

Results on Higgs Searches @

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Luminosity/DØ

Introduction to Higgs

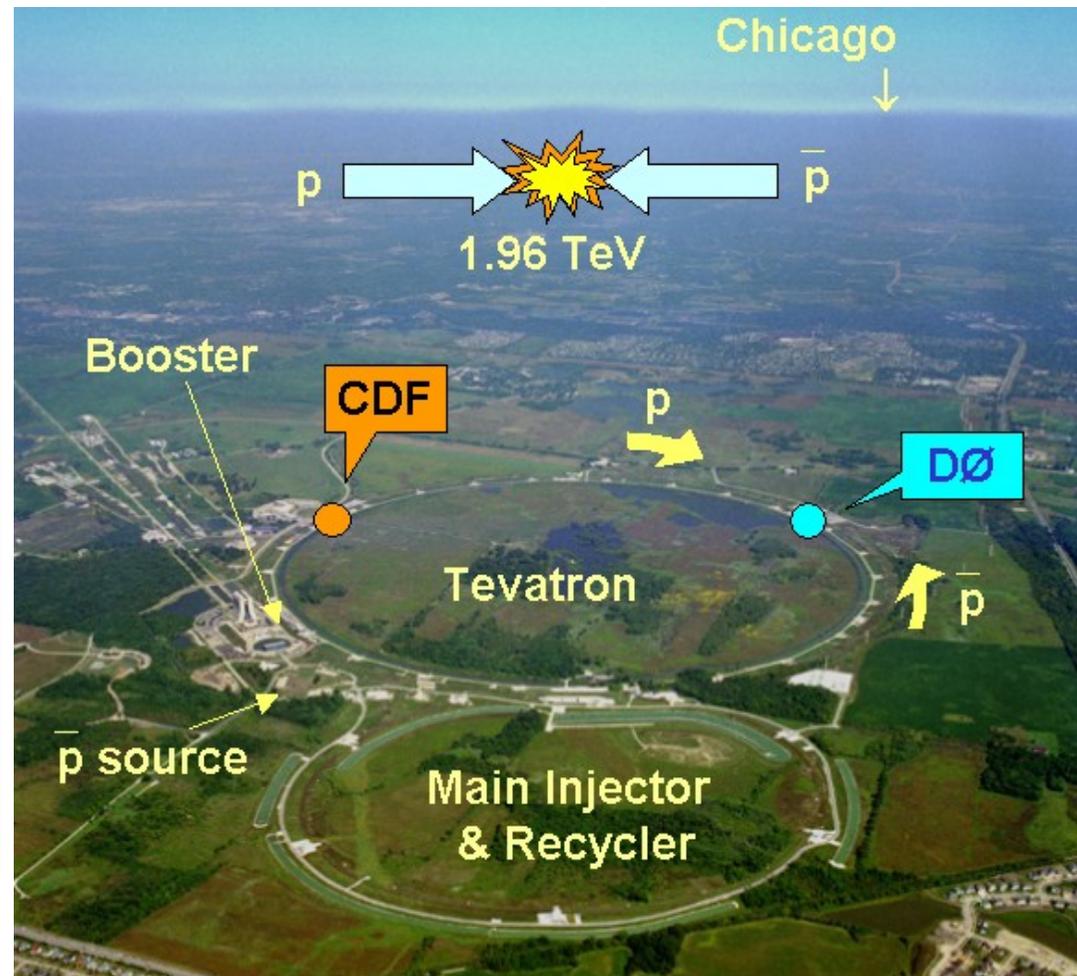
SM Higgs Searches

Sensitivity Prospects

MSSM Higgs Searches

Conclusions

(Only 2006 results shown)

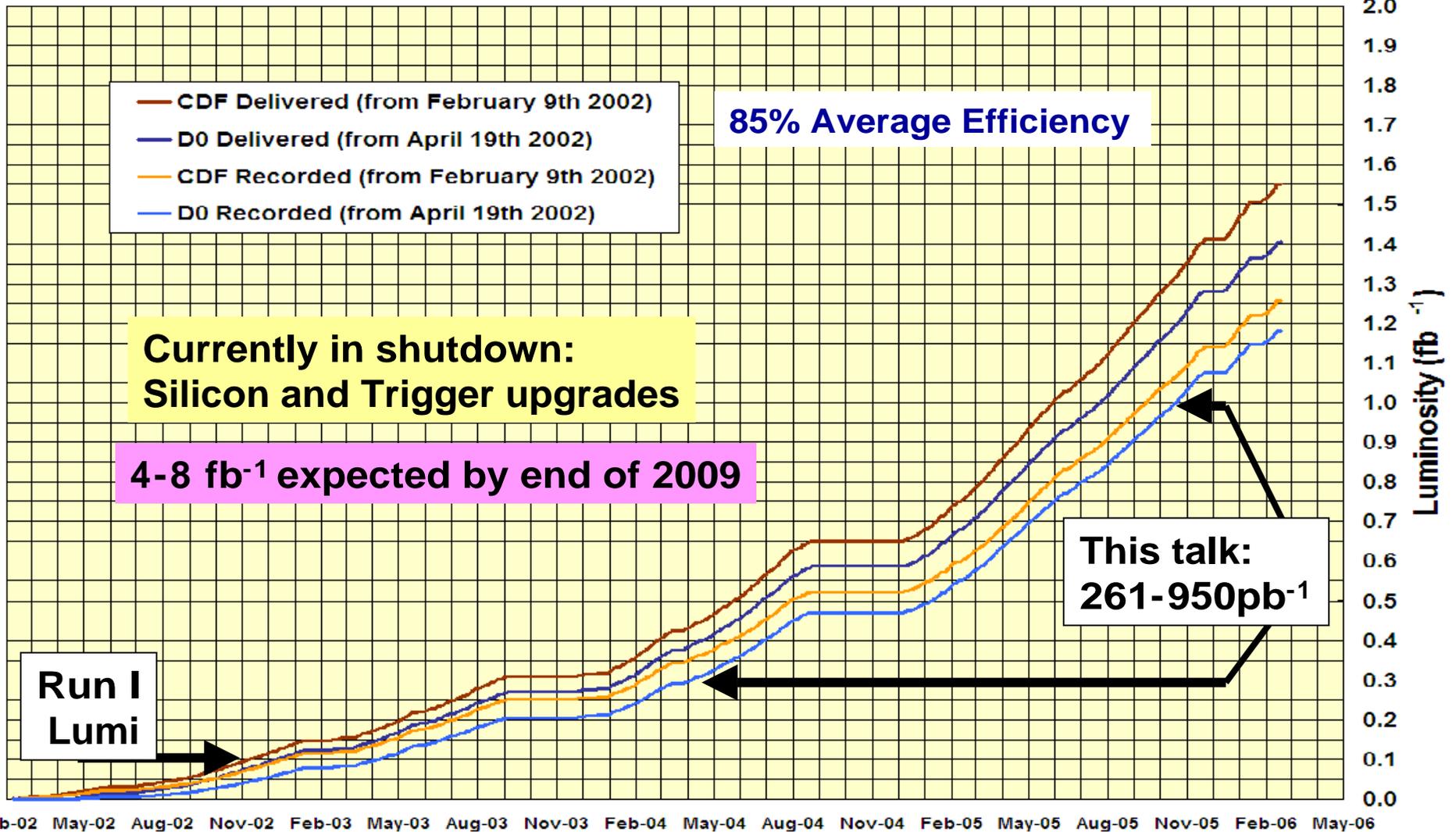


Tevatron Performance



D0 & CDF Run II Integrated Luminosity

through 18 February 2006



The Upgraded DØ detector in Run II



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Upgraded @ Run IIa

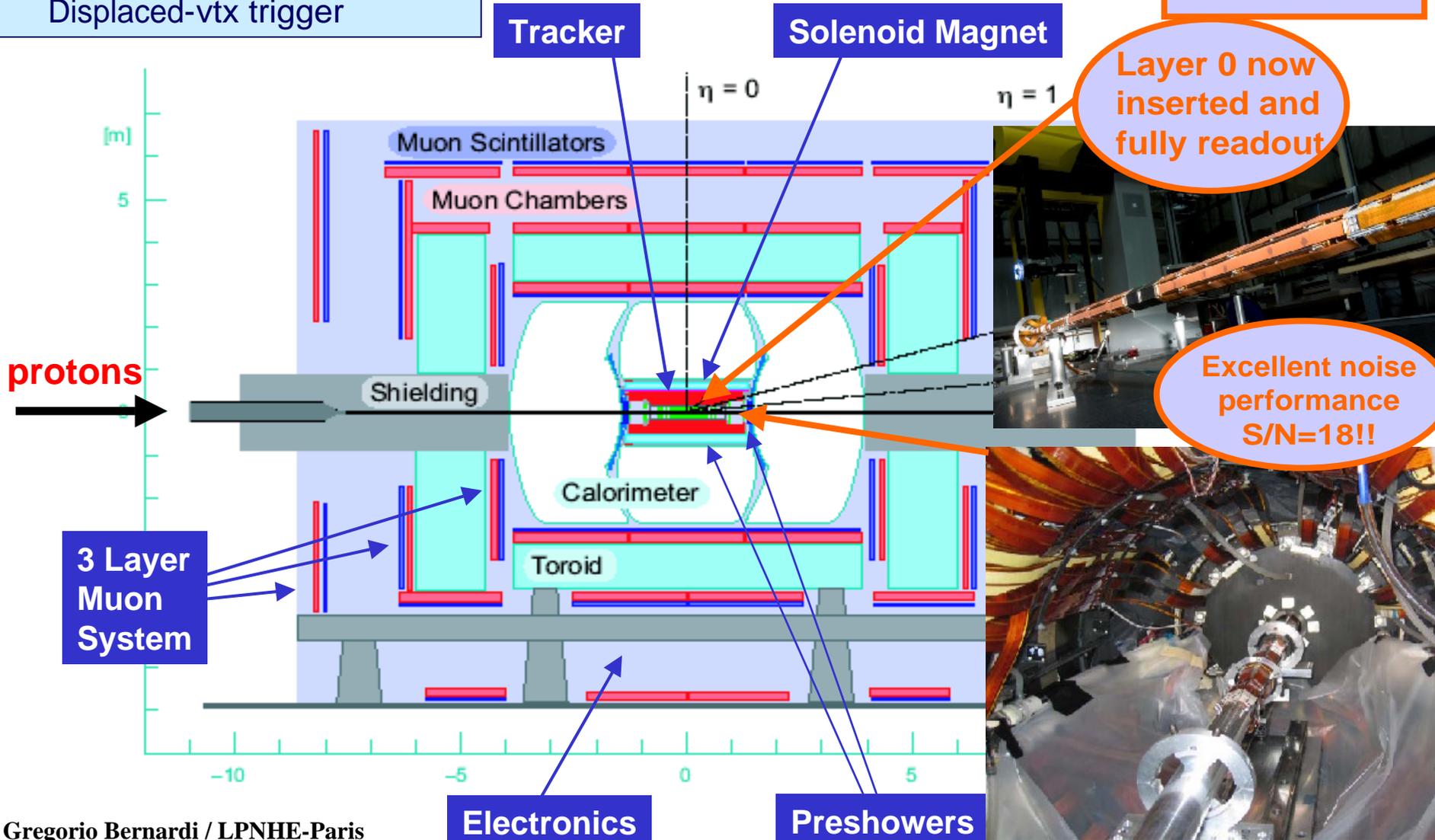
Muon system, CAL Electronics
DAQ, (track) trigger system
Displaced-vtx trigger

New @ Run IIa (tracking in B-field)

Silicon detector
Fiber tracker, preshowers

@ Run IIb:

- L1 CAL
- LØ for SMT



Goal: Test the Hypothesis of Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking



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$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ is very well tested in collider experiments

But it is not a symmetry of our vacuum otherwise quarks, leptons, and gauge bosons would all be massless

$$\rightarrow L_{EM} = (\partial_\mu - ieA_\mu)\phi^*(\partial_\mu + ieA_\mu)\phi - [\mu^2\phi^*\phi - \lambda(\phi^*\phi)^2] - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$

Simplest model one complex doublet of scalar fields in a ϕ^4 potential resulting in a non-zero VEV
W and Z get three of the four d.o.f,
one left over \rightarrow fundamental scalar H_{SM}

Not the only possibility

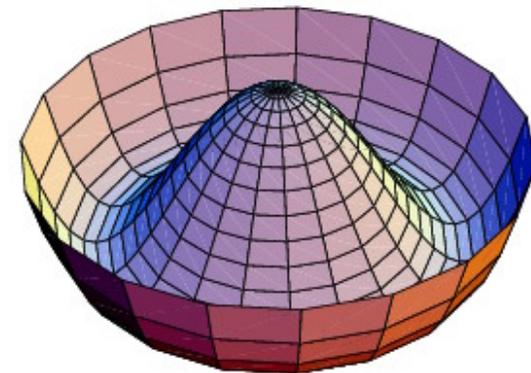
SUSY Higgs (described later)

General 2HDM

Higgs Triplets

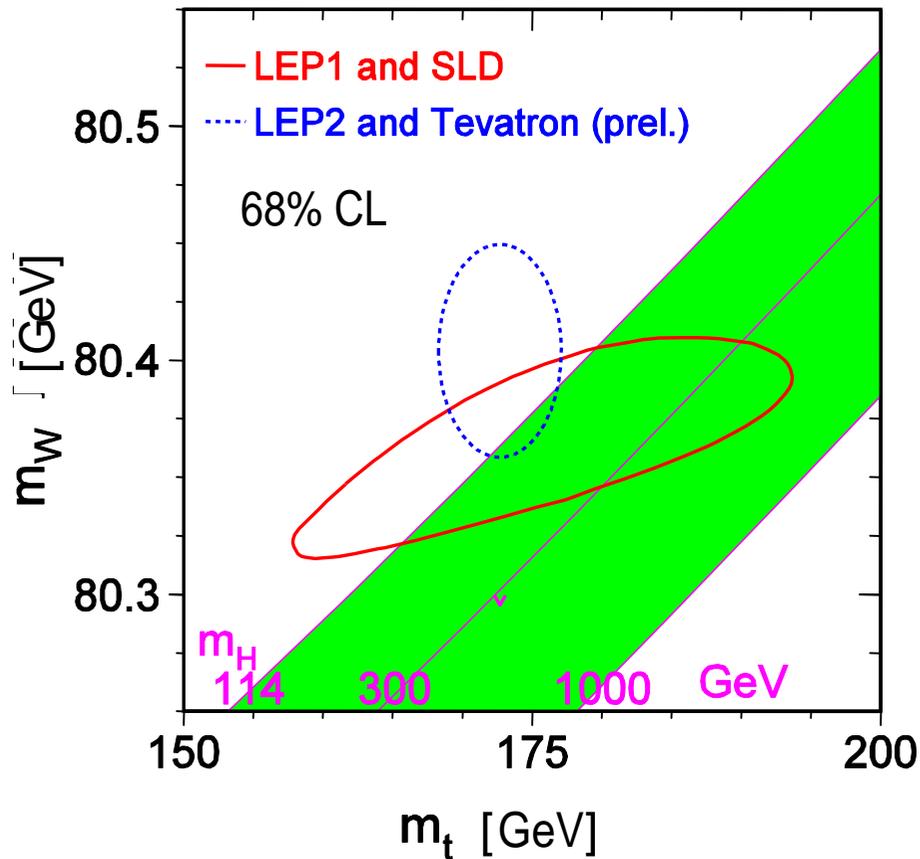
Little Higgs

Technicolor (new results coming soon)

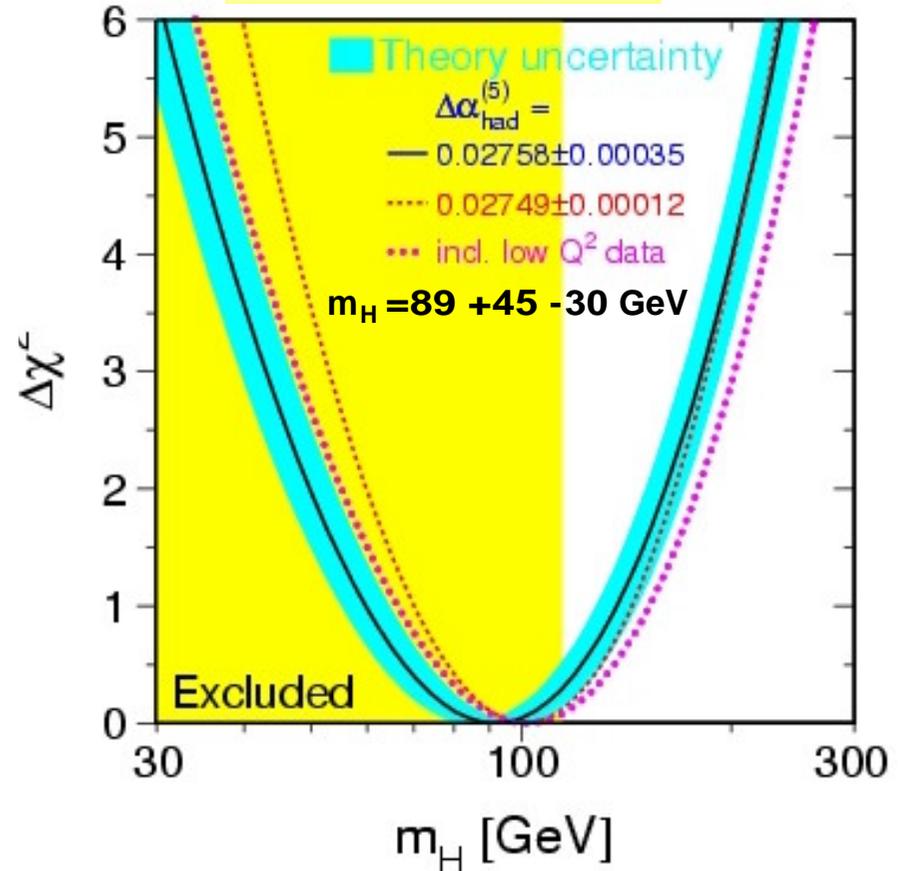


Experimental constraints on Higgs

m_H constrained in the Standard Model



LEPEWWG 18/03/06

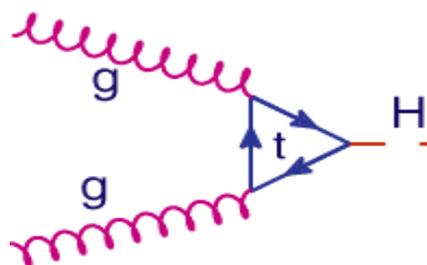


Direct search at LEP2:
 $m_H > 114.4$ GeV @95%CL

$m_H < 175$ GeV @95%CL
 $m_H < 207$ GeV if direct search included

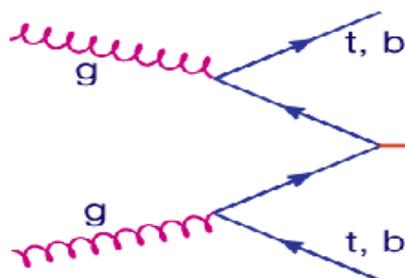
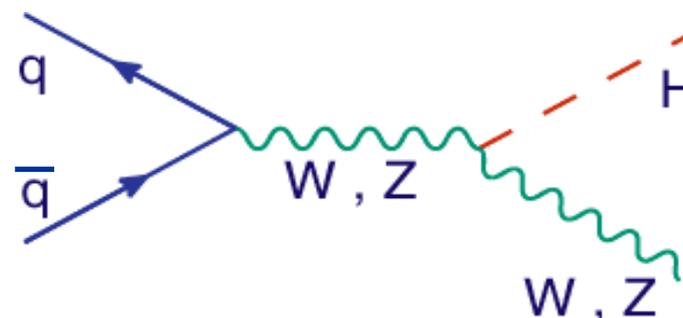
→ a light Higgs is favored (also true from other theoretical arguments)

SM Higgs boson production



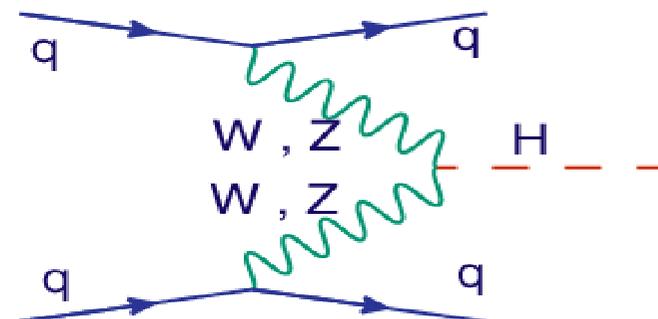
- **gg fusion**
 - Dominates at hadron machines
 - Usefulness depends on the Higgs decay channel

- **WH, ZH associated production**
 - Important at hadron colliders since can trigger on 0/1/2 high- p_T leptons and MET



- **ttH and bbH associated production**
 - High- p_T lepton, top reconstruction, b-tag
 - Low rate at the Tevatron

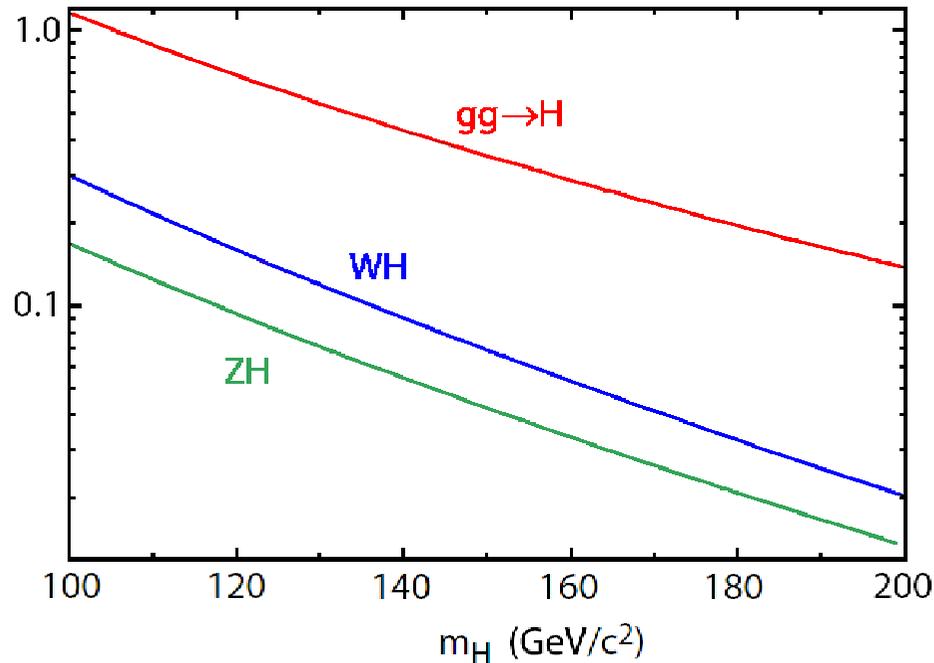
- **Vector Boson Fusion**
 - Two high- p_T forward jets help to “tag” event
 - Important at LHC, being studied at DØ



