

Higgs Hunting in ATLAS



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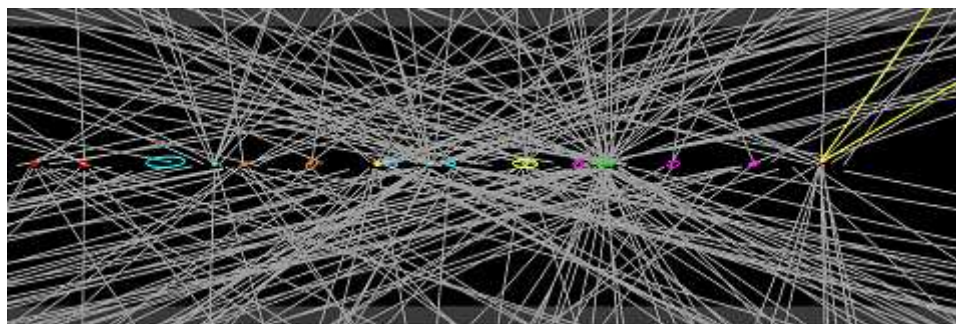
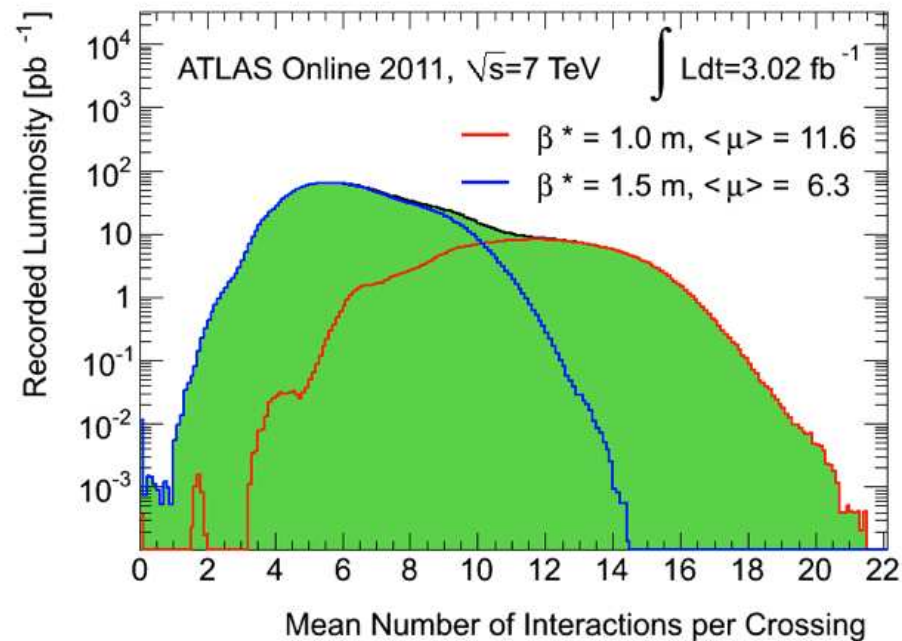
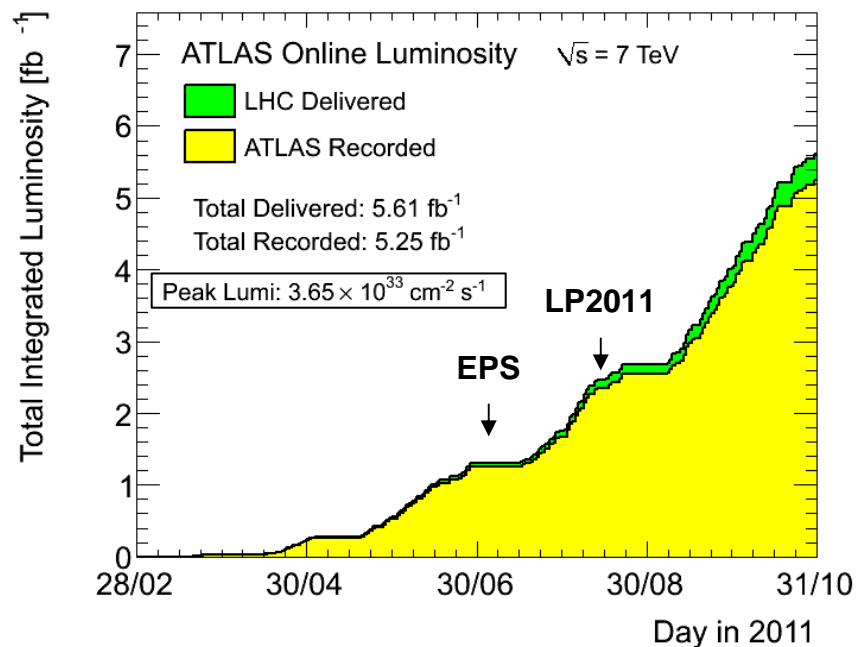


Outline

- **ATLAS data taking in 2011**
- **Standard Model (SM) Higgs production and decay**
- **Recent Results for SM Higgs searches:**
 - $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow ll ll$
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$
 - $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu jj$
 - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 - Associated ($W \rightarrow l\nu$, $Z \rightarrow ll$) production $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- **SM Higgs combination**
- **MSSM Higgs searches**

For future
analysis use

ATLAS DATA TAKING

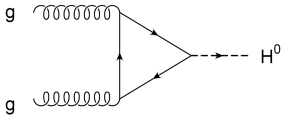
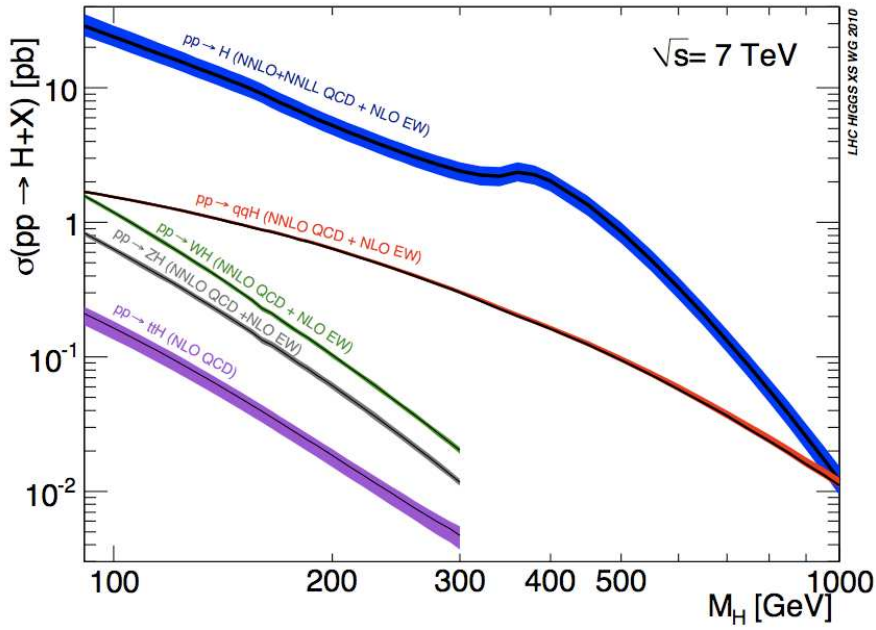


Pile-Up Challenge

Candidate $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ event with
20 reconstructed vertices

SM Higgs production at the LHC

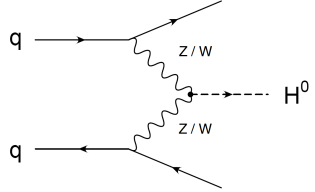
Compiled by the LHC Higgs XS WG 2010



Gluon Fusion

Dominant process at the LHC known at NNLO+NNLL

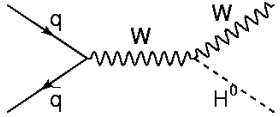
However large theoretical uncertainty $O(15\%)$



Vector Boson Fusion

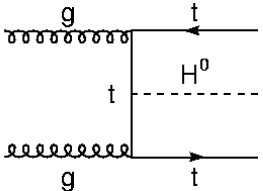
Process known at \sim NNLO, theoretical uncertainty $O(5\%)$

Two forward jets and a rapidity gap



Associated W,Z production

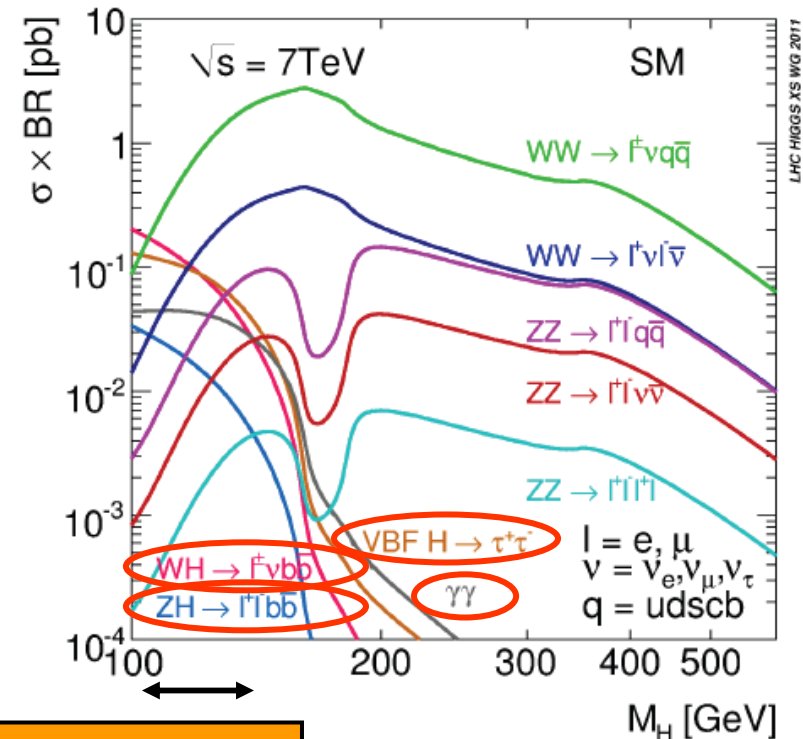
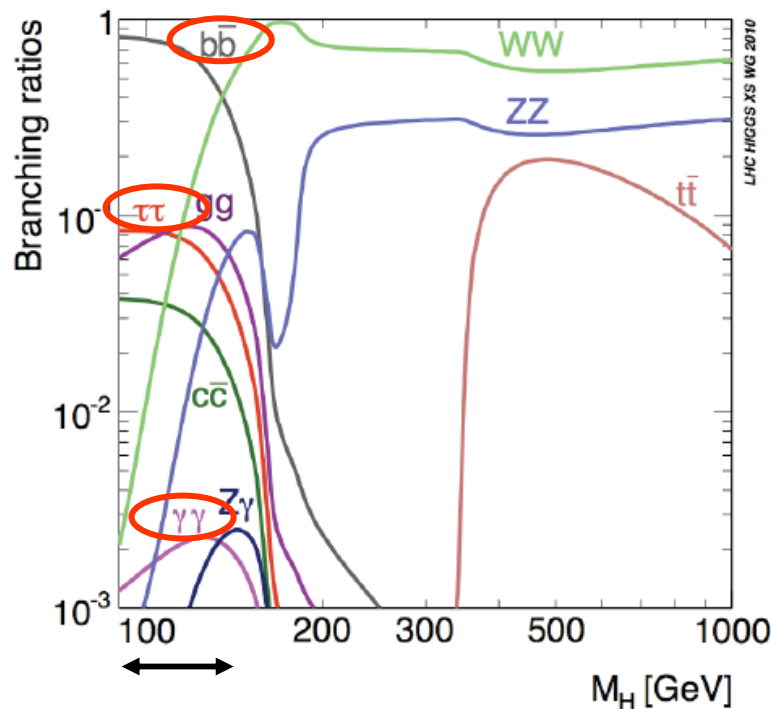
Process known at NNLO
Theoretical uncertainty $O(5\%)$



Associated tt-bar production

Process known at NLO
Theoretical uncertainty $O(15\%)$

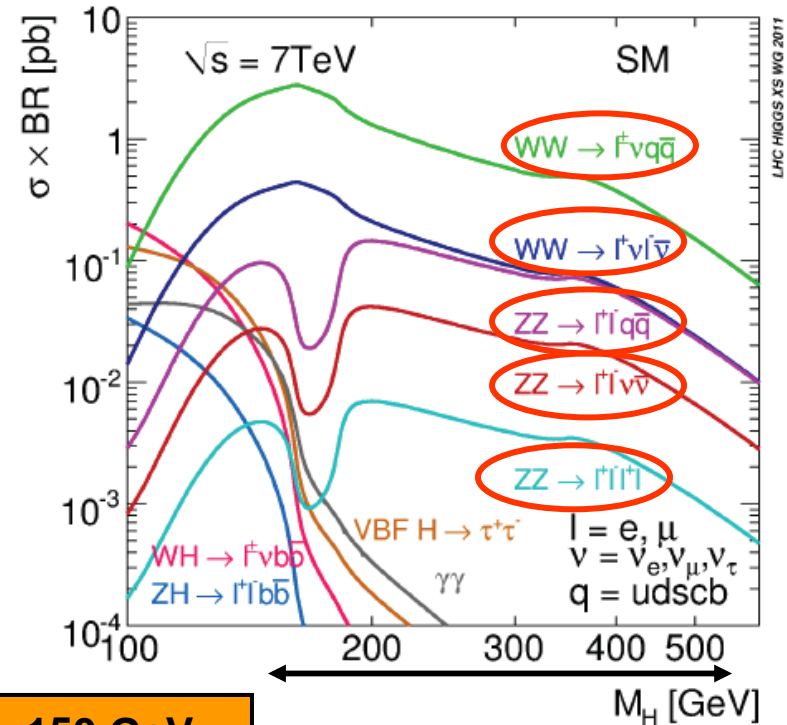
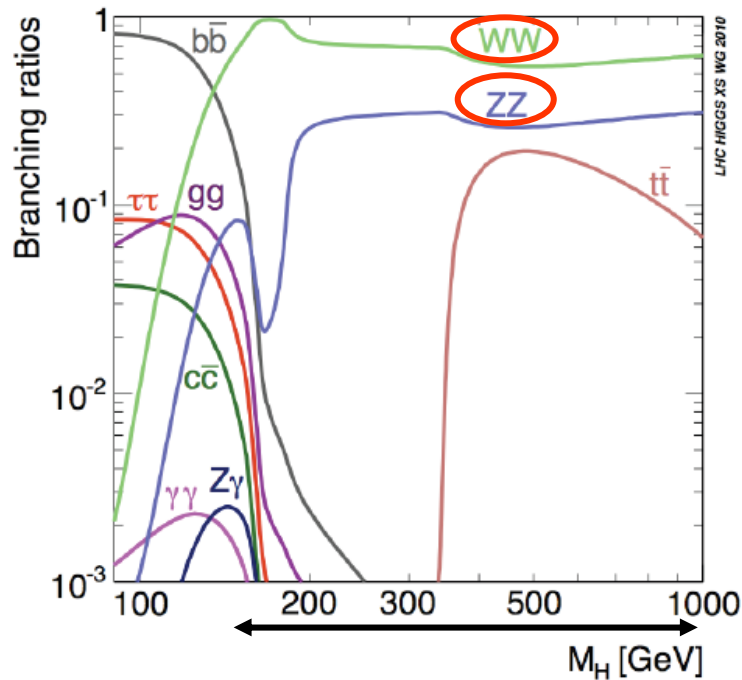
SM Higgs cross sections at the LHC



Low Mass Range $m_H < 150$ GeV

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ the best channel in this region: small BR but clean signature
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ dominant BR: huge background (therefore reduce it by asking W and Z associated production, with leptonic decays of W and Z), but important for H to quark couplings
- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ good S/B, enhanced VBF

SM Higgs cross sections at the LHC



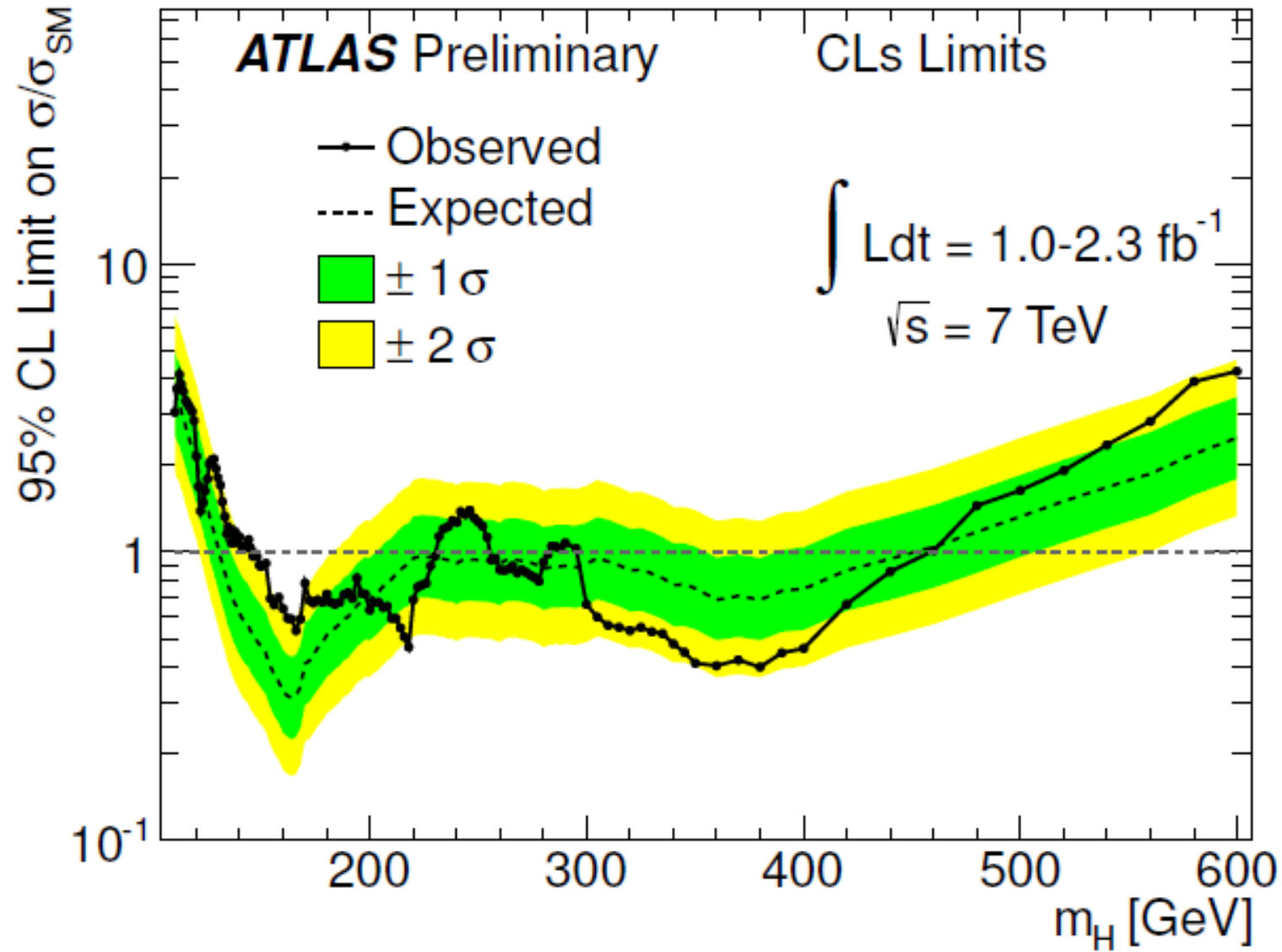
High Mass Range $m_H > 150$ GeV

- $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$: - $l\nu l\nu$ very important in the intermediate mass (also important for masses > 120 GeV)
 - $l\nu q\bar{q}$: highest rate important at high mass
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$: - $4l$ golden channel large S/B (also important for masses > 130 GeV)
 - $ll\nu\nu$ dominant channel at high mass
 - $llq\bar{q}$ important for high mass but has also much larger background

