

# *Light SM Higgs at LHeC*

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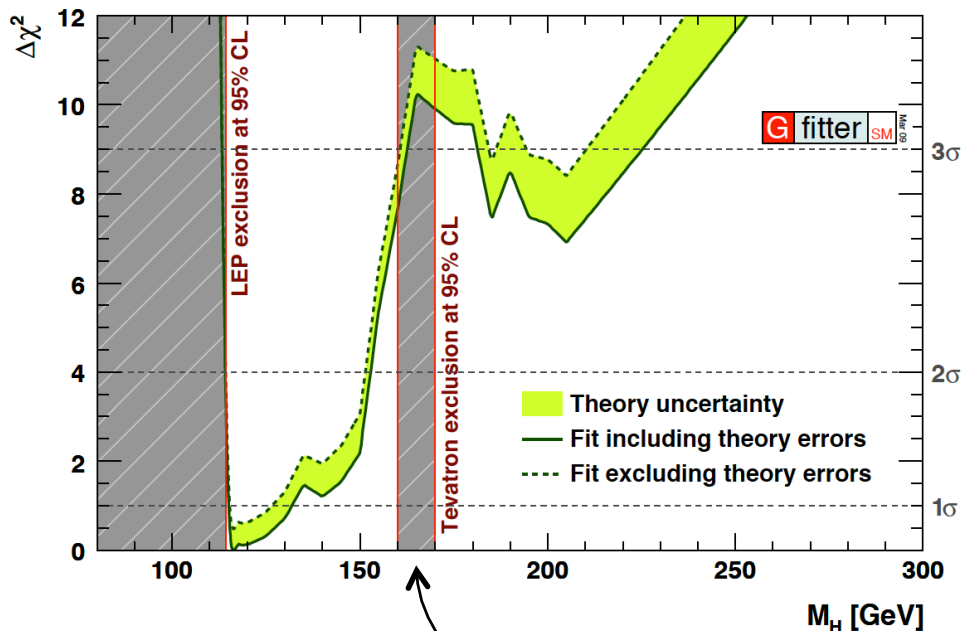


# Motivation

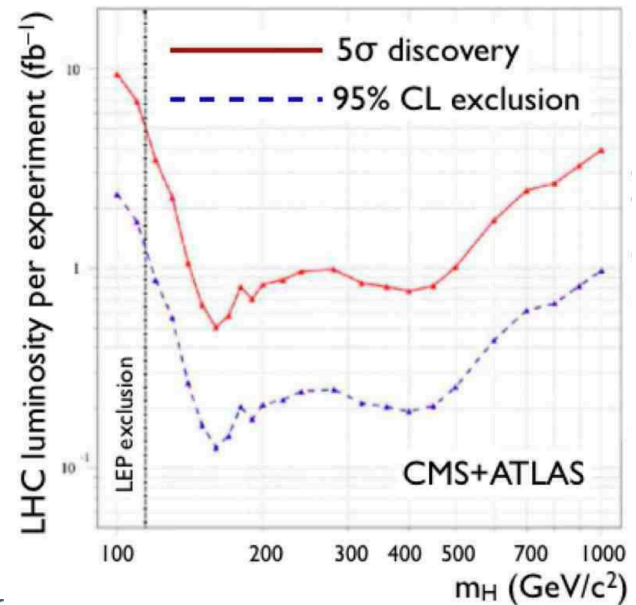
SM gauge boson and fermion mass generation mechanism needs the Higgs boson.

- LHC and Tevatron experiments will have the capability to observe or exclude the Higgs.
- EW precision data and direct searches suggest a mass range  $m_H \geq 114$  GeV, see e.g. recent review by J.Ellis [arXiv:1004.0648]

$$m_h = 116.4^{+15.6}_{-1.3} \text{ GeV}$$



$$162 \text{ GeV} < m_h < 166 \text{ GeV}$$



# Higgs Boson Couplings

Higgs couplings to both gauge bosons and fermions determine the Higgs production cross sections.

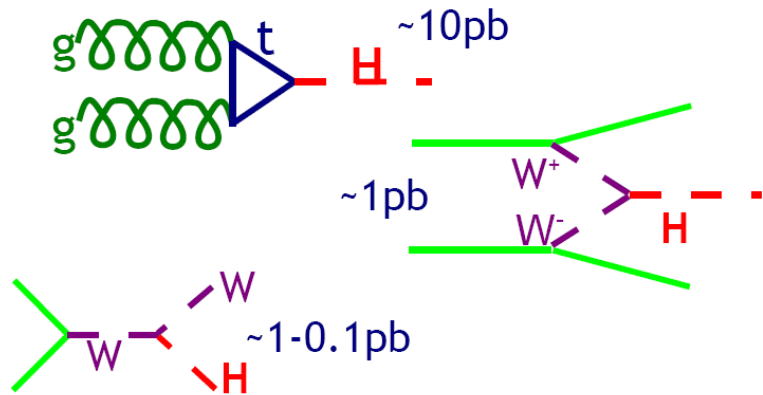
- Measurements of those provide crucial tests of the mass generation mechanism realised in nature!
- If a Higgs with mass  $< 200$  GeV is discovered at LHC, Higgs boson couplings and the total width may be extracted after several years of running, see e.g. M. Duhrssen et al. [hep-ph/0406323]
- However, even then will be a measurement of the Higgs-bottom coupling extremely challenging since the  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  dominant at  $m_H \leq 130$  GeV is overwhelmed by QCD backgrounds for b-jets.

**LHeC is an LHC upgrade proposal focusing on precision measurements of the partonic substructure of the proton and the strong coupling at  $\sqrt{s}$  of 1 to 2 TeV.**

An ep collider can *add on valuable information w.r.t. LHC* measurements in particular if a light SM Higgs was discovered and some knowledge on the total width and some boson couplings are known.

# SM Higgs Production Examples

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→ at LHC typically  $\sim 10^{-12}$  of the total cross section

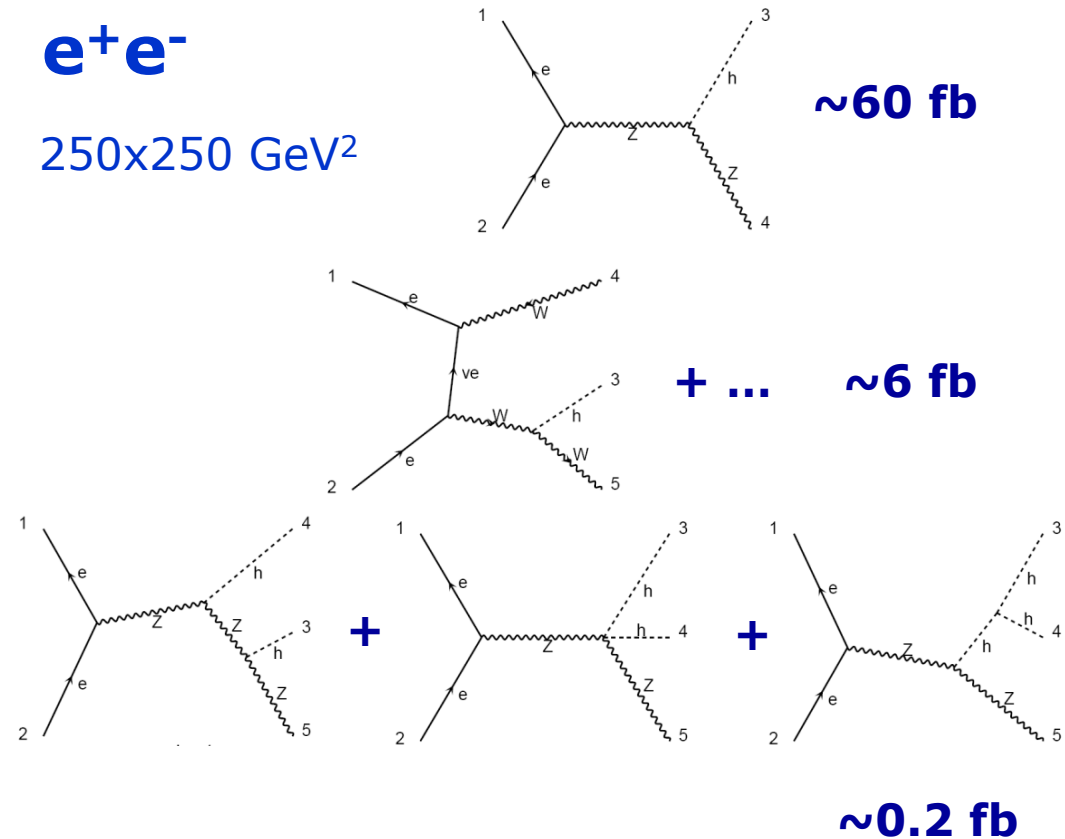
**Decay depends strongly on  $m_H$**

- low masses :  $b\bar{b}$ , but also  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$
- high masses :  $W W$ ,  $Z Z$  ...  $t\bar{t}$

