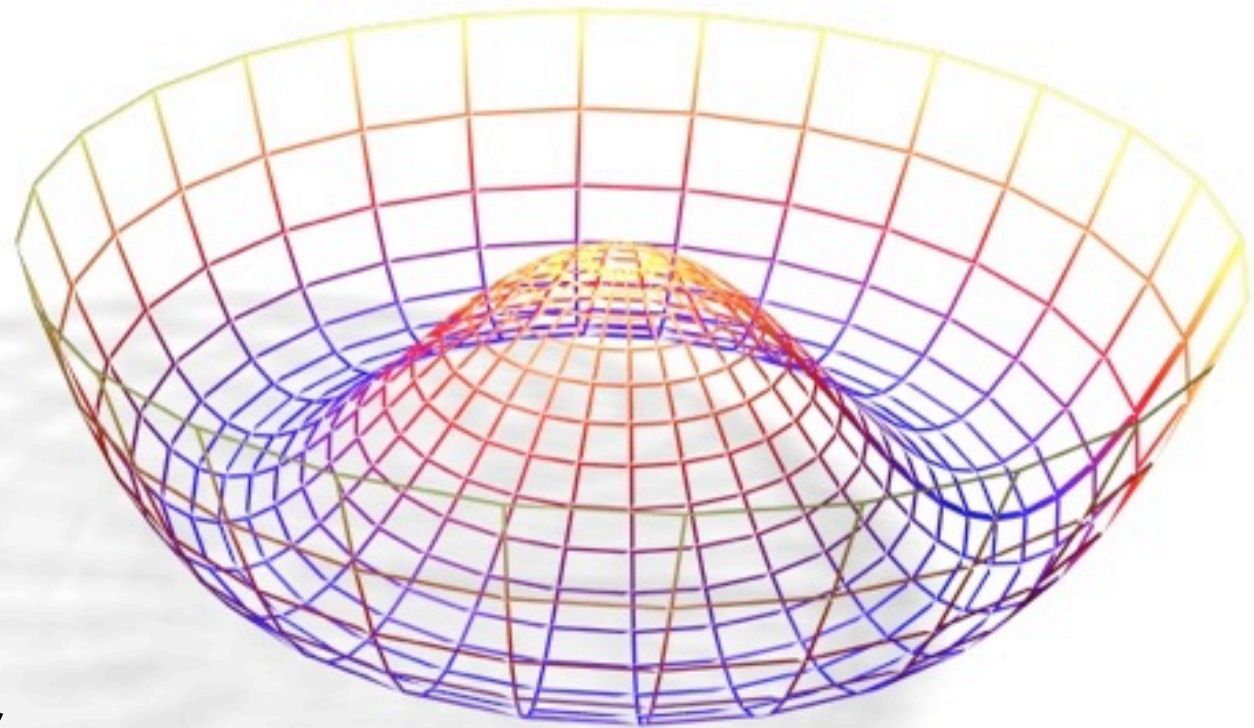




# ***Searching for the Higgs in 10 year-old LEP data***



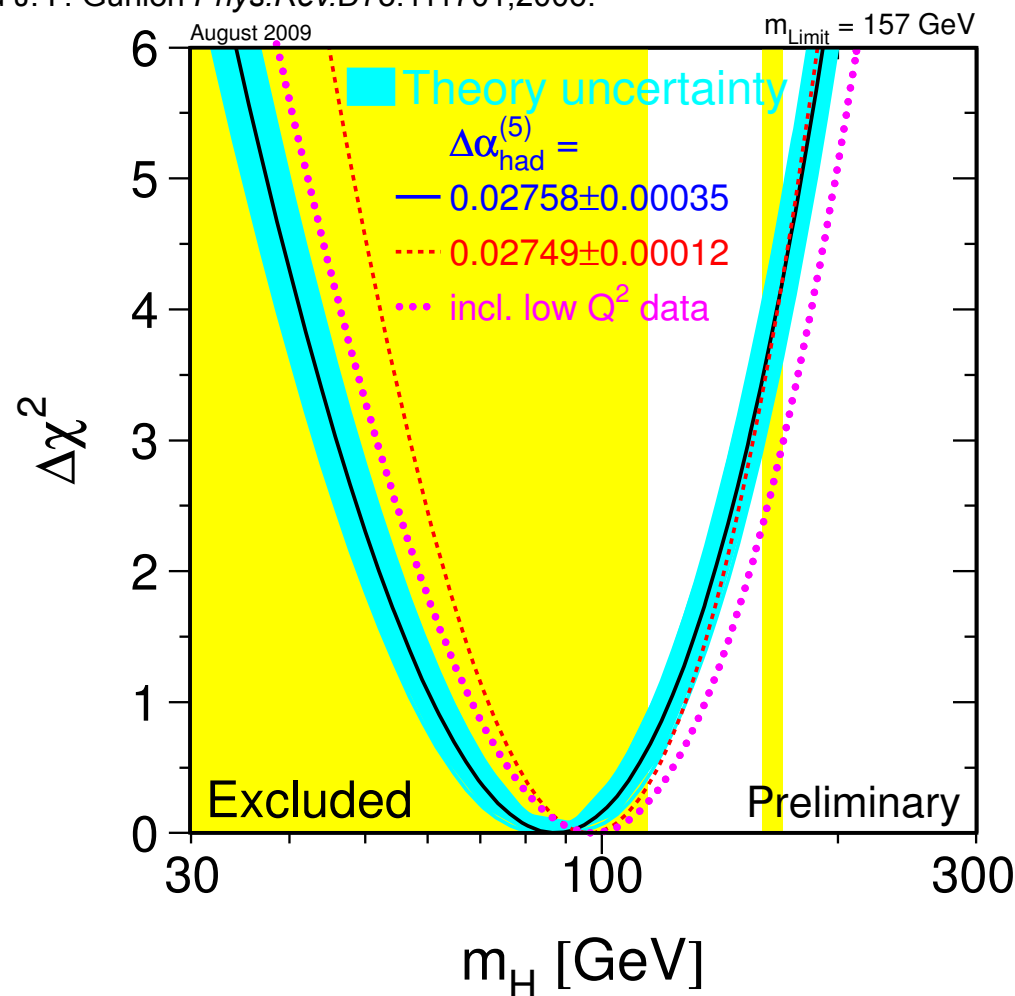
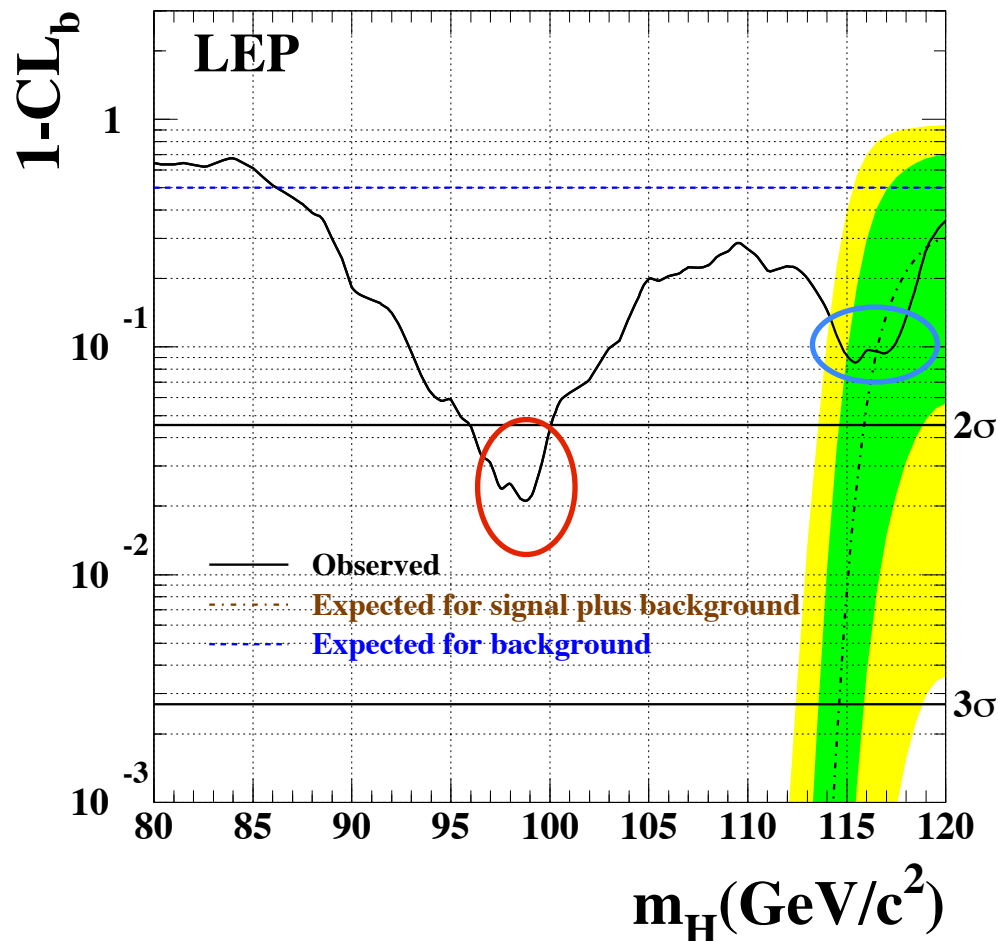
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In the years since LEP ended, the indirect constraints on the Higgs from EW precision measurements has provided some guidance and consternation

- fits prefer light Higgs mass, below the region excluded by direct searches
- In addition, some attention drawn to the excess around 98 GeV

eg. consistency with NMSSM: R. Dermisek and J. F. Gunion *Phys.Rev.D*73:111701,2006.

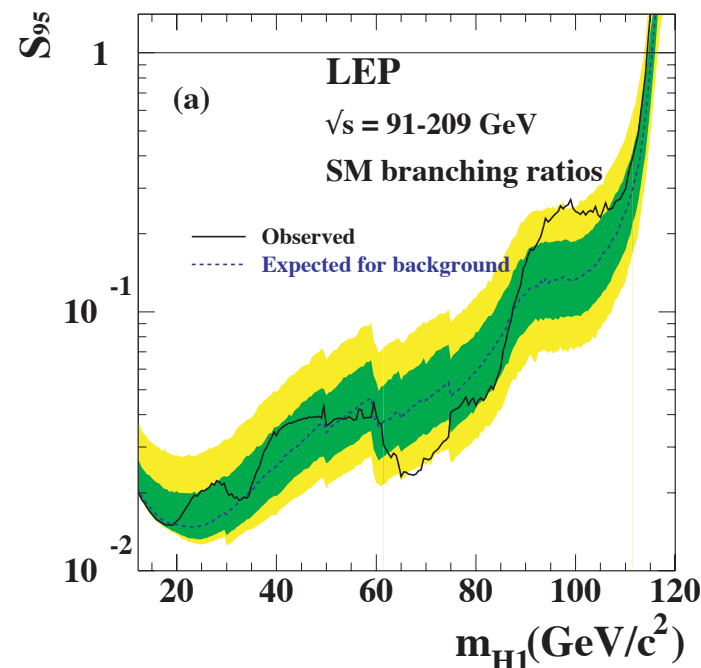


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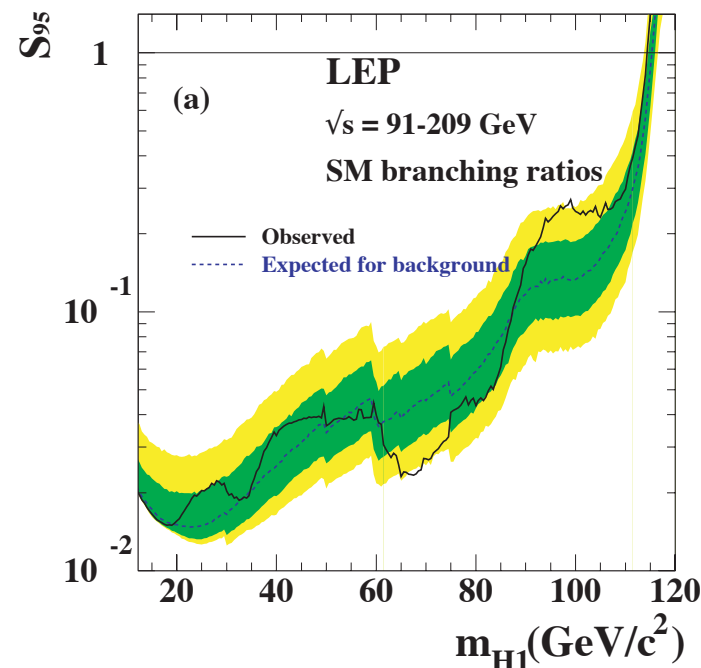


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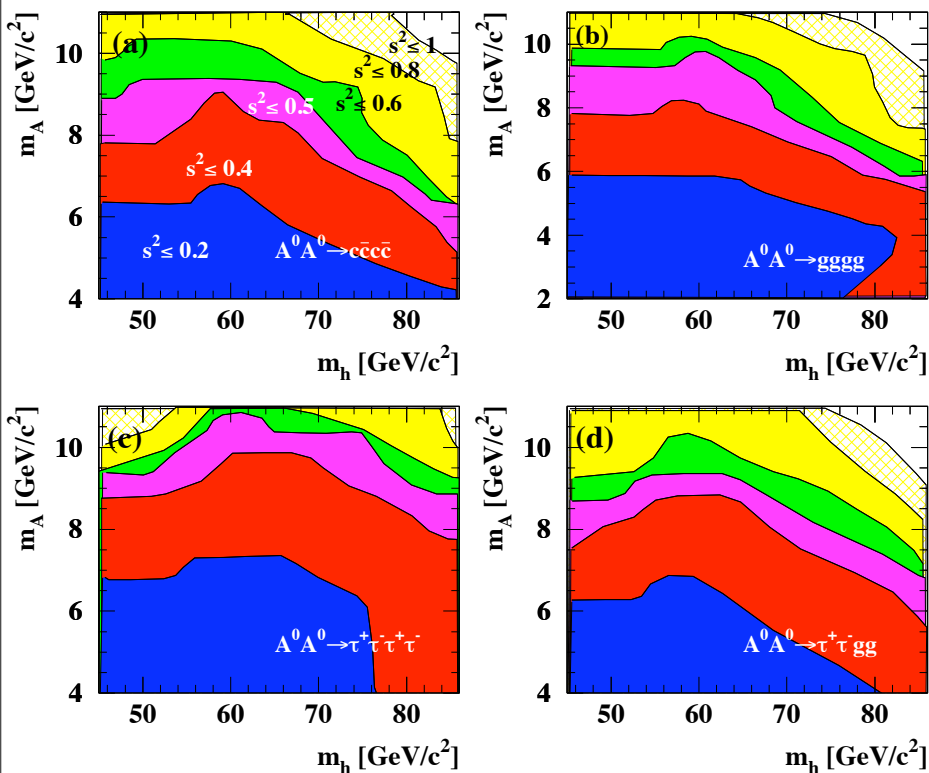
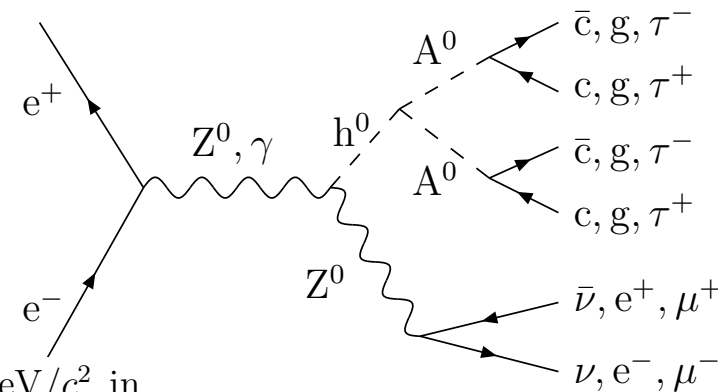


