

Overview of Higgs Results from ATLAS

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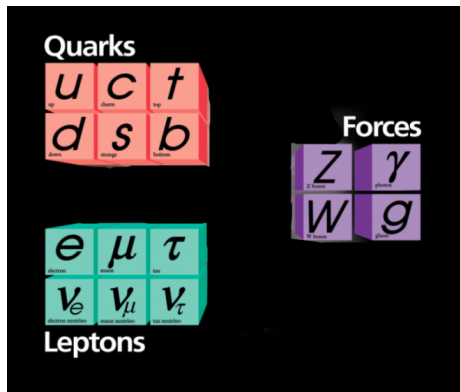
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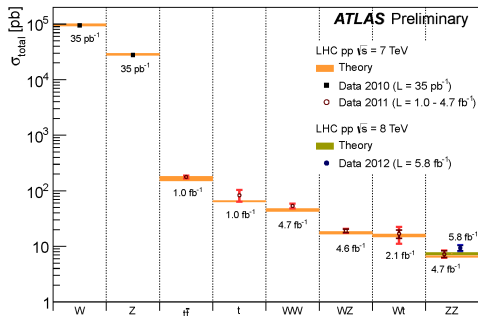
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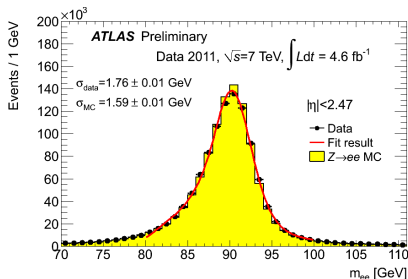


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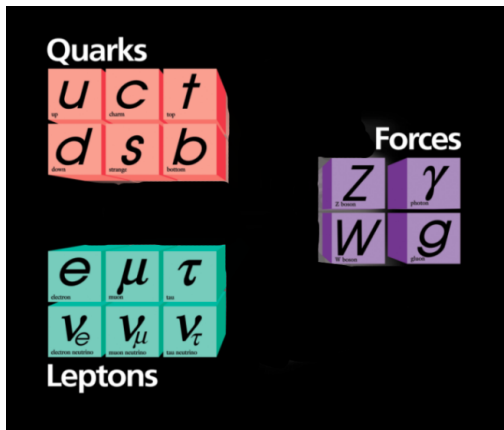


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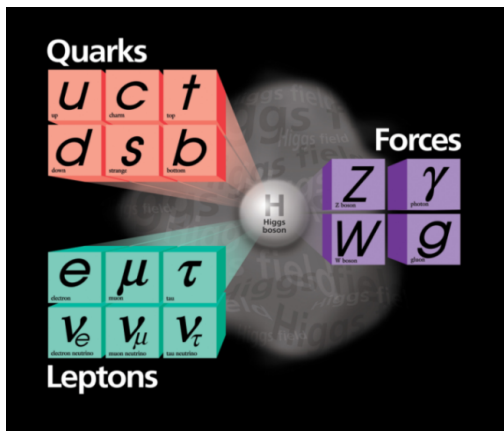


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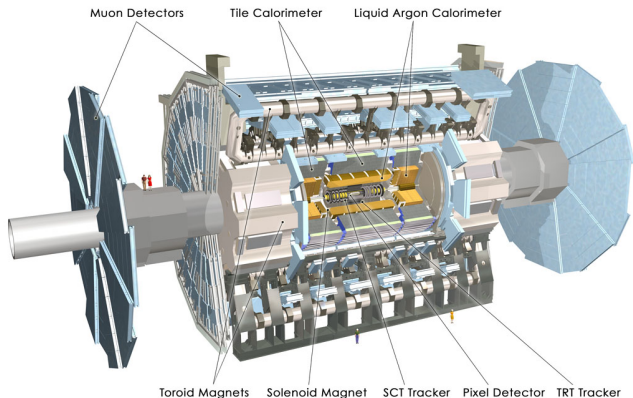


Mass not predicted.
For nearly 40 years it proved elusive.

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ATLAS Detector



Inner tracking detector:

- Silicon pixels and strips (SCT)
- Straw-tube transition radiation tracker (TRT)
- 2T superconducting solenoid

Calorimeter:

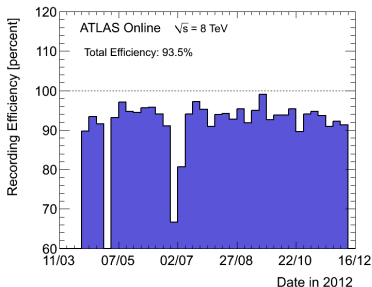
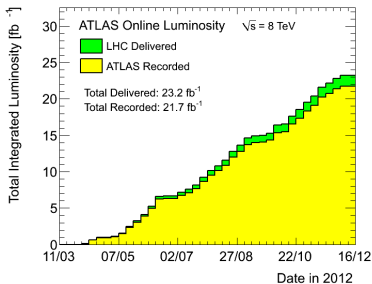
- EM: Liquid Argon (LAR) in barrel and endcap
- Hadronic: iron scintillator / tile calorimeter for central, LAR for end cap
- Forward LAR calorimeter for both EM and hadronic.

Muon spectrometer

- 3 superconducting magnets for toroidal field with tracking chambers

Precise lepton, photon measurements. Jets, E_T^{miss} over full $|\eta| < 4.9$

- Proton-Proton run ends today!
- Heavy-Ion run then long shutdown (LS1)
- So this is all we get for a while:
 - 23.2 fb^{-1} delivered in 2012
 - > 90% recording efficiency
- Most of these analyses with "HCP" dataset:
 - 4.7-4.9 fb^{-1} $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$, 2011
 - + 13.0 fb^{-1} $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$, 2012

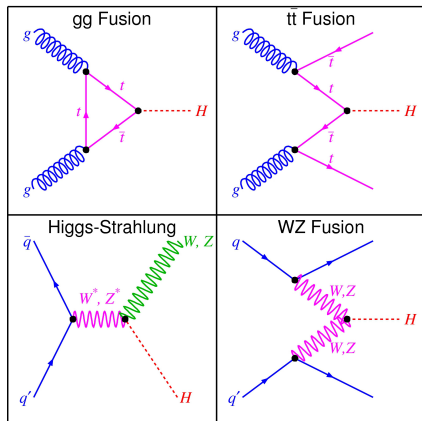


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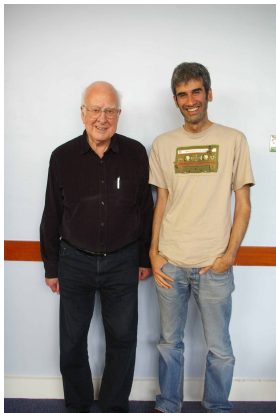


