

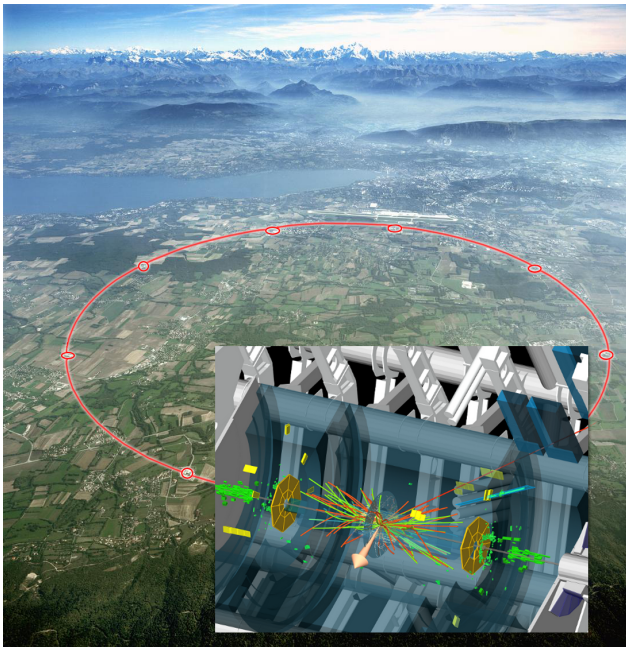
# Searches for Higgs Boson Decays with ATLAS

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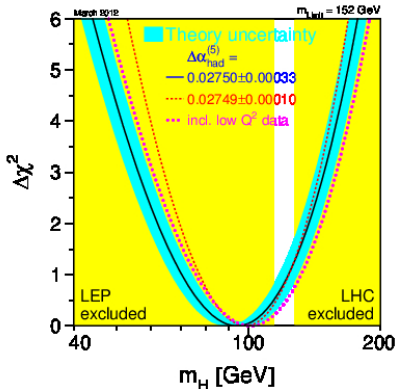
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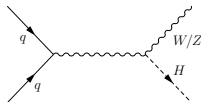
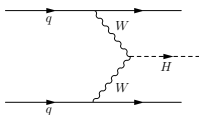
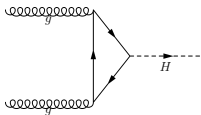


## SM Higgs boson

- ▶ Higgs mechanism provides an explanation for the Electroweak Symmetry breaking and generation of the W and Z masses
- ▶ Predicts a not yet observed neutral scalar particle with unknown mass and small cross-section
- ▶ Direct searches at LEP set lower bound  $m_H > 114.4$  GeV at 95% CL
- ▶ Tevatron excludes  $100 < m_H < 106$  GeV and  $147 < m_H < 179$  GeV at 95% CL
- ▶ Searching for the Higgs boson is one of the primary goals of LHC
- ▶ Higgs searches require sophisticated detectors designed to stringent performance requirements for particle identification, object energy/momentum measurements,  $E_T^{miss}$  measurement, b-tagging, etc

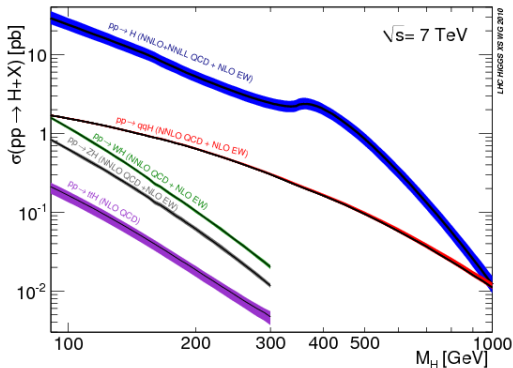


# Higgs production



arXiv:1101.0593

- ▶ Gluon-gluon fusion (ggF)
  - ▶ POWHEG+PYTHIA
  - ▶  $p_T$  with HqT v2.0
- ▶ Vector boson fusion (VBF)
  - ▶ POWHEG+PYTHIA
- ▶ Associated production:
  - ▶ WH/ZH
  - ▶  $t\bar{t}H$
  - ▶ PYTHIA
- ▶ Mass line shape uncertainty:
  - ▶  $(150\%) \times \left(\frac{m_H}{\text{TeV}}\right)^3$

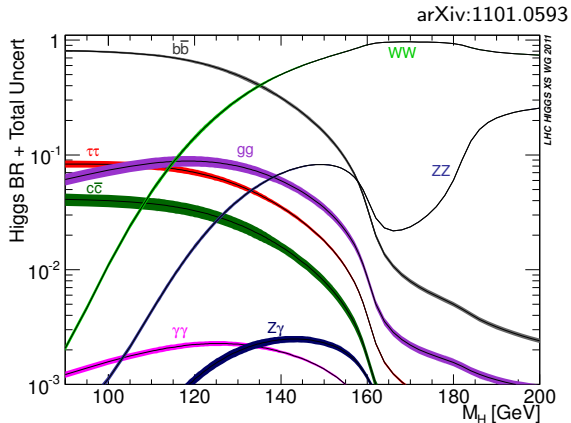


## Theory uncertainties:

	ggF	VBF	WH/ZH	$t\bar{t}H$
QCD scale	+12% - 8%	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 1\%$	+3% - 9%
PDF+ $\alpha_S$	$\pm 8\%$	$\pm 4\%$	$\pm 4\%$	$\pm 8\%$

# Higgs decays

- ▶ Higgs couples to mass
- ▶  $WW$  and  $ZZ$  dominate when kinematically allowed
- ▶ Many competing channels for  $m_H < 160$  GeV
- ▶ SM backgrounds inhibit searches in channels with jets and/or neutrinos
- ▶  $B(W \rightarrow l\nu) = 10.8\%$   
 $B(Z \rightarrow ll) = 3.4\%$
- ▶ Width for  $m_H < 170$  GeV:  
 $\Gamma_H < 100$  MeV

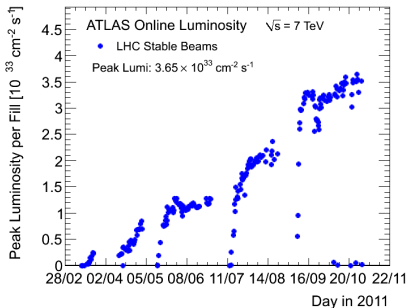
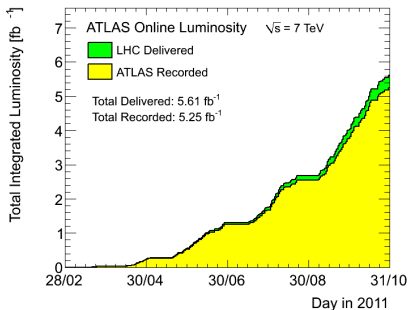


# ATLAS experiment

- ▶ ATLAS is 93.5% efficient during stable LHC collisions
- ▶ Recorded  $\int \mathcal{L} = 5.25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ▶ Luminosity uncertainty is 3.9%
- ▶ High trigger efficiency for Higgs searches
  - ▶ Single lepton, di-lepton and di-photon triggers

## LHC peak luminosity in 2011:

- ▶  $\mathcal{L}_{peak} \approx 3.6 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- ▶  $pp$  inelastic  $\approx 210 \text{ MHz}$
- ▶  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu \approx 3 \text{ Hz}$
- ▶  $H[125 \text{ GeV}] \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu \approx 0.0003 \text{ Hz}$



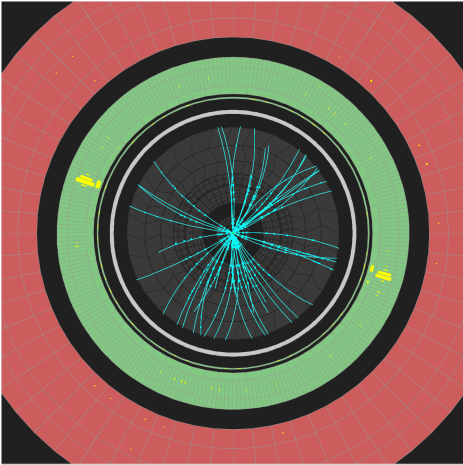
## SM Higgs Boson Decays

Channel	$m_H$ range (GeV)	$\int \mathcal{L}$ ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )	Reference
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	110 – 150	4.9	arXiv:1202.1414
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	110 – 600	4.8	arXiv:1202.1415
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$	200 – 600	4.7	CONF-2012-016
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$	200 – 500	4.7	CONF-2012-017
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	110 – 600	4.7	CONF-2012-012
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$	300 – 600	4.7	CONF-2012-018
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	100 – 150	4.7	CONF-2012-014
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	110 – 130	4.7	CONF-2012-015
SM H combination	100 – 600	4.6-4.9	CONF-2012-019

- ▶ A mass resonance search for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
- ▶ A counting experiment for final states with neutrinos
- ▶ Limited mass resolution for final states with jets

### Statistical procedure:

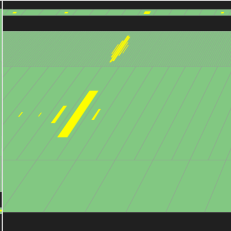
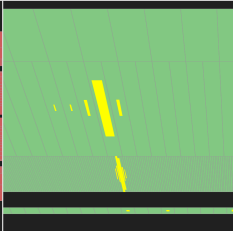
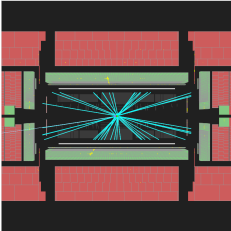
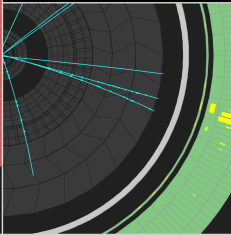
- ▶ Profile likelihood ratio to test signal strength  $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$   
(Eur.Phys.J.C71:1554,2011)
- ▶ Exclusion limits on  $\mu$  are set at a 95% confidence level with the CLs method (J. Phys. G 28 (2002) 2693-2704)
- ▶ Look Elsewhere Effect for resonance searches (Eur.Phys.J.C70:525,2010)




