

# Higgs in ep at the LHeC

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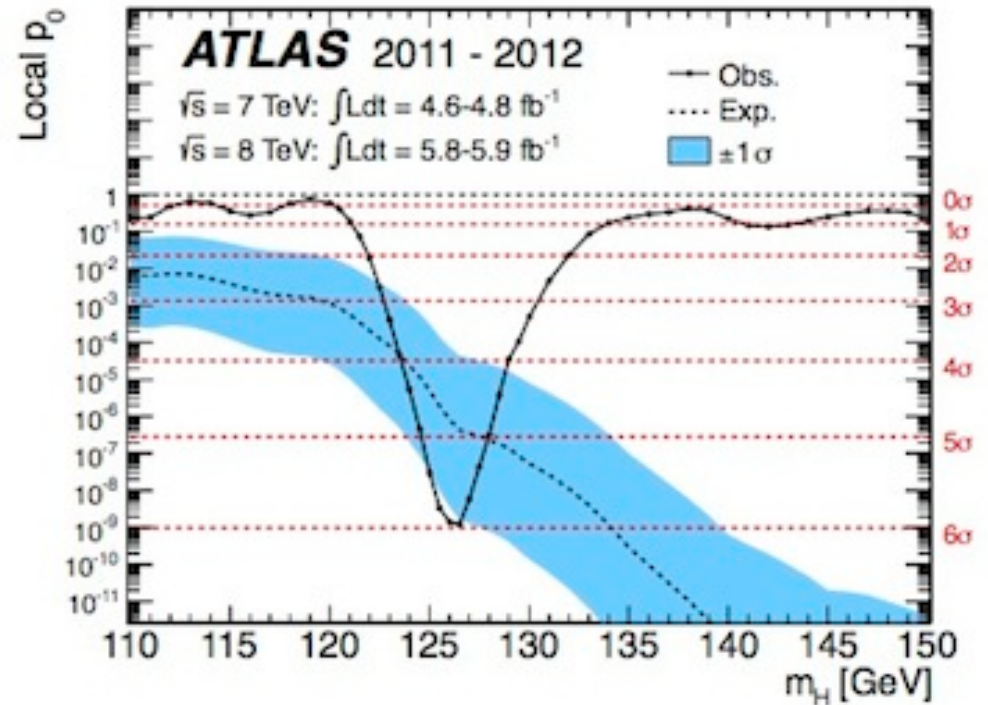
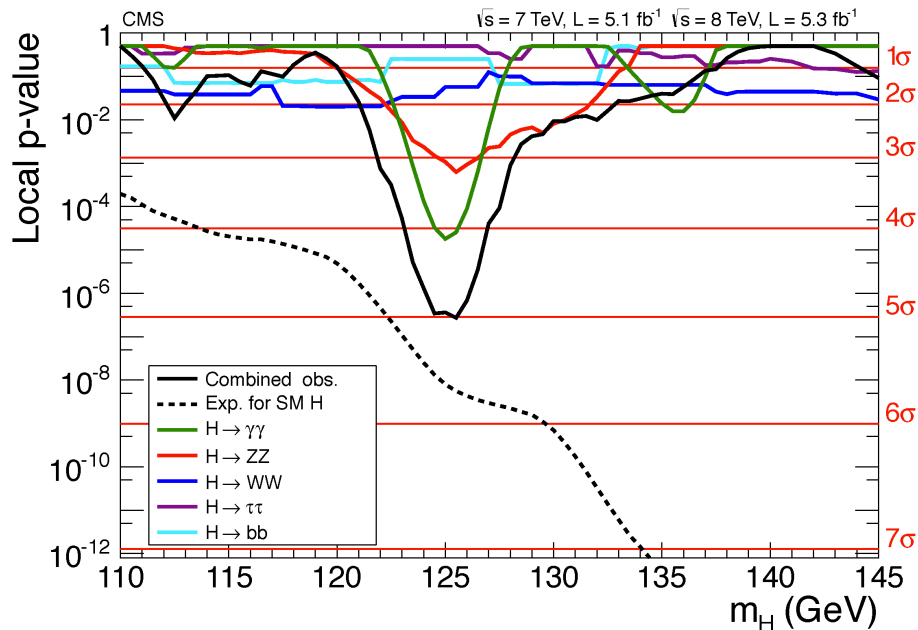
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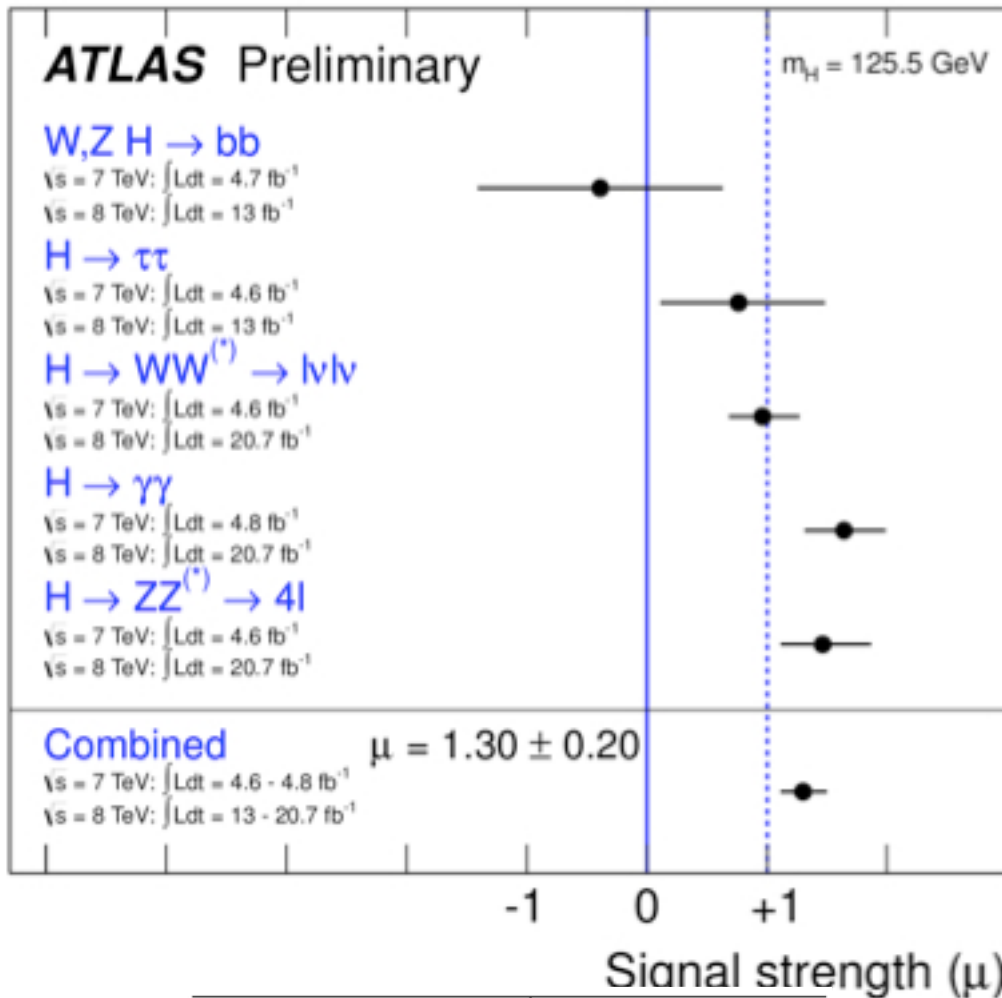
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# Habemus novum Boson

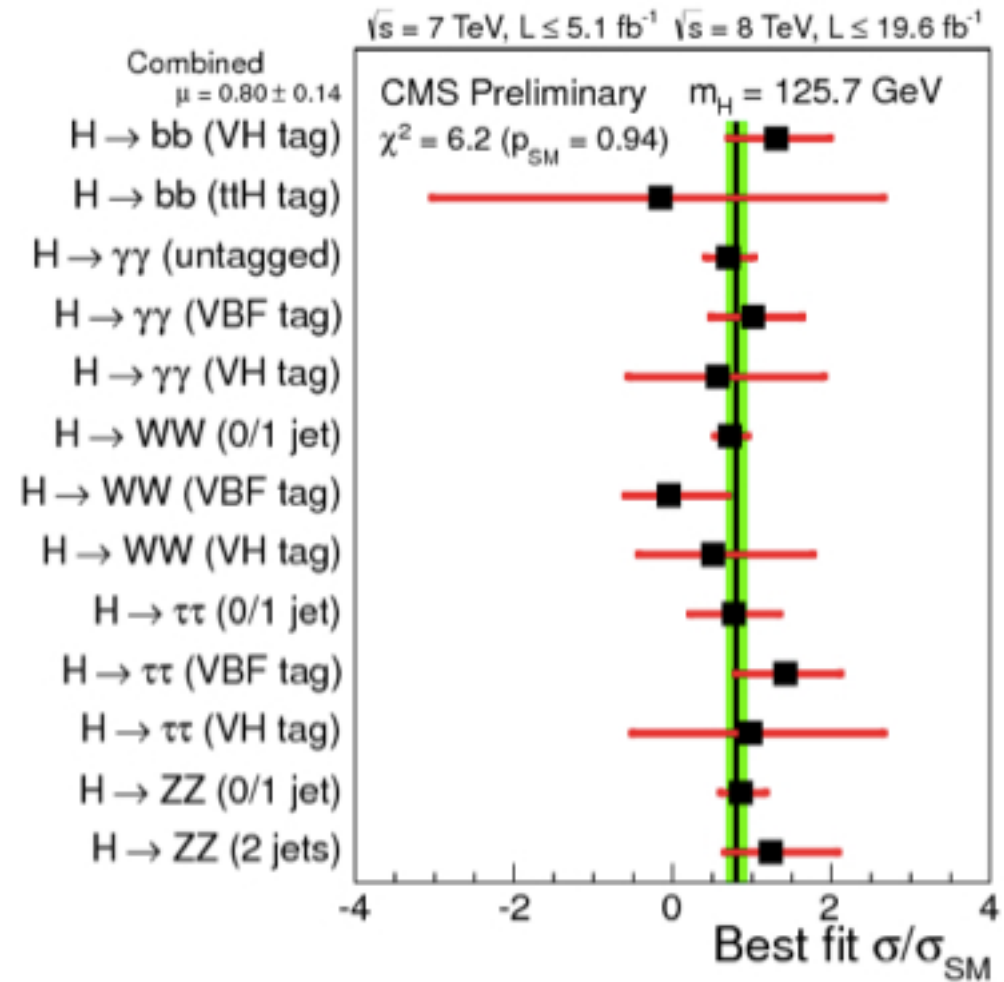
**An amazing discovery indeed on its own.  
It is also the beginning of a new era for HEP**



**We need to understand to the best of the capabilities  
of the LHC what boson it is we discovered and  
whether we see more than one**

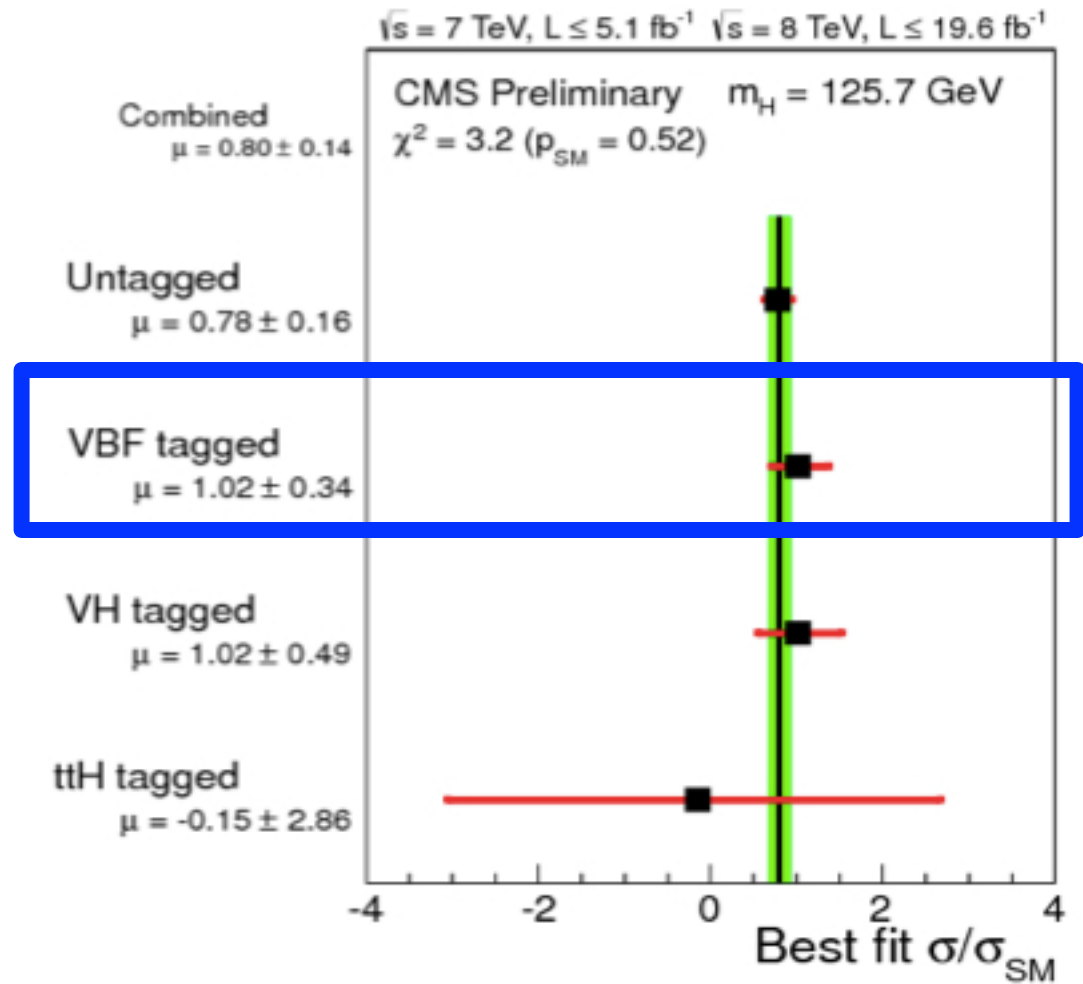
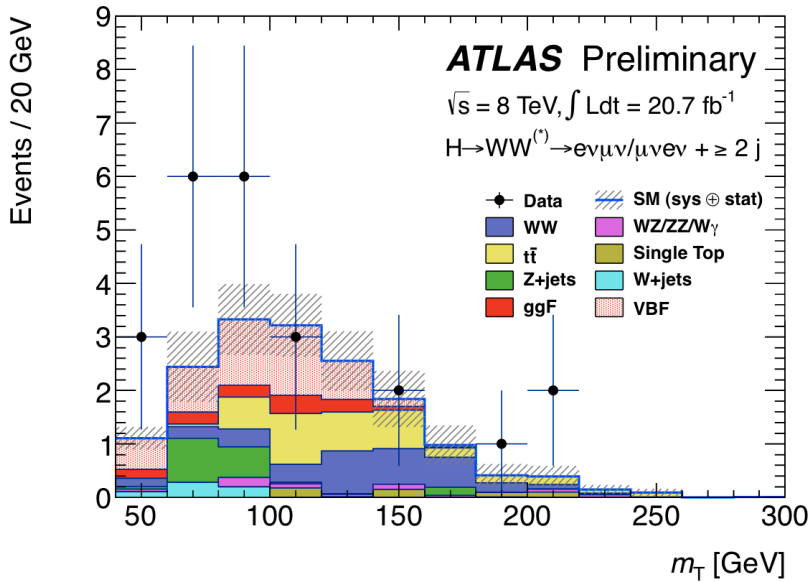
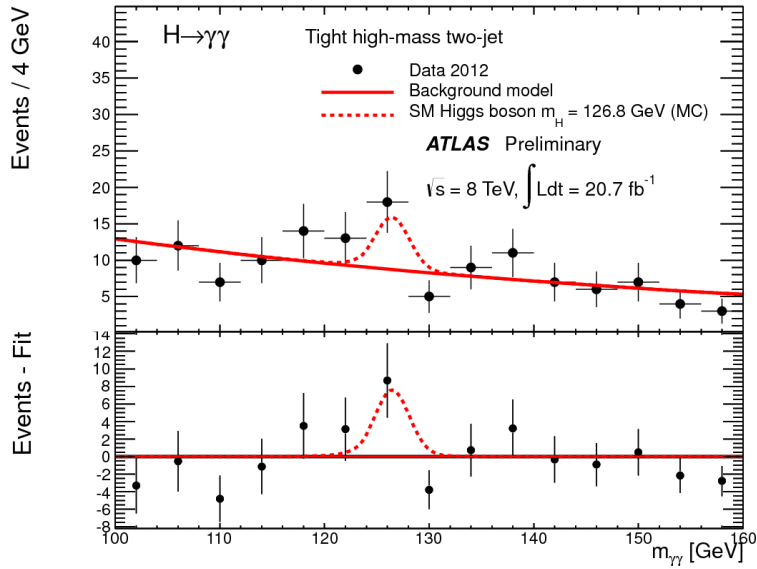


