

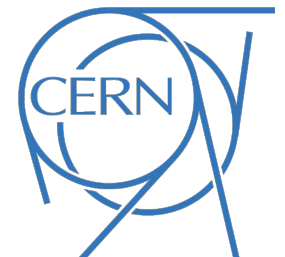
# Recent Higgs results from *ATLAS*

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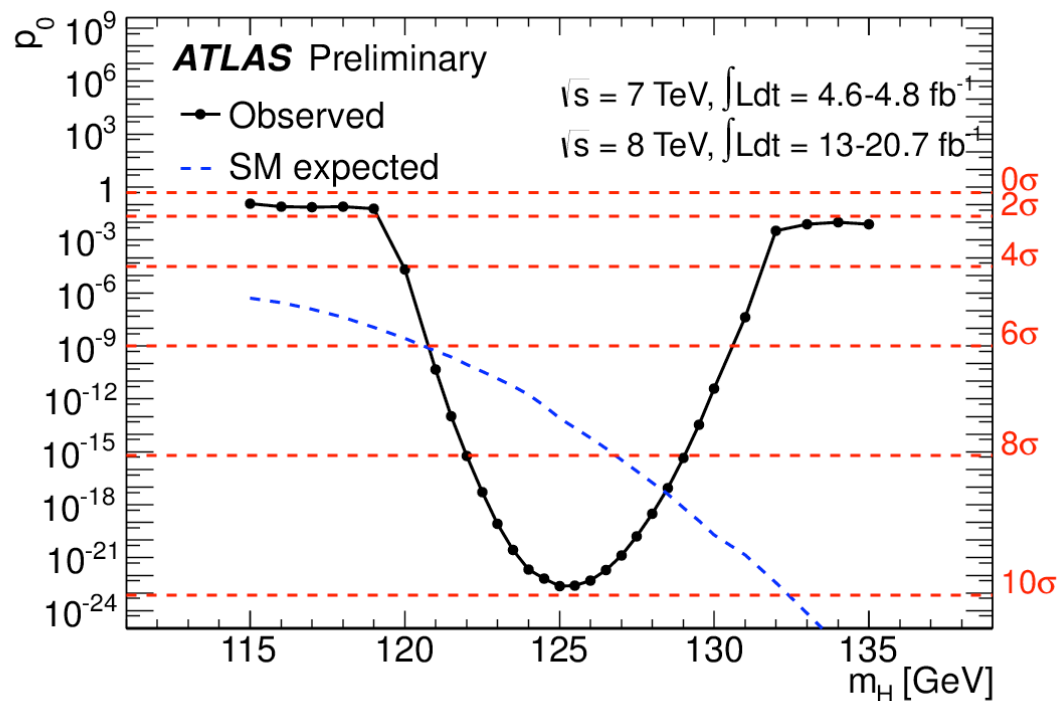
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# Introduction

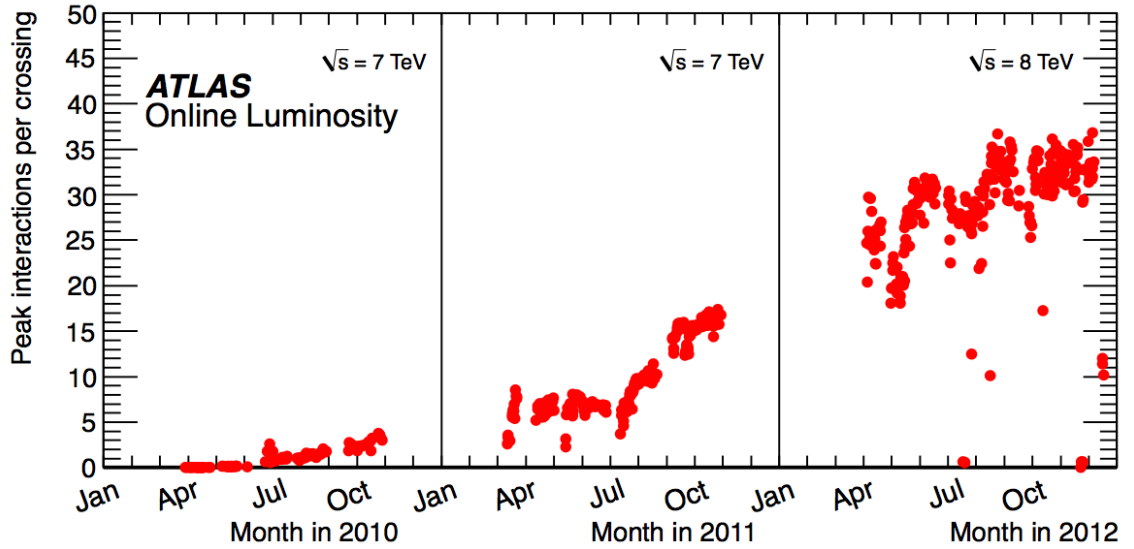
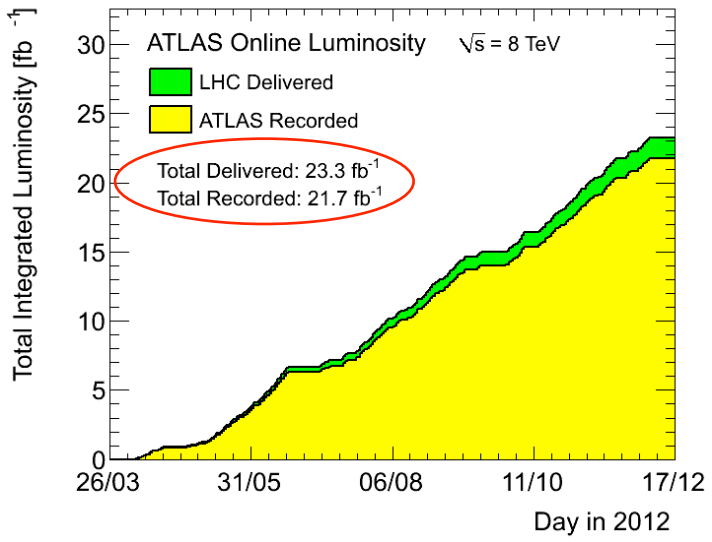
## ATLAS combined Higgs signal significance (Moriond 2013)



Already at the next chapter of LHC Higgs physics:

- Property measurements of the boson at  $\sim 125$  GeV
- Search for additional Higgs-like resonances

# Run I dataset



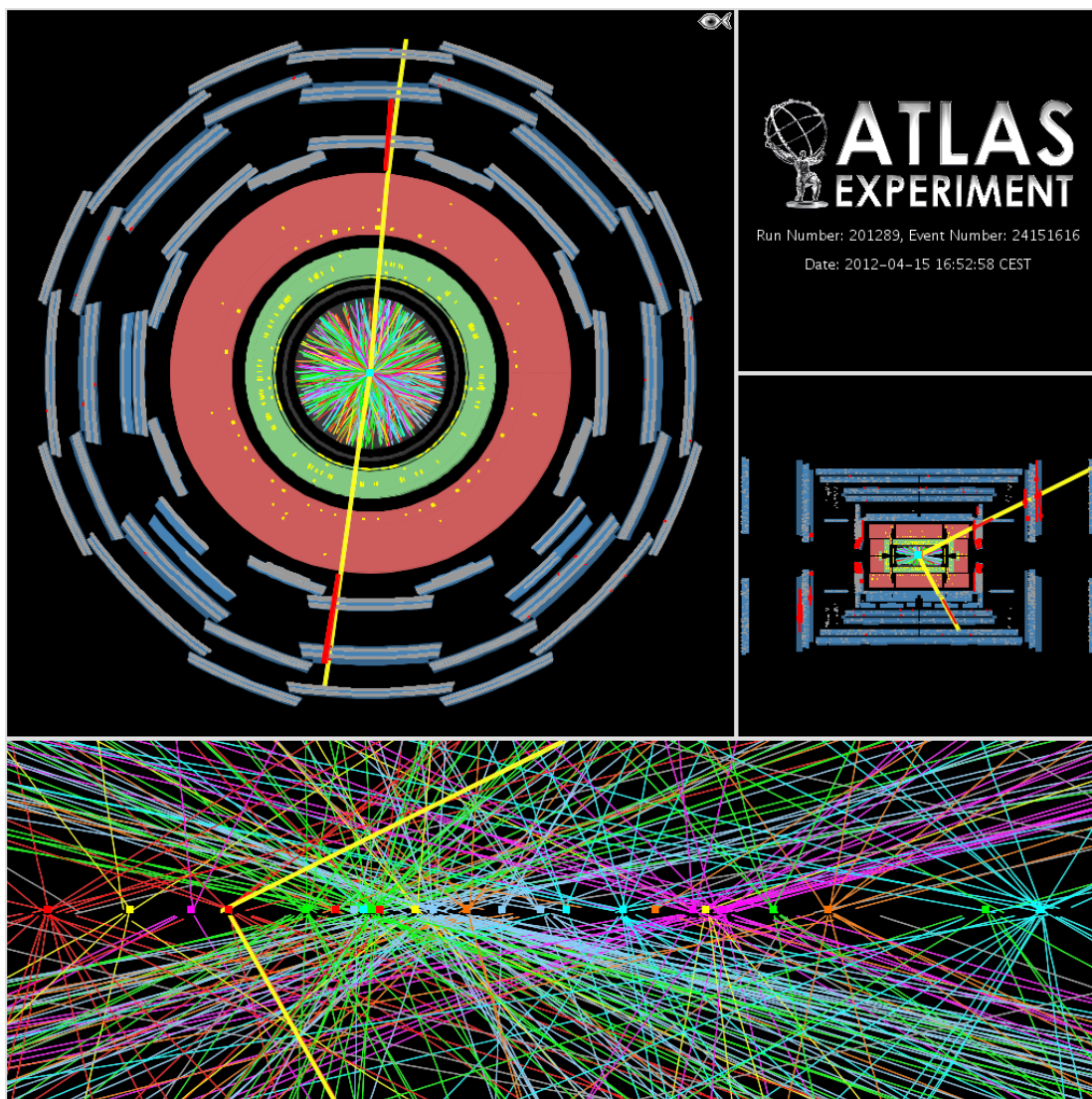
Average data taking efficiency:  $\sim 94\%$

Total efficiency (delivered  $\rightarrow$  physics):  $\sim 90\%$

Available dataset for physics analysis in Run I  $\sim 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

More data, with higher instantaneous luminosities

# Pileup

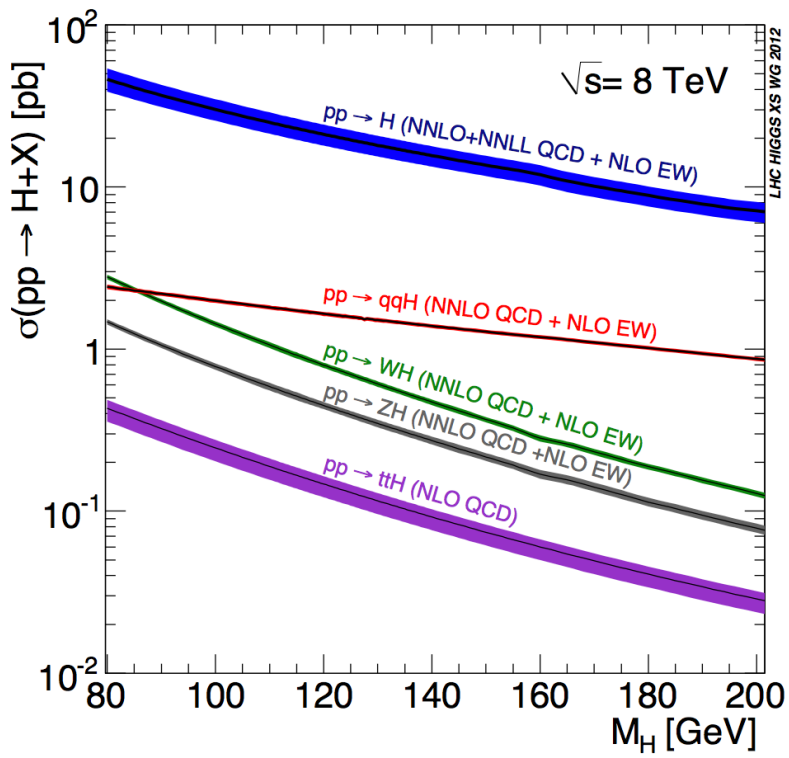
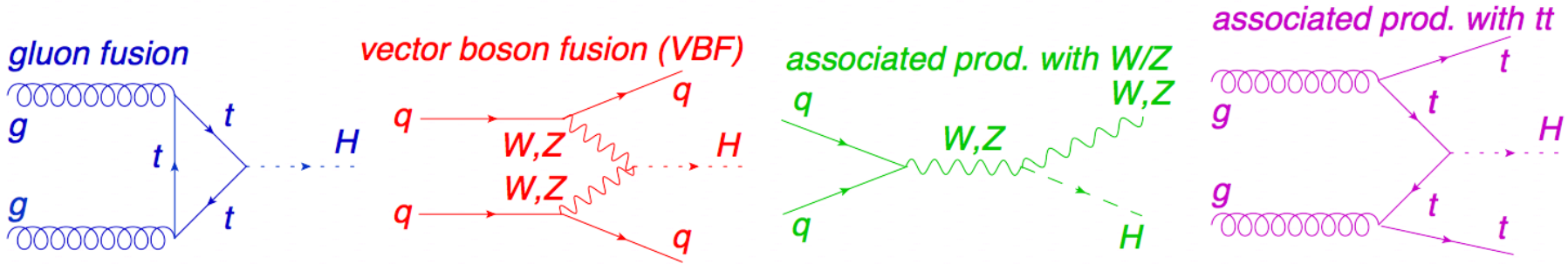


Continuously improve triggering, reconstruction and identification algorithms to cope with this challenging environment

Main impact on jets, missing  $E_T$  and tau reconstruction (as well as on trigger rates and computing)

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  event with 25 reconstructed vertices

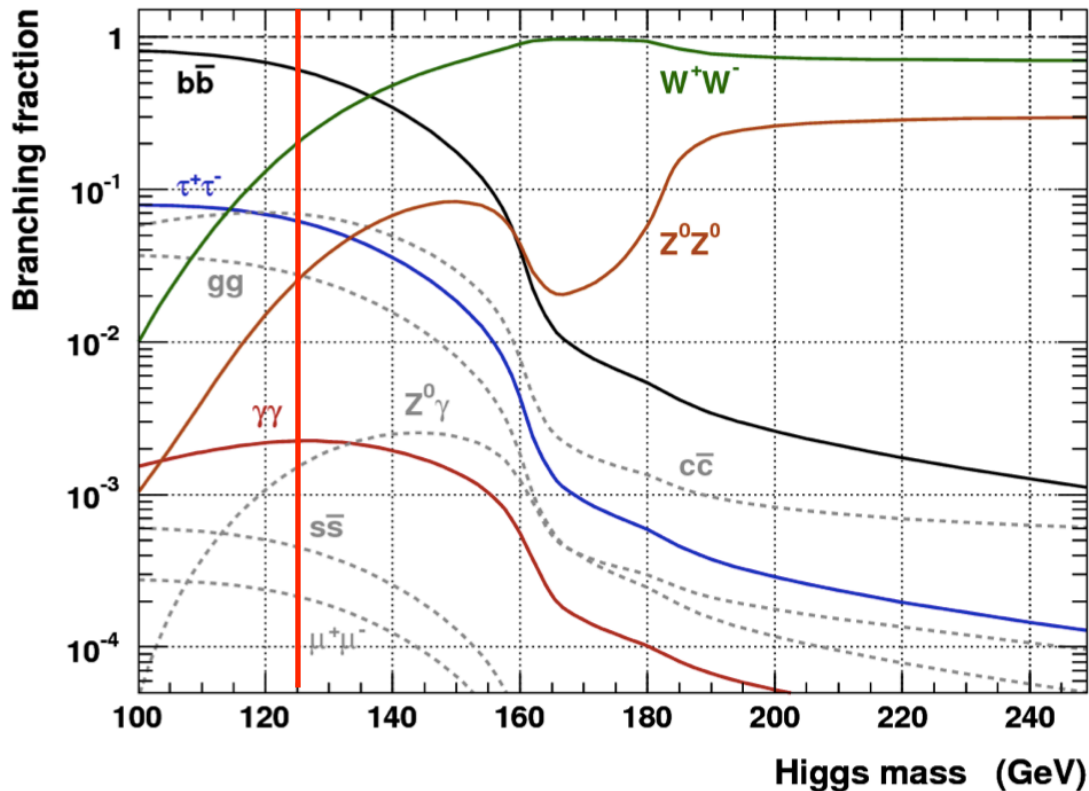
# Higgs production



Main production mode via loops. Theory uncertainty  $O(10\%)$

Access to top-quark,  $W$  and  $Z$  couplings via production cross section

# Higgs decays



$\Gamma_H = 4$  MeV not directly measurable at LHC

Best experimental mass resolution for  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $4\ell$  decays

Tree level couplings  $\rightarrow$  decay  $\tau\tau/bb$  (fermions)  $WW/ZZ$  (bosons)

Loop couplings  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  sensitive to BSM

# Overall experimental strategy

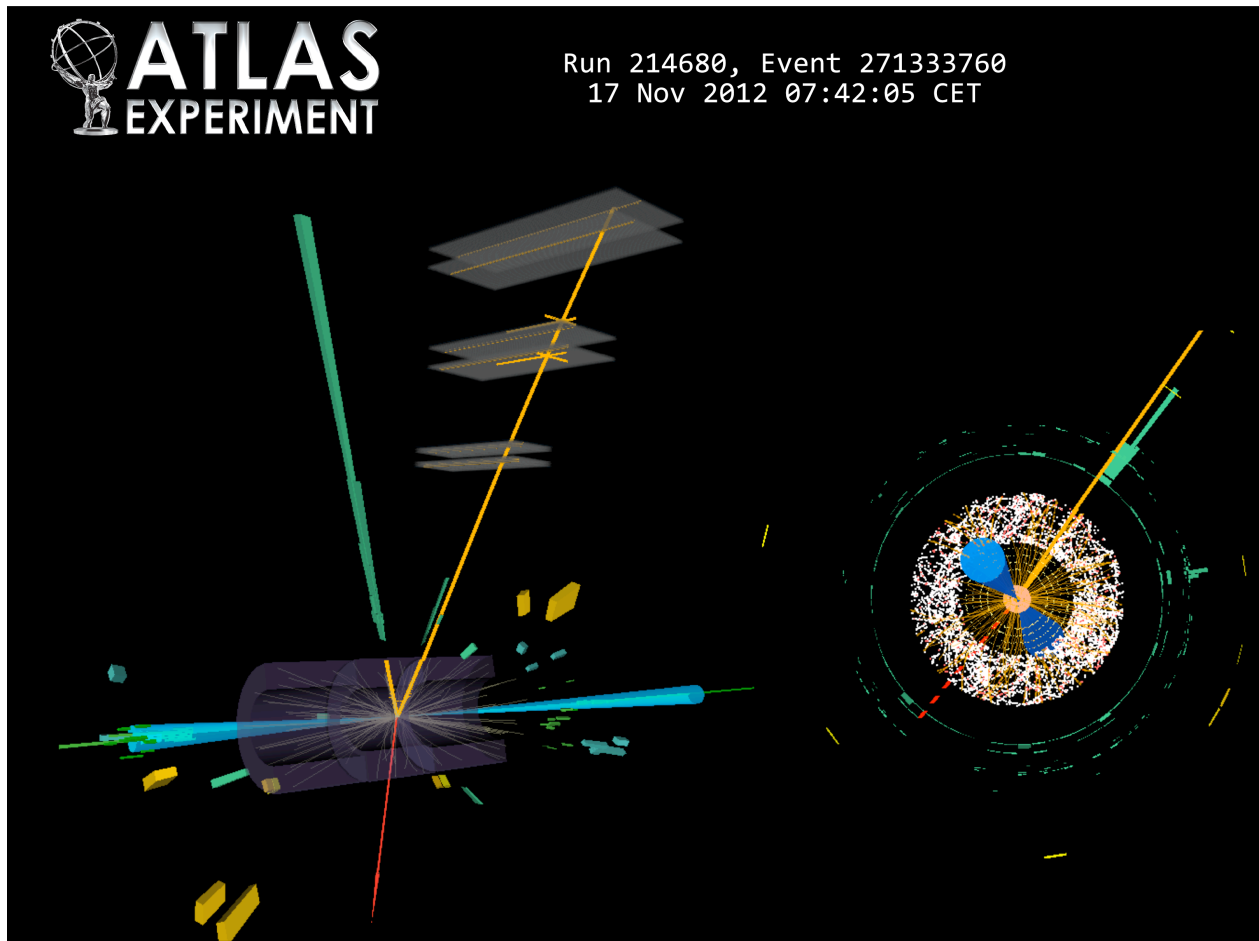
Investigate a large number of final states, with sub-channels to separate different production mechanisms (and to increase overall significance)