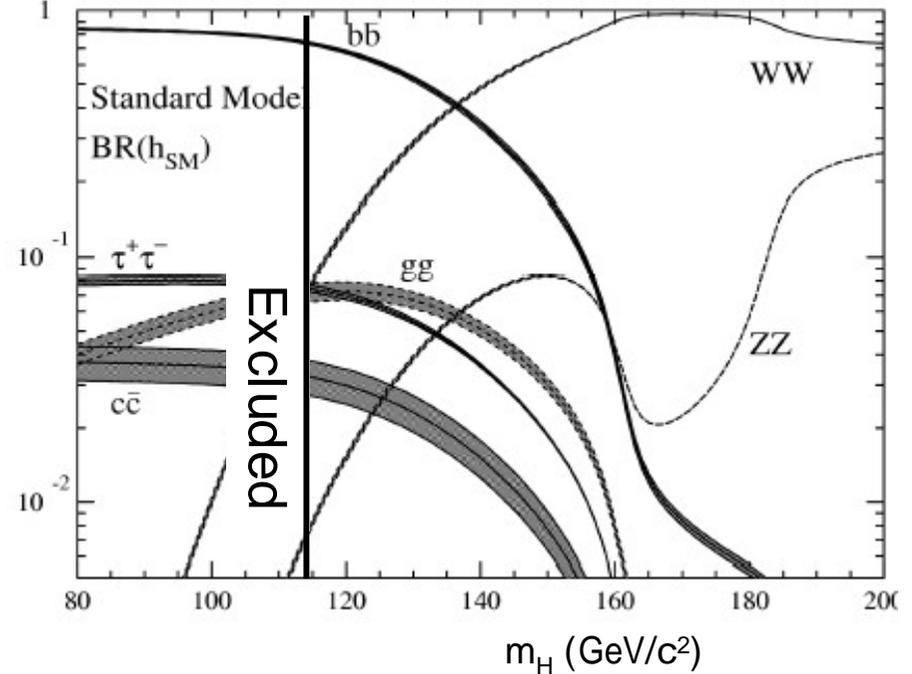
SM Higgs Production and Decays



Production



Decays

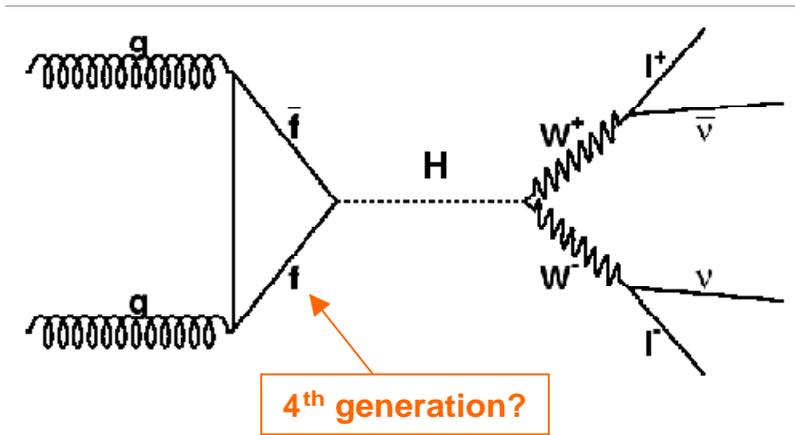


Production cross section (m_H 115-180)
 → in the 0.8-0.2 pb range for $gg \rightarrow H$
 → in the 0.2-0.03 pb range for WH
 associated vector boson production

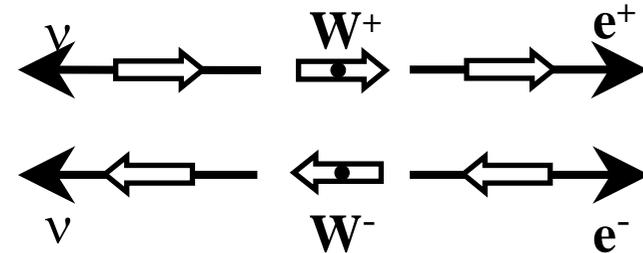
Dominant Decays
 → bb for $M_H < 135 \text{ GeV}$
 → WW^* for $M_H > 135 \text{ GeV}$

Search strategy:
 $M_H < 135 \text{ GeV}$: associated production WH and ZH with $H \rightarrow bb$ decay
 Backgrounds: top, Wbb , Zbb ... complement it with WWW^* and WW^*
 $M_H > 135 \text{ GeV}$: $gg \rightarrow H$ production with decay to WW^*
 Backgrounds: WW , DY , WZ , ZZ , tt , tW , $\tau\tau$

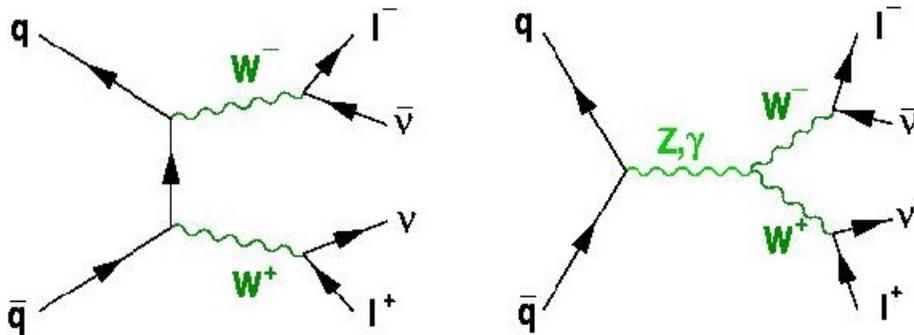
SM "Heavy" Higgs: $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$



Search strategy:
 → 2 high P_t leptons and missing E_t
 → WW comes from spin 0 Higgs:
 leptons prefer to point in the same direction

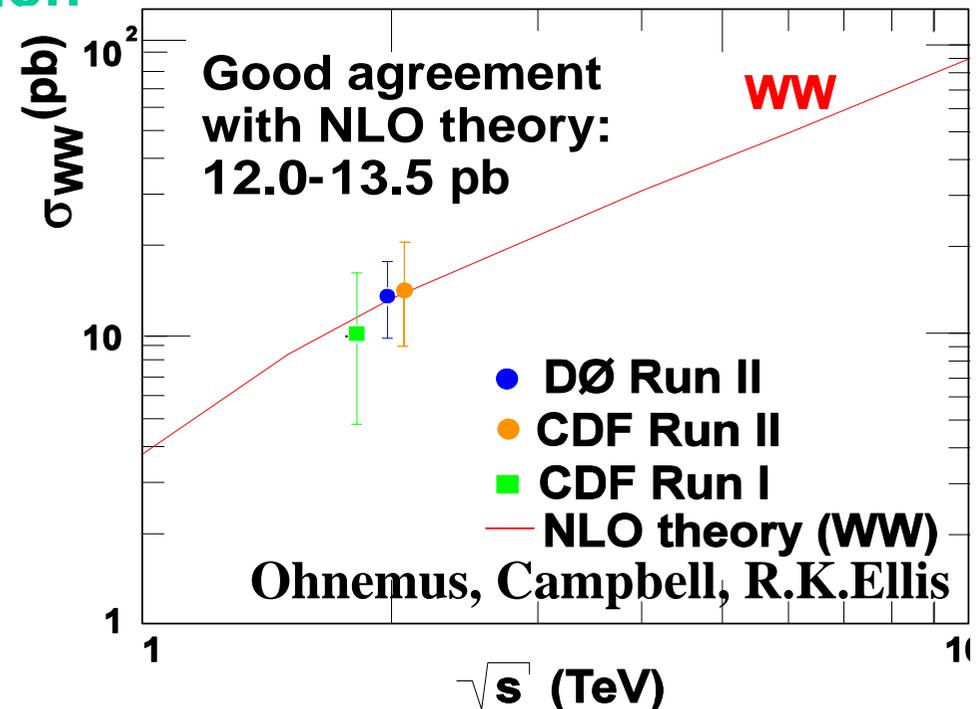


Main Background: WW Production



Now measured at the Tevatron by both experiments

DØ: PRL/ hep-ex/0410062



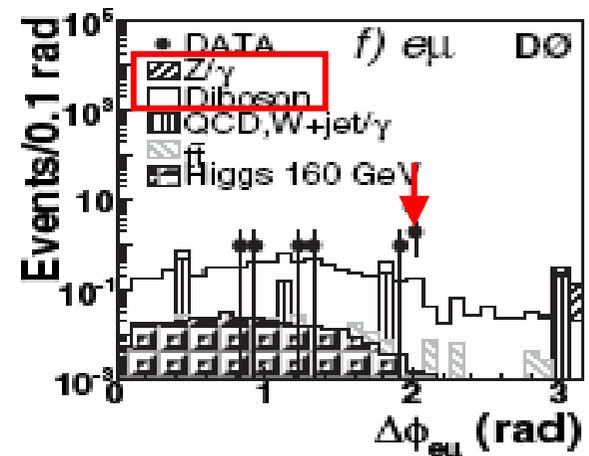
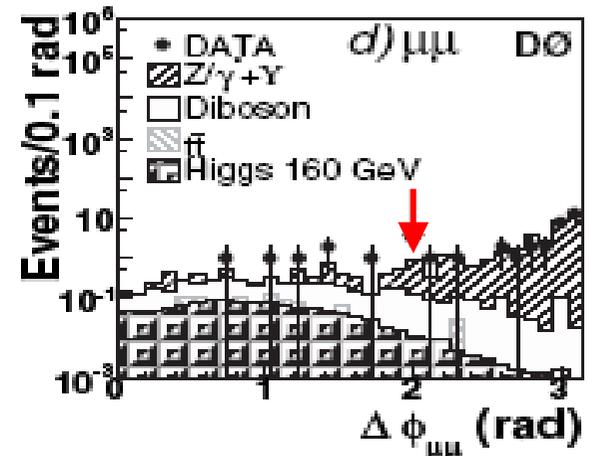
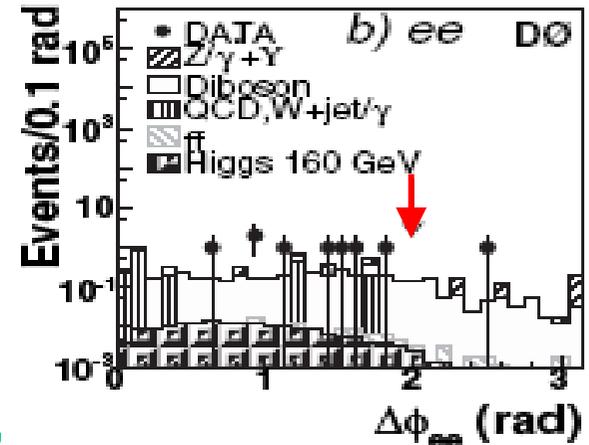
Search for $H \rightarrow WW^*$ (325 pb^{-1})

Search in 3 channels: $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$

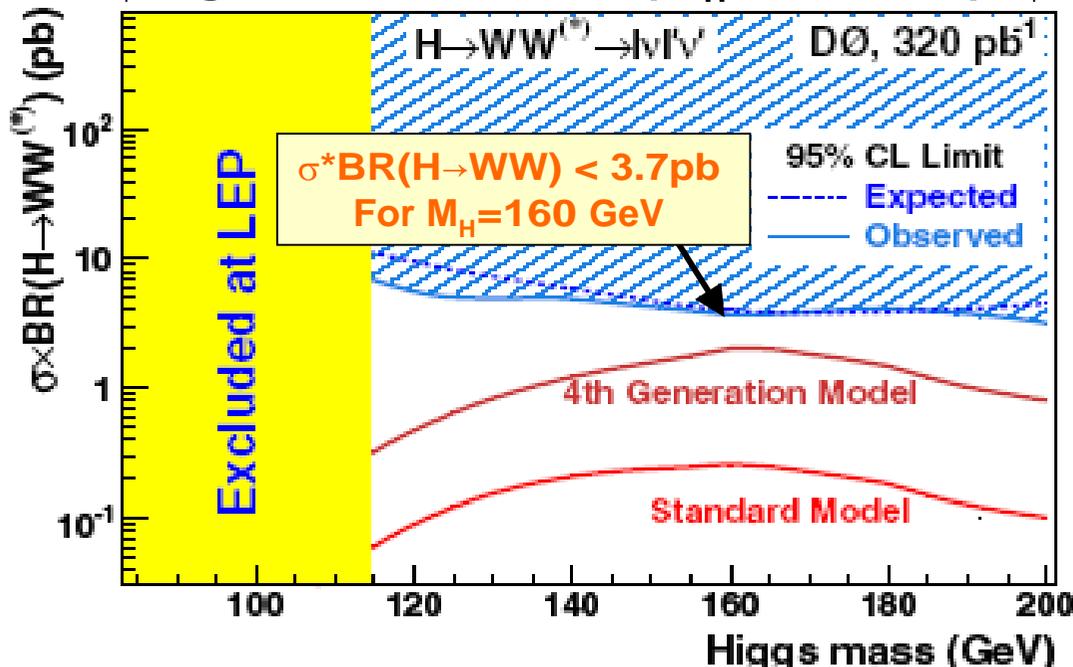
with $ll = ee, \mu\mu, e\mu \rightarrow$ single high p_T lepton or dilepton
triggers: integrated luminosity 325 pb^{-1}

Data Selection: 2 isolated leptons at $|\eta| < 3.0$ (e) / 2.0 (μ)
with opposite charges and $p_T > 20$ and 15 GeV ; $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$,

Higgs \rightarrow light invariant dilepton mass ($< M_H/2$), Sum of p_T
consistent with m_H , Minimum $M_T(E_T, l)$, $\Delta\phi < 2 \text{ rad}$



Observed: 19 evts; Bkgnd: 19.2 ± 1.8
Signal: 0.68 ± 0.04 ($m_H = 160 \text{ GeV}$)



Search for $H \rightarrow WW^*$ $ee/ e\mu$ channels, 950 pb^{-1}



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Full data sets ($L=950\text{pb}^{-1}$)

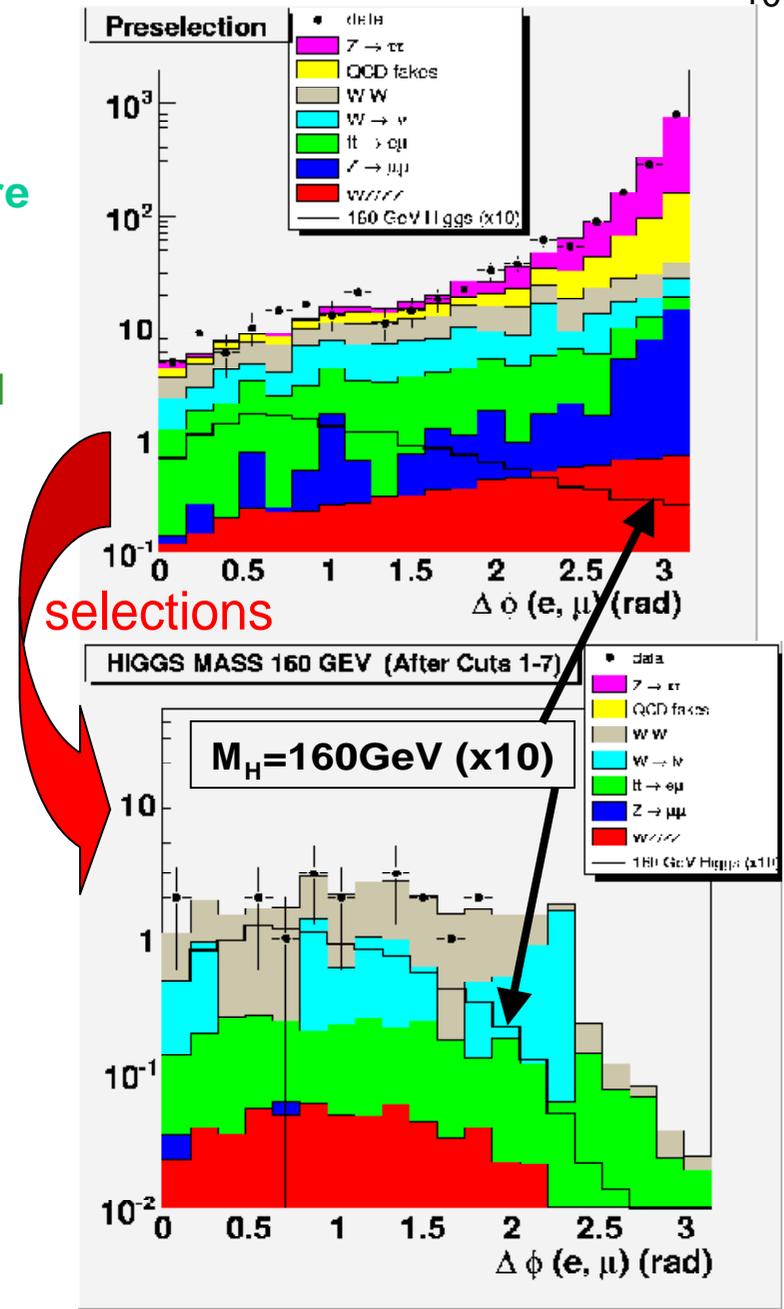
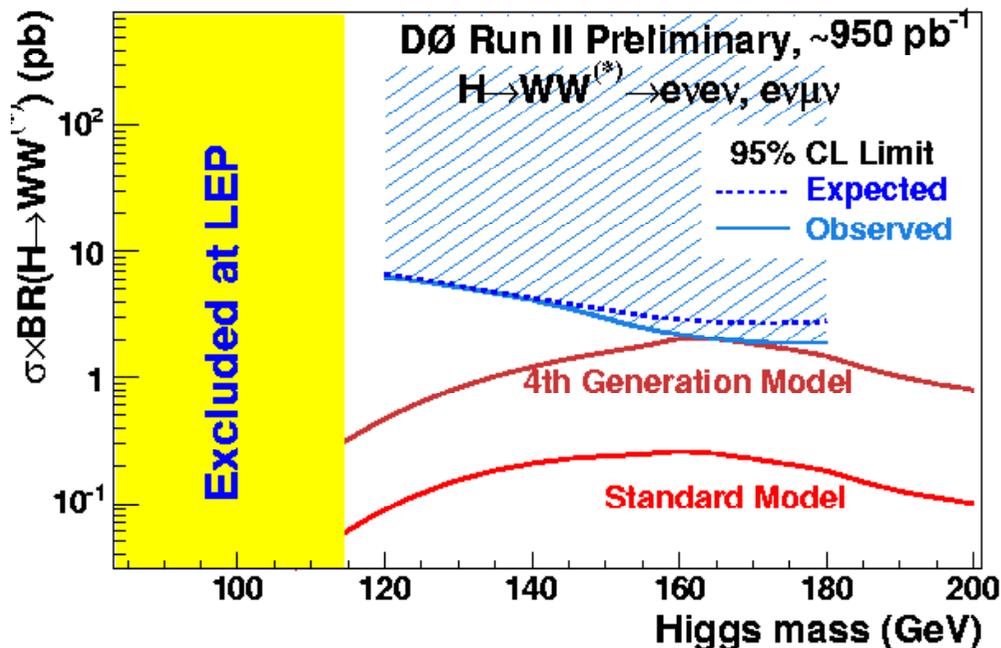
- ee and $e\mu$ channel only $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $pT(1^{\text{st}}) > 15 \text{ GeV}$, $pT(2^{\text{nd}}) > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Veto on $Z/g^* \rightarrow ll$, and on energetic jets as before

example: $M_H = 160 \text{ GeV}$:

- Expected signal: 1.4 ± 0.14 events
- 28 events observed, 34.7 ± 5.5 (stat) predicted
- Bkg systematic uncertainty: 15%

95% C.L. limits using CLs method

- 4th Generation Model starts to be excluded



$WH \rightarrow WWW^* \rightarrow l\nu l'\nu X \quad (l, l' = e, \mu)$



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Event Selection

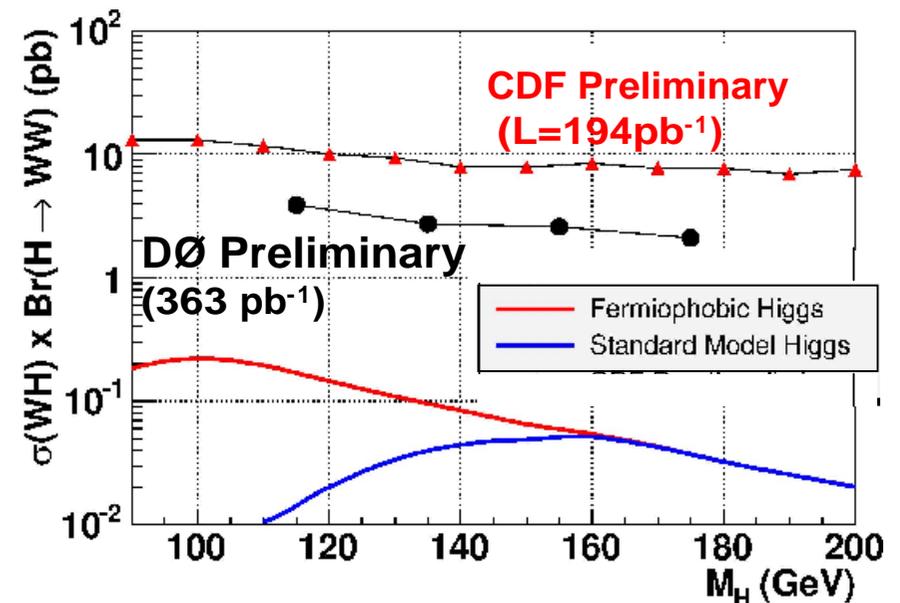
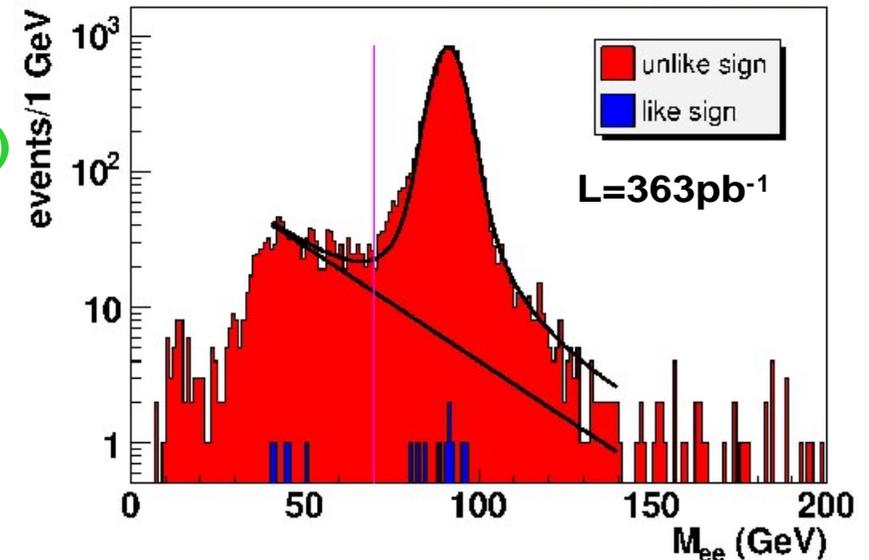
- Same charge di-lepton from W's
(one from $H \rightarrow WW$, the other from prompt W)
→ Suppress SM backgrounds
- $p_T(\text{lepton}) > 15 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 1.1/2.0$
- $\cancel{E}_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$

Main backgrounds

- WZ production → obtained from MC
- Charge flip from $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ll$, WW, and $tt \rightarrow llX$ → derived from data
- QCD multijet, W+jets → data

	observed	expected	$\epsilon \%$ (MH=155GeV)
ee	1	0.70 ± 0.08	$0.12 \pm .006$
eμ	3	4.32 ± 0.23	0.28 ± 0.02
μμ	2	3.72 ± 0.75	0.20 ± 0.02

DØ Run II Preliminary



Higgs Search Strategies: Low Mass

$M_H < 135$ GeV: $H \rightarrow bb$

Higgs produced in gluon fusion has too large QCD/bb background

Search for (W/Z)H production where W/Z decay leptonically

- $qq' \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell\nu bb$
 - Bkgd: Wbb , WZ , tt , single top
- $qq \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-bb$
 - Bkgd: Zbb , ZZ , WW , tt
- $qq \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu bb$
 - Bkgd: QCD, Zbb , ZZ , tt

