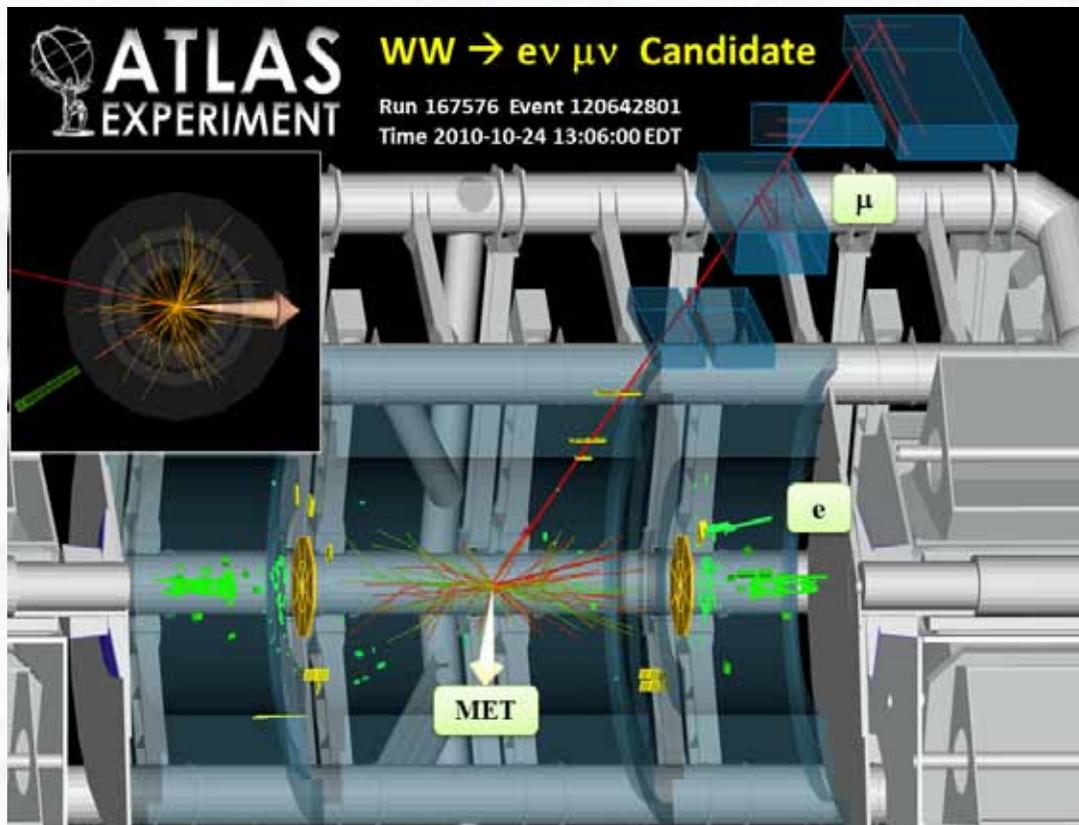


# Higgs boson searches in the ATLAS experiment

## - Recent results -

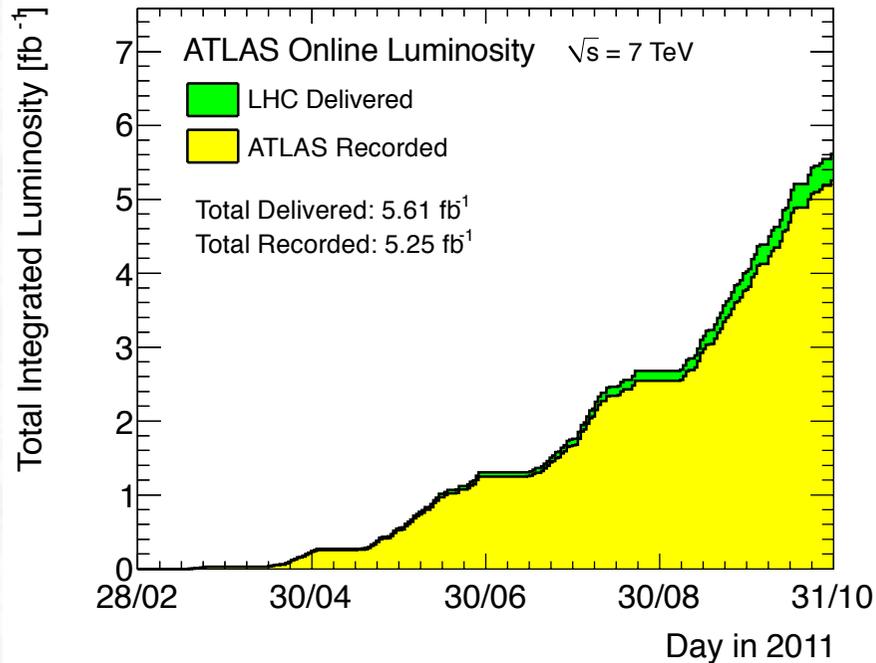


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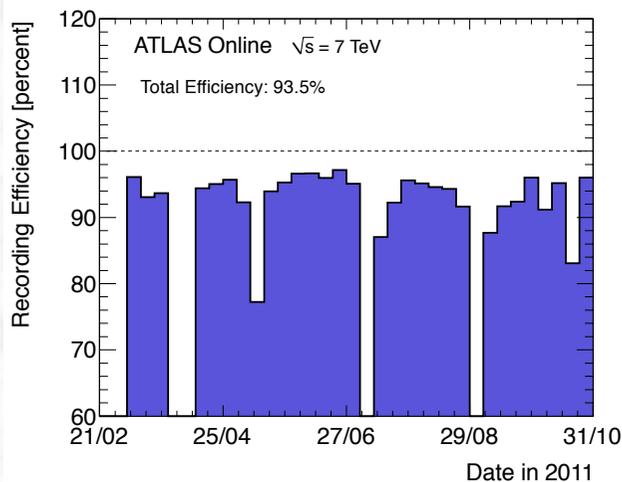
## Outline:

1. Introduction, Data taking, ATLAS performance
  2. Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson
    - Focus on important channels in the low mass region
    - Summary of searches in the high mass region
  3. Combination of results
  4. A few examples on recent searches for non-Standard Model Higgs bosons
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# ATLAS data taking in 2011

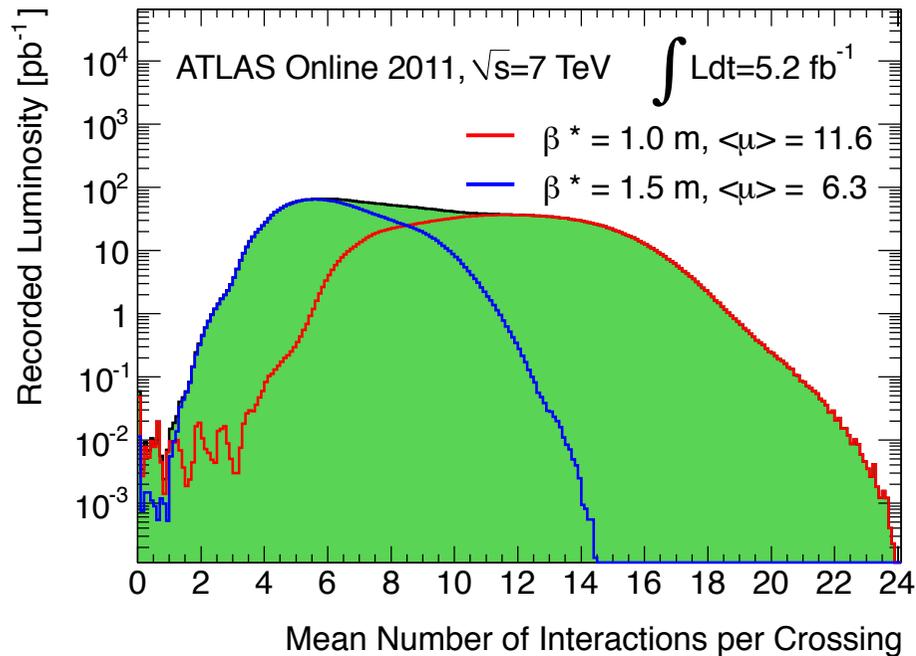


- Excellent LHC performance in 2011 (far beyond expectations)
- Peak luminosity seen by ATLAS:  $3.6 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> line passed in June 2011



- Excellent performance of ATLAS
- Small fraction of non-working detector channels (few per mille → 3.5%)
- Data taking efficiency is high: ~93.5%
- High fraction (90-96%) used for analysis (good quality, depends on analysis)

# ATLAS running conditions in 2011

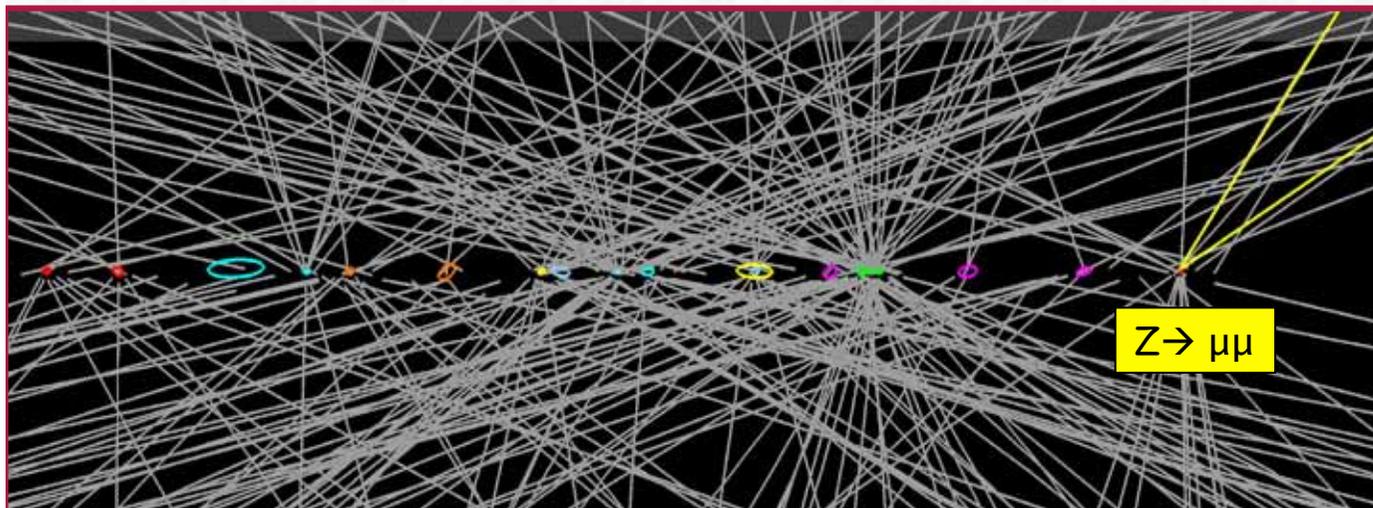


- High peak luminosity and 50 ns bunch spacing  $\rightarrow$  high pile-up

- Two running periods with different machine settings

(period A (Mar - July):  $\mu = 6.3$ ,  
period B (Aug. - Oct):  $\mu = 11.6$ ,  
with tails beyond 20 interactions /  
beam crossing,  $\sim$  design luminosity)

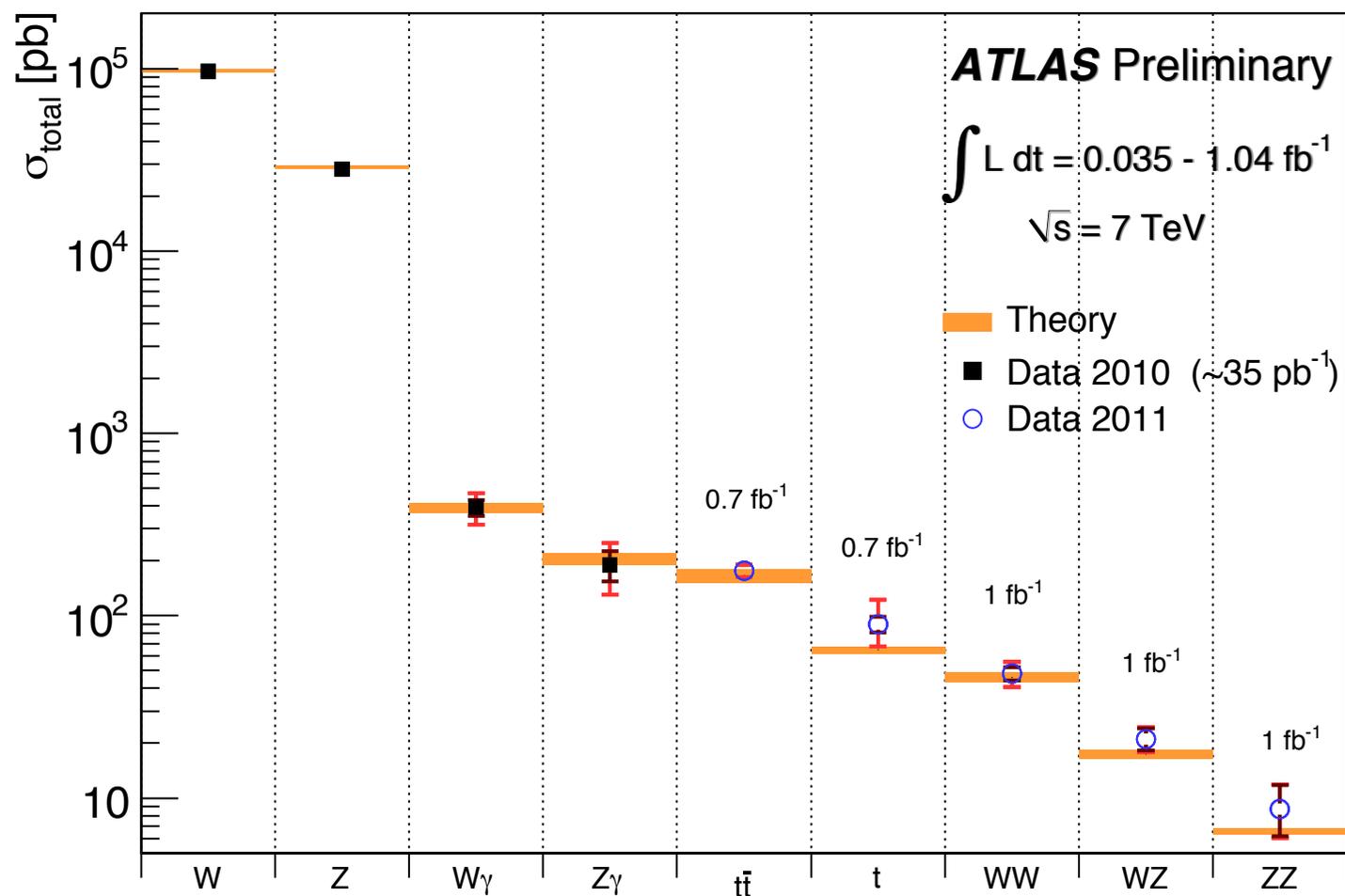
- Very challenging for trigger, computing, reconstruction of physics objects,...



An event with 20  
reconstructed vertices

(error ellipses are scaled up  
by a factor of 20 for visibility  
reasons)

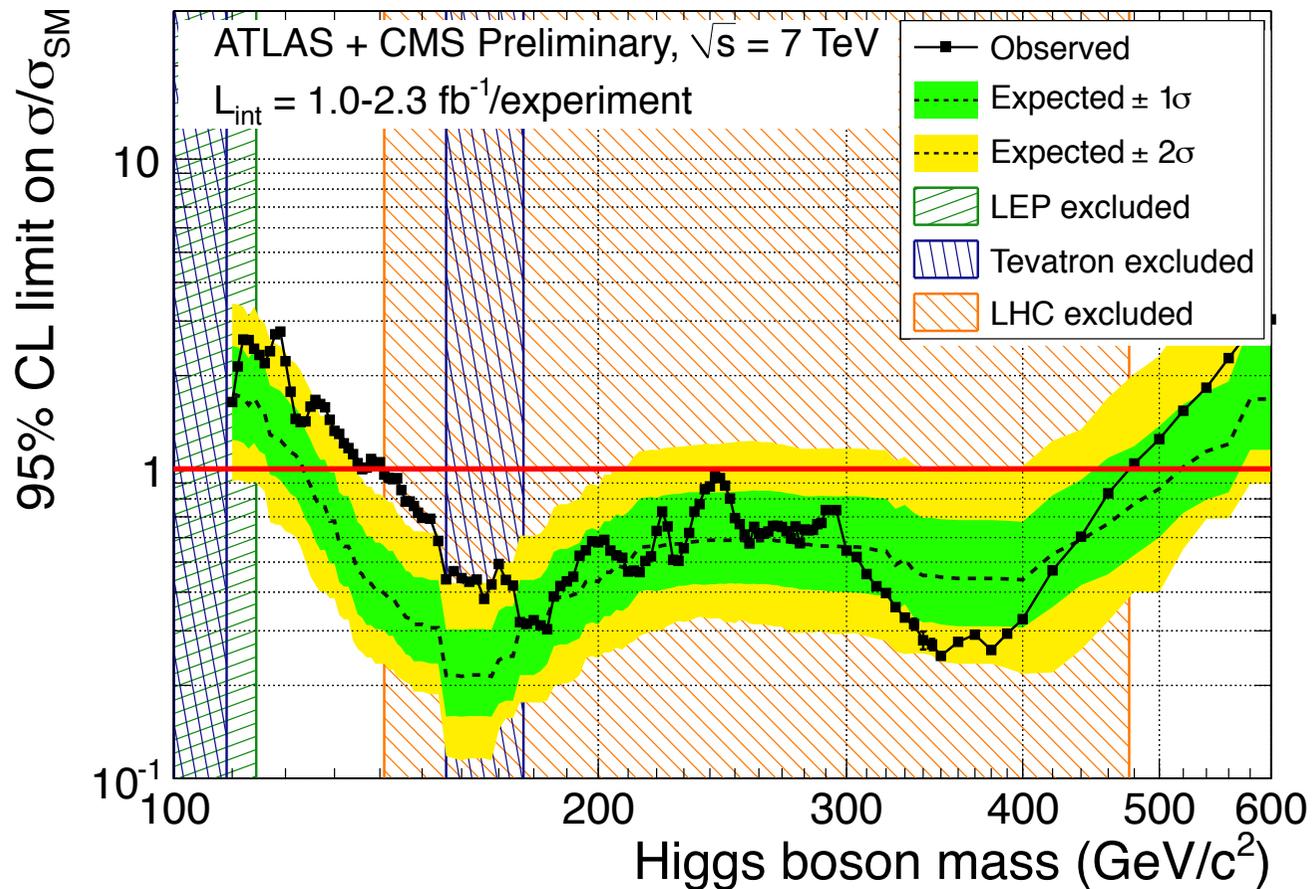
An impressive number of processes have already been measured



- Excellent agreement with the Standard Model predictions
- Important for background estimates in Higgs boson searches

# Status of Higgs Boson searches

- based on results presented at the Summer Conferences 2011-

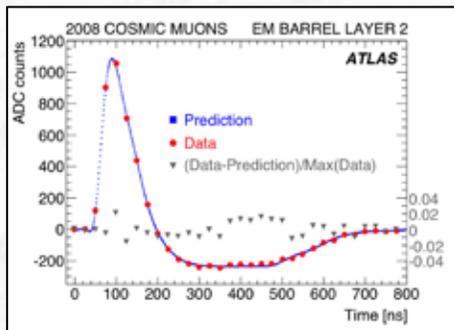


Higgs boson mass constraints:  $114.4 < m_H < 141 \text{ GeV}$   
(at 95% C.L.) .or.  $m_H > 476 \text{ GeV}$

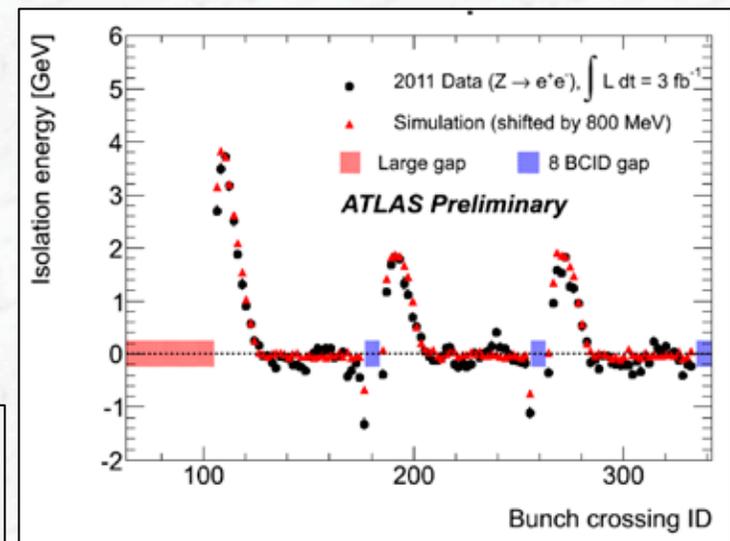
## Updates on the analyses (since the Summer Conferences)

- More data: analyses of some channels are based on the full 2011 data set (up to  $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Huge effort to improve the understanding of the detector performance
  - 2011 data recorded with very different conditions compared to 2010
  - Improved knowledge (of many subtle effects) propagated to the simulation and reconstruction, e.g.
    - \* in- and out-of-time pile-up, including bunch train structure (see below)
    - \* new detector alignment
    - \* better material description
    - \* ...