Higgs Production

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- Associated Higgs-Bhimji production (small x-sec)



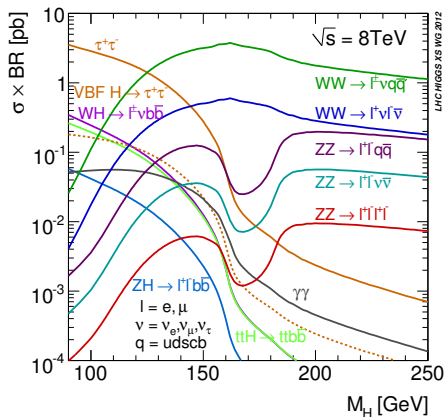
Higgs Decay Channels Explored

High-sensitivity channels, first observations:

- $\gamma\gamma$: Excellent mass resolution
- $ZZ^{(*)}(\rightarrow llll)$: Cleanest background separation
- $WW^{(*)}(\rightarrow l\nu l\nu)$: Sensitive but poorer mass resolution

Lower-sensitivity channels, important for fermion couplings:

- $b\bar{b}$: Only associated production
- $\tau\tau$: Leptonic and Hadronic decay



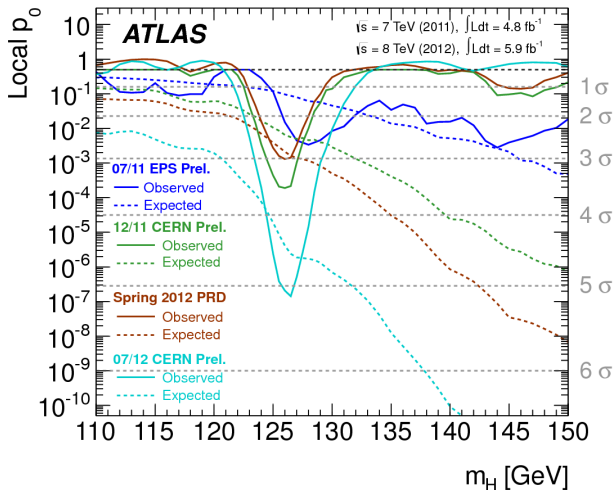
Summary of Analyses Presented Here

Higgs Decay	Channels	\mathcal{L} (fb^{-1}) (2011 + 2012)	Conference Note
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}H$ $WH \rightarrow l\nu H +$ $ZH \rightarrow llH$	4.7 + 13.0	ATLAS-CONF-2012-161
	ttH	4.7	ATLAS-CONF-2012-135
$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	$\mathcal{T}_{lep}\mathcal{T}_{lep}$ $\mathcal{T}_{lep}\mathcal{T}_{had}$ $\mathcal{T}_{had}\mathcal{T}_{had}$	4.7 + 13.0	ATLAS-CONF-2012-160
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$	$l\nu l\nu$	13.0	ATLAS-CONF-2012-158
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ NEW	-	4.8 + 5.9	ATLAS-CONF-2012-091
	-	4.8 + 13.0	ATLAS-CONF-2012-168
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- July Combination Paper: [Phys. Lett. B 716 \(2012\) 1-29](#)
- Updated Combination for HCP: [ATLAS-CONF-2012-162](#)
- **NEW** Combination: [ATLAS-CONF-2012-170](#)

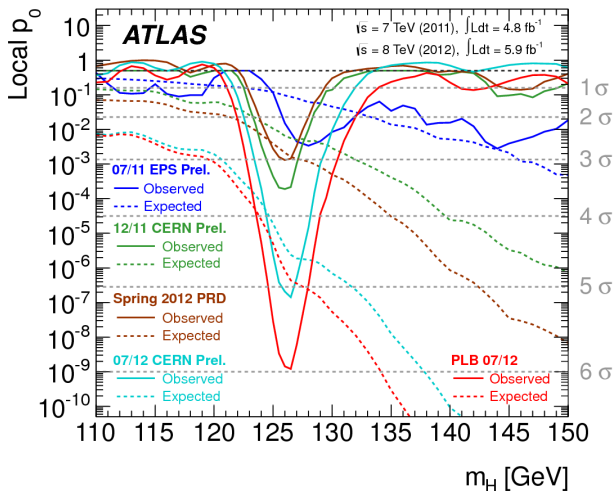
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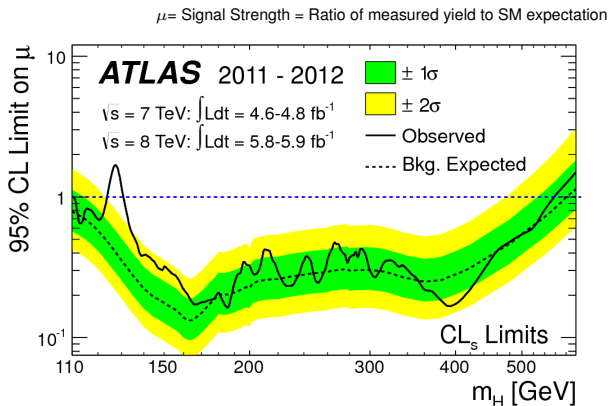
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Today's focus:

- Low mass
- Results since July $\tau\tau$, bb channels
- Updates measuring properties: mass, spin.



[Statistical procedures link](#)

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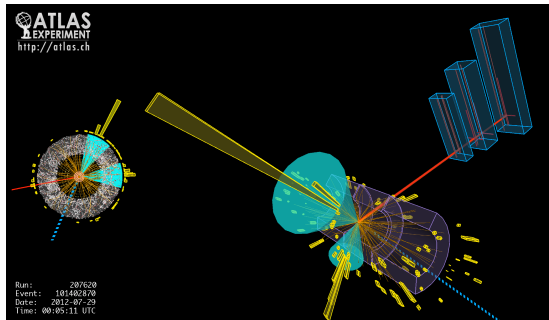
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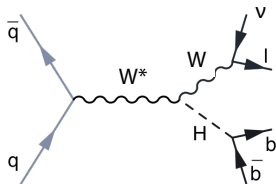
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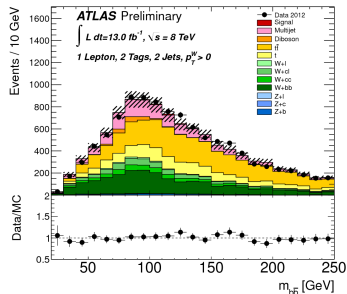
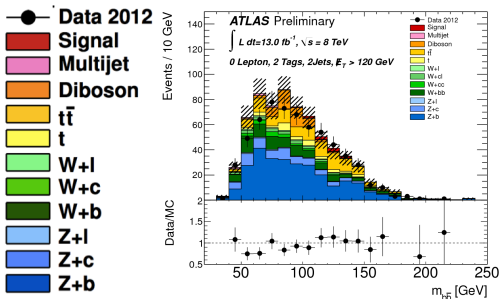
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

