

Higgs discovery status from ATLAS

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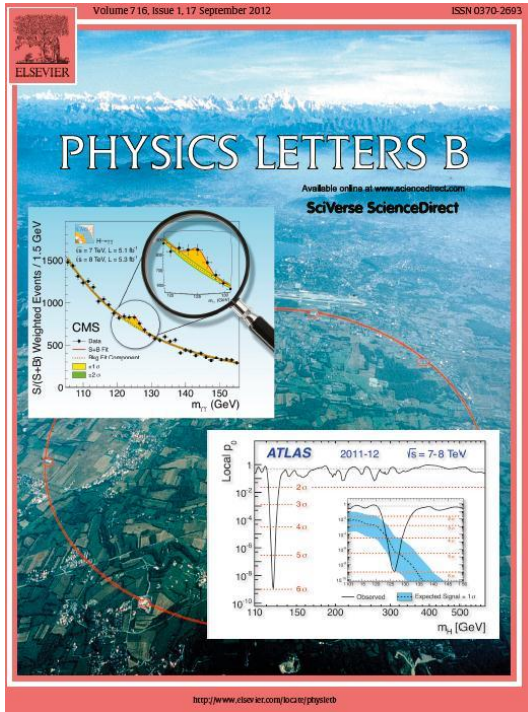
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Introduction

After the discovery a number of questions need to be addressed

Are there any more Higgses?

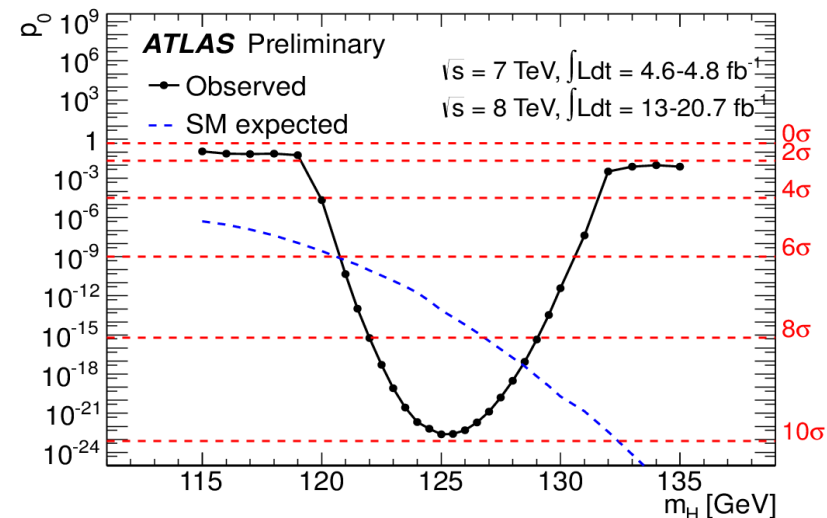
- Mass measurement
- Signal strength
- Spin and parity
- Couplings to fermions/bosons
- Production mechanisms



“Observation of a New Particle in the Search for the Standard Model Higgs Boson with the ATLAS Detector at the LHC”

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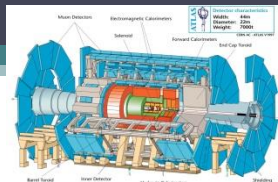
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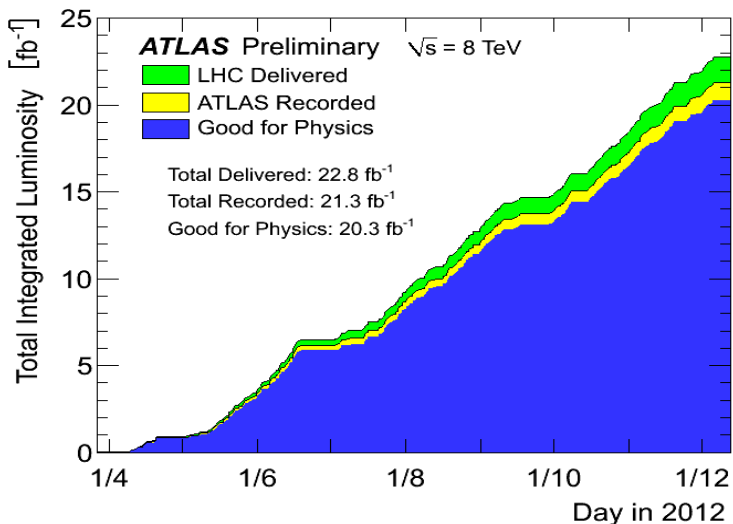
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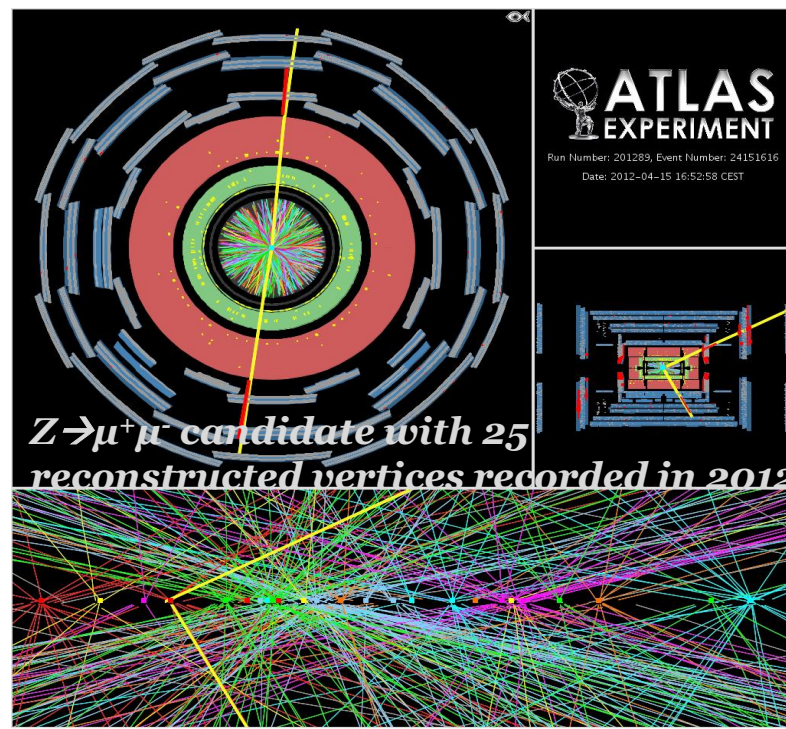
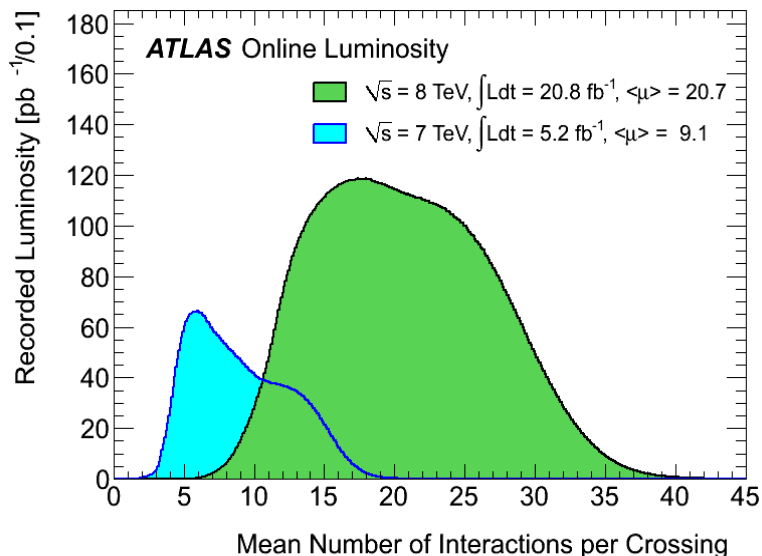
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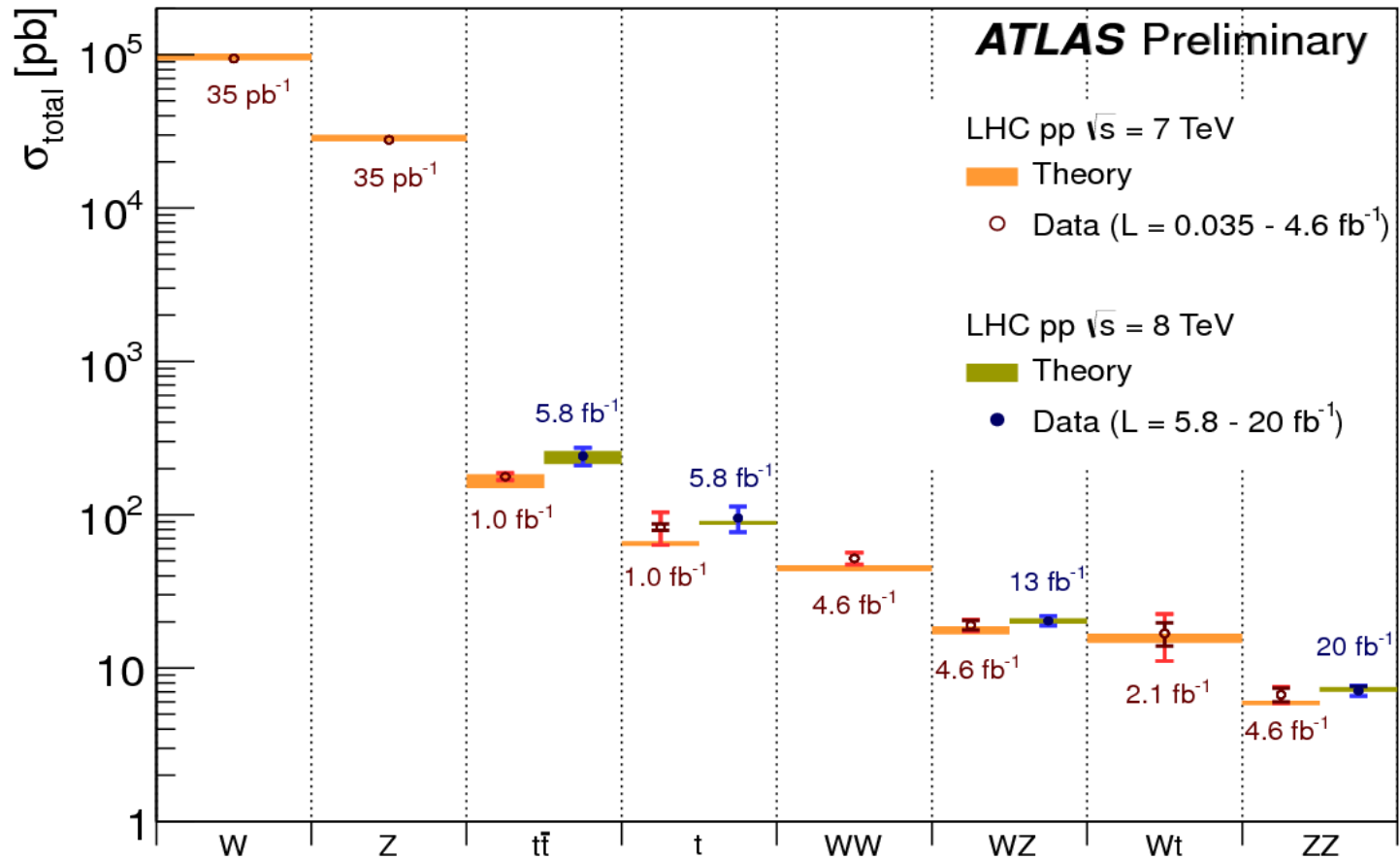
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- LHC started its high energy pp collisions in 2010
- Excellent ATLAS performance in harsh conditions:
 - 4.57 fb⁻¹ @ $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV (2011)
 - 20.3 fb⁻¹ @ $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV (2012)
- Run I period: 2010 - 2012



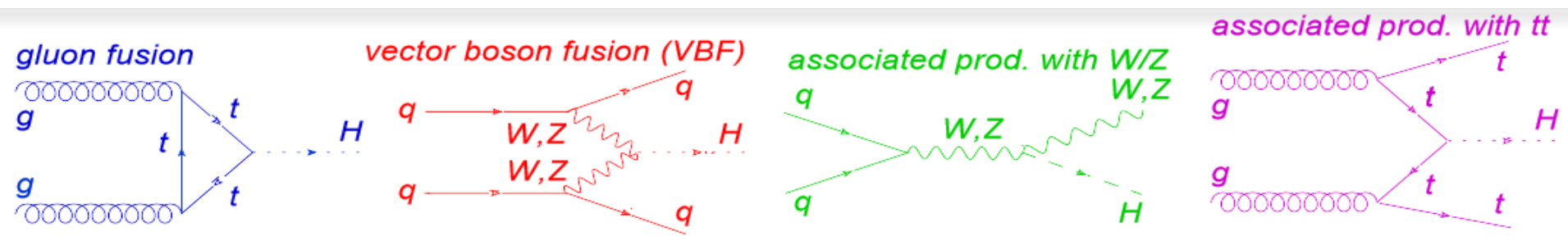
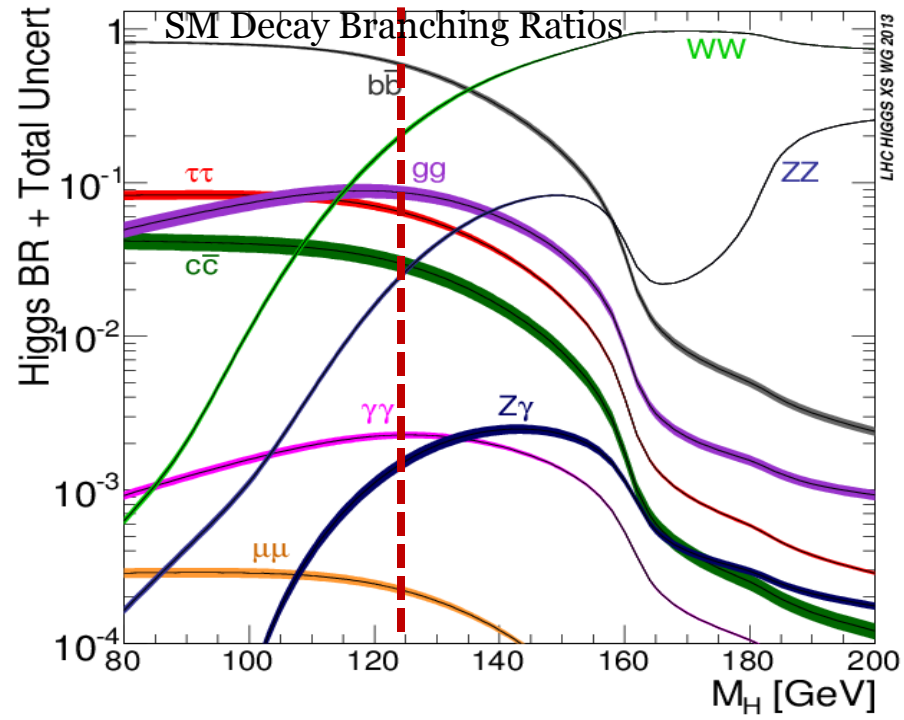
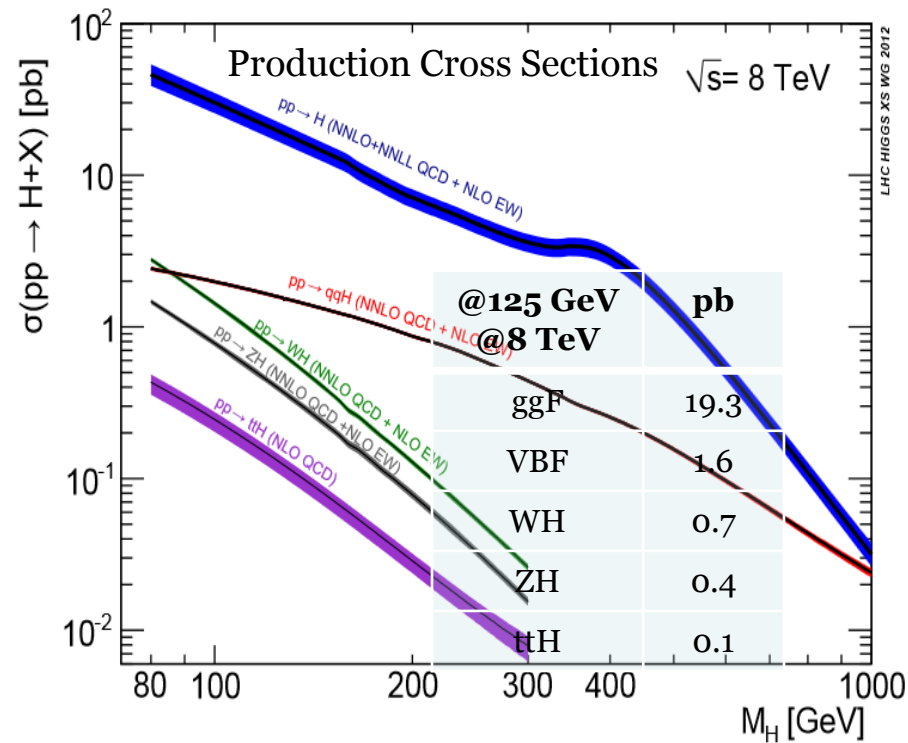
Testing the SM @ ATLAS



