The search for $H \rightarrow WW$ at CDF

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   - Production and decays seen at the Tevatron
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   - Improvements
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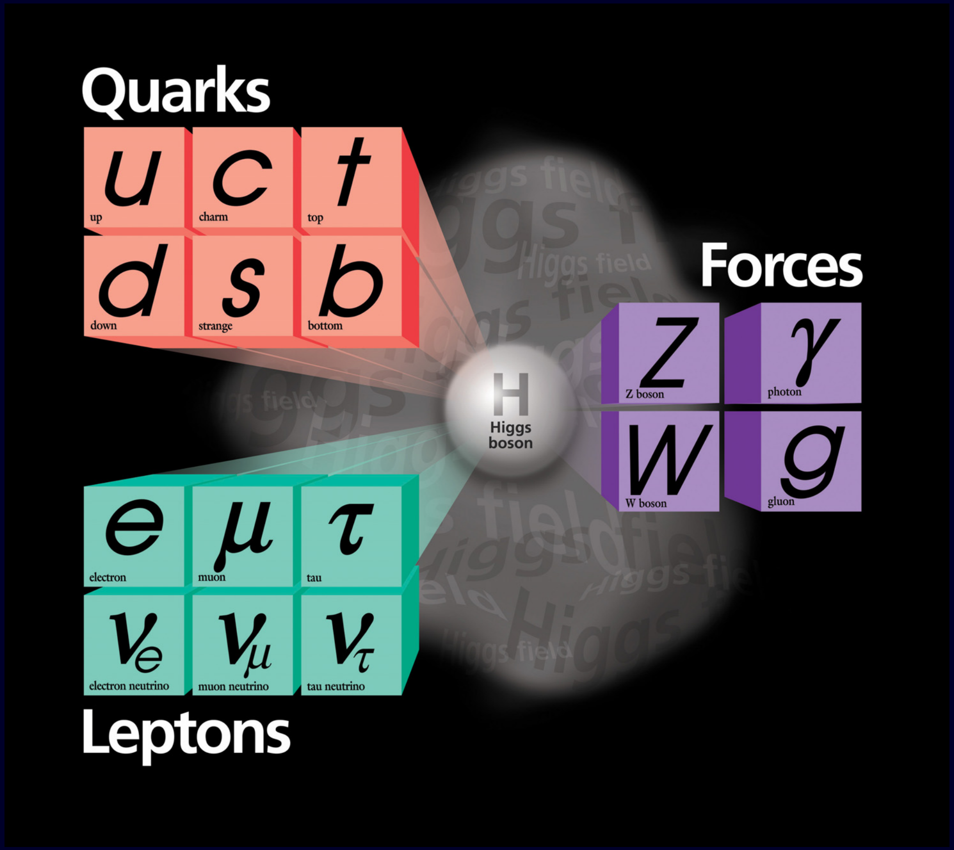
Higgs introduction



Standard Model has been very successful to describing the fundamental particles and their interactions

One critical component has yet to be confirmed…

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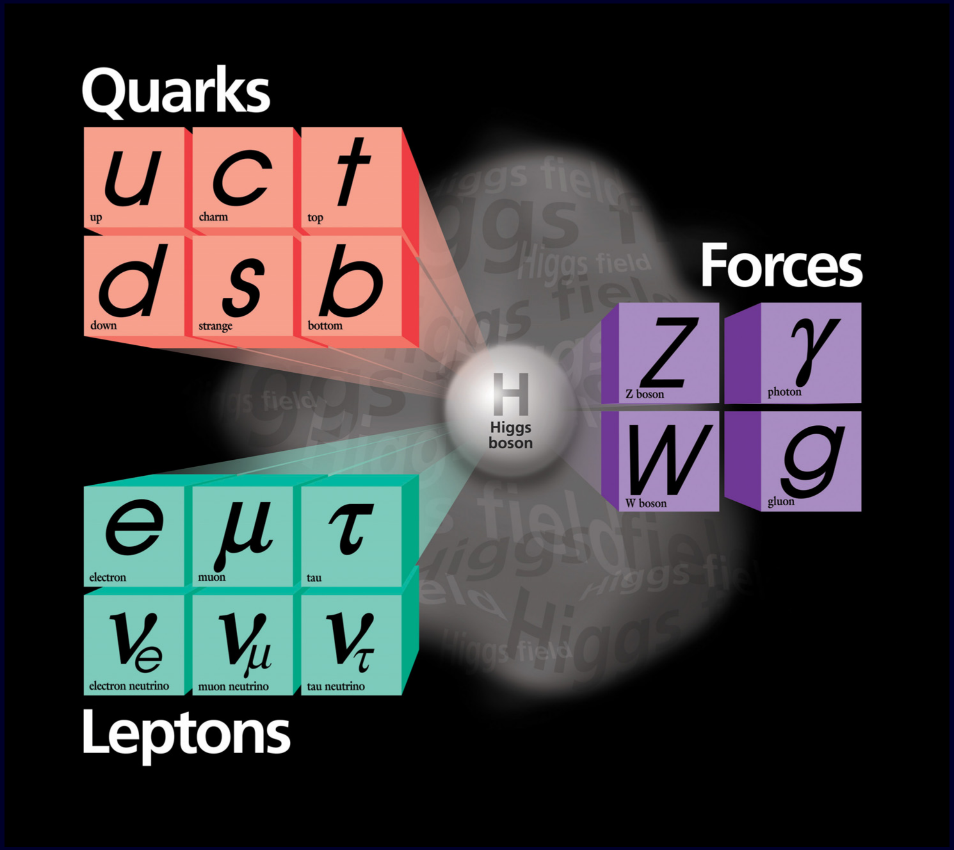


At high energies, electromagnetic and weak interactions unified into electroweak

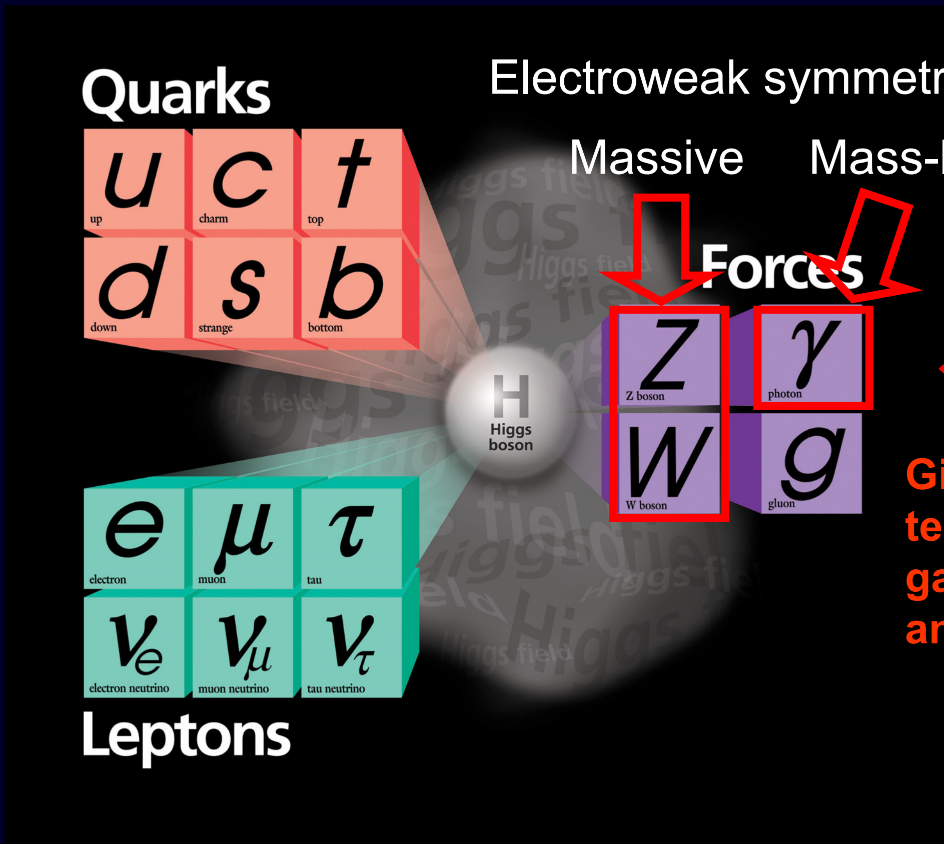
At low energies, they behave very differently though