Probe Lagrangian structure. Measure mass, spin and CP properties

Continue to search for additional Higgs bosons

Channel	ggF	VBF	VH	ttH	Mass	Spin	Dataset
$\gamma\gamma$	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	25 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$Z \rightarrow 4l$	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	25 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$WW \rightarrow ll + 2\nu$	✓	✓				✓	25 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$\tau\tau$	✓	✓	✓				18 fb <sup>-1</sup>
bb			✓	✓			18 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$\mu\mu$	✓						21 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$Z\gamma$	✓						25 fb <sup>-1</sup>
2HDM (WW)	✓	✓					13 fb <sup>-1</sup>
Invisible			✓				18 fb <sup>-1</sup>

$$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\ell + 2\nu$$



Main improvements:  
(Since HCP result)

Category targeting  
VBF

Reanalysis of 2011  
data

Same flavour added

Optimisation of  
control regions

Further separation  
of signal regions

Dataset	Production modes	Exp. signal yield	S/B
25/fb	ggF, VBF	~200	~15%

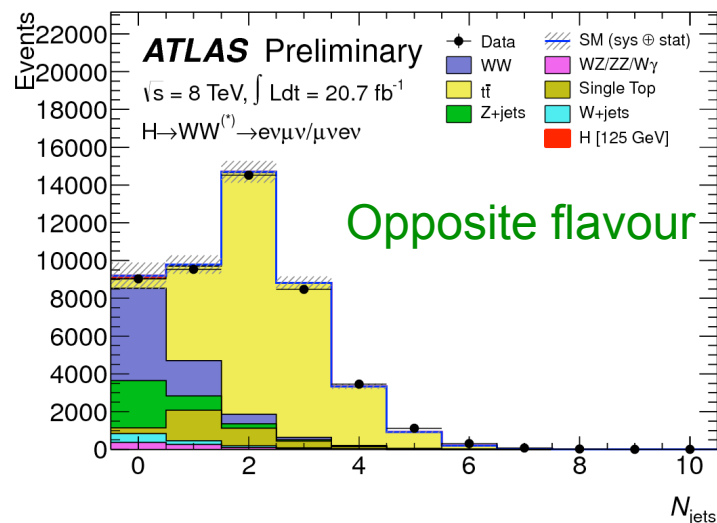
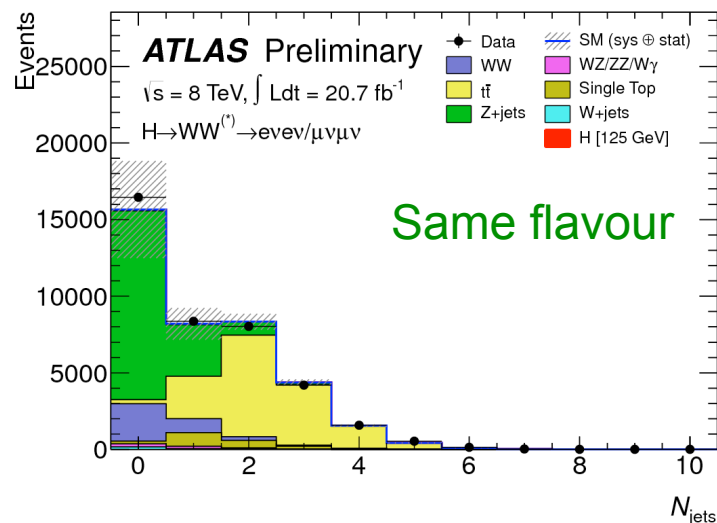


# Analysis strategy

Two high  $p_T$  isolated leptons, split by jet-multiplicity and lepton flavour

Various missing  $E_T$  related cuts to remove main DY contribution

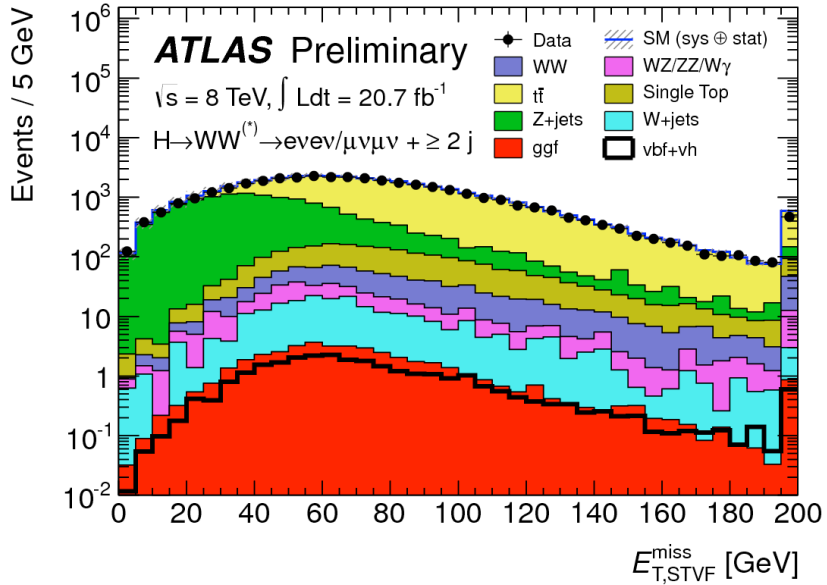
Topological cuts for further bkgr. reduction (low  $m_{ll}$ , small  $\Delta\phi$ ) / VBF selection



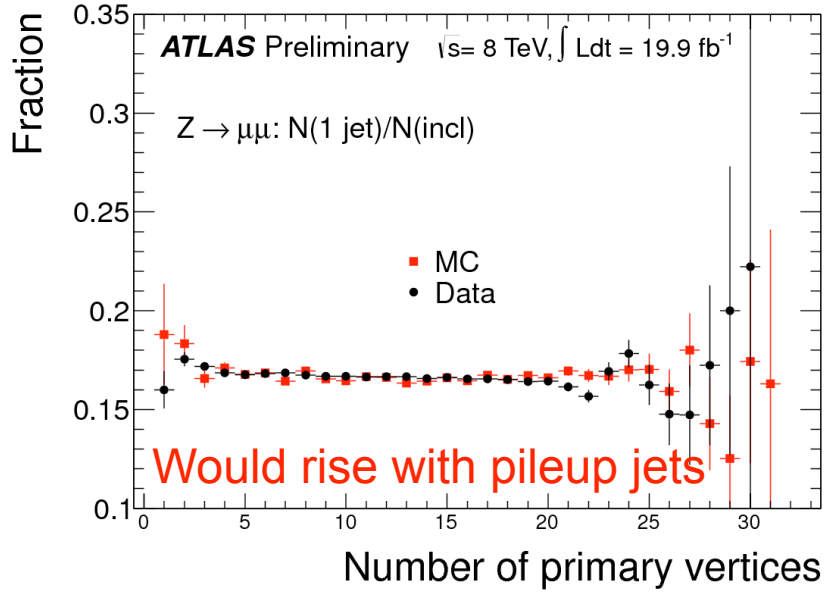
Plots after missing  $E_T$  cuts

# Jets and missing $E_T$

Missing  $E_T$  soft-term  
vertex correction



$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu: N(1 \text{ jet}) / N(\text{incl.})$

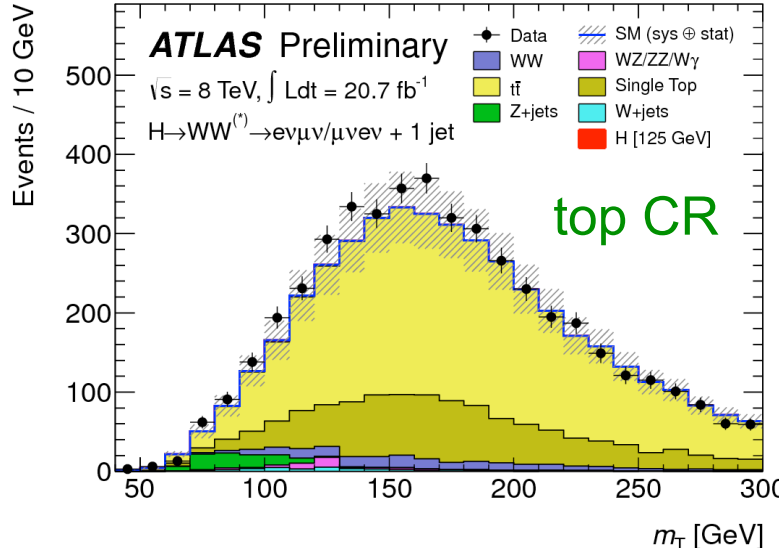
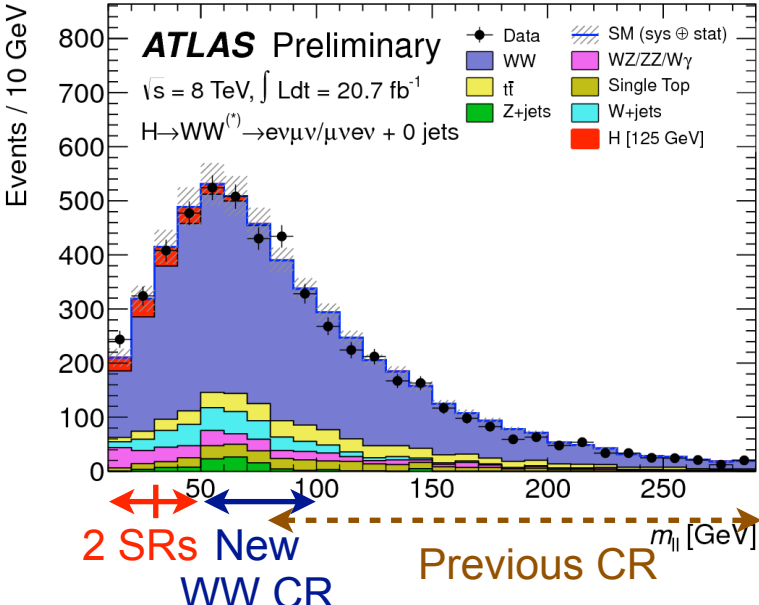


Including tracking information helps to mitigate effects from pileup interaction

# Background estimate

Need good understanding of all the high-energy SM processes occurring at a hadron collider (no background be neglected)

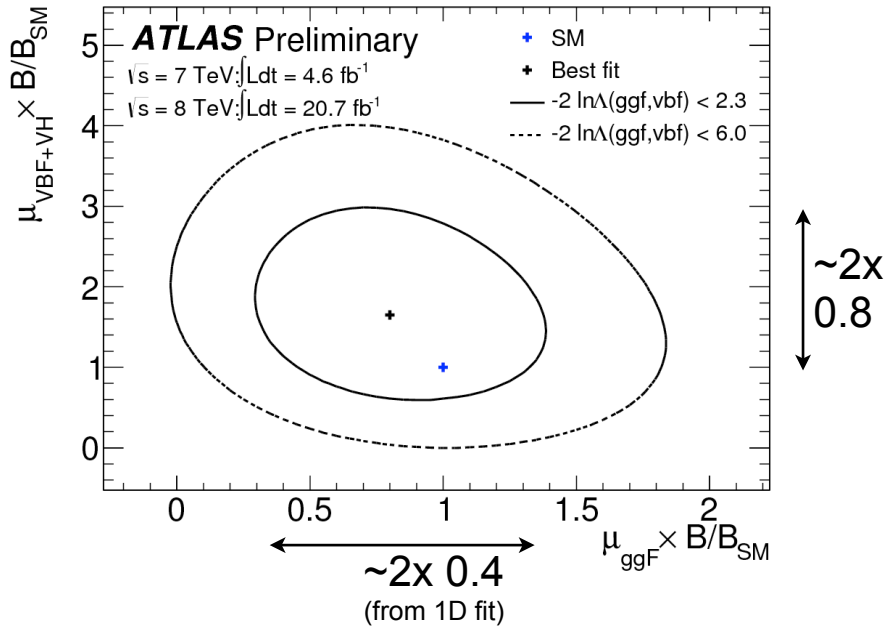
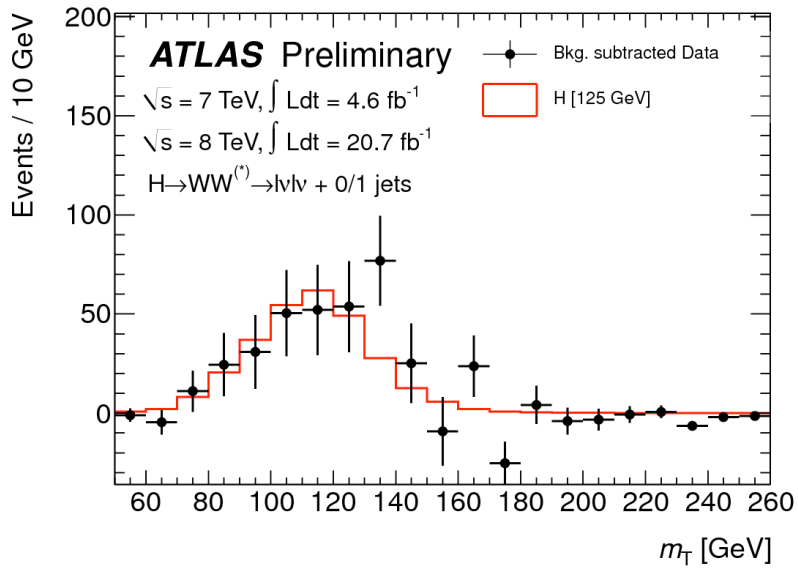
Main backgrounds normalised to data in control samples, extrapolate to signal region with simulation or taken directly from data



WW extrapolation systematic uncertainties reduced from 7% to 2%

# H $\rightarrow$ WW\* $\rightarrow$ $\ell\ell$ + 2 $\nu$ results

## Final discrimination from $m_T$ shape



Observed significance (125 GeV)  $3.8\sigma$  ( $3.7\sigma$  expected)

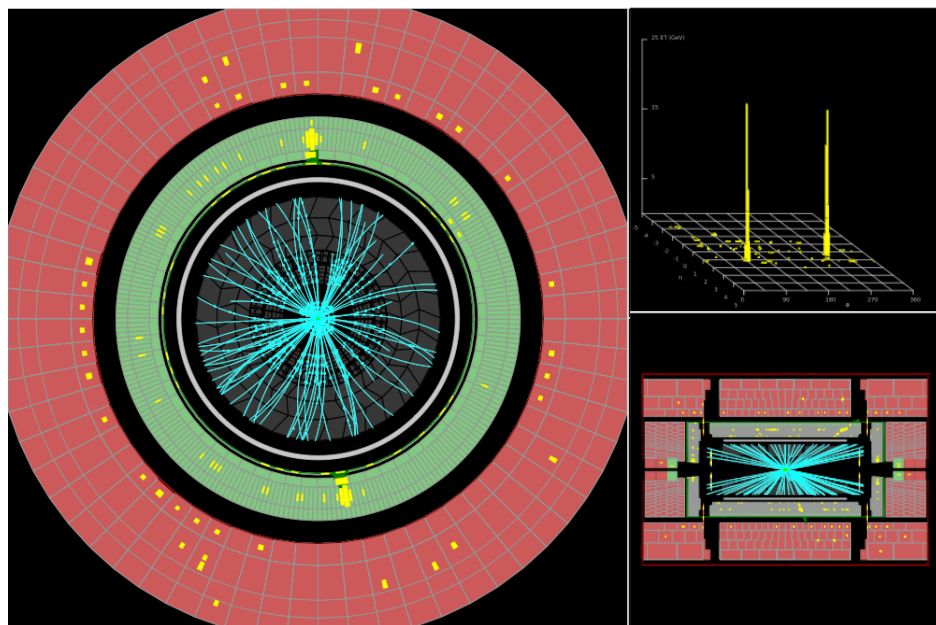
Signal strength at 125 GeV  $\mu = 1.01 \pm 0.31$   
 $0.21(stat) \pm 0.19(theo) \pm 0.12(exp) \pm 0.04(lumi)$

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Select events with two isolated high  $p_T$  photons (40/30 GeV)

Separate events into categories with different S/B, resolutions and different relative contributions of signal production modes

Quantify excess in steeply falling diphoton mass spectrum



Main improvements:  
(Since December result)

New / improved categories  
for VBF and VH signal

Fiducial cross section

Reduced systematic  
uncertainties

Dataset	Production modes	Exp. signal yield	S/B
25/fb	ggF, VH, VBF	~450	~3%

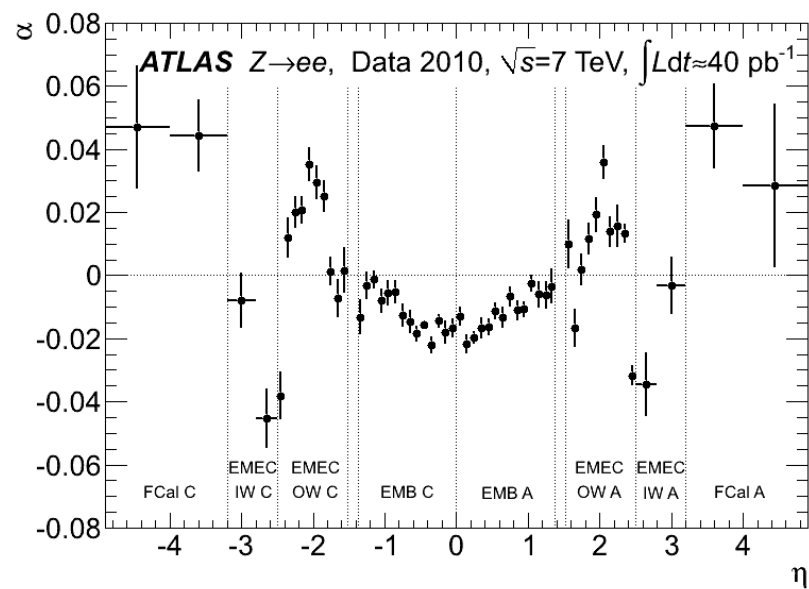
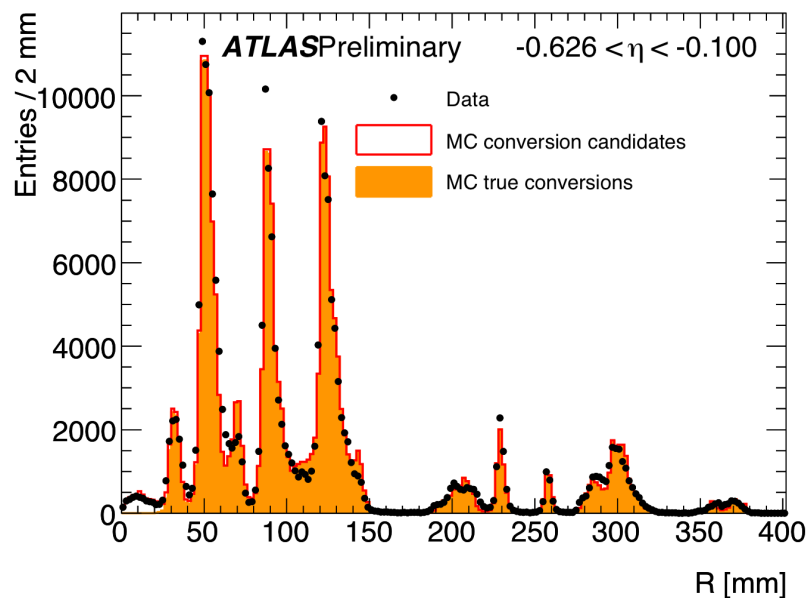
# Photon energy calibration

MC based calibration at cluster level tuned in test beam

Need accurate material description for  $e \rightarrow \gamma$  extrapolation

(Cross checked with EM shower shapes, photon conversions, hadronic interactions and E/p, ...)

