



# ATLAS SM HIGGS COMBINATION



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collaboration. Higgs Hunting 2012.

# Outline

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- Statistical procedure used in separate channels and combined search
- Status of the search, pre July 4th
- Input channels, including updates
- Results

# Statistics tools and techniques I

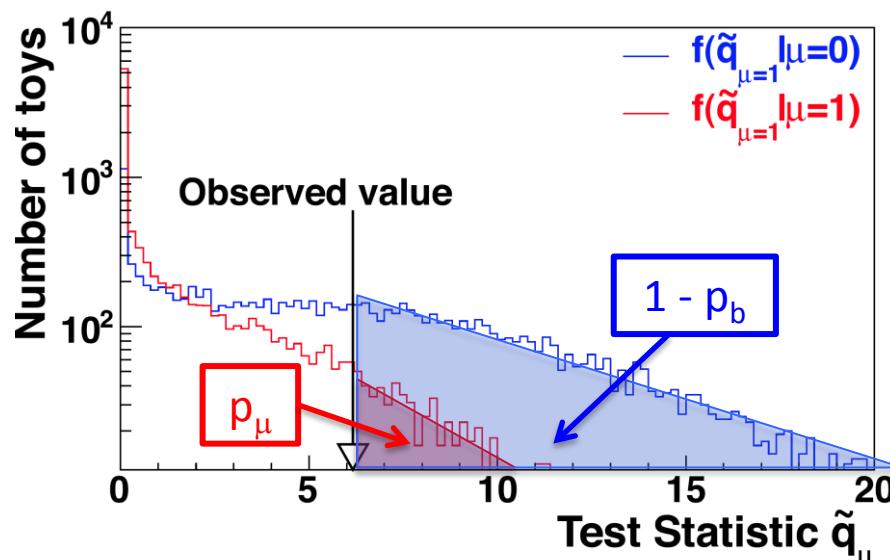
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Based on the profile likelihood ratio, the test statistic used is:

$$\tilde{q}_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} | \mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} | \hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

with condition:  $0 \leq \hat{\mu} < \mu$

$\theta$  : all the nuisance parameters  
 $\mu$  : signal strength  
 $\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta}$  : estimators for unconditional likelihood max.  
 $\hat{\theta}_\mu$  : max. likelihood estimator for given  $\mu$



95% confidence level on exclusion limits is found by adjusting  $\mu$  until CLs=0.05

$$CL_s(\mu) = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_b}$$

CLs is used to test the signal hypothesis.

Expected limits (and p0) are estimated using a representative (Asimov) dataset

# Statistics tools and techniques II

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$p_0$  tests the background hypothesis – i.e. quantifies the presence of a signal by showing the probability a **fluctuation** in the background could reproduce the same excess of events.

Using a test statistic defined as;

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} \mid 0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} \mid \hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

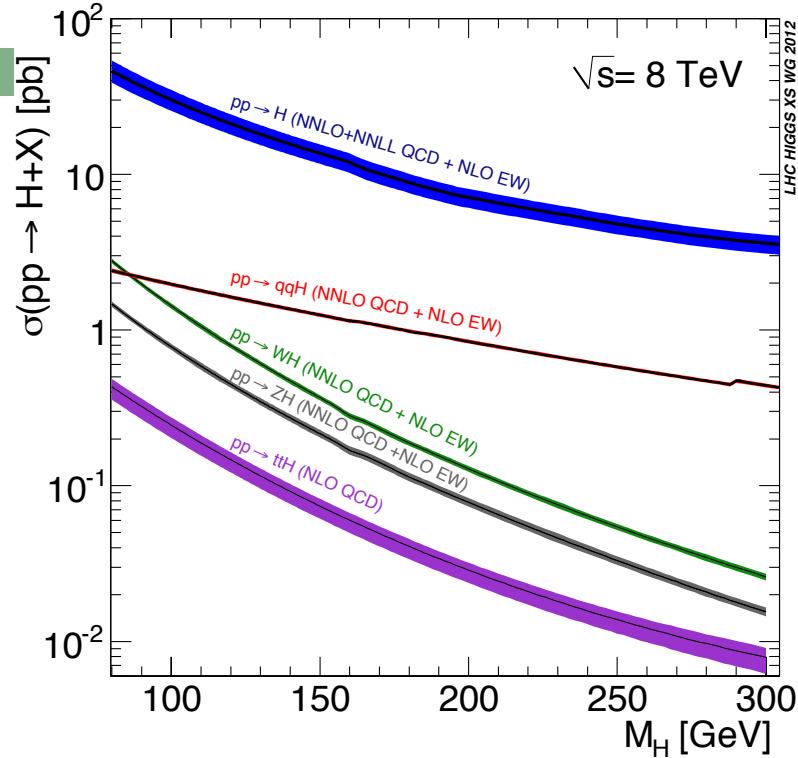
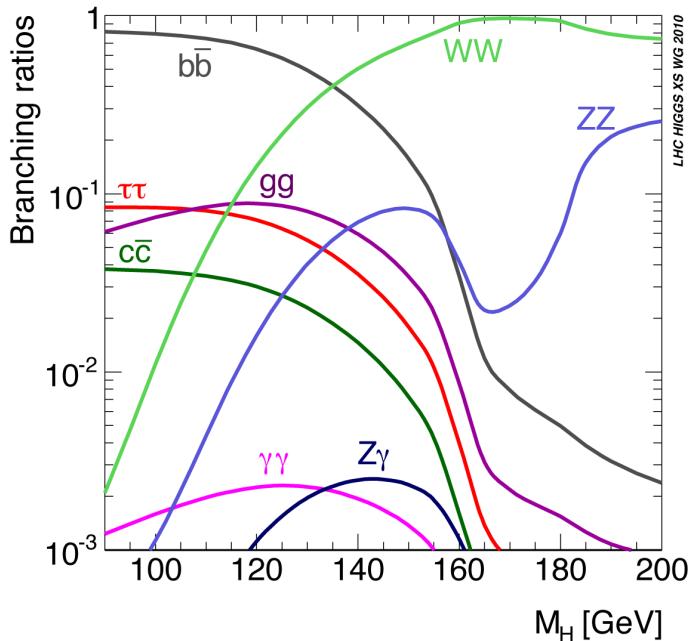
Calculate the p-value for the background-only hypothesis,  $p_0$ .  
(Calculated for **every** mass point,  $\Rightarrow$  considered as a ‘local’ p-value.)

$\hat{\mu}$  is the best fit value of the signal strength, found by allowing parameters to float and minimising the test statistic. Colloquially  $\hat{\mu}$  is known as ‘the cyan band plot’.

