



# 2009 electrons at CMS: a first step in the Higgs adventure

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# Overview



- The search for the Higgs boson is a main goal of LHC
  - The only missing stone of the Standard Model
  - Or the first confirmation of a more complicated world
- A presentation of its search strategy at the time of LHC restart (*emphasis on  $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$  analysis*)
  - First electrons from 2009 data in CMS
  - Related analyses and preparation for the Higgs
  - The Higgs boson at LHC in the next years



# LHC timetable

7 TeV collisions  
Starting tomorrow!



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$\sqrt{s} = 10-14 \text{ TeV}$

2012?

End 2011

1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

Higgs candidates  
SUSY, exotica

End 2010

100 pb<sup>-1</sup>

early SUSY, exotica  
dibosons (WZ, ZZ, ...)

Summer 2010

1-10 pb<sup>-1</sup>

Standard Model (W, Z, ...)

April 2010

lepton studies  
detector performance

Nov.-Dec. 2009

10 μb<sup>-1</sup>

lepton commissioning

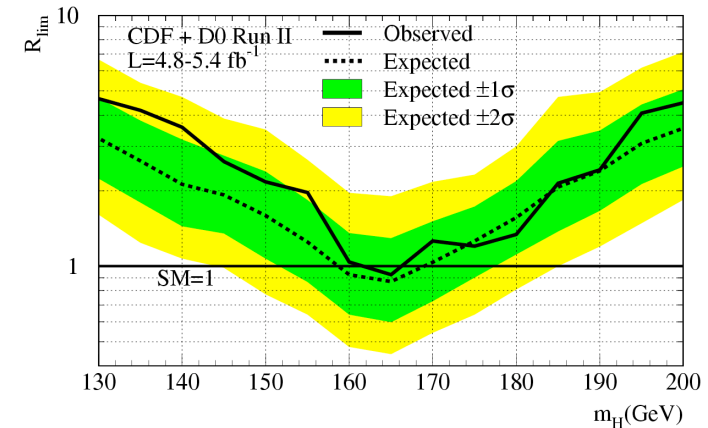
first collisions  
 $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$

Long data-taking period  
 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$



# Higgs boson mass range

- Experimental bounds
  - $M_H > 114.4$  GeV (LEP)
  - Excl. region 162-166 GeV (TeVatron)
- Theoretical bounds
  - SM unitarity bound  
 $M_H < 780$  GeV
  - Consistency fit (95% CL)  
*(knowing that  $M_H > 115$  GeV)*  
 $M_H < 182$  GeV



SM search mainly in the range: 115-200 GeV

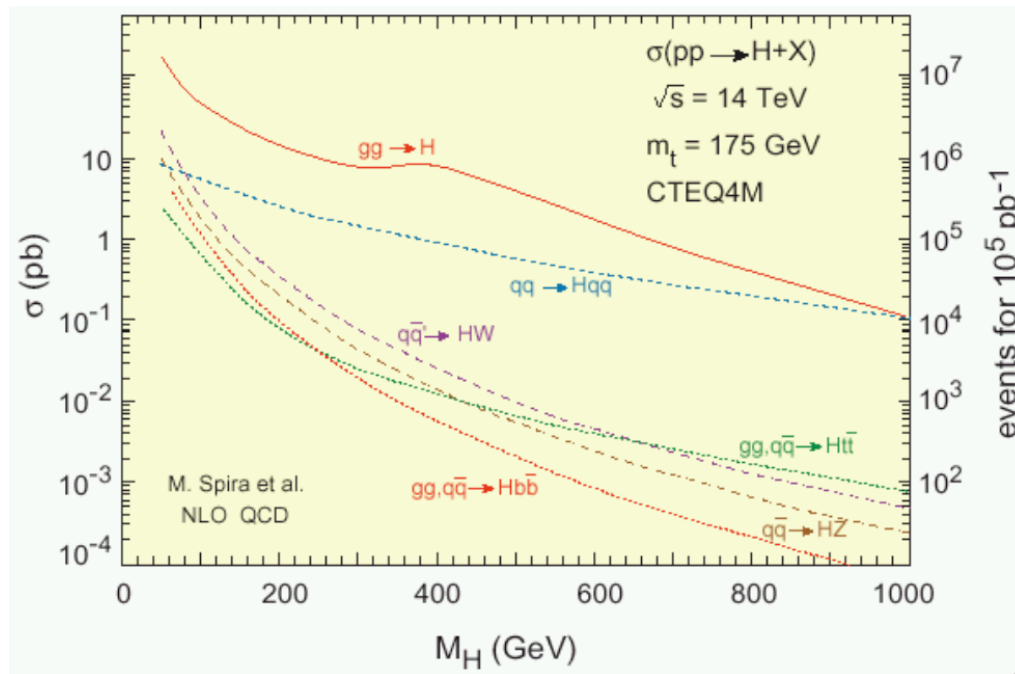
$$\sigma_{\text{LHC}, 7\text{TeV}} \sim (20 \text{ to } 30) * \sigma_{\text{TeVatron}}$$

Other models suggest  $M_H > 200$  GeV



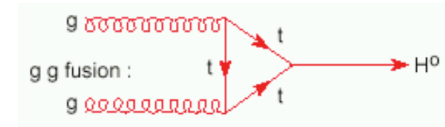
# Higgs boson production

- Inclusive production

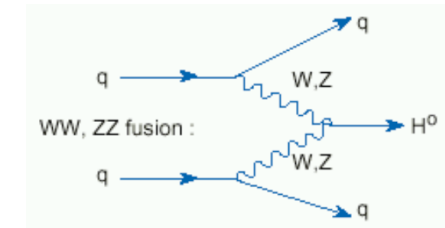


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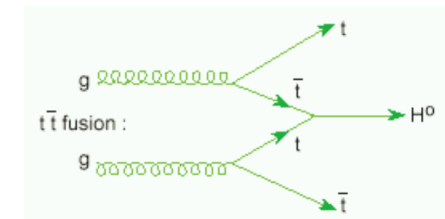
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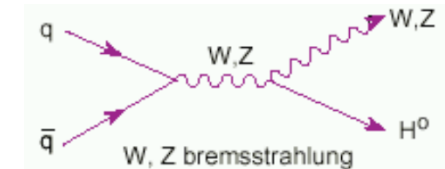
■ vector boson fusion



■  $t\bar{t}$  fusion



■ associated production (W,Z)