The electroweak symmetry is broken

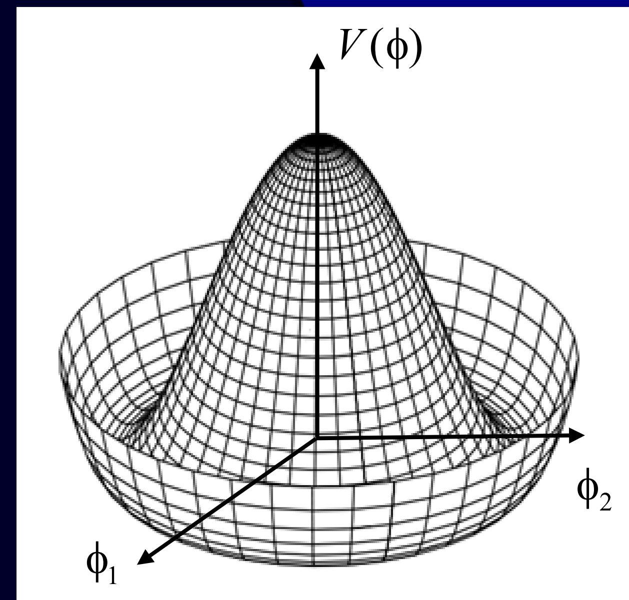
Higgs introduction

Electroweak symmetry broken

Massive Mass-less



Gives mass terms for gauge bosons and itself

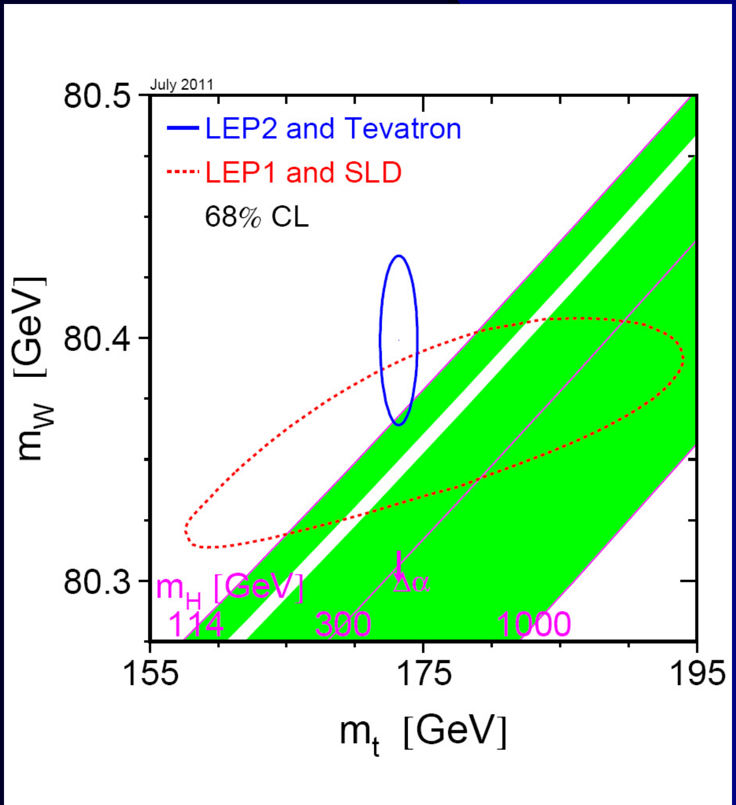


Where to look for the Higgs

Indirect constraints from precision electroweak measurements

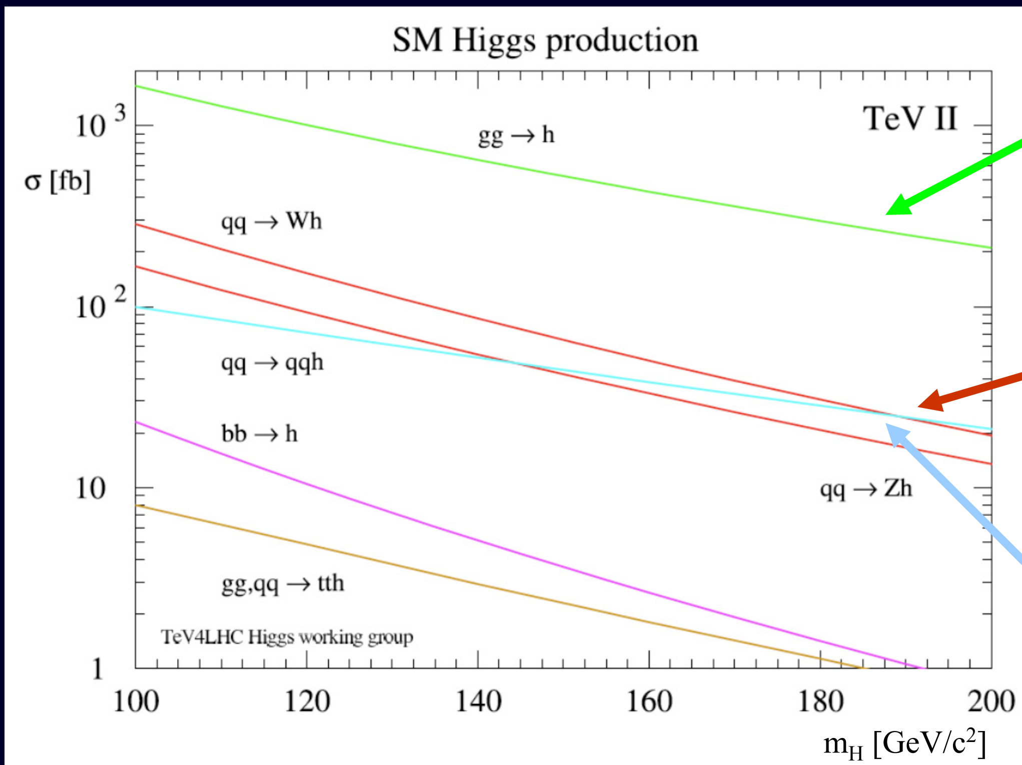
Top quark and Higgs boson contribute to W mass through self-interaction terms

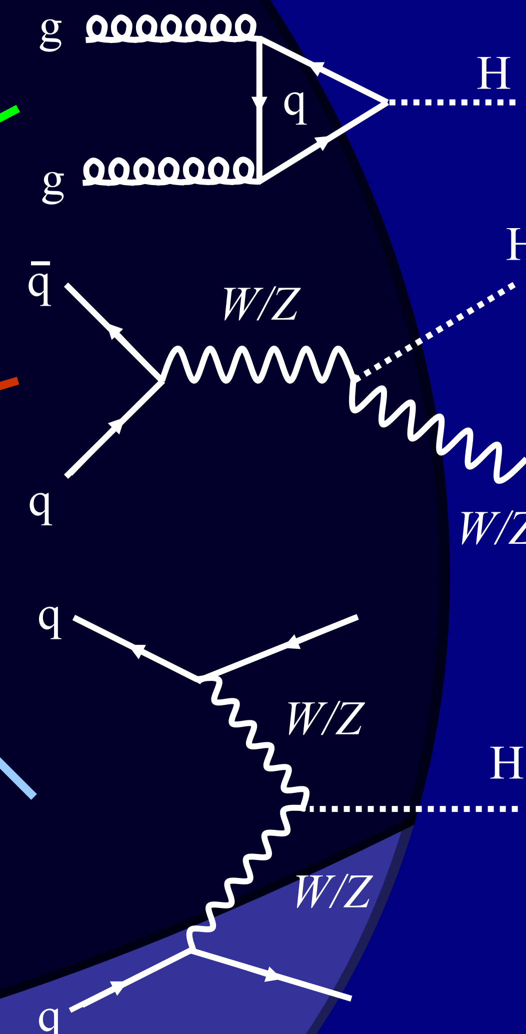
Central value of $m_H = 92\ \mathrm{GeV/c^2}$ and $m_H < 161\ \mathrm{GeV/c^2}$ at the 95% C.L.



LEP excluded masses less than $114.4\ \mathrm{GeV/c^2}$ at the 95% C.L.

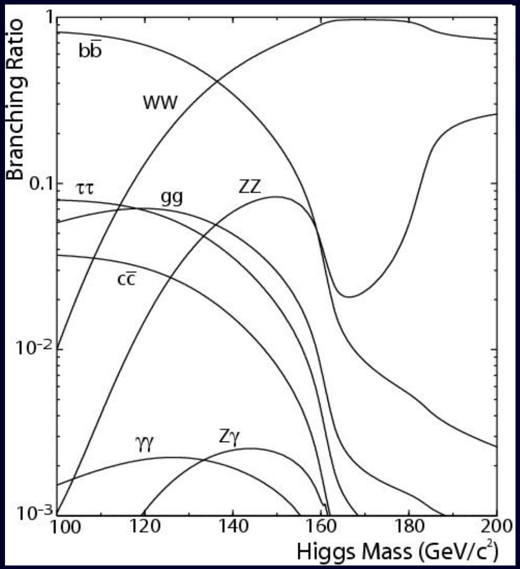
Higgs production at the Tevatron





Gluon fusion easily dominates
the other production mechanisms

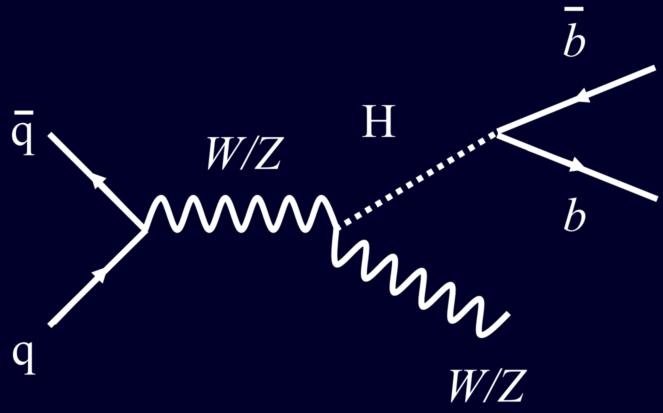
Higgs final states

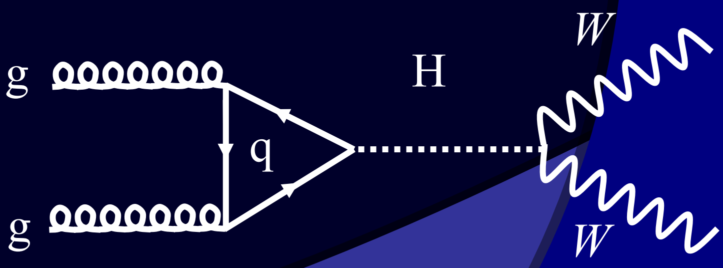


We concentrate on low and high mass separately at the Tevatron

At $m_H < 135$ GeV/c^2, $H \to b\bar{b}$ dominates

At $m_H > 135$ GeV/c^2, $H \to WW$ dominates





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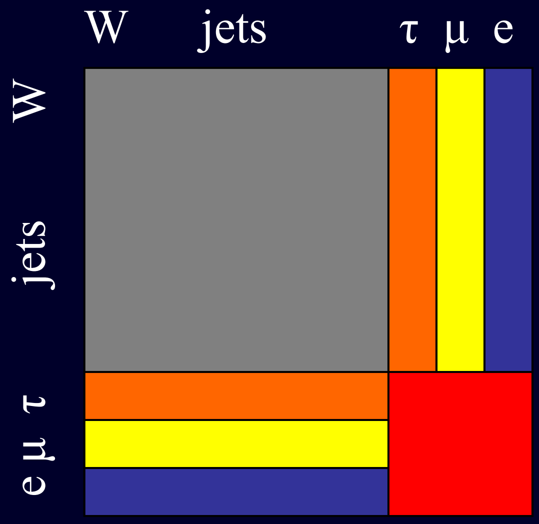
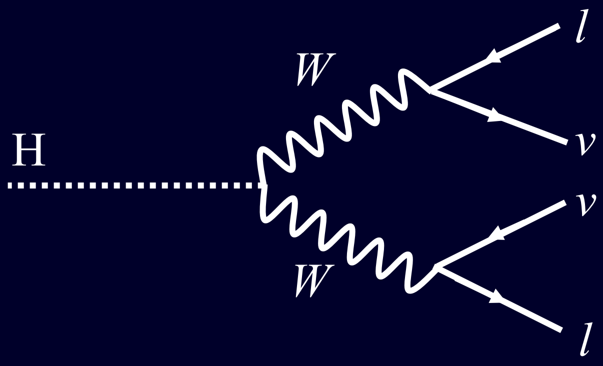


Branching ratio of the *W*s

We focus on the decay modes of $W \rightarrow l\nu$ (about 10% for e, μ, and τ each)

The high p_T lepton from the W provides an excellent handle



Our event selection is simple: two high p_T leptons and missing E_T

CDF detector components

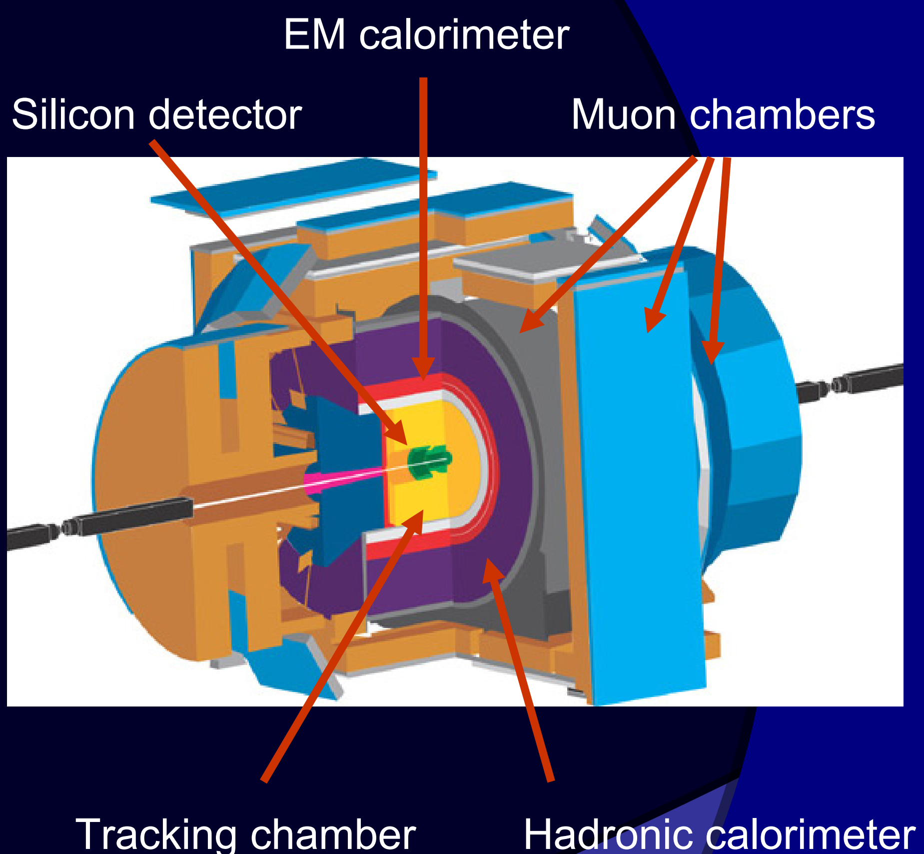
Higgs searches incorporate most detector components

- Tracking from silicon detector and drift chamber

- Central and forward muon chambers

- EM calorimeter for electron candidates

- Hadronic calorimeter to find jets



Challenging search at the Tevatron

Low cross-section at the Tevatron
- Less than 1 pb

Cover as many final states as possible
- Efficient triggers
- Efficient lepton identification

