

Cross-Talk Higgs Discussion

Note: these are preliminary results

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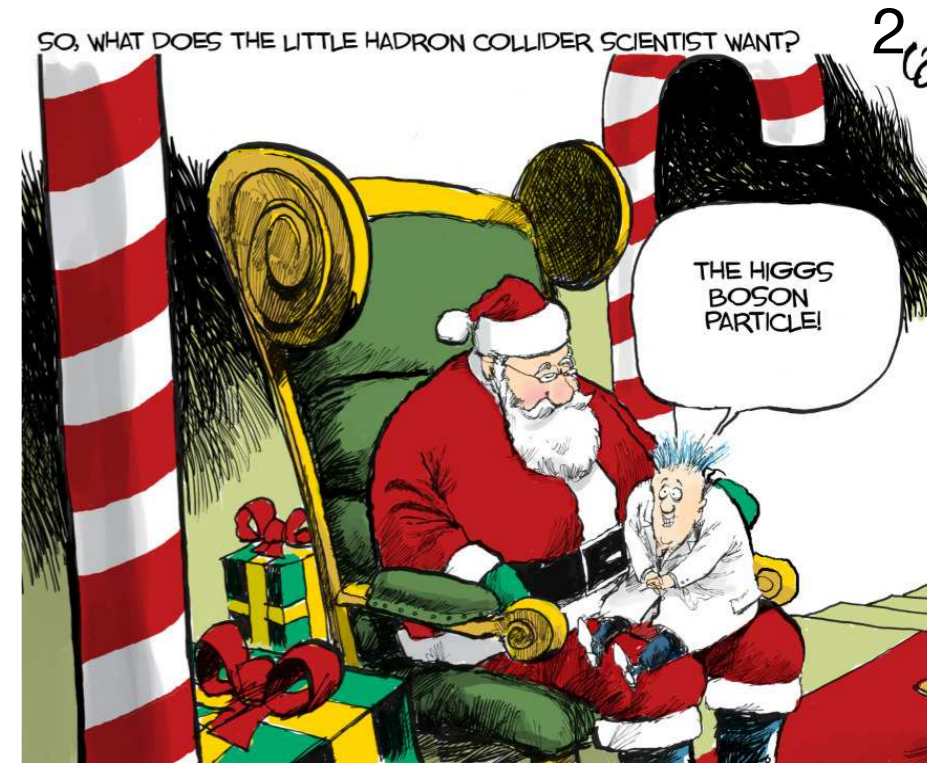
Introductory remarks

We desperately wanted a Higgs for Christmas: we got something which looks furiously like it,