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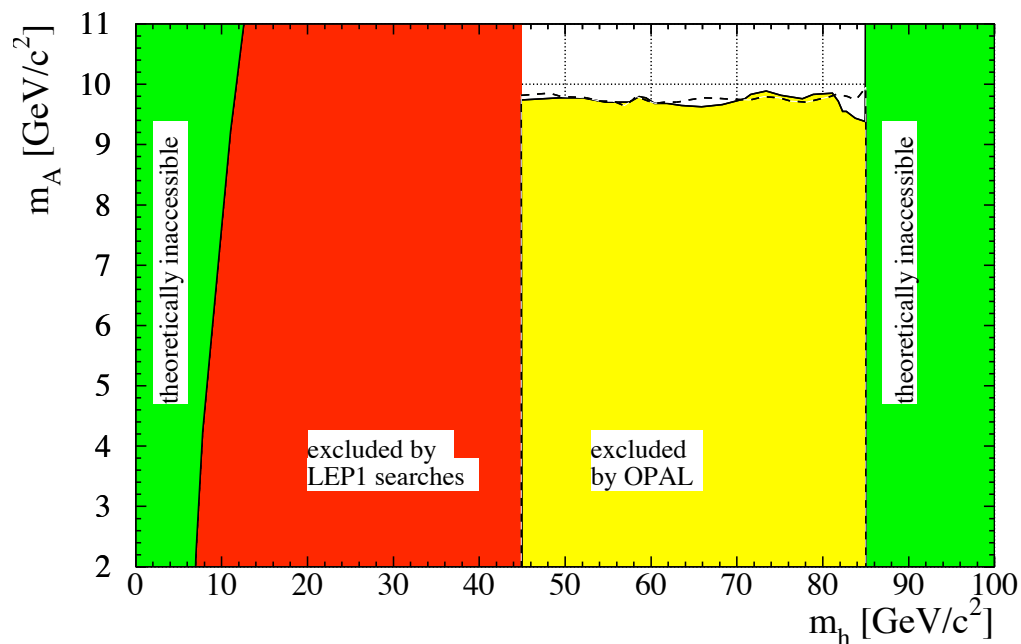
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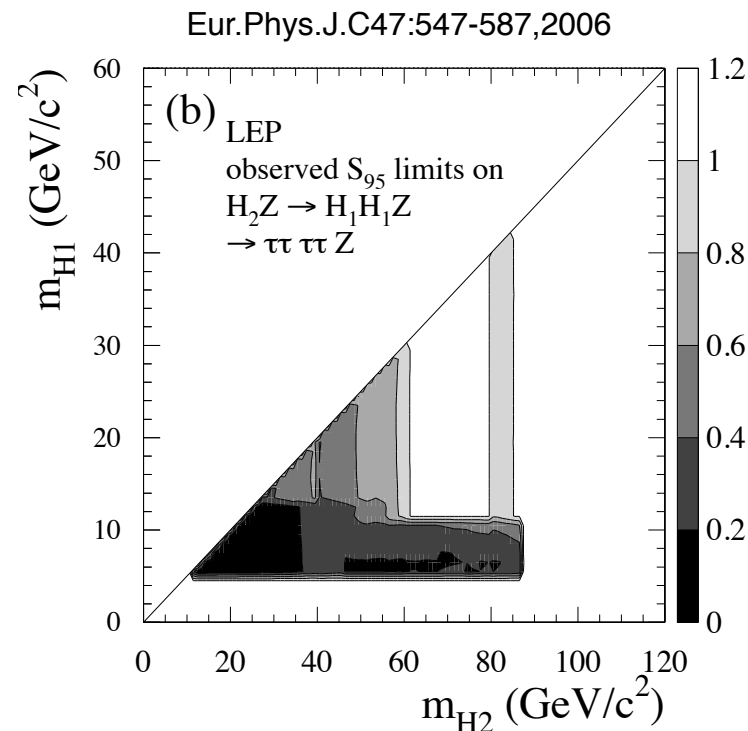
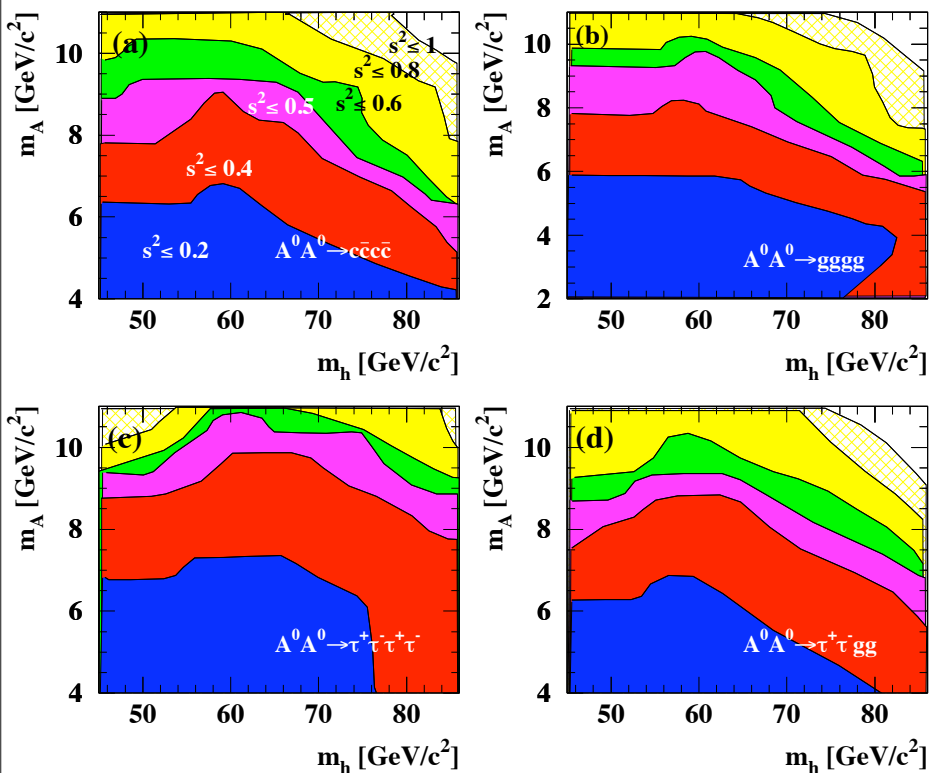
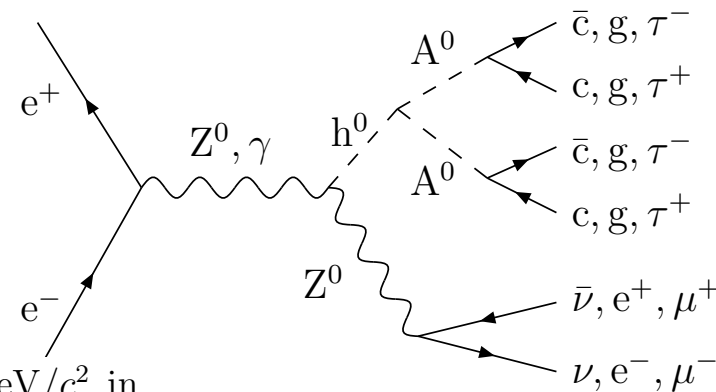
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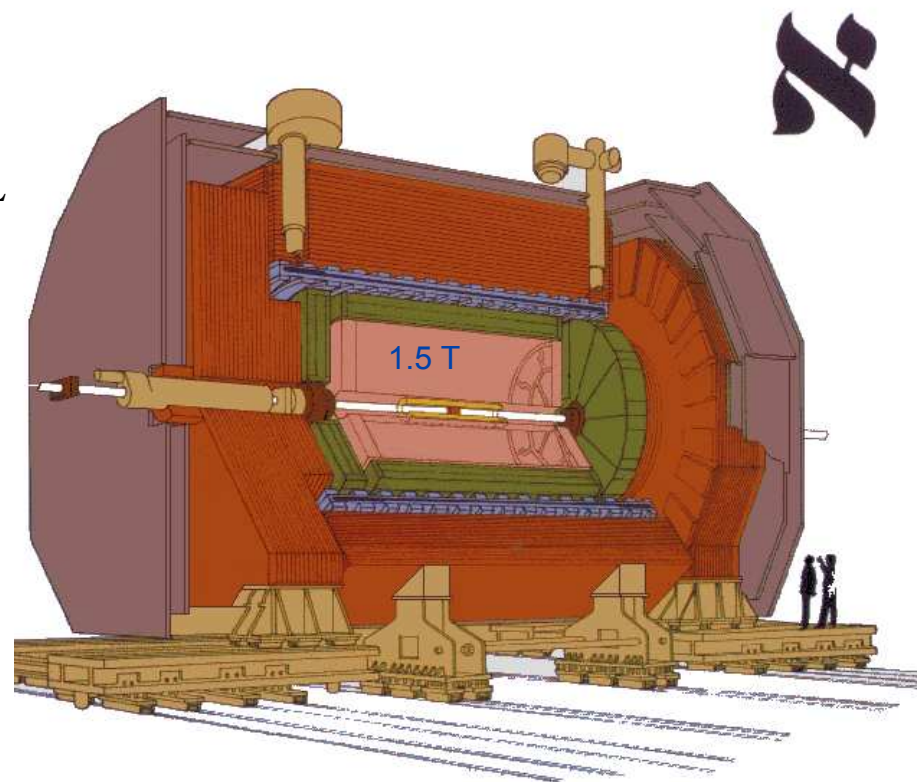
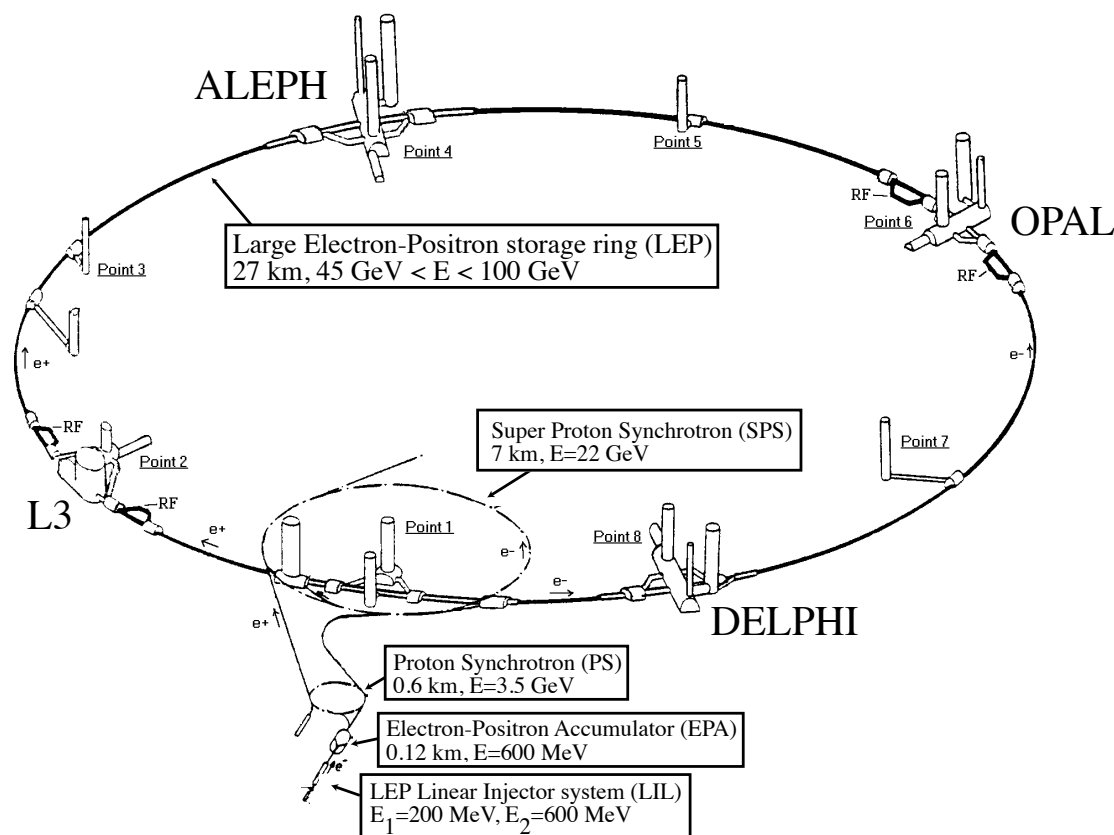
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After several years of requests, we went back ALEPH's LEP2 data

- ▶ this was not totally unrelated to the LHC incident
- ▶ a bit of archeology to get access to data & analysis framework running

$E_{CM}$ (GeV)	183	189	192	196	200	202	205	207	
$\int \mathcal{L} dt$ (pb $^{-1}$ )	56.82	174.21	28.93	79.83	86.30	41.90	81.41	133.21	= 683 pb $^{-1}$

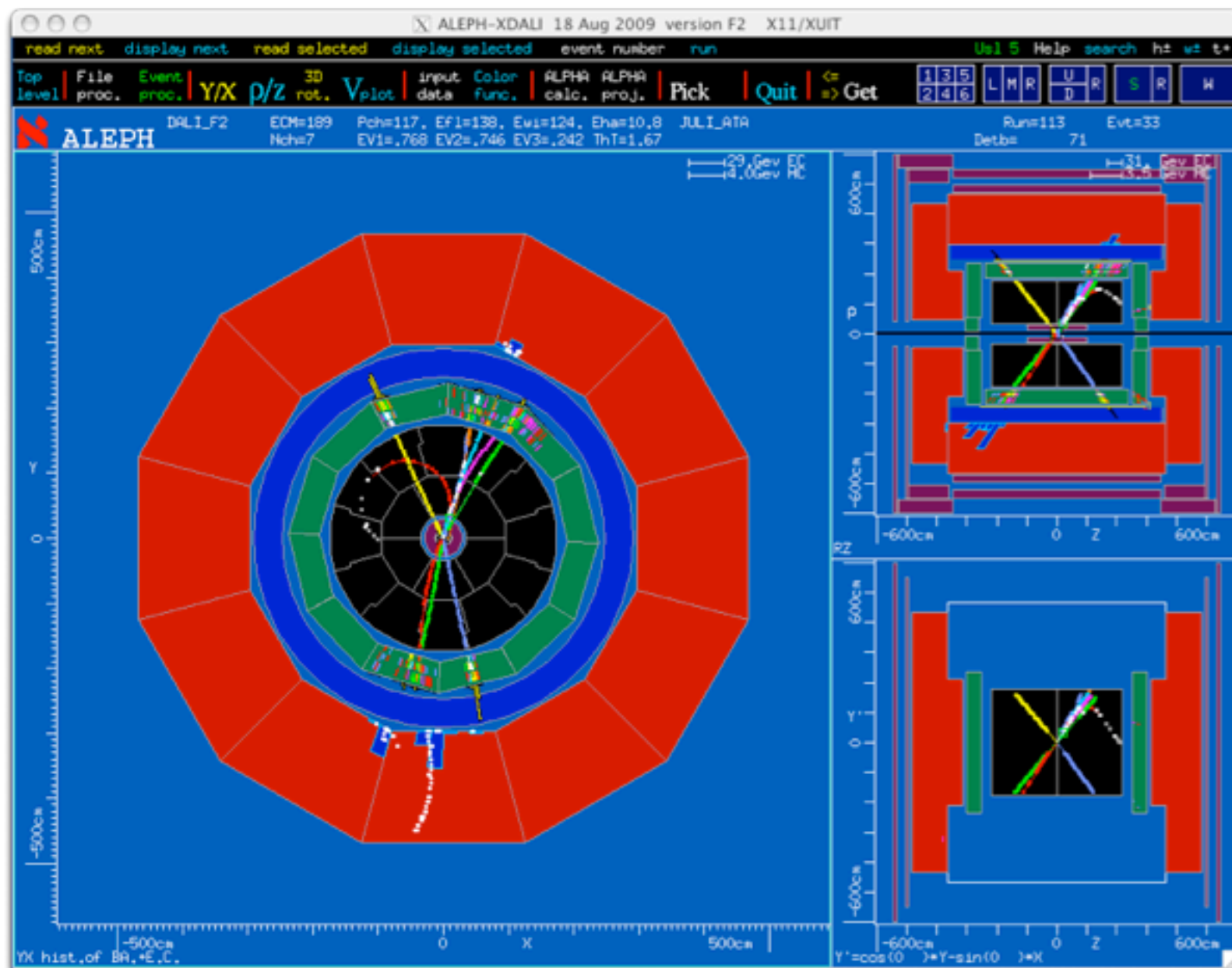


# Simulated signal event

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow 2e4\tau$$



2 back-to-back electrons clearly distinguished from 2 back-to-back jets.  
not much else in the event (about 50 GeV of missing energy from tau decays)



# Reconstructing $a \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$



The  $h$  is produced nearly at rest, thus the  $h \rightarrow aa$  are nearly back-to-back

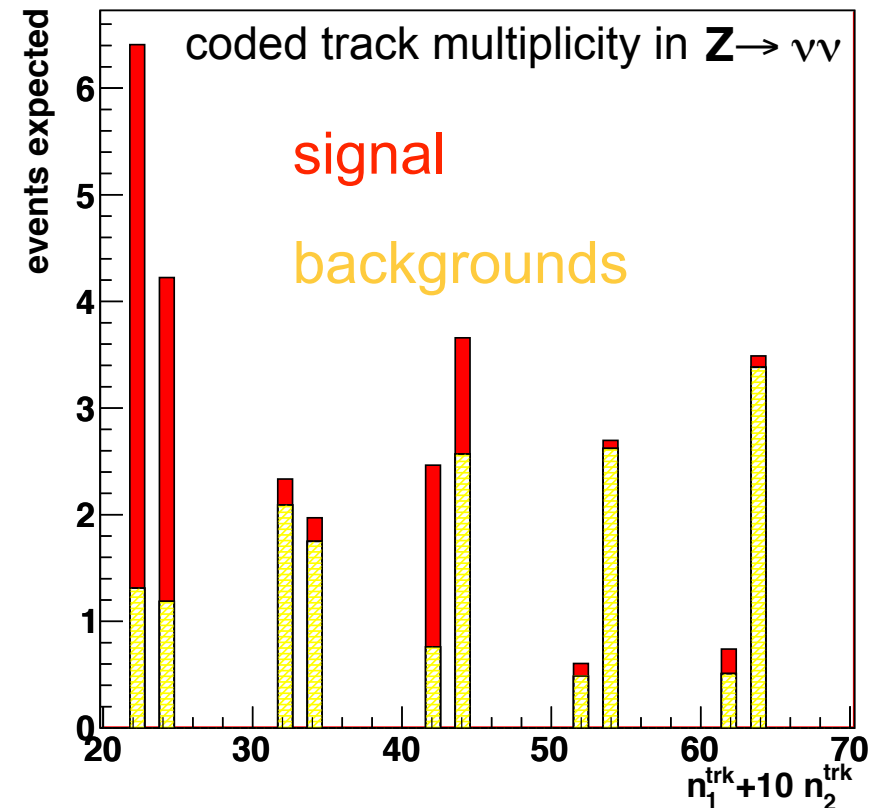
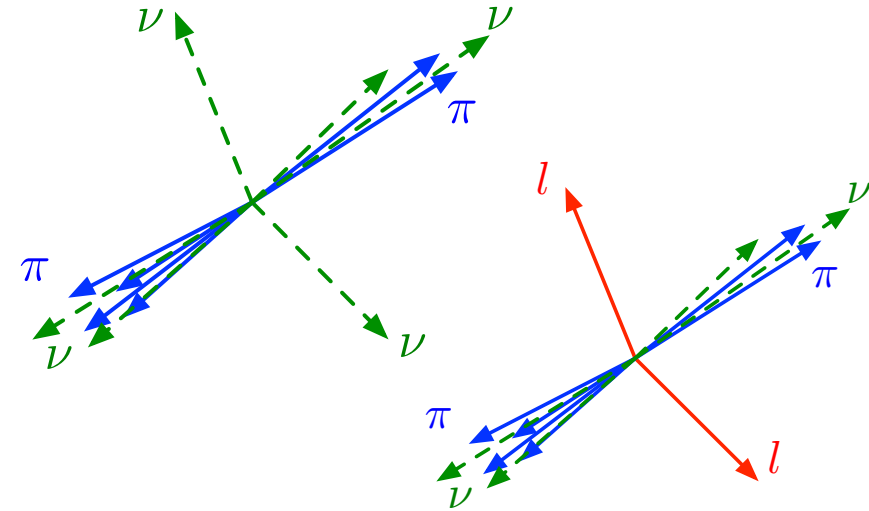
On each side,  $a \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  leads to a well collimated jet from the decay products of **two** taus with mass  $< m_a$ , which were clustered with JADE algorithm (requiring  $m < 15$  GeV)

