

# Search for the Standard Model Higgs Boson at High Mass at the Tevatron

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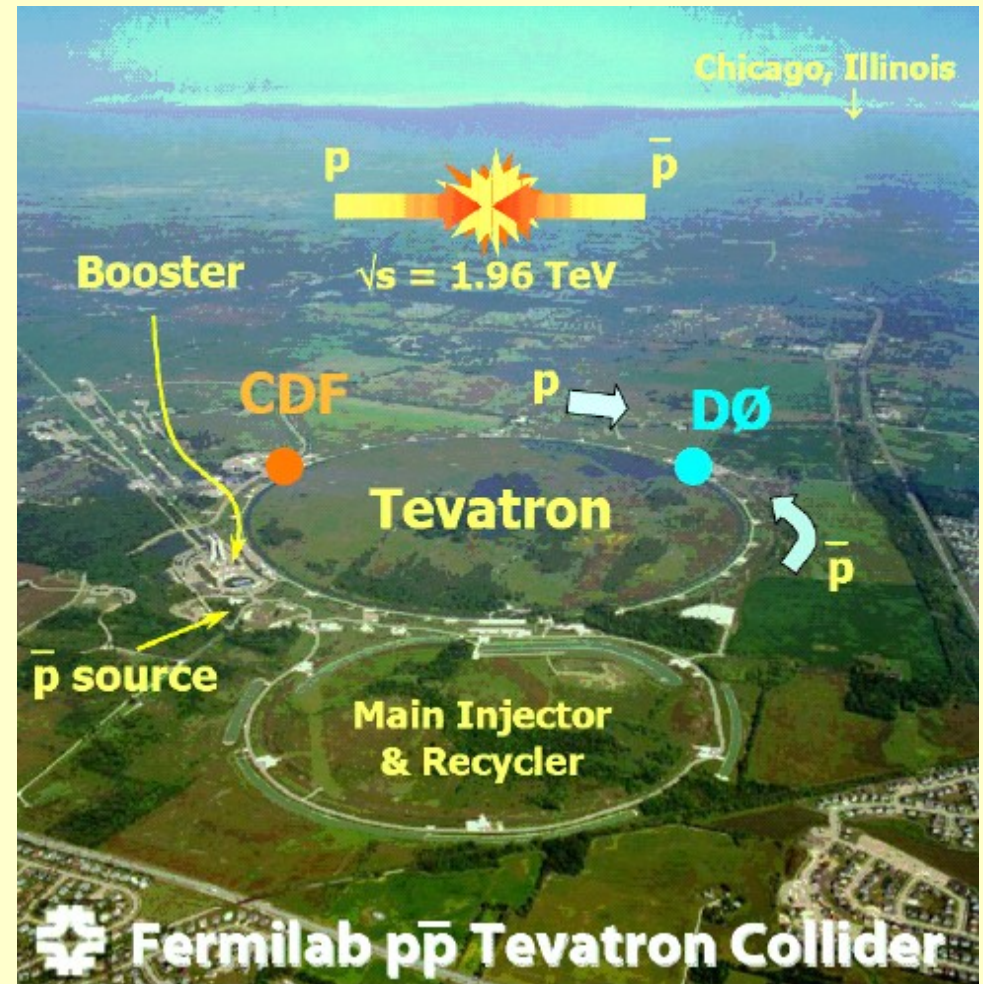
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# Motivation - The Higgs Mechanism

- Essential ingredient of the **Standard Model**
  - Complex scalar field with potential

- Used to **break the el. weak symmetry**.....

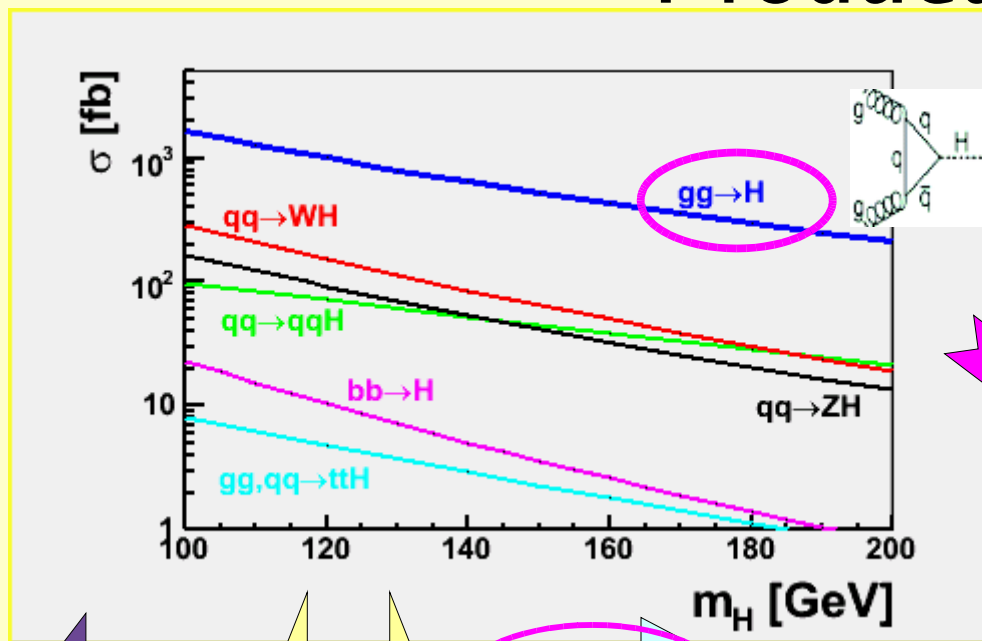
$$M_{W^\pm} = \frac{1}{2} v g \quad M_Z = \frac{1}{2} v g / \cos \theta_w = M_W / \cos \theta_w$$