# SM Higgs production and decay modes.

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- ATLAS searches for the SM Higgs in multiple channels
- Channels contribute differently over the  $m_H$  search region
- Sensitivity is maximised by combining channels

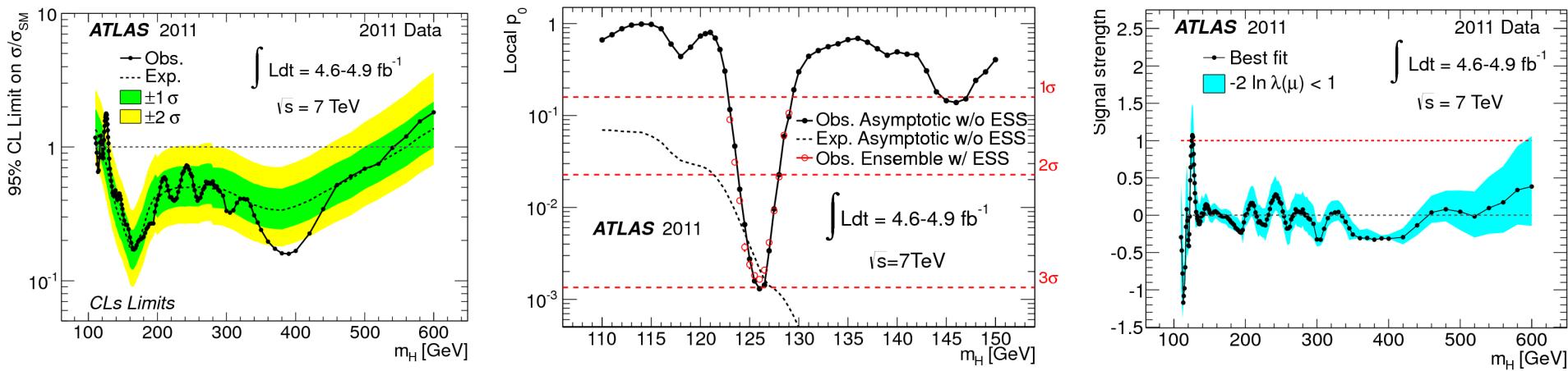


Increased SM Higgs production with 8 TeV data.

Backgrounds increase even more.

# ATLAS 2011 data results

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Combination of 2011 data representing an integrated luminosity of between  $4.6-4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per channel at a centre of mass energy of  $7 \text{ TeV}$ .

Excluded at 95% confidence level: 110.0 to 117.5, 118.5 to 122.5, and 129 to 539 GeV

Excess of events observed around  $m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$  with a local significance of  $2.5\sigma$ .

Best fit signal strength shows that the excess is about  $1 \times \text{SM}$  production cross section.

Plots taken from: [arXiv:1207.0319](https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.0319)

# Input channels used in summer 2012 combination

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Higgs Decay	Subsequent Decay	Sub-Channels	$m_H$ Range [GeV]	$\int L dt$ [fb $^{-1}$ ]
$2011 \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$				
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	–	9 sub-channels $\{p_{T_t} \otimes \eta_\gamma \otimes \text{conversion}\} \oplus \{\text{2-jets}\}$	110–150	4.8
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	$\ell\ell\ell'\ell'$	$\{4e, 2e2\mu, 2\mu2e, 4\mu\}$	110–600	4.8
	$\ell\ell\nu\bar{\nu}$	$\{ee, \mu\mu\} \otimes \{\text{low, high pile-up}\}$	200–280–600	4.7
	$\ell\ell q\bar{q}$	$\{b\text{-tagged, untagged}\}$	200–300–600	4.7
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$	$\ell\nu\ell\nu$	$\{ee, e\mu, \mu\mu\} \otimes \{\text{0-jets, 1-jet, 2-jets}\} \otimes \{\text{low, high pile-up}\}$	110–200–300–600	4.7
	$\ell\nu q\bar{q}'$	$\{e, \mu\} \otimes \{\text{0-jets, 1-jet, 2-jets}\}$	300–600	4.7
$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$	$\{e\mu\} \otimes \{\text{0-jets}\} \oplus \{\ell\ell\} \otimes \{\text{1-jet, 2-jets, } VH\}$	110–150	4.7
	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	$\{e, \mu\} \otimes \{\text{0-jets}\} \otimes \{E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} < 20 \text{ GeV}, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \geq 20 \text{ GeV}\}$ $\oplus \{e, \mu\} \otimes \{\text{1-jet}\} \oplus \{\ell\} \otimes \{\text{2-jets}\}$	110–150	4.7
	$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	{1-jet}	110–150	4.7
$VH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$	$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \in \{120 - 160, 160 - 200, \geq 200 \text{ GeV}\}$	110–130	4.6
	$W \rightarrow \ell\nu$	$p_{\text{T}}^W \in \{< 50, 50 - 100, 100 - 200, \geq 200 \text{ GeV}\}$	110–130	4.7
	$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$p_{\text{T}}^Z \in \{< 50, 50 - 100, 100 - 200, \geq 200 \text{ GeV}\}$	110–130	4.7
$2012 \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$				
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	–	9 sub-channels $\{p_{T_t} \otimes \eta_\gamma \otimes \text{conversion}\} \oplus \{\text{2-jets}\}$	110–150	5.9
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	$\ell\ell\ell'\ell'$	$\{4e, 2e2\mu, 2\mu2e, 4\mu\}$	110–600	5.8

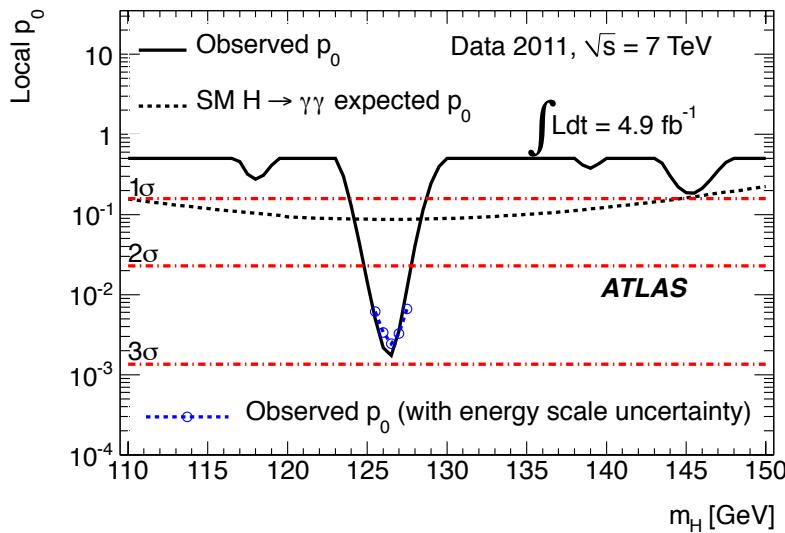
85 sub-channels in total go into this combination.