Higgs Boson Decay	$\mu$ ( $m_H=125.5 \text{ GeV}$ )
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	$-0.4 \pm 1.0$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.8 \pm 0.7$
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$	$1.0 \pm 0.3$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$1.6 \pm 0.3$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	$1.5 \pm 0.4$
Combined	$1.30 \pm 0.20$

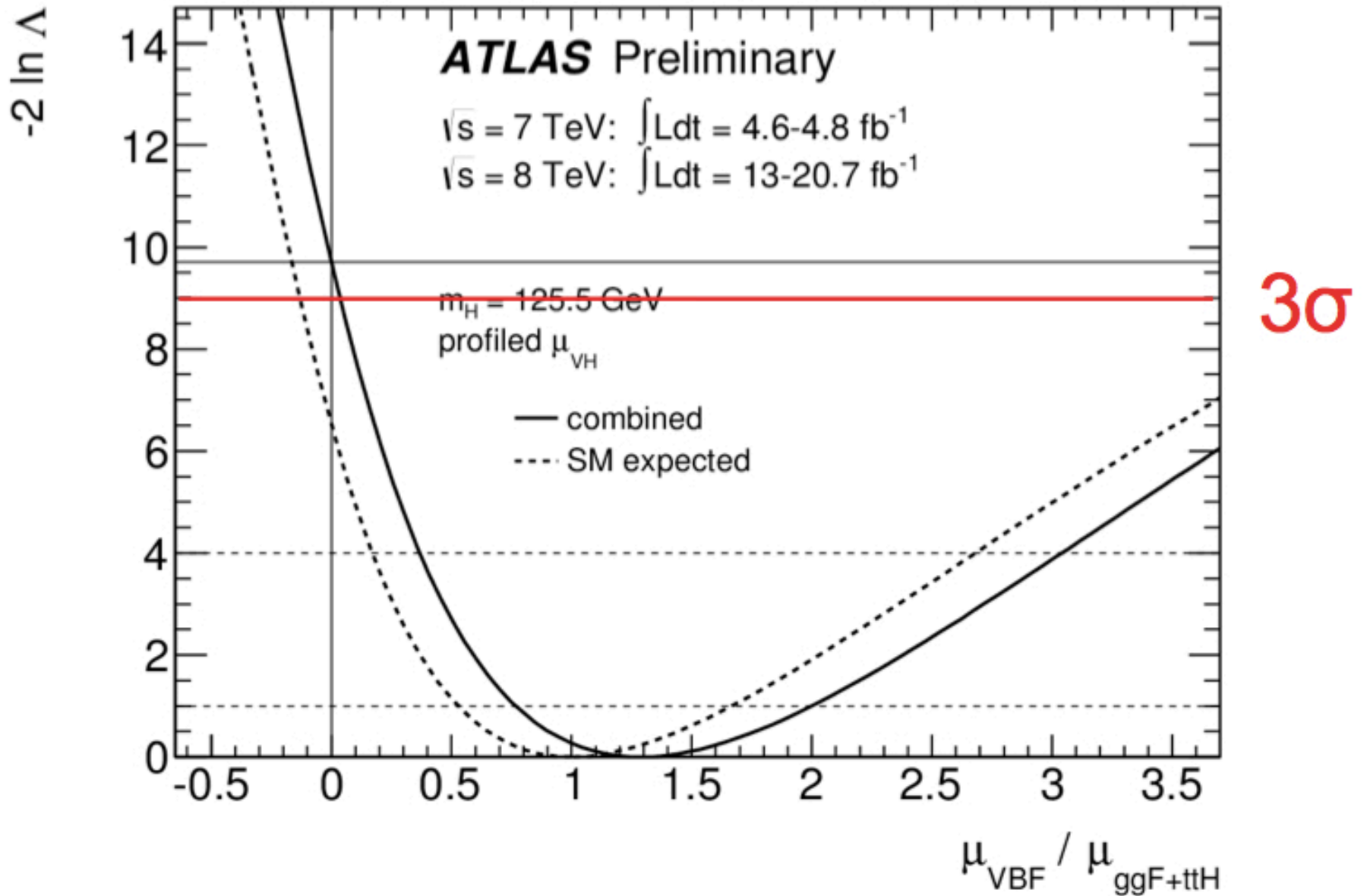


**$\mu = 0.80 \pm 0.14$**

# The VBF Signal at the LHC



# The VBF Signal at the LHC

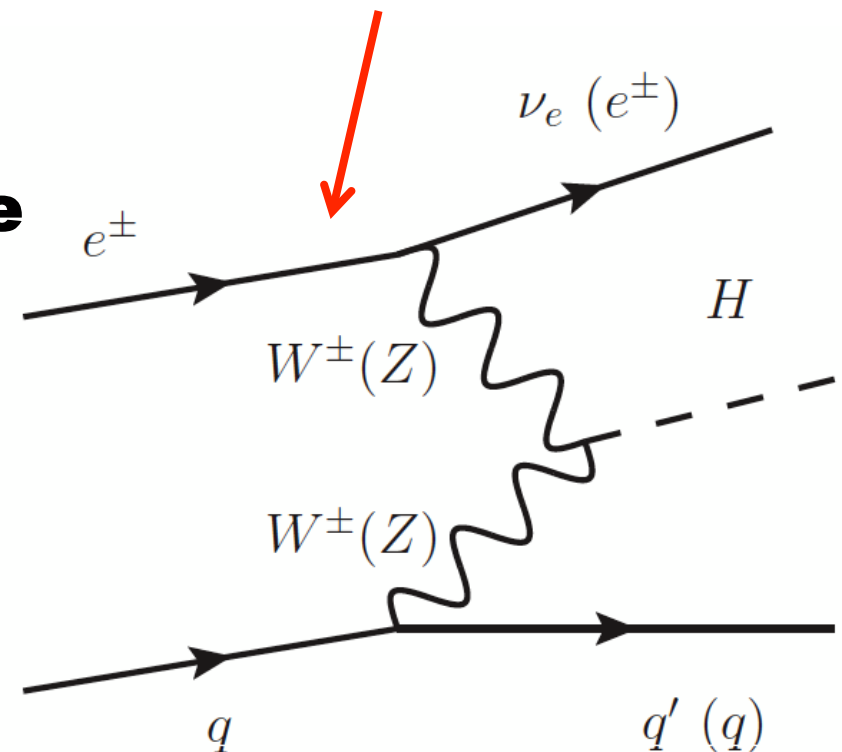


# Higgs at LHeC

At LHeC replace  
Lepton line by quark line

□ It is remarkable that VBF diagrams were calculated for lepton nucleon collisions before for pp!

□ Consider feasibility for the following point:



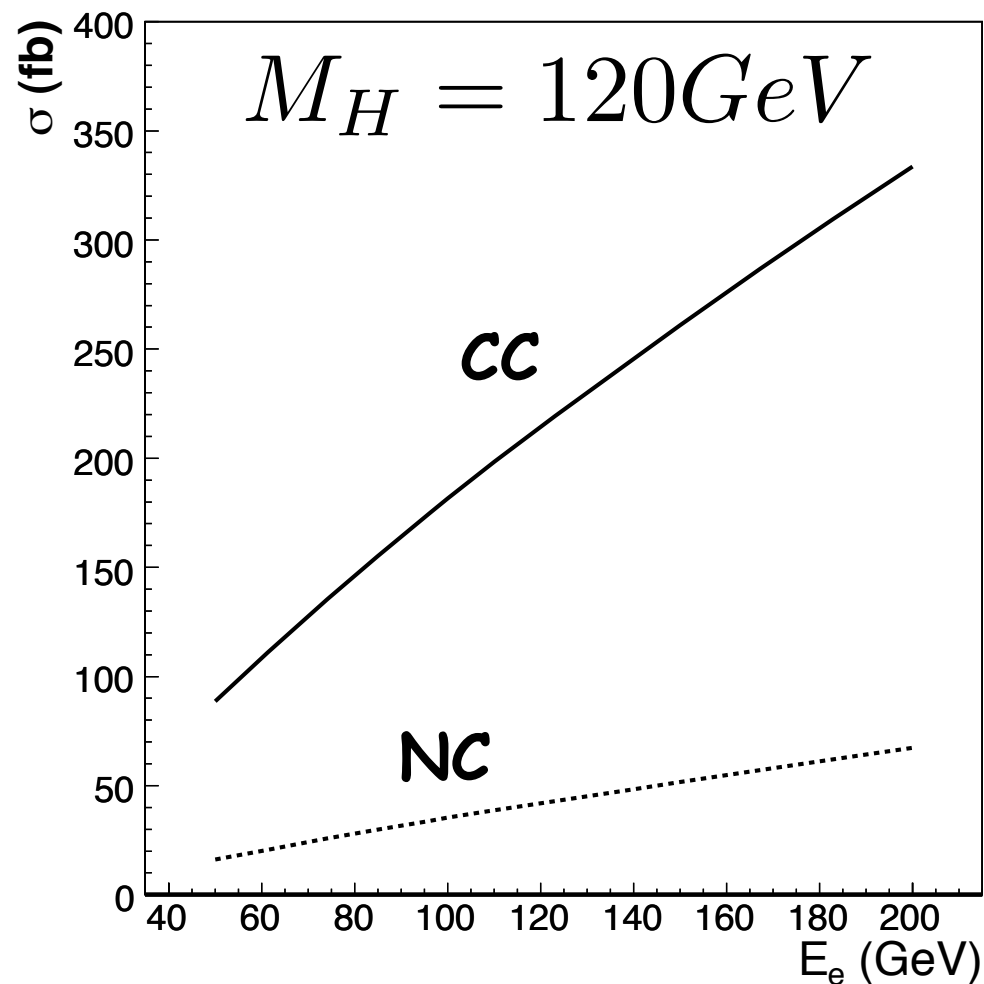
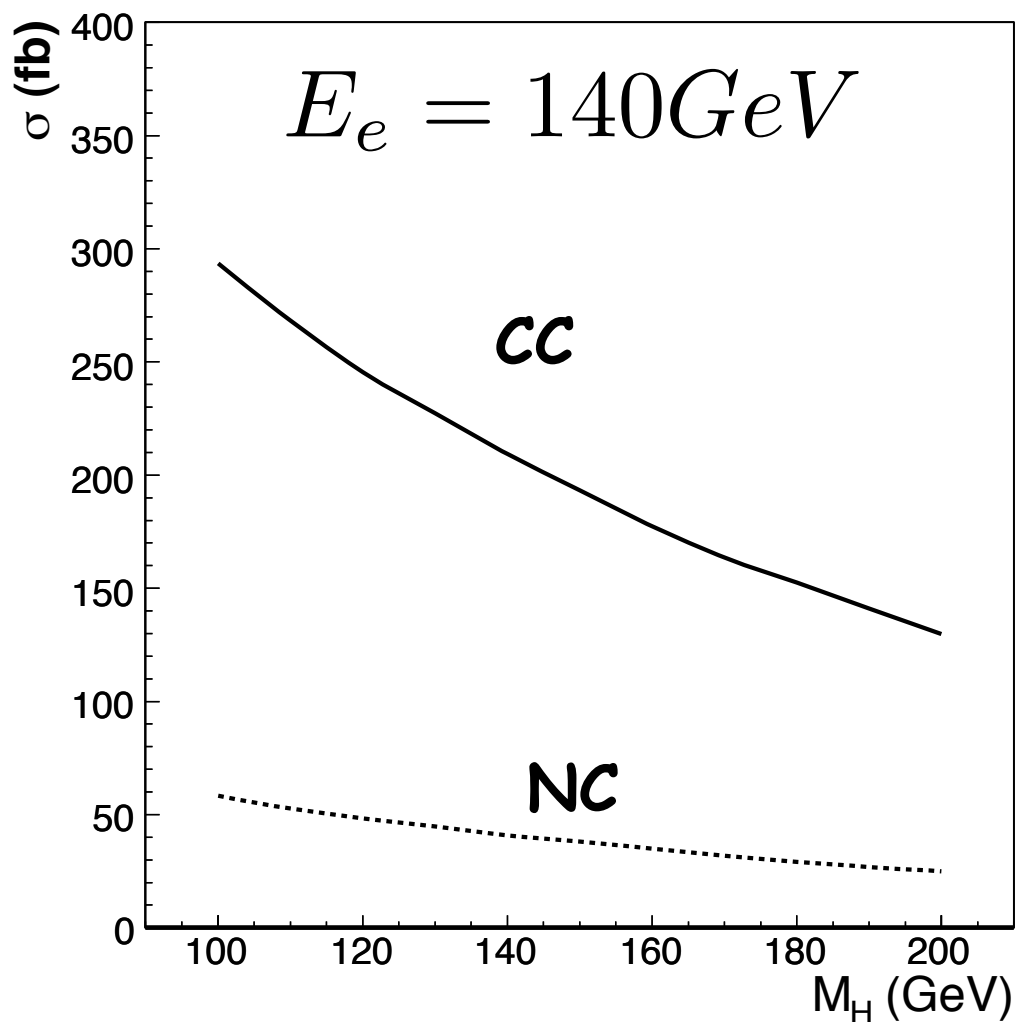
$$E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}, \quad E_e = 140 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$$