Precision tests of the SM → All the results are consistent with the theory predictions

LHC Higgs Cross Sections:
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Higgs Boson Production @LHC

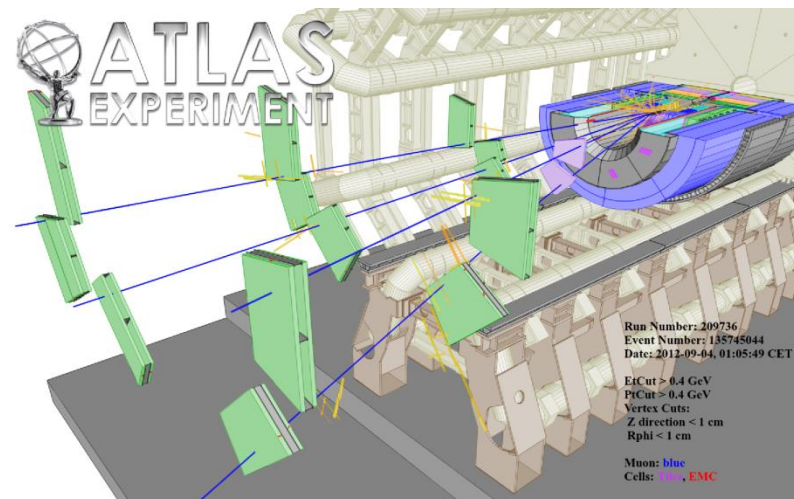


Outline Higgs Decay Searches

- Channels studied in the context of SM Higgs Boson search:
 - Bosonic Decays:
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$
 - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
 - $H \rightarrow Z/\gamma$
 - Devoted to High Mass Studies ($H \rightarrow ZZ (*) \rightarrow llqq$, $H \rightarrow ZZ (*) \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$, $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu qq$, $H \rightarrow ZZ (*) \rightarrow ll\tau\tau$)
 - Fermionic Decays
 - $H \rightarrow bb$
 - $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 - $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- BSM scenarios

$H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$

- “Golden Channel”
- **Four isolated leptons originated from primary vertex**
- Narrow resonance on top of a smooth background
- Background Composition:
 - Irreducible ZZ^*
 - Reducible $Zbb, Zlight, t\bar{t}$



Combined 7 TeV & 8 TeV:

Expected SM Significance: 4.4σ

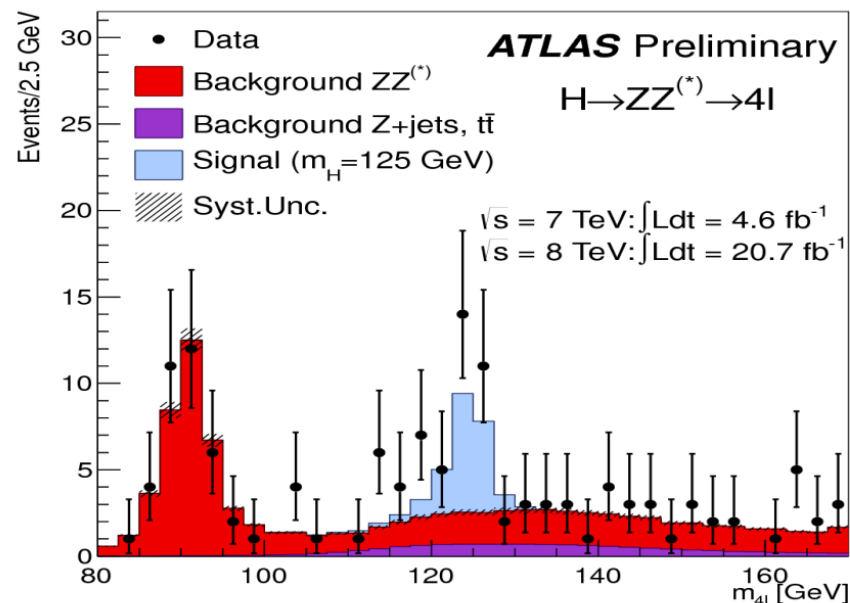
Observed Significance: 6.6σ

Mass Measurement:

$$124.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5}(\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.3}(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$$

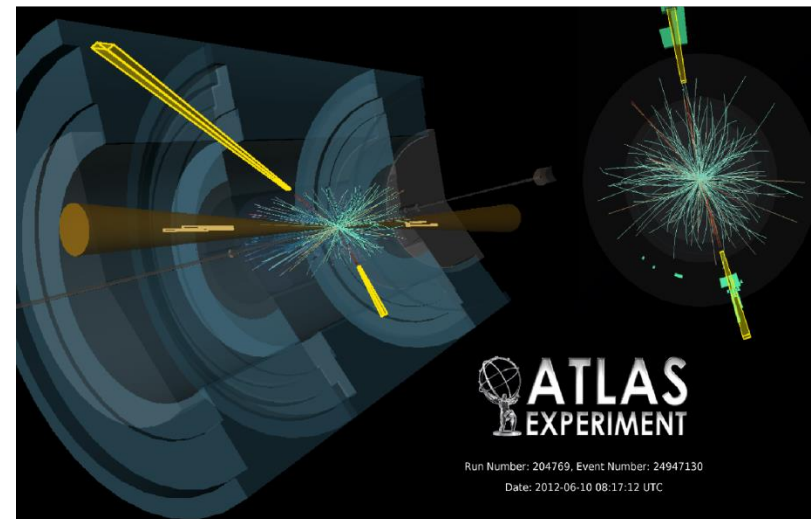
Signal Strength:

$$1.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$$



H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$

- **Two isolated photons**
- Narrow resonance on top of a continuous background
- Background Composition:
 - Irreducible $\gamma\gamma$ continuum (~82%)
 - Reducible γ -jet (~15%), jet-jet (~3%)



Combined 7 TeV & 8 TeV:

Expected SM Significance: 4.1σ

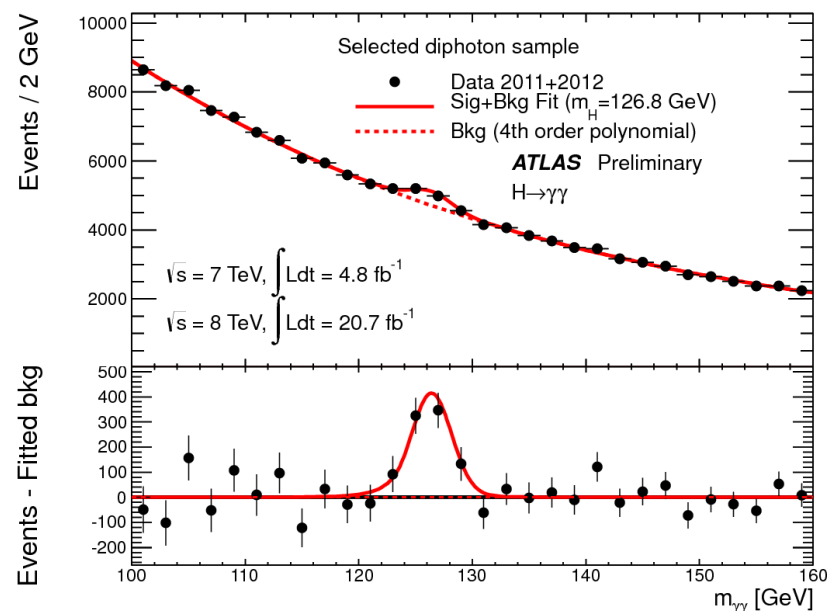
Observed Significance: 7.4σ

Mass Measurement:

$126.8 \pm 0.2(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$

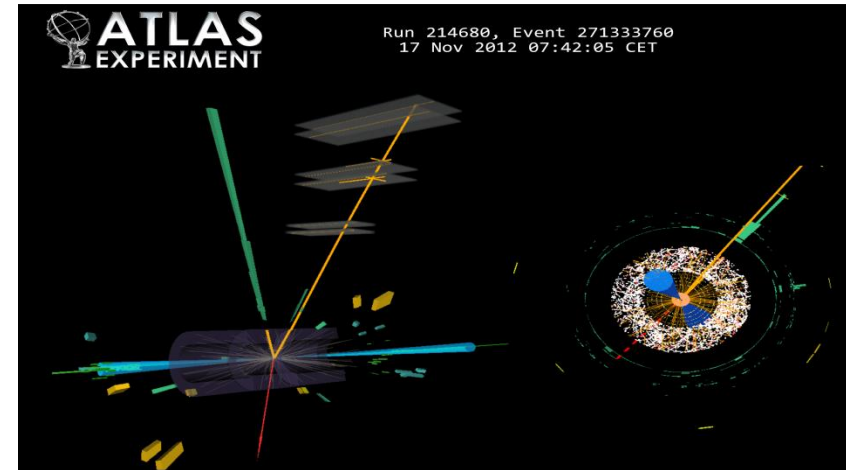
Signal Strength:

$1.65^{+0.24}_{-0.24}(\text{stat})^{+0.25}_{-0.18}(\text{syst})$



$H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

- Large production rate and clear signature, no full mass reconstruction possible due to 2ν
- **Dilepton candidates discriminated by the transverse mass (m_T) and $\Delta\phi(l_1, l_2)$, vetoed for Z and DY**
- Background Composition:
WW, ttbar, W+jets



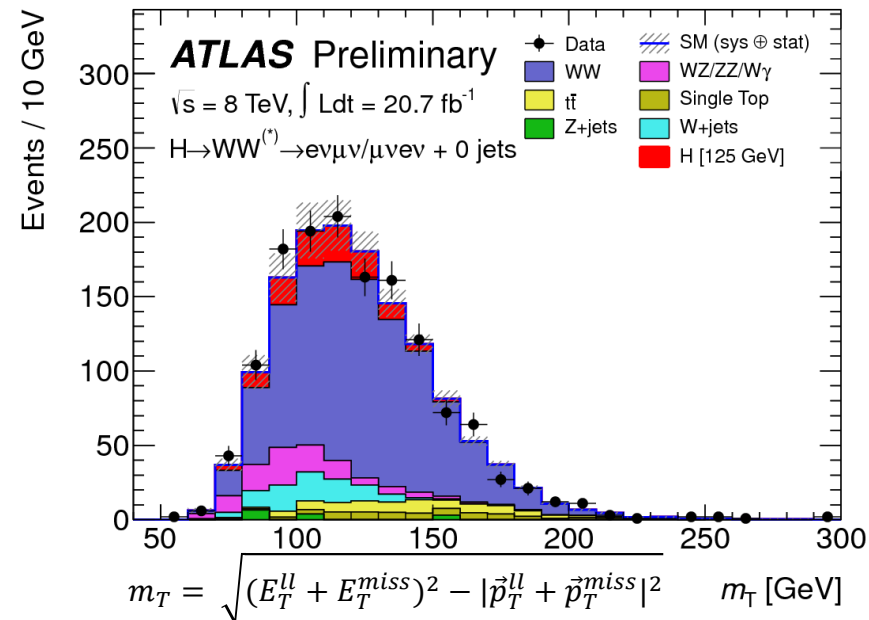
Combined 7 TeV & 8 TeV:

Expected SM Significance: 3.7σ

Observed Significance: 3.8σ

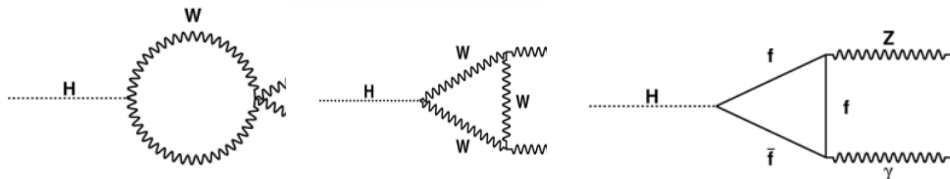
Signal Strength:

$$1.01 \pm 0.31$$

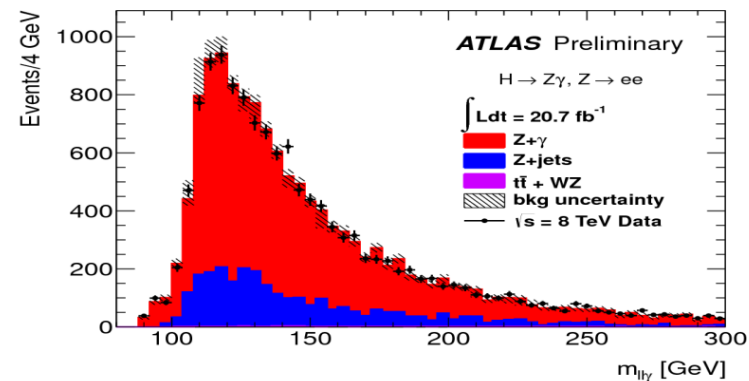
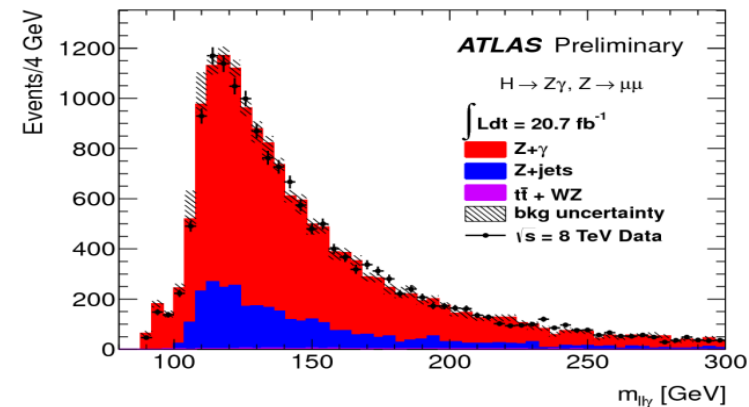
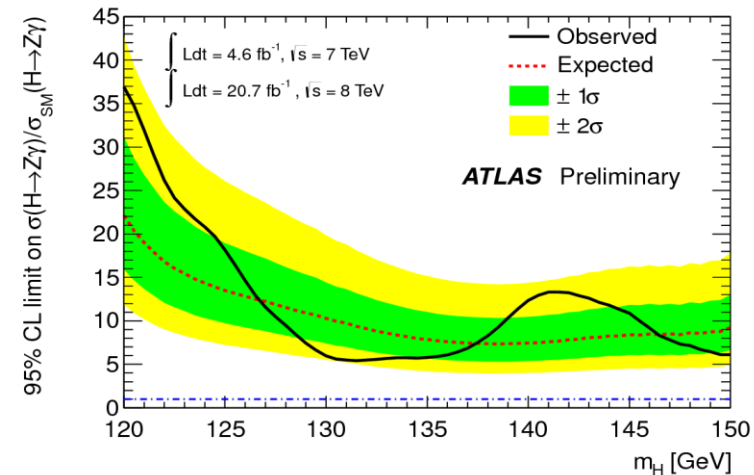


H → Z/γ

- Decay rate can provide insight into models beyond the SM
- Total cross section 1.8(2.3) fb @ $\sqrt{s} = 7(8)$ TeV (including $Z \rightarrow l^+l^-$ cross section)
- **Well reconstructed Z candidates (± 10 GeV from the Z pole) accompanied by a photon ($E_T > 15$ GeV)**
- Background Composition:
mainly Z+γ and Z+jets