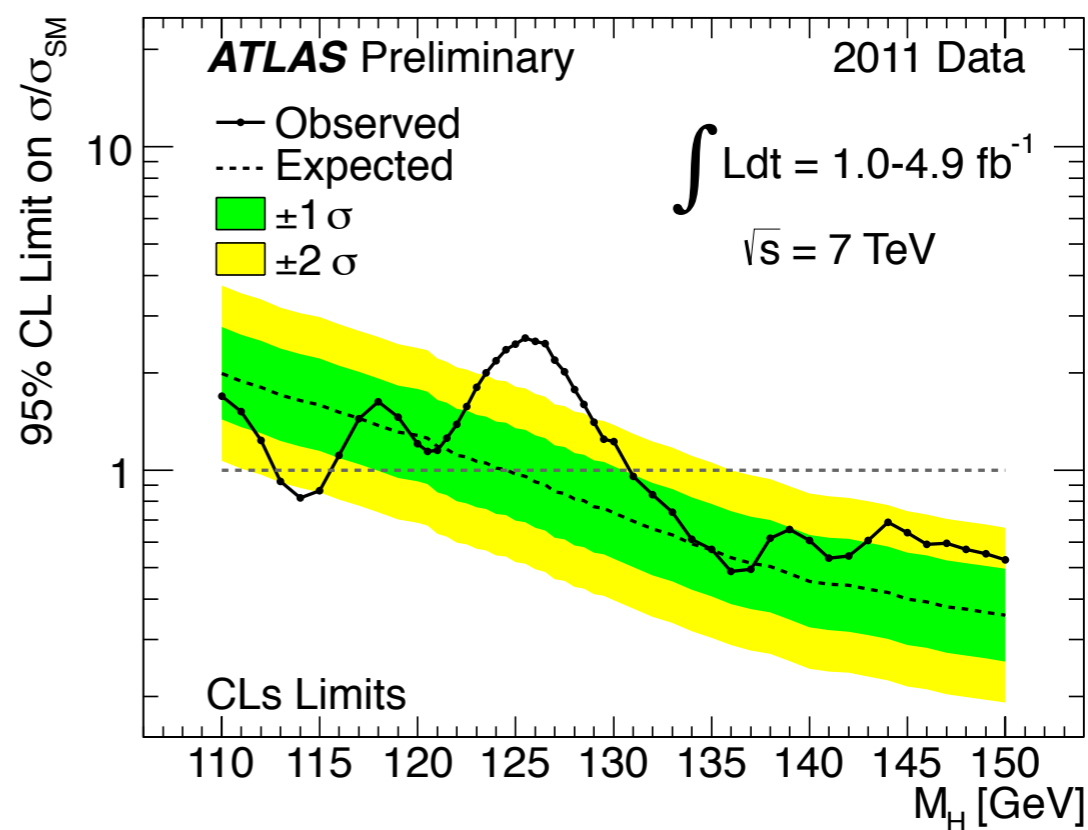
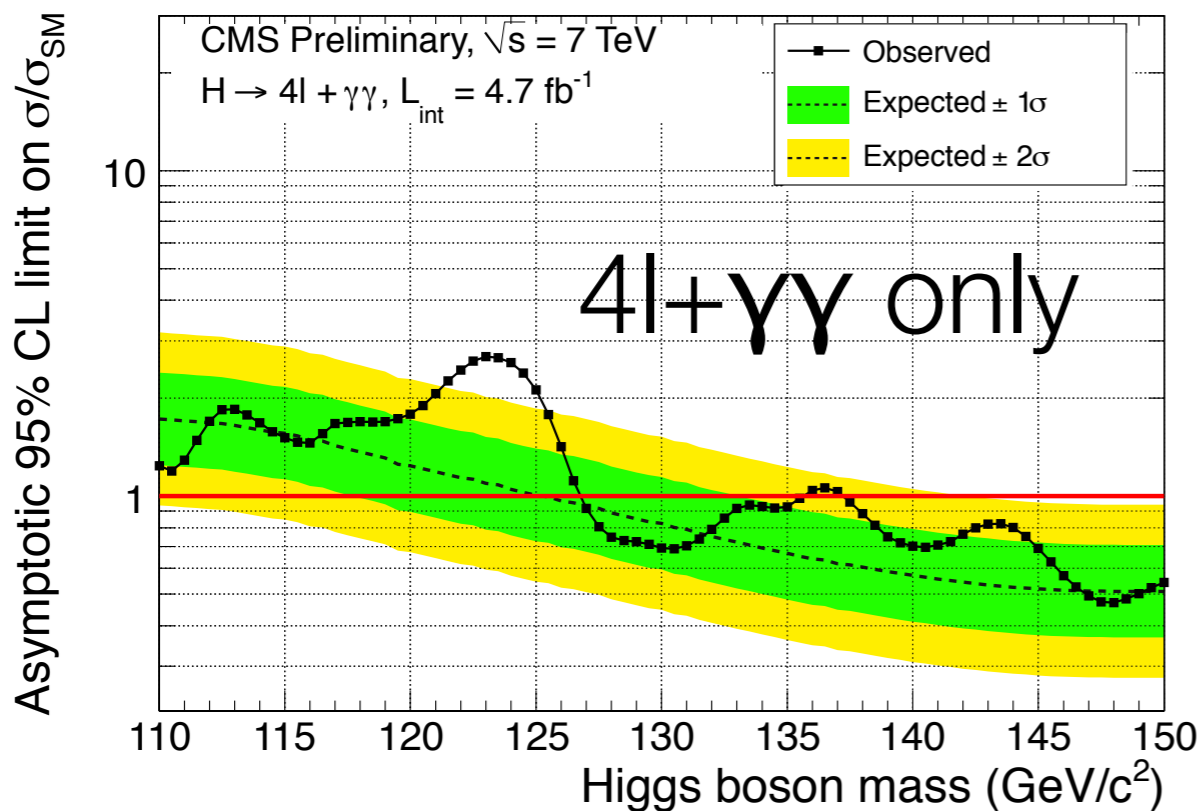
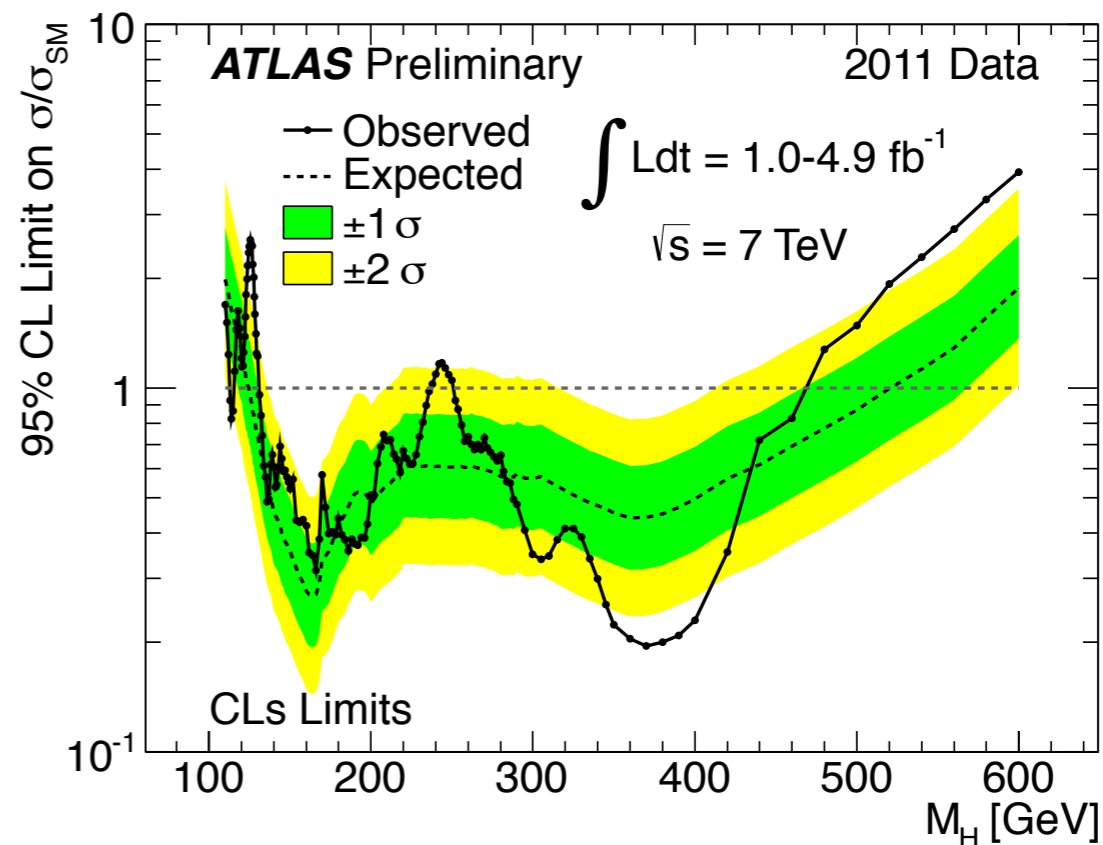
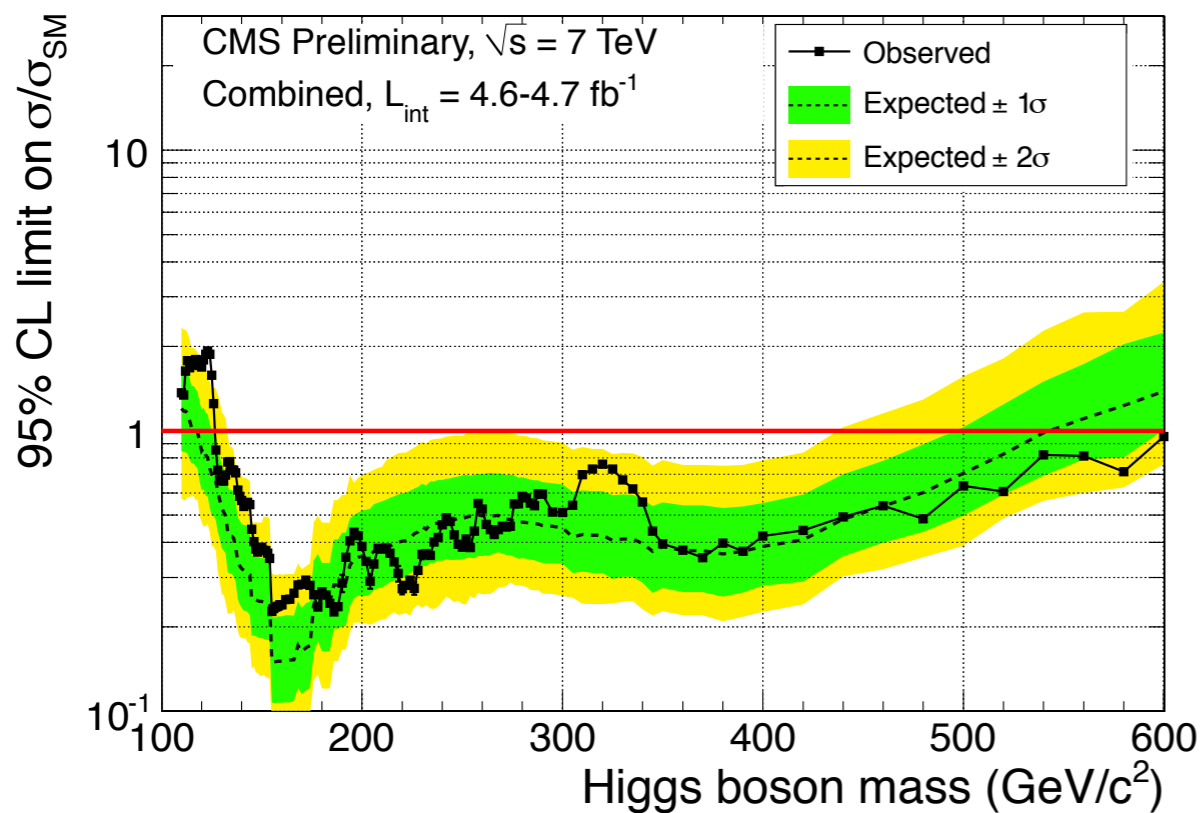
→ thanks to LHC, ATLAS, CMS!