# Additions and updates: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

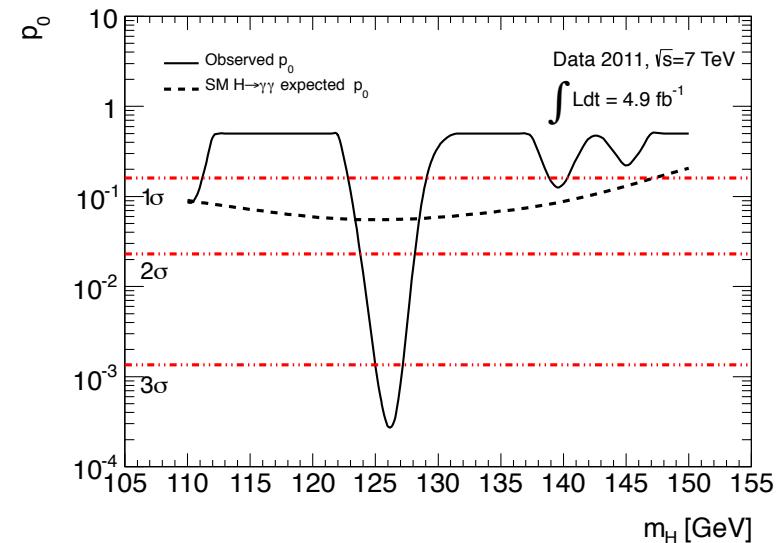
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- In 2011 data, photon identification based on NN combination of calorimeter shower shape variables.
- 2012 data photon identification uses re-optimized cuts.
- In both 2011 and 2012 analyses a 10<sup>th</sup> sub-channel has been added : 'VBF' which requires 2 jets well separated in pseudo-rapidity

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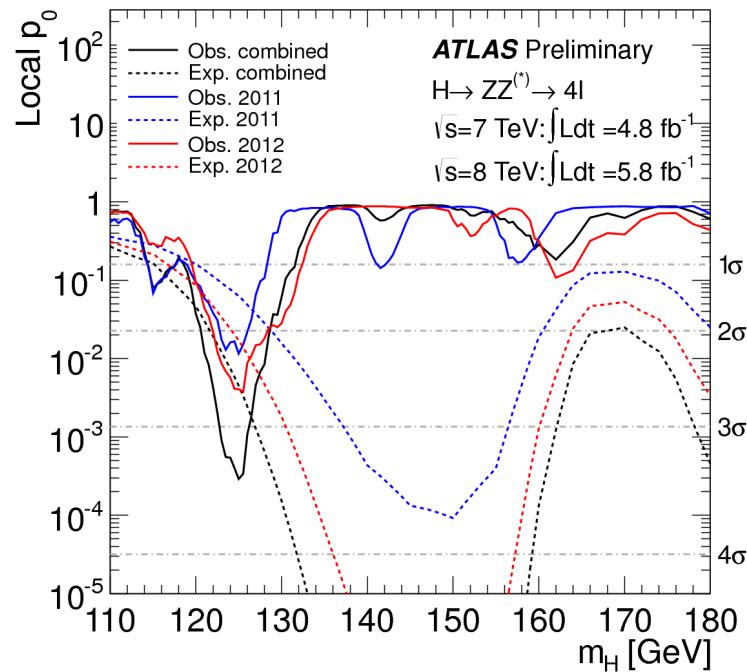
Summer update



# Additions and updates: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-$

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- Improved electron reconstruction and identification.
- Kinematic selections optimized for a low mass Higgs
- Z mass constraint introduced to improve resolution.
  - Low mass events: Z required to be in 50-106 GeV window.
  - Higher mass events: both lepton pairs to pass this constraint.
  - Constraint leads to improvement in mass resolution of the order 10%



# Systematic Uncertainties

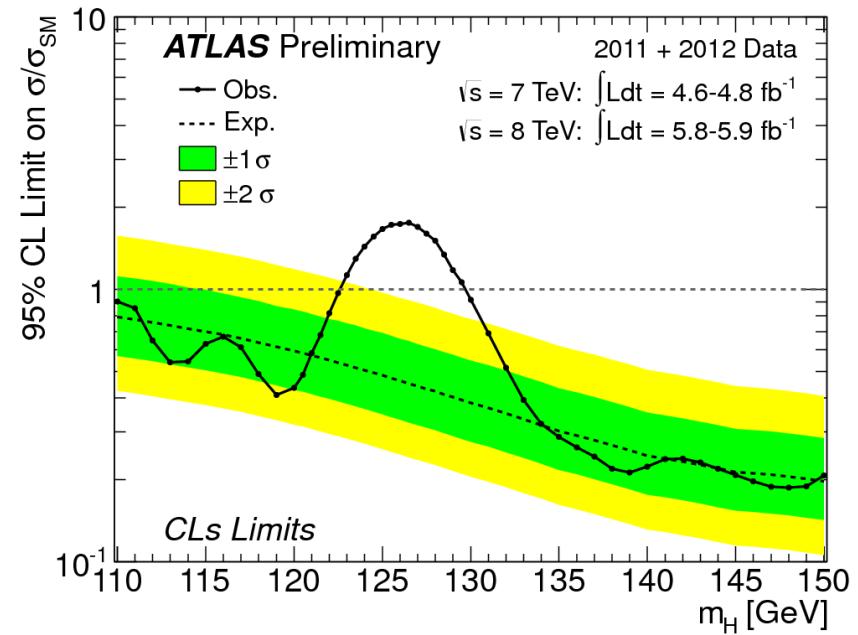
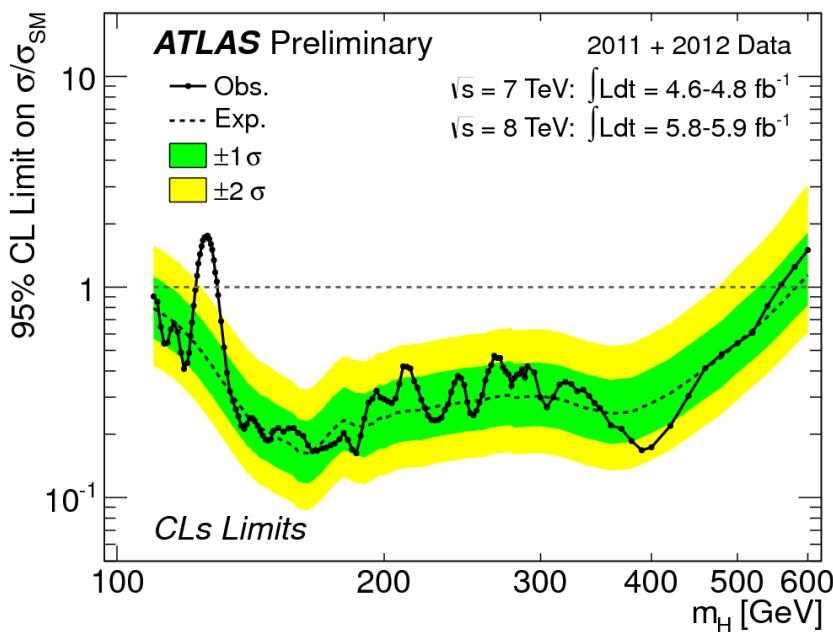
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- The same systematic uncertainty may affect more than one channel - correlated effects.
- Correlated systematics from:
  - ▣ Theoretical predictions e.g. production cross-sections
  - ▣ Luminosity
  - ▣ Detector uncertainty e.g. jet energy scale, b-tagging
- Analyses with 2012 and 2011 data:
  - ▣ In  $\gamma\gamma$  channel all systematics are considered 100% correlated between years except luminosity
  - ▣ In  $llll$  channel all except luminosity and data-driven background normalizations are 100% correlated between years