Standard tau algorithms will not be efficient for highly collinear  $a \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

- but the jet has a characteristic multiplicity corresponding to 1-prong and 3-prong branching ratios of the taus
  - expect 2, 4, or 6 tracks in each jet
  - conversions lead to some spillage
  - require jets to be well-contained so tracking efficiency is stable and high

Only use track multiplicity as di-tau jet discriminator (ie. leptonic & hadronic decays)

- in the end, only use jets with 2 or 4 tracks



# Thumbnail of $Zh \rightarrow ee 4\tau$ & $Zh \rightarrow \mu\mu 4\tau$



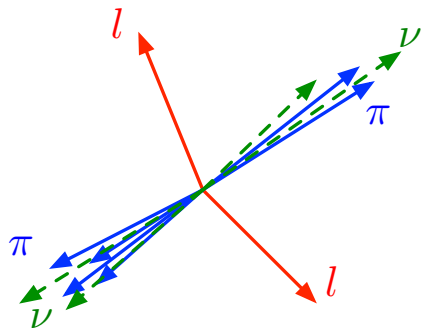
These channels are significantly cleaner due to the clear Z peak, but the signal rate is very low and signal efficiency is precious

- use standard ALEPH lepton ID
  - include isolated photon as part of Z-system when invariant mass is brought closer to the world average (more severe for electron channel)
  - electron channel suffers from Bhabha background: 2 good electrons which produce brehmsstrahlung photons that convert to give 2 track “jets”
  - note, in OPAL analysis, the had a requirement on  $E_{\text{vis}}$ . Makes sense for a  $\rightarrow$  jets, but it is not efficient for the tau channel, so we dropped it.
- we make no attempt to reconstruct individual taus, we only use presence of two low-mass jets and then use track multiplicity as a discriminant

Loose selection (used as last chance to compare data & MC):

- 2 oppositely charged, isolated leptons, 2 jets, with  $|\cos \theta_j| < 0.9$   $|\cos \theta_{jl}^{min}| < 0.95$

Final selection:  $\cancel{E} > 20$  GeV  $\cos \theta_{jj} < -0.5$   $80 < M_{\ell+\ell-(\gamma)} < 102$   $n_{1,2}^{trk} = 2$  or 4



@ loose selection	data	background
$Z > e^+ e^-$	299	332
$Z > \mu^+ \mu^-$	83	75





This channel drives the analysis because of the larger  $Z$  branching ratio

- it is also the most difficult, because you don't have a clean  $Z \rightarrow ll$

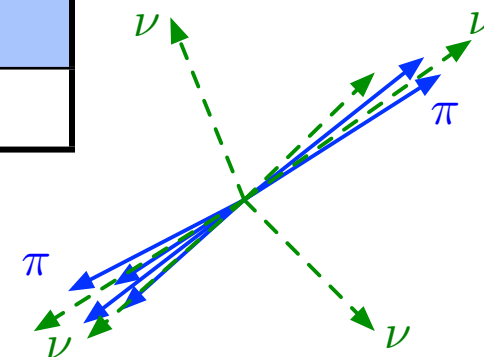
Loose selection requires:

- exactly 2 jets with at least 2 tracks and

$$n_1^{trk} = 2 \text{ or } 4 \quad E_{j1} > 25 \text{ GeV} \quad \cancel{E} > 30 \text{ GeV} \quad \cancel{E} > 20 \text{ GeV}/c^2, \quad |\cos \theta_j| < 0.85 \quad m_{jj} > 10 \text{ GeV}$$

- to reject “2 photon” and beam background events  $E_{vis} > 5\% E_{CM}$   $\cos \theta_{miss} < 0.9$

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$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$	206	200



Final selection also required:

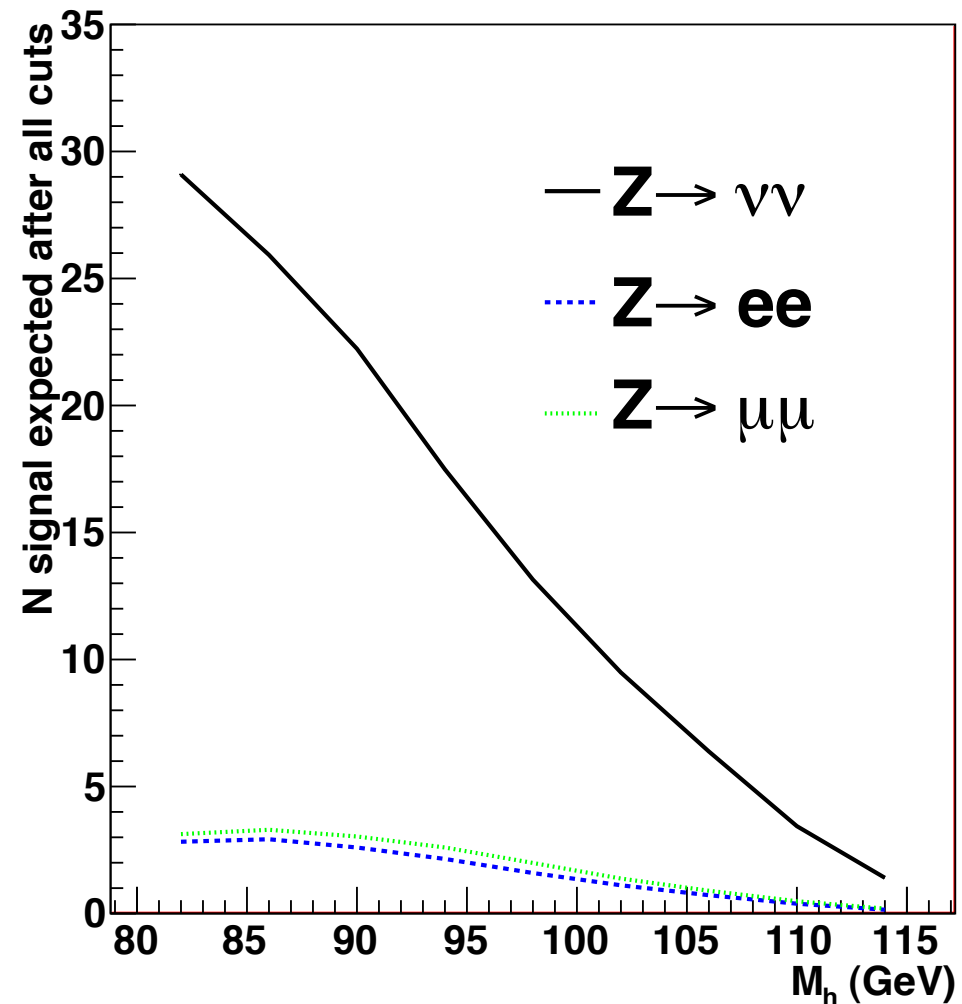
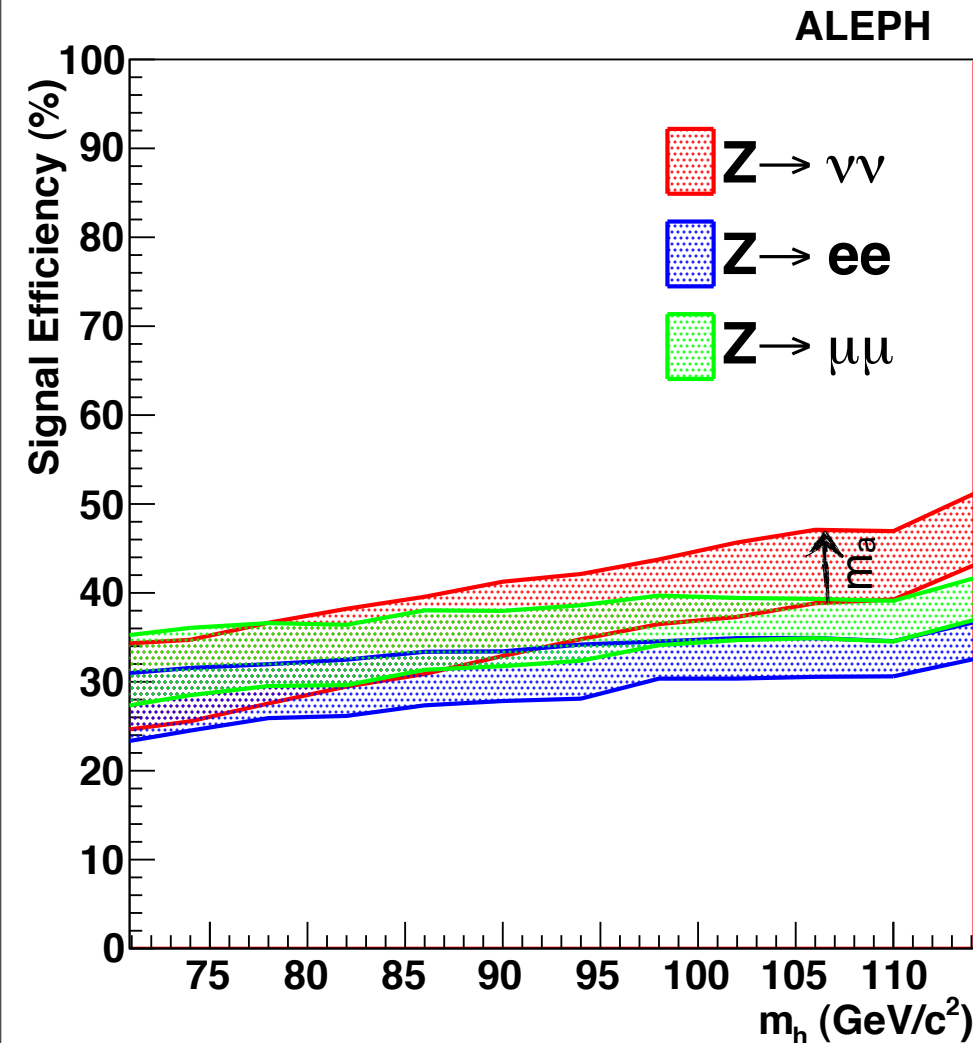
- less than 5 GeV in within  $30^\circ$  of beam axis;  $n_{1,2}^{trk} = 2 \text{ or } 4$
- consistency with  $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$ :  $\cancel{E} > 60 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\cancel{E} > 90 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ .
- and small aplanarity ( $< 0.05$ ) consistent with 2 back-to-back highly collimated jets
  - signal has higher aplanarity for high  $m_a$  and low  $m_h$ : cut chosen to maintain efficiency

# Expected yield and efficiency



Our signal efficiency is pretty good, but very few events in lepton channels

- ▶ but we also have  $< 0.1$  expected background in  $Z \rightarrow ll$  channels
- ▶ expect 6 background events in  $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$  channel

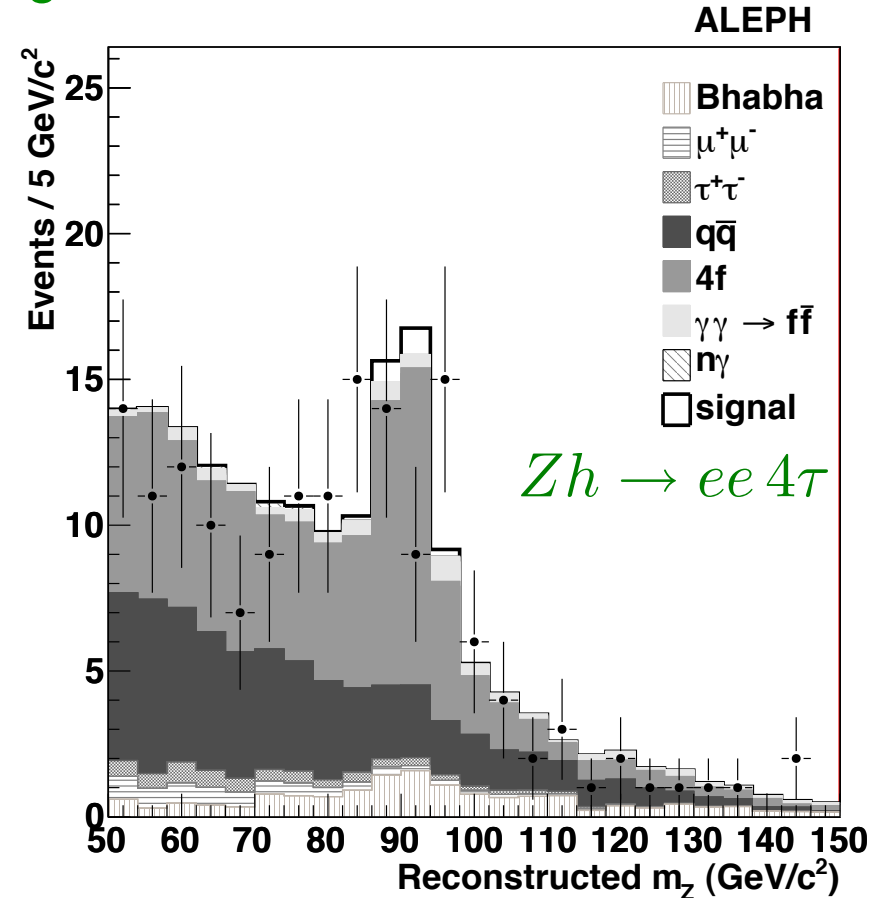
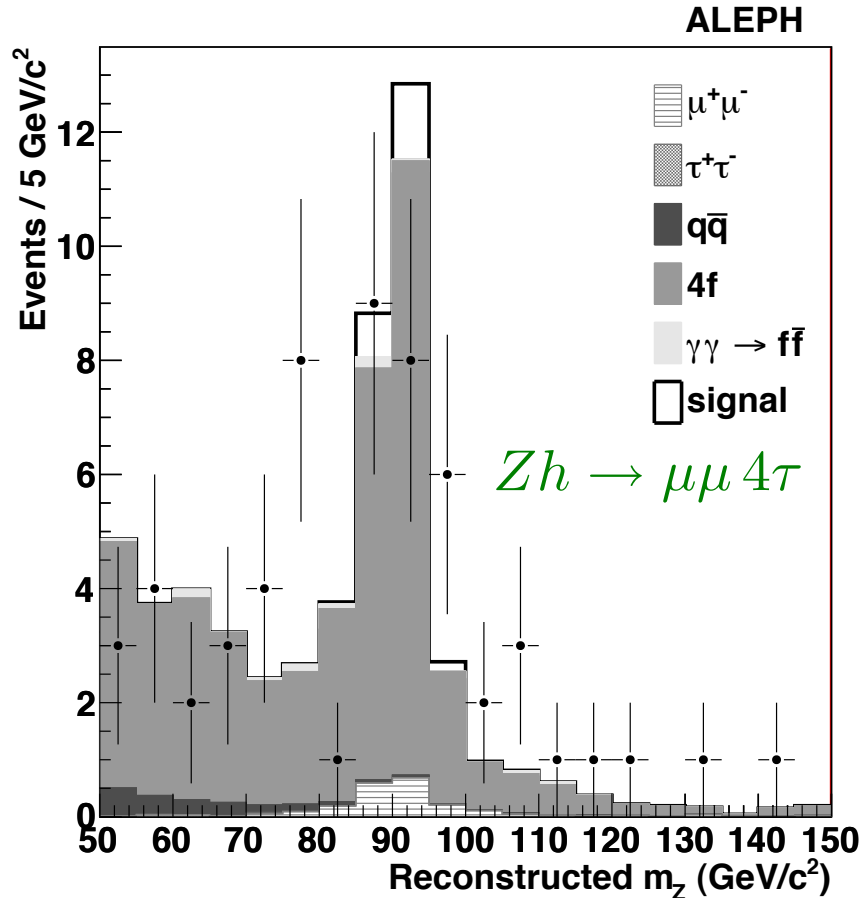


