Update on the SM Higgs Search with CMS

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Outline of the talk

- Short introduction.
- Search for a SM Higgs boson in the high mass region.
- Search for a SM Higgs boson in the low mass region.
- Combination of the searches and new exclusion limits.
- Conclusion.



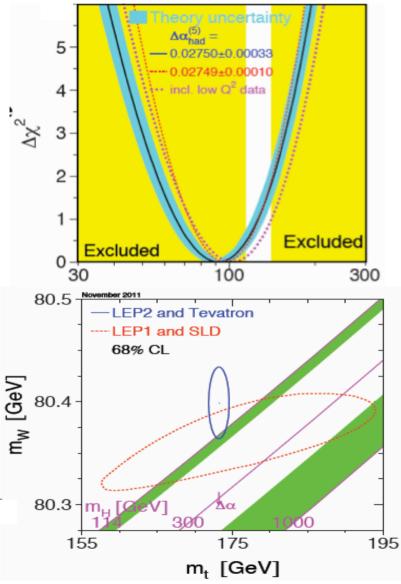
The SM Higgs boson

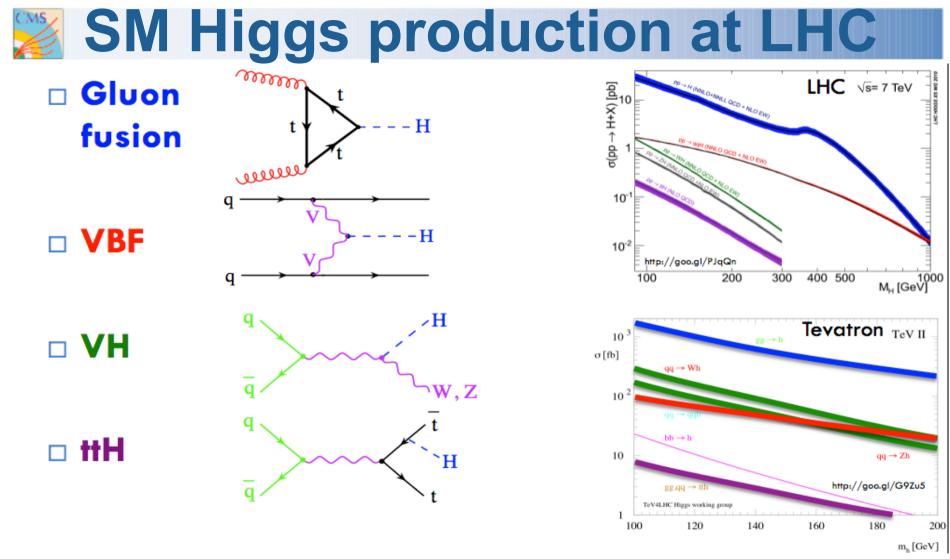
SM Higgs could be an excellent candidate to understand the ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking mechanism.

Constraints from EWK precision measurements favour a light Higgs with Standard Model like couplings (WW, ZZ).

Recent exclusion limits based on the ATLAS+CMS Combination using 1.1-2.3fb⁻¹ of data have costrained significantly the search.

I'll present preliminary results of our exploration in mass up to 600GeV but a special attention will be dedicated to the search of the SM Higgs Boson in the low mass region.





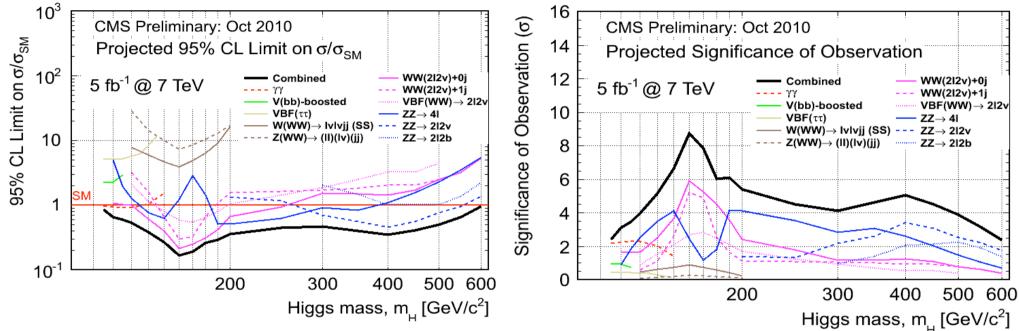
Gluon fusion (gg \rightarrow H) is the dominant production mechanism at LHC. Irreducible backgrounds in H \rightarrow WW, ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$ are from qq annihilation. Signal to Noise better than at Tevatron except in VH. VBF and VH also very useful at LHC



The challenge

CMS Projected Sensitivity @5fb⁻¹

CMS Projected Significance @5fb⁻¹



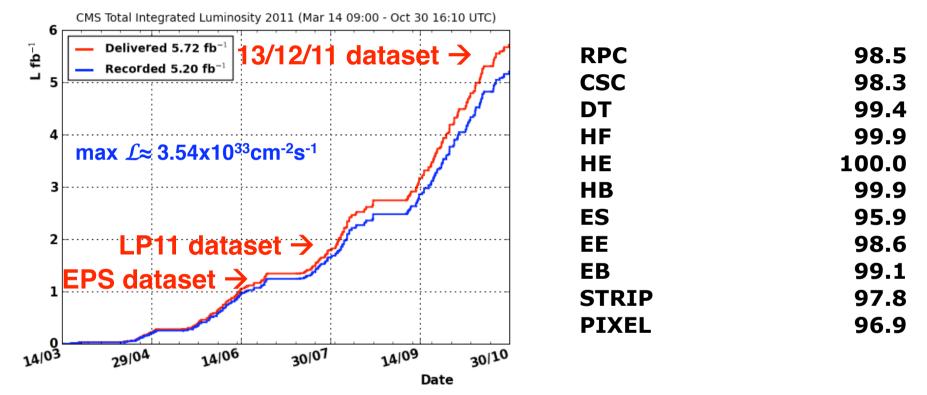
October 2010: with 5fb⁻¹ delivered by LHC we could reach a sensitivity below 1xSM in the full mass range.

If the SM Higgs boson would be hidden in the low mass region we could start seeing excesses with a significance of 2-3 sigma.

Every single channel, particularly in the low mass region, brings very important information.

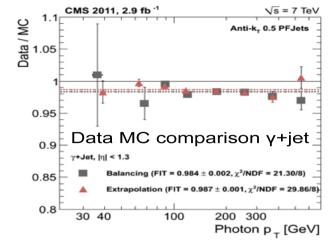
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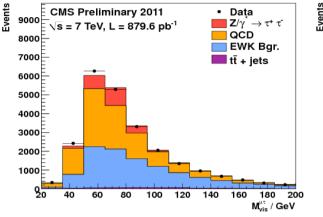
5.72fb⁻¹ delivered by LHC and **5.2fb⁻¹** recorded by CMS. Overall data taking efficiency ~91%. Average fraction of operational channels per subsystem >98.5%

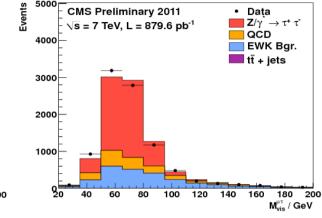


Results shown at this seminar use a large fraction of the full dataset. Certified data for physics: Golden 4745pb⁻¹ (91.2%), Muon 4965pb⁻¹ (~96%). Uncertainty on the luminosity determination 4.5%.

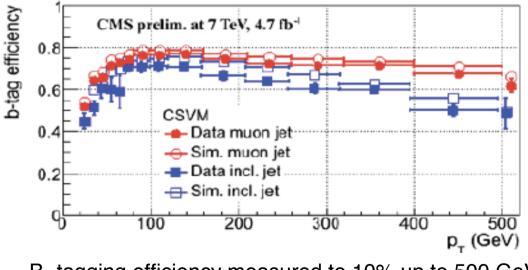






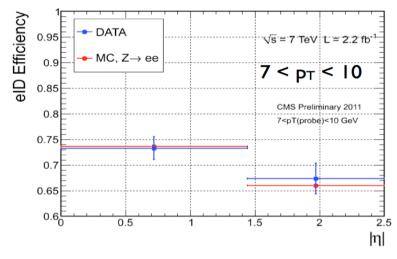


Jet Calibration with pileup



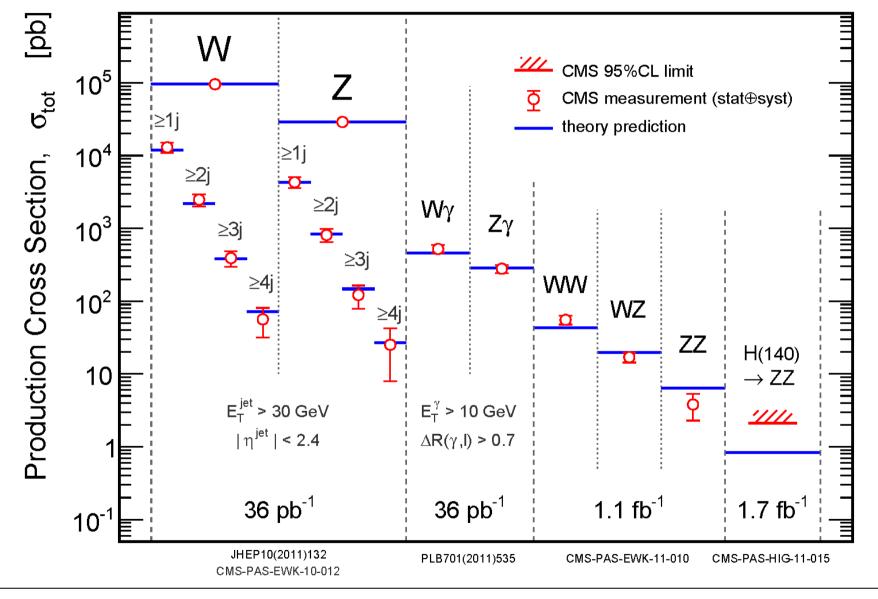
B- tagging efficiency measured to 10% up to 500 GeV

Tau efficiency with T&P on the Z measured to 6%

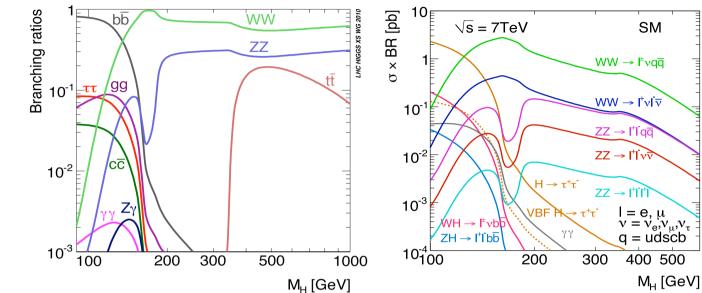


Electron efficiency with T&P on the Z measured down to 7 GeV





SM Higgs Decay Modes Vs Mass



Mode	Mass Range	Data Used (fb ⁻¹)	CMS Document
Н → үү	110-150	4.7	HIG-11-030
H → bb	110-135	4.7	HIG-11-031
$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	110-145	4.6	HIG-11-029
H →WW →21 2v	110-600	4.6	HIG-11-024
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$	110-600	4.7	HIG-11-025
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 212\tau$	190-600	4.7	HIG-11-028
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2j$	130-165/200-600	4.6	HIG-11-027
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 212v$	250-600	4.6	HIG-11-026

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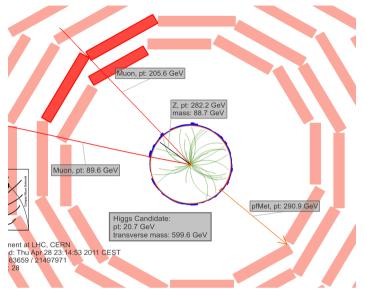


Analyses presented here

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

All 8 analyses yielded a preliminary result to be shown today, and contributed to the CMS combination documented in HIG-011-32.