**ATLAS**  
**EXPERIMENT**

Run Number: 191190, Event Number: 19448322

Date: 2011-10-16 16:11:14 CEST



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\sigma \approx 40 \text{ fb}$

$\approx 70$  signal events  
 expected in  $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

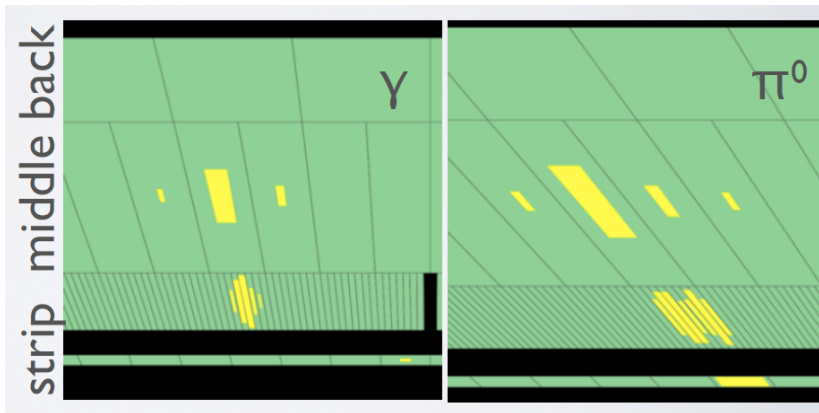
ggF: 87%

VBF: 7%

W/ZH: 5%

$$m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_1E_2(1 - \cos\alpha)$$

## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : photon identification



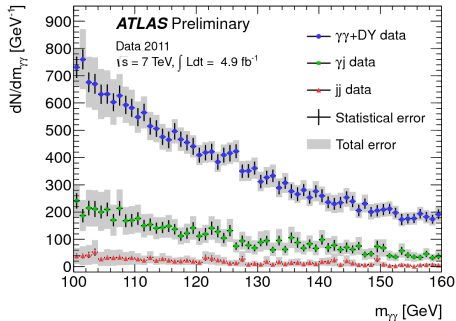
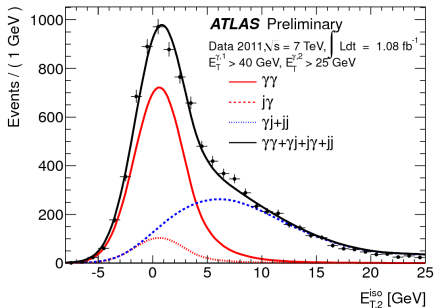
- ▶ Fine  $\eta$  granularity in the strip layer to reject  $\pi^0$
- ▶ EM shower shape to reject fake photons from jets  $\approx O(8000)$   
jet rejection 85% photon efficiency
- ▶ Longitudinal segmentation to measure shower direction and to improve energy measurement



## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : analysis strategy

- ▶ Two isolated photons with  $p_T > 40, 25$  GeV
- ▶ Search for a narrow mass peak in di-photon mass spectrum
- ▶ Requires excellent EM energy resolution
- ▶ Split events in 9 categories to optimize signal/background
- ▶ Irreducible SM backgrounds are fitted from sidebands
  - ▶ Background composition measured from data (for cross-checks)

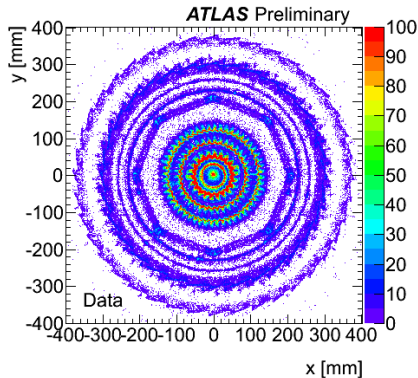
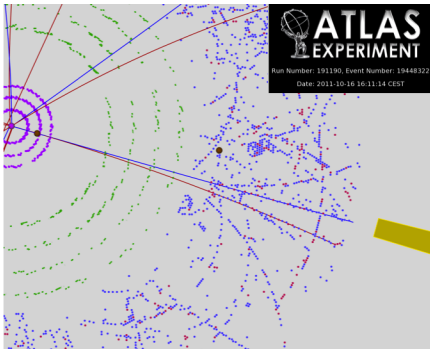
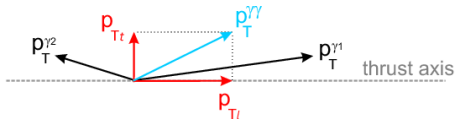
$\gamma\gamma$	$j\gamma$	$jj$	$Z/\gamma^*$
$71 \pm 5\%$	$23 \pm 4\%$	$5 \pm 3\%$	$0.7 \pm 0.1\%$



# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : analysis categories

## 9 photon categories:

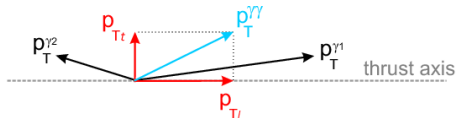
- ▶ Converted and unconverted
- ▶ Central, transition region and rest
- ▶ High and low  $p_T(\gamma\gamma)$  orthogonal to the thrust axis divided at 40 GeV



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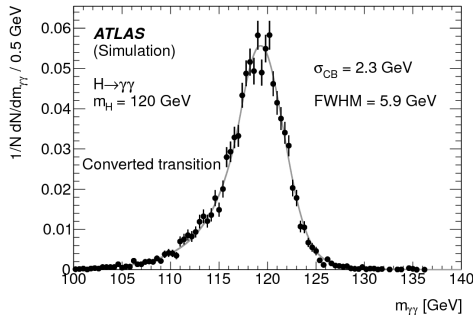
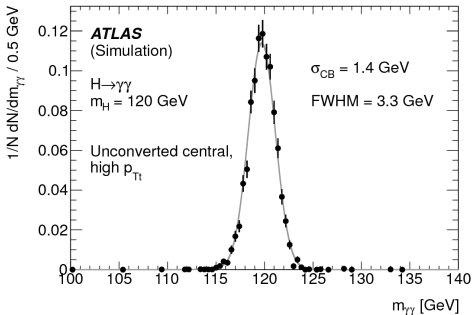
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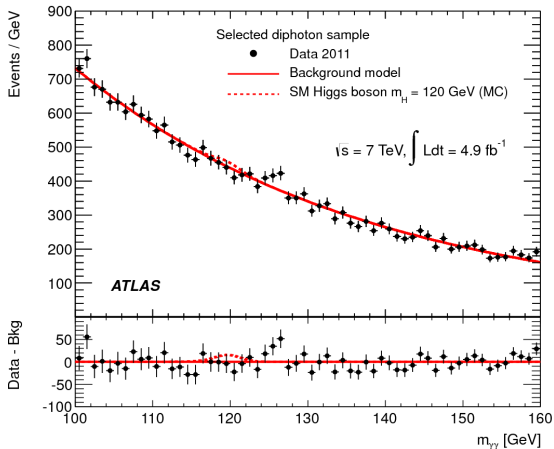
Best:  $\sigma = 1.4$  GeV,  $S/B=0.11$

Worst:  $\sigma = 2.3$  GeV,  $S/B=0.01$



$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

- ▶ Selected 22489 events
- ▶  $m_H = 125$  GeV:
  - ▶ Expect 69 signal events
  - ▶ Signal efficiency is 35%
- ▶ Fit signal with Crystal Ball + Gaussian
- ▶ Fit background with exponential
- ▶ Background modeling uncertainty is  $\pm 0.1 - 7.9$  events depending on photon category



## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : systematic uncertainties

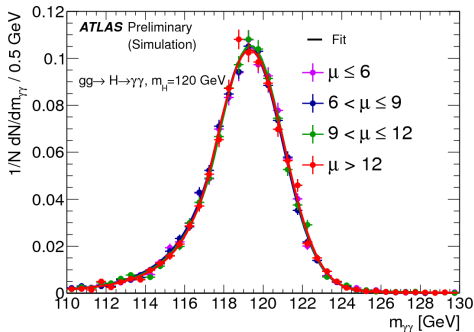
### Event yield:

Efficiency	$\pm 11\%$
Pileup effects	$\pm 4\%$
Isolation	$\pm 5\%$
Trigger efficiency	$\pm 1\%$
Cross-section	$+15\% - 11\%$
Higgs $p_T$ modeling	$\pm 1\%$
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>\approx 20\%</math></b>

### Mass resolution:

Calorimeter energy resolution	$\pm 12\%$
Photon energy calibration	$\pm 6\%$
Pileup effect	$\pm 3\%$
Photon angle	$\pm 1\%$
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>\approx 14\%</math></b>