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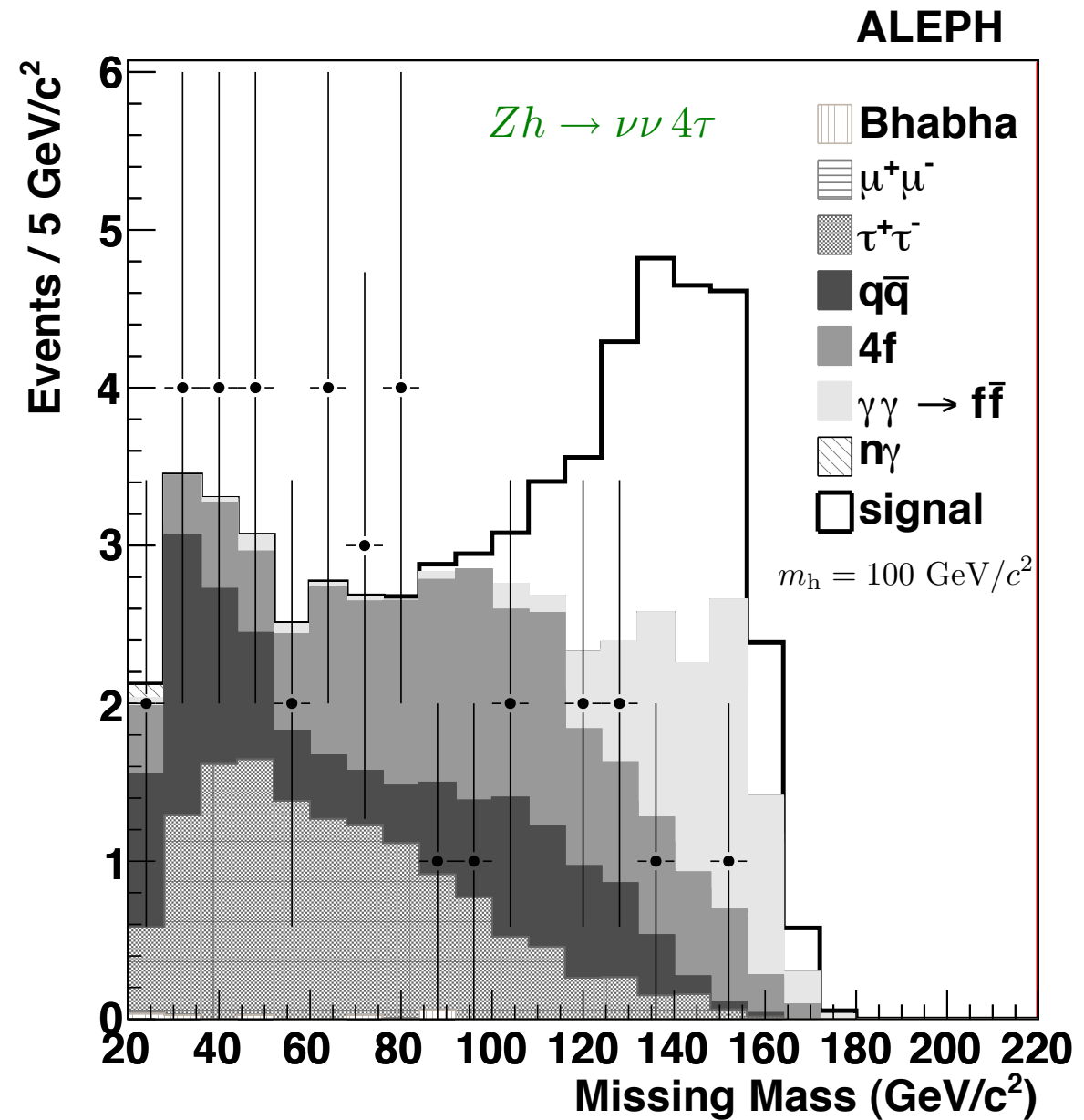
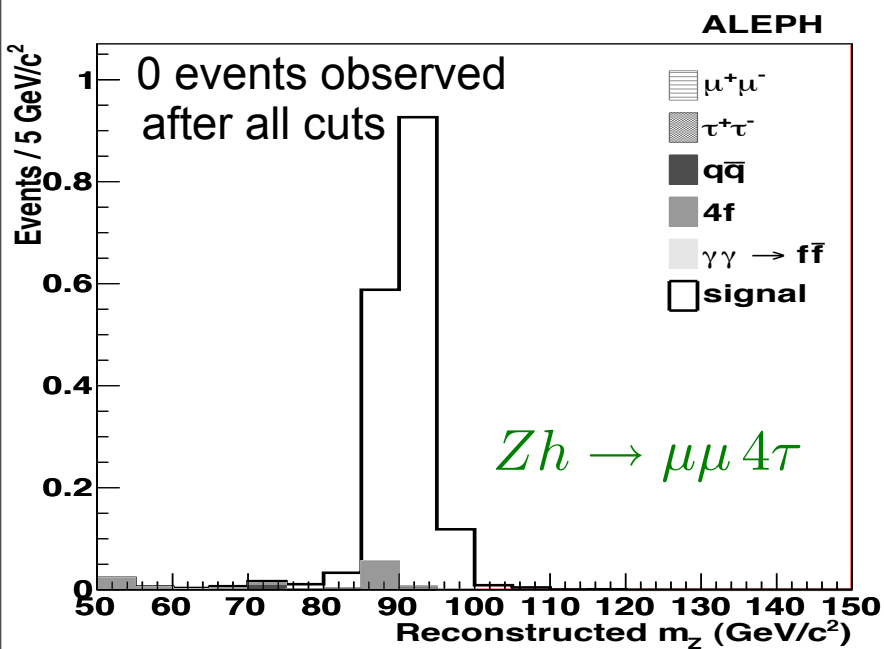
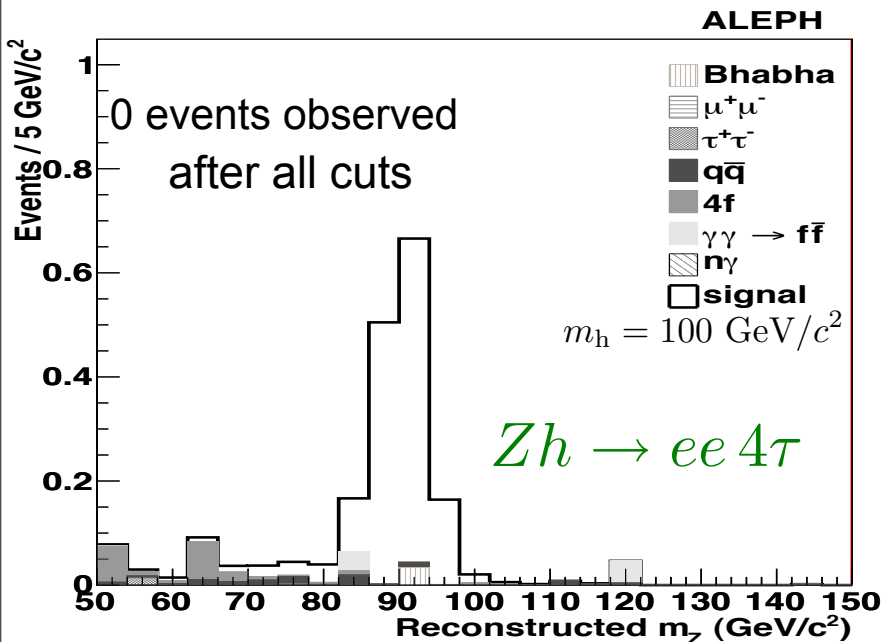


Backing up to the loose selection, we see good agreement between data and MC

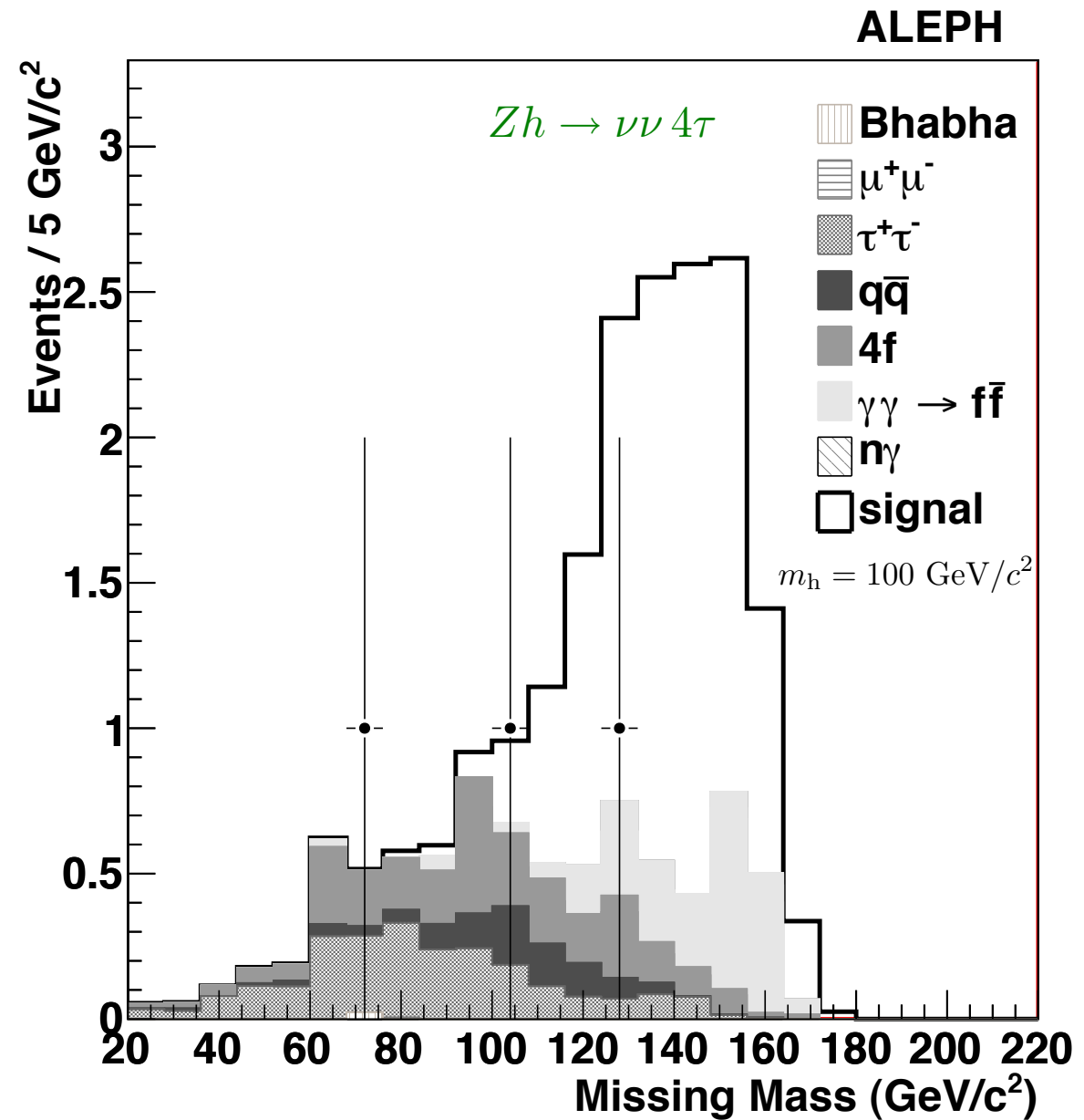
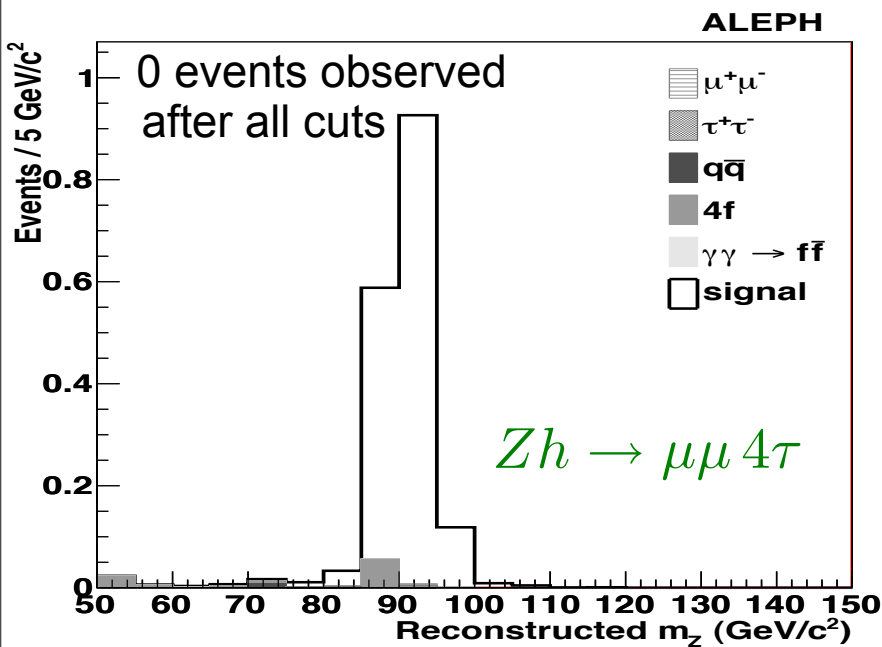
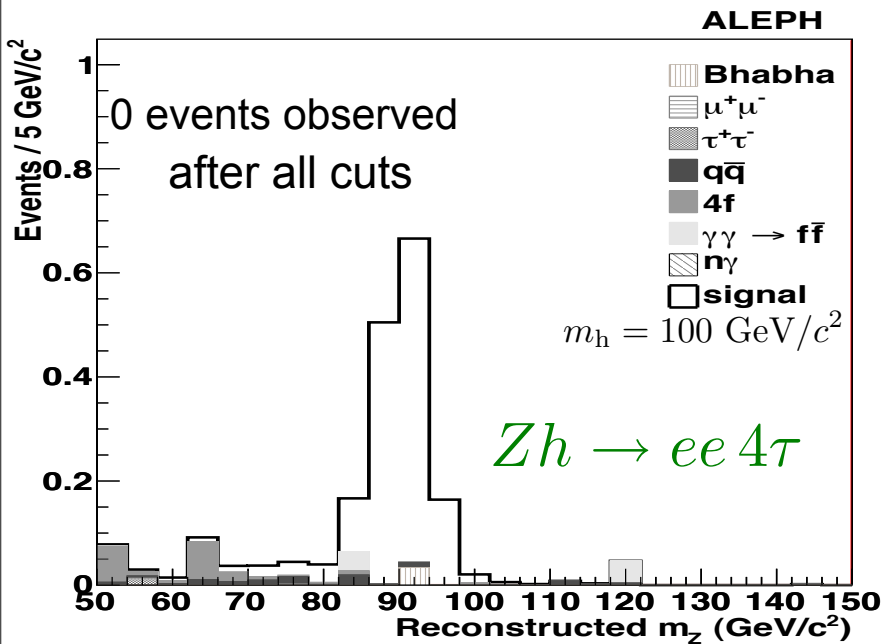
- Estimate systematics from tracking, jet energy scale, energy deposits in forward region (beam halo), etc.
- 5% uncertainty on signal efficiency; 10% for background in lepton channels; 30% for neutrino channel
- data/MC consistent well within this range... statistical errors dominate