- Example: pile-up energy in a cone around  $e/\gamma$  candidates (isolation energy) depends on the position in the bunch train



Calorimeter bipolar pulse shape:  
average pile-up is zero over  
 $\sim 600 \text{ ns}$  ( $\sim 12$  bunches)



## A few performance figures: (i) electrons

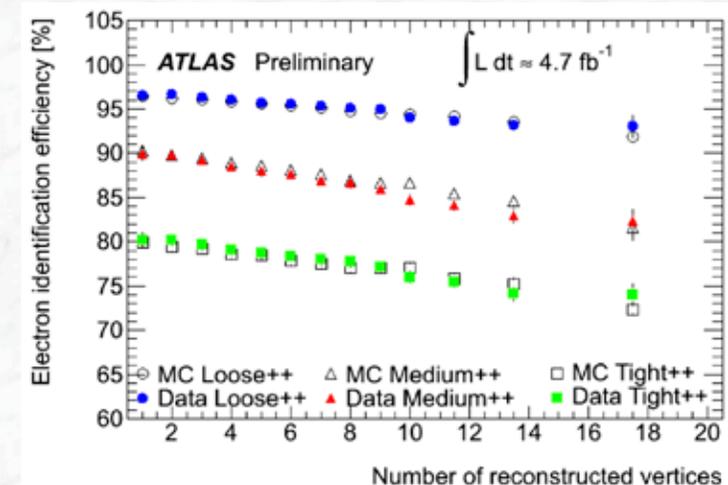
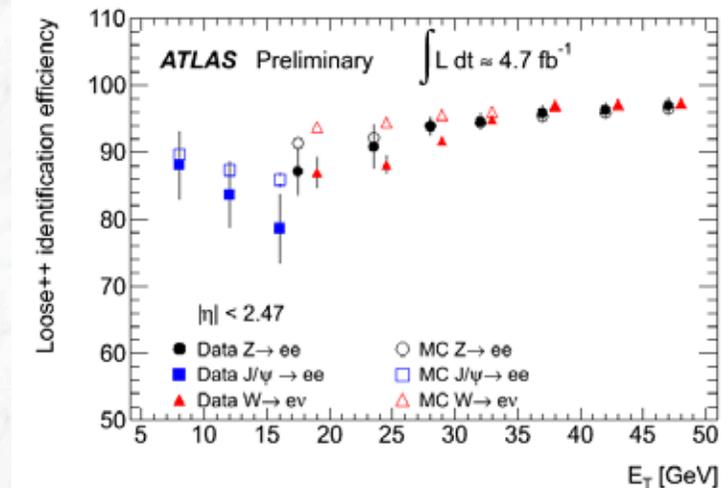
- **Electron identification efficiencies:**  
(based on measurements from  $Z \rightarrow ee$ ,  
 $W \rightarrow e\nu$  and  $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$  in data,  
using the so-called “tag-and-probe” method)

Systematic uncertainty:  $\pm 6\%$  ( $p_T \sim 7$  GeV)  
 $< \pm 2\%$  ( $p_T \sim 50$  GeV)

- Variation of the electron efficiency with pile-up is well modelled in the simulation  
( $Z \rightarrow ee$  data vs. simulation, cuts not yet re-tuned)

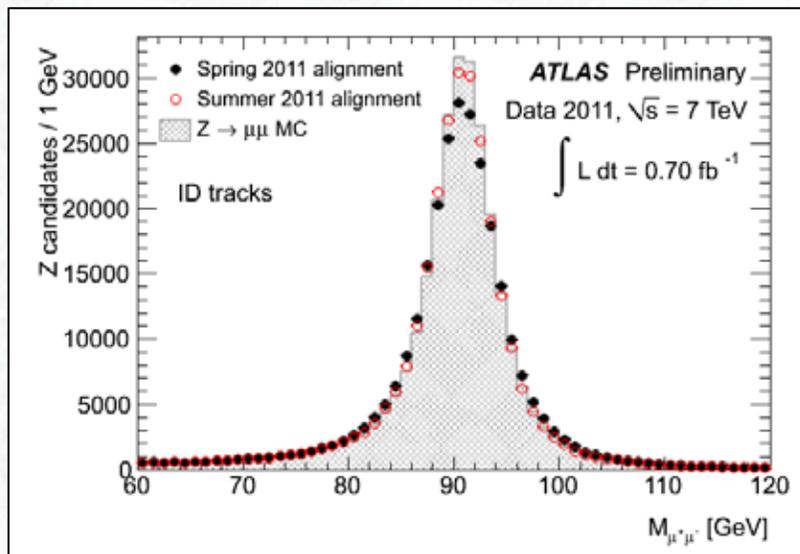
- **Electron calorimeter energy scale:**  
(based on  $Z \rightarrow ee$ ,  $W \rightarrow e\nu$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$  in data)

- Energy scale at  $m_Z$  known to  $\sim 0.5\%$
- Linearity better than 1% (over few GeV  $\rightarrow$  few 100 GeV)
- “Uniformity” (constant term of resolution): 1% (barrel) -1.7 % (end-cap)

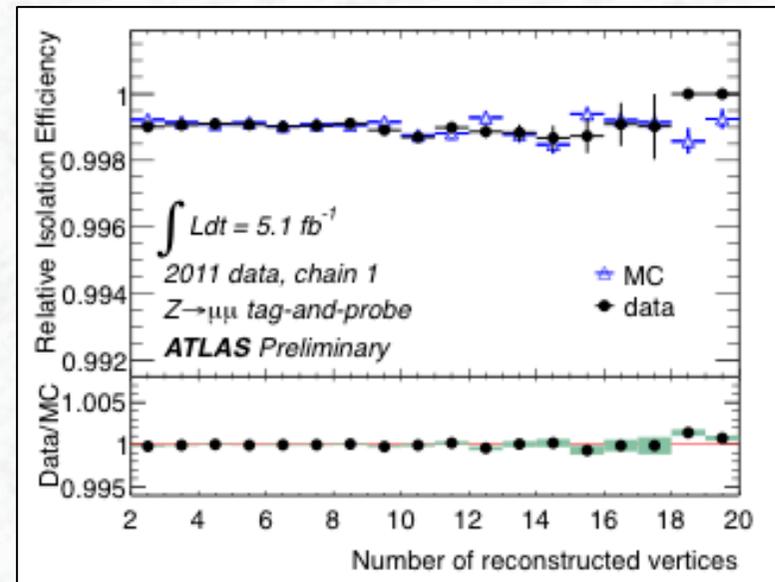


# A few performance figures: (ii) muons

Improved  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  mass resolution via improved alignment



Muon isolation efficiency (in calorimeter), measured from  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events in data and Monte Carlo simulation

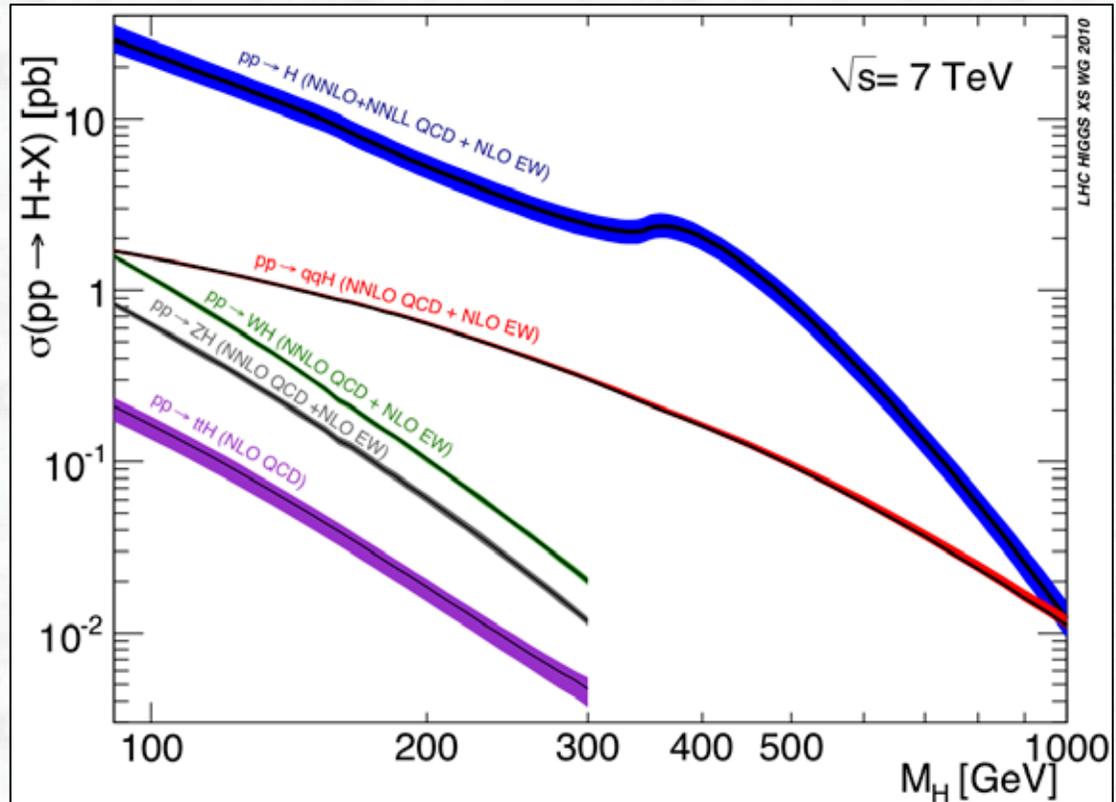
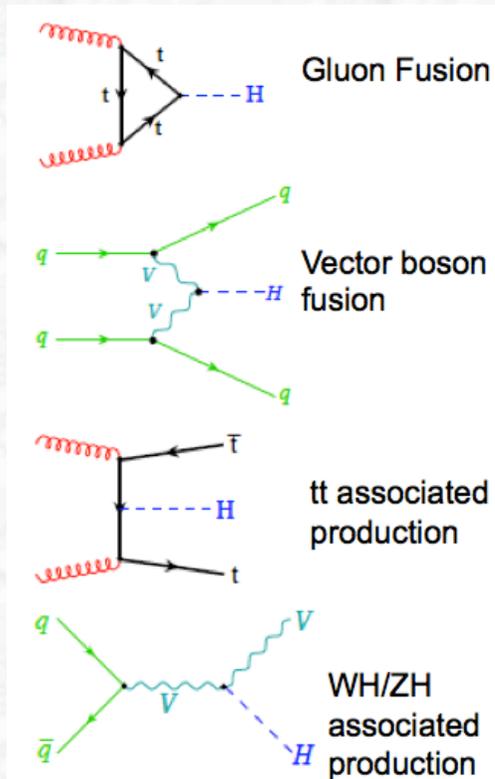


MC (perfect):  $2.31 \pm 0.01$  GeV

Data Spring 2011 :  $2.89 \pm 0.01$  GeV

Data Summer 2011:  $2.45 \pm 0.01$  GeV

# Higgs boson production cross sections



LHC Higgs cross-section working group, 2010, arXiv: 1101.0593

## ATLAS Higgs boson signal simulation:

- POWHEG Monte Carlo + PYTHIA for showering and hadronization
- Cross sections normalized to calculations of LHC Higgs cross-section working group (NNLO+NNLL for gg, NNLO for VBF and VH processes)
- Reweighting of Higgs boson  $p_T$  spectrum in gg process (De Florian et al, arXiv:1109.2109)
- Uncertainties according to the recommendations of the LHC Higgs cross-section group

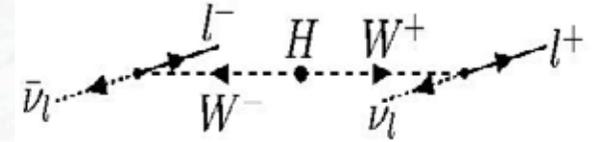
# Overview on ATLAS analyses

Channel	Mass range (GeV)	$L_{\text{int}}$ (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Main backgrounds
<b>Low mass:</b>			
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	110 – 150	4.9	$\gamma\gamma$ , $\gamma j$ , $jj$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	110 - 180	4.8	$ZZ^*$ , $tt$ , $Zbb$
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$	110 – 180	2.1	$WW$ , $tt$ , $Z$ +jets
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ell + \dots$	110 – 140	1.1	$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , $tt$
$\rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_{\text{had}} + \dots$	100 - 150	1.1	$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , $tt$
$W(Z) H \rightarrow \ell\nu(\ell\ell) bb$	110 – 130	1.1	$W(Z)$ + jets, $tt$ , ...
<b>High mass:</b>			
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$	180 – 300	2.1	$WW$ , $tt$ , $Z$ +jets
$\rightarrow \ell\nu qq$	240 - 600	1.1	$W$ +jet, $tt$ , jets (QCD)
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$	180 – 600	4.8	$ZZ$
$\rightarrow \ell\ell \nu\nu$	200 – 600	2.1	$ZZ$ , $tt$ , $Z$ +jets
$\rightarrow \ell\ell qq$	200 – 600	2.1	$Z$ +jets, $tt$

- Searches in  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $4\ell$  final states are based on the full data set
- Updates of the other channels expected for Moriond 2012  
(requires a solid understanding of more complex signatures at high luminosity, e.g.  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ )

# Search for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$

- Most sensitive channel over  $\sim 130 - 180$  GeV (large  $H \rightarrow WW$  branching ratio around 160 GeV)
- Clean signature of two isolated leptons, large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , Topological cuts against the “irreducible” WW background ( $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $p_T(\ell\ell)$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell}$  -due to spin-0 of Higgs boson-)
- However, two neutrinos in final state, no mass peak  $\rightarrow$  counting experiment



Important: - understanding of missing transverse energy and  
- backgrounds in the signal region (transverse mass)

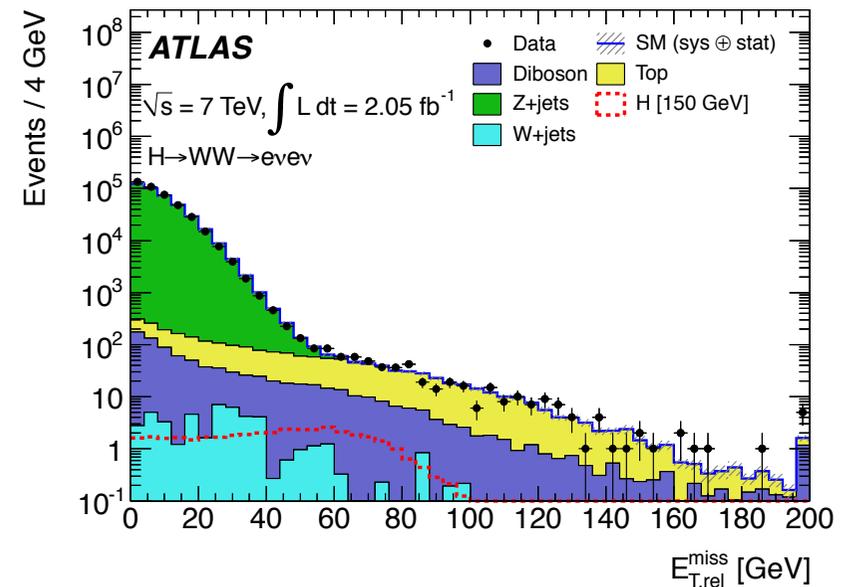
$$E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}} = \begin{cases} E_T^{\text{miss}} & \text{if } \Delta\phi \geq \pi/2 \\ E_T^{\text{miss}} \cdot \sin \Delta\phi & \text{if } \Delta\phi < \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution after basic lepton requirements:

$$p_T > 25 / 15 \text{ GeV}$$

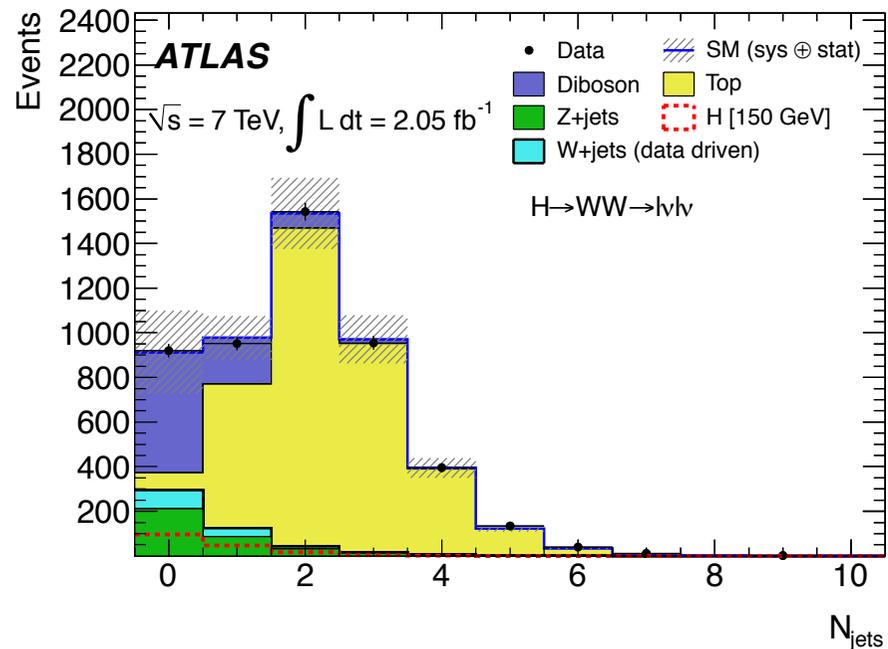
$$m_{\ell\ell} > 15 \text{ GeV}$$

- well described (several components), dominated by real  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  above  $\sim 50$  GeV;
- (no large tails from fake  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  visible)