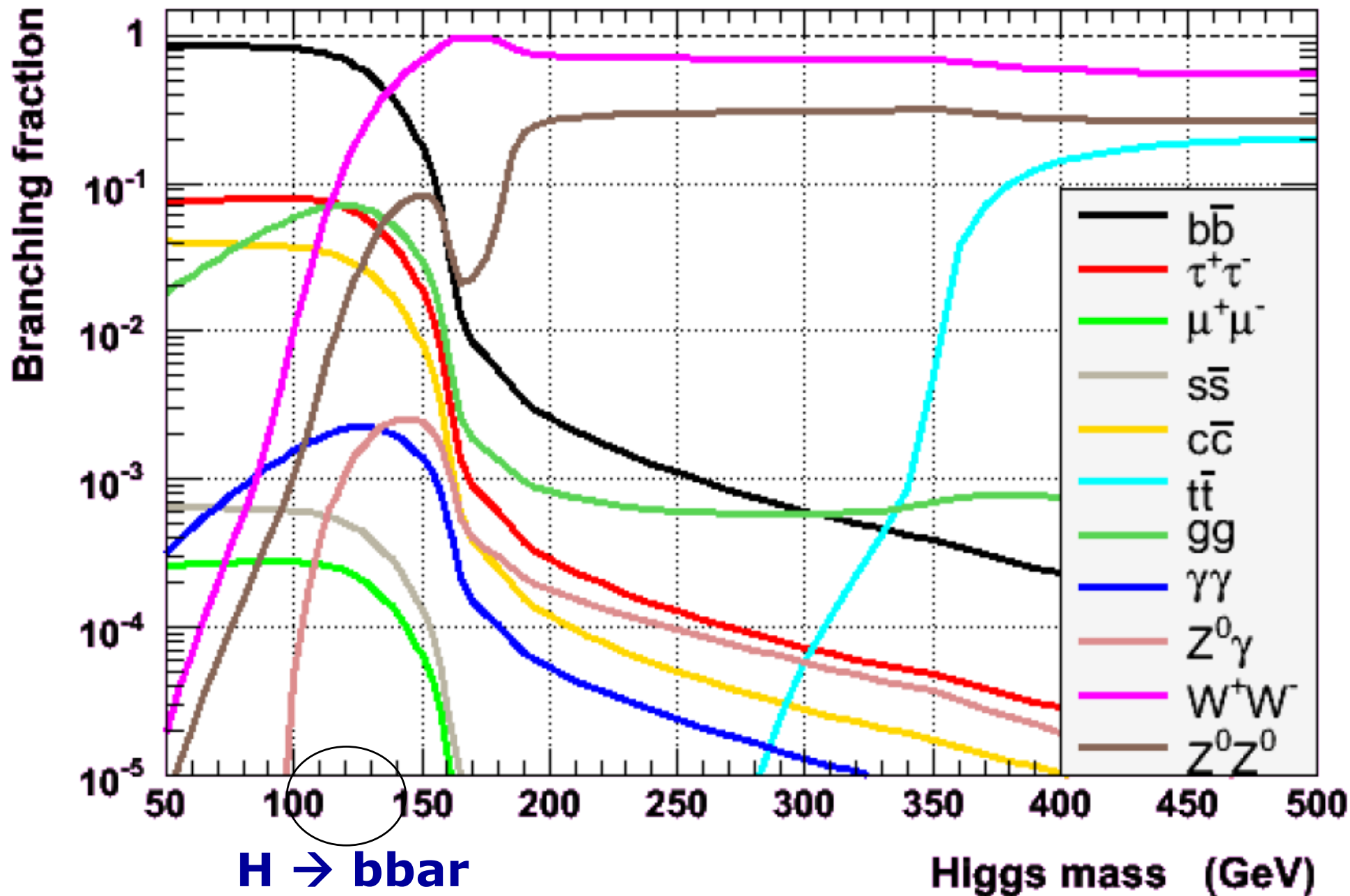
**Variety of search topologies with different S/B**

**$e^+e^-$**

250x250  $\text{GeV}^2$



# SM Higgs Branching Fractions (HDECAY 2.0)



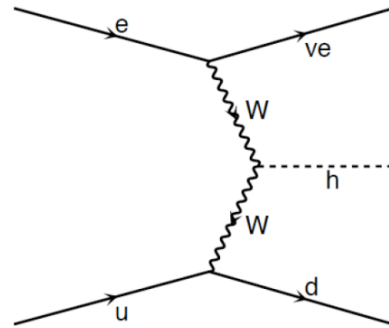
*ep*

$\sim 200 \text{ fb}$

## CC : LO SM Higgs Production

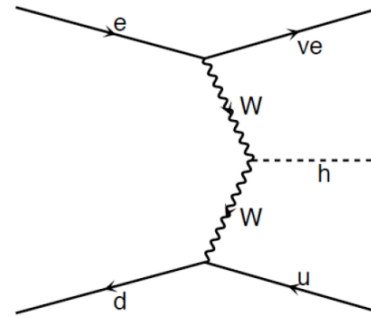
e-p (swap charges for e+p)

$e^- u \rightarrow \nu_e h d$



around 90-80%

$e^- d \rightarrow \nu_e h u$



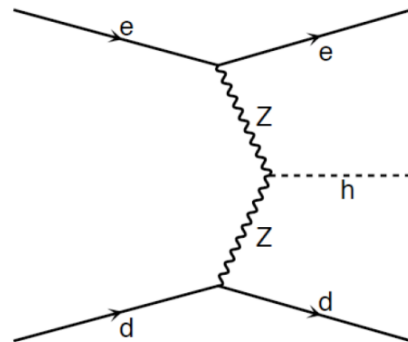
around 10-20%

$\sqrt{s} = 1 - 2 \text{ TeV}$

## NC : LO SM Higgs Production

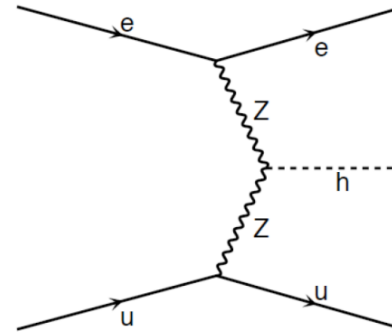
e-p (swap charges for e+p)

$e^- d \rightarrow e^- h d$



around 1/3

$e^- u \rightarrow e^- h u$

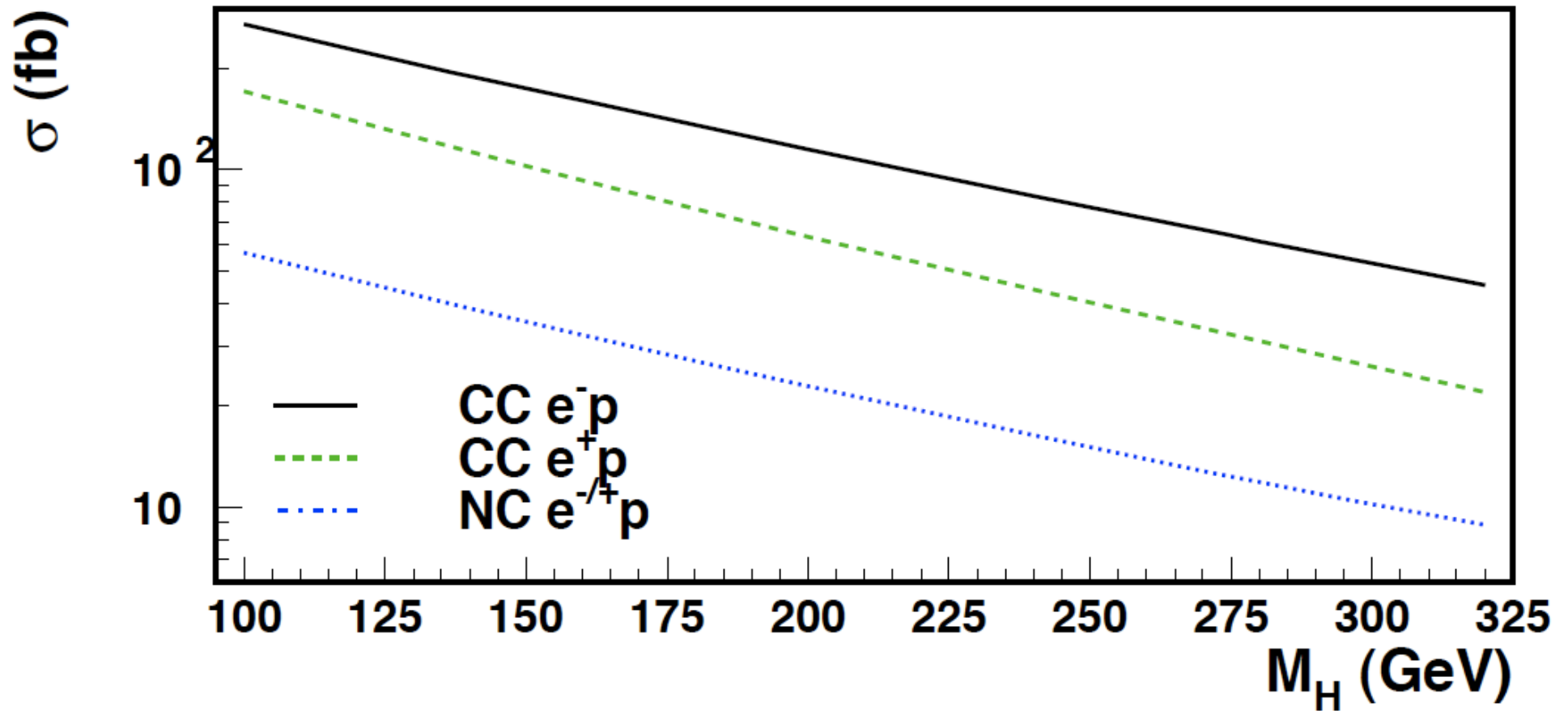


around 1/3

$\sim 50 \text{ fb}$   
(Z heavier than W and couplings to fermions smaller)