No significant deviation from the SM prediction was observed



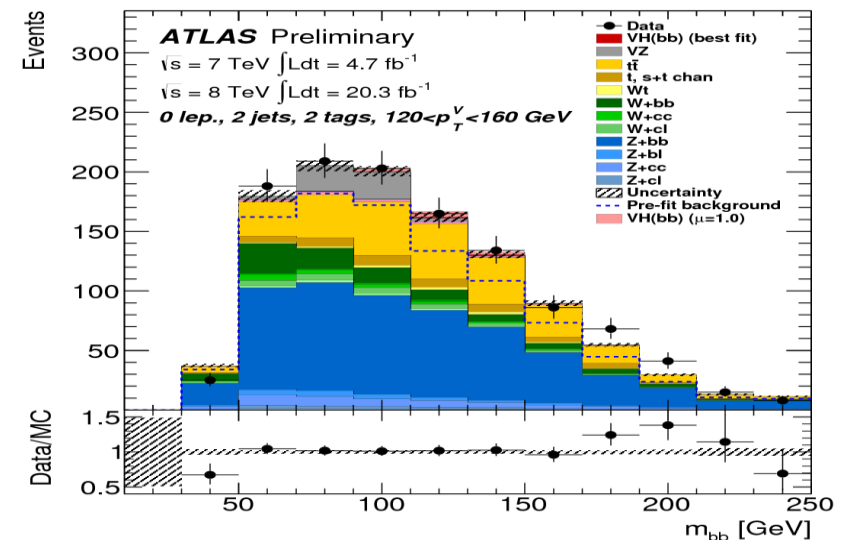
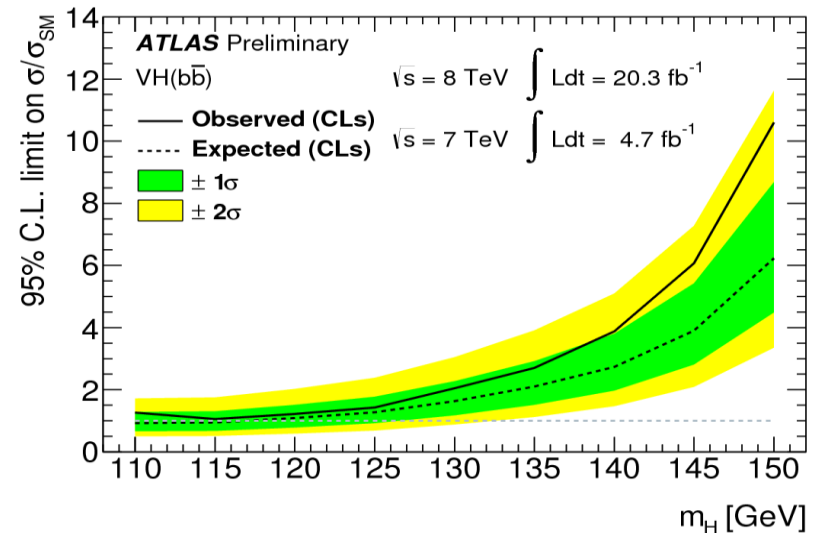
H → bb

- High BR and can provide direct constraint to Higgs coupling to quarks/fermions
- **Associated VH production: W(lν)H → bb, Z(νν or ll)H → bb**
- Require two b-jets and classify according to missing E_T , $P_T(\nu)$, discriminate according to m_{bb}
- Background Composition:
High jet background

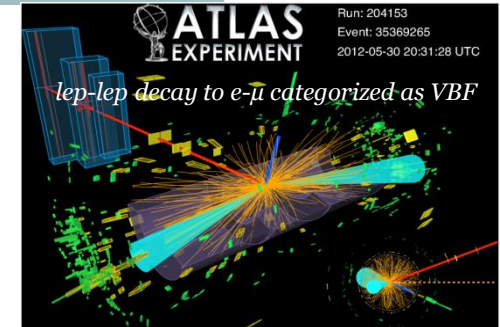
No Significant Excess is Observed

Signal Strength:

$$0.2 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst})$$



H → ττ

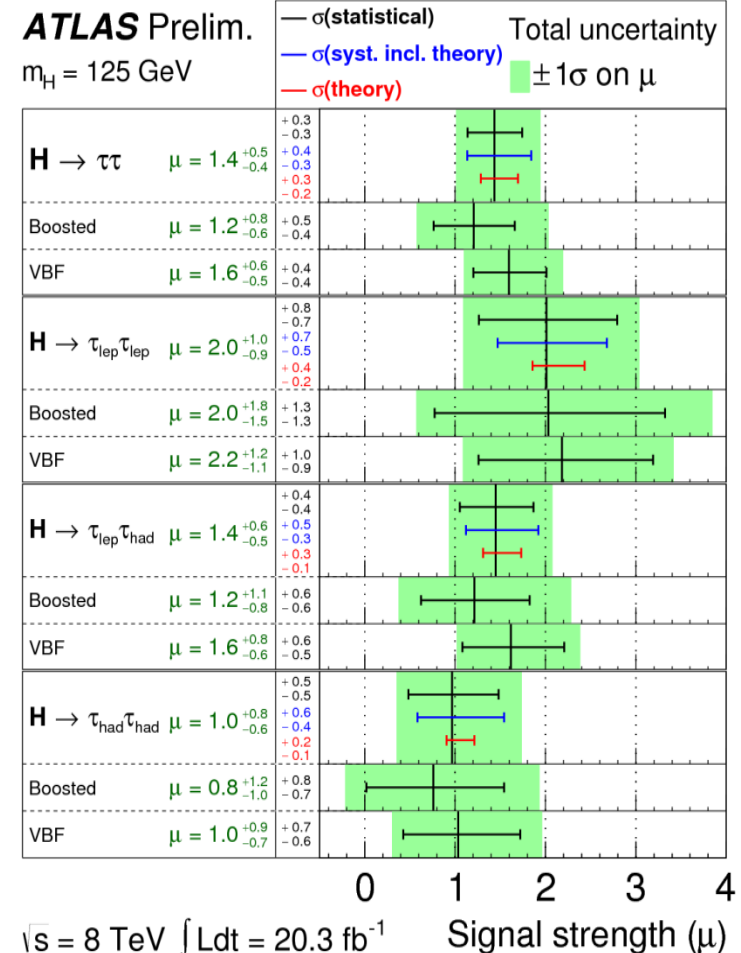


- Sample analyzed: $\int L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
- Important for the H decays to fermions/leptons
- **Split events according to τ decay and discriminate with $m_{\tau\tau}$, E_T^{miss} , p_T^H , $\Delta\eta_{jj}$**
- Background Composition:
mainly $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ and $Z \rightarrow ll$, $t\bar{t}$ + single top, WW , WZ , ZZ
- Exploit Signal Sensitive Topologies
 - VBF: presence of two jets with a large pseudorapidity separation
 - Boosted: from ggF (failing the VBF)

Results compatible with the Standard Model

Observed Strength:

$$1.4 \pm 0.3(\text{stat})_{-0.3}^{+0.4}(\text{syst})$$

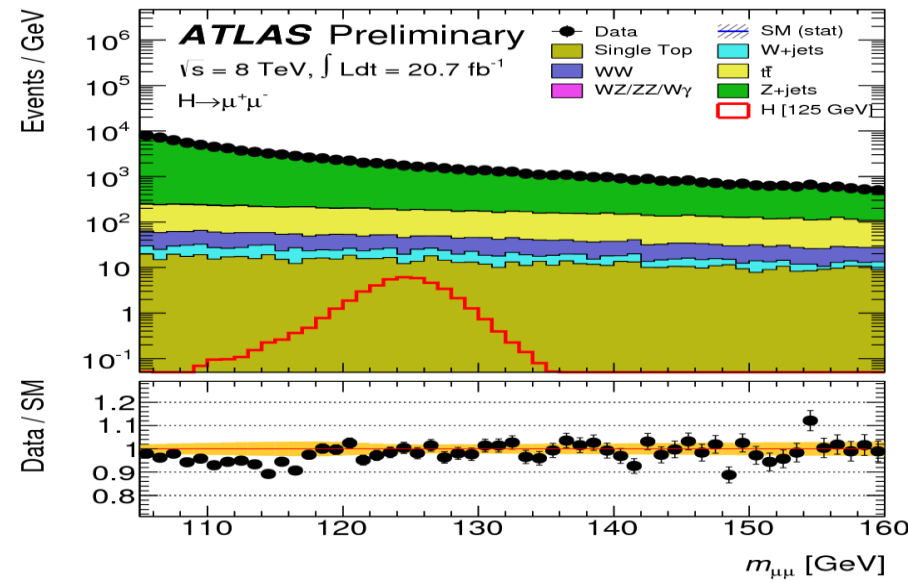
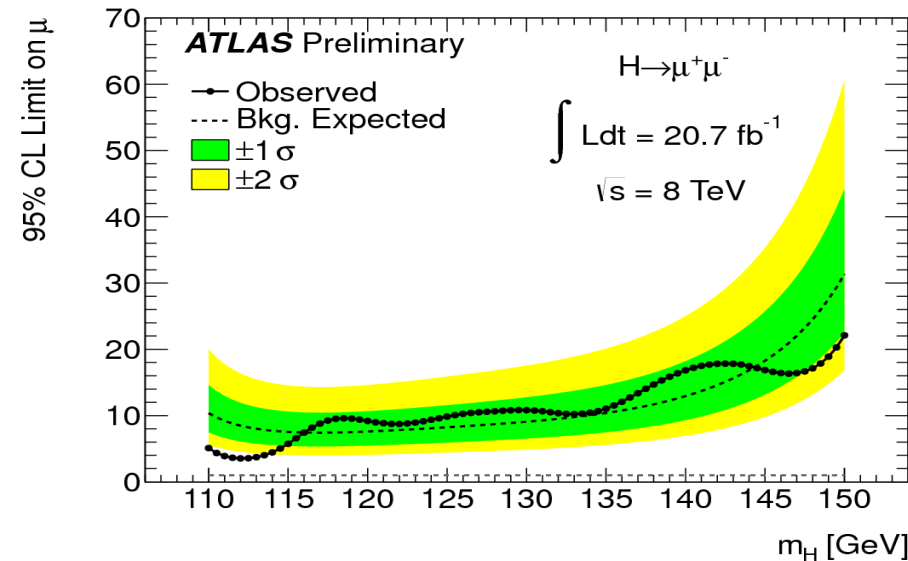


$H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- The only channel where the Higgs coupling to second generation fermions can be measured at the LHC. Small BR and high background.
- Sample analyzed: @ $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV data
- **Isolated muons originating from the primary vertex**
- Background Composition:
mainly $Z/\gamma^ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$*

The observed data is consistent with the expectation from the SM backgrounds.

No evidence of a signal is observed



What are the properties of the discovered boson?

Is it the SM Higgs?

Are there hints for BSM?

Mass Measurement

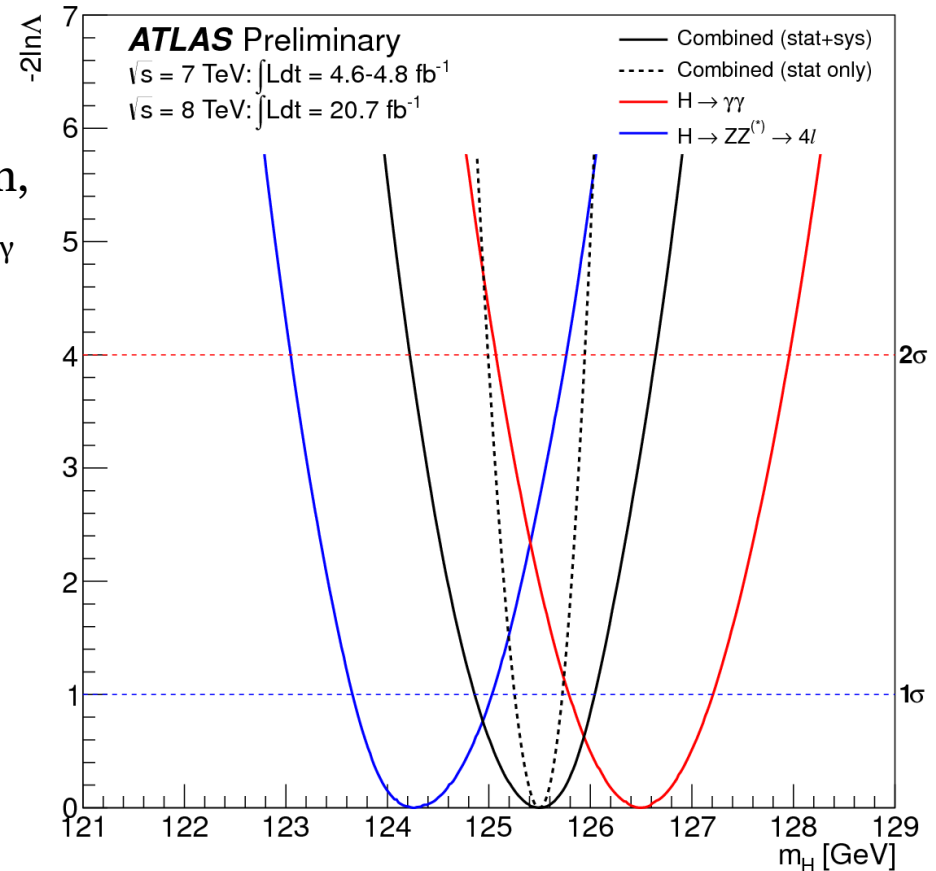
Combining the $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

The profile likelihood ratio $-2 \ln \Lambda(m_H)$ as a function of m_H for the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ channels and their combination, obtained by allowing the signal strengths $\mu_{\gamma\gamma}$ and μ_{4l} to vary independently.

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$: $124.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5}(\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.3}(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$

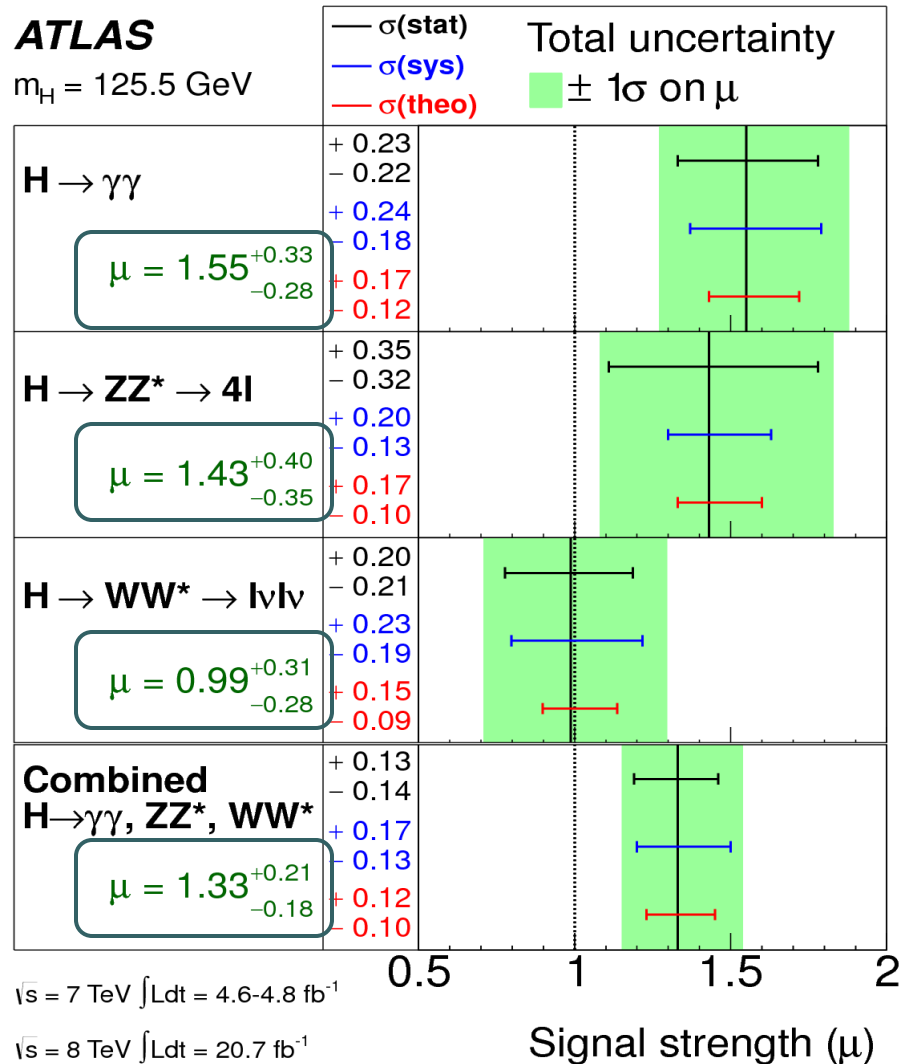
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: $126.8 \pm 0.2(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$

Combined: $125.5 \pm 0.2(\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.6}(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$



Signal Strength

Compatibility of the observed rate with the SM

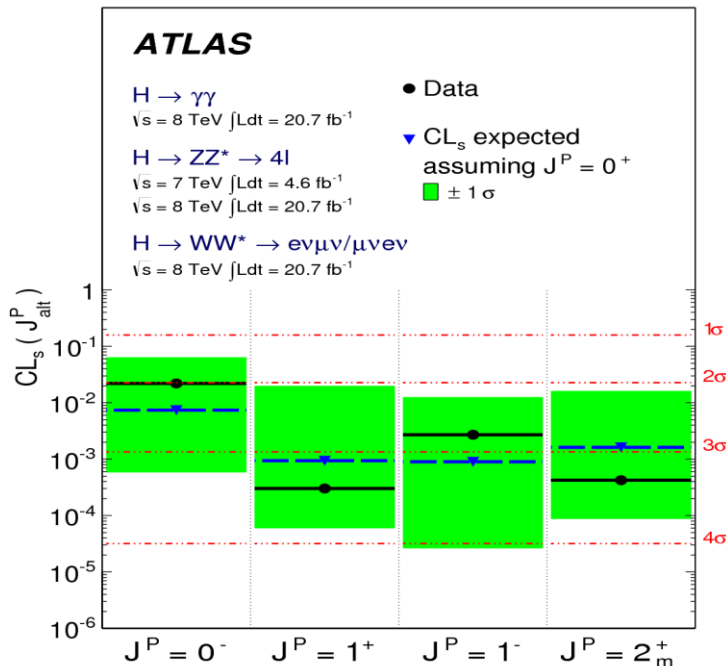


To measure the Higgs boson production strength, the parameter μ is determined from a fit to the data using the profile likelihood ratio $\Lambda(\mu)$ for a fixed mass hypothesis corresponding to the measured value
 $m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$

