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Overview of Higgs results from the ATLAS experiment

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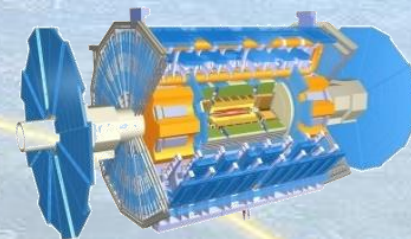


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ATLAS and the LHC: Run I performance

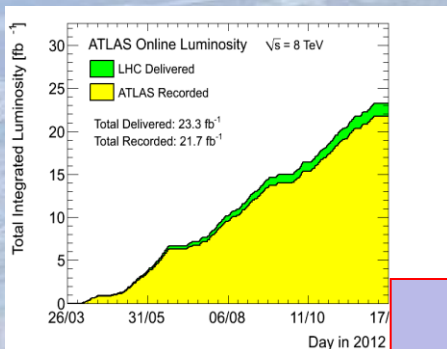


The LHC has performed very well
Peak luminosity: $7.7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
More than 25 fb^{-1} delivered to ATLAS and CMS.

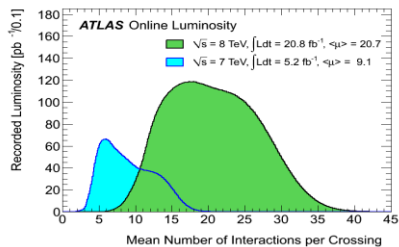
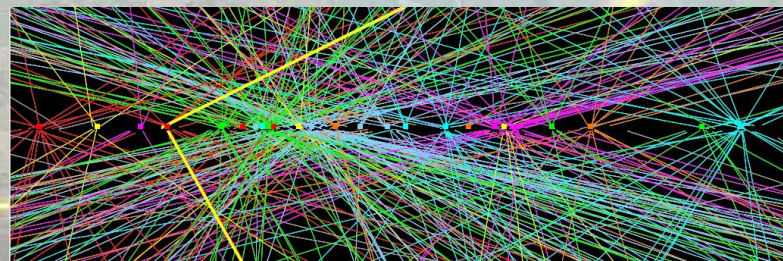


ATLAS has collected data efficiently
Collecting good data 95% of the time

High quality data for physics analysis:
 $4.7 - 4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ and 20.3 fb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$



Pile-up has been higher than foreseen
Well modelled
Not a major issue for analysis



What has happened since the discovery?

4th July 2012

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Combination of results $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ & $H \rightarrow WW^*$ with full data (25 fb^{-1}) to determine

⇒ mass and couplings ([arXiv:1307.1427](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ spin and parity ([arXiv:1307.1432](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1432))

Preliminary results:

⇒ $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ differential cross-sections (25 fb^{-1})

([ATLAS-CONF-2013-072](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ VH with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (25 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-079](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (18 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2012-160](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ $t\bar{t}H$ with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (20 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-080](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ (21 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-010](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ (25 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-009](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

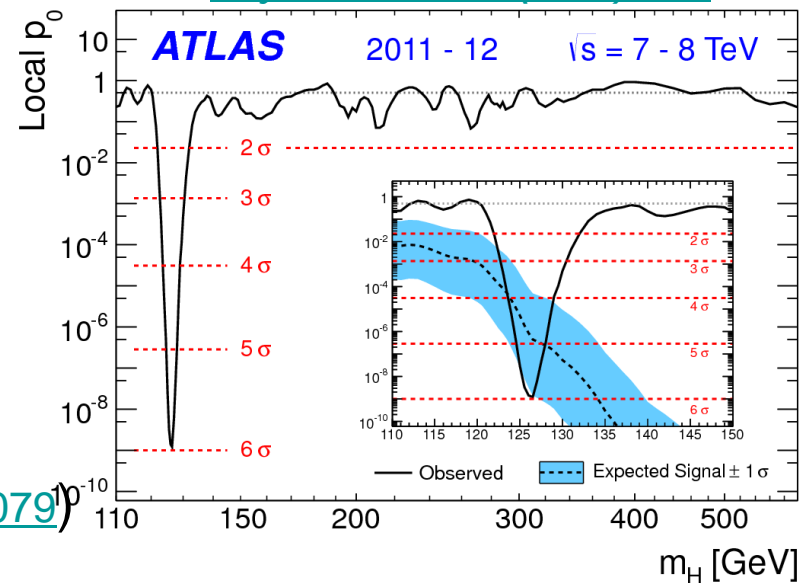
⇒ VH with $H \rightarrow WW$ (25 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-075](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ ZH with $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ (18 fb^{-1}) ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-011](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ High mass Higgs (25 fb^{-1})

⇒ $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons}$ ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-013](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))

⇒ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-067](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427))



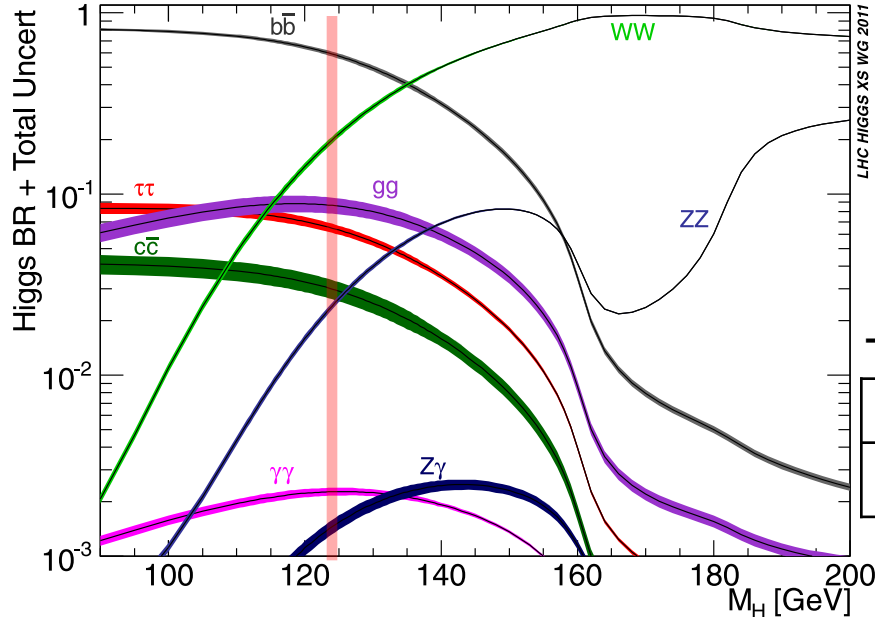
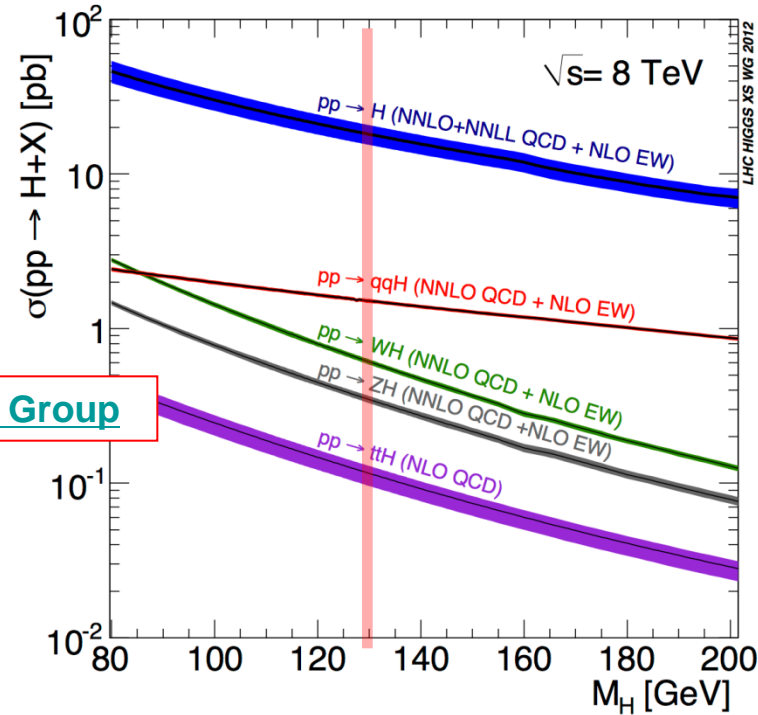
Cross section limits/significances presented are based on the signal confidence level (CL_S) determined using the profile likelihood method ([arXiv:1007.1727](https://arxiv.org/abs/1007.1727)). For more details see e.g. [ATLAS-CONF-2013-034](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427).

Production and decay modes at the LHC

Cross sections SM Higgs 125.5 GeV @ 8 TeV

- Gluon-gluon fusion (ggF): 19 pb
- Vector boson fusion (VBF) 1.6 pb
- Associated production:
WH: 0.70 pb / ZH: 0.41 pb / ttH: 0.13 pb

LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group



The decay modes of a 125.5 GeV SM Higgs

bb	WW*	$\tau\tau$	ZZ*	$\gamma\gamma$	Z γ	$\mu\mu$
57%	22%	6.2%	2.8%	0.23%	0.16%	0.02%

Many have contributed to the calculation cross section branching ratios. For a detailed description and a complete set of references see CERN Yellow Reports I, II and III ([arXiv:1101.0593](https://arxiv.org/abs/1101.0593), [arXiv:1201.3084](https://arxiv.org/abs/1201.3084) and [arXiv:1307.1347](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1347))

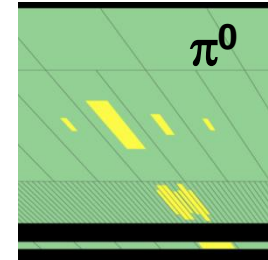
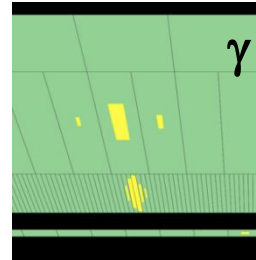
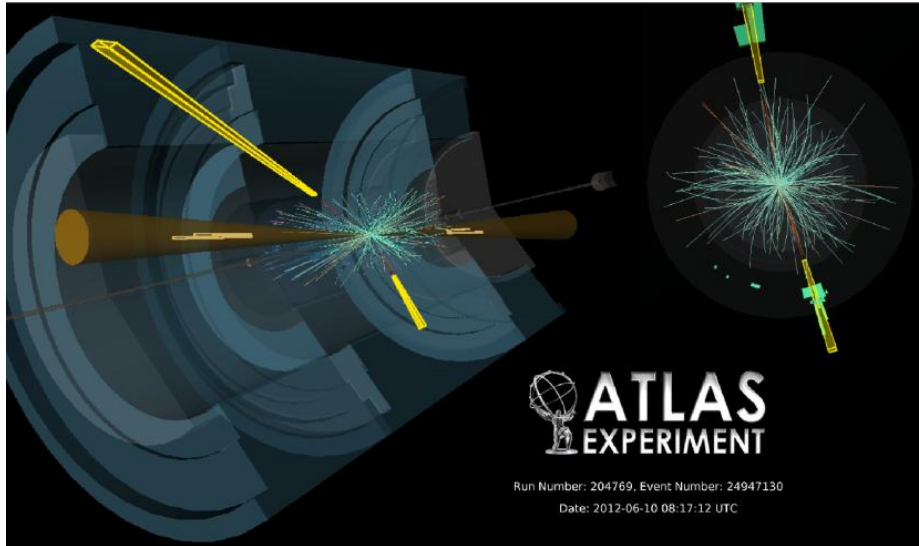
Higgs decays to bosons

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



Small branching fraction, but excellent mass resolution.