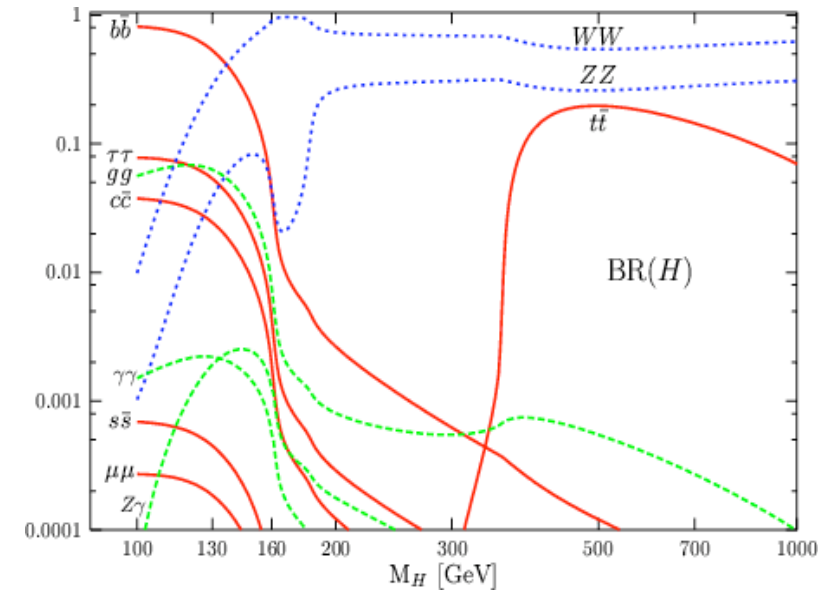


# Higgs boson decays

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- Lower masses ( $M_H \lesssim 150$  GeV)
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- Higher masses ( $M_H \gtrsim 150$  GeV)  
Diboson decays
  - $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$

$\ell = e$  or  $\mu$



=> Detection of isolated electrons and muons



$$H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4e$$



- A clean observation (resonance) in principle
- But a small cross section x branching ratio  
And huge QCD-driven backgrounds
  - Need very good efficiency on leptons, down to very low  $p_T^e$   
Inefficiency will count at **power 4** (*e.g. cannot afford fiducial cuts*)
  - Need to predict the  $ZZ(*)$  background from parton luminosities  
Not enough side-bands at discovery time
  - Need very accurate selection parameters  
*lepton isolation and ID, charge, vertex ...*  
Precision is essential in this channel which will be used to disentangle  $S_{CP}$



# First electrons in CMS





# $e^{+/-}$ detection with CMS

- Electrons

- Track in the silicon tracker curved by  $B = 3.8 \text{ T}$

*Precision in  $p_T$ :  $\sim 1\%$*

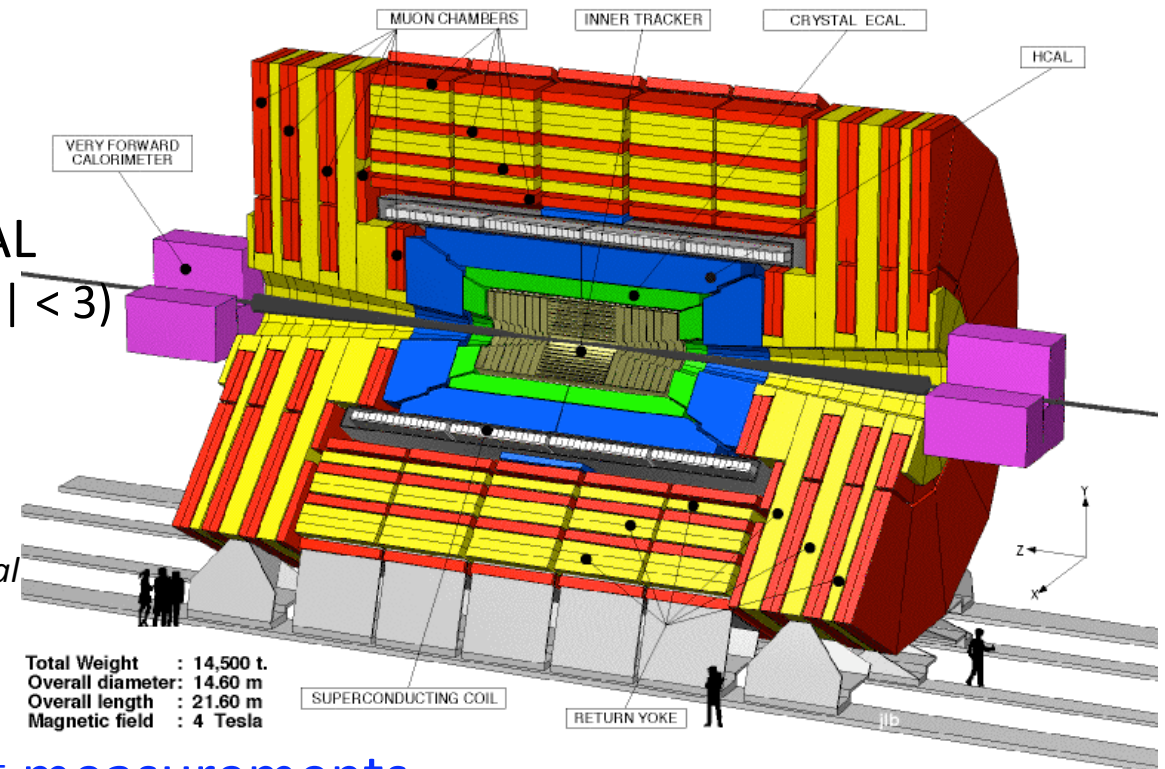
- Energy clusters in the ECAL  
(Si tracker:  $|\eta| < 2.5$ , ECAL:  $|\eta| < 3$ )

