

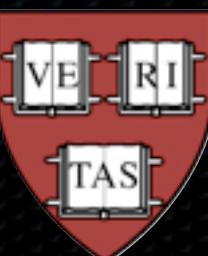
# Diboson production and Standard Model Higgs searches with the **ATLAS** Detector at the Large Hadron Collider

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# Production Rates at Hadron Colliders

## Tevatron timeline

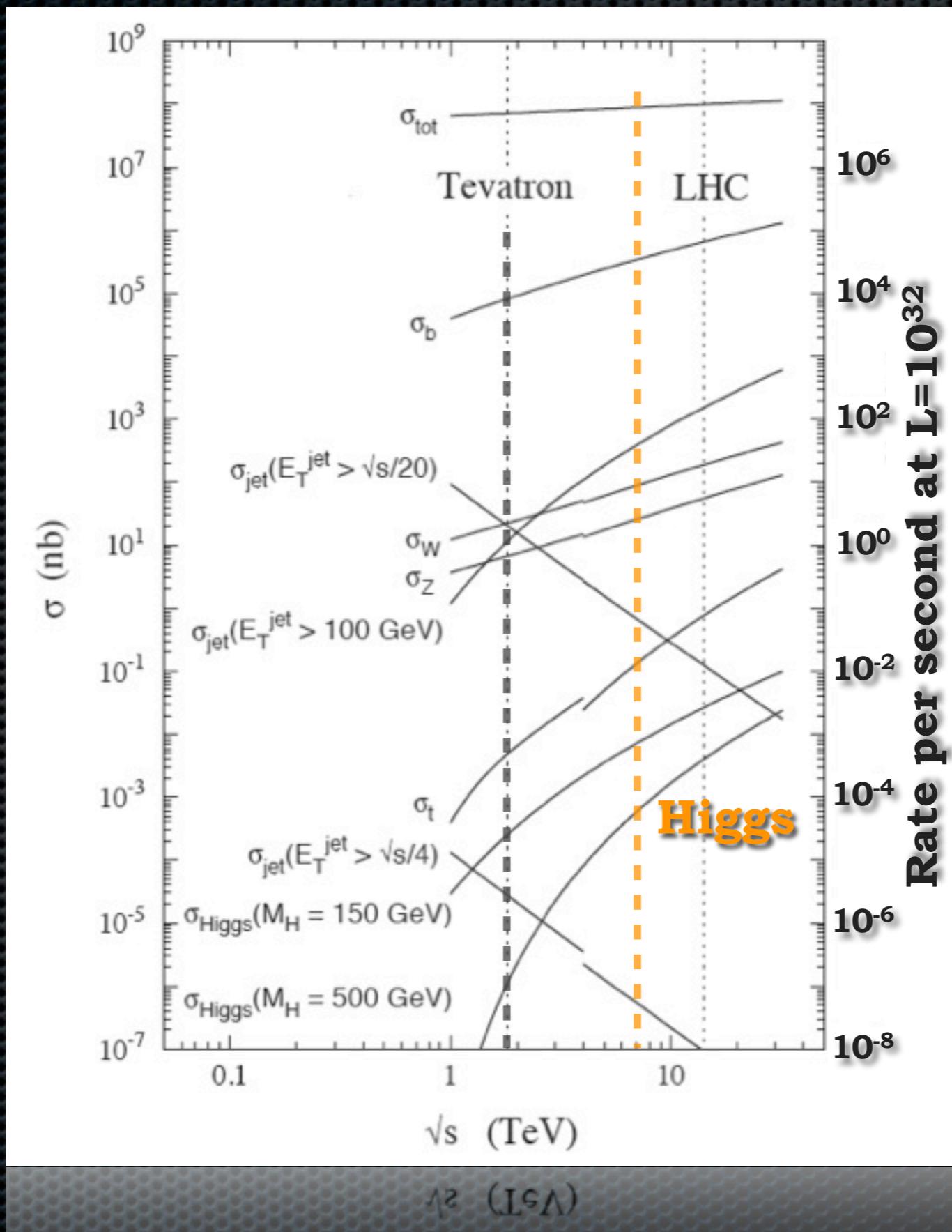
**Particles<sub>charged</sub>:** 1988

**jets<sub>inclusive</sub>:** 1989

**W:** 1988  
**Z:** 1988

**Top:** 1994

**WW:** 2005  
**WZ:** 2007  
**ZZ:** 2008



## ATLAS timeline

**Apr 2010**

**May 2011**

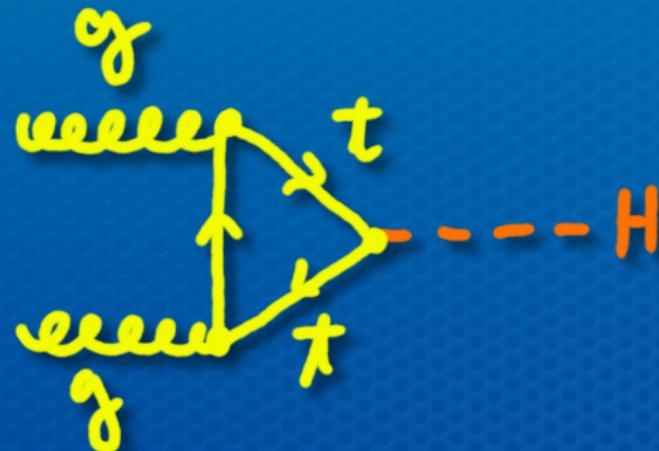
**W:** May 2010  
**Z:** Jun 2010

**Top:** Dec 2010

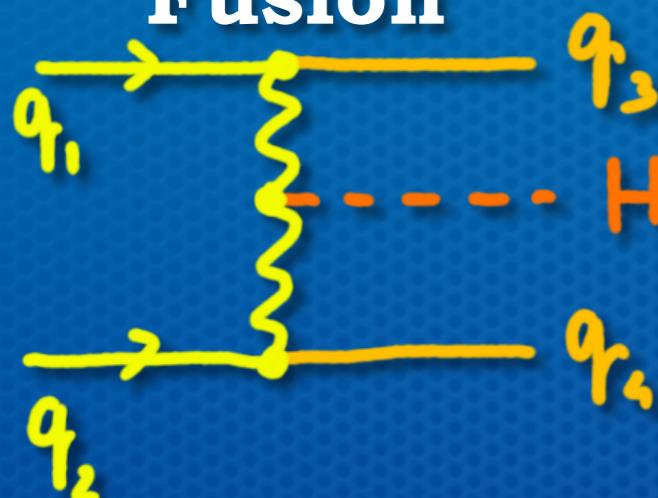
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**ZZ:** Jul 2011

# SM Higgs Production at LHC

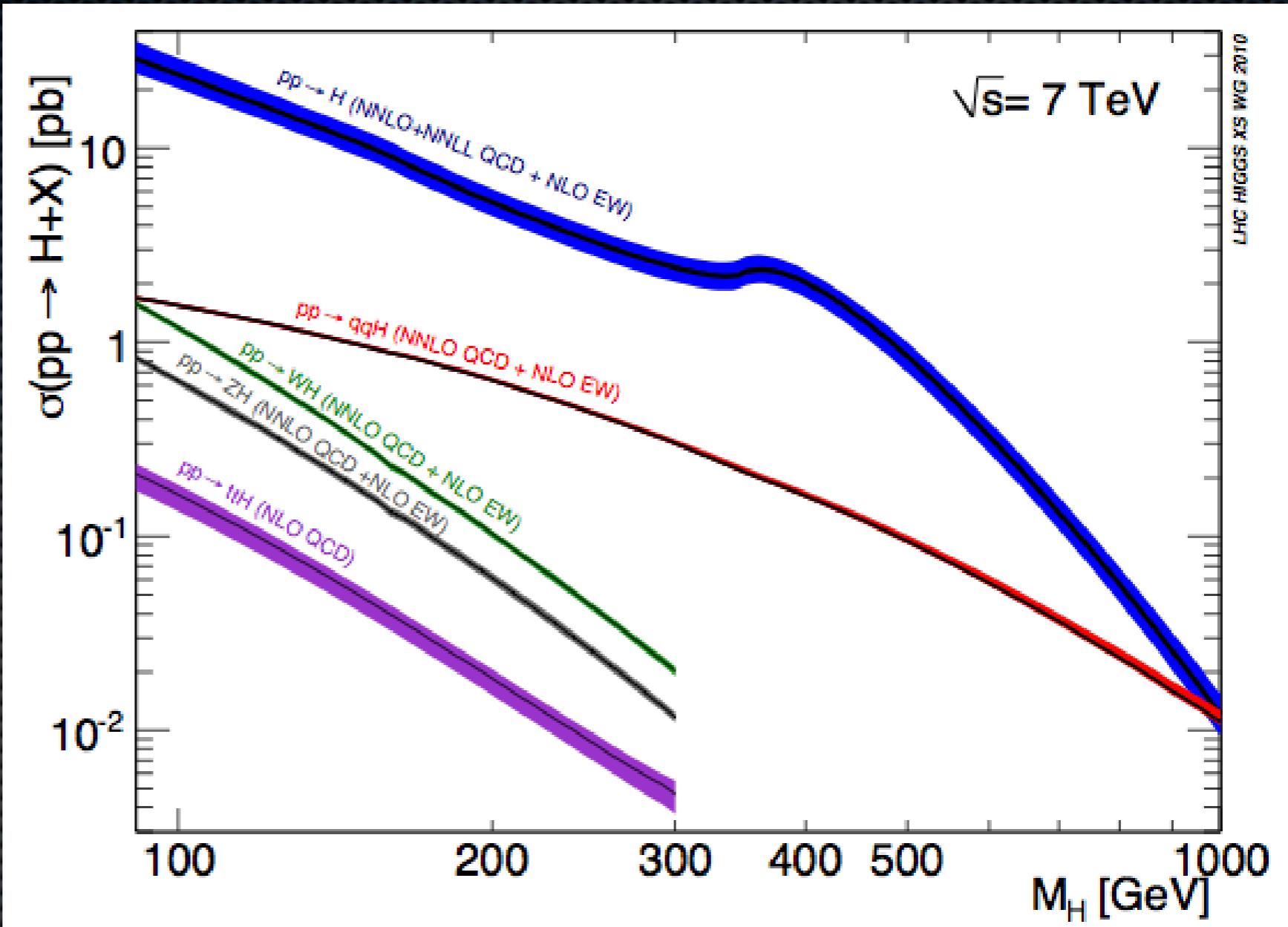
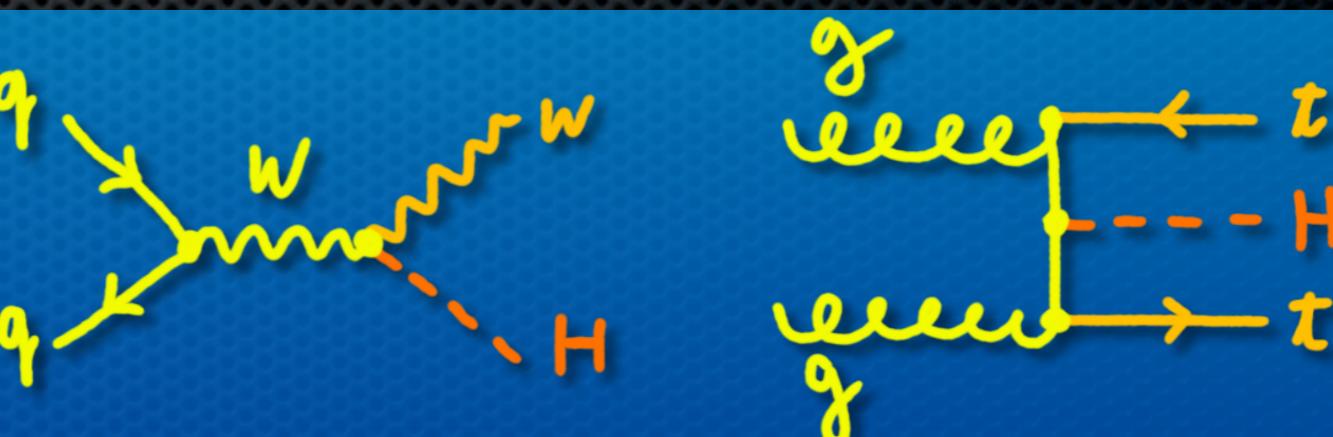
## Gluon Fusion



## Vector Boson Fusion

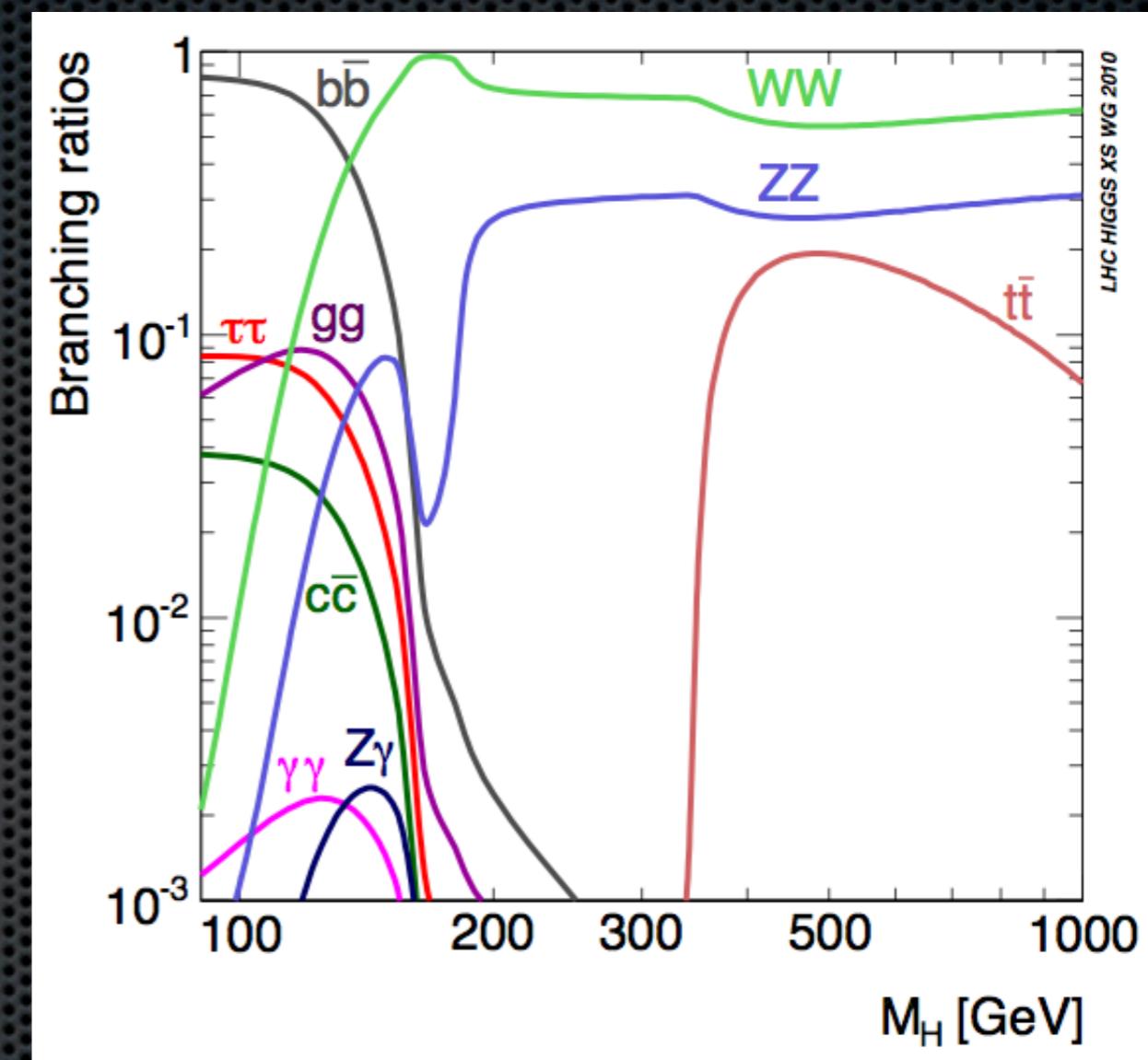


## Associated Production



# SM Higgs Decays → Analysis Channels

	Comment
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Rare
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	Good S/B
$W/Z + (H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$	Higgs properties
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l^+ \nu l^- \nu$	Intermediate Mass
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu q\bar{q}$	High Mass
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+ l^- l^+ l^-$	Golden channel
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+ l^- \nu\nu$	High Mass
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+ l^- q\bar{q}$	High Mass



- **SM diboson production cross sections**

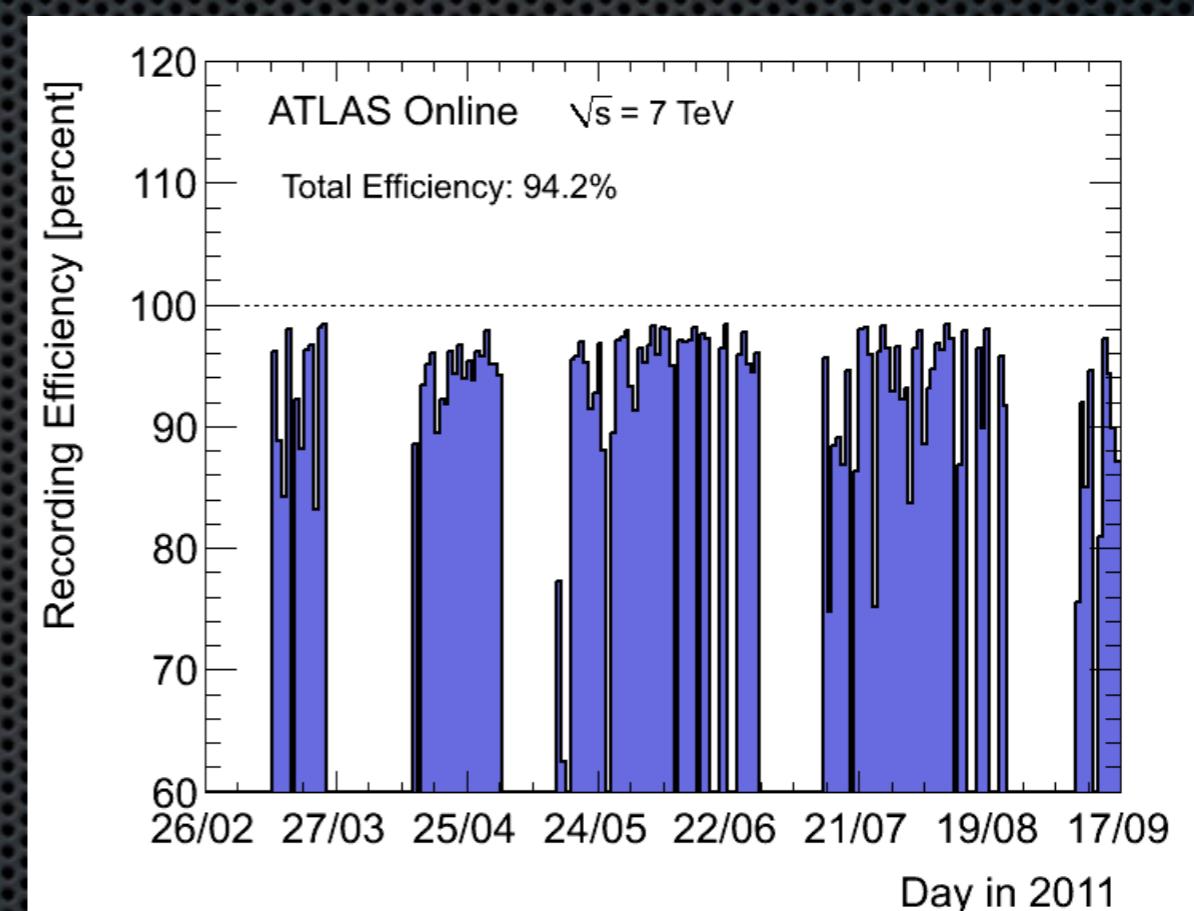
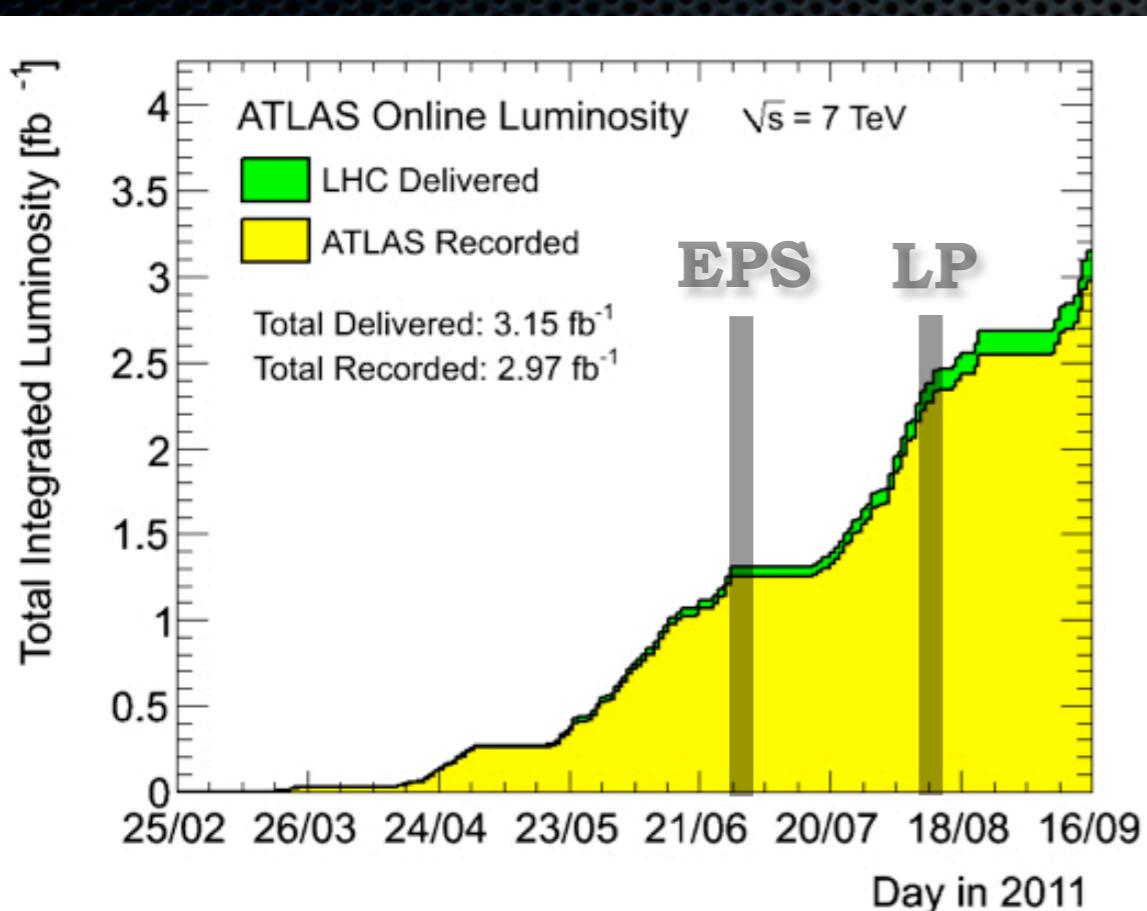
	$\mathcal{L}$ (fb <sup>-1</sup> )
$\gamma\gamma$	0.037
$W\gamma/Z\gamma$	0.035
$WW \rightarrow l^+v\ l^-v$	1.02
$WZ \rightarrow llvv$	1.02
$ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^-l^+l^-$	1.02

**Dataset: Up to 2.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>**

$\mathcal{L}$ (fb <sup>-1</sup> )
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
$W/Z + (H \rightarrow bb)$
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l^+v\ l^-v$
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow lvqq$
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^- qq$
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^- vv$
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^- l^+l^-$

- **Triple gauge couplings**

# ATLAS Data Taking in 2011

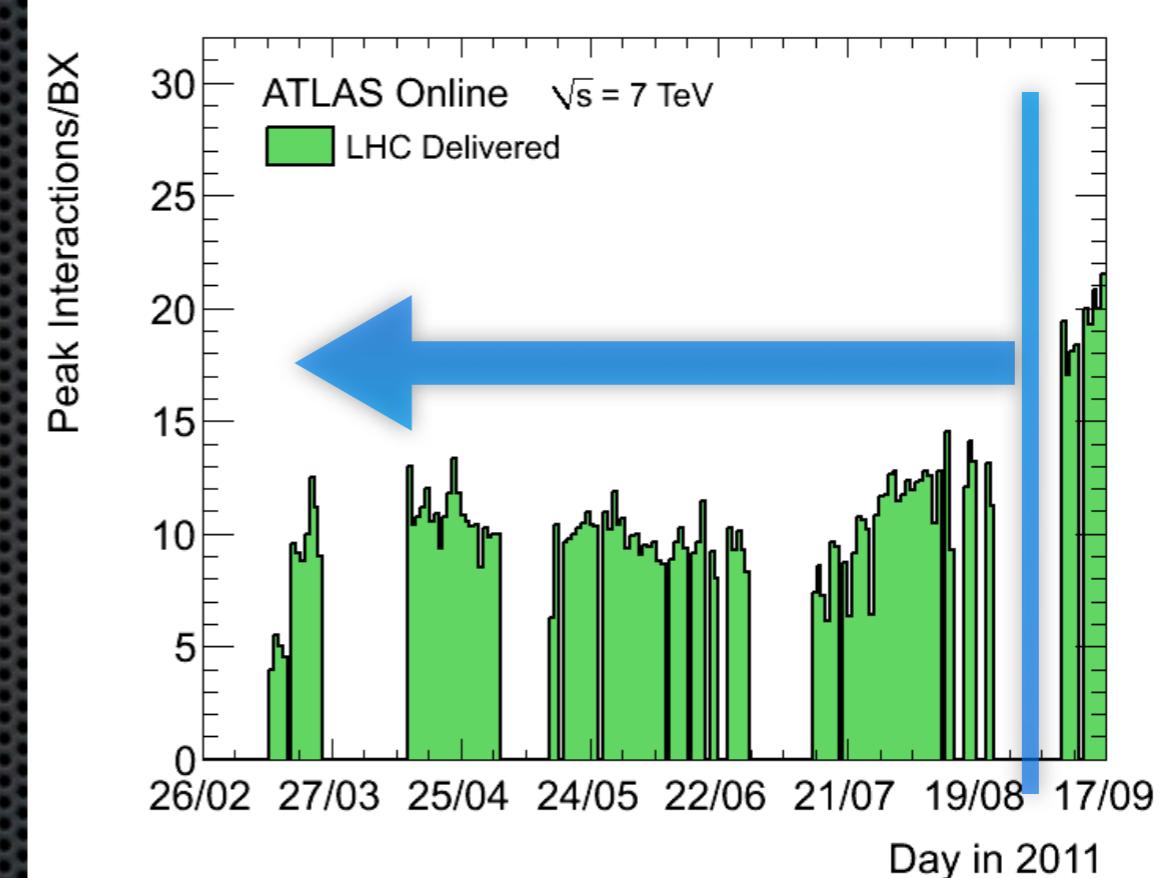
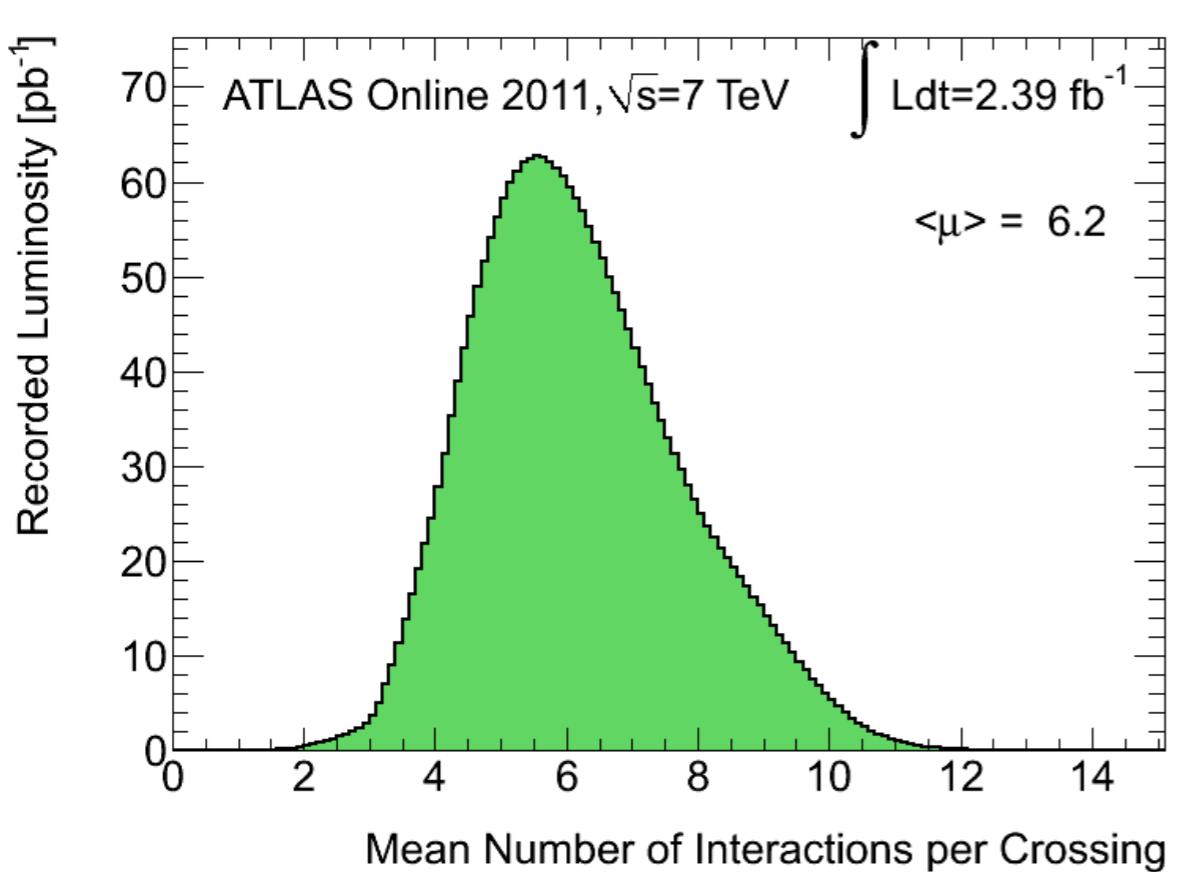


Data taking efficiency:  $\sim 94\%$

Good quality data delivered  
by the different sub-systems  
at 90-100%

# High Luminosity: The Pileup Challenge

- The new challenge with the 2011 data
  - 50 ns bunch trains for most 2011 dataset
  - Significant in-time and out-of-time pileup



## Luminosity weighted distribution

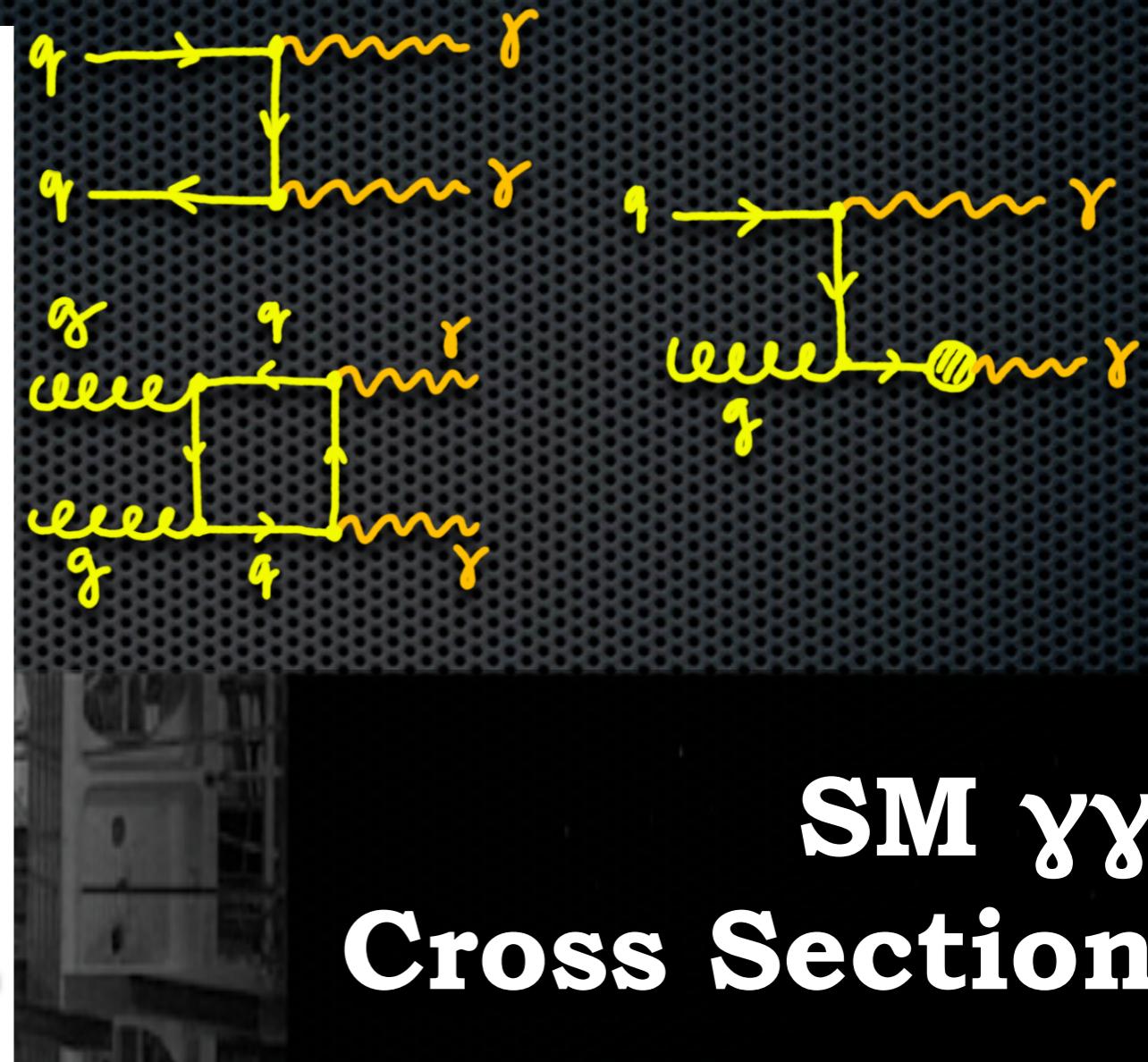
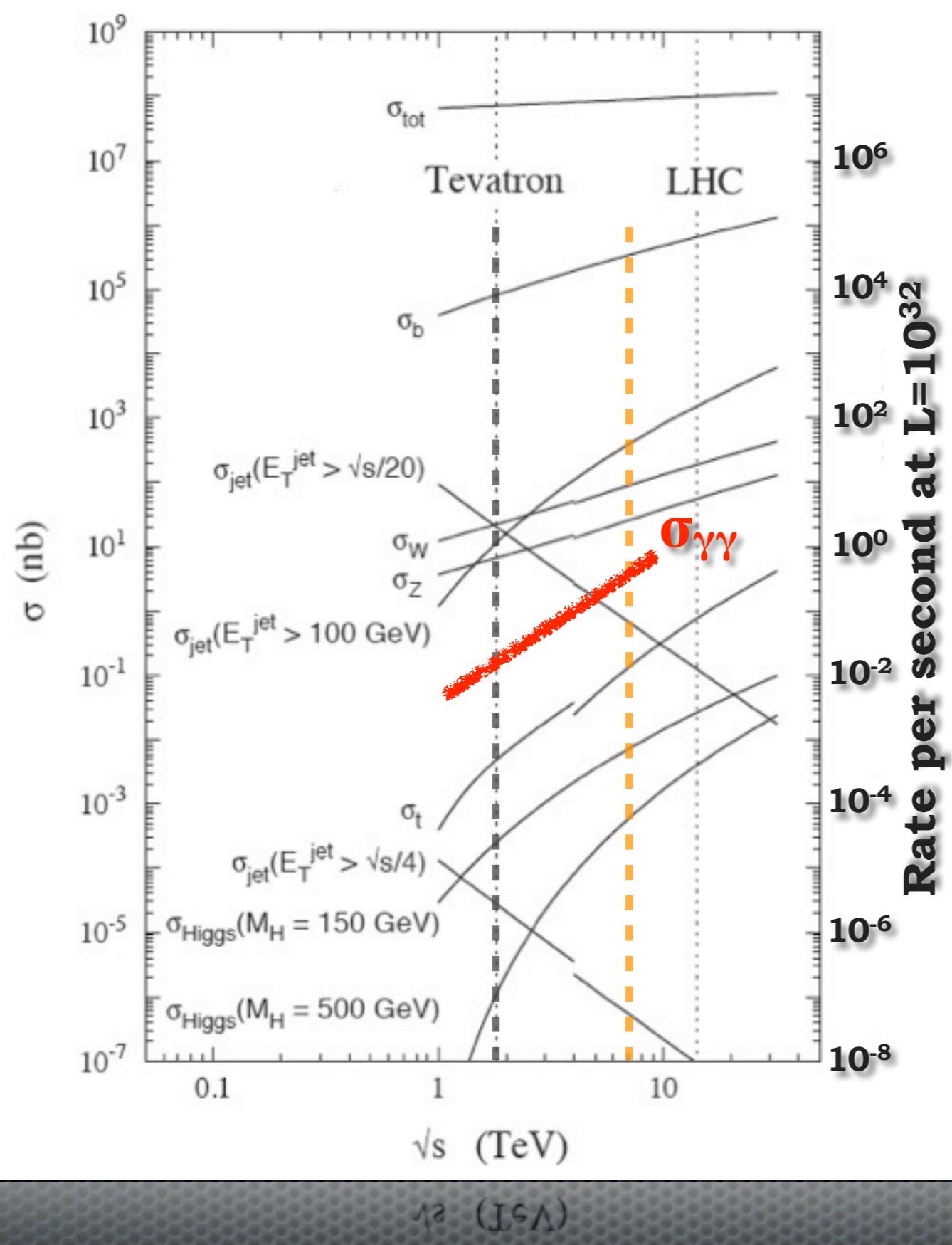
Significant progress made on the understanding of its effects:

- Primary vertex identification
- Missing energy resolution
- Jet energy scale
- Lepton isolation

Further work  
in progress



# **Standard Model Diboson Production in pp collisions at 7 TeV**

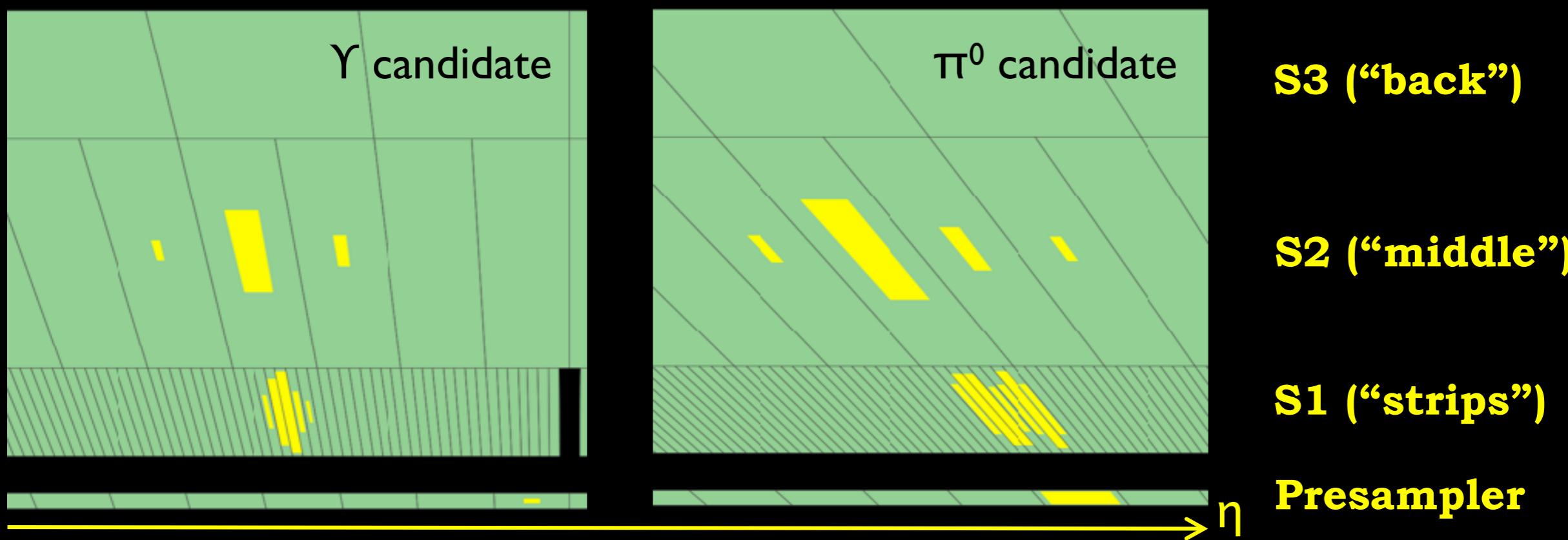


# SM $\gamma\gamma$ Cross Section

- **Measure:**
  - *Isolated prompt photons*
- Test NLO pQCD predictions using measurements without jets
- **New Physics:**
  - Irreducible background to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - Extra dimension models

# Photon Identification

- Photon identification based on calorimeter segmentation

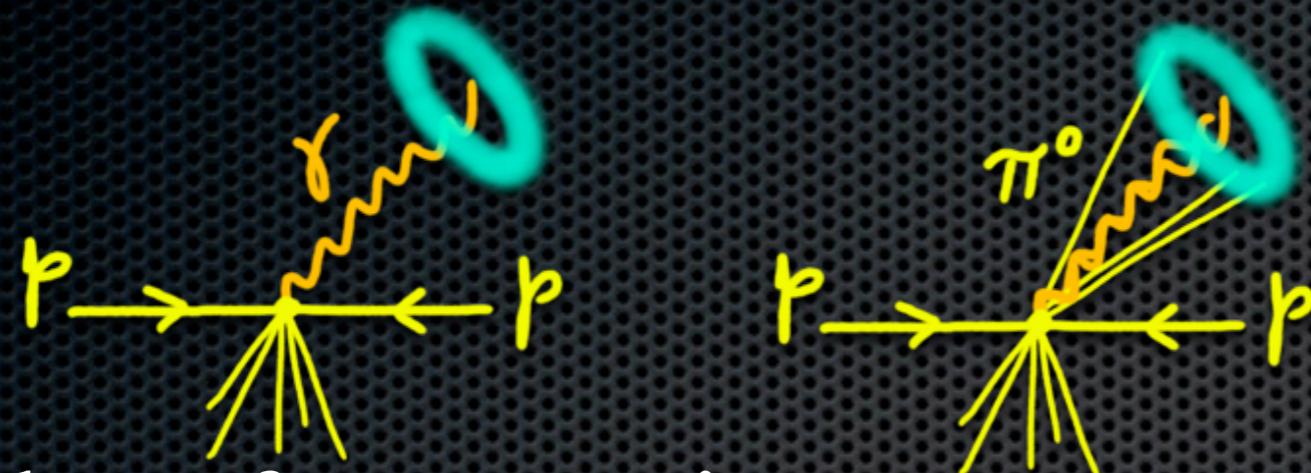


- Photon reconstruction

- Narrow energy cluster  $|\eta|$
- Small energy leakage into hadronic calorimeter
- Cut on shower shape to discriminate  $\gamma$  from jets and  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$

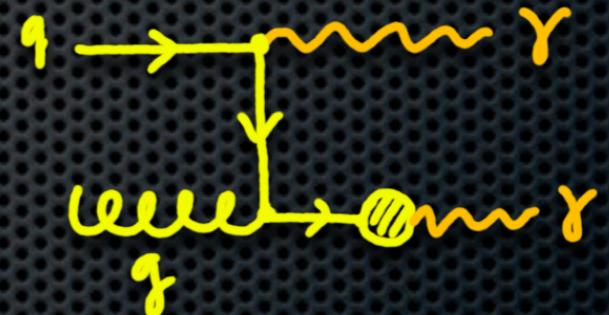
# Photon Isolation

- **Isolation energy criterion to reduce jet background**



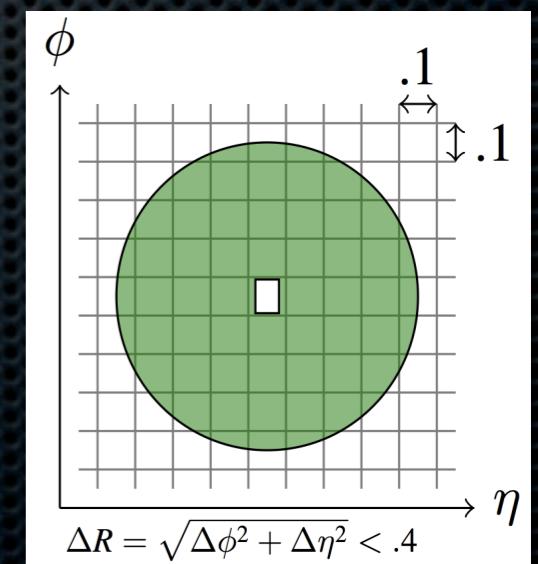
- Reduces fragmentation component

- ~30% of inclusive  $\gamma$  cross section at 15 GeV
- <10% above 35 GeV



- **Isolation variable:**

- Sum of transverse energy in  $\Delta R$  cone around  $\gamma$
- Exclude energy from central core



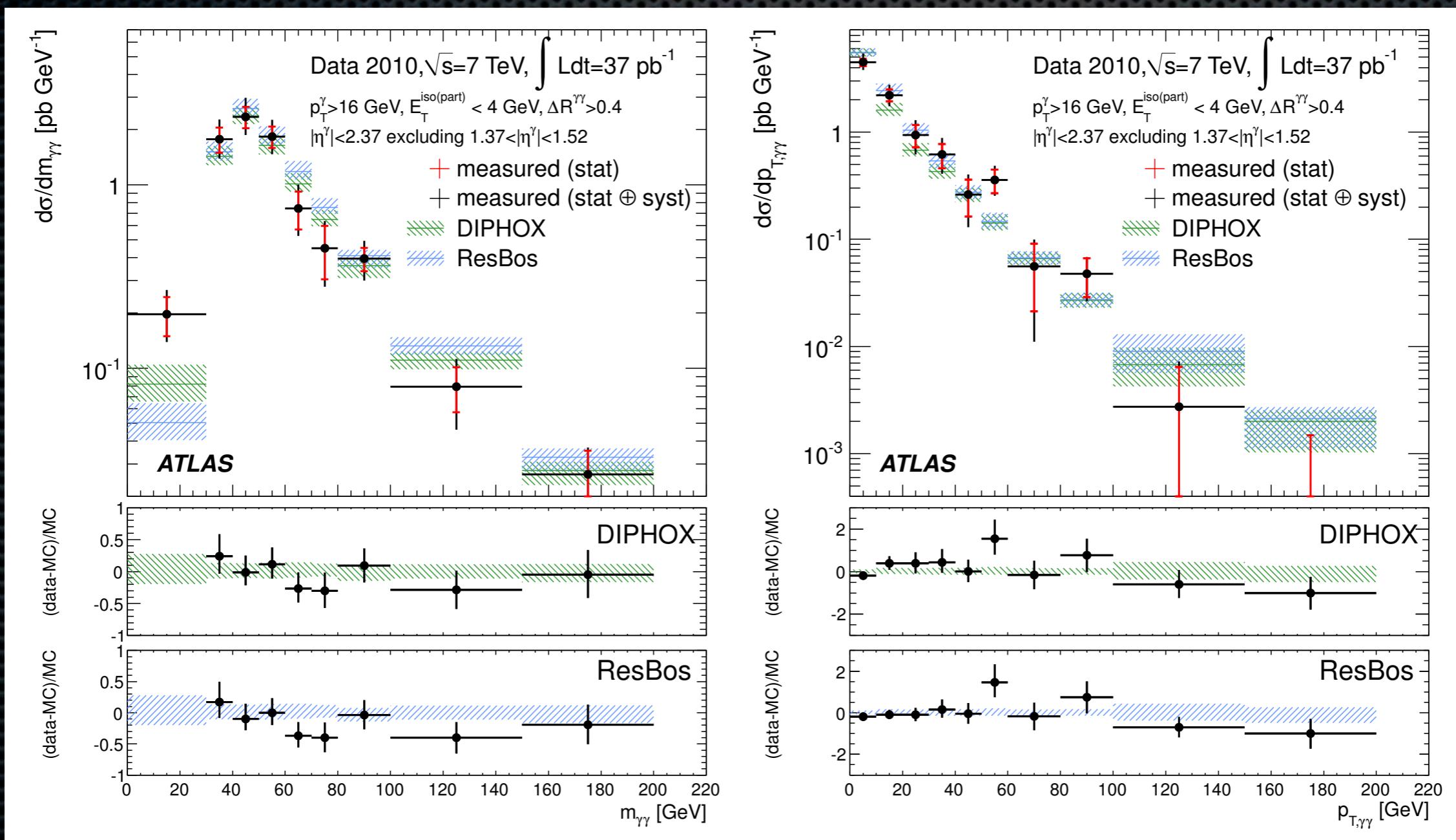
- **Corrections event-by-event**

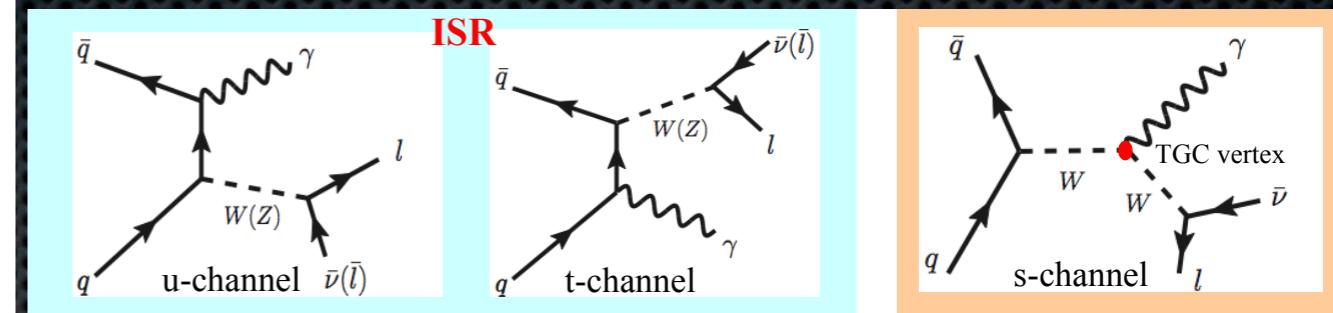
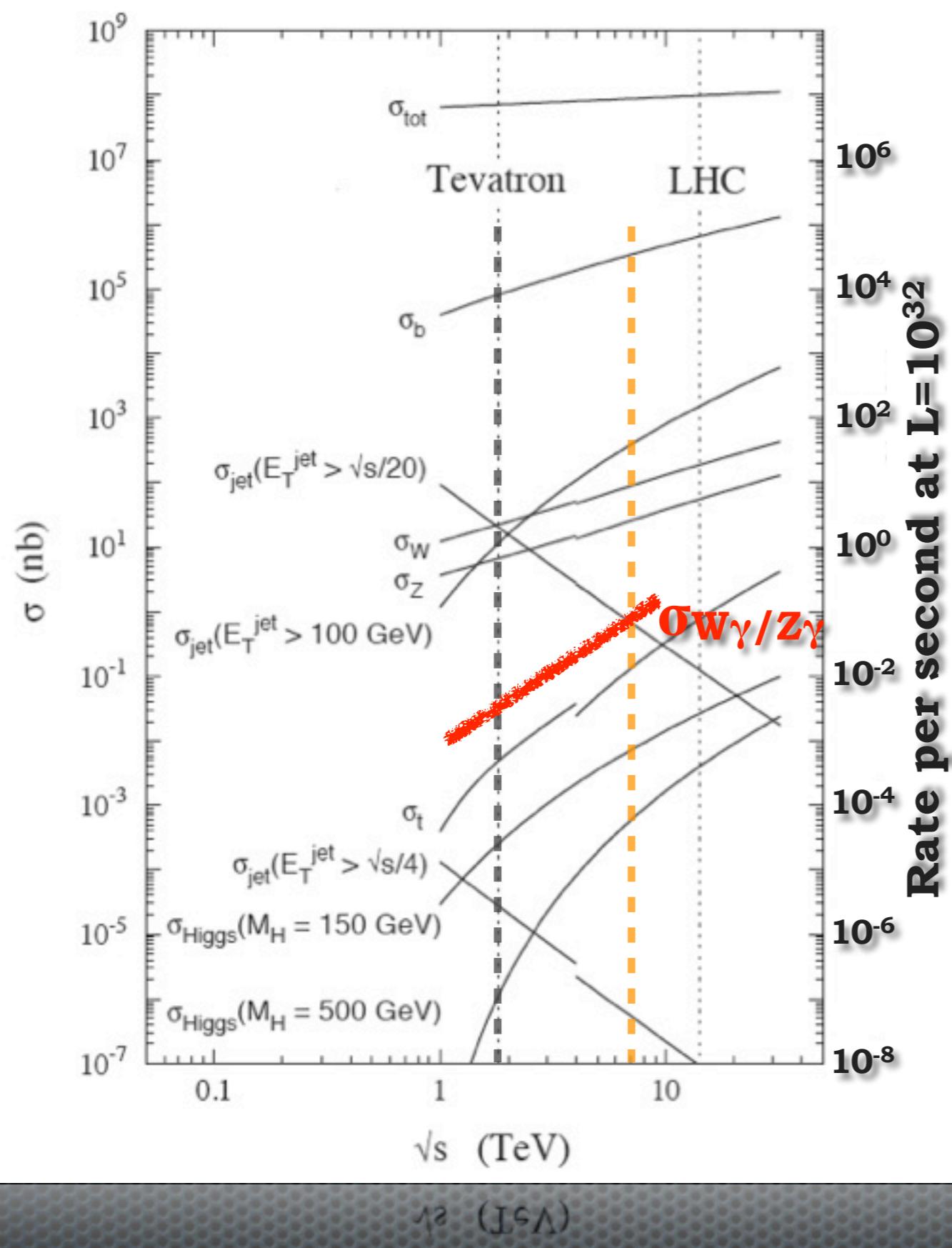
- Remove energy leakage from  $\gamma$  into isolation cone
- Remove energy from pileup and underlying event

# Isolated Diphoton Production Cross Section

Two photons:

- $E_T^\gamma > 16 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.4$
- $E_T^{\text{iso}} < 3 \text{ GeV}$





# W $\gamma$ /Z $\gamma$ Cross Section

- **Test Triple Gauge Couplings of Electroweak theory**
  - Measure  $WW\gamma$  vertex in s-channel
  - Probe existence of  $ZZ\gamma$  and  $Z\gamma\gamma$  TGC
    - **Forbidden in SM at tree level**
- **Background for new physics**
  - **Less problematic than other**

# W $\gamma$ /Z $\gamma$ : Event Selection

**W $\gamma$**

**One lepton:**  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$   
 $|\eta_e| < 2.47$ ;  $|\eta_\mu| < 2.4$   
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$   
 $M_T(l, \nu) > 40 \text{ GeV}$

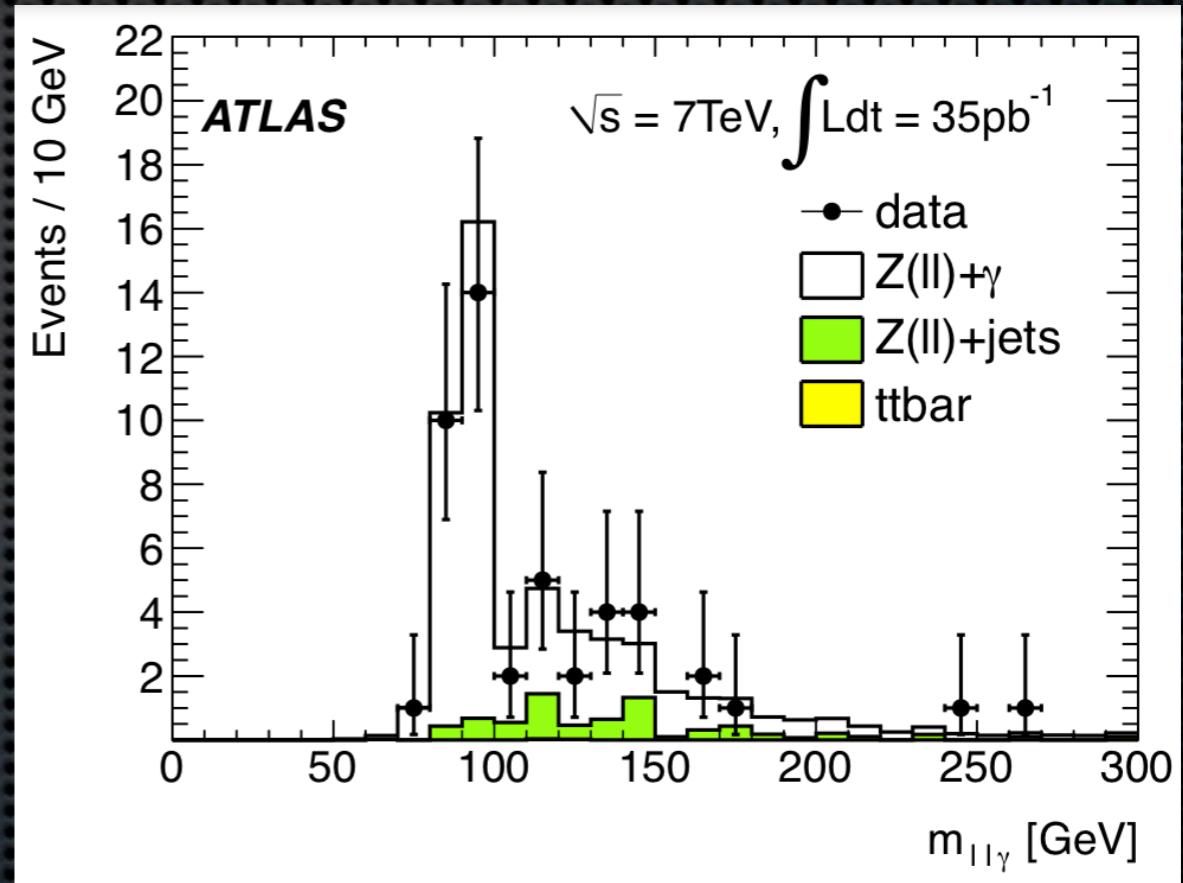
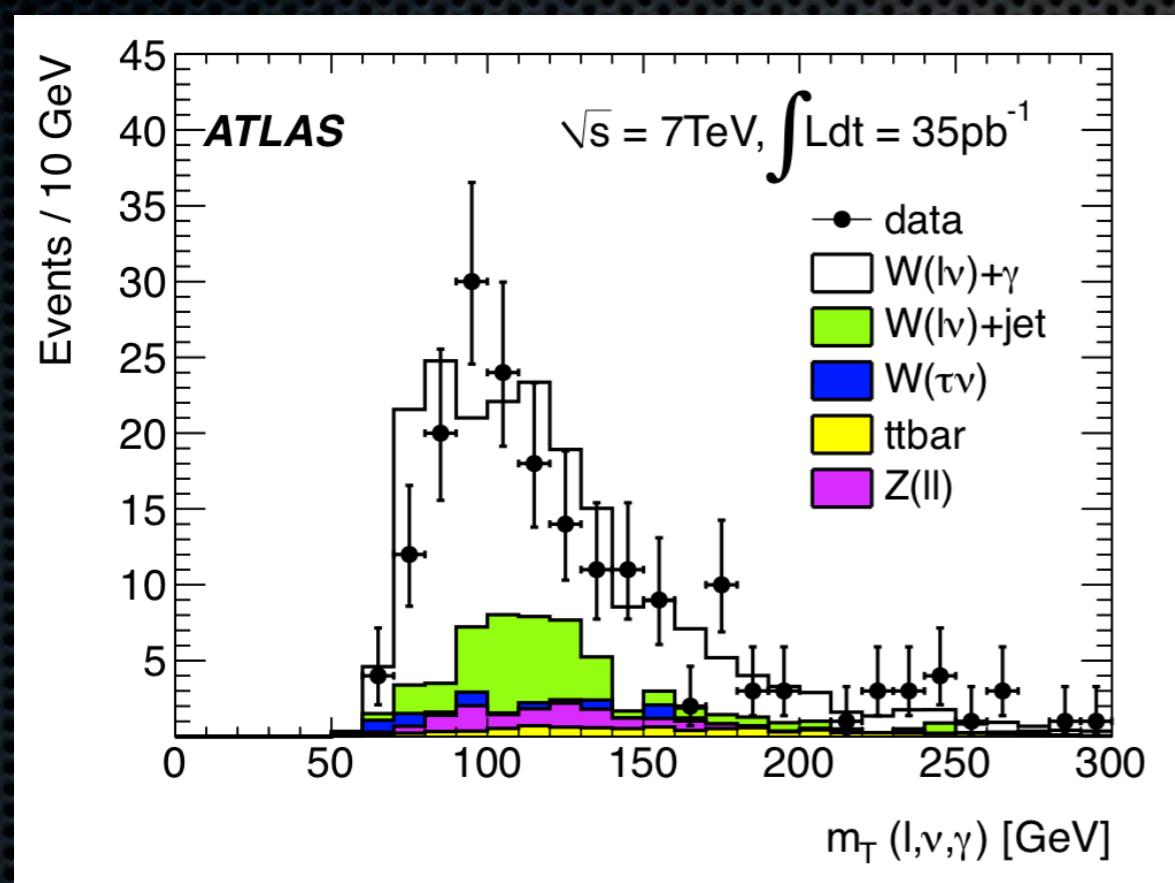
**Z $\gamma$**

**Two OS lepton:**  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$   
 $|\eta_e| < 2.47$ ;  $|\eta_\mu| < 2.4$   
 $M(l^+l^-) > 40 \text{ GeV}$

**Photon:**  $E_T^\gamma > 15 \text{ GeV}$  ;

$\Delta R_{l\gamma} > 0.7$ ;

$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 5 \text{ GeV}$



**N<sub>observed</sub>**

**W $\gamma$**

**192**

**N<sub>bkg</sub>**

**56**

**N<sub>observed</sub>**

**Z $\gamma$**

**48**

**N<sub>bkg</sub>**

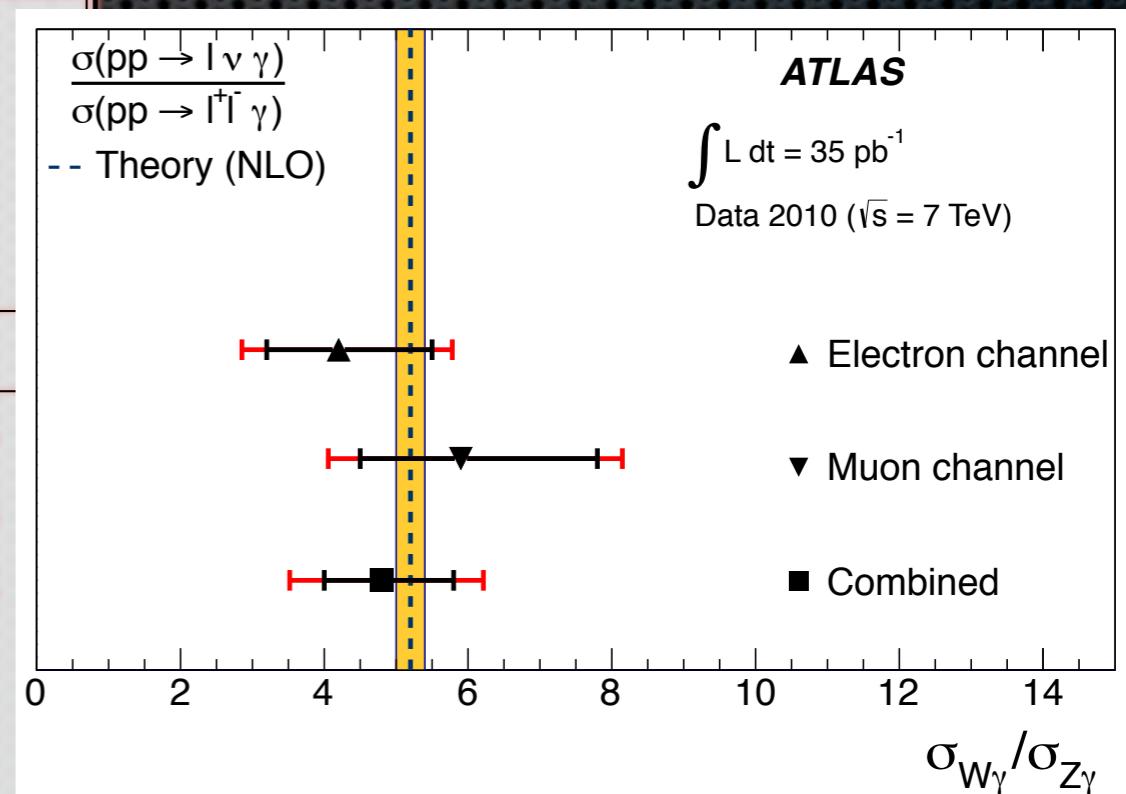
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# W $\gamma$ /Z $\gamma$ : Results

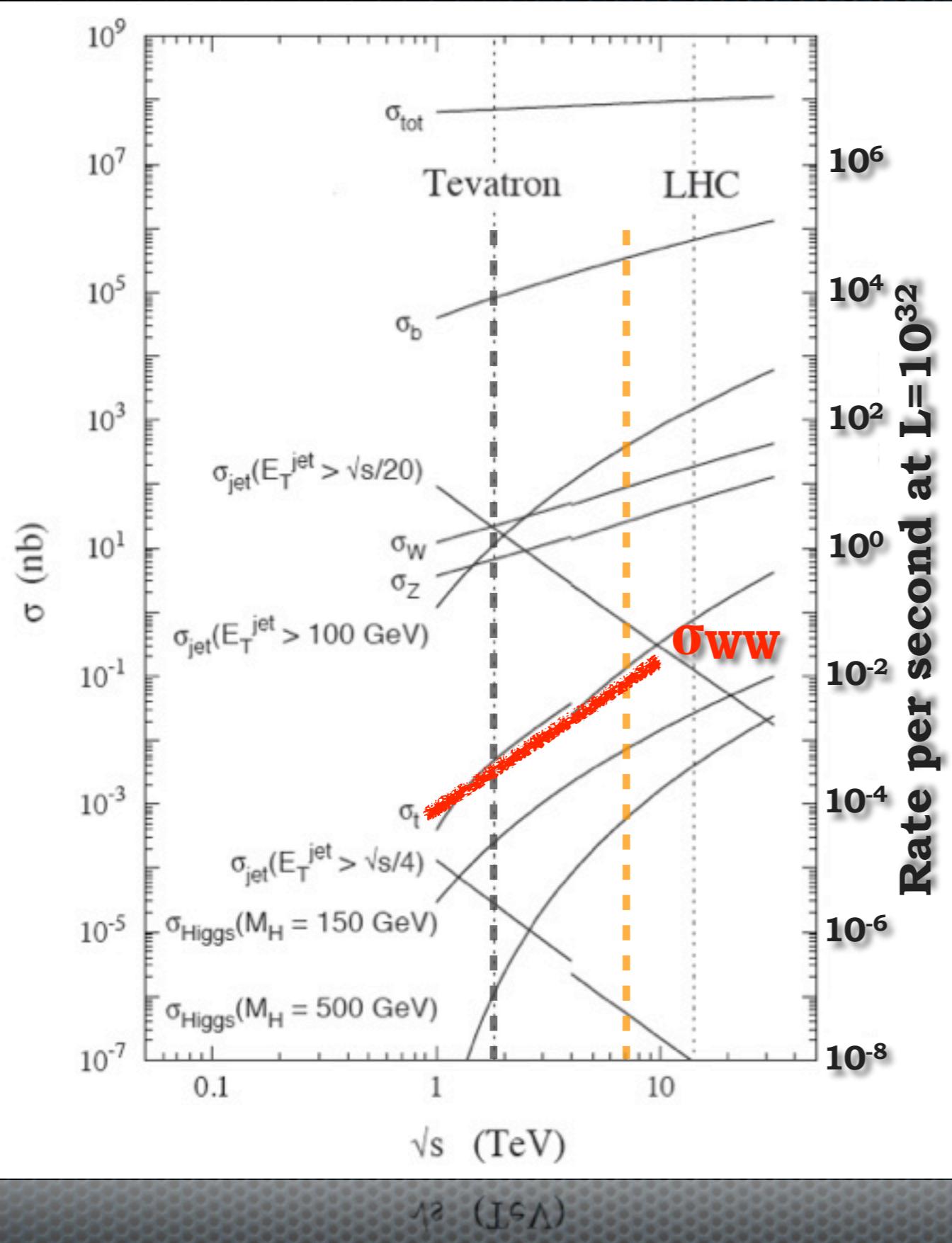
- **Dominant uncertainties:**

- **Photon reconstruction/ID efficiency:** ~10%
- **Electron reconstruction/ID:** ~ 4.5%
- **Electromagnetic scale and resolution:** ~3-4.5%

	Experimental measurement	SM prediction
	$\sigma^{\text{fid}} [\text{pb}]$	$\sigma^{\text{fid}} [\text{pb}]$
$pp \rightarrow e^\pm \nu \gamma$	$5.4 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.2$	$4.7 \pm 0.3$
$pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu \gamma$	$4.4 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.2$	$4.9 \pm 0.3$
$pp \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	$2.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.1$	$1.5 \pm 0.1$
$pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$	$1.4 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.7 \pm 0.1$
	$\sigma [\text{pb}]$	$\sigma [\text{pb}]$
$pp \rightarrow e^\pm \nu \gamma$	$41.1 \pm 5.7 \pm 7.1 \pm 1.4$	$36.0 \pm 2.3$
$pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu \gamma$	$33.0 \pm 4.6 \pm 5.5 \pm 1.1$	$36.0 \pm 2.3$
$pp \rightarrow l^\pm \nu \gamma$	$36.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 6.2 \pm 1.2$	$36.0 \pm 2.3$
$pp \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	$9.9 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.3 \pm 0.3$	$6.9 \pm 0.5$
$pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$	$5.6 \pm 1.4 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.2$	$6.9 \pm 0.5$
$pp \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$	$6.5 \pm 1.2 \pm 1.7 \pm 0.2$	$6.9 \pm 0.5$



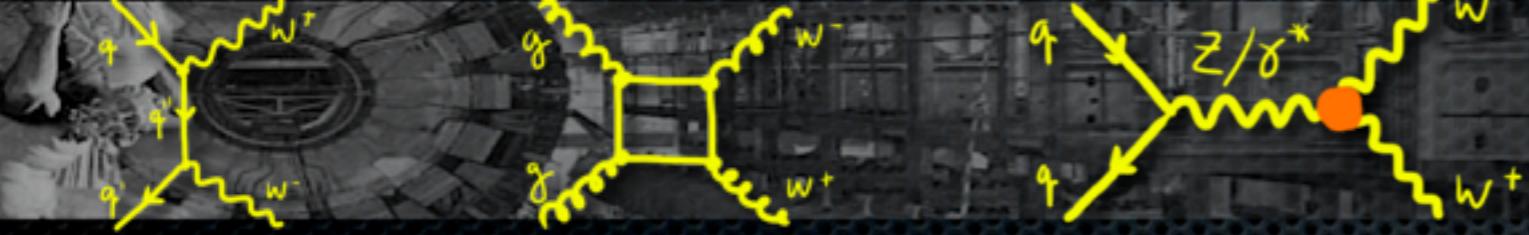
Fiducial cross section: phase space mimics selection requirements



# WW Cross Section

- **Fundamental test of Standard Model**
  - **Triple gauge couplings (TGC)**
- **Higgs hunting**
  - **Similar signature to  $H \rightarrow WW$**
  - **Background to Higgs**