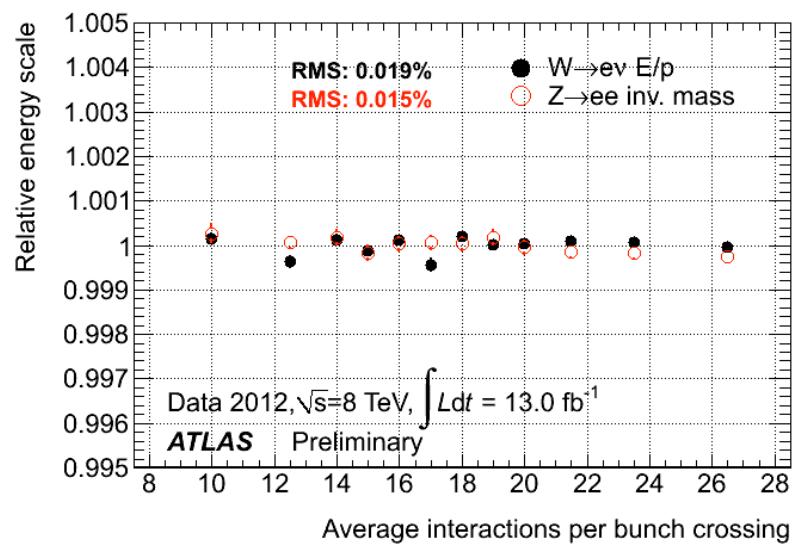
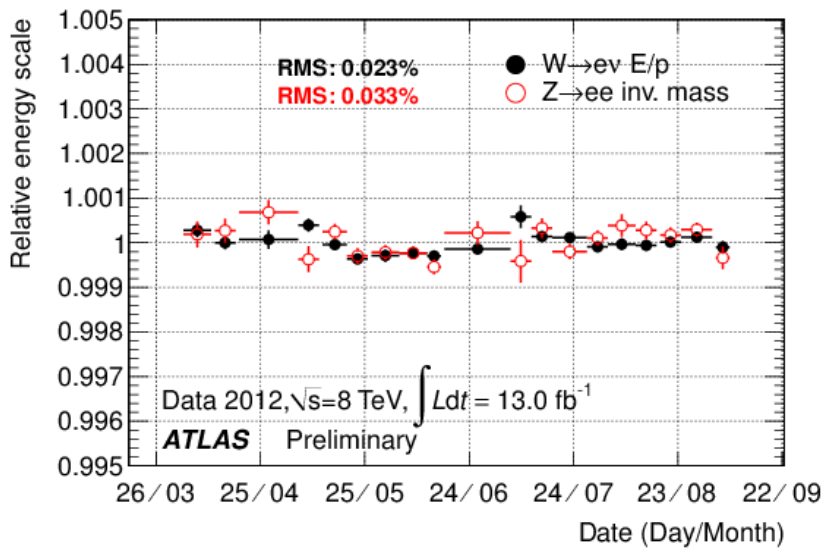
Energy scale corrections from Z decay to electrons. Cross checked at the lower energy spectrum with radiative Z decays



# Calibration checks

In-situ energy calibration results and their stability checked with different methods ( $E/p$  with  $W \rightarrow e\nu$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$ )

Stability of EM calorimeter response vs time/pile-up better than 0.1%



Uncertainty on the diphoton mass scale 0.6%, largest contributions:

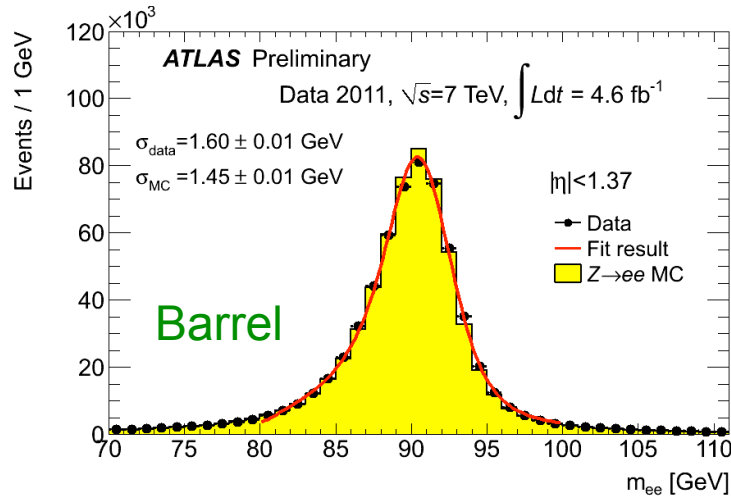
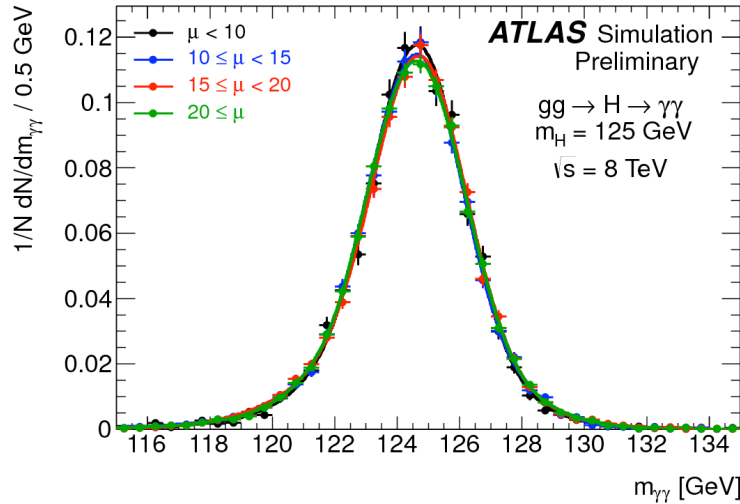
- Material effects (separately for volumes before and after  $|\eta| = 1.8$ )
- Uncertainty on the in-situ calibration method

# Di-photon mass resolution

Improved and pileup stable mass resolution by relying on calorimeter pointing for the photon direction measurement

Calorimeter resolution corrections derived from Z decay to electrons

- Add effective constant term to perfect MC resolutions through smearing
- 1% in barrel, 1.5 – 2.5% in endcap

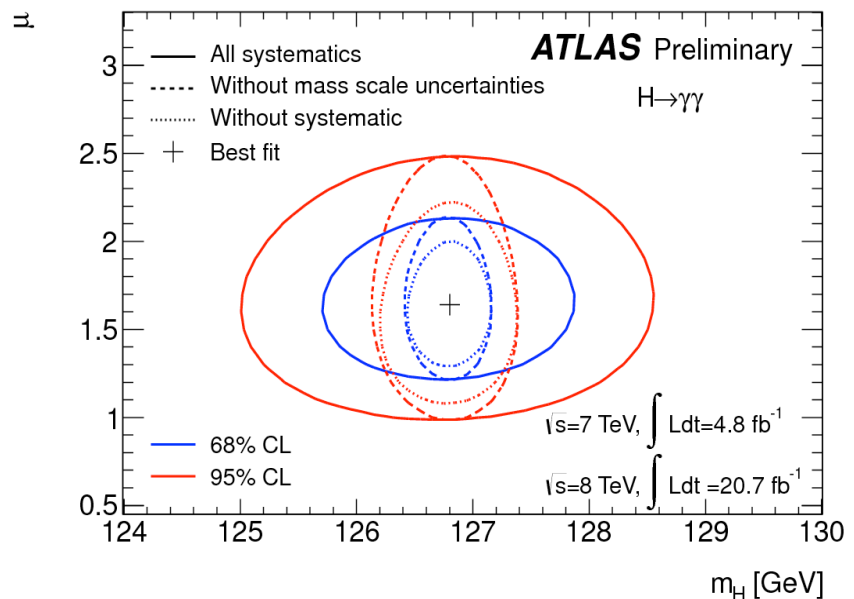
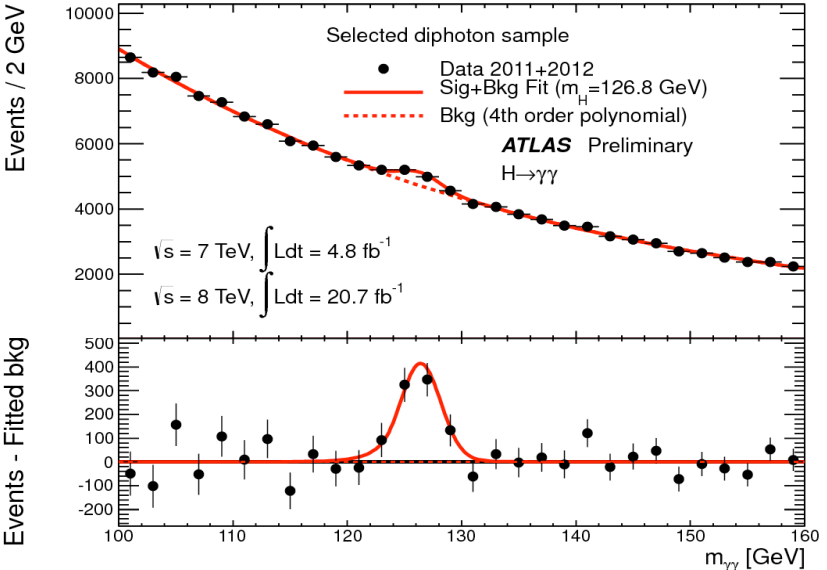


Uncertainty on photon energy resolution (14 – 23%):

Sampling term (from test-beam), 'effective' constant term and e → γ extrapolation (material upstream calorimeter)



# Signal strength



Observed significance  $7.4\sigma$  (expected  $4.1\sigma$ ), consistent result w/o categories

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

Signal strength:  $\mu = 1.65 \pm 0.24(\text{stat}) \pm 0.22(\text{syst})$  [2.3 $\sigma$  compatibility with SM]

Fit prefers narrower than nominal mass resolution by  $1.8\sigma$ . This is better than with a perfectly uniform calorimeter, likely due to background fluctuation

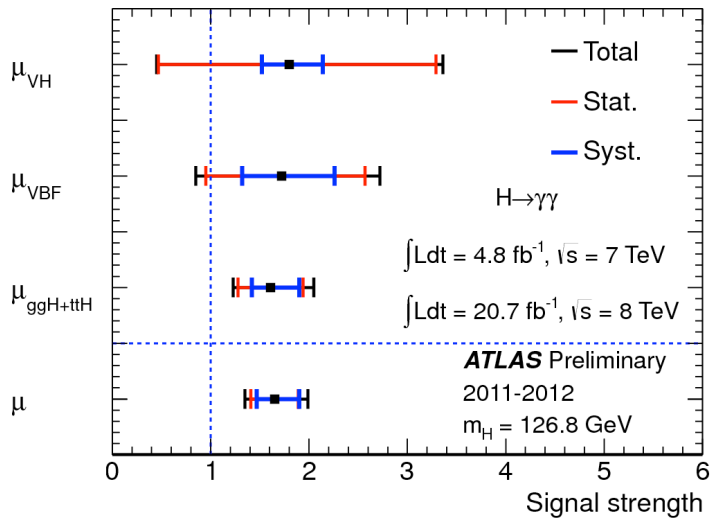
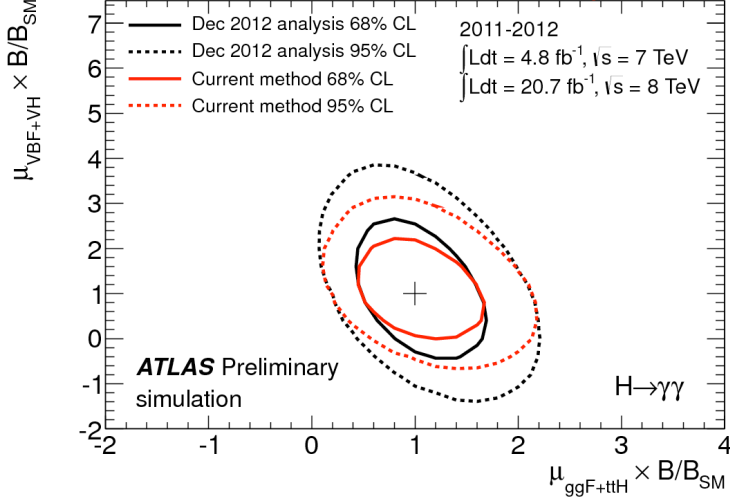
Fitting without resolution constraint gives a  $\sim 10\%$  lower signal strength

# Separate production modes

New and improved VBF and VH categories:

- VBF: two MVA based VBF categories (with different purities)
- VH: improved lepton and dijet-tag category, new MET-tag category

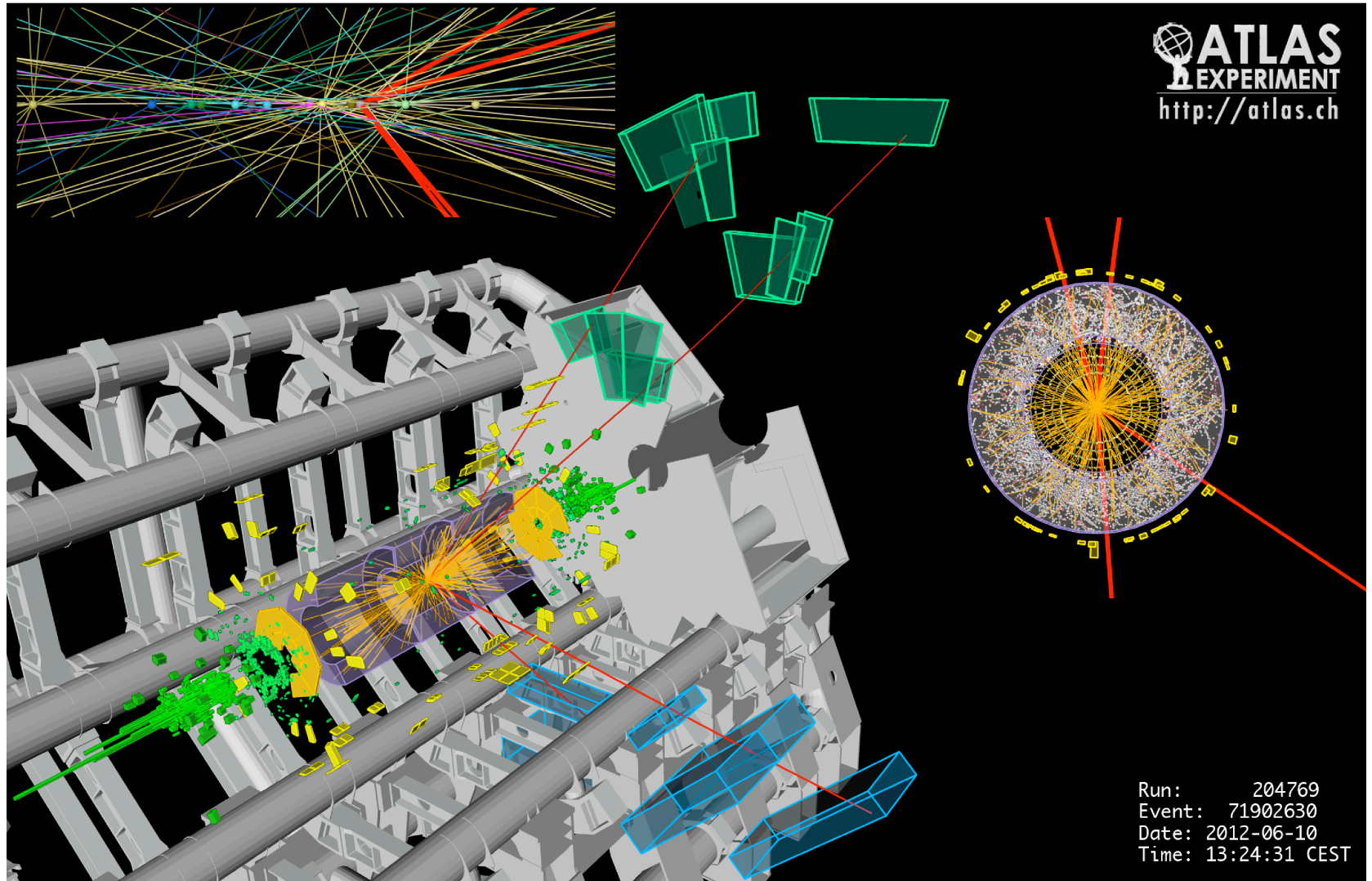
Expected improvement with same luminosity



## New: fiducial cross section measurement

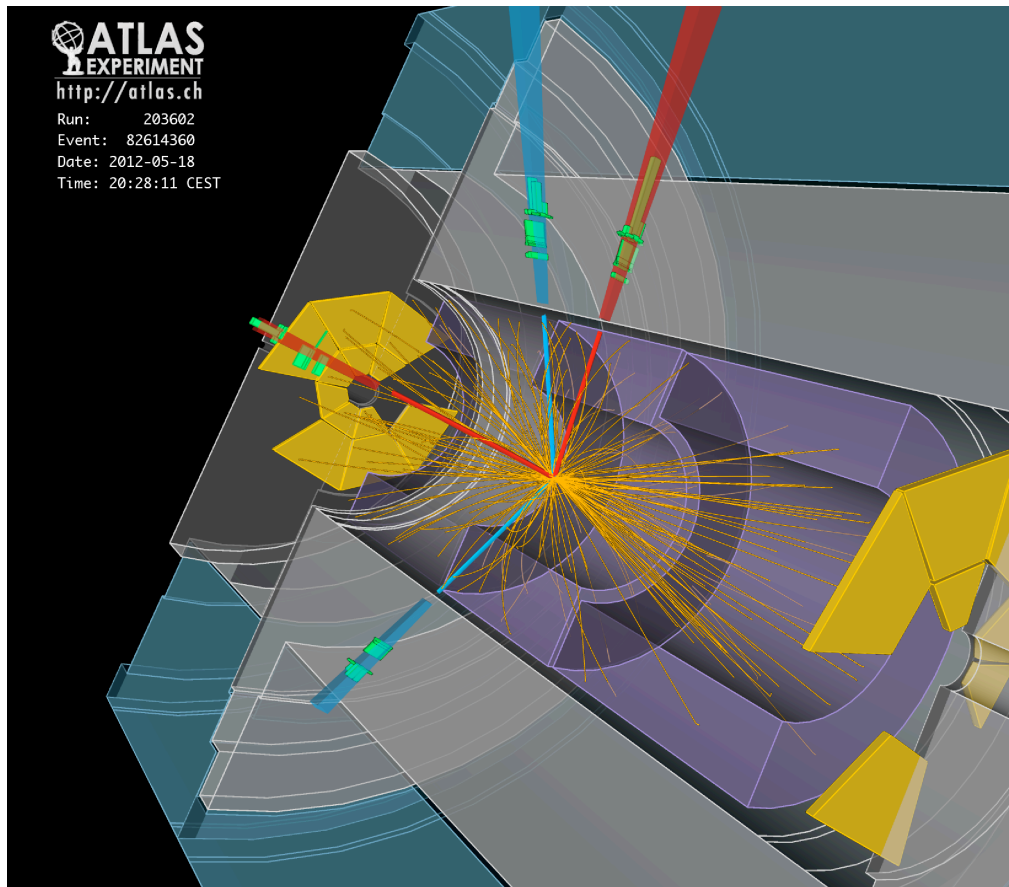
- Inclusive 8 TeV analysis, particle level cuts:  $|\eta| < 2.37$ ,  $p_{T\gamma} > 40/30$  GeV
- $\sigma_{fid} \times BR = 56.2 \pm 12.5$  fb  $[\pm 10.5(\text{stat}) \pm 6.5(\text{syst}) \pm 2.0(\text{lumi})]$

$$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4e$$



2 same flavour, opposite charge lepton pairs (one) consistent with Z mass

$$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$$



Main improvements:  
(Since December result)