- ..... and to **generate fermion masses**:

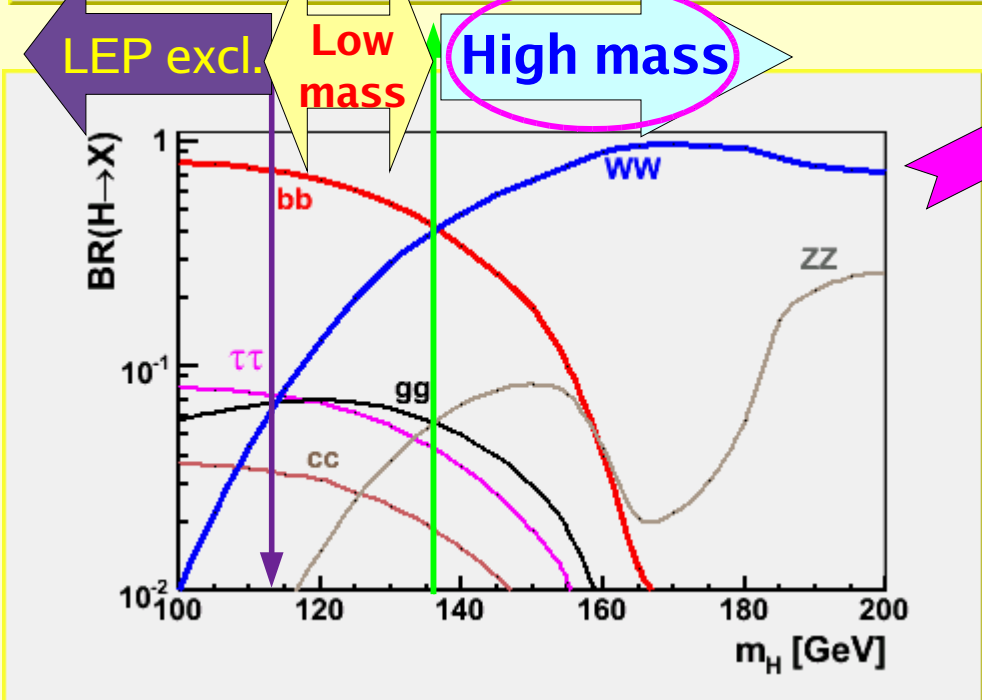
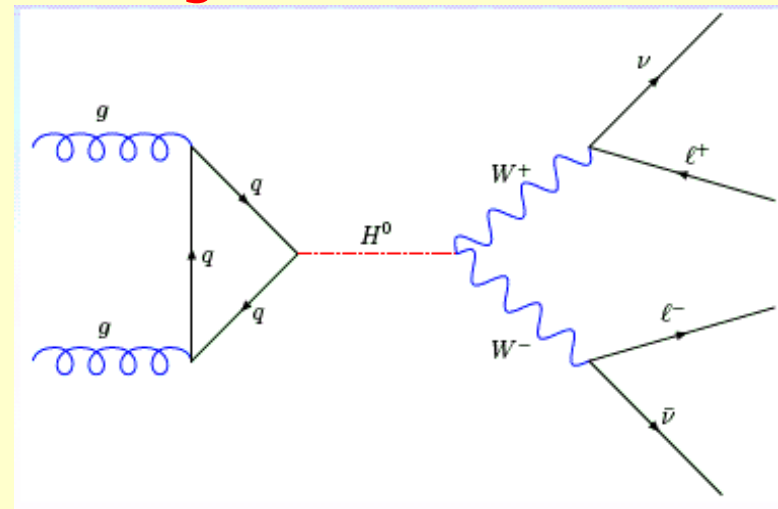
$$m_f = g_f v / \sqrt{2} \quad \Rightarrow g_f = m_f \sqrt{2} / v$$

- Search for the **Higgs boson** is a key issue for experiments at current and future colliders
- Experimental challenges:
  - **Higgs boson discovery**
    - Measurement of Higgs boson parameters (couplings to bosons and fermions) and the Higgs self coupling
- Mass limits: **lower 114.4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>** and **upper 182 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>** from combined direct and indirect searches