# WW Production

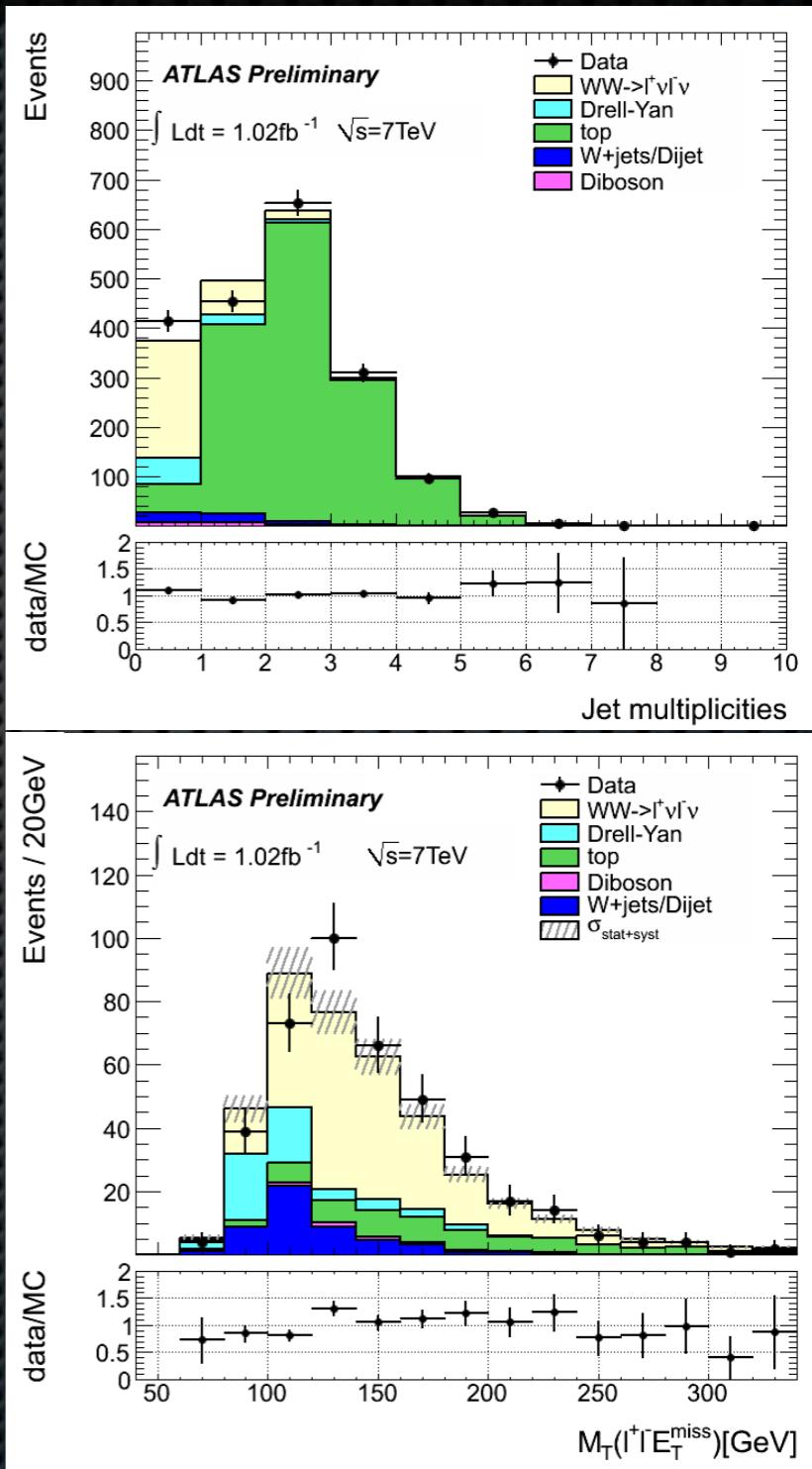


## Event selection

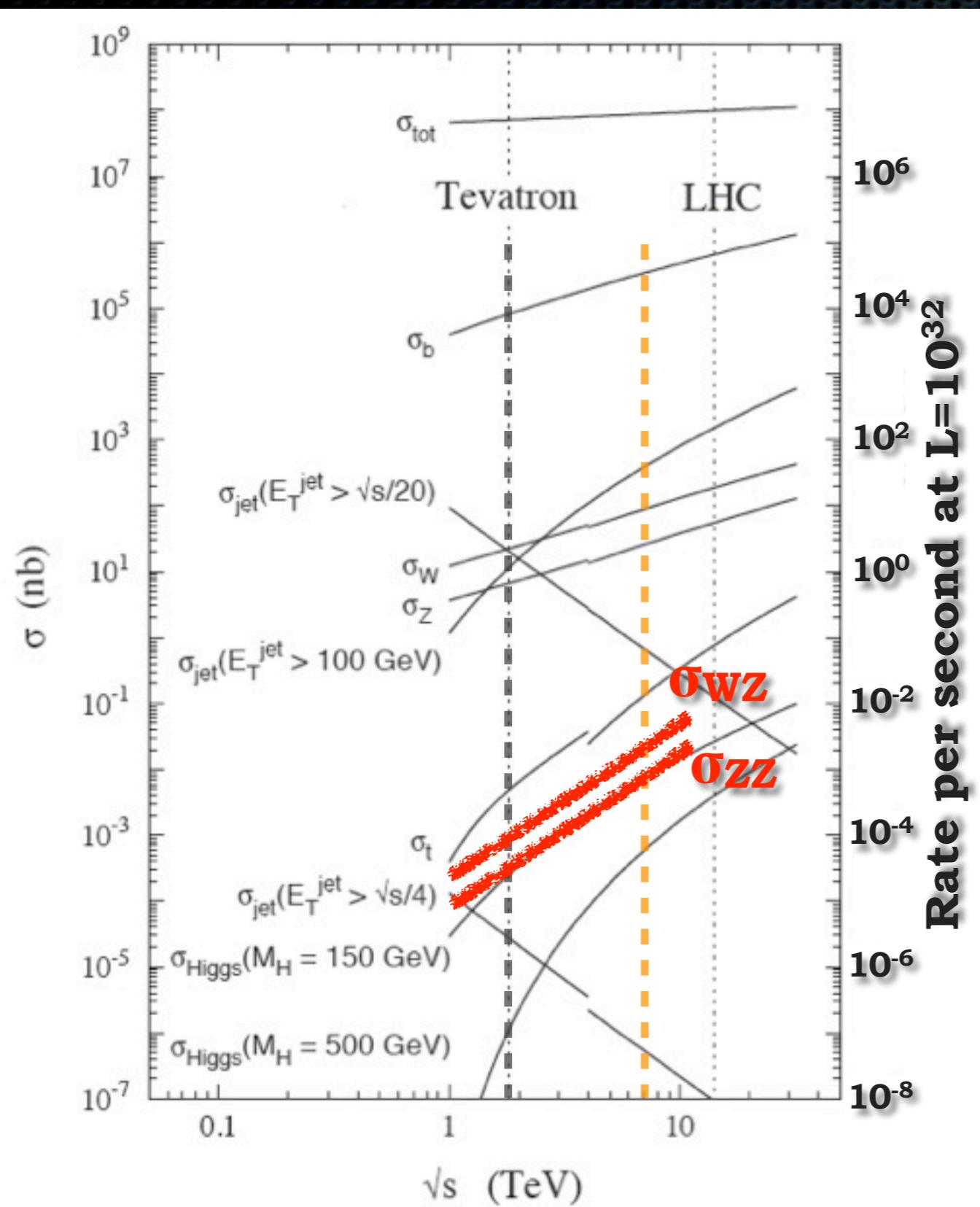
- Two high- $p_T$  OS leptons
- Z mass veto
- Large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

$$E_{T, \text{Rel}}^{\text{miss}} = \begin{cases} E_T^{\text{miss}} \times \sin(\Delta\phi_{\ell,j}) & \text{if } \Delta\phi < \pi/2 \\ E_T^{\text{miss}} & \text{if } \Delta\phi \geq \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

- Jet veto
- Backgrounds: Top, Drell-Yan and W+jets (~40%)
  - Drell-Yan: Z mass veto + missing  $E_T$  requirement
  - Top and W+jets: apply jet veto



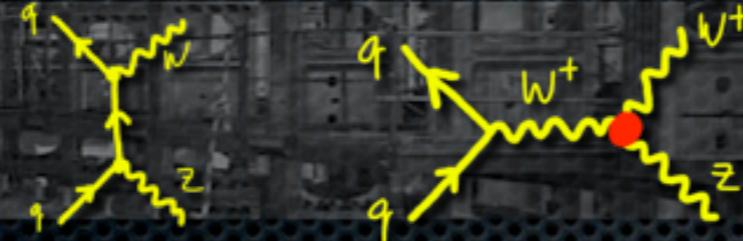
	$N_{\text{observed}}$	$N_{\text{bkg}}$	$\Sigma_{\text{measured}} (\text{pb})$	$\Sigma_{\text{NLO}} (\text{pb})$
WW	414	$170 \pm 28$	$48.2 \pm 4.0 \pm 6.4 \pm 1.8$	$46 \pm 3$



## WZ and ZZ Cross Sections

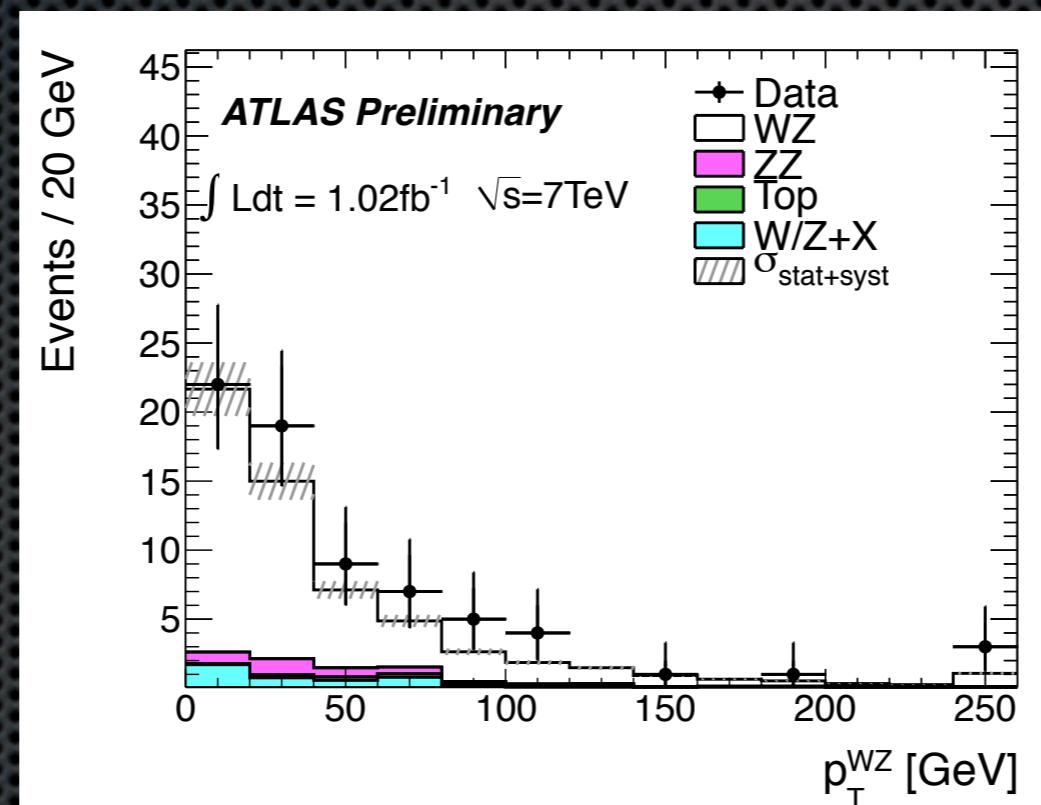
- **Fundamental test of Standard Model**
  - Triple gauge couplings (TGC)
  - Probe for new physics
  - Resonances with diboson final states
- **Higgs hunting**
  - Similar signatures  $H \rightarrow ZZ$
  - SM ZZ background to Higgs

# WZ Production



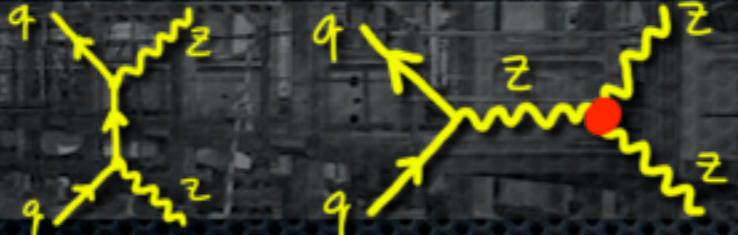
- **Cut based analysis**

- **Select one Z events, then:**
  - **One lepton + missing  $E_T$**
- **Main backgrounds: Z+jets, ZZ, Top and W/Z+ $\gamma$  (15%)**



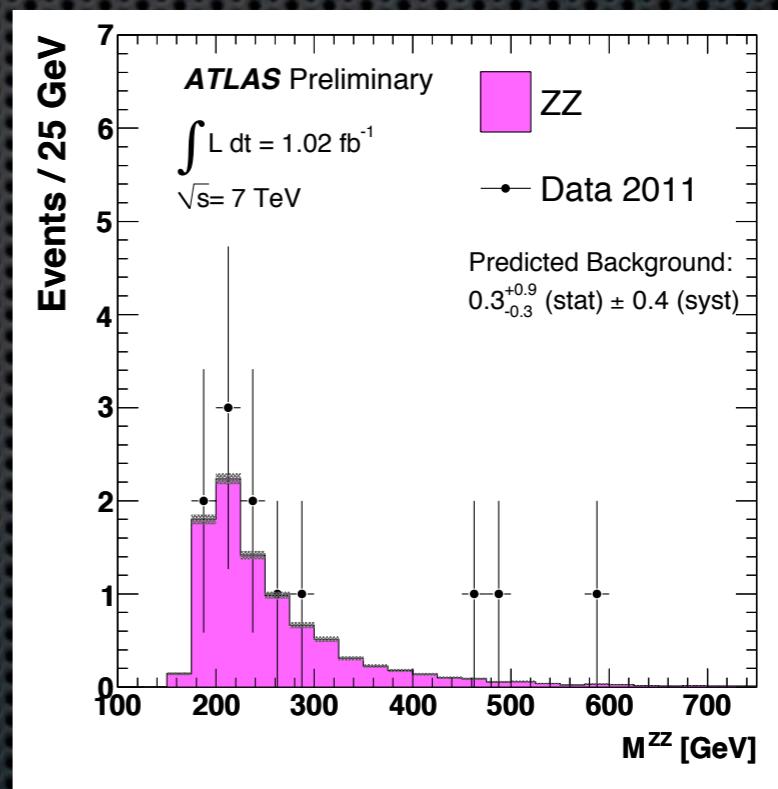
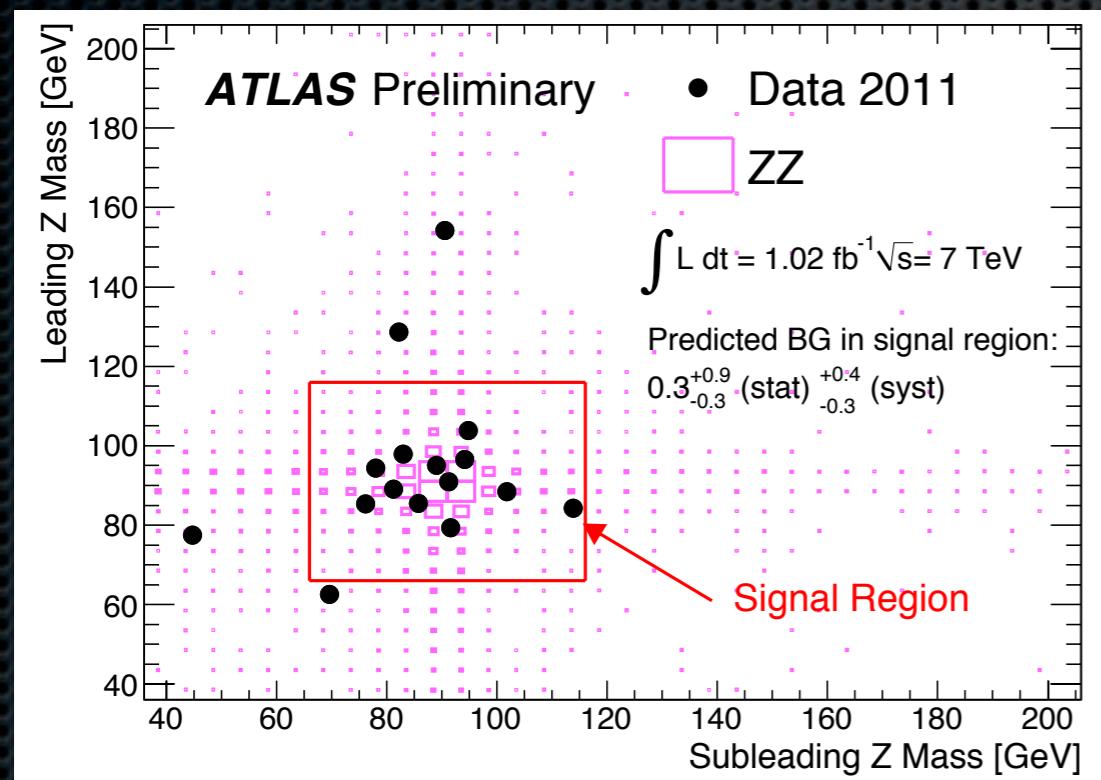
	$N_{\text{observed}}$	$N_{\text{bkg}}$	$\sigma_{\text{measured}} (\text{pb})$	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} (\text{pb})$
<b>WZ</b>	71	$10.5^{+3.0}_{-2.2}$	$21.1^{+3.1}_{-2.8} \pm 1.2^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	$17.2^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$

# ZZ Production



- **Cut based analysis**

- **Very clean signature**
  - **Electron and muon selection relaxed relative to inclusive Z**
- **Main backgrounds: Z+jets, Top and Zbb (3%)**

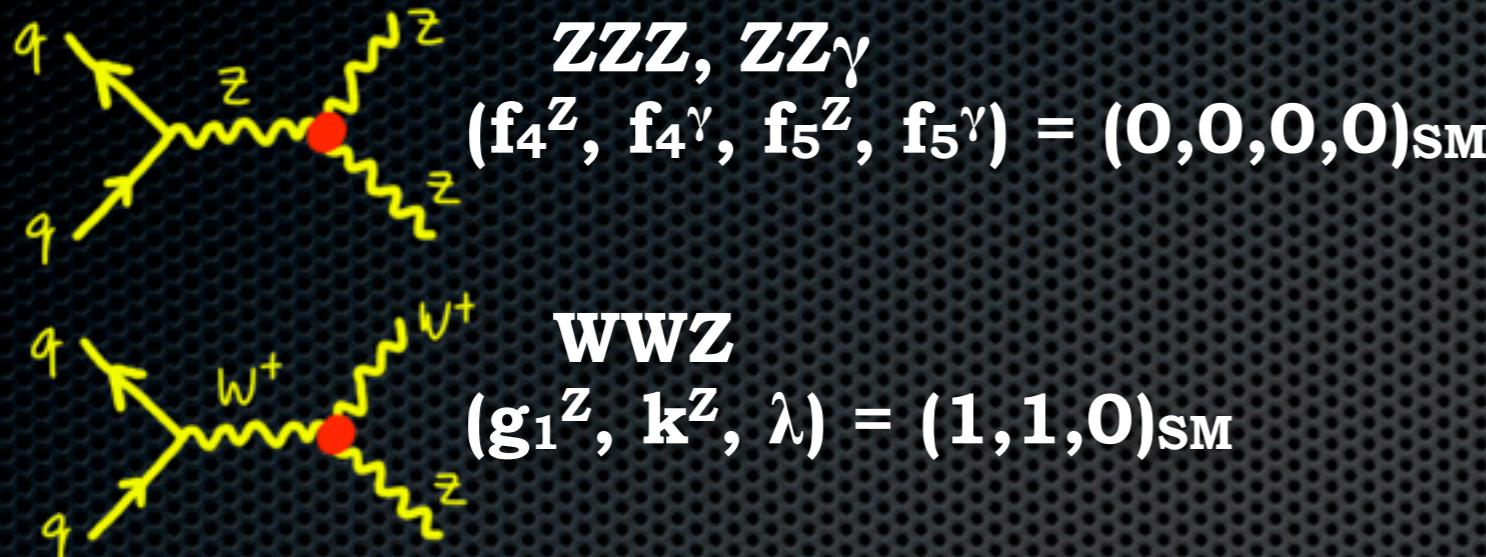


	<b>N<sub>observed</sub></b>	<b>N<sub>bkg</sub></b>	<b>Σ<sub>measured (pb)</sub></b>	<b>Σ<sub>NLO (pb)</sub></b>
<b>ZZ</b>	12	$0.3^{+1.0}_{-0.4}$	$8.4^{+2.7\%}_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.4^{+0.4\%}_{-0.7\%} \pm 0.3$	$6.5^{+0.3\%}_{-0.2\%}$

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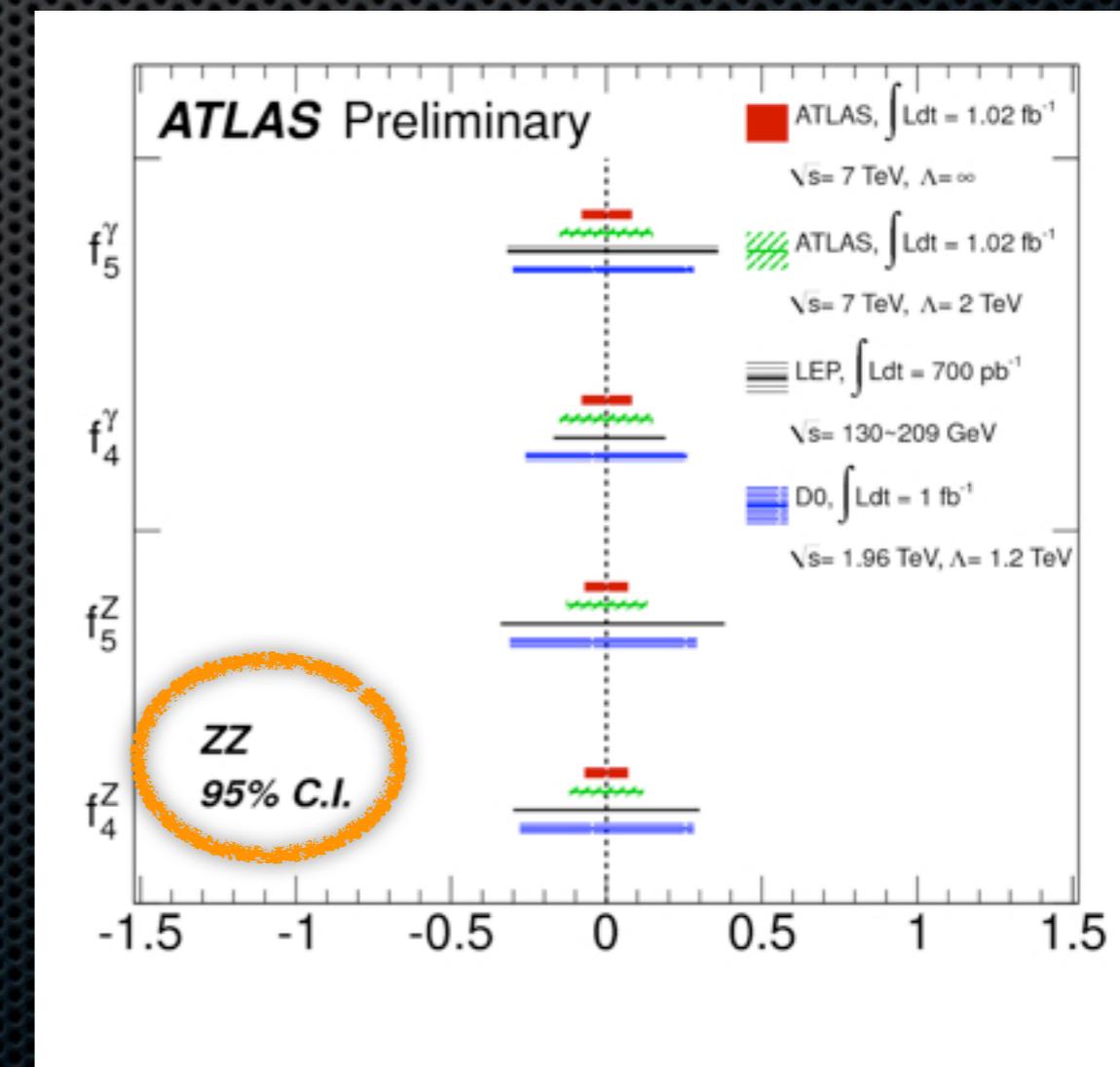
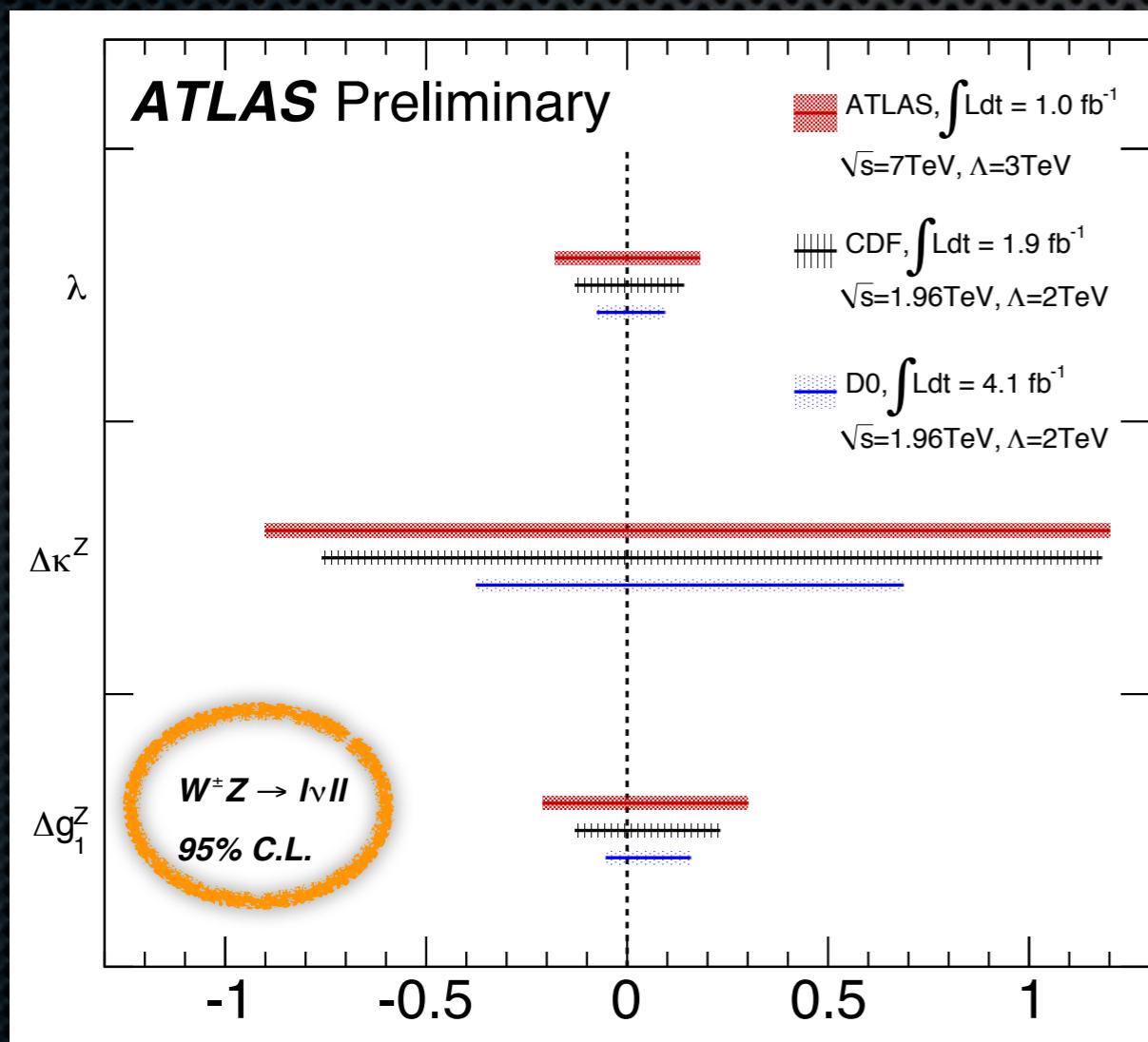
- Possible vertices using an effective Lagrangian



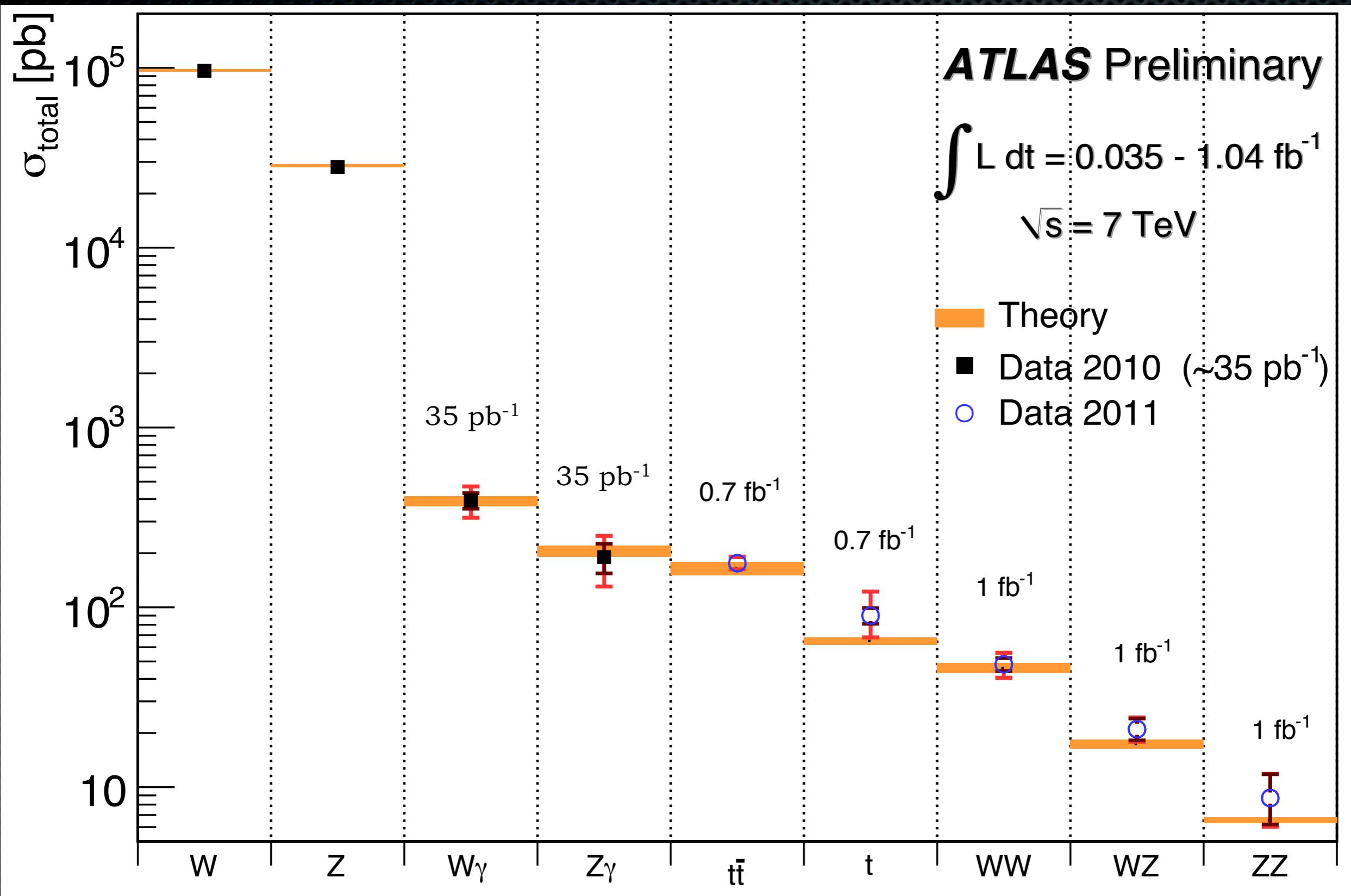
Scale dependent  
form-factors

$$\alpha(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_0}{(1+\hat{s}/\Lambda^2)^2}$$

with cutoff scale  $\Lambda$

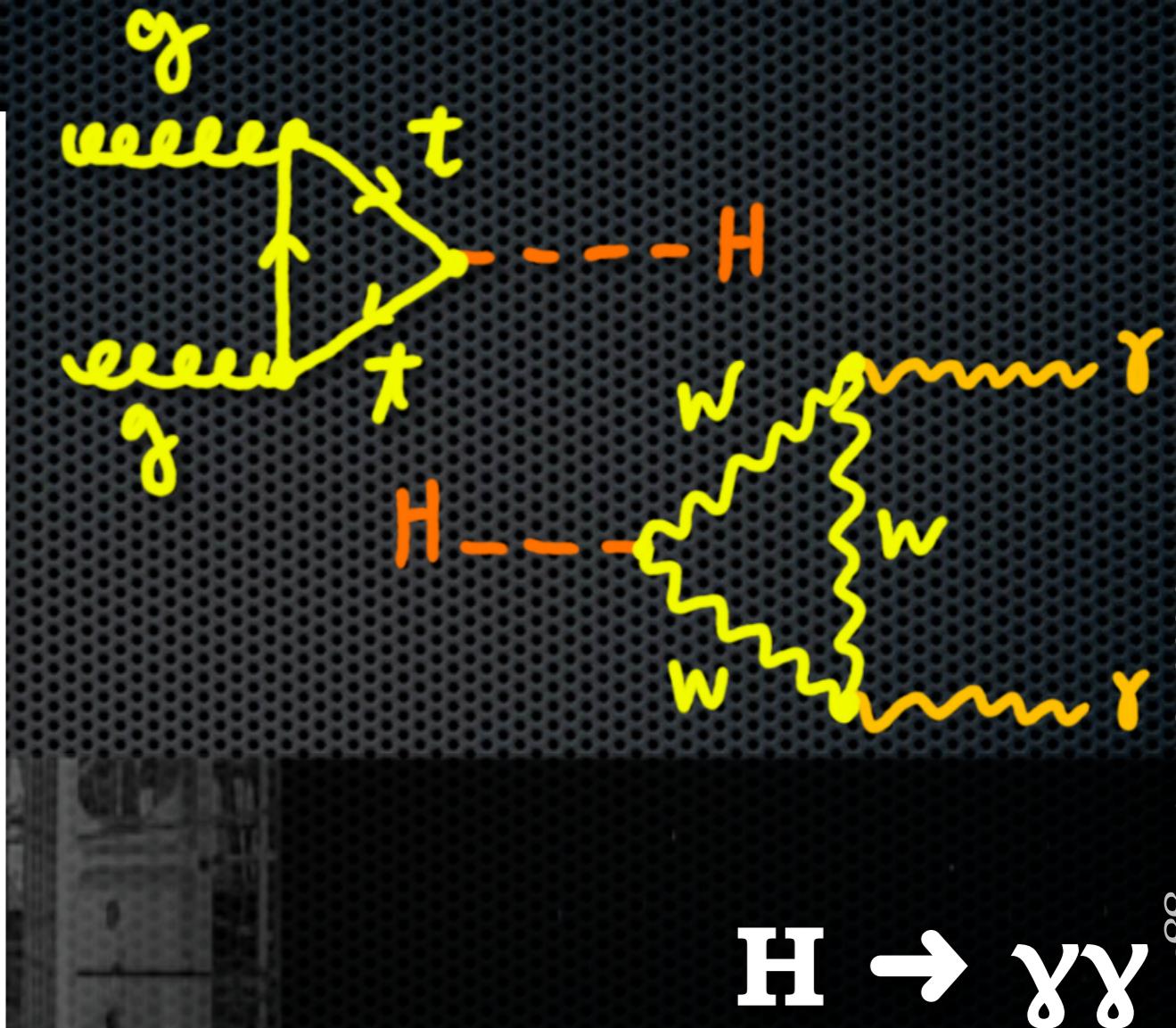
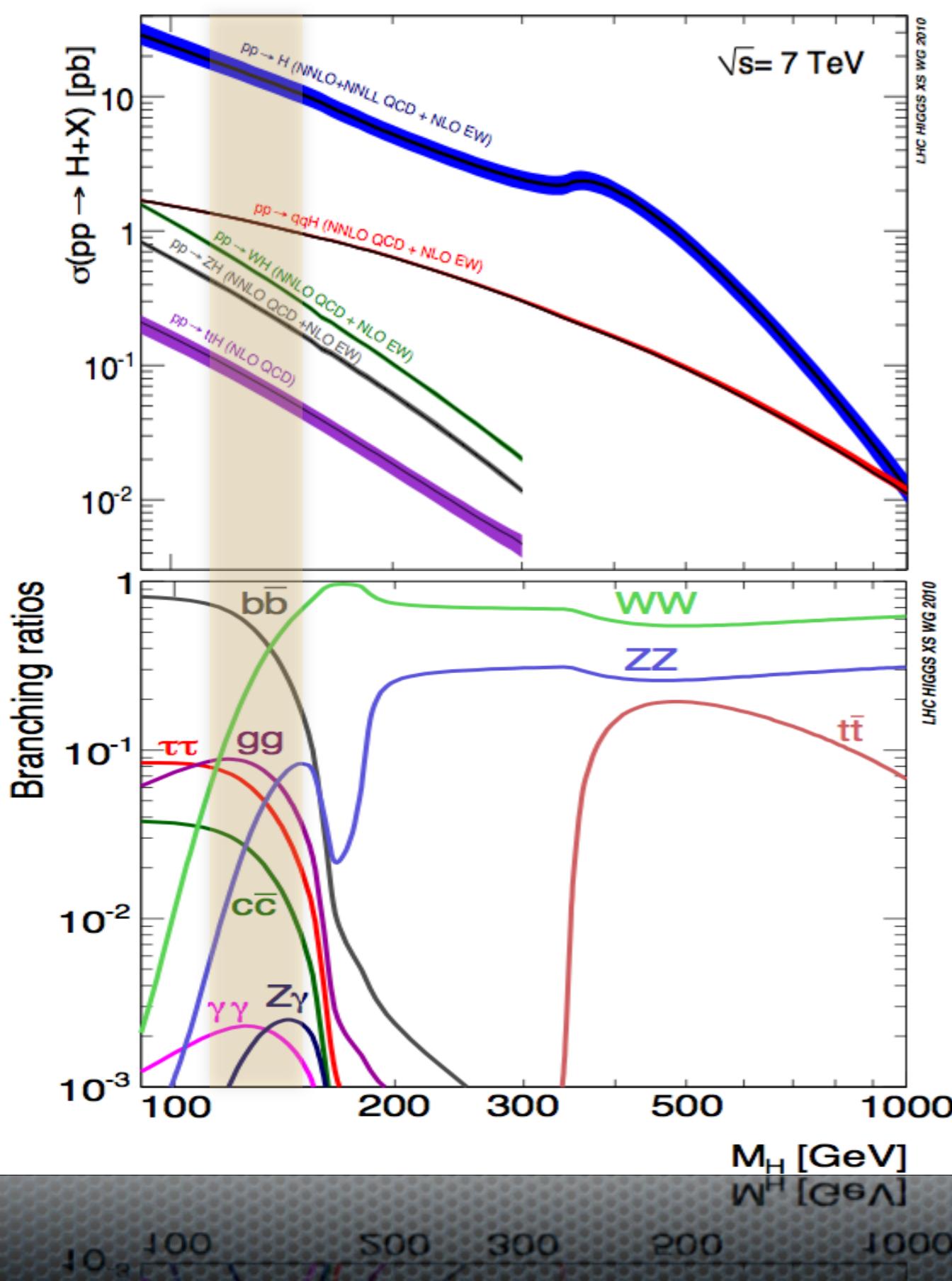