- Associated production with W or Z to reduce backgrounds.
- Categorized by number of (charged) leptons ($N_l, l = e, \mu$):
 - Two ($llbb$), one ($l\nu bb$) or zero ($\nu\nu bb$)
 - Common lepton selection

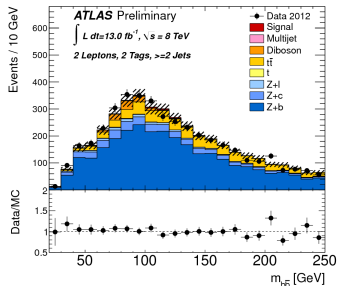


- Further categorized by regions in $p_{T_{W/Z}}$ or E_T^{miss} :
 - **0-lepton:** E_T^{miss} [120-160] [160-200] [>200] GeV x (2 or 3 jets)
 - **1, 2-lepton:** $p_{T_{W/Z}}$ [0-50][50-100][100-150][150-200] [>200] GeV
- Require 2 jets to be b-tagged (70% efficiency).
- Mass resolution improved by adding the energy from muons within the jet to the total jet energy.
- Experimental systematic uncertainties mainly b-tagging and jet energy (see backup slides for full table).

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ backgrounds: Inclusive mass distributions

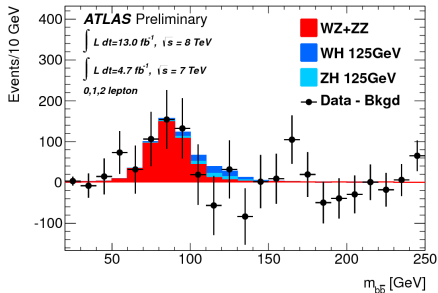


- Dominant: Z+jets W +jets, Top.
- Background shapes from MC, normalisation from data control regions: Relax b-tagging (W/Z + jets) or $nJet$ or m_{ll} and E_T^{miss} (top).
- Diboson from MC, Multijet from data
- Signal $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$



$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ Results

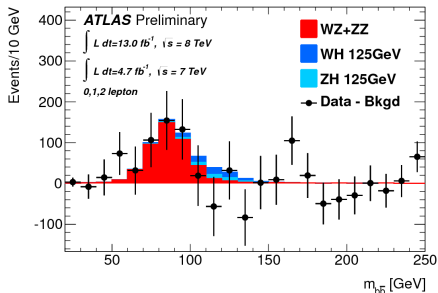
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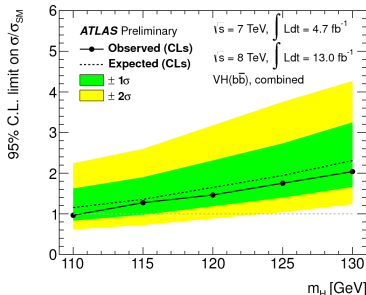
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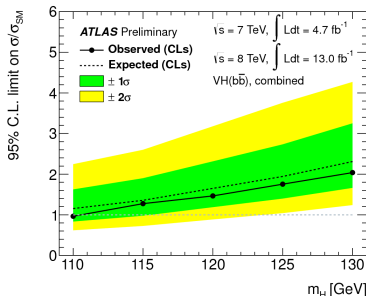
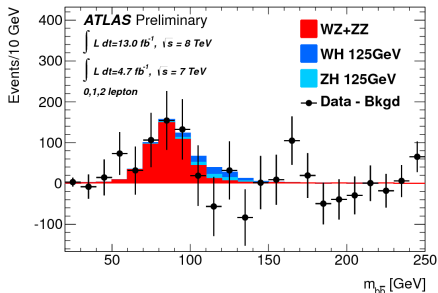


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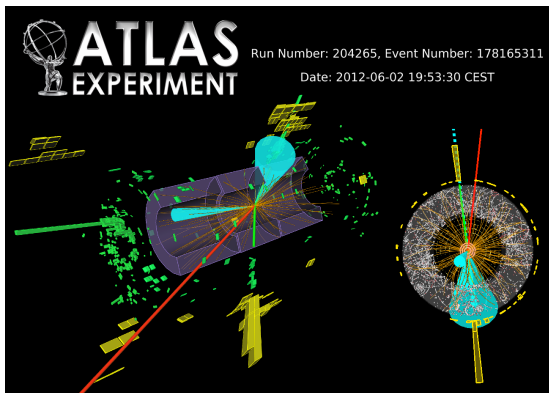
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Separate analyses for three different decay modes:

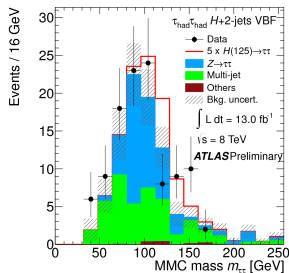
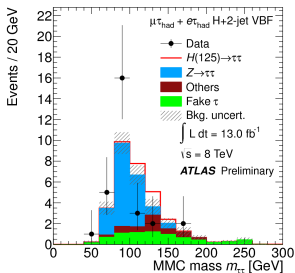
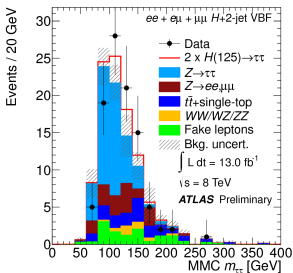
- **lep-lep ; lep-had ; had-had**: 2, 1 or 0 charged leptons (e, μ)

Further split into categories, applied in sequence:

- 2-Jet VBF (lep-lep only); "Boosted" ($p_{T_{jet}} > 30$ GeV, $p_{T_H} > 100$ GeV)
- 2-Jet VH (lep-lep only); 1-jet; 0-jet

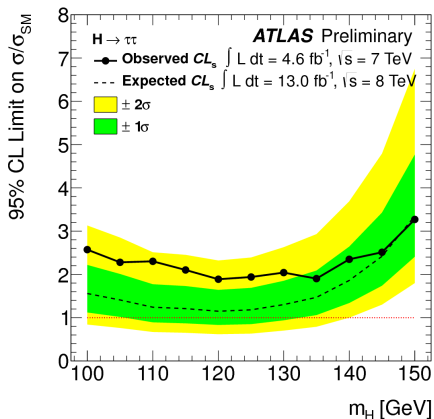
Main background: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ "Embed" TAUOLA MC τ s for μ s in data $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$.

