



# *The Higgs boson discovery*

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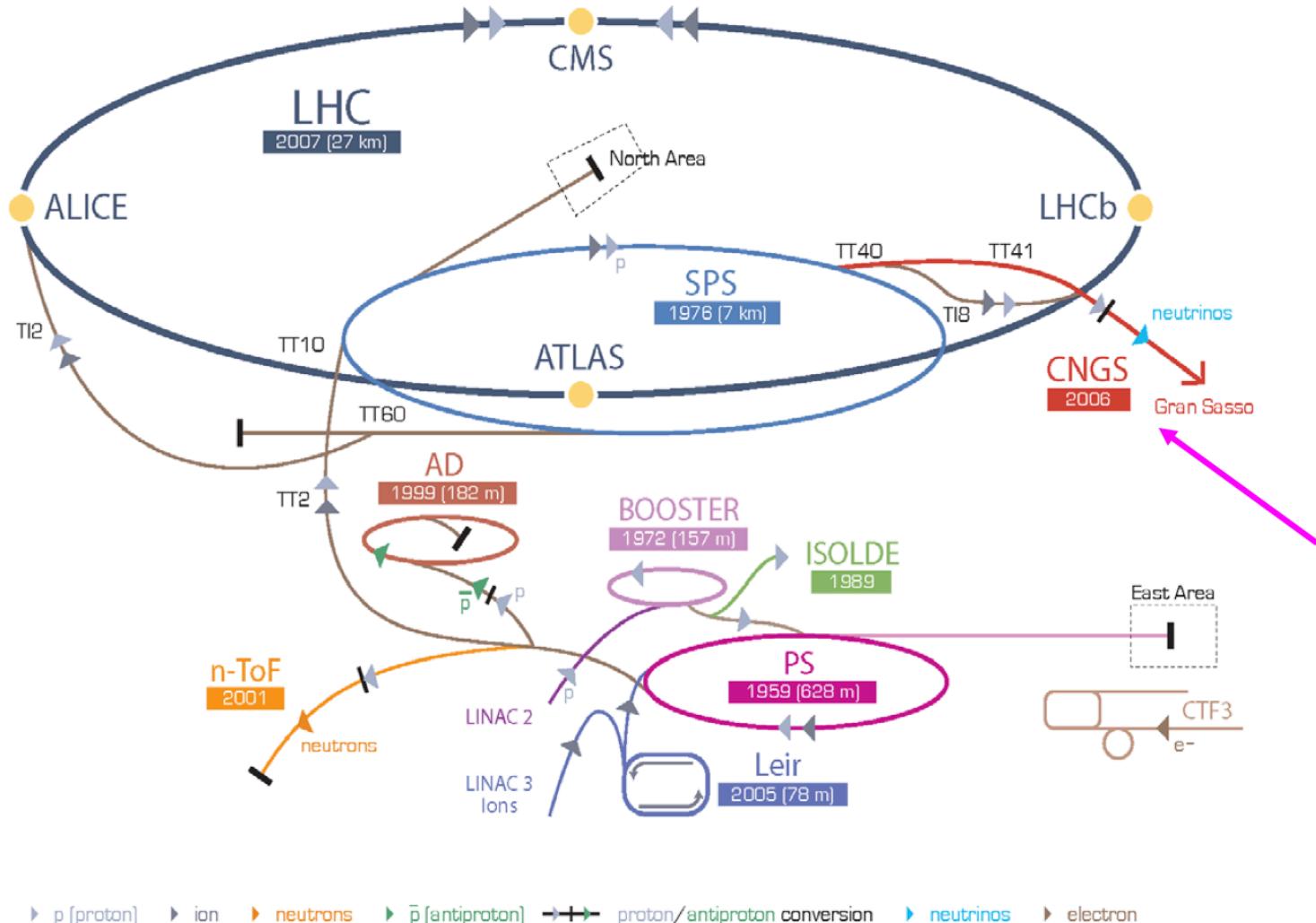
# Overview

- CERN, the accelerator complex, the LHC machine
- Particle production and decay, the Standard Model, the Higgs mechanism
- General purpose detectors at LHC: ATLAS and CMS
- Particle production and LHC
- Higgs discovery
- Conclusions

# The Large Hadron Collider



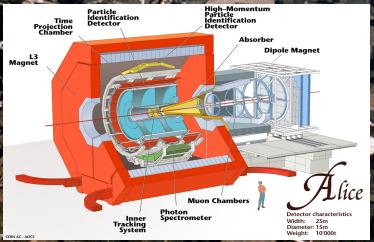
# CERN Accelerator Complex



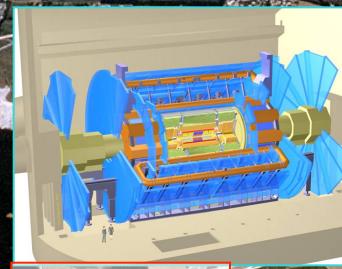
LHC Large Hadron Collider   SPS Super Proton Synchrotron   PS Proton Synchrotron

AD Antiproton Decelerator   CTF3 Clic Test Facility   CNGS Cern Neutrinos to Gran Sasso   ISOLDE Isotope Separator OnLine DEvice

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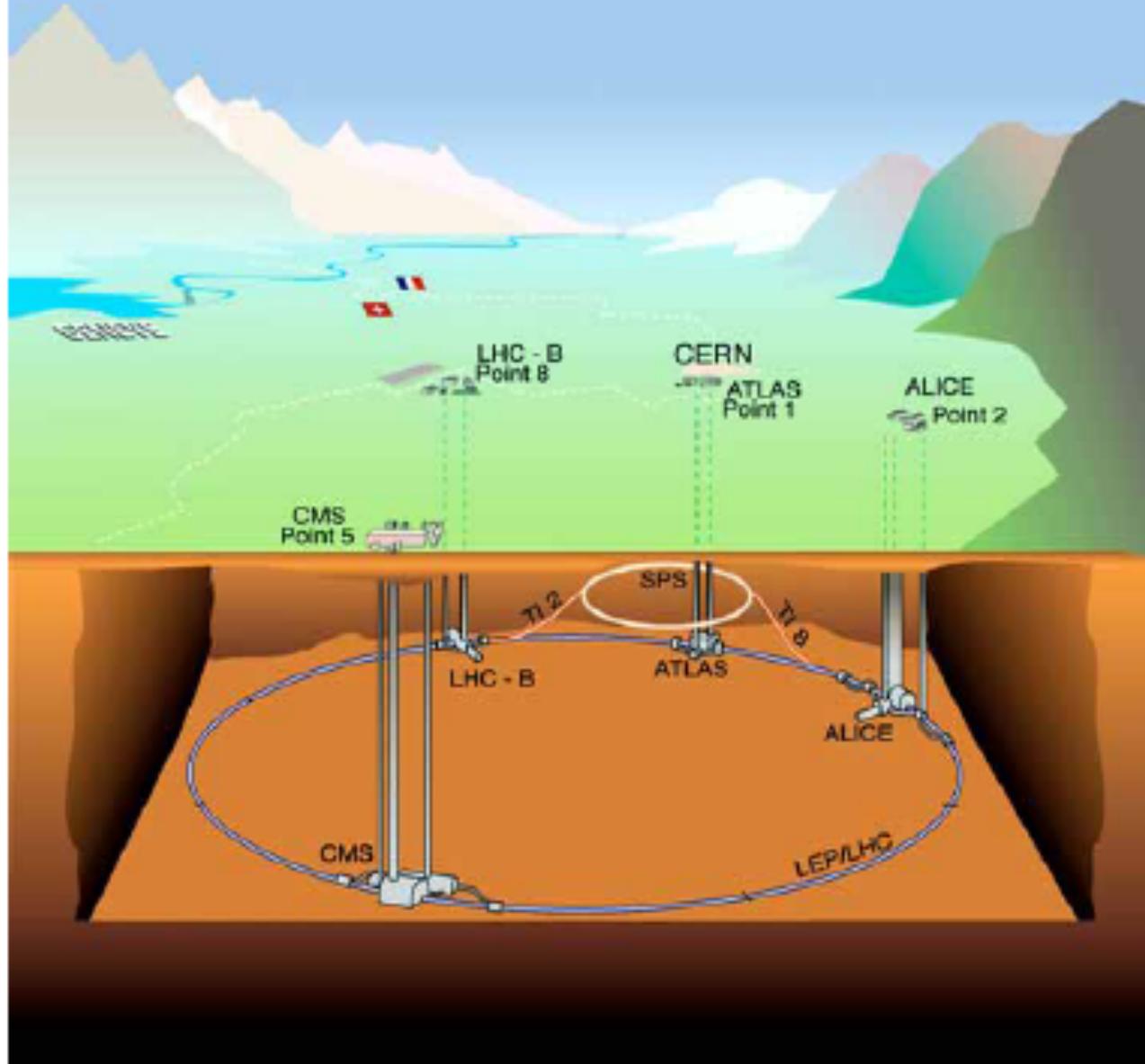
**ALICE**



**ATLAS**



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Now upgrade on going to bring the center of mass energy to  $\sim 14 \text{ TeV}$

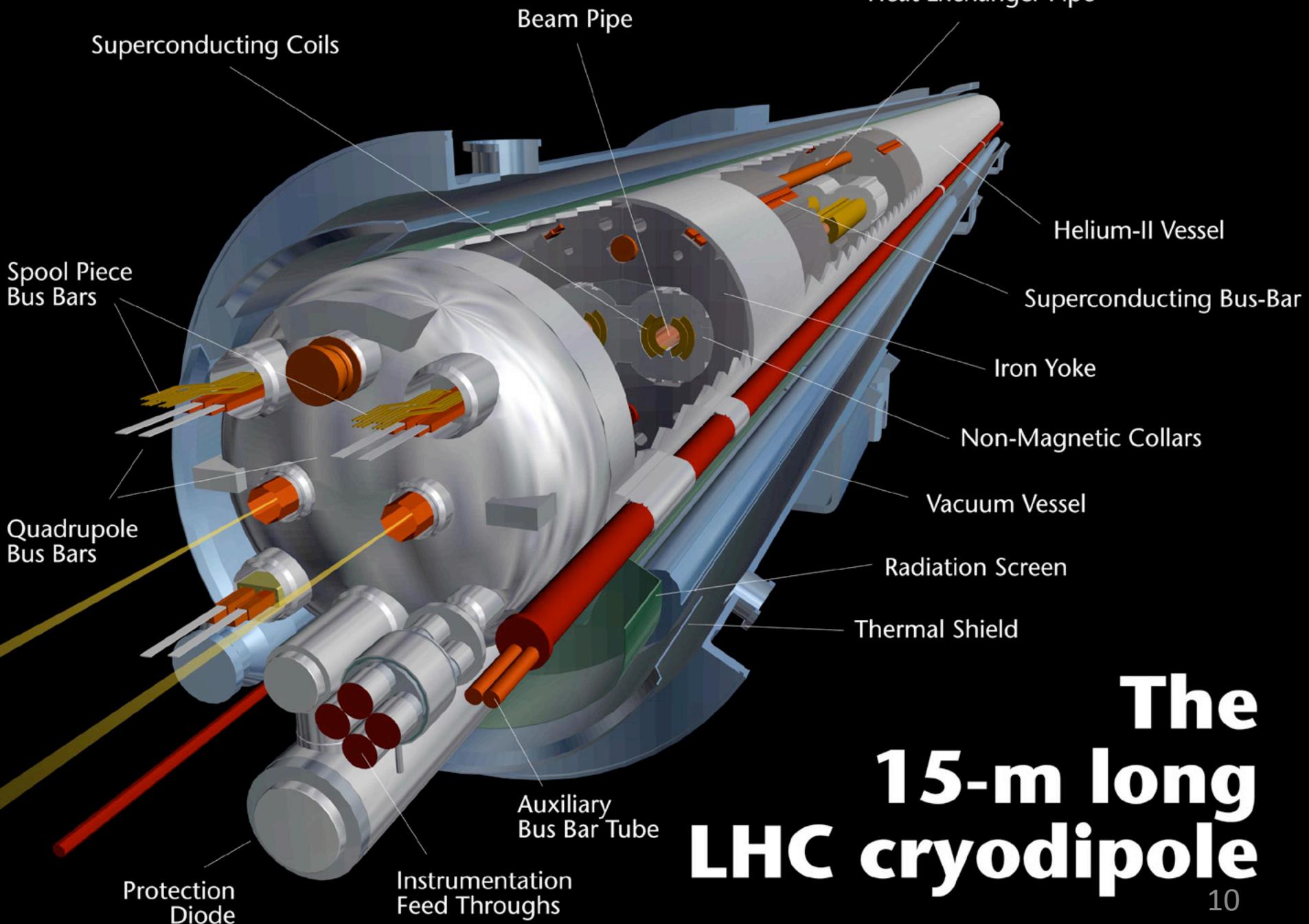
Nominal Luminosity  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

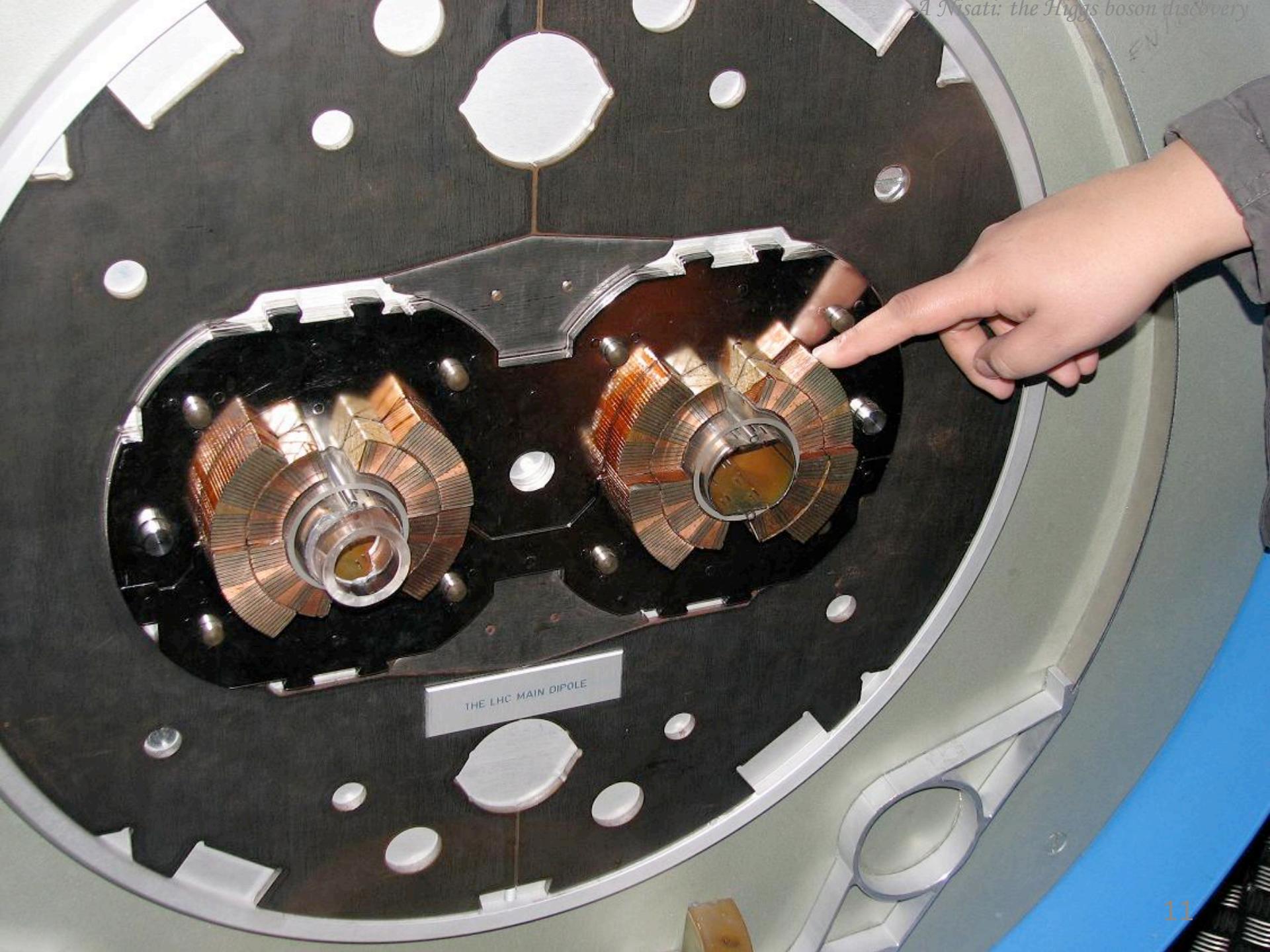
**Superconducting magnets in LHC:**  
**Dipoles:** **1232**  
**Total:** **>1800**

Number of protons per bunch:  **$1.15 \times 10^{11}$**   
(currently  $\sim 1.7 \times 10^{11}$ )

Number of bunches: 2808 (currently  $\sim 1400$ )



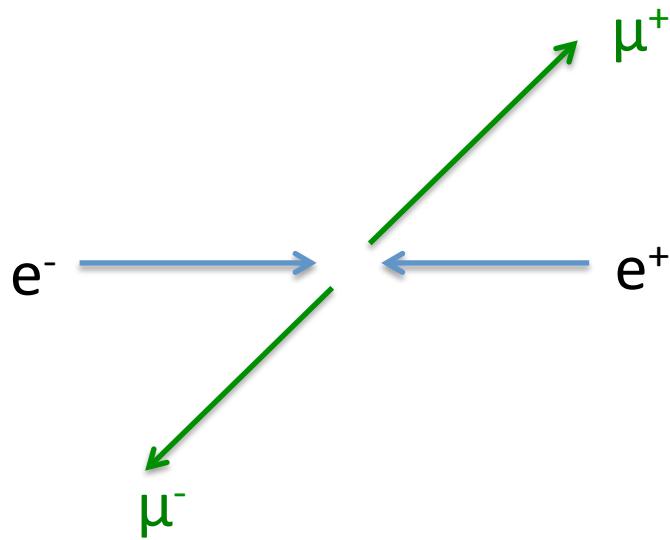




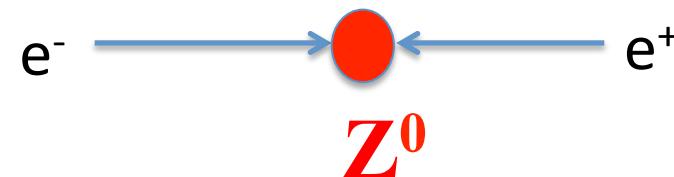
# relativistic-quantum mechanics

- In relativistic quantum physics **we can create** particles (if realized in nature) that are not necessarily present in our Universe because their instability
- These particle can be composite objects, or more importantly, **elementary constituents or force carriers**
  - Electrons and photons are elementary particles
  - Protons and neutrons are composite particles
  - Muons, taus and quarks are elementary particles
- Particle creation obeys to conservation and symmetry laws

# Particle creation



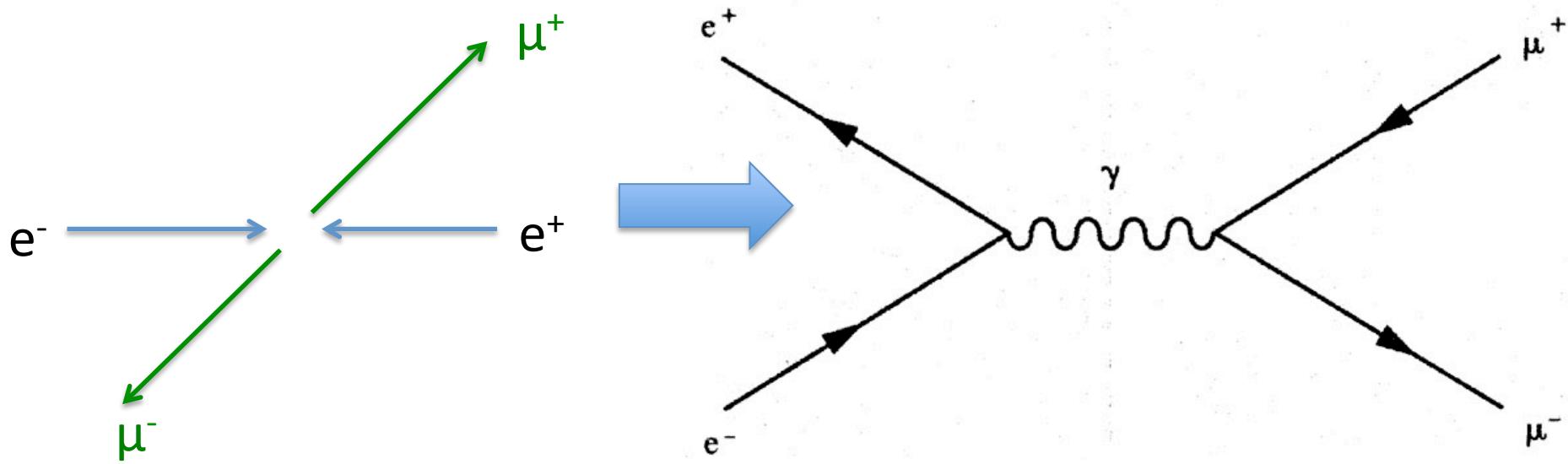
**creation of a muon pair  
from a  $e^+e^-$  collision**



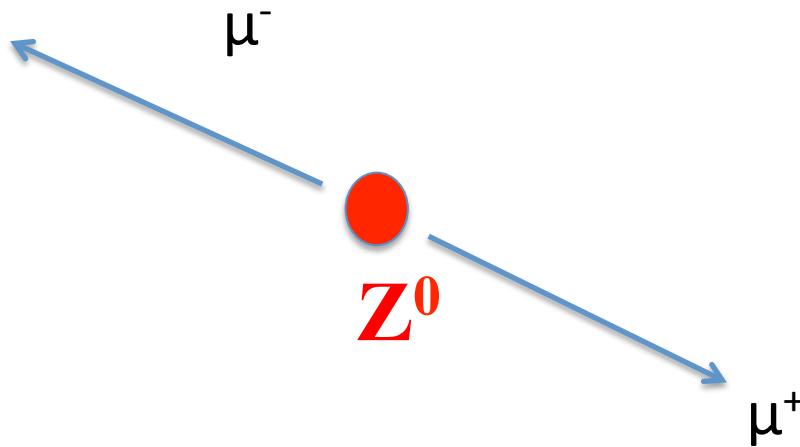
**creation of a  $Z^0$  boson from  
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**Energy and momentum of the particle system is conserved**

# Feynman diagrams



# Particle decay



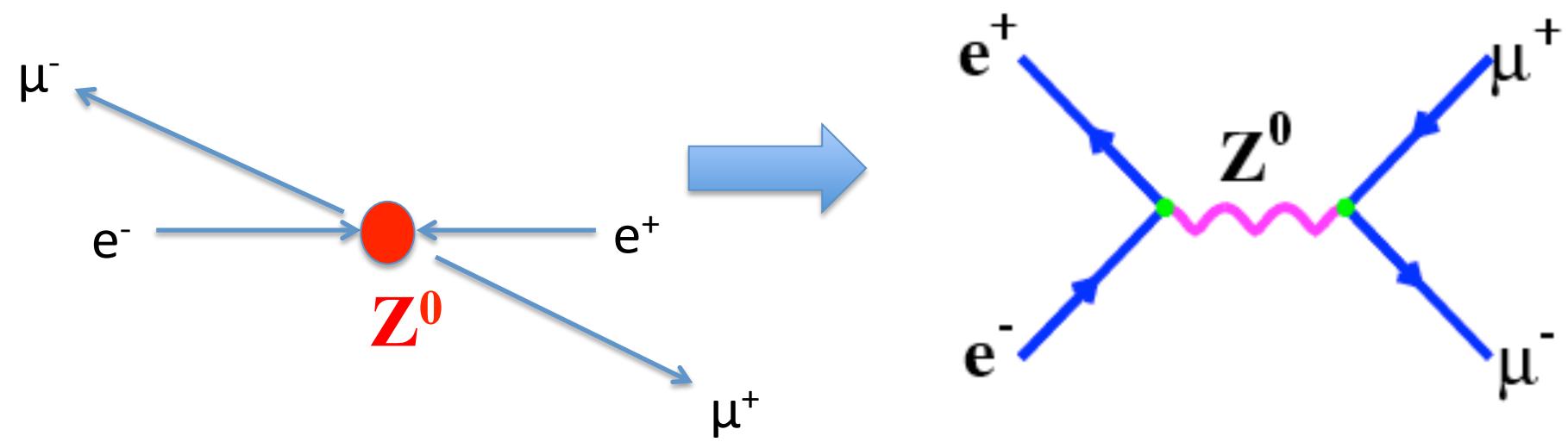
decay of a  $Z^0$  boson to a  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pair.

