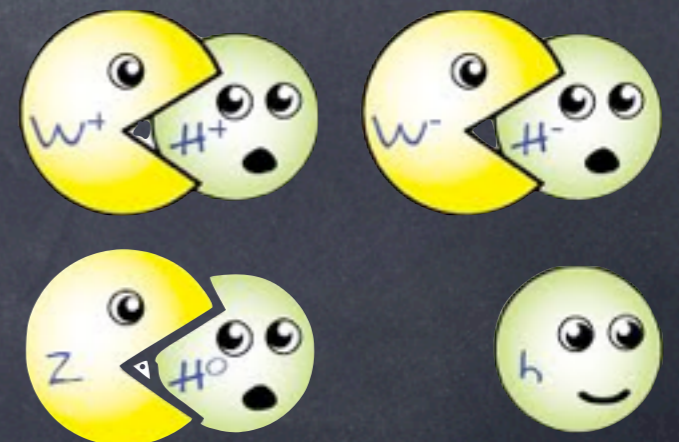


# Second Lecture: Higgs Boson Search and Discovery

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# Summary of Lecture 1: SM

- Standard Model of Electroweak interactions has  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  symmetry
- The symmetry requires that the Electroweak force carriers: Photon, W and Z be massless.
- The photon is massless  $\rightarrow$  EM interaction has an infinite range
- The range of the weak interaction is short and requires massive force carriers



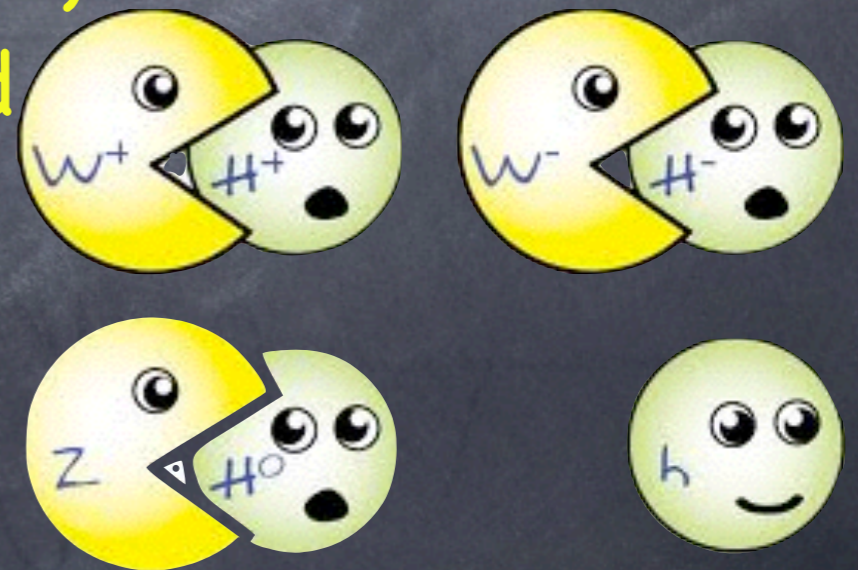
# Summary of Lecture 1: SSB

- We introduce to the model additional complex doublet (4 degrees of freedom)

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \phi^+ = \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi^0 = \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{array} \right)$$

- The  $W$  and  $Z$  acquire mass WITHOUT explicitly breaking the  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  symmetry by Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking (SSB).

- The massless  $W^+, W^-$  and  $Z$  ( $2 \times 3 = 6$  d.o.f) "eat" the 3 of the 4 doublet d.o.f. and acquire mass



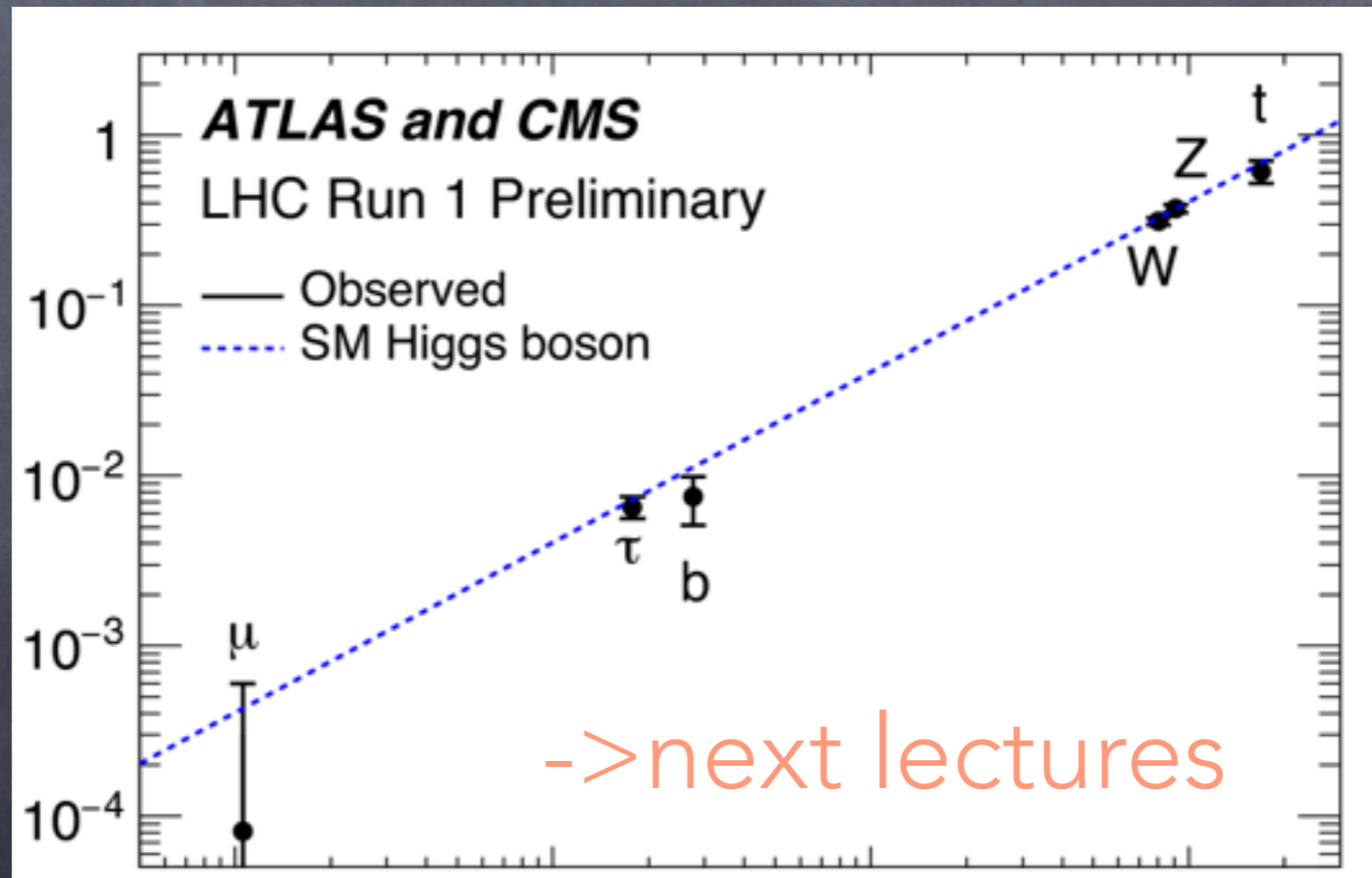
- The leftover d.o.f. is the higgs Boson

# Summary of Lecture 1: Higgs Couplings

- The Higgs coupling to particles is proportional to their mass

$$g_{Hff} = \frac{m_f}{v} \quad v \approx 240 \text{ GeV} \quad g_{HVV} \sim m_V^2$$

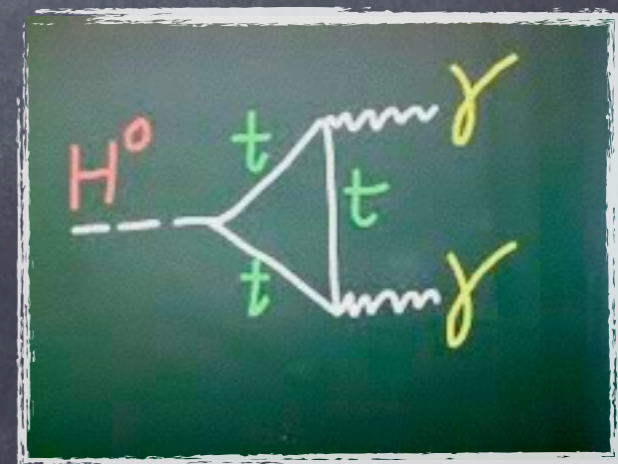
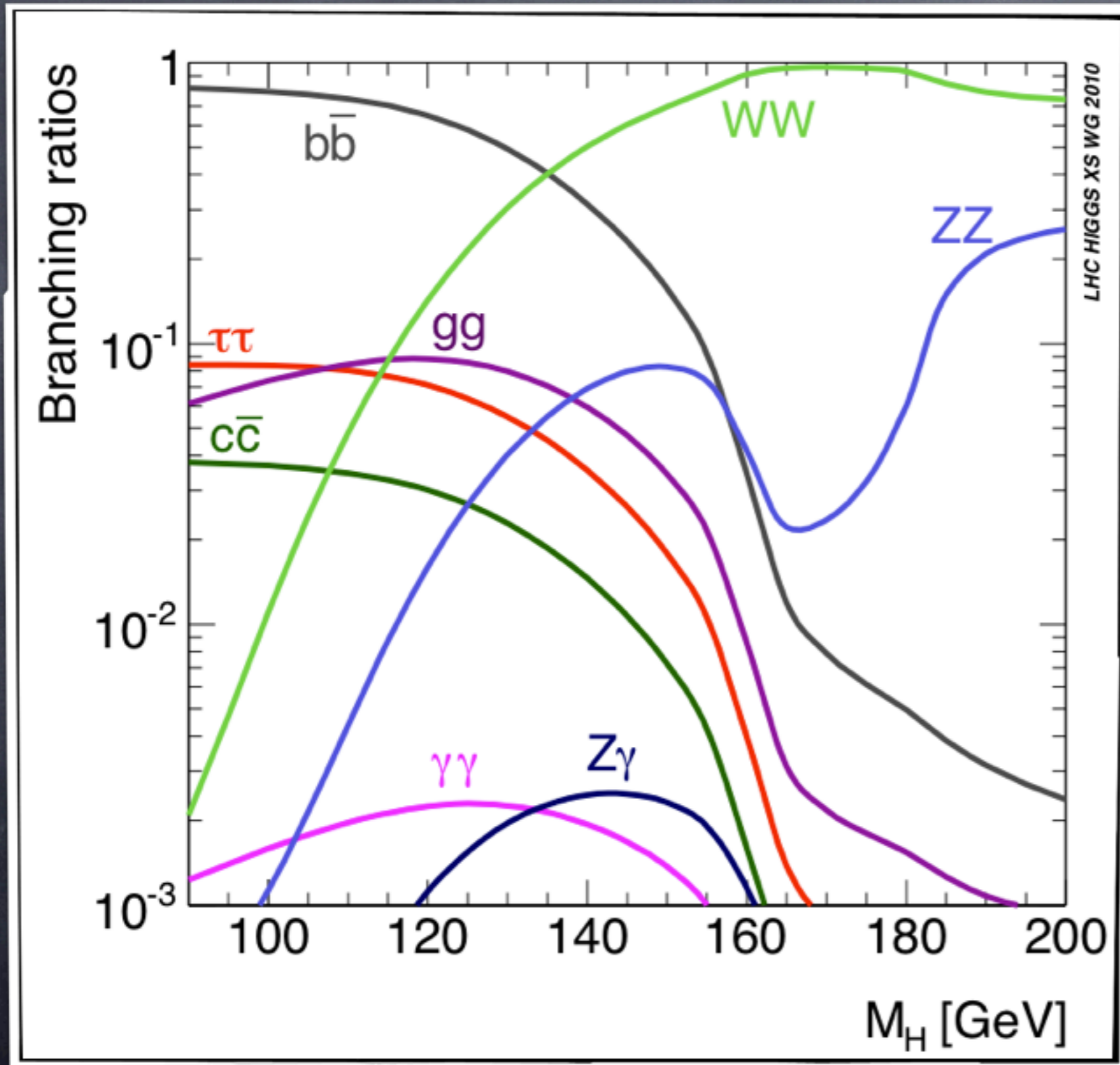
Reduced Coupling



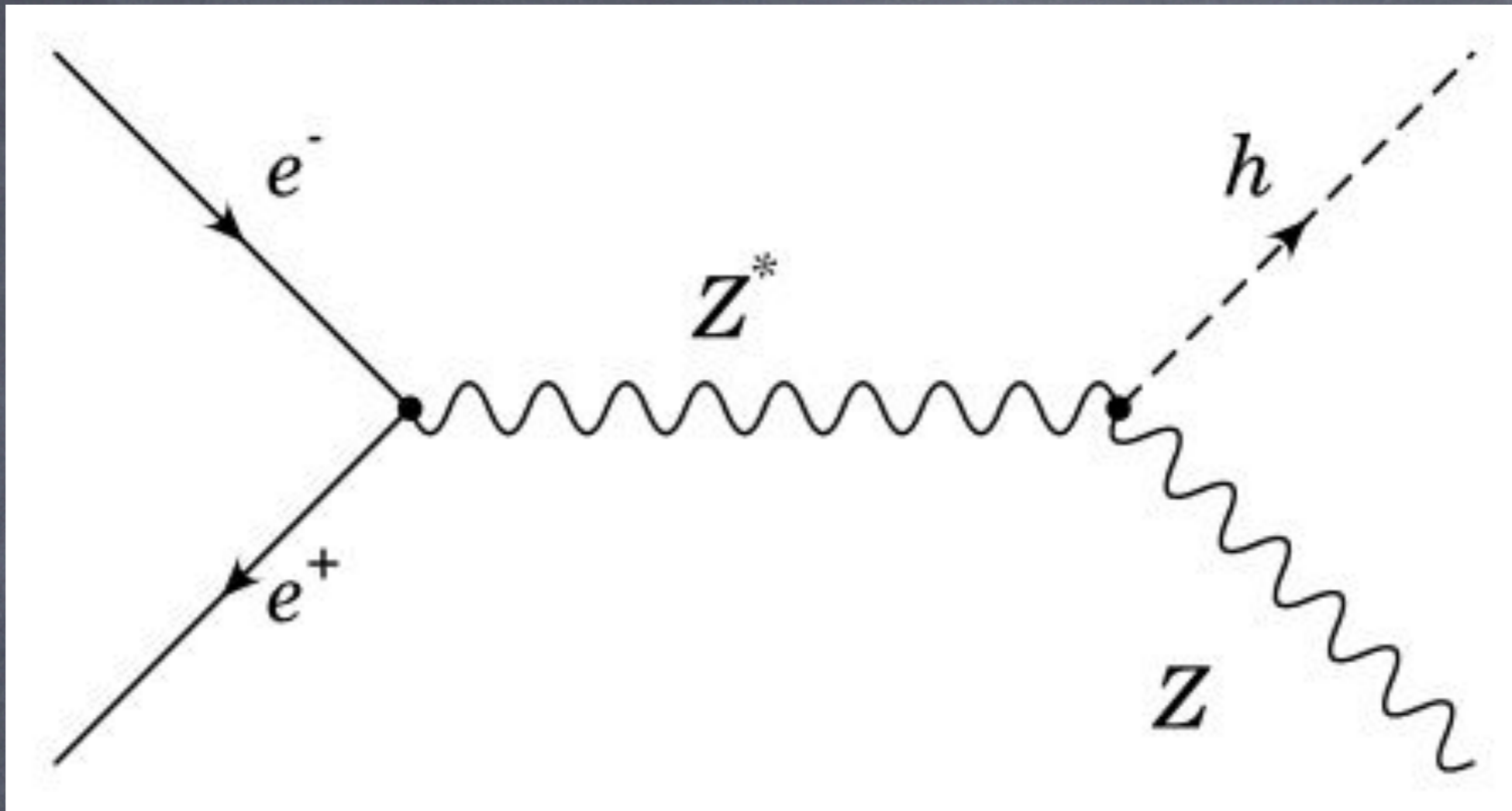
Mass

# Branching Ratios

$$BR(H \rightarrow \bar{f}f) = Prob(H \rightarrow \bar{f}f) \sim m_f^2$$

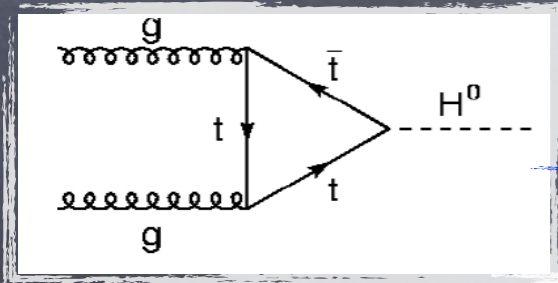


# Higgs at LEP

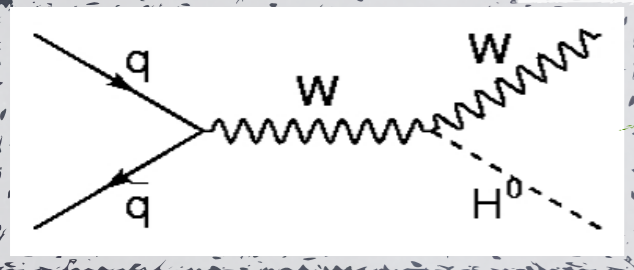
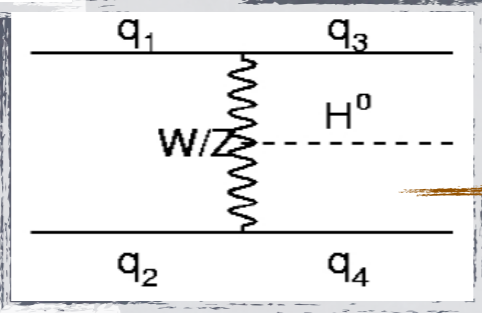


- LEP legacy:  $m_H > 114$  GeV

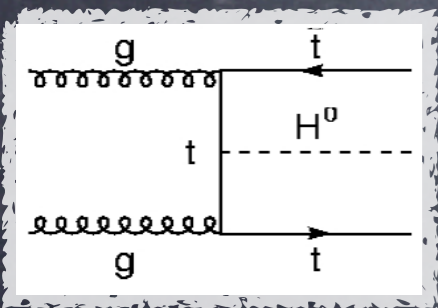
# Higgs Production @ LHC



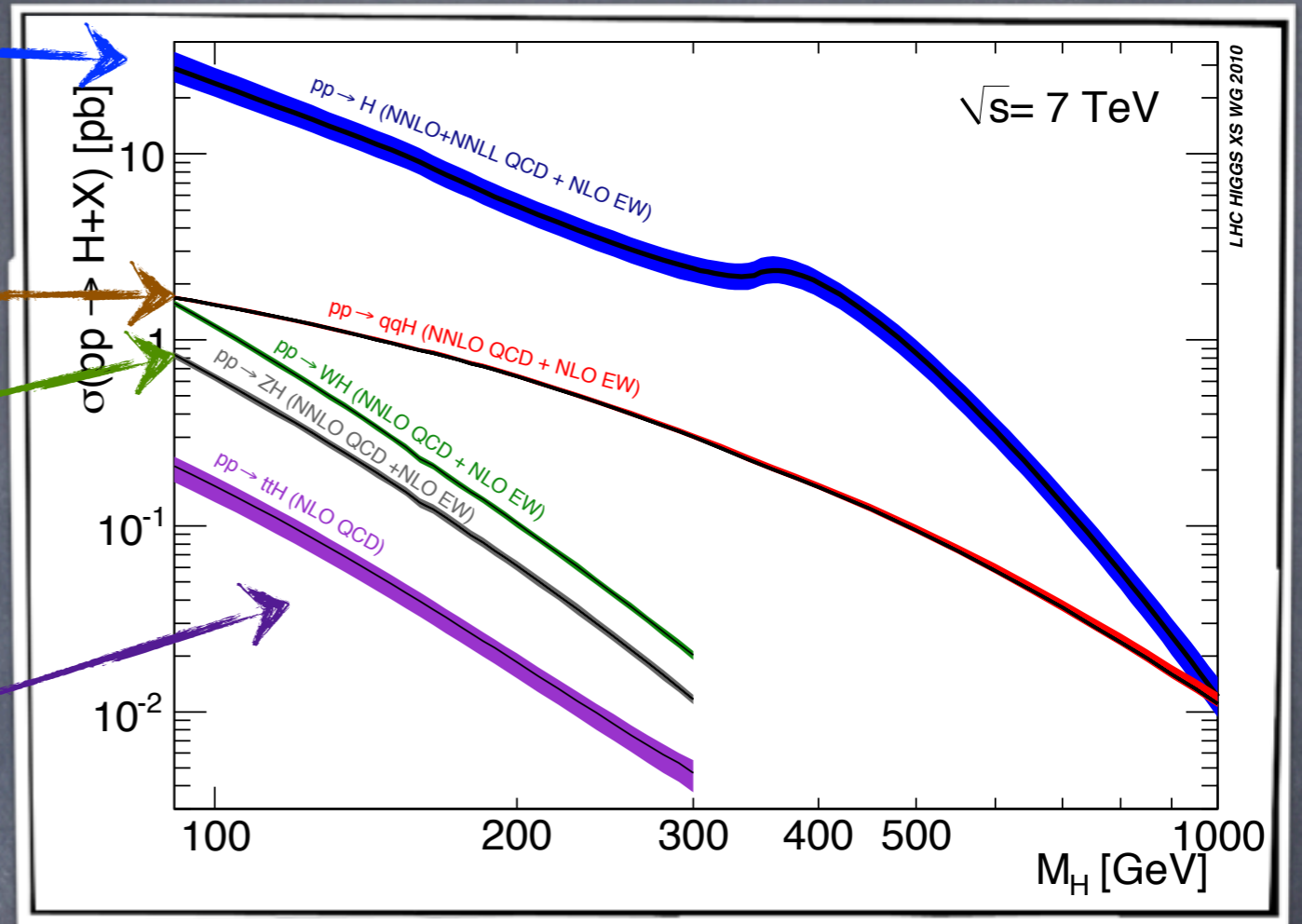
is x10  
then



is even  
smaller, yet distinct



is the smallest and also difficult



$$1 \text{ fb} = 10^{-3} \text{ pb}$$

$$1 \text{ fb}^{-1} = 1000 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

$L = 3 \times 10^{32} \text{ collisions} / (\text{cm}^2 \text{ sec})$   
*in 8 hours = 28800 sec*

$$\int L dt = 8.64 \text{ collisions} / \text{pb} =$$

$$\sigma_x = 10 \text{ pb} \implies N_x = \sigma \int L dt = 864$$

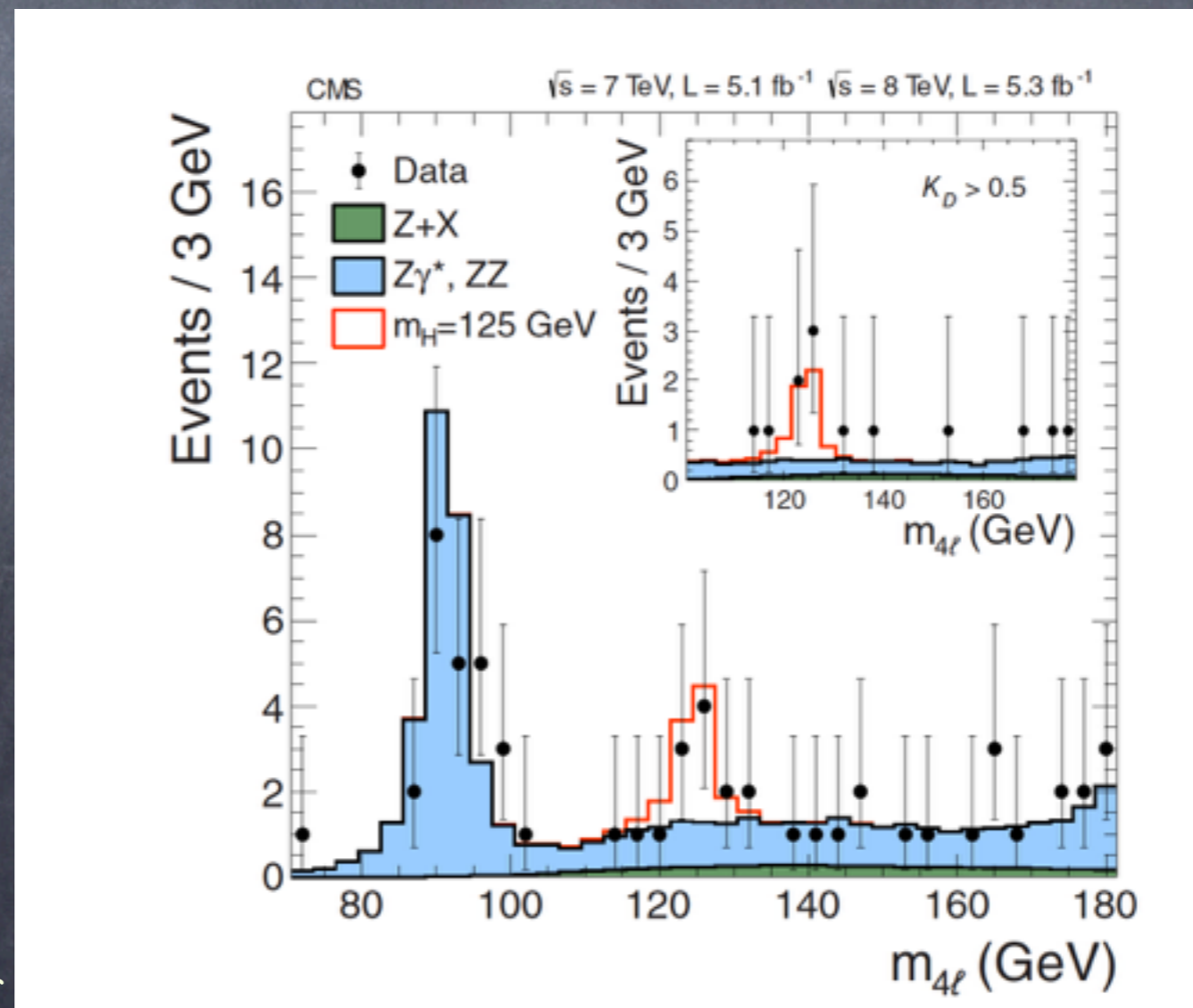
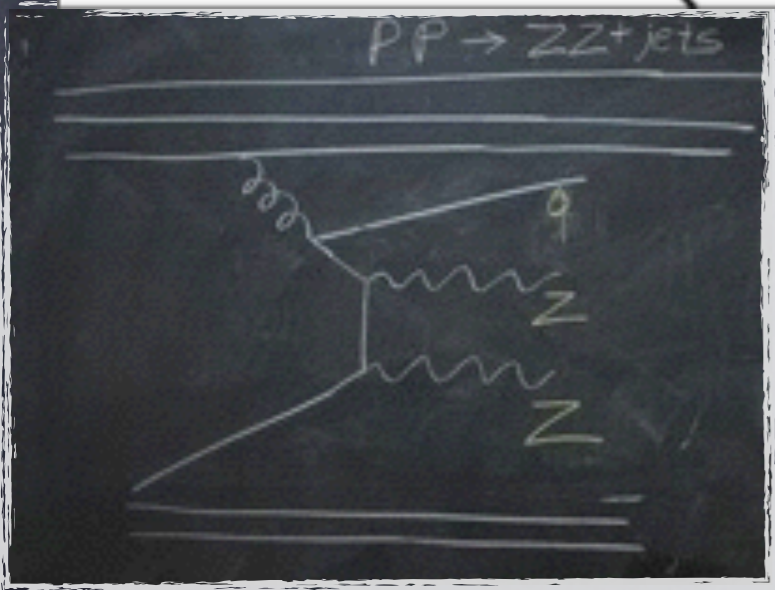
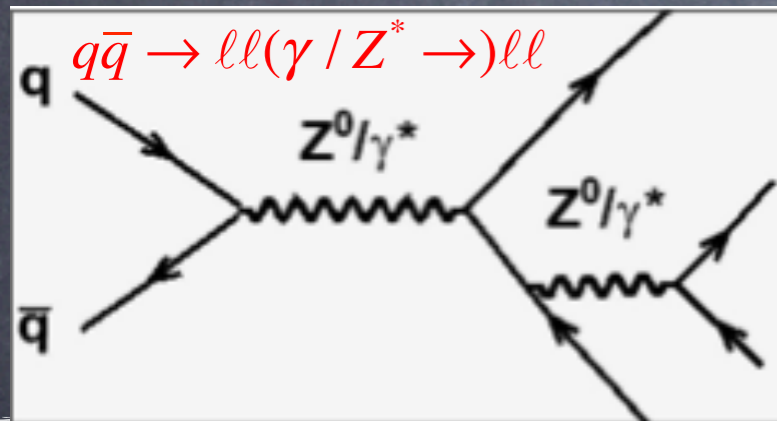
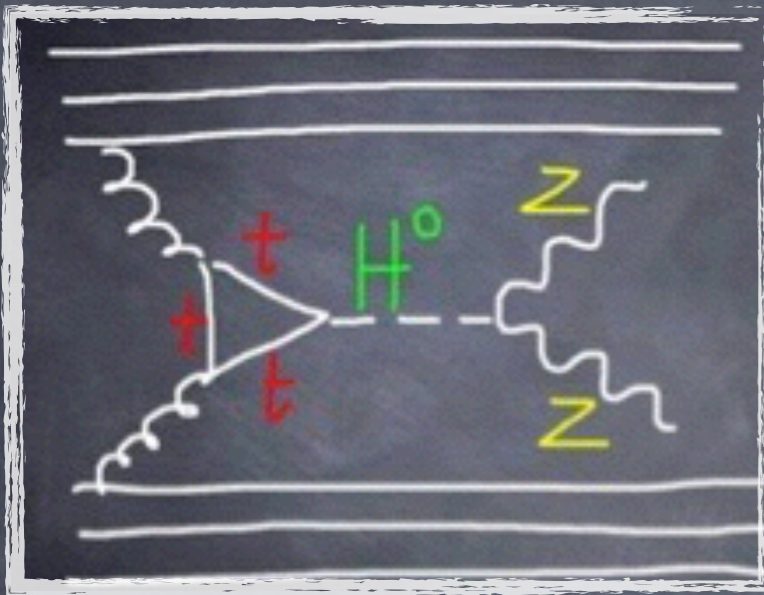
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barn	b	10 <sup>-28</sup>	10 <sup>-24</sup>
millibarn	mb	10 <sup>-31</sup>	10 <sup>-27</sup>
microbarn	μb	10 <sup>-34</sup>	10 <sup>-30</sup>
nanobarn	nb	10 <sup>-37</sup>	10 <sup>-33</sup>
picobarn	pb	10 <sup>-40</sup>	10 <sup>-36</sup>
femtobarn	fb	10 <sup>-43</sup>	10 <sup>-39</sup>
attobarn	ab	10 <sup>-46</sup>	10 <sup>-42</sup>
zeptobarn	zb	10 <sup>-49</sup>	10 <sup>-45</sup>
yoctobarn	yb	10 <sup>-52</sup>	10 <sup>-48</sup>



# Signal and Background

An example of  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  and possible background  $gq \rightarrow ZZq$

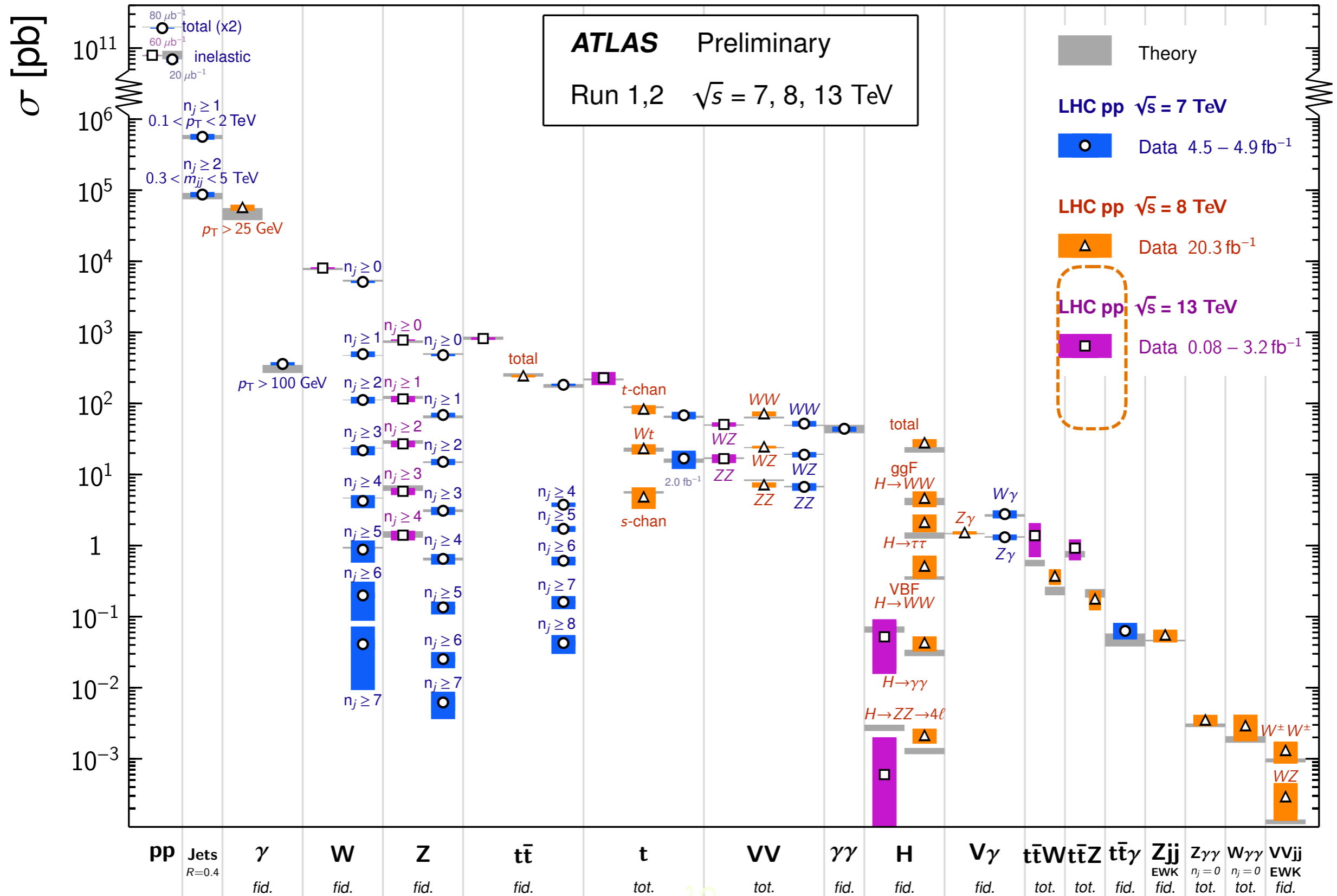
The experimentalist job is to identify efficient discriminators between Signal and Background and use them to extract the signal (if it exist)



# Electroweak measurements are Higgs backgrounds

## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: June 2016



# A nano statistical interlude

Understanding The **Yellow** and **Green** Bands

# The Model

- The Higgs hypothesis is that of signal  $s(m_H)$

$$s(m_H) = L \cdot \sigma_{SM}(m_H) \cdot A \cdot eff$$

For simplicity unless otherwise noted  $s(m_H) = L \cdot \sigma_{SM}(m_H)$

- In a counting experiment

$$n = \mu \cdot s(m_H) + b$$

$$\mu = \frac{L \cdot \sigma(m_H)}{L \cdot \sigma_{SM}(m_H)} = \frac{\sigma(m_H)}{\sigma_{SM}(m_H)}$$

- $\mu$  is the strength of the signal (with respect to the expected Standard Model one)
- The hypotheses are therefore denoted by  $H_\mu$
- $H_1$  is the SM with a Higgs,  $H_0$  is the background only model

# Hypothesis Inference in a Nut Shell

- Normally you test the null hypothesis and try to reject it
- You define a **test statistics  $q$**  (usually a Likelihood Ratio). The distribution of the test statistics is known (or can be cross checked with toys)
- We use the test statistic to find the **p-value** which is a measure of the **compatibility of the data with null hypothesis**
- If the p-value is small, we reject the null hypothesis in favour of the alternative hypothesis.
- It is a custom in High Energy Physics to use

$$H_{null} = BG \quad p_{bg} = 2.9 \cdot 10^{-7} \sim 5\sigma$$

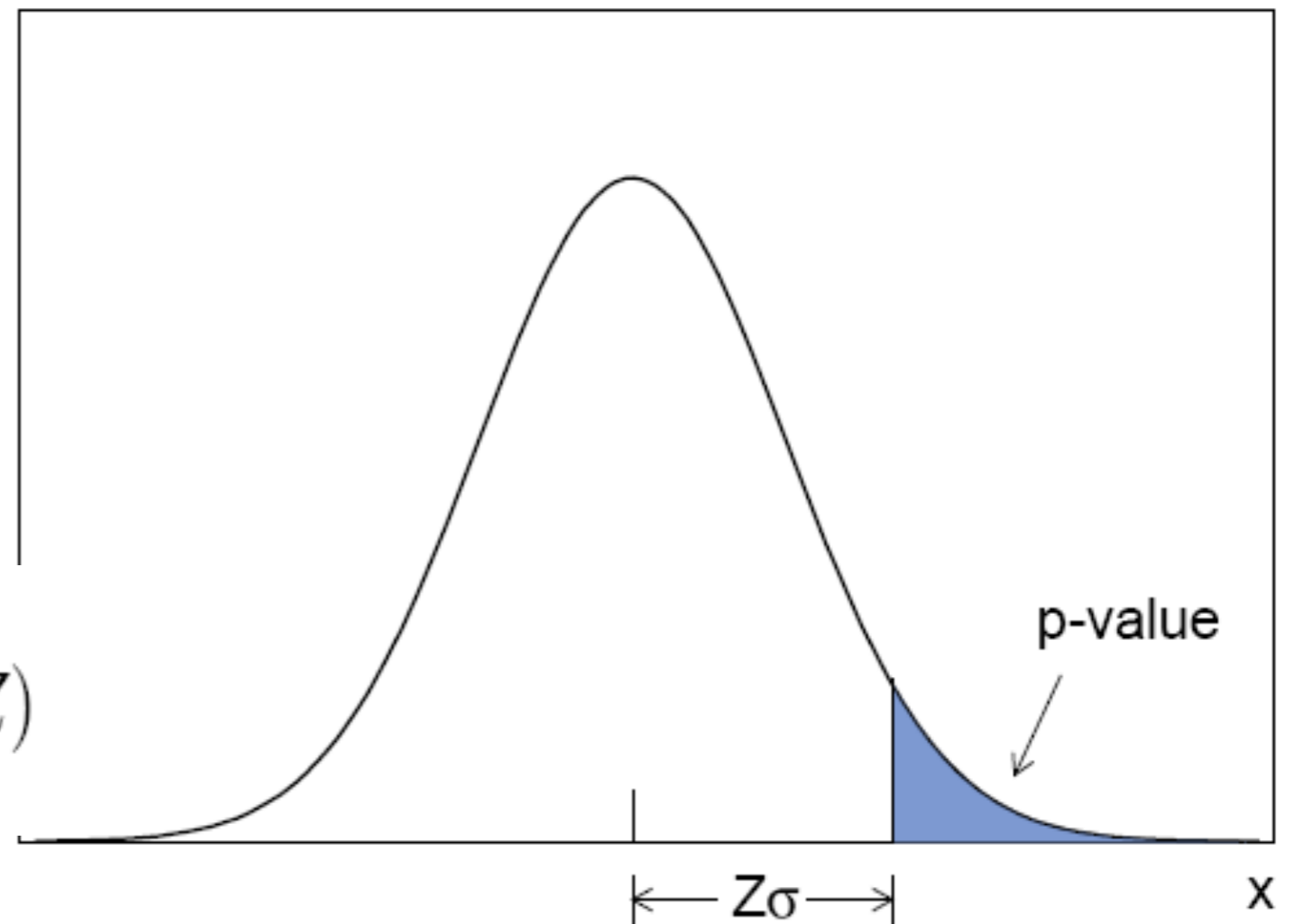
$$H_{null} = s + b \quad p_s = 0.05 = 5\% \sim 2\sigma$$

# From p-values to Gaussian significance

It is a custom to express the p-value as the significance associated to it, had the pdf were Gaussians

$$p = \int_Z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$



A significance of  $Z = 5$  corresponds to  $p = 2.87 \times 10^{-7}$

Beware of 1 vs 2-sided definitions!

# WILKS THEOREM

$$q(\alpha_i) \equiv -2 \ln \frac{L(\alpha_i, \hat{\hat{\theta}}_j)}{L(\hat{\alpha}_i, \hat{\theta}_j)} = -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\theta} L(\alpha_i, \theta_j)}{\max_{\alpha, \theta} L(\alpha_i, \theta_j)}$$

$$q(\alpha_i) \equiv -2 \log \frac{L(\alpha_i, \hat{\hat{\theta}}_j)}{L(\hat{\alpha}_i, \hat{\theta}_j)} \sim \chi_n^2$$

Test Statistics	Purpose	Expression	LR
$q_0$	discovery of positive signal	$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$	$\lambda(0) = \frac{L(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$
$t_\mu$	2-sided measurement	$t_\mu = -2 \ln \lambda(\mu)$	$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$
$\tilde{t}_\mu$	avoid negative signal (FC)	$\tilde{t}_\mu = -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu)$	$\tilde{\lambda}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{L(0, \hat{\theta}_0)} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$
$q_\mu$	exclusion	$q_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$	
$\tilde{q}_\mu$	exclusion of positive signal	$\tilde{q}_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$	



$q_{null}$

$$f(q_{null} | H_{null})$$

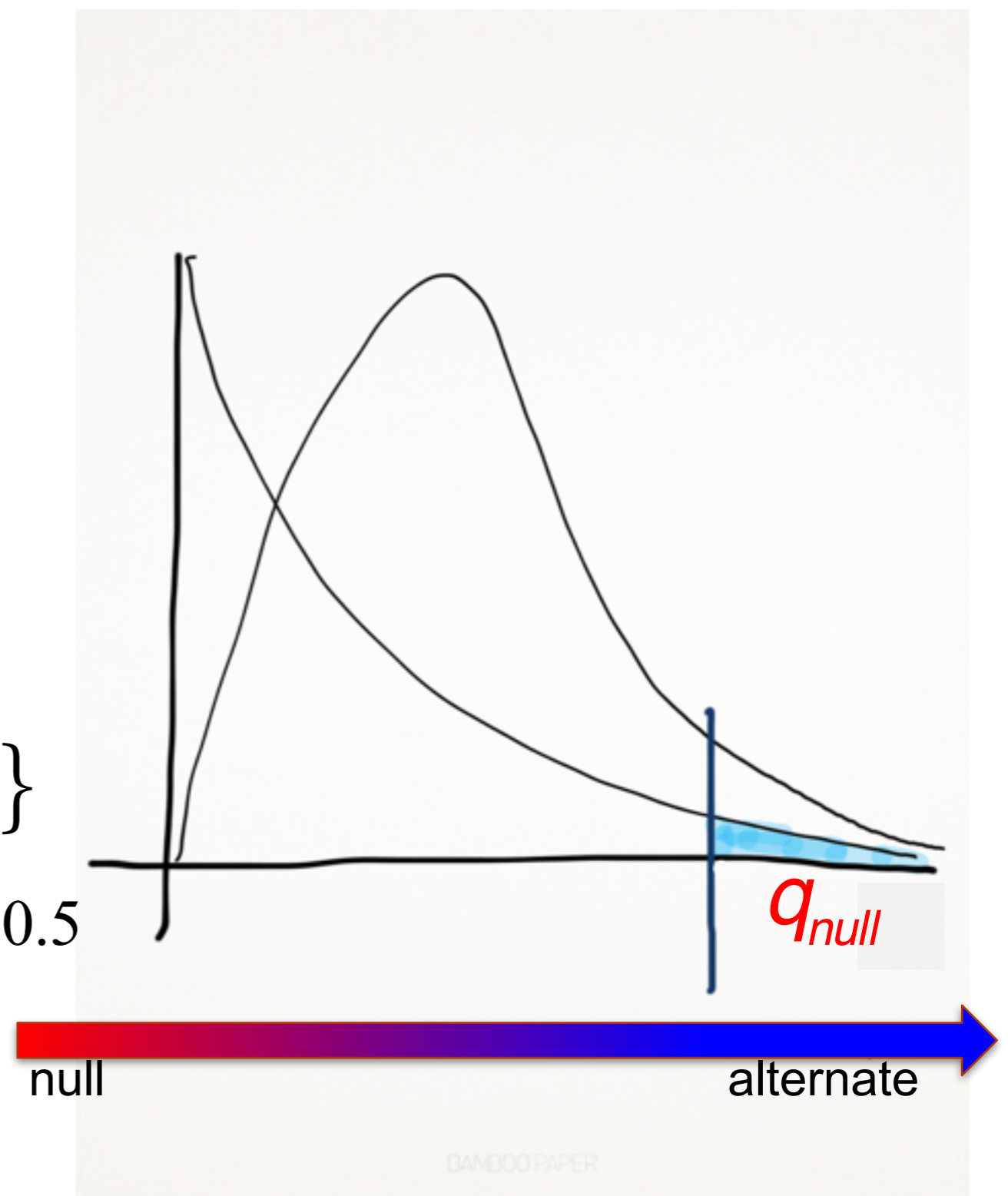
$$q_{obs} \equiv q_{null,obs}$$

$$p = \int_{q_{obs}}^{\infty} f(q_{null} | H_{null}) dq_{null}$$

$$f(q_{null} | H_{alt})$$

$$\{q | med\{f(q_{null} | H_{alt})\}\}$$

$$q_A \equiv q_{null,A} = \int_{q_{null,A}}^{\infty} f(q_{null} | H_{null}) dq_{null} = 0.5$$



$$q_{null}$$

$$f(q_{null} | H_{null})$$

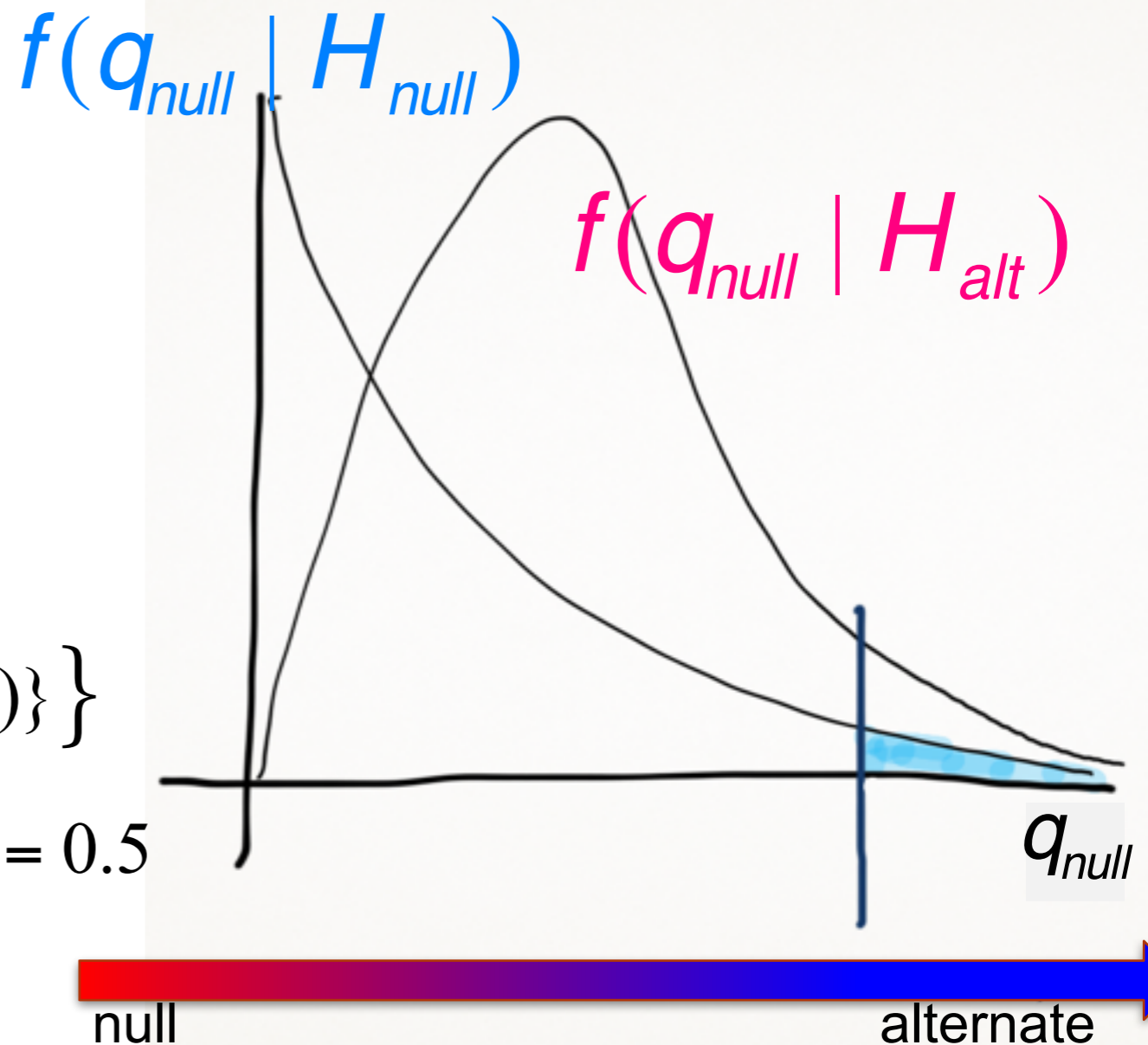
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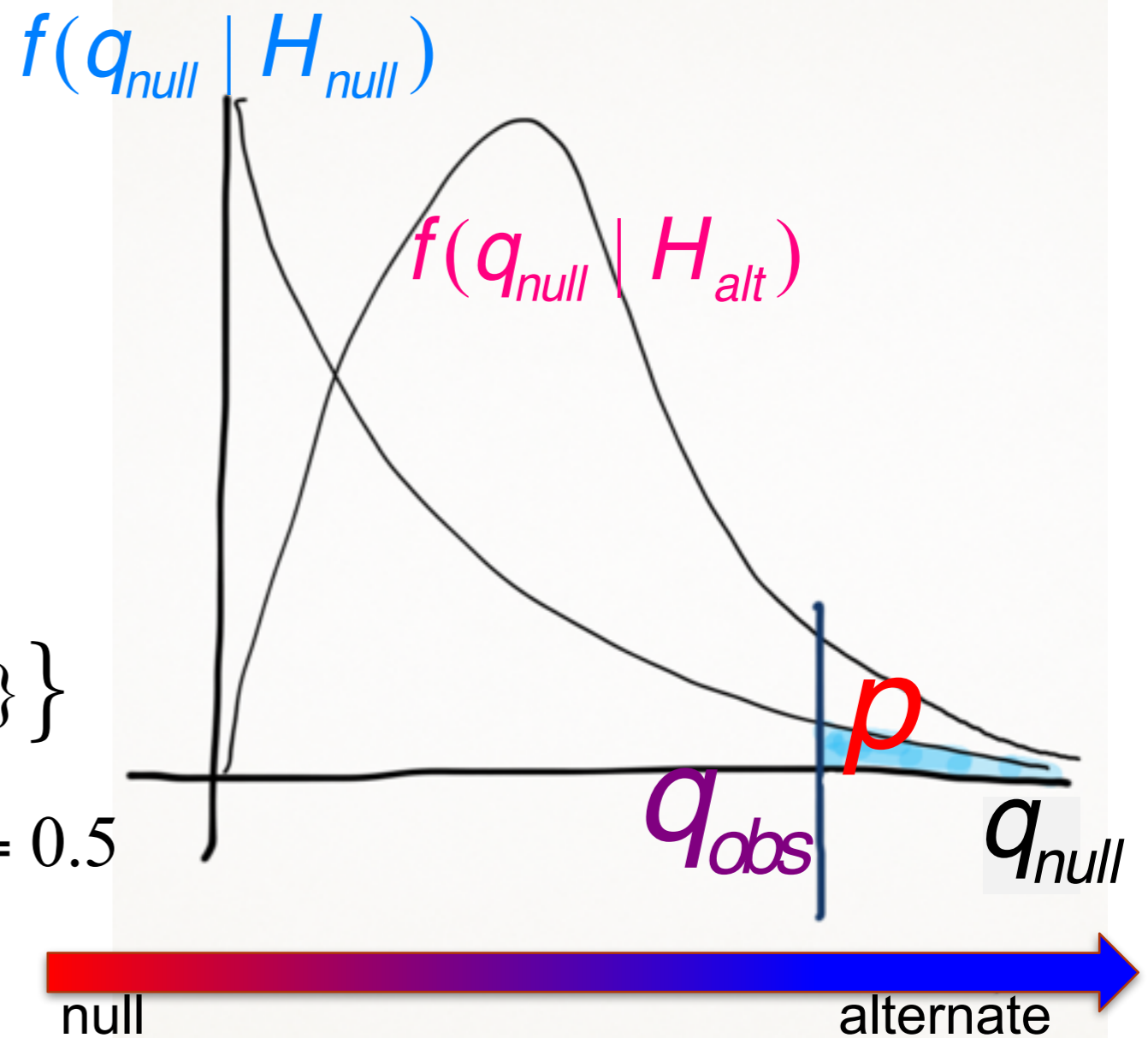