*Precision in  $E$ :  $\lesssim 1\%$*

*Stochastic term:  $2.8\%/ \sqrt{E}$*

*Noise term:  $41.5 \text{ MeV} / E$  per crystal*

*Constant term:  $0.5\%$   
(incl. local containment corrections)*



## Efficiency control via $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ measurements

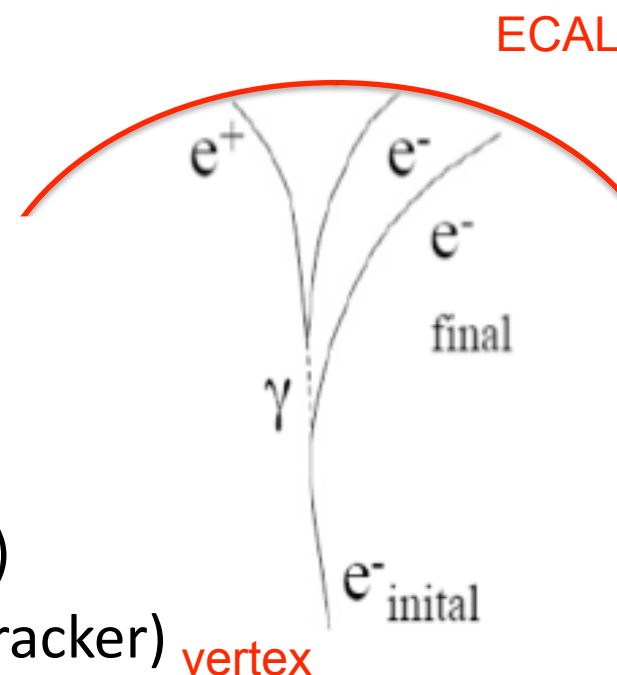


# e reconstruction with CMS

- ECAL-driven reconstruction

⚠ Si tracker: a lot of material budget  
=> complicated tracks

- energy deposit in the ECAL crystals
- supercluster  
(whole energy of the initial e in ECAL)
- Track seed (innermost layers of Si tracker)
- Track (Si tracker)



**Efficiency (MC):**  
90% at  $p_T=10$  GeV  
95% at  $p_T=35$  GeV



# e reconstruction with CMS

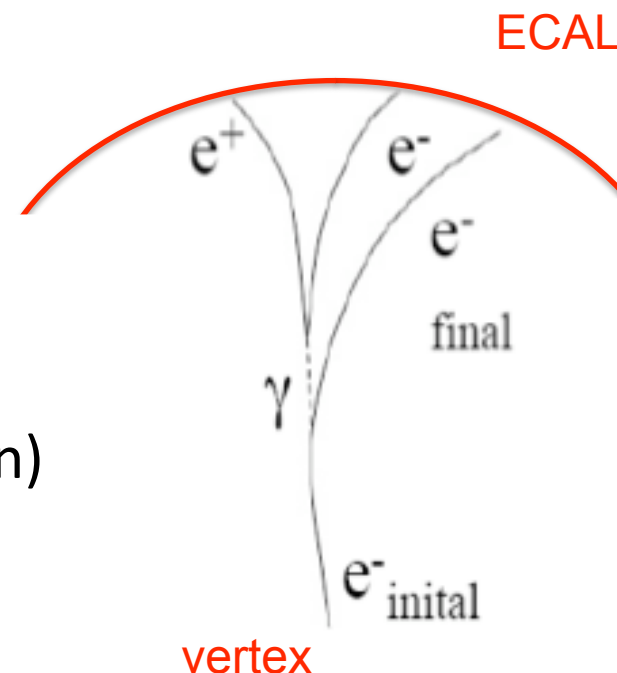
- Tracker-driven reconstruction
  - Build a track allowing energy loss (Bremm.  $\gamma$ )
  - Supercluster built step by step (energy deposits in tangent direction)

Merging of both collections

⇒ no double-counting

Preselection (track-SC concordance)

⇒ electron candidate



**Gain in efficiency:**  
esp. at  $p_T < 10$  GeV and  
in ECAL crack regions  
**New efficiency:**  
> 95% for  $p_T \gtrsim 10$  GeV



# First electrons in CMS



2009 collisions at 900 GeV

- 351 electron candidates reconstructed on minimum bias events
  - very low  $p_T$
  - mostly fake from charged hadrons
  - real  $e^{+/-}$  come mainly from  $\gamma$  conversions

*MC: 4.6% of real, prompt electrons*

⇒ Not the signal for which electron reconstruction has been optimized

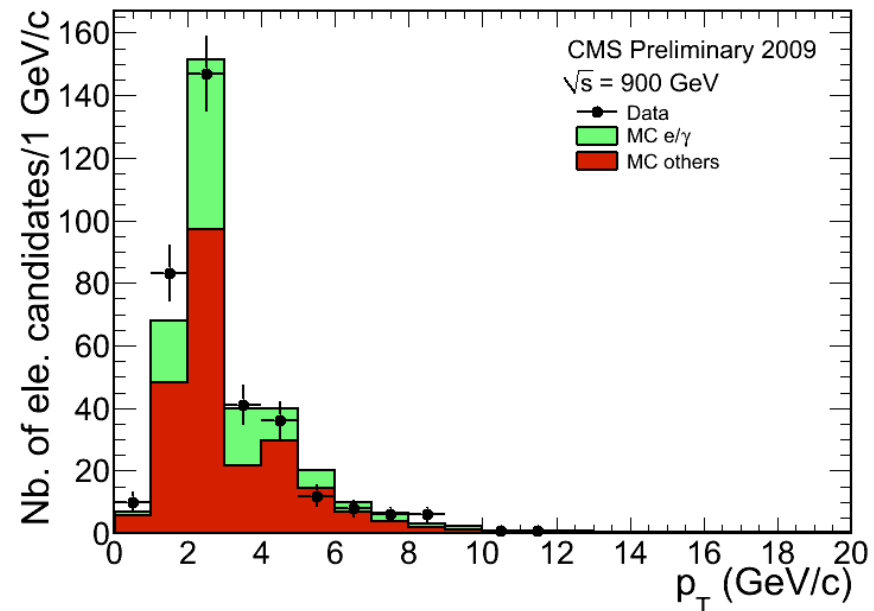
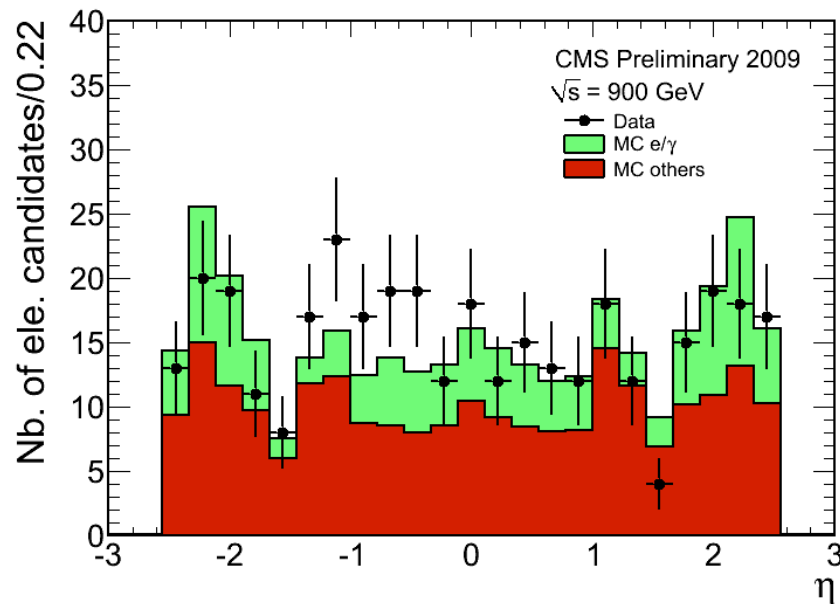
⇒ But very nice results are obtained