Event signature is background dominated
- Must model each background accurately

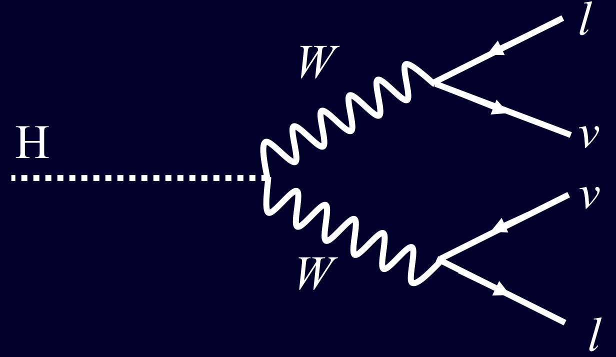
Simple counting is not sufficient
- Use kinematics to separate signal from background

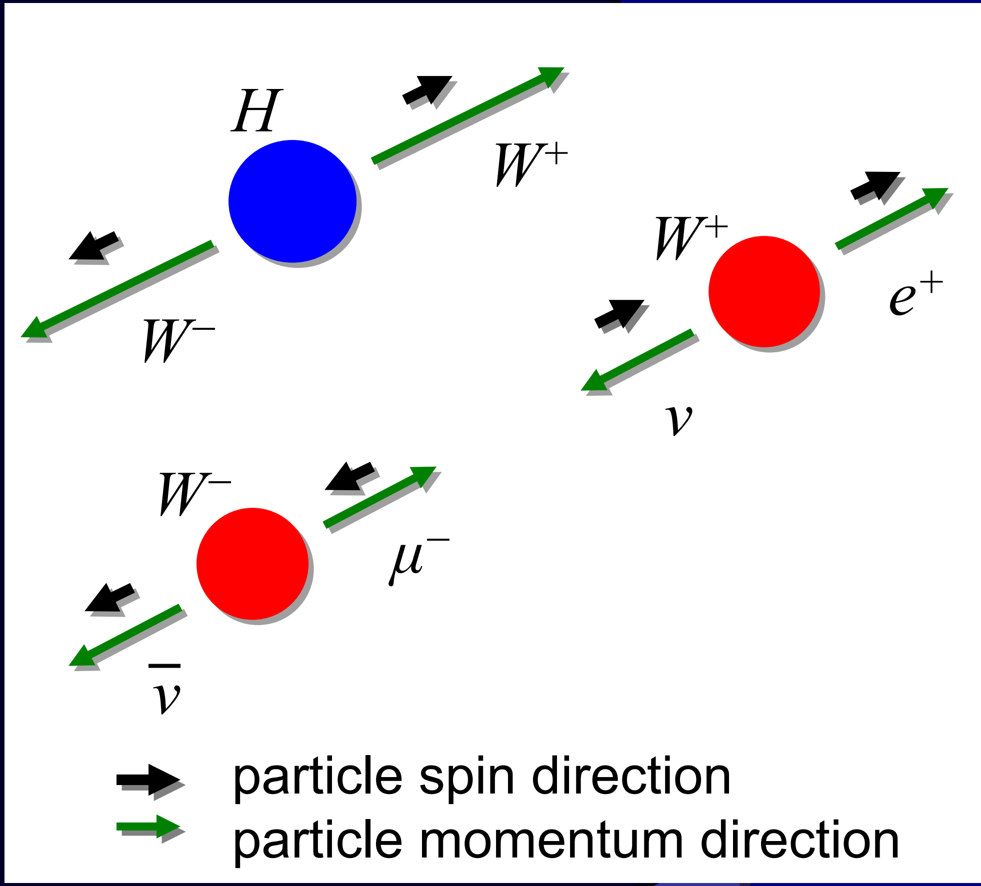
An example of kinematic separation

The Higgs is a spin 0 boson

- The W bosons must have 0 net spin

- The handedness of the weak interaction results in the charged leptons going off in same direction

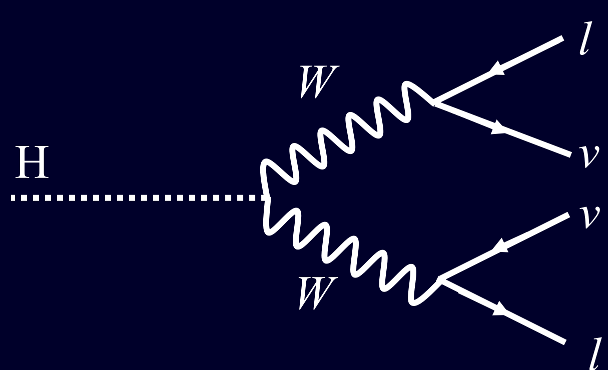


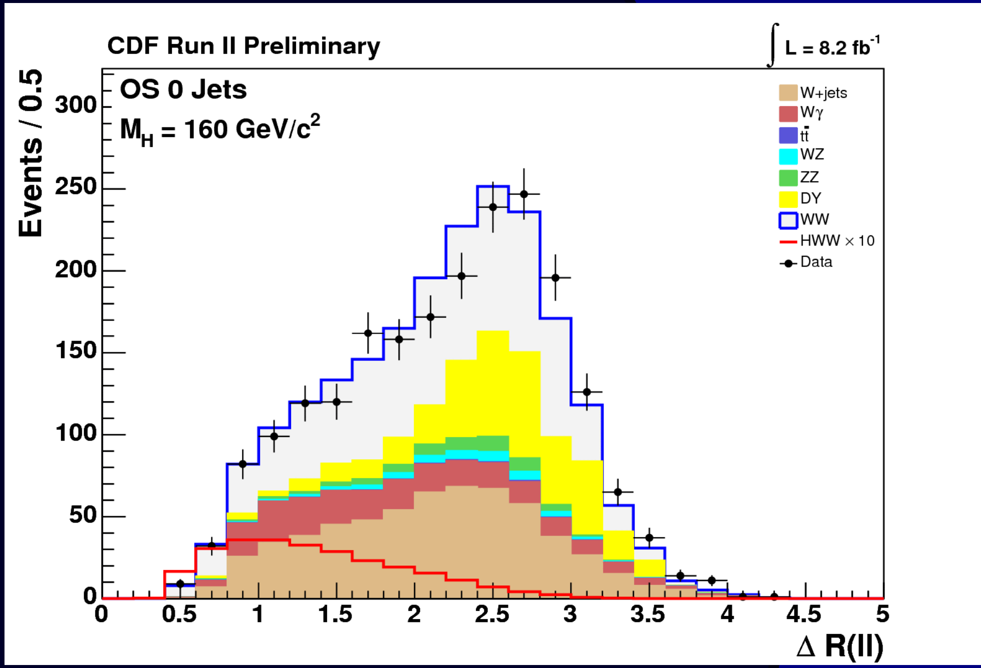


An example of kinematic separation

The small opening angle becomes one of our most powerful discriminants to separate out signal

In this instance, $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\varphi)^2+(\Delta\eta)^2}$ between leptons is a measure of spatial separation





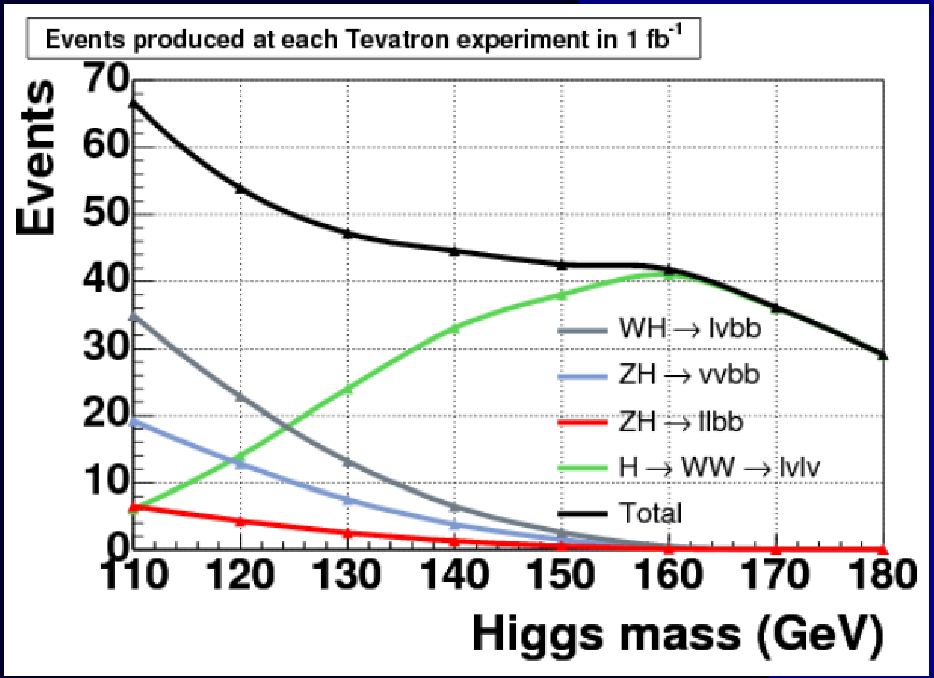
ΔR separates the red Higgs signal from the many backgrounds

The analysis roadmap

Start with high p_T e and μ triggered data, maximize acceptance

Model backgrounds accurately, check in control regions

Multivariate techniques separate signal from background (S/B~0.01)

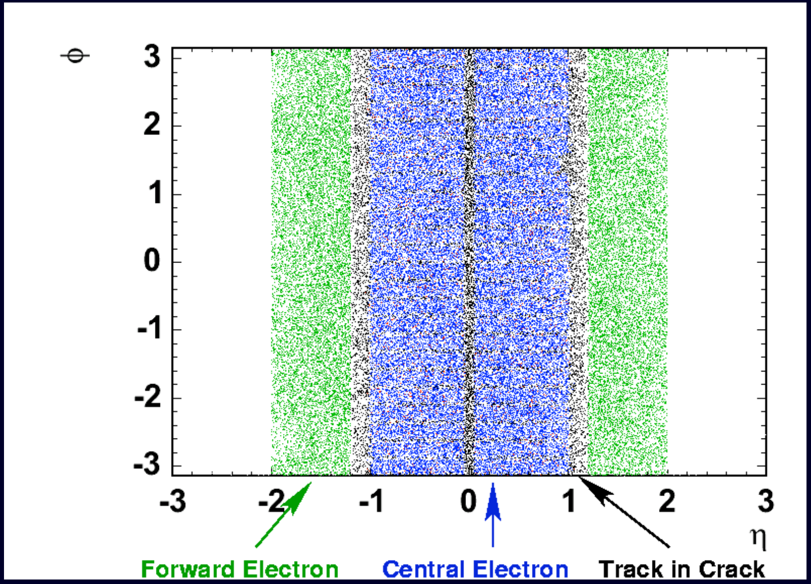


Expect only about 10 events per experiment at 165 GeV/c^2 after trigger, reconstruction, and event selection

The first step is maximizing the $H \rightarrow WW$ acceptance

Identifying electrons and muons

Electron ID

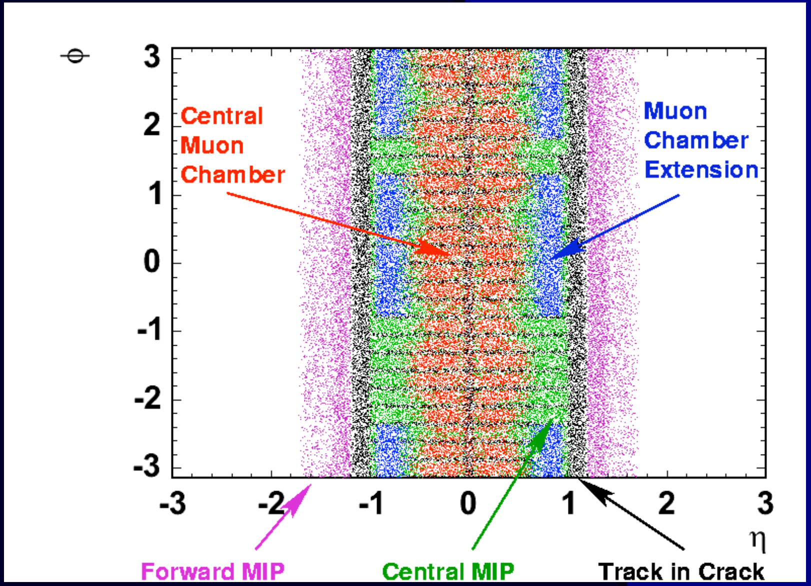


Central electrons (cut and likelihood based)

Forward electrons (cut and likelihood based)