# Cross-Sections

□ Used Madgraph and CTEQ6L for e

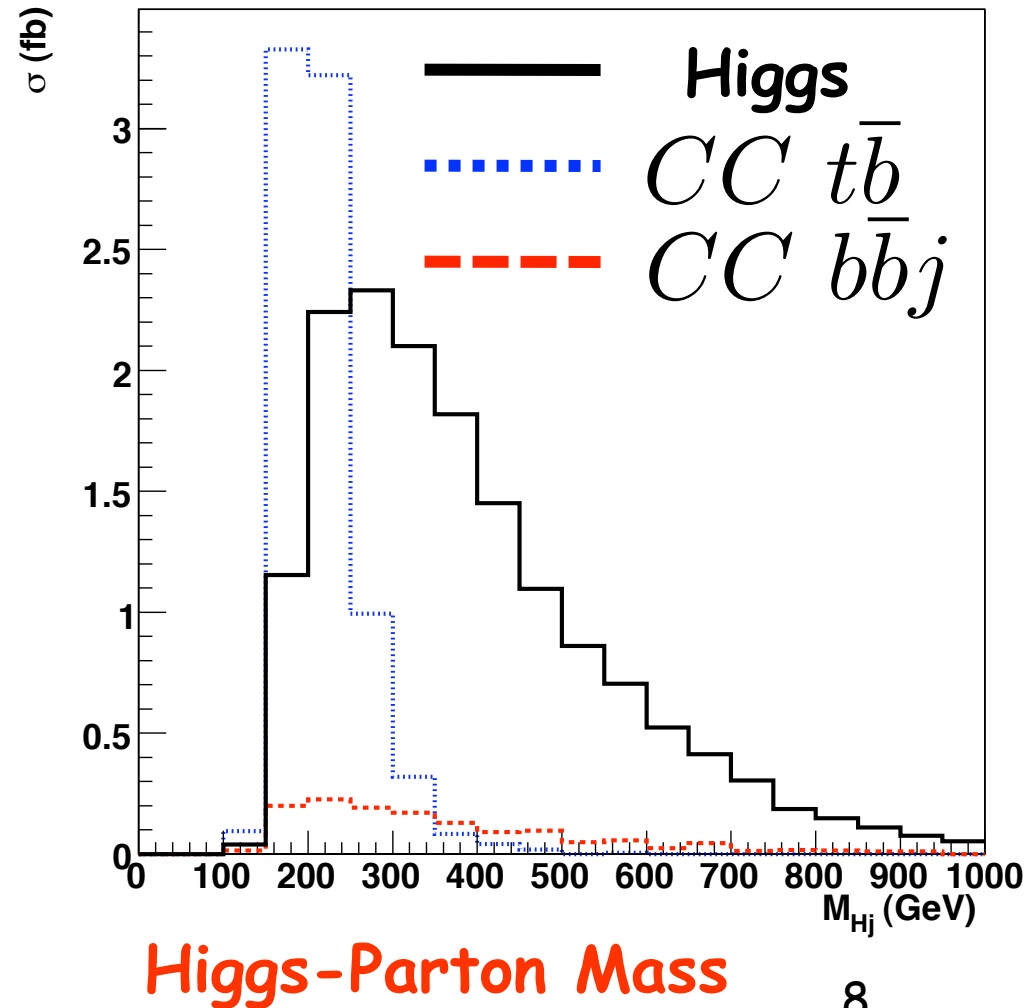
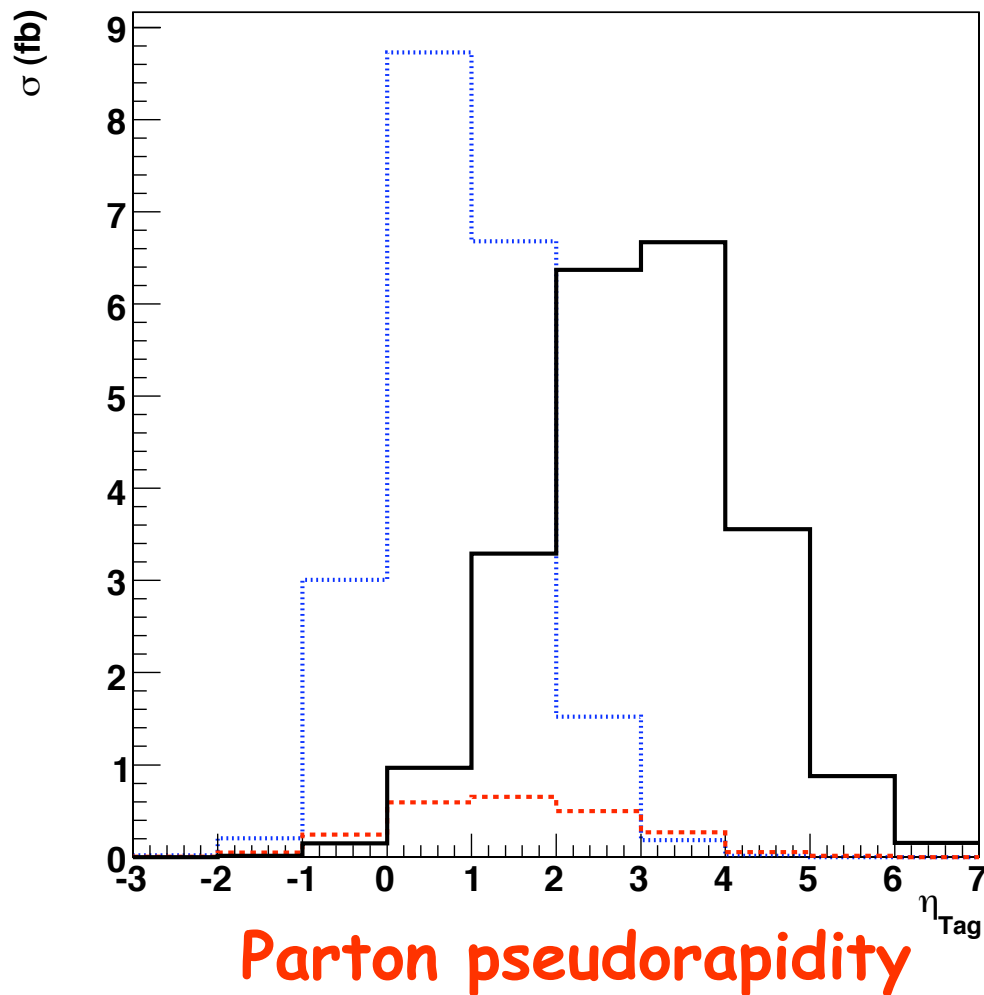
scattering

□ Set scales to  $M_H$ . Little scale dependence



# Kinematics in Charge Current Analysis

T.Han & BM Phys.Rev.D82:016009,2010.



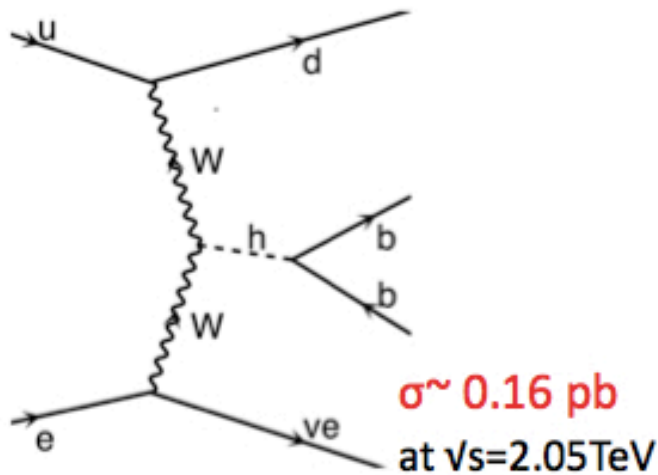


# MC Samples in Hadron-level study

U.Klein et al.

## Signal

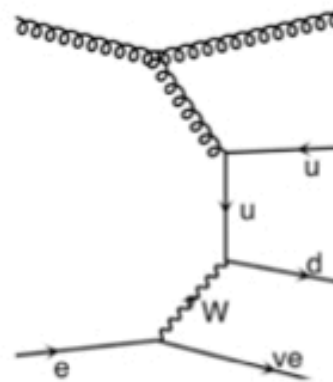
CC:  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (BR  $\sim 0.7$  at  $M_H=120\text{GeV}$ )



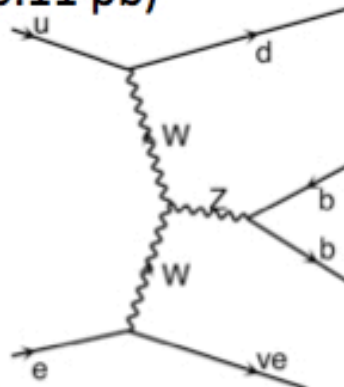
NOTE: Background sample numbers are after pre-selection in generator

## Background (examples)

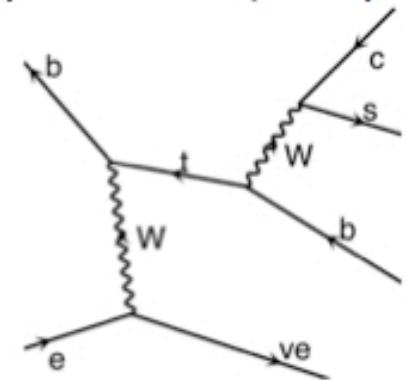
CC: 3 jets ( $\sim 57 \text{ pb}$ )



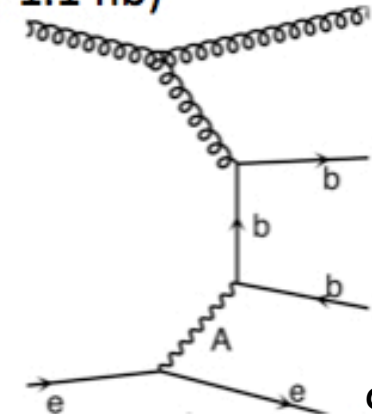
CC: Z production ( $\sim 0.11 \text{ pb}$ )



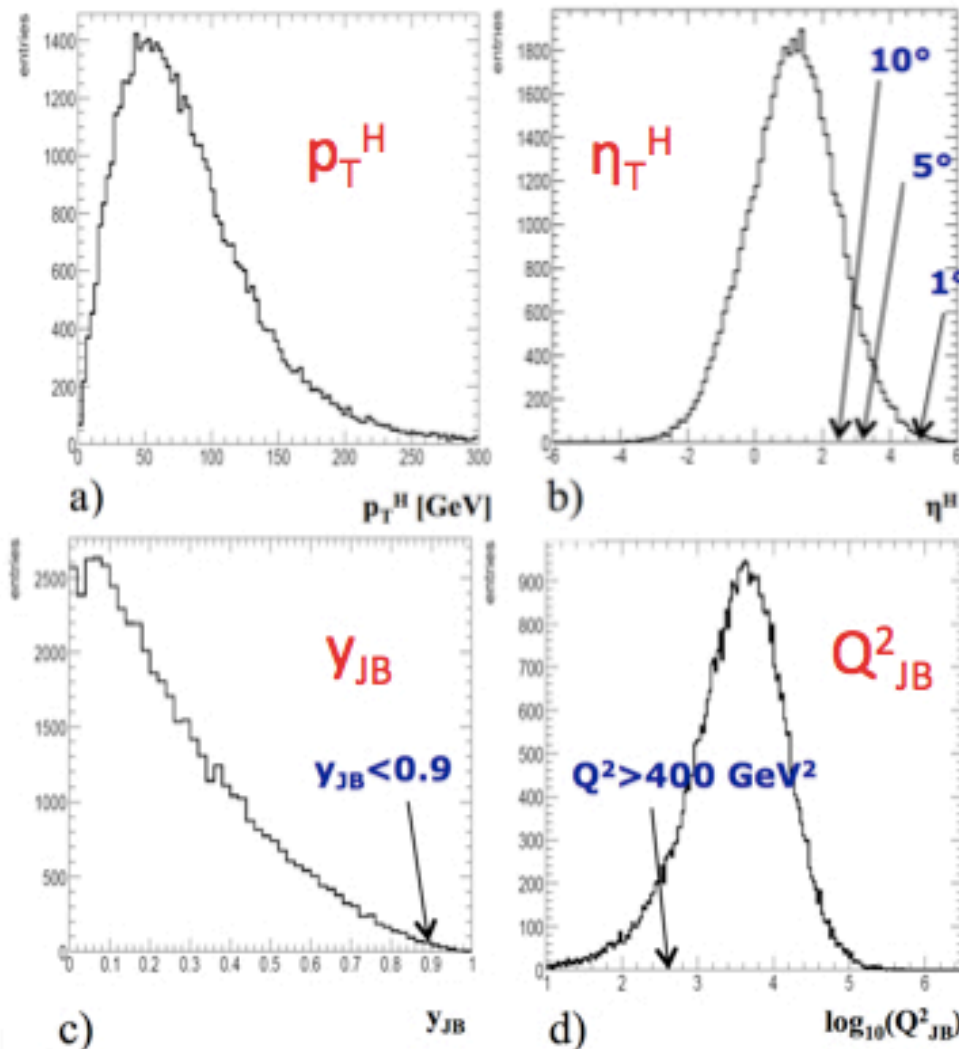
CC: single top production ( $\sim 4.1 \text{ pb}$ )



NC: b pair production ( $\sim 1.1 \text{ nb}$ )



a-b) Kinematic distributions of generated Higgs  
 c-d) Reconstructed  $y_{JB}$  and  $Q^2_{JB}$



Generated events passed to Pythia and to generic LHC-style detector:

- Coverage:
  - Tracking:  $|\eta| < 3$
  - Calorimeter:  $|\eta| < 5$
- Calorimeter resolution
  - EM:  $1\% \oplus 5\%/VE$
  - Hadron:  $60\%/VE$
- Cell size:  $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = (0.03, 0.03)$
- Jet reconstructed (cone  $\Delta R=0.7$ )
- b-tag performance
  - Flat efficiency for  $|\eta| < 3$
  - Efficiency/mis-ID
    - b-jet: 60%
    - c-jet: 10%
    - Other jets: 1%

# Selection of $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

## ■ NC rejection

- Exclude electron-tagged events
- $E_{T,miss} > 20$  GeV
- $N_{jet} (p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}) \geq 3$
- $E_{T,total} > 100$  GeV
- $Y_{JB} < 0.9, Q_{JB}^2 > 400 \text{ GeV}^2$

## ■ b-tag requirement

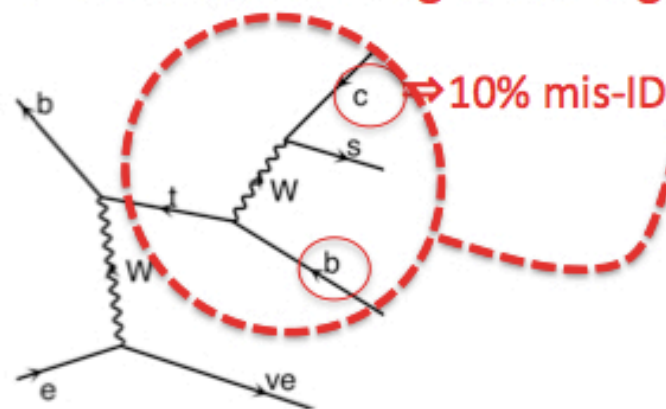
- $N_{b-jet} (p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}) \geq 2$

## ■ Higgs invariant mass

- $90 < M_H < 120$  GeV  $\Rightarrow$  44% of remaining BG is single-top...