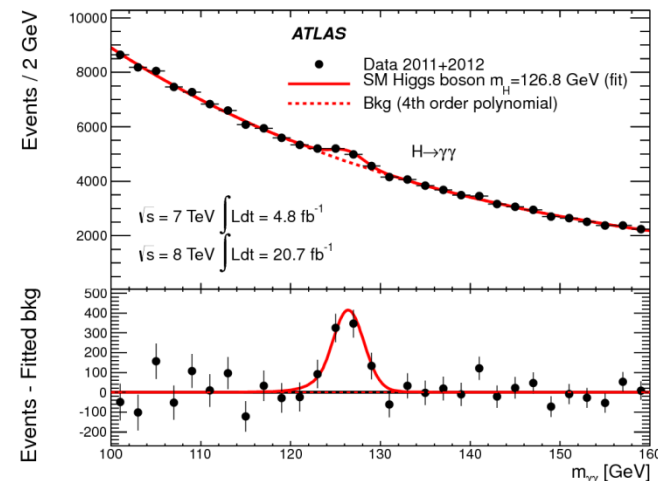
Sensitivity to spin ($0^+/2^+$) / excludes spin 1 (Landau-Yang)



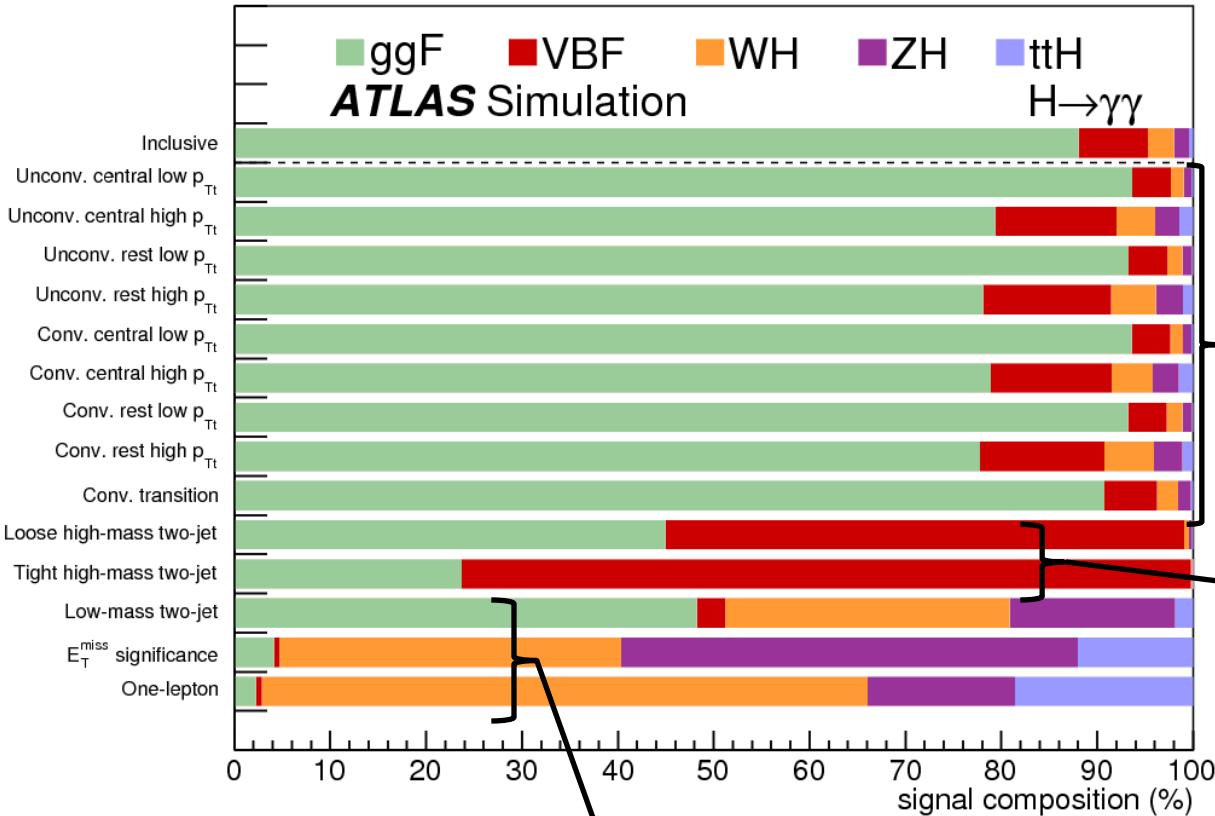
Excellent γ -jet separation in 1st layer of Liquid Argon calorimeter.

Only ~25% of background is from jet-jet or γ -jet events

Extract signal in simultaneous fit of signal and background.



H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ search categories



9 combinations of:

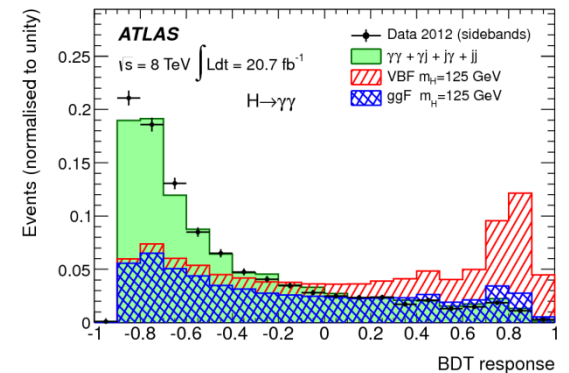
- converted/unconverted
- forward/central
- p_T range

2 VBF enhanced categories

- high mass jet pair and BDT cut

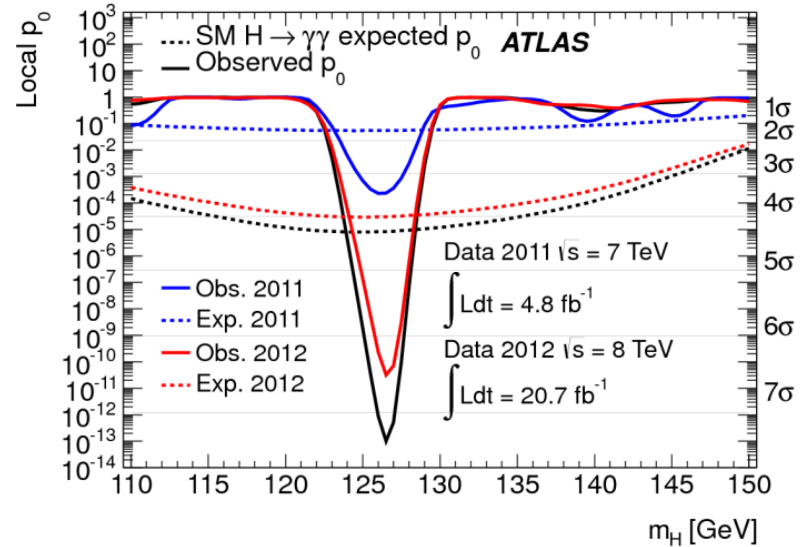
3 VH enhanced categories:

- low mass jet pair
- 1 lepton and/or missing E_T

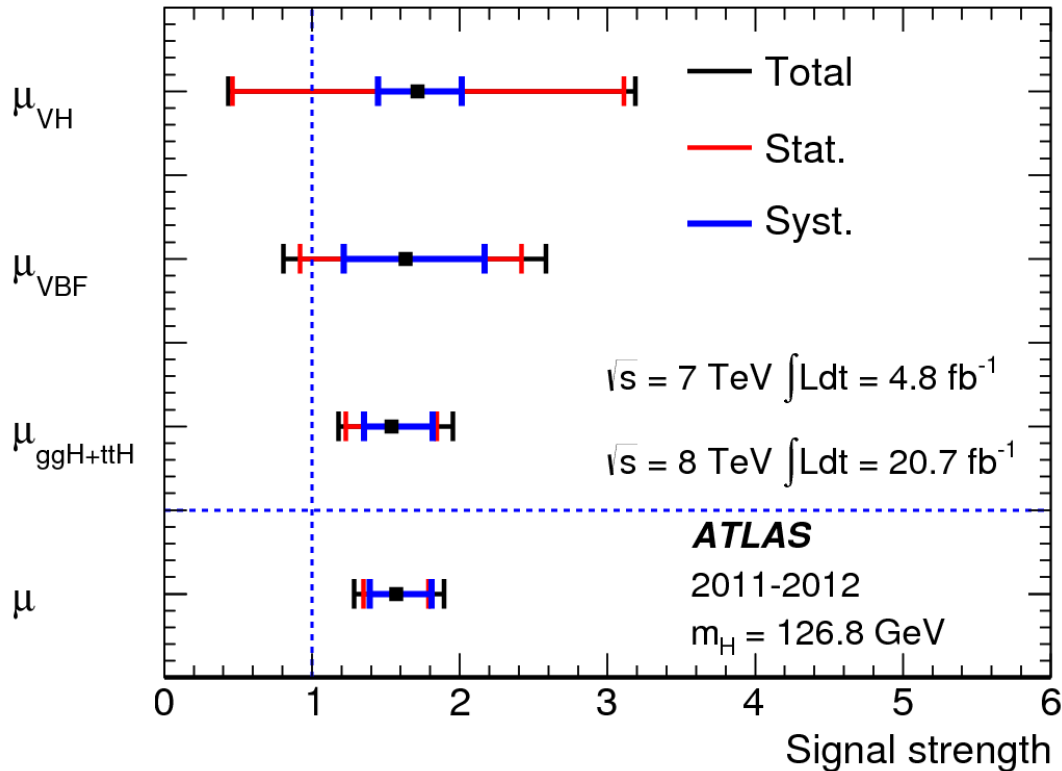


H → γγ results

**Overall signal significance:
7.4σ (4.3σ exp.)**



Best fit signal strength:

$$\mu = 1.55^{+0.33}_{-0.28}$$


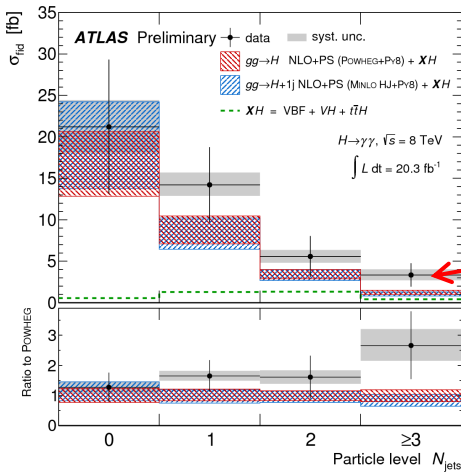
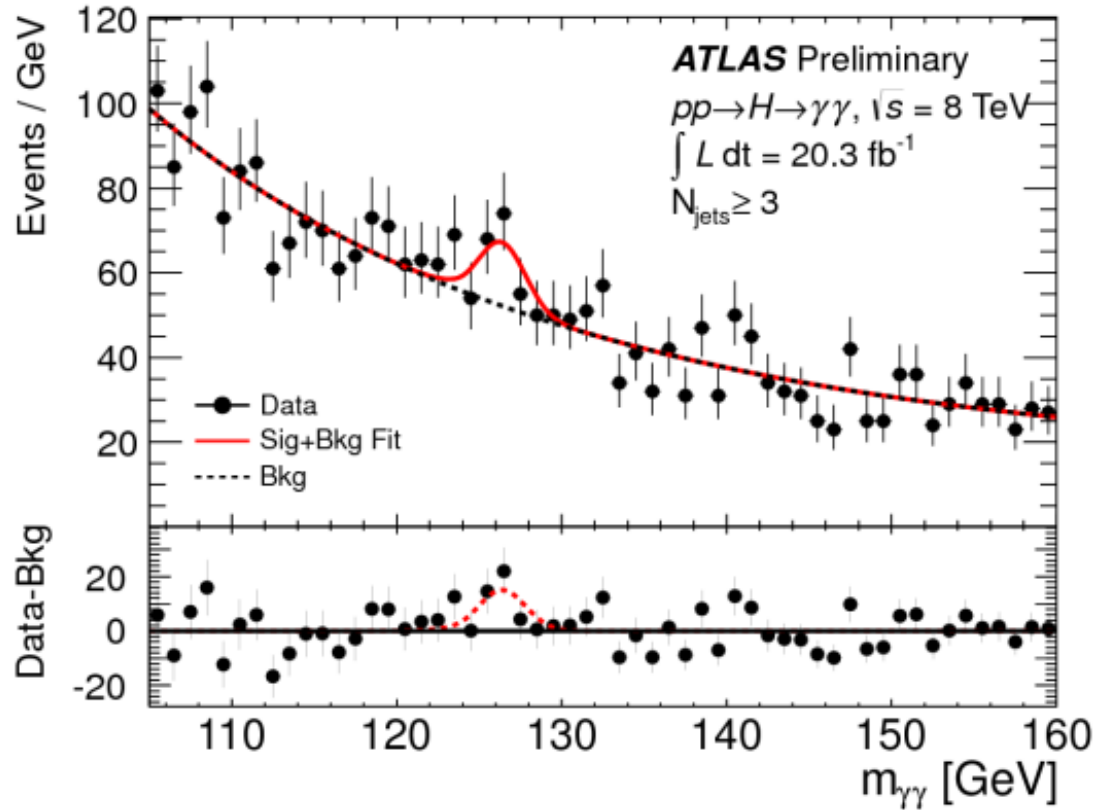
where:
$$\mu = \frac{\sigma \times BR}{(\sigma \times BR)_{SM}}$$

NEW: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ differential cross sections

