

Searches for the Standard Model Higgs Boson at the Tevatron



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Standard Model of Particle Physics

□ Fundamental particles:

- 6 quarks, 6 leptons is enough
- Bulk of visible matter: u, d, and e
- Anti-particle for each particle

□ Fundamental interactions:

- Strong: gluons
- Weak: $W^\pm$, Z^0
- Electromagnetic: photon
- Gravitational: graviton?

Three Generations of Matter (Fermions)

	I	II	III	
mass	2.4 MeV	1.37 GeV	173.2 GeV	0
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
name	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon
Quarks	4.2 MeV $-\frac{1}{3}$ d down	164 MeV $-\frac{1}{3}$ s strange	4.2 GeV $-\frac{1}{3}$ b bottom	0 0 g gluon
	0.05 MeV 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ν_e electron neutrino	0.17 MeV 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ν_μ muon neutrino	0.15 MeV 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ν_τ tau neutrino	91.2 GeV 0 0 Z weak force
	0.511 MeV -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ e electron	105.7 MeV -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ μ muon	1.777 GeV -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ τ tau	80.4 GeV -1 1 W weak force
Leptons				Bosons (Forces)

□ Higgs field → Higgs particle

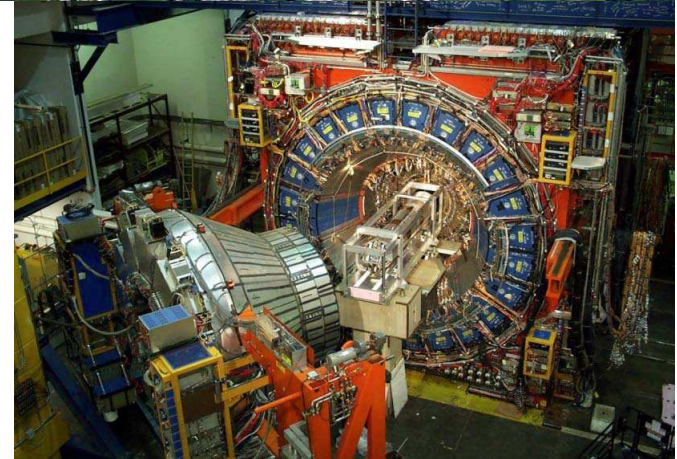
- Higgs field is introduced to add mass to those particles
- A new particle, the Higgs boson, is predicted coming from his own interactions

Direct searches at Colliders

- ❑ The Higgs boson is the only undiscovered “elementary” particle in the Standard Model
- ❑ Mayor goal at LHC (and Tevatron)
- ❑ The SM can not predict the Higgs boson mass
 - Need to be determined with an experiment
 - Very clear precision for production mechanisms, cross sections and branching ratios within the Standard Model
- ❑ Current direct searches SM Higgs boson
 - LEP II search exclude: $M_H < 114.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ at 95% C.L.
 - Exclusion dominated by LHC experiments: approximately $110 < M_H < 115$ and $130 < M_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$
 - Some excess of signal-like events in the region $\sim 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

The Tevatron Collider

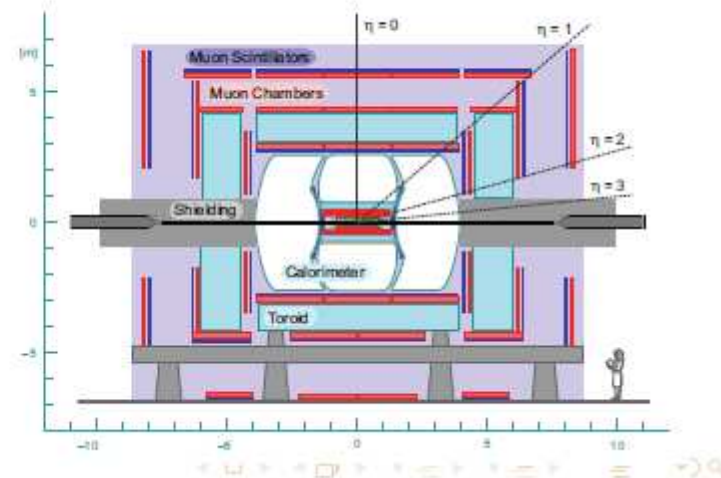
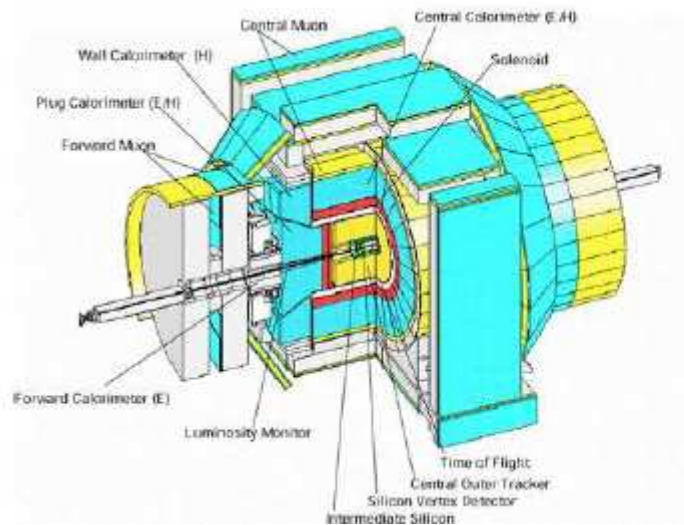
- ❑ Tevatron: proton-antiproton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=1.96\text{TeV}$
- ❑ It was closed on September 2011
- ❑ Analyses presented make use of full dataset
- ❑ $\sim 12 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ delivered data ($\sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ acquired by the experiments)



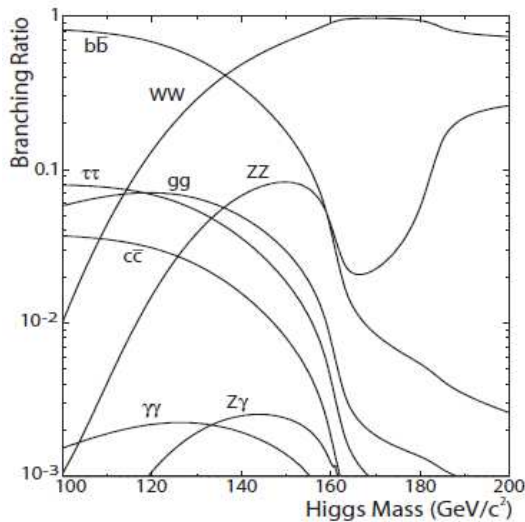
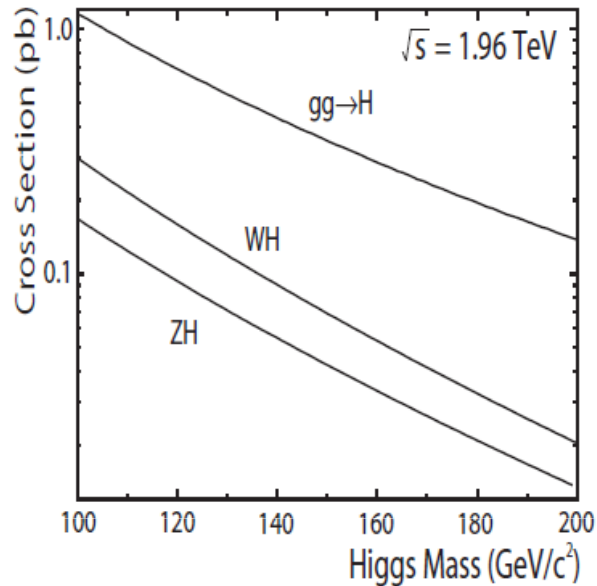
CDF and D0, two general purpose detectors



Tracking	Silicon Drift cell	$ \eta < 2 - 2.5$ $ \eta < 1.1$	Silicon Fiber	$ \eta < 3$ $ \eta < 1.7$
Calorimetry	Scintillators	$ \eta < 3.6$	LAr/DU	$ \eta < 4$
Muon chambers	Drift Scintillators	$ \eta < 1.5$	Drift Scintillators	$ \eta < 2.0$

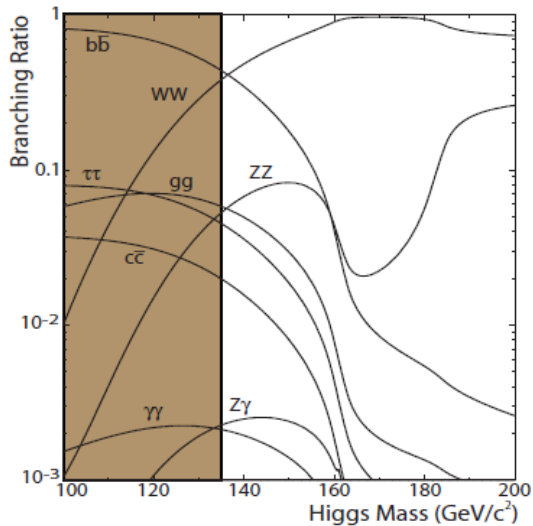
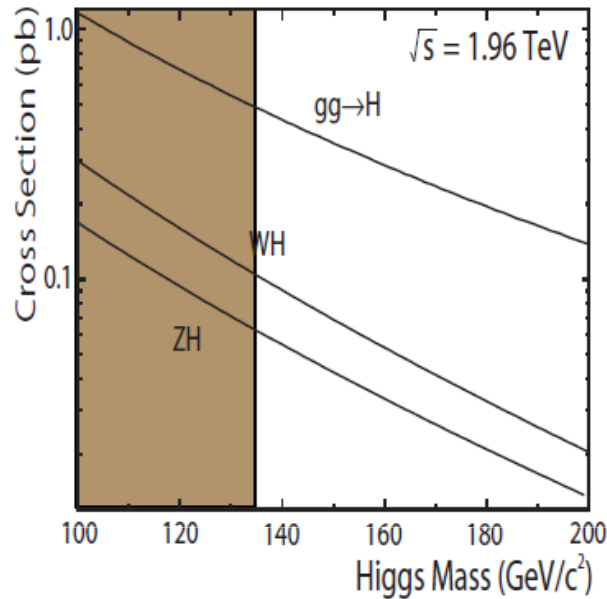


Higgs Searches at the Tevatron

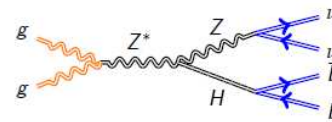


- ❑ **Direct production** dominates the mass spectrum
- ❑ **Associated production** (W/Z) ~ 5 times smaller
- ❑ Two decay modes dominate: low / high mass
 - $m_H < 135 \text{ GeV}/c^2$: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
 - $m_H > 135 \text{ GeV}/c^2$: $H \rightarrow WW$
- ❑ Analyzing all decay channels for best sensitivity
 - Dedicated triggers to keep most of the Higgs events
 - No single analysis with sufficient statistical significance.
- ❑ No single channel can do. Need to combine all CDF Higgs searches and do the same also with DZero

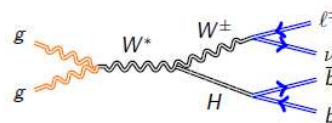
Low mass Higgs searches



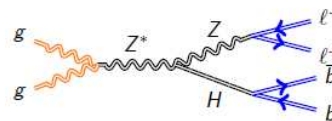
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ dominant decay. Need efficient b-tagging algos
- $\sigma(H) \times B(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \sim 0.5 \text{ pb}$
 - Final state overwhelmed by QCD
- $\sigma(VH) \times B(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \sim 0.1 \text{ pb}$
 - Extra vector boson (in leptonic decay) helps reducing background
- Associated production: main low mass channels



$$VH \rightarrow \cancel{E}_T b\bar{b}$$



$$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$$



$$ZH \rightarrow \ell\ell b\bar{b}$$

- $WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ will be described in detail in next slides
- Significant sensitivity for other channels at low mass
 - $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow WW$, $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow \ell\nu q\bar{q}b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