A huge amount of information to digest in ATLAS and CMS talks and the various notes!

What a (naive) theorist would like to know:

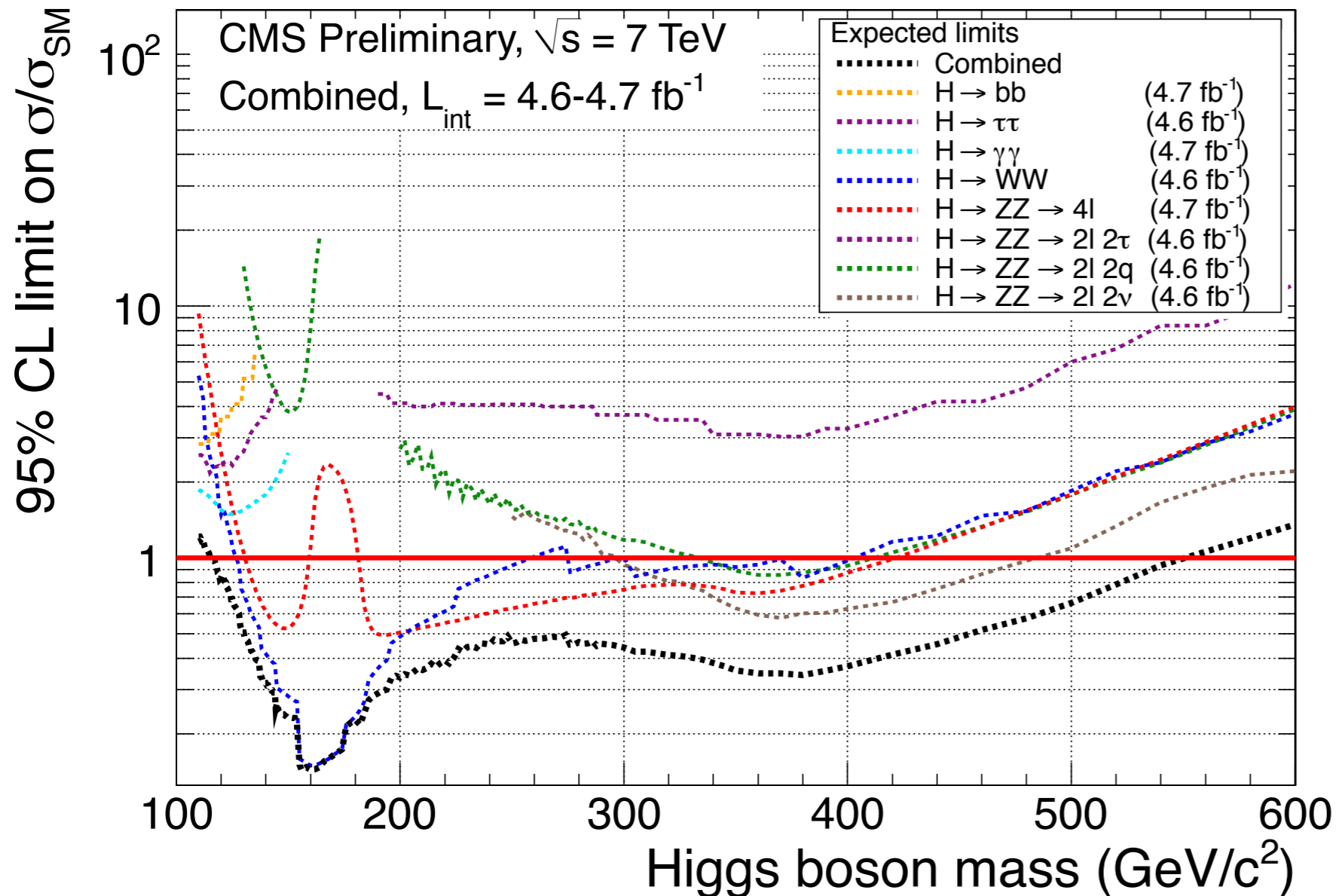


- Significance of Higgs signal in each channel and how many events.
- Combination of all channels and how one gets the global significance.
- Are we talking about same peak? Why $\Delta M_H \approx 2$ GeV (res., Escale)?
- Anything special about other peaks and (excluded) mass regions?
- Any new development foreseen for Moriond? WW, $\tau\tau$, bb; combo?
- How much effort needed to make “combined significance” (2.98σ)?
- The LEE story poses many questions: why for the first time? Should elsewhere=the other experiment? Should we change conventions for evidence and discovery? Should it also apply in case of deficit?...



Introduction to HWW -> 2l 2nu channel with CMS

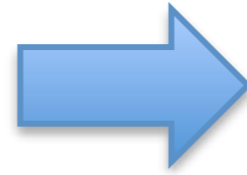
- BR(H->WW) is the largest for $m_H > 140$ GeV
- Clean final state because of the 2 isolated, prompt leptons