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$$q_{null}$$

$$f(q_{null} | H_{null}) \sim \chi^2$$

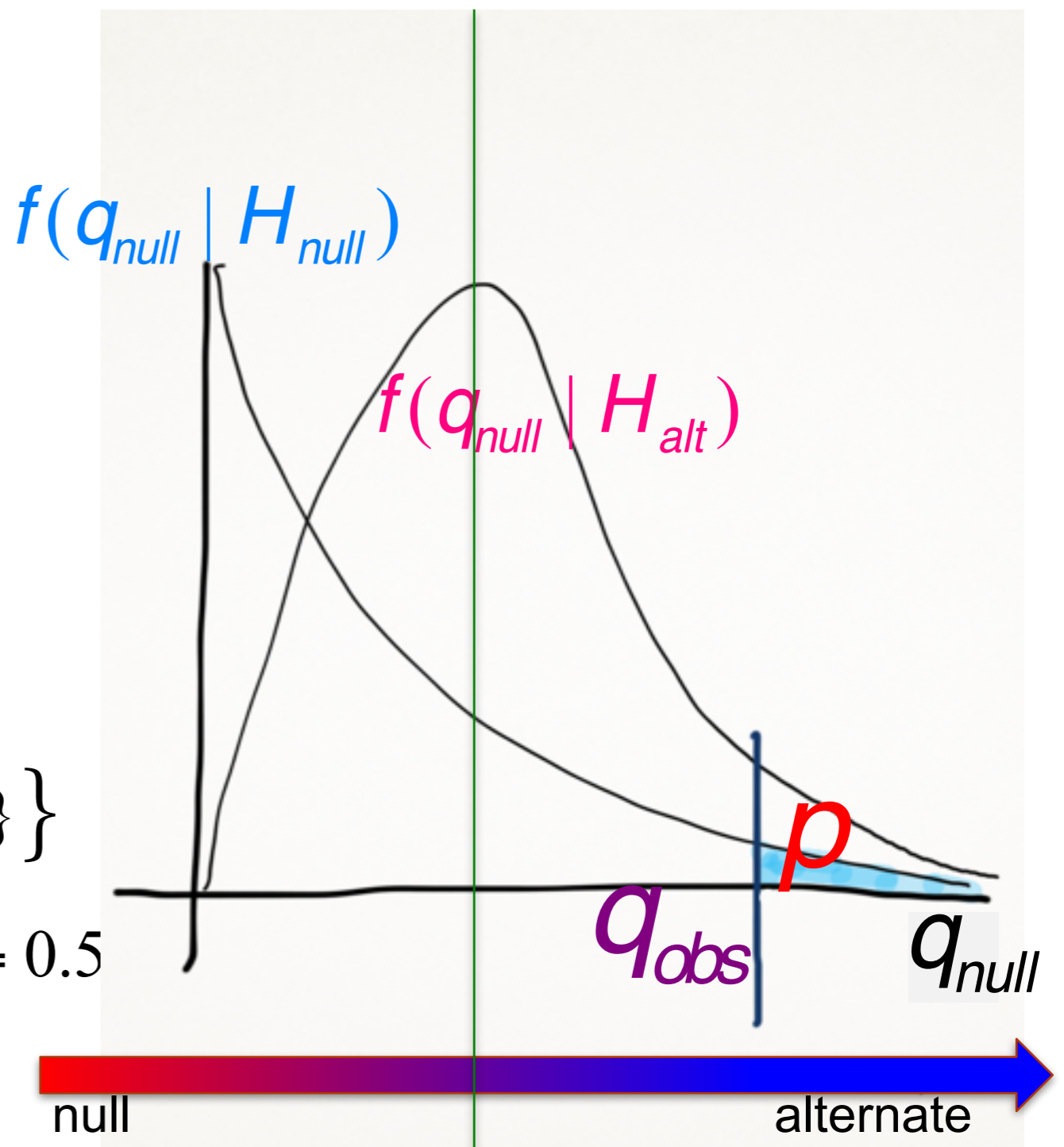
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$$Z_{expected} = \sqrt{q_{null,A}} \quad q_A \equiv q_{null,A}$$



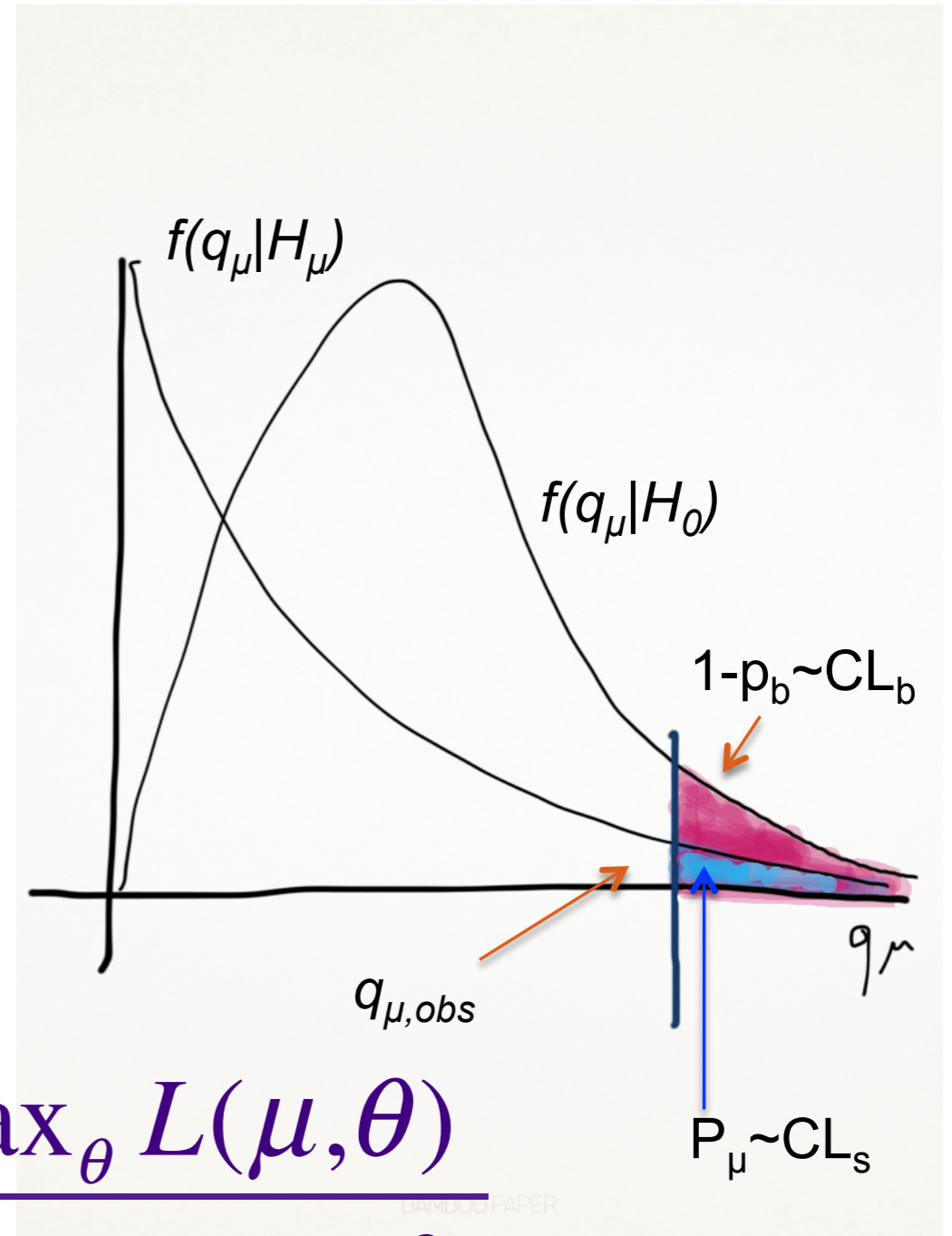
# Profile Likelihood "vs" CLs

- Exclusion a mass range is a statement about the Higgs cross section.

$$\mu(m_H) = \frac{\sigma(m_H)}{\sigma_{SM}(m_H)} < 1 \implies \sigma(m_H) < \sigma_{SM}(m_H)$$

- $m_H=125$  GeV, yet had we repeated the LHC experiment an infinite amount of times, less than 5% of these experiments will make a false statement. i.e. it could be that we failed to observe it
- As we collect more data, and still fail to observe the Higgs, the exclusion Confidence Level increases (the failure probability decreases)
- Any discovery of the Higgs will start by failing to exclude it

- The CLs method modifies the p-value to prevent rejecting the s+b hypothesis due to downward fluctuations of the background (which prevents the exclusion of a signal, to which you might not be sensitive)



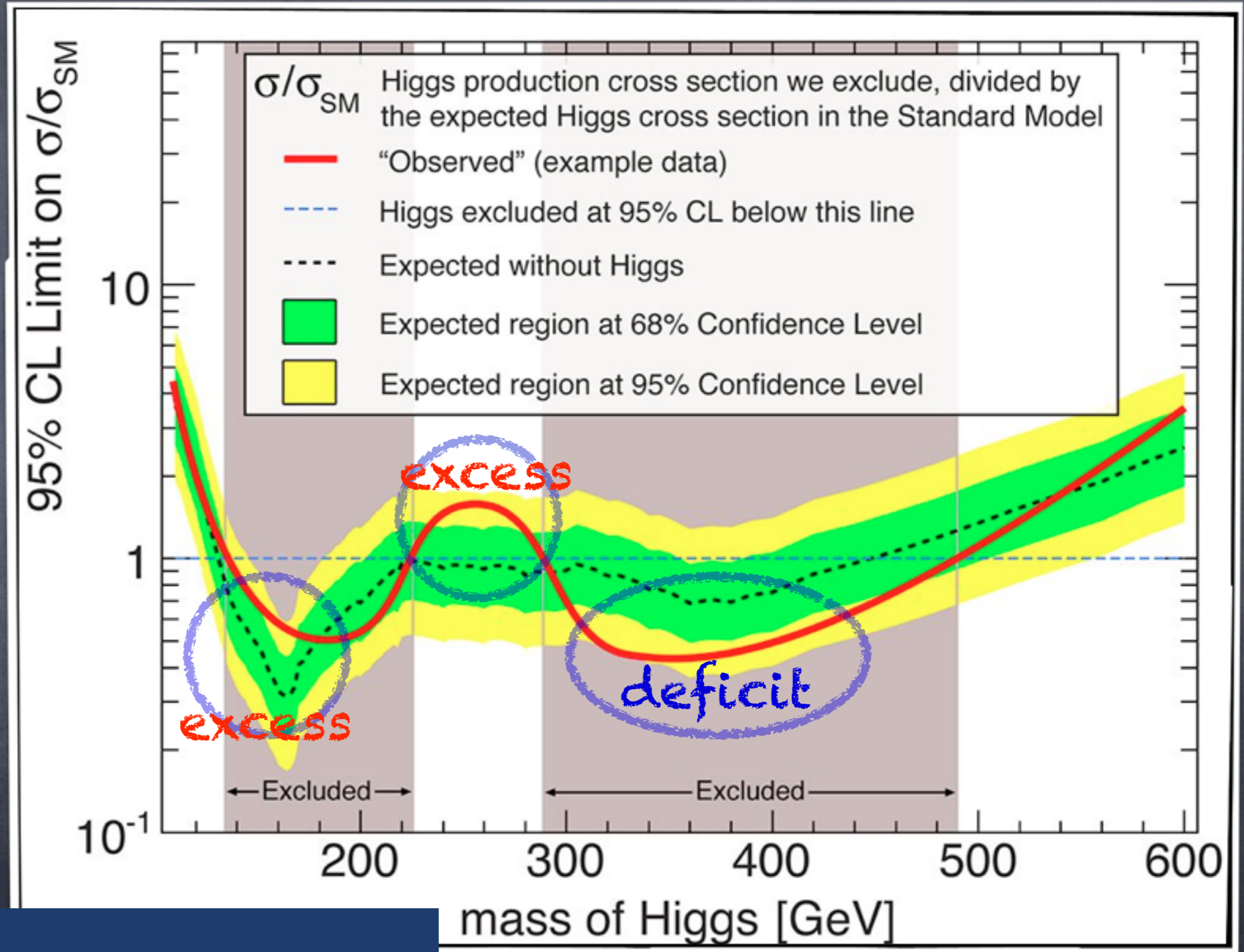
$$p'_\mu(m_H) = \frac{P_\mu}{1 - P_b}$$

$$q_\mu \equiv -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} = -2 \ln \frac{\max_\theta L(\mu, \theta)}{\max_{\mu, \theta} L(\mu, \theta)}$$

Scan  $\mu$  until you find  $\mu_{up}(m_H) = \left\{ \mu \mid p'_\mu(m_H) = 5\% \right\}$

# Understanding The Yellow and Green Bands

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{SM}}$$



$L=L(\text{Data})$

Expected is with the alternative Asimov Data  
i.e. find  $\mu_{up}$  with the expected BG data set

# Channels Weight

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{SM}}$$

Asymptotically

CCGV, EPJC 71 (2011) 1-19.

$$\mu_{up,obs} = \hat{\mu} + \sigma_{\mu_{up}} \cdot 1.64,$$

$$\mu_{up,exp} = \hat{\mu}_A + \sigma_{\mu_{up}} \cdot 1.64 = \sigma_{\mu_{up}} \cdot 1.64$$

$$w_i = \left( \frac{\mu_{up,exp,C}}{\mu_{up,exp,i}} \right)^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{\mu_{up,exp,i}}}{\sqrt{\sum \left( \frac{1}{\mu_{up,exp,i}} \right)^2}} \rightarrow \frac{\left( s_i / \sqrt{s_i + b_i} \right)^2}{\sum_i \left( s_i / \sqrt{s_i + b_i} \right)^2}$$

Luminosity normalized:

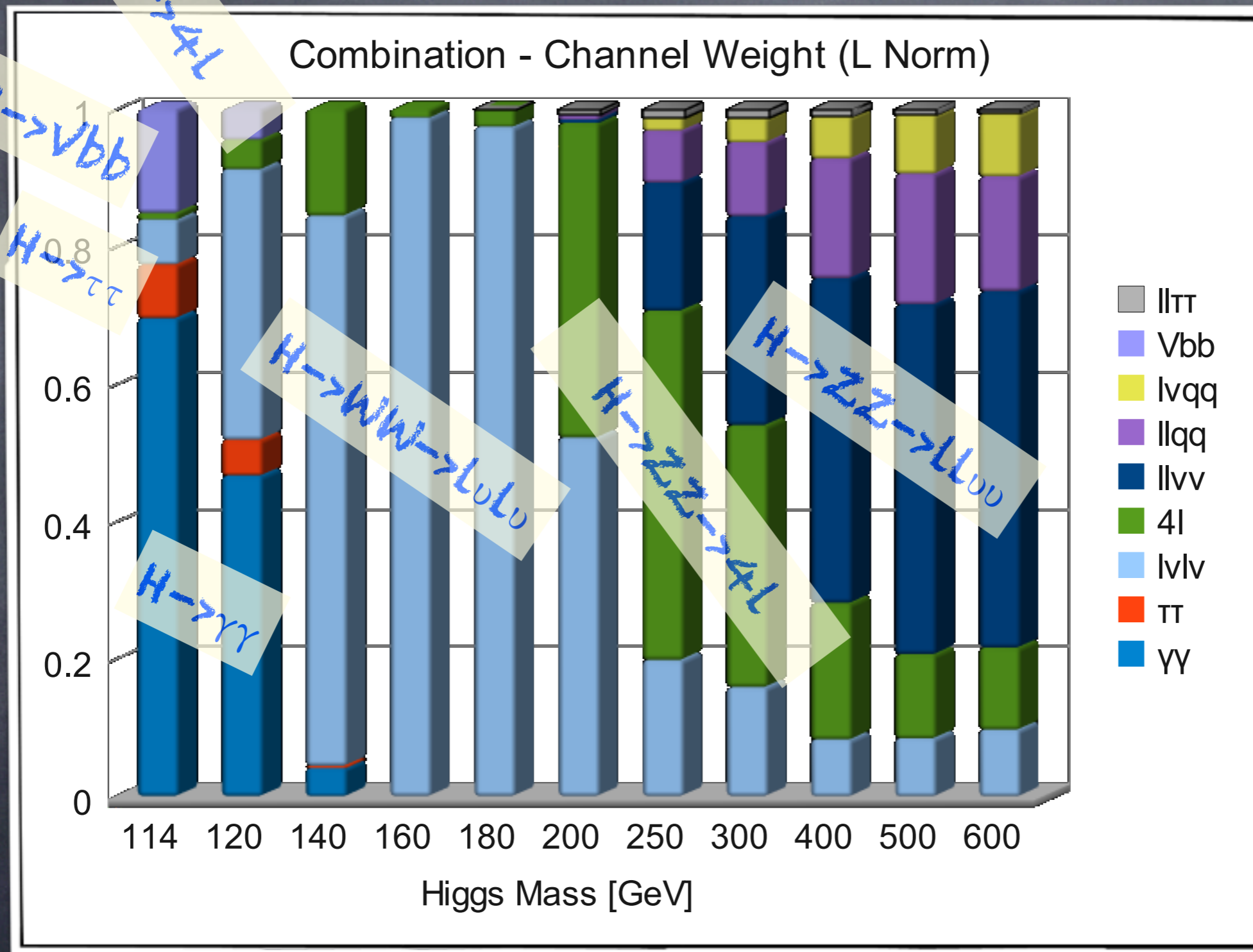
$$\mu_{up,exp,i}(\mathcal{L}_i) \rightarrow \mu_{up,exp,i}(\mathcal{L}_0) = \mu_{up,exp,i}(\mathcal{L}_i) \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{L}_i}{\mathcal{L}_0}}$$

If we normalize individual channels to the same luminosity, the weight,  $w_i$  is independent of the luminosity



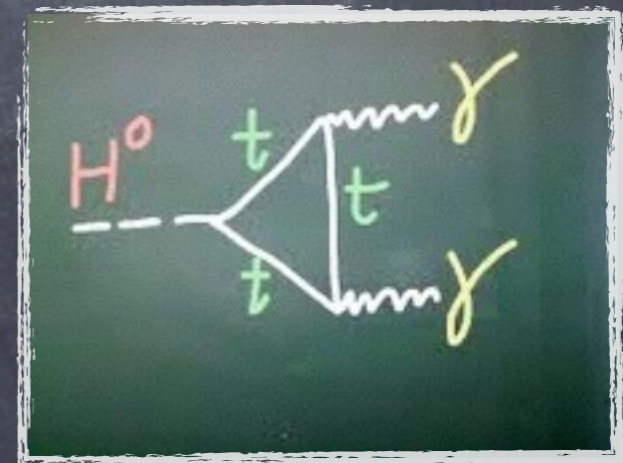
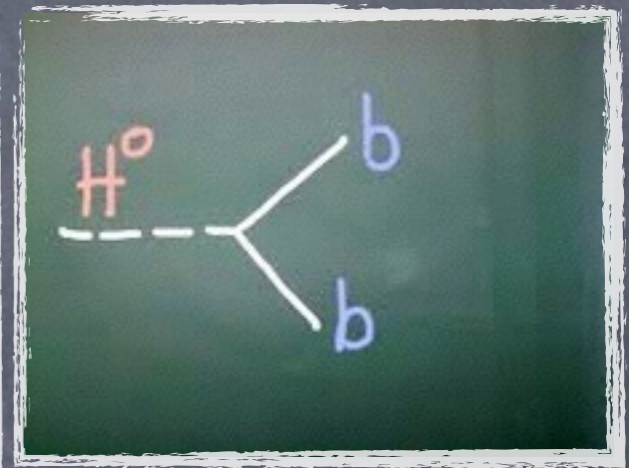
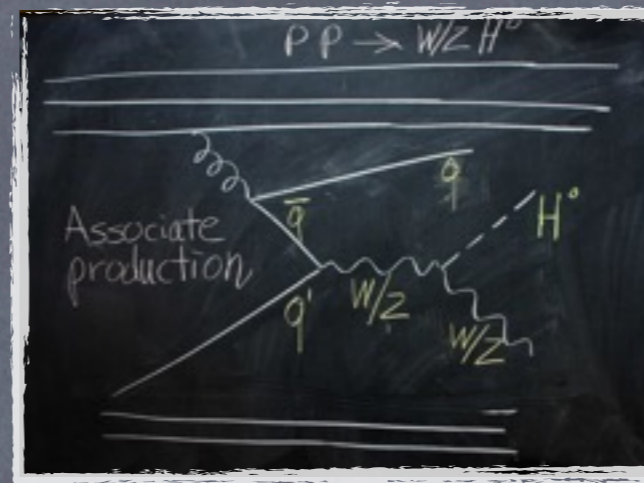
# ATLAS+CMS Channels Weight

- Distinct mass regions  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $l\nu l\nu$ ,  $4l$ ,  $ll\nu\nu+llqq$



# Higgs Decay Modes

- The Higgs Boson decays to the heaviest kinematically available particles pair
- A light Higgs ( $m_H < 130$ ) decays to tau tau and mainly to bb
- But  $H \rightarrow bb$  is hard to detect or trigger on, unless produced in association with a W or a Z
- Leptons (electrons or muons) and photons are easy to trigger on and detect.  
Though  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma) \sim 10^{-3}$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  is a favorite channel for a Higgs with  $m_H \sim 110-120$



# Higgs Decay Modes

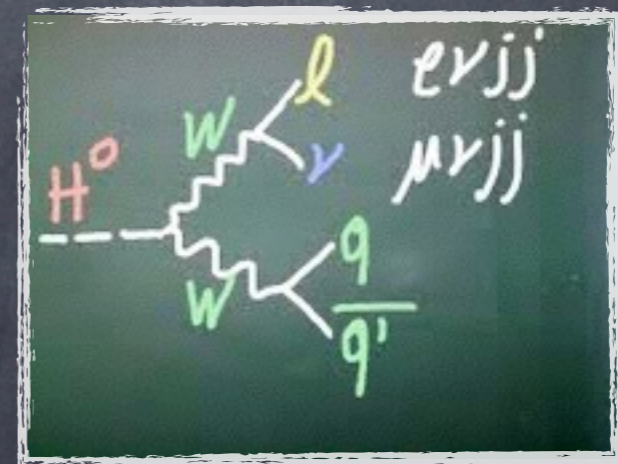
- Once the Z and W channels are open ( $m_H > 140$ ) it decays to  $ZZ^*$  and  $WW^*$

- The Higgs decay modes are classified according to the decays of the daughter bosons, thus the main decay modes are

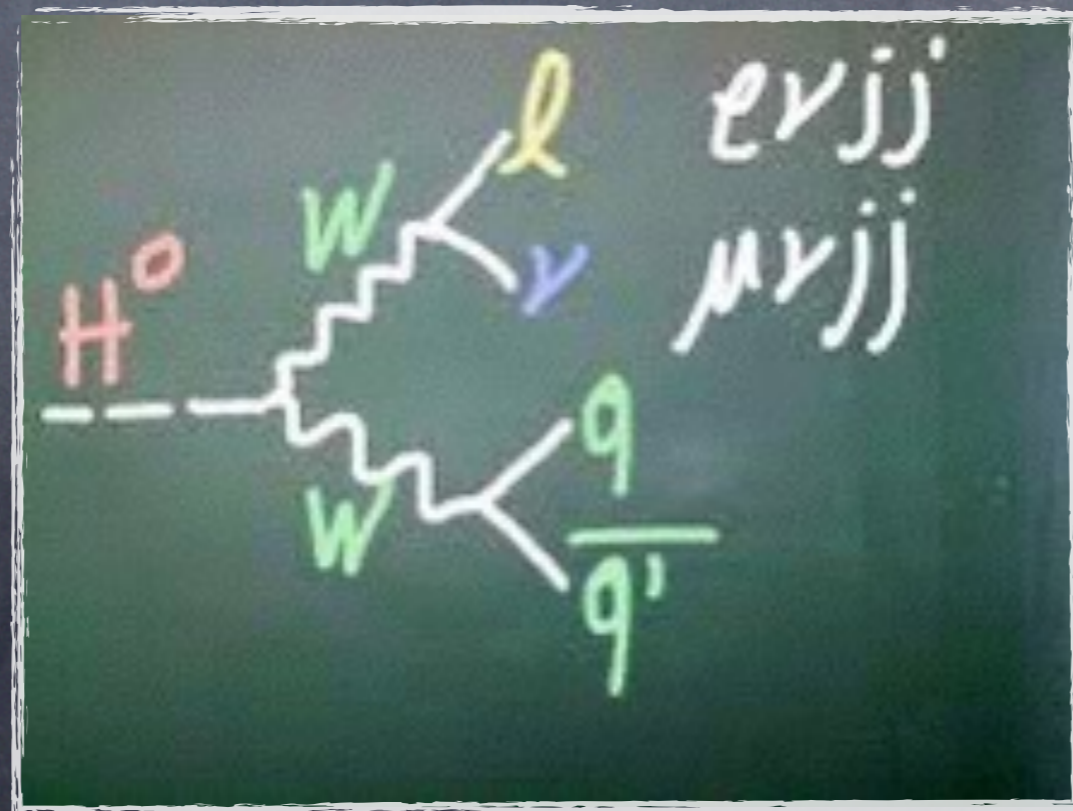
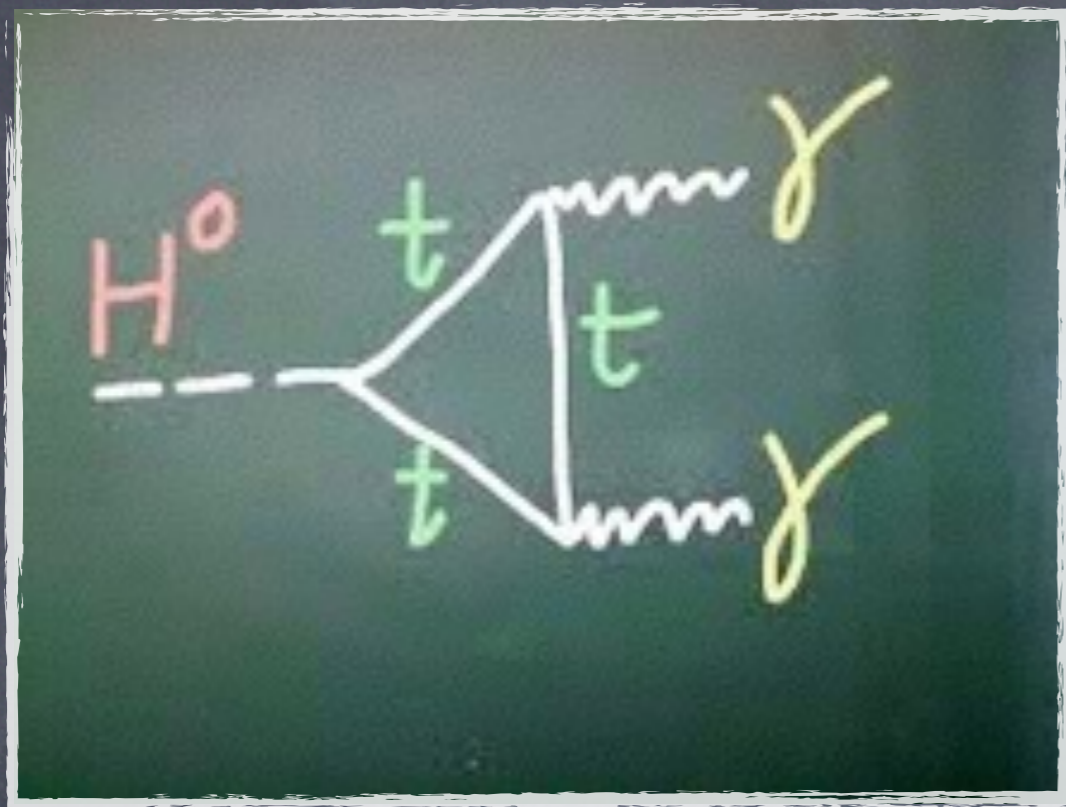
- the golden channel  $4l=4$  leptons



- and other WW or ZZ channels



# Higgs Discovery Decay Modes



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**Handbook of LHC Higgs cross sections:**

**1. Inclusive observables**

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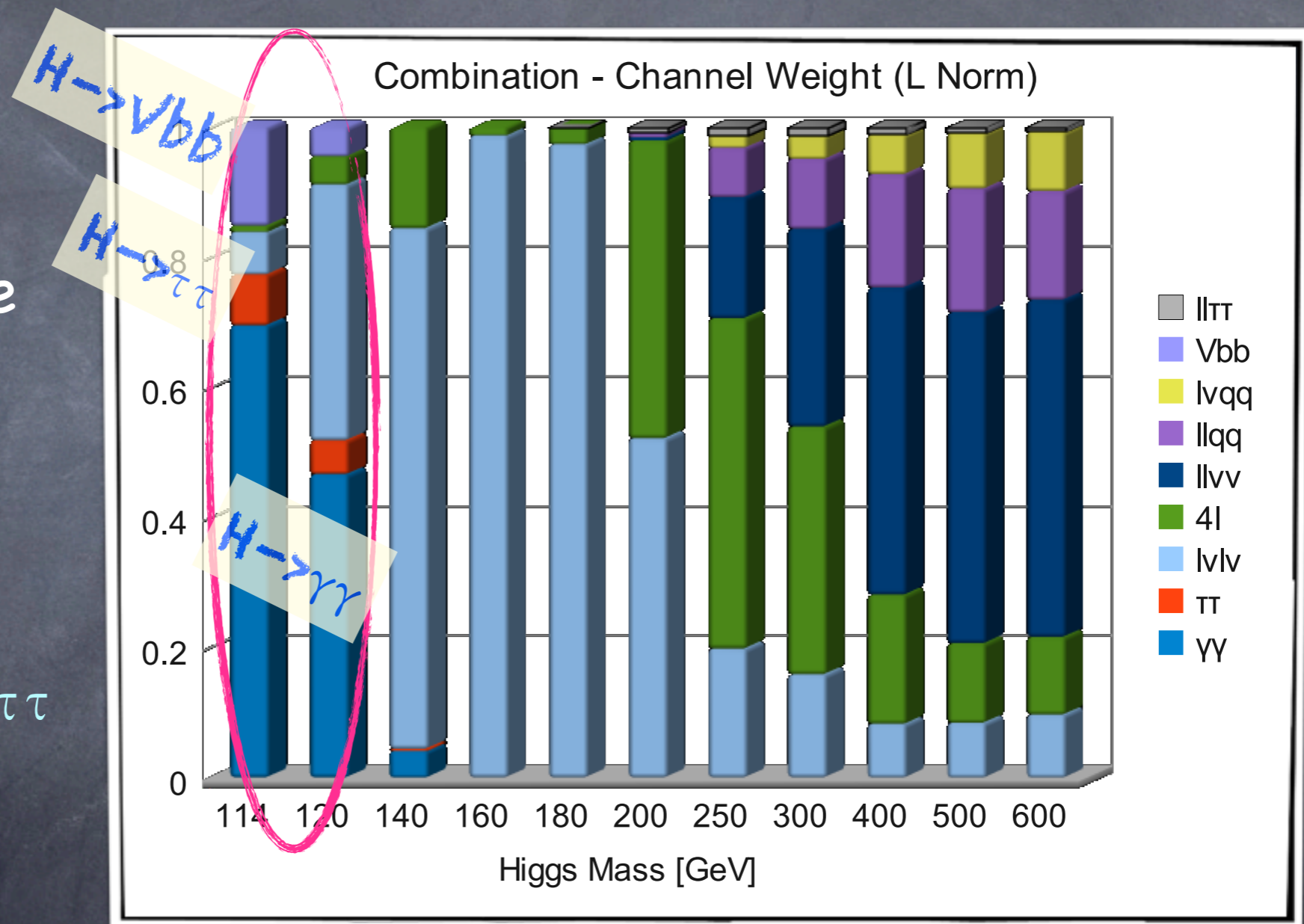
# History of Exclusions

- Until 2011 the Higgs search was a story of exclusions
- Any discovery starts with the inability to exclude.

# Probing the LEP Edge

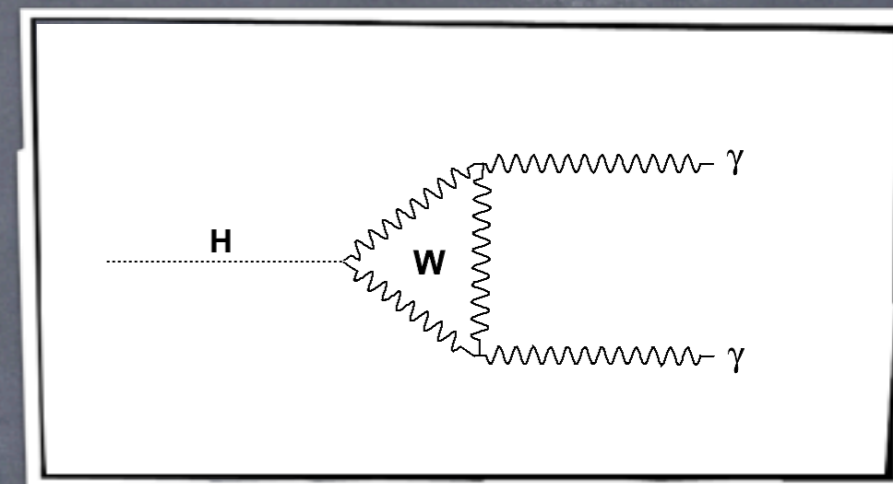
The LEP edge  
114–140 GeV

Probing  
channels:  
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, Vbb, \tau\tau$



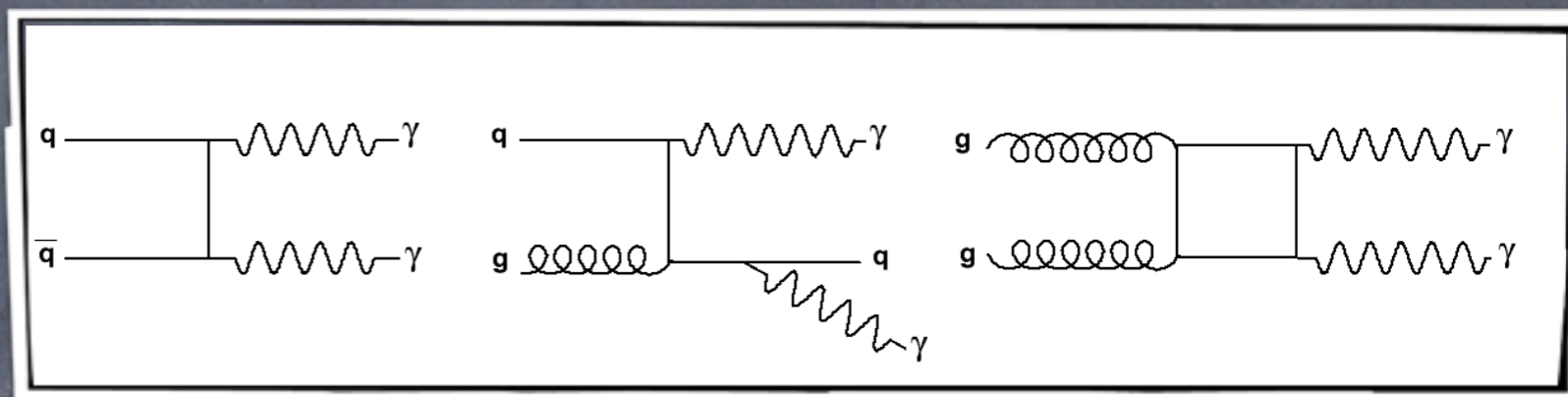
# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Probing LEP 114 GeV

- Though its the most important channel for very low mass Higgs,  $\sigma \times BR = 0.04 \text{ pb}$



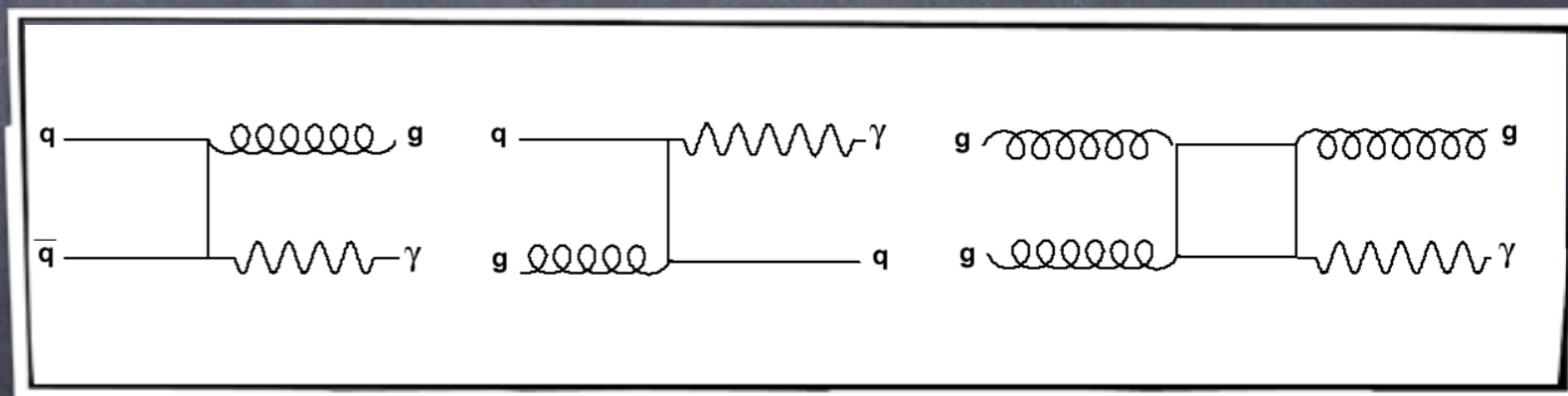
- Large irreducible BG from

$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$   
(continuum)



- Large BG from fakes

$pp \rightarrow \gamma j, jj + X$



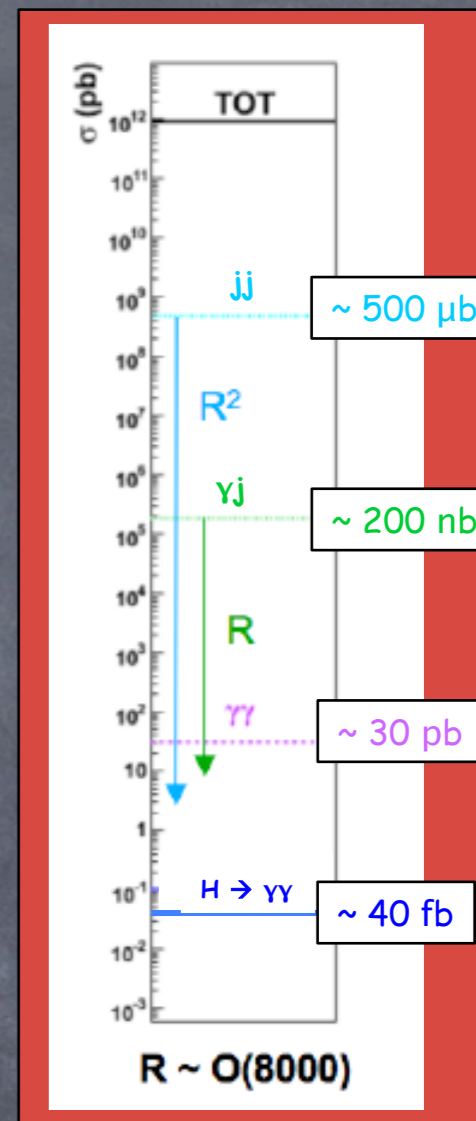


# H → γγ Experimental Aspects

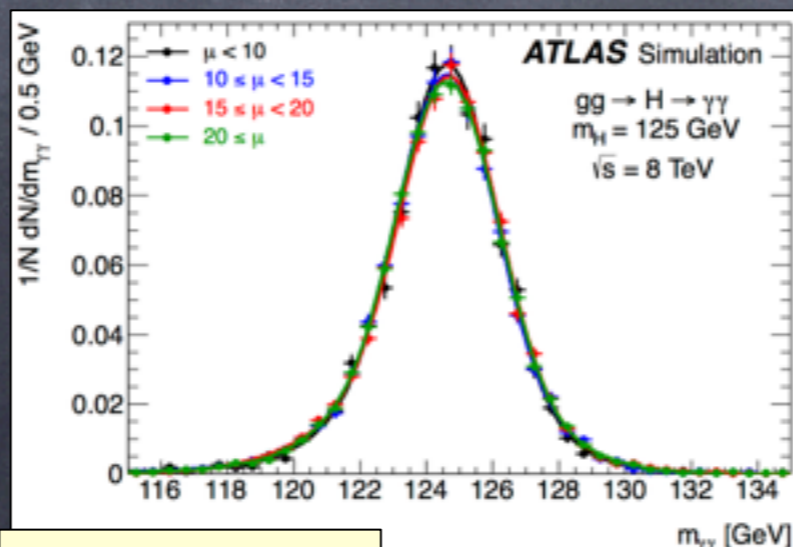
Needs a powerful γ/jet separation to suppress  
 γj and jj background  
 with jet → π<sup>0</sup> faking single γ

$$m_{\gamma_1\gamma_2}^2 = 2E_{\gamma_1}E_{\gamma_2} (1 - \cos\angle(\gamma_1, \gamma_2))$$

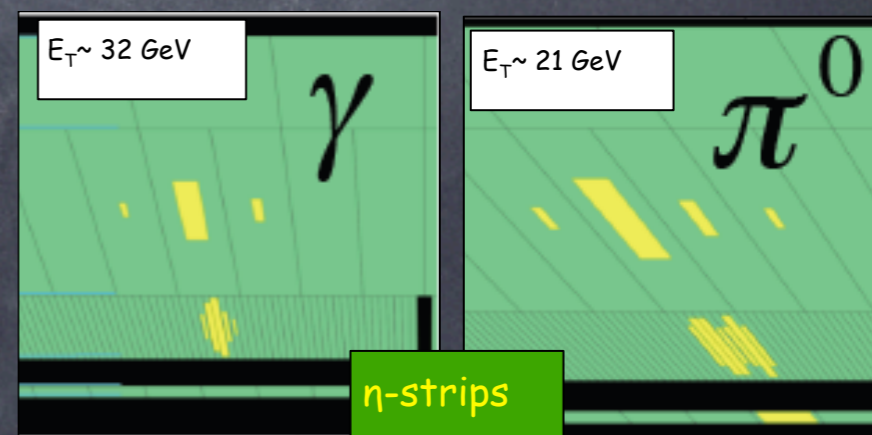
The longitudinal and lateral segmentation and pointing geometry of the ATLAS EM calorimeter enable good γγ angular separation and better Z-vertex determination. This is crucial in high pile up environment and in identifying fake photons from pions