Why the $WH \rightarrow lvbb$ channel

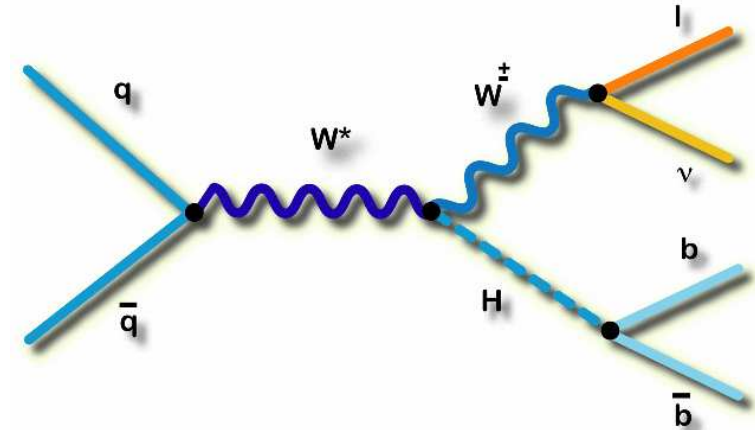
□ $qq \rightarrow WH \rightarrow lvbb$: 2nd highest cross section

□ Reasonably clean signature

□ $W \rightarrow lv$ requirement: *cleaner signature*

□ Presence of b-tagged jets

□ Relatively High MET (reject QCD)



□ Many analysis techniques and strategies common to other analyses

➤ Specially for $H \rightarrow bb$ final state

➤ Use of Multiple “b-tagging categories”

➤ Increase event acceptance by loosening standard lepton reco ID

➤ Use of multivariate techniques

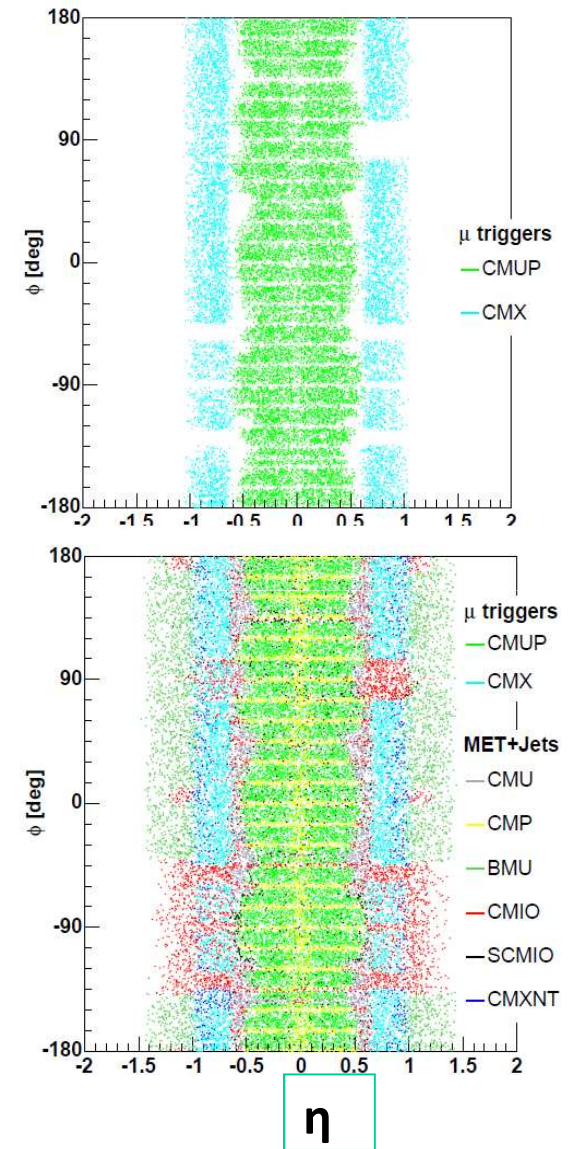
□ CDF analysis will be described. Similar strategies by D0

Event Selection: leptons

□ High P_T isolated lepton (e/ μ) or track: $P_T > 20\text{GeV}$

➤ Using different lepton categories depending on detector region and quality cuts applied.

- **Central leptons** (CEM, CMUP, CMX): best S/B
- **Forward electrons** (PHX)
- **Non-triggered muons** (NTM)
 - Recovered relaxing the standard reconstruction from muons or from non-triggerable regions
- **Loose electron like leptons** (LEL)
 - Non triggered reconstructed as isolated tracks matched to significant deposits of energy in the calorimeter
 - Triggered central electrons failing the standard reconstruction cuts but recovered using a multivariate electron likelihood

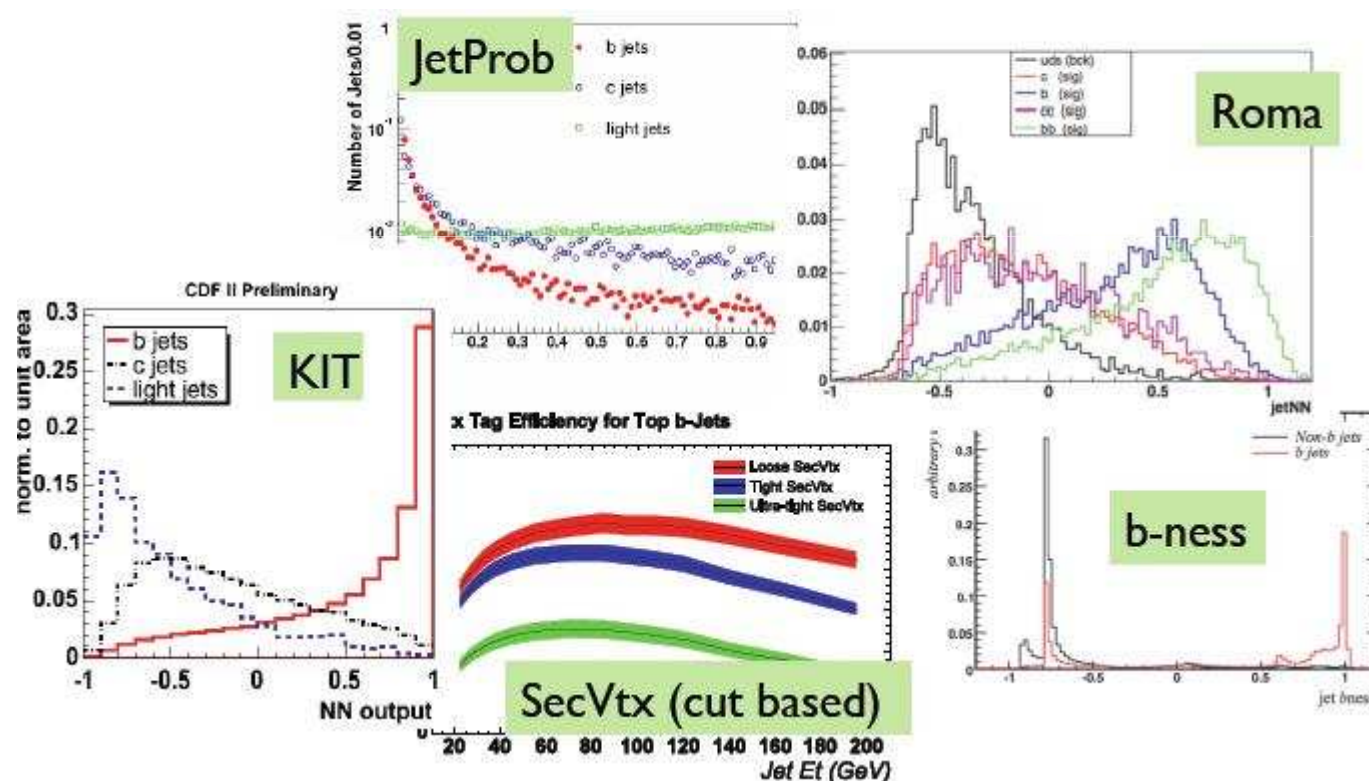


Event Selection: jet+met

- ❑ 2 (or 3) central high energy jets: $E_T > 20\text{GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.0$
- ❑ Applying a QCD veto using a multivariate technique (Support Vector Machine) ($\sim 6\%$ improvement in sensitivity for single tag category)
 - E_T (second leading E_T jet)
 - MET
 - P_T (lepton), $\Delta\phi$ (lepton, MET^{raw})
 - ...
 - Very good performance for muons. It allows to relax the MET cut for central muons
- ❑ Large missing transverse energy: $MET > 20\text{ GeV}$ (10 GeV for central muons)

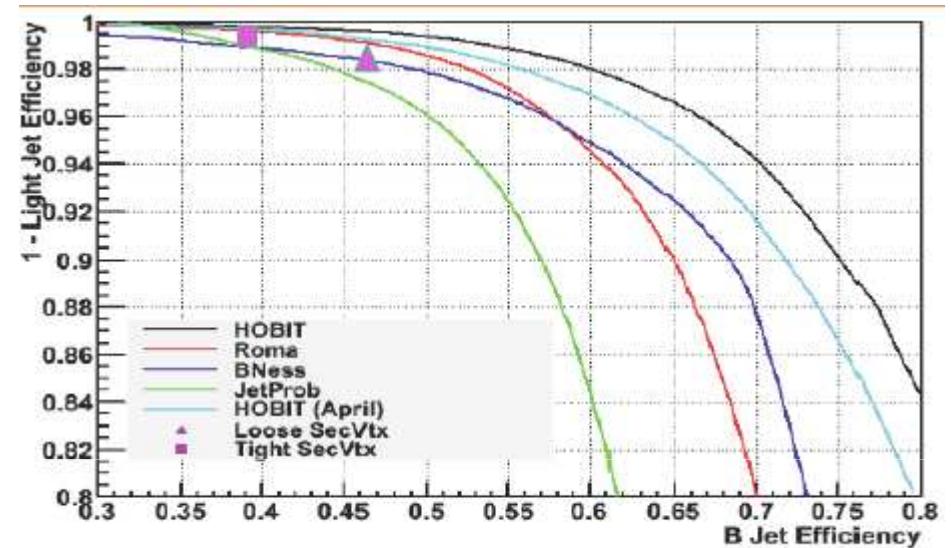
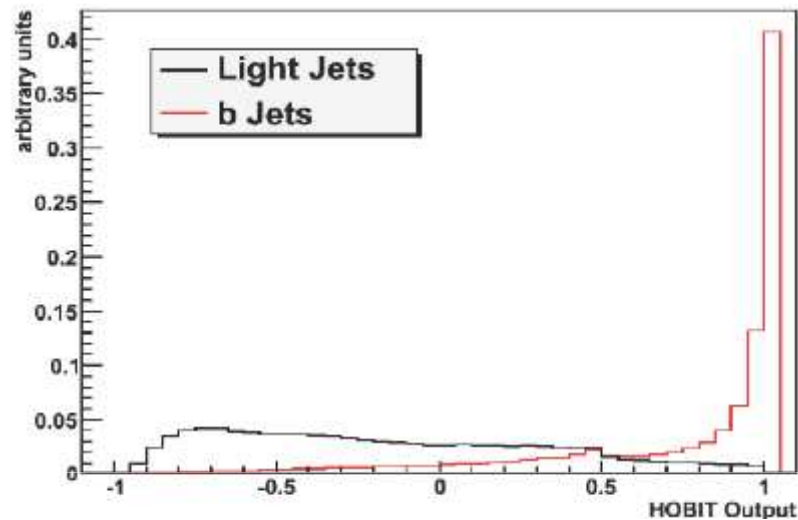
Event Selection: b-tagging

- Improvement in b-tagging benefits simultaneously all $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- Important effort in CDF during last 1-2 years
- Create a new NN tagger using as inputs some of the old taggers used by CDF: **H**iggs **O**ptimized **b**-I-identification **T**agger



- HOBIT
- 25 inputs
- Characterized (mistags/b-eff) using $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ enriched and soft electron samples

Event Selection: HOBIT performance



- Better performance than any other previous tagger used at CDF

Event Selection: WH b-tagging

Summer 2011

Tagging Category	S/B
SecVtx+SecVtx	0.228
SecVtx+JetProb	0.160
SecVtx+Roma	0.103
Single SecVtx	0.146
Sum	0.331