# Production and Decay



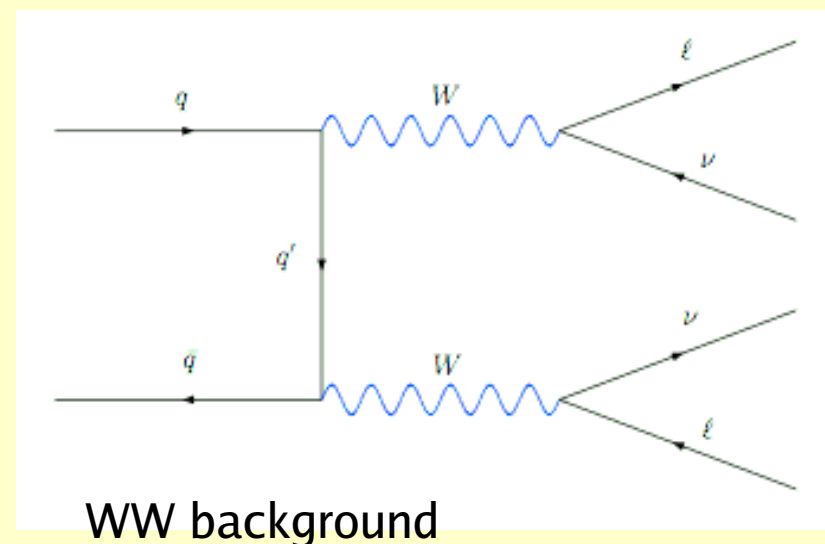
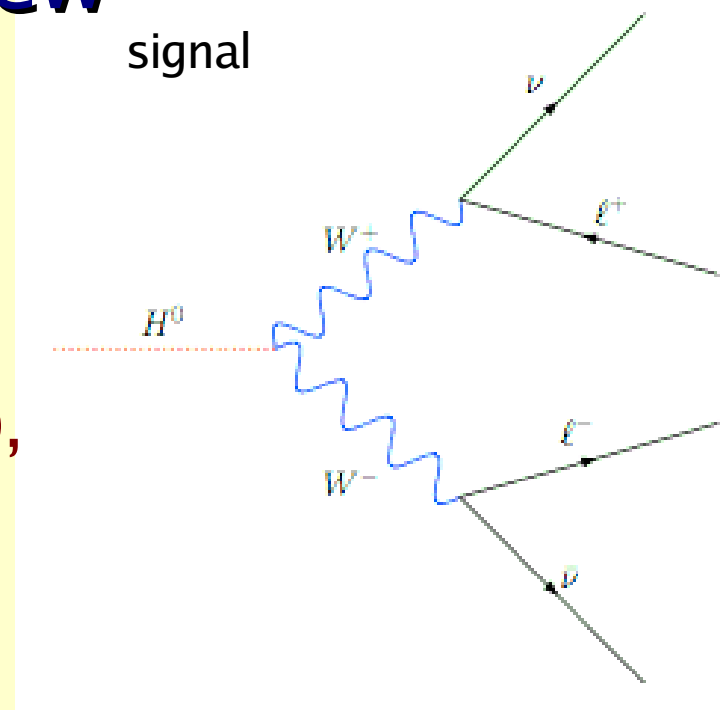
- Dominant production process is gluon fusion
- Associated with vector boson is also significant



- Dominant decay for high mass Higgs boson is WW
- For  $m_H = 160$  GeV,  $\sigma \times BR = 390$  fb; several hundreds  $H \rightarrow WW$  so far at either DØ or CDF ( $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per exp.) few tens to two leptons and neutrinos

# Analysis overview

- To suppress hadron backgrounds we look into final states where both W decay to leptons, i.e.  $ee$ ,  $\mu\mu$  and  $e\mu$
- Major backgrounds: Diboson (mainly WW), W+jets, Drell-Yan,  $t\bar{t}$ , Multijets
- Signature:
  - Two energetic isolated leptons with opposite charge
  - Large missing transverse energy

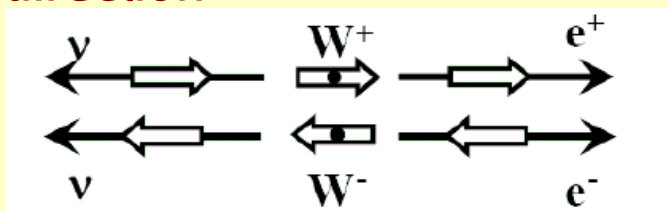


# Analysis overview

- Characteristics:

- In signal WW pair is coming from spin 0 Higgs boson

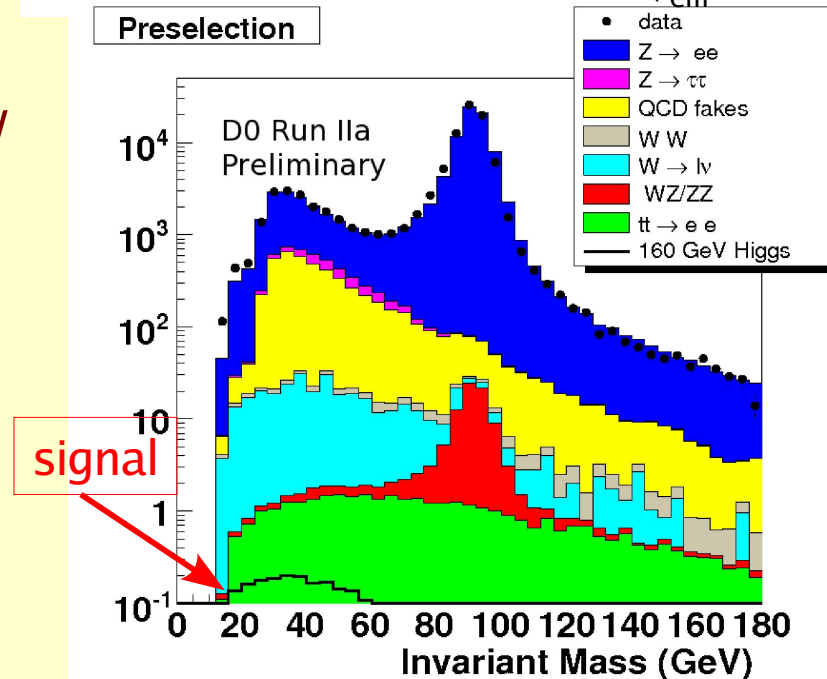
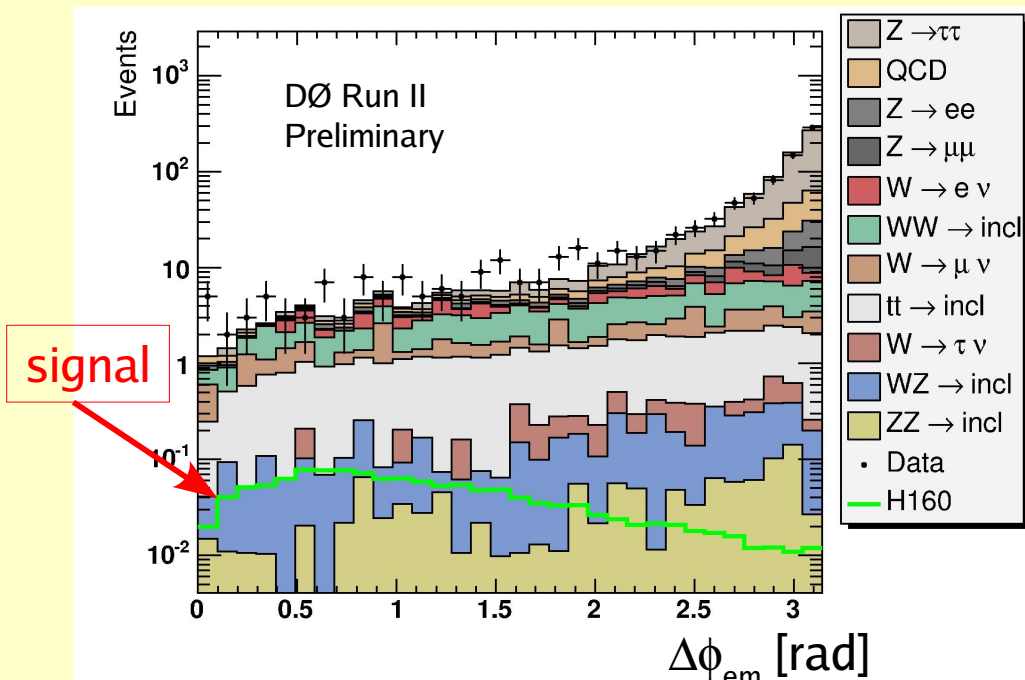
- Leptons prefer to point in same direction



- Di-lepton opening angle  $\Delta\phi_{ll}$  discriminates against dominant WW background.

- Dilepton mass is small and broad

- Discriminates against Drell-Yan





# Multivariate techniques

- In order to better separate signal from backgrounds we use different multivariate techniques: CDF combines Leading Order (LO) Matrix Elements and Neural Networks (NN), DØ uses Neural Networks
- LO Matrix Elements are used to calculate event probabilities

$$P_m(x_{obs}) = \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_m \rangle} \int \frac{d\sigma_m^{th}(y)}{dy} \epsilon(y) G(x_{obs}, y) dy$$

↑ ME      ↑ efficiency      ↑ resolution

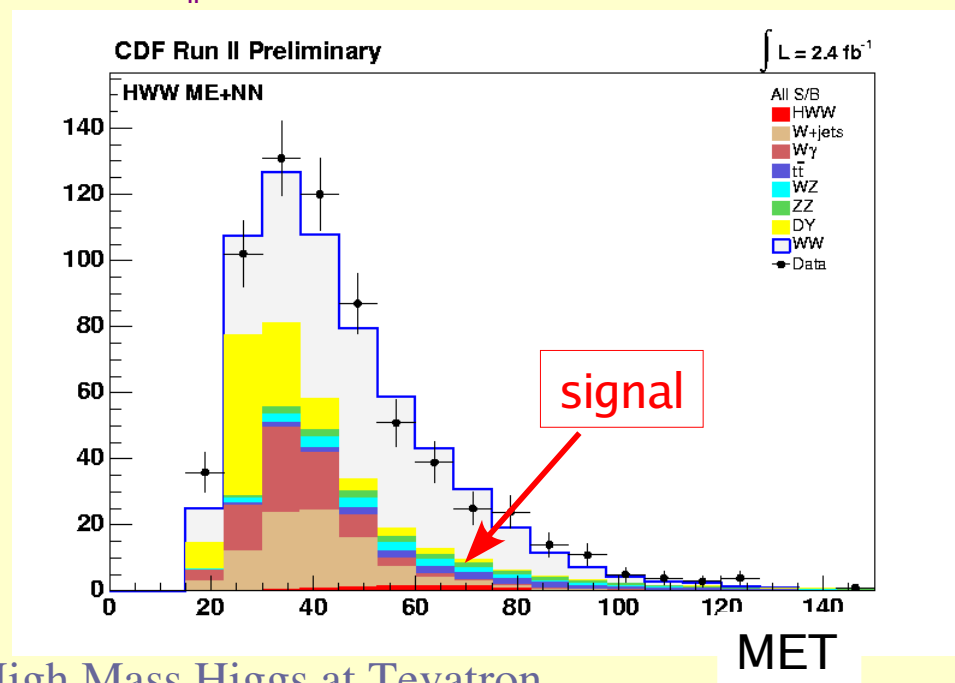
and calculate likelihood ratio:

$$LR(x_{obs}) \equiv \frac{P_H(x_{obs})}{P_H(x_{obs}) + \sum_i k_i P_i(x_{obs})}$$

- Neural network:
  - CDF uses ME and kinematic variables as inputs
  - DØ uses kinematic variables as inputs
- Single output from NN is used as discriminant variable

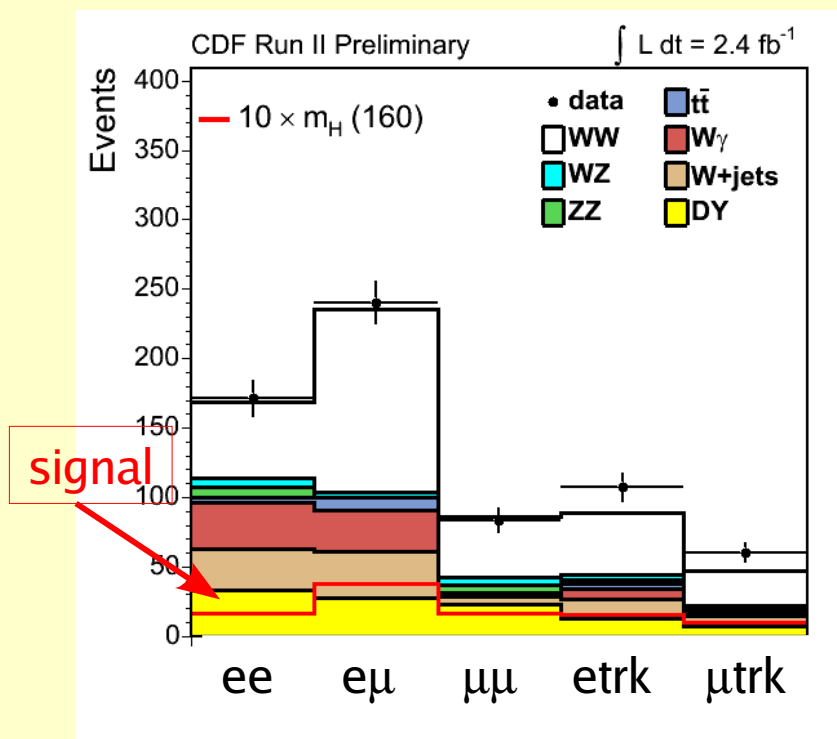
# CDF - selection

- Basic Selection:
  - Lepton trigger selection
  - Several categories of lepton(track) pairs with opposite charge divided into two groups – high signal to background and low signal to background
  - Lepton and missing  $E_T$  cuts applied to reduce backgrounds:  
 $p_{T}(l_1) > 20$  GeV,  $p_{T}(l_2) > 10$  GeV,  $E_T \cdot \sin(\min(\pi/2, \Delta\phi(E_T, l \text{ or jet}))) > 25$  GeV,  
 $n_{\text{jets}} < 2$  ( $p_T(\text{jet}) > 15$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$ ),  $m_{ll} > 16$  GeV, trilepton veto
  - Data are well described