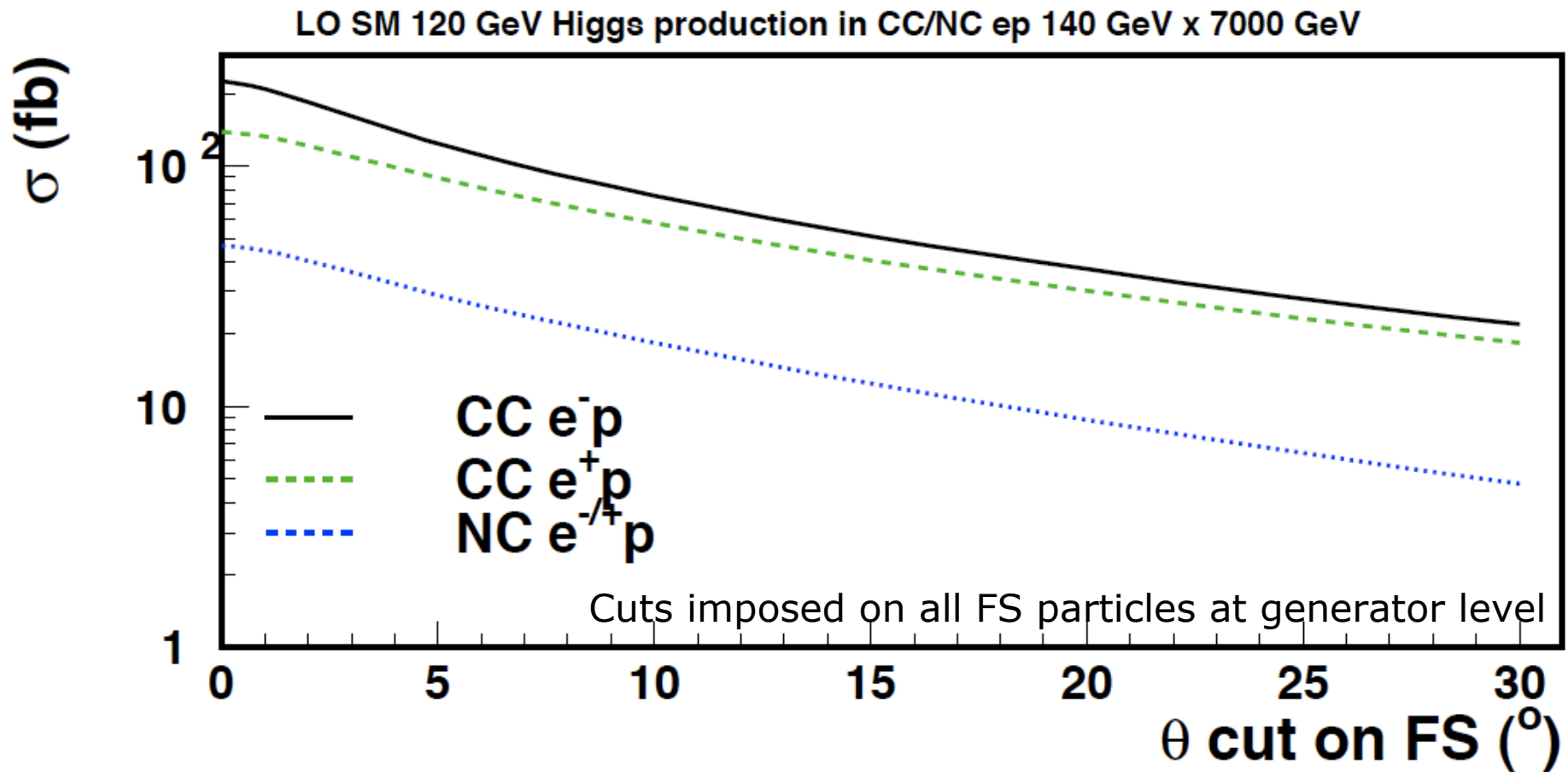
# Total LO Higgs Cross Sections vs $M_H$

140 GeV x 7000 GeV



# Effect of Detector Acceptance

$M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$



→ **Detector design will be crucial for signal detection and background rejection efficiency.**



# Total CC e-p Higgs Cross Sections (fb) versus Electron Beam Energy

	100 GeV	120 GeV	160 GeV	200 GeV	240 GeV	280 GeV
50 GeV	102.4	80.6	50.3	31.6	19.9	12.5
100 GeV	201.3	165.3	113.2	78.6	55.2	39.1
150 GeV	286.3	239.5	170.4	123.3	90.5	67.1

→ Scale dependencies of the LO calculations are in the range of 5-10%.  
→ QCD and QED corrections are moderate but sensitive to experimental cuts. NLO QCD corrections are small, but shape distortions of kinematic distributions up to 20%. QED corrections up to -5%.

[J. Blumlein, G.J. van Oldenborgh , R. Ruckl, Nucl.Phys.B395:35-59,1993.]

[B.Jager, arXiv:1001.3789.]

# Methodology

## **MadGraph : tree level calculations of various processes**

SM parameters can be steered via SM parameter calculator (change  $M_H$ )

Beam energy, phase space cuts, PDF, scales etc. via steering card

All Feynman diagrams shown in this talk have been produced using

Madgraph.

**Use Madgraph including pythia-pgs interface modified for DIS for  
'detector-level' studies,**

**see previous studies as listed in the backup.**

**New : use most recent Madgraph version 4.4.44**

**→ Higgs decay into  $b\bar{b}$  is done in Madgraph by package DECAY**

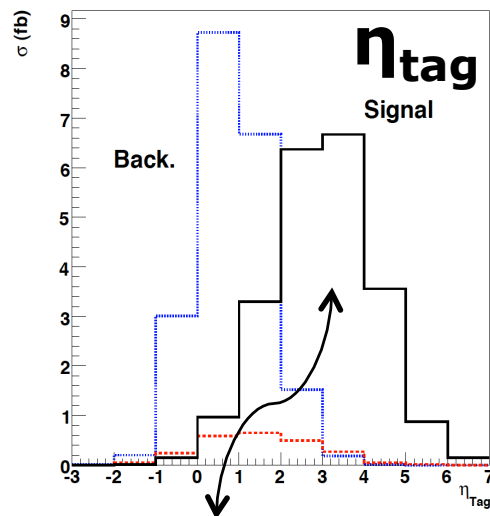
PDF : CTEQ6L1 (LO PDF and LO  $\alpha_s=0.13$ )

Factorisation and renormalisations scales set to partonic c.m.s.

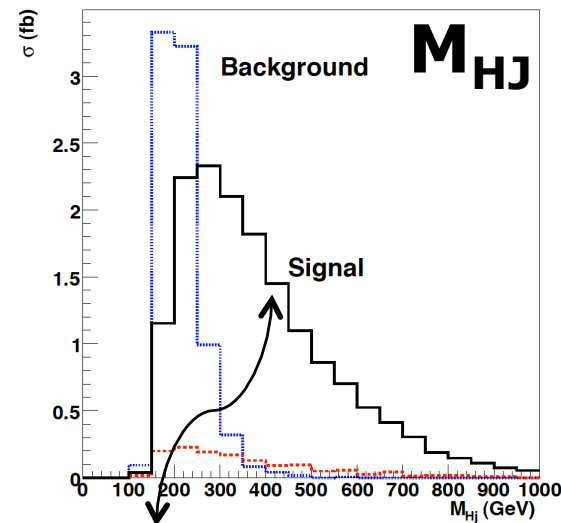
→ Perform generator and 'detector-level' Higgs search