Repeat fit to extract signal in each bin

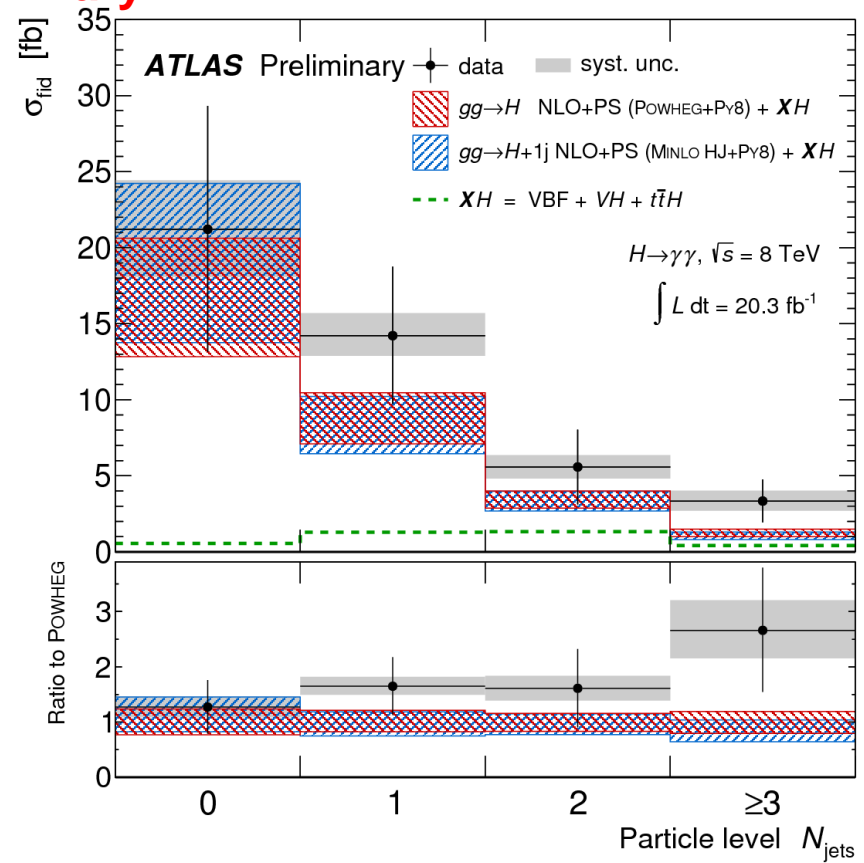
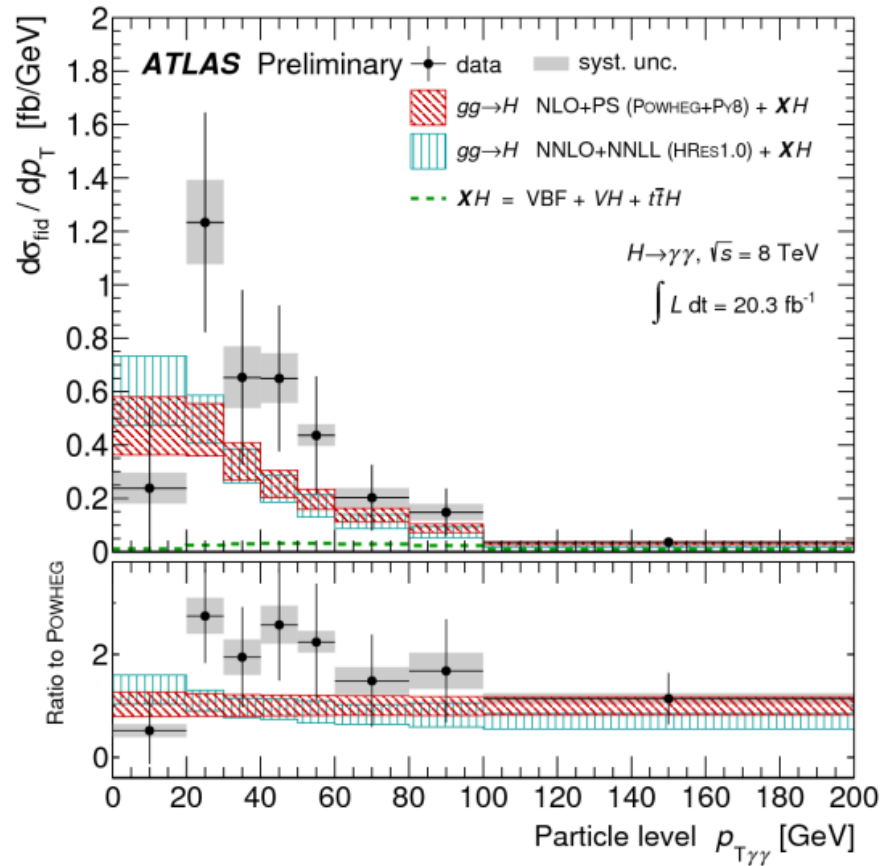
(Signal model: ggF + VBF + VH + ttH @ $m_H=126.8\text{GeV}$)

example: ≥ 3 jets



NEW: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ differential cross sections

Preliminary



⇒ for other distributions see [ATLAS-CONF-2013-072](#)

P_T spectrum in data appears harder but errors (stat & theory) are still large.
 No significant disagreements with expectation SM Higgs

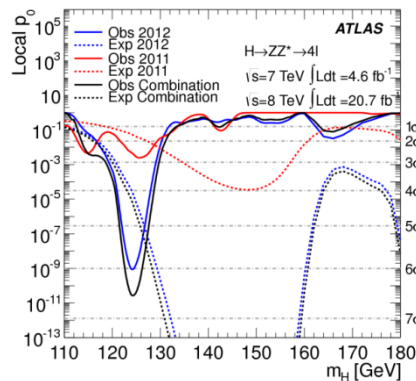
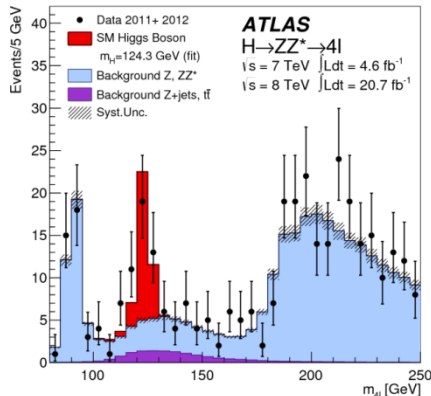
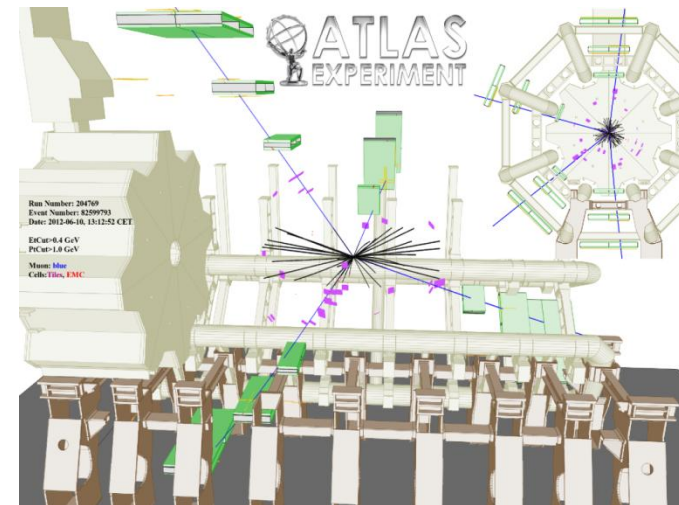
H → ZZ* → 4 leptons

Small branching fraction, but very clean and good mass resolution.

Good sensitivity to spin and parity (0⁺/0⁻/1⁺/1⁻/2⁺)

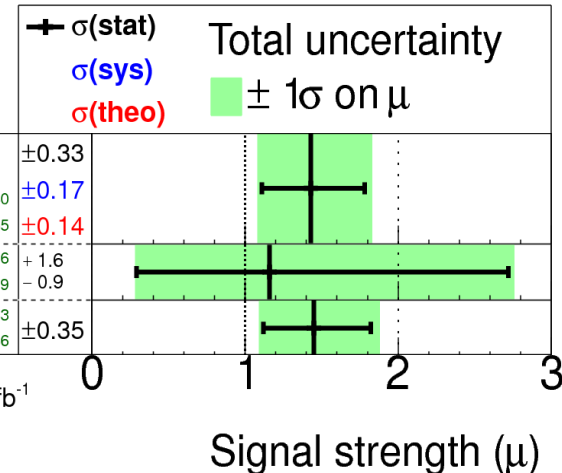
Analysis subcategories

- VBF enhanced: high mass jet pair (|Δη|>3)
- VH enhanced: additional lepton
- ggF dominated: inclusive



ATLAS
 m_H = 125.5 GeV

H → ZZ* → 4l	±0.33
μ = 1.43 ^{+0.40} _{-0.35}	±0.17
	±0.14
VBF+VH-like categories	+1.6 -0.9
Other categories	+0.43 -0.36
	±0.35



√s = 7 TeV ∫Ldt = 4.6-4.8 fb⁻¹

√s = 8 TeV ∫Ldt = 20.7 fb⁻¹

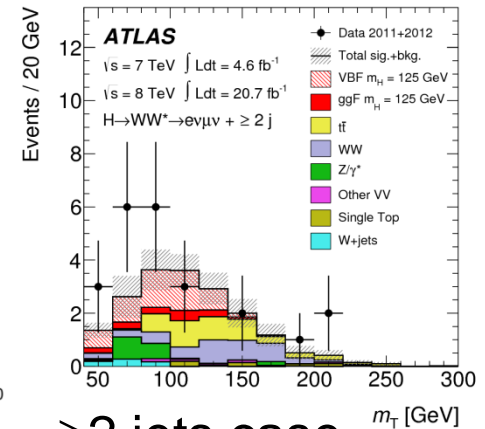
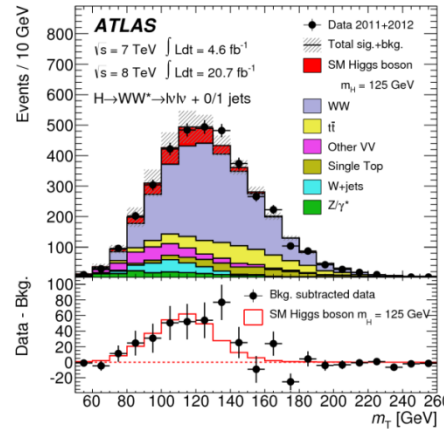
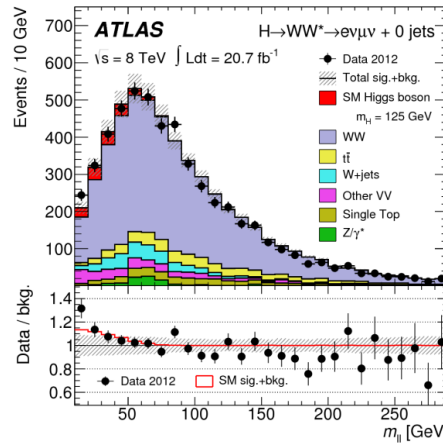
Overall signal significance
6.6σ (4.4σ exp.)

$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

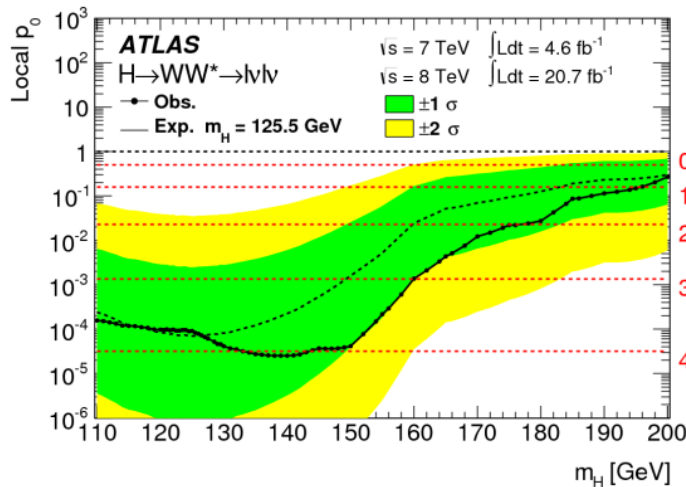
High branching fraction, but limited mass resolution and significant backgrounds.