Several other final states are possible

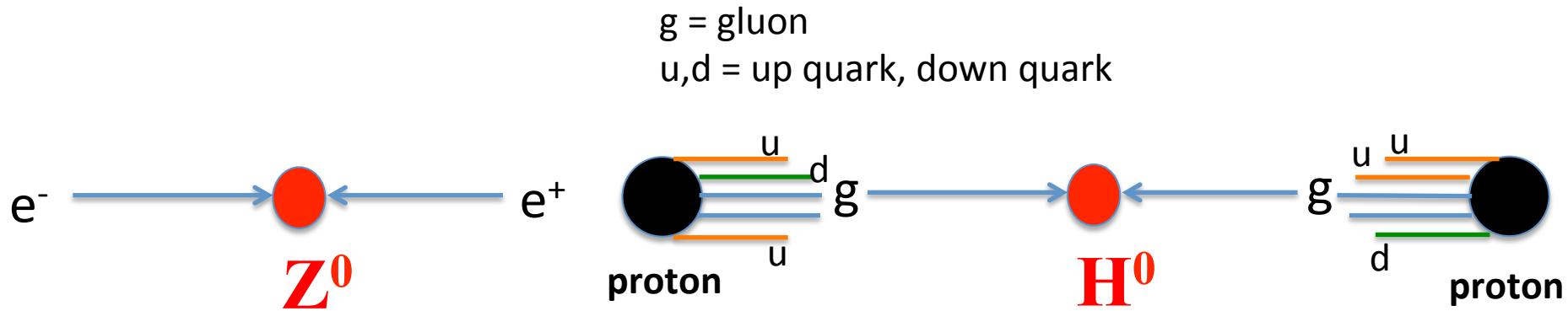
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The *invariant mass* of the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pair gives the mass of the  $Z$  boson

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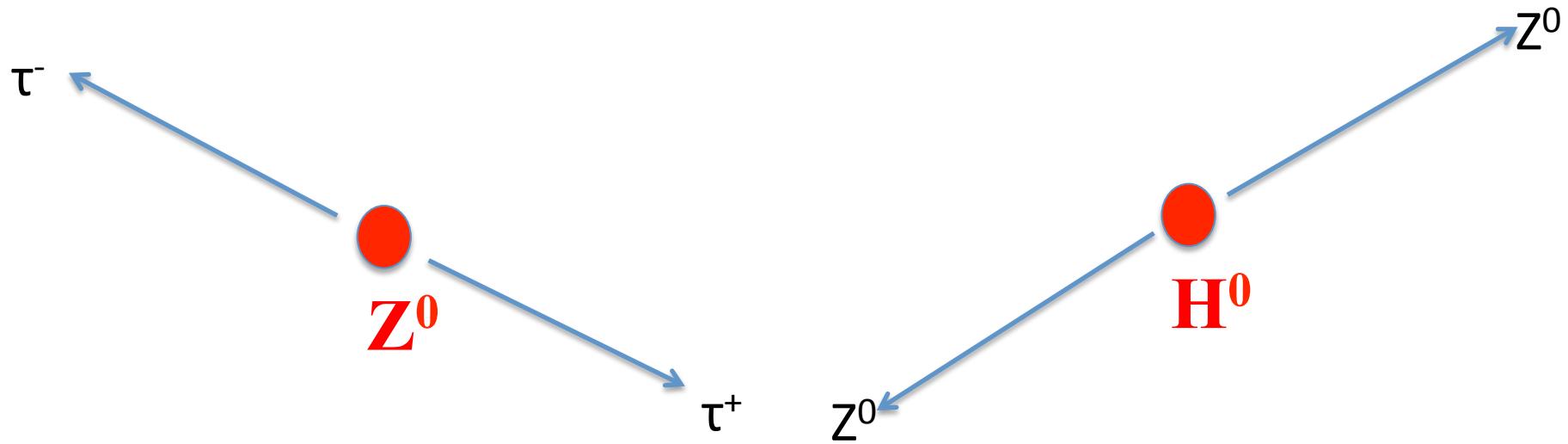


**creation of a  $Z^0$  boson from  
a  $e^+e^-$  collision**

**creation of a  $H^0$  boson from  
a proton-proton **collision****

**Energy and momentum of the particle system is conserved**

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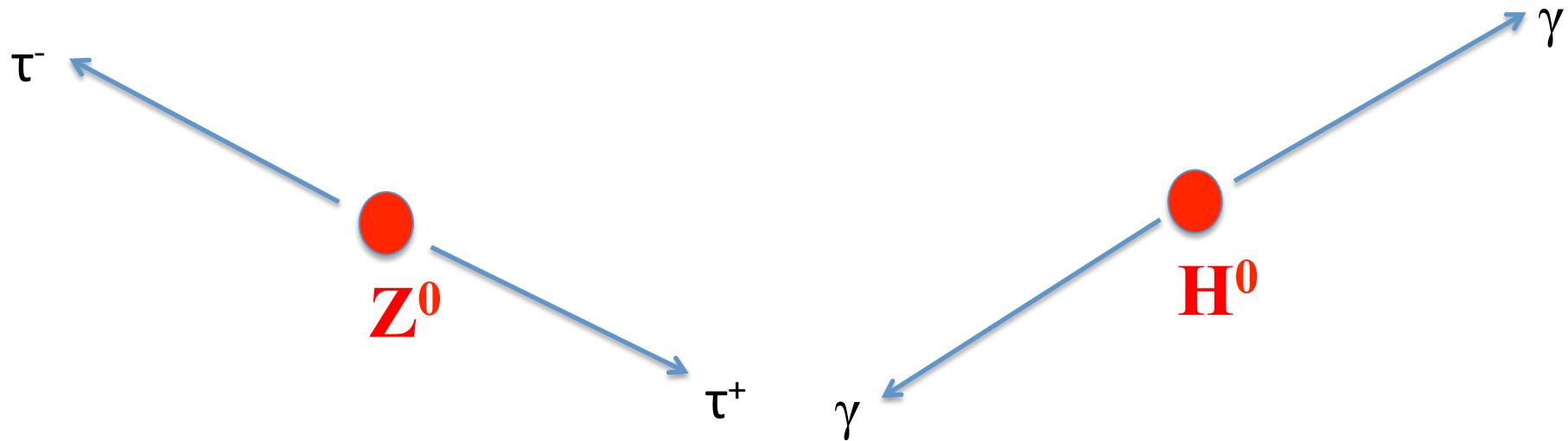


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decay of a  $H^0$  boson to a  $Z^0Z^0$  pair  
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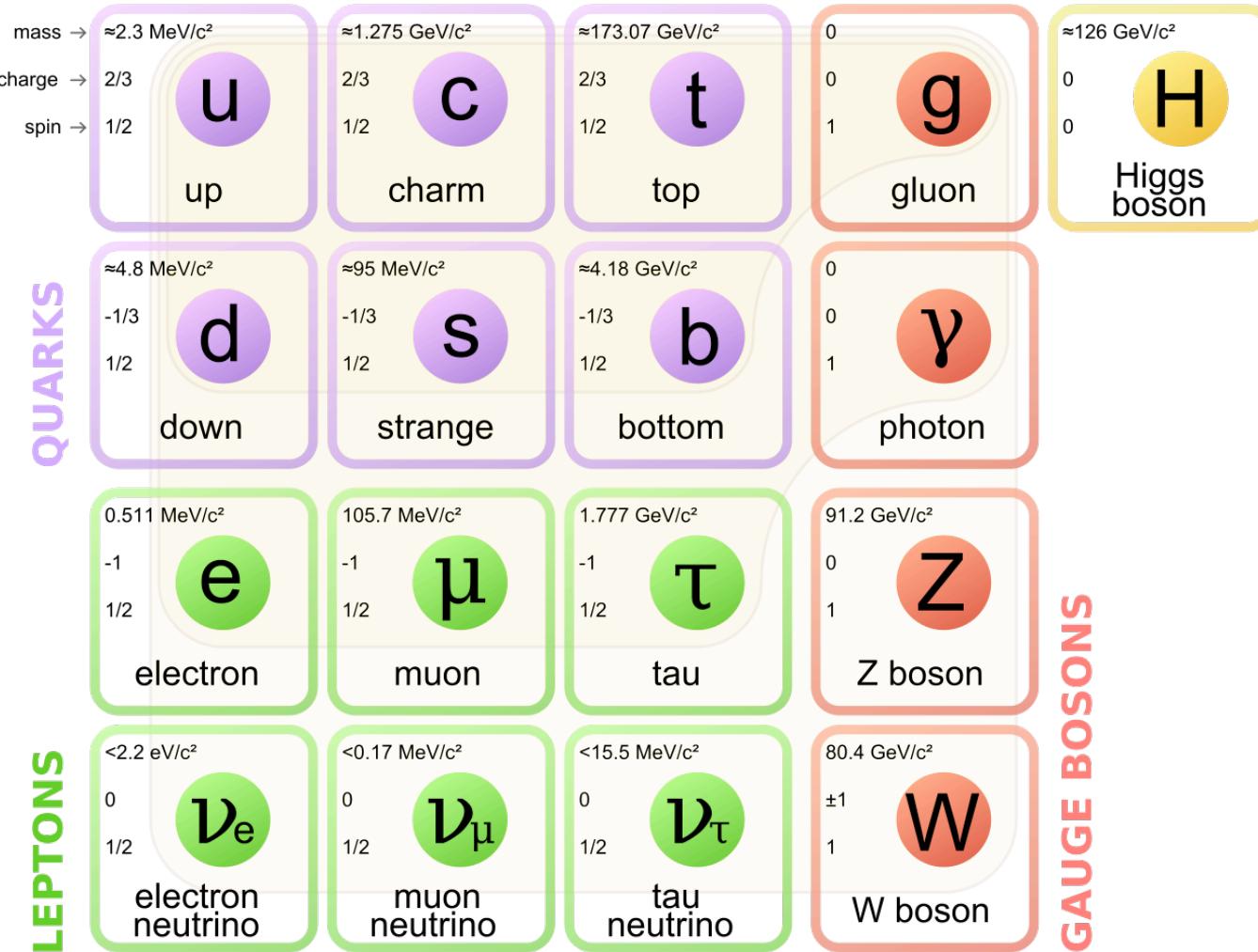


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decay of a  $H^0$  boson to a  $\gamma\gamma$  pair  
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# The Standard Model



# The Higgs mechanism

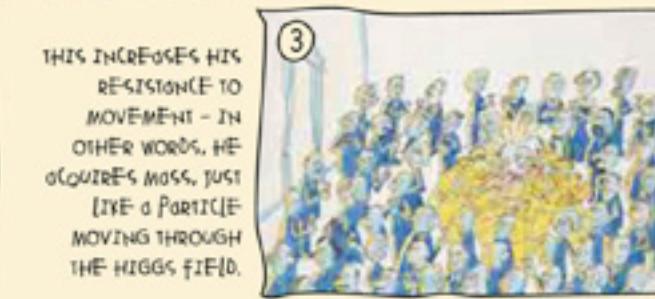
## THE HIGGS MECHANISM

IMAGE COURTESY OF CERN

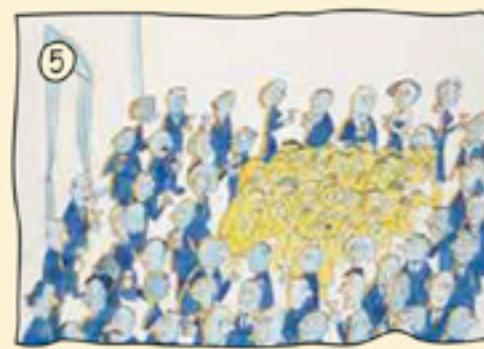
① TO UNDERSTAND THE HIGGS MECHANISM, IMAGINE THAT A ROOM FULL OF PHYSICISTS QUIETLY CHATTERING IS LIKE SPACE FILLED ONLY WITH THE HIGGS FIELD.



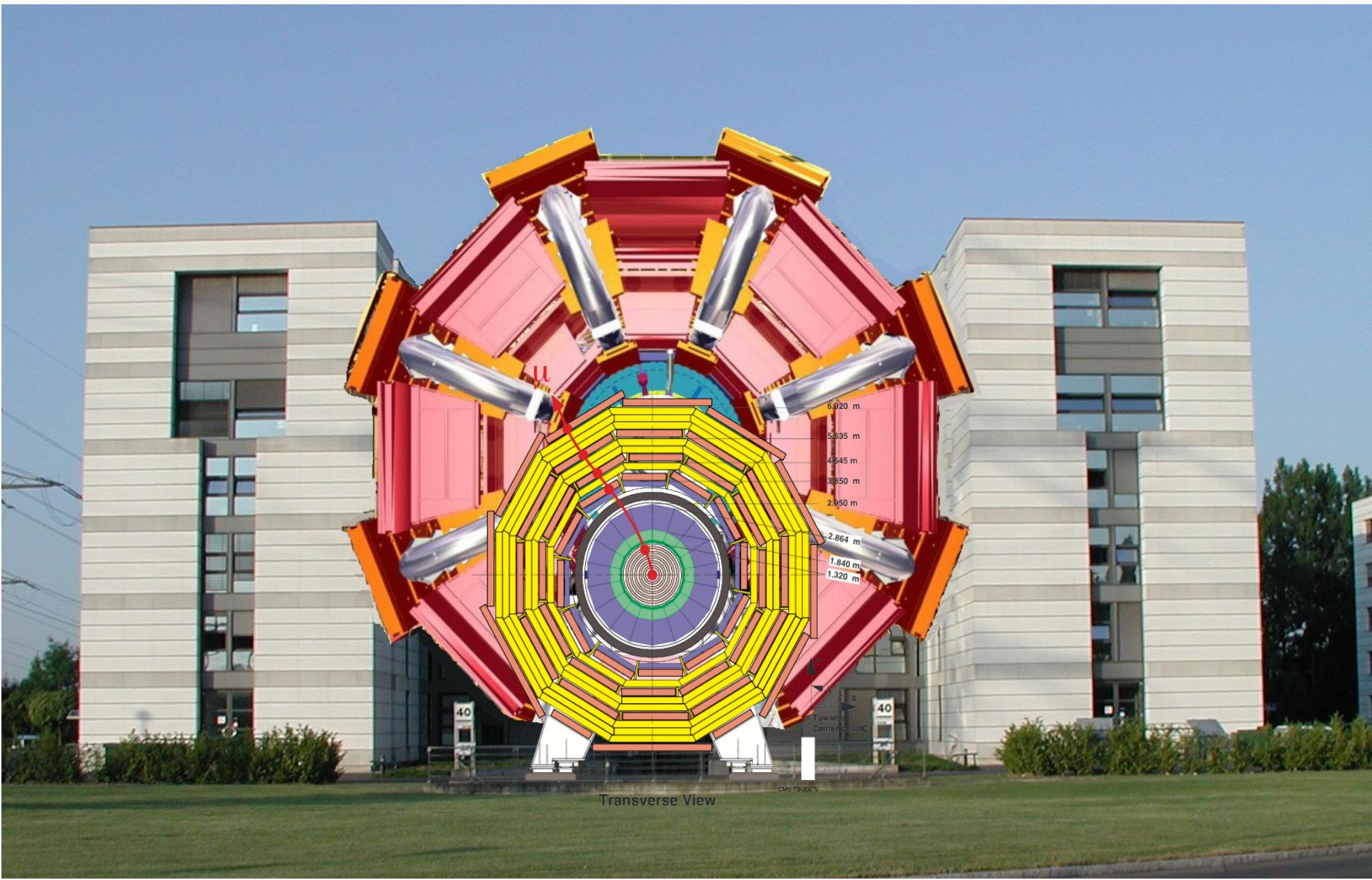
② A WELL KNOWN SCIENTIST, ALBERT EINSTEIN, WALKS IN, CREATING A DISTURBANCE AS HE MOVES ACROSS THE ROOM, AND ATTRACTING A CLUSTER OF ADMIRERS WITH EACH STEP.



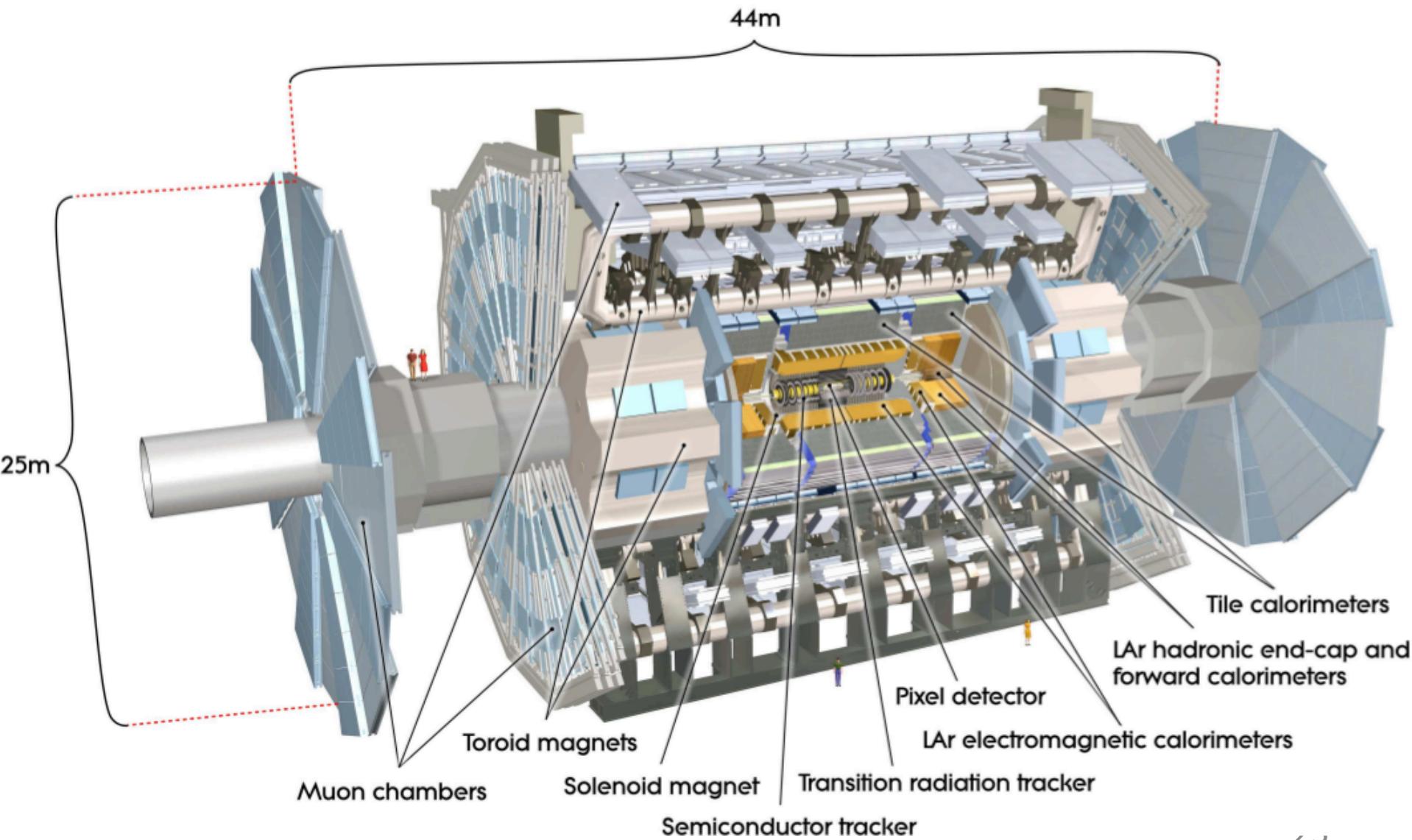
THIS INCREASES HIS RESISTANCE TO MOVEMENT - IN OTHER WORDS, HE ACQUIRES MASS, JUST LIKE A PARTICLE MOVING THROUGH THE HIGGS FIELD.