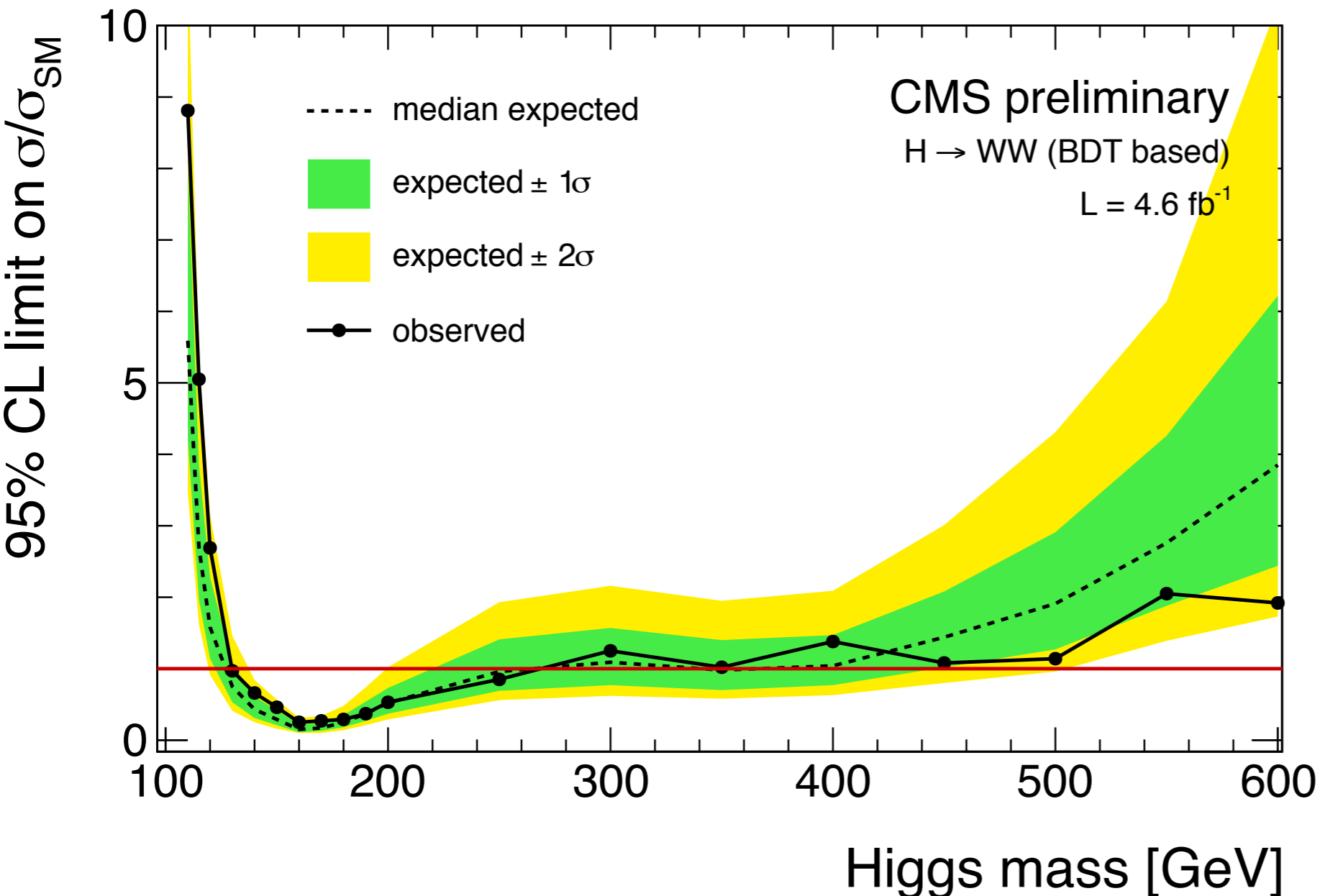
HWW2l2nu channel has the best expected sensitivity for a very wide range of Higgs masses

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State of the final particles cannot be fully reconstructed (there are 2 neutrinos)