Spin / CP Properties

- SM Higgs has $J^P = 0^+$
- Observed decay channels (bosonic) imply integer spin. $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay excludes spin-1 hypothesis (Landau-Yang theorem)
- Analyses are channel dependent

| Channel | Discriminants |
|--|--|
| $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ | BDT, five production/decay angles |
| $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ | $ \cos\theta^* $, where θ^* is the polar angle between $\gamma\gamma$ wrt rest frame |
| $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ | BDT, m_{ll} , p_T^{ll} , $\Delta\phi_{ll}$, m_T |

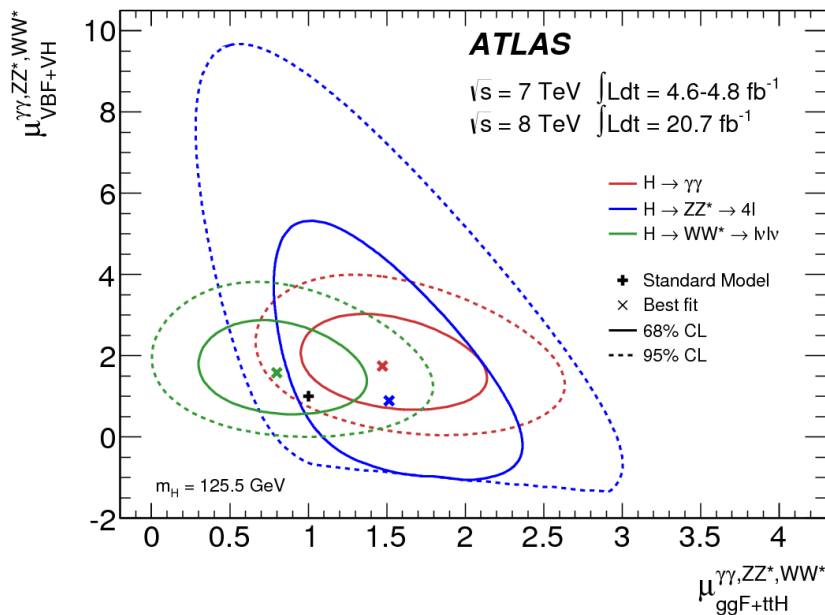


- **Data favors the SM $J^P = 0^+$**
- *The 0^- is rejected at 97.8% CL ($H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$)*
- *The 1^+ and 1^- are rejected with a CL of at least 99.7% (combining $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$)*
- *The graviton-inspired $J^P = 2^+$ model is excluded at more than 99.9% CL (combining the $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$)*

Production Mechanisms

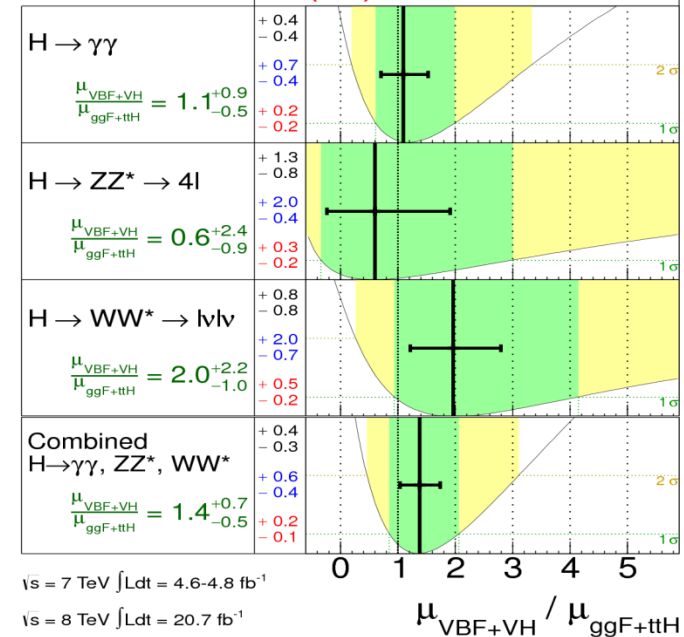
Production Characteristics:

- **VBF**: two jets in opposite hemisphere
- **VH**: H candidate + W/Z candidate
- **ttH**: b -jets stemming from top quark decays
- **ggF**: if none of the above



ATLAS

$m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$



$\mu_{\text{VBF+VH}} / \mu_{\text{ggF+ttH}} = 1.4^{+0.4}_{-0.3}(\text{stat})^{+0.6}_{-0.4}(\text{syst})$
 in agreement with the SM

3.3 σ evidence in the VBF production
 (when μ_{VH} is profiled and not treated together with μ_{VBF})

The sharp lower edge of the $H \rightarrow \text{ZZ}^* \rightarrow 4l$ contours is due to the small number of events in this channel and the requirement of a positive pdf

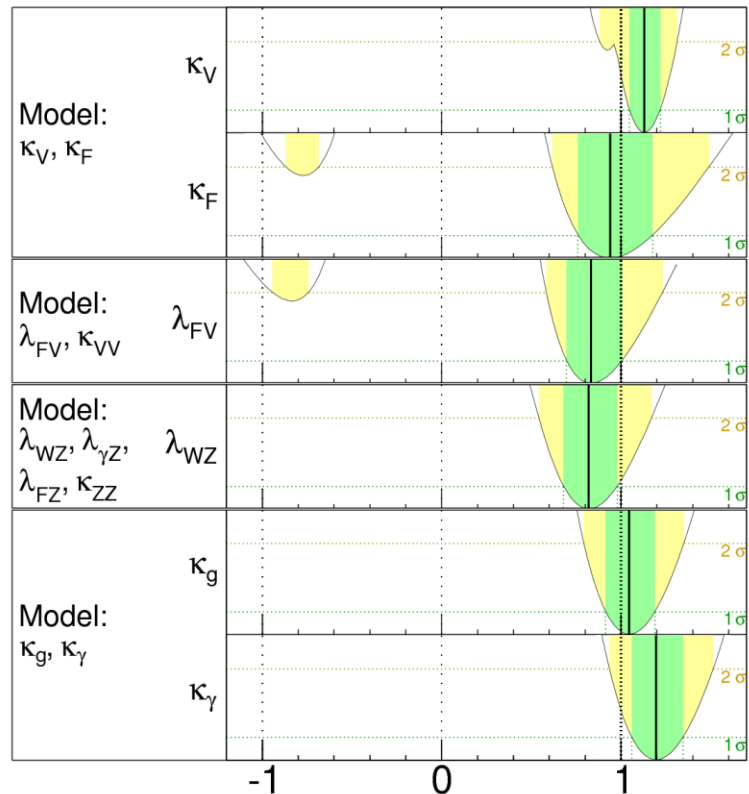
Coupling Strength Studies

ATLAS

$m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$

Total uncertainty

■ $\pm 1\sigma$ ■ $\pm 2\sigma$



$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV} \int \mathcal{L} dt = 4.6\text{-}4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV} \int \mathcal{L} dt = 20.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Parameter value
Combined $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, ZZ^*, WW^*$

$$\sigma^* \text{BR}(ii \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff) = \frac{\sigma_i \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_H}, \quad \mu = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{SM}} = \frac{k_i^2 k_f^2}{k_H^2}$$

k is a scale factor for a SM coupling

$$\lambda_{XY} = k_X/k_Y$$

Several models can be tested:

- *Couplings to fermions and bosons*
- *Custodial symmetry* (in the SM $\lambda_{W/Z} = k_W/k_Z = 1$)
- *Production and decay loops constrains* (testing for BSM heavy particles)

No significant deviation from the SM prediction is observed

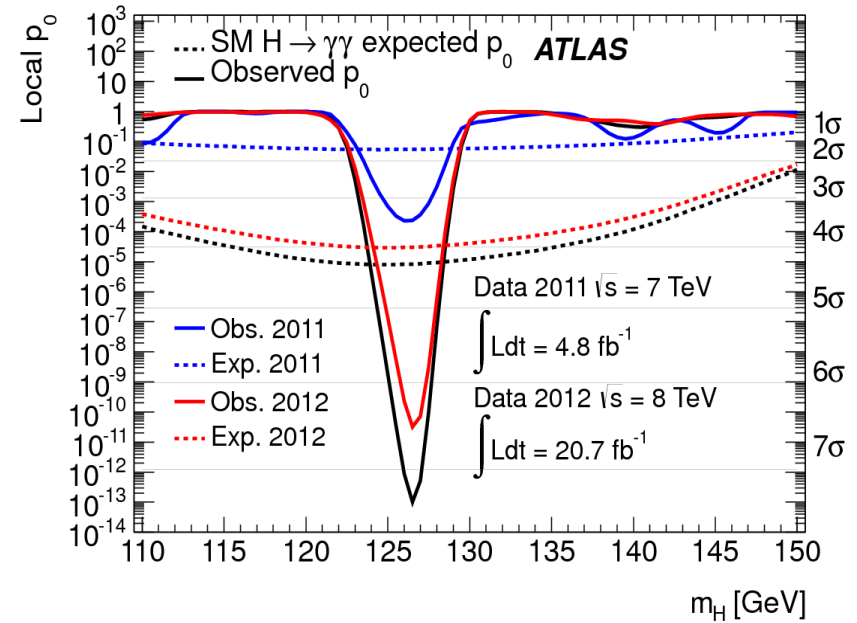
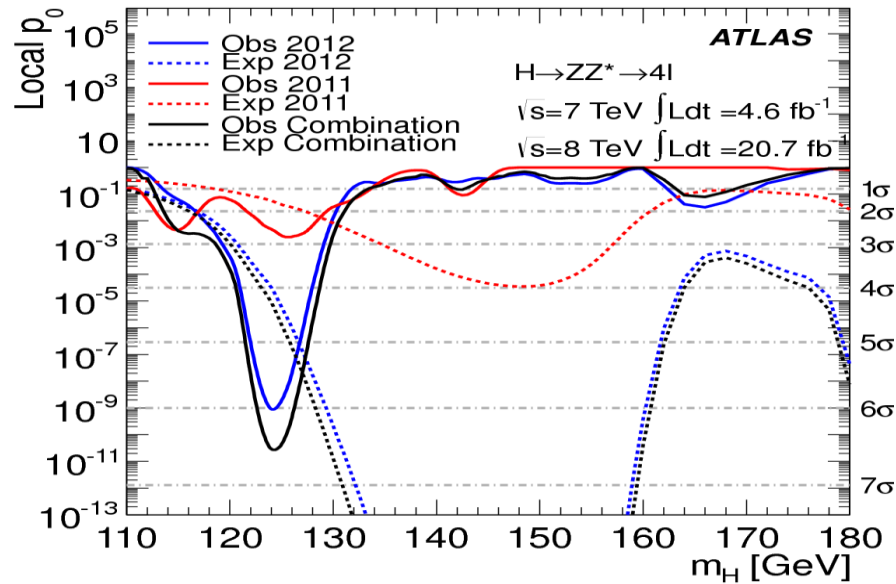
Summary

- Run I of the LHC delivered a significant amount of data, allowing the discovery of the Higgs Boson
- The current observations are consistent with the Standard Model predictions and no new physics sign found
- Final results from Run I will come soon and Run II will challenge the Standard Model predictions with more precise measurements

the discovery was just the beginning!

Back - up Slides

Local p_0 value



p_0 is the probability of obtaining a result as signal like if no signal is present

Systematics

Table 4: For $m_H = 125$ GeV and the 8 TeV data analysis, the impact of the main sources of systematic uncertainty specific to the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel on the signal yield, event migration between categories and mass measurement and resolution. Uncertainties common to all channels are listed in Table 1. The \pm and \mp signs indicate anticorrelations between categories.

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

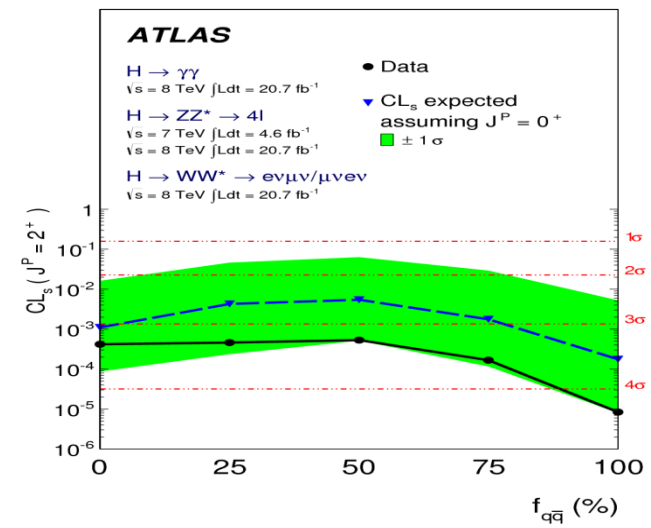
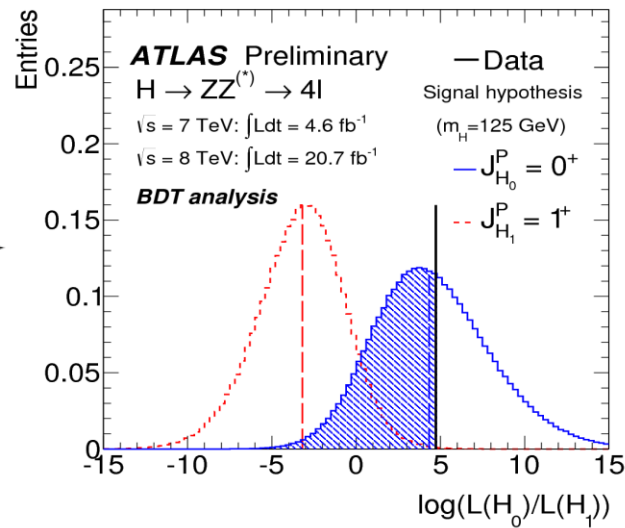
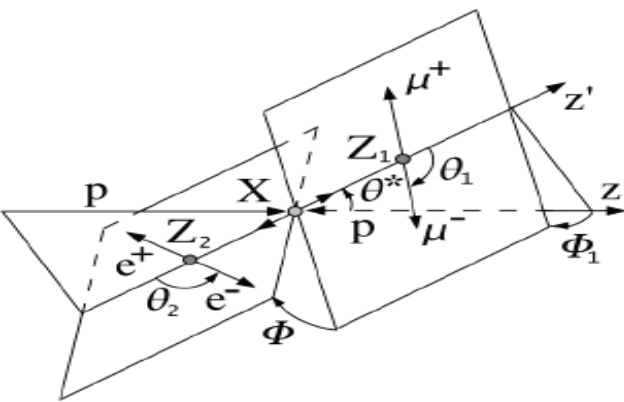
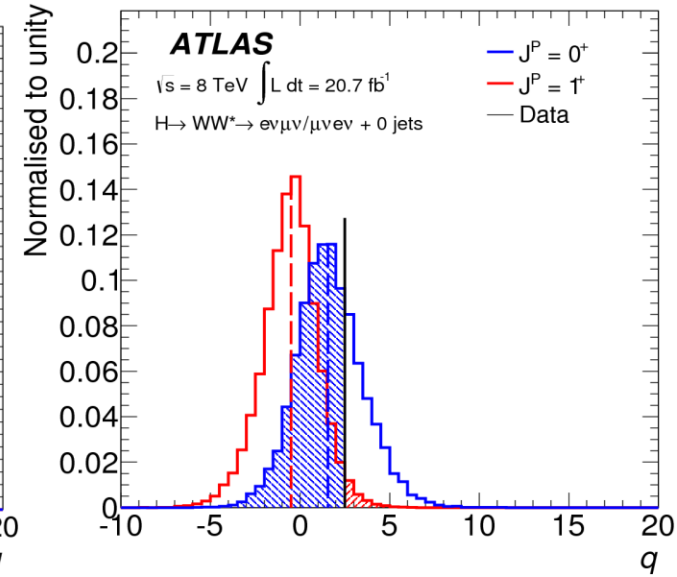
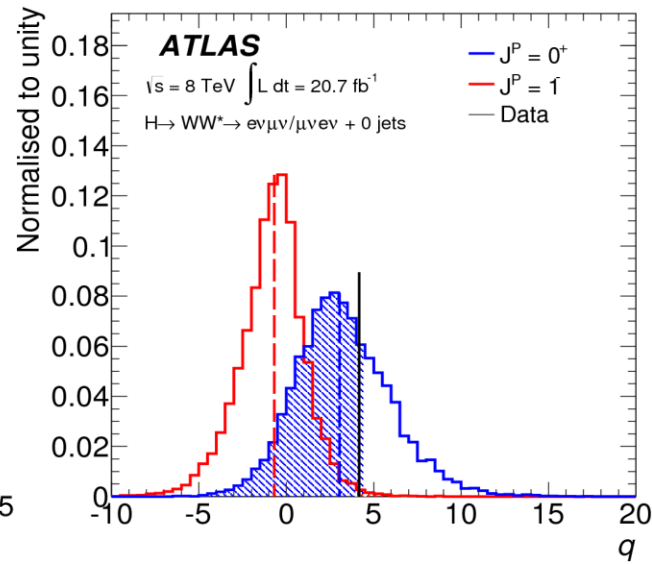
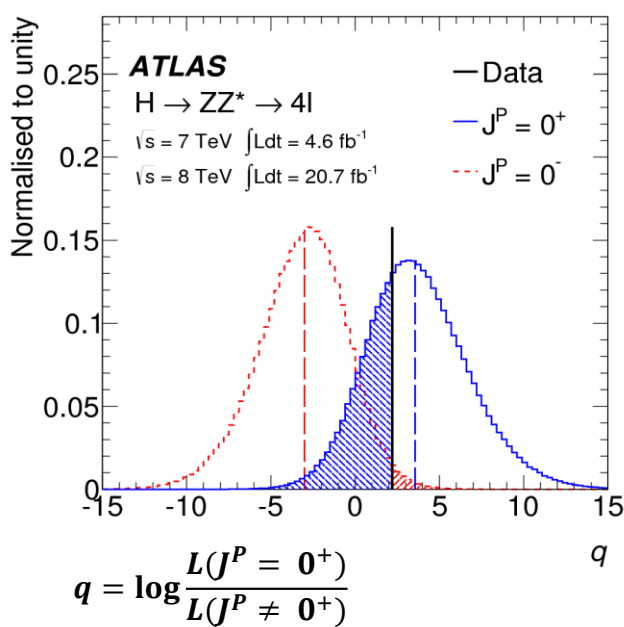
| Source | Uncertainty (%) |
|---|--|
| | on signal yield |
| Trigger | ± 0.5 |
| Photon identification | ± 2.4 |
| Isolation | ± 1.0 |
| Photon energy scale | ± 0.25 |
| ggF (theory), tight high-mass two-jet cat. | ± 48 |
| ggF (theory), loose high-mass two-jet cat. | ± 28 |
| ggF (theory), low-mass two-jet cat. | ± 30 |
| Impact of background modelling | $\pm(2-14)$, cat.-dependent |
| | on category population (migration) |
| Material modelling | -4 (unconv), $+3.5$ (conv) |
| p_T modelling | ± 1 (low- $p_{T\gamma}$), $\mp(9-12)$ (high- $p_{T\gamma}$, jets), $\pm(2-4)$ (lepton, E_T^{miss}) |
| $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma, jj}$, η^* modelling in ggF | $\pm(9-12)$, $\pm(6-8)$ |
| Jet energy scale and resolution | $\pm(7-12)$ (jets), $\mp(0-1)$ (others) |
| Underlying event two-jet cat. | ± 4 (high-mass tight), ± 8 (high-mass loose), ± 12 (low-mass) |
| E_T^{miss} | ± 4 (E_T^{miss} category) |
| | on mass scale and resolution |
| Mass measurement | ± 0.6 , cat.-dependent |
| Signal mass resolution | $\pm(14-23)$, cat.-dependent |