Analysis categories

- $ee, \mu\mu$ or $e\mu$ pair
- 0, 1 or ≥ 2 jets



≥ 2 jets case
 optimised for VBF



ATLAS
 $m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$

$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

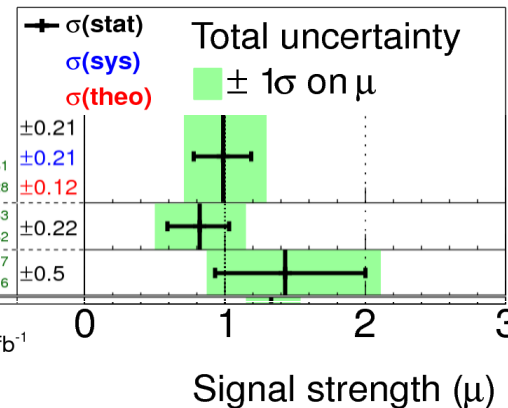
$\mu = 0.99^{+0.31}_{-0.28}$

0+1 jet $\mu = 0.82^{+0.33}_{-0.32}$

$\mu = 1.4^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$

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

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



Evidence for a Higgs (over broad range of masses)

3.8 σ excess observed (3.8 σ expected) for $m_H=125.5 \text{ GeV}$

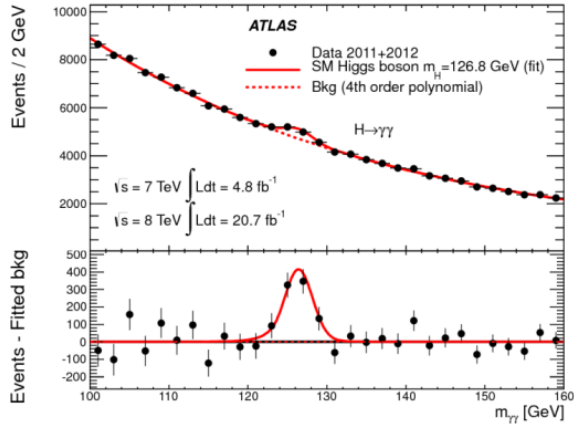
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, ZZ^*, WW^*$ combined

Mass
Couplings
Spin and parity

Higgs mass

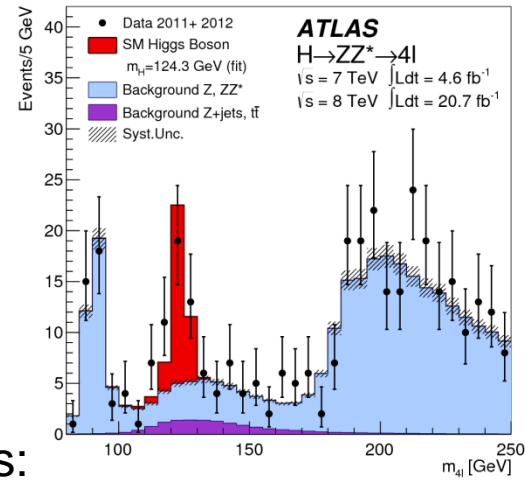


[arXiv:1307.1427](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427)



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: m_H determined from combined fit in all categories.

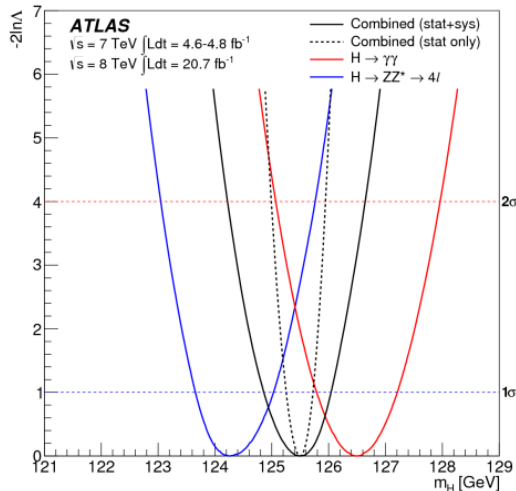
$$m_H = 126.8 \pm 0.2(\text{stat}) \pm 0.7(\text{sys})\text{GeV}$$



$H \rightarrow 4$ leptons:
 m_H determined from unbinned likelihood fit

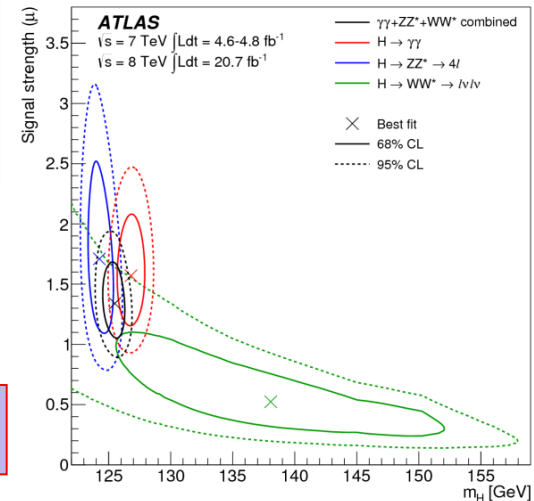
$$m_H = 124.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5}(\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.3}(\text{sys})\text{GeV}$$

Mass difference 2.4σ , which has a $\sim 1.5\%$ probability to occur.
(increases to 8% if we assume a flat prior for the energy scale uncertainties)



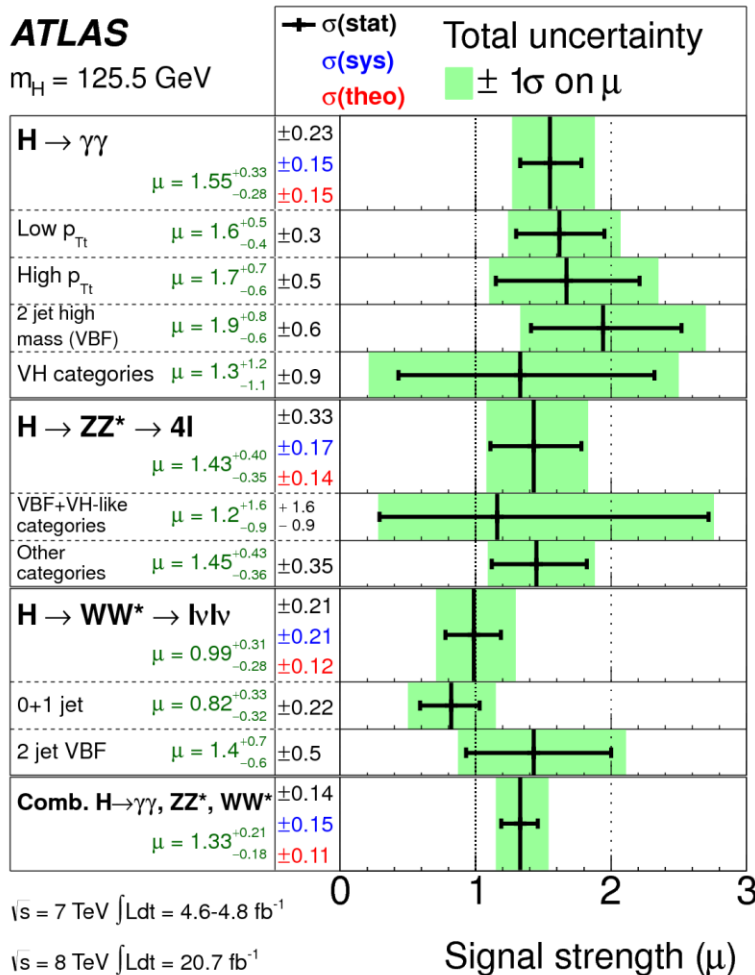
Combined mass

$$m_H = 125.5 \pm 0.2(\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.6}(\text{sys})\text{GeV}$$



Couplings combination

Combined results $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ channels, including VBF or VH enhanced cases.



Overall signal strength:

$$\mu = 1.33^{+0.21}_{-0.18}$$

Statistical, systematic and theory uncertainties are already comparable.

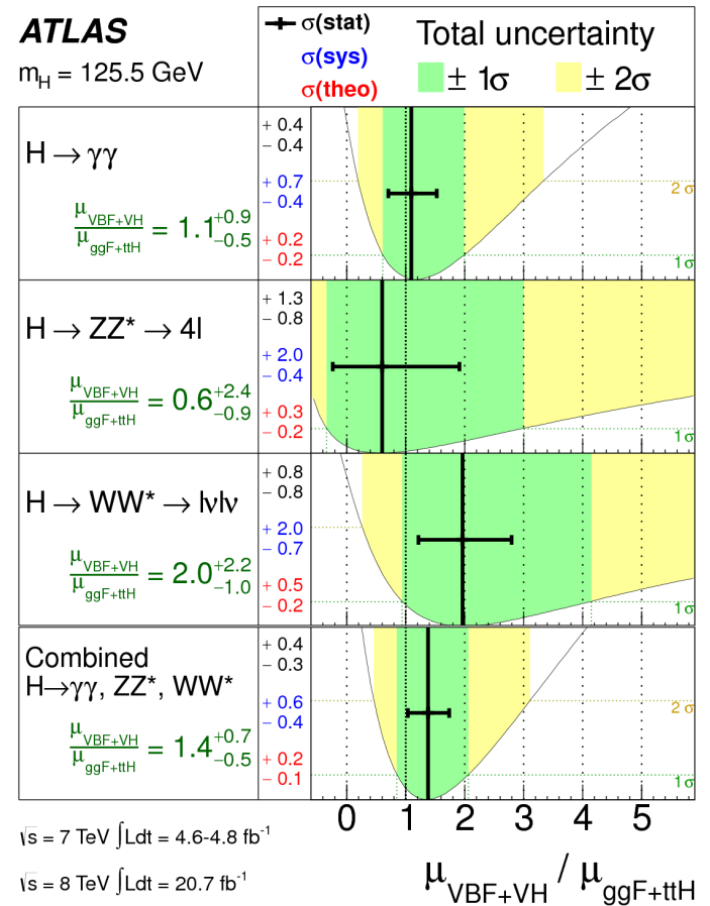
Evidence for Higgs production via vector-boson fusion [arXiv:1307.1427](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1427)

VBF enhanced analyses in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ all find a VBF component consistent with the SM expectation.

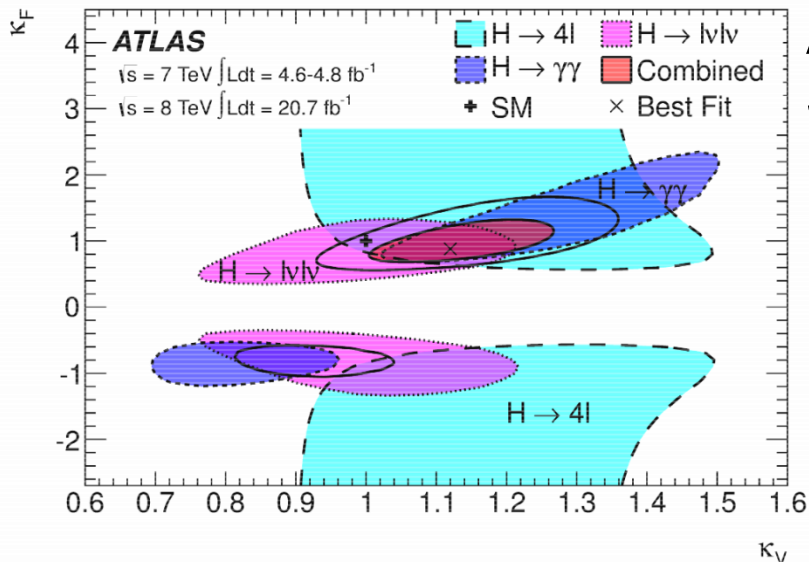
Combined the VBF(+VH) to ggF(+ttH) ratio is

$$\frac{\mu_{VBF+VH}}{\mu_{ggF+ttH}} = 1.4^{+0.7}_{-0.5}$$

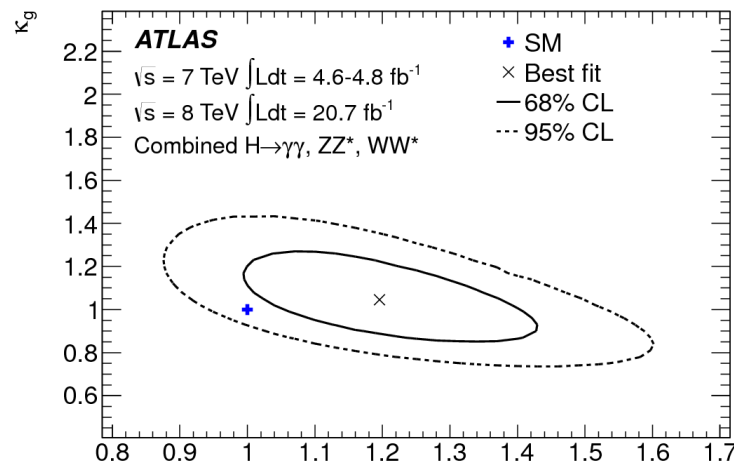
3.3 σ evidence that a non-zero fraction of Higgs events is produced via vector boson fusion