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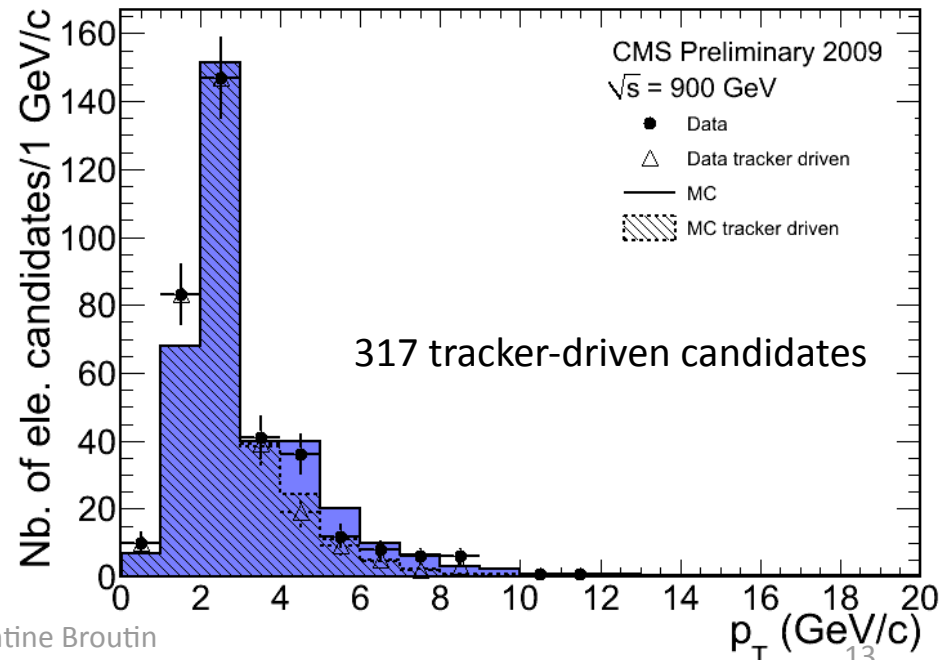
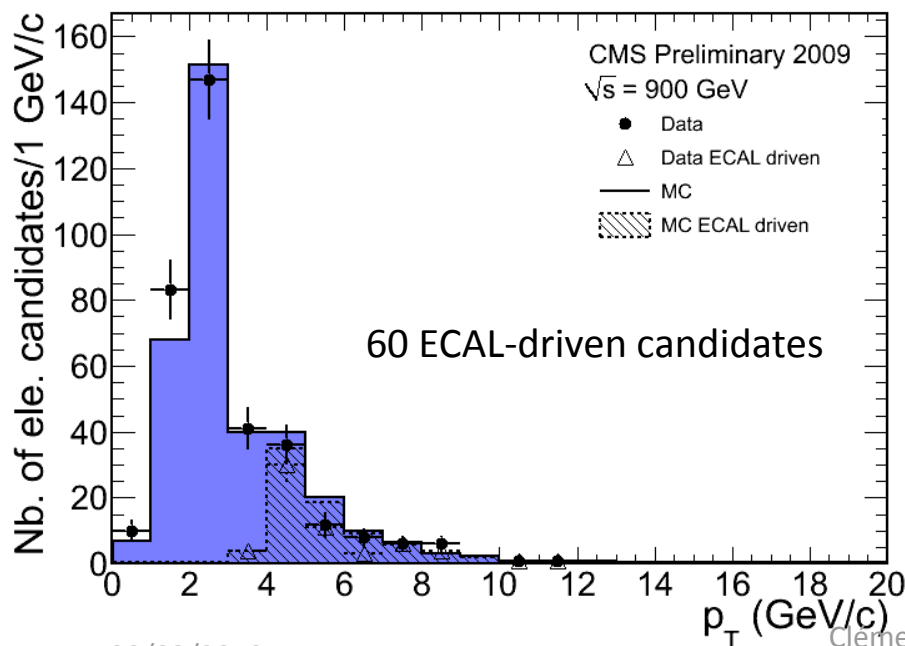




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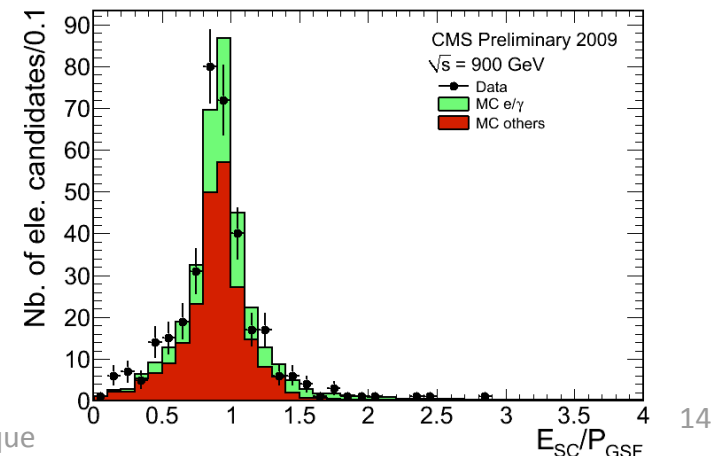


# First electrons in CMS



2009 collisions at 900 GeV

- 351 electron candidates reconstructed on minimum bias events
  - Very good data-MC agreement
  - No tuning done on the MC⇒ Very good modeling of the detector
  - Also a very good ECAL-tracker agreement





