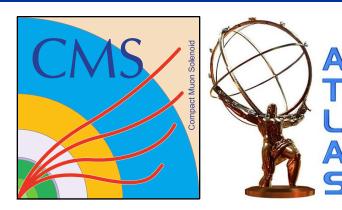
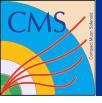
# Higgs Searches at the LHC

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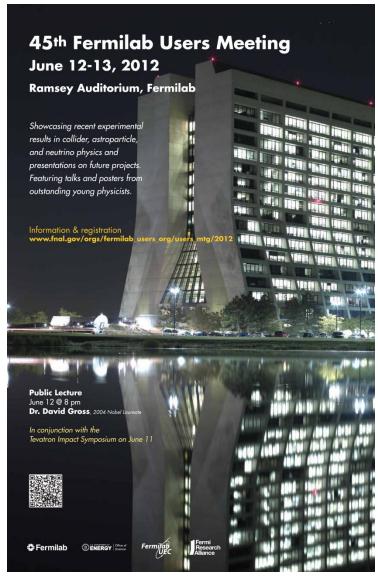




#### Outline



- **♣** 2011 LHC run
- CMS and ATLAS
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- Higgs searches
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  - $\circ$  H  $\rightarrow$  WW  $\rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$
  - $\circ$   $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$
  - VH  $\rightarrow$  ( $\ell v, \ell \ell, vv$ )bb
  - $\circ$   $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
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- Summary and outlook for 2012

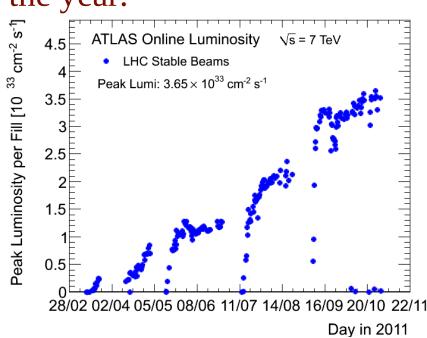


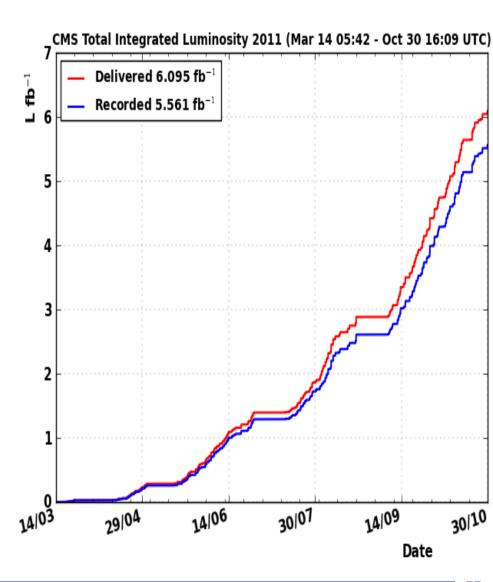


## 2011 LHC performance

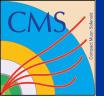


- During 2011 the LHC performed extremely well.
  - delivered: > 6 fb<sup>-1</sup>
  - recorded: > 5 fb<sup>-1</sup>/experiment
- Luminosity (and pile-up) steadily increased throughout the year.