# Diboson Cross Sections Measured by ATLAS





# Search for the SM Higgs Boson



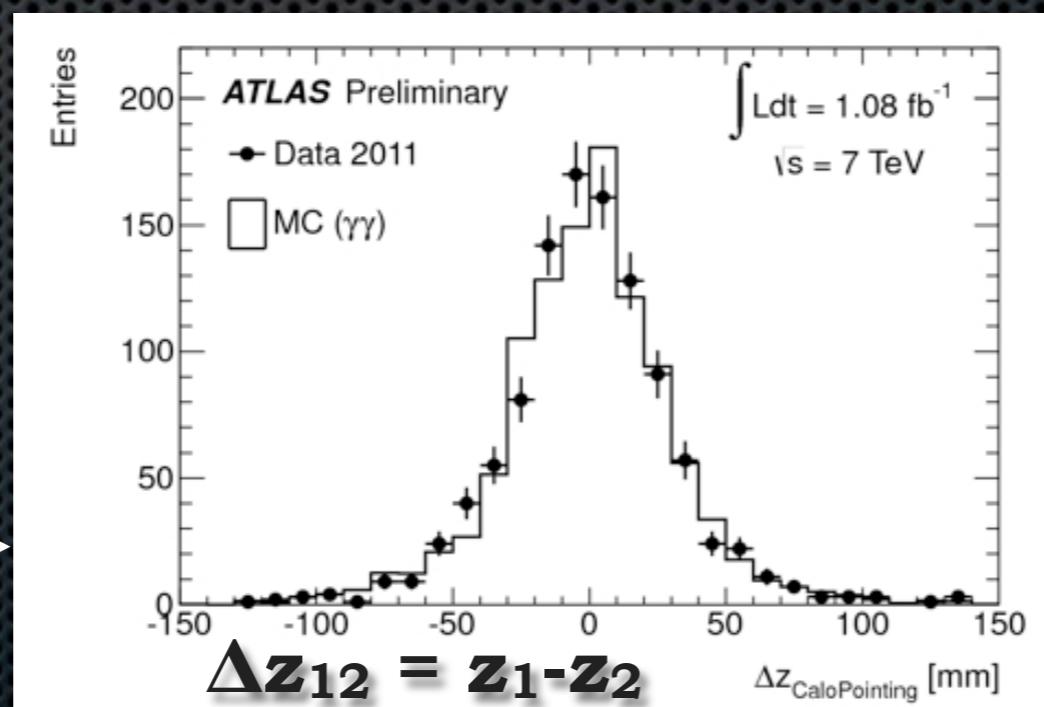
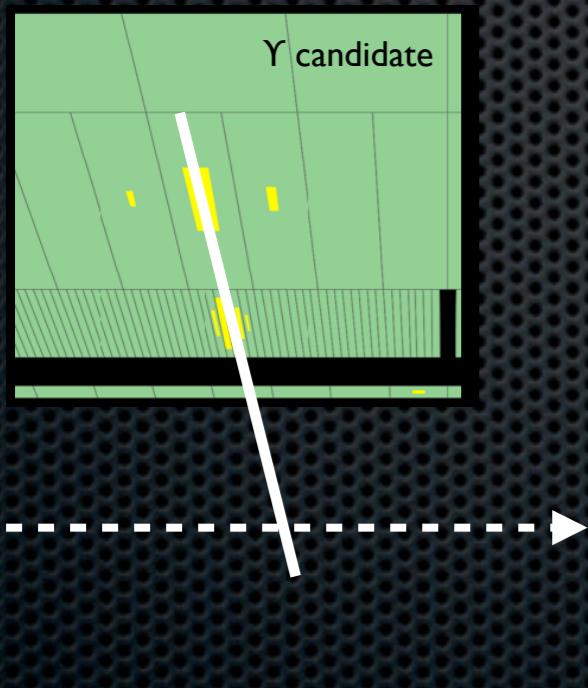
- The key channel for the low-mass Higgs
  - Small BR ( $\sim 0.002$ )
  - But, clean signature
  - SM  $\gamma\gamma$ : irreducible background

# H → γγ: Selection and Mass Reconstruction

- Two high-quality isolated high-pt photons
  - $p_{T1} > 40 \text{ GeV}; p_{T2} > 25 \text{ GeV}$
  - Five event categories:
    - Converted/unconverted photons + η regions of calorimeter
    - Different invariant mass resolution and S/B
- Mass reconstruction
  - Energy resolution:  $\Delta p \sim 1.3 \text{ GeV}$ 
    - Energy scale calibration from  $Z \rightarrow ee$
  - Interaction point spread:  $\text{RMS}(z) \sim 5.5 \text{ cm}$

$$m^2 = 2p_1p_2(1-\cos \theta) \sim p_1p_2\theta^2$$

$$\Delta m/m = (1/\sqrt{2})\Delta p/p \oplus \Delta\theta/\theta$$



Vertex resolution from unconverted photons

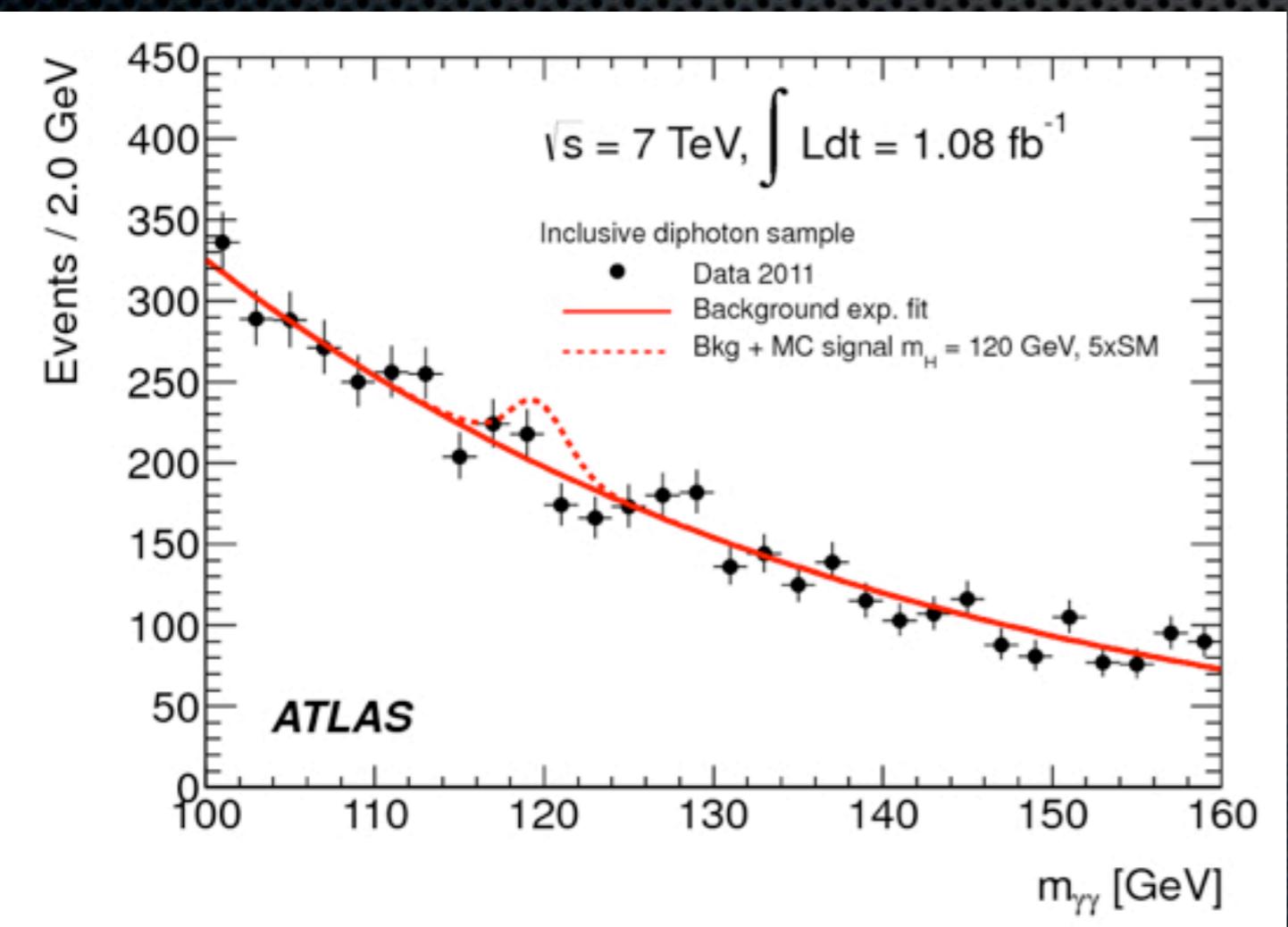
$$\sigma(z) \sim 1.6 \text{ cm}$$

$$m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma(m) \sim 1.7 \text{ GeV}$$

# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : Background and Results

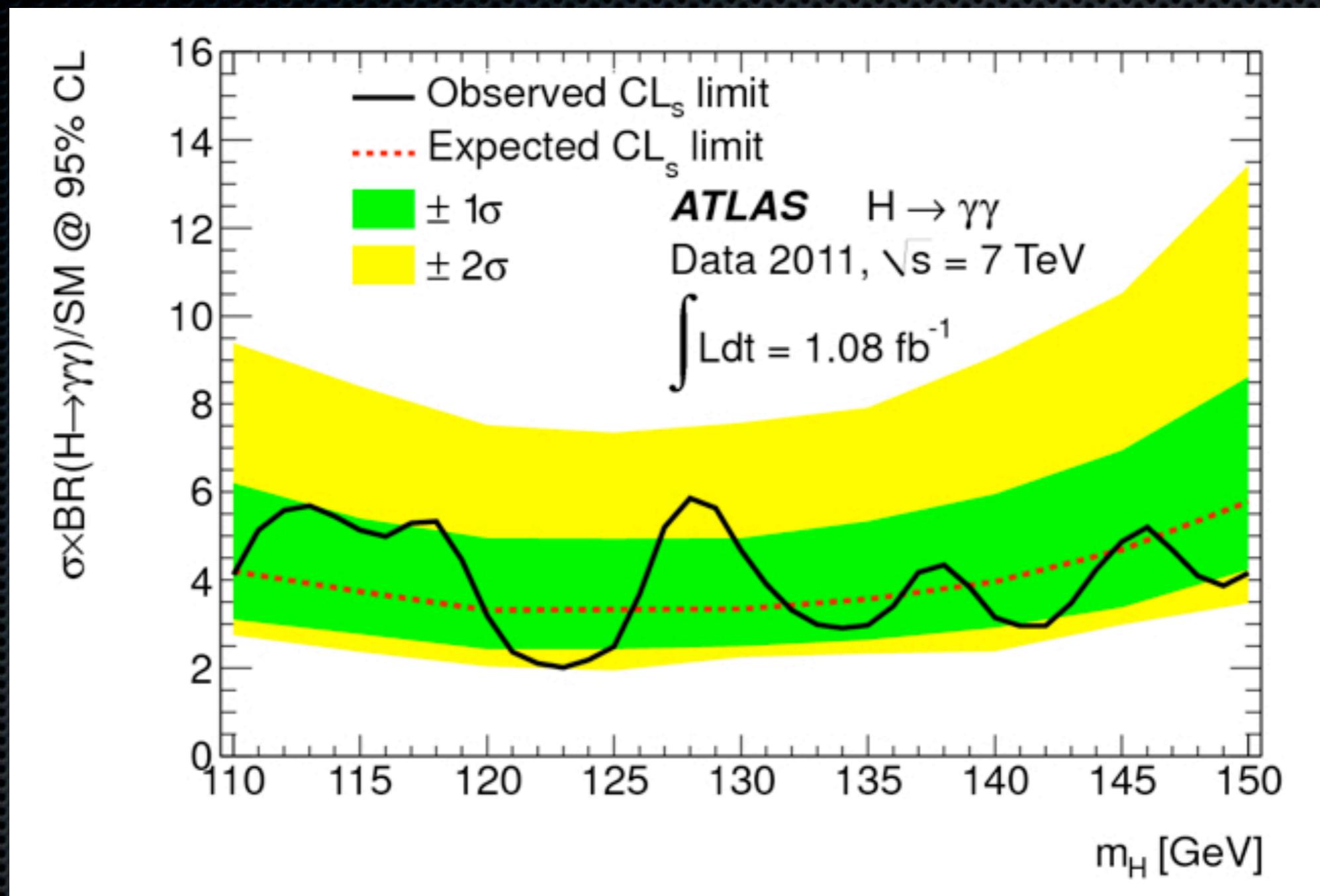
- Measure the SM backgrounds using control samples
  - Consider photon isolation and identification criteria (loose vs tight) to extract:
    - $\gamma\text{-}\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\text{-jet}$  and jet-jet background components



5063 events pass full selection  
with  
 $100 \text{ GeV} < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 150 \text{ GeV}$

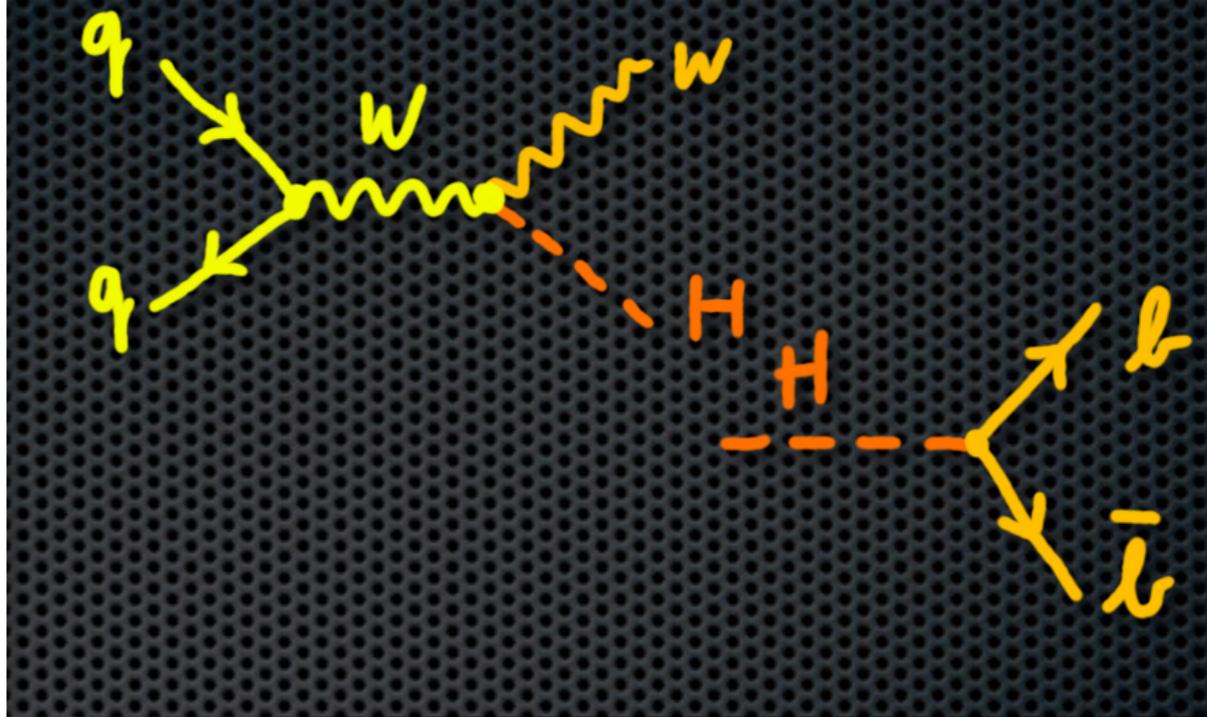
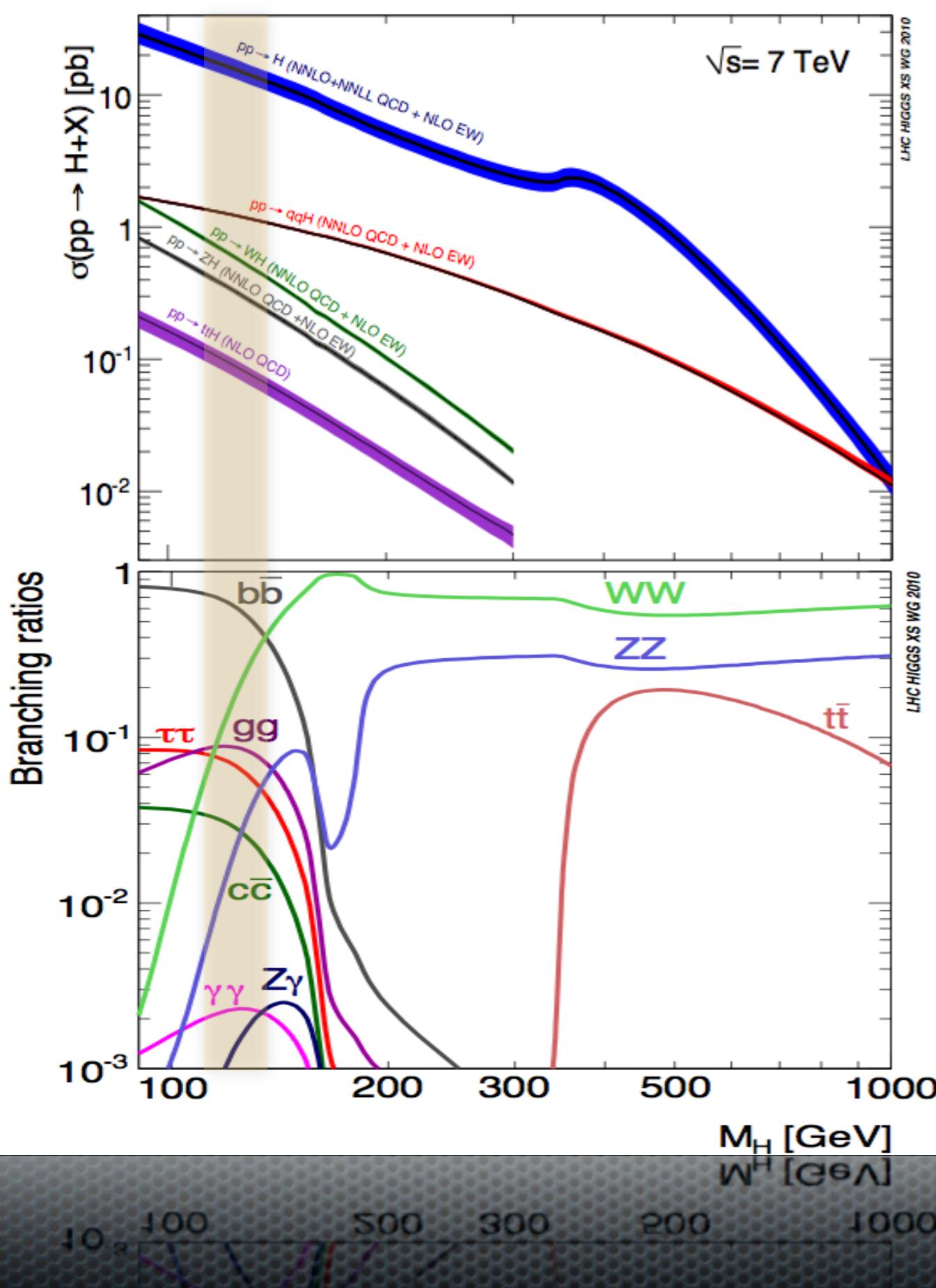
Maximum likelihood fit to  
exponential background  
and  
signal templates

# H → γγ: Limits



- **110 <  $m_H$  < 150 GeV**
- **Expected upper limit:  $\sim 3.3\text{-}5.8 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$**
- **Observed upper limit:  $2 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}} (m_H = 123 \text{ GeV})$**

$m_H < 130 \text{ GeV}$

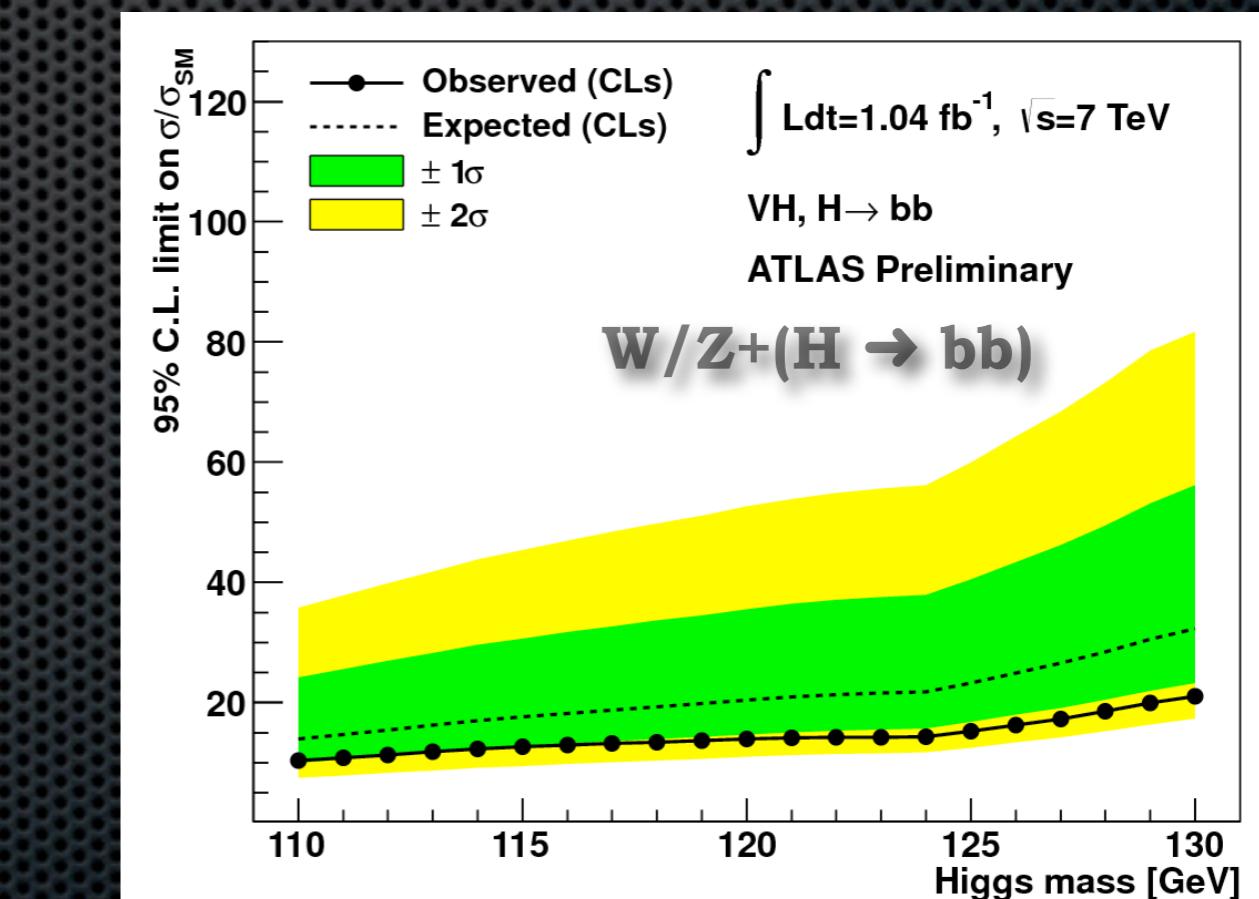
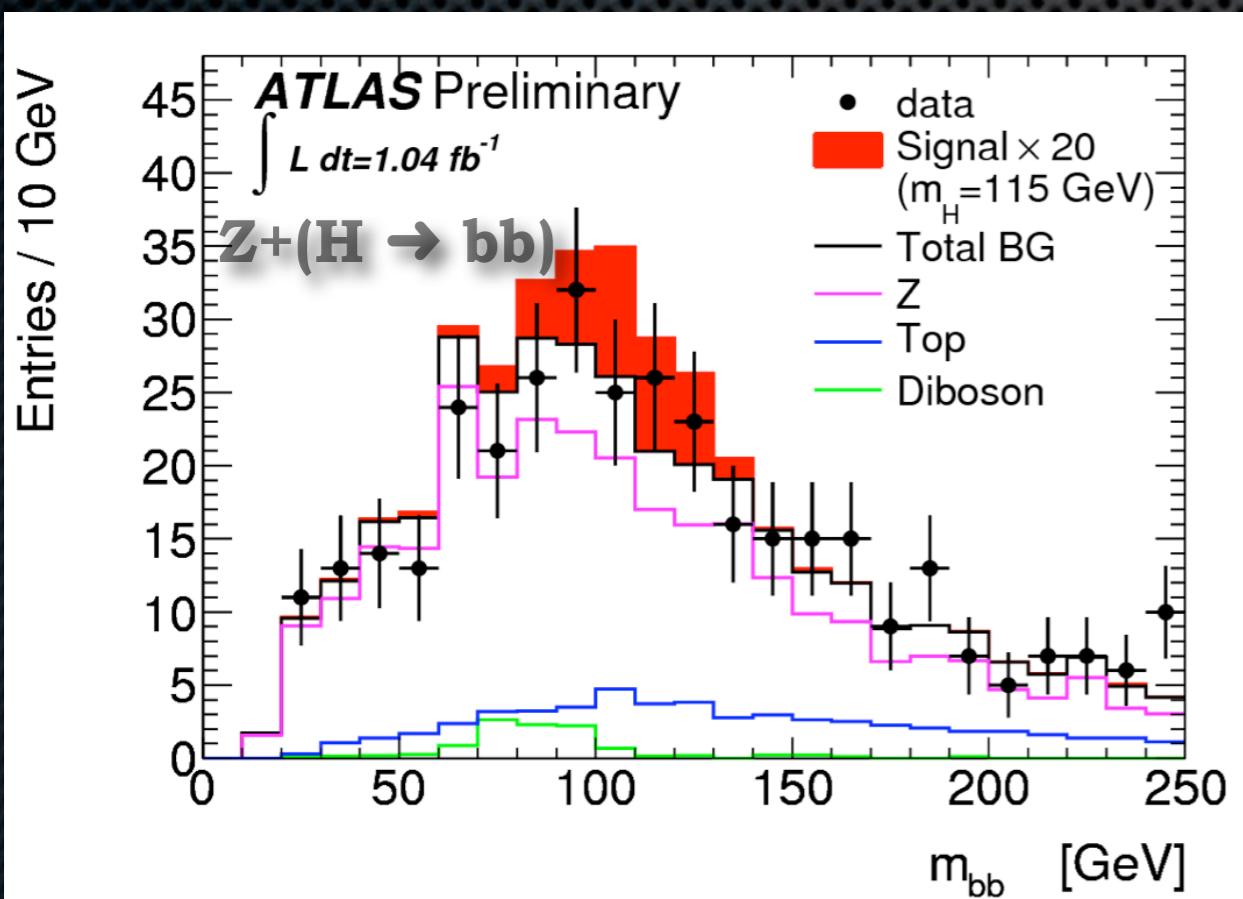


## $W/Z + (H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$

- Dominant decay mode at **low mass**
  - Huge QCD background
  - Needs associated production
- Possibility of measuring directly Higg to **quark couplings**

# W/Z + (H $\rightarrow$ bb): Limits

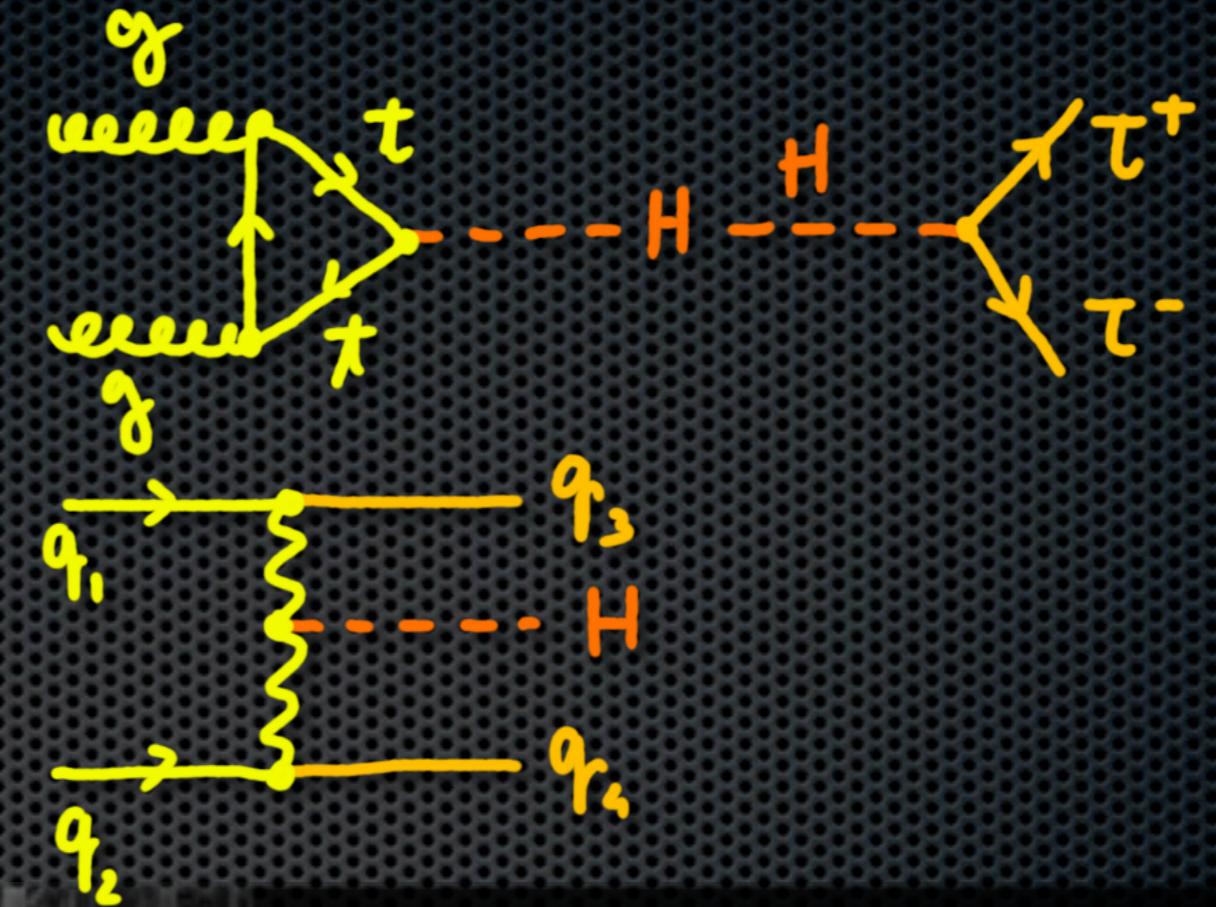
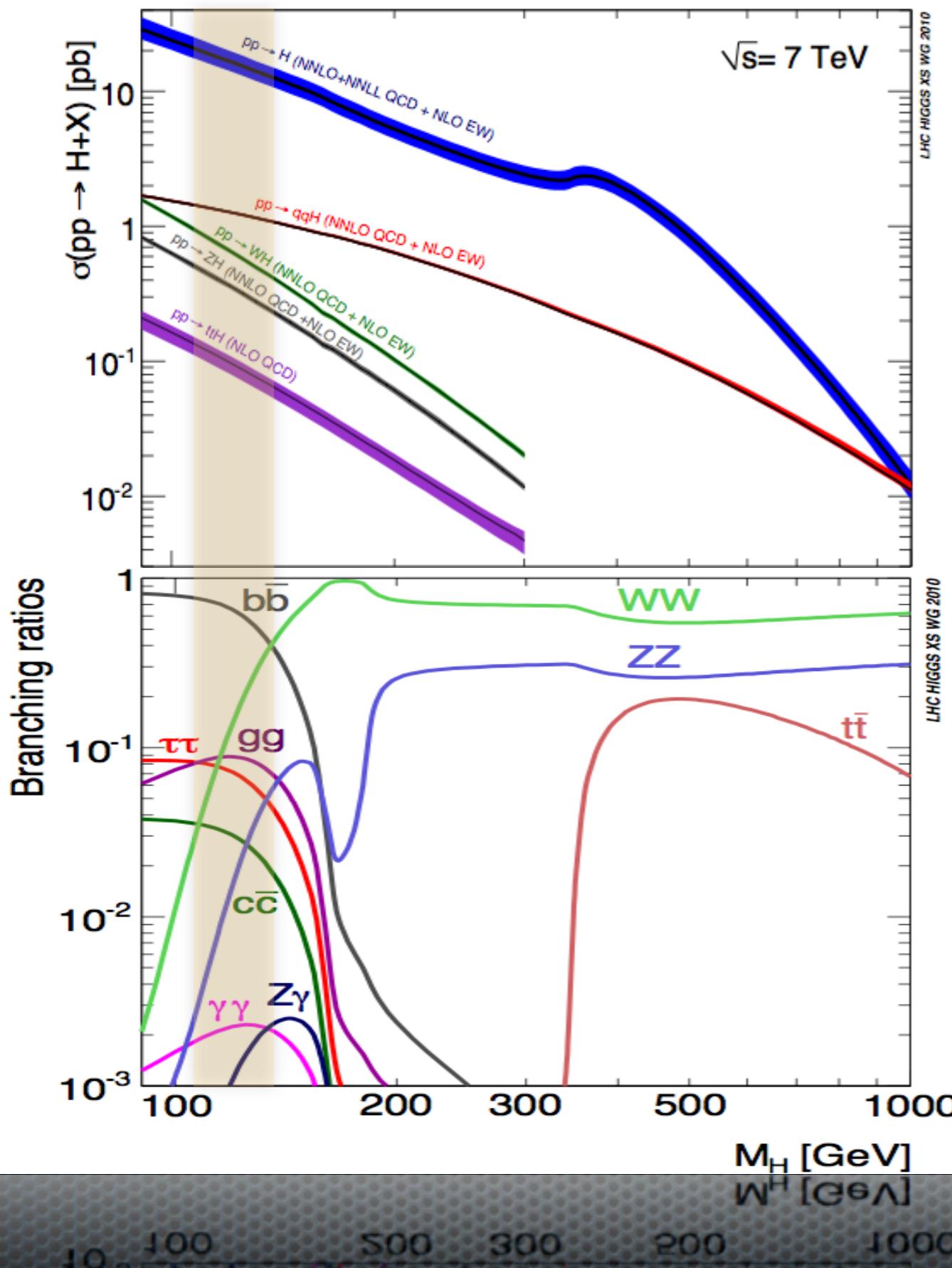
- **Select W or Z (leptonic) events  $\rightarrow$  trigger event**
  - Require exactly two b-tagged jets with  $p_T > 25$  GeV
  - Bump hunting in the  $m_{bb}$  spectrum
- **Major backgrounds**
  - Z+jets, W+jets, top and dibosons



Exclusion limit:  $10-15 \times \sigma_{SM}$

Improvements expected with boosted b-jet pairs

$m_H = 110\text{-}140 \text{ GeV}$

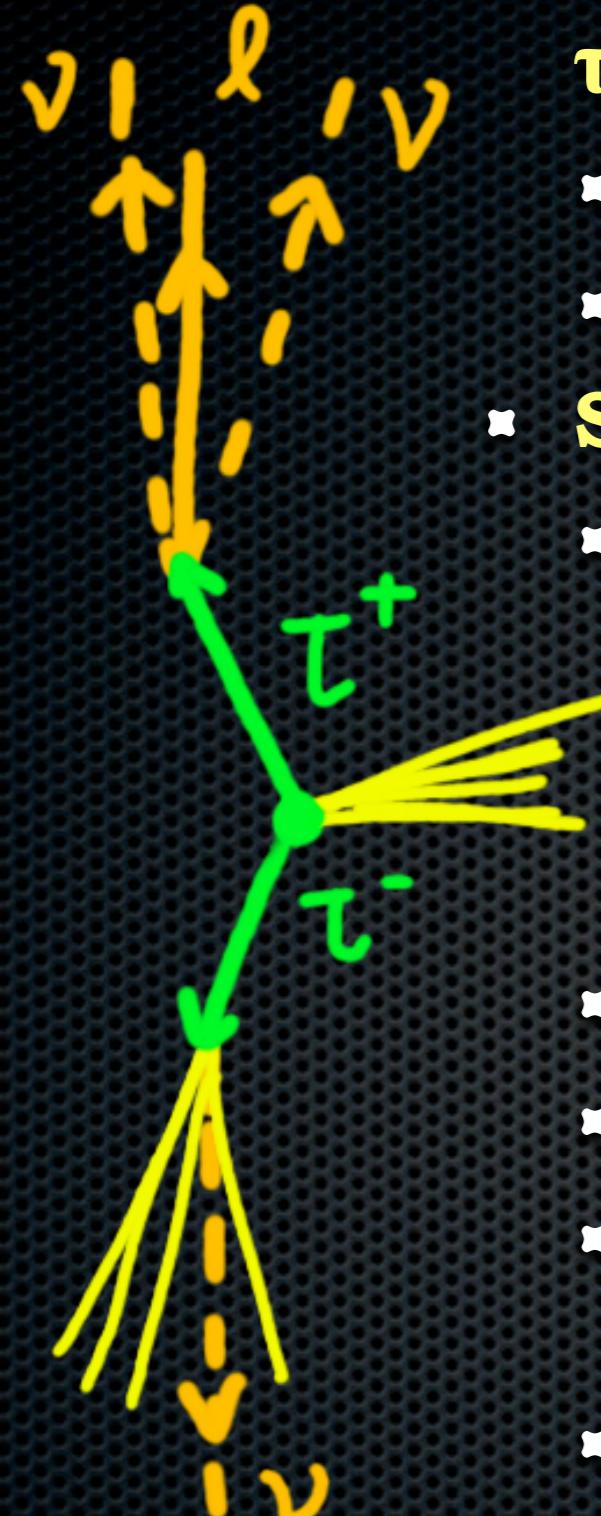


$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

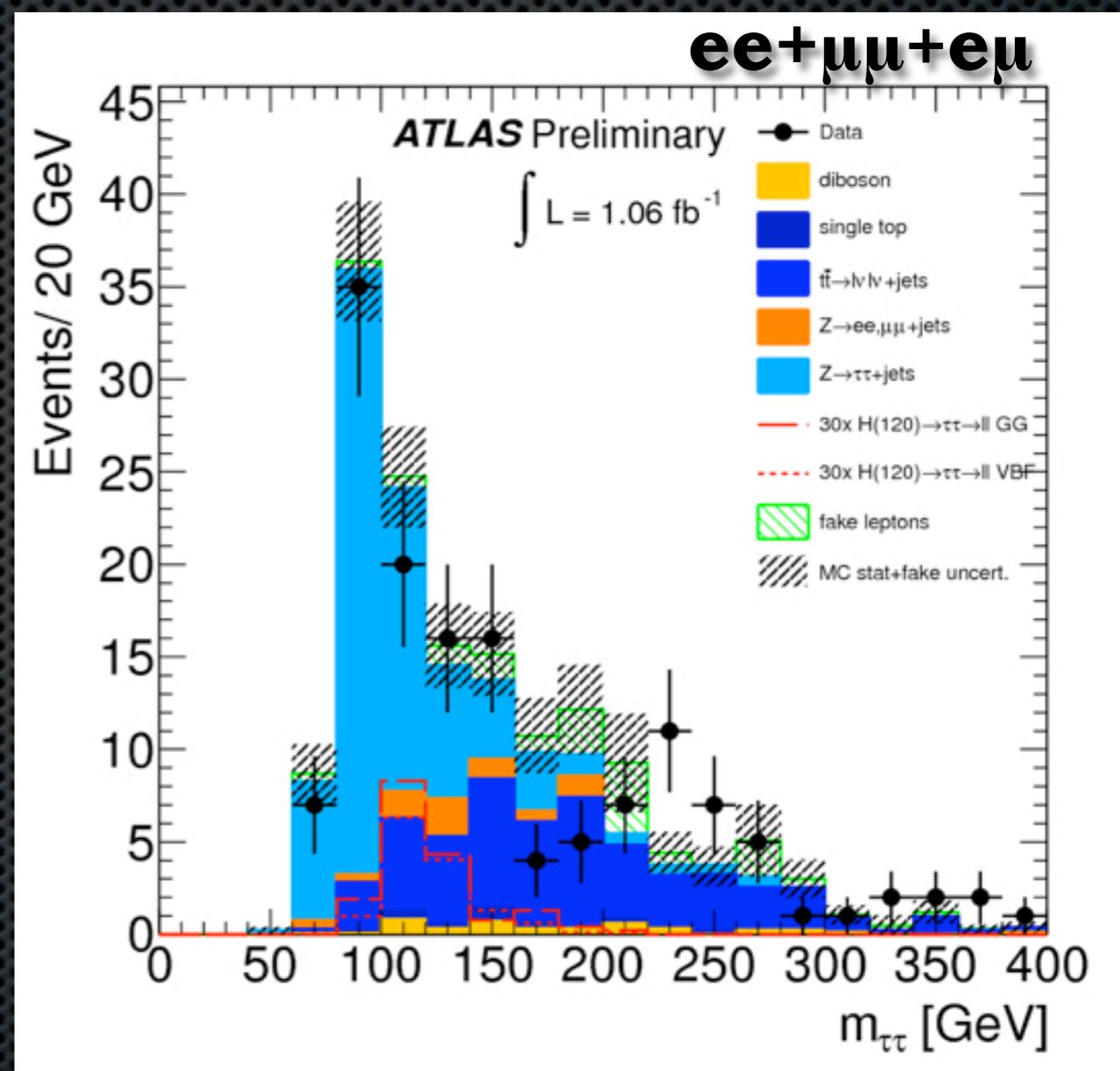
- Higgs produced in association with jets
  - Gluon fusion at NLO
  - VBF at LO

# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : Event Selection

- Three classes of events depending on the  $\tau$ -decay
  - $1\tau_{\text{had}}3\nu$ : lepton and hadronic tau decay
  - $1^+1^-4\nu$ : lepton-lepton tau decay
- Selection for  $1^+1^-4\nu$ :
  - 2 electrons, or 2 muons, or 1e1 $\mu$ 
    - $p_T e > 15 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta^e| < 2.47$
    - $p_T \mu > 10 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta^\mu| < 2.5$
    - opposite charge
  - At least one jet with  $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 4.5$
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$  for 2e and 2 $\mu$ ,  $> 20$  for 1e1 $\mu$
  - Reconstruct  $\tau$  momentum in collinear approximation
  - Apply dilepton invariant mass and topological cuts ( $\Delta\Phi_{ll}$ ,  $m_{\tau\tau}$ ,  $m_{\tau\tau j}$ )

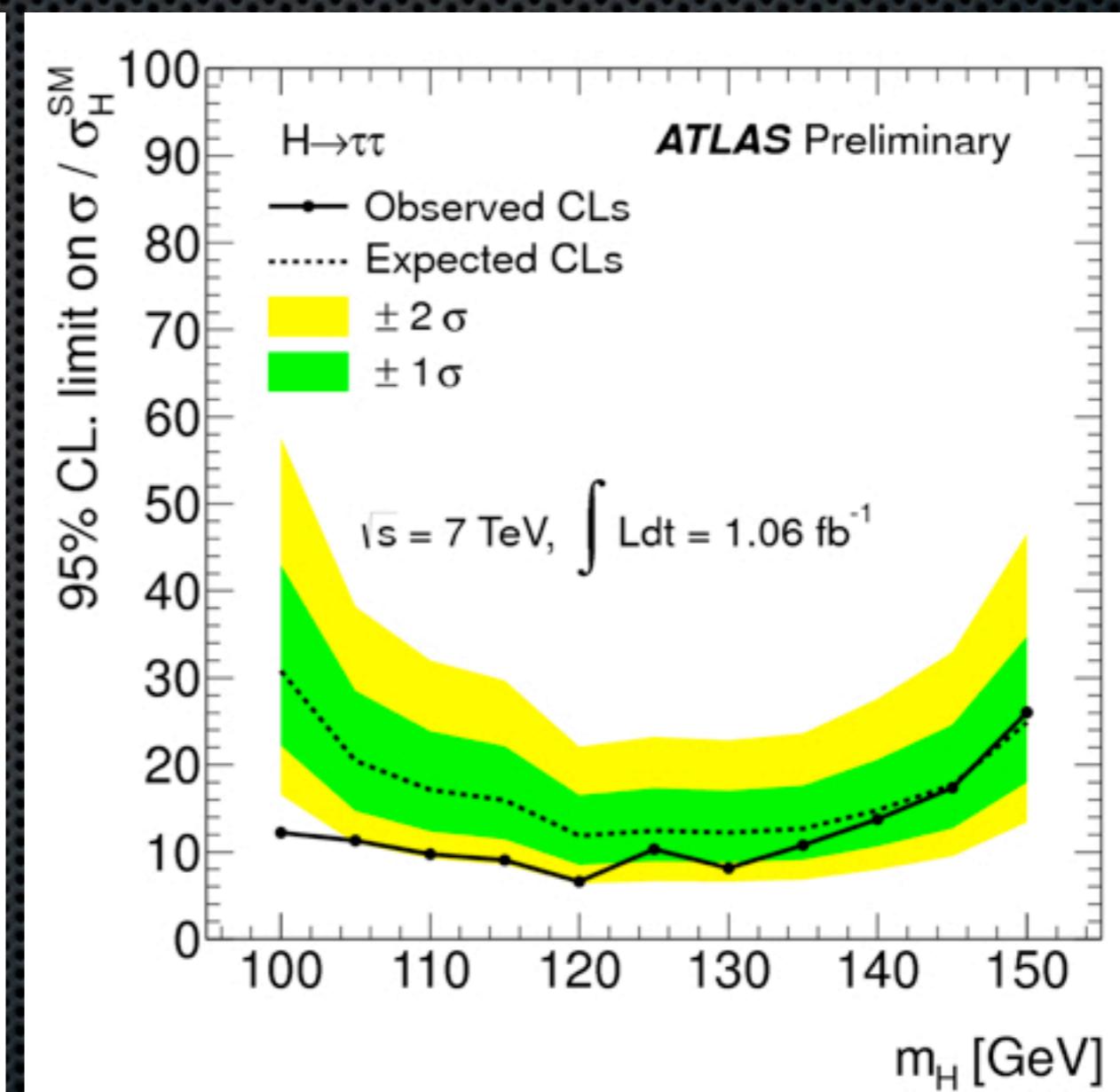
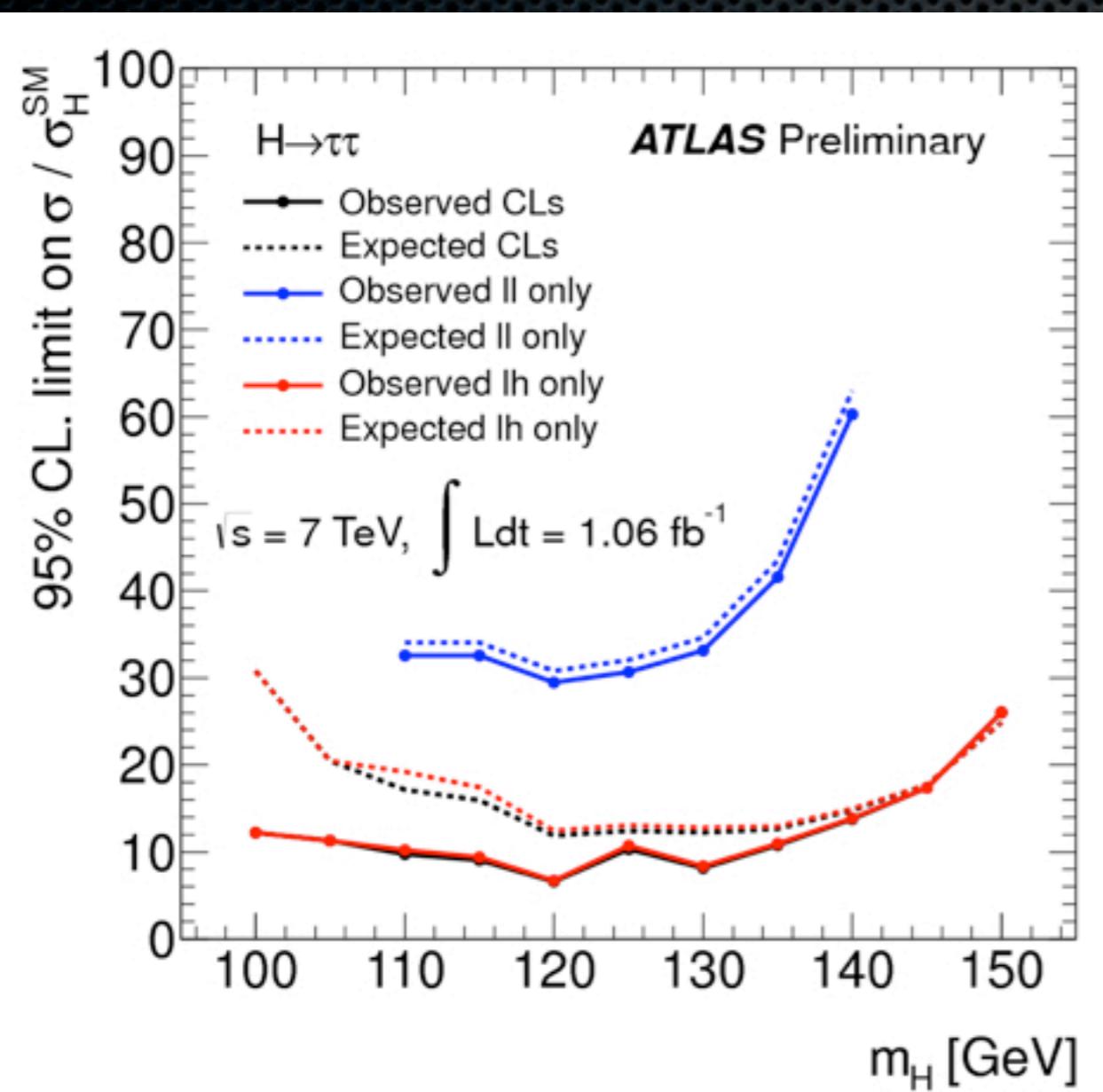


- Major backgrounds:
  - $Z \rightarrow ll + jets$
  - $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau + jets$ 
    - mostly irreducible
  - ttbar, single top, QCD jets
  - fake lepton backgrounds, and  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  estimated from data; others from MC
- Systematic uncertainties
  - Dominated by JES
    - Background: +7.0%, -9.8%
    - Higgs (120 GeV): +4.1%, -7.8%



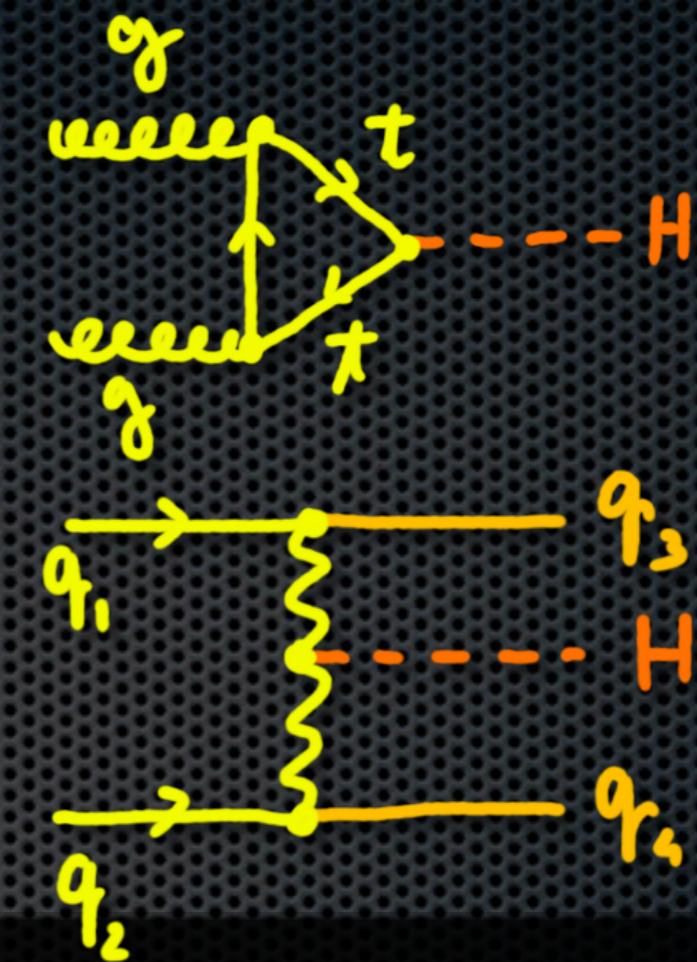
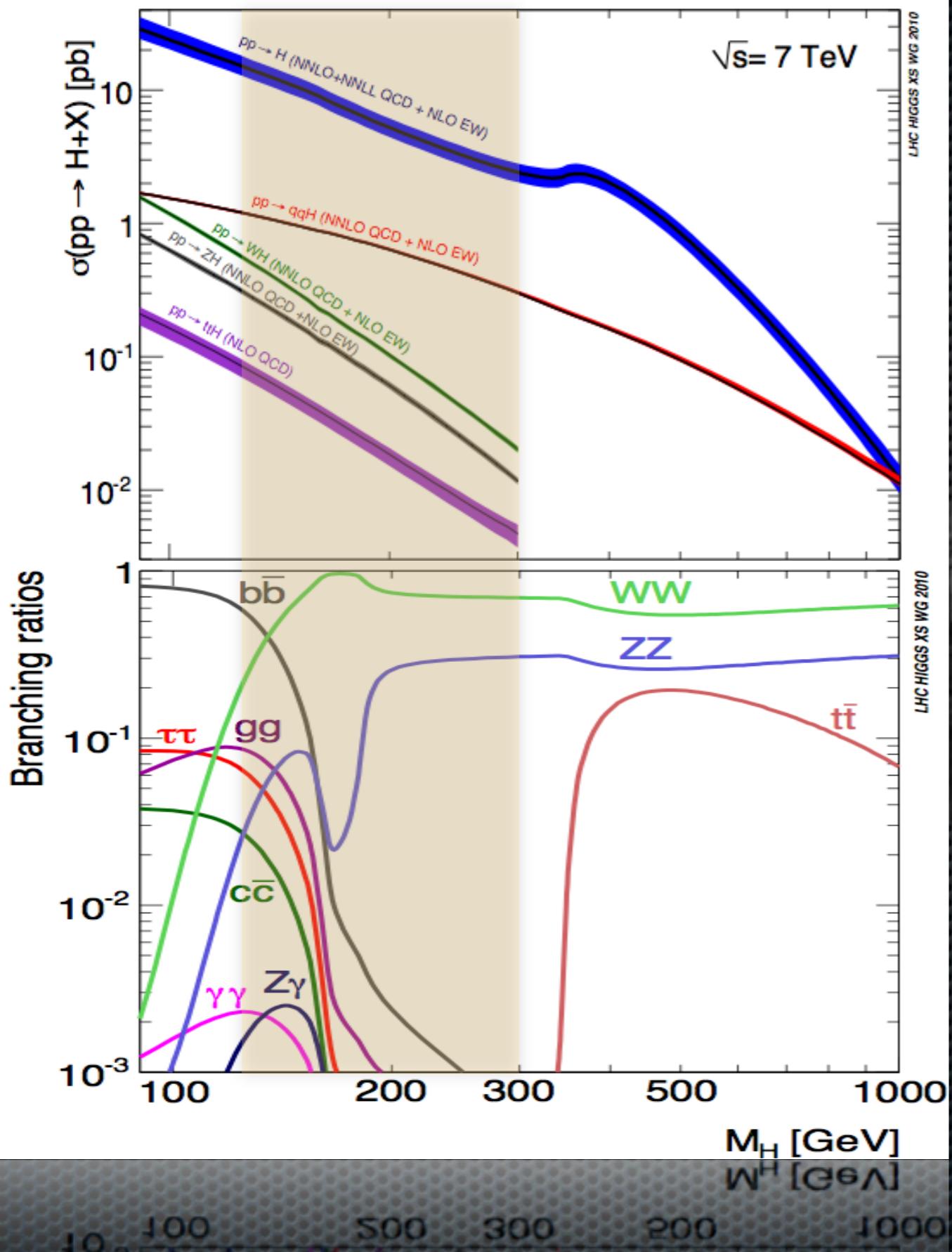
Signal:  
 $100 < m_{\tau\tau} < 150 \text{ GeV}$

# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : Exclusion limits



Exclusion limit:  $7-15 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$

$m_H = 130\text{-}200 \text{ GeV}$



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

- The most sensitive at intermediate Higgs masses
  - SM  $WW$ : Large irreducible background
  - Analysis similar to SM  $WW$  + topological cuts
  - Reconstruction of invariant mass not possible

# H → WW → lνlν: Event Selection

- Event selection similar to SM WW:

- Two high-pt leptons and large missing energy

(GeV)

$p_T$  leading

$p_T$  subleading

$E_T^{\text{miss rel}}$

e-e

μ-μ

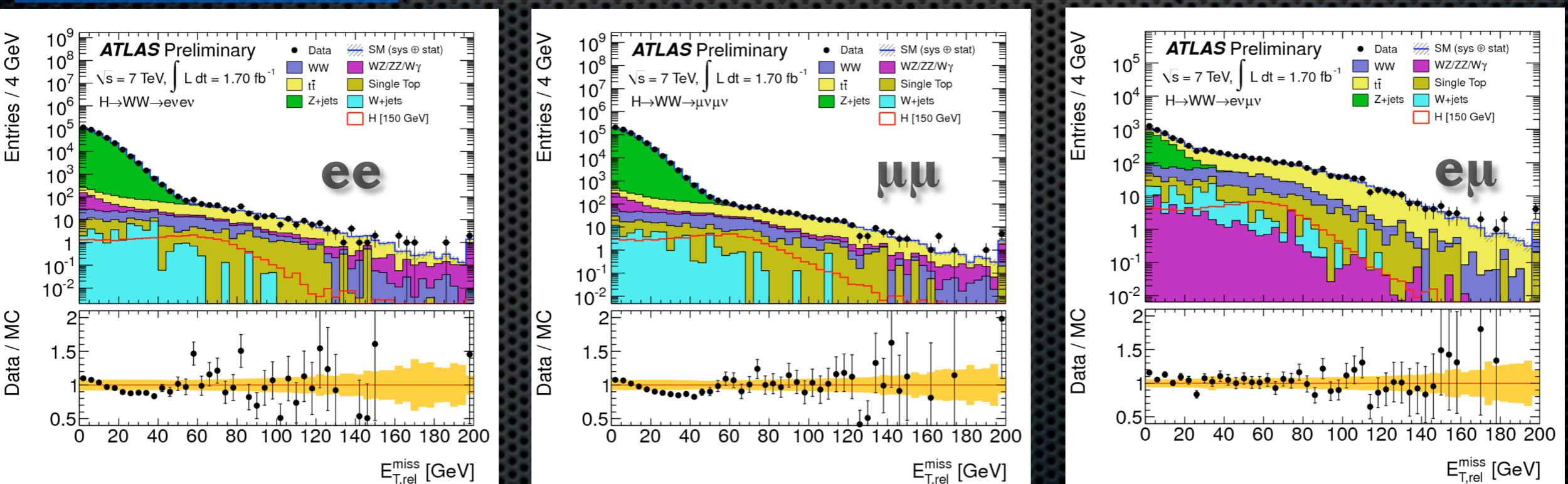
e-μ

40

40

25

e:15, μ:20



	WW	Z/γ* + jets	t̄t	tW/tb/tqb	WZ/ZZ/Wγ	Total Bkg.	Observed
$m_{\ell\ell} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ , $m_{e\mu} > 10 \text{ GeV}$	$1380 \pm 100$	$970000 \pm 70000$	$6200 \pm 600$	$630 \pm 70$	$1200 \pm 100$	$970000 \pm 70000$	997813
$ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell}  > 15 \text{ GeV}$	$1220 \pm 80$	$91000 \pm 7000$	$5500 \pm 600$	$560 \pm 60$	$92 \pm 9$	$98000 \pm 7000$	104253
$E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}}$	$660 \pm 50$	$300 \pm 200$	$2700 \pm 300$	$310 \pm 40$	$28 \pm 4$	$4000 \pm 500$	4051

# H → WW → lνlν: Event Selection

After the MET cut, divide the events into two categories

## 1. Events with exactly one jet

- $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 4.5$
- apply b-tag veto

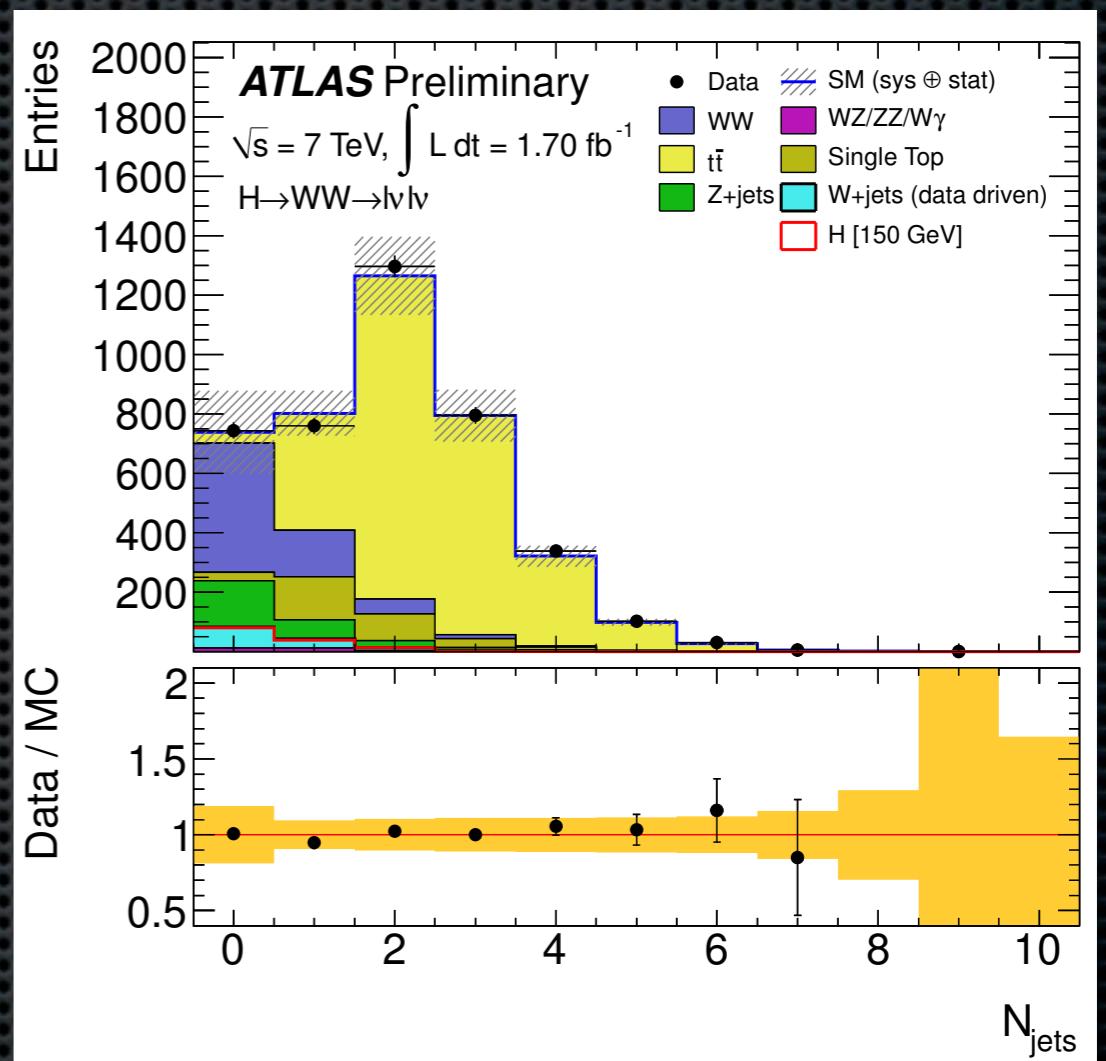
## 2. Events with no such jets

Then....

- Apply topological cuts
  - $m_{ll}$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{ll}$  and  $p_T(l)$
- Reconstruct transverse mass

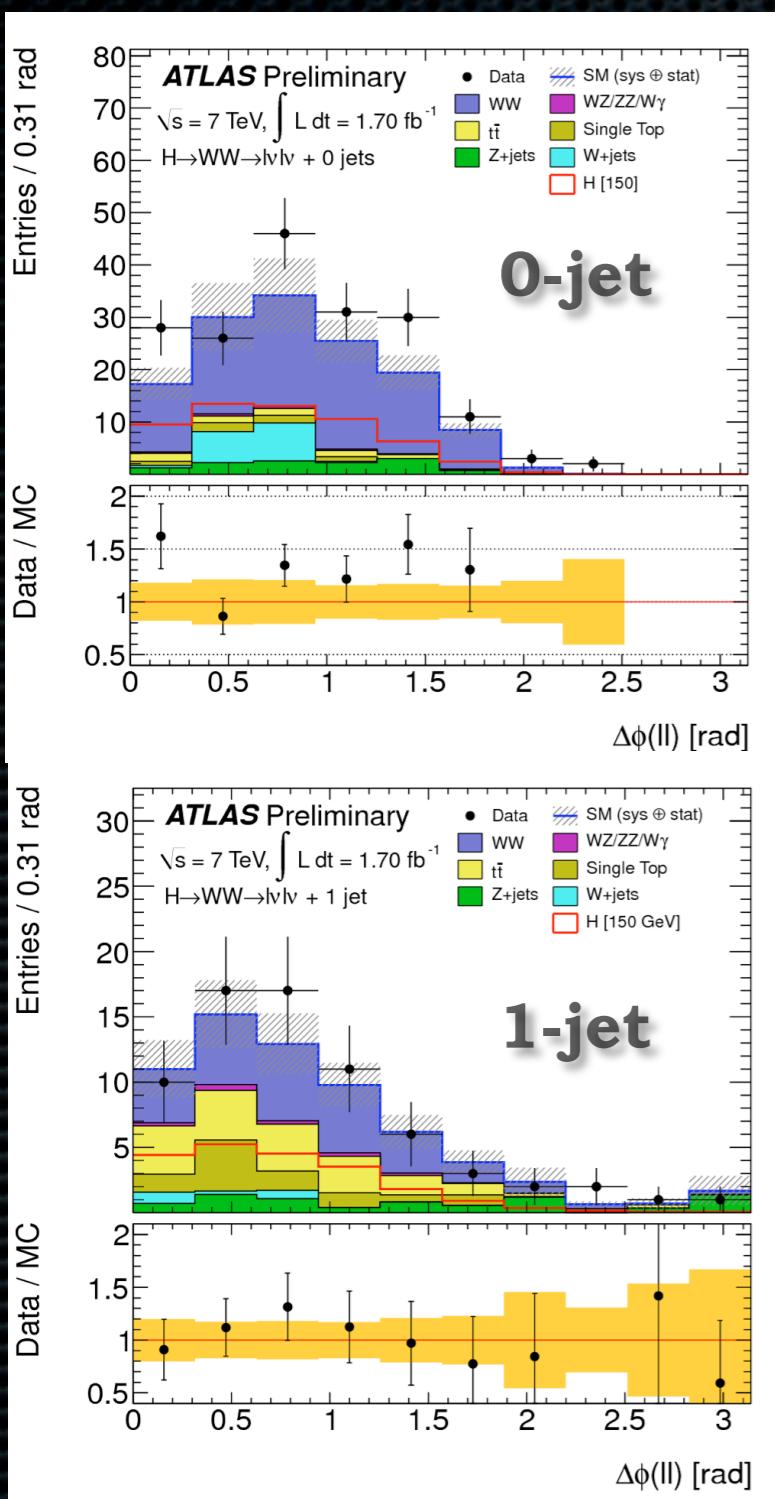
$$m_T = \sqrt{(E_T^{\ell\ell} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}})^2}$$

- Apply cut:
  - $0.75 \times m_H < m_T < m_H$

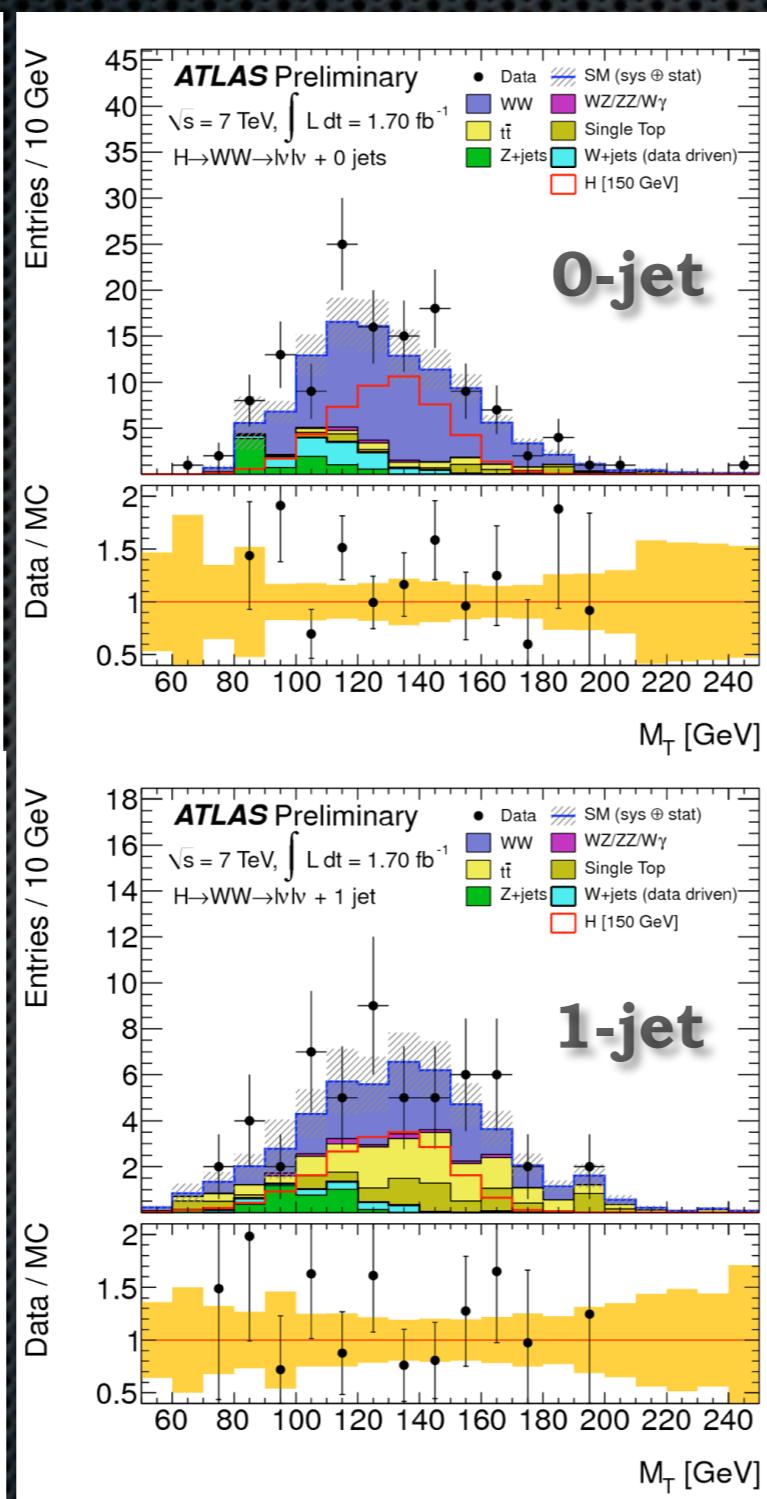


# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ : Event Selection

Dilepton azimuthal angle ( $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ )



Transverse mass (m<sub>T</sub>)



Final event yield for  
 $m_H = 150 \text{ GeV}$

	WW	ttbar	Total SM back.	Data	Higgs $m_H=150$
0-jet	<b><math>43 \pm 6</math></b>	<b><math>2.2 \pm 1.4</math></b>	<b><math>53 \pm 9</math></b>	<b>70</b>	<b><math>34 \pm 7</math></b>
1-jet	<b><math>10 \pm 2</math></b>	<b><math>6.9 \pm 1.9</math></b>	<b><math>23 \pm 4</math></b>	<b>23</b>	<b><math>12 \pm 3</math></b>

(W+jets only estimated with data driven method)

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

- The two largest backgrounds, SM WW and top production, are normalized to data
- Measure background in control region enriched in WW or top events
- Extrapolate the C.R. measurement to the signal region using MC shapes

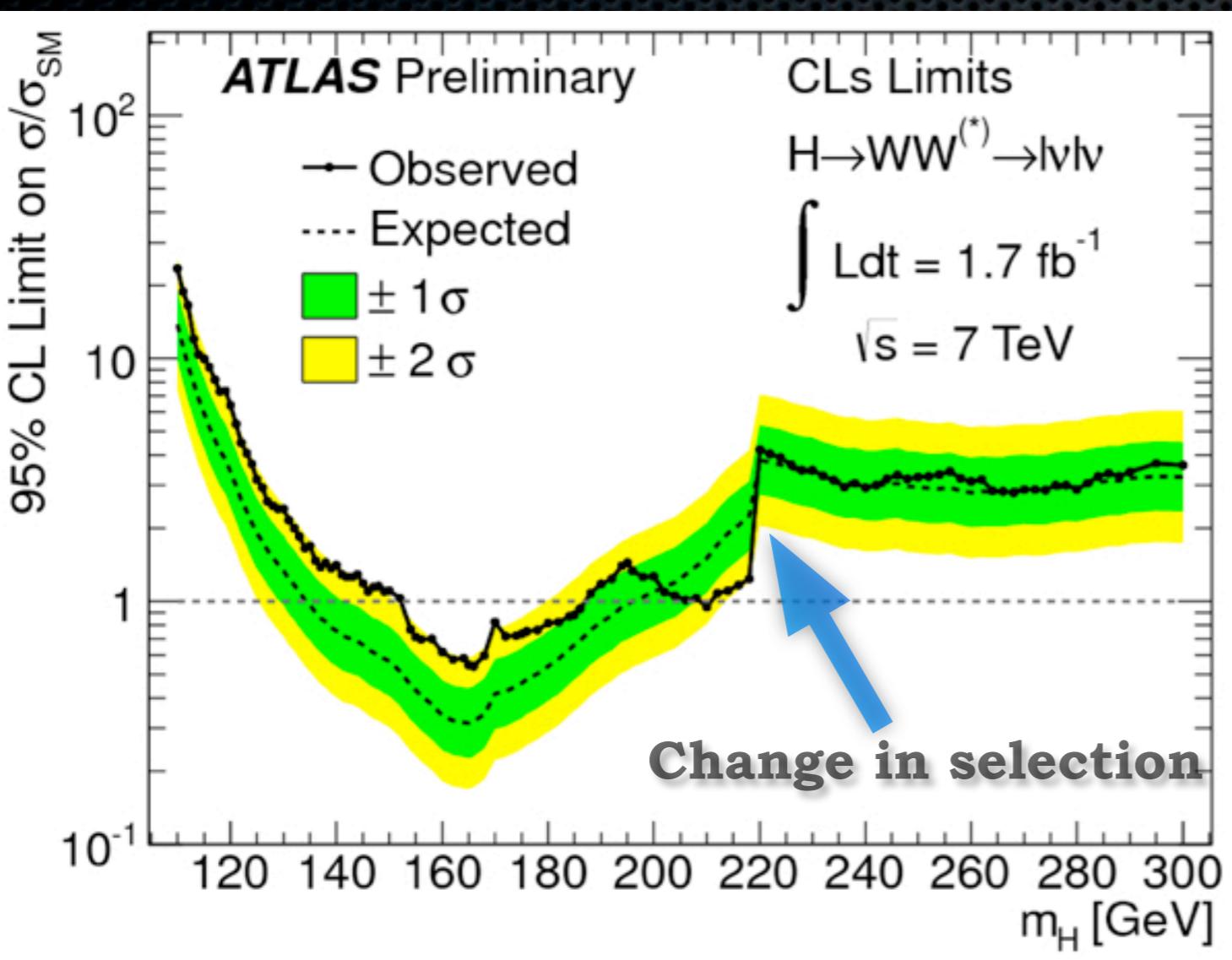
$$N_{data}^{S.R.} = \alpha \times N_{data}^{C.R.}, \quad \alpha = \frac{N_{MC}^{S.R.}}{N_{MC}^{C.R.}}$$

- W+jets background entirely determined from data
- Other (smaller backgrounds) are taken from Monte Carlo
- Apply scale factor to Drell-Yan MC for potential  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  mismodelling

Control Region	MC expectation	Observed
WW 0-jet	250±50	237
WW 1-jet	139±18	144
Top 1-jet	350±100	316

# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l l l l$ : Exclusion limit

## $H+0$ jet and $H+1$ jet channels

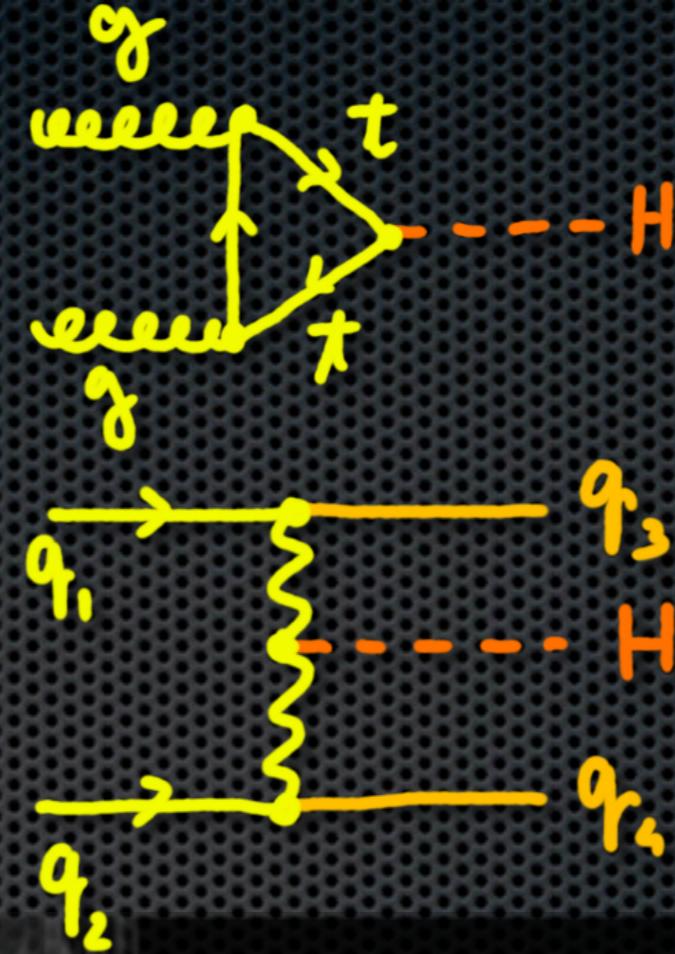
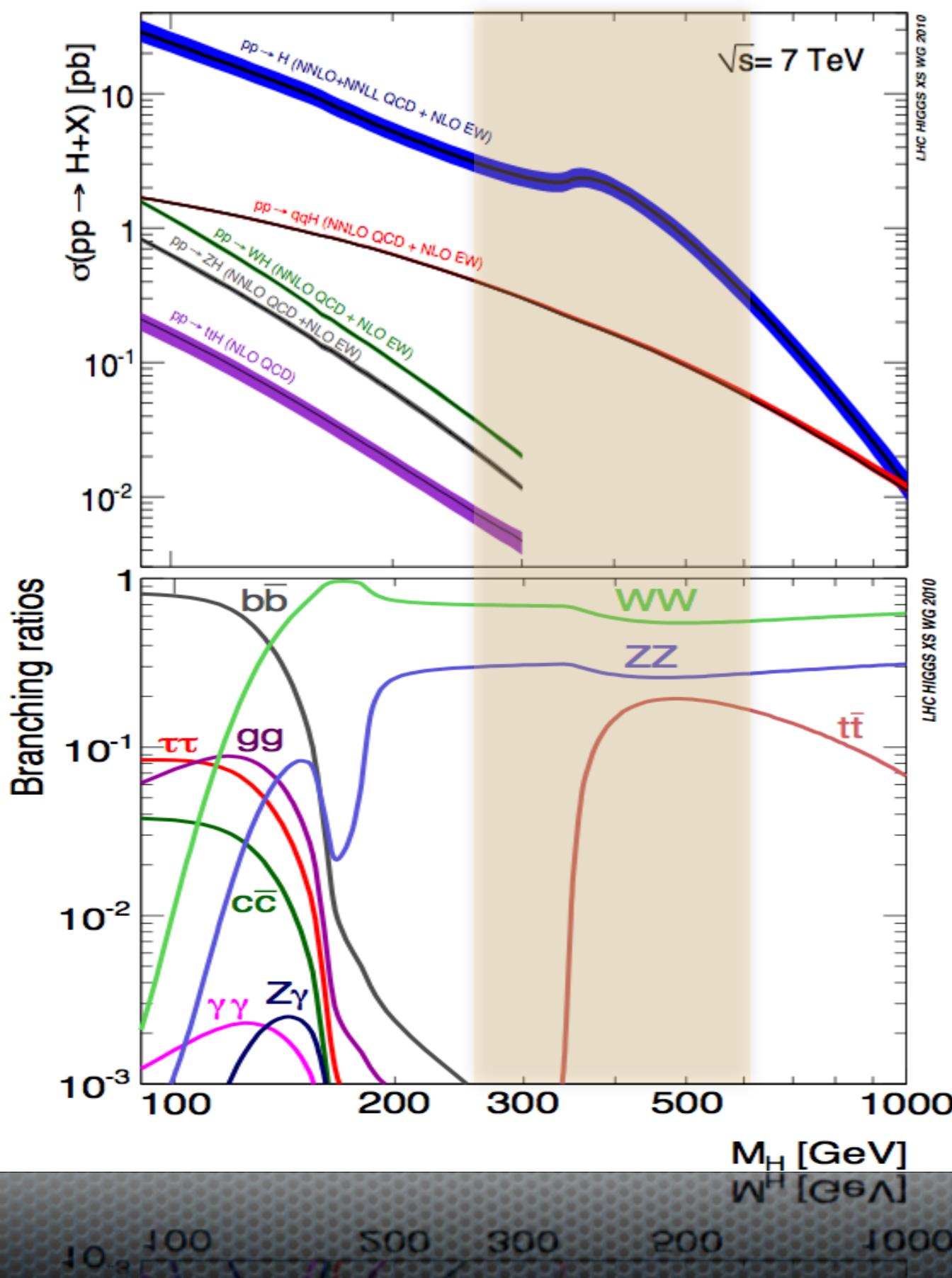


Improvements since EPS

Additional data  
Optimization for  $M_H > 220 \text{ GeV}$   
New b-tagging algorithm

- A SM Higgs boson with  $154 < m_H < 186 \text{ GeV}$  is excluded at 95% CL
- Expected exclusion mass range is  $135 < m_H < 196 \text{ GeV}$
- The observed limit is within  $2\sigma$  the expected one in the mass range 130-150 GeV

$m_H = 240\text{-}600 \text{ GeV}$



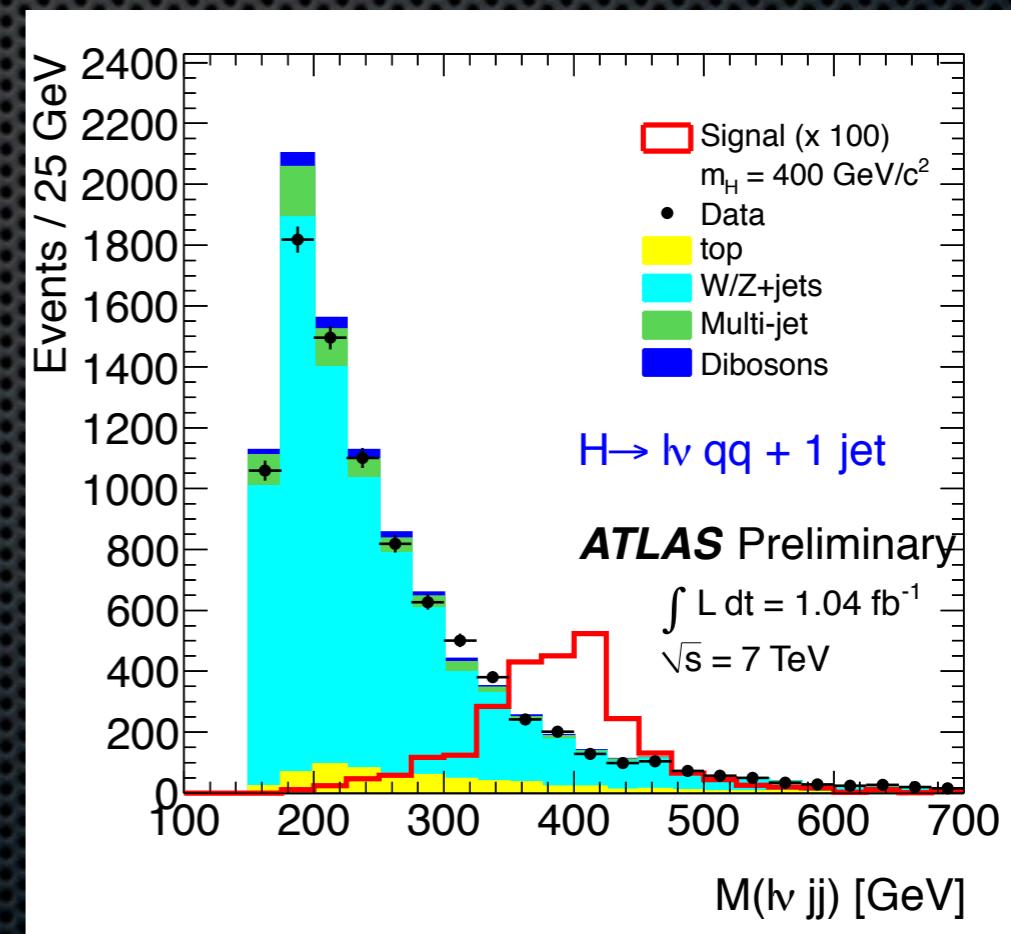
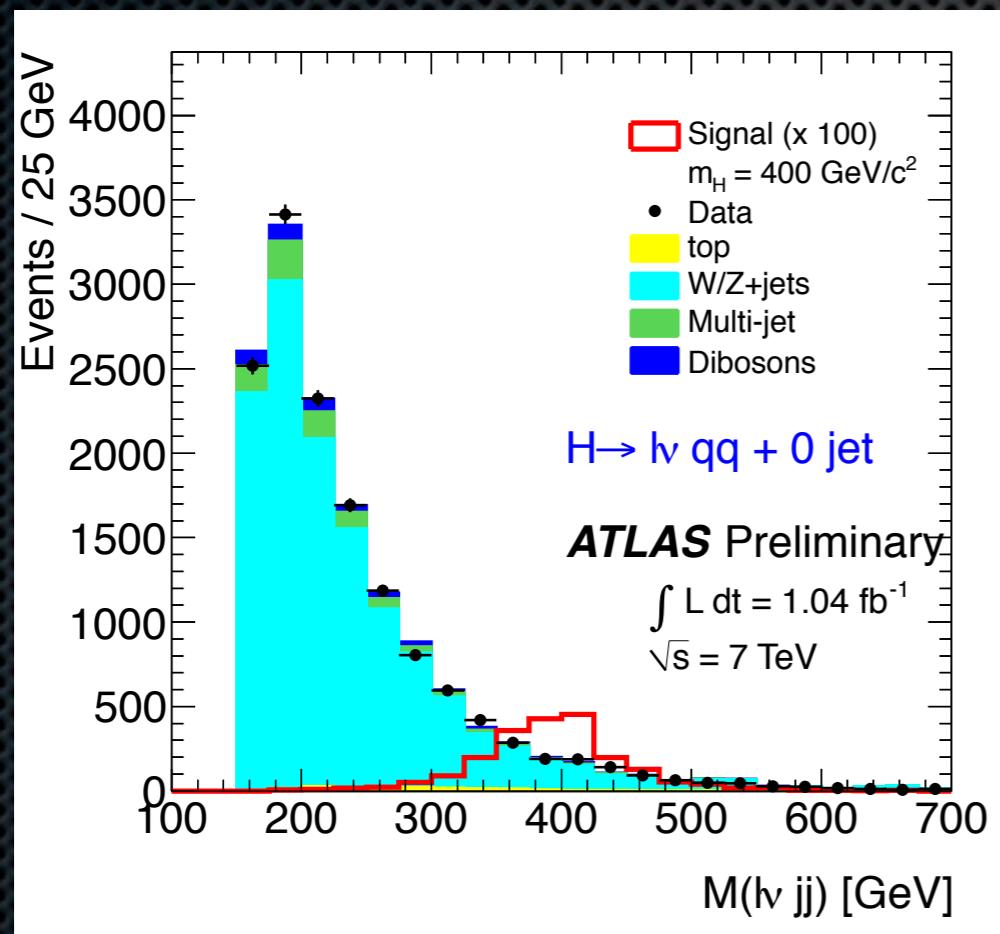
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$

- Sensitive only to **high-mass Higgs**
- Large QCD background at lower masses

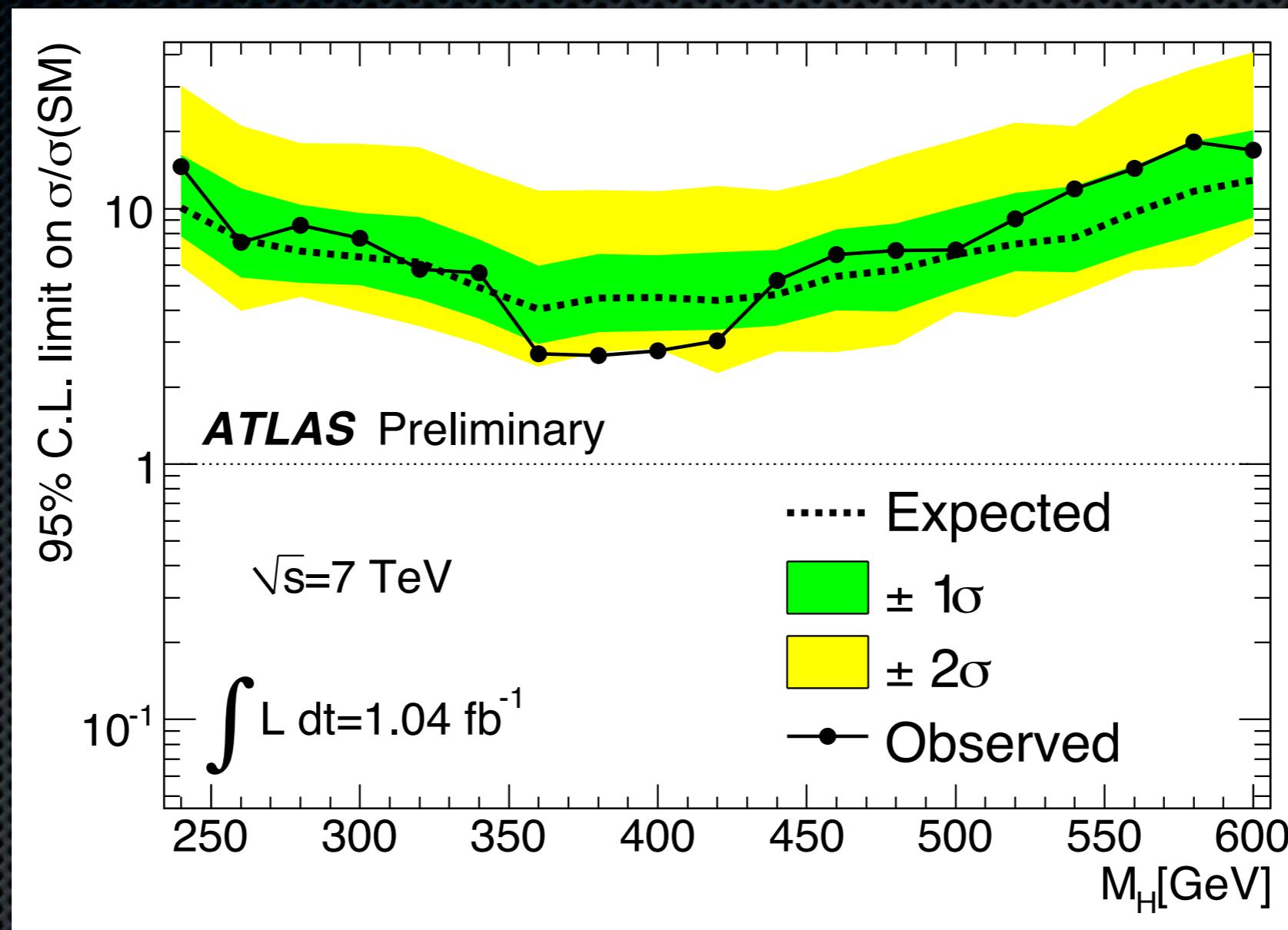
# H $\rightarrow$ WW $\rightarrow$ lνqq: Event Selection

- Selection:

- Exactly one lepton (e or  $\mu$ ) with  $p_T > 30$  GeV
- $E_{\text{miss}}^T > 30$  GeV
- Two high- $p_T$  jets ( $p_T > 25$  GeV) associated with a W
- Reconstruct the Higgs mass:  $M(l\nu jj)$ 
  - Search for a peak over continuous background

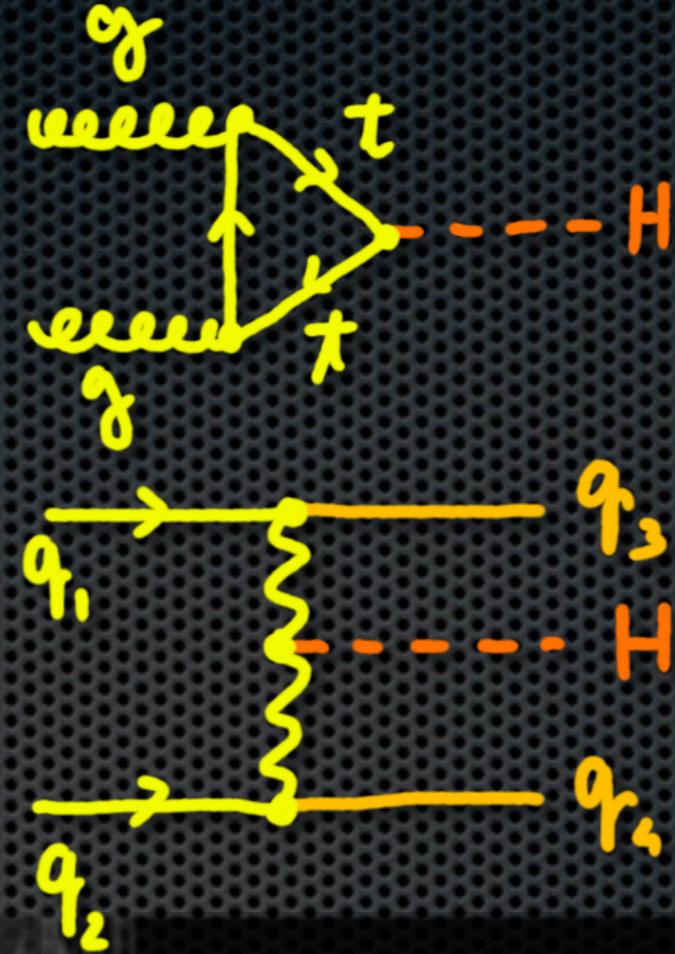
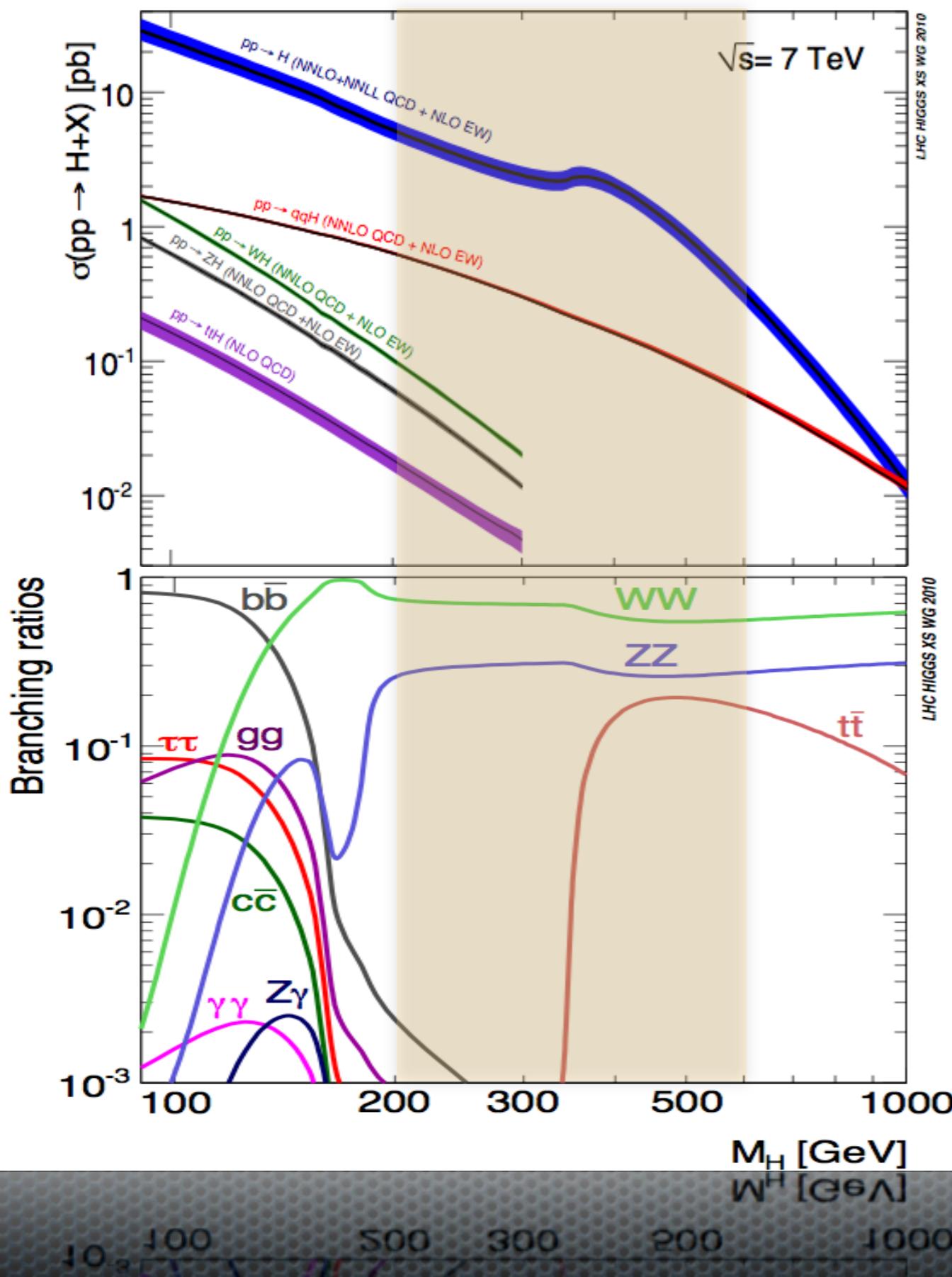


2j+3j	N <sub>observed</sub>	N <sub>bkg</sub>	N <sub>signal</sub>
W $\rightarrow$ lν qq	41687	$42611 \pm 1223$	$58 \pm 15$



- $m_H = 400 \text{ GeV}$
- Expected upper limit: ~5 times the SM cross section
- Observed upper limit: 2.5 times the SM cross section

$m_H = 200\text{-}600 \text{ GeV}$

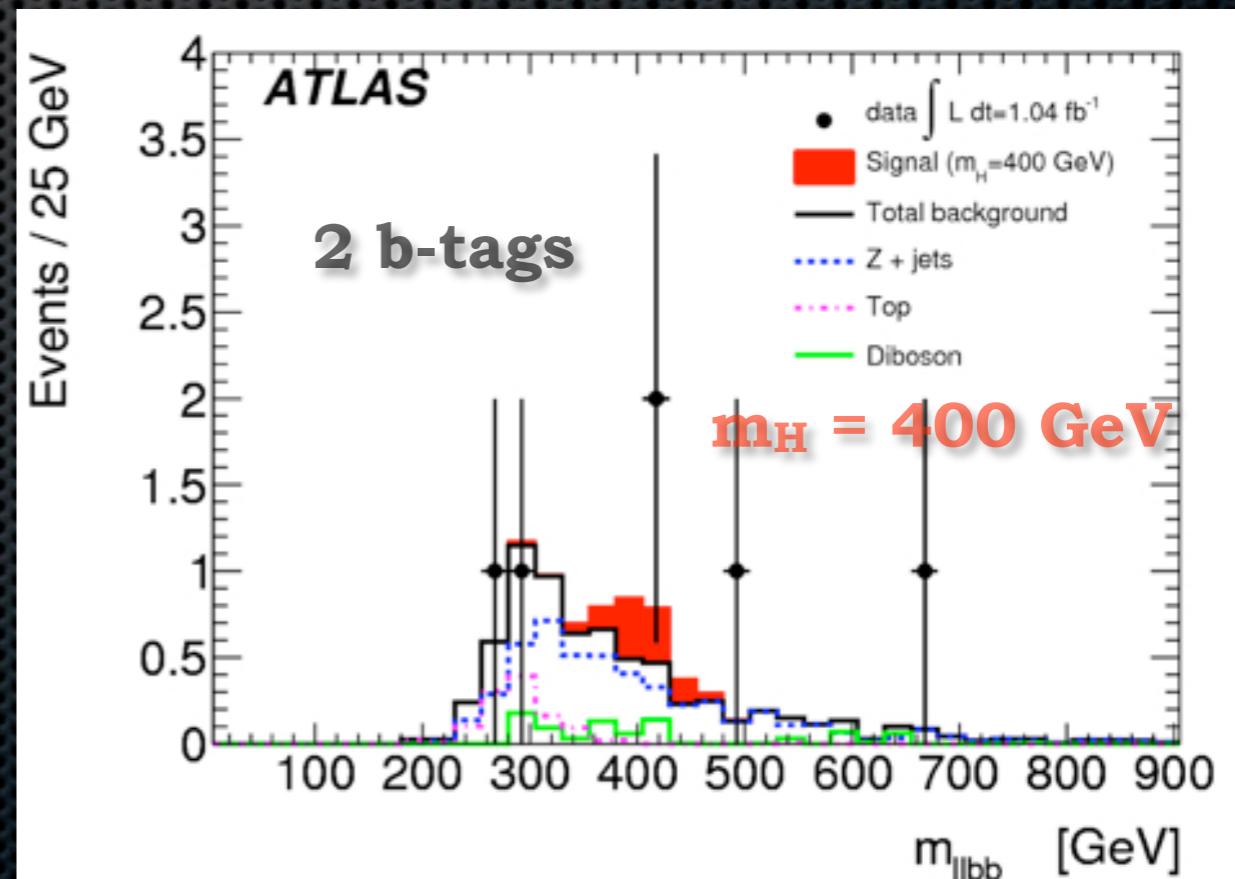
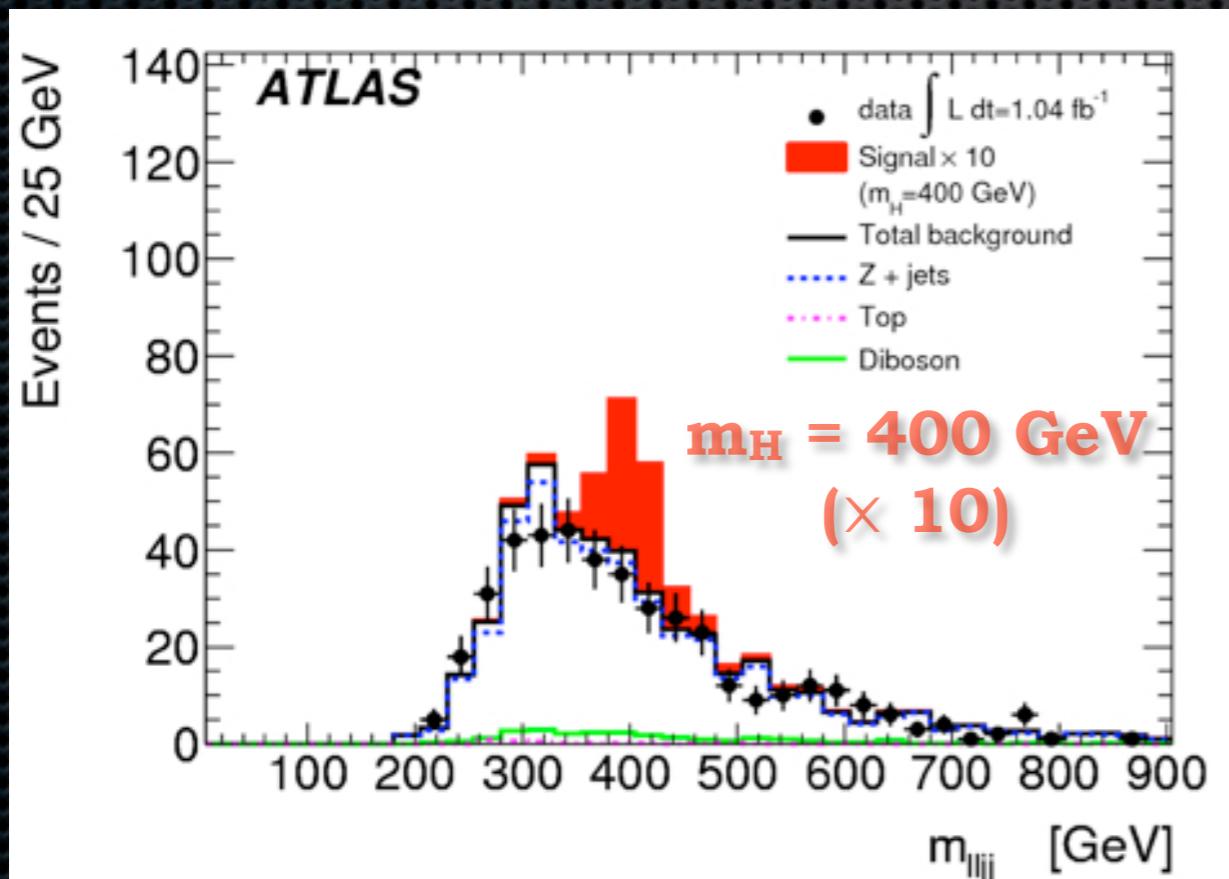


$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$

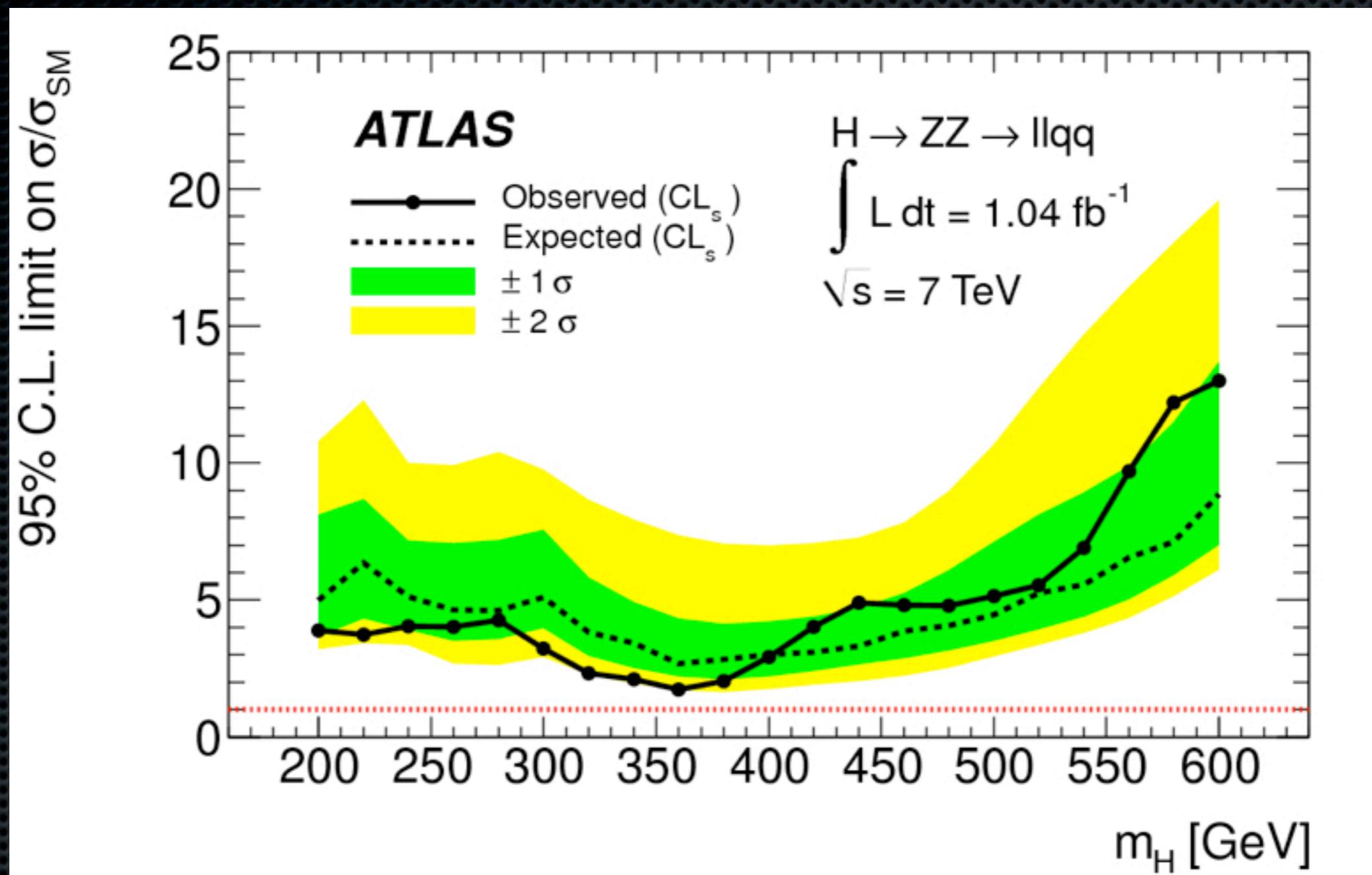
- Useful for Higgs with  $m_H > 2 \times m_Z$
- Acceptable signal/background ratio

- Selection:

- Same flavor pair of isolated leptons ( $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - $76 < m_{ll} < 106 \text{ GeV}$
  - Third lepton veto,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 50 \text{ GeV}$
- Two high- $p_T$  jets ( $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$ )
  - $70 < m_{jj} < 105 \text{ GeV}$
- Reconstruct the Higgs mass:  $M(lljj)$  -- with  $m_{jj}$  scaled to  $m_Z$
- Main background: QCD Z+ jets

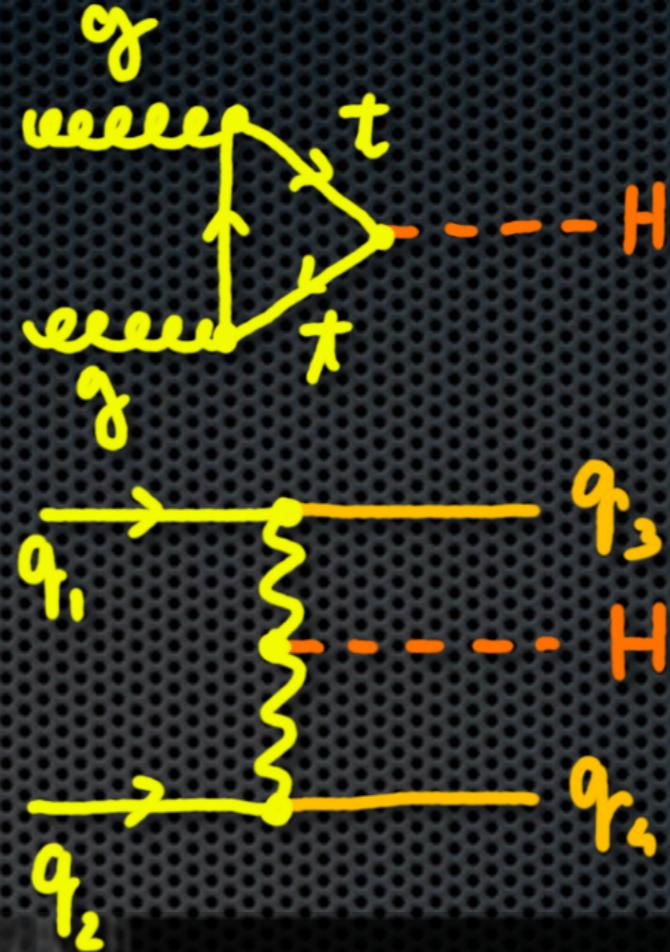
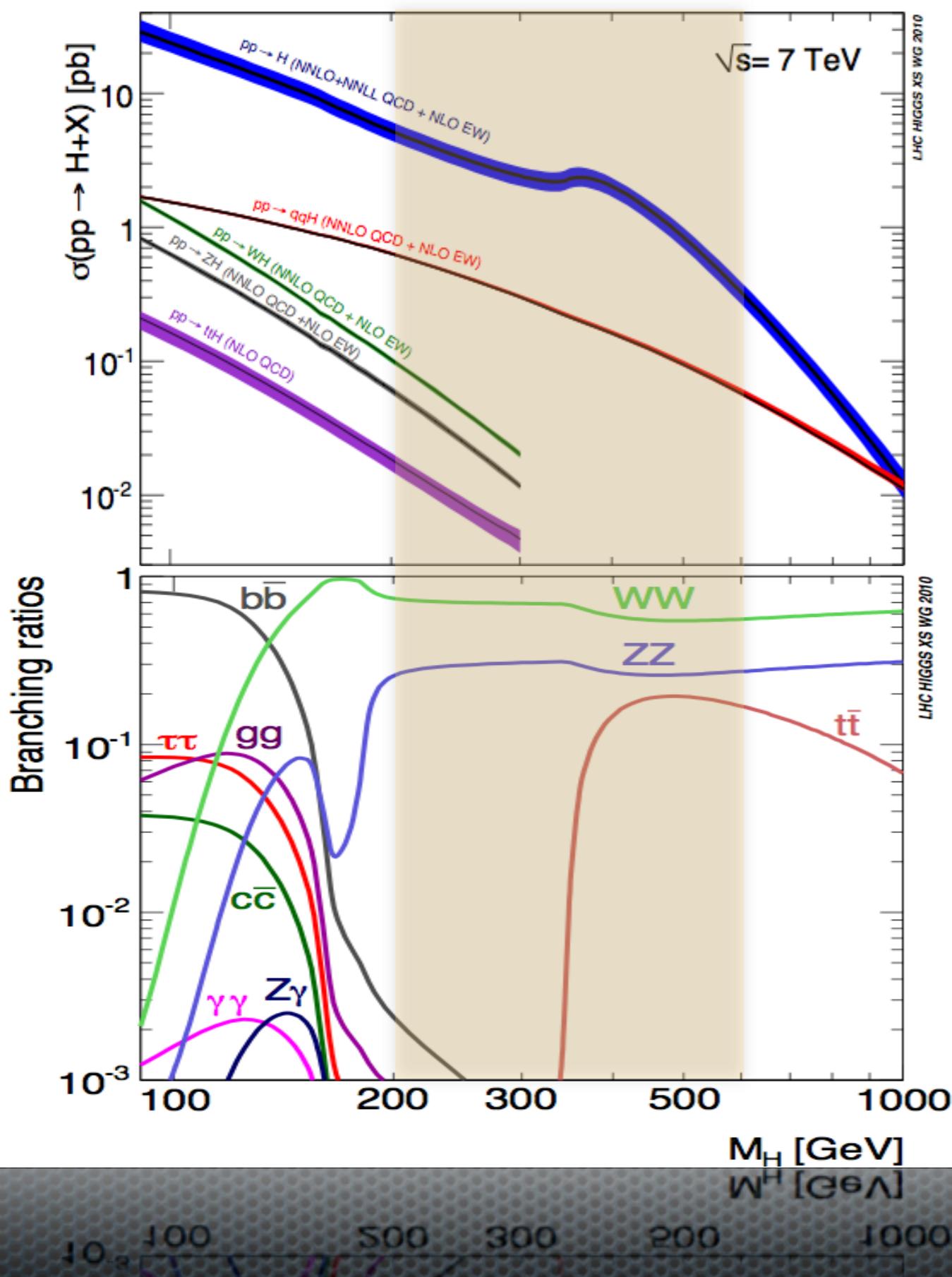


# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$ : Exclusion limit



- $m_H = 360 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Expected upper limit:  $\sim 2.7 \times \sigma_{SM}$
  - Observed upper limit:  $1.7 \times \sigma_{SM}$

$m_H = 200\text{-}600 \text{ GeV}$



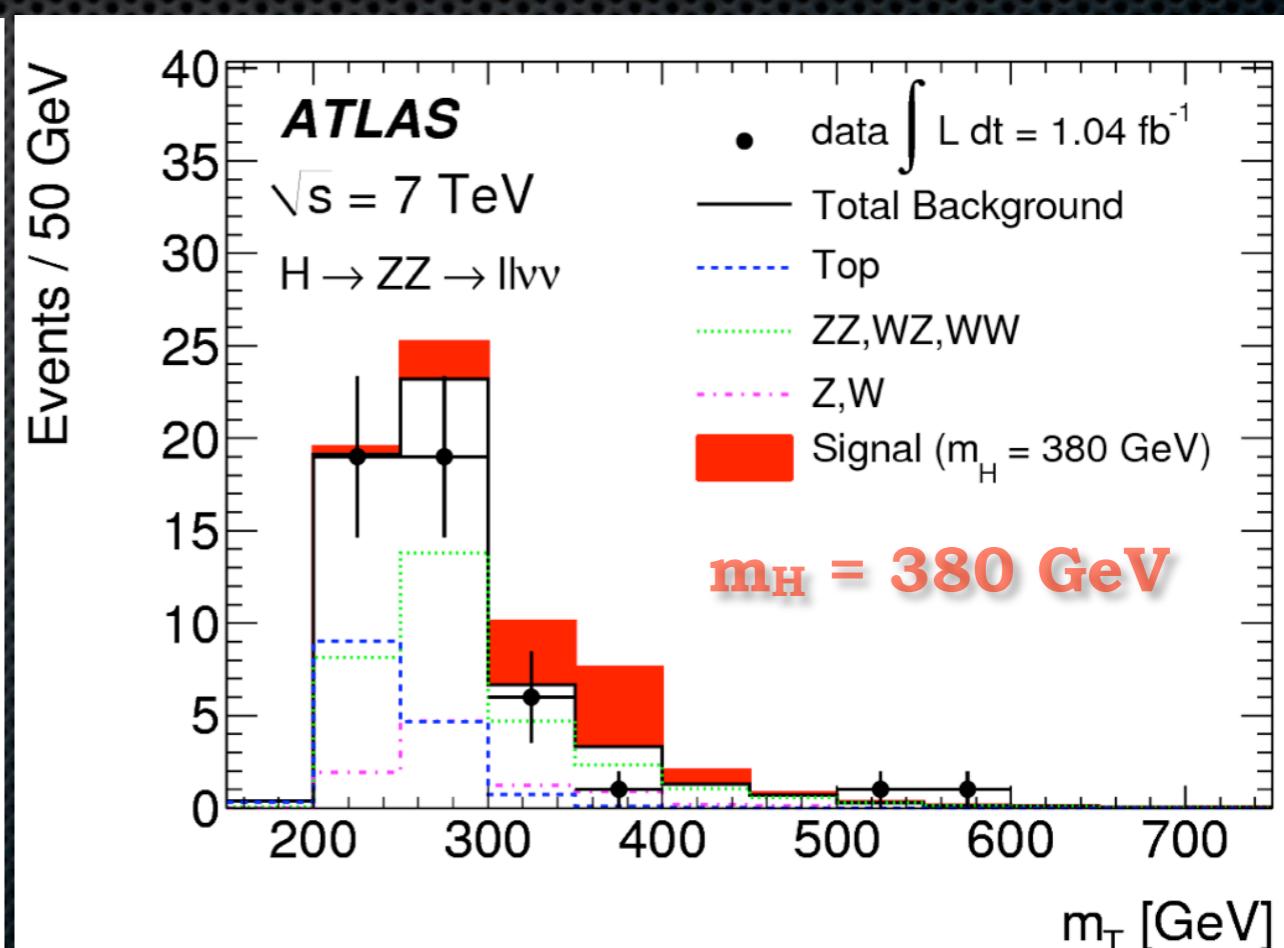
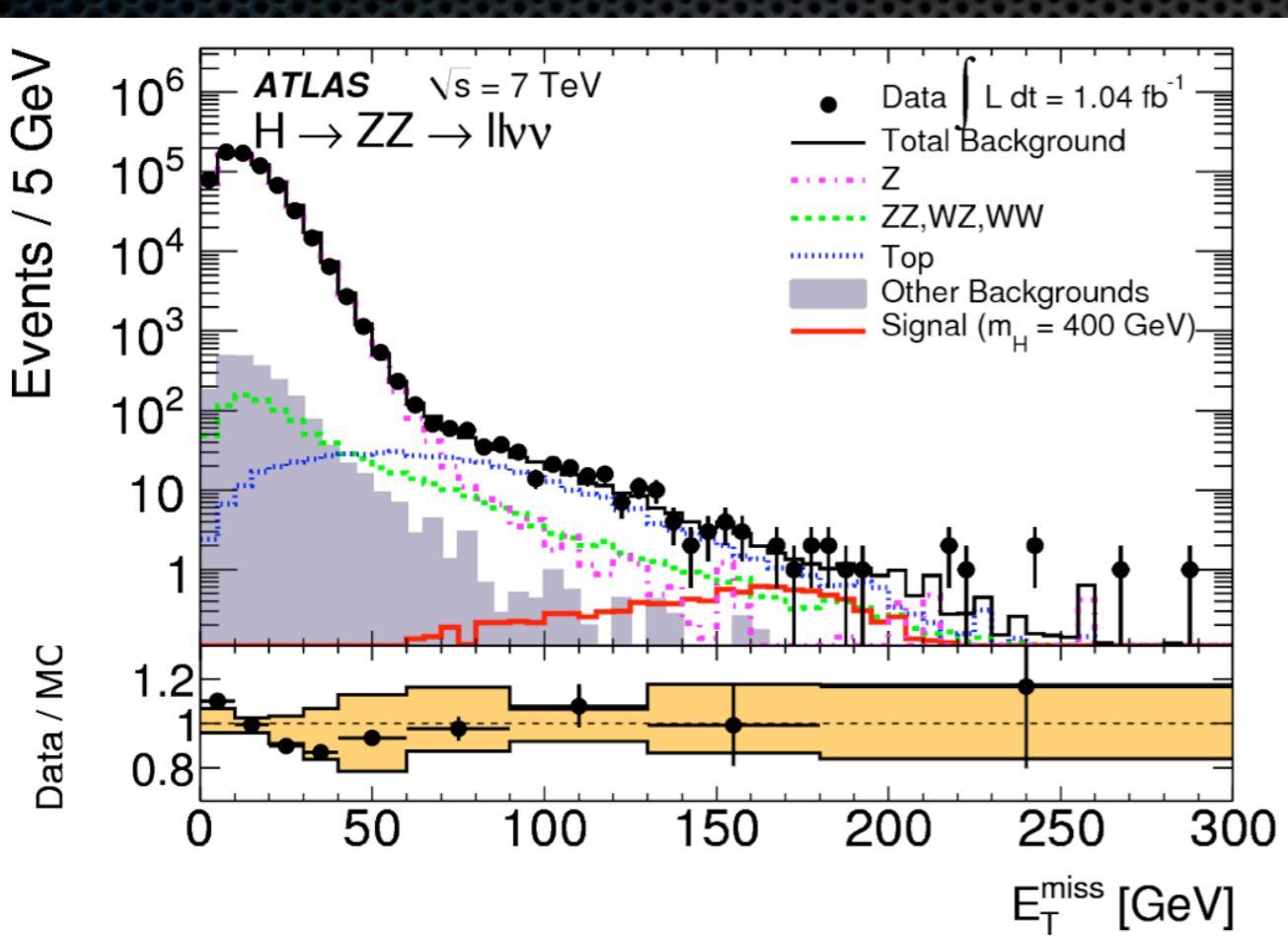
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llvv$

- **Most sensitive channel in the high-mass region**
  - Large branching fraction
  - Good separation from backgrounds
  - Main backgrounds:
    - Top and dibosons (irreducible)

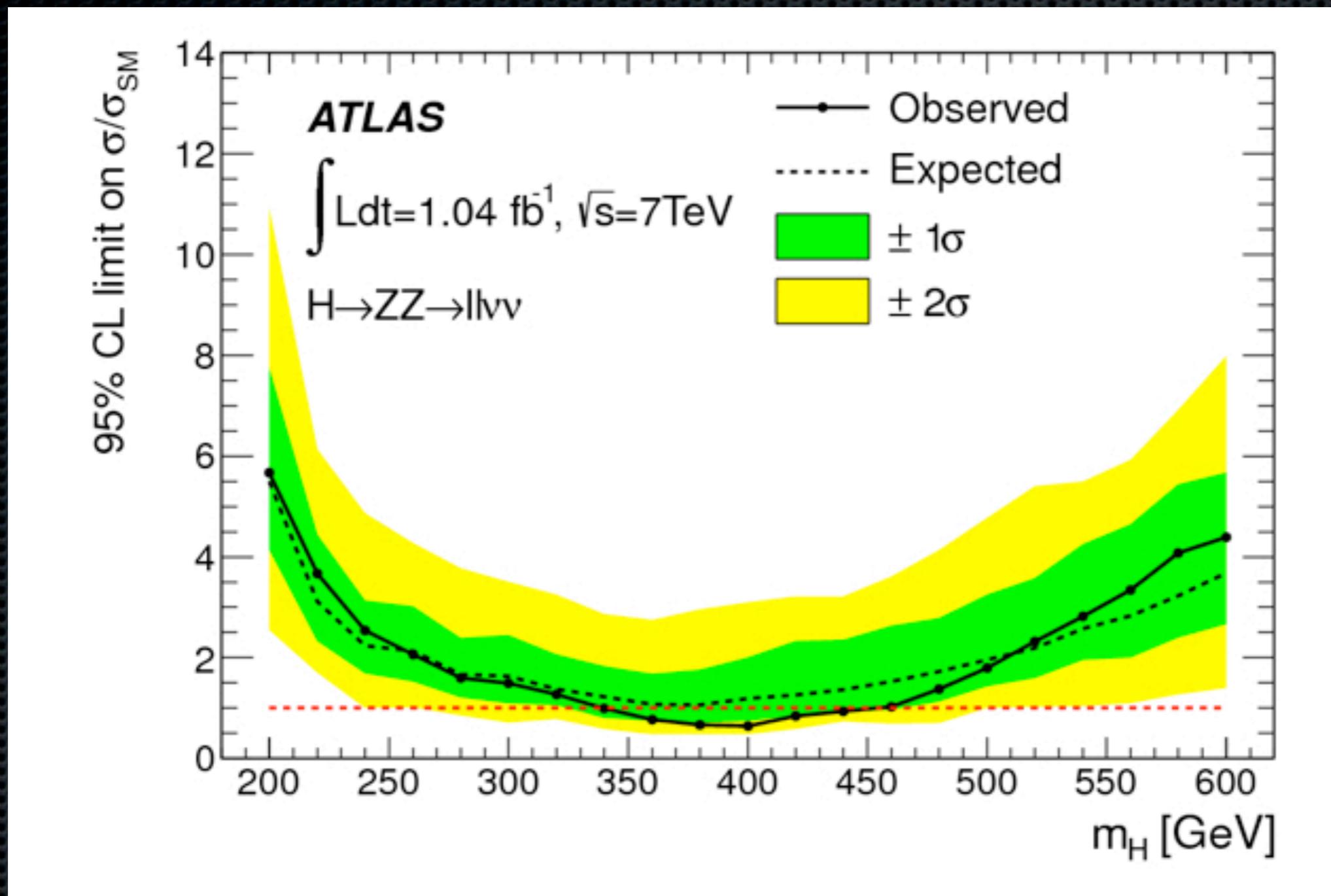
- Selection:

- Same flavor OS pair of isolated leptons ( $p_T > 30$  GeV)
- $76 < m_{ll} < 106$  GeV (orthogonal to  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow llvv$ )
- Third lepton veto, b-jet veto
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 66$  (82) GeV -- depending on low- (high-) mass analysis
- Topological cuts to suppress W/Z+jets QCD background

$$m_T^2 \equiv \left[ \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell}|^2} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}|^2} \right]^2 - \left[ \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} \right]^2$$

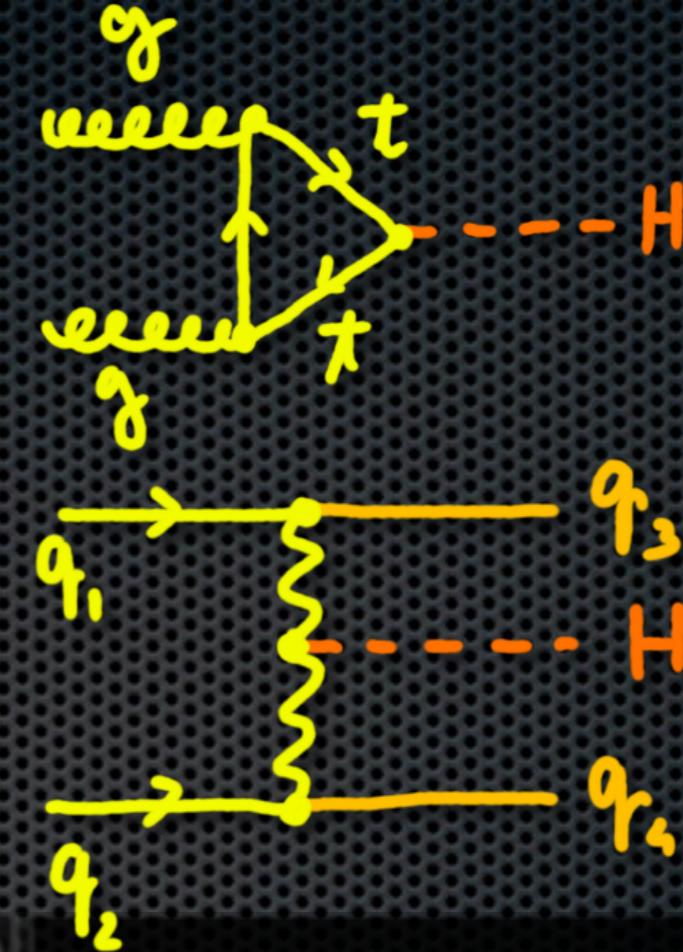
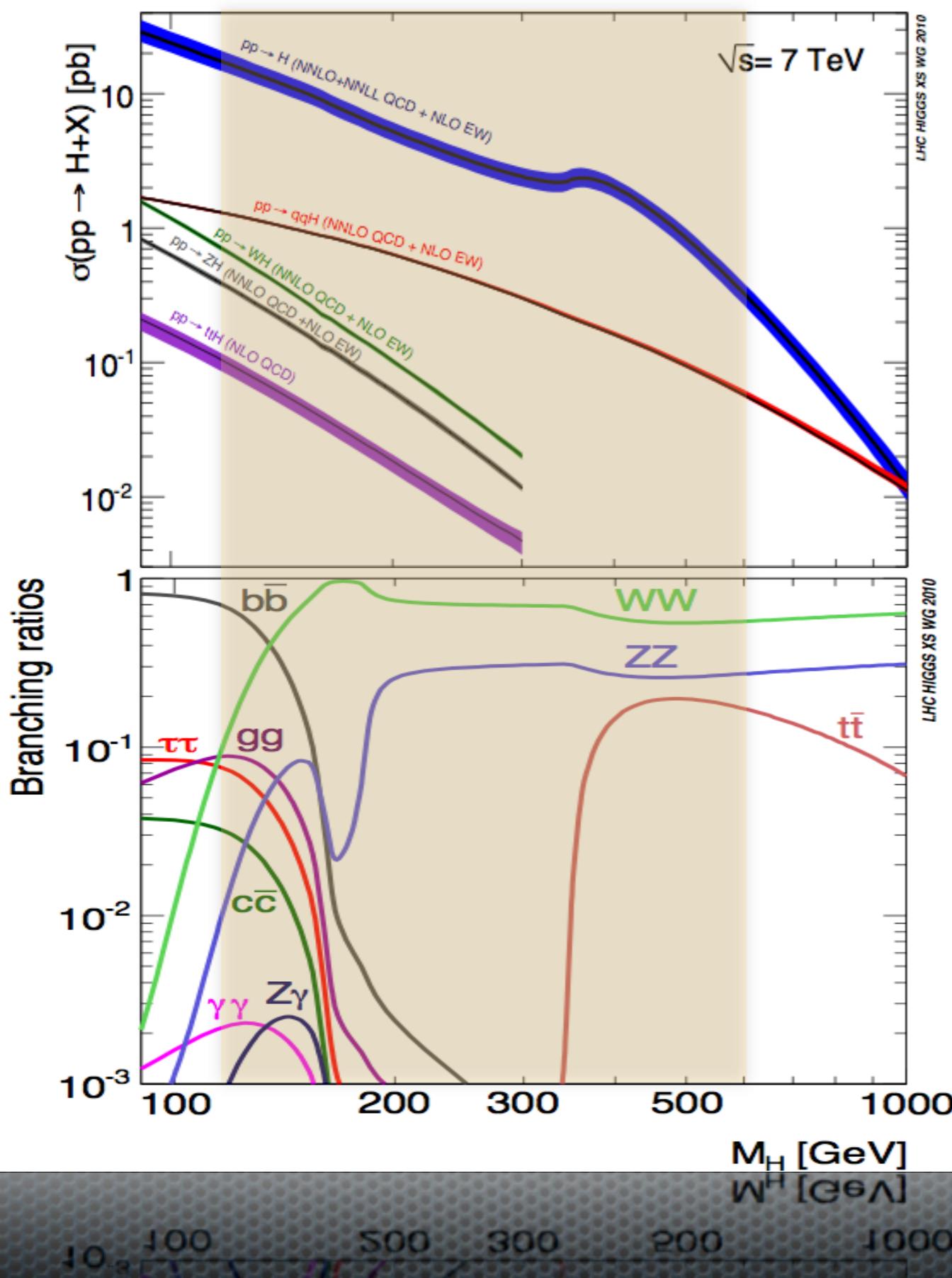


# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llvv$ : Exclusion limit



- **A SM Higgs boson is excluded at 95% CL in the mass range:**
  - $340 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 450 \text{ GeV}$
  - **Lowest expected limit ( $1.1 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$ ) at  $m_H \sim 380 \text{ GeV}$**

$m_H = 110\text{-}600 \text{ GeV}$



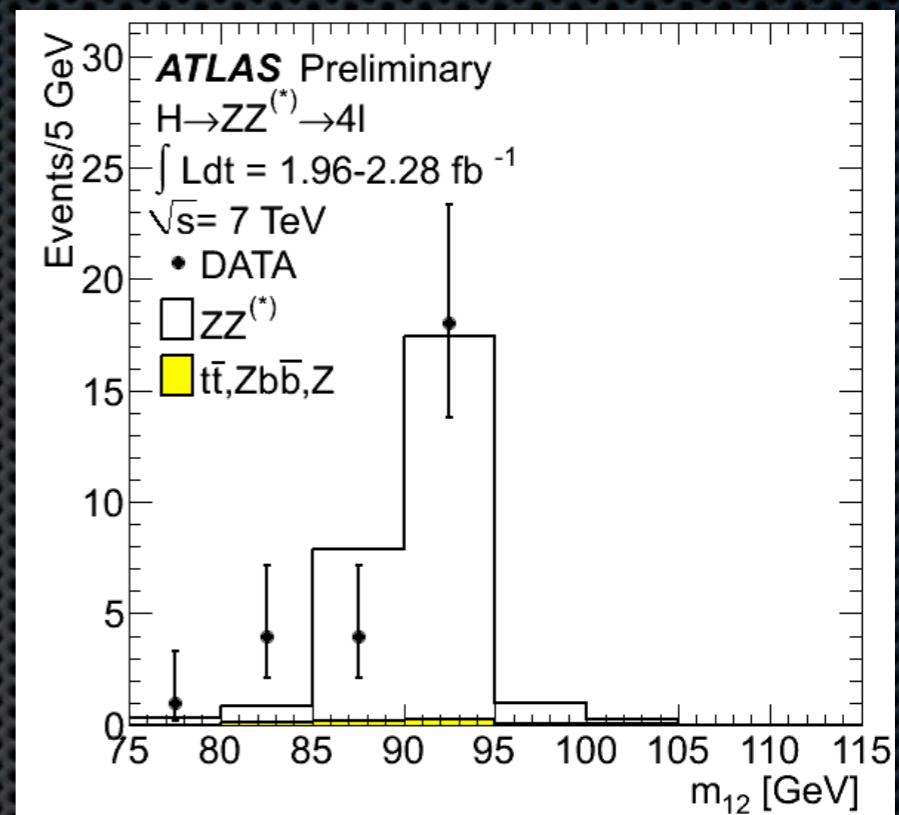
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llll$

- **The Golden channel**
  - Very clean but small rates
  - Usable in the full mass range
- Analysis similar to SM  $ZZ$ 
  - Lower lepton momenta
- SM  $ZZ$ : irreducible background

# H → ZZ → ll ll: Event Selection

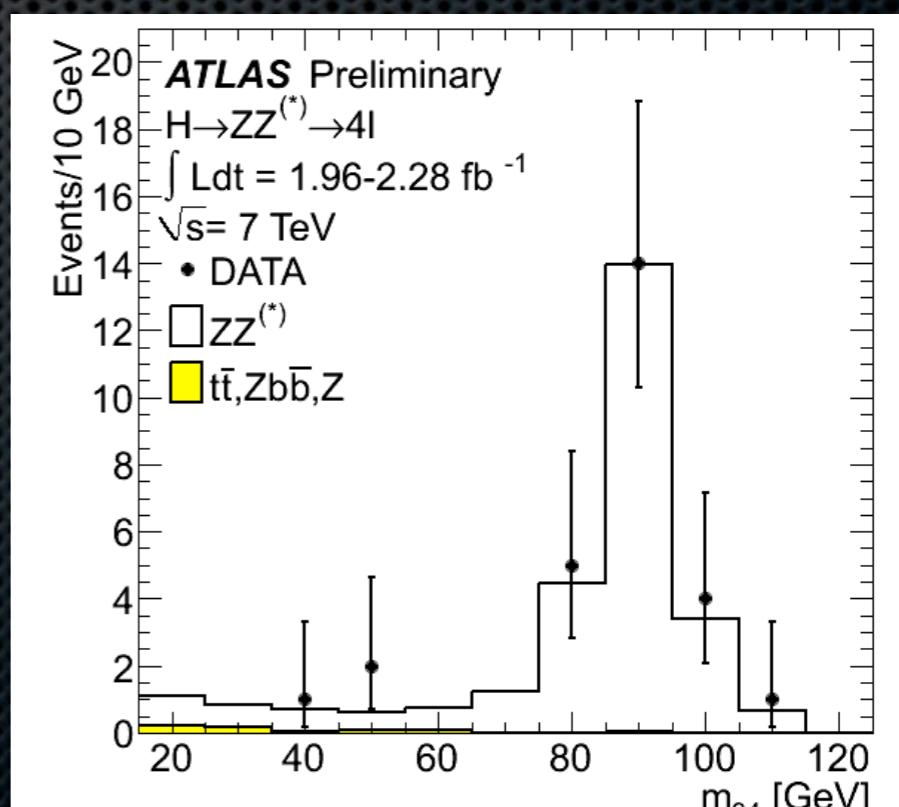
## Event Selection

- Two same flavor OS pair of isolated leptons
- Invariant mass cuts
  - $|m_{12} - m_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$
  - $m_{34} < 115 \text{ GeV}$  and veto low mass pairs
- For  $m_{4l} < 190 \text{ GeV}$ :
  - lepton impact parameter small

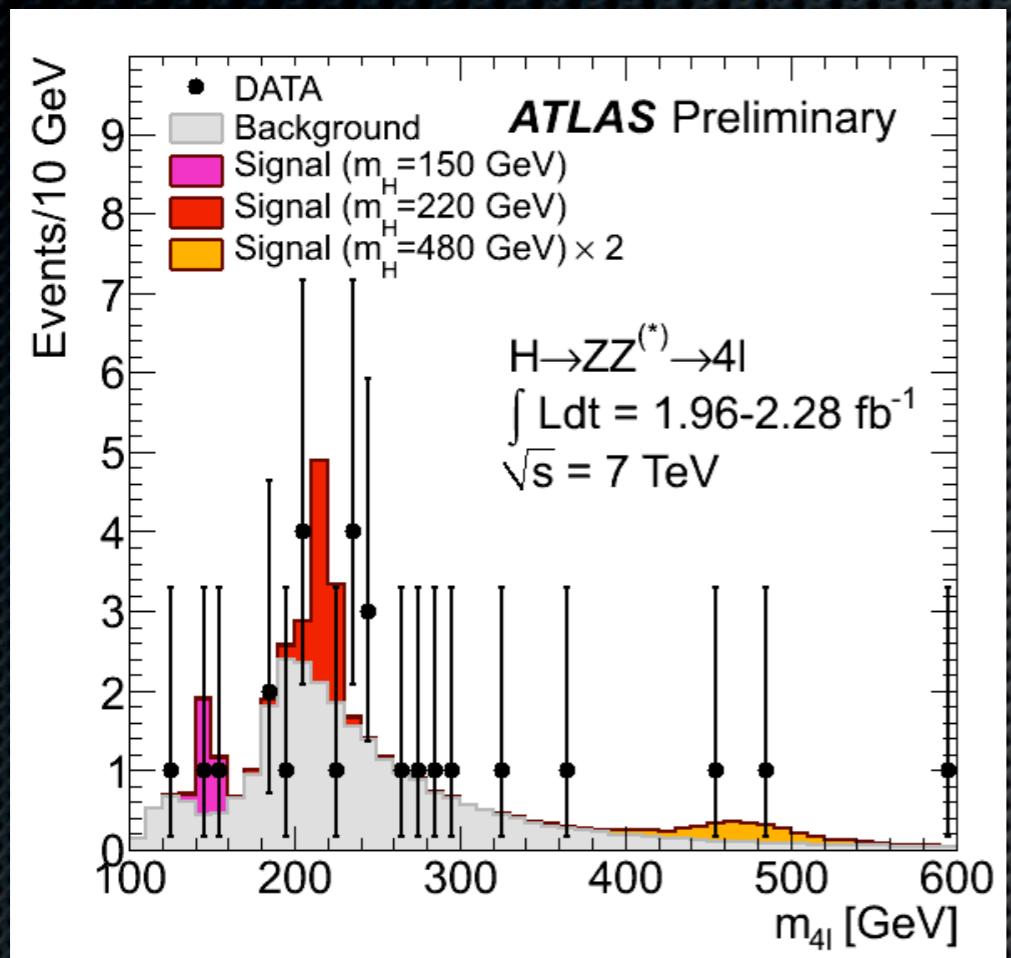


## Backgrounds

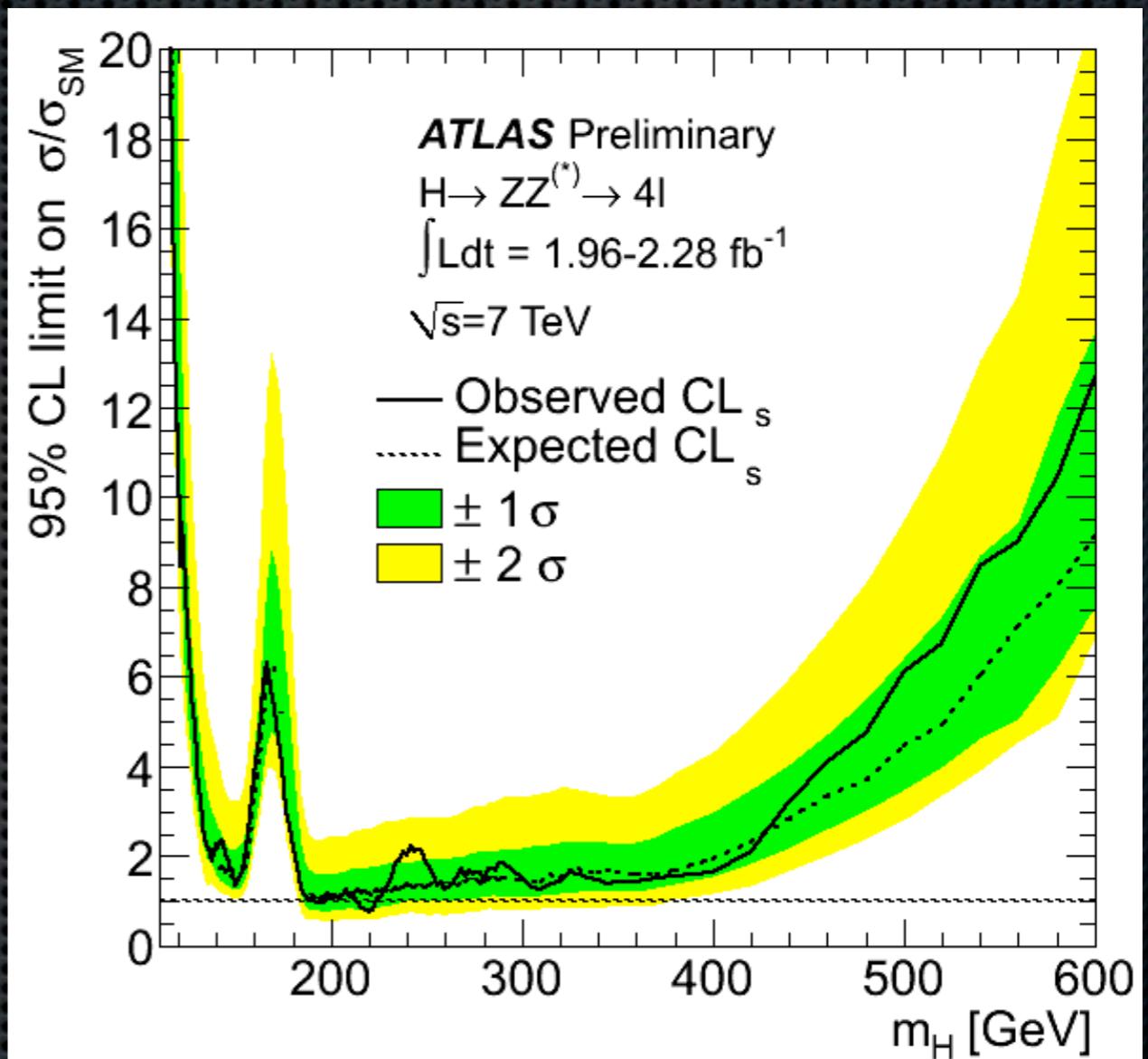
- ZZ and top from MC prediction
  - Uncertainty: 10-15%
- Z+jets normalized to data using control regions
  - (no isolation/impact parameter)
  - Uncertainty: 20-40%



# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llll$ : Limit

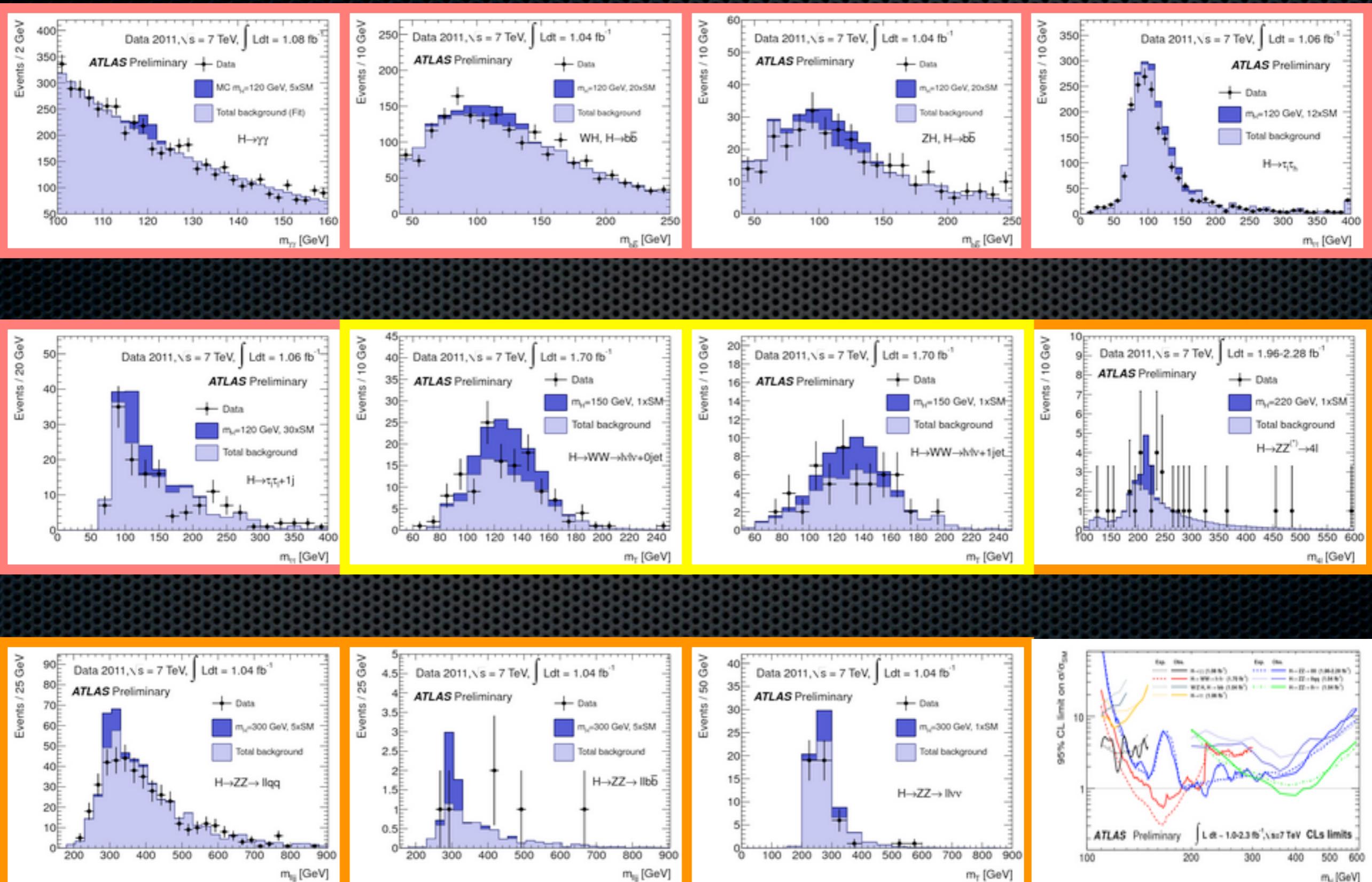


Selected: **27 events (6ee, 9eμ, 12μμ)**

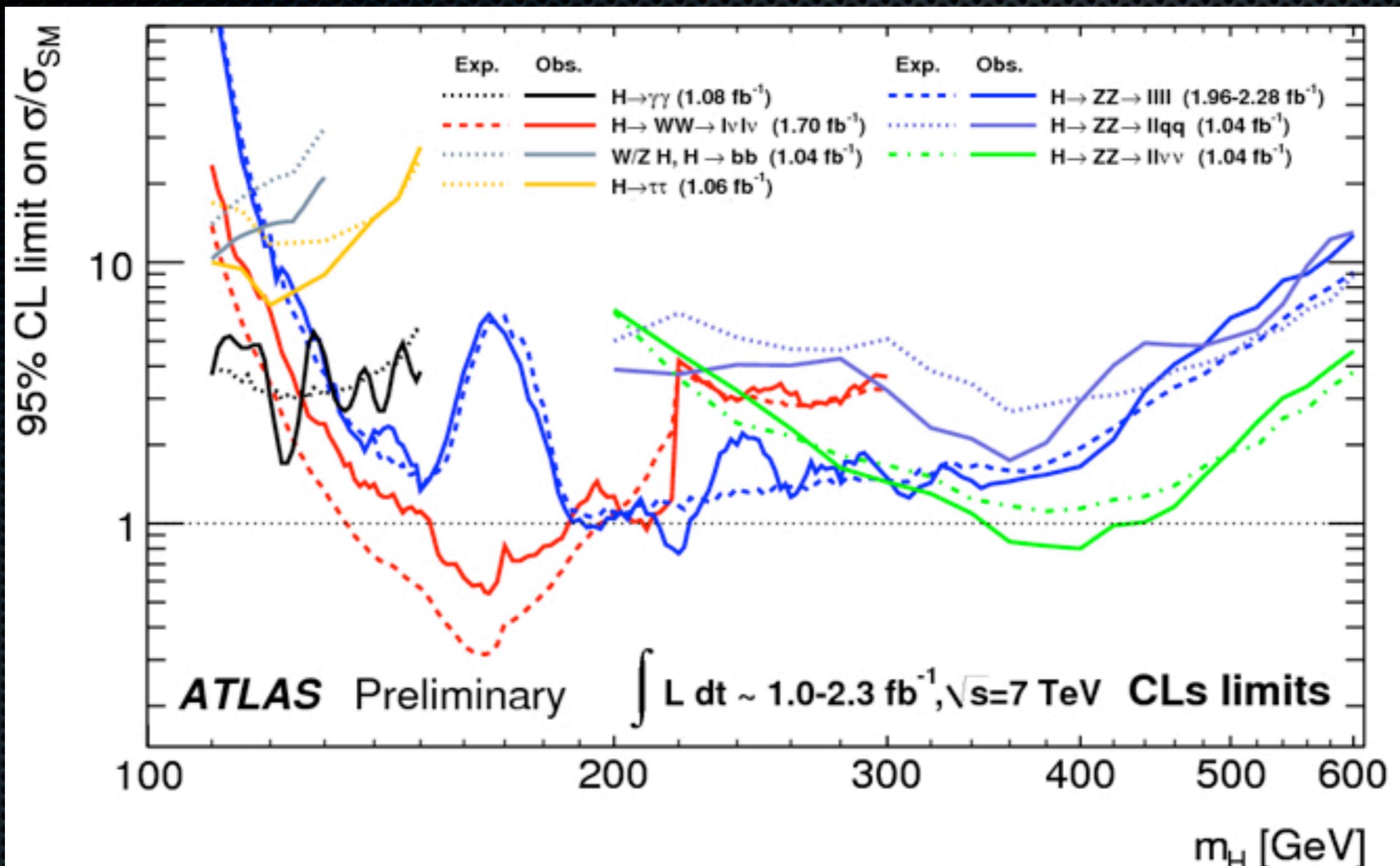


- **Limit very close to the SM cross section for a wide range of Higgs masses**
- **Small region for  $M_H \sim 210 \text{ GeV}$  excluded at 95% C.L.**