Status of the Higgs searches in ATLAS

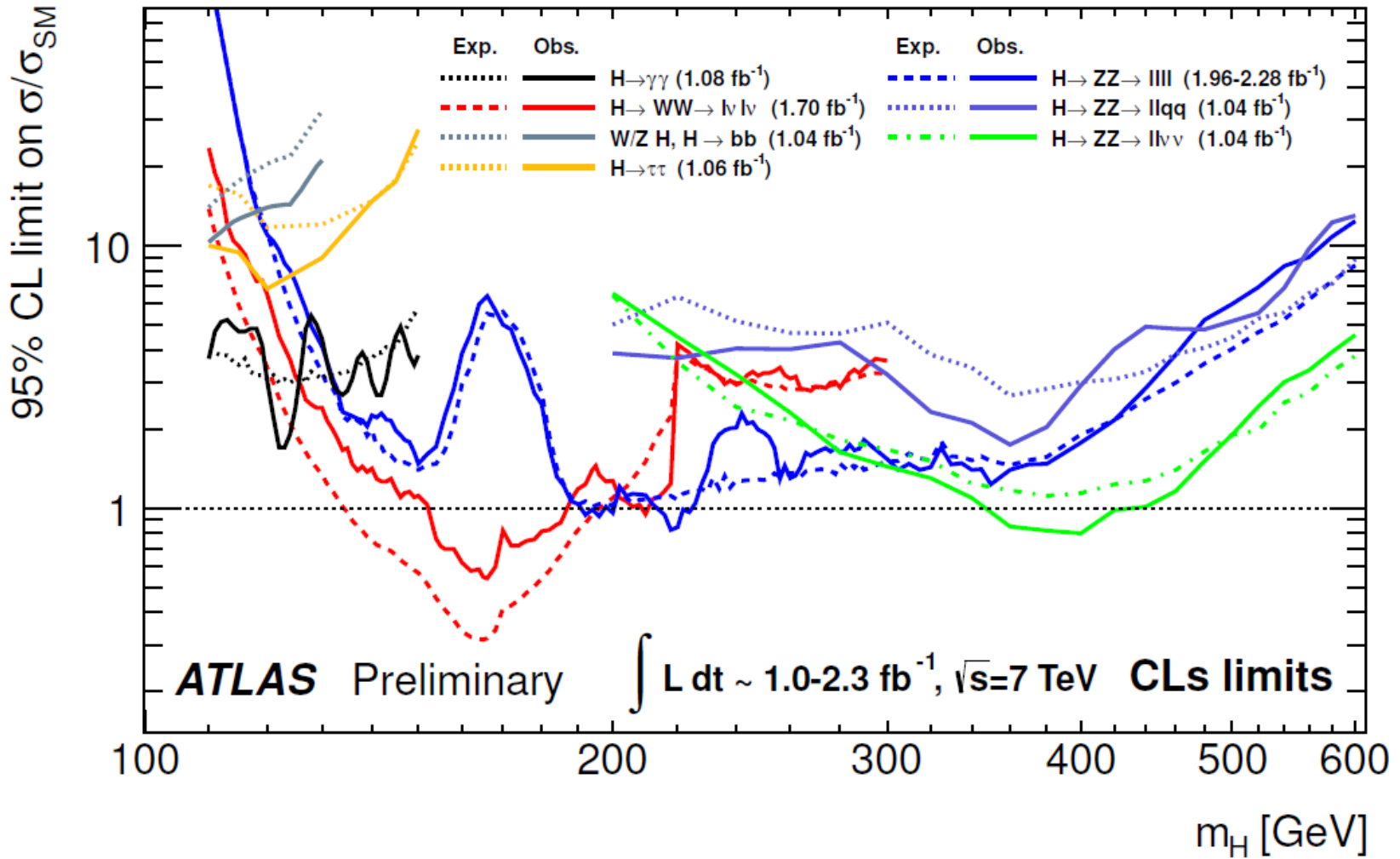
Combined channels: SM Higgs exclusion limits

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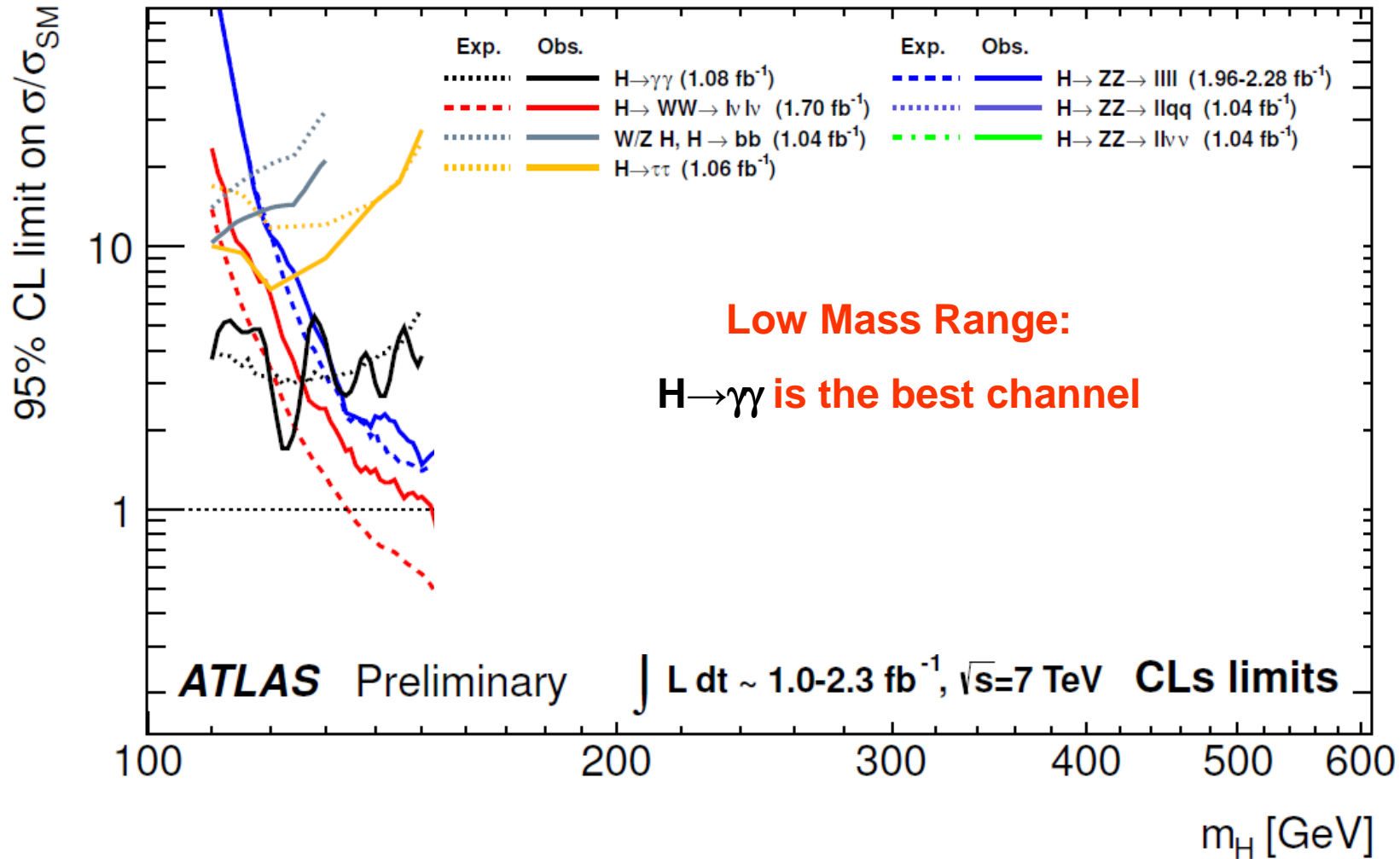
Individual channels contributions

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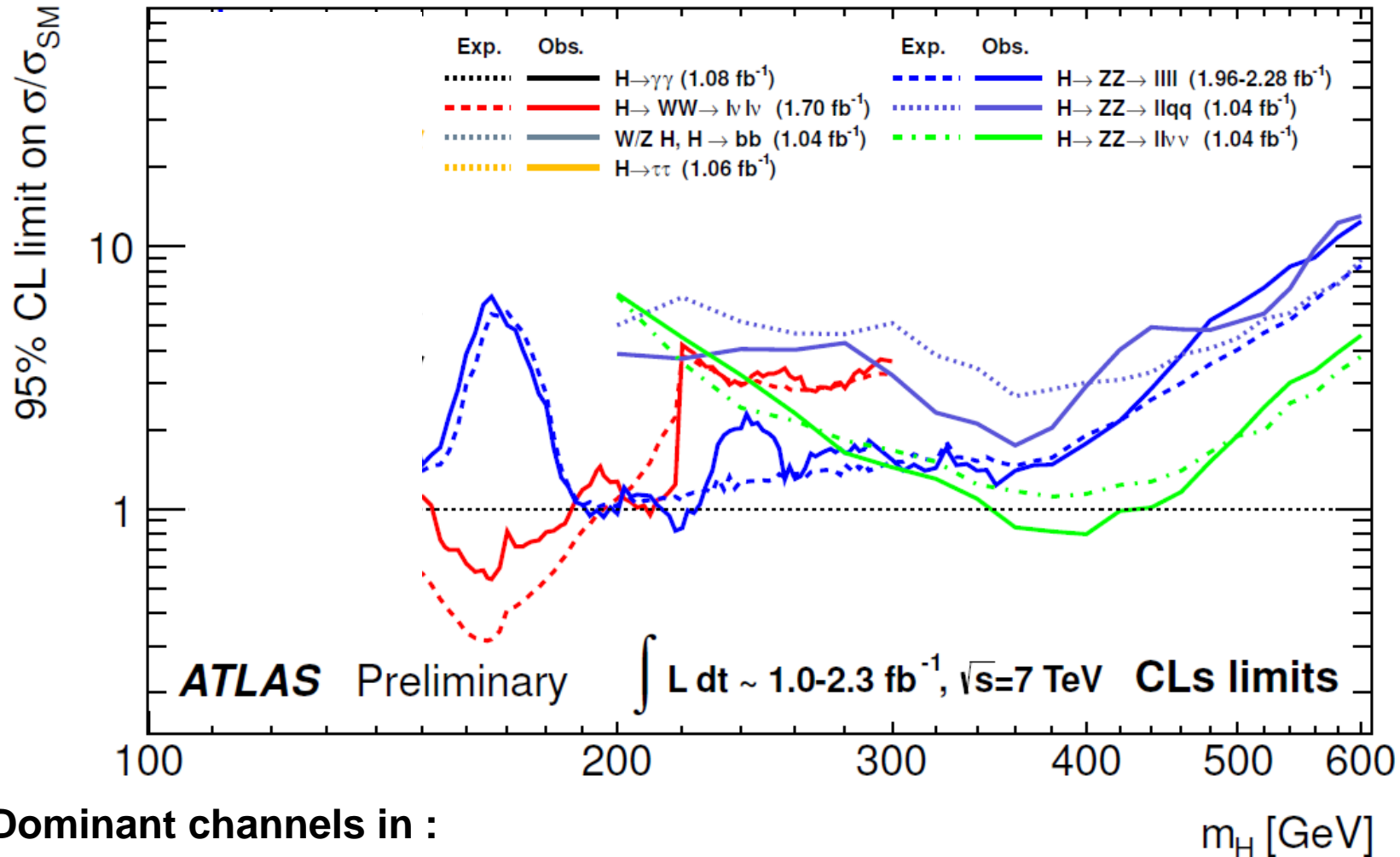
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Dominant channels in :

- Intermediate Mass Range: $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$, $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
- Very High Mass Range: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$

In the following, only the 4 dominant channels will be discussed in details:

- $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll \nu\nu$

For the other channels, the selection cuts will not be described (but are written)

High Mass Higgs Searches

$$WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$$

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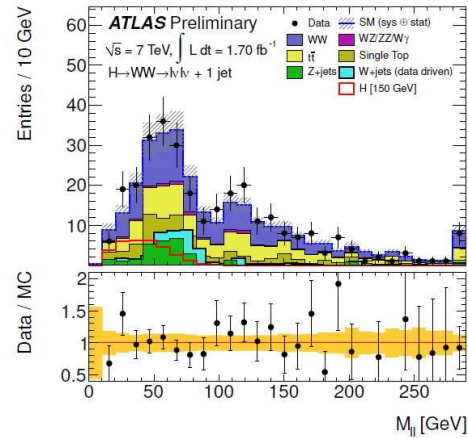
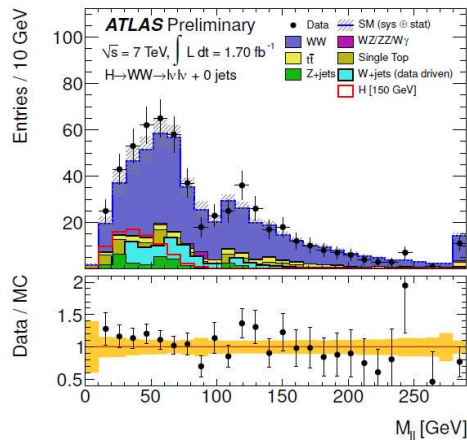
Selection cuts

- 2 opposite-sign leptons (e/ μ) with leading $p_T > 25$ GeV and subleading $p_T > 20(15)$ GeV for e(μ).
- 2 leptons DF (different flavour) $\rightarrow m_{ll} > 10$ GeV
- 2 leptons SF (same flavour) $\rightarrow m_{ll} > 15$ GeV (to suppress bkg from Y, γ^*) and $|m_{ll} - m_Z| > 15$ GeV (to suppress background from Z)
- $E_{T,rel}^{miss} > 40$ (25) GeV if SF (DF) 2 leptons (to suppress bkg from QCD multijets and Drell-Yan)
- 2 categories (H+0jet) and (H+1jet)
- (H+0jet) : $p_T(l_1) > 30$ GeV (to suppress background from Z+jets and WW)
- (H+1jet) : bjet veto (to suppress top background), $p_T(tot) < 30$ GeV and $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ veto
- Upper bound on m_{ll} is applied depending on m_H (to suppress top and WW background)
- Change of the selection at 220 GeV.

