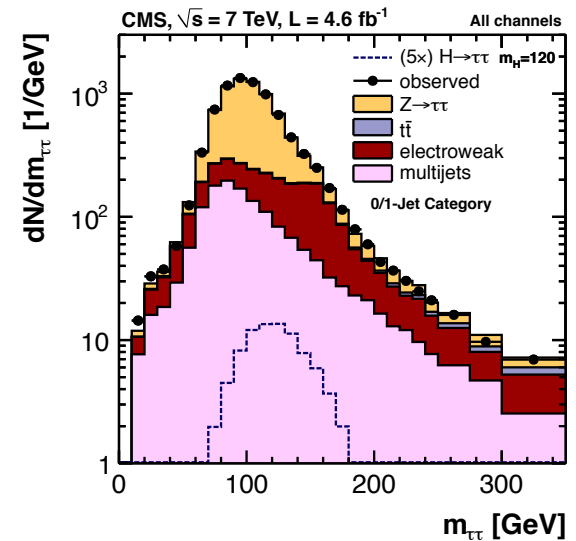
## VBF



## Boosted



## 0/1 Jet



Sig/BG	1/24	1/75	1/460
Signal	$6 \pm 1$	$14 \pm 2$	$180 \pm 20$
Background	$140 \pm 10$	$1050 \pm 170$	$83000 \pm 4000$

largest background  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  → estimate from “embedding”  
 $W$ +jets, multijet with fake  $\tau$ s → use events with same charge sign

# Estimation of $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ via „Embedding“

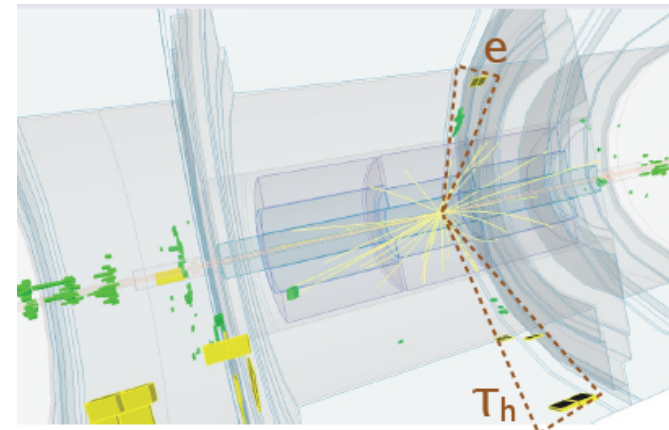
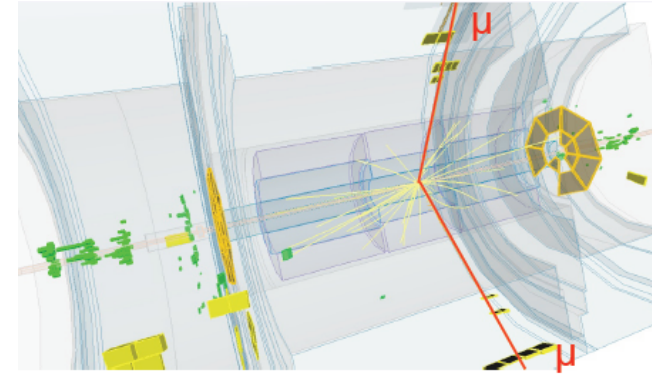
- ◆  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ :  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  same topology in collinear approximation  
apart from energy deposits of myon and tau lepton decay products  
 $BR(H \rightarrow \mu\mu)$  negligible  $\rightarrow$  signal free

- ◆ select  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  in data
- ◆ replace  $\mu$  in data with  $\tau$  decay from simulation
- ◆ re-reconstruct event (e.g. MET)

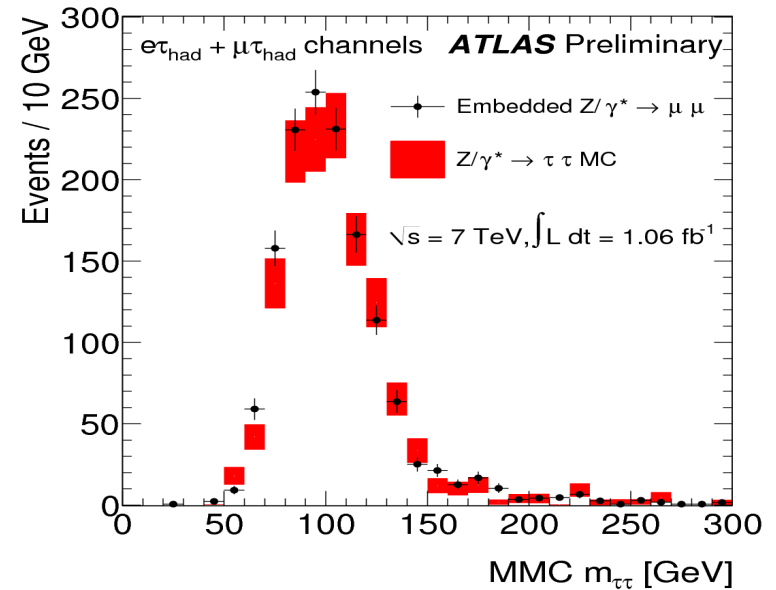
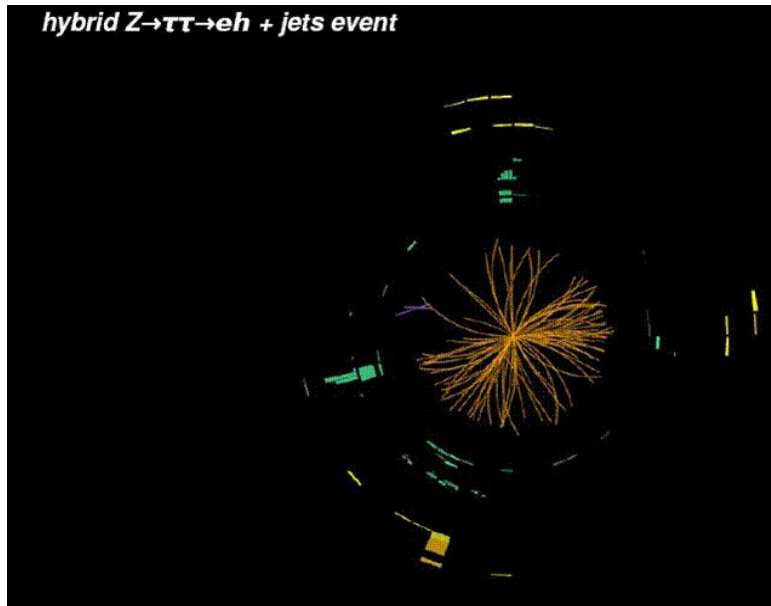
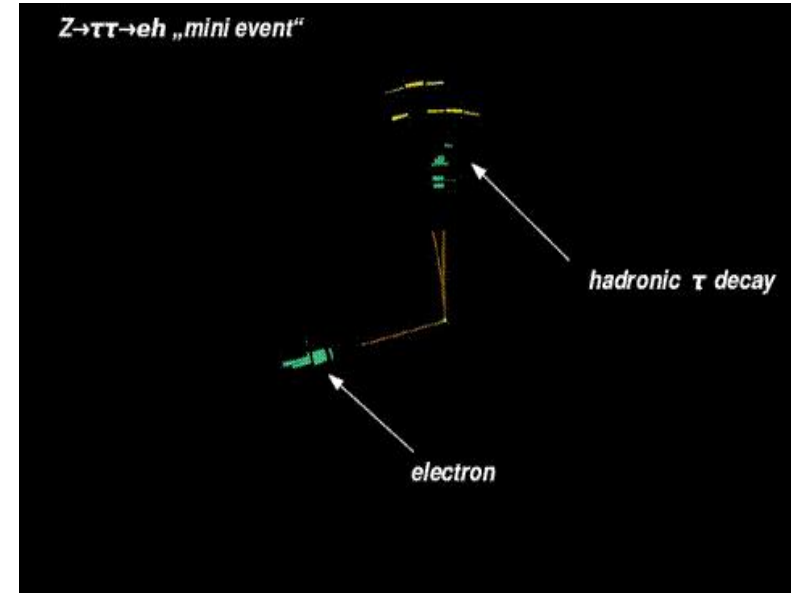
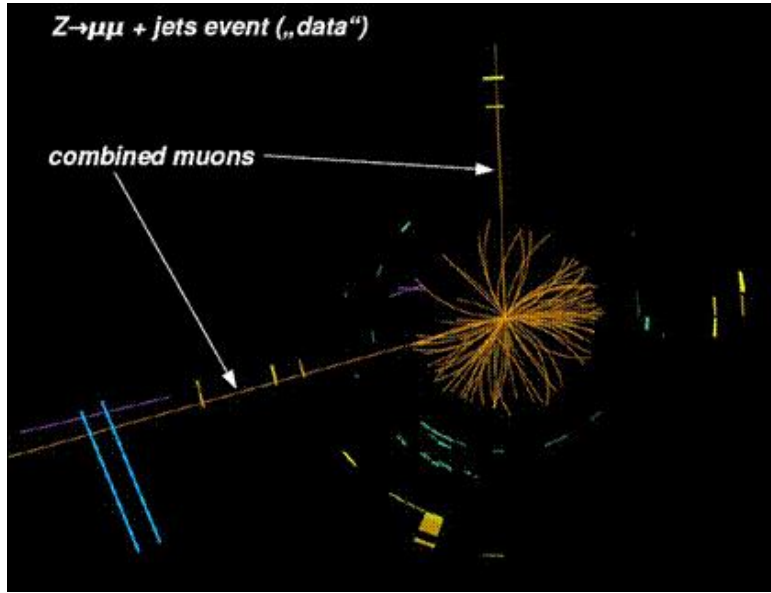
## Advantage:

- underlying event
- detector noise
- pile up
- fake MET

from data itself

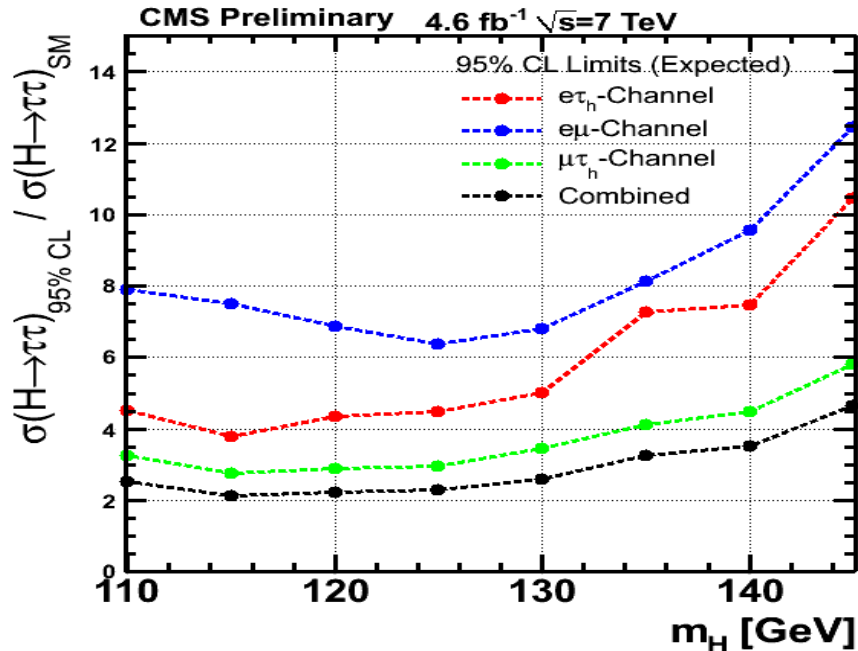


# ATLAS: „Embedding“ Works Well



# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Expected Sensitivity

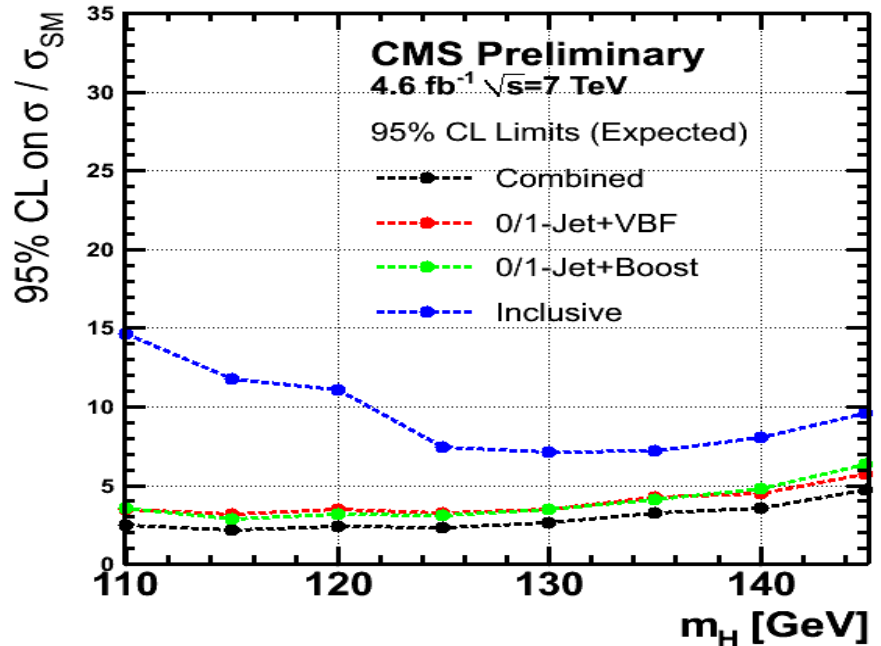
beware: December expected limits, now  $\sim 15\%$  worse (source unknown)



$$\mu\tau_{\text{had}} > e\tau_{\text{had}} > e\mu$$

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}) \sim 3.5 \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\mu)$$

lower  $P_T$  threshold and fake rate  
for  $\mu$  w.r.t  $e$

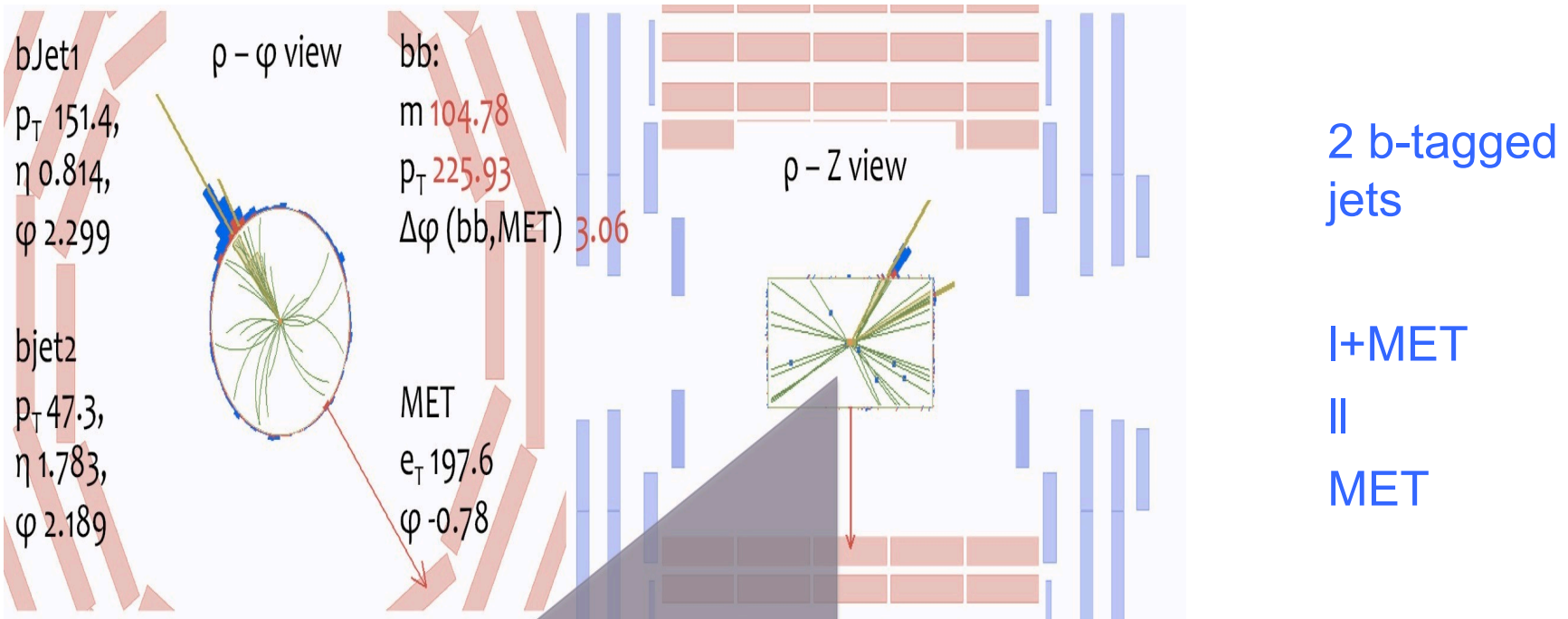


$$0/1\text{-jet+VBF} \sim 0/1\text{Jet+Boost}$$

significant improvement  
over inclusive analysis

# CMS: $H \rightarrow bb$ with $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (110 - 135 GeV)

gluon fusion and VBF not usable, overwhelmed by backgrounds  
→ associated production with weak gauge boson



use topologies with large boost of Higgs (100 to 160 GeV on  $P_{H/V}^T$ )  
→ better signal-to-background ratio by suppression of top backgrounds

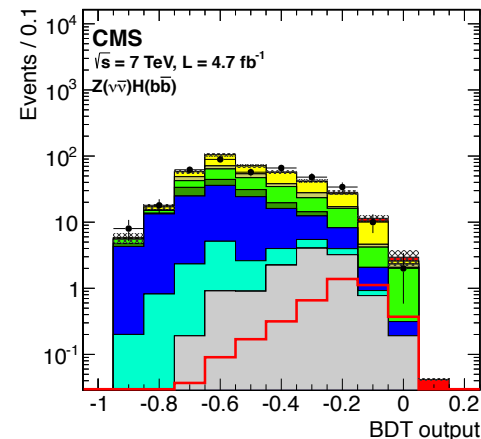
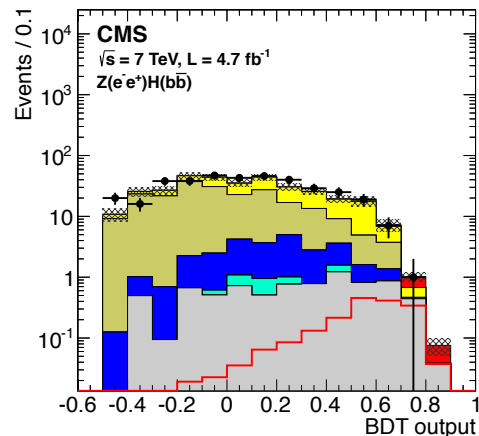
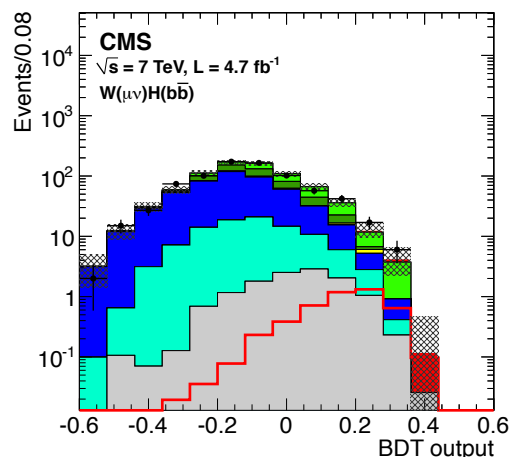
mass resolution  $\sim 10\%$

5 subchannels:  $WH \rightarrow l\nu bb$   $ZH \rightarrow ll bb$   $ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu bb$  ( $l=e, \mu$ )

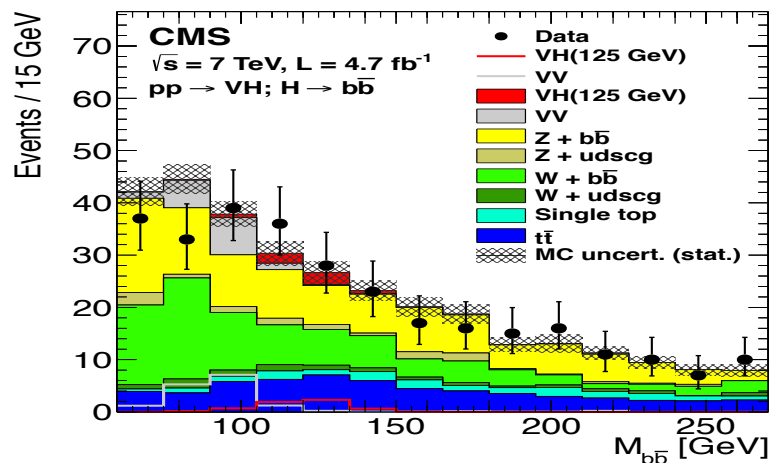


# CMS: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ with $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (100 – 160 GeV)