Present understanding of calorimeter E response (from tag&probe Z → ee, J/ψ → ee, W → eν data and MC) → Excellent mass resolution



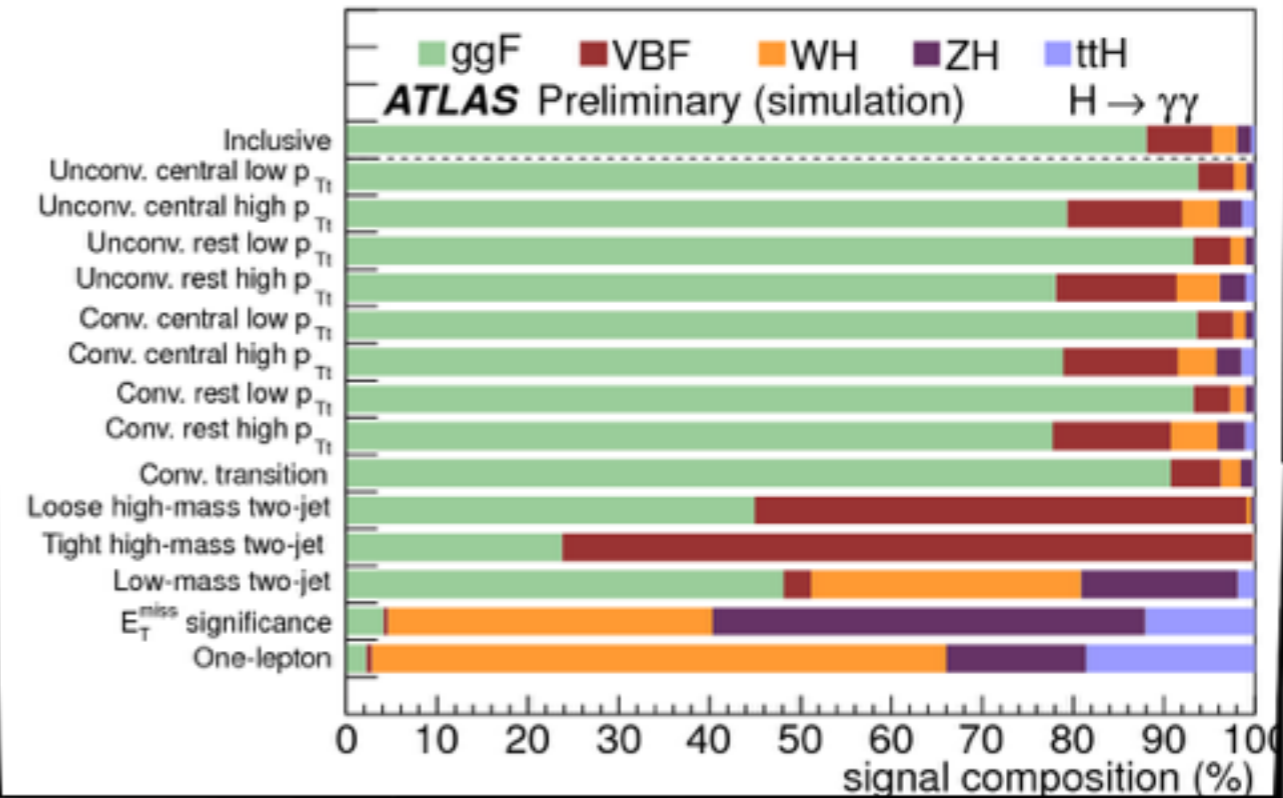
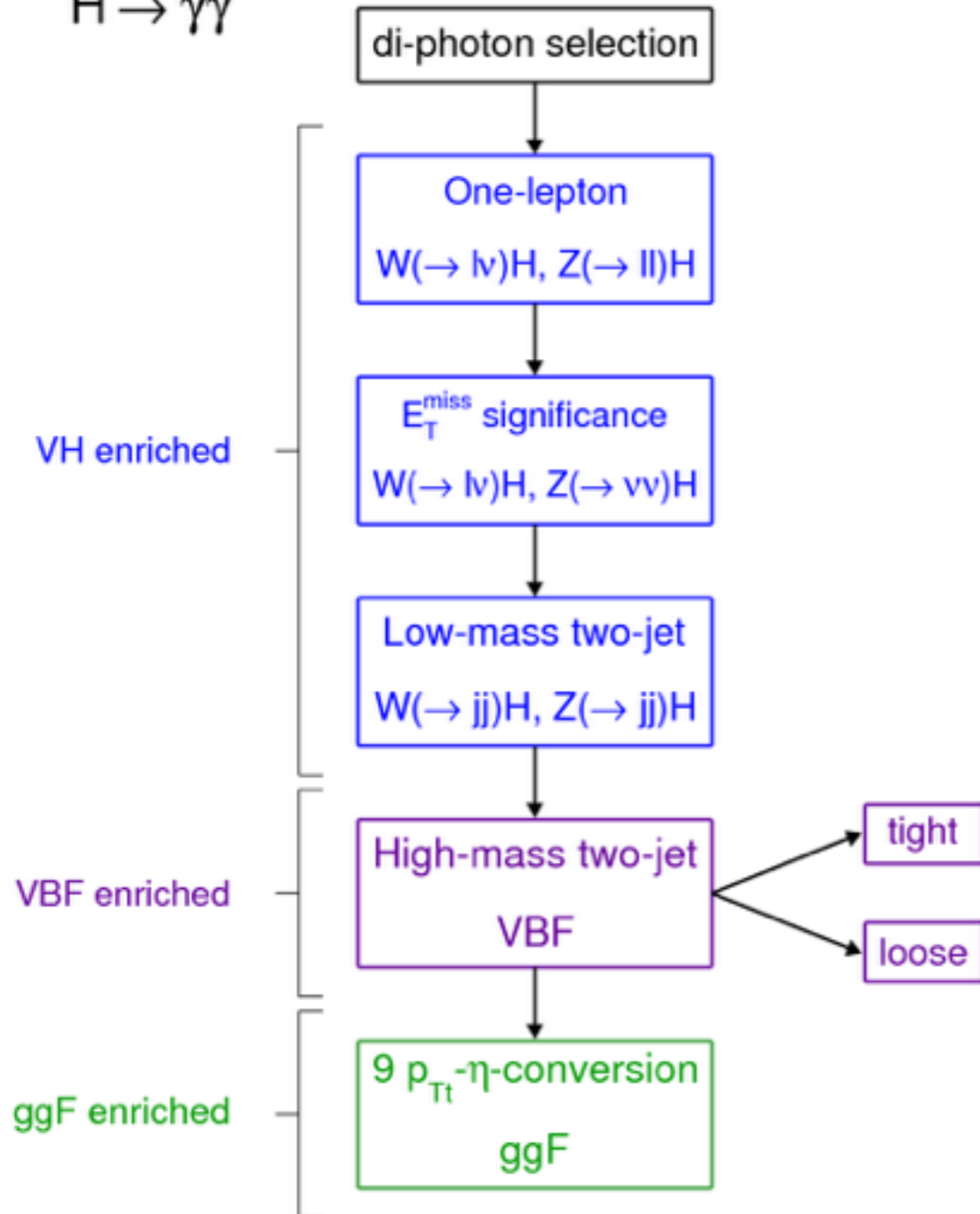
Mass resolution not affected by pile-up



# H → γγ Categories

**ATLAS** Preliminary

H → γγ

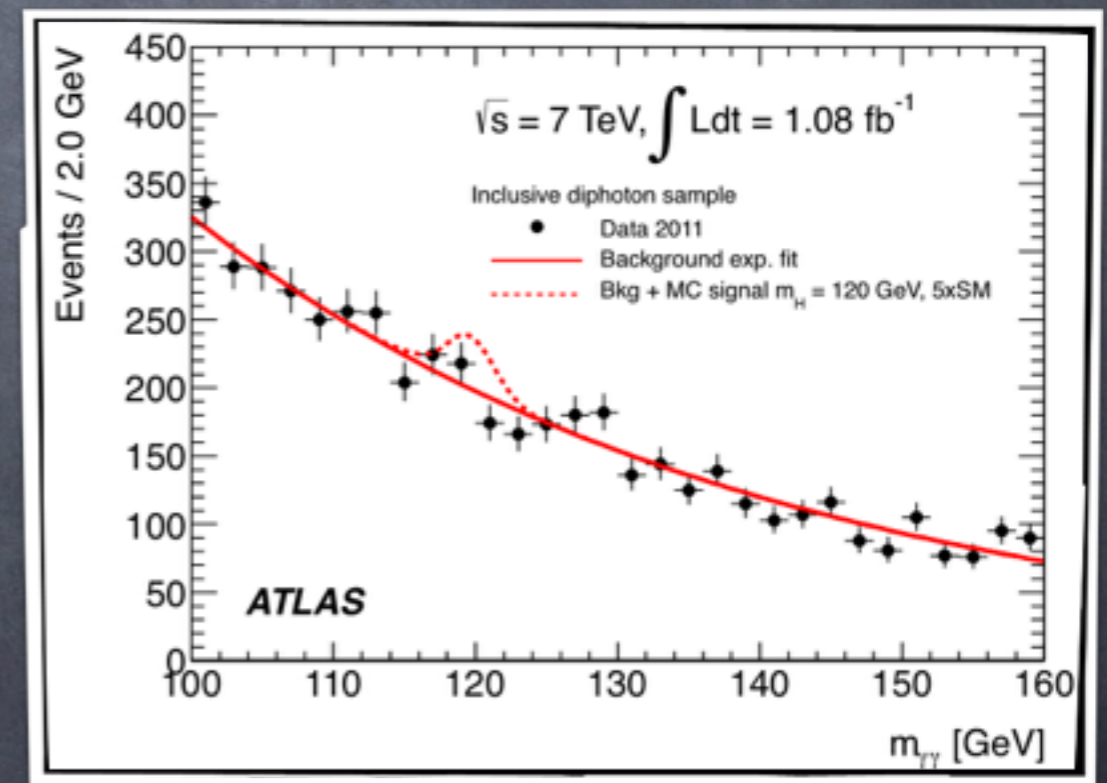
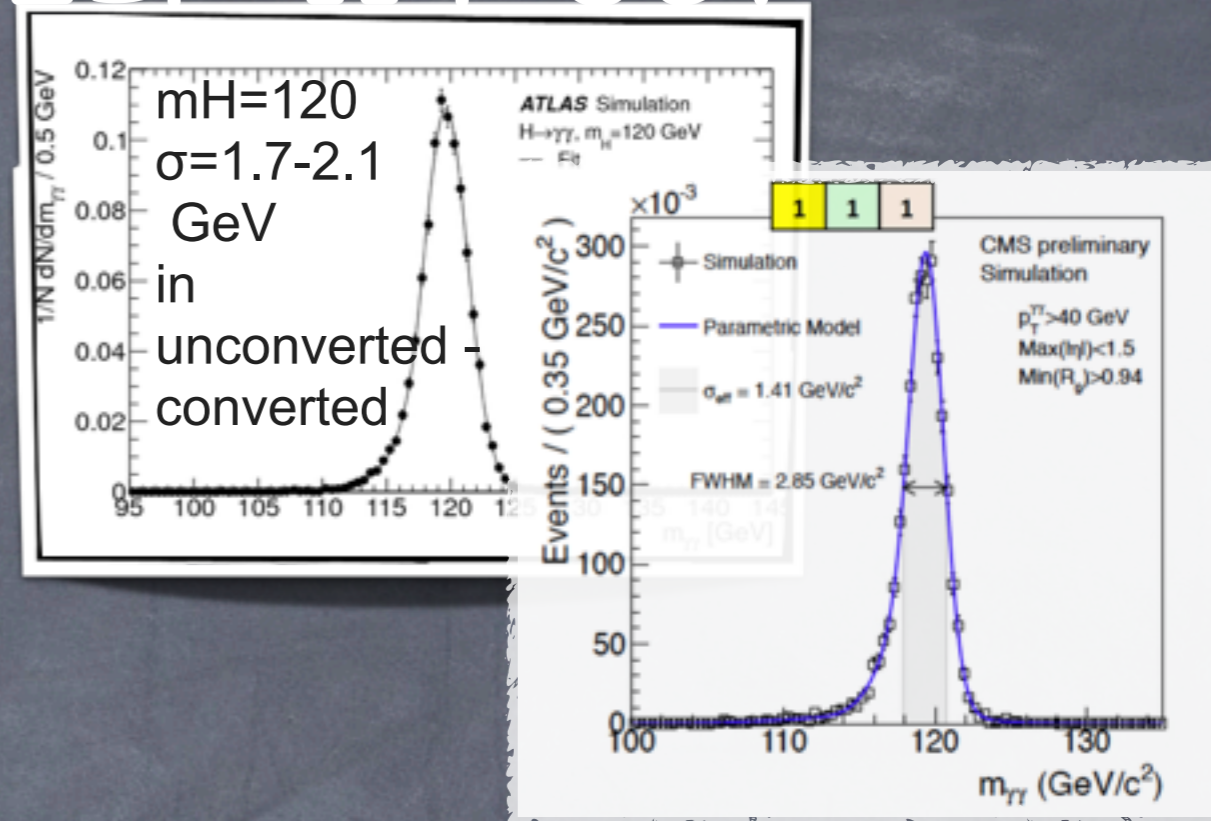


Tight BDT ≥ 0.74

Loose 0.44 < BDT < 0.74

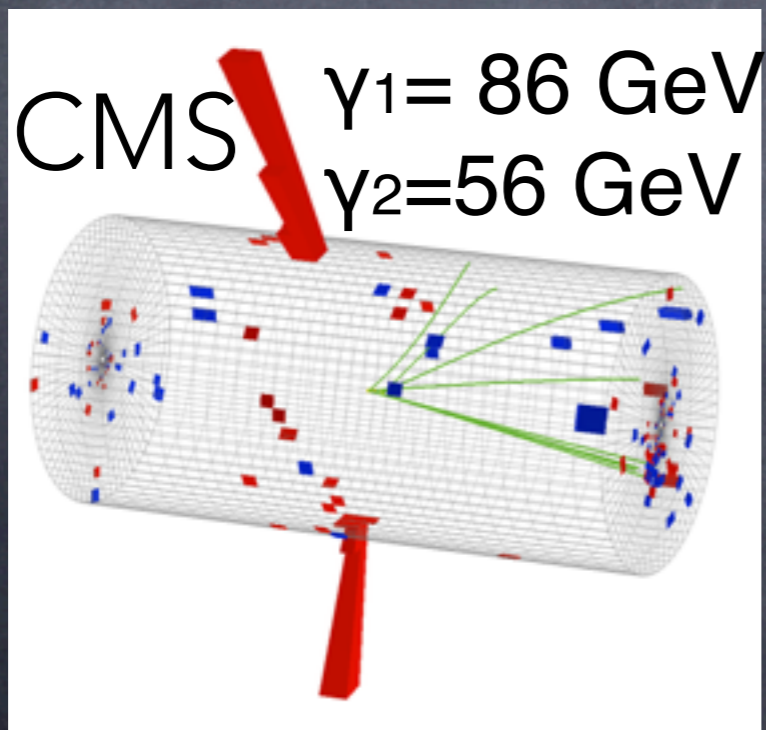
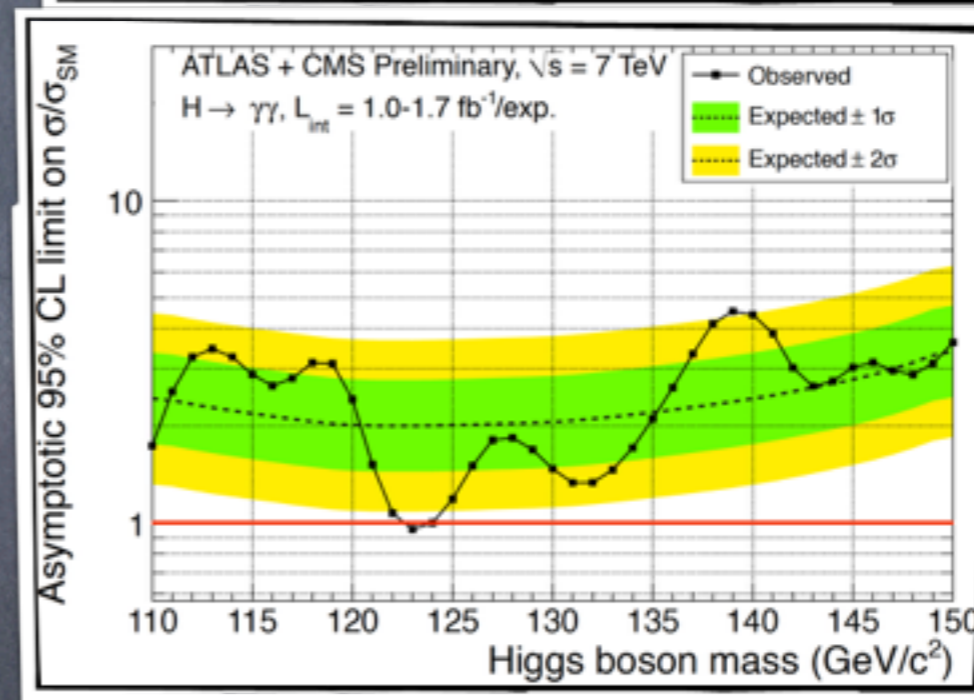
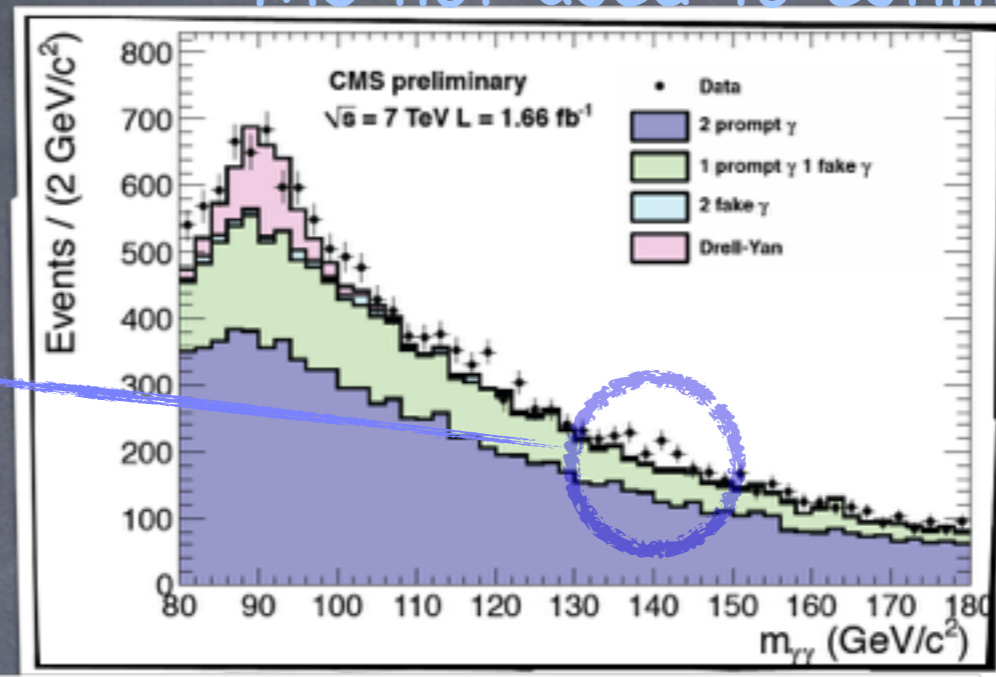
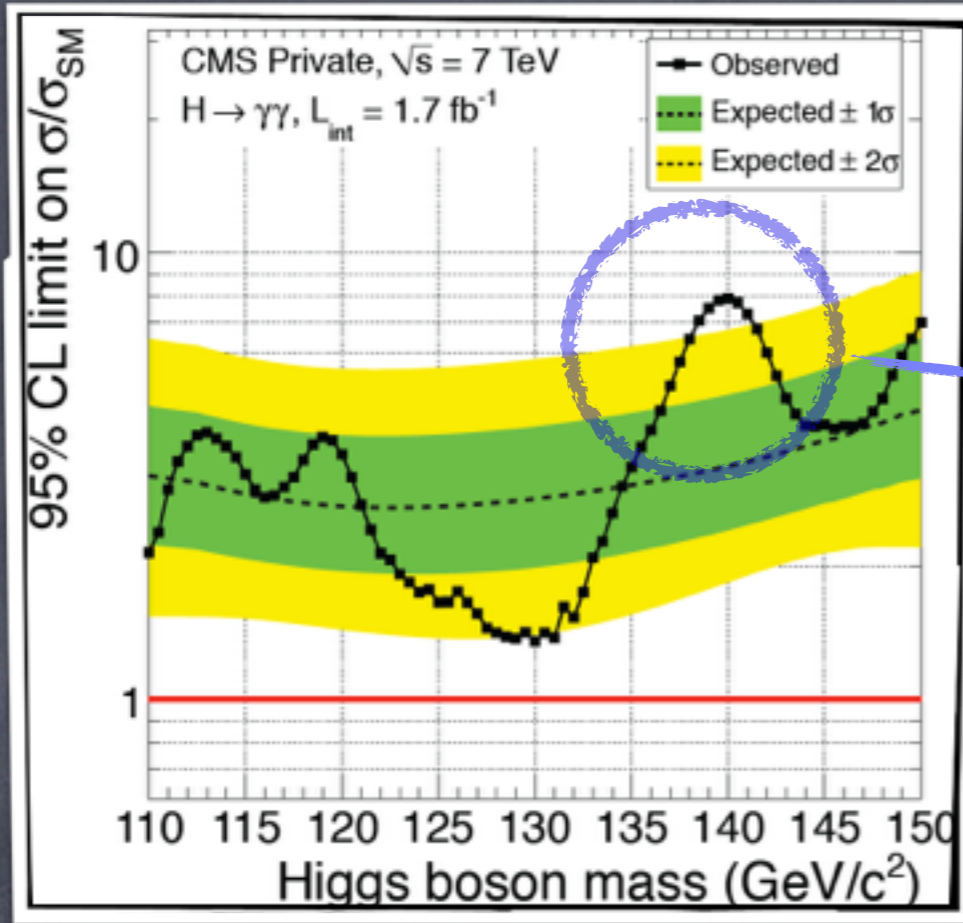
# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ Probing LEP 114 GeV

- **Clean signature:** 2 energetic isolated photons  $\rightarrow$  narrow mass peak
- A narrow peak is searched for over a large, smooth background.
- Data are split into categories based on direction of photons (detector region) and conversion mode (which affect  $\gamma\gamma$  mass resolution, which is excellent)
- A fit is performed to the background side band under the BG only hypothesis (only data is considered)
- A fit of s+b on the background (MC) is used to estimate the spurious signal demanding it to be small



# H → γγ Probing LEP 114 GeV

MC not used to estimate BG



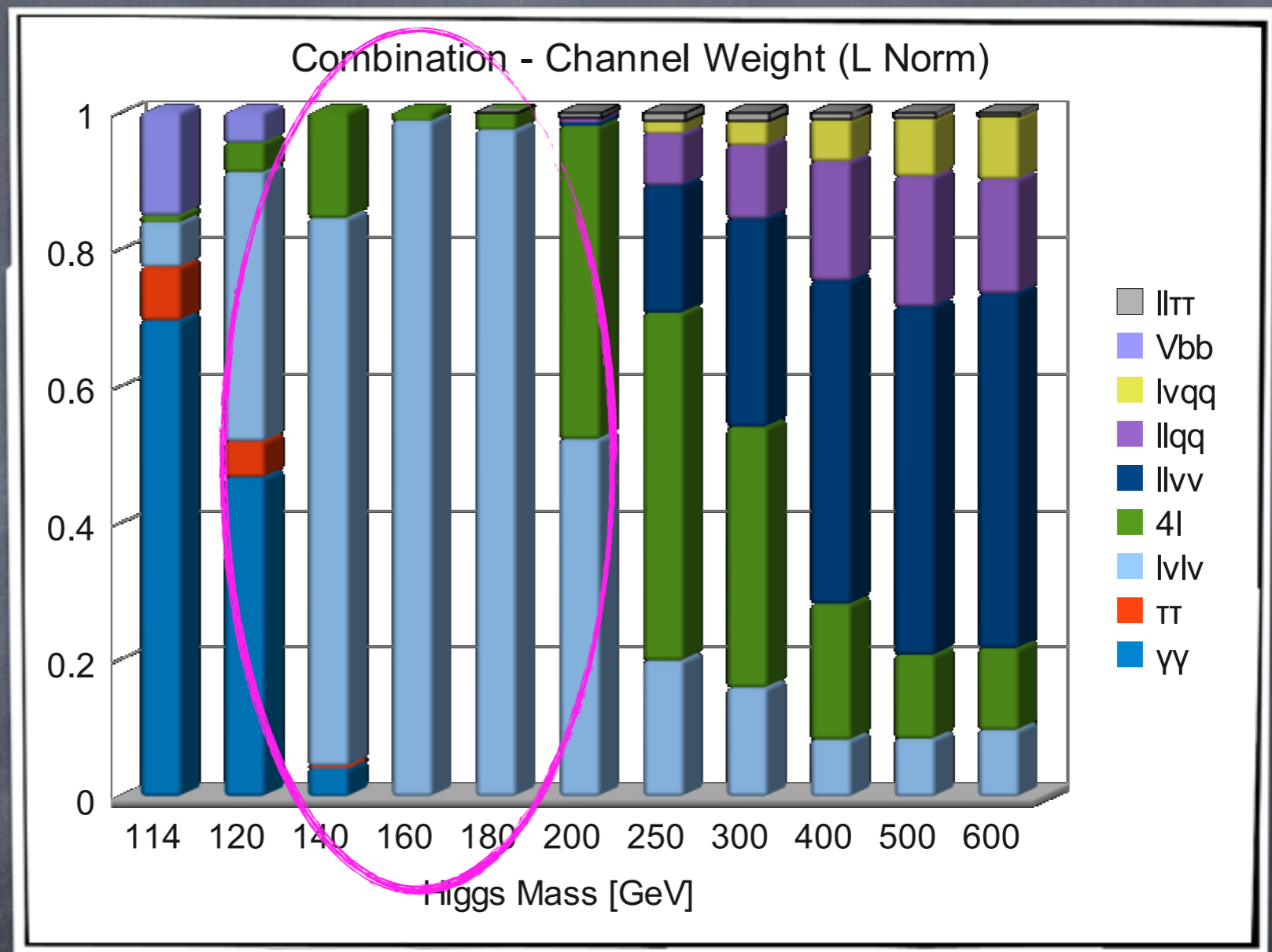
- 114 GeV combined expected sensitivity  $\sim 2 \times \text{SM}$
- $\gamma\gamma$  alone excludes the SM @  $m_H = 123 \text{ GeV}$  due to a strong downward fluctuation of the data
- Need a few more fb /experiment to close the 114 GeV gap

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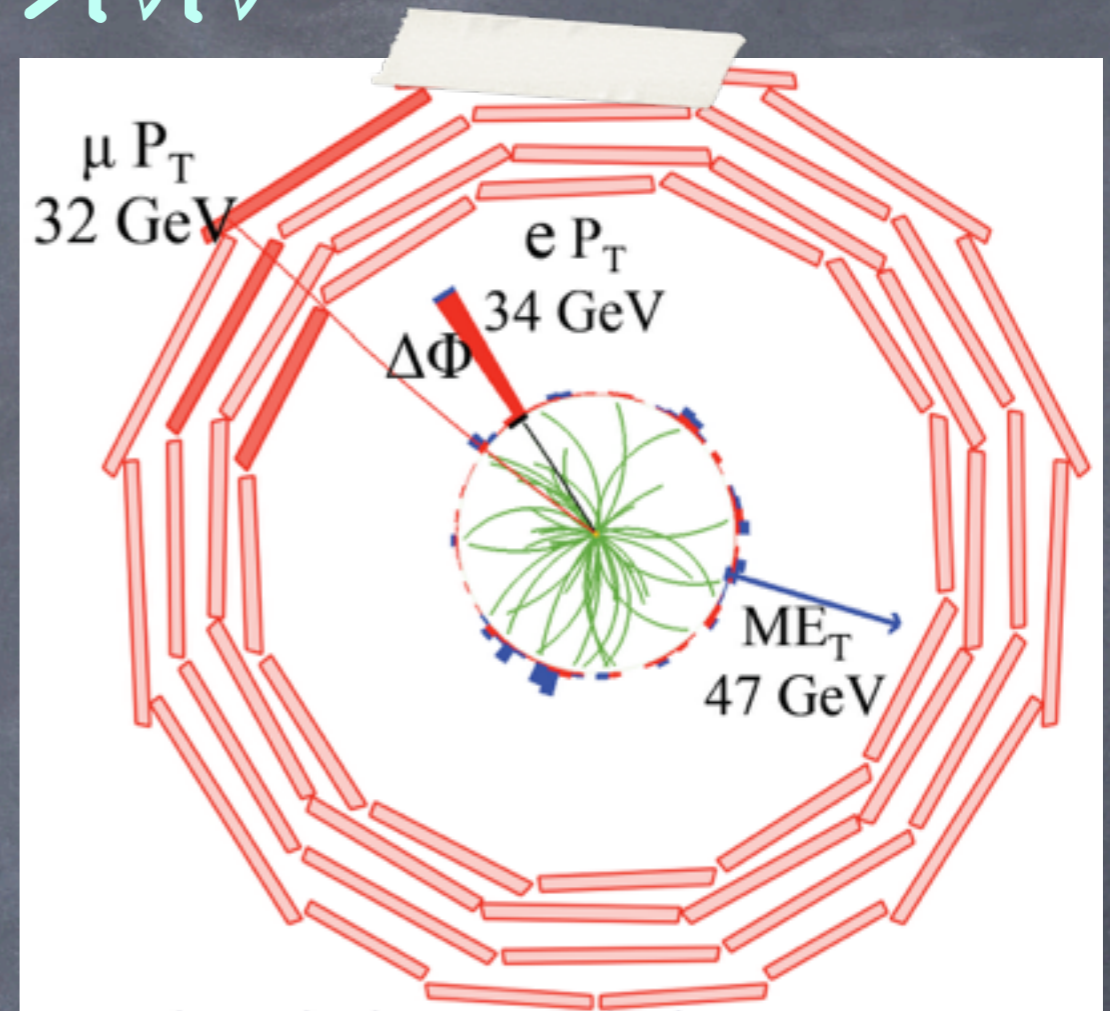
# "TEVATRON++" mass region

• "TEVATRON++" mass region  
140–200 GeV

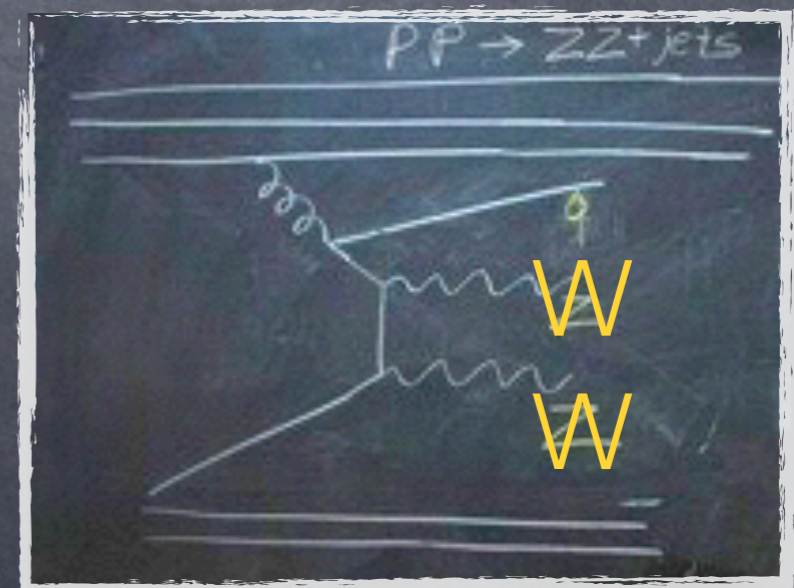
• Probing channel:  
 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\bar{l}l\bar{l}$



# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

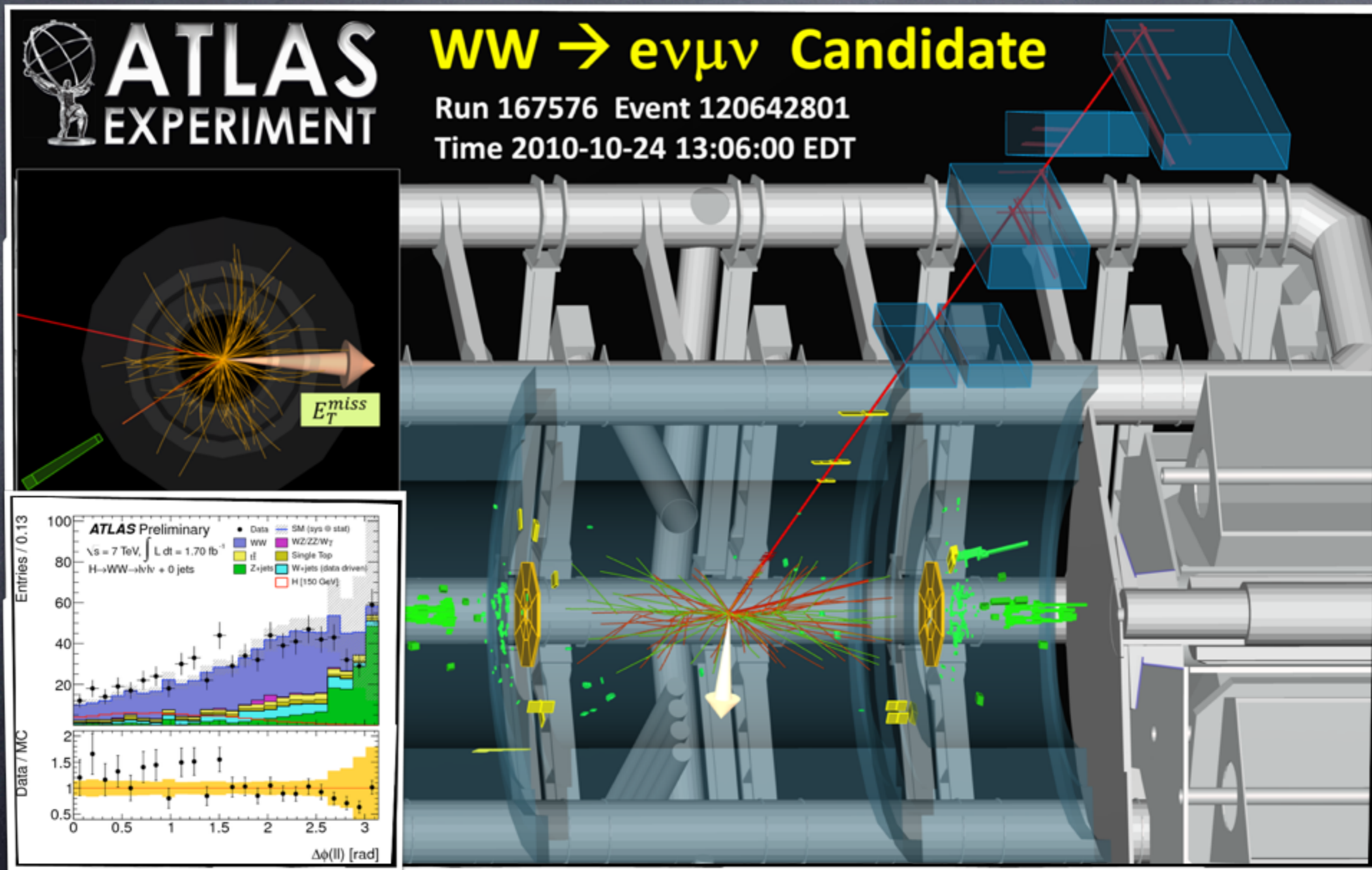


- The channel is challenging (2 neutrinos- no mass reconstruction)
- Signature: 2 high pT opposite sign isolated leptons with large MET
- 3 bins: +0,1 and 2 jets (VBF)



# WW $\rightarrow$ $e\mu$ Irreducible BG

WW can be reduced by exploiting the Higgs spin, require small  $\Delta\Phi_{ll}$

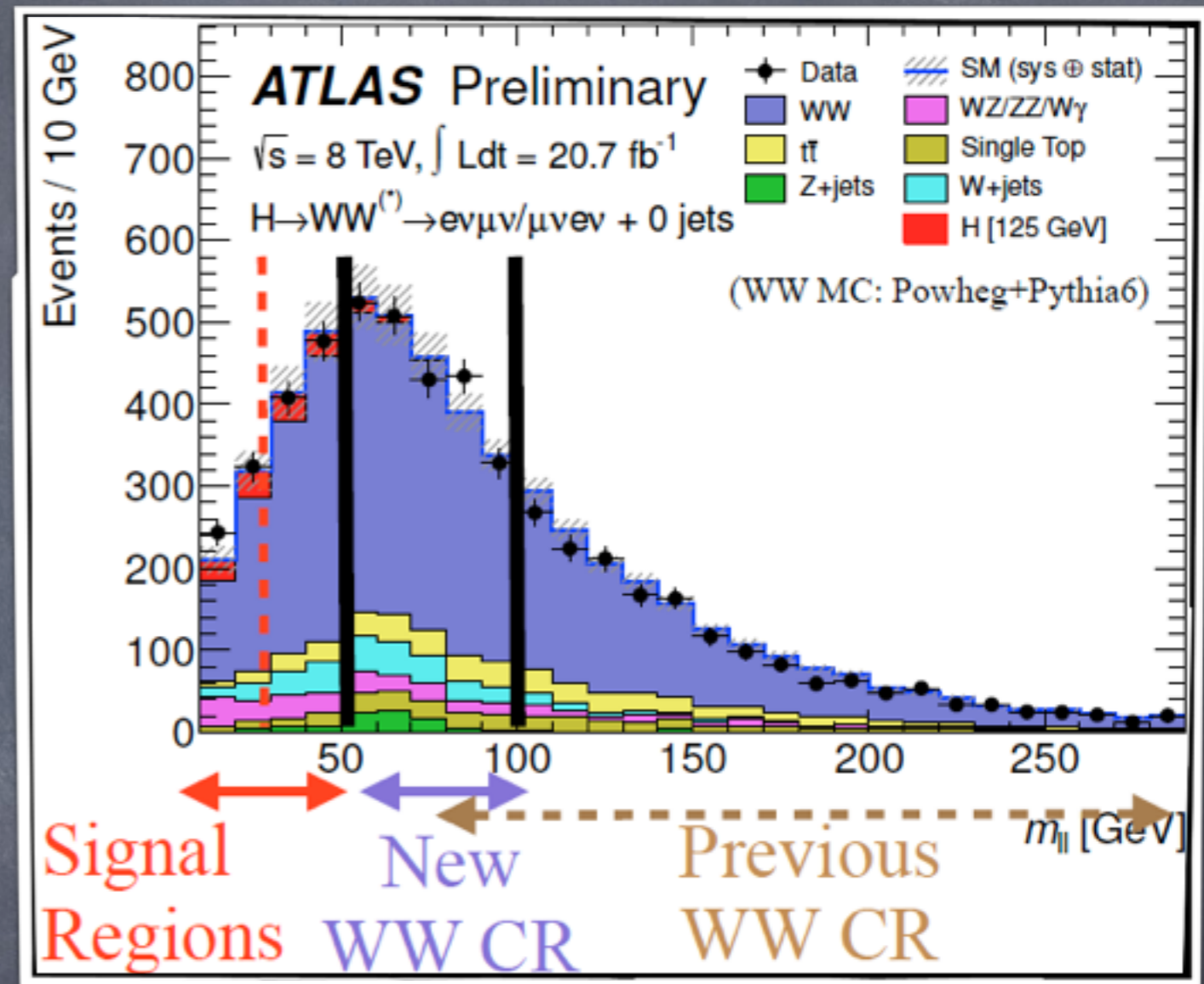


# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$

- Main background from WW, top, Z+jets, W+jets
- > Use of control regions to estimate fakes

- A control region is defined rich in the measured BG (e.g. WW or top), contaminations are being subtracted and then the BG is extrapolated to the signal region (mostly using MC)
- Example: b-tag is inverted to estimate Top BG

## WW 0j control region

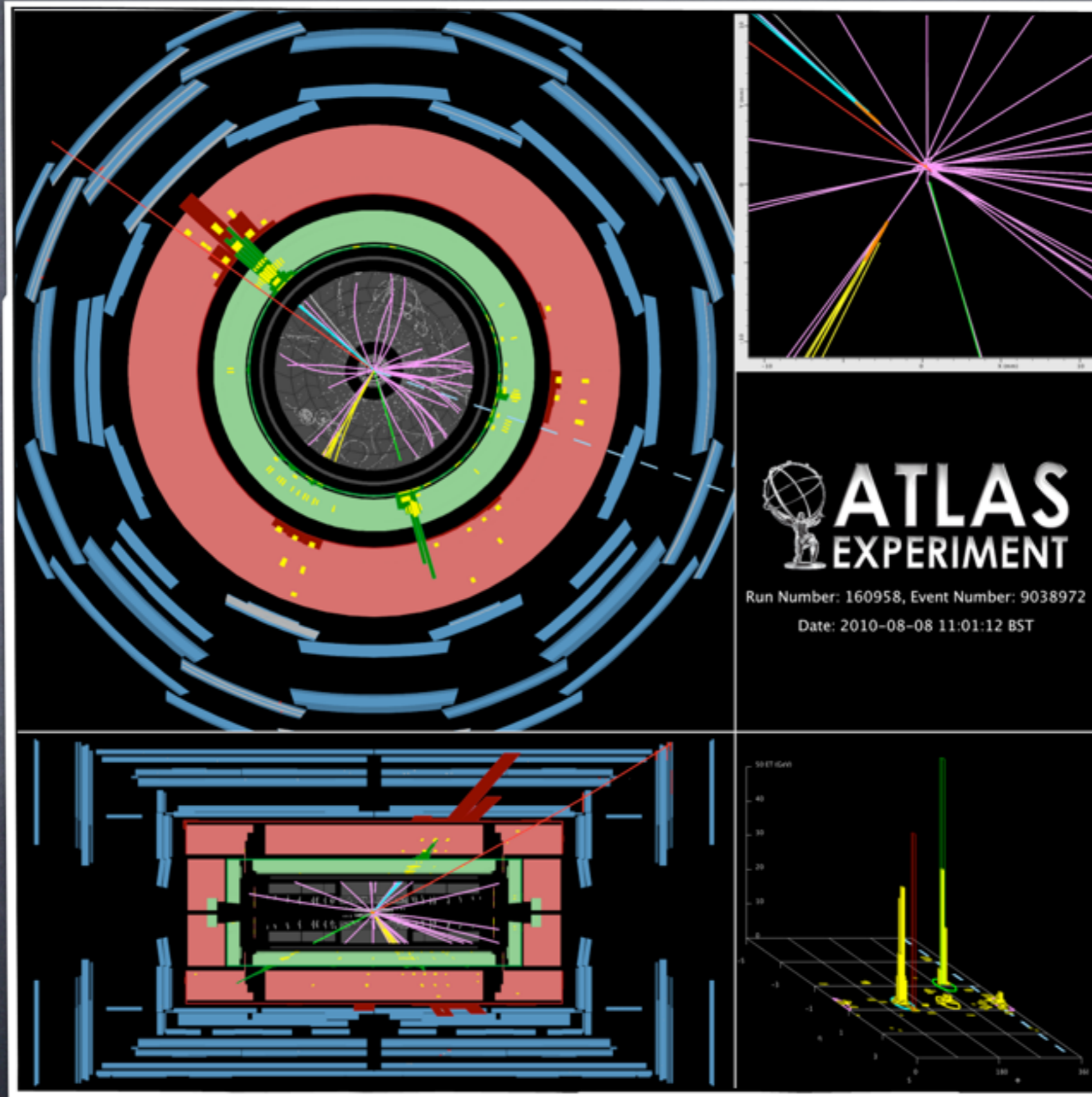


$m_{\ell\ell} < 50 \rightarrow 50 < m_{\ell\ell} < 100$   
 validate with  $m_{\ell\ell} > 100$



# ATLAS WW $\rightarrow$ e $\mu$ background: tt $\rightarrow$ e $\mu$

Event display of a top pair e-mu dilepton candidate with two b-tagged jets. The electron is shown by the green track pointing to a calorimeter cluster, the muon by the long red track intersecting the muon chambers, and the missing ET direction by the dotted line on the XY view. The secondary vertices of the two b-tagged jets are indicated by the orange ellipses on the zoomed vertex region view.

