

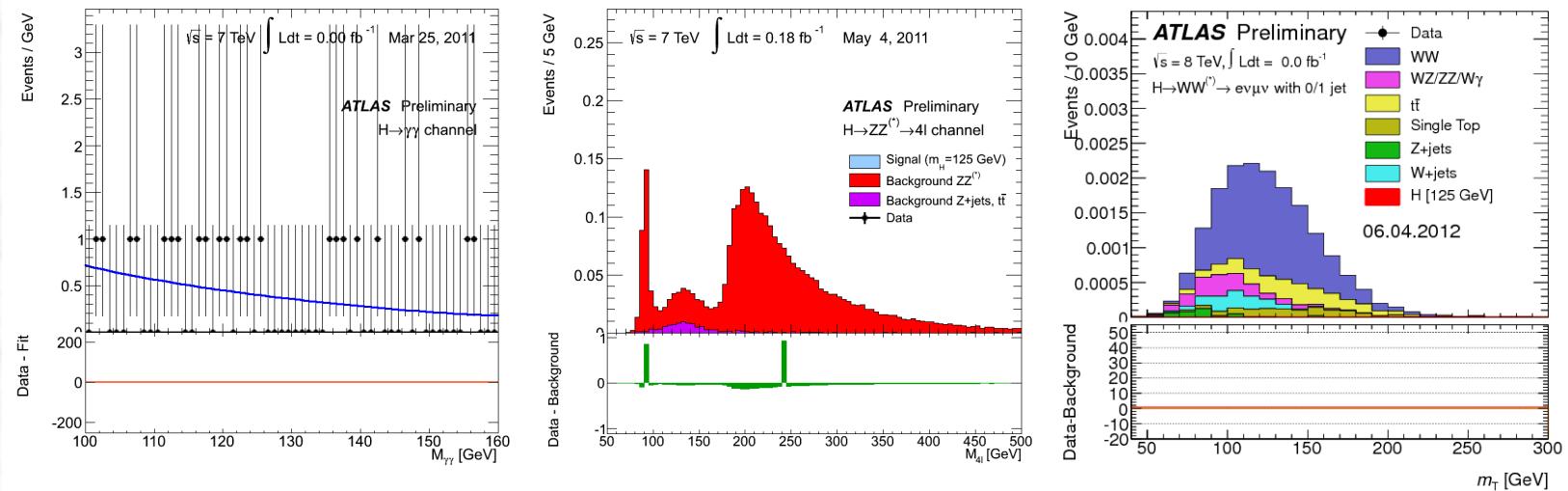
# Higgs Boson Physics in ATLAS

Decay observed into particles with same spin and electric charge sum = 0  
 → A new neutral boson has been discovered

Submission to PLB on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012

## Outline\*

- LHC and ATLAS
- Update since Discovery
- Properties



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 Particle Physics  
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\*Channels not yet seen by ATLAS in Joe Price's talk

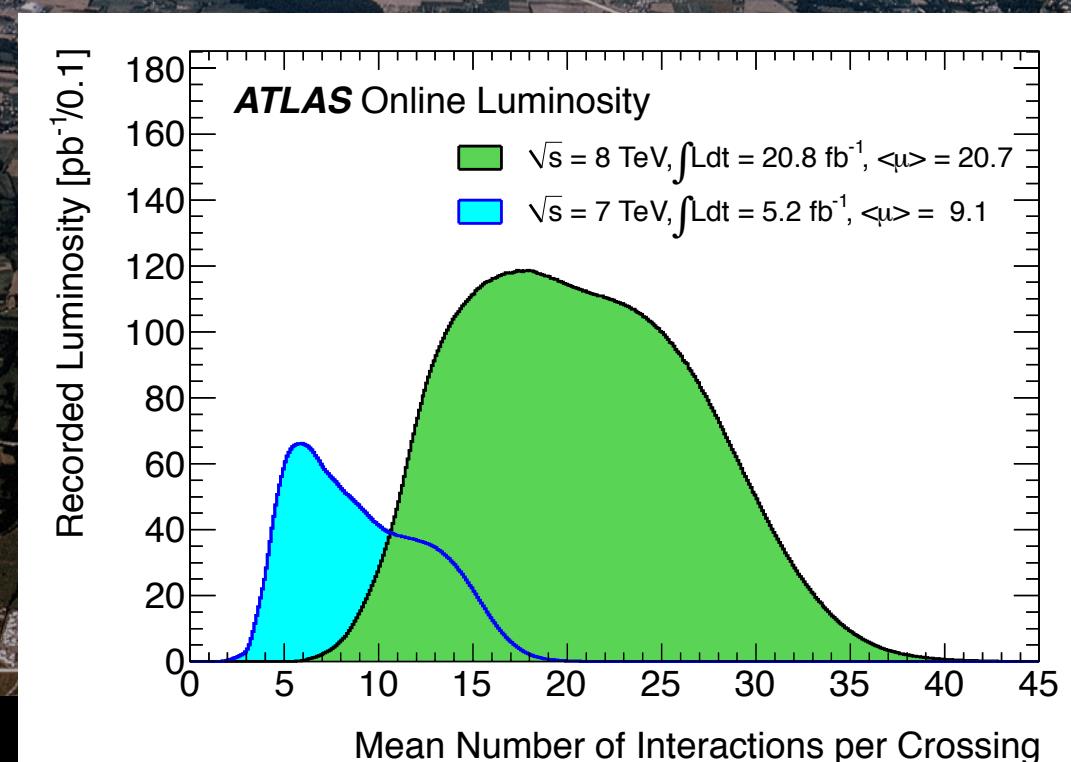


# *The Large Hadron Collider*

- Excellent LHC performance in 2011 and 2012
- Peak luminosities  $> 7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- High level of pileup:  $\sim 21$  interactions / beam crossing on average in 2012

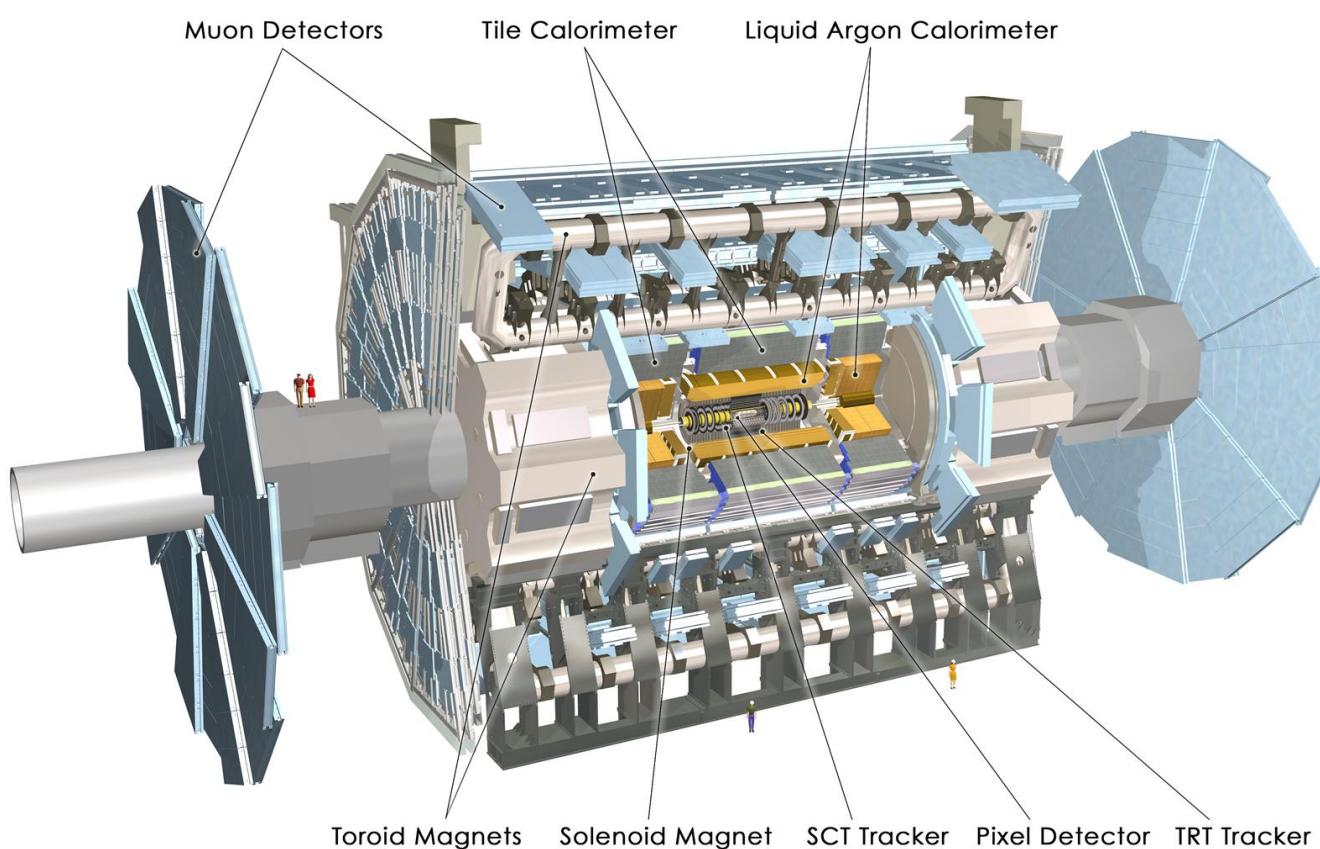


Steve Meyers PLHC 2012:



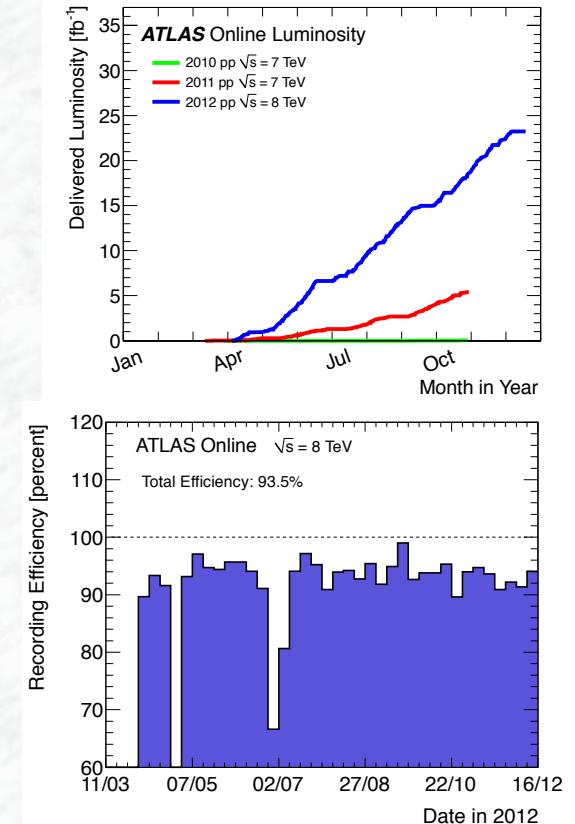
"The first two years of LHC operation have produced sensational performance: well beyond our wildest expectations. The combination of the performance of the LHC machine, the detectors and the GRID have proven to be a terrific success story in particle physics."

# The ATLAS Experiment



Diameter	25 m
Barrel toroid length	26 m
End-cap end-wall chamber span	46 m
Overall weight	7000 Tons
Channels working	>99%
Fraction of Lumi Recorded	93.5%

- Energy measurement down to  $1^\circ$  to the beam line
- Independent muon spectrometer (supercond. toroid system)



- Axial magnetic field (2T) in the central region (momentum measurement)

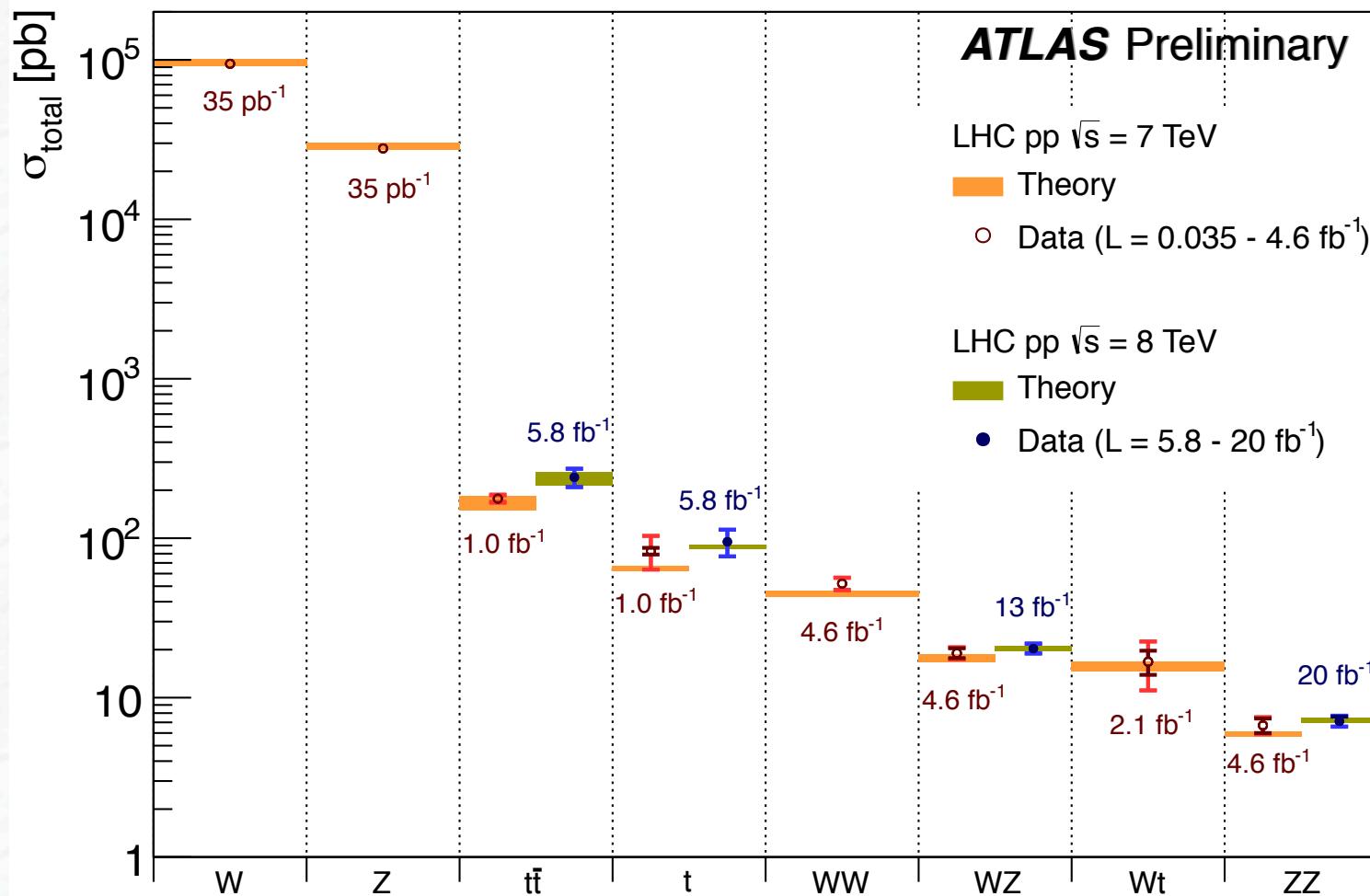
High resolution silicon detectors:

- 6 Mio. channels ( $80 \mu\text{m} \times 12 \text{ cm}$ )
- 100 Mio. channels ( $50 \mu\text{m} \times 400 \mu\text{m}$ )

space resolution:  $\sim 15 \mu\text{m}_3$



# The Standard Model at the LHC

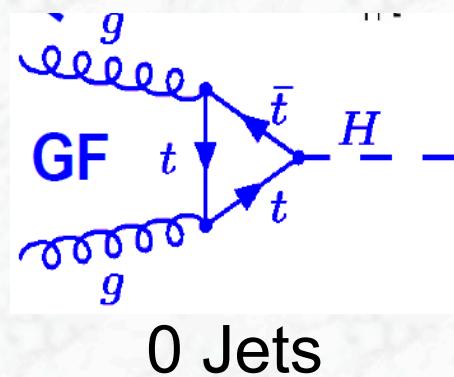


Experimental measurements of Standard Model processes and their theoretical predictions are well under control

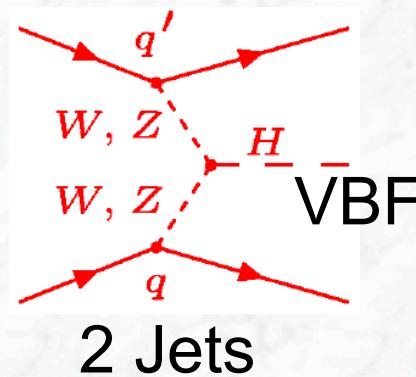


# Higgs Boson Production

## Boson fusion

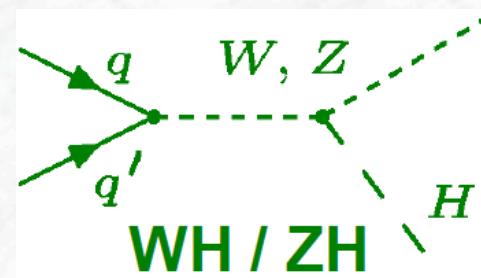


$\sigma = 19.27 \text{ pb}$   
 $(\sqrt{s}=8 \text{ TeV})$

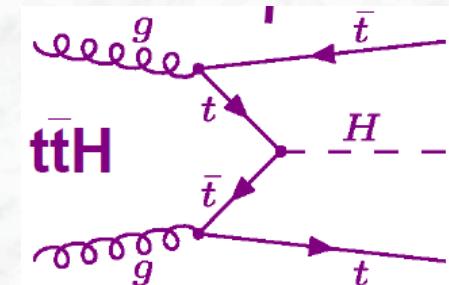


1.578 pb

## Associated production: Tag W, Z, T



0.7046/0.4153 pb

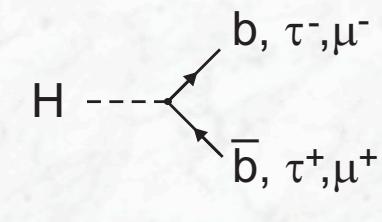
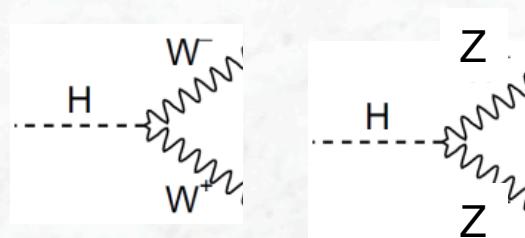
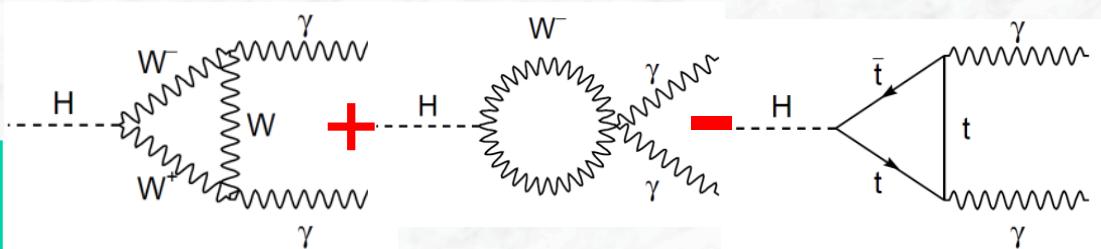


0.1293 pb

## ...and Decay

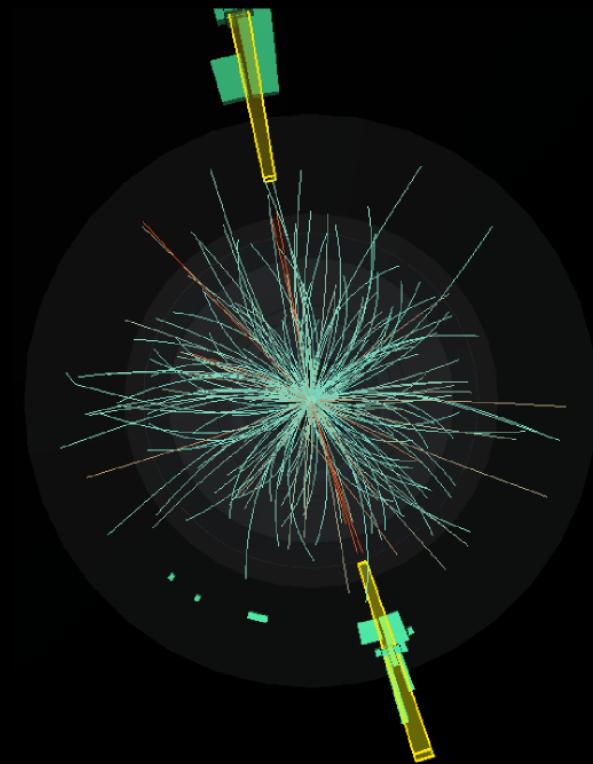
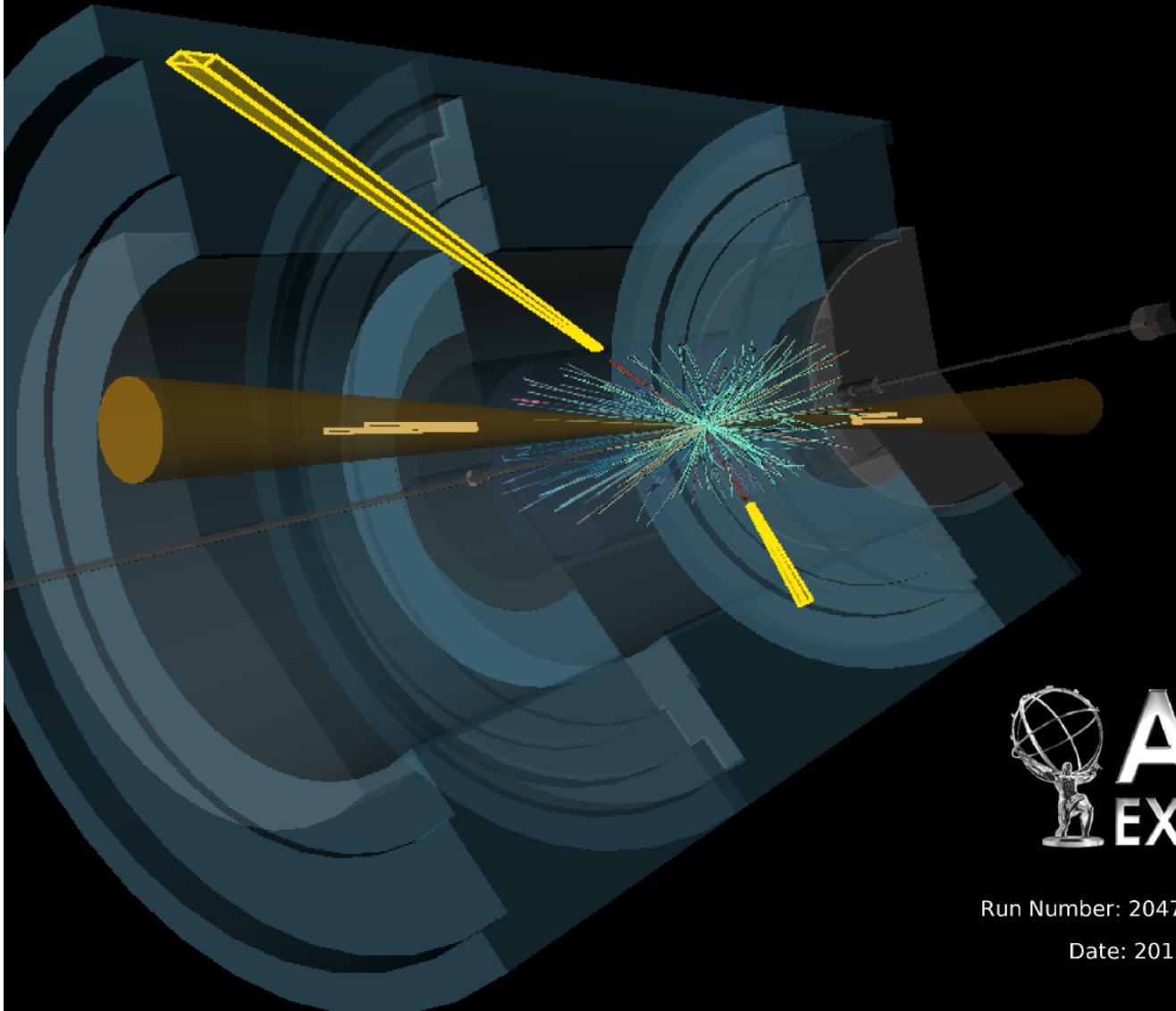
SM Branching Ratio  $H \rightarrow X$   
 $M_H=125 \text{ GeV}$

bb	56.9%	$\tau\tau$	6.2%
WW	22.3%	$\gamma\gamma$	0.24%
ZZ	2.8%	$\mu\mu$	0.022%



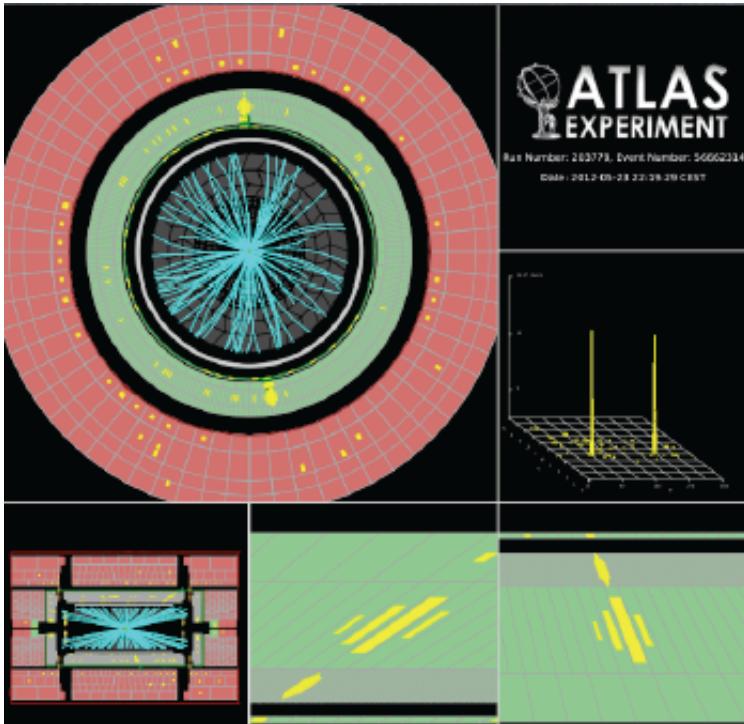
# $\gamma\gamma$ Candidate event

- Highly granular LAr electromagnetic calorimeter: cells pointing to the interaction region provides direction measurement: robust to pileup and good isolation to suppress jets faking photons. (15 mm pointing accuracy in z)