Table 6: For $m_H = 125$ GeV and the 8 TeV data analysis, the impact of the main sources of systematic uncertainty specific to the $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ channel on the signal yield, estimated reducible background, event migration between categories and mass measurement. Uncertainties common to all channels are listed in Table 1.

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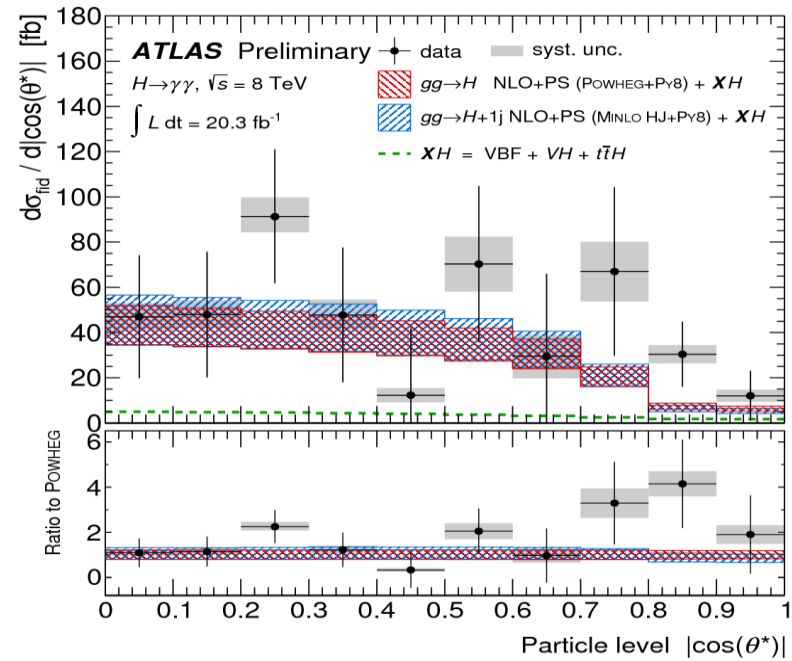
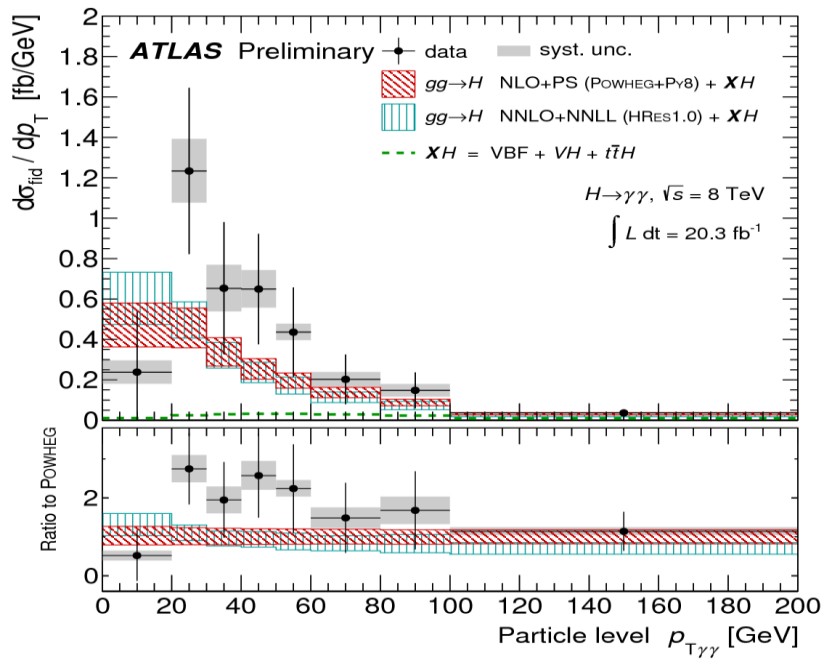
| Source | Uncertainty (%) | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Signal yield | 4μ | $2\mu 2e$ | $2e 2\mu$ | $4e$ |
| Muon reconstruction and identification | ± 0.8 | ± 0.4 | ± 0.4 | - |
| Electron reconstruction and identification | - | ± 8.7 | ± 2.4 | ± 9.4 |
| Reducible background (inclusive analysis) | ± 24 | ± 10 | ± 23 | ± 13 |
| Migration between categories | | | | |
| ggF/VBF/VH contributions to VBF-like cat. | | | | $\pm 32/11/11$ |
| ZZ^* contribution to VBF-like cat. | | | | ± 36 |
| ggF/VBF/VH contributions to VH-like cat. | | | | $\pm 15/5/6$ |
| ZZ^* contribution to VH-like cat. | | | | ± 30 |
| Mass measurement | 4μ | $2\mu 2e$ | $2e 2\mu$ | $4e$ |
| Lepton energy and momentum scale | ± 0.2 | ± 0.2 | ± 0.3 | ± 0.4 |

Spin & Parity

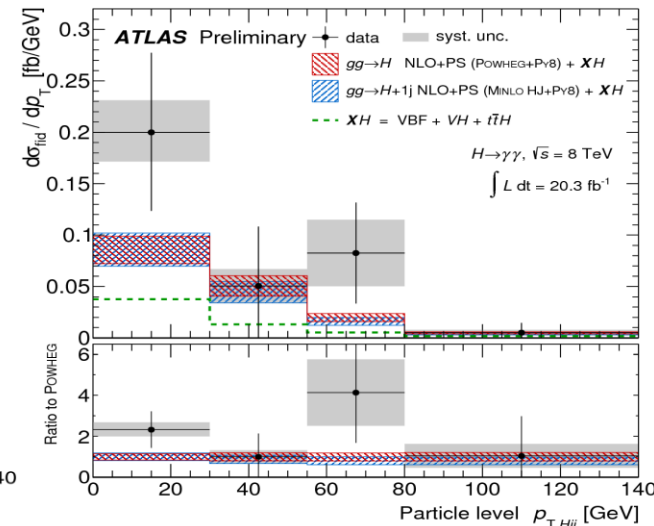
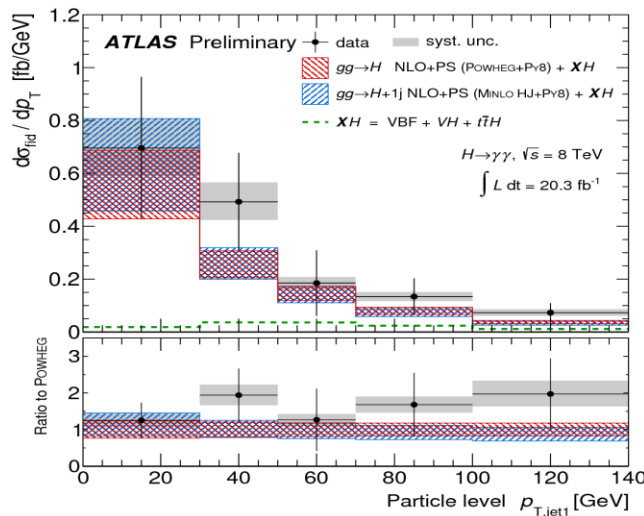
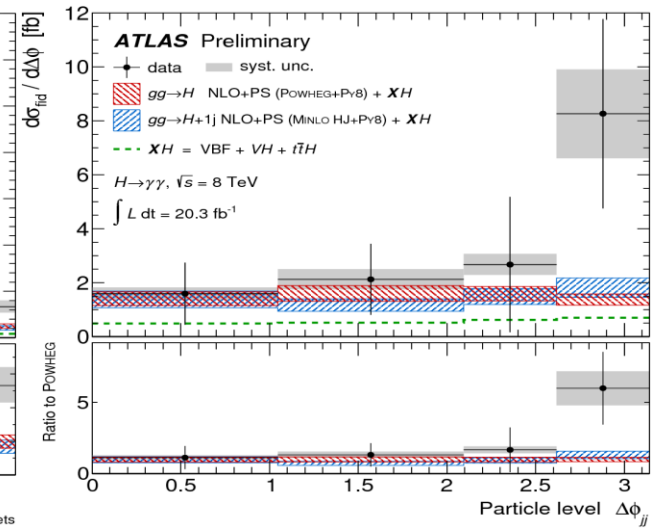
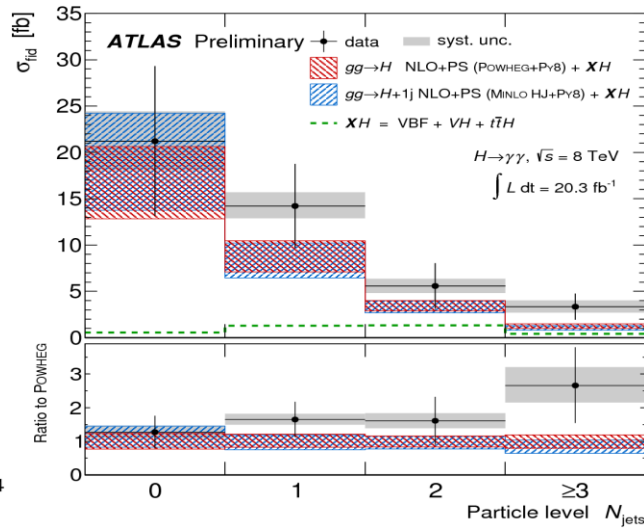
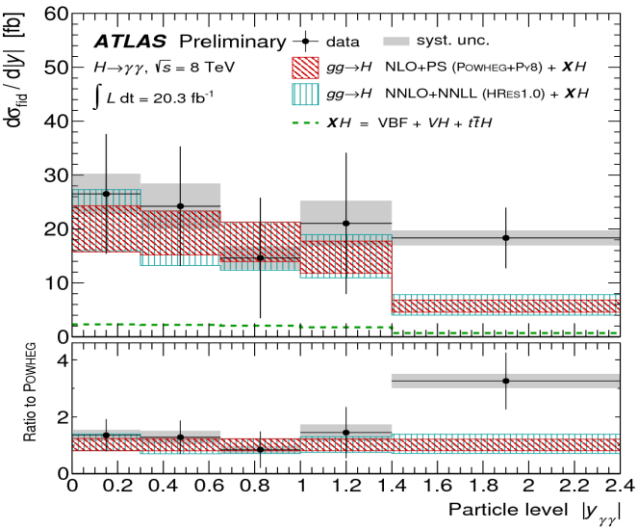


Differential Cross Section ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

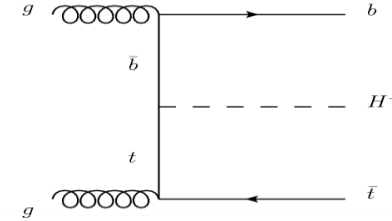
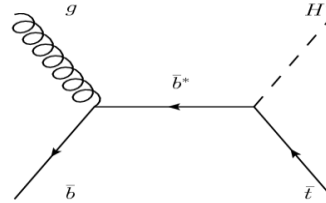
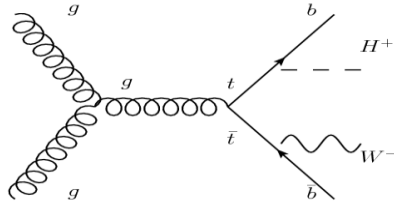
- Observables: $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$ and rapidity $|y^{\gamma\gamma}|$ of the Higgs boson, the helicity angle $|\cos\theta^*|$ between γ 's, N_{jets} , leading jet p_T , the azimuthal angle between leading-subleading jet $\Delta\phi_{jj}$, $P_T^{\gamma\gamma jj}$
- The variables presented describe the fundamental kinematic properties of the Higgs boson, probe its spin and parity, and test the theoretical description of QCD in its production
- **Unbinned fit of the diphoton invariant mass is performed simultaneously in all bins, for each observable**
- Within the uncertainties, **no significant deviation from the SM expectation is observed**



H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$ Differential Cross Section



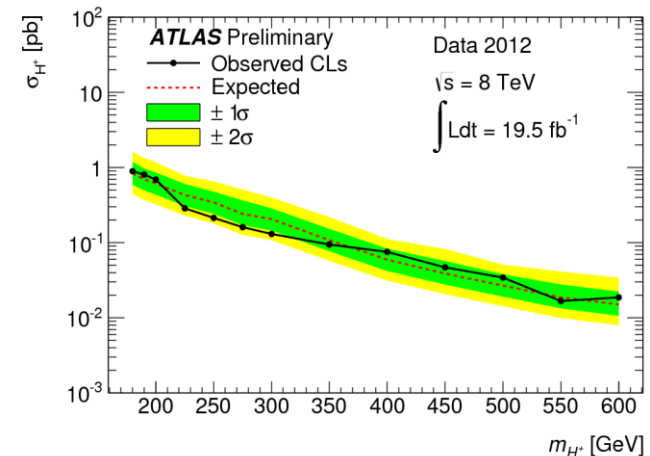
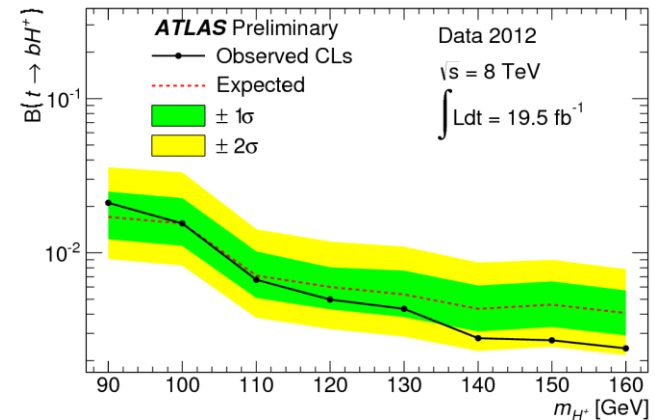
$H^\pm \rightarrow \tau^\pm + \text{jets}$