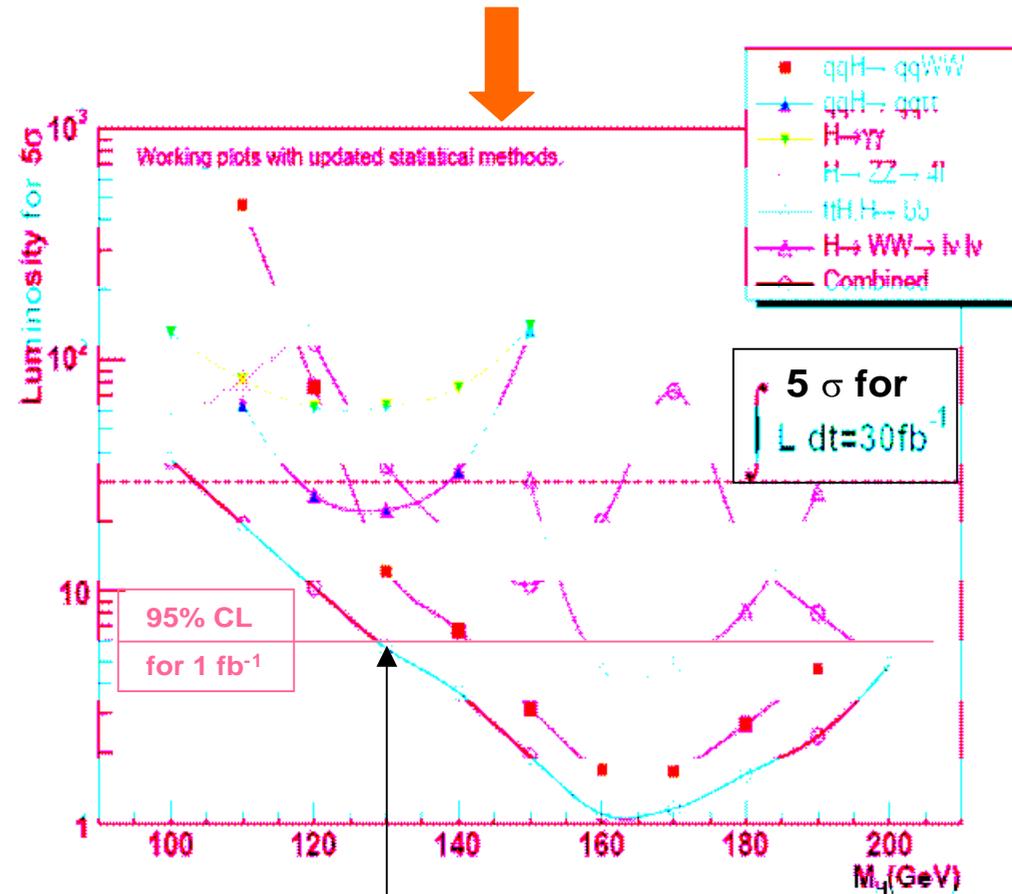
Identify leptons (e/μ) and missing transverse energy from neutrinos

Tag b-jets

Disentangle $H \rightarrow bb$ peak in di-b-jet mass spectrum

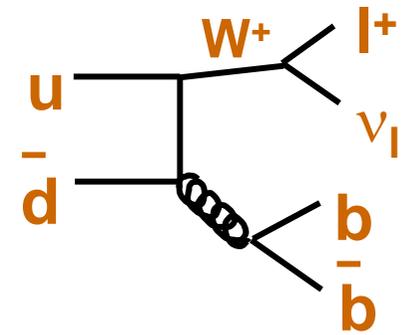
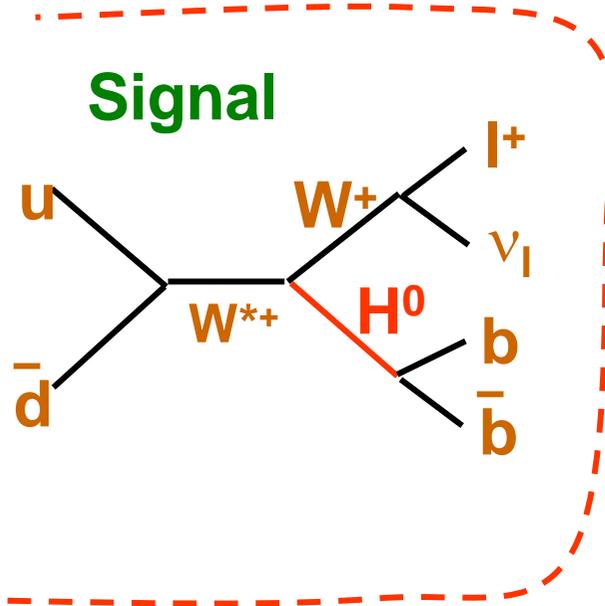
ALSO DIFFICULT AT LHC !!!!! →

ATLAS update
(working plot)

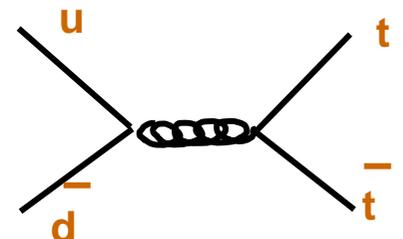


At 95% CL with 1 fb^{-1} , exclude only above 130 GeV, with $3 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 115$ GeV
 15 fb^{-1} needed for discovery @ 115 G.

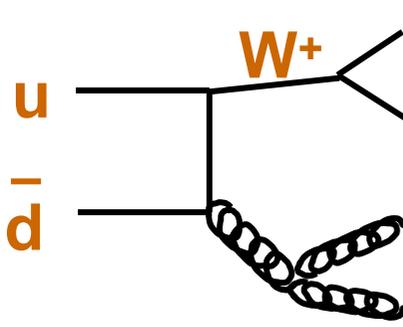
SM Higgs Searches @ Tevatron: $WH \rightarrow l\nu bb$



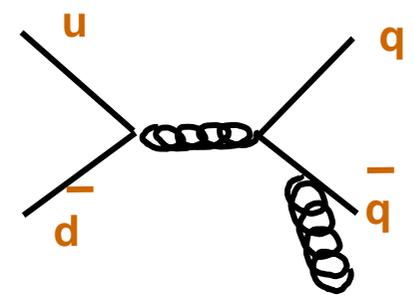
Large background (also $Wc\bar{c}$)



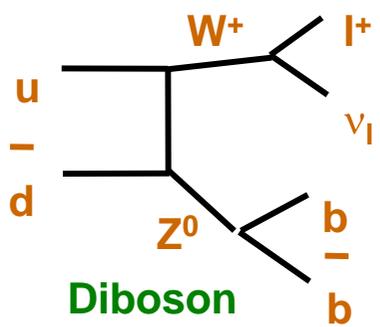
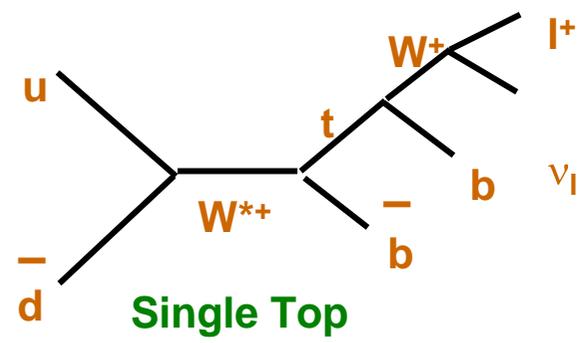
$t\bar{t}$: Jets+leptons from W decay



$W+2$ light jet with one/two false b-tag



Non-W from QCD



and Non-W from EW , e.g. all Zbb processes in which one lepton is lost

Search for $WH, ZH \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ee + \text{jets}$



Comparison of jet multiplicities and distributions in data and MC:

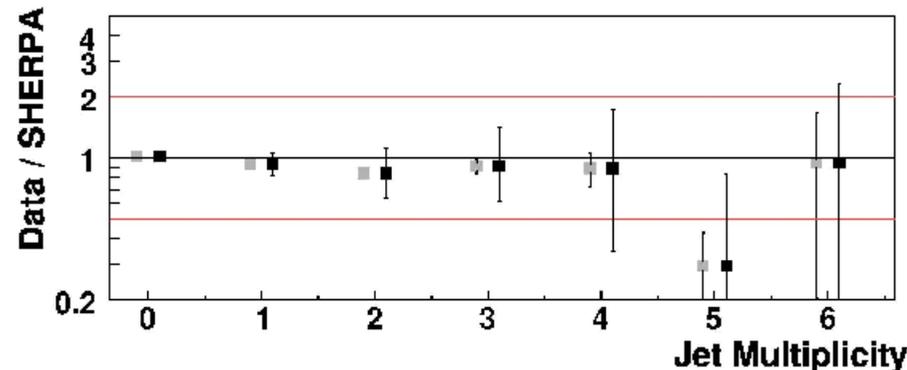
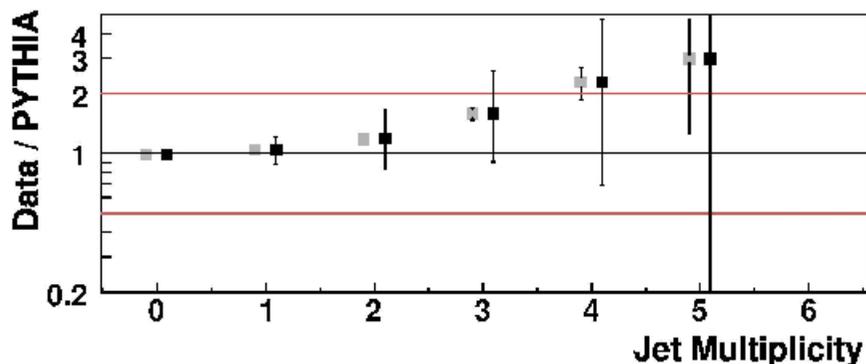
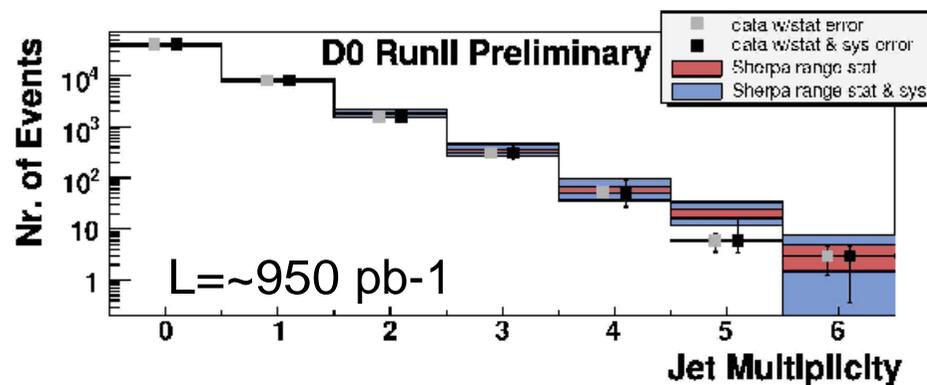
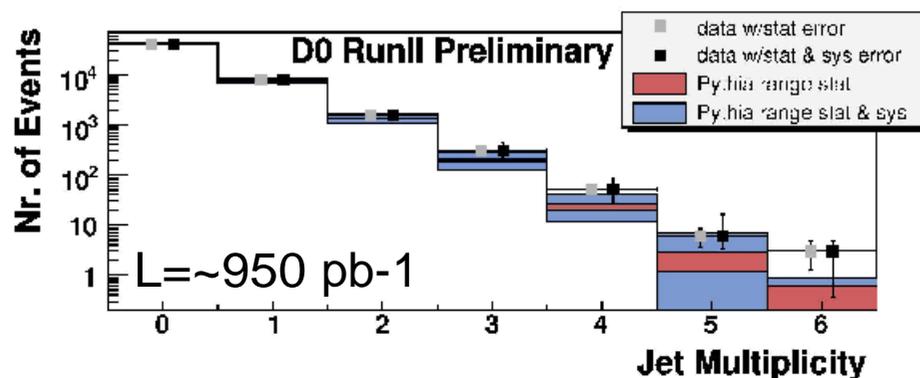
- Pythia 6.319 vs. Sherpa 1.0.6
- Sherpa : Matrix Element + Parton showers, using CKKW algorithm

• Event selection includes:

- Electron $p_T > 25$ GeV, $\eta < 2.5/1.1$
- $70 \text{ GeV} < M_{ee} < 120 \text{ GeV}$

Pythia gives bad description of high multiplicity

Sherpa agrees well with data for all jet multiplicities



Search for $WH \rightarrow W + \text{jets}$ Production



W+ 2 jets selection

371/385 pb⁻¹ for e/mu channels

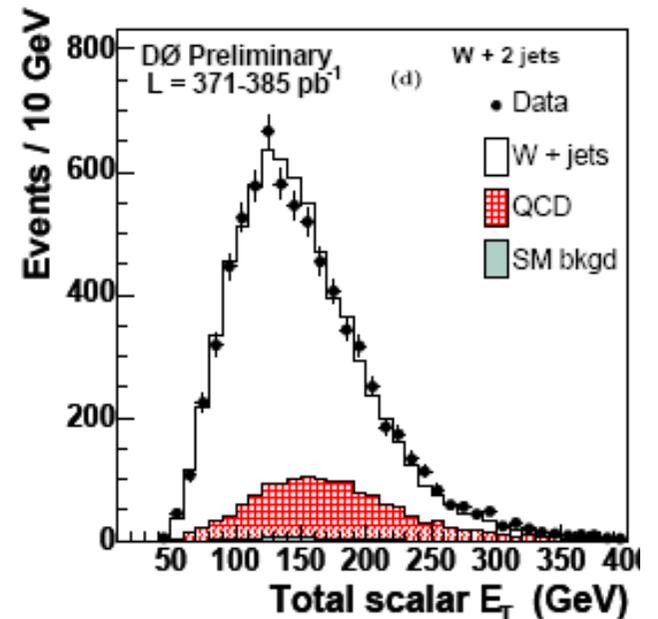
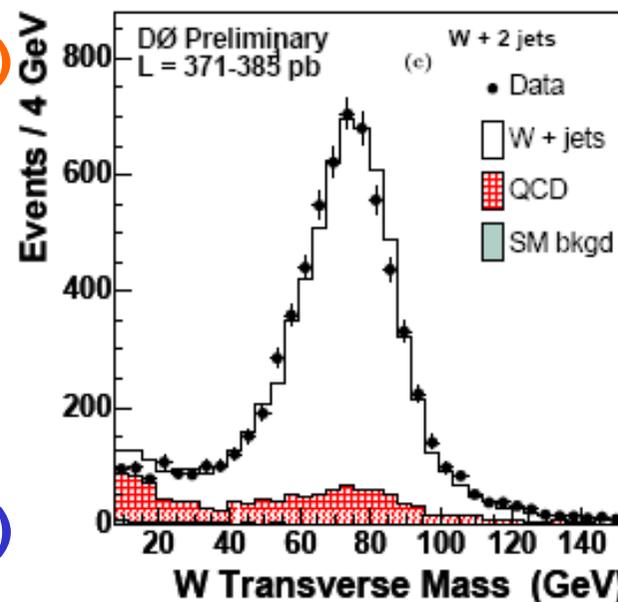
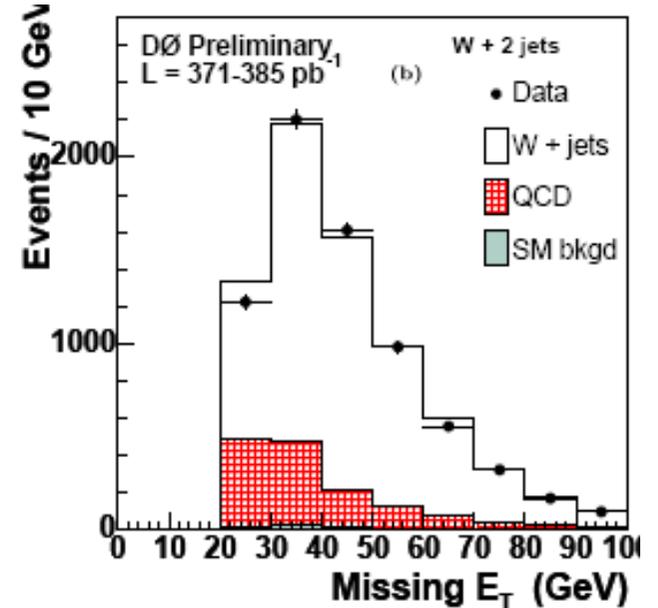
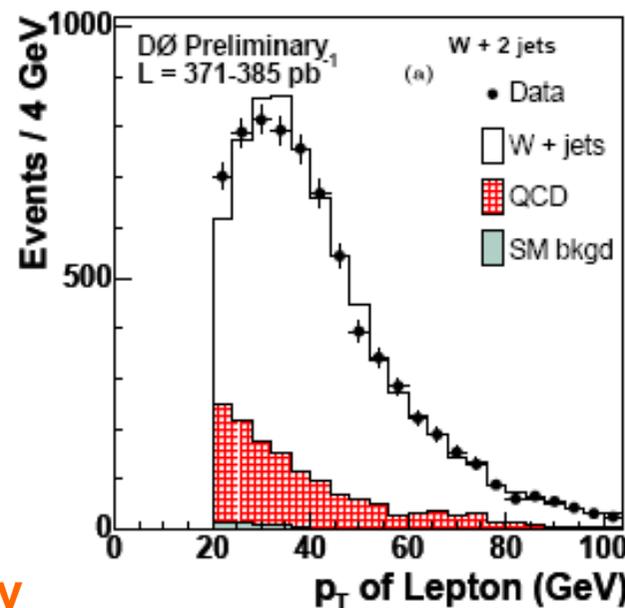
e/muon: $p_T > 20$ GeV,
 $|\eta| < 1.1/2.0$

Missing $E_T > 25$ GeV

2 Jets: $p_T > 20$ GeV,
 $|\eta| < 2.5$

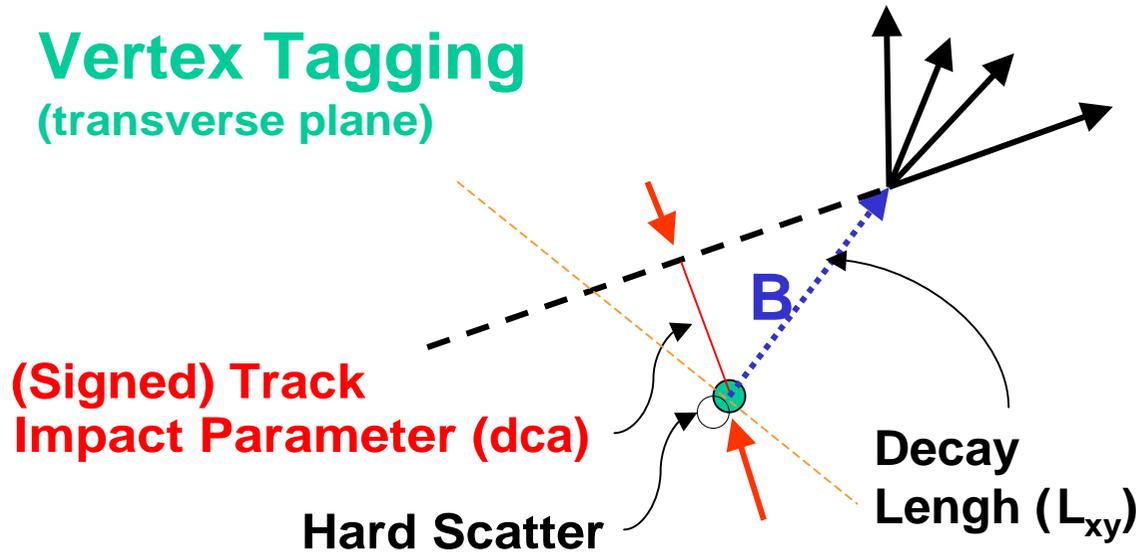
All backgrounds absolutely normalized, except for ALPGEN+Pythia(W+2jets) normalized to data (but within 10% of MCFM NLO calculation), and non-W from QCD, derived from data

→ 2540 selected events
 (2580 ± 630 expected)



Tagging b-quarks (B-hadrons)

Vertex Tagging (transverse plane)



- Top, Higgs have b-quark jets
→ contains a B hadron
- Travels some distance from the vertex before decaying
- With charm cascade decay, about 4.2 charged tracks

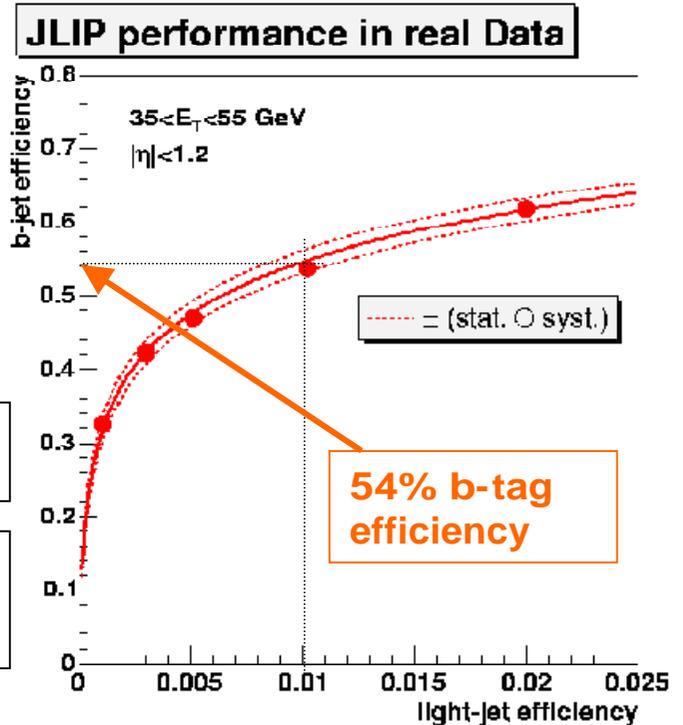
Several mature algorithms used:

3 main categories:

- Soft-lepton tagging
- Impact Parameter based
- Secondary Vertex reconstruction

Impact Parameter Resolution

Decay Length Resolution



Now analyzing separately one b-tag (allowing low mistag) and two b-tag events (allowing larger mistag) to optimize sensitivity

Search for $Wb\bar{b}$ /WH Production



370/385 pb^{-1} sample e/mu+ E_T+2 jets

e/muon: $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 1.1/2.0$

Missing $E_T > 25$ GeV

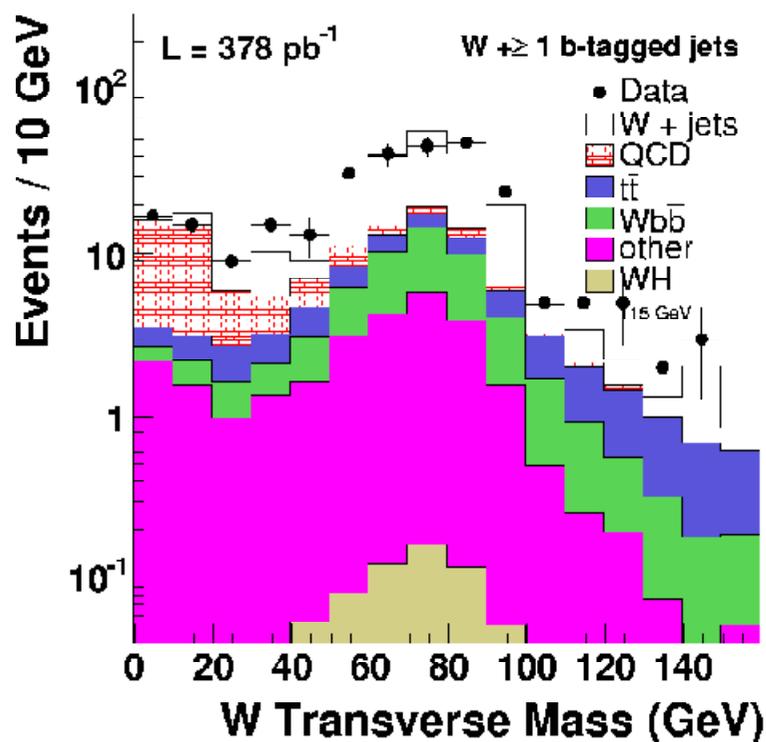
2 Jets: $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$

$Wb\bar{b}$ dominant backgd for WH, W peak now also visible in W+2b-tag events . Good description by ALPGEN+PYTHIA showering, and full detector simulation. Normalized to NLO x-section (MCFM for $Wb\bar{b}$)

Apply b-tagging →

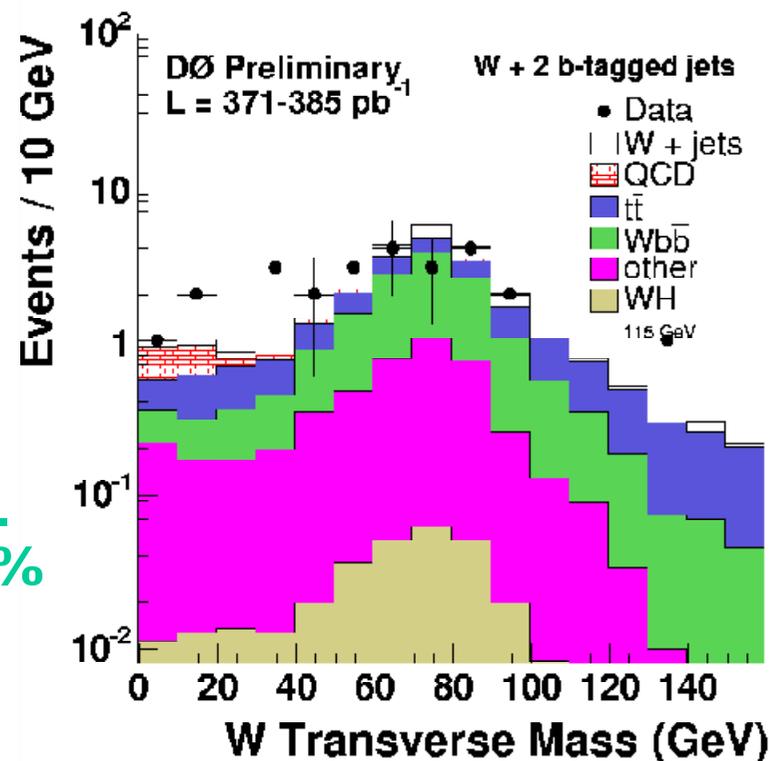
≥ 1 tag: 112 evts (111.8 ± 17 exp.)