3 taggers

4 tagging categories

Winter 2012

Tagging Category	S/B
Tight-Tight	0.266
Tight-Loose	0.200
Single Tight	0.143
Loose-Loose	0.053
Single Loose	0.044
Sum	0.369

2 Hobit Working Points

5 tagging categories

- ~12% improvement in signal significance by using
 - Similar improvement in expected exclusion limits
- Hobit included in 2/3 CDF $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ analyses
- D0 is also working on improving the b-tagging

Background Estimation

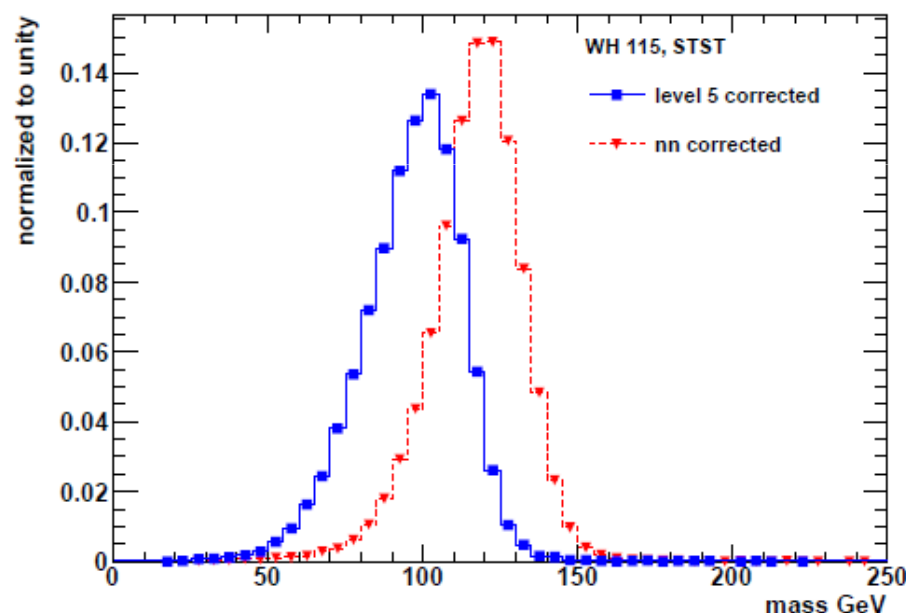
- ❑ Non-W: *QCD* multi-jet fake estimated *from data*
- ❑ Mistag: falsely b-tagged *W+LF jets* ; W+HF: W+bb, W+cc/c -> *Shapes from MC, Normalizations corrected using data*
- ❑ MC Total: top pair, single top, diboson(WW, WZ, ZZ), Z+jets: estimated *from MC* using theoretical/measured cross sections

Event Yield with events with 2 jets for central leptons

Number of Jets	2 jets				
Tagging categories	TT	TL	T	LL	L
DiTop	177.49±22.17	211.19±19.8	544.5±52.06	63.04±6.93	327.74±33.71
STopS	59.1±7.06	66.39±5.85	118.38±10.68	19.35±2.19	69.4±7.13
STopT	17.4±2.48	32.45±3.98	228.45±25.63	12.21±1.32	134.83±15.56
WW	1.9±0.48	15.54±3.13	217.47±27.09	29.26±4.5	719.24±70.55
WZ	21.86±2.63	25.97±2.28	63.3±6.23	11.8±1	115.13±10.59
ZZ	2.6±0.3	2.73±0.24	7.87±0.77	1.08±0.09	11.98±1.08
Zjets	11.94±1.29	23.24±2.47	184.32±19.71	30.93±3.46	815.82±85.61
Wbb	284.99±116.78	382.43±155.86	1372.45±559.67	129.59±52.89	948.67±387.04
Wcc	22.54±9.39	141.43±58.32	1379.5±564.72	196.66±80.63	3332.54±1360.1
Wlf	5.17±1.54	73.93±16.53	1179.09±191.85	293.49±47.08	9732.87±1094.5
QCD	12.35±7.94	101.82±41.71	680.92±272.42	125.62±50.72	2031.95±812.95
Bkg	617.34±172.05	1077.12±309.74	5976.25±1730.5	913.03±250.76	18240.17±3877.7
Obs	556	907	5737	865	18606
WH115	9.57±0.98	9.98±0.62	16.29±1.04	2.7±0.27	9.07±0.75

Improved Mass Resolution (M_{jj})

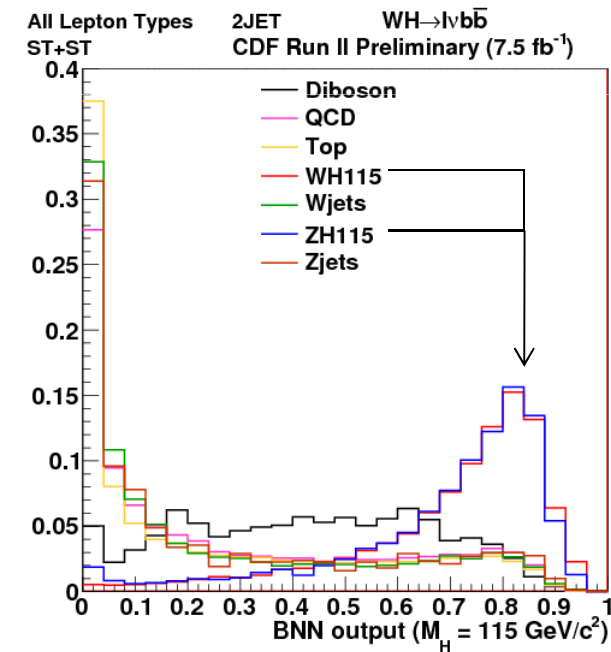
- ❑ The invariant mass of the $b\bar{b}$ pair is the most sensitive variable to the Higgs
- ❑ An improvement in resolution has direct impact on the sensitivity of the search



- ❑ Derive specific energy corrections for b-jets
 - ❑ Exploiting tracking and calorimeter information with a NN
- ❑ Resolution in dijet mass improved from $\sim 15\%$ to $\sim 11\%$ for events with 2 b-tagged jets
- ❑ Similar techniques applied to other low mass analyses

Multivariate Analysis (BNN)

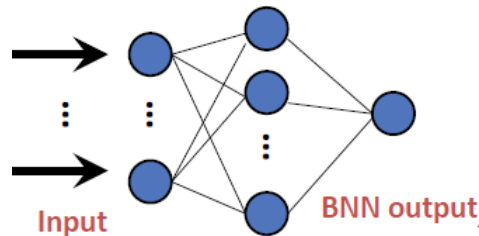
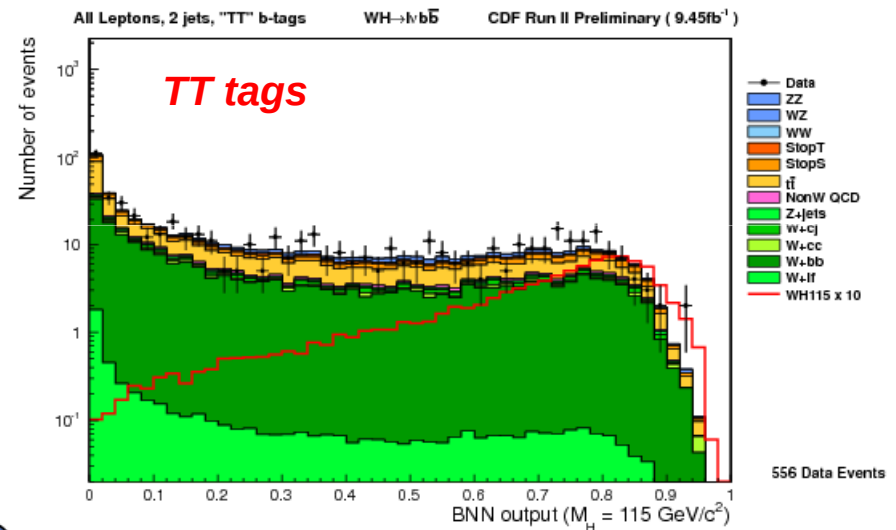
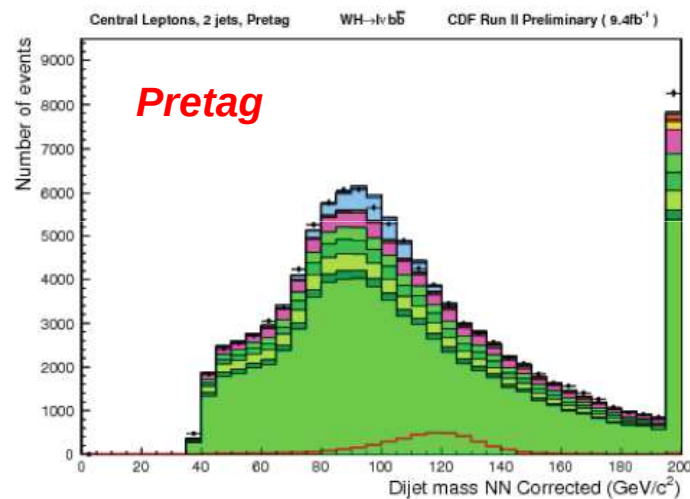
- ❑ Counting experiment is hopeless due to the large backgrounds
- ❑ Separate signal and background using multivariate techniques
- ❑ Bayesian Neural Network is employed
 - Trained separately for the 11 mass point M_H considered
 - The most important input variable is the NN-corrected invariant mass of the 2 jets
 - Other Inputs
 - o $P_T(\text{jet1}) + P_T(\text{jet2}) + P_T(\text{lep}) - \text{MET}$
 - o $P_T(W)$
 - o $H_T = \sum E_T(\text{jets}) + P_T(\text{lep}) + \text{MET}$
 - o MET
 - o charge $\times \eta(\text{lepton})$
 - o ...



Multivariate Analysis (BNN)

- ❑ Counting experiment is hopeless due to the large backgrounds
- ❑ Separate signal and background using multivariate techniques
- ❑ Checks in control region to validate modelling of inputs and outputs

Bayesian Neural Network



Other kinematic variables

Systematic uncertainties

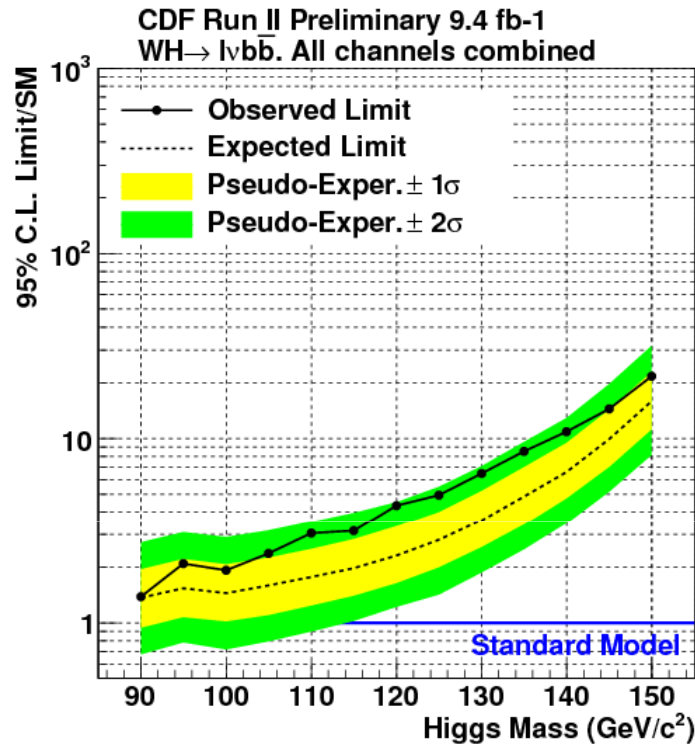
□ Systematic Uncertainties on Signal Acceptance