Two new categories  
targeting VBF/VH production

- Loose VBF selection
- 5<sup>th</sup> lepton for VH category

Improved lepton pairing and  
selection

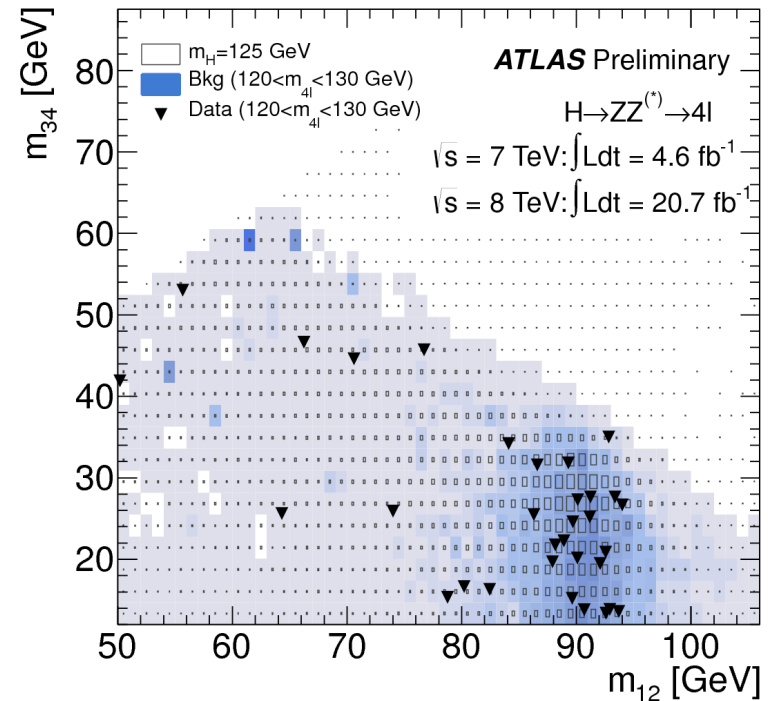
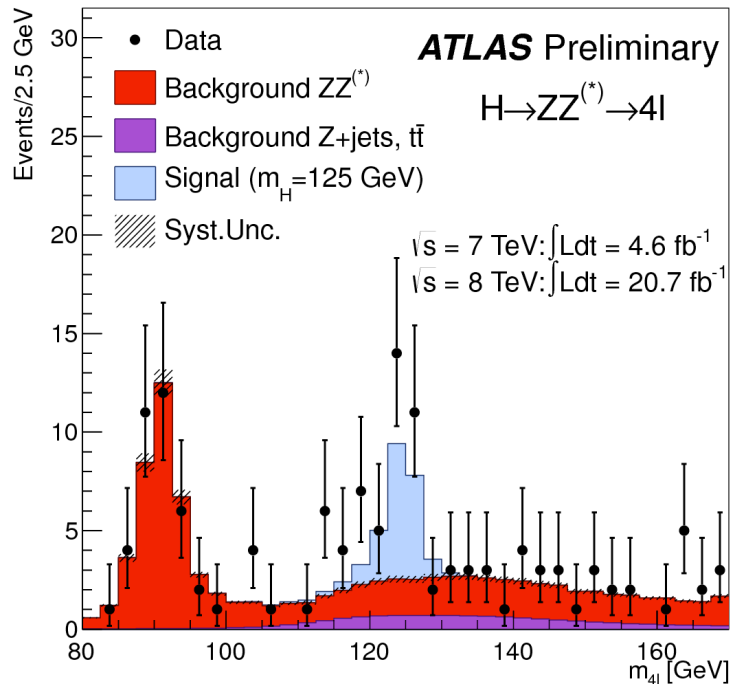
Z mass constraint and FSR  
correction

Extended search range to  
higher mass states

Dataset	Production modes	Exp. signal yield	S/B
25/fb	ggF, (VBF, VH)	~16	~1.4

# $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$

Look for a clustering of events in the 4-lepton invariant mass distribution



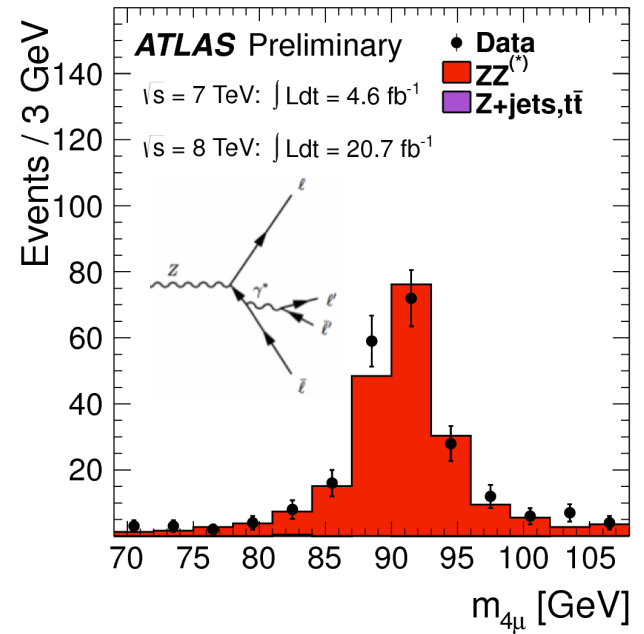
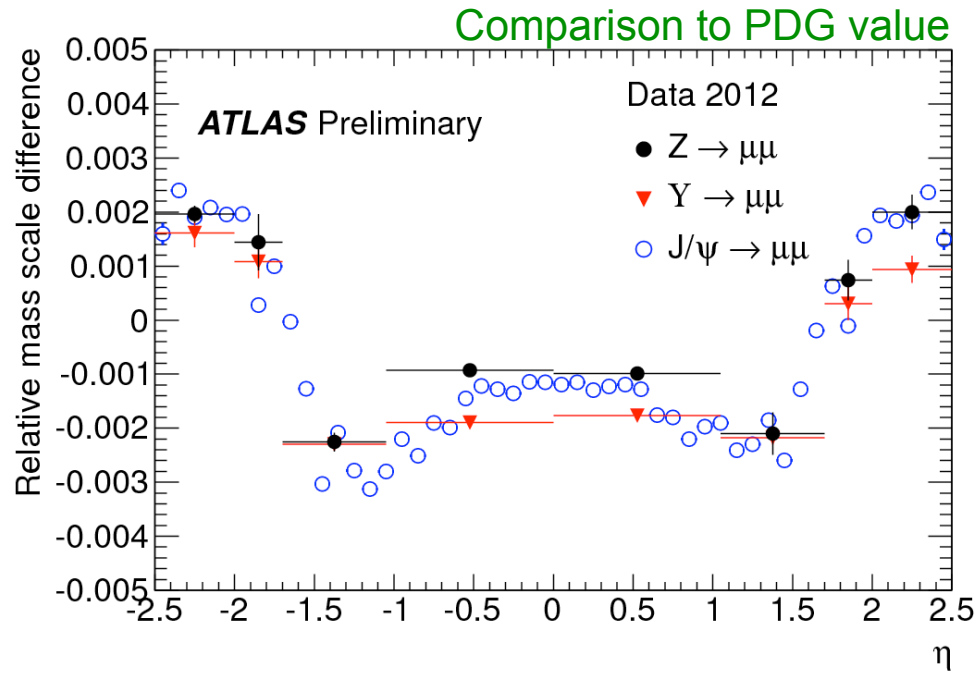
Main backgrounds:

- SM  $ZZ^*$  production, irreducible (estimated from MC)
- Top, Z+bb, Z+jj (data driven estimation)
  - Minimise with isolation and small impact parameter requirements

# Energy scale and resolution

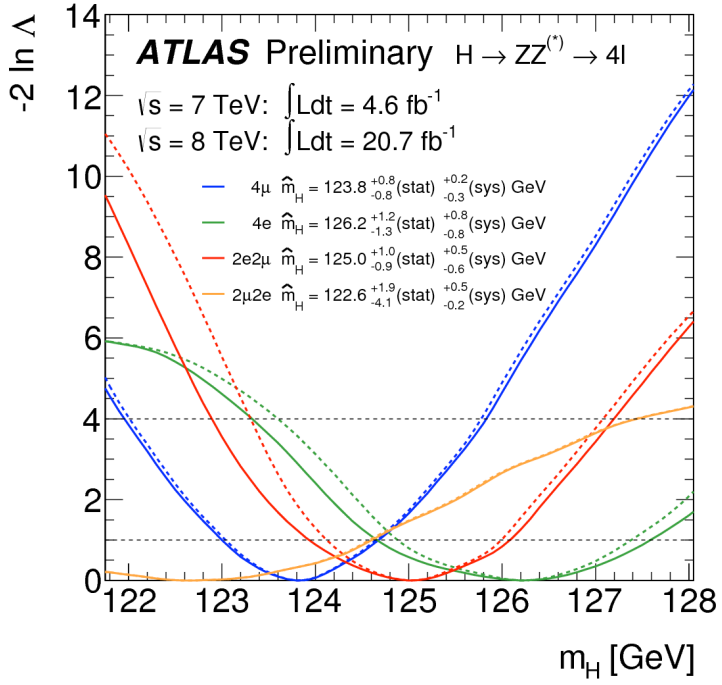
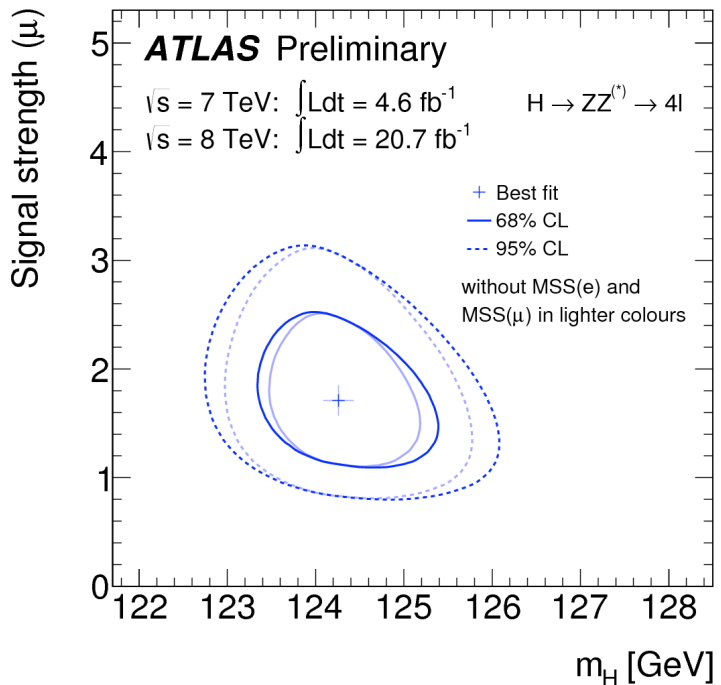
Muon energy scale (and resolution) corrections and systematic uncertainties determined from from large Z, J/psi (20M) and Y samples

- Resolution corrections (0.2 -1.3%), scale corrections (<0.1%)
- Independent measurements from the muon system and inner detector
- Probe global and local scale biases, overall uncertainty on 4μ scale 0.2%



Good control of single resonant process from relaxed analysis selection

# Signal strength and mass

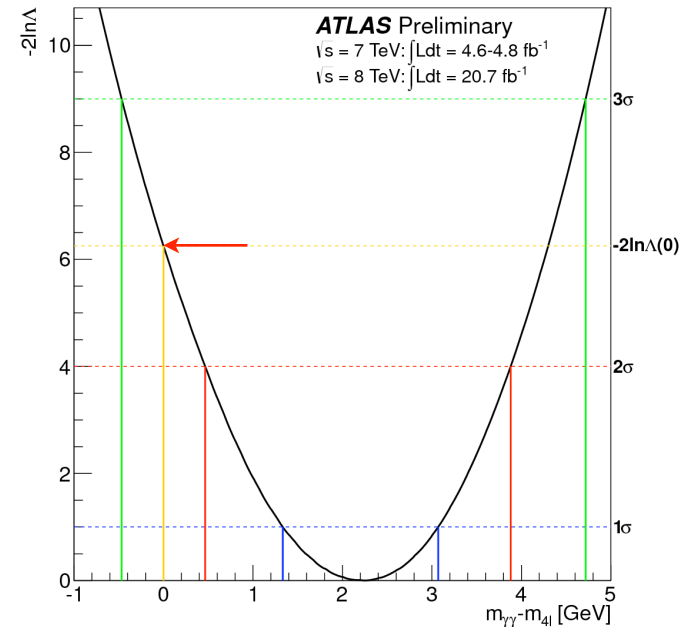
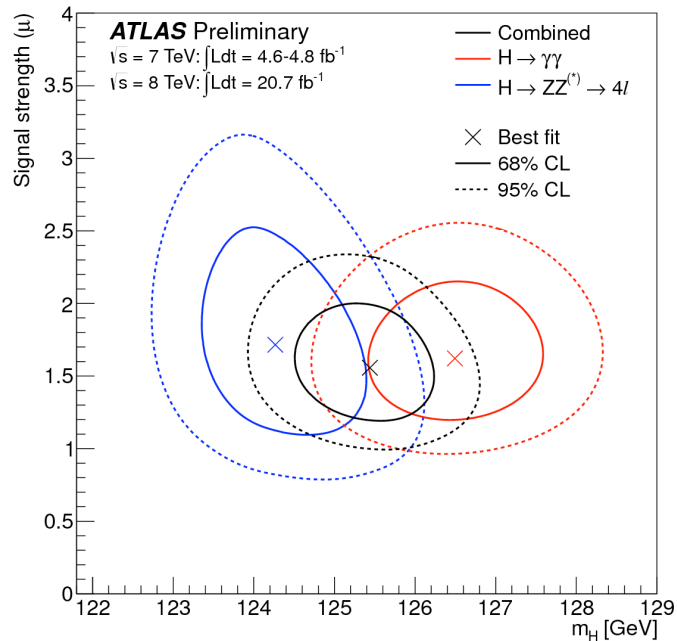


Observed significance  $6.6\sigma$  (expected from SM Higgs  $4.4\sigma$ )

$m_H = 124.3 \pm 0.6$  (stat)  $\pm 0.4$  (syst) GeV       $\mu$  (124.3 GeV) =  $1.7 \pm 0.4$

800 MeV shift from previous result due to increased dataset and updated set of candidates due to optimised analysis

# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ and H $\rightarrow$ $4\ell$ mass combination



Combined mass measurement  $m_H = 125.5 \pm 0.2$  (stat)  $\pm 0.6$  (syst) GeV

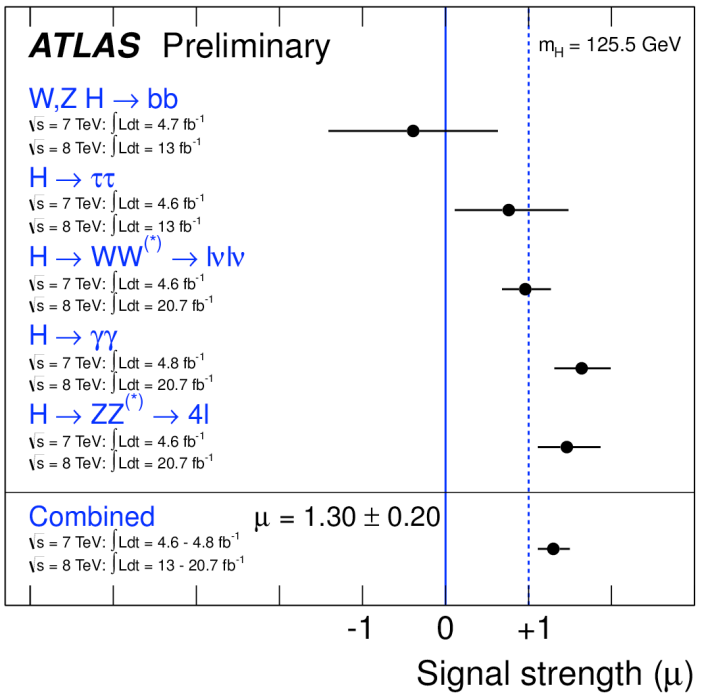
The mass difference is reduced by 700 MeV compared to the December result

Taking mass scale systematic uncertainties and their correlations into account the compatibility of the two measurements is at the 1.5% ( $2.4\sigma$  level)

With an alternative treatment of systematic uncertainties this increases to 8%



# Combination of channels



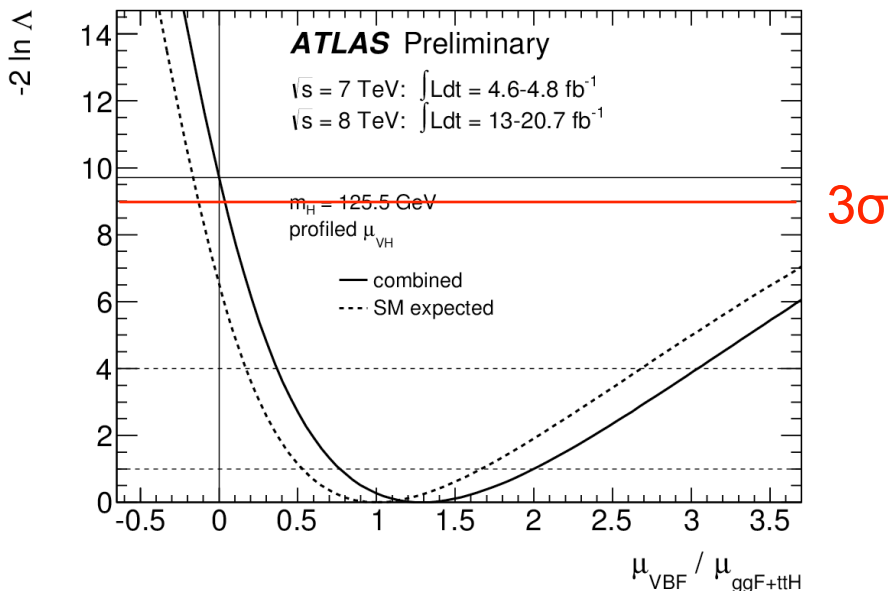
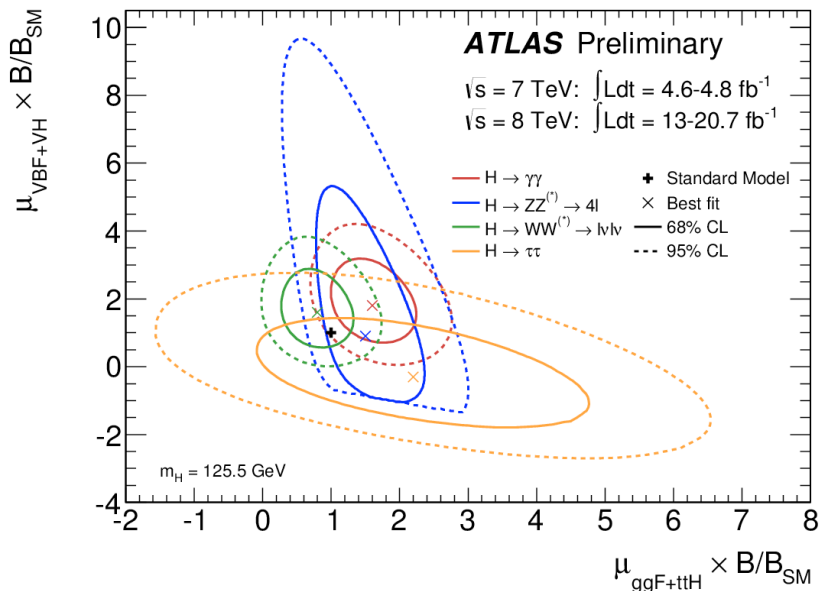
Higgs Boson Decay	$\mu$ ( $m_H=125.5 \text{ GeV}$ )
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	$-0.4 \pm 1.0$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.8 \pm 0.7$
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$	$1.0 \pm 0.3$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$1.6 \pm 0.3$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	$1.5 \pm 0.4$
<b>Combined</b>	<b><math>1.30 \pm 0.20</math></b>