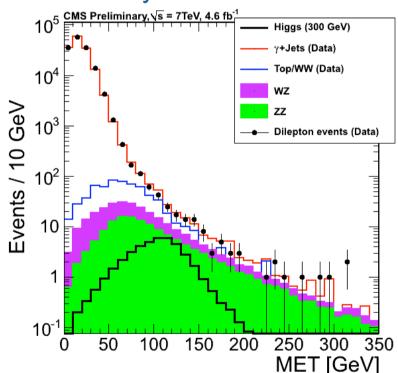
High Mass Higgs: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2I2v$



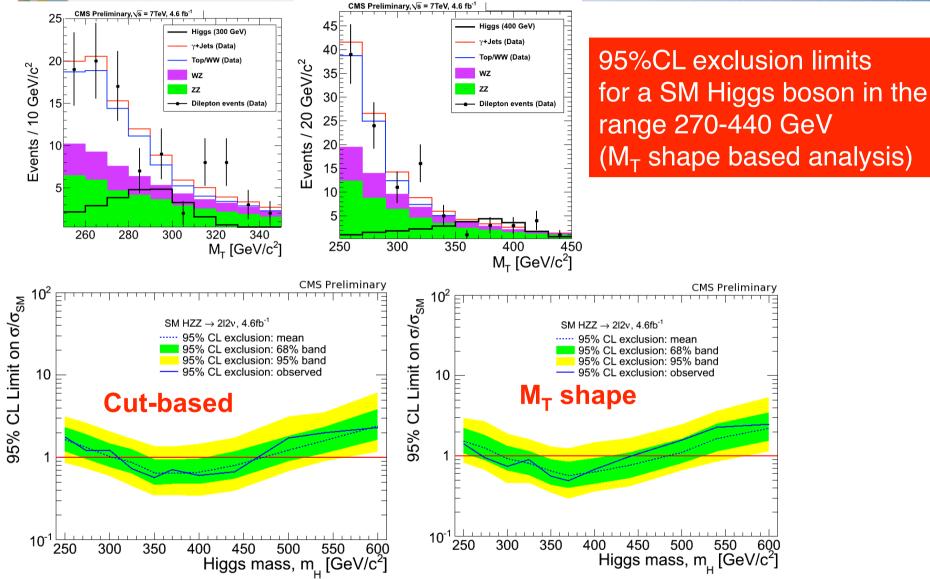
- M_Z ± 15 GeV; P_T (II) >55 GeV
- Use $M_T^2 = (\sqrt{P_{TZ}^2 + M_Z^2} + \sqrt{MET^2 + M_Z^2})^2 (\vec{P_{TZ}} + \vec{MET})^2$
- Major backgrounds: Z+Jets, ttbar & WW
 - ME_T requirement to suppress Z + jets by x10⁵
 - Anti b-tag to suppress ttbar
- Backgrounds estimated from data
 - Z+jets (using γ + jets) ; eµ sample (for ttbar ++WW, single-top/W+jets/Ztautau)
- ZZ, WZ background estimate from MC

High sensitivity analysis for the high mass;

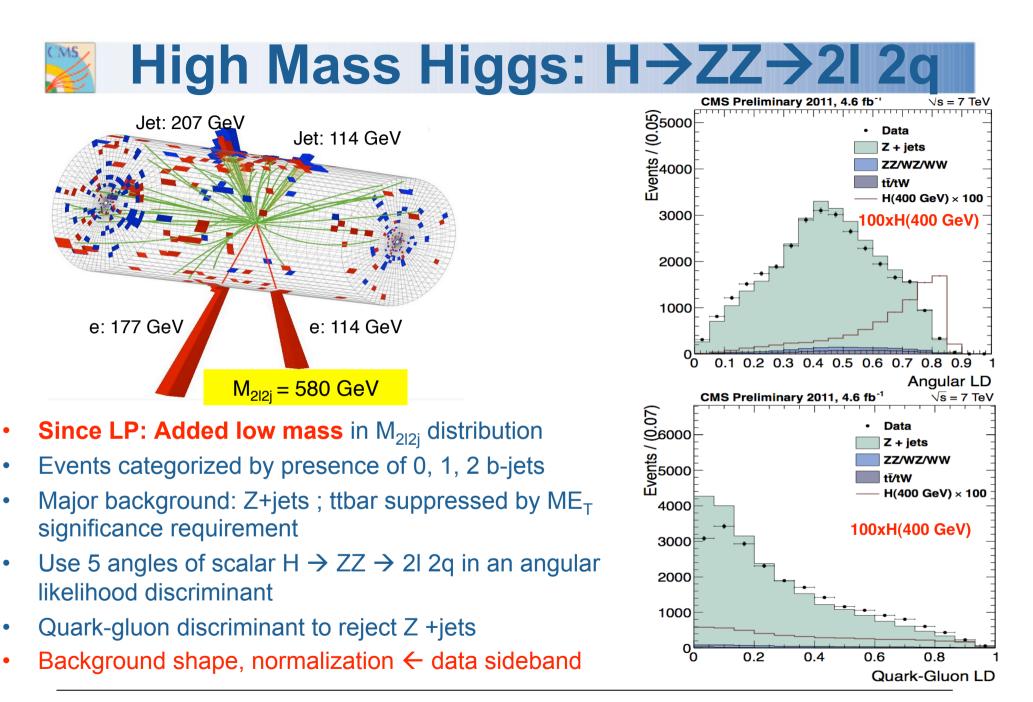
- Z+jets background estimated from data
- M_T shape analysis introduced
 - 10% improvement compared to cutbased analysis shown in LP



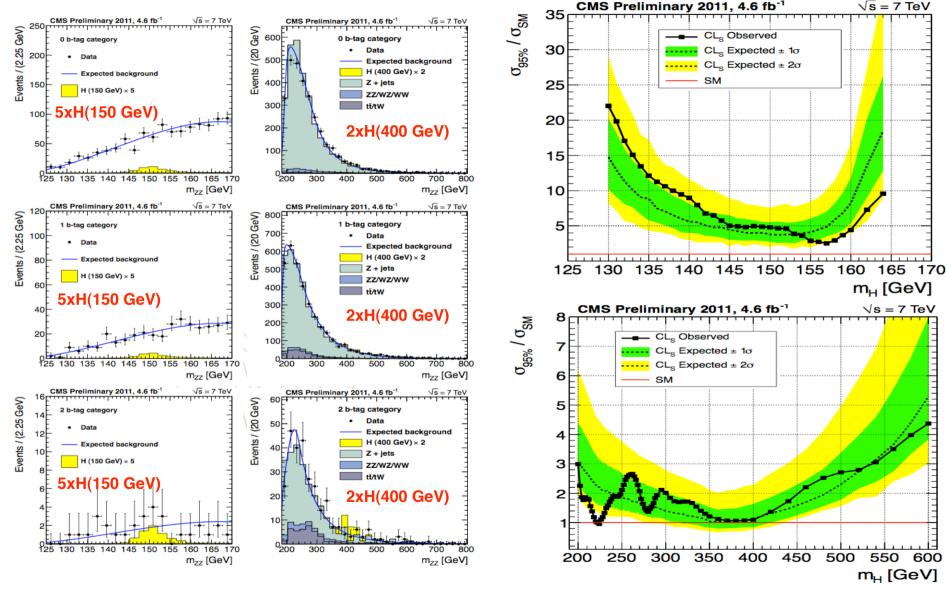
Results and Limits: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2I2v$



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\gg H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l 2q: data and limits



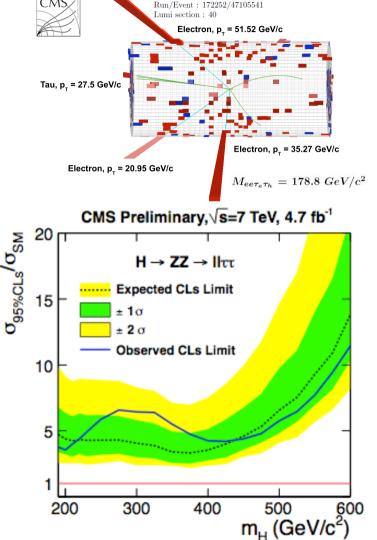
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High Mass Higgs: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2I 2\tau$ eeet candidate No major change w.r.t LP'11 CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN CMS Run/Event : 172252/47105541 CMS Preliminary, \sqrt{s} =7 TeV, 4.7 fb⁻¹ umi section : 40

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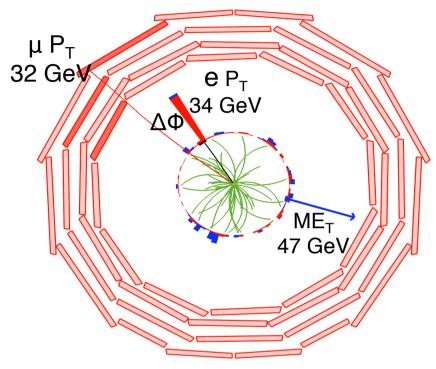


Events/25 GeV/c² $H200 \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow II\tau\tau$ $H400 \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow Ih\tau$ 4 1xH(200GeV) ZZ → IIττ WZ/Z + jets З 2 1xH(400GeV) 100 500 200 400 300 M_{llrr} (GeV/c²) 10 observed events, 10.2 expected background

Background shapes are taken from MC simulation and normalized to the values obtained using data-driven techniques.