## ■ Single top rejection

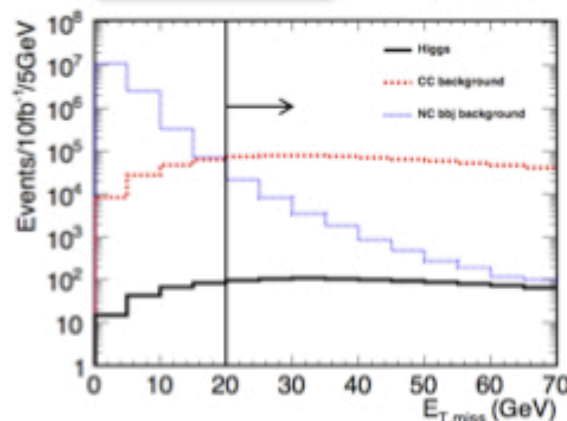
- $M_{jj,top} > 250$  GeV
- $M_{jj,W} > 130$  GeV



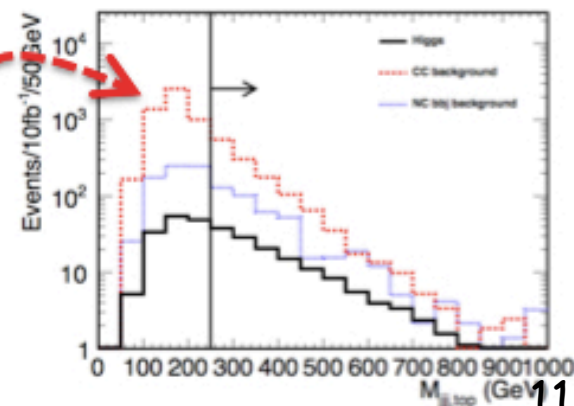
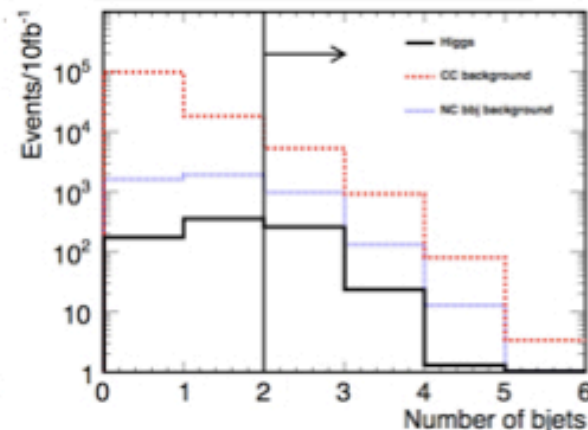
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

CC BG  
NC BG

$E_{T,miss}$  cut



b-tag requirement

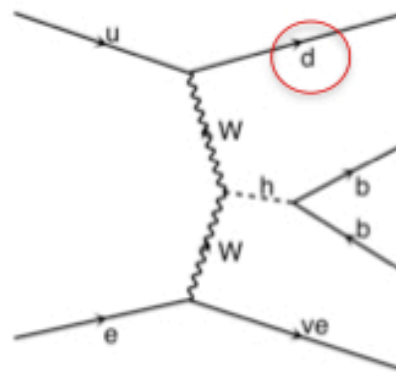


- Forward jet tagging
  - $\eta_{\text{jet}} > 2$  (lowest  $\eta$  jet excluding b-tagged jets)

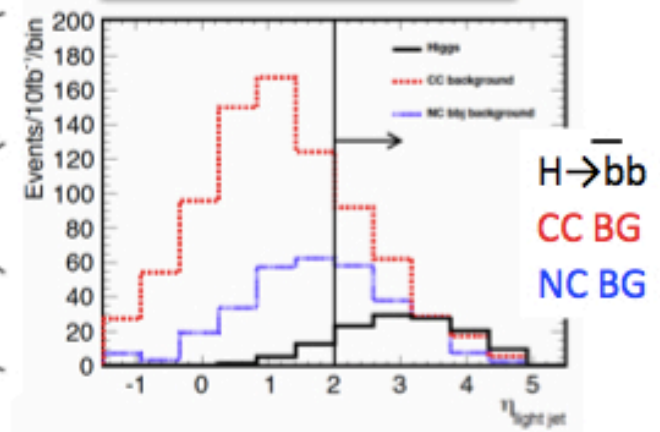
Coordinate:

Fwd: +z-axis along proton beam

H → b $\bar{b}$  signal



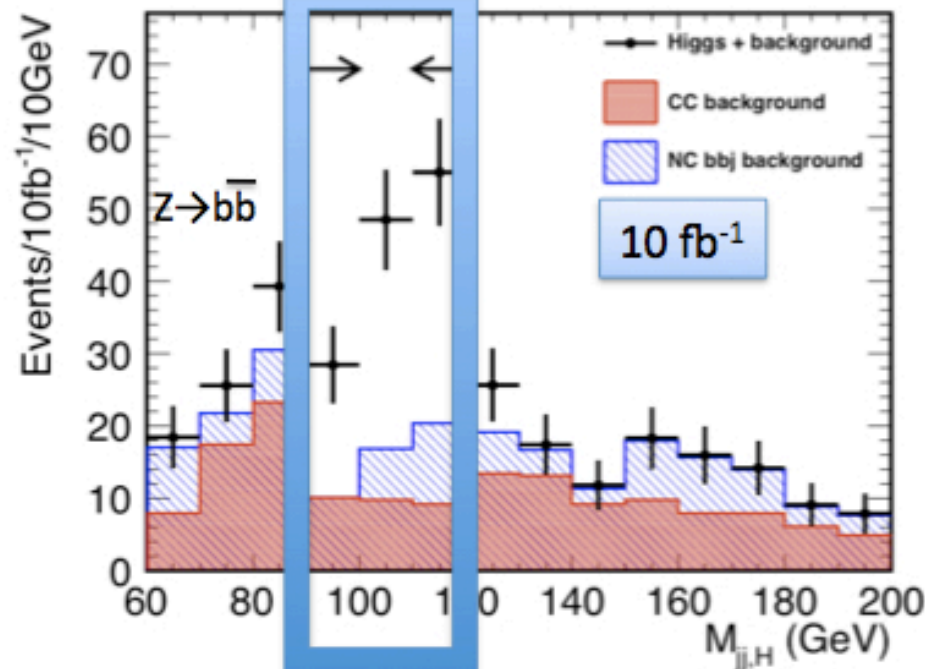
Forward jet  $\eta$  tag



- Higgs invariant mass after all selection

E<sub>e</sub>=150 GeV

Expect 500 H → b $\bar{b}$  events at 60 GeV for 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> → 3% cross section measurement

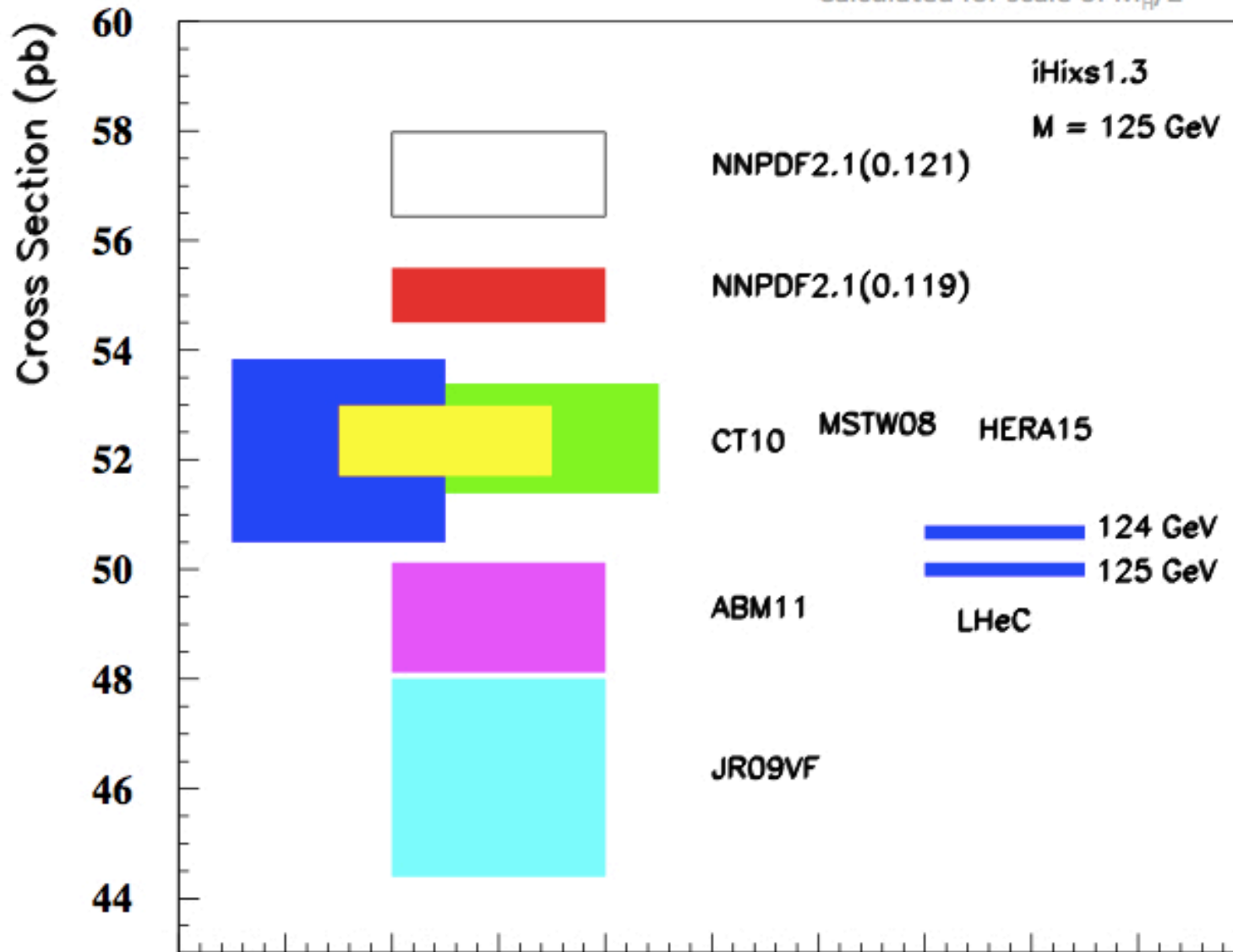


Clear signal obtained with just cut based analysis already!

**M.Klein**

# NNLO pp-Higgs Cross Sections at 14 TeV

Calculated for scale of  $M_H/2$



Exp uncertainty of LHeC Higgs cross section is 0.25% (sys+sta), using LHeC only.

Leads to mass sensitivity..

Strong coupling underlying parameter (0.005 – 10%).  
LHeC: 0.0002

Needs N<sup>3</sup>LO

HQ treatment important

**PRECISION  $\sigma(H)$**

Higgs production (gg) at the LHC is  $\propto \alpha_s^2(M_H^2) xG(x, M_H^2) \otimes xG(x, M_H^2)$

Bandurin (ICHEP12) Higgs physics at the LHC is limited by the PDF knowledge

**S. Biswal, R. Godbole, B.M. and a S. Raychaudhuri Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 261801**

Higgs Couplings with pair of gauge bosons ( $ZZ/WW$ ) and the pair of heavy fermions ( $t/\tau$ ) are largest. Study  $\mathcal{O}P$  in a model independent way (most studies so far)

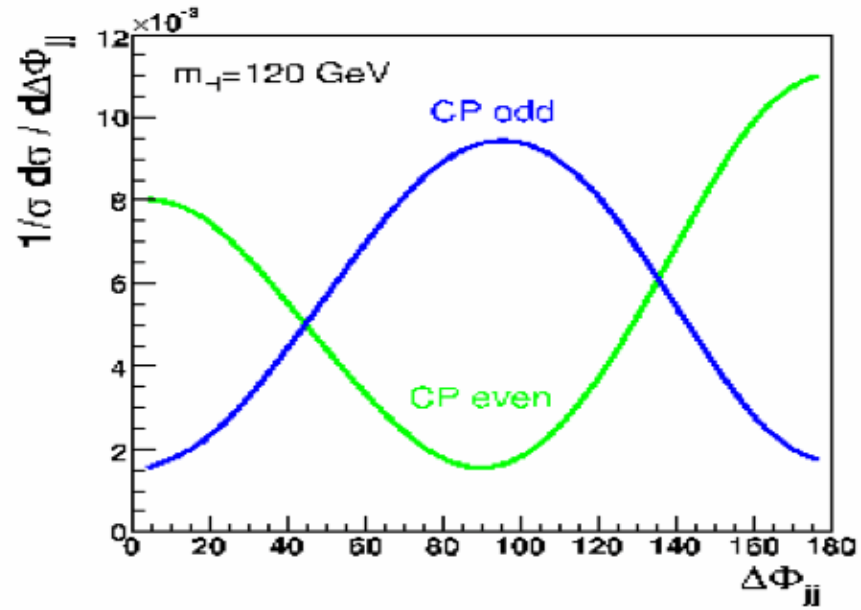
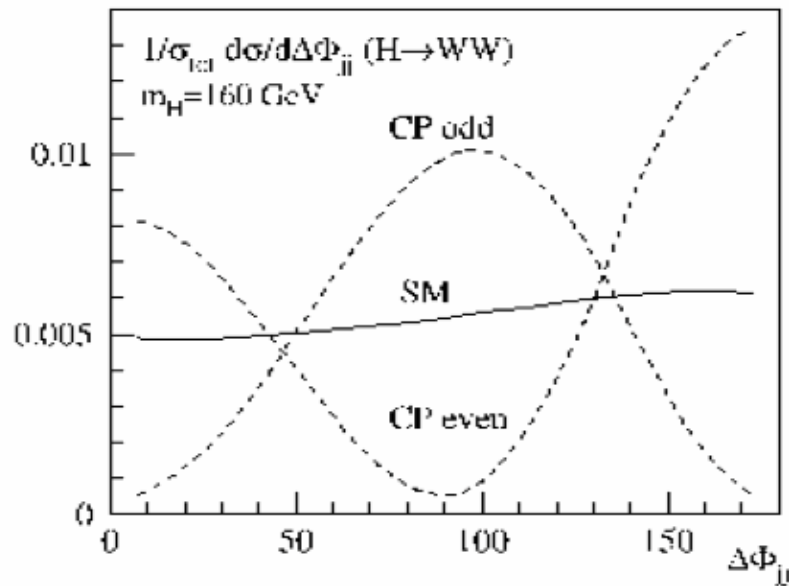
$$Hf\bar{f} : -\frac{gm_f}{2M_W}\bar{f}(a_f + ib_f\gamma_5)fH$$