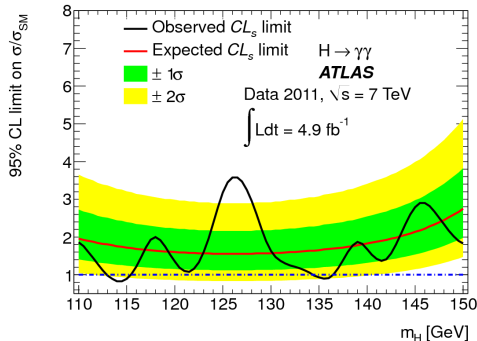
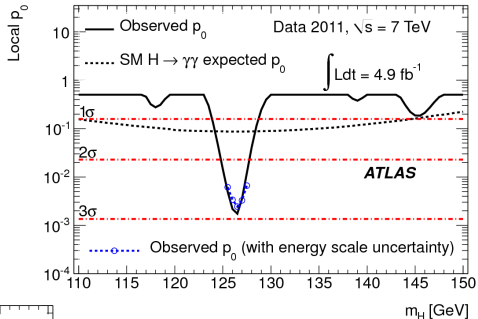
- ▶ Energy scale known to  $\approx 0.5\%$  at  $m_Z$
- ▶ Linear response at  $< 1\%$
- ▶ Electron response in data is transferred to photons with MC



## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : results

Consistency of observed data with background only hypothesis:

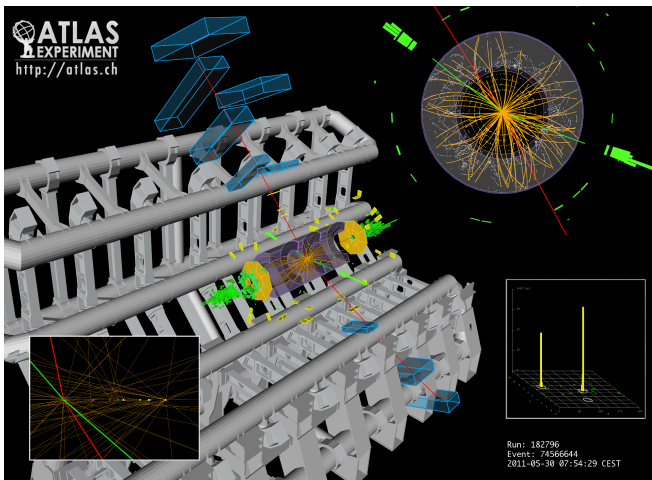
- ▶ The largest excess is at 126.5 GeV with local significance of  $2.8 \sigma$
- ▶  $1.5 \sigma$  with look-elsewhere effect in the range 110-150 GeV



Exclusion limits:

- ▶ SM Higgs excluded at 95% confidence level in the ranges **113-115 GeV** and **134.5-136 GeV**
- ▶ Effect from the energy scale uncertainty on the Higgs mass is  $\approx 0.7$  GeV

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



$m_H = 130 \text{ GeV}$ :

$\sigma \approx 3 \text{ fb}$

$\approx 2.6$  signal events  
expected in  $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

ggF: 88%

VBF: 7%

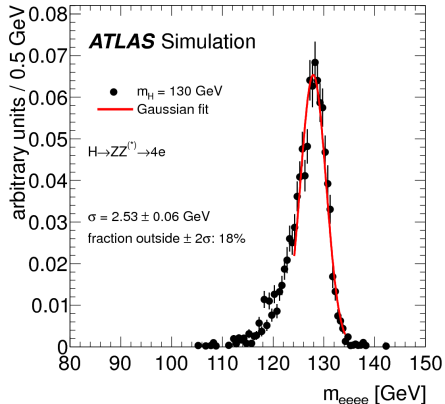
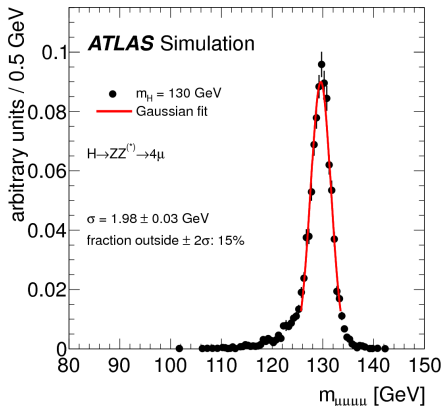
W/ZH: 5%

## $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ : analysis strategy

- ▶ Four isolated electrons or muons with  $p_T > 20, 20, 7, 7$  GeV
- ▶ One pair of leptons must come from Z decay
- ▶ Search for a narrow mass resonance
- ▶ 4 event categories:  $4e, 2e2\mu, 4\mu$
- ▶ Irreducible SM  $ZZ^*$  background
- ▶ Reducible  $Z$ +jets and  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds

$4\mu$ :  $\sigma = 2.0$  GeV

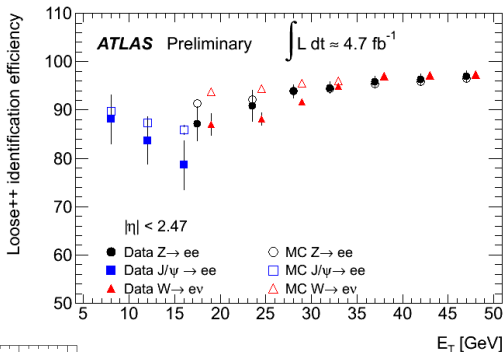
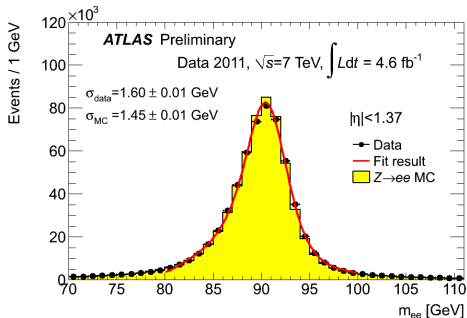
$4e$ :  $\sigma = 2.5$  GeV





## Electrons

- ▶ Electron reconstruction and identification efficiency 85 – 90%
- ▶ Understand electron performance with benchmark data processes:  $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$ ,  $Z \rightarrow ee$  and  $W \rightarrow e\nu$
- ▶ Track and calorimeter based isolation

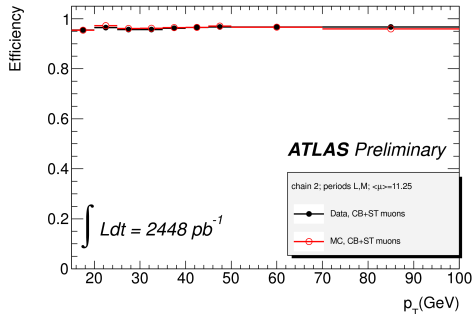
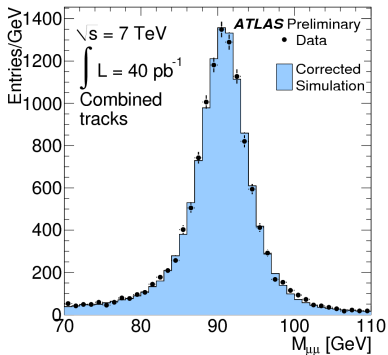


### Systematic uncertainties:

- ▶ Efficiency:  $< 3\%$
- ▶ Energy scale:  $< 1\%$
- ▶ Energy resolution:  $< 0.5\%$

## Muons

- ▶ Muon reconstruction and identification efficiency  $> 95\%$
- ▶ Accurate alignment of inner detector and muon system (MS)
- ▶ Combined momentum measurement using ID and MS



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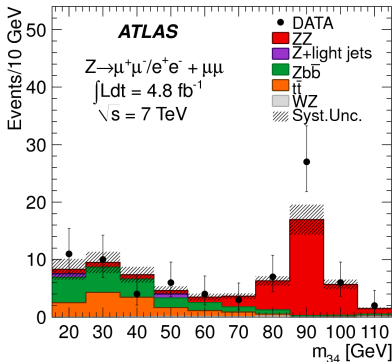
- ▶ Efficiency:  $< 1\%$
- ▶ Momentum resolution:  $< 1\%$

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

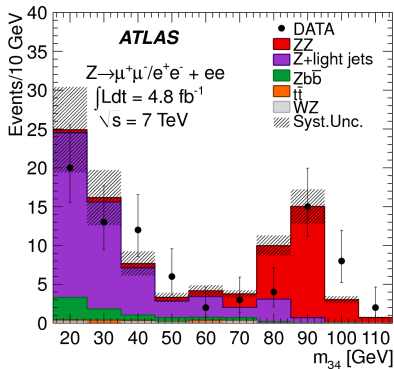
- ▶ Normalize  $ZZ^{(*)}$  from simulation
- ▶ Normalize reducible backgrounds from control regions
  - ▶ Z+jets background - relax lepton selection cuts
  - ▶  $t\bar{t}$  -  $e\mu$  channel

$m_{4l} < 180 \text{ GeV}$	$4\mu$	$2e2\mu$	$4e$
$ZZ^{(*)}$	$2.1 \pm 0.3$	$2.8 \pm 0.6$	$1.2 \pm 0.3$
Z + jet and $t\bar{t}$	$0.16 \pm 0.06$	$1.4 \pm 0.5$	$1.6 \pm 0.7$