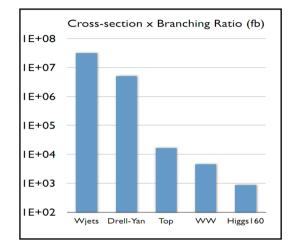
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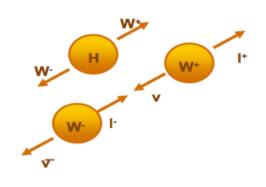
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2I 2v$



- Signal characteristics:
 - Only 2 opposite sign, isolated leptons
 - significant ME_T → No mass peak
 - No b-jets, no additional low $P_T \mu$
 - With additional 0, 1 or 2 jets (VBF)
 - Small ΔΦ (I⁺I⁻) ← Higgs scalarity

- No signal mass peak (missing vv) → Counting expt.
- Challenge is to remove & control large backgrounds





Major requirements:

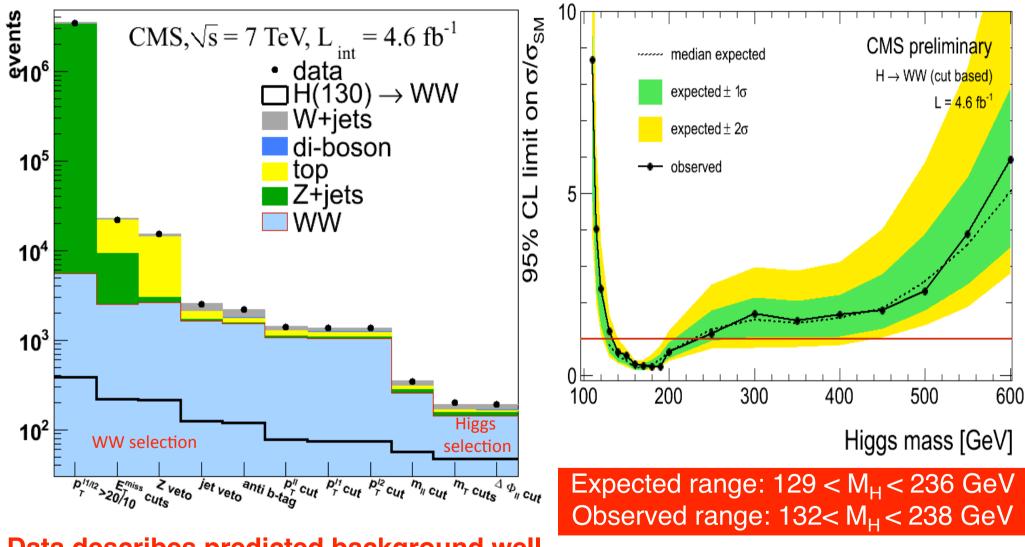
- Lepton $P_t > 15$ GeV, tight ID & Isolation
 - removes QCD & W+jets contamination
- Large ME_T & Z $\rightarrow \mu\mu$, ee veto
 - removes Drell-Yan contamination
- Classification by # of jets ($P_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$) & b-jet veto
 - removes Top contamination
- Kinematic discriminants: M_{II} & ΔΦ (I⁺I⁻)
 - − mitigates pp \rightarrow WW background
- M_H-dependent cut optimization



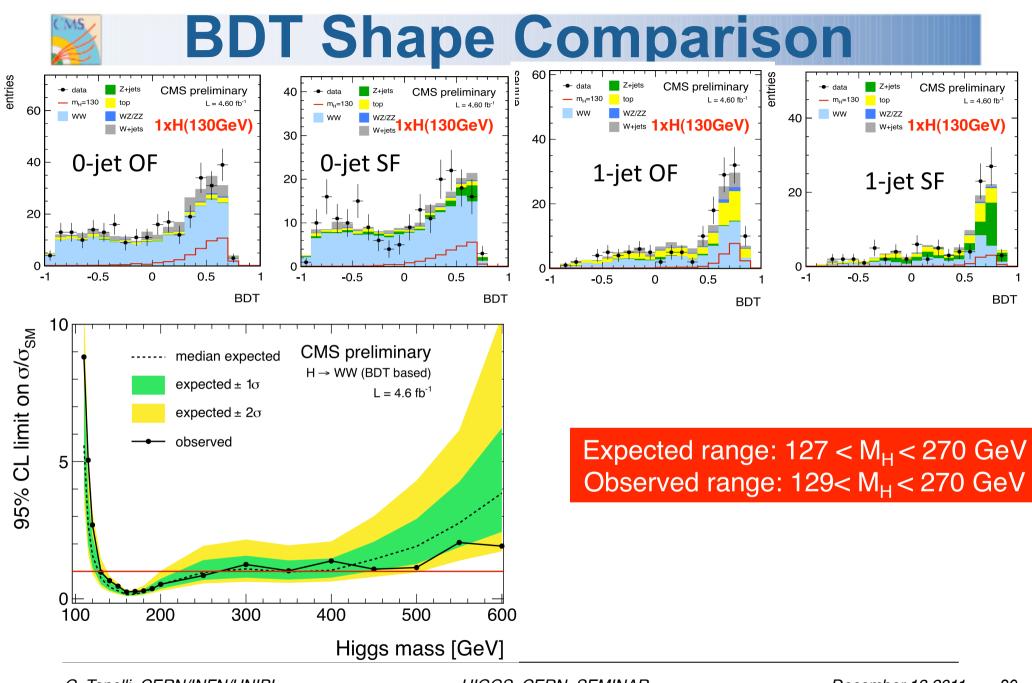
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2I 2v$: improvements

- Objects Identification:
 - MVA-based electron identification (fakes reduced by 50%, same signal efficiency)
- Selections:
 - Pileup dependent MET cut
 - − Minimum dilepton mass cut from $12 \rightarrow 20$ GeV for same-flavor events
 - Refined the top tagging procedure (less sensitive to PU)
 - Trailing lepton p_T from 10 to 15 GeV for SF and dilepton p_T cut at 45 GeV (suppressing Drell-Yan and W+jets)
- Backgrounds:
 - Refined DY and top estimation
- Major effort in understanding BDT Shape based analysis:
 - Shape variation for systematic uncertainty evaluation
 - Additional cross-checks: single variable shape analyses; matrix element analysis

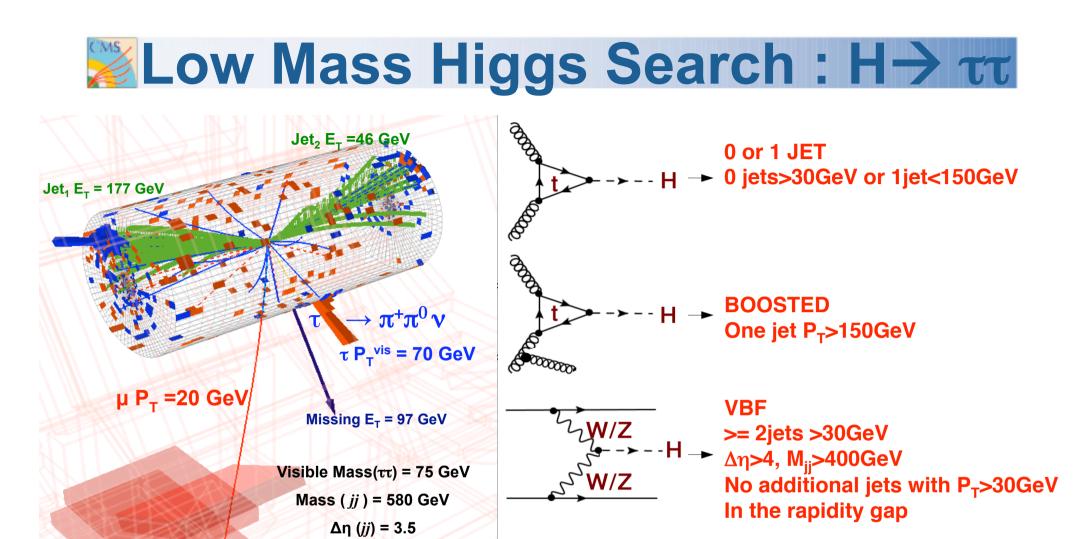
Data and limits in cut and count analysis



Data describes predicted background well.

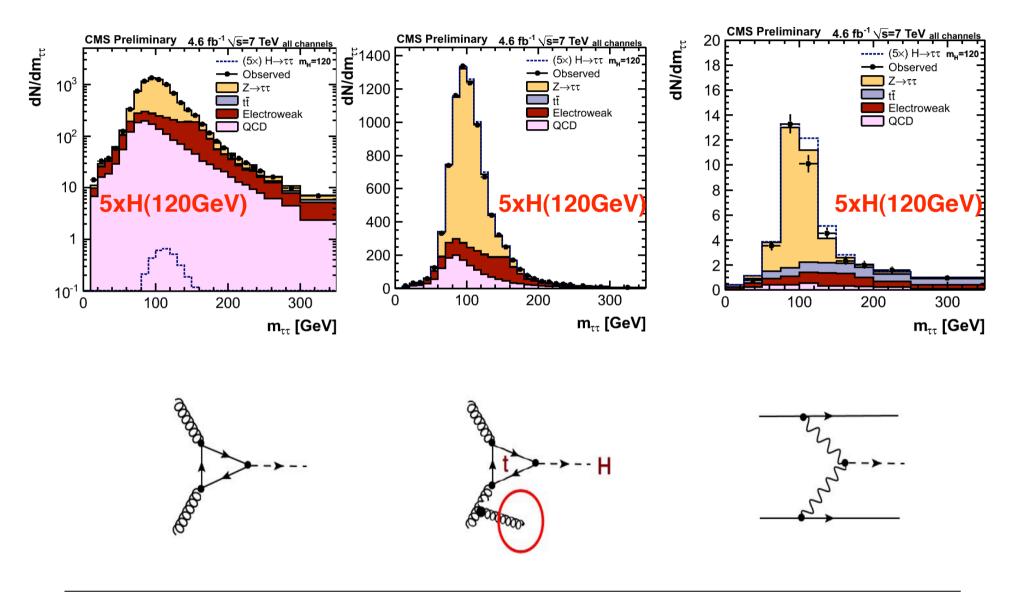


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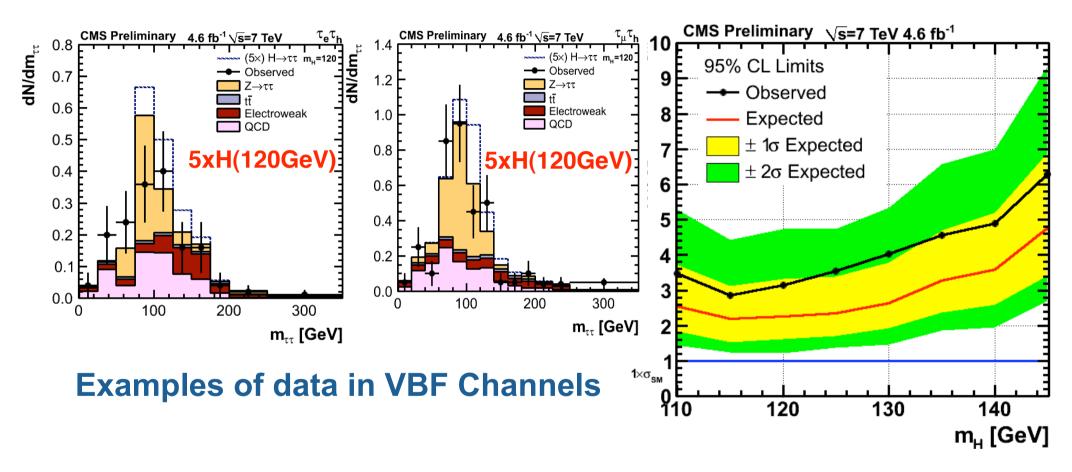


- $\tau\tau$ selection: $\mu+\tau_{had}$, $\mu+\tau_{had}$, $\mu+e$
- SM-Boosted mode added
- VBF mode cleanest, most sensitive