≥ 2 tag: 25 evts (27.9 ± 4.2 exp.)



Data well described by MC

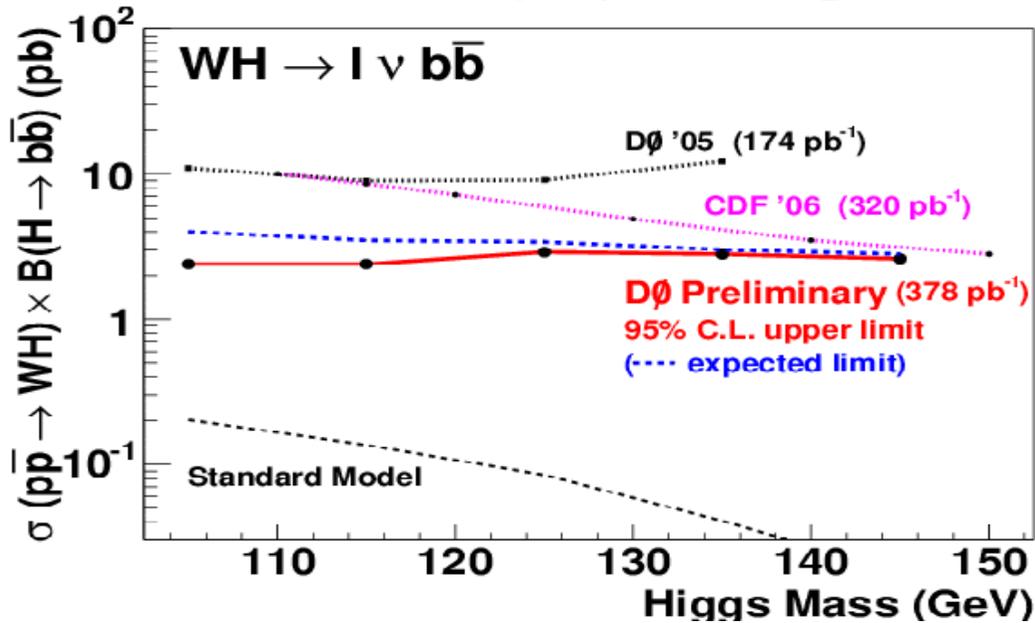
Total syst. error ~15 %



WH → lνbb

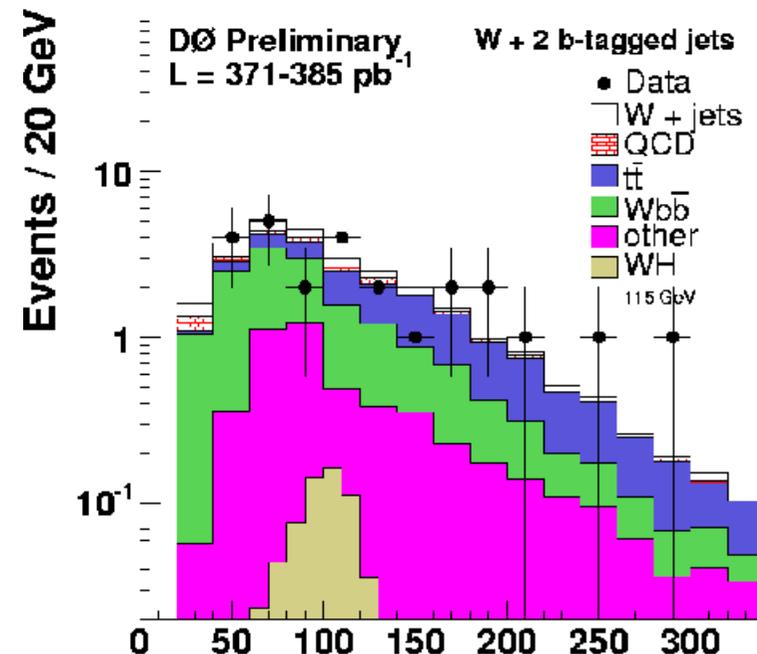
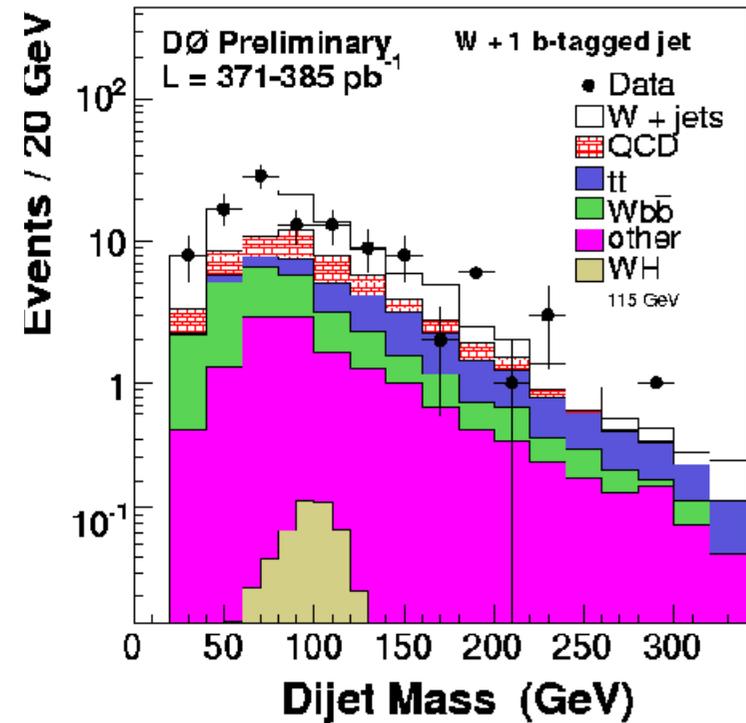
Limit from combined channels: e, μ, ST, DT
 look in window: $m_H = 115 \text{ GeV}$, $75 < m_{jj} < 125 \text{ GeV}$:
 32 ST events observed, 0.3 Higgs events expected
 6 DT events observed, 0.3 Higgs events expected

Limit at 115 GeV: 2.4 pb, (12 times higher than SM)



This new result is **4 times** better than our previous WH published result on 174 pb⁻¹, i.e. **16 times** in equivalent lumi, while luminosity used is only the **double!**

- Include new muon analysis
- Re-optimized electron analysis (looser selection)
- Separate exclusive single b-tag and double b-tag analysis, with optimized tagging efficiency

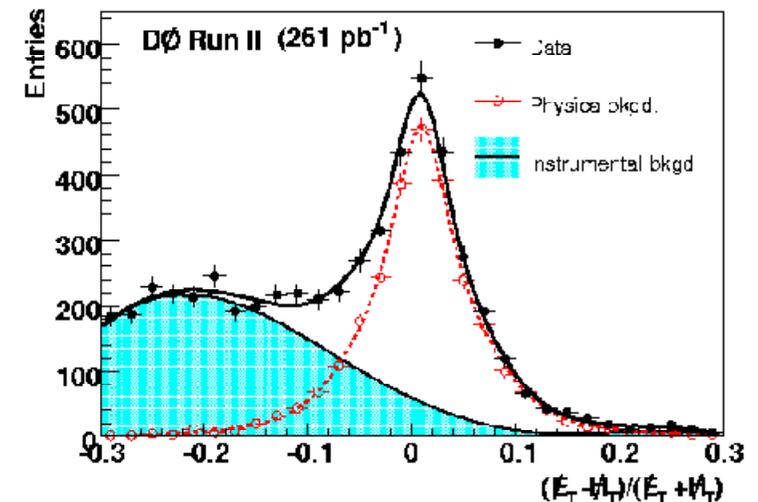
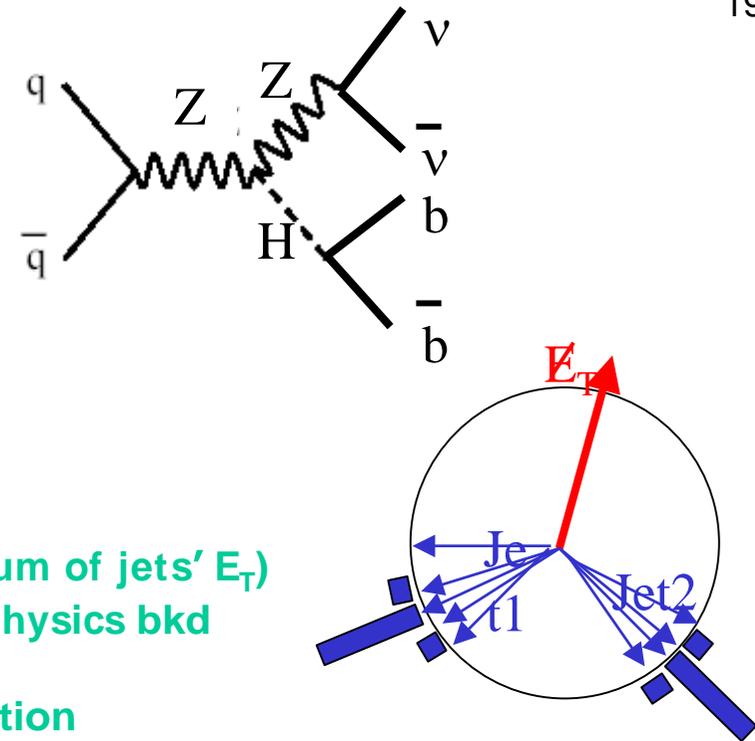


ZH \rightarrow $\nu\nu bb$ (WH \rightarrow $\cancel{E}_T \nu bb$) searches

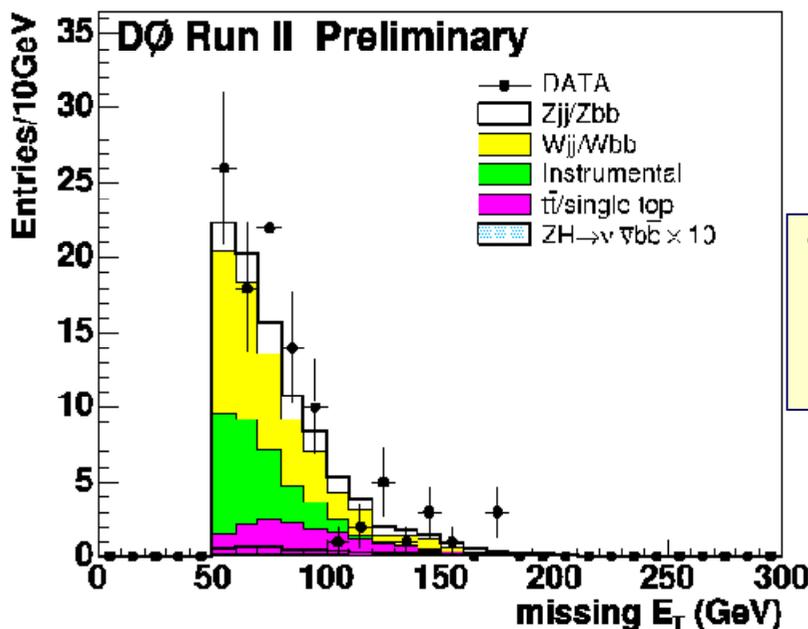
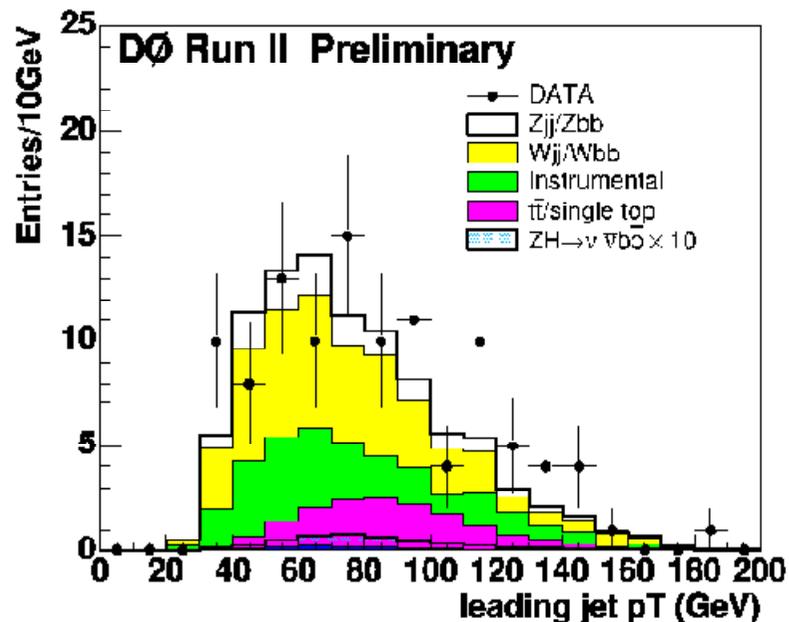


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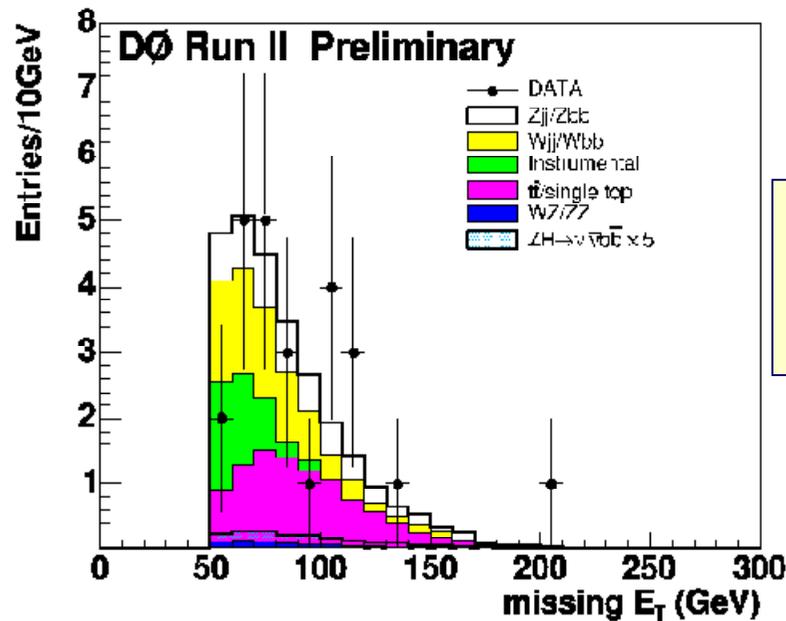
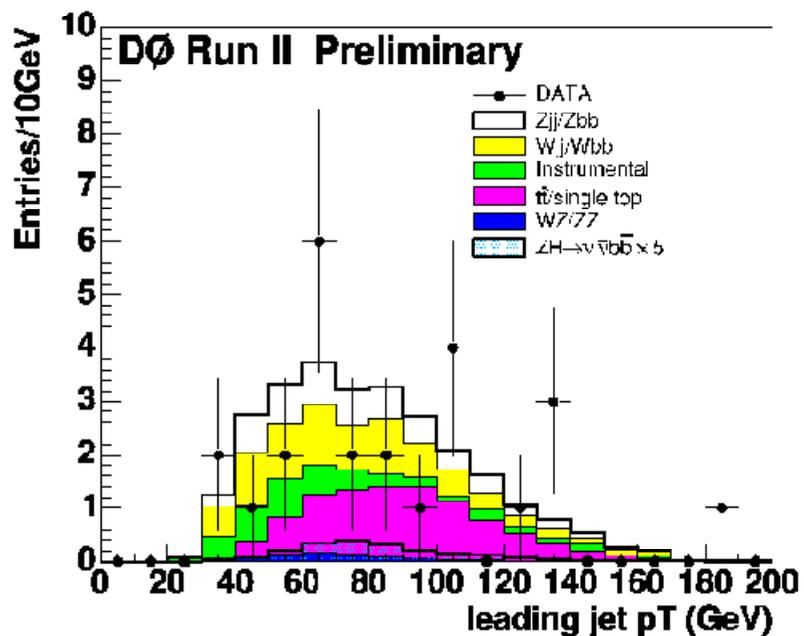
- Missing E_T from $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ and 2 b jets from $H \rightarrow bb$
 - Large missing $E_T > 50\text{GeV}$
 - 2 acoplanar b-jets with $E_T > 20\text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Backgrounds
 - “physics”
 - W+jets, Z+jets, top, ZZ and WZ
 - “instrumental”
 - QCD multijet events with mismeasured jets
 - Large cross section & small acceptance
- Strategy
 - Trigger on events with large missing H_T (vector sum of jets' E_T)
 - Estimate “instrumental” background from data, physics bkd from simulation
 - Search for an event excess in di-jet mass distribution
- Reduce “instrumental” background
 - Jet acoplanarity $\Delta\phi(\text{dijet}) < 165^\circ$
 - define missing energy/momentum variables
 - \cancel{E}_T calculated using calorimeter cells
 - $\cancel{H}_T = -|\sum p_T(\text{jet})|$... jets
 - And select on their asymmetry
 - $\text{Asym}(\cancel{E}_T, \cancel{H}_T) = (\cancel{E}_T - \cancel{H}_T) / (\cancel{E}_T + \cancel{H}_T)$



ZH: single and double b-tag events



Total ST:
Data: 106
Expect: 94.5



Total DT:
Data: 25
Expect: 27.0

ZH $\rightarrow \nu\nu bb$ / Dijet mass

Improved event selection includes:

Two acoplanar jets with:

$E_T > 20$ GeV

$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$ GeV

Sum of scalar jet $E_T < 240$ GeV

Separate analysis for single and double b-tagged events, like in WH.

Increased statistics

$m_H = 115$ GeV, $75 < m_{jj} < 125$ GeV:

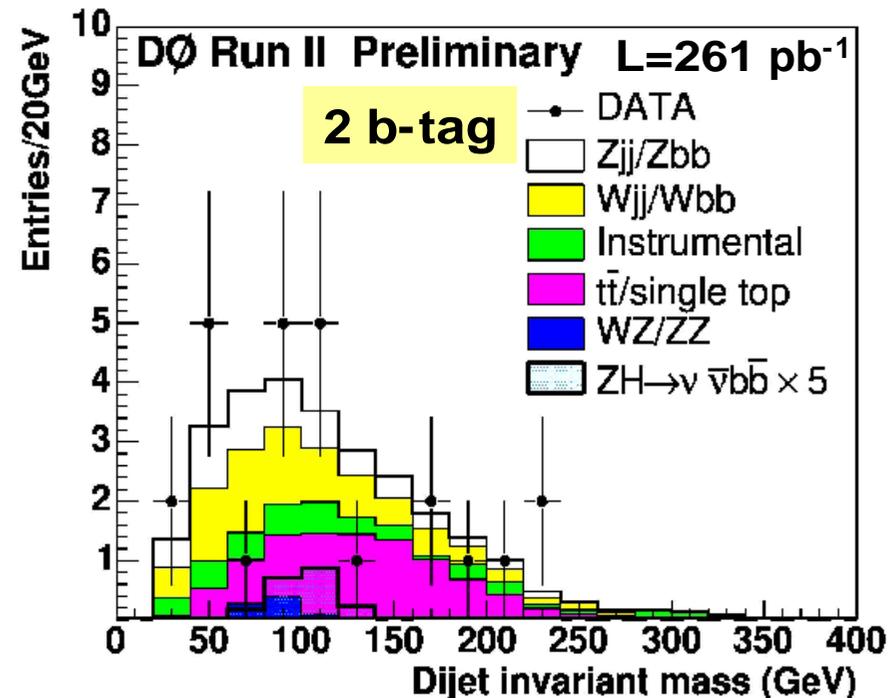
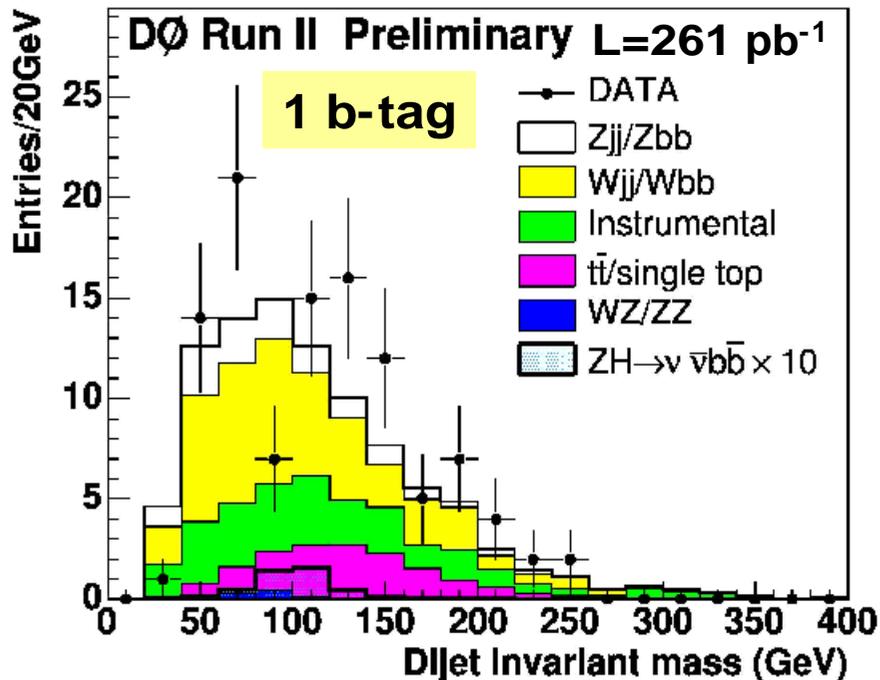
11 events observed

9.4 +/- 1.8 predicted

$S_{95} = 4.3$ pb

Bkgd. composition (%)	
Wjj/Wbb	30
Zjj/Zbb	20
Instrumental	15
Top	32
WZ/ZZ	3

Same analysis used for WH $\rightarrow l\nu bb$ with missed lepton \rightarrow improves the combined WH limit



ZH \rightarrow $\nu\nu b\bar{b}$ (WH) / Systematics & Results

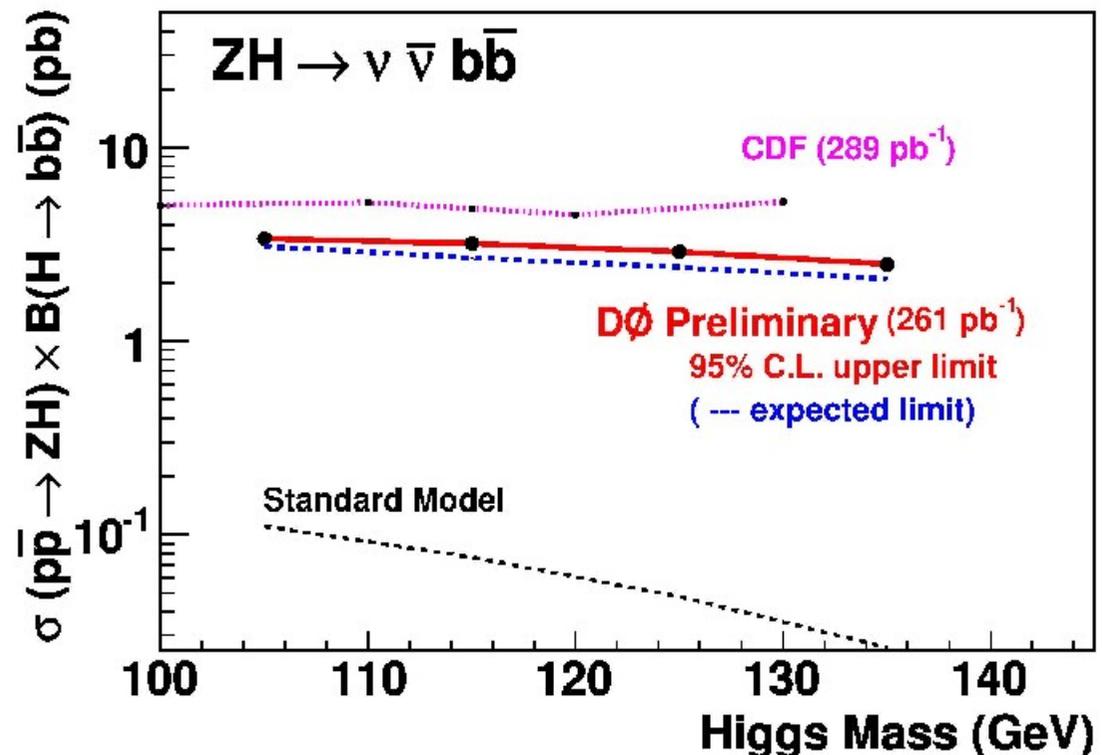


TABLE V: Expected and observed 95% C.L. limits for the combined (double b -tagged and exclusive single b -tagged analysis) $ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}b\bar{b}$ and $WH \rightarrow l^\pm\nu b\bar{b}$ final state in fully simulated Higgs mass points.