# Generator-level Study

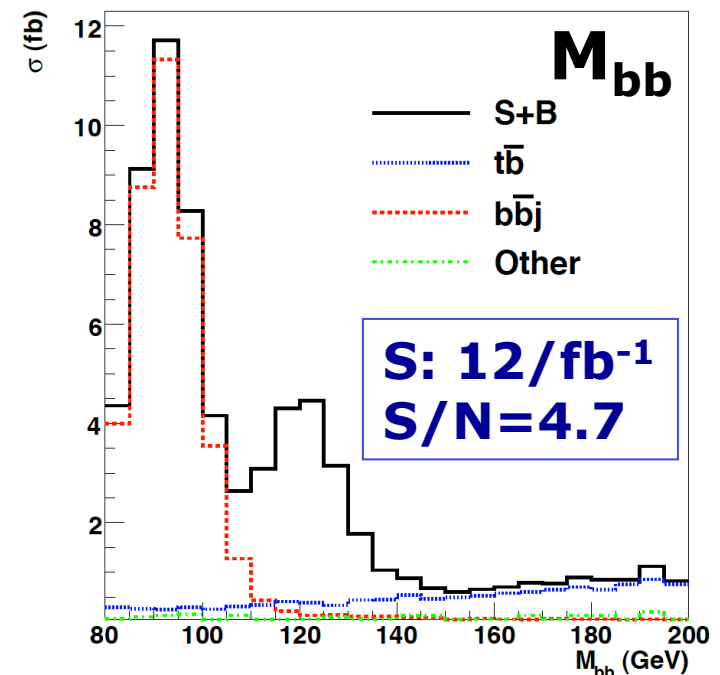
- $M_H=120$  GeV, ep: 140 GeV X 7000 GeV using Madgraph and DECAY
- generated parton energies and angles smeared by resolutions, e.g.  $\delta E_{\text{had}}=60\%$  yields  $\delta m_H=7\%$  (w/o angular smearing)
- 60% b-tagging efficiency applied on b-quarks and rejection factors of 10 and 100 for c and light quarks, resp., for  $|\eta|<2.5$
- require mass of 2 b-partons to be within  $120\pm 10$  GeV (assume known  $M_H$ )
- tag the forward spectator parton within  $1<\eta<5$  and  $p_T>30$  GeV
- high invariant mass of H-candidate and spectator jet,  $M_{HJ}>250$  GeV



forward jet tagging



inspired from VBF@LHC:  
Phys. Lett. B611(2005)60



# CC e-p Higgs 'Detector-level' Study

- Parameters for  $\sqrt{s} = 2.05 \text{ TeV}$ 
  - Proton beam  $E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$
  - Electron beam  $E_e = 150 \text{ GeV}$
  - Higgs mass  $M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$
  - Luminosity  $L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  
- Generator cuts for all samples (j: udcsg ,l:e $\mu$ ,  $\gamma$ : photon)
  - $P_{T,j} > 5 \text{ GeV}$  &  $P_{T,\text{lepton,photon}} > 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
  - $|\eta_{\text{jet, b, lepton, photon}}| < 5.0$
  - $\Delta R(\text{between FS particles}) > 0.4$
  - additional cut for 3 jet NC and CC background sample of  $M_{jj} > 30 \text{ GeV}$

# Overview of generated Samples

process	Cross-section with generator cut (pb)	# of diagrams	# of generated events
Higgs decay to bb	0.160	2	200 000
CC 3jets bgd (w/o higgs)	111	384	720 000
NC 3jets bgd (w/o higgs)	11500	1428	190 000

# 'Detector'

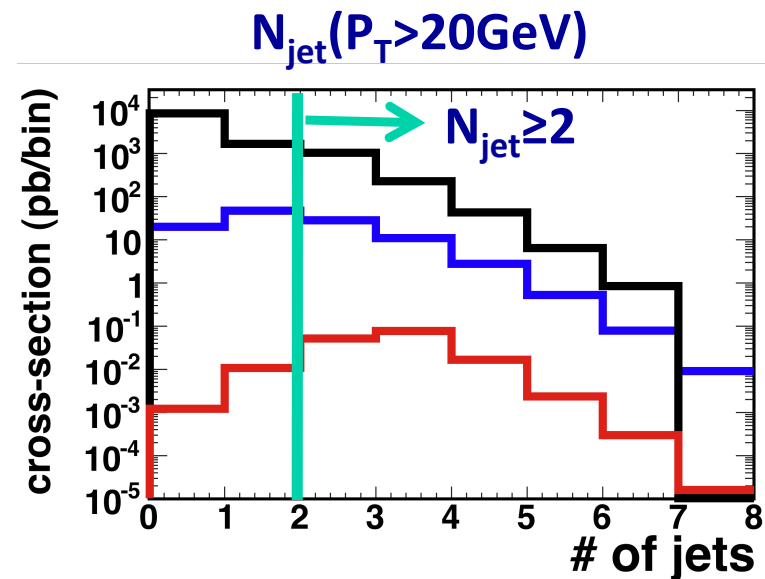
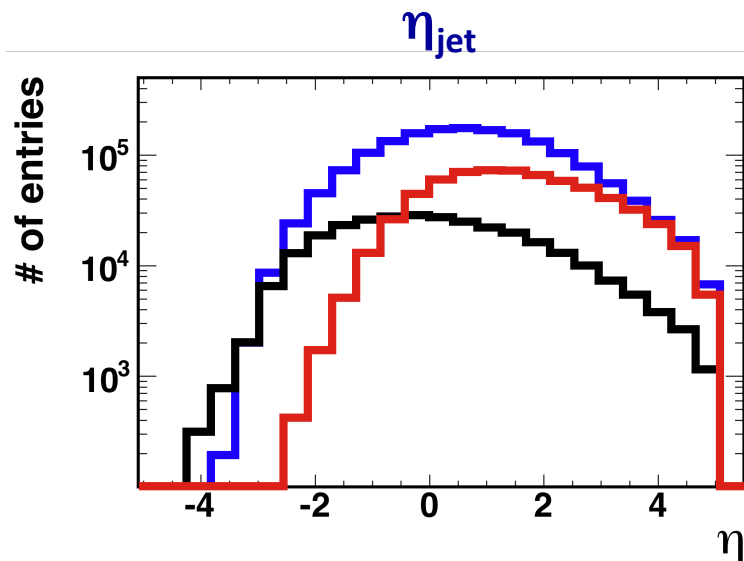
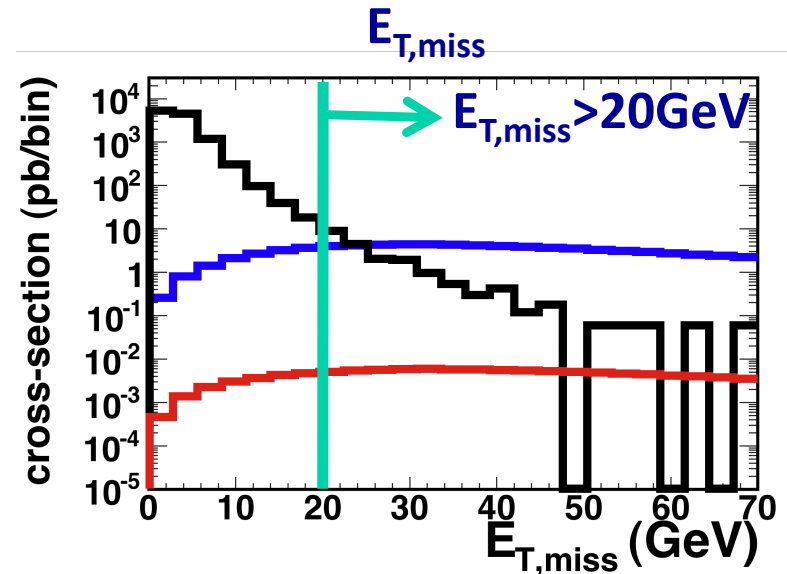
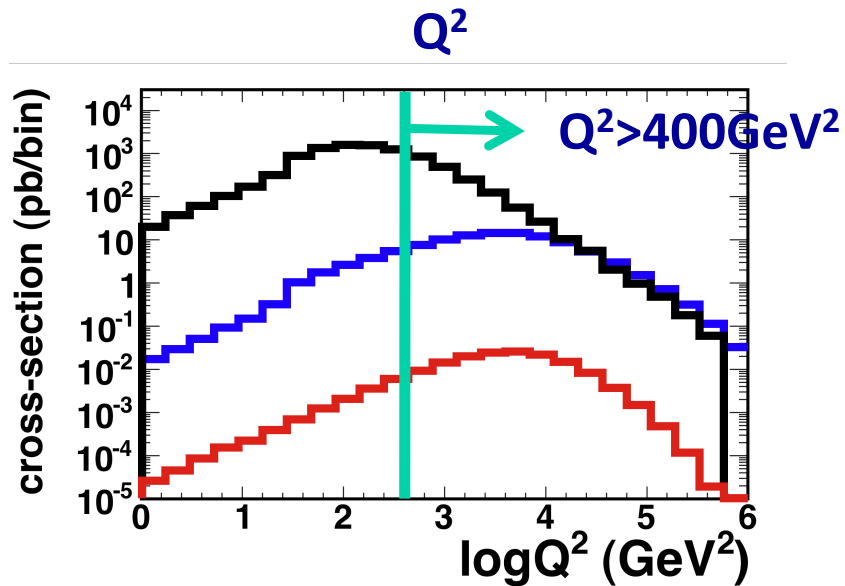
...events passed thru PGS generic LHC detector

LHC	! parameter set name	
320	! eta cells in calorimeter	
200	! phi cells in calorimeter	
0.0314159	! eta width of calorimeter cells $ \eta  < 5$	
0.0314159	! phi width of calorimeter cells	
0.01	! electromagnetic calorimeter resolution const	
0.2	! electromagnetic calorimeter resolution * sqrt(E)	20% → 5%
0.8	! hadronic calorimeter resolution * sqrt(E)	80% → 60%
0.2	! MET resolution	
0.01	! calorimeter cell edge crack fraction	
cone	! jet finding algorithm (cone or ktjet)	jets: cone < 0.5
5.0	! calorimeter trigger cluster finding seed threshold (GeV)	
1.0	! calorimeter trigger cluster finding shoulder threshold (GeV)	
0.5	! calorimeter kt cluster finder cone size (delta R)	
2.0	! outer radius of tracker (m)	
4.0	! magnetic field (T)	
0.000013	! sagitta resolution (m)	
0.98	! track finding efficiency	
1.00	! minimum track pt (GeV/c)	
3.0	! tracking eta coverage	
3.0	! e/gamma eta coverage	
2.4	! muon eta coverage	
2.0	! tau eta coverage	