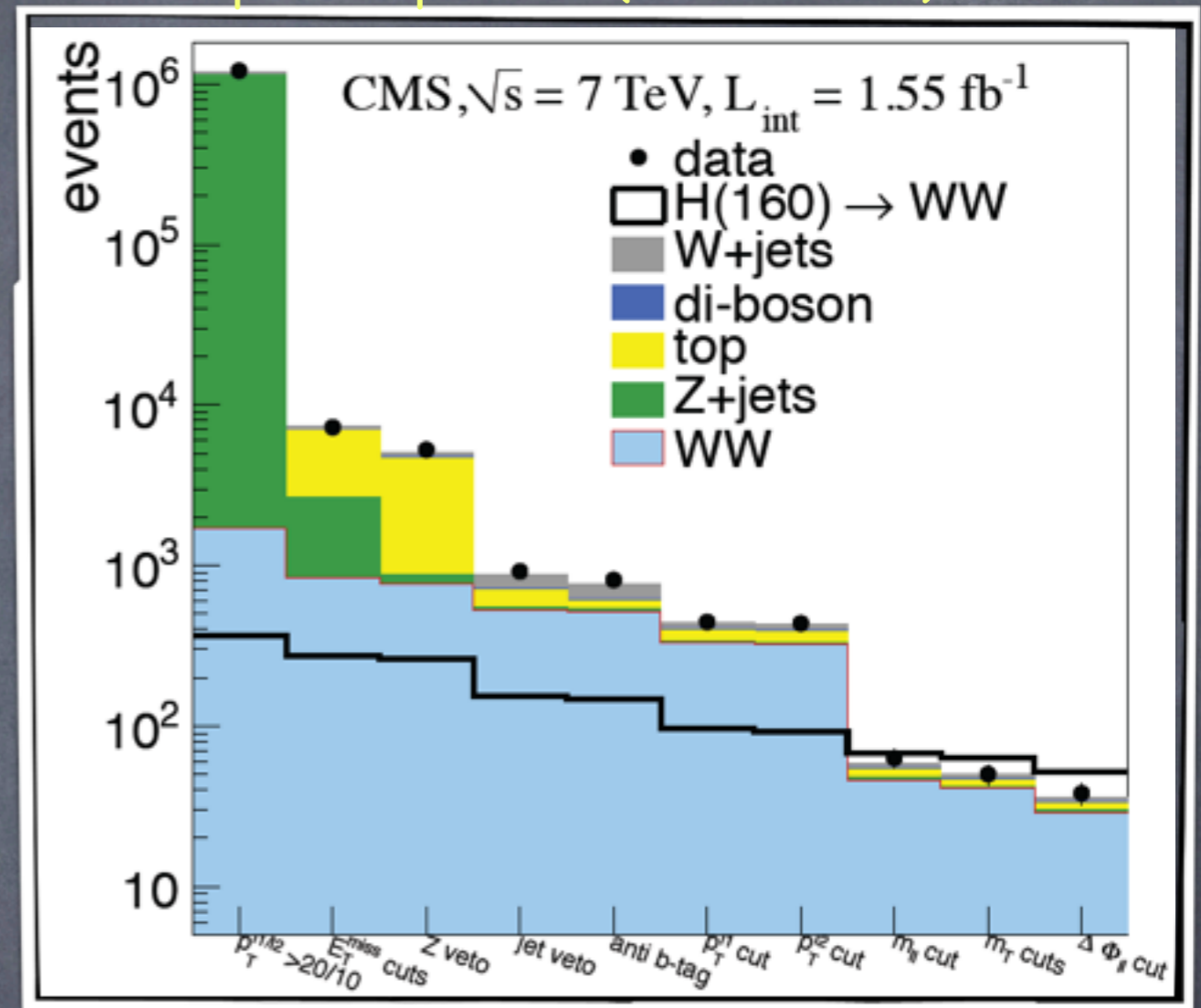


Reject  
by b-  
tag  
veto

# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

in this plot expected (data driven) vs data

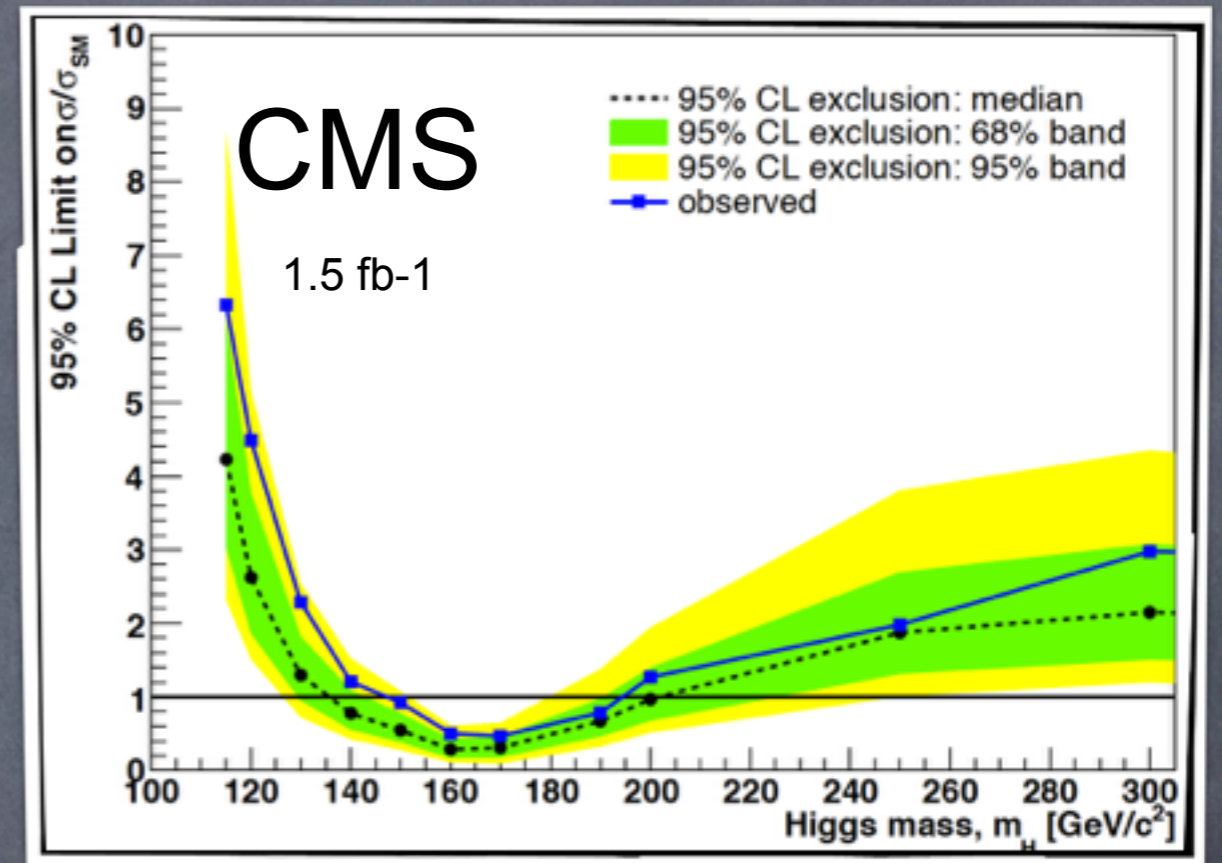
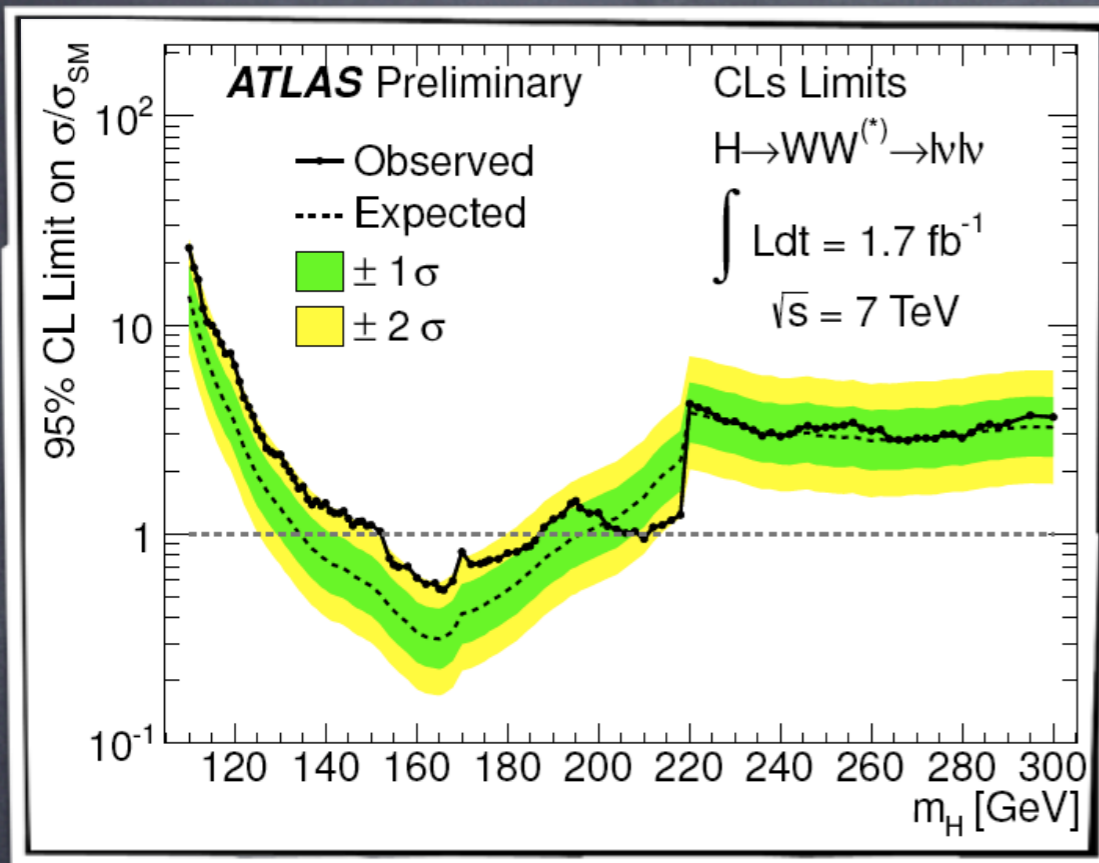
- BG: WW, W+jets, DY (Z+jets), top
- Irreducible WW BG can be slightly reduced requiring small  $\Delta\Phi_{ll}$
- Large MET and Z Veto against DY
- b-tag veto to remove top contamination



- Finally mass dependent cuts are applied (e.g. ATLAS  $0.75m_H < m_T < m_H$ )

# H → WW → lνlν Limits

- Results are counting based



Obs: 154 < m<sub>H</sub> < 186

Obs: 147 < m<sub>H</sub> < 194

Exp: 135 < m<sub>H</sub> < 196

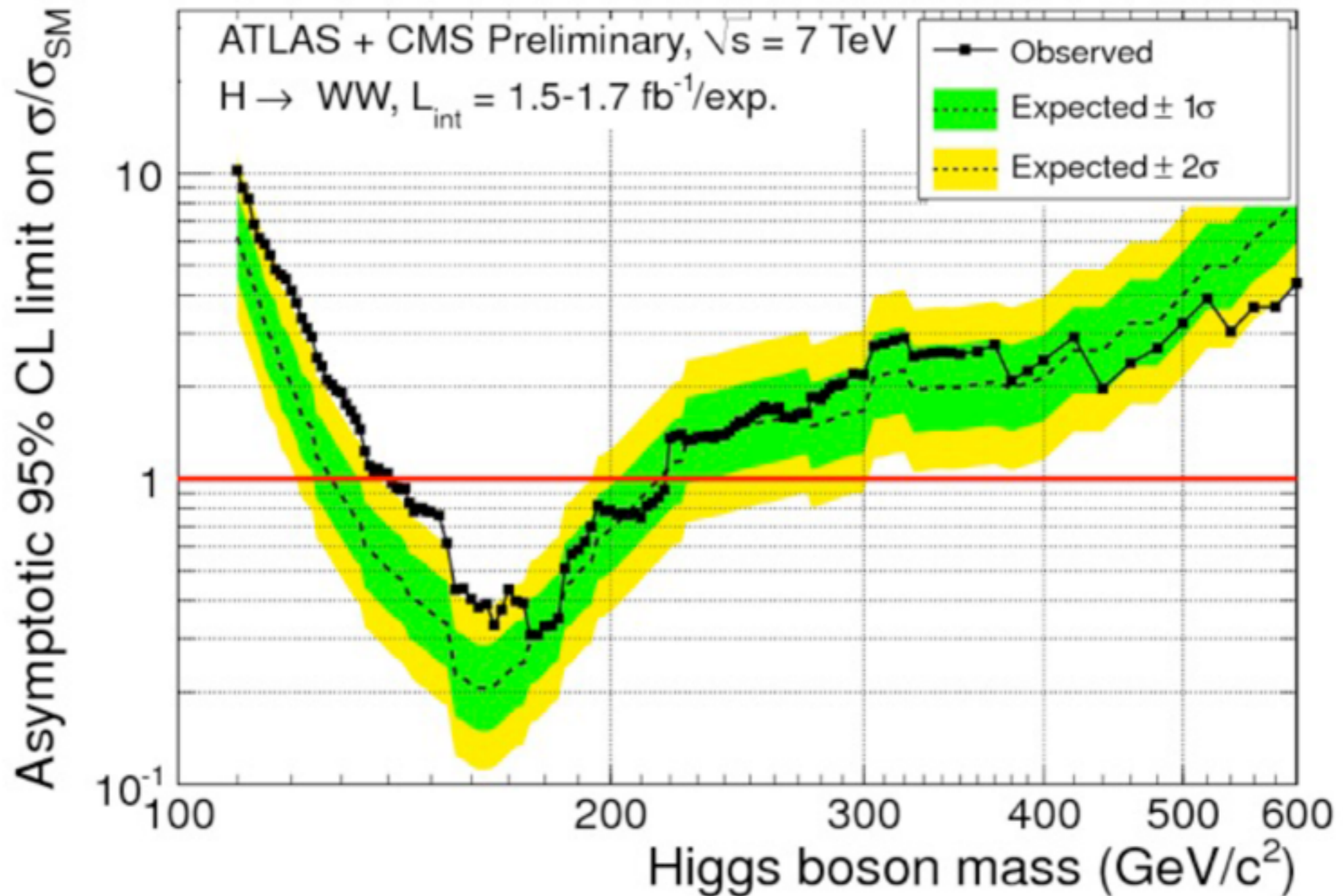
Exp: 136 < m<sub>H</sub> < 200

Both cut based

ATLAS: only +0,1 jets

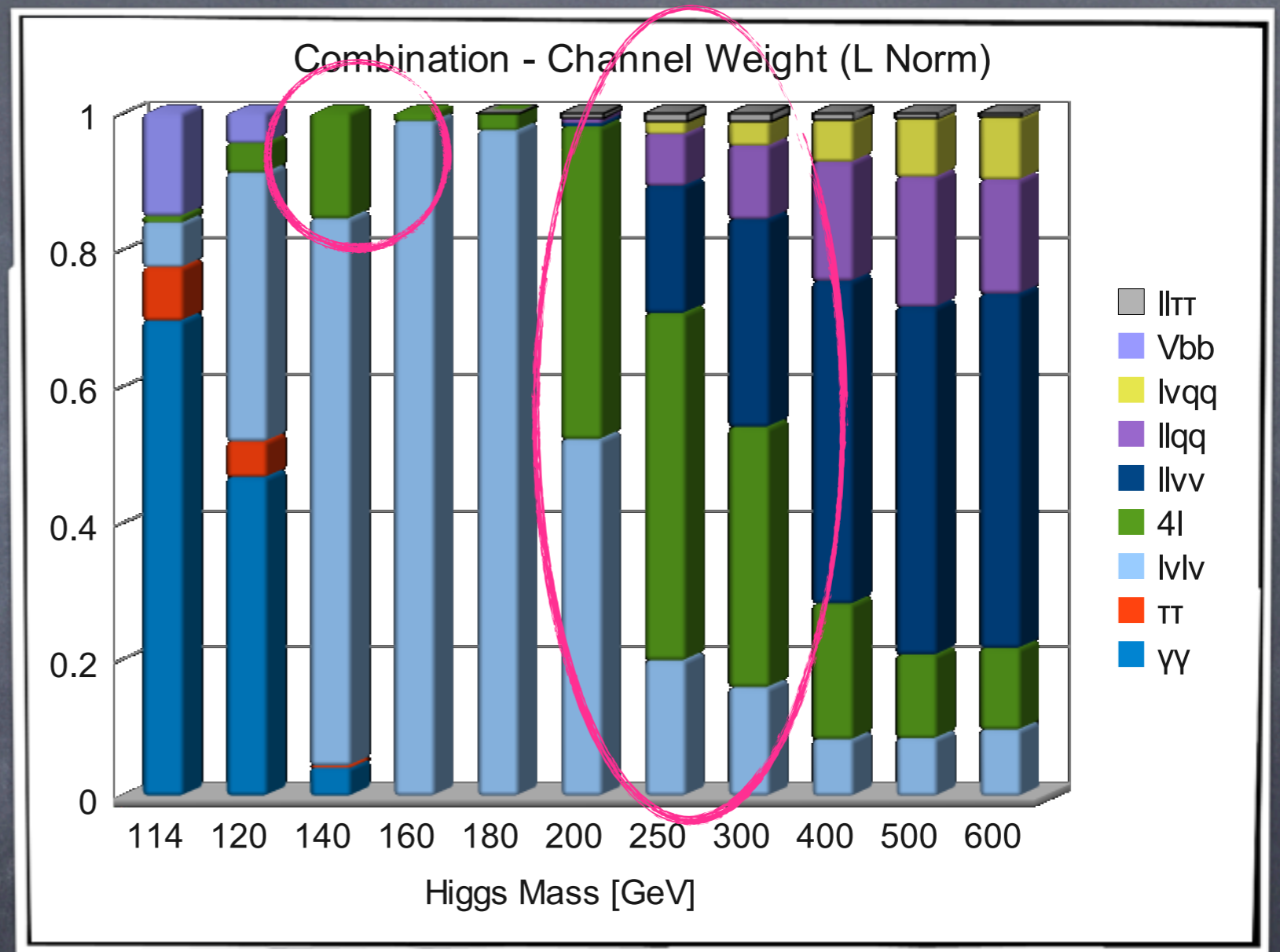
# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ Limits

- ATLAS+CMS first official Combination



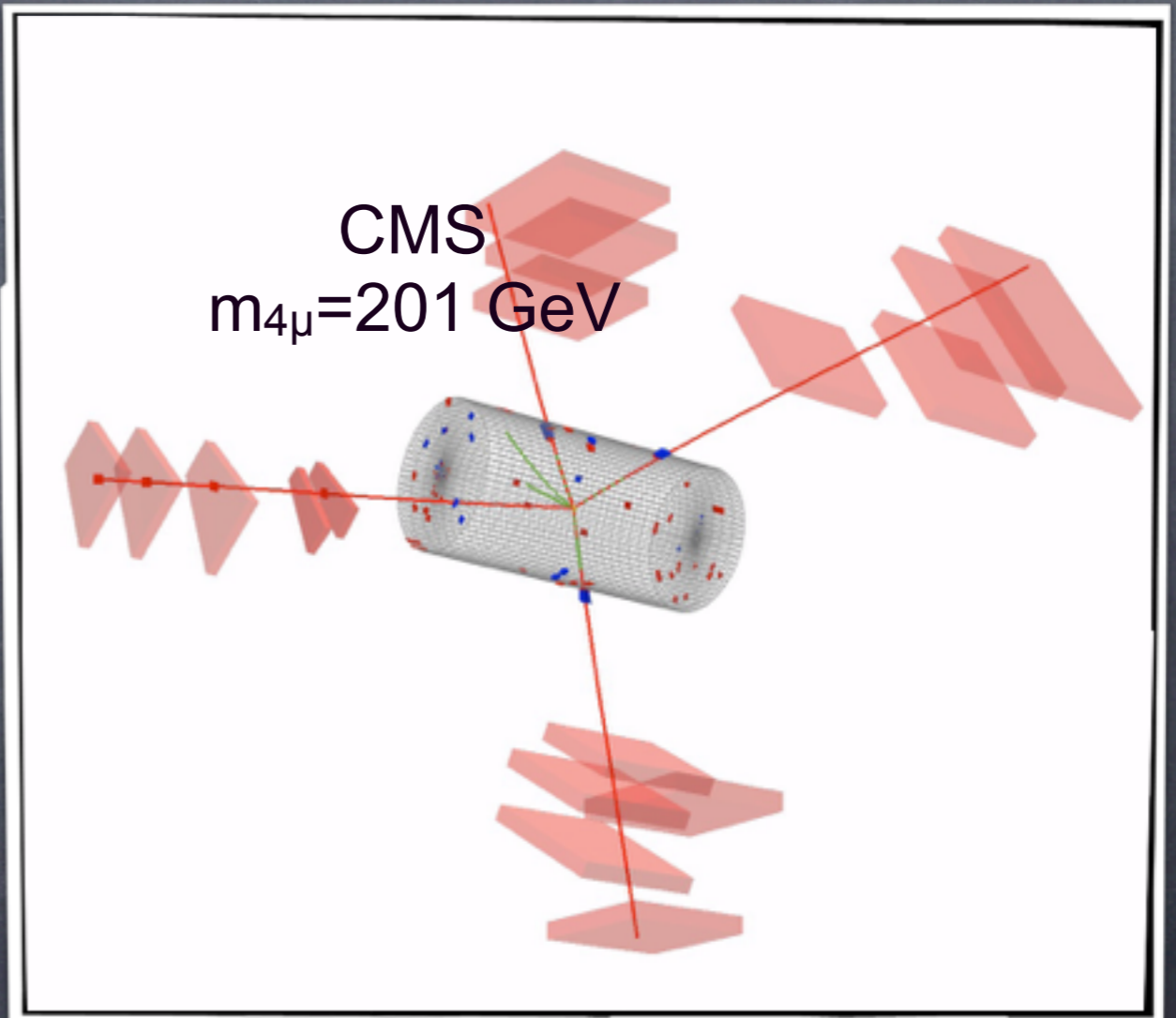
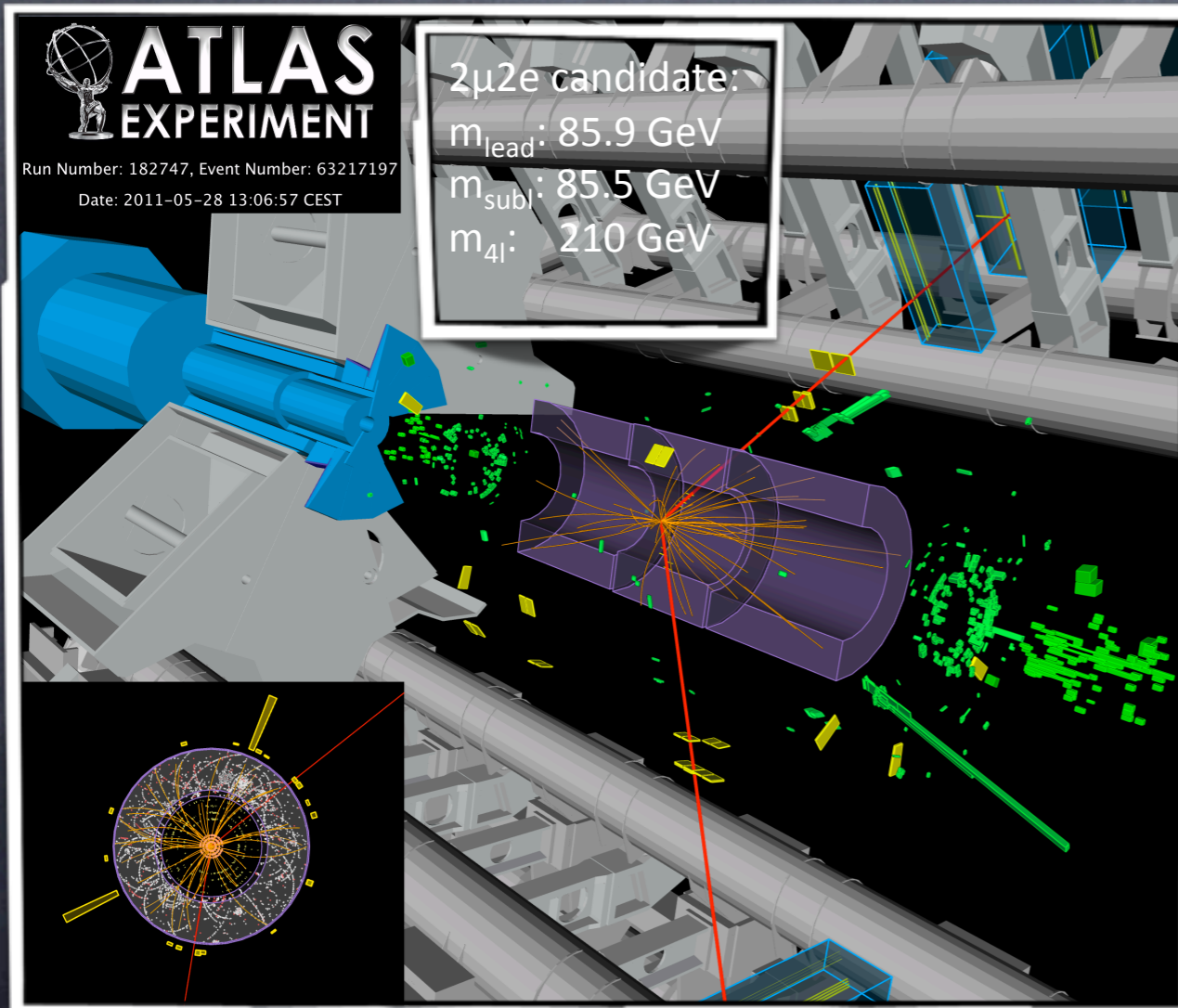
# The Golden Channel - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- Around 140 and above 200 GeV
- Probing channel:  
 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



# The Golden Channel: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- CLEAN but very low rate, yet probably most trustable
- All information is available, one can fully reconstruct the kinematics and the masses ( $m_{2l}$ ,  $m_{4l}$ )
- Signature: Two pairs of same flavor high  $p_T$  opposite charged isolated leptons, one or both compatible with Z



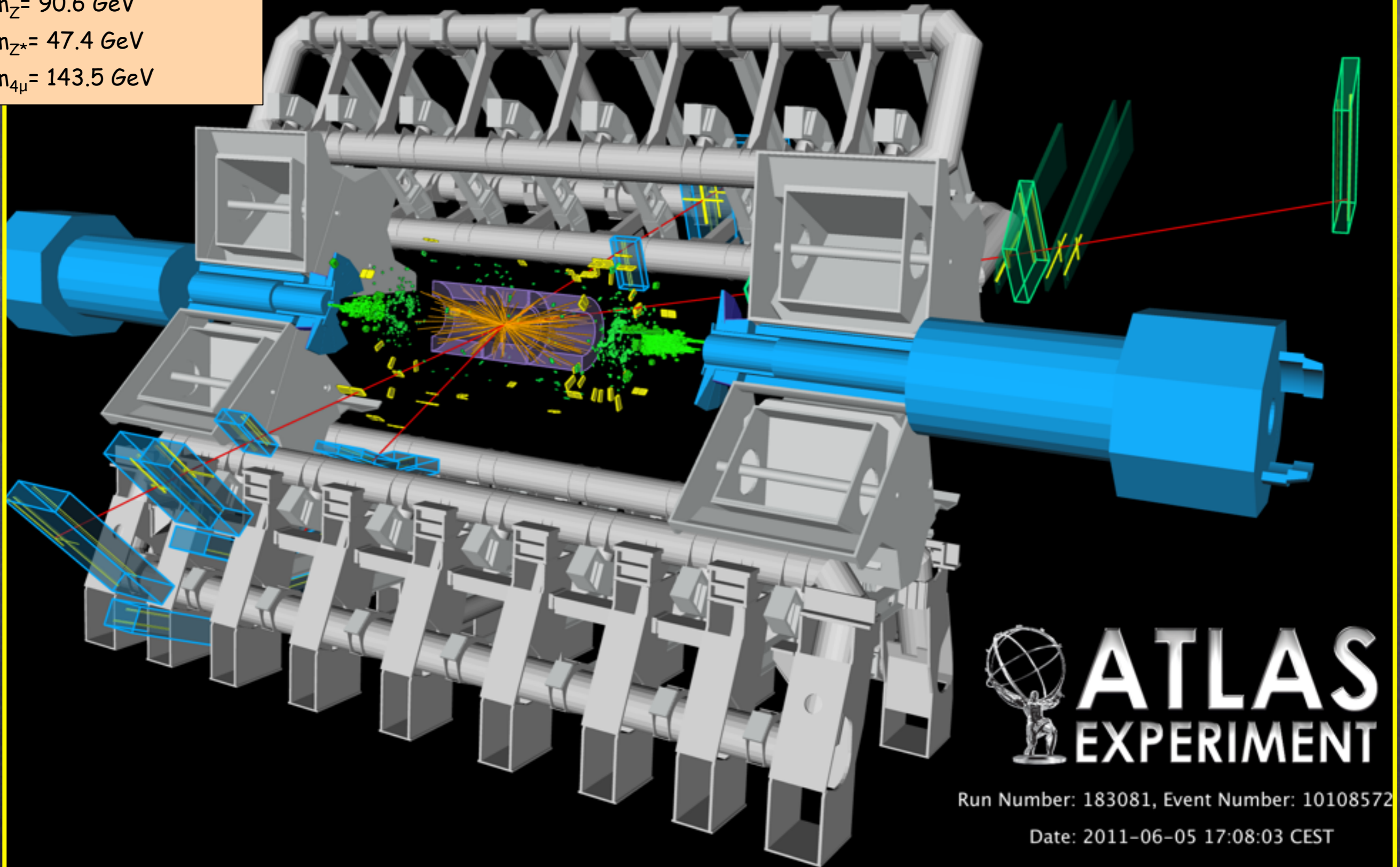
# The Golden Channel: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$

$ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\mu$  candidate:

$m_Z = 90.6 \text{ GeV}$

$m_{Z^*} = 47.4 \text{ GeV}$

$m_{4\mu} = 143.5 \text{ GeV}$



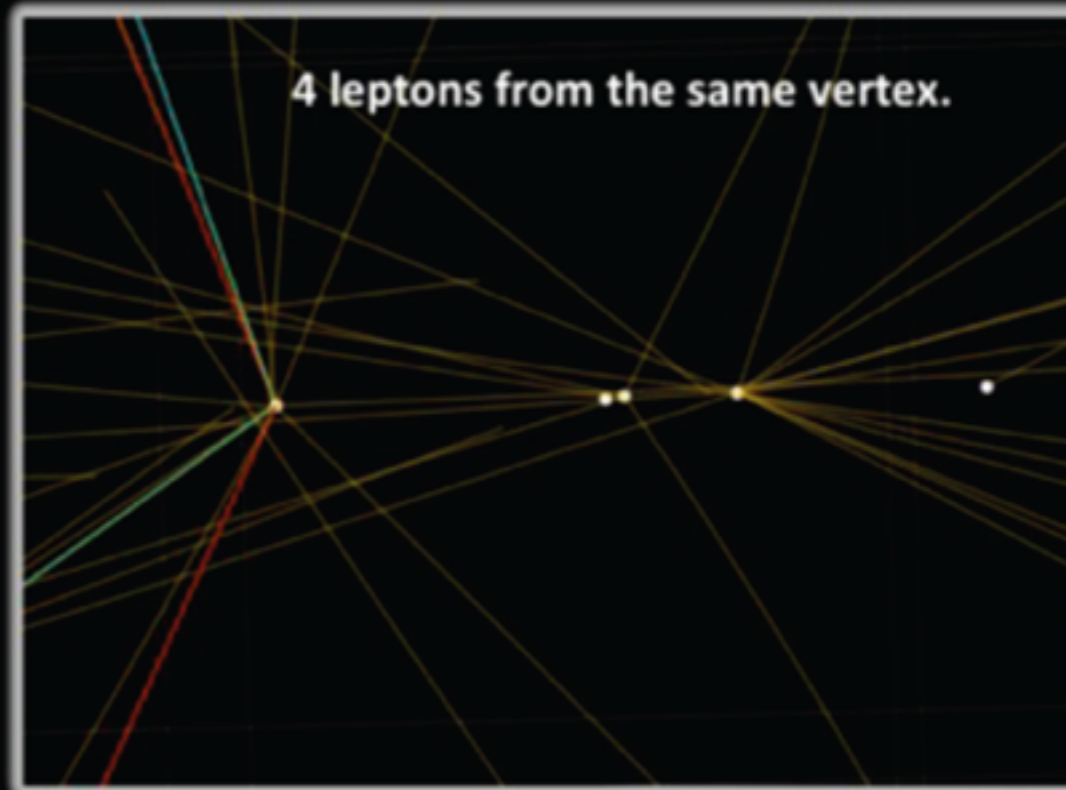
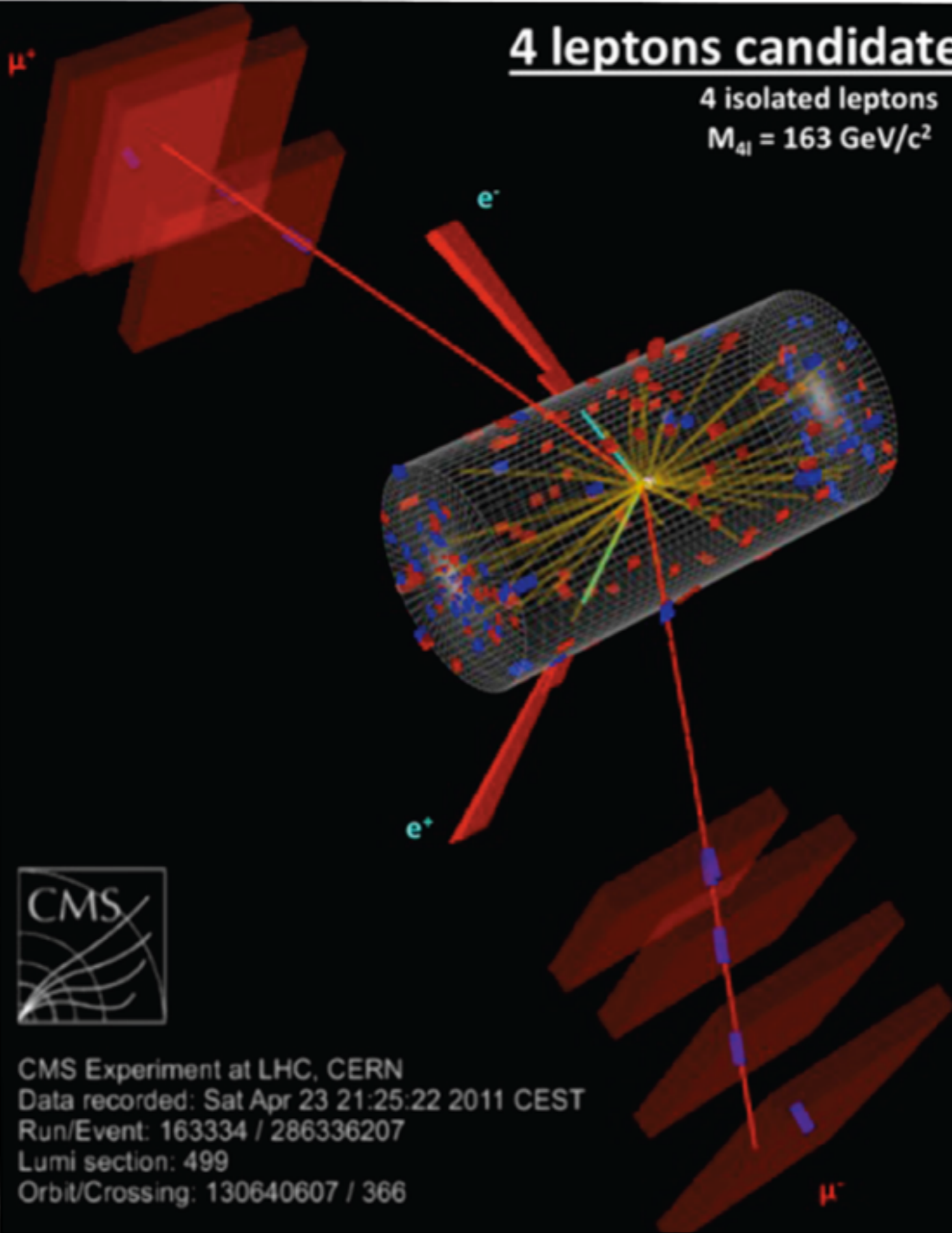
**ATLAS**  
EXPERIMENT

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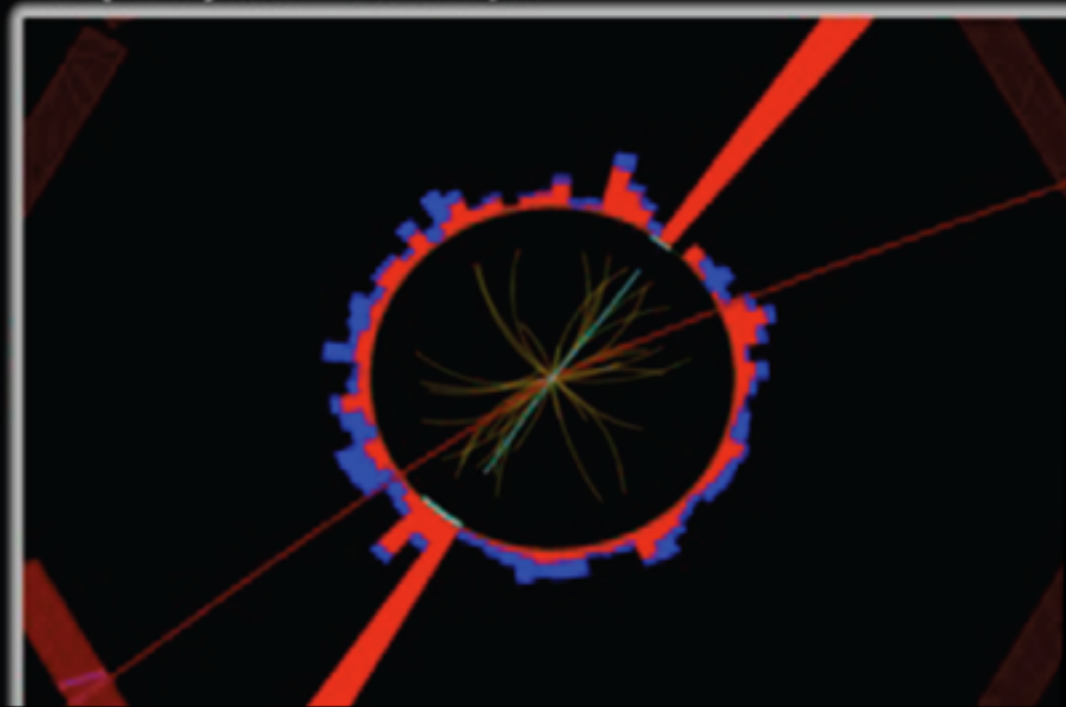
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# 4 leptons candidate : 2e2μ

4 isolated leptons  
 $M_{4l} = 163 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



2 leptons pairs  
 $Z (\mu^+\mu^-) : m = 94 \text{ GeV}/c^2$   
 $Z^*(e^+e^-) : m = 65 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

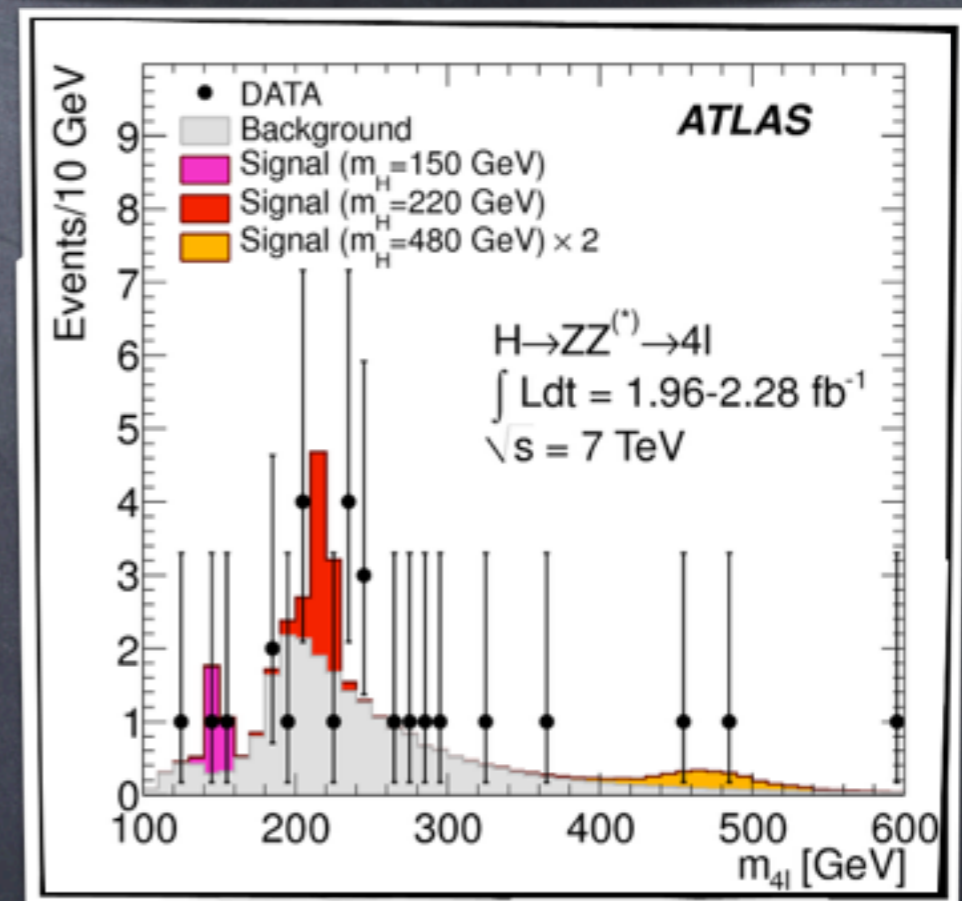
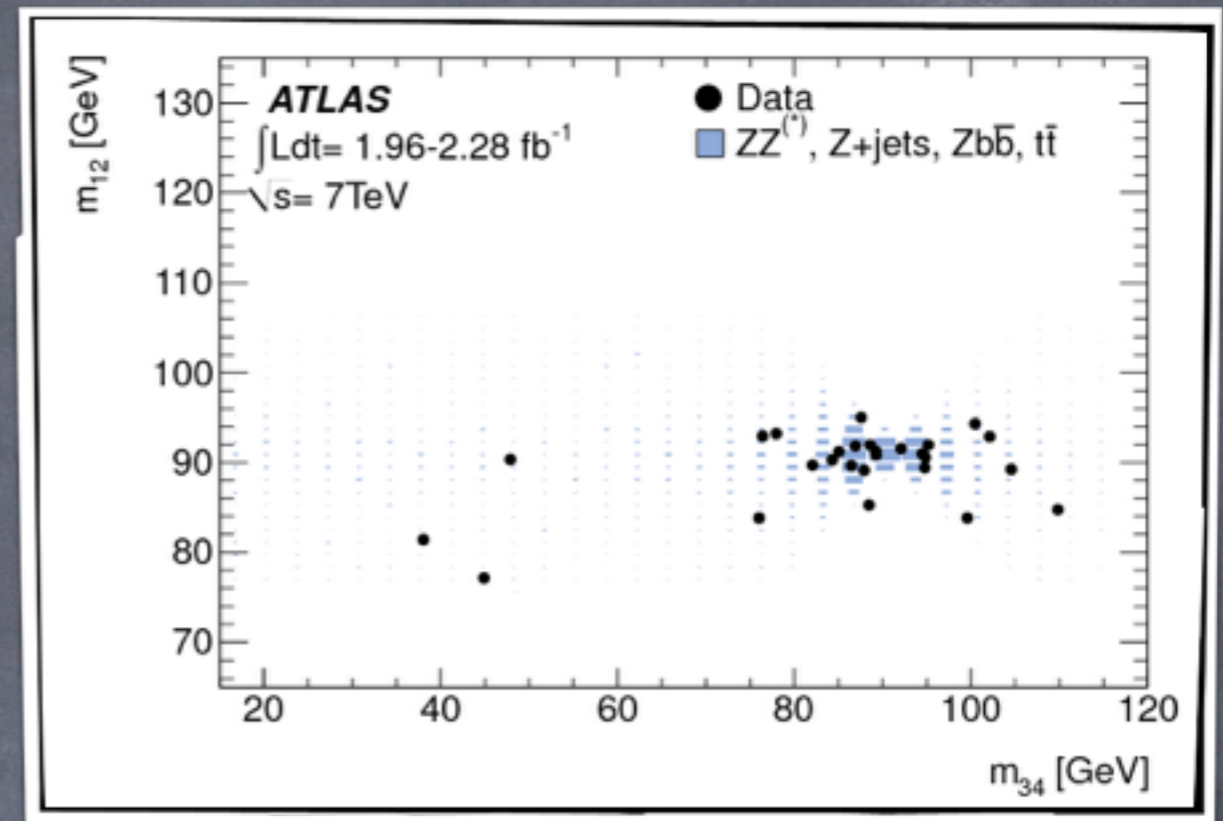


CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
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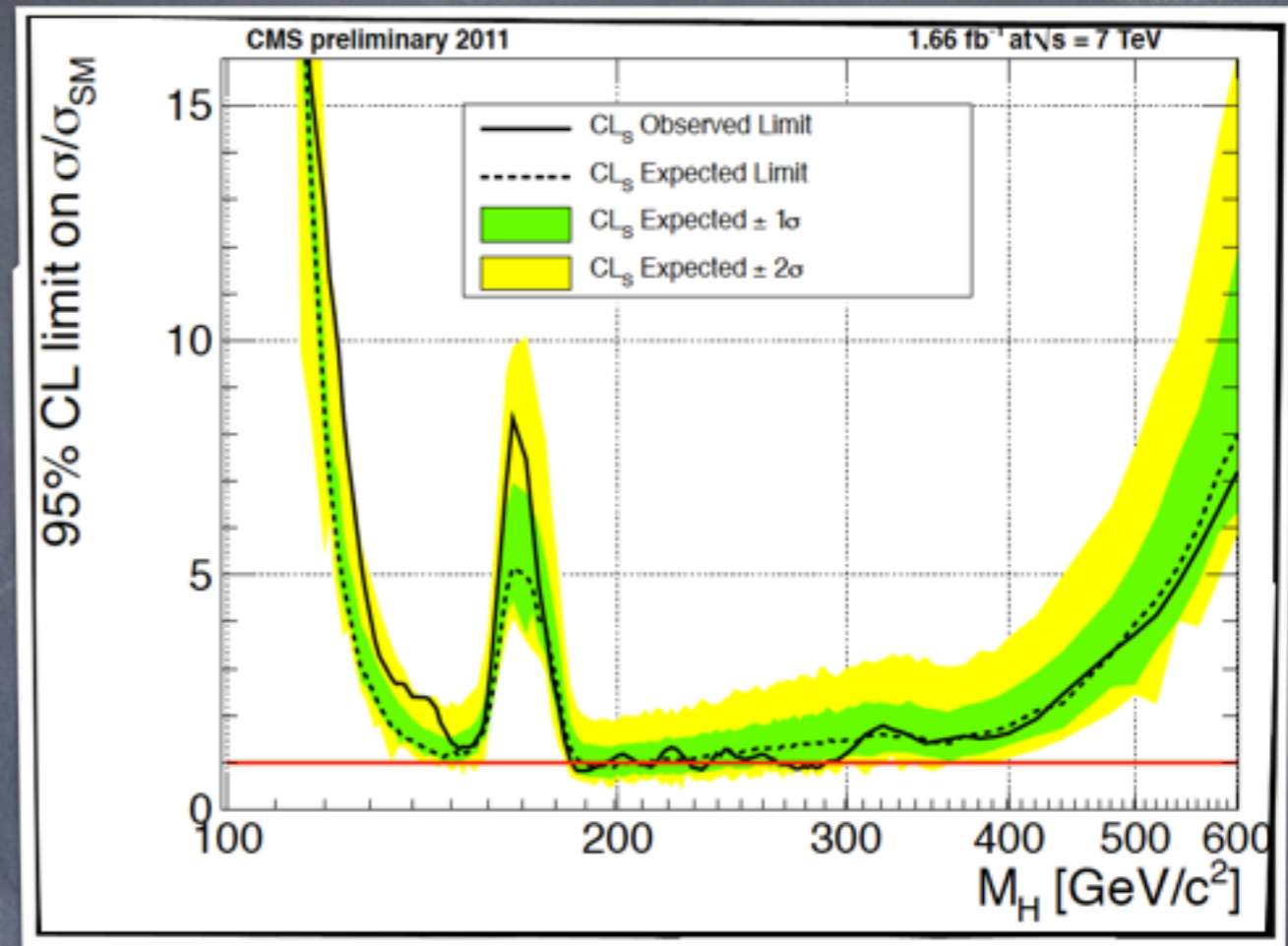
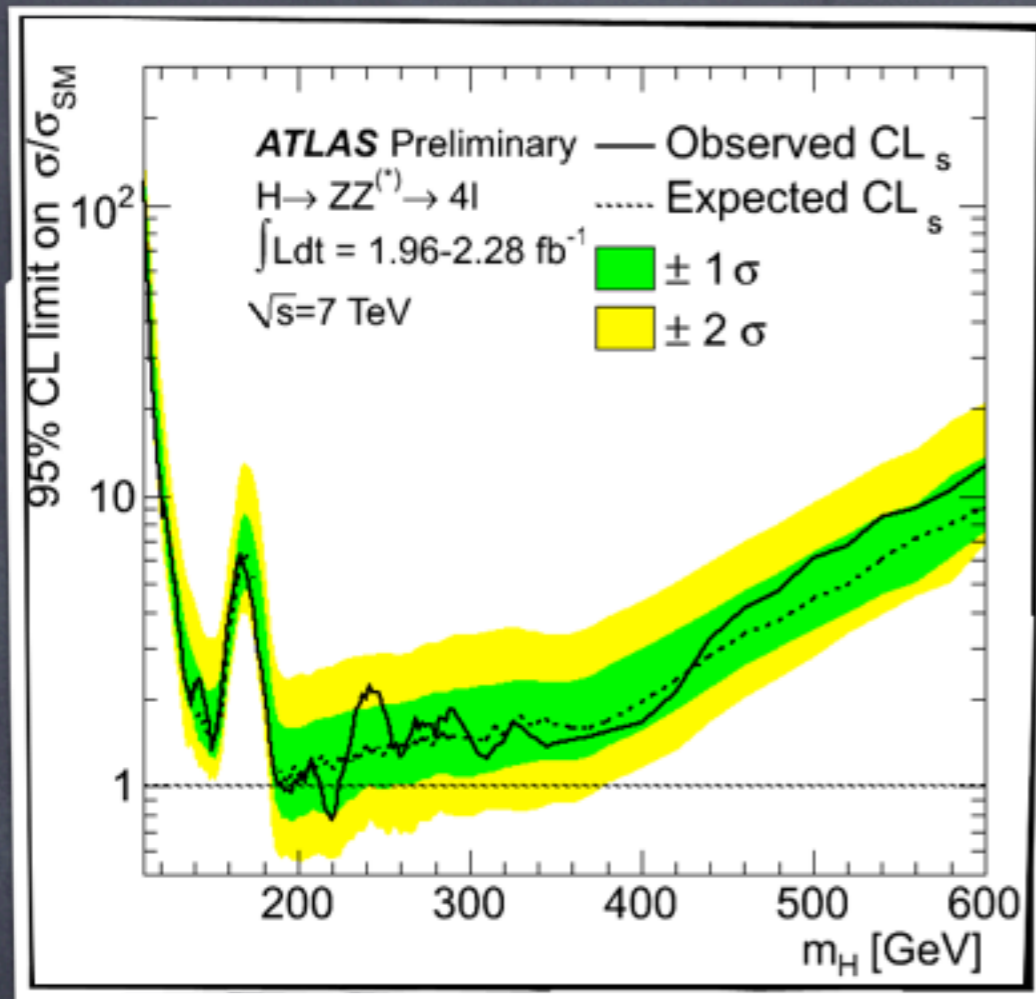