Main systematics: Embedding, Tau and Jet Energy Scales.



Missing Mass Calculator (MMC): Fit decay orientations to τ kinematics: 13-20% $m_{\tau\tau}$ resolution

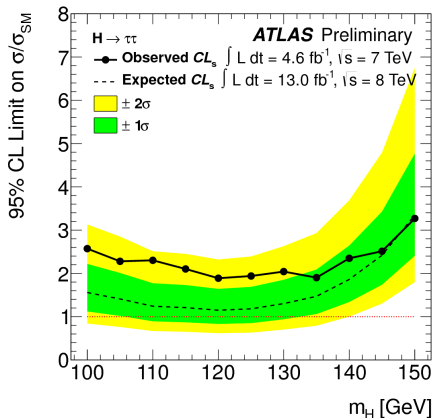
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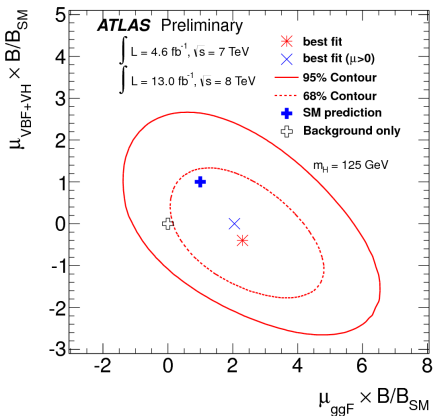
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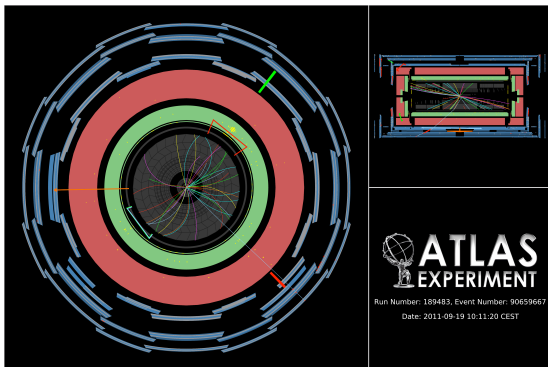
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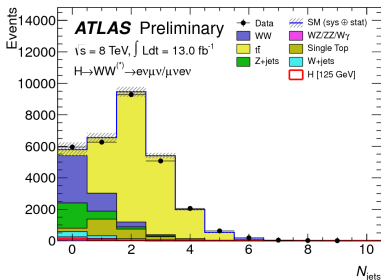
(VBF + VH) vs (ggF) production signal-strength best-fit:

- $\mu_{VBF+VH} = -0.4, \mu_{ggF} = 2.4$

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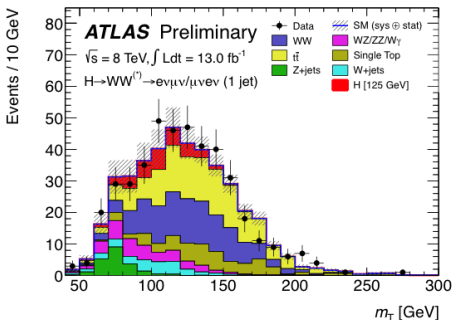
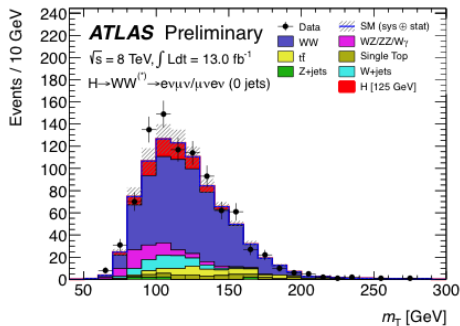


- July Results: 2.8σ signal (2.3σ exp.)
- Updated (13 fb^{-1}) 2012 result: focus on $e\nu\mu\nu$ channel only:
 - Provides 85% of sensitivity
 - E_T^{miss} resolution degraded with 2012 pileup.
 - Same-flavour channels suffer from Drell-Yan bgs $Z\gamma^* \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$
- Analysis predominantly sensitive to gluon-gluon fusion production
- $H + 0\text{-jet}$ and $H + 1\text{-jet}$ channels
 - < 2 jets reduces top background



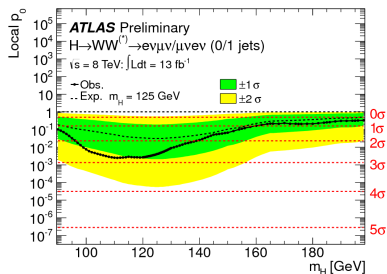
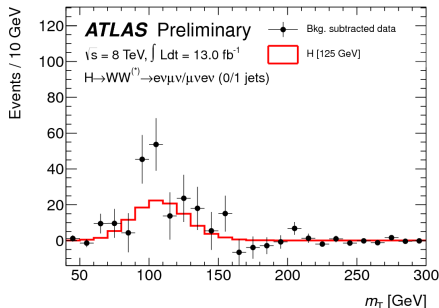
$H \rightarrow WW^*$ Backgrounds and Results

- W +jets fully estimated from data.
- WZ and ZZ from simulation.
- Cross checked together in same-charge data "validation region"
- Dominant WW and Top backgrounds normalised in control regions.
- WW modelling improved by change from MC@NLO to Powheg+Pythia8.



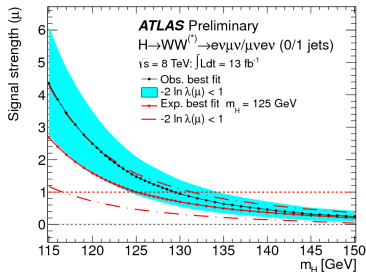
$$m_T^2 = (E_T^{\parallel} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - |\vec{p}_T^{\parallel} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}|^2$$

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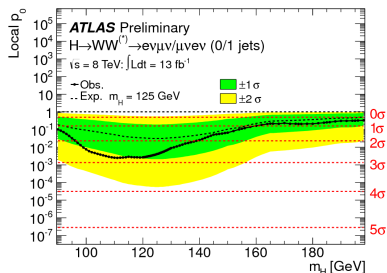
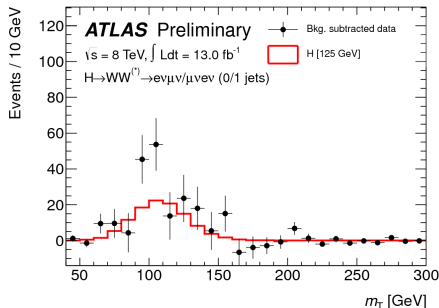