Combined signal strength  $\mu = 1.30 \pm 0.13 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.14 \text{ (syst)}$

Global compatibility between the 5 channels and the SM expectation is 8%

Dependence of the combined  $\mu$  on the mass is weak  
 (4% for 124.5 - 126.5 GeV)

# Evidence for VBF production



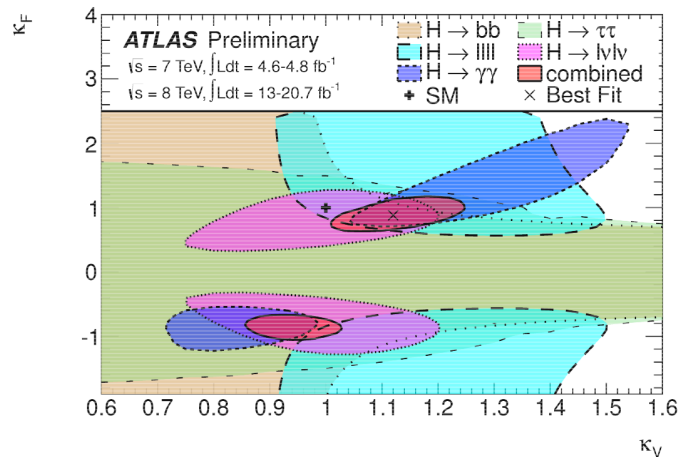
Comparison of different channels in the 2D production mode likelihood contour

Use the ratio of production modes to eliminate the  $B/B_{SM}$  dependence

Profile  $\mu_{VH}$  to test VBF alone:

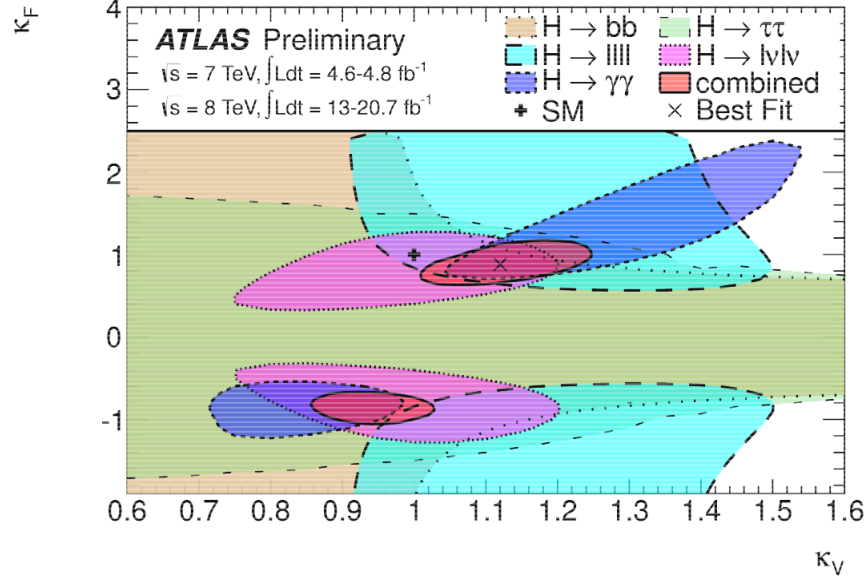
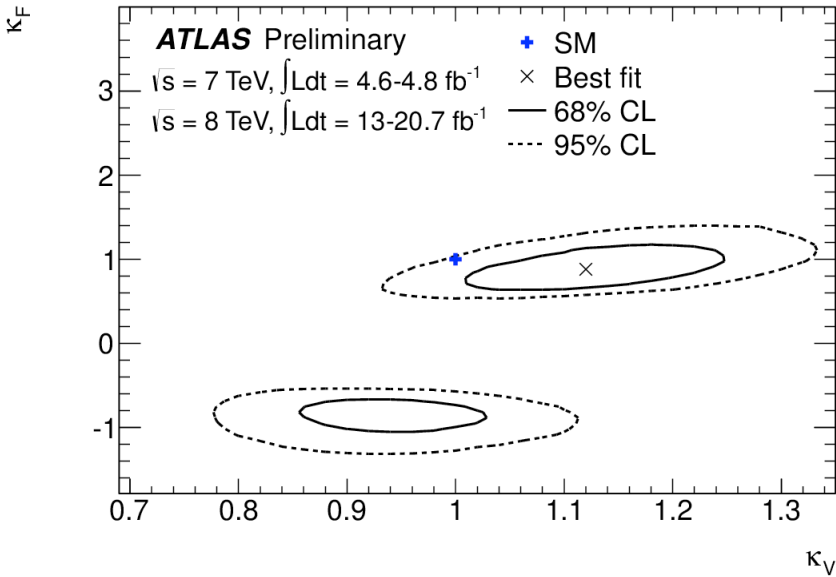
$$\mu_{VBF} / \mu_{ggF+ttH} = 1.2^{+0.7}_{-0.5} \rightarrow 3.1\sigma \text{ evidence for VBF production}$$

# Higgs couplings



Characterise production cross sections and branching ratios in terms of a few common LO motivated multiplicative factors ( $\kappa^2$ ) to the SM Higgs couplings

# Fermion vs vector couplings



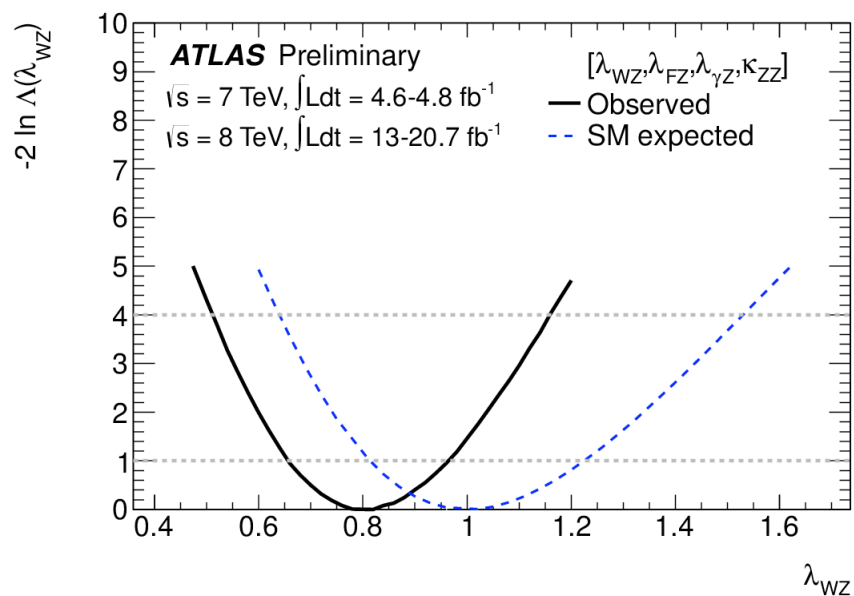
2-parameter benchmark model, group fermion and vector couplings together

- $\kappa_V = \kappa_W = \kappa_Z$  ;  $\kappa_F = \kappa_t = \kappa_b = \kappa_\tau = \kappa_g$
- Here: assume only SM particles contribute to  $\kappa_g$  ( $gg \rightarrow H$ ) and  $\kappa_\gamma$  ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

One overall not observable sign, choose  $\kappa_V > 0$ . Some sensitivity to  $\kappa_F$  sign from interference between top and W in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

2D compatibility with the SM: 8%

# W vs Z couplings (custodial symmetry)



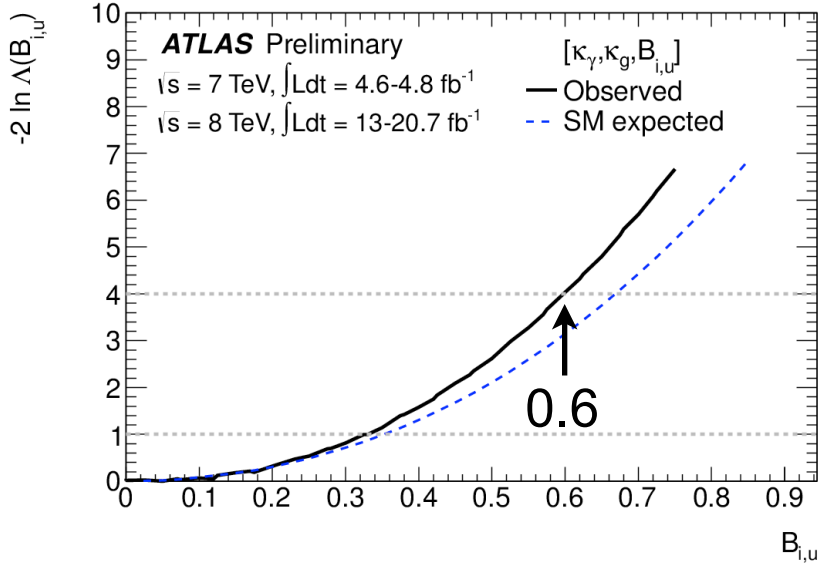
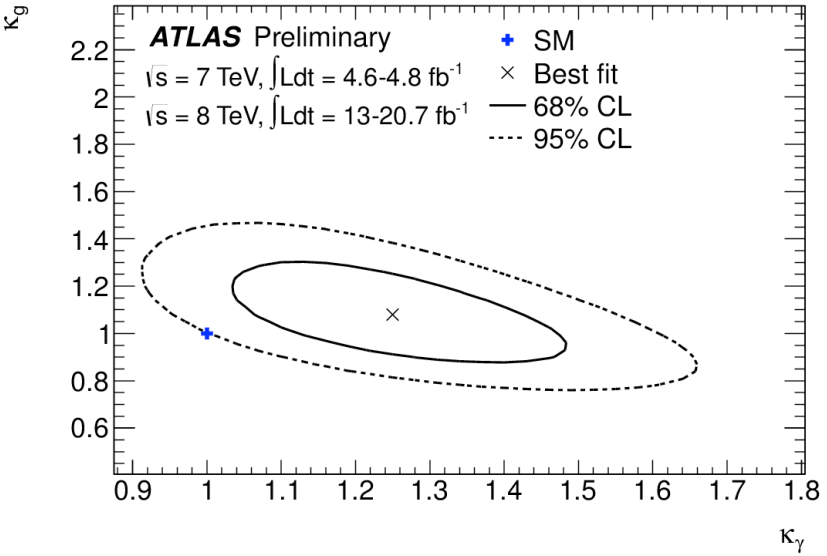
$$\lambda_{WZ} = 0.80 \pm 0.15$$

Ratio of W/Z couplings ( $\lambda_{WZ}$ ), with:

- Fermion couplings grouped together
- Total width left free
- Extra degree to allow to absorb deviation from the SM in the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  loop

$\lambda_{WZ}$  consistent with the SM

# Probing beyond SM contributions



Test for non-SM particle content in  $gg \rightarrow H$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  loops ( $\kappa_g$  and  $\kappa_\gamma$ )

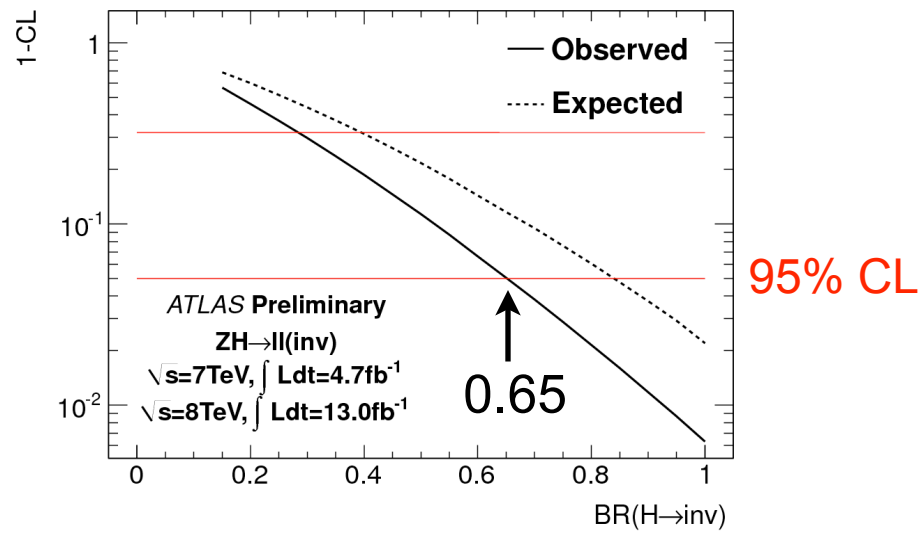
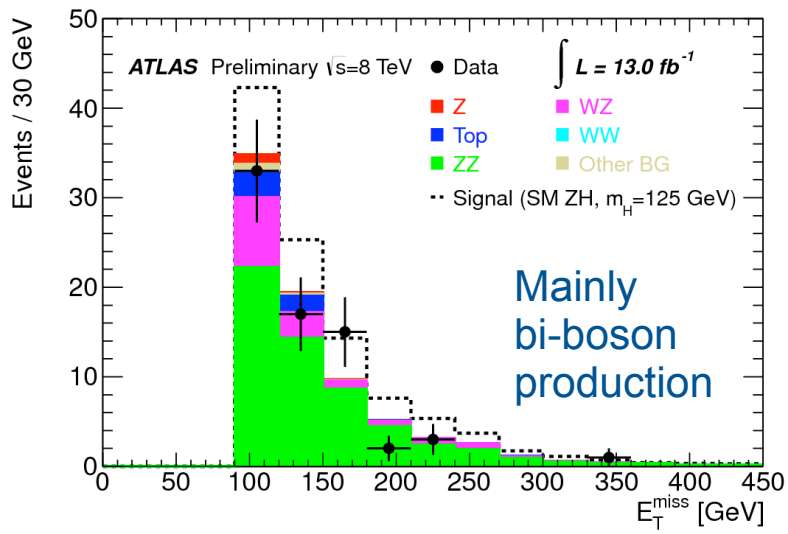
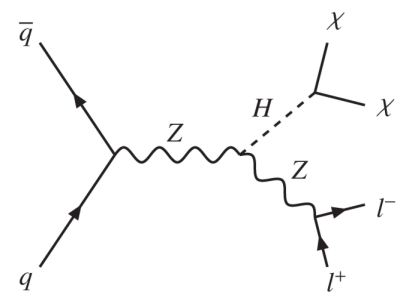
- All other coupling scale factors as in the SM:  $\kappa_i = 1$
- Assume only SM contributions to the total width (no undetected modes)

Test for invisible or undetectable non-SM decay modes (profile  $\kappa_g$  and  $\kappa_\gamma$ )

# Invisible decay

Dedicated search for  $ZH \rightarrow \ell\ell + \text{invisible}$

Select events with two exclusive leptons, large missing  $E_T$ , recoiling against the Z boson



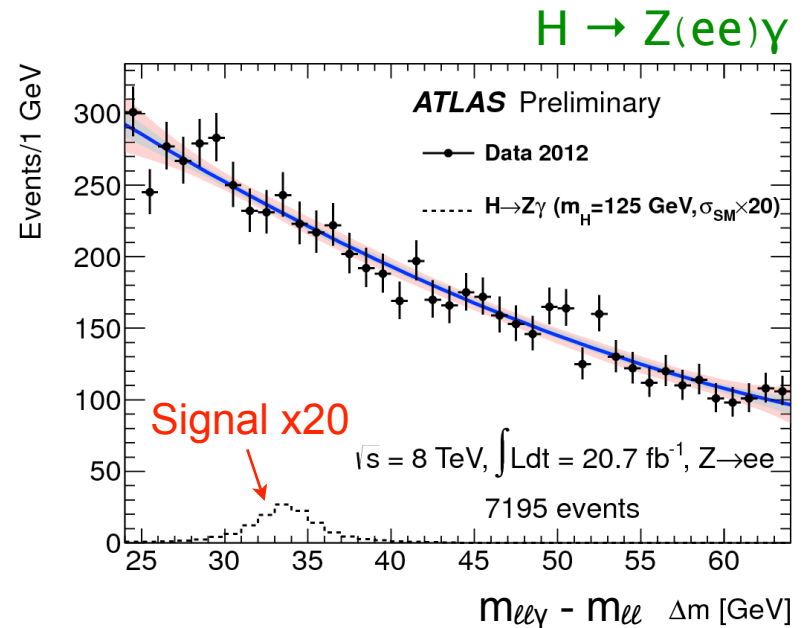
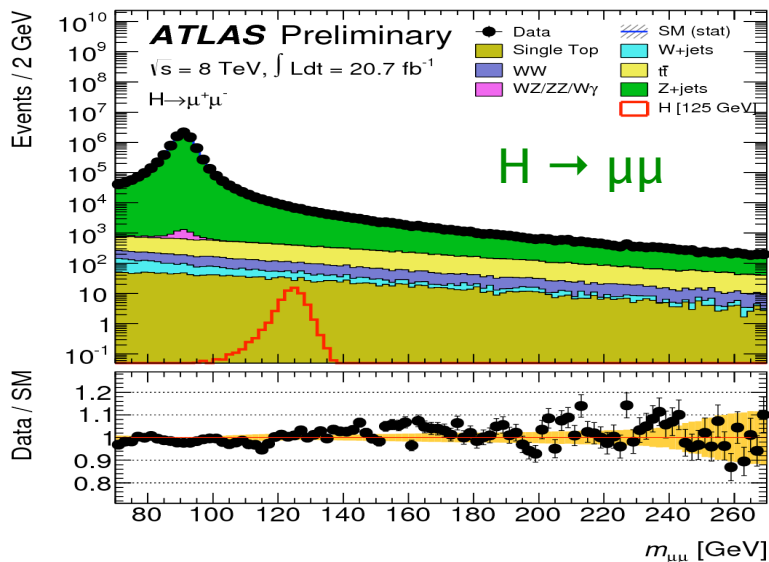
Also, search for ZH production with invisible decaying Higgs. No excess of events is observed over a wider mass range

Cross section limits are in the range of  $\sim 30 - 10 \text{ fb}$  over  $m_H = 115 - 300 \text{ GeV}$

# $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$

Both analyses exploit similar experimental techniques to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Select events with two high  $p_T$  isolated leptons (and photon for  $Z\gamma$ )
- Main backgrounds (SM Z and  $Z\gamma$ ), model with invariant mass sideband fit
- Look for bump in steeply falling mass spectrum

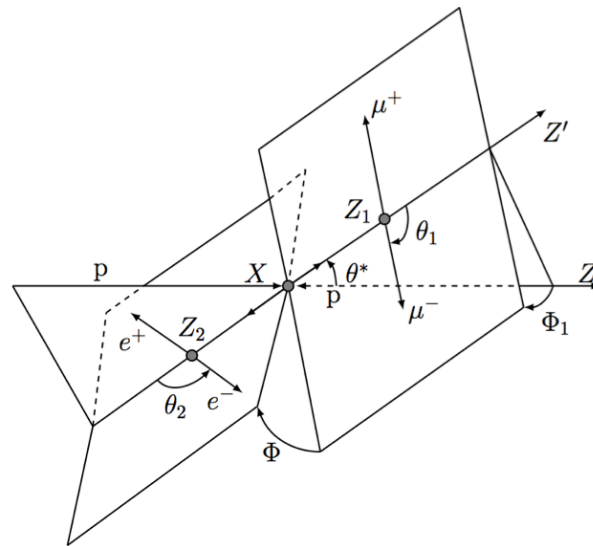


Test (eventually) SM Higgs couplings to second generation fermions, rate enhancements from BSM models (complementary to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

No significant excesses observed, limits  $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} \sim 10-15$  at  $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$