**HVV:**

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\text{SM}} = -gM_V g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\text{BSM}}(p, q) = \frac{g}{M_V} [\lambda (p \cdot q g_{\mu\nu} - p_\nu q_\mu) + \lambda' \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\rho q^\sigma]$$

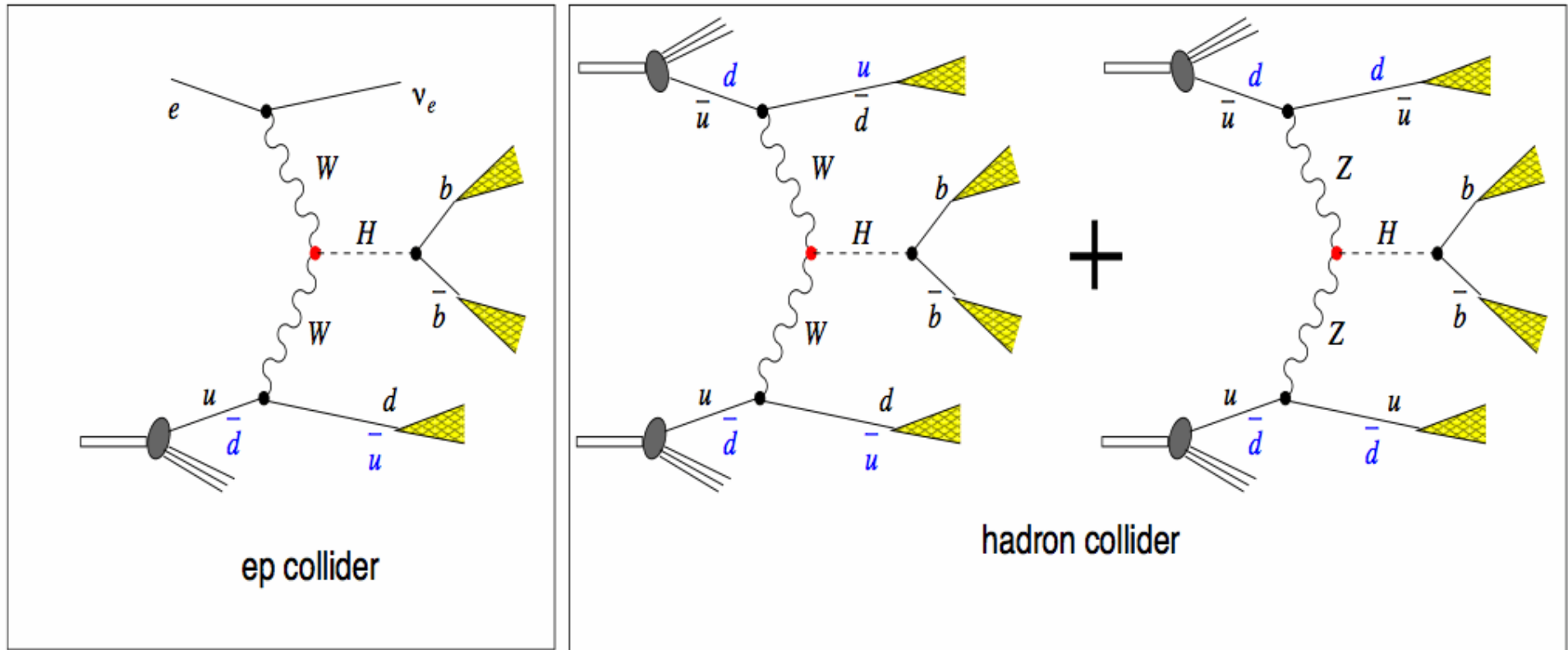
Study by Zeppenfeld et al:



Left plot: VBF, CP even and CP odd refer to the dimension 5 operator.

For gluon fusion the angular distribution is decided by the CP property of the  $t\bar{t}H$  coupling.

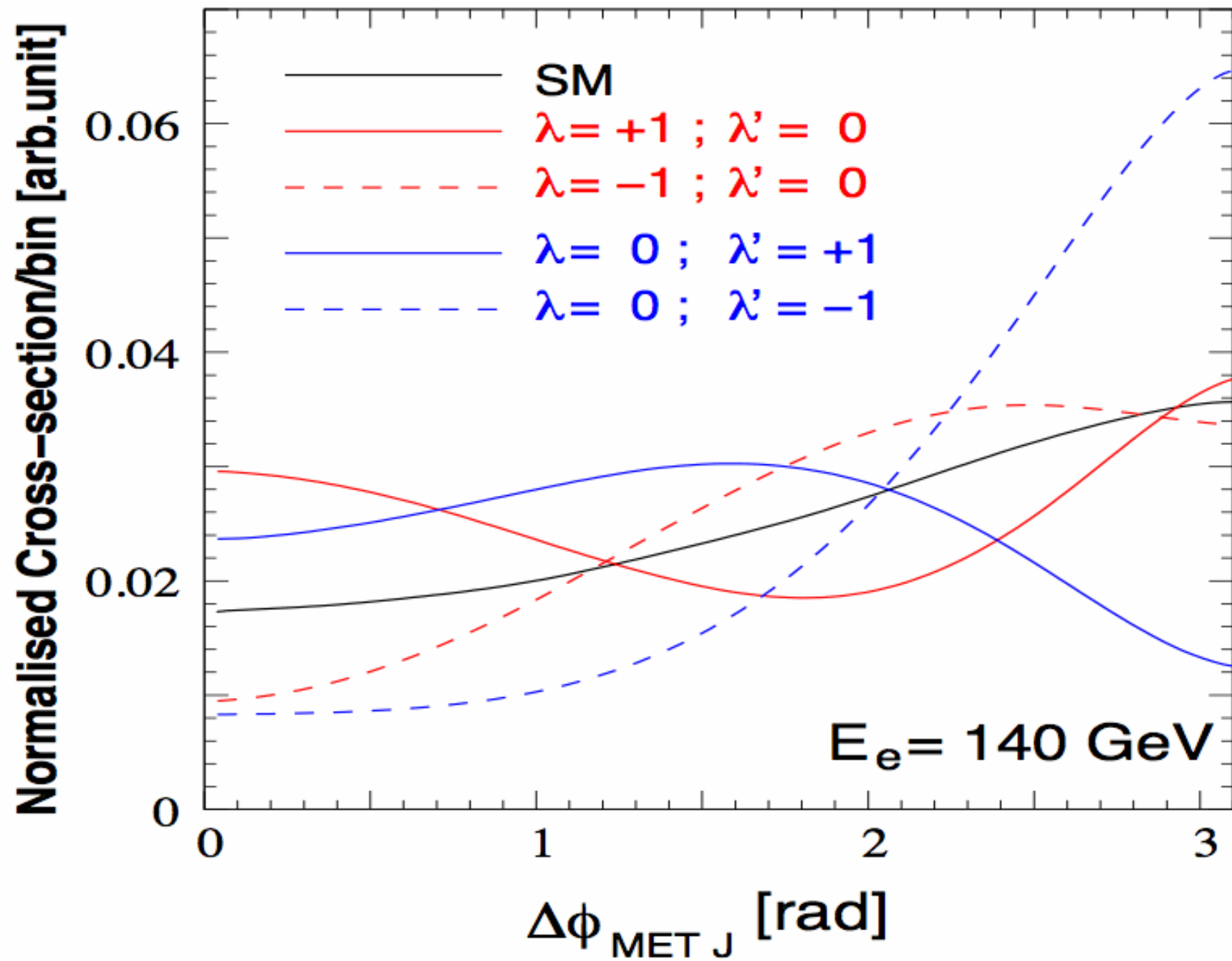
higgs + 2jets: VBF (LHC), higgs + jet + missing  $E_T$  (LHeC)



*ep* process uniquely addresses the  $HWW$  vertex.

Need to investigate physics beyond the SM within the  $0^+$  hypothesis with high precision

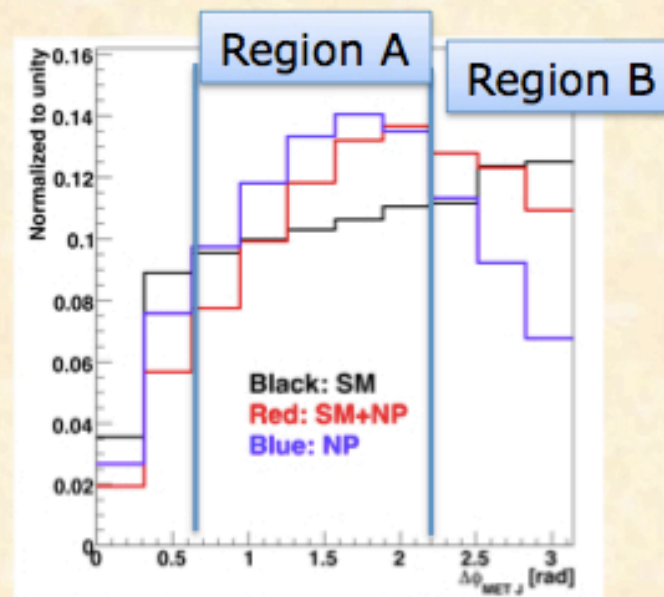




# Case Study for $M_H=120$ GeV

- Measure deviation of the Higgs production with respect to the SM using the absolute rate of events
- The ratio of the number of events in region B to that of region A in the  $\Delta\phi_{\text{MET},J}$  spectrum

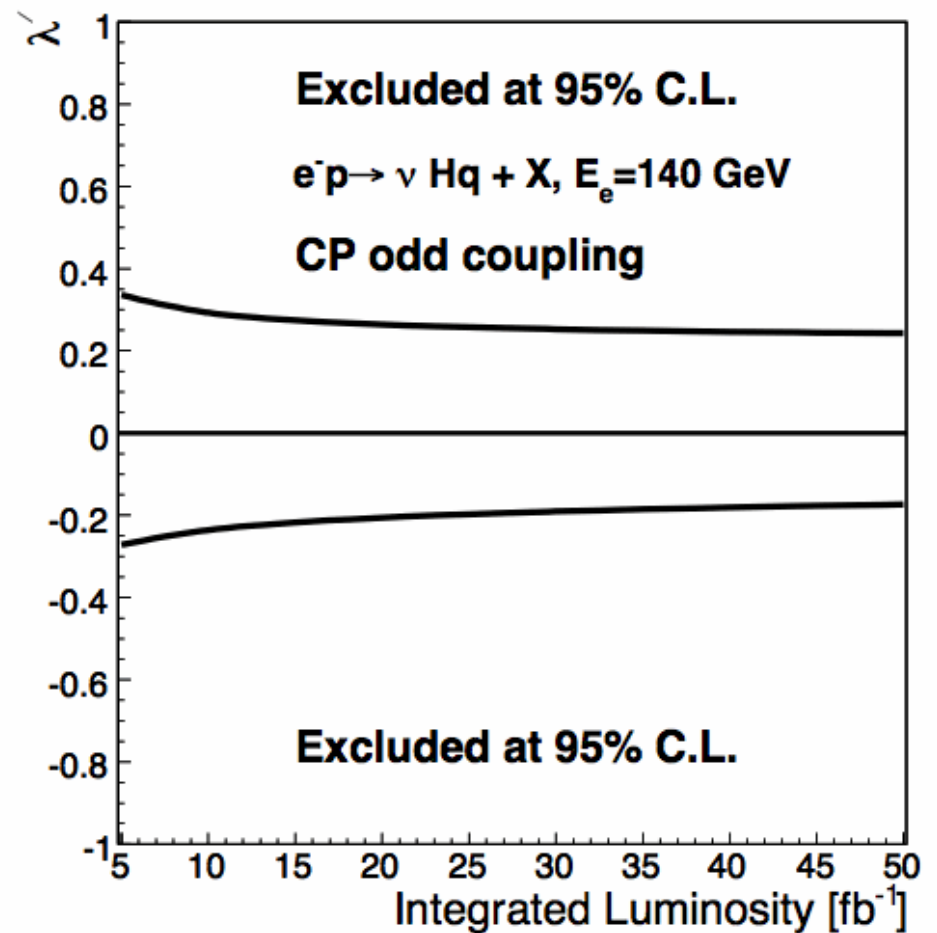
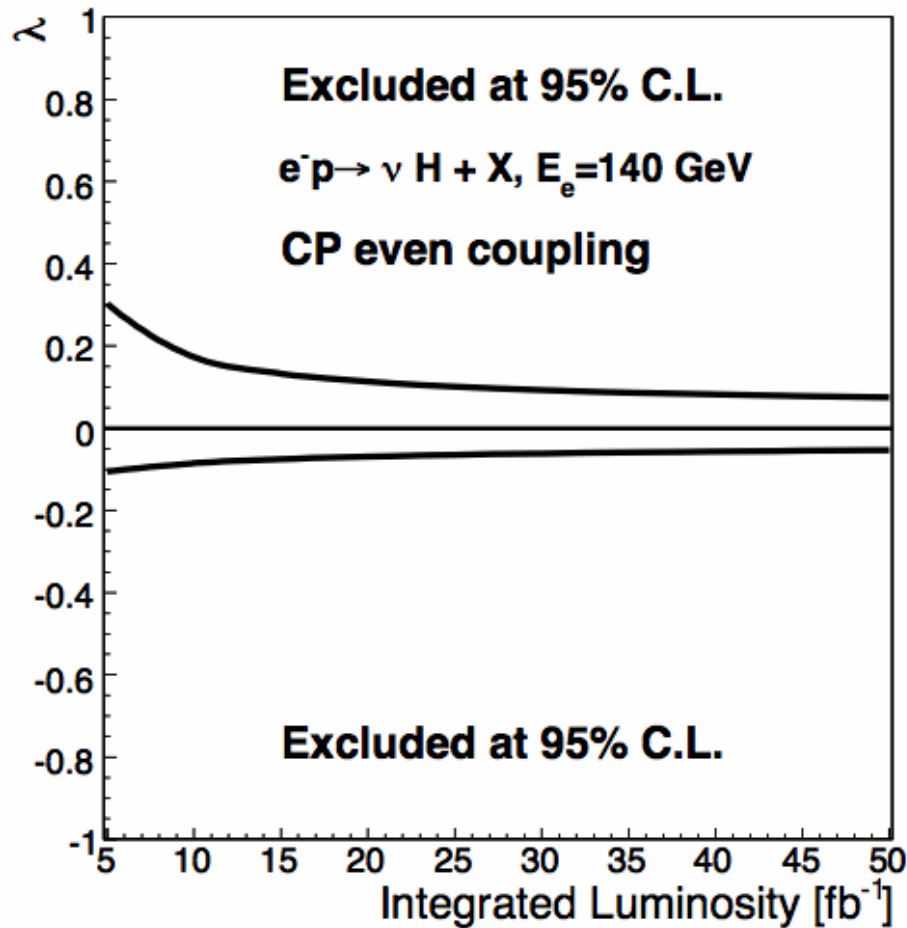
CP-odd case