Coupling parameters



Assumption:
Single narrow resonance with $m=125.5\text{GeV}$



κ_F κ_V : scale factors fermion/boson couplings
 $\kappa_F = 0$ (fermiophobic H) excluded at $>5\sigma$ CL
 Negative κ_F still allowed at $\sim 2\sigma$ level
 68% CL intervals:

$$\kappa_F \in [0.76, 1.18]$$

$$\kappa_V \in [1.05, 1.22]$$

κ_g κ_γ : scale factors for $gg \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ loops

$$\kappa_g = 1.04 \pm 0.14$$

$$\kappa_\gamma = 1.20 \pm 0.15$$

Custodial symmetry

λ_{WZ} : ratio scale factors for W and Z couplings
 ($\lambda_{WZ} = 1$ in SM)

$$\lambda_{WZ} = 0.82 \pm 0.15$$

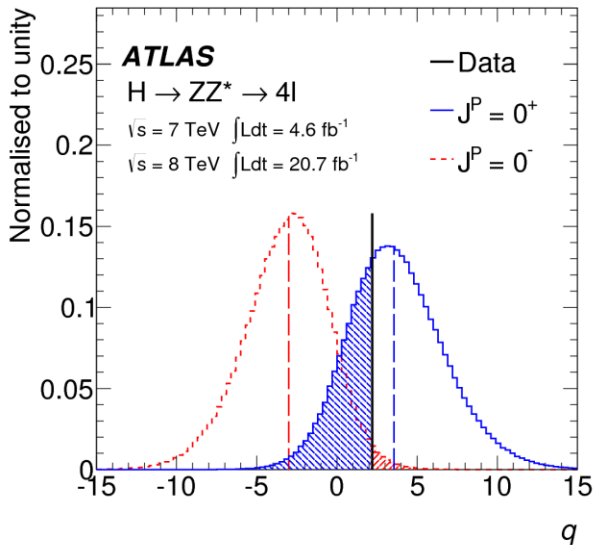
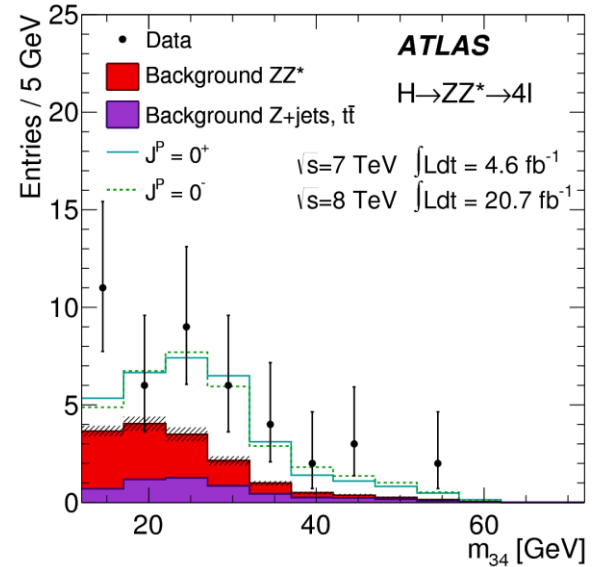
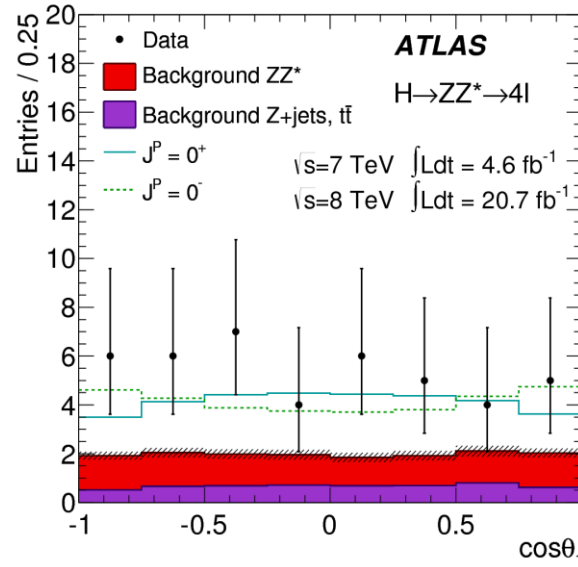
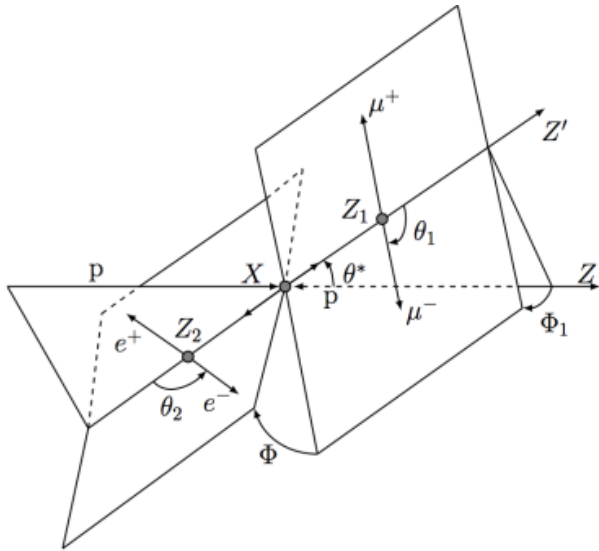
Spin and Parity of the candidate boson

Test various options ($J^P=0^-, 0^+, 1^-, 1^+, 2^+$) using angular and kinematic distributions in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$.

For a detailed description of the used theoretical calculations and a complete set of references see:

CERN Yellow Report III ([arXiv:1307.1347](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1347))

$J^p=0^+$ vs 0^- ($H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$)



Measure the log likelihood ratio q

$$q = \log \frac{L(J^p = 0^+)}{L(J^p = 0^-)}$$

and compare to the expected distributions.

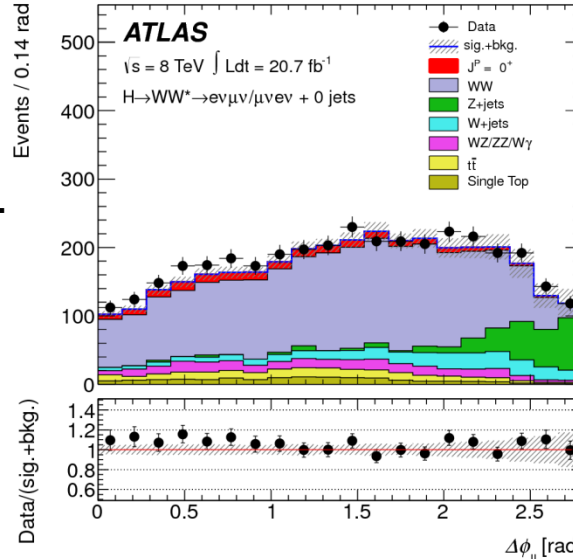
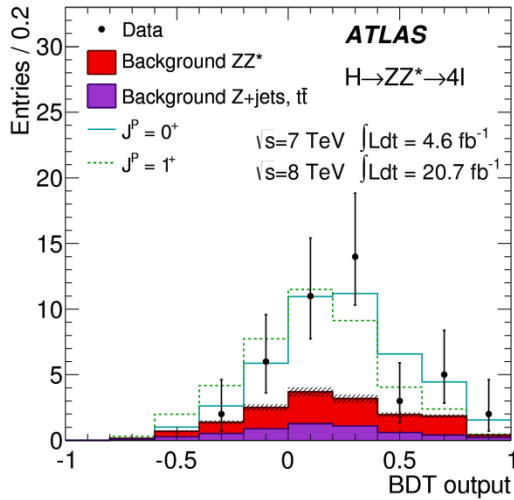
**Data agree with 0^+ hypothesis,
 0^- hypothesis is excluded at 97.8% CL**

$J^P=0^+$ vs $1^+/1^-$ ($H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ / $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow |v|v$)

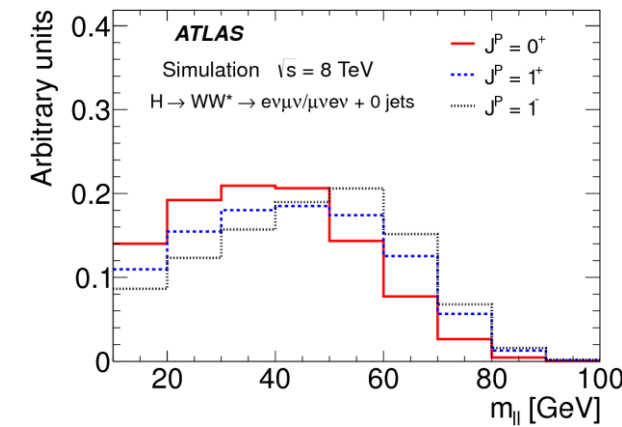
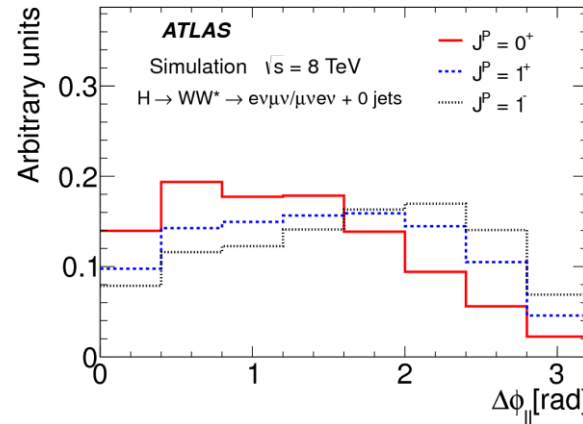
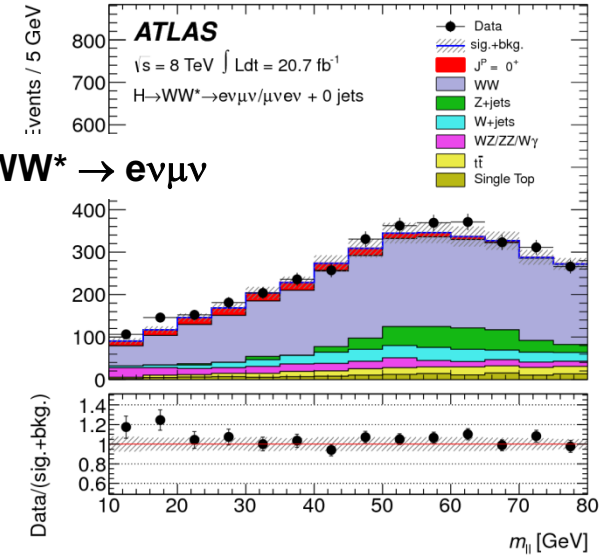
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Observation $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay prohibits spin 1 option (Landau-Yang) for on-shell particle.