## boosted decision tree analysis



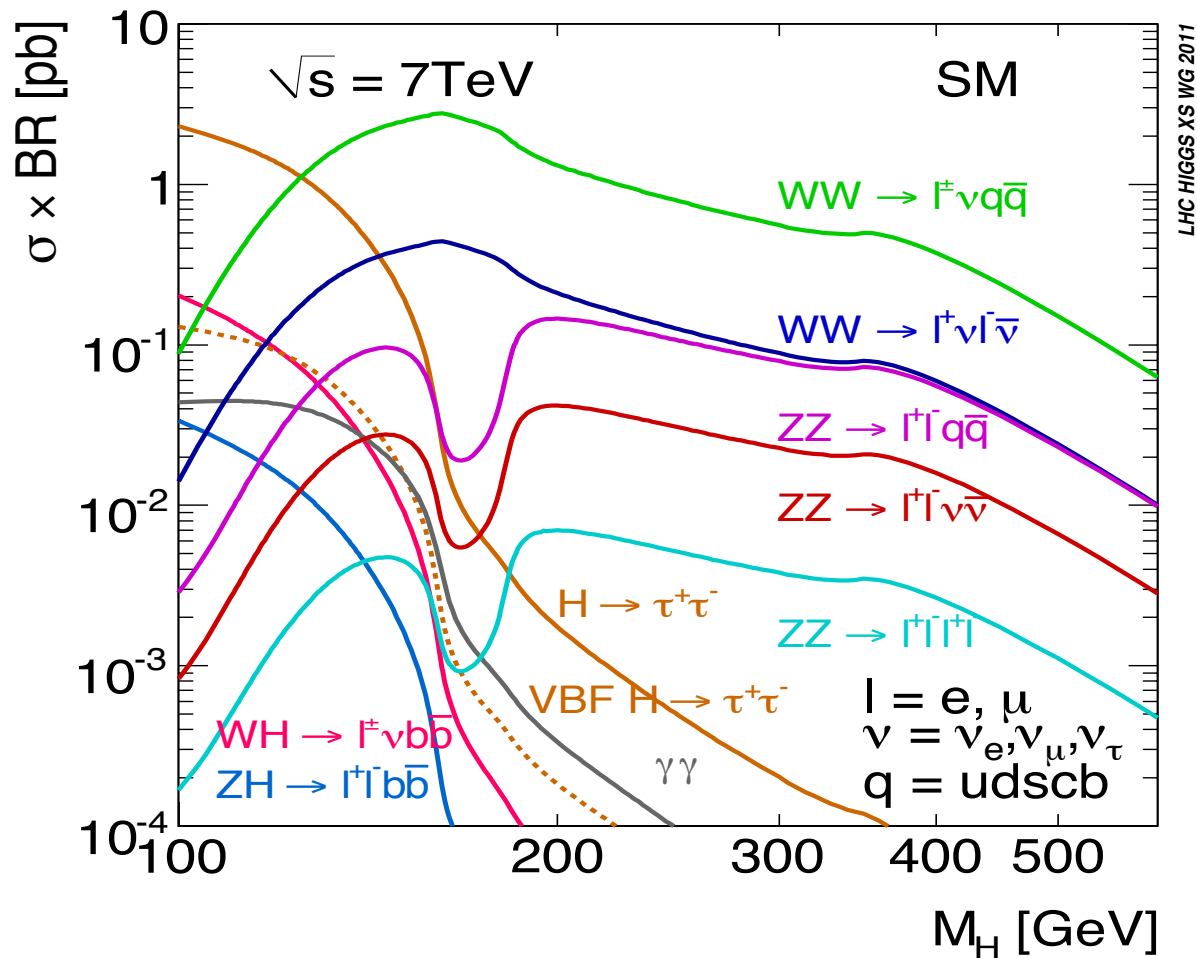
## $m_{b\bar{b}}$ analysis



no significant excess  
signal/background  $\sim 1/10$

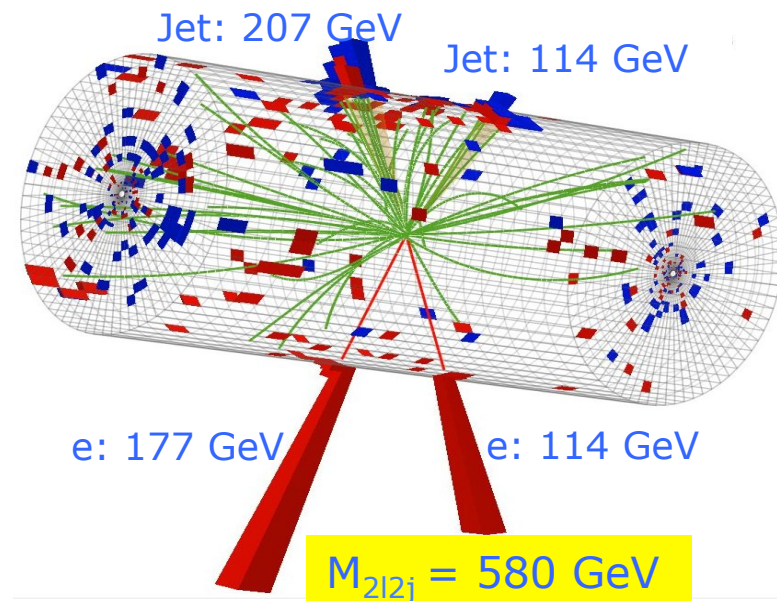
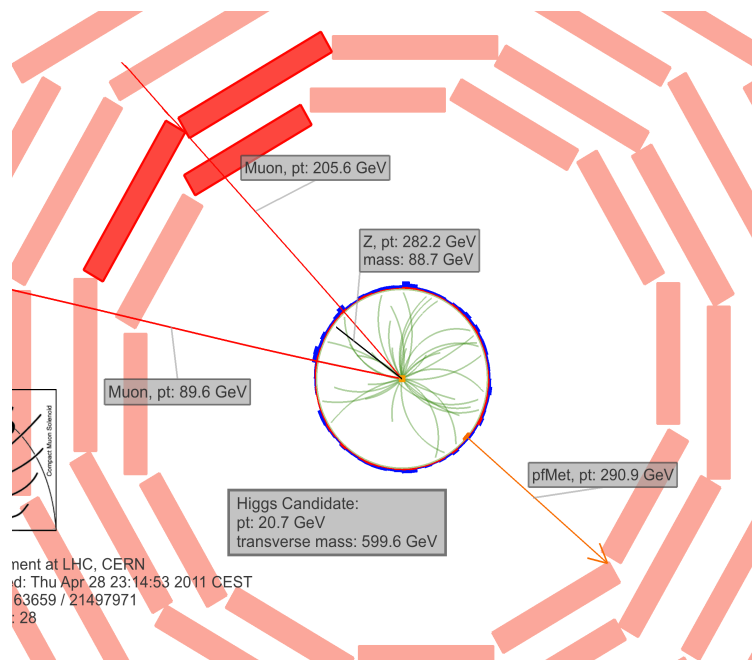
backgrounds from various control regions: uncertainty 10 to 35%

# Additional high mass channels



$ZZ \rightarrow llqq$   $ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$   $ZZ \rightarrow ll\tau\tau$   $WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$

# H → ZZ → ll νν and Z → ll qq



$M_{ll} = M_Z \pm 15 \text{ GeV}$   
 $P_T^{ll} > 55 \text{ GeV}$   
 MET, b-veto, veto 3<sup>rd</sup> lepton

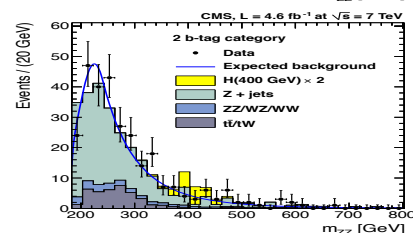
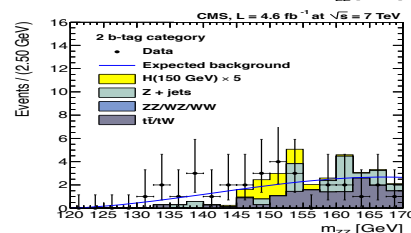
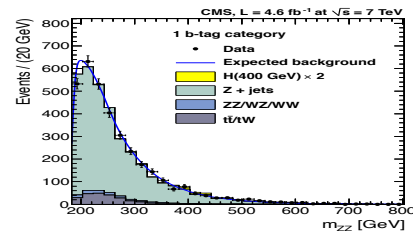
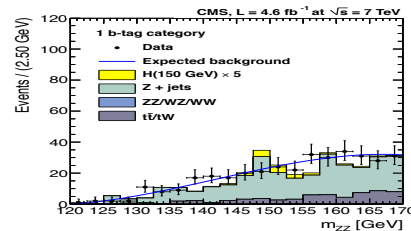
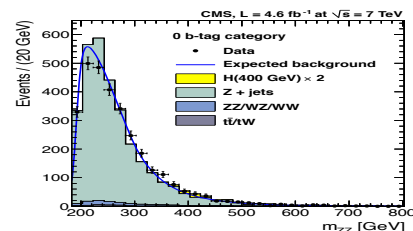
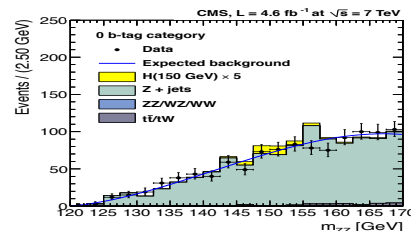
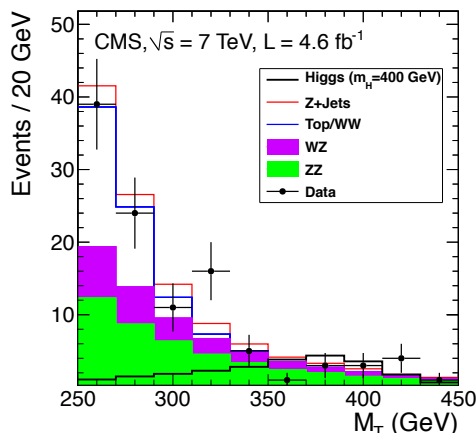
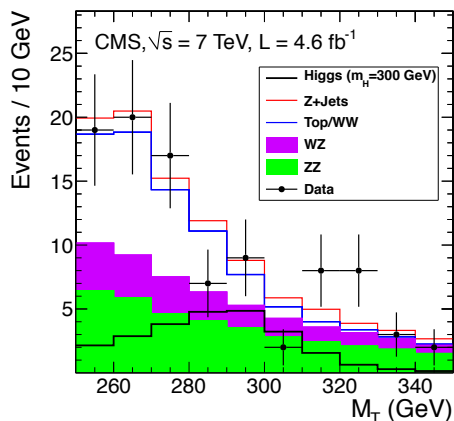
one or two Z candidates, no MET  
 separate in 0, 1, 2 bjets,

final discriminant: transverse mass

final discriminant  $M_{2l2j}$   
 mass resolution ~ 10 GeV

$$M_T^2 = \left( \sqrt{p_T(\ell\ell)^2 + M(\ell\ell)^2} + \sqrt{E_T^{\text{miss}^2} + M(\ell\ell)^2} \right)^2 - (\vec{p}_T(\ell\ell) + \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}})^2$$

# CMS: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell \nu\nu$ and $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell qq$



$m_H$ (GeV)	ZZ	WZ	Top/WW/ W+jets/Z $\rightarrow\tau\tau$	Z+Jets	Total Background	Expected Signal	Data
250	$36.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 2.6$	$24.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 2.0$	$65.0 \pm 3.8 \pm 5.8$	$15.0 \pm 15.0$	$140.0 \pm 3.8 \pm 16.0$	$22.0 \pm 2.2$	142
300	$23.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.7$	$13.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.1$	$18.0 \pm 1.1 \pm 3.0$	$6.3 \pm 6.3$	$60.0 \pm 1.1 \pm 7.3$	$21.0 \pm 2.1$	64
350	$16.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.1$	$7.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.6$	$2.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.0$	$4.1 \pm 4.1$	$29.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 4.4$	$21.0 \pm 2.5$	26
400	$12.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.9$	$4.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.4$	$< 1.1$	$2.7 \pm 2.7$	$19.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 2.9$	$17.0 \pm 2.0$	18
500	$7.5 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.5$	$2.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2$	$< 1.1$	$1.4 \pm 1.4$	$11.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.5$	$7.4 \pm 1.3$	14
600	$3.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3$	$0.8 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1$	$< 1.1$	$0.6 \pm 0.6$	$5.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.7$	$2.9 \pm 0.7$	5

	0 b-tag	1 b-tag	2 b-tag
$m_{ZZ} \in [125, 170]$			
observed yield	1087	360	30
expected background ( $m_{jj}$ sideband)	$1050 \pm 54$	$324 \pm 28$	$19 \pm 5$
expected background (MC)	$1089 \pm 59$	$313 \pm 20$	$24 \pm 4$
$m_{ZZ} \in [183, 800]$			
observed yield	3036	3454	285
expected background ( $m_{jj}$ sideband)	$3041 \pm 54$	$3470 \pm 59$	$258 \pm 17$
expected background (MC)	$3105 \pm 39$	$3420 \pm 41$	$255 \pm 11$
signal expectation (MC)			
$m_H=150$ GeV	$10.1 \pm 1.5$	$4.1 \pm 0.6$	$1.6 \pm 0.3$
$m_H=250$ GeV	$24.5 \pm 3.5$	$21.7 \pm 3.0$	$8.1 \pm 1.7$
$m_H=350$ GeV	$29.6 \pm 4.3$	$26.0 \pm 3.7$	$11.8 \pm 2.5$
$m_H=450$ GeV	$16.5 \pm 2.4$	$15.8 \pm 2.2$	$7.9 \pm 1.7$
$m_H=550$ GeV	$6.5 \pm 1.0$	$6.5 \pm 0.9$	$3.6 \pm 0.8$

# Interlude: Methodology of Hypothesis Testing at LHC

only basic ideas, for details and technical issues see:

profile likelihood

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LHC combination procedure

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# Basics of Hypothesis Testing

Specify what are you looking for: observation or exclusion of signal

Phrase null hypothesis  $H_0$  as opposite to what you are interested in as you can only falsify/reject hypothesis but not approve them

Observation of Higgs  $\rightarrow H_0$ : no Higgs, only SM background processes

Exclusion of Higgs  $\rightarrow H_0$ : Higgs and SM background processes

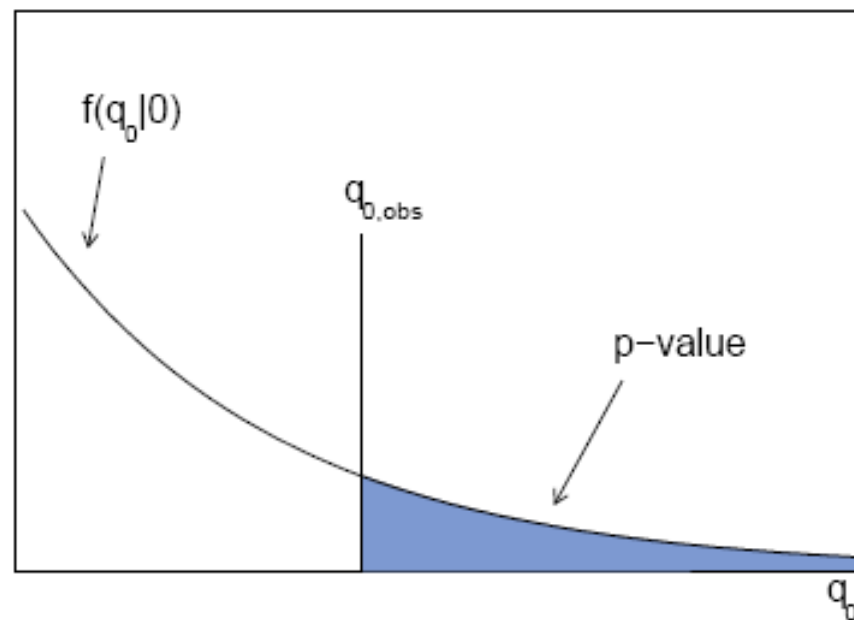
Quantify agreement with  $H_0$  by choosing a test statistic  $t$

(any function of your data)

at LHC: perfect agreement  $t=0$   
deviation  $t>0$

Get probability density function for  $t=q_0$  and calculate p-value

$$p_0 = \int_{q_{0,\text{obs}}}^{\infty} f(q_0|0) dq_0$$

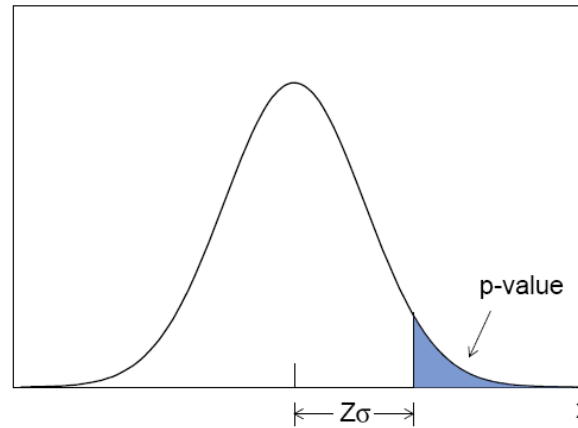
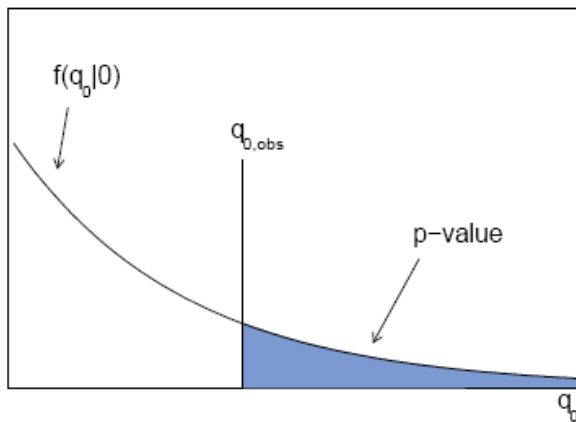


# P-Value, Significance and Confidence Level

if p-Value < predefined value (significance level, error of first kind)  
then reject null hypothesis

convention: for discovery require p-value (BG only) <  $2.87 \times 10^{-7}$

for exclusion require p-value (Higgs+BG) < 0.05



$$p = \int_Z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

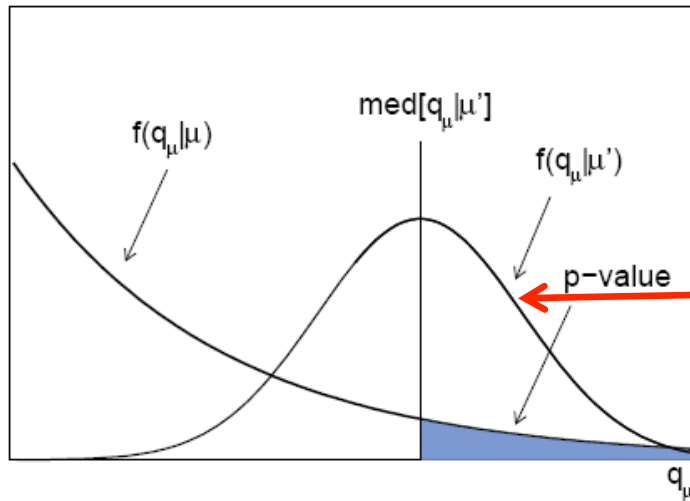
p-value can be translated in significance via Standard Gauss pdf.  
a significance of 5 (1.64) corresponds to  $P = 2.87 \times 10^{-7}$  (0.05)

if p-Value is x then one says „this hypothesis is  
excluded with a confidence level of  $CL = 1 - x$ “  
the frequency of false exclusion (error of 1st kind) is x.

# Choices to take and optimal test

Decisions to take:

- i) test statistics  $t \rightarrow$  ratio of (profiled) likelihoods
- ii) how to deal with syst. uncertainties  $\rightarrow$  nuisance parameters + profiling
- iii) derivation of pdfs for  $t$  under hypotheses  $\rightarrow$  often asymptotics usable



fixing the significance level  $\alpha$  for  $H_0$   
i.e. for p-value  $< \alpha$  reject  $H_0$

best test maximizes **power** of  $H_0$   
w.r.t. alternative hypothesis  $H_1$

without systematics best test is given by the Neyman-Pearson-Lemma:  
best test statistic = ratio of likelihoods under simple hypothesis  $H_1$  and  $H_0$

$$t_{NP} = L(\text{data} \mid \text{signal+background}) / L(\text{data} \mid \text{background})$$



# Test Statistic at LHC: Ratio of Profiled Likelihood

$\mu \cdot s(\theta)$  signal yield and shape of final discriminant  $\sigma = \mu \cdot \sigma_{\text{SM}}$

$b(\theta)$  background yield and shape of final discriminant

$\tilde{\theta}_i$  estimate for nuisance parameters  $\theta$

→ parametrize systematic uncertainties on yields and shapes from e.g. efficiencies, theo. $\sigma$ , extrapolation from control to signal region constrained from data via auxiliary measurements  $p(\tilde{\theta}|\theta)$

Complete likelihood function is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{data} | \mu \cdot s(\theta) + b(\theta)) = \mathcal{P}(\text{data} | \mu \cdot s(\theta) + b(\theta)) \cdot p(\tilde{\theta}|\theta)$$

Fix  $\mu$  only under null hypothesis  $H_0$  and estimate it from data via maximum likelihood method under alternative hypothesis  $H_1$

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\hat{\theta}})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

$\mu$  fixed under  $H_0$   
 $\hat{\hat{\theta}}$  maximum likelihood estimate under  $H_0$   
 $\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta}$  maximum likelihood estimates under  $H_1$

# Ratio of Profiled Likelihoods: Simple Example

Assume: simple counting experiment in signal region SR with unknown background expectation  $b$  ( $b$  is nuisance parameter)

Control region CR for background e.g sideband yields in SR and CR related via  $SR = 1/\tau CR$   
( $\tau$  known, uncertainty would give additional nuisance parameter)

Observation gives:  $n$  events in SR       $m$  events in CR

Each follow Poisson distribution:  $n \sim \text{Poisson}(s+b)$        $m \sim \text{Poisson}(\tau b)$

Common likelihood function: 
$$L(s, b) = \frac{(s+b)^n}{n!} e^{-(s+b)} \frac{(\tau b)^m}{m!} e^{-\tau b}$$

Test statistic = ratio of profiled likelihoods:

(in nominator  $s$  is fixed under  $H_0$   
 $s=0$  for discovery,  
 $s$ = nominal signal value for exclusion)

$$\lambda(s) = \frac{L(s, \hat{b})}{L(\hat{s}, \hat{b})}$$

# Profiled Likelihood Test Statistic for Discovery

$H_0$ : only background  $\rightarrow \mu=0$        $H_1$ : signal and background,  
 $\mu$  parametrises strength w.r.t. SM Higgs prediction

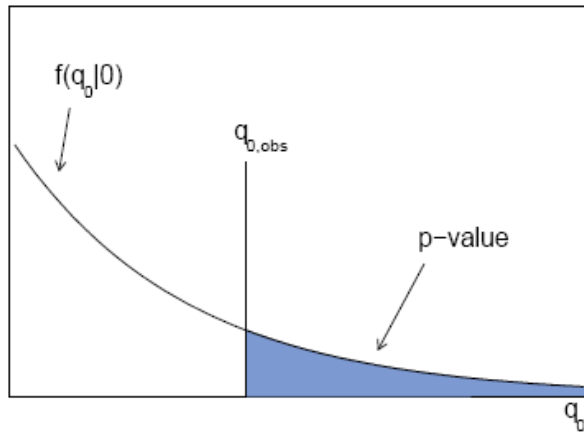
test statistic  $q_0$ :

$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

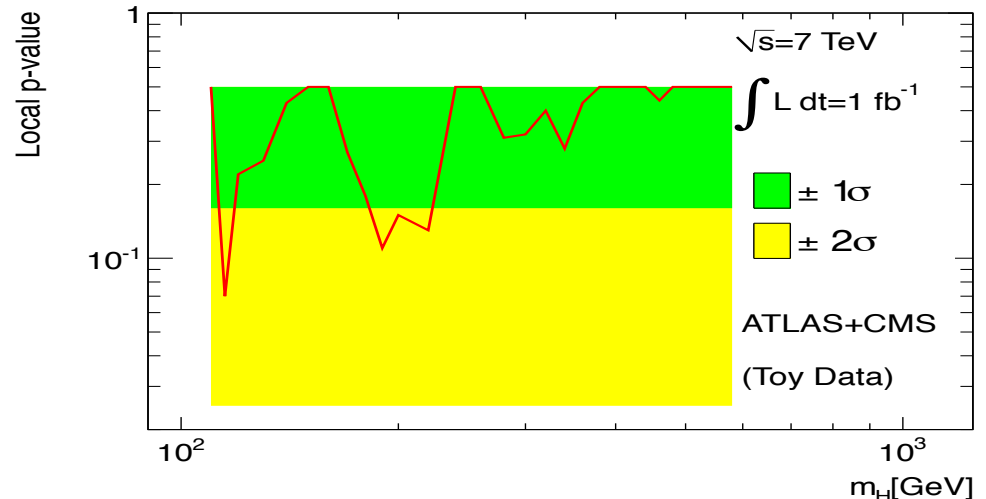
$\lambda(0)$  btw. 0:  $H_1$  like and 1:  $H_0$  like

$\rightarrow q_0$  between 0 and infinity  
 0:  $H_0$  like       $\gg 0$   $H_1$ -like

one sided test, only positive signal strength considered as deviation from  $H_0$



$$p_0 = \int_{q_{0,obs}}^{\infty} f(q_0|0) dq_0$$



# The „Look Elsewhere Effect“ (LEE)

So far: local p-value/ significance = prob. to see such an excess at fixed  $M_H$  as we specified  $M_H$  in the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$

$$t_{\text{fix}} = -2 \ln \frac{L(0, m_0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, m_0)} \quad p_{\text{fix}} = \int_{t_{\text{fix,obs}}}^{\infty} f(t_{\text{fix}}|0) dt_{\text{fix}} \quad Z_{\text{fix}} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_{\text{fix}})$$

now ask: prob. to see such an excess anywhere in given mass range  
→ let mass be a nuisance parameter in fit of new test statistic

$$t_{\text{float}} = -2 \ln \frac{L(0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m})} \quad p_{\text{float}} = \int_{t_{\text{float,obs}}}^{\infty} f(t_{\text{float}}|0) dt_{\text{float}}$$

$p_{\text{float}}$  also called global p-value. calculation very cumbersome. lot of MC experiments

$$F_{\text{trials}} \equiv \frac{p_{\text{float}}}{p_{\text{fix}}}$$

trial factor ~ number of independent search regions  
in considered mass range.