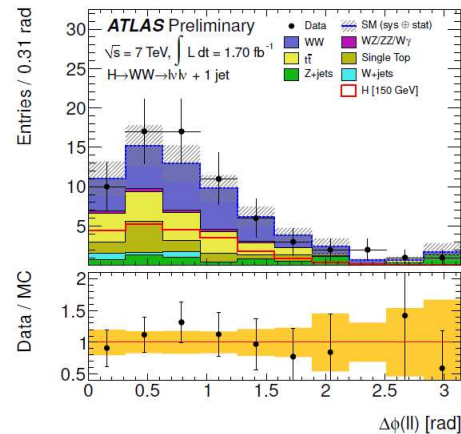
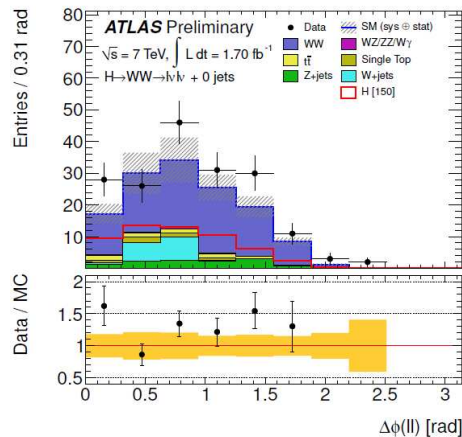
$$WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$$

Main Backgrounds

- **WW, tt-bar, single top, Z/γ*+jets, diboson (WZ,ZZ,Wγ):** from MC corrected by scale factors derived from control samples
- **W+jets:** from data using loosened identification and isolation criteria



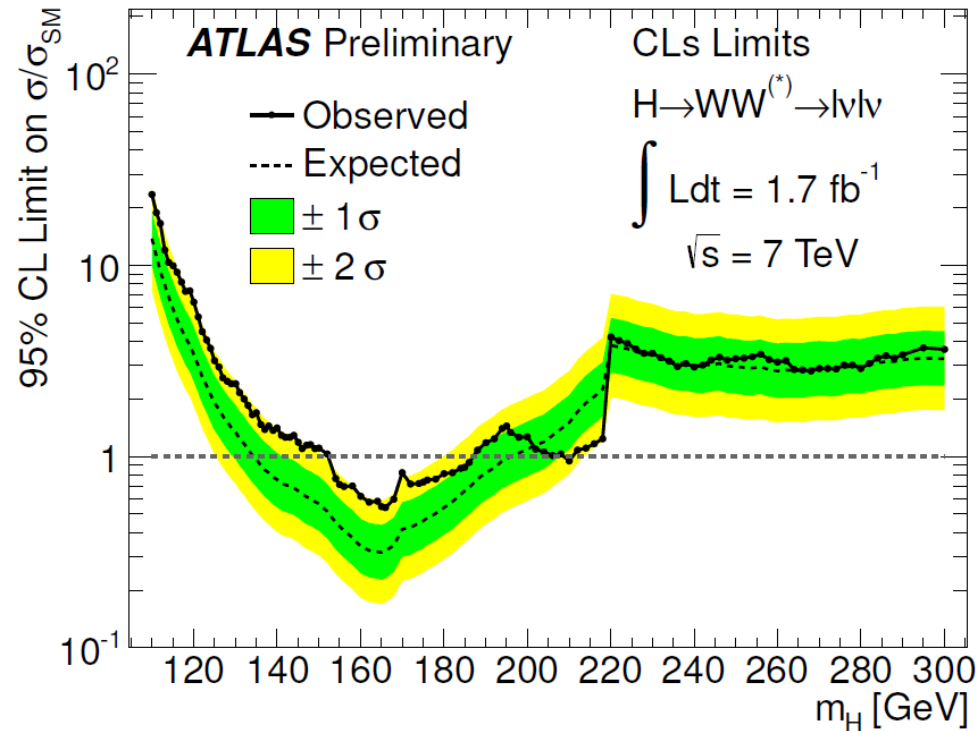
$M_{||}$ for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu + 0/1 \text{ jet}$



$\Delta\phi_{||}$ for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu + 0/1 \text{ jet}$

$WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

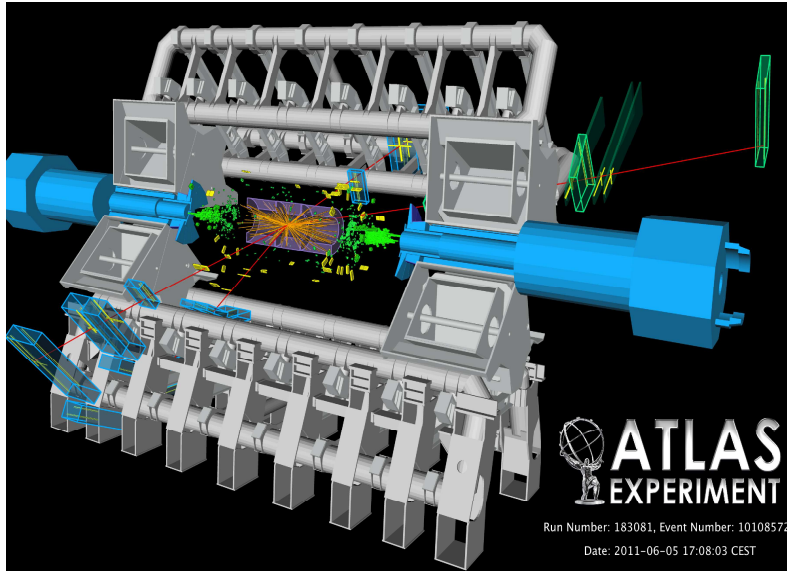
Dominant systematic uncertainties: JES, E_T^{miss} measurement (on signal $\pm 6.1\%$)



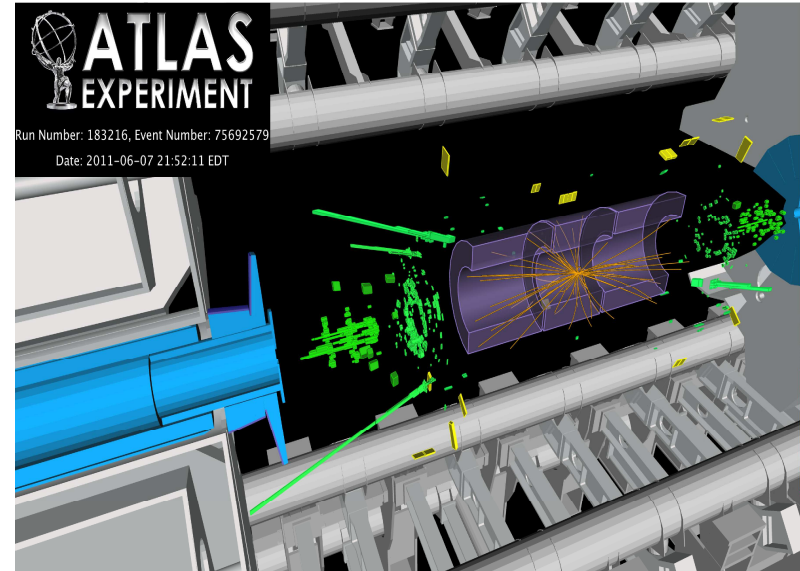
SM Higgs boson excluded at 95%CL between 154-186 GeV.

No significant excess is observed, the largest observed deviation from the expected background is 2σ

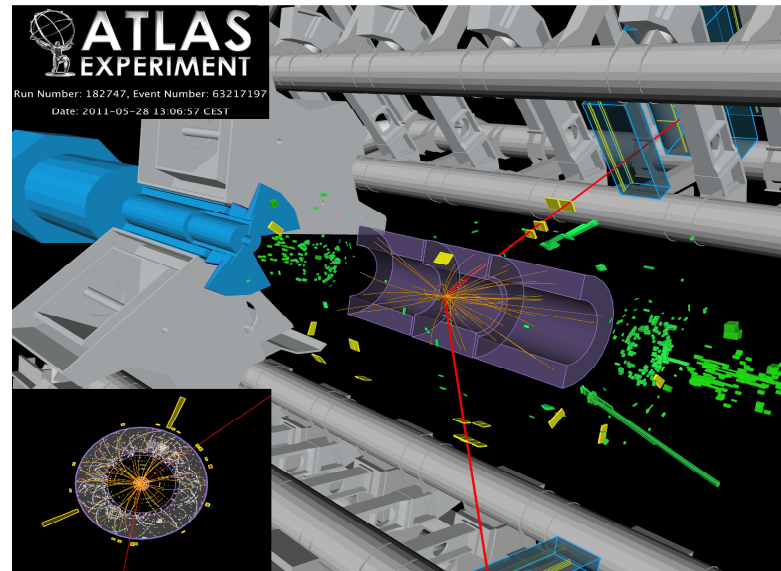
$ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ event displays



4 μ candidate $m=143.5\text{GeV}$



4e candidate $m=270.1\text{GeV}$



2 μ 2e candidate $m=209.7\text{GeV}$

« Golden Channel »

$ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ (4e, 4μ, 2e2μ)

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Search for a narrow resonance over a continuum. Analysis performed between 110-600 GeV

Selection cuts

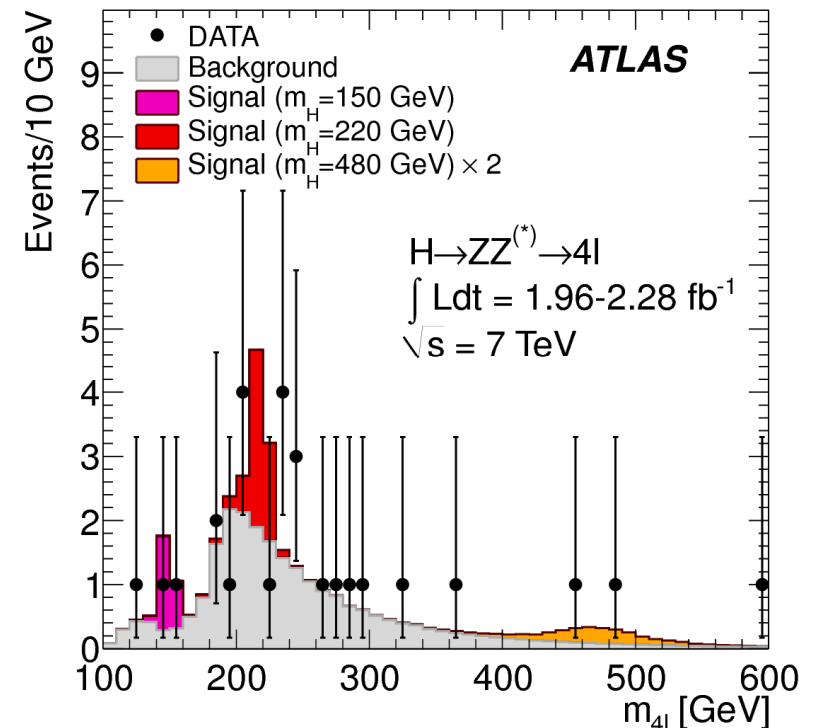
Trigger: e ($p_T > 20-22 \text{ GeV}$) / μ ($p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$)

2 SF opposite sign isolated lepton pairs with $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$. At least 2 leptons with $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$.
Lepton pair mass cut: $|m_{12} - m_{34}| < 15 \text{ GeV}$,
 $m_{\text{Threshold}}(m_{4l}) < m_{34} < 115 \text{ GeV}$

Requirements on impact parameter for $m_{4l} < 190 \text{ GeV}$ (rejects $Zbb\text{-bar}$ and $tt\text{-bar}$)

Main Backgrounds

- $ZZ^{(*)}$: from MC theoretical uncertainty (15%)
- $tt\text{-bar}$: from MC theory normalization uncertainty (10%), test on data with opposite sign e/μ pairs.
- $Z+\text{jets}$: normalized using data (control sample regions) uncertainties 20-40%



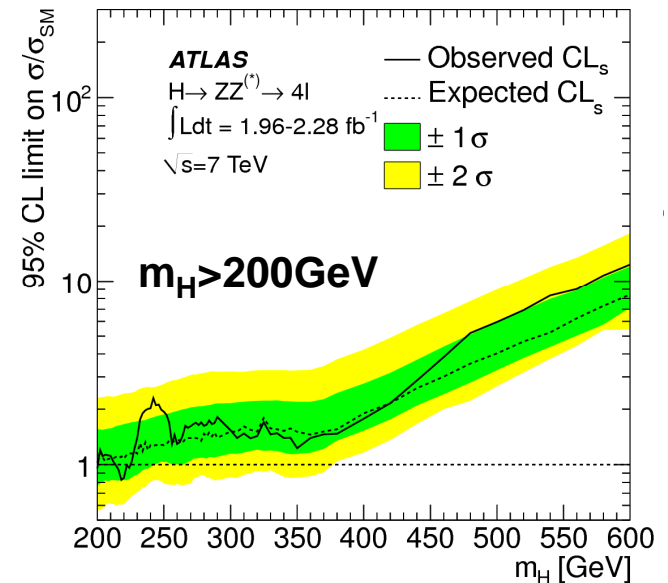
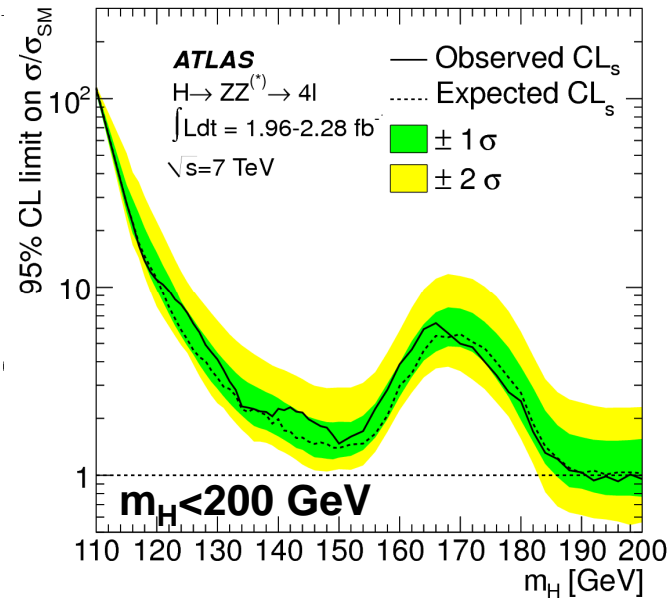
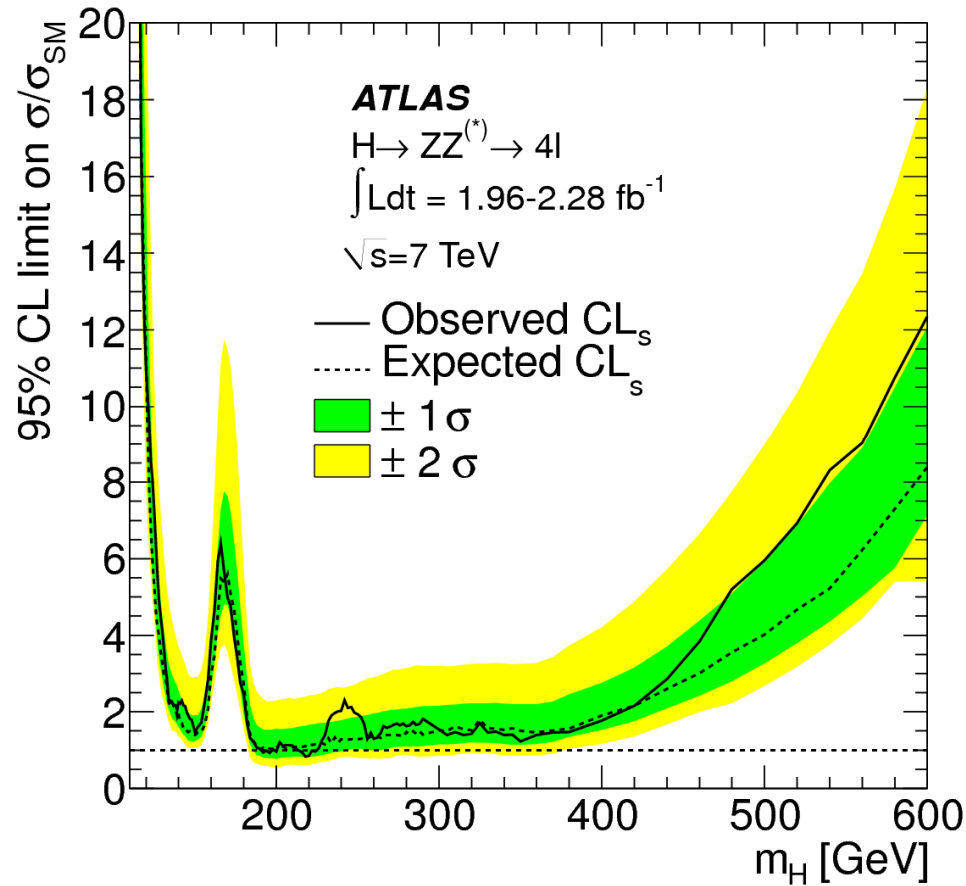
27 observed candidates

24 ± 4 expected candidates

FWHM (full width at half maximum)
for $m_H = 130 \text{ GeV} \sim 4.5(4\mu)$ to
 $6.5(4e) \text{ GeV}$

$ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$

arXiv:1109.5945v1 [hep-ex]



SM Higgs boson excluded at 95%CL in the mass ranges 191-197, 199-200 and 214-224 GeV. Upward statistical (?) fluctuations observed.

Selection cuts

- Best channel at high mass (analysis includes contribution from $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$)

- Identify $Z \rightarrow ll$:

Trigger: e ($p_T > 22 \text{ GeV}$) / μ ($p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$)

2 SF opposite sign isolated leptons (e/μ) with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$

- Identify $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ if $m_H > 200 \text{ GeV}$:

Reject event with $\Delta\phi(p_T^{\text{miss}}, p_T^{\text{jet}}) < 0.3$ to reduce bkg with fake $E_T^{\text{miss}} \rightarrow$ mismeasured jets

$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 66$ (82) GeV in low (high) mass region

- Events with one or more b-tagged jets are rejected (to reduce top bkg)

Main Backgrounds

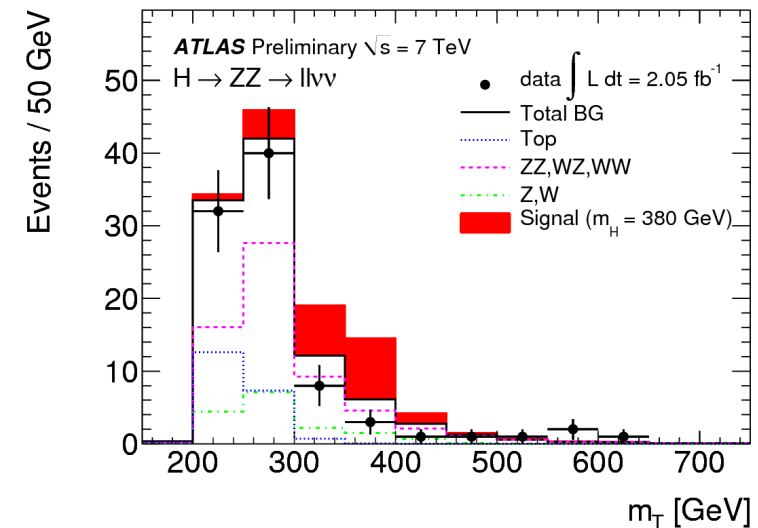
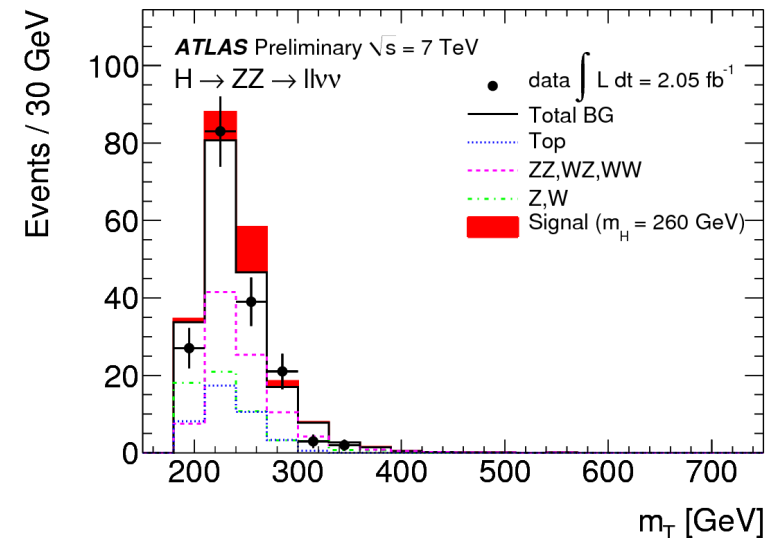
- Diboson, Z, tt-bar: from MC

- W: normalization obtained data/MC of like-sign lepton pair events with high E_T^{miss}

- QCD multijet: using data sample with loosened electron selection (μ -channel negligible)

ZZ \rightarrow llvv

New!