## Search for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$ (cont.)

- Additional cuts: Z-mass veto:  $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$  (ee,  $\mu\mu$ )  
 $E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$  (ee,  $\mu\mu$ ),  $> 25 \text{ GeV}$  (e $\mu$ )
- Split according to jet multiplicity  $\rightarrow$  multiplicity distribution well described  
 $(E_T > 25 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow$  background composition depends on # jets



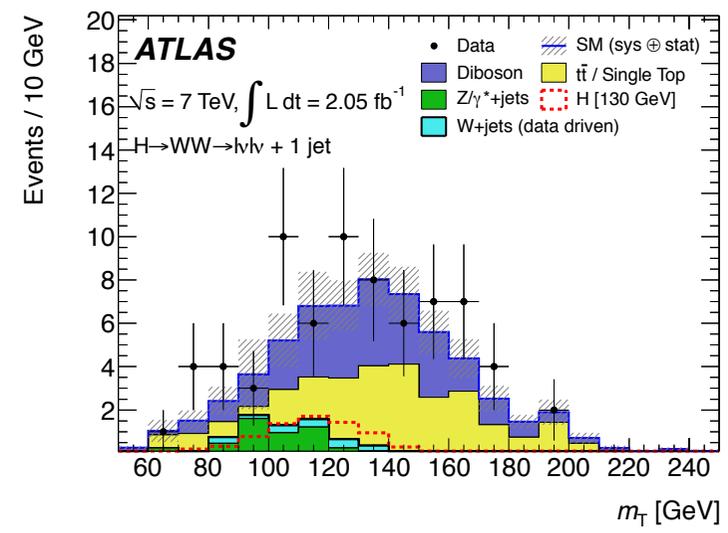
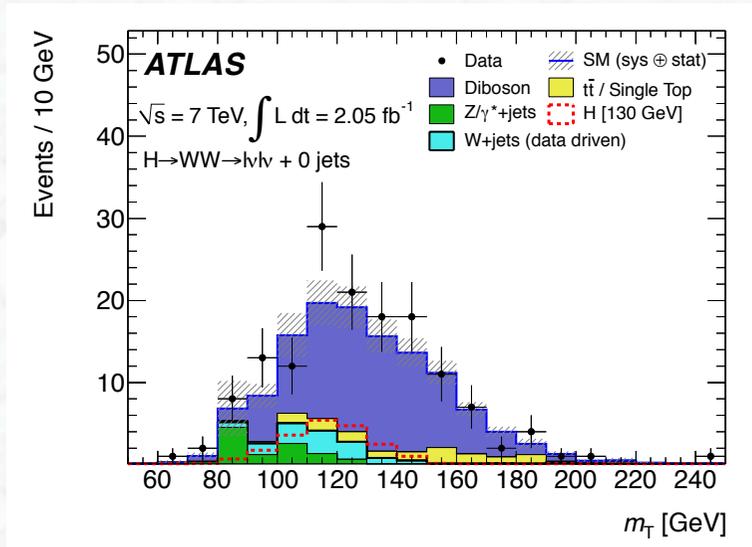
- Use control regions with small signal contamination in data to constrain the backgrounds
- Use Monte Carlo to extrapolate into the signal region

Control region	MC expectation	Observed in data
WW 0-jet	$296 \pm 36$	296
WW 1-jet	$171 \pm 21$	184
Top 1-jet	$270 \pm 69$	249

## Search for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$ (cont.)

- Transverse mass distributions for the 0- and 1-jet events after additional topological cuts ( $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} < 1.3$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell} < 50$  GeV)

$$m_T = \sqrt{(E_T^{\ell\ell} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}})^2}$$



- Number of events after final cuts:  $0.75 m_H < m_T < m_H$

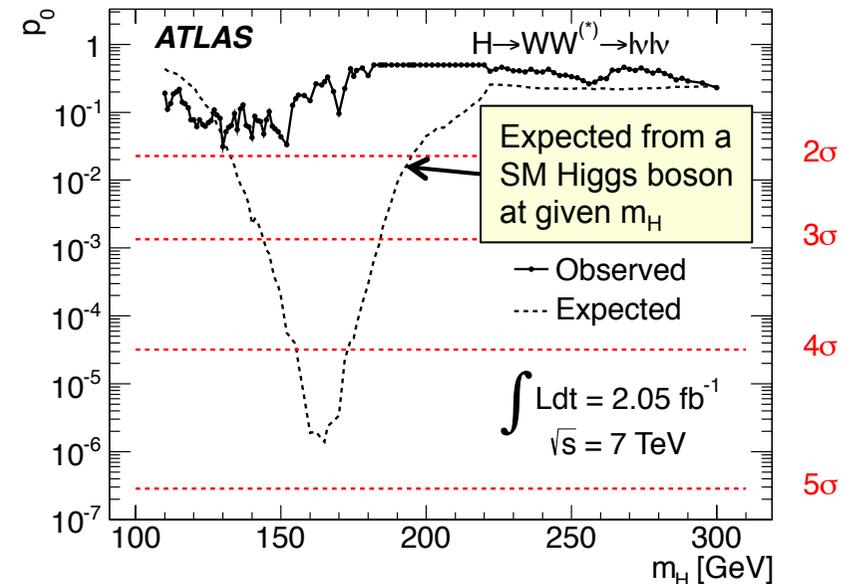
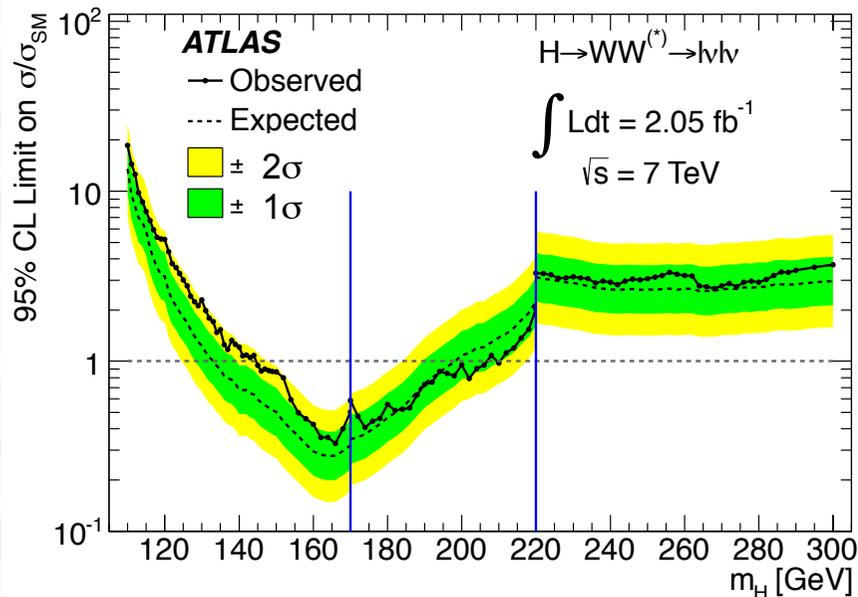
$m_H = 130$ GeV	0-jet	1-jet
Observed in data	67	27
Expected background	$56 \pm 10$	$20 \pm 3$
Expected signal	$14 \pm 3$	$4.9 \pm 1.1$

- Dominant syst. uncertainties:
- background normalization (statistics in control regions)
  - cross sections, pdfs
  - energy scales,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

# H → WW → ℓν ℓν: sensitivity and exclusion

Cross sections  $\sigma_{95}$  that can be excluded with a C.L. of 95%, normalized to the Standard Model cross sections

$\rho_0$ : consistency of the data with the background-only hypothesis



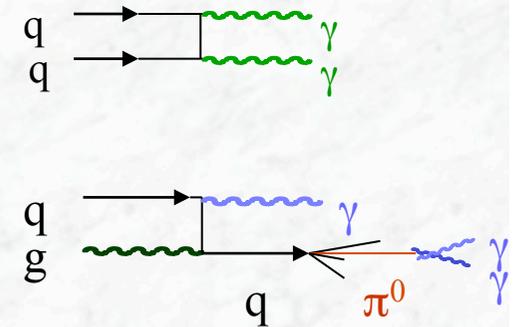
Excluded mass regions (95% C.L.):  $145 < m_H < 206$  GeV  
(Expected exclusion:  $134 < m_H < 200$  GeV)

Observed limit within  $2\sigma$  of expected, maximal deviation:  $1.9\sigma$  for a mass around 130 GeV

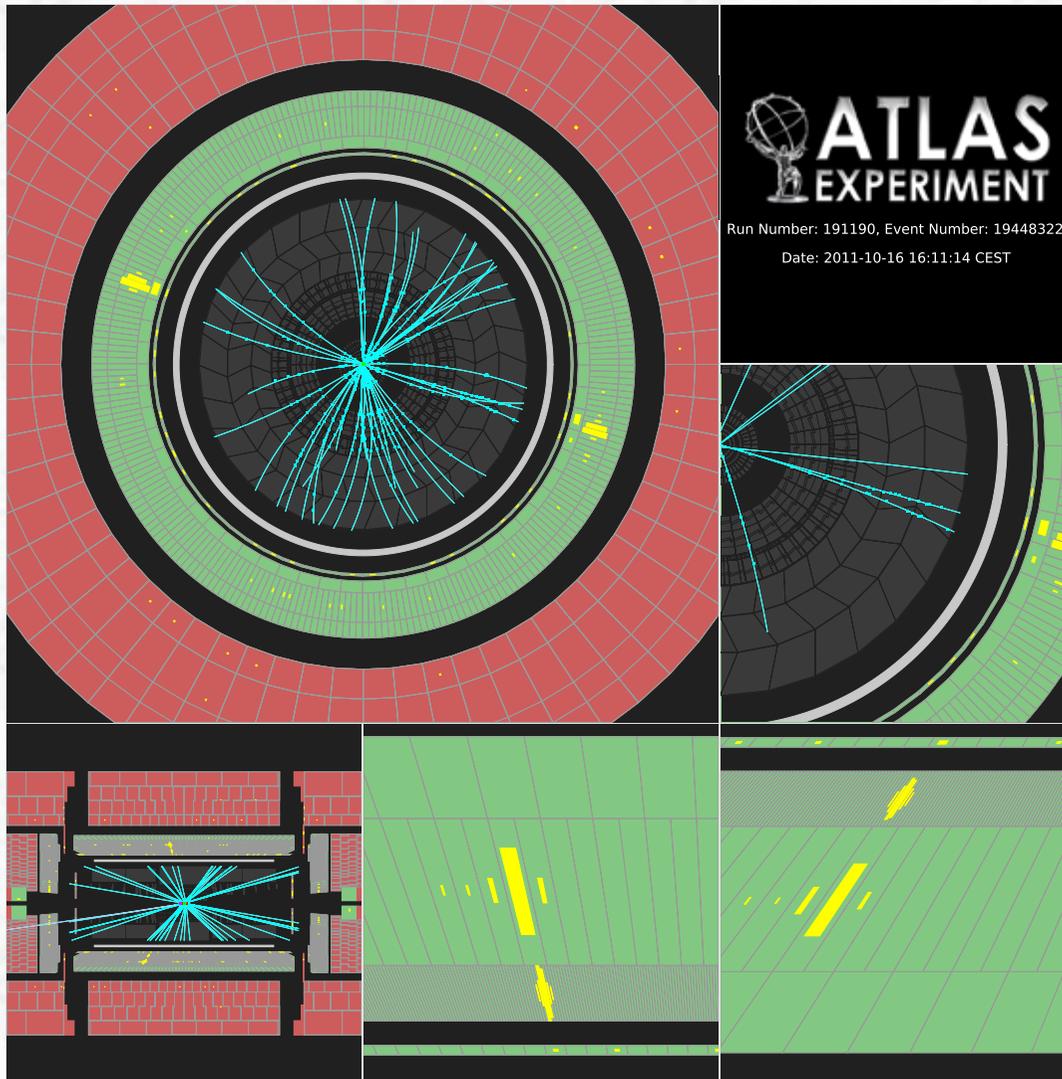
The observed limits at neighboring mass points are highly correlated due to the limited mass resolution in this final state. The discontinuities in the expected and observed limits at 170 and 220 GeV are caused by a change of the selection cuts at these points

# Search for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- One of the important discovery channels at low mass
- Mass reconstruction possible, needs good  $\gamma\gamma$  mass resolution and direction measurement of photons
- Challenges:
  - signal-to-background ratio  
(small, but smooth irreducible  $\gamma\gamma$  background)
  - reducible backgrounds from  $\gamma j$  and  $jj$   
(several orders of magnitude larger than irreducible one)
- Large amount of material in the LHC trackers;  
requires the reconstruction of converted photons



# A $\gamma\gamma$ event in ATLAS



## Event selection:

- 2 photons within  $|\eta| < 2.4$  and  $E_T(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) > 40, 25$  GeV (exclude transition region between barrel and endcap calorimeters)
- Isolation criteria in tracker and calorimeters (calo:  $< 5$  GeV in  $\Delta R < 0.4$ )

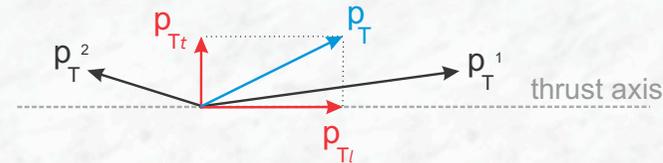
## Important detector features:

- longitudinal (and lateral) segmentation of the EM calorimeter is used to measure the photon polar angle  $\theta$  (important at high pile-up)
- reconstruction of conversions in silicon detectors and transition radiation tracker

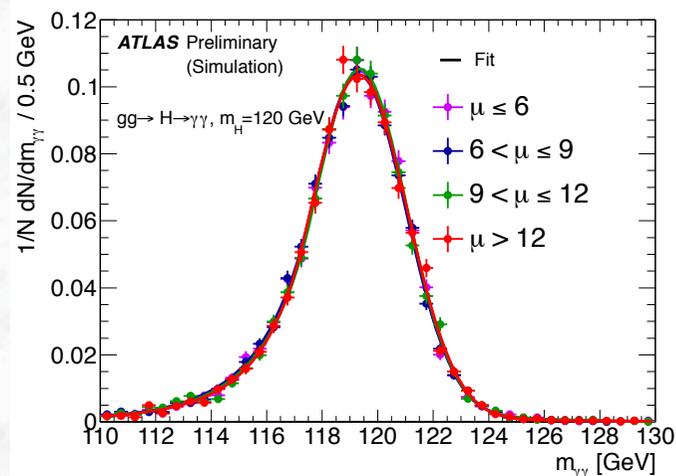
# A few $\gamma\gamma$ performance figures

- Di-photon events are classified in 9 categories, based on  $\eta$ , conversion status and di-photon momentum component ( $P_{Tt}$ ) transverse to the di-photon thrust axis

$m_H=120 \text{ GeV}$	$\sigma(m_{\gamma\gamma})$ GeV	Event fraction in $\pm 1.4 \sigma(m_{\gamma\gamma})$
All	1.7	80 %
Best category (unconverted central)	1.4	84%
Worst category (~10%) ( $\geq 1 \gamma$ converted, $\geq 1 \gamma$ near barrel/end-cap transition)	2.3	70%



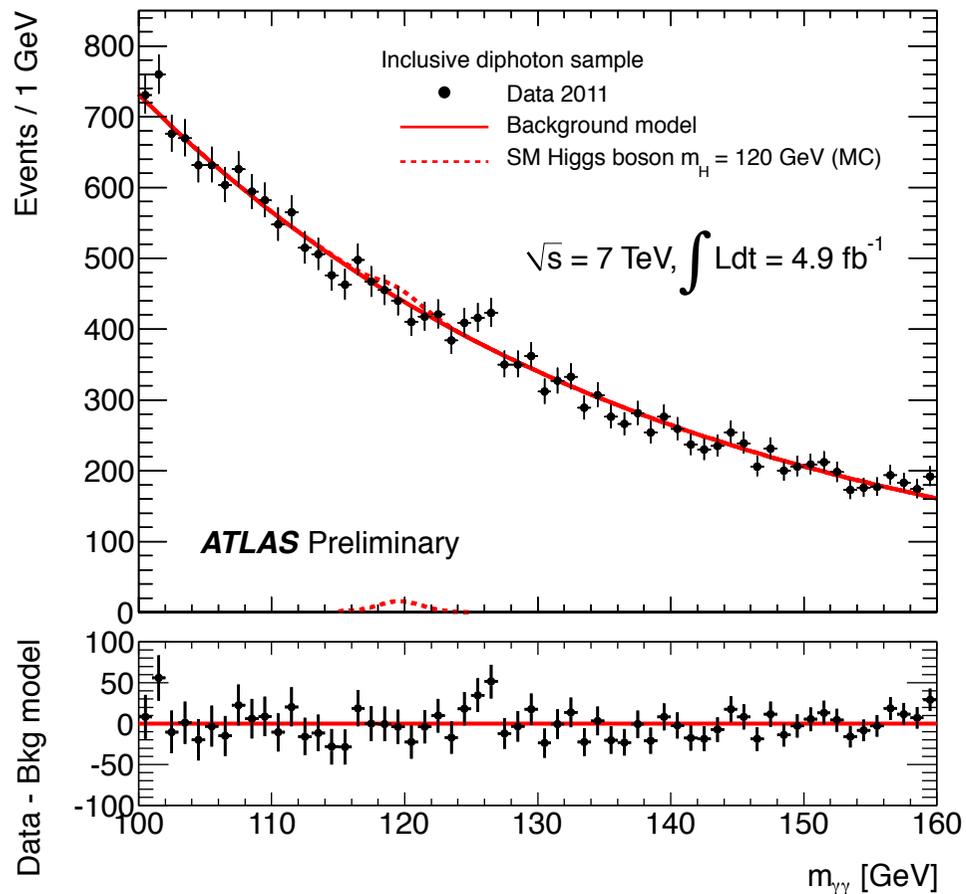
Photon energy scale and resolution transported from electron studies using Monte Carlo simulation (main systematics due to material effects)



- Signal description by a Crystal ball function + a Gaussian for tails
- Mass resolution shows no sensitivity to pile-up