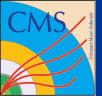


# The CMS and ATLAS detectors



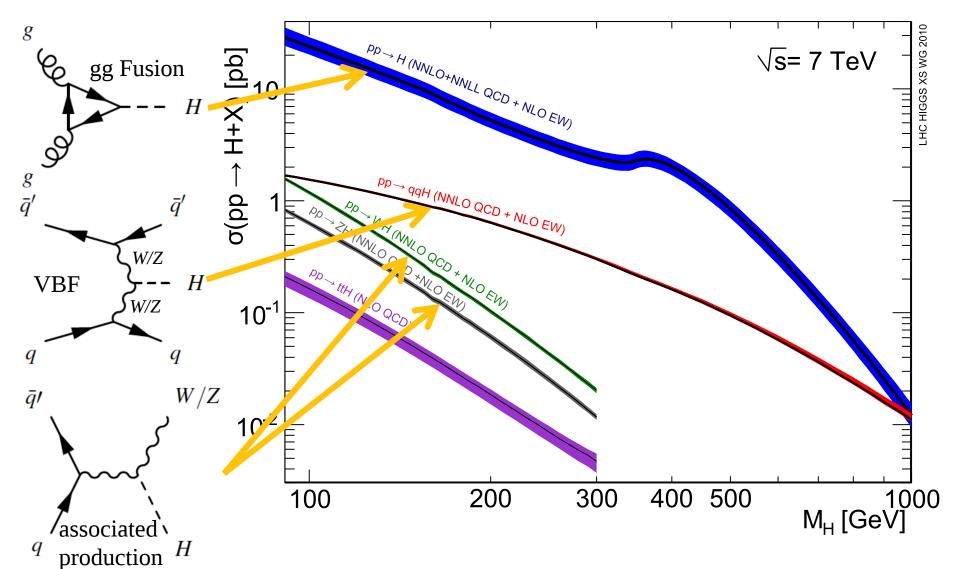
Both spectrometers have maintained very high data taking efficiency.





## Higgs production

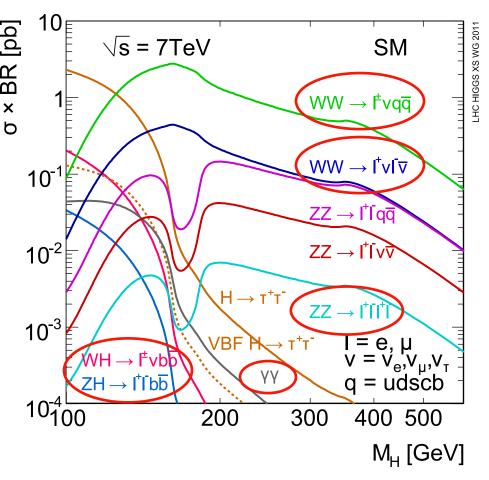






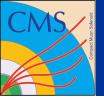
## Higgs decays





- There is not time to cover all the results on Higgs produced by CMS and ATLAS.
- I summarize some of the results.
- For a more complete list and treatment of results, please see:

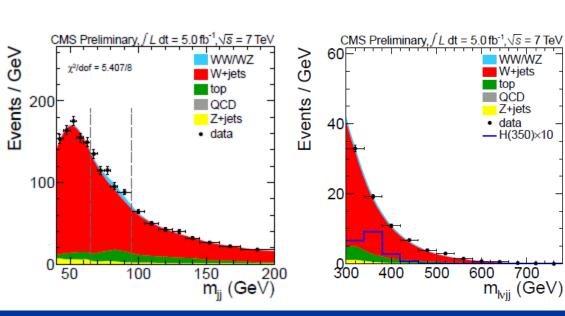
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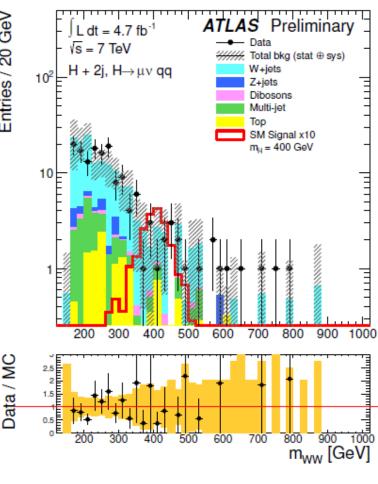


## $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu jj$



- $\clubsuit$  Largest  $\sigma \times BR$  over much of the mass range.
- Use W mass to constrain neutrino p<sub>z</sub> for a peak in the 4-body mass.
- Large W+jets background at LHC.