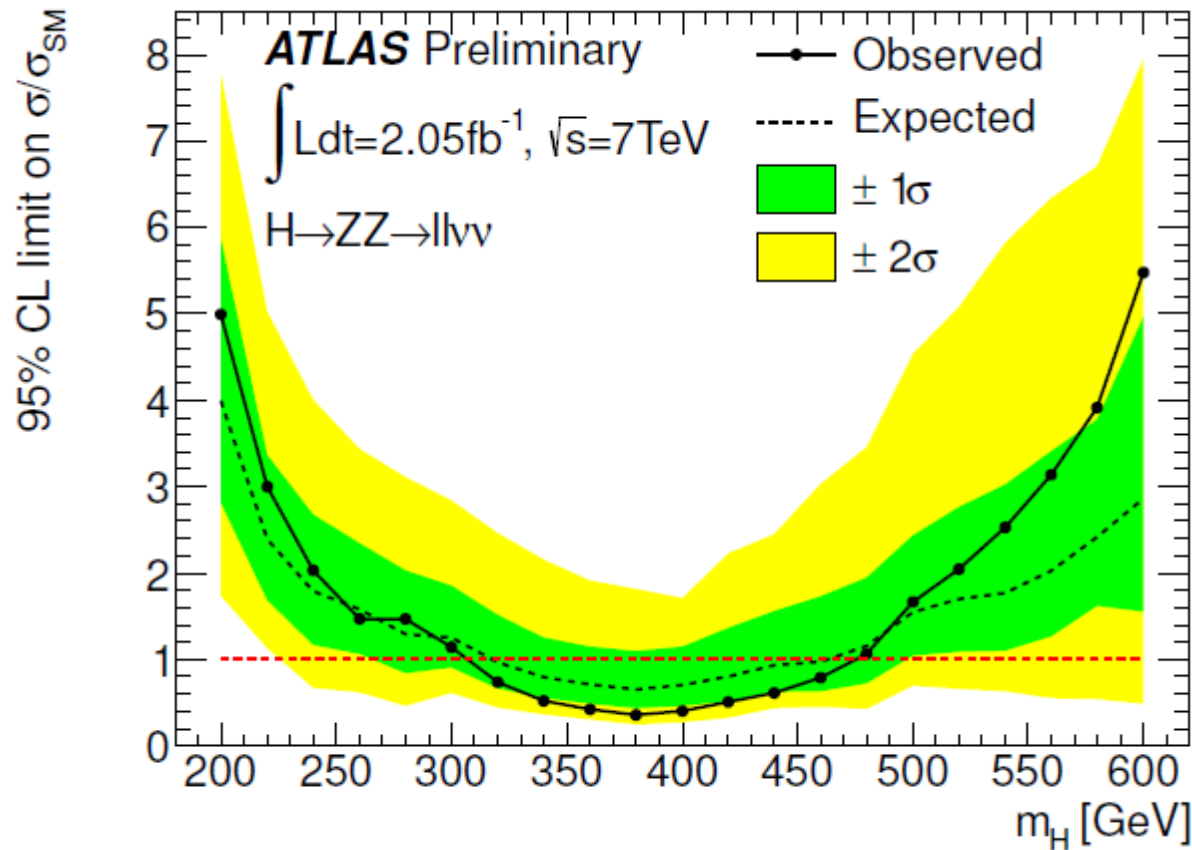


$$m_T^2 \equiv \left[\sqrt{m_Z^2 + |\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell}|^2} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}|^2} \right]^2 - \left[\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} \right]^2$$

ZZ→llνν

New!

Dominant systematic uncertainties: JES (+5.9-4.0% on expected signal) , b-tagging efficiency.



No excess is observed! A SM Higgs boson is excluded at 95%CL in the mass range 310- 470 GeV.

Selection cuts

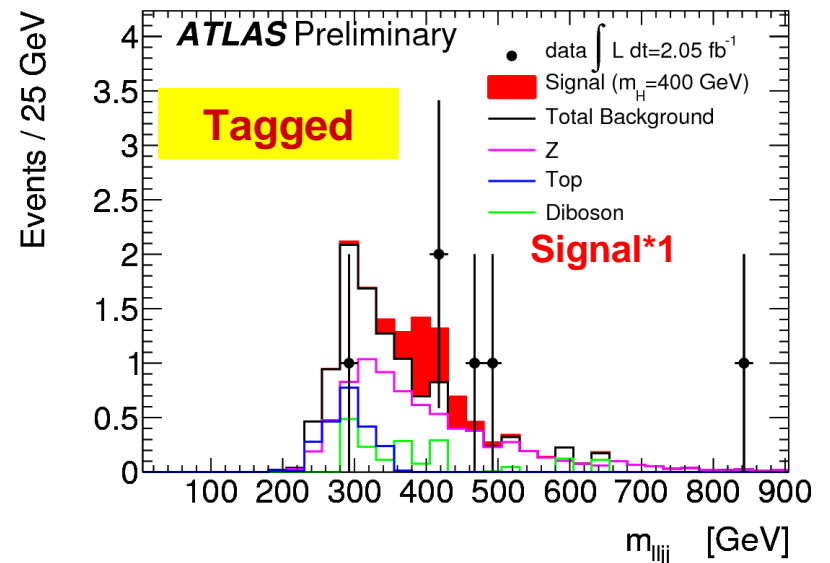
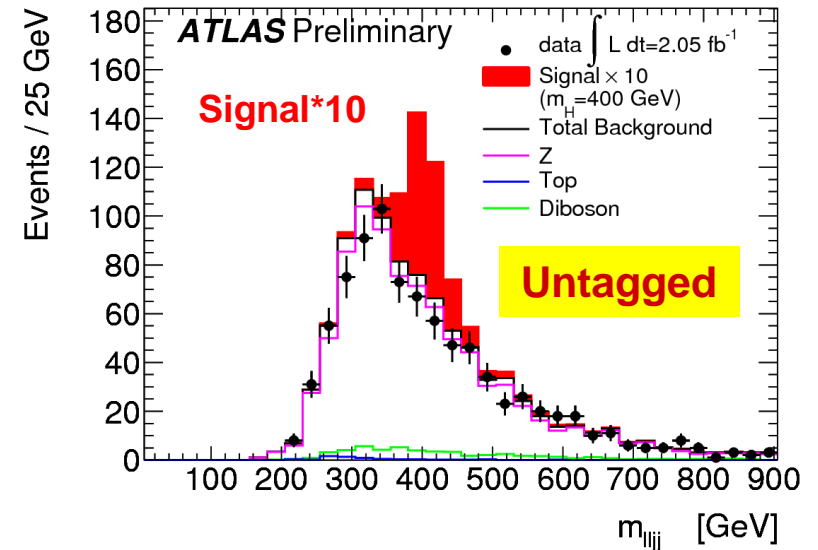
ZZ → llqq

New!

- 2 on-shell Z's (if $m_H > 2m_Z$)
- isolated leptons $p_T > 20$ GeV with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 15$ GeV
- 2 jets $p_T > 25$ GeV with $70 < m_{jj} < 105$ GeV and m_{jj} constrained to Z mass
- For $m_H > 300$ GeV: $\Delta\phi_{ll,jj} < 90^\circ$ & 2 jets $p_T > 45$ GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 50$ GeV (to reduce bkg from tt-bar)
- Categories: 2b-tagged jets and untagged jets (less than 2b tags)

Main Backgrounds

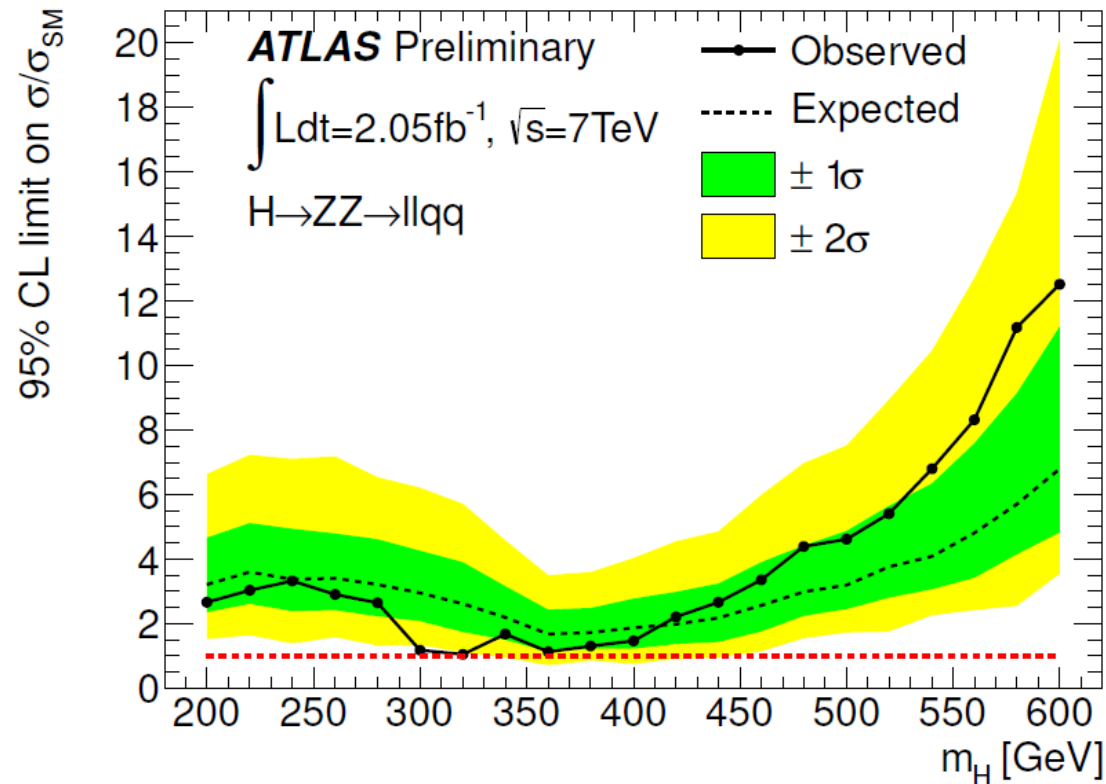
- Z+jets: shape from MC and normalization from data using sidebands $40 < m_{jj} < 70$ GeV or $105 < m_{jj} < 150$ GeV
- top: shape from MC and normalization from data using sidebands $60 < m_{ll} < 76$ GeV or $106 < m_{ll} < 150$ GeV
- ZZ, WZ, W+jets: from MC
- QCD multijet: using data sample with loosened electron selection (μ -channel negligible)



$ZZ \rightarrow llqq$

New!

Dominant systematic uncertainties: JES (+3.7-10.4% on expected signal), b-tagging efficiency, Z+jets normalization



Observed limit, SM-like Higgs boson with a production rate of 1.2 to 12 SM cross section is excluded at 95%CL. Expected limit 1.7 to 6.7 SM cross section.

Selection cuts

- Largest $\sigma \cdot BR$
- 2 on-shell W's (if $m_H > 2m_W$)

Trigger: e ($p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$) / μ ($p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$)

Exactly one reconstructed isolated lepton (e/ μ) with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$

$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$

Exactly 2 jets (H+0jet) or 3 jets (H+1jet) with $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and the closest mass to W of the jet pair has to satisfy $71 < m_{jj} < 91 \text{ GeV}$

$m(l\nu) = m(W)$

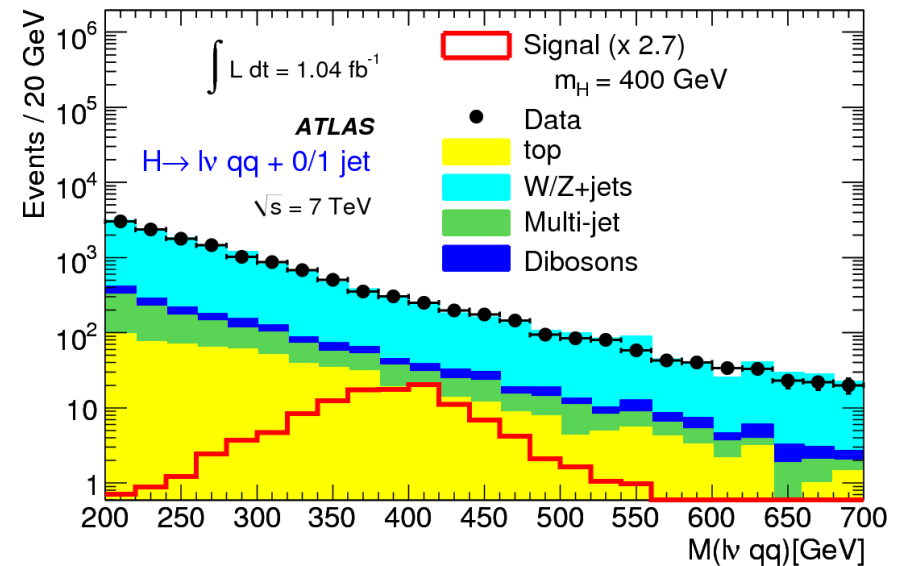
- Events with one or more b-tagged jets are rejected (to reduce top bkg)

Main Backgrounds

- W+jets: from MC
- Z+jets, tt-bar, diboson: from MC
- QCD multijet: using data sample with loosened electron selection (μ -channel negligible)

WW \rightarrow lvjj

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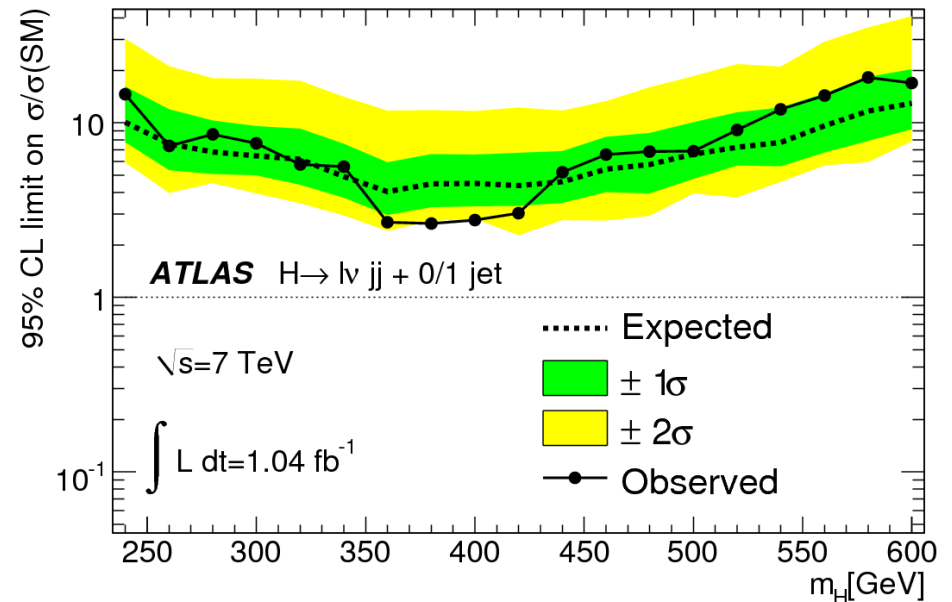
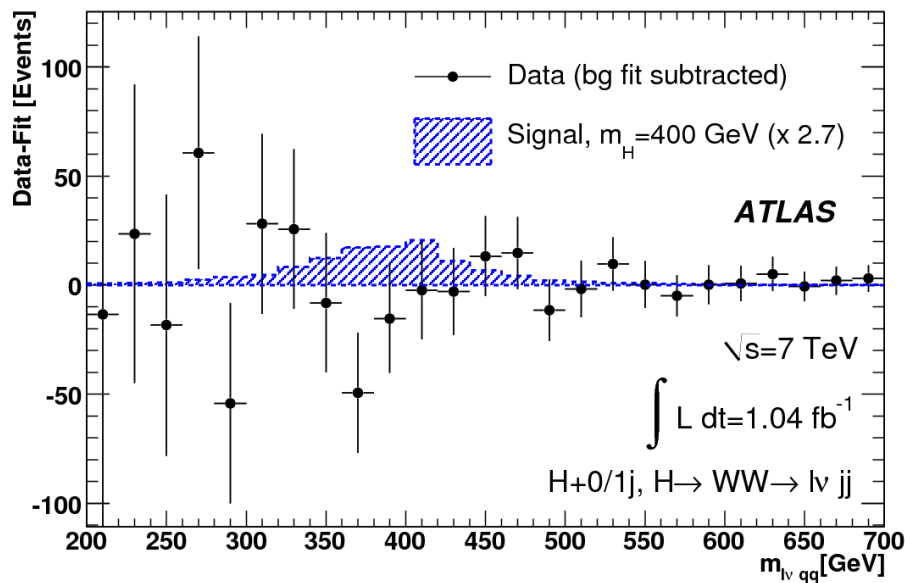


Observed	41687
Expected Bkg	42600 \pm 1200
Expected Sig ($m_H=400\text{GeV}$)	58 \pm 15

WW → lvjj

A double exponential is used to fit the data (background model).