Isolated tracks

Muon ID



Standard muons (red and blue)

Minimum ionizing tracks (central and forward)

Isolated tracks

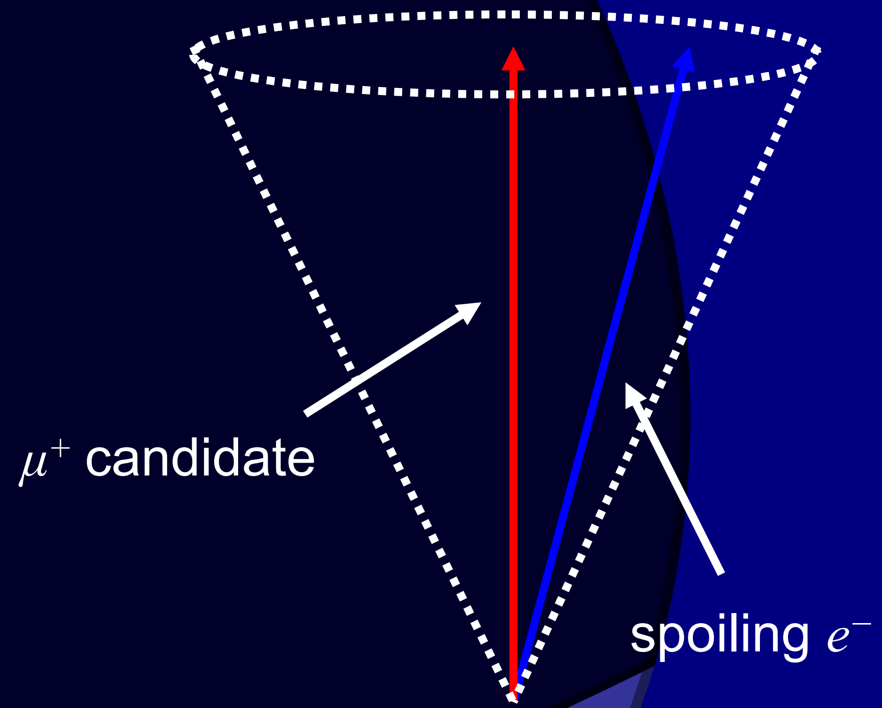
Improvements from CDF

Maximizing acceptance is the goal, motivates the improvements

Largest improvement from changing isolation calculation to prevent mutual spoilage from nearby candidates

CDF also adds in likelihood based forward electrons and an improved isolated track

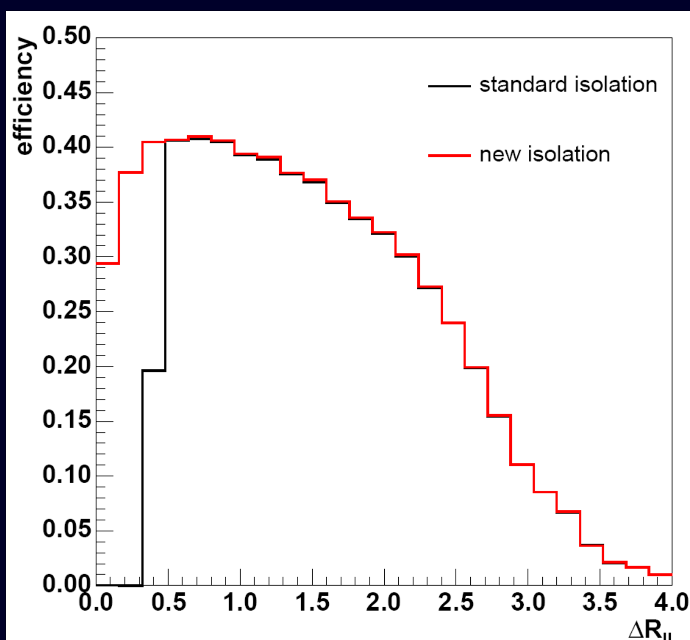
cone of $\sqrt{(\Delta\varphi)^2+(\Delta\eta)^2} = \Delta R < 0.4$

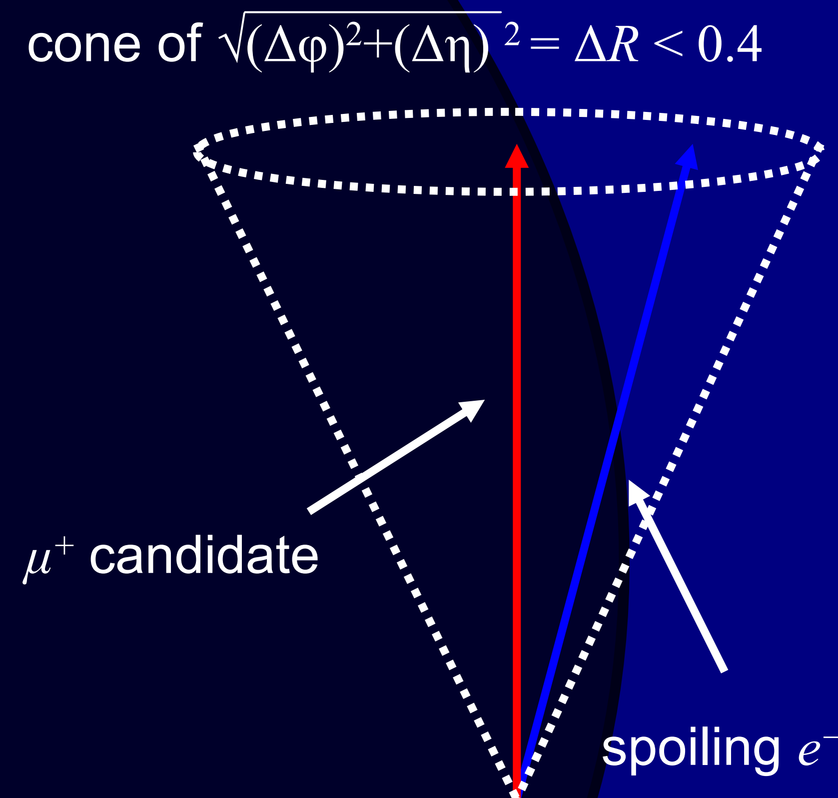


The new isolation

When the leptons are close enough in ΔR, they can spoil each others isolation requirements

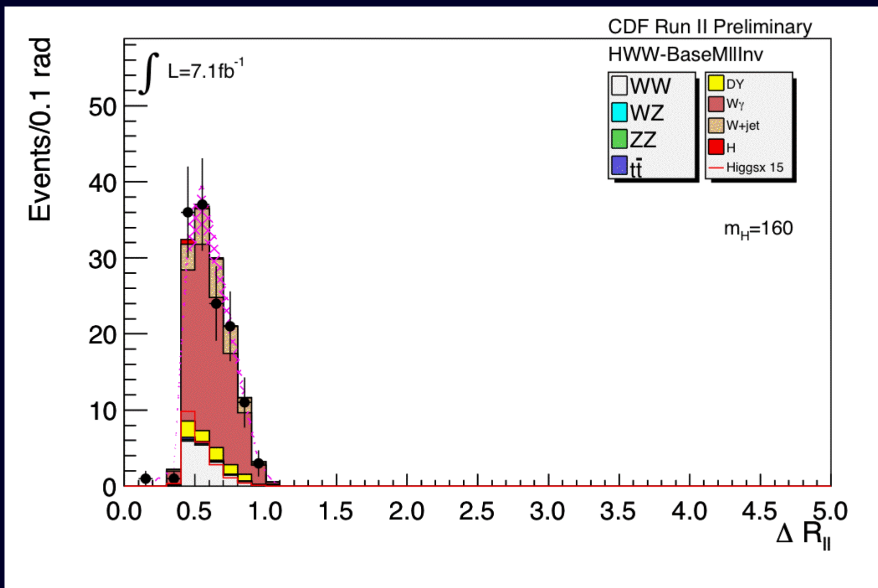
CDF re-evaluates the isolation criteria, removing likely electron or muons from the cone





$$Isolation = \frac{E_T^{cone} - E_T^{from\ muon}}{E_T^{muon}}$$

The new isolation's impact



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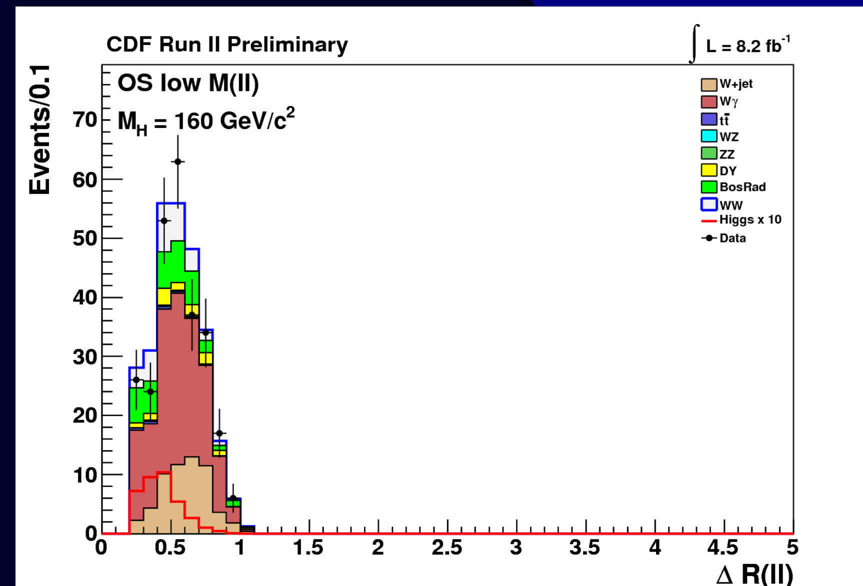


After

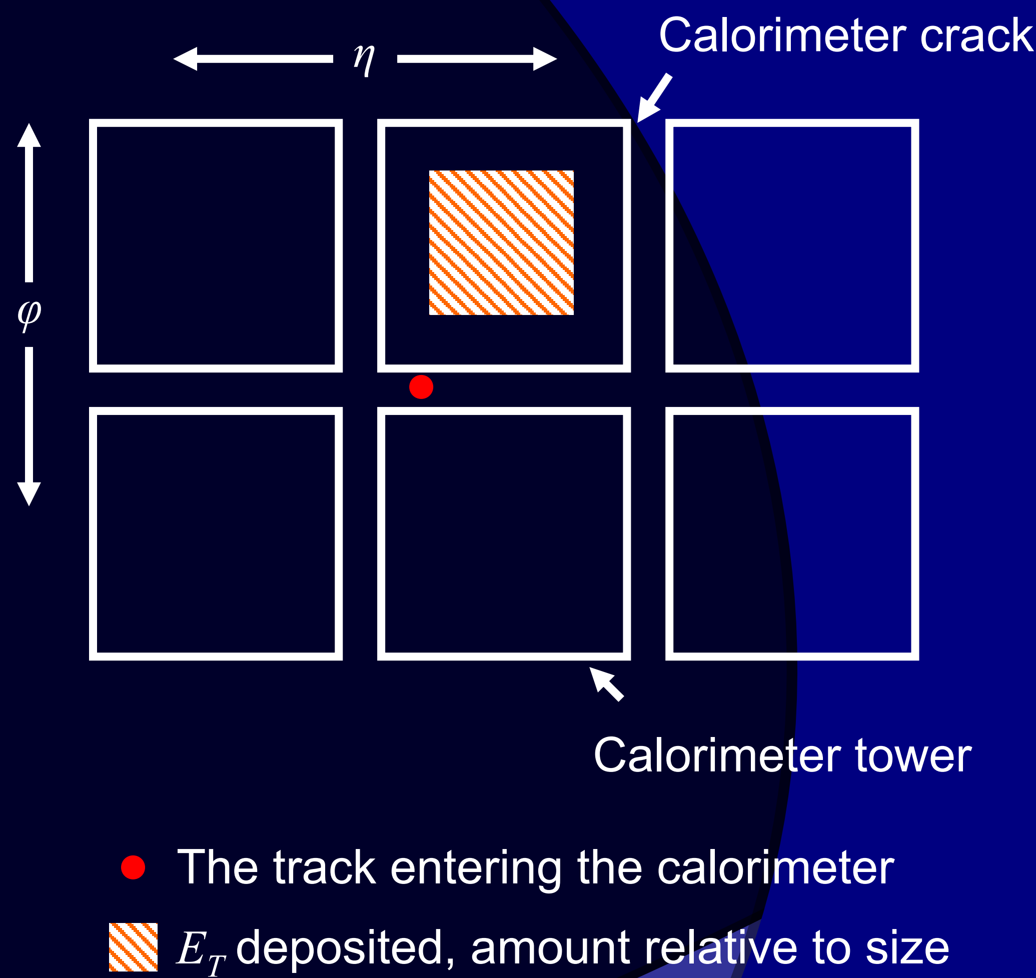
This improved our sensitivity in our low M_{ll} channel by a factor of 3!