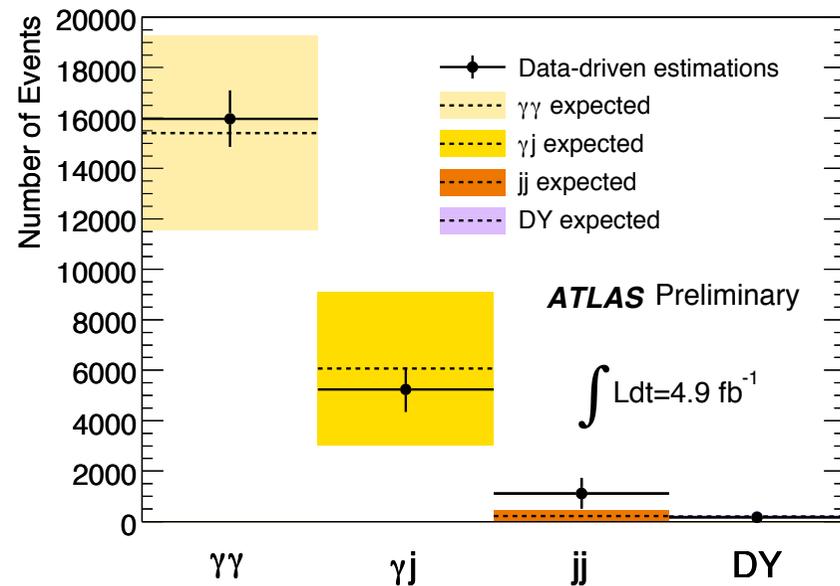
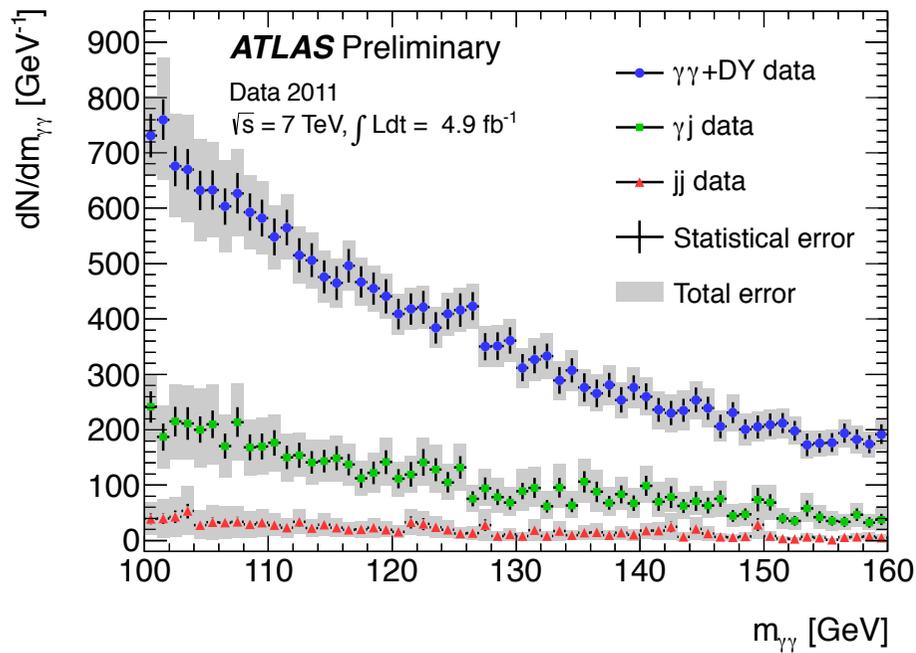
# Measured $\gamma\gamma$ mass spectrum

-after all selection cuts, summed over 9 categories-



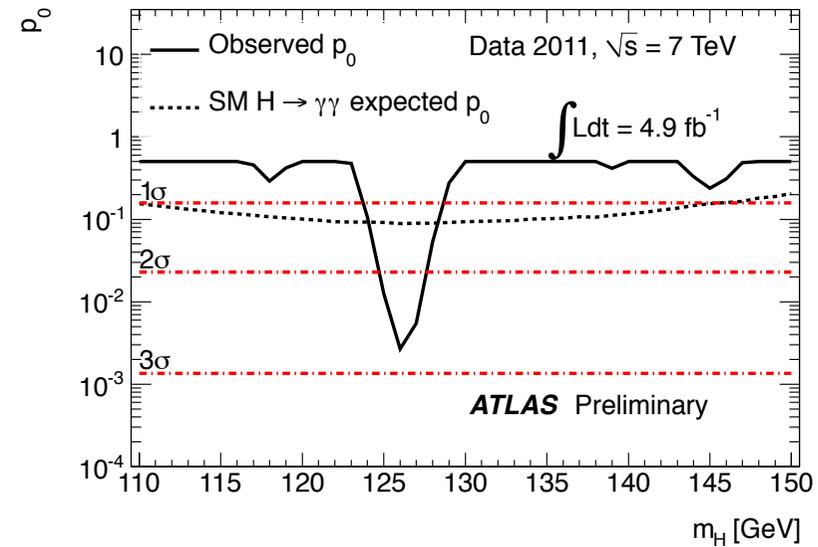
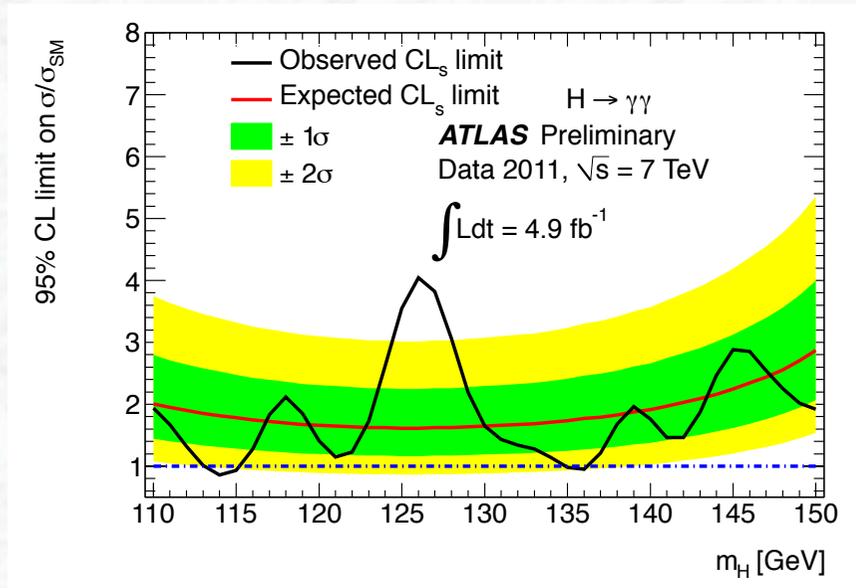
- Background model: exponential function, determined directly from data (different models have been used  $\rightarrow$  systematics)
- Excess of events seen around  $m_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 126$  GeV
- Use statistical analysis to quantify excess incl. systematic uncertainties on background and signal modelling  
( $\gamma\gamma$  mass resolution,  $\gamma\gamma$   $p_T$  modelling, ...)

# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ : composition of the $\gamma\gamma$ continuum background



	Number of events	Fraction
$\gamma\gamma$	$16000 \pm 1120$	$71 \pm 5\%$
$\gamma j$	$5200 \pm 890$	$23 \pm 4\%$
jj	$1130 \pm 600$	$5 \pm 3\%$
$Z/\gamma^*$	$165 \pm 8$	$0.7 \pm 0.1\%$

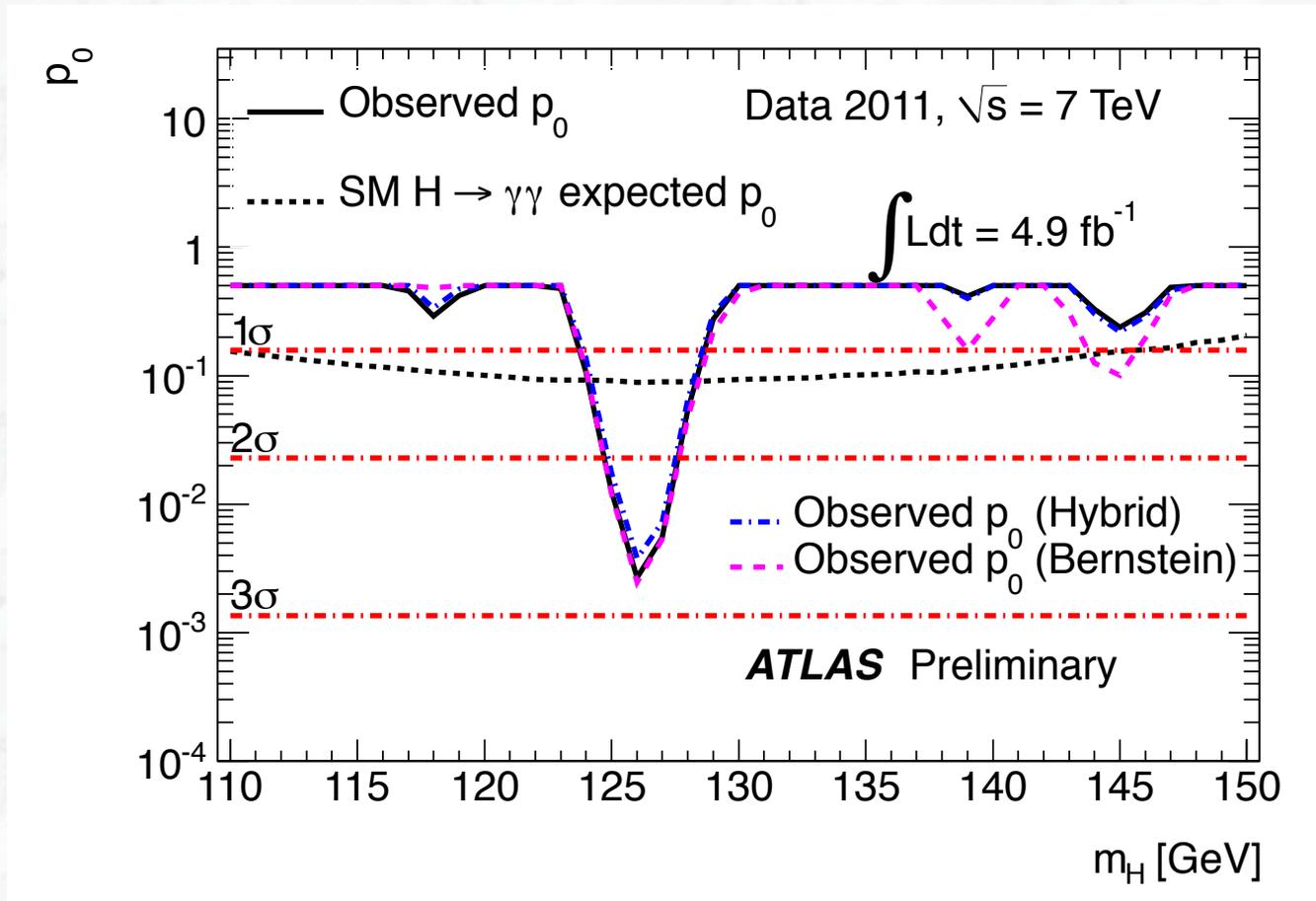
# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ : sensitivity and exclusion



- Maximum deviation from background-only expectation observed for  $m_H \sim 126$  GeV:
  - local  $p_0$ -value: 0.27% or  $2.8\sigma$  (expect  $1.4\sigma$  from SM Higgs boson)
  - global  $p_0$ -value\*:  $\sim 7\%$  or  $1.5\sigma$
- Small mass ranges from 114 – 115 GeV and 135 – 136 GeV excluded

\* The global  $p_0$  value takes into account the probability that such an excess can appear anywhere in the investigated mass range from 110 to 150 GeV (“Look-Elsewhere Effect”, LEE)

# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ : $p_0$ values for different background models



Hybrid: high  $P_{Tt}$  categories are fitted with 2<sup>nd</sup> order Bernstein polynomials, the other categories with a single exponential;

Bernstein: all categories are fitted with the Bernstein function

# Search for $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$

- “Golden channel” over a large mass range;  
Starts to get sensitivity with the present integrated luminosity
- Mass reconstruction possible, need good lepton identification and measurement down to low  $p_T$  (to maximize the acceptance for low  $m_H$ )
- Low signal rate, but also small backgrounds
  - $ZZ^{(*)}$  continuum as irreducible background
  - Top and  $Zbb$  production as reducible backgrounds (at low mass)  
(suppressed via lepton isolation and impact parameter cuts)
- ATLAS selection cuts: require 4 identified leptons (4e, 2e2 $\mu$  or 4 $\mu$ ) with:

$P_T(1,2) > 20$  GeV (high trigger acceptance)

$P_T(3,4) > 7$  GeV

$|\eta| < 2.47$  (e) and  $\sim 2.5$  ( $\mu$ )

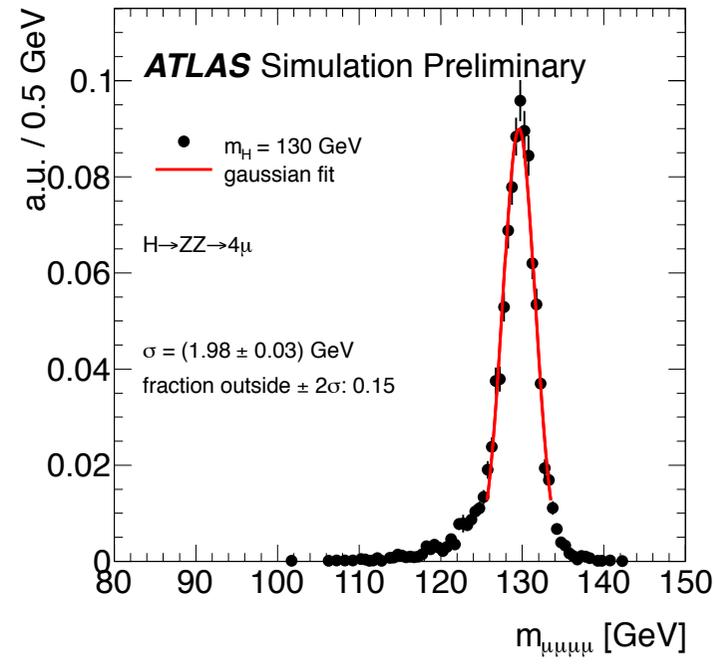
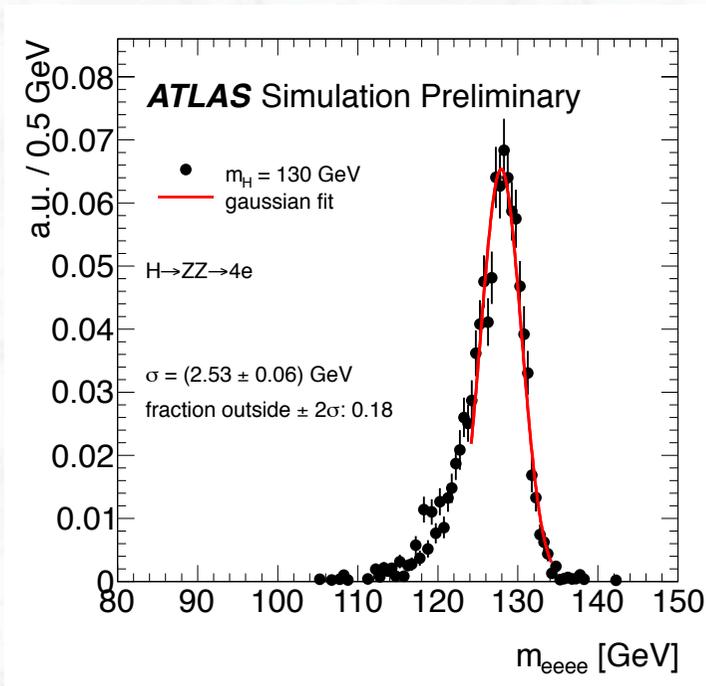
Isolation and impact parameter requirements  
on the two softest leptons

$m_{12} = m_Z \pm 15$  GeV

$m_{34} > 15 - 60$  GeV (for  $m_H$  in the range 120 - 200 GeV)

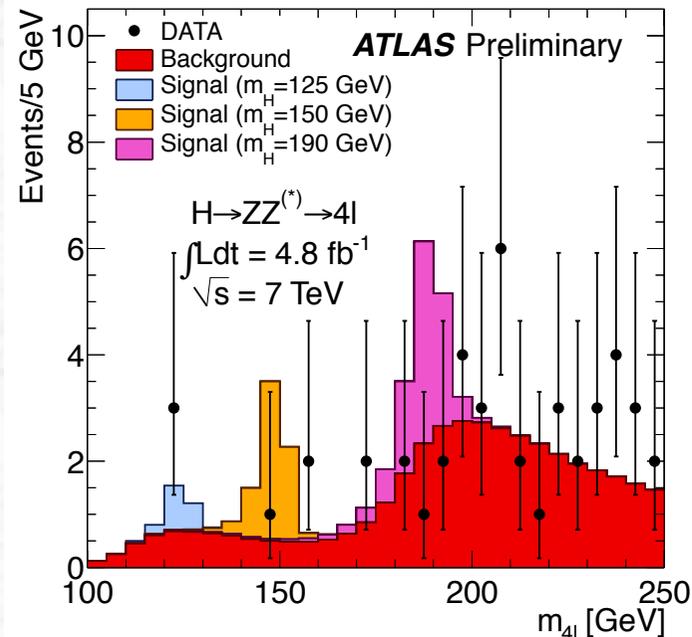
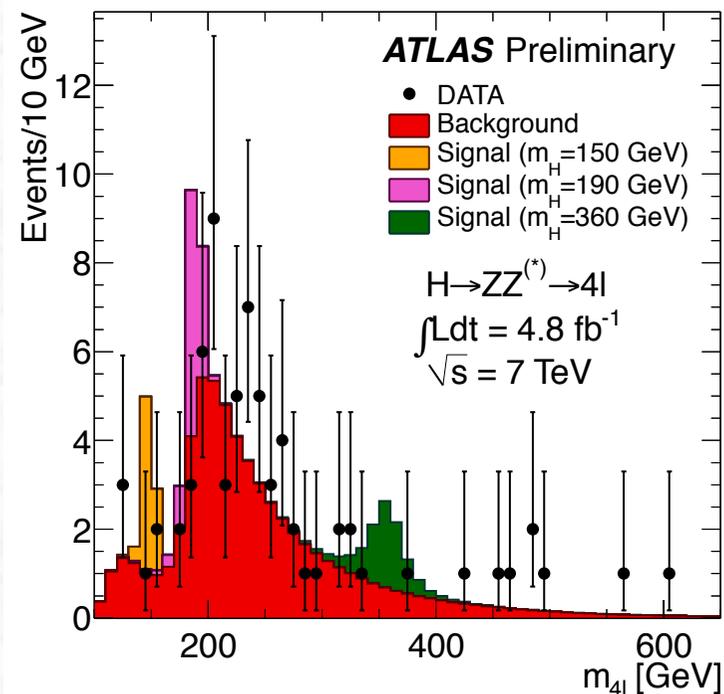
Signal acceptance x efficiency  $\sim 15\%$  ( $m_H = 125$  GeV)