\gg H \rightarrow ττ : Mass Spectrum By Categories



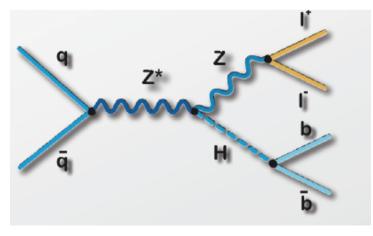


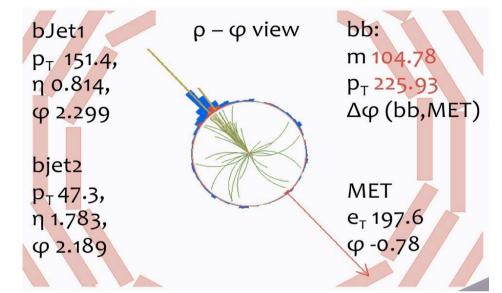


Significant improvement in sensitivity since LP'11

Low Mass Higgs Search : H > bb

- gg→ H→ bb and VBF are dominant production modes but overwhelmed by enormous QCD di-jet background
- Best option: qq → VH; H → bb
 Major backgrounds are V+jets, VV, ttbar
- Use
 - VH topology : $\Delta \Phi(V,H) > 3$
 - P_T(V)> 100-160 GeV (boosted W/Z)
 - Tight b-tagging & MET quality
 - Backgrounds estimated from control data



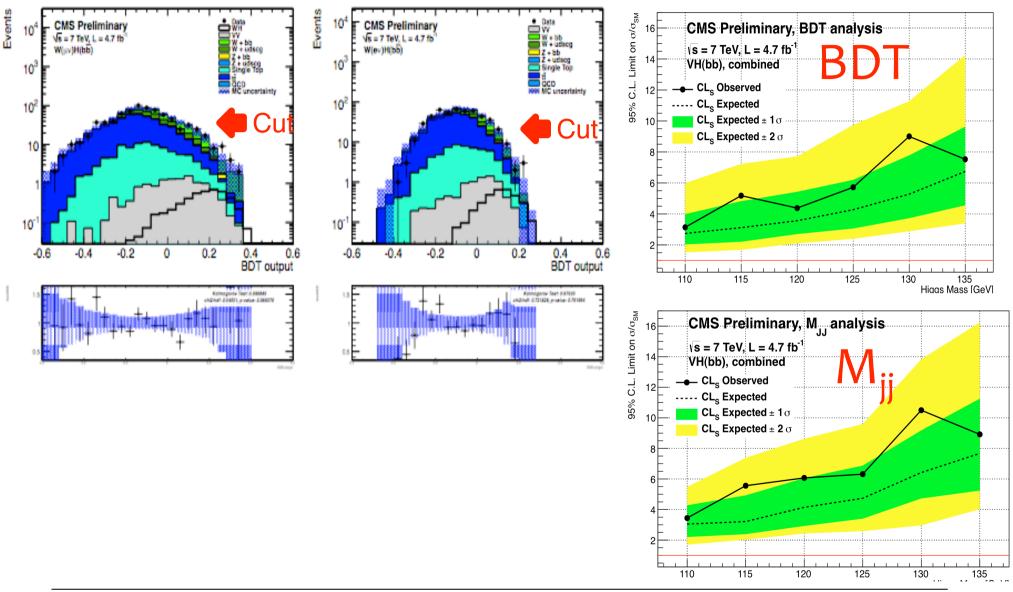


5 sub channels

 $Z(\rightarrow II)$; $H\rightarrow bb$, $I = \mu$, e W($\rightarrow Iv$); $H\rightarrow bb$, $I = \mu$, e $Z(\rightarrow_{VV})$; $H\rightarrow bb$

Analysis method largely unchanged w.r.t LP'11 Extensive use of data driven methods to control the backgrounds.

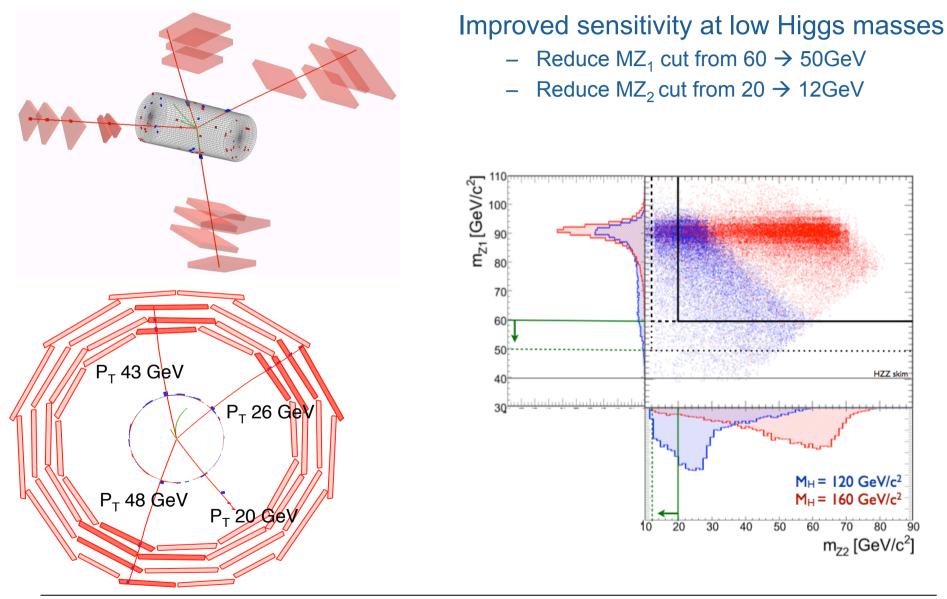
H bb: data and limits



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$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$: The Golden Channel



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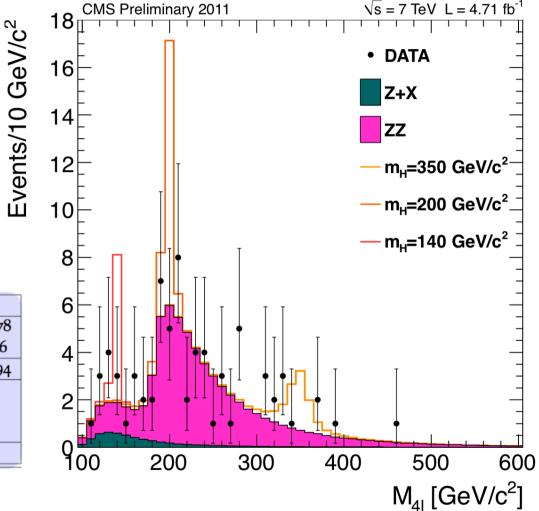
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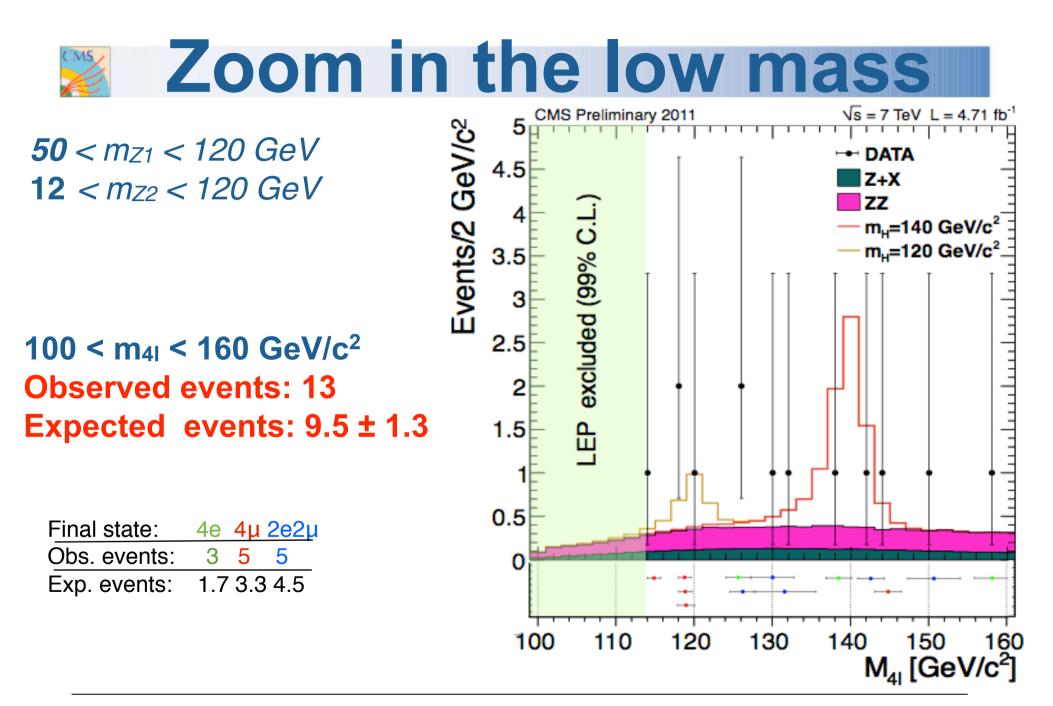
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$: Baseline Selection

50< m_{Z1} < 120 GeV **12**< m_{Z2} < 120 GeV

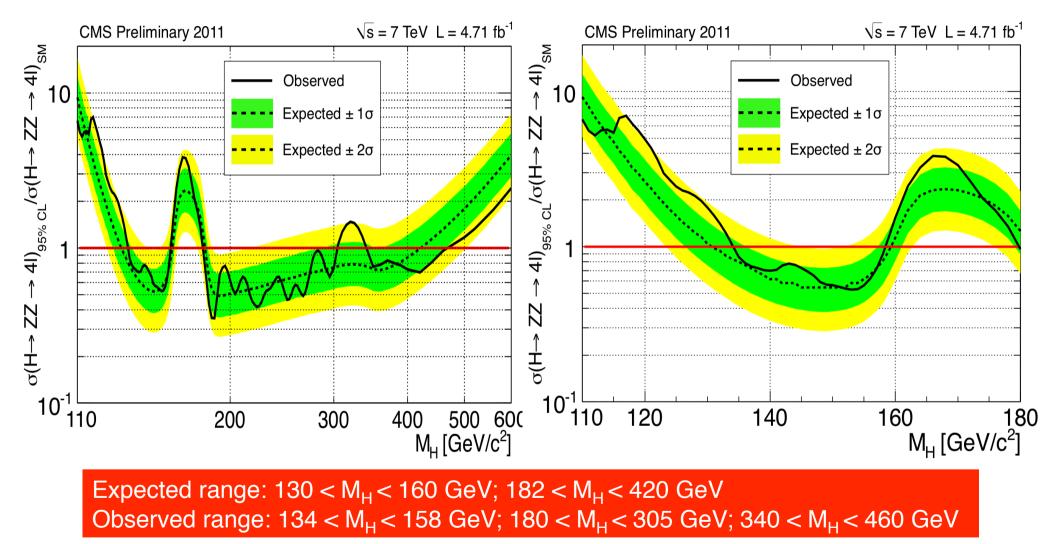
 m_{4l} >100 GeV/c² Observed events: 72 Expected events: 67.1 ± 6.0