Channel	105 GeV	115 GeV	125 GeV	135 GeV
ZH Combined Expected (pb)	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.1
ZH Combined Observed (pb)	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.5
WH Combined Expected (pb)	7.6	6.3	6.0	5.0
WH Combined Observed (pb)	8.3	7.5	7.4	6.3

Systematic uncertainty, DT (%)

Source	Sig	bkgd
Trigger efficiency	6	6
Jet ID	7	6
JES	7	8
Jet energy resolution	5	2
b-tagging	14	12
Instrumental bkgd.	-	9
Bkgd Cross Section	-	5
Total for DT	19	19
Total for ST	14	18



Combined Higgs boson Search



14 independent channels have been combined, taking into account correlated & uncorr. systematics

WH (e) ST, DT

WH (μ) ST,DT

WH (\cancel{e}) ST DT

ZH ($\nu\nu$) ST,DT

WWW (ee,e μ , $\mu\mu$)

WW (ee,e μ , $\mu\mu$)



Source	WH $\rightarrow e\nu b\bar{b}$	WH $\rightarrow \mu\nu b\bar{b}$	WH $\rightarrow \cancel{e}\nu b\bar{b}$	ZH $\rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$	WH $\rightarrow WW^+W^-$	H $\rightarrow W^+W^-$
Luminosity	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jet Energy Scale	X	X	X	X		X
Jet ID	X	X	X	X		
Electron ID	X				X	X
Muon ID		X			X	X
b-Jet Tagging	X	X	X	X		
Background σ	X	X	X	X	X	X

(a few more channels to come)

We have used the CLs (LEP) Method

the CL_s confidence interval is a normalization of CL_{s+B}

CL_{s+B} = signal + bkgd hypothesis, CL_B = bkgd only hypothesis

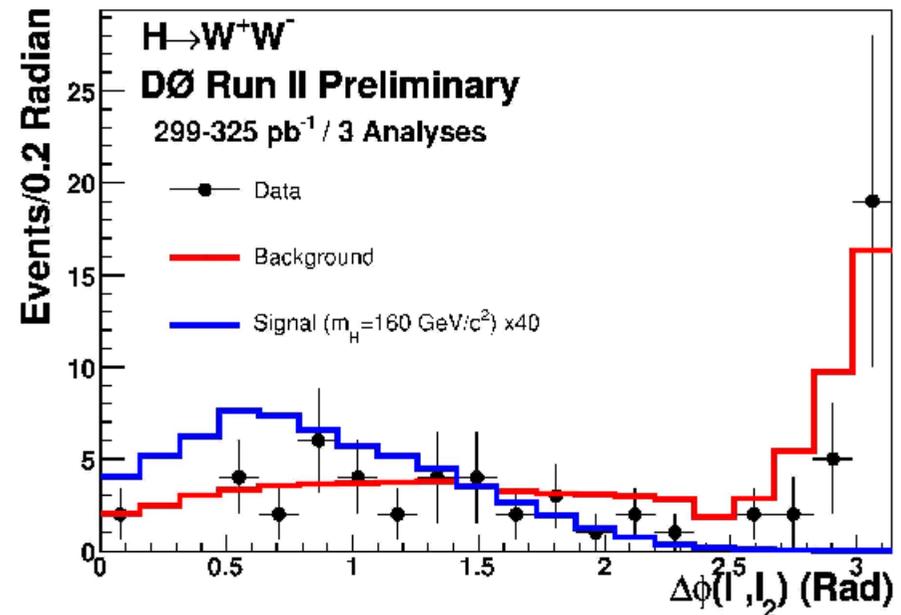
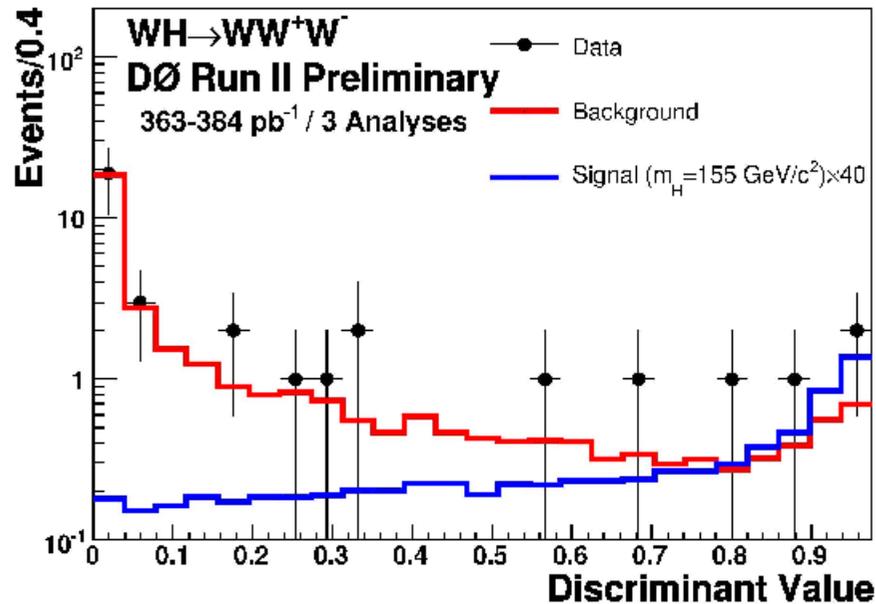
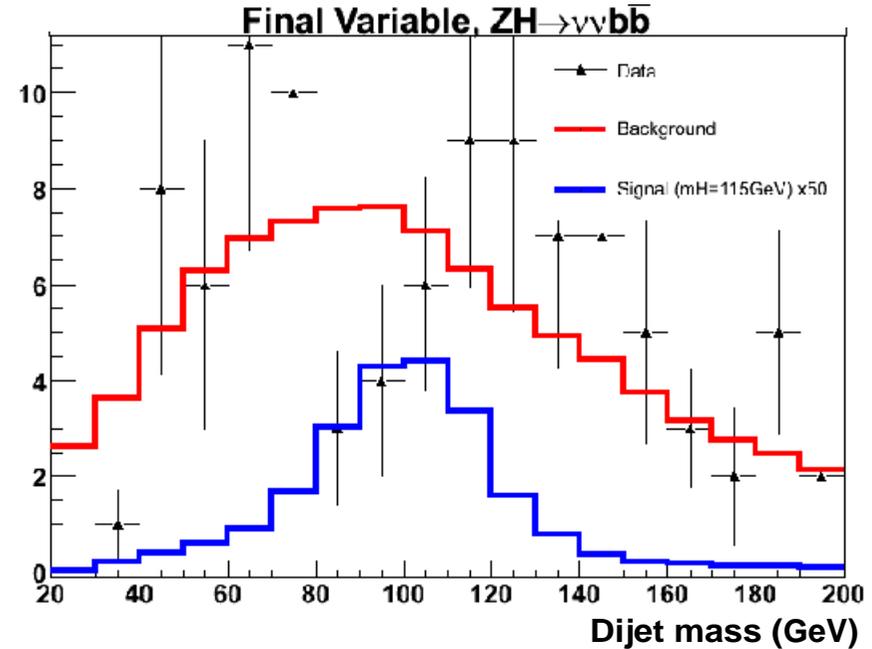
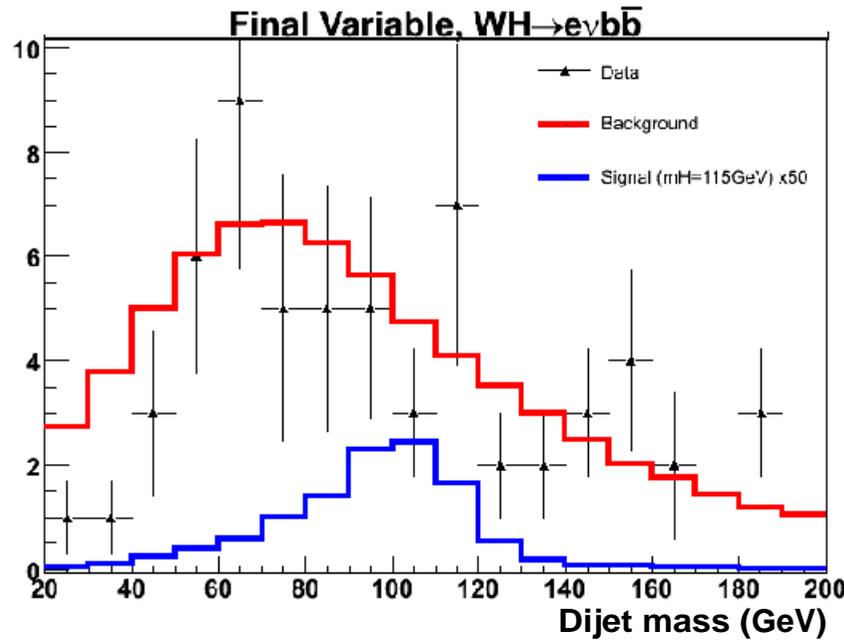
$CL_s = CL_{s+B}/CL_B$: CL_{s+B} & CL_B are defined using a "test statistic"

Test statistic used is the Log-Likelihood Ratio (LLR=-2 ln Q)

generated via Poisson statistics ($Q=e^{-(s+b)}(s+b)^d/e^{-b}b^d$) s,b,d=sig.,bkd,data)

Tevatron Higgs combination effort started with CDF

Example of Input distributions



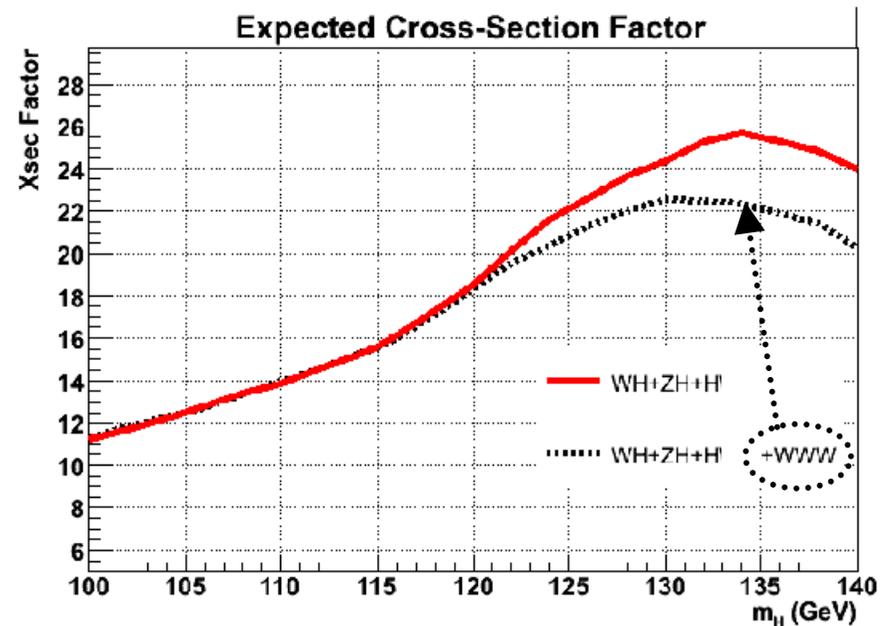
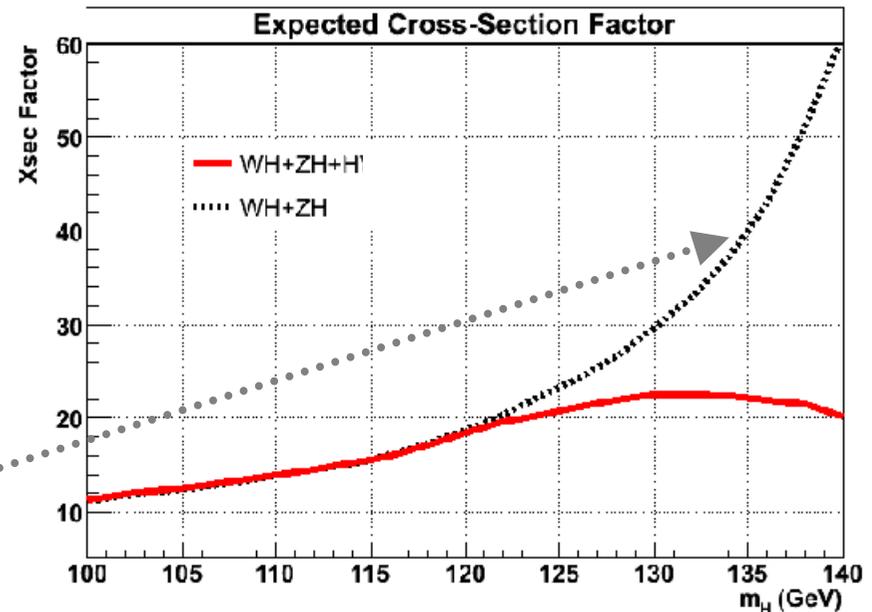
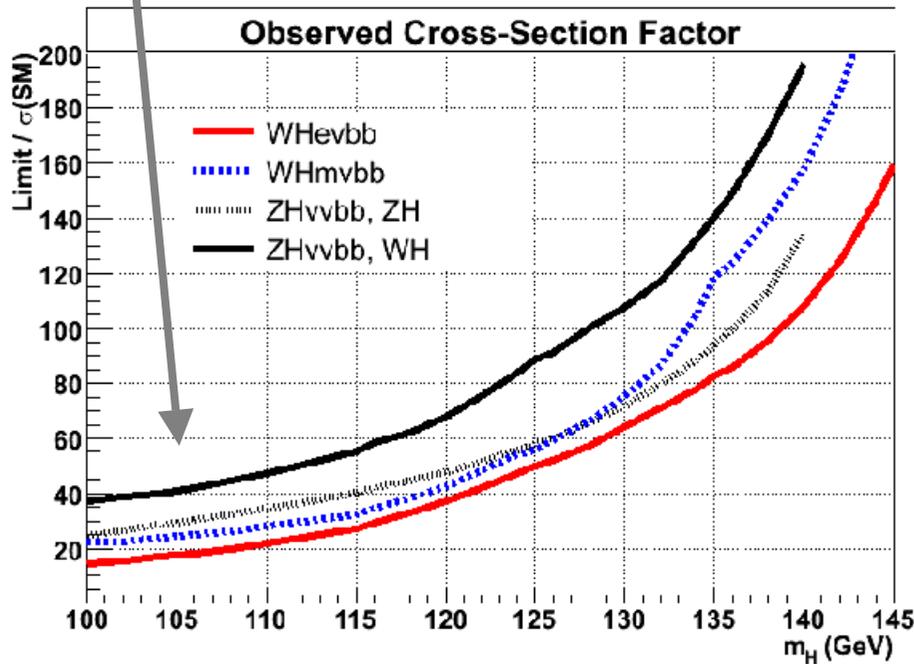
x-sections, Ratios and Combinations at low Higgs mass



Now presenting the ratio of the 95% CL x-section limit to the SM higgs x-section.

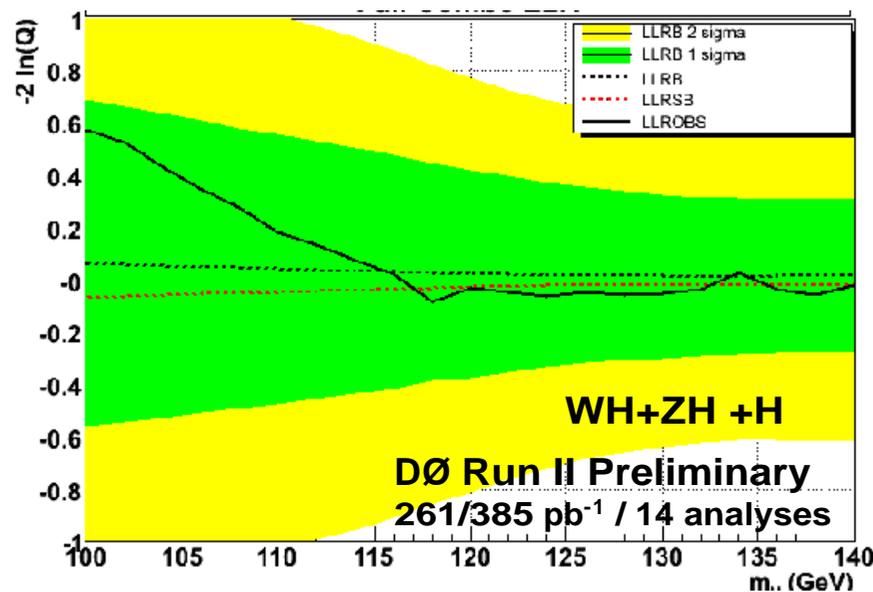
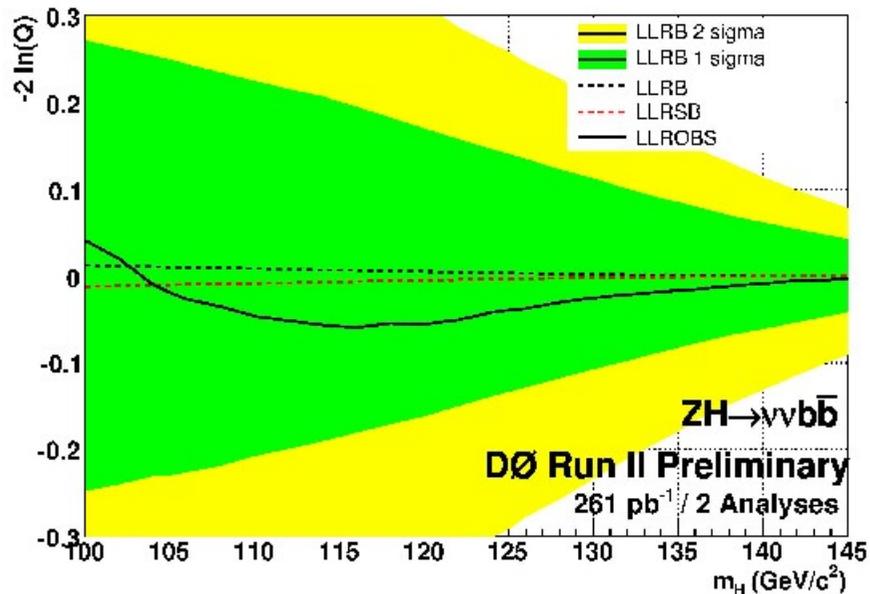
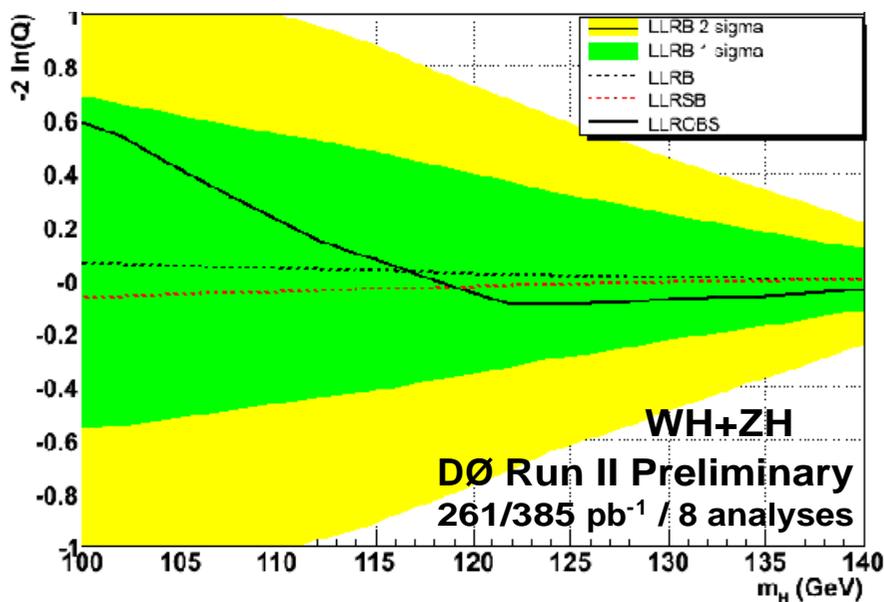
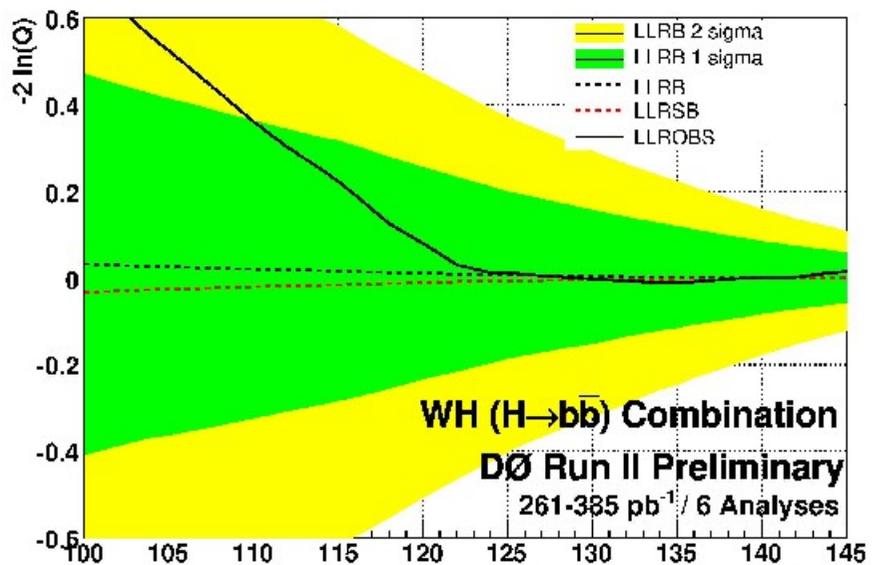
If this "x-section-factor" = 1 → SM Higgs excluded at 95% CL. There is still some way to go...

