

# Properties of the Higgs boson in the two photon decay channel.

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### Photon conversions

- Sizable amount of material in front of the calorimeter
- Photons convert to electron-positron pairs in tracker material
- Reconstruction of conversion vertices in tracker important for
- Optimal calibration of converted and unconverted photons
- Dedicated identification criteria for converted and unconverted photons

Photon conversions reconstructed from tracks and electromagnetic clusters

### Reconstruction robust with number of proton-proton collisions per bunch-crossing (pile-up) during 2012 data-taking

ATLAS Preliminary Data 2012,  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV  
 $\int L dt = 3.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

### Properties of the Standard Model Higgs boson

Standard Model predicts production cross sections and decay branching fractions of the Higgs boson (for a given mass  $m_H$ )

#### Standard Model production modes

- Gluon fusion 88% (ggF)
- Vector-boson fusion 7.3% (VBF)
- Production with top quarks 0.5% (ttH)
- Production with vector bosons 4.2% (VH)

#### Higgs boson decay to two photons

- Decay to photons through top-quark and W-boson loop
- BR( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) = 0.23% ( $m_H = 125$  GeV)

### Production modes and couplings

Signal strength:  $\mu = \frac{N_{\text{observed}}}{N_{\text{SMHiggs}}}$

- $\mu = 0$ : background only
- $\mu = 1$ : SM Higgs boson

Inclusive measurement in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  consistent with the SM prediction within  $1.9\sigma$ :

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

### Measurement of signal strength for different production modes in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Events are categorized according to the photon kinematics and the other particles in the event: 14 exclusive event categories (8 TeV data)

Measurements in agreement with Standard Model predictions.

### Coupling measurements from combination with other decay channels

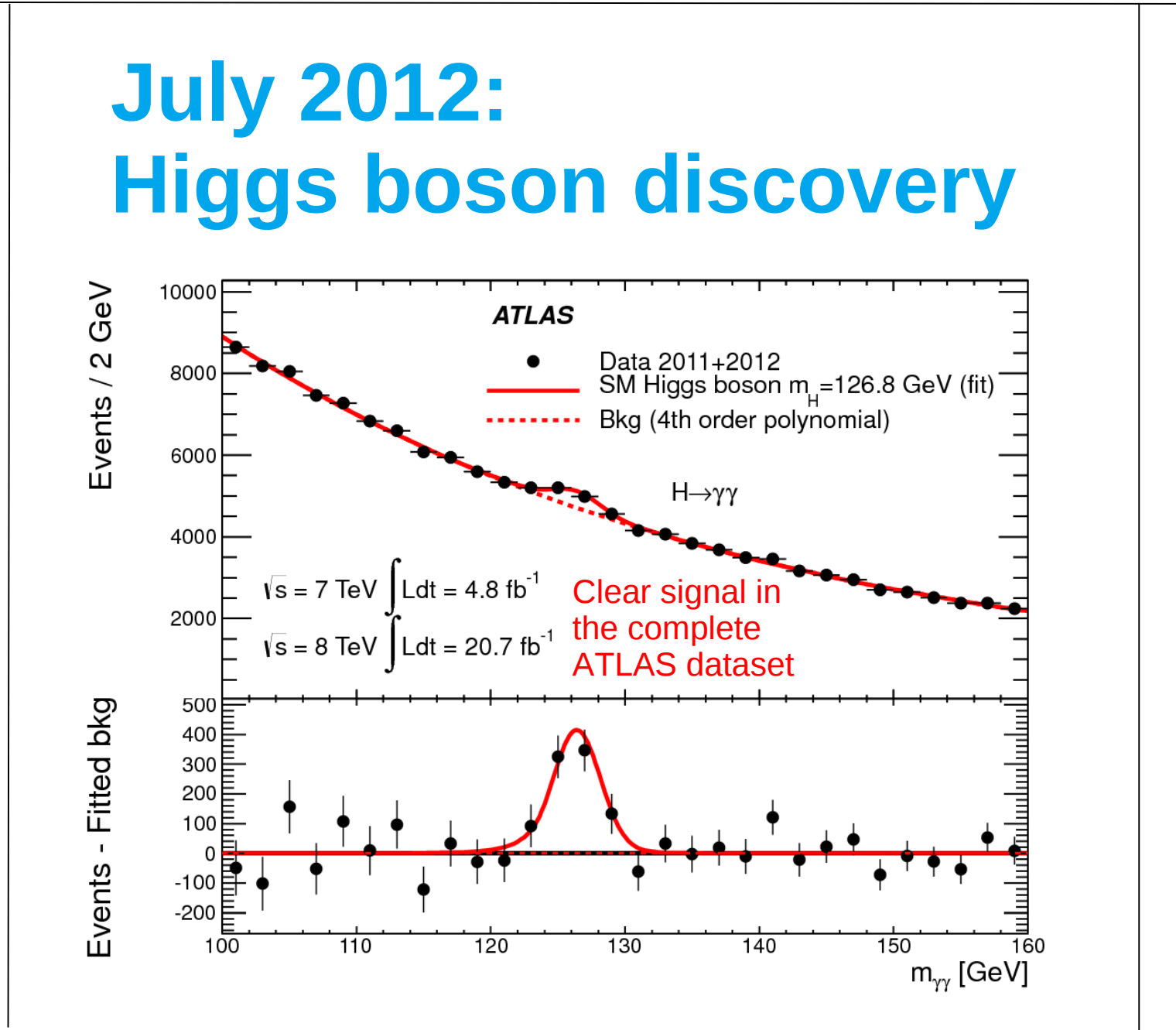
Measuring effective scale factors  $\kappa$  for the coupling to fermions (F) and vector bosons (V):

In agreement with SM prediction  $\kappa = 1$ .

### Photon identification

Discrimination of photons from hadronic background based on shower shapes in EM calorimeter

- Width of cluster allows to separate photons from hadronic jets
- Substructure of shower using the finely segmented first calorimeter layer allows to separate photons from hadronic jets with leading  $\pi^0$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analysis needs jet rejection of  $\sim 10^4$  to be dominated by background from real photons
- Photon identification combines shower shape cuts sequentially (8 TeV data) or with a neural network (7 TeV data)



### Efficiency extrapolation from $Z \rightarrow ee$

- Can select a very pure sample of electrons from  $Z \rightarrow ee$  decays without biasing shower shapes
- Shower shapes of photons and electrons very similar in many respects
- Remaining differences corrected for by dedicated transformations

ATLAS Preliminary Simulation

### Efficiency combination

Measurements in good agreement with results from 2 other methods and combined

Uncertainties range from ~5% at low  $E_T$  to ~1-2% at higher  $E_T$

### Impact on $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis

Composition of the sample selected for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\gamma\gamma$	75±3%
$\gamma$ +jet and jet+ $\gamma$	22±2%
jet+jet	2.6±0.5%

Id efficiency uncertainty on expected number of signal events

ICHEP 2012	10.8%
Council 2012	5.3%
Moriond 2013	2.4%

•Second-largest experimental uncertainty on the measured inclusive signal strength

### Differential cross-sections

First measurements of Higgs boson differential cross sections: studying production and decay kinematics

- High signal efficiency makes  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  well suited for these measurements
- Higgs boson studies evolved from searches for a new particle to measurements of its properties within less than one year

Connection to DESY theory group: STWZ calculation