New IsoCrkTrk category

Already take lepton tracks incident in calorimeter cracks without energy deposition or muon stubs

Electrons can radiate a photon, leaving EM energy in nearby towers

Accepted these candidates by relaxing EM isolation requirement



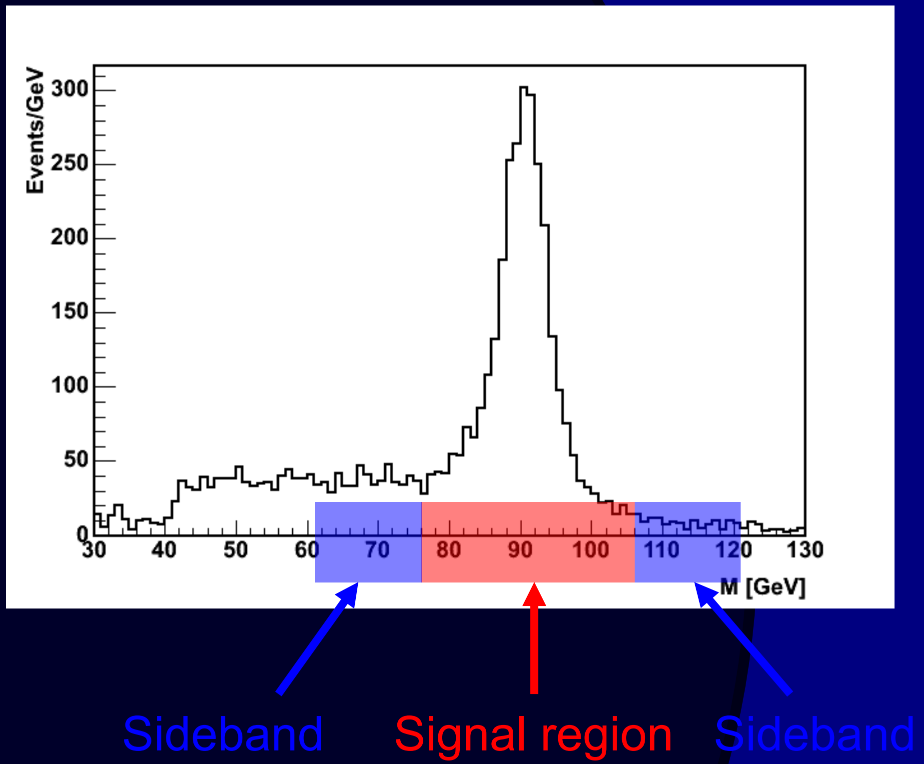
Challenges of adding new leptons

Lepton ID efficiencies are different between data and MC

We use $Z \to ll$ decays to measure efficiencies and correct for it

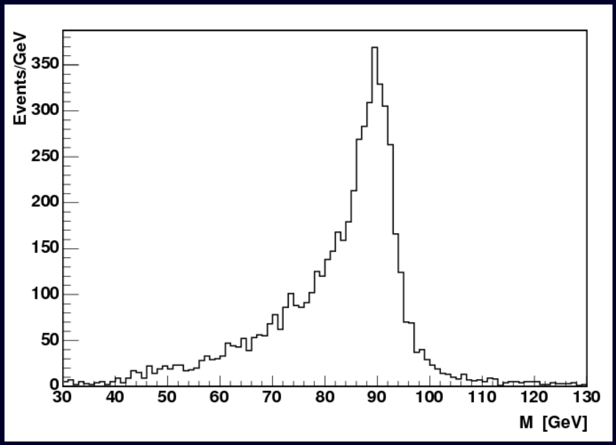
$$SF = \varepsilon_{data}/\varepsilon_{MC}$$

To determine Z signal events, normally use sideband subtraction

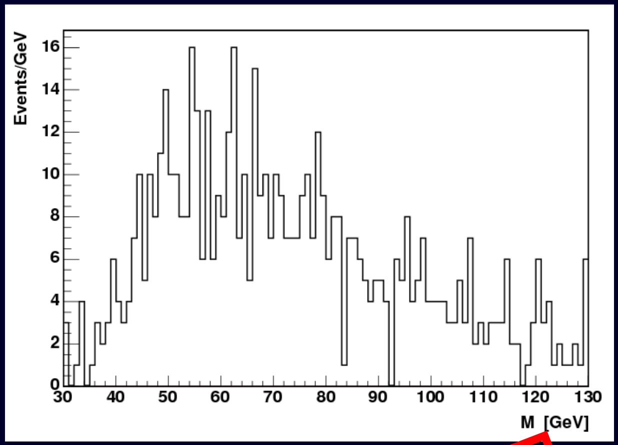


Challenges of adding new leptons

Sideband subtraction inadequate for IsoCrkTrk

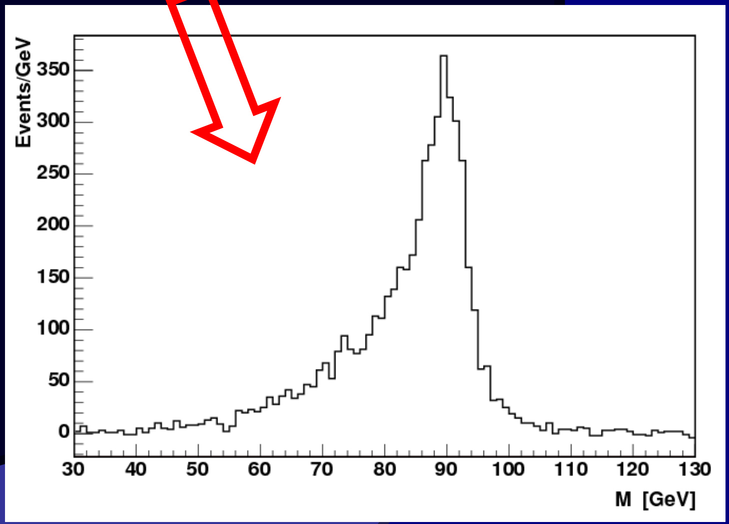


$Z \rightarrow ll$ (has tail)



Same-sign

$Z \rightarrow ll$, SS subtracted



Normal plot showed large Brehmsstrahlung tail, subtract out same-sign

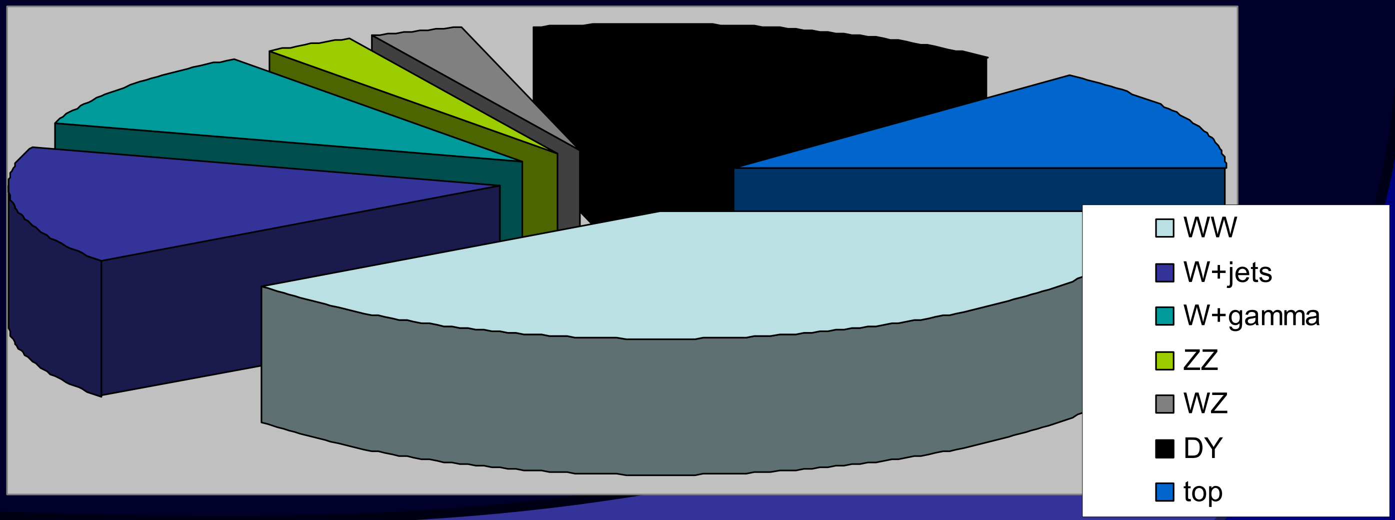
The Standard Model backgrounds in the $H \to WW$ channel

Standard Model backgrounds

Our backgrounds are *WW*, *WZ*, *ZZ*, Drell-Yan, W+γ, *W*+jets, and top

We need to separate out a small signal from a large background

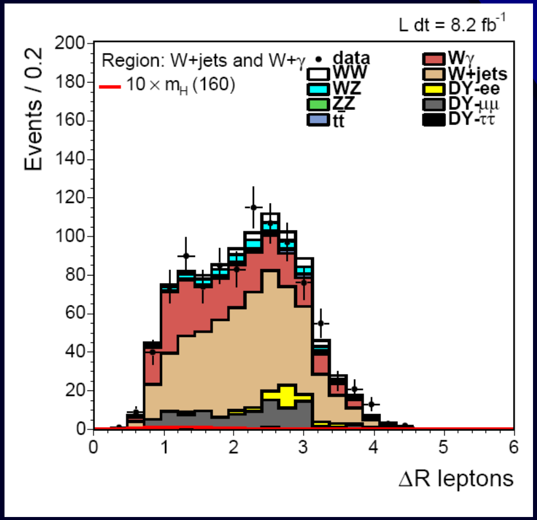
Remember, even in CDF's most sensitive channel, we still only have S/B~0.01 after preselection cuts



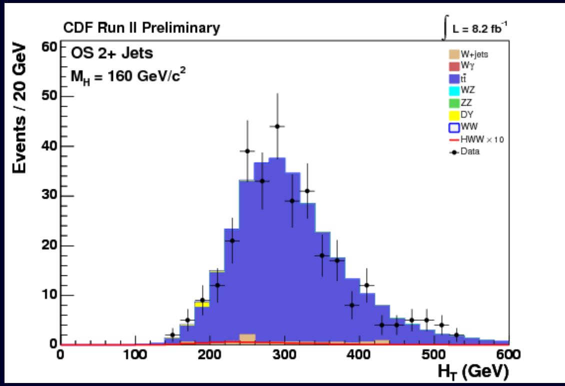
Cross-checking the background modeling

For each background, we preferably have a control region to validate our modeling of it

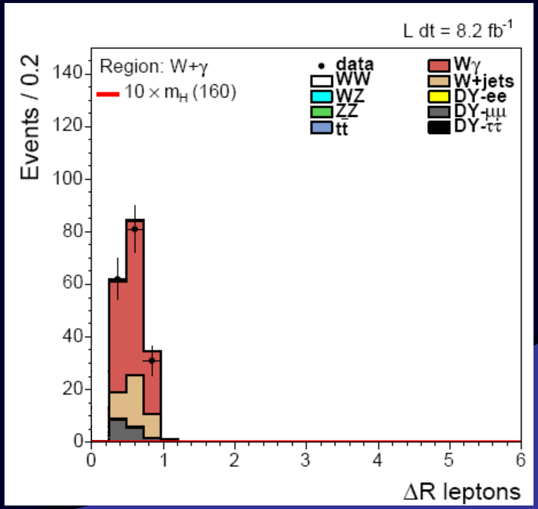
For *WW*, *WZ*, and *ZZ* though, we are not able to define a region, rely on cross-section measurement, will come back to this later