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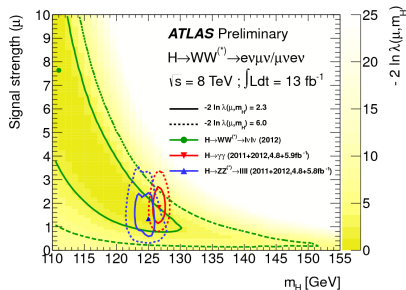


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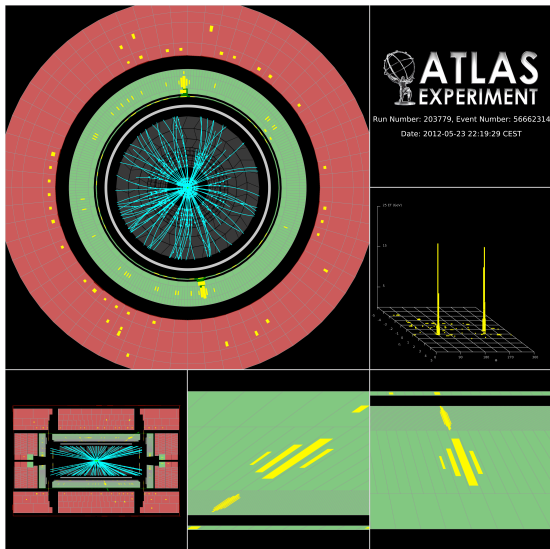


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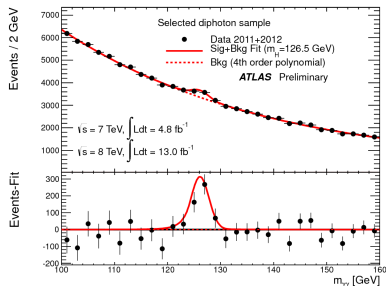
- Ten exclusive categories according to resolution, selected in:
 - (2-Jet) VBF
 - Converted / unconverted photons
 - η_γ
 - p_{T_t} (Component of diphoton pT orthogonal to the thrust axis)

New 13 fb⁻¹ 2012 analysis (added to unchanged 2011 analysis):

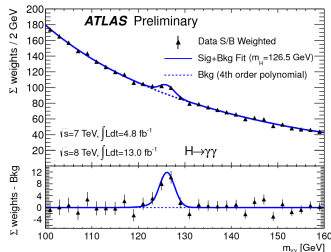
- Apply two additional categories for coupling measurement:
- Enriched in W/Z associated production:
 - "One-lepton": Leptonic W/Z decay, at least one e, μ in event
 - "Low-mass 2-jet": Consistent with hadronic W/Z decay
- Improved photon isolation and multi-variate primary-vertex finding.
- Performed mass measurement and spin analysis

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Background Fit

- Backgrounds Include:
 - SM diphoton ($\approx 74\%$);
 - $\gamma + \text{jet}$ (22%);
 - jet + jet (3%);
 - Drell Yan (1%)
- $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ fit to data.
- Signal: Crystal Ball + Gauss.
- Background model per category chosen using MC from:
 - Fourth-order Bernstein poly
 - Exponential of 2nd-order poly
 - Exponential function.
- Only functions with low signal yield in a bkg-only MC fit are used.
- Bkg parameters from data fit.

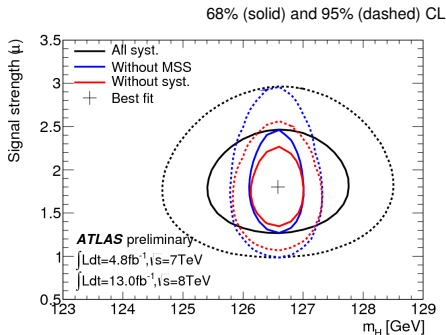
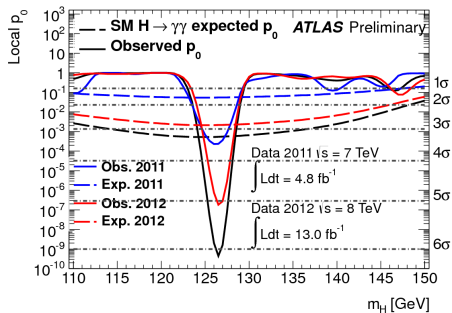


Events weighted by S/B per category:



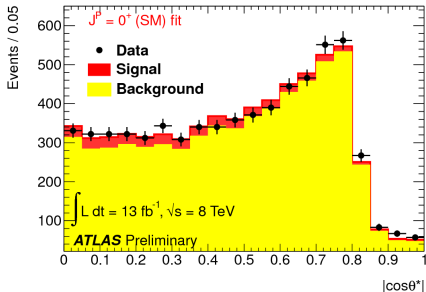
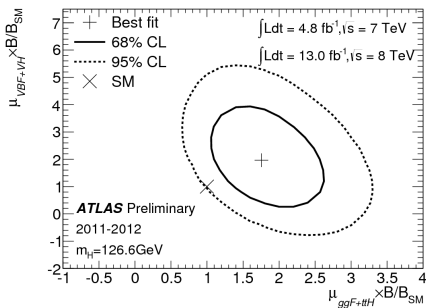
At $m_H = 126.5 \text{ GeV}$: $N_{sig} = 249$ $\sigma_{CB} = 1.64 \text{ GeV}$

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ New Results: Mass and Signal Strength



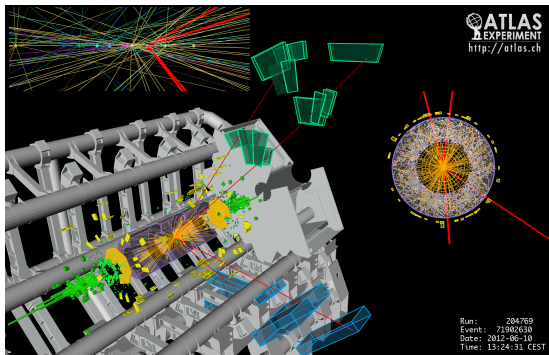
- Local Significance: $6.1\sigma =$ Single Channel Discovery
- Mass Measurement: $126.6 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.7(\text{sys.}) \text{ GeV}$
- $\mu = 1.8 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.})^{+0.21}_{-0.15}(\text{sys.})^{+0.20}_{-0.14}(\text{theory})$
 - Theory uncertainty is that on Higgs production cross-section: such as QCD scale and Higgs decay BR

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ New Results: Couplings and Spin



- Best-fit values of signal strength for ggF+ttH, VBF and VH processes
 - $\mu_{ggF+ttH} \times B/B_{SM} = 1.8 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$
 - $\mu_{VBF} \times B/B_{SM} = 2.0 \pm 1.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3$
 - $\mu_{VH} \times B/B_{SM} = 1.9 \pm 2.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.4$
- Angular analysis without categorisation, signal region [123.8, 128.6] GeV
 - 0^+ SM Higgs favoured over [JHU](#) gluon-fusion produced, spin-2.