Disclaimer :  
PGS of LHC detector  
+ flat b-tagging  
in the full tracking range of  
 $|\eta| < 3.0$   
b: 60%, c: 10%, udsg: 1%  
CAL coverage until  $|\eta| < 5.0$

# 'PGS Detector' Quantities

— higgs — CC 3jets bgd — NC 3jets bgd



# Event Selection

**Cut (1) exclude electron-tagged events.**

$$E_{T,\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}, N_{\text{Jet}} (P_{T,\text{Jet}} > 20 \text{ GeV}) \geq 2, \\ E_{T,\text{total}} > 100 \text{ GeV}, Q^2_{\text{JB}} > 400 \text{ GeV}^2, y_{\text{JB}} < 0.9$$

**Cut (2) b-tag requirement**

$$N_{\text{b-Jet}} (P_{T,\text{Jet}} > 20 \text{ GeV}) \geq 2 \\ \text{'b-Jet' is b-tagged jet}$$

**Cut (3) single top candidate veto**

$$N_{\text{Jet}} \geq 3, M_{\text{jjj,top}} > 200 \text{ GeV}, M_{\text{jj,W}} > 130 \text{ GeV}$$

**Cut (4) tag of forward jet**

$$1 < \eta_{\text{forwardjet}} < 5, M_{\text{Hj}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$$

**Cut  $M_{\text{H}}$   $90 \text{ GeV} < M_{\text{H}} < 125 \text{ GeV}$**

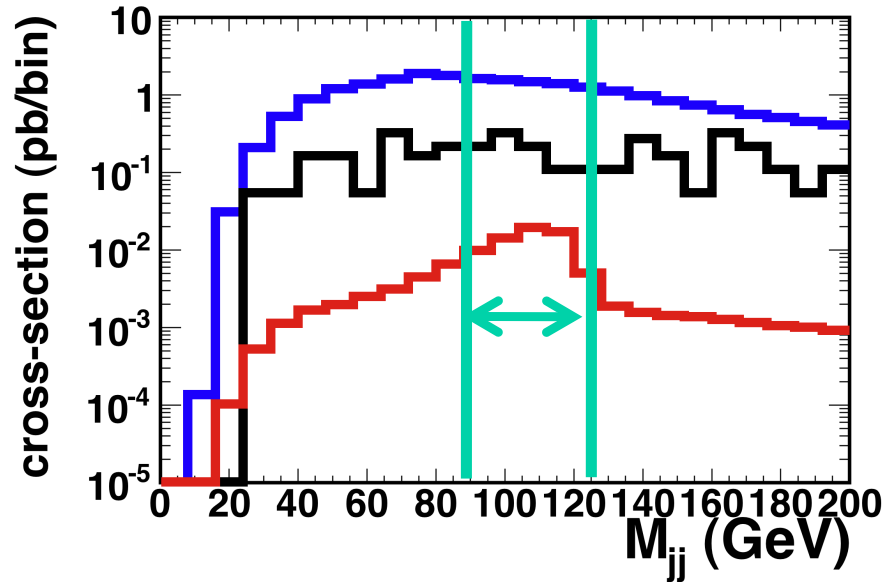


# Invariant Dijet Mass Distribution

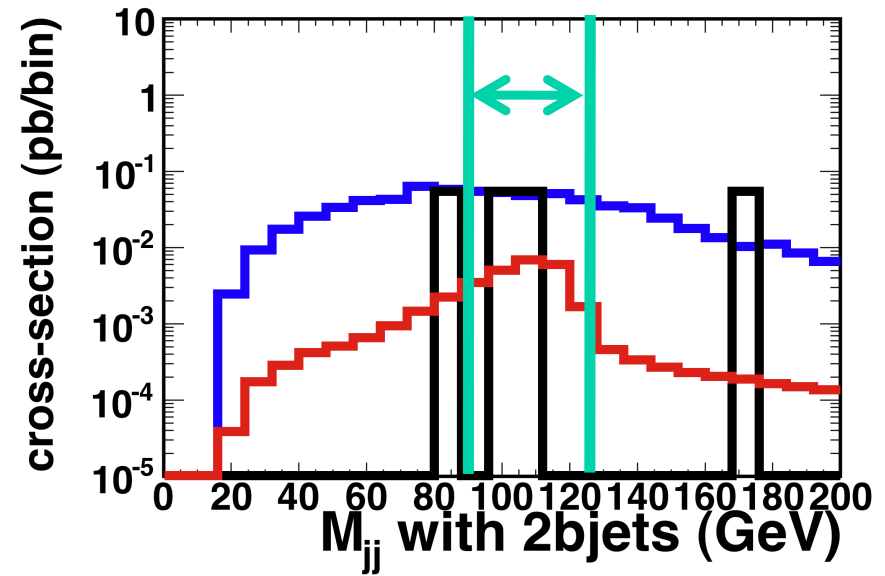
with and w/o b-tag requirement

— higgs — CC 3jets bgd — NC 3jets bgd

Cut (1)



Cut (1) +(2) b-tag requirement



Number of events ( $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

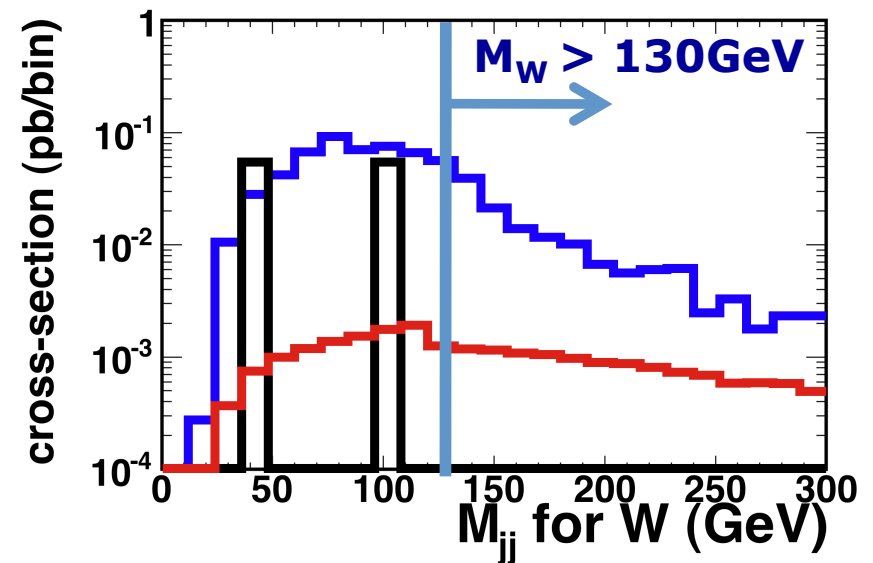
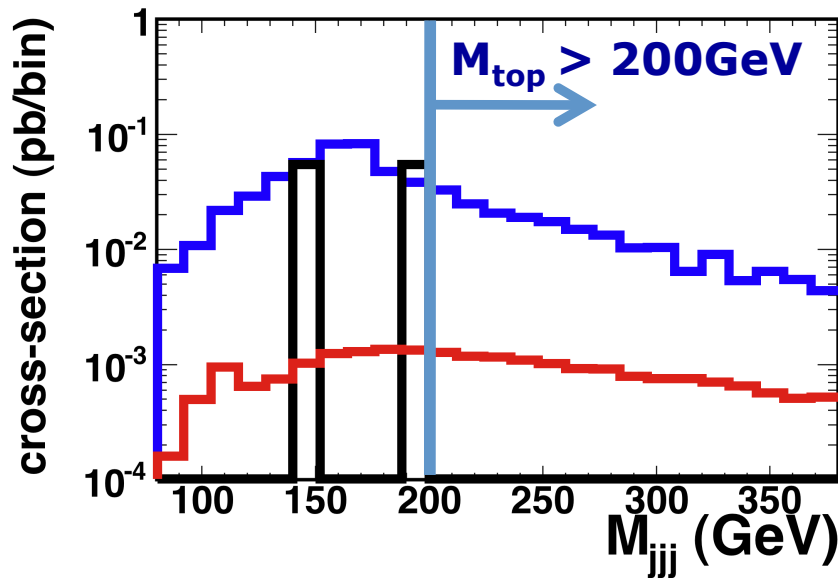
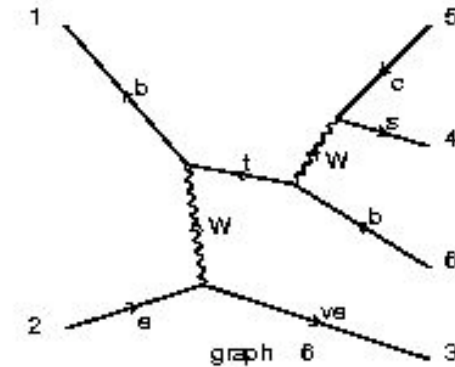
Applied cut	H $\rightarrow$ bb	CC 3jets bg	NC 3jets bg
No cut (All events)	1600	$1.11 \times 10^6$	$1.15 \times 10^8$
Cut (1) + $M_H$	629	$6.47 \times 10^4$	8210
Cut (1) + (2) + $M_H$	222	2220	1090