# Combination results - CLs.

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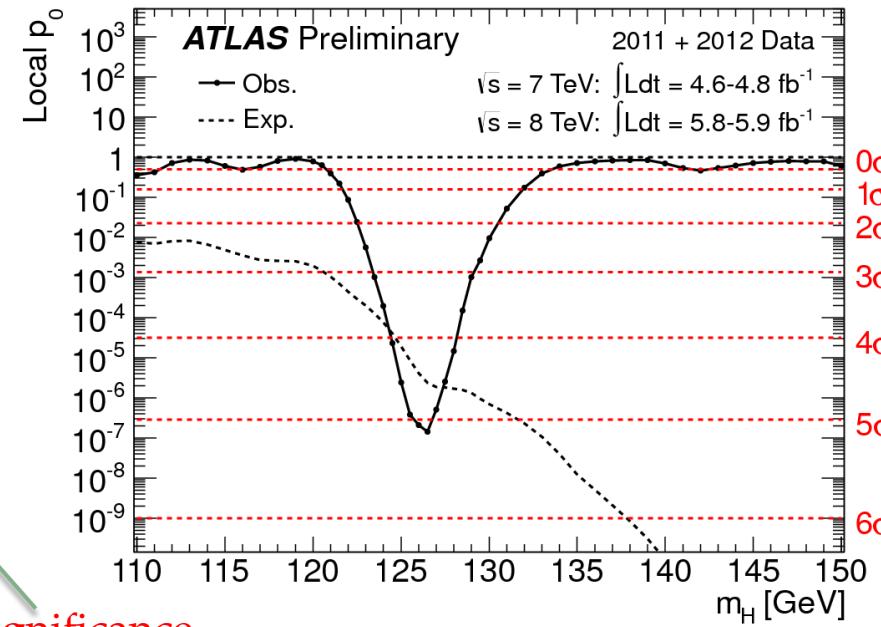
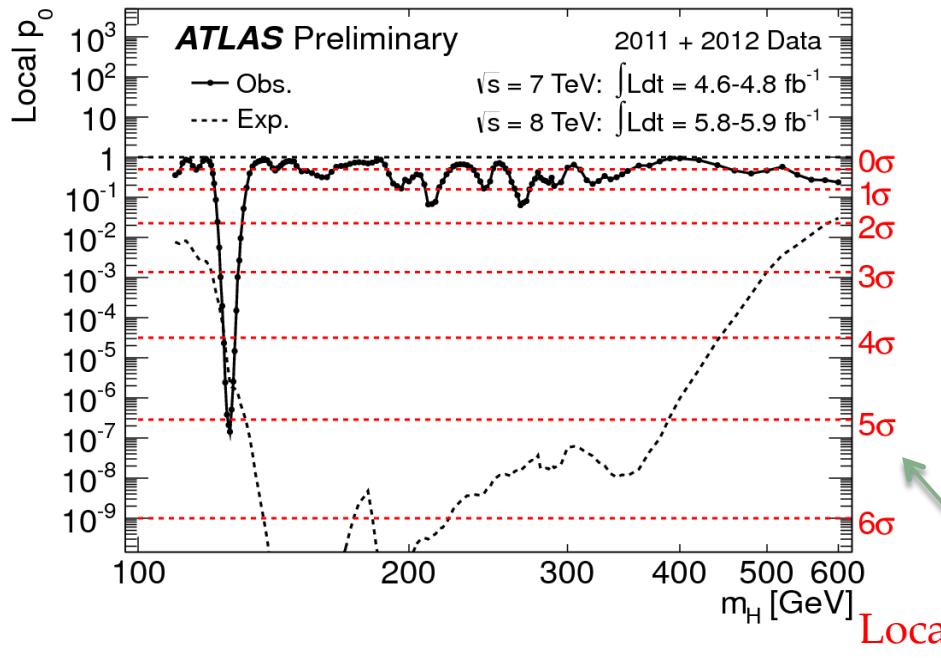
Expected exclusion: 110-582 GeV (calculated for background only hypothesis)  
Observed exclusion: 110-122.6 & 129.7-558 GeV



# Combination results - $p_0$

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- Maximum local significance (including energy scale systematics) =  $5.0\sigma$ .
- Maximum local significance at  $m_H = 126.5$  GeV
- Expected local significance here is  $4.6\sigma$  (expected is calculated for signal +background hypothesis)
- Away from excess excellent agreement between data and background-only hypothesis