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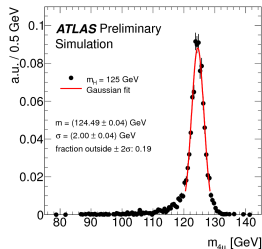
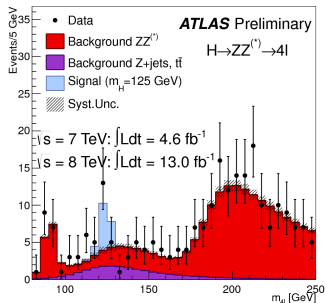
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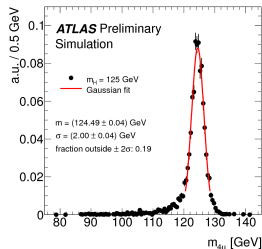
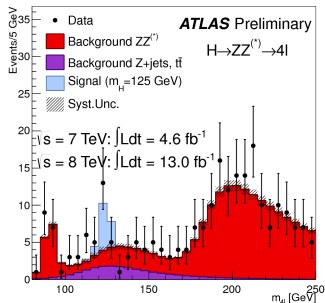
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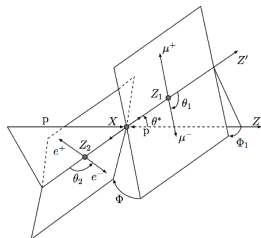
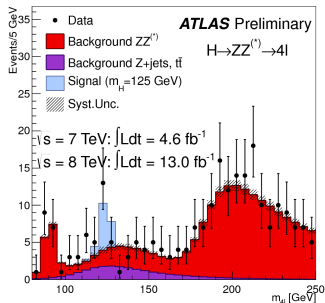
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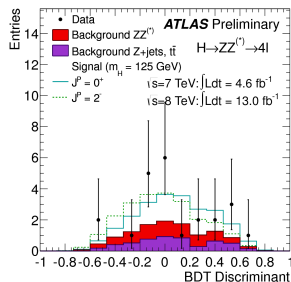
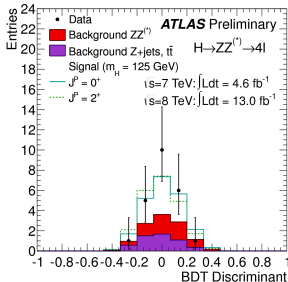
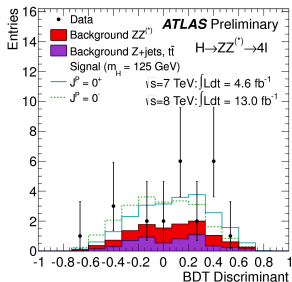
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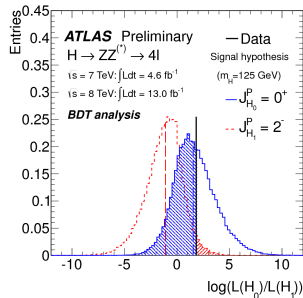
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 - Boosted Decision Tree
 - Matrix Element Approach (" J^P -MELA")
- $J^P = 0^+, 0^-, 2^+, 2^-$ compared pairwise in 2 m_{4l} regions.



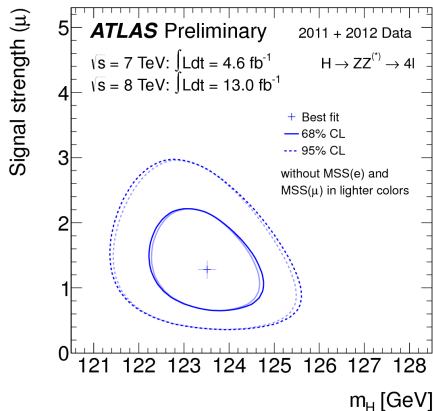
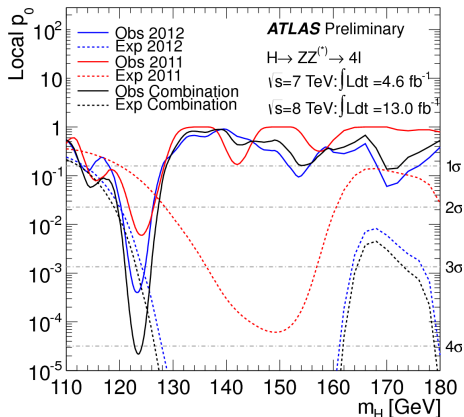
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ New Results: Spin Analysis



- BDT example distributions above
- BDT Variables: $\Phi, \theta_1, \theta_2, m_{12}, m_{34}$ (with θ^*, Φ_1 for $2^+, 2^-$).
- SM 0^+ favoured over $0^-, 2_m^+, 2^-$
- Alternatives excluded by BDT (J^P -MELA) at
 - 98.9% (99.7%) for 0^-
 - 84% (83%) for 2_m^+
 - 97.1% (97.5%) for 2^-

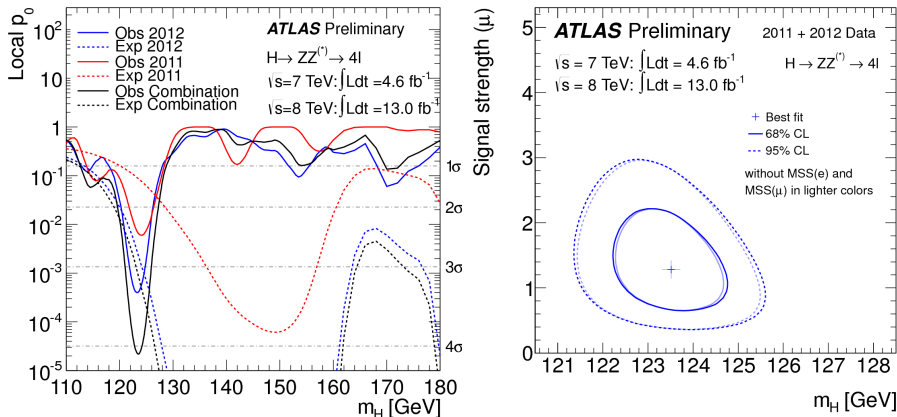


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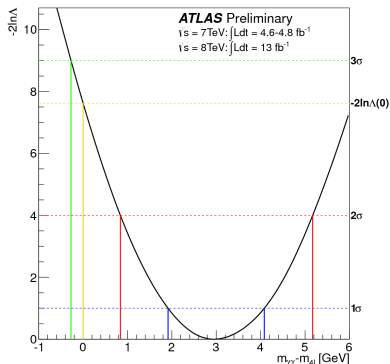