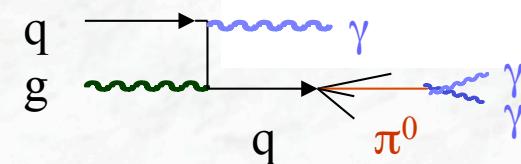
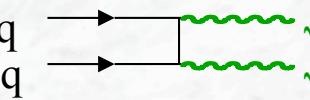
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### Challenges:

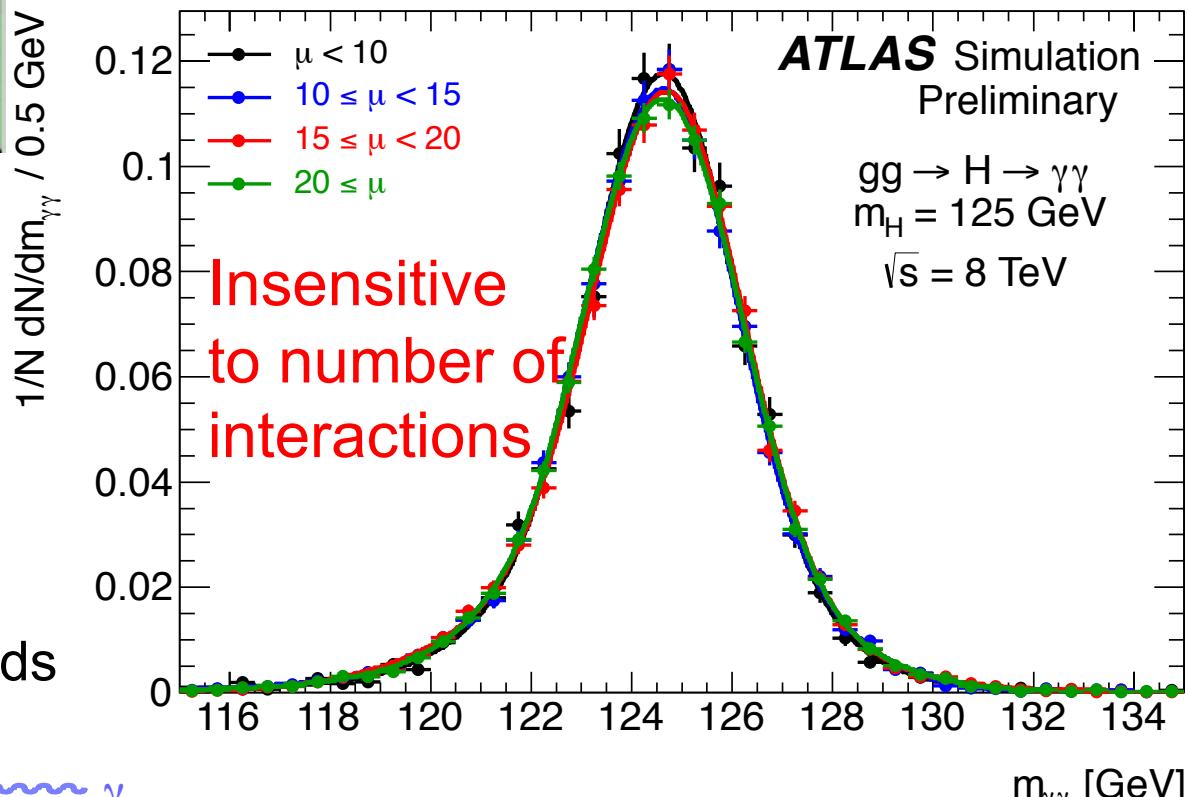
- Signal-to-background ratio 3%
- Smooth irreducible  $\gamma\gamma$  background  $75^{+3}_{-4}\%$
- Reducible huge backgrounds from  $\gamma j$  (22%) and  $jj$  (3%)



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



- 2 isolated photons  $P_T > 40, 30$  GeV
- Mass  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  of the Higgs boson reconstructed
- Mass resolution:  $\sim 1.7$  GeV,  $m_H \sim 120$  GeV



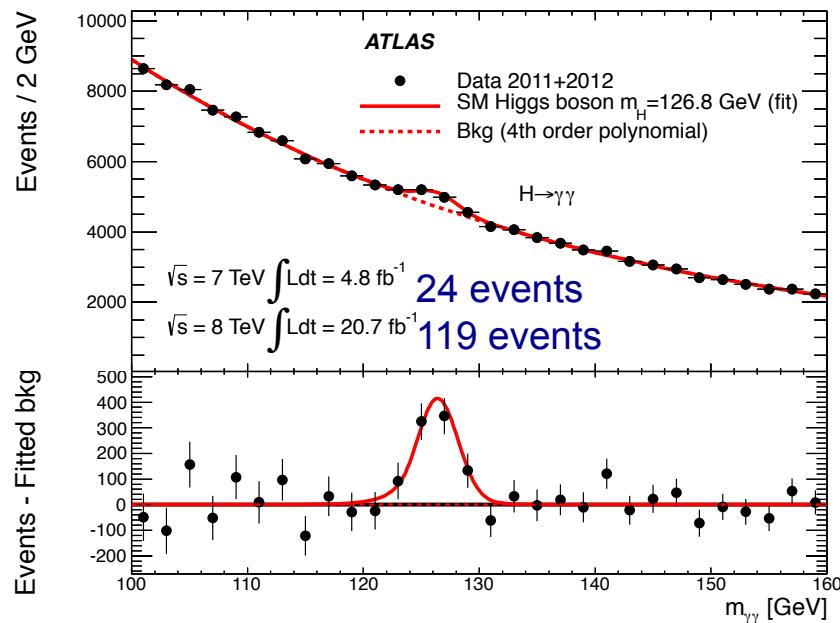


# Result of the ATLAS Search for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

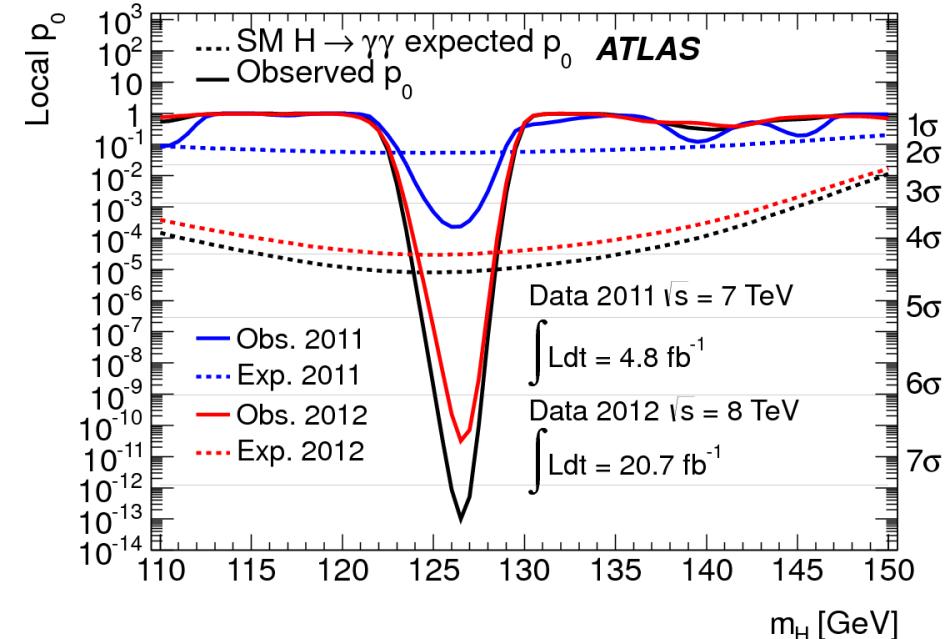
Establishes the discovery of the new particle in the  $\gamma\gamma$  channel alone

Full dataset

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- $p_0$  value for consistency of data with background-only:  
 $\sim 10^{-13}$  :  $7.4\sigma$  observed ( $4.3\sigma$  expected) 7 TeV and 8 TeV

Mass

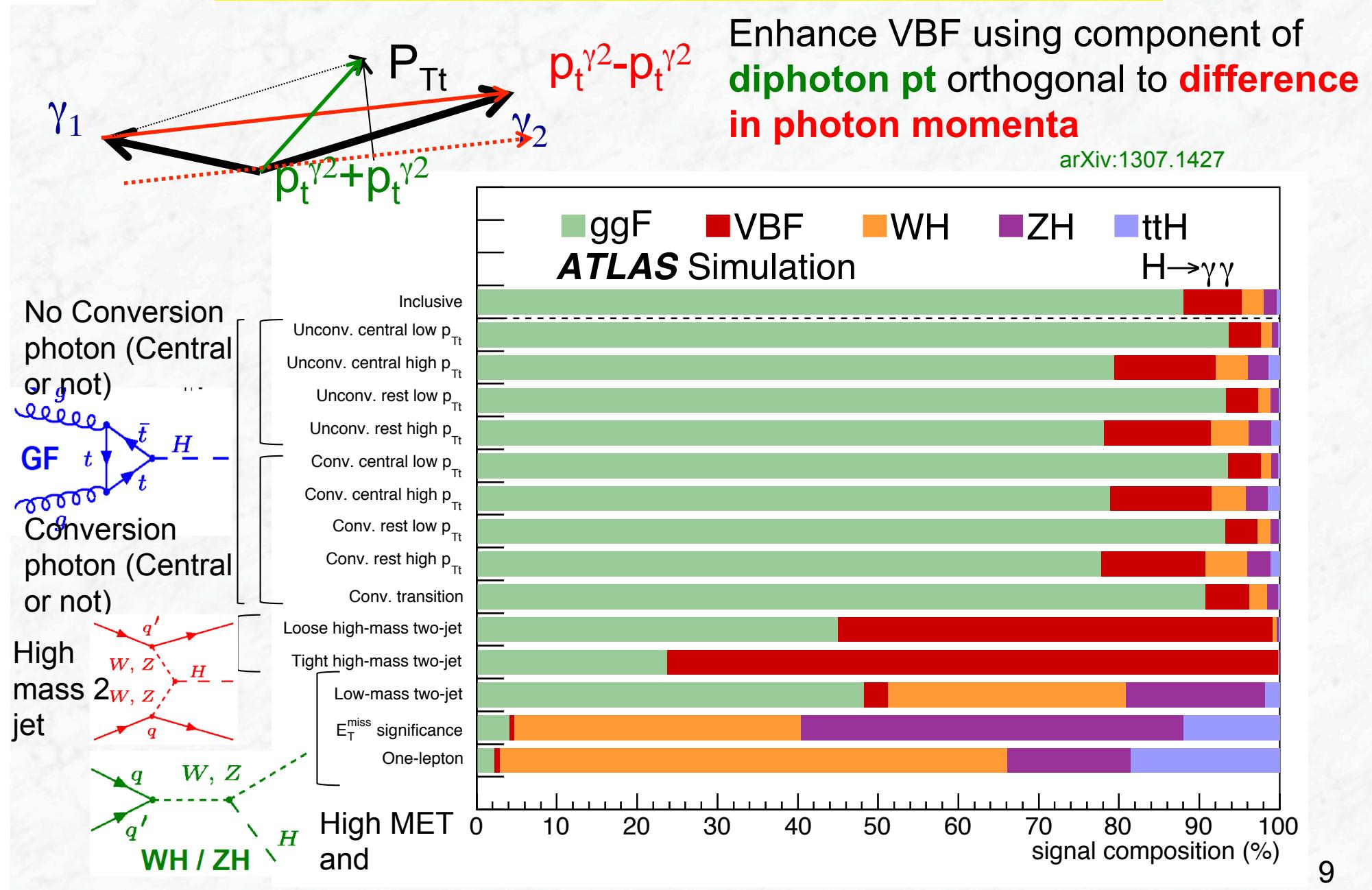
$$m_H = 126.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.7 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$$

Signal Strength

$$\mu := \sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} = 1.55 \pm 0.23 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.15 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.15 \text{ (theo)}$$

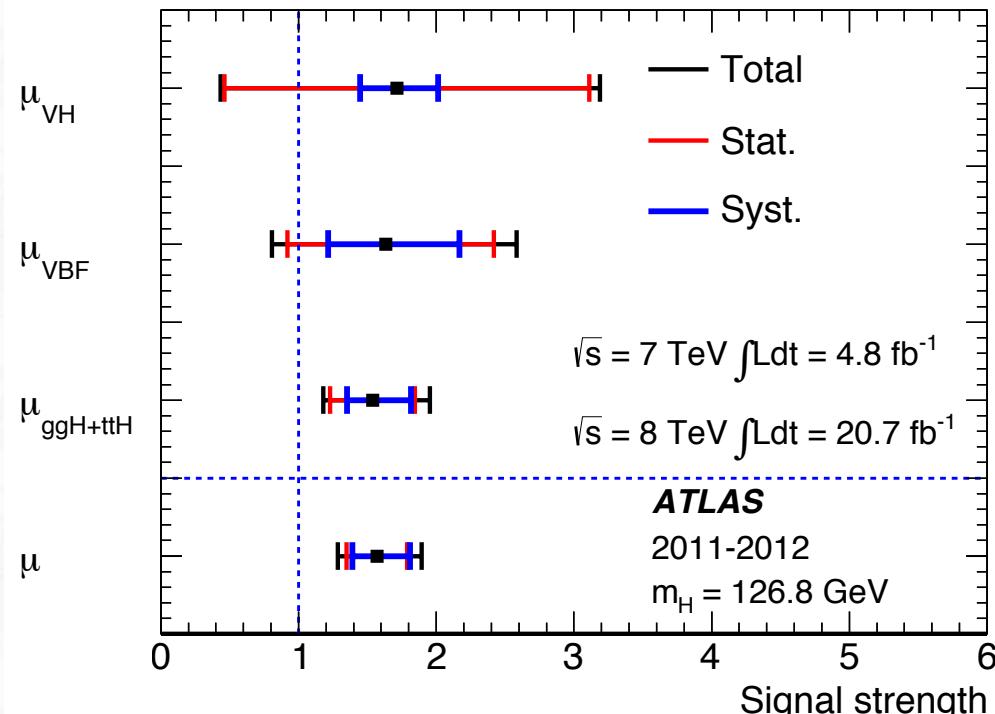
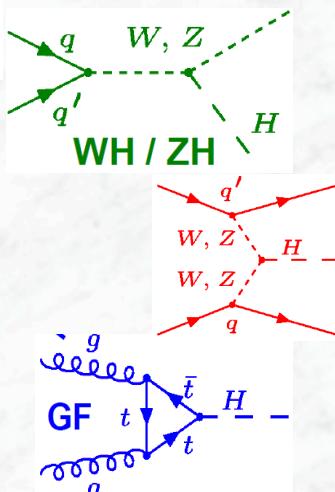


# Categorisation of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Candidate Events to Separate Production Modes





# Signal Strength by Production Mode for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

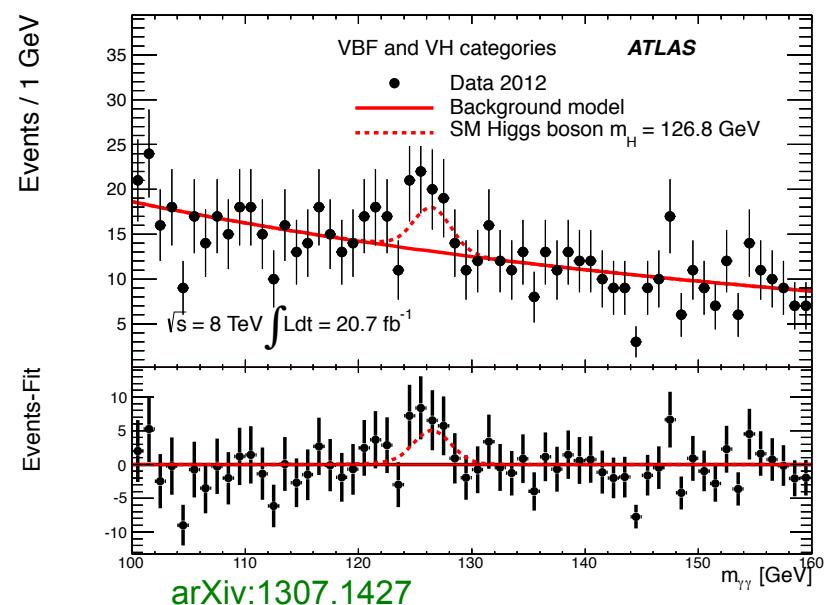


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VBF + VH categories

Can separate the production modes: set the stage for measurements of couplings

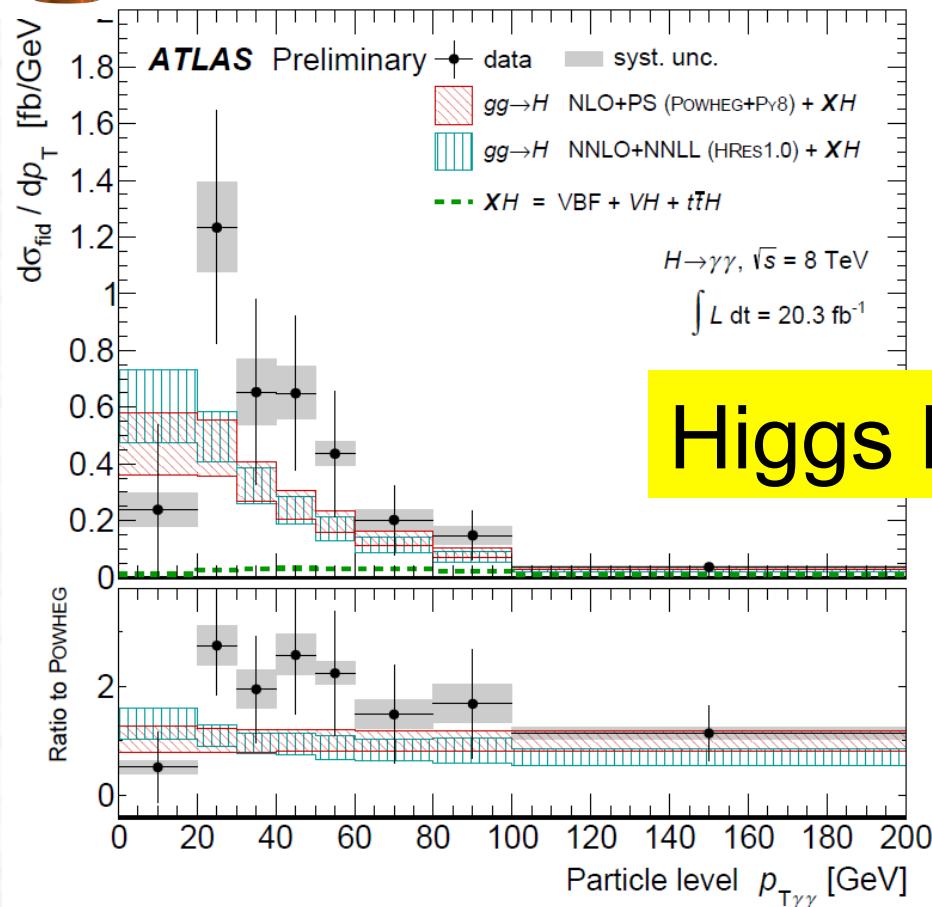
2.0 sigma



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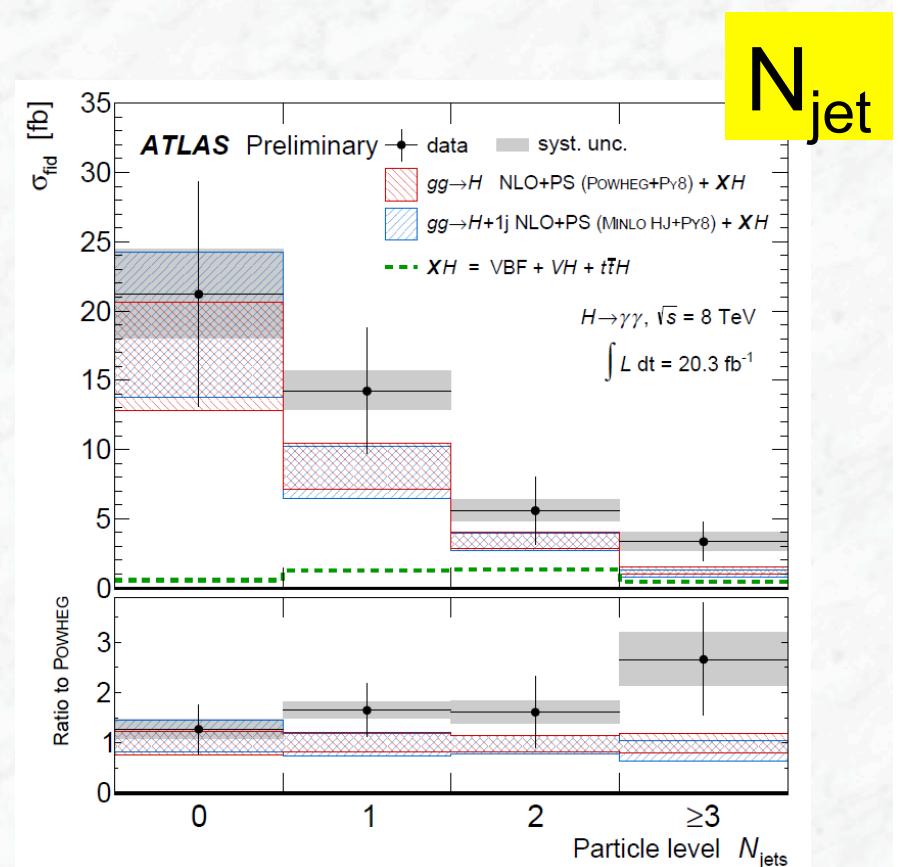
# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Differential distributions: Dawn of a New Era



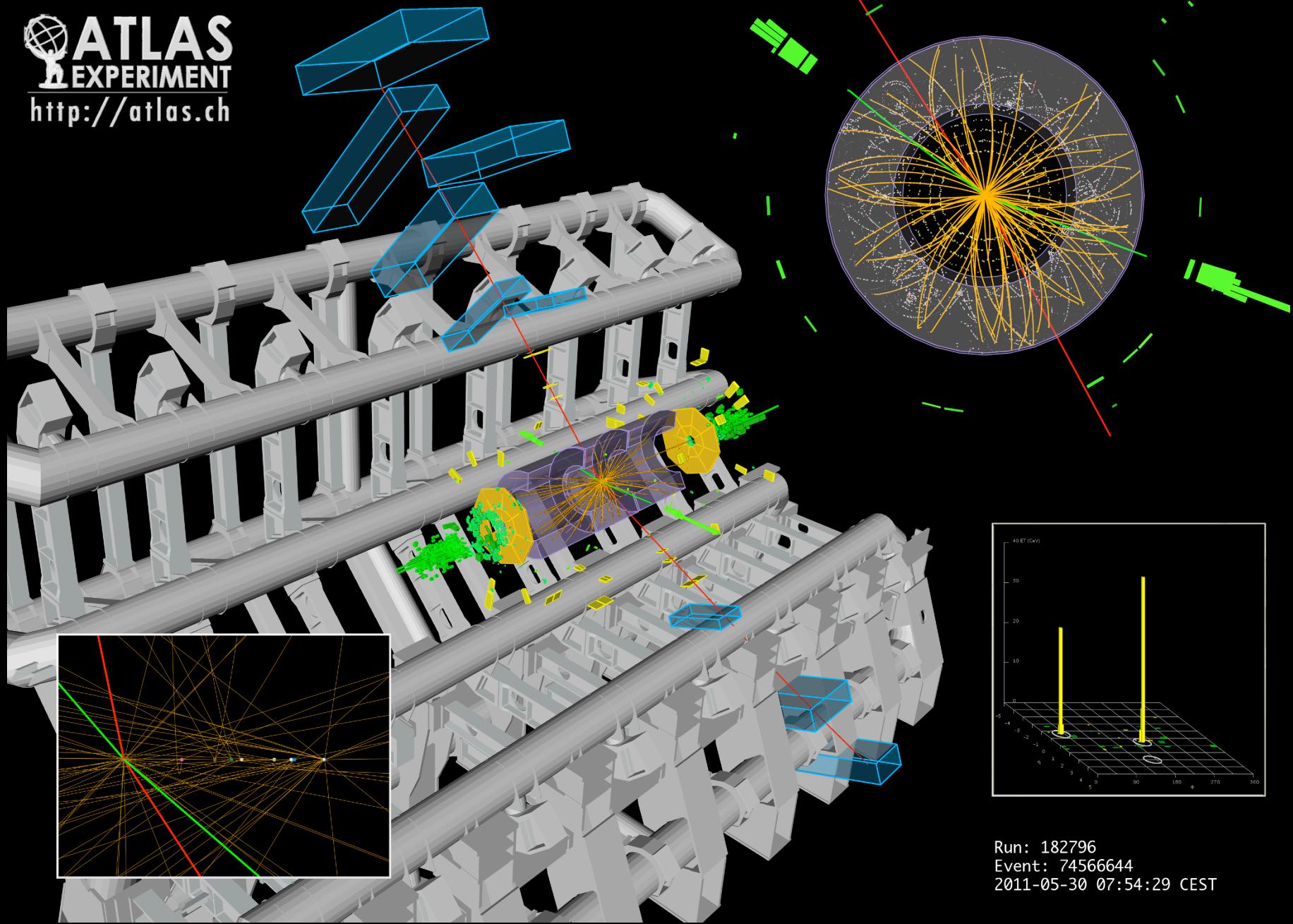
Distributions also available for

- Higgs rapidity,
- $\cos\theta^*$ ,
- leading jet  $p_t$ ,
- azimuthal angle between leading and subleading jet,
- $p_t$  of Higgs and dijet system.