Baseline	4 <i>e</i>	4μ	2e2µ
ZZ	$\textbf{12.27} \pm \textbf{1.16}$	19.11 ± 1.75	30.25 ± 2.78
Z+X	1.67 \pm 0.55	1.13 ± 0.55	$\textbf{2.71}\pm\textbf{0.96}$
All background	$\textbf{13.94} \pm \textbf{1.28}$	$\textbf{20.24} \pm \textbf{1.83}$	32.96 ± 2.94
$m_{\rm H} = 120 \; {\rm GeV}/c^2$	0.25	0.62	0.68
$m_{\rm H} = 140 \; {\rm GeV}/c^2$	1.32	2.48	3.37
$m_{\rm H} = 350 \; {\rm GeV}/c^2$	1.95	2.61	4.64
Observed	12	23	37



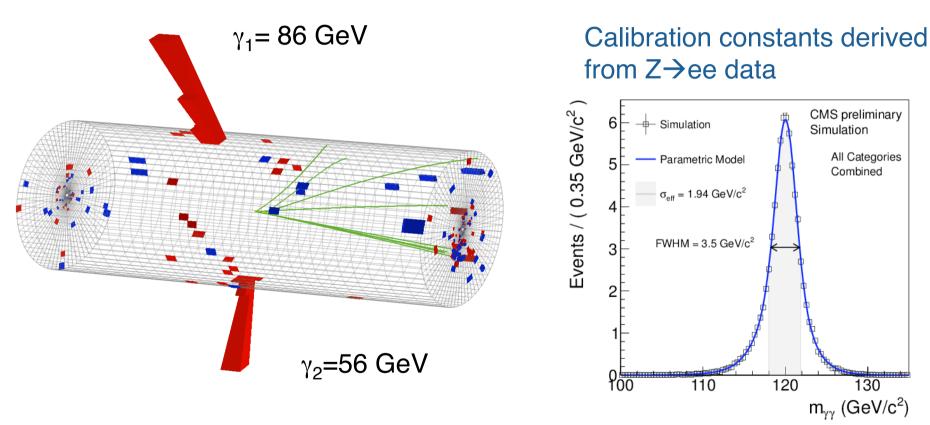


\gg H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I: 95%CL Excl. Limits





Signal: 2 energetic, isolated γ. Search for a narrow mass excess over a smoothly falling background. Challenges: vertexing with PU, calibrations and transparency corrections for the crystals.



Background: Large and mostly irreducible QCD di-photons. Measured from $M_{_{\gamma\gamma}}$ sidebands in data

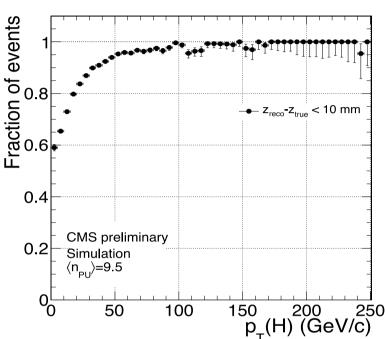
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Solution Improvements in the H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis

- Vertex ID uses BDT
 - Improved vertex identification (gain \rightarrow 3%)
- Progressive ("sliding") cuts on photon p_T
 - $p_T^1 > m_{\gamma\gamma}/3, p_T^2 > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$
- Cluster energy corrections + new intercalibrations+new transparency corrections
- using the lasers.
 - Improved energy resolution
- p_T^{YY} event classification dropped for SM analysis
 - Remove threshold shaping of mass spectrum
- In order to take advantage of
 - The better signal over background ratio in the central part of the detector
 - The better resolution for central/unconverted photons
- The analysis is performed simultaneously in 4 categories (R9 is a metric of the shower transverse
- size: R9 = E_{3x3 array} / E_{super-cluster} . It discriminates unconverted from converted photons)
 - Both photons in the Barrel, min(R9) > 0.94
 - Both photons in the Barrel, min(R9) < 0.94
 - At least one photon in Endcap, min(R9) > 0.94
 - At least one photon in Endcap, min(R9) < 0.94
- Better parameterization of background shape.

Improvements in Vertex finding Efficiency

- Training BDT using input variables computed from
 - Track momenta
 - Photon kinematics
- BDT improves correct vertex selection efficiency by 3% with respect to ranking algorithm used in EPS/LP analyses.
- 'Correct vertex' is defined as being within 10mm of true vertex z position
- Vertex finding efficiency
 - From Z $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ and γ + jets
 - Photon Selection efficiency
 - From Z → ee



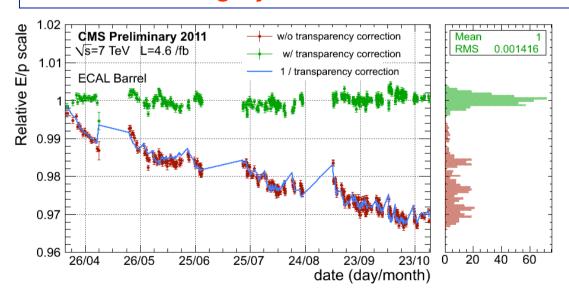
2011A	2011B	2011
$86.3\% \pm 0.2\% \pm 0.4\%$	$79.8\% \pm 0.2\% \pm 0.5\%$	$83.0\% \pm 0.2\% \pm 0.4\%$

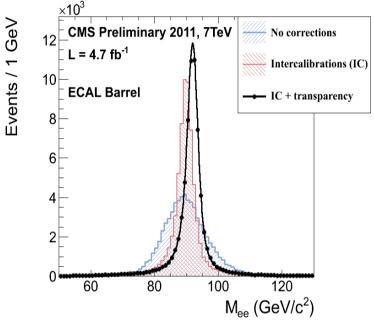
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Improvemens in Photon Energy Resolution

Comprehensive energy resolution studies made with Z →ee, W
 →ev and E/p, π^o intercalibrations and laser signals for transparency corrections

Effect of new laser corrections and intercalibration on barrel-barrel $Z \rightarrow ee$ Resolution in data improves typically by 10%, EB, $l\eta l > 1$, R9>0.94 Instrumental contribution to the mass resolution in the best EB category is 0.99 ±0.01 GeV

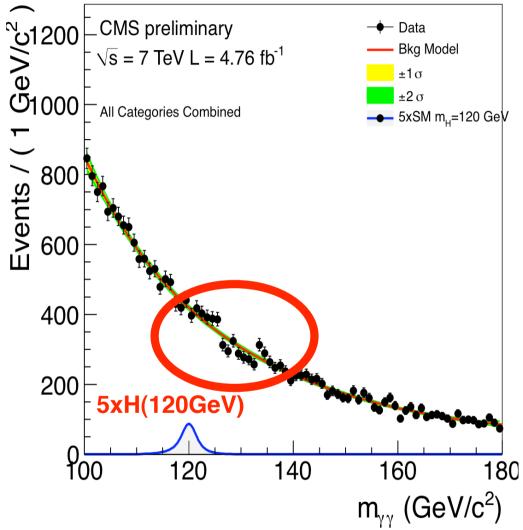




Energy scale for $W \rightarrow e_V$ and $Z \rightarrow ee$ stable throughout 2011 at the level of 0.1 GeV.

EB inter-calibration and transparency correction fully understood for EB for the entire 2011 data set.

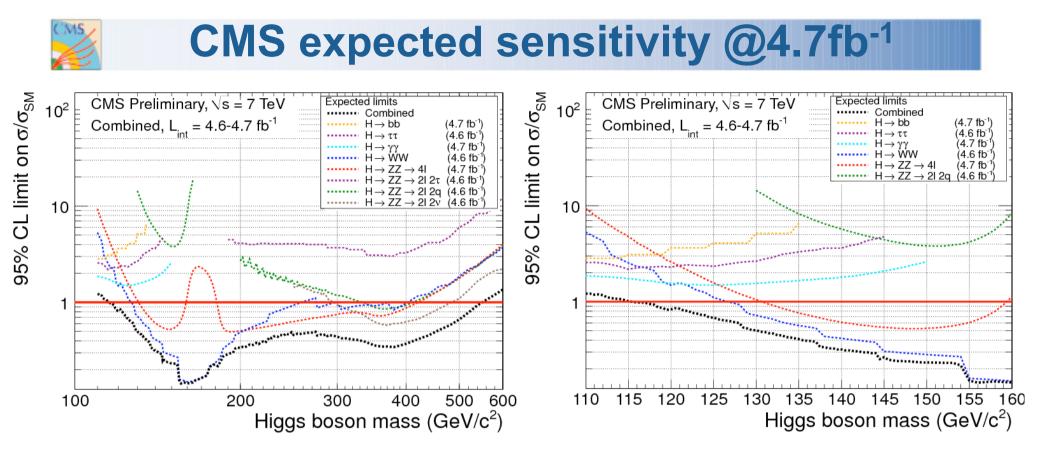
\gg H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$: data and exclusion limits



γγ)_{SM} **Observed CLs Limit** CMS preliminary Median Expected CLs Limit $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV L = 4.76 fb⁻¹ σ(H→ γ γ)_{95%CL}/σ(H→ ± 1or Expected CLs ± 2o Expected CLs 1×σ_{sm} 120 125 130 **4**10 115 135 140 145 150 m_{μ} (GeV/c²)

> A lot of studies on the background fit model. Is the structure/shape of the observed limit due to the chosen background model? No – this has been shown to not be the case.

Using 5th order polynomial fit to background: some loss in sensitivity but negligible bias.

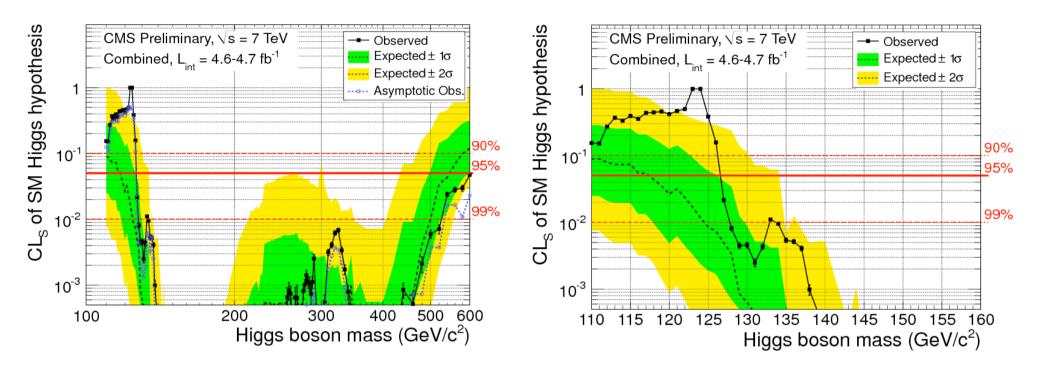


Very close or better than 1xSM in the full mass range. Optimization of some analyses still ongoing. Additional sub-channels under study.

Met the expectations set at the end of 2010.