# ATLAS SM Higgs Combination

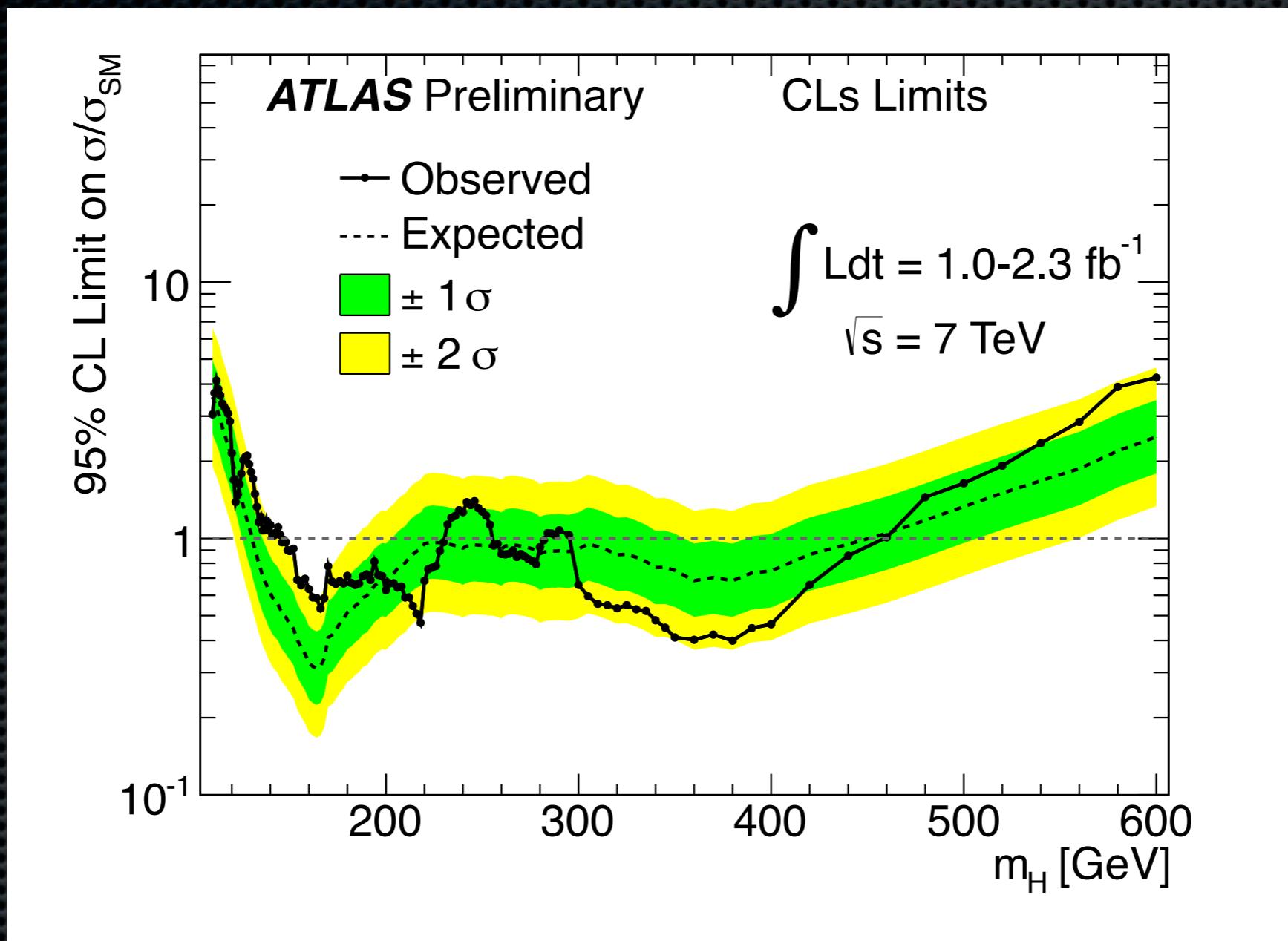


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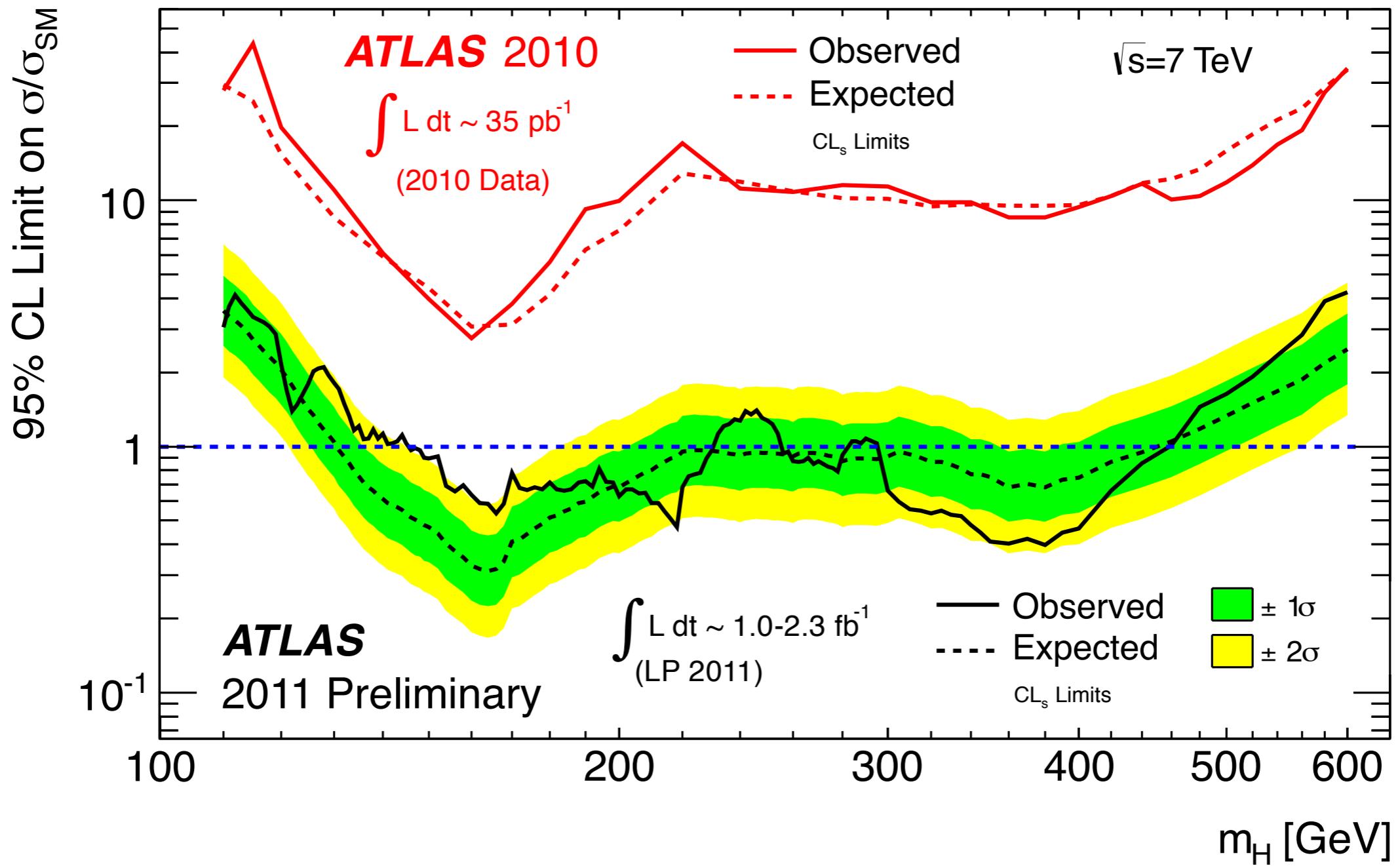
- **Correlated uncertainties taken into account**
  - Jet energy scale, luminosity, PDF, etc
- **Uncorrelated uncertainties:**
  - Backgrounds estimated by data driven methods

# ATLAS Higgs Combination Result



- Exclusion limits at 95% C.L.
  - $146 < m_H < 232 \text{ GeV}$
  - $256 < m_H < 282 \text{ GeV}$
  - $296 < m_H < 466 \text{ GeV}$
- Exclusion at ~99% C.L.
  - $160 < m_H < 220 \text{ GeV}$
  - Exclusion > 99% C.L.
    - $300 < m_H < 420 \text{ GeV}$

# Improvements with Time



# Conclusions

- ATLAS has analyzed up to  $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data to perform Higgs searches and study Standard Model diboson production
  - Excellent agreement with Standard Model predictions has been observed in all cross section measurements
    - $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $W\gamma, Z\gamma$ ,  $WW$ ,  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$
- Data already allows for stringent constraints on the Standard Model Higgs boson production
  - Exclusion limits at 95% C.L.
    - $146 < m_H < 232 \text{ GeV}$
    - $256 < m_H < 282 \text{ GeV}$
    - $296 < m_H < 466 \text{ GeV}$
- No significant excess observed
  - Largest excess of the order of  $2.1\sigma$

# Expected improvements and prospects

- **More data:**
  - ~ 4  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  by end of 2011 and ~10  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  by end of 2012
- **Refine understanding of detector response:**
  - Alignment, calibration, comparison with simulation
  - Better performance, smaller systematic uncertainties and higher efficiency for rare channels
- **More precise measurements of SM processes**
  - Additional constraints on MC generators
- **More sophisticated analyses:**
  - Multivariate techniques
  - Additional discriminating variables ( $p_T$ , angular distributions)
  - Exclusive channels (e.g.  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (VBF) )

**Expectations: ATLAS + CMS**

(luminosity numbers per experiment)

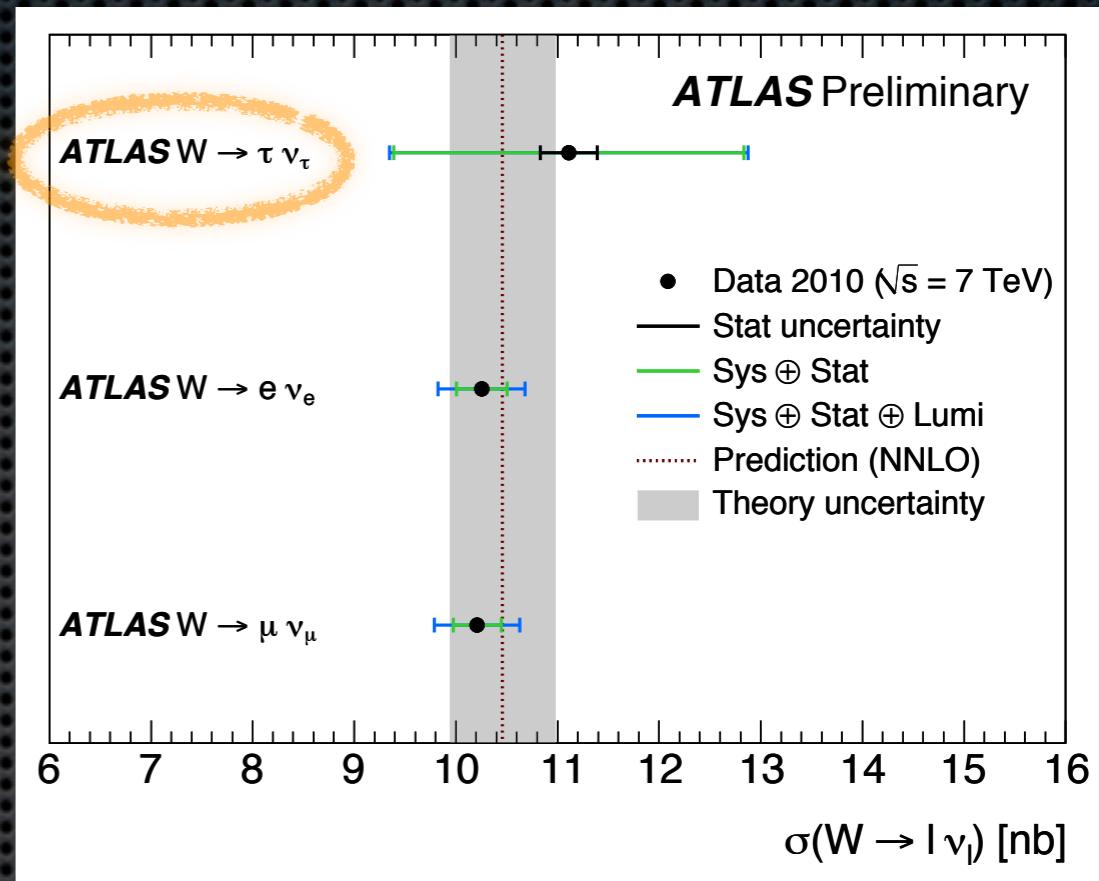
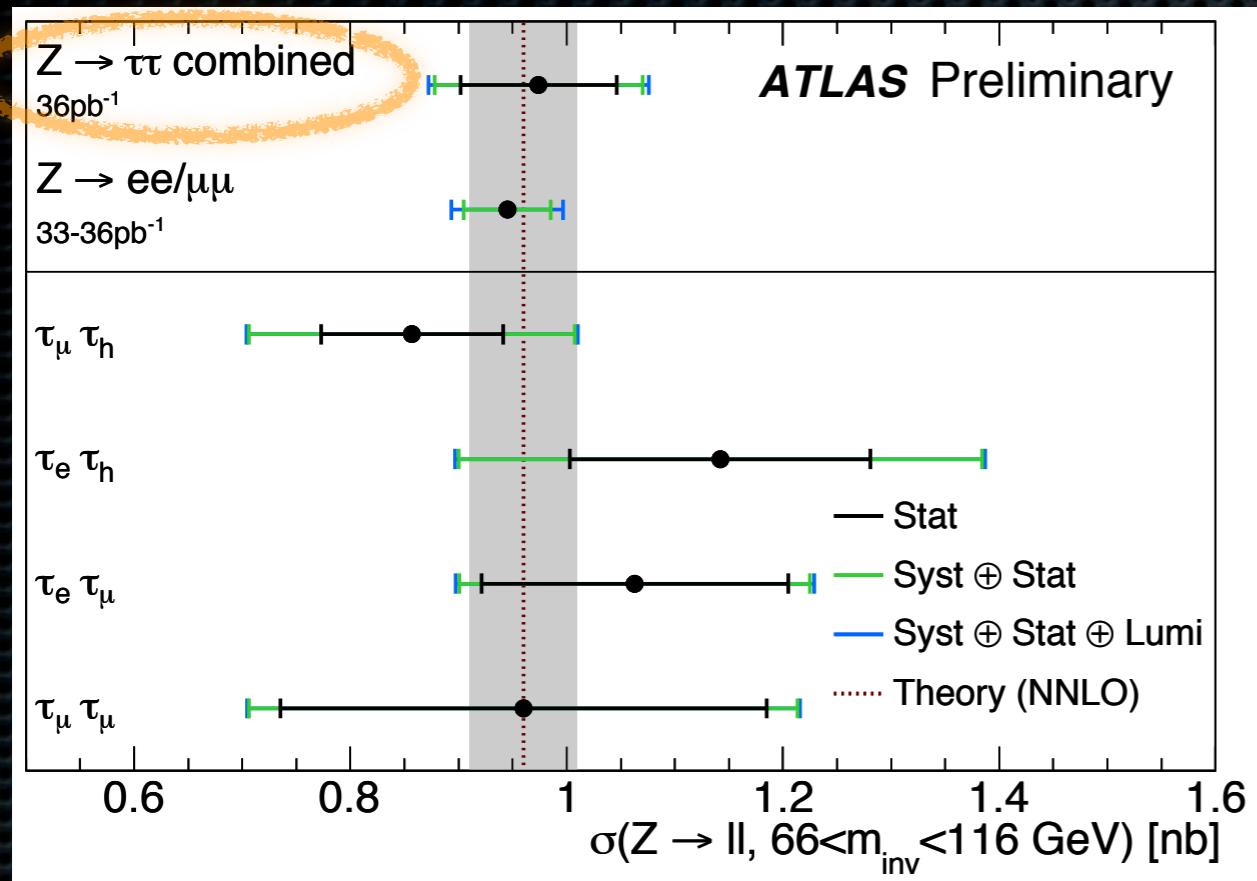
**4  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ :** may exclude full region up to  $m_H \sim 600$  GeV (95% CL)

**10  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ :** 5 $\sigma$  discovery potential for  $m_H > 117$  GeV (may reach 114 GeV)

# Analyses Covered in this Talk

Higgs	$\mathcal{L}$ (fb $^{-1}$ )	Documentation	Dibosons	$\mathcal{L}$ (fb $^{-1}$ )	Documentation
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{WW} \rightarrow \mathbf{l^+v\ l^-v}$	1.7	ATLAS-CONF-2011-134	$\gamma\gamma$	0.037	arXiv: 1107.0581
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{WW} \rightarrow \mathbf{l^+l^-qq}$	1.04	arXiv: 1109.3615	$W\gamma/Z\gamma$	0.035	arXiv: 1106.1592v2
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ZZ} \rightarrow \mathbf{l^+l^- l^+l^-}$	2.0 - 2.3	--	$WW \rightarrow l^+v\ l^-v$	1.02	ATLAS_CONF_2011_110
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ZZ} \rightarrow \mathbf{l^+l^- vv}$	1.04	arXiv: 1109.3357	$WZ \rightarrow llvv$	1.02	ATLAS_CONF_2011_099
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ZZ} \rightarrow \mathbf{l^+l^- qq}$	1.04	arXiv: 1108.5064	$ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^-l^+l^-$	1.02	ATLAS_CONF_2011_107
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	1.08	arXiv: 1108.5895			
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mathbf{l\tau_{had}3v}$	1.06	ATLAS-CONF-2011-132			
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mathbf{l^+l^-4v}$	1.06	ATLAS-CONF-2011-133			
$\mathbf{W/Z + (H \rightarrow bb)}$	1.04	ATLAS-CONF-2011-103			

# Z $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ and W $\rightarrow$ $\tau\nu$ Cross Section

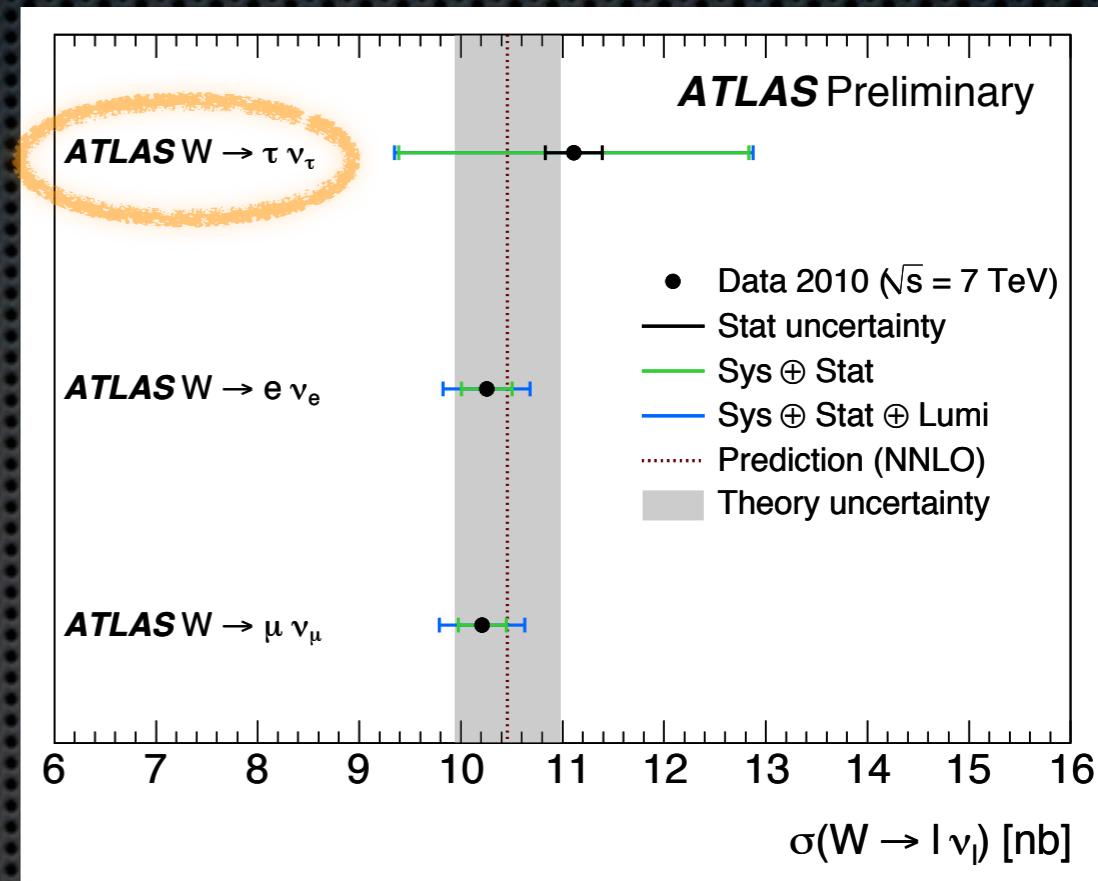
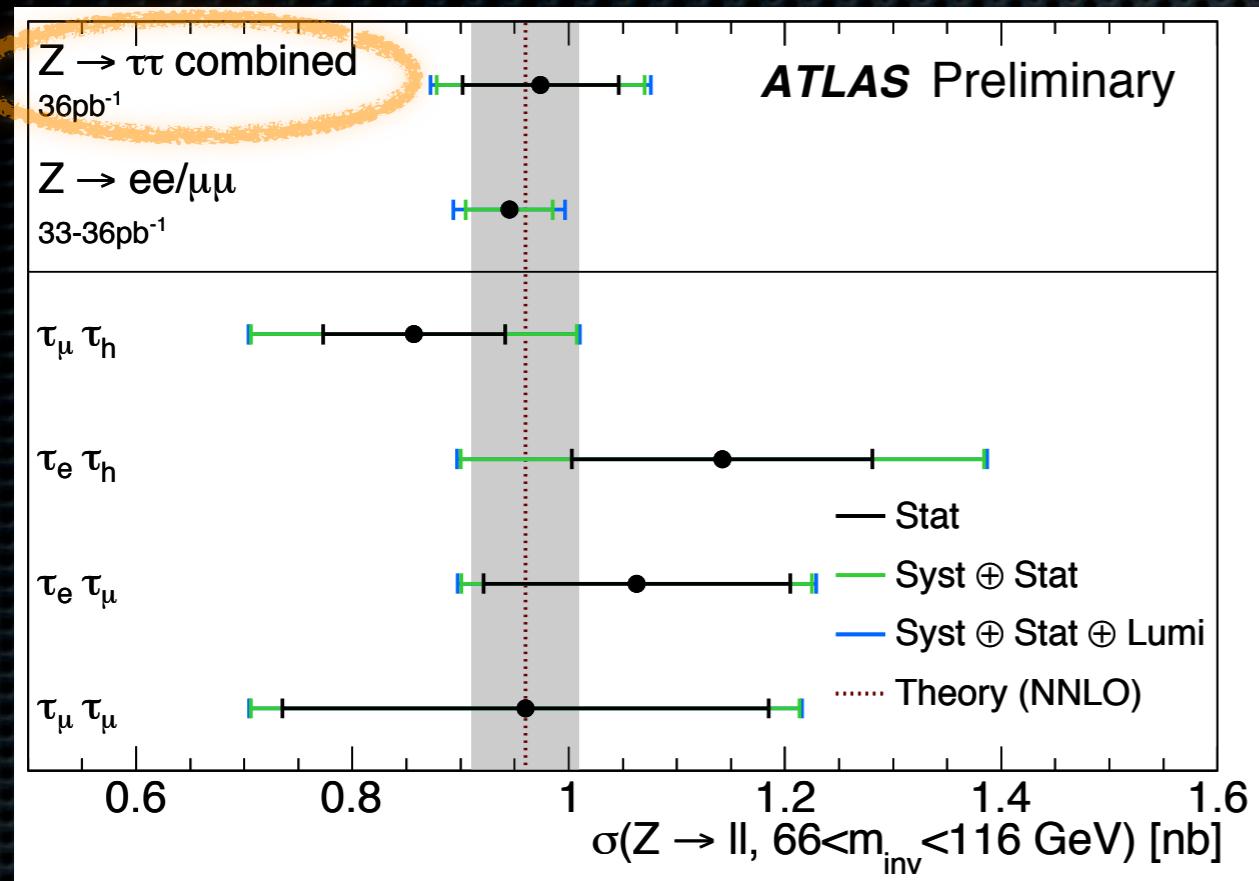


**Excellent tau identification at ATLAS**

- **Z $\rightarrow$  $\tau\tau$  cross section**
- **W $\rightarrow$  $\tau\nu$  cross section**

**Good prospects for new physics searches with taus**

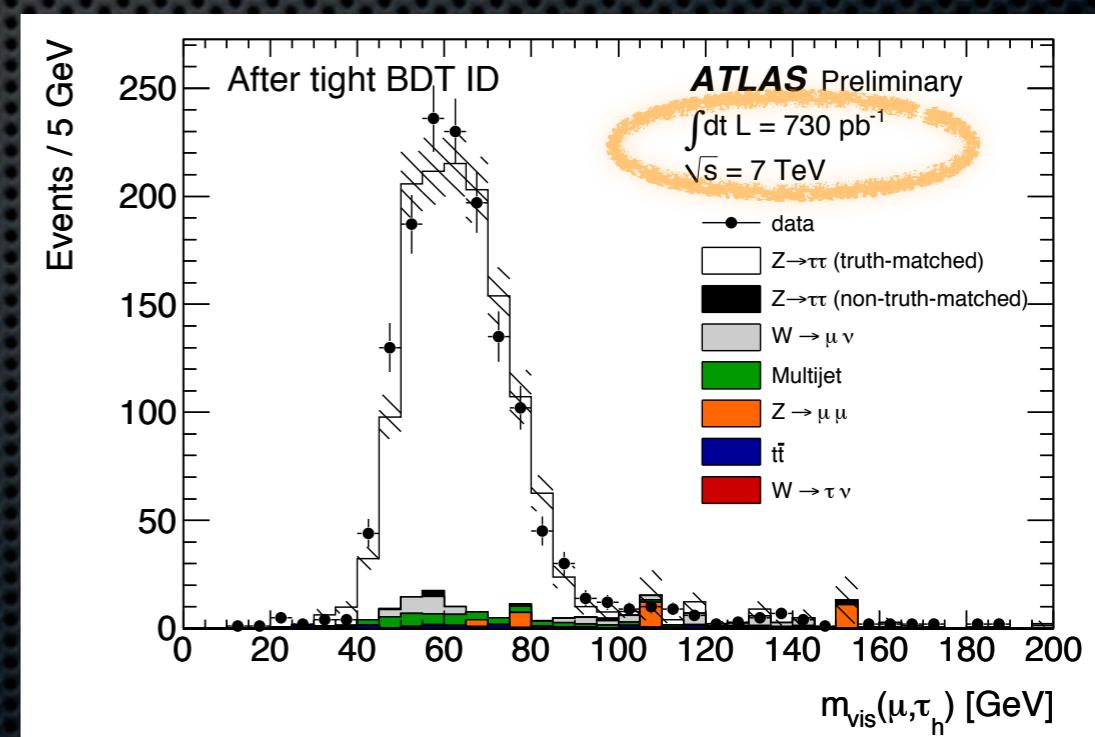
# Z $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ and W $\rightarrow$ $\tau\nu$ Cross Section



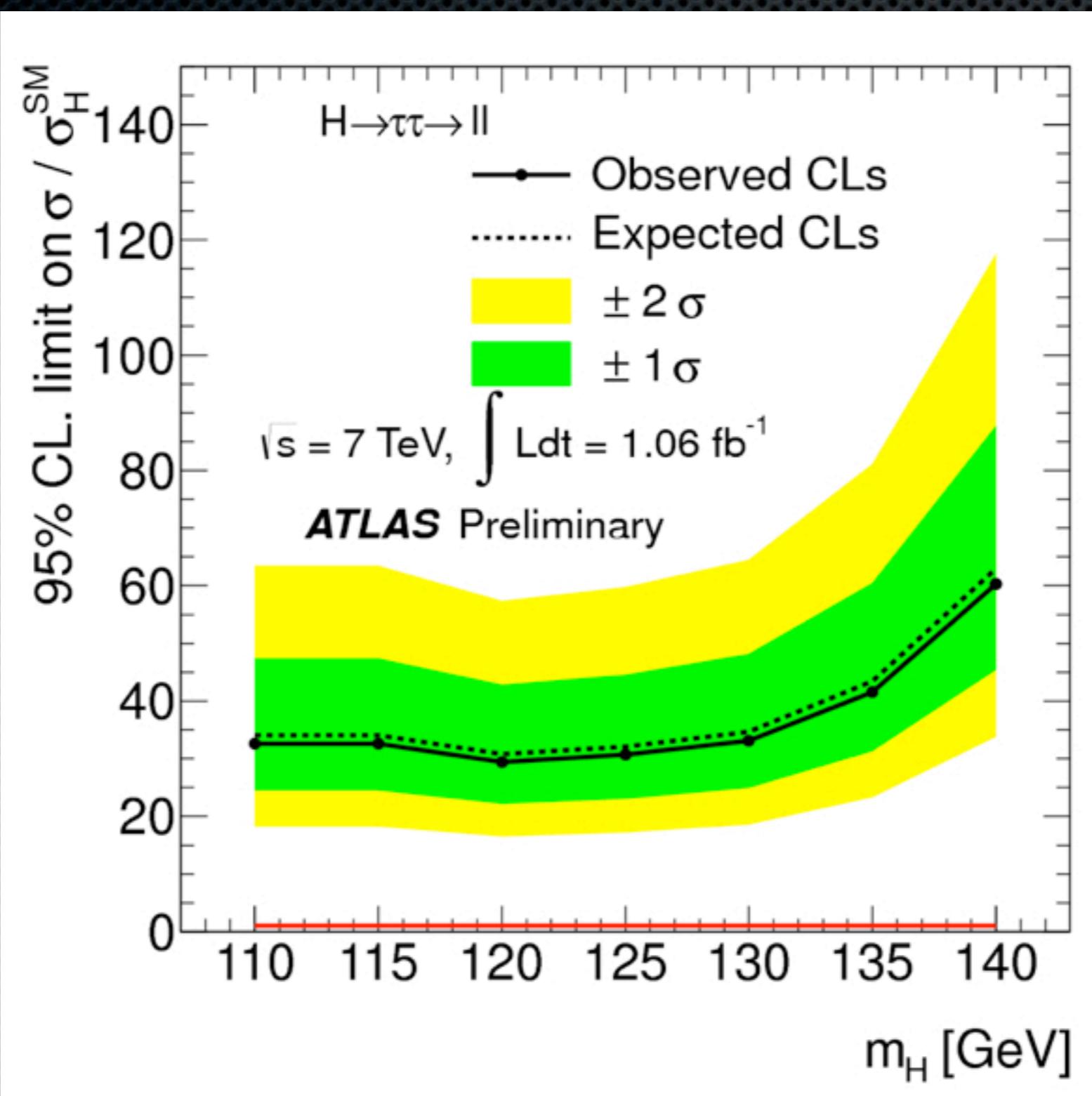
**Excellent tau identification at ATLAS**

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**Good prospects for new physics searches with taus**

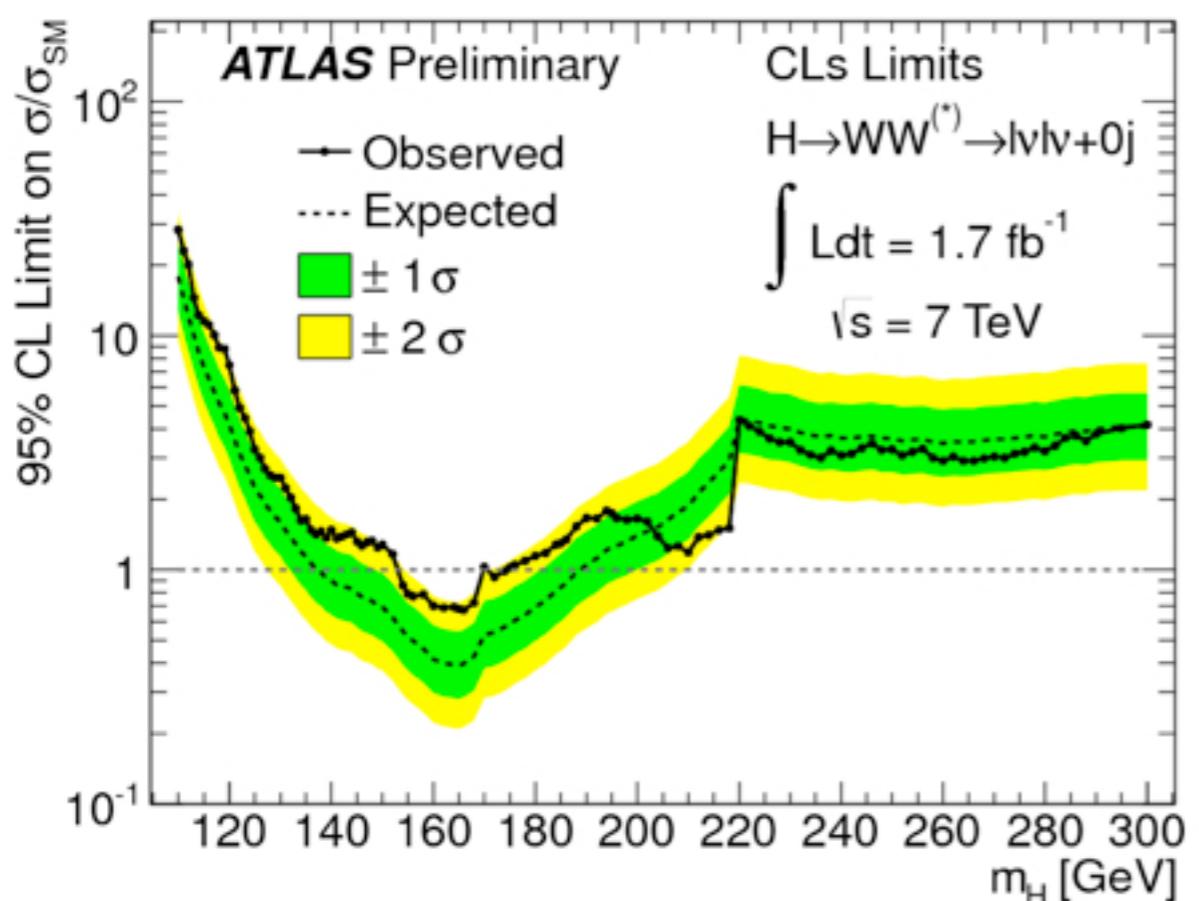


# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l l + 4\nu$ : Exclusion limit



# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ : Exclusion limits

## 0-jet channel



## 1-jet channel