Dominant systematic uncertainties: JES (17% on expected signal), theory (19.4%), jet energy resolution (8.6% on signal)



The difference between the mass distribution in data and the fitted bkg → no indication of any significant excess

The upper limit at $m_H=400\text{GeV}$ is 2.7 SM cross section. The expected limit for this mass is around 5 SM cross section.

Low Mass Higgs Searches

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

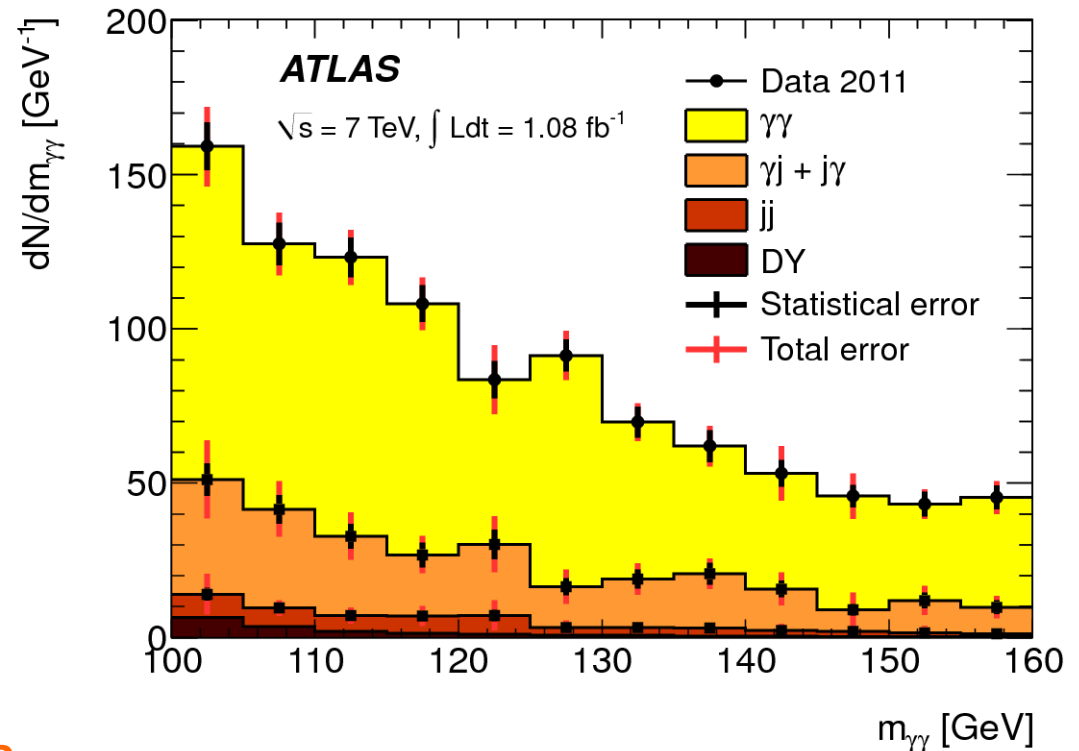
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Selection cuts

- Trigger: 2γ ($p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$)
- $p_T(\gamma_1) > 40 \text{ GeV}$ & $p_T(\gamma_2) > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 1.37$ & $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.37$
- 2 tight isolated photons required
- 5 categories (η bins and converted/unconverted)

Main Backgrounds

- irreducible bkg $\gamma\gamma$
- reducible:
 - one or more jets misidentified as photons
 - Drell-Yan: electrons misidentified as photons



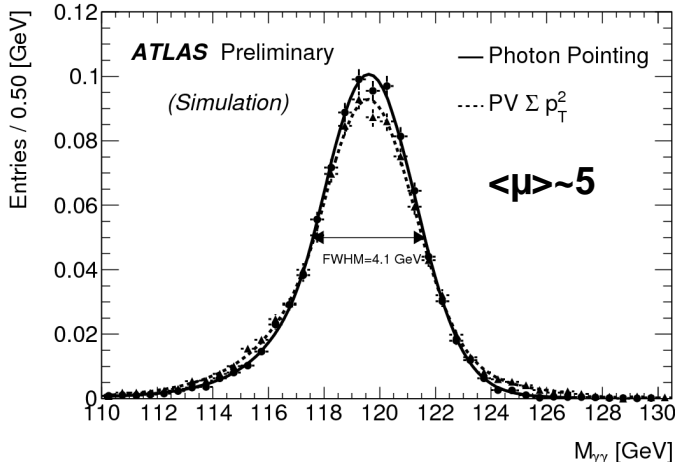
The purity is about 72%

H → γγ

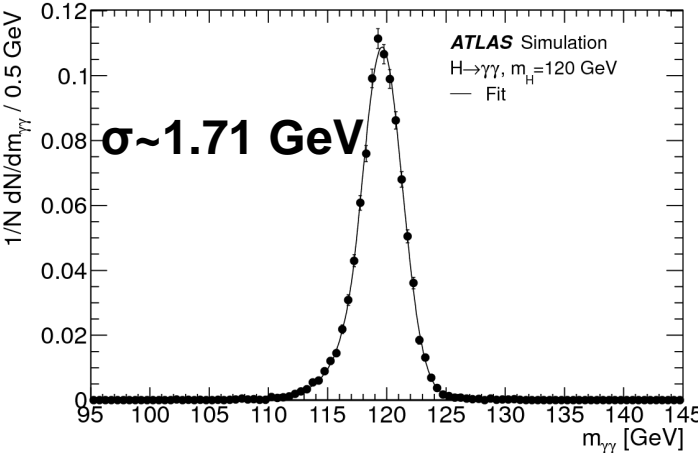
Mass Reconstruction:

$$m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_1^\gamma E_2^\gamma (1 - \cos \alpha_{12})$$

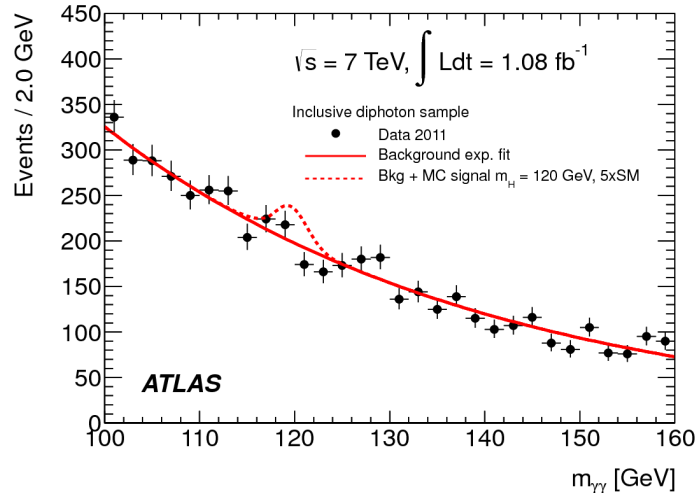
A **pointing method** (using the first two samplings of the LAr calorimeter, or the first sampling and the conversion point for converted photons) is used to determine the vertex position → Its resolution is ~1.6 cm (unconverted photons)



Less tail with pointing (robust with pile-up increasing) improvement of ~10%



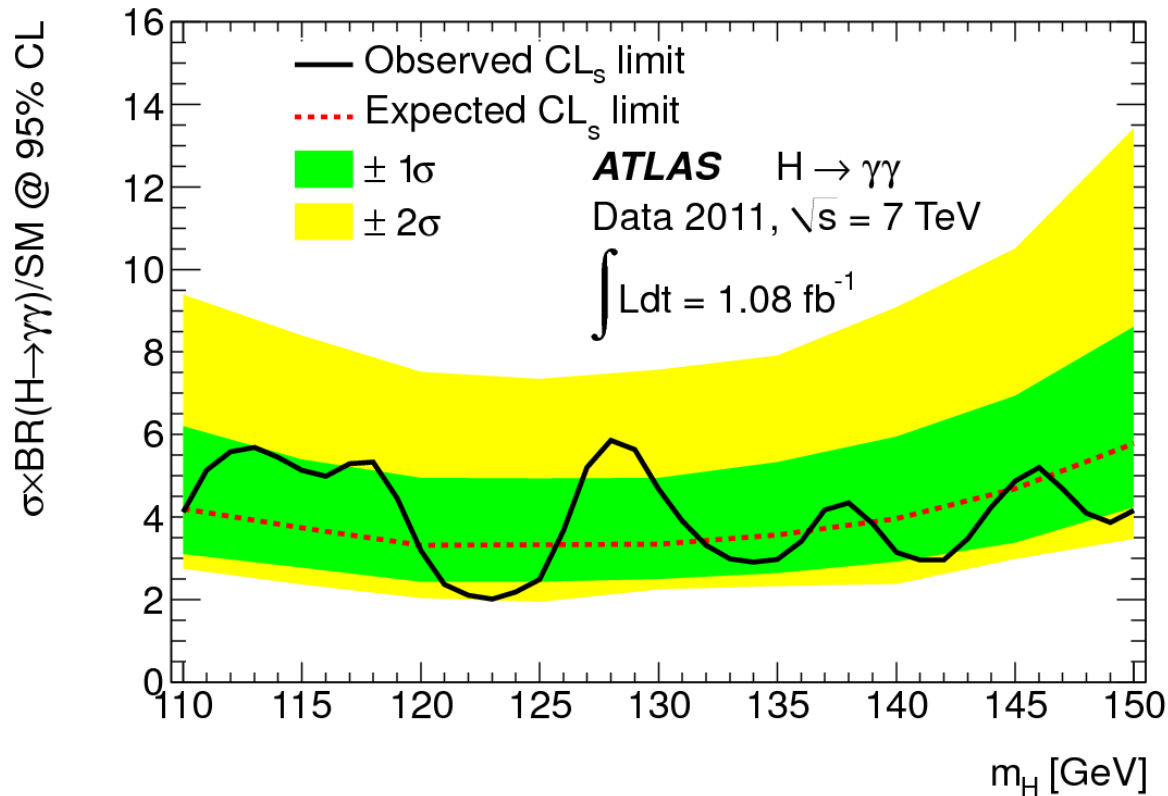
Signal Model : Crystal-Ball + gaussian from MC sample



Background Model: fit of the data with an exponential

H → γγ

Dominant Systematic uncertainties: energy resolution (12%) and photon ID efficiency(10%)



No significant excess observed.

Observed exclusion at 95%CL between 2 and 5.8 SM cross section.

The variation of the observed limit around the expected limit is consistent with the expected statistical fluctuations.

$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ell + 4\nu$$

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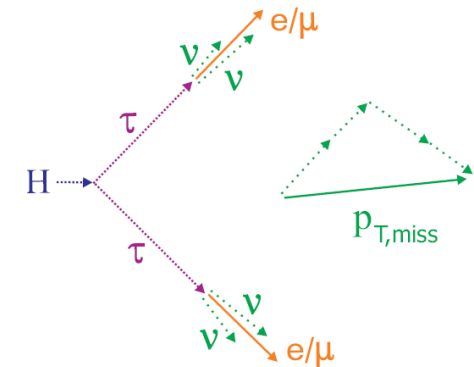
$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_{\text{had}} + 3\nu$$

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Main challenge: $\tau\tau$ mass reconstruction technique

- $\ell\ell$ analysis: **collinear** approximation assumes a strict collinearity of the visible and invisible τ decay products.

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{p_{vis1,2}}{(p_{vis1,2} + p_{mis1,2})} \quad m_{\tau\tau} = \frac{m_{vis}}{\sqrt{x_1 x_2}}$$



- $\ell\tau$: **MMC (missing mass calculator)** new mass reconstruction technique

A more sophisticated version of the collinear approximation (described in details in ATLAS-CONF-2011-132).

A gain in acceptance (also in resolution) is reached with this new method.

H → ττ → ll + 4ν

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Selection cuts

Trigger: 2e (pT>12GeV)/ 1μ (pT>18GeV)/eμ (1e pT^e>20GeV)

2 isolated leptons with 30<m_{ll}<75GeV for same flavour (SF) (to reduce Z→ll) and 30<m_{ll}<100GeV for different flavour (DF)

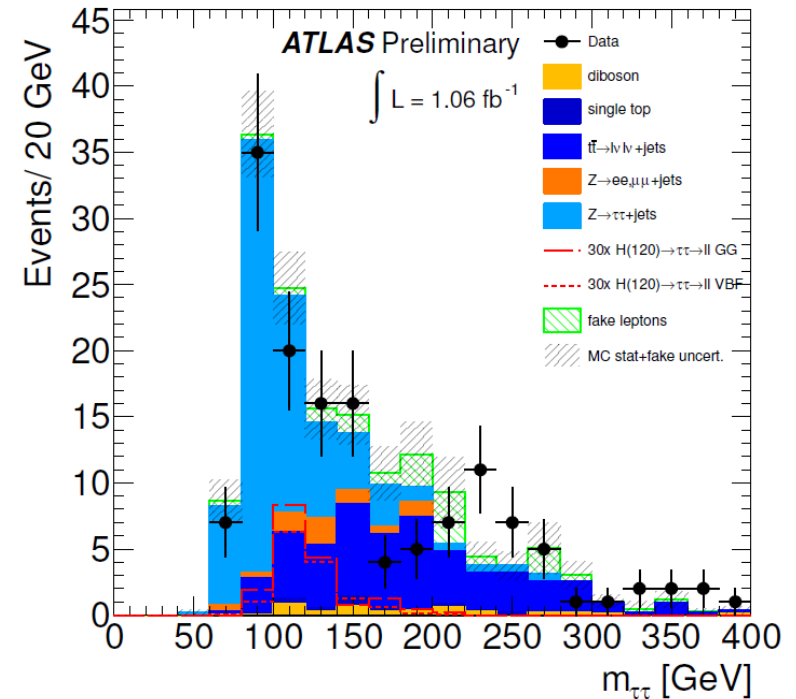
At least one jet with pT>40GeV (enhances VBF and useful for collinear approximation)

E_T^{miss} >30GeV for SF and E_T^{miss}>20GeV for DF

Mass reconstructed with **collinear approximation**

Main Backgrounds

- **Z/γ*(→l+l')+jets** estimated with the τ-embedding method from Z→μ+μ data
- **tt-bar, single t, Z →l+l' and EW diboson: from MC**
- **fake leptons: normalisation and shape from a data-driven template method**



	ee + μμ + eμ	
Z/γ* → τ ⁺ τ ⁻	25.4 ± 2.7	
Z/γ* → ℓ ⁺ ℓ ⁻ (ℓ=e,μ)	3.7 ± 1.2	
t \bar{t}	13.2 ± 2.2	
Single-t	1.2 ± 0.5	
Di-boson	1.6 ± 0.6	
Backgrounds with fake Leptons	2.2 ± 0.9	
Total Background expectation	47.4 ± 3.9	
Observed data	46	
SM signal	gg → H	VBF
m _H = 110 GeV	0.39 ± 0.06	0.35 ± 0.02
m _H = 115 GeV	0.39 ± 0.06	0.35 ± 0.02
m _H = 120 GeV	0.44 ± 0.05	0.38 ± 0.02
m _H = 130 GeV	0.40 ± 0.04	0.33 ± 0.01
m _H = 140 GeV	0.21 ± 0.02	0.19 ± 0.01

Expected
47.4±3.9

Observed 46

Signal 120GeV
0.82

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

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Selection cuts

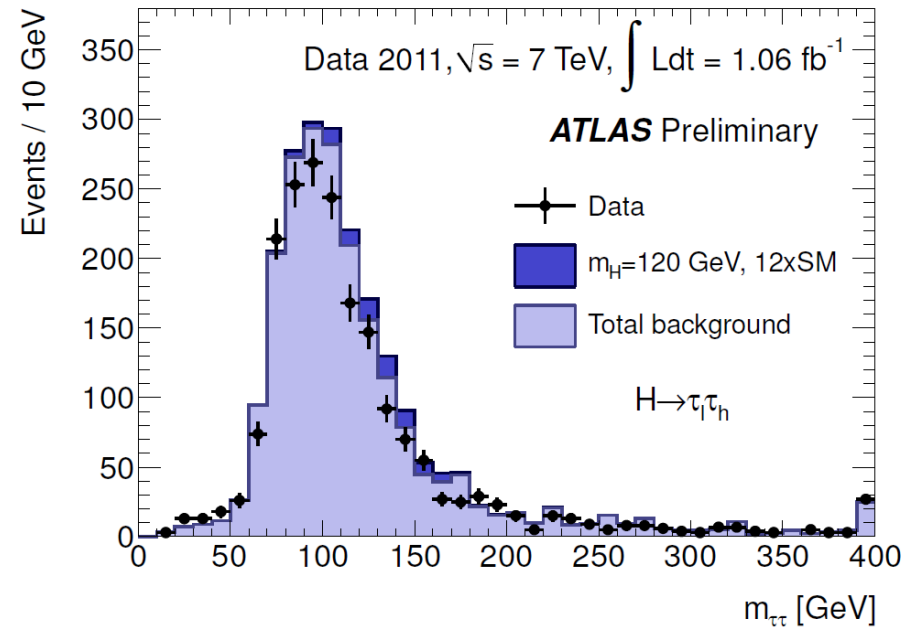
One electron (muon) $p_T > 25(20)$ GeV and
one τ_{had} $p_T > 20$ GeV and $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV

The transverse mass of the lepton and
missing energy of the system is required
to be smaller than 30 GeV (suppresses
 $W(\rightarrow l\nu) + \text{jet}$)