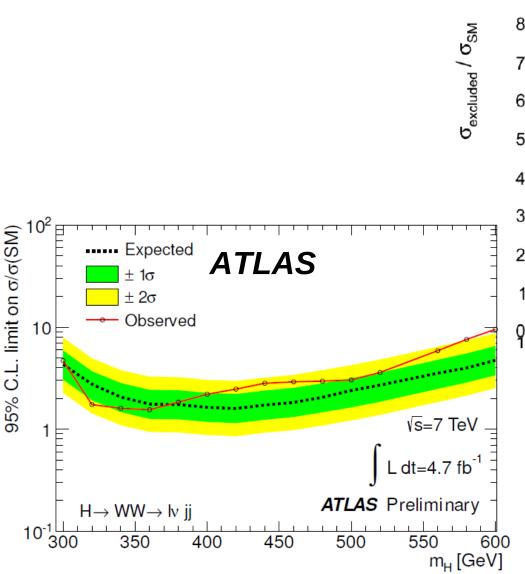


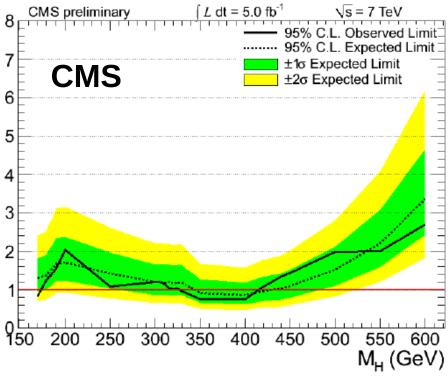
Entries / 20 GeV



## H → WW → ℓvjj limits

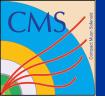






CMS 95% C.L. Exclusion: 327-415 GeV

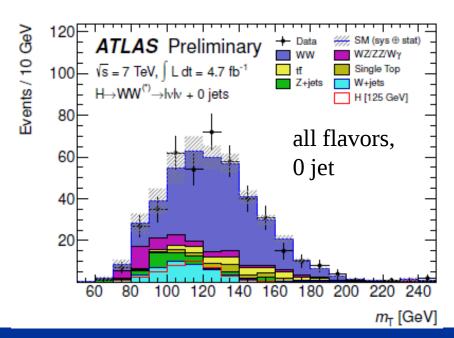


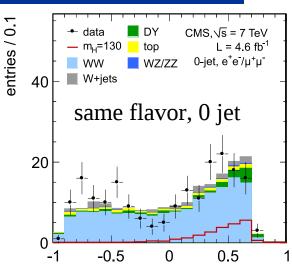


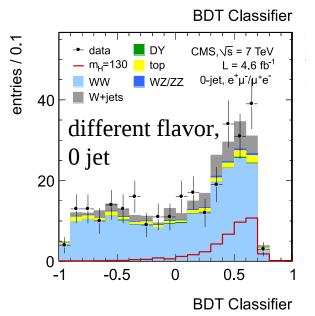
#### $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$



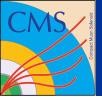
- Clean signature of two isolated leptons and large missing ET.
- Only irreducible background nonresonant WW production.
- Only a broad mass peak.





