

# SEARCH FOR A STANDARD MODEL HIGGS BOSON WITH ATLAS AT THE LHC



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# INTRODUCTION



# LARGE HADRON COLLIDER LHC

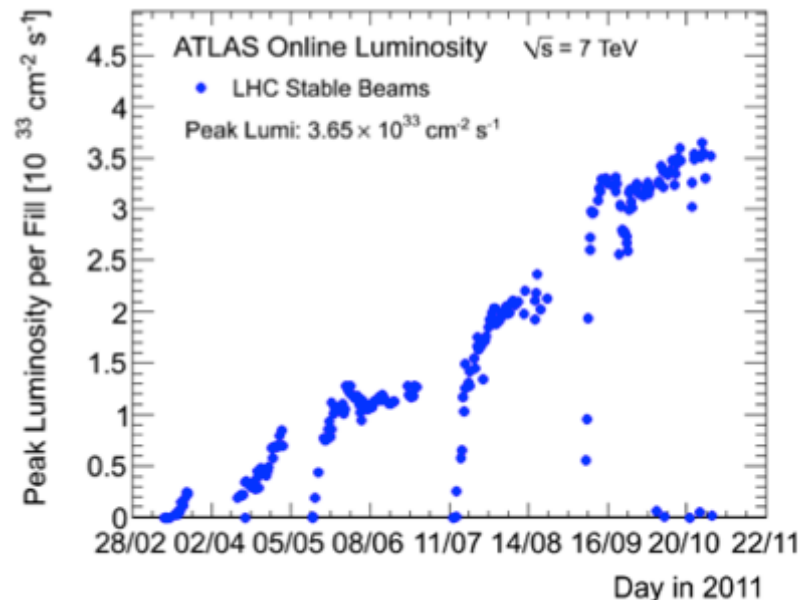
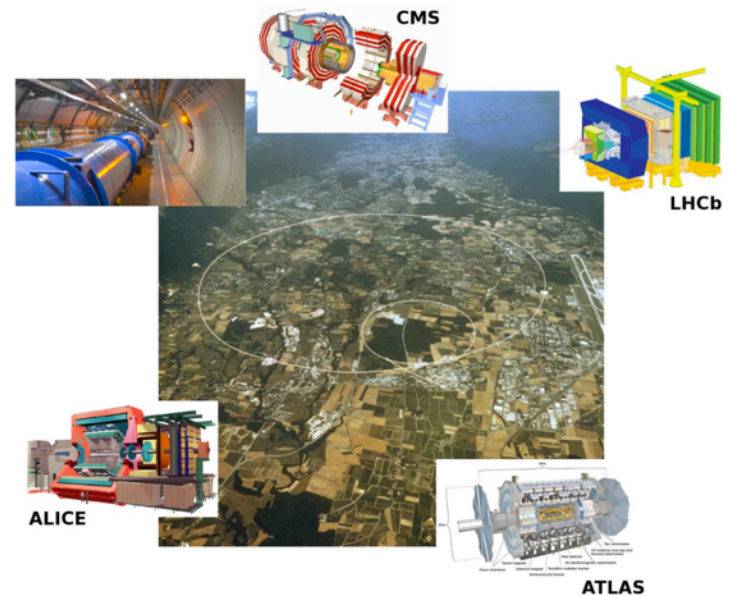
## Proton-proton running at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

- Steadily increasing peak luminosities
- Stepwise increasing number of bunches and higher bunch charge
- Decrease of  $\beta^*$  from 1.5 to 1m in August 2011

|                                                          | 2010                 | 2011                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Peak luminosity ( $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )        | $2.1 \cdot 10^{32}$  | $3.65 \cdot 10^{33}$   |
| ATLAS recorded integrated luminosity                     | $45 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ | $5.25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
| Mean number of interactions per bunch crossing (pile-up) | $\sim 2$             | $6.3 / 11.6$           |

## Heavy Ion running at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV

- Pb-Pb collisions, 287 TeV on 287 TeV
- In total  $158 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$  recorded,  $0.9 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$  in 2010





# ATLAS DETECTOR

$$(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Muon Spectrometer: $|\eta| < 2.7$

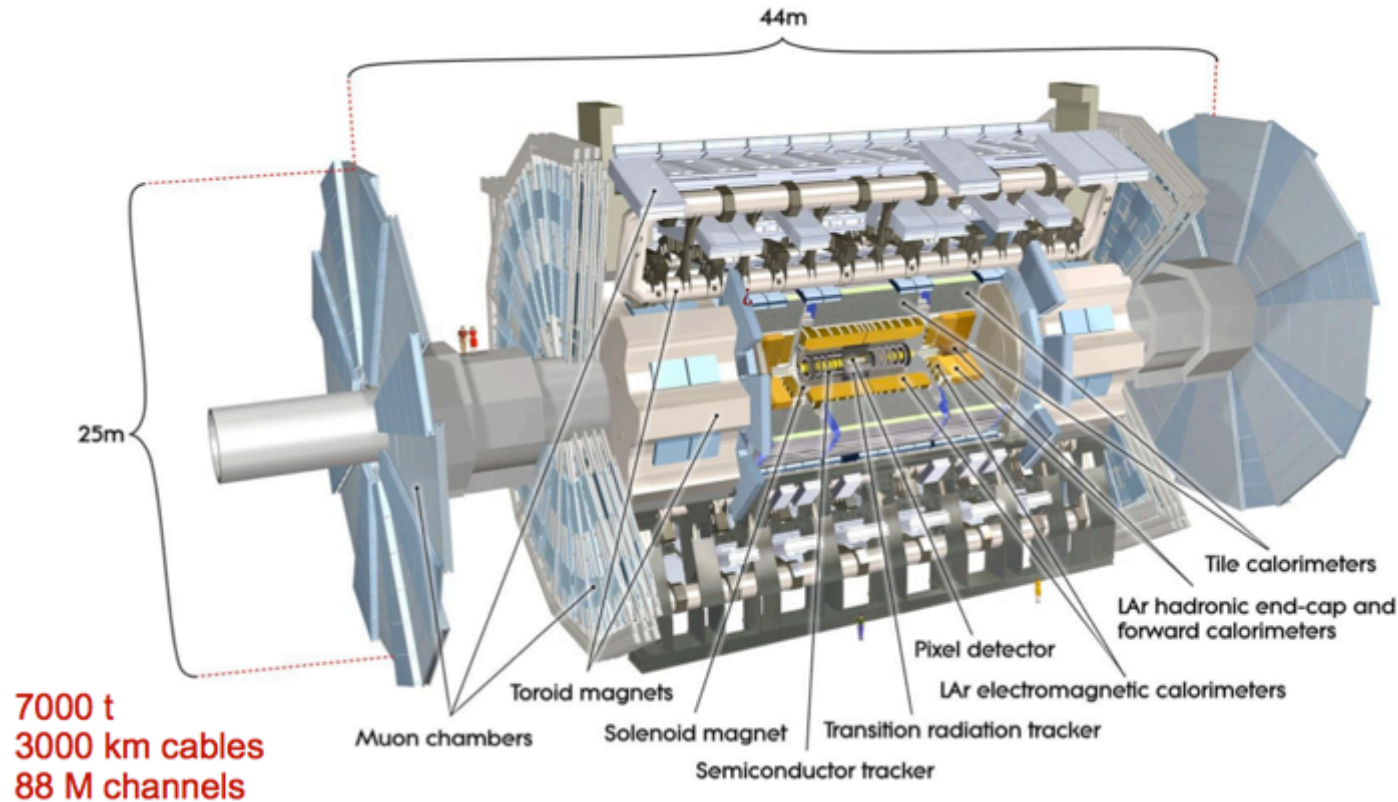
Air-core toroids with gas based muon chambers

$\sigma(p_T)/p_T = 2\% @ 50\text{GeV}$  to  $10\% @ 1\text{TeV}$  (ID+MS)

## EM Calorimeter: $|\eta| < 3.2$

Pb-LAr Accordion

$\sigma(E)/E = 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.7\%$



## Inner Detector: $|\eta| < 2.5$ , $B=2\text{T}$

Si pixels/strips and Trans. Rad. Det.

$\sigma(p_T)/p_T = 0.05\% p_T \oplus 1\%$

## Hadronic Calorimeter: $|\eta| < 4.9$

Fe/scintillating Tiles (central), Cu/W LAr (fwd)

$\sigma(E_{\text{jet}})/E_{\text{jet}} = 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 3\%$

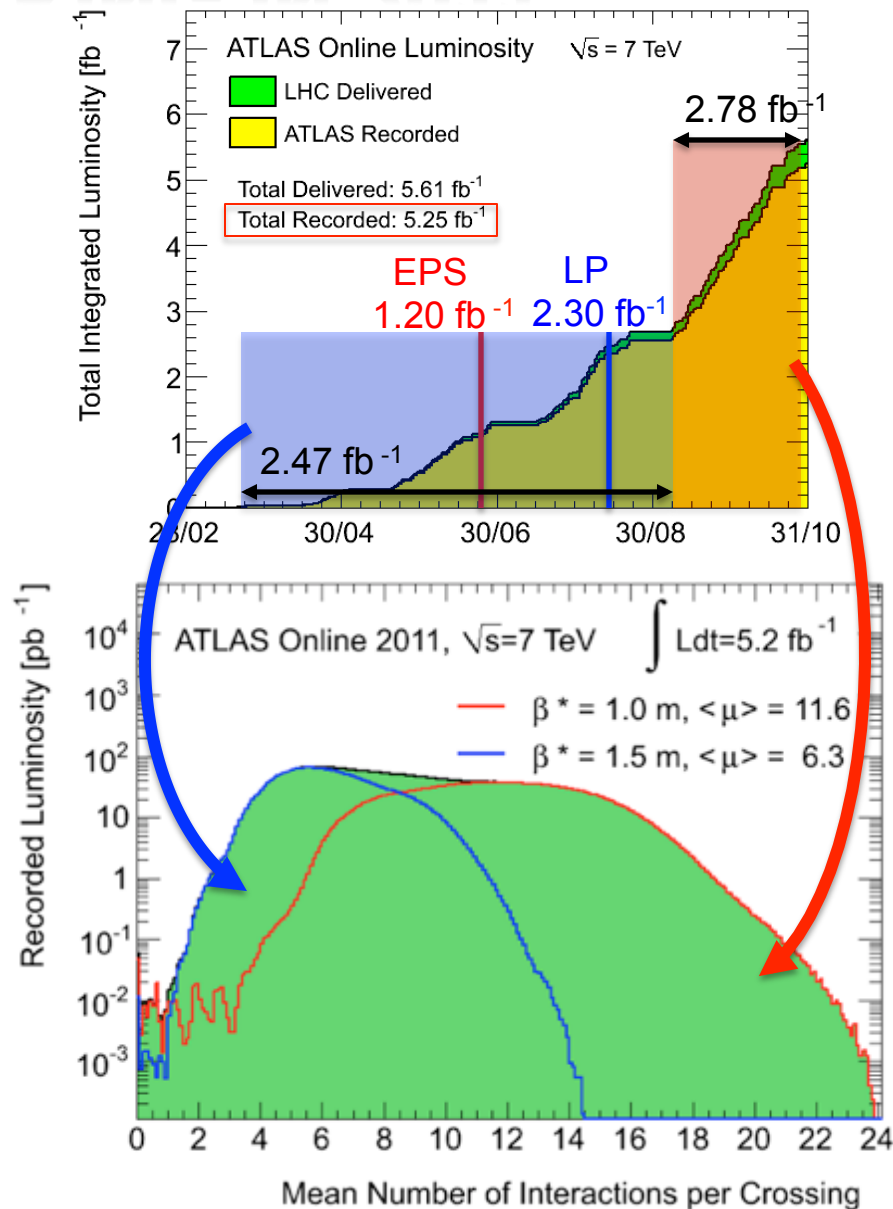
# ATLAS DATA TAKING IN 2011

## A huge amount of data collected in 2011 :

- Thanks to the LHC teams for this great job
- ATLAS data taking in 2011:
  - p-p collision at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV
  - peak luminosity :  $\sim 3.65 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - $\mathcal{O}(5) \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for analysis
  - data taking efficiency :  $\sim 93.5\%$

## Pile-up challenge :

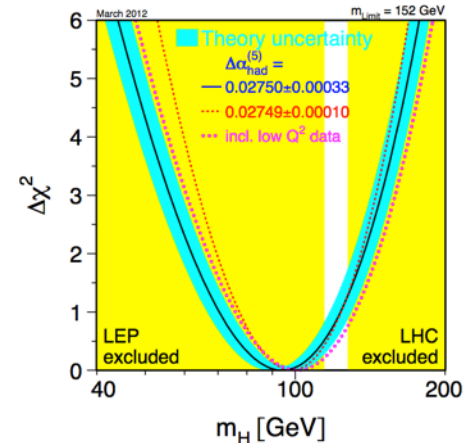
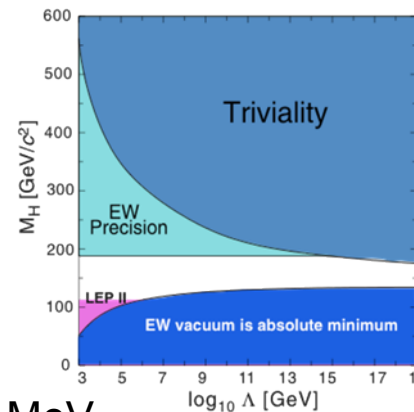
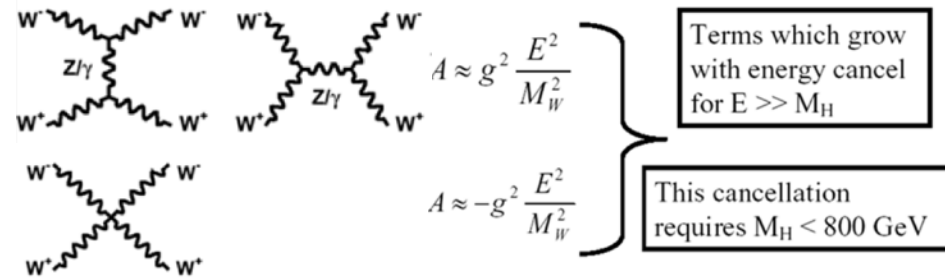
- 50 ns bunch train for  $\sim$ all 2011 data  
in-and out-of-time pile up :  
 $\langle \mu \rangle \sim 6$  for  $2.47 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of the data collected  
 $\langle \mu \rangle \sim 12$  for  $2.78 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of the data collected
- Continuing details performances studies in presence of “high” pile-up



# HIGGS\* BOSON

## Standard Model :

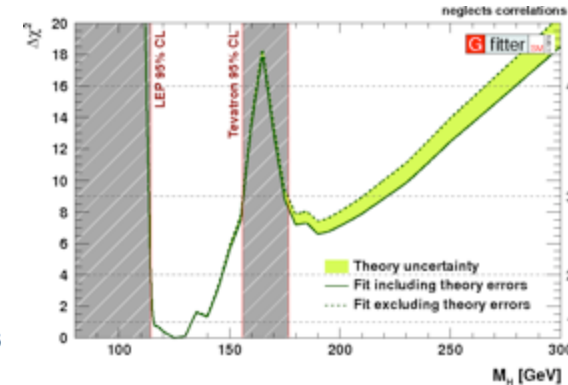
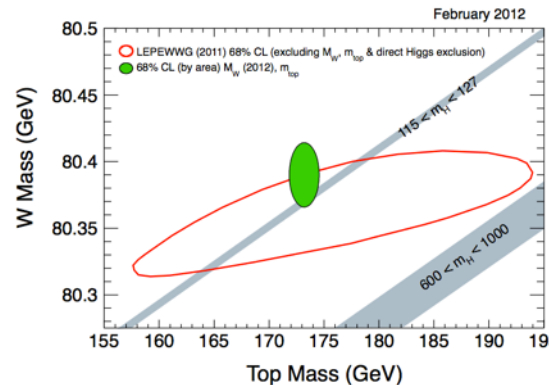
- success
  - prediction (W,Z boson, top quark) in agreement with the experimental results
  - precision measurements in agreement with the theory
- limit of the Standard Model
  - generate by the Higgs mechanism
  - problem of unitarity
  - number of free parameter



most likely value :  $90^{+29}_{-23} \text{ GeV}$

- ## limits on the $m_{\text{Higgs}}$ in the Standard Model :
- direct search limits (@95% CL)
    - SINDRUM, Barr et al. ( $\pi, K$  decays):  $\sim 10\text{-}110 \text{ MeV}$
    - CLEO+CUSB:  $\sim 2 \cdot m_\mu - 5 \text{ GeV}$
    - LEP+Tevatron+ATLAS+CMS:  $< 114.4, 141\text{-}476 \text{ GeV}$

- fit electroweak
  - $m_{\text{Higgs}} < 152 \text{ GeV@ } 95\% \text{ CL}$
- limit of the theory
  - $m_{\text{Higgs}} < 1 \text{ TeV}/c^2$  (triviality, unitarity)





# LHC HIGGS PRODUCTION

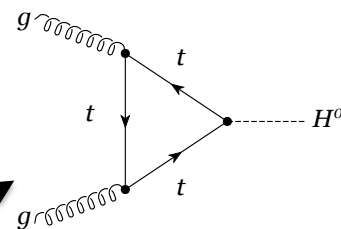
$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Higgs Boson production at the LHC via :

- Gluon fusion :

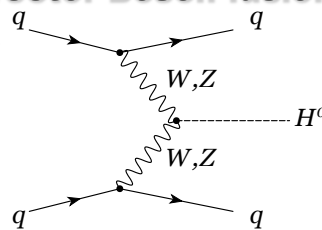
- $gg \rightarrow H$
- dominant mechanism
- channels :  
 $H \rightarrow WW, ZZ, \gamma\gamma$

### Gluon fusion



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### Vector Boson fusion

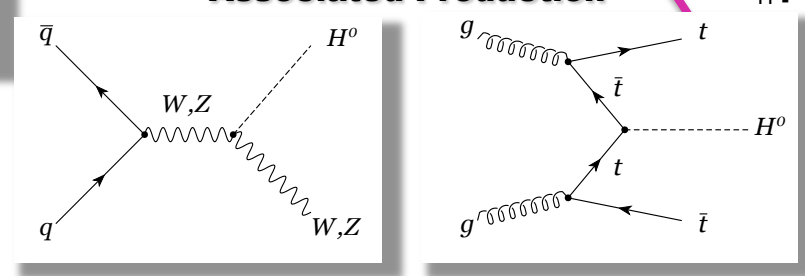
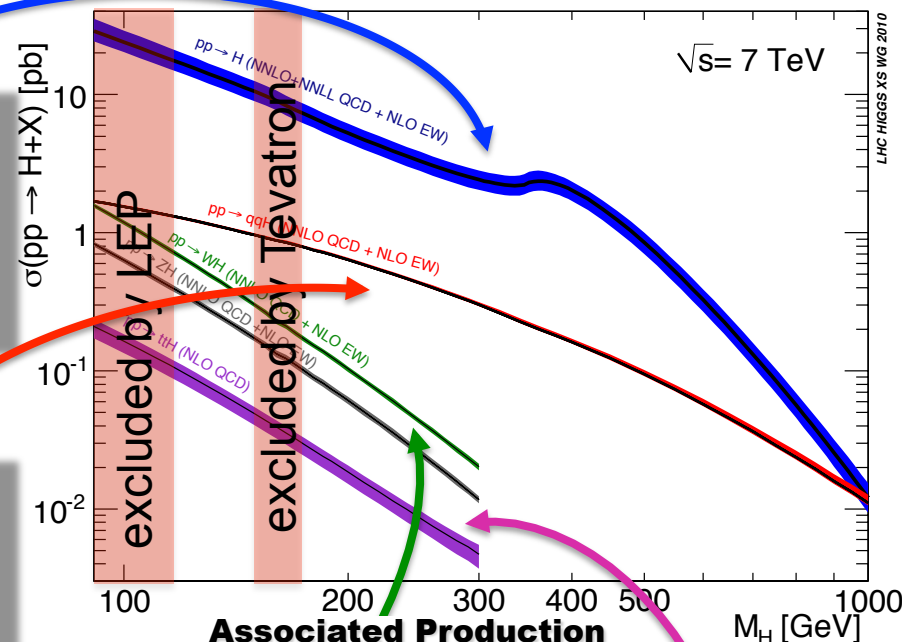


- Vector Boson fusion :

- $qq \rightarrow qqH$
- smaller but distinct
- channels :  
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Associated Production :

- $qq \rightarrow WH, ZH, t\bar{t}H$
- the smallest
- difficult
- channels :  
 $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$



Typical uncertainties on total cross-sections

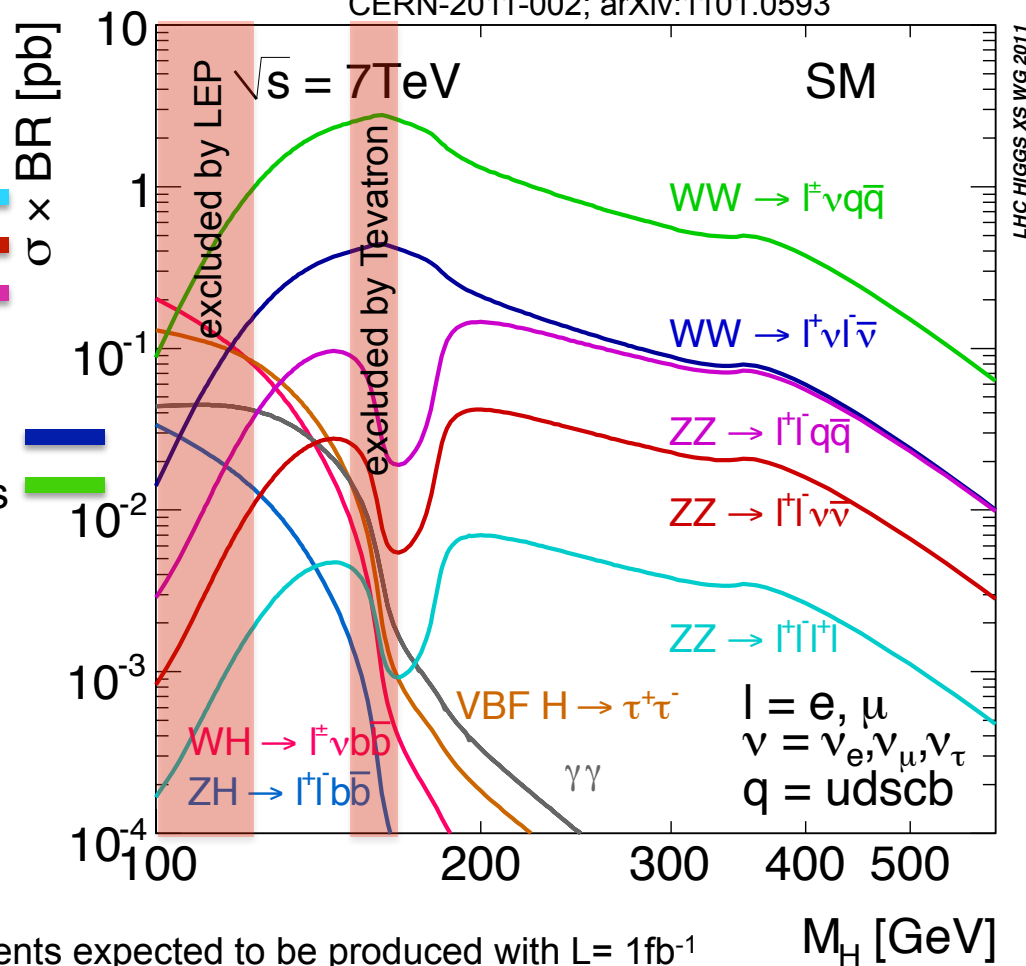
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| gg          | 15-20 % | NNLO + NNLL + NLO EW |
| VBF         | 5 %     | NNLO + NLO EW        |
| WH, ZH      | 5 %     | NNLO + NLO EW        |
| $t\bar{t}H$ | 15 %    | NNLO                 |

# HIGGS BOSON CROSS-SECTION

CERN-2011-002; arXiv:1101.0593

## Most important channels :

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$  :
  - $ZZ \rightarrow llll$  : “golden” mode
  - $ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$  : good for high mass
  - $ZZ \rightarrow llqq$  : good at high mass
- $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$  :
  - $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  : most sensitive
  - $WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$  : important at high mass
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  :
  - rare channel
  - best for low mass
- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  :
  - good s/b
  - low mass
  - rare
- $H \rightarrow bb$  :
  - with associated production
  - useful but difficult



| $m_H$ , 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           |

# STATISTICAL PROCEDURE $\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$

## Used for individual channels and SM Higgs combination at ATLAS :

- Common parameters of interest is a cross-section scale factor :  
 $\mu = \sigma/\sigma^{\text{SM}}$        $\mu=0$  is the background only model  
 $\mu=1$  correspond to the nominal signal model
- Combined probability model is formed by identifying nuisance parameters  $\nu$  associated to common systematic effects
- The profile likelihood ratio is used as a test statistics :  
$$\lambda(\mu) = L_{s+b}(\mu, \hat{\hat{\nu}}) / L_{s+b}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\nu})$$

one-sided variants of the test statistic are used for the upper-limits and discovery
- Nuisance parameters are “profiled” based on the data
- The distribution of the test statistic is obtained in two way :
  - ensemble tests with Toy Monte Carlo using a fully frequentist procedure
  - using asymptotic distribution of likelihood ratio (improved  $\chi^2$  method)
- Primary results based on CLs
  - more relevant to protect against downward fluctuations
  - additional comparison with Bayesian procedure with a uniform prior on  $\mu = \sigma/\sigma^{\text{SM}}$
- Use RooFit/RooStats

# LIMIT PLOT

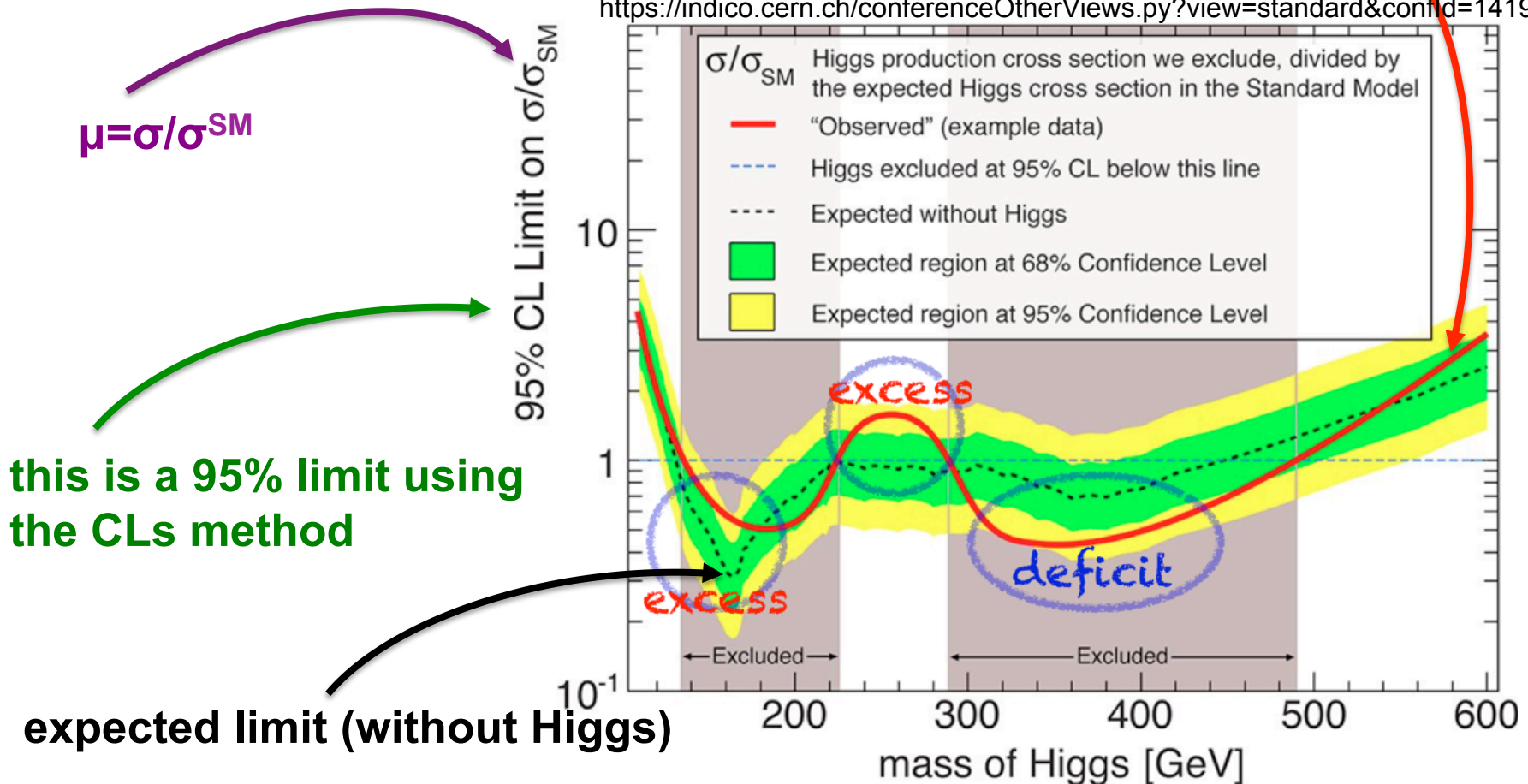
## Understanding of the Yellow and Green bands :

- Upper limit on the Standard Model (SM) Higgs Boson production cross section divided by the Standard Model expectation as a function of  $m_{\text{Higgs}}$

**observed limit (data)**

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<https://indico.cern.ch/conferenceOtherViews.py?view=standard&confid=141983>

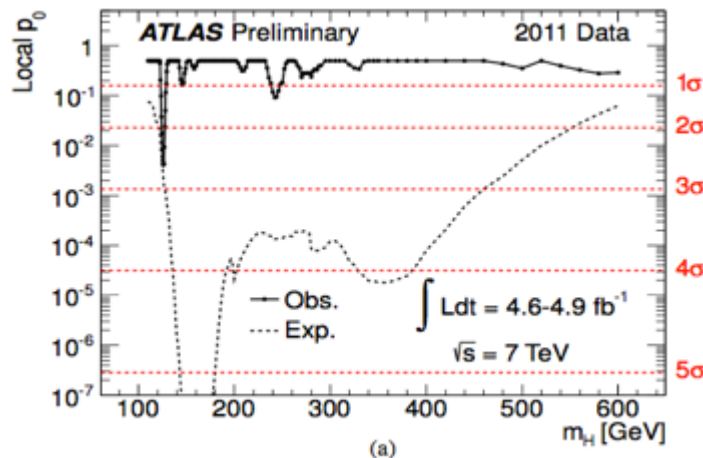




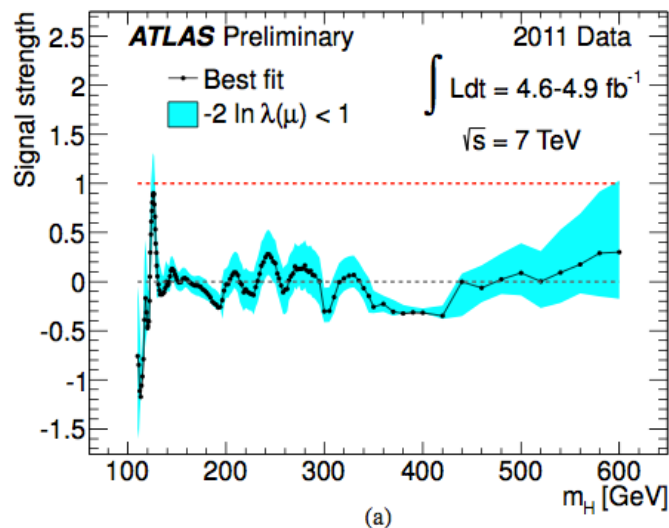
# $P_0$ PLOT AND SIGNAL STRENGTH

## $p_0$ plot and signal strength :

- local  $p_0$  plot :



- signal strength plot



The observed local p-value characterizes probabilities for the predicted background to fluctuate at least as high as the observed excesses

→ probability that the excess is caused by a background fluctuation

The observed global p-value includes the look-elsewhere effect

→ probability for the fluctuation to occur on the full range

Best fit signal strength  $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$

→ the  $\mu$  value indicates by what factor the SM Higgs boson cross section would have to be scaled to best match the observed data

# STANDARD MODEL HIGGS SEARCH IN FOUR LEPTONS

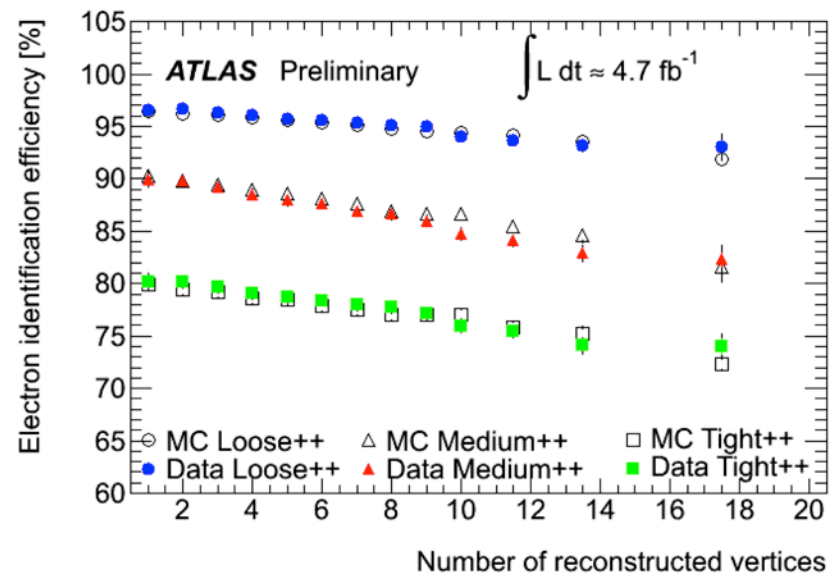
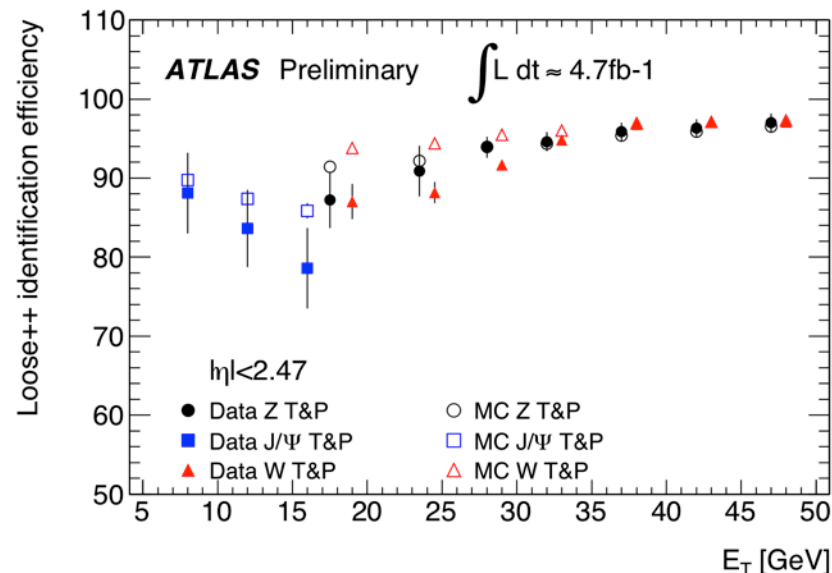
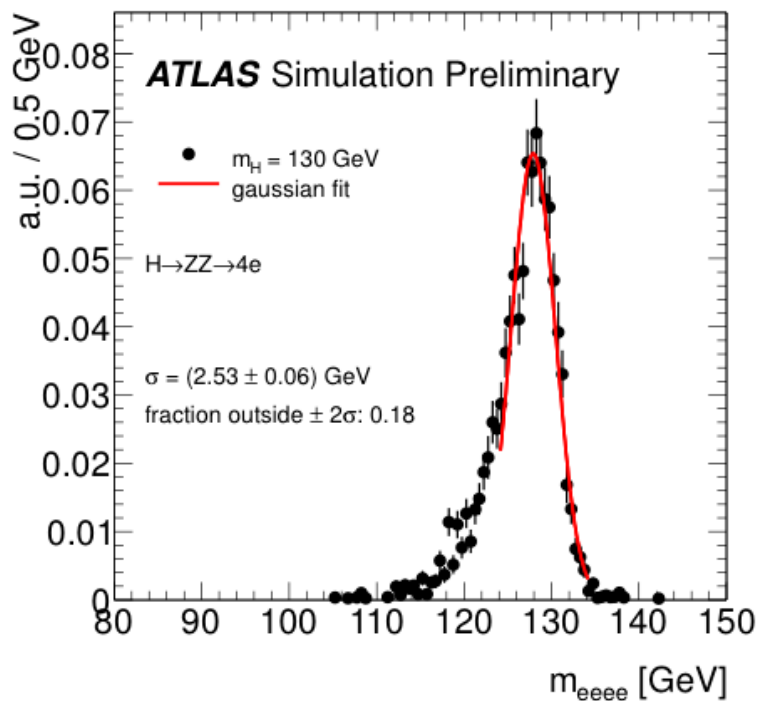