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



$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow |v|v$

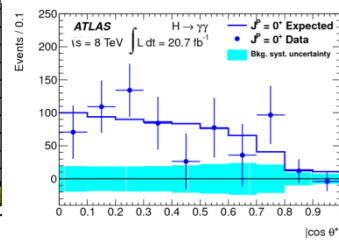
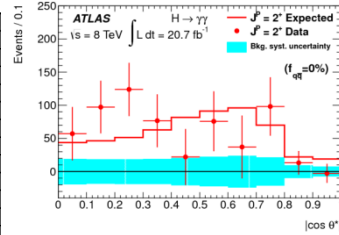
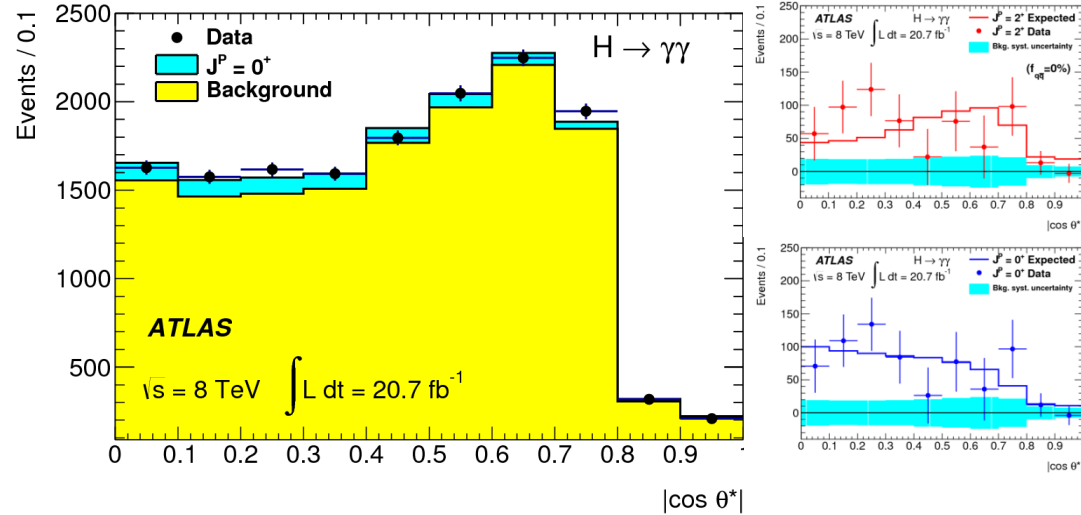
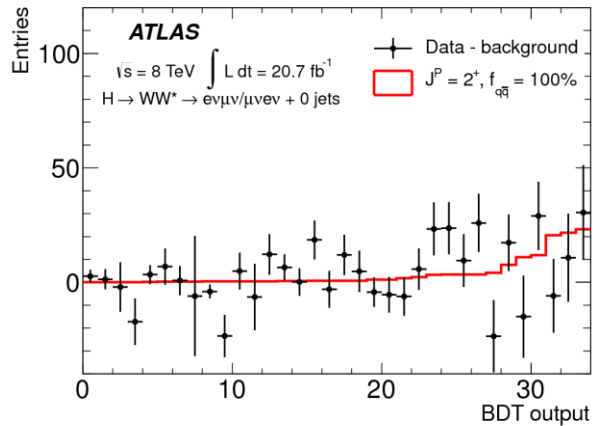
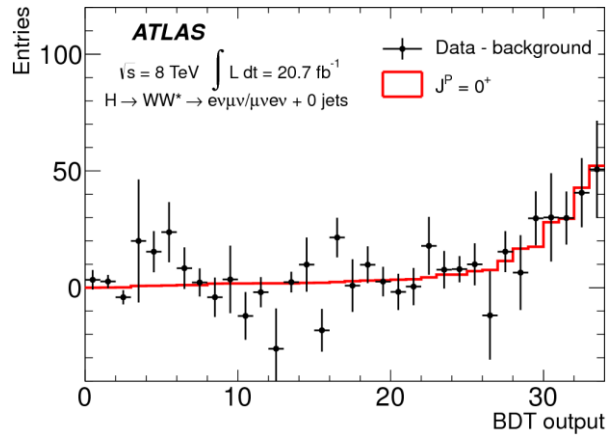


**Combined ZZ^*/WW^* data agree with 0^+ hypothesis,
 $J^P = 1^+$ hypothesis is excluded at 99.97% CL
 $J^P = 1^-$ hypothesis is excluded at 99.7% CL**

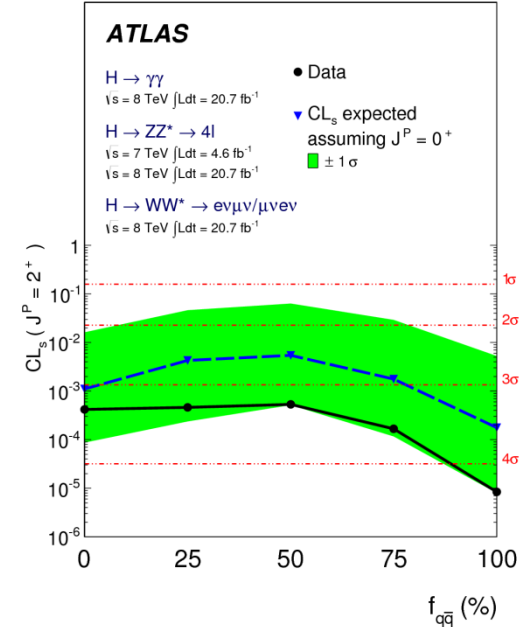
$J^P=0^+$ vs 2^+ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ / $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ / $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$)

arXiv:1307.1432

BDT output based on WW^* variables



We vary the production mode for a 2^+ boson from fully gluon induced ($f_{q\bar{q}}=0\%$) to fully quark induced ($f_{q\bar{q}}=100\%$)



Data agree with 0^+ hypothesis for all $f_{q\bar{q}}$
 2^+ hypothesis is excluded at $>99.9\%$ CL for all $f_{q\bar{q}}$

Higgs decays to fermions

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

VH with H to bb

Abundant channel with difficult backgrounds.

Flavour composition of the main backgrounds is determined from data.

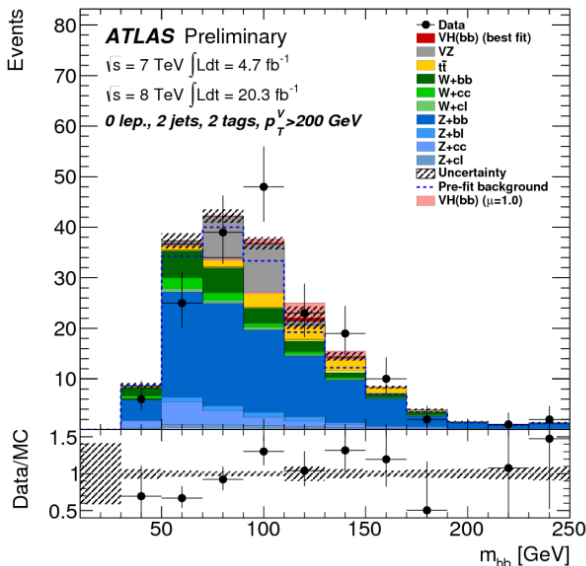
Analysis split in to many categories:

number of leptons = 0 / 1 / 2

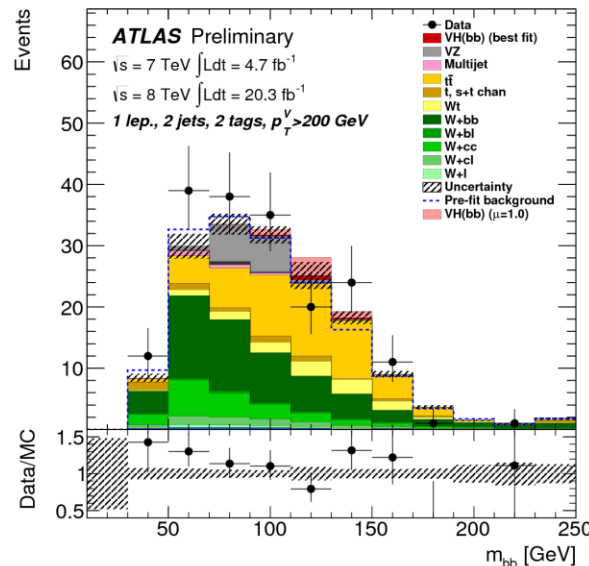
number of jets (b-jets) = 2(2) / 3(2) / 2(1) / 3(1)

$p_T^V =$ [< 90 GeV] / [$90..120$ GeV] / [$120..160$ GeV] / [$160..200$ GeV] / [> 200 GeV]

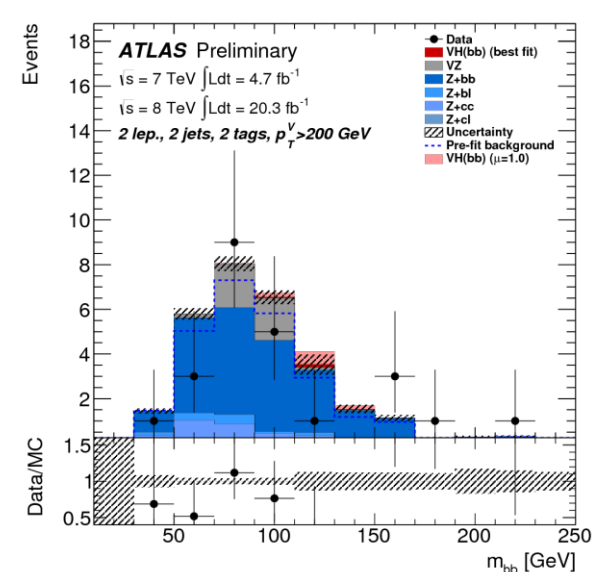
0 leptons (ZH→vvbb)



1 lepton (WH→lvbb)

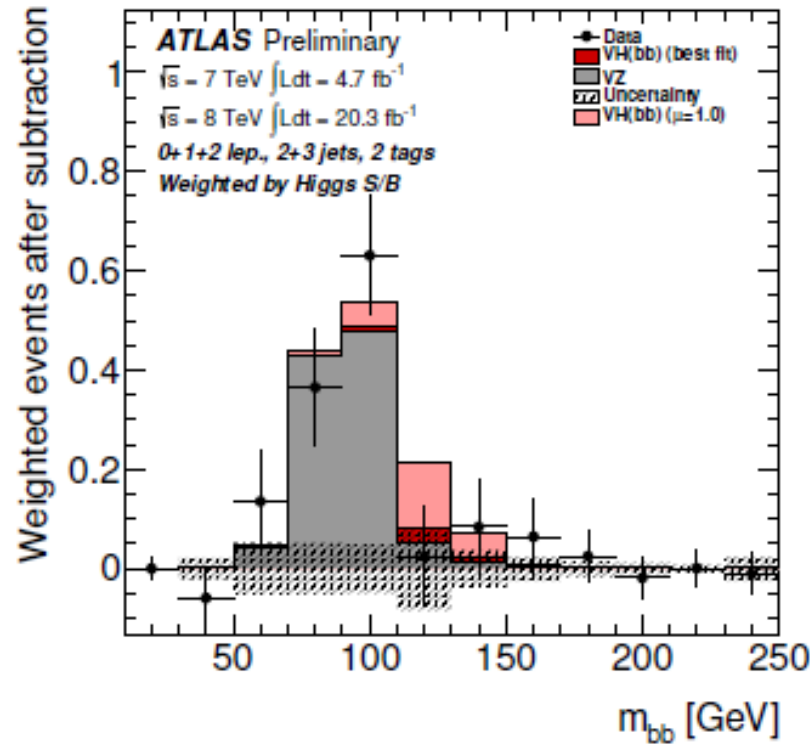


2 leptons (ZH→llbb)

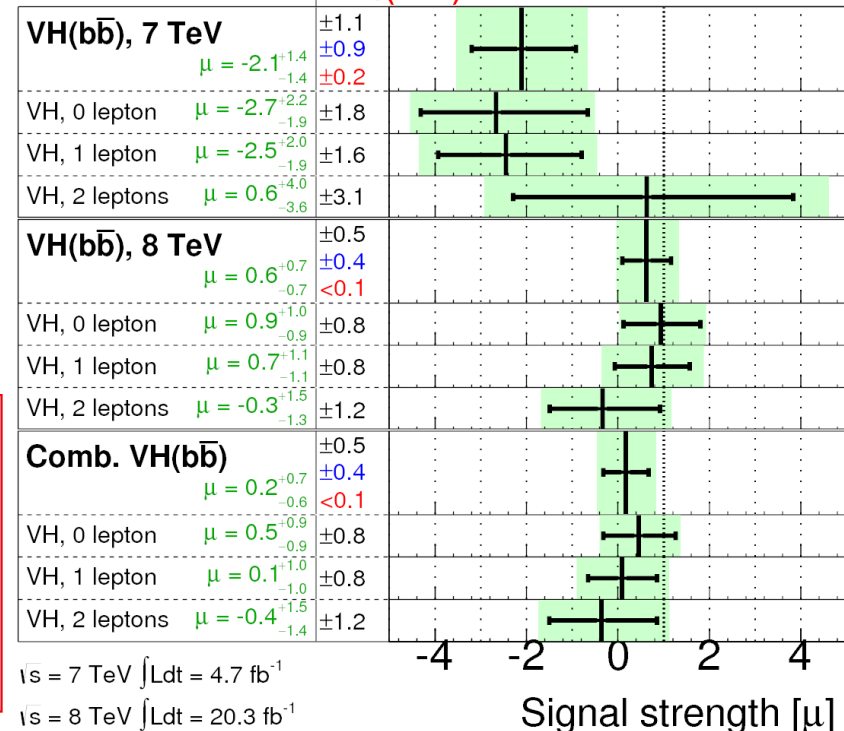


VH with H to bb

Background subtracted m_{bb} distribution, combining all regions with S/B based weighting