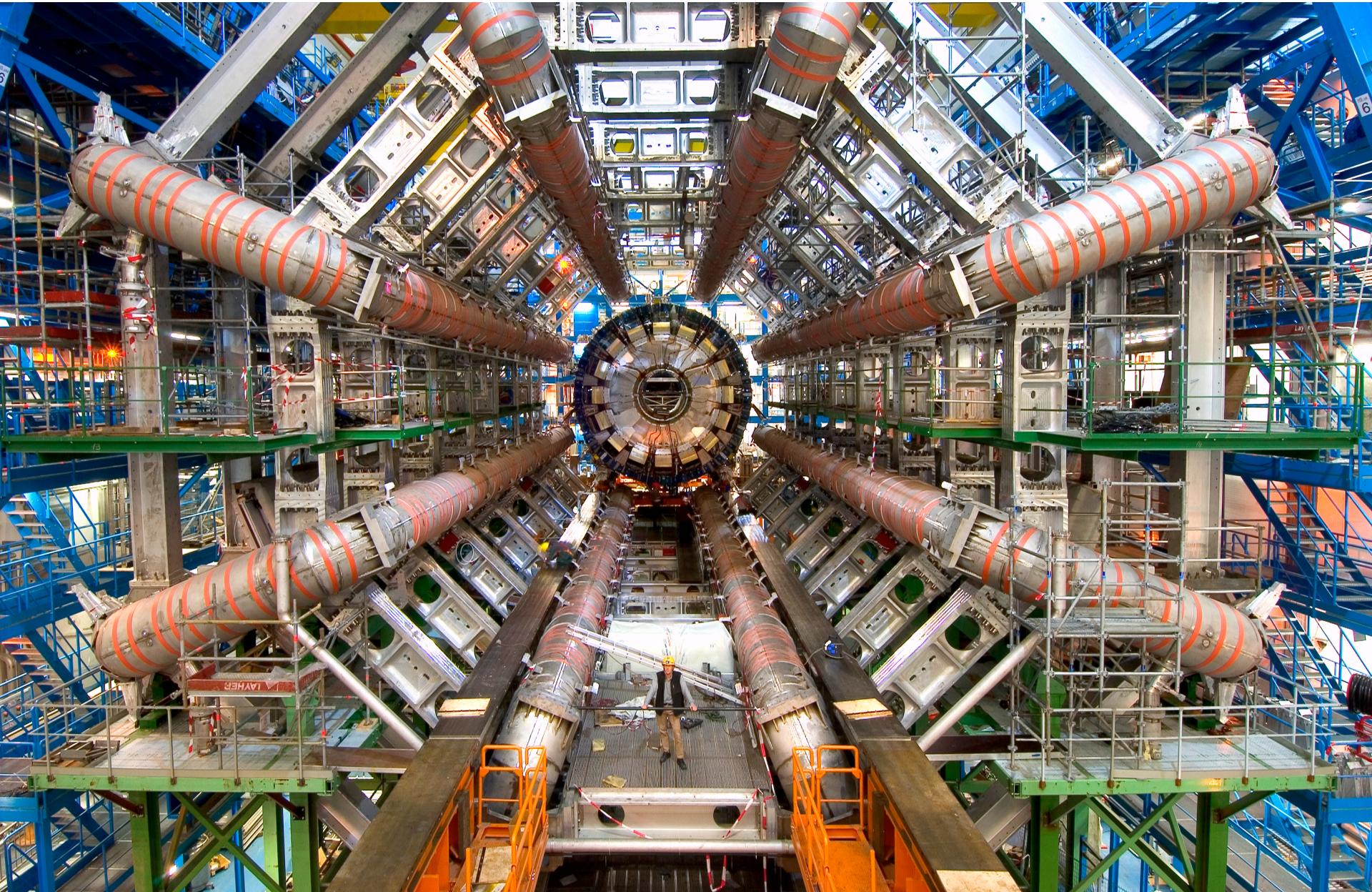
# The ATLAS and CMS detectors



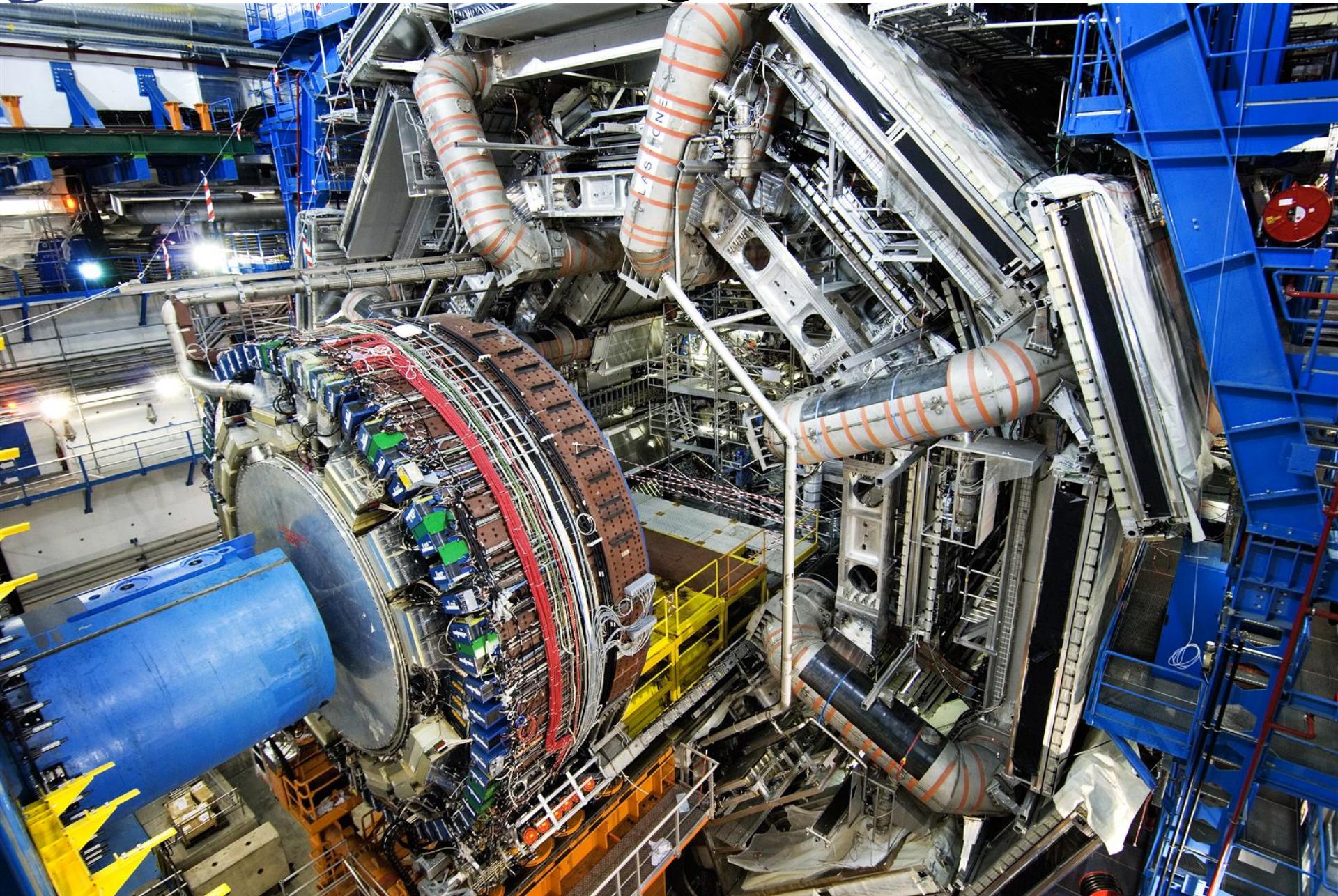
# The ATLAS Detector - I



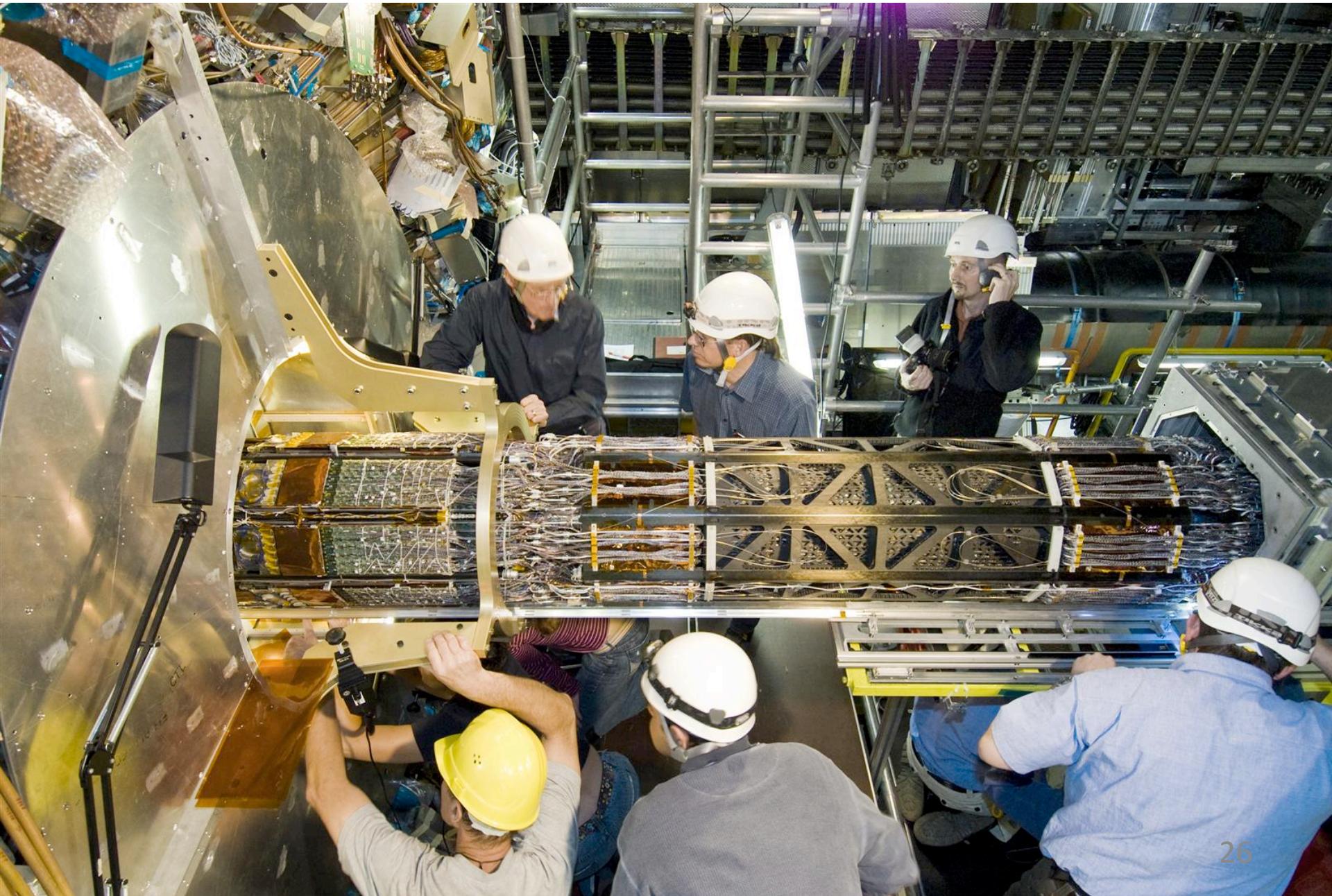
# ATLAS during construction

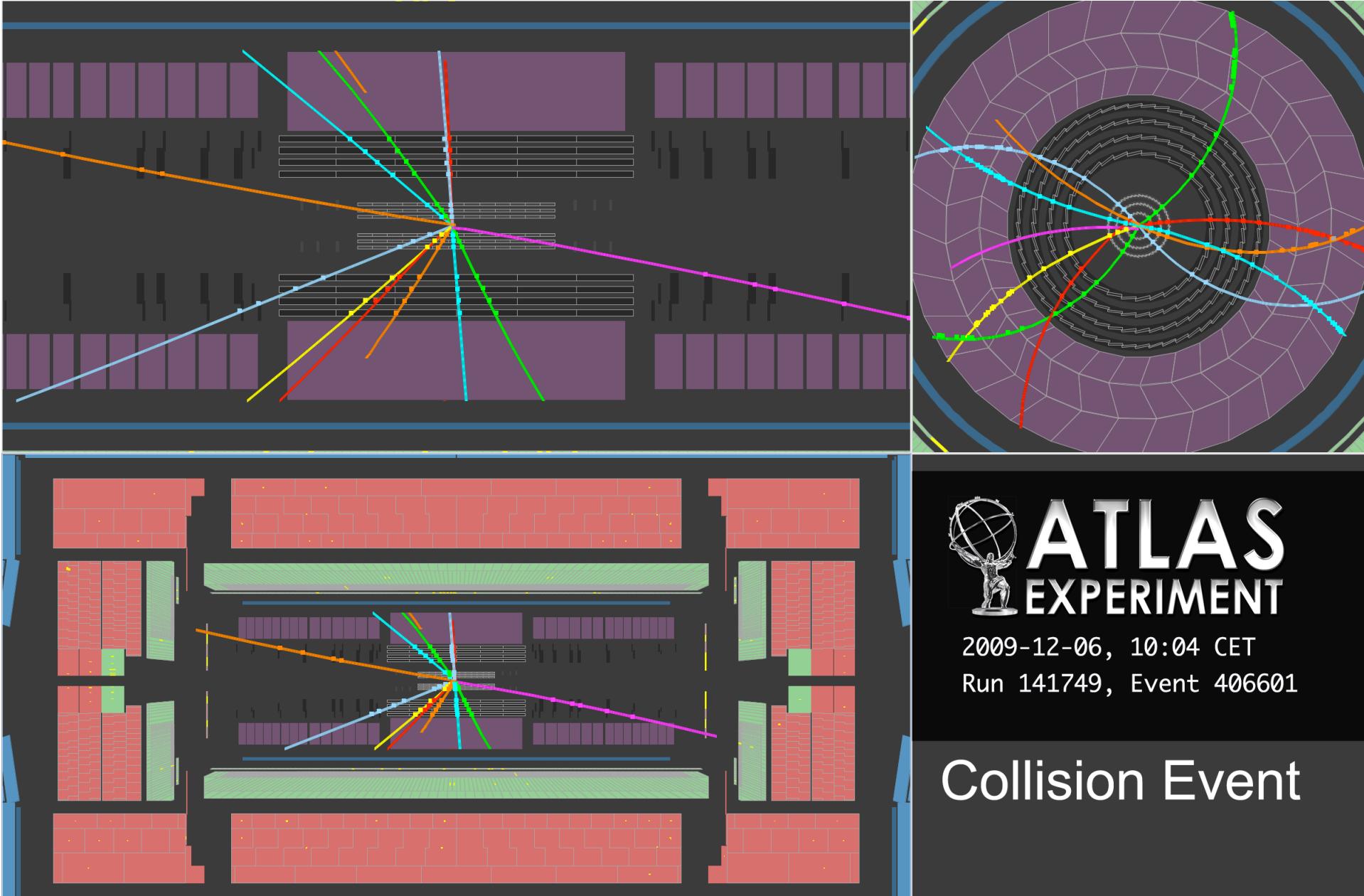


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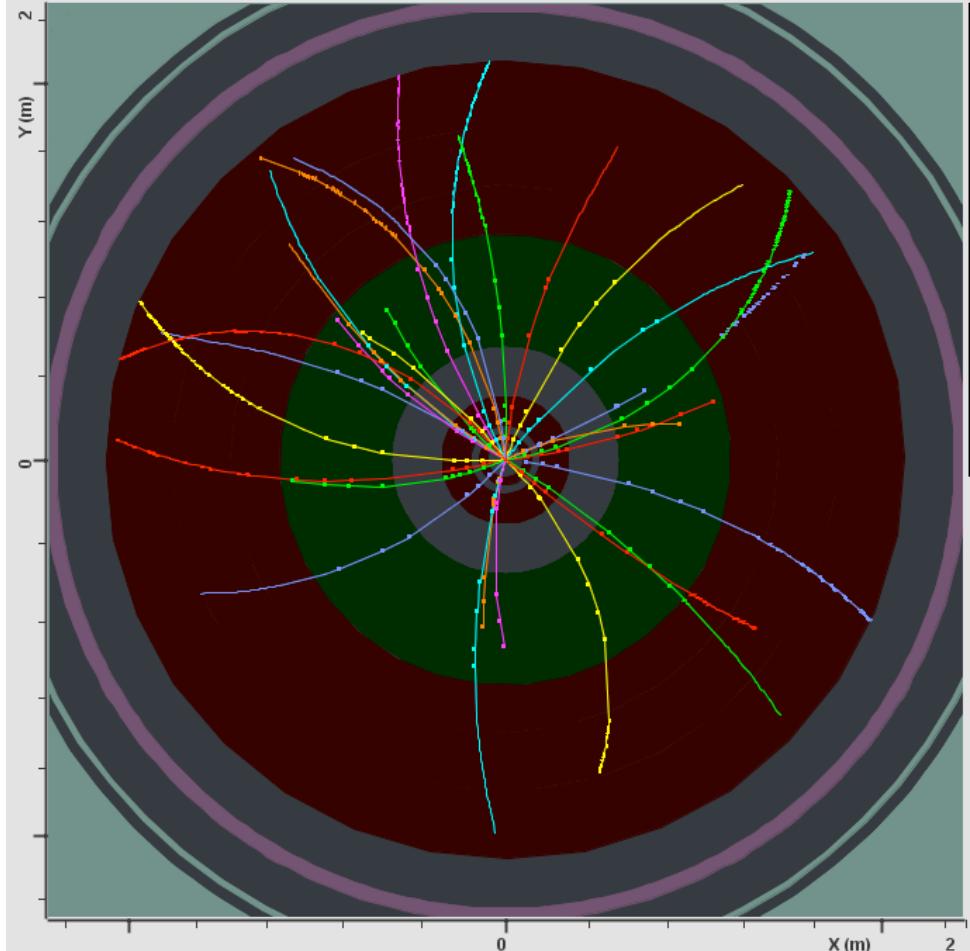


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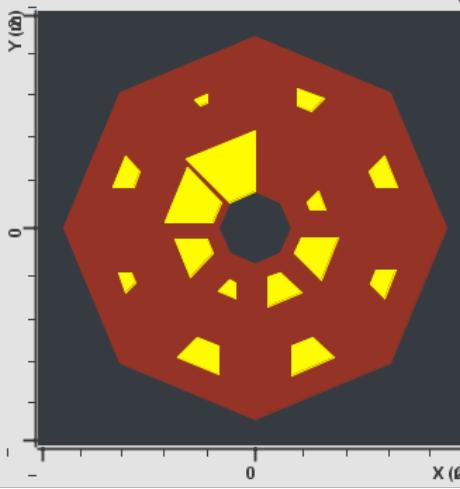
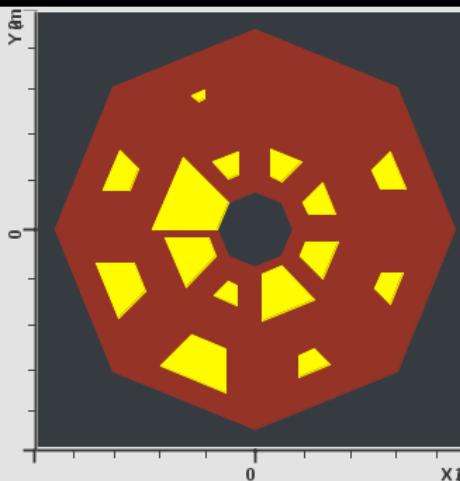
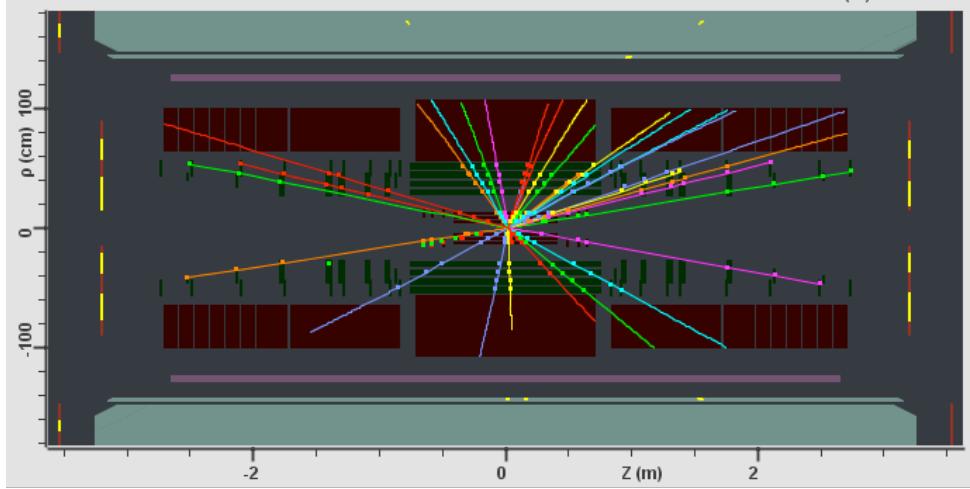


<http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/public/EVTDISPLAY/events.html>



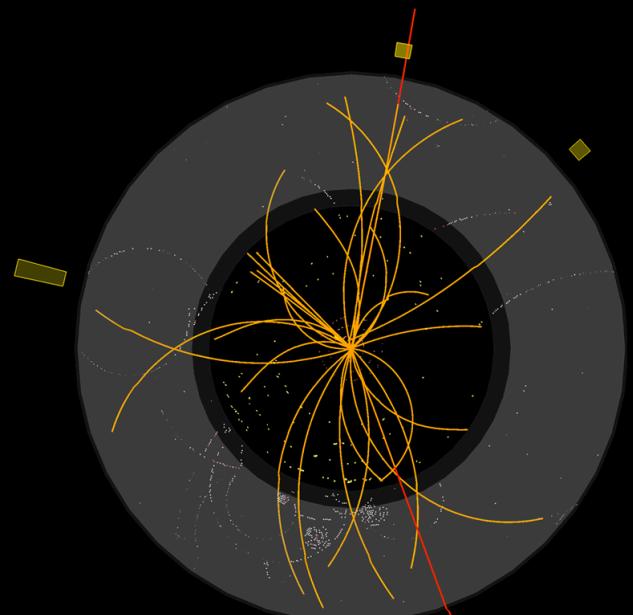
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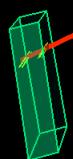
# ATLAS EXPERIMENT

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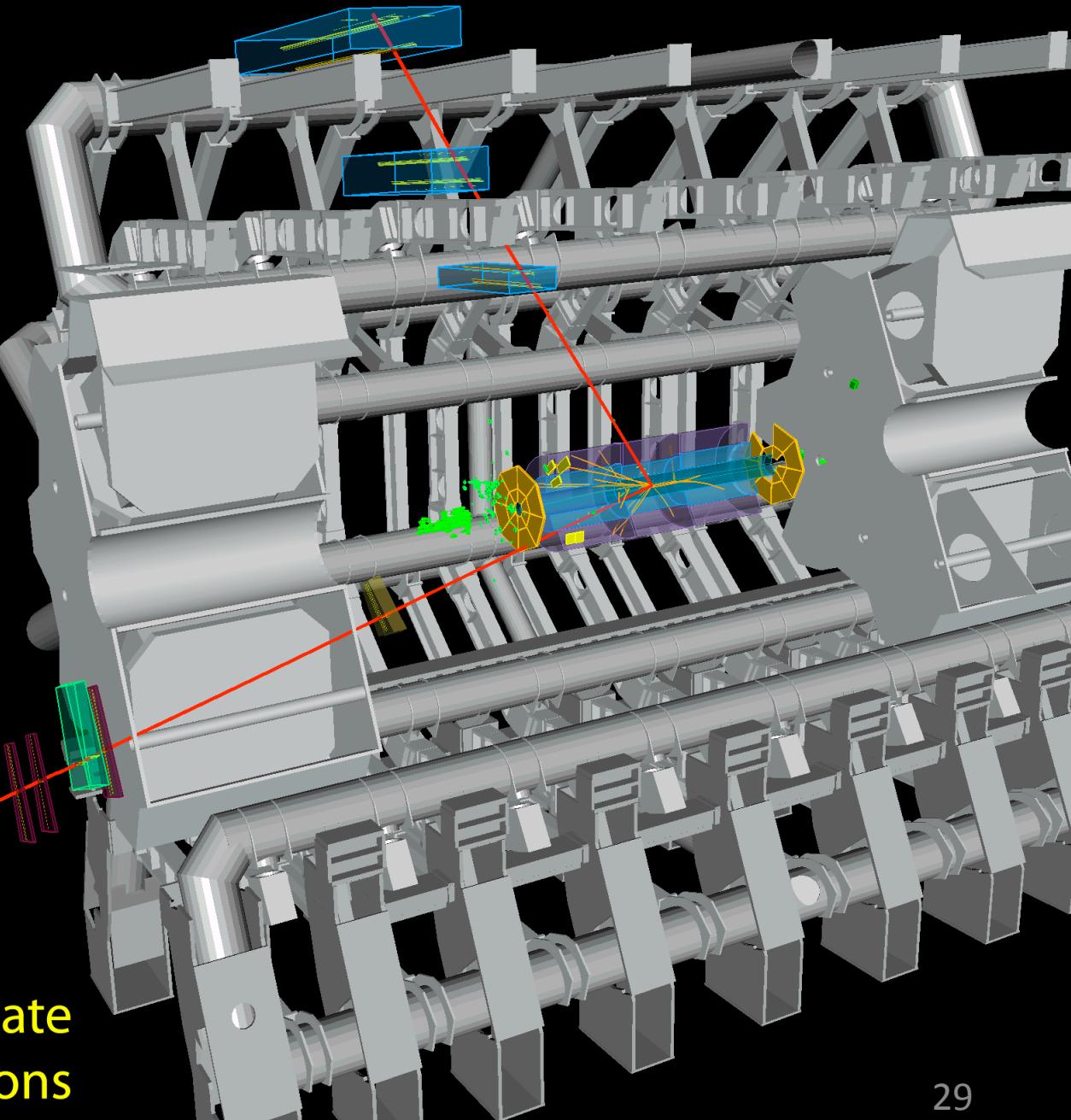


$$p_T(\mu^-) = 27 \text{ GeV} \quad \eta(\mu^-) = 0.7 \\ p_T(\mu^+) = 45 \text{ GeV} \quad \eta(\mu^+) = 2.2$$