Initial state jet radiation used to constrain production mechanism so that theoretical uncertainties can be reduced. Theoretical work is needed! ... and statistics.

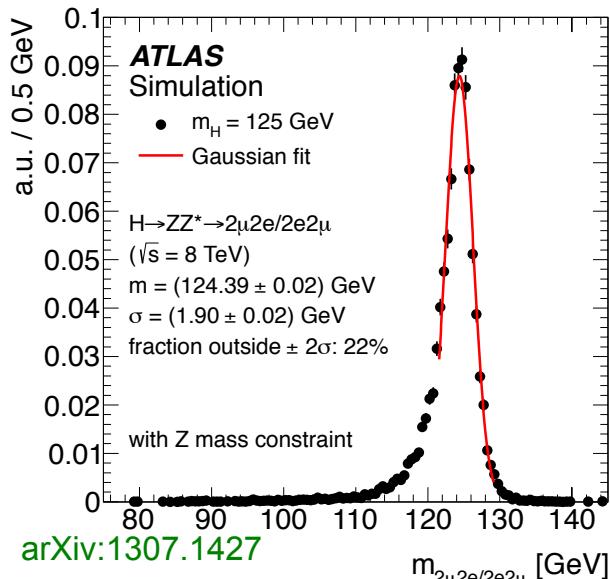


# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow e^+e^- \mu^+\mu^-$ Candidate Event



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Event: 74566644  
2011-05-30 07:54:29 CEST

# $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow l^+l^- l^+l^-$

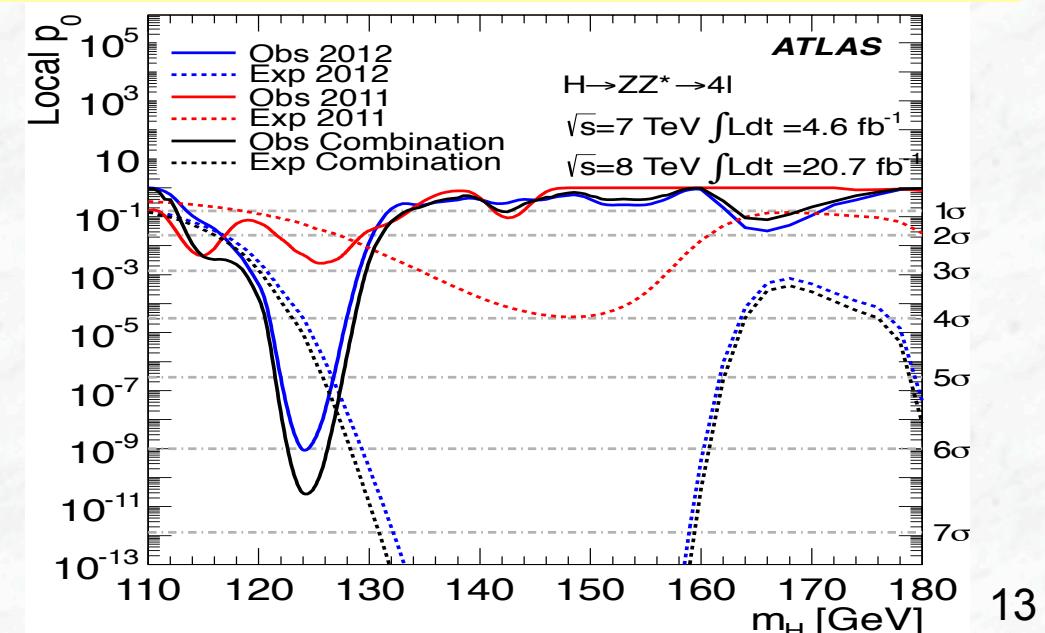
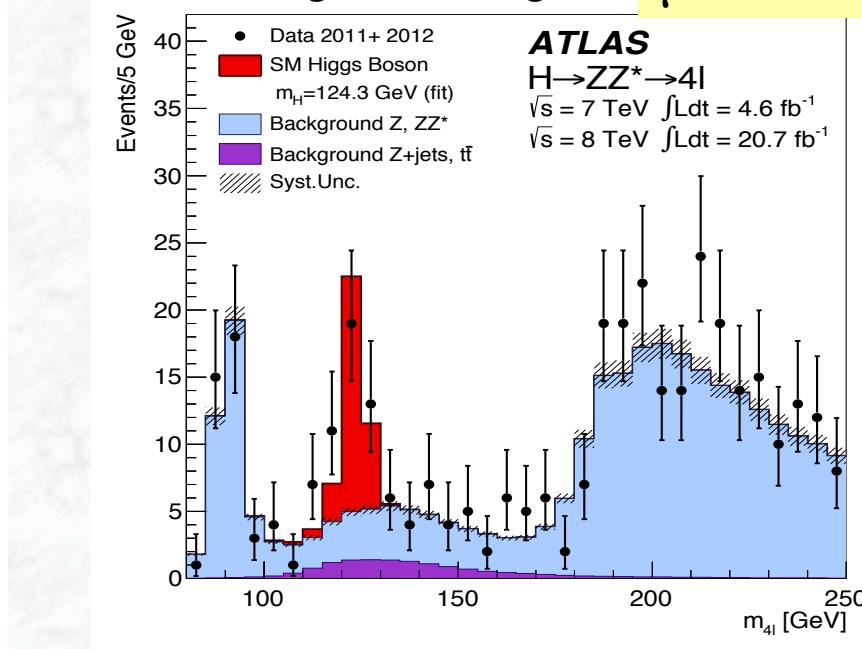


- 4 isolated leptons: Mass of Higgs boson:  $m_{4l}$
- Optimize cuts to maximize acceptance  $\sim \epsilon^4$
- e:  $P_T > 20, 15, 10, 7$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.47$
- On-shell Z: One pair  $\sim Z$  mass ( $m_{12}$ )
- Off-shell Z: Other pair:  $12 < m_{34} < 115$  GeV
- Low signal rate, but also low background from ZZ continuum,  $q \rightarrow Z Z \rightarrow Z b \bar{b}$
- $p_0: \sim 2.7 \cdot 10^{-11}$  or  $6.6\sigma$  obs. ( $4.4\sigma$  exp.)

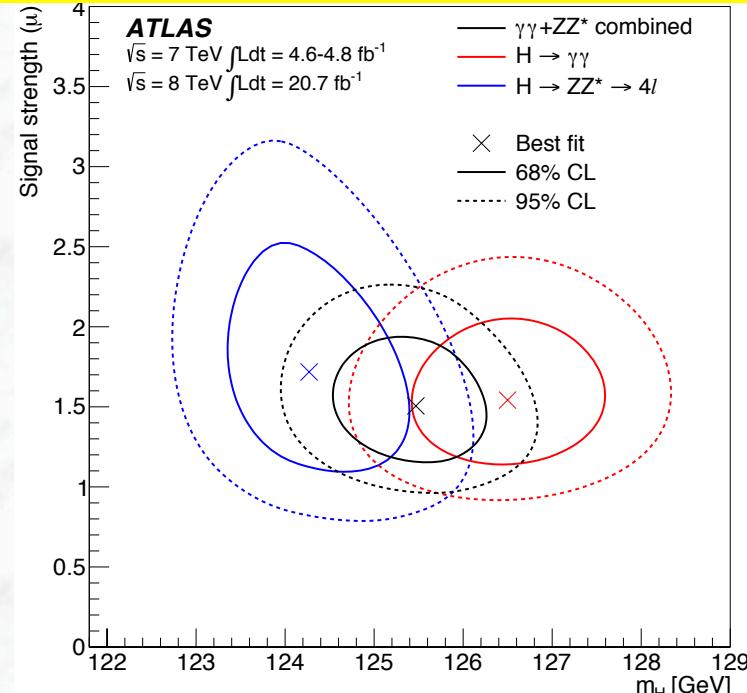
$$m_H = 124.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5} (\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.3} (\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$$

Signal strength:

$$\mu = 1.43 \pm 0.33 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.17 (\text{syst}) \pm 0.14 (\text{theo})$$

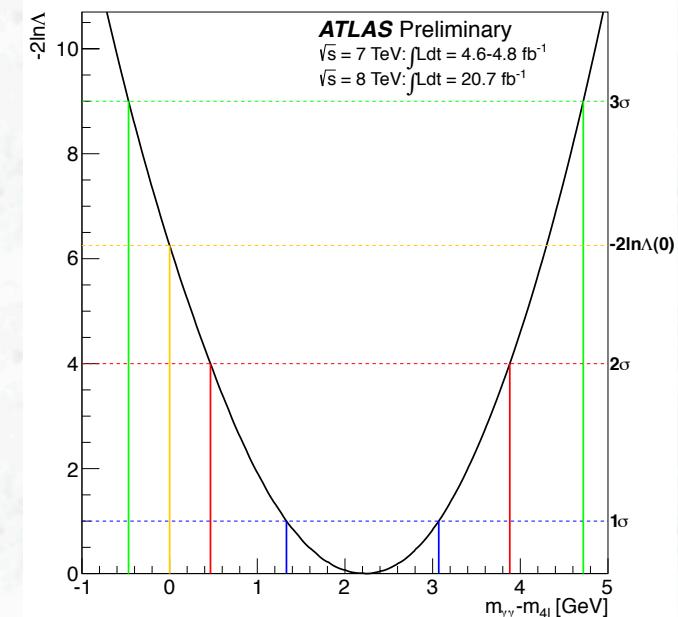


# Compatibility of ZZ and $\gamma\gamma$ Channels and Determination of Mass



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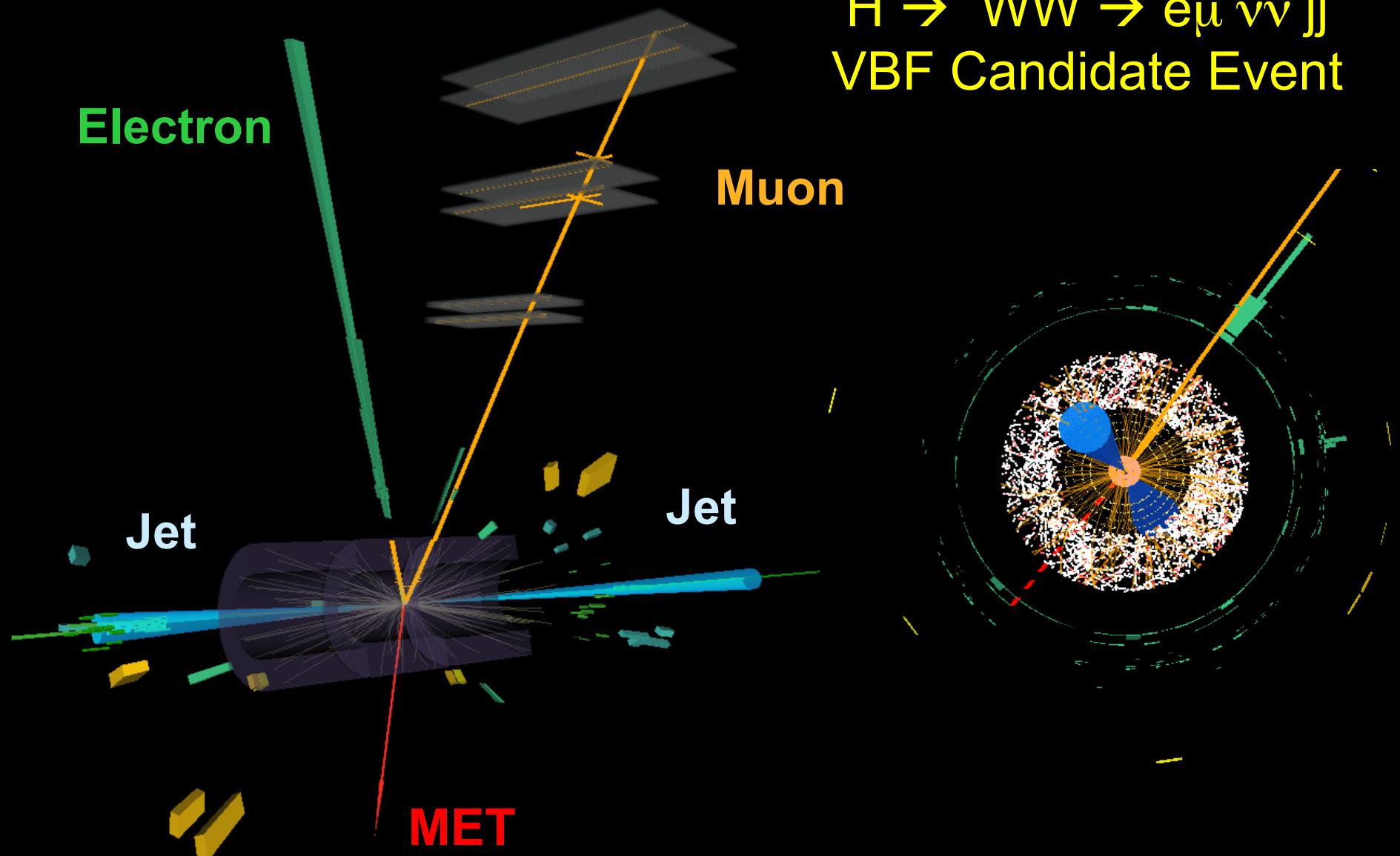
Consistency between the fitted masses: Likelihood for  $\Delta m = 0$  vs best fit value for  $\Delta m$ :

$$\Delta m = 2.3^{+0.6}_{-0.7} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.6 (\text{syst}) \quad 2.4\sigma \text{ deviation (Agreement: 1.5%)}$$

Agreement goes to 8% if we take rectangular instead of gaussian shapes for the three principle sources of e/γ energy scale uncertainty: material, pre-sampler energy scale, calibration procedure

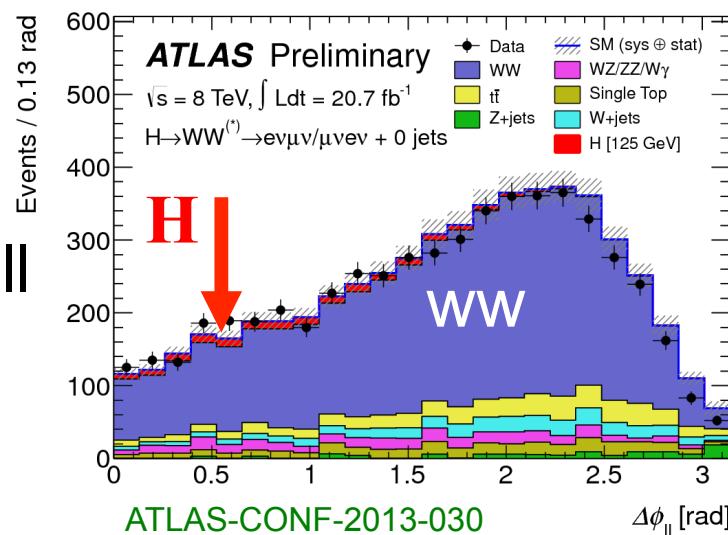
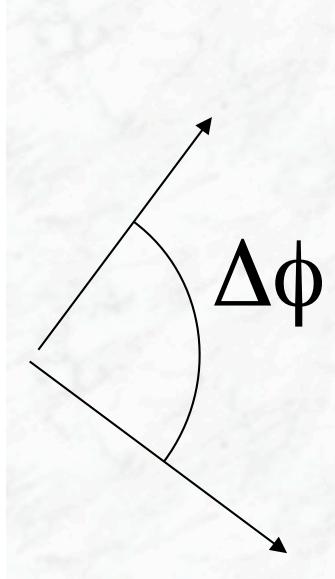
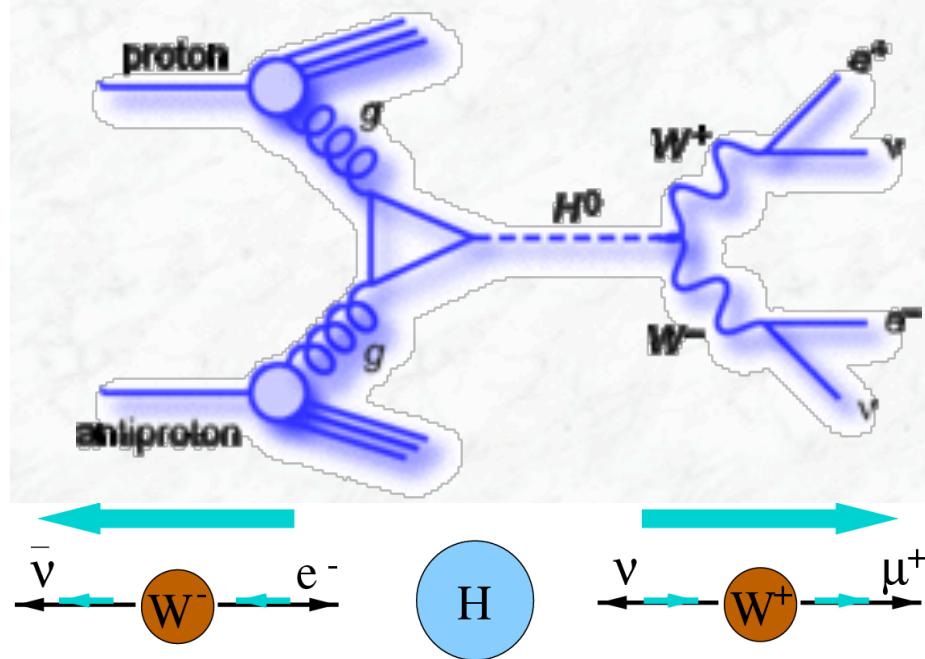
$$m_H = 125.5 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} {}^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \text{ (syst) GeV}$$

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\mu vv jj$   
VBF Candidate Event

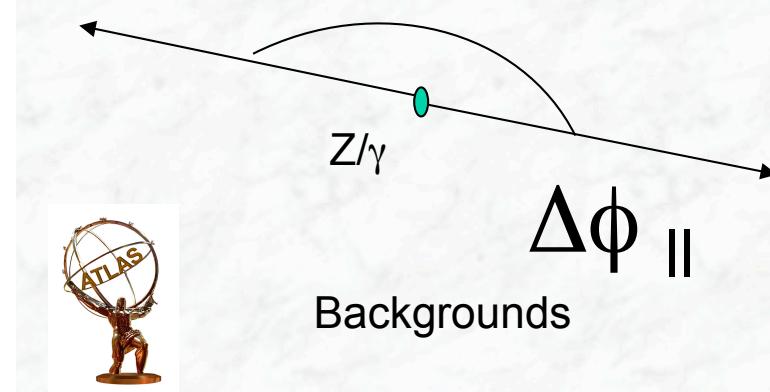




# H $\rightarrow$ WW Production Features



- 2 High Pt ee, e $\mu$ ,  $\mu\mu$  not back to back (as Drell Yan is)
- Spin 0 Higgs correlates spins of leptons: charged leptons (**low  $\Delta\phi_{||}$** ), two neutrinos (**High MET**) tend to be closely aligned
- Modifies dilepton invariant mass
- Analyze vs  $N_{\text{jet}}$ : backgrounds, production modes differ





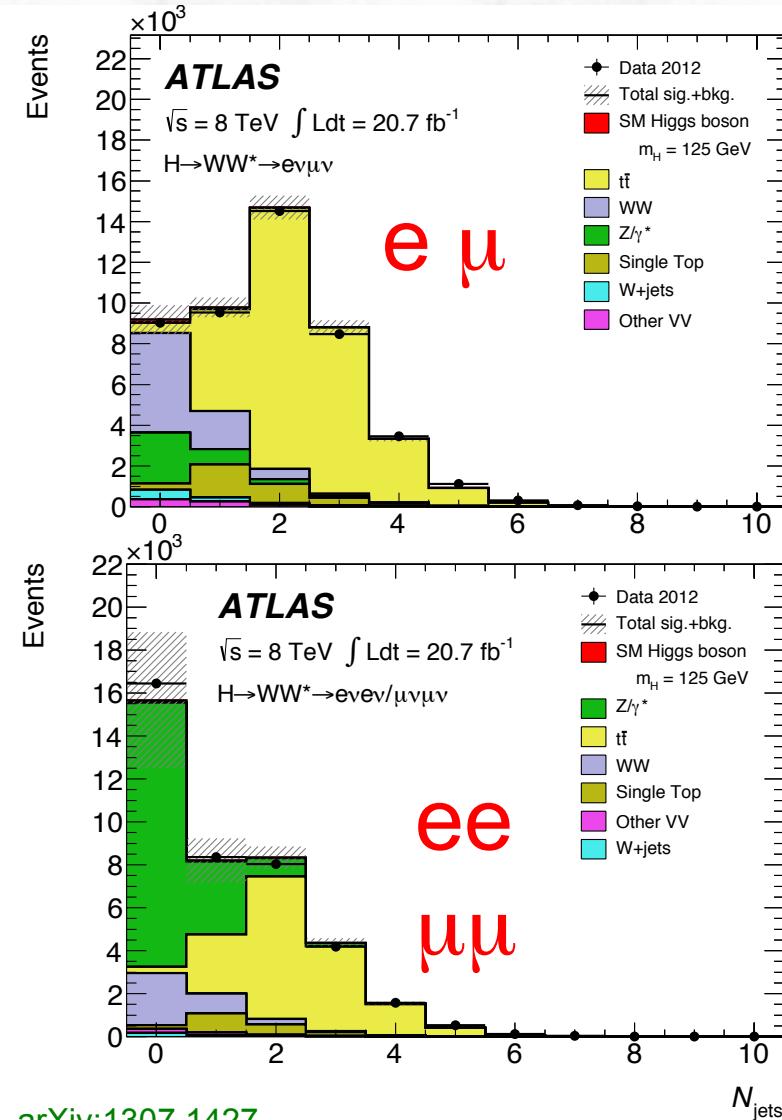
# Search for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$ Decay



Major backgrounds:  
(normalization in control regions)

- WW pair production (0 jet)
- $t\bar{t}$  background (2 jets)
- $Z+jets$  (for ee/μμ pairs)