# ELECTRON IDENTIFICATION

$\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

## Electron reconstruction and identification in 2011 :

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4e$   
crucial to understand low- $p_T$  electrons  
use brem refitted track fro electrons ("GSF")  
mass resolution :  
2.5 GeV (2 %)



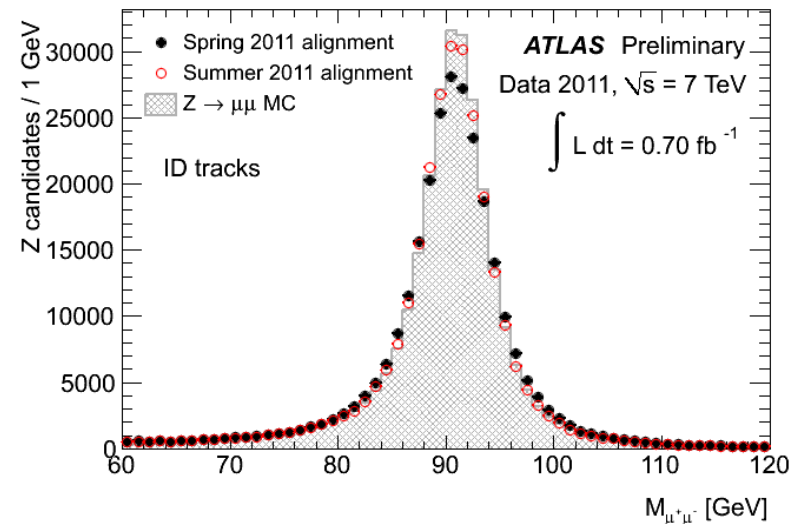
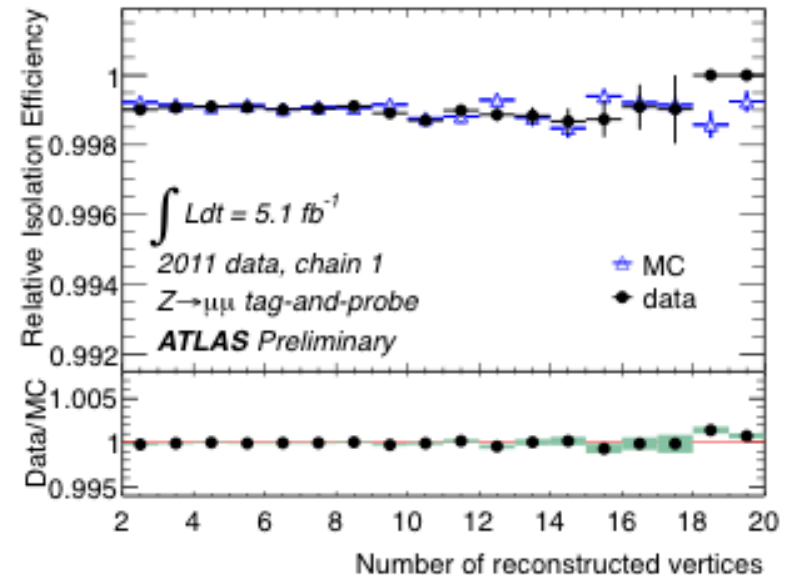
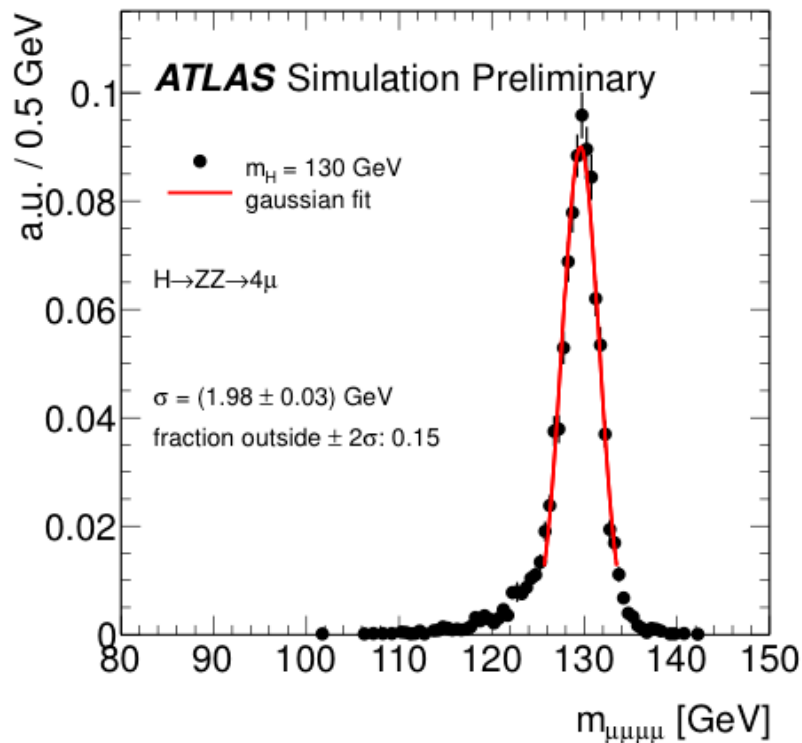


# MUON IDENTIFICATION

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Muon reconstruction and identification in 2011 :

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\mu$   
crucial to understand low- $p_T$  muons  
mass resolution :  
2.0 GeV (1.5 %)



# SIGNAL AND BACKGROUND

## $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ signal and background :

- Signal :

$$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$$

production mode : gg,VBF, ZH and WH

4 leptons :  $p_T^{1,2,3,4} > 20, 20, 7, 7$  GeV

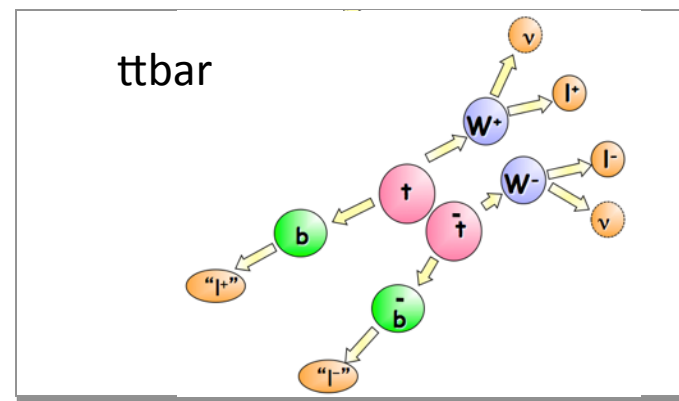
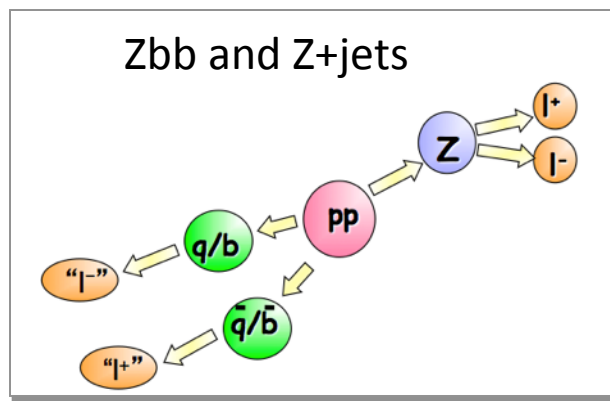
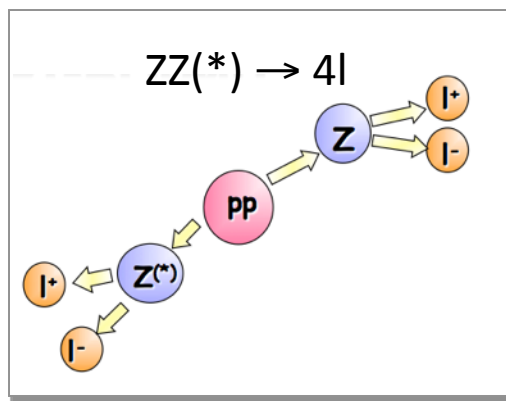
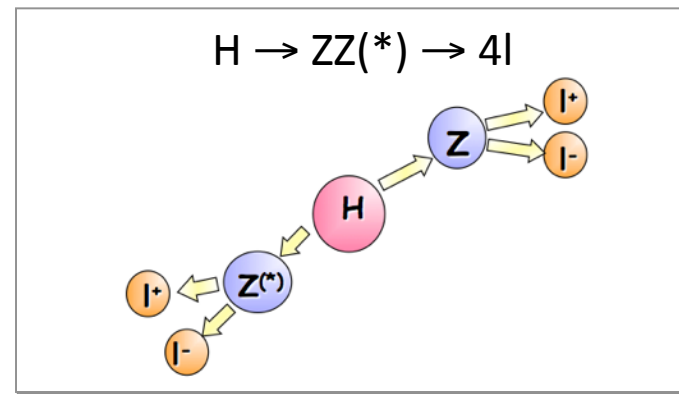
- Backgrounds:

$ZZ^{(*)}$  (irréductible)

for  $m_{4l} < 2^* m_Z$  :

$Zbb$ ,  $Z$ +jets and  $t\bar{t}$  (reducible)

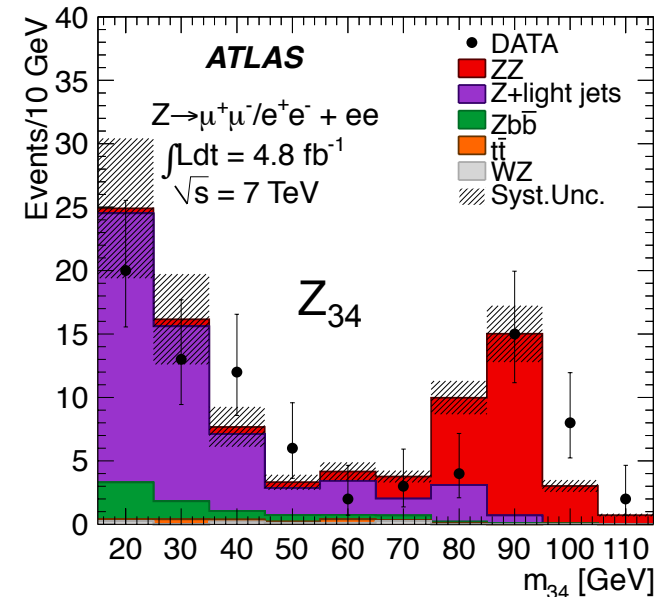
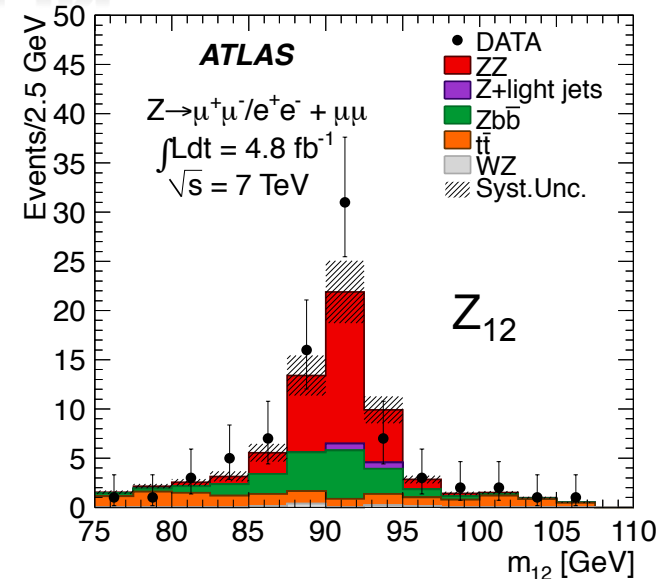
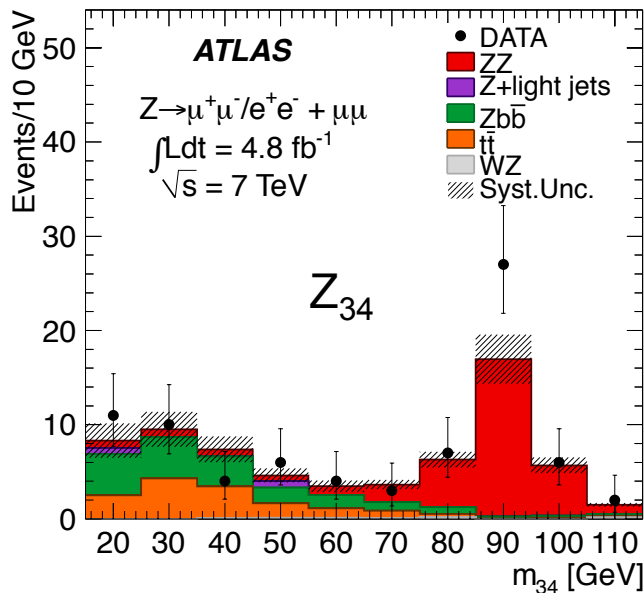
(leptons venant de b/q-jets  $\rightarrow l$ )



# EVENT SELECTION

## $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ event selection:

- selection :
  - 4 leptons :  $p_T^{1,2,3,4} > 20, 20, 7, 7$  GeV
  - two same-flavor/opposite-sign isolated lepton pairs  
 $Z_{12}$  ( $m_{12}$ ), the reconstructed Z closer to the PDG  
 $Z_{34}$  ( $m_{34}$ ) the other Z
  - lepton pair mass cuts :  
 $|m_{12} - m_Z| < 15$  GeV  
 $m_{34} < 115$  GeV and  $m_{34} > m_{\text{Threshold}}(m_{4l})$  (15-60 GeV)

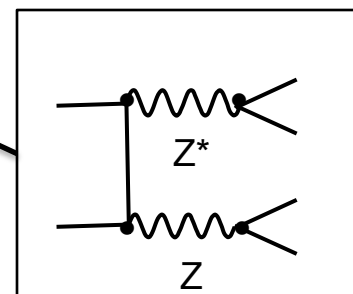
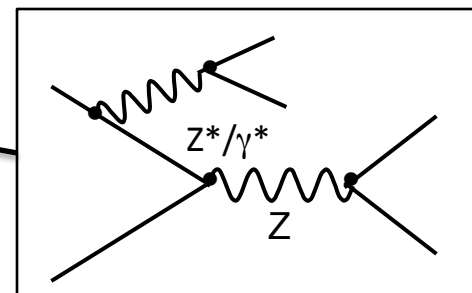
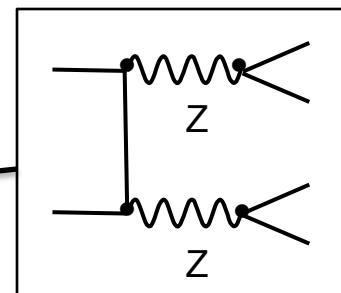
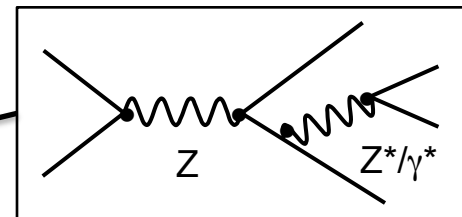
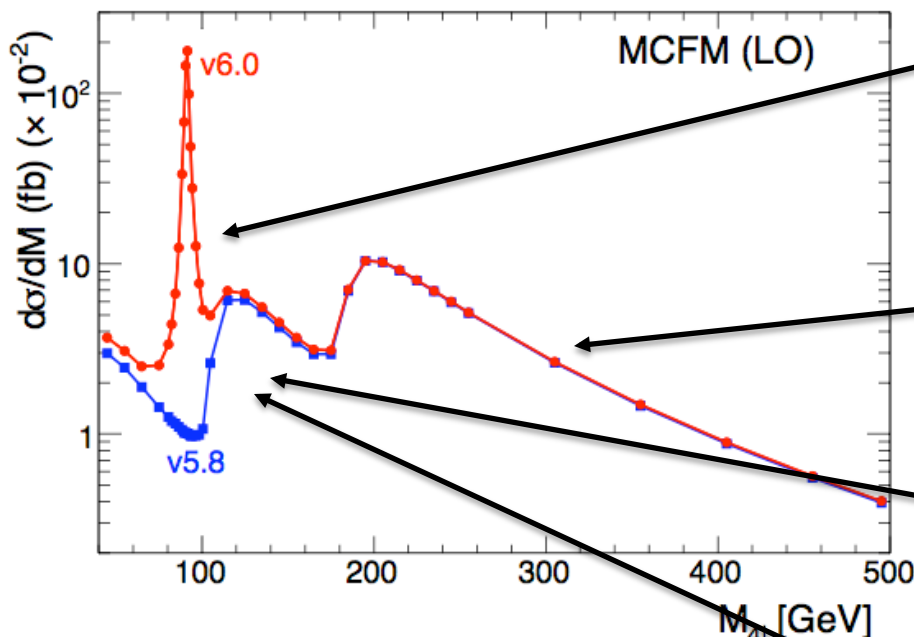


# ZZ BACKGROUND

$$F(\phi) = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

## SM ZZ background :

- use MC simulation (Pythia) and MCFM shape and cross section



- but ATLAS is also doing a cross section measurement :

$$\sigma_{ZZ}^{\text{tot}} = 8.5_{-2.3}^{+2.7}(\text{stat})_{-0.3}^{+0.4}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.3(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$$

NLO prediction (MCFM) :  $6.5_{-0.2}^{+0.3} \text{ pb}$

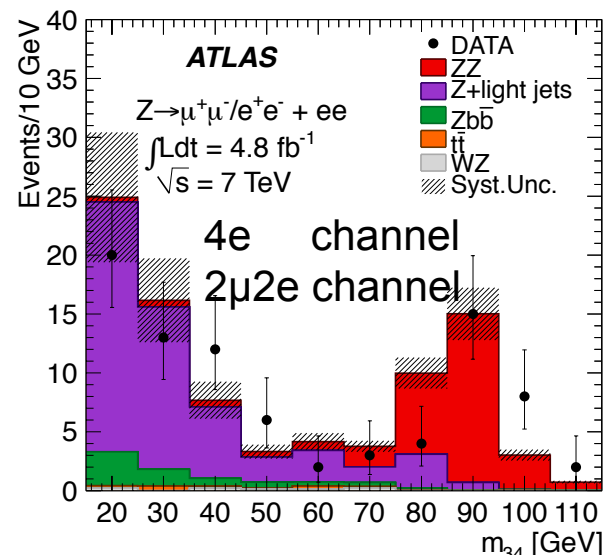
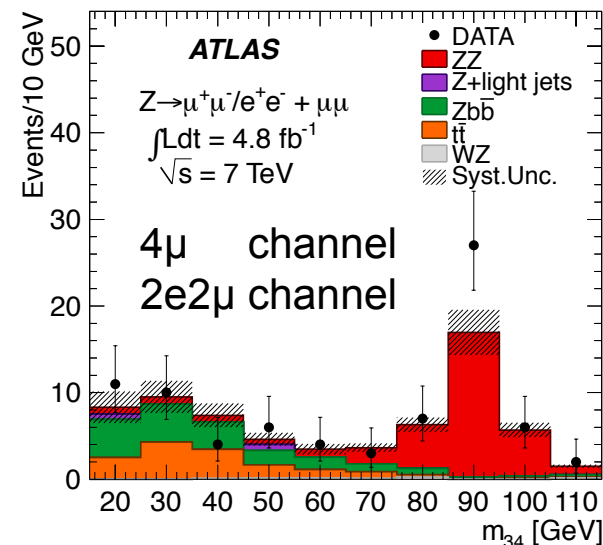
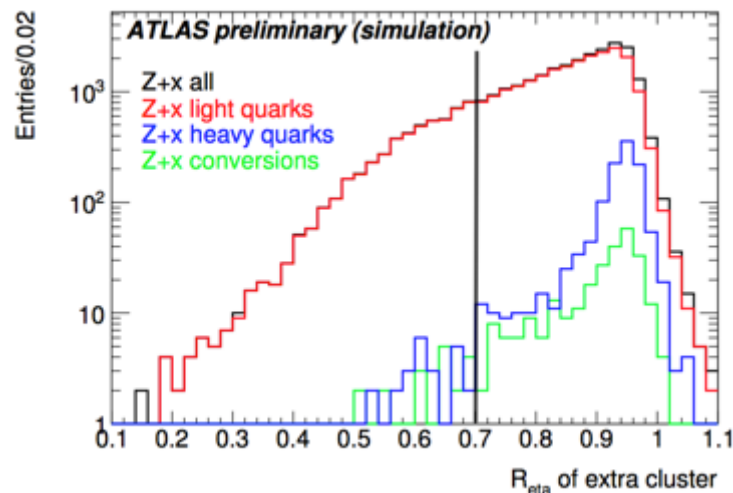
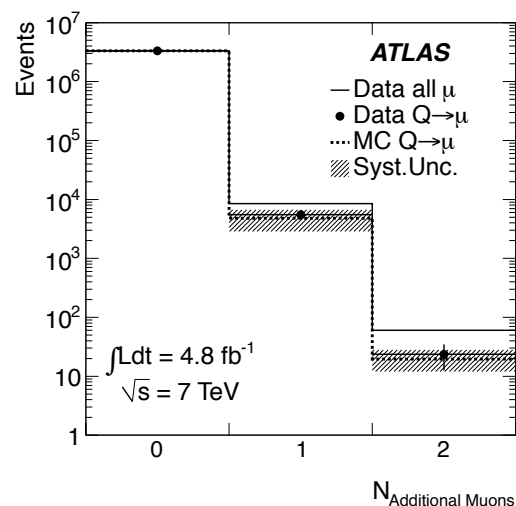
- Normalize ZZ production to MC expectation including both  $qq/gq \rightarrow ZZ$  and  $gg \rightarrow ZZ$   
Theory uncertainty  $\sim 15\%$  ([arXiv:0906.2500](https://arxiv.org/abs/0906.2500))



# BACKGROUND

## Background estimation using data driven method :

- Normalize top production to MC expectation verified in control region :  
→  $e^\pm \mu_\mp$  pair consistent with  $m_Z$  and two additional same-flavor leptons  
theory uncertainty 10%
- Normalize Z+jets production using control regions control region :  
→ without charge, isolation and impact parameter criteria on the second lepton pair :  $Z(\rightarrow ll) + \mu\mu/ee$   
separate different components  
eventually extrapolate to signal region  
uncertainties 40-45 %



# SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

## Systematic uncertainties :

- Experimental systematic uncertainties

| Systematic uncertainties | Total       |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| luminosity               | 3.9 %       |
| muon efficiency          | 0.16-0.22 % |
| electron efficiency      | 1.6-8.0 %   |
| electron energy scale    | 0.3-0.6 %   |

cut efficiency for electrons low- $E_T$  electrons  
 → overall systematic uncertainty (5% for  $E_T < 15$  GeV)

- For background estimated with data-driven, systematic uncertainties are uncorrelated

| Systematic uncertainties | Total       | statistical uncertainty                                                   |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Z+jet                    | 45 % +shape | in the control sample and the MC-based extrapolation to the signal region |
| Zbb                      | 40 % +shape | in the control sample and the MC-based extrapolation to the signal region |

- Careful treatment of theory uncertainties (ATLAS-CMS LHC combination working group)

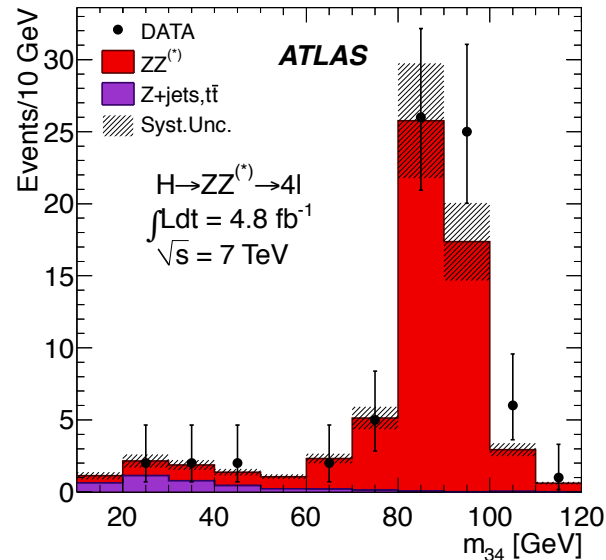
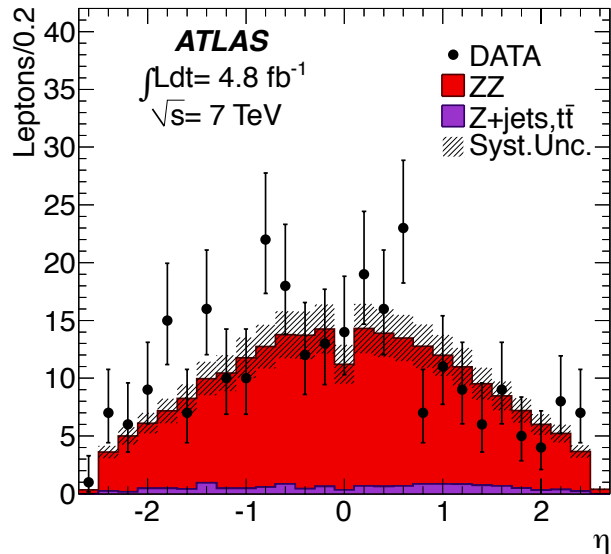
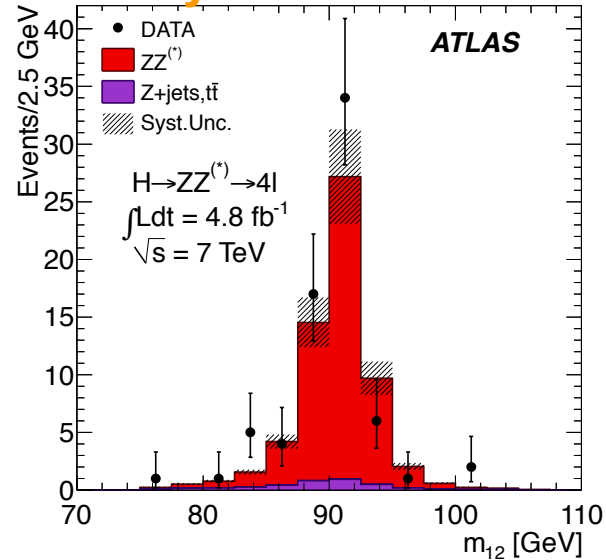
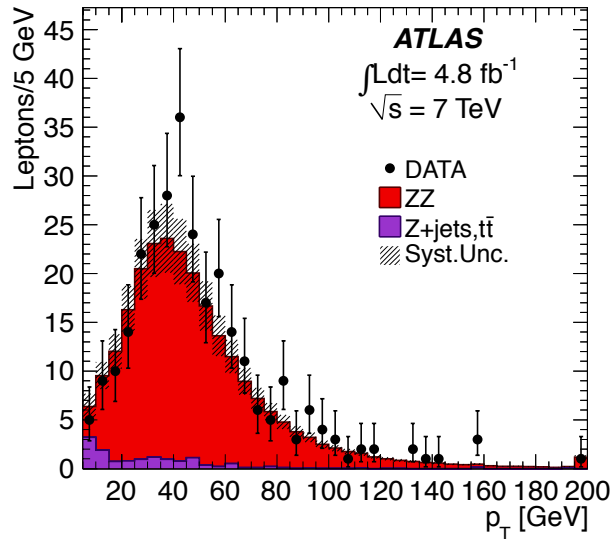
| Process | QCD Scale (depend of $m_H$ ) | PDF+ $\alpha_s$ | Total     |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| ggF     | +12/-7 %                     | ±8 %            | +20/-15 % |
| VBF     | ±1 %                         | ±4 %            | ±5 %      |
| WH/ZH   | ±1 %                         | ±4 %            | ±5 %      |
| ttbar   | ±4 %                         | ±4 %            | ±10 %     |
| ZZ (SM) | ±5 % + 10% (gg → ZZ) + shape | ±4 %            | ±12 %     |

| line shape (150%) x $(m_{\text{Higgs}}(\text{TeV}))^3$ | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| $m_{\text{Higgs}} = 300$                               | ±4 %  |
| $m_{\text{Higgs}} = 400$ GeV                           | ±10 % |
| $m_{\text{Higgs}} = 500$ GeV                           | ±19 % |
| $m_{\text{Higgs}} = 600$ GeV                           | ±32 % |

# KINEMATICS

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

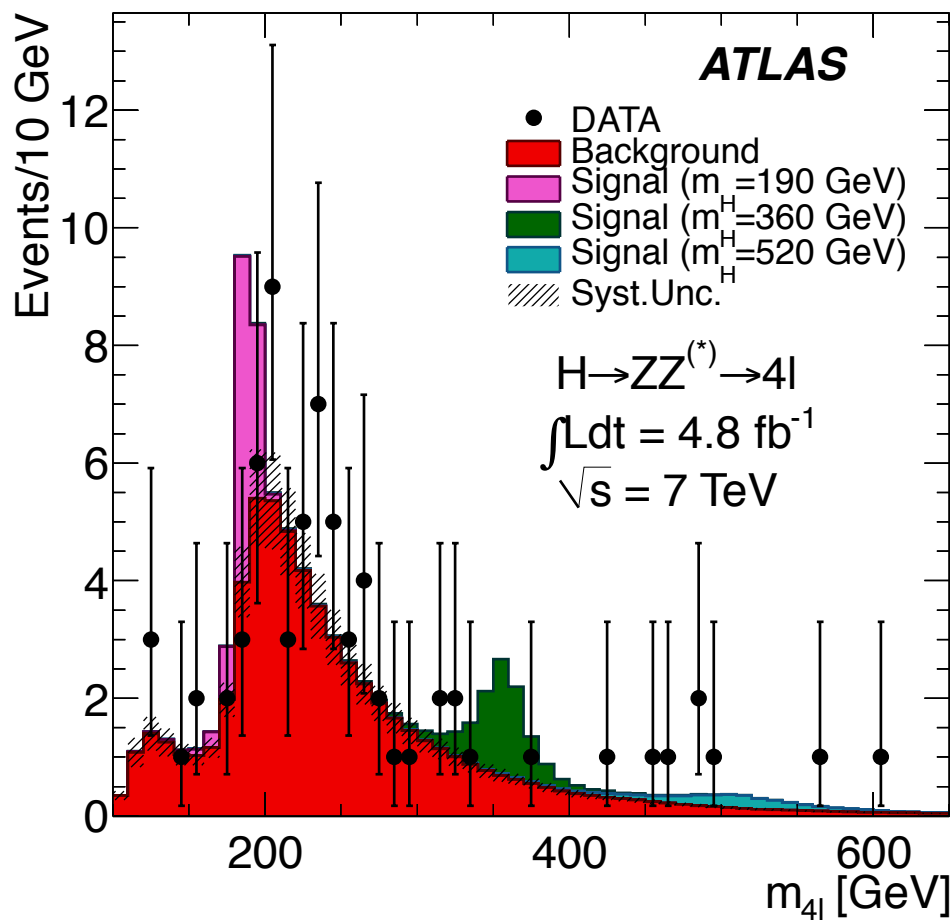
Some kinematic distribution after the full analysis :



# MASS SPECTRUM

## Expected and observed signal and background :

- Mass distribution after the full selection



- over all good agreement data/MC  
71 candidates (data) :  
 $62 \pm 9$  expected events (MC)

- in details  
candidates (data) :  
24  $4\mu$   
30  $2e2\mu$   
17  $4e$   
expected events (MC)  
 $18.6 \pm 2.8$   $4\mu$   
 $29.7 \pm 4.5$   $2e2\mu$   
 $13.4 \pm 2.0$   $4e$ .