# Trijet and Dijet Masses

Veto single top candidates

Cut (1) +(2) b-tag requirement applied

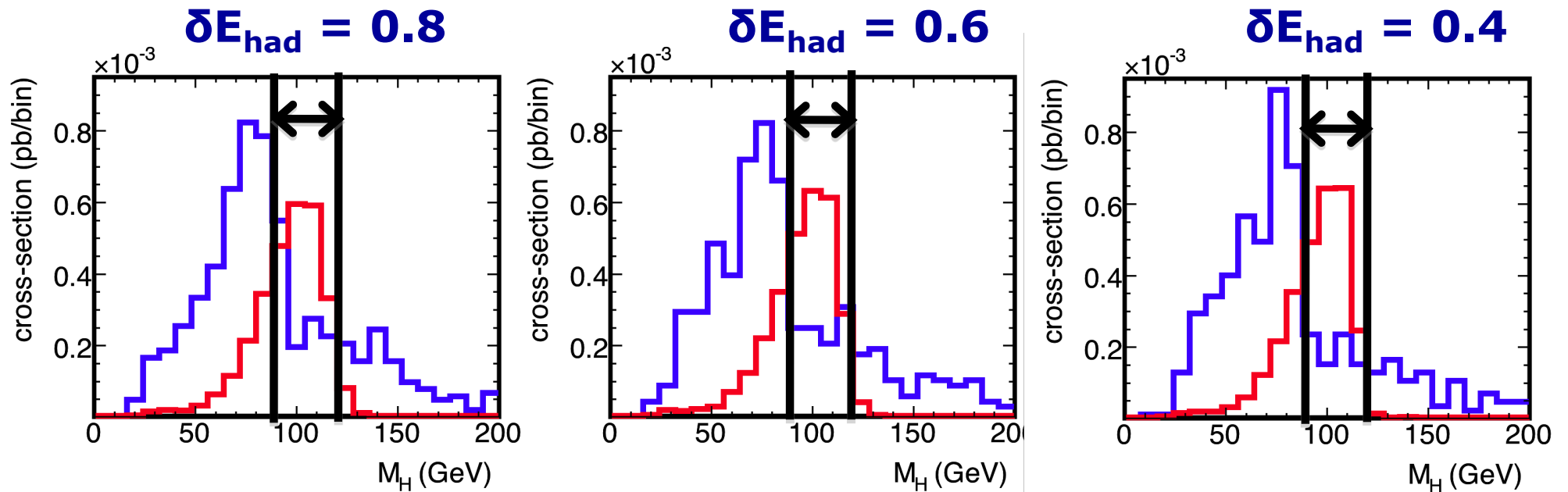
— higgs — CC 3jets bgd — NC 3jets bgd



- $M_{jjj,top}$  was reconstructed from two b-tagged jets with lowest  $\eta$  + any 3<sup>rd</sup> jet with lowest  $\eta$  (regardless of b-tag).
- $M_{jj,W}$  was reconstructed from lowest  $\eta$  b-tagged jet + lowest  $\eta$  jet (regardless of b-tag but excluding 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest  $\eta$  b-jet).

# Background and Hadronic Energy Resolution

after kinematic, b-tagging & single top cuts



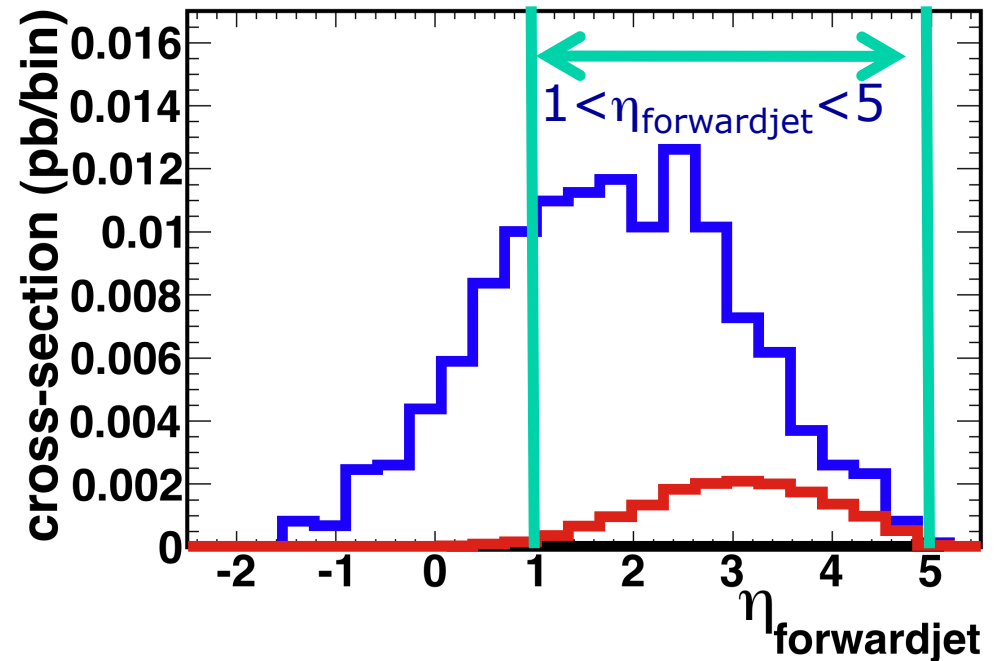
— Higgs events — CC 3jet BG ( $Z \rightarrow bb!$ )

→ plots (result of previous study) illustrate that an excellent hadronic energy resolution is crucial for background suppression

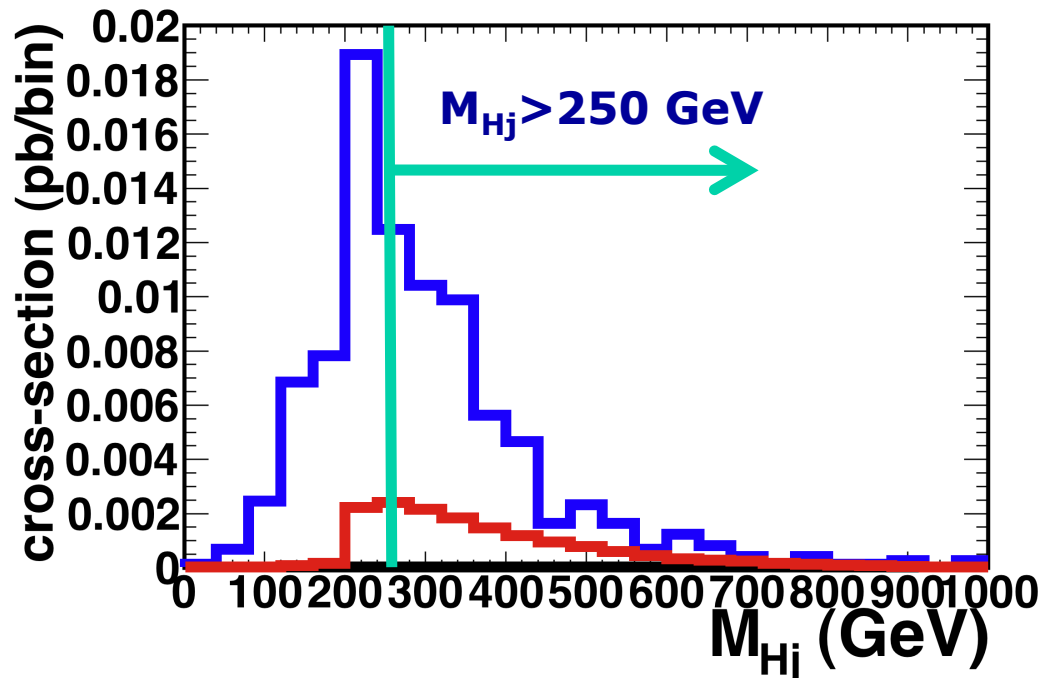
# Forward Jet Tag

after kinematic, b-tagging & single top cuts

- higgs
- CC 3jets bgd
- NC 3jets bgd



Add cut  $1 < \eta_{\text{forwardjet}} < 5$



- Reconstruct  $M_{\text{Hj}}$  with forward tagged jet and 2b-jets.

- Final requirement: Select the events with  $M_{\text{Hj}} > 250$  GeV.

# Number of Events ( $L=10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) $90 \text{ GeV} < M_{jj} < 125 \text{ GeV}$ &

## Number of events after cut (1) & (2) & (3) & $M_H$

	Higgs event	CC 3jets bg	NC 3jets bg	S/N	S/ $\sqrt{N}$
# of events after	129	310	0*	0.42	7.3

\*statistics for NC 3jets bgd is not enough.