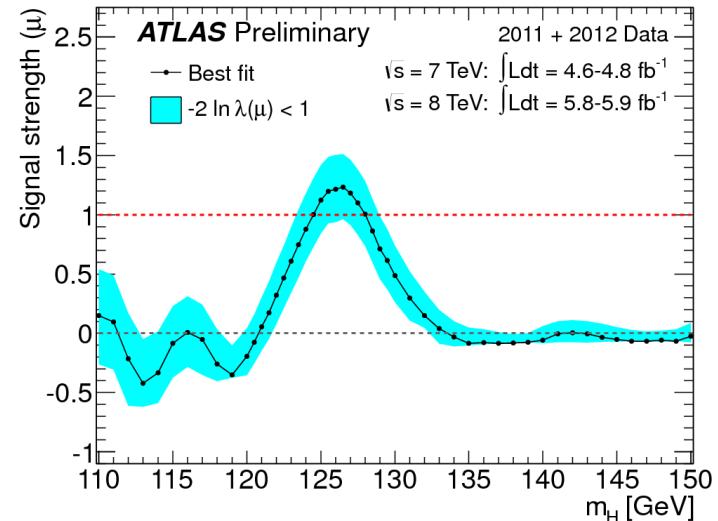
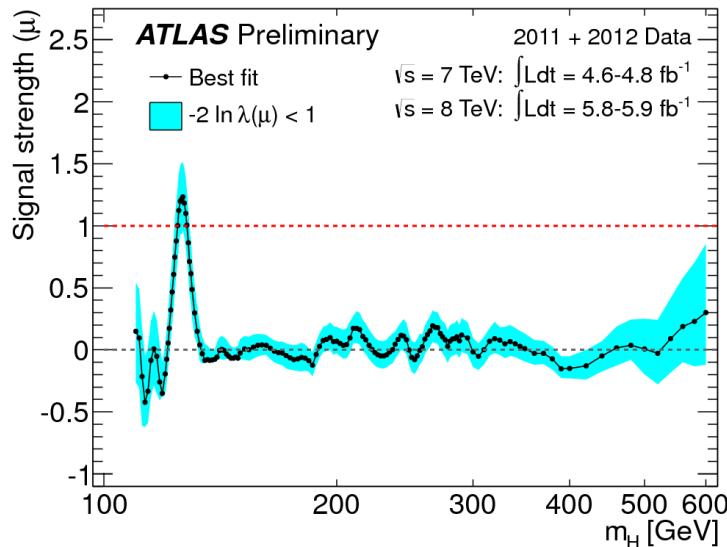


Local significance

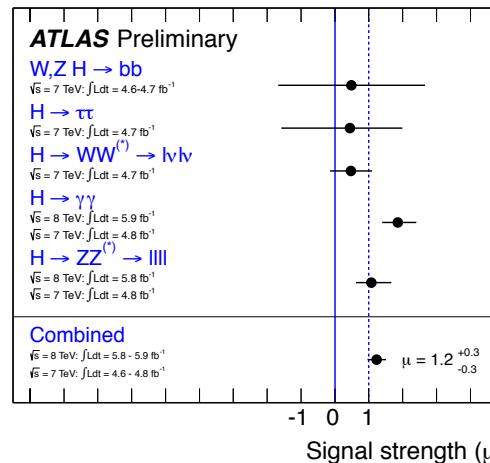
# Combination results - $\hat{\mu}$

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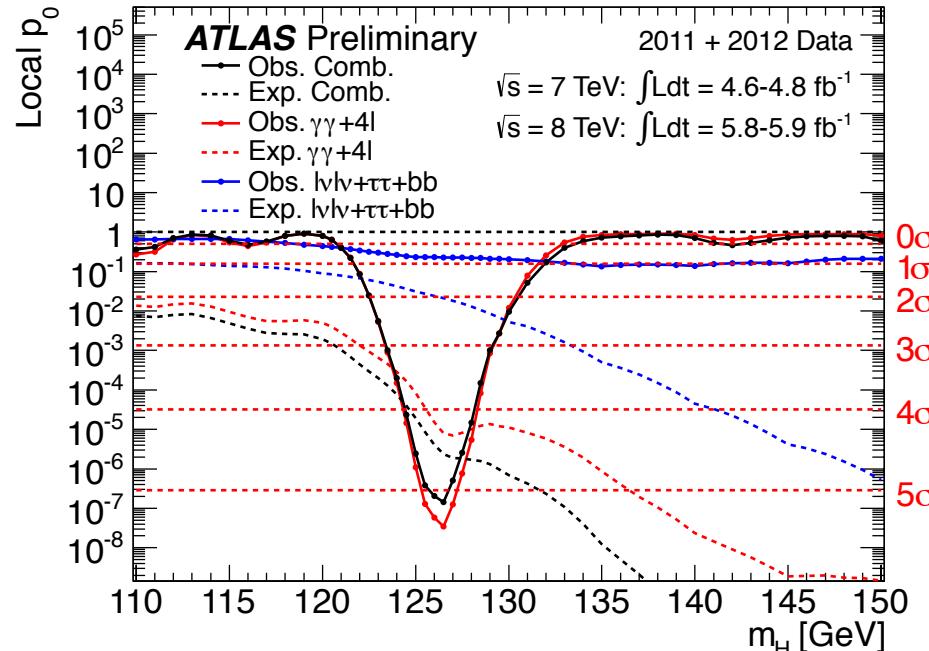
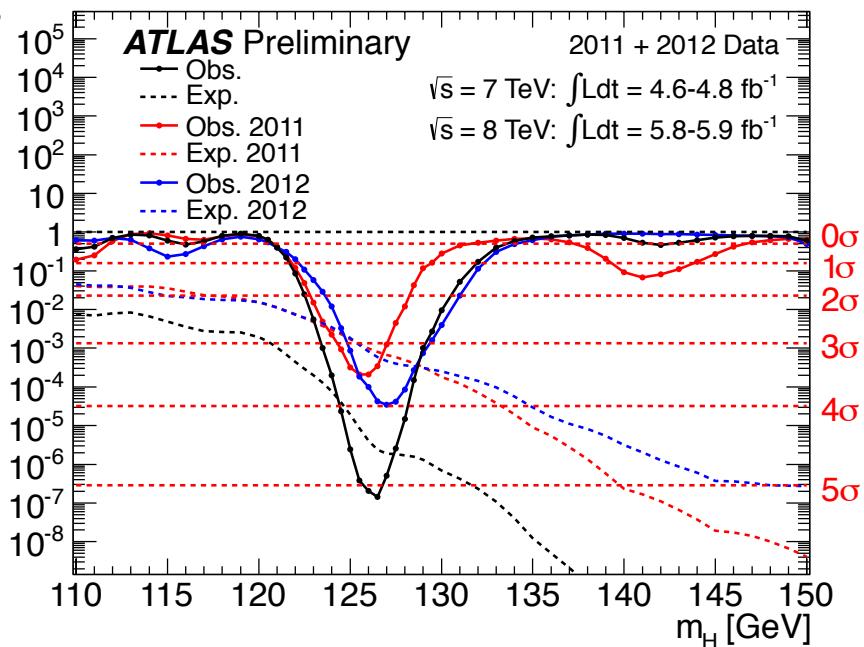
Best fit of the signal strength at  $m_H = 126.5$  GeV:  $\hat{\mu} = 1.2 \pm 0.3$



The best fit signal strength is slightly higher in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llll$  than in other channels but still consistent with the SM.