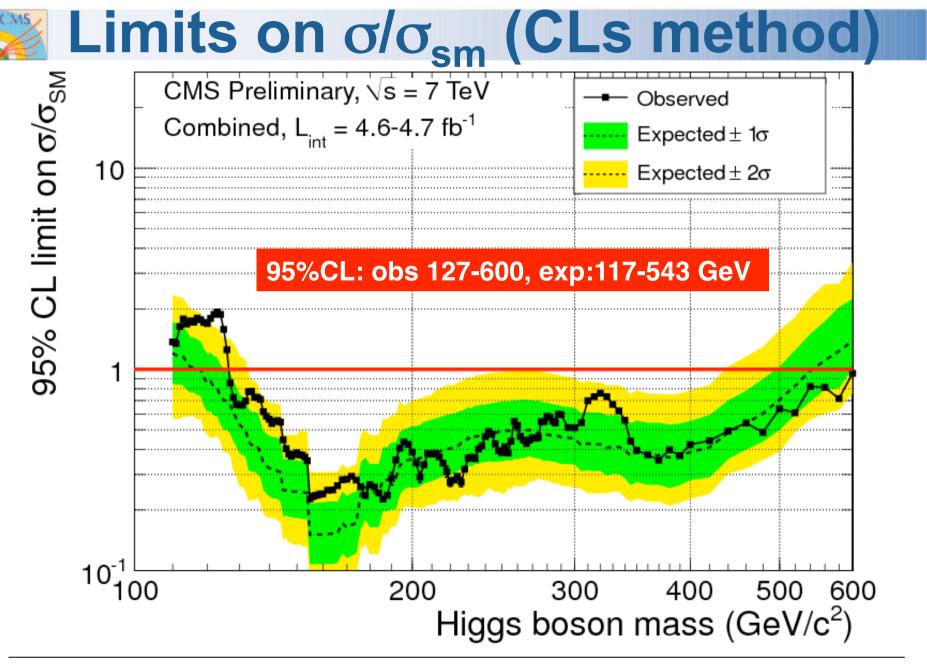


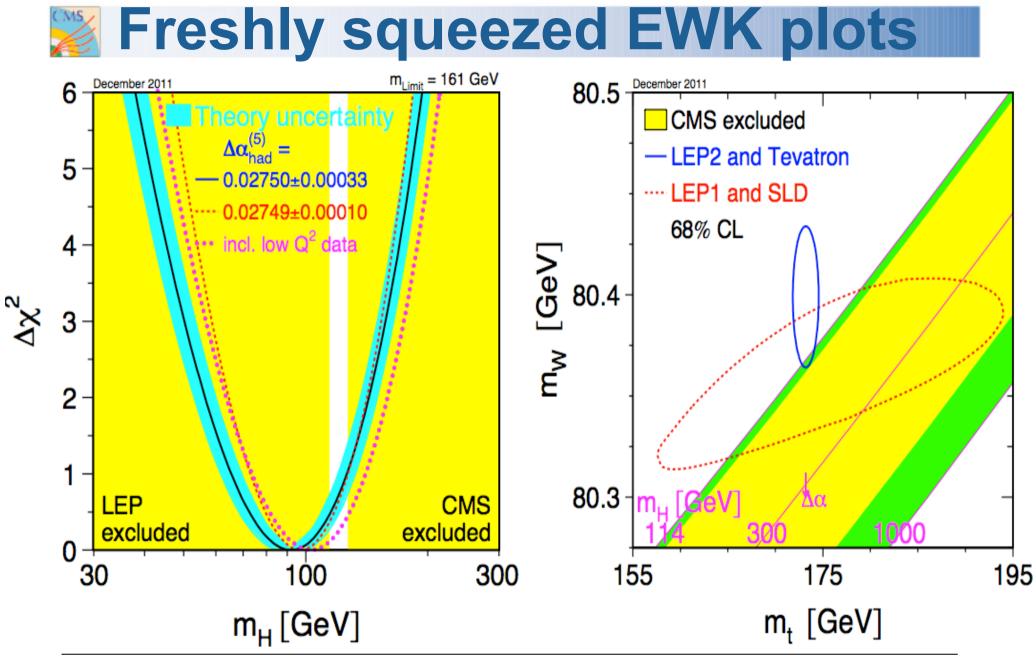
CLs for SM Higgs



Preliminary 95 and 99%CL exclusion limits

95% CL:obs 127-600,exp:117-54399% CL:obs 128-525,exp:125-500

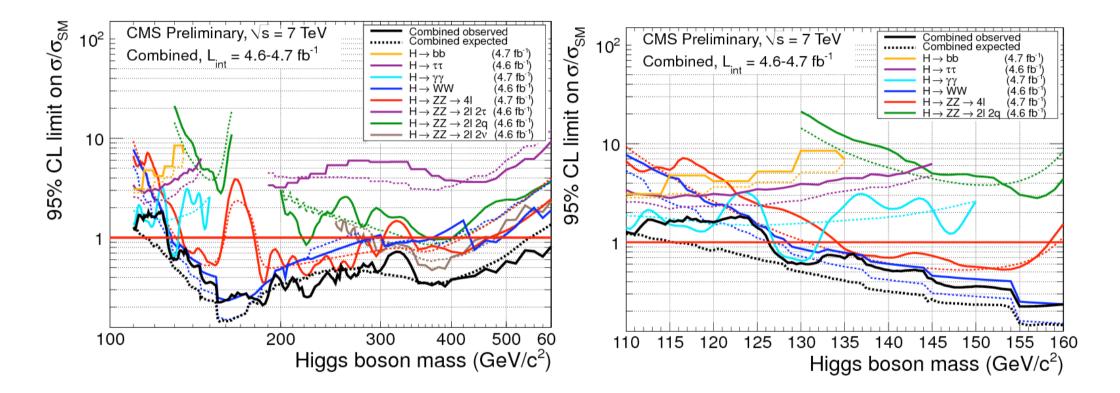






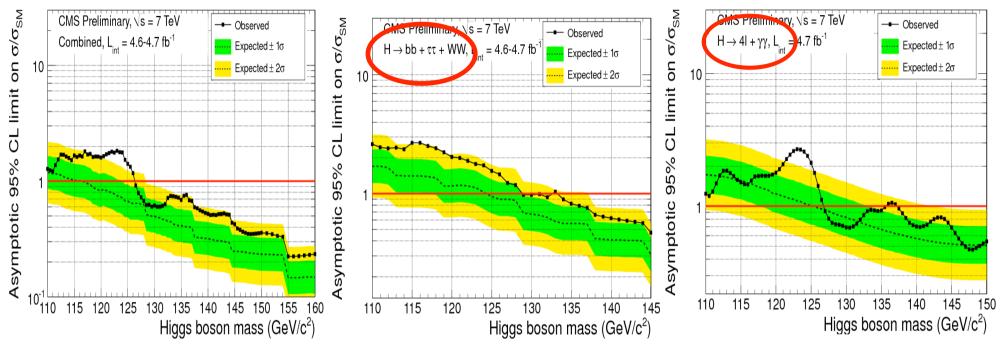
Limits by channel

Solid line = Observed limit ; Dashed line = Median Expected



⁽Asymptotic CLs only)

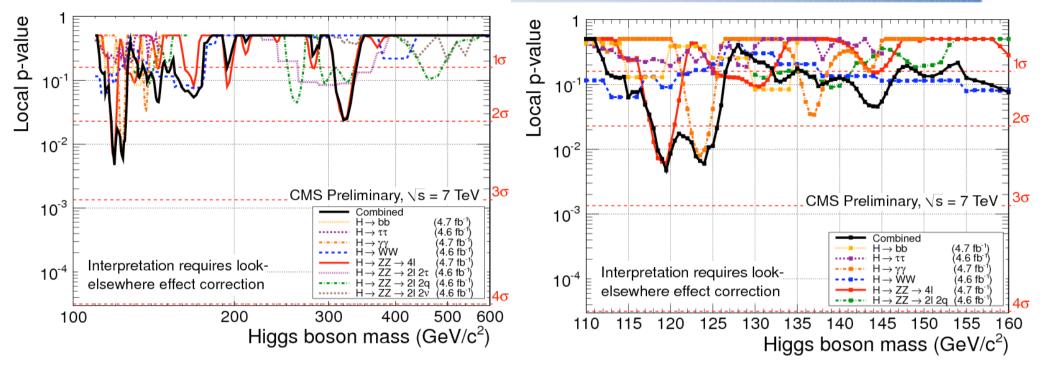
Zoom in the low mass region



We cannot exclude the presence of the SM Higgs boson below 127GeV because of a modest excess of events in the region between 115 and 127GeV.

The excess at low mass is produced by a broad excess driven by the low resolution channels (H2TT, H2WW, H2BB, center), modulated by the localized excesses seen by the high resolution channels (H2GG and H2ZZ, right).

Anatomy of an excess: local and global p-values



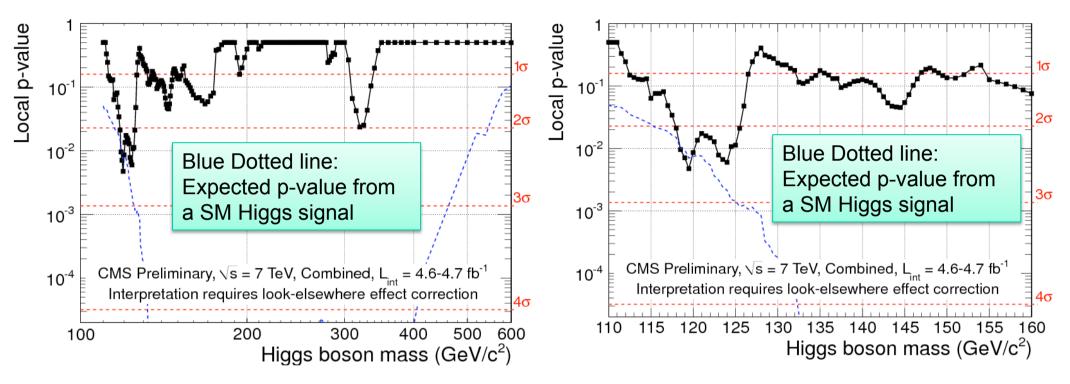
Maximum local significance 2.6σ .

LEE-corrected significance (full mass range: 110-600GeV)= 0.6σ LEE-corrected significance (low mass range: 110-145GeV)= 1.9σ The excess we see in the low mass region has a modest statistical significance and could be reasonably a fluctuation of the background.