Compare 4 Channels before combining them

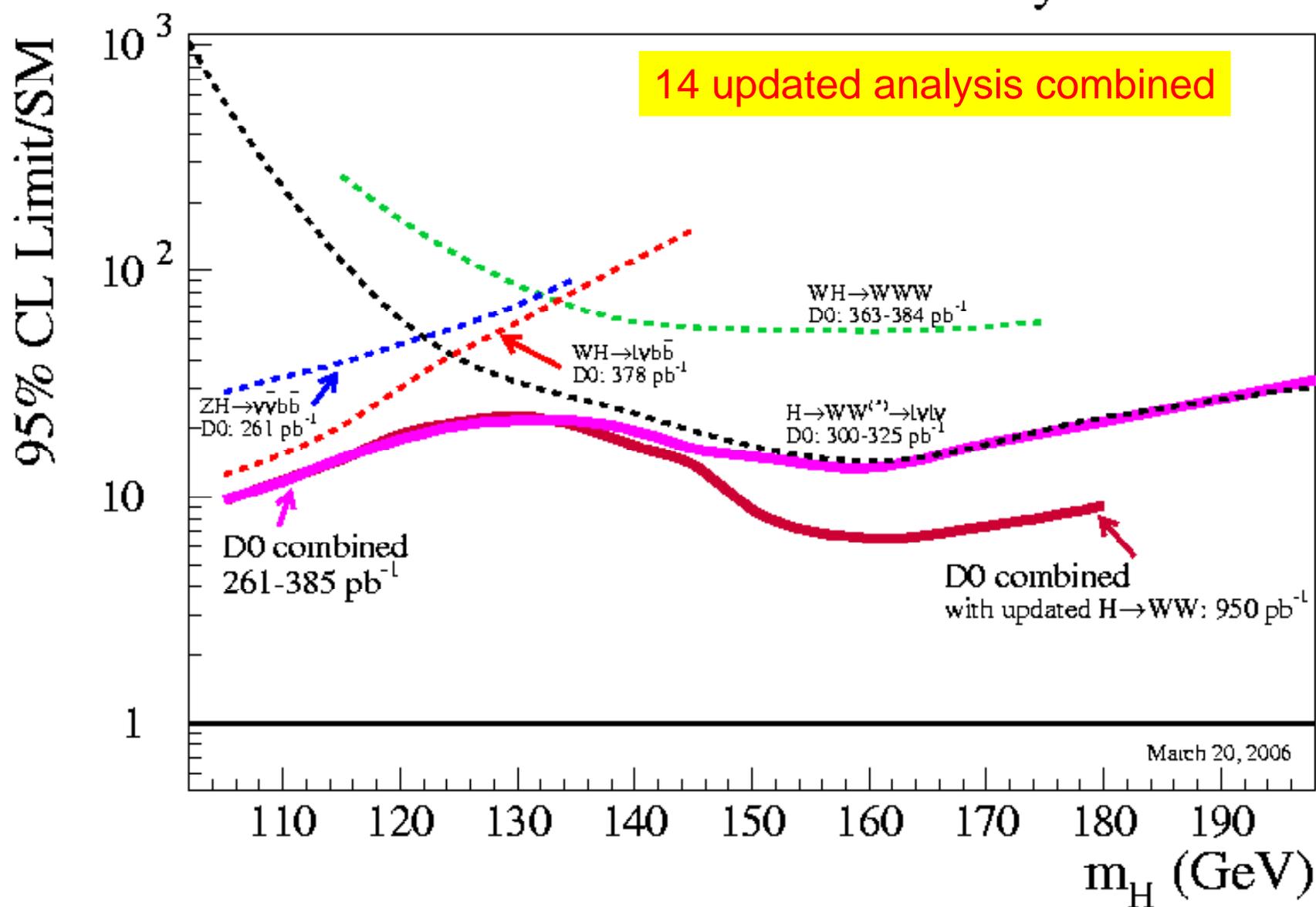




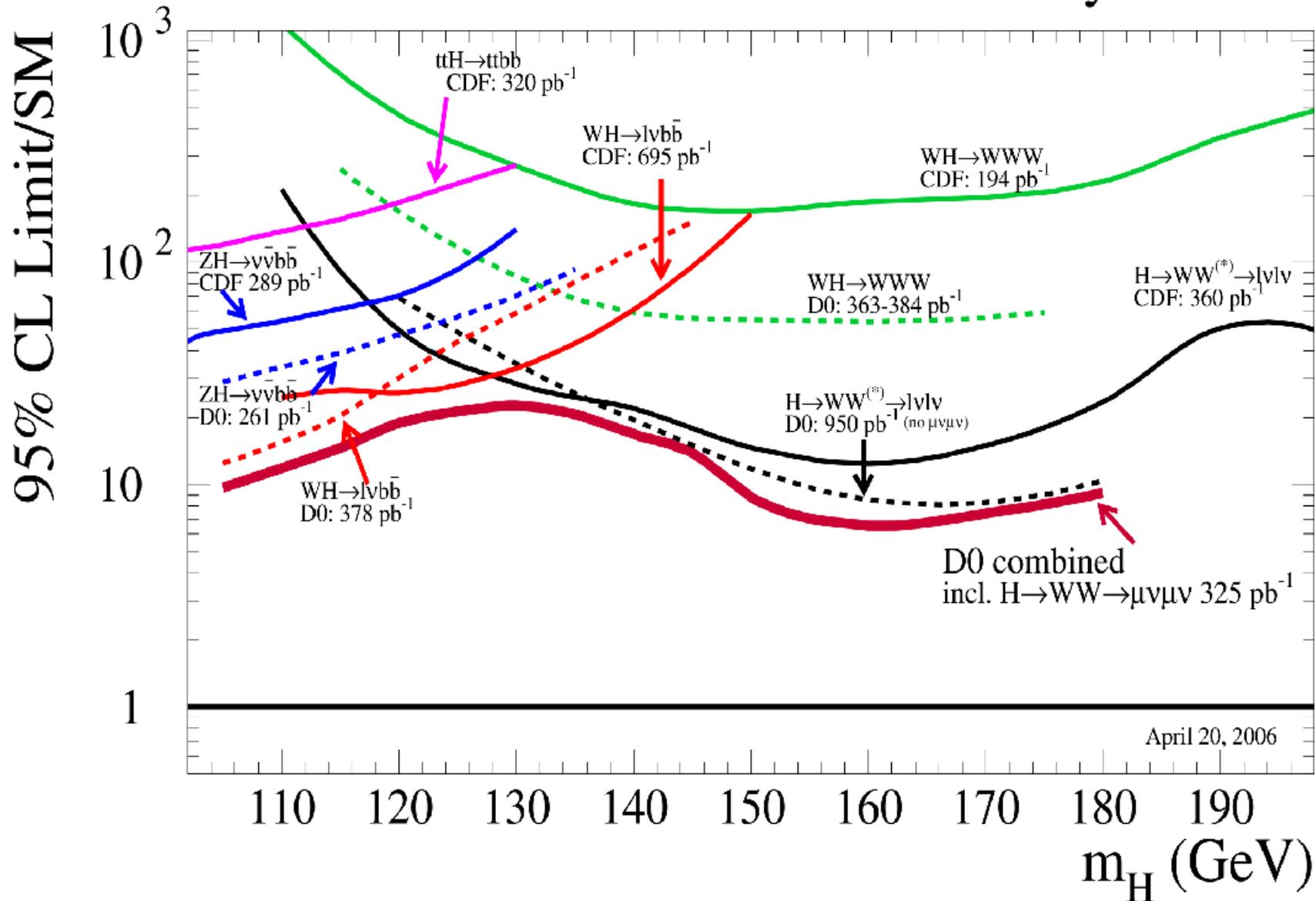
Another View: LLR Plots

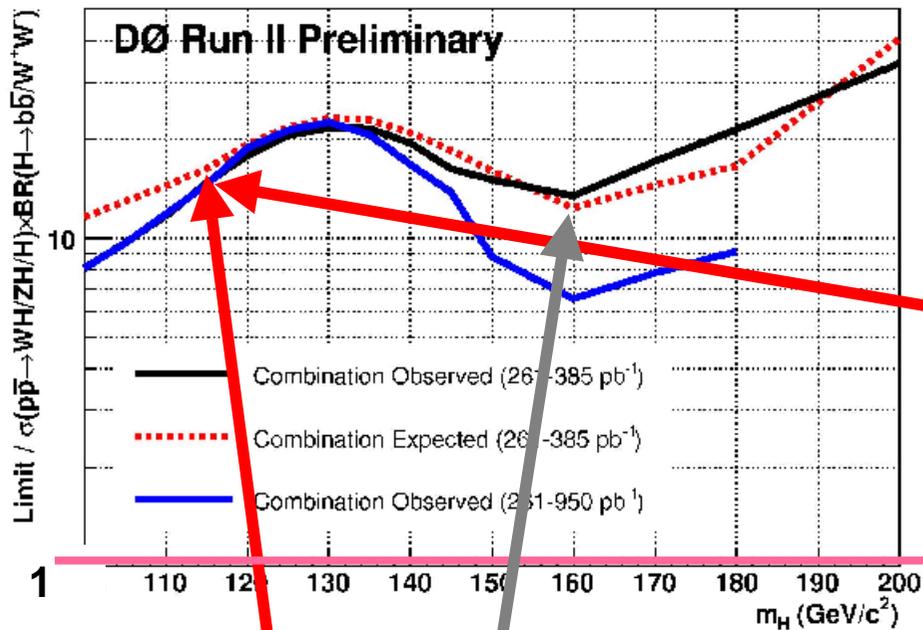


D0 Run II Preliminary



Tevatron Run II Preliminary

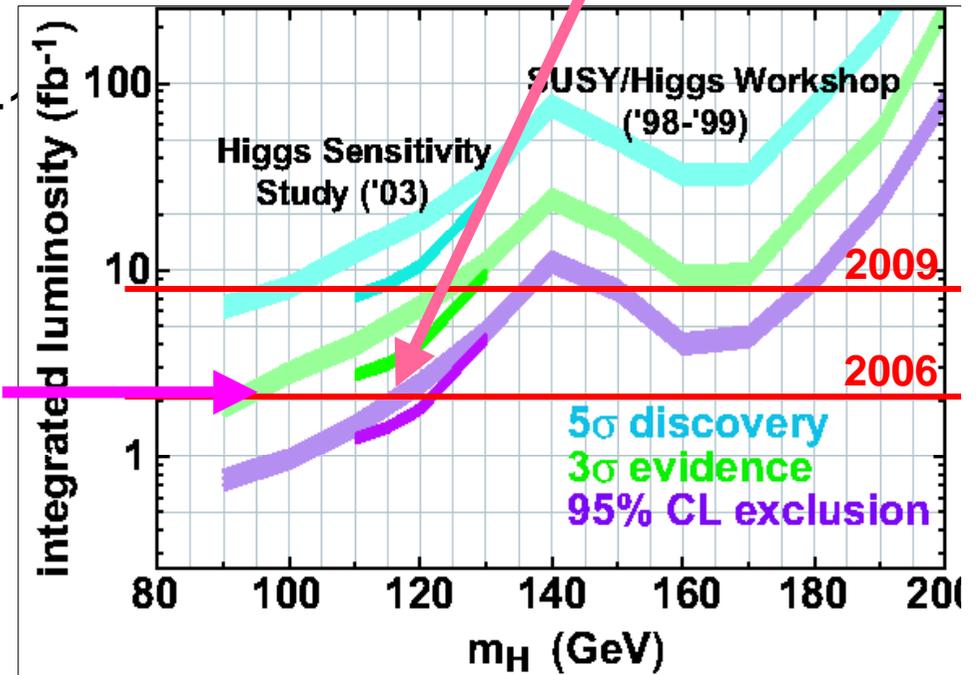




How do we go from here to here, i.e. here??

Factor of 15 (12) is for ~330 pb⁻¹

i.e. 2 sigma evidence or 95%CL exclusion at 115 GeV with 2 fb⁻¹



Add channels: $Z(\rightarrow l^+ l^-) b\bar{b}$

(b-tagging working point optimization)

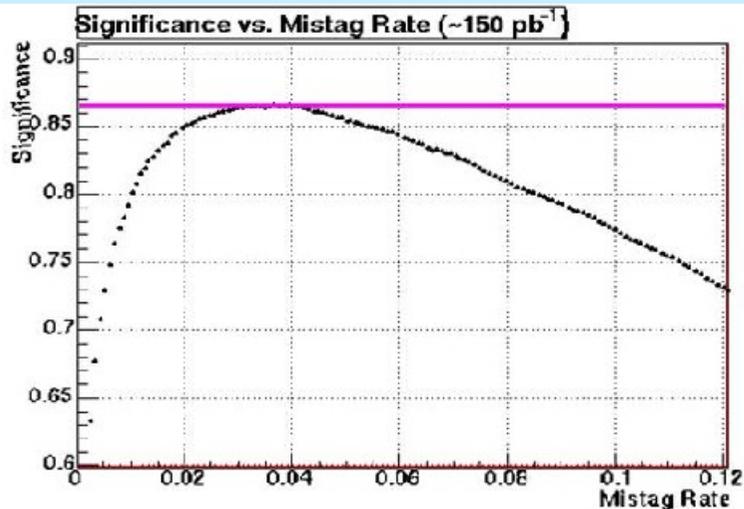
Optimize mistag rate vs. b-tag effic. to obtain best significance S/\sqrt{B}

Standard operating point is at **0.5%** for mistag rate, This corresponds to **$> 10^{-4}$** reduction in $Z+jj$ rates, while $Z+b\bar{b}/Z+jj$ is **$\sim 1/50$**

After b-tagging the bkgd. to ZH is dominated by $Zb\bar{b}$ production

Optimize against $Z+jj$ background

Optimal is $\sim 4\%$ mistag rate for DT



Gain a factor of 1.6 in efficiency !

Preliminary results soon available

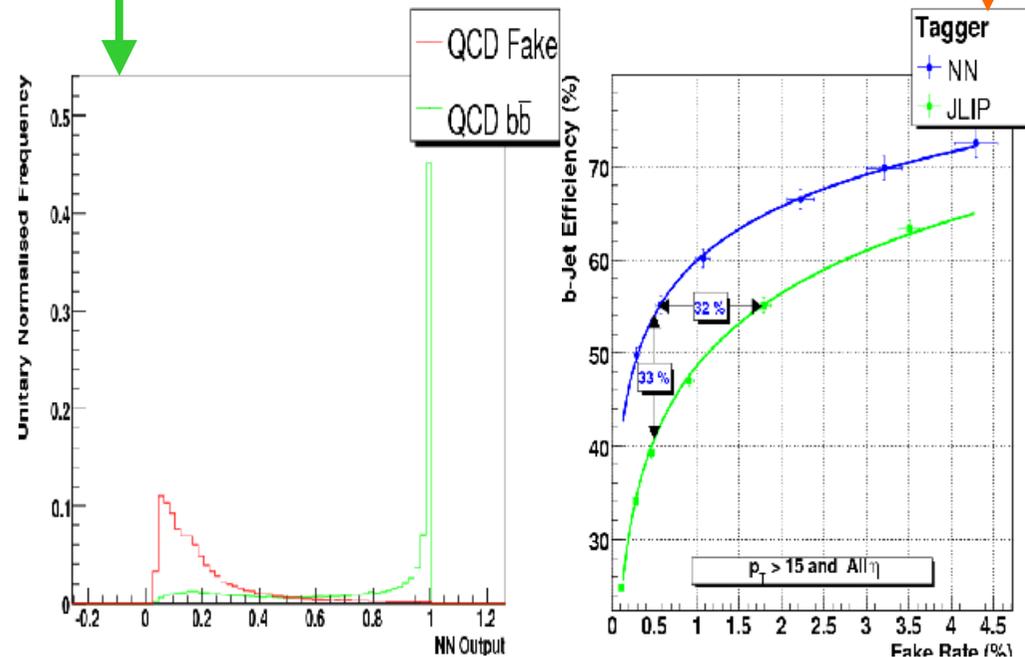
b-tagging Neural Net



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New b-tagging tool at DØ

- Combines various variables from the track based b-tagging tools in a Neural Network, trained on Monte Carlo
- Performance measured on data
- Substantial improvement in performance over constituent input b-taggers
- Increase of 33% in efficiency for a fixed fake rate of 0.5 %



Reconstruction and Upgrade



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- Jet energy resolution (track-jet algorithm)
 - Subtract expected energy deposition in cal
 - Add the track momentum
 - Add the energy of out-of-cone tracks

Improve the jet energy resolution by ~10% →

- Use improved calorimeter calibration
Z → bb to calibrate b-jet response

- L1-cal Trigger (Upgrade)

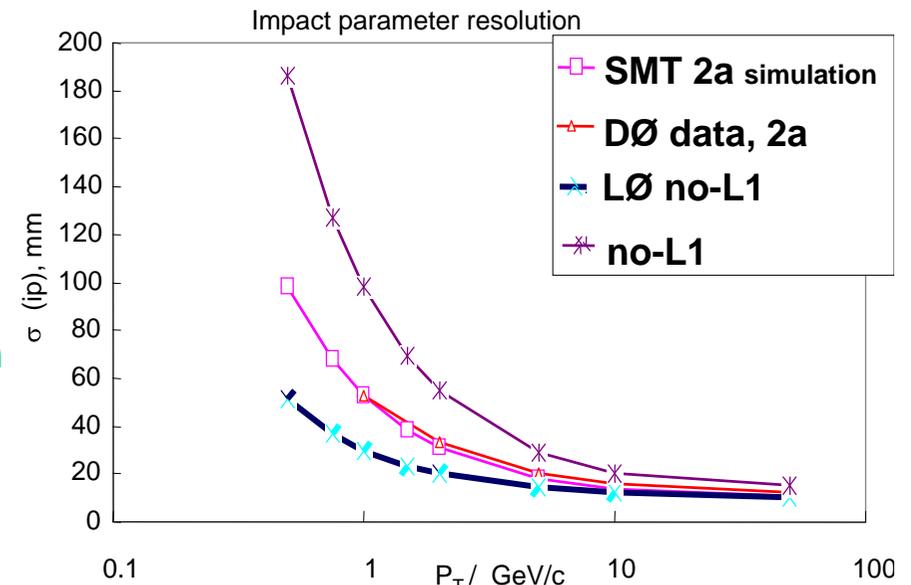
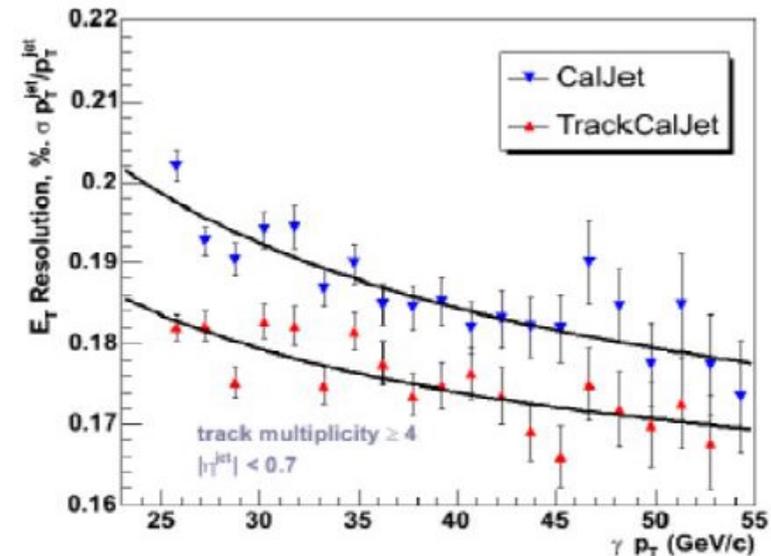
- Important for difficult channels → efficiency improvement (ZH → vvbb, hbb)

- Addition of SMT Layer 0 (Upgrade)

- r@L1 = 2.7 cm → r@L0 = 1.6 cm
- better impact parameter resolution
- More redundancy in pattern
- Recognition for higher luminosity → reduce fake track
- Keep functionality in case of degradation of Layer 1 due to radiation damage

→ better b-tag performance (15%)

→ improvement of Higgs sensitivity



Sensitivity Prospects



Will 6X more lumi take our x-section factor of 15 to 1?? No, but with analyses improvements under work and CDF → YES!!!!!!!

Ingredient	Equiv Lumi gain (@115)	Xsec Factor $m_H=115$ GeV	Xsec Factor $m_H=160$ GeV
Today with 330 fb ⁻¹	-	15	12
Lumi = 2.0 fb ⁻¹	6.00	6.1	4.9
NN b-Tagger	2.50	3.9	
NN Analyses	3.00	2.2	2.8 (smaller gain)
Track Cal Jets	1.40	1.9	
Increased Acceptance	1.20	1.7	2.5
New channels	1.20	1.5	2.2
Reduced Systematics	1.20	1.4	
Combine with CDF	2.00	1.0	1.5

→ At 115 GeV ok with 2 fb⁻¹

→ At 160 GeV needs 4.5 fb⁻¹
(2 fb⁻¹ x 1.5²)

→ 95% CL exclusion for $m_H=115-180$ GeV with 6 fb⁻¹

SM Higgs Summary



First time with almost complete result (lacks a couple of "small" channels and combination with CDF, in the pipeline)

Full impact of systematics uncertainties is included

Analyses have been steadily improving due to optimization, already close to the Prospective reports

Combined limit looks very promising

High mass region benefits a lot from $H \rightarrow WW^*$ type analyses (H and WH production), but low mass as well, as low as 120 GeV.

Our outlook for the future looks bright

LHC experiments will have to work hard to get the signal, if the Higgs is light (<130 GeV). Barring accidents, the Tevatron will have evidence before 2009, if it's there.

Agreed, there is still a tough road in front of us, and even if m_H is light we could be unlucky, in some SUSY cases....