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 $m_H = 125$ GeV



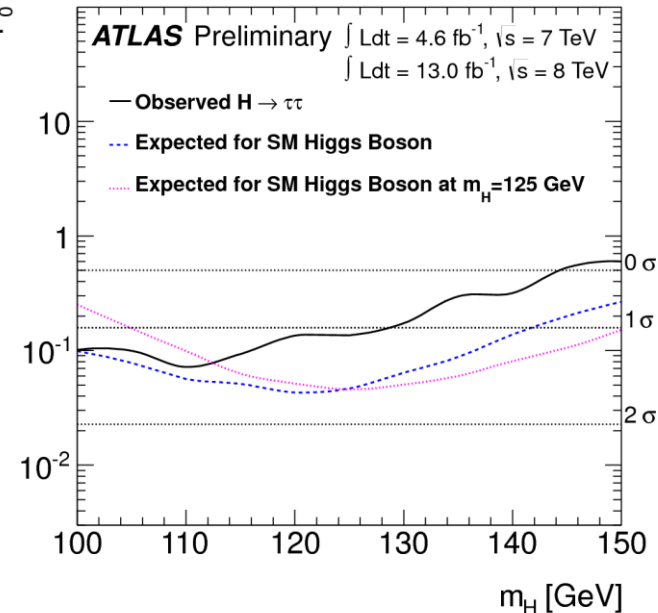
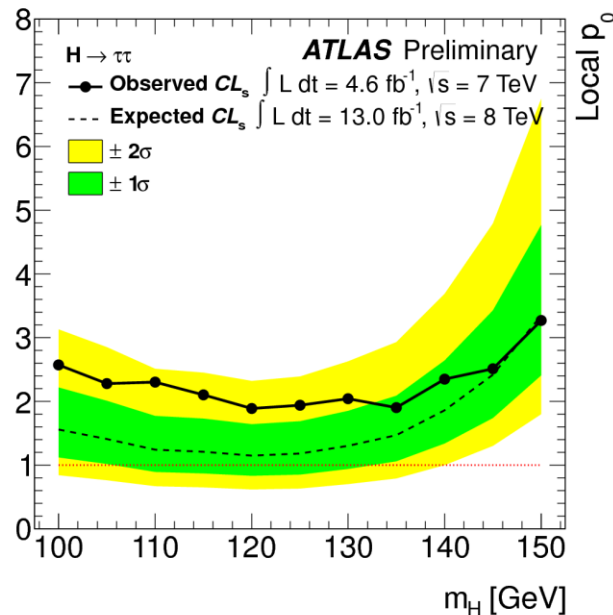
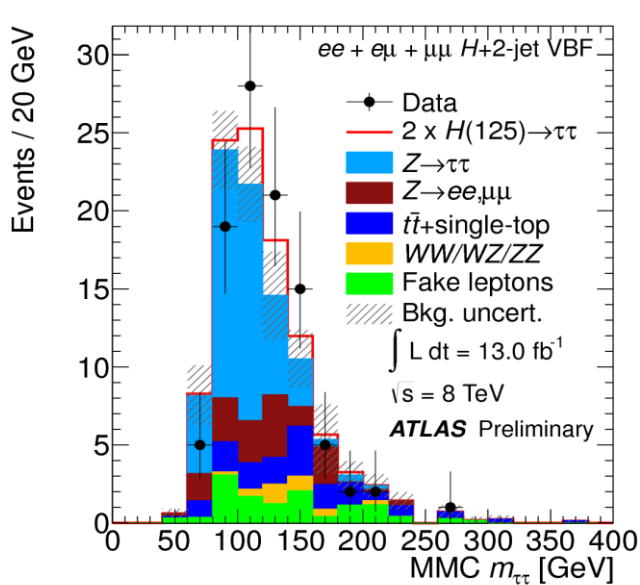
Combined 2011 + 2012 result :
 data are consistent with either SM backgrounds only or backgrounds + Higgs
 Best fit signal strength: $\mu = 0.2^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$

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H → ττ

Search in lep-lep, lep-had and had-had channels

Analysis split in 0,1, 2 jet case (2 jet case optimised for VBF/VH)



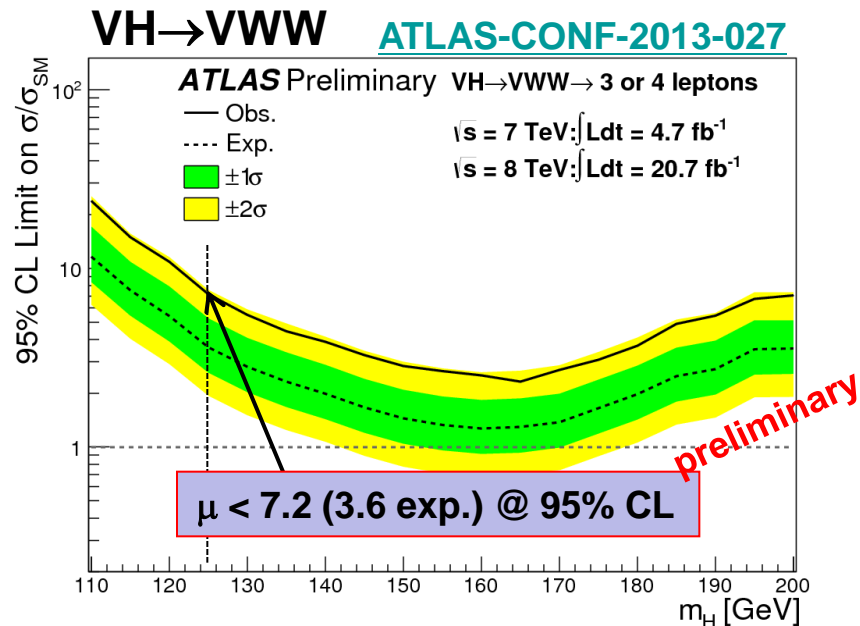
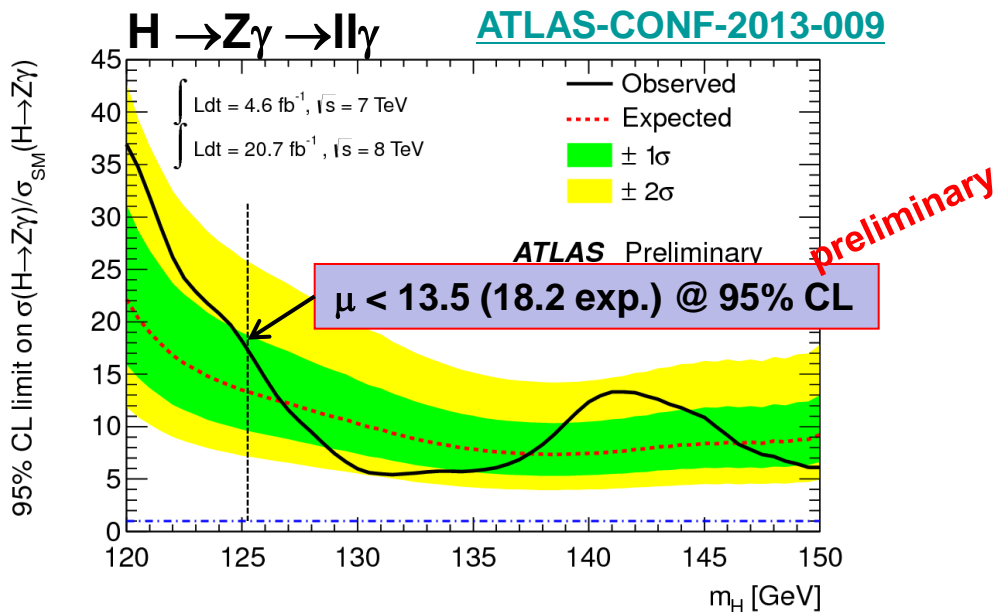
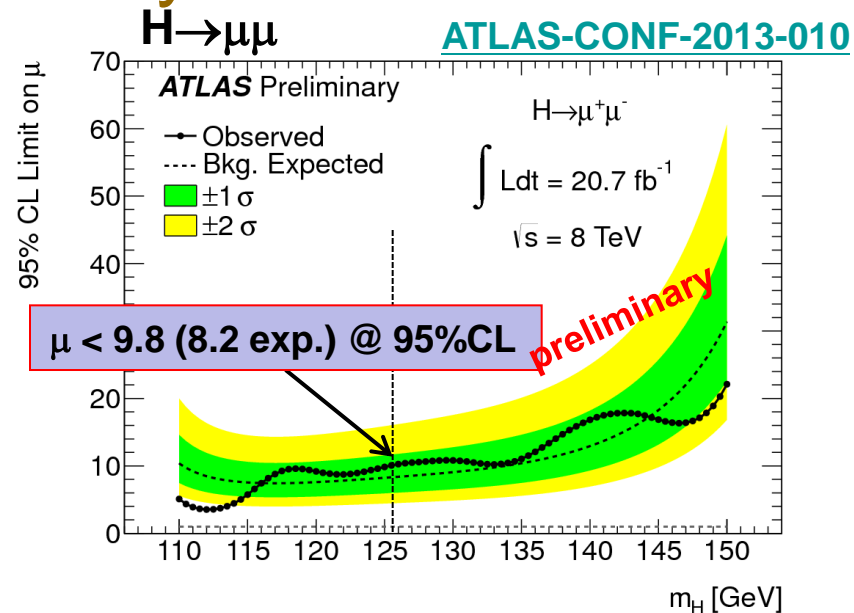
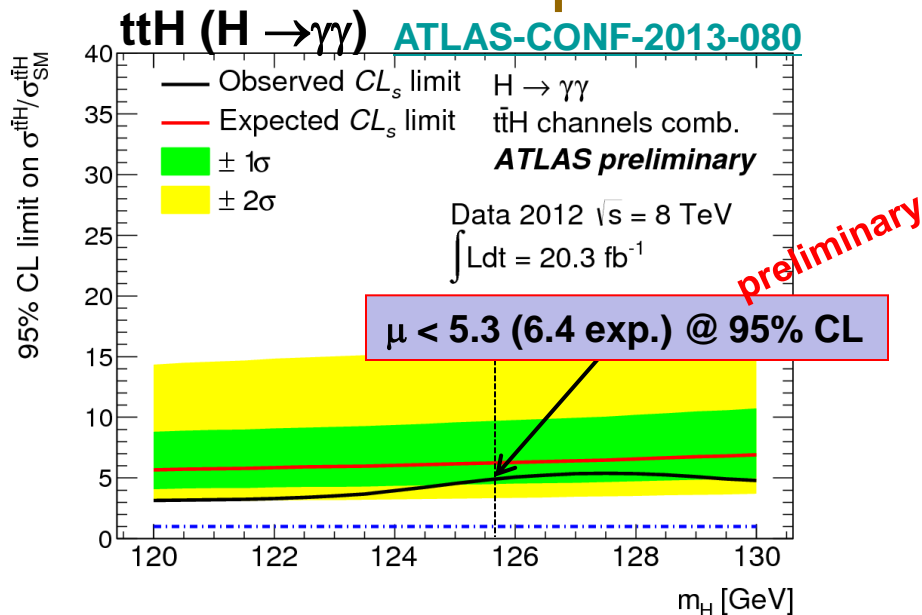
Result 2011 and part of 2012 data:
1.1 σ excess over SM background
Best fit: $\mu=0.7 \pm 0.7$

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Analysis with full 2012 data still to come.

Rare production and/or decay modes

Rare production/decay modes



BSM Higgs

A few recent results

Invisible decays of the Higgs: $ZH \rightarrow \ell\ell + \text{inv}$

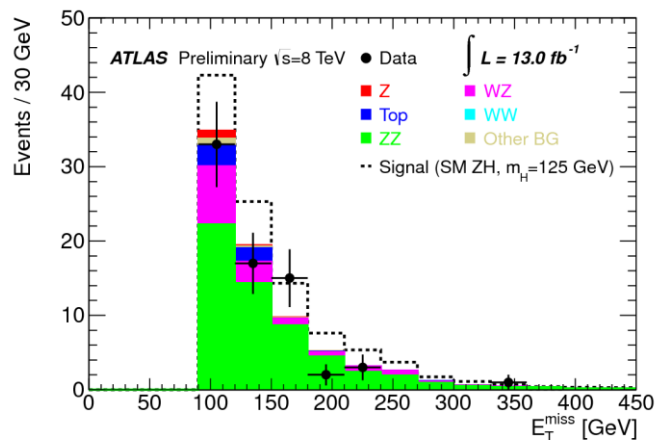
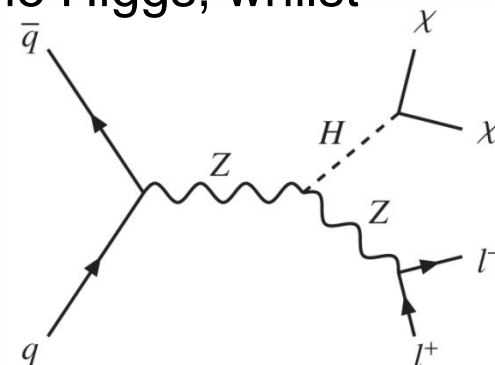
Rate expected in SM ($H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu\nu\nu$) negligible

Channel is sensitive to any new particle coupling to the Higgs, whilst invisible to our detectors (dark matter candidates).