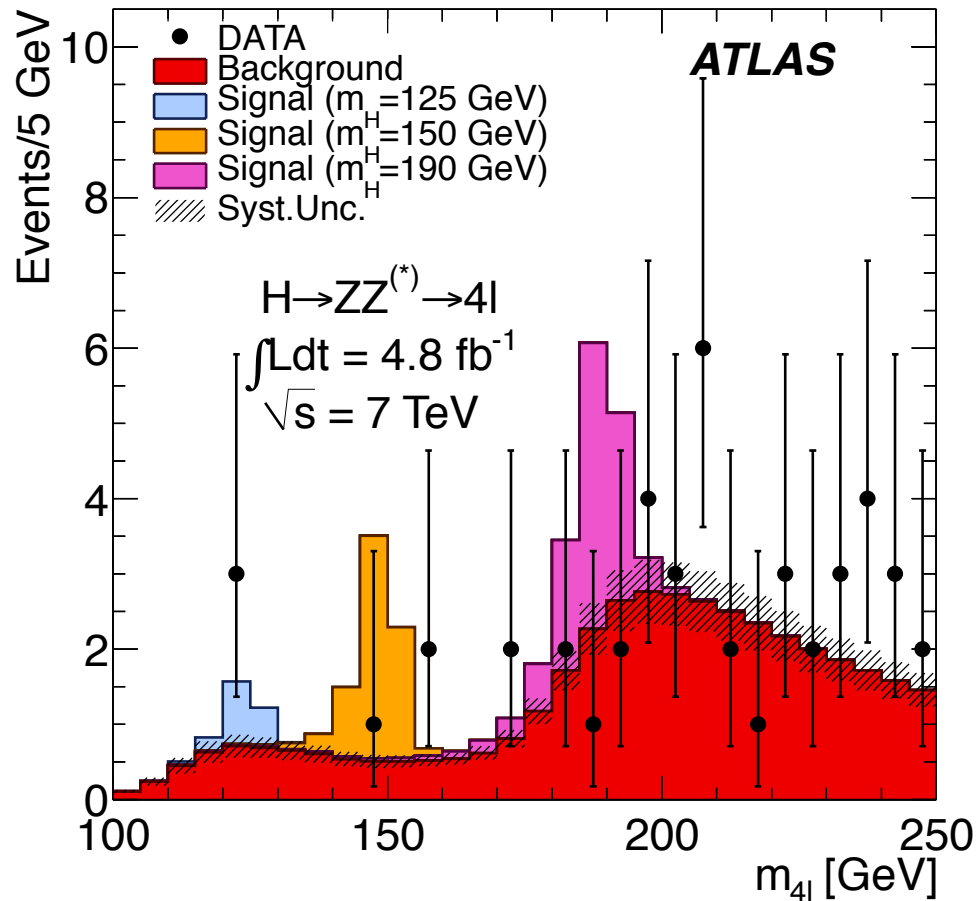


# LOW MASS SPECTRUM

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Expected and observed signal and background :

- Mass distribution after the full selection



In the region  $m_{4l} < 140 \text{ GeV}$

3 events are observed:

- two  $2e2\mu$  events

$m_{4l} = 123.6 \text{ GeV}$

$m_{4l} = 124.3 \text{ GeV}$

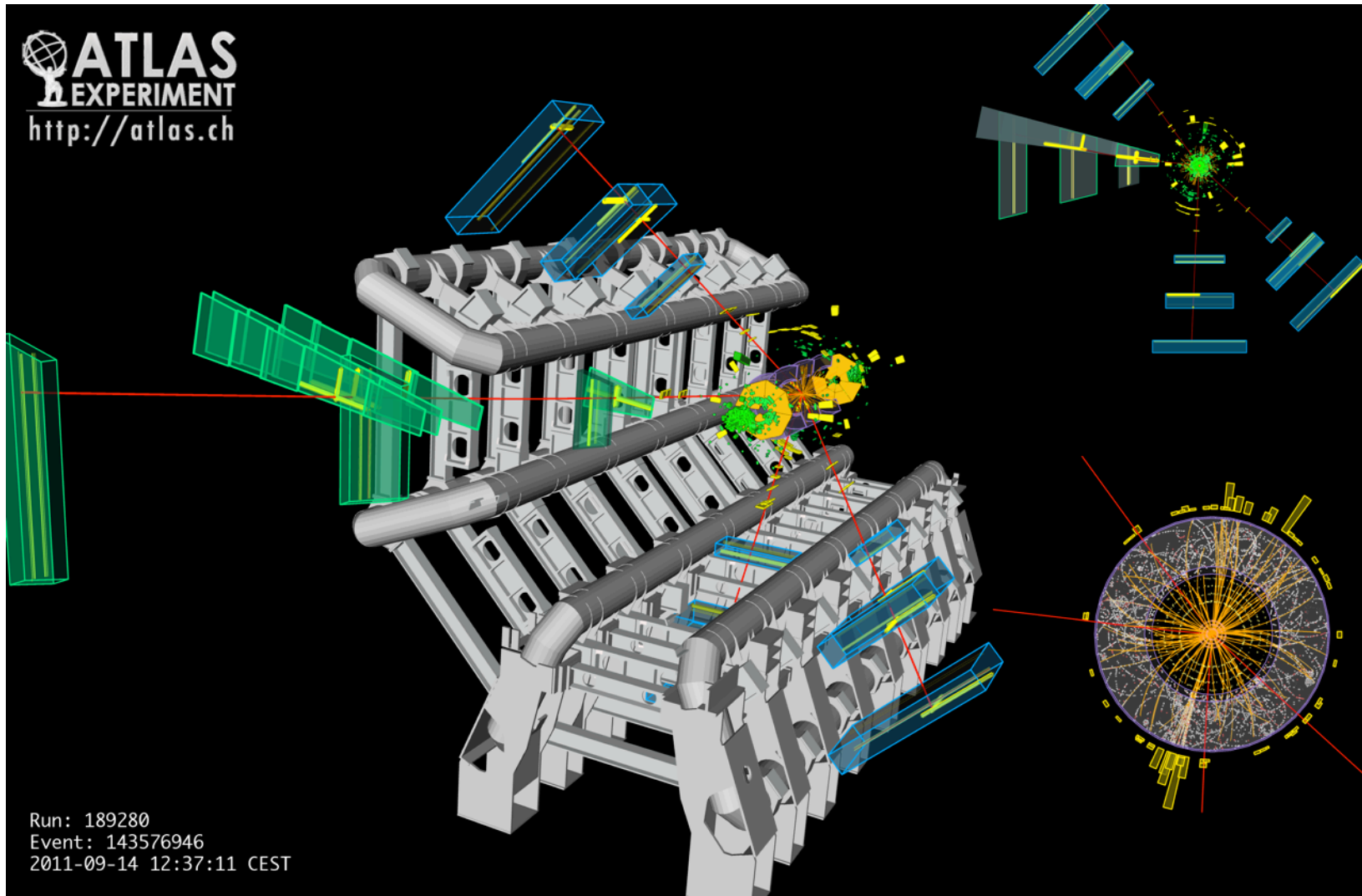
- one  $4\mu$  event

$m_{4l} = 124.6 \text{ GeV}$

# EVENT DISPLAY

4 $\mu$  candidate :

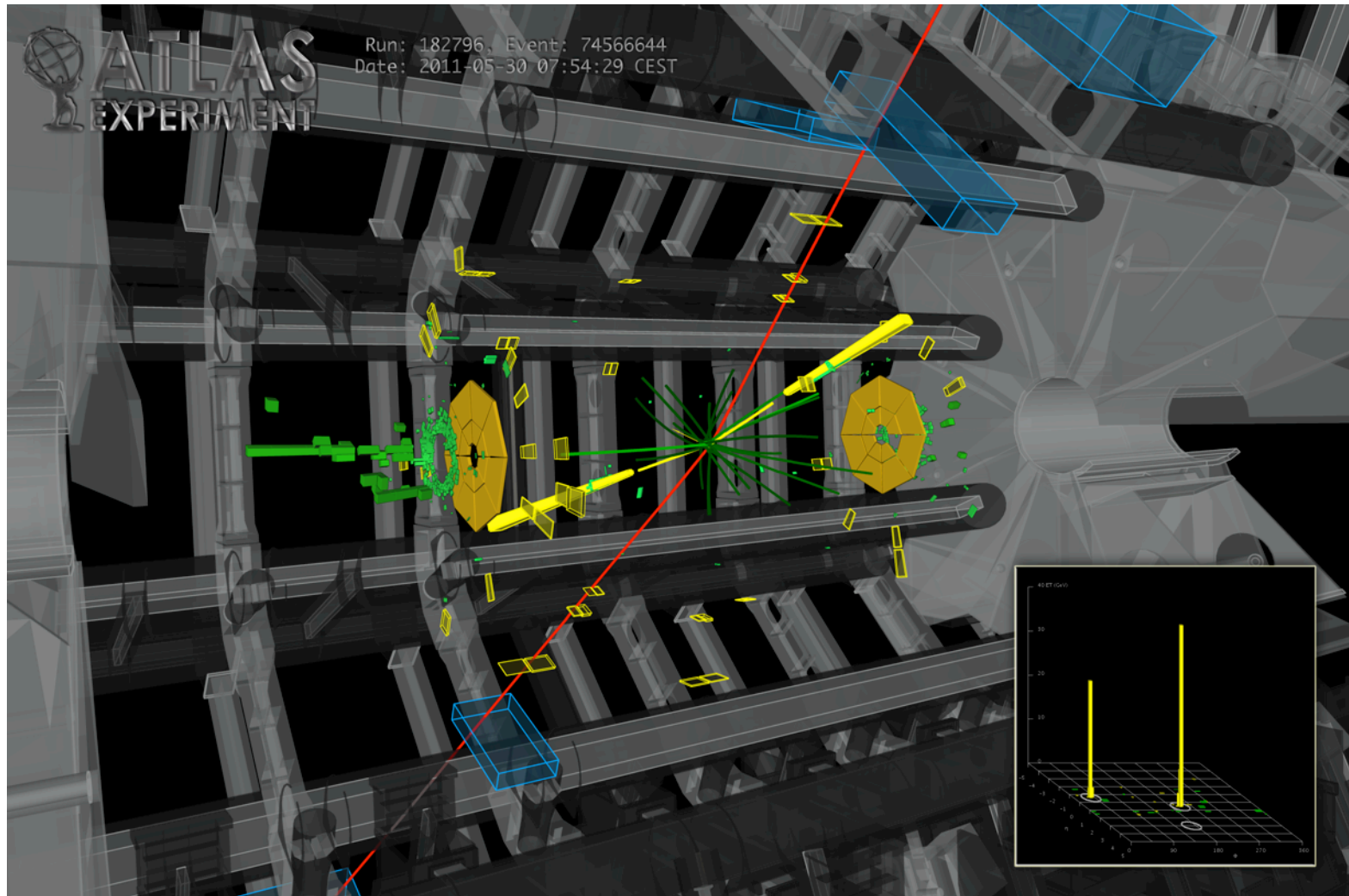
$$m_{4l} = 124.6 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{12} = 89.7 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{34} = 24.6 \text{ GeV}$$



# EVENT DISPLAY

2e2 $\mu$  candidate :

$m_{4l} = 124.3$  GeV  $m_{12} = 76.8$  GeV,  $m_{34} = 45.7$  GeV

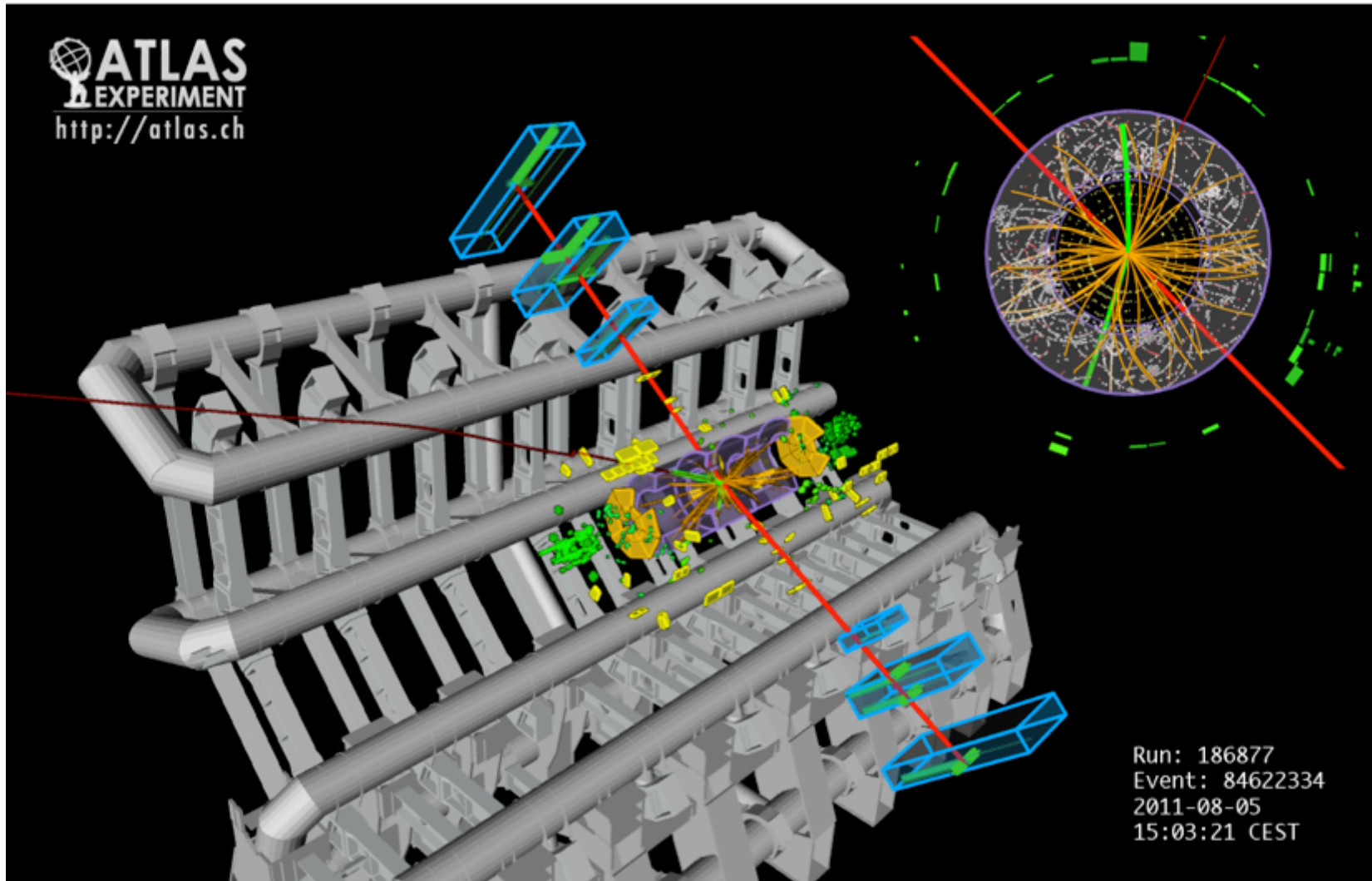




# EVENT DISPLAY

2e2 $\mu$  candidate :

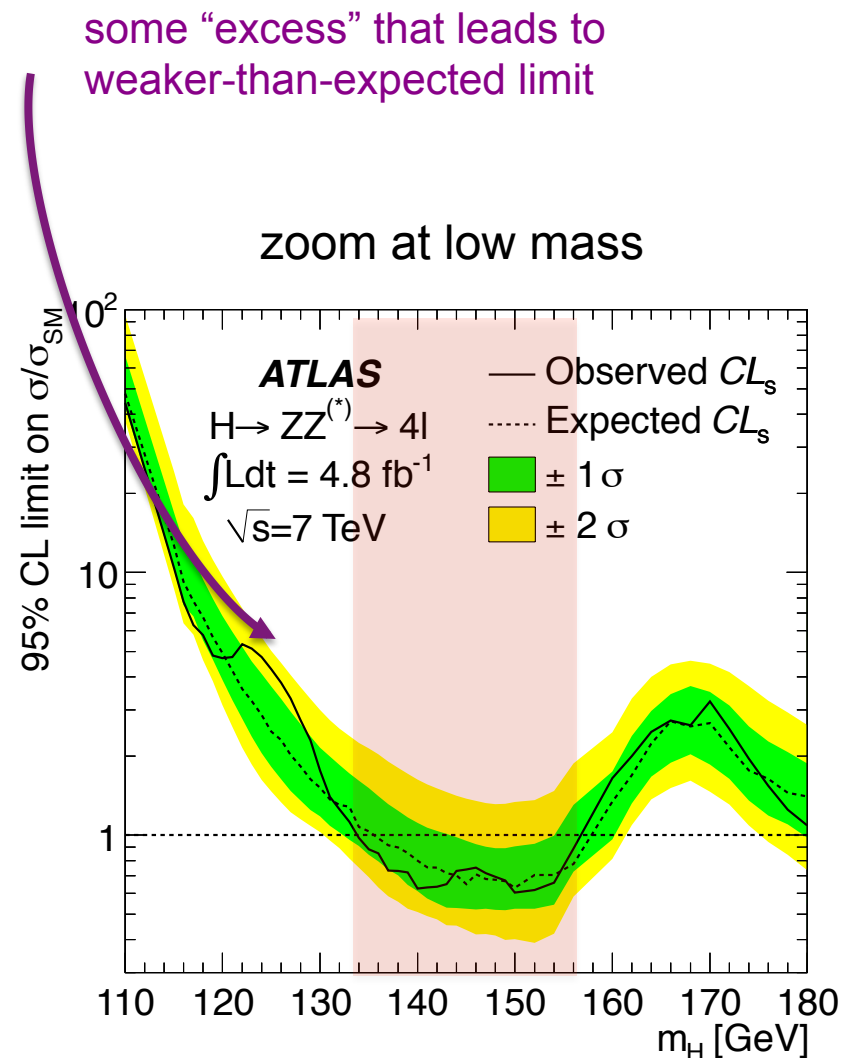
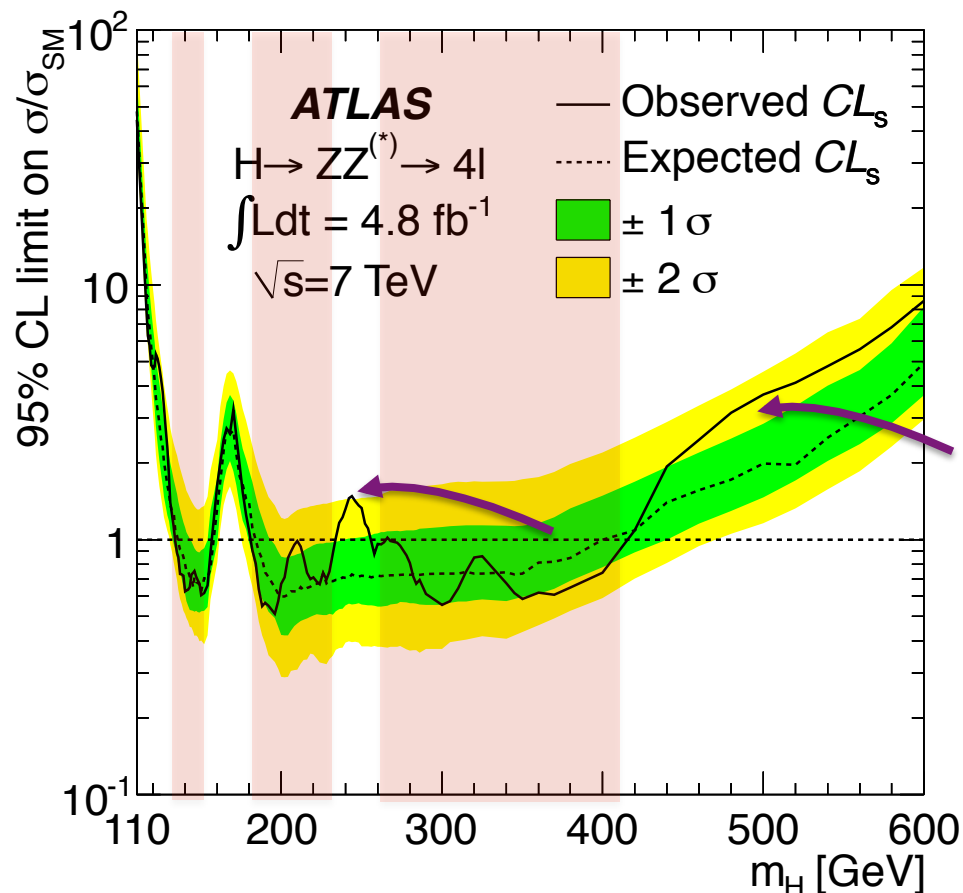
$m_{4l} = 123.6$  GeV  $m_{12} = 89.3$  GeV,  $m_{34} = 30.0$  GeV



# EXCLUSION LIMITS

## Exclusion limits with $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ :

- Standard Model Higgs Boson excluded at 95% CL :  
 134–156 GeV  
 182–233 GeV (137–157 GeV)  
 256–265 GeV  
 268–415 GeV (184–400 GeV)

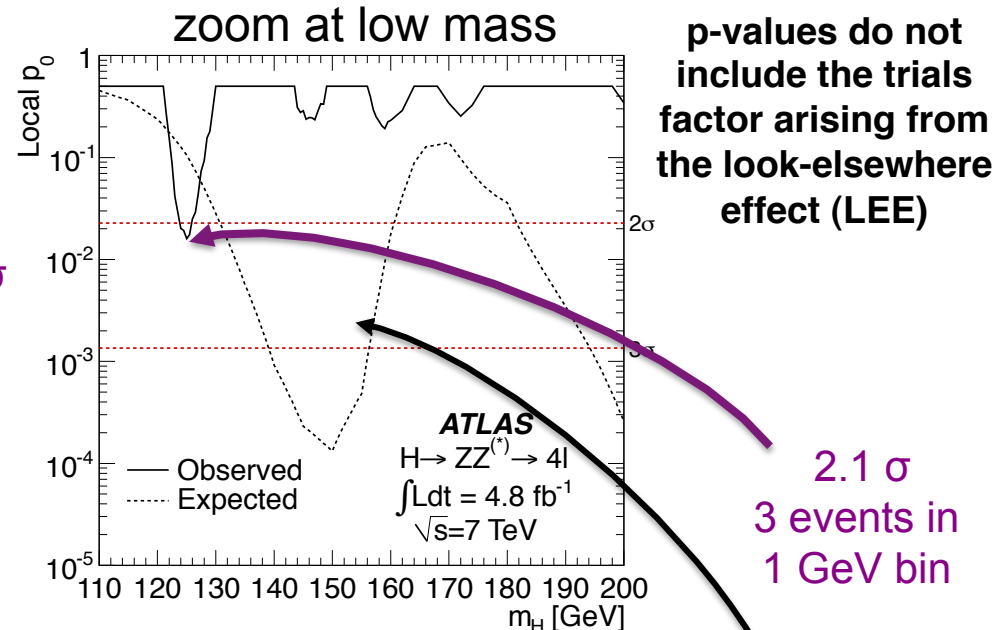
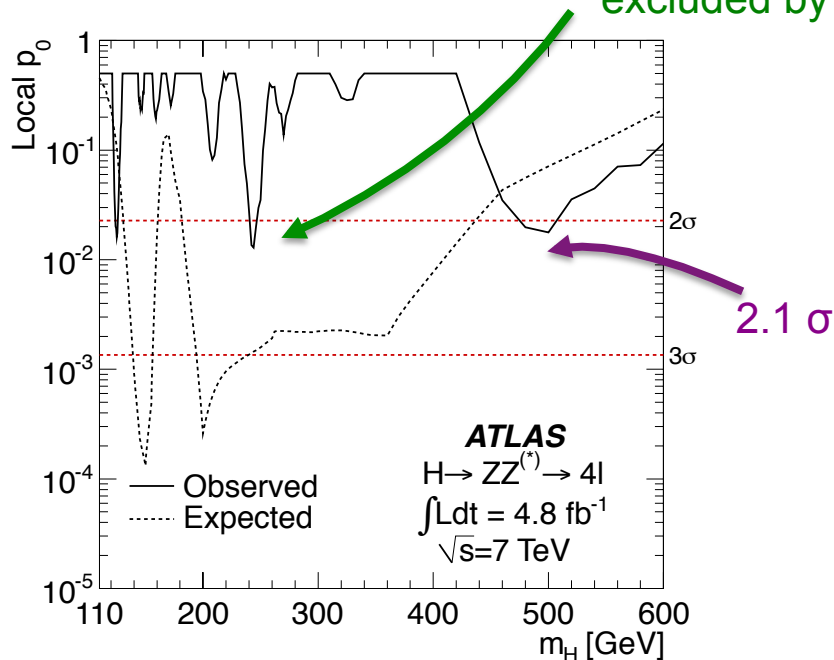




# P<sub>0</sub>-VALUE

## Local and global p<sub>0</sub>-value :

- Local p<sub>0</sub>-value express compatibility to no signal hypothesis  
excluded by the LHC combination (ATLAS+CMS) Nov 2011



p-values do not include the trials factor arising from the look-elsewhere effect (LEE)

- Global p<sub>0</sub> include Look Elsewhere Effect  
(probability for the fluctuation to occur on the full range)

| $m_{\text{Higgs}} \text{ (GeV)}$ | Local $p_0$  | Global $p_0$ | Expected from SM |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 125                              | 2.1 $\sigma$ | 0(50%)       | 1.3 $\sigma$     |
| 244                              | 2.2 $\sigma$ | 0(50%)       | 3.0 $\sigma$     |
| 500                              | 2.1 $\sigma$ | 0(50%)       | 1.5 $\sigma$     |

hypothesis of a Standard Model Higgs boson production signal

# SUMMARY

## Summary :

- A search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the decay channel  $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$  has been performed using the  $\sim 4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
- The background yields have been studied with looser event selections, demonstrating good agreement of the background modeling with the observation
- 71 candidates fulfilling all the selection criteria have been identified
- We can exclude the following mass range using only  $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$  :
  - 134–156 GeV
  - 182–233 GeV
  - 256–265 GeV
  - 268–415 GeV
- The largest deviations from the background expectation are observed for
  - $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$  with a  $p_0$ -value of  $2.1 \sigma$
  - $m_H = 244 \text{ GeV}$  with a  $p_0$ -value of  $2.2 \sigma$
  - $m_H = 500 \text{ GeV}$  with a  $p_0$ -value of  $2.1 \sigma$

These  $p_0$ -values increase substantially once the “look-elsewhere” effect is considered

# STANDARD MODEL HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

# CHANNELS INCLUDED

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## channels used in the SM Higgs combination at ATLAS :

- Low mass searches :  $m_{\text{Higgs}} < 140 \text{ GeV}$   
W/ZH with  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Intermediate mass searches :  $120 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 180 \text{ GeV}$   
 $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
- Higgs mass searches :  $180 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 600 \text{ GeV}$   
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow llll$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$

| Channel                                        | Mass range (GeV) | Background                                           | Int Luminosity (fb <sup>-1</sup> ) |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$                   | 110 – 150        | $\gamma\gamma$ , $\gamma j$ , $jj$                   | 4.9                                |            |
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (WH,ZH)               | 100 - 130        | W/Z +jets, $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$                       | 4.7                                | <b>NEW</b> |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$                 | 100 - 150        | $Z \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ , $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$ | 4.7                                | <b>NEW</b> |
| $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ | 110 - 600        | WW, $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$ , W/Z +jet                   | 4.7                                | <b>NEW</b> |
| $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$         | 200 - 600        | W + jets, $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$ , multijets            | 4.7                                | <b>NEW</b> |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow llll$      | 110 - 600        | $ZZ^{(*)}$ , Z +jets, $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$            | 4.8                                |            |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$        | 200 - 600        | diboson, $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$ , Z + jets              | 4.7                                | <b>NEW</b> |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$            | 300 - 600        | Z + jets, $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}r$ , diboson              | 4.7                                | <b>NEW</b> |

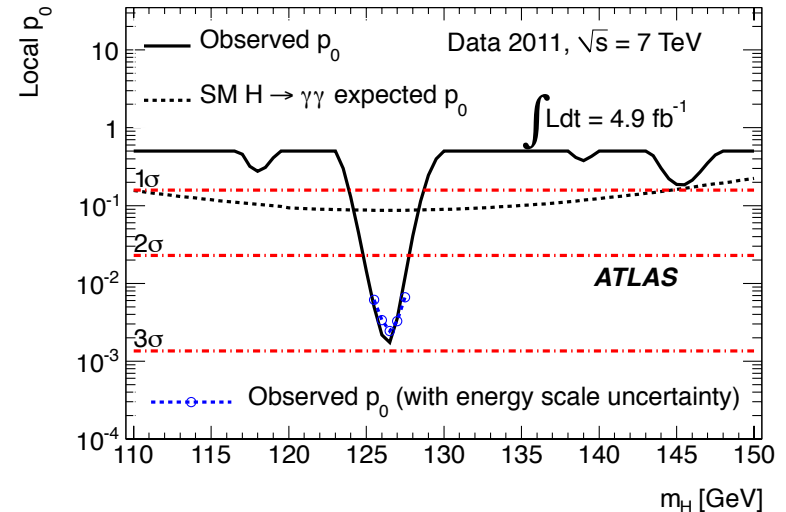
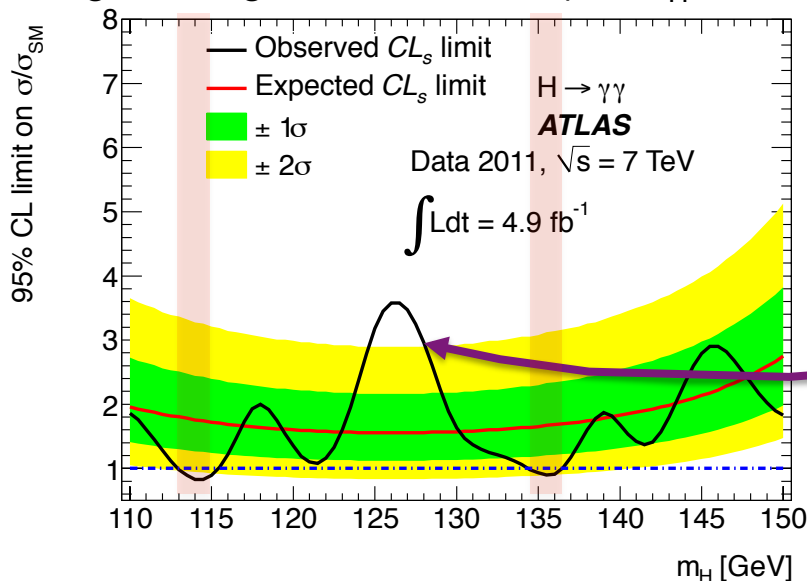
# LOW MASS CHANNEL

## Key points of the analysis :

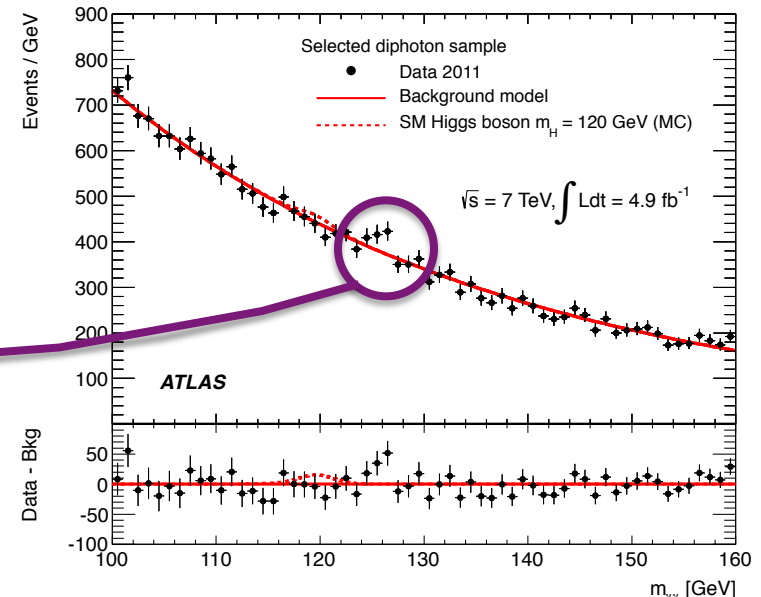
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ( $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
 $m_H$  : 110-150 GeV  
 9 categories  
 $E_T^{1,2}(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) > 40, 25 \text{ GeV}$   
 good mass resolution (1.7%)  
 $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  shape and unbinned  
 bkg :  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma j$ ,  $jj$  (from side band)  
 exclusion limit : 113-115, 134.5-136 GeV

local significance :  $2.8 \sigma$  at 126 GeV

global significance :  $1.5 \sigma$  (for  $m_H = 110$ -150 GeV)



## combined $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ search





# LOW MASS CHANNEL

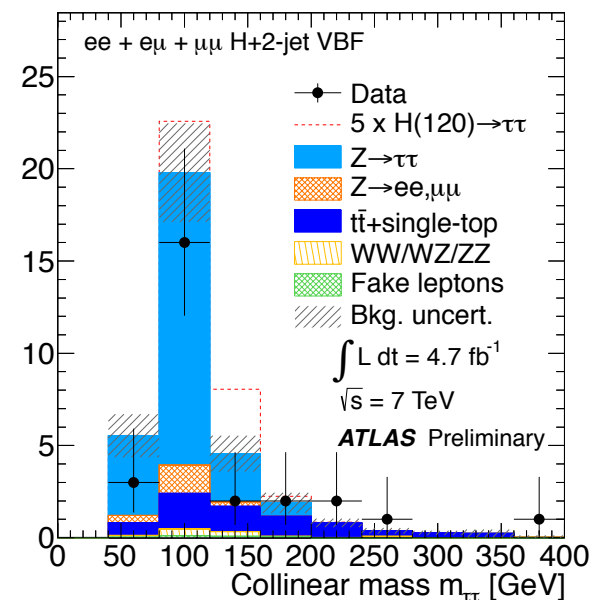
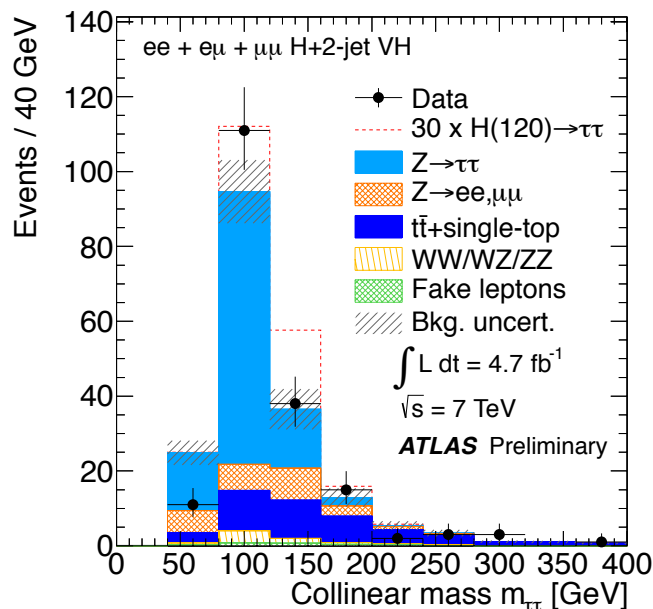
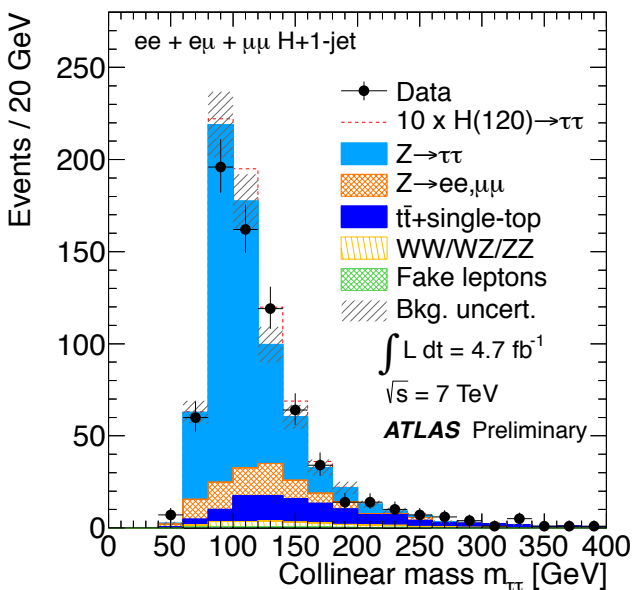
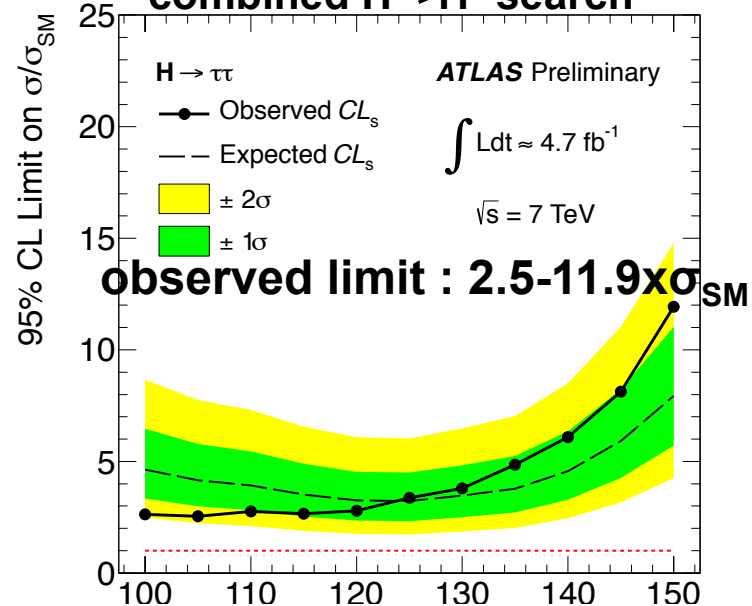
## Key points of the analysis :

- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow (ll4\nu, l\tau_{\text{had}}3\nu, \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}2\nu)$  ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- $m_H$  : 100-150 GeV
- 12 category (0-jet, 1-jet, 2-jet VH, 2-jet VBF)
- $E_{\tau_{\text{had}}} > 15, 20 \text{ GeV}$
- mass resolution ( $\sim 10 \%$ )
- $m_{\tau\tau}$  shape
- bkg :  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$  +jets,  $t\bar{t}$ bar

No significant excess is observed in the mass range : 100 - 150 GeV

**NEW**

## combined $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ search



# LOW MASS CHANNEL

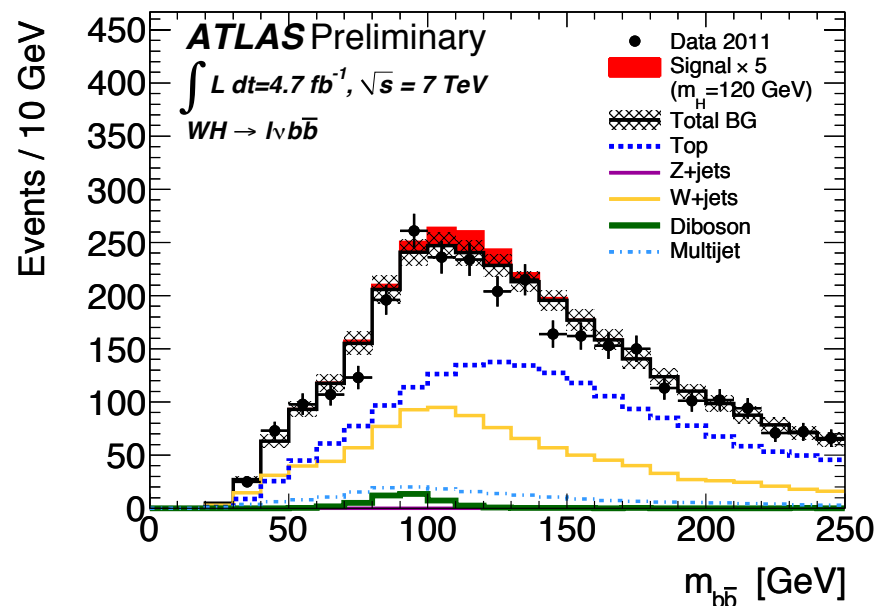
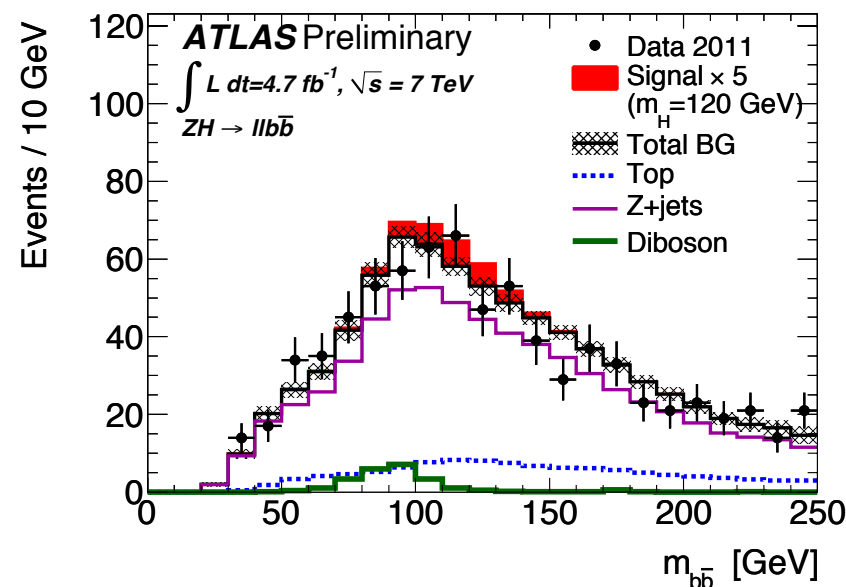
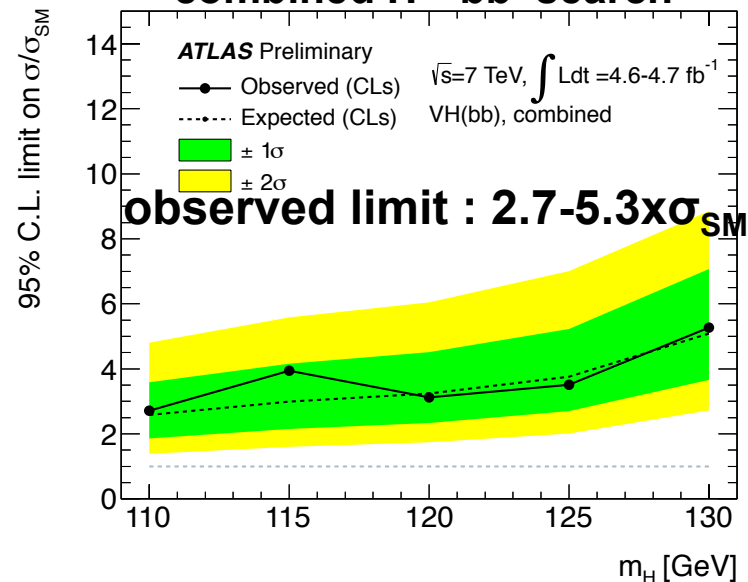
## Key points of the analysis :

- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- $m_H$  : 110-130 GeV
- 11 category ( $p_T$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $l\nu b\bar{b}$ ,  $l\bar{l}b\bar{b}$ ,  $\nu\nu b\bar{b}$ )
- $E_{t^{\text{b-jet}}} > 45, 25 \text{ GeV}$
- mass resolution ( $\sim 10 \%$ )
- $m_{b\bar{b}}$  shape
- bkg : W/Z+(b)jets,  $t\bar{t}$ bar

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No significant excess is observed in the mass range : 110–130 GeV

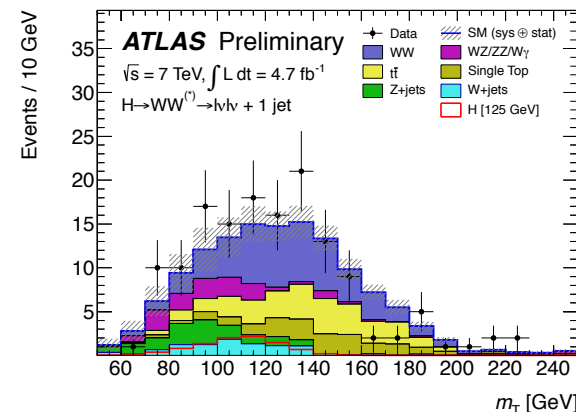
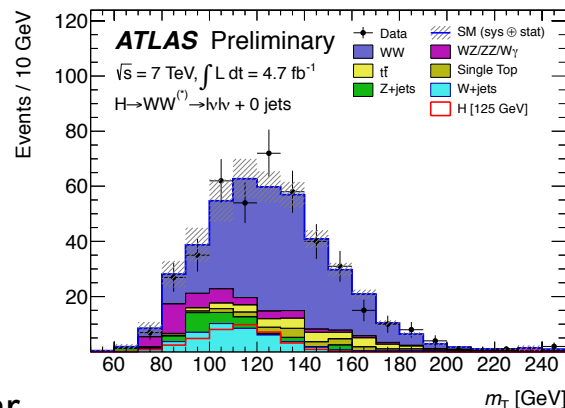
## combined $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ search



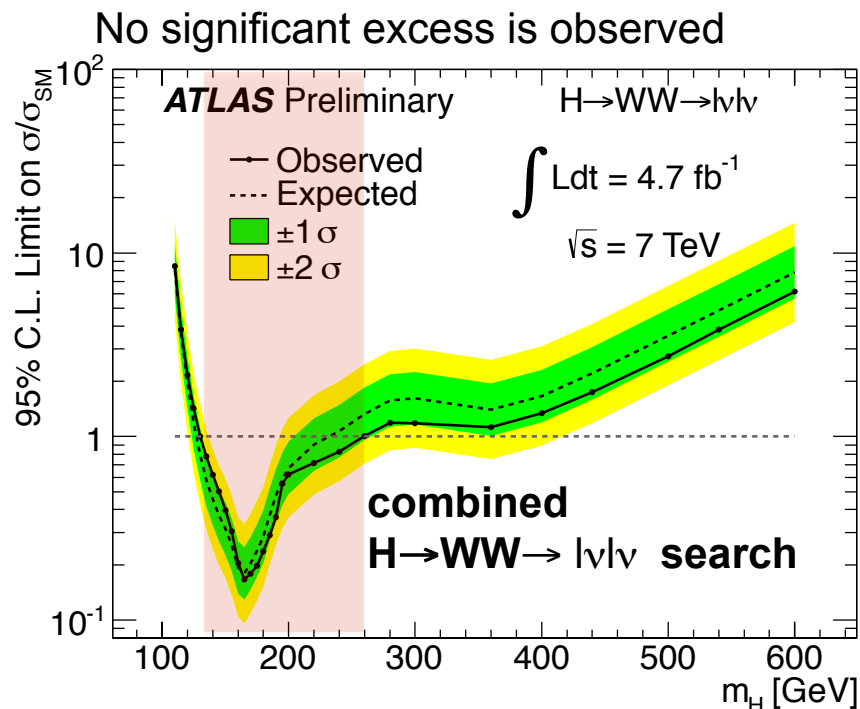
# INTERMEDIATE MASS CHANNELS

## Key points of the analysis :

- $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
 $m_H$  : 110-600 GeV  
 9 category (0-jet, 1-jet, VBF)  
 $E_t^{l1,l2} > 20, 15 \text{ GeV}$   
 mass resolution ( $\sim 20 \%$ )  
 $m_T$  shape : 0-jet, 1-jet  
 cutting and counting : VBF  
 bkg :  $WW, W+\text{jets}, Z+\text{jets}, t\bar{t}$

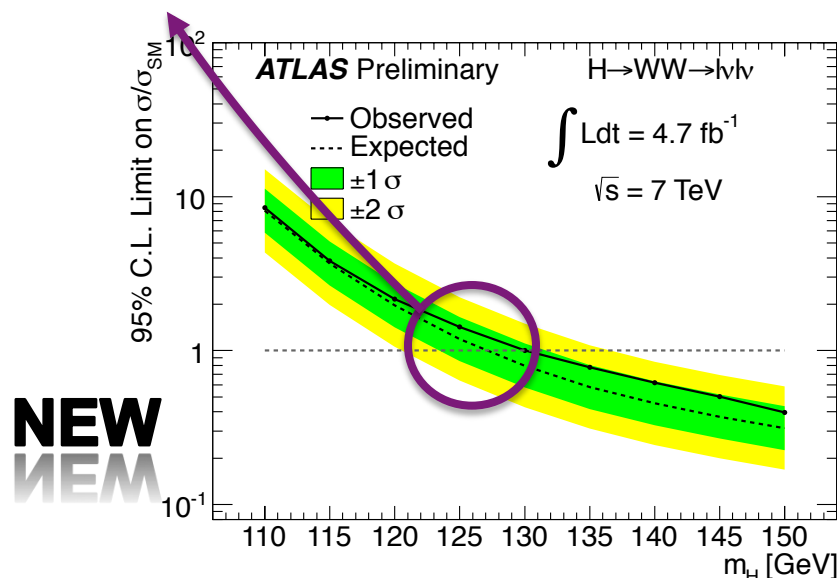


observed exclusion :  $130 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 260 \text{ GeV}$



no significant  
excess

zoom at low mass



# HIGH MASS CHANNELS

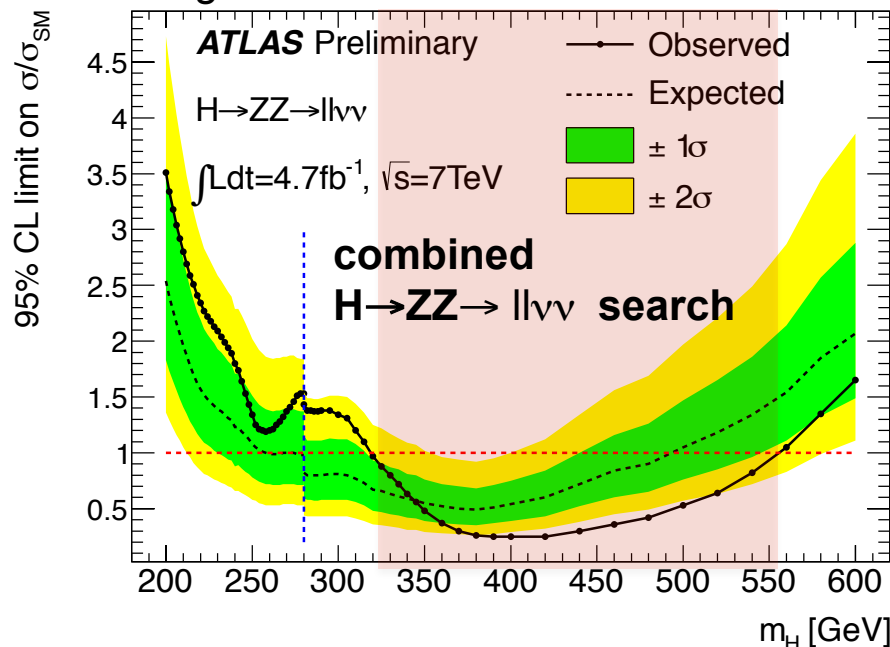
$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Key points of the analysis :

- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$  ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- $m_H$  : 200-600 GeV
- 4 category (low/high pile up)
- $E_t^{l1,l2} > 20, 15 \text{ GeV}$
- mass resolution ( $\sim 20\%$ )
- $m_T$  shape
- bkg : bkg : ZZ, WZ, WW, ttbar

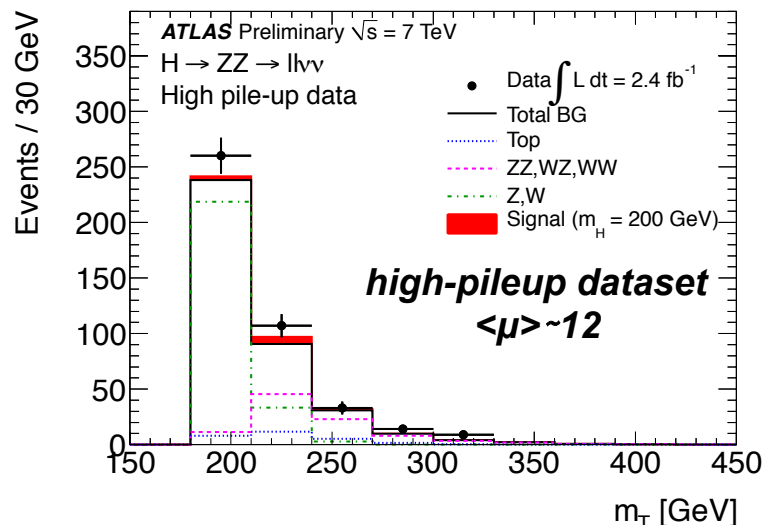
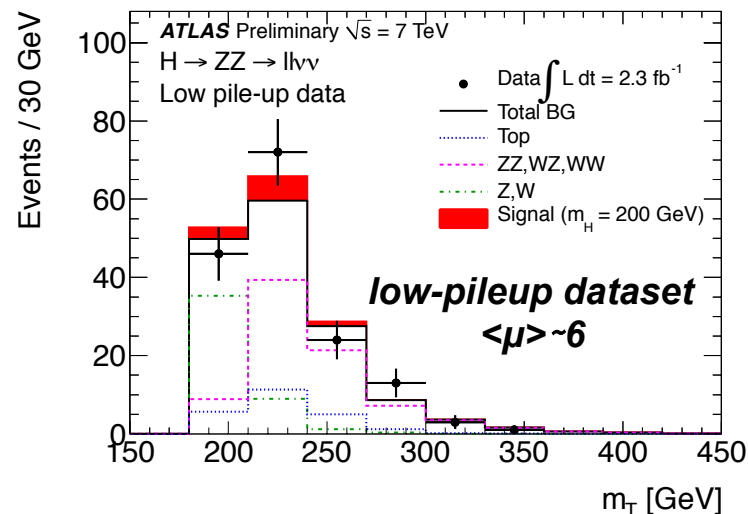
**NEW  
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No significant excess is observed



**observed exclusion :  $320 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 560 \text{ GeV}$**

different selections for  $m_H < 280 \text{ GeV}$   
and  $m_H \geq 280 \text{ GeV}$



# HIGH MASS CHANNELS

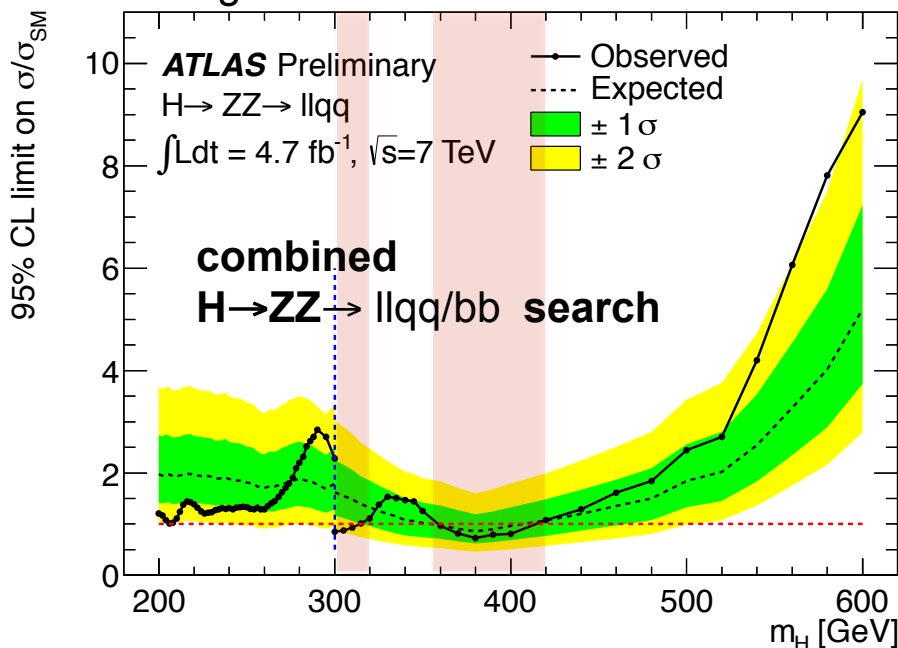
$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Key points of the analysis :

- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell q\bar{q}/bb$  ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- $m_H$  : 200-600 GeV
- 2 category (untag, 2 b-tag)
- $E_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- mass resolution ( $\sim 20\%$ )
- $m_{4\ell q\bar{q}/bb}$  shape
- bkg : Z+jets, ttbar

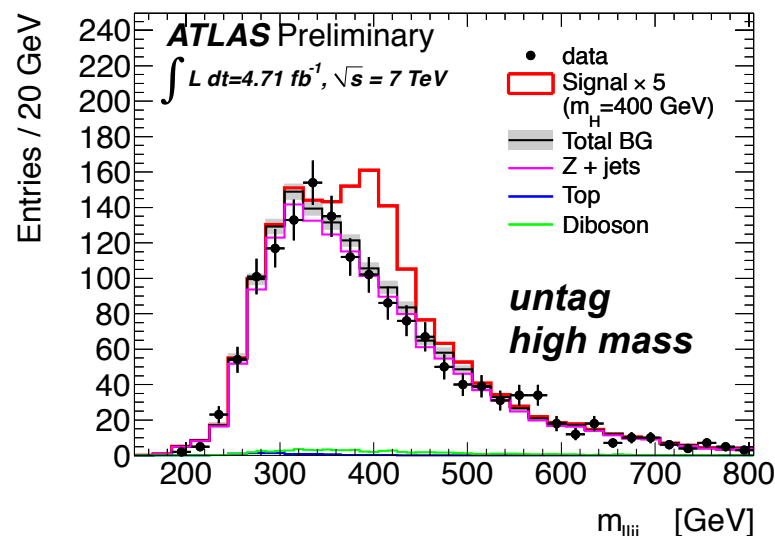
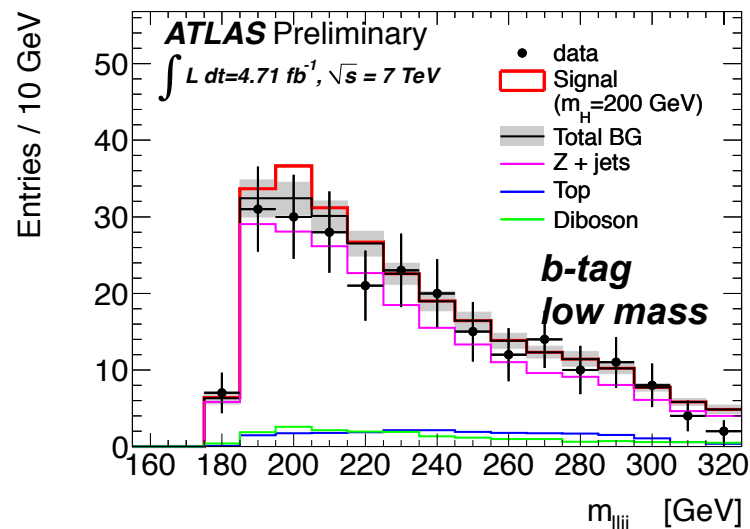
**NEW  
MEM**

No significant excess is observed



observed exclusion :  $300 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 310 \text{ GeV}$  and  $360 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 400 \text{ GeV}$

different selections for  $m_H < 300 \text{ GeV}$   
 and  $m_H \geq 300 \text{ GeV}$





# HIGH MASS CHANNELS

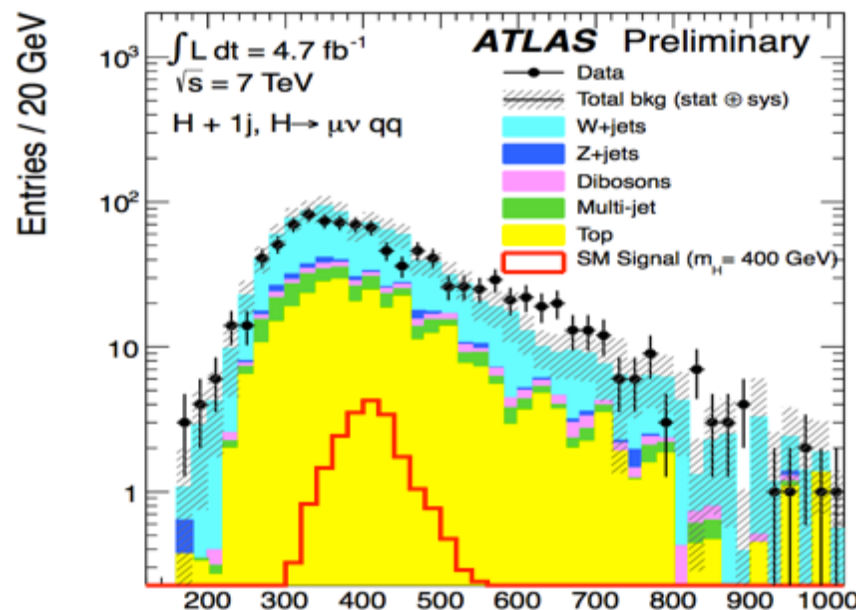
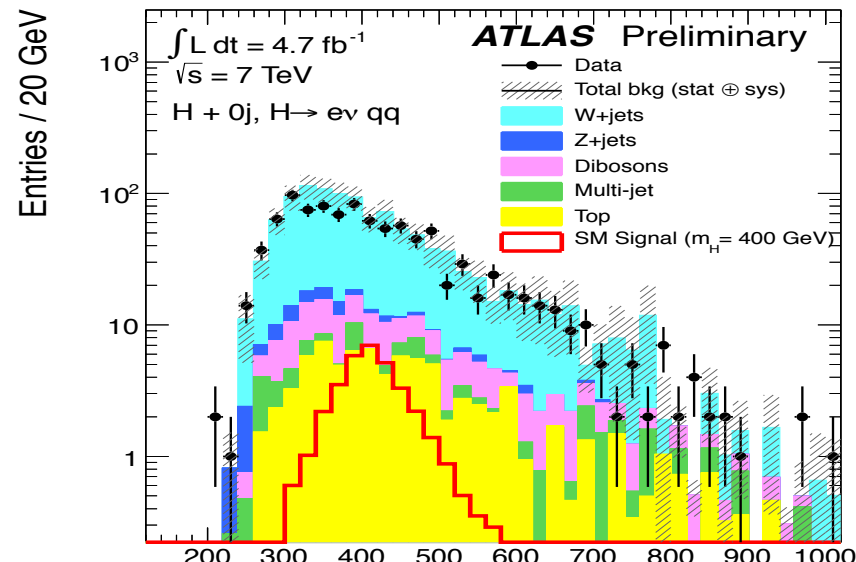
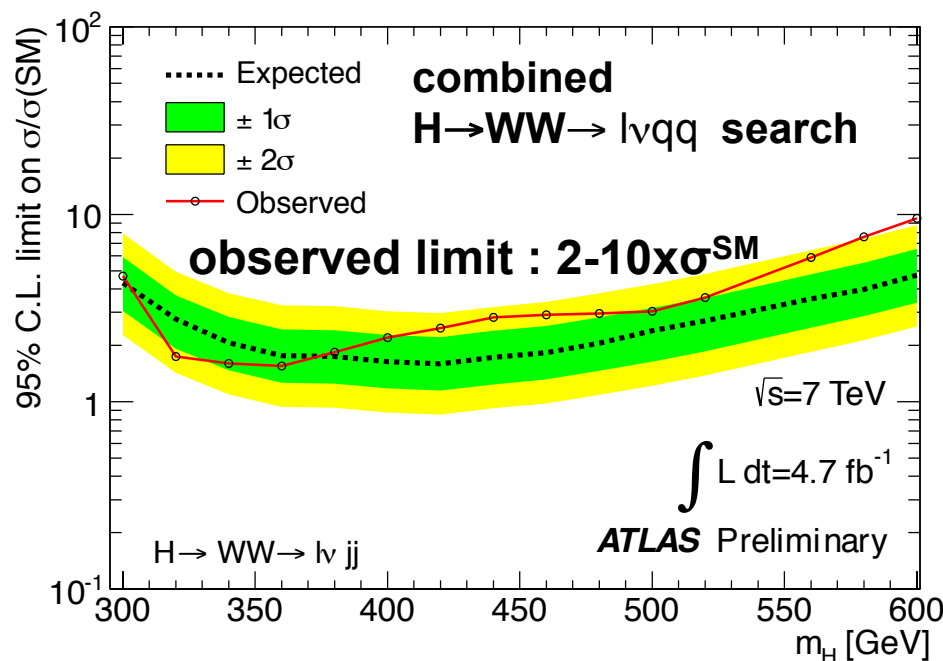
$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Key points of the analysis :

- $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$  ( $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
 $m_H$  : 110-600 GeV  
 6 category (0-jet, 1-jet, VBF)  
 $E_t^{l1,l2} > 20, 15 \text{ GeV}$   
 mass resolution ( $\sim 20 \%$ )  
 $m_{l\nu qq}$  shape  
 bkg : W+jets, ttbar

**NEW  
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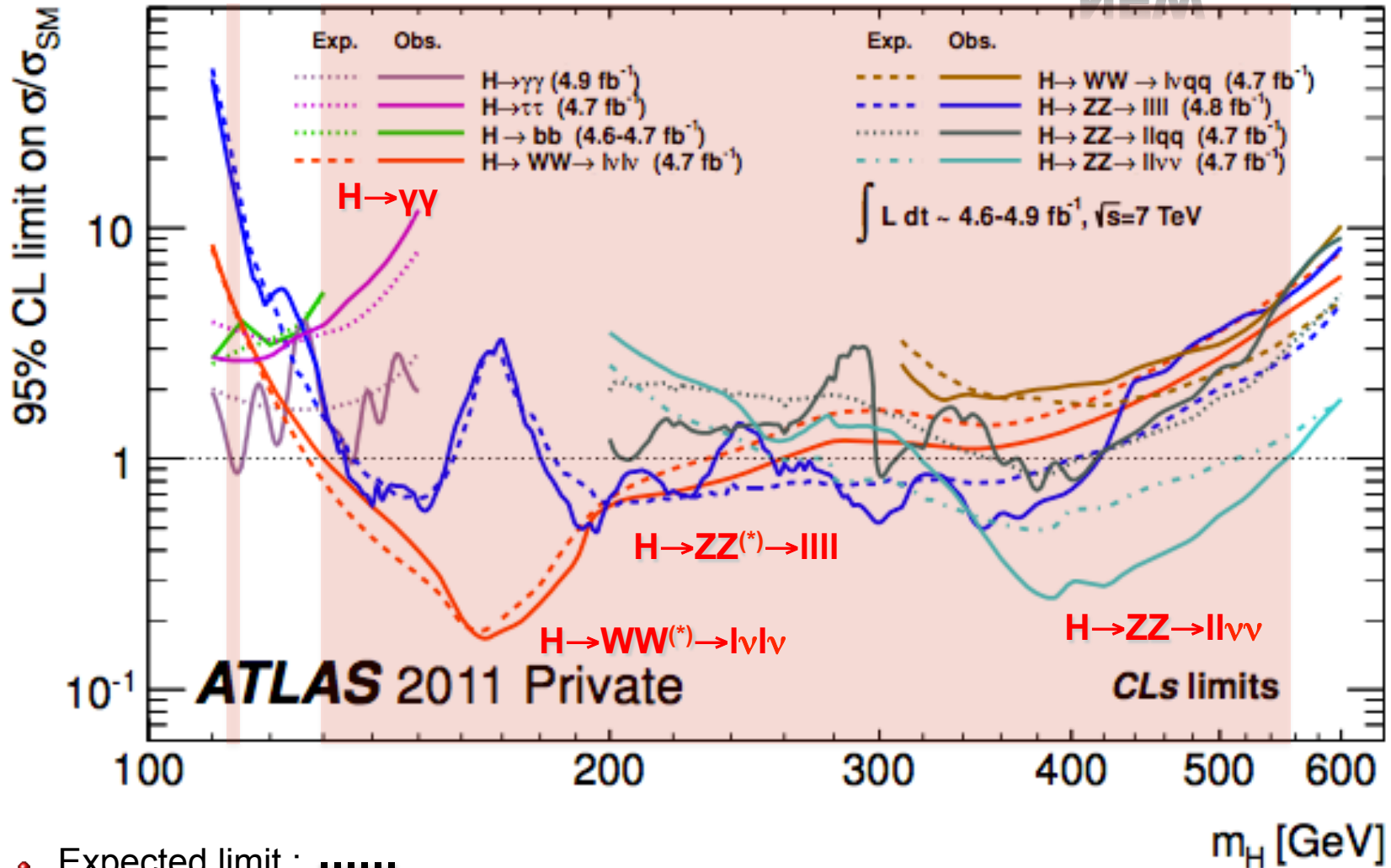
No significant excess is observed



# SUMMARY OF THE CHANNELS

Summary of the individual channels (Moriond 2012) :

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Expected limit : .....