Relax impact parameter for Z +  $\mu\mu$



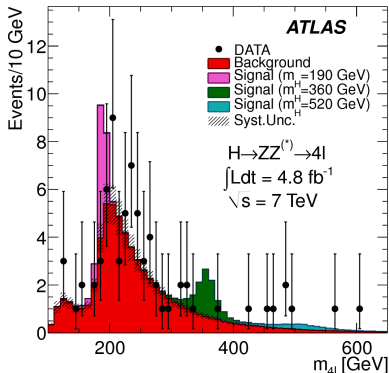
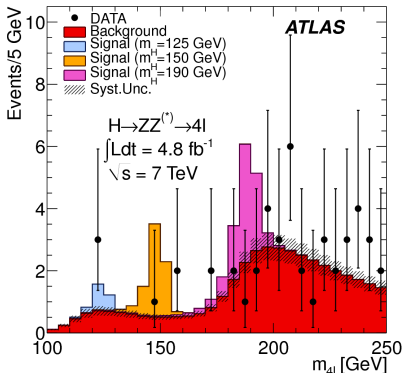
Relax isolation cut for Z + ee



# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ : four-lepton invariant mass

- ▶ Selected 71 candidate events
- ▶ Expect  $62 \pm 9$  background events
- ▶ Fit four-lepton mass spectrum for Higgs signal

$m_{4l} < 180 \text{ GeV}$	$4\mu$	$2e2\mu$	$4e$
Total Bkg.	$2.2 \pm 0.3$	$4.3 \pm 0.8$	$2.8 \pm 0.8$
$m_H = 130 \text{ GeV}$	$1.00 \pm 0.17$	$1.22 \pm 0.21$	$0.43 \pm 0.08$
Data	3	3	2



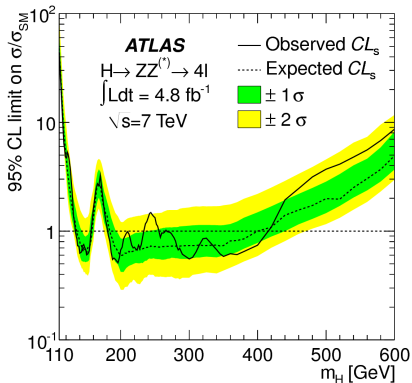
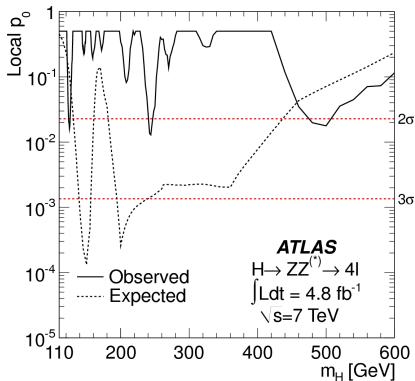
## $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ : results

### Consistency of observed data with background only hypothesis:

- ▶ Excesses at 125 GeV, 244 GeV and 500 GeV with local significances of 2.1, 2.2 and 2.1  $\sigma$
- ▶ None of these excesses is significant with the look-elsewhere effect included

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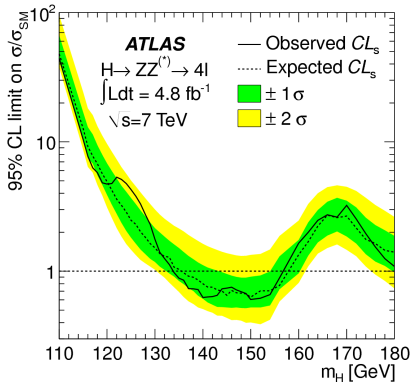
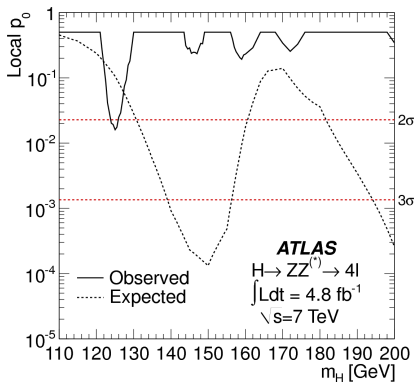
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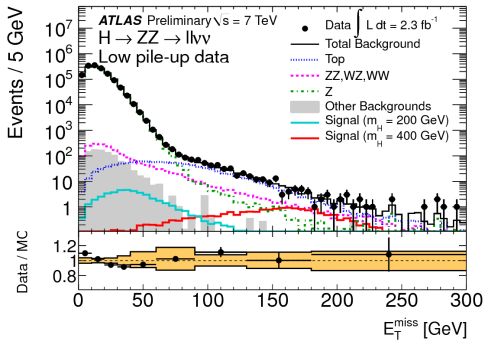
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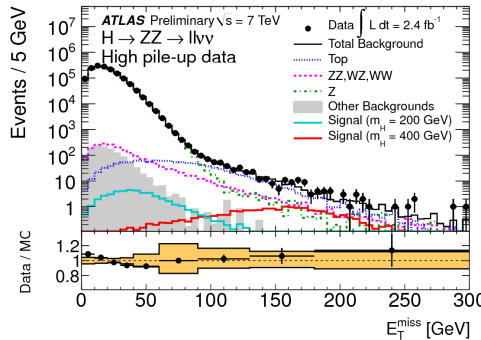
# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ : analysis strategy

- ▶ Pair of isolated electrons or muons consistent with Z decay
- ▶ Require lepton  $p_T > 20$  GeV and significant missing transverse energy
- ▶ Several analysis categories to improve signal sensitivity
- ▶ Control regions for main backgrounds
  - ▶ Top, di-bosons, Z+jets/W+jets
- ▶ Search for an excess of events in transverse mass distribution

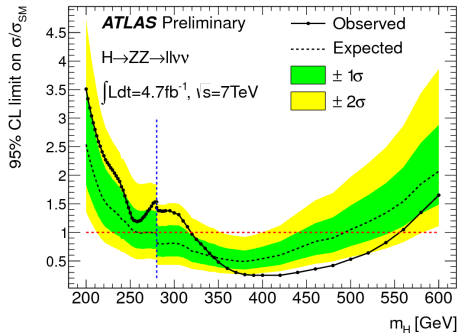
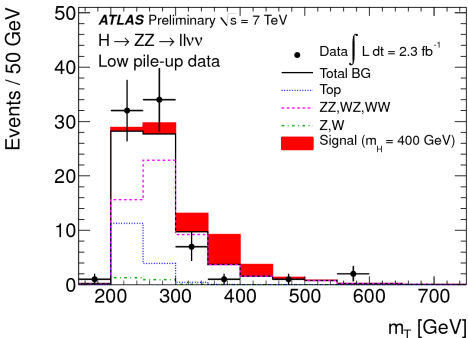
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### Higher pileup



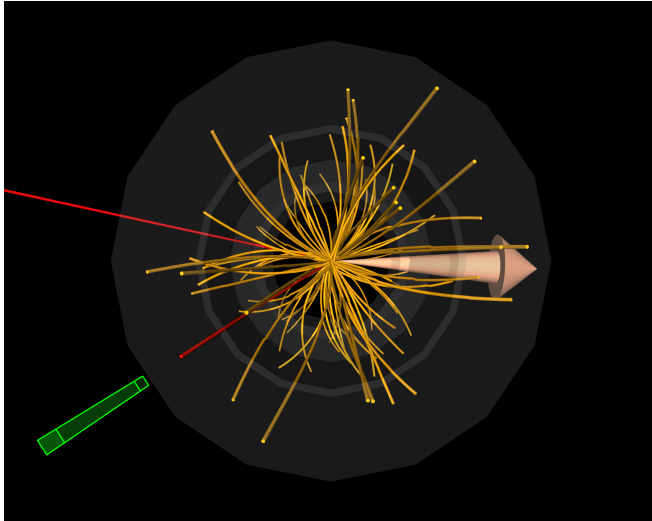
## $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ : results



- ▶ Search for an excess of events in transverse mass distribution
- ▶ Split the analysis at  $m_H = 280$  GeV
- ▶ SM Higgs is excluded in the mass range 320-560 GeV at the 95% confidence level
- ▶ Main uncertainties are from background normalizations which are estimated from data



$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$ :

$\sigma \approx 100 \text{ fb}$

$\approx 181$  signal events  
expected in  $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

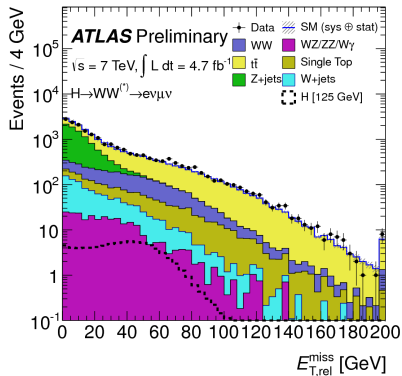
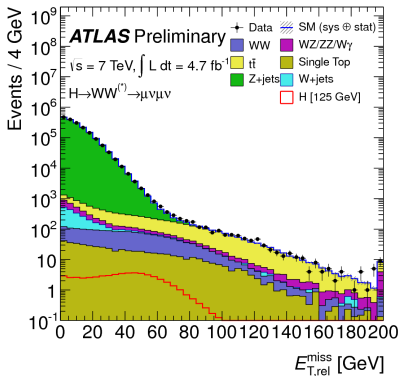
A larger rate but  
difficult and diverse  
backgrounds

## $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ : analysis strategy

- ▶ Pair of isolated opposite sign leptons ( $p_T > 25, 15$  GeV)
- ▶ Veto Z with mass window  $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 15$  GeV for  $ee, \mu\mu$
- ▶ Three lepton flavor channels plus jet multiplicity bins:
  - ▶  $ee, e\mu$  and  $\mu\mu$
  - ▶  $E_{T,miss}^{rel} > 45$  GeV (25 GeV) for  $ee$  and  $\mu\mu$  ( $e\mu$ )
- ▶ Irreducible background from SM WW
- ▶ Reducible backgrounds from SM processes with mis-identified objects:
  - W+jets, Z+jets,  $t\bar{t}$ , single top,  $W + \gamma, W + \gamma^*, WZ, ZZ$