Higgs Bosons in the MSSM



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- **Two** Complex Higgs Doublets needed to avoid anomalies
- **Eight** Degrees of Freedom minus $W^{+,-}$, Z^0 longitudinal polarization states \rightarrow **five** scalars predicted: h , H , A , H^+ , H^-
- CP-conserving models: h , H are CP-even, A is CP-odd
- At tree-level, two independent Parameters:
 - m_A
 - $\tan\beta$ = ratio of VEV's
 - M_{SUSY} (parameterizes squark, gaugino masses)
 - X_t (related to the trilinear coupling A_t) \rightarrow stop mixing)
 - M_2 (gaugino mass term)
 - μ (Higgs mass parameter)
 - m_{gluino} (comes in via loops)

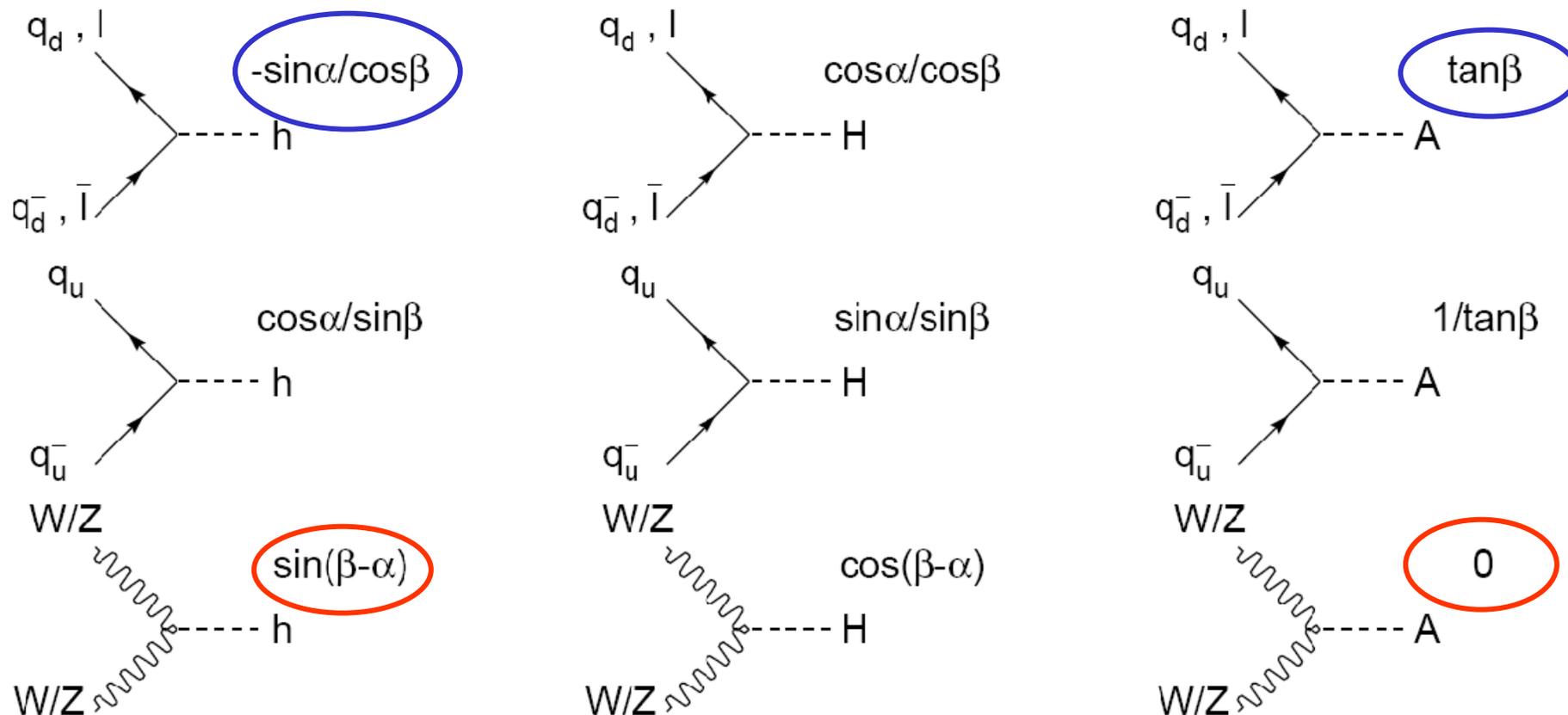
These 5 parameters intervene via radiative corrections, we study 2x2 scenarios \rightarrow (cf M. Carena et al., hep-ph/051123)

	m_t -max	no-mixing
M_{SUSY}	1 TeV	2 TeV
X_t	2 TeV	0
M_2	200 GeV	200 GeV
μ	± 200 GeV	± 200 GeV
m_g	800 GeV	1600 GeV

Couplings of MSSM Higgs Relative to SM

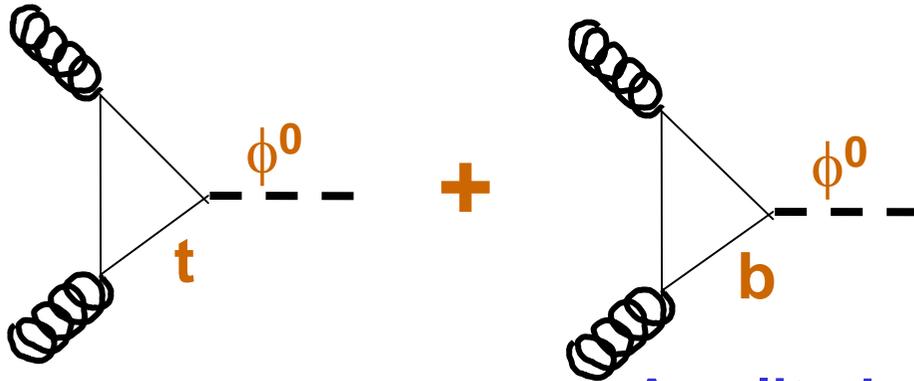


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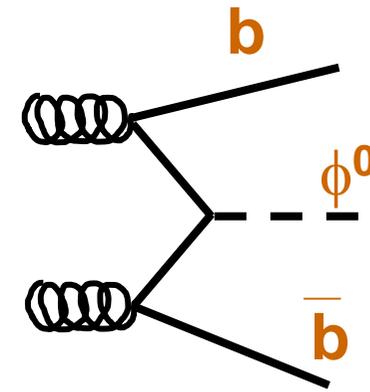
W and Z couplings to H, h are suppressed relative to SM (but the sum of squares of h^0, H^0 couplings are the SM coupling). Yukawa couplings can be enhanced for $\tan\beta > 1$

MSSM Higgs Production Mechanisms



Amplitude $\propto 1/\tan\beta$
suppressed!

Amplitude $\propto \tan\beta$
enhanced!



Amplitude $\propto \tan\beta$
enhanced!

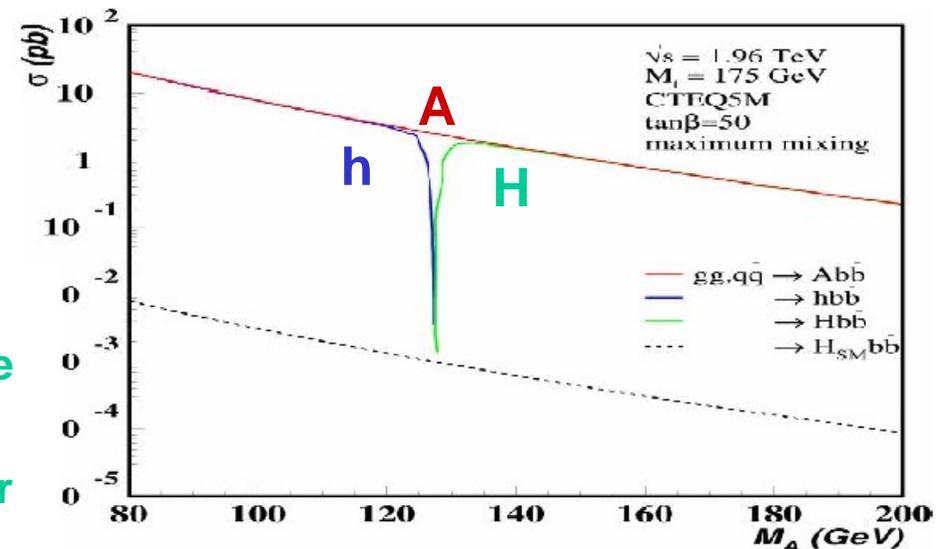
at high $\tan\beta$, $\sigma(h, A+X) \propto \tan^2\beta$

Interesting feature of many MSSM scenarios: $[m_h, m_H] \approx m_A$ at high $\tan\beta$

$\text{Br}(A^0 \rightarrow bb) \sim 90\%$ and $\text{Br}(A^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) \sim 10\%$
almost independent of $\tan\beta$ (some gg too).

Our two benchmark scenarios:

- **m_h -max:** Higgs boson mass m_h close to the maximum possible value for a given $\tan\beta$
- **no-mixing:** vanishing mixing in stop sector \rightarrow small mass for h .



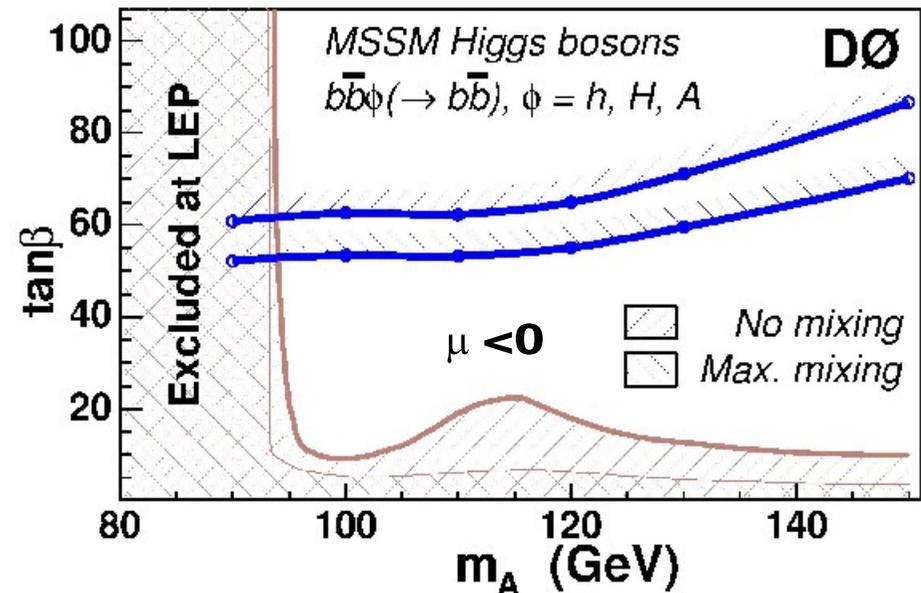
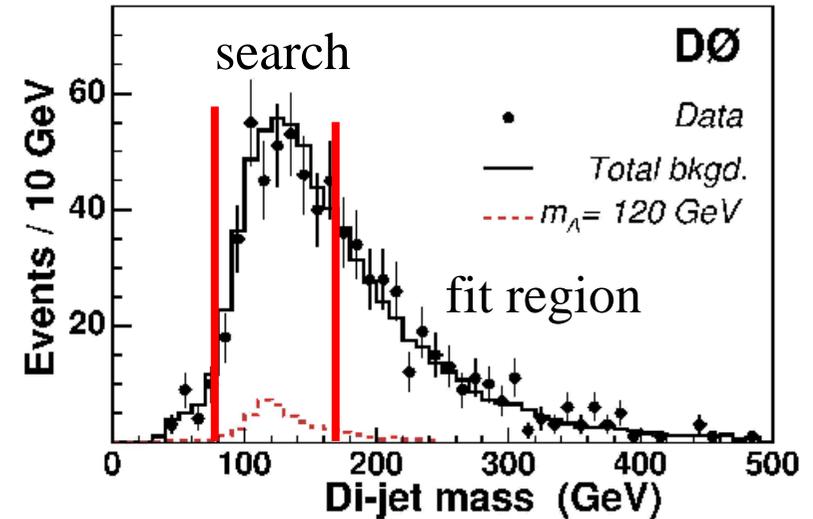
hb(b) Published Result (reminder)



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- $L=260\text{pb}^{-1}$
- At least 3 b-tagged jets
 - pT cuts optimized
 - b-tag rate estimated from data (~2%)
 - 2 b-tagged sample \times b-tag rate
 - $Z(\text{bb,cc})+\text{jets}$, tt estimated from MC
- No Excess found
 - 95% C.L. from fit of dijet mass
- Results reinterpreted in modified scenarios and combined to our new $h \rightarrow \text{tautau}$ result, see below

at least 3 b-tagged jets



gg → h,A → τ⁺ τ⁻ Channel

- Large production cross-section
- Tau leptons are distinct from QCD background
- **b(b) τ⁺ τ⁻ channel is possible too – we're working on it.**
- Useful τ⁺ τ⁻ decay modes → one hadronically decaying τ and e-mu channel (low BR, but low bckgd)
- Final state: opposite sign tau pair and missing transverse energy
- Signal would stand out as enhancement from background in the visible mass, $M_{vis} = \text{sqrt}(p_{\tau,1} + p_{\tau,2} + \cancel{p}_t)$

Standard Model backgrounds

Z: irreducible background

Z/γ* → ee/ μμ, multi-jet, W → lν + jet (rejected with M_W < 20 GeV) boson (WW, WZ, ZZ)

Di-

Mode	Fra (%)	Comments
τ _e τ _e	3	Large DY bg
τ _μ τ _μ	3	Large DY bg
τ _e τ _μ	6	Small QCD bg
τ _e τ _h	23	Large BR, medium bg
τ _μ τ _h	23	Large BR, medium bg
τ _h τ _h	41	Large QCD bg

Data/Background:

- Data Sample, L = 325 pb⁻¹, recorded by single Electron/Muon Trigger
- Standard Model background is simulated using Pythia 6.2
- multi-jet background determination from data: e+τ_h : like sign events, μ+τ_h : inverted lepton isolation criteria



Tau Identification

Tau = narrow isolated jet with low track and π^0 multiplicity

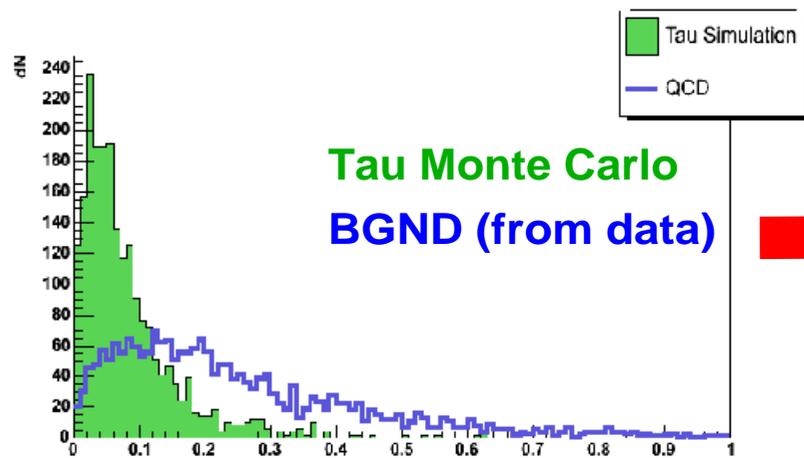
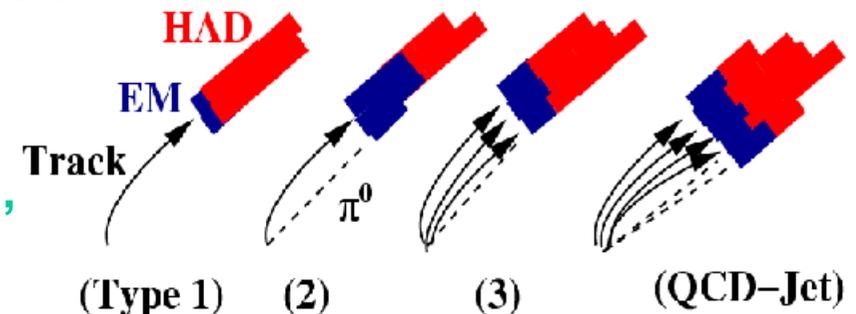
- Tau candidates are divided into 3 types:
 - Type 1: one track, calorimeter cluster without EM subcluster
 - Type 2: one track, calorimeter cluster with EM subclusters
 - Type 3: 2 or 3 tracks consistent with tau mass, calorimeter cluster

Tau identification is based on Neural Network

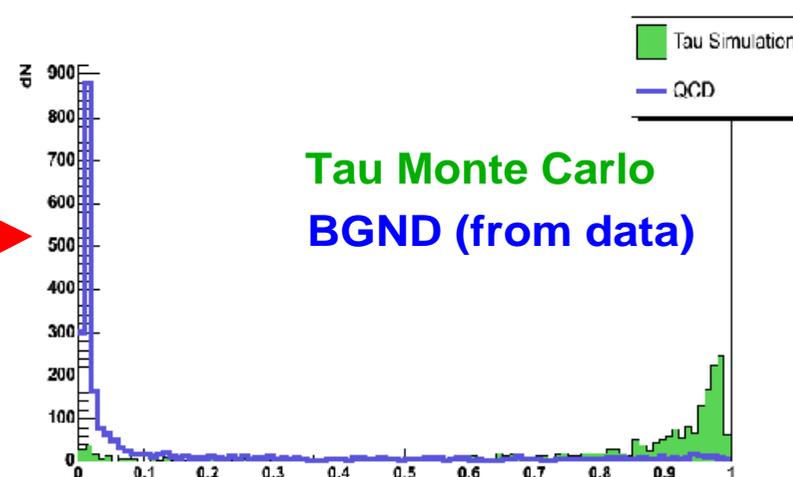
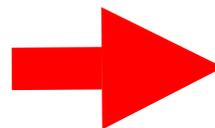
Non-linear correlations between variables are taken into account

Discriminating variables: Profile, Isolation,

Used for cross section measurement $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
(PRD 71, 072004 (2005))



Tau Monte Carlo
BGND (from data)



Tau Monte Carlo
BGND (from data)

Combined Results: $e + \tau_h$, $\mu + \tau_h$, $e + \mu$

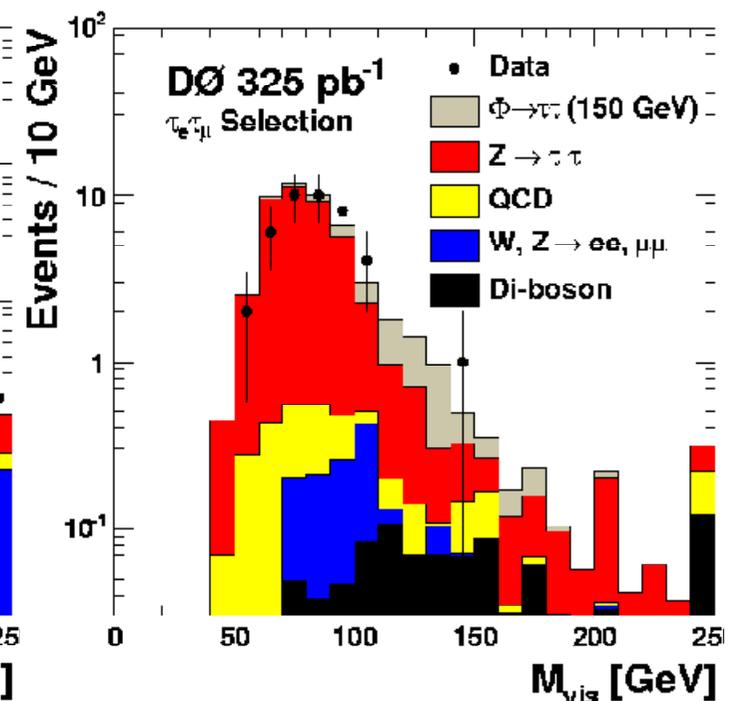
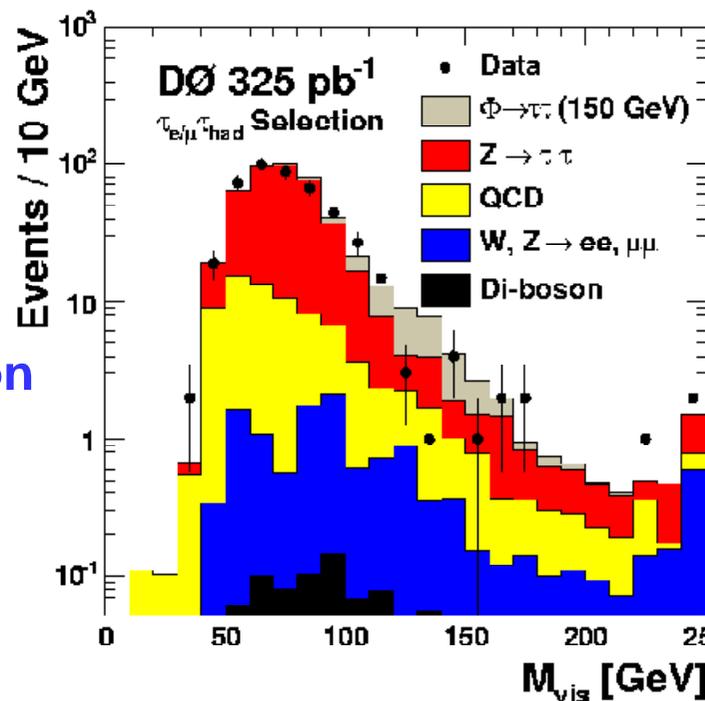


Observed data events and expected bckgnd events at the end of the selection:
(statistical and systematic uncertainties are added in quadrature)

	Data	Sum BGND	QCD	$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu/ee$	W	Di-Boson	$t\bar{t}(\text{bar})$
$e + \tau_h$	484	427.3 ± 55.3	199.5 ± 26.0	202.7 ± 26.3	10.2 ± 1.4	14.0 ± 1.9	0.54 ± 0.09	0.35 ± 0.05
$\mu + \tau_h$	575	576.3 ± 61.5	62.2 ± 6.6	491.7 ± 52.6	4.6 ± 1.1	13.5 ± 1.6	3.05 ± 0.33	1.22 ± 0.14
$e + \mu$	42	43.5 ± 5.3	2.1 ± 0.4	39.1 ± 5.0	0.63 ± 0.12	0.30 ± 0.20	0.99 ± 0.14	0.06 ± 0.02

Major systematic uncertainties:

- normalization of multi-jet backgrnd
- muon-identification
- tau energy scale
- Jet-Energy-Scale



Combined Results: Cross Section Limit



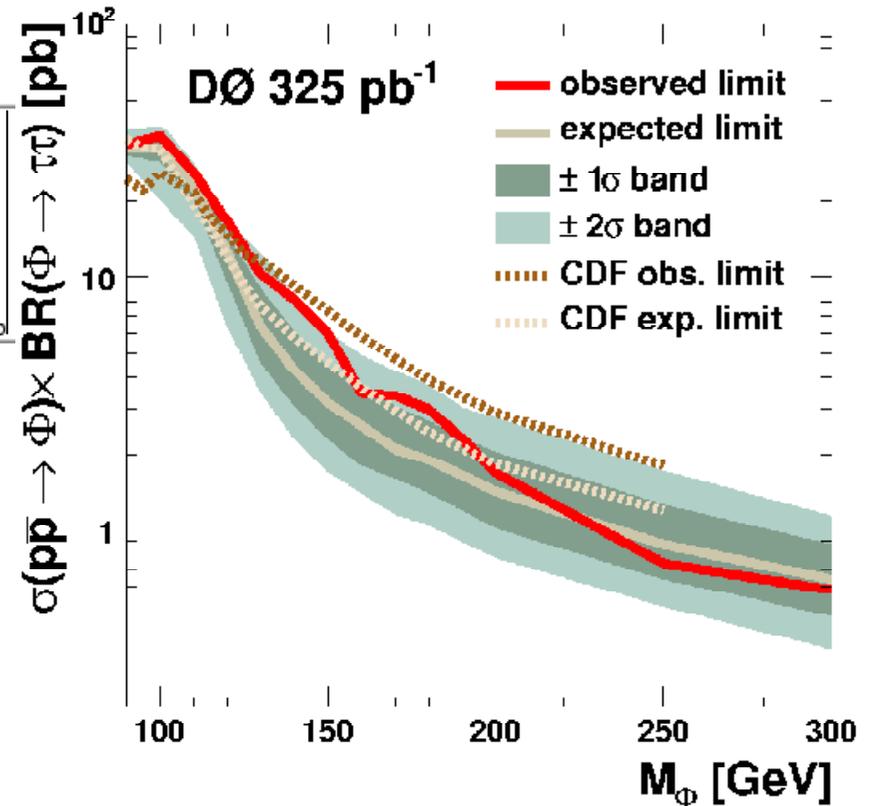
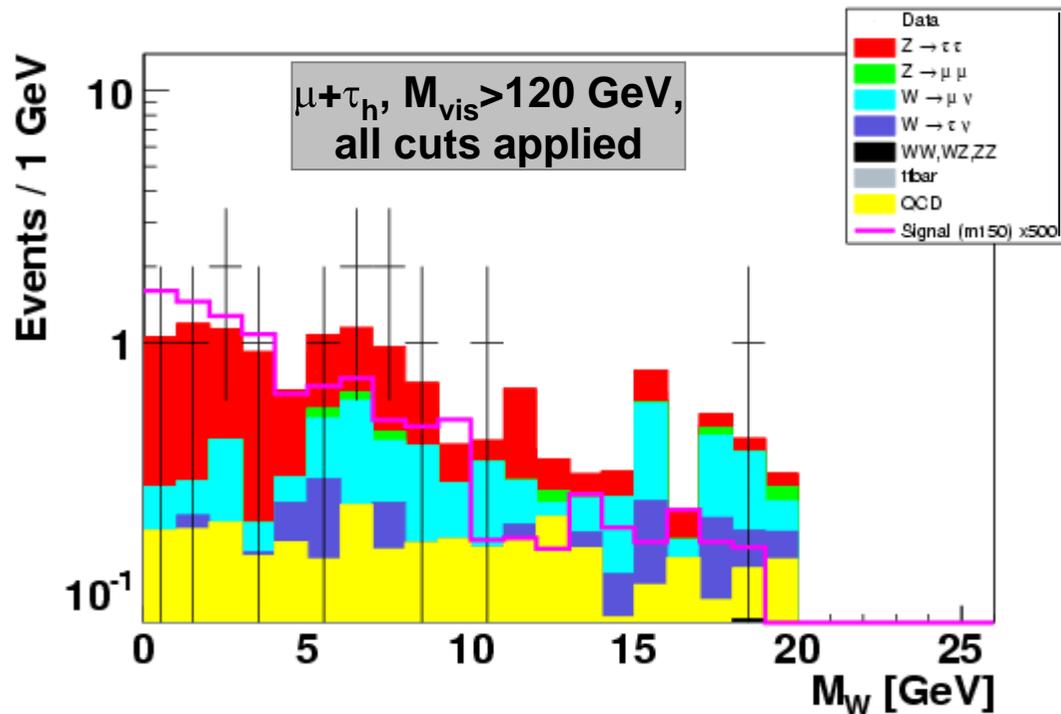
- Calculate limit at 95% CL
 - Use full M_{vis} distribution
 - Split event sample into 13 subsamples according to different signal-to-background ratios, e. g.