Observed limit : —

# SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

## Treatment of the systematic uncertainties between the different channels :

- Correlated systematic uncertainties (Jet Energy Scale, Luminosity, ...)

|                           | $H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$<br>$\tau_\ell\tau_{had}$ $\tau_\ell\tau_\ell + jet$ |                   | $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ | $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ | $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$<br>$\ell\nu\ell\nu$ | $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$<br>$llll$ $ll\nu\nu$ $llqq$ |                  |                   |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Luminosity                | $\pm 3.7$                                                                        | $\pm 3.7$         | $\pm 3.7$                    | $\pm 3.7$                | $\pm 3.7$                                    | $\pm 3.7$                                            | $\pm 3.7$        | $\pm 3.7$         |
| $e/\gamma$ eff.           | $\pm 3.5$                                                                        | $+2.0$<br>$-2.1$  | $+11.6$<br>$-10.4$           | $\pm 2.3$                | $\pm 2.2$                                    | $\pm 3.3$                                            | $\pm 1.2$        | $\pm 1.1$         |
| $e/\gamma$ E. scale       | $+1.3$<br>$-0.1$                                                                 | $+0.2$<br>$-0.5$  | -                            | $+1.5$<br>$-1.6$         | $\pm 0.1$                                    | -                                                    | $+0.8$<br>$-1.1$ | -                 |
| $e/\gamma$ res.           | -                                                                                | $\pm 3.7$         | -                            | $+2.1$<br>$-1.5$         | $\pm 0.1$                                    | -                                                    | -                | -                 |
| $\mu$ eff.                | $\pm 1.0$                                                                        | $+2.0$<br>$-2.1$  | -                            | $+1.1$<br>$-2.0$         | $\pm 0.6$                                    | $\pm 1.2$                                            | $+0.8$<br>$-0.7$ | $\pm 0.6$         |
| $\mu$ res.                | -                                                                                | $+0.4$<br>$-0.6$  | -                            | $\pm 5.8$                | $\pm 1.6$                                    | -                                                    | -                | -                 |
| Jet/ $\tau$ /MET E. scale | $+19$<br>$-16$                                                                   | $+3.3$<br>$-10.0$ | -                            | $+21$<br>$-17$           | $\pm 6.1$                                    | -                                                    | $+5.9$<br>$-4.0$ | $+3.7$<br>$-10.4$ |
| JER                       | -                                                                                | $\pm 2.0$         | -                            | $\pm 2.5$                | $+2.2$<br>$-1.8$                             | -                                                    | -                | $+2.1$<br>$-0.0$  |
| MET                       | -                                                                                | $+4.4$<br>$-5.3$  | -                            | $+5.5$<br>$-6.1$         | -                                            | $\pm 0.6$                                            | $+6.6$<br>$-4.2$ | -                 |
| $b$ -tag eff.             | -                                                                                | -                 | -                            | $+37$<br>$-33$           | $\pm 0.1$                                    | -                                                    | $+4.3$<br>$-4.4$ | -                 |

HCP, Nov 2011  
systematic values

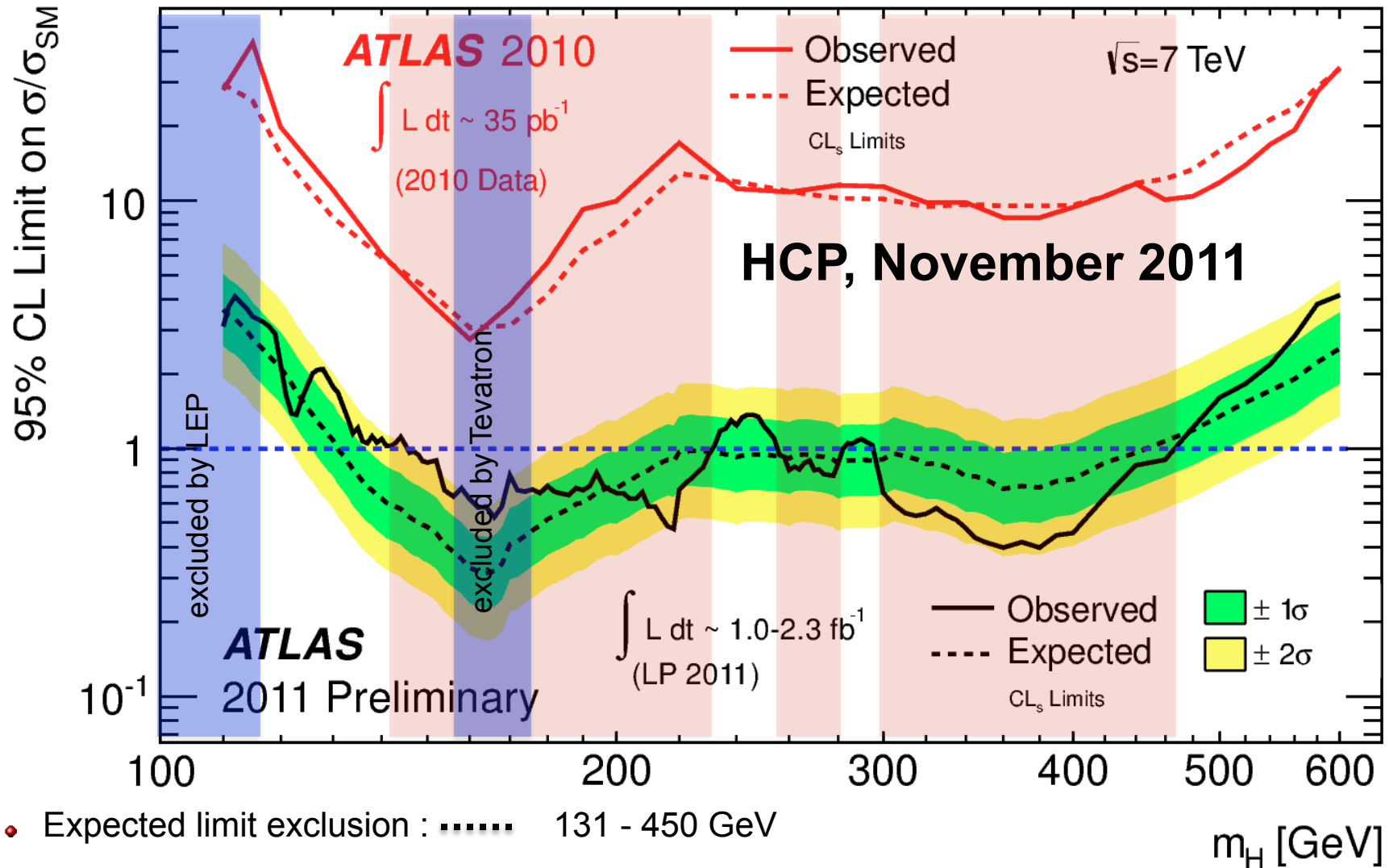
- For background estimated with data-driven, systematic uncertainties are uncorrelated
- Careful treatment of theory uncertainties (ATLAS-CMS LHC combination working group)

| Production Mode | QCD Scale | PDF+ $\alpha_s$ | Total      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| ggF             | +12/-7 %  | $\pm 8$ %       | +20/-15 %  |
| VBF             | $\pm 1$ % | $\pm 4$ %       | $\pm 5$ %  |
| WH/ZH           | $\pm 1$ % | $\pm 4$ %       | $\pm 5$ %  |
| ttH             | $\pm 4$ % | $\pm 8$ %       | $\pm 12$ % |

change with  $m_{\text{Higgs}}$

# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2010 and 2011 data (HCP 2011) :

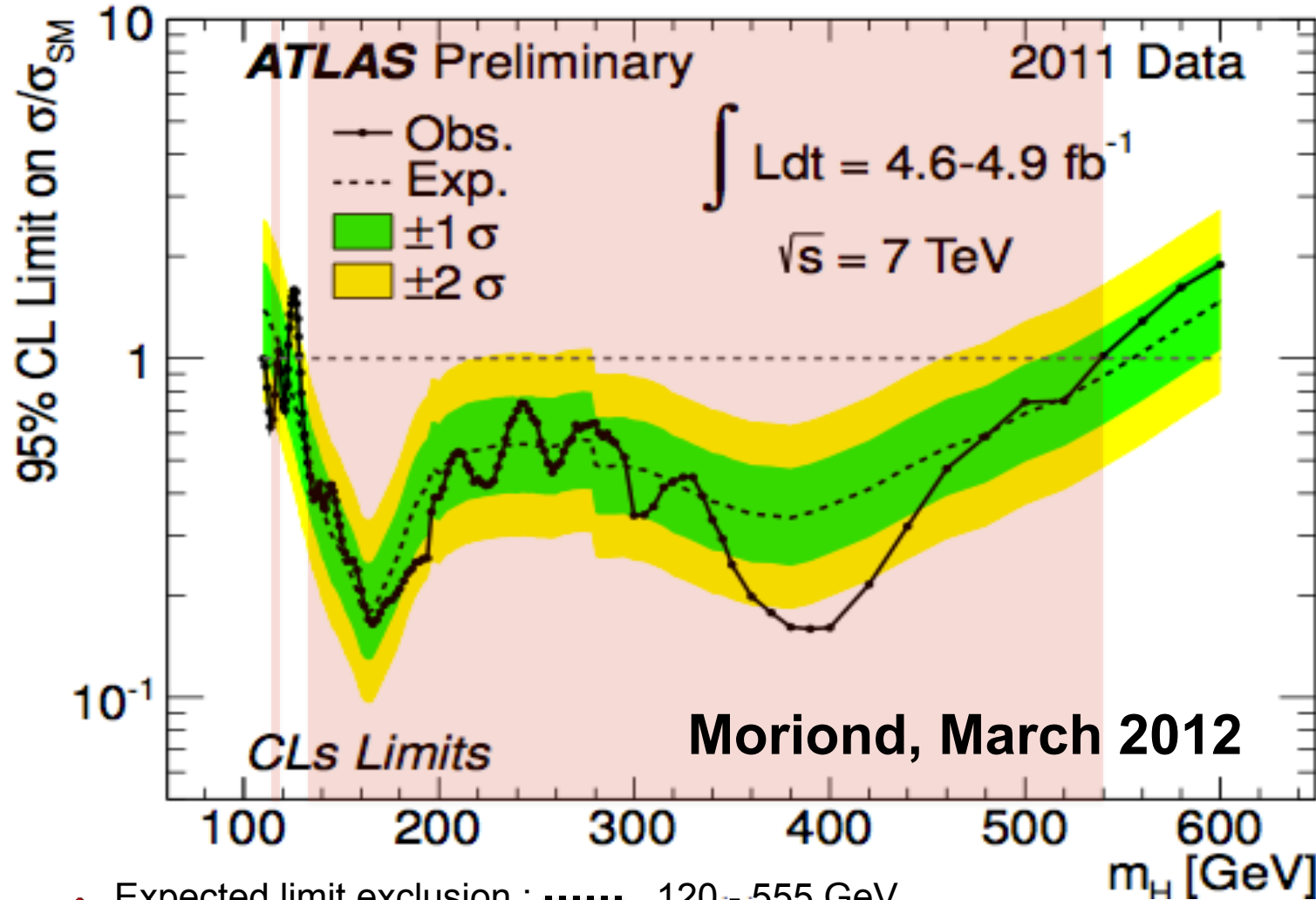


Expected limit exclusion : ..... 131 - 450 GeV

Observed limit exclusion : — 146 - 230 GeV and 256 - 282 GeV and 296 - 459 GeV

# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with all 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :



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- Expected limit exclusion : ..... 120 - 555 GeV
- Observed limit exclusion : ——— 110.0–117.5 GeV and 118.5–122.5 GeV and 129–529 GeV



# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

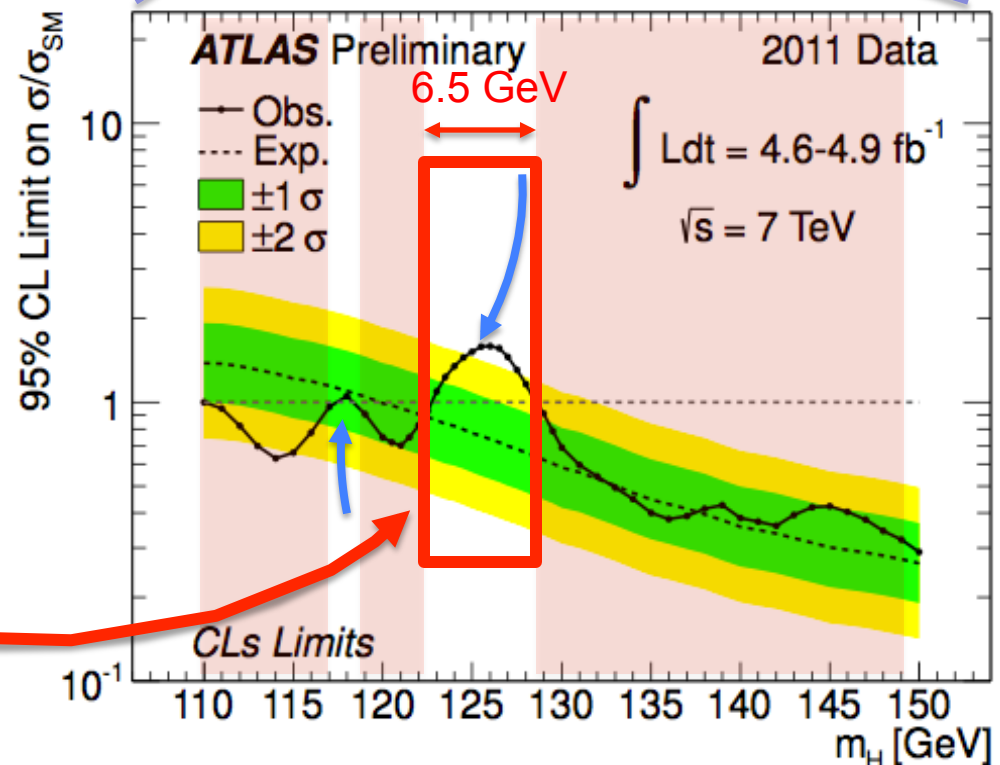
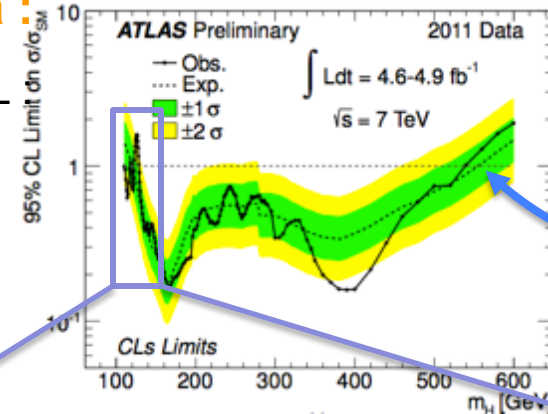
## SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data :

- Standard Model Higgs Boson excluded at 95% CL  
 $110.0 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 117.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $118.5 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 122.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $129 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 439 \text{ GeV}$   
 (expected :  $120 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 555 \text{ GeV}$ )

- Still some “excess” that leads to weaker-than-expected limit

- Some “hole” in the exclusion range due to some “excess” in around  
 $m_{\text{Higgs}} 110.0 - 117.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{\text{Higgs}} 118.5 - 122.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{\text{Higgs}} \sim 439 \text{ GeV}$

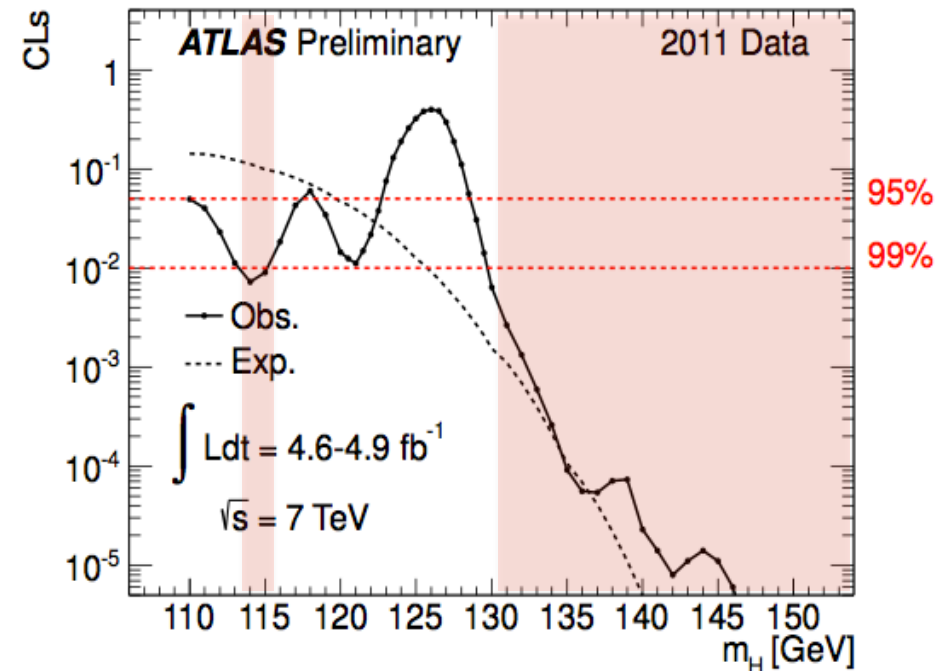
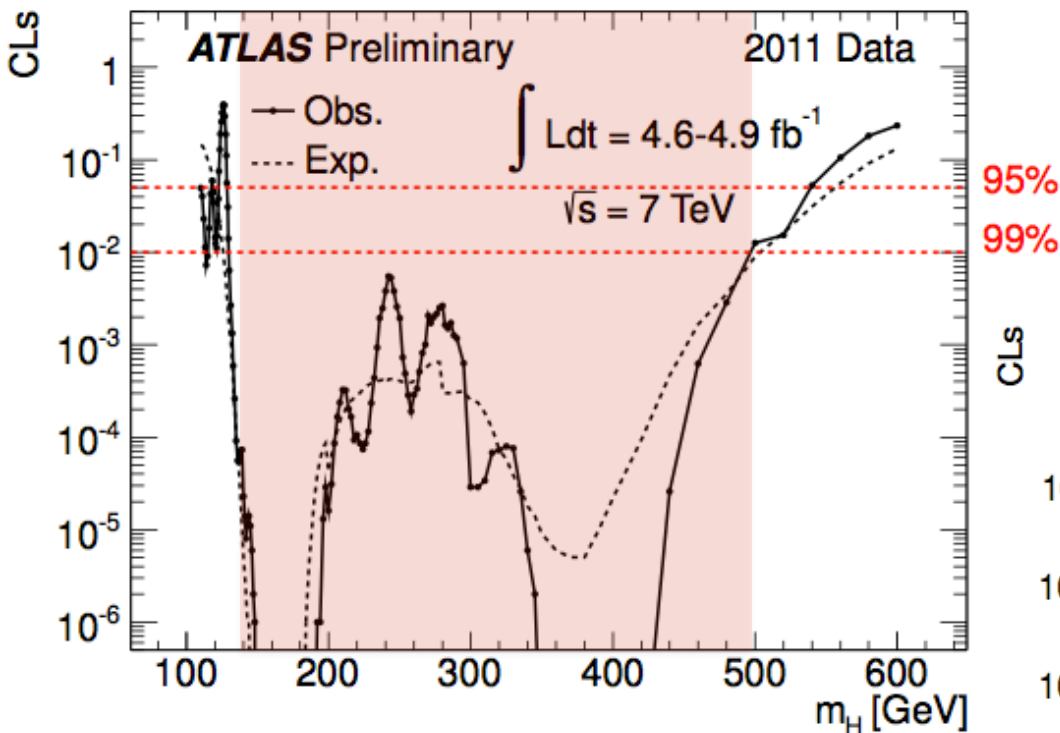
- Interesting region now :  
 $m_{\text{Higgs}} 118.5 - 122.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 more channels  
 but difficult one



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# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :



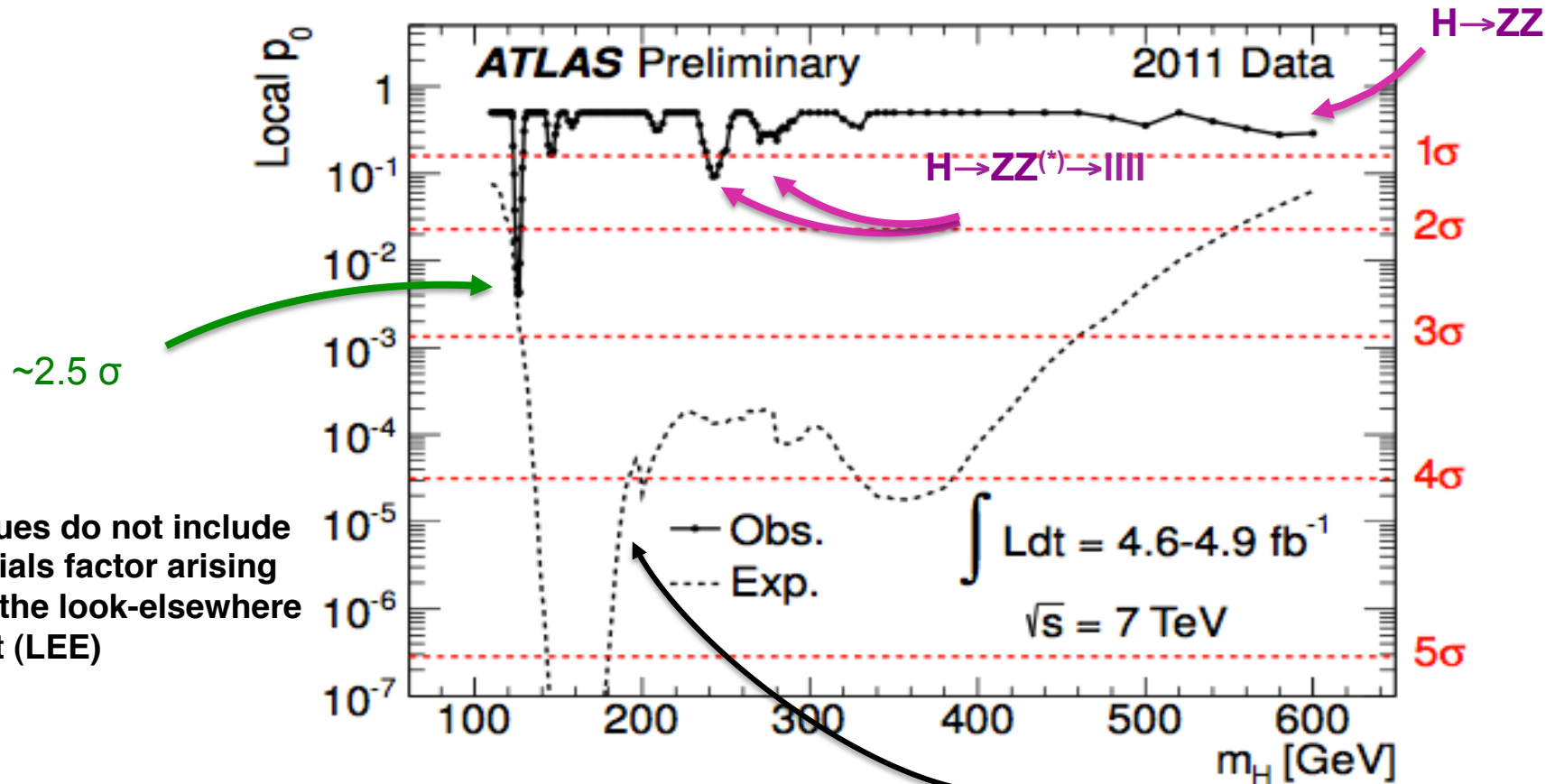
- Observed limit exclusion : — ~115 GeV and 130–486 GeV at 99%

# LOCAL P-VALUES

## Local p-value of the SM Higgs combination at ATLAS (Moriond 2012):

- The observed local p-value characterizes probabilities for the predicted background to fluctuate at least as high as the observed excesses

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p-values do not include the trials factor arising from the look-elsewhere effect (LEE)

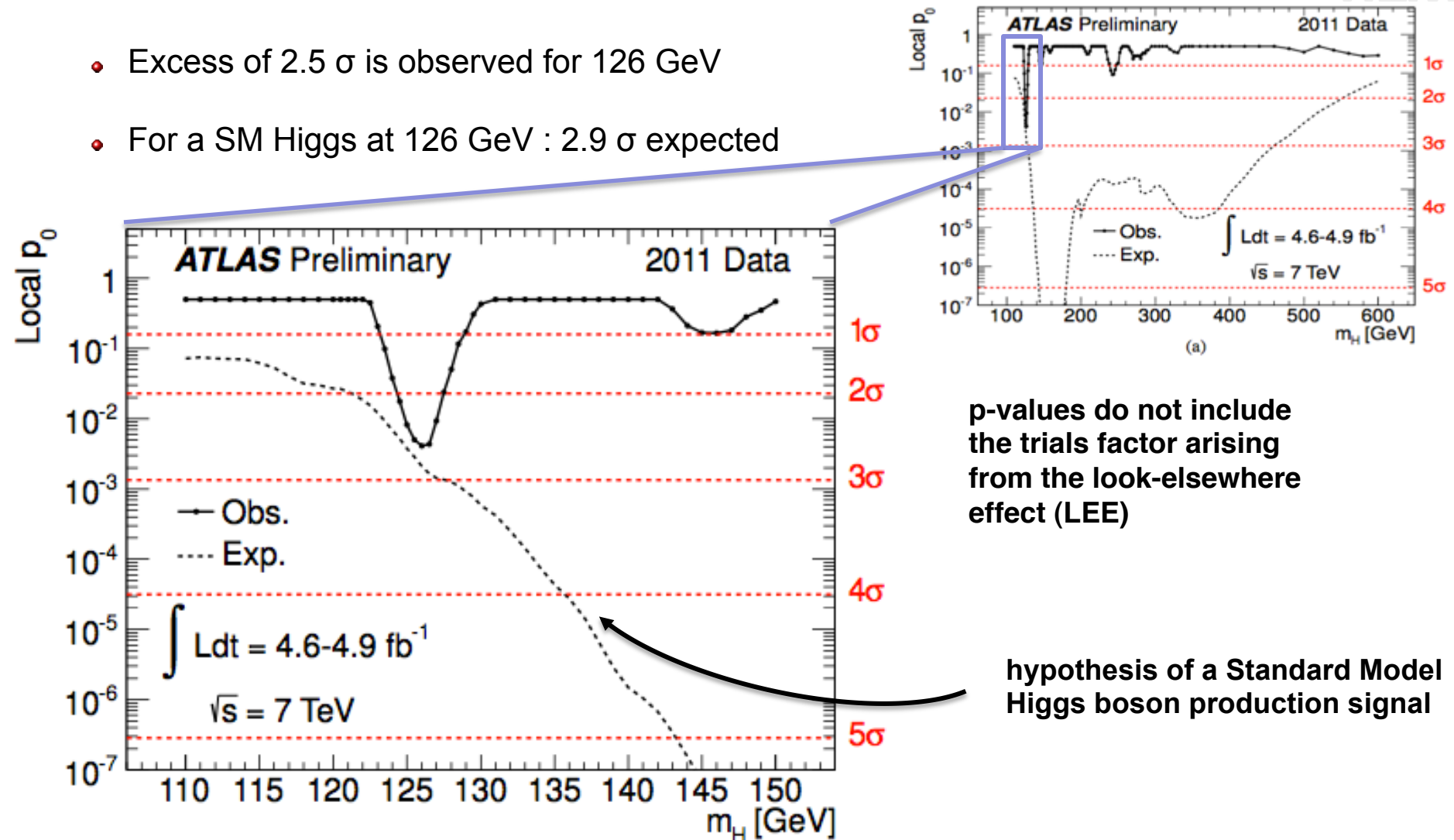
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# LOCAL P-VALUES

## Local p-value of the SM Higgs combination at ATLAS (Moriond 2012) :

- The observed local p-value characterize probabilities for the predicted background to fluctuate at least as high as the observed excesses
- Excess of  $2.5 \sigma$  is observed for 126 GeV
- For a SM Higgs at 126 GeV :  $2.9 \sigma$  expected

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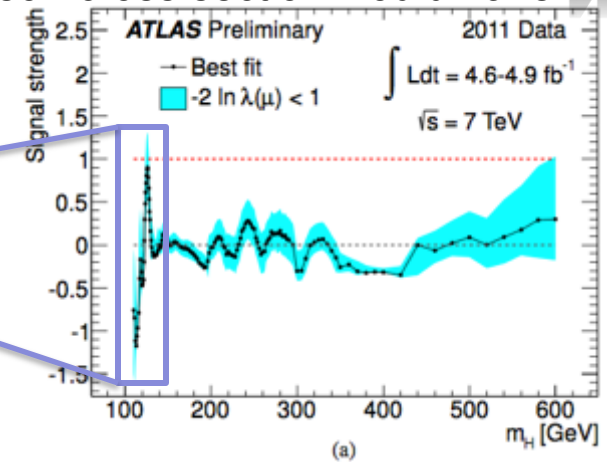
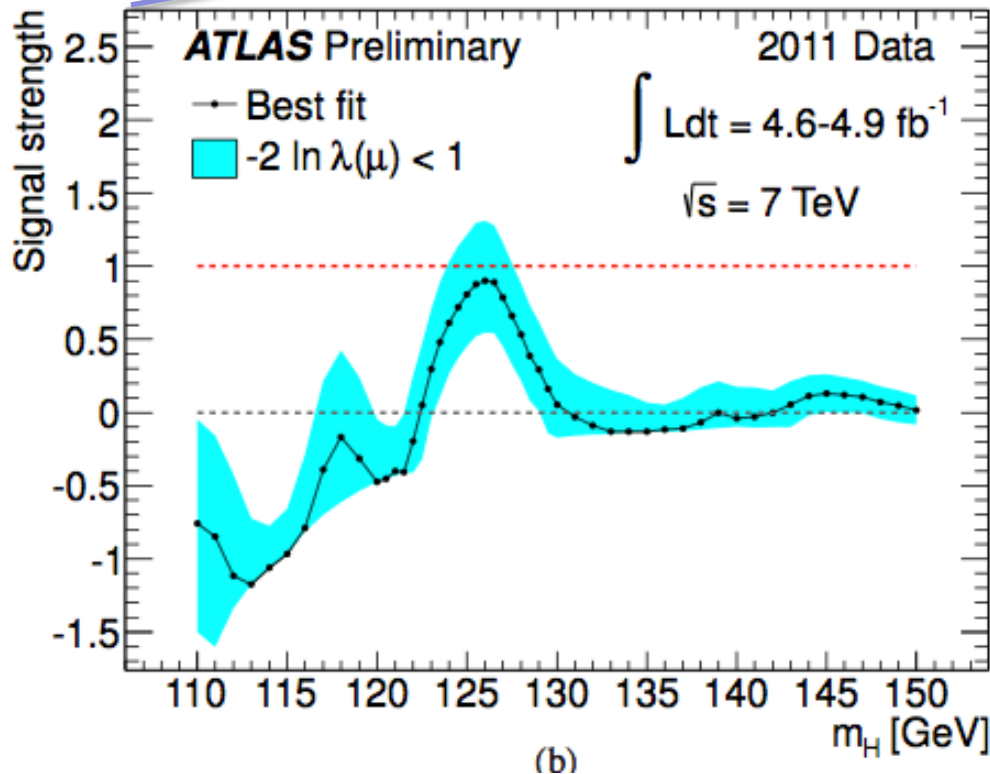
# SIGNAL STRENGTH

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

**NEW  
MEM**

**Best fit signal strength  $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$  :**

- The  $\mu$  value indicates by what factor the SM Higgs boson cross section would have to be scaled to best match the observed data
- Best-fit signal strength at 126 GeV:  $\hat{\mu} = 0.9^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$

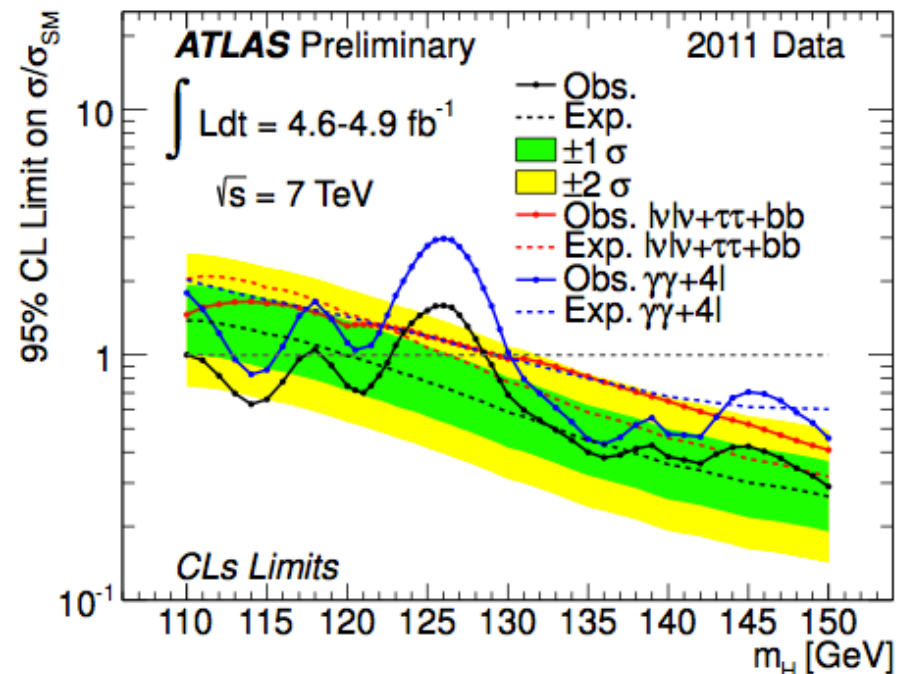
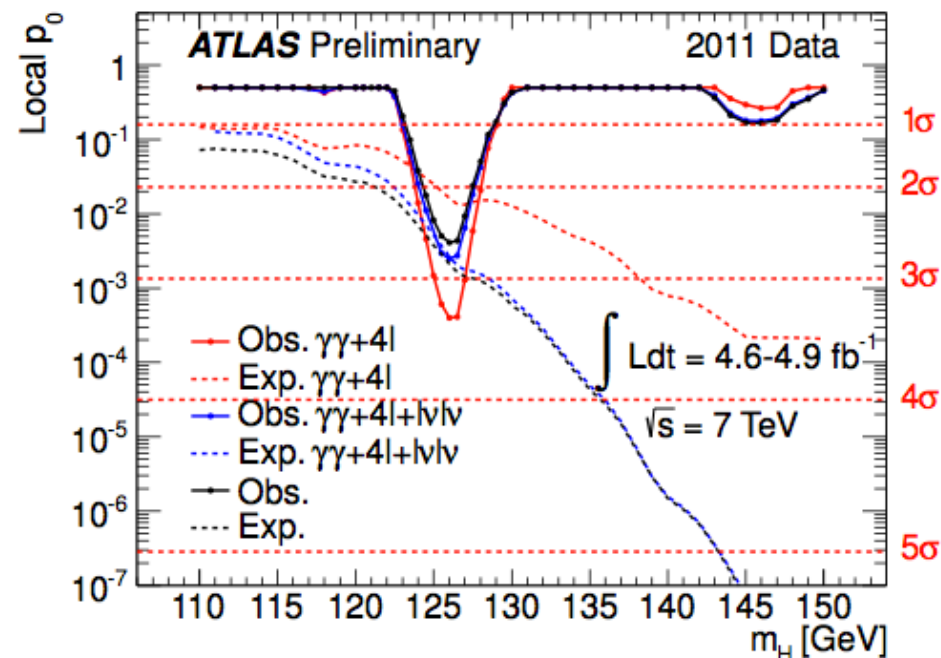




# ANATOMY OF AN OBSERVED EXCESS

## Observed excess :

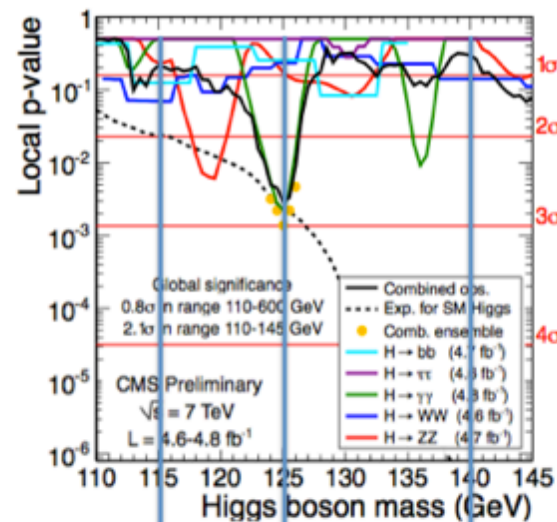
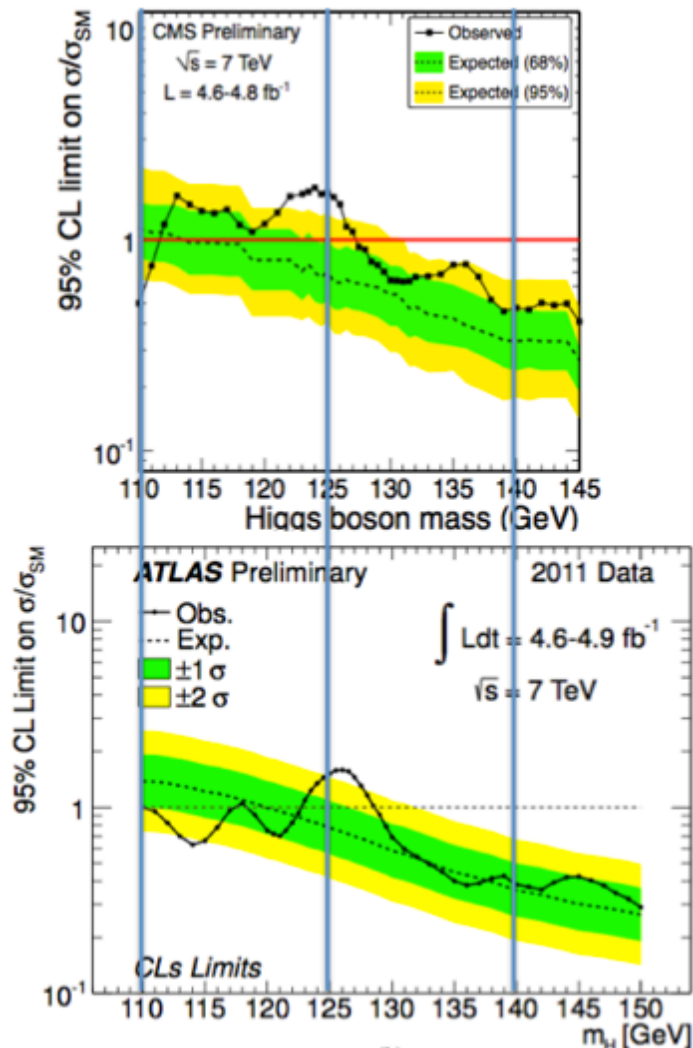
- Excess is mainly observed in two high-resolution channels:  
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4\ell$  :  $3.4\sigma$  local significance (combined)
- No such excess in :  
 $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$   
 All channels combined:  $2.5\sigma$  local significance
- Global probability of such a background fluctuation anywhere in the full explored mass range (110-600 GeV) : 30%  
 mass range (110-146 GeV) : 10%



# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS VS CMS

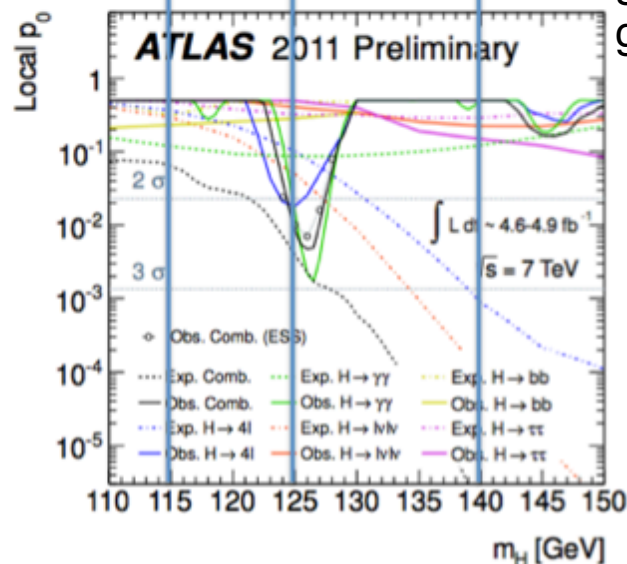
## SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS vs CMS with 2011 data :

**NEW**  
**MEM**



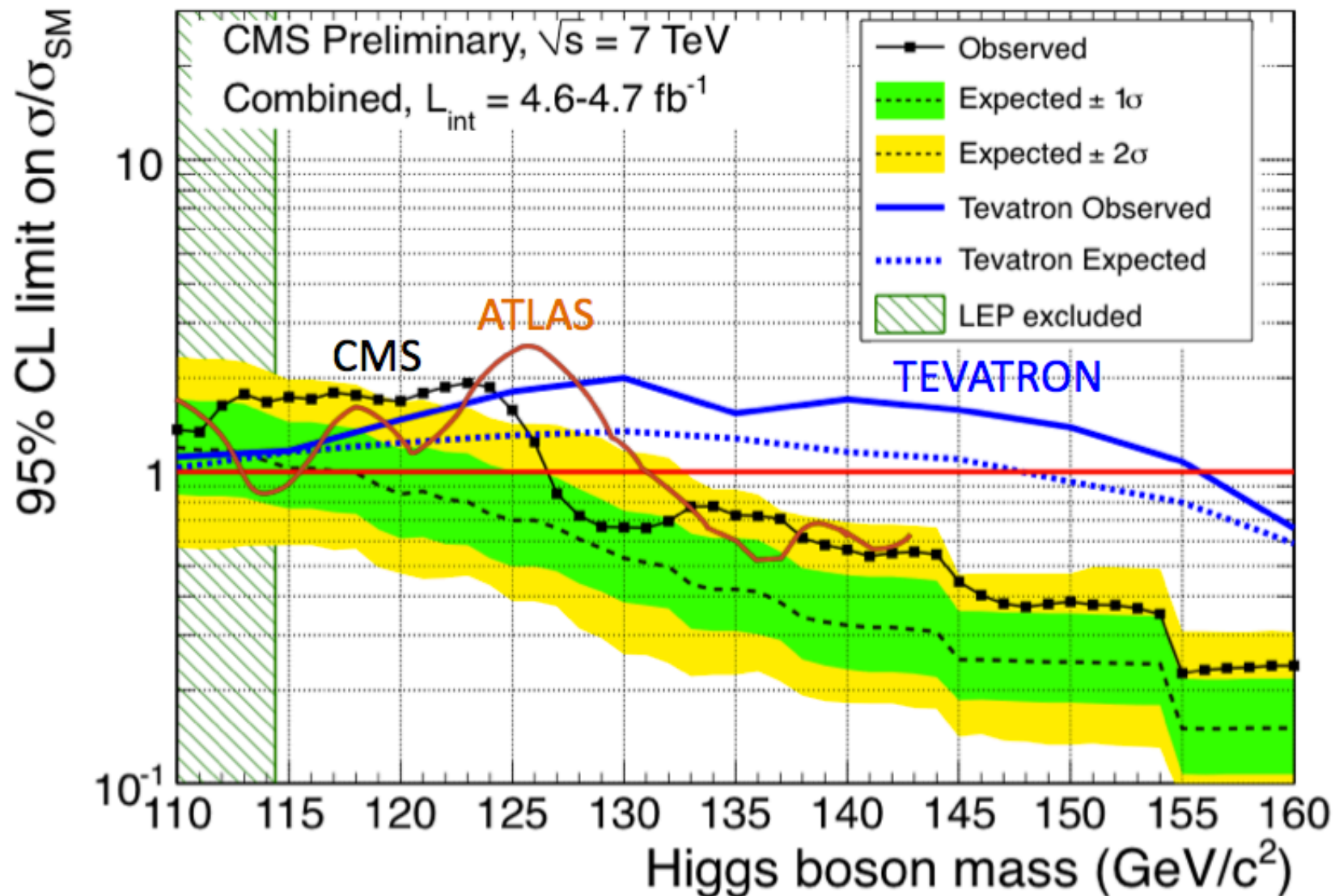
CMS :  
127.5- 600 GeV  
(at 95% CL)  
129 - 525 GeV  
(at 99% CL)

some excess :  
125 GeV  
local 2.8 $\sigma$   
global 0.8 $\sigma$  (110-600 GeV)  
global 2.1 $\sigma$  (110-145 GeV)



# ATLAS, CMS AND TEVATRON

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS, CMS and Tevatron, January 2011 :





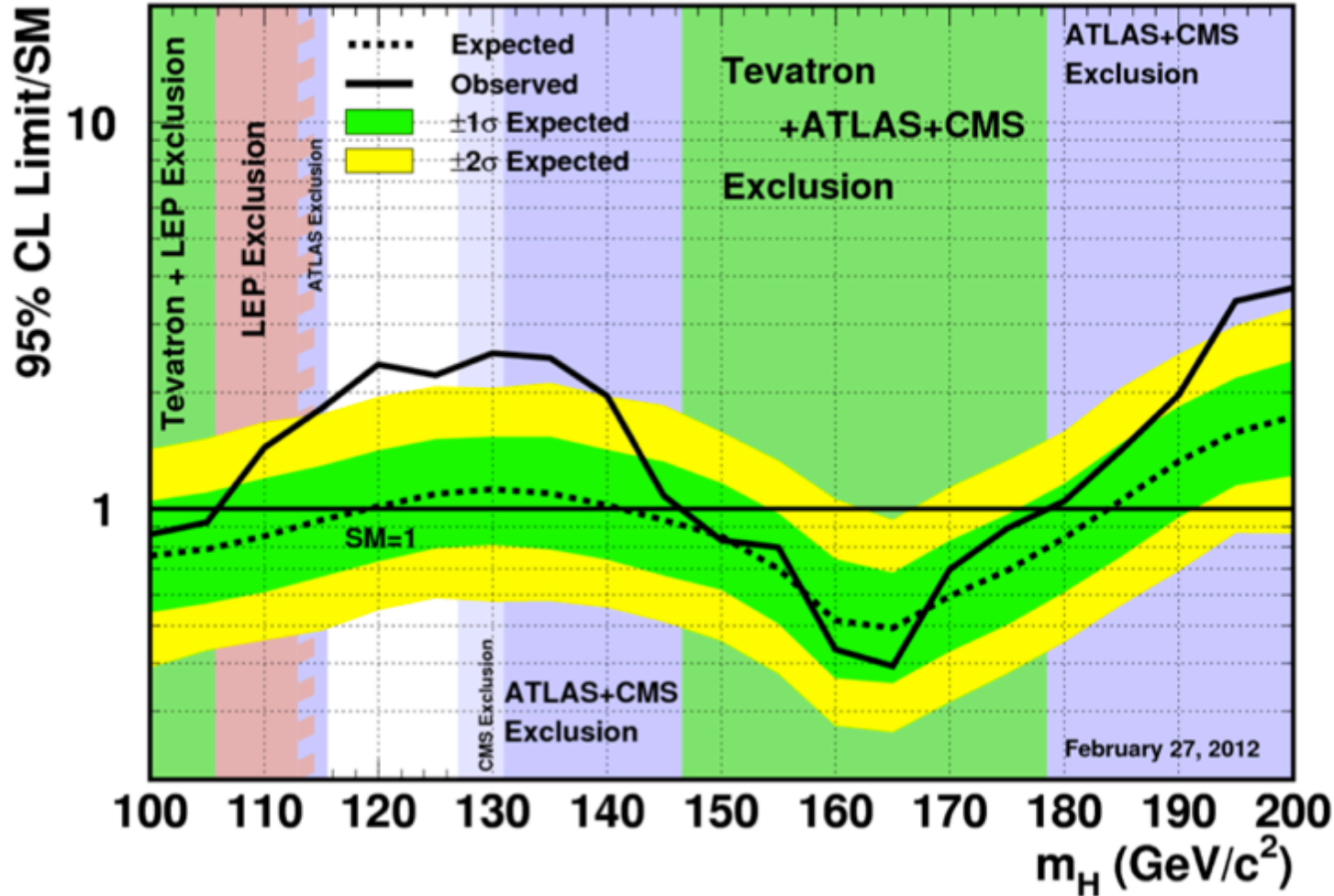
# NEW TEVATRON RESULTS

$$\frac{1}{4} F_{100} F_{100}$$

## SM Higgs Combination at Tevatron (Moriond 2012) :

**NEW  
MEM**

Tevatron Run II Preliminary,  $L \leq 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Tevatron :  
147 - 179 GeV  
(at 95% CL)

some excess :  
115 - 135 GeV  
2.7  $\sigma$  (2.2  $\sigma$ )

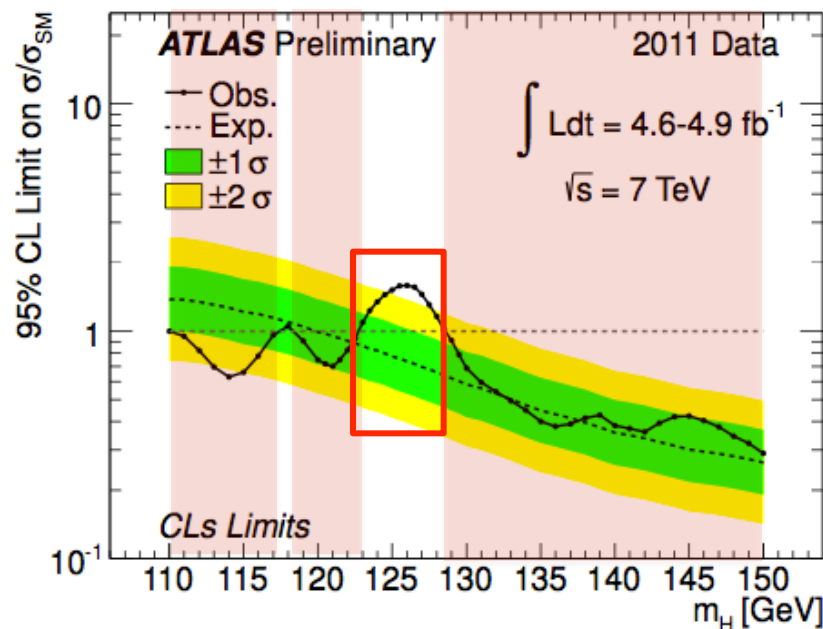
# PROJECTION FOR 2012

$$\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

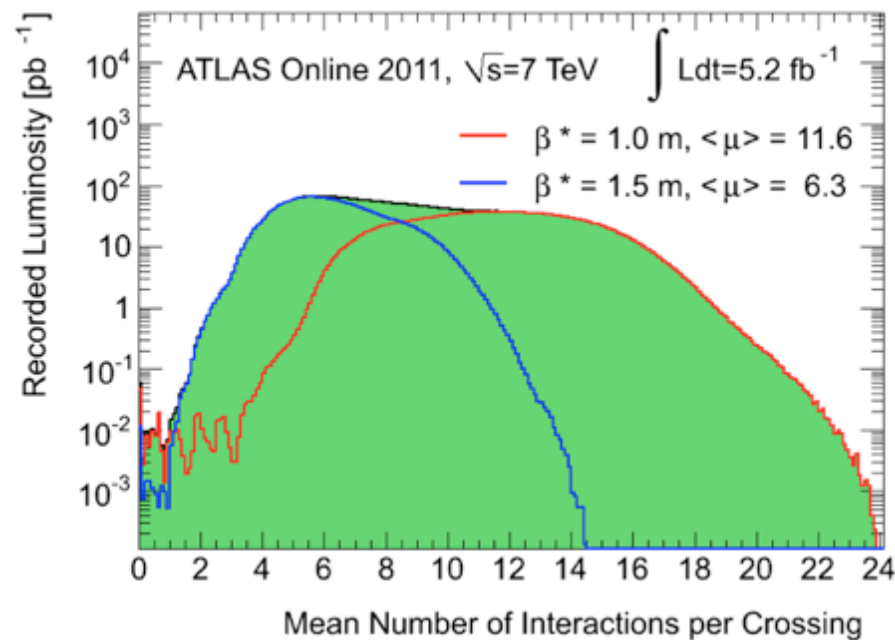
## What we can expect in 2012 :

- Exclusion or evidence at  $5\sigma$  with  $15\text{-}20\text{ fb}^{-1}$  whole mass range between  $110\text{-}600$

### ATLAS Higgs combination Moriond 2012



### Pile-up in 2011 data



- challenges for 2012 :
  - $\sqrt{s} = 8\text{ TeV}$  of p-p collisions
  - pic luminosity :  $\sim 6.2\text{-}6.8 \times 10^{33}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$  (2 x maximum pic in 2011 data)
  - $\langle \mu \rangle$  :  $\sim 31\text{-}35$  (3 x maximum average value in 2011 data)
  - $O(15\text{-}20)\text{ fb}^{-1}$  (3-4 x 2011 data)



# CONCLUSION

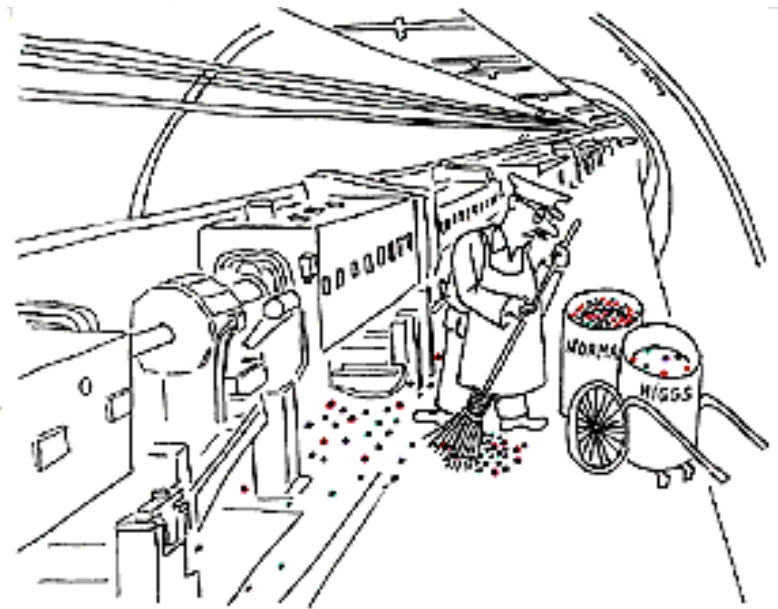
## Conclusion :

- Thanks to the excellent LHC operations, ATLAS has collected more than  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data (p-p collision at 7 TeV)
- The LHC dominates the SM Higgs with  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ATLAS has performed a Higgs Boson search corresponding to an integrated luminosity between 4.6 and  $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  using several channels
- Modest excesses observed of  $2.5 \sigma$  ( $2.9 \sigma$ ) is found (expected) at 126 GeV
- Exclusion limits at 95% C.L are set for a SM-like Higgs boson in the mass region :  
 $110.0 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 117.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $118.5 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 122.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $129 < m_{\text{Higgs}} < 439 \text{ GeV}$
- In the low-mass region no exclusion was possible due to a moderate excess of observed events compared to the expectation
- The excess is most compatible with the Standard Model Higgs boson hypothesis with  $m_{\text{H}}$  around 126 GeV. Statistical significance not large enough to distinguish signal from the background fluctuations (yet)

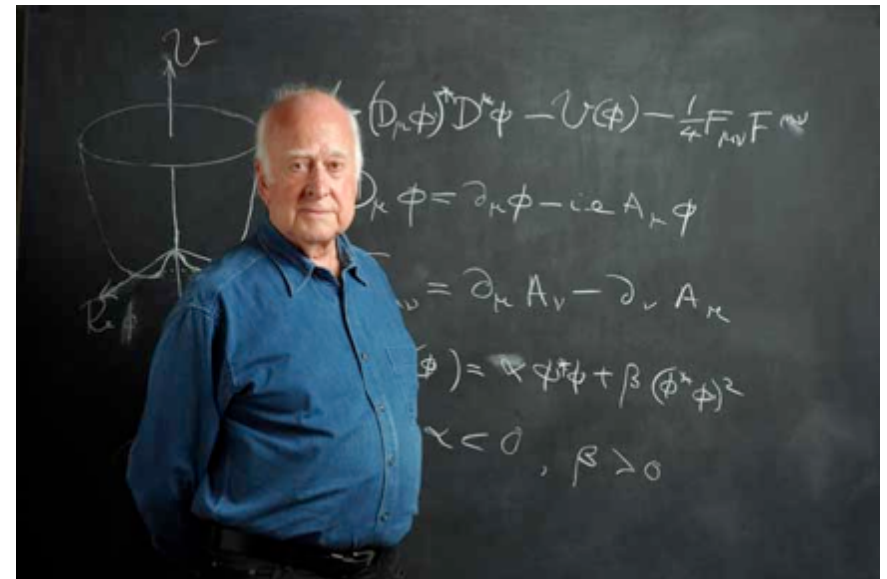
## Outlook :

- Possibility to have LHC and/or LHC+Tevatron SM Higgs combination before the summer
- Prepare 2012 analysis:
  - by optimizing the object performances (e,  $\mu$ ,  $\tau$ , ...)
  - by reducing the systematic and optimizing the selections
- By the end of 2012 with  $O(15-20 \text{ fb}^{-1})$  a conclusive answer on the Standard Model Higgs will be obtained
- If 126 GeV persists and becomes significant:
  - measurement of mass
  - $\tau\tau$ ,  $bb$ ,  $WW$ ,  $ZZ$  decays all accessible for measurements
  - consequences for BSM...
- If not:
  - go down in the couplings
  - don't forget high mass
  - other signatures (e.g. invisible)
- Very exiting times ahead ...

# STAY TUNED



"Run! I've discovered the Higgs bison."



$$\mathcal{L} = (D_{\mu}\phi)^* D_{\mu}\phi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

**BACK UP**

## ATLAS Public Documents :

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HiggsPublicResults>

- ATLAS Luminosity and pile-up  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/LuminosityPublicResults>
- LHC Higgs Cross-section working group  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/CrossSections>
- Handbook of LHC Higgs Cross Sections: 1. Inclusive Observables  
CERN-2011-002, arXiv:1101.0593  
<http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1318996>
- Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the diphoton decay channel with 4.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> of ATLAS data at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV  
arXiv:1202.1408  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1202.1408>
- Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson produced in association with a vector boson and decaying to a b-quark pair using up to 4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp collision data at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV with the ATLAS detector at the LHC  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-015  
<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2012-015>
- Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the H → τ<sup>+</sup> τ<sup>-</sup> decay mode with 4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of ATLAS data at 7 TeV  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-014  
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## ATLAS Public Documents :

- Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  decay mode with 4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of ATLAS data at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-012  
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- Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the decay channel  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  with 4.8 fb<sup>-1</sup> of ATLAS data at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV  
arXiv:1202.1415  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1202.1415>
- Search for a Standard Model Higgs in the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$  decay channel with 4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> with the ATLAS detector  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-016  
<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2012-016>
- Search for a Standard Model Higgs boson in the mass range 200--600 GeV in the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$  decay channel with the ATLAS detector  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-017  
<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2012-017>
- Search for the Higgs boson in the  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu jj$  decay channel using 4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV with the ATLAS detector  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-018  
<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2012-018>

## ATLAS Public Documents :

- Combined search for the Standard Model Higgs boson using up to 4.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp collisions at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV with the ATLAS detector at the LHC  
arXiv:1202.1408  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1202.1408>
- An update to the combined search for the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector at the LHC using up to 4.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp collision data at sqrt(s) = 7 TeV  
ATLAS-CONF-2012-019  
<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2012-019>

# HIGGS TO FOUR LEPTONS

## Data and MC expectations :

The expected numbers of background events, with their systematic uncertainty, separated into “Low- $m_{4\ell}$ ” ( $m_{4\ell} < 180$  GeV) and “High- $m_{4\ell}$ ” ( $m_{4\ell} \geq 180$  GeV) regions, compared to the observed numbers of events.

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

# COMMON LHC SYSTEMATICS

## Theoretical Systematics

### PDF+ $\alpha_s$ uncertainties

|           |                                                                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| nuisance  | groups of physics processes                                                               |
| pdf_gg    | $gg \rightarrow H, t\bar{t}H, VQQ, t\bar{t}, tW, tb$ ( $s$ -channel), $gg \rightarrow VV$ |
| pdf_qqbar | VBF $H, VH, V, VV, \gamma\gamma$                                                          |
| pdf_qg    | $tbq$ ( $t$ -channel), $\gamma$ +jets                                                     |

### QCD scale uncertainties

|                 |                                                                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| nuisance        | groups of physics processes                                        |
| QCDscale_ggH    | total inclusive $gg \rightarrow H$                                 |
| QCDscale_ggH1in | inclusive $gg/qg \rightarrow H + \geq 1$ jets                      |
| QCDscale_ggH2in | inclusive $gg/qg \rightarrow H + \geq 2$ jets                      |
| QCDscale_qqH    | VBF $H$                                                            |
| QCDscale_VH     | associate $VH$                                                     |
| QCDscale_ttH    | $t\bar{t}H$                                                        |
| QCDscale_V      | W and Z                                                            |
| QCDscale_VV     | WW, WZ, and ZZ up to NLO                                           |
| QCDscale_ggVV   | $gg \rightarrow WW$ and $gg \rightarrow ZZ$                        |
| QCDscale_ZQQ    | Z with heavy flavor $q\bar{q}$ -pair                               |
| QCDscale_WQQ    | W with heavy flavor $q\bar{q}$ -pair                               |
| QCDscale_ttbar  | $t\bar{t}$ , single top productions are lumped here for simplicity |

### Phenomenological uncertainties

|          |                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| nuisance | groups of physics processes                      |
| UEPS     | all processes sensitive to modeling of UE and PS |

### Acceptance uncertainties

|                       |                                                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| nuisance              | comments                                                             |
| QCDscale_WW_EXTRAP    | extrap. factor $\alpha$ for deriving WW bkgd in HWW analysis         |
| QCDscale_ttbar_EXTRAP | extrap. factor $\alpha$ for deriving $t\bar{t}$ bkgd in HWW analysis |

## Instrumental Systematics

### Instrumental uncertainties

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| nuisance | comments                      |
| lumi     | uncertainties in luminosities |

# EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEMATICS

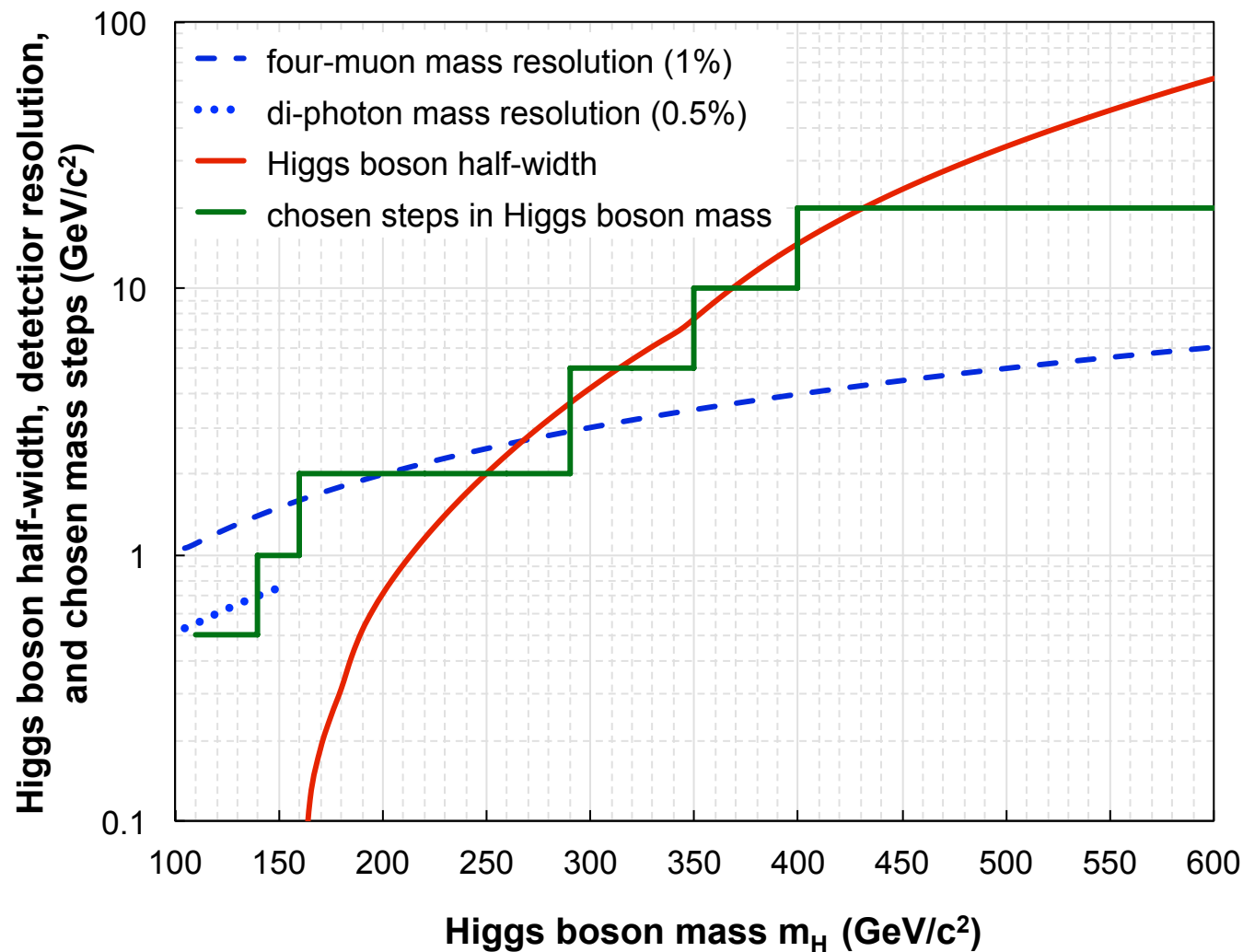
## Instrumental Systematics

| Physics object | Source              | Uncertainty<br>on signal yield | Most affected<br>channels                                     |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                | luminosity          | 3.9%                           |                                                               |
| Photon         | efficiency          | 11%                            | $\gamma\gamma$                                                |
| Electron       | efficiency          | <3%                            | $4\ell$                                                       |
|                | energy scale        | <1%                            |                                                               |
|                | energy resolution   | <0.5%                          |                                                               |
| Muon           | efficiency          | <1%                            | $4\ell$                                                       |
|                | momentum resolution | <1%                            |                                                               |
| Jet            | energy scale        | up to 12%                      | $\tau\tau, b\bar{b}, \ell\ell jj, \ell\nu jj$<br>$\ell\nu jj$ |
|                | resolution          | up to 20%                      |                                                               |
| b-tagging      | efficiency          | up to 15%                      | $b\bar{b}$                                                    |
| $\tau$ -jet    | efficiency          | up to 8%                       | $\tau\tau$                                                    |



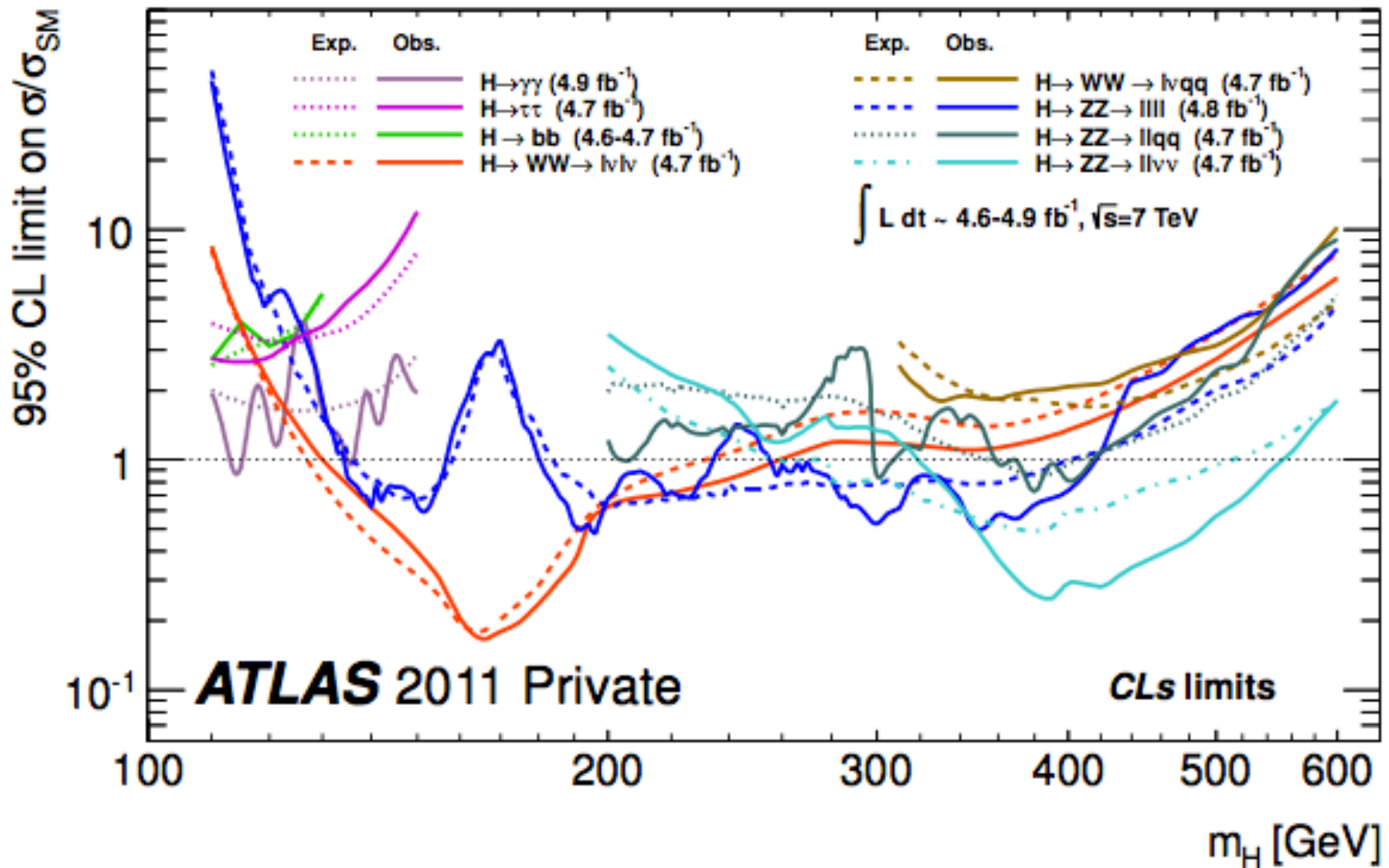
## Higgs Decay Width and Mass Resolution :

- Prepared for the LHC combination (ATLAS+CMS)



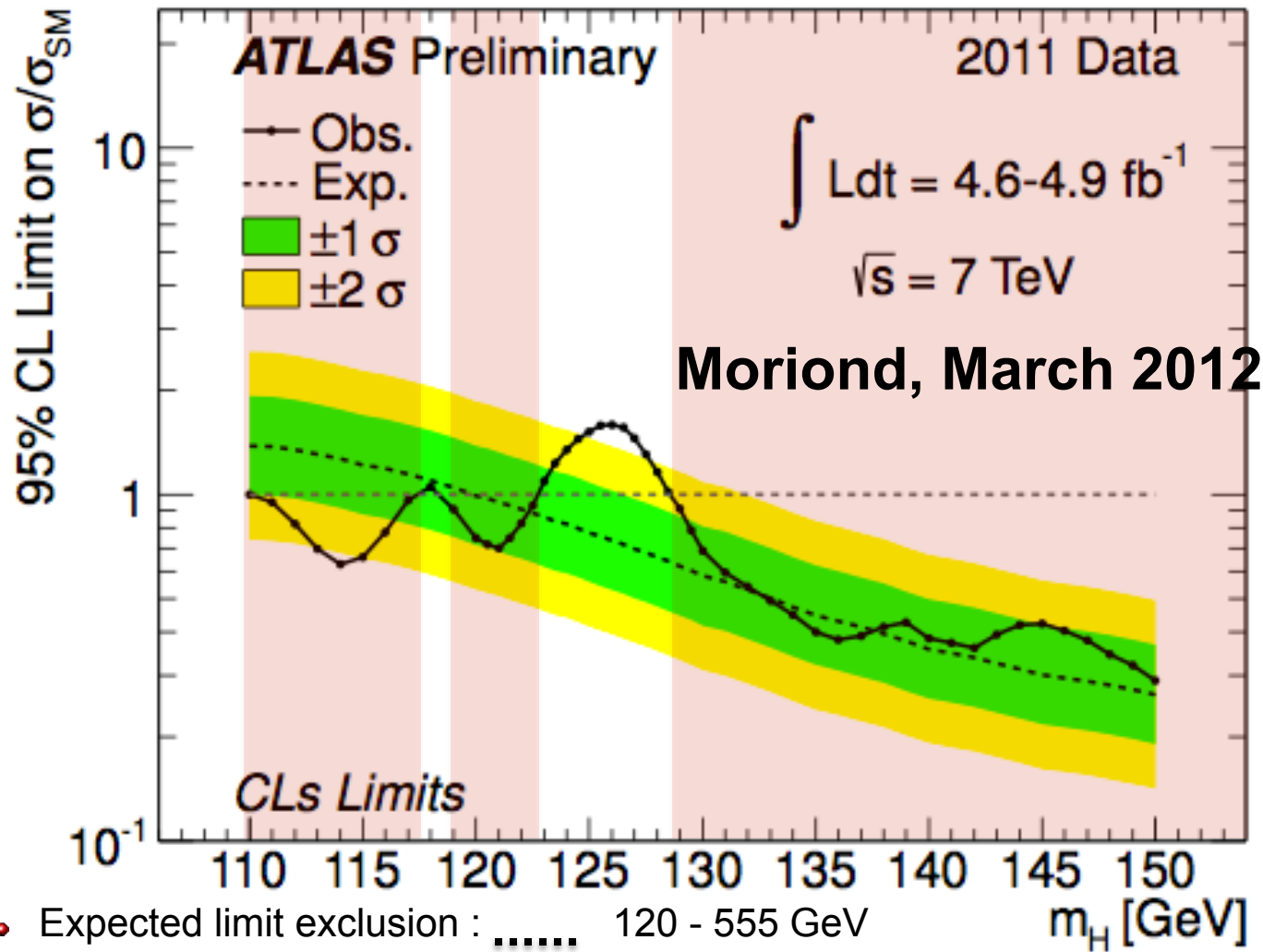
# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :



# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with all 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :



- Expected limit exclusion : ..... 120 - 555 GeV
- Observed limit exclusion :            110.0–117.5 GeV and 118.5–122.5 GeV and 129–529 GeV

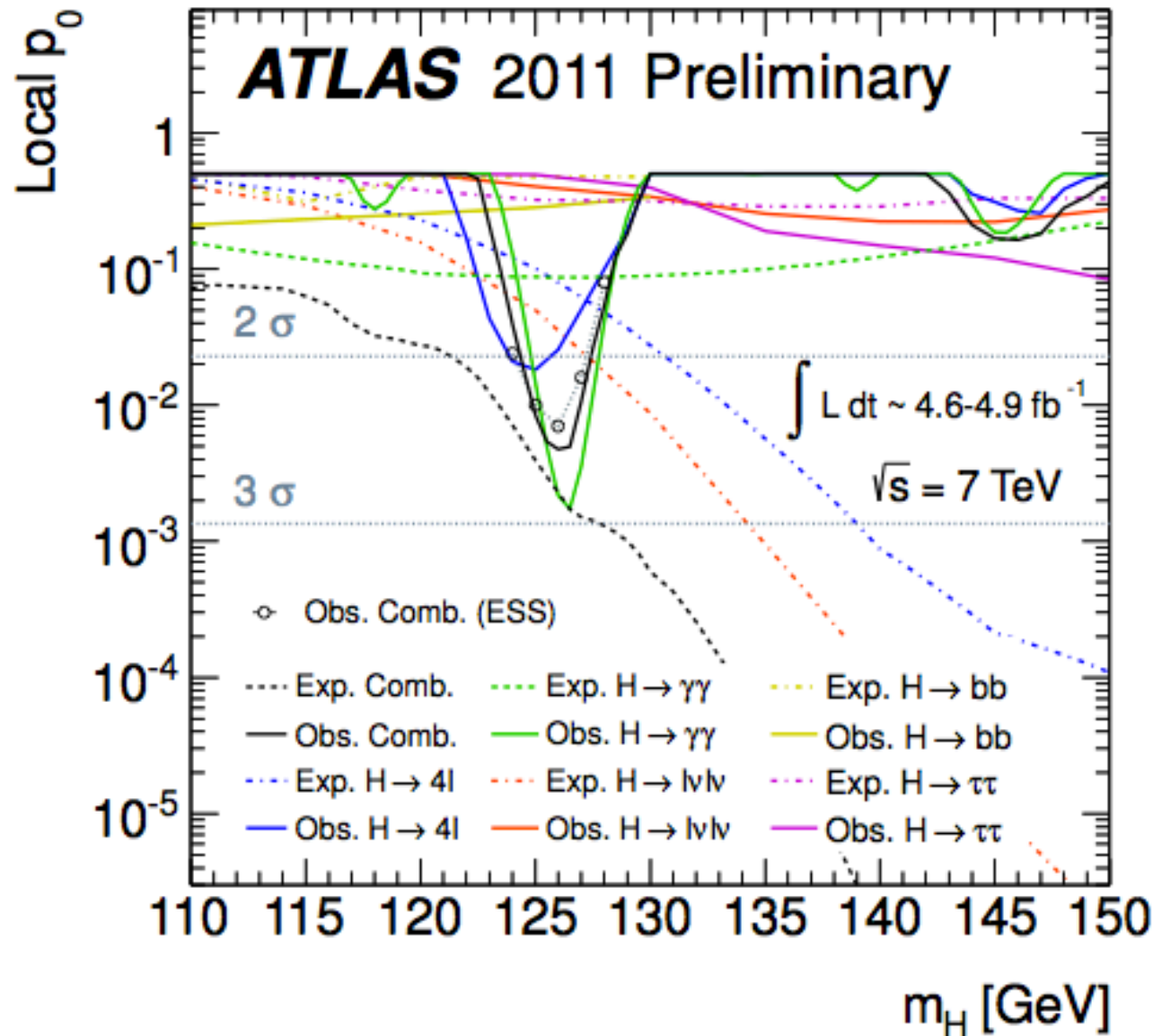
# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :

| Higgs Decay                  | Subsequent Decay                          | Additional Sub-Channels                                                                                                                 | $m_H$ Range | L [fb <sup>-1</sup> ] |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ | –                                         | 9 sub-channels ( $p_T^{\text{thrust}} \otimes \eta_\gamma \otimes \text{conversion}$ )                                                  | 110-150     | 4.9                   |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ$           | $\ell\ell\ell'\ell'$                      | $\{4e, 2e2\mu, 2\mu2e, 4\mu\}$                                                                                                          | 110-600     | 4.8                   |
|                              | $\ell\ell\nu\bar{\nu}$                    | $\{ee, \mu\mu\} \otimes \{\text{low pile-up, high pile-up}\}$                                                                           | 200-280-600 | 4.7                   |
|                              | $\ell\ell q\bar{q}$                       | $\{b\text{-tagged, untagged}\}$                                                                                                         | 200-300-600 | 4.7                   |
| $H \rightarrow WW$           | $\ell\nu\ell\nu$                          | $\{ee, e\mu, \mu\mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet, 1-jet, VBF}\}$                                                                             | 110-300-600 | 4.7                   |
|                              | $\ell\nu q\bar{q}'$                       | $\{e, \mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet, 1-jet}\}$                                                                                            | 300-600     | 4.7                   |
| $H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ | $\ell\ell 4\nu$                           | $\{e\mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}\} \oplus \{1\text{-jet, VBF, VH}\}$                                                                    | 110-150     | 4.7                   |
|                              | $\ell\tau_{\text{had}} 3\nu$              | $\{e, \mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}\} \otimes \{E_T^{\text{miss}} \geq 20 \text{ GeV}\} \oplus \{e, \mu\} \otimes \{1\text{-jet, VBF}\}$ | 110-150     | 4.7                   |
|                              | $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}} 2\nu$ | $\{1\text{-jet}\}$                                                                                                                      | 110-150     | 4.7                   |
| $VH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$    | $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$              | $E_T^{\text{miss}} \in \{[120, 160), [160, 200), \geq 200 \text{ GeV}\}$                                                                | 110-130     | 4.6                   |
|                              | $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$                   | $p_T^W \in \{< 50, 50 - 100, 100 - 200, \geq 200 \text{ GeV}\}$                                                                         | 110-130     | 4.7                   |
|                              | $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$                  | $p_T^Z \in \{< 50, 50 - 100, 100 - 200, \geq 200 \text{ GeV}\}$                                                                         | 110-130     | 4.7                   |

# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

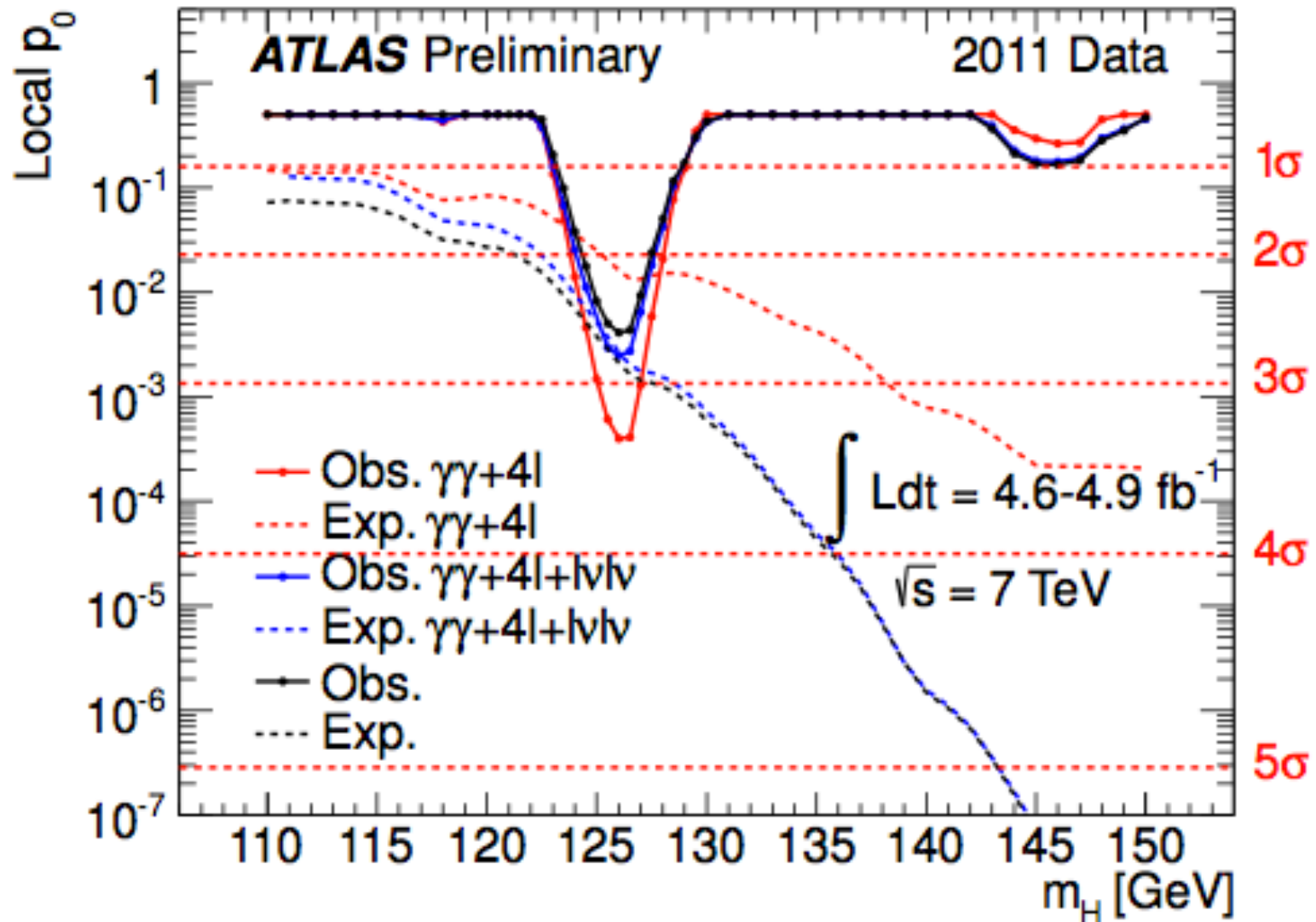
SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :





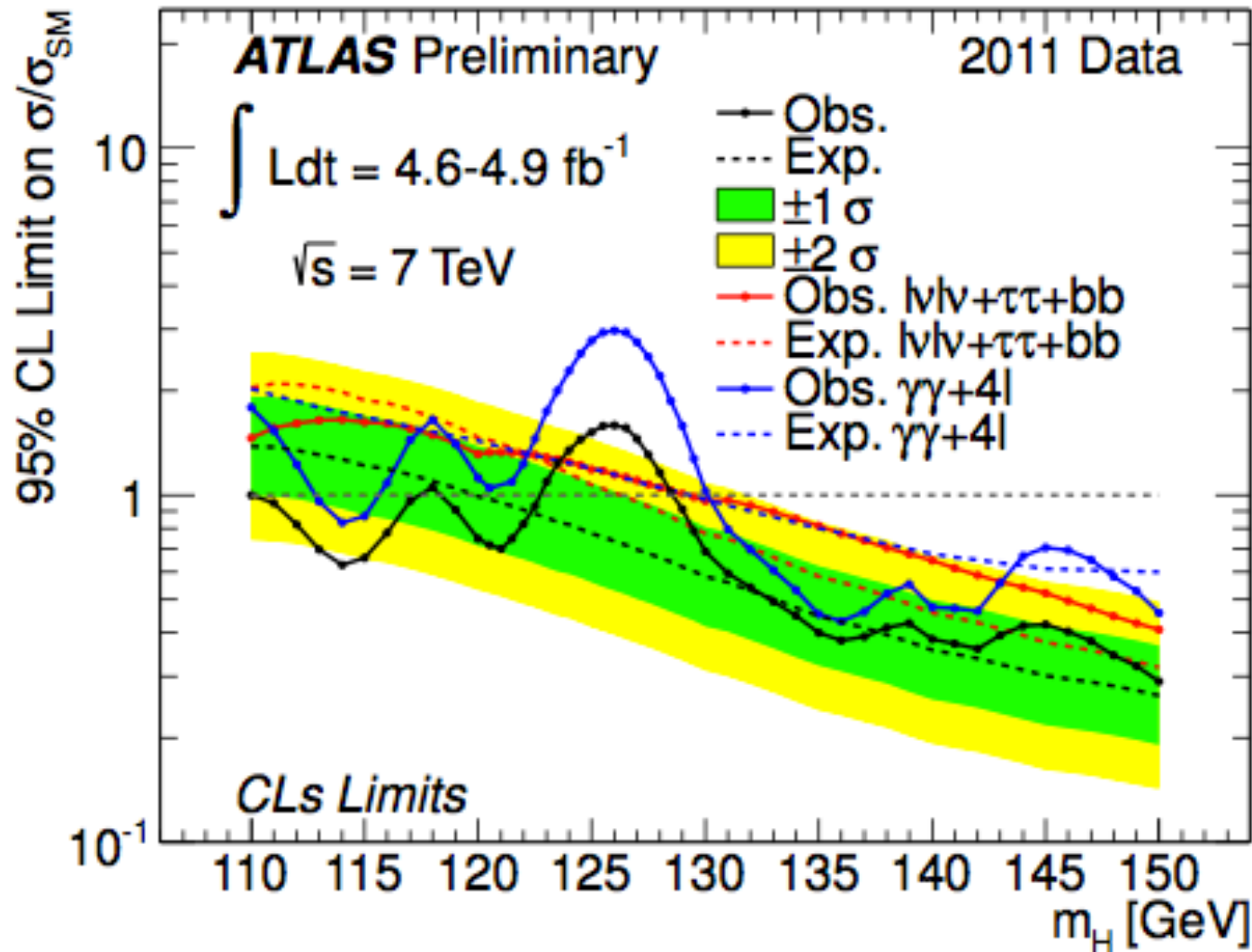
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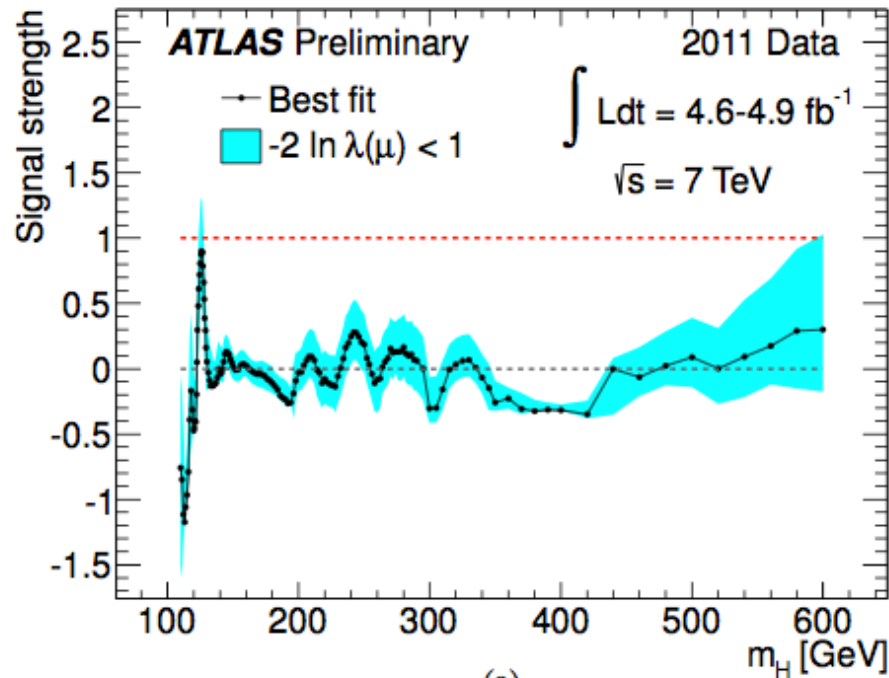
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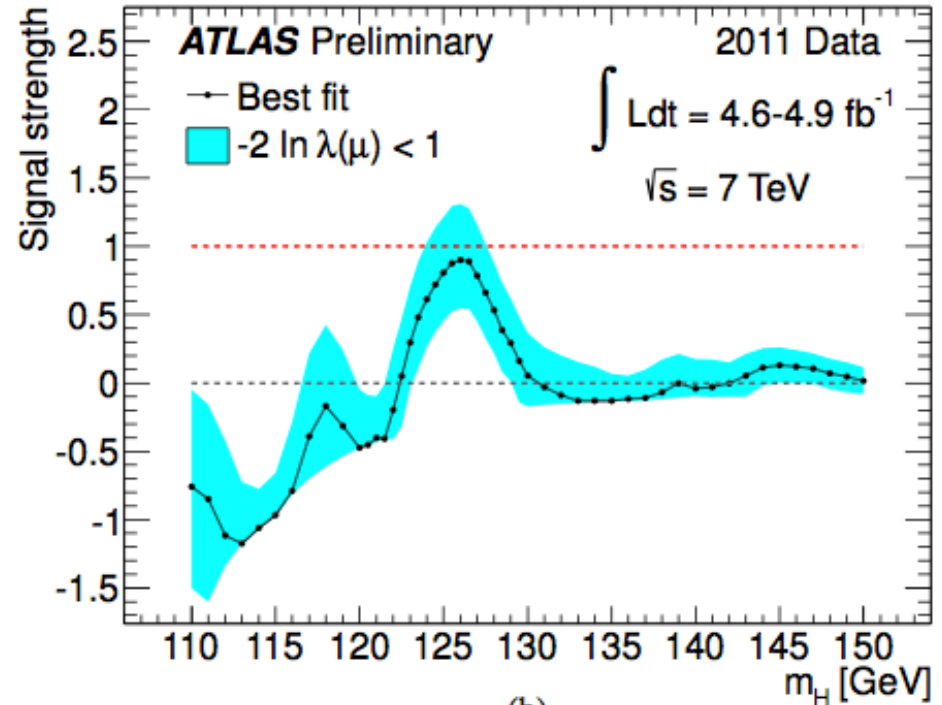


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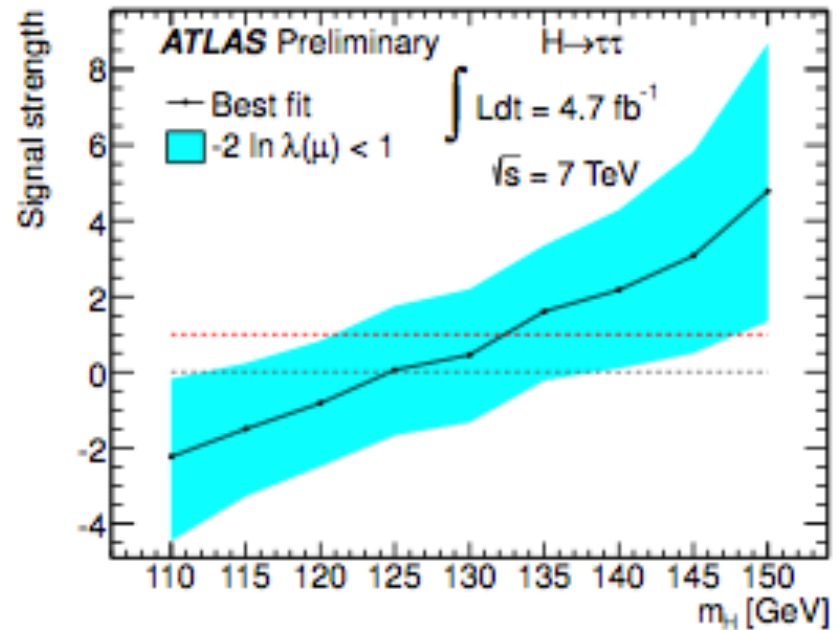
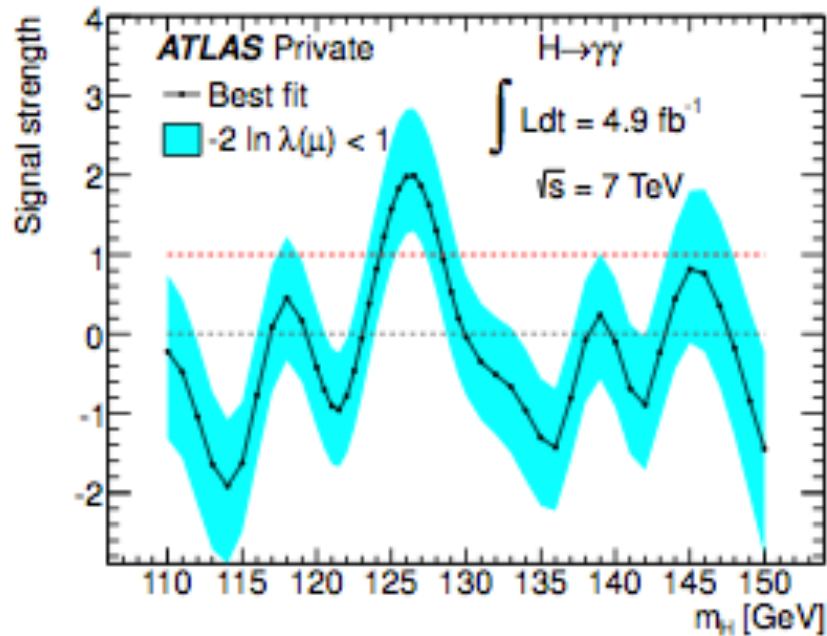
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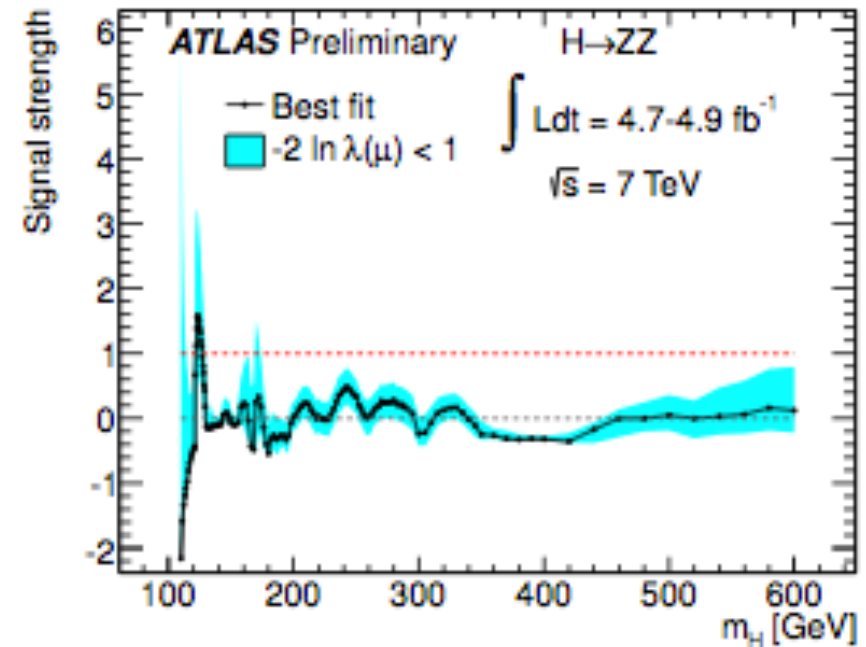
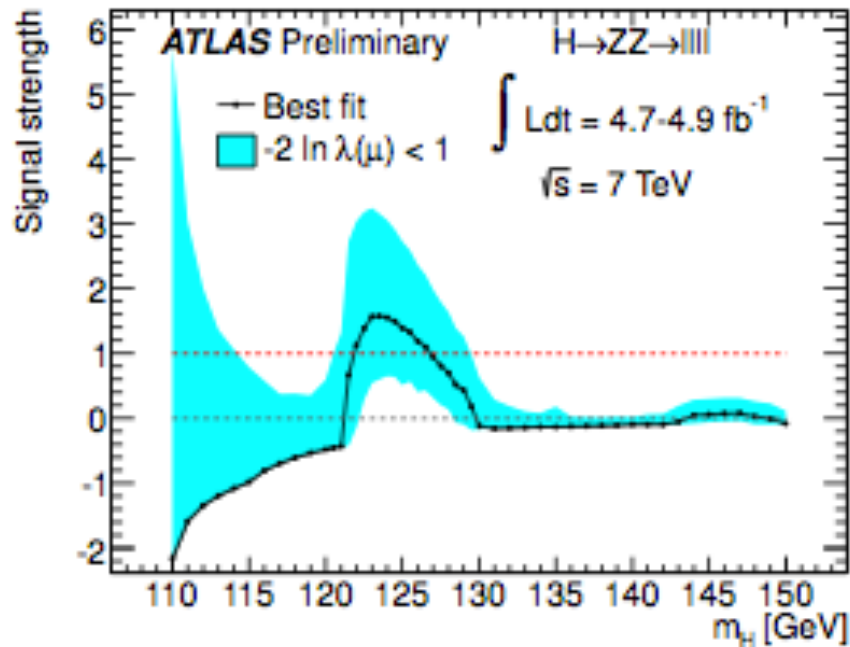
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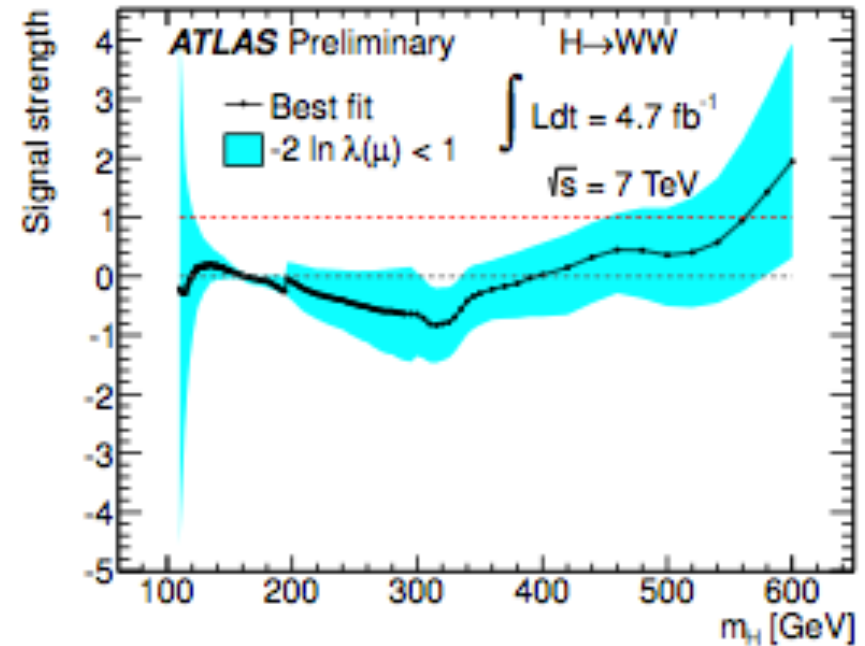
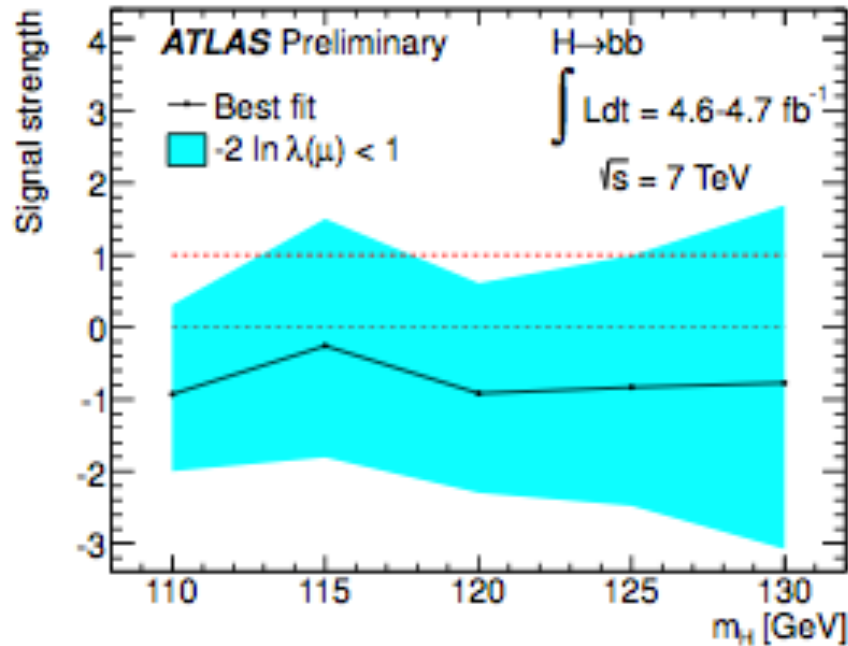
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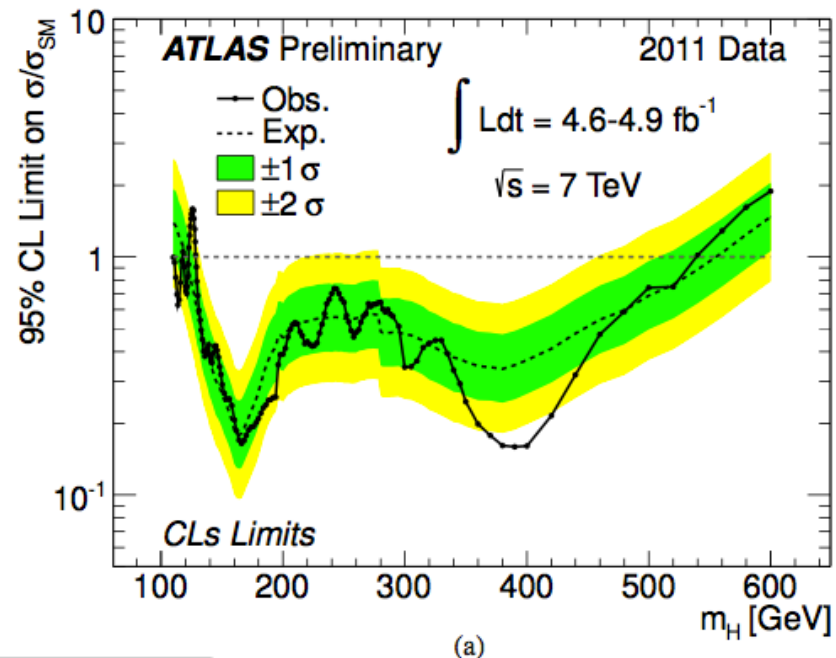
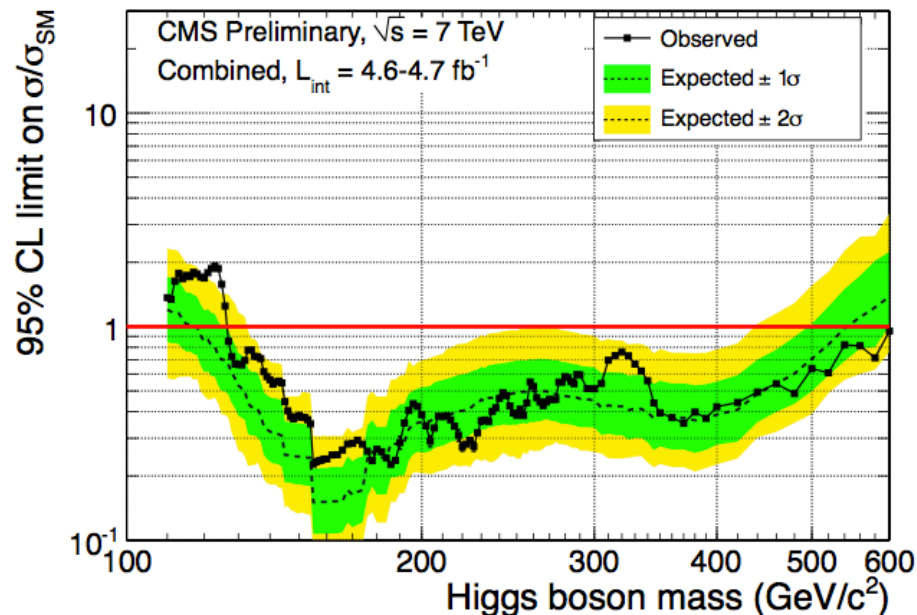
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SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :



# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS VS CMS

SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS vs CMS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012) :