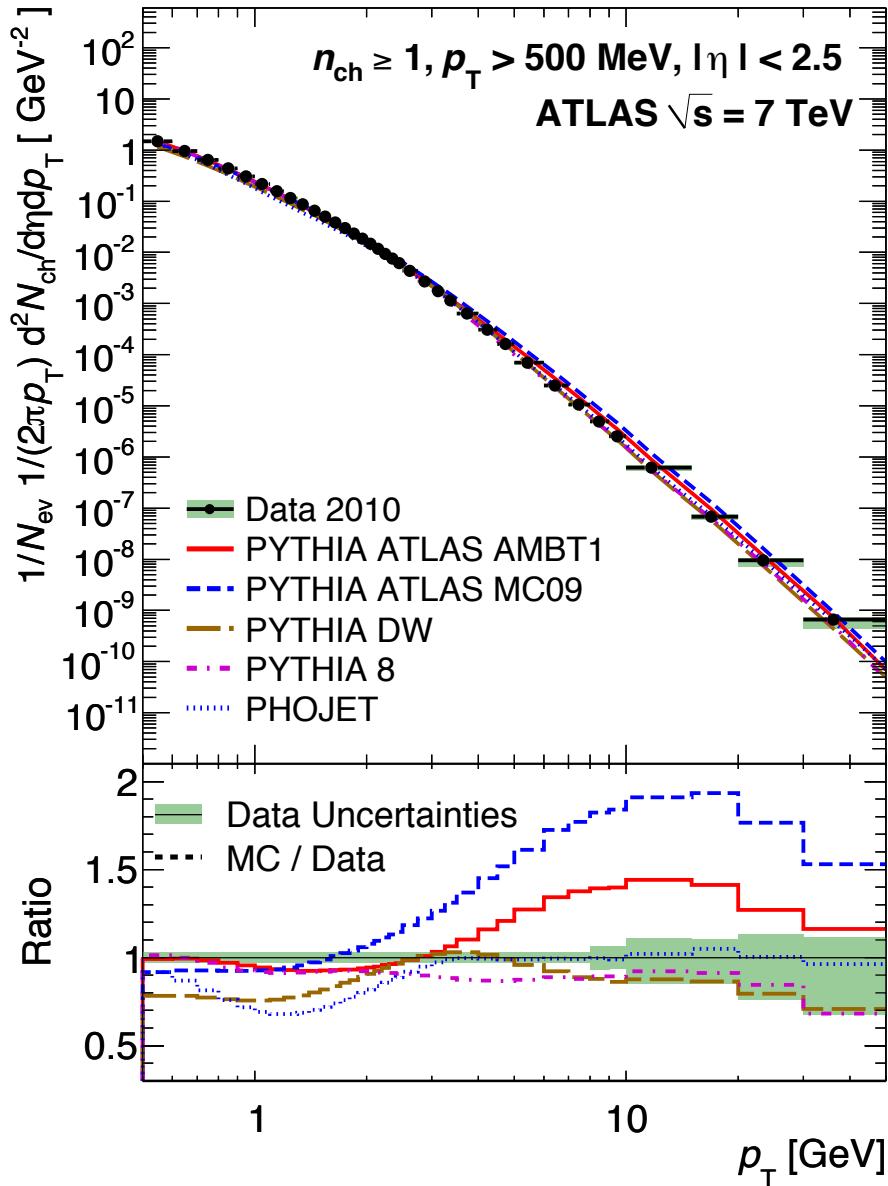
$$M_{\mu\mu} = 87 \text{ GeV}$$



Z $\rightarrow$  $\mu\mu$  candidate  
in 7 TeV collisions

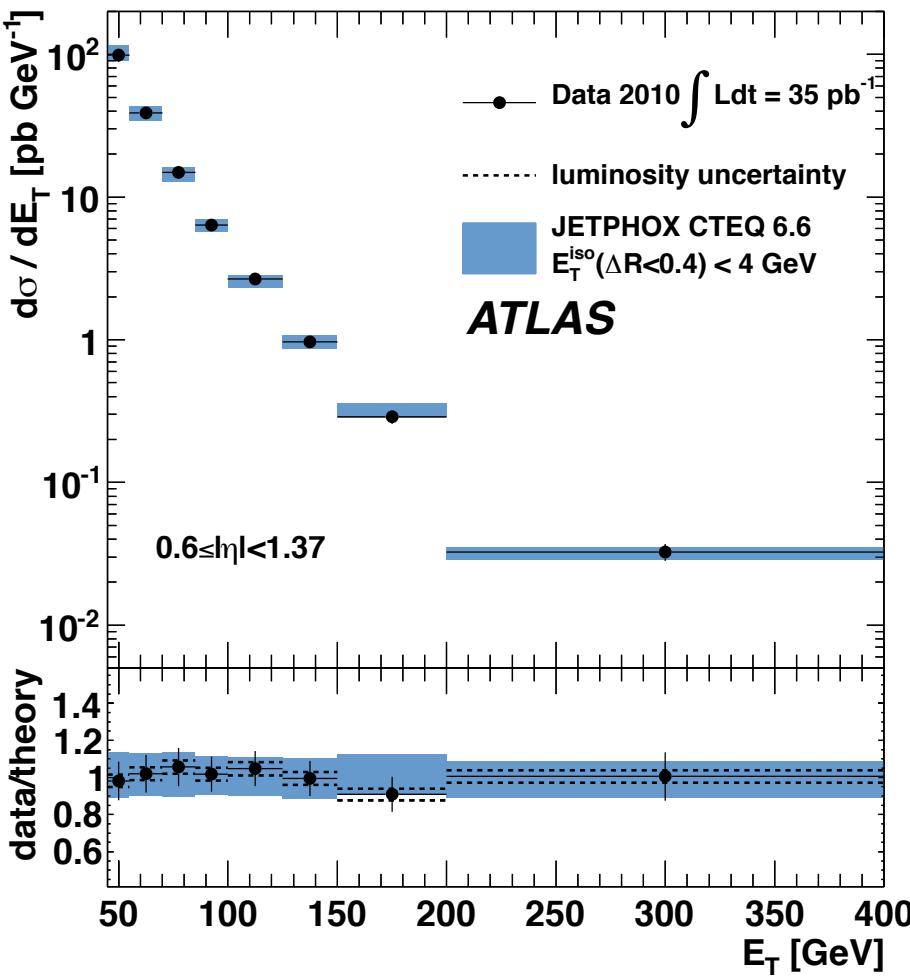


# Charged particle production



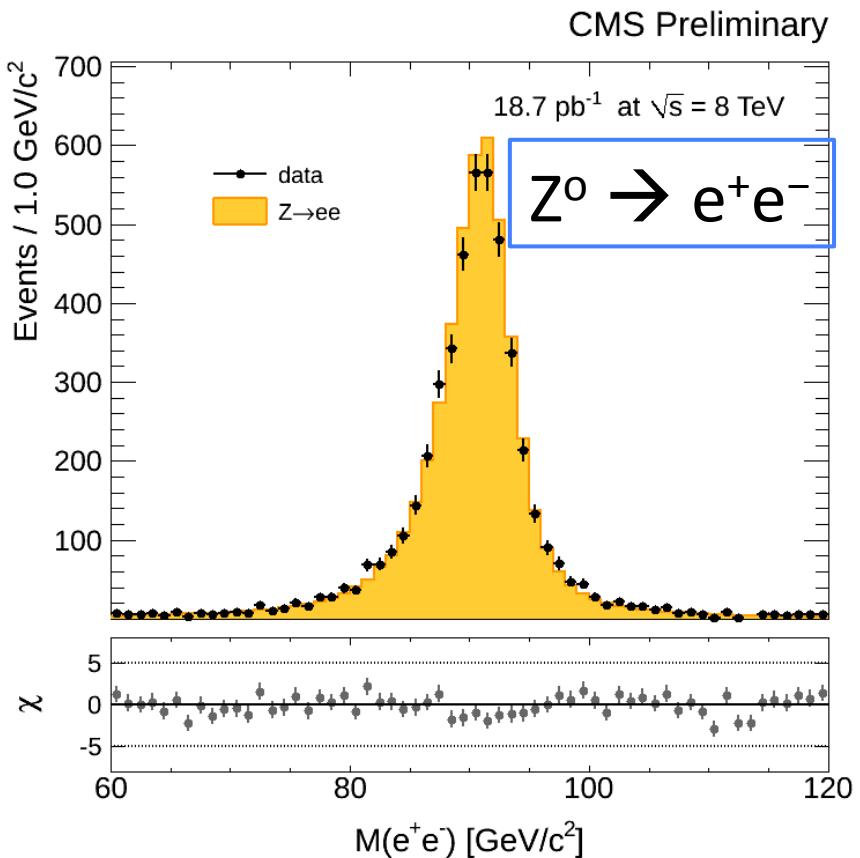
- Charged-particle multiplicities as a function of the transverse momentum,  $p_T$ , for events with  $n_{\text{ch}} \geq 1$ ,  $p_T > 500$  MeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV.
  - dots represent the data and the curves the predictions from different MC models.
  - vertical bars represent the statistical uncertainties
  - shaded areas show statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature.
  - The bottom inserts show the ratio of the MC over the data. The values of the ratio histograms refer to the bin centroids.

# Di-photon production

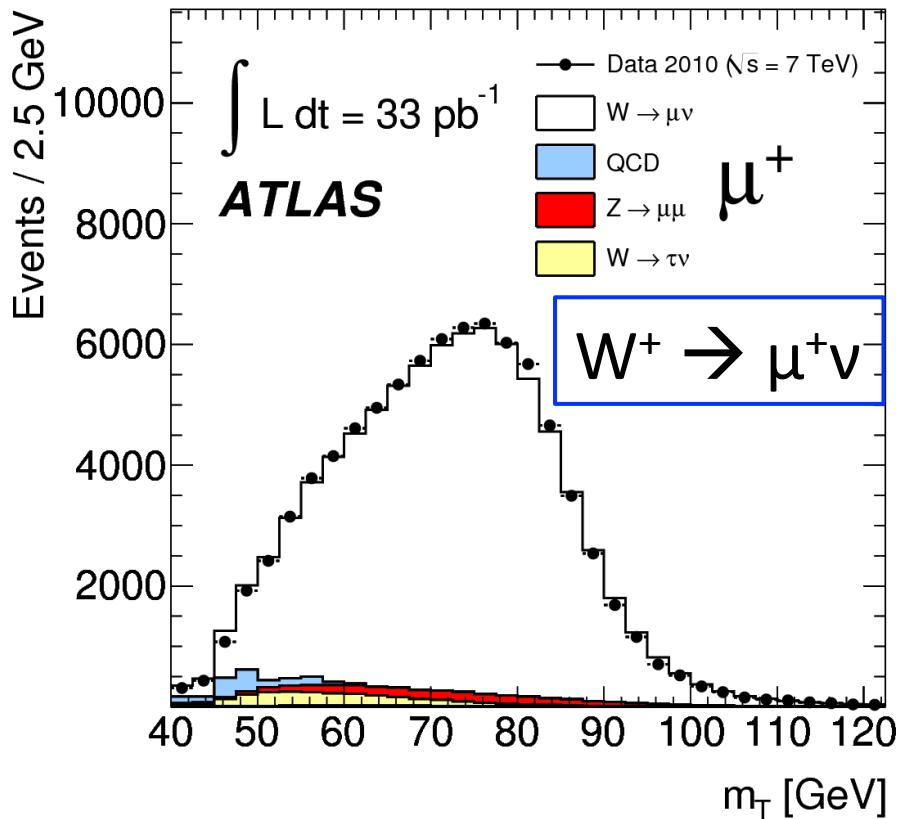


- Measured (dots) and expected (shaded area) inclusive prompt photon production cross-sections, and their ratio, as a function of the photon  $E_T$  and in the range  $|\eta| < 0.6$ . The CTEQ 6.6 PDFs are used in the JETPHOX theoretical computation.

# Production of $W^\pm$ and $Z^0$ bosons



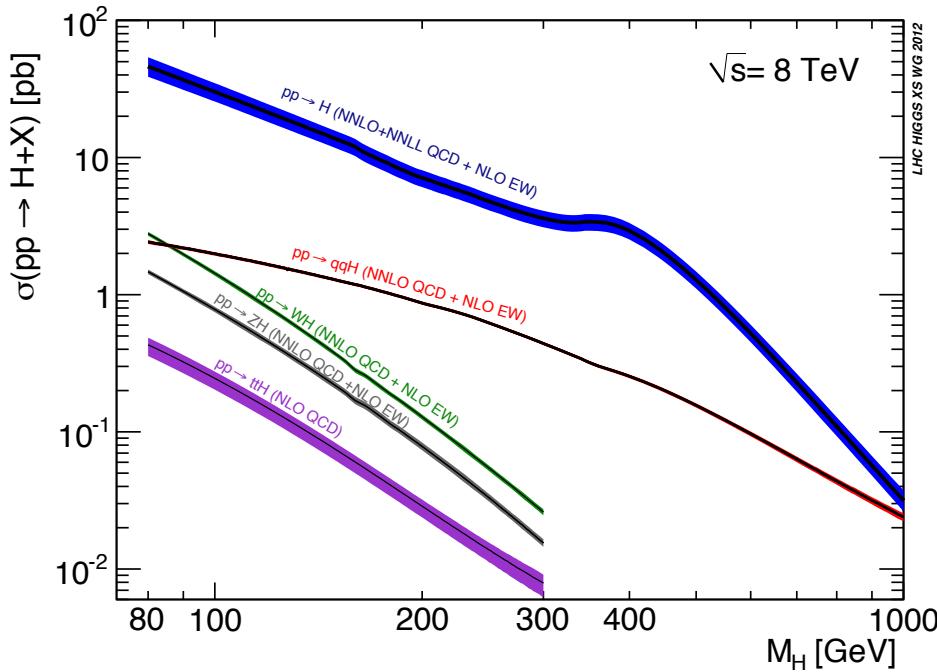
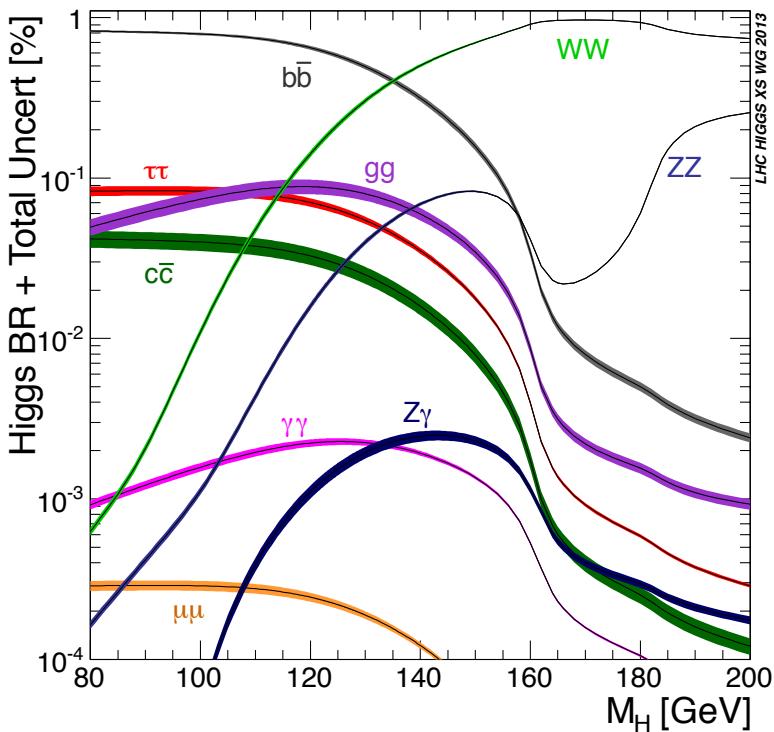
**Invariant mass distribution of candidate  $Z^0$  events in electron-positron final states.**



**Transverse mass distribution of candidate  $W^+$  events in muon-neutrino final states. The simulation is normalised to the data. The QCD background shape is taken from simulation and normalised to the number of QCD events measured from data.**

# Higgs boson production at LHC

- If realized in nature, also the Higgs boson predicted by Standard Model can be produced at the Large Hadron Collider



- The decay modes of the Higgs boson depends on its mass

# Search for the Higgs boson

- Searches for the Higgs boson are based on experimental signatures that combine production rates and robustness of the measured final states

$m_H$ , GeV	$WW \rightarrow l l l l$	$ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	$\gamma\gamma$
120	3141	36	1061
150	10517	59	434
300	3053	119	1

no detector acceptance  
no analysis cuts applied

Higgs events,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV ,  $L = 20$   $fb^{-1}$

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : rare channel, but the best for low mass
- $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$ :
  - $\rightarrow l l l l$ : very important in the intermediate mass range
  - $\rightarrow l v q q$ : highest rate, important at high mass
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$ :
  - $\rightarrow 4l$ : golden channel
  - $\rightarrow llvv$ : good for high mass
  - $\rightarrow llbb$ : also high mass
- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : good signal/background, important at low mass, rare
- Associated prod.  $H \rightarrow bb\text{-bar}$ 
  - $t t H$ ,  $W H$ ,  $Z H$
  - It is useful for the discovery
  - It is very important for Higgs boson property studies

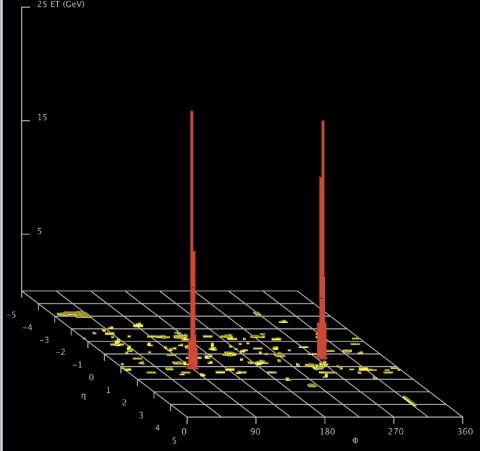
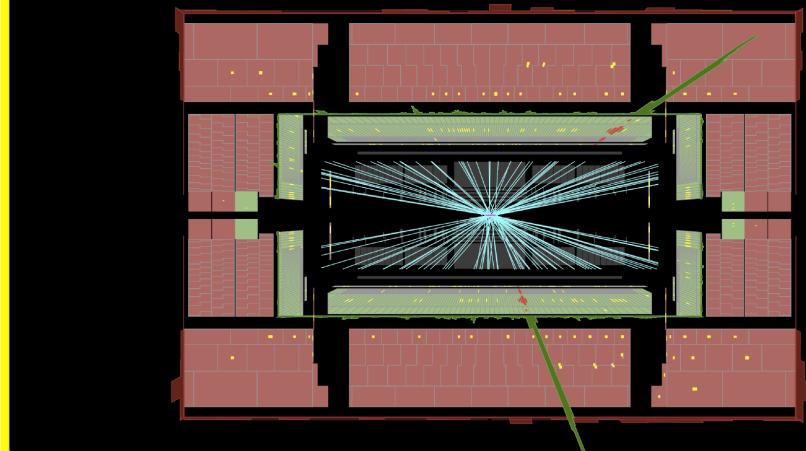
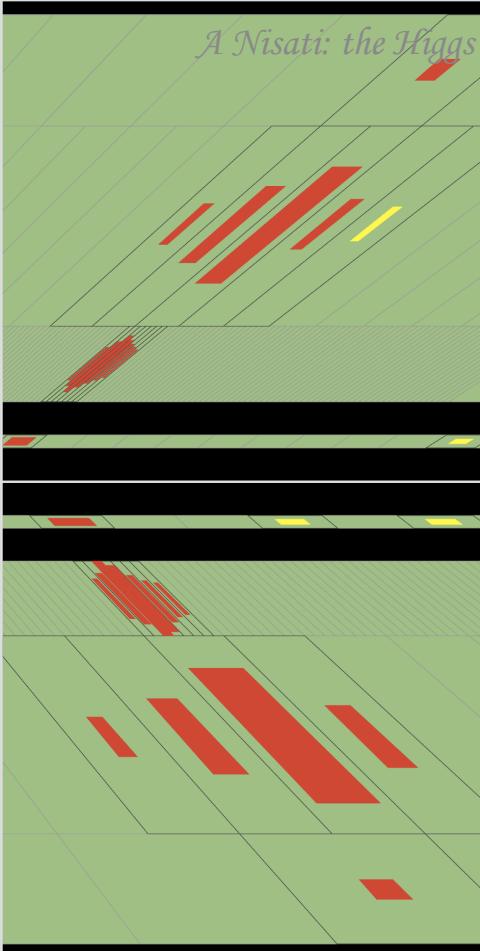
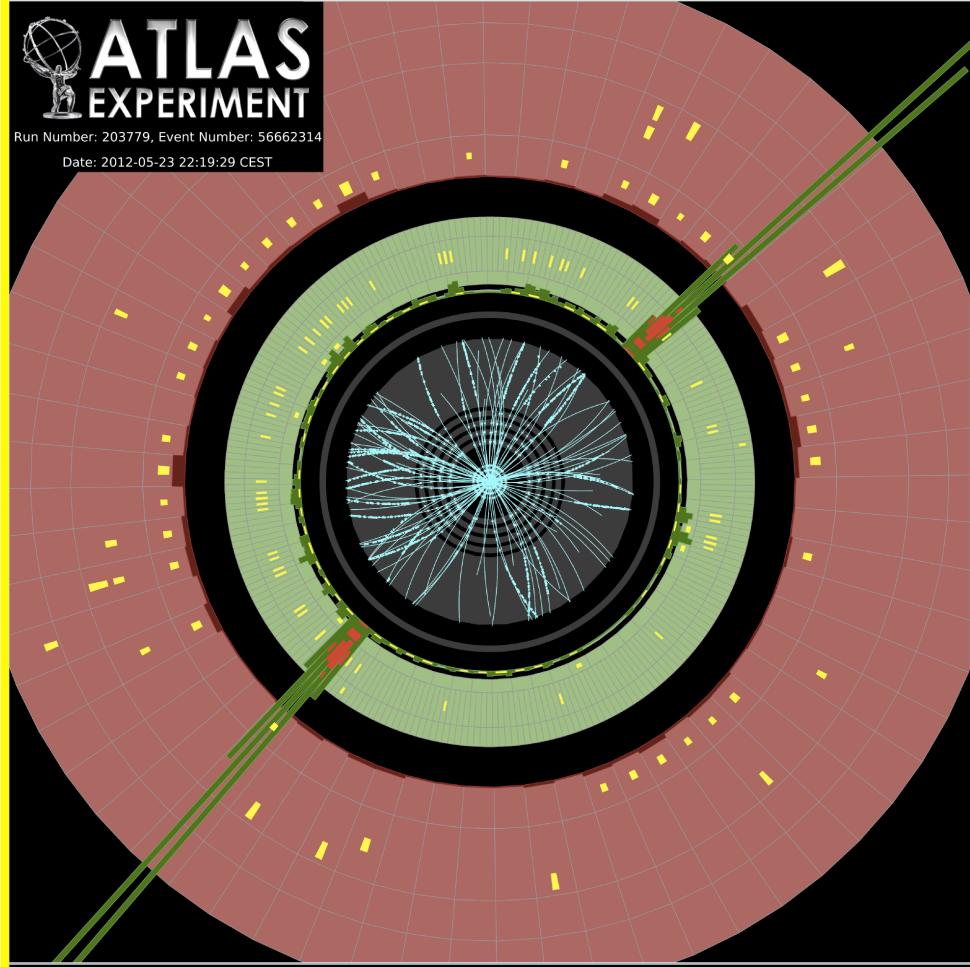
# Instrumentation is crucial!