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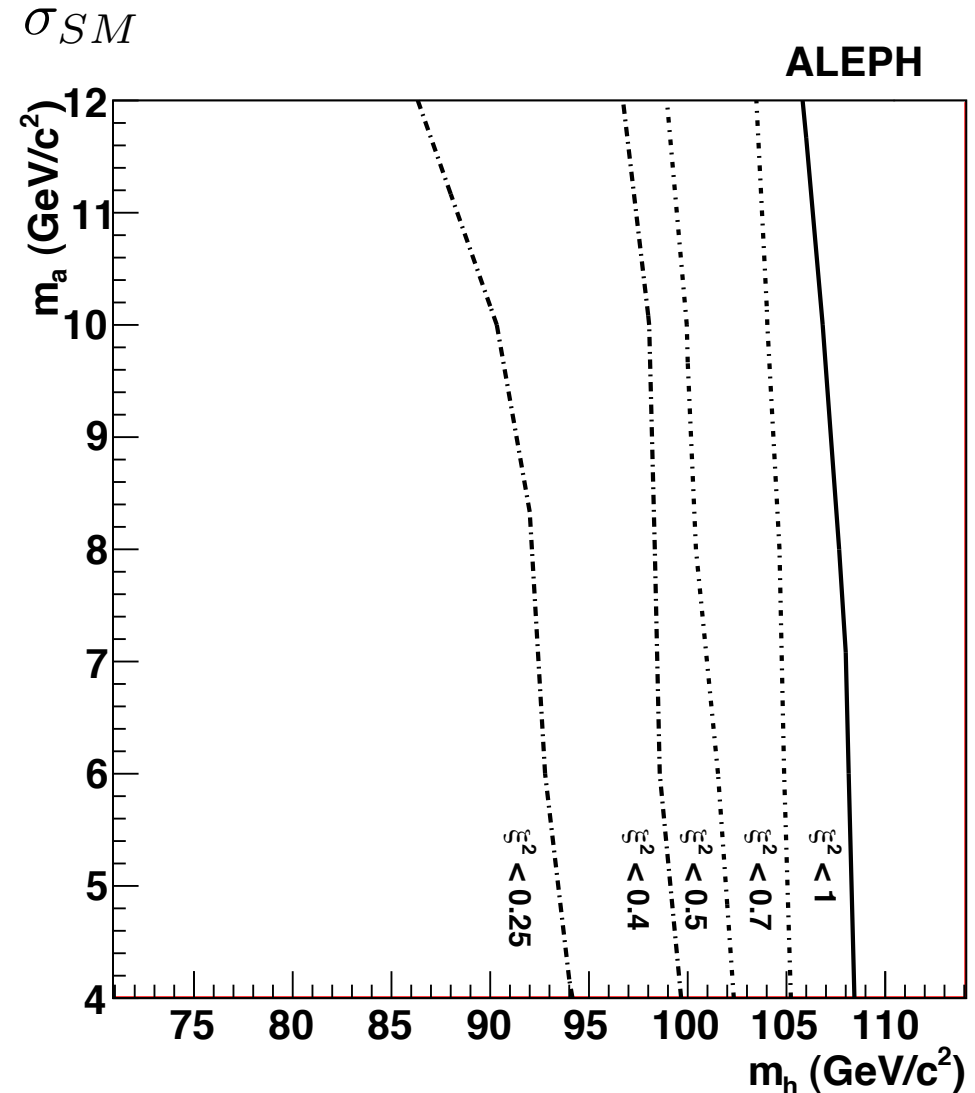
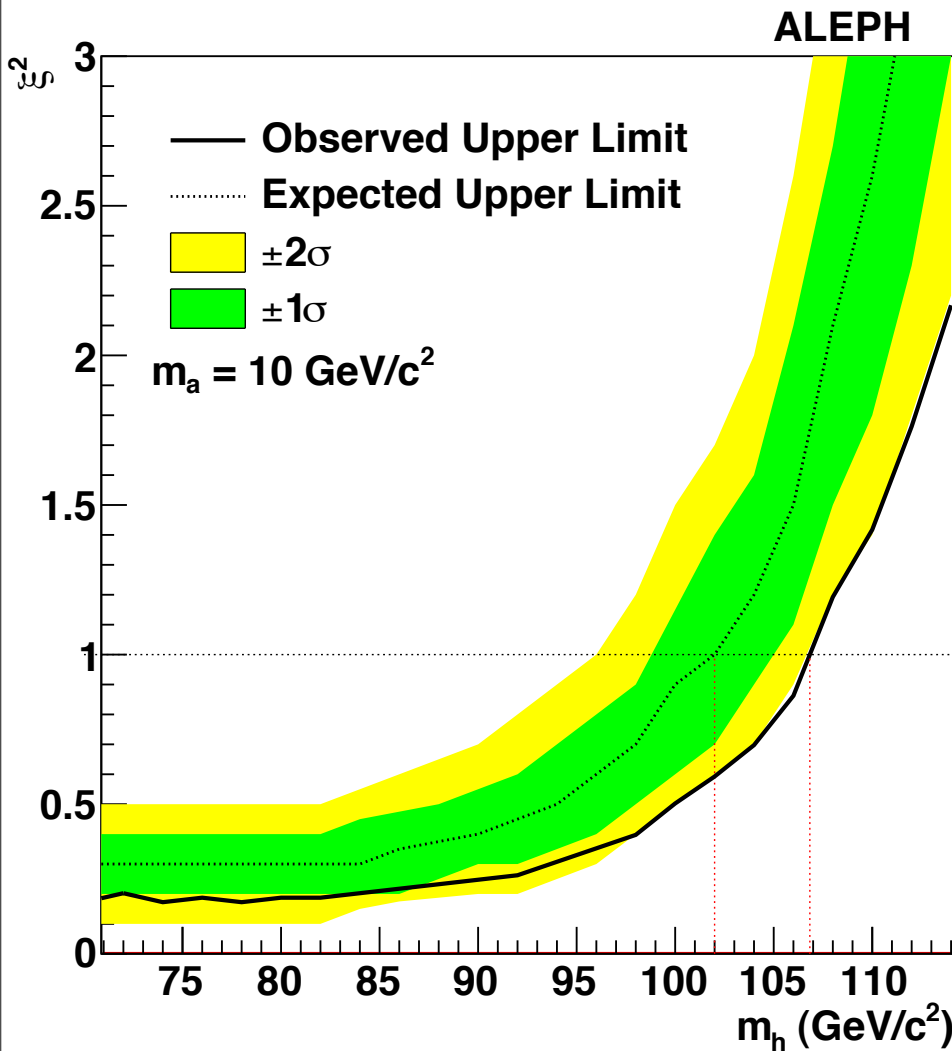
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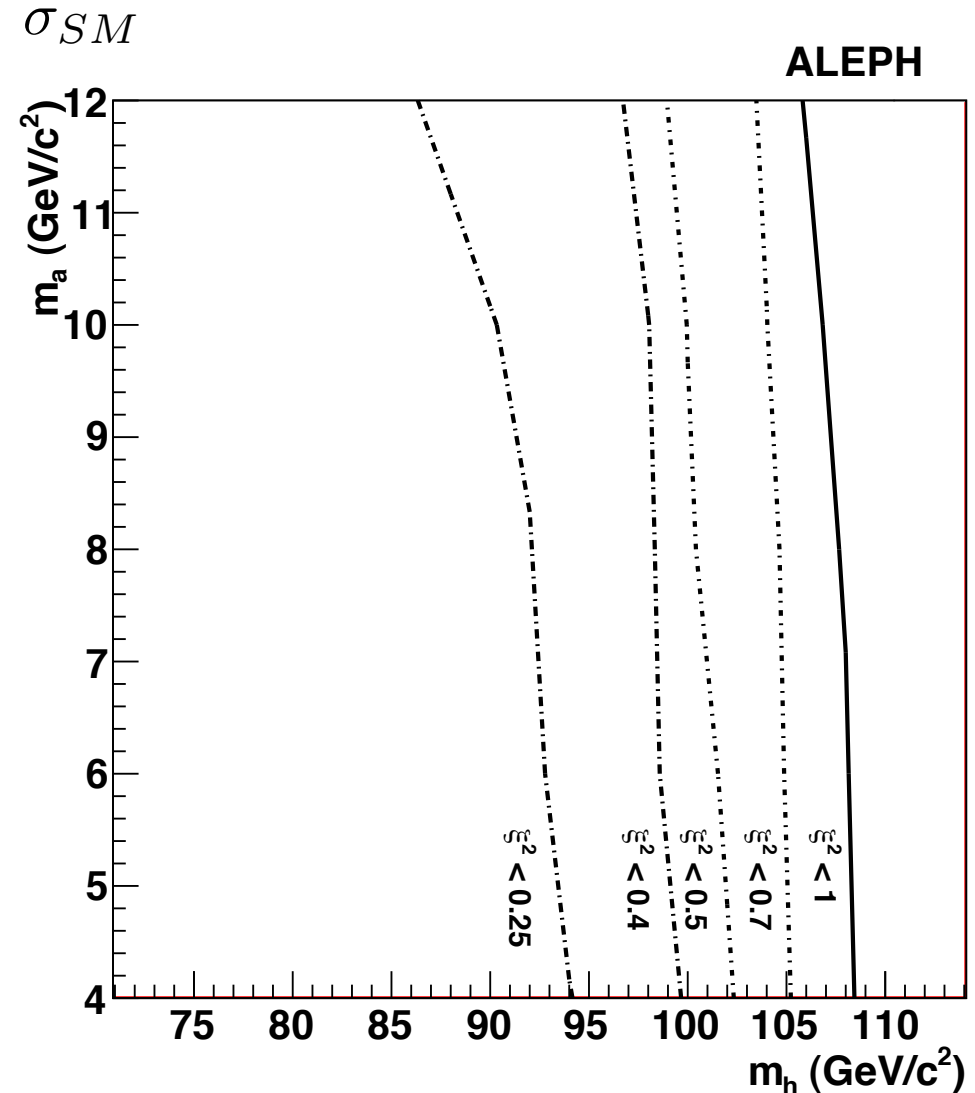
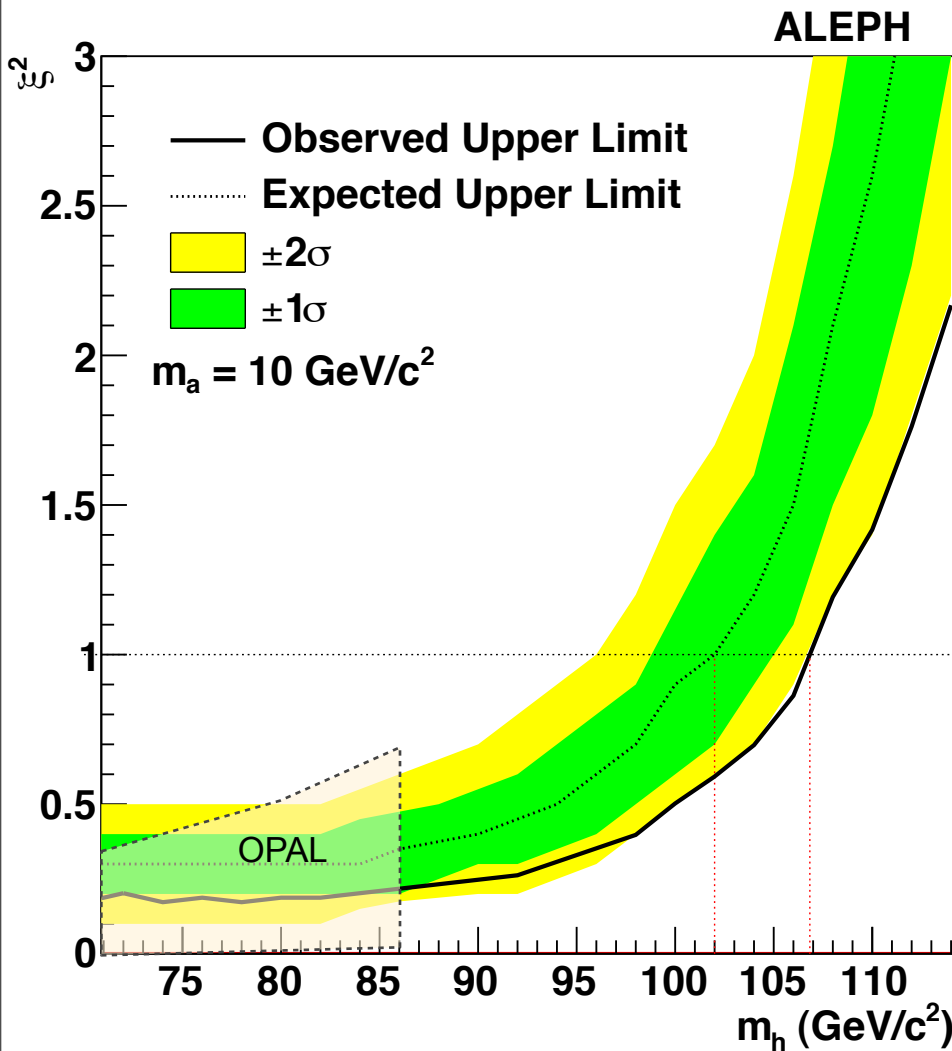




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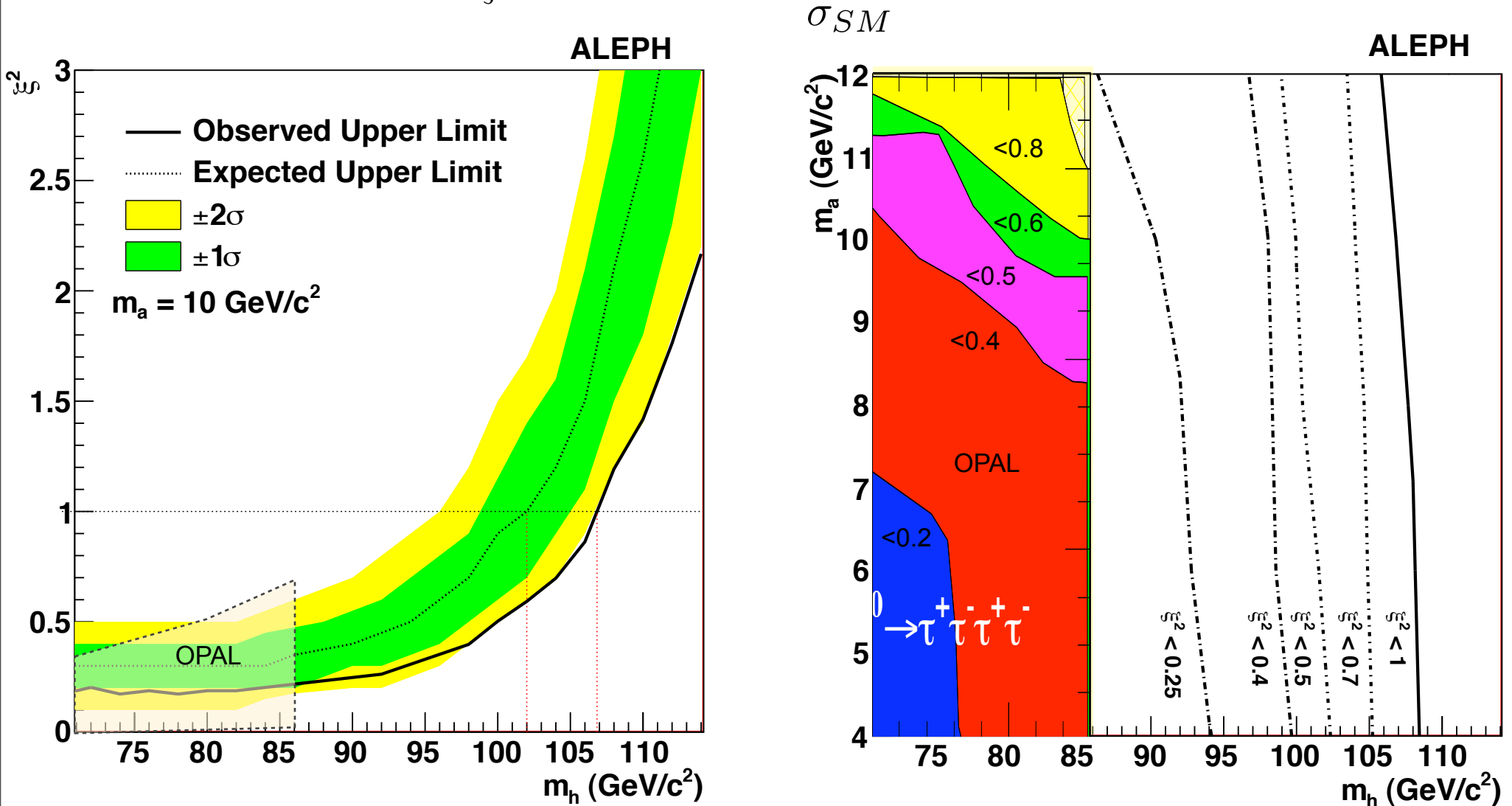
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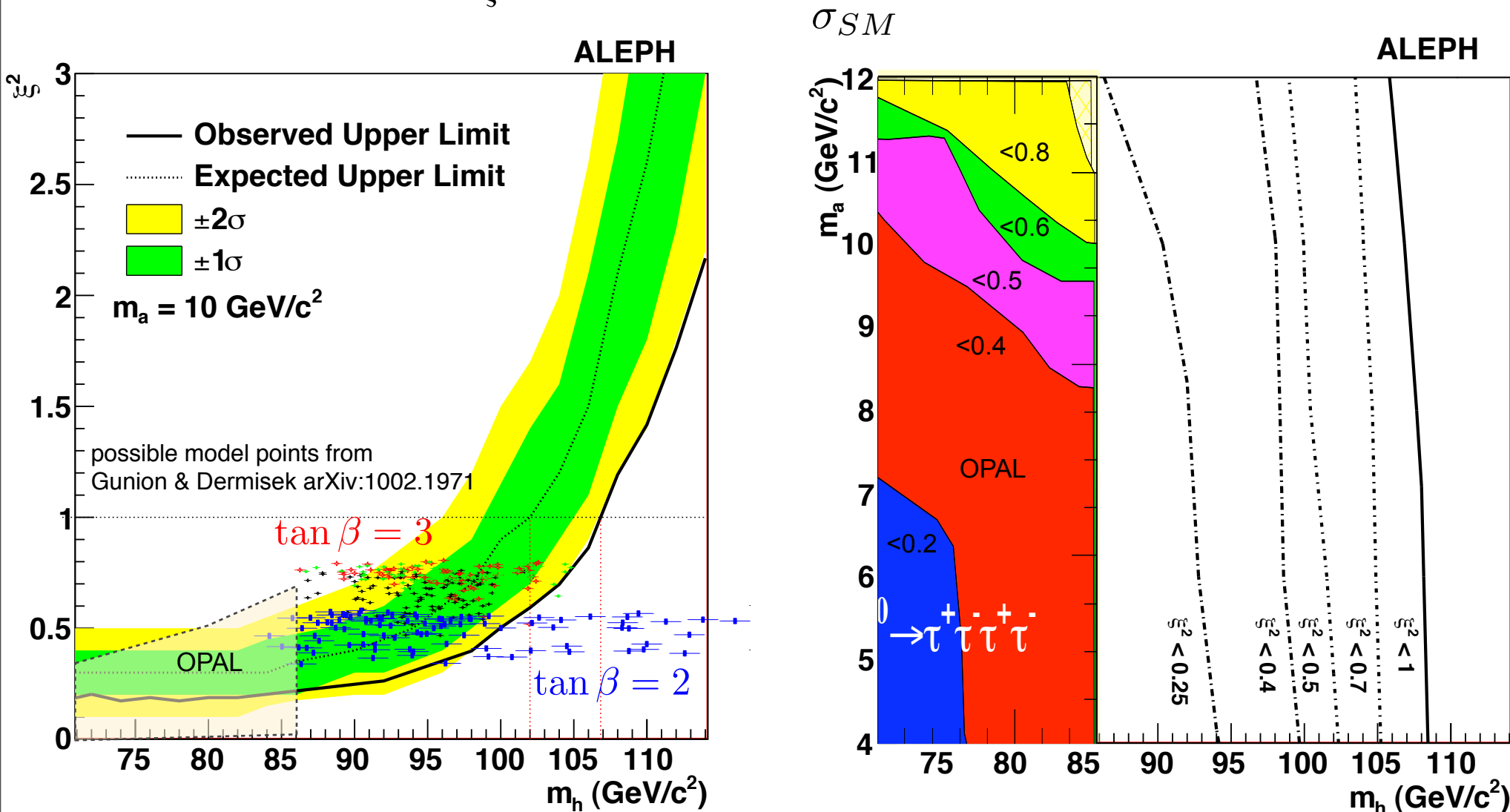
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- allows us to close the few remaining holes in LEP Higgs searches