## Expected mass resolutions (for $m_H = 130$ GeV):



- Width dominated by experimental resolution:  $\sim 2.5$  GeV for  $4e$   
 $\sim 2.0$  GeV for  $4\mu$   
(no Z mass constraints used in the fit)
- Event fractions outside  $\pm 2\sigma$  at the level of 15-18%

# Measured $4\ell$ mass spectra

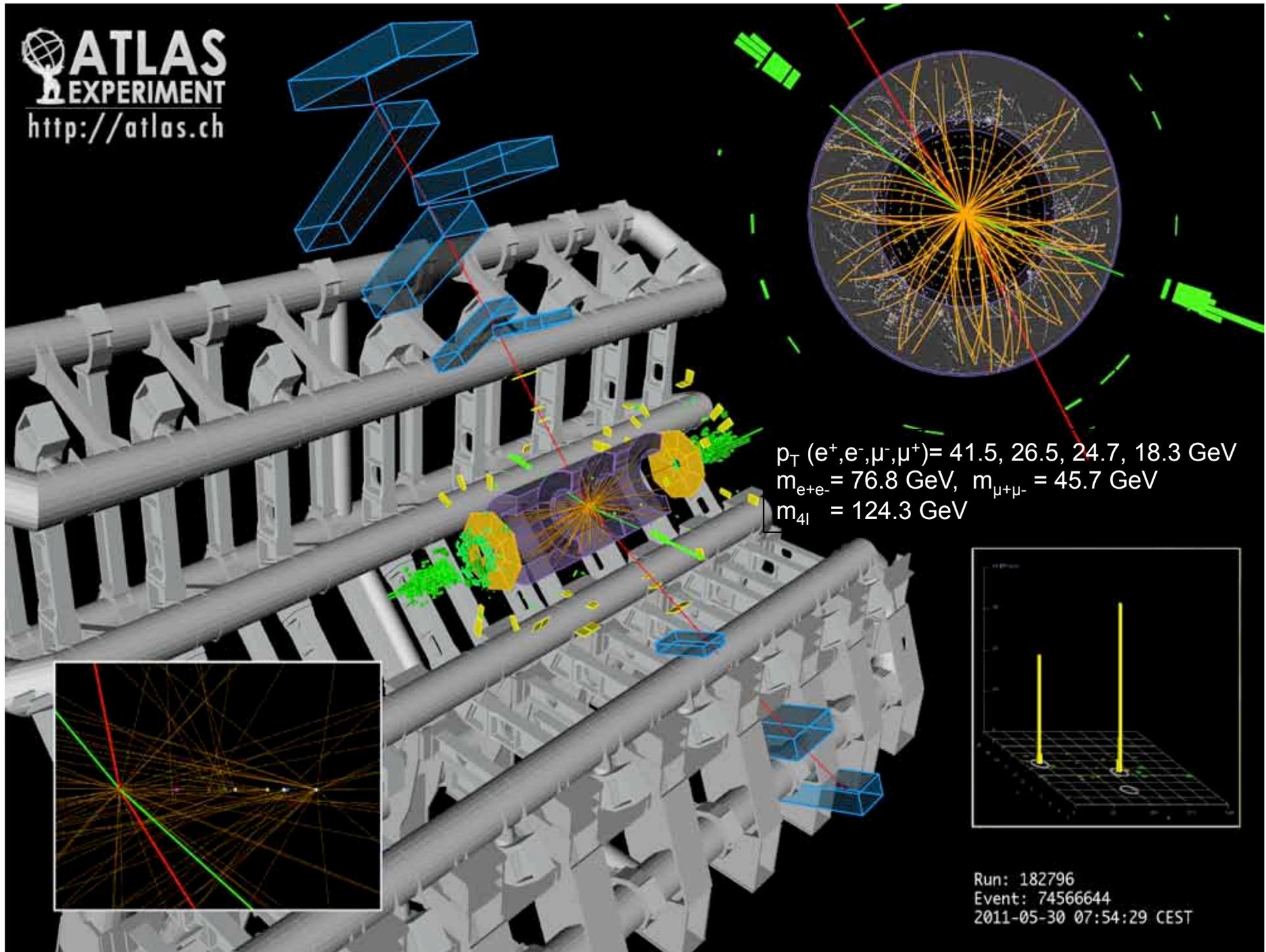


Mass range	Full	< 180 GeV	117 – 128 GeV
Observed in data	71	8	3
Expected background	$62 \pm 9$	$9.3 \pm 1.5$	$1.5 \pm 0.3$

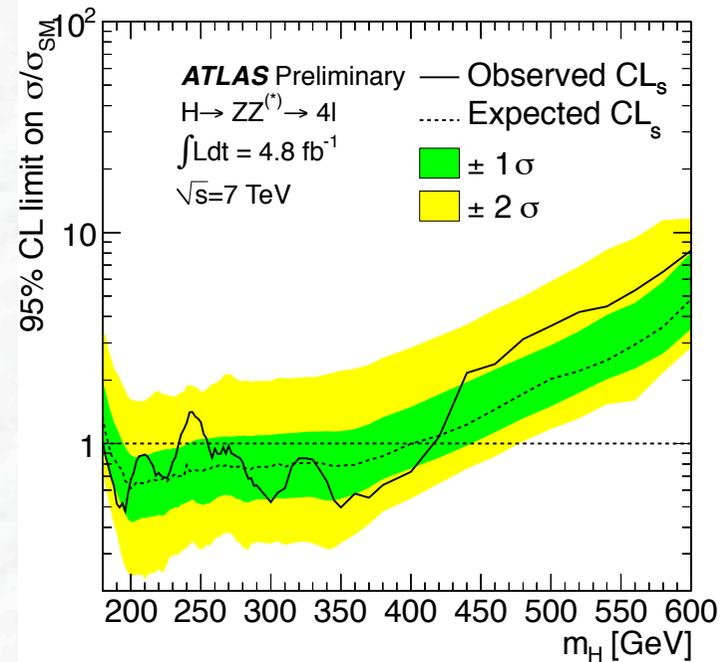
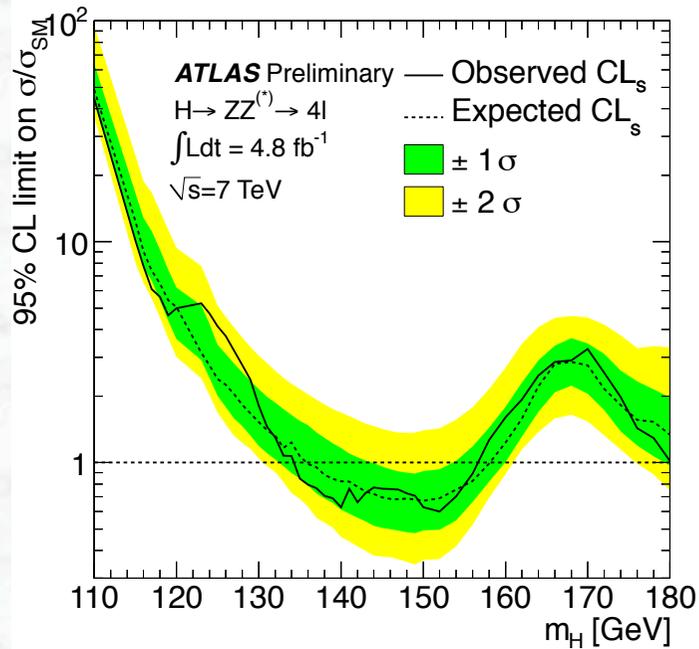
Main systematic uncertainties	
Higgs cross-section	: ~ 15%
Electron efficiency	: ~ 2-8%
ZZ* background	: ~ 15%
Zbb, +jets backgrounds	: ~ 40%

Expected signal contribution for  $m_H=125$  is  $\sim 1.5$  events

Three events observed around 124 GeV: 2 ( $2e2\mu$ )- and 1 ( $4\mu$ )-event



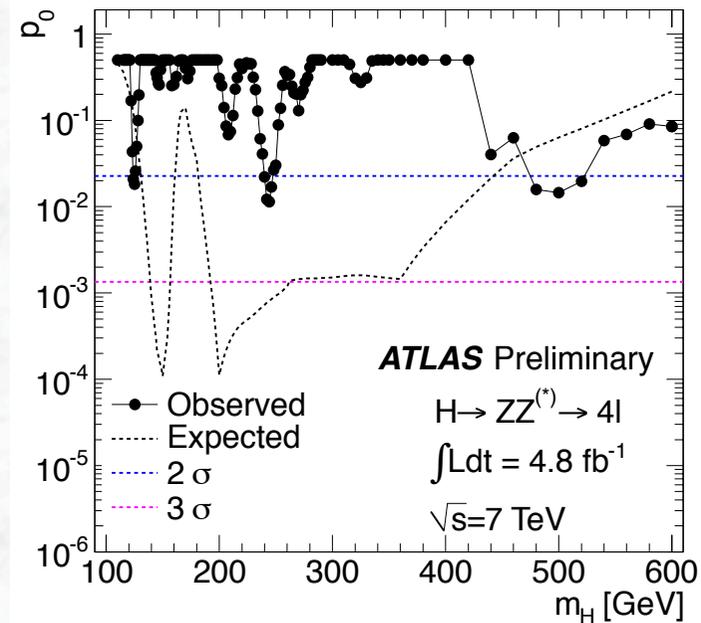
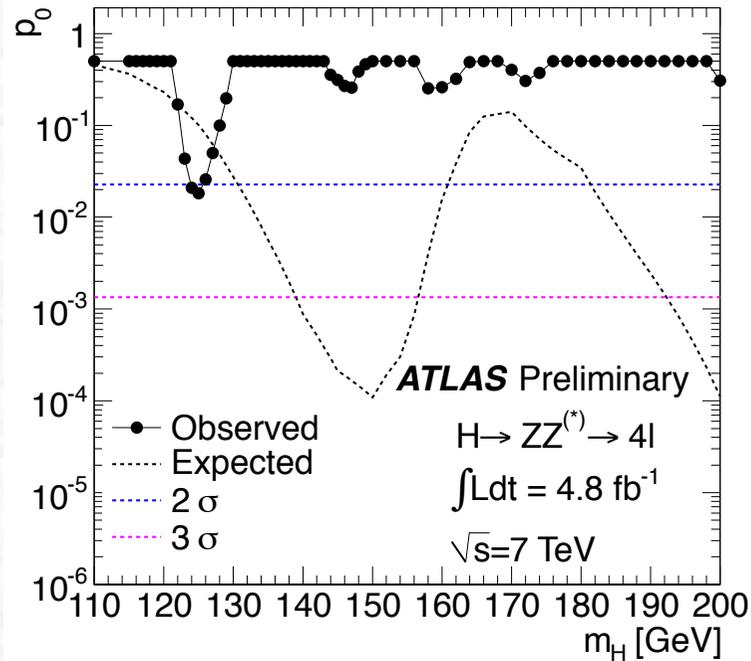
# H $\rightarrow$ ZZ<sup>(\*)</sup> $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$ : sensitivity and exclusion



Excluded mass regions (95% C.L.): [135-156], [181-234] and [255-415] GeV

(Expected exclusion:  $137 < m_H < 158$  GeV and  $185 < m_H < 400$  GeV)

## Test of background-only hypothesis for the 4l channel



Small probabilities for background-only hypothesis observed for:

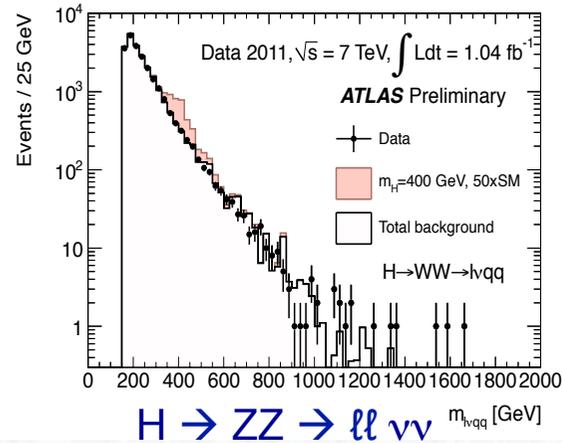
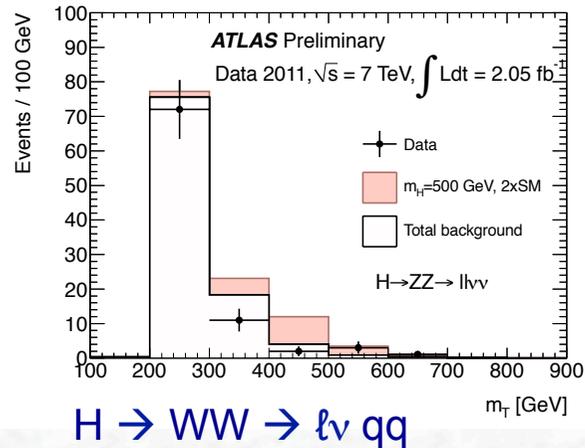
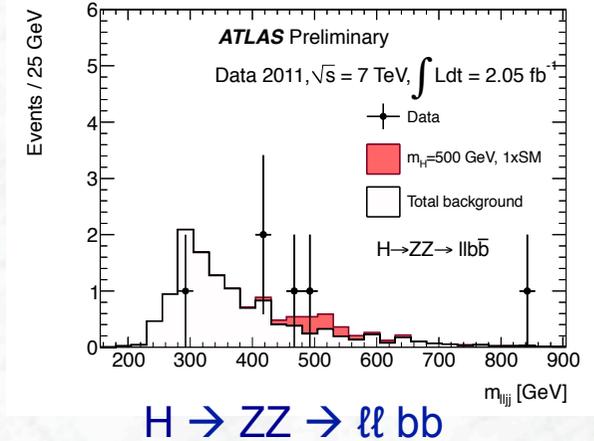
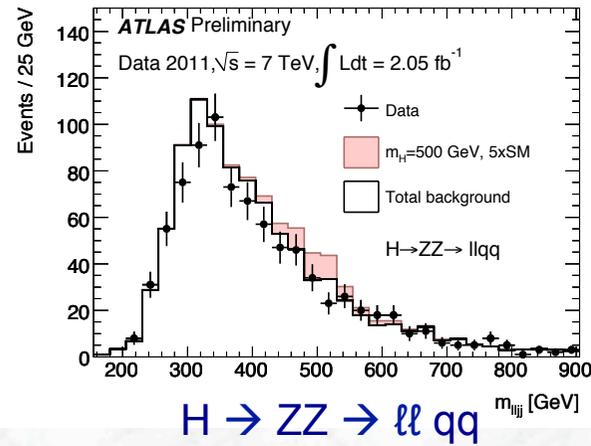
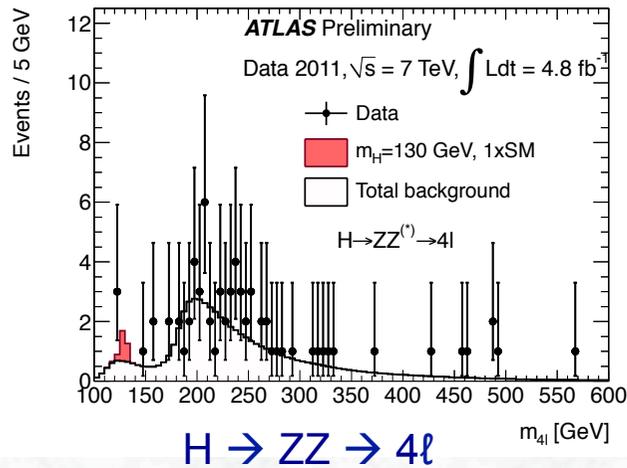
$m_H$ (GeV)	local (global) $p_0$	Local significance	Expected signif. from SM Higgs
125	1.8% ( $\sim 50\%$ )**	$2.1 \sigma$	$1.4 \sigma$
244*	1.1% ( $\sim 50\%$ )	$2.3 \sigma$	$3.2 \sigma$
500	1.4% ( $\sim 50\%$ )	$2.2 \sigma$	$1.5 \sigma$

\*) already excluded by the ATLAS + CMS combination

\*\*\*) Look-elsewhere-effect evaluated over the mass range 110 – 600 GeV

# Summary of Search Results in the High Mass Region

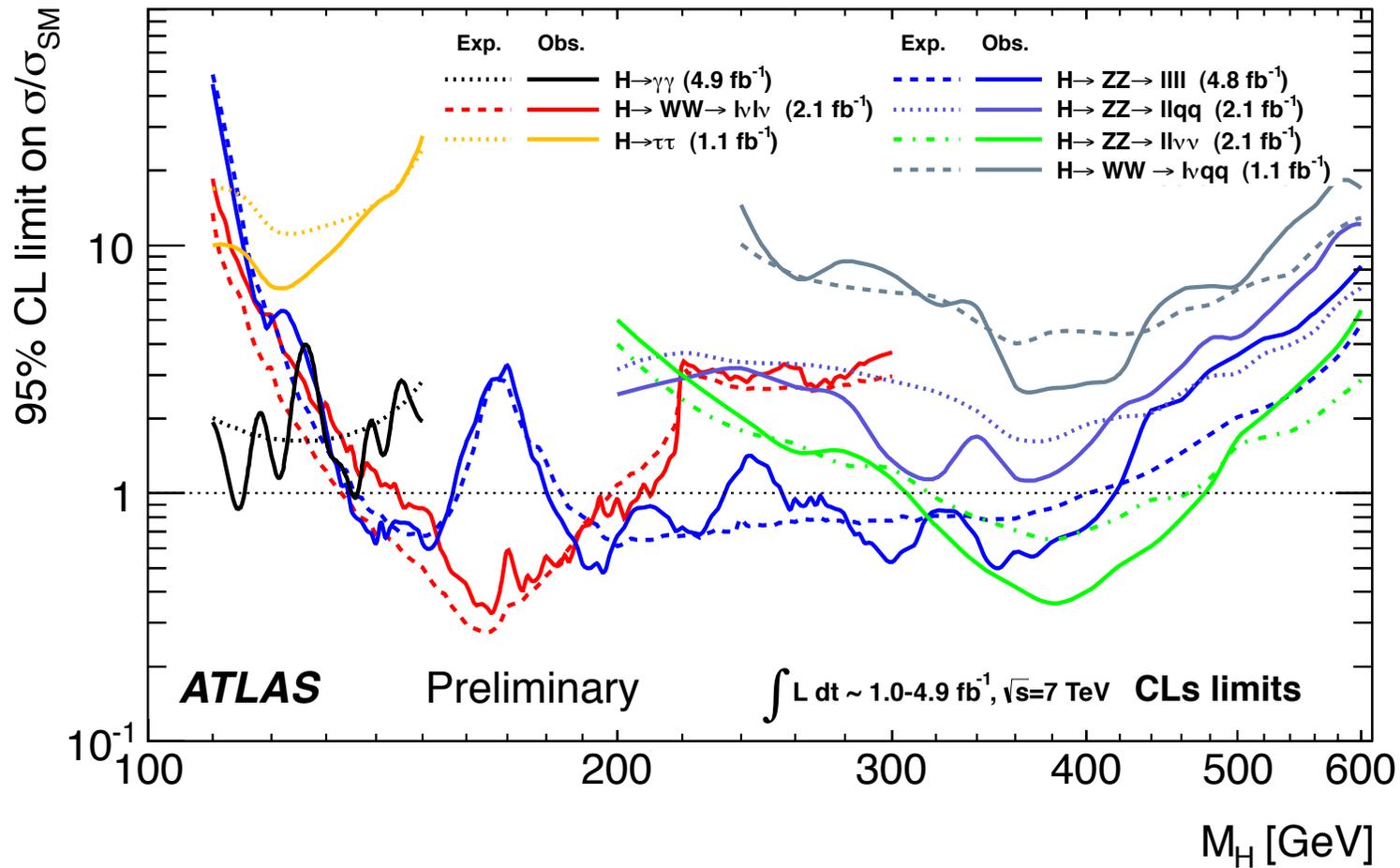
# Results from ATLAS on various high mass search channels: $L = 1.04 - 4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