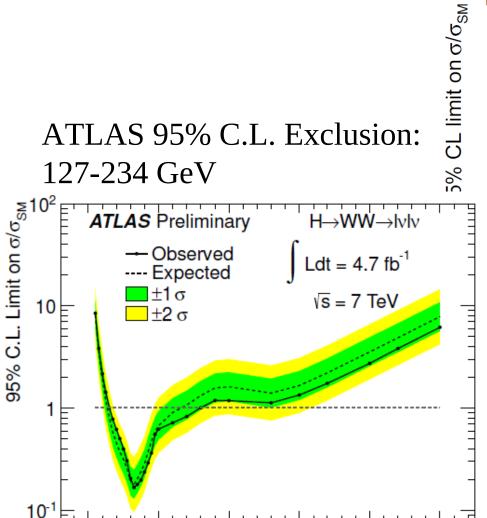


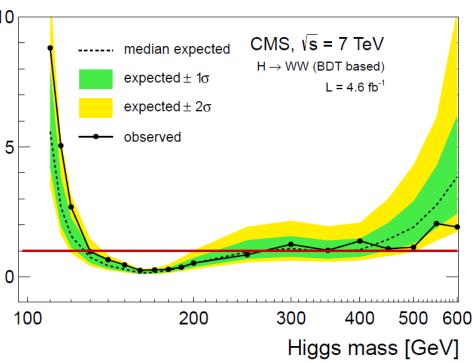




#### $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$ limits







CMS 95% C.L. Exclusion: 129-270 GeV

200

300

400

500

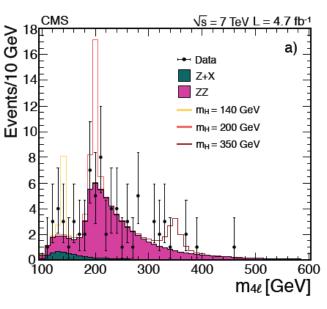
600 m<sub>H</sub> [GeV]

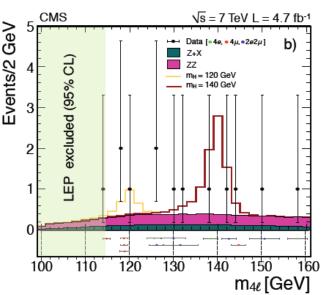


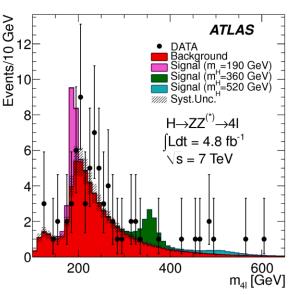
#### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$

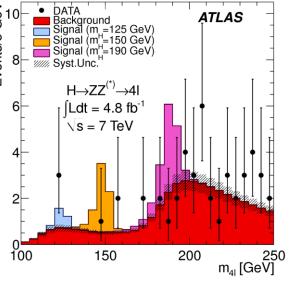


- Very low backgrounds.
- $\clubsuit$  Excellent resolution on the  $m_H$  (1-2%).
- Primary background from non-resonant ZZ production.
- $\bullet$  Relatively small  $\sigma \times BR$ .