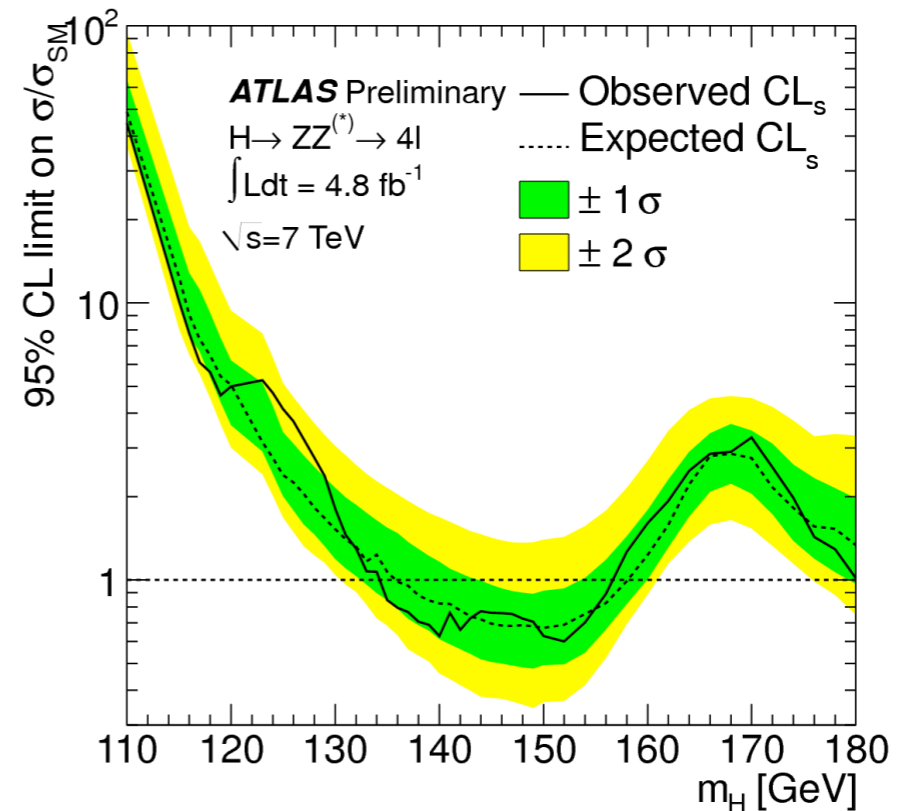
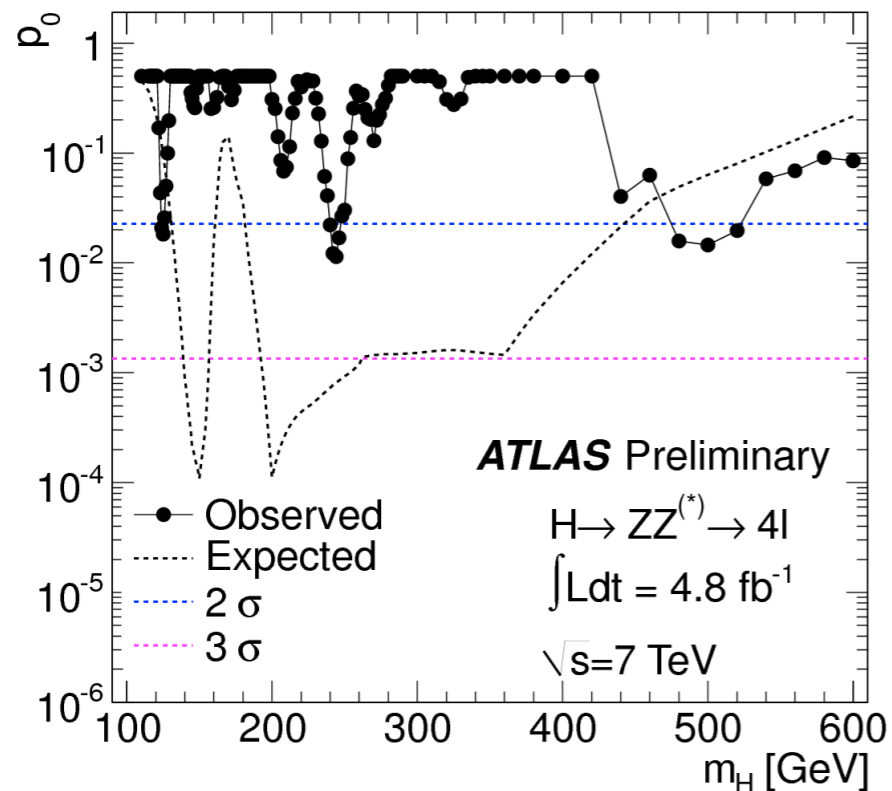
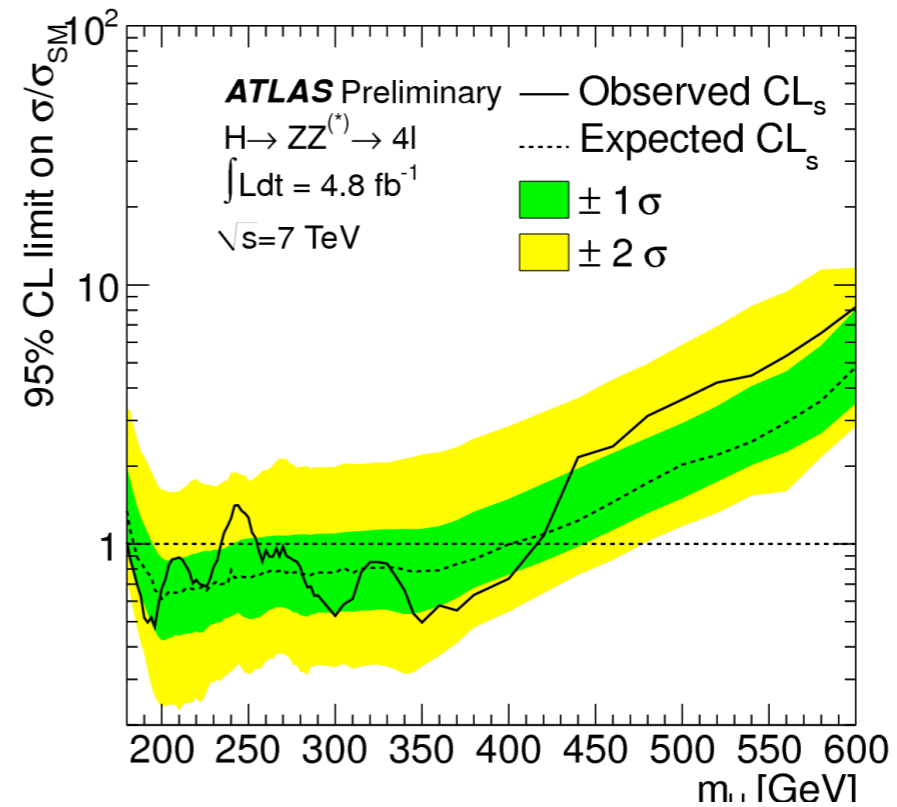
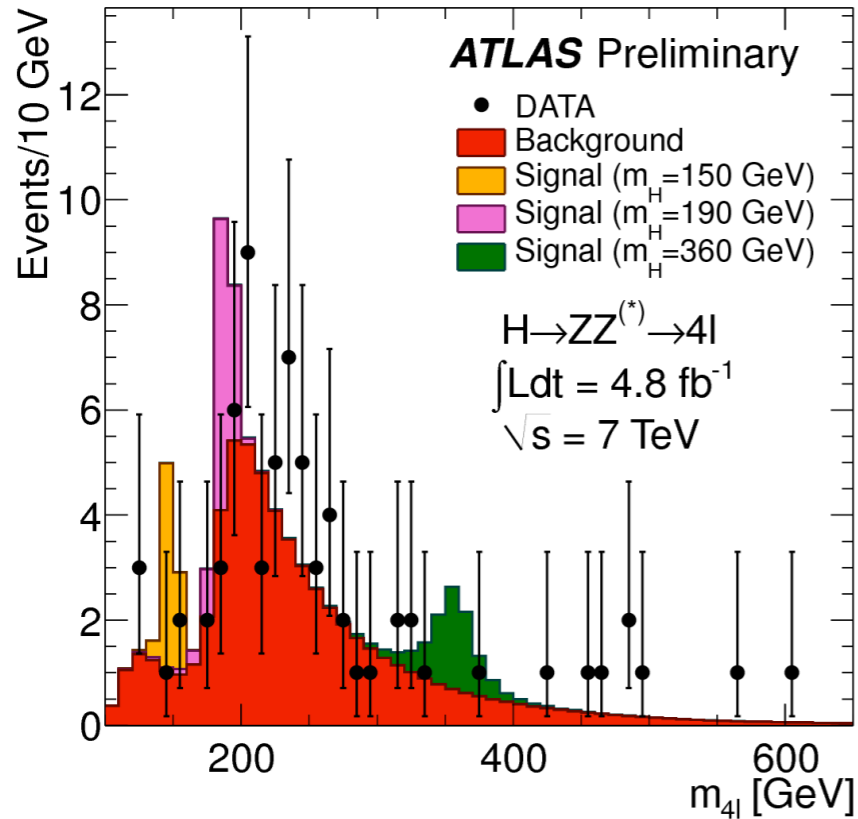