$\mu\mu$

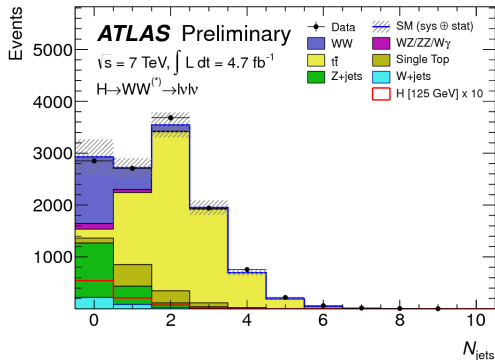
$e\mu$



# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ : jet multiplicity

## Split by jet multiplicity:

- ▶ **0-jet:** ggF vs. SM WW  
 $\pm 25\%$  for  $\sigma_{ggF}(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV})$
- ▶ **1-jet:** ggF vs. SM WW and top  
 $\pm 37\%$  for  $\sigma_{ggF}(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV})$
- ▶ **2-jet:** VBF vs. SM WW and top  
 $\pm 5\%$  for  $\sigma_{VBF}(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV})$

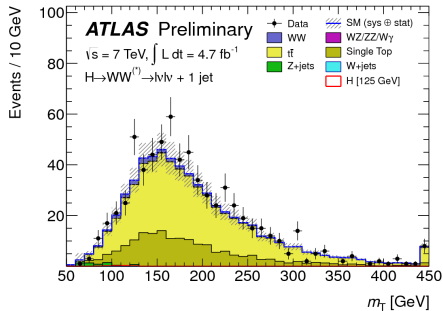
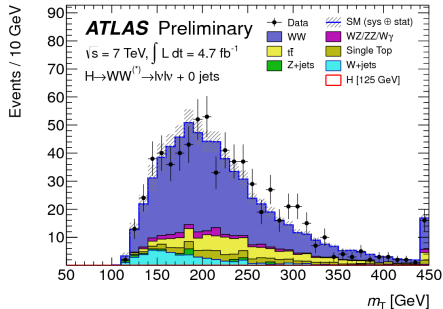
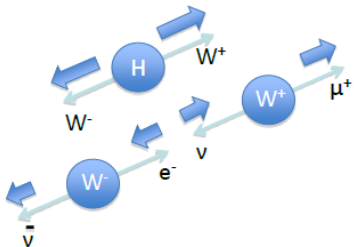


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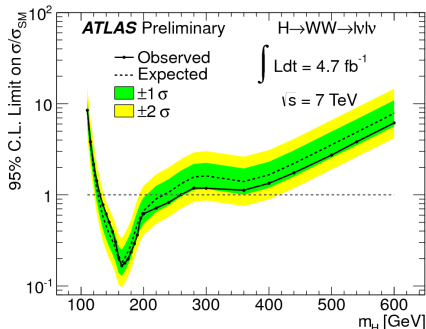
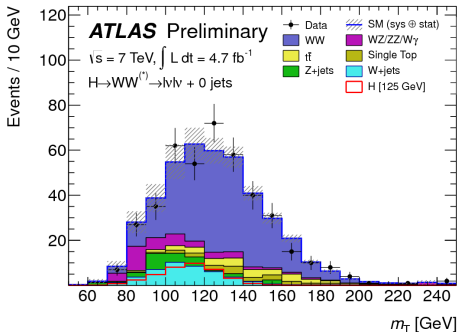
- ▶ Jet energy scale: 2 – 14% as a function of jet  $p_T$  and  $\eta$
- ▶ Jet energy from pileup: < 5% for jet  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ B-tagging: 5 – 14% as a function of jet  $p_T$
- ▶ Missing energy: estimated by varying amount of pileup

## $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \nu\nu\nu$ : selections

- ▶ 0-jet:  $p_{T,\mu\mu,ee} > 45$  GeV to suppress Z+jet
- ▶ 1-jet: veto events with b-jets and high  $p_T^{total}$
- ▶ 2-jet: forward tag jets for VBF
- ▶ Kinematic cuts to reduce SM WW
- ▶ SM WW normalized from data for  $m_H < 200$  GeV
- ▶ Top normalized from data b-tagged samples
- ▶ W+jet is taken fully from data
- ▶ Z/ $\gamma^*$ +jet normalized from data
- ▶  $W\gamma$ ,  $W\gamma^*$ , WZ and ZZ from MC



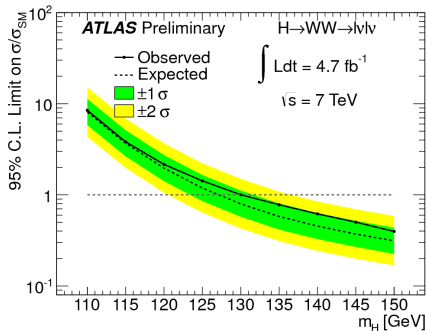
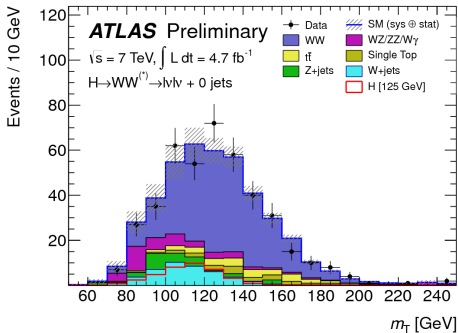
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## $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : analysis strategy

- ▶ Directly tests Higgs couplings to leptons
- ▶ Collinearity of boosted tau decay products allows mass reconstruction

### $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll + 4\nu$ (12%)

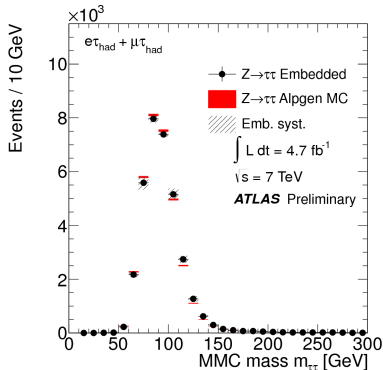
- ▶  $p_{T,\mu} > 10$  GeV,  $p_{T,e} > 15$  GeV
- ▶  $e\mu$  only, 0-jet, 1-jet, 2-jet VH, 2-jet VBF
- ▶ Collinear mass approximation

### $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l\tau_{had} + 3\nu$ (46%)

- ▶  $p_{T,\mu} > 20$  GeV,  $p_{T,e} > 25$  GeV,  $p_{T,\tau} > 20$  GeV
- ▶ 0-jet (4), 1-jet (2) and 2-jet VBF
- ▶ Missing mass calculator - NIM A654 (2011) 481

### $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \tau_{had}\tau_{had} + 2\nu$ (42%)

- ▶  $p_{T,\tau} > 35$  GeV,  $p_{T,\tau} > 25$  GeV
- ▶ 1 category:  $p_{T,jet} > 40$  GeV,  $E_{T,miss} > 40$  GeV
- ▶ Collinear mass approximation



### $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ :

Normalized from theory and modeled from data using taus embedded in  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  data (6-10% uncertainty)

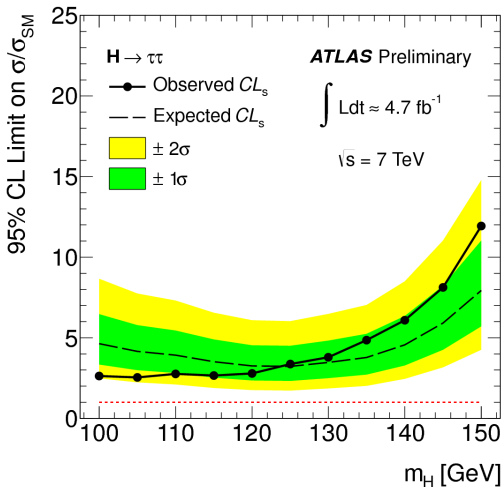
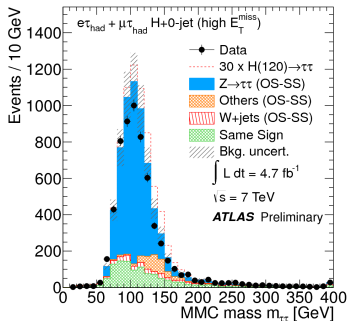
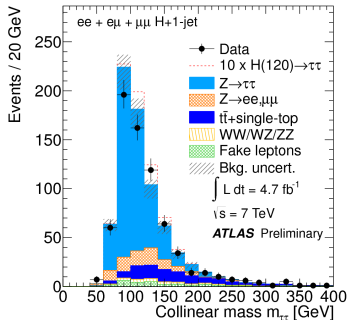
### Fake leptons and tau-jets:

$ll + 4\nu$ : reverse lepton isolation (30-40%)

$l\tau_{had} + 3\nu$ : same sign events (20%)

$\tau\tau_{had} + 2\nu$ : fit  $N_{track}^{jet}$  distribution (20%)

## $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : results



- ▶ Fit  $m_{\tau\tau}$  distribution in 12 channels
- ▶ Observed limits are 2.5 to 11.9 times the SM prediction



## VH $\rightarrow$ Vbb: analysis strategy

- ▶ Directly tests Higgs couplings to quarks
- ▶ W/Z associated production to suppress QCD backgrounds
- ▶ W/Z and Higgs recoil with significant  $p_T$