Mass reconstructed with **MMC**

Main Backgrounds

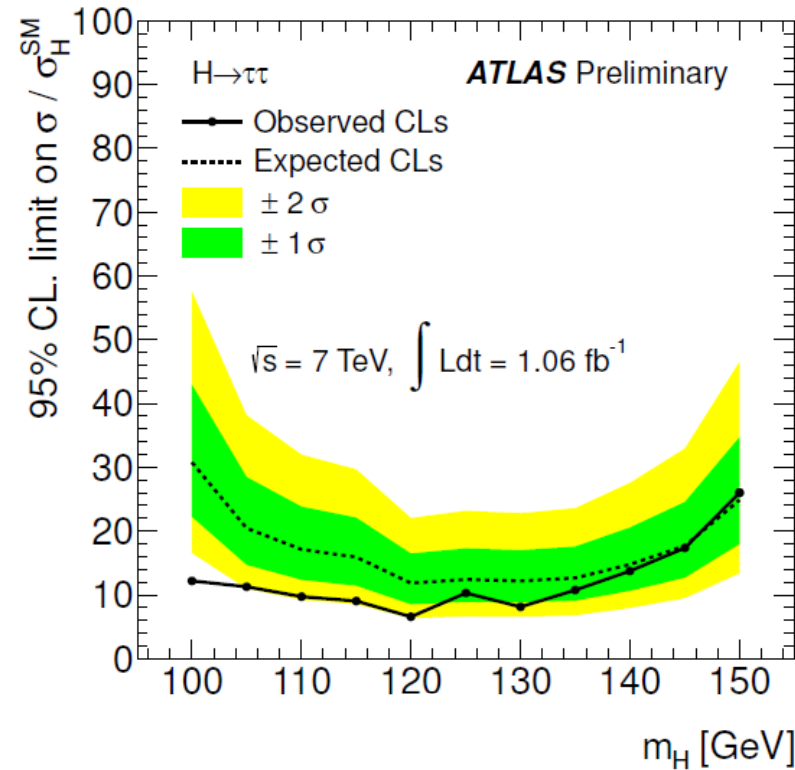
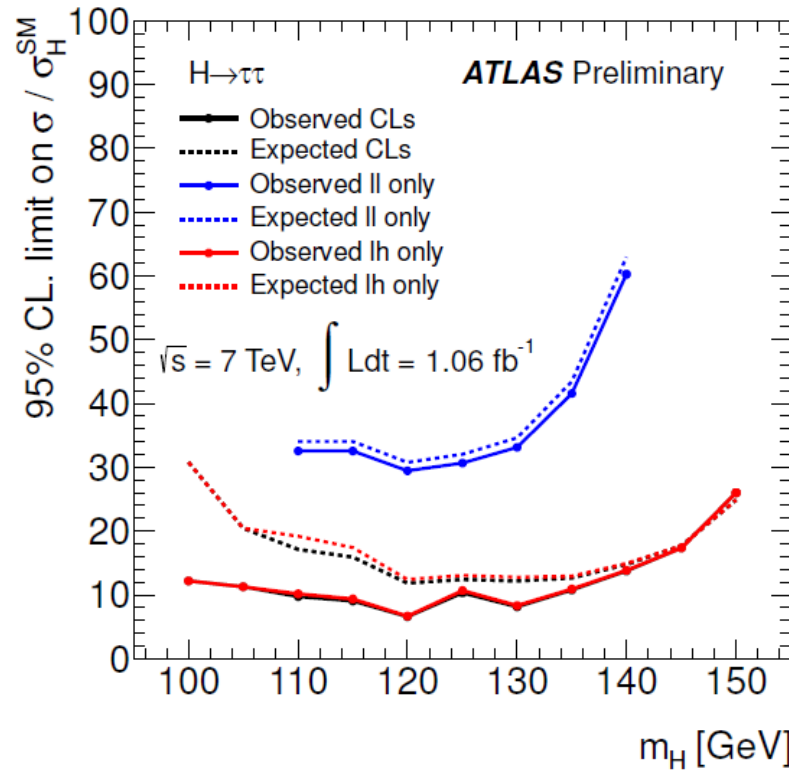
- $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$: *estimated with the τ -embedding method from $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ data*
- Other : *estimated using same sign events and in part using the MC for the difference between the number of opposite sign and same sign events.*



H → ττ

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Main Systematic Uncertainties: JES, E_T^{miss} Reconstruction (uncertainty on signal +19-16%) and theory.



No excess is seen. Combined exclusion limits of the order of **10 to 20** times the SM cross section. $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l\tau_{\text{had}} + 3\nu$ is significantly **more sensitive** than the $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll + 4\nu$.

Selection cuts

- Identify Z:

Trigger: - e ($p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$) / μ ($p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$)

- 2e/2 μ $p_T > 12 \text{ GeV}$

2 leptons $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$

$76 < m_{ll} < 106 \text{ GeV}$

- 2 b-tagged leading jets (reject Z+jets)

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 50 \text{ GeV}$ (reject tt-bar)

- Search range 110-130 GeV

Main Backgrounds

- Z+jets:** Shape from MC and normalization from sideband ($m_{bb} < 80 \text{ GeV}$ and $140 < m_{bb} < 250 \text{ GeV}$)

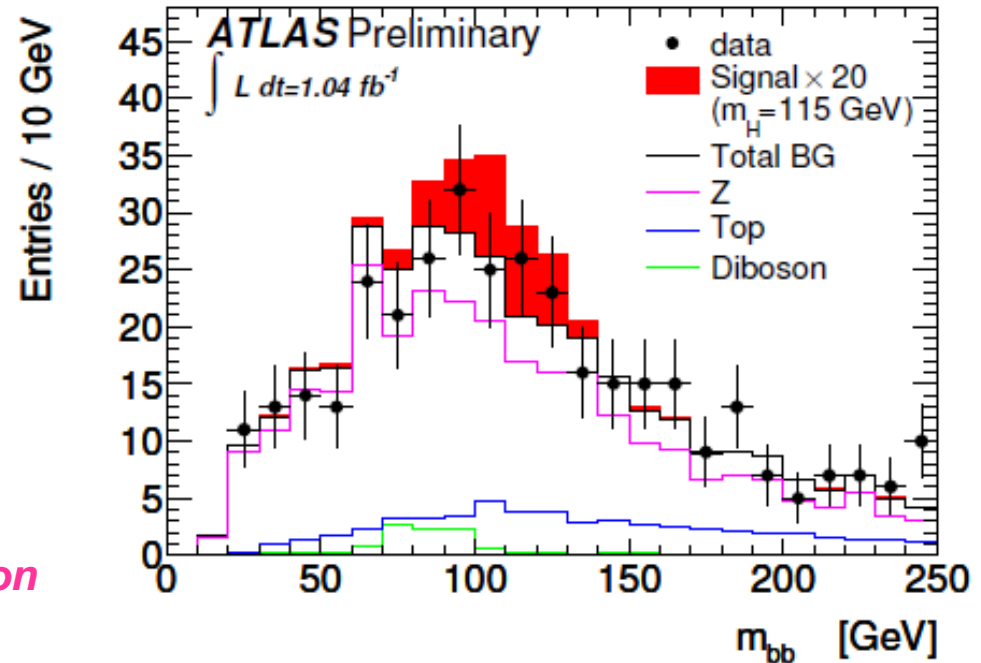
- Diboson ZZ, WZ:** from MC

- Top quark:** from MC

- QCD multijet:** e-channel from data by reverting electron quality cuts and μ -channel neglected

ZH \rightarrow llbb-bar

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Source	expected		
	events	(stat.)	(sys.)
Z+jets	261.0	± 7.8	± 24.6
Top-quark	52.0	± 1.3	± 10.6
Multijet	1.4	± 0.4	± 1.4
ZZ	9.2	± 1.1	± 2.3
WZ	1.1	± 0.3	± 0.3
Total background	324.7	± 8.0	± 27.9
Data	329		
Signal $m_H = 110 \text{ GeV}$	2.22	± 0.09	± 0.43
Signal $m_H = 115 \text{ GeV}$	1.91	± 0.07	± 0.38
Signal $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$	1.58	± 0.06	± 0.32
Signal $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$	1.44	± 0.05	± 0.28
Signal $m_H = 130 \text{ GeV}$	1.02	± 0.04	± 0.20

Selection cuts

- Identify W:

Trigger: e ($p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$) / μ ($p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$)

1 lepton $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$

$M_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$

$E_{T, \text{miss}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$

- Exactly 2 jets (to reduce top background from $tt\text{-bar} \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow l\nu)$ $b\text{-bar}W(\rightarrow qq)$)
- These jets have to be b-tagged (to reduce W+jets)

Main Backgrounds

• **Top quark:** Shape from MC and normalization from sideband ($40 < m_{bb} < 80 \text{ GeV}$ and $140 < m_{bb} < 250 \text{ GeV}$)

• **W+jets:** Shape from untagged m_{jj} in data and normalization from sideband (same as top)

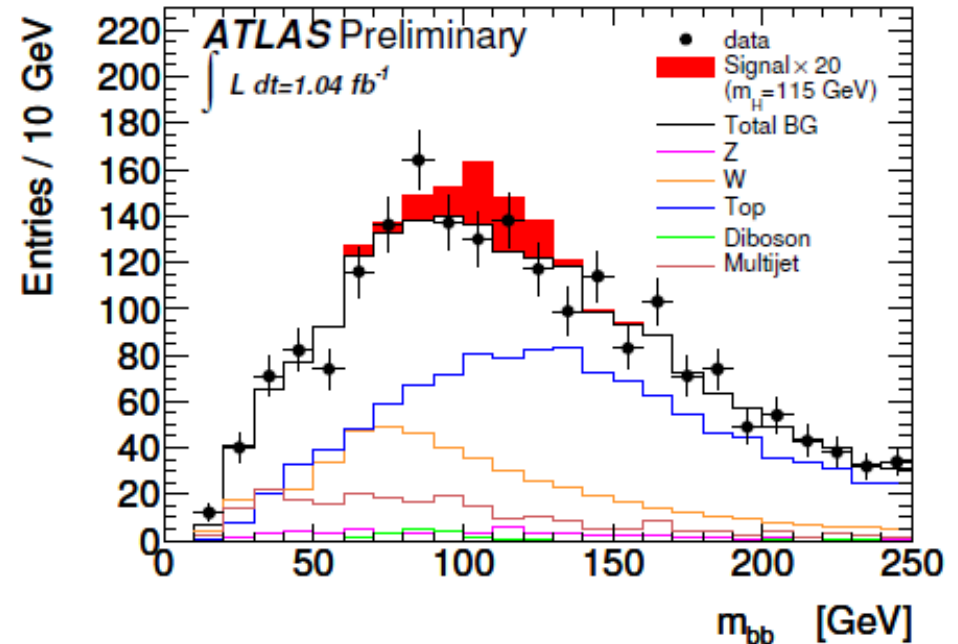
• **Z+jets:** Shape from MC and normalization like ZH analysis

• **Diboson WW, WZ:** from MC

• **QCD multijet:** from data by reverting isolation cuts

WH \rightarrow lvbb-bar

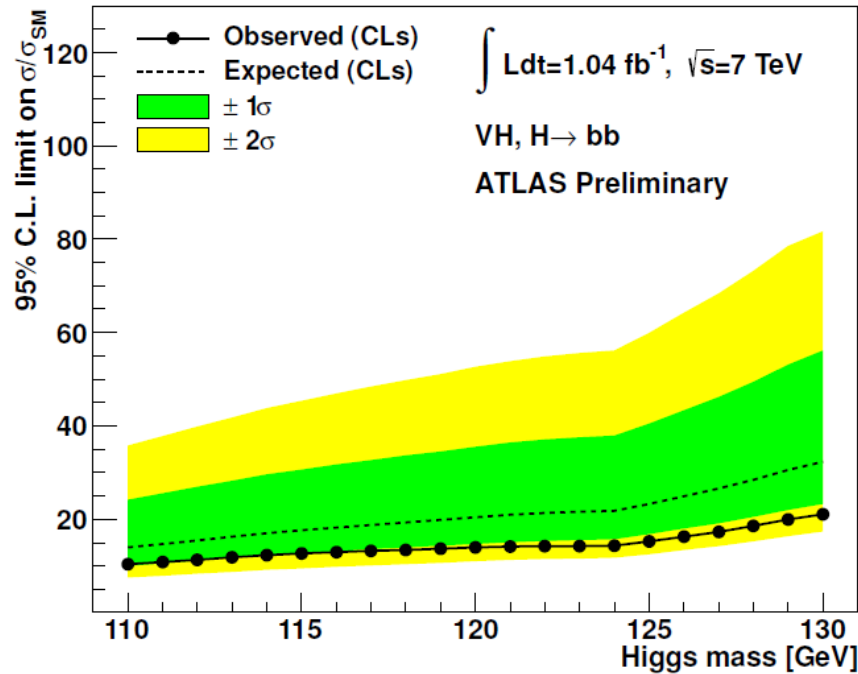
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Source	expected		
	events	(stat.)	(sys.)
Z+jets	54.4	± 3.9	± 12.3
W+jets	466.7	± 1.4	± 66.5
Top-quark	1141.8	± 8.8	± 78.0
Multijet	193.0	± 9.4	± 96.5
WZ	16.1	± 2.2	± 3.4
WW	4.8	± 1.1	± 1.4
Total background	1876.8	± 13.7	± 147.2
Data	1888		
Signal $m_H = 110 \text{ GeV}$	6.72	± 0.31	± 1.20
Signal $m_H = 115 \text{ GeV}$	5.25	± 0.30	± 0.97
Signal $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$	4.54	± 0.25	± 0.83
Signal $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$	4.08	± 0.21	± 0.77
Signal $m_H = 130 \text{ GeV}$	3.28	± 0.17	± 0.62

H → bb-bar

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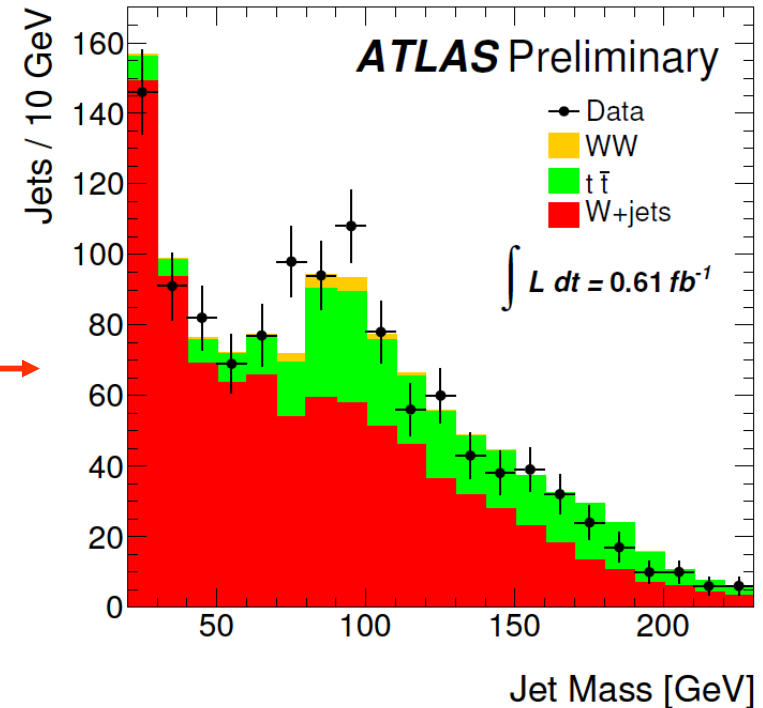
Dominant Systematic uncertainties: b-tagging efficiency (on signal efficiency +37-33%) and jet energy scale (on signal efficiency +21-17%)

The combined (WH+ZH) exclusion ranges between 10 to 20 times the SM cross section

→ No Excess is observed

Possible improvements of bb-bar analysis using boosted jet pairs and jet substructure technique

First results are encouraging: observation of $W \rightarrow qq$ from $tt \rightarrow bW(\rightarrow lv)bW(\rightarrow qq)$

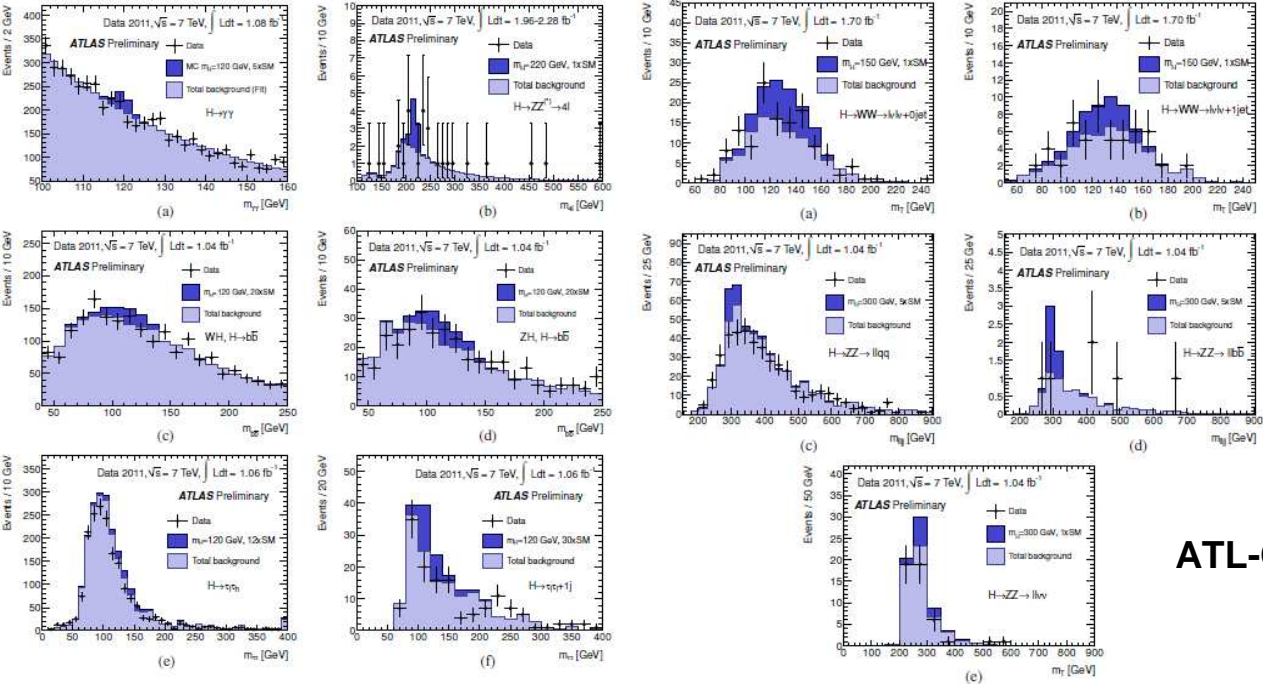


ATLAS SM Higgs Combination

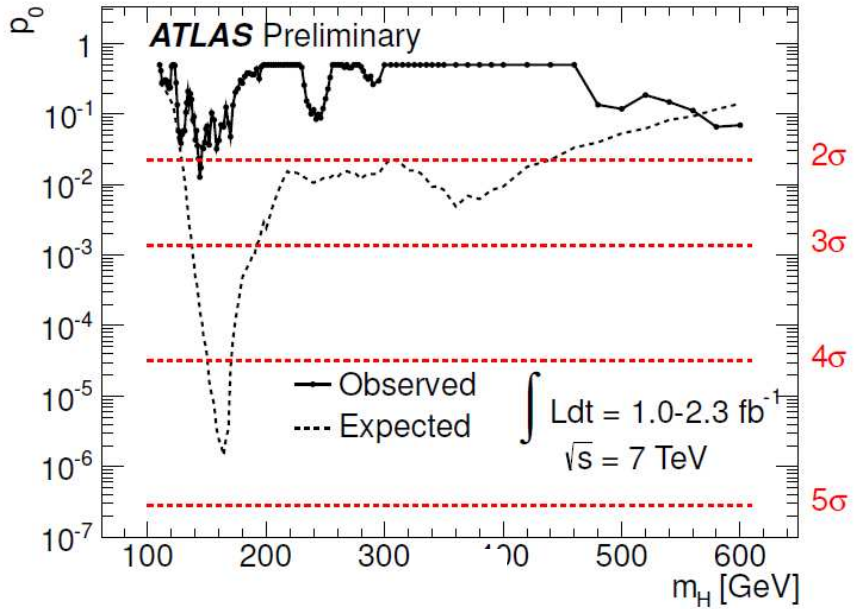
ATLAS SM Higgs Combination

	$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$		$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$		$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$		$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$		
	$\tau_e \tau_{had}$	$\tau_e \tau_e + jet$		$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$lvlv$		$llll$	$llvv$	$llqq$
					0-jet	1-jet			
\mathcal{L} (fb ⁻¹) Old	-	-	1.08	1.04	1.04		1.04-1.21	1.04	1.04
\mathcal{L} (fb ⁻¹) New	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.04	1.70		1.96-2.28	1.04	1.04
Analysis Opt.	No	No	No	No	Yes		No	No	No