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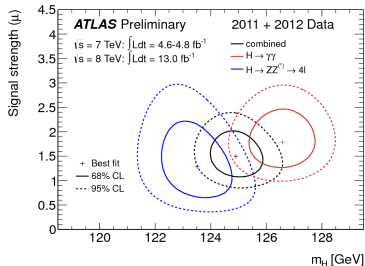


$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, ZZ^*$ mass measurement consistency



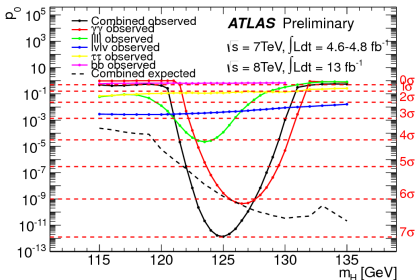
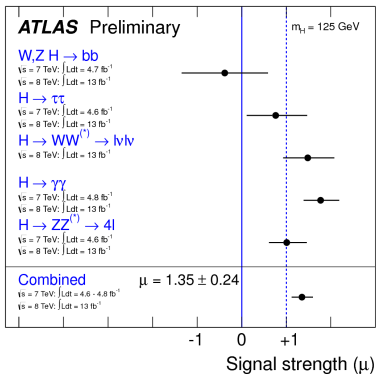
- Mass difference: $3.0^{+1.1}_{-1.0} \text{ GeV}$
- Corresponds to $2.3 - 2.7\sigma$

- Mass systematics thoroughly investigated (see backup)
- $\gamma\gamma$ mainly from γ energy scale:
Total: $\pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$ (stat. = $\pm 0.3 \text{ GeV}$)
- $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ dominated by 4μ chan:
Total: $\pm 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ (stat. = $\pm 0.9 \text{ GeV}$)



$$m_H = 125.2 \pm 0.3(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys}) \text{ GeV}$$

Latest Combination: Signal Strength



- $\mu = 1.35 \pm 0.24$ at 125 GeV
- Compatibility test to SM expectations: probability around 13%

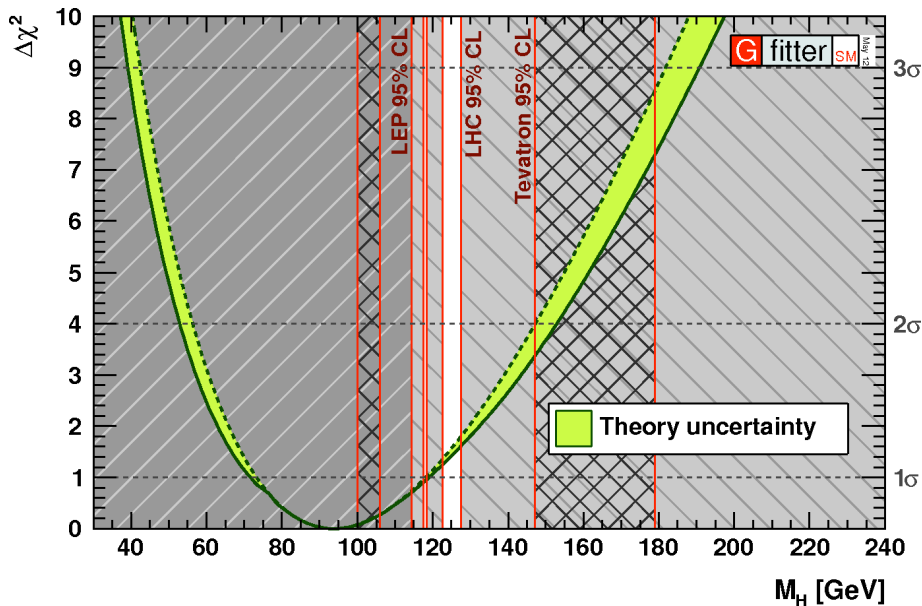
Conclusions

- Last July ATLAS discovered a new particle - that's now old news.
- In November, $\tau\tau$, $b\bar{b}$ and WW^* channels updated.
- Last week new $\gamma\gamma$ and $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ results.
- Consistent with a SM Higgs but some things are "muddying the water".
- LHC (proton-proton) run ended today with almost 10 fb^{-1} more data
- Will it be enough to make things clear?



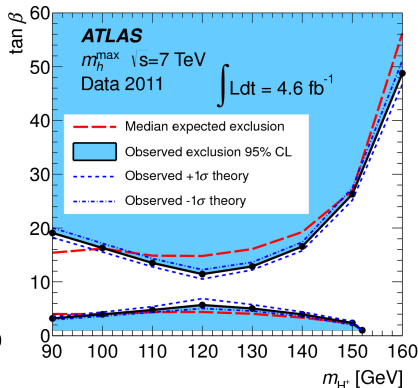
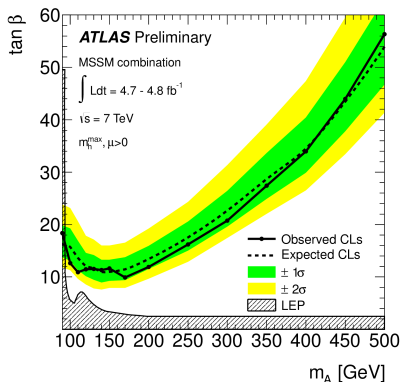
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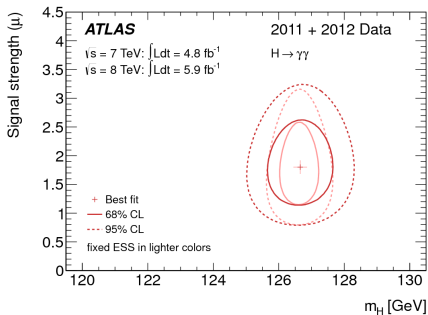
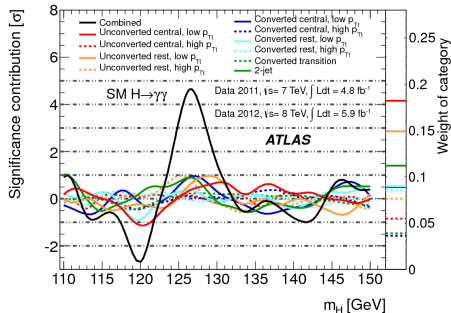


MSSM Higgs

- Two-doublet Higgs sector:
Neutrals: 2 CP-even: h, H , 1 CP-odd: A , 2 Charged H^\pm, H^\pm
- Couplings defined by m_A or m_{H^\pm} and $\tan \beta = v_u/v_d$ (ratio of VEV).
- ATLAS searches: Neutral $\rightarrow \tau\tau, \mu\mu$ Charged $\rightarrow \tau\nu, cs$.
- No evidence found for MSSM Higgs.