- Assume Gaussian errors and the following systematics:
  - 10% on the background rate
  - 5% on the shape of the  $\Delta\phi_{\text{MET},J}$  in background
  - 5% on the rate of the SM Higgs
  - Evaluating theoretical error on  $\Delta\phi_{\text{MET},J}$  shape

# Results on the sensitivity with updated background as per the simulations of U. Klein (DIS 2011)

URL: <http://www.ep.ph.bham.ac.uk/exp/LHeC/talks/DIS11.Klein2.pdf>



Considering high luminosity scenarios (contribution to IPAC13)

Aim: to turn the LHeC into a Higgs factory

Observe Higgs in decays not accessible by the LHC

Number of events for  $1000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

**M.Klein**                      **10 years of operation**

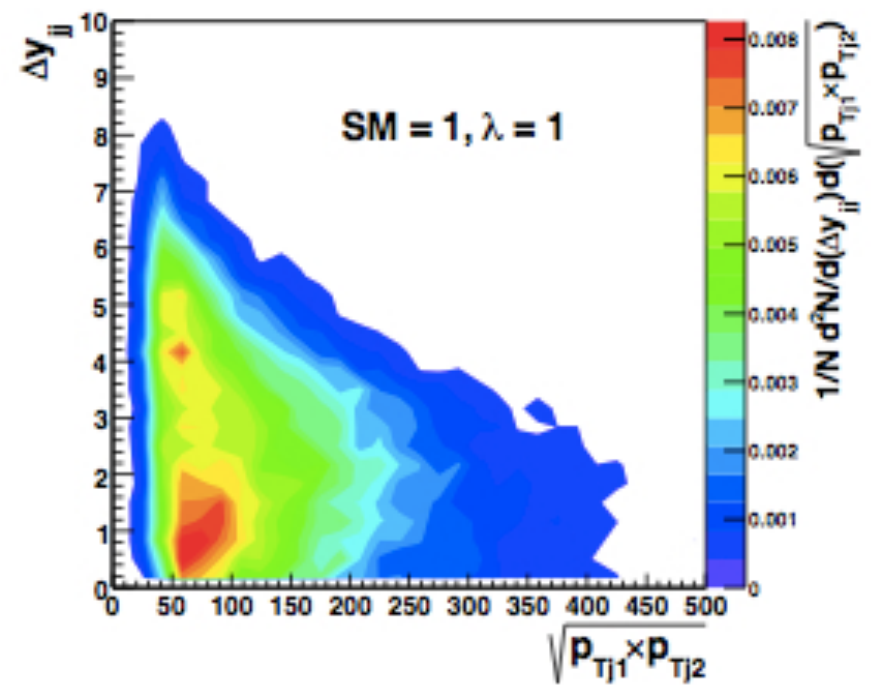
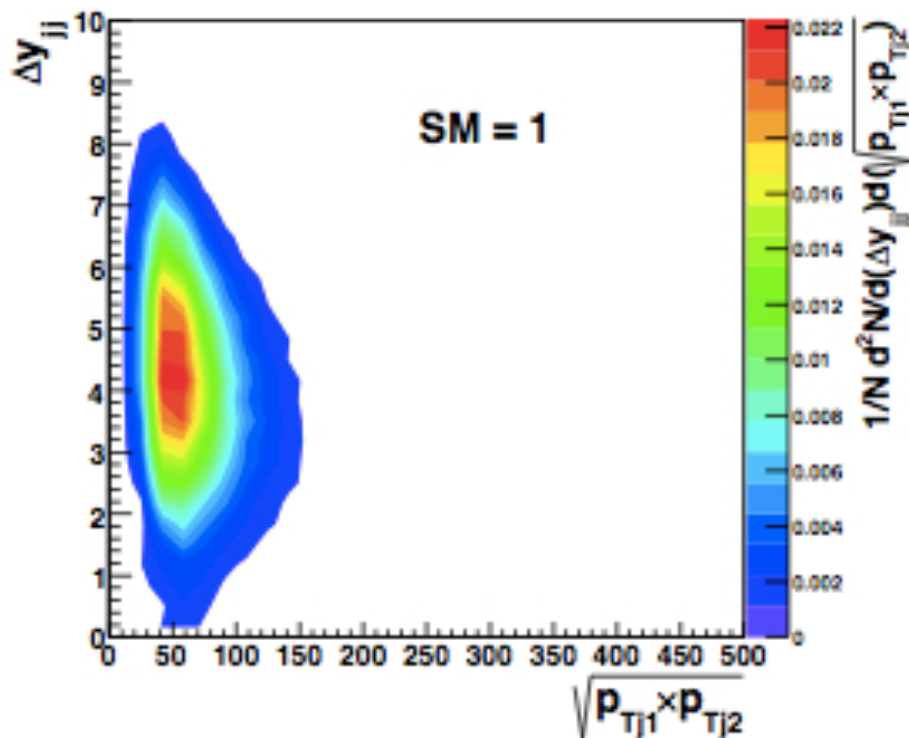
LHeC Higgs	CC ( $e^-p$ )	NC ( $e^-p$ )	CC ( $e^+p$ )
Polarisation	-0.8	0	0
Luminosity [ $\text{ab}^{-1}$ ]	1	1	0.1
Cross Section [fb]	196	20	58
Acceptance	0.92	0.93	0.94
Decay Channel	$N_{CC}^H e^-p$	$N_{NC}^H e^-p$	$N_{CC}^H e^+p$
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	97 500	12 000	3500
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	5 900	600	180
$H \rightarrow gg$	16 200	1 600	480
$H \rightarrow WW$	25 200	2 600	760
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	2 880	1900	560
$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	10 260	1 000	310
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	360	40	12

# Structure of HVV couplings and jet Kinematics in VBF

C.Englert, D.Goncalves-Netto K.Mawatari and T.Plehn JHEP 1301 (2013) 148

A. Djouadi, R.Godbole, B.M. and K.Mohan, arXiv:1301.4965

**New physics in the HVV coupling strongly distort the “VBF” jet kinematics. This also strongly affects the acceptance of the VBF signal**



**Similar studies are ongoing to assess this effect in ep collisions**

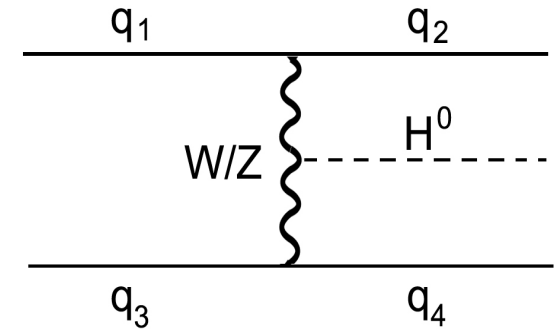
# Outlook and Conclusions

- ❑ **A Higgs boson with a mass  $\sim 125$  GeV has been discovered and evidence for VBF mechanism given**
- ❑ **LHeC displays strong complementarities with the LHC with regards to Higgs physics**
- ❑ **Forward jet tagging secures the feasibility of the Higgs search in CC and NC in ep collisions**
  - ❑ **VBF signature established at the LHC**
- ❑ **With the isolation of the  $H \rightarrow bb$  signal at the LHeC a window of opportunity opens for the exploration of the CP properties of the HWW and HZZ vertexes**
- ❑ **The LHeC offers a number of advantages**
  - ❑ **Separation of HWW and HZZ couplings**
  - ❑ **Excellent signal to background ratio**
  - ❑ **Possibility of tagging  $H \rightarrow cc$  decay**
- ❑ **Exploring high lumi scenarios -> Higgs factory**

**Extra Slides**

# Higgs via VBF

## Qualitative remarks



$$\sigma(fa \rightarrow f'X) \approx \int dx dp_T^2 P_{V/f}(x, p_T^2) \sigma(Va \rightarrow X)$$

$$P_{V/f}^T(x, p_T^2) = \frac{g_V^2 + g_V^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{1 + (1-x)^2}{x} \frac{p_T^2}{(p_T^2 + (1-x)M_V^2)^2}$$

$$P_{V/f}^L(x, p_T^2) = \frac{g_V^2 + g_V^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{1-x}{x} \frac{(1-x)M_V^2}{(p_T^2 + (1-x)M_V^2)^2}$$

□ **Unlike QCD partons that scale like  $1/P_T^2$ , here  $P_T \sim \sqrt{1-x}M_W$**

□ **Due to the  $1/x$  behavior of the Weak boson the outgoing parton energy  $(1-x)E$  is large  $\rightarrow$  forward jets**

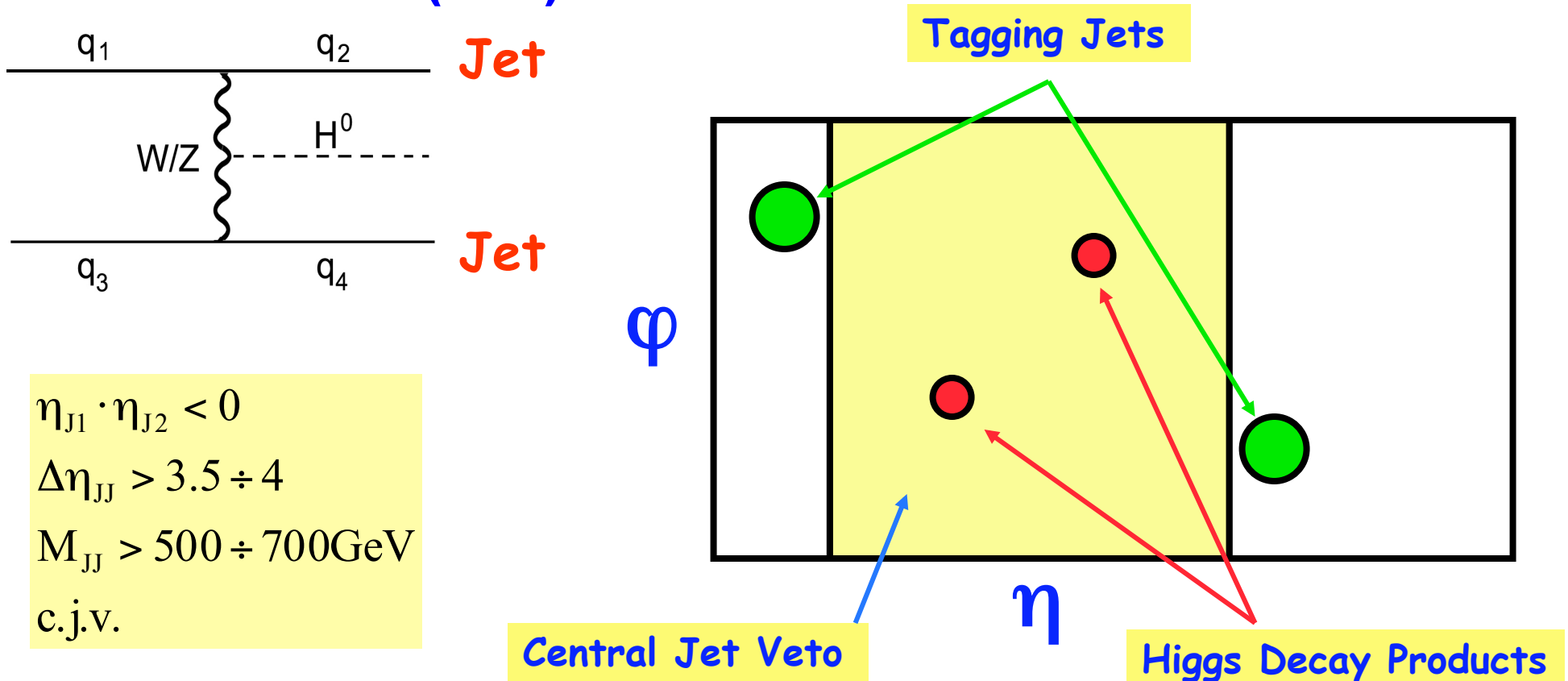
□ **At high  $P_T$   $P_{V/f}^T \sim 1/p_T^2$  and  $P_{V/f}^L \sim 1/p_T^4$ :**

□ **Contribution from longitudinally polarized Weak bosons is suppressed (Higgs couples to longitudinally polarized WB)**



# Low mass SM Higgs + 2jets

- **Wisconsin Pheno (D.Zeppenfeld, D.Rainwater, et al.) proposed to search for a Low Mass Higgs in association with two jets with jet veto**
  - **Central jet veto initially suggested in V.Barger, K.Cheung and T.Han in PRD 42 3052 (1990)**



# Signal Efficiency for Different $E_e$

□ **First row: Cumulative efficiency**

□ **Second row: Efficiency w.r.t. previous cut**

Cut	$E_e = 50$	$E_e = 100$	$E_e = 140$	$E_e = 200$
<b>a</b>	0.129 -	0.157 -	0.166 -	0.171 -
<b>b</b>	0.109 0.84	0.127 0.81	0.132 0.80	0.136 0.80
<b>c</b>	0.076 0.70	0.090 0.71	0.093 0.70	0.095 0.70
<b>d</b>	0.050 0.66	0.067 0.75	0.073 0.79	0.078 0.82

# Effect of Jet Energy Resolution

Cuts	Higgs	CC			Photo-prod.		$S/B$
		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$jjj$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
Generator level	167	3800	810	26000	48000	250	-
<b>a</b>	27.95	152.70	86.25	3.77	6.92	2.29	0.11
<b>b</b>	22.33	20.35	2.37	0.36	0.67	0.27	0.93
<b>c</b>	15.64	8.10	1.36	0.12	0.25	0.14	1.57
<b>d</b>	12.37	1.46	0.92	0.06	0.14	0.04	4.73

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \beta, \quad \alpha = 0.7, \quad \beta = 0.05$$