- ***Detector – Trigger – Computing – Theory*** have been all crucial to the discovery of the 125 GeV Higgs boson
- Not possible to cover in detail all the domains above cited, perhaps I can expand a bit on Detector:
  - High performance needed for reconstruction, identification and precise measurements of photons, electrons, muons, taus, jets, b-jets and missing transverse energy
  - High granularity detectors, longitudinal segmentation of electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeter

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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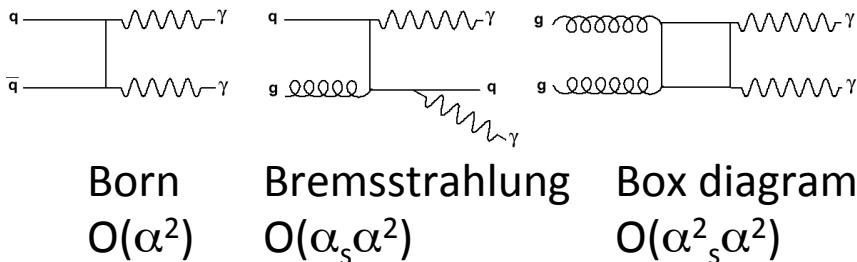
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# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

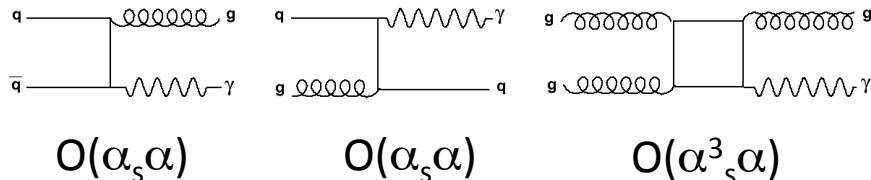
- small BR (about 0.002)
- decay due to W and top loops
- clean 2- $\gamma$  signature

## Irreducible background: $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$



Theoretical uncertainty: ~ 25 % (NLO: 20%)

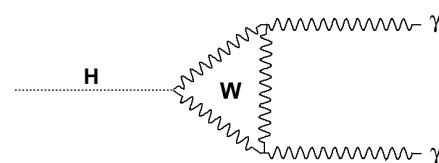
## Reducible background: $pp \rightarrow \gamma j, jj + X$



Theoretical uncertainty: ~ 30% (dominated by NLO cross-section)

## Higgs to $2\gamma$ decay

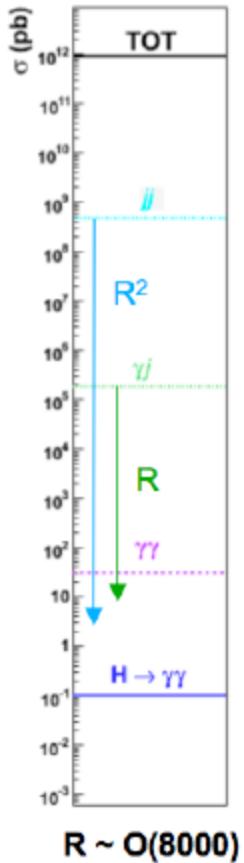
$$\sigma = 0.04 \text{ pb}$$



$$\begin{aligned} q\bar{q}, qg &\sigma \approx 21 \text{ pb} \\ gg &\sigma \approx 8 \text{ pb} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\text{-jet} &\sigma \approx 1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ pb} \\ \text{jet-jet} &\sigma \approx 4.8 \times 10^8 \text{ pb} \end{aligned}$$

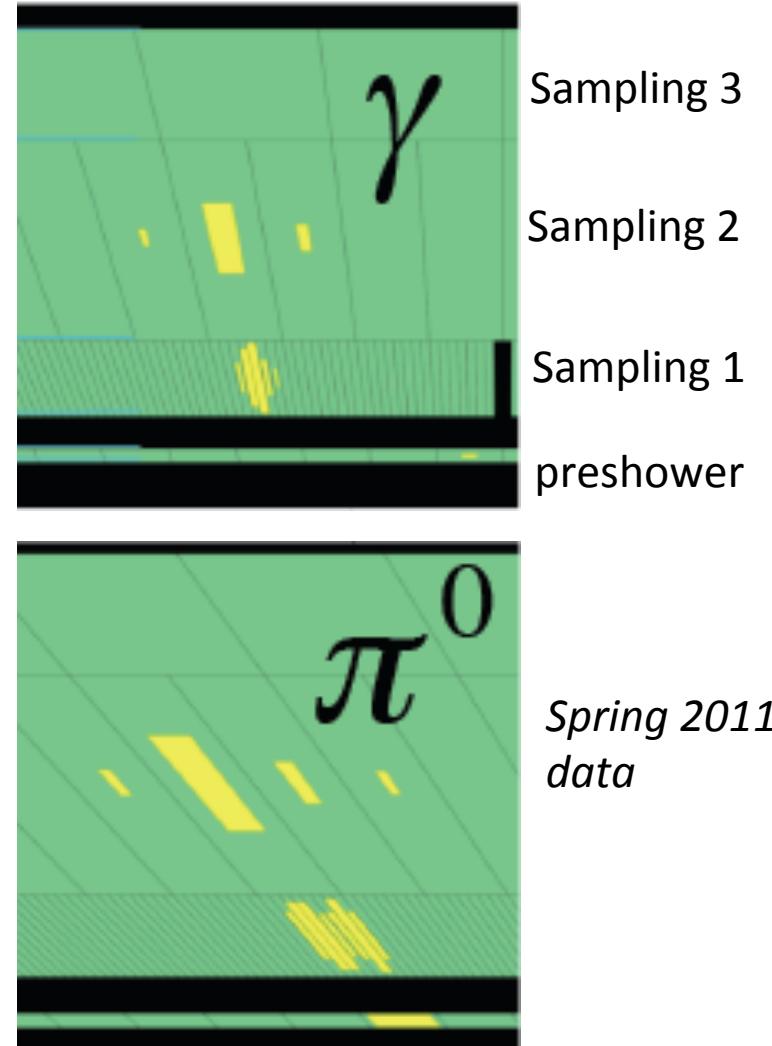
$\gamma$ -jet need rejection  $R \sim O(10^4)$   
 jet-jet need rejection  $R \sim O(10^7)$



Main background is from leading  $\pi^0$ 's

# H → γγ

- Very simple signature (and analysis)
- Photon identification based both on lateral and longitudinal segmentation of the electromagnetic calorimeter
- Two high-quality isolated high- $p_T$  photons
  - $p_{T1} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ ;  $p_{T2} > 25 \text{ GeV}$
  - $|\eta_{12}| < 1.37$  and  $1.52 < |\eta_{12}| < 2.37$



# H → γγ

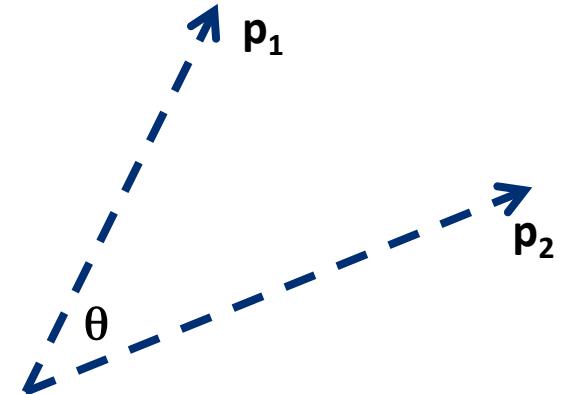
## Mass reconstruction

$$m^2 = 2\mathbf{P}_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_2 (1 - \cos\theta)$$

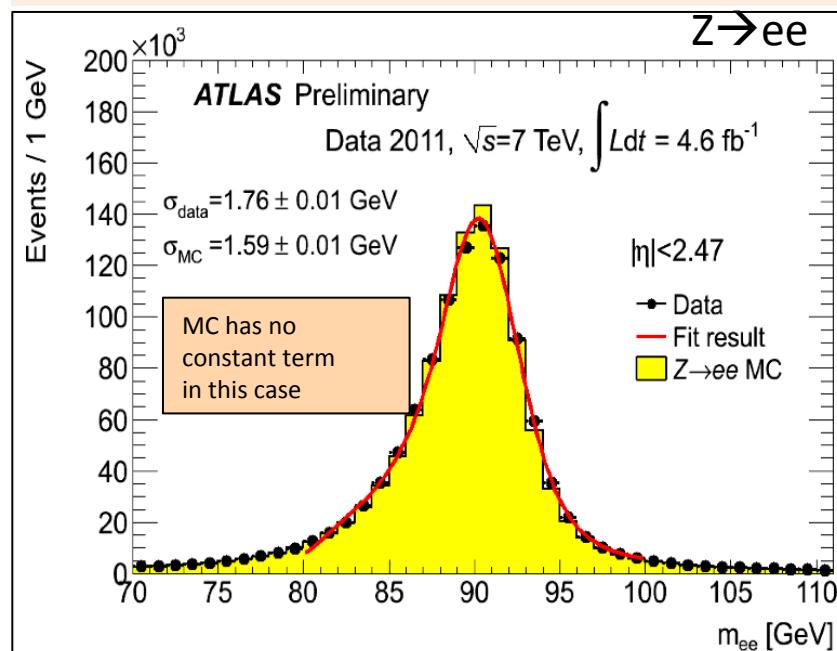
$$\delta m/m = (1/\sqrt{2})(\delta P/P) \oplus (1/2) \delta\theta/(\tan\theta/2)$$

It is important to measure the photon momentum in space with high resolution:

- → accurate measurement of the photon energy
- → accurate measurement of the photon direction of flight



## Calorimeter calibration



Electron scale and resolution transported to photons using MC  
(systematics few % from material effects)

**Present understanding of calorimeter E response**  
(from  $Z, J/\psi \rightarrow ee, W \rightarrow ee$  data and MC):

- Energy scale at  $m_Z$  known to  $\sim 0.5\%$
- Linearity better than 1% (over few GeV-few 100 GeV)
- “Uniformity” (constant term of resolution):  
1% (barrel) -1.7 % (end-cap)

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

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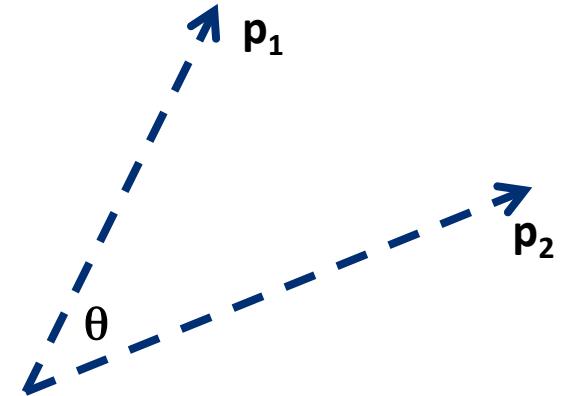
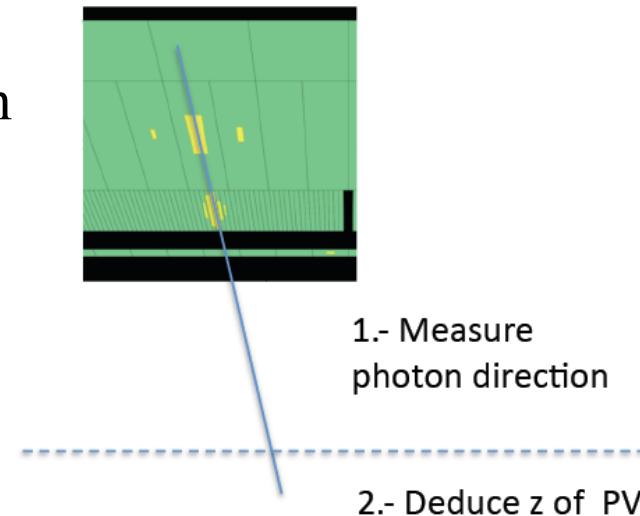
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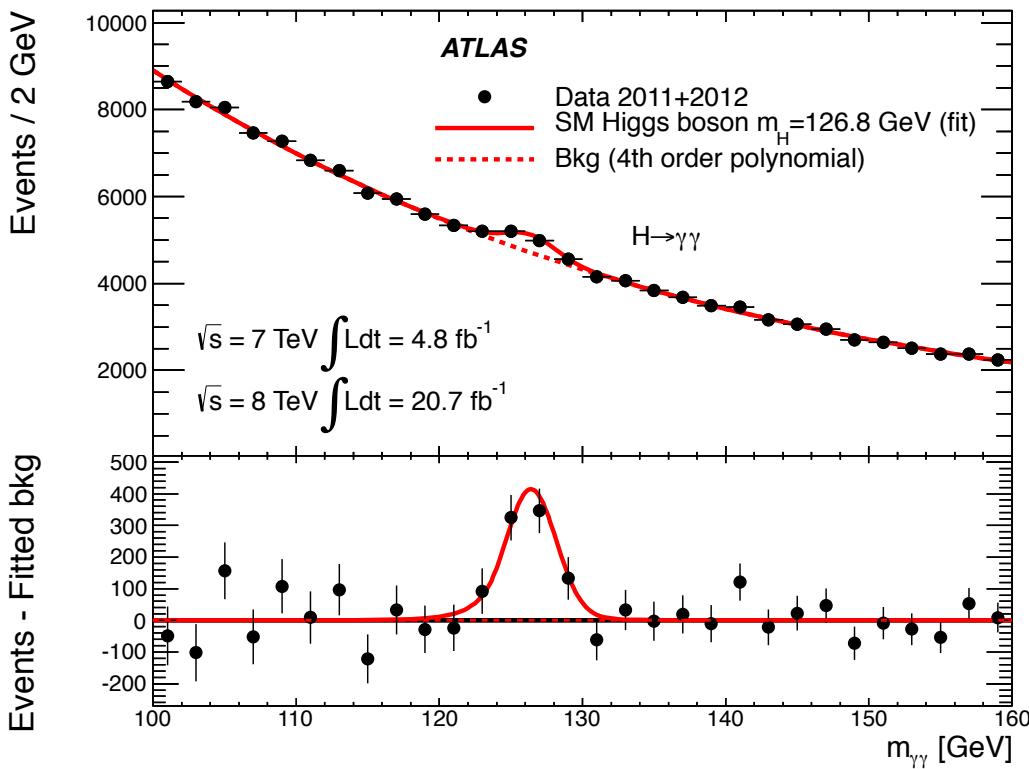
- high energy resolution
- Measure the photon direction using the longitudinal segmentation of the LAr calorimeter, and fit the  $\gamma\gamma$  production vertex using the pp beam line



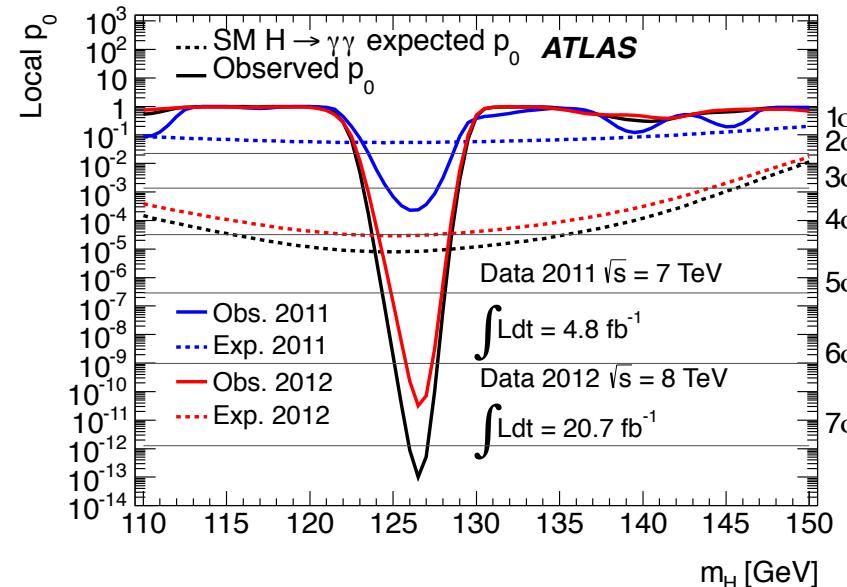
- CMS:
  - very high energy resolution
  - Measure the photon direction using the impact point measured by the crystal calorimeter, and the hard-scattering proton-proton vertex → requires correct vertex identification in presence of large pile-up

# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

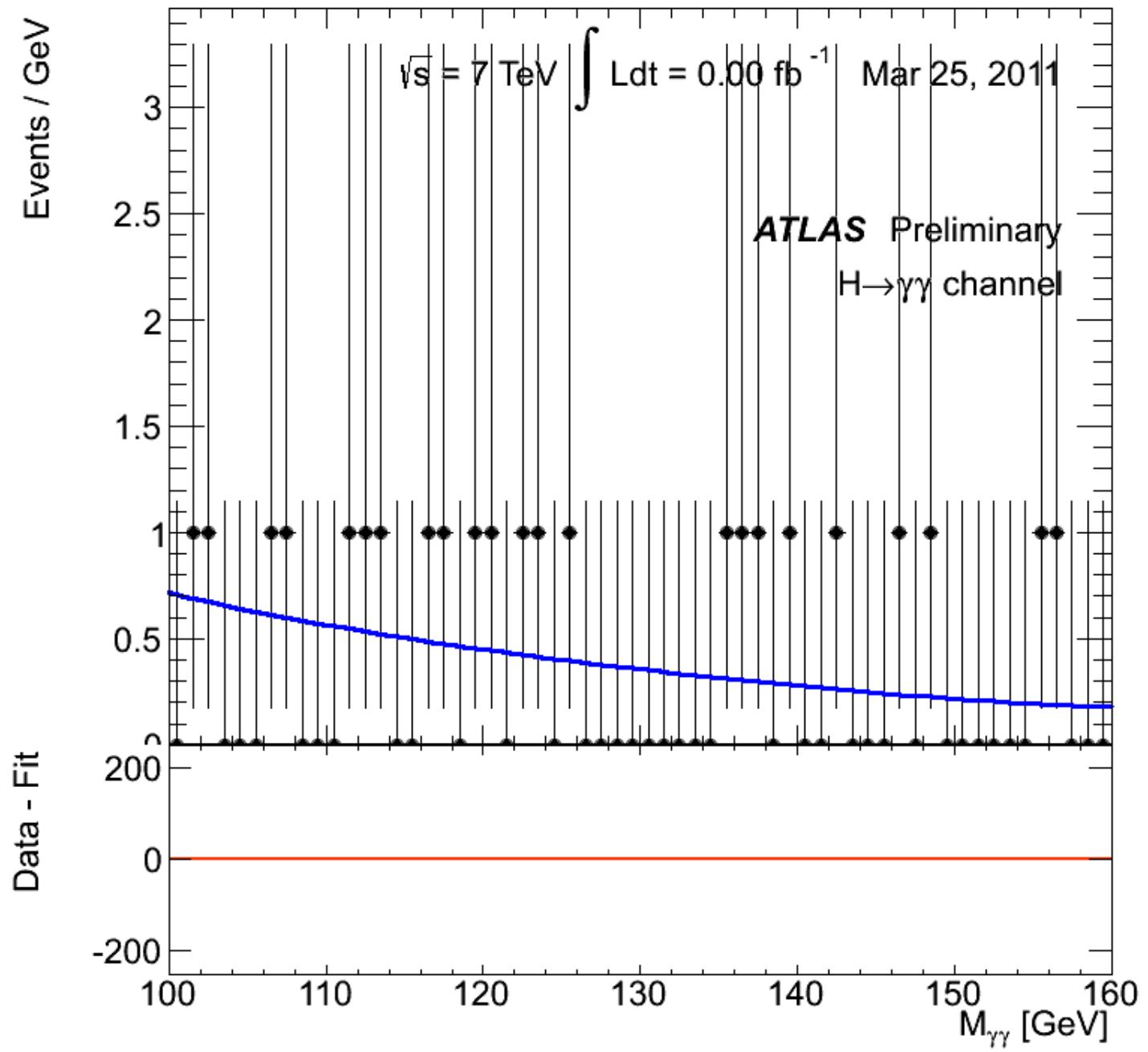
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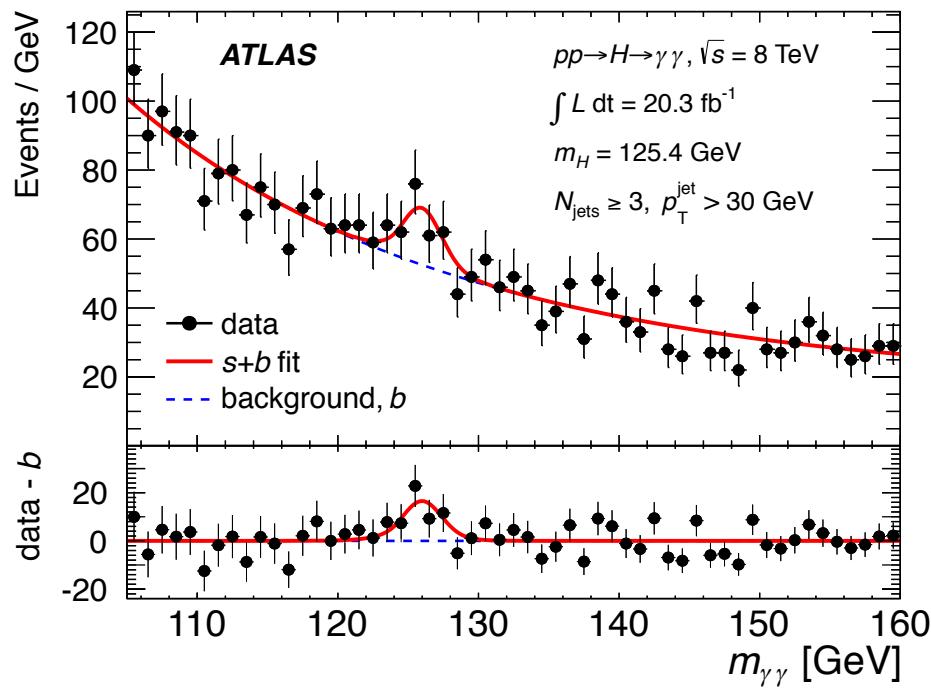
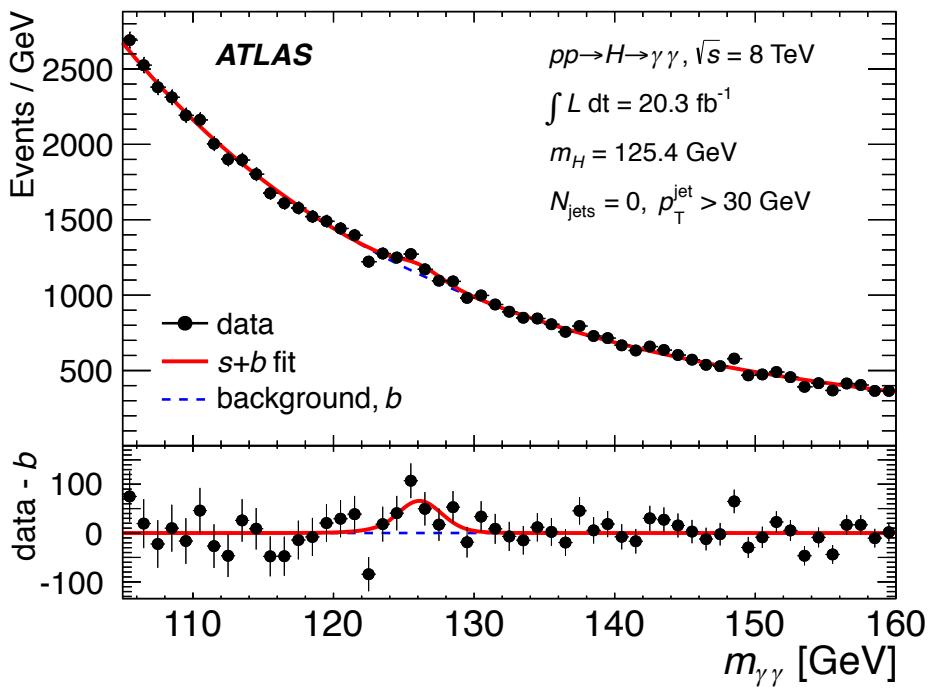
Invariant mass distribution of diphoton candidates after all selections of the inclusive analysis for the combined 7 TeV and 8 TeV data.



Observed local  $p_0$  as a function of the Higgs boson mass  $m_H$  for the  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV data (blue), the  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV data (red) and their combination (black).