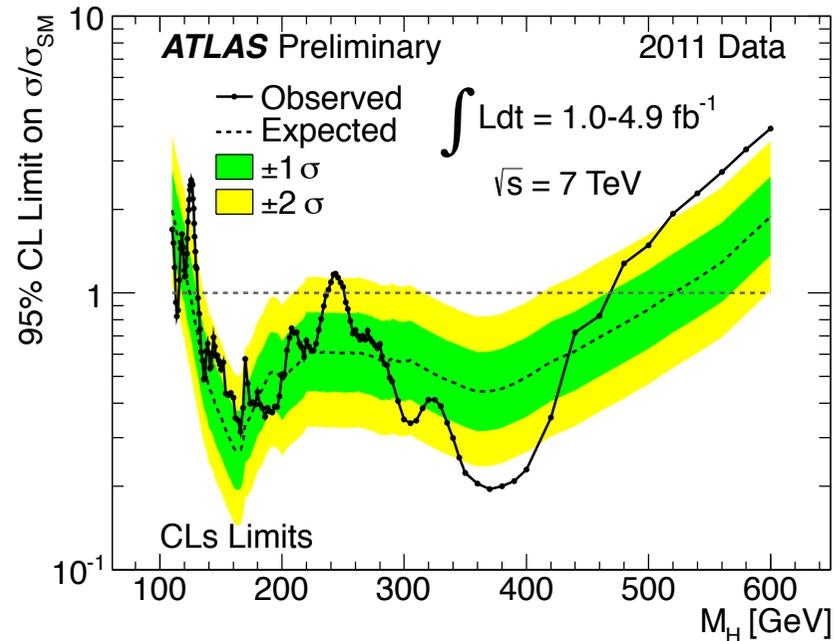
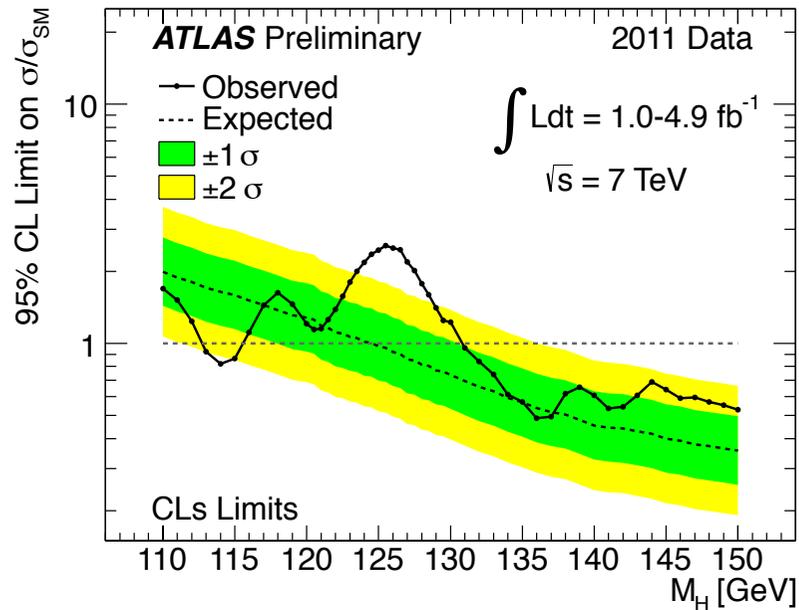
Also in these channels: data are consistent with expectations from Standard Model background processes → work out significances / statistics

# Summary of the current status of the Higgs boson search in ATLAS

- excluded cross sections by individual channels -



# The grand combination



## Channels included:

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
 $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$   
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$   
 $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ ,  
 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell \nu\nu$   
 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell qq$ ,  
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$

## Not included:

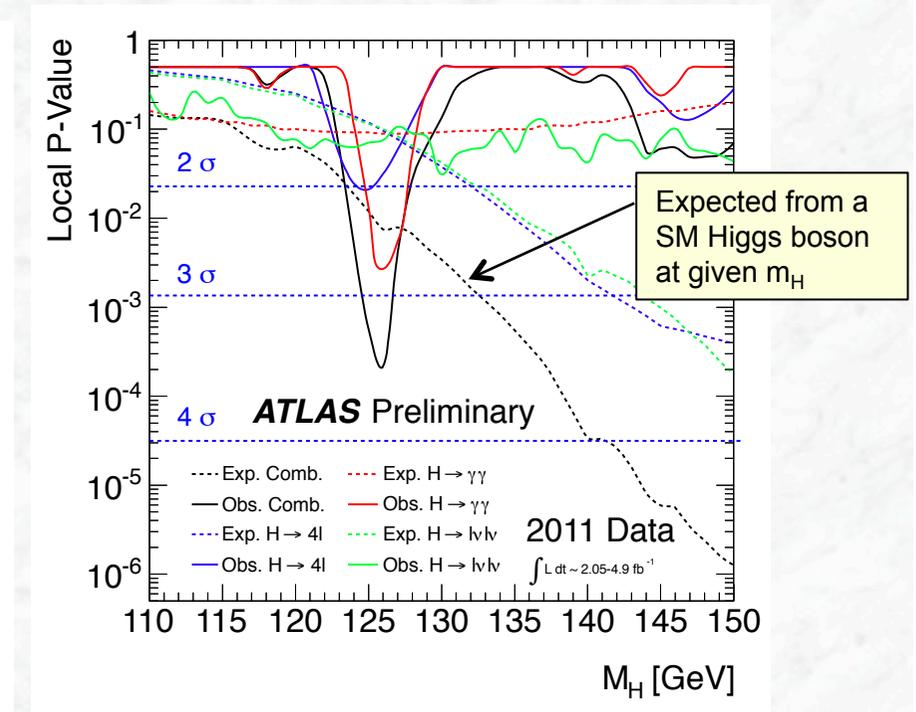
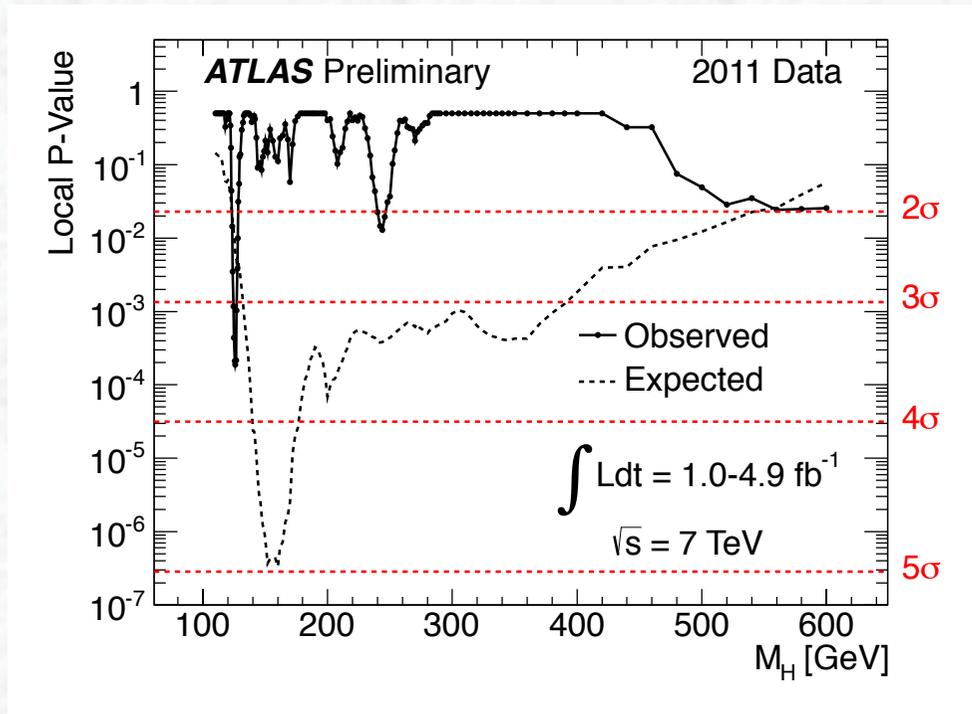
$W/ZH \rightarrow \ell b b + X$

## Excluded mass regions:

95 % C.L.	99 % C.L.
112.7 – 115.5 GeV	
131 – 237 GeV	133 – 230 GeV
251 – 468 GeV	260 – 437 GeV

95% C.L. expected exclusion: 124.6 – 520 GeV

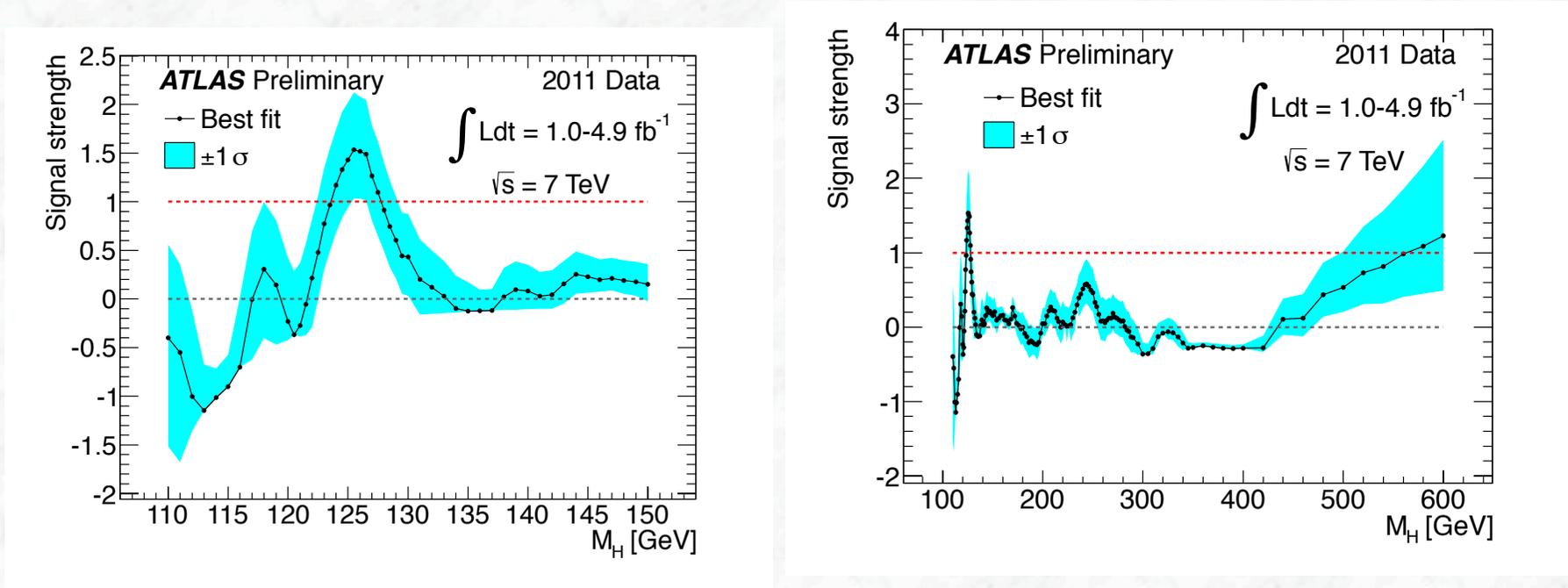
# Consistency of the data with the background-only expectation



- Lowest probability ( $p_0 = 1.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ) for background-only expectation observed for  $m_H \sim 126$  GeV
- Local significance of excess:  $3.6\sigma$  ( $2.8\sigma$   $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $2.1\sigma$   $H \rightarrow 4\ell$ ,  $1.4\sigma$   $H \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$ )
- Global significances:  $2.5\sigma$  ( $p = 0.6\%$ ) Look-elsewhere-effect over 110 – 146 GeV  
 $2.2\sigma$  ( $p = 1.4\%$ ) Look-elsewhere-effect over 110 – 600 GeV

# Compatibility of the observation with the expected strength of a Standard Model Higgs boson (combination of $\gamma\gamma$ , $4\ell$ , $\ell\nu\ell\nu$ )

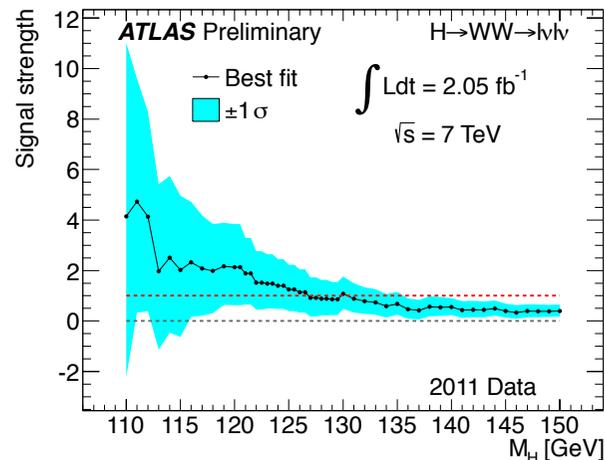
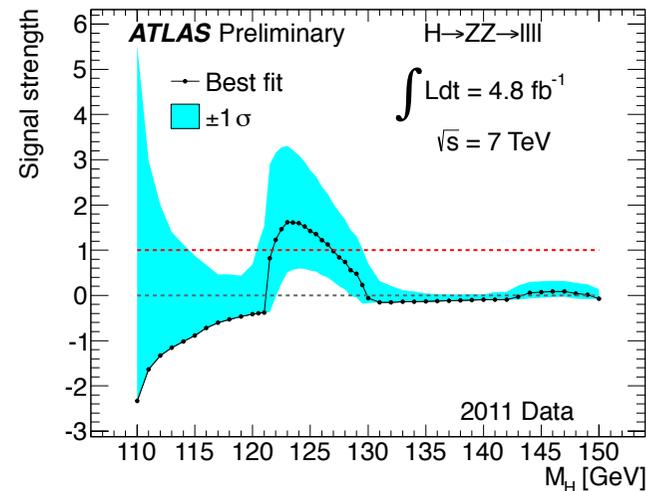
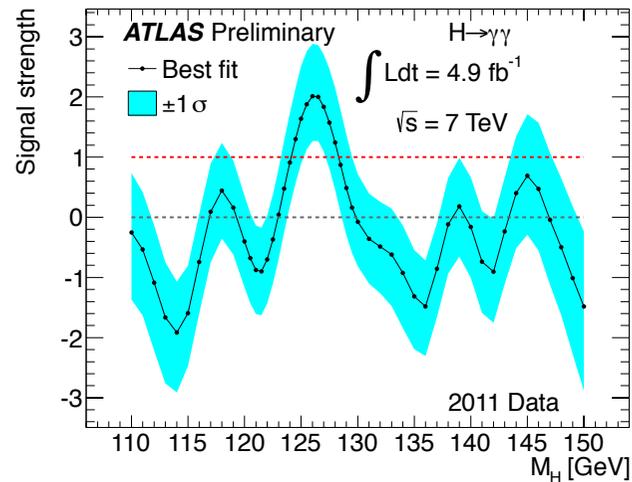
Signal strength:  $\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{SM}$  (fit value)



- Observed signal strength is compatible with the expectation from a Standard Model Higgs boson, within errors
- These best fit values do not account for energy scale systematic uncertainties

# Compatibility of the observation with the expected strength of a Standard Model Higgs boson (individual channels)

Signal strength:  $\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{SM}$  (fit value)



- The observed excess in the  $\gamma\gamma$  channel is a factor of  $(2 \pm 0.8)$  larger than expected
- Excess in the  $4\ell$  and  $\ell\nu\ell\nu$  channels, as well as for the combination are compatible within  $1\sigma$

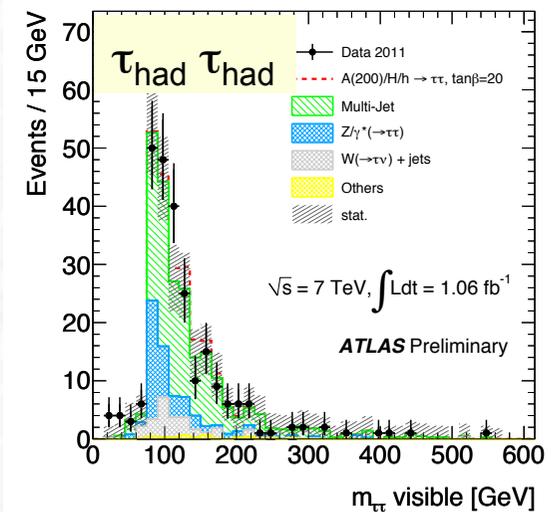
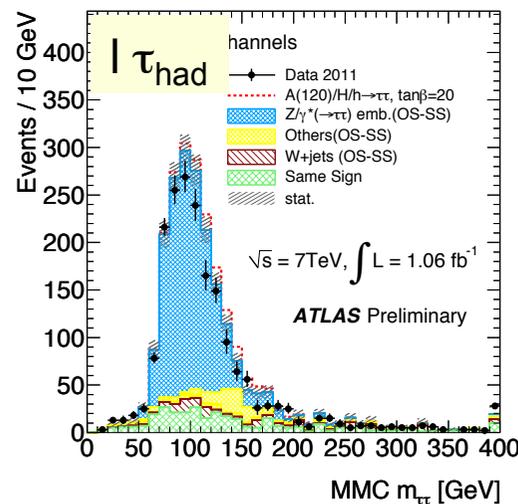
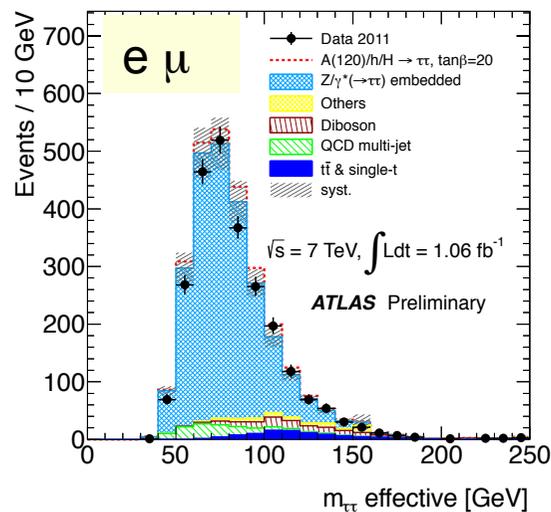
# A short summary of recent results on searches for non-Standard Model Higgs bosons