Most of the signal-related systematic uncertainties are correlated. The background-related systematic uncertainties are typically uncorrelated (in particular when estimated from data control samples)

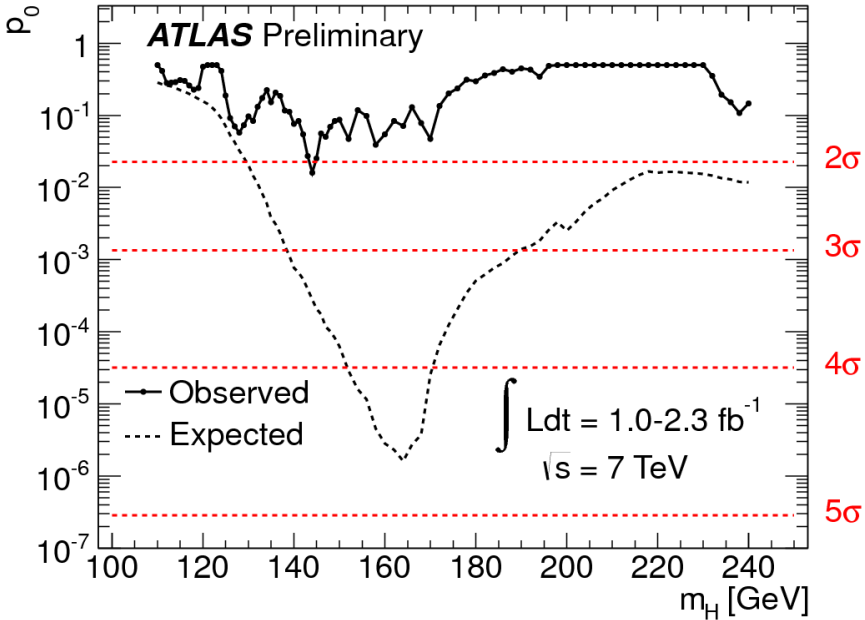


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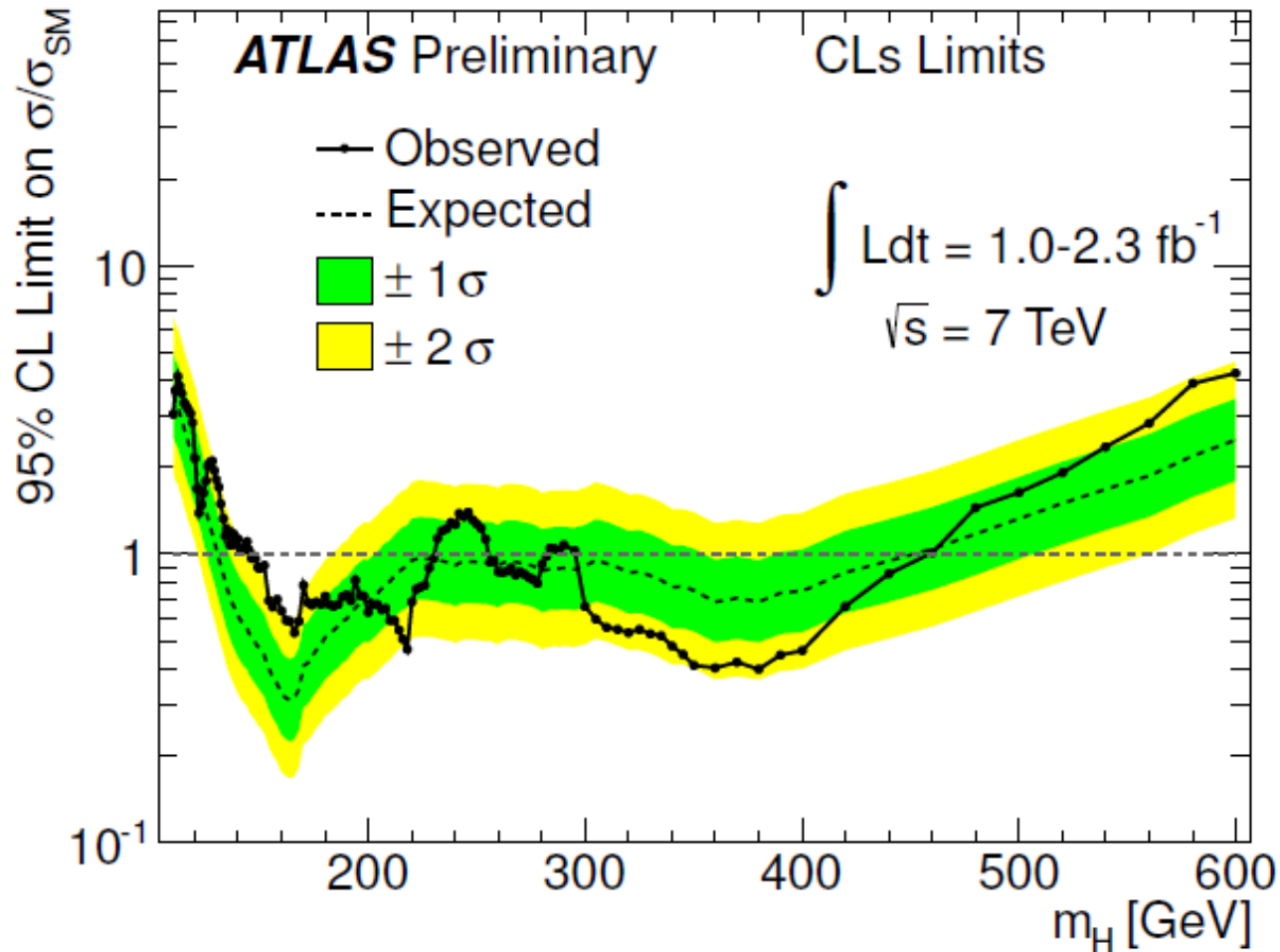


p_0 : probability that a background only experiment is more signal-like than the observed one.

The most extreme value of the p_0 which is observed at 144 GeV (due to the small excess in the $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ channel and one event observed in the $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ analysis) has a significance of 2σ



ATLAS SM Higgs Combination: Combined channels



Excluded at 95% CL mass regions
146 to 232, 256 to 282 and 296 to 466 GeV

MSSM Higgs Searches

- One of the most promising channel
- Production: $gg \rightarrow A/H/h$ and associated $bbA/H/h$

Event selection and mass reconstruction:

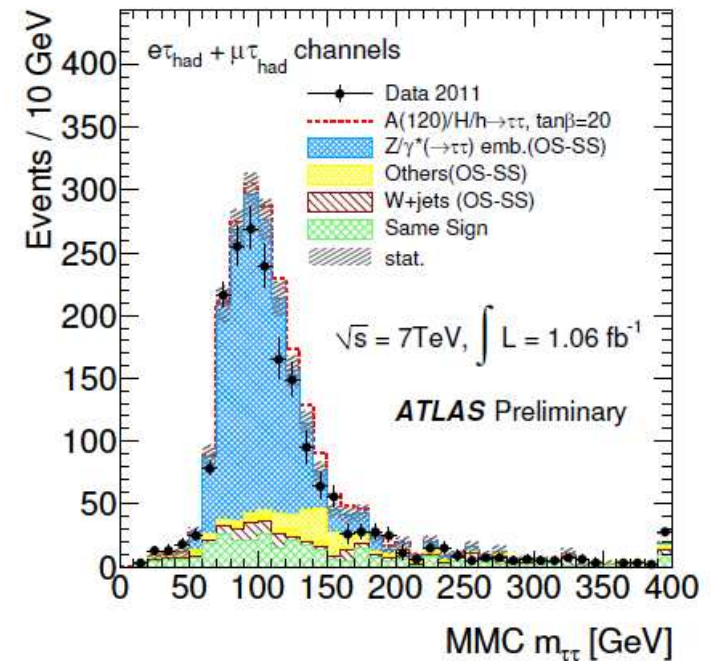
- $e\mu 4\nu$: one isolated electron $p_T > 22$ GeV(15), muon $p_T > 10$ GeV(20) if event triggered by the e (μ) trigger and E_T^{miss} . Mass reconstruction $m_{\tau\tau}$ effective.

- $e/\mu \tau_{\text{had}} 3\nu$: Exactly one isolated e(μ) with $p_T > 25(20)$ GeV and one oppositely-charged τ_{had} candidate $p_T > 20$ GeV and $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV. Veto on $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ with loose lepton ID cuts. Missing Mass Calculator (MMC) $m_{\tau\tau}$.

- $\tau_{\text{had}} \tau_{\text{had}} 2\nu$: Exactly 2 oppositely charged τ_{had} ($p_T > 45, 30$ GeV) and $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25$ GeV. Mass reconstruction $m_{\tau\tau}$ visible.

Main Backgrounds:

Z/γ^* , W+jets, top quark, EW diboson are dominant bkg for $e\mu$ and $\ell\tau_{\text{had}}$. QCD jet processes are dominant bkg in the $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ final state.

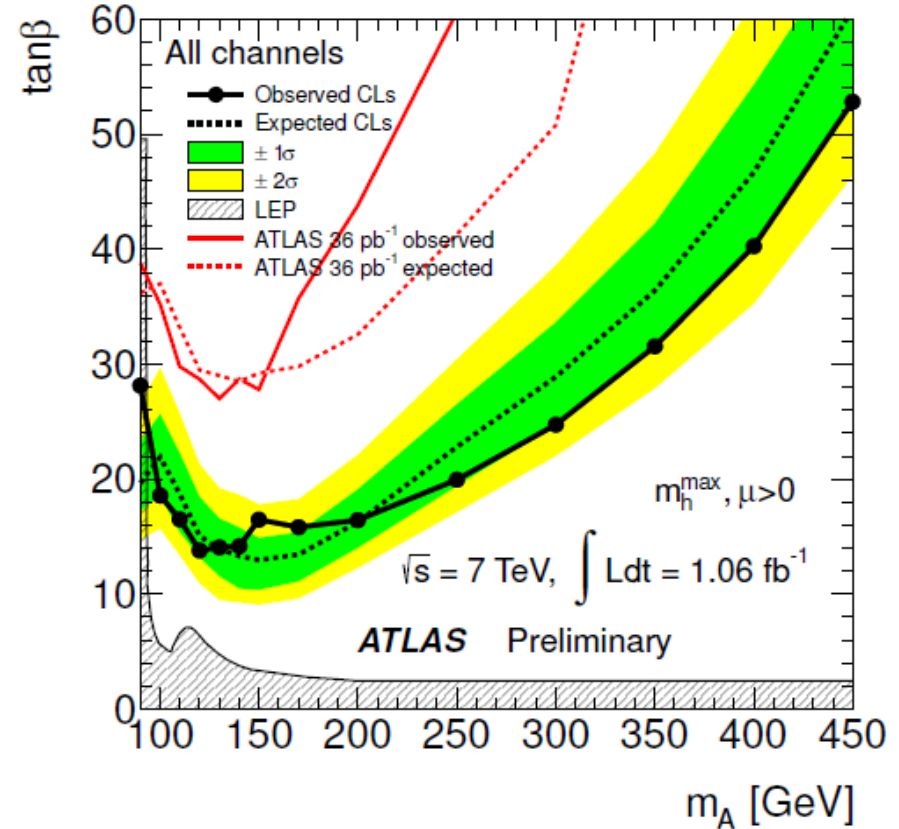
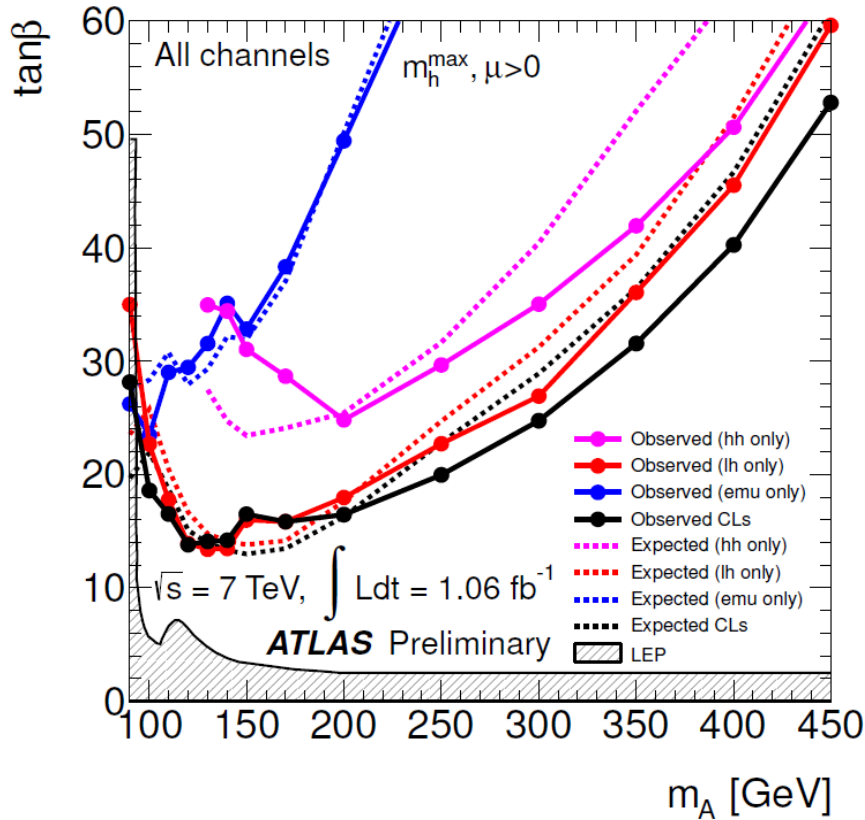


Final state	Exp. Background	Data
$e\mu$	$(2.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^3$	2472
$\ell\tau_{\text{had}}$	$(2.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^3$	1913
$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	233^{+44}_{-28}	245
Sum	$(4.9 \pm 0.6) \times 10^3$	4630

Systematic uncertainties included

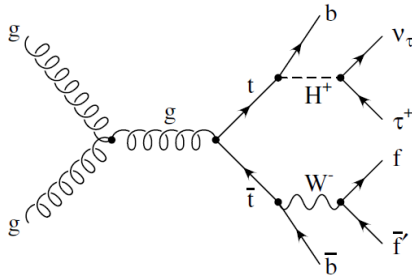
MSSM H/A/h \rightarrow $\tau\tau$

Dominant systematic uncertainties: energy scales and resolution (1/+30-23/+9-8% for $e\mu/l\tau_{\text{had}}/\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$)



The $l\tau_{\text{had}}$ final state provides the most stringent limit. The $e\mu$ and $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ final states lead to improvements of the exclusion limits for small and high Higgs boson masses resp.