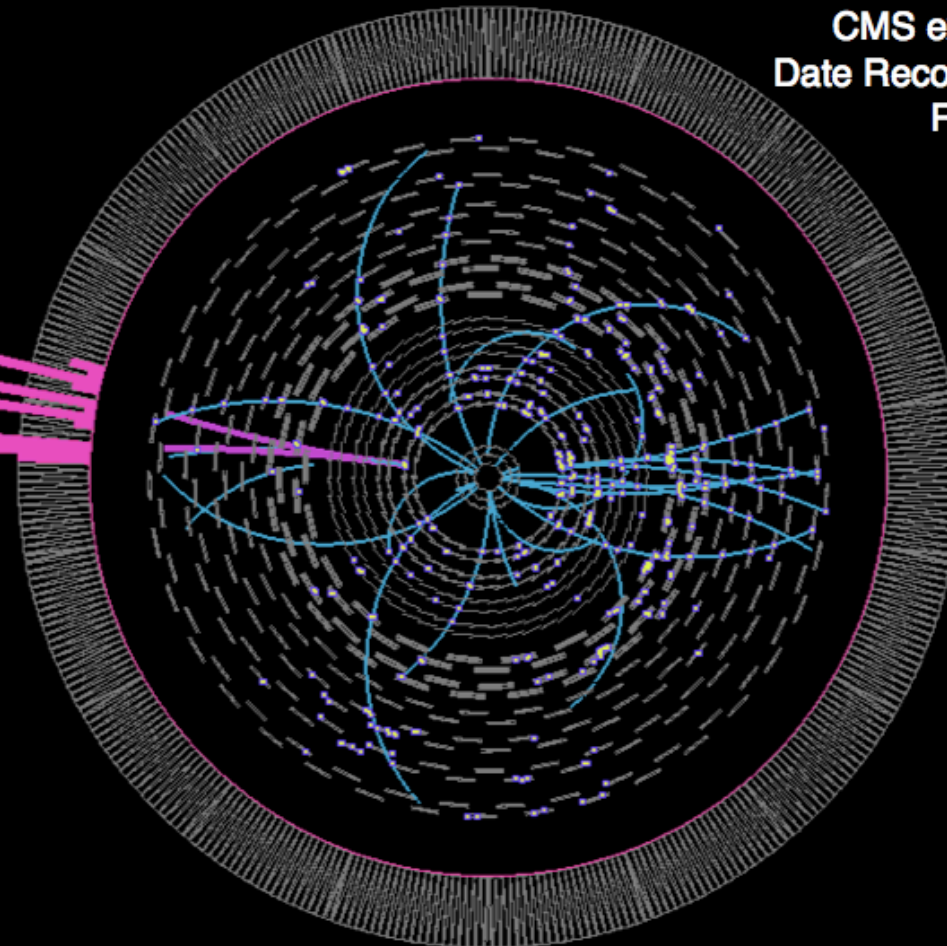
# First dielectrons in CMS: conversions



CMS experiment at the LHC, CERN  
Date Recorded: 2009-12-12 16:58 CET  
Run/Event: 124024/14608879  
Conversion candidate event  
 $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$

$E_{SC} = 21.45 \text{ GeV}$

$E_{SC} = 11.92 \text{ GeV}$



Electron tracks are shown in purple, and their superclusters in pink in the ECAL.  
General tracks are in blue and tracker clusters (silicon strips) are shown by small squares.





What comes next...



# Lepton and dilepton studies



- Electron studies (*next months*) Using  $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$  events
  - Reconstruction efficiency (esp. at low  $p_T$ )
  - ID and isolation parameters, charge mis-ID, ...

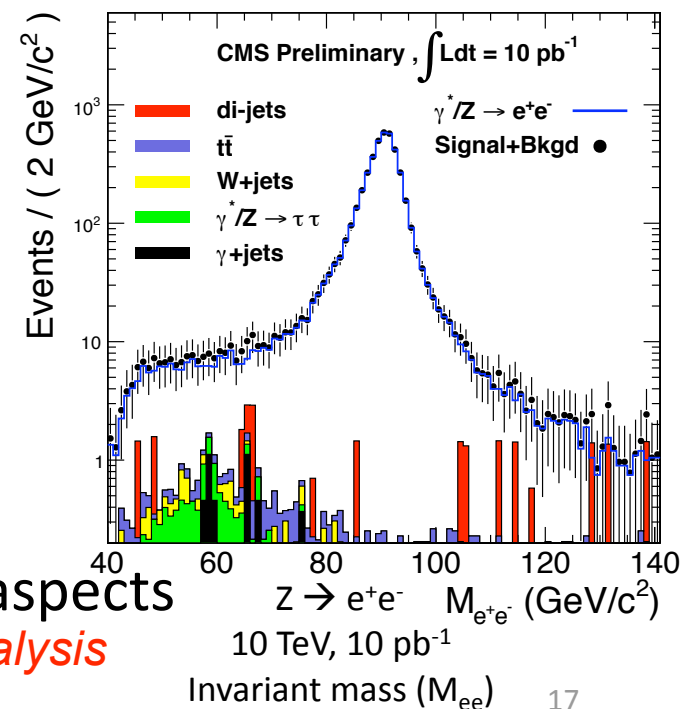
- Z boson analysis (*~2010*)

- Very clean channel
  - Normalization of ZZ continuum
- Irreducible background for  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  analysis
- Low  $p_T^e$  and efficiency are not key aspects

*crucial for Higgs analysis*

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# 3 to 4 leptons



## Study of the main Higgs backgrounds (~2011)

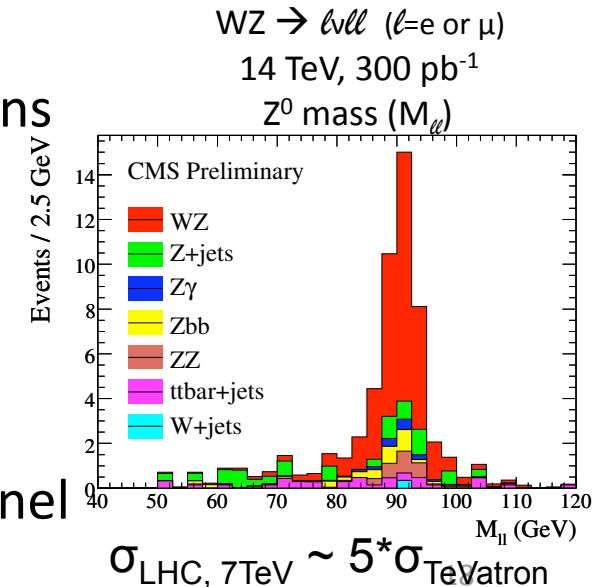
- W+jets, Z+jets, ...
- WZ

Importance of background subtraction

≠ Higgs analysis: will need to allow off-shell Z bosons

- Zbb
- ZZ

May coincide with a discovery in the  $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$  channel