- Search for MSSM Higgs bosons in  $\tau\tau$  final states
- Search for fermiophobic Higgs bosons

# Search for $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

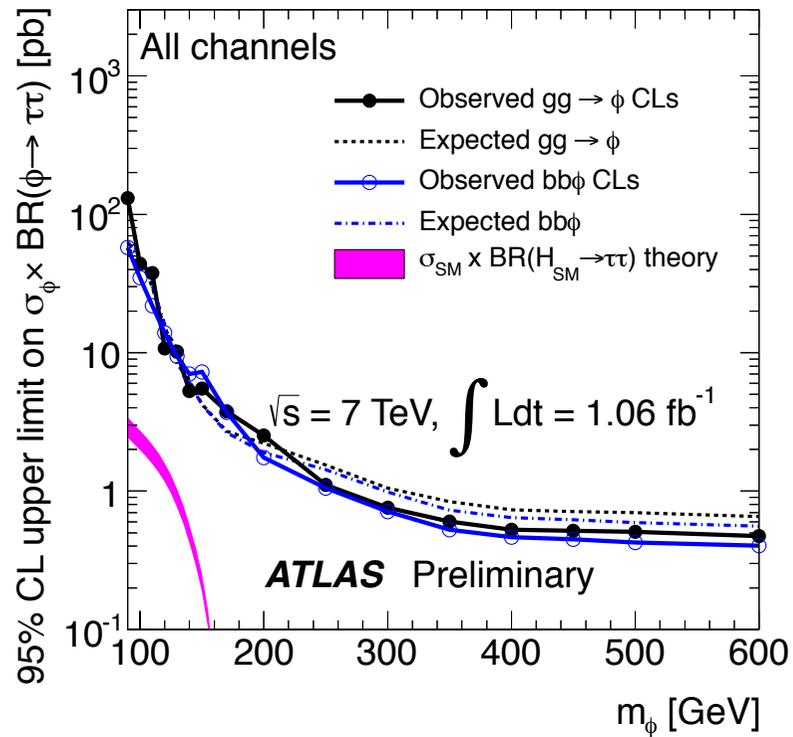
- The production of neutral Higgs bosons  $A/H$  is enhanced at large  $\tan\beta$  in the MSSM
- Search for  $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  decays in four final states, characterized by the  $\tau$  decays:
  - $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu \mu\nu\nu$
  - $\rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu \tau_{\text{had}}\nu$  and  $\mu\nu\nu \tau_{\text{had}}\nu$
  - $\rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\nu \tau_{\text{had}}\nu$
- Good  $\tau$  identification required,  $m_{\tau\tau}$  reconstructed via visible mass or using the missing mass calculation technique

$L = 1.06 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

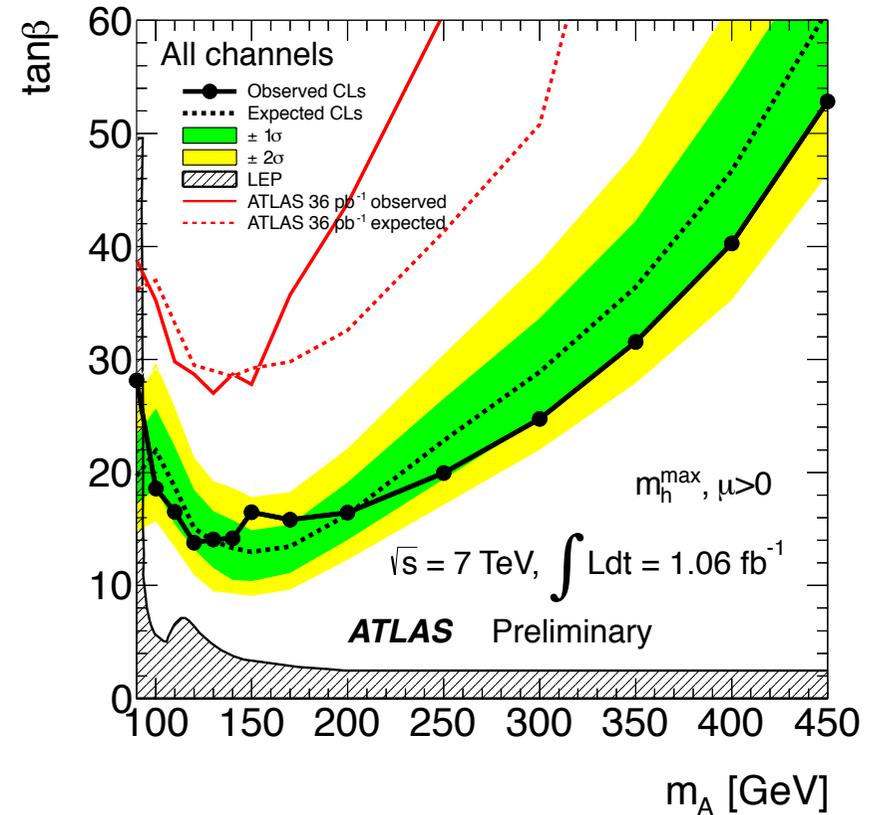


- Select 4630 events in data
- Expectation from SM background sources:  $4900 \pm 600$

# Cross section limits and excluded mass regions in the MSSM parameter space



Expected and observed limits on  $\sigma \cdot BR(\phi \rightarrow \tau\tau)$  for a generic Higgs boson  $\phi$

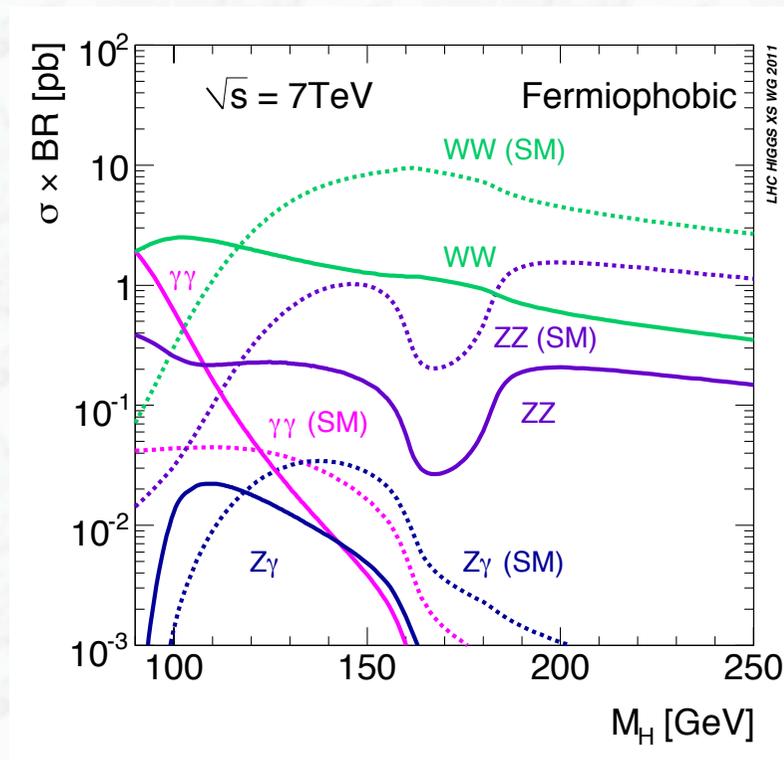


Expected and observed exclusion limits in the MSSM ( $m_A - \tan\beta$ ) plane

$m_h^{\max}$  scenario

# Search for a fermiophobic Higgs boson in the $\gamma\gamma$ decay mode

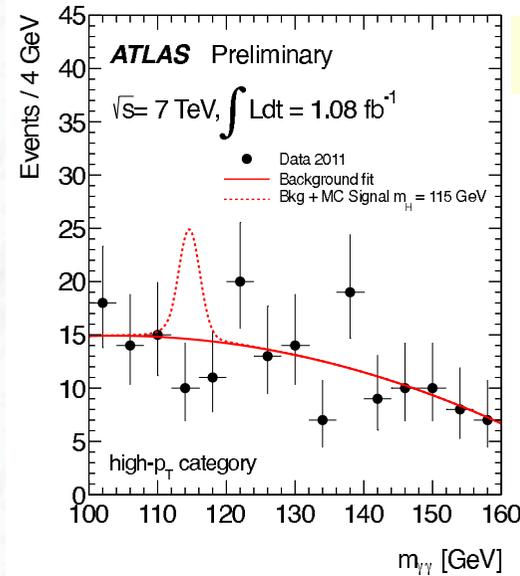
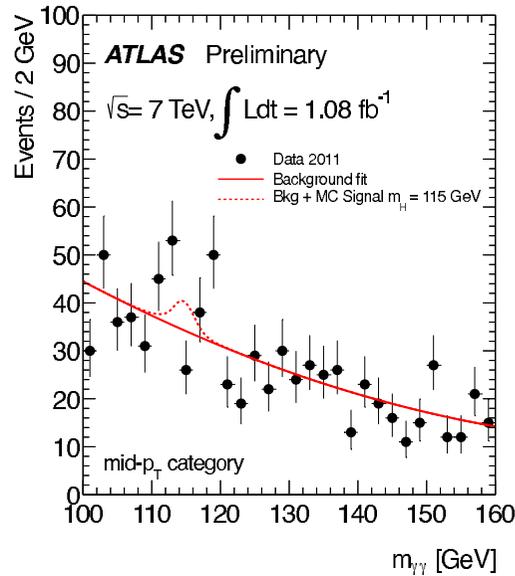
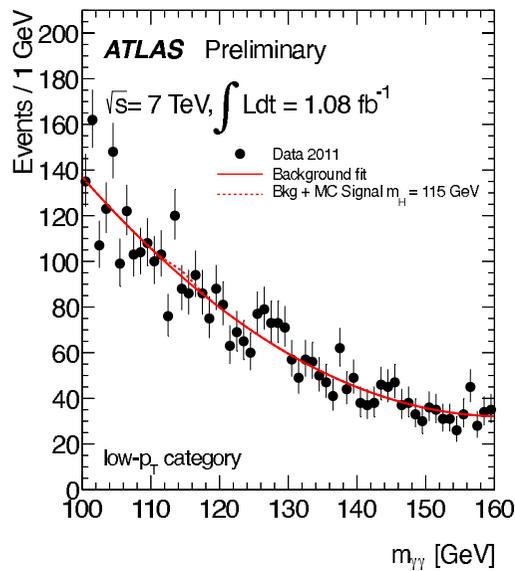
- Benchmark model considered: - all fermion couplings set to 0  
- bosonic couplings kept at the SM values
- modified Higgs production and decay branching ratios,  
e.g. no contributions from the gluon-fusion and ttH associated production modes



Higgs production with decays to  $\gamma\gamma$  is larger than in the SM for  $m_H < 120$  GeV

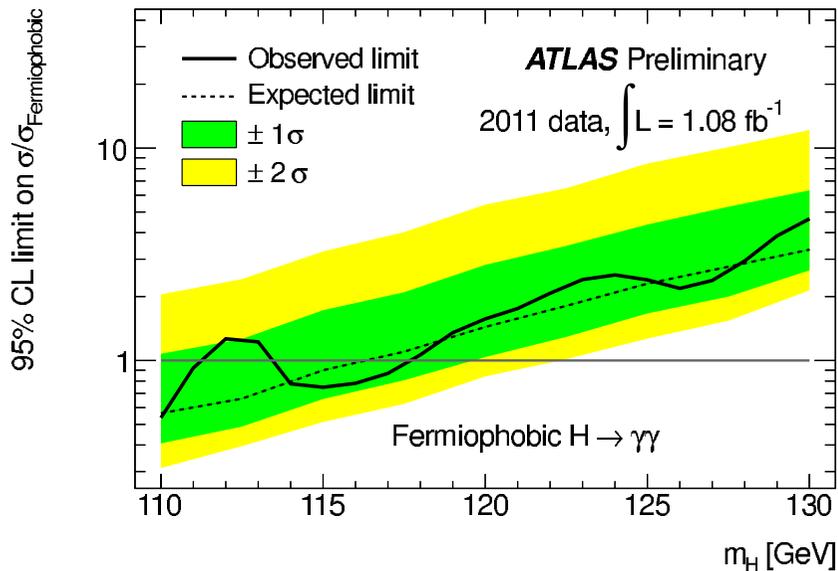
Perform analysis similar to SM  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  search

VBF and VH production → higher transverse momentum due to recoiling jets or vector bosons



$L = 1.08 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- No excess of events above Standard Model background (for different  $p_T$  categories)  
→ exclusion limits



Excluded mass regions:  
 - 110 – 111 GeV      and  
 - 113.5 – 117.5 GeV  
 Expected exclusion: 110 – 116 GeV

# Summary and conclusions

- The operation of the LHC and of the ATLAS experiment in 2011 was superb
- LHC has reached sensitivity for the Standard Model Higgs boson and first exclusions beyond the LEP and Tevatron limits have been presented by ATLAS and CMS
- The ATLAS experiment has restricted the allowed mass range for the Standard Model Higgs boson to three regions (with 95% C.L.):

$$115.5 < m_H < 131 \text{ GeV} \quad .\text{or.} \quad 237 < m_H < 251 \text{ GeV} \quad .\text{or.} \quad m_H > 468 \text{ GeV}$$

- The data are consistent with the expectations from Standard Model background processes, however, a low background-only probability of 0.6% ( $2.5\sigma$ ), after correcting for the look-elsewhere-effect, is found for  $m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$
- The fitted signal strength for a signal + background hypothesis at that mass in the three most important channels ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  and  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$ ) is consistent with the Standard Model value, within errors.
- More data and a combination with the CMS experiment are needed to draw definite conclusions
- 2012 is going to be an exciting year for all of us !!

124-126 GeV would be a nice Higgs mass to have !

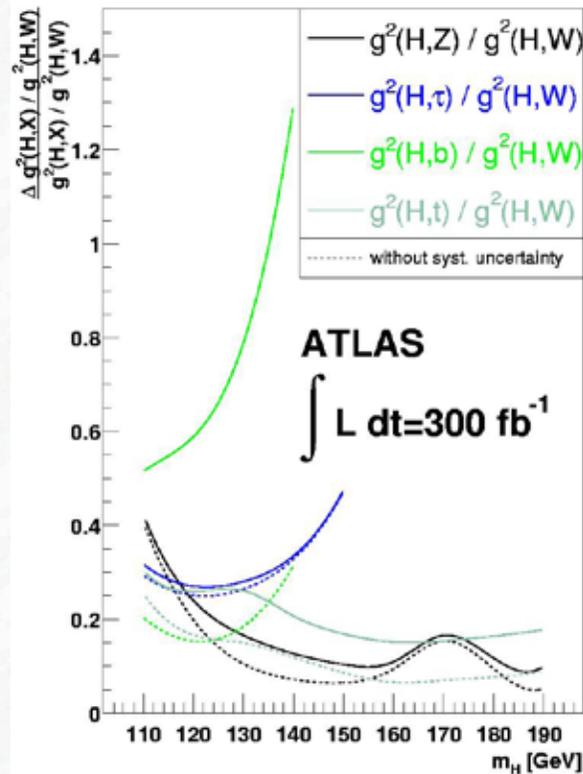
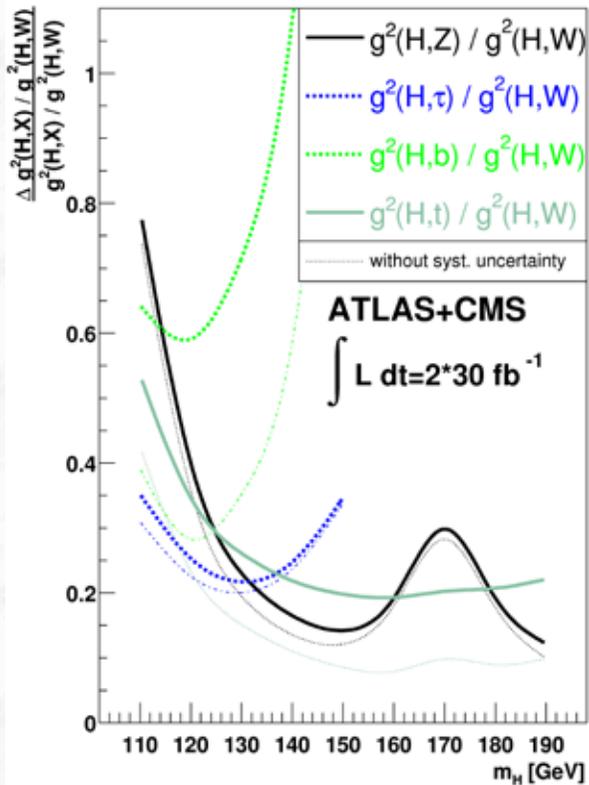
→ Zürich Higgs workshop 2009

## Step 2: measurement of ratios of couplings:

Additional assumption: particle content in the  $gg$ - and  $\gamma\gamma$ -loops are known;