- Lepton identification: The difference of ID eff. between data and MC: ~2-4.5%
- Trigger efficiency: The uncertainties of trigger efficiency: ~1-3%
- Initial/Final state radiation (ISR/FSR): The difference between higher and lower ISR/FSR MC samples: 5-10%
- Jet Energy Scale (JES): Estimated by JES 1σ shift from default value: ~2-10%
- Parton distribution function (PDF): The difference among various PDFs (Estimated from MC) : ~1%
- b-tagging: The difference of b-tagging efficiency between data and MC: 4-8%

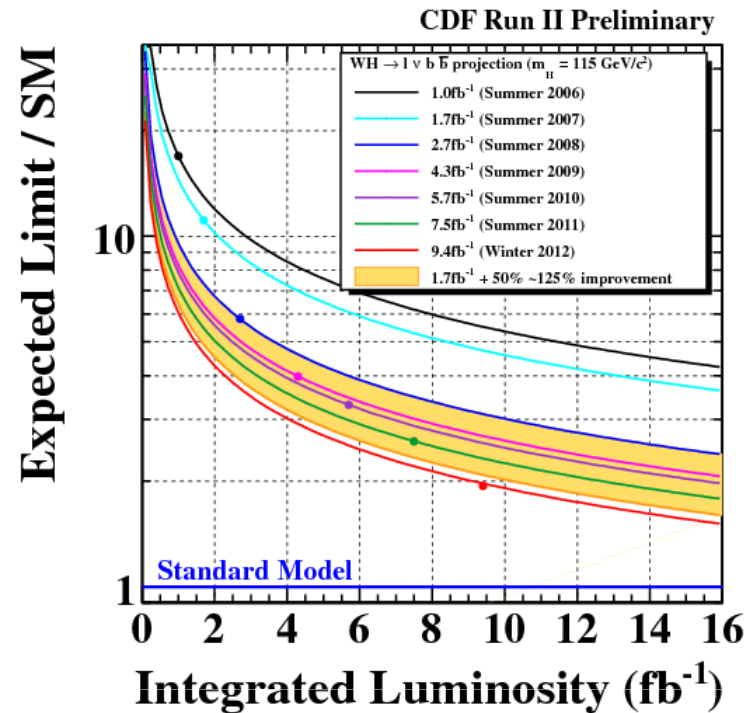
□ Shape systematics

- JES (apply 1σ shift to MC samples)
- Q^2 (apply 100% factor to default value for W+jets MC samples)
 - Mistags: ~20 - 40%
 - W+HF: ~30%
 - QCD: 40%
 - Luminosity ~6%

WH $\rightarrow$ lvbb Result



- Most sensitivity channel in Tevatron combination for $M_H < 130$ GeV/c 2



- Big improvement over time beyond luminosity beyond luminosity

Expected upper limit:

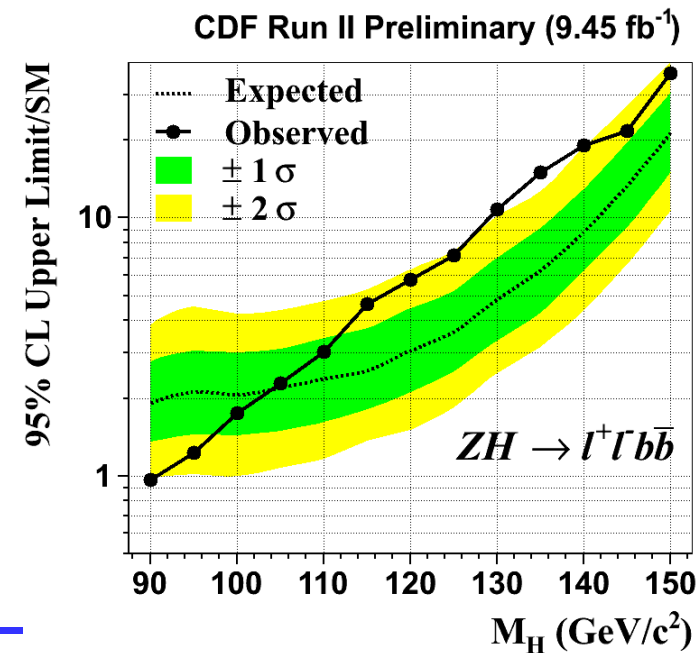
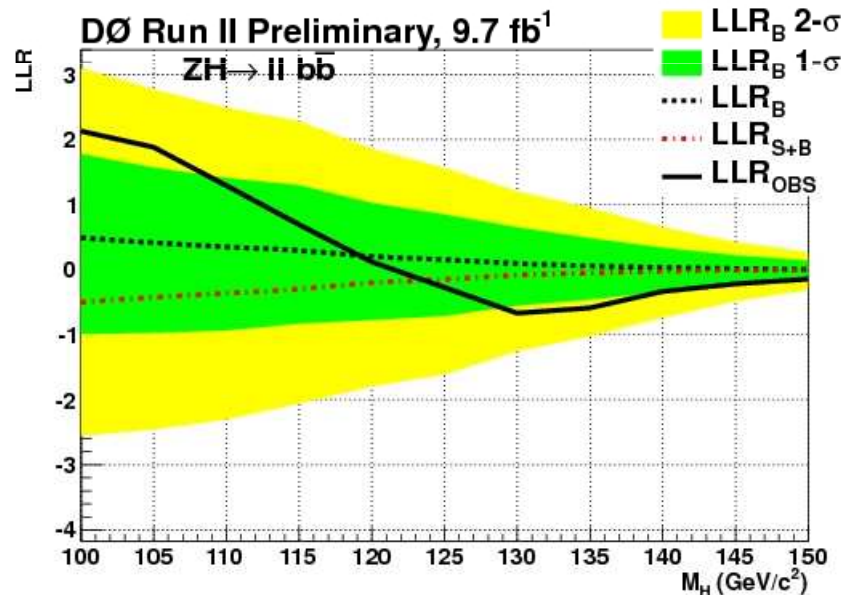
$1.97 \times \sigma(SM)$ ($M_H = 115$ GeV/c 2)

Observed upper limit:

$3.13 \times \sigma(SM)$ ($M_H = 115$ GeV/c 2)

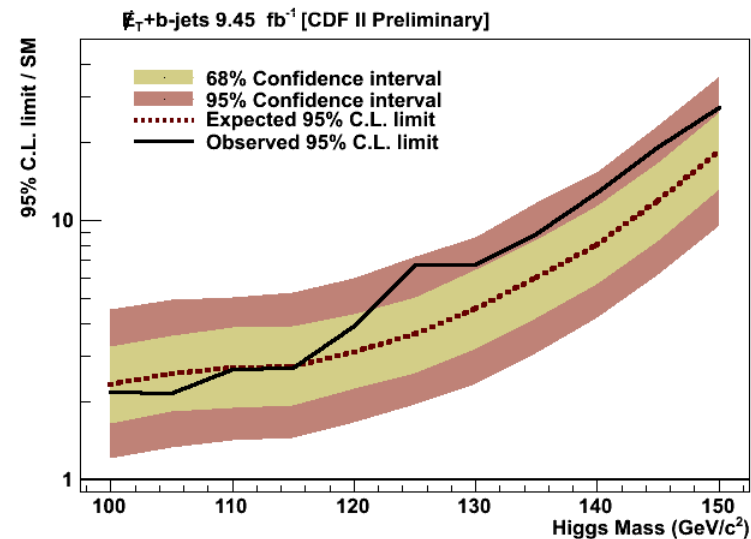
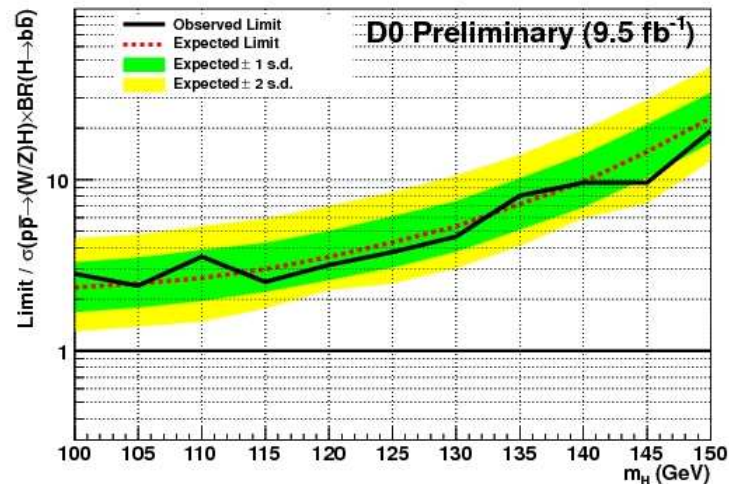
Other low mass channels: $ZZ \rightarrow llbb$

- Lowest background, worse statistics
- 2 High PT muon/electrons + 2 or 3 jets
- Fully reconstructed final state: allows to improve M_{jj} resolution
- **DØ (9.7 fb⁻¹): Random Forest**
 - **Exp. Upper limit: 4.2x $\sigma(\text{SM})$** ($M_H = 115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)
- **CDF (9.4 fb⁻¹): Combine 4 different NN**
 - **Exp. Upper limit: 2.5x $\sigma(\text{SM})$** ($M_H = 115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)



$ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$

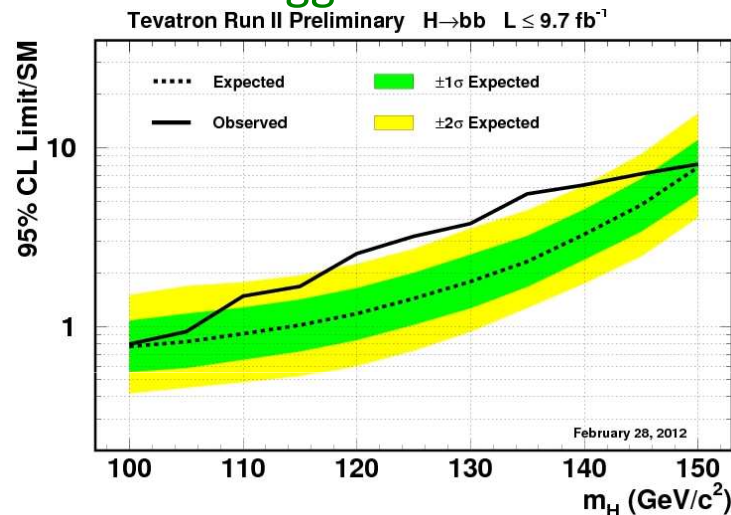
- ☐ Large MET + lepton veto + at least 2 jets
- ☐ Sensitive to $WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ with a missed lepton
- ☐ Large MET provides large background rejection
- ☐ **D0 (9.5 fb⁻¹): multijet DT + Final Boosted Decision Tree**
- ☐ Include b-ID output as part of BDT
- ☐ **Exp. Upper limit: 3.0x $\sigma(\text{SM})$ @ 115 GeV**
- ☐ **CDF (9.4 fb⁻¹): multijet artificial NN + Multilayer perceptron**
- ☐ 2 or 3 jets
- ☐ **Exp. Upper limit: 2.7x $\sigma(\text{SM})$** Does not make use of HOBIT yet **yet**



H→bb result and validation

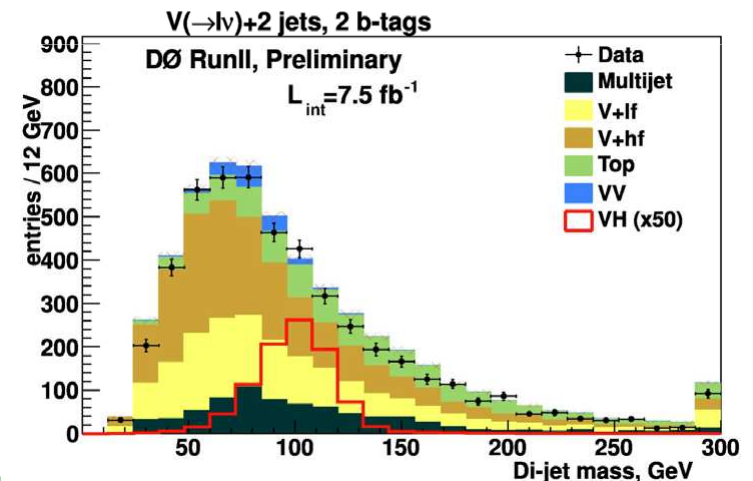
□ H→bb validation

- WZ/ZZ → llbb, lvbb, vvbb same final states as most important channels for low-mass Higgs searches at Tevatron (WH/ZH)