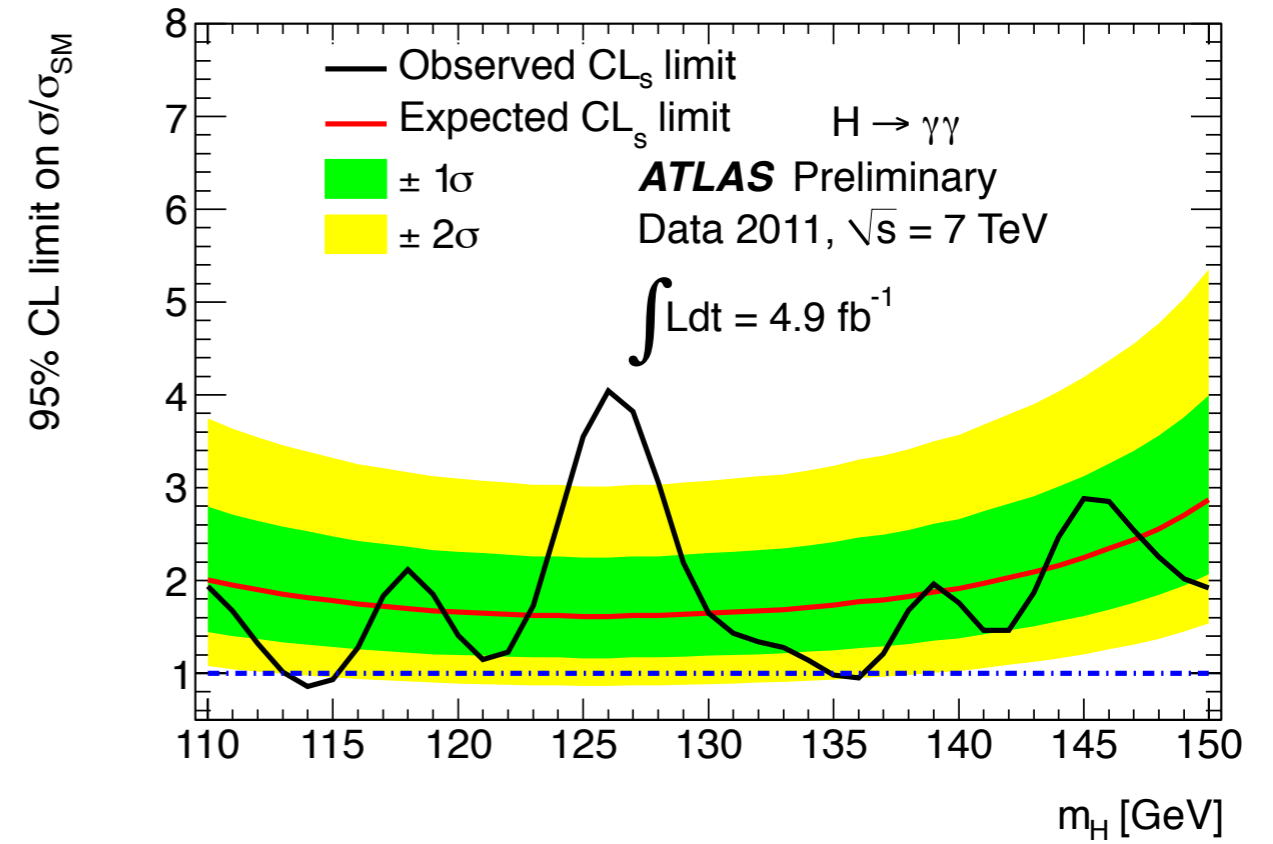
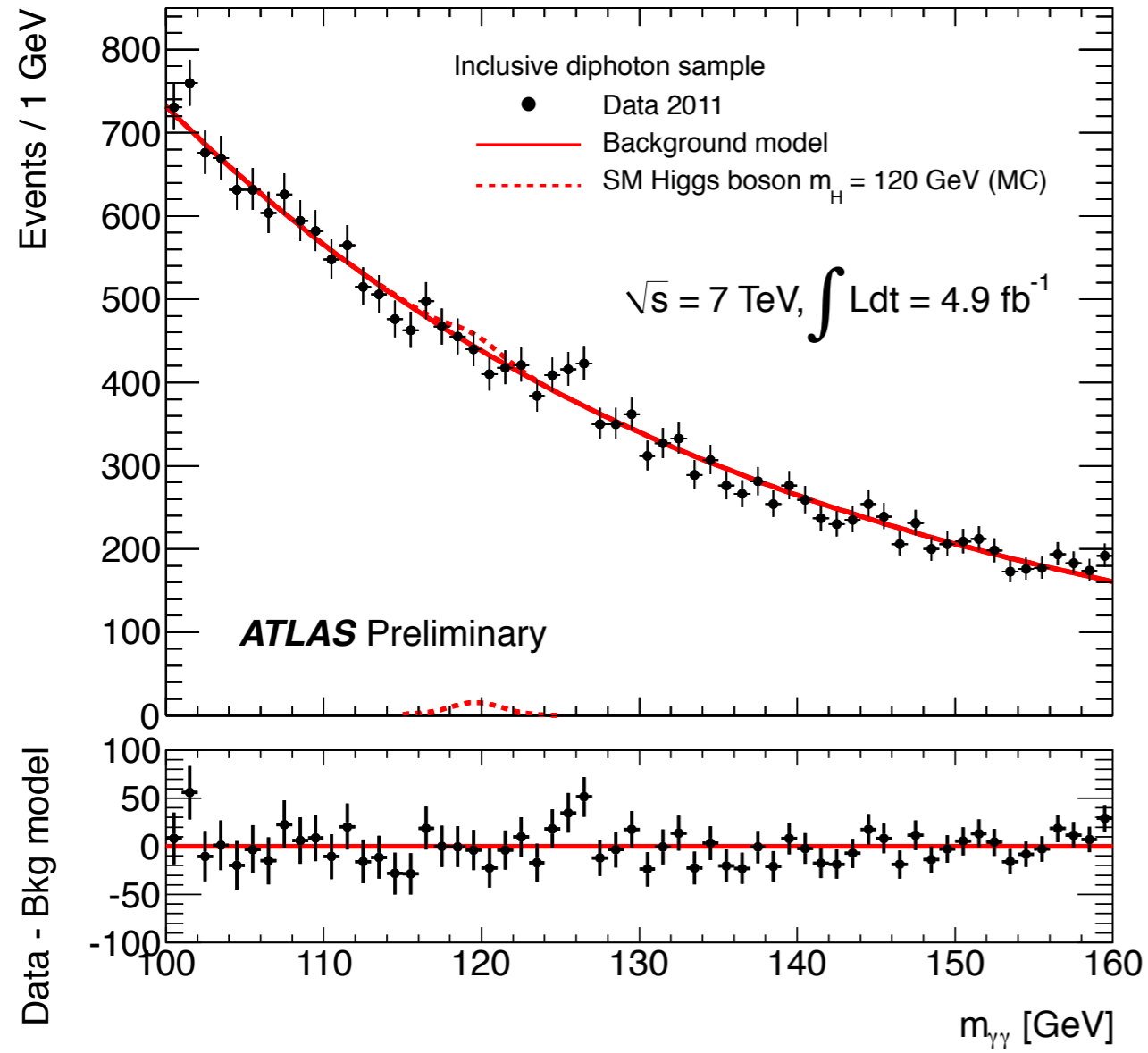
- No mass peak is reconstructed.
- Counting experiment measurement.