# The Golden Channel: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- A distinct signature due to the excellent mass resolution
- Irreducible BG from ZZ
- Highly sensitive to lepton ID performance (electron efficiency from  $J/\Psi \rightarrow ee$ ,  $W \rightarrow e\nu$ ,  $Z \rightarrow ee$  data)
- Z+jets (Z+bb) BG estimated from data
- Reducible BG:  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $Zb\bar{b}$  removed by isolation and small impact parameter (for  $m_{4l} < 2m_Z$ ) requirements

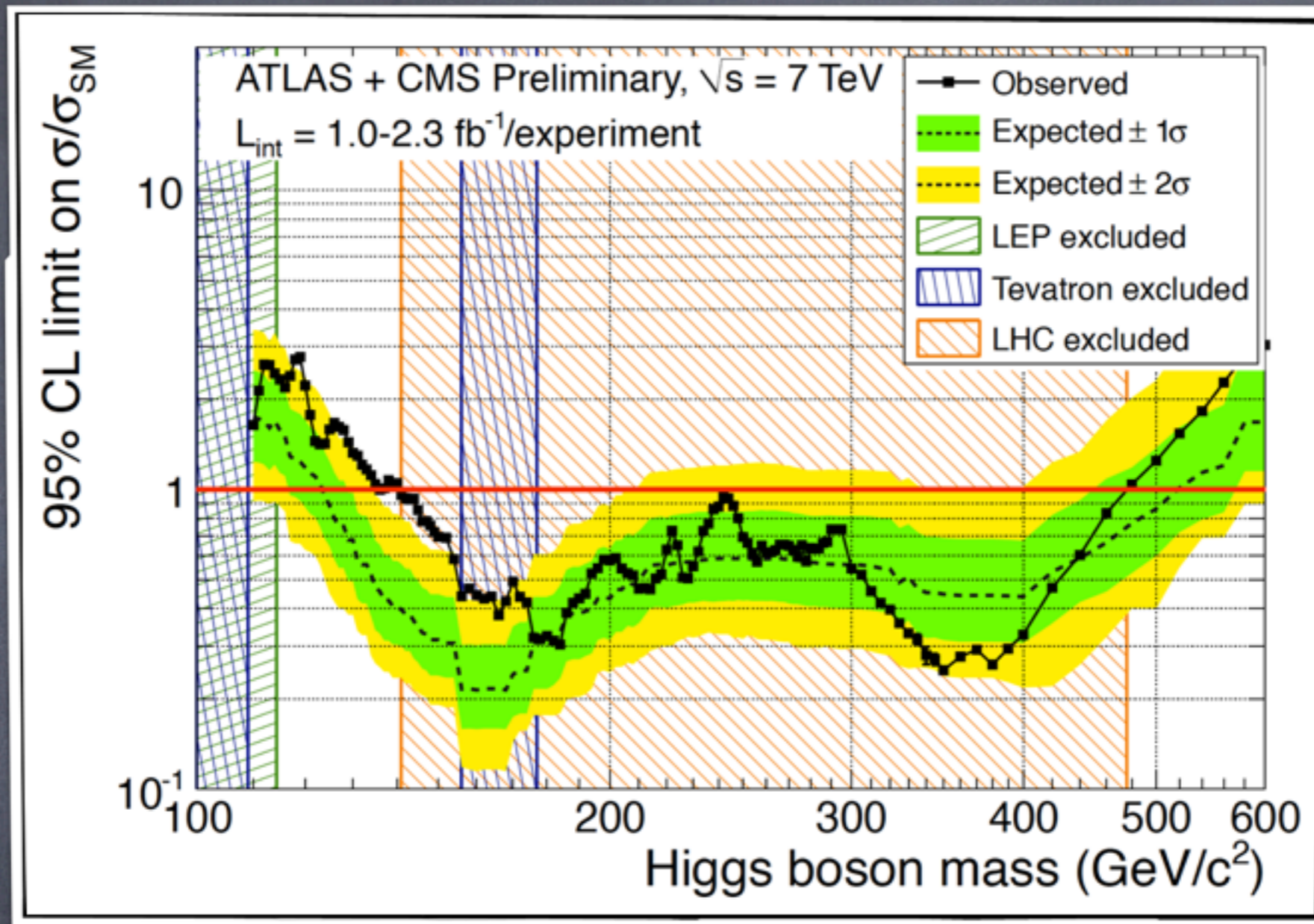


# The Golden Channel: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



- Both experiments are getting closer to exclude
- There is no real excess anywhere

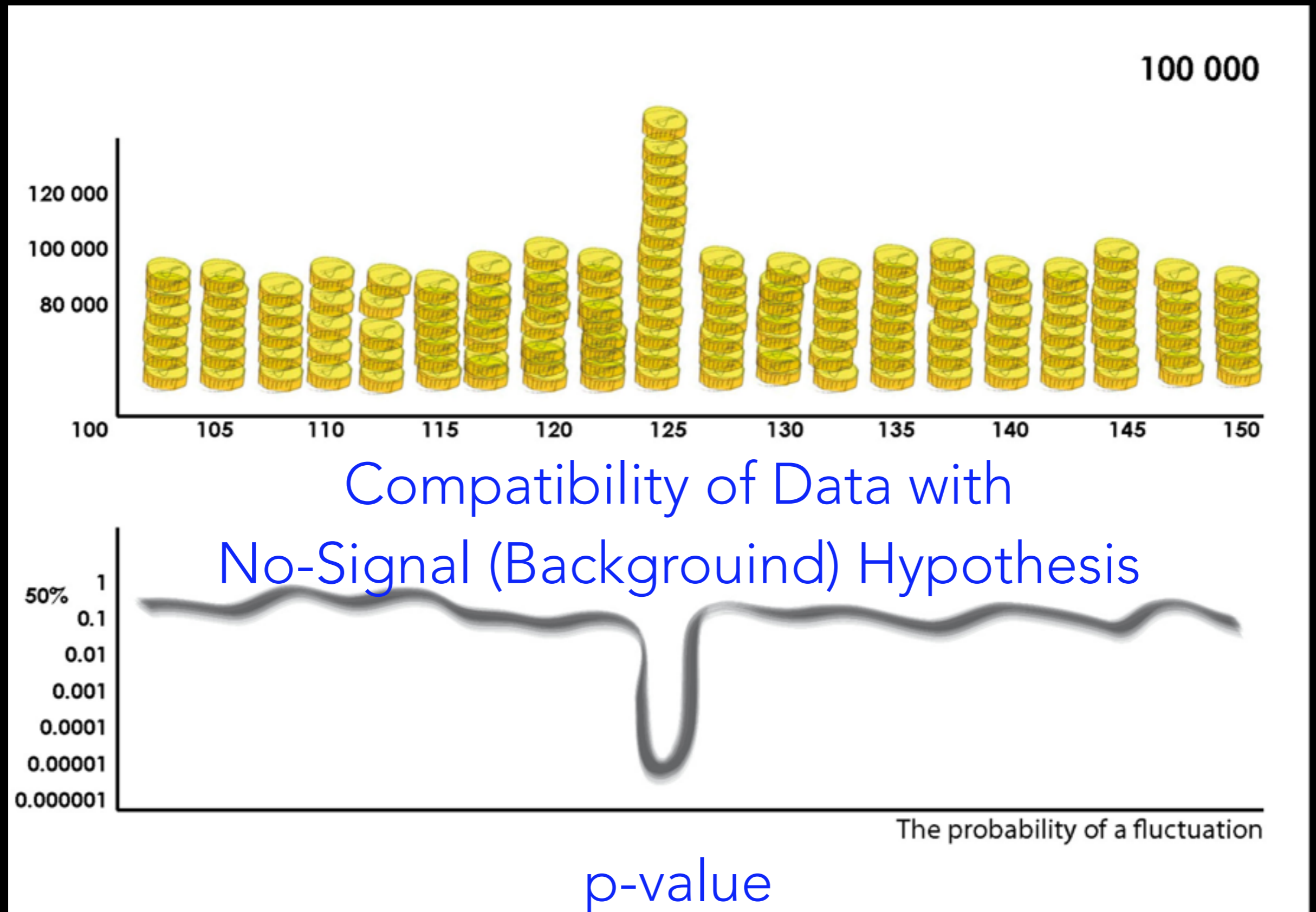
# Higgs- The Story So Far



- Sensitivity (Expected exclusion) 124-520 GeV @ the 95% Confidence Level
- Observed exclusion 141-476 GeV @ the 95% Confidence Level
- Interesting regions are very low mass  $114 < m_H < 130$  and  $m_H > 470$

# THE HIGGS DISCOVERY

# DISCOVERY - A GAME OF BUMPS



$$2\sigma \sim 5\% \sim 1:20$$

$$3\sigma \sim 0.003 \sim 1:330$$

There is a chance of 1:330 that the observed particle is a mere fluctuation

The Magic Number

$$5\sigma \sim 3 \times 10^{-7} \sim 1:3.3 \text{ M}$$

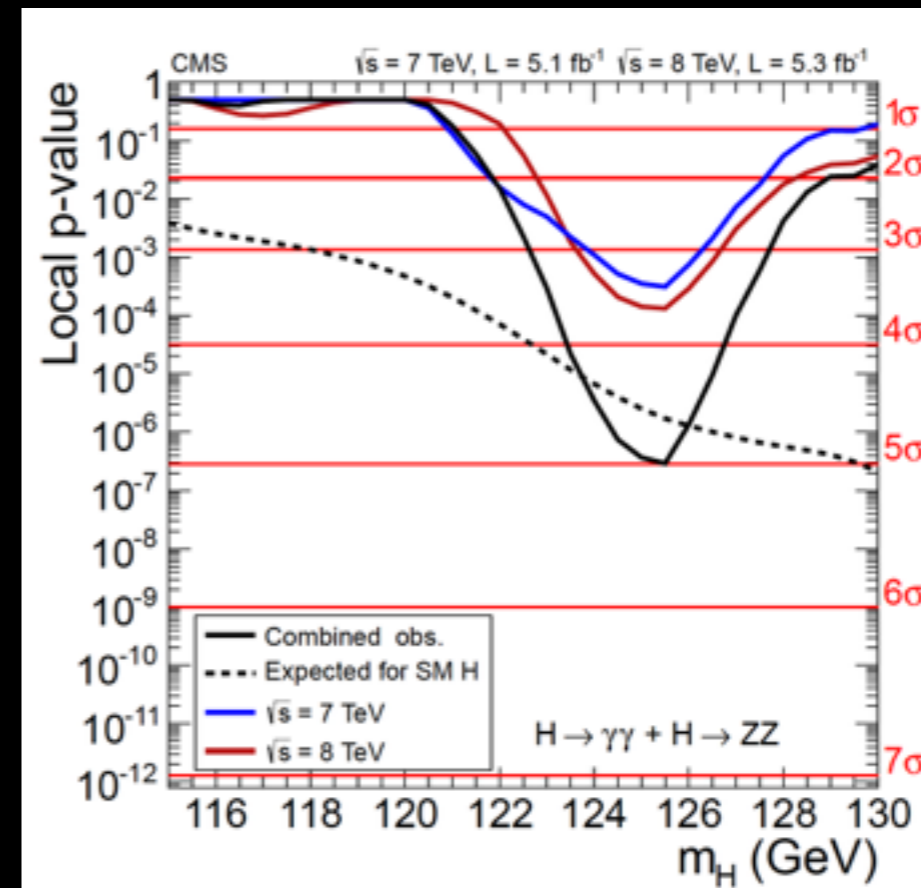
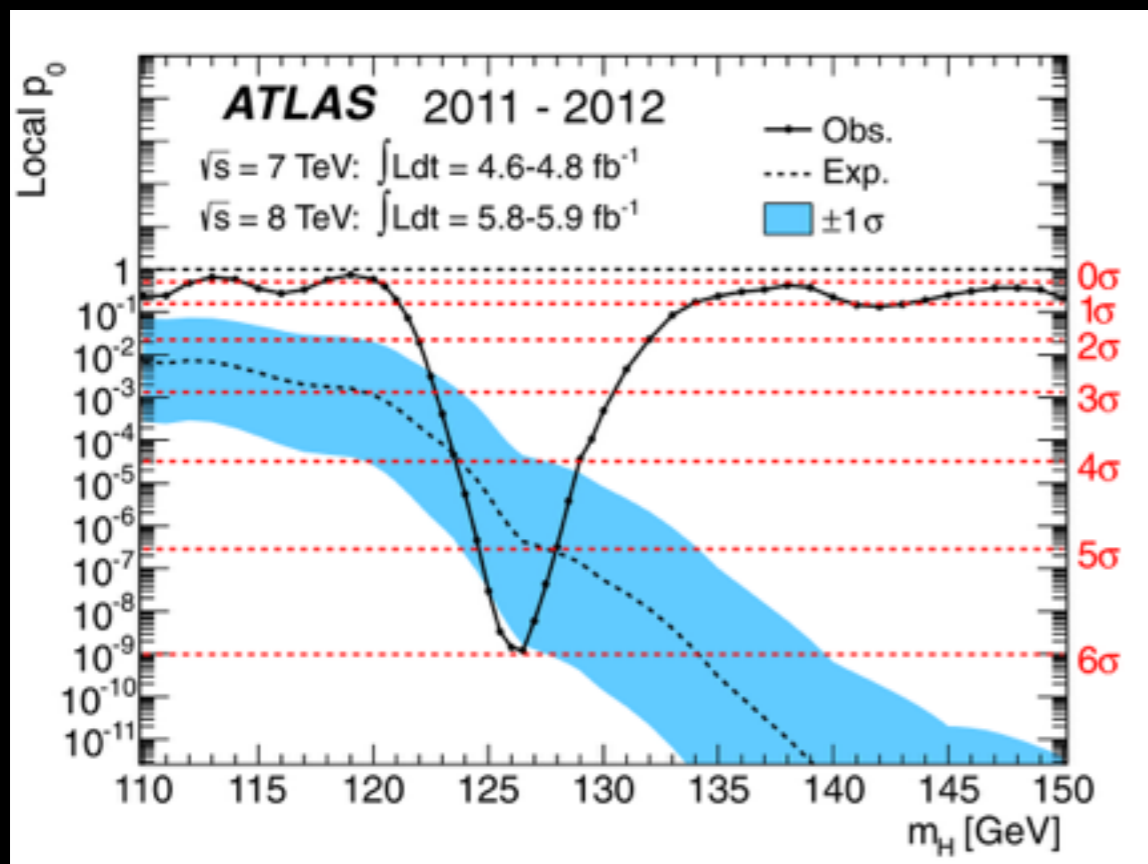
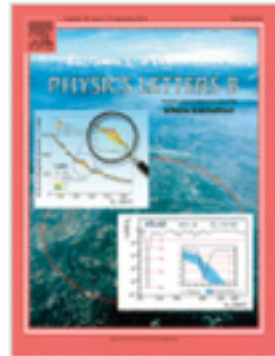
Discovery

# THE PUBLICATION



## Physics Letters B

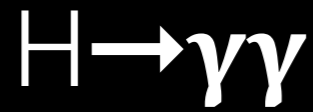
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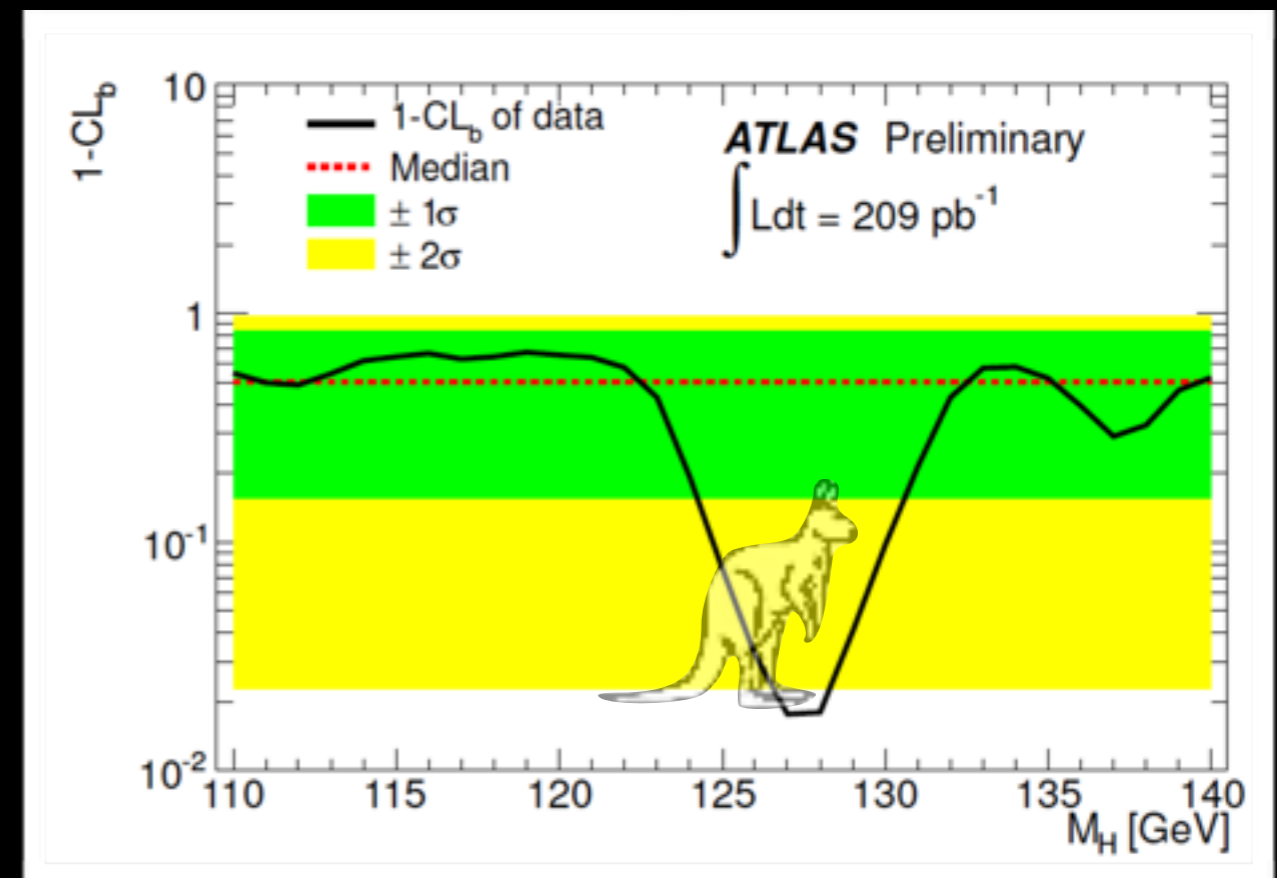
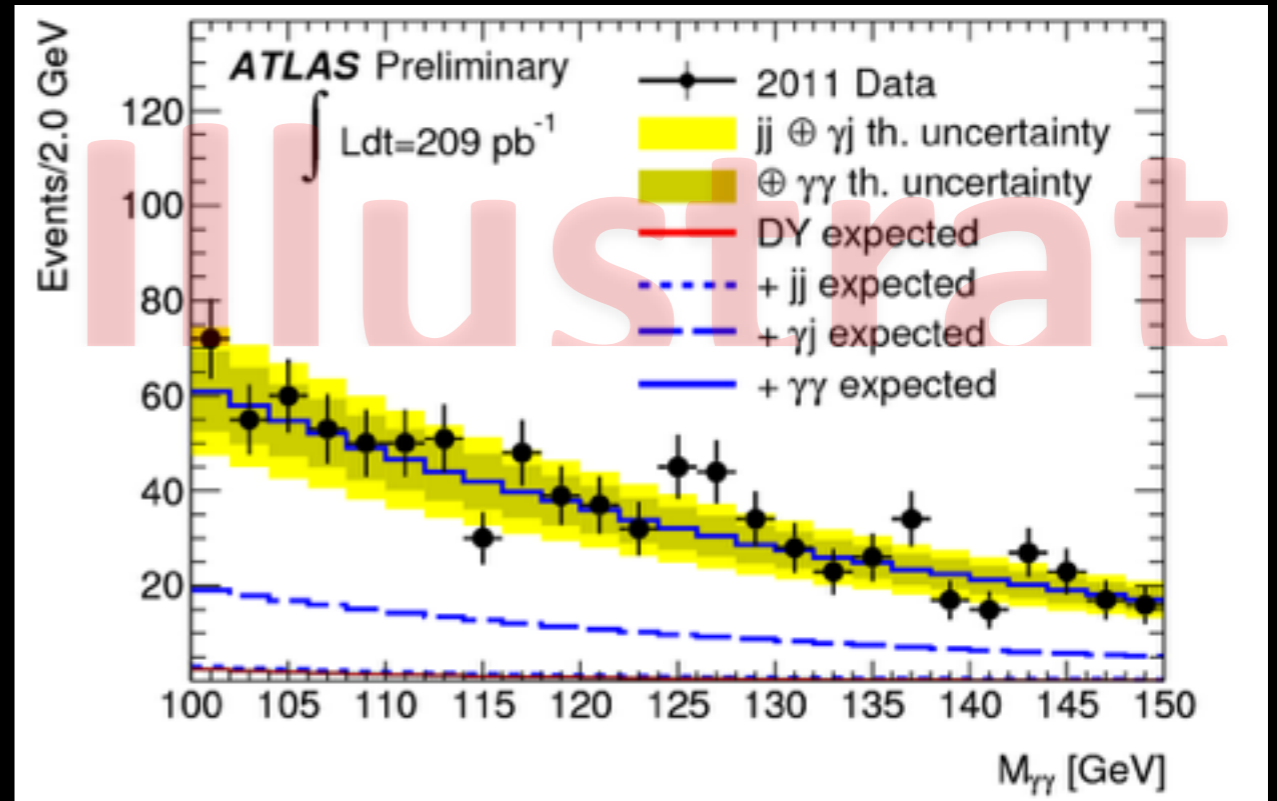
# THE HIGGS DISCOVERY DIARY



EASY TO BE WISE AFTER THE  
EVENT  
WE HAD IT SINCE THE  
BEGINNING.....

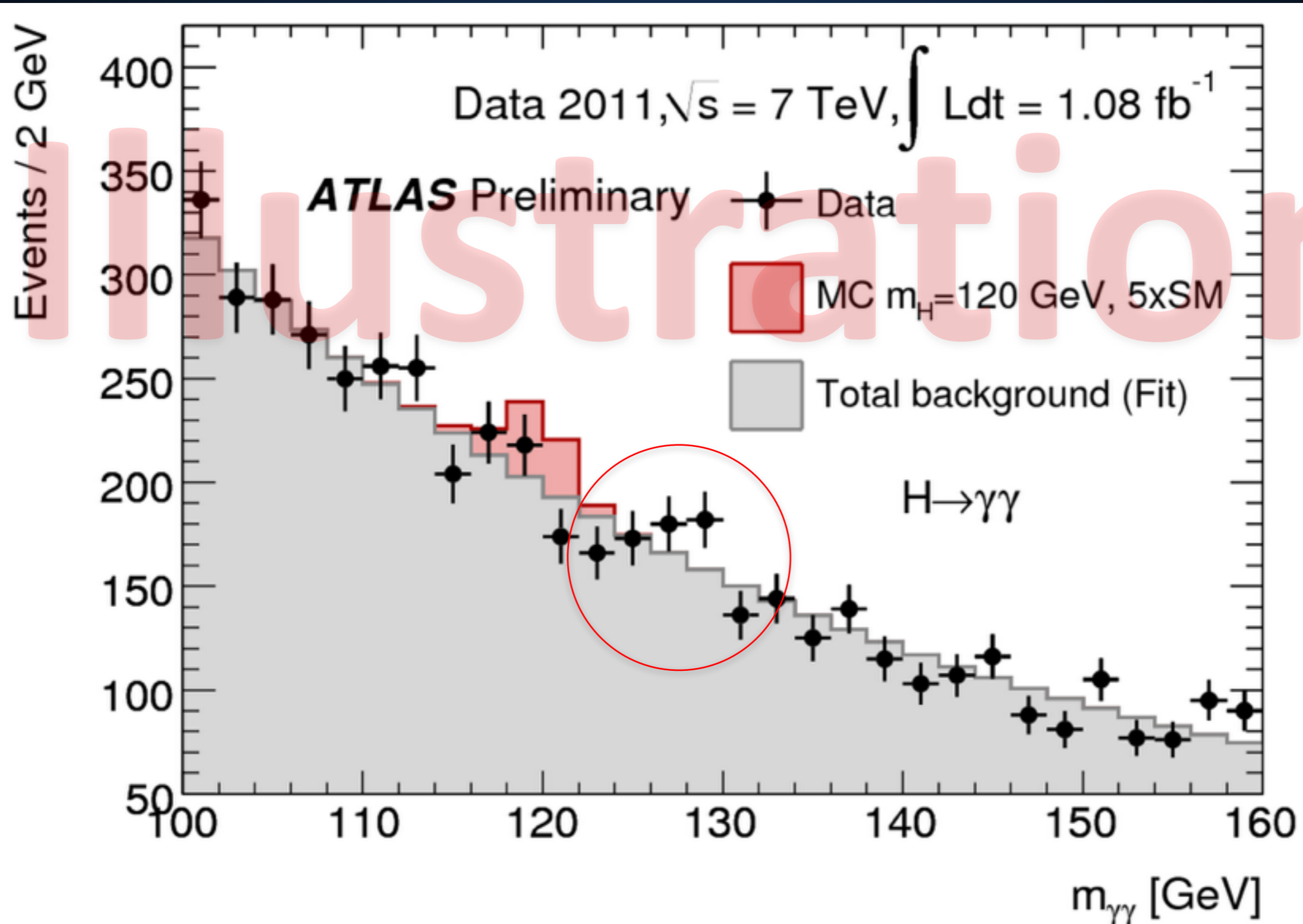


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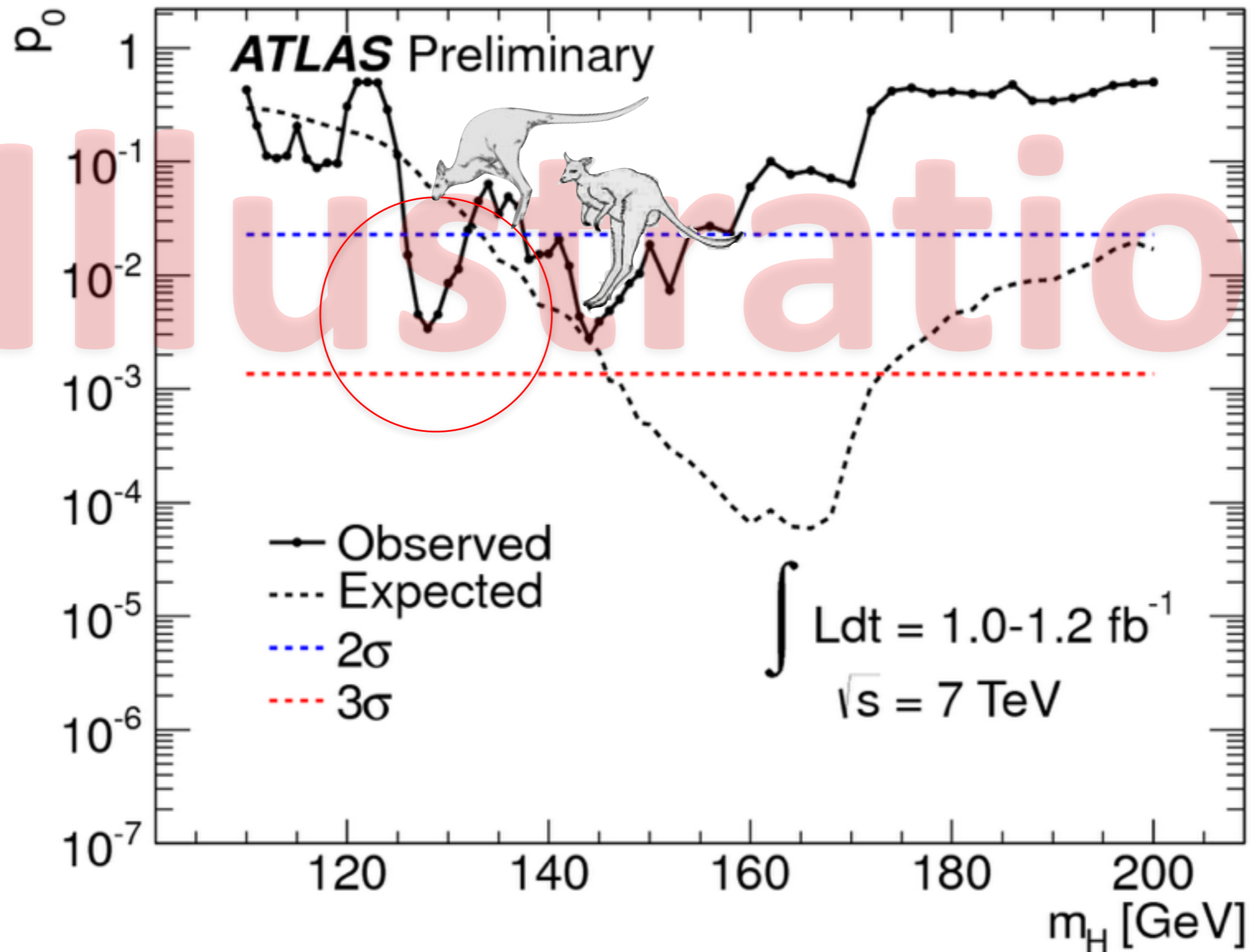
- EPS July 2011 : All the attention was on the 145 GeV Peak but...

Excess at 127 GeV  $\sim 2.7$  sigma see:



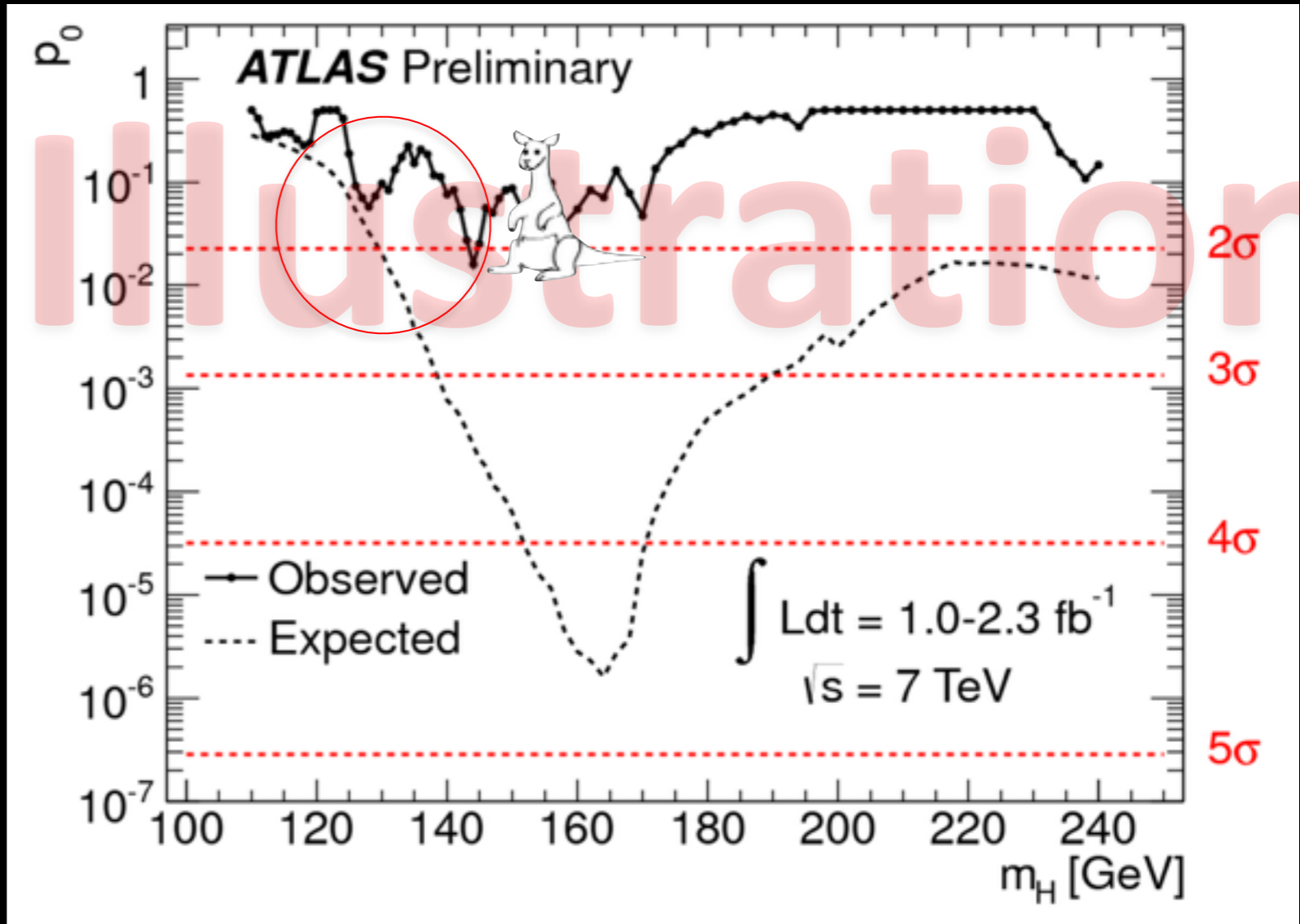
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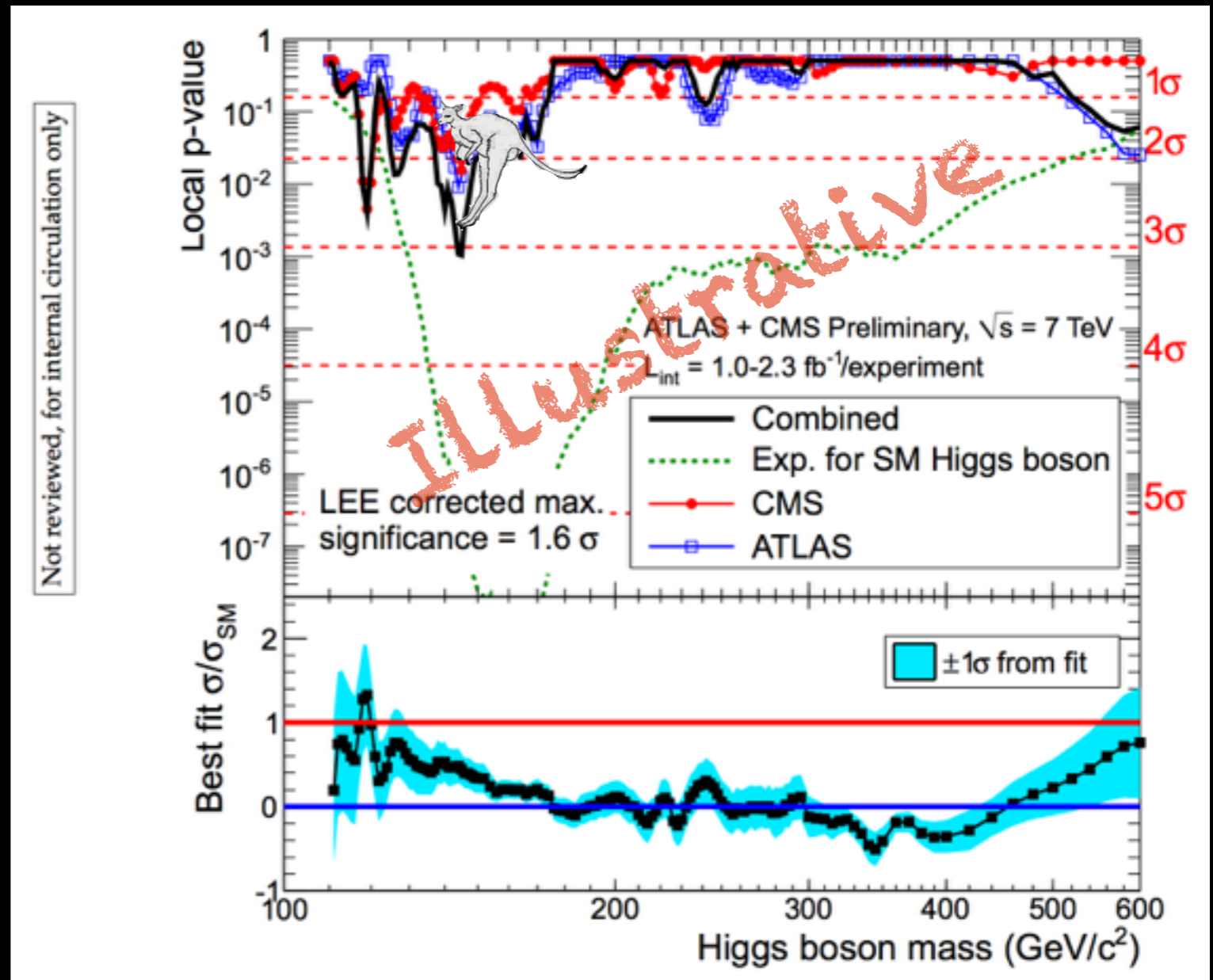
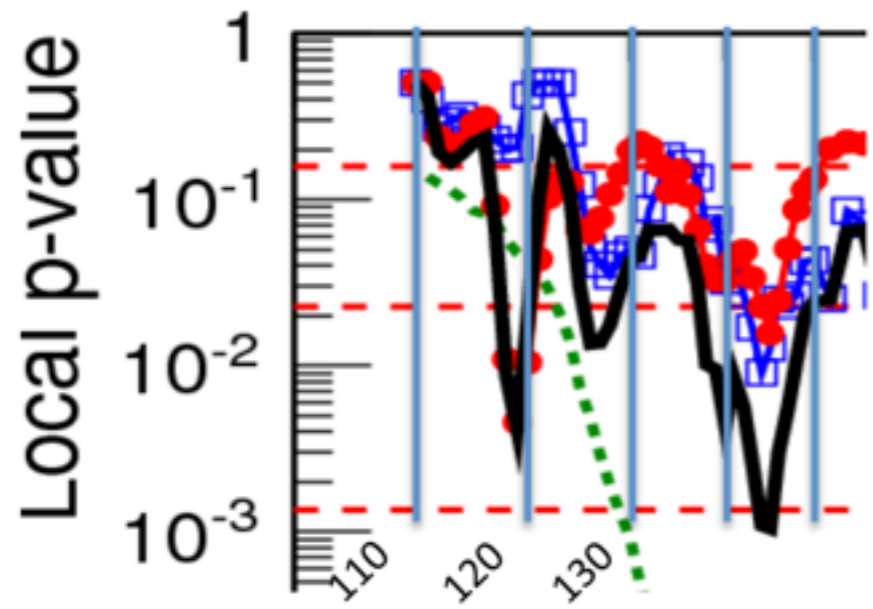
- The noticeable excesses at 127 GeV, 144 GeV and 245 GeV reported in Ref. [7], are less significant but still present.

- LP 2011 (August 2011) : Everything went down...  
 Excess at 127 GeV ~1.6 sigma see:



HCP (14-18 NOV) 2011, PARIS ATLAS-CONF-2011-157  
 WHERE IS THE HIGGS CMS PAS HIG-11-023  
 Nov 2011, up to 2.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>/experiment

- Dips of  $p_0$ (local)
  - 119 GeV (2.6  $\sigma$ )
  - 126 GeV (2.2  $\sigma$ )
  - 145 GeV (3.1  $\sigma$ )
- Roughly 0.9, 0.5, 1.6  $\sigma$  glob

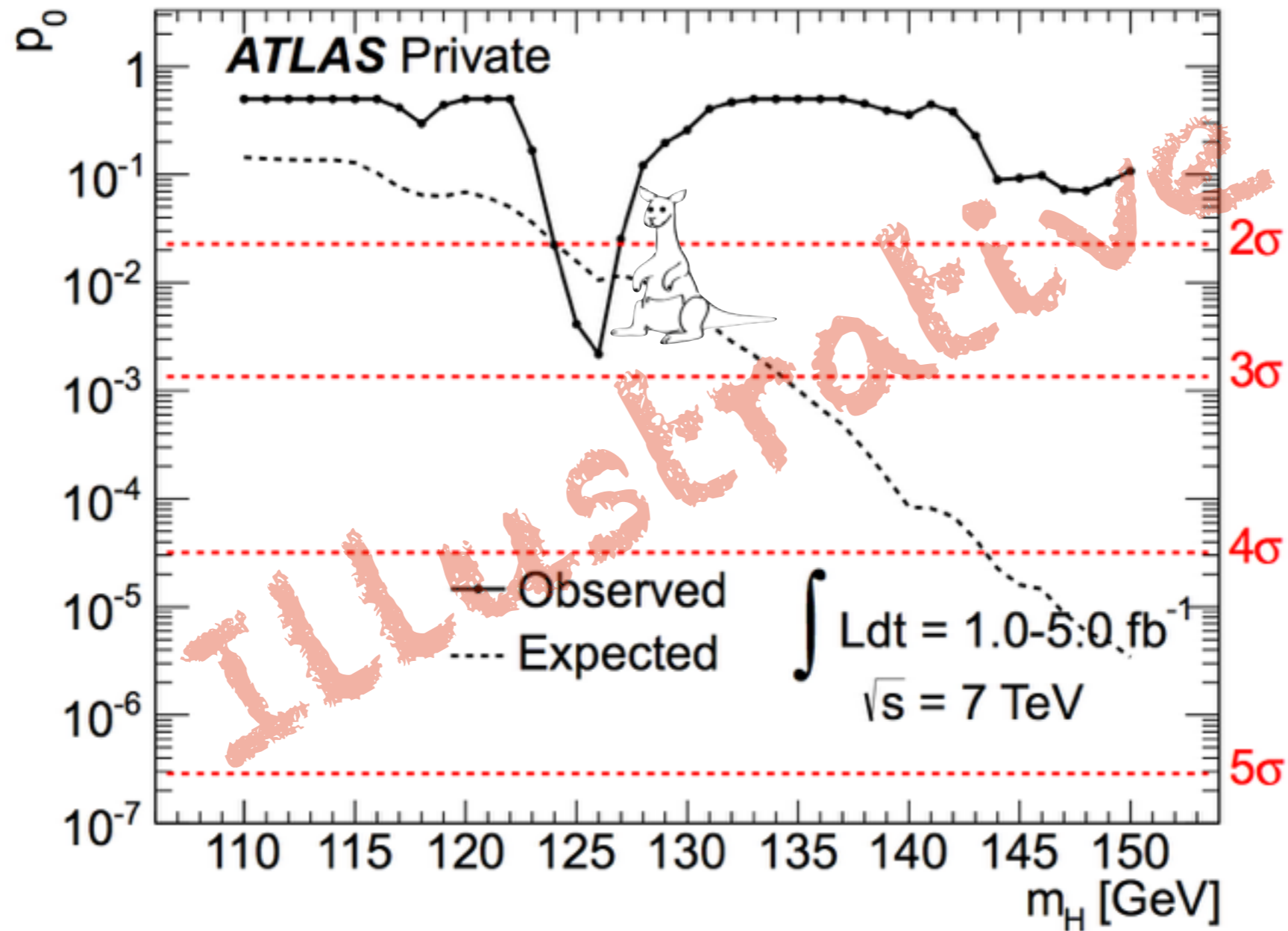


# THE 1ST TANTALISING ATLAS COMBINATION

from: **Aaron James Armbruster**

NOV 25<sup>TH</sup> 2011

to: "atlas-phys-higgs-comb-wg"



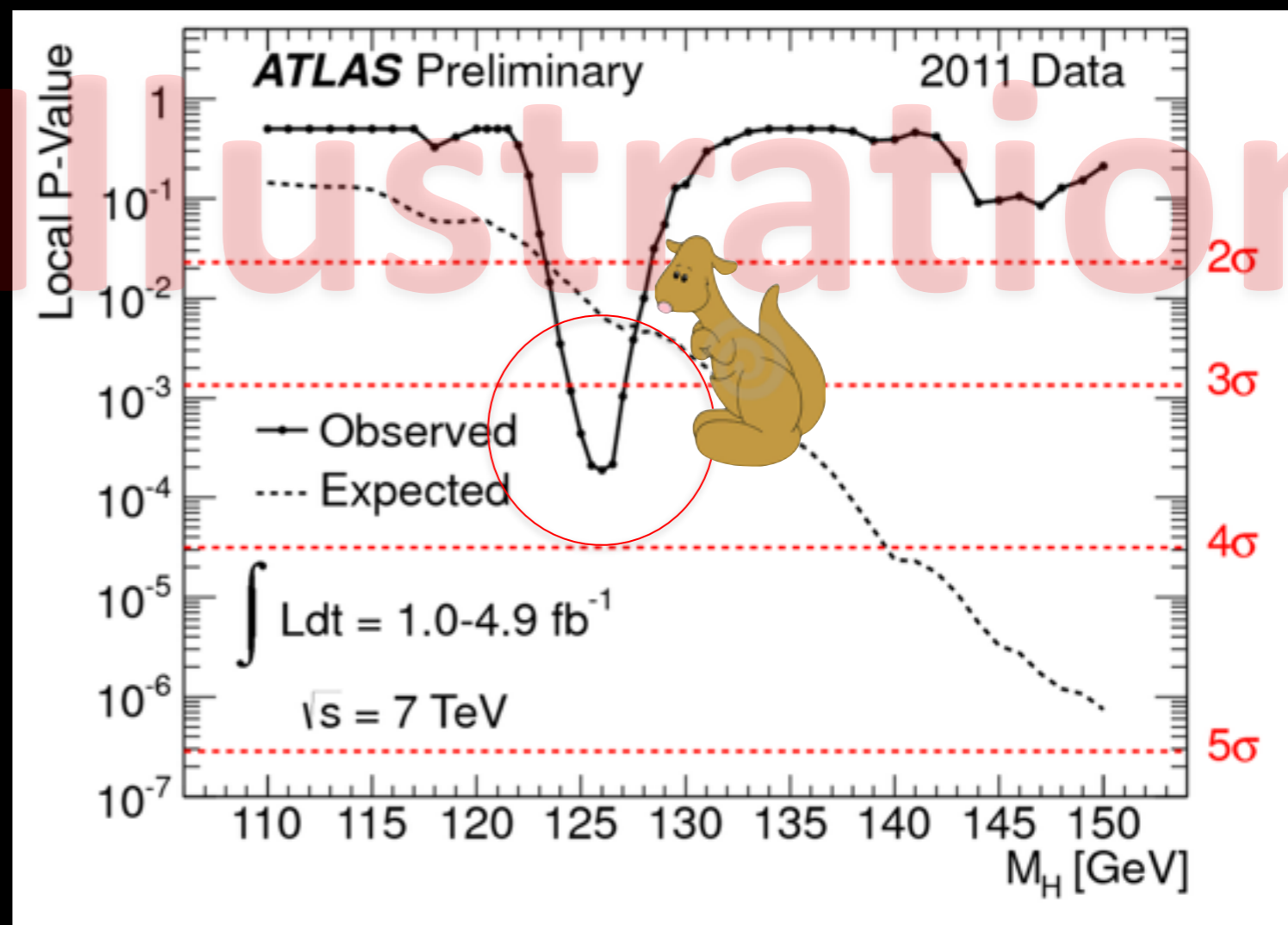
7 DEC 2011

# ALEX COUNCIL APPROVAL TALK

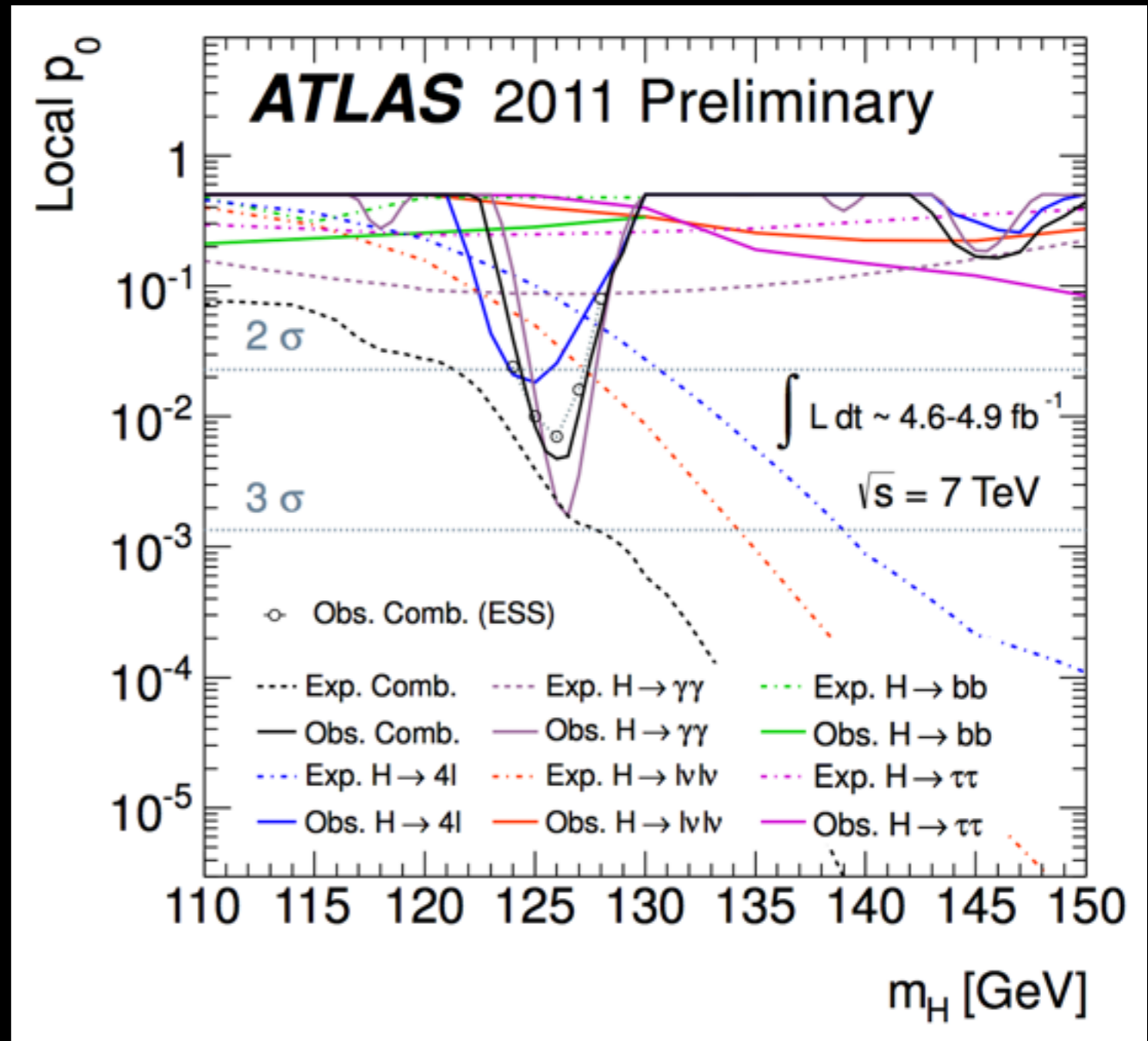
- Alex Reed (giving report for ATLAS):  
Either we have been a bit lucky and seen the first signs of the Higgs or we have been very unlucky with a background fluctuation.