For W+jets, use same-sign dileptons



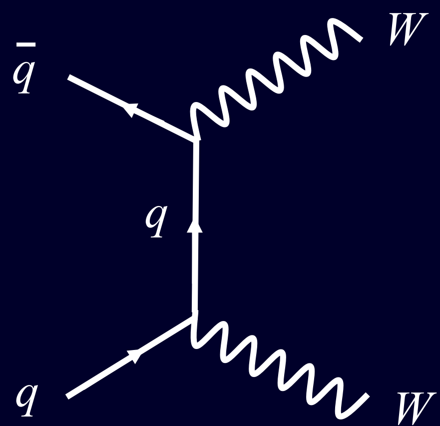
For top, use opposite-sign dileptons, 2+jets and a b-tag

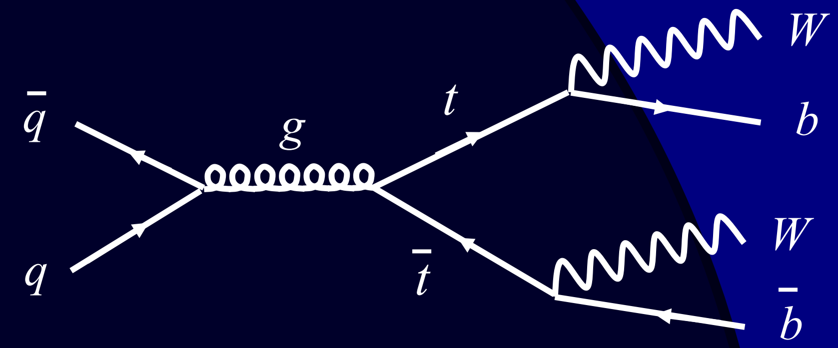


For $W+\gamma$, use same-sign dileptons for $M_{ll} < 16$ GeV/c^2

What else does CDF do to maximize our sensitivity to $H \rightarrow WW$?

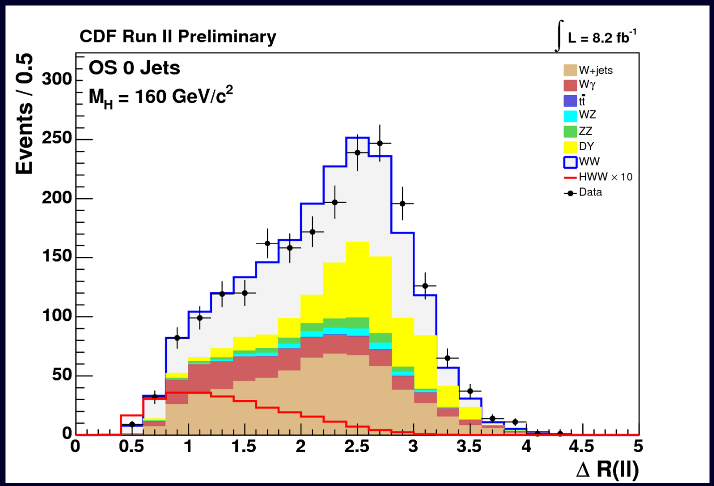
Know your signals and backgrounds

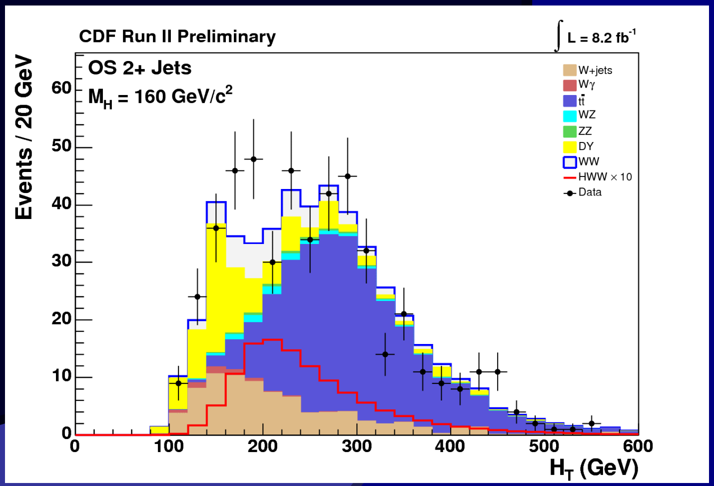




With no jets at LO, the *WW* background dominates in no jets bin

With two jets, the $t\bar{t}$ background dominates





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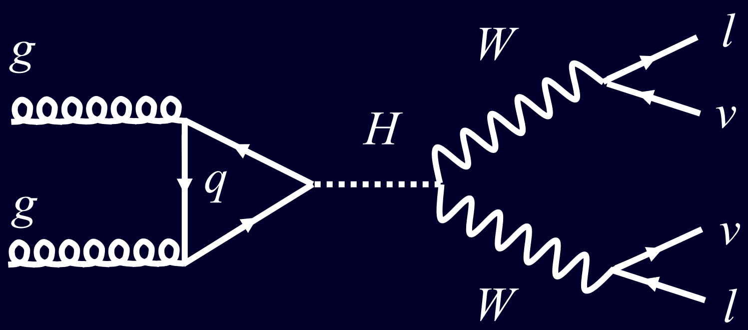
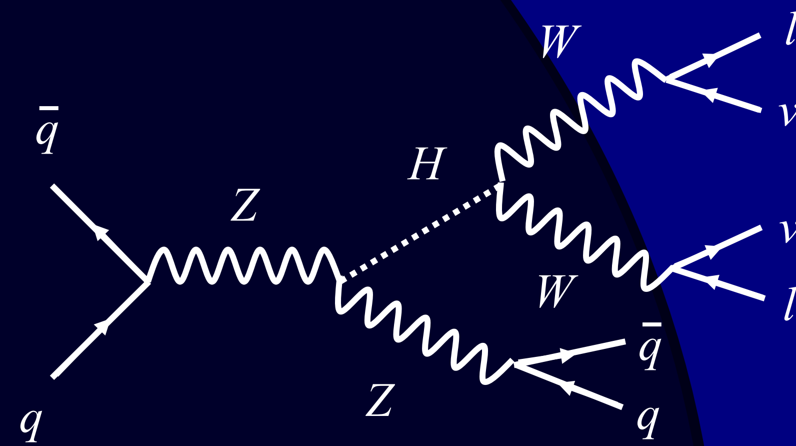


No jets at LO for $gg \rightarrow H$

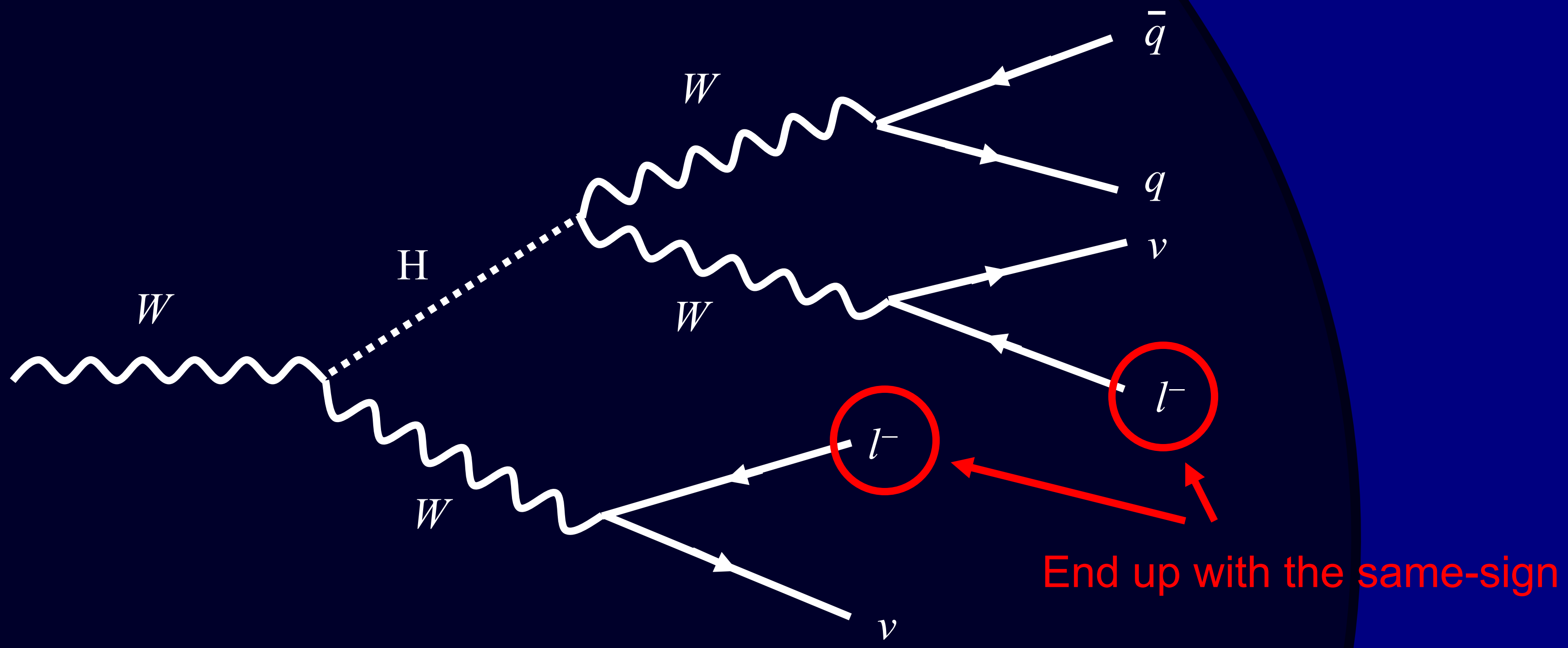


Two jets at LO for $qq \rightarrow ZH$

Our signals and backgrounds vary by the number of jets!

We divide the data up into subsamples to capitalize

Not exclusively opposite-sign



We use a same-sign channel to take advantage of associated production

The channels used by CDF

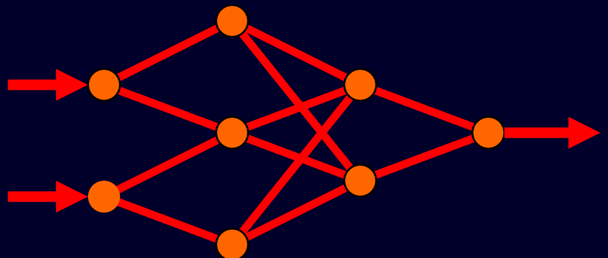
Channel	Main Signal	Main Background	Most Important kinematic variables
OS dileptons, 0 Jets	$gg \to H$	WW	LR_{HWW}, ΔR_{ll}, H_T
OS dileptons, 1 Jet	$gg \to H$	DY	ΔR_{ll}, $m_T(ll,E_T)$, E_T
OS dileptons, 2+ Jets	Mixture	t-tbar	H_T, ΔR_{ll}, M_{ll}
OS dileptons, low M_{ll}, 0 or 1 Jet	$gg \to H$	W+γ	$p_T(l2)$, $p_T(l1)$, $E(l1)$
SS dileptons, 1+ Jet	$WH \to WWW$	W+Jets	E_T, $\sum E_T^{jets}$, M_{ll}
Tri-leptons, no Z candidate	$WH \to WWW$	WZ	E_T, ΔR_{ll}^{close}, Type(lll)
Tri-leptons, Z candidate, 1 Jet	$ZH \to ZWW$	WZ	Jet E_T, ΔR_{lj}, E_T
Tri-leptons, Z candidate, 2+ Jets	$ZH \to ZWW$	Z+Jets	M_{jj}, M_T^H, ΔR_{WW}
OS dilepton, electron + hadronic tau	$gg \to H$	W+Jets	$\Delta R_{l\tau}$, τ id variables
OS dilepton, muon + hadronic tau	$gg \to H$	W+Jets	$\Delta R_{l\tau}$, τ id variables