### ZH $\rightarrow$ llbb:

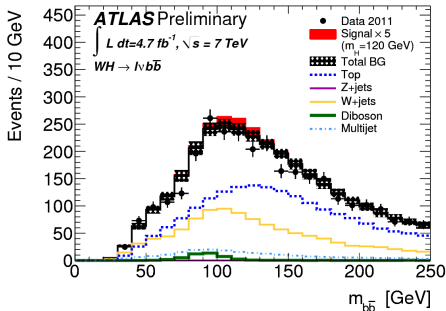
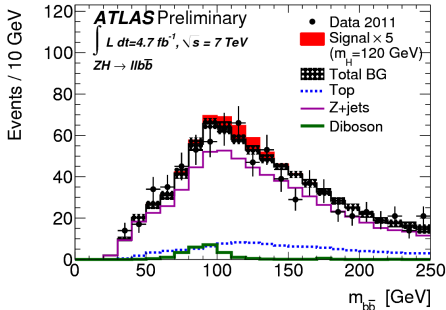
- ▶  $p_T^Z$ :  $< 50$ , (50, 100), (100, 200),  $> 200$  GeV
- ▶  $p_T^l > 20$  GeV,  $E_{T,miss} < 50$  GeV,  $83 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < 99 \text{ GeV}$

### WH $\rightarrow$ l $\nu$ bb+0-jet:

- ▶  $p_T^W$ :  $< 50$ , (50, 100), (100, 200),  $> 200$  GeV
- ▶  $p_{T,lep} > 25$  GeV,  $E_{T,miss} > 25$  GeV,  $m_T > 40$  GeV

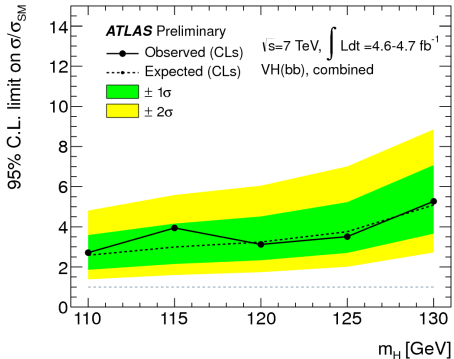
### ZH $\rightarrow$ $\nu\nu$ bb+0-jet:

- ▶  $E_{T,miss}$ : (120, 160), (160, 200),  $> 200$  GeV
- ▶ Missing charged particle momentum:  $p_{T,miss} > 30$  GeV



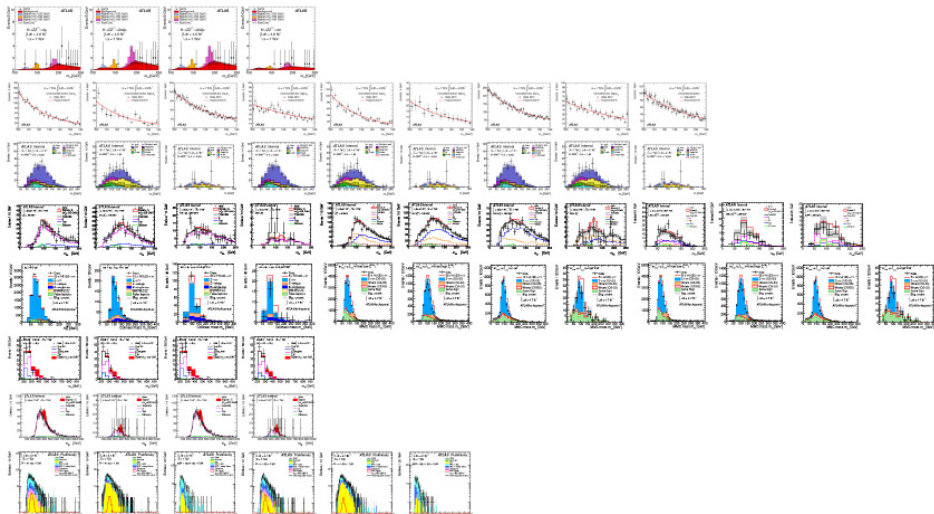
## VH $\rightarrow$ Vbb: results

- ▶ **W/Z+jet** shape taken from simulation and normalized from W/Z+2jet (1 b-jet) and  $m_{bb}$  sidebands
- ▶ **Top** shape taken from simulation and normalized to 2 bjet region and  $m_{bb}$  sidebands
- ▶  **$lbb$  and  $l\nu bb$** : multi-jets normalized from region with reversed lepton ID
- ▶  **$\nu\nu bb$** : multi-jets normalized using  $\Delta\phi(E_T^{miss}, p_T^{miss})$  and  $\Delta\phi(E_T^{miss}, \text{b-jet})$



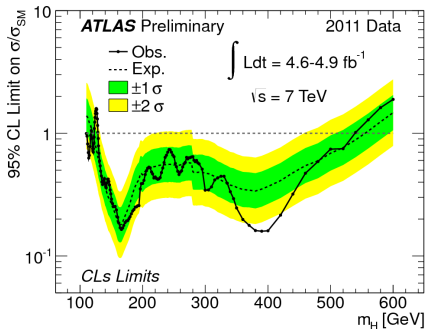
Bin	$ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b}$				$WH \rightarrow \ell \nu b\bar{b}$				$ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$		
	$p_T^Z [\text{GeV}]$				$p_T^W [\text{GeV}]$				$E_T^{miss} [\text{GeV}]$		
	0-50	50-100	100-200	>200	0-50	50-100	100-200	>200	120-160	160-200	>200
Number of events for $80 < m_{bb} < 150$ [GeV]											
Data	139	164	62	13	622	597	276	15	103	22	24
Signal	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$2.0 \pm 0.3$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$	$4.7 \pm 0.9$	$5.2 \pm 1.0$	$4.1 \pm 0.9$	$1.4 \pm 0.3$	$2.3 \pm 0.5$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	$1.8 \pm 0.5$
Top	18	25	7	0	260	383	219	8.6	42	9	4
W+jets	-	-	-	-	285	181	72	12	13	7	4
Z+jets	132	126	58	5.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	33	12	7
Diboson	8	6	4	1	13	13	8	1	5	5	4
Multijet	-	-	-	-	64	42	4	1	1.2	0.2	0.4
Total Bkg	$157 \pm 15$	$157 \pm 11$	$70 \pm 7$	$6 \pm 2$	$625 \pm 36$	$620 \pm 24$	$303 \pm 13$	$23 \pm 4$	$94 \pm 10$	$33 \pm 5$	$20 \pm 5$

# SM Higgs combination

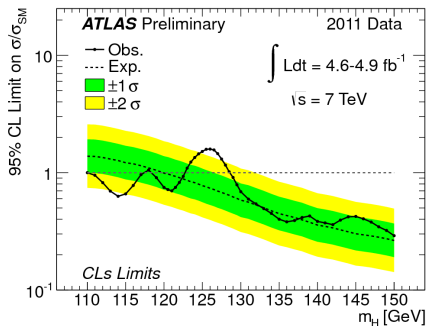


# SM Higgs combination

## Combined upper limits



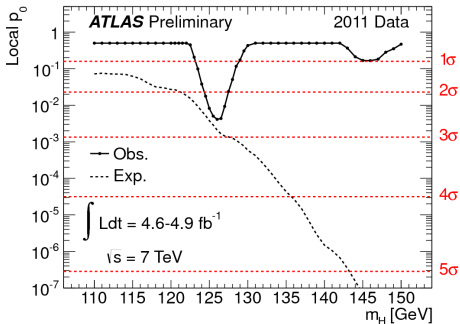
## Zoom at the low mass



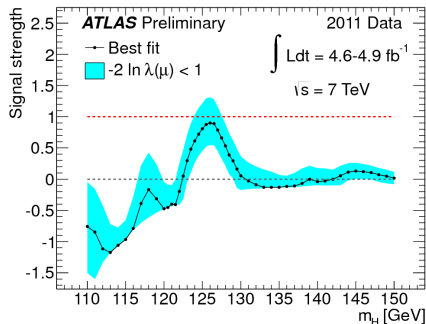
- ▶ SM Higgs boson is excluded in the ranges:  
110-117.5, 118.5-122.5, 129-539 GeV at the 95% CL
- ▶ The combination includes additional channels:  
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$

# SM Higgs combination

## Background-only probability



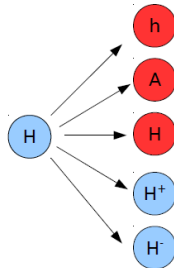
## Best-fit signal strength $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$



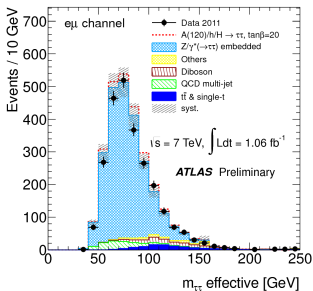
- ▶ An excess of events at  $m_H \approx 126.5$  with a local significance  $2.5 \sigma$   
Expected significance for SM Higgs  $2.9 \sigma$   
Best-fit signal strength  $\mu = 0.9 + 0.4 - 0.3$
- ▶ Global probability for such background fluctuation:  
 $\approx 30\%$  in the range  $110 - 600$  GeV  
 $\approx 10\%$  in the range  $110 - 146$  GeV