# CDF – event yields



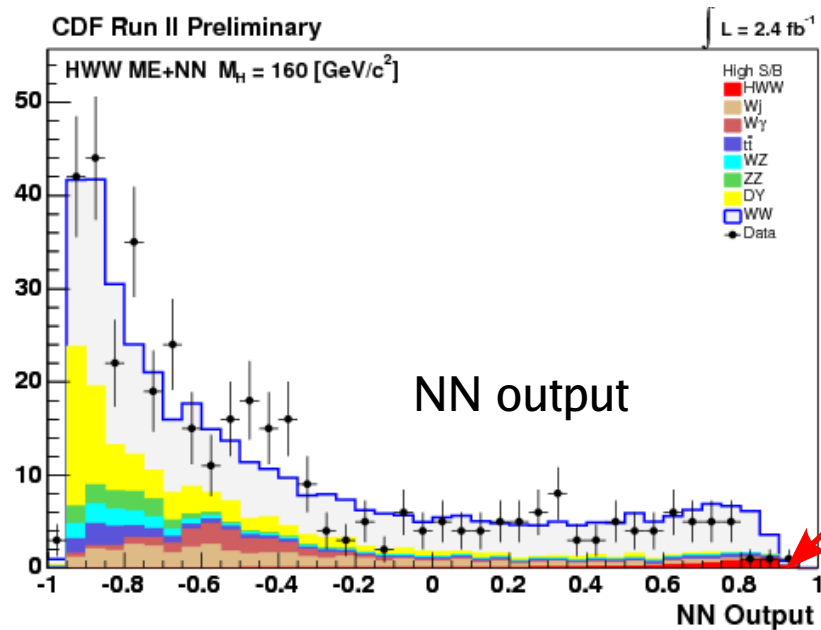
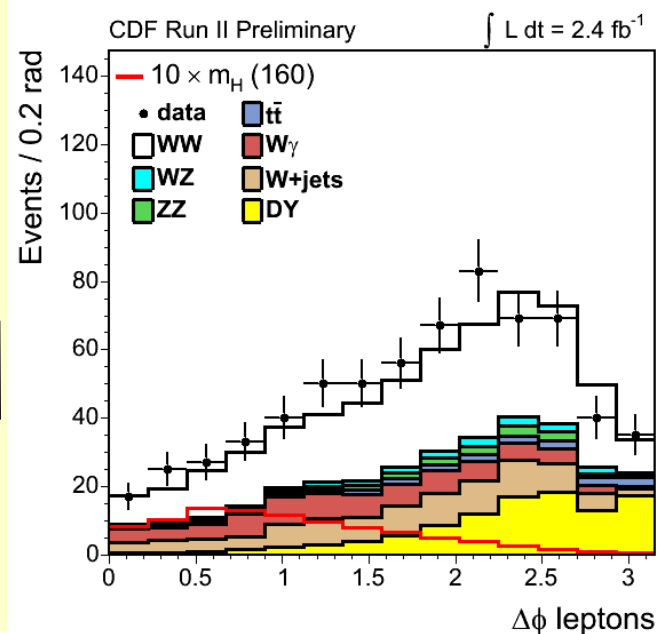
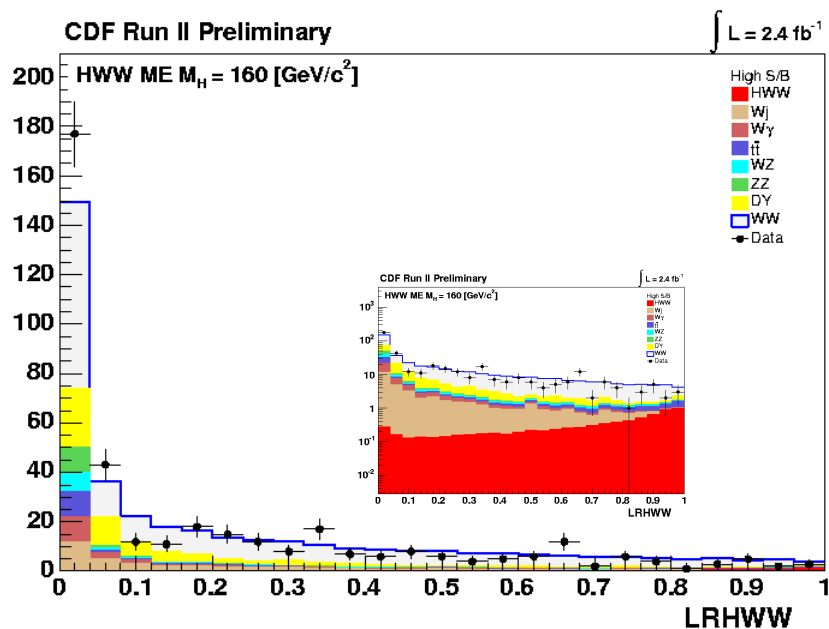
| CDF Run II Preliminary      |            | $\int \mathcal{L} = 2.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| $M_H = 160 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ |            |  |            |
| $H \rightarrow WW$          | 9.5        | $\pm$                                    | 1.1        |
| $WW$                        | 300.3      | $\pm$                                    | 38.1       |
| $WZ$                        | 20.5       | $\pm$                                    | 3.1        |
| $ZZ$                        | 18.2       | $\pm$                                    | 2.7        |
| $t\bar{t}$                  | 20.8       | $\pm$                                    | 3.8        |
| $DY$                        | 104.0      | $\pm$                                    | 23.0       |
| $W\gamma$                   | 72.4       | $\pm$                                    | 18.7       |
| $W + \text{jets}$           | 89.2       | $\pm$                                    | 22.8       |
| <b>Total BG</b>             | <b>626</b> | $\pm$                                    | <b>54</b>  |
| <b>Data</b>                 |            |  | <b>661</b> |

HWW ME+NN

- All five channels are combined leading to 626 expected events from known SM processes and 661 observed events
- 9.5 signal events are expected for Higgs mass of 160 GeV

# CDF – final discriminant

- ME calculated from lepton 4-vectors and missing transverse energy is used as an input to NN together with several kinematic distributions