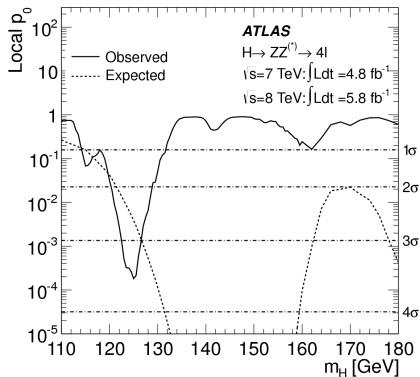


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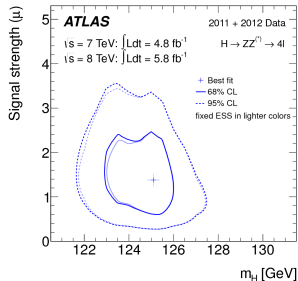
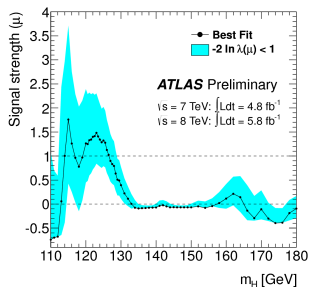


- Observed exclusion: 112-123 GeV and 132-143 GeV
- Maximum deviation at 126.5 GeV with a local significance of 4.5σ
- For $m_H = 126$ GeV: $\mu = 1.8 \pm 0.5$

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ July Results



- Exclusion: 131-162 and 170-460 GeV
- Excess 3.6σ at 125 GeV
- At $m_H = 125$: $\mu = 1.6 \pm 0.6$



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, ZZ^* mass details

$ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ result dominated by 4μ :

- High-stats J/ψ , Υ and Z decays (> 20 M J/ψ s)
- Inner and Muon detector independent measurements.
- Overall muon momentum scale uncertainty $\pm 0.2\%$
- Each $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ candidate examined: impact < 0.1 GeV

For electrons:

- E-scale from $Z \rightarrow ee$: 0.4%
- $E_{T_e} < 15$ GeV from $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$
- QED radiation modelling; Background contamination.

$\gamma\gamma$ conservative systematics include:

- Energy scale: Extracted from high-stats $Z \rightarrow ee$ sample.
- Lateral leakage
- Different layer/ gain-range calibration biases.
- Material upstream of calorimeter.
- Non-linearities in electronics
- Pile-up
- Vertex angle measurement
- Conversion fraction in categories;
- Signal resolution uncertainty;
- Background modelling.

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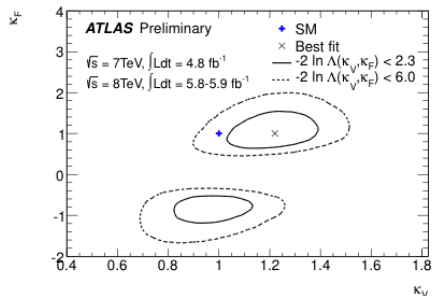
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E.g. 1: Fermion and Vector Coupling:

- Assume only SM particles in loops and H decay.
- Fermion $\kappa_F = \kappa_t = \kappa_b = \kappa_\tau$ and
Vector $\kappa_V = \kappa_W = \kappa_Z$



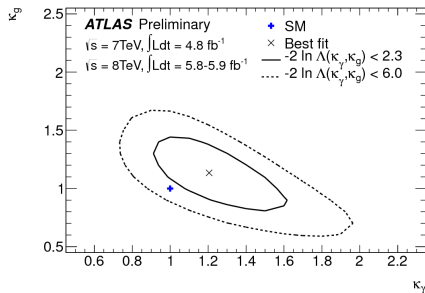
- Compatible with SM.
- Also true without assumptions on total width.

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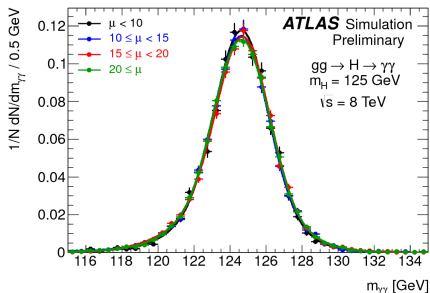
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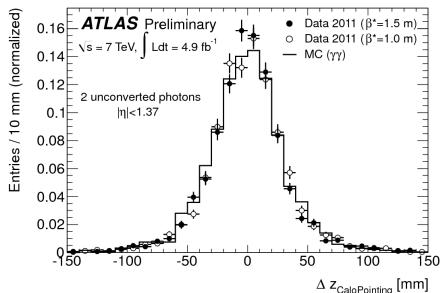
- κ_g and κ_γ for new contributions to $gg \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ loops;



- $\kappa_g = 1.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$ $\kappa_\gamma = 1.2^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$
- No sizeable new contributions.



- Dependence of the mass-resolution on the number of interactions per bunch-crossing.



- Primary vertex determined by calorimeter pointing in periods with different pile-up conditions.

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ Systematic Uncertainties

Uncertainty [%]	0 lepton	1 lepton	2 leptons
b -tagging	6.5	6.0	6.9
c -tagging	7.3	6.4	3.6
light tagging	2.1	2.2	2.8
Jet/Pile-up/ E_T^{miss}	20	7.0	5.4
Lepton	0.0	2.1	1.8
Top modelling	2.7	4.1	0.5
W modelling	1.8	5.4	0.0
Z modelling	2.8	0.1	4.7
Diboson	0.8	0.3	0.5
Multijet	0.6	2.6	0.0
Luminosity	3.6	3.6	3.6
Statistical	8.3	3.6	6.6
Total	25	15	14

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Jet/Pile-up/ E_T^{miss}	19	25	6.7	6.7	4.2	4.2
Lepton	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ BR	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
VH p_T -dependence	5.3	8.1	7.6	7.6	5.0	5.0
VH theory PDF	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
VH theory scale	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.6	1.6
Statistical	4.9	18	4.1	4.1	2.6	2.6
Luminosity	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Total	24	34	16	16	13	13

- Background Systematics

- Signal Systematics