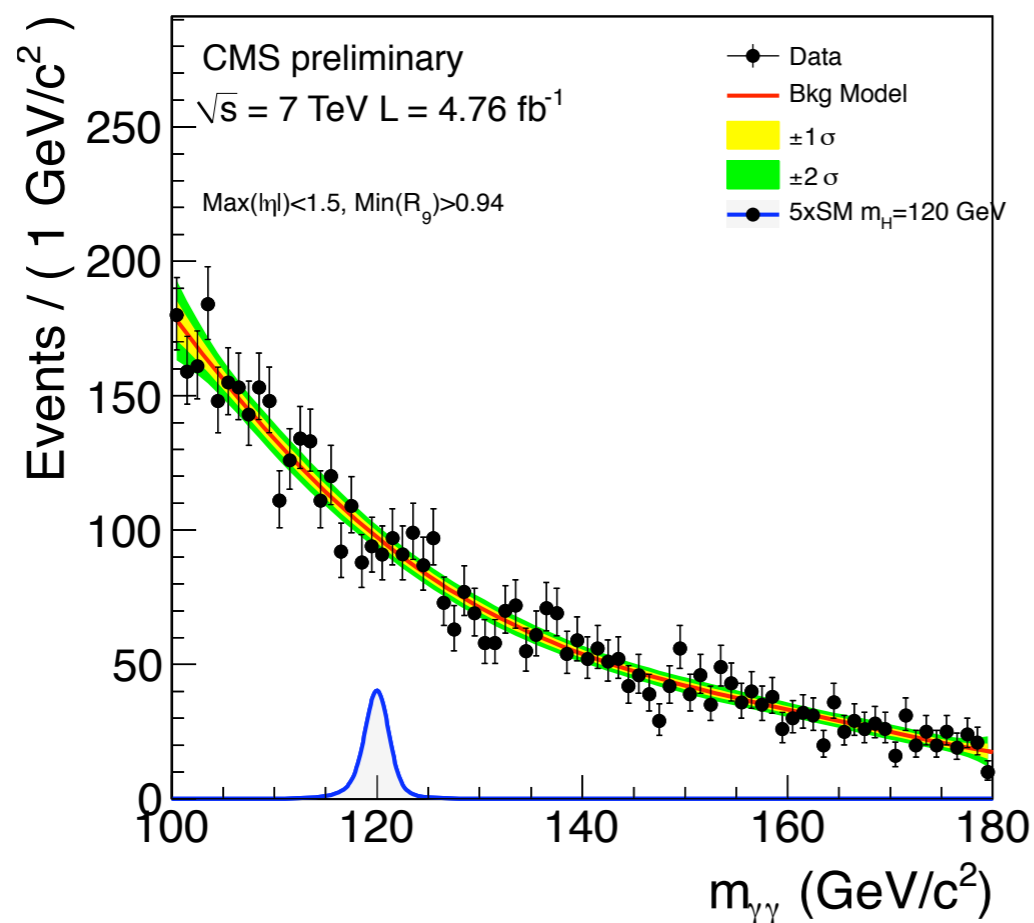
- Poor (~ 20 GeV) resolution on the mass of the Higgs boson.
- Fluctuations of the background are wide in m_H