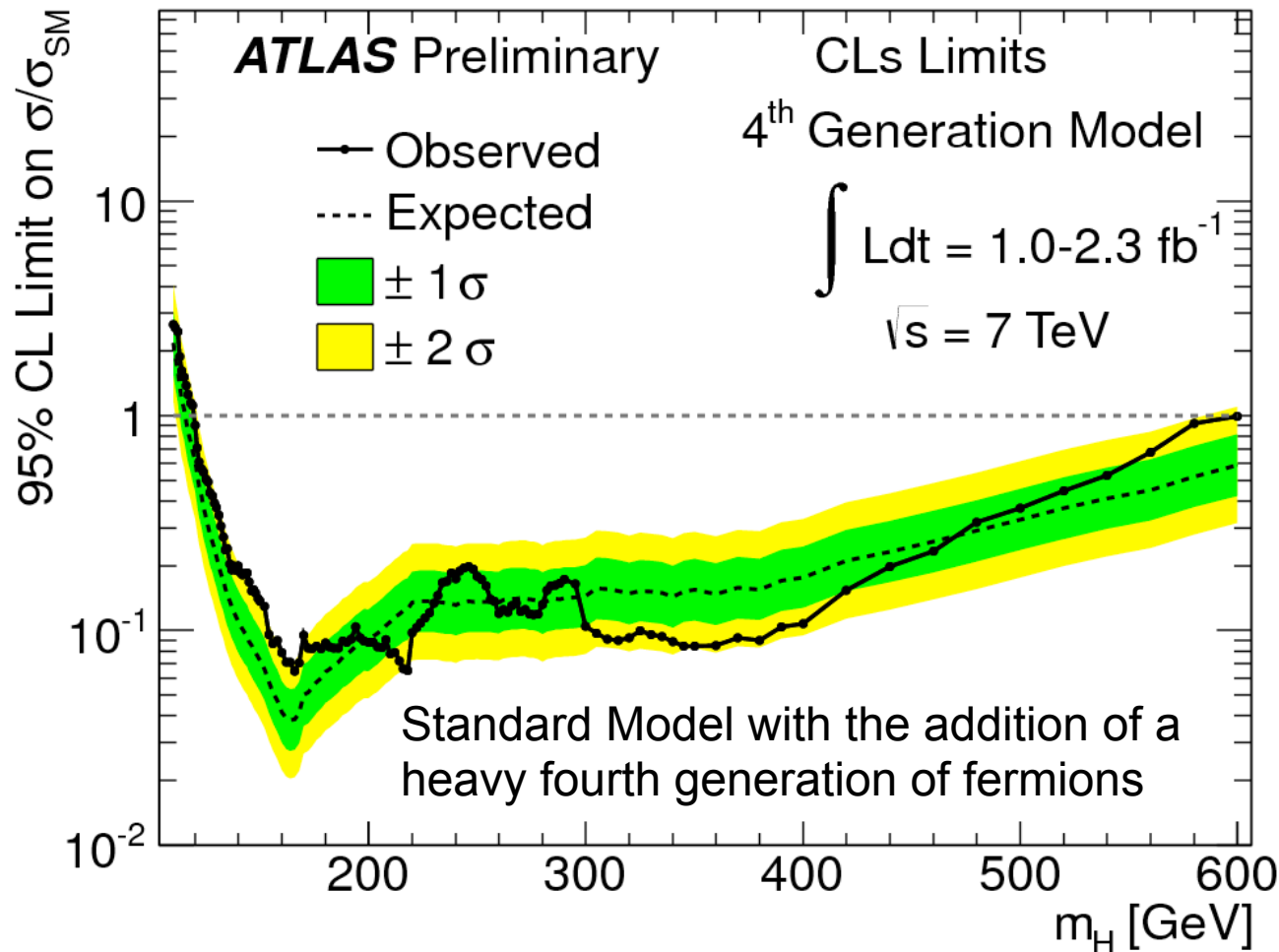


| Channel                                       | $m_H$ range<br>( $\text{GeV}/c^2$ ) | Lumi<br>( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ) | sub-<br>channels | $m_H$ reso-<br>lution |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$                  | 110 – 150                           | 4.7                          | 4                | 1–3%                  |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$                      | 110 – 145                           | 4.6                          | 9                | 20%                   |
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$                      | 110 – 135                           | 4.7                          | 5                | 10%                   |
| $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ | 110 – 600                           | 4.6                          | 5                | 20%                   |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$          | 110 – 600                           | 4.7                          | 3                | 1–2%                  |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\tau$    | 190 – 600                           | 4.7                          | 8                | 10–15%                |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$     | 250 – 600                           | 4.6                          | 2                | 7%                    |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2q$       | 130 – 164                           | 4.6                          | 6                | 3%                    |
|                                               | 200 – 600                           |                              |                  |                       |

# HEAVY FOURTH GENERATION

## ATLAS SM Higgs Combination with the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> generation of fermions :

- Expected exclusion : 116 - 600 GeV
- Observed exclusion : 119 - 593 GeV

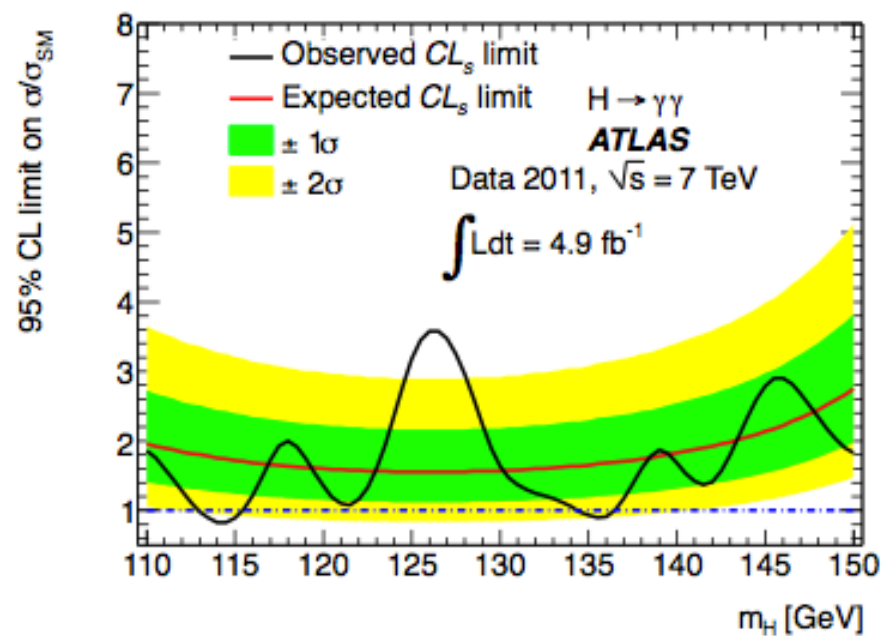
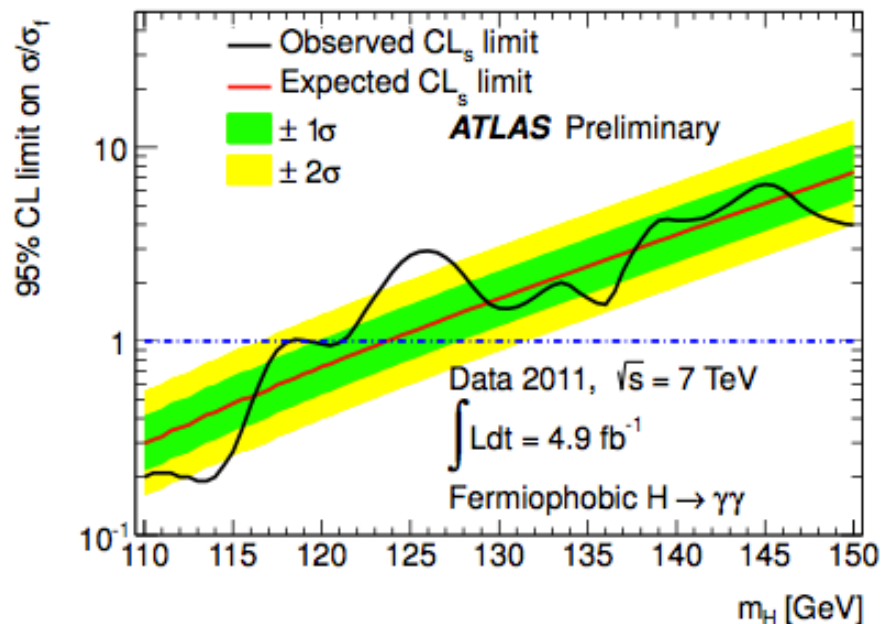
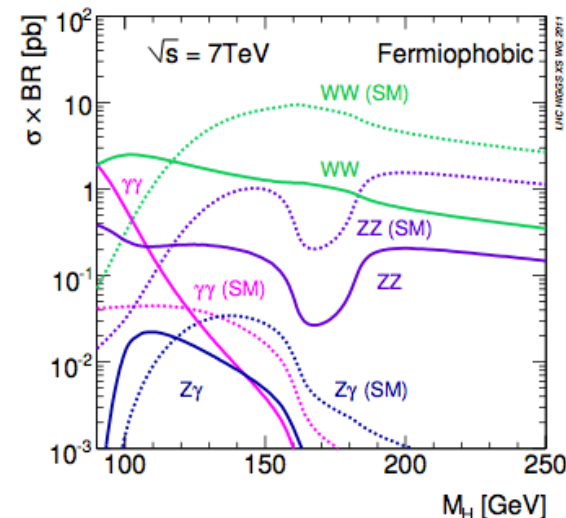


# FERMIOPHOBIC HIGGS

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

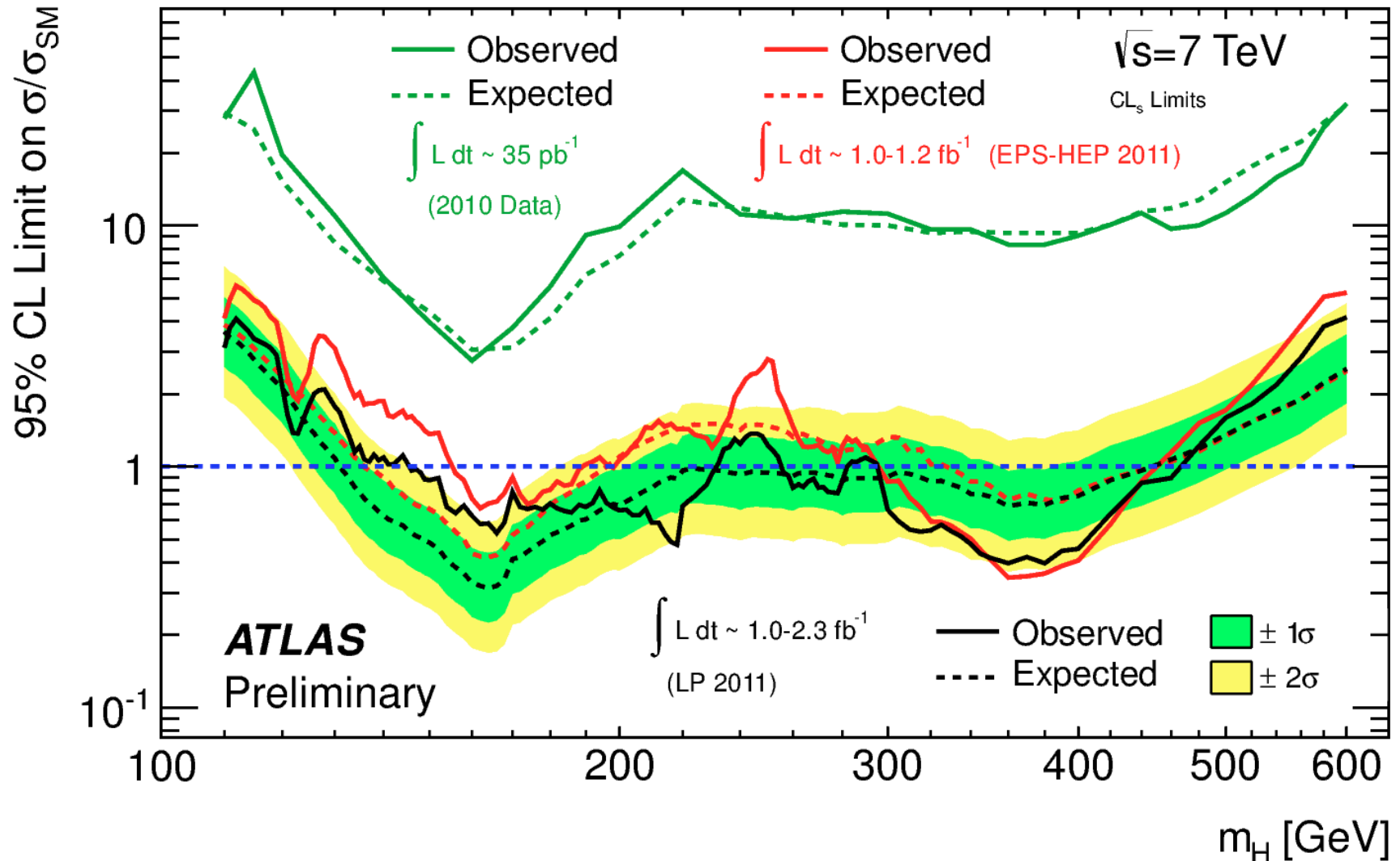
## Fermiophobic Higgs at ATLAS with 2011 data (Moriond 2012):

A fermiophobic benchmark model, in which the Higgs field couplings to all fermions are set to zero while the couplings to bosons are kept at their SM values



# SM HIGGS COMBINATION AT ATLAS

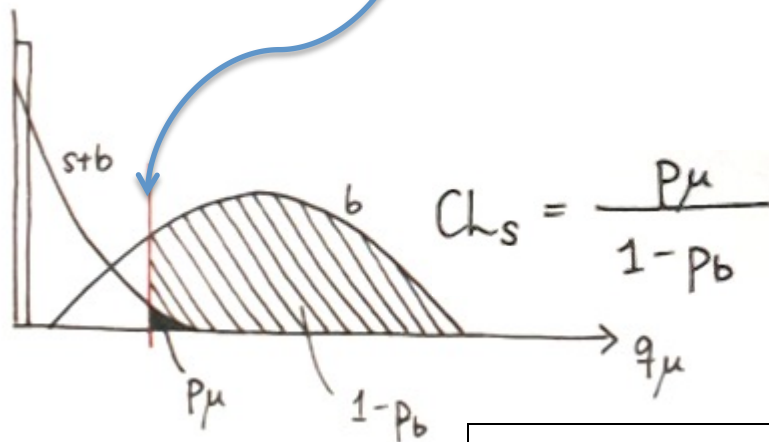
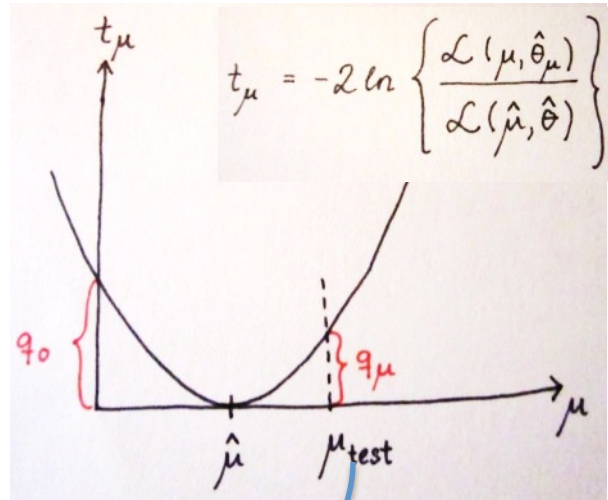
SM Higgs Combination at ATLAS with 2011 data (LP 2011) :



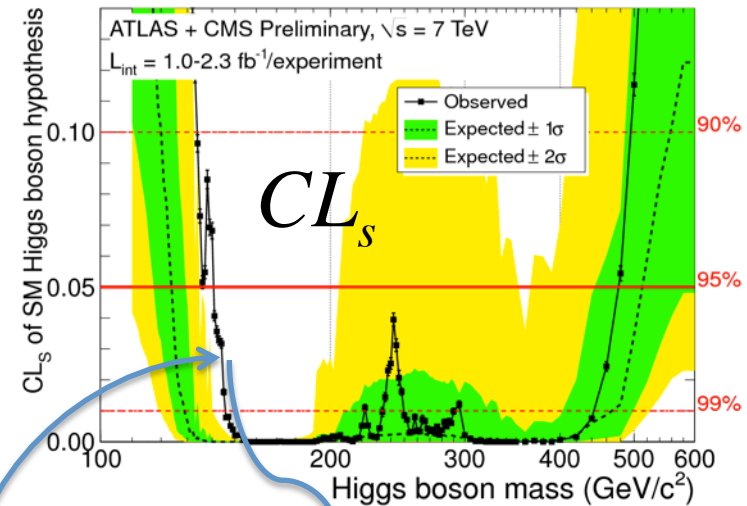


# PROFILE LIKELIHOOD RATIO

Profile likelihood ratio:  $CL_s$  and  $\mu_{95}^{up}$  :



$p_\mu$  : test signal+background  
 $CL_s$  :  $\sim$ test signal

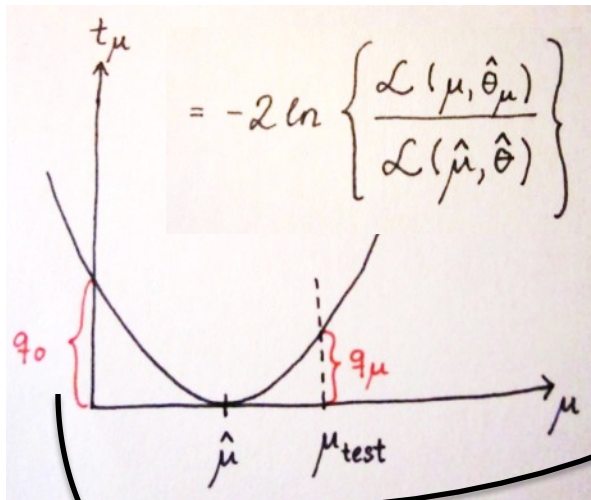


$\mu_{95}^{up}$

# PROFILE LIKELIHOOD RATIO

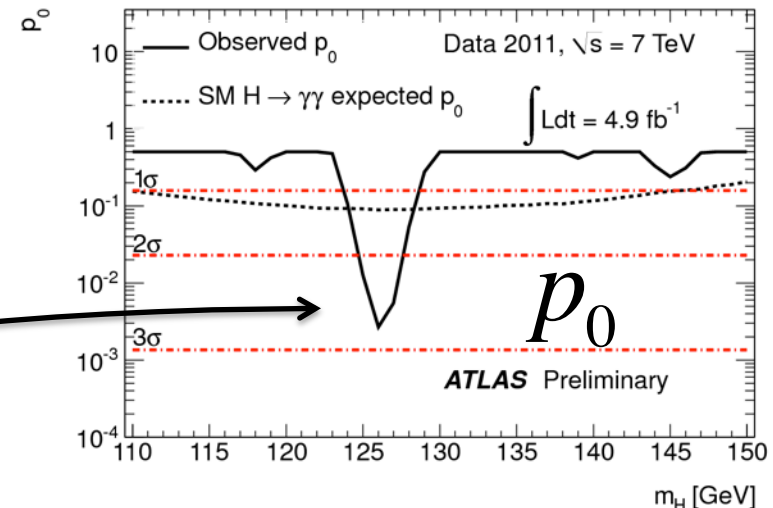
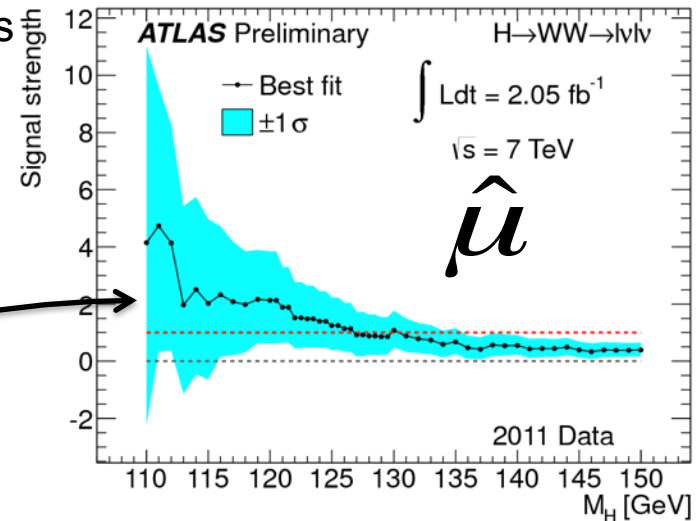
## Profile likelihood ratio: $p_0$ and $\hat{\mu}$ :

- The observed local p-value characterizes probabilities for the predicted background to fluctuate at least as high as the observed excesses



$\hat{\mu}$  to estimate signal strength

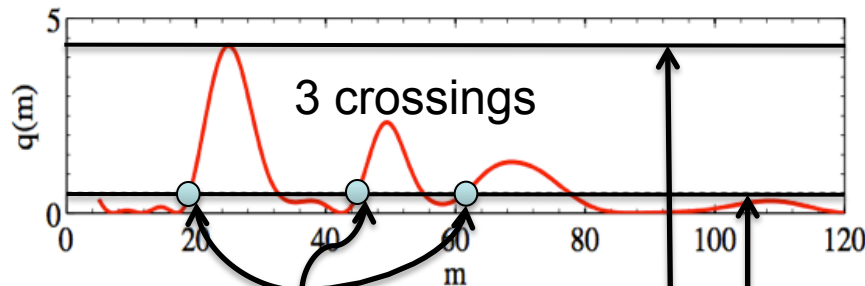
$p_0$  to test background hypothesis



# LOOK-ELSEWHERE EFFECT (LEE)

## Look-elsewhere effect (LEE) :

- We need to calculate the chance of observing a statistical fluctuation as large as or larger than that in our data, in this larger class of searches.  
This is the Look Elsewhere Effect (LEE)



$$q_{test} = 2 \cdot \log(L(m))$$

$$p_0^{global} \cong p_0^{local} + \langle N(q_{ref}) \rangle e^{-(q_{test} - q_{ref})/2}$$

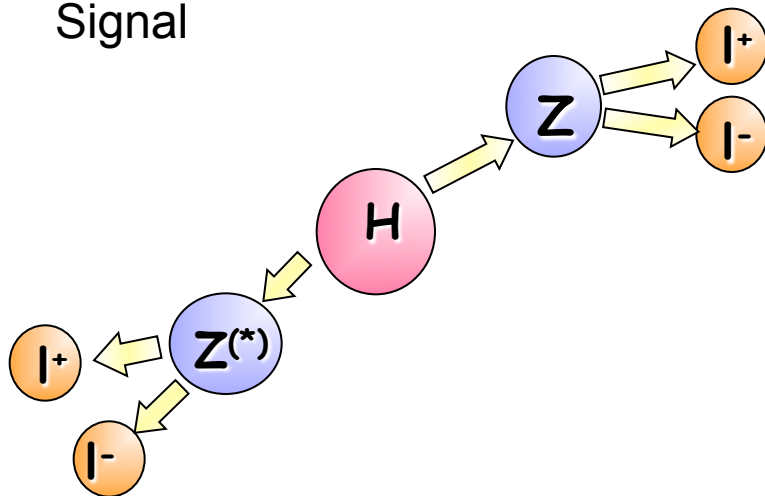
- Note: Approximation best above  $3\sigma$

Example:

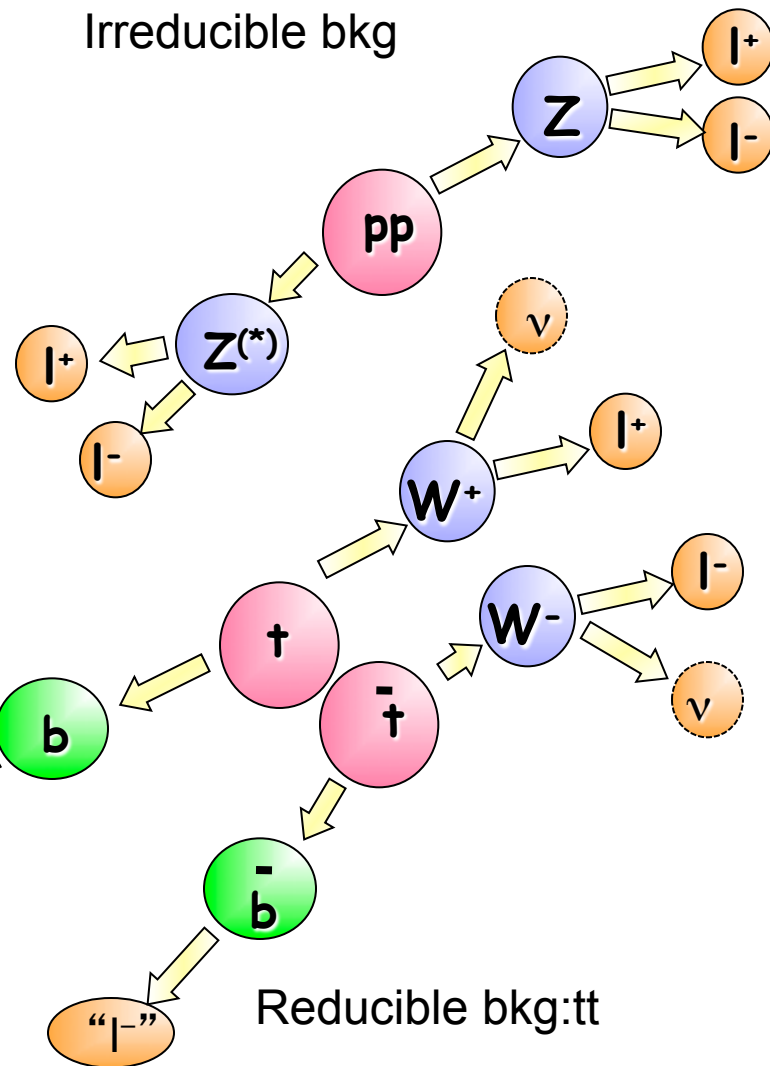
- $q_{test} = 4.5$  ( $2.1\sigma$ )
- 3 crossings at  $0.5\sigma$
- Local significance of  $2.1\sigma$  reduced to global significance of about  $0.3\sigma$
- trials factor  $p_0^{global} / p_0^{local} \cong 22$

# SIGNAL AND BACKGROUND

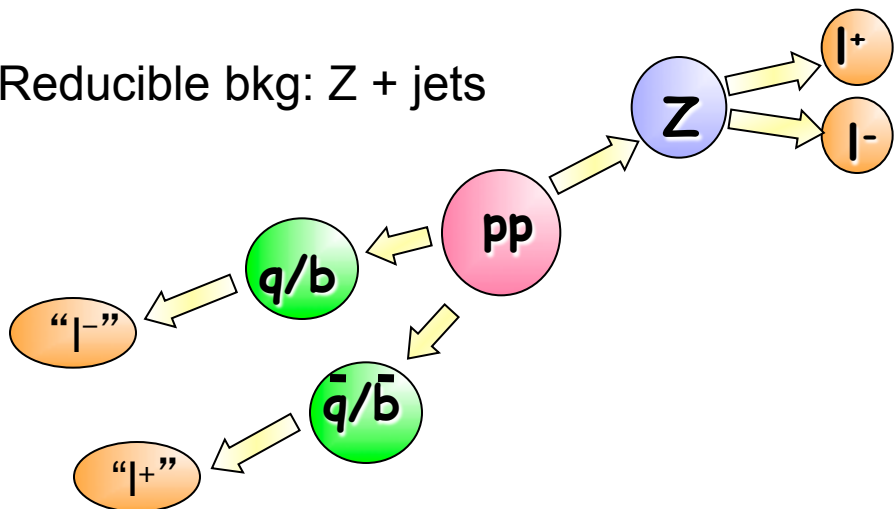
Signal



Irreducible bkg



Reducible bkg: Z + jets



Reducible bkg:tt

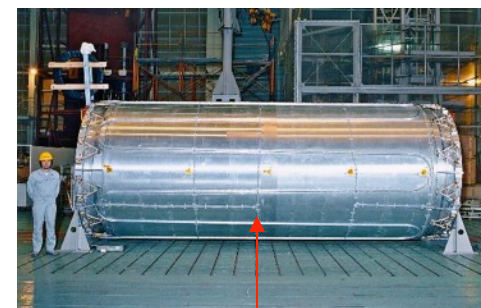
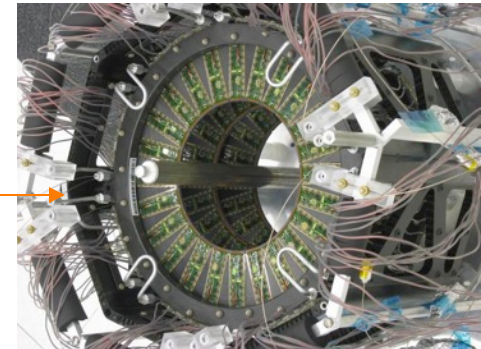
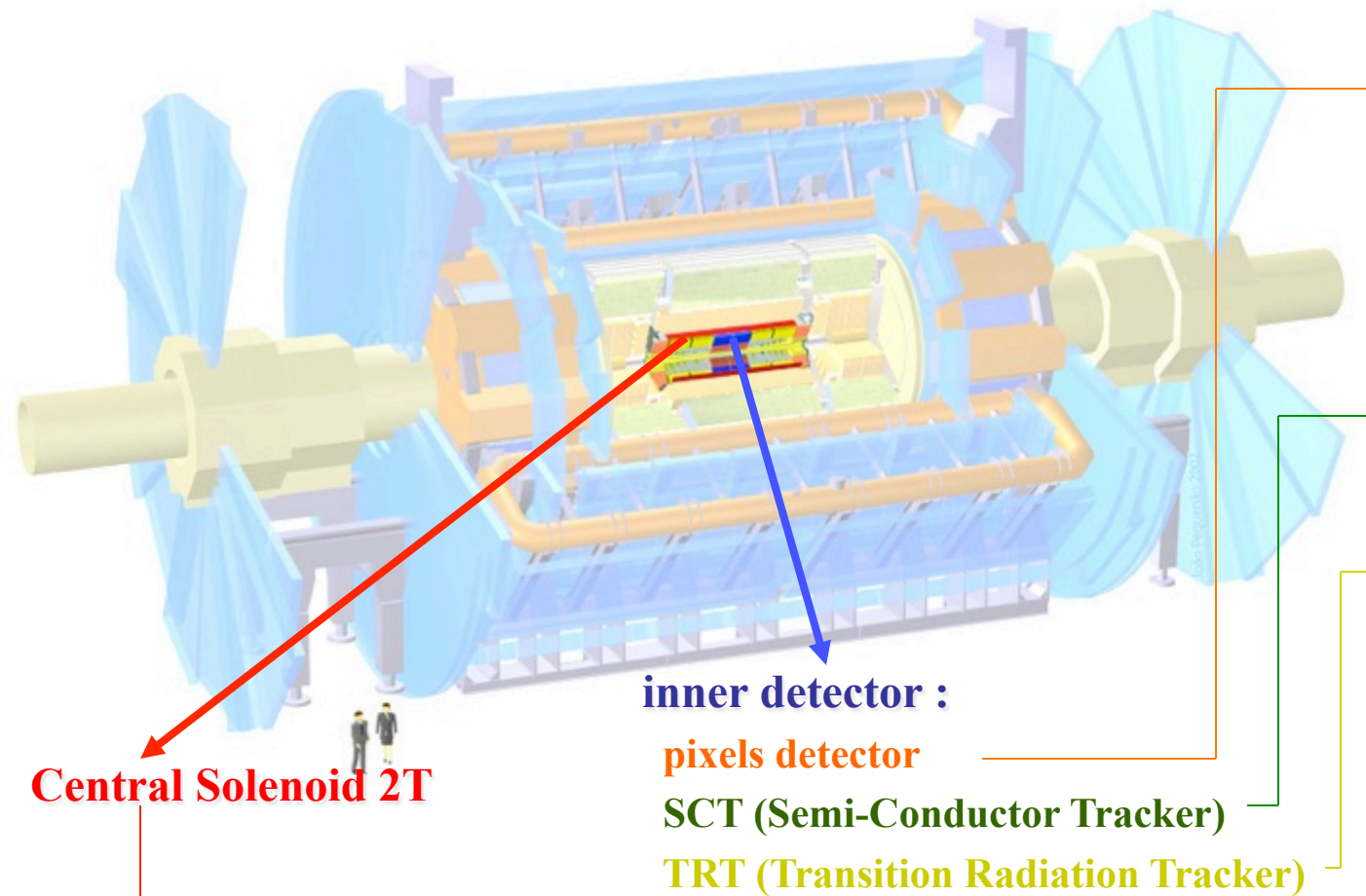




# LARGE HADRON COLLIDER LHC

- Impulsion resolution :

$$\sigma(p)/p = 0.05 \% p \text{ (GeV)} \oplus 1\% \text{ for } |\eta| < 2.5$$





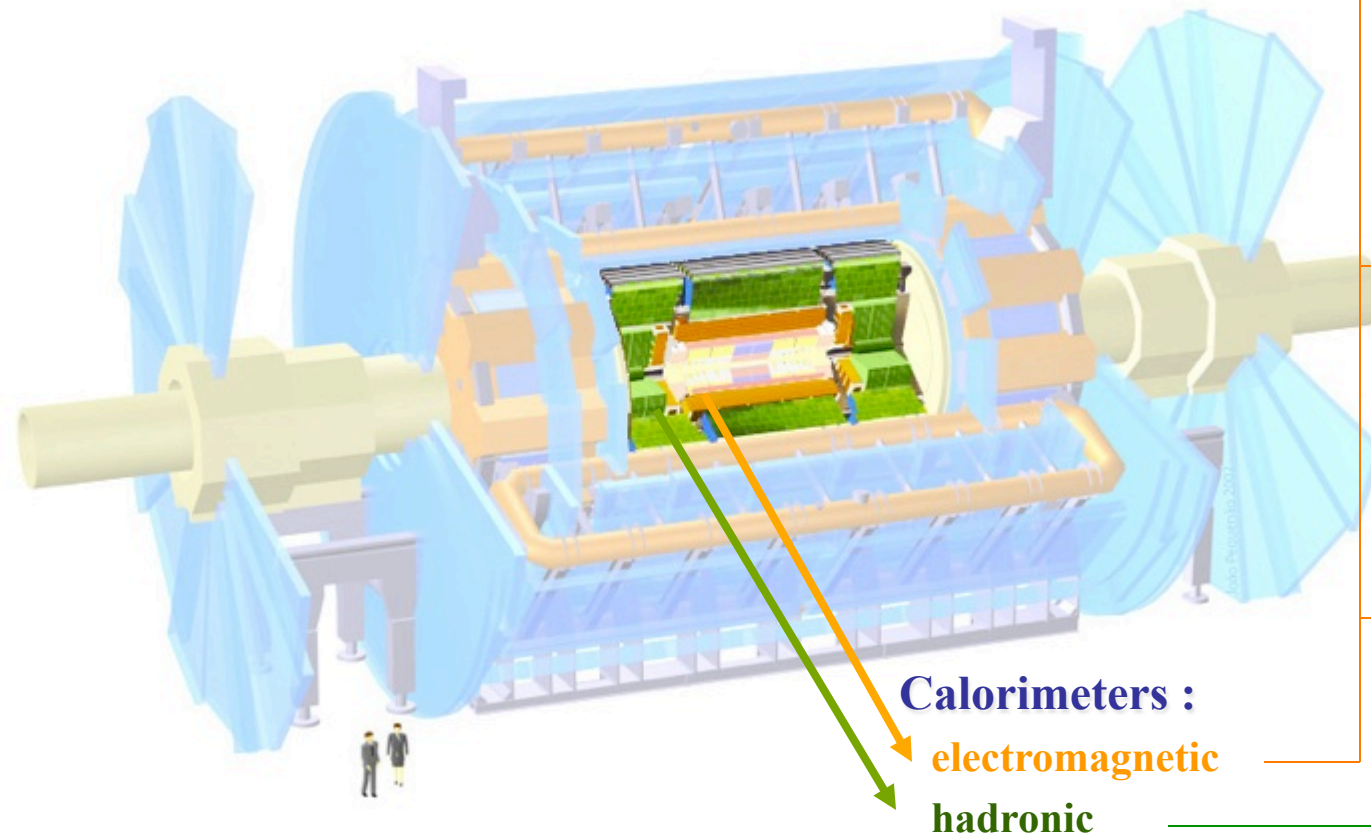
# LARGE HADRON COLLIDER LHC

- Energy resolution (GeV) :

**electromagnetic** :  $\sigma(E)/E = 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.3/E \oplus 0.7\%$  for  $|\eta| < 3.2$

**hadronic** :  $\sigma(E)/E = 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 3\%$  for  $|\eta| < 3$

:  $\sigma(E)/E = 100\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 5\%$  for  $3 < |\eta| < 5$



# LARGE HADRON COLLIDER LHC

- Impulsion resolution :

$\sigma(p_T)/p_T < 3\%$  for  $10 < p_T < 250$  GeV and for  $|\eta| < 2.7$

$\sigma(p_T)/p_T = 10\%$  at 1 TeV