Our first analysis of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow (ee, \mu\mu, \nu\nu) 4\tau$  had discovery sensitivity, but we saw no excess. The new limits:

- extend and improve the limits from the OPAL analysis
- exclude most of the “ideal” NMSSM Higgs scenarios, except for those at low  $\tan\beta \approx 2$ , where there is a larger  $\text{BR}(a \rightarrow c\bar{c}, gg)$

These new results published in arXiv:1003.0705 (submitted to JHEP)

- we may follow up with other analyses to close remaining holes

Many thanks to Itay Yavin, James Beacham, Neal Weiner, Riccardo Barbieri, and others that pushed this along



# Backups



Tracking: silicon + large time projection chamber (~31 hits)



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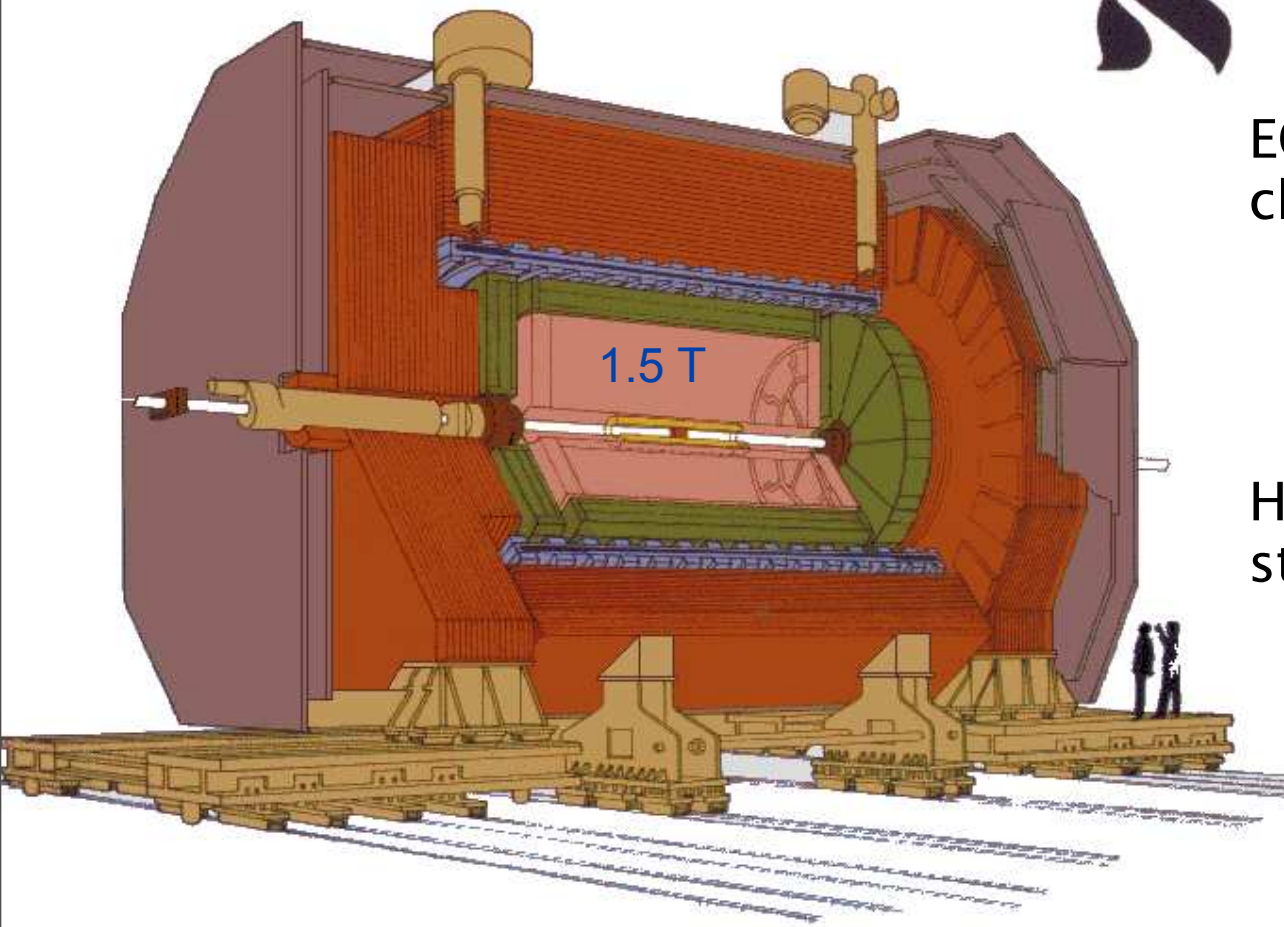
ECAL: lead + proportional wire chambers,  $22X_0$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = 0.18/\sqrt{E}$$

HCAL: 23 layers of iron yolk + streamer tubes

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = 0.85/\sqrt{E}$$

muons identified via HCAL  
+2 muon chambers



Detector simulation based on Geant 3, analysis based on 10 year old fortran framework



## Numbers of events in different track multiplicity bins

- Table 3: Number of events passing loose and final selections in each channel, in data, simulated background, and simulated signal ( $m_h = 100$ ,  $m_a = 4$  GeV/ $c^2$ ). The numbers of events passing the final selection are categorised by track multiplicity.

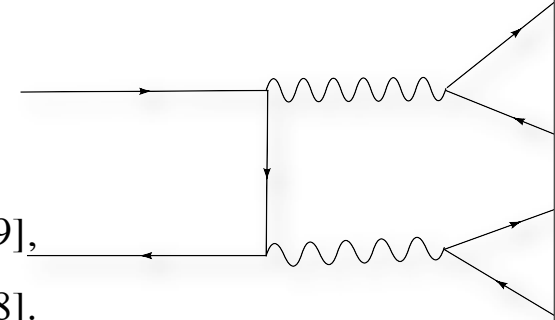
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	(2,2)	0	0.034	0.034	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.689
	(2,4)+(4,2)	0	0.055	0.014	0.005	0.037	0.000	0.610
	(4,4)	0	0.031	0.019	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.126
$Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	Loose	83	74.50	12.79	60.64	1.07	0.00	2.37
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	(2,2)	0	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.127
$Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$	Loose	206	200	135	47.97	13.50	3.74	12.63
	(2,2)	0	1.312	0.663	0.408	0.240	0.000	5.097
	(2,4)+(4,2)	0	1.948	0.528	0.575	0.845	0.000	4.741
	(4,4)	2	2.569	0.461	0.820	1.288	0.000	1.089

$$P(N_{m,f}|\xi^2, b_{m,f}) = \prod_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \prod_{f \in \{ee, \mu\mu, \nu\nu\}} \text{Pois}(N_{m,f}|\xi^2 s_{m,f} + b_{m,f}) \cdot N(b_{m,f}^{MC}|b_{m,f}, \Delta_f).$$

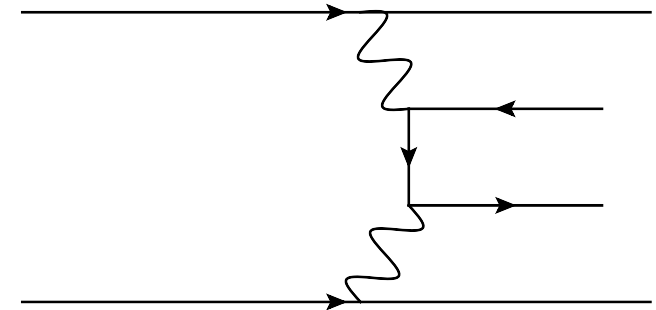


## Two particularly important processes for these searches are 4 fermion and 2 photon processes

*4f* Four fermion events compatible with  $WW$  final states are generated using KoralW 1.51 [69], with quarks fragmented into parton showers and hadronized using either PYTHIA 6.1 [38]. Events with final states incompatible with  $WW$  production but compatible with  $ZZ$  production are generated with KoralZ



*2ph* Two-photon interaction processes,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- X$ , are generated with the PHOT02 generator [70]. When  $X$  is a pair of leptons, a QED calculation is used with preselection cuts to preferentially generate events that mimic  $WW$  production. When  $X$  is a multi-hadronic state, a modified version of PYTHIA is used to generate events with the incident beam electron and positron scattered at  $\theta < 12^\circ$  and  $168^\circ < \theta$ , respectively. Events in which the beam electron or positron is scattered through an angle of more than  $12^\circ$  are generated using HERWIG 6.2 [39].



After decades of running in a very clean environment, and tuning Monte Carlo to data the description of standard model processes in ALEPH is excellent.

$q\bar{q}$  The process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}(\gamma)$  is modeled using KK 4.14 [67], with initial state radiation from KK and final state radiation from PYTHIA.

$e^+e^-$  Bhabha scattering and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$  is modeled using BHWIDE 1.01 [68].

$\mu^+\mu^-$  Pair production of muons,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$ , is calculated using KK 4.14 [67], including initial and final state radiative corrections and their interference.

$\tau^+\tau^-$  Pair production of taus,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)$ , is calculated using KK 4.14 [67], including initial and final state radiative corrections and their interference.

$lph$  Single photon production,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}(\gamma)$ , is included in the background estimate.

$Nph$  Multiphoton production,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow n\gamma$ , with  $n \geq 2$ , is included in the background estimate.

At LEP, the dominant jet algorithms were DURHAM and JADE.

- ▶ both are iterative recombination type algorithms: merge if  $m_{ij}^2/E_{\text{tot}}^2 < y_{\text{cut}}$ 
  - $y_{\text{cut}}$  is an adjustable parameter and  $E_{\text{tot}}$  was often chosen to be the visible energy in the event
  - Often (as in the case of the OPAL analysis), events were “forced into N jets”, eg. the algorithm scanned  $y_{\text{cut}}$  until the event had exactly N jets.
    - Then that value of  $y_{\text{cut}}$  would be used as a discriminating variable together with the jet’s mass.
- ▶ DURHAM defines  $m_{ij}^2$  in a way that is more robust to soft radiation, which is good if you are interested in bona fide hadronic showers.
  - But we are looking for a purely electroweak decay, so the straight invariant mass combination of JADE is more natural.
  - Furthermore, we know that we are interested in  $m_a < 15 \text{ GeV}$  which leads to an obvious choice for  $y_{\text{cut}}$  if we use a fixed  $E_{\text{tot}}$ .

By choosing this approach our s/b was significantly higher than forcing to two jets with DURHAM and cutting on the jet mass

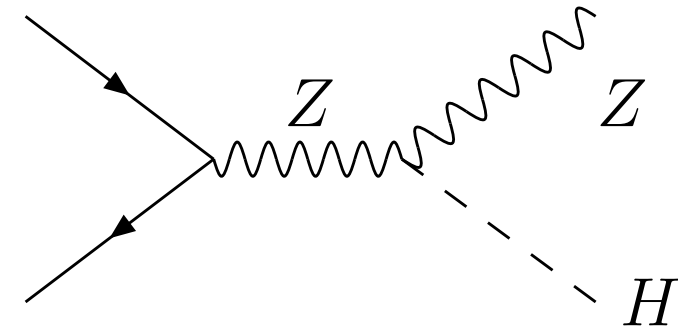
- Additionally we have track multiplicity in jets as a handle

# Higgs production at LEP



Higgs primarily produced via higgsstrahlung process

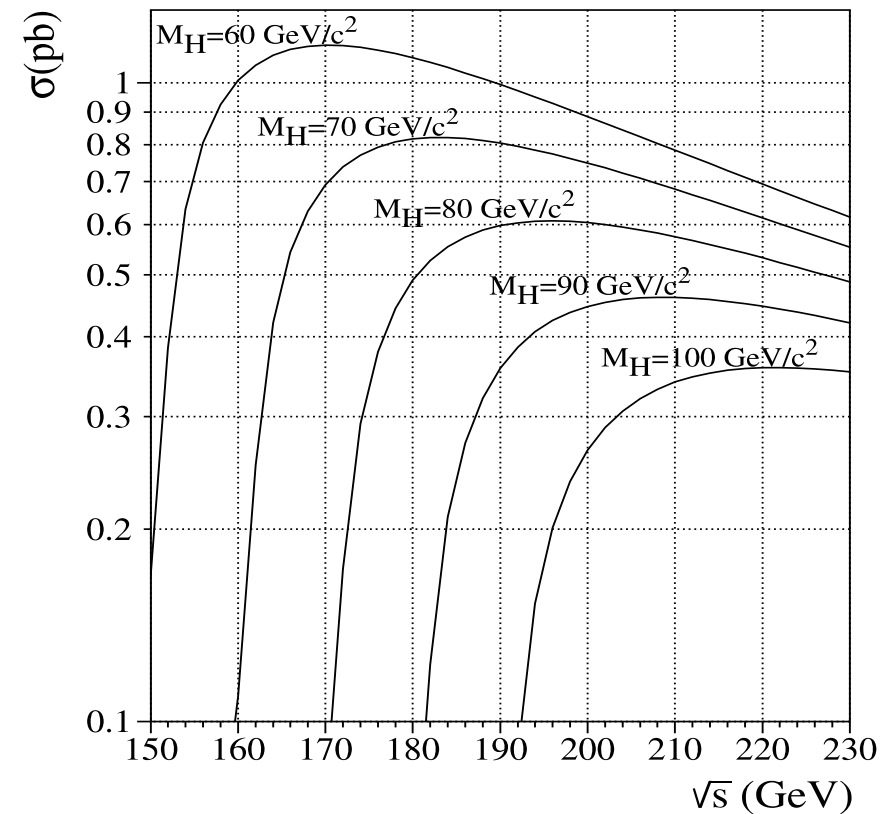
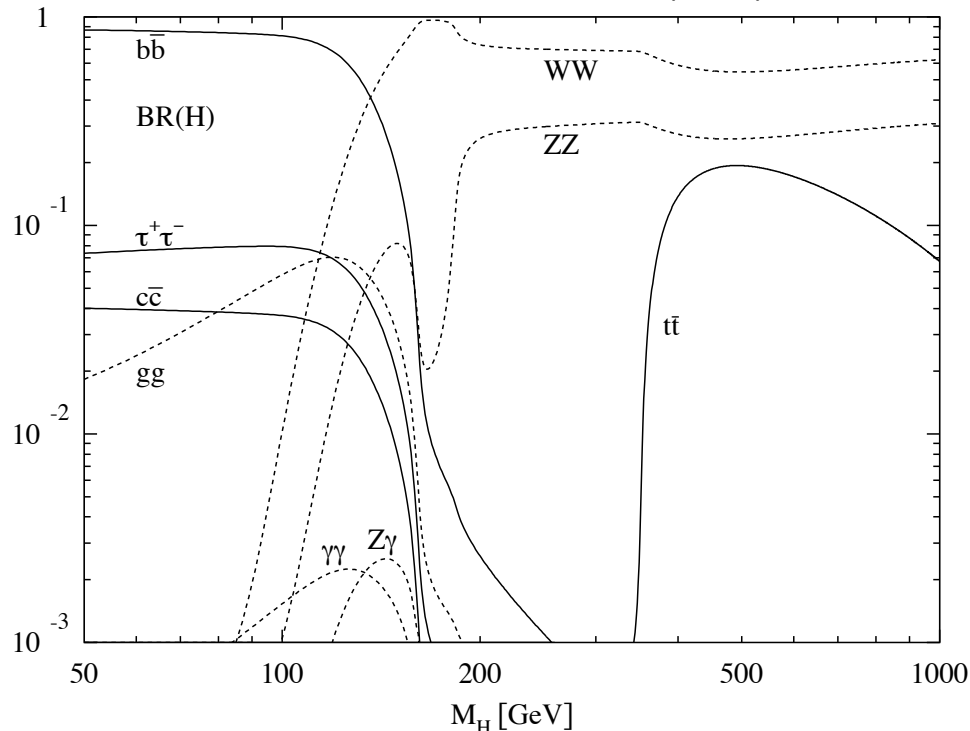
- kinematic threshold for production  $\sim 115$  GeV
- in that mass range, standard model Higgs decays dominated by  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}, \tau\tau$



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$$

Many (most) MSSM Higgs searches were recycled versions of SM searches

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The searches above were done with a 2 higgs doublet model in mind

- the same search is also sensitive to a wide range of theories with extended Higgs sectors
- probably the most useful prototype is the next-to-minimal SSM, in which the MSSM is extended with an additional singlet  $\hat{S}$  [Gunion, et al]
  - the scalar part naturally acquires a vev. and can provide a dynamical explanation for the size of the  $\mu$  term.
  - this gives rise to a (mostly singlet) CP-odd scalar boson  $a$
  - approximate accidental symmetries (à la Peccei-Quinn or when trilinear couplings vanish) can give a mechanism to make the  $a$  light

Here we are taking a model independent attitude, and just look for a signal like  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\tau 2\tau$  where the  $a$  is light, without interpreting it in the context of any particular model