(1) $M_W < 6 \text{ GeV}$

(2) $6 \text{ GeV} < M_W < 20 \text{ GeV}$

times 3 different tau-types

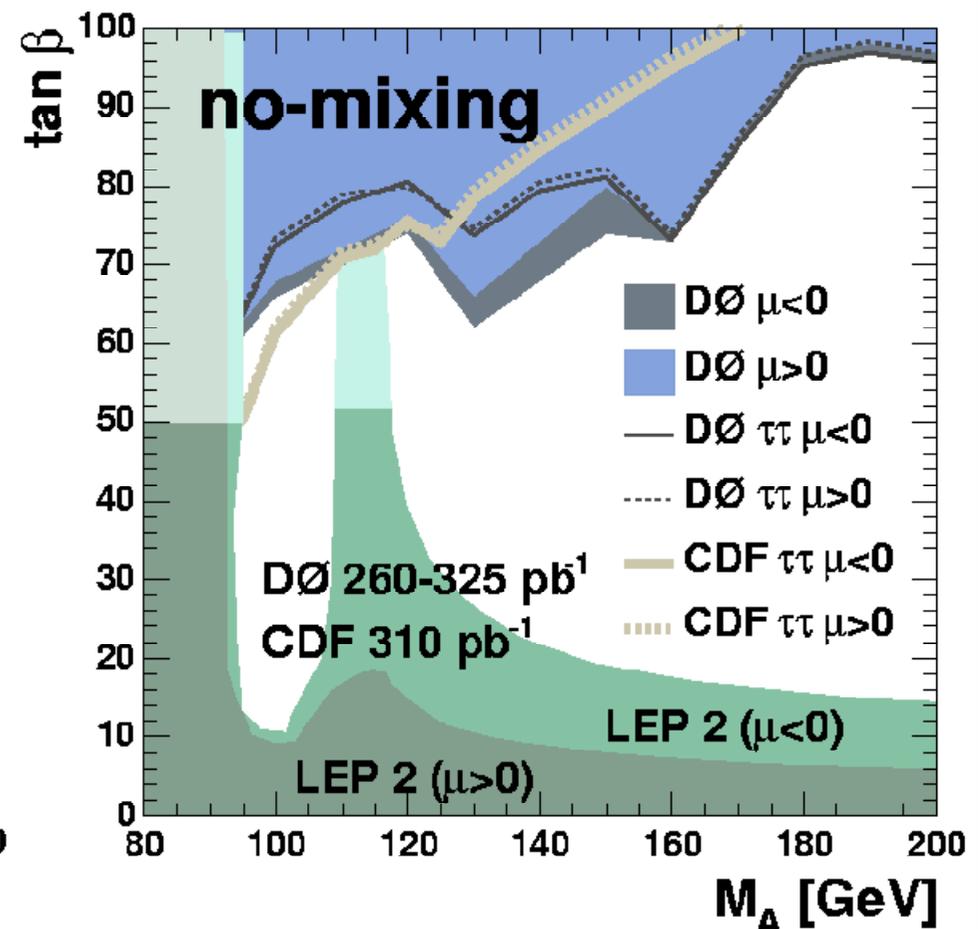
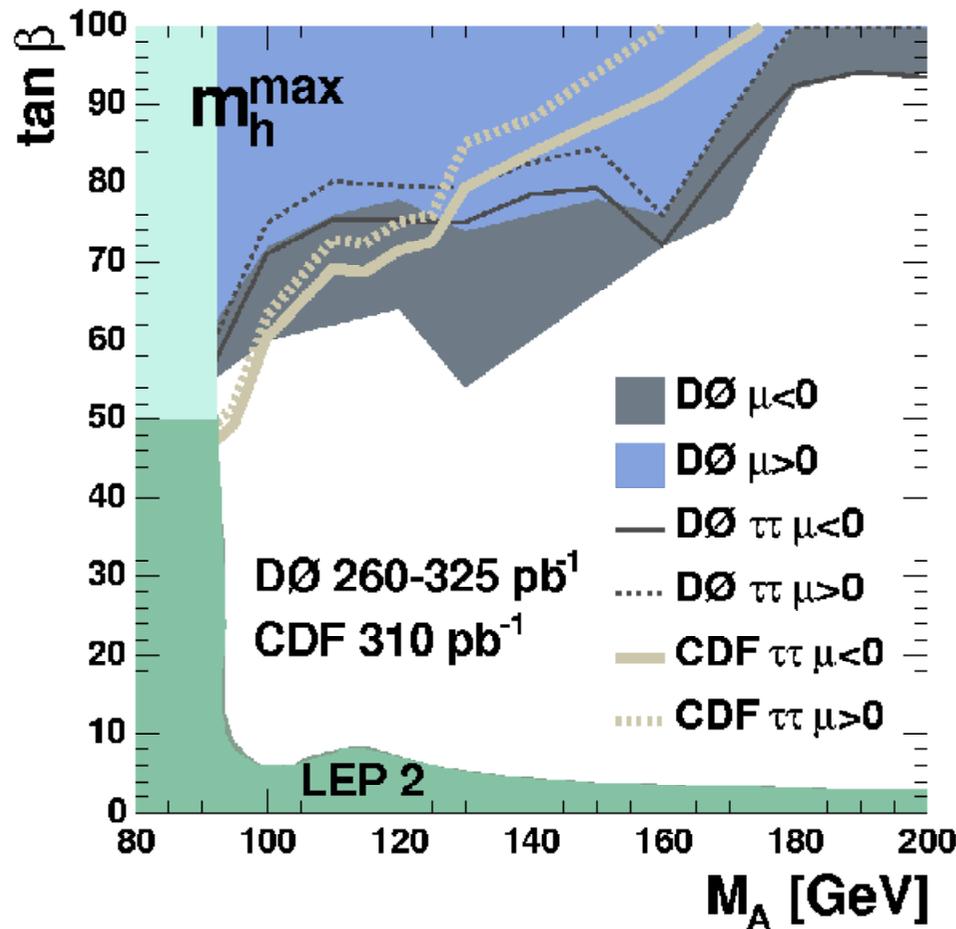
Submitted: hep-ex/0605009



Combined Results with $hb(b)$: m_A - $\tan\beta$ plane



DØ results of bbh are included, $L = 260 \text{ pb}^{-1}$, PRL 95, 151801 (2005), after reinterpretation in these 4 scenarios (small modification)



Feynhiggs 2.3 (Thanks to S. Heinemeyer et. al.)

MSSM Higgs Summary and Outlook



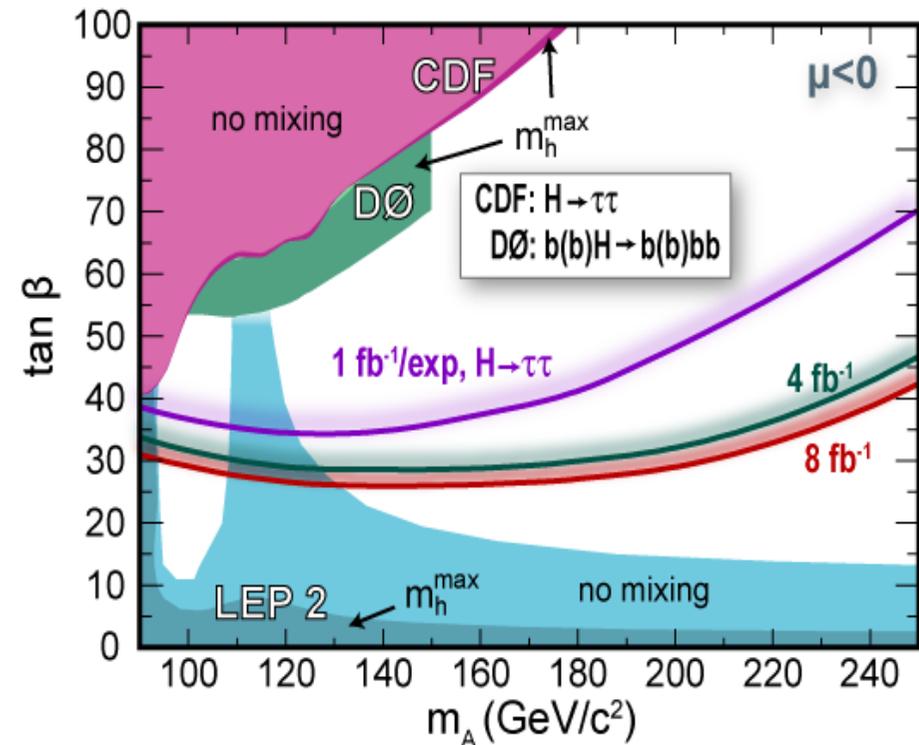
After the published bbh search, another search for MSSM Neutral Higgs Bosons in $\tau\tau$ final states has been performed using 325 pb^{-1} data taken by DØ in Run II
No indication for a signal has been found
Upper limits were derived at 95% CL

$\tau\tau$ results are comparable in sensitivity with those of CDF

- Combination with $hb(b) \rightarrow bbb(b)$ has been performed \rightarrow most sensitive to date.

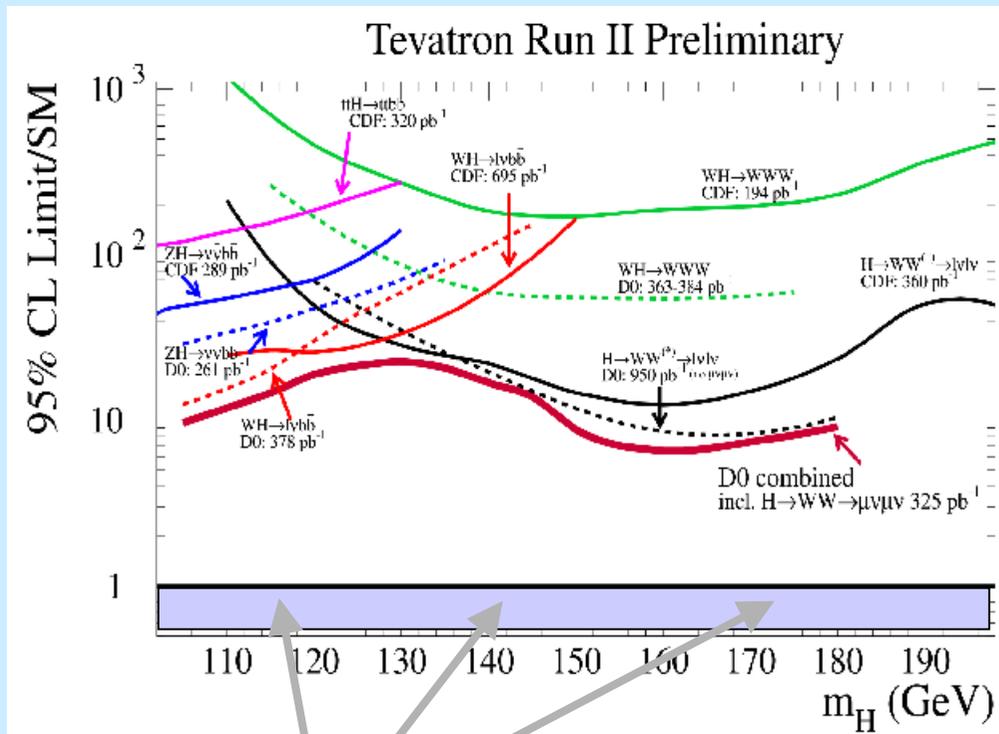
- Update with 1.2 fb^{-1} in progress

- With some sensitivity progress MSSM Higgs could be, by 2009, well constrained in some of these models up to 180 GeV, since, for instance, LEP exclude them up to 15-20 in $\tan\beta$ in the no-mixing scenario

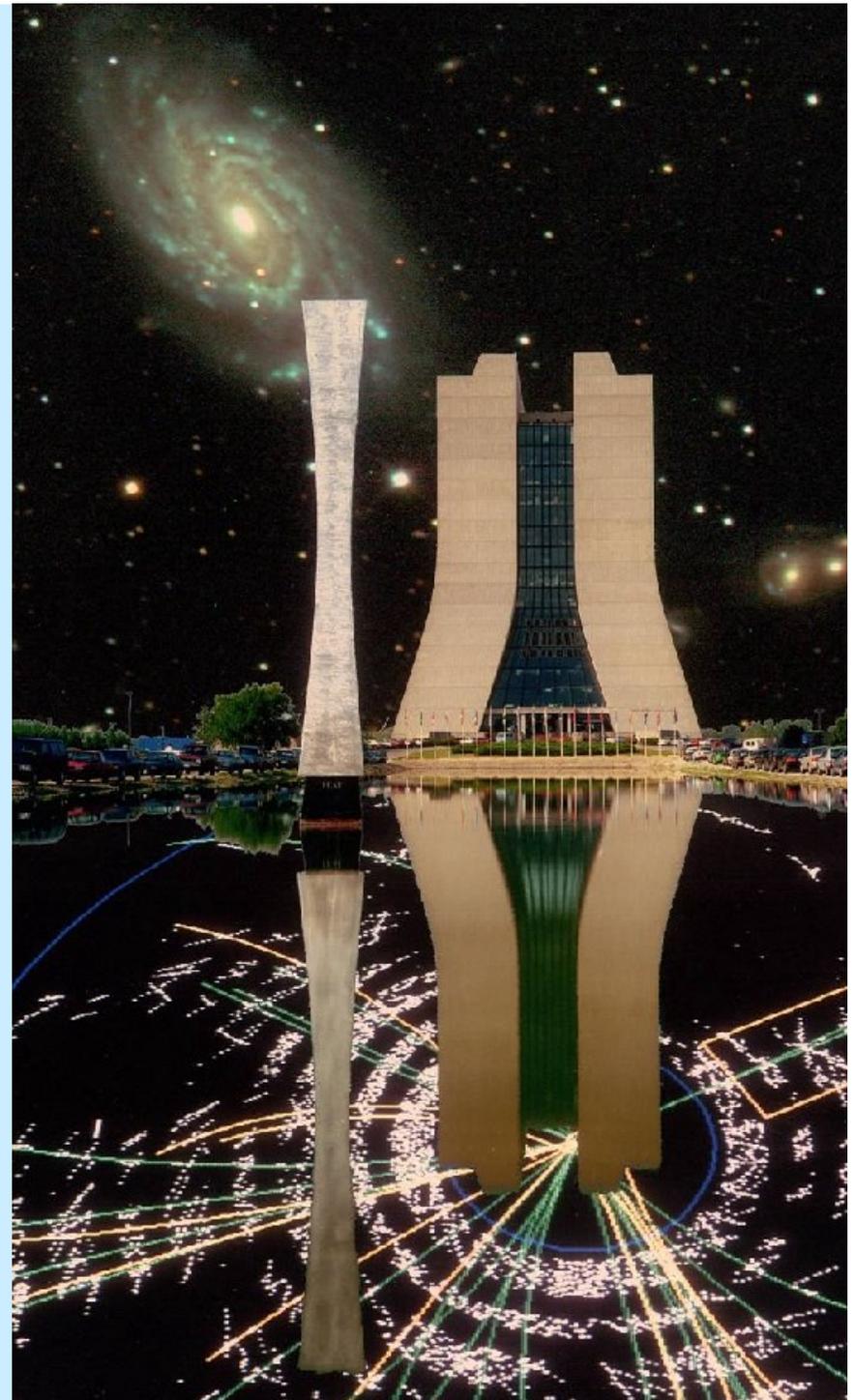


Conclusions

Will we soon understand better what's going on in the Universe?



if we get somewhere around **here** the answer is **YES!**
So let's carry on !!!





Tevatron SM Higgs Search: Outlook

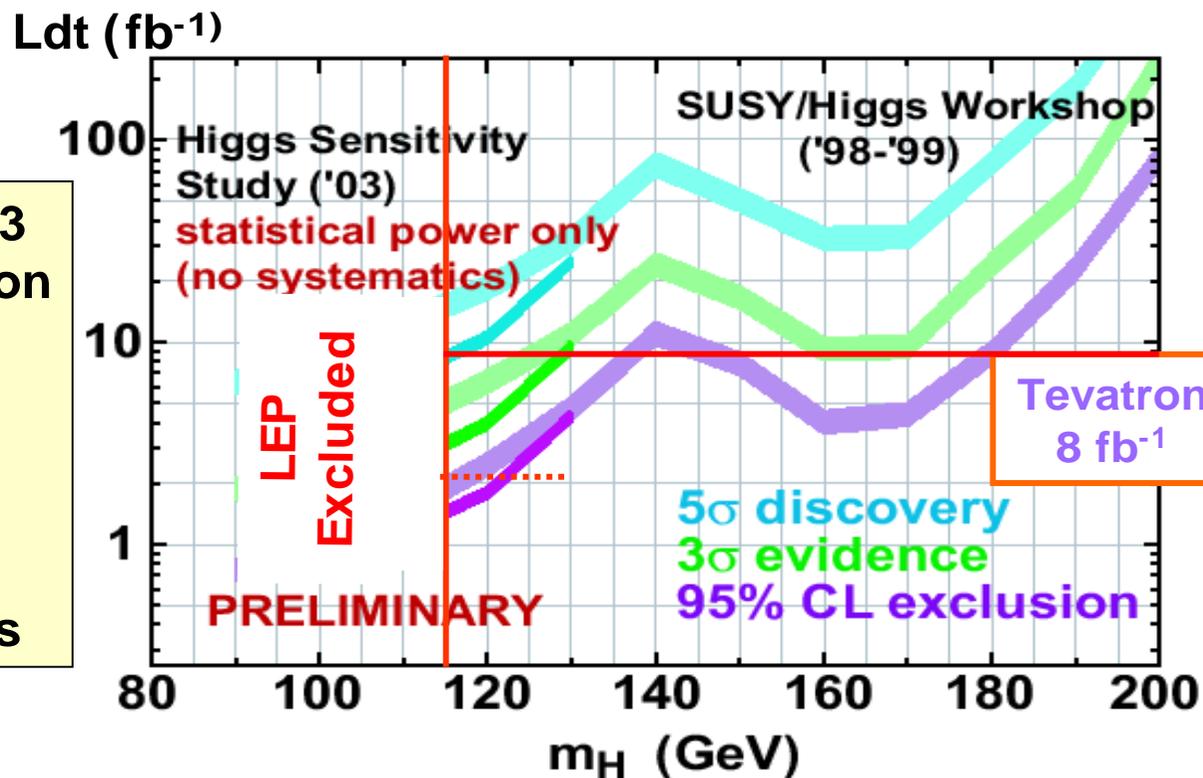


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Prospects updated in 2003
in the low Higgs mass region

$W(Z) H \rightarrow l\nu(\nu\nu, ll) b\bar{b}$

→ better detector understanding
→ optimization of analysis



Sensitivity in the mass region above LEP limit (114 GeV) starts at $\sim 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

With 8 fb^{-1} : exclusion 115-135 GeV & 145-180 GeV,
5 - 3 sigma discovery/evidence @ 115 - 130 GeV

Meanwhile

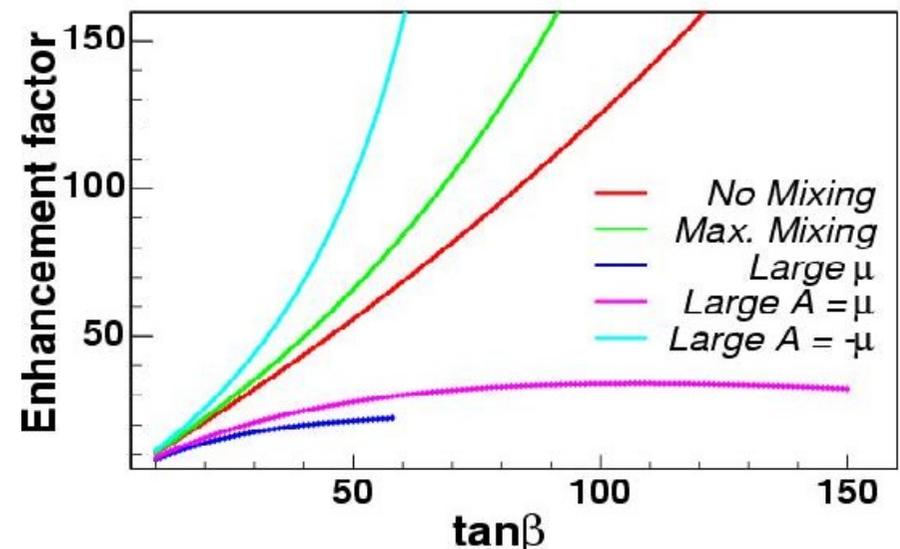
- optimizing analysis techniques, understanding detectors better
- measuring SM backgrounds ($t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$, $Zb\bar{b}$, $Wb\bar{b}$, WW , soon single top)
- **Placing first Combined Higgs limits and compare to the prospects**

Higgs Production and Decay at High $\tan\beta$



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- Interesting feature of many MSSM scenarios:
[m_h, m_H] $\approx m_A$ at high $\tan\beta$ (most benchmark scenarios)
- At leading order, $\Gamma(A^0 \rightarrow bb)$ and $\Gamma(A^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$ are both proportional to $\tan^2\beta$.
- Decays to W, Z are not enhanced and so Br. falls with increasing $\tan\beta$ (even at high m_A)
- $\text{Br}(A^0 \rightarrow bb) \sim 90\%$ and $\text{Br}(A^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) \sim 10\%$ almost independent of $\tan\beta$ (some gg too).
- Our two benchmark scenarios
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