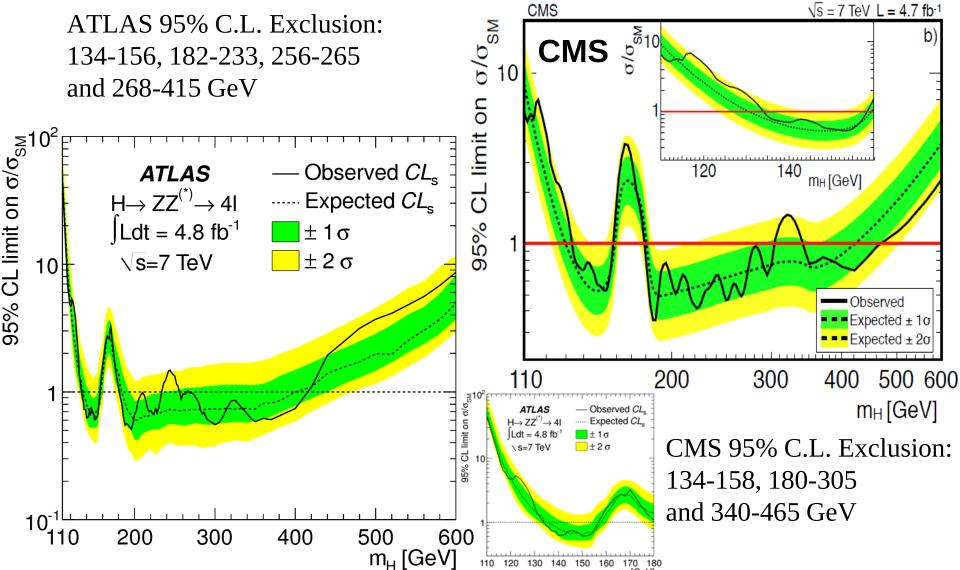


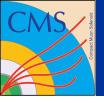




#### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ limits



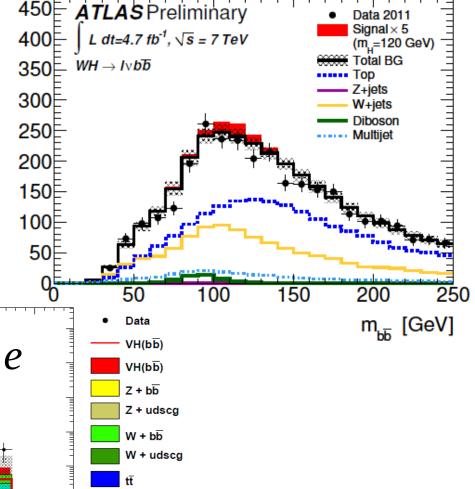


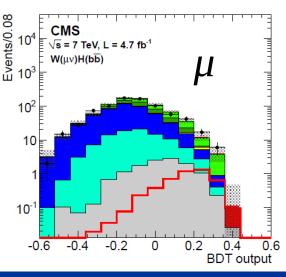


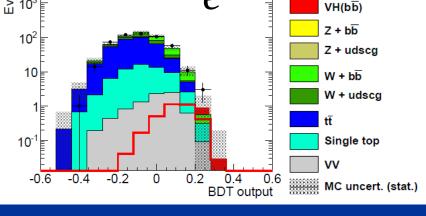
## $VH \rightarrow (\ell \nu, \ell \ell, \nu \nu)bb$



- Large BR for low mass Higgs.
- ♣ Large backgrounds at LHC
  - move to boosted regime  $p_T > \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$



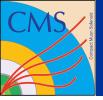




 $\sqrt{s}$  = 7 TeV. L = 4.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>