## Number of events after ALL cuts.

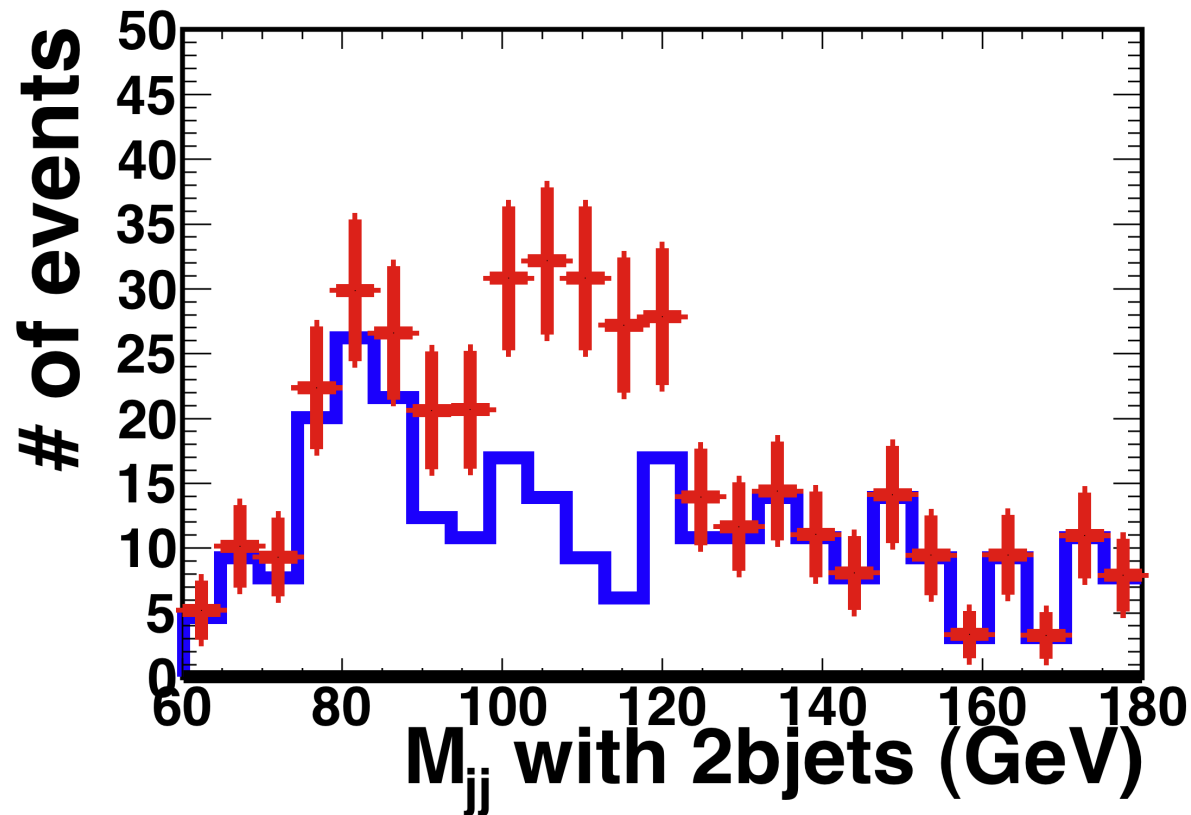
	Higgs event	CC 3jets bg	NC 3jets bg	S/N	S/ $\sqrt{N}$
# of events	104	86.4	0	1.2	11

- **Efficiency of Higgs event selection is 6.5% (104/1600)**
- **We could identify  $H \rightarrow bb$  events within  $11\sigma$ .**

# Invariant Dijet Mass after ALL Cuts

Cut: (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) forward tagged jet cut

— higgs — CC 3jets bgd — NC 3jets bgd



Error bars show statistical errors only.

# Summary & Outlook

- Studies on CC e-p higgs production confirms the early LEP+LHC studies on dominant dijet+spectator jet background and the importance of the b-tagging, hadronic energy resolution and forward jet tagging.
  - **Our results are very encouraging and**  
**We could identify  $H \rightarrow bb$  events within  $11\sigma$ .**  
...It is all work in progress!
- Full MadGraph + Pythia + PGS chain is working for DIS and Pythia-Madevent files can be read in into detector simulation tools
  - Higgs channel has been used to optimise LHeC detector!
- More detailed background sources for CC e-p higgs has to be studied in particular beauty in photoproduction, but we need our own detector simulation for more sophisticated estimates of rejection factors or tagging possibilities.

# Outlook

## Tools:

- Thanks to H. Jung, we got a Rapgap (for PHP) and Djangoh (for CC multijet but w/o top, W, Z, H) stand alone versions which delivers also hepmc files.
- Thanks to S. Hoeche, we got a brand-new pre-release DIS version of Sherpa (v1.2.3).
- We started working with the Delphes detector simulation which is (in principle) more flexible than PGS and allows various file formats (hepmc, stdhep, lhe).

## Physics:

- Study also NC Higgs searches which is an important benchmark process for understanding the HZZ coupling.
- Study the extraction of Hbb coupling using LHeC Higgs cross sections in NC and CC in combination with LHC Higgs signal projections...



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# Material

**1<sup>st</sup> LHeC workshop, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008, Divonne.**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=31463>

Talks by E.Perez and G.Weiglein; M.Kuze et al.; U.Klein

**LHeC pre Meeting at DIS 2009, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Madrid.**

[http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceOtherViews.py?  
view=cdsagenda&confId=55684](http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceOtherViews.py?view=cdsagenda&confId=55684)

Talks by M.Ishitsuka et al.; U.Klein

**2<sup>nd</sup> LHeC workshop, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009, Divonne.**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=59304>

Talks by M.Kuze et al.; B.Mellado and T.Han; U.Klein

**LHeC Mini\_workshop, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Hamburg.**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=83882>

Talk by K.Kimura et al.

**More material on the LHeC project can be found here:**

<http://www.ep.ph.bham.ac.uk/exp/LHeC/>

# *Some inspiring previous studies*

## ***Searching for the Higgs in $e p$ collisions at LEP / LHC.***

G.Grindhammer, D. Haidt, J. Ohnemus, (Florida State U.) , J. Vermaseren, D. Zeppenfeld. MAD-PH-618, Nov 1990.

Contribution to Proc. of Large Hadron Collider Workshop, Aachen, Germany, Oct 4-9, 1990. Published in Aachen ECFA Workshop 1990:0967-985.

## ***Standard-model Higgs boson production at HERA.***

Bernd A. Kniehl

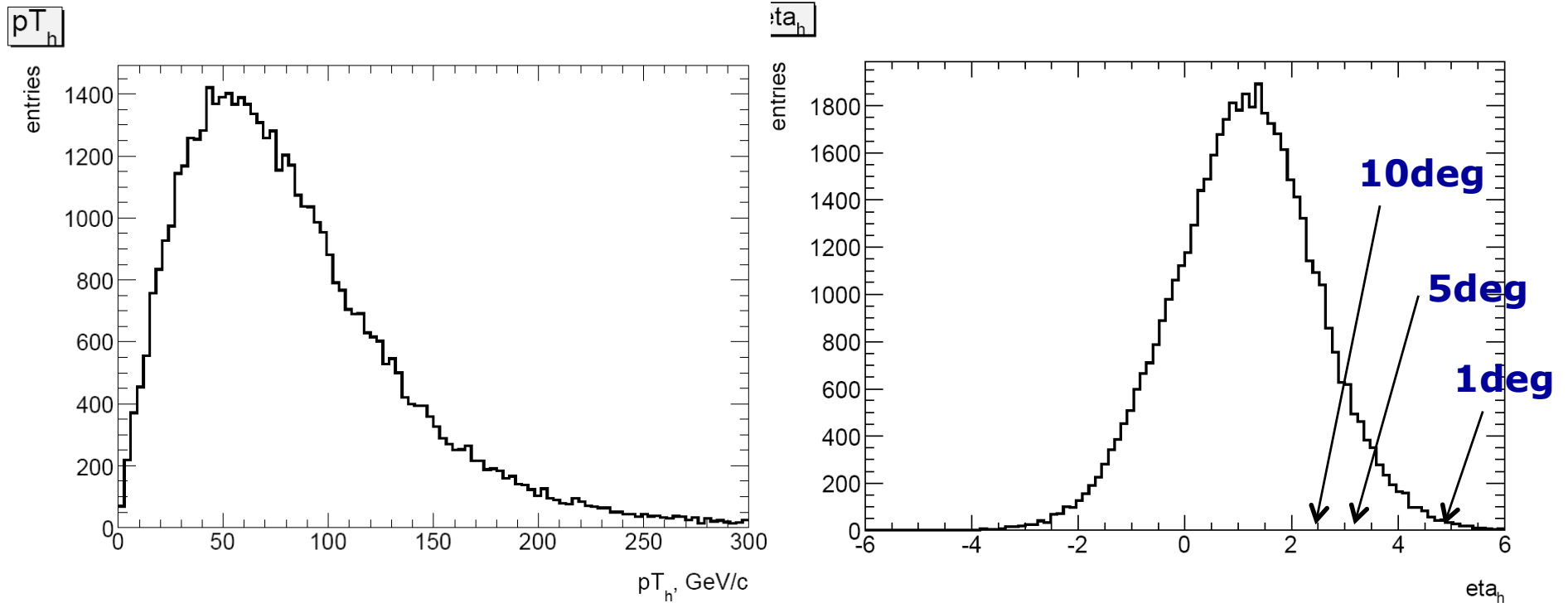
Prepared for Workshop on Future Physics at HERA (Preceded by meetings 25-26 Sep 1995 and 7-9 Feb 1996 at DESY), Hamburg, Germany, 30-31 May 1996.

In \*Hamburg 1995/96, Future physics at HERA, vol. 1\* 219-221.