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		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$jjj$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
<b>a</b>	27.87	153.33	85.46	3.75	33.96	2.28	0.10
<b>b</b>	18.55	20.04	3.51	0.36	4.70	0.27	0.64
<b>c</b>	13.03	7.93	2.24	0.12	1.91	0.14	1.06
<b>d</b>	10.27	1.57	1.64	0.06	1.31	0.03	2.23

# Effect of Range of b-tagging

**Charge Current Analysis (results)**

Cuts	Higgs	CC			Photo-prod.		$S/B$
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**Nominal**

$$|\eta_b| < 2.5 \rightarrow |\eta_b| < 3$$

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		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$j\bar{j}j$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
<b>a</b>	30.23	174.51	94.51	4.15	7.03	2.74	0.11
<b>b</b>	24.41	22.74	2.68	0.39	0.67	0.32	0.91
<b>c</b>	17.08	9.51	1.57	0.13	0.25	0.18	1.47
<b>d</b>	13.15	1.65	1.01	0.05	0.14	0.04	4.55

# Effect of Jet $P_T$

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**Nominal**

$$P_{Tj,b} > 30 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow P_{Tj,b} > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

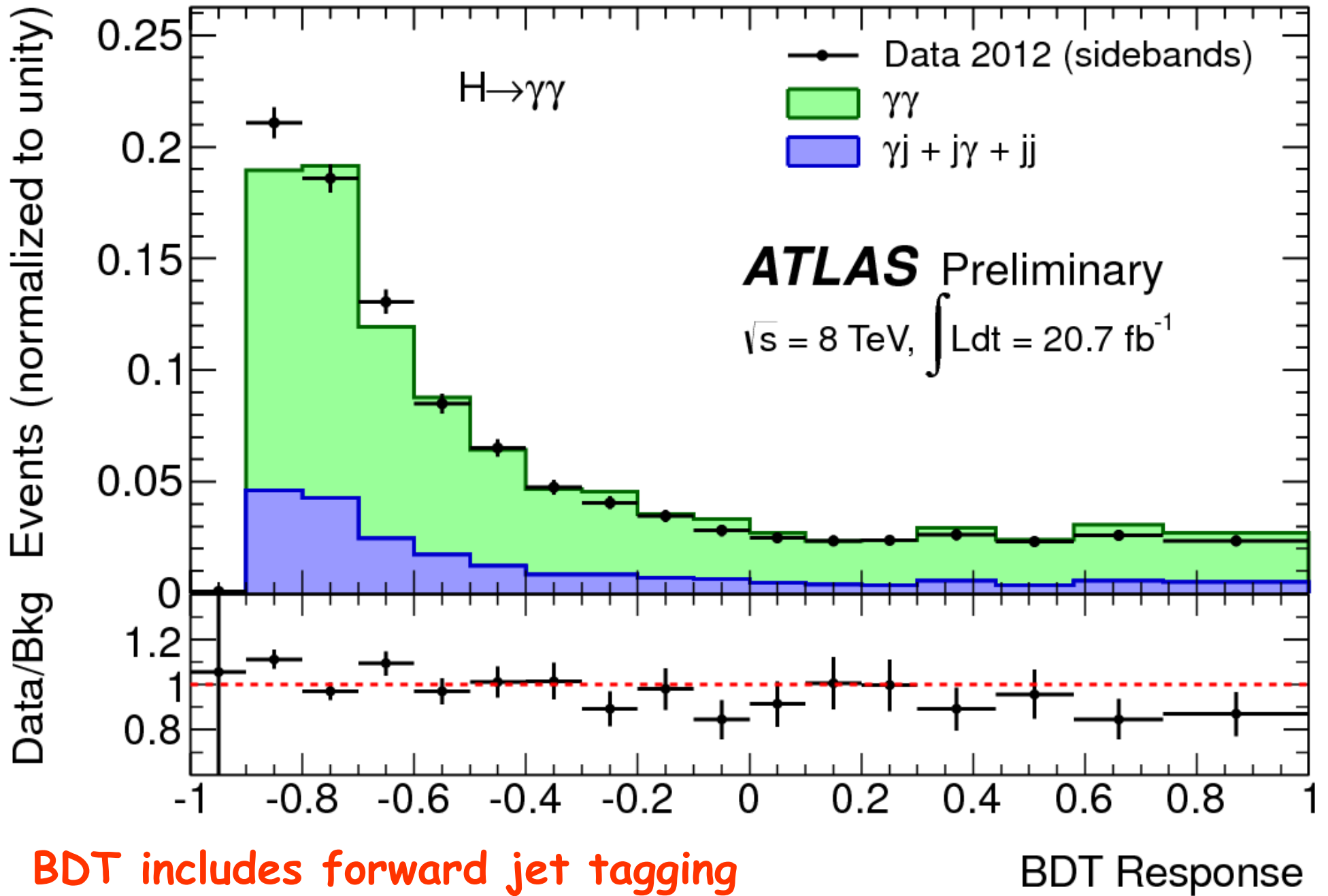
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		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$jjj$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
<b>a</b>	33.48	208.46	134.97	5.85	8.12	2.62	0.09
<b>b</b>	26.52	24.90	2.91	0.47	0.88	0.30	0.90
<b>c</b>	21.47	10.16	1.79	0.26	0.42	0.16	1.68
<b>d</b>	16.24	1.71	1.18	0.10	0.32	0.04	4.84

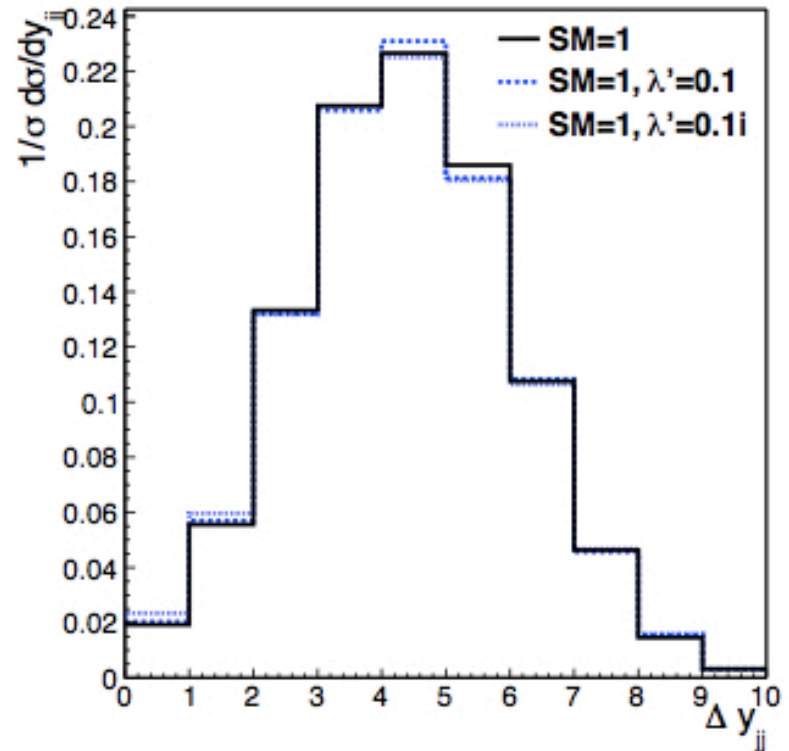
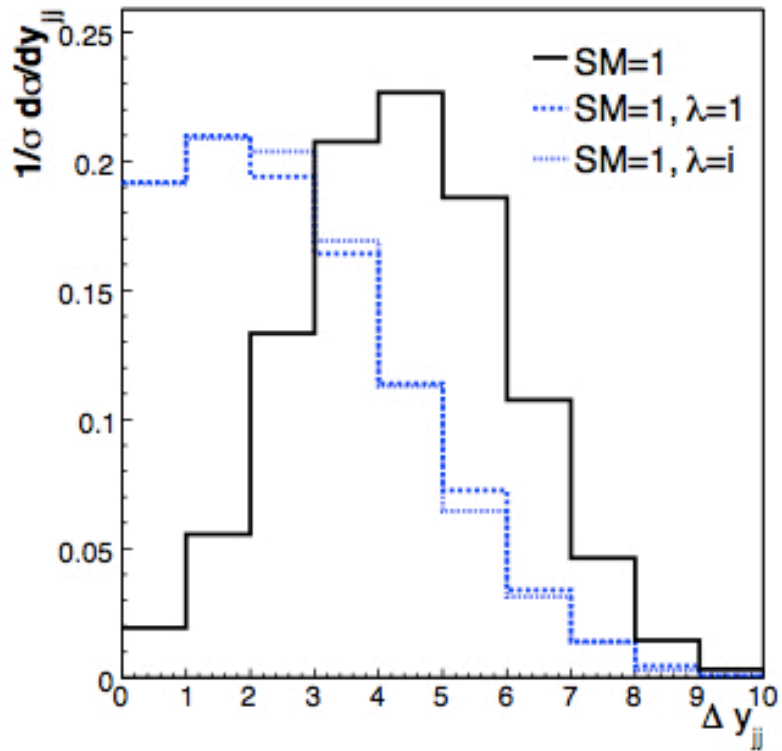
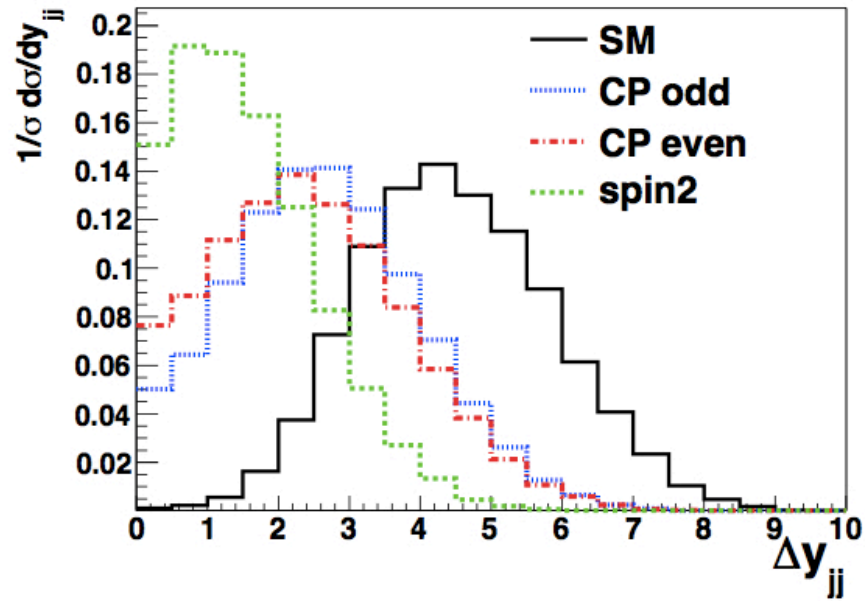
# Signal Efficiency for Different $E_e$

□ **First row: Cumulative efficiency**

□ **Second row: Efficiency w.r.t. previous cut**

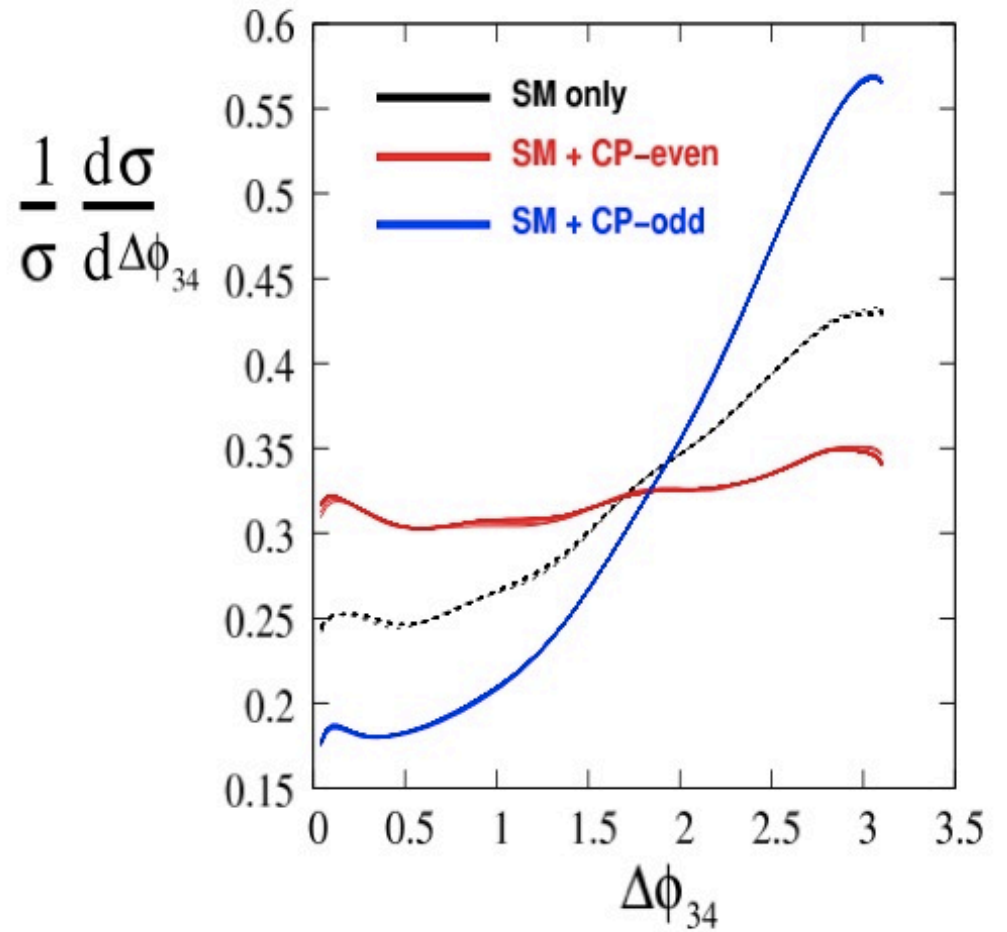
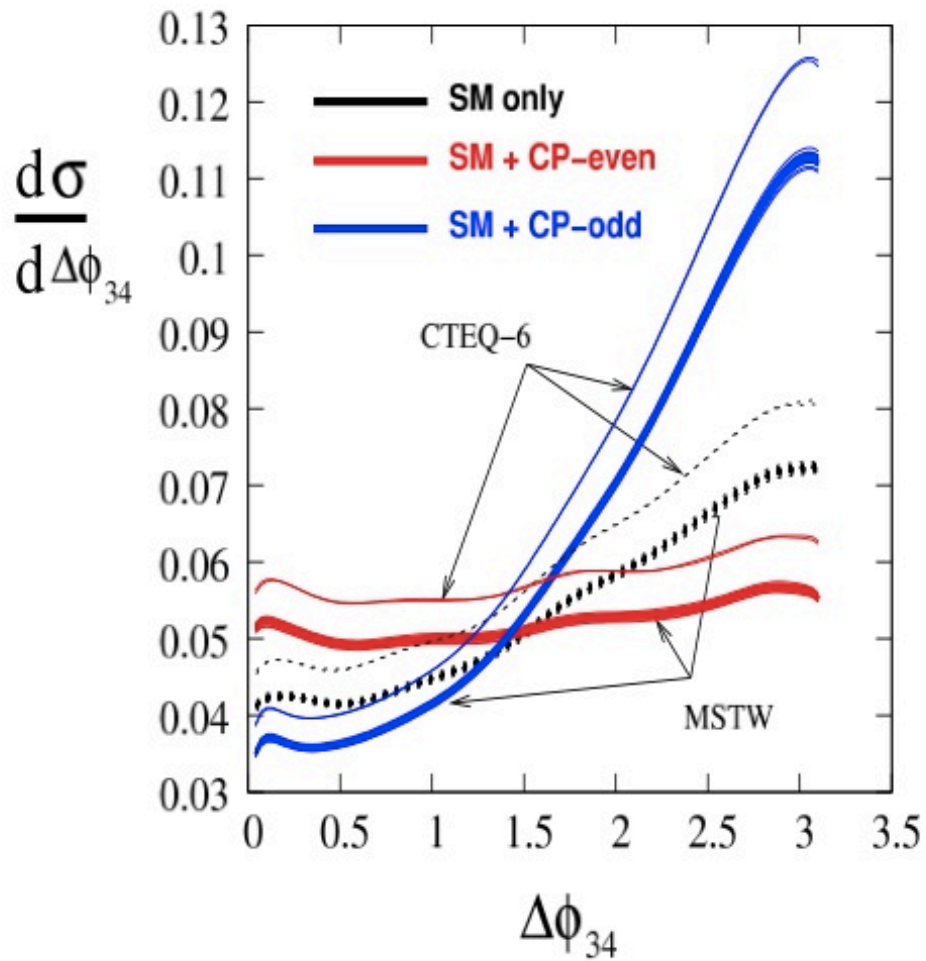
Cut	$E_e = 50$	$E_e = 100$	$E_e = 140$	$E_e = 200$
<b>a</b>	0.129 -	0.157 -	0.166 -	0.171 -
<b>b</b>	0.109 0.84	0.127 0.81	0.132 0.80	0.136 0.80
<b>c</b>	0.076 0.70	0.090 0.71	0.093 0.70	0.095 0.70
<b>d</b>	0.050 0.66	0.067 0.75	0.073 0.79	0.078 0.82