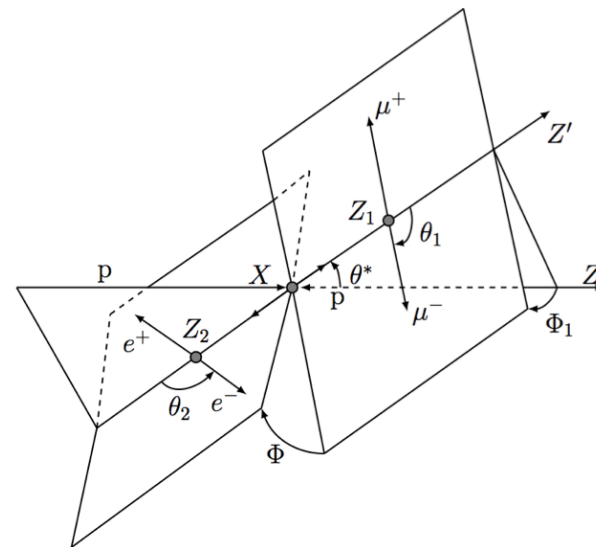
# Spin studies



# Overview

## Spin studies in three different decay modes

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : fully reconstructed, however only production angle  $\theta^*$  available
- $H \rightarrow WW$ : direct calculation of decay angles not possible, use other kinematic distributions
- $H \rightarrow ZZ$ : fully reconstructed, decay of Z bosons provides information on the Z decay planes



Spin 1 hypothesis strongly disfavoured by Landau-Yang theorem, main interest is to test the SM  $0^+$  hypothesis against spin  $2^+$ : start with spin 2 tensor with minimal couplings to SM particles ( $2^+_{\text{m}}$ )

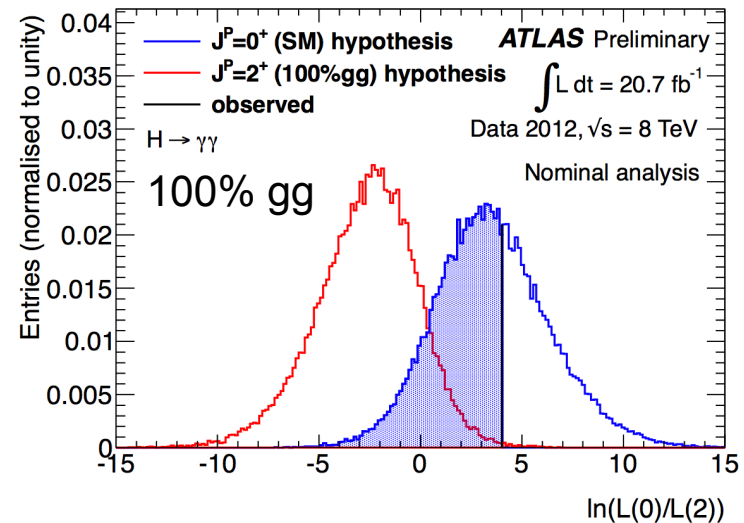
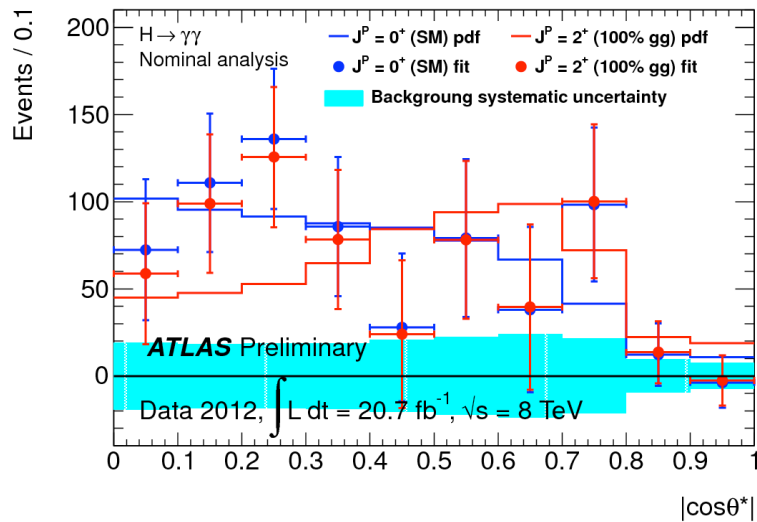
Spin  $2^+_{\text{m}}$  discrimination is tested for possible mixtures of gluon and quark initiated production

$H \rightarrow ZZ$  analysis is also testing other spin parity states, as  $0^+$  vs  $0^-$  etc. with gluon-fusion production

# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ analysis

Extract spin information only from the  $\cos\theta^*$  shape

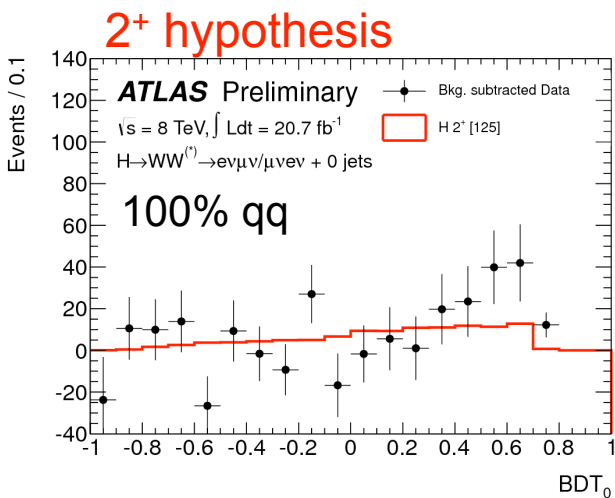
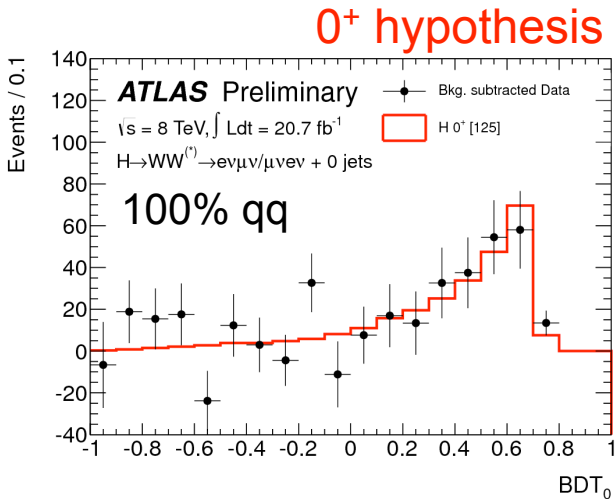
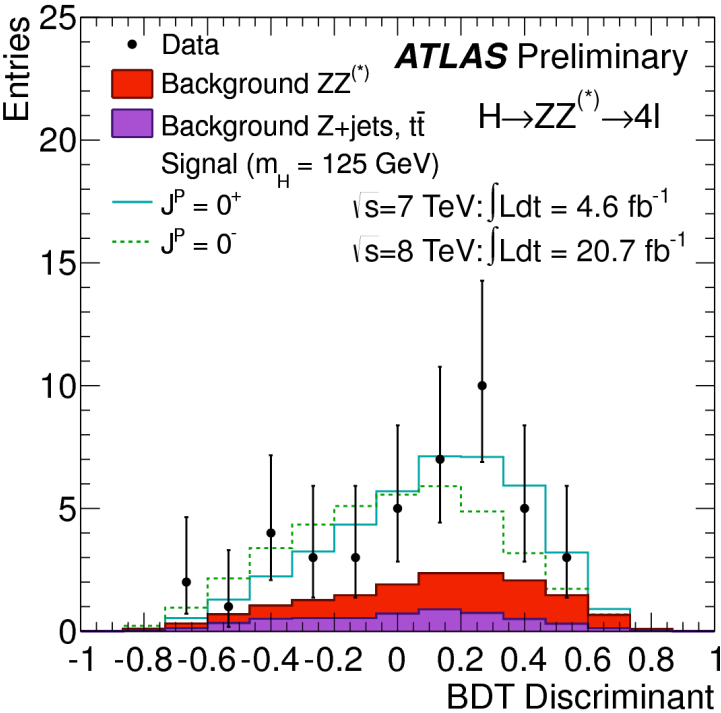
- Relative photon cuts  $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma}$  to minimise the correlation between  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $\cos\theta^*$
- Obtain background  $\cos\theta^*$  pdf from data  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  side-bands
- Final statistical analysis with combined fit to  $\cos\theta^*$  and  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$



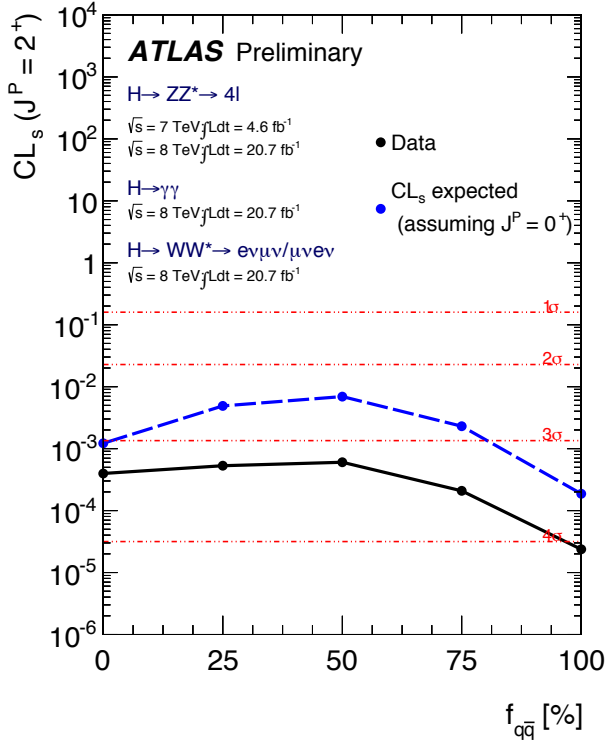
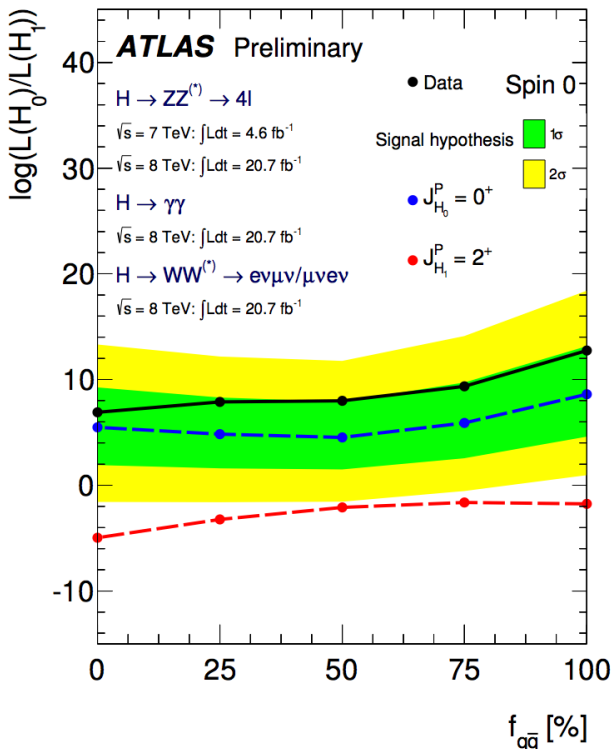
Main uncertainty: modelling of  $\cos\theta^*$  for background events

# BDT discriminant analyses

Both, the  $WW$  and  $ZZ$  analysis is using BDTs with angular and/or other kinematic variables to discriminate different spin (parity) hypotheses



# Spin results



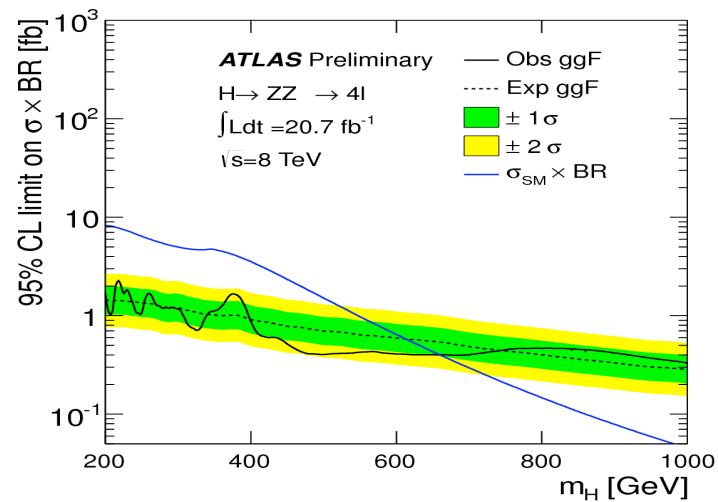
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In combination, the 3 channels exclude the  $2^+_m$  model at the 99.9% CL

- Main sensitivity from WW (and  $\gamma\gamma$  for pure ggF production)
- Complementary sensitivity of channels for the different qq production fractions

The ZZ analysis excludes the  $0^-$ ,  $1^+$  and  $(1^-)$  hypotheses at the  $>95\%$  (94%) CL

# Search for beyond-SM Higgs



$\sigma \times \text{BR}$  limit for an additional gluon-fusion produced Higgs  
with SM-like width decaying to  $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$

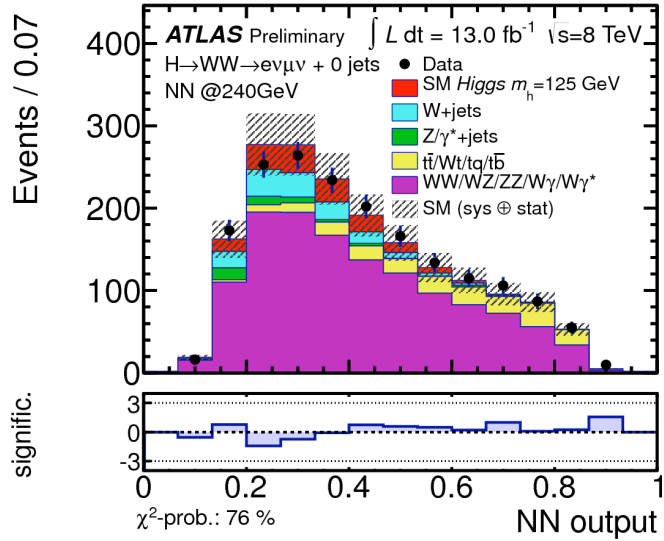
# 2HDM in $WW \rightarrow e\mu + 2\nu$

Boson at 125 GeV ( $h$ ) could be part of a 2HDM, search for additional CP-even ( $H$ ) contribution

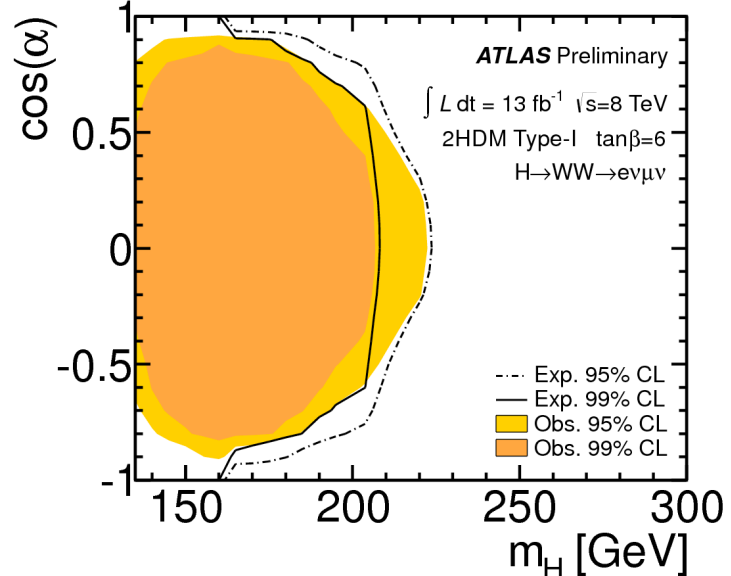
Free parameters:  $\cos \alpha$ ,  $\tan \beta$  and  $m_H$ , contribution from  $A$  and  $H^\pm$  negligible. Use high mass SM signal MCs scaled to 2HDM coupling strength

Selection similar to SM  $H \rightarrow WW$  analysis, with two jet-based categories. Combine several kinematic variables to NN discriminants

0-jet category

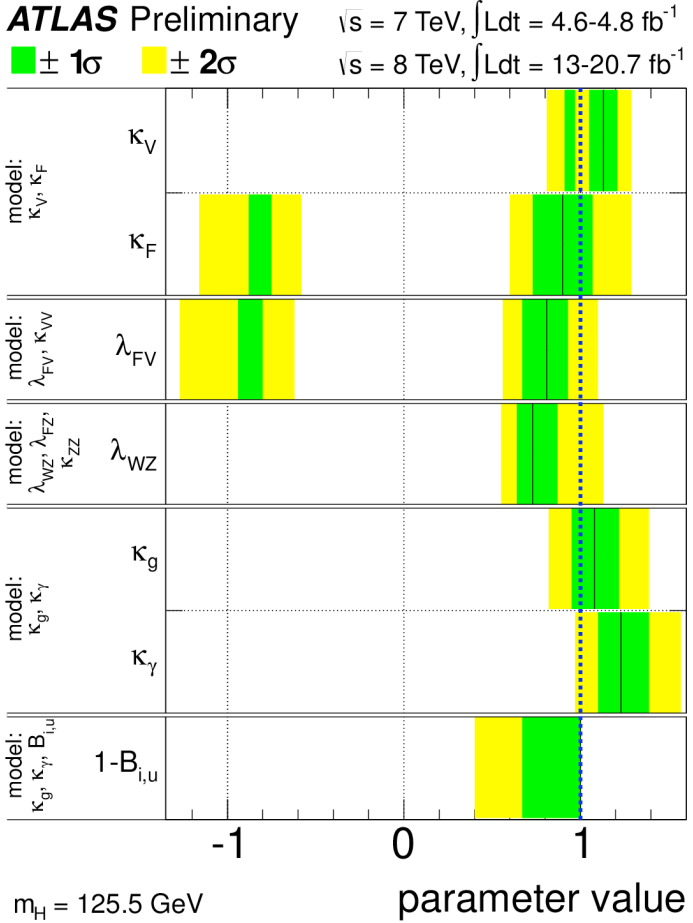


Type-I



Additional plots for Type-II and  $\tan \beta$  values 1, 3, 6, 20

# Conclusions



## Moving towards precision Higgs Physics

- Evidence for VBF production
- Correct ratio of W/Z couplings
- No strong hints of new physics, neither in the loop, nor in the decay

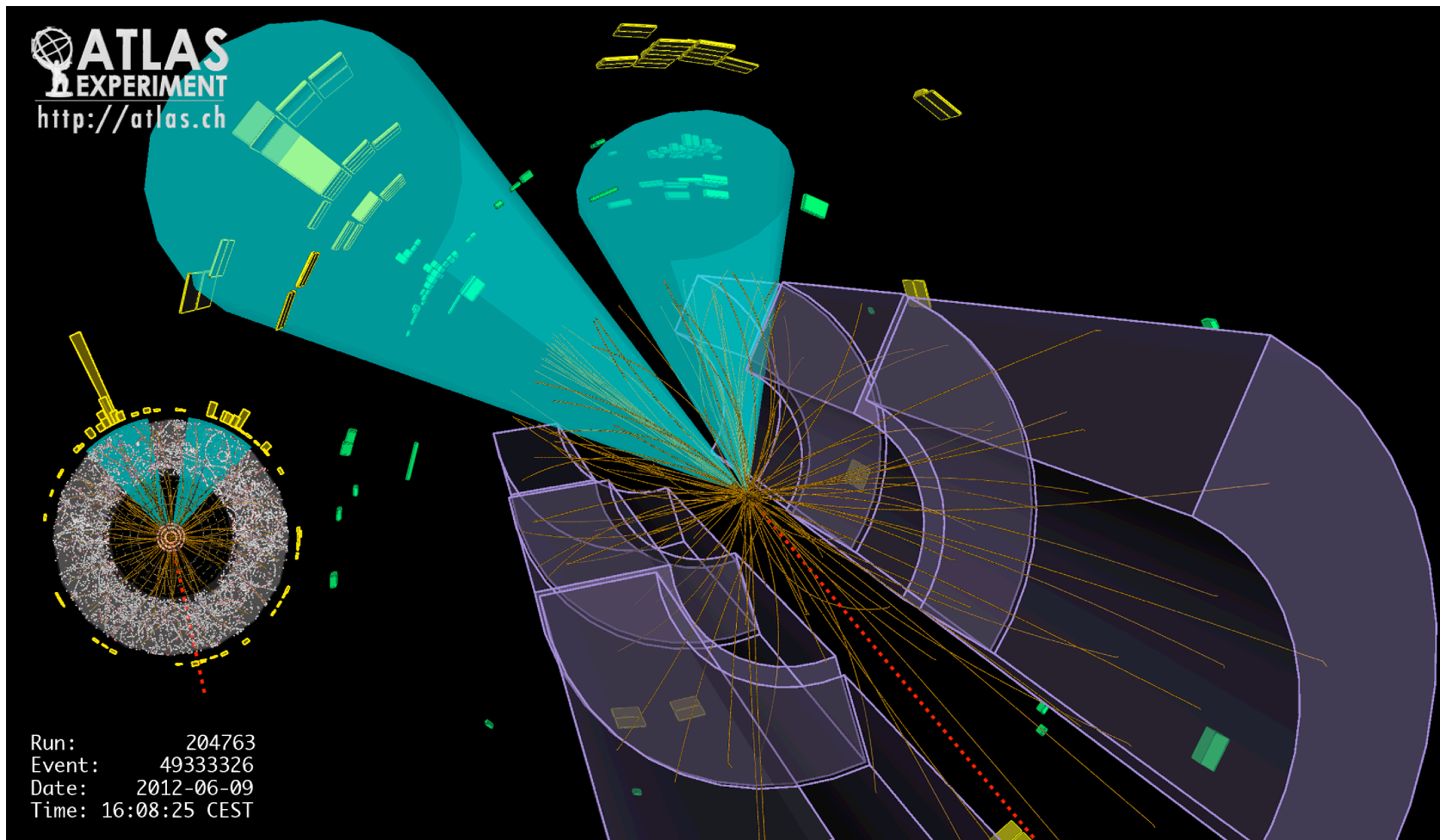
The observed state is consistent with SM spin/CP