# Combination results - by year/channel



□ Similar expected significances

- High resolution channels drive sensitivity
- Other channels still important to investigate the nature of the signal

# Combination results - contours

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- Contours can be used to check the consistency of the global picture
- The test statistic is based on a 2D profile likelihood ratio, shown as a function of  $\mu$  and  $m_H$ .

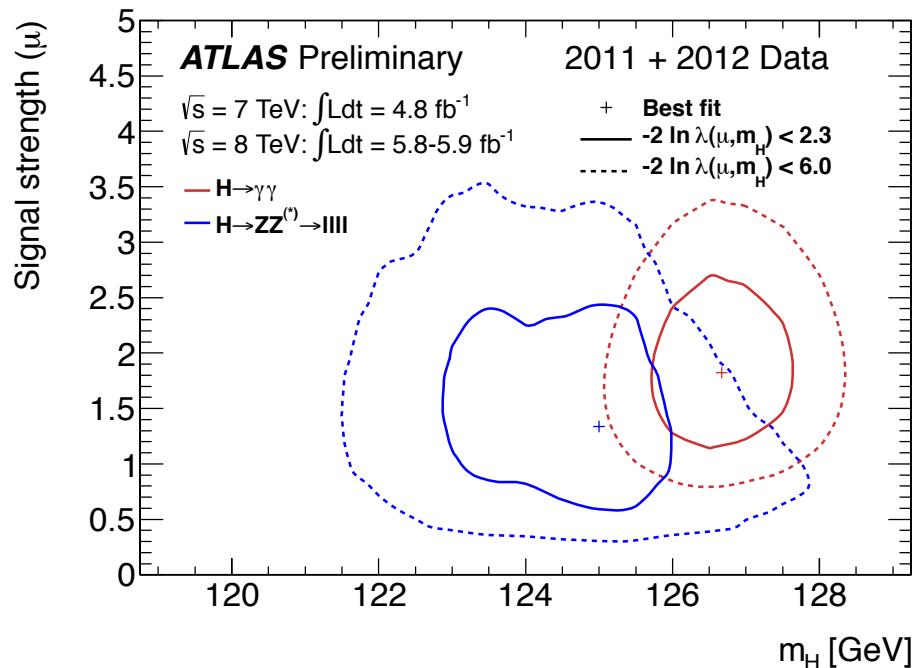
$$\lambda(\mu, m_H) = \frac{L(\mu, m_H, \hat{\theta}(\mu, m_H))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{m}_H, \hat{\theta})}$$

Without a strong signal, plots would be simply a horizontal line.

Curves show approximate ~68% (solid) and ~95% (dashed) confidence limits.

Cross marks best fit point.

$\mu = 1$  on the y-axis represents the Standard Model.



# Conclusions.

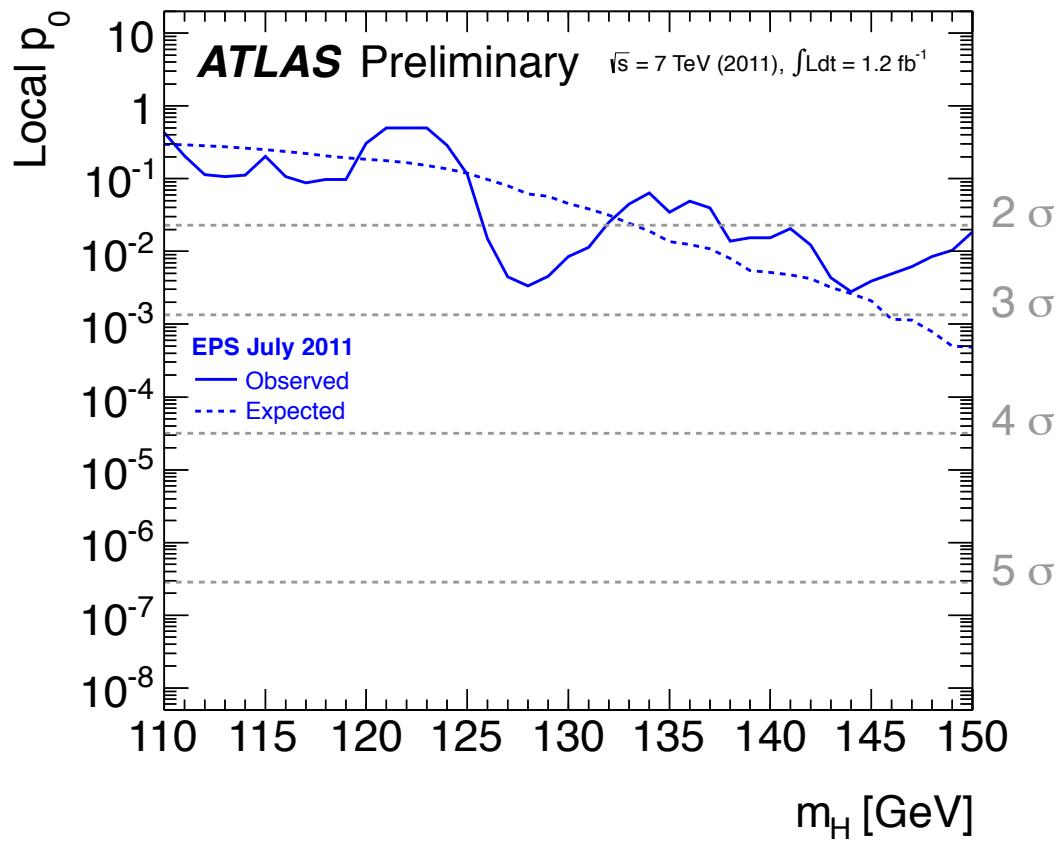


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- ATLAS has performed a search for the SM Higgs over the mass region 110-600 GeV
- 12 channels total in combination
  - 2 channels: 7 & 8 TeV data,  $\sim 10.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - other channels: 7 TeV data,  $\sim 4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- observed an excess of events near  $m_H \sim 126.5 \text{ GeV}$  with a local significance of  $5.0\sigma$
- Fitted signal strength of  $1.2 \pm 0.3$
- More work to come...