# CDF - results

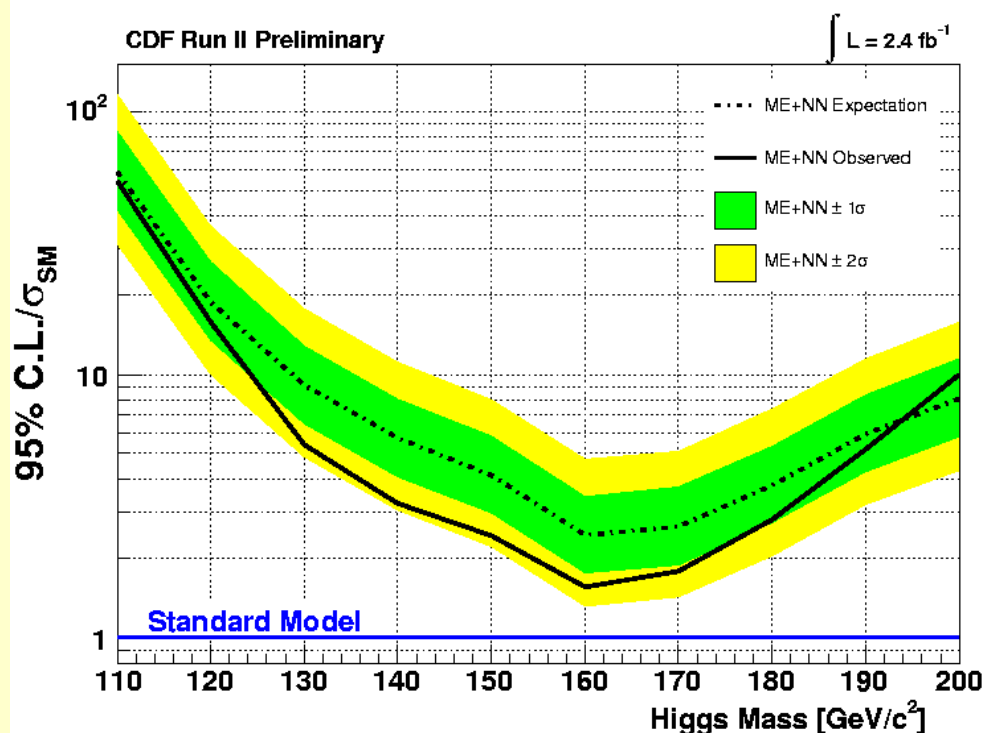


- Various sources of systematic uncertainties affect the background estimation and the signal efficiency:
  - Theoretical uncertainty of background production cross sections (10-15%), lepton id (2%), trigger efficiency (~5%)

Binned maximum likelihood fit of NN discriminant used to determine limit

$\sigma \times BR < 0.8 \text{ pb @ 95\% CL}$   
for  $m_H = 160 \text{ GeV}$

Observed Limit/ $\sigma_{SM}$  (NNLL)  $\sim 1.6$   
Expected Limit/ $\sigma_{SM}$  (NNLL)  $\sim 2.4$