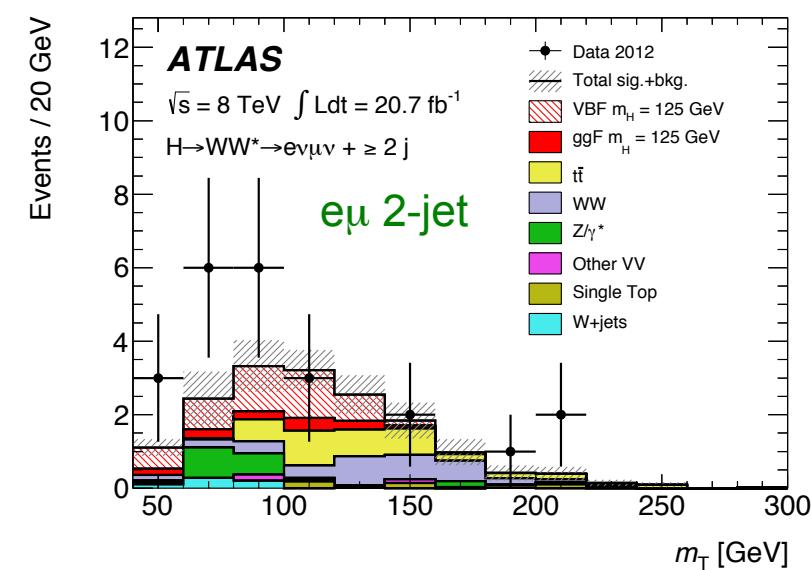
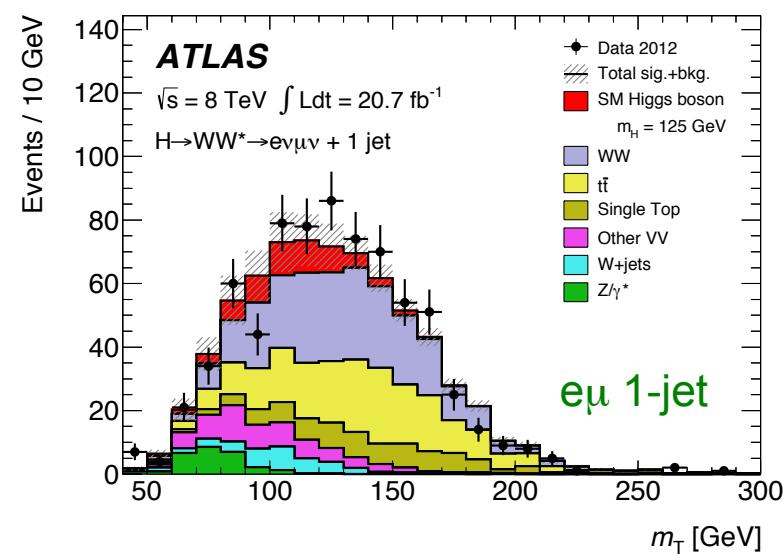
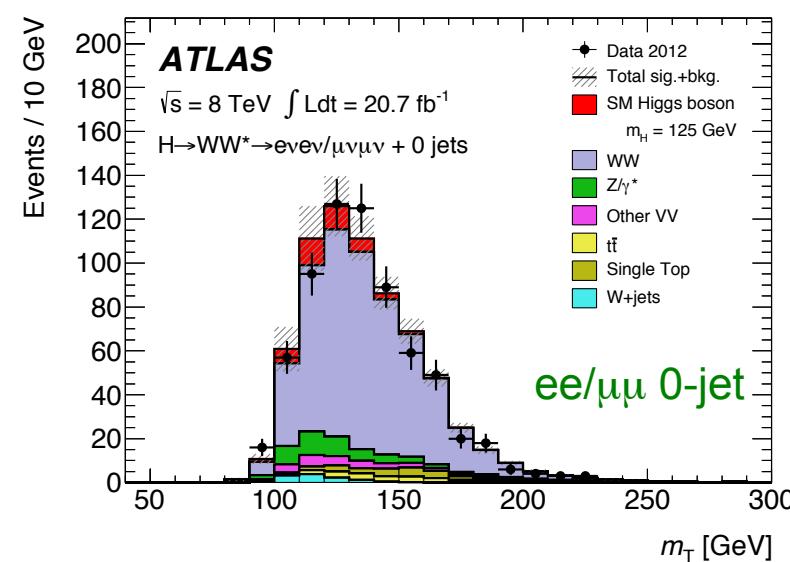
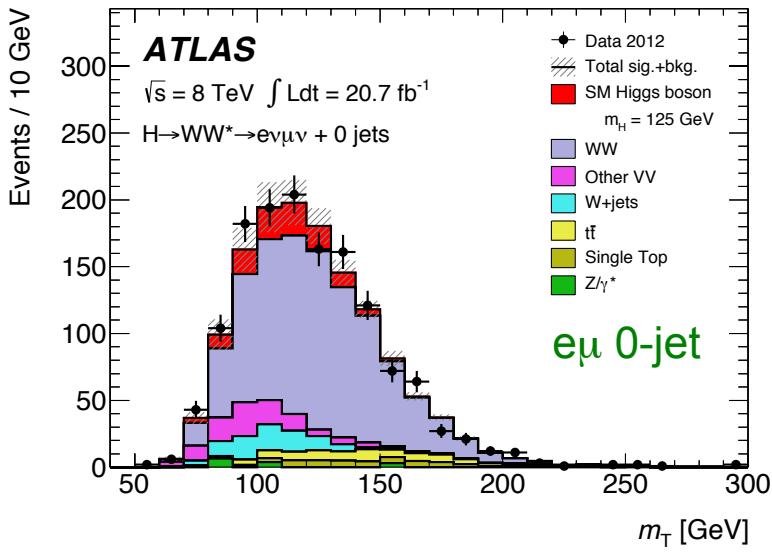
Jet multiplicity distr. after basic selection requirements





# Transverse Mass Distributions\*

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**Clear excess above backgrounds for all Njet**

\*after cuts on  $\Delta\phi_{\parallel}, \text{MET}, m_{\parallel}$

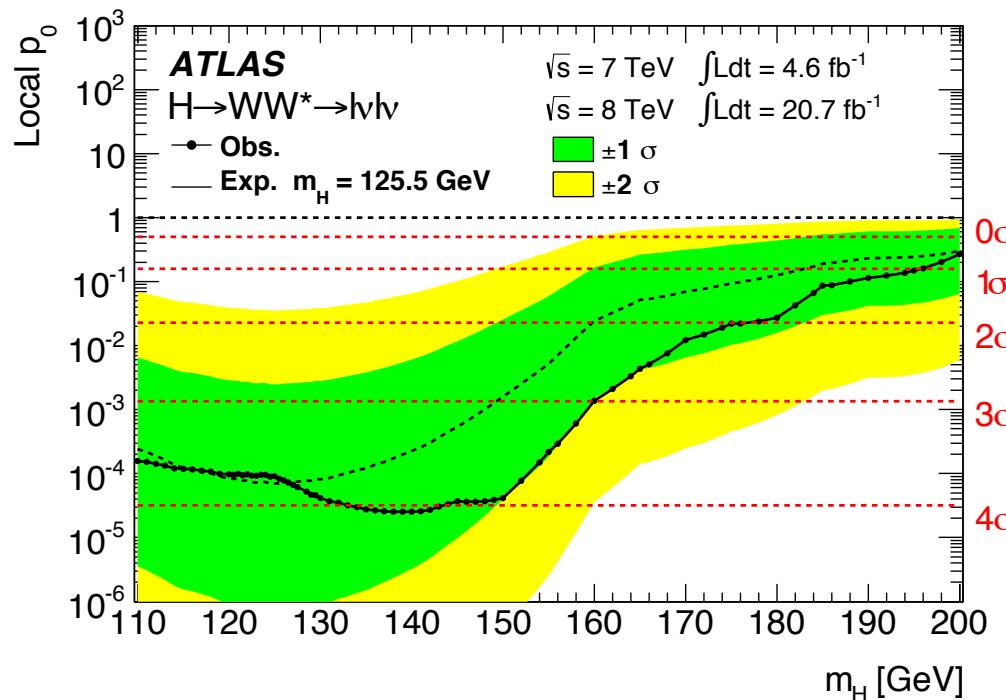


# Results on the Search for $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ Decays

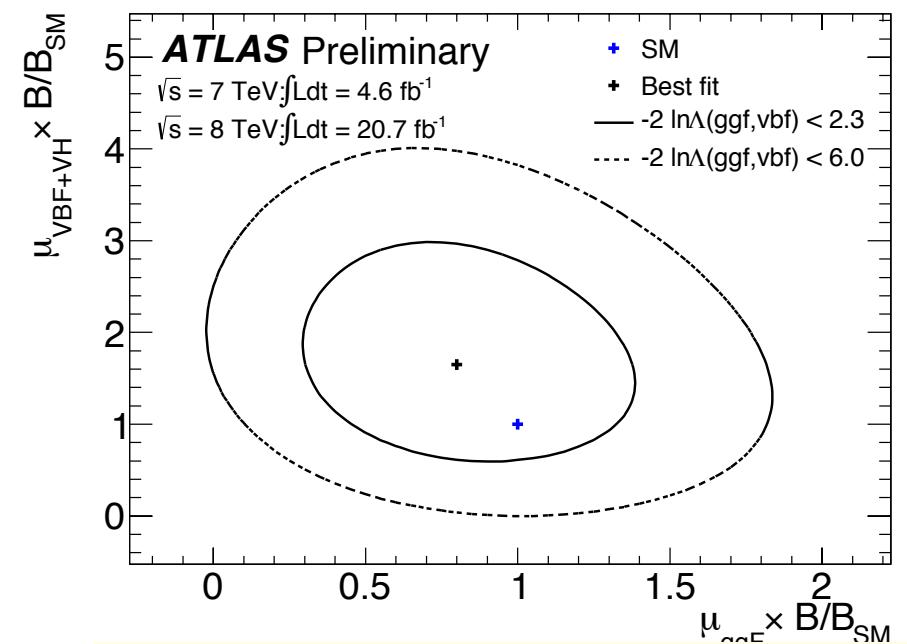
$p_0(125 \text{ GeV}) = 8 \cdot 10^{-5}$  or  $3.8\sigma$  observed ( $3.7\sigma$  expected)

Signal strength: (7 TeV and 8 TeV 125 GeV)

$\mu = 0.99 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.12 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.19 \text{ (theo)}$



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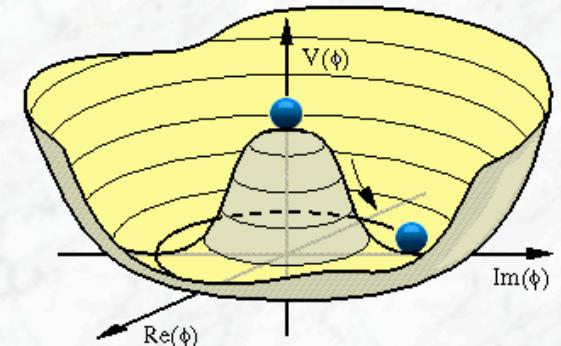


Based on 2jet vs 0,1 jet:  
 $\mu_{VBF} = 1.66 \pm 0.79$   
 $\mu_{ggF} = 0.82 \pm 0.36$

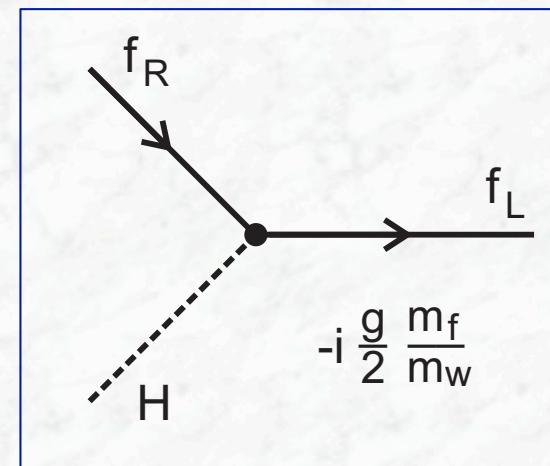
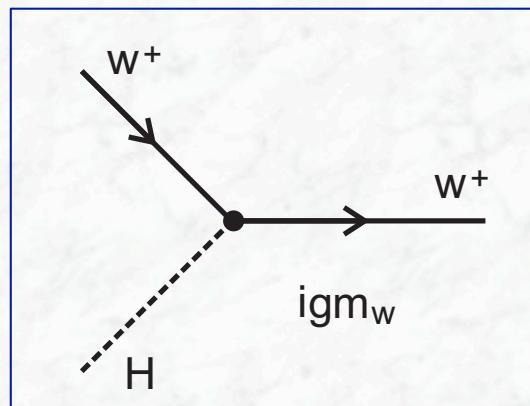


# Is the New Particle the Higgs Boson ?

- Production rates ?



Couplings to bosons and fermions



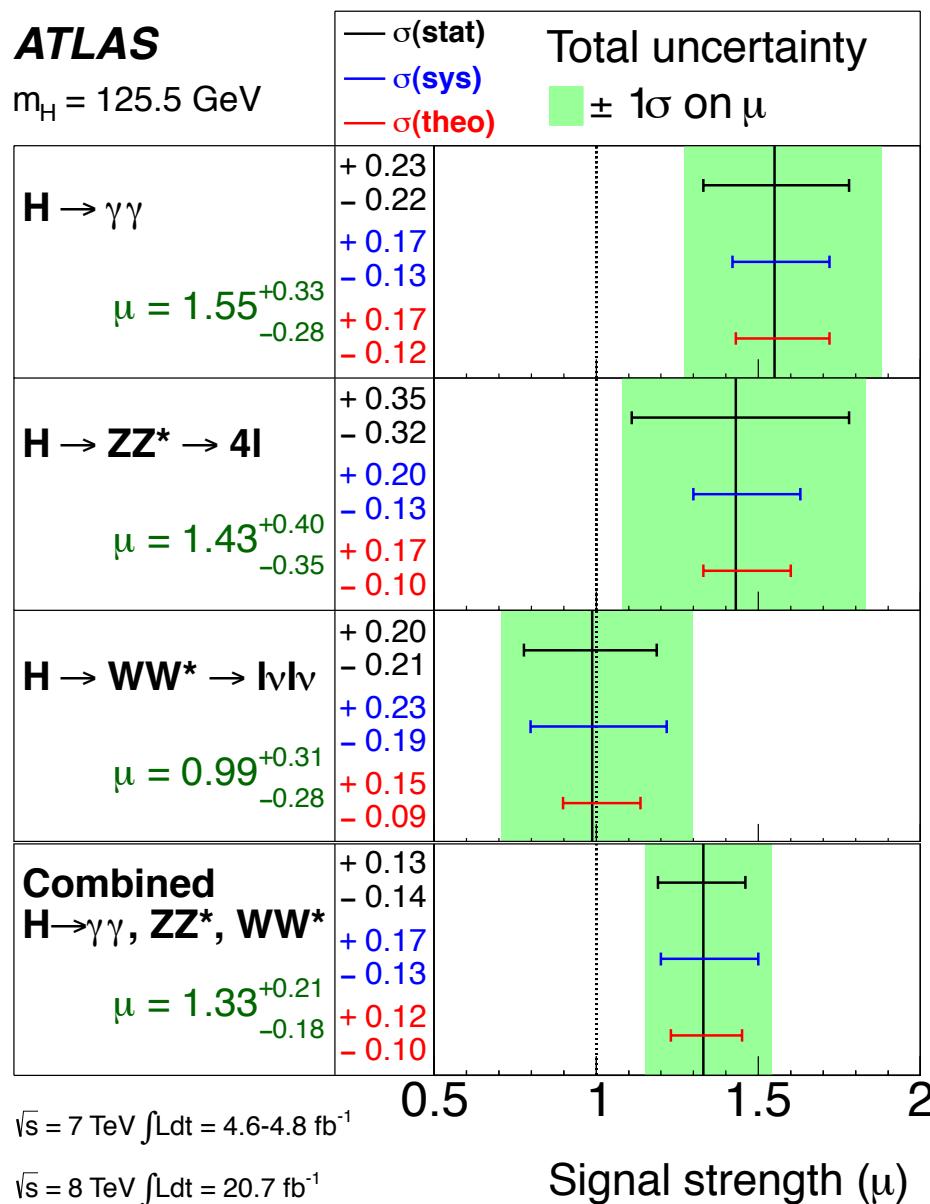
- Spin,  $J^P$  quantum number



# Signal Strength in Di-Boson Decay Modes (full data set)

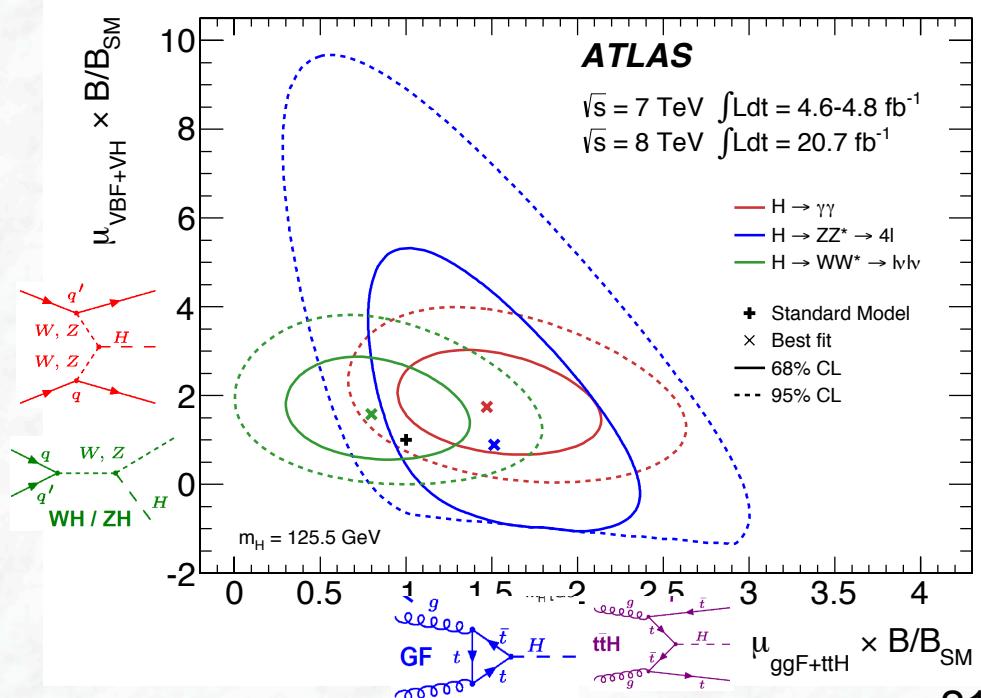
**ATLAS**

$m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$



- Data consistent with the Standard Model Higgs boson:  
 $\mu = 1.33 \pm 0.14 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.15 \text{ (syst)}$

- Sensitivity to gluon-fusion (ggF + ttH) and (VBF+VH) production fractions, branching ratio factors  $B/B_{\text{SM}}$

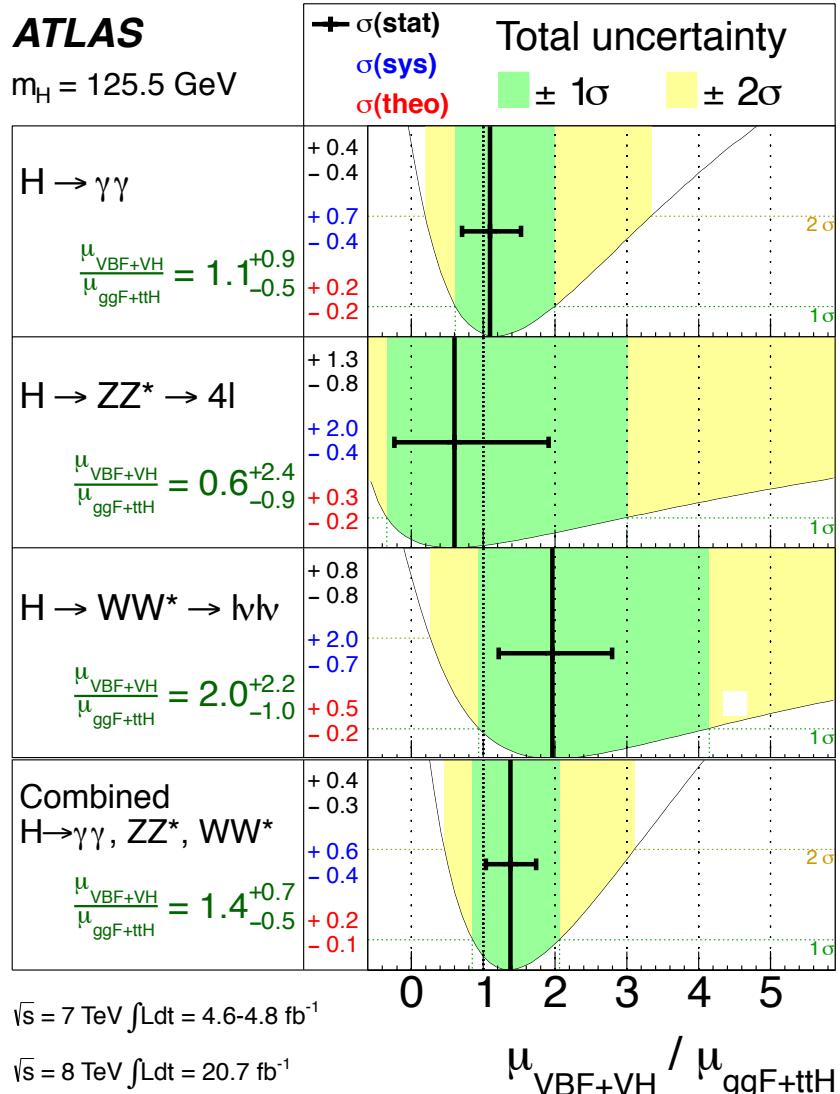




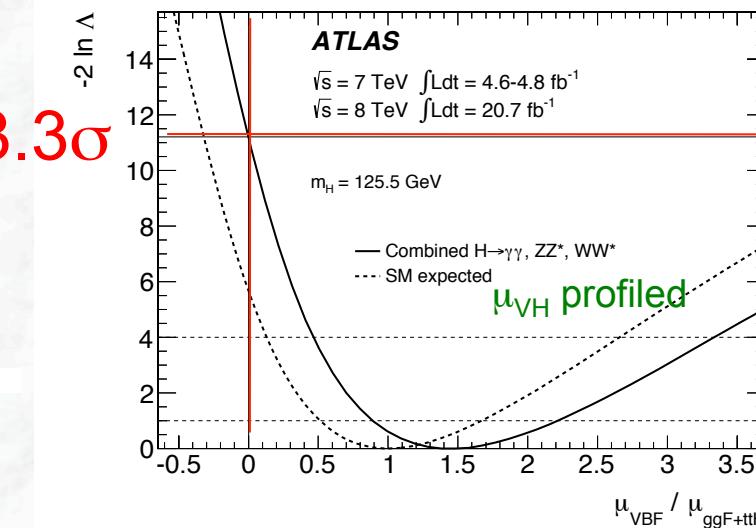
# Evidence for production via vector boson fusion

**ATLAS**

$m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$



- Fit for the ratio  $\mu_{\text{VBF}+\text{VH}} / \mu_{\text{ggF}+\text{ttH}}$  for the individual channel (model independent)
- Results can be combined
- Good agreement with SM expectation for individual channels and the combination



$$\mu_{\text{VBF}} / \mu_{\text{ggF}+\text{ttH}} = 1.4^{+0.4}_{-0.3} (\text{stat})^{+0.6}_{-0.4} (\text{syst})$$

$3.3\sigma$  evidence for VBF production



# Couplings to Fermions and Bosons

- Assume single narrow resonance in a zero-width approximation:  $\sigma \cdot \text{BR}(ii \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff) = \sigma_{ii} \cdot \Gamma_{ff} / \Gamma_H$
- All SM couplings fixed given  $m_H$ . Assume tensor structure unchanged: Higgs is a CP-even 0 scalar. No BSM particles.
- Add scaling  $\kappa_i$  of coupling:

	 $k_W = 1(\text{SM})$	 $K_g = 1(\text{SM})$	 $K_\gamma = 1(\text{SM})$
Production	$\sigma_{WH}/(\sigma_{WH})^{\text{SM}} = k_W^2$	$\sigma_{ggH}/(\sigma_{ggH})^{\text{SM}} = k_g^2 = k_g^2(k_b, k_t, m_H)$	
Decay	$\Gamma_{WH}/(\Gamma_{WH})^{\text{SM}} = k_W^2$	$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}/(\sigma_{\gamma\gamma})^{\text{SM}} = k_\gamma^2 = k_\gamma^2(k_b, k_t, k_\tau, k_W, m_H)$	

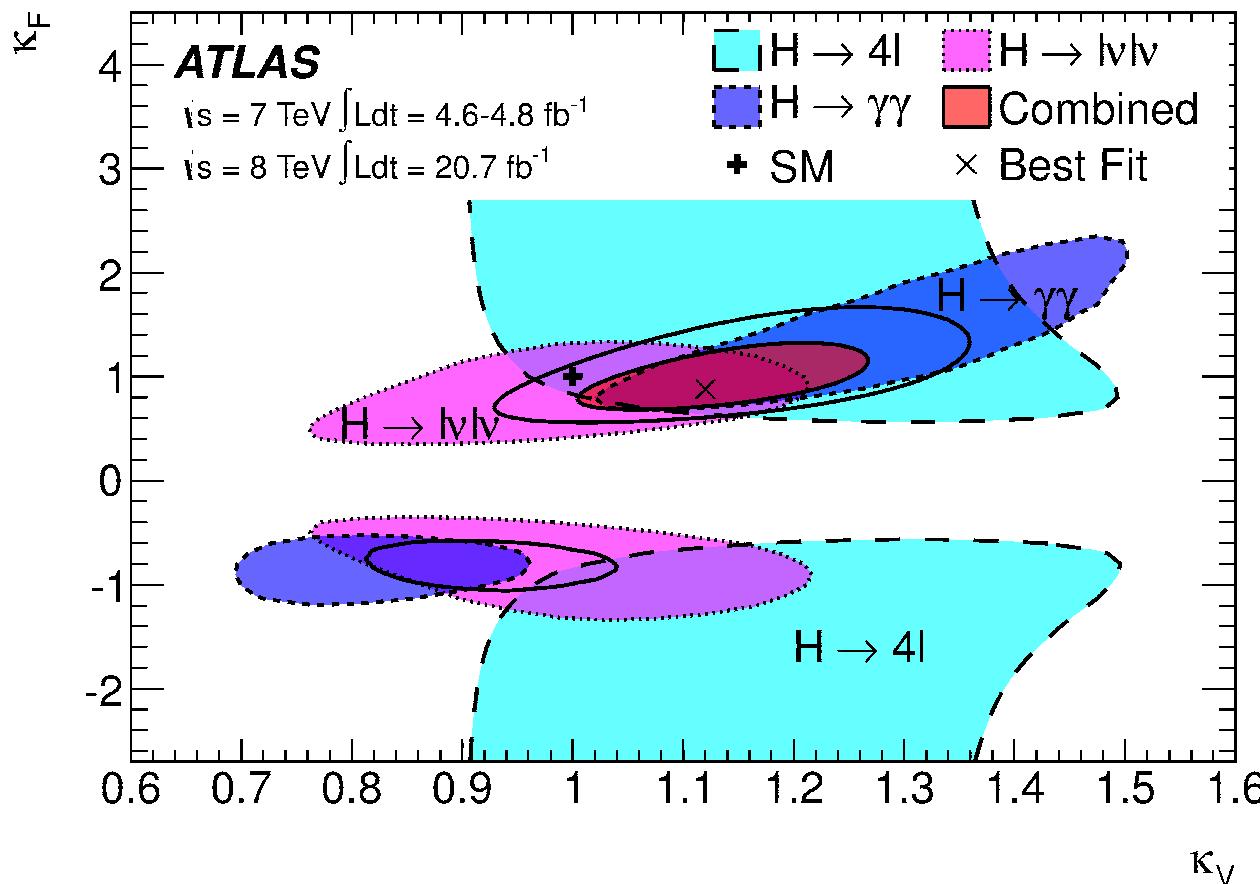
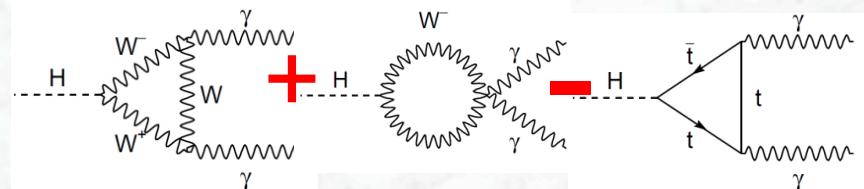
- Example:  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR})(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \sigma_{\text{SM}}(gg \rightarrow H) \cdot \text{BR}_{\text{SM}}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \cdot \frac{k_g^2 \cdot k_\gamma^2}{k_H^2}$$