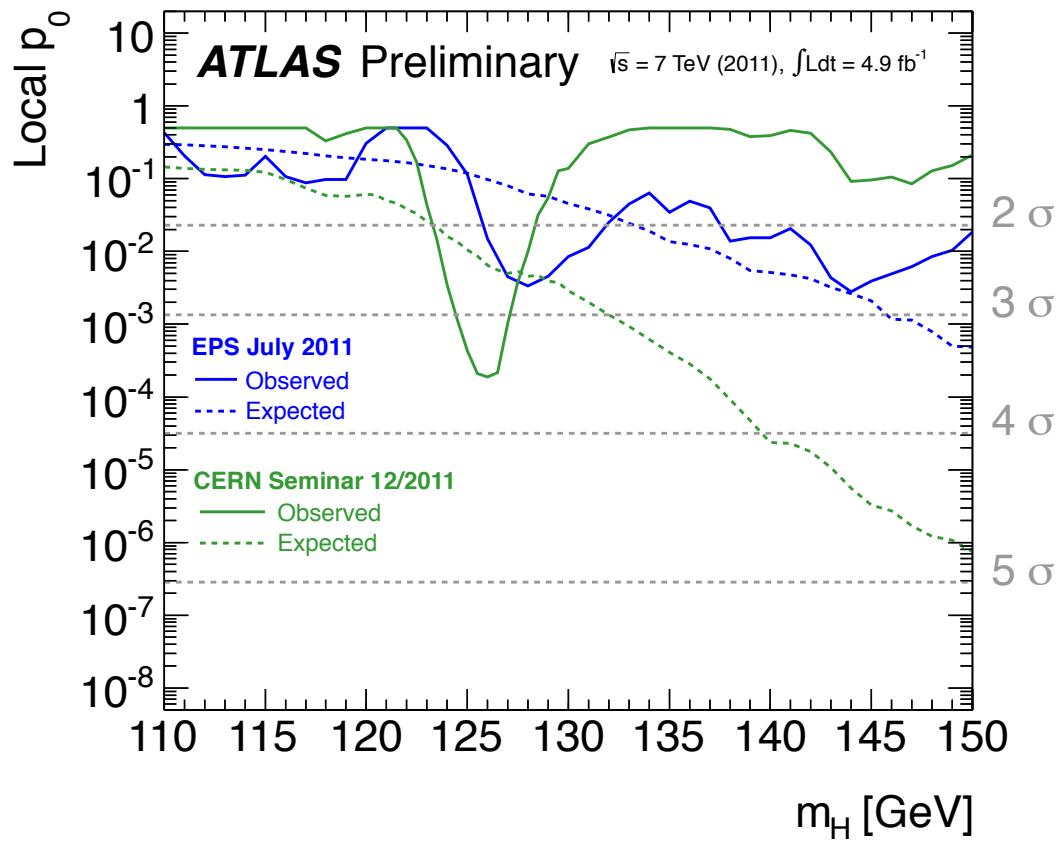
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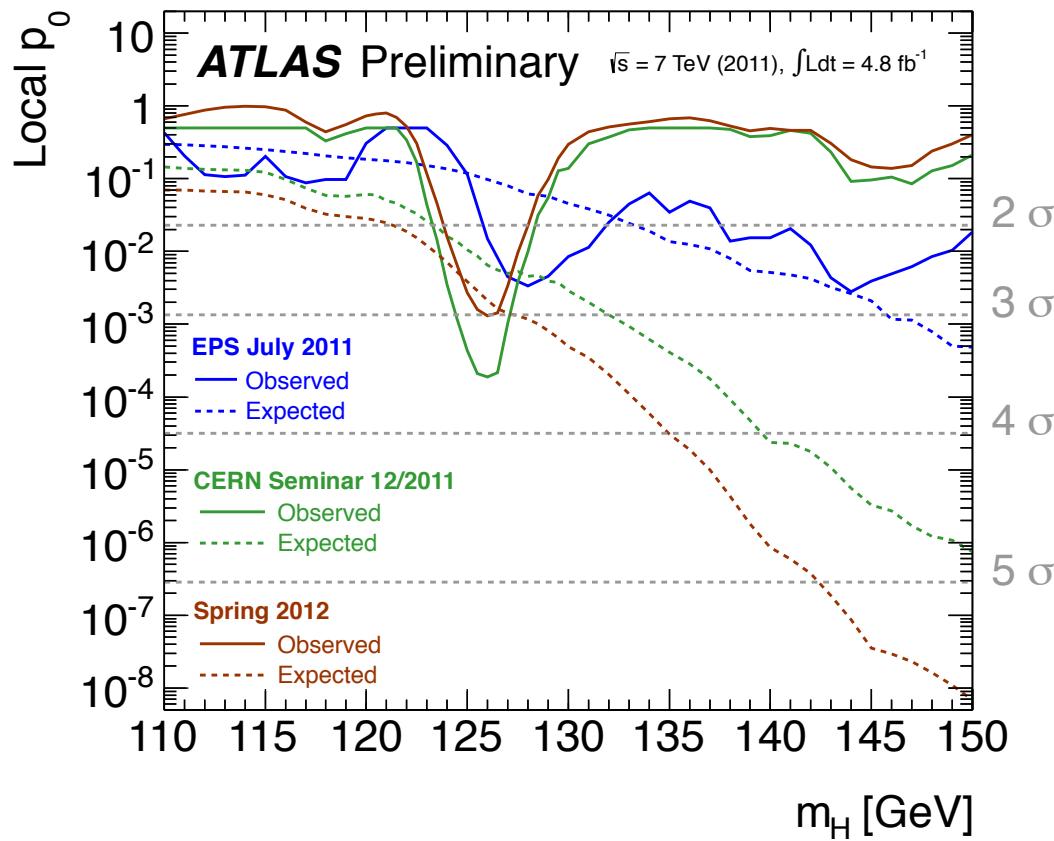
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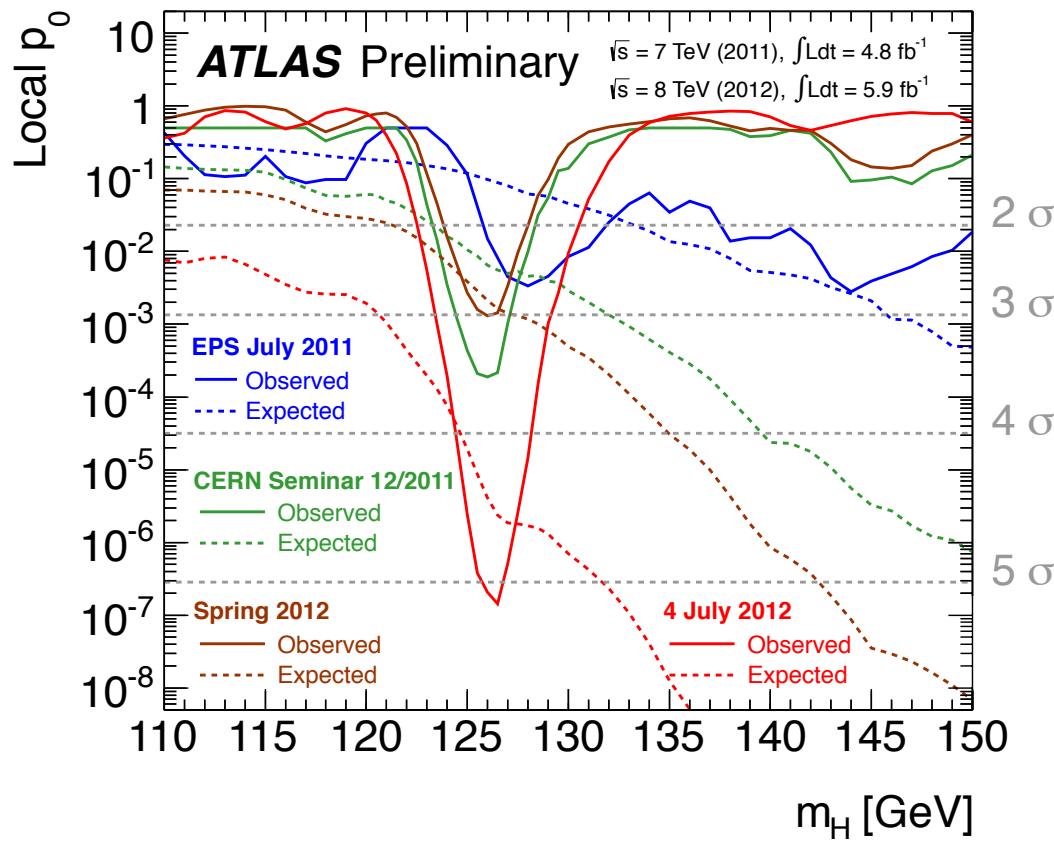
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# The happy news...