# MSSM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

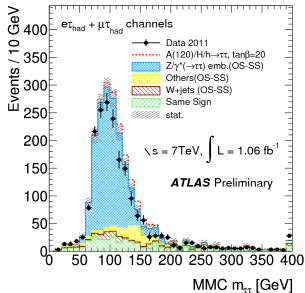
- ▶ Higgs sector in MSSM contains 3 neutral scalars and 2 charged scalars
- ▶ Decays to  $WW$  and  $ZZ$  can be suppressed or absent
- ▶ Decays to third generation fermions are enhanced for large regions of MSSM parameter space
- ▶ Selections and background estimation procedures are similar to SM  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  searches
- ▶  $\int \mathcal{L} = 1.06 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ATLAS-CONF-2011-132



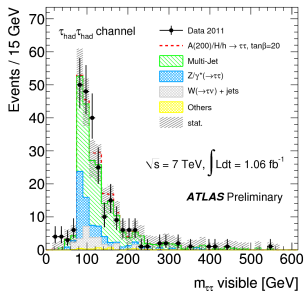
## $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll + 4\nu$



## $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l\tau_{had} + 3\nu$

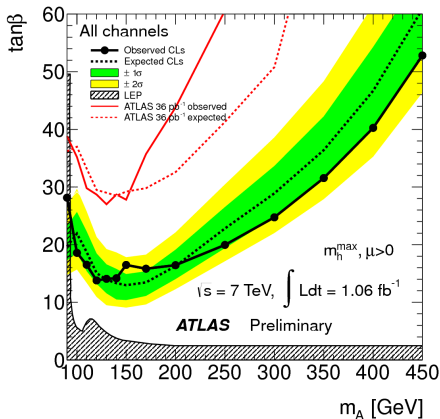
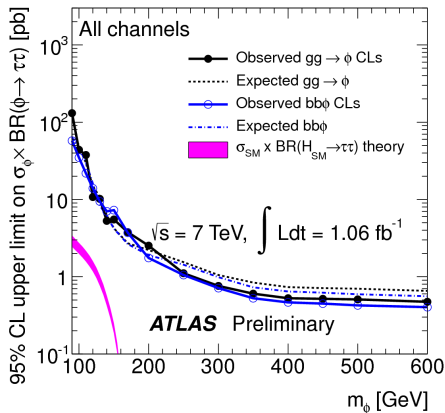


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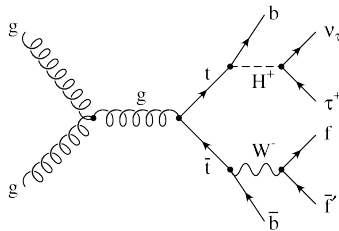
# MSSM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : results

- ▶ Set limits on a production rate of a heavy neutral scalar decaying to taus
- ▶ Complimentary approach to dedicated SUSY searches

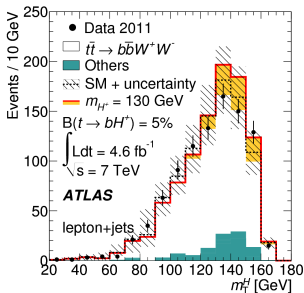


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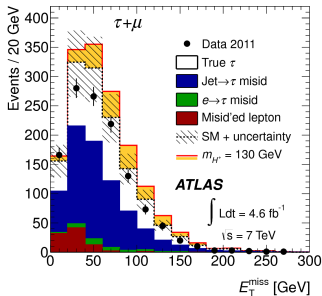
- ▶  $90 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 160 \text{ GeV}$ : charged Higgs is produced in top pair decays
- ▶ Search for heavy charged particle decaying to taus in association with bjets
- ▶  $\int \mathcal{L} = 4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ATLAS-CONF-2012-011



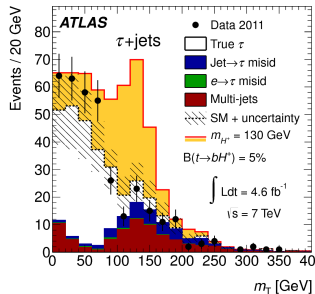
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tau+lepton



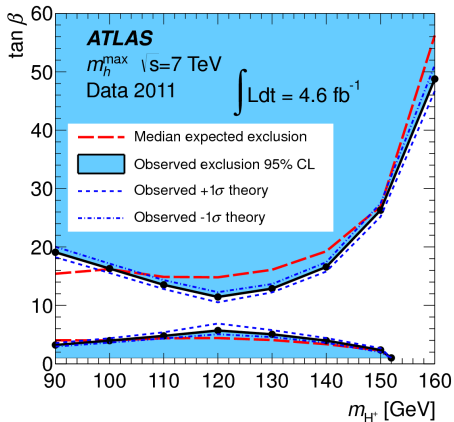
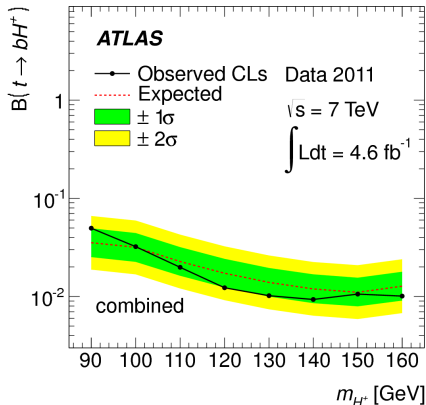
tau+jets





## MSSM $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : results

- ▶ Set limits on the branching ratio for  $t \rightarrow bH^+$
- ▶ Complimentary approach to dedicated SUSY searches



# PROTON PHYSICS: STABLE BEAMS

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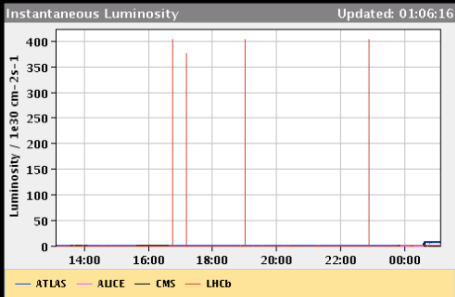
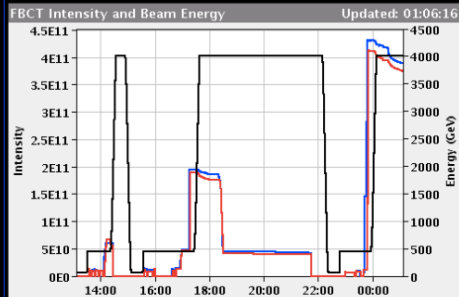
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I(B1):

3.86e+11

I(B2):

3.76e+11



Comments 05-04-2012 01:05:02 :

(optimizations done)

first stable beams of 2012!

BIS status and SMP flags

B1 B2

Link Status of Beam Permits **true true**

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Beam Presence **true true**

Moveable Devices Allowed In **true true**

Stable Beams **true true**

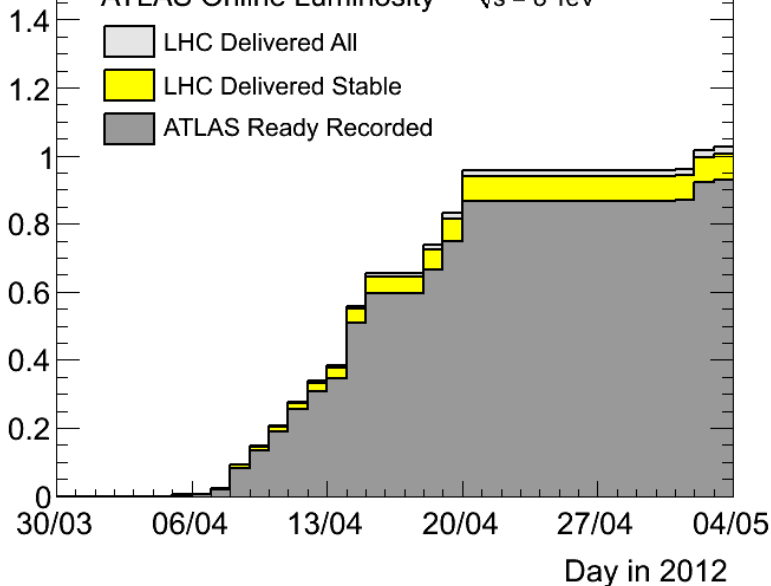
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PM Status B1 **ENABLED** PM Status B2 **ENABLED**

Total Integrated Luminosity [ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ]

ATLAS Online Luminosity  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

- LHC Delivered All
- LHC Delivered Stable
- ATLAS Ready Recorded

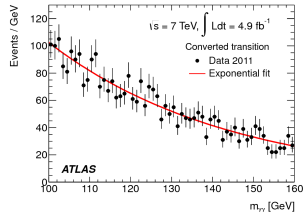
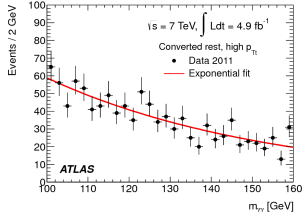
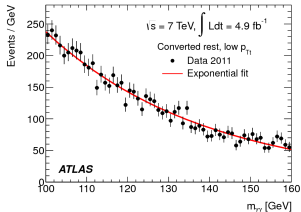
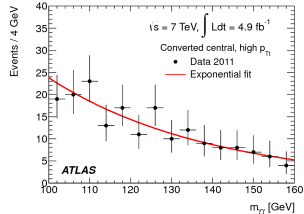
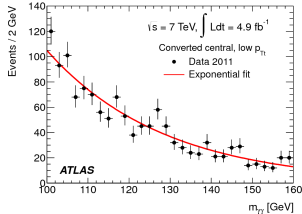
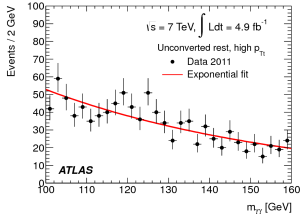
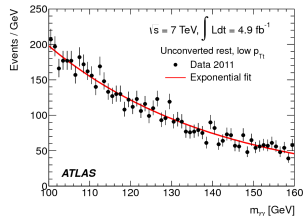
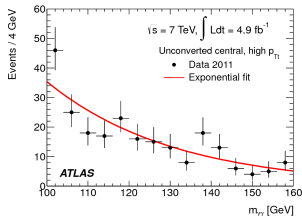
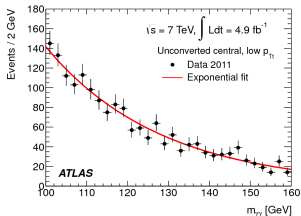