# Couplings to Fermions and Bosons

- Assume only one scale factor for fermion and vector couplings:  $\kappa_V = \kappa_W = \kappa_Z$        $\kappa_F = \kappa_t = \kappa_b = \kappa_\tau$
- Sensitivity to relative sign between  $\kappa_F$  and  $\kappa_V$  only from interference term in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

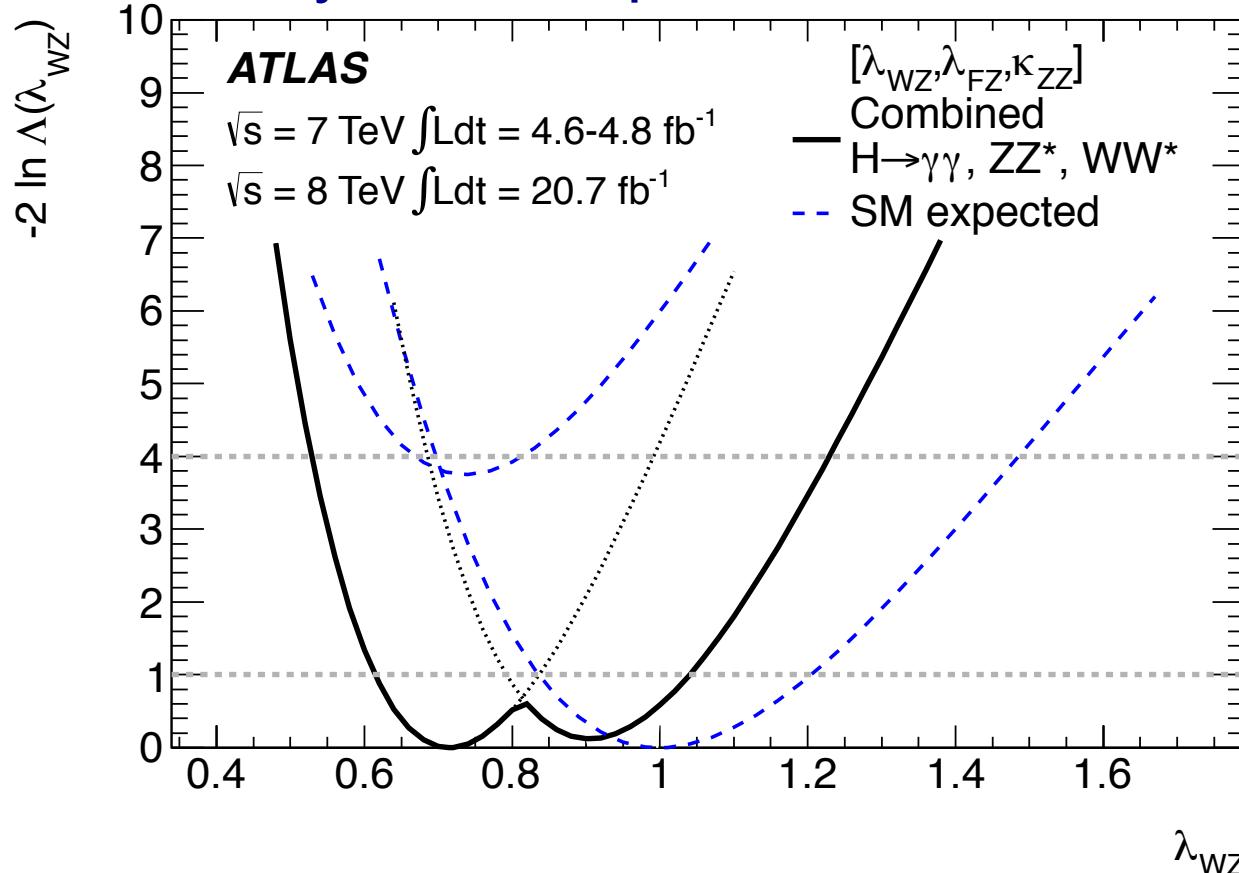


- Data consistent with the SM expectation
- Two-dimensional consistency: 12%
- 68% CL intervals:
  - $\kappa_F : [0.76, 1.18]$
  - $\kappa_V : [1.05, 1.22]$



# Ratio of Couplings to the W and Z bosons

- Assume only one scale factor for fermions:  $\kappa_F = \kappa_t = \kappa_b = \kappa_\tau$
- Custodial symmetry requires  $\lambda_{WZ} := \kappa_W/\kappa_Z = 1$
- Sensitivity via VBF production and  $H \rightarrow WW$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ$

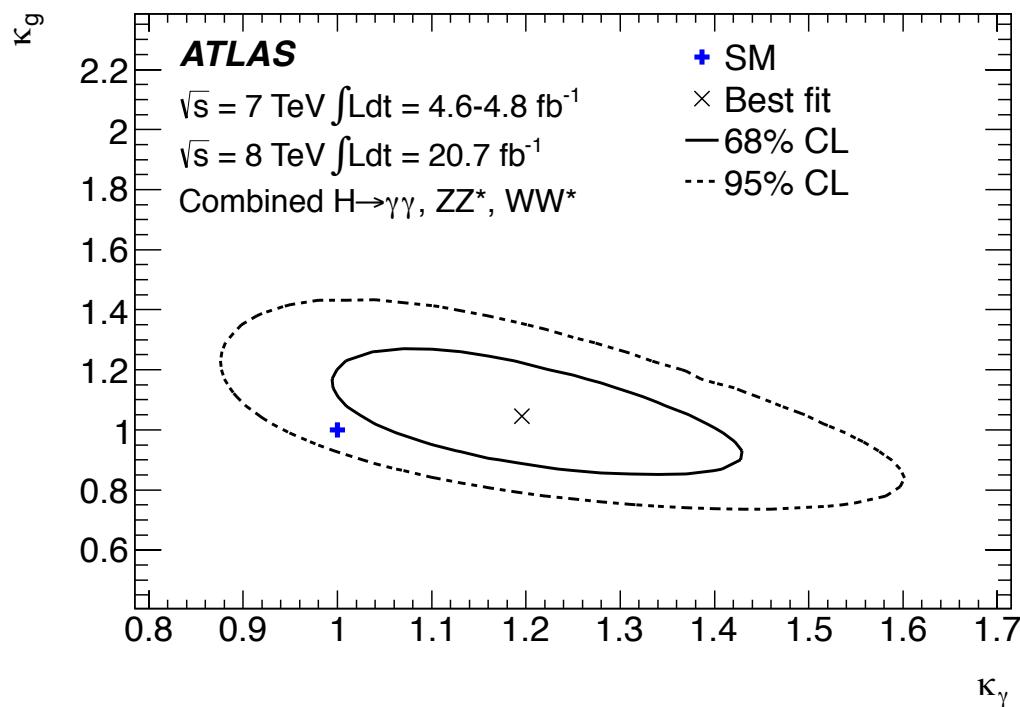


$$\lambda_{WZ} = 0.82 \pm 0.15$$



# Constraints on Production and Decay Loops

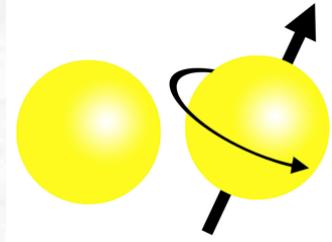
- Test on contributions from other particles contributing to loop-induced processes
- Assume nominal couplings for all SM particles  $\kappa_i = 1$  and that the new particles do not contribute to the Higgs boson width
- Introduce effective scale factors  $\kappa_g$  and  $\kappa_\gamma$



- Best fit between  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  contours: 2d consistency with SM is 14%
- $\kappa_g = 1.04 \pm 0.14$
- $\kappa_\gamma = 1.20 \pm 0.15$



# Spin and Parity

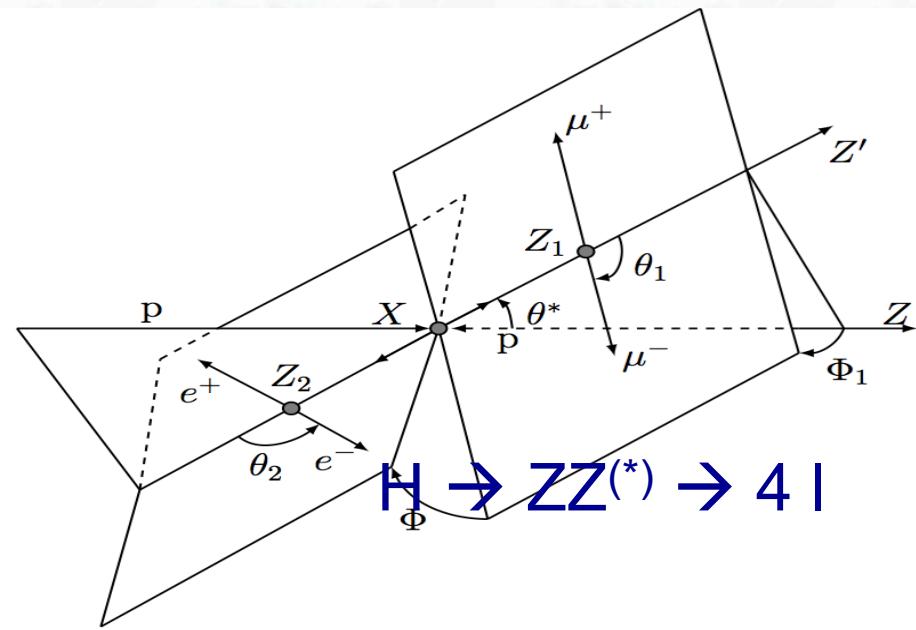


- If Standard Model Higgs boson:  $J^P = 0^+$
- Strategy: falsify other hypotheses: ( $0^-$ ,  $1^-$ ,  $1^+$ ,  $2^-$ ,  $2^+$ ) specific effective models \*)
  - Spin 1: disfavoured by  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays (Landau-Yang theorem)
  - Spin 2: Many parameters, consider graviton-like tensor, equivalent to a Kaluza-Klein graviton
    - Production via gluon fusion and  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation possible;
    - Studies are performed as a function of the  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation fraction  $f_{q\bar{q}}$  (= 4% at LO, however, large uncertainties )
    - Minimal coupling to SM particles:  $2^+_m$  mode

\*) ATLAS results used program in Y. Gao et al, Phys. Rev. D81 (2010) 075022

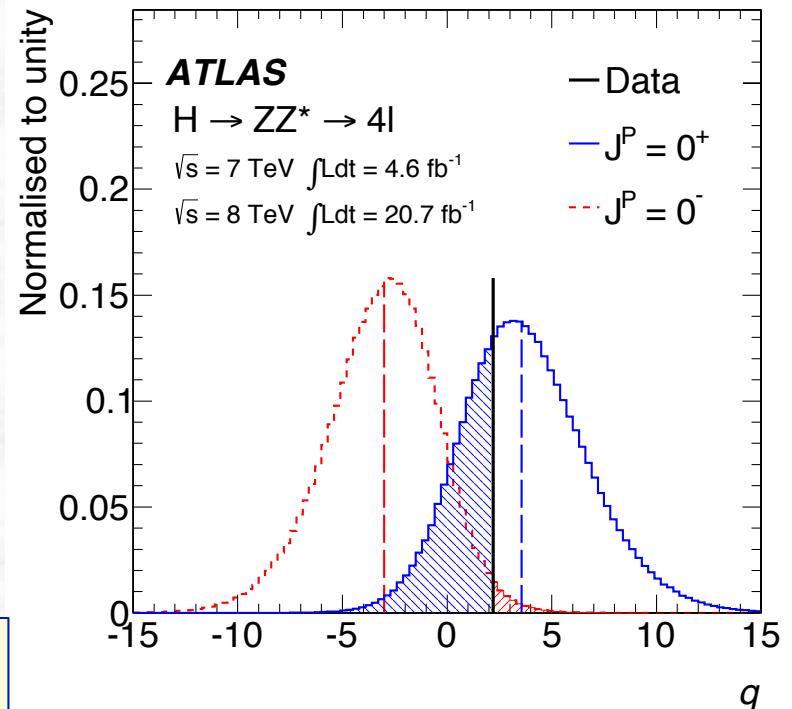
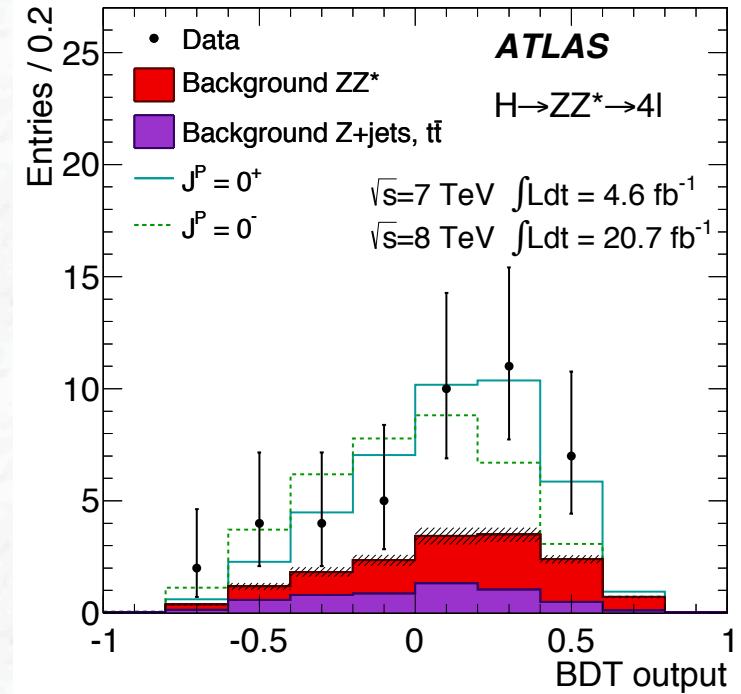


# JP = 0<sup>-</sup> versus JP=0<sup>+</sup>



- Sensitive variables:
  - Masses of the two  $Z$ 's
  - Production angle  $\theta^*$
  - Four decay angles  $\Phi_1, \Phi, \theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$
- Perform multivariate analysis (BDT)
- Compare Data to Log likelihood ratio

**Exclude  $J^P=0^-$  (vs.  $0^+$ ) with 97.8% CL**

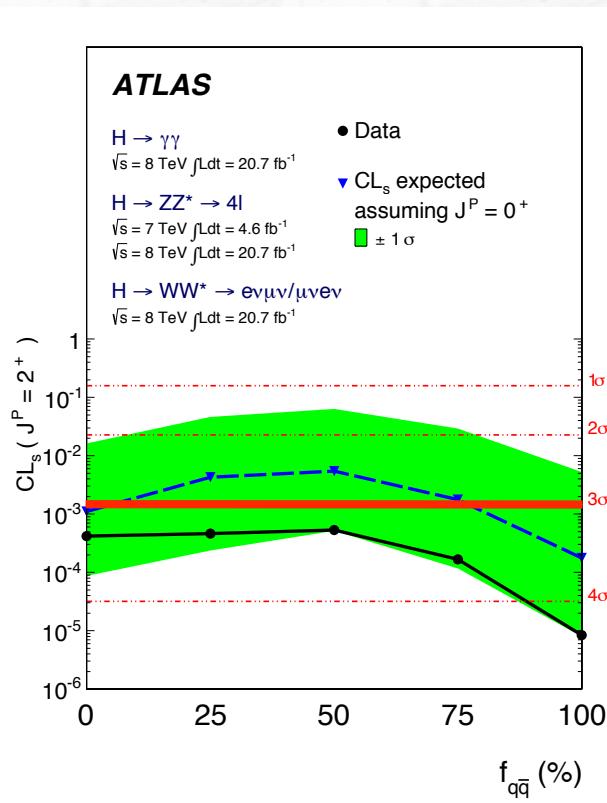




## $J^P = 1^{+/-}$ versus $J^P=0^+$

	$p_0 (0^+)$	CL (1 <sup>+</sup> ) Exclusion	$p_0 (0^+)$	CL (1 <sup>-</sup> ) Exclusion
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$	0.55	99.8%	0.15	94%
$H \rightarrow WW^*$	0.70	92%	0.66	98.3%
Combination	0.62	99.97%	0.33	99.7%

## $J^P = 2^+$ versus $J^P=0^+$



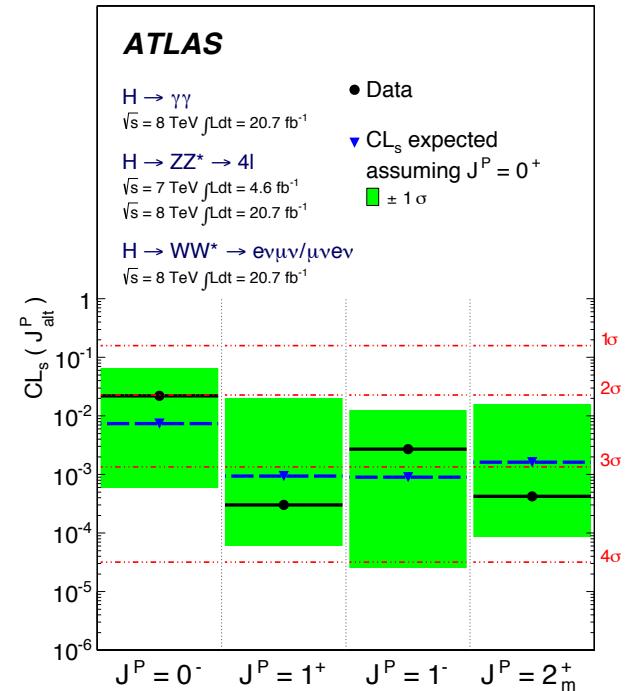
Exclude  $J^P=2^+$  (produced via gluon fusion,  $f_{q\bar{q}} = 0$ ) (vs.  $0^+$ ) via  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays with 99.3% CL

- Combination of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  channels (complementary behaviour as function of  $f_{q\bar{q}}$ )
- Observed exclusion of  $J^P = 2^+$  exceeds 99.9%, independent of  $f_{q\bar{q}}$

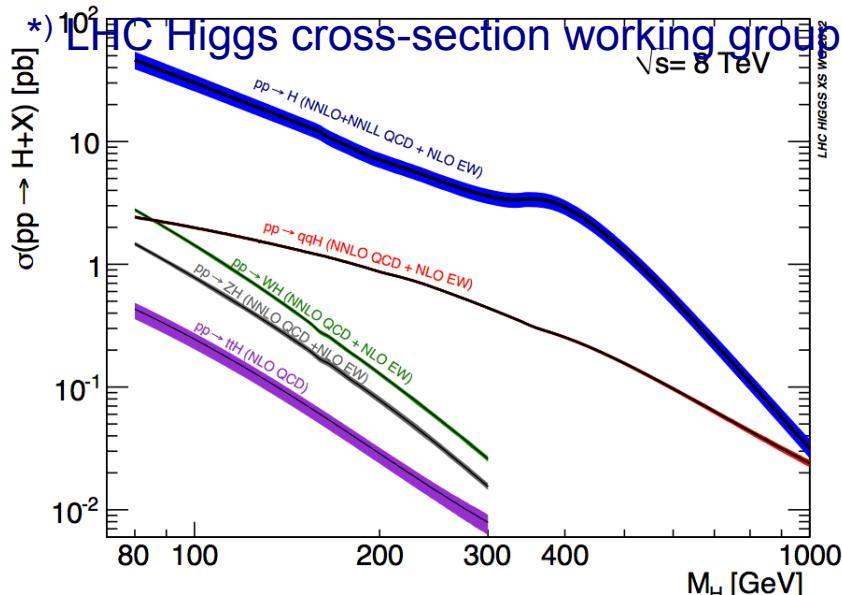


# Conclusions

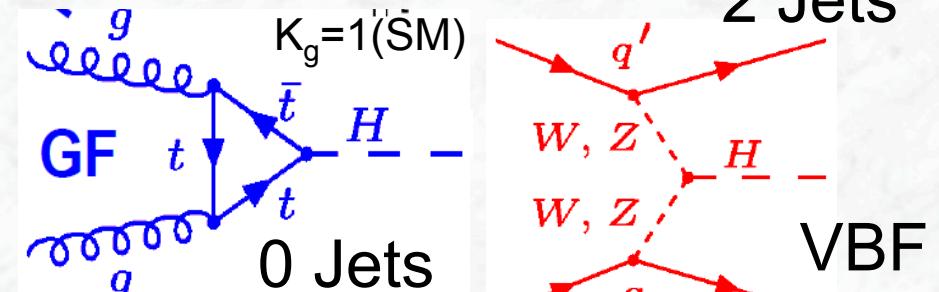
- A milestone discovery made on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2012
- Signals impressively confirmed with additional data; discovery phase turned into the measurement phase
- ATLAS data are consistent with the expectations for the Standard Model Higgs boson
  - Production rates and coupling strengths
  - Evidence for VBF production
  - Evidence for spin-0
- Exciting times ahead of us to study the Higgs boson with higher precision (> 2015) and look for surprises (deviations? more Higgs bosons?)
- More channels covered in Joe Price's talk:  
 $VH \rightarrow Vbb$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $VH \rightarrow VWW^*$ ,  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ,  
 $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ,  $ZH \rightarrow ll+inv$



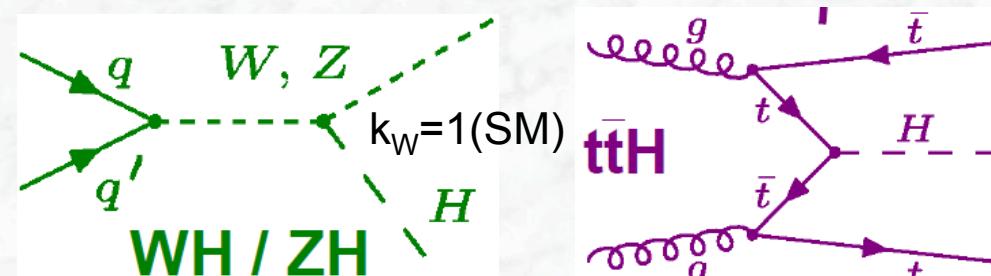
# Higgs Boson Production



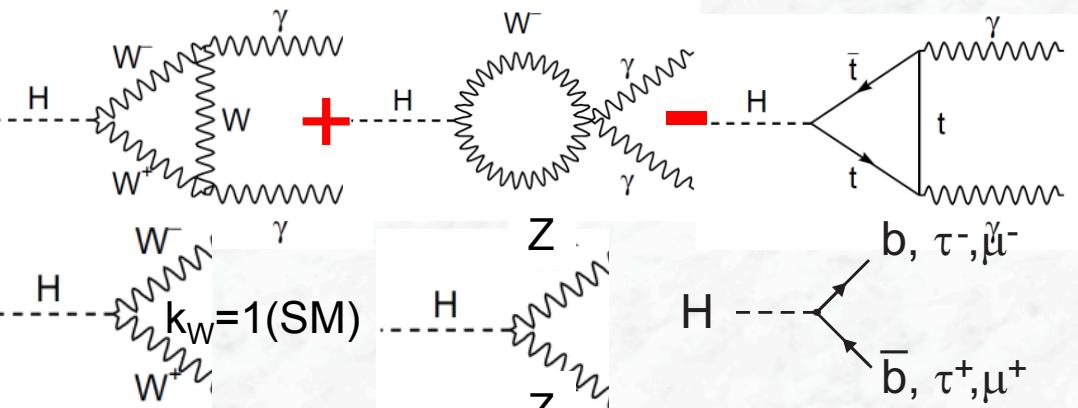
## Boson Fusion



## Associated production: Tag W, Z, T



Experimentally difficult: rare or high background



...and Decay

### SM Branching Ratio $H \rightarrow X$

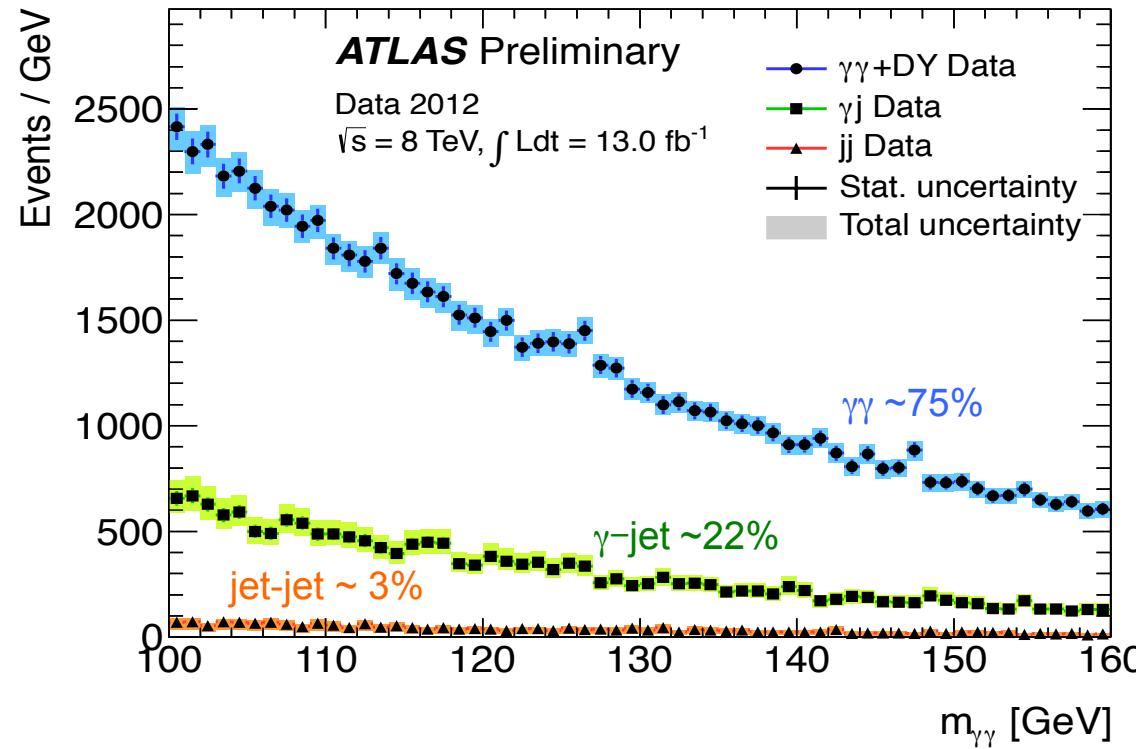
	SM Branching Ratio $H \rightarrow X$		
$bb$	56.9%	$\tau\tau$	6.2%
$WW$	22.3%	$\gamma\gamma$	0.24%
$ZZ$	2.8%	$\mu\mu$	0.022%