H TO ZZ TO FOUR LEPTONS

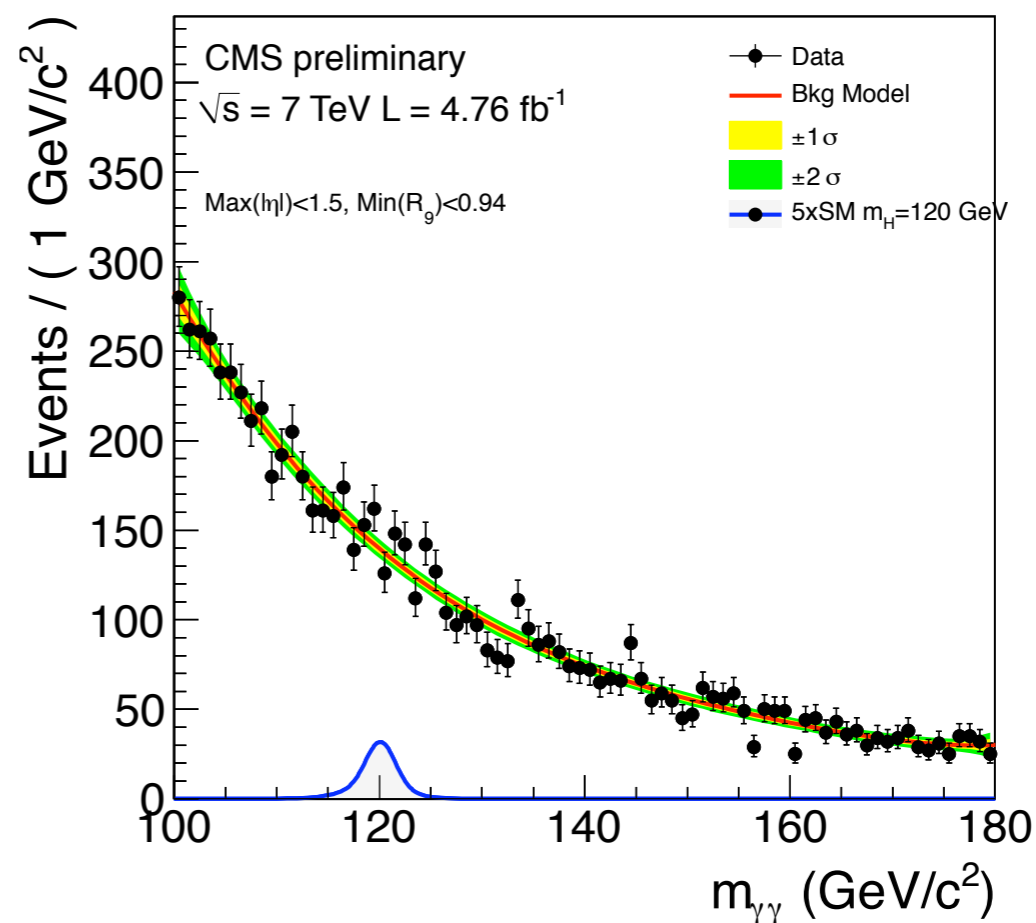




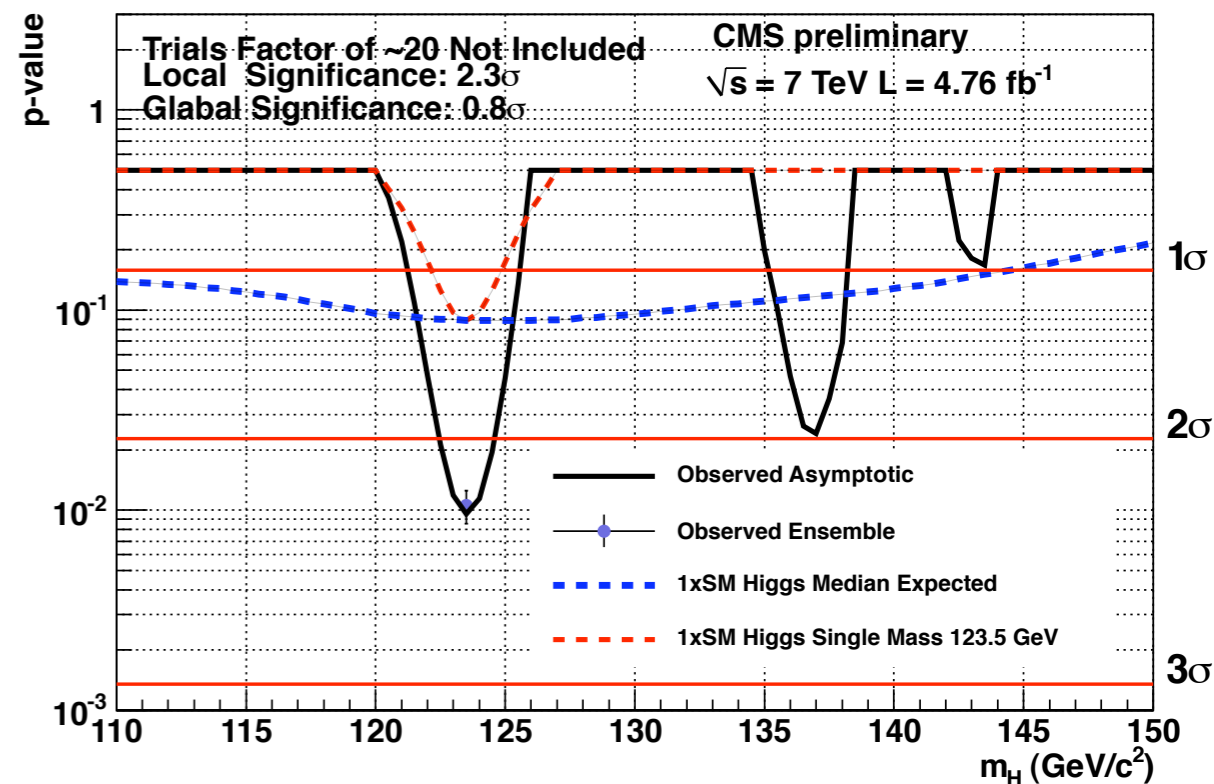
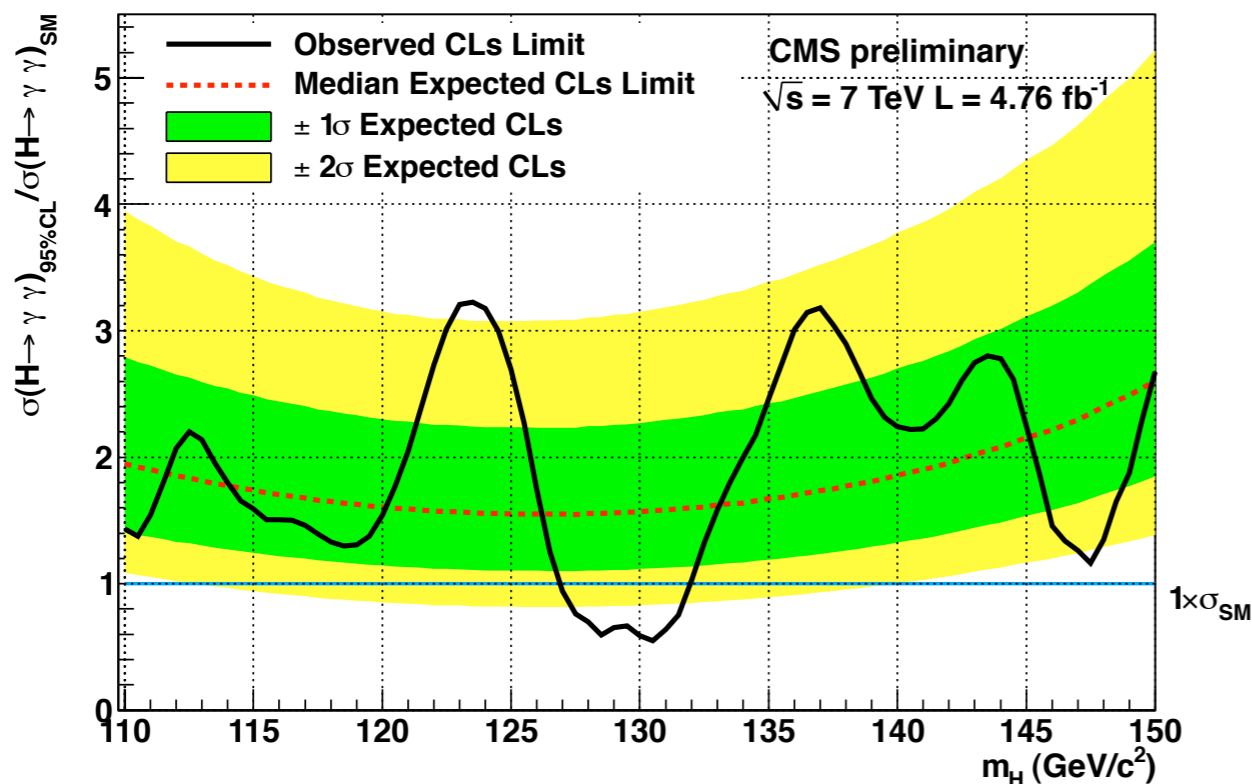
- Straightforward analysis in principle: Search for small but narrow mass peak on smoothly falling background
- Select two high p_T isolated photons, and extract signal or set limits with likelihood fit to the di-photon mass distribution in four event classes based on Barrel vs Endcap and Converted vs Unconverted photons



(a) Barrel Unconverted



(b) Barrel, ≥ 1 Converted



- Expected exclusion limits between 1.5 and 2.0 times the Standard Model cross-section in the mass range of interest
- Observed excess at ~ 123.5 GeV has a local significance of 2.3σ , but only 0.8σ accounting for the Look-Elsewhere-Effect over the 110-150 GeV search range

- Guido's talk from Tuesday: <https://indico.cern.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=1&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=164890>
- Higgs Results: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsHIG>
- **Channels**
 - **H→WW**: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/Hig11024TWiki>
 - Local p-value: http://cms-higgs-results.web.cern.ch/cms-higgs-results/Comb/HIG-11-032/pvala_all_zoom.png
 - **H→ZZ**: <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1406342?ln=en>
 - **H→gg**: <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1406346?ln=en>
- Combination: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/Hig11032TWiki>

- Fabiola's talk from Tuesday: <https://indico.cern.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=0&resId=1&materialId=slides&confId=164890>
- Higgs Results: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/AtlasResultsHiggsDec11>
- Channels
 - **H** → **WW**: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1112.2577>
 - **H** → **ZZ**: <https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2011-162/>
 - **H** → **gg**: <https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2011-161/>
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ATLAS, WW