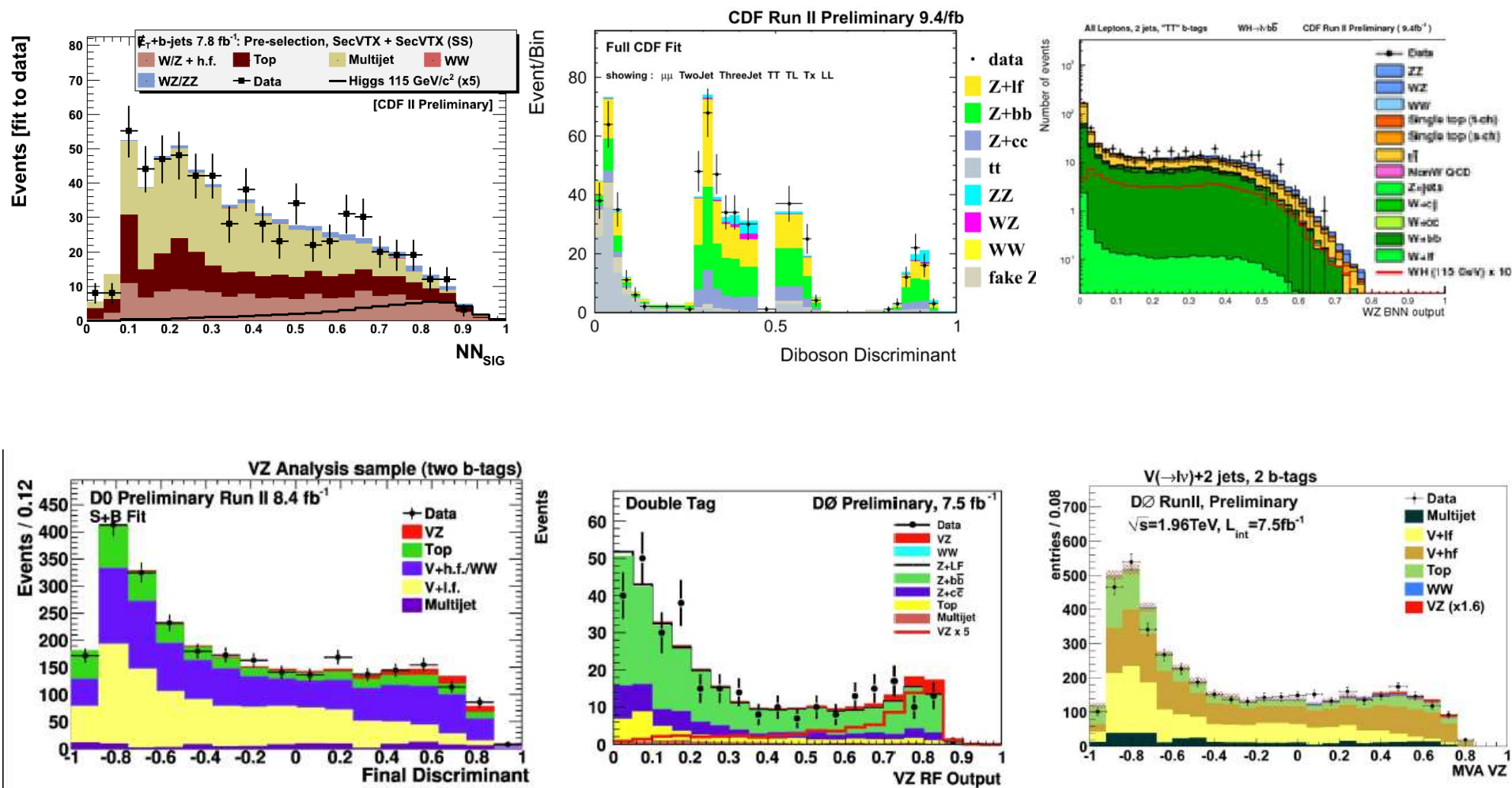


Final State	(W/Z) <i>H (115 GeV)</i>	(W/Z) <i>Z</i>
lvbb	27 fb	105 fb
llbb	5 fb	24 fb
vvbb	15 fb	73 fb

- WZ/WZ ~ 4-5 times larger cross section than WH/ZH
- WZ/ZZ harder to distinguish from large irreducible background (WW...)
- Train multivariate discriminants as for Higgs searches
- Some signal contribution from ($W \rightarrow cs$, $Z \rightarrow cc$)

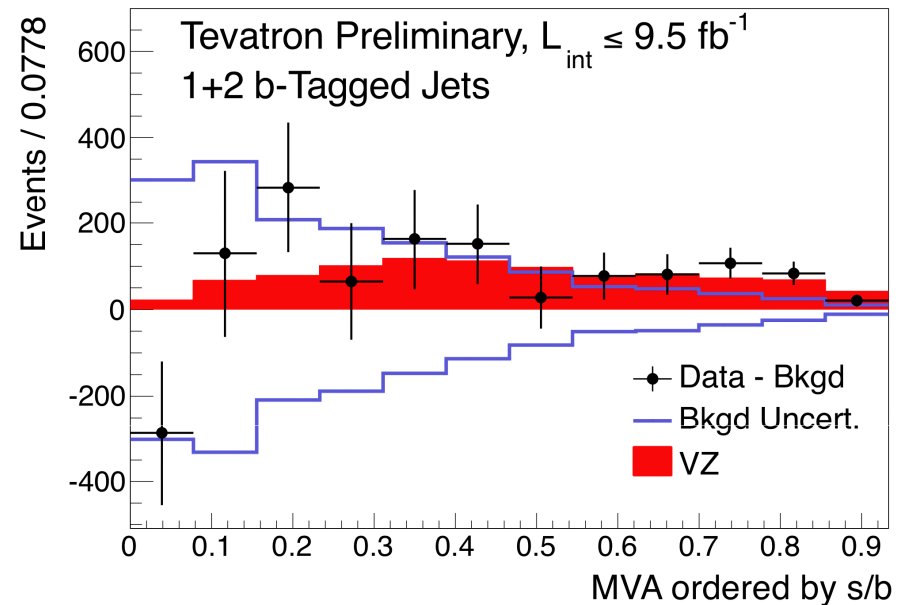
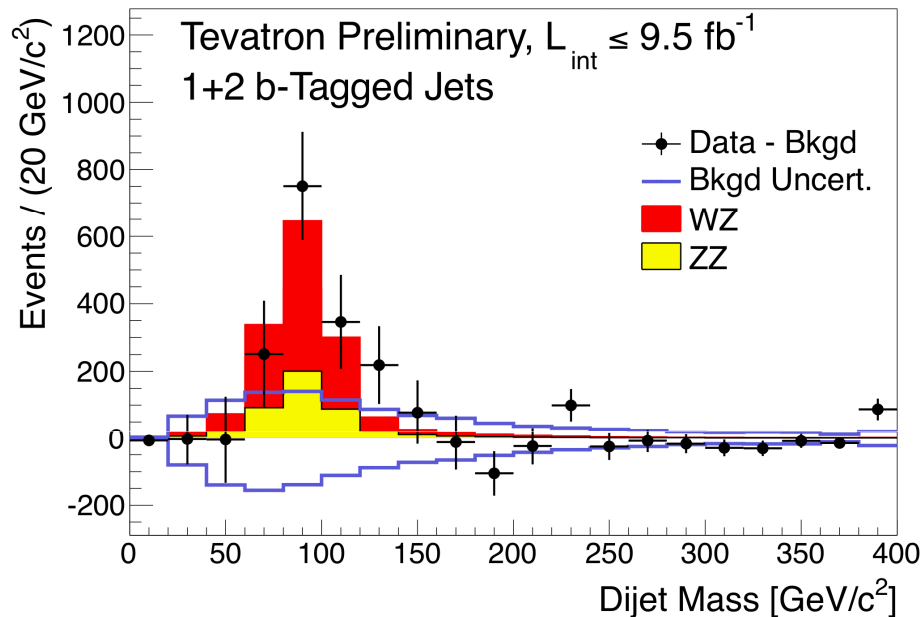


Discriminants optimized for diboson search



$$\sigma(VZ)_{SM} = 4.42 \text{ pb}$$

Tevatron Combination for diboson search



□ $\sigma(VZ) = 4.47 \pm 0.64 \pm 0.73 \text{ pb}$

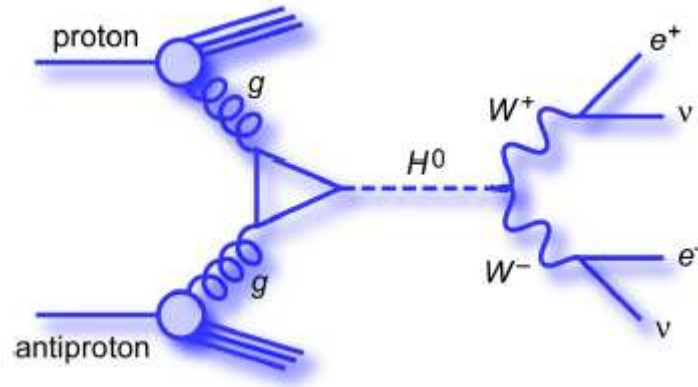
□ Compatible with the SM prediction

□ Evidence with **4.6 σ**

□ FERMILAB-CONF-12-063-E

High Mass Higgs boson Searches

□ Main Channel $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



□ Signature: 2 High E_T leptons and missing

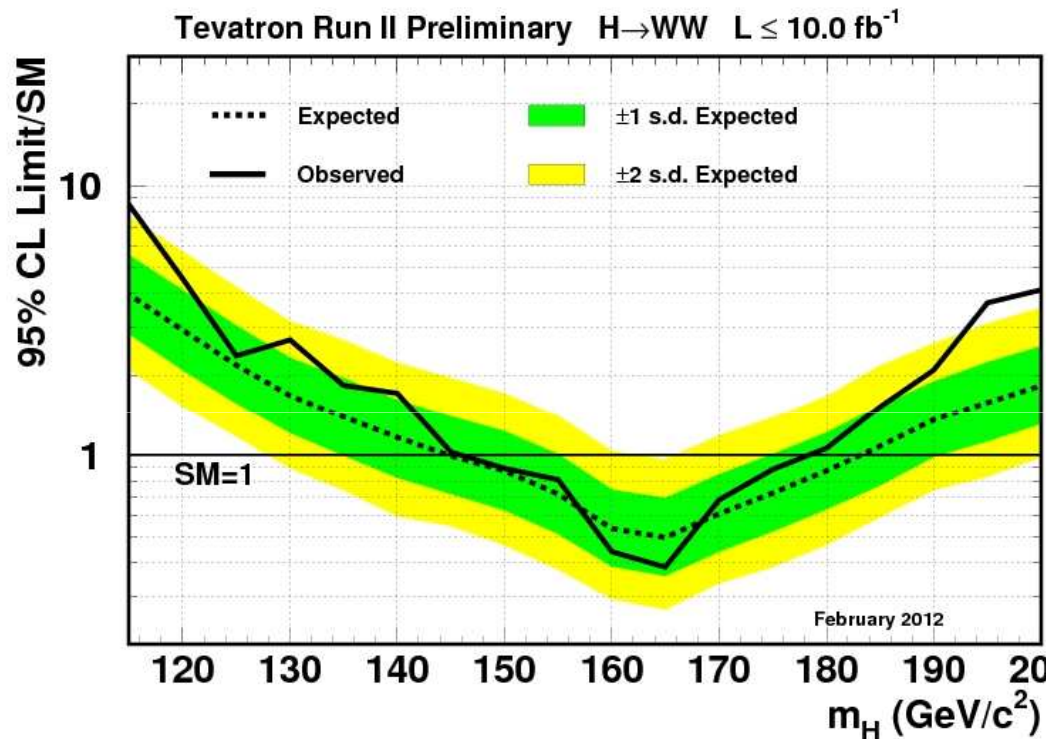
□ SM prediction

□ Strategy

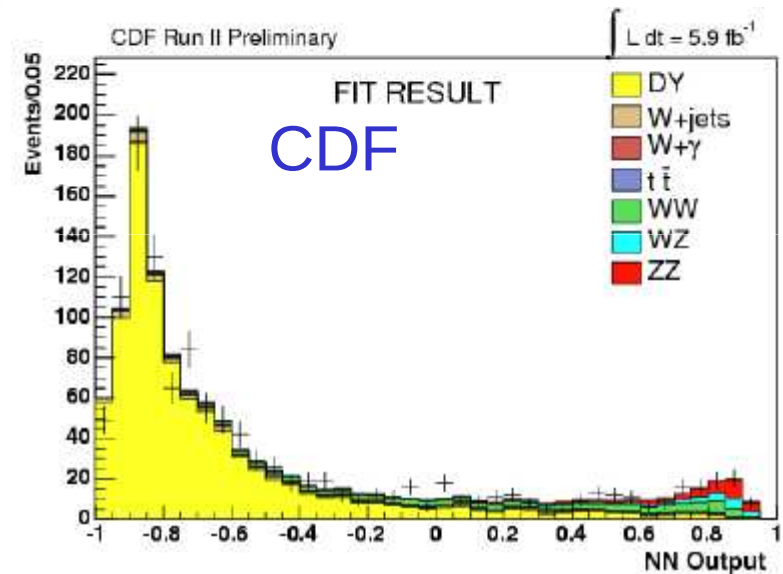
- Maximize lepton and reconstruction and selection efficiencies
- Separate events into multiple analysis channels
- Best possible choice of kinematic event variables for separating signal and background