Characterize Higgs SM computing by  $k_X$   
 $(=1 \text{ for SM}), X=W,Z,b,t,c,\tau,\mu,\gamma,g$

Experimentally difficult: rare or high background



# Composition of the $\gamma\gamma$ Background



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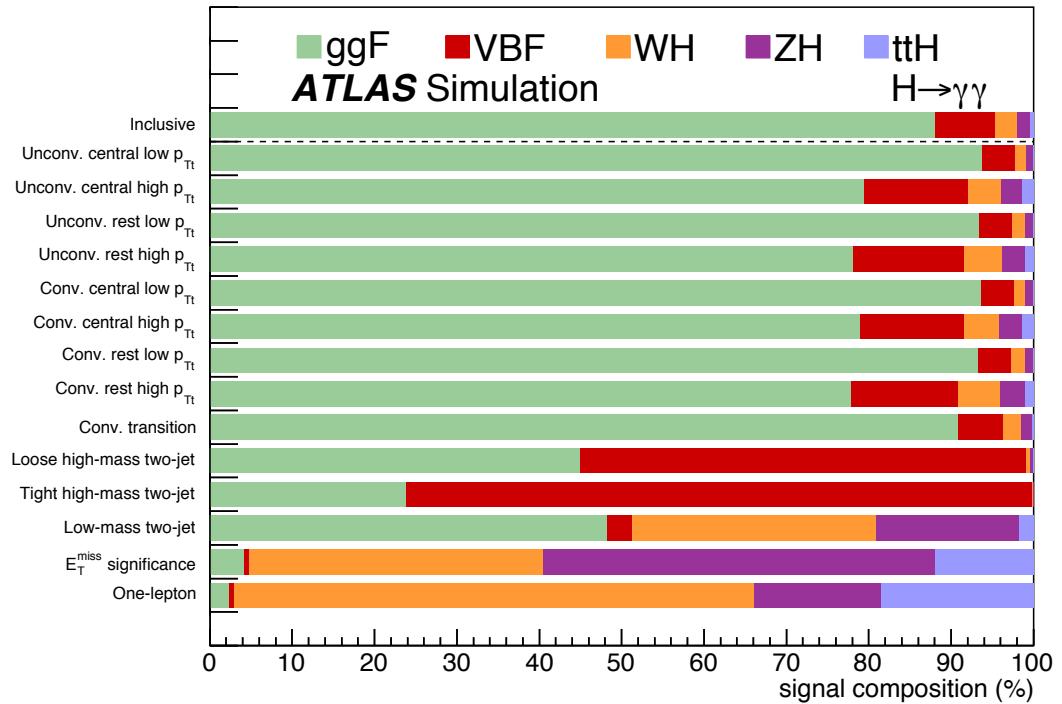
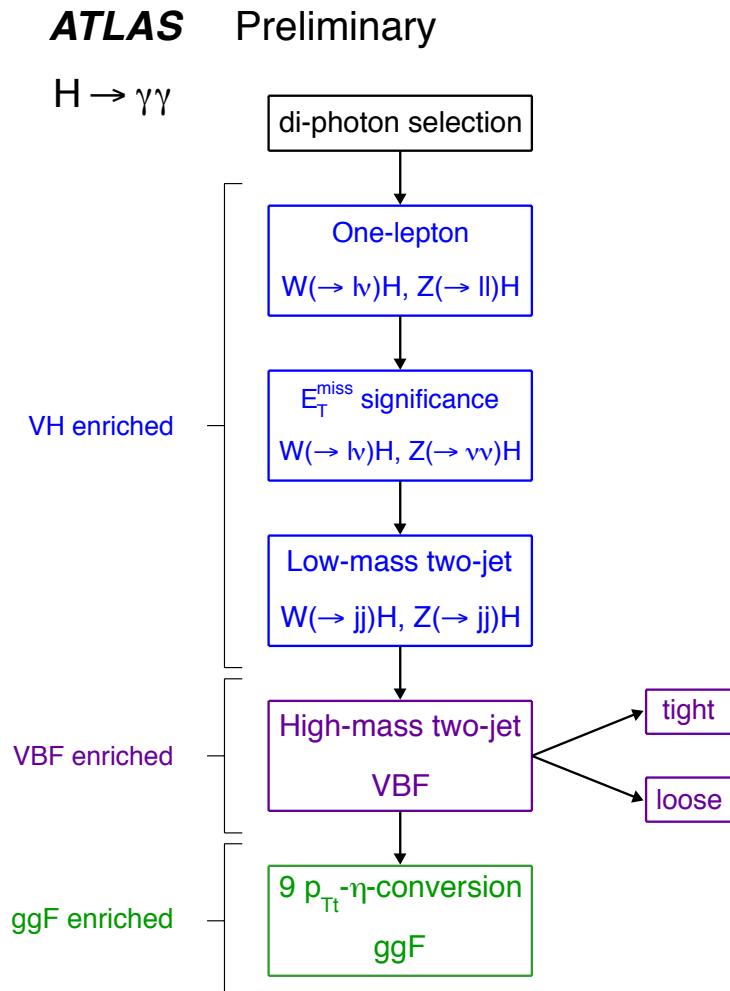
- Reducible  $\gamma$ -jet and jet-jet background at the level of 25%
- Background extrapolation below the excess from sidebands (4<sup>th</sup> order polynomial)



# Categorisation of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Candidate Events

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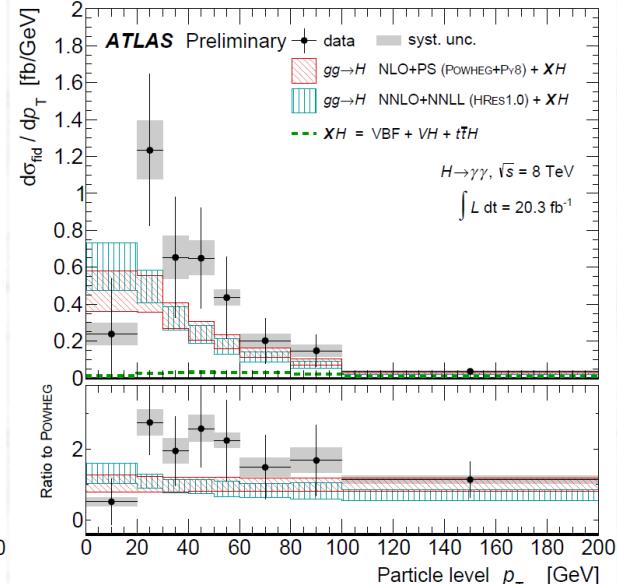
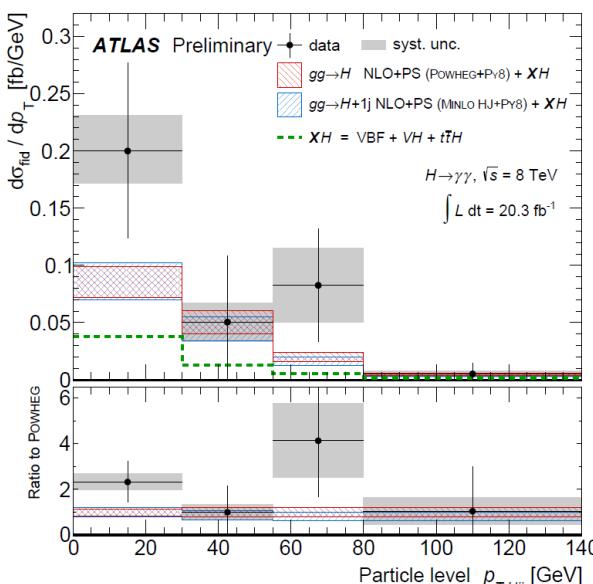
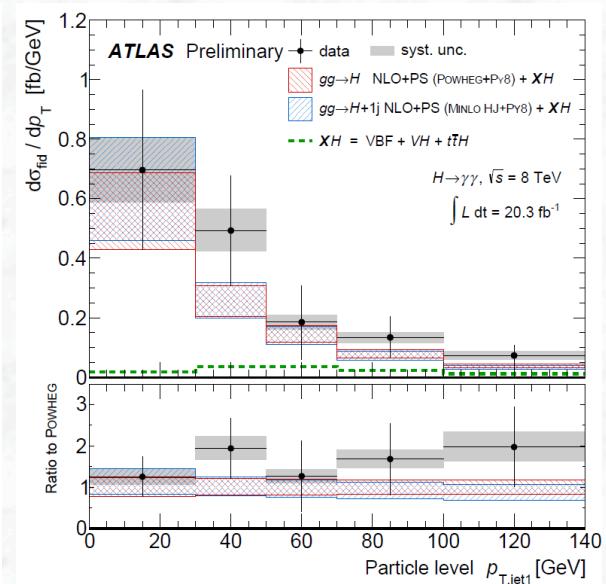
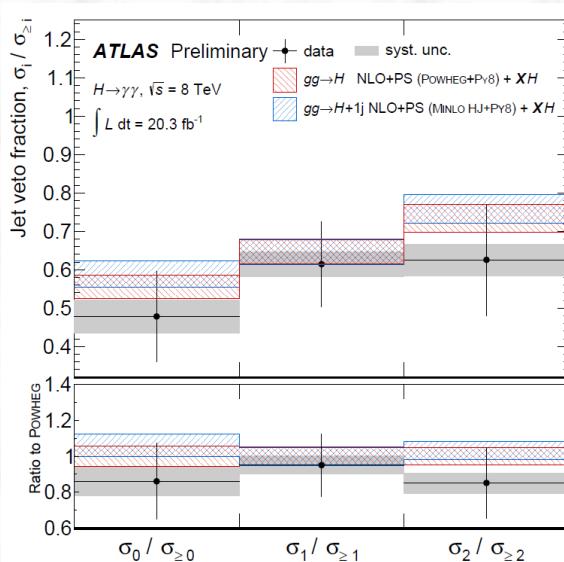
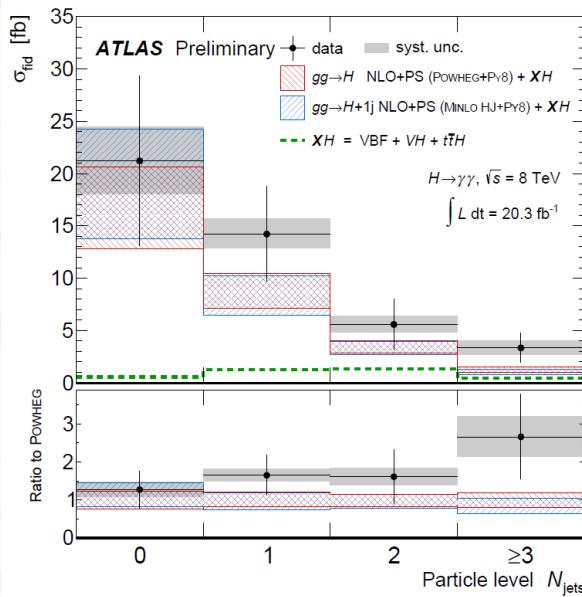
Categorisation: to increase overall sensitivity and sensitivity to different production modes (VBF, VH)

- VH enriched: one-lepton,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- VBF enriched (tag-jet configuration,  $\Delta\eta$ ,  $m_{jj}$ )
- gluon fusion: 9 categories, exploit different mass resolution for different detector regions,  $\gamma\gamma$  conversion status and  $p_{Tt}$

# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Differential Distributions



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Initial state jet radiation  
used to constrain  
production mechanism

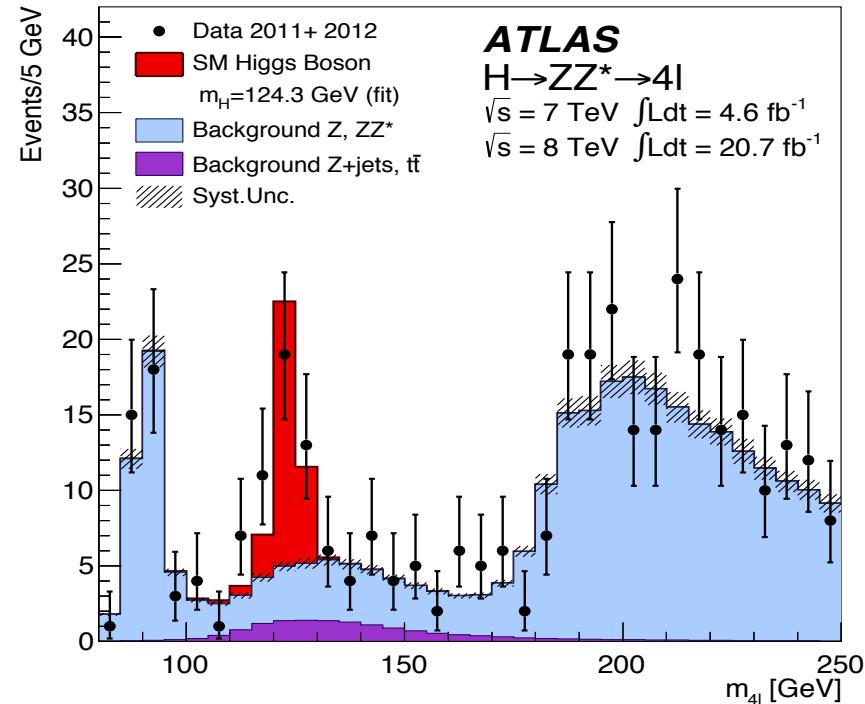
Higgs new dawn of  $\sigma$   
measurements



# 4 $\ell$ Invariant Mass Spectra

Full dataset

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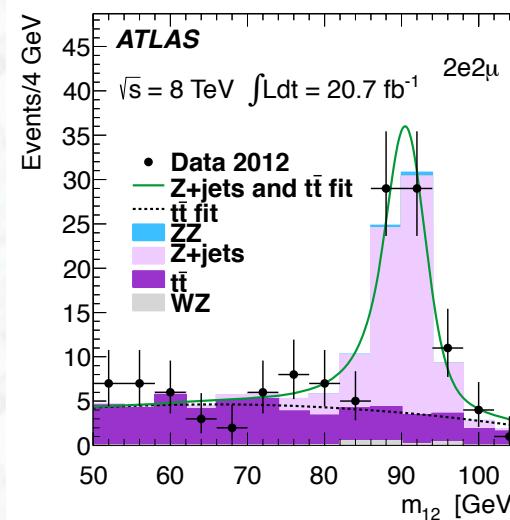
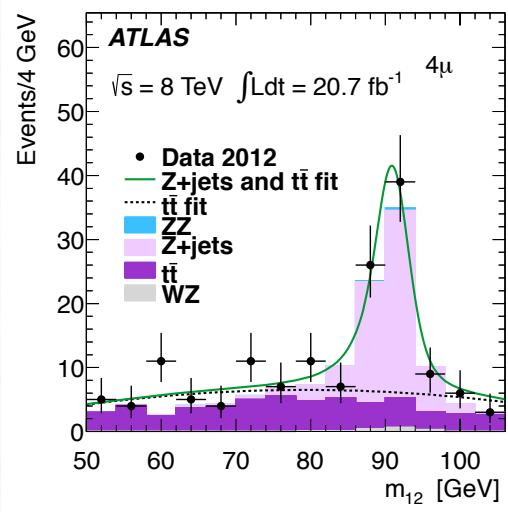


Mass range 120 – 130 GeV	Expected signal	Background	Data
$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$	2.2	2.3	5
$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$	13.7	8.8	27

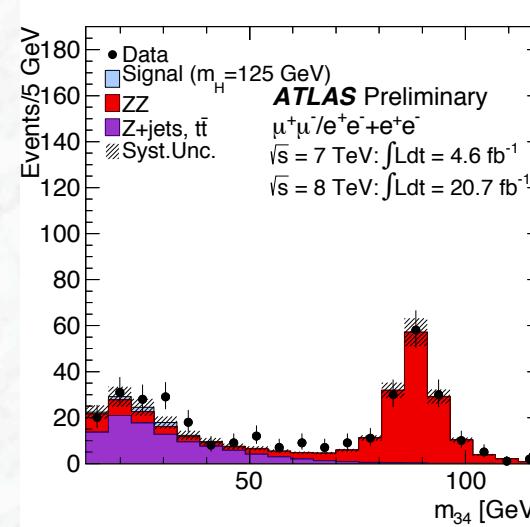
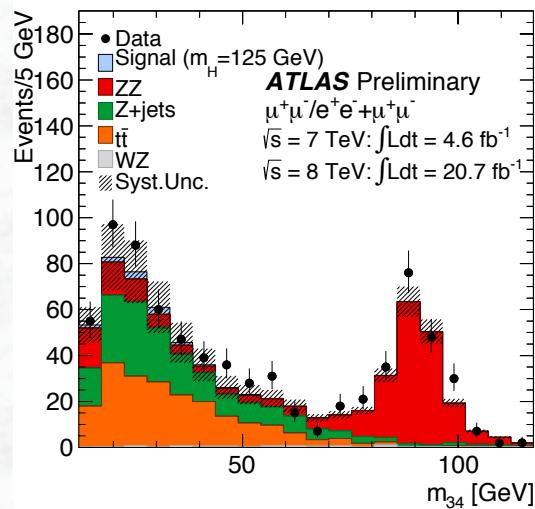
$m_{4\ell} > 160 \text{ GeV}$ : 376 events observed  
 $348 \pm 26$  expected from  
 $\sqrt{s} = 7 + 8 \text{ TeV}$  background (mainly  $ZZ$ )



# Background Estimates



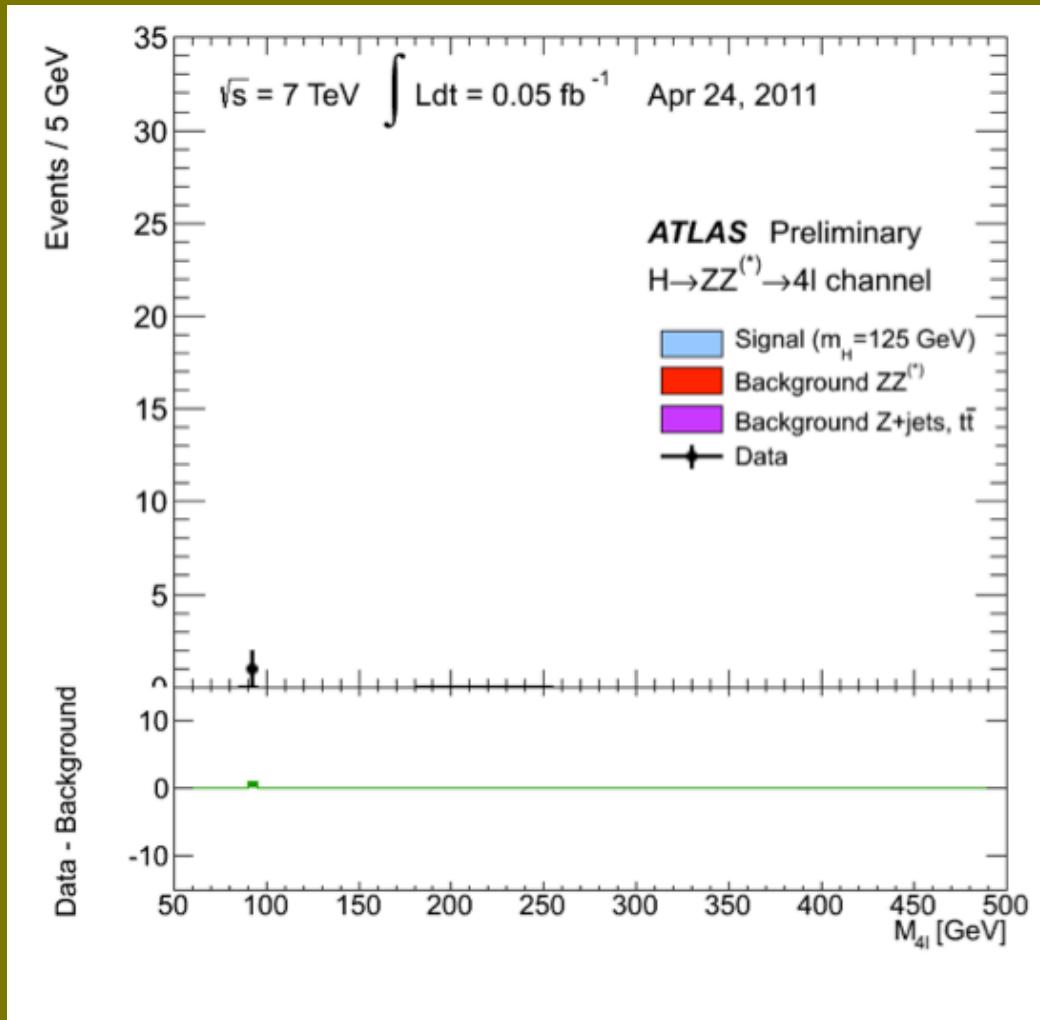
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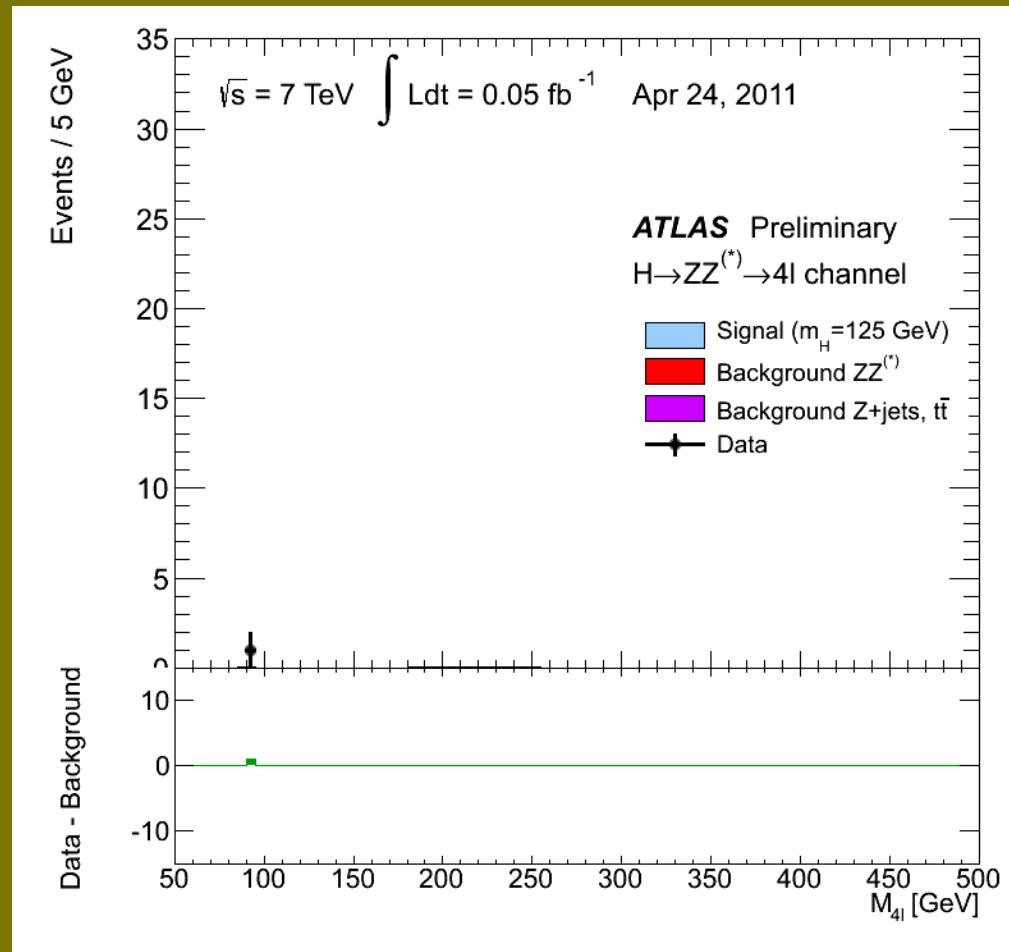
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- Irreducible ZZ\* background taken from Monte Carlo simulation
- Reducible Z+jets and tt background: measured using various background-enriched control regions and transferred to signal region using Monte Carlo simulation