## Conclusions and outlook

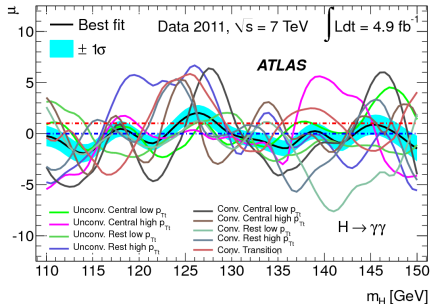
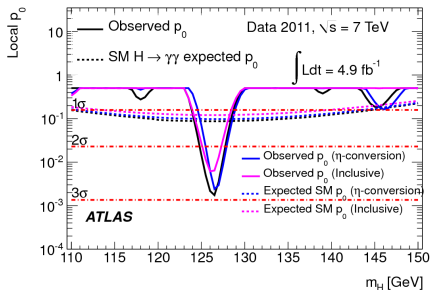
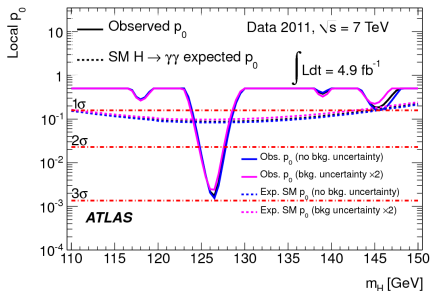
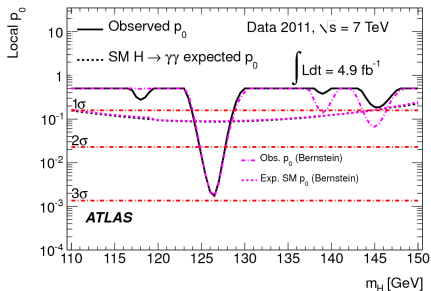
Congratulations to CERN for the fantastic LHC performance!

- ▶ ATLAS released SM Higgs boson searches in 12 distinct channels using full 2011 dataset
- ▶ Allowed Higgs mass is the ranges  
117.5-118.5 GeV and 122.5-129 GeV at the 95% CL
- ▶ Observed an excess of events consistent with  $m_H \approx 126.5$  GeV
- ▶ This year we will know if this is the SM Higgs boson!

Backup

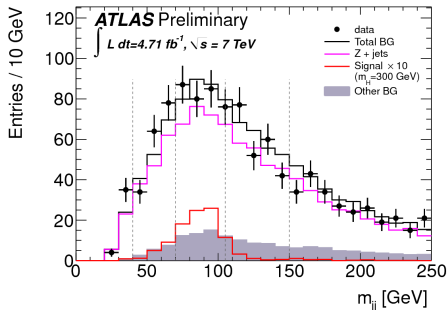
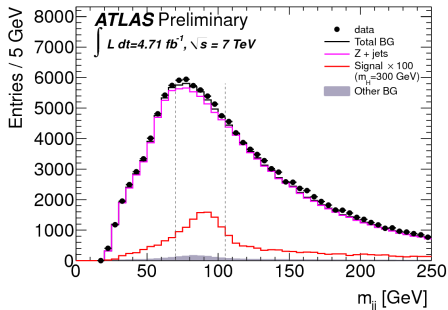
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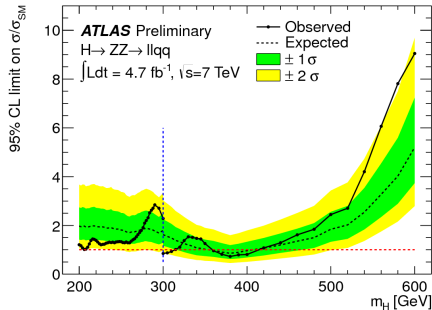
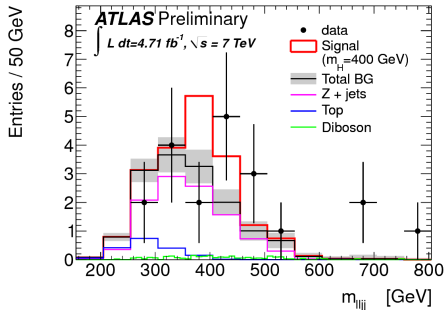
# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$

- ▶ Pair of isolated electrons or muons ( $p_T > 20$  GeV) consistent with Z decay
- ▶ Two central jets from the same vertex as leptons
- ▶ Separate light jets and b-jets to improve signal sensitivity
- ▶ Z+jet and  $t\bar{t}$  background shapes taken from MC and checked with data
- ▶ Z+jet and  $t\bar{t}$  normalizations taken from sidebands





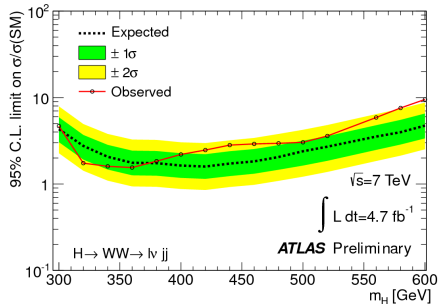
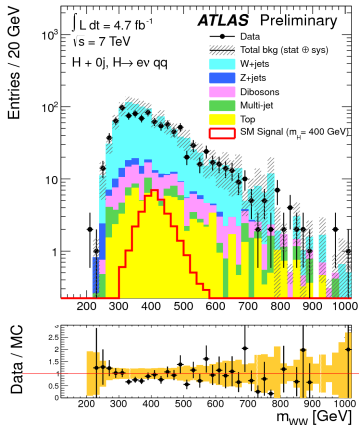
## $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$ : results



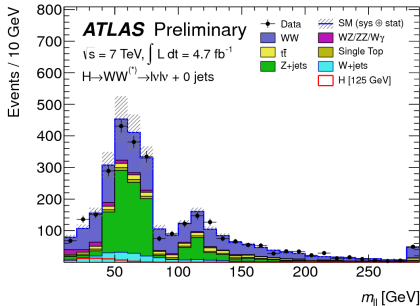
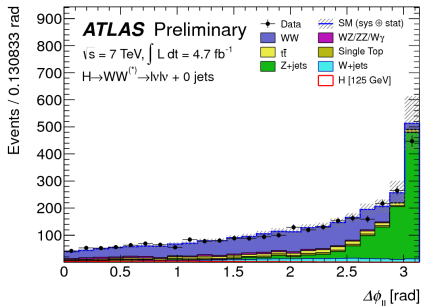
- ▶ Search for an excess of events using invariant mass distribution of two leptons and two jets
- ▶ Split the analysis at  $m_H = 300 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ SM Higgs boson is excluded in the ranges 300-310 GeV and 360-400 GeV at the 95% confidence level

# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$

- ▶ Exactly one isolated electron or muon with  $p_T > 40$  GeV
- ▶ Two central jets consistent with W decay
- ▶ Separate events by multiplicity of additional jets (ggF vs VBF)
- ▶ Search for an excess in event invariant mass distribution
- ▶ SM backgrounds are fitted from sidebands
- ▶ Approaching SM Higgs sensitivity

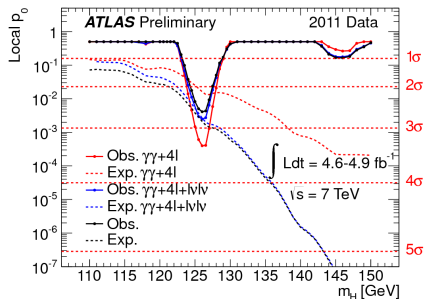
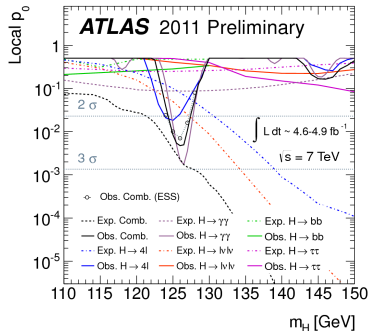
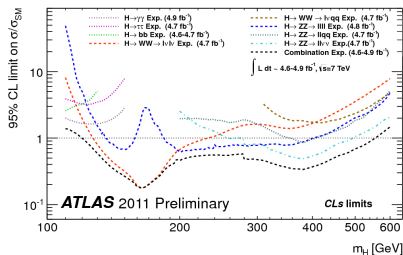
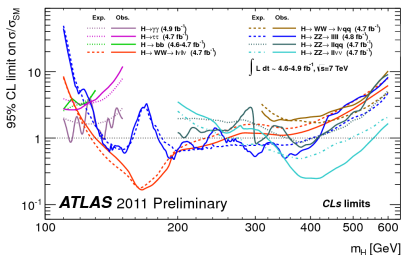


# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \nu\nu\nu$ : topological selections



- ▶ Require small opening between two leptons for low mass Higgs
- ▶ Apply di-lepton invariant mass cut for low mass Higgs

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