can be calculated approximately with little MC simulation

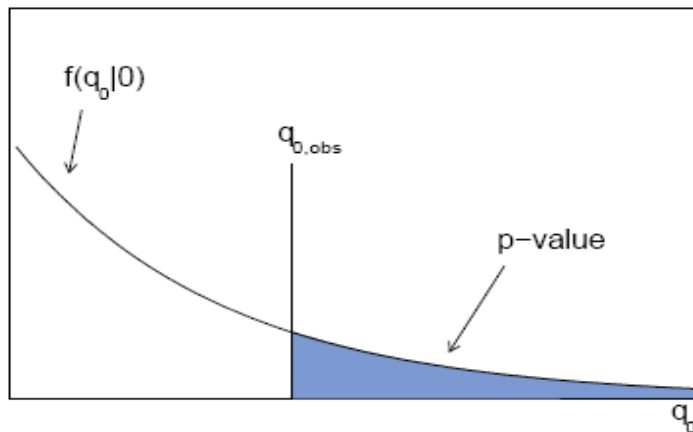
# Profiled Likelihood Test Statistic for Exclusion

$H_0$ : signal+background  $\rightarrow \mu=1$        $H_1$ : background only  
 $\mu$  parametrises strength w.r.t. SM Higgs prediction

test statistic  $q_\mu$ :

$$\tilde{\lambda}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0, \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mu))}{L(0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0. \end{cases} \quad \tilde{q}_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$$

for negative signal strength set it to 0 and determine then nuisance pars.  
 one sided test, only signal strength  $< \mu$  considered as inconsistent with  $H_0$



different test statistic then for discovery

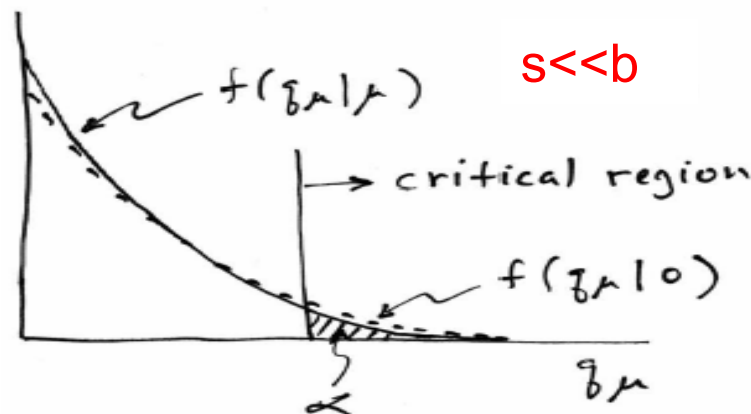
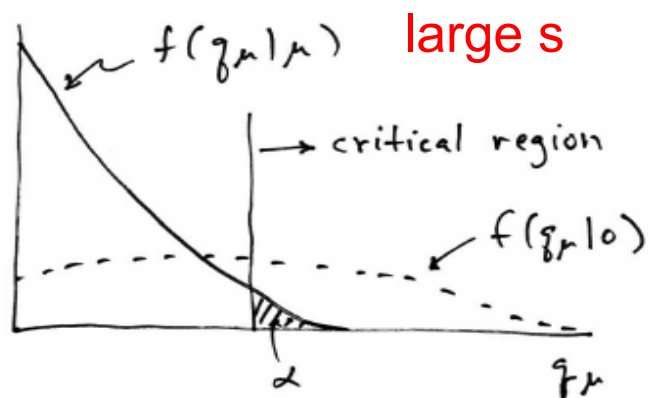
here values  $\sim 0$  are signal+background  
 like observations

# The „Problem“ with the Pure Frequentist Method

$$p_\mu = P(\tilde{q}_\mu \geq \tilde{q}_\mu^{obs} | \text{signal+background}) = \int_{\tilde{q}_\mu^{obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu | \mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{obs}) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$

Pure frequentist would stop and say: „signal+background“ hypothesis is excluded with a confidence level  $CL_{S+B}$  of  $1 - p_\mu$

„Problem“: Spurious exclusion of signals with no sensitivity ( $s \ll b$ )



signal+BG-like  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  BG only like, even less than exp. from BG only

by construction: probability to reject  $\mu$  if  $\mu$  is true is  $\alpha$

probability to reject  $\mu$  if  $\mu=0$  is only slightly greater than  $\alpha$  for  $s \ll b$ .

$\rightarrow$  probability to exclude hypotheses with zero signal  $\sim \alpha$  „spurious exclusion“

# A Solution: the CL<sub>s</sub> Method

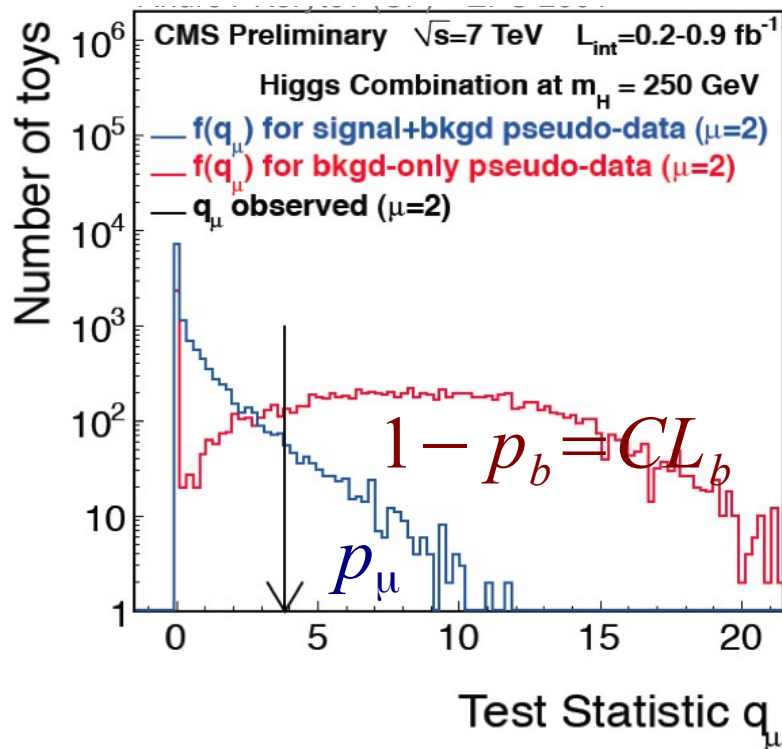
Spurious exclusion caused by downwards fluctuation of background  
 → penalize such outcomes in an „ad hoc“ way

$$1 - p_b = P(\tilde{q}_\mu \geq \tilde{q}_\mu^{obs} | \text{background-only}) = \int_{\tilde{q}_\mu^{obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu | 0, \hat{\theta}_0^{obs}) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$

$$p_\mu = P(\tilde{q}_\mu \geq \tilde{q}_\mu^{obs} | \text{signal+background}) = \int_{\tilde{q}_\mu^{obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu | \mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{obs}) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$

$$CL_s = p_\mu / (1 - p_b)$$

Caveat:  $p_b$  ist not equal  $p_0$   
 different test statistic

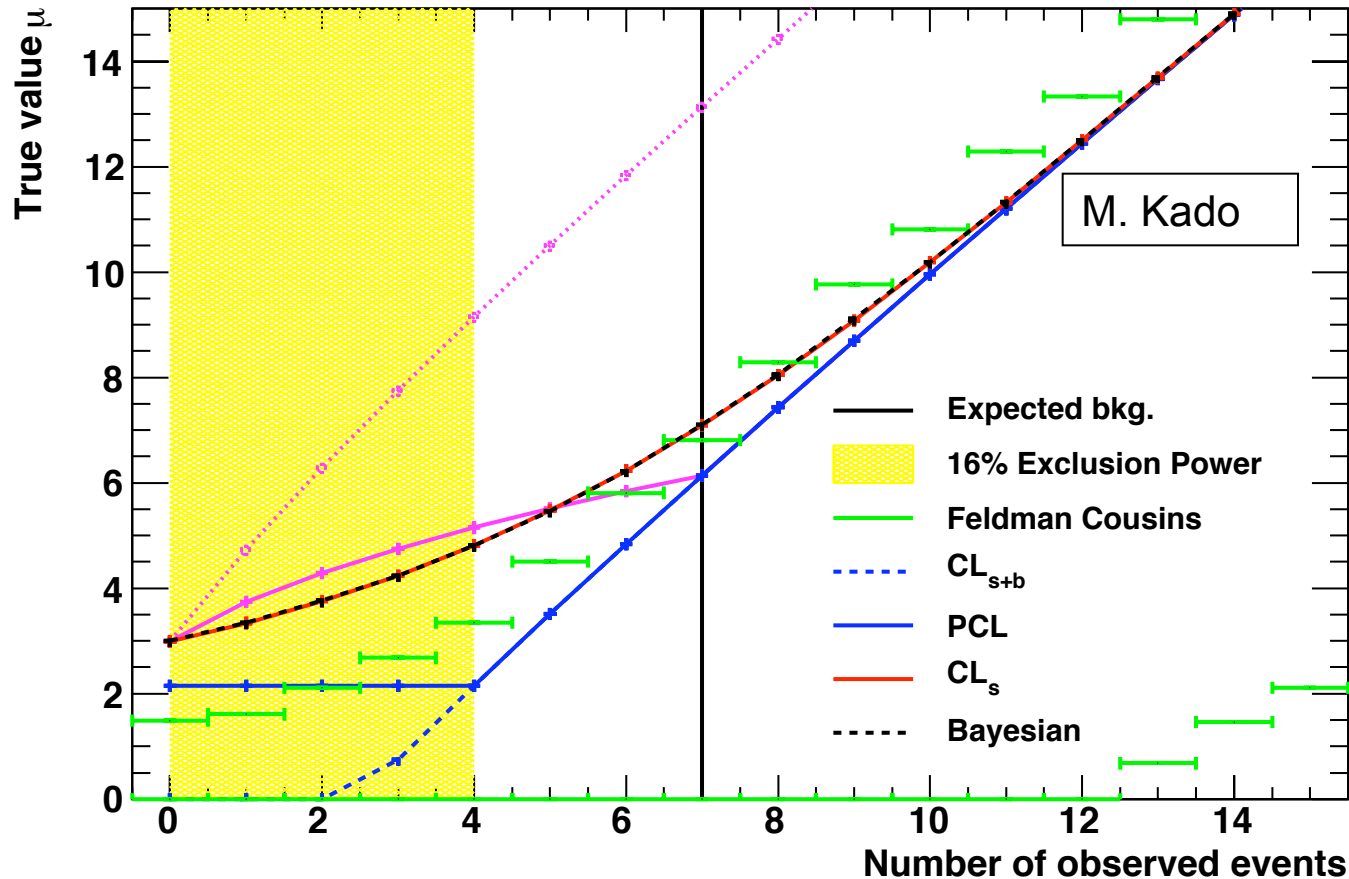


if  $CL_s < 5\%$  we call a  $\mu$  hypothesis excluded at 95% CL (but true coverage larger)

upper limit on  $\mu$ : adjust/find smallest value of  $\mu$  to value for which  $CL_s \leq 5\%$

# Comparison of Different Limit Derivations at 95% CL

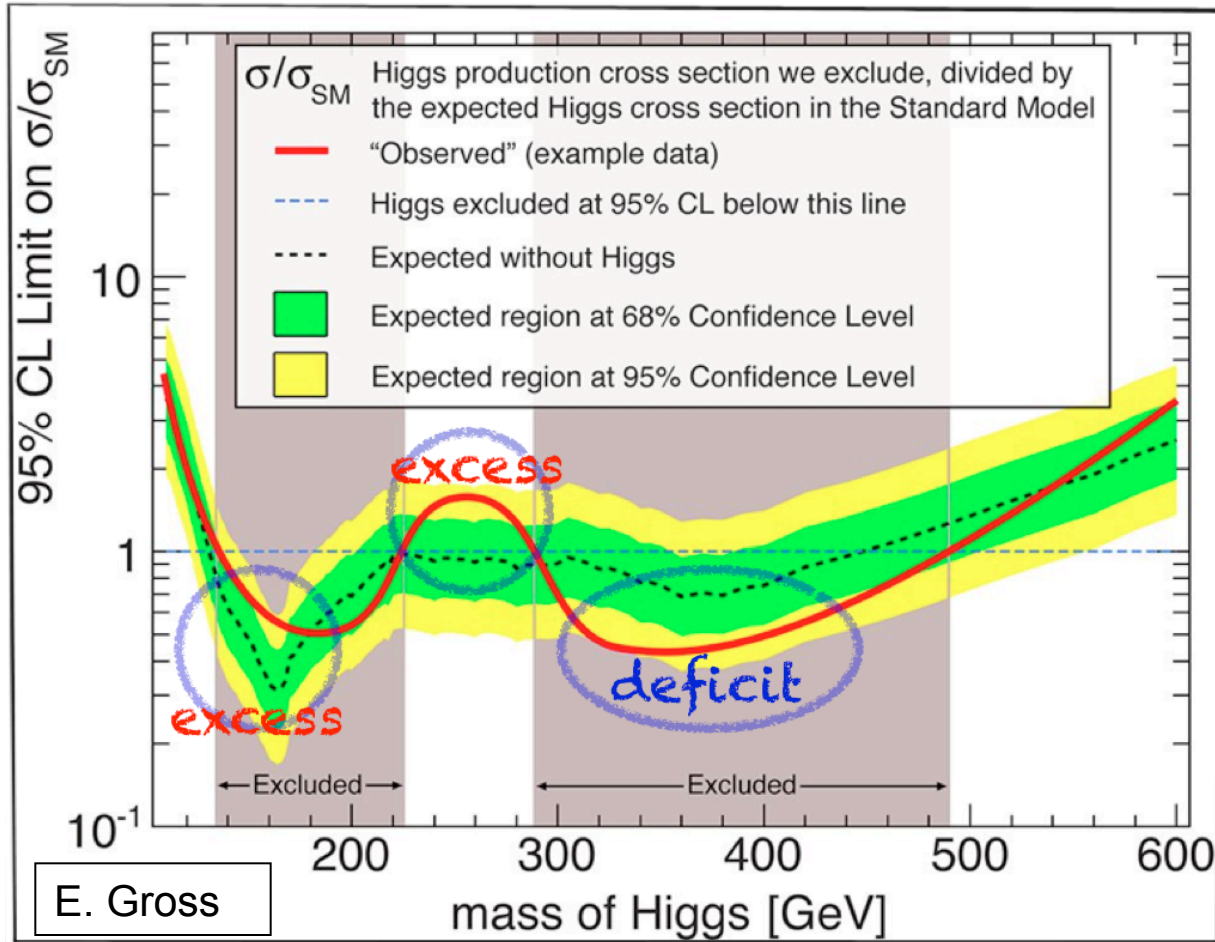
simple counting experiment with a background expectation of 7 events



if  $CL_s < 5\%$  we call a  $\mu$  hypothesis excluded at 95% CL (true coverage larger)  
 $CL_s$  and Bayesian limit with flat prior in signal rate mathematically identical  
in praxis also very similar results for test statistics used at LHC (Tevatron, LEP)

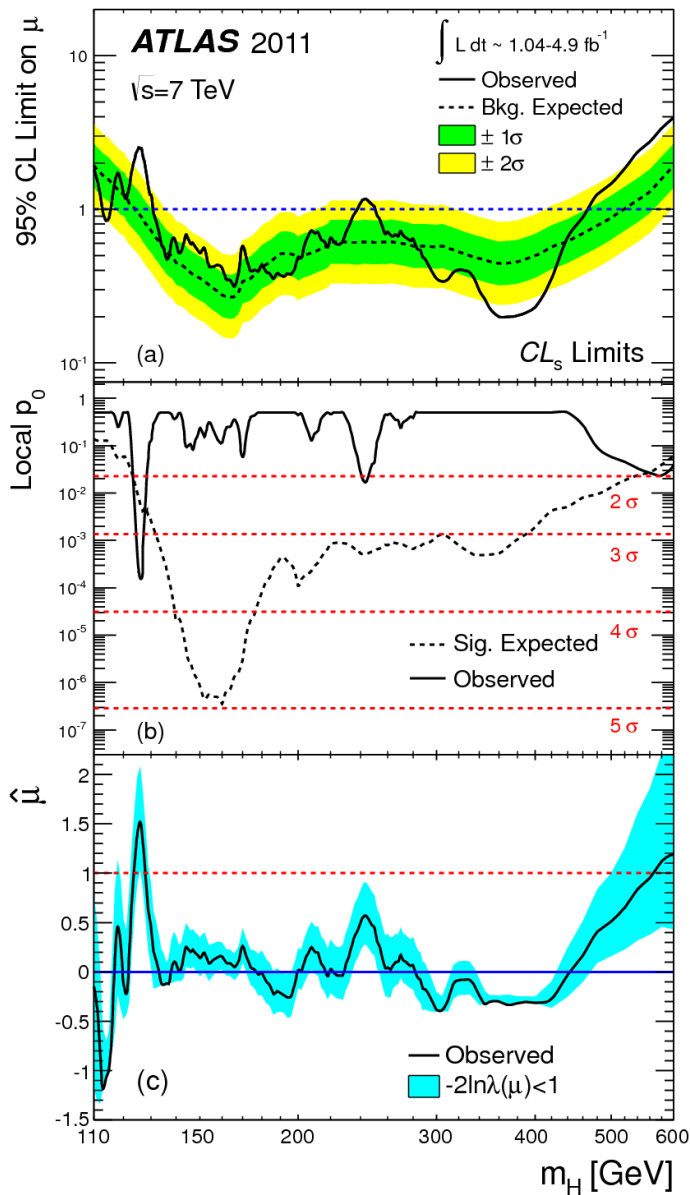


# Typical Exclusion Plot Looks Like This ...



expected limit: median value of  $\mu$  which will be excluded under  $H_1$  BG-only  
 green and yellow bands are 68% (95%) confidence intervals around this

# Interpretation of Results is Threefold

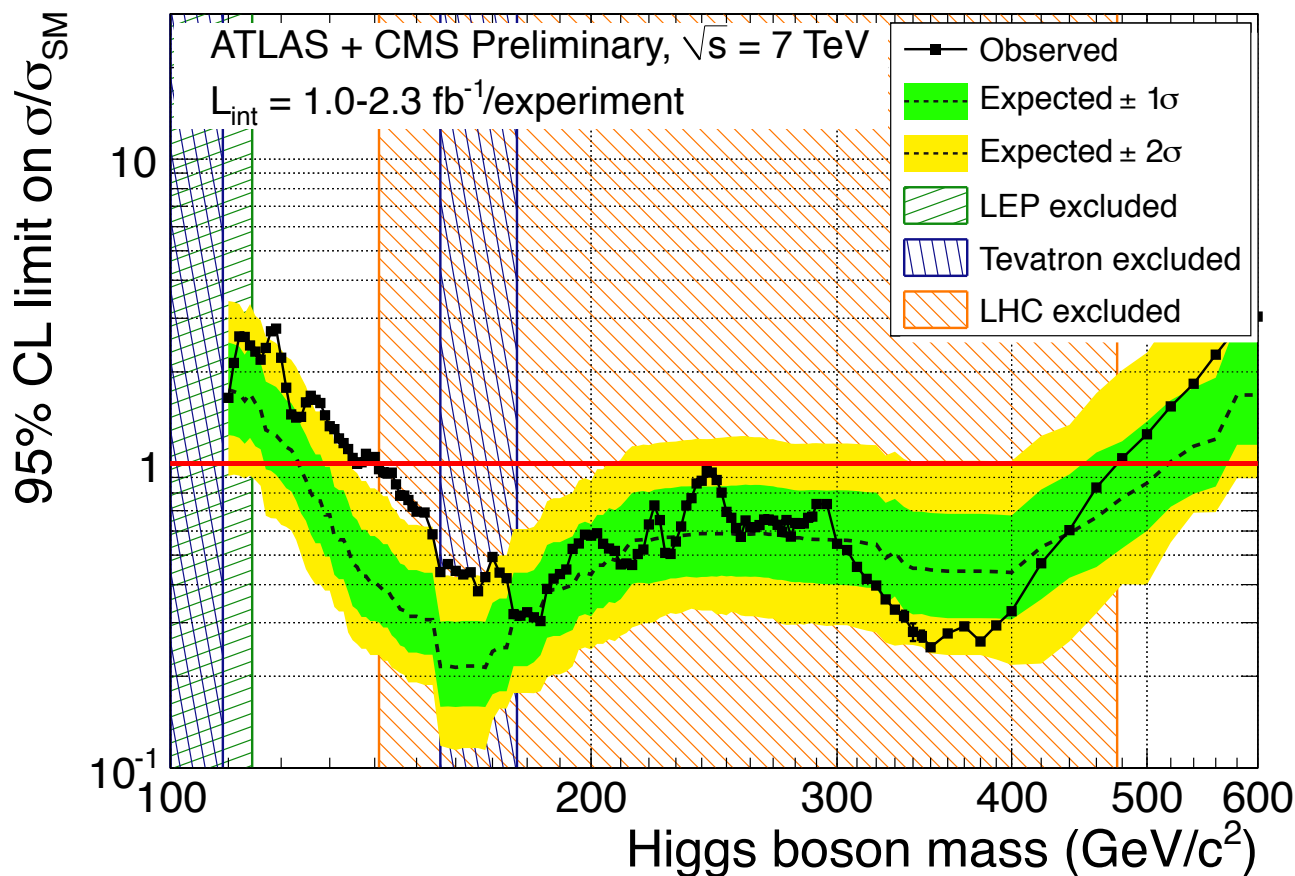


signal + background hypothesis exclusion:  
for each hypothetical signal mass  
determine minimum signal strength  $\mu$   
which can be excluded at 95% CL

background hypothesis compability:  
evaluate p-value for each hypothetical  
signal mass  $\rightarrow$  local p-value  
+ global p-value from trials factor

compability with SM Higgs boson hypothesis:  
estimate best signal strength compatible  
with observation

# First Combination of ATLAS and CMS on 18.11.2011



CMS PAS HIG-11-023,  
ATL-CONF-201-157

based on data  
recorded until  
end of August 2011

LEP (95%CL)  
 $m_H < 114.4$  GeV

Tevatron (95%CL)  
 $100 < m_H < 109$  GeV  
 $156 < m_H < 177$  GeV

Excluded 95% CL : 141-476 GeV ( exp 124 - 520 GeV )  
 ATLAS alone: 146-230, 256-282, 296-459 ( exp 131 - 450 GeV )  
 CMS alone: 145-216, 226-288, 310-400 ( exp 130 - 440 GeV )  
 max deviation with local significance of  $3\sigma$  ( $m_H \sim 144$  GeV)

# Combination of Higgs Boson Searches

channel	ATLAS			CMS		
	Lumi	Mass Range	Sub chan.	Lumi	Mass range	Sub chan.
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	4.9	110-150	9	4.8	110-150	5
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1.1	not incl.	4	4.6	110-145	9
$H \rightarrow bb$	1.1	not incl.	4	4.7	110-135	5
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	2.1	110-300	6	4.6	110-600	5
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$	1.1	240-600	2	---	-----	-
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	4.8	110-600	3	4.7	110-600	3
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\tau$	----	-----		4.7	190-600	8
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\nu$	2.1	200-600	2	4.6	250-600	2
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2q$	2.1	200-600		4.6	130-164 225-600	6

CMS 42 channels + 156 to 222  $\theta$       ATLAS 26 channels in combination

correlation of uncertainties taken into account:

eg. luminosity, identification efficiencies, E scale and resolution, PDF, ....