Active search for rare decays and additional states of the EWSB sector



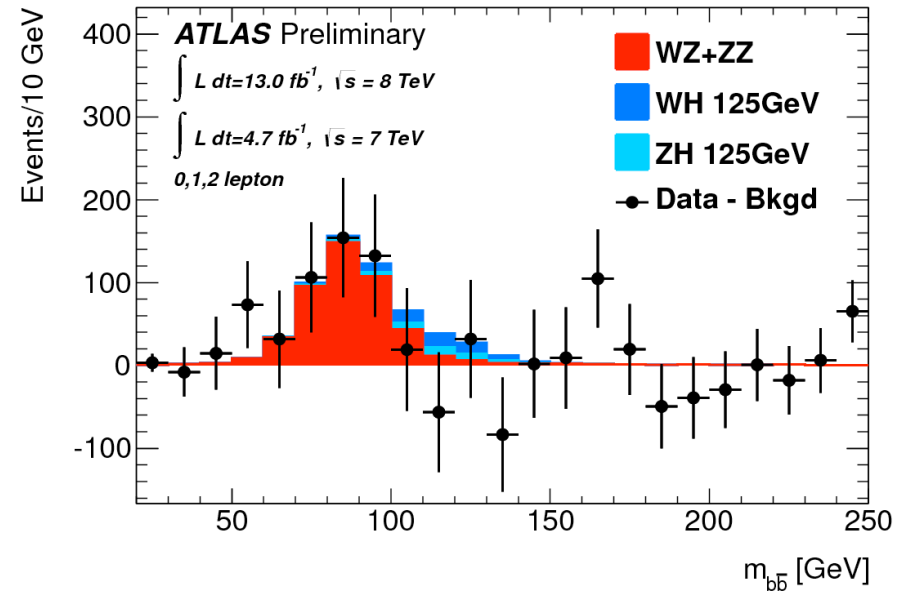
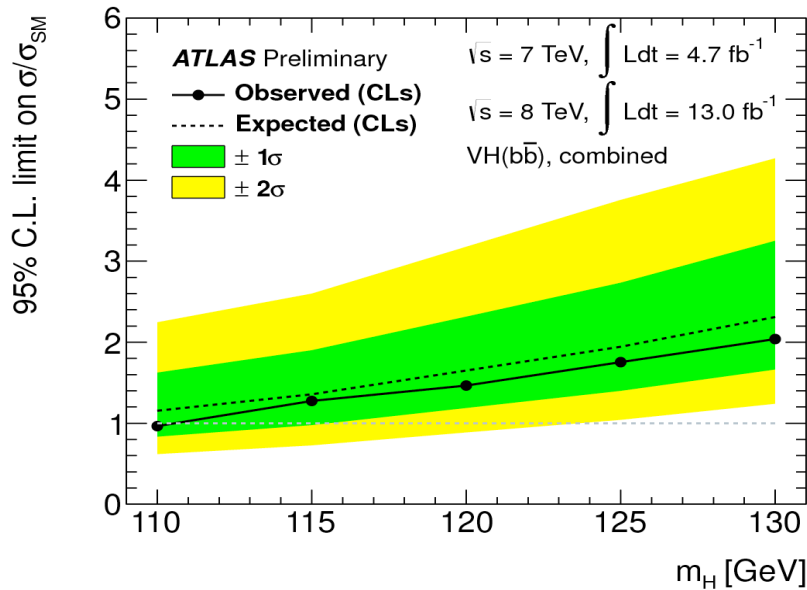
# Backup slides

# VH production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$



Dataset	Production modes	Exp. signal yield	S/B
18/fb	VH	~50	~1 – 10%

# VH production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$



Limits derived from  $m_{b\bar{b}}$  distribution ( $\sim 16\%$  resolution)

95%CL limit at 125 GeV: 1.8 xSM (exp 1.9)

$\mu(125) = -0.4 \pm 0.7(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst})$

Main benchmark analysis,  $4.0\sigma$  observation of WZ( $b\bar{b}$ )/ZZ( $b\bar{b}$ )

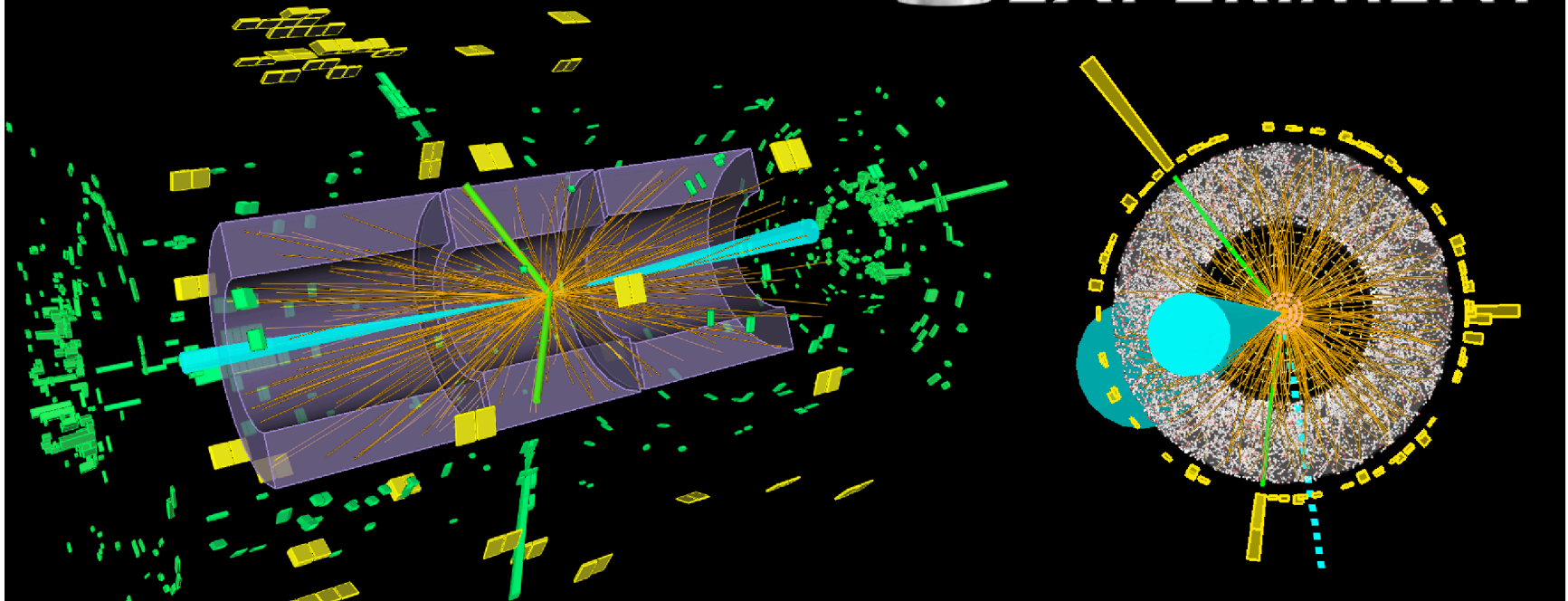
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

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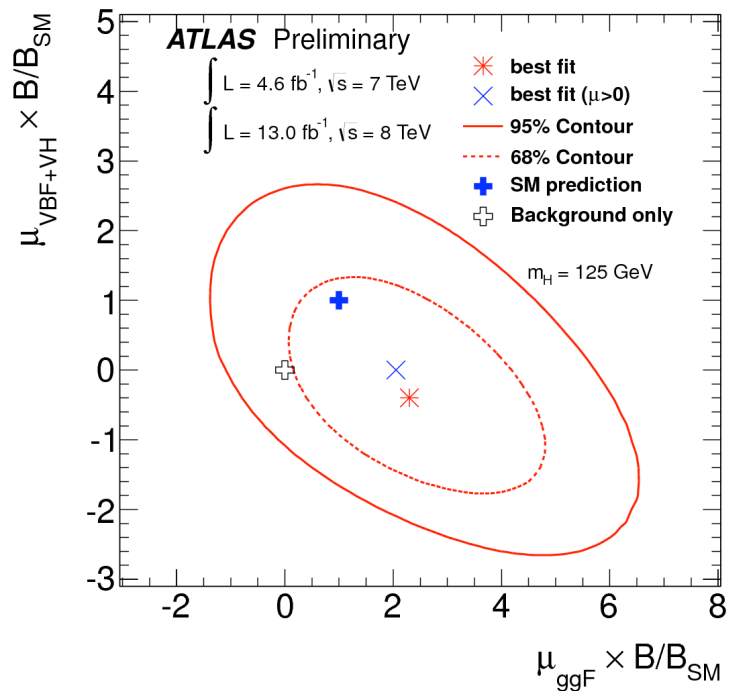
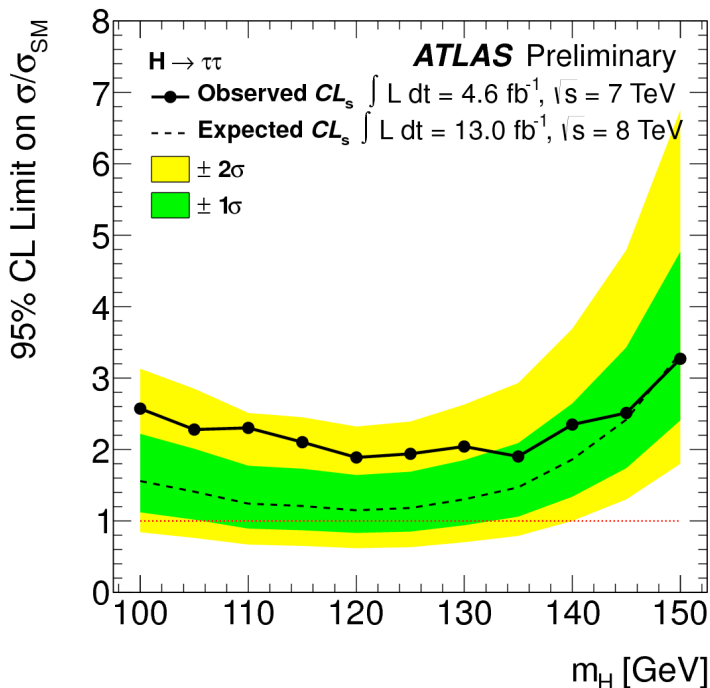


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Dataset	Production modes	Exp. signal yield	S/B
18/fb	VBF, ggF, VH	~330	~0.3 – 30%

# H → ττ



## Search in exclusive categories:

- Tau decays: lep-lep, lep-had, had-had
- Jets: 0, 1 (boosted or not), 2 (VBF, VH) → most powerful channel VBF

95%CL limit at 125 GeV: 1.9 xSM (exp 1.2),  $\mu(125) = 0.7 \pm 0.7$

No probing evidence yet in  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $H \rightarrow bb$

# Higgs couplings

Measure deviations of couplings from the SM prediction (arXiv:1209.0040)

Basic assumptions:

- There is only one underlying state at  $m_H \sim 125$  GeV
- It has negligible width
- It is a CP-even scalar (only allow for modification of coupling strengths, no change in the Lorentz structure)

→ Characterise production cross sections and branching ratios in terms of a few common LO motivated multiplicative factors ( $\kappa^2$ ) to the SM Higgs couplings

Example:

$$\sigma \times BR(ii \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff) = \frac{\sigma_{ii} \cdot \Gamma_{ff}}{\Gamma_H}$$

$$(\sigma \cdot BR)(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \sigma_{SM}(gg \rightarrow H) \cdot BR_{SM}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \cdot \frac{\kappa_g^2 \cdot \kappa_\gamma^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

$$\kappa_g = f(\kappa_t, \kappa_b, M_H)$$

$$\kappa_H = f'(\kappa_t, \kappa_b, \kappa_\tau, \kappa_W, \kappa_Z, M_H)$$

# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow 4l$ Mass Scale Systematic Uncertainties

Main Mass Scale systematic uncertainties (considered in also ICHEP studies) :

Source	Relative Mass Scale Effect
Absolute Energy scale calibration from Z	0.3%
Upstream material simulation inaccuracies	0.3%
Pre-Sampler energy scale	0.1%

Further investigation and extensive checks lead to find additional sources of systematic uncertainties :

- LAr Strips relative calibration (0.2%)
- Calibration of the high gain (0.15%)
- Mis-classification due to fake conversions (0.13%)
- Background modeling (0.1%)
- Lateral shower development simulation (0.1%)
- Effect of PV choice (0.03%)

Main 4l Mass Scale systematic uncertainties :

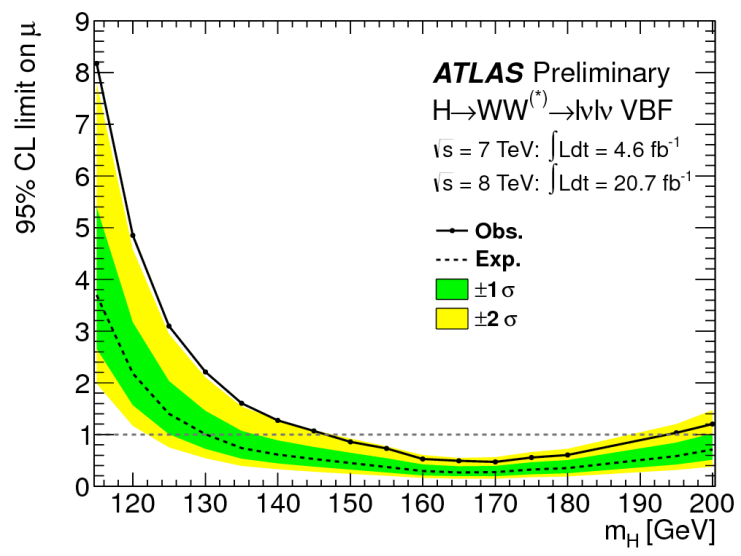
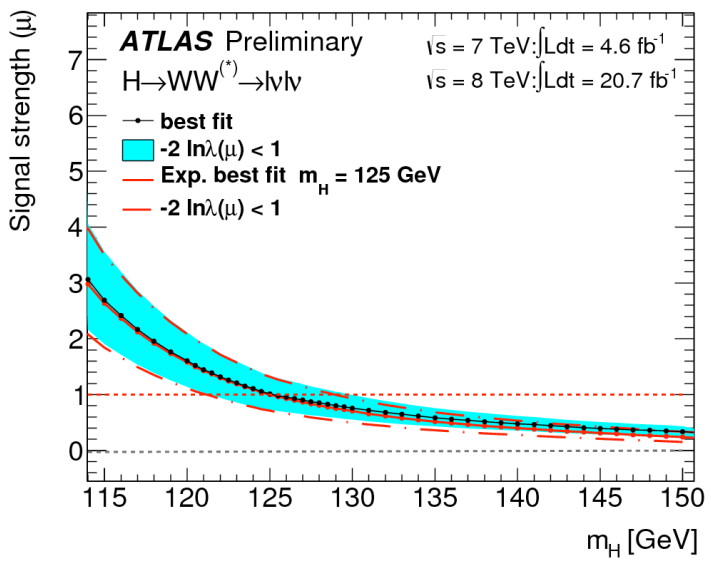
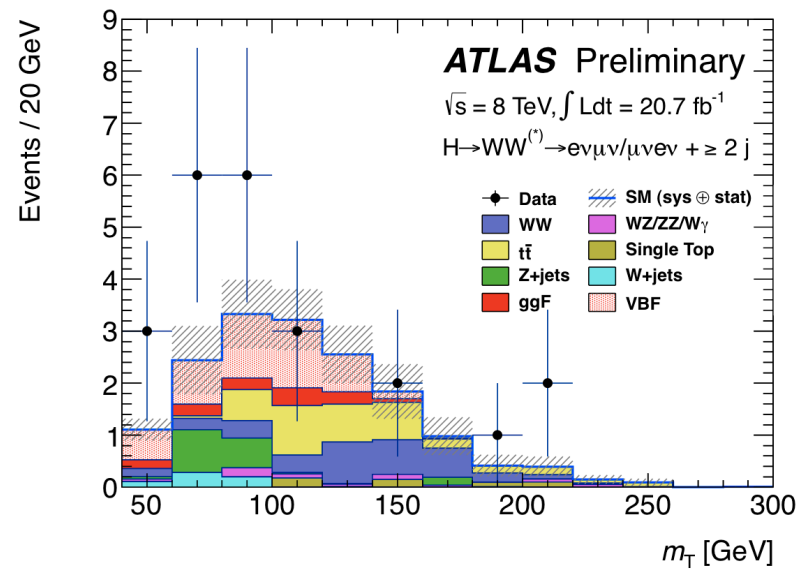
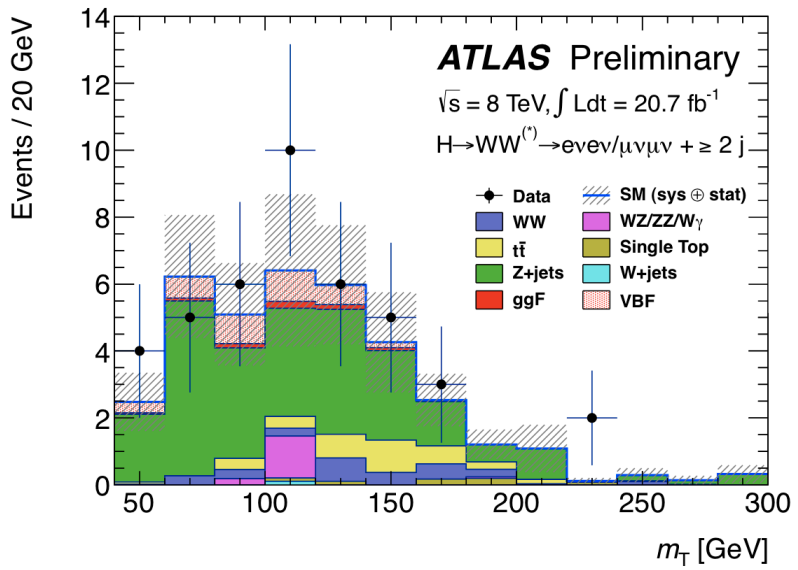
Source	Relative Mass Scale Effect
Absolute Energy scale calibration from Z	0.4%
Low transverse energy electrons	0.2%
Muon momentum scale	0.2%

Further investigation and extensive checks have not lead to additional substantial sources of systematic uncertainty :