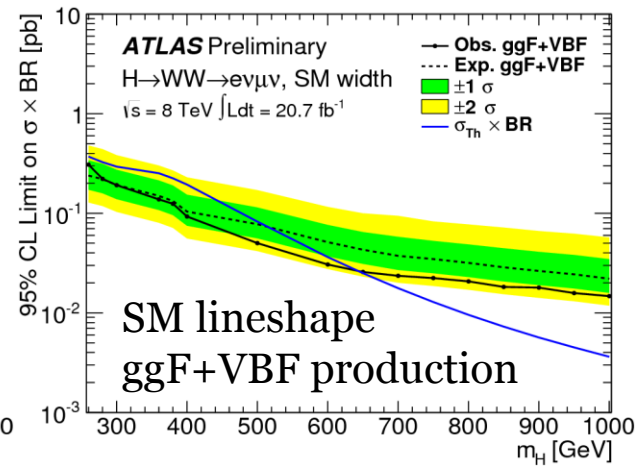
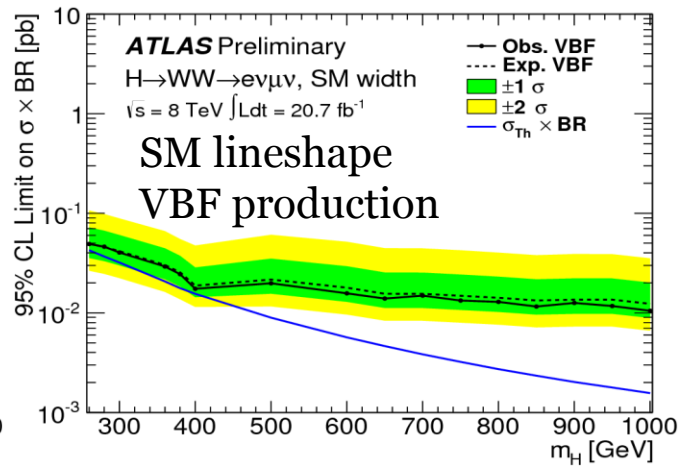
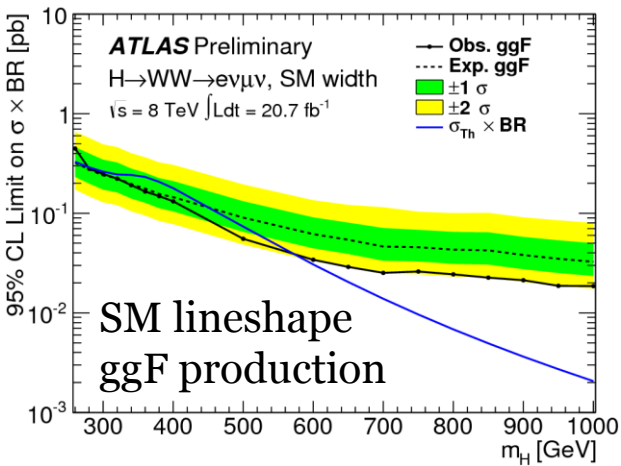
- H^\pm bosons are predicted by several non-minimal Higgs scenarios **beyond the SM**, ex. models containing Higgs triplets, 2HDM
- Events selected: large number of jets, at least one tagged, large E_T^{miss} , discriminant

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^\tau E_T^{\text{miss}} (1 - \cos\Delta\phi_{\tau, \text{miss}})}$$

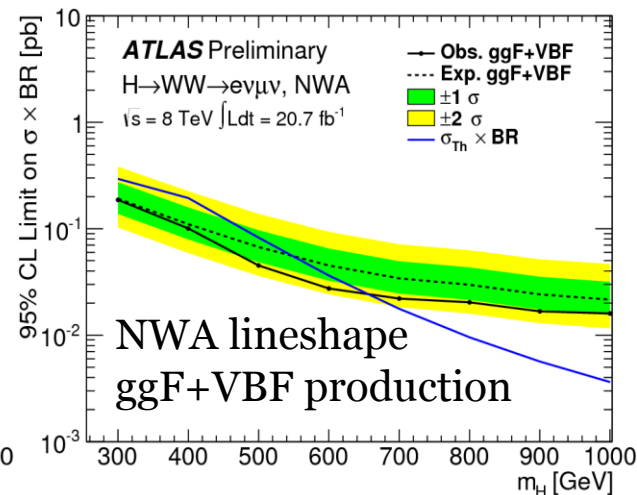
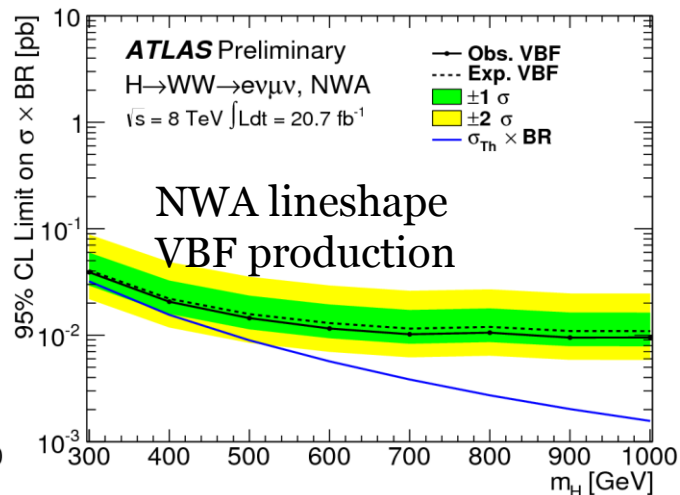
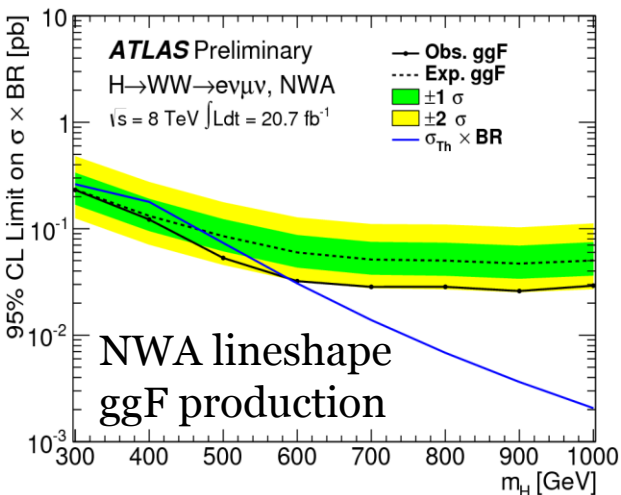
Results consistent with the SM



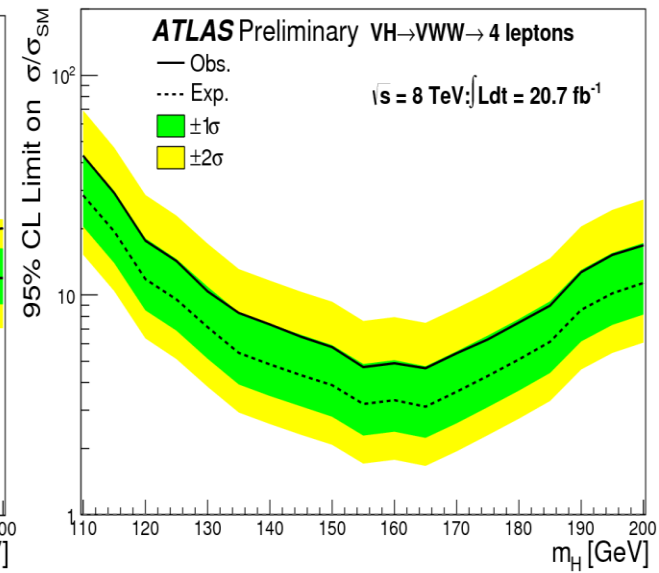
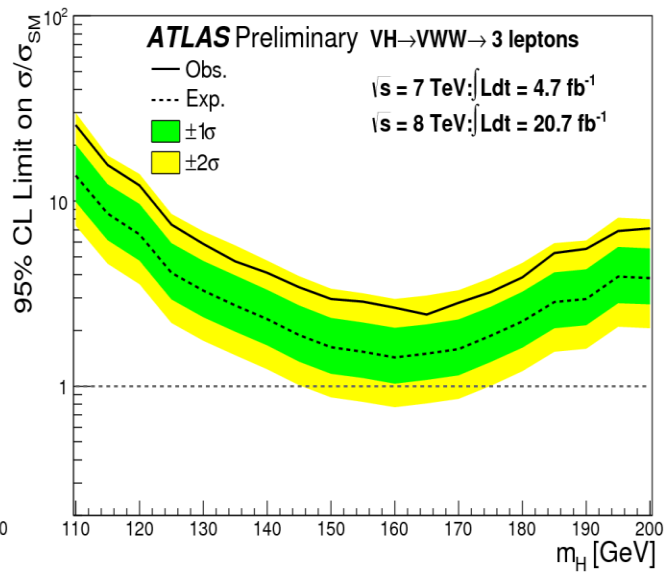
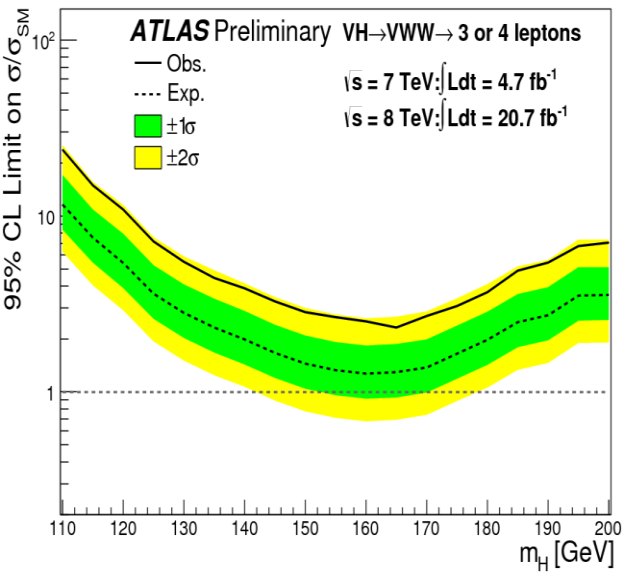
High Mass $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$



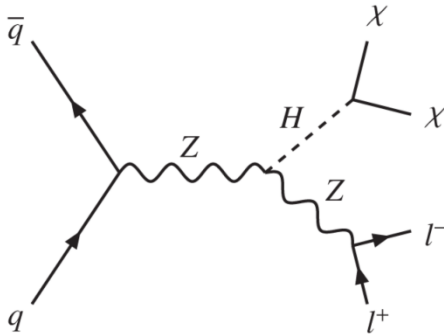
Narrow Width Approximation (NWA): 1 GeV wide Breit-Wigner lineshape



WH \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow $l\nu l\nu l\nu$ & ZH \rightarrow ZWW(*) \rightarrow $ll\nu l\nu$

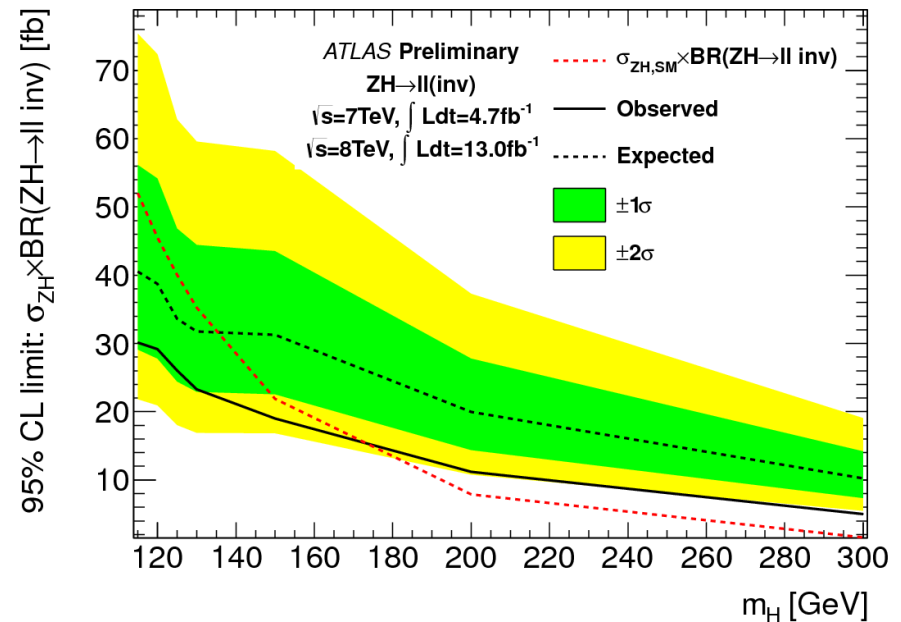


ZH Invisible

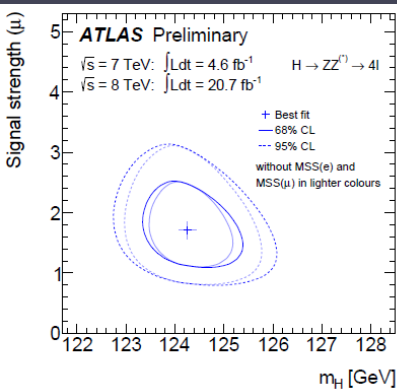


- Some SM extensions allow decay to stable or long-lived particles that interact with the Higgs boson
- **Search for excess in the ll +MET**
- Background: $ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$, WW , $t\bar{t}$, Wt , inclusive Z or W , SM $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ and $H \rightarrow WW(*)$
- This measurement is sensitive to enhancements of the invisible branching fraction, ex. decays to dark matter particles

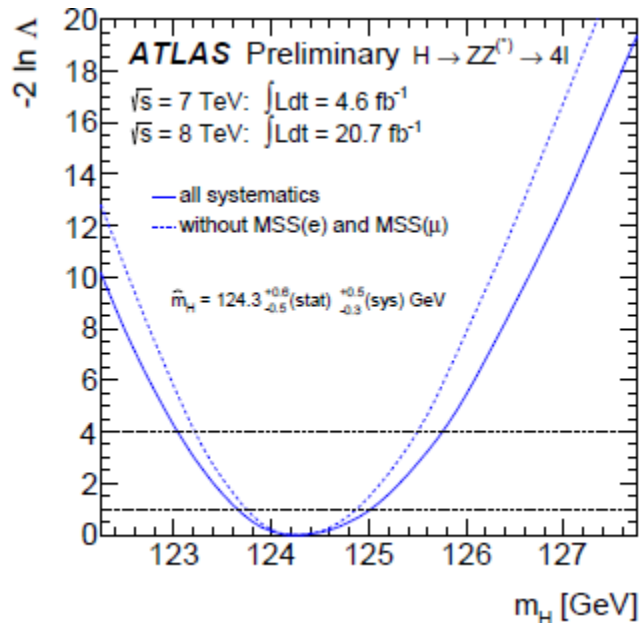
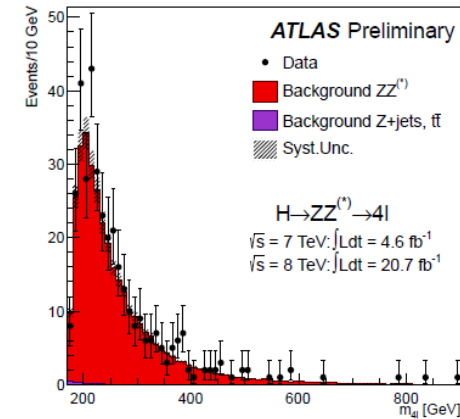
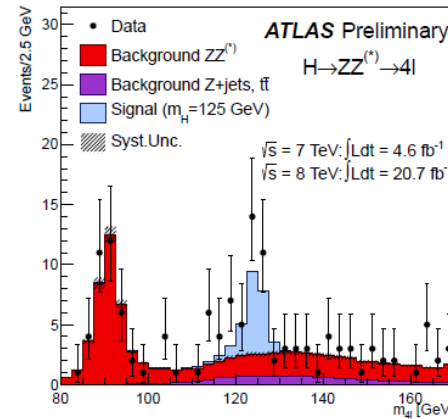
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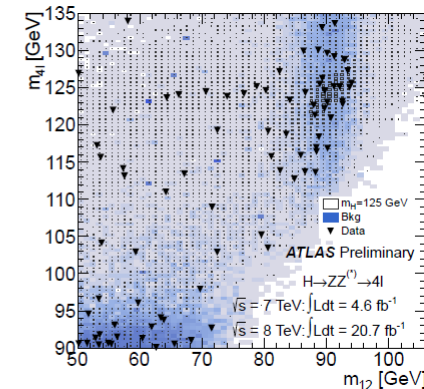
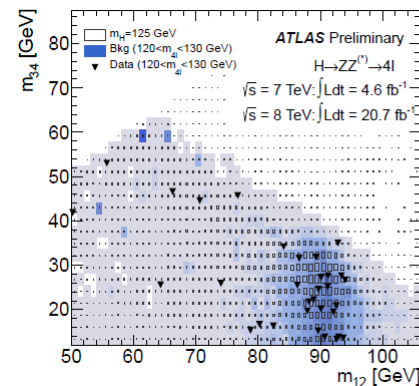
$H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$



The mass distributions are described using smooth, non-parametric, unbinned estimates of the relevant probability density functions obtained from the simulations. The form of the background varied from the nominal to allow shape systematics.