# ATLAS: Exclusion limits for $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

Data: 71 Observed

Bg exp:  $62 \pm 9$

$M_{4l} < 190$  GeV  
obs: 8 exp: 9.4

$M_{4l} > 190$  GeV  
obs: 63 exp: 52.3

Excluded:

134 to 156 GeV

182 to 233 GeV

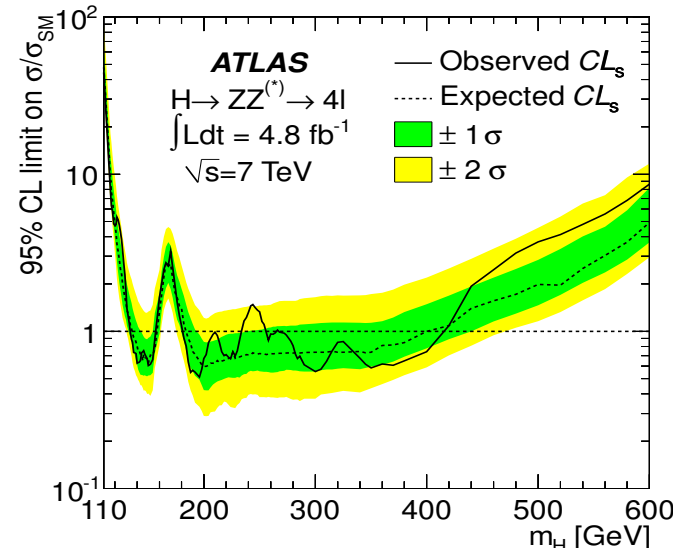
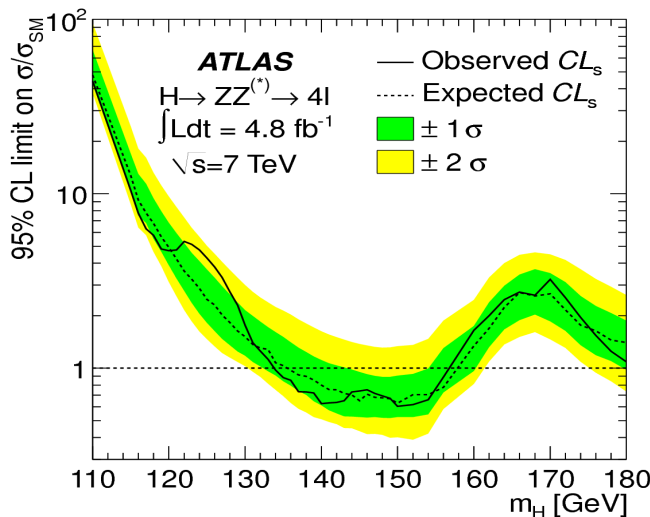
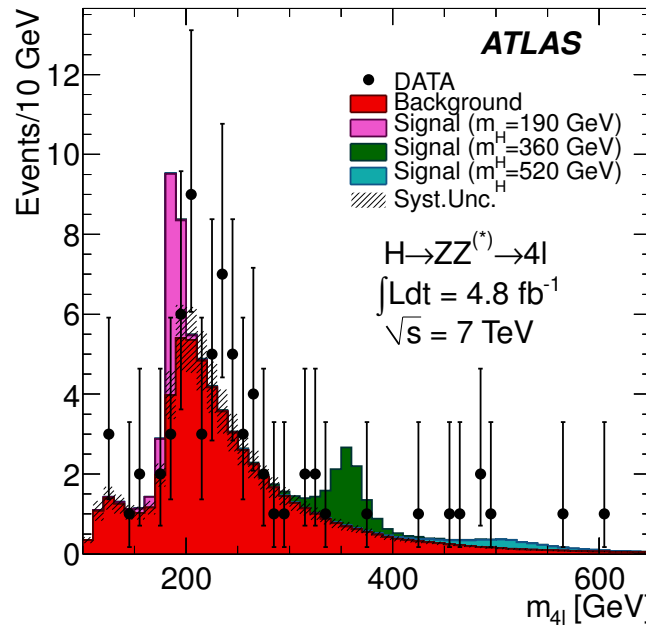
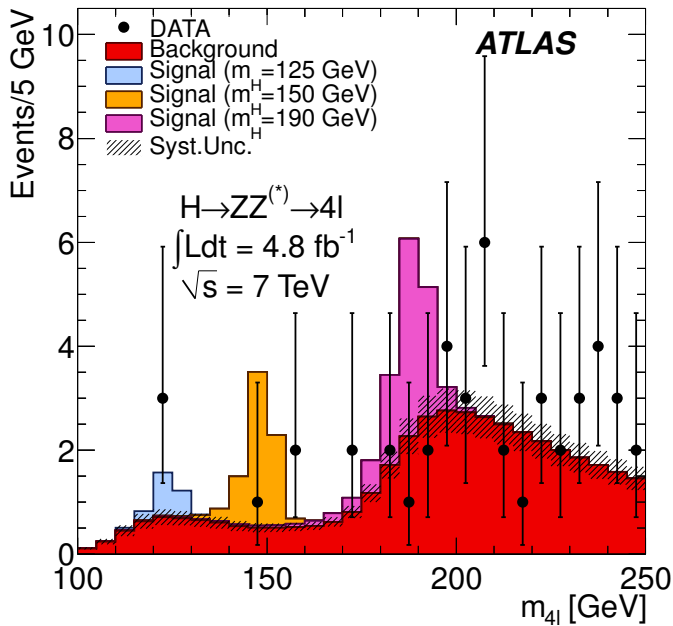
256 to 265 GeV

266 to 415 GeV

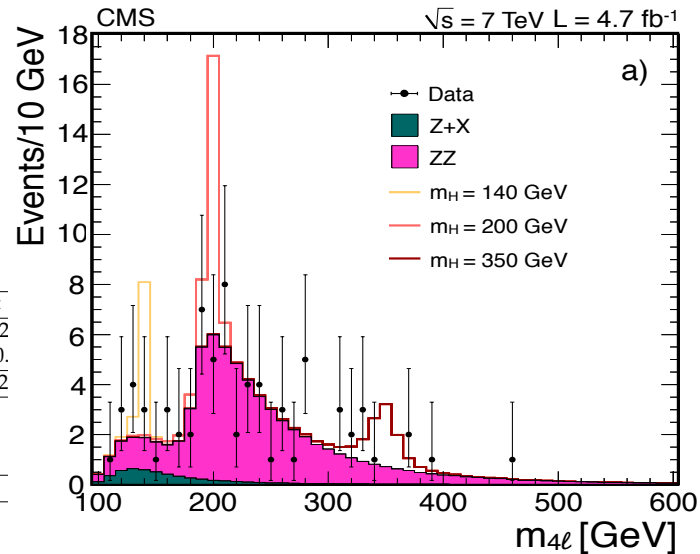
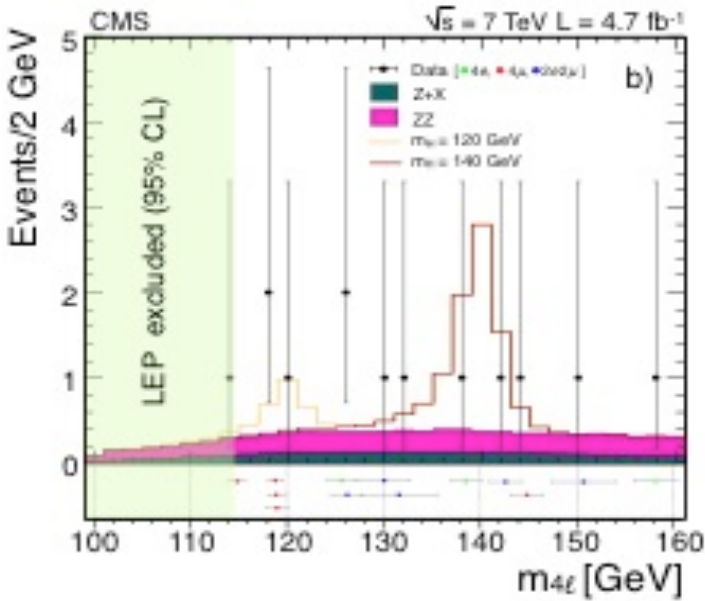
Expected:

136 to 157 GeV

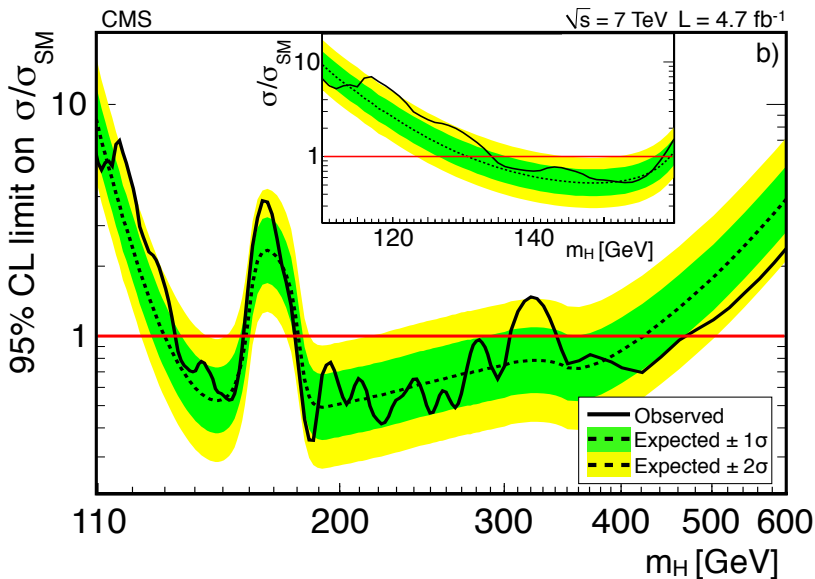
184 to 400 GeV



# CMS: Exclusion limits for $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



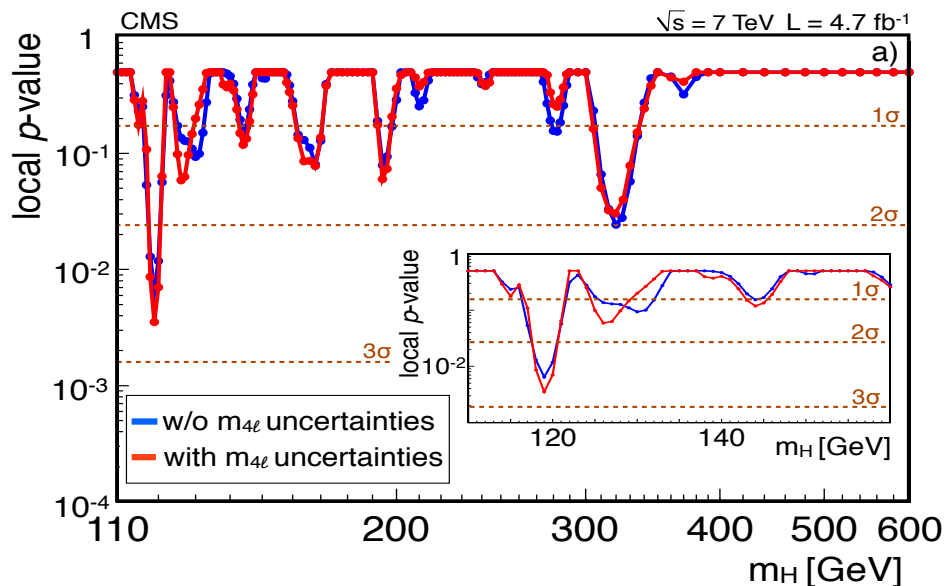
$M_{4l} > 100$  GeV:  
 Data: 72  
 BG Exp.:  $67 \pm 6$   
 $100 < M_{4l} < 160$  GeV  
 Data: 13  
 BG Exp.:  $9.5 \pm 1.3$



CMS excluded: 134 to 158 GeV  
 180 to 305 GeV  
 340 to 465 GeV

ATLAS excluded: 134 to 156 GeV  
 182 to 233 GeV  
 256 to 265 GeV  
 266 to 415 GeV

# H→ZZ→4l Observed “Excesses”



CMS

local:  $2\sigma$  at 320 GeV

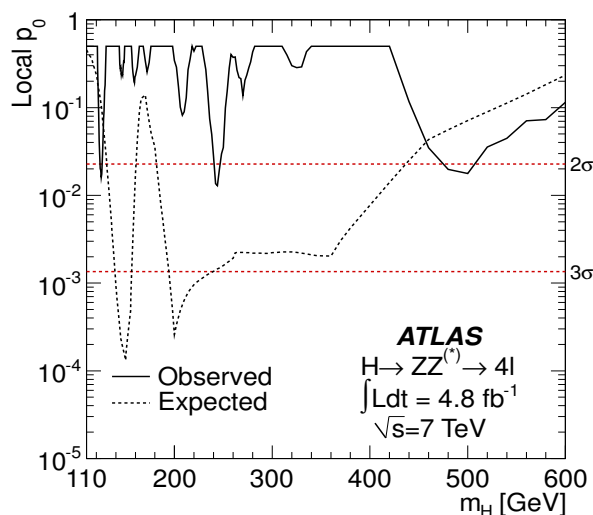
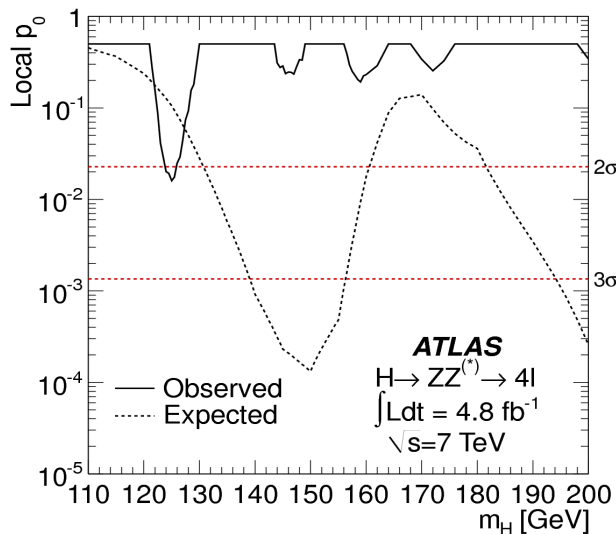
local:  $1.5\sigma$  at 126 GeV

local:  $2.5\sigma$  at 119 GeV

global:  $<1\sigma$  for  $M < 600$  GeV

$1.5$  for  $M < 160$  GeV

+ some more in excluded range



ATLAS

local:

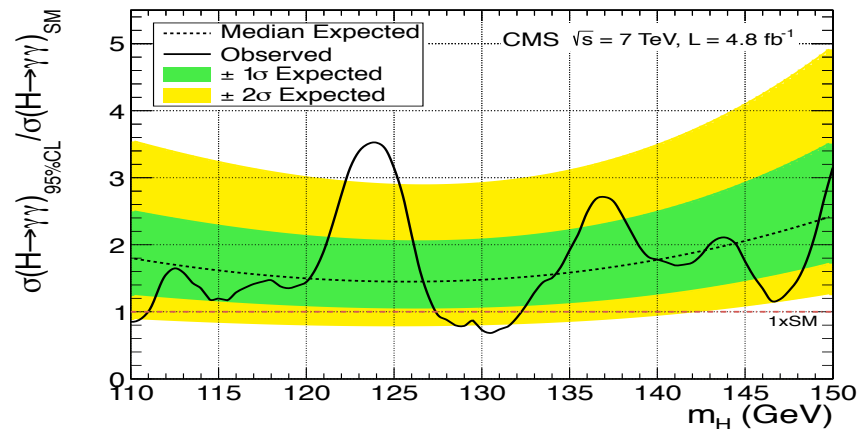
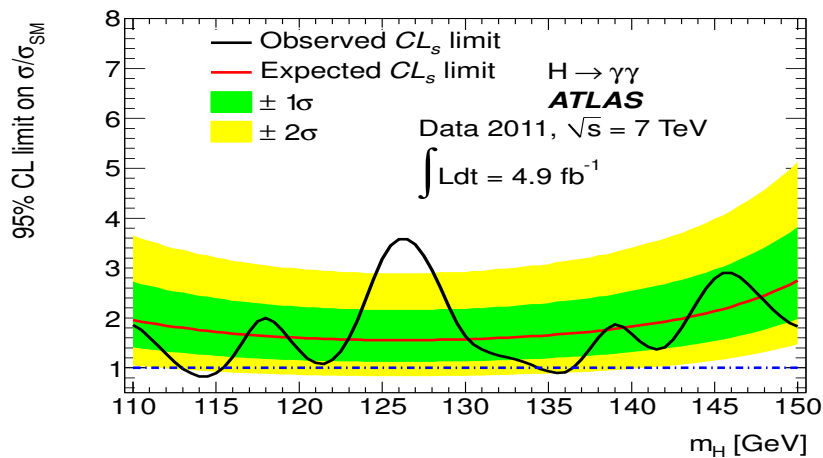
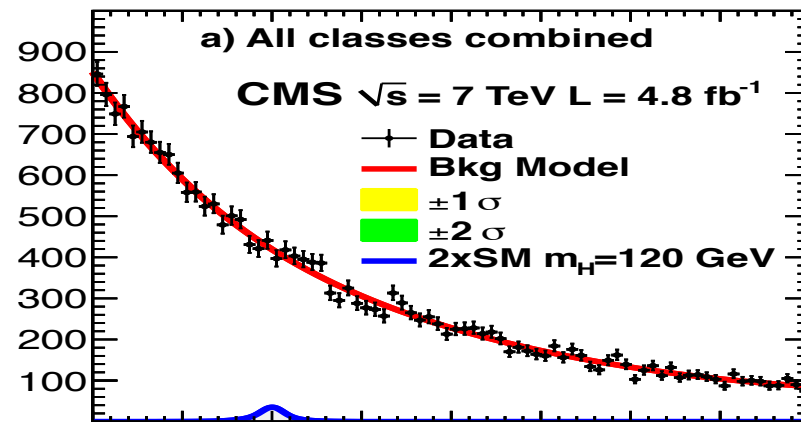
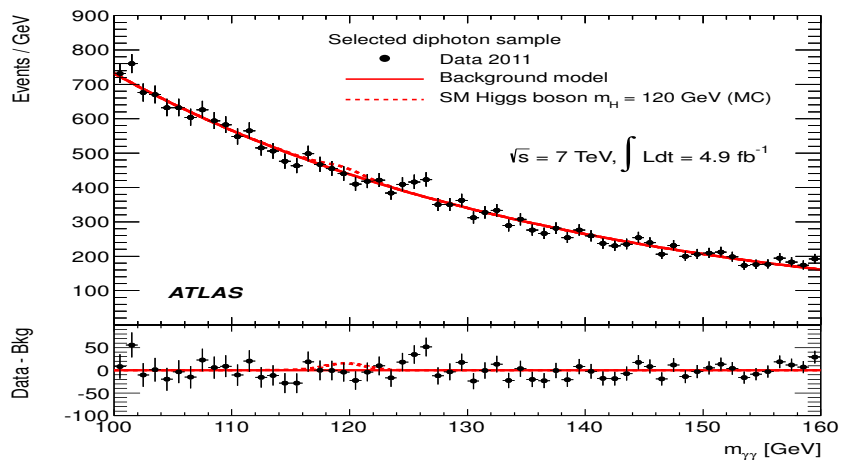
$p=1.9\%$ ,  $2.1\sigma$  at 124 GeV

$p=1.3\%$ ,  $2.2s$  at 244 GeV

$p=1.8\%$ ,  $2.1 s$  at 500 GeV

global:  $\sim 50\%$  for all

# H → 2 γ : Exclusion Limits

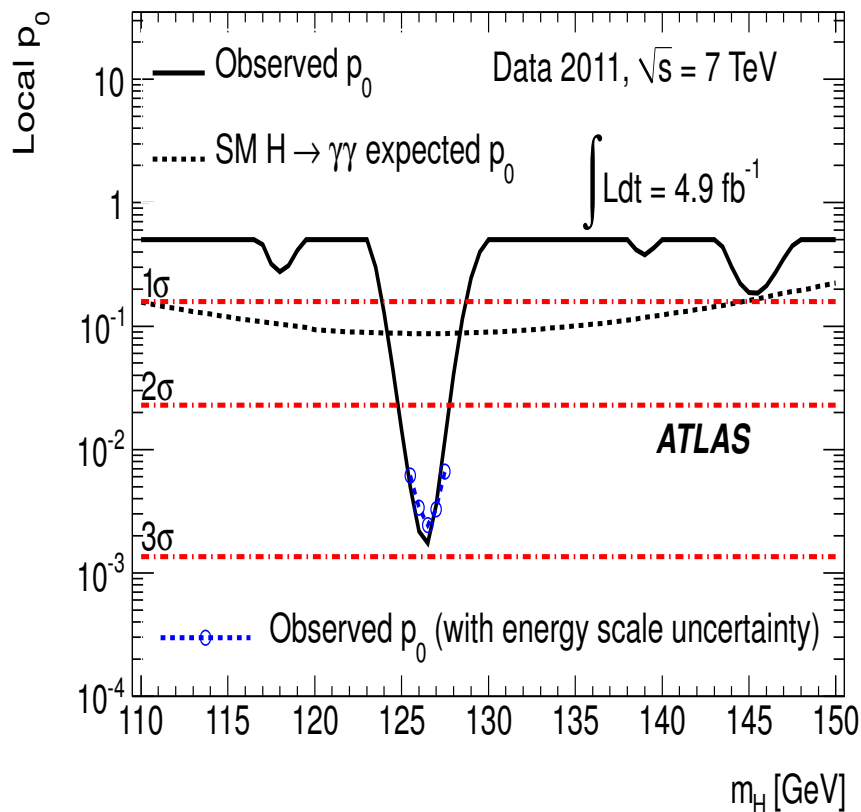


excluded:  $113 \leq m_H \leq 115$  GeV,  
 $134.5 \leq m_H \leq 136$  GeV  
 (exp: 1.6 to 2.7 x  $\sigma_{SM}$ )

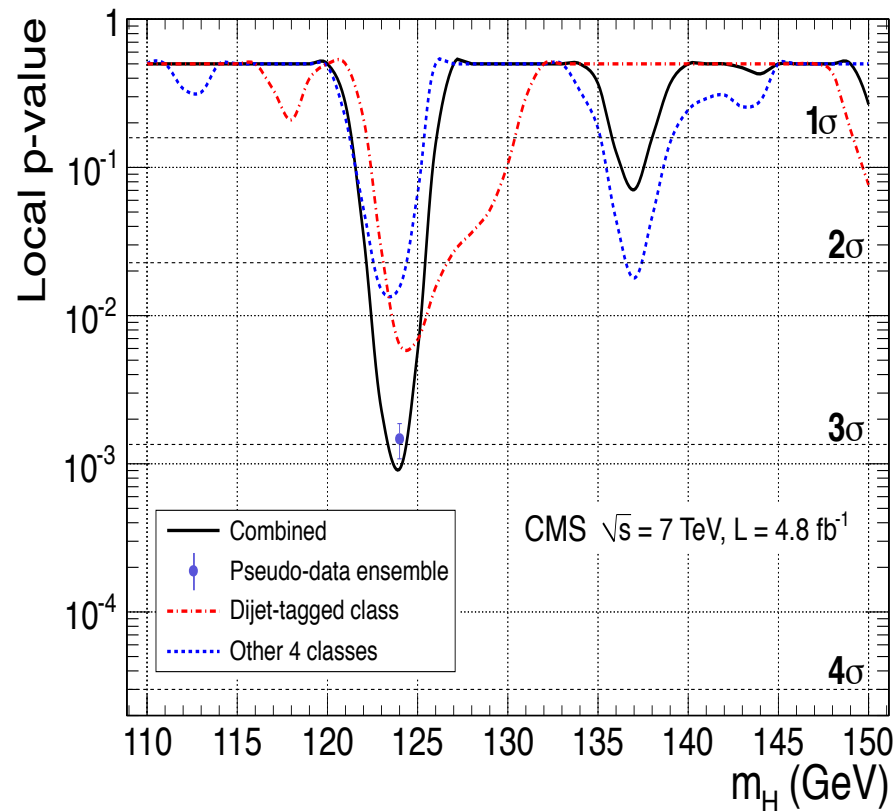
excluded:  $128 \leq m_H \leq 132$  GeV,  
 (exp: 1.4 to 2.4 x  $\sigma_{SM}$ )