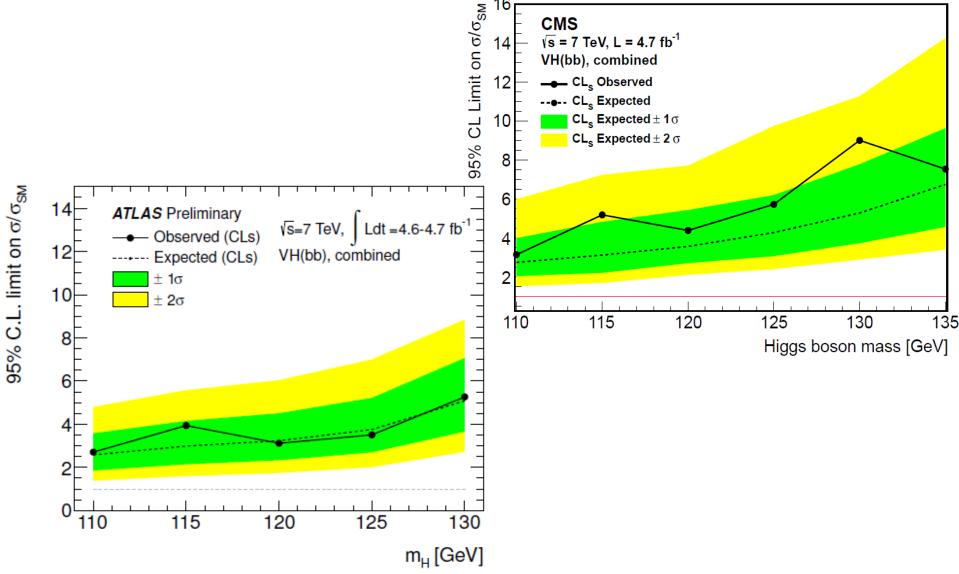
 $W(ev)H(b\overline{b})$ 

10 GeV



## $VH \rightarrow (\ell \nu, \ell \ell, \nu \nu)bb$ limits

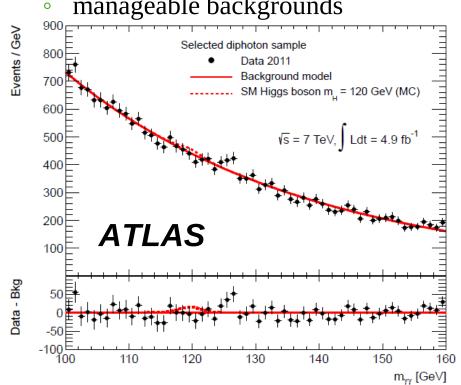


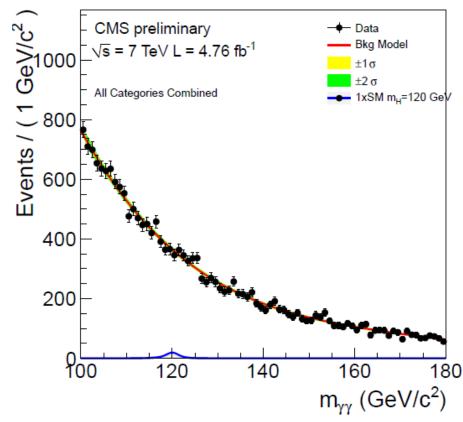






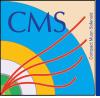
- $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  is a key decay for a low mass Higgs.
  - excellent mass resolution (FWHM, 120 GeV)
    - ATLAS: 3.3-5.9 GeV
    - CMS: 2.6-4.9 GeV
  - manageable backgrounds





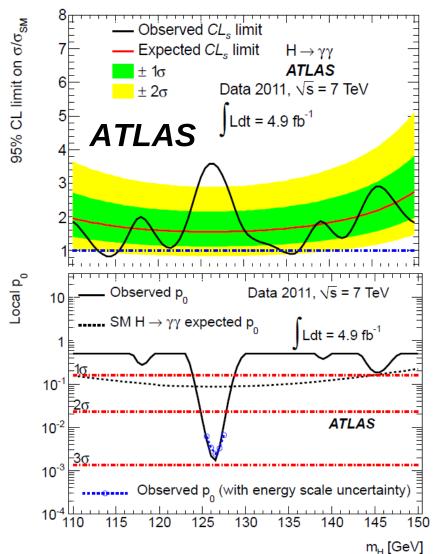
#### Minimal input from MC.

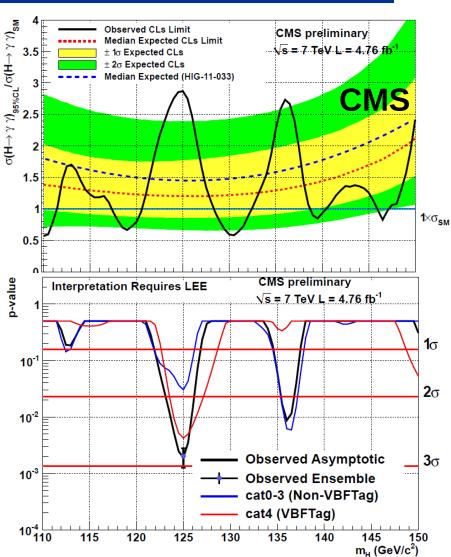
looking for a narrow bump on a monotonic background



#### $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ limits

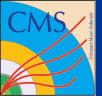






1.5σ including look elsewhere effect (LEE)