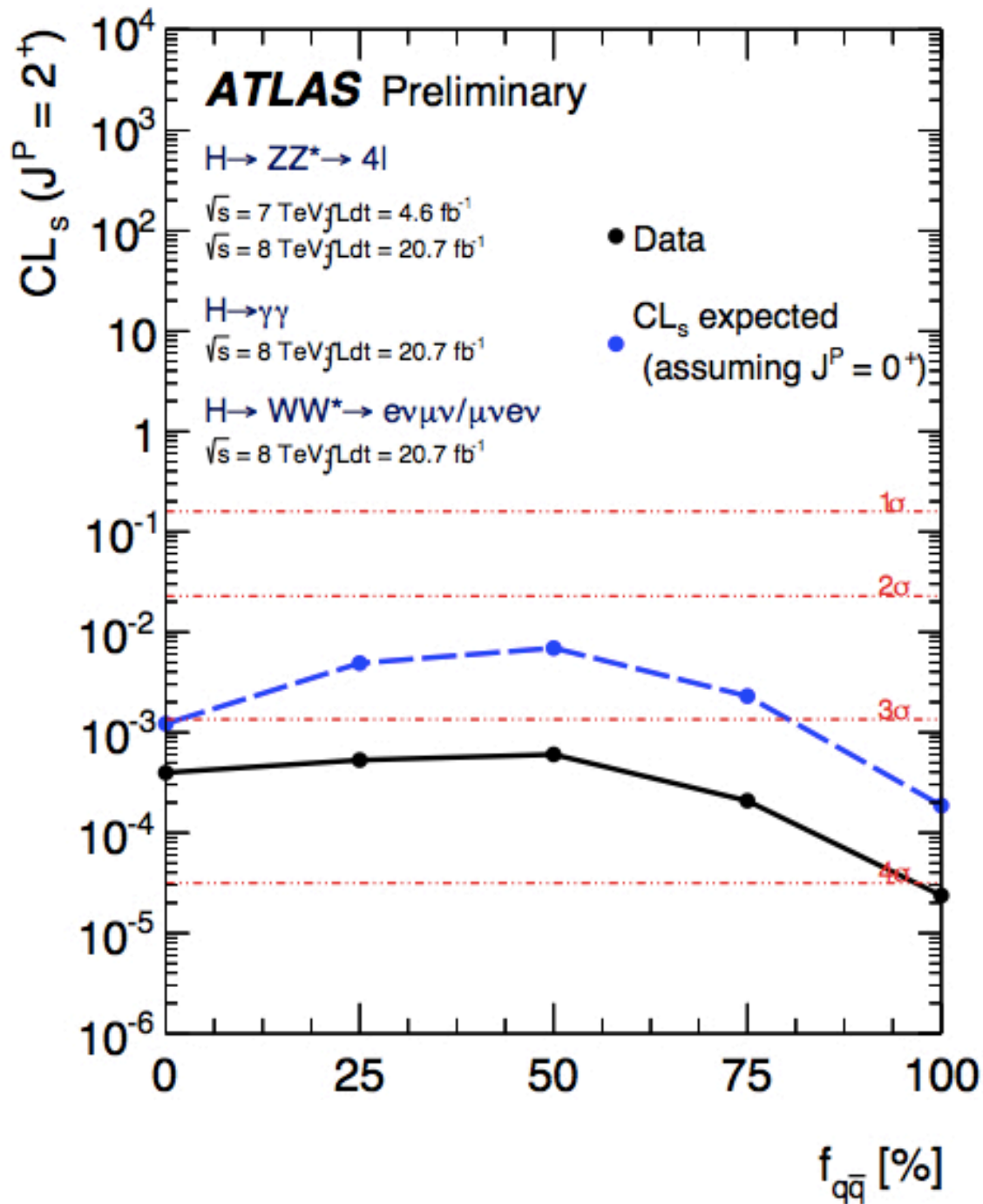




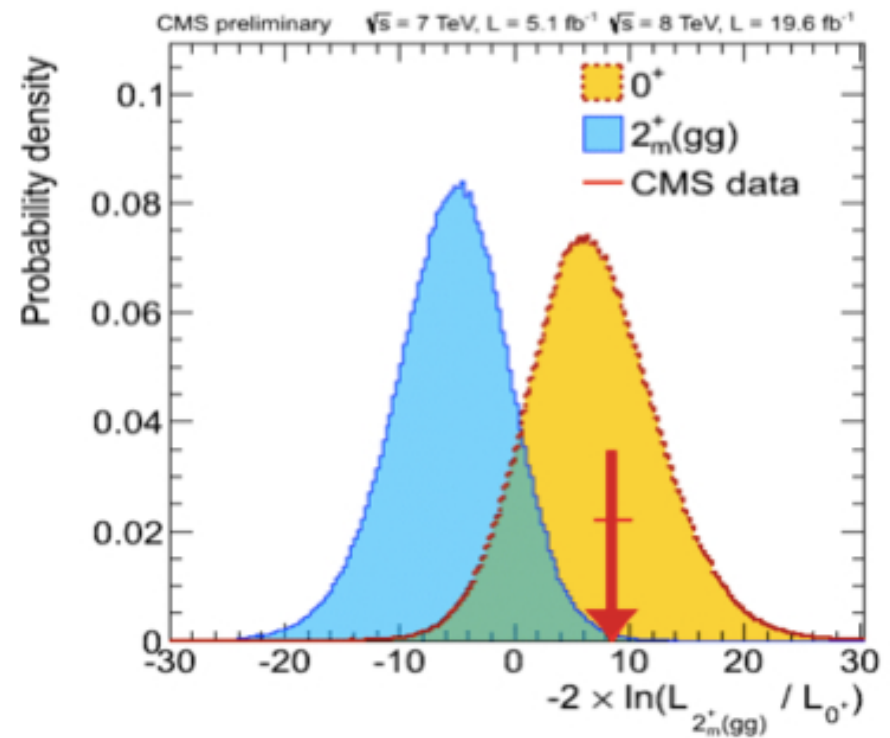


# Effect of PDF uncertainties and pdf choice





**First preliminary combinations of CP-studies by CMS and ATLAS available. Consistent picture: compatibility of data with pure SM  $0^+$  hypothesis and incompatibility with other spin-CP hypotheses explored**

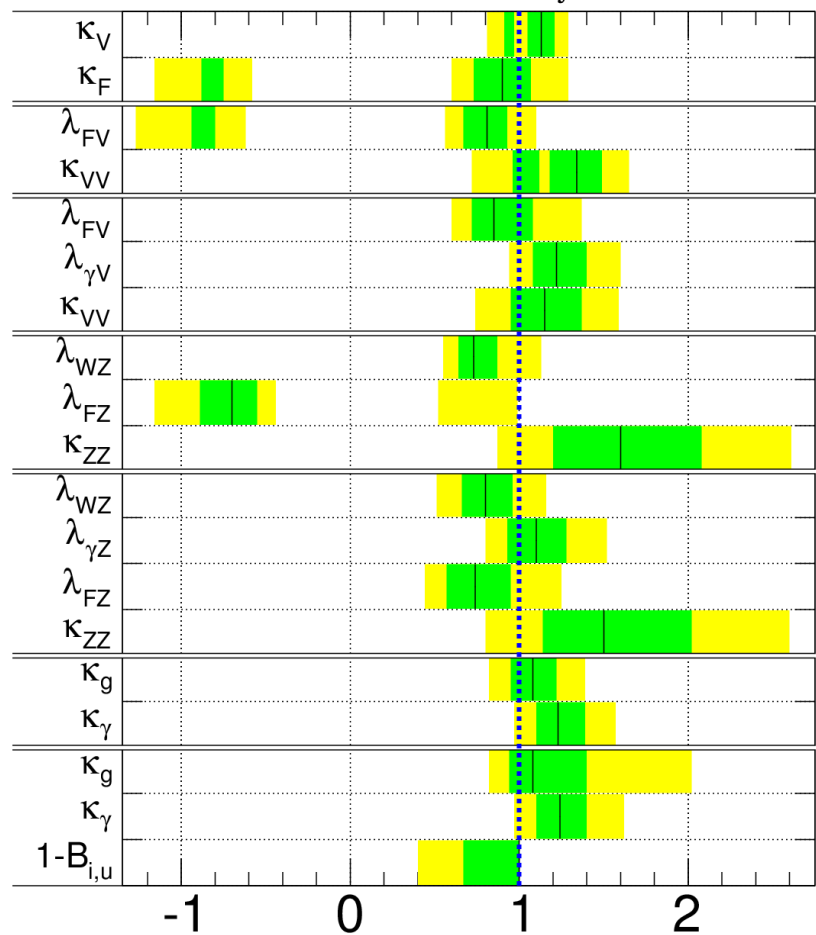


# Tests performed so far indicate compatibility with the SM Higgs boson hypothesis

**ATLAS Preliminary**  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, \int \mathcal{L} dt = 4.6\text{-}4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

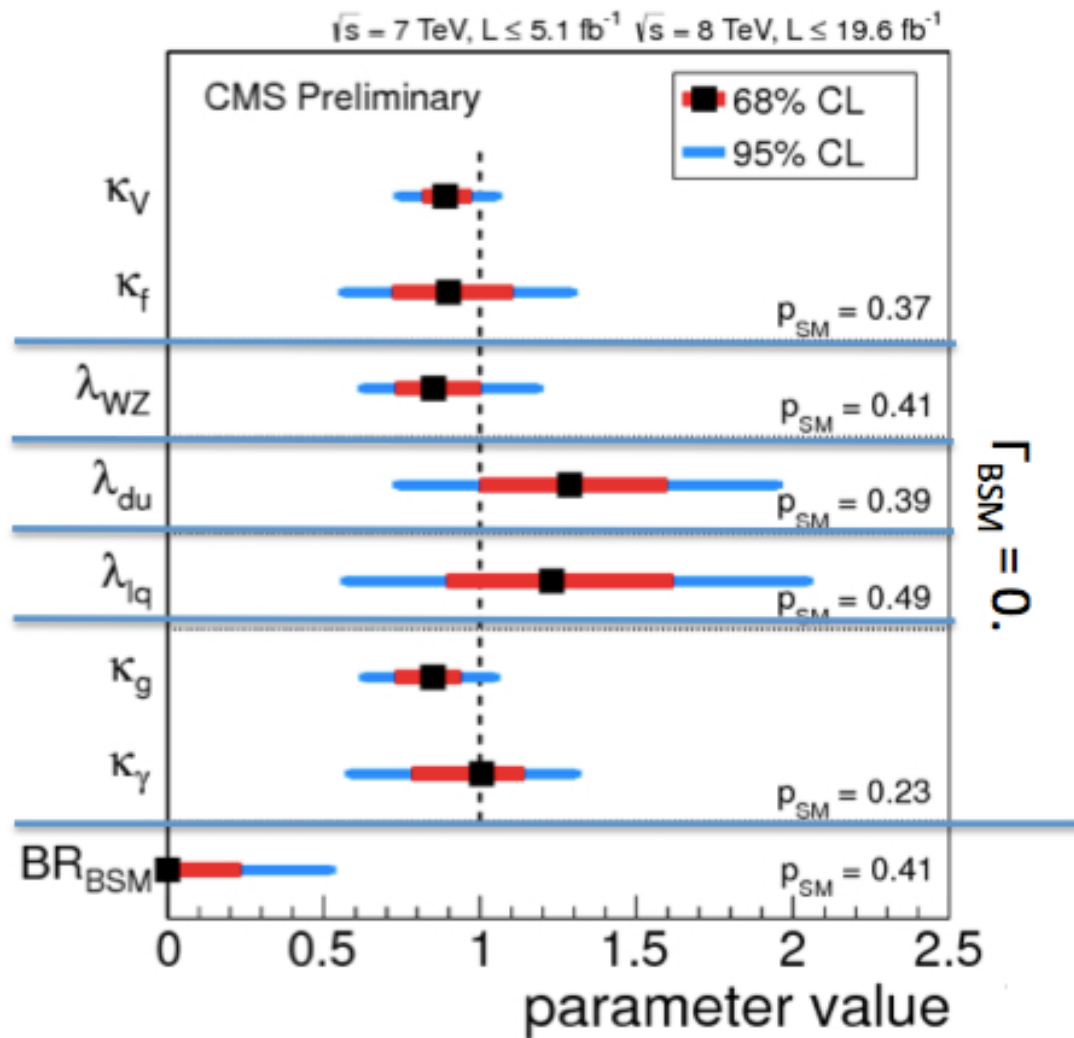
■  $\pm 1\sigma$    ■  $\pm 2\sigma$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, \int \mathcal{L} dt = 13\text{-}20.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



$m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$

parameter value



## Effect of background normalization on