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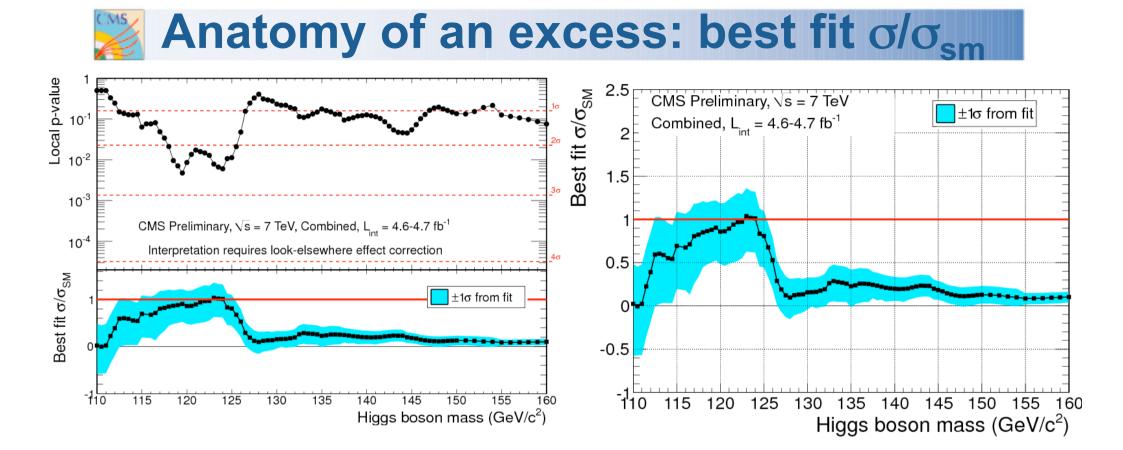
Anatomy of an excess: Observed and Expected



The only region where the observed p-value seems to be compatible with the expected p-value from a SM Higgs is the low mass region.

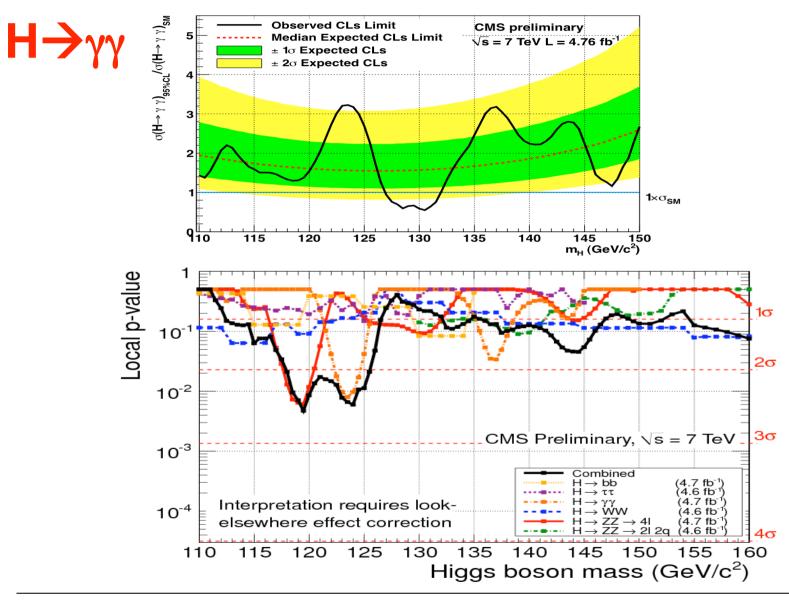
In this region a SM Higgs boson is expected to yield a modest p-value (2-3 σ median value in the range 115-127GeV)

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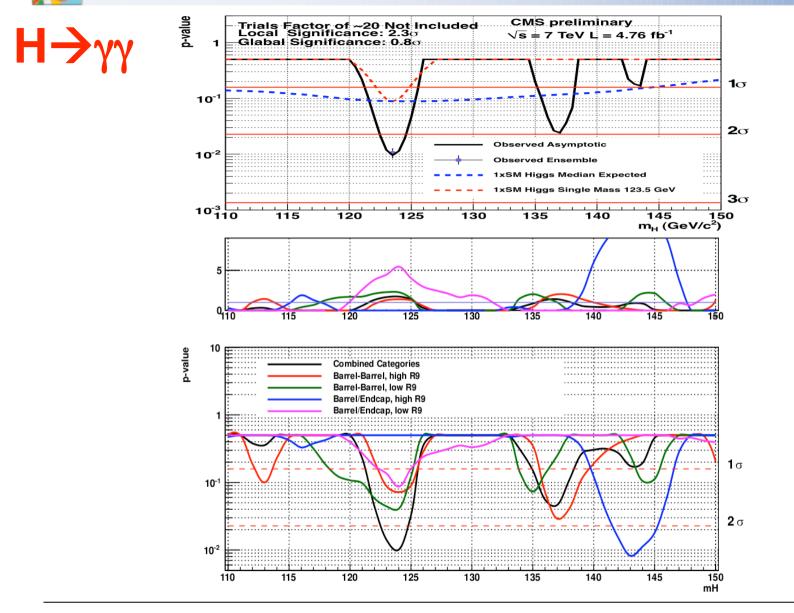
Fitted σ/σ_{SM} compatible with 1 in the full low mass range. Median value touching 1 at a mass of 124 GeV and below.

Anatomy of an excess: the high resolution channels



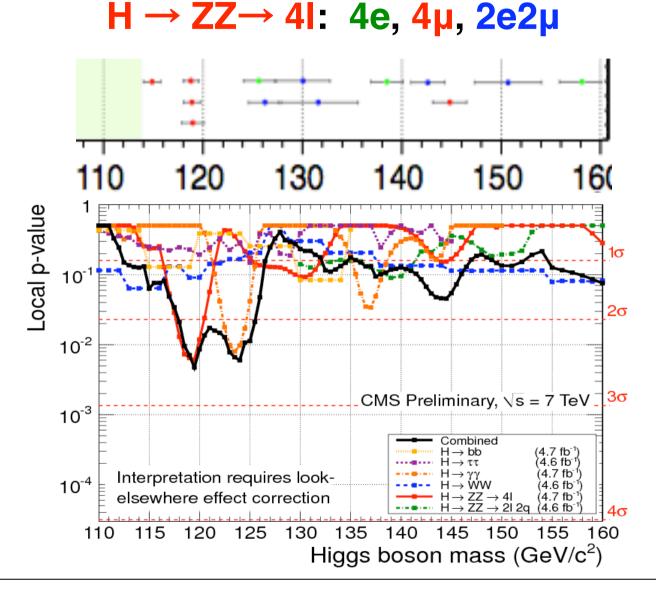
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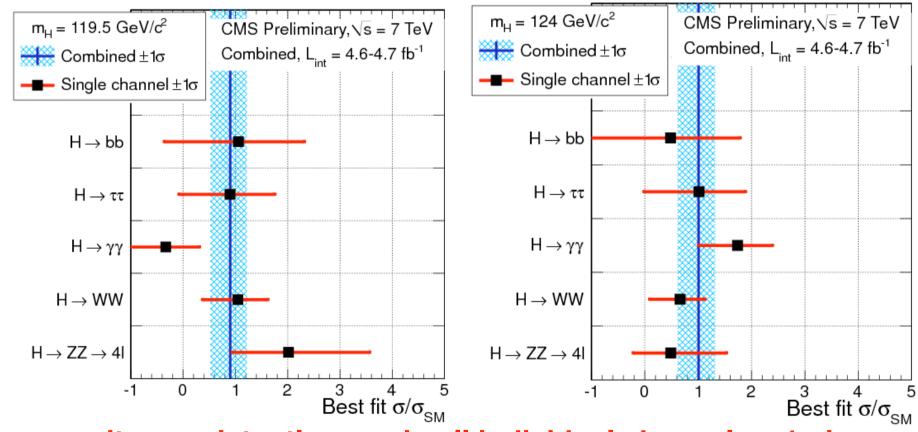


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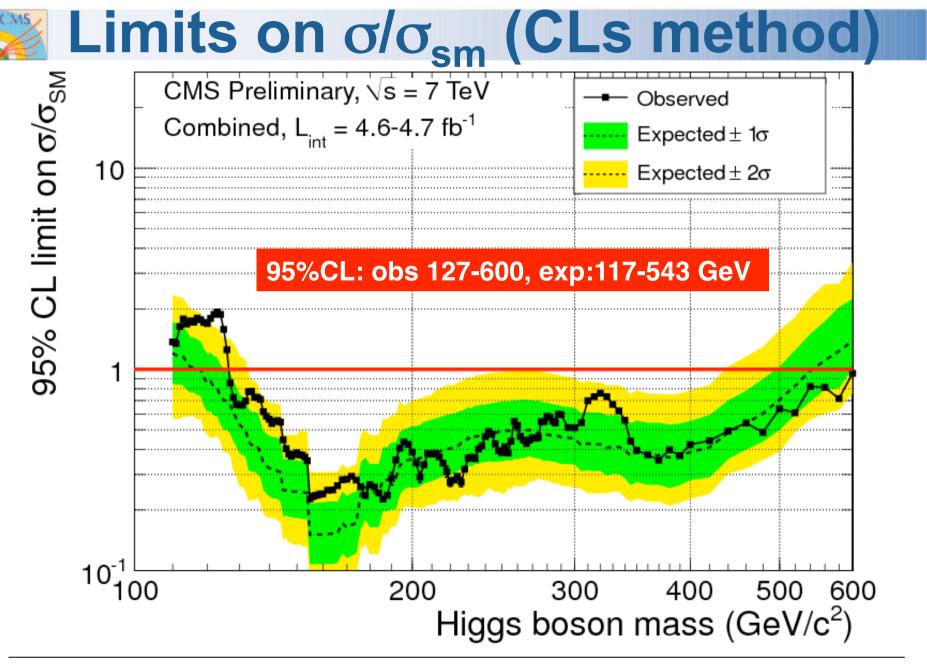


Anatomy of the excess Best fit σ/σ_{sm} of the various channels 119.5 GeV 124 GeV



Excess quite consistently seen in all individual channels $\pm 1\sigma$ in the low mass region.

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Summary.

- We have been able to analyse very quickly the full data set collected in 2011 and to present here a comprehensive set of preliminary results.
- Final results and submission of papers are expected around the end of January (new additional channels, refined analyses).
- We have reached the expected sensitivity (around or better than 1xSM) in the full mass range of our current exploration (115GeV-600 GeV).
- We have established new 95% CL exclusion limits: 127GeV-600GeV.
- We are not able to exclude the presence of the SM Higgs below 127GeV since we observe in our data a modest excess of events between 115 and 127GeV that appears, quite consistenly, in five independent channels.
- The excess is most compatible with a SM Higgs hypothesis in the vicinity of 124 GeV and below, but the statistical significance (2.6σ local and 1.9σ global after correcting for the LEE in the low mass region) is not large enough to say anything conclusive.
- As of today what we see is consistent either with a background fluctuation or with the presence of the SM Higgs boson.
- Refined analyses and additional data in 2012 will definitely give an answer.