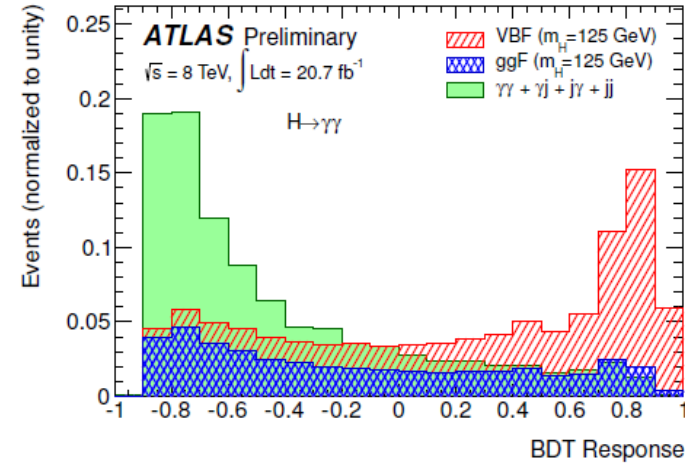
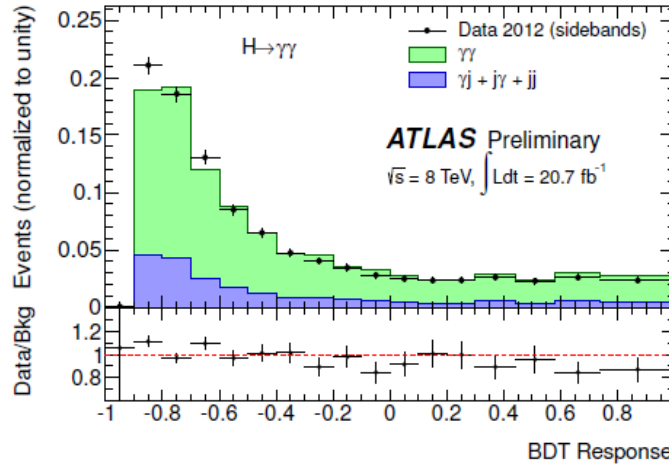
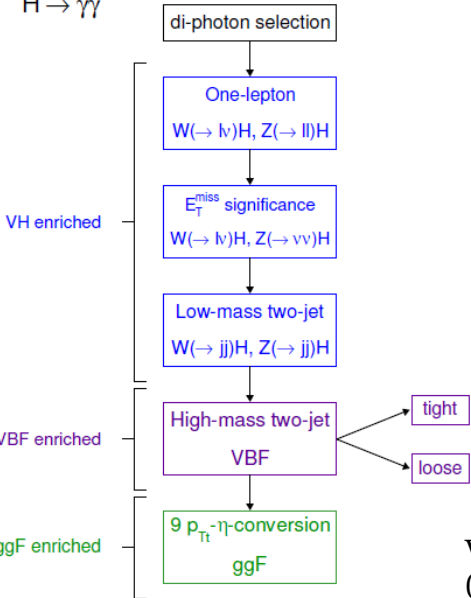
| data set | observed | | | expected | |
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| | min p_0 | significance [σ] | $m_H(p_0)$ | min $p_0(m_H)$ | significance [σ] |
| $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ | 2.5×10^{-3} | 2.8 | 125.6 GeV | 3.5×10^{-2} | 1.8 |
| $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ | 8.8×10^{-10} | 6.0 | 124.1 GeV | 2.8×10^{-5} | 4.0 |
| combined | 2.7×10^{-11} | 6.6 | 124.3 GeV | 5.7×10^{-6} | 4.4 |



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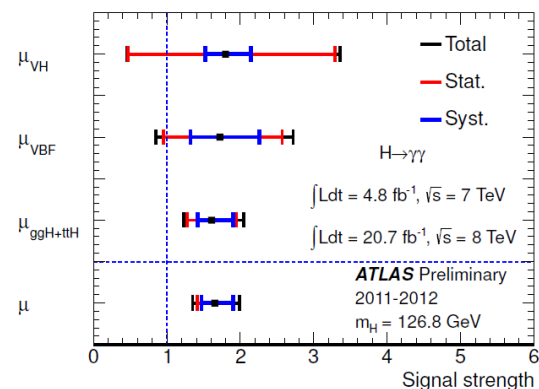
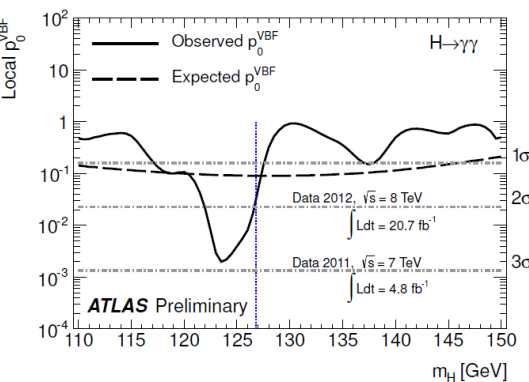
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VBF BDT response to the data in the signal sidebands (excluding 120-130 GeV region) and to the expected background after selection cuts, normalized to unit

- The invariant mass distribution of the background is parameterized with analytic functions
- The main sources of uncertainties on the mass measurement arise from the extrapolation of the photon energy scale from the $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ electron energy scale (0.3%), the material modeling (0.3%) and the presampler energy scale (0.1%). Total 0.45% (0.6 GeV).

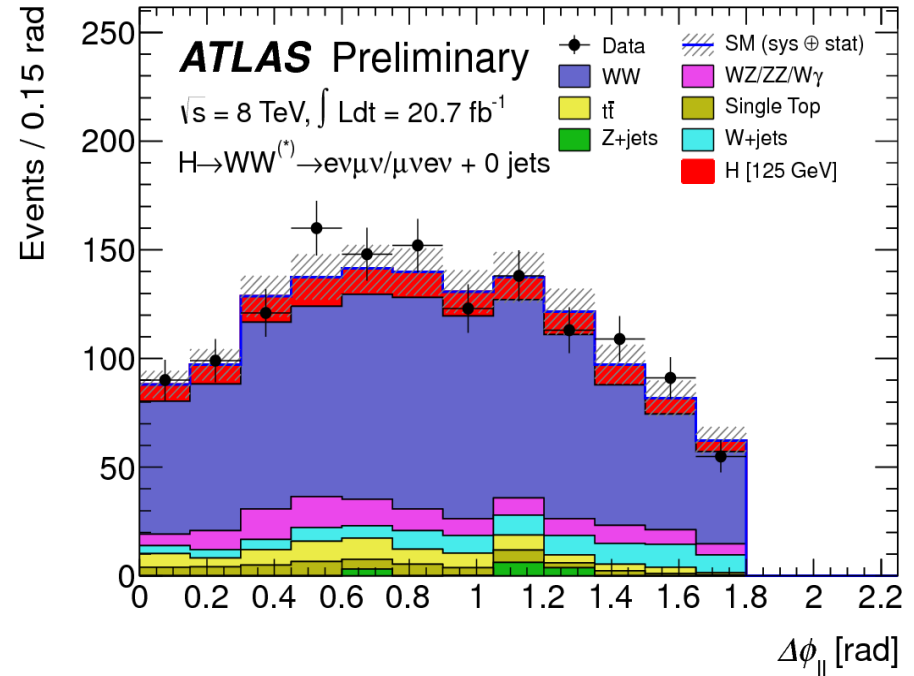
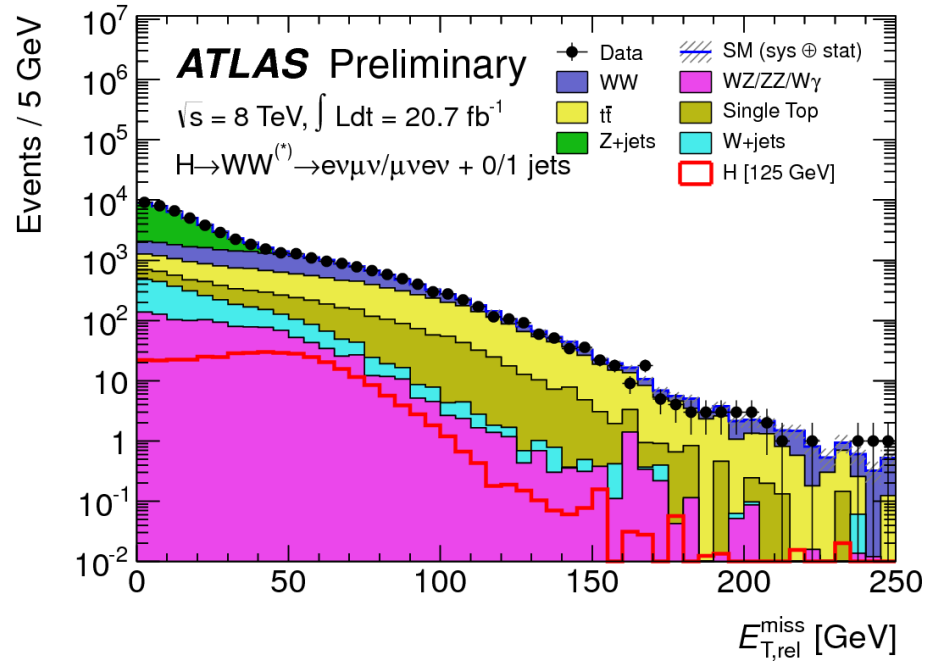


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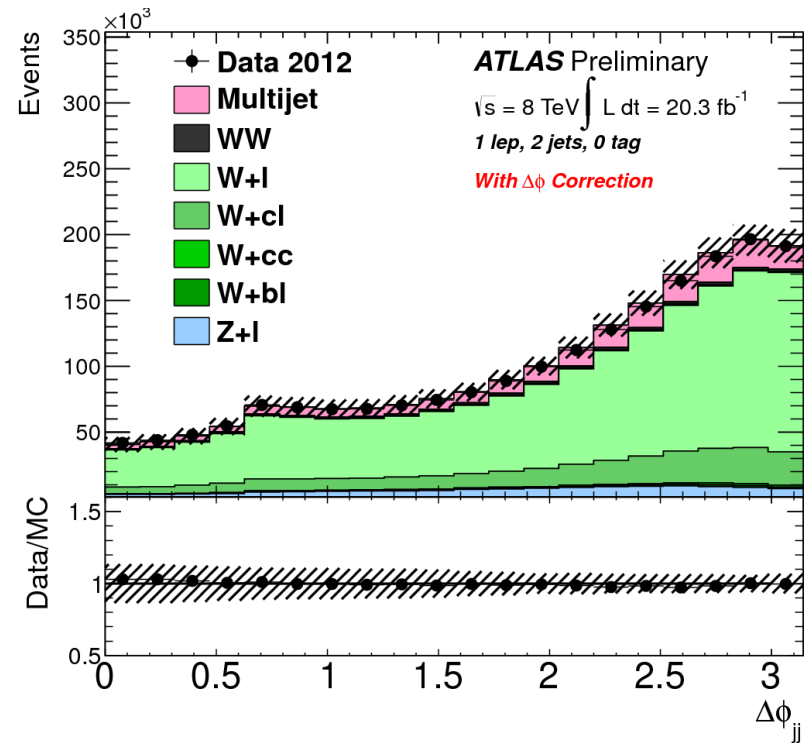
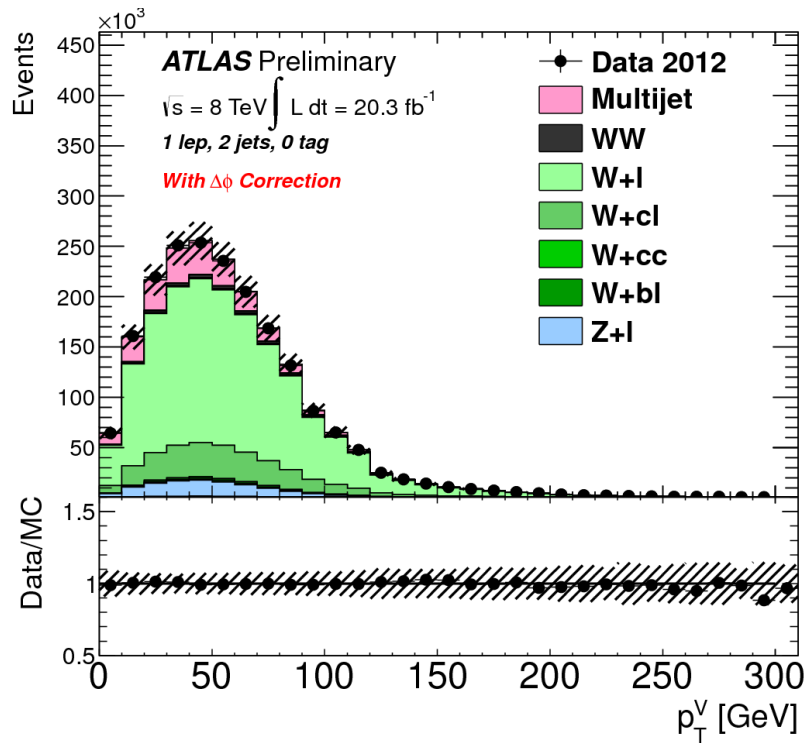
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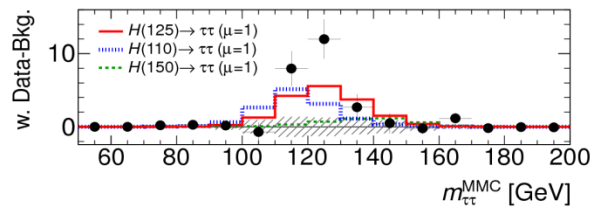
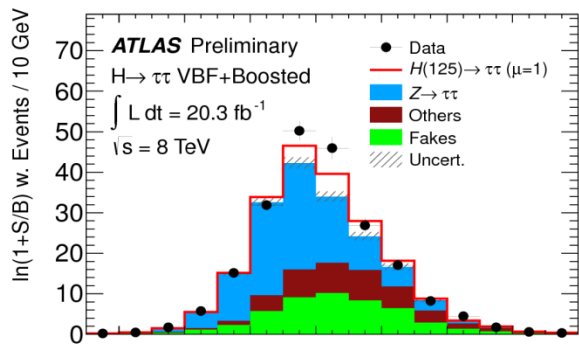
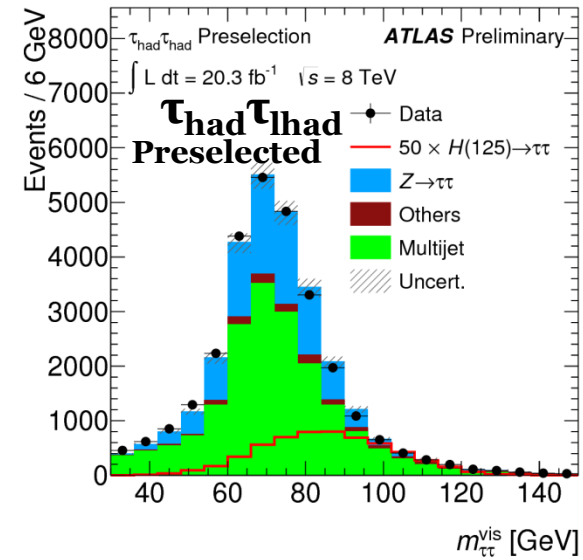
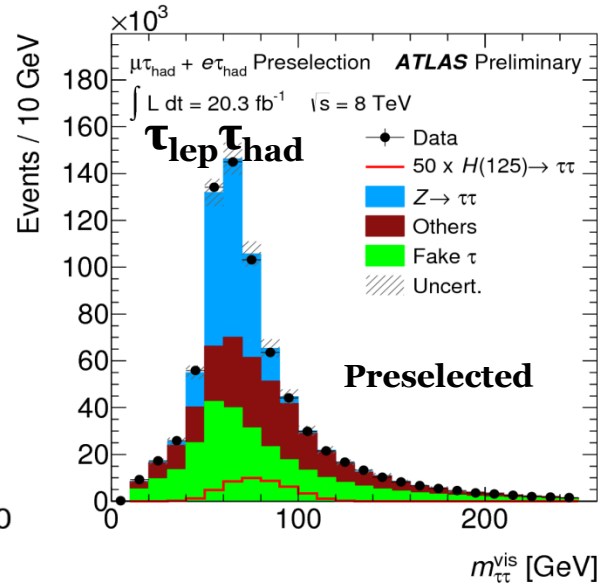
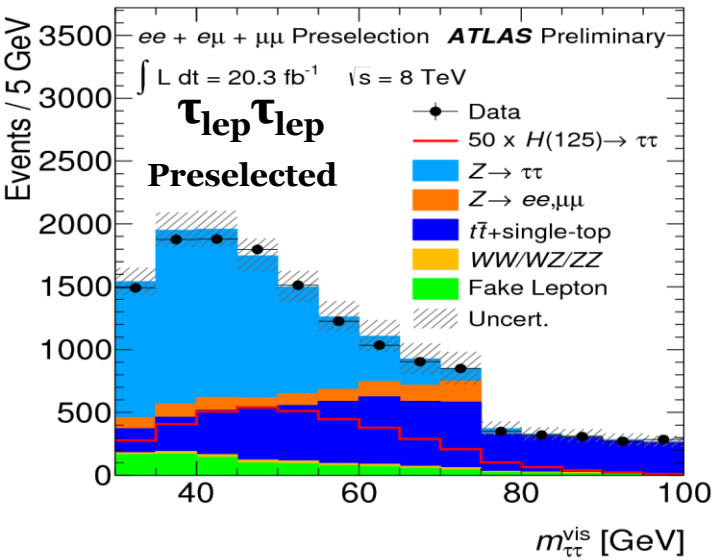
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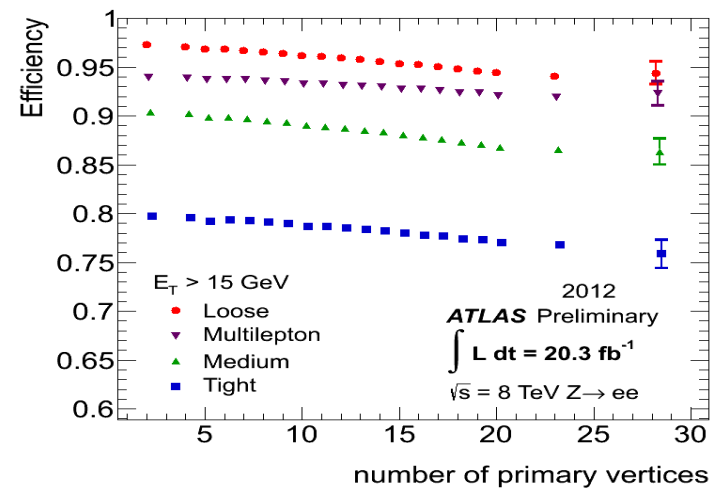
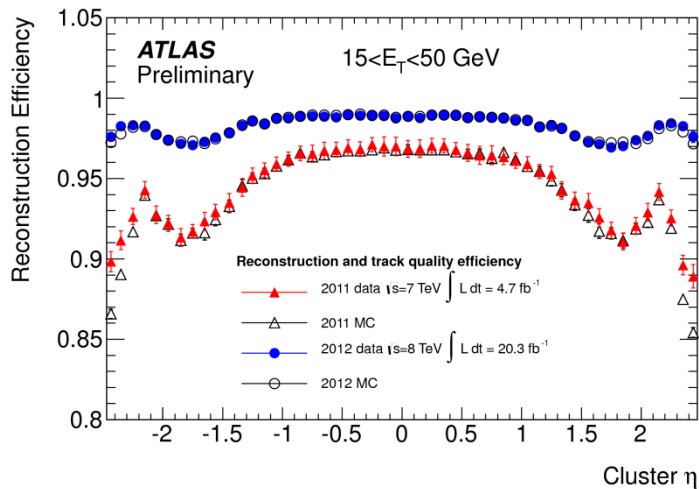