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*ATLAS and CMS  
are pleased to announce the arrival of*

*a bouncing baby boson!!!*



*After a gestation period similar to an elephant, the proud parents are delighted by  
their latest discovery.*

*The name of the new boson will be confirmed once a bit more is known about baby.*

*More information on baby boson will come all in good time. Maybe they'll even end  
up with siblings.*

# Sample systematics - signal

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	$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ $\ell \tau_{had} 3\nu$		$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$ $\ell v \ell v$		$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$ $\ell \ell \ell \ell$		
	$\tau_\ell \tau_\ell + jet$			$\ell v qq$		$\ell \ell vv$	$\ell \ell qq$	
Luminosity	+3.8 -3.6	+3.8 -3.6	+4.0 -3.8	+3.8 -3.6	+3.8 -3.6	+3.9 -3.8	+3.8 -3.6	+3.8 -3.6
e/ $\gamma$ eff.	$\pm 3.5$	$\pm 2.0$	$^{+13.5}_{-11.9}$	$\pm 2.0$	$\pm 0.9$	$\pm 2.9$	$\pm 1.2$	$\pm 1.2$
e/ $\gamma$ E. scale	$^{+1.3}_{-0.1}$	$\pm 0.3$	-	$\pm 0.4$	-	-	$\pm 0.7$	$\pm 0.4$
e/ $\gamma$ res.	-	$^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	-	$^{+0.20}_{-0.05}$	-	-	$\pm 0.25$	$\pm 0.1$
$\mu$ eff.	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 2.0$	-	-	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 0.16$	$\pm 0.7$	$\pm 0.5$
$\mu$ res. Id.	-	$^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	-	$^{+0.02}_{-0.04}$	-	-	$\pm 1.1$	$\pm 1.1$
$\mu$ res. MS.	-	-	-	$^{+0.04}_{+0.08}$	-	-	$^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$	$\pm 1.1$
Jet/ $\tau$ /MET E. scale	$^{+18.9}_{-16.4}$	$^{+3.4}_{-10.0}$	-	$^{+4.46}_{-6.47}$	$^{+18.4}_{-15.5}$	-	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 15.0$
JER	-	$\pm 2.0$	-	$^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$	$^{+9.0}_{-8.2}$	-	$^{+0.3}_{-0.0}$	$^{+4.0}_{-0.0}$
MET	-	$^{+4.4}_{-5.3}$	-	$^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$	-	-	-	-
b-tag eff.	-	-	-	$\pm 0.5$	-	-	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 3.7$
$\tau$ eff.	$\pm 9.1$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

For a Higgs mass hypothesis of 120 GeV except for  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell v qq$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell vv$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell qq$  which is for 300 GeV

# Sample systematics - background

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	$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$		$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$		$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$		
	$\ell \tau_{had} 3\nu$	$\tau_\ell \tau_\ell + jet$		$\ell v \ell v$	$\ell v q q$	$\ell \ell \ell \ell$	$\ell \ell v v$	$\ell \ell q q$
Luminosity	+3.0 -2.9	+3.8 -3.6	-	$\pm 0.2$	-	+3.7 -3.6	+2.4 -2.3	+0.3 -0.2
e/ $\gamma$ eff.	$\pm 2.4$	$\begin{array}{c} +0.5 \\ -1.6 \end{array}$	-	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 0.8$	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 0.8$	$\pm 0.1$
e/ $\gamma$ E. scale	$\begin{array}{c} +0.9 \\ -0.3 \end{array}$	$\pm 0.8$	-	$\begin{array}{c} +0.2 \\ -0.1 \end{array}$	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +1.7 \\ -1.6 \end{array}$	$\pm 0.1$
e/ $\gamma$ res.	-	$\begin{array}{c} +0.3 \\ -2.6 \end{array}$	-	$\begin{array}{c} +0.1 \\ -0.0 \end{array}$	-	-	$\pm 0.6$	$\pm 0.2$
$\mu$ eff.	$\pm 1.4$	$\begin{array}{c} +0.5 \\ -1.6 \end{array}$	-	-	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 0.03$
$\mu$ res. Id.	-	$\begin{array}{c} +0.3 \\ -2.6 \end{array}$	-	$\begin{array}{c} -0.03 \\ -0.06 \end{array}$	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +1.7 \\ -1.6 \end{array}$	$\pm 0.2$
$\mu$ res. MS.	-	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +0.00 \\ -0.02 \end{array}$	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +1.7 \\ -1.6 \end{array}$	$\pm 0.2$
Jet/ $\tau$ /MET E. scale	$\begin{array}{c} +10.0 \\ -8.9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} +7.0 \\ -9.8 \end{array}$	-	$\begin{array}{c} +8.5 \\ -10.4 \end{array}$	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +6.9 \\ -5.2 \end{array}$	$\pm 1.0$
JER	-	$\pm 2.5$	-	$\begin{array}{c} +3.3 \\ -3.0 \end{array}$	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +1.8 \\ -0.0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} +0.3 \\ -0.0 \end{array}$
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b-tag eff.	-	-	-	$\pm 1.8$	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} +7.0 \\ -5.5 \end{array}$	$\pm 0.2$
$\tau$ eff.	$\pm 7.2$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-