... and finally the Higgs

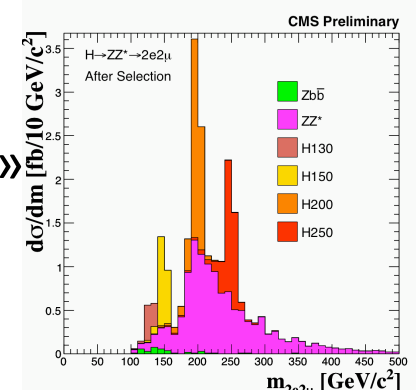


# H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$ analysis



Counting experiment in a sliding 4 $\ell$ -mass window

- Preselection (*QCD, Z/W+jets*)
  - *at least* 2 pairs of opposite charge, matching flavour leptons
  - Lower cuts on  $p_T^\ell$ ,  $m_{\ell+\ell^-}$ ,  $m_{4\ell}$ ; loose isolation
  - Identification of the « Z pair » and the « Z\* pair » [exactly 4 $\ell$ ]
- Further selection (*Z+jets,  $t\bar{t}$ , Zbb*)
  - isolation,  $p_T^{\ell \text{ lowest}}$ , impact parameter
  - Restrictions on the reconstructed « $m_Z$ », « $m_{Z^*}$ »
- Systematics and control from data (*ZZ*)
  - Efficiency measurement with Z production
  - Normalization ZZ/Z
  - Control of isolation using random cones



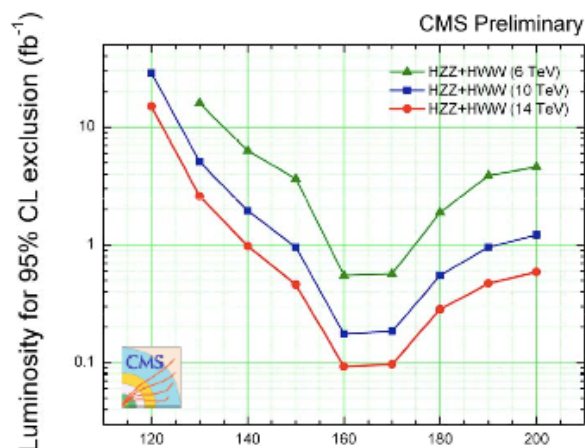
H  $\rightarrow$  ZZ  $\rightarrow$  4 $\ell$  ( $\ell=e$  or  $\mu$ )  
14 TeV, 1 fb $^{-1}$   
Higgs mass ( $M_{4\ell}$ )



# Possible expectations for end 2011

7 TeV,  $\sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  estimate

- Need a combination of  $H \rightarrow WW$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  analyses
  - SM expected exclusion range:  $\sim 155\text{-}180 \text{ GeV}$
  - In case of a 4<sup>th</sup> fermion generation: up to  $\sim 500 \text{ GeV}$



At higher energy or luminosity  
 $H \rightarrow ZZ$  analysis will be our guide to  $M_H > 180 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Region not to be explored by TeVatron



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- A good understanding of the detector and reconstruction from the Minimum Bias data
- A long way to go through before Higgs itself
- Main steps identified and expected
- LHC restart tomorrow, 7 TeV:  
good perspectives

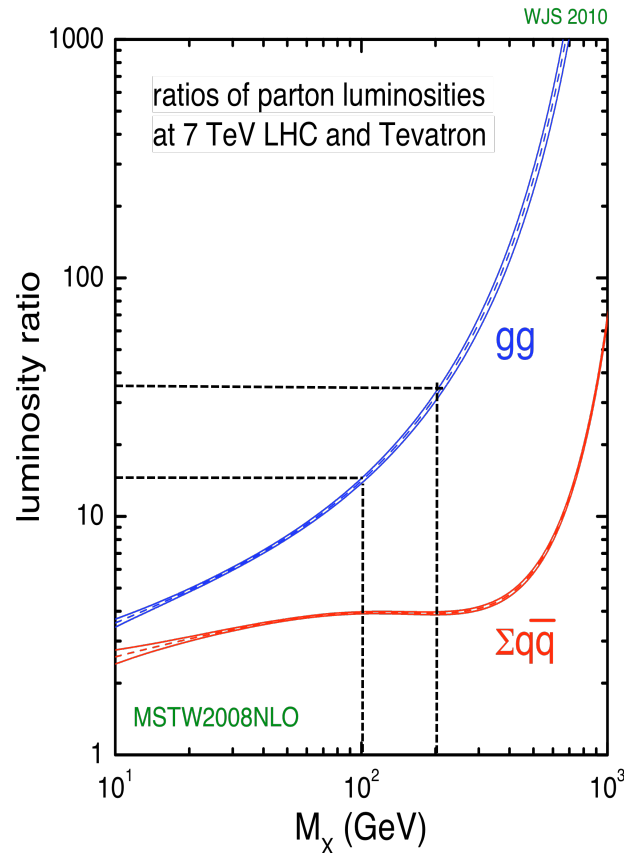




# Back-up Slides



# Higgs boson mass range



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CMS: 351 electron candidates reconstructed after preselection  
185 330 events after run selection (BX, BSC, vertex, HF, track purity)

*MC composition:*

- 66.1 %: fakes from hadrons
- 29.3 %: real electrons from conversions
- 4.6 %: real, prompt electrons

*⇒ ~ 16 real prompt electrons*

Atlas: 879 electron candidates reconstructed before ID cuts  
384 186 events after run selection (BX/BPTX-like/good quality)

*MC composition:*

- ~ 66 %: background fakes
- ~ 33 %: real electrons from conversions
- < 1%: prompt electrons