# H → 2 γ : Observed „Excesses“

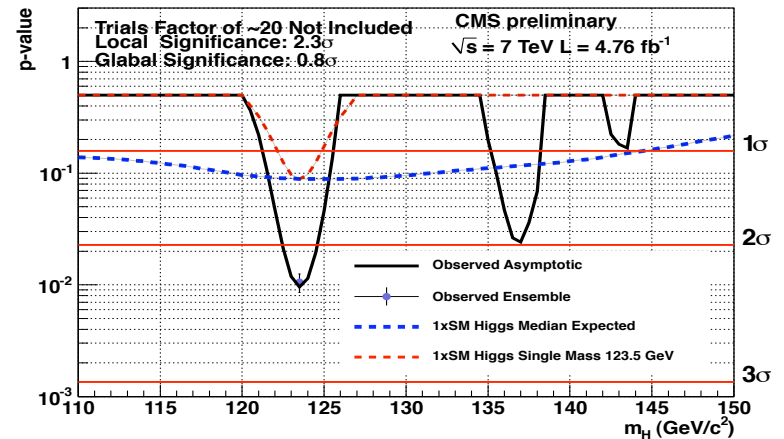
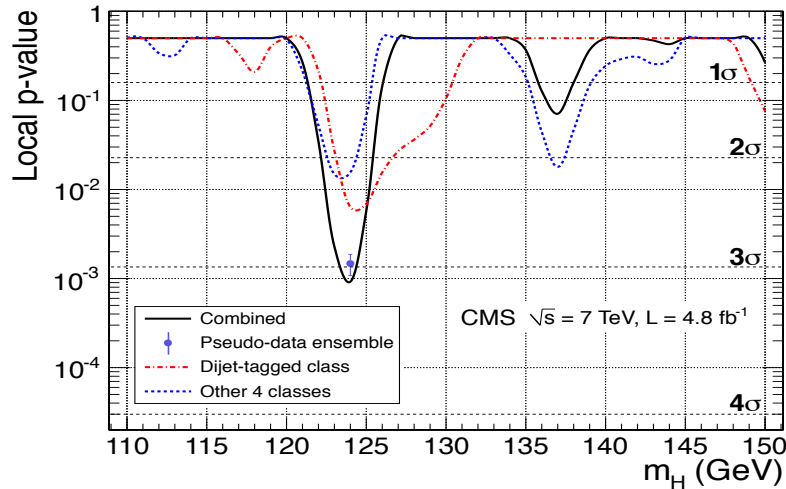
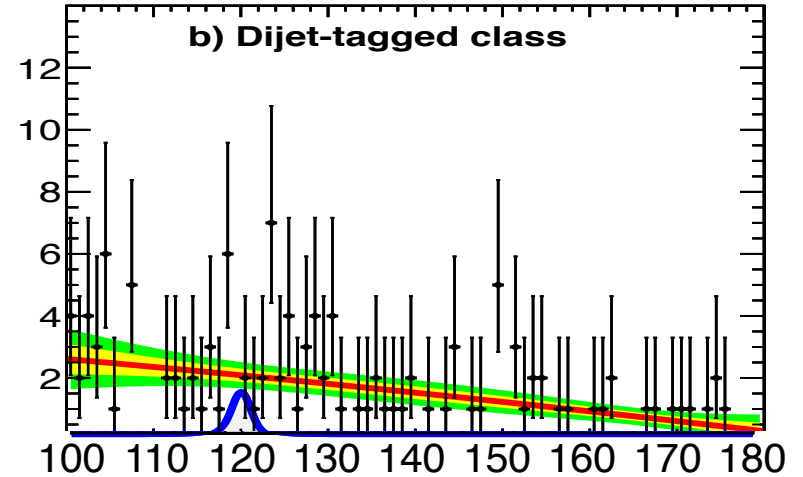
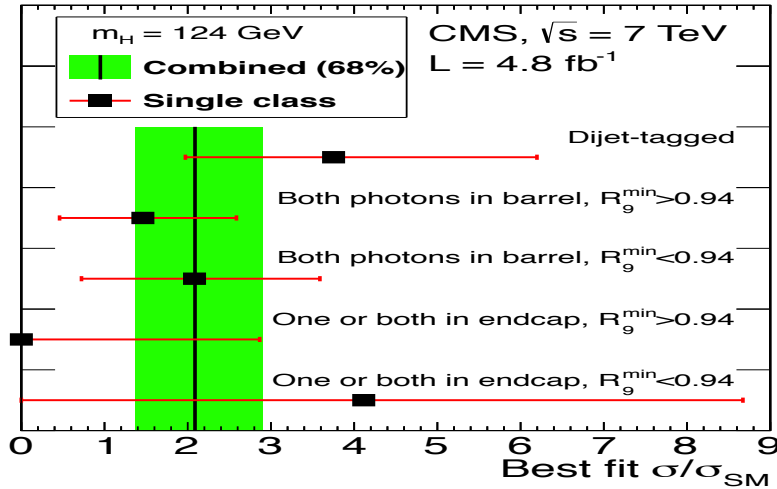


max. deviation at  $m_H \sim 126.5 \pm 0.9$  GeV:  
 local  $p_0$ -value: 0.27% ( $2.9 \sigma$ )  
 global  $p_0$ -value:  $\sim 7\%$  ( $1.5\sigma$ )  
 expected from SM Higgs:  $\sim 1.4\sigma$



max. deviation at  $m_H = 124$  GeV:  
 local  $p_0$ -value: 0.09% ( $3.1\sigma$ )  
 global  $p_0$ -value: 3.9% ( $1.8\sigma$ )  
 fitted signal strength:  $2.1 \pm 0.6 \times \text{SM}$

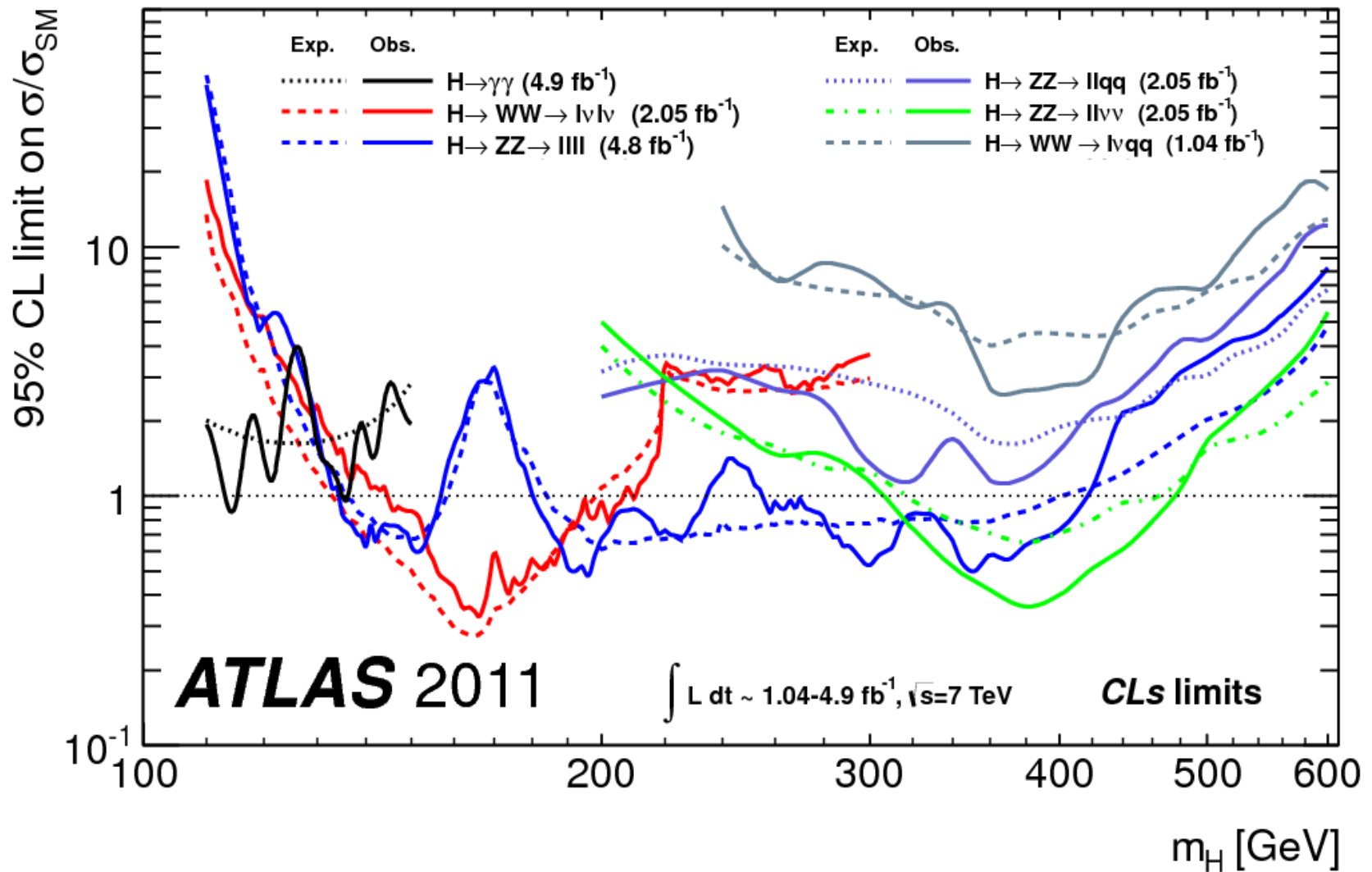
# CMS $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ from Dec 11 to Feb 12: New Dijet Class



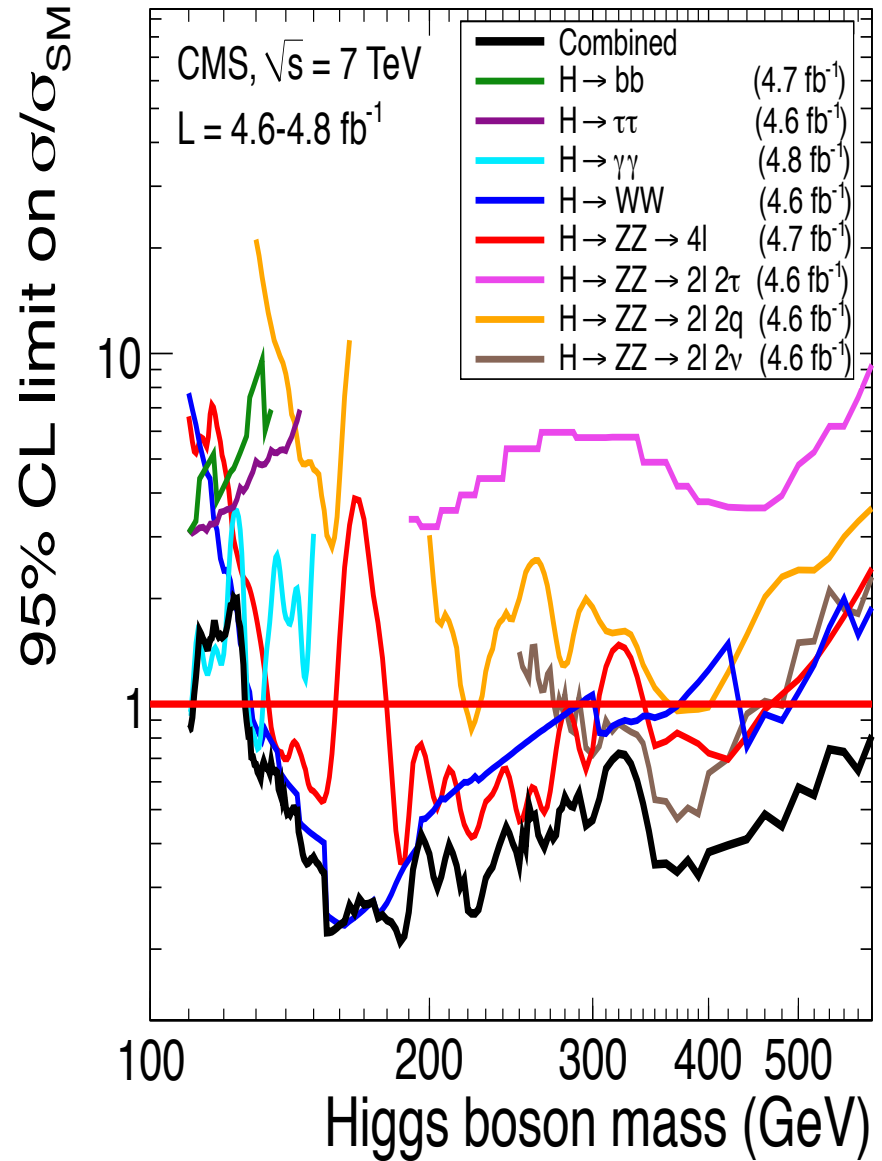
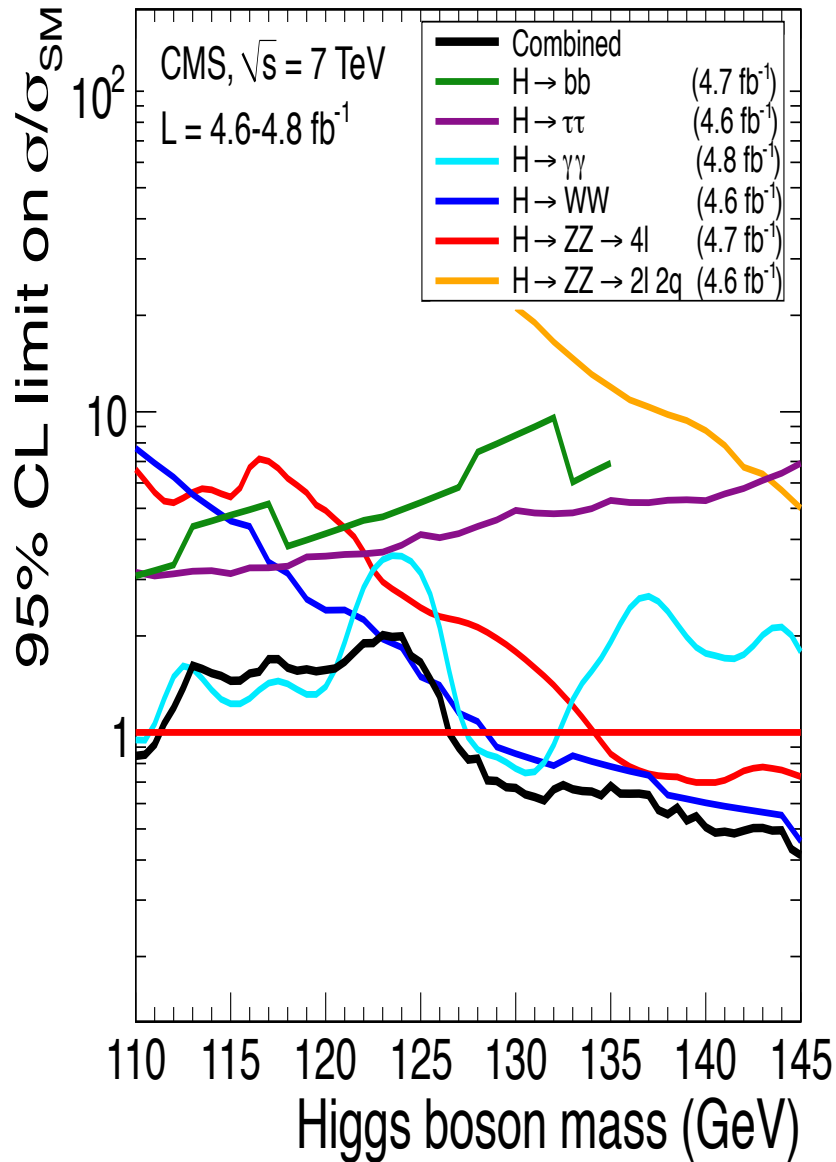
Feb. 2012:  $m_H = 124 \text{ GeV}$ :  
 local  $p_0$ -value: 0.09% ( $3.1\sigma$ )  
 global  $p_0$ -value: 3.9% ( $1.8\sigma$ )

Dec. 2011:  $m_H = 123.5 \text{ GeV}$ :  
 local  $p_0$ -value: 0.96% ( $2.34\sigma$ )  
 global  $p_0$ -value  $\sim 21\%$  ( $0.8\sigma$ )

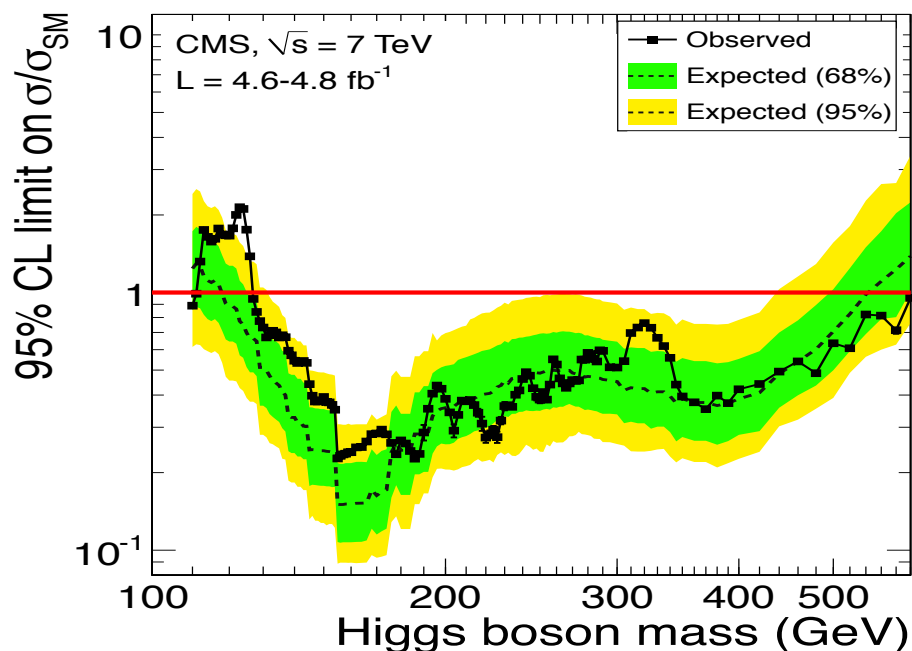
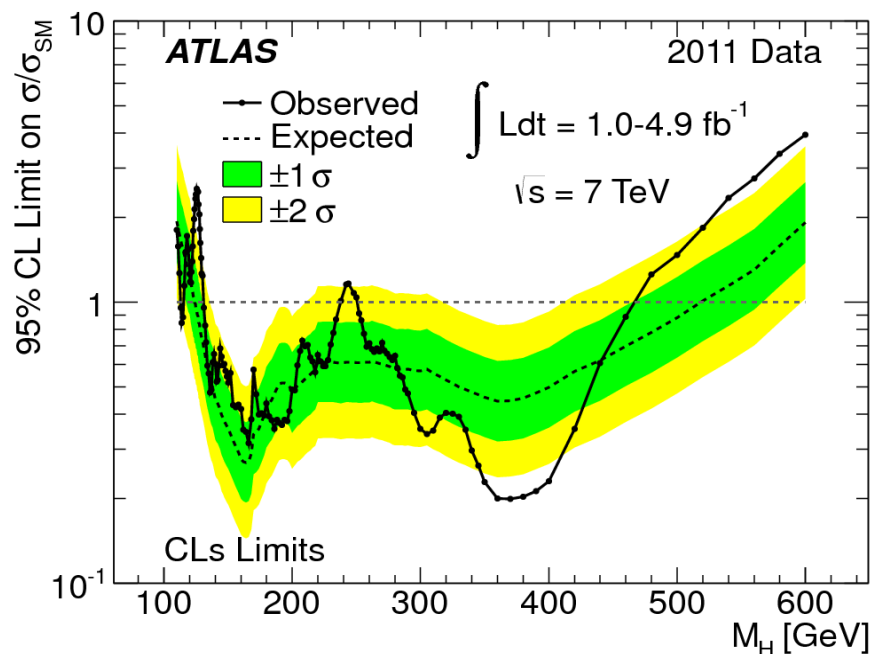
# ATLAS: Exclusion by Individual Channels



# CMS: Exclusion by Individual Channels



# Combined Exclusion Limits



Observed at 95% CL:

$112.9 < m_H < 115.5, 131 < m_H < 231, 251-466 \text{ GeV}$

$127 < m_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$

Expected at 95% CL:  $124 < M_H < 519 \text{ GeV}$

$118 < m_H < 543 \text{ GeV}$

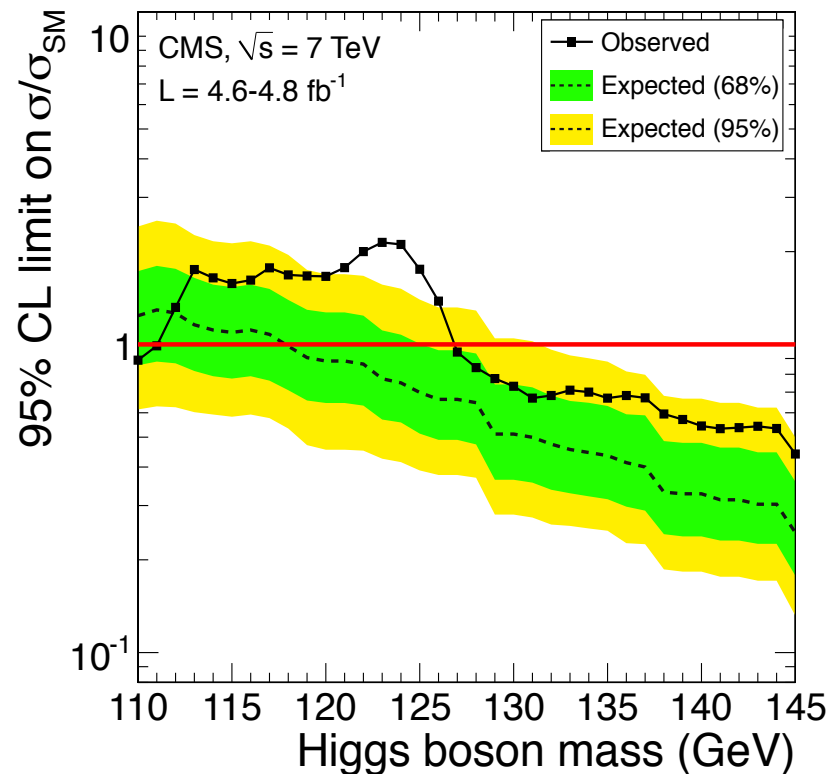
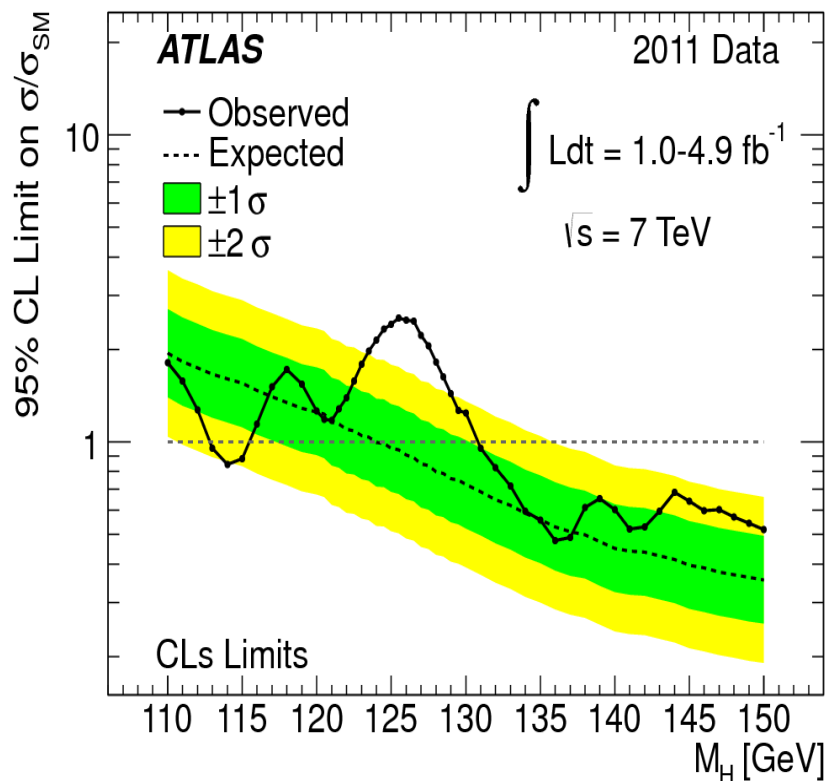
Observed at 99% CL:

$133 < m_H < 230 \text{ GeV}, 260 < m_H < 437 \text{ GeV}$

$129 < m_H < 525 \text{ GeV}$

ATLAS:  $2.5 \sigma$  deficit w.r.t BG only at 300 to 400 GeV, global probability 30%

# Combined Exclusion Limit: Low Mass Range



Observed at 95% CL:

$112.9 < m_H < 115.5 \text{ GeV}$   $131 < m_H < 150++$

Expected at 95% CL:

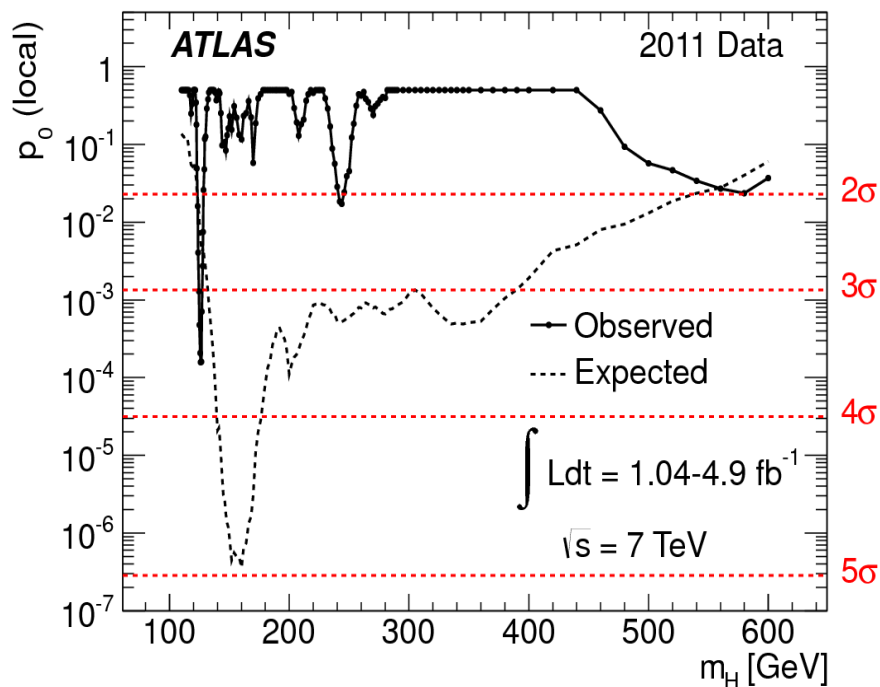
$124 < M_H < 519 \text{ GeV}$

$127 < m_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$

$118 < m_H < 534 \text{ GeV}$

in both experiments observed exclusion weaker than expected

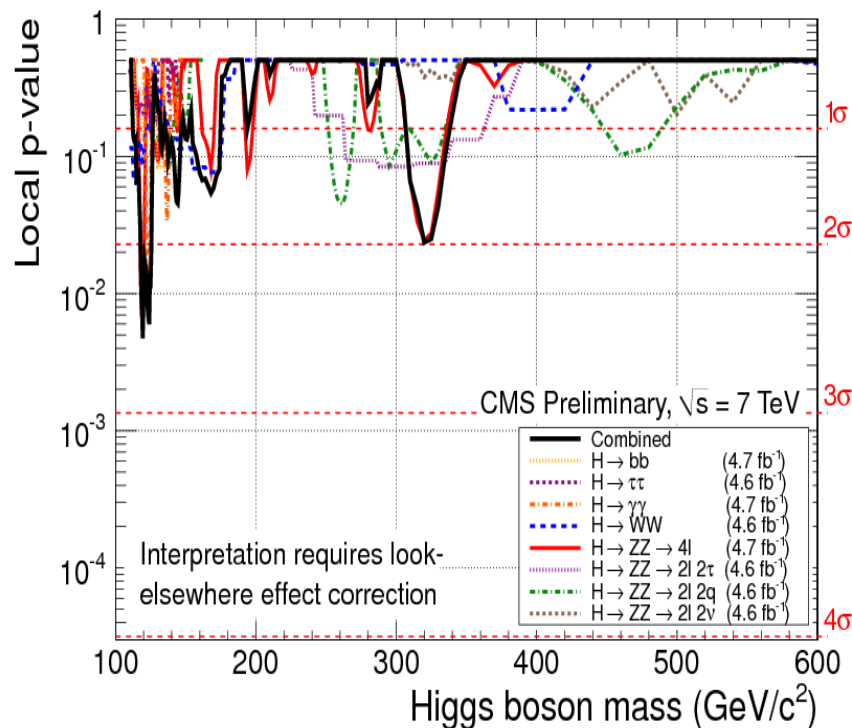
# Consistency with Background-Only Hypothesis



Maximum deviation from background-only expectation observed for  $m_H \sim 126$  GeV

244 GeV:  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$   
 >460 GeV: several channels

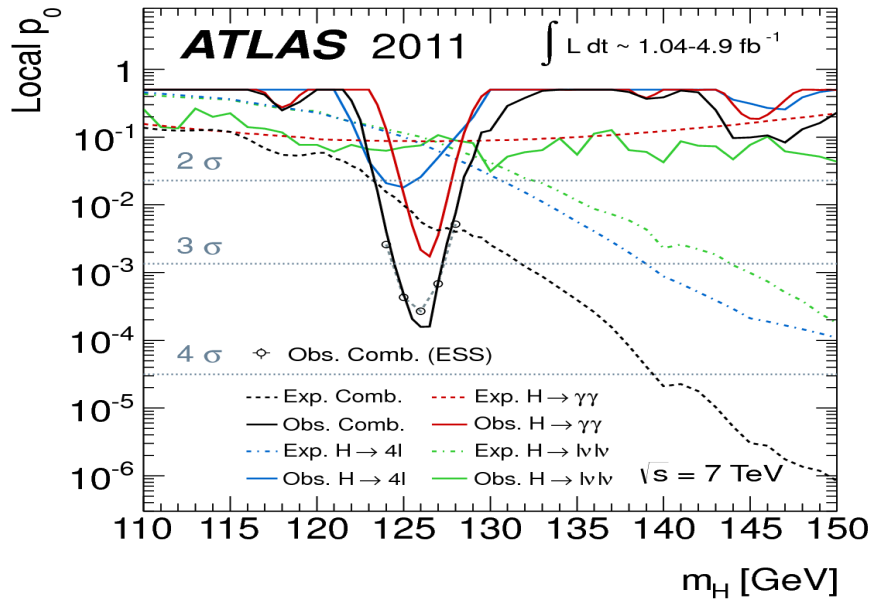
CMS: Dec 2012



Max. deviation from background-only observed for  $m_H \sim 119$  and 124 GeV

119 GeV: 3  $H \rightarrow 4l$  events  
 124 GeV:  $H \rightarrow 2\gamma$  events  
 325 GeV: 9  $H \rightarrow 4l$  events

# Consistency with BG-Only: Low Mass

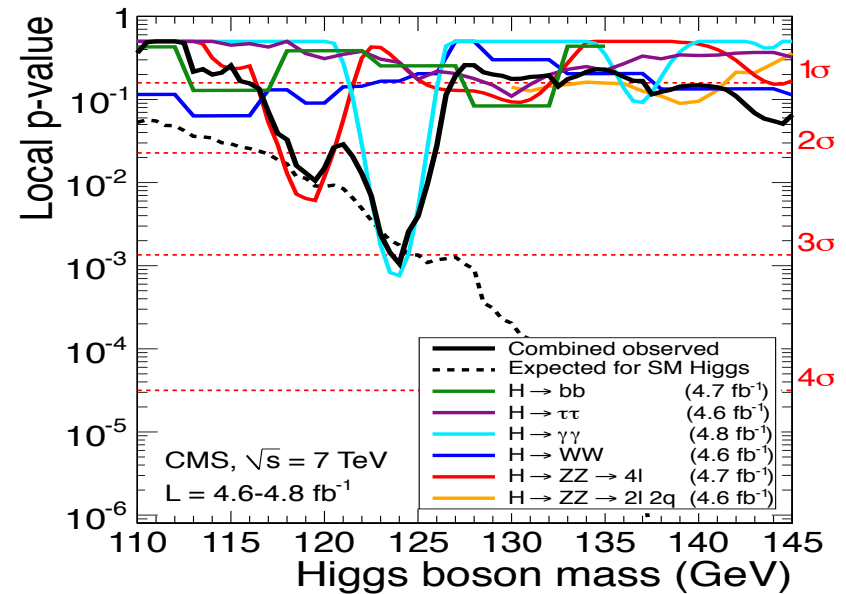


Maximum deviation for  $m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$

Local  $p_0$ -value:  $1.9 \times 10^{-4} = 3.6\sigma$   
 ( $\sim 2.8\sigma$   $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $2.1\sigma$   $H \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $1.4\sigma$   $H \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ )

Expected for  $M_H = 126 \text{ GeV}$ :  $2.5\sigma$   
 ( $\sim 1.4\sigma$  per channel)

Global  $p_0$ -value:  
 0.6% ( $2.5\sigma$ ) mass range 110 to 146 GeV  
 1.4% ( $2.2\sigma$ ) mass range 110 to 600 GeV



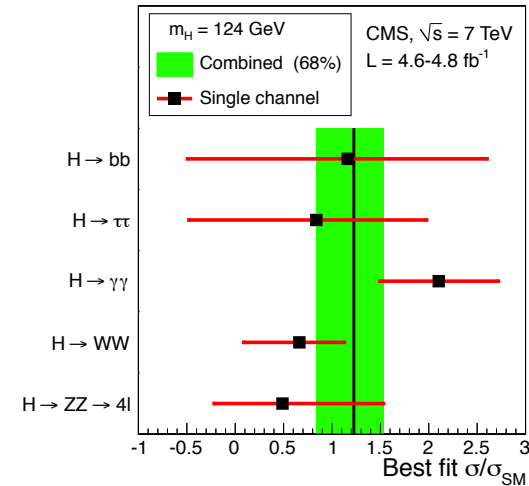
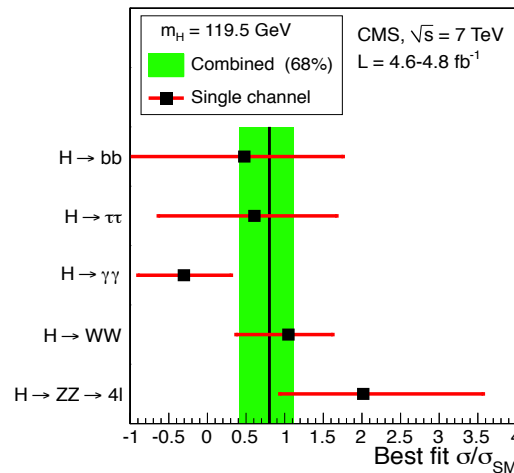
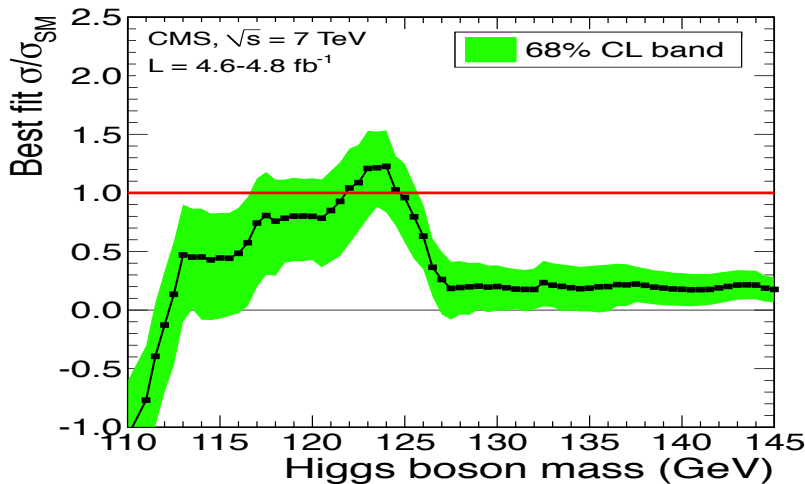
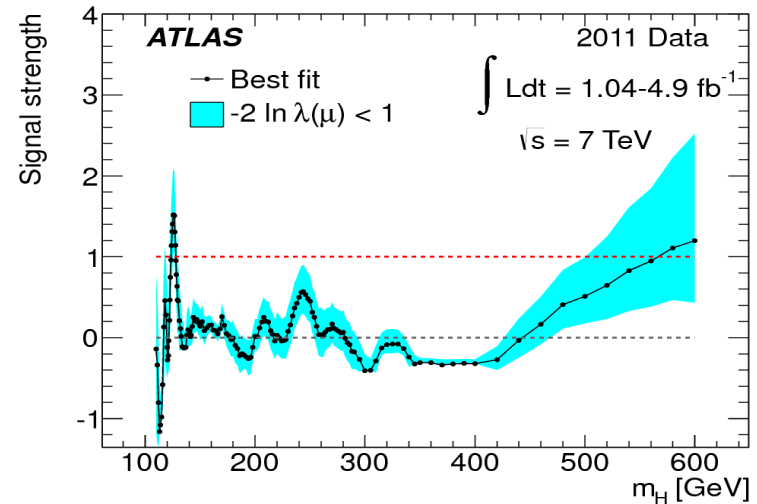
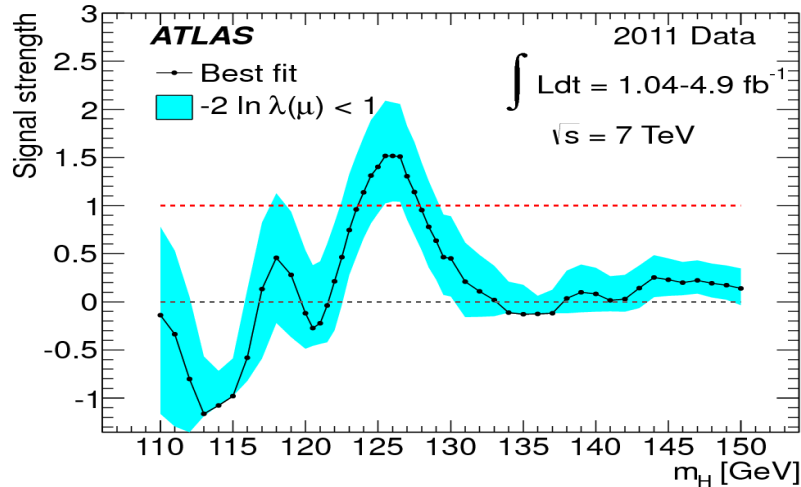
Max. deviation for  $m_H \sim 124 \text{ GeV}$

Minimal local p-value  $0.001 = 3.1\sigma$

Global p-value  
 $2.1\sigma$  mass range 110 to 145 GeV  
 $1.6\sigma$  mass range 110 to 600 GeV

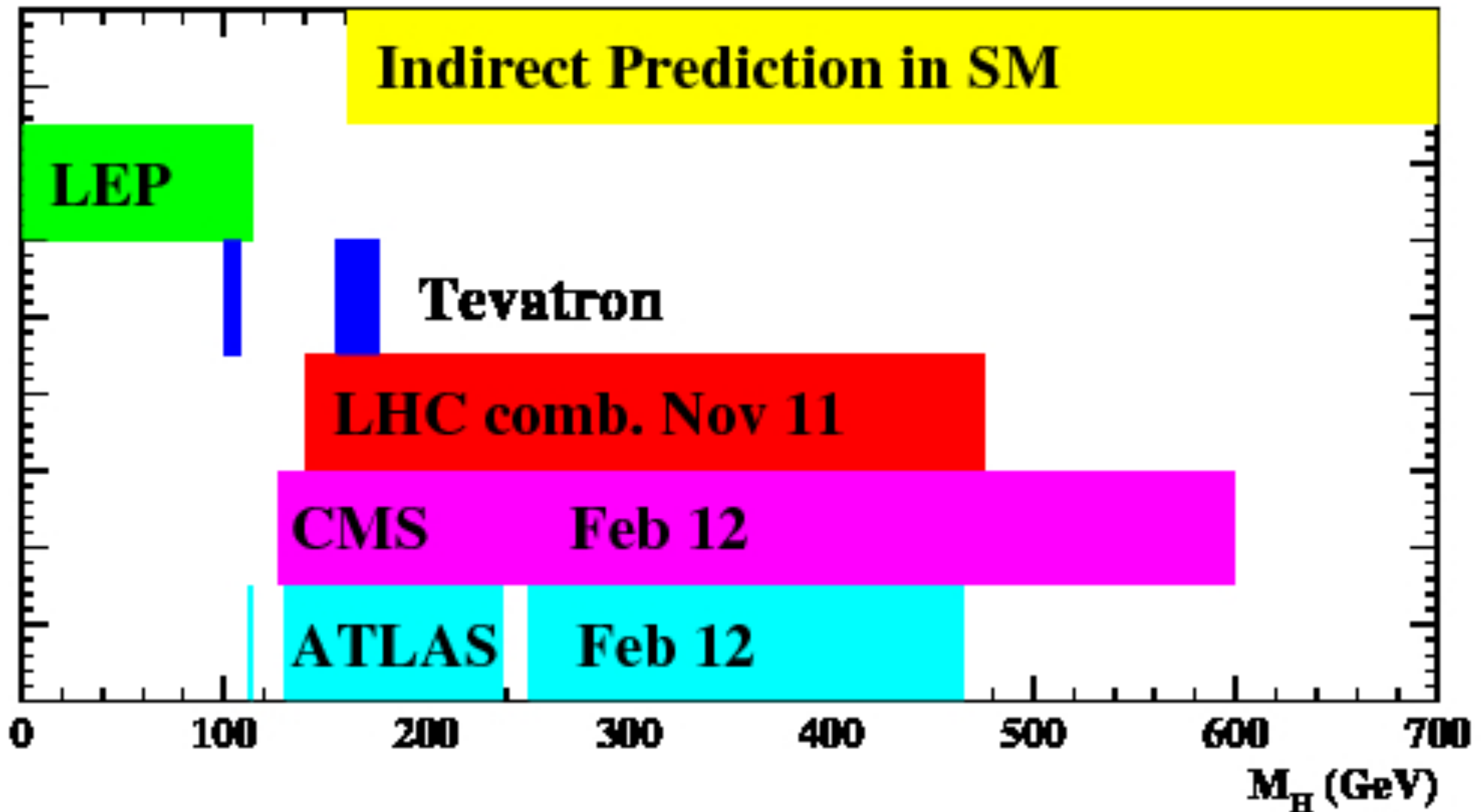


# Best Fit for Signal Strength w.r.t. SM Rate



Mass values with highest signal strength parameter slightly different  
 But not an inconsistent picture

# Current Knowledge about the Higgs boson mass

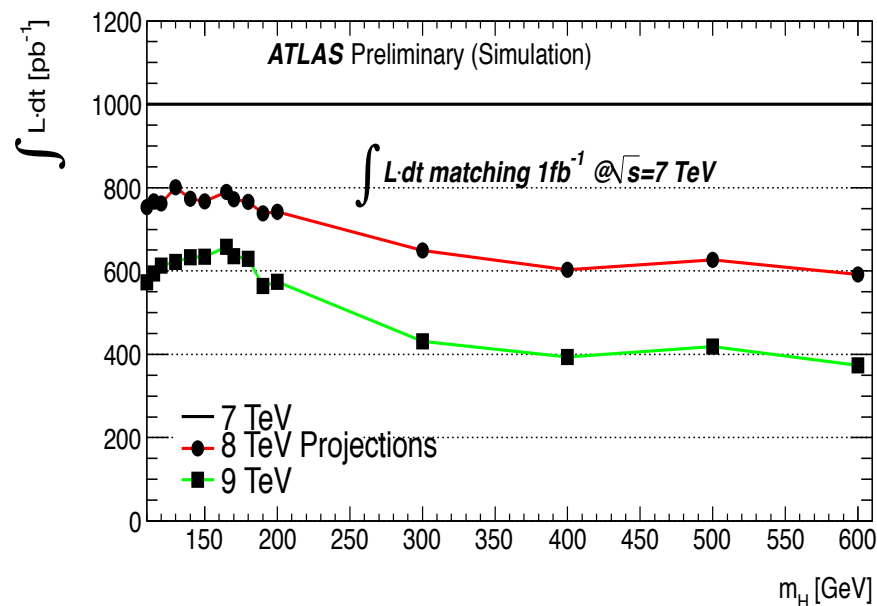
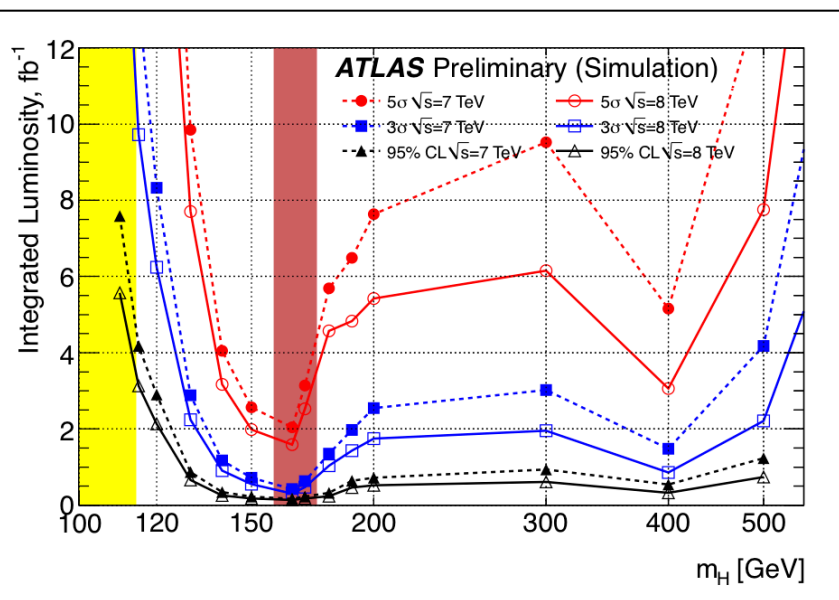


the Standard Model still prefers a light Higgs boson

only  $M_H = 115.5$  to  $127$  GeV not excluded

only more data can tell whether excesses are hint for a new particle

# Prospects



Higgs production at low  $M_H$  increased by 20% to 30% from 7 to 8 TeV center-of-mass  
 rough estimate: 0.8 fb<sup>-1</sup>@ 8 TeV äquivalent to 1.0 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 7 TeV

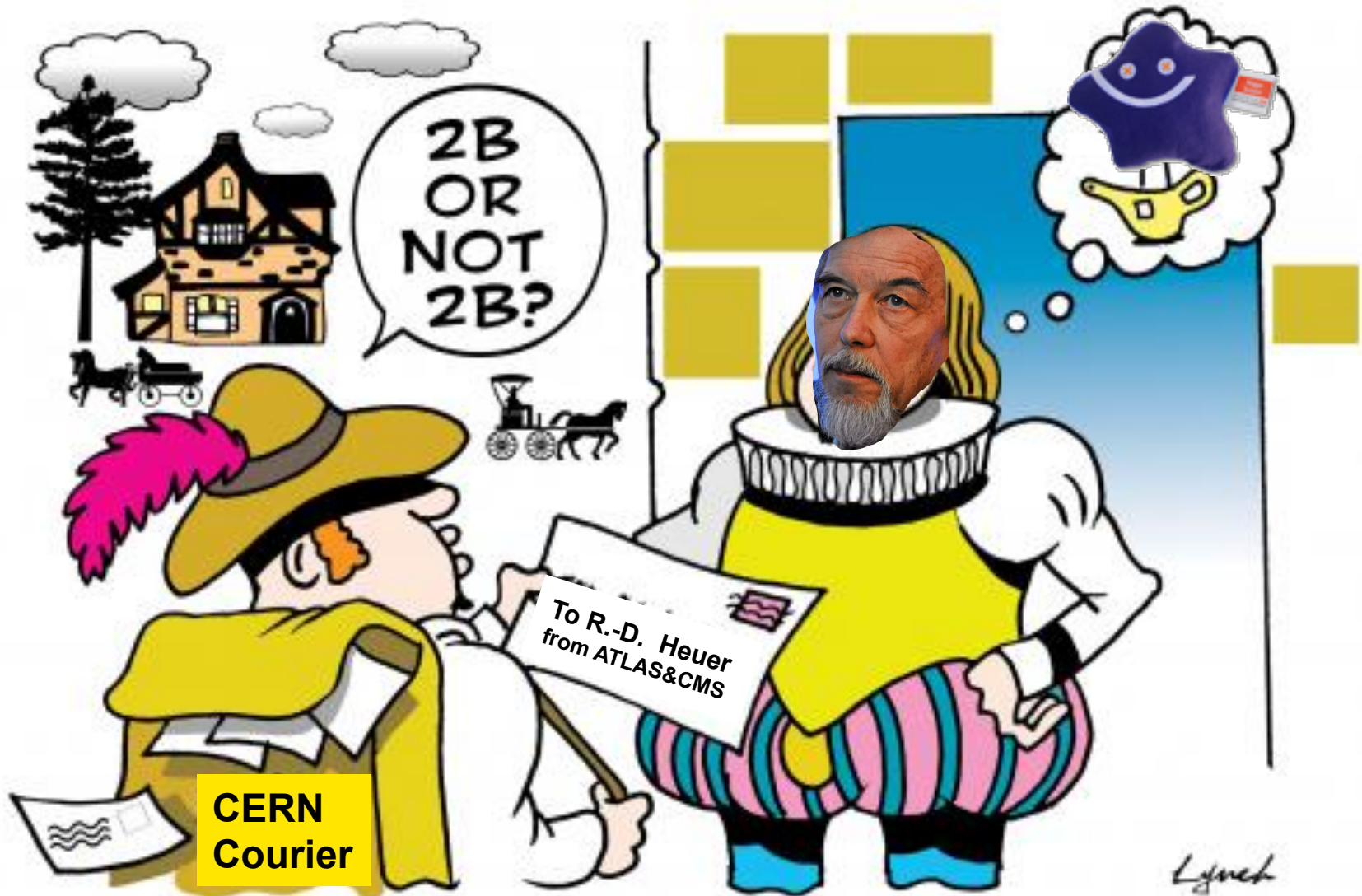
MORE DATA → 2012 run: (Fabiola Gianotti, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>)