- eg. place limit on:

$$\xi^2 = \frac{\sigma \text{BR}(h \rightarrow aa) \text{BR}(a \rightarrow \tau\tau)^2}{\sigma_{SM}}$$

low  $\tan \beta$  have reduced  $BR(a \rightarrow \tau \tau)$

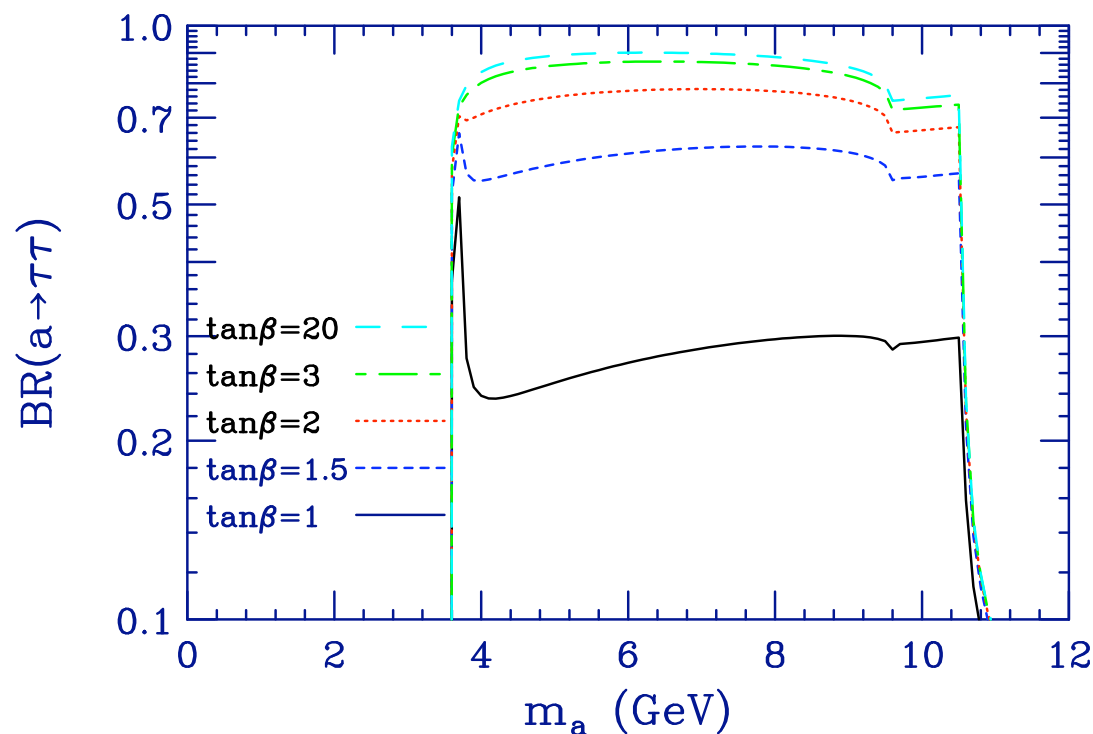
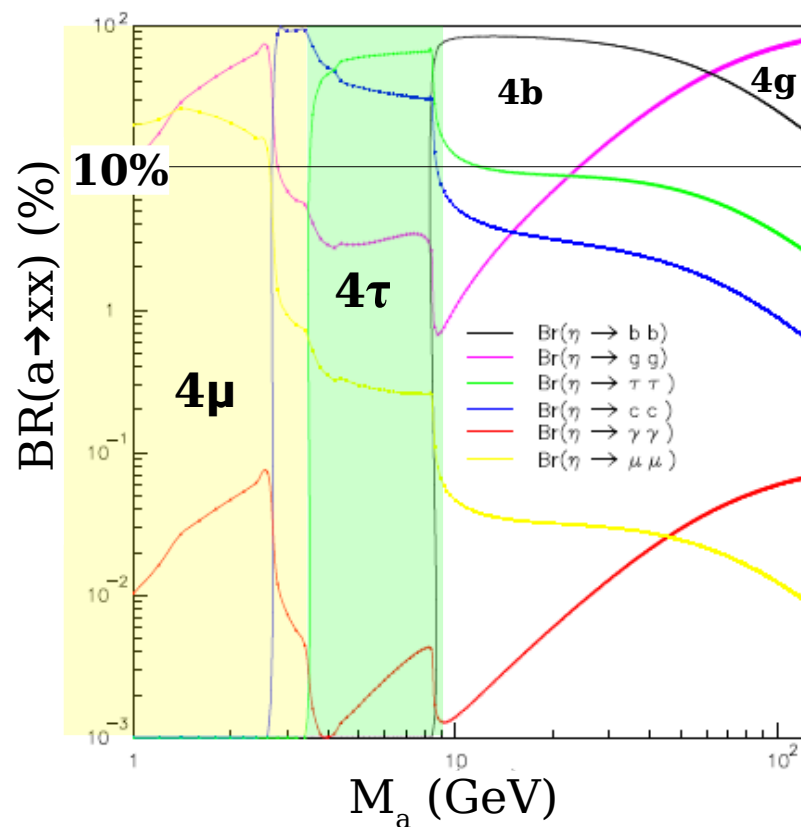


Figure 7:  $B(a \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$  for various  $\tan \beta$  values.





## Dermisek and Gunion consider status of NMSSM after this result

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### New constraints on a light CP-odd Higgs boson and related NMSSM Ideal Higgs Scenarios.

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**ABSTRACT:** Recent BaBar limits on  $BR(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma \tau^+ \tau^-)$  and  $BR(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-)$  provide increased constraints on the  $abb$  coupling of a CP-odd Higgs boson,  $a$ , with  $m_a < M_{\Upsilon(3S)}$ . We extract these limits from the BaBar data and compare to the limits previously obtained using other data sets, especially the CLEO-III  $BR(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$  limits. Comparisons are made to predictions in the context of “ideal”-Higgs NMSSM scenarios, in which the lightest CP-even Higgs boson,  $h_1$ , can have mass below 105 GeV (as preferred by precision electroweak data) and yet can escape old LEP limits by virtue of decays to a pair of the lightest CP-odd Higgs bosons,  $h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1$ , with  $m_{a_1} < 2m_B$ . Most such scenarios with  $m_{a_1} < 2m_\tau$  are eliminated, but the bulk of the  $m_{a_1} > 7.5$  GeV scenarios, which are theoretically the most favored, survive. We also outline the impact of preliminary ALEPH LEP results in the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z + 4\tau$  channel. For  $\tan\beta \geq 3$ , only NMSSM ideal Higgs scenarios with  $m_{h_1} \sim 105$  GeV (the upper limit of “ideal”) and  $m_{a_1}$  close to  $2m_B$  satisfy the preliminary ALEPH limits. For  $\tan\beta \lesssim 2$ , the ALEPH results pick out the most theoretically preferred NMSSM scenarios which are those with  $m_{a_1}$  close to  $2m_B$  and  $m_{h_1} \sim 90$  GeV – 100 GeV.

**KEYWORDS:** Higgs, NMSSM, BaBar, ALEPH.

This analysis may be sensitive to other physics processes we have not considered.

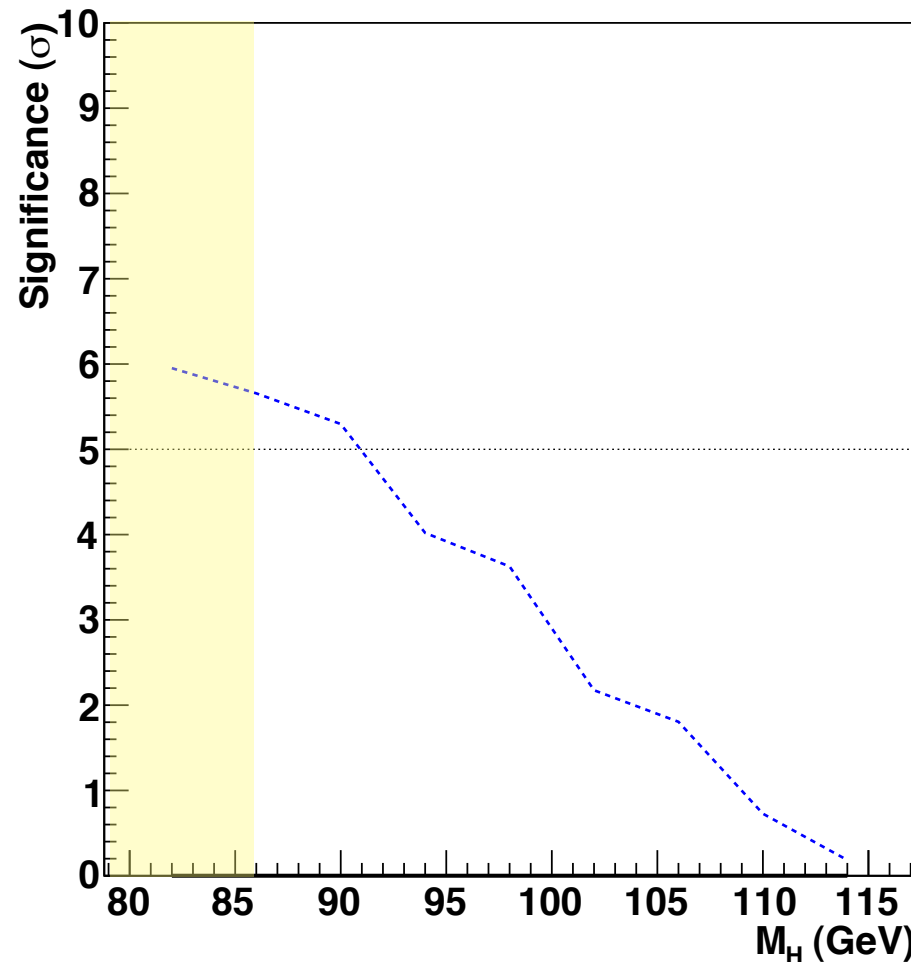
# Expected significance



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expected discovery significance for  $m_a = 4$  GeV





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But we do need to verify that our Monte Carlo is describing the data well.

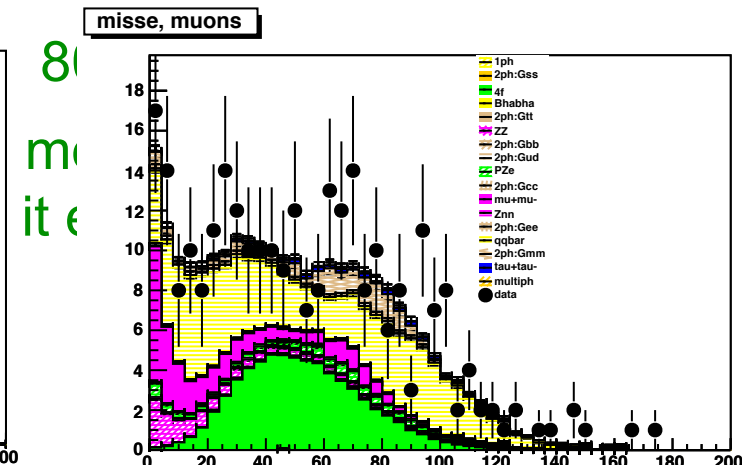
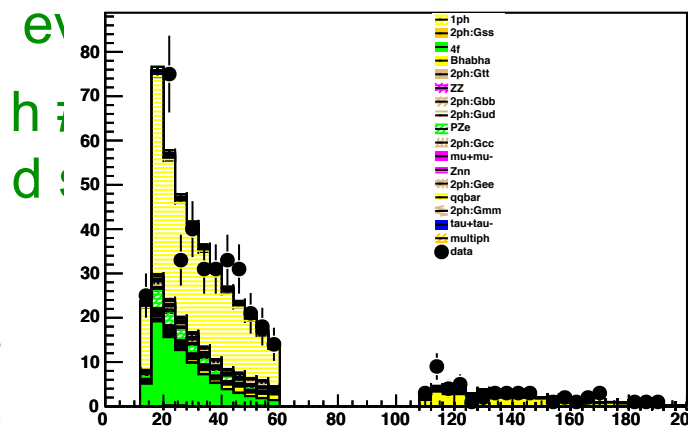
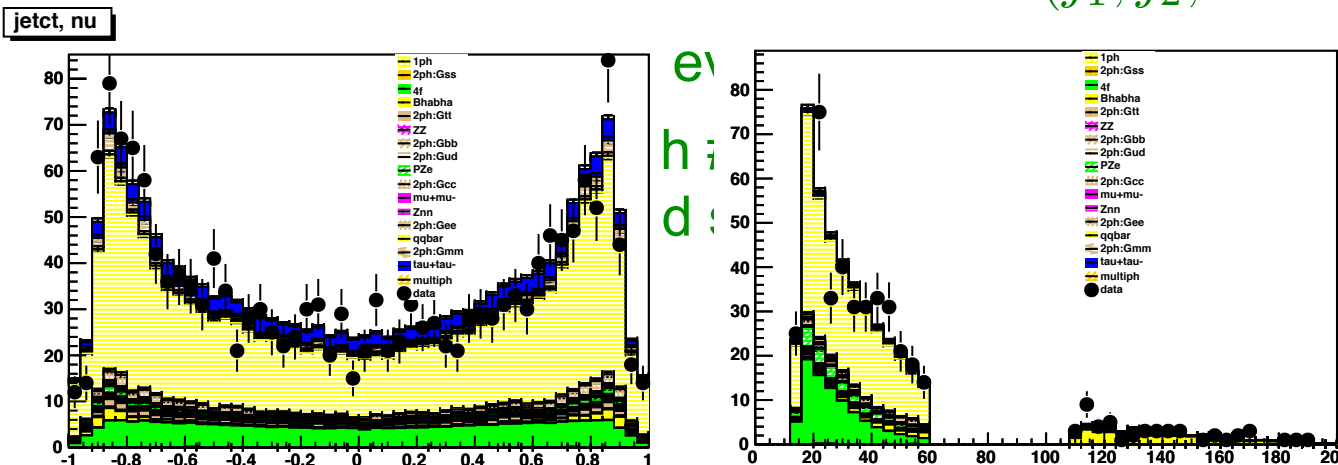
- So we did a blind blind analysis and defined 5 control samples
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  3. in  $Z \rightarrow ll$  exclude events with  $M(j_1, j_2, \text{invisible}) > 60 \text{ GeV}$
  4. in  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$  exclude events with missing mass  $> 80 \text{ GeV}$
  5. exclude events with  $\# \text{track} > 6$  in both jets (to remove taus) AND if di-jet mass  $> 60$  (to avoid seeing  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow q\bar{q}, gg$  if it exists)

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# “Unboxing” celebration



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(to be consumed regardless of result)



*Thanks, Neal!*



# Some results from LEP Higgs searches

Searches for the Standard Model Higgs put a limit at  $M_H > 114.4$  GeV

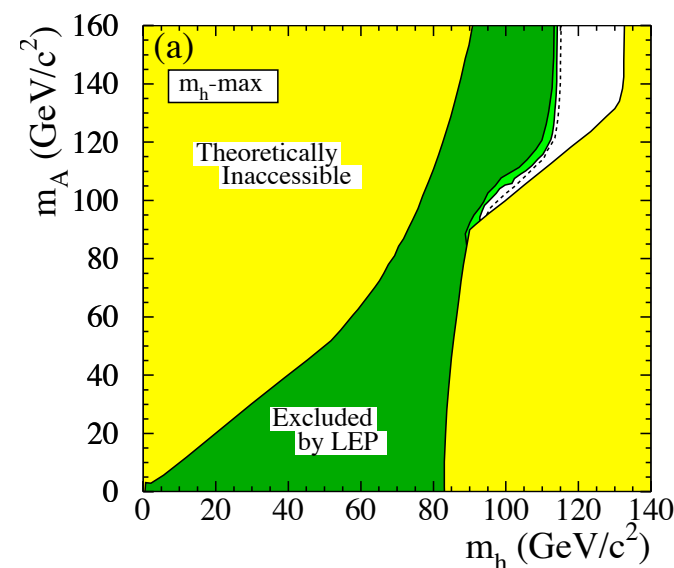
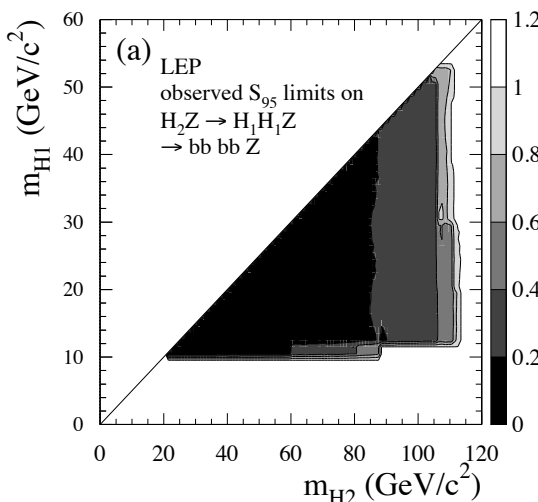
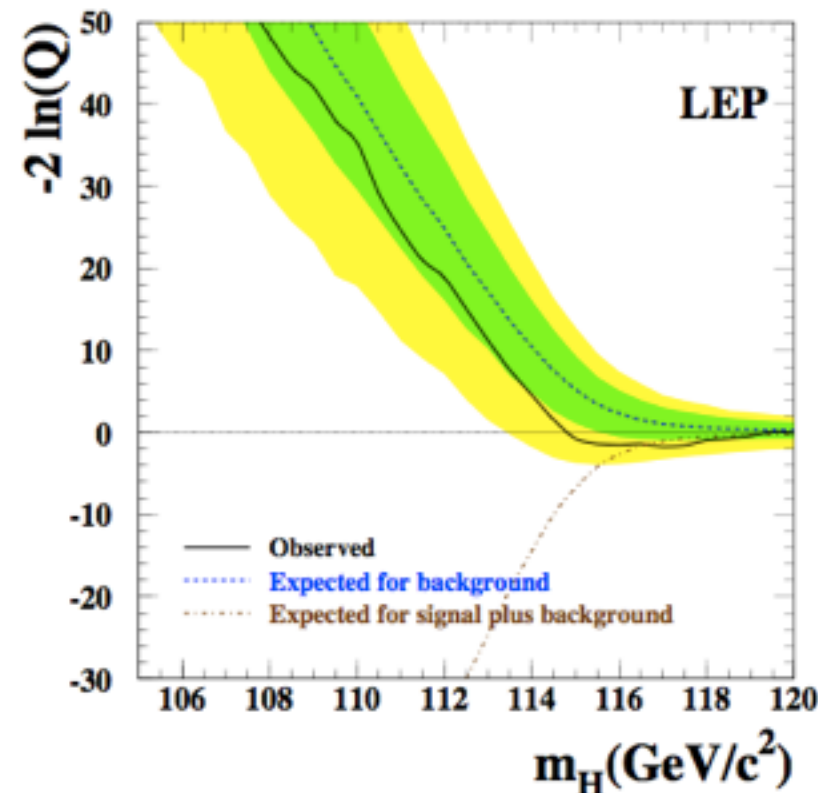
- SM searches dominated by  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}, \tau\tau$

Searches for neutral Higgs bosons in the MSSM also quite stringent

- $m_h, m_A < 93$  for  $0.5 < \tan\beta < 2.5$  in “ $m_h$ -max” scenario

Decay independent based on Z recoil place a lower limit at 82 GeV

- other decay topologies, flavor independent analyses, etc. were considered.