- Council 2011 (December) : The first evidence...

Excess at 126 GeV  $\sim 3.6$  sigma see:



- Excess went down below the expectation (to  $2.5 \sigma$ ) due to the addition of the  $H \rightarrow WW$  channel





# HAPPY END

Photograph of a Higgs Boson  
decaying into two photons

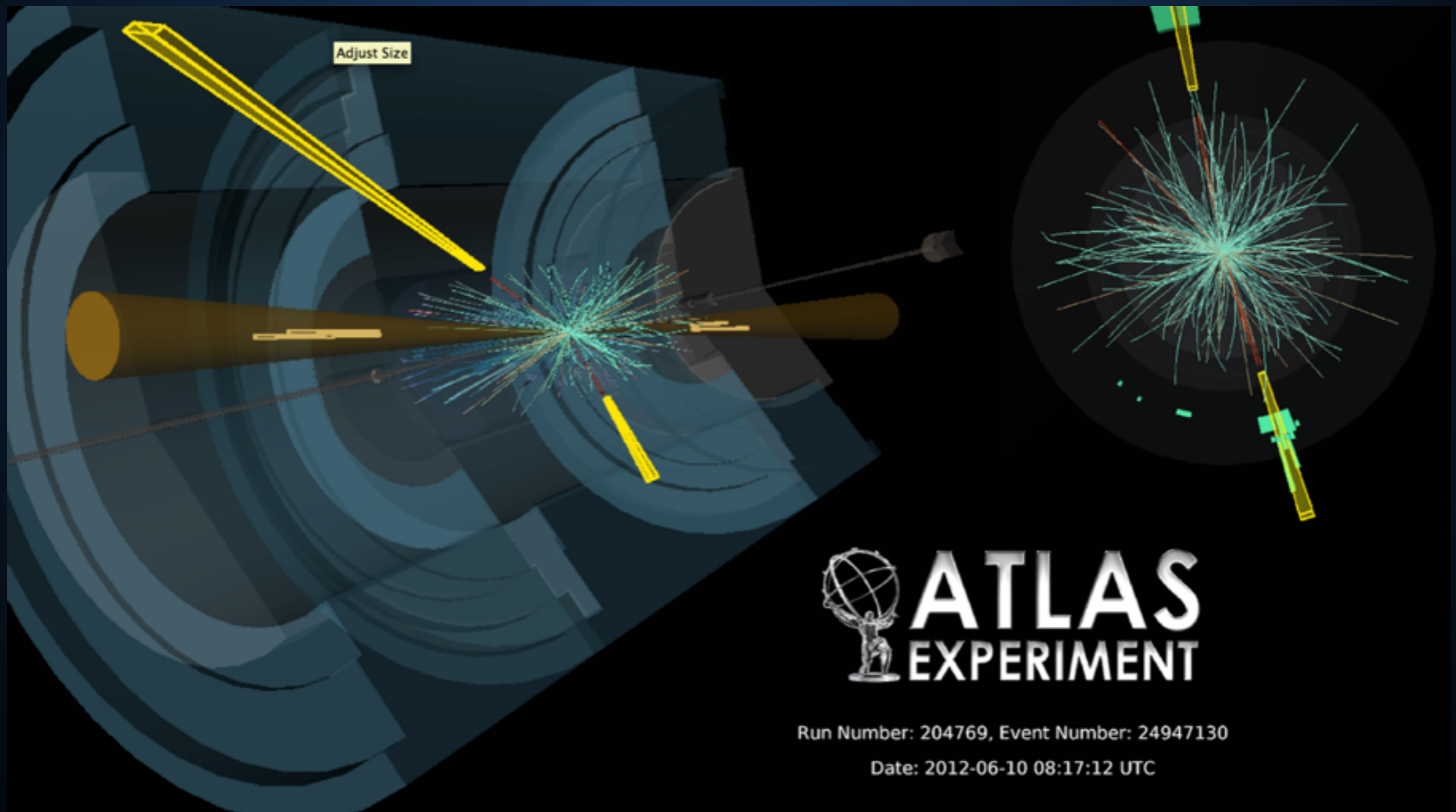
Proton Runs 2010-12

*Not currently active*

Highest luminosity =  $7.73 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Total Collisions =  $1.80 \cdot 10^{15} = 1\,800\,000\,000\,000\,000$

Recorded luminosity =  $27.03 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



 **ATLAS**  
EXPERIMENT

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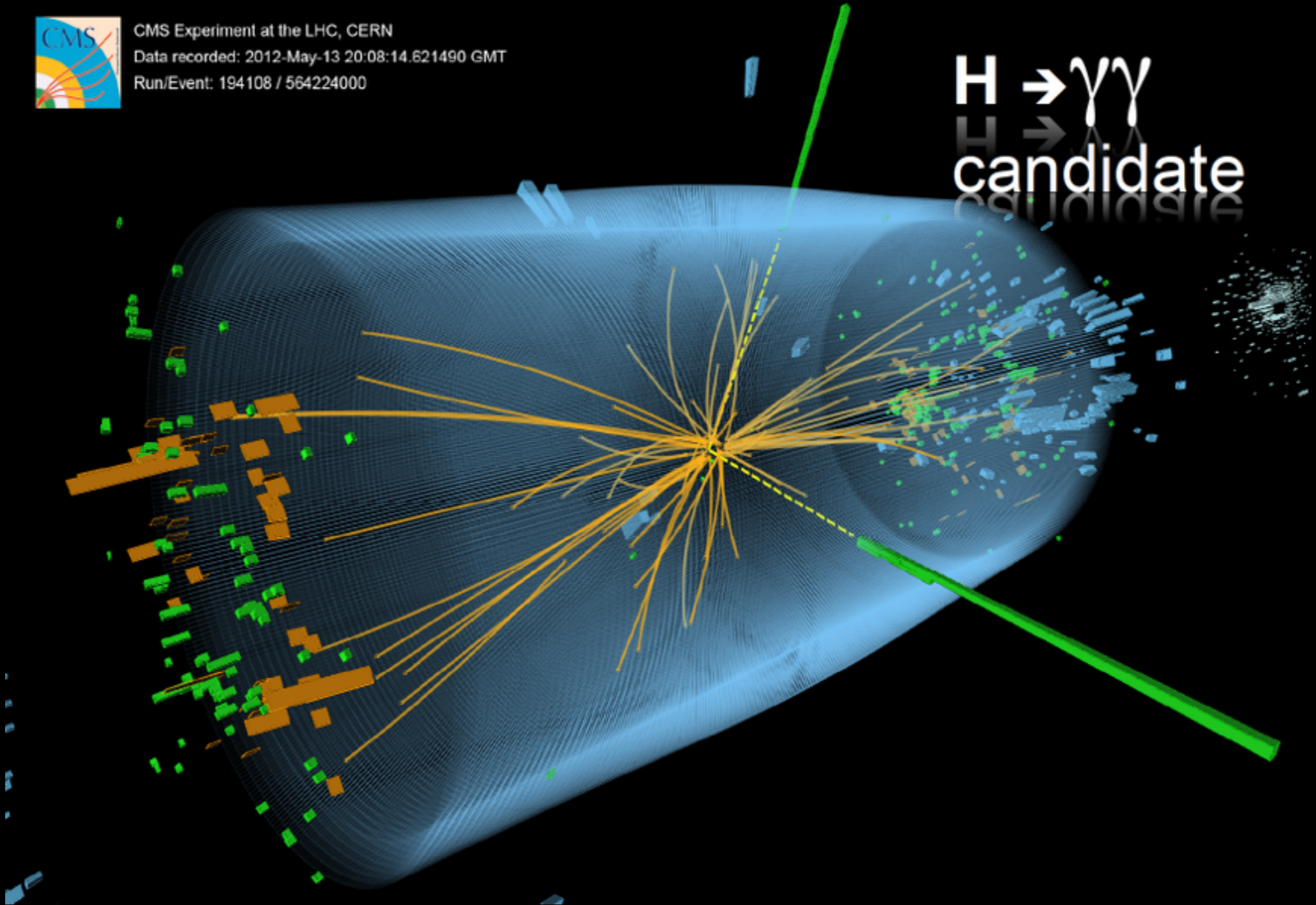
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# ANOTHER FAMOUS HIGGS EVENT



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN  
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Run/Event: 194108 / 564224000

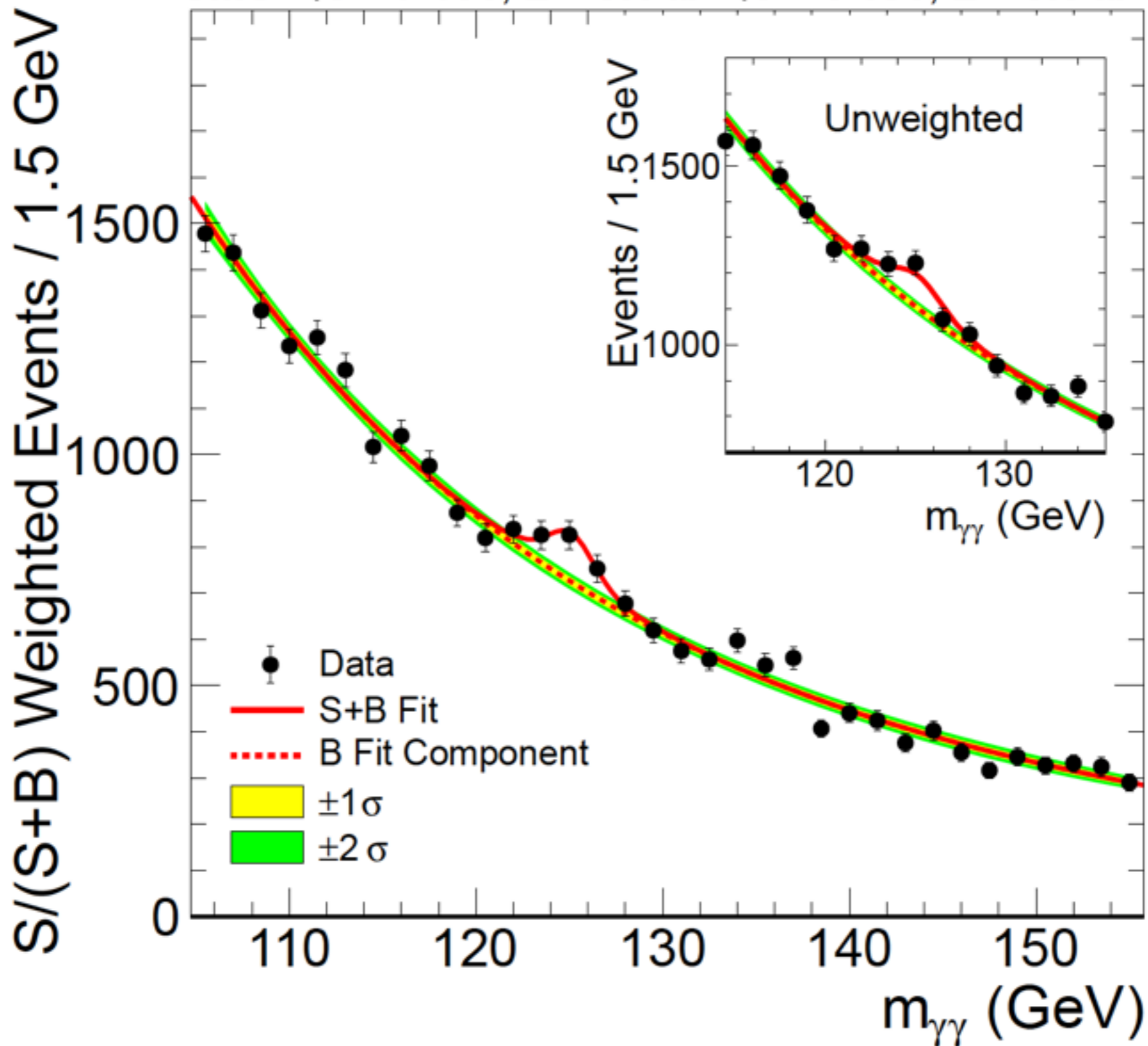
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
candidate



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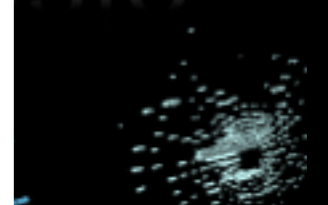


CMS  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, L = 5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, L = 5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

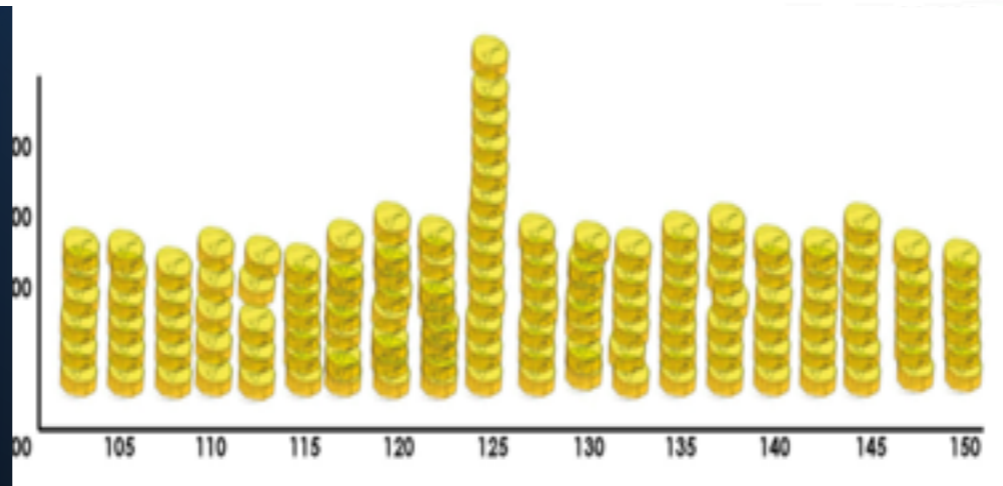
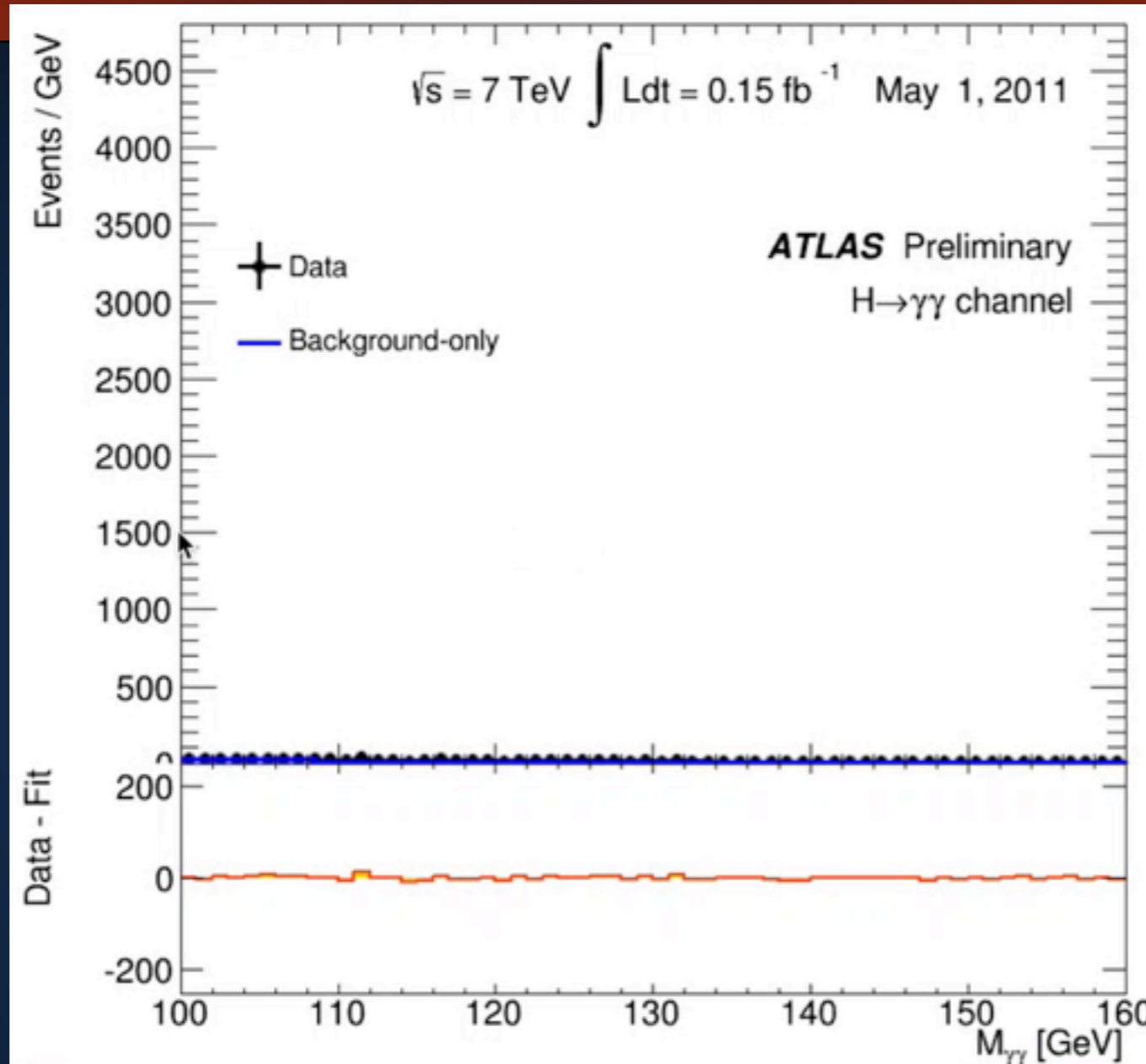


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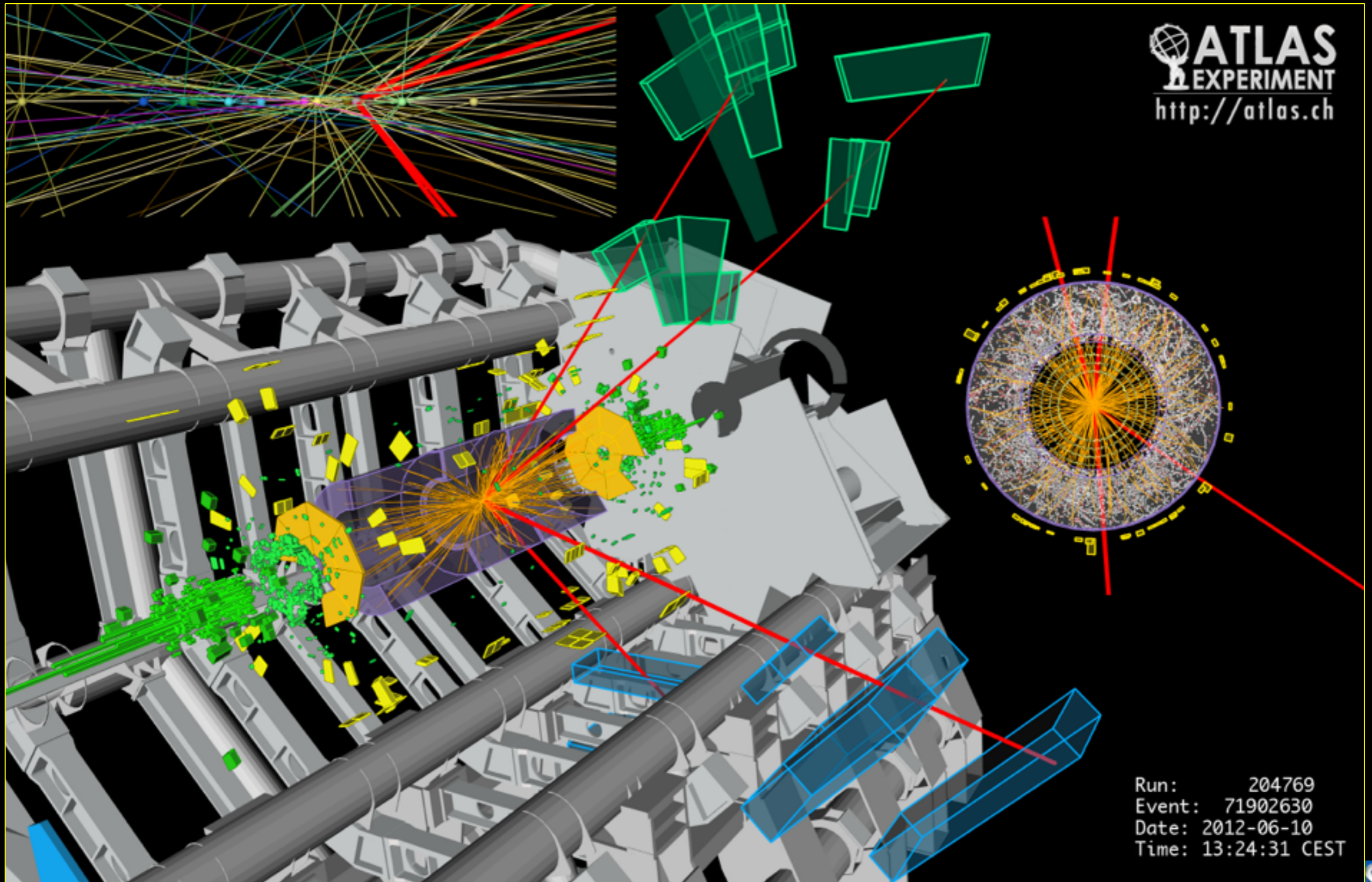


# The Birth of a New Particle



# 4 leptons

$4\mu$  candidate with mass = 124.1 GeV



# 4 leptons

4e candidate with mass = 124.5 GeV

ATLAS  
EXPERIMENT

<http://atlas.ch>

Run: 203602

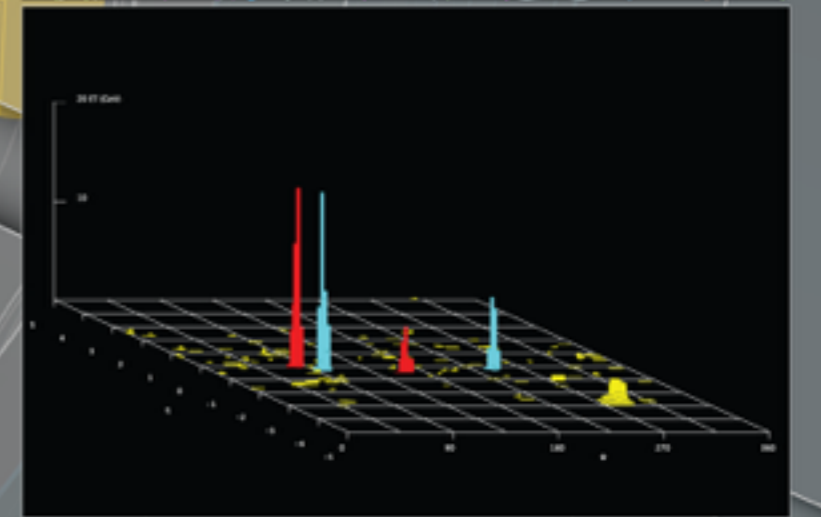
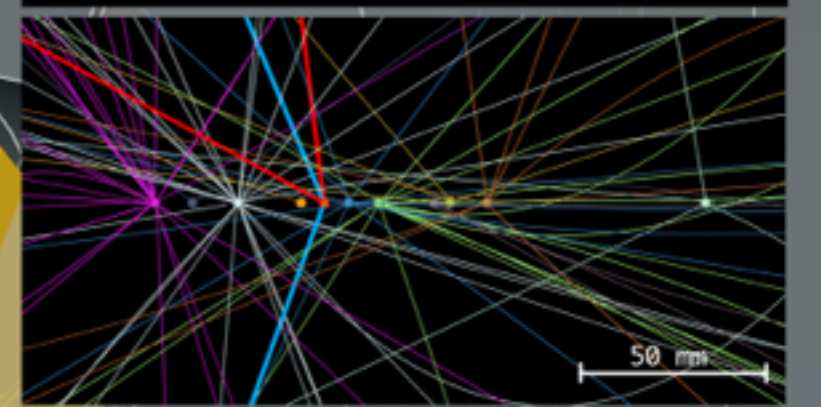
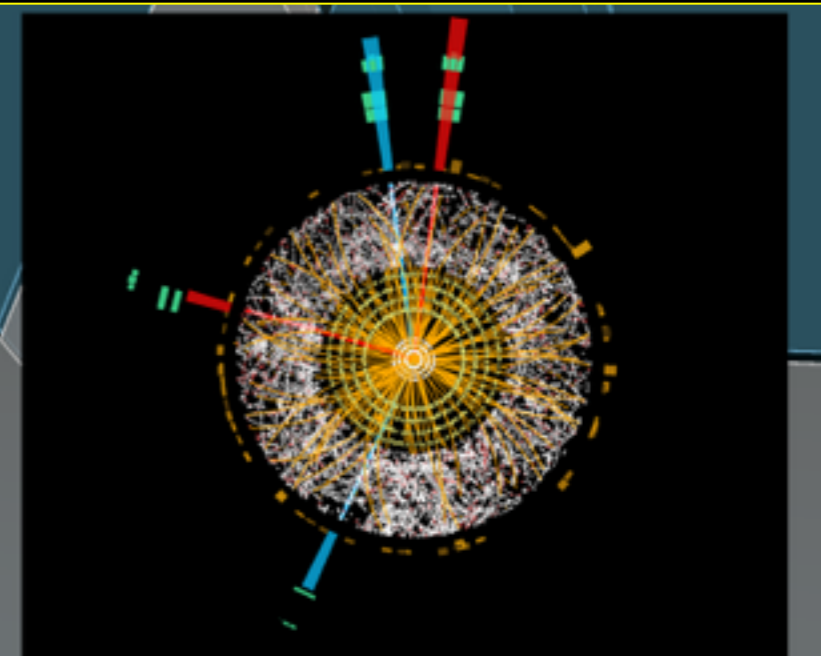
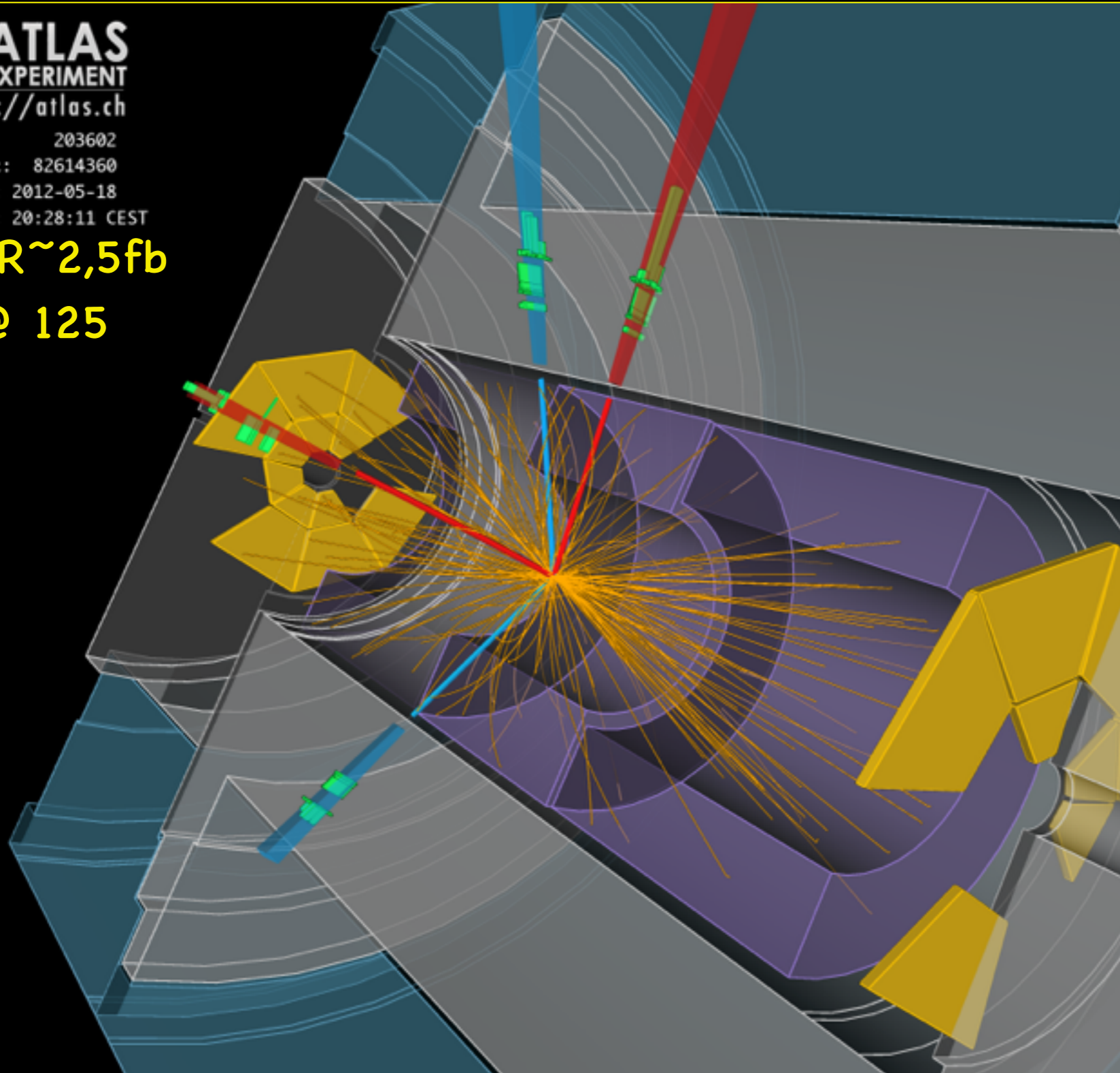
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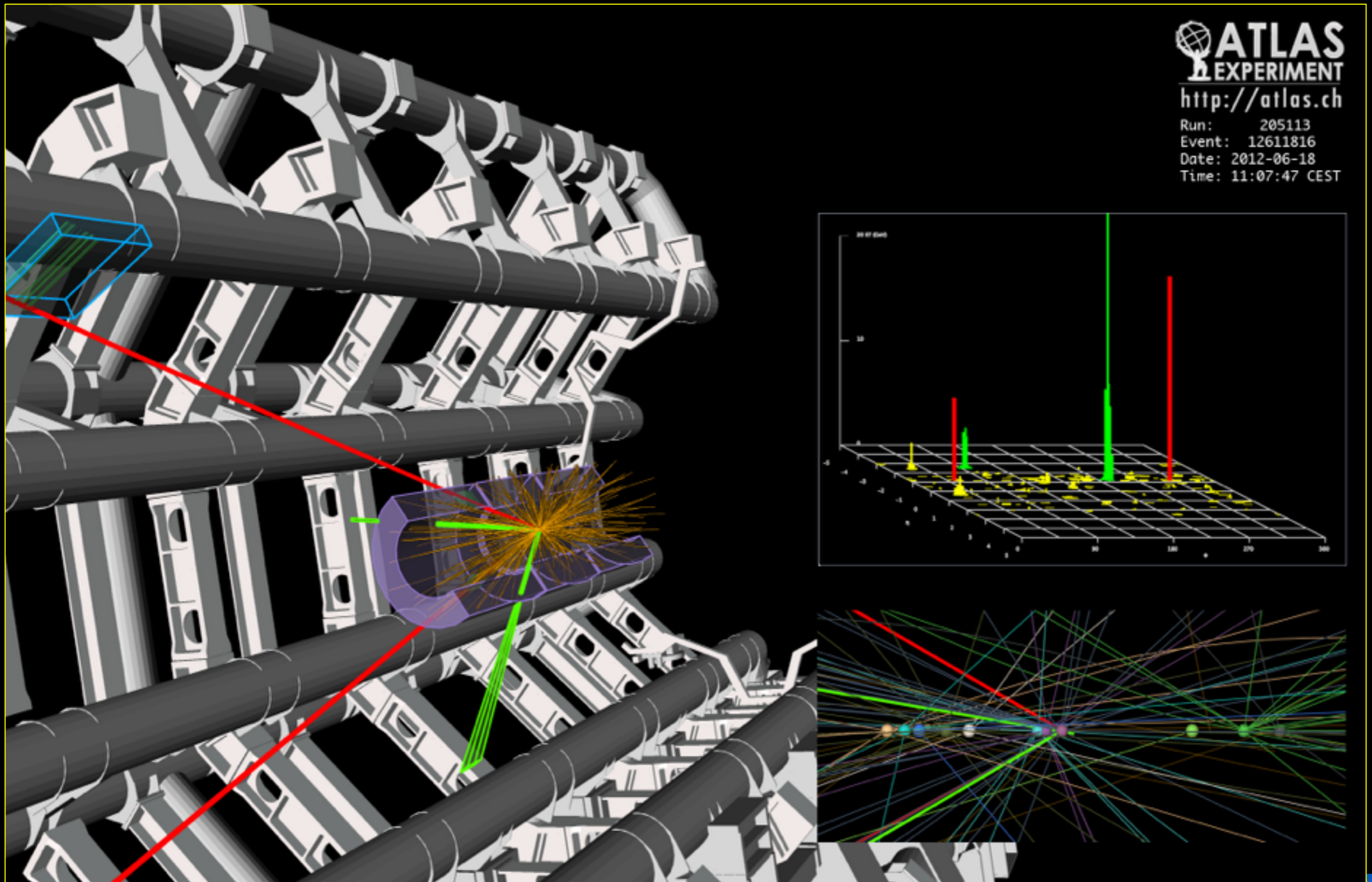
$\sigma \times BR \sim 2,5 \text{ fb}$

@ 125



# 4 leptons

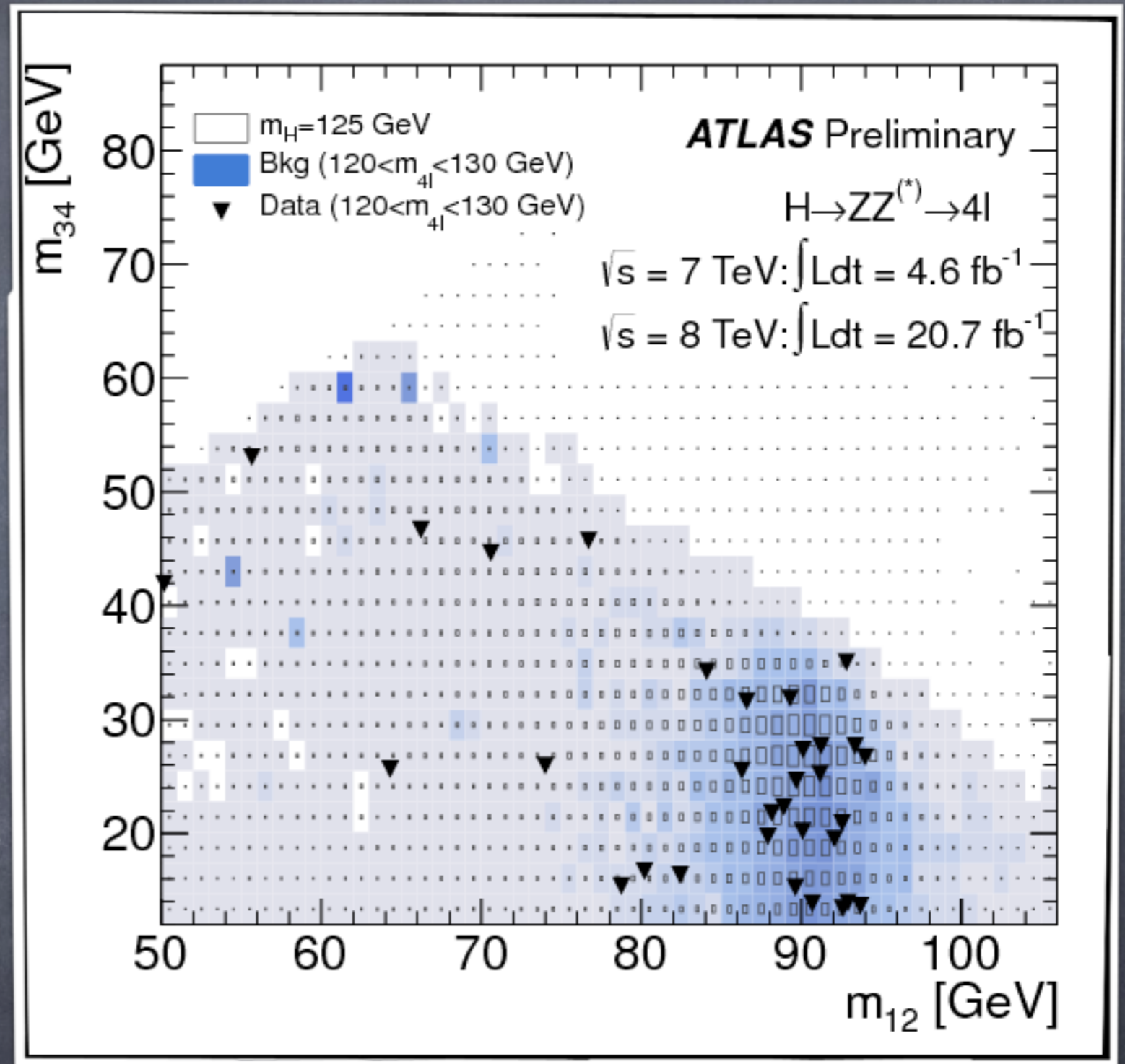
$2e2\mu$  candidate with mass = 122.7 GeV



# The Golden Channel: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

**FSR**  $\gamma$  candidate ( $E_T > 1$  GeV)  
added if  $66 < M_{12}(\mu\mu)$  [GeV]  $< 89$   
 $\sim 4\%$  of events

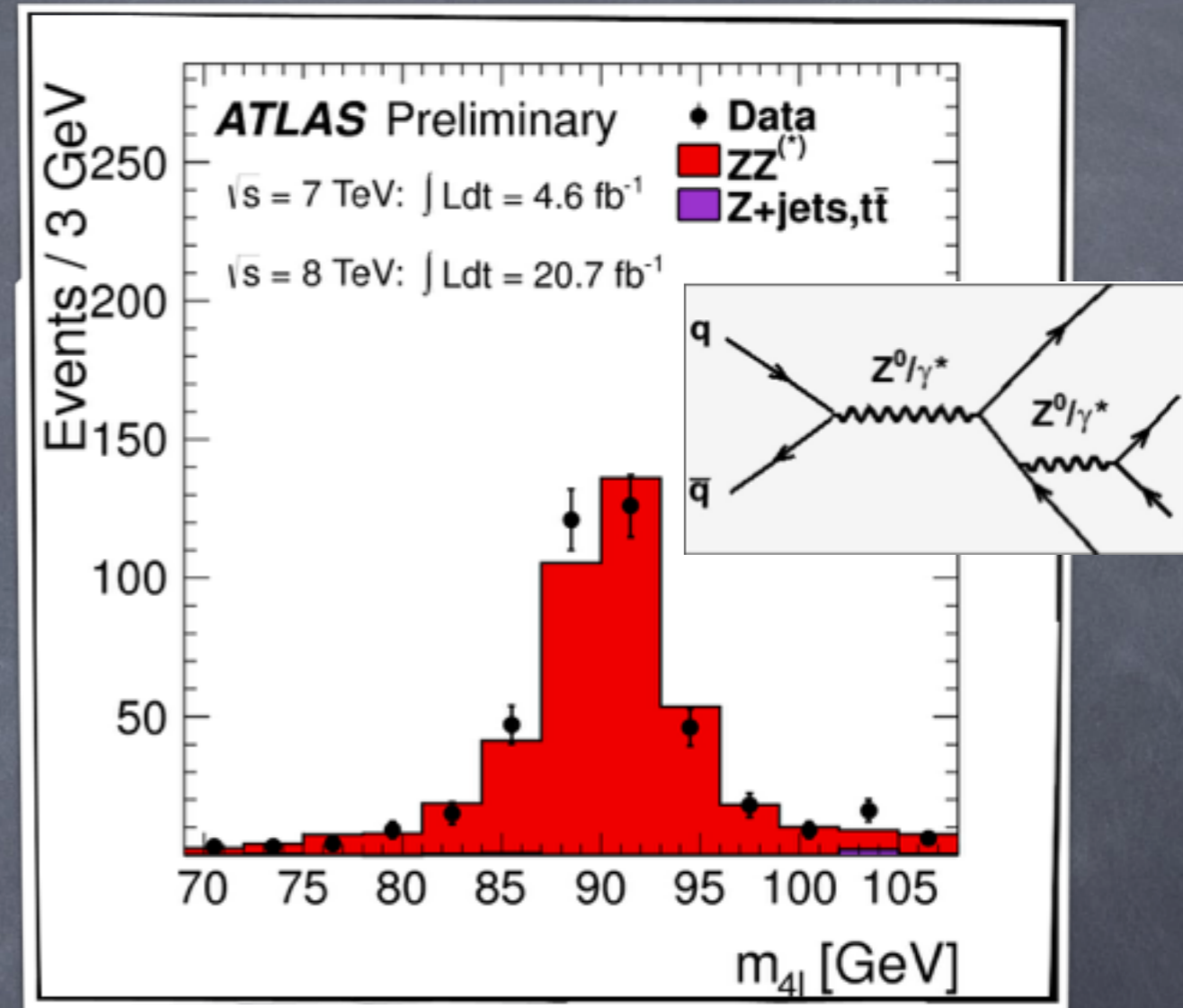
Mass **resolution** 1.3/1.9%  
for  $4m/4e$  @ 125 GeV  
using Z-mass constraint  
on leading lepton pair



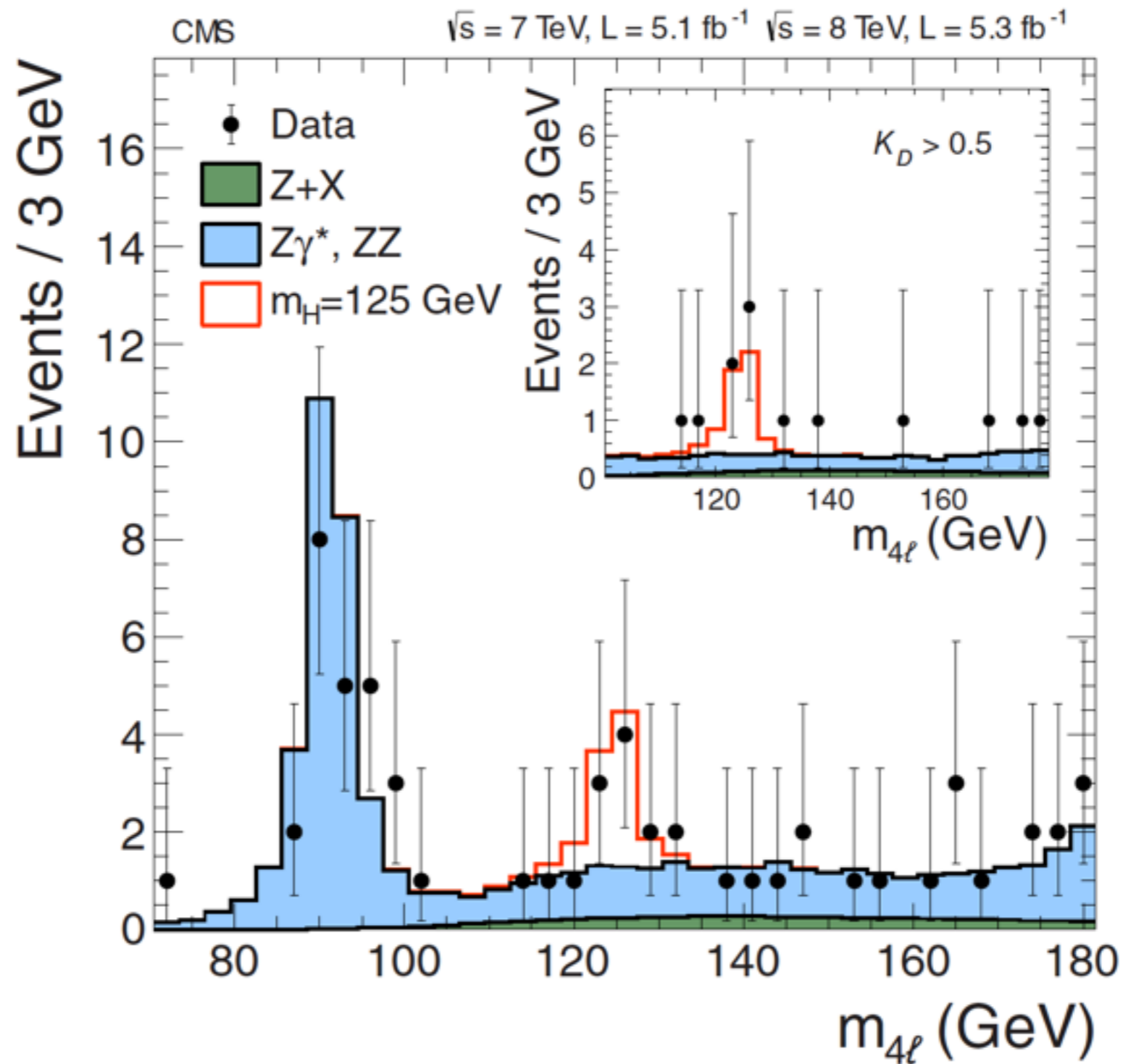


# Validating 4 $\ell$ analysis method

- Demonstrating the single-resonant peak  
 $pp \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 4\text{leptons}$
- To improve the acceptance the requirements on  $m_{12}$ ,  $m_{34}$  and the leptons  $p_T$  were relaxed