*⇒ ≲ 9 real prompt electrons*



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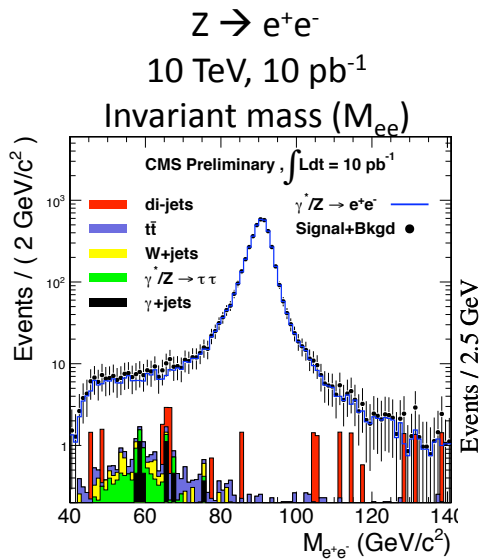
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# Comparison of 2 analyses

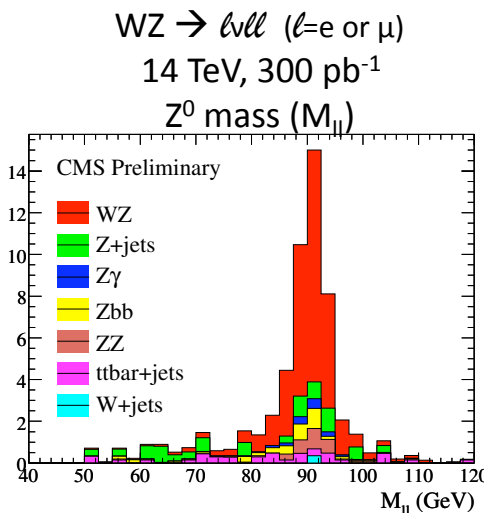
## $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$

- $2e, p_T^e > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Simple iso, ID cuts
- Invariant mass constraint



## $WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\ell$ ( $Z+jets, ZZ, Z\gamma$ )

- $3\ell, p_T^\ell > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- Z candidate:
  - 2 $\ell$  same flavour, opp. charge
    - loose (normalized) iso, ID cuts
    - Invariant mass constraint
    - Remove events with 2 Z candidates
- W candidate: 3<sup>rd</sup>  $\ell$ , missing  $E_T$ 
  - $p_T^\ell > 20 \text{ GeV}$ , tight ID, iso
  - $M_T(W) > 50 \text{ GeV}$
- Background estimate





# H → ZZ → 4ℓ analysis

Counting experiment in a sliding 4ℓ-mass window

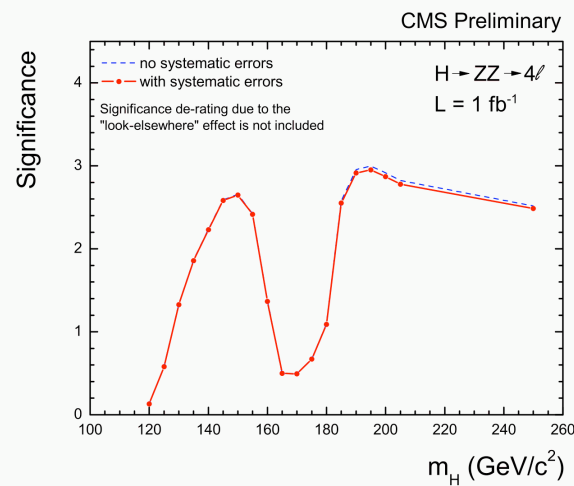
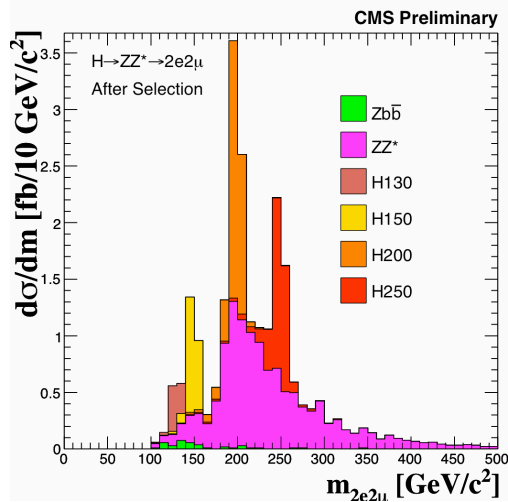
14 TeV

1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

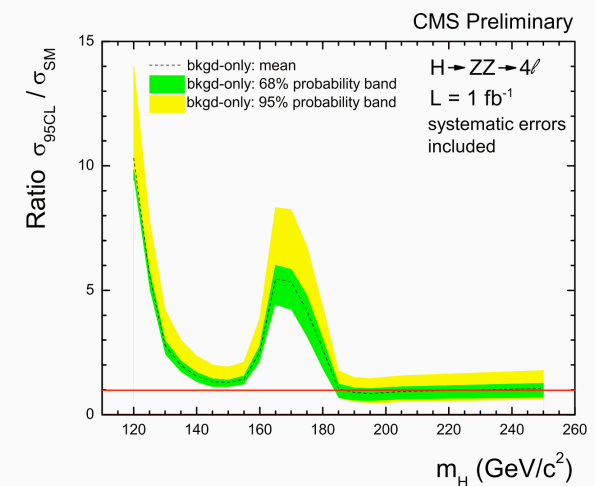


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need to subtract ~ 1σ in the significance