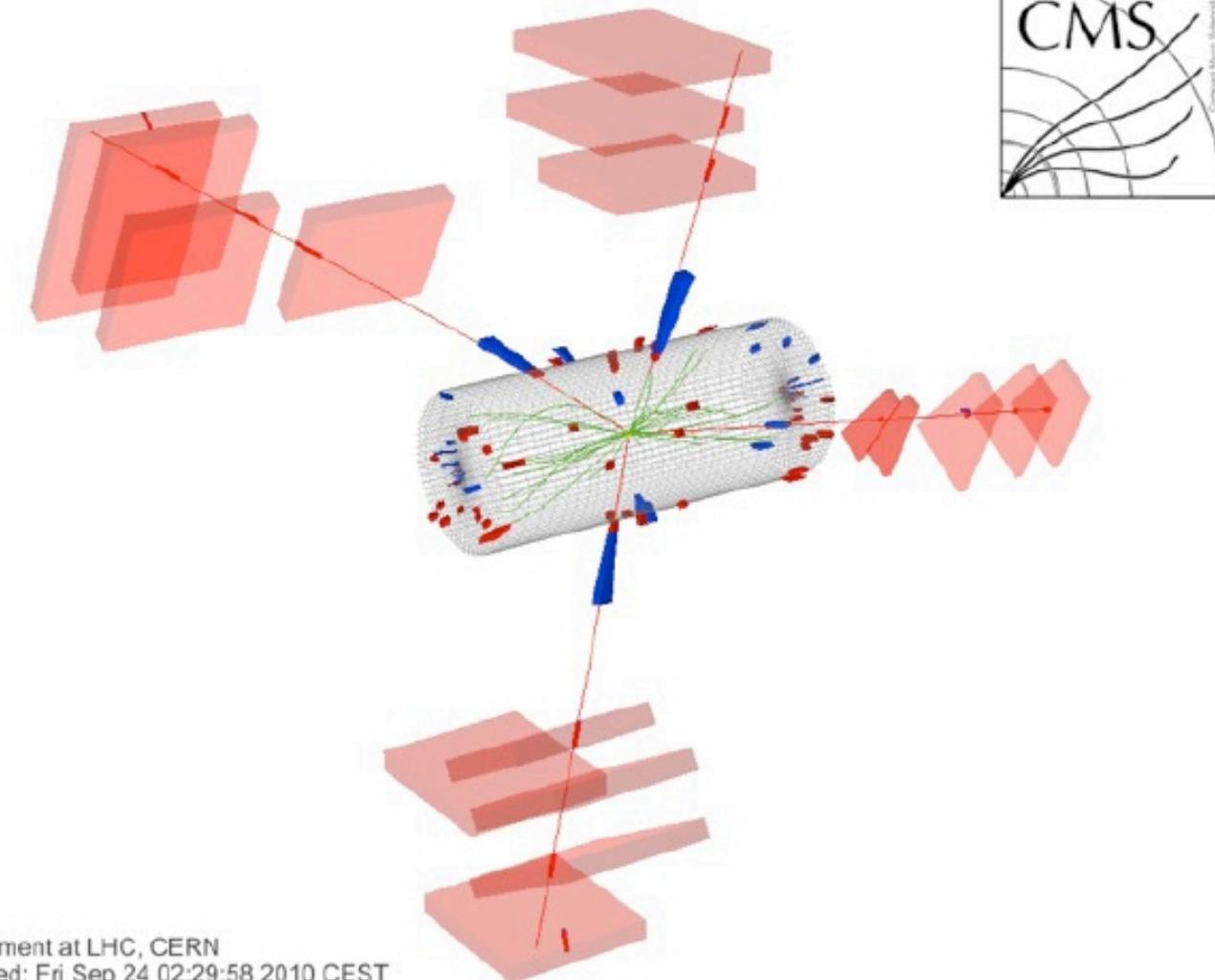
# Final $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ results (ATLAS)



The diphoton invariant mass spectrum for four bins of jet multiplicity. The curves show the results of the single simultaneous fit to data for all multiplicity bins, where the Higgs boson mass is fixed to be  $m_H = 125.4 \text{ GeV}$ . The bottom inset displays the residuals of the data with respect to the fitted background component.

# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\text{leptons}$

## 3D view

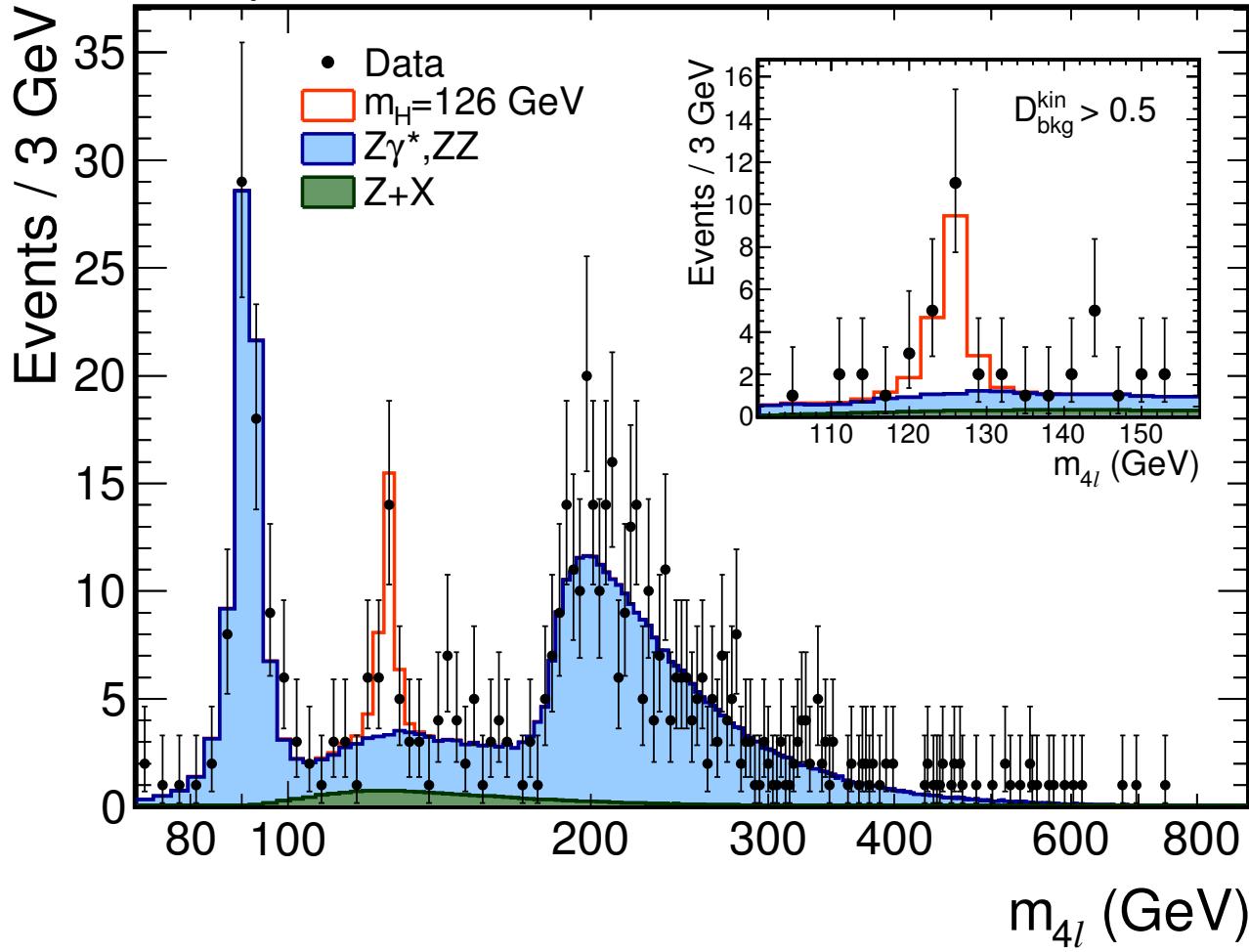


# H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4-lepton search

- Here we would like first to reconstruct the two Z-bosons through their decays  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
- Select events with **two pairs same-flavour opposite charge isolated high transverse momentum** leptons (e or  $\mu$ )
  - Ask the pair with the highest pT leptons to have an invariant mass consistent within resolution with the Z boson mass

# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\text{-lepton invariant mass}$

CMS Phys. Rev. D 89, 092007  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, L = 5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}; \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, L = 19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Continuum: ZZ (dominant) + Z+jets

Significance of the observed excess at  $m_H \sim 125.6 \text{ GeV}$ :  
**6.8 $\sigma$  (expected : 6.7 $\sigma$ )**

Proceedings of LHC Workshop  
 (Aachen, 1990):  $H \rightarrow 4l$  signals  
 $m_H = 130, 150, 170 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\sqrt{s} = 16 \text{ TeV}, 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

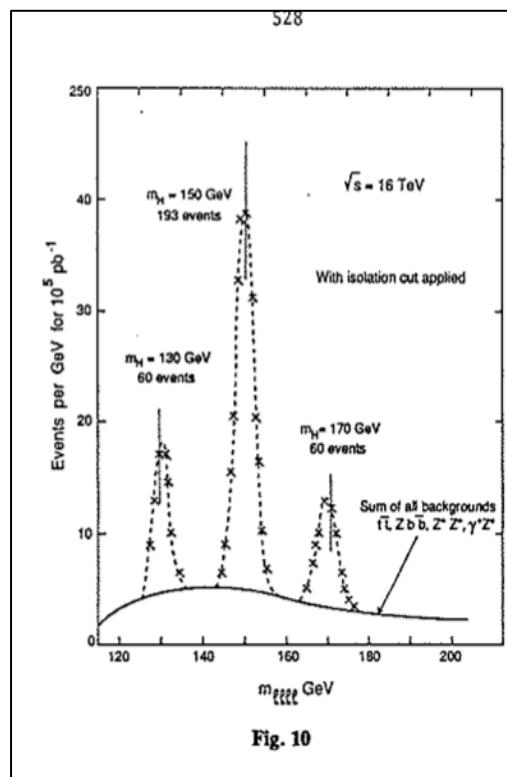
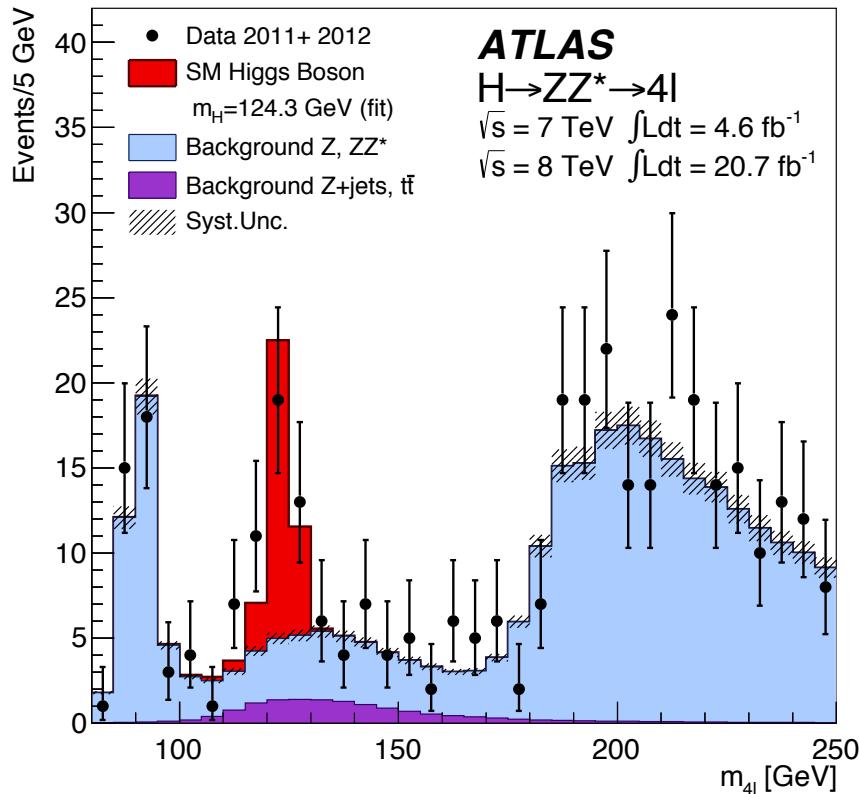


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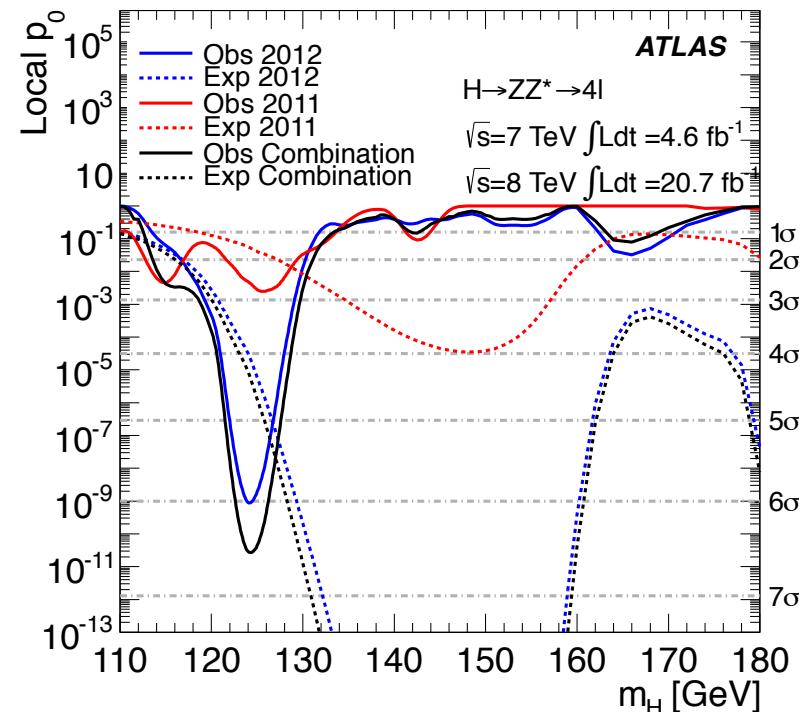
# H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4l

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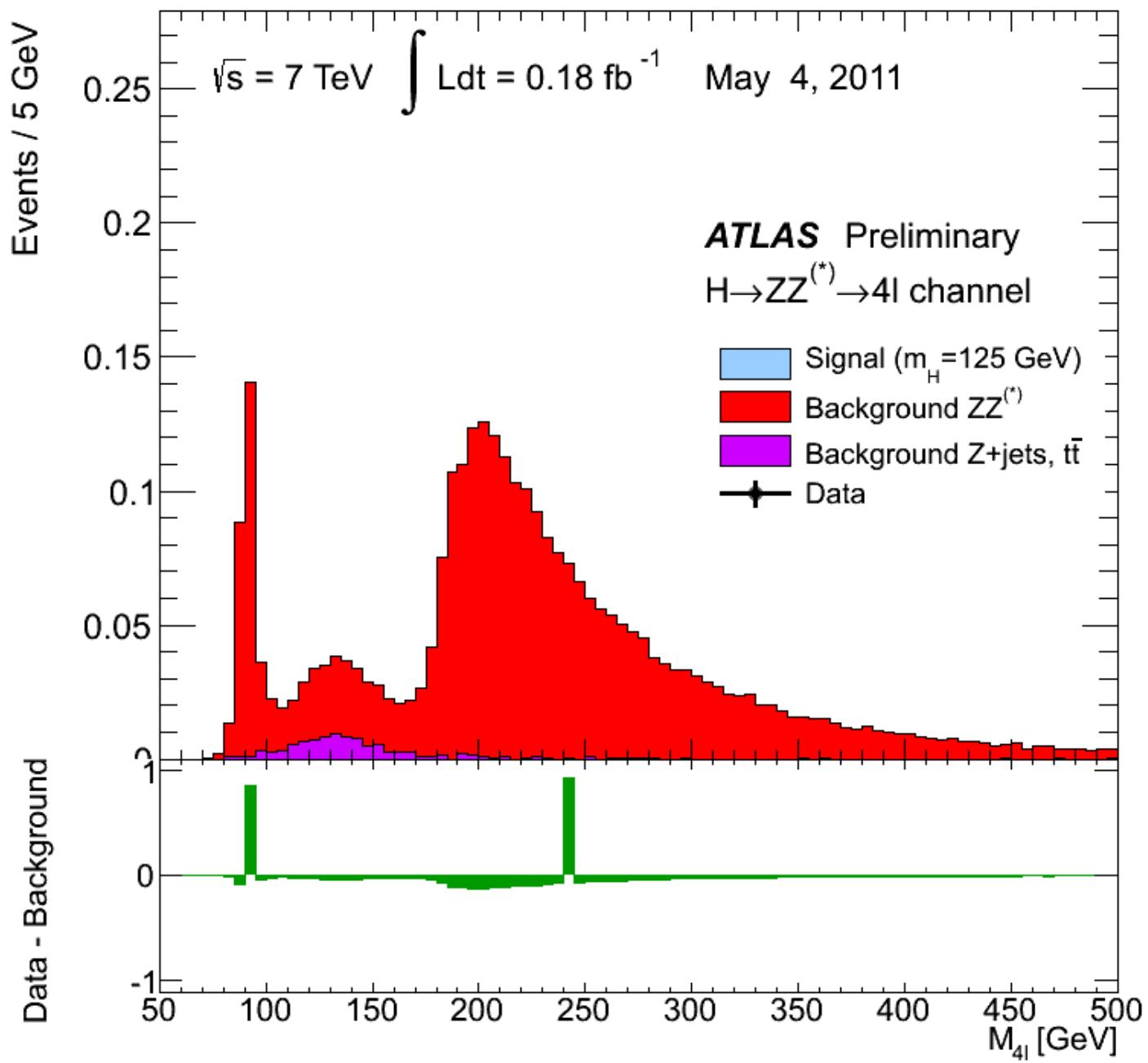
The distribution of the four-lepton invariant mass,  $m_{4l}$ , for the selected candidates in the data.

The single-resonant peak at  $m_{4l} \sim 90 \text{ GeV}$  includes contributions from s-channel  $Z/\gamma^*$  and t-channel ( $Z^*/\gamma^*$ )( $Z^*/\gamma^*$ ) production.

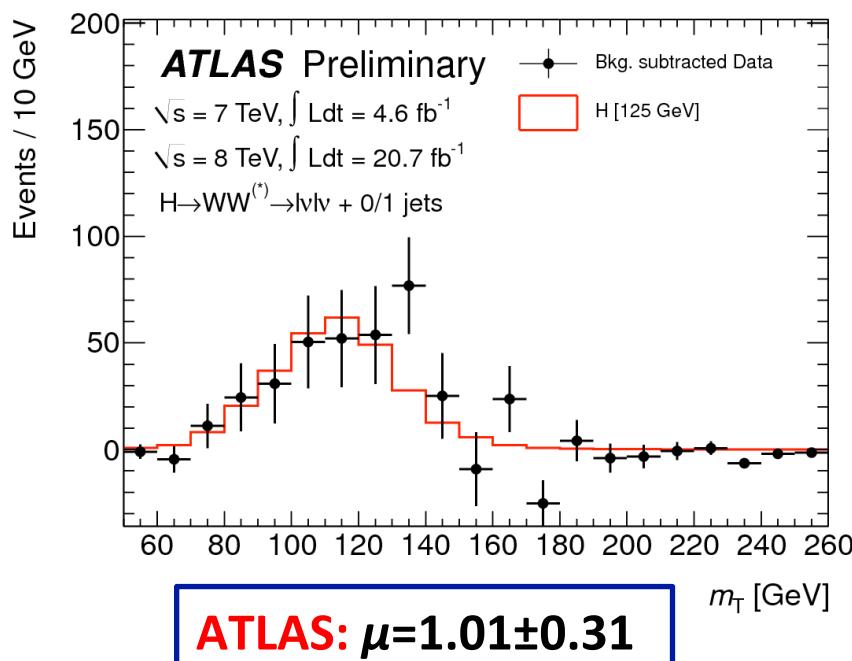
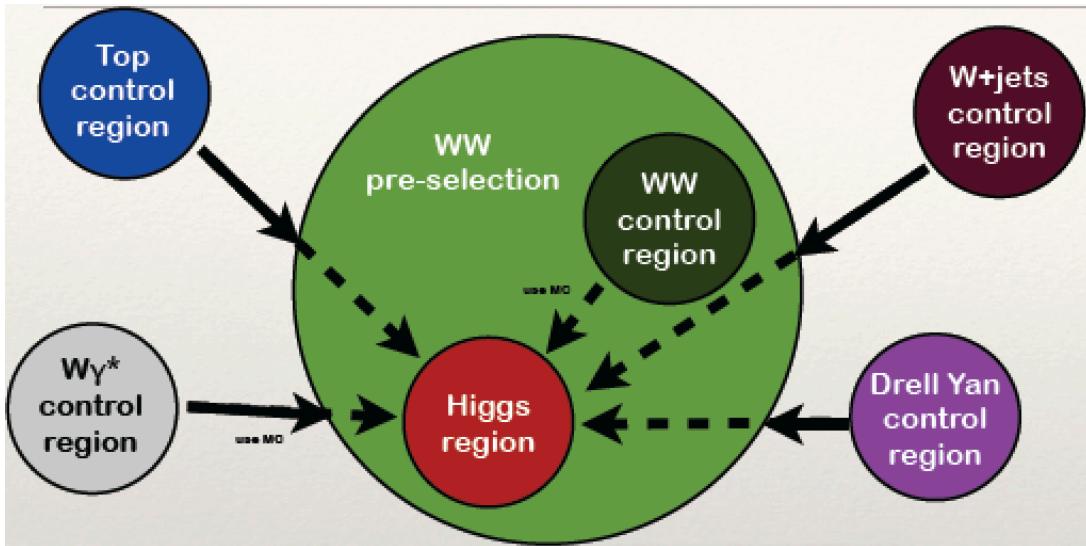


The observed local  $p_0$  for the the  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  data (red), the  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$  data (blue) and their combination (black). The dashed curves show the expected median local  $p_0$  for a SM Higgs boson hypothesis when tested at a given  $m_H$ .

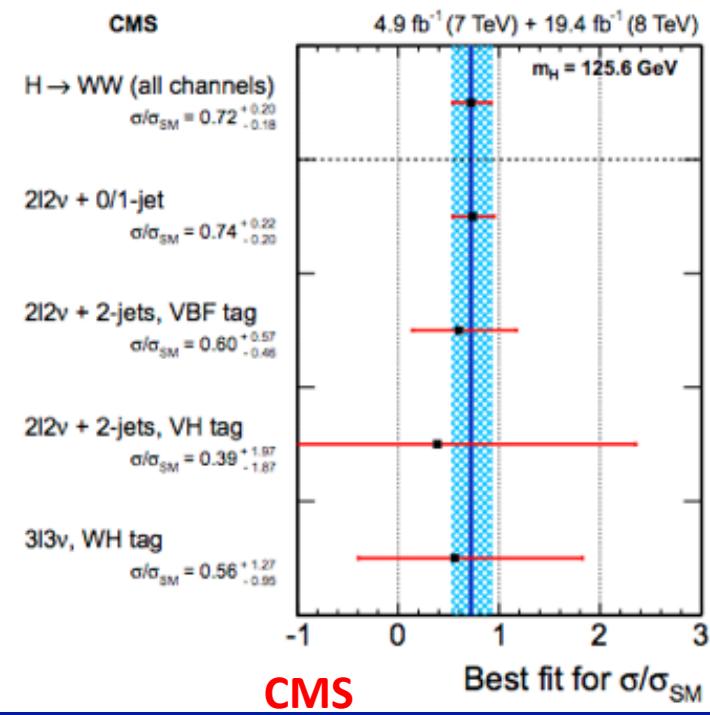
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$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



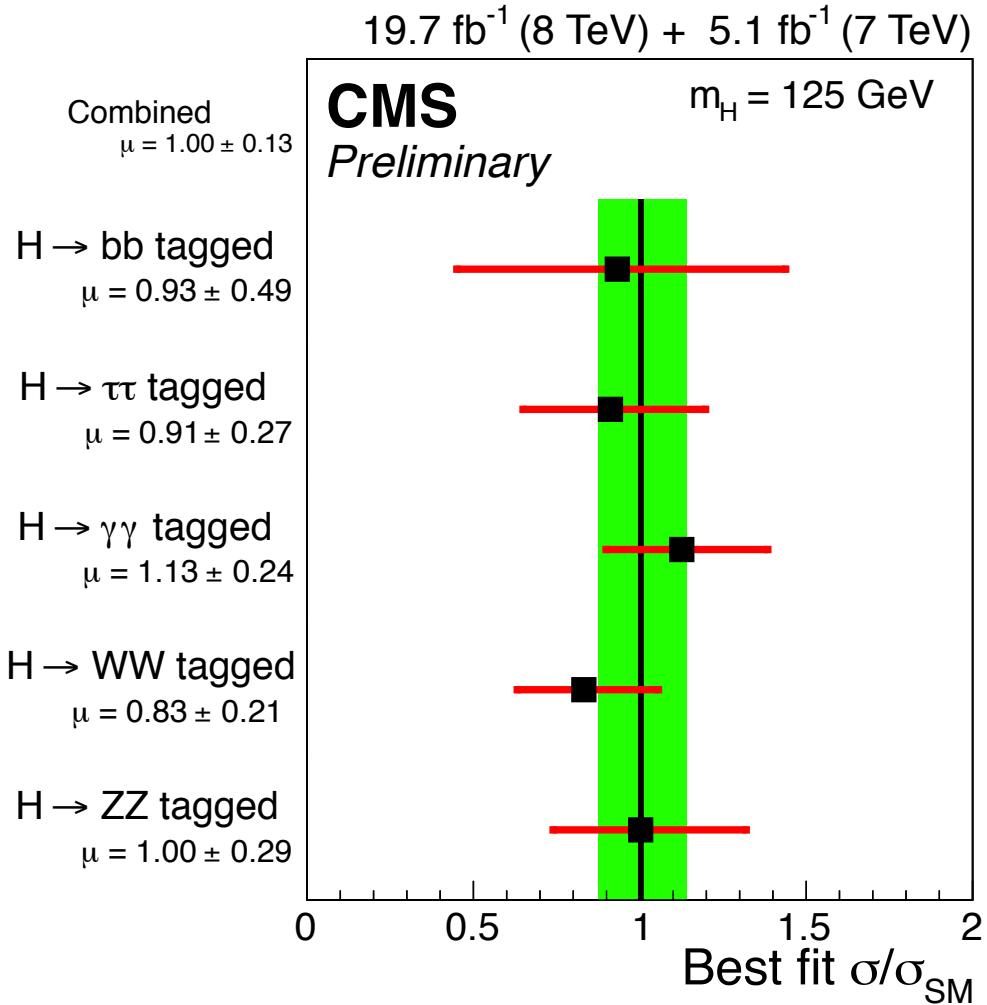
**Complex analysis: the challenge: determine as many background processes as possible directly from data**