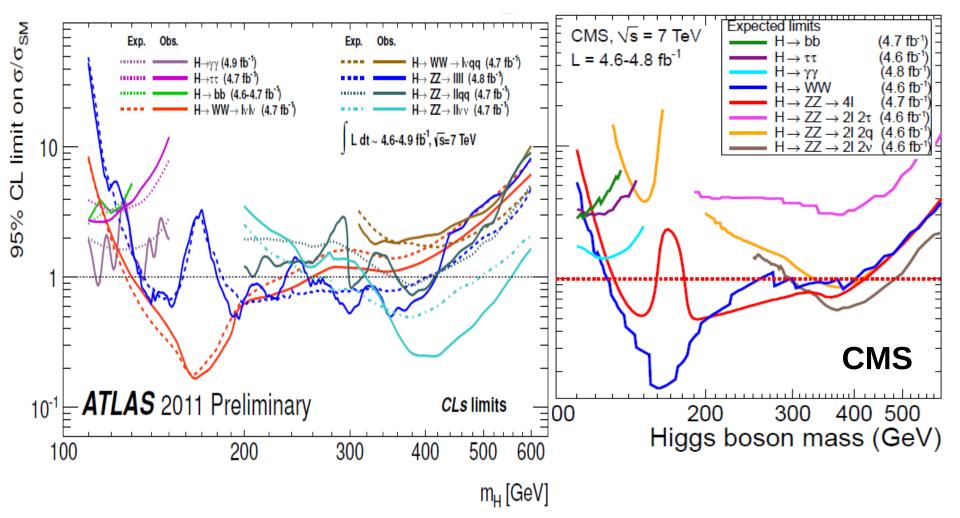
1.6σ including LEE

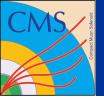


### Combination



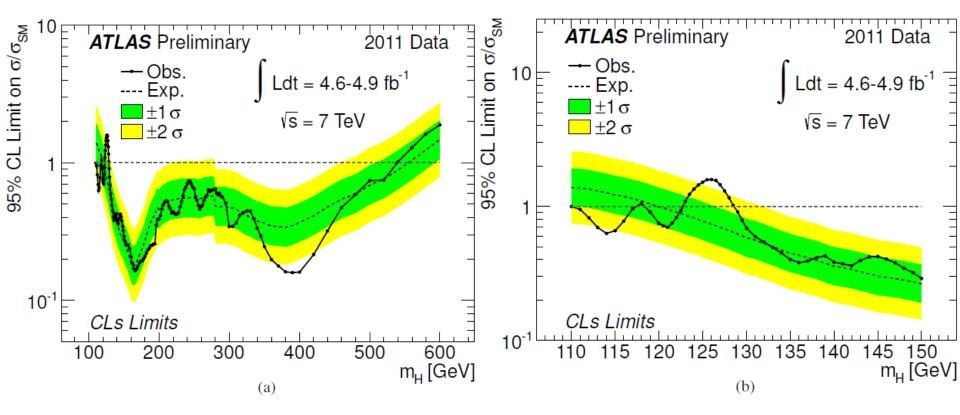
#### Each experiment has performed a combined search.





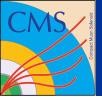
## Combined limits (ATLAS)





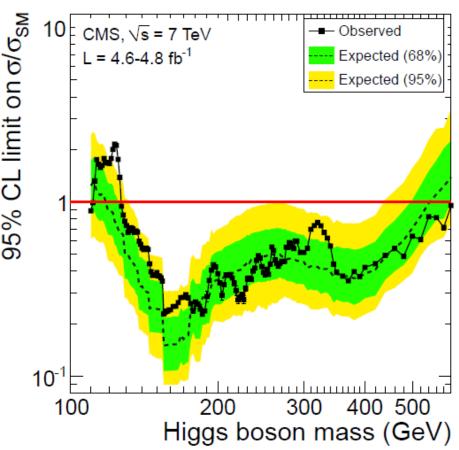
ATLAS 95% C.L. Exclusion: 110-117.5, 118.5-122.5, 129-539 GeV