High Mass Higgs boson Searches

□ Competitive with individual searches at $m_H=125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



NN optimized for $ZZ \rightarrow l\bar{l} \nu \nu$



□ Validated technique with $\sigma(ZZ)$

$$\sigma(ZZ) = 1.45^{+0.60}_{-0.51} \text{ pb}$$

SM pred: $1.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ pb}$

Other Channels

CDF

- ❑ No channel left behind
- ❑ Similar list for D0

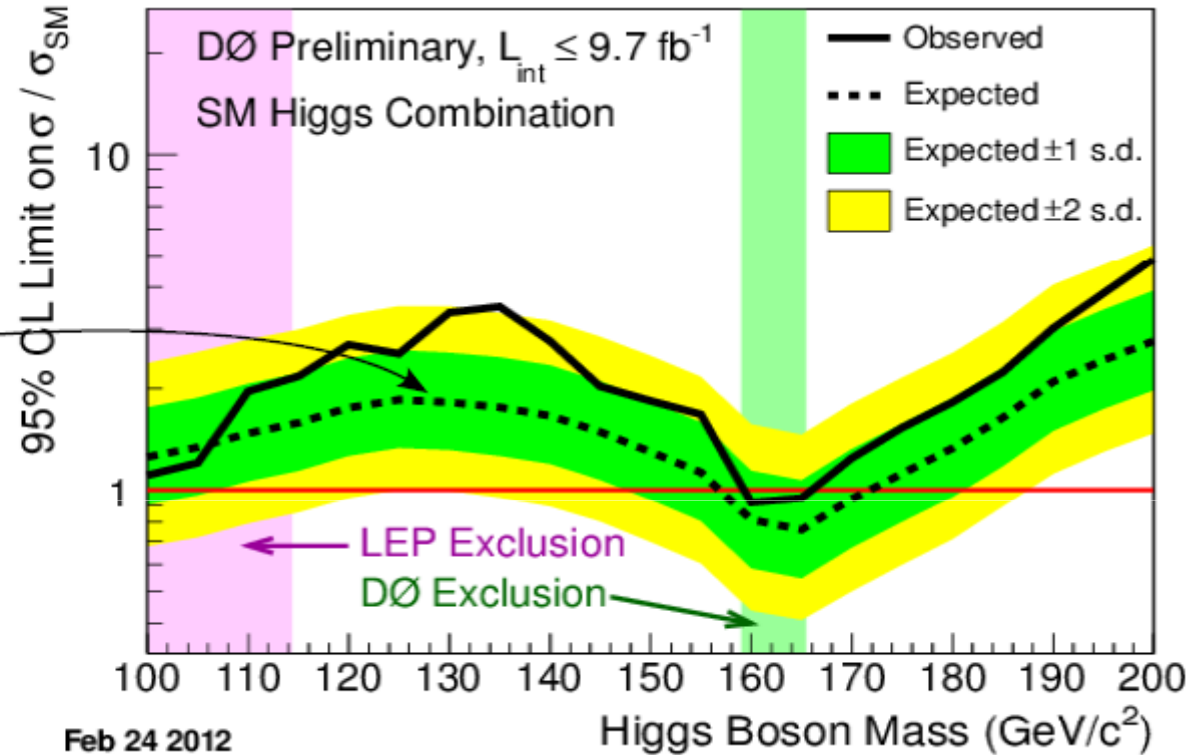
Channel	Luminosity	95% CL limit $M_H=125 \text{ GeV}$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	10.0 fb^{-1}	$10.8 \times \text{SM}$
$VH \rightarrow bb + \text{jets}$	9.45 fb^{-1}	$11.0 \times \text{SM}$
$ttH \rightarrow l\nu + \text{jets}$	9.4 fb^{-1}	$12.4 \times \text{SM}$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau + \text{jets}$	8.4 fb^{-1}	$14.8 \times \text{SM}$

Channel	Luminosity	95% CL limit $M_H=150 \text{ GeV}$
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \text{llll}$	9.7 fb^{-1}	$9.4 \times \text{SM}$

D0 Combination

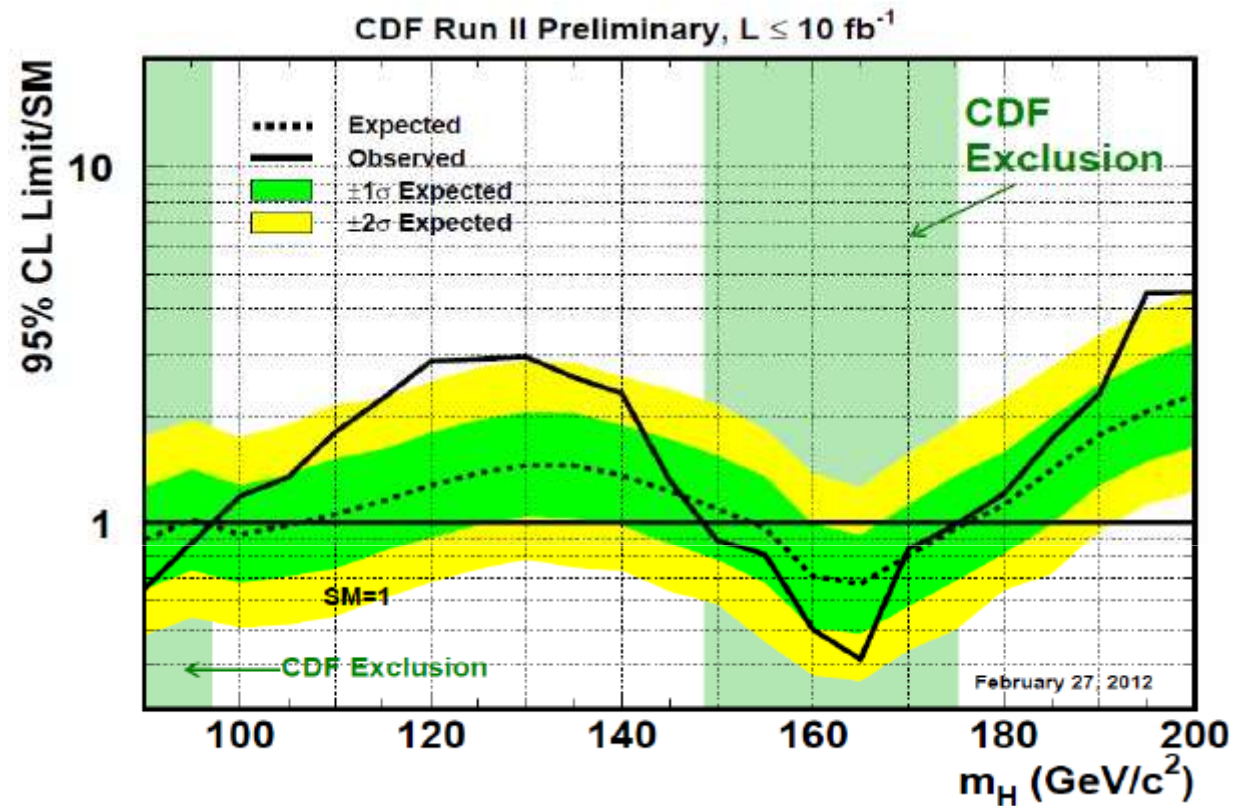
Combining all of the analyses:

Expected limit within $1.85 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$



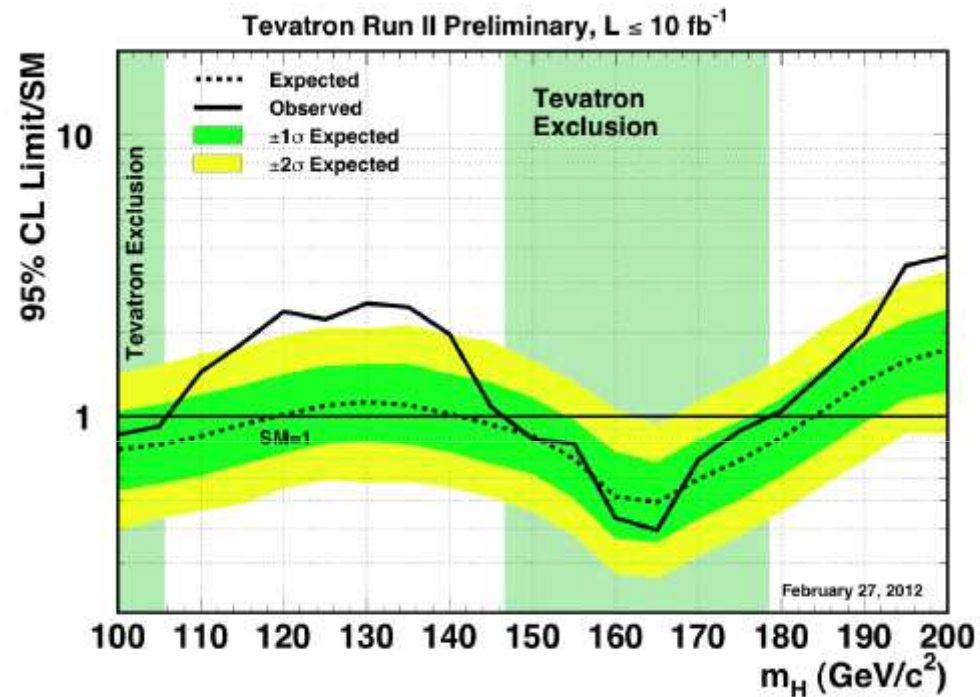
- ❑ Excess at the level of 1–2 standard deviations in the mass range 115–145 GeV
- ❑ More improvements to come