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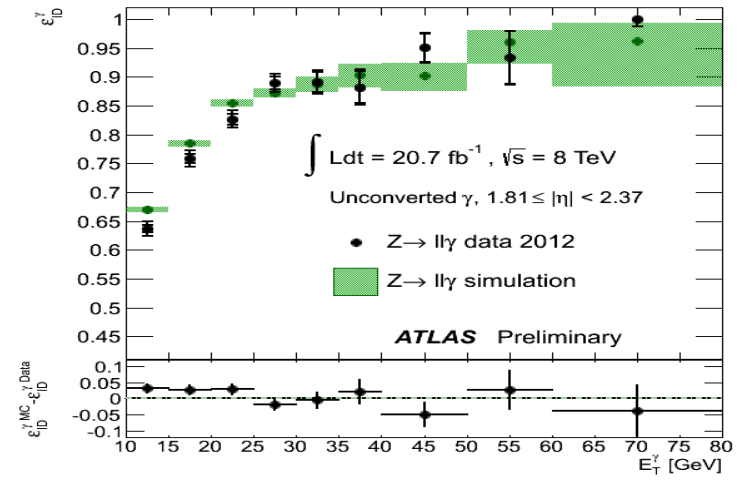
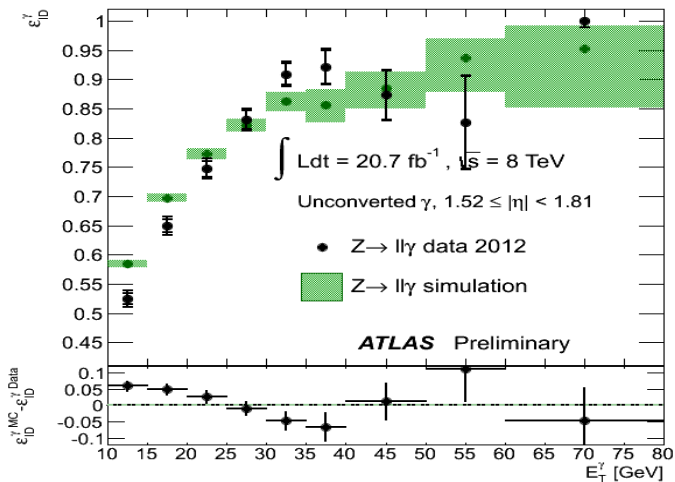
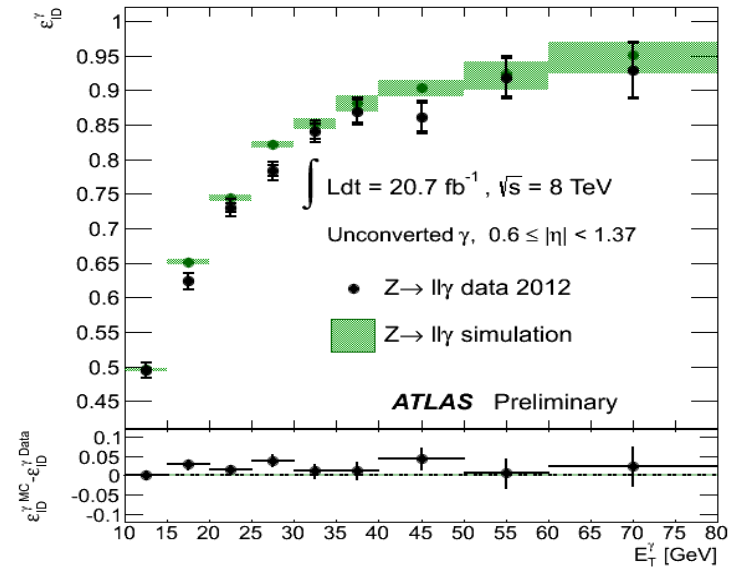
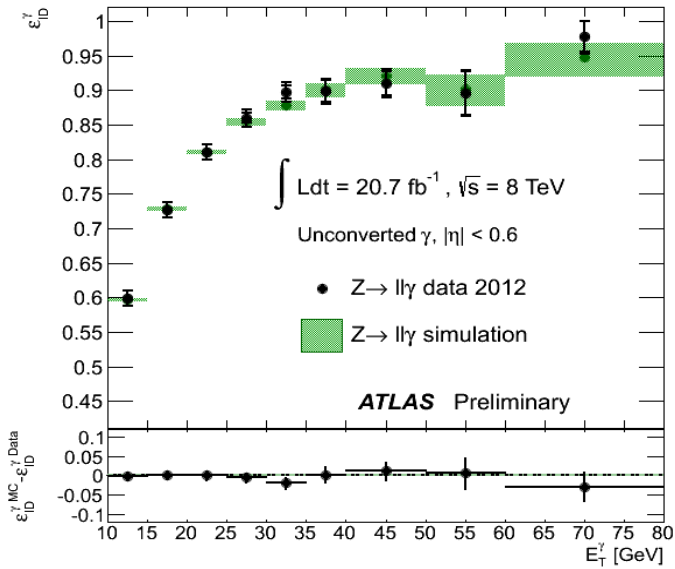
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Extracted efficiencies using the tag and probe method

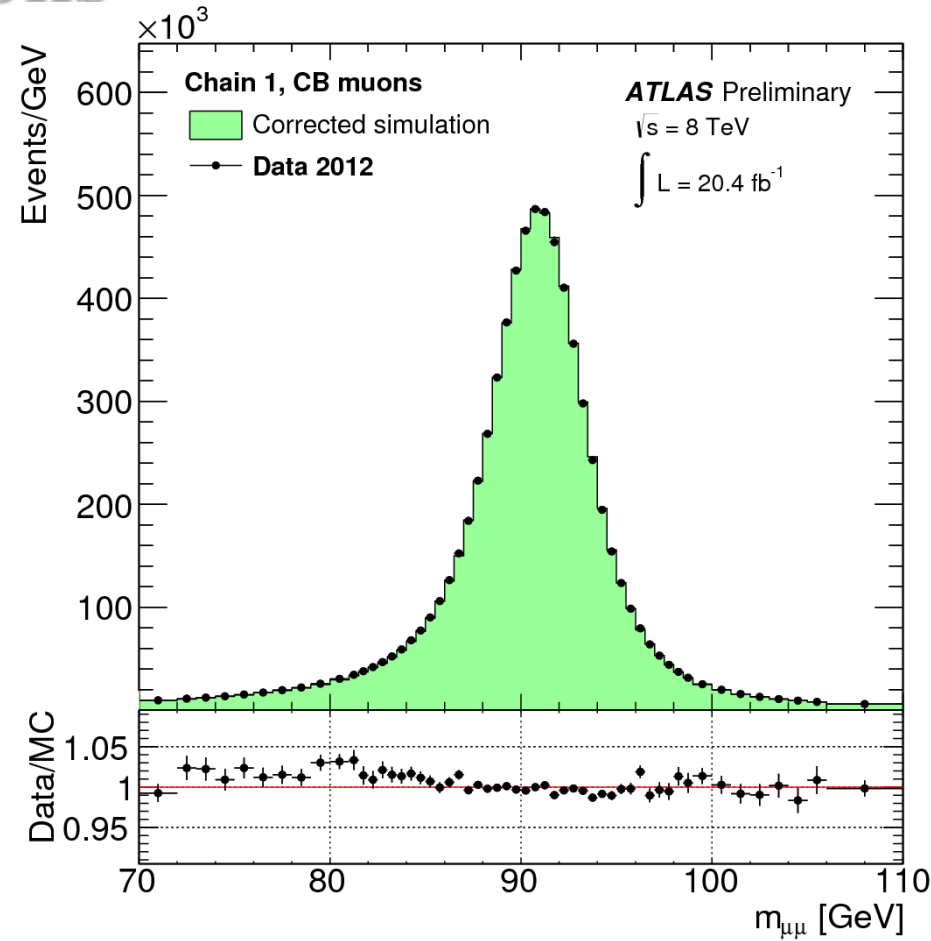
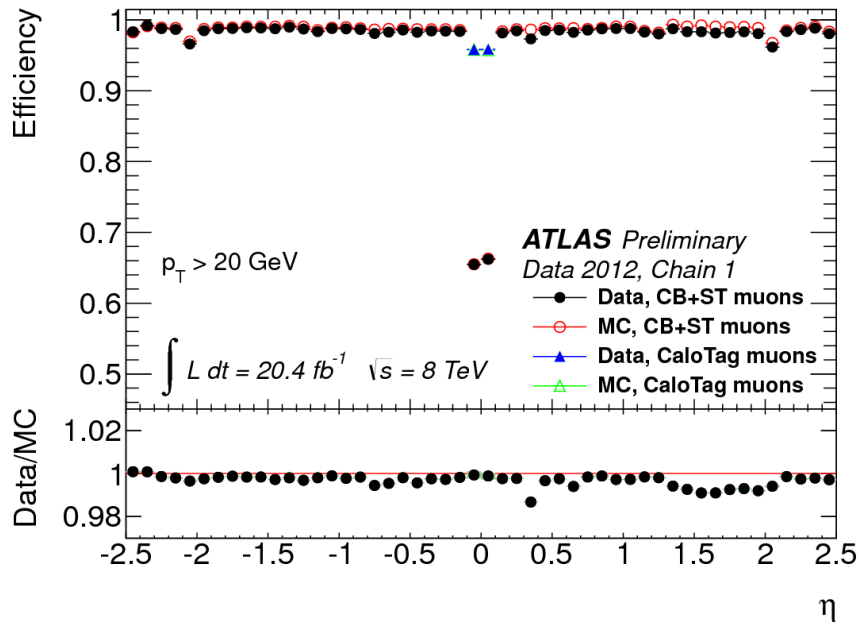
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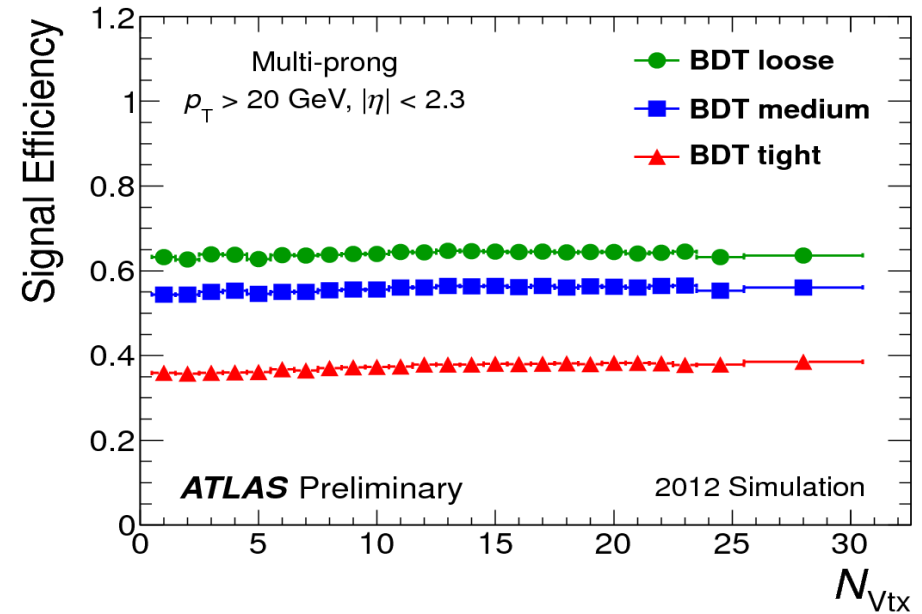
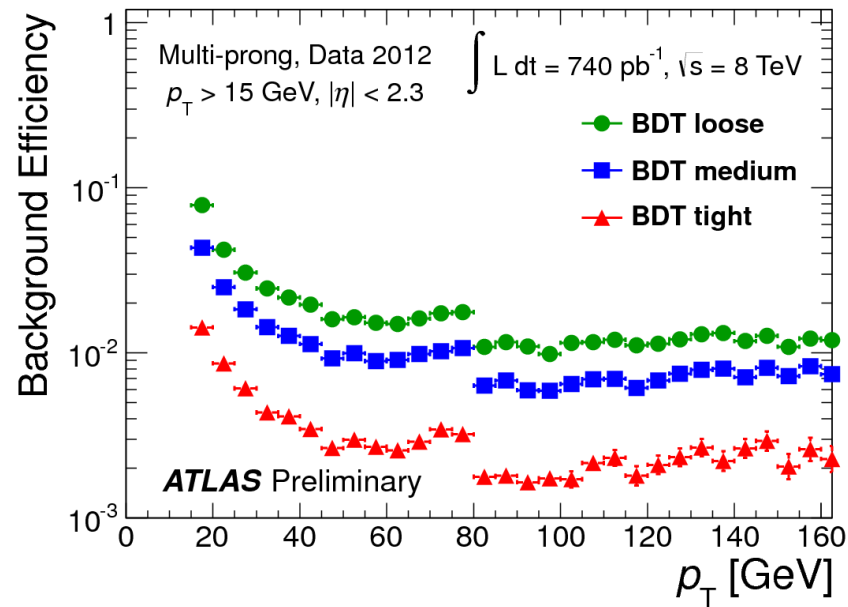
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