# ***Additional Slides***

# Higgs Kinematics in $e^-p$ CC

- 50 k Higgs events,  $m_H=120$  GeV, 150 GeV x 7000 GeV
- Higgs decay via Pythia :  
~68% into  $b\bar{b}$  + other decay modes  
...somewhat lower than expected, similar number via DECAY in Madgraph (~72%)



**Higgs rapidity in central to forward region**

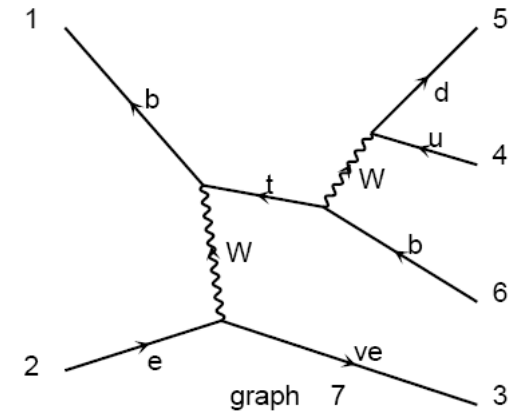
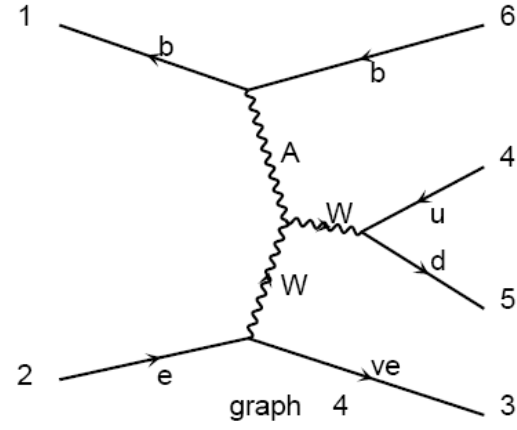
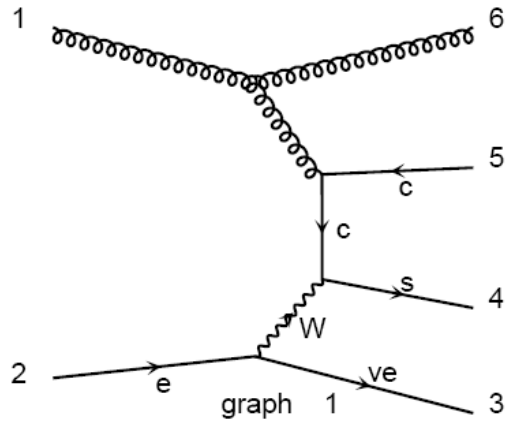
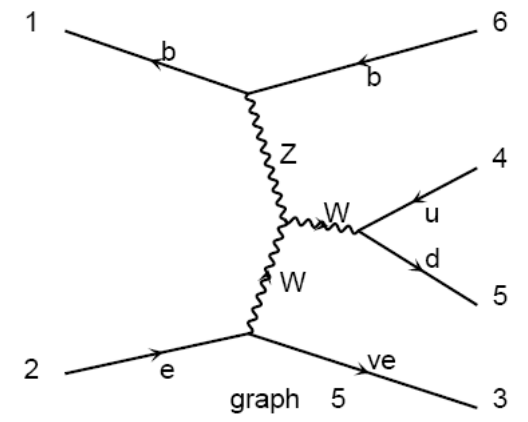
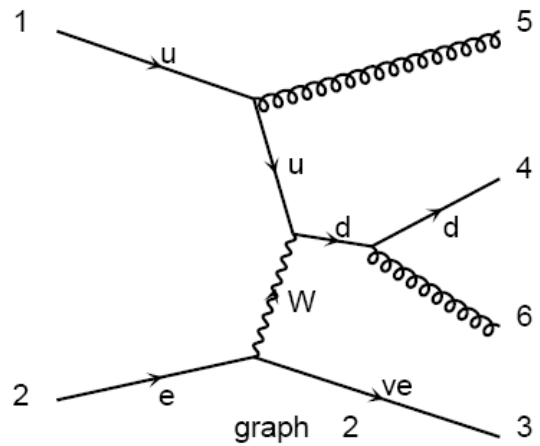
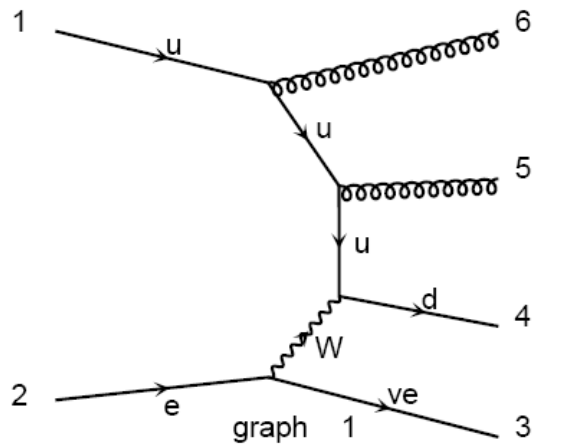
# Background

~100 k CC dijet+spectator events,  $E_{\text{jet}} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\theta_{\text{jet}} > 0.5 \text{ deg}$ ,  $M_{\text{jj}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$

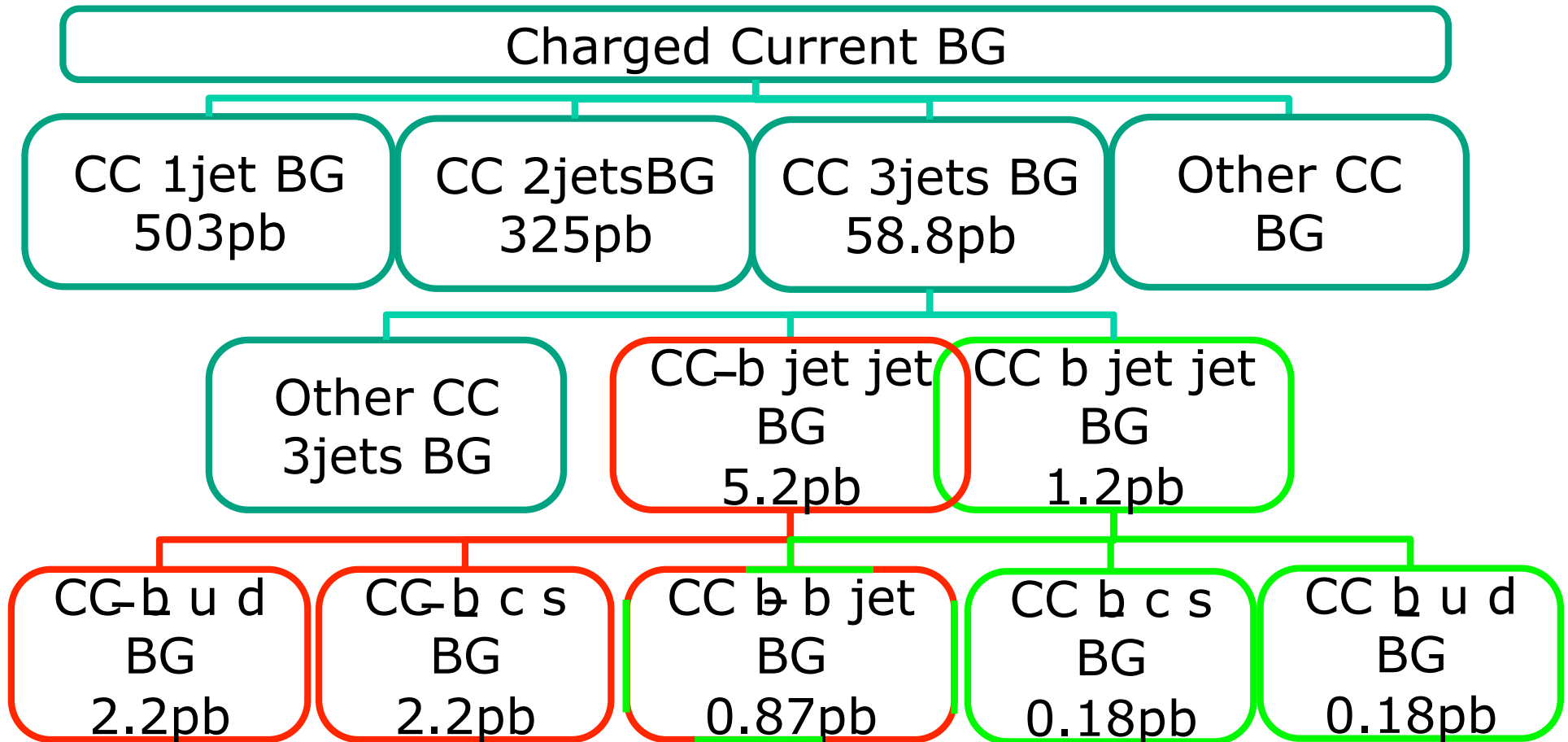
58.8 pb (LO cross section, scale uncertainty expected to be 50-100%)

MadGraph generated 542 diagrams including higgs, single top, single W

→ After 'simple' dijet-selection: BG ~100 times larger than Higgs signal!



# CC Dijet Subprocess Cross Sections



Large cross-section of  $\bar{b}\bar{c}s$  or  $\bar{b}\bar{u}d$  3 Jets events.

95% of these processes was single-top production  $\bar{t} \rightarrow W\bar{b} \rightarrow (\bar{c}s \text{ or } \bar{u}d) \bar{b}$

They were suspected 3Jets background for Higgs discovery.