~ 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> of delivered luminosity needed to:

- achieve 5 $\sigma$  evidence at  $m_H \sim 125$  GeV with ~ 3 $\sigma$  per channel (ATLAS alone)
- achieve 5 $\sigma$  evidence down to ~ 116 GeV (ATLAS+CMS combined)
- exclude  $m_H \sim 125$  GeV if the excess is due to a fluctuation

“Contingency”: analysis improvements;  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV (~ 10% sensitivity gain)

# 2012: the year of the Higgs boson (or not) ...

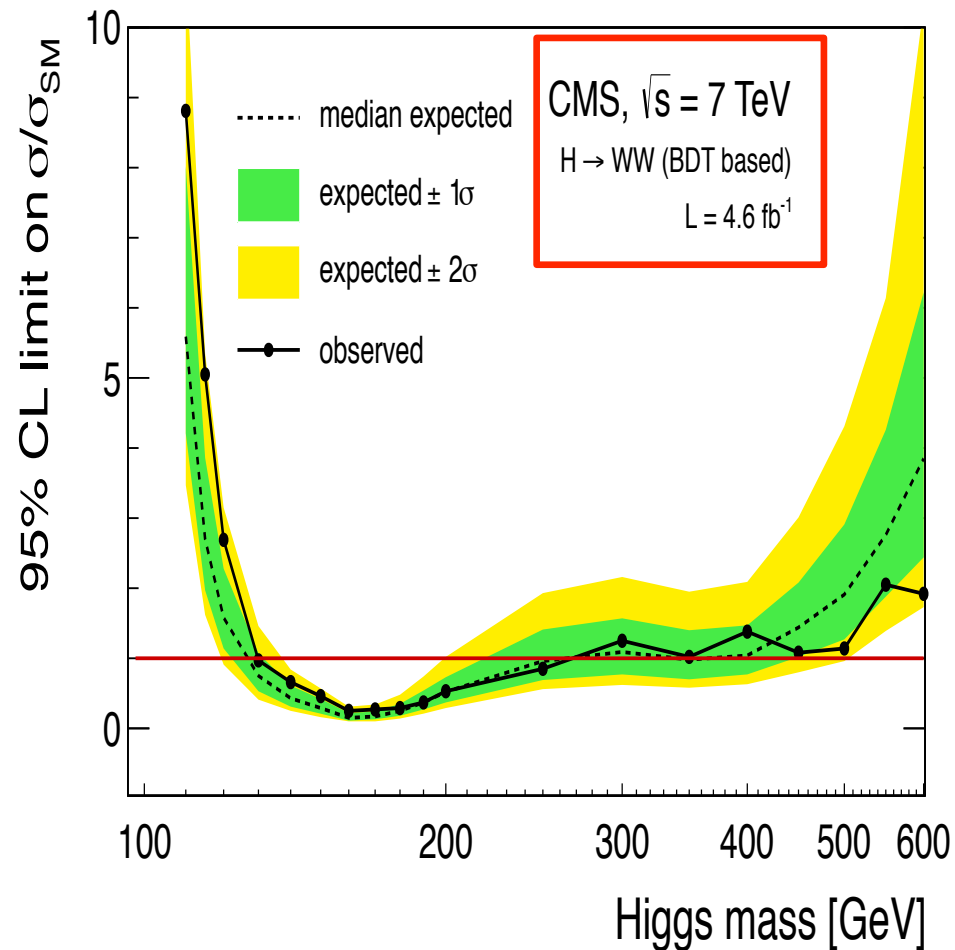
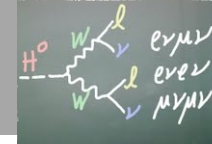


**CERN  
Courier**

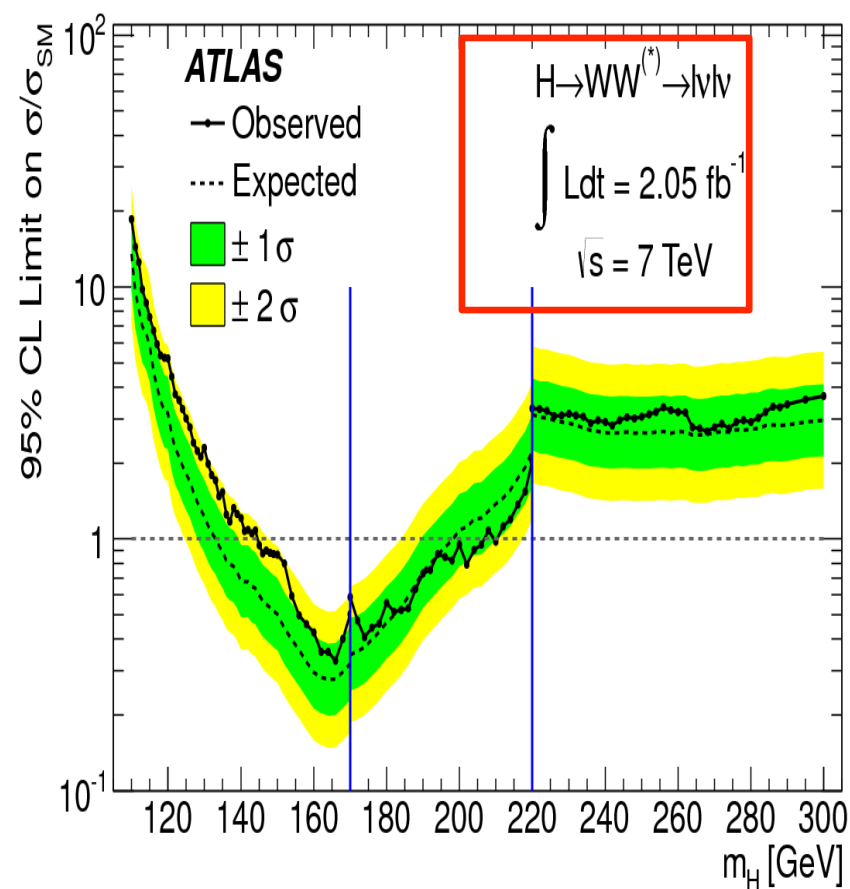
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# Backup

# Exclusion limit for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

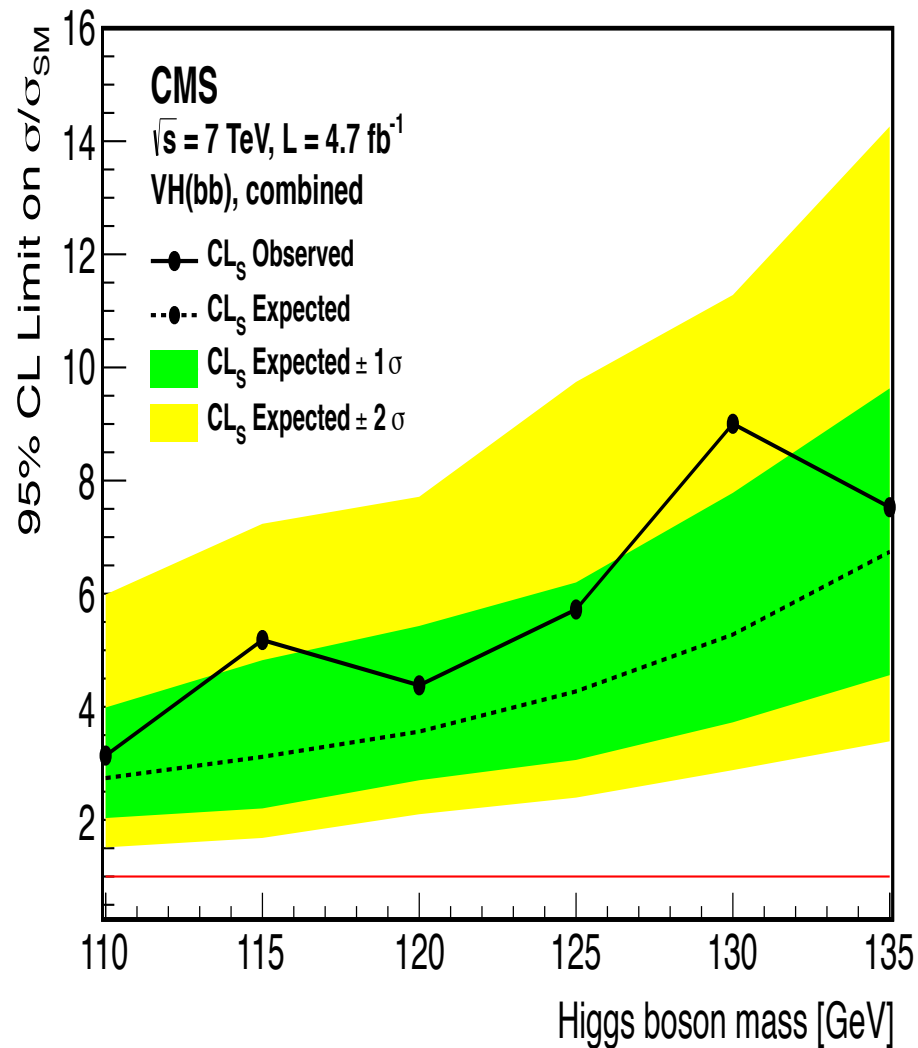
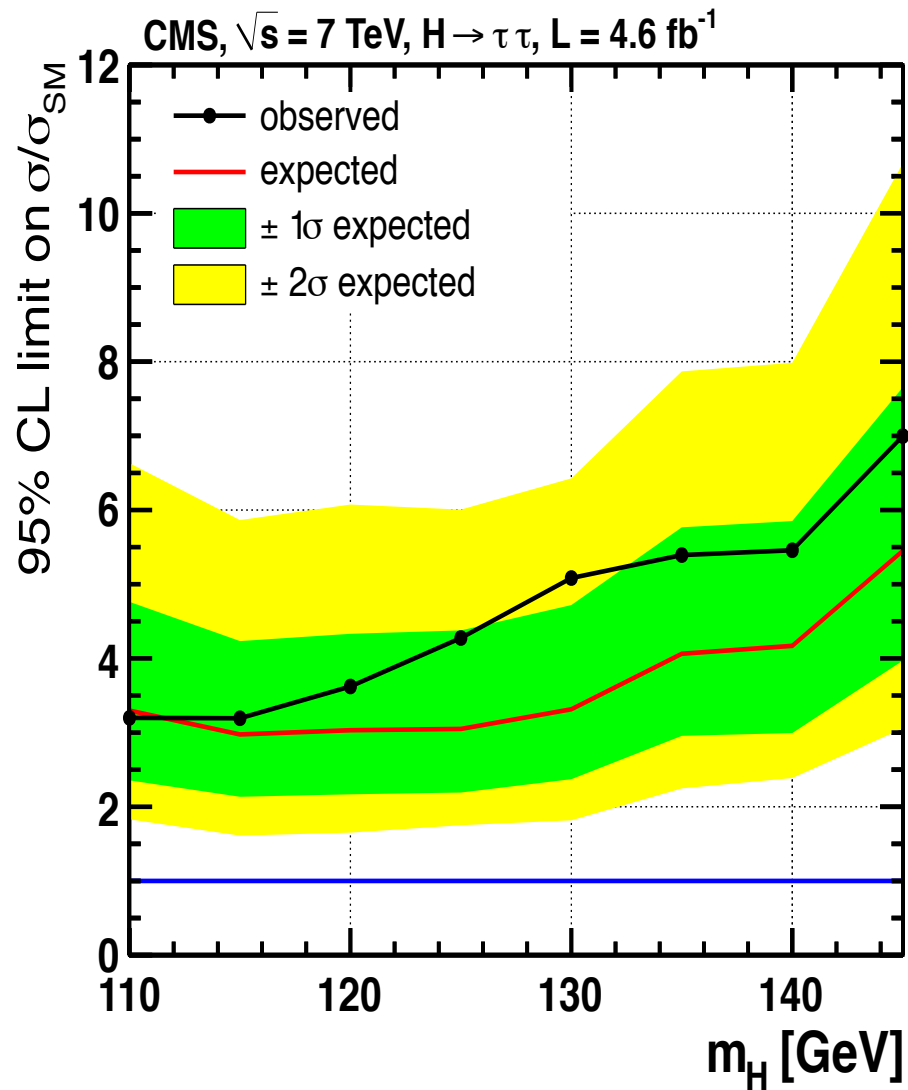


Observed exclusion: 129 to 270 GeV  
 Expected exclusion : 127 to 270 GeV



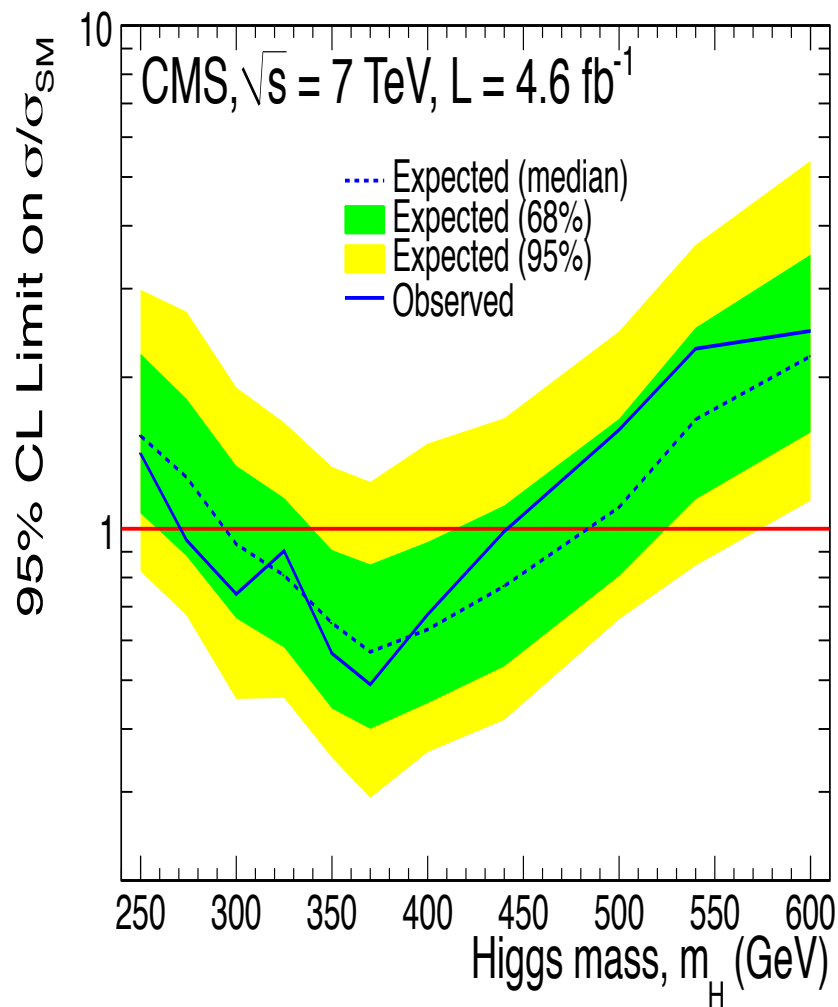
145 to 206 GeV  
 134 to 200 GeV

# CMS: SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and $H \rightarrow bb$ Exclusion Limits

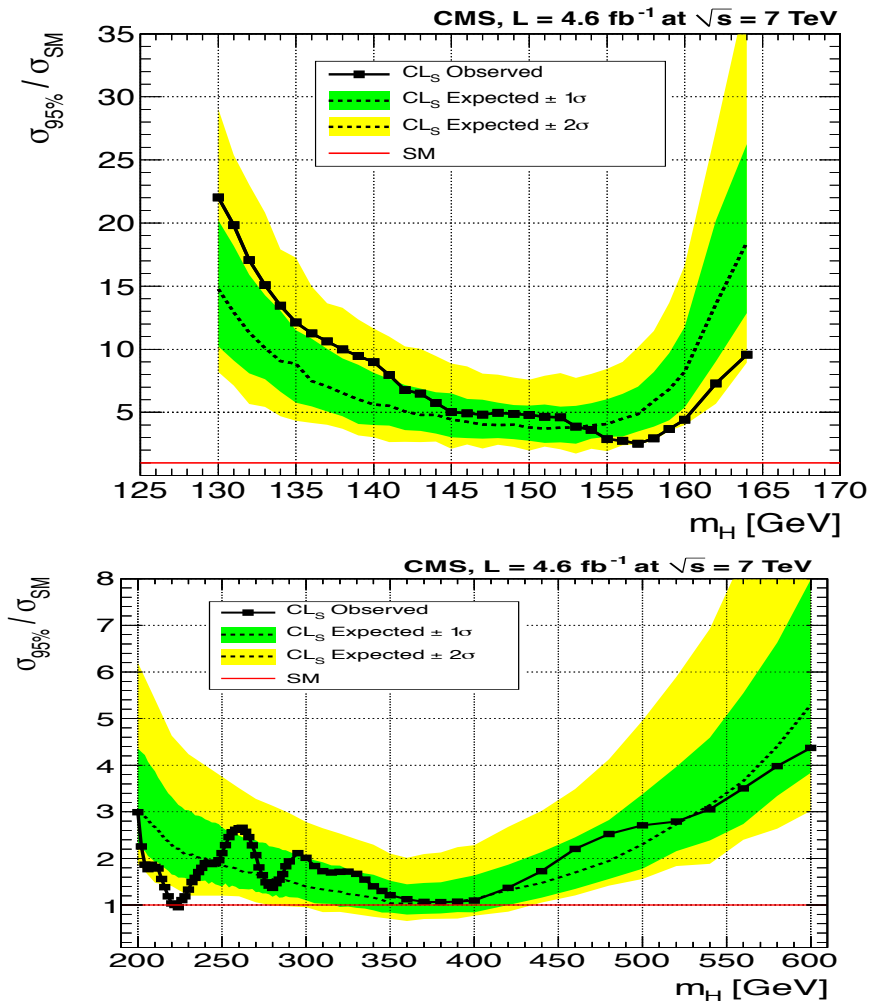


# CMS: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell qq$

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu$

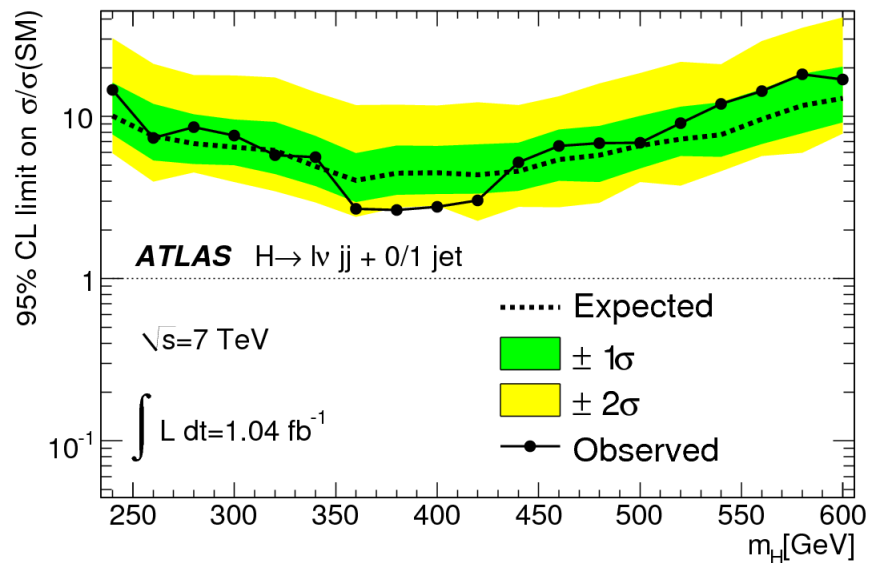
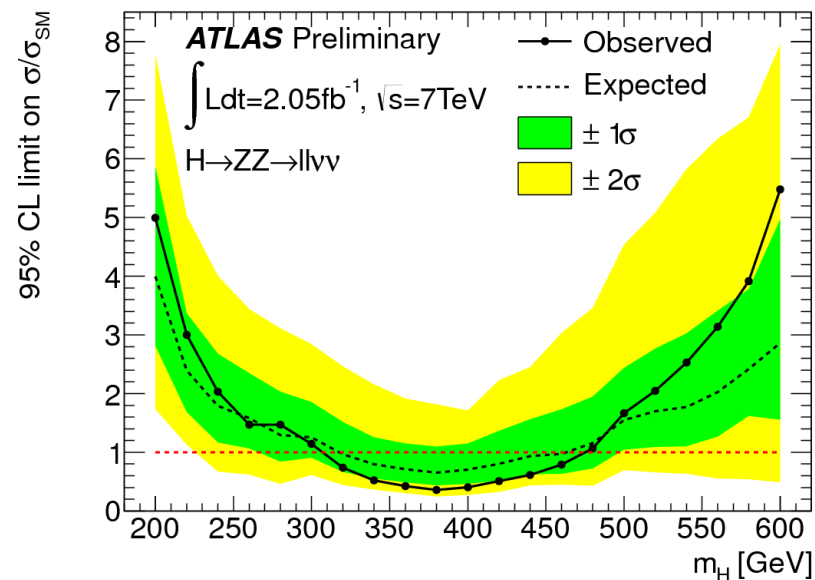
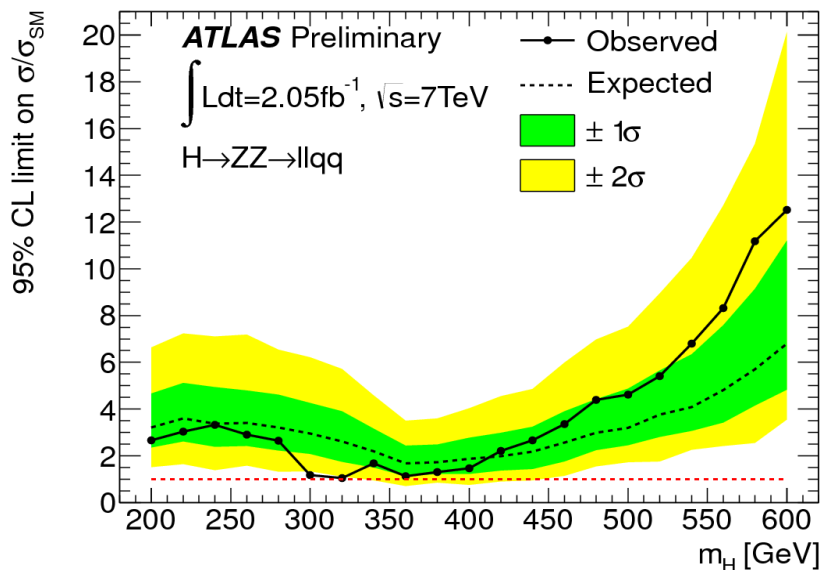