Search for an excess of events with

2 leptons + high missing E_T

Extract limit from the missing E_T distribution



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Result 2011 and part 2012 data:

$\text{BR}(H(125 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow \text{inv}) < 65\% (84\% \text{ exp.}) @ 95\% \text{CL}$

Search for a high mass Higgs

Search for a high mass (additional) neutral Higgs in the ZZ and WW decay modes. Preliminary results $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ available in [ATLAS-CONF-2013-013](#)

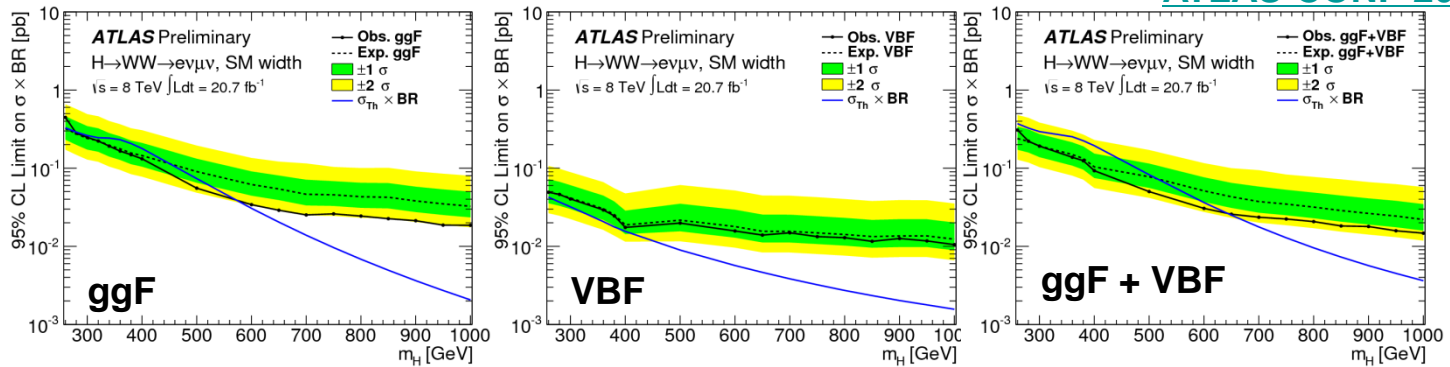
New: $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ search for a SM-like high mass Higgs.

Signal: SM like Higgs with full description of the width and of interference effects.

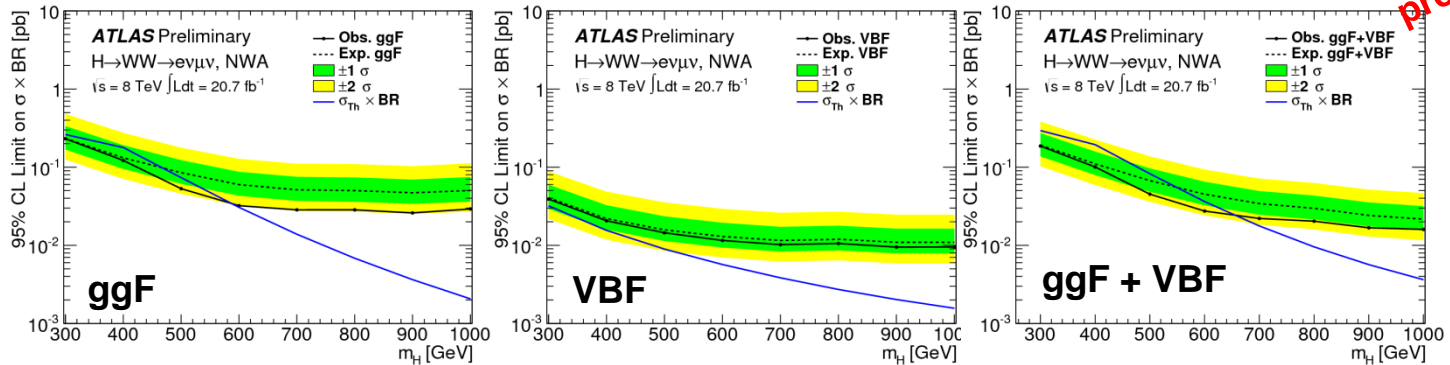
Vary width between a narrow width and that expected for a high mass SM Higgs.

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SM width



Narrow width



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Full combination to come. More WW/ZZ decay channels to be included:

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$, $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$, $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow lvqq$

More BSM Higgs

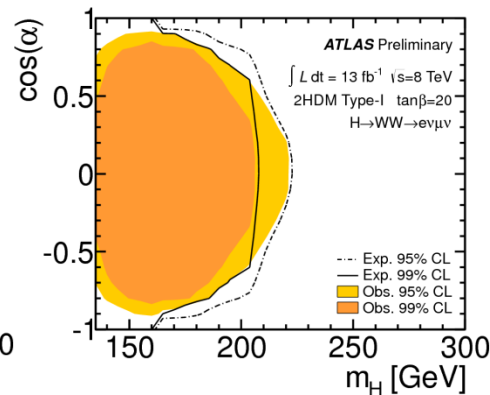
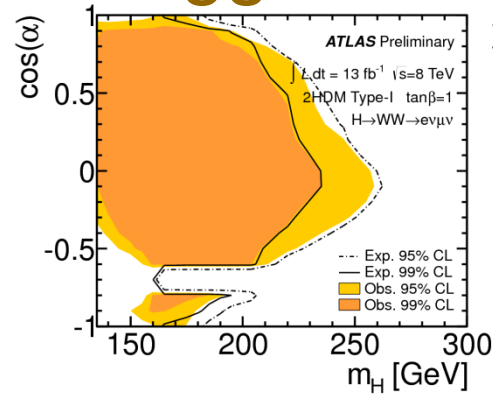
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2HDM Higgs

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$

(similar analysis to that on previous slide)

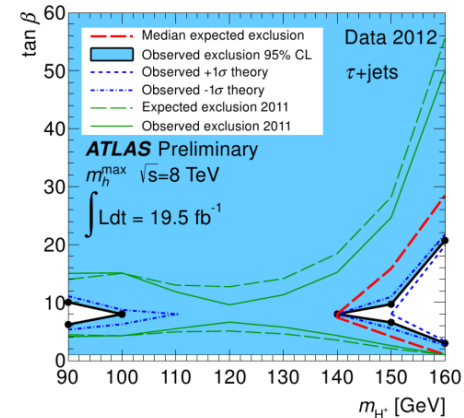
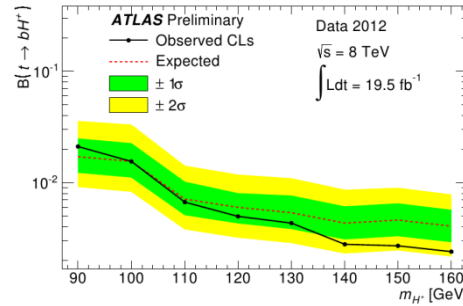
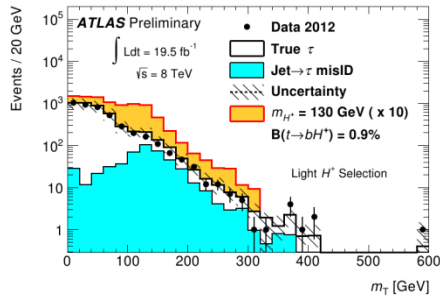
- 0 jets (ggF) and 2 jets (VBF)
- assume 125 GeV Higgs candidate is h and look for H in mass range 135 – 300 GeV
- No indication of a signal, set limits in $m_H - \cos(\alpha)$ plane for varying values of $\tan(\beta)$



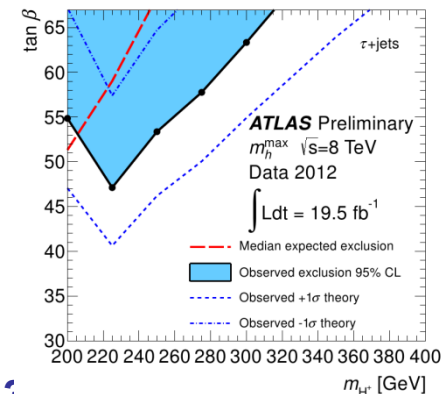
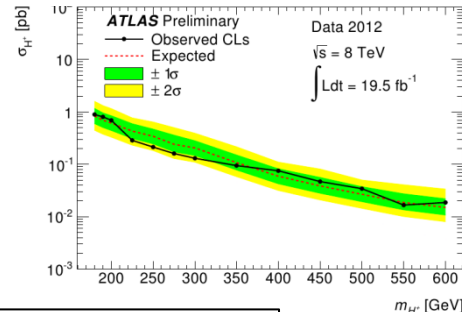
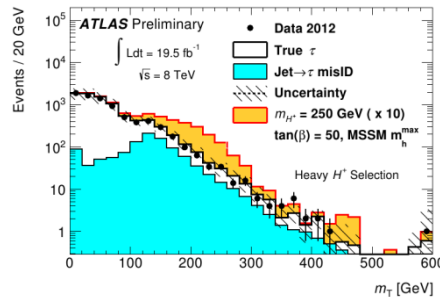
Search for $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu + \text{jets}$ in mass range 180 – 600 GeV

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Low mass
($m_H^\pm < m_t$)
 $t\bar{t} \rightarrow H^\pm bWb$



High mass
($m_H^\pm > m_t$)
• Associated tH^\pm production



More on these results in parallel talk Alessandro Manfredini

Summary

LHC Run I (2010-2013) a great success for ATLAS
 Discovery of a new boson, and first measurement of its mass, ..

$$m_H = 125.5 \pm 0.2(\text{stat})^{+0.5}_{-0.6}(\text{sys})\text{GeV}$$

its coupling parameters (all consistent with a SM Higgs) and its spin and parity ..

$$\text{Strong evidence } J^P = 0^+$$

No significant evidence yet for fermionic decays, but results are consistent with SM Higgs hypothesis

$$H \rightarrow bb : \mu = 0.2^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$$

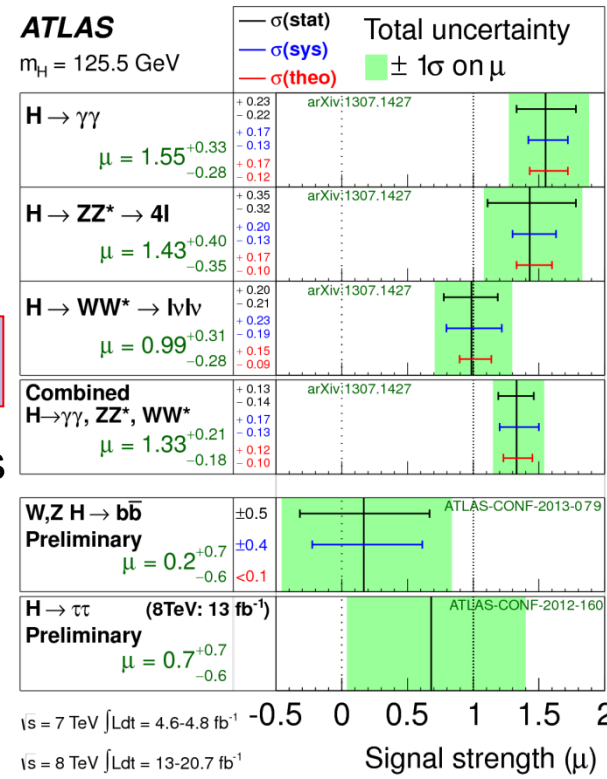
$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau : 1.1 \text{ sigma excess, best fit } \mu = 0.7 \pm 0.7$$

First results on various rare production decay modes (more data needed to observe these modes)

Direct limit on $H \rightarrow$ invisible particles $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \text{inv}) < 65\%$

Search for high mass Higgs and SM and narrow width approach.

Many analyses of Run I data are ongoing, so more results to come



Outlook

ATLAS is preparing for LHC run II: $\sqrt{s}=13/14$ TeV and up to 80 interactions on average per bunch crossing.

Improvements on electronics, an extra b-tagging layer and improved forward muon tracking are ongoing.

Major upgrades are being planned for HL-LHC running to ultimately get to $\sim 3000\text{fb}^{-1}$ per experiment.

Very exciting times ahead ..