Conclusion

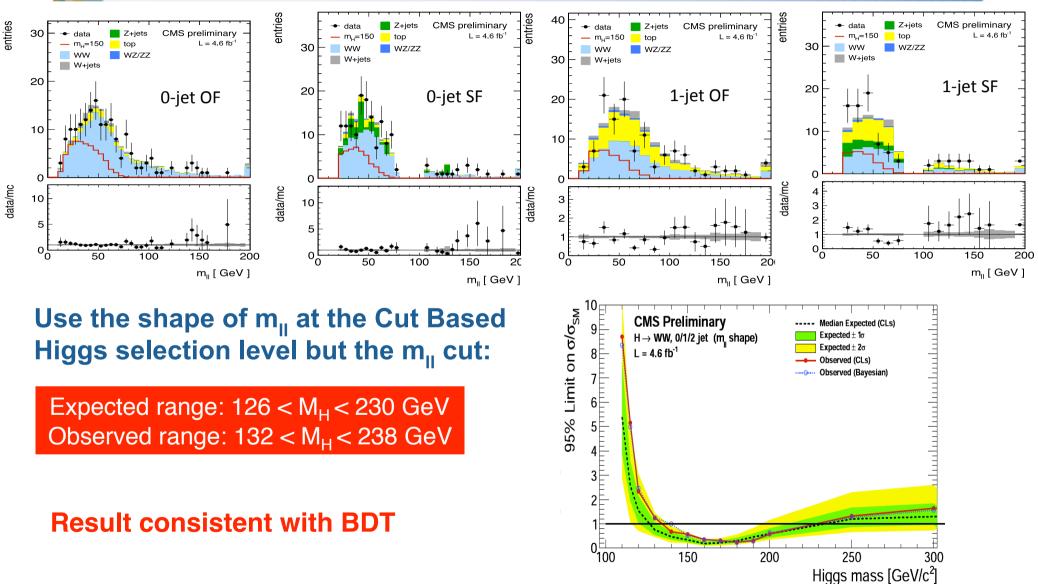
- Many thanks to the thousand of people that contributed to the success of the CMS experiment, from the conceptual design throughout the construction, commissioning and operation of our magnificent detector.
- Many thanks to the hundreds of analysers, software and computing experts that worked so hard to produce these complete set of results just a few weeks after the end of 2011 data taking.
- Many thanks to Steve Myers and the whole LHC team for having delivered to the experiments an integrated luminosity exceeding our most optimistic expectations.

Lastly, a personal note.

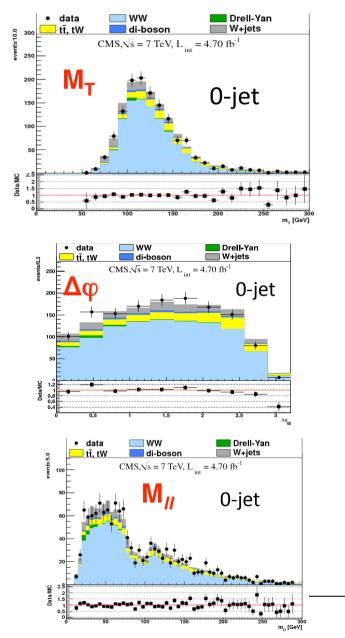
to my father Giuliano Tonelli, passed away on Sunday December 11, 2011.

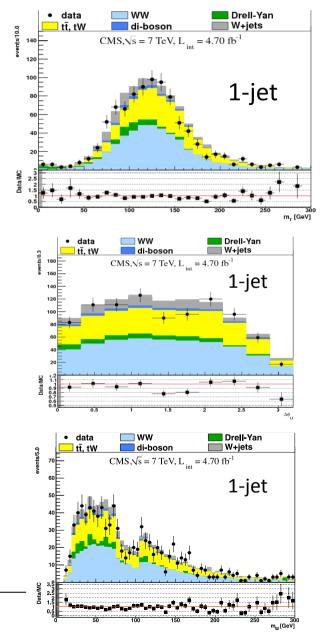


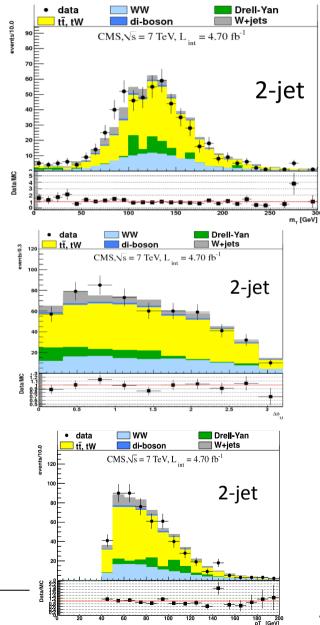
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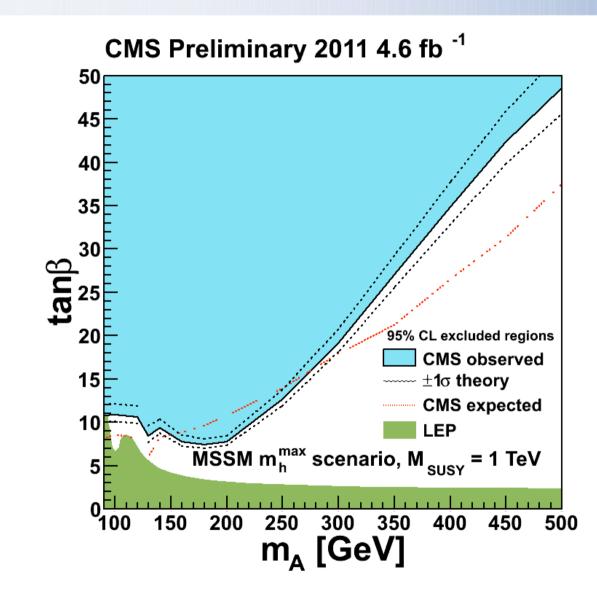
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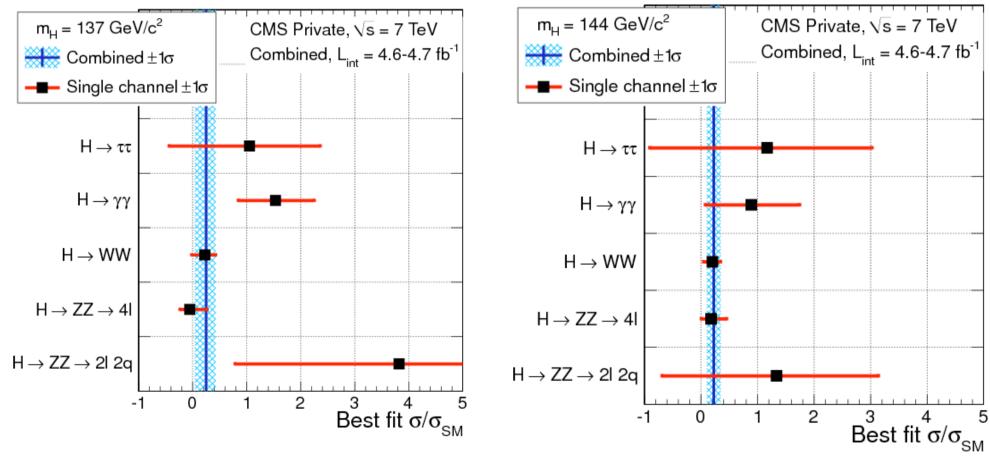




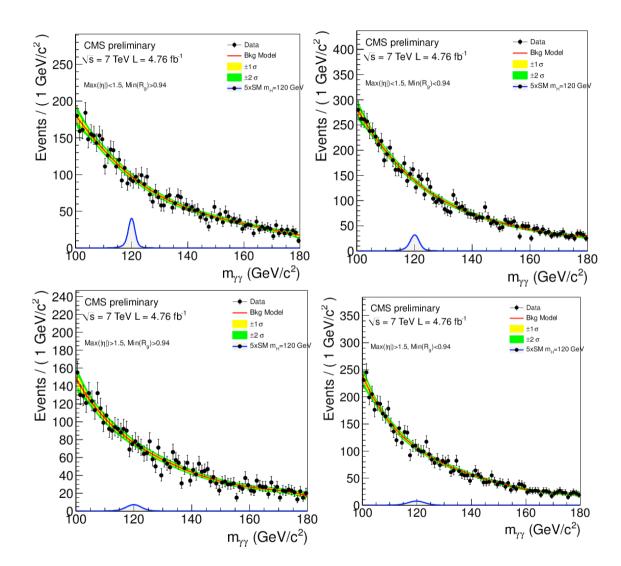




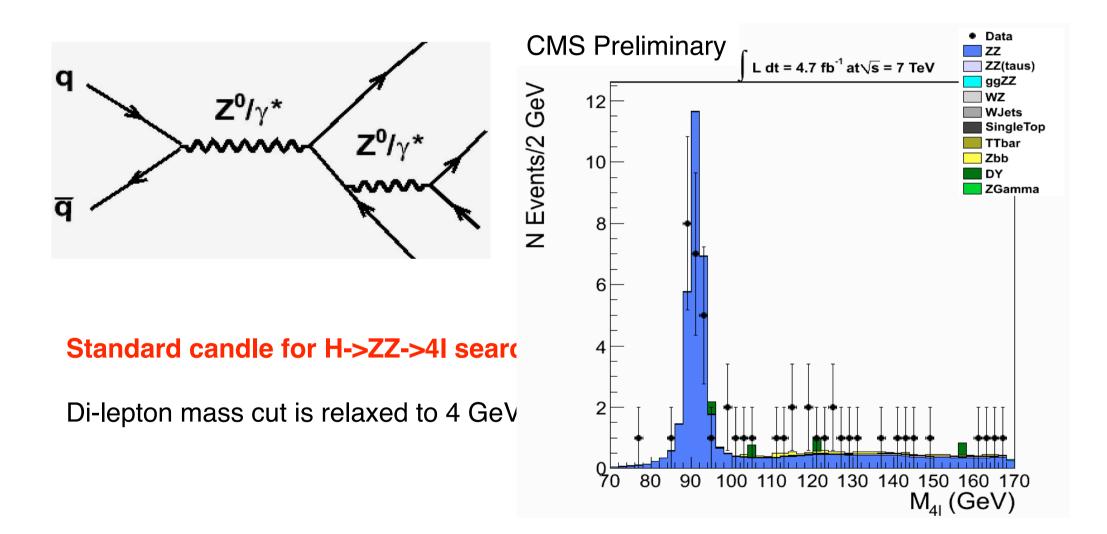
Anatomy of the excess Best fit σ/σ_{sm} of the various channels 137 GeV 144 GeV







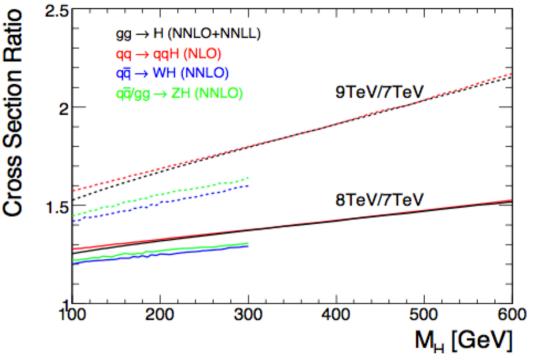






8 TeV means more useful luminosity

- $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV has a big impact
 - -γ-factor 14% higher
- Higgs gains everywhere
 - Even low mass higgs benefits
 ~30% increase (gg fusion) at 125 GeV
- SUSY
 - Moves key searches into much higher probability PDF regions
 - x2 to x4 increase in SUSY right in the key mass ranges to look now!
- Could trade for lower pileup
 - 30 p/u at 7 TeV gives same reach for low mass Higgs as 23 PU at 8 TeV
 - And you still get most of the big benefits for SUSY and high mass searches



• Extending mass limits

Model	√s=7 TeV	√s=8 TeV
Z' _{SSM}	2450 (GeV)	2750 (GeV)
Ζ' _Ψ	2150	2350
G _{KK} (k=0.1)	2250	2550