$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell qq$





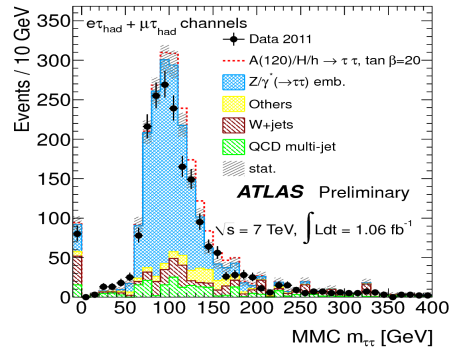
# ATLAS: Limits for High Mass Channels



# ATLAS: $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and $H \rightarrow bb$ with 1.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

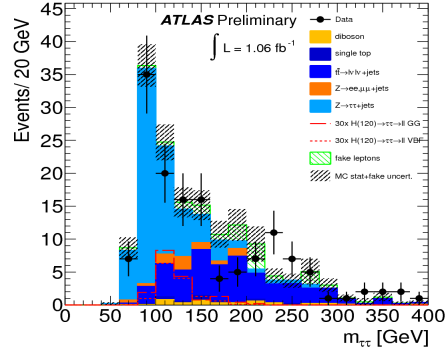
$\tau\tau \rightarrow \tau_{had} 3\nu$

inclusive

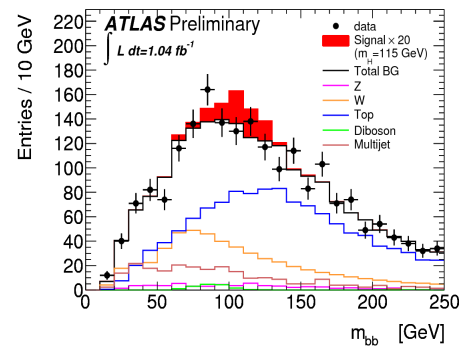


$\tau\tau \rightarrow ll 4\nu$

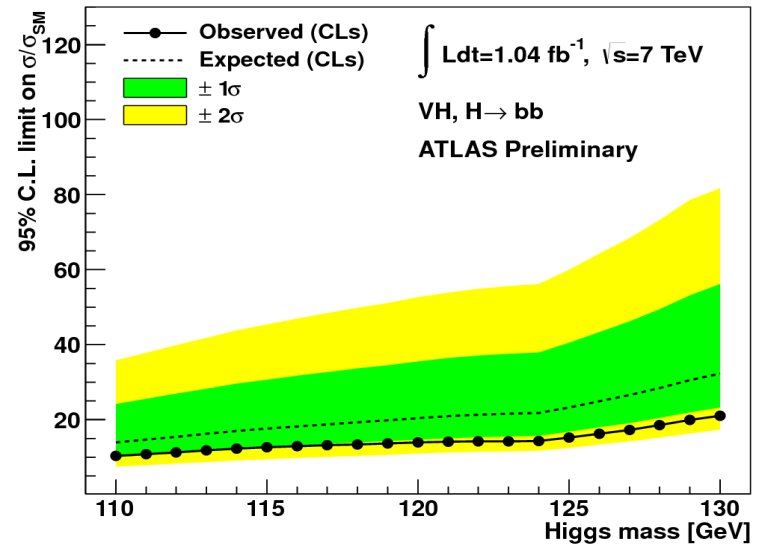
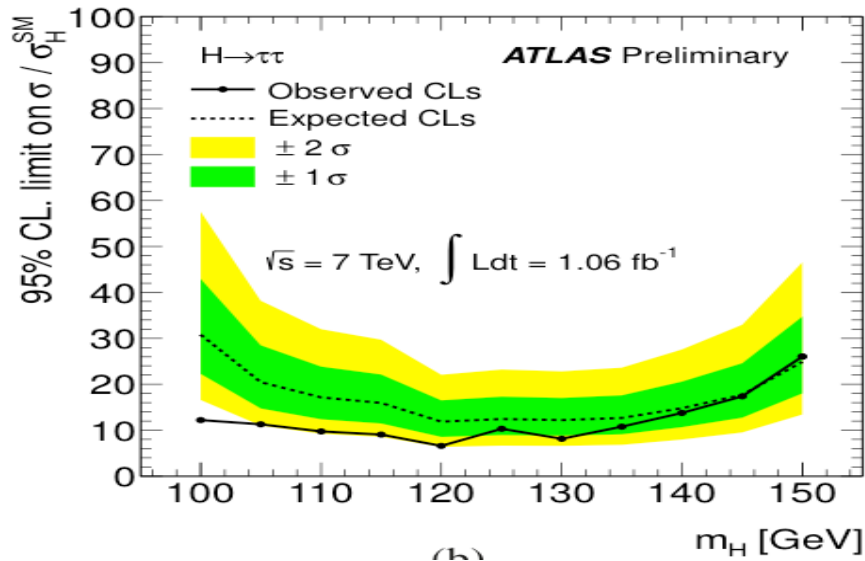
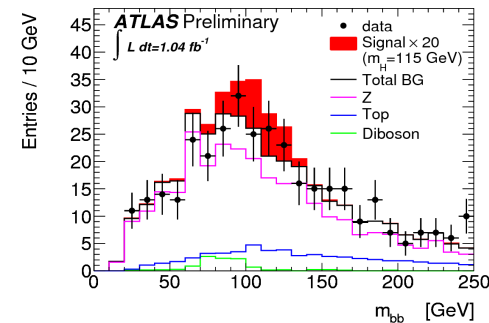
1 jet  $p_T > 40$  GeV



$W \rightarrow l\nu$



$Z \rightarrow ll$



## LLR test statistics

	Test statistic	Test statistic	Nuisance parameters	Pseudo-experiments
LEP	$-2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \tilde{\theta})}{L(0, \tilde{\theta})}$	Simple LR	Fixed by MC	Nuisance parameters randomized about MC
Tevatron	$-2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(0, \hat{\theta})}$	Ratio of profiled likelihoods	Extracted from priors	Nuisance parameters randomized from priors
LHC	$-2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$	Profile likelihood ratio	Profiled (fit to data)	New nuisance parameters fitted for each pseudo-exp.

LHC sampling of test statistic is frequentist, LEP and Tevatron Bayes-frequentist hybrid.  $CL_s$  can be used together with any of these – must be specified! No longer sufficient to write e.g. “the  $CL_s$  method was used”.

Higgs Days at Santander 2011 (A. Read)

# CMS: LEE from Local to Global P-values

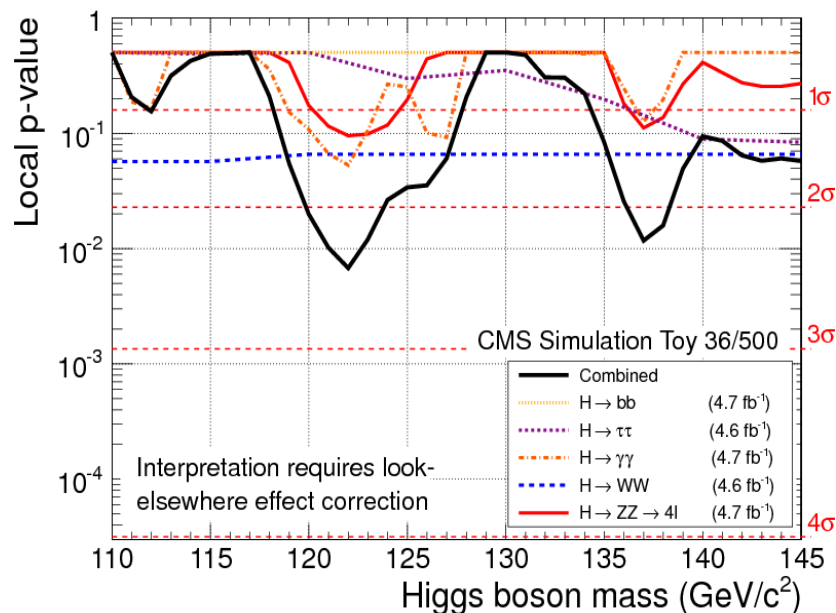
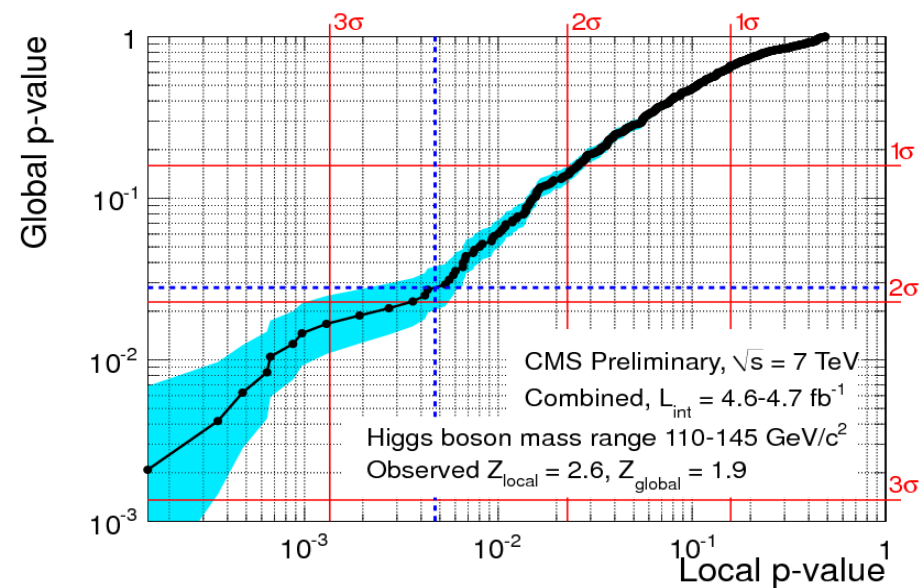
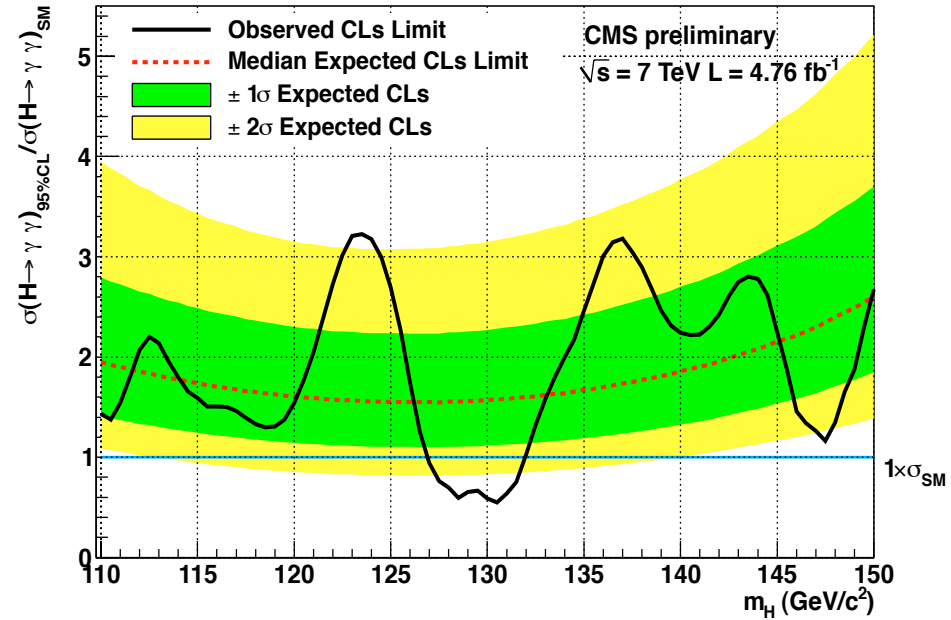
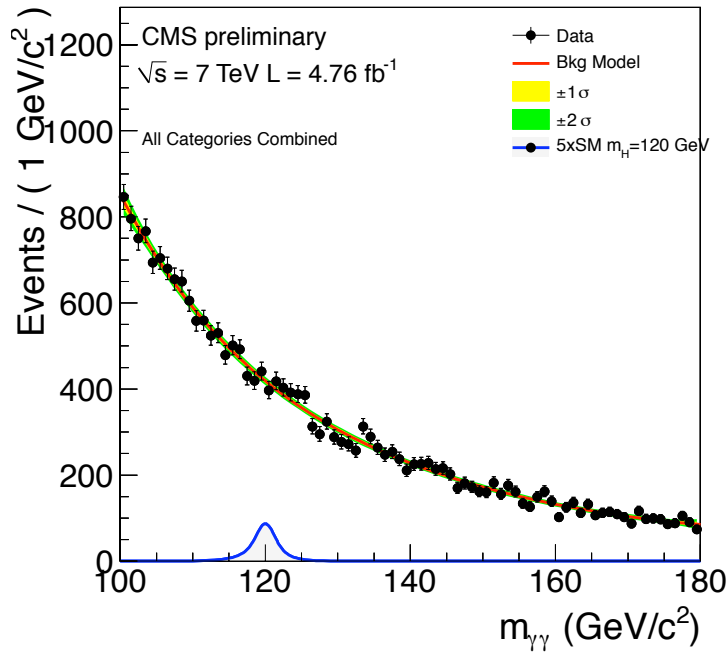


Figure 16 shows the probability of observing a minimum *local*  $p$ -value equal or smaller than some predefined threshold. This probability is the *global*  $p$ -value. One can see that the *global*  $p$ -value corresponding to the observed  $p_{min} = 0.005$  is 0.026, which implies a *global* significance of  $1.9\sigma$ . An example of a  $p$ -value scan obtained in one of the 500 pseudo-data sets is shown in Fig. 17.

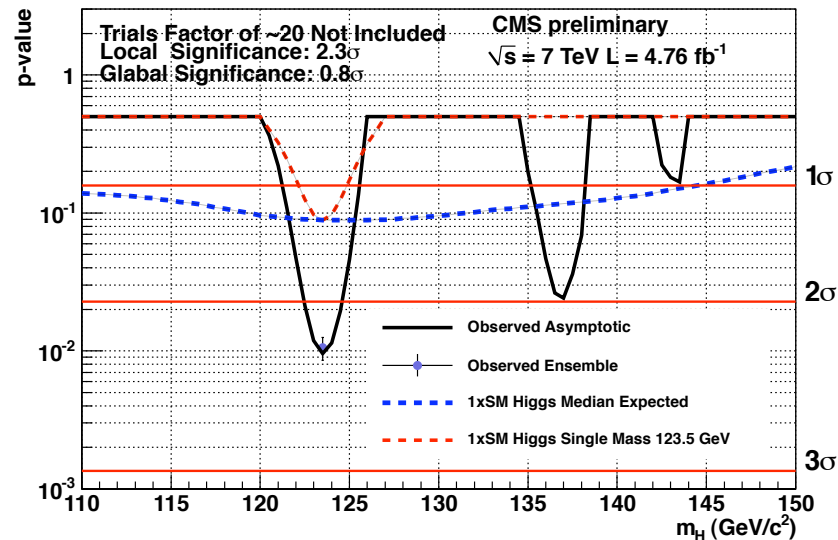
$$p_{global} = p_{min} + N_0 e^{-Z_{max}^2/2}$$

# CMS H $\rightarrow$ 2 Photons: November 2011



excluded:  $127 \leq m_H \leq 131 \text{ GeV}$ ,  
 (exp: 1.5 to 2.0  $\times \sigma_{SM}$ )

max. deviation from BG at  $m_H = 123.5 \text{ GeV}$ :  
 local  $p_0$ -value: 0.96% or 2.34 $\sigma$   
 global  $p_0$ -value (includes LEE)  $\sim 21\%$  (0.8 $\sigma$ )  
 fitted signal strength:  $\sim 1.7 \pm 0.8 \times SM$



# CMS: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ - Analysis Optimisation

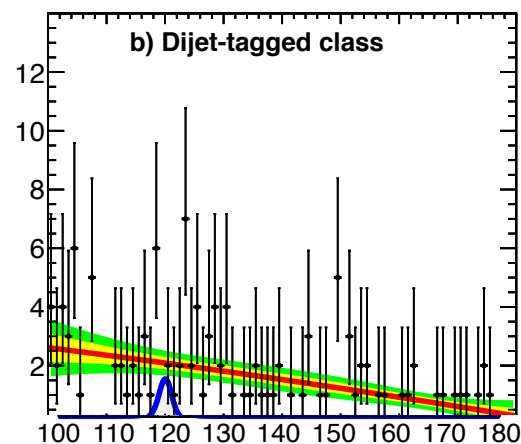
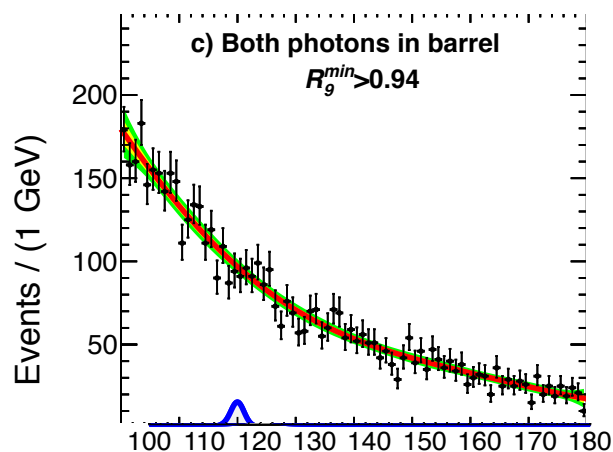
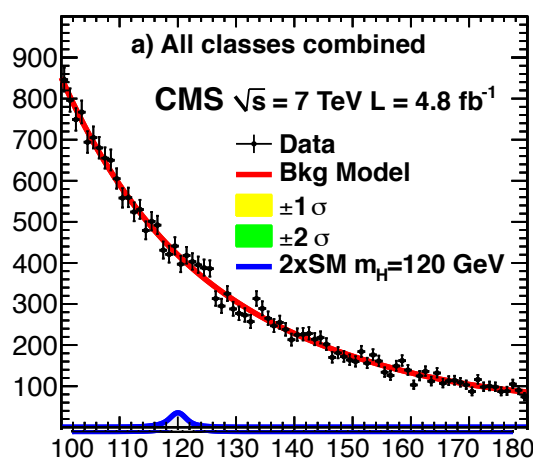
enhance signal/background ratio and mass resolution by splitting in 5 categories:

converted/ non converted ( $R_9^{\min} < /> .94$ ) and barrel/endcap ( $\eta_{\max}$ )  $\rightarrow$  4 classes

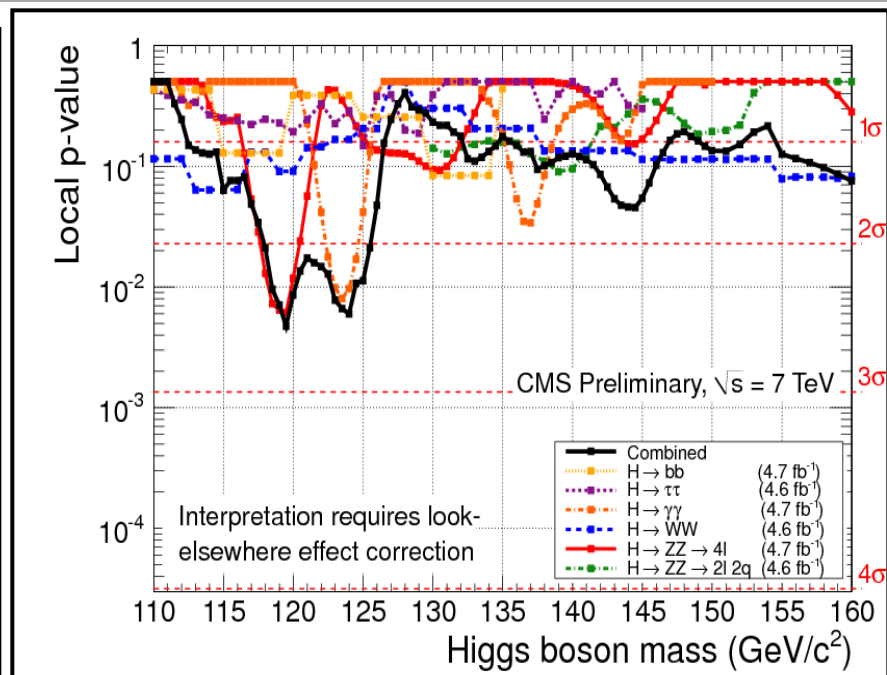
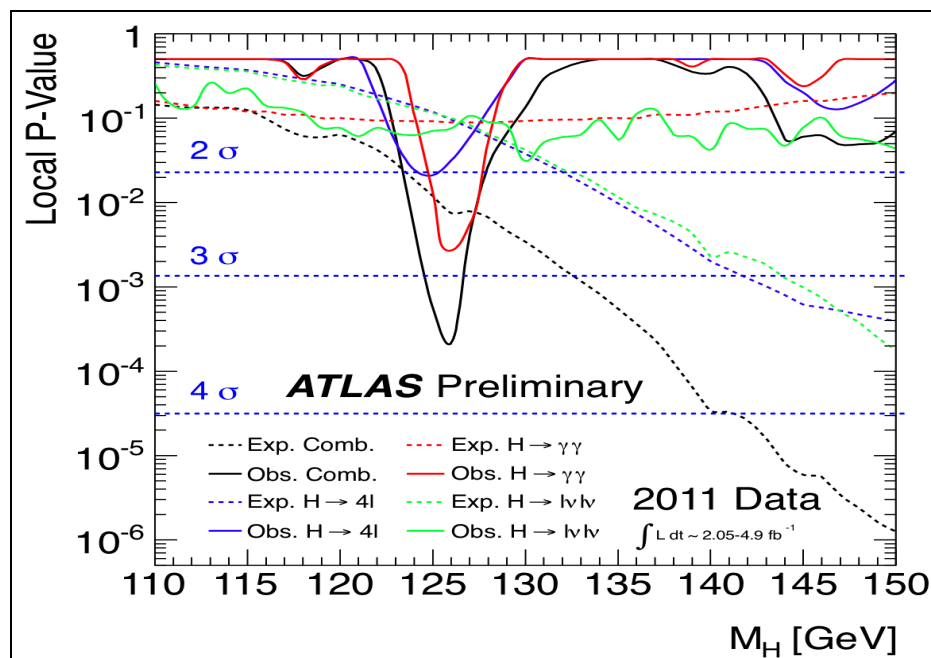
5th class new since December 2011: VBF topology (2 jets,  $m_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta\eta_{jj}, \dots$ )

improves sensitivity by 10%

$m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$	Both photons in barrel		One or both in endcap		Dijet tag
	$R_9^{\min} > 0.94$	$R_9^{\min} < 0.94$	$R_9^{\min} > 0.94$	$R_9^{\min} < 0.94$	
SM signal expected	25.2 (33.5%)	26.6 (35.3%)	9.5 (12.6%)	11.4 (14.9%)	2.8 (3.7%)
Data (events/GeV)	97.5 (22.8%)	143.4 (33.6%)	76.7 (17.9%)	107.4 (25.1%)	2.3 (0.5%)
$\sigma_{\text{eff}}$ (GeV)	1.39	1.84	2.76	3.19	1.71
FWHM/2.35 (GeV)	1.19	1.53	2.81	3.18	1.37



# Dec: 2011 Consistency with BG-Only: Low Mass



Maximum deviation for  $m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$

Local  $p_0$ -value:  $1.9 \times 10^{-4} = 3.6\sigma$   
 ( $\sim 2.8\sigma$   $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $2.1\sigma$   $H \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $1.4\sigma$   $H \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ )

Expected for  $M_H = 126 \text{ GeV}$ :  $\sim 2.4\sigma$   
 ( $\sim 1.4\sigma$  per channel)

Global  $p_0$ -value:  
 0.6% ( $2.5\sigma$ ) mass range 110 to 146 GeV  
 1.4% ( $2.2\sigma$ ) mass range 110 to 600 GeV

Max. deviation for  $m_H \sim 119$  and  $124 \text{ GeV}$

Minimal local p-value: 0.5% ( $2.6\sigma$ )

Global p-value  
 2.6% ( $1.9\sigma$ ) mass range 110 to 145 GeV  
 38% ( $0.6\sigma$ ) mass range 110 to 600 GeV

# ATLAS: Best Fit for Signal Strength in $H \rightarrow 2$ Photons