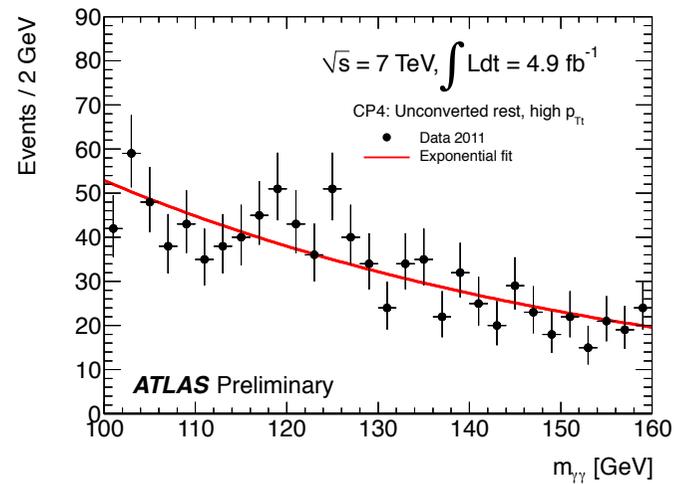
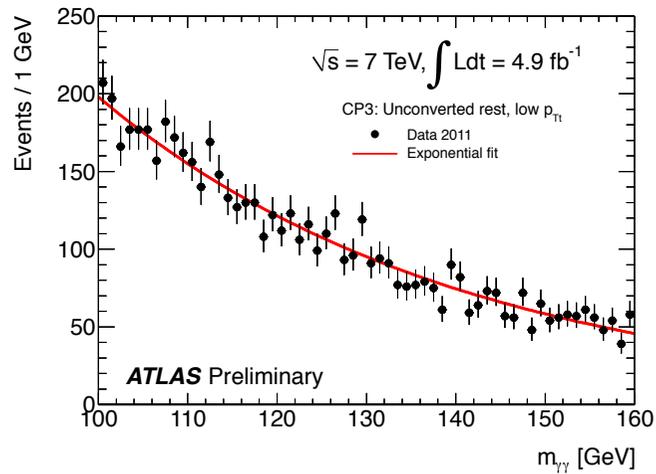
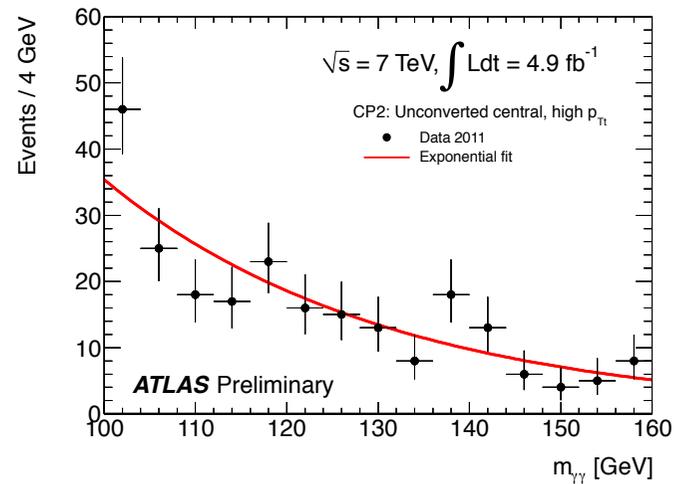
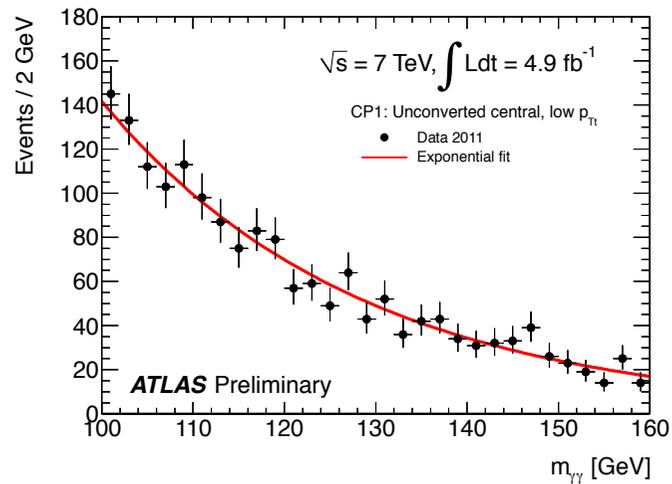
Information from Higgs production is now used as well;

Important for the determination of the **top-Yukawa coupling**

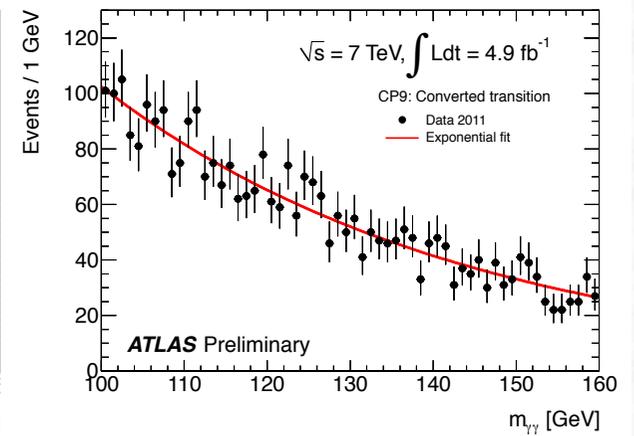
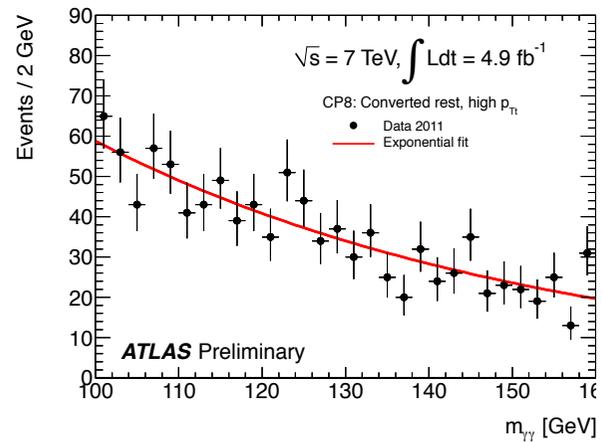
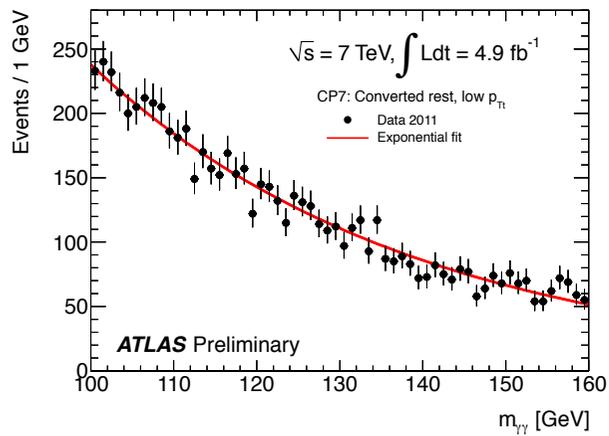
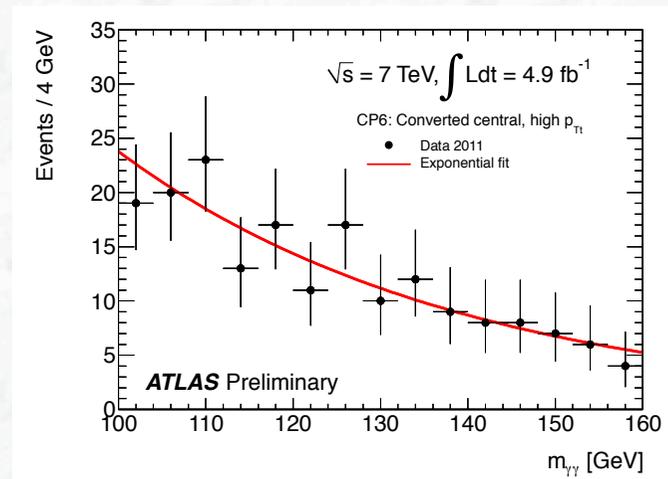
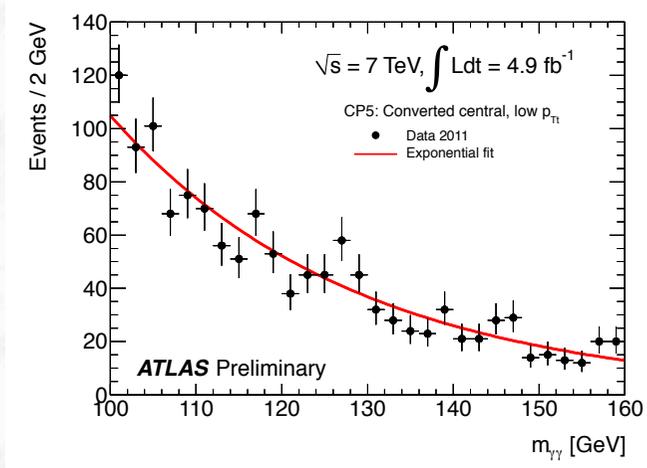


# Backup Slides

# $\gamma\gamma$ mass spectra for the nine categories -unconverted-



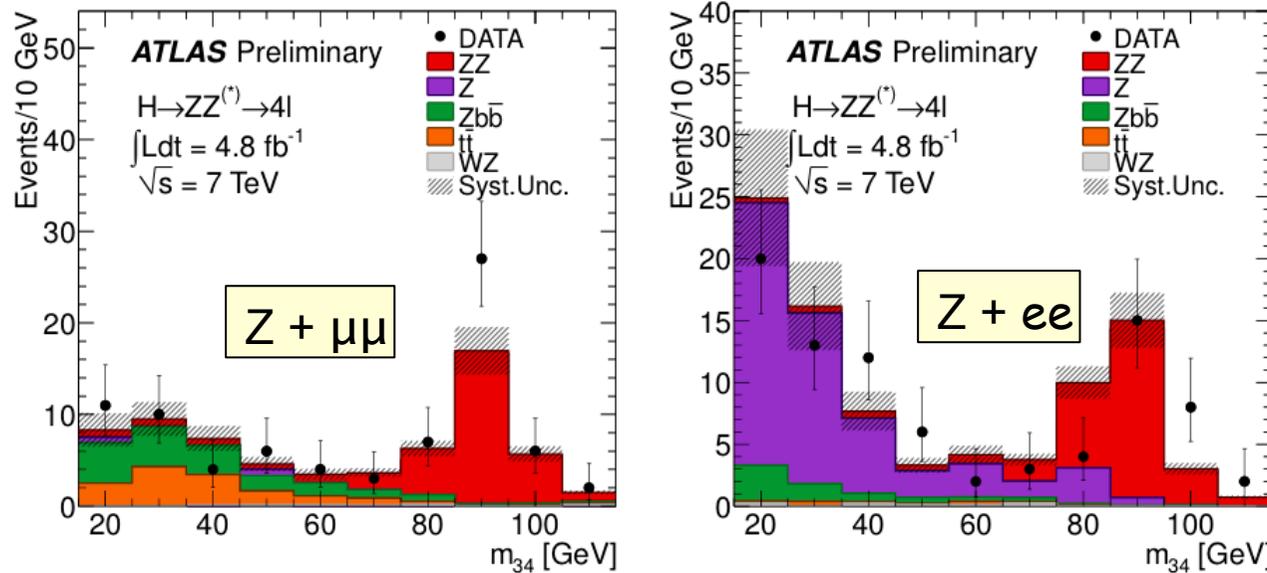
# $\gamma\gamma$ mass spectra for the nine categories (cont.) -converted-



Reducible backgrounds from Zbb, Z+jets, tt giving 2 genuine + 2 fake leptons measured using background-enriched and signal-depleted control regions in data (chose a compromise between statistics and “purity”)

Zbb+Z+jets control regions:

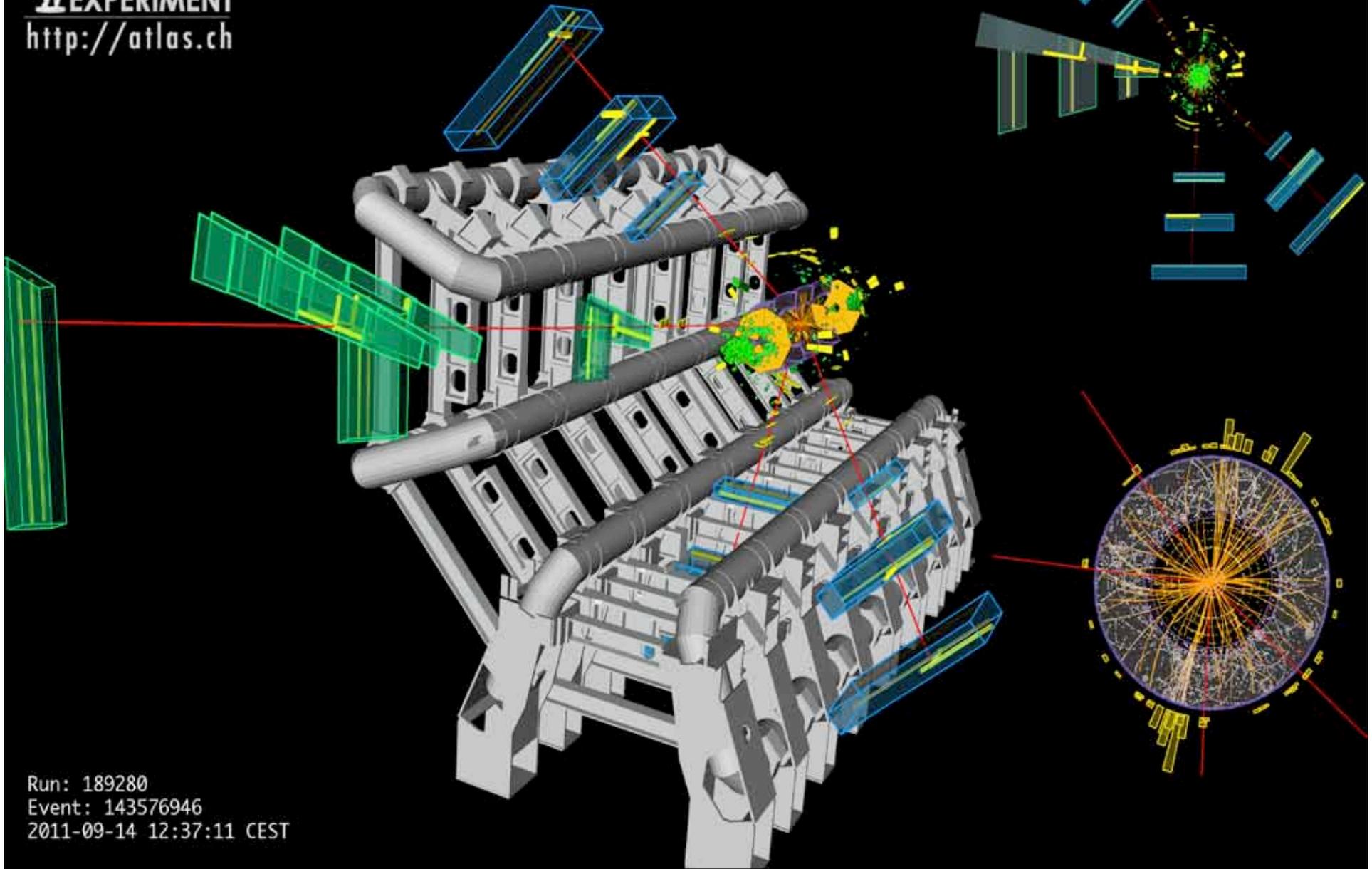
- Select events with 2 opposite-sign same-flavour leptons,  $m_{ll} = m_Z \pm 15$  GeV
- 2 additional same-flavour leptons passing all cuts but isolation and impact parameter  
 → below plots of their invariant mass ( $m_{34}$ )



- Low-mass regions dominated by Zbb (Z+ $\mu^+\mu^-$  sample ) and Z+jet (Z+ $e^+e^-$  sample)
  - Data well reproduced by MC (within uncertainties)
  - Samples of Z+ $\mu$  and Z+e then used to compare efficiencies of isolation and impact parameter cuts between data and MC → Good agreement
- MC used to estimate background contamination in signal region

	Data	MC
Z+ $\mu$	20±1%	20.3± 0.4%
Z+e	29.9±0.6%	30.4± 0.4%

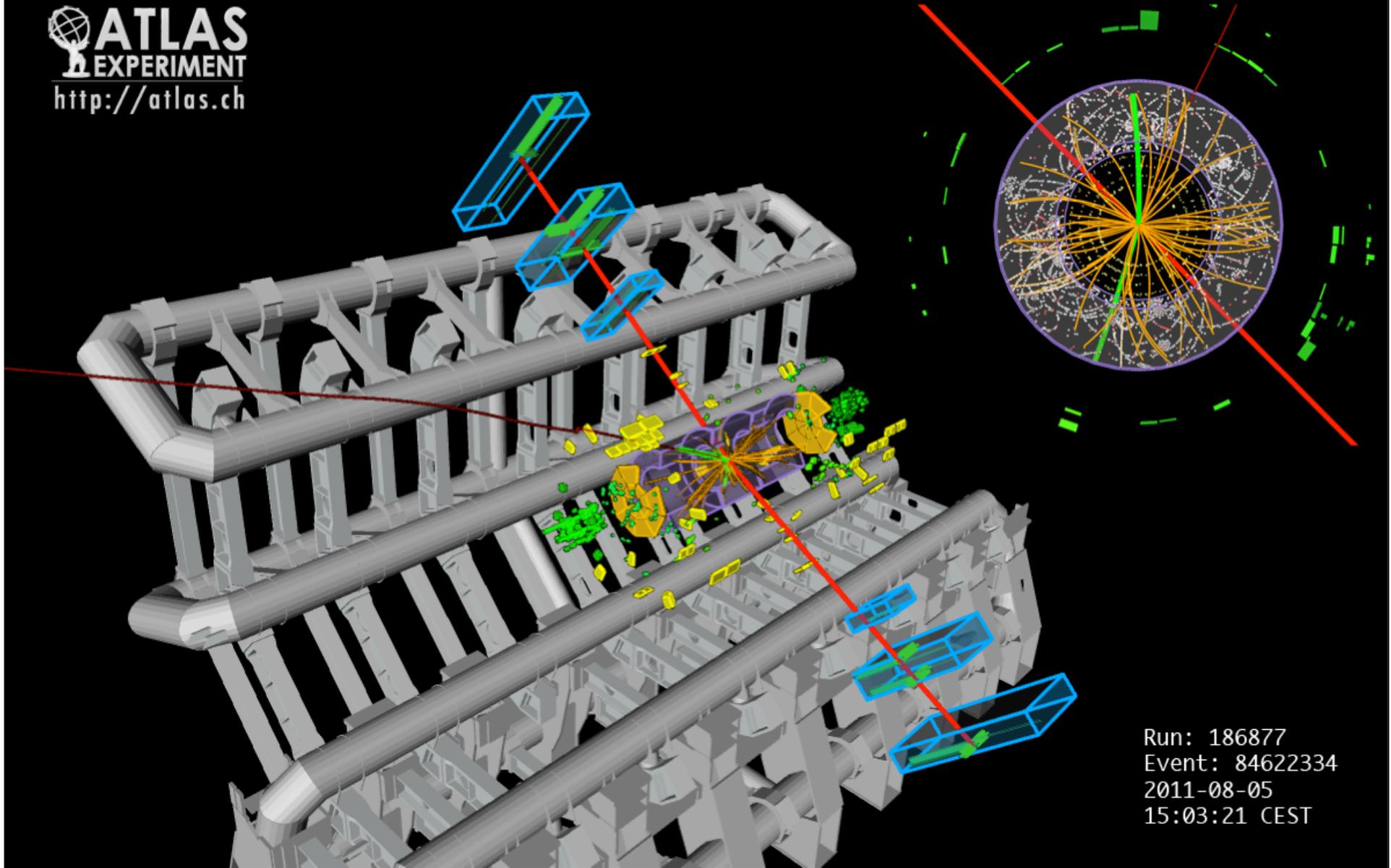
$p_T(\mu^-, \mu^+, \mu^+, \mu^-) = 61.2, 33.1, 17.8, 11.6$  GeV  
 $m_{12} = 89.7$  GeV,  $m_{34} = 24.6$  GeV,  $m_{4\mu} = 124.6$  GeV



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$p_T(\mu^-, \mu^+, e^-, e^+) = 43.9, 43.5, 11.2, 9.9 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{\mu^+\mu^-} = 89.3 \text{ GeV}, m_{e^+e^-} = 30 \text{ GeV}, m_{4l} = 123.6 \text{ GeV}$

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