Evidence for  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2l2\nu^{5.0}(4.3\sigma)$

# Latest results: Higgs combination

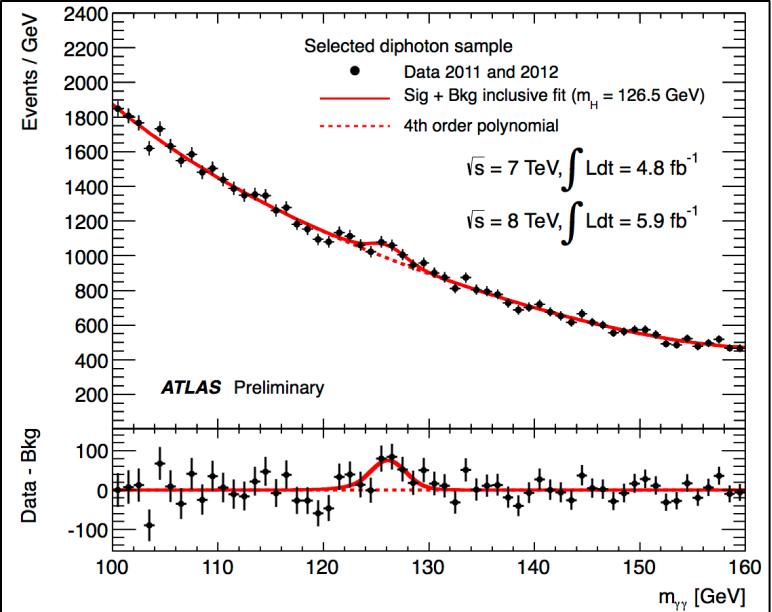
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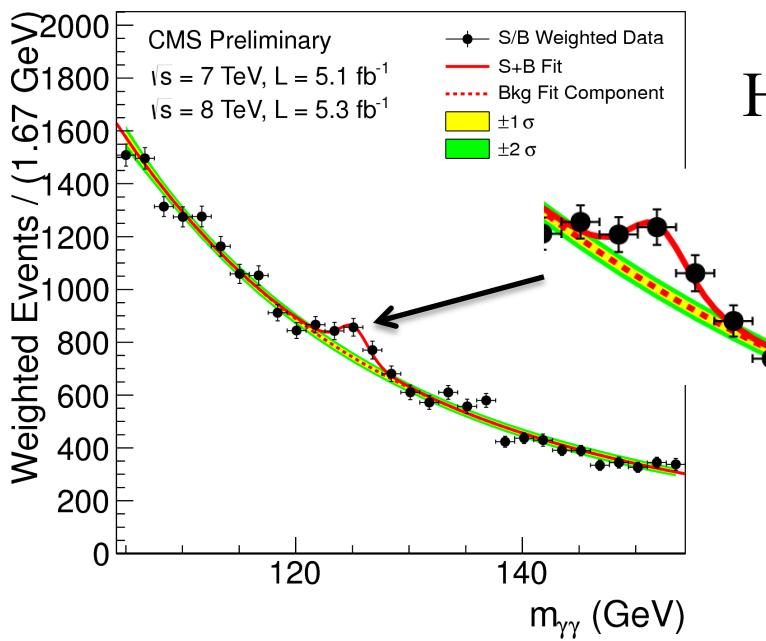
$\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  ratio denotes the production cross section times the relevant branching fractions, relative to the SM expectation.

Values of the best-fit  $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  for the combination (solid vertical line), for individual channels. The vertical band shows the overall  $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  uncertainty. The horizontal bars indicate the  $\pm 1$  standard deviation uncertainties in the best-fit  $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  values for the individual modes; they include both statistical and systematic uncertainties.

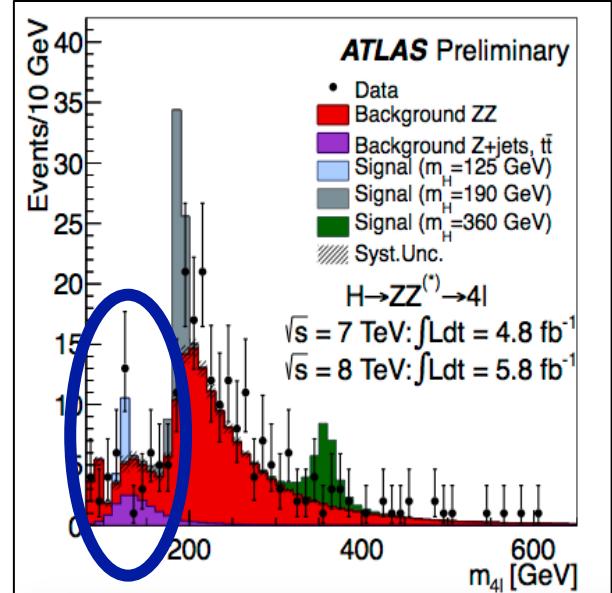
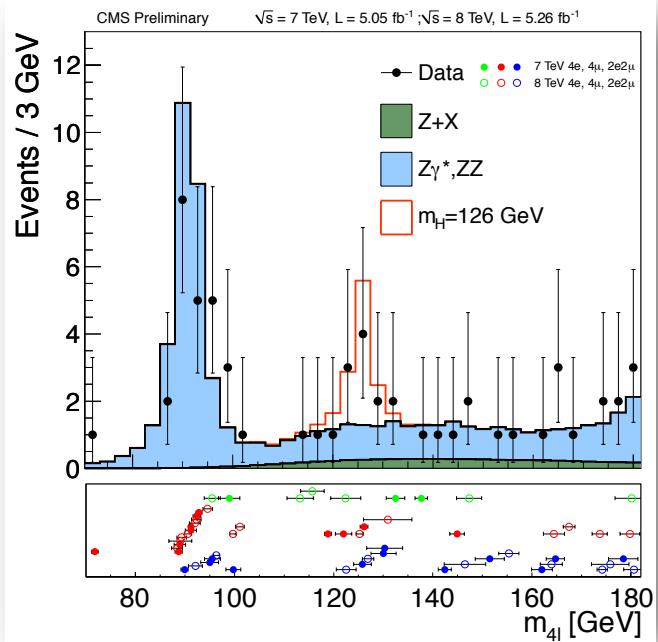
# The “historical” results of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ 

ATLAS

 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ 

CMS

 $H \rightarrow 4l$  $H \rightarrow 4l$



# Higgs spin-parity



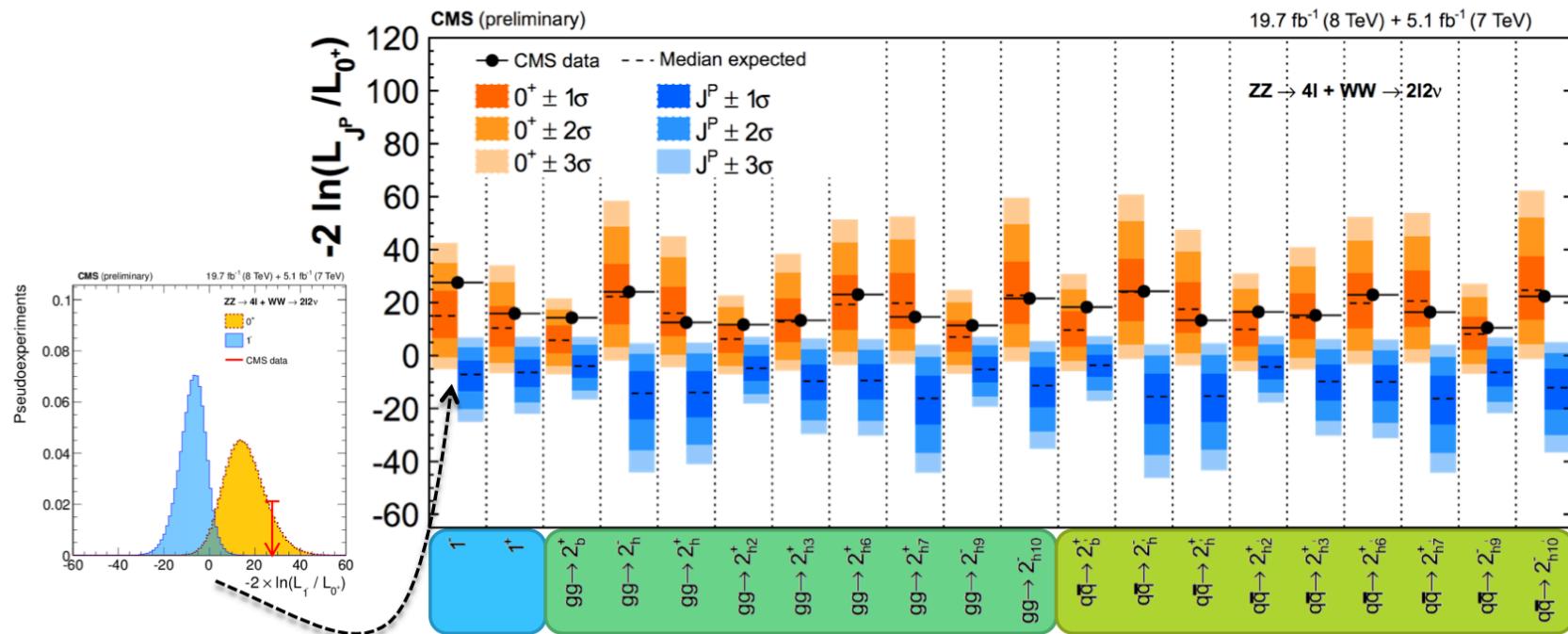
## H $\rightarrow$ VV combination on J>0 states



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- Combination of H $\rightarrow$ WW $\rightarrow$ 2 $\ell$ 2v and H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$ .
- All tested hypotheses excluded at more than 99.9% CL<sub>S</sub>.

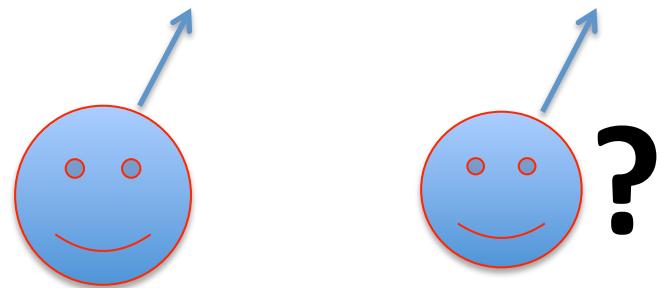
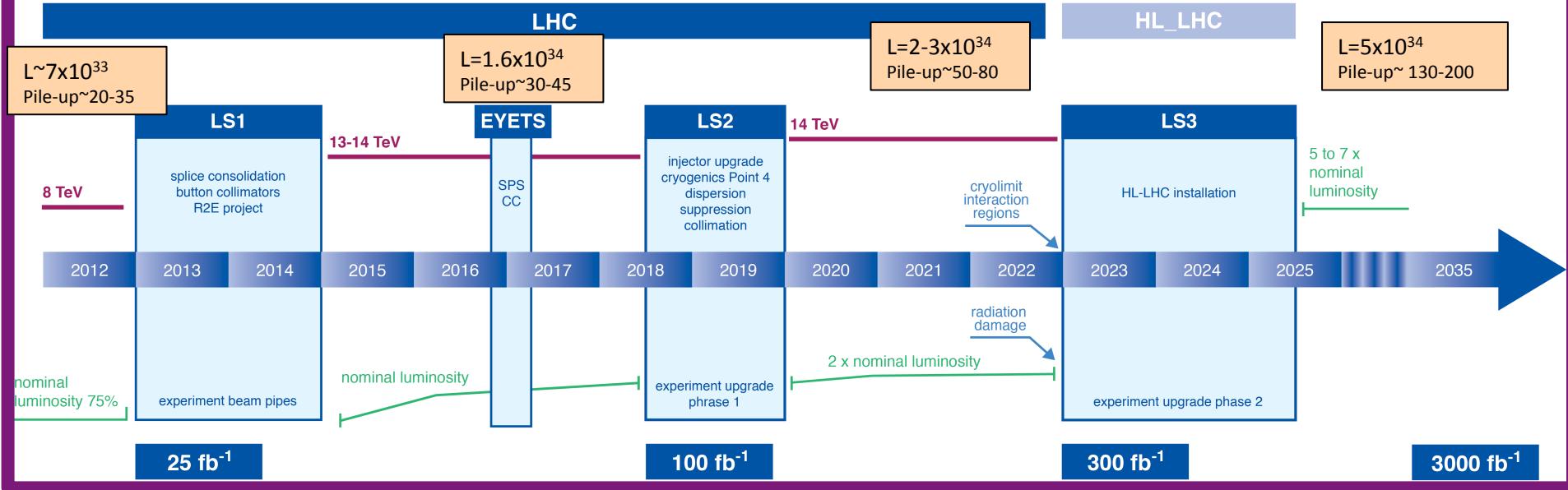


# What next ?

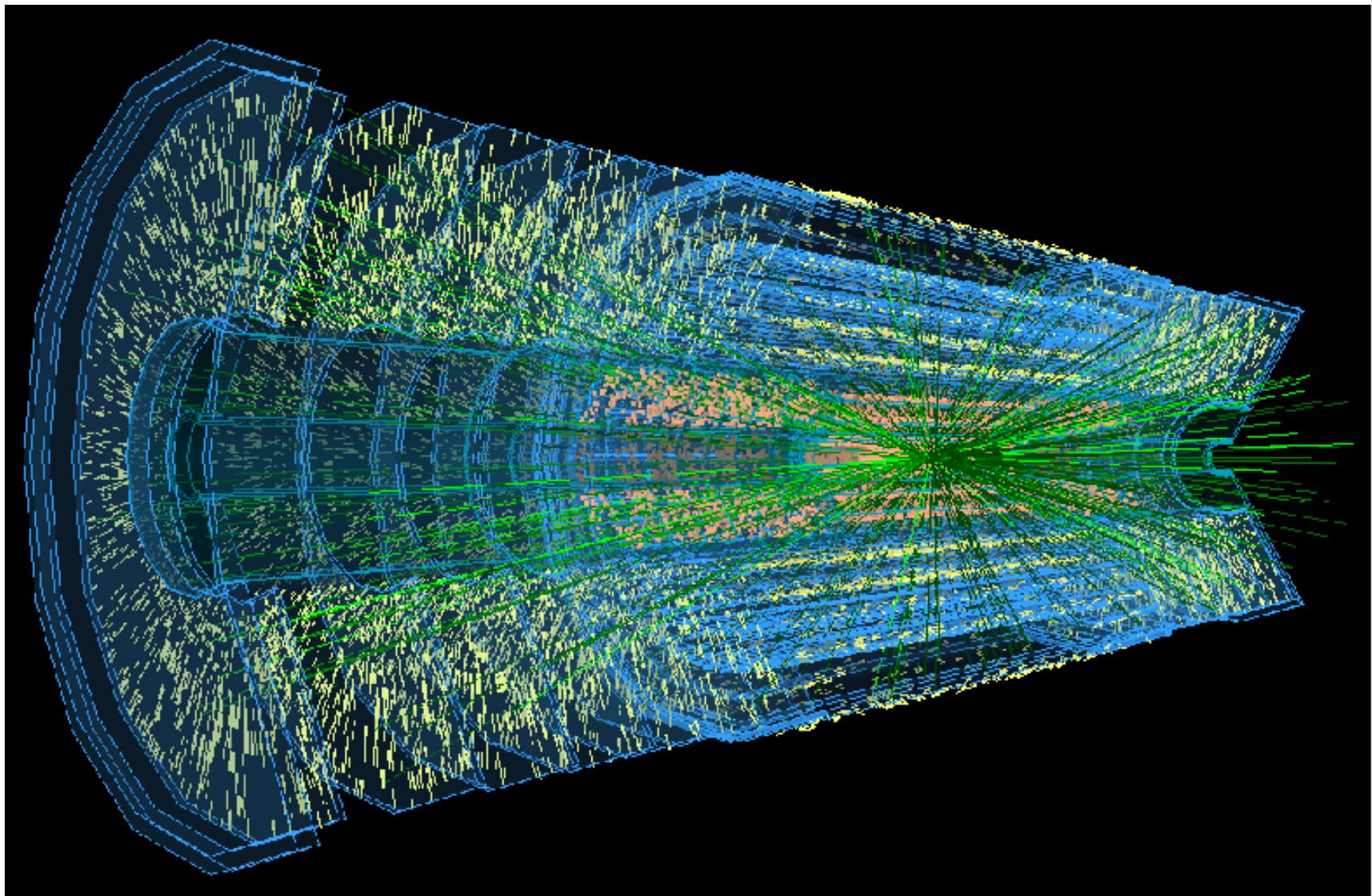
# LHC roadmap beyond LS1

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## New LHC / HL-LHC Plan

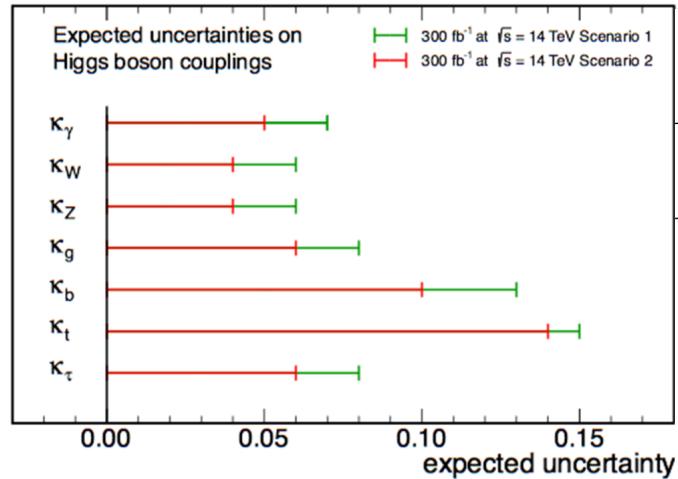


Typical event at HL-LHC  $\langle m \rangle = 140$ , reconstructed by ATLAS simulation

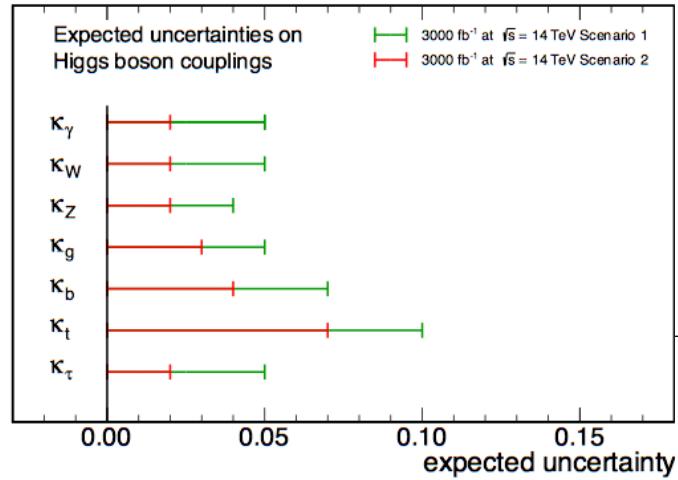


# Higgs Couplings

CMS Projection

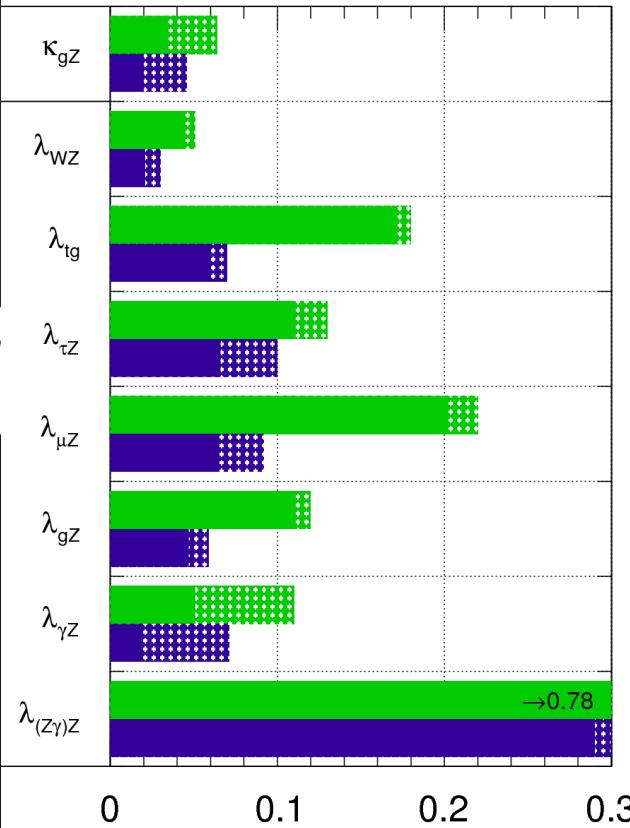


CMS Projection



ATLAS Simulation Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV:  $\int L dt = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ;  $\int L dt = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



300 fb<sup>-1</sup>:  
 $k_X \sim 10-15\%$

3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>:  
 $k_X \sim \text{few \%}$