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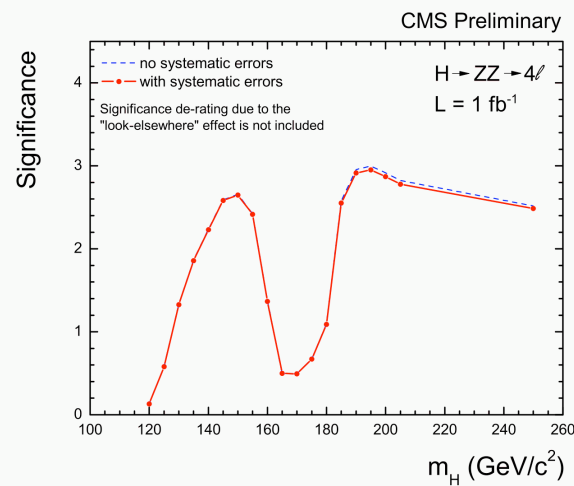
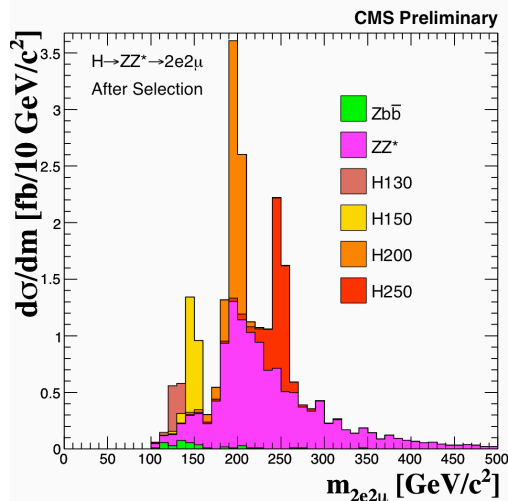
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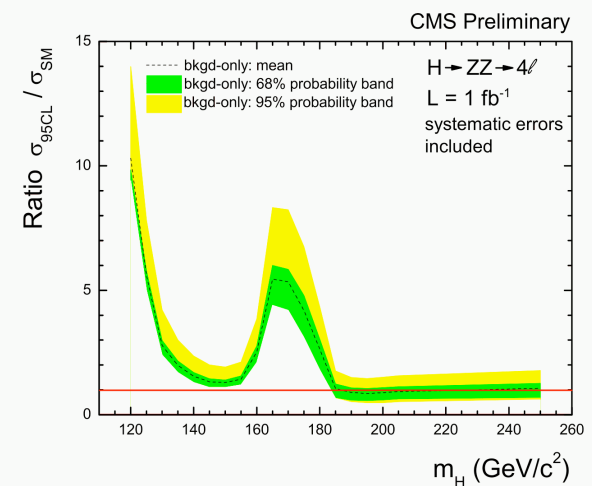
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No results for this mass range  
at TeVatron  
=> LHC results will be the first!



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# On the road to $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$

Spring-summer 2010

- Leptons & Dileptons

- electrons, muons
- $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$   
 *$p_T^e > 20 \text{ GeV}$*

- Commissioning, efficiency up to low  $p_T$
- Extrapolation of ZZ continuum  
(irreducible Higgs background)

- 3 and more leptons

- W/Z + Jets, Zb
- WW, WZ
  
- Zbb
- ZZ
  
- Higgs!

- First trilepton events
- Background removal
  
- First quadrilepton events  
Higgs main backgrounds
  
- Very interesting time!

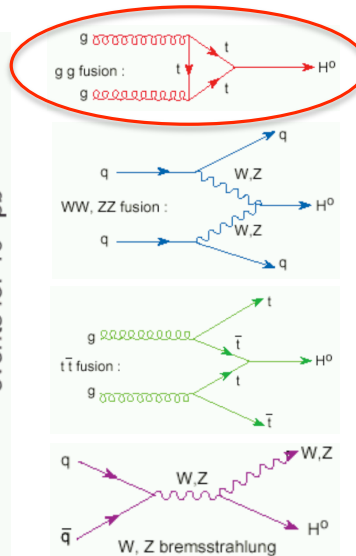
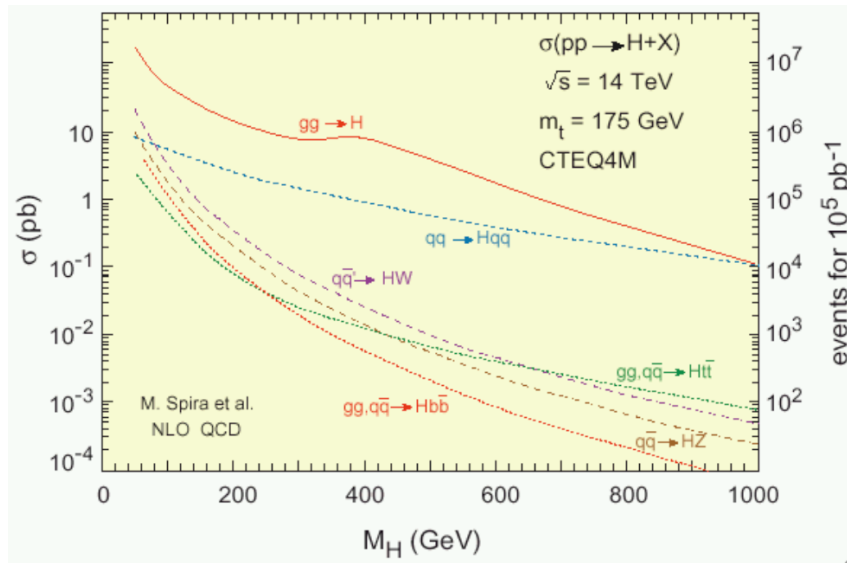
2011



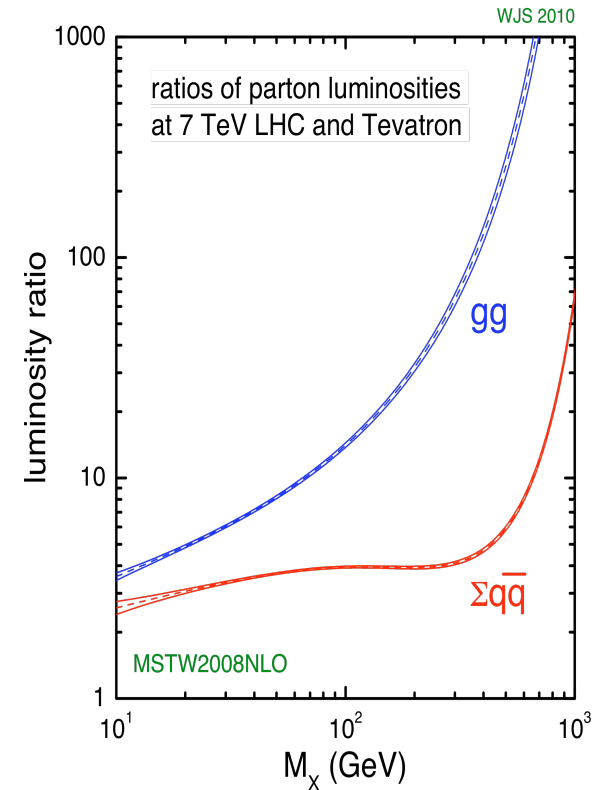
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