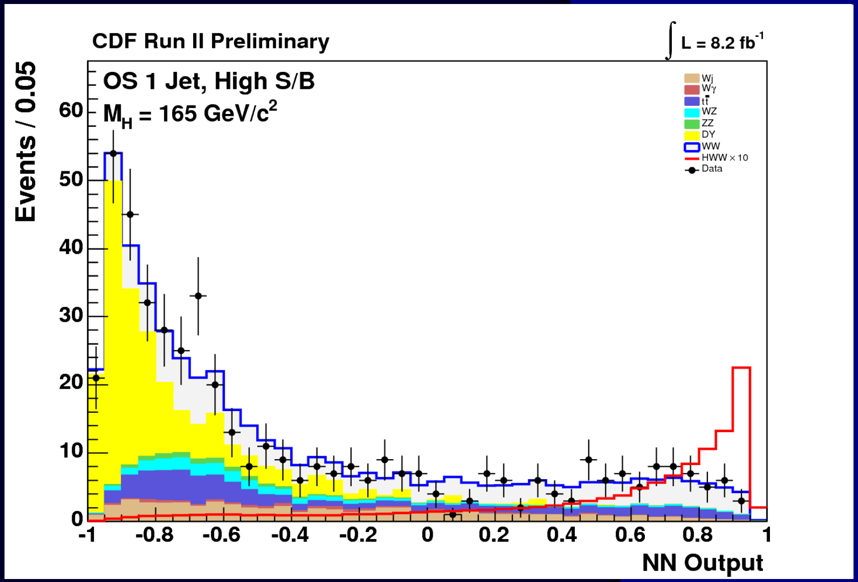
What I'm focusing on today

Neural network discriminant

Allows roughly a 10-20% improvement over a traditional cut based analysis

Event kinematics





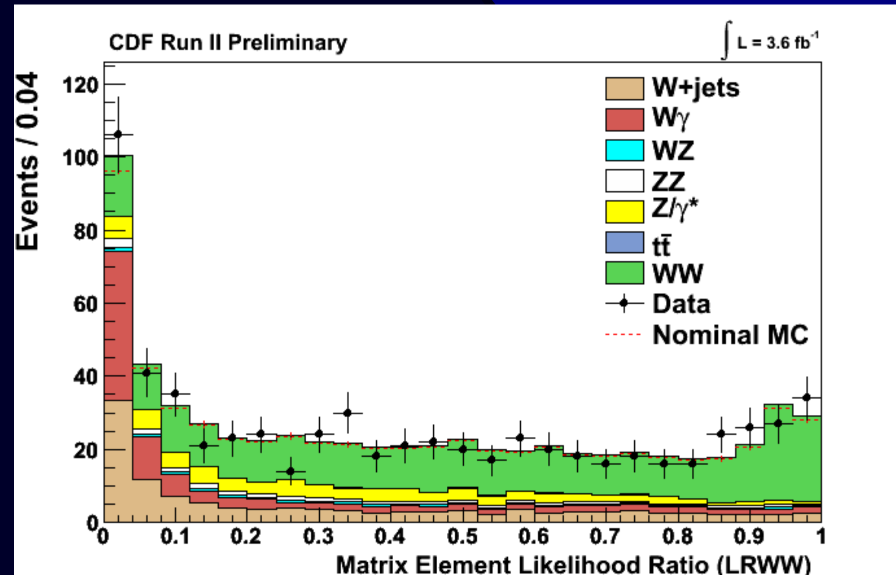
Produces final discriminant that we fit for final limits

The red Higgs signal gets separated from backgrounds

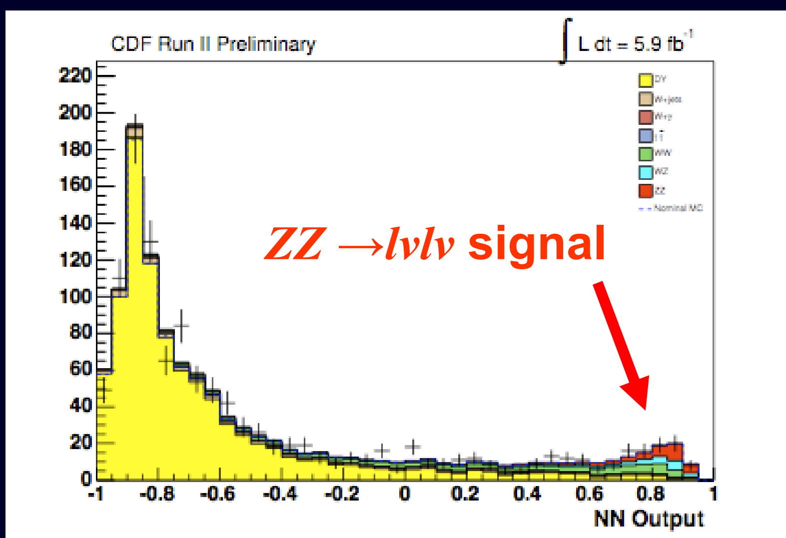
Diboson cross-sections

Measuring diboson cross-section in same final states provides a powerful cross-check of analysis techniques

Same analysis techniques are used as in the $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ search



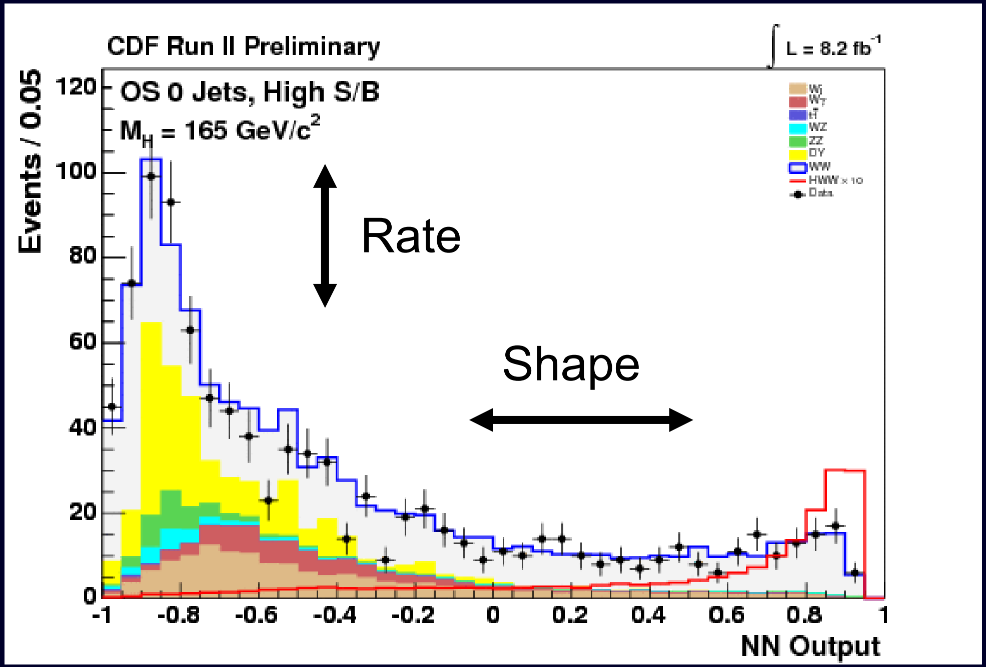
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow WW) = 12.1 \pm 0.9\,(\text{stat.})\,^{+1.6}_{-1.4}\,(\text{syst.})\,[\text{pb}]$$



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow ZZ) = 1.45 \pm\,^{+0.45}_{-0.42}\,(\text{stat.})\,^{+0.41}_{-0.30}\,(\text{syst.})\,[\text{pb}]$$

Both measurements agree very well with theory

Systematic uncertainties



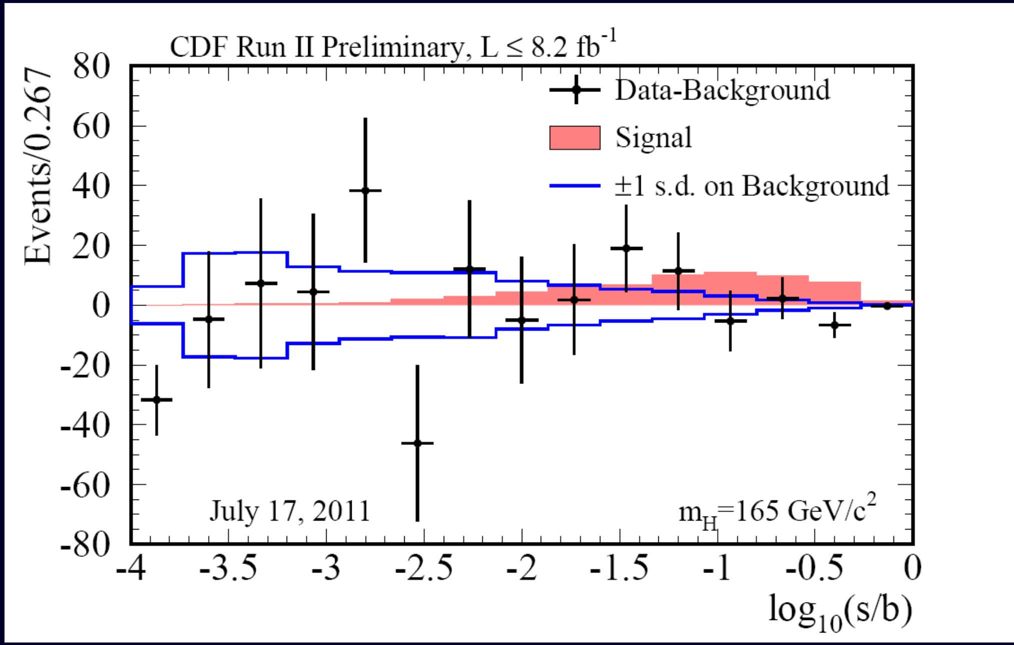
There are two categories of systematics impacting the final discriminant, shape and rate (normalization)

The uncertainties get accounted for as nuisance parameters in the final fit and limit calculations

Largest systematics are

- Theoretical cross sections
- Missing $\not{E}_T$ modeling in DY
- JES corrections