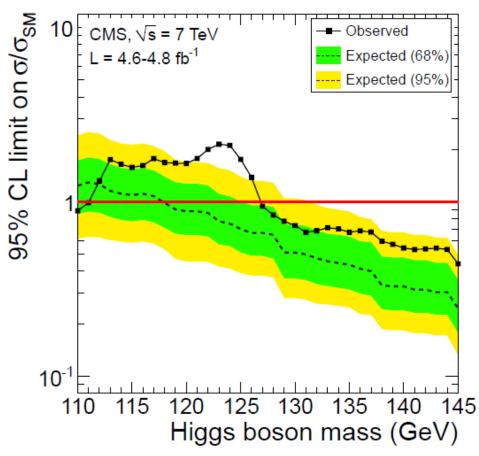




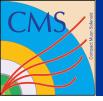
## Combined limits (CMS)







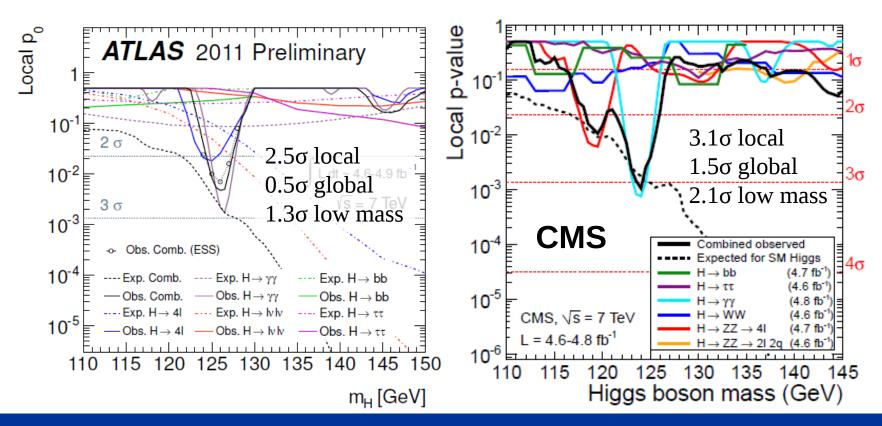
CMS 95% C.L. Exclusion: 127-600 GeV

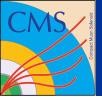


## The most significant excess



- ❖ We can evaluate the most significant signal ~125 GeV.
- **The** H  $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  channel dominates the measurements.
  - ATLAS also observes near-by signal in  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ .

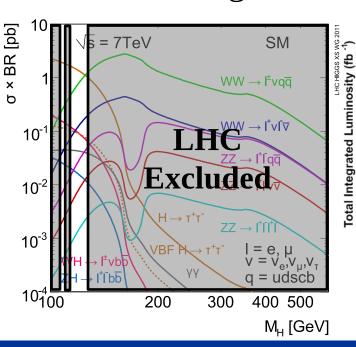


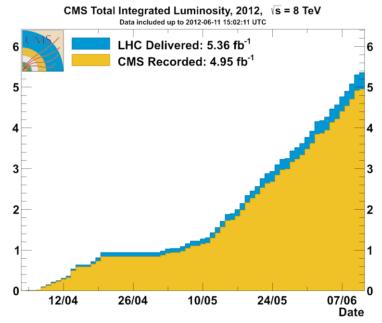


#### Conclusions and outlook



- Both ATLAS and CMS have aggressively searched for the Standard Model Higgs boson.
  - So far there are no significant excesses observed.
  - Experiments at the LHC exclude a SM Higgs boson at 95% C.L. over most of the mass range 110-600 GeV.
  - Tantalizing hints have been seen, but aren't conclusive.





6 2012 LHC goal
5 is 15 fb⁻¹ at 8
✓ TeV.

This may be theyear of Higgs atthe LHC!