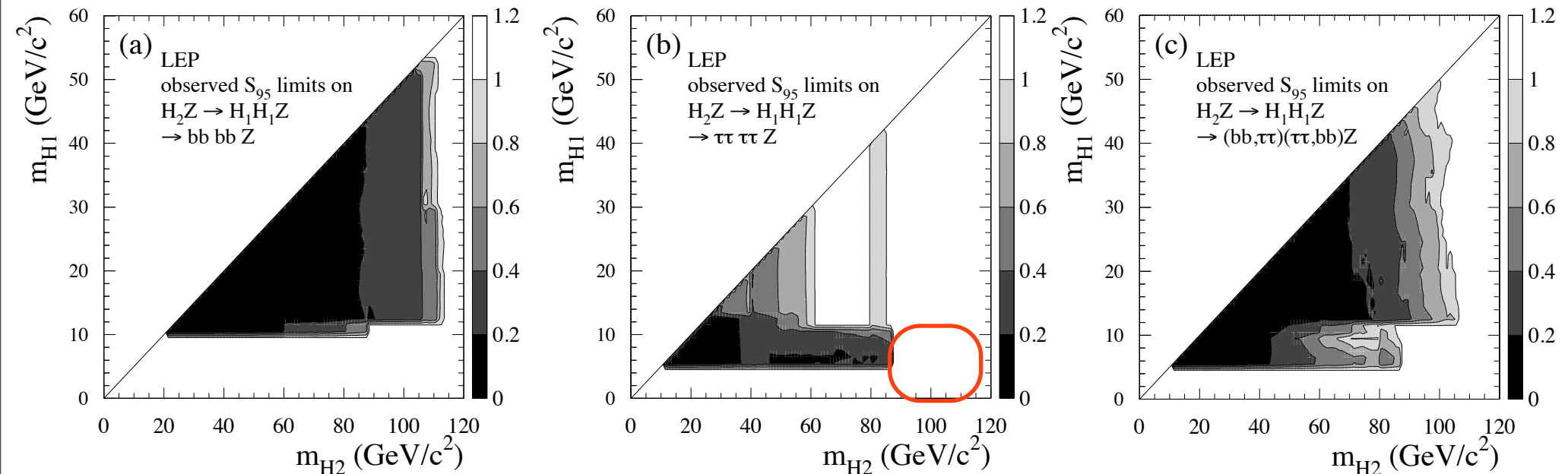






## Search for Neutral MSSM Higgs Bosons at LEP

ALEPH, DELPHI, L3 and OPAL Collaborations  
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(factor x SM cross section that corresponds to 95% exclusion)

Here we see that Higgs bosons produced via Higgsstrahlung decaying to  $4b$  are highly constrained

- $4\tau$  are less constrained with a notable hole for  $m_h > 85$  GeV,  $2m_\tau < m_a < 10$  GeV

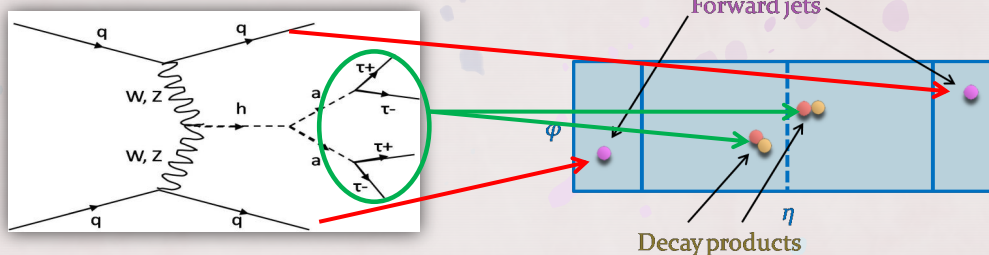




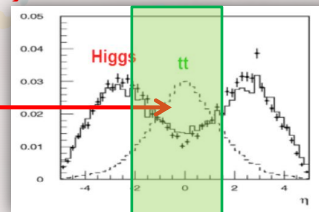
Searches for similar Higgs scenarios have been considered

- hadronic taus have significant QCD background, focus is on events with 2 or more muons (from tau decays)
- Lots of backgrounds; challenging search for the LHC

## Event Topology



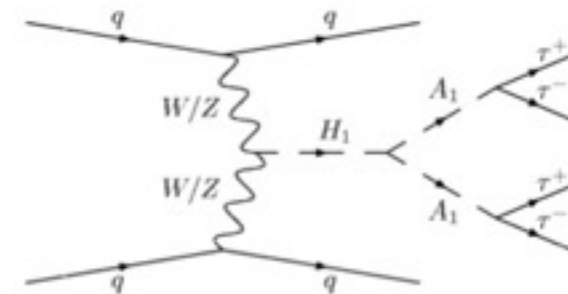
- 2 high pt forward jets ( $O(W,Z \text{ mass})$ )  $\rightarrow$  apply  $P_t > 20\text{GeV}$  cut
- No activity in the central region, only Higgs decay products are detected.  
 $\rightarrow$  QCD BG suppressed
- By focusing on  $4\tau \rightarrow h\mu h\mu$ , we find signals where taujet- $\mu$  are very near to each other.
- Intensive study on reconstructed taujet is required  
 $\rightarrow$  New TauID Algorithm
- Isolation of Muon need to be redefined.  
 $\rightarrow$  New Muon Isolation Definition



## A New Search Strategy: Vector Boson Fusion, $H_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 \rightarrow 4\tau$

Goal: Fill some gaps in discovery potential

- Restrict to  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$  decays  
- no problems with isolation
- Typical  $X_{\text{sec}} \sim 3\text{fb} \Rightarrow 90$  signal events with  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



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# $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$ at the Tevatron

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Search for NMSSM Higgs bosons in the  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu \mu\mu, \mu\mu \tau\tau$  channels using  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV

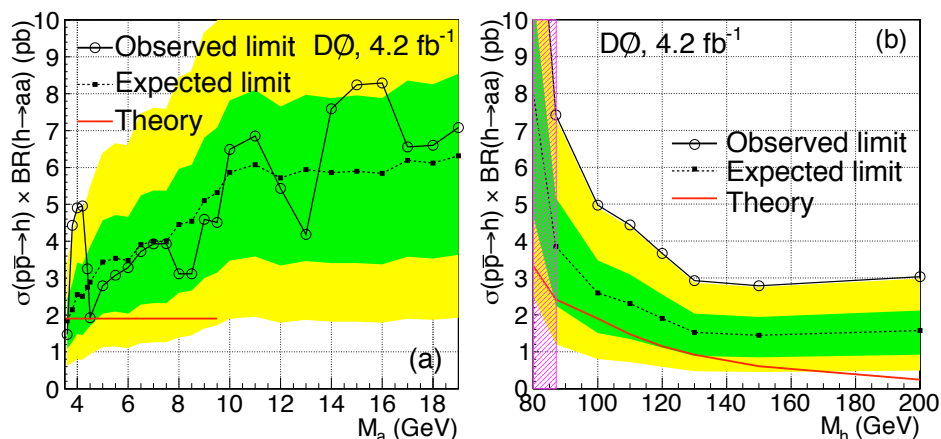


FIG. 3: The expected and observed limits and  $\pm 1$  s.d. and  $\pm 2$  s.d. expected limit bands for  $\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow h + X) \times \text{BR}(h \rightarrow aa)$ , for (a)  $M_h = 100$  GeV and (b)  $M_a = 4$  GeV. The signal for  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow aa) = 1$  is shown by the solid line. The region  $M_h < 86$  GeV is excluded by LEP.

$M_a$ (GeV)	$\sigma \times \text{BR}$	
	[exp]	obs (fb)
0.2143	[10.0]	10.0
0.3	[9.5]	9.5
0.5	[7.3]	7.3
1	[6.1]	6.1
3	[5.6]	5.6

Sample	$\sigma \times 2 \times \text{BR}$	
Data		
$M_a = 3.6$ GeV	[23.8]	19.1 fb
$M_a = 4$ GeV	[23.9]	45.9 fb
$M_a = 7$ GeV	[25.0]	24.6 fb
$M_a = 10$ GeV	[24.7]	27.3 fb
$M_a = 19$ GeV	[30.0]	33.7 fb

Andy Haas and company collaborated with Wacker and Lisanti to look for these signatures at the Tevatron

Discovering the Higgs with Low Mass Muon Pairs

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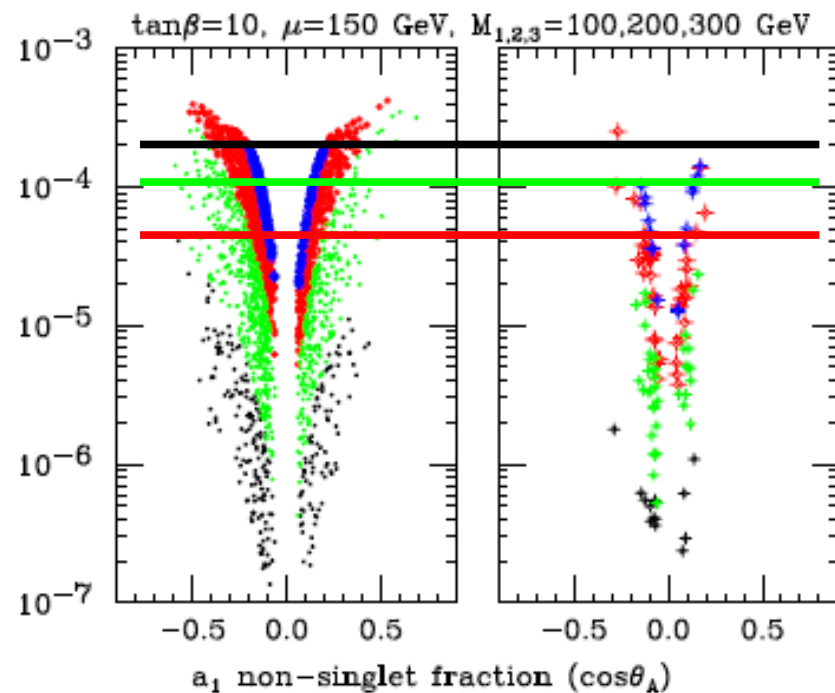
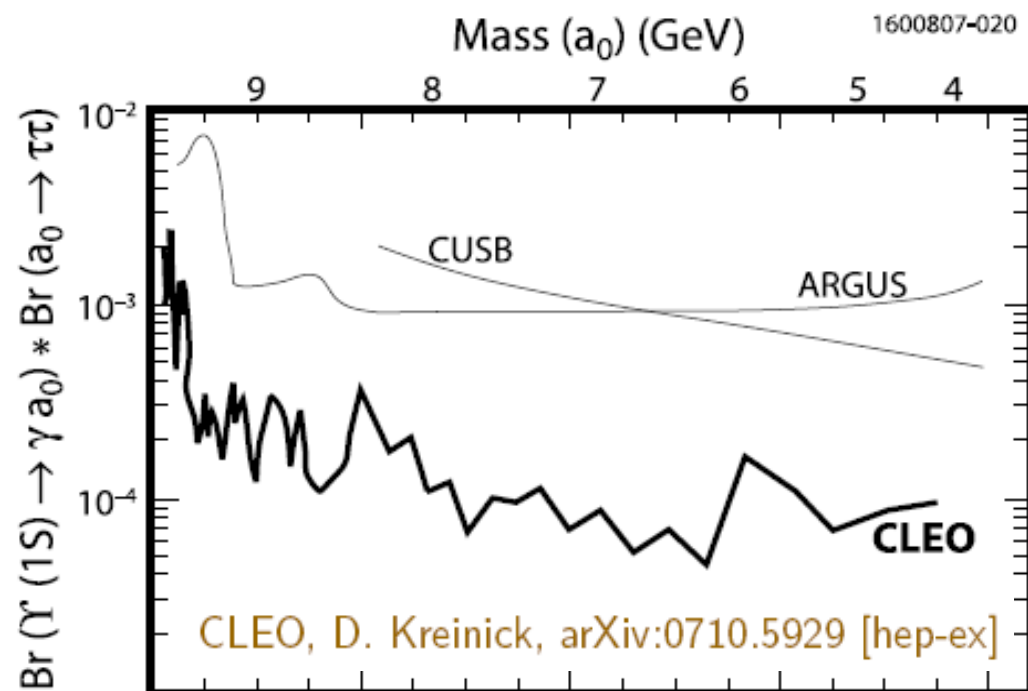
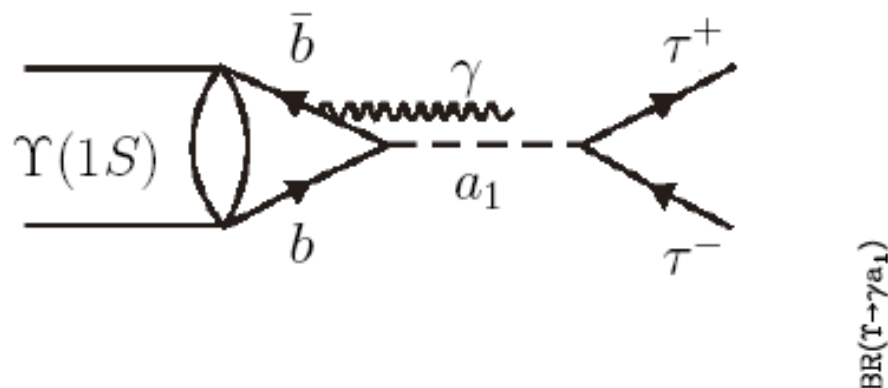
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These searches are probing  $\sim 1\%$  of the expected production cross-section.

- there are not enough signal events at LEP to compete

However, the  $4\tau$  signature is significantly more difficult at hadron colliders than at LEP, due to QCD backgrounds.



CLEO

$A_\kappa, A_\lambda, \kappa, \lambda$  scan  $F < 15$  scan

$$m_{a_1} < 2m_\tau$$

$$2m_\tau < m_{a_1} < 7.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$7.5 \text{ GeV} < m_{a_1} < 8.8 \text{ GeV}$$

$$8.8 \text{ GeV} < m_{a_1} < 9.2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{aff} \equiv iC_{aff} \frac{ig_2 m_f}{2m_W} \bar{f} \gamma_5 f a,$$

# Summary of similar LEP searches

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2 Z \rightarrow (\mathcal{H}_1 \mathcal{H}_1) Z \rightarrow (\dots)(\dots)$			$m_{\mathcal{H}_2}$	$m_{\mathcal{H}_1}$	
(any)( $q\bar{q}$ )	91	16.2	12 – 70	< 0.21	[46]
( $V^0 V^0$ )(any but $\tau^+ \tau^-$ )	91	9.7	0.5 – 55	< 0.21	[46]
( $\gamma\gamma$ )(any)	91	12.5	0.5 – 60	< 0.21	[46]
(4 prongs)(any)	91	12.9	0.5 – 60	0.21 – 10	[46]
(hadrons)( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )	91	15.1	1 – 60	0.21 – 30	[46]
( $\tau^+ \tau^- \tau^+ \tau^-$ )( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )	91	15.1	9 – 73	3.5 – 12	[46]
(any)( $q\bar{q}, \nu\bar{\nu}$ )	161,172	20.0	40 – 70	20 – 35	[40]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	183	54.0	45 – 85	12 – 40	[41]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}, b\bar{b}c\bar{c}, c\bar{c}c\bar{c}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	192-208	452.4	30 – 105	12 – 50	[43, 44]
( $c\bar{c}c\bar{c}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	192-208	452.4	10 – 105	4 – 12	[47]
( $\mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, g\bar{g}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	189 – 209	626.9	30 – 85	10 – 42	[56]
( $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ )( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )	91	46.3	10 – 75	0 – 35	[64, 65]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	183	54.1	40 – 80	10.5 – 38	[61]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	189	172.1	40 – 100	10.5 – 48	[62]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $q\bar{q}$ )	192–209	421.2	80 – 120	12 – $m_{\mathcal{H}_2}/2$	[10]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )	183	53.9	50 – 95	10.5 – $m_{\mathcal{H}_2}/2$	[61]
( $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ )( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )	189	171.4	50 – 100	10.5 – $m_{\mathcal{H}_2}/2$	[62]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )	199–209	207.2	100 – 110	12 – $m_{\mathcal{H}_2}/2$	[10]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $\tau^+ \tau^-$ )	183	53.7	30 – 100	10.5 – $m_{\mathcal{H}_2}/2$	[61]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ )( $\tau^+ \tau^-$ )	189	168.7	30 – 100	10.5 – $m_{\mathcal{H}_2}/2$	[62]
( $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}, b\bar{b}\tau^+ \tau^-, \tau^+ \tau^- \tau^+ \tau^-$ )( $\nu\bar{\nu}, e^+ e^-, \mu^+ \mu^-$ )	189–209	598.5	45 – 90	2 – 10.5	[68]

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