The analysis result



Combine information from final discriminant from all channels

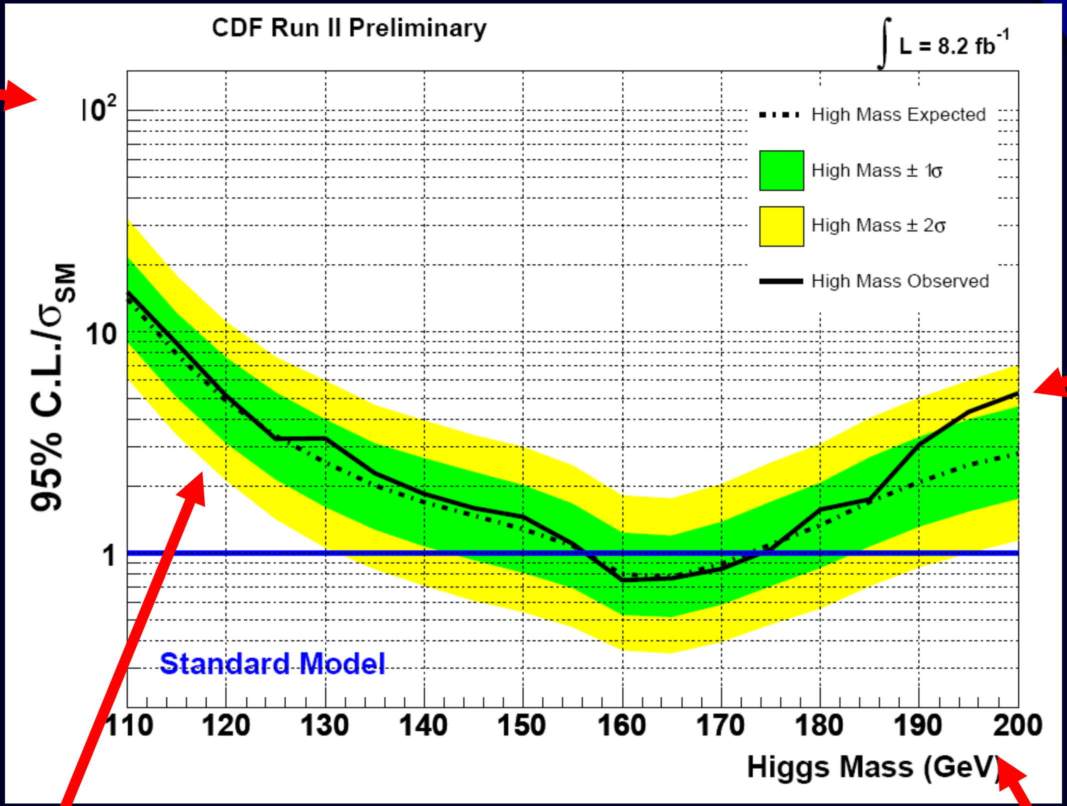
Discriminant bins sorted by *S/B*

Data has background subtracted, fitted uncertainty appears in blue

We see no evidence of a Higgs signal

The Final $H \rightarrow WW$ limit from CDF

Upper cross-section limit relative to SM prediction

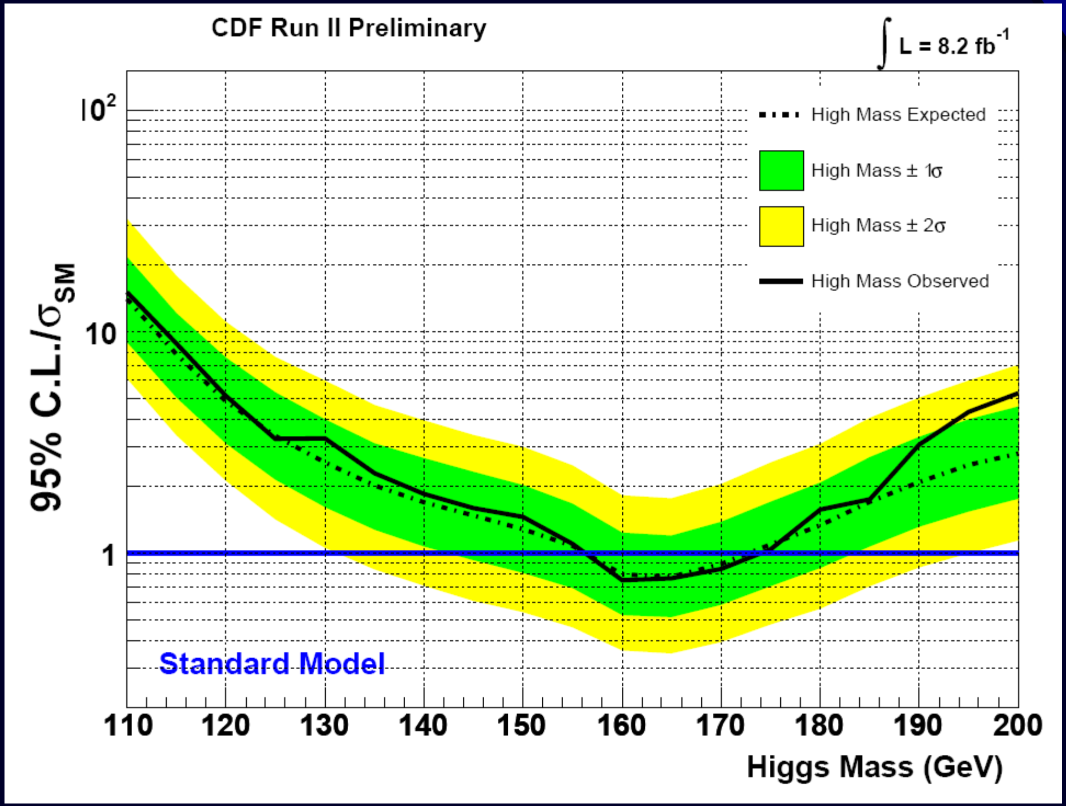


Solid line is observed limit

Dotted line is median expected limit, predicted exclusions 1σ/2σ (green/yellow bands) from background only pseudo-experiments

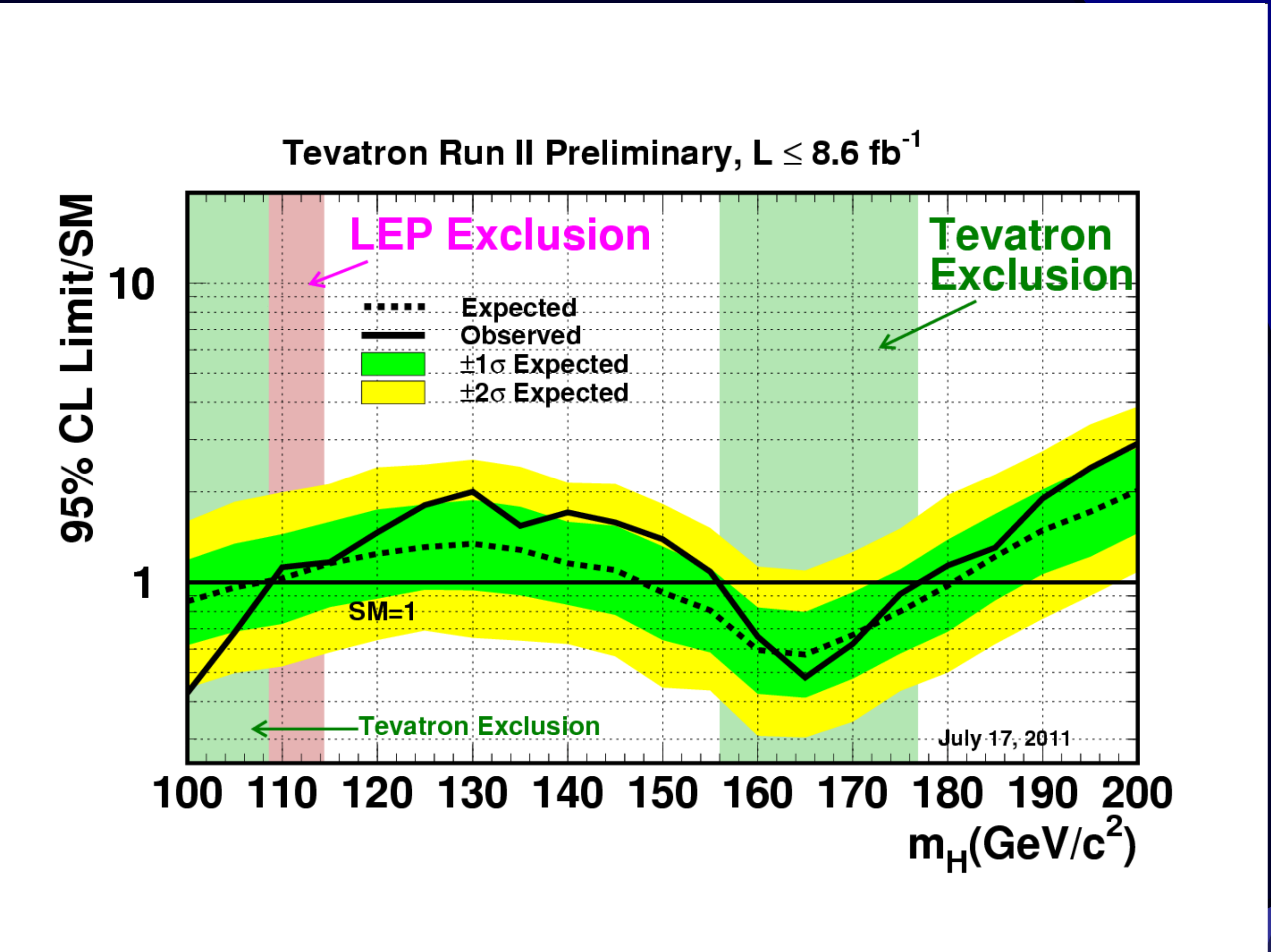
Repeat the analysis at 19 Higgs masses between 110 and 200 GeV/c^2 in 5 GeV/c^2 steps

The Final $H \rightarrow WW$ exclusion from CDF



CDF sets a 95% CL exclusion from 156-175 GeV/c^2

The combined limits



CDF and DØ exclude the masses between 156-177 GeV/c^2 at the 95% confidence level

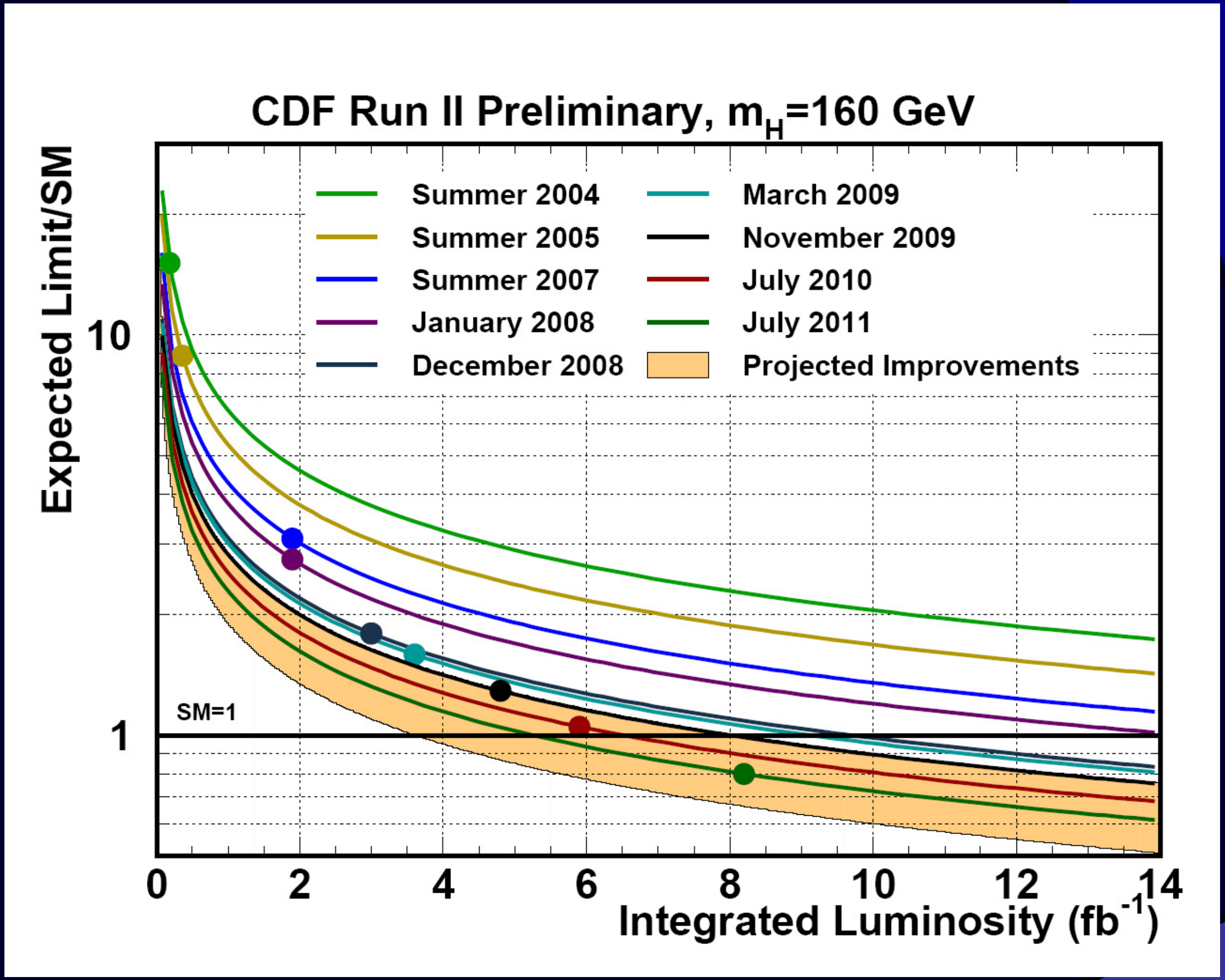
Conclusions and Outlook

Continuing improvements in Tevatron $H \to WW$ searches have led to first new Higgs mass exclusions since LEP

We now have welcome competition from ATLAS and CMS

With final datasets, Tevatron expects to have sensitivity to exclude Higgs at 95% C.L. 100-185 GeV/c^2

Cataloging improvements



We continue to add analysis improvements which increase sensitivity faster than what would be obtained with data alone