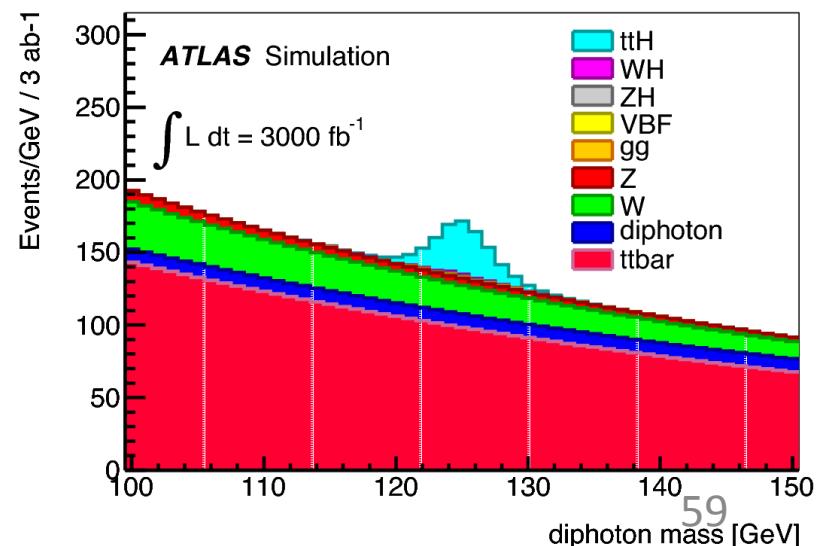
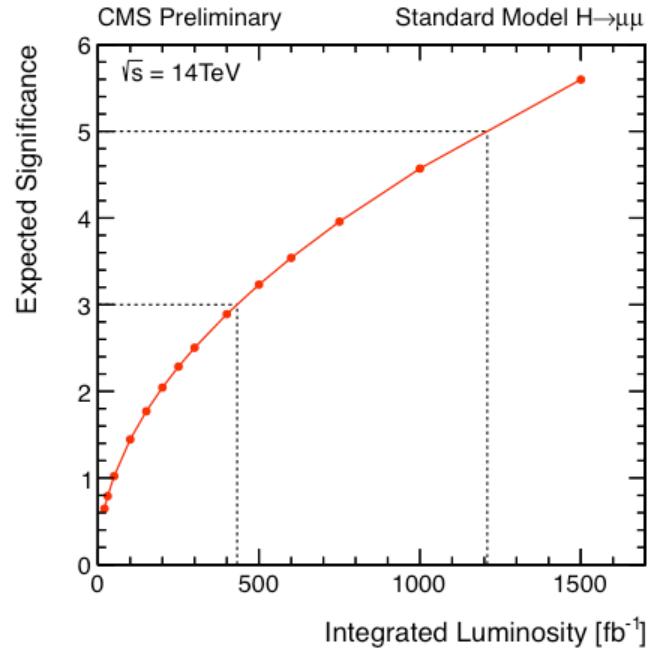
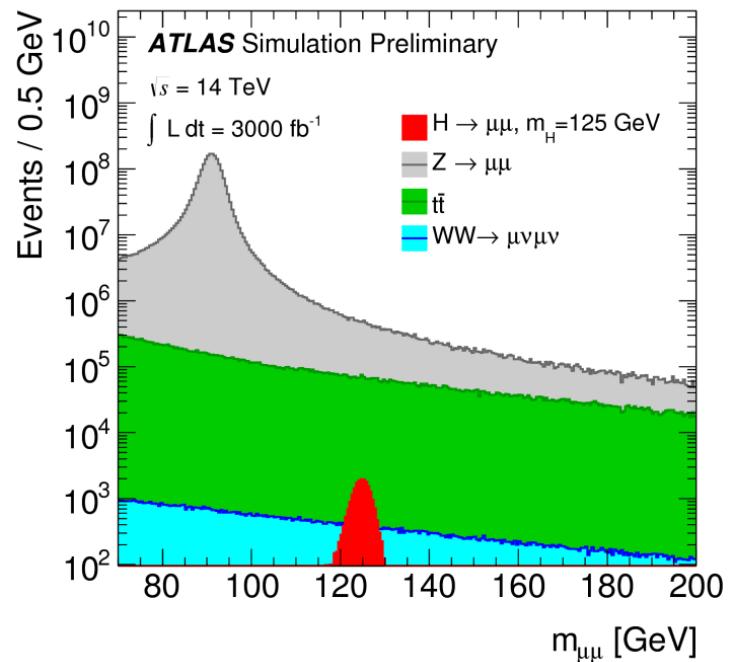
→ Reduce exp.  
systematics

→ Reduce theory  
uncertainties

$$\Delta\lambda_{XY} = \Delta \left( \frac{\kappa_X}{\kappa_Y} \right)$$

# Rare Decays & Yukawa coupling

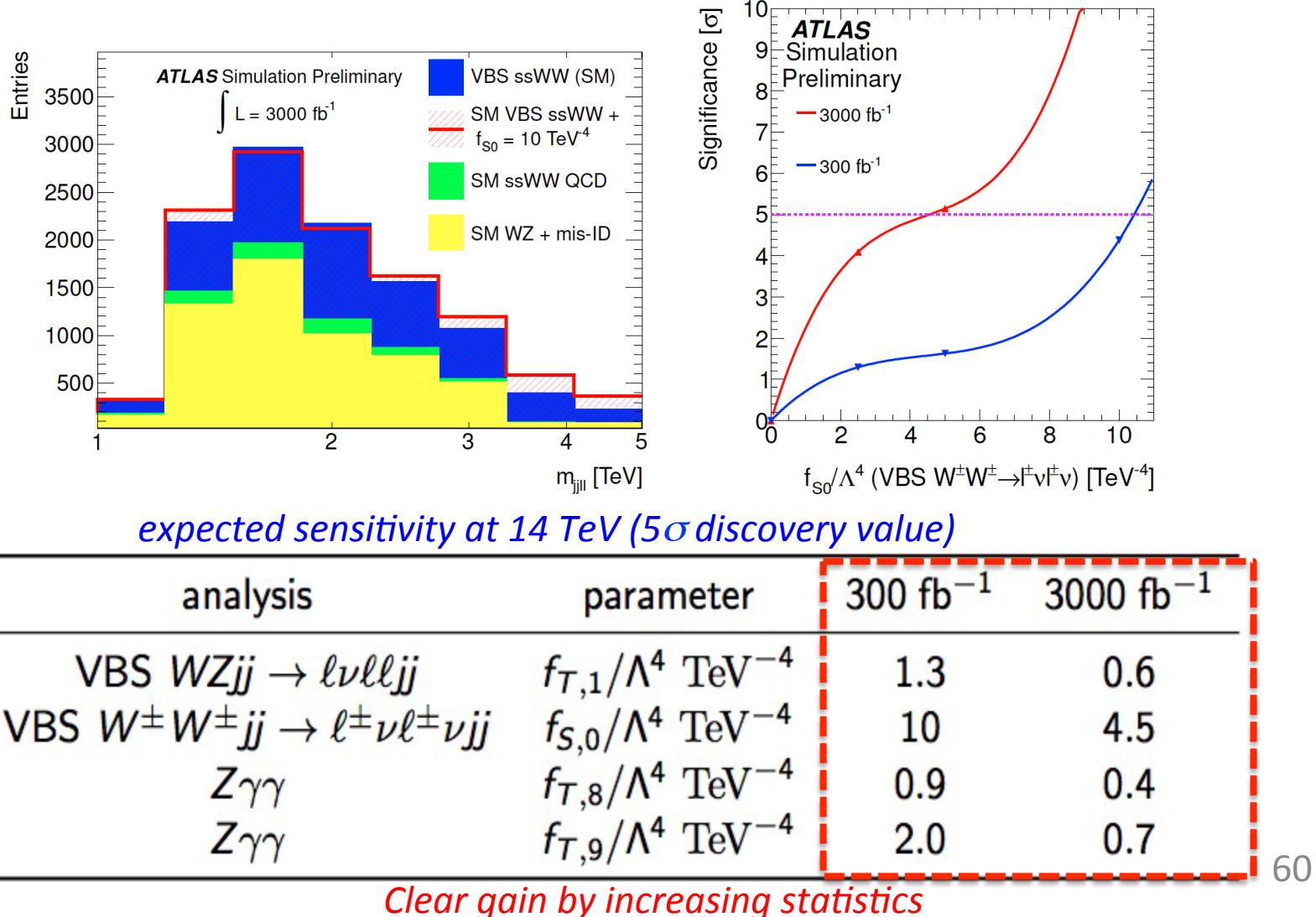
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$



- Evidence at  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Observation of ttH,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  at HL-LHC

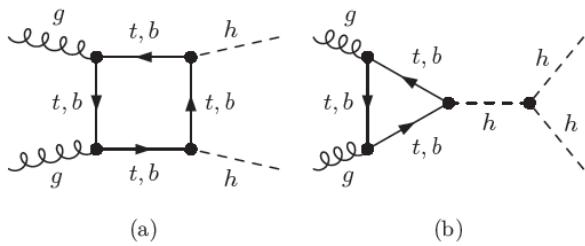
# High-lumi VBS sensitivity

- Simulation studies by ATLAS (ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2013-006)
  - MADGRAPH for VBS production (k-factor ignored)



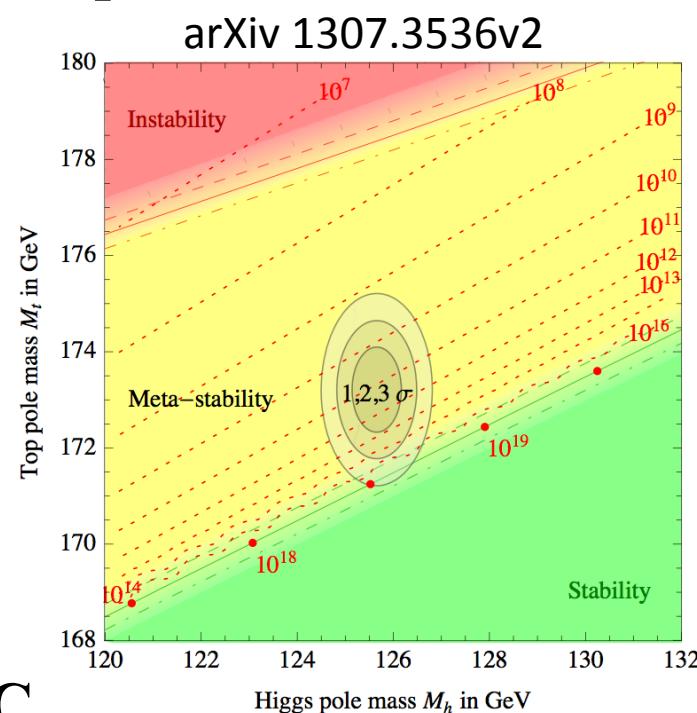
# Higgs Boson Pair Production

- One of the core physics programmes at HL-LHC, but very challenging in both experiment and theory.
- Is it feasible to measure Higgs boson pair production  $\sim 30\%$  level at HL-LHC ?



bbWW	30000
bb $\tau\tau$	9000
WWWW	6000
$\gamma\gamma$ bb	320
YYYY	1

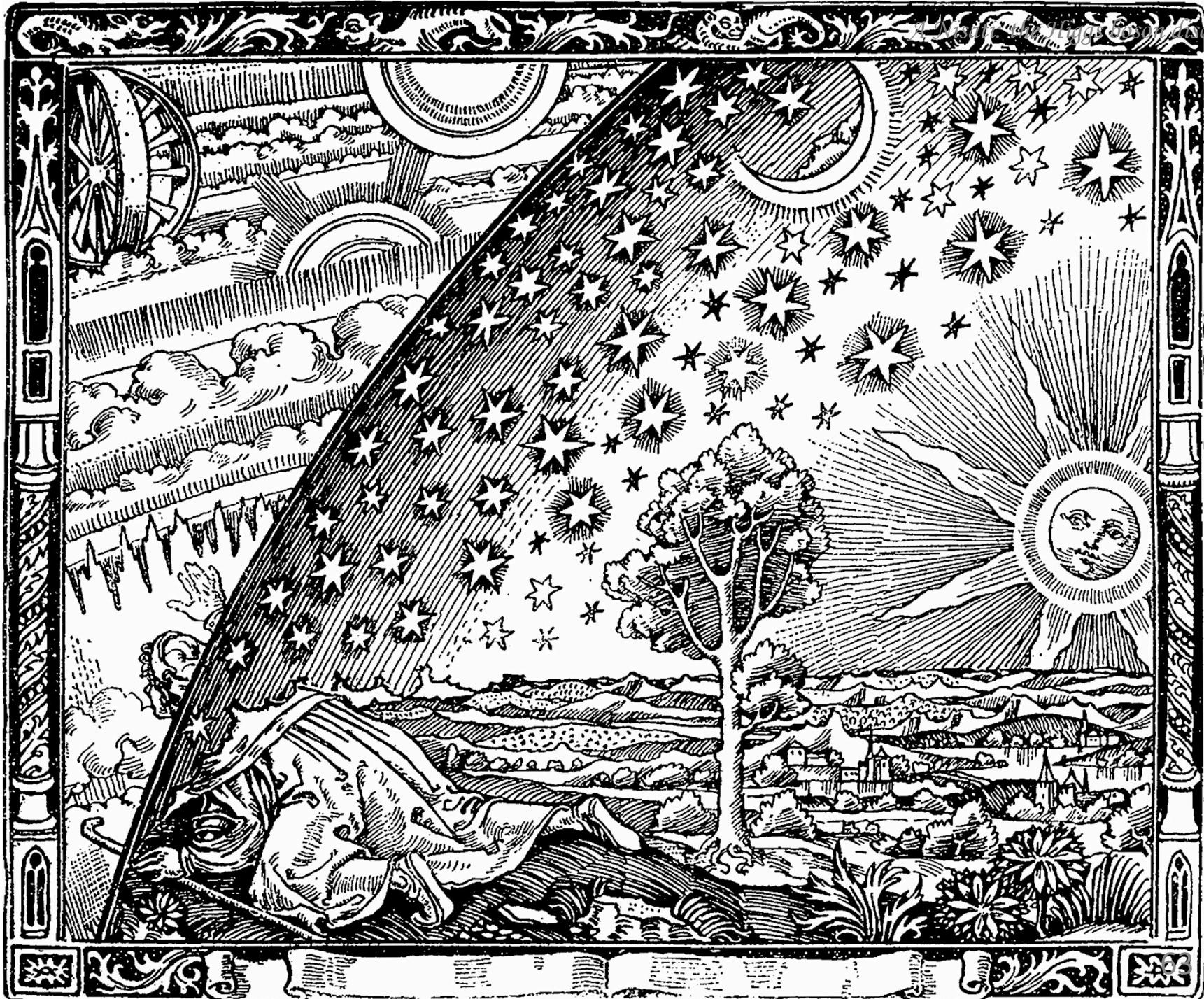
Expected events with L =  
3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>



- Challenging process, also at HL-LHC
- Promising final states are  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$ ,  $bbbb?$ , ...
- Hopefully preliminary results @ HL-LHC ECFA 2014

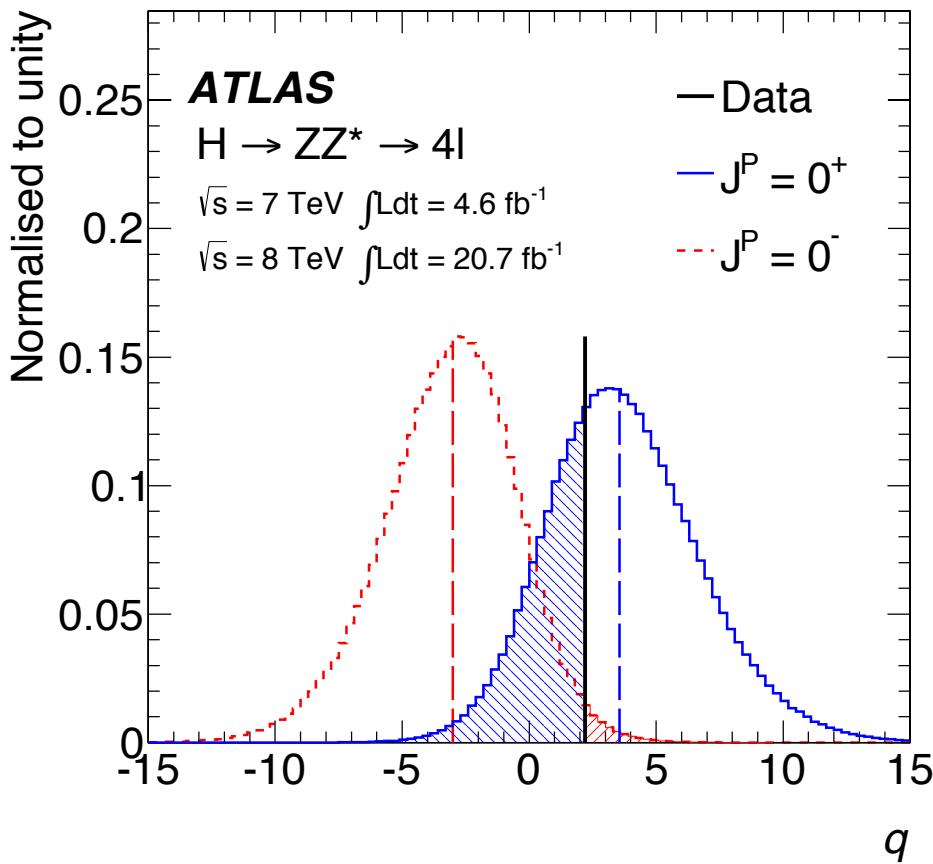
# Conclusive Remarks

1. Outstanding performance of the Large Hadron Collider and associated detectors with Run-1, in particular ATLAS and CMS
2. Searches for a Standard Model Higgs has leaded to the exclusion at 99% Confidence Level in a wide mass region except  $121.8 < m_H < 130.7 \text{ GeV}$
3. An excess of events at  $m_H \sim 125 \text{ GeV}$  has been observed by ATLAS and CMS with a significance **larger than 5 standard deviations**
4. collaboration with theory community important to this achievement, and essential to explain the level of understanding of current and future data
5. We have analysed  $< 10\%$  of the data expected from LHC, and  $< 1\%$  of the data HL-LHC can deliver; we will get collisions at  $\sim$ twice the c.m. energy → big potential for new discoveries
6. → we just entered a new era in HEP, with LHC as “portal” to a new world





# Latest results: spin

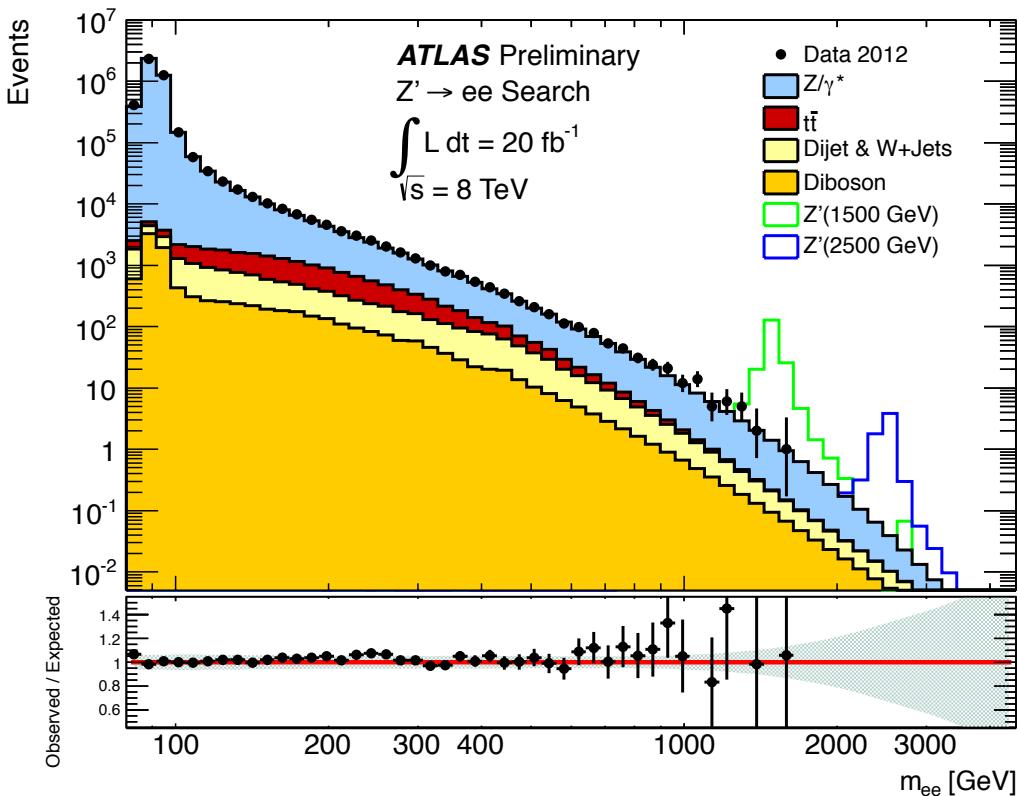


Expected distributions of  $q = \log(L(0+)/L(0-))$ , the logarithm of the ratio of profiled likelihoods, under  $J^P = 0^+$  hypotheses for the Standard Model  $J^P = 0^+$  (blue/solid line distribution) or  $J^P = 0^-$  (red/dashed line distribution) signals. The observed value is indicated by the vertical solid line and the expected medians by the dashed lines. The coloured areas correspond to the integrals of the expected distributions up to the observed value and are used to compute the  $p_0$ -values for the rejection of each hypothesis.

Exclusion of  $J^P = 0^-$  at 97.8% confidence level

$J^P$  values such as  $J^P = 1^+$ ,  $1^-$  and graviton-inspired  $J^P = 2^+$  models with minimal couplings to Standard Model particles are also excluded at more than 99% confidence level combining  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow llvv$  channels

# New Physics beyond SM?



Dielectron invariant mass ( $m_{ee}$ ) distribution with statistical uncertainties after final selection, compared to the stacked sum of all expected backgrounds, with two selected  $Z'$  signals overlaid. The SSM bin width is constant in log  $m_{ee}$ . Bottom inset: The black points show the ratio of observed to expected events with statistical uncertainty, while the shaded band indicates the mass-dependent systematic uncertainty on the sum of the backgrounds.

# ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: SUSY 2013

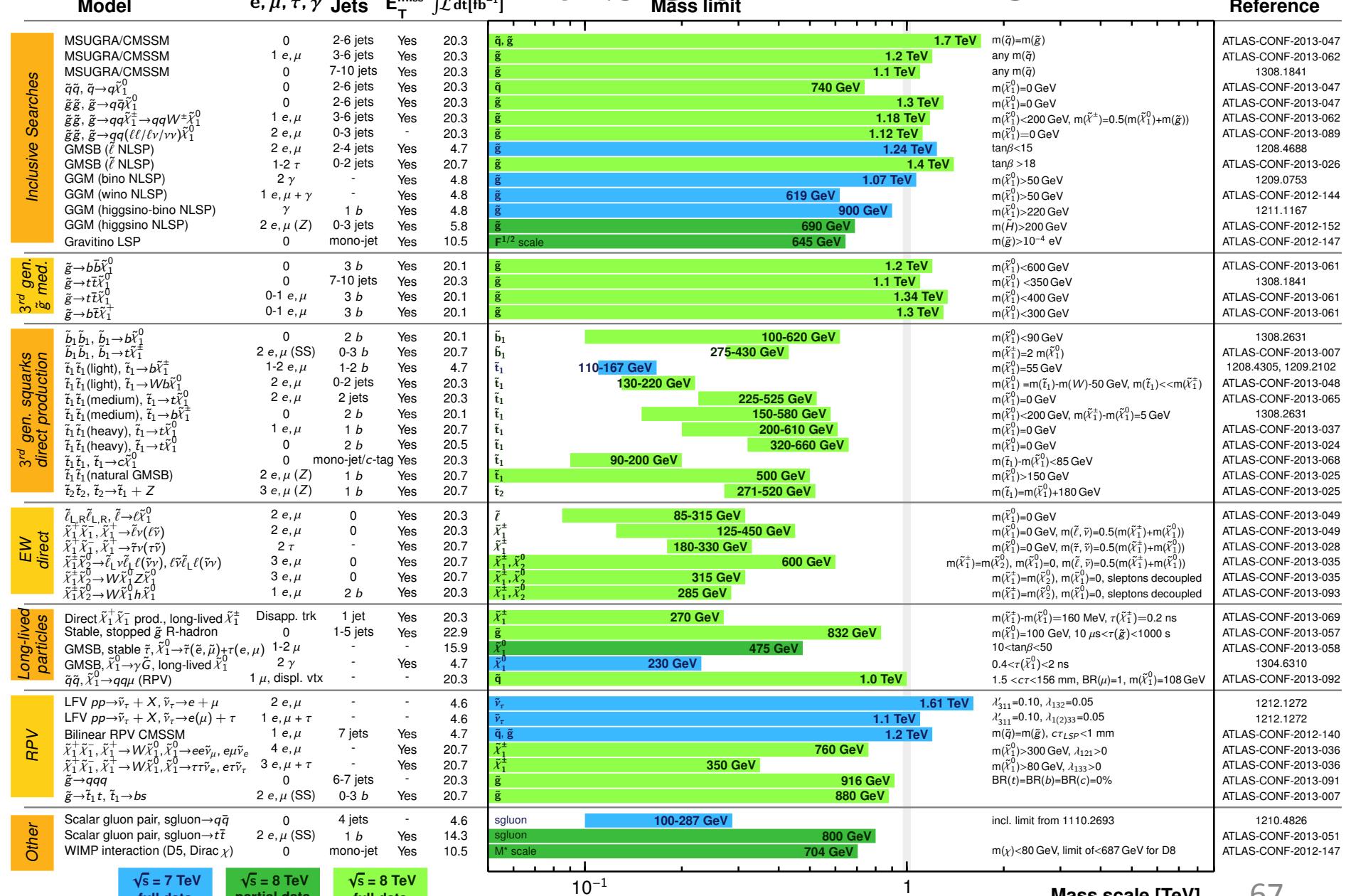
A. Nisati: the Higgs and beyond

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$

# no SUSY at LHC

Mass limit



$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$   
full data

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$   
partial data

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$   
full data

$10^{-1}$

1

Mass scale [TeV]

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\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1 $\sigma$  theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.