No significant excess is observed in any of the final states.



$$H^+ \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}^+ + \nu$$

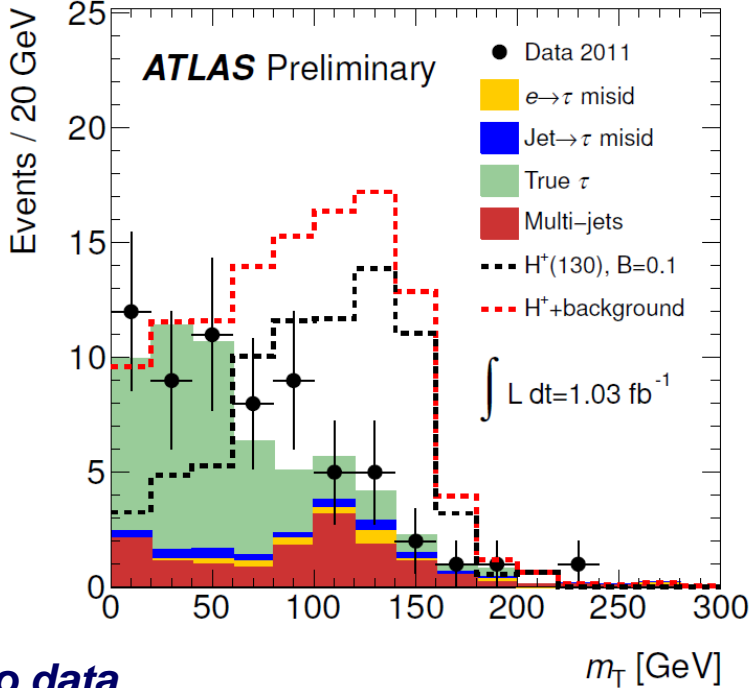
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Selection cuts

- τ jet with $p_T > 35$ GeV. Events with a second identified τ jet $p_T > 20$ GeV, an electron $p_T > 20$ GeV or a muon $p_T > 10$ GeV are vetoed
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV. Events with large E_T^{miss} due to the limited resolution of the energy measurement are reject with the cut: $E_T^{\text{miss}} / (0.5\sqrt{\Sigma E_T}) > 8 \text{ GeV}^{1/2}$
- At least one b-tagged jet required

Main Backgrounds

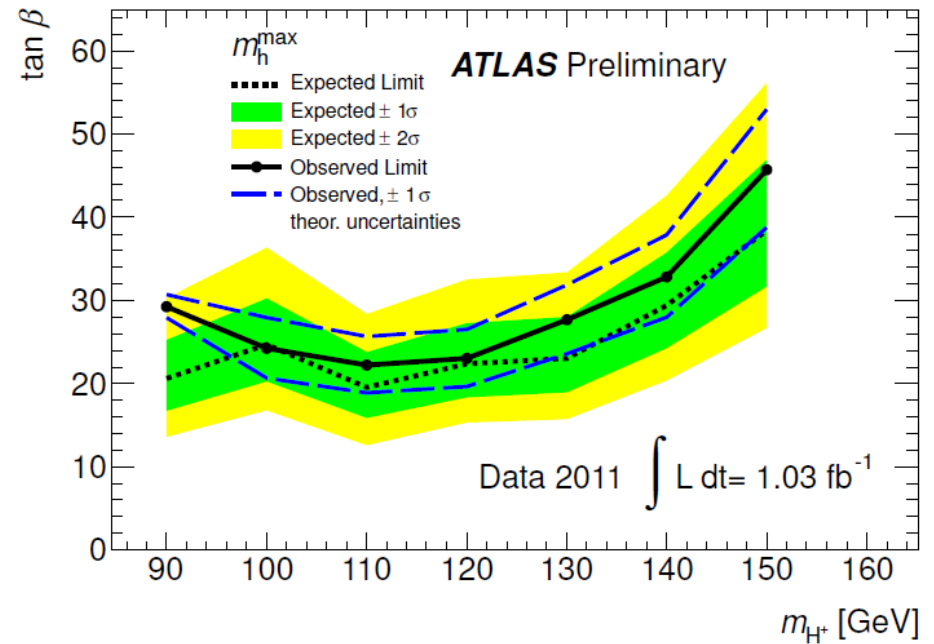
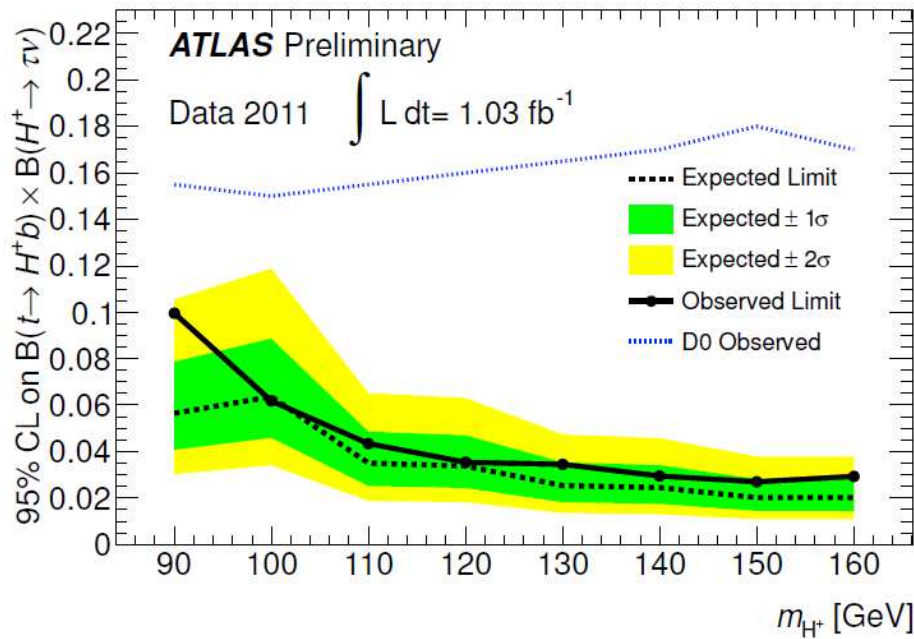
- true τ jets: embedding method (from $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ data)
- multi-jet: shape from sideband region and fitting it to data
- jet $\rightarrow \tau$ misidentification: with intrinsic E_T^{miss} and with γ +jets control samples
- $e \rightarrow \tau$ misidentification: from $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ee$ control samples



	Events with/from				expected (sum)	data
	true τ jets	jet $\rightarrow \tau$ mis-id	$e \rightarrow \tau$ mis-id	multi-jet		
$m_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$	21 ± 5	2.4 ± 0.7	1.9 ± 0.2	12 ± 5	37 ± 7	43

$H^+ \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}^+ + \nu$

Dominant systematic uncertainties: jet energy scale (2.5-14%) and resolution (10-30%)



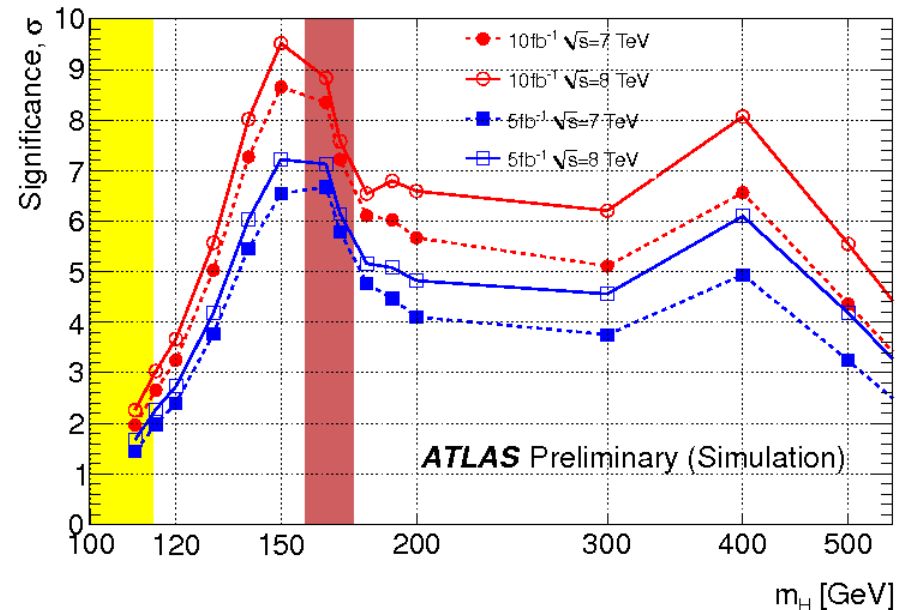
Values of $BR(t \rightarrow b H^+) * BR(H^+ \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}^+ + \nu)$ larger than 0.03-0.10 are excluded in the H^+ mass range 90-160 GeV.

In the context of m_h^{max} , values of $\tan \beta$ above 22-30 are excluded in the H^+ mass range 90-140 GeV.

Conclusions and Perspectives

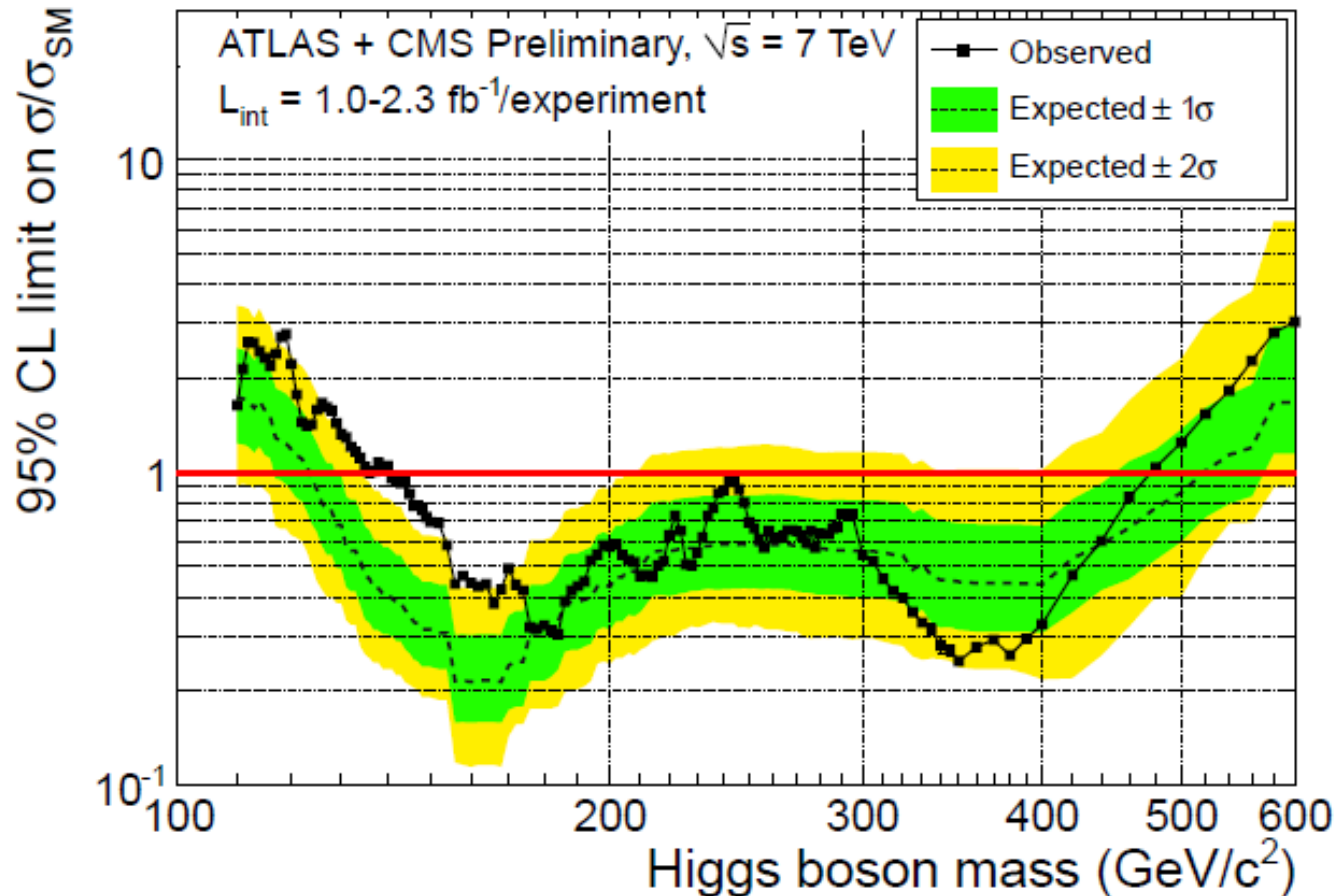
- No significant excess was observed in ATLAS for the mass range 110-600 GeV.
- Mass excluded for SM Higgs boson: **146 to 232, 256 to 282 and 296 to 466 GeV**
- A 95% CL exclusion for the whole mass range could be achieved by combining ATLAS-CMS results for an integrated luminosity of about 4-5 fb⁻¹.

2012 (with hopefully additional 15 to 20 fb⁻¹) should hopefully bring more answers!



Combination ATLAS+CMS

New!

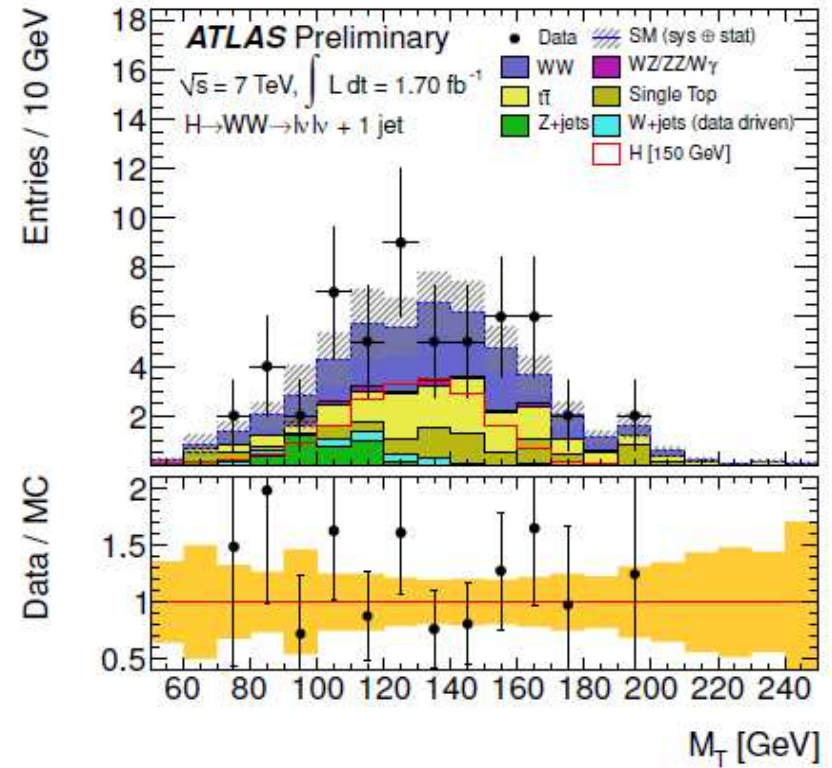
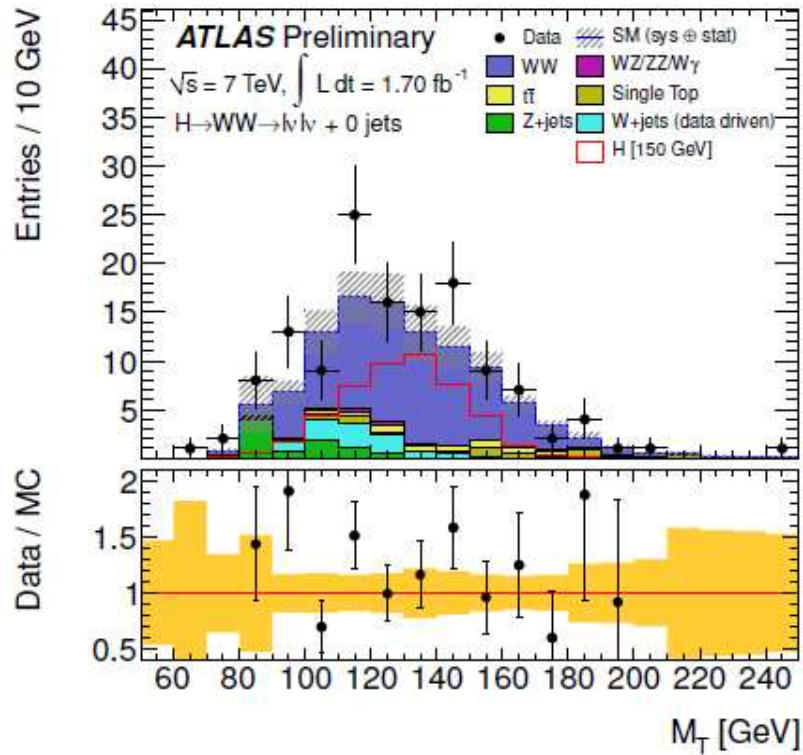


Observed data are compatible with the background-only hypothesis
SM Higgs boson is excluded at 95%CL or higher in the mass range 141- 476 GeV.
The region from 146 to 443 GeV is excluded at 99%CL, except three small regions
between 220 and 320 GeV

Thank you for your attention!

Backup Slides

$WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



M_T for $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu + 0/1 \text{ jet}$

Collinear Approximation

$$E_X = P_{v1} \cdot \cos(\theta_1) \cdot \cos(\varphi_1) + P_{v2} \cdot \cos(\theta_2) \cdot \cos(\varphi_2)$$

$$E_Y = P_{v1} \cdot \cos(\theta_1) \cdot \sin(\varphi_1) + P_{v2} \cdot \cos(\theta_2) \cdot \sin(\varphi_2)$$

MMC

$$E_{T_x} = p_{\text{mis}_1} \sin \theta_{\text{mis}_1} \cos \phi_{\text{mis}_1} + p_{\text{mis}_2} \sin \theta_{\text{mis}_2} \cos \phi_{\text{mis}_2}$$

$$E_{T_y} = p_{\text{mis}_1} \sin \theta_{\text{mis}_1} \sin \phi_{\text{mis}_1} + p_{\text{mis}_2} \sin \theta_{\text{mis}_2} \sin \phi_{\text{mis}_2}$$

$$M_{\tau_1}^2 = m_{\text{mis}_1}^2 + m_{\text{vis}_1}^2 + 2\sqrt{p_{\text{vis}_1}^2 + m_{\text{vis}_1}^2} \sqrt{p_{\text{mis}_1}^2 + m_{\text{mis}_1}^2} - 2p_{\text{vis}_1} p_{\text{mis}_1} \cos \Delta\theta_{vm_1}$$

$$M_{\tau_2}^2 = m_{\text{mis}_2}^2 + m_{\text{vis}_2}^2 + 2\sqrt{p_{\text{vis}_2}^2 + m_{\text{vis}_2}^2} \sqrt{p_{\text{mis}_2}^2 + m_{\text{mis}_2}^2} - 2p_{\text{vis}_2} p_{\text{mis}_2} \cos \Delta\theta_{vm_2}$$