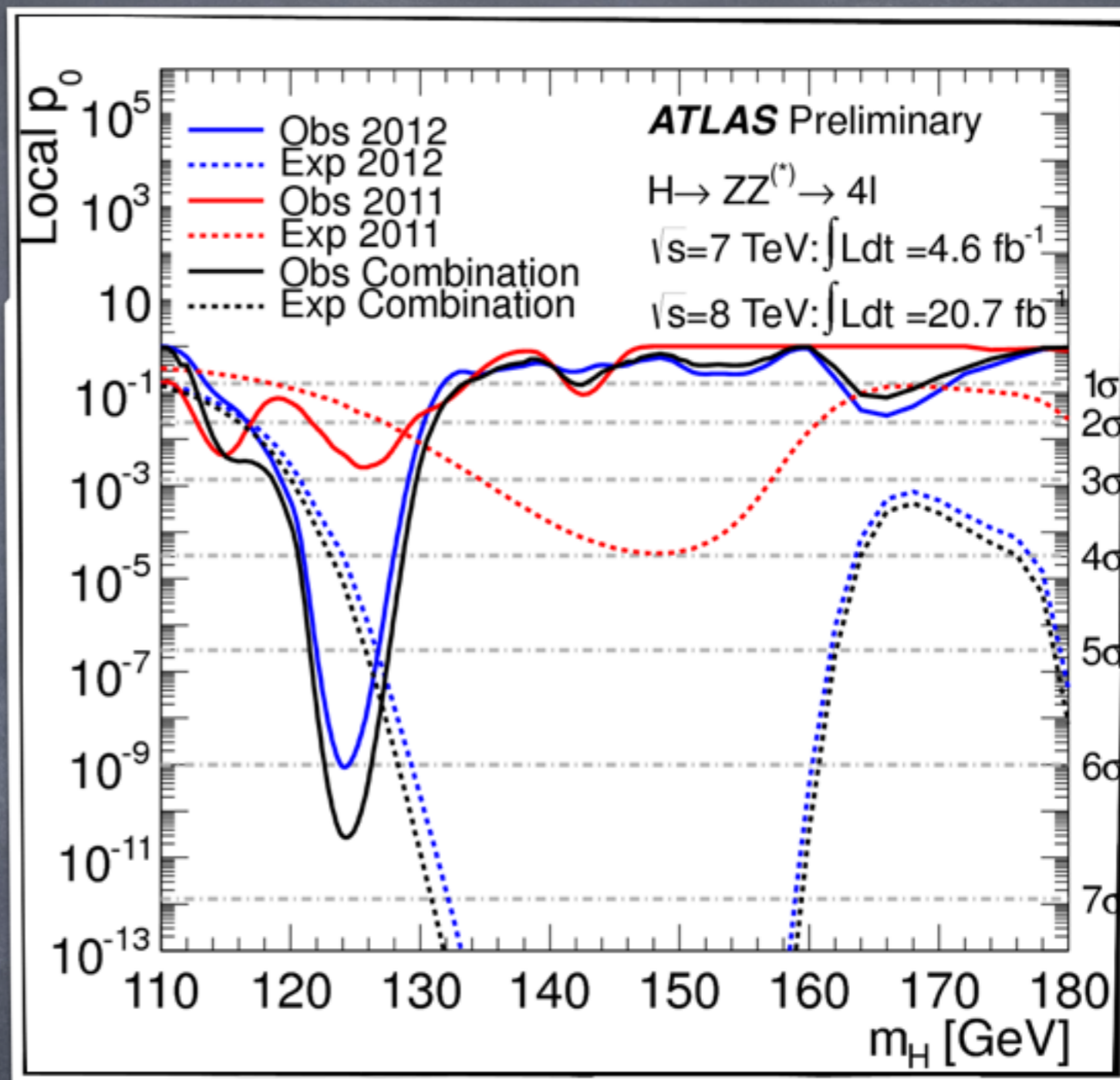


# 4 LEPTONS

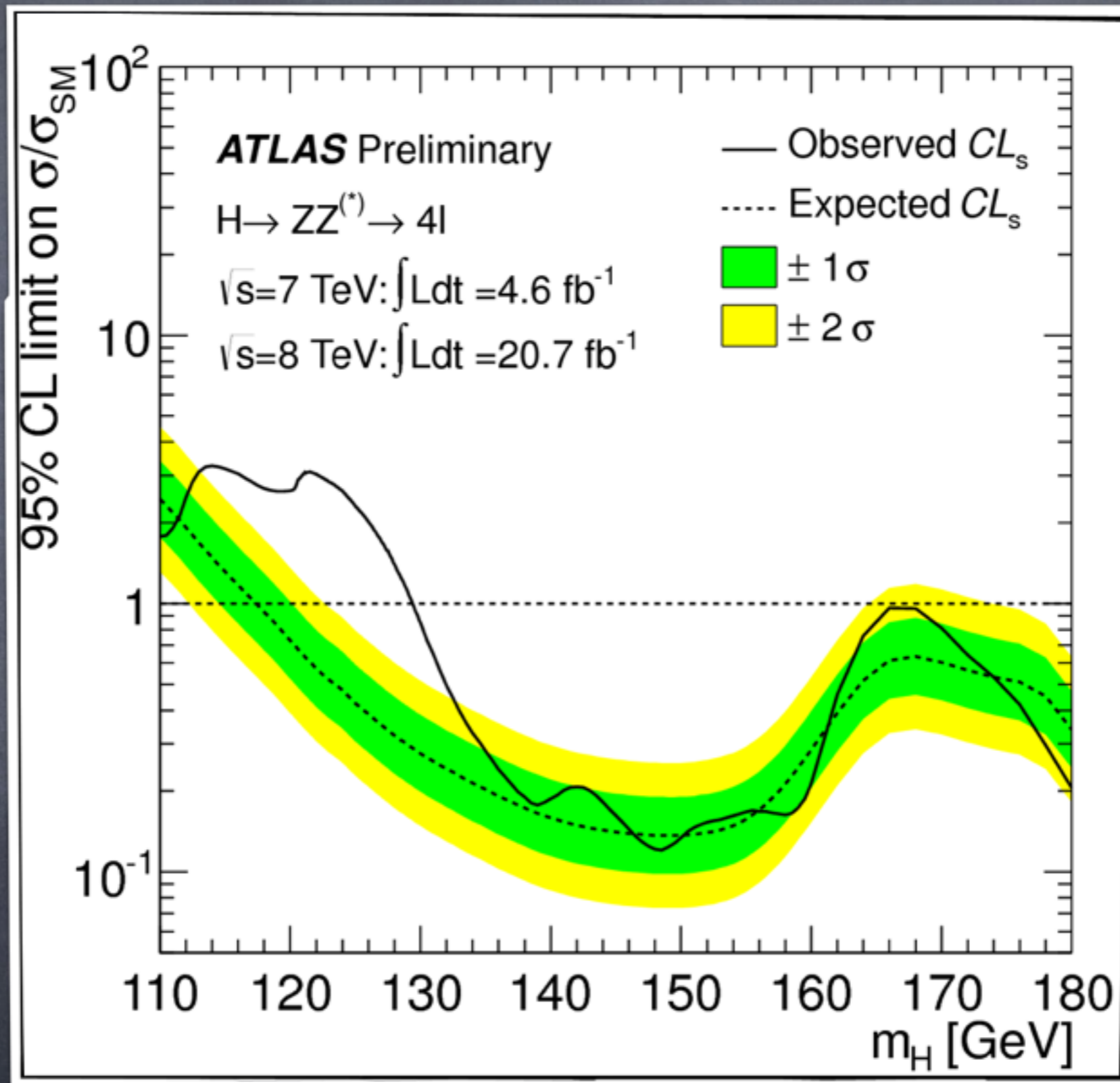


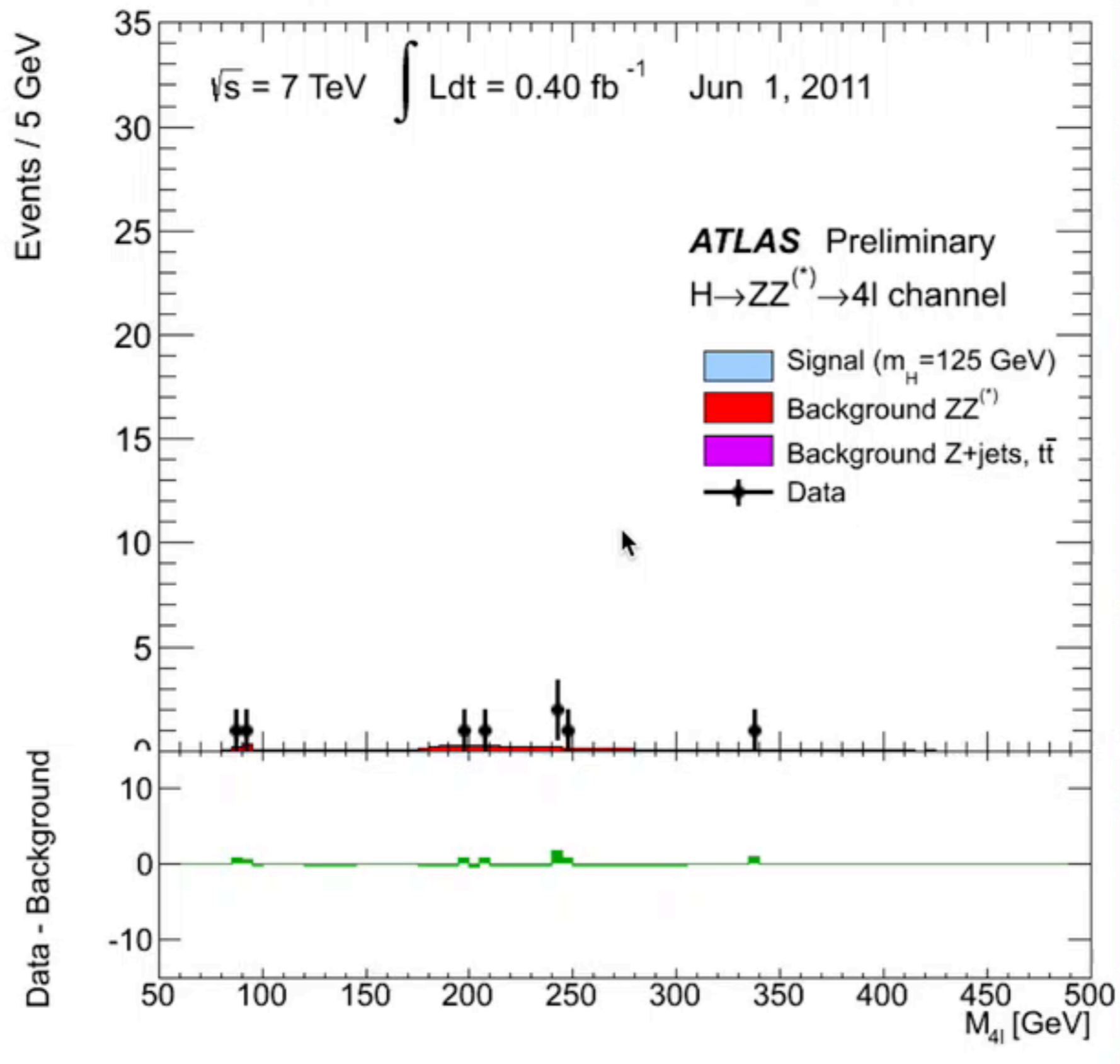
# 4 $\ell$ discovery excess is confirmed

	2011	2012	Combined
<b>Mass</b>	125.6 GeV	124.1 GeV	124.3 GeV
<b>Exp</b>	1.8 $\sigma$	4.0 $\sigma$	4.4 $\sigma$
<b>Obs</b>	2.8 $\sigma$	6.0 $\sigma$	6.6 $\sigma$



# Exclusion





# THE DISCOVERY CONF NOTE

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The proof of the desert assumption

or

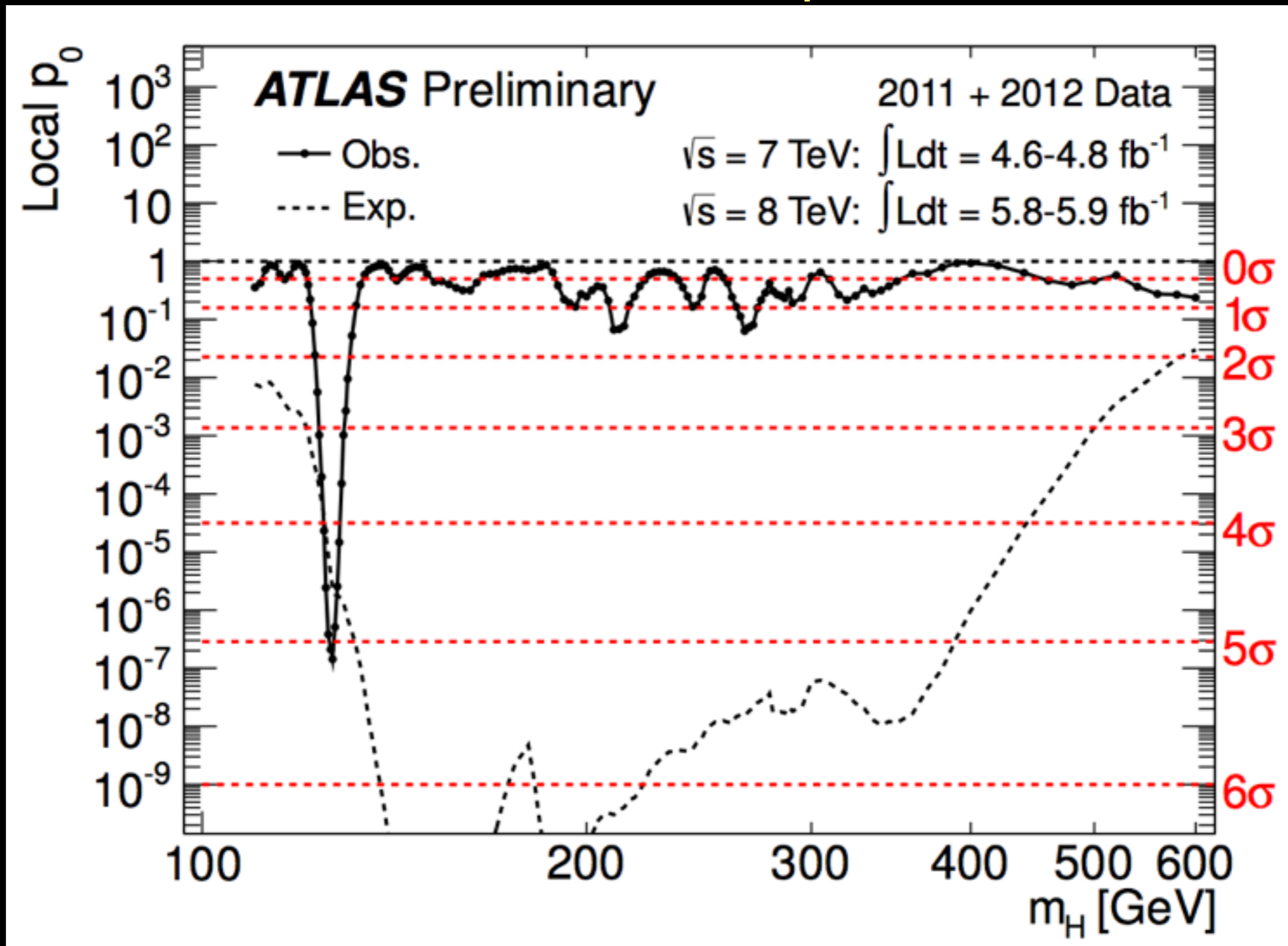
The heartbeat plot



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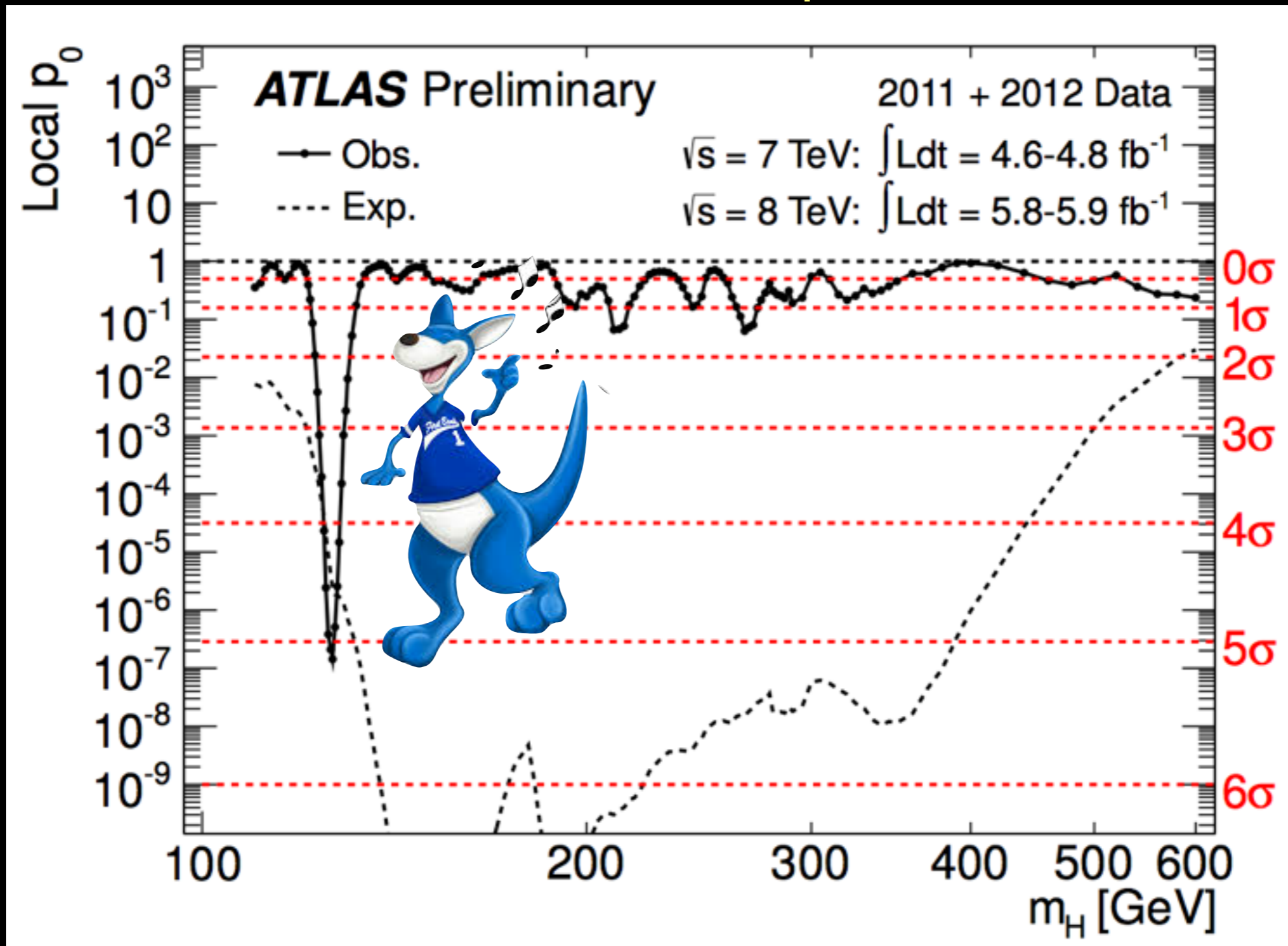
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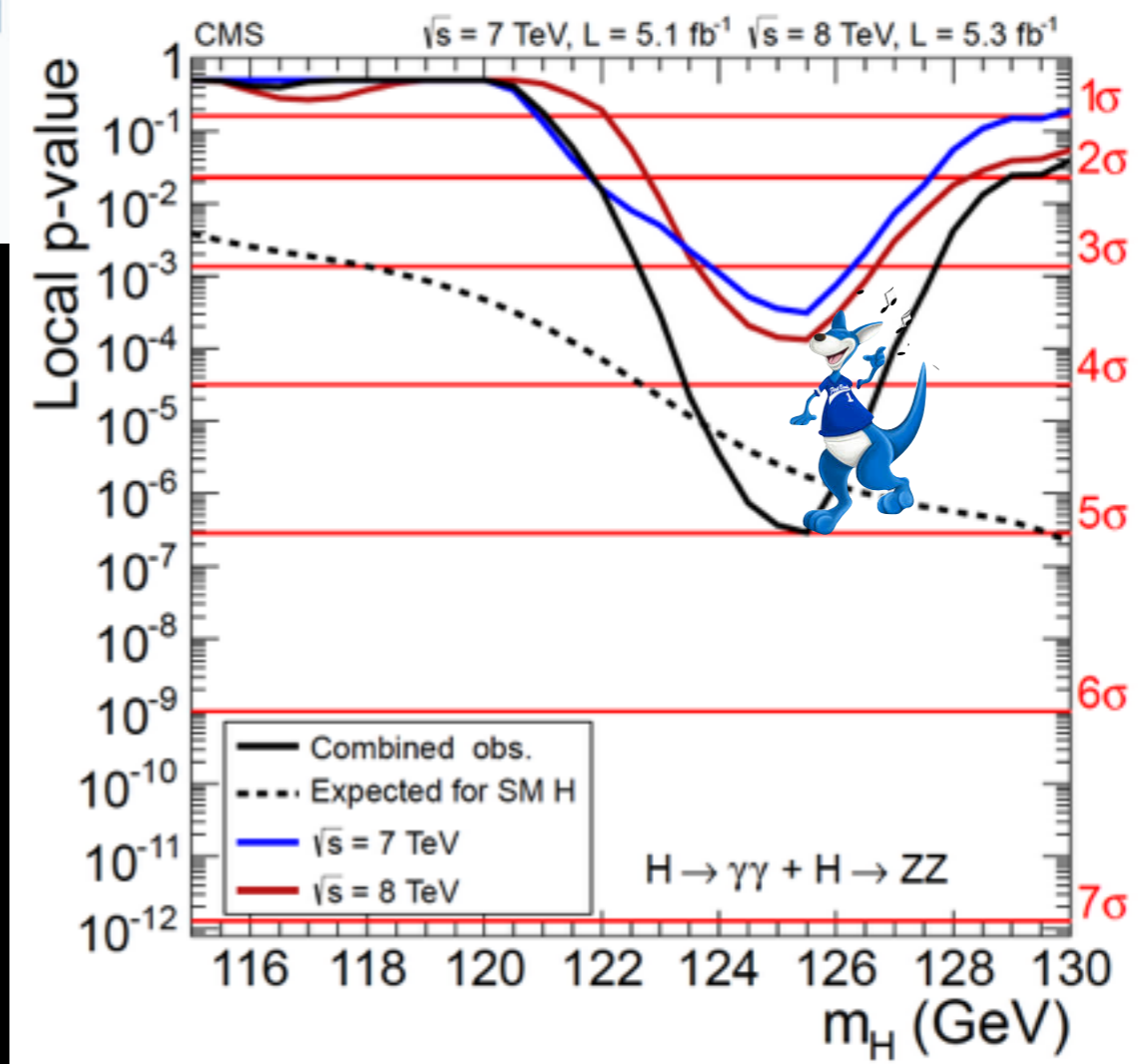
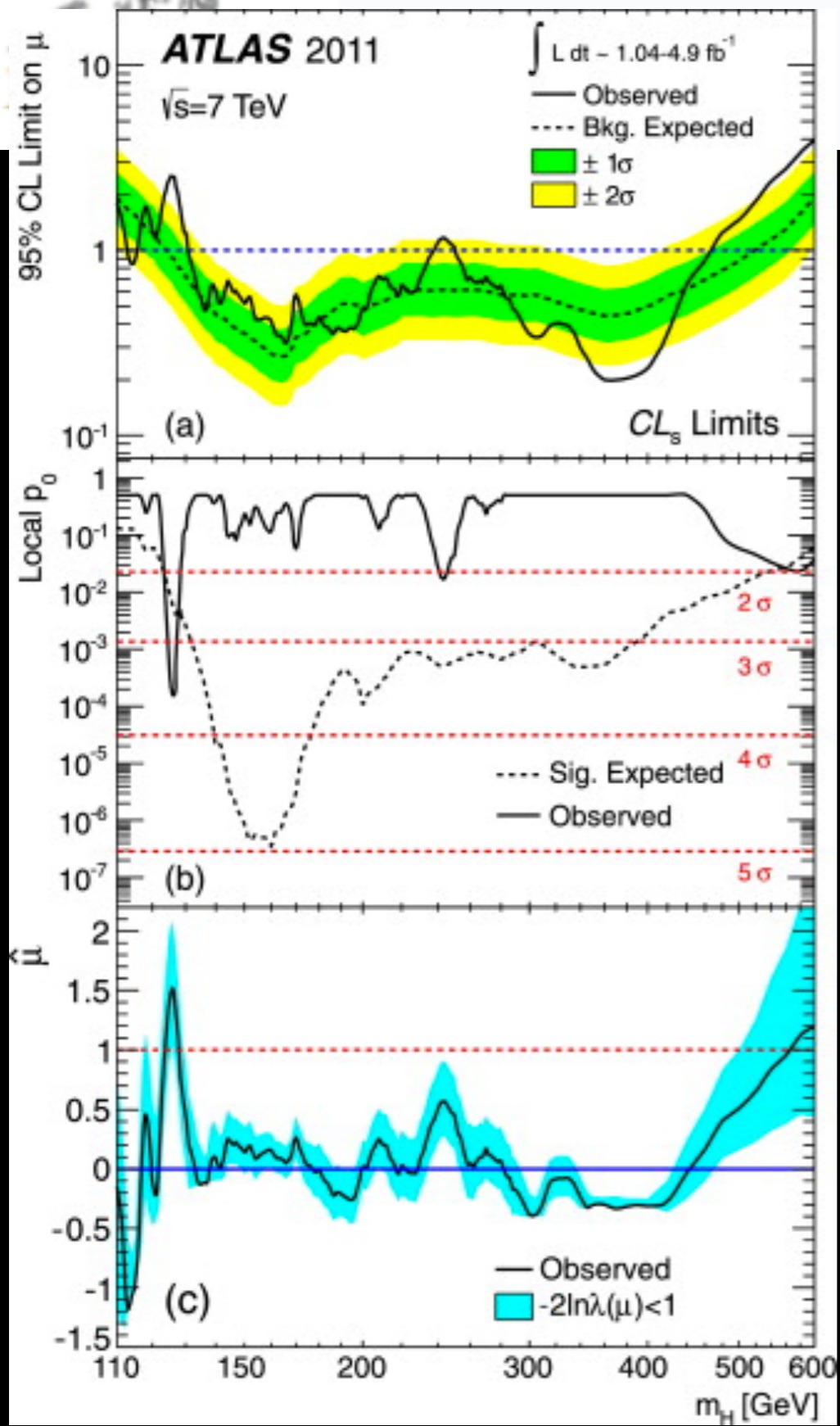
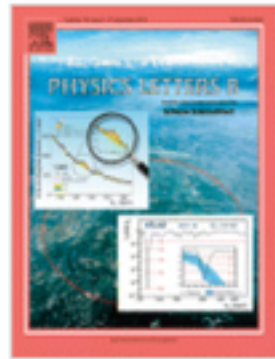
## The heartbeat plot





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# THE SEMINAR POTENTIAL SLEEPERS





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# THE SEMINAR SLEEPERS



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for over  
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Now  
you  
have  
found  
me

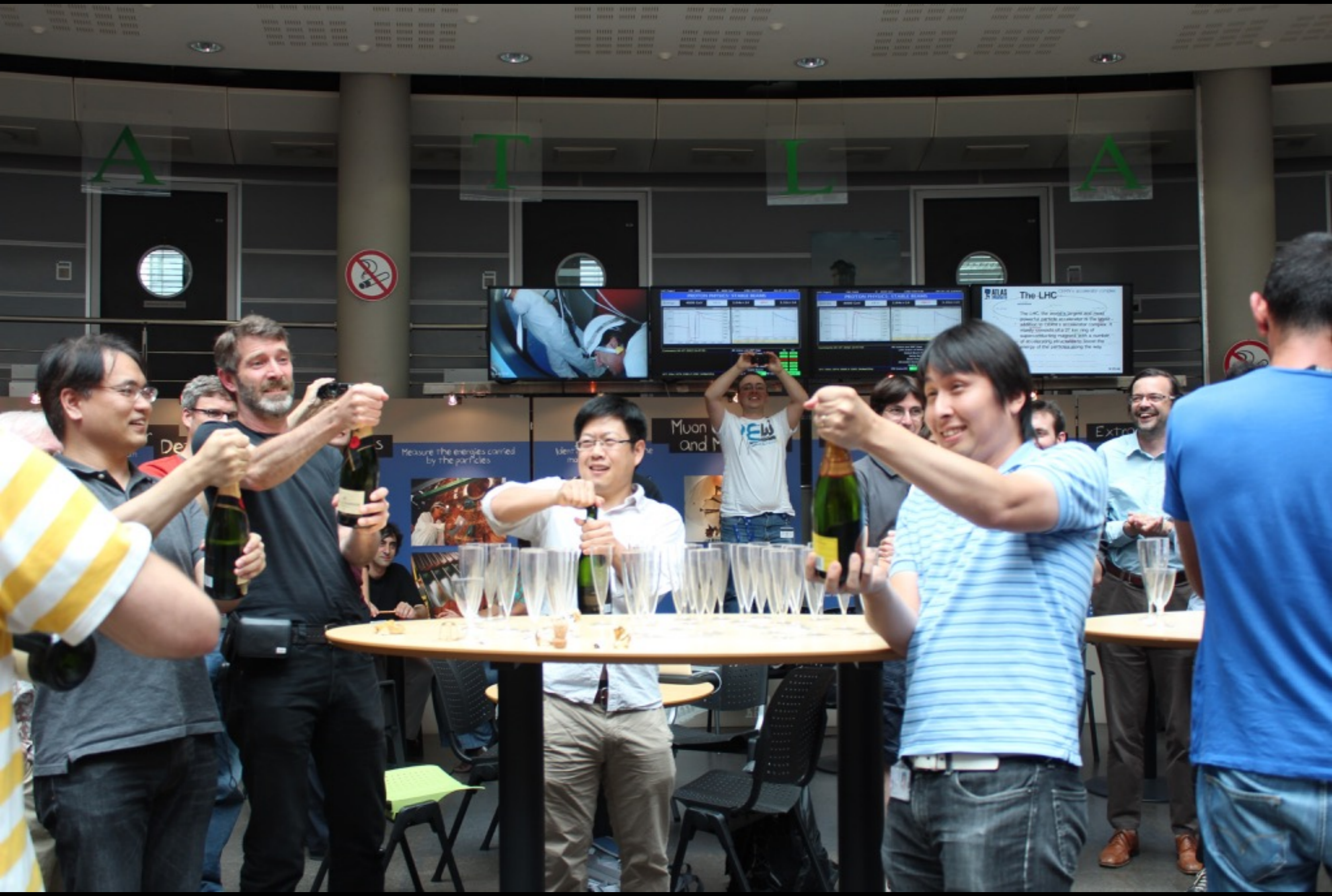
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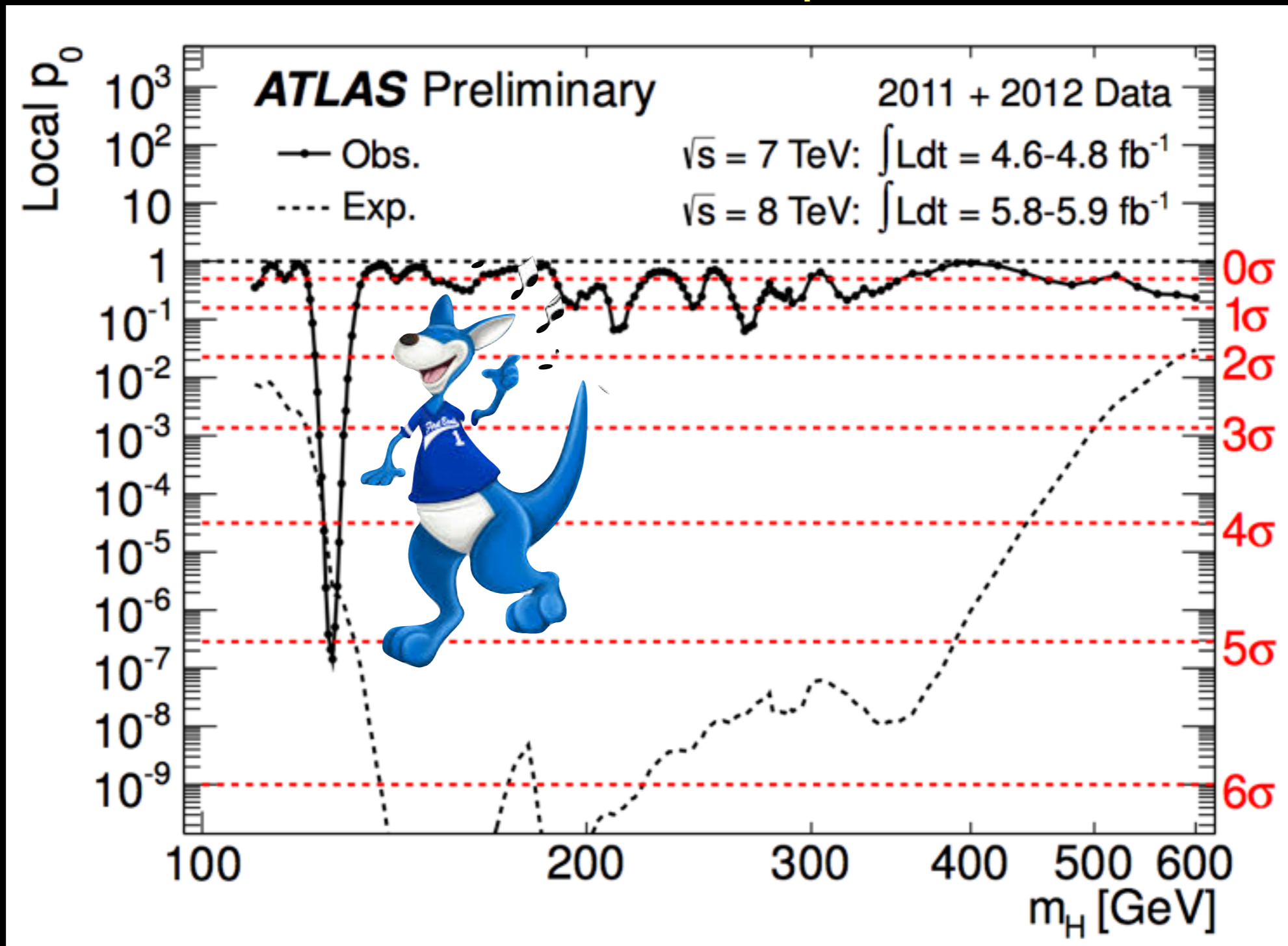




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## The heartbeat plot



# WW Results

## Event Yields

Numbers quoted for  $0.75 m_H < m_T < m_H$  w/ $m_H = 125$  GeV  
( $m_T < 1.2 m_H$  for 2-jet ch)

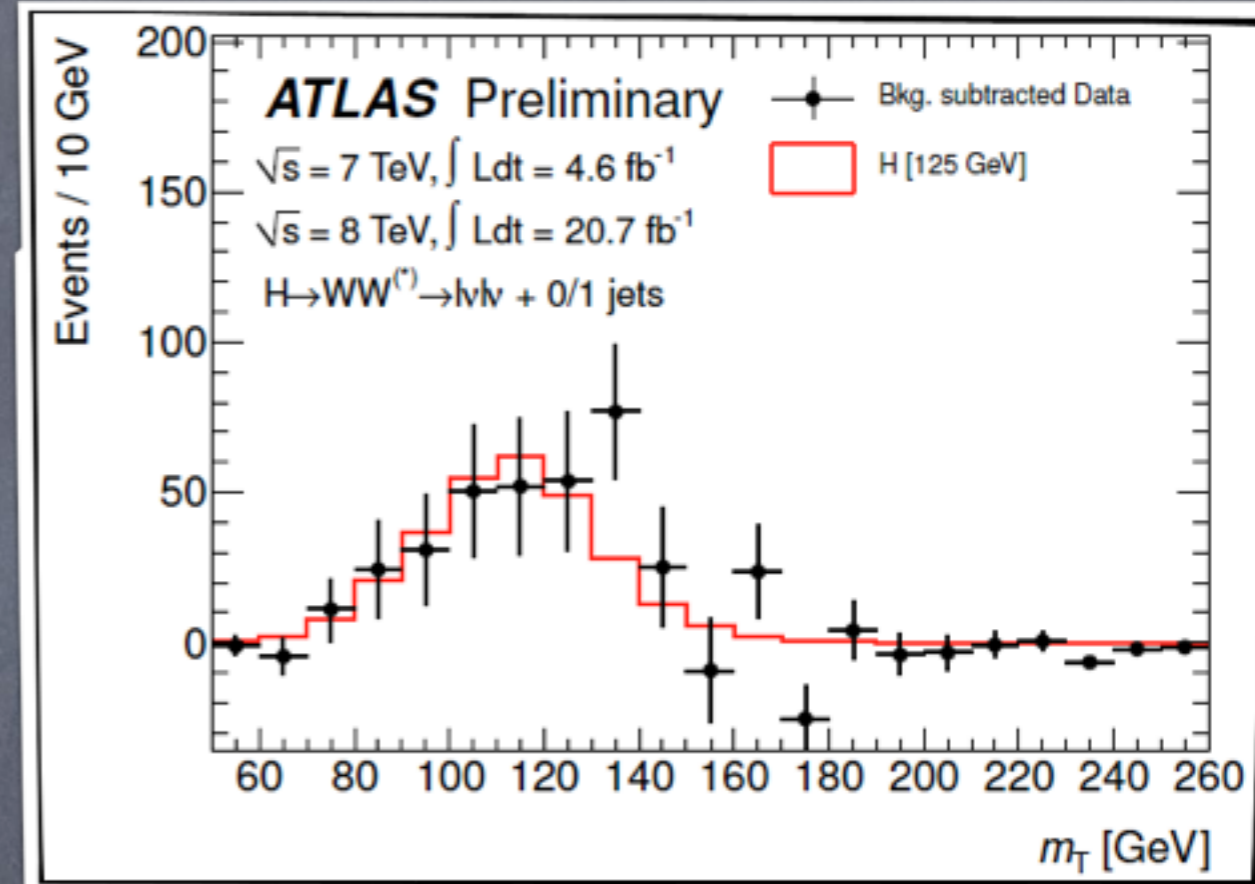
### 8 TeV

	Signal Expectation	Total Bkg	Data
0 jet	$97 \pm 20$	$739 \pm 39$	831
1 jet	$40 \pm 13$	$261 \pm 28$	309
2 jet	$10.6 \pm 1.4$	$36 \pm 4$	55

### 7 TeV

	Signal Expectation	Total Bkg	Data
0 jet	$25 \pm 5$	$161 \pm 11$	154
1 jet	$7 \pm 2$	$47 \pm 6$	62
2 jet	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$4.6 \pm 0.8$	2

Excess after BG subtraction



$$m_T = \sqrt{(E_T^{ll} + E_T^{miss})^2 + (p_T^{ll} + p_T^{miss})^2}$$

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

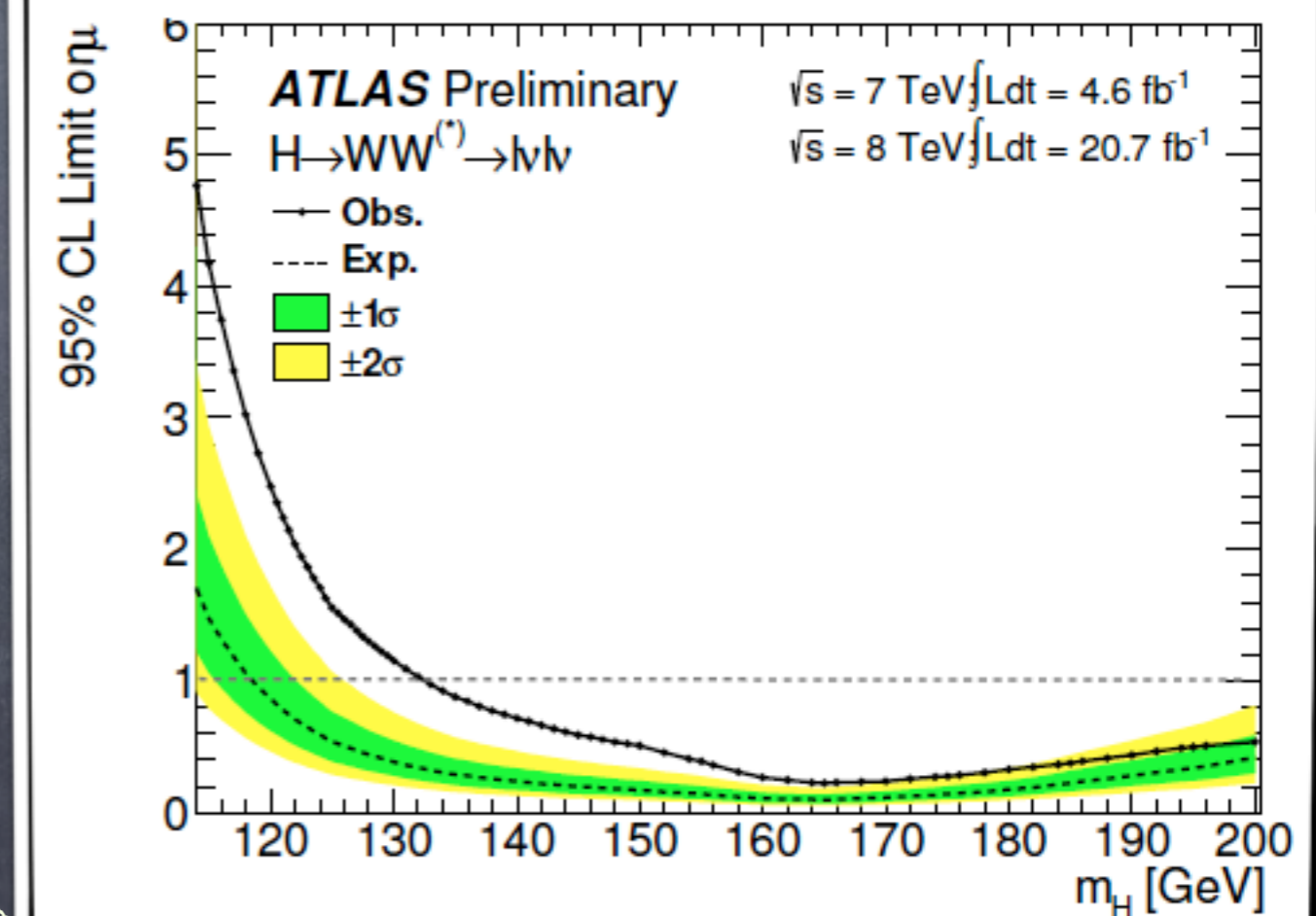
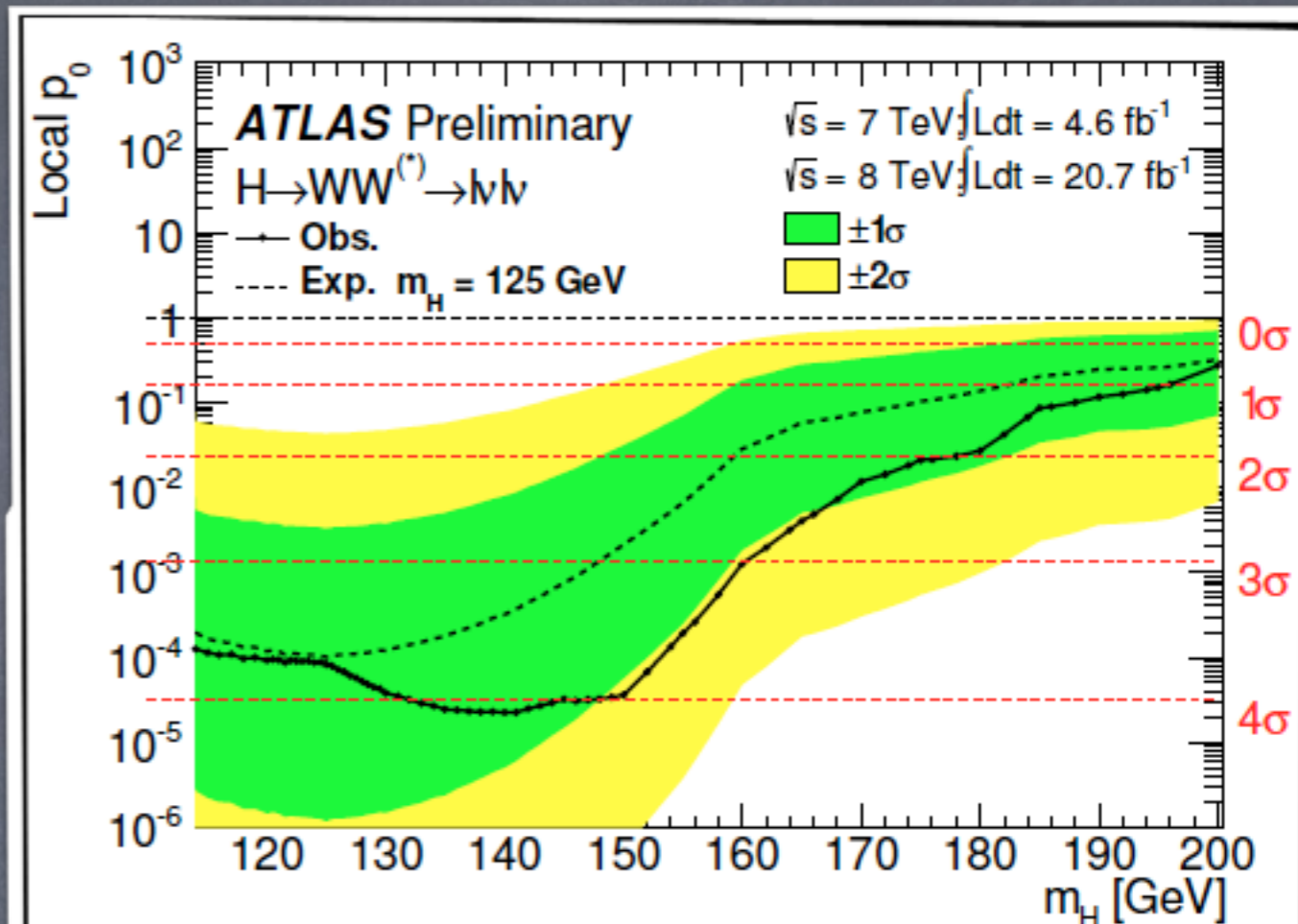
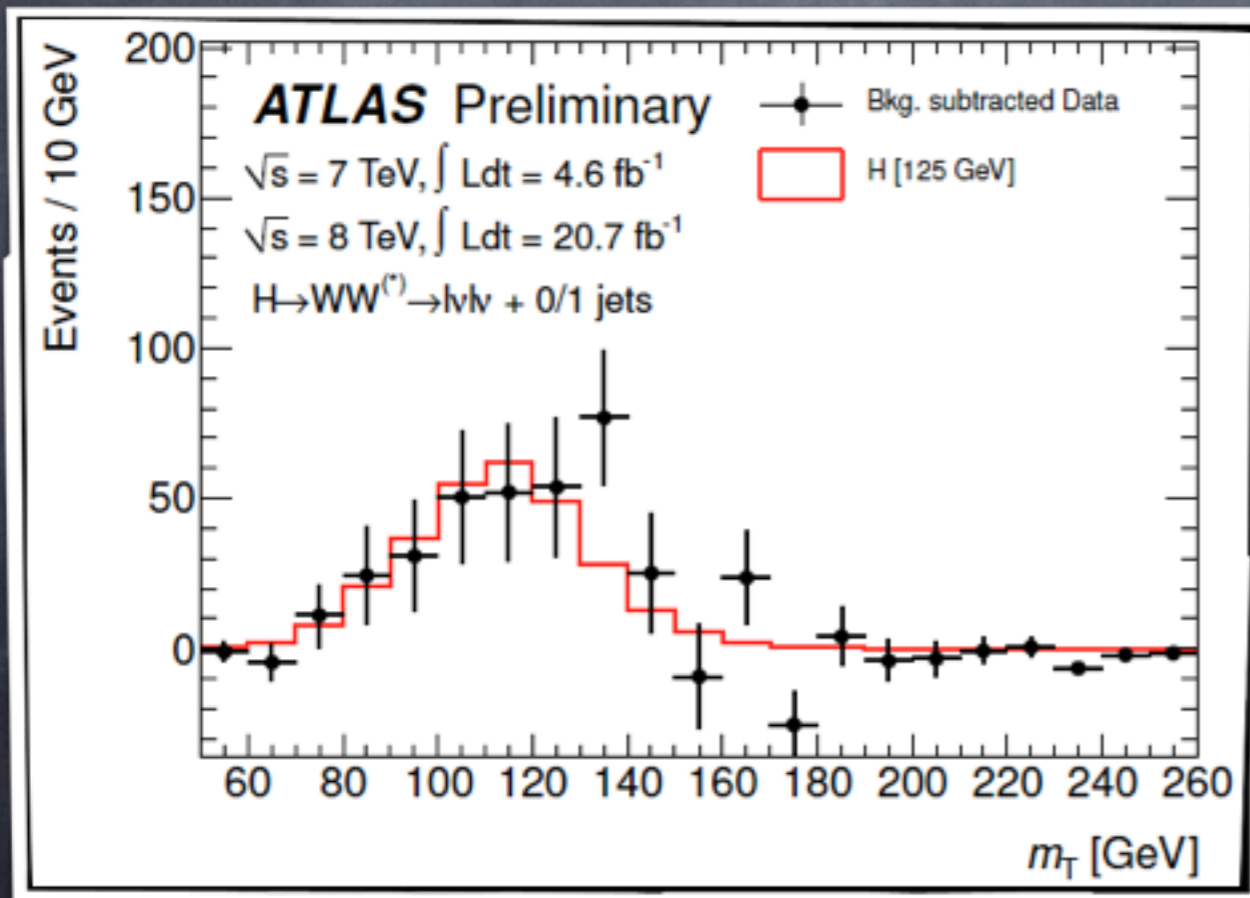
Observed excess @ 125 GeV:

$3.8\sigma$

Expected significance @ 125 GeV

is  $3.7\sigma$

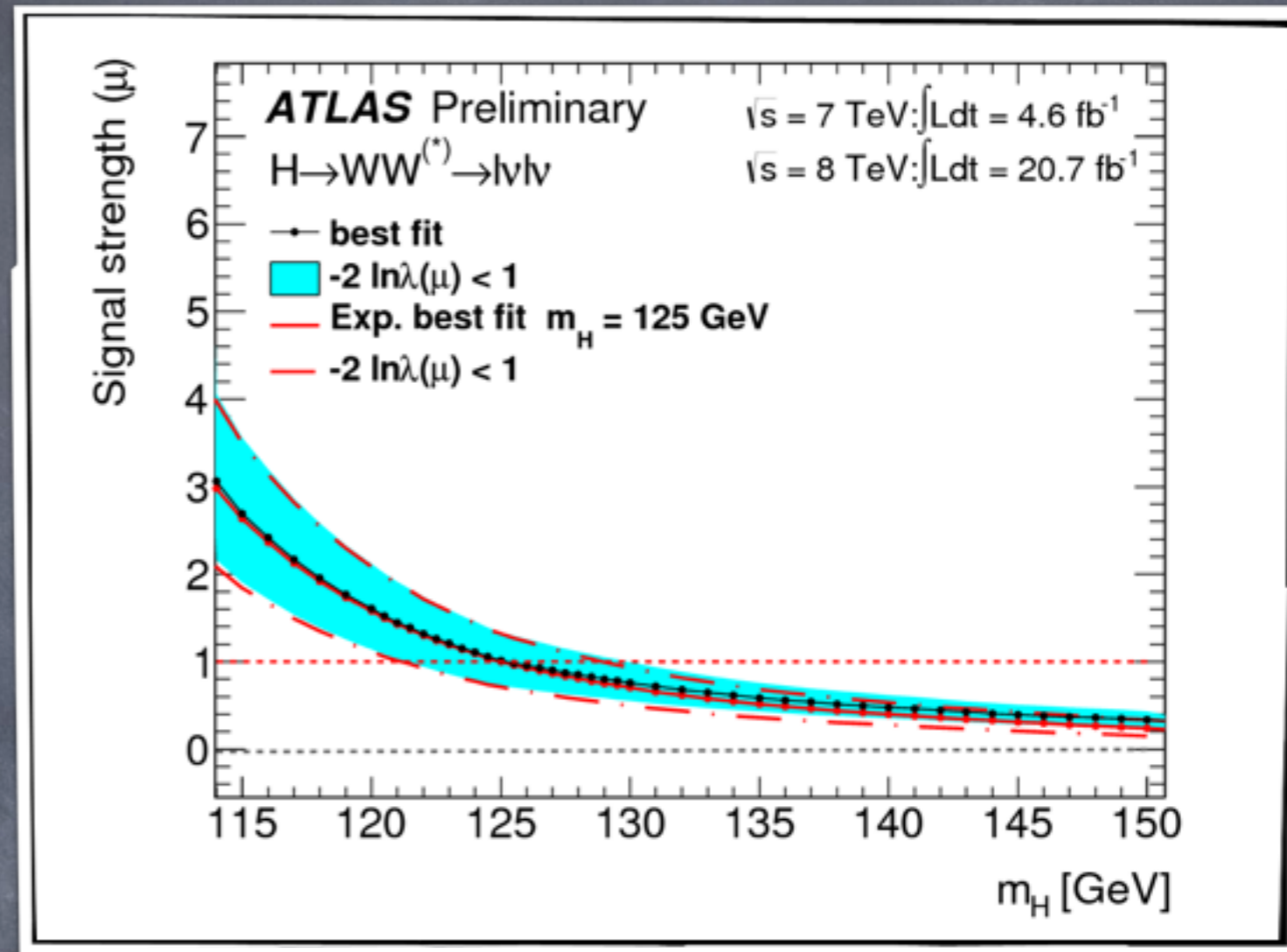
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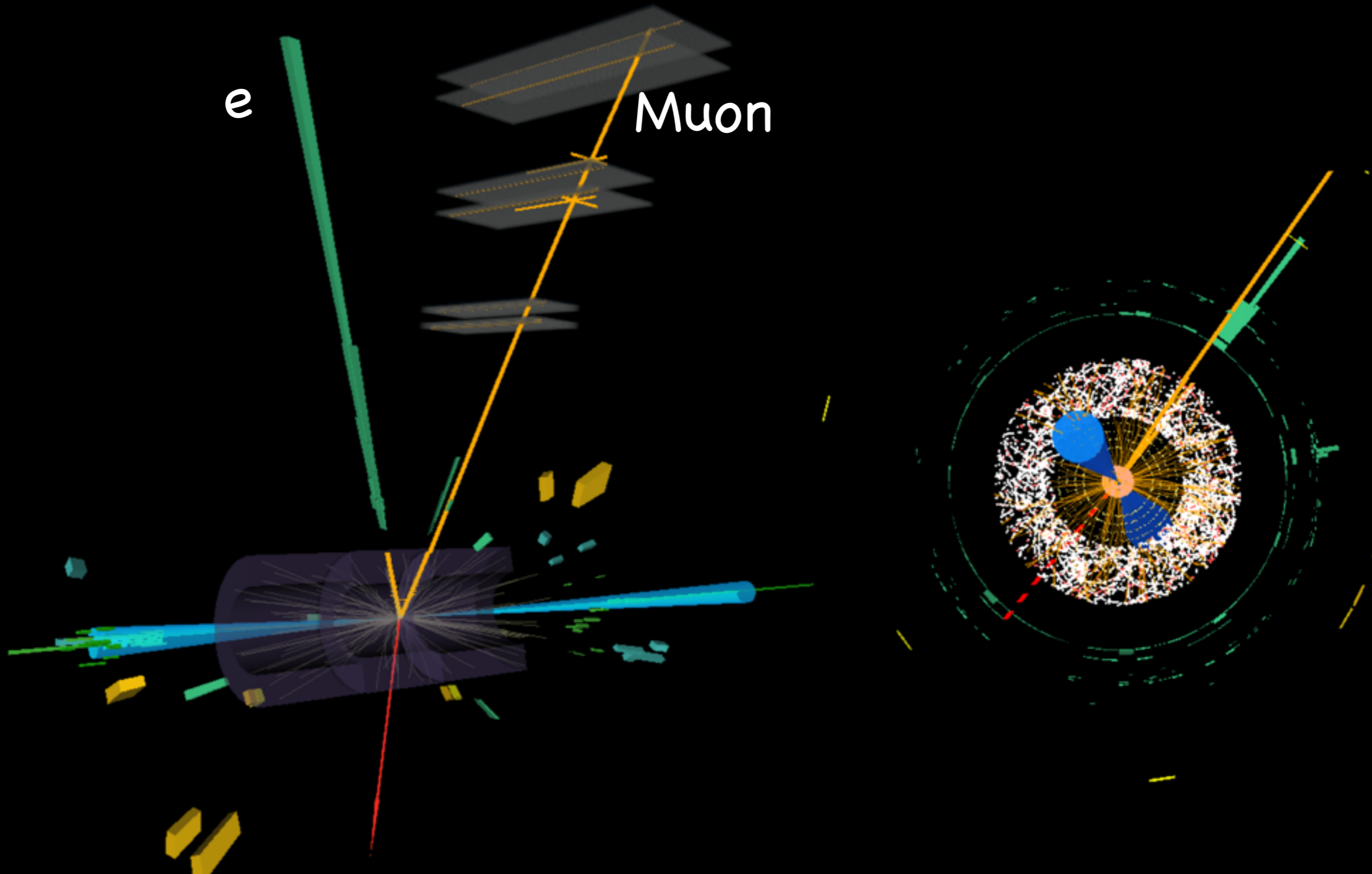
# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$

$$\hat{\mu}(125\text{ GeV}) = 1.01 \pm 0.31$$

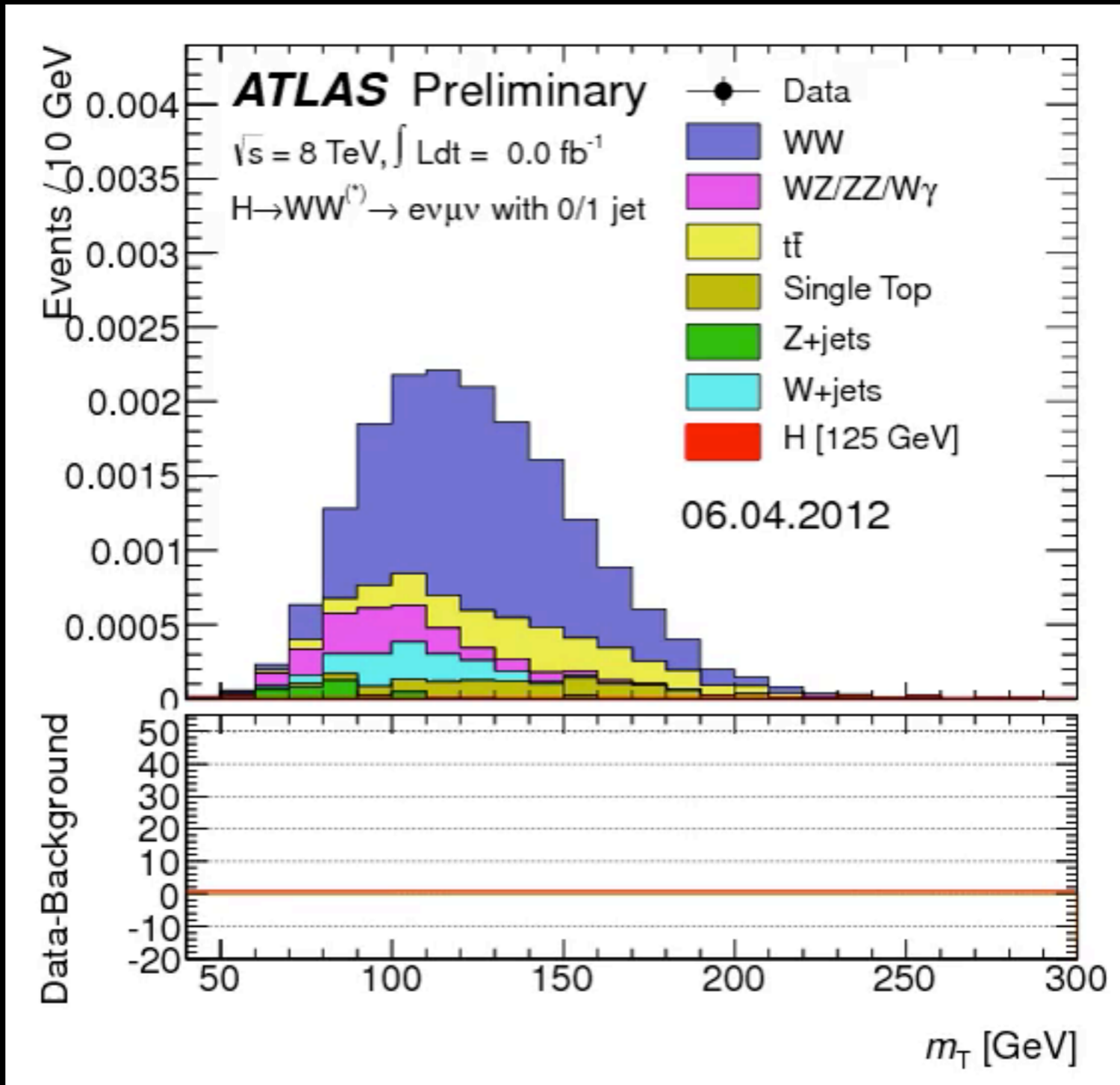
- Consistent with SM Higgs Boson



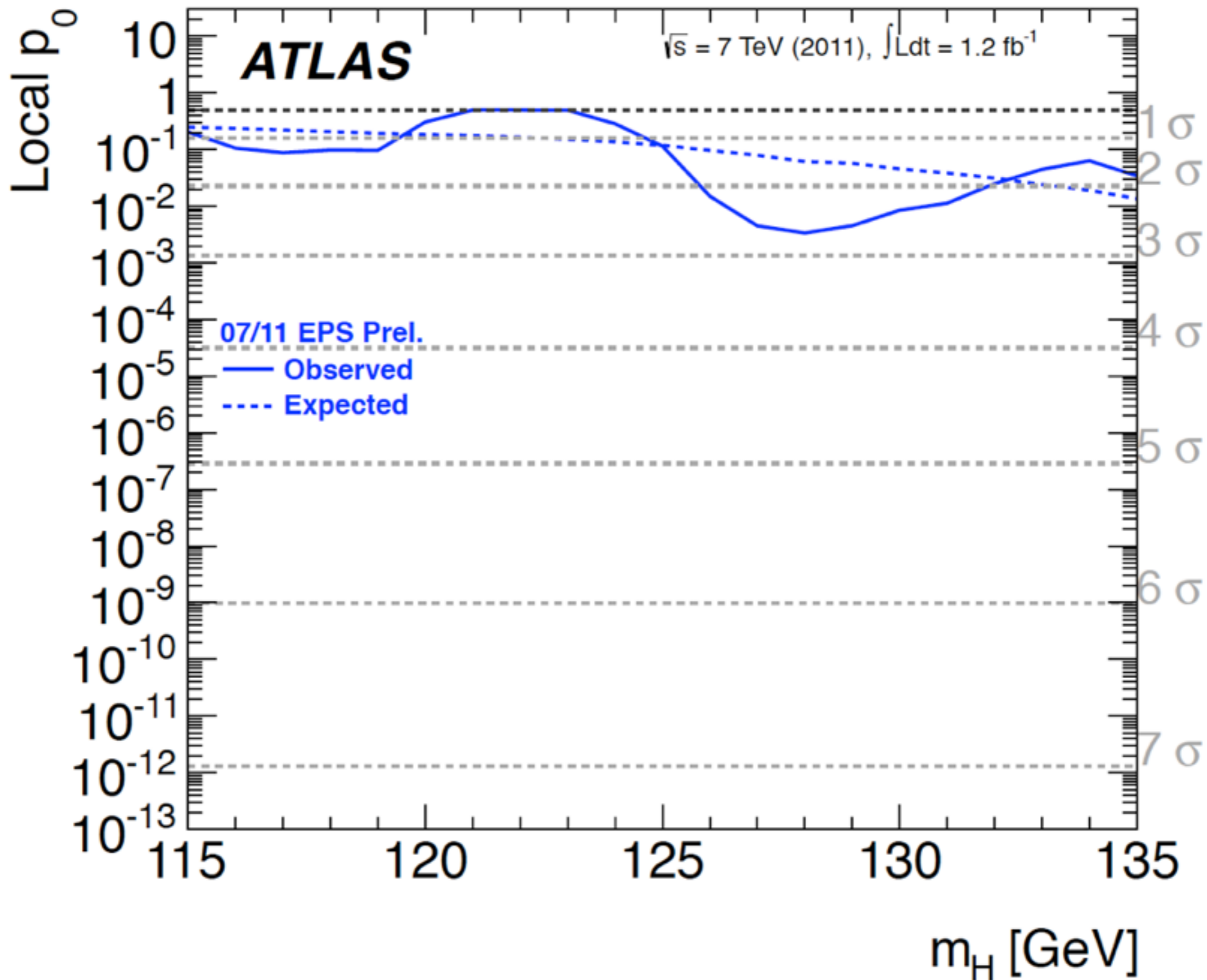
$$\mu_{\text{obs}} = 1.01 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.19 \text{ (theo. syst.)} \pm 0.12 \text{ (expt. syst.)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (lumi.)}$$

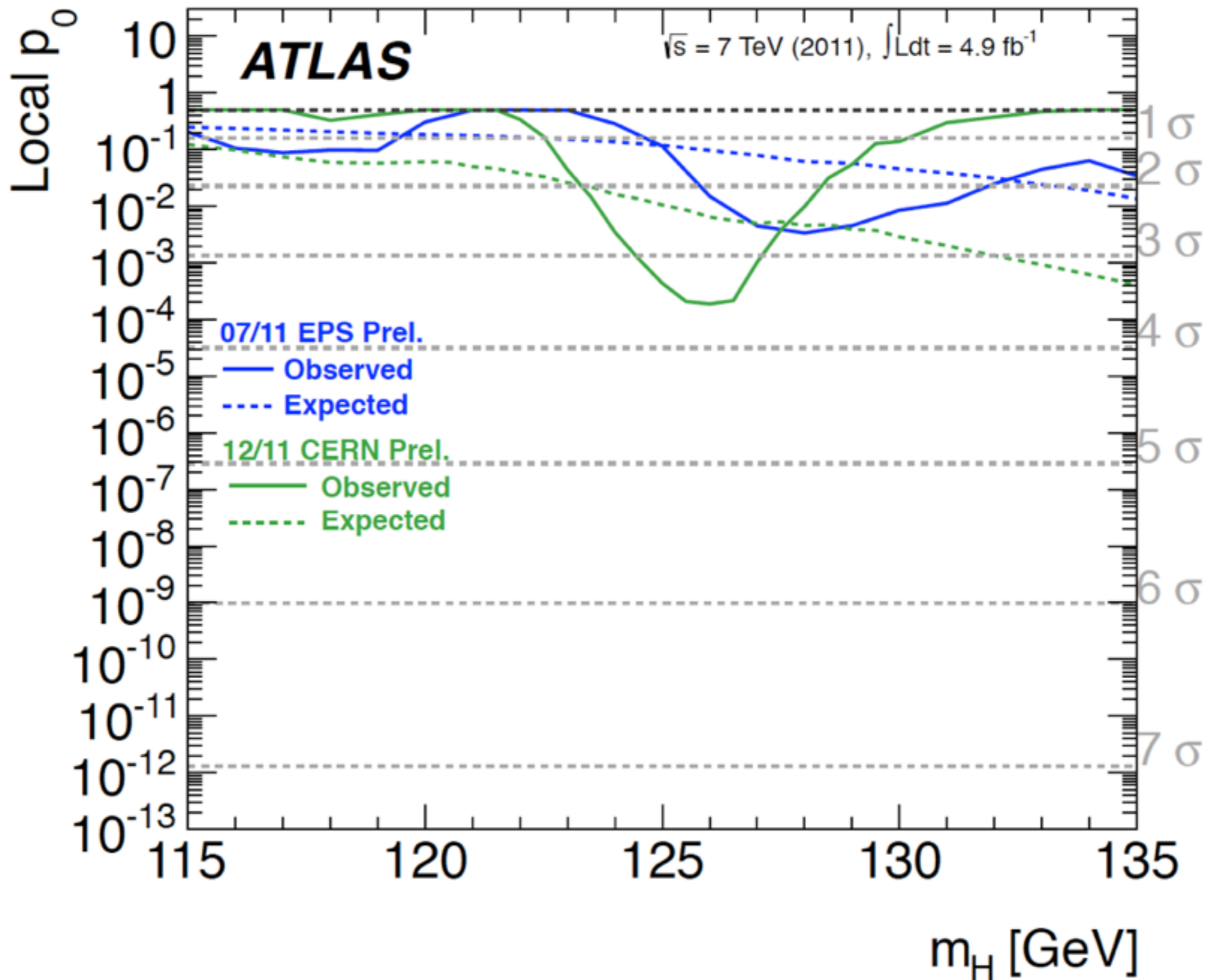


# WW BIRTH OF A PARTICLE

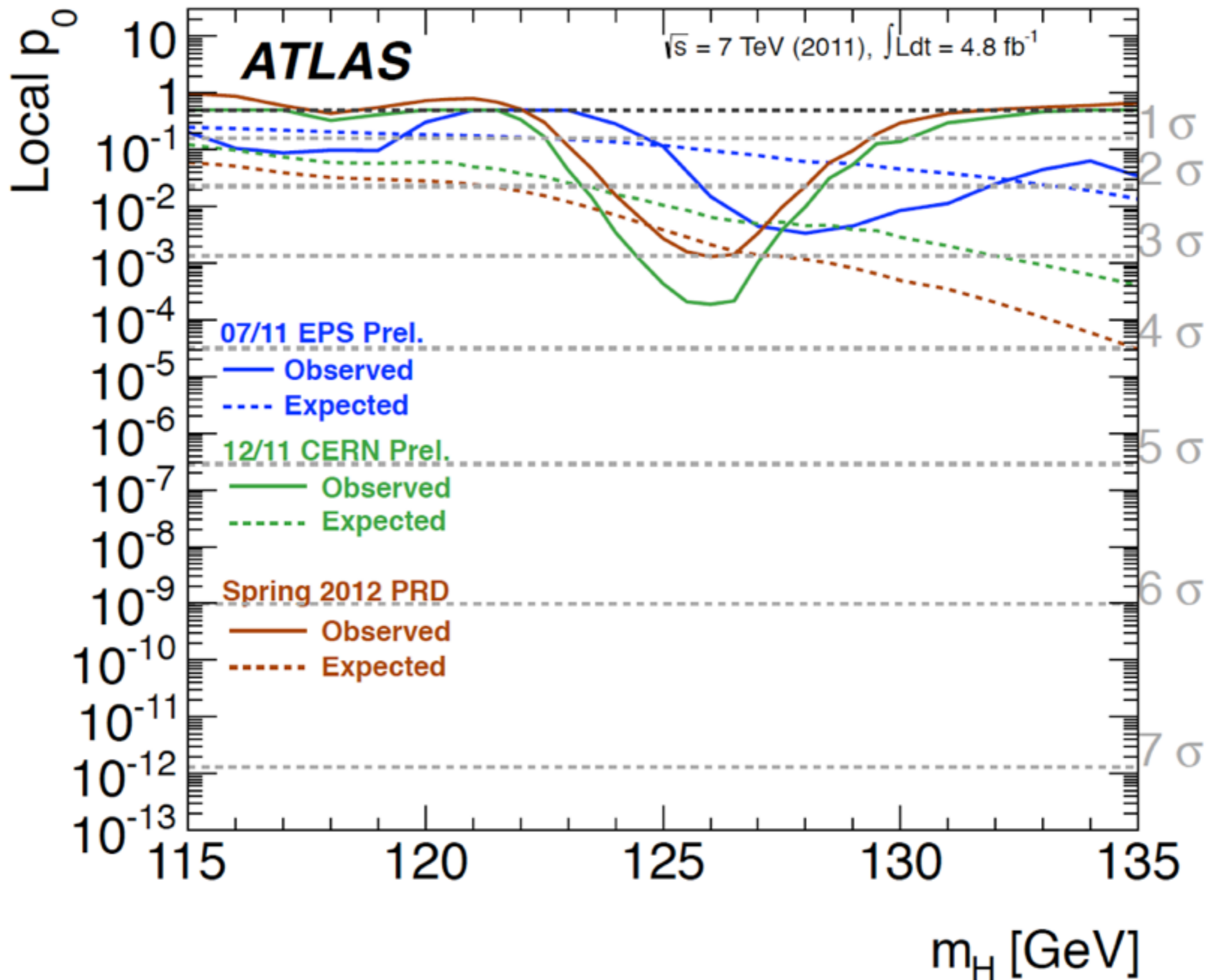


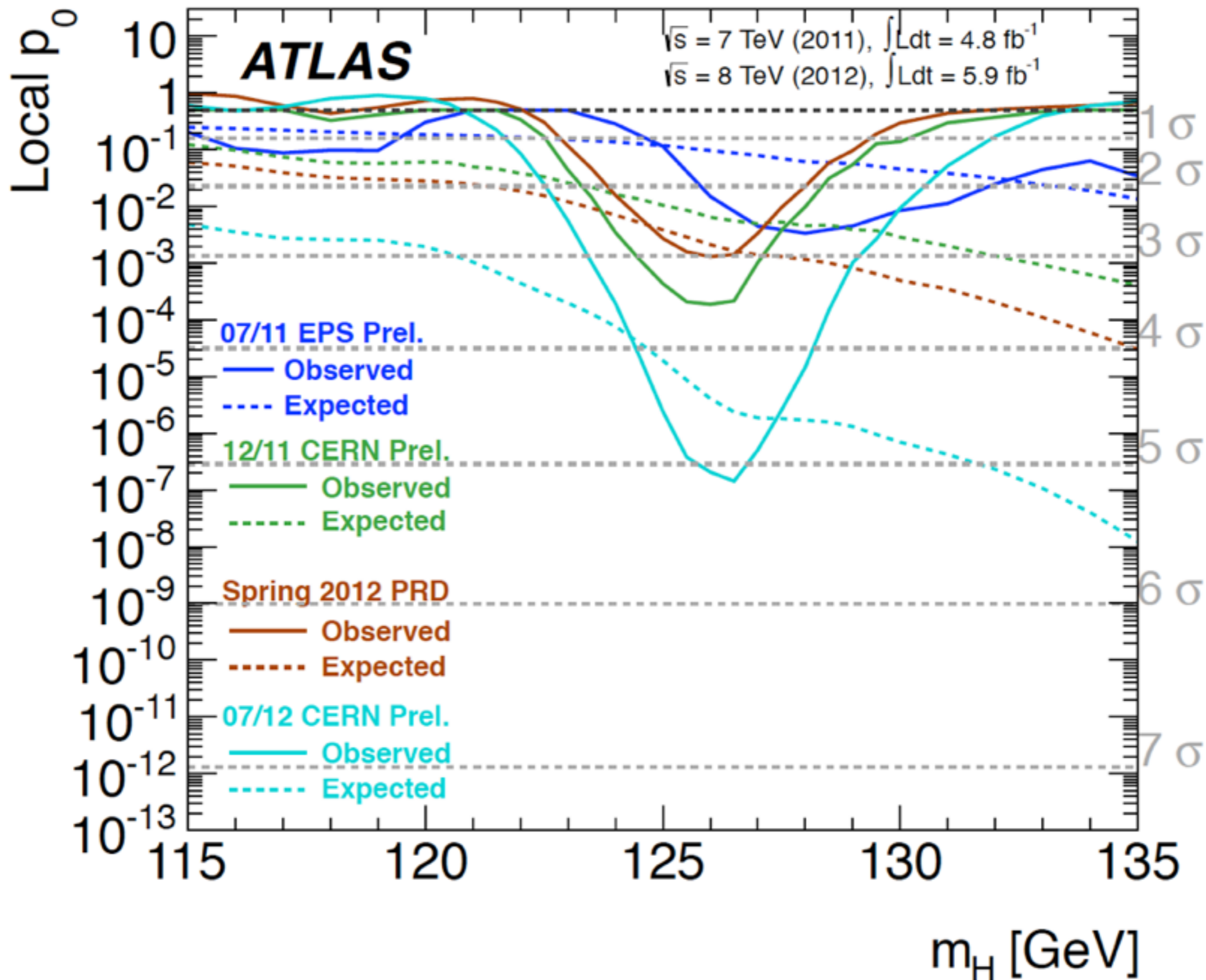
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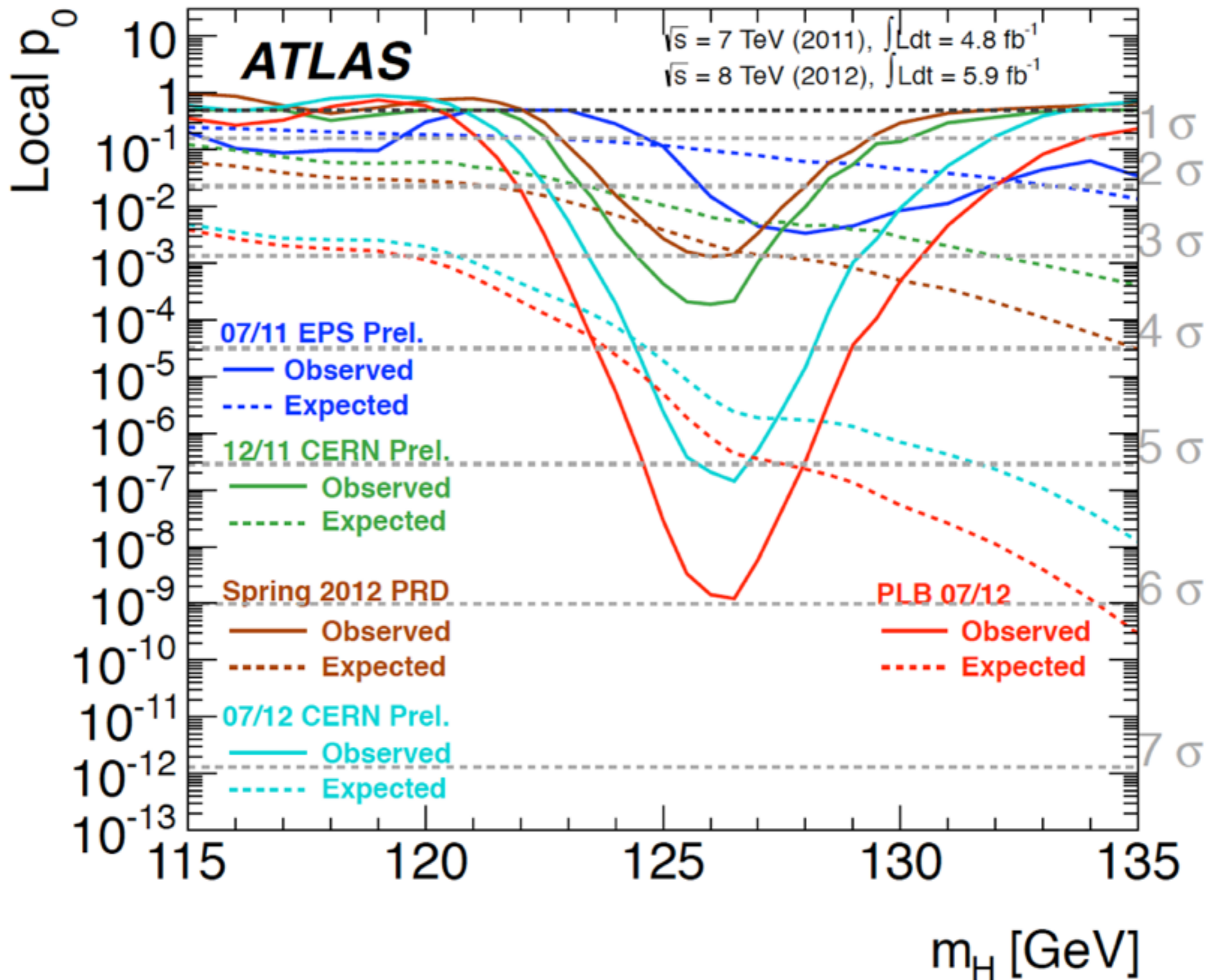


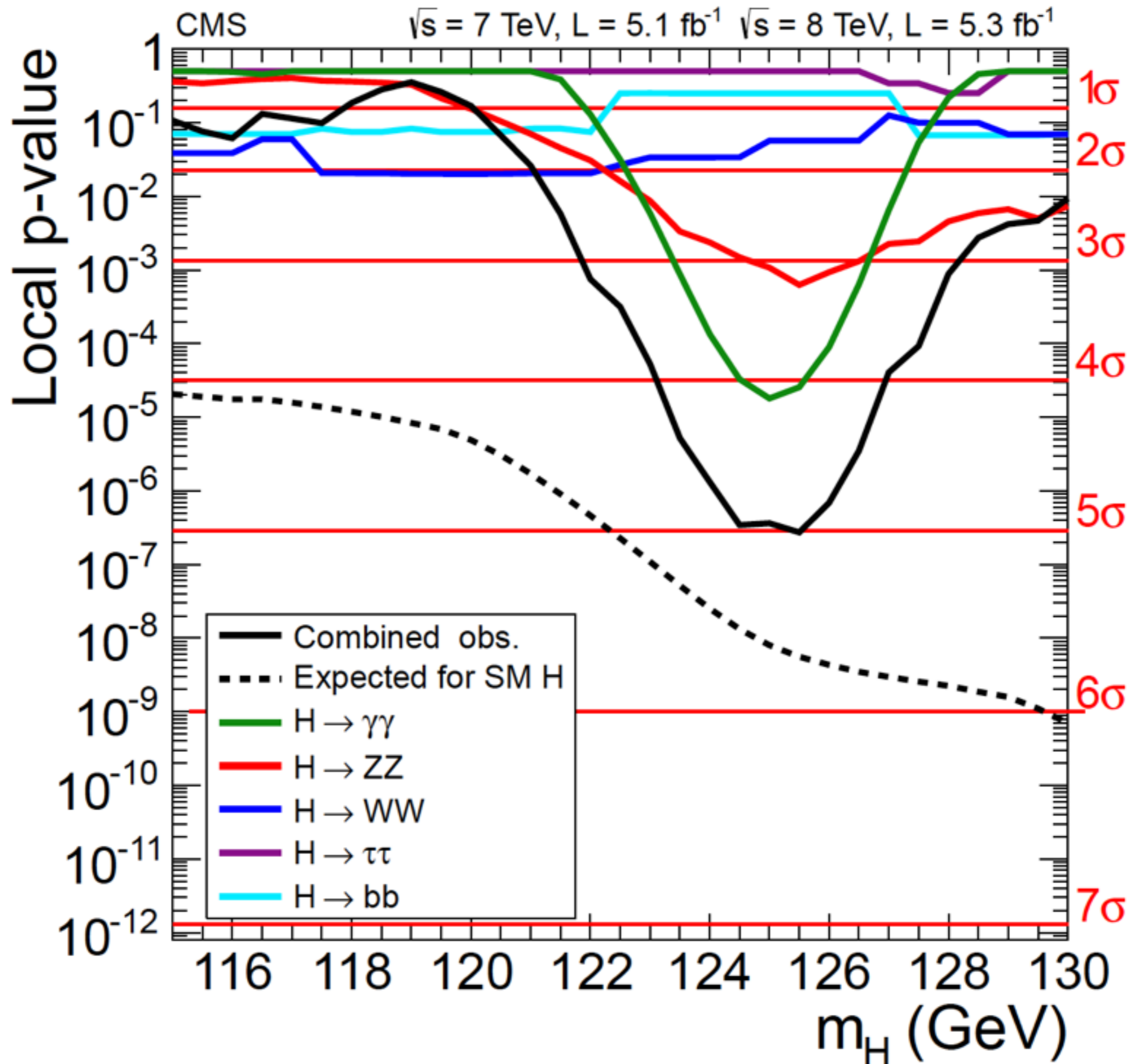












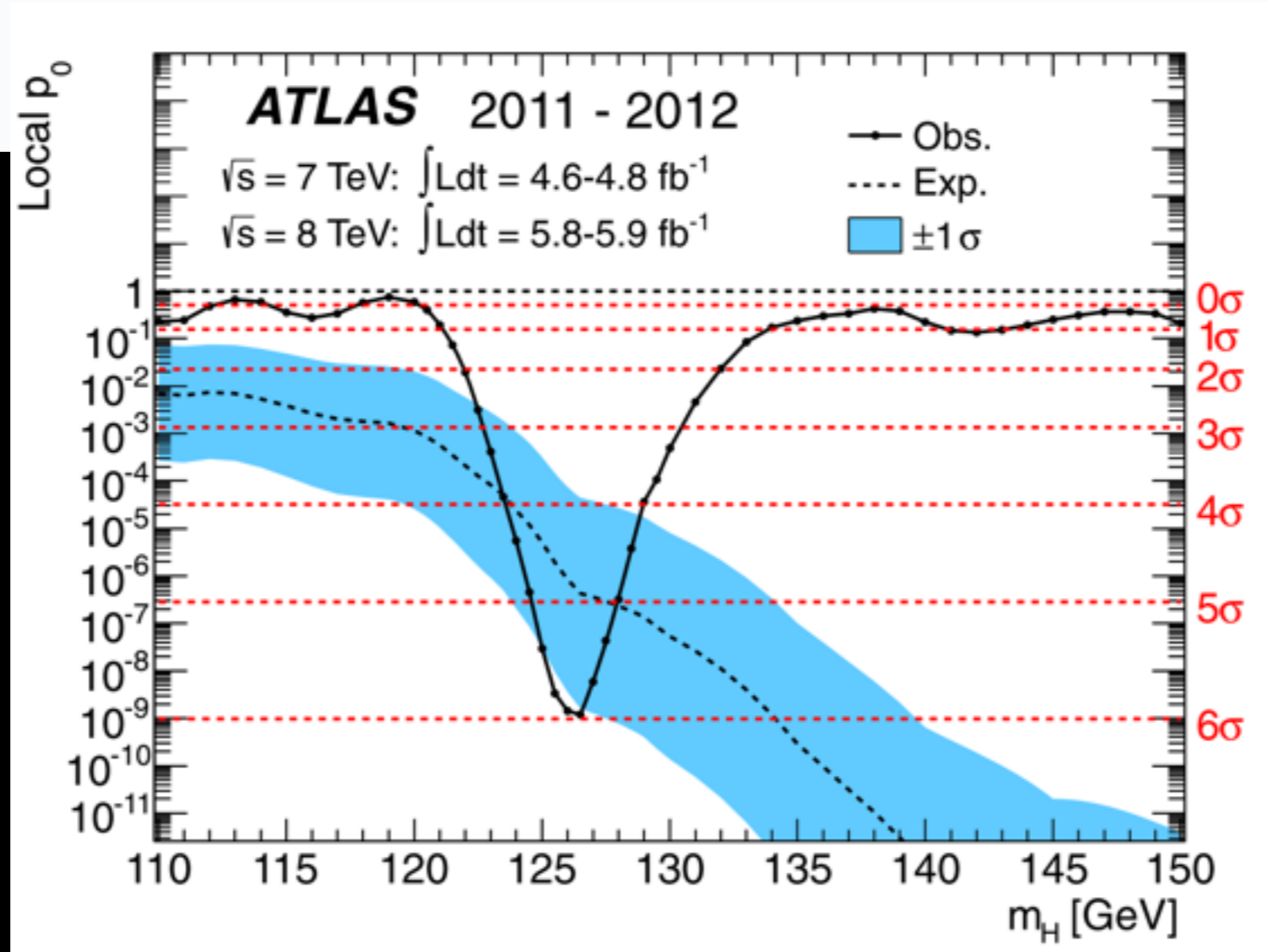
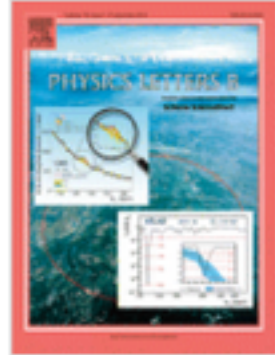
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- Then came the ww, elevating us to  $6\sigma$



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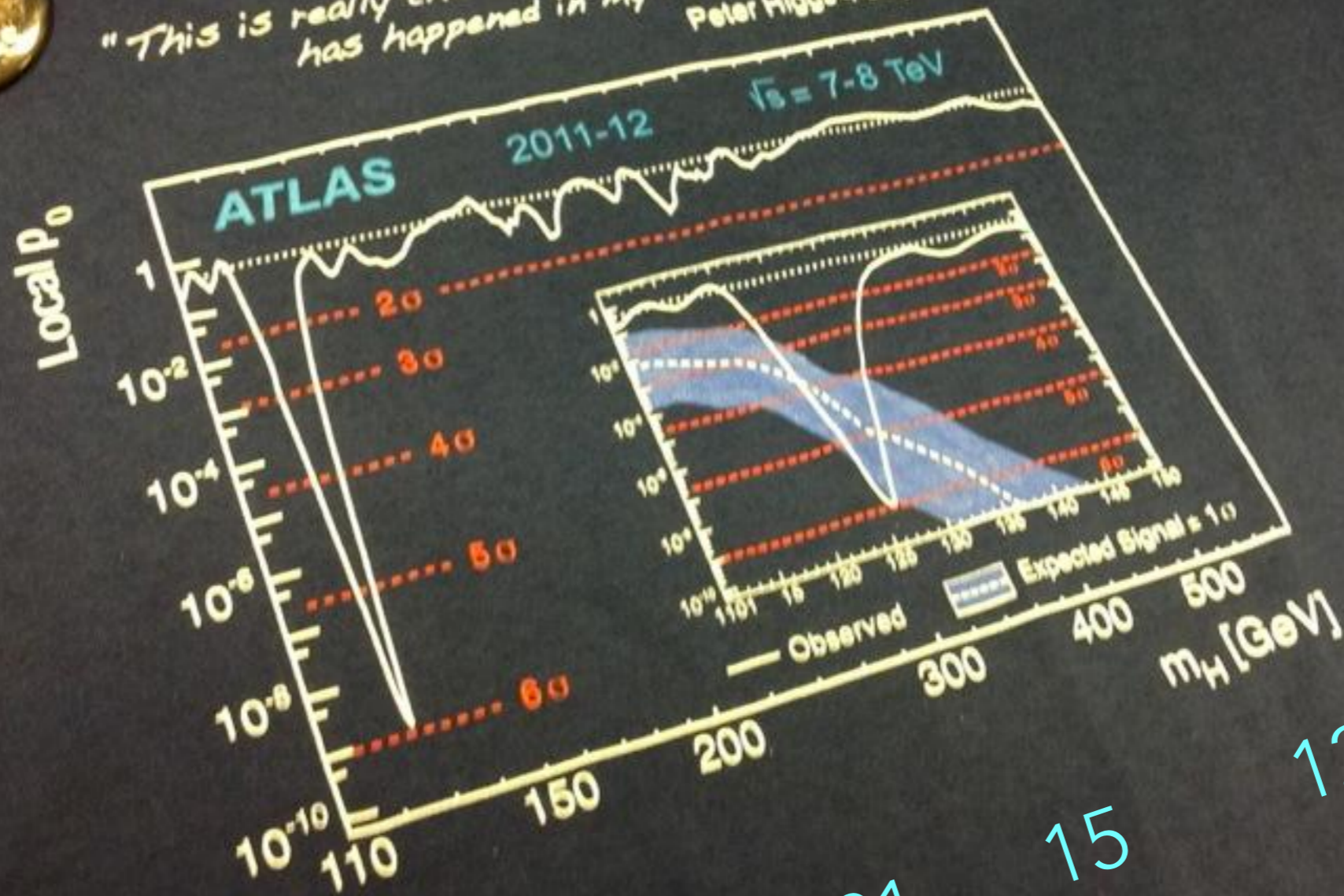


# A RARE T-SHIRT

This is the most incredible thing that happened to me in my lifetime

Peter Higgs 4 July 2012

"This is really the most incredible thing that has happened in my lifetime"  
Peter Higgs 4 July 2012



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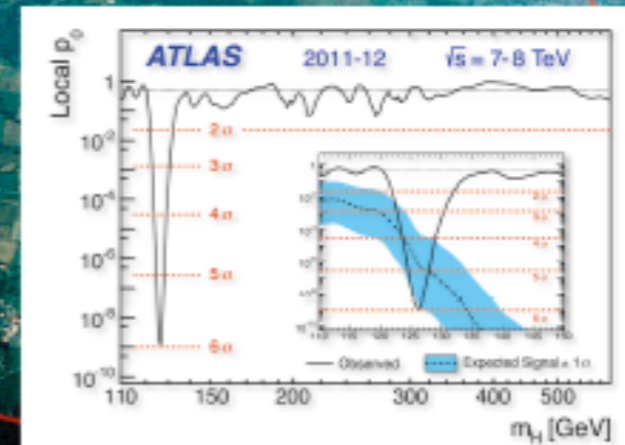
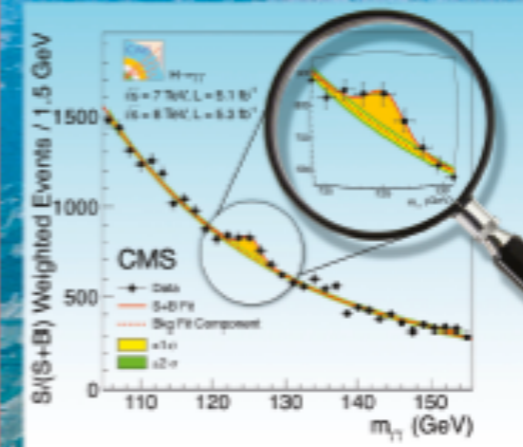
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