CDF Combination



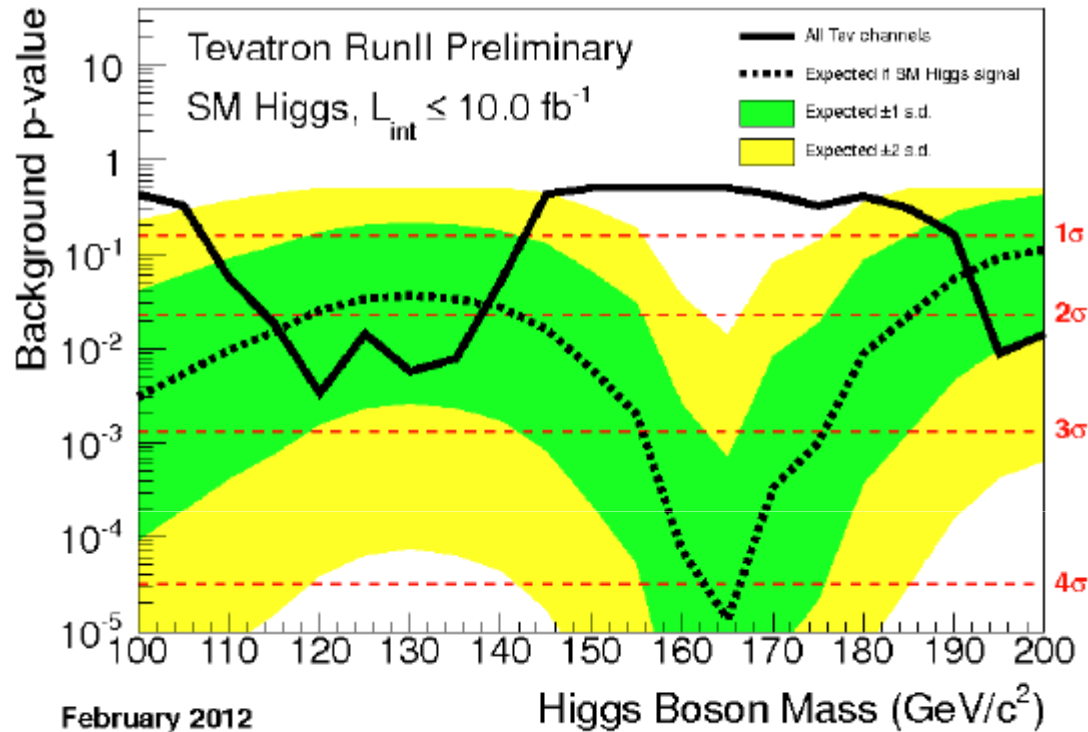
- ❑ Exclude 147 – 175 GeV/c²
- ❑ Broad excess observed. Largest excess: 120 GeV

Tevatron Combination



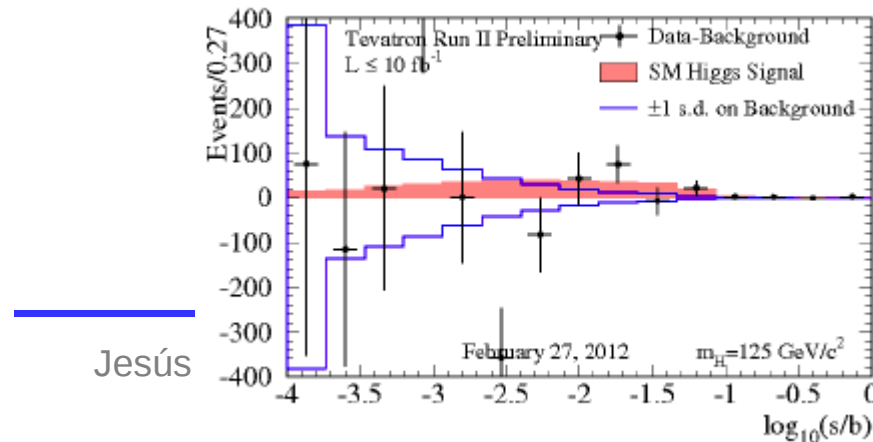
- ❑ Exclude SM Higgs at 95% C.L. for $147 < m_H < 179 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
- ❑ Expect to exclude $100 < m_H < 120 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ & $141 < m_H < 184 \text{ GeV/c}^2$

Global significance



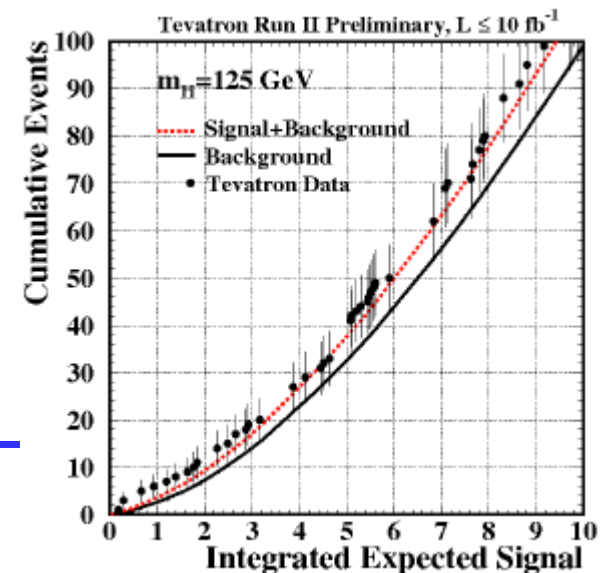
- Highest local p-value is found at $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Same LEE of 4 for entire SM search range from 100 to 200 GeV/c^2

Minimum p-value	Mass (GeV)	global sig.	local sig.
Tevatron	120	2.6σ	2.2σ
CMS	125	2.8σ	2.1σ
ATLAS	126	2.5σ	



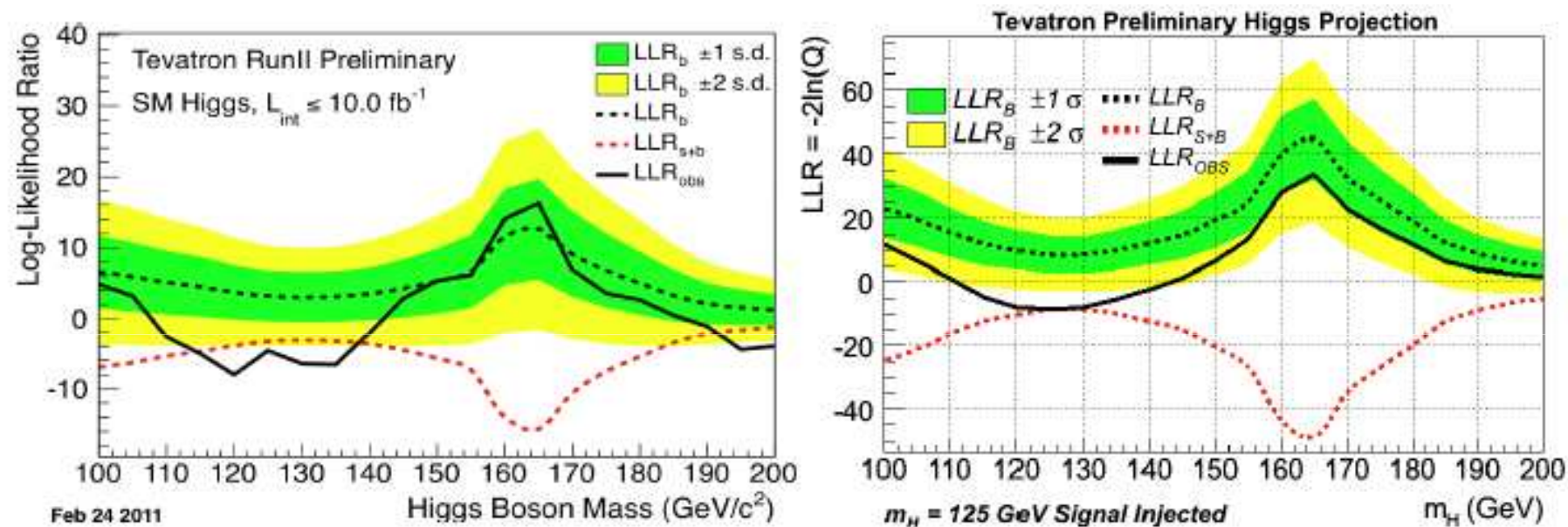
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Tevatron Combination



- Consistent with SM signal plus background hypothesis over Higgs mass range from 110 to 140 GeV/c^2

Summary

- ❑ Tevatron: Expected upper limit in SM Higgs cross section $< 2 \times \text{SM}$ in the range 100 – 200 GeV
- ❑ At low mass sensitivity dominated by W/Z associated production in $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ modes
- ❑ Described extensively $WH \rightarrow l\nu b\bar{b}$ search
 - ❑ Use of sophisticated analysis techniques
- ❑ Measured $\sigma(WZ+ZZ)$ with a significance of 4.6σ and a value compatible with SM
- ❑ Observed an excess of Higgs-like events consistent with SM Higgs production in the mass range from 115 to 140 GeV/ c^2
- ❑ The global significance of this excess is 2.2σ

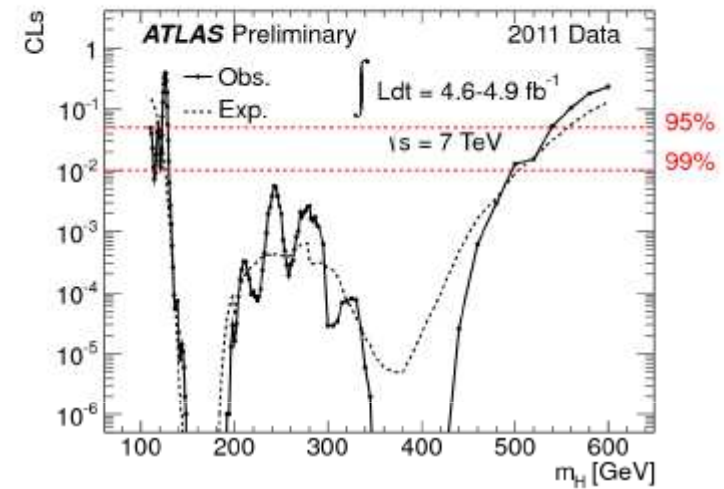
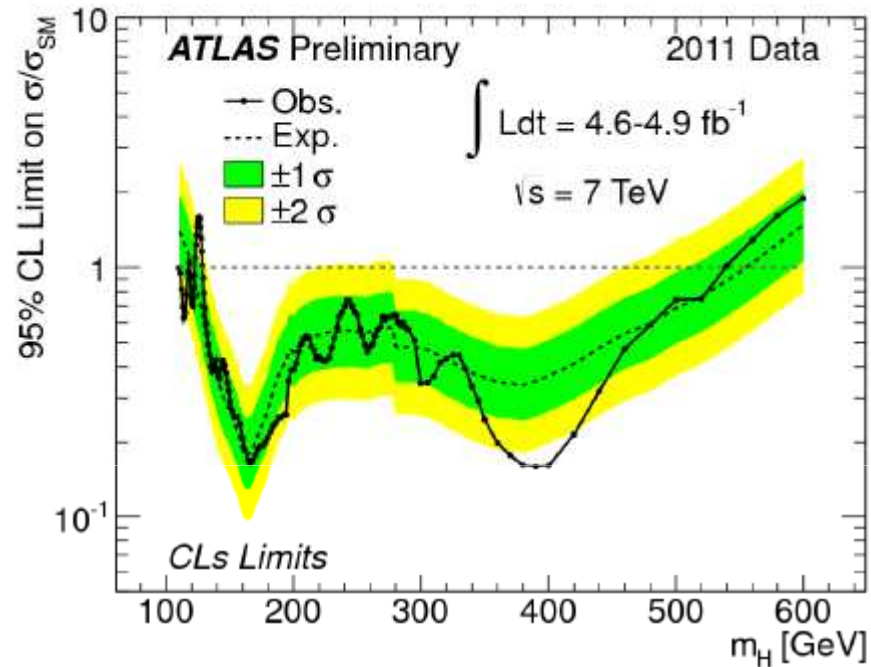
Back-up