# Time Evolution of the $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ Signal



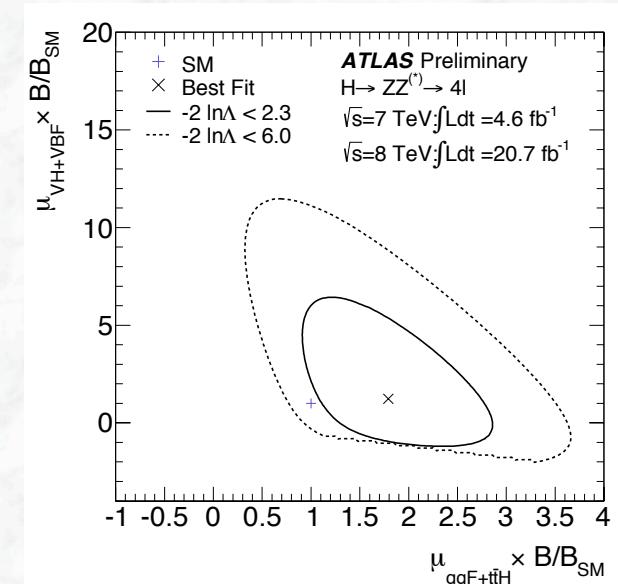
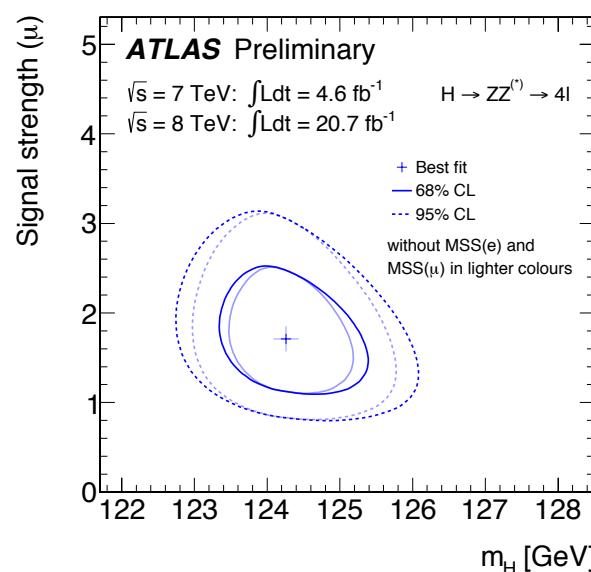
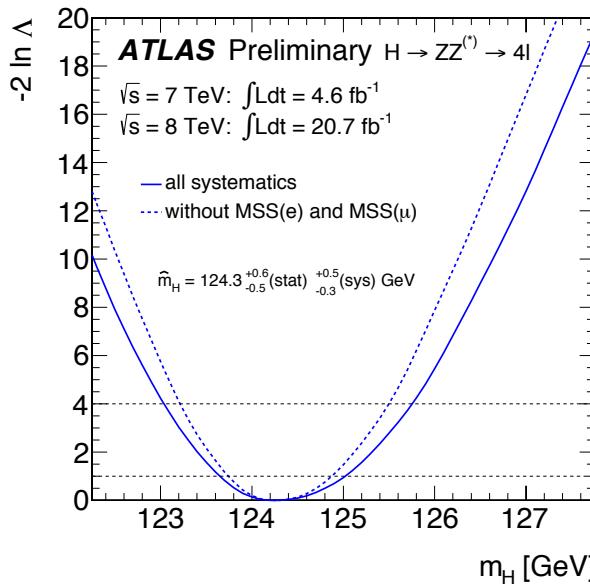
# Time Evolution of the $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ Signal





# Mass and Signal Strength for $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$

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Mass:

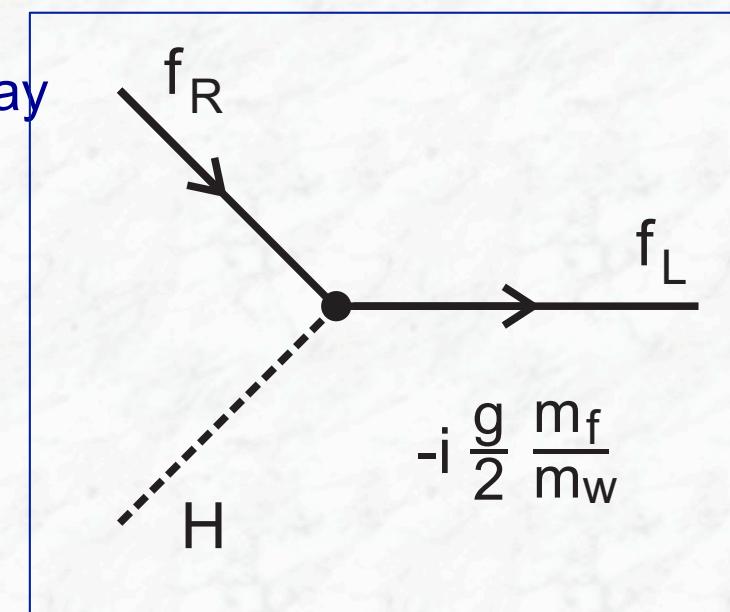
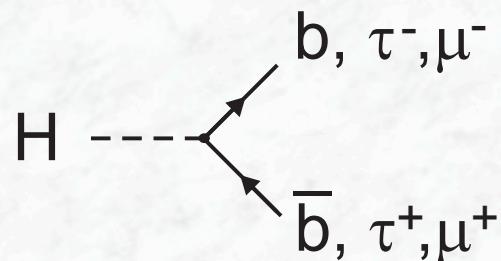
$$m_H = 124.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$$

Signal strength:

$$\mu = 1.7 \pm 0.5$$

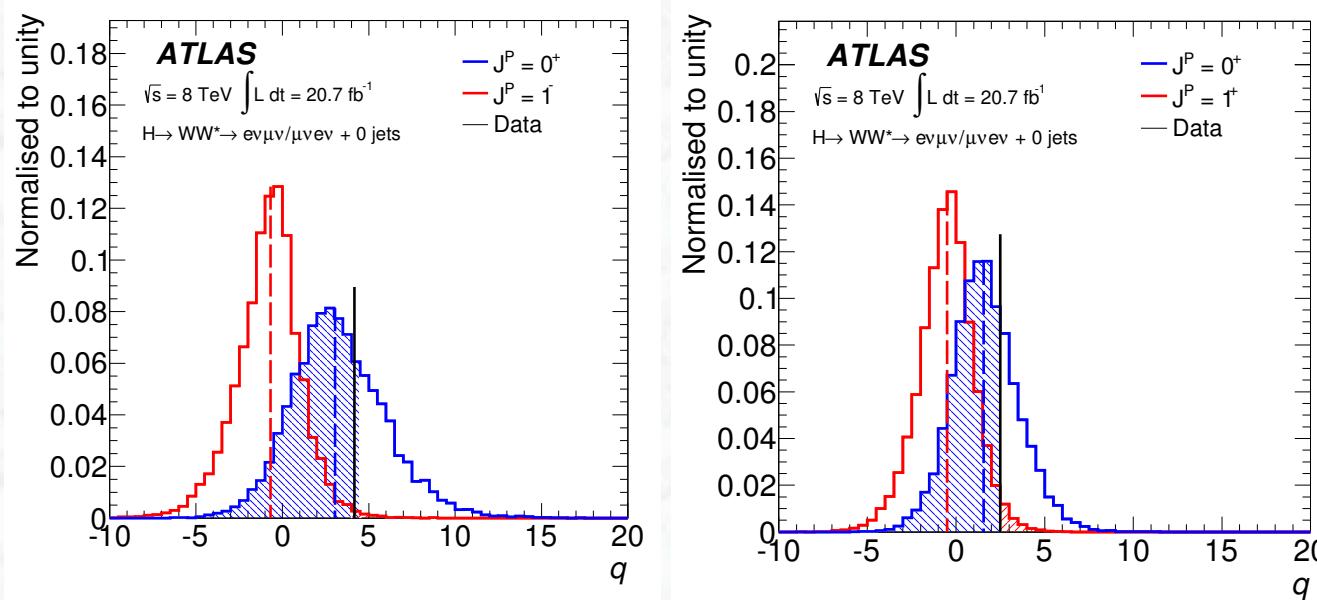
# Couplings to quarks and leptons ?

- Search for  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $H \rightarrow bb$  decays
- Search for the rare  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay



# $J^P = 1^{+-}$ versus $J^P=0^+$ using $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ and $H \rightarrow WW^*$ events

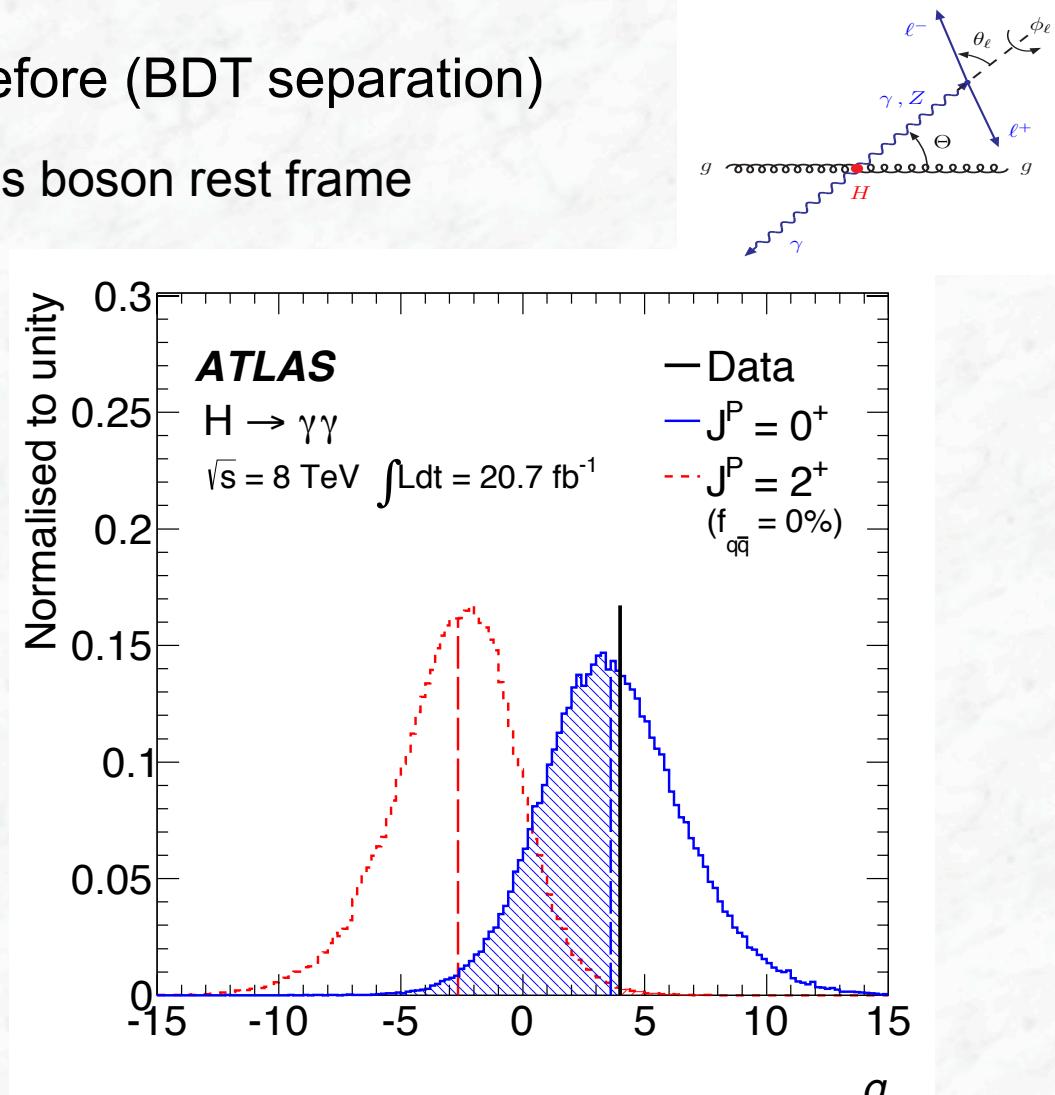
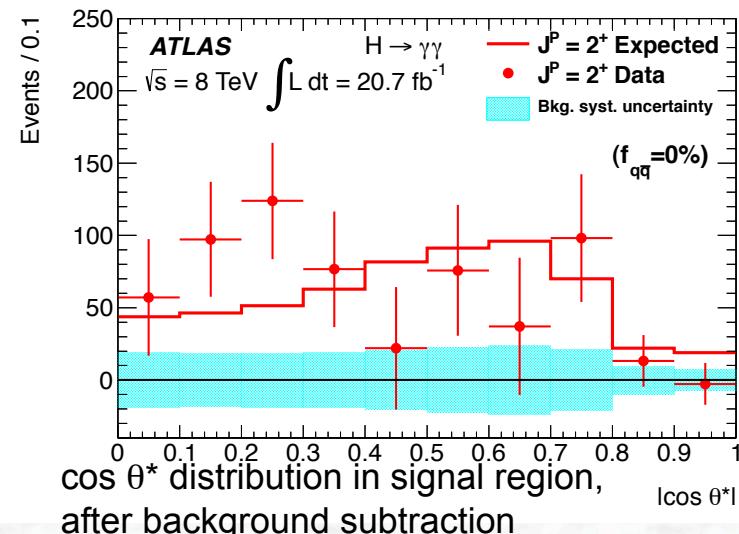
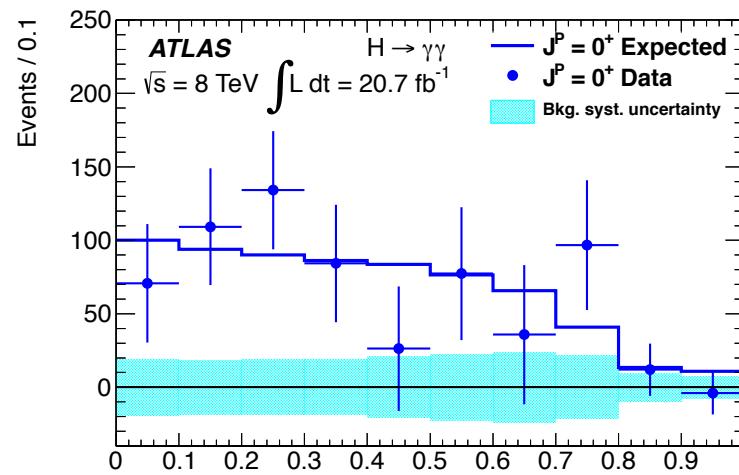
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ , as before: BDT separation based on masses and angles
- $H \rightarrow WW^*$ :  $m_{||}, \Delta\phi_{||} \dots$  carry information on spin  
Combine variables using BDT analysis



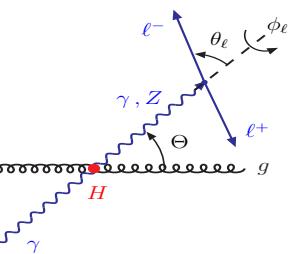
	$p_0 (0^+)$	CL (1 <sup>+</sup> ) Exclusion	$p_0 (0^+)$	CL (1 <sup>-</sup> ) Exclusion
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Combination	0.62	99.97%	0.33	99.7%

# $J^P = 2^+$ versus $J^P=0^+$ using $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ , and $H \rightarrow WW^*$ events

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  as before (BDT separation)
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : use decay angle in Higgs boson rest frame (Collins-Soper angle)



Exclude  $J^P=2^+$  (produced via gluon fusion,  $f_{q\bar{q}}=0$ )  
 (vs.  $0^+$ ) via  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays with 99.3% CL



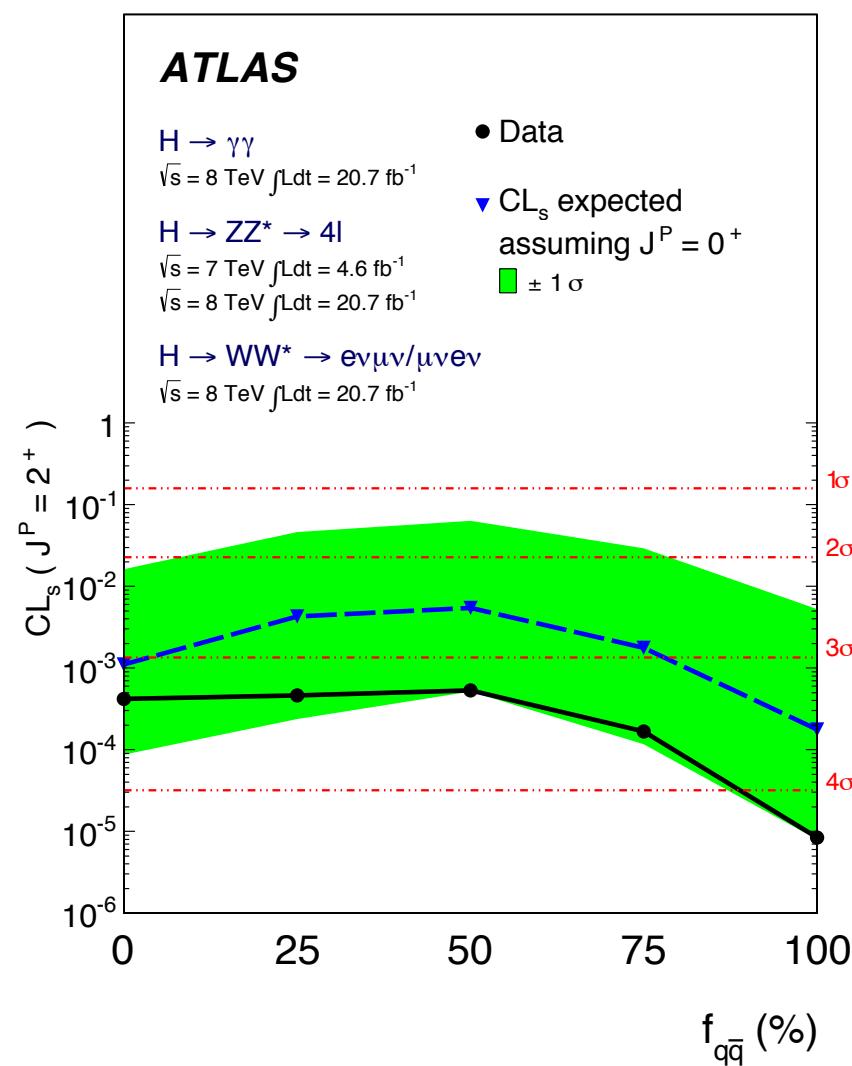
# $J^P = 2^+$ Exclusion as Function of $f_{q\bar{q}}$

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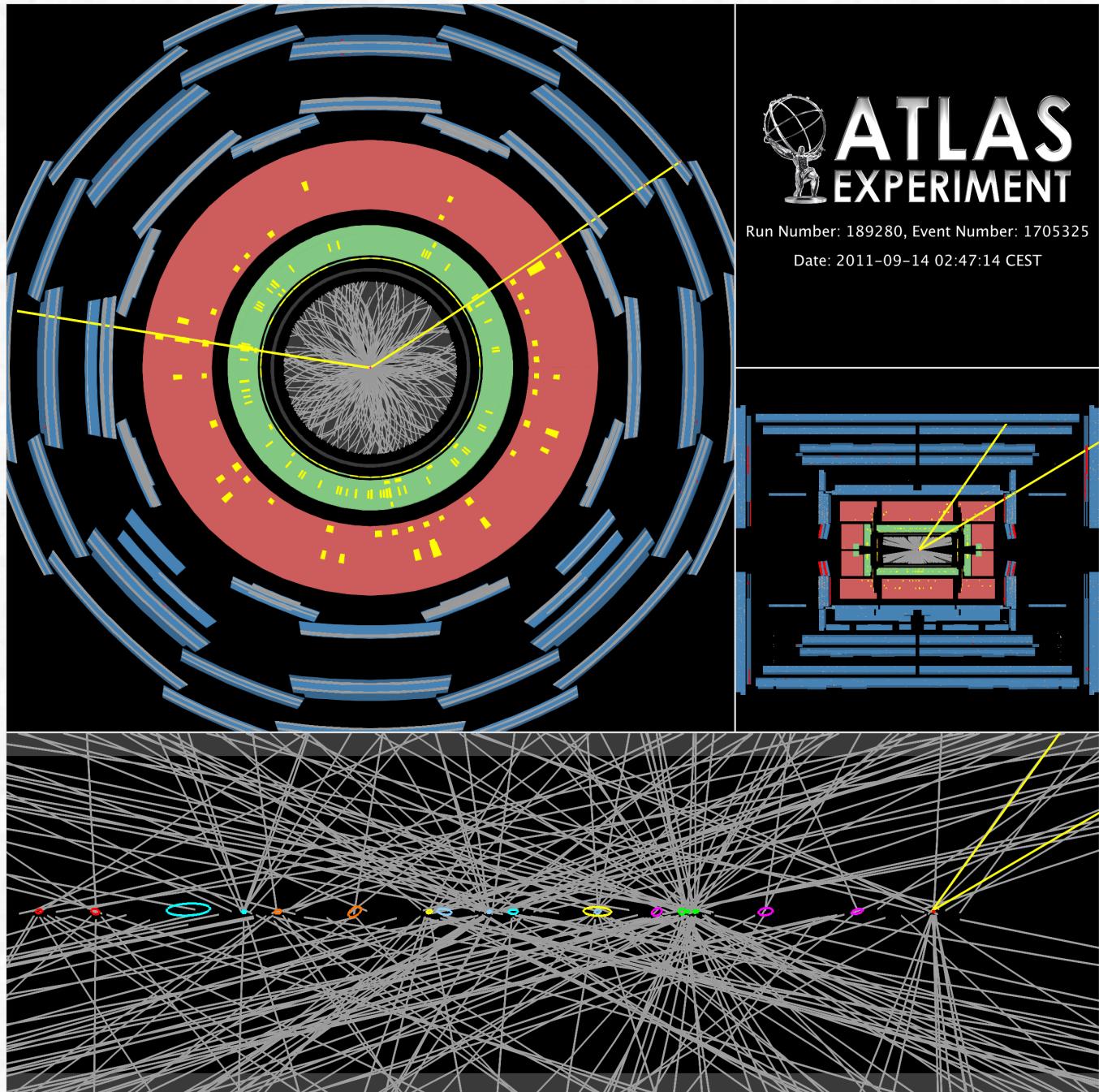
- Combination of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  channels

(complementary behaviour  
as function of  $f_{q\bar{q}}$ )

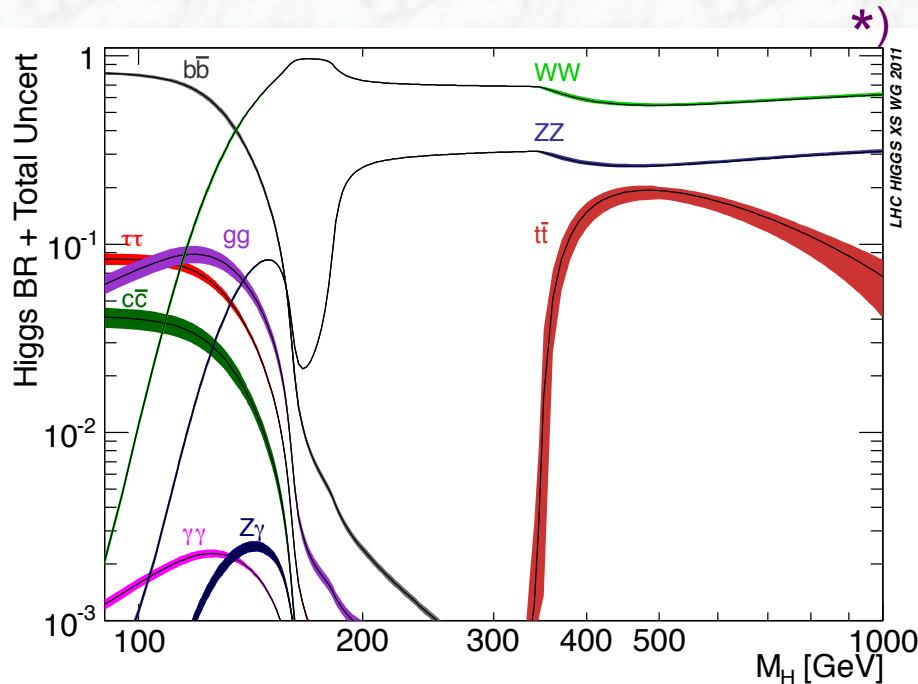
- Observed exclusion of  $J^P = 2^+$   
(versus the SM  $J^P = 0^+$ )  
exceeds 99.9%, independent of  $f_{q\bar{q}}$



# $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ with 20 superimposed events



# Higgs Boson Decays

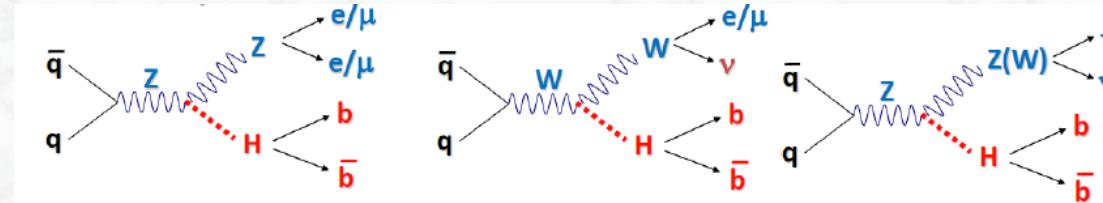


Useful decays at a hadron collider:

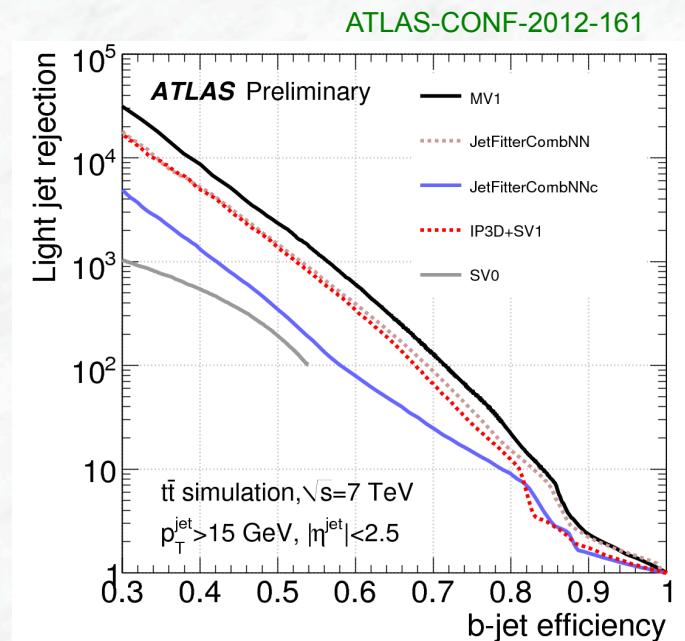
- Final states with leptons via WW and ZZ decays
- $\gamma\gamma$  final states (despite small branching ratio)
- $\tau\tau$  final states (more difficult)
- In addition:  $H \rightarrow bb$  decays via associated lepton signatures (VBF, VH or ttH production)

\*) LHC Higgs cross-section working group

# Search for VH Production with $H \rightarrow bb$ decays



- Exploit three leptonic vector boson decay modes  
→ split analysis in 0, 1, and 2-lepton categories
  - Require 2 b-tagged jets  
(working point for 70% efficiency)
  - Major background: W/Z bb, W+jets, tt
  - Signal-to-background ratio improves for  
“boosted Higgs boson”,  
split analysis in bins of  $p_T(V)$
- in total: 15 categories (0,1,2 jets  $\times p_T$  bins)

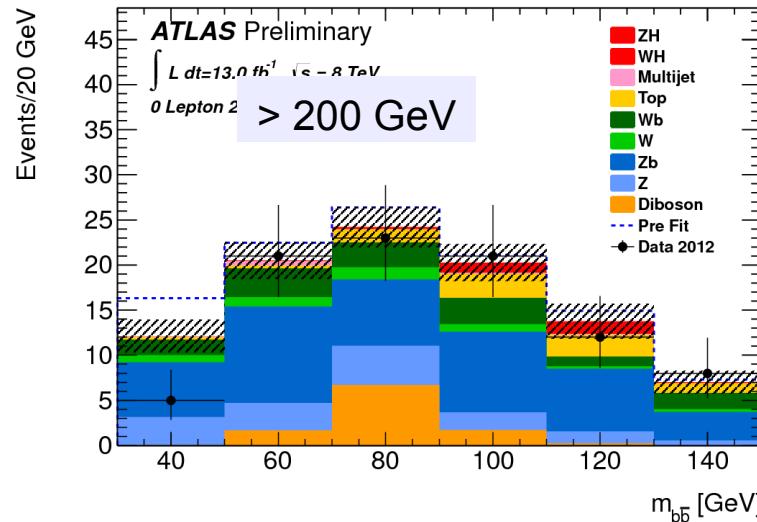




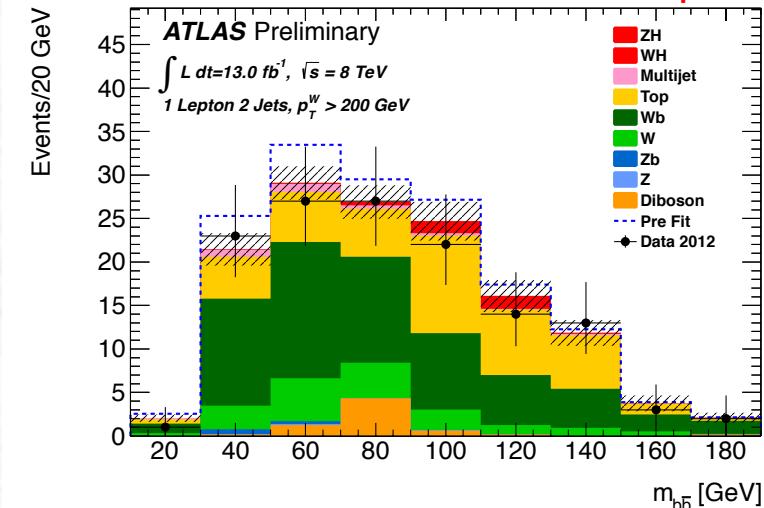
# Reconstructed Mass Distributions

-8 TeV, L = 13 fb<sup>-1</sup> (a selection)-

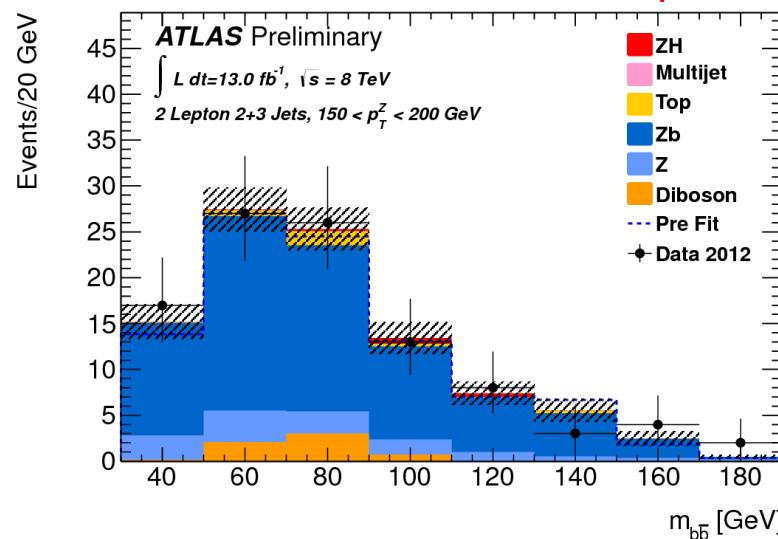
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1 – lepton



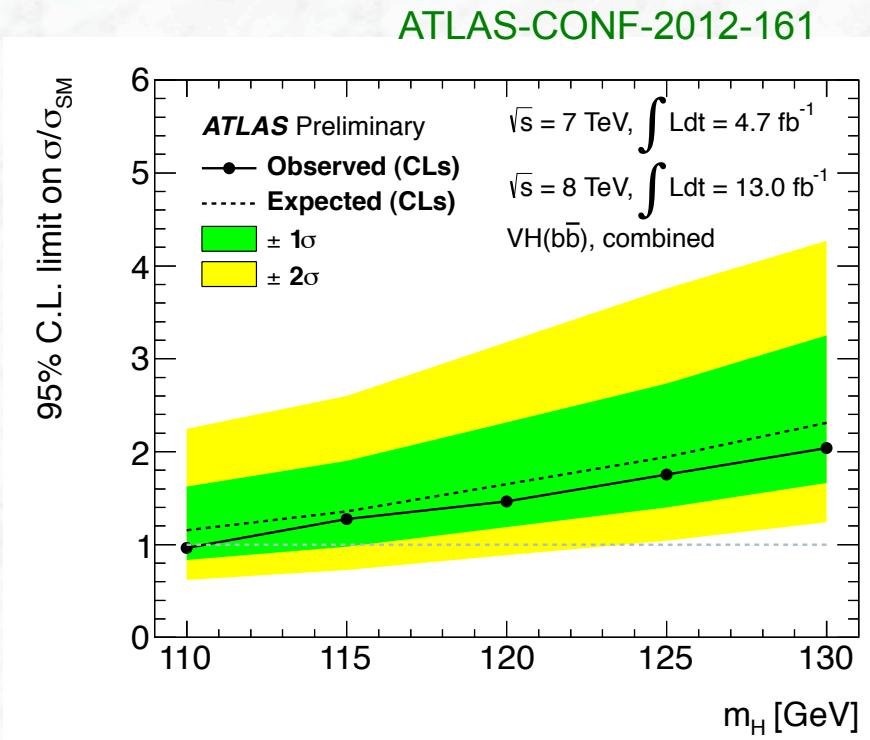
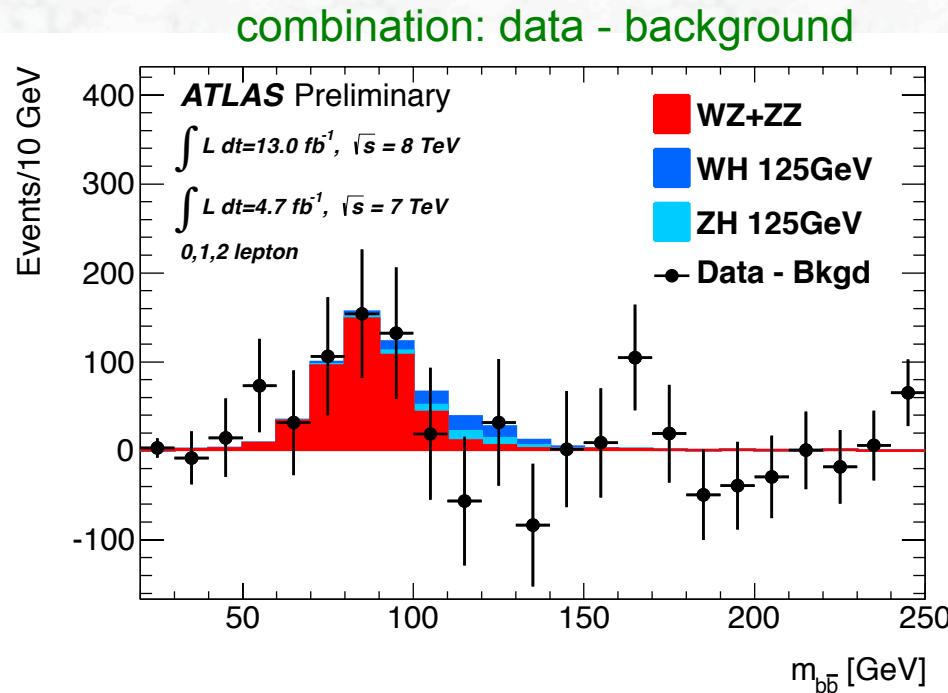
2 leptons



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# Results on the Search for $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decays



Di-boson signal established  
(important “calibration” signal)

$$\mu_{WZ+WW} = 1.09 \pm 0.20 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.22 \text{ (syst)}$$

Updated analysis, including the full data sample expected soon

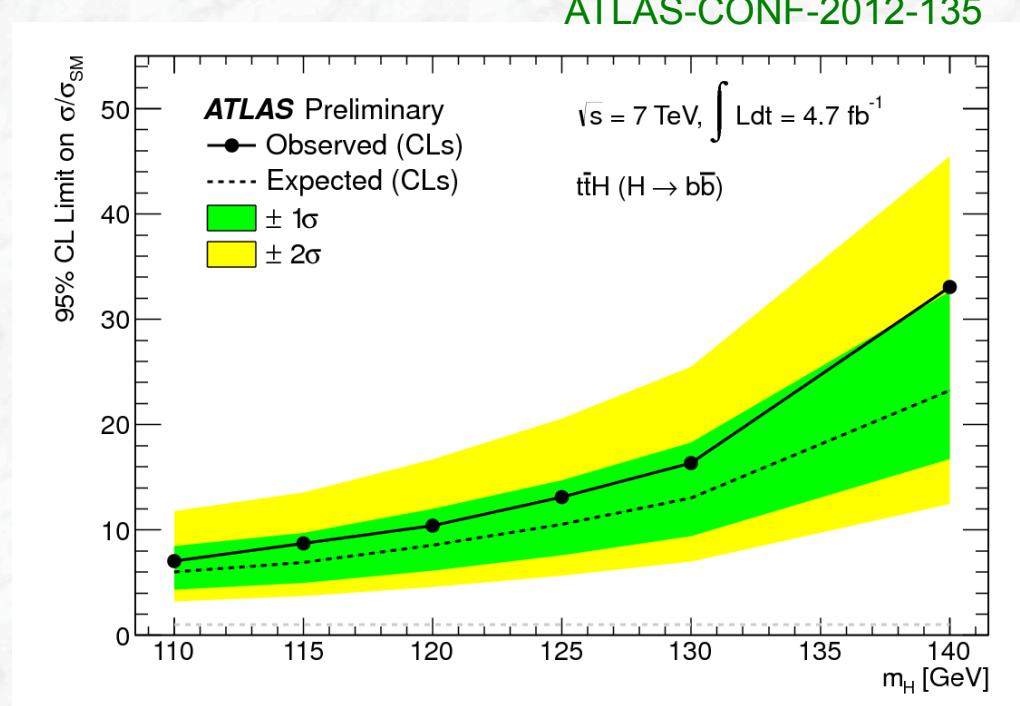
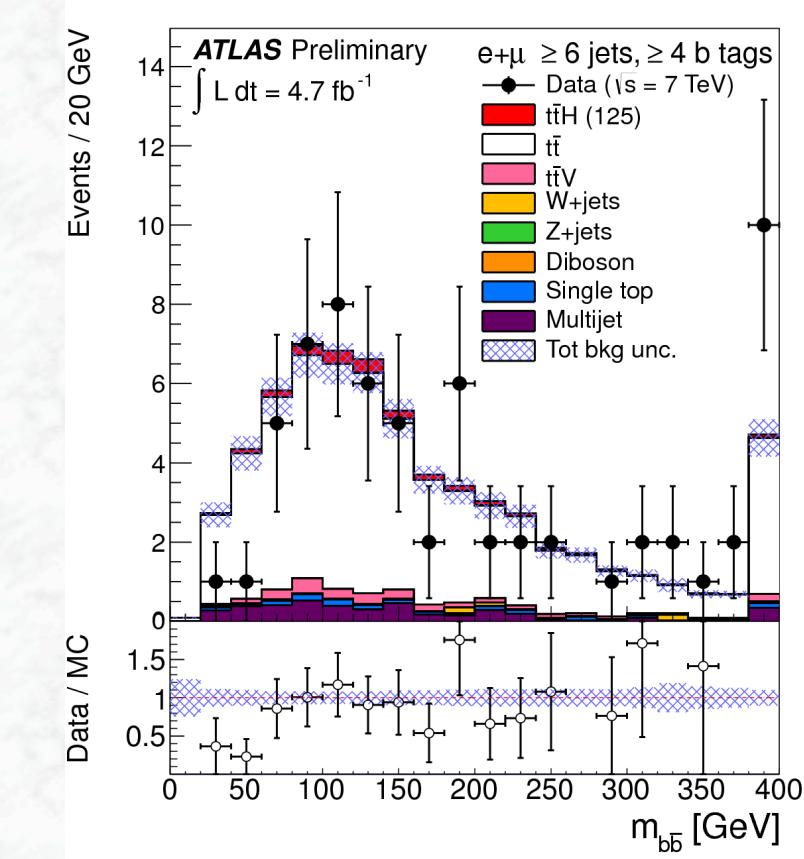
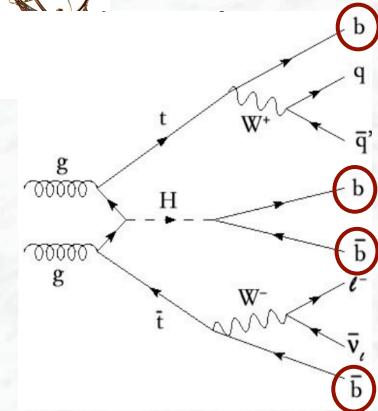
$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}:$

Observed 95% CL:  $1.8 \sigma_{\text{SM}}$   
Expected  $1.9 \sigma_{\text{SM}}$

$$\mu_H = -0.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.8 \text{ (syst)}$$



# Results on the Search for $t\bar{t}H$ , $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

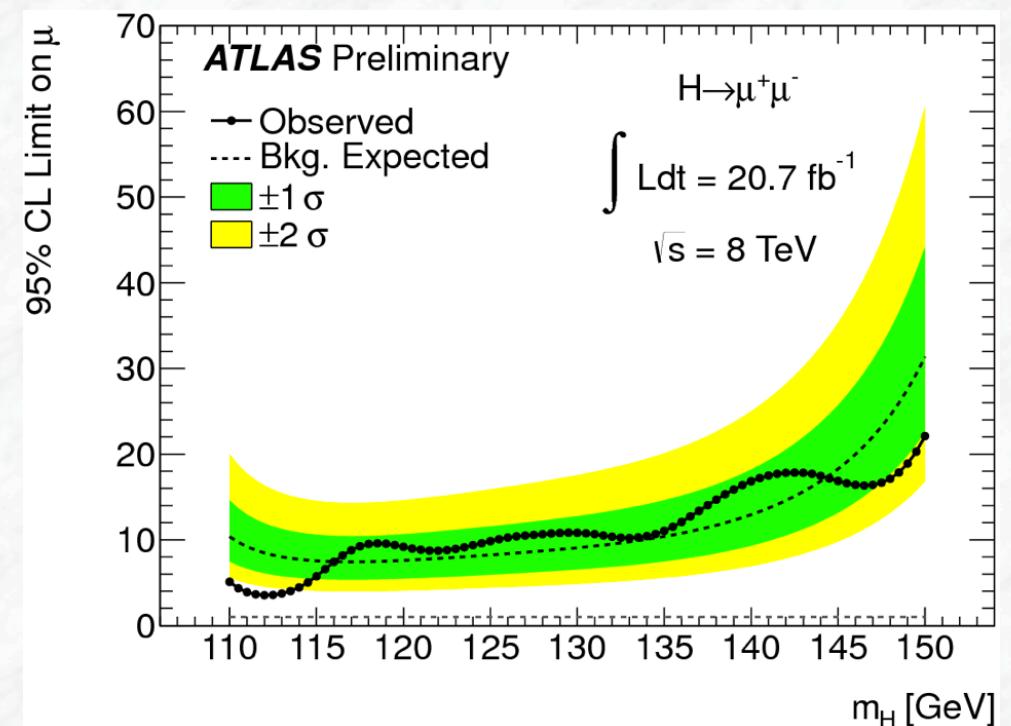
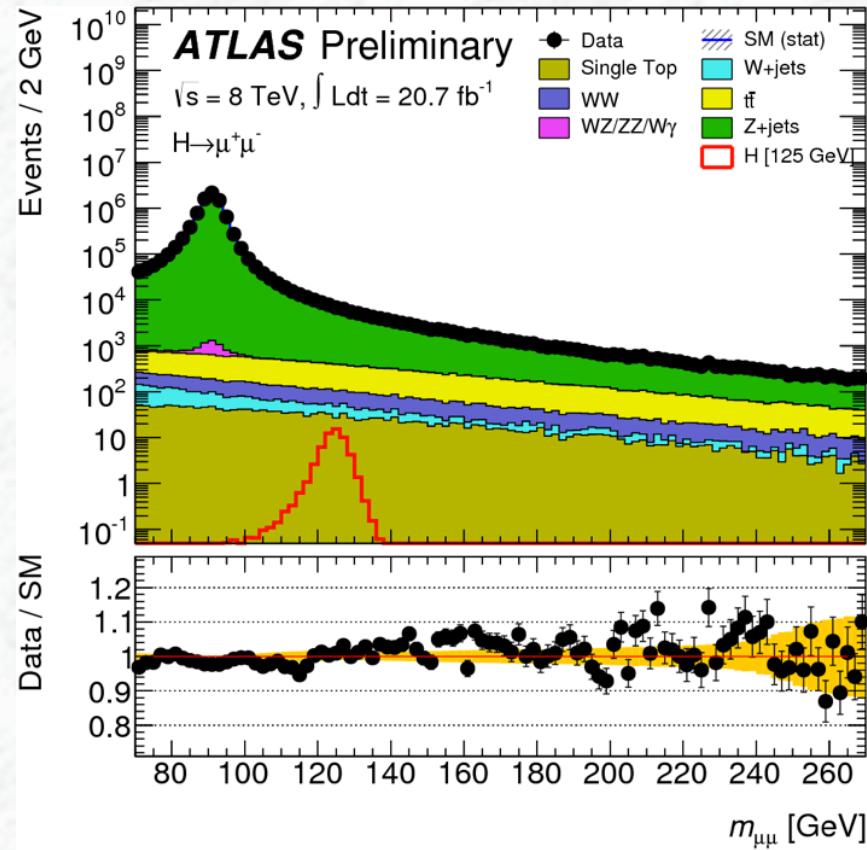


$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}:$

Observed 95% CL:  $13.1 \sigma_{\text{SM}}$   
 Expected  $10.5 \sigma_{\text{SM}}$



# Results on the Search for $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

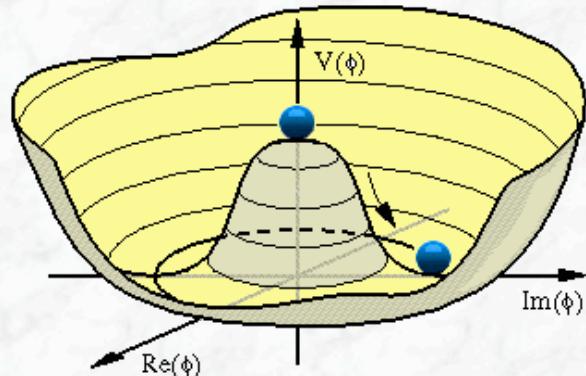


$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}:$

Observed 95% CL:  $9.8 \sigma_{\text{SM}}$   
Expected  $8.2 \sigma_{\text{SM}}$

# Electroweak Symmetry Breaking

-a cornerstone of the Standard Model-



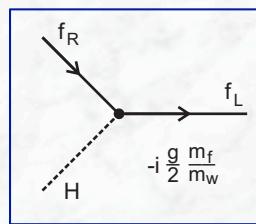
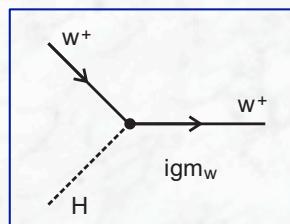
Complex scalar (spin 0) field  $\phi$  with potential:

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2(\phi^* \phi) + \lambda(\phi^* \phi)^2$$

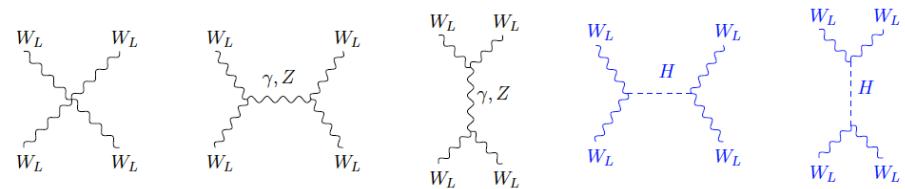
$$\lambda > 0, \mu^2 < 0:$$

→ vacuum expectation value  $v = 246 \text{ GeV}$

- Coupling proportional to mass of Standard Model particles



- Higgs boson,  $m_H < \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
- “Ultraviolet regulator”



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# Statistical Treatment

- All results are based on profile likelihood method

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

$\mu$  = parameter(s) of interest  
 $\theta$  = nuisance parameters

- $L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})$  Unconditional maximum likelihood estimate  
( $\mu$  and  $\theta$  adjusted to maximise  $L$ )
- $L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))$  Conditional maximum likelihood estimate:  
(a specific  $\mu$  value (fixed),  $\theta$  adjusted to maximise  $L$  for this  $\mu$ )
- $-2 \ln \Lambda(\mu)$  follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $n$  d.o.f. ( $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$ )
- Nuisance parameters  $\theta$  are constraint by probability density functions  
(Gaussian constraints, log-normal distributions, Poisson,...  
also explored: “rectangular” pdfs for some specific systematic uncertainties)



## Categorisation of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Candidate Events, $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

Category	$\sigma_{CB}$ (GeV)	8 TeV			
		Observed	$N_S$	$N_B$	$N_S/N_B$
Unconv. central, low $p_{Tt}$	1.50	911	46.6	881	0.05
Unconv. central, high $p_{Tt}$	1.40	49	7.1	44	0.16
Unconv. rest, low $p_{Tt}$	1.74	4611	97.1	4347	0.02
Unconv. rest, high $p_{Tt}$	1.69	292	14.4	247	0.06
Conv. central, low $p_{Tt}$	1.68	722	29.8	687	0.04
Conv. central, high $p_{Tt}$	1.54	39	4.6	31	0.15
Conv. rest, low $p_{Tt}$	2.01	4865	88.0	4657	0.02
Conv. rest, high $p_{Tt}$	1.87	276	12.9	266	0.05
Conv. transition	2.52	2554	36.1	2499	0.01
Loose High-mass two-jet	1.71	40	4.8	28	0.17
Tight High-mass two-jet	1.64	24	7.3	13	0.57
Low-mass two-jet	1.62	21	3.0	21	0.14
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ significance	1.74	8	1.1	4	0.24
One-lepton	1.75	19	2.6	12	0.20
Inclusive	1.77	14025	355.5	13280	0.03

Signal mass resolution ( $\sigma_{CB}$ ), signal ( $N_S$ ) and background ( $N_B$ ) numbers in a mass window around  $m_H = 126.5$  GeV containing 90% of the expected signal events