- Measurement with MS and ID alone
- Local detector biases checked event by event
- Local resolution effects checked using event-by-event error;
- kinematic distributions in agreement with expectation
- FSR simulation
- Different mass reconstruction using Z-mass constraint (+400 MeV shift)

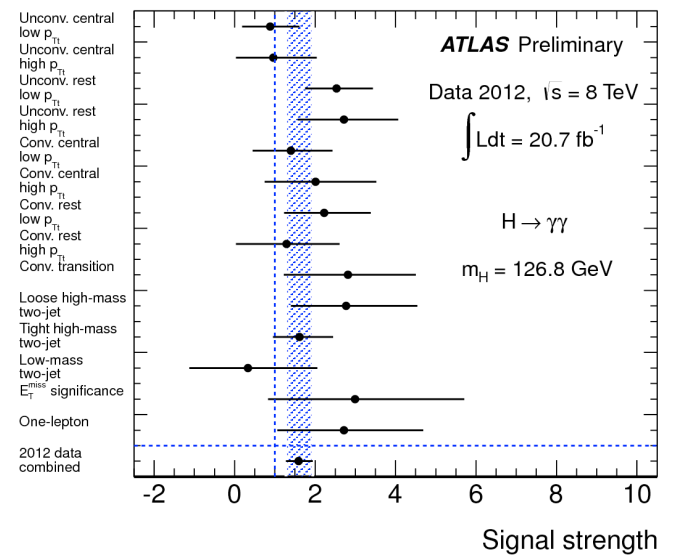
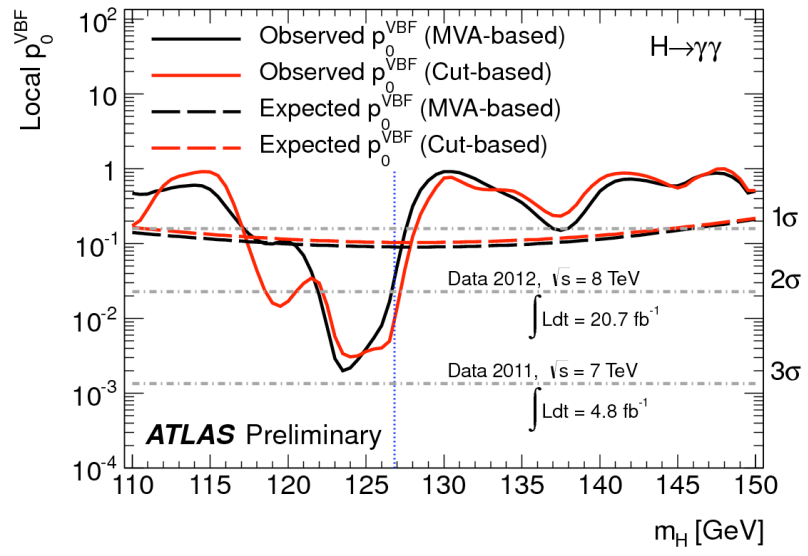
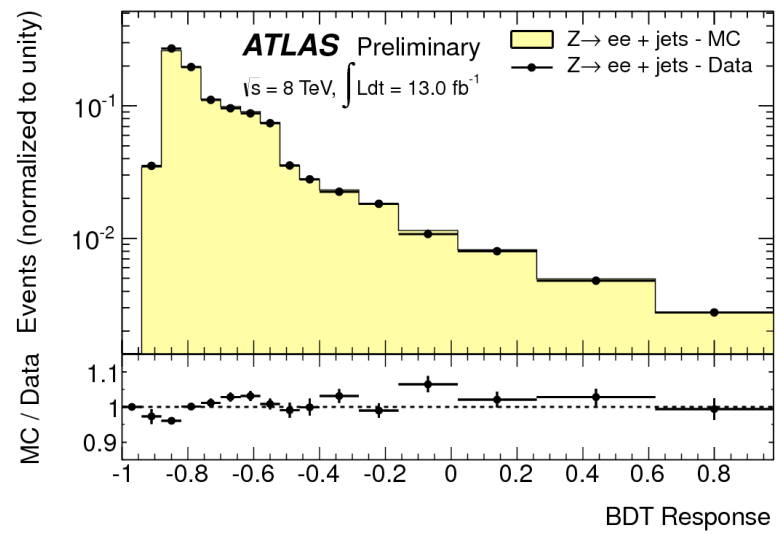
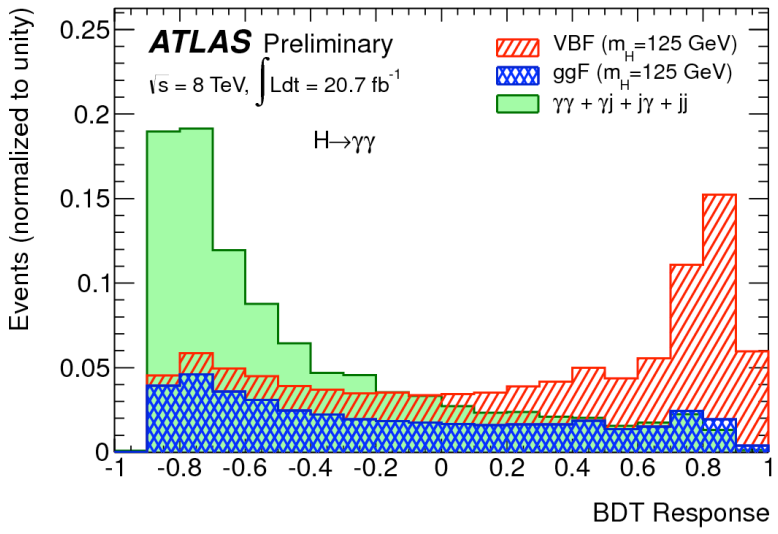
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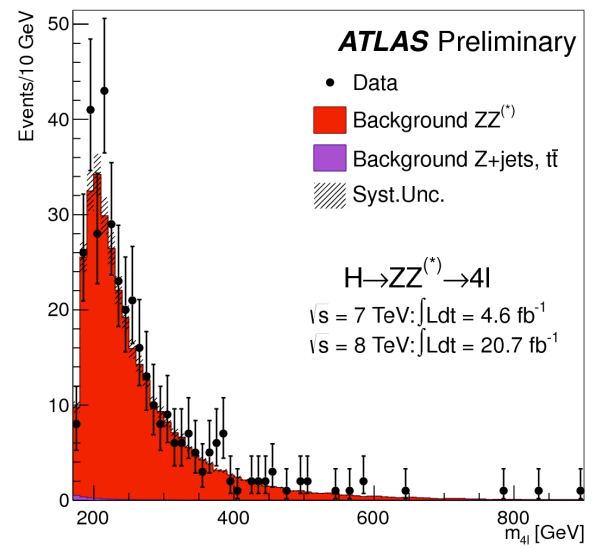
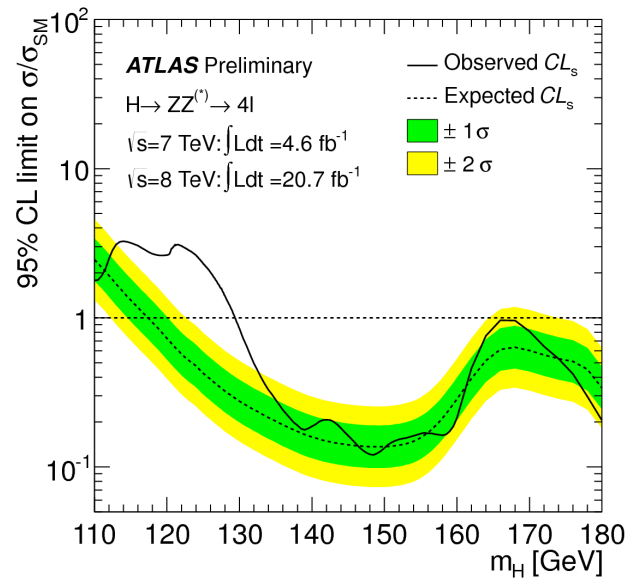
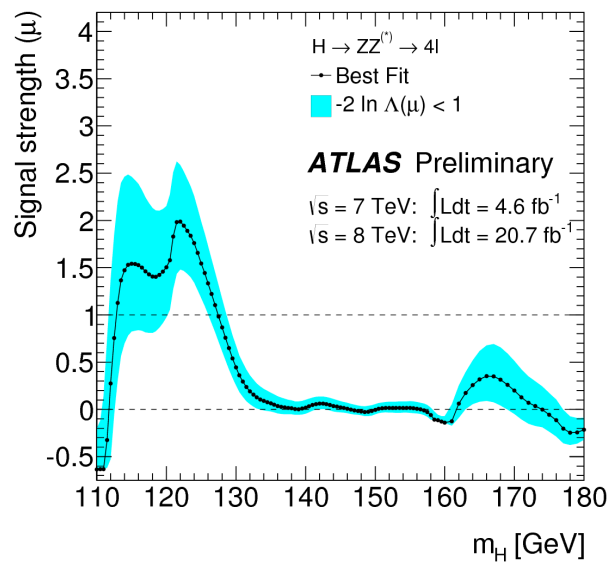
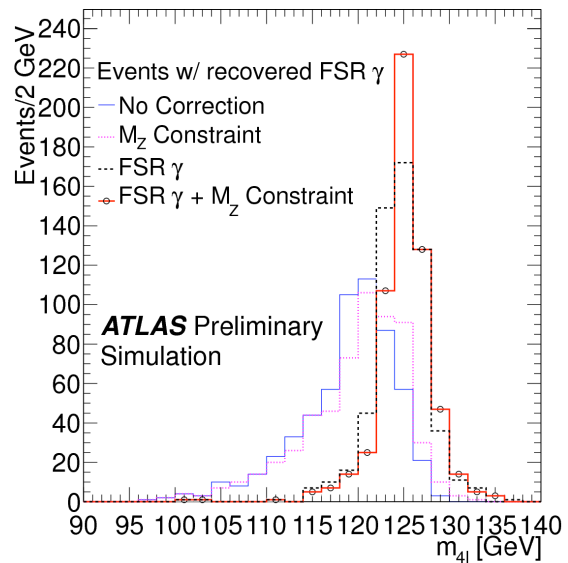




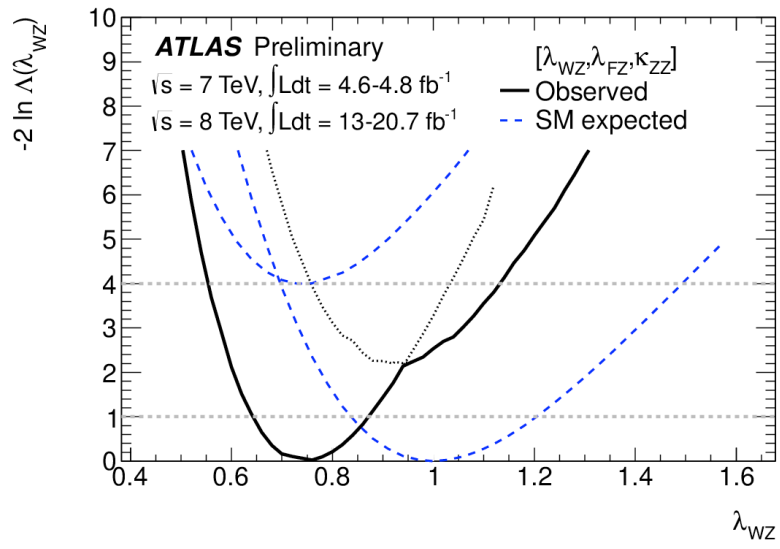
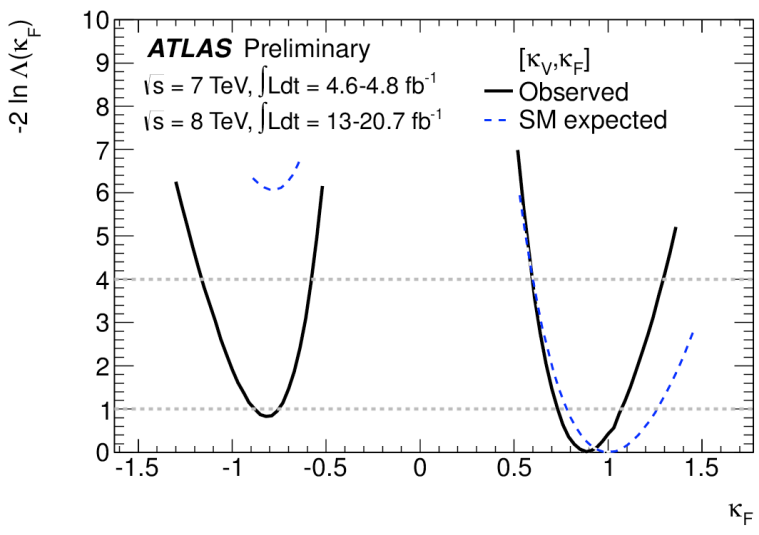
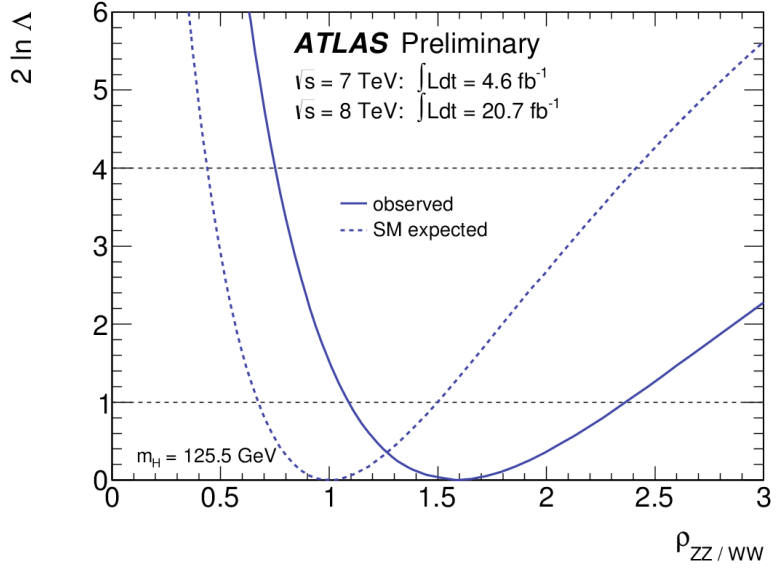
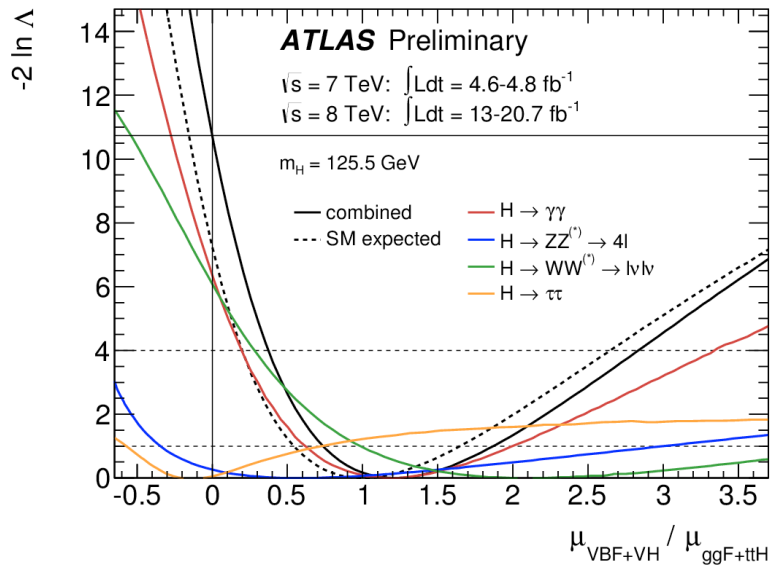
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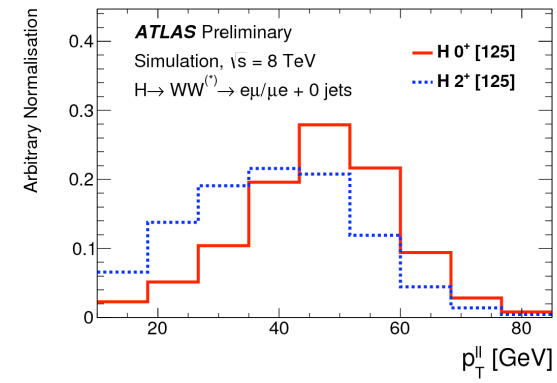
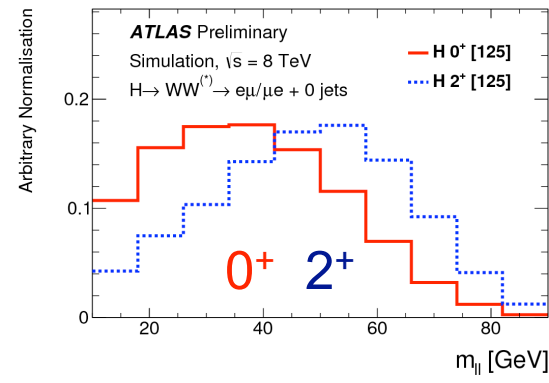
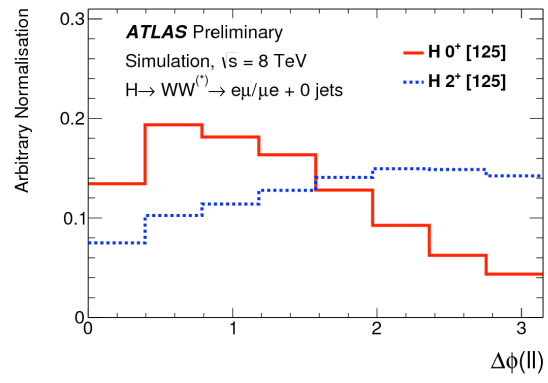


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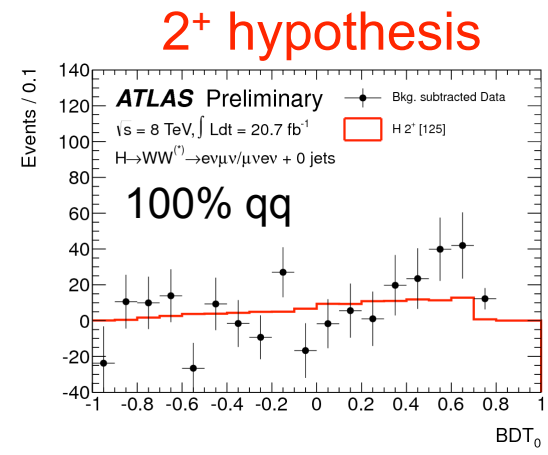
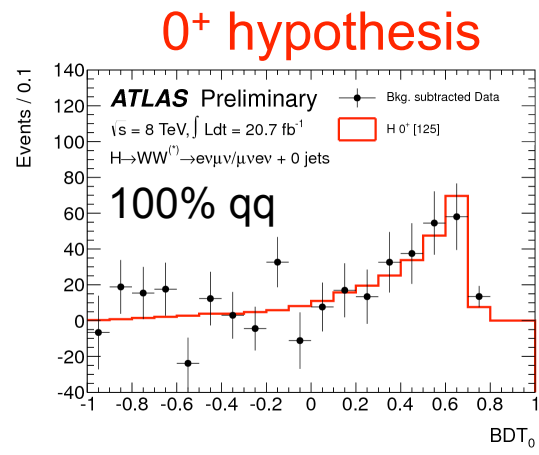
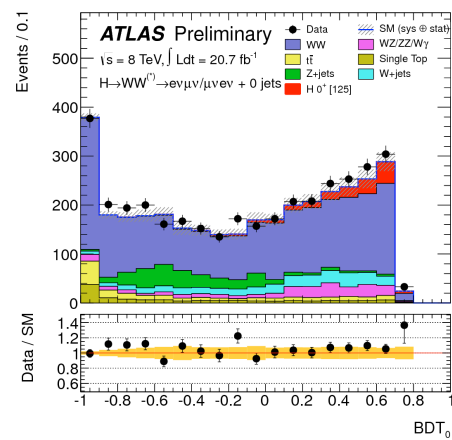


# Spin WW

## Input variables:



## BDT discrimination:



# Spin