Event Selection: 2 Jet bin, 7.5 fb⁻¹

Signal (WH $M_H=115$ GeV) event yields for different types of leptons

CEM	PHX	CMUP	CMX	NTM	LEL	All
10.3	1.68	5.89	3.01	7.22	3.33	31.4

ATLAS exclusion



Expected exclusion at 95% CL: 120-555 GeV

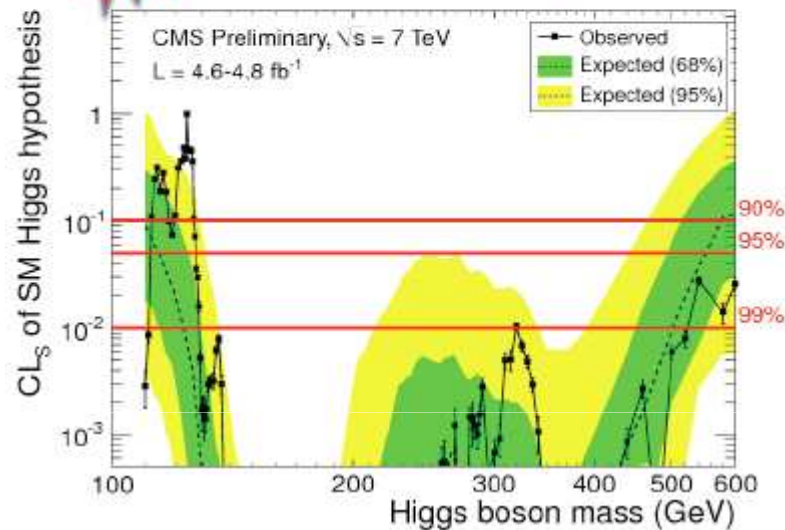
Observed exclusion at 95% CL: 110-117.5, 118.5-122.5, 129-539 GeV

Observed exclusion at 99% CL: 130-486 GeV

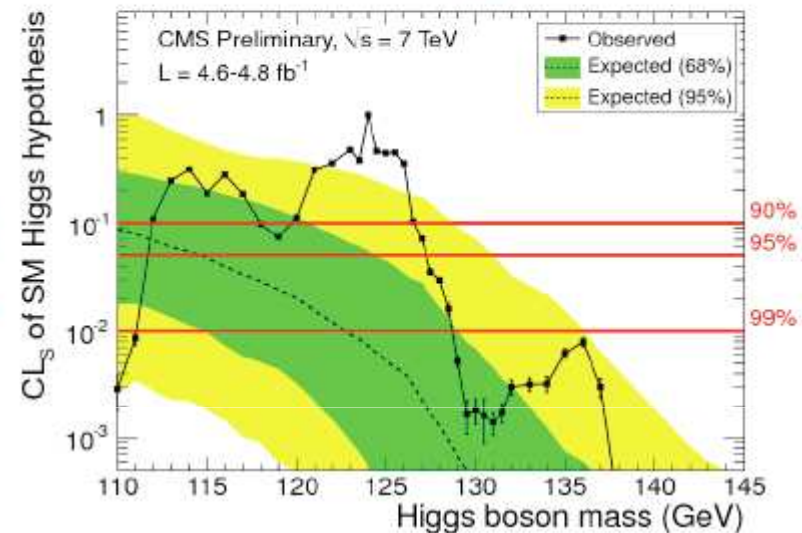
CMS exclusion



Full mass range



Low mass region



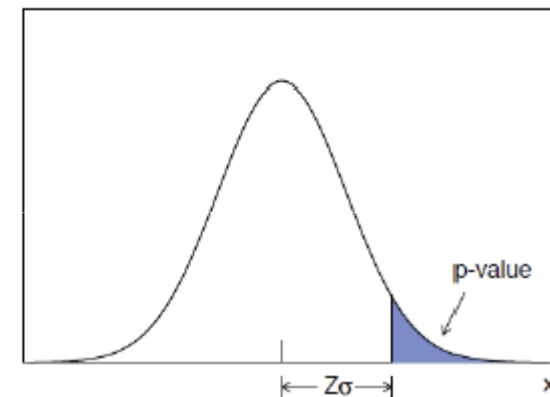
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- Expected: 95% exclusion M_H in [114.5-543] GeV
- Observed: 95% exclusion M_H in [127.5-600] GeV
99% exclusion M_H in [129-525] GeV
- 95% allowed mass range: 114.4-127.5 GeV
- Observed lower limit higher than expected because of excess in data at low mass

- **p-value**: chance of bkgd fluctuating as high as or higher than what has been observed in data

$$p = P(n \geq n_{\text{obs}} \mid b)$$

- **significance Z** is related to *p-value* via the tail probability of the normal distribution



- *p-value* does not tell us whether the excess is consistent with the SM Higgs boson CS. Hence, we also quote the **best-fit value of the signal strength modifier $\hat{\mu}$**

Look Elsewhere Effect



What is the chance that the top card in **a deck** is Queen of Hearts?

Local p -value



What is the chance that the top card in **at least one of N decks** is Queen of Hearts?

Global p -value

The fact that the two answers are not the same is known under a fancy name **Look-Elsewhere Effect**. The ratio of the two probabilities = **trials factor**.

From Discriminants to Limits

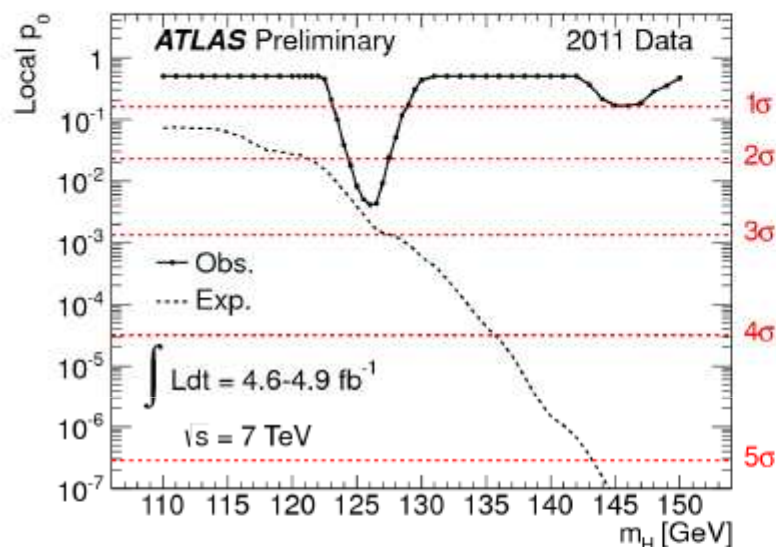
- ▶ Combined binned likelihood function

$$L(R, \vec{s}, \vec{b} | \vec{n}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{channel}}} \prod_{j=1}^{N_{\text{bin}}} \frac{\mu_{ij}^{n_{ij}} e^{-\mu_{ij}}}{n_{ij}!}$$

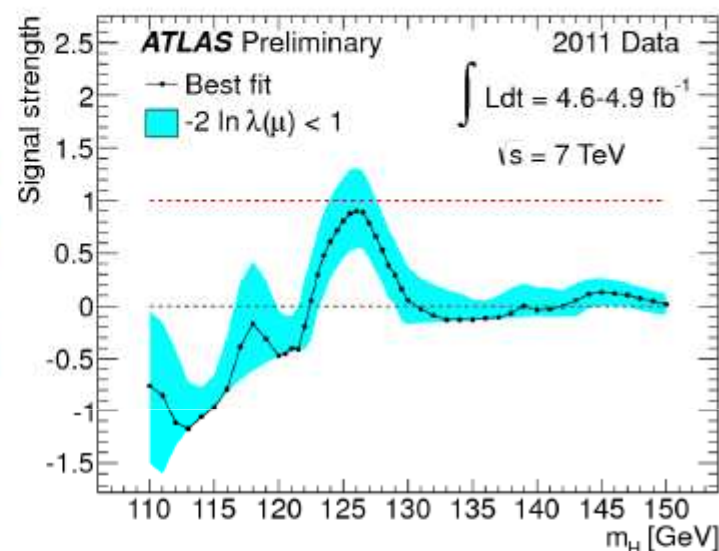
- ▶ Incorporate uncertainties as nuisance parameters
- ▶ Uncertainties taken on both the shapes and normalizations of signal & background templates
- ▶ Additional constraints on background model obtained directly from fit!!

ATLAS excess

Probability that the excess
is caused by a background fluctuation:



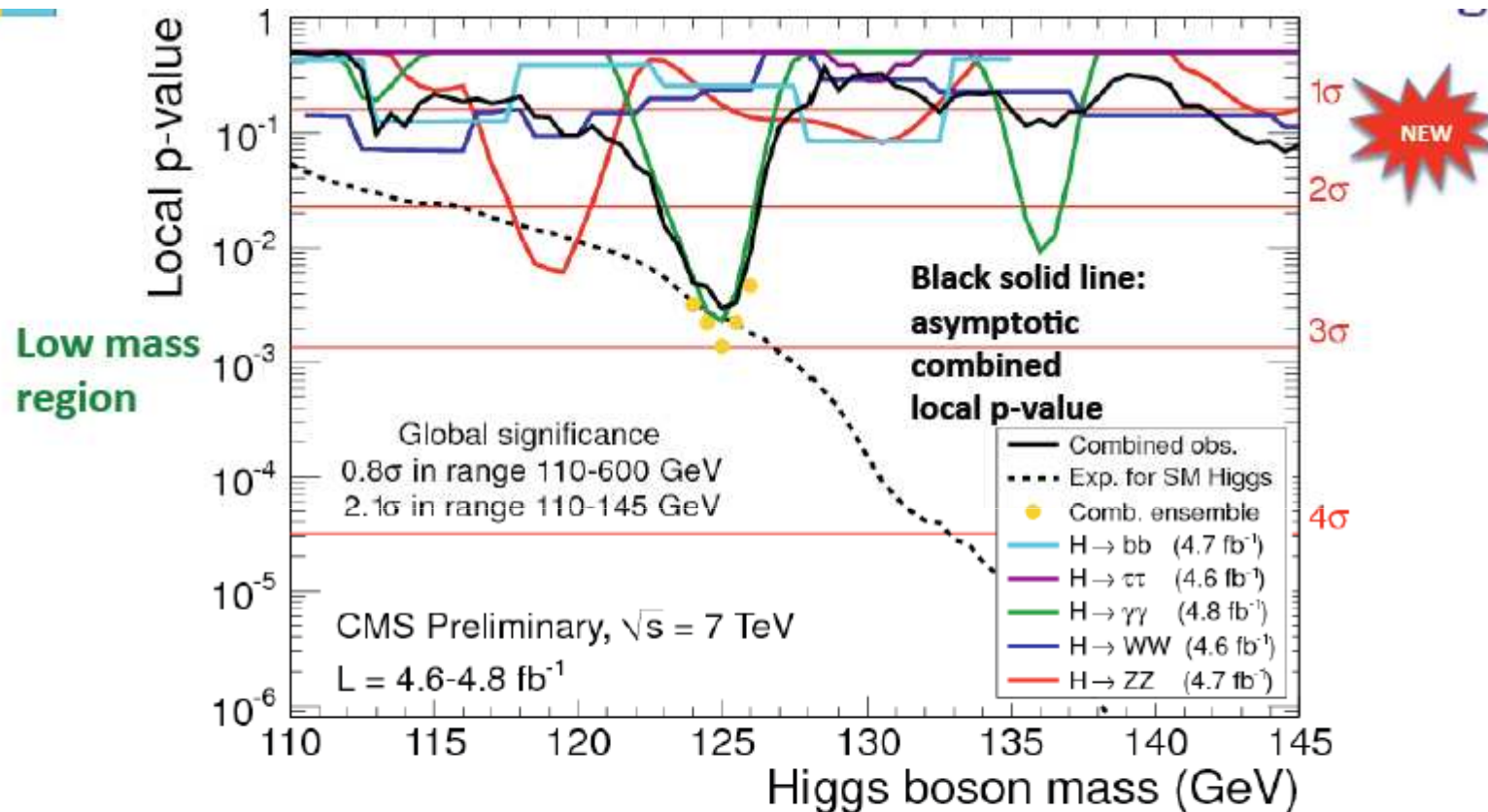
Best fit signal strength $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$:



Excess of events observed at 126 GeV:

- Observed local significance 2.5σ (expected 2.9σ).
- Best-fit signal strength at 126 GeV: $\hat{\mu} = 0.9^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$.
- Global probability of such a background fluctuation
anywhere in the full explored mass range (110-600 GeV): 30%;
in the mass range (110-146 GeV): 10%.

CMS excess



- Minimum p-value observed at 125 GeV with local significance: 2.8σ
 - Similar significance expected from signal
- Estimated global significance:
 - 0.8σ in [110-600] GeV, 2.1σ in [110-145] GeV,