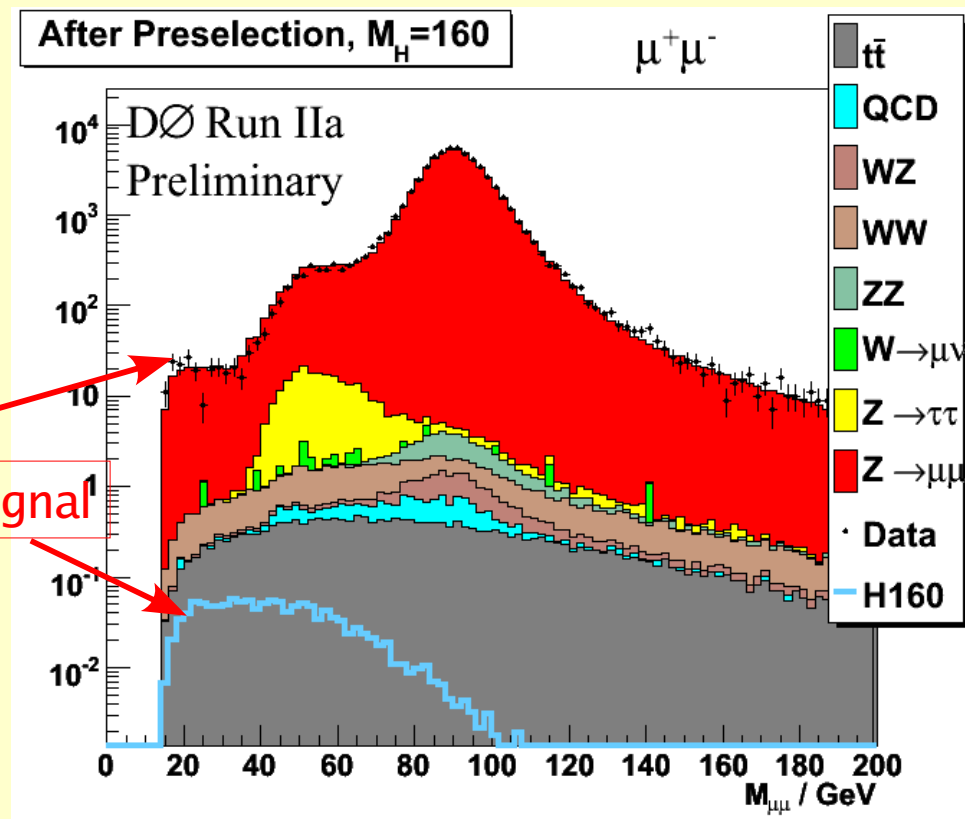


# DØ - selection



- Basic Selection:
  - Combination of several lepton triggers ensures trigger efficiency ~95%
  - Two isolated leptons with opposite charge
  - Lepton and missing  $E_T$  cuts applied to reduce backgrounds
  - Final selection cuts optimized for each Higgs mass separately
  - Data are well described

|                                    | $ee(1.1fb^{-1})$  | $e\mu(1.1fb^{-1})$ | $\mu\mu(1.7fb^{-1})$            |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| lepton ID                          | $p_{T,1} > 15, p_{T,2} > 10$                              |                    | $p_{T,1} > 20, p_{T,2} > 10$    |
| lepton ID                          | $m_{ll} > 15, \text{isolation}$                           |                    | $m_{ll} > 17, \text{isolation}$ |
| $\cancel{E}_T$                     | $\cancel{E}_T > 25 - 35, \text{scaled}(\cancel{E}_T) > 7$ |                    |                                 |
| $m_{ll} < x$                       | $\min(m_H/2, 80)$   |                    | $m_H/2$                         |
| $p_{T,1} + p_{T,2} + \cancel{E}_T$ |   |                    | $m_H/2 + 20 < x < m_H$          |
| $m_{T,\min}(l, \cancel{E}_T)$      | $x > 50 - 65$   |                    | $x > 30 - 45$                   |
| $H_T = \sum p_T^{\text{jet}}$      | $H_T < 70$  |                    | $H_T < 50 - 60$                 |
| $\Delta\phi_{ll}$                  | $\Delta\phi_{ll} < 1.25 - 1.5$                            |                    |                                 |



# DØ – event yields



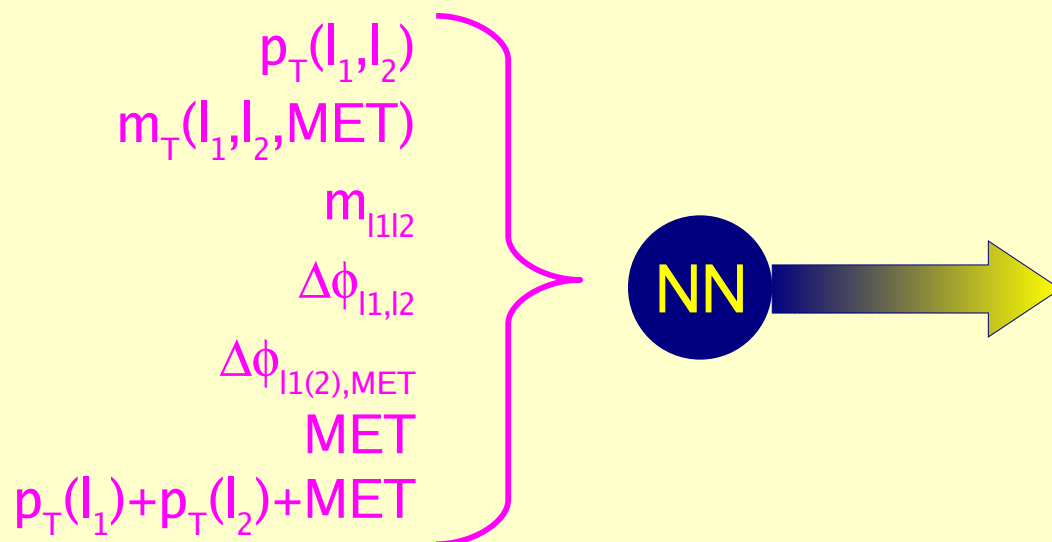
|                           | ee              | eμ              | μμ              |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $m_H$ [GeV]               | 160             | 160             | 160             |
| $H \rightarrow WW$        | $0.78 \pm 0.02$ | $1.64 \pm 0.03$ | $1.29 \pm 0.01$ |
| $Z/\gamma \rightarrow ll$ | $0.0 \pm 0.0$   | $0.2 \pm 0.1$   | $1.3 \pm 0.02$  |
| WW,WZ                     | $5.5 \pm 0.3$   | $13.2 \pm 0.1$  | $9.7 \pm 0.1$   |
| tt                        | $1.4 \pm 0.1$   | $1.25 \pm 0.1$  | $0.6 \pm 0.1$   |
| W+jet/γ                   | $6.7 \pm 2.0$   | $7.5 \pm 1.9$   | $1.1 \pm 1.1$   |
| Multi-jet                 | $0.1 \pm 0.05$  | $2.1 \pm 0.2$   | $0.0 \pm 0.0$   |
| Total Background          | $13.8 \pm 2.0$  | $24.2 \pm 2.0$  | $12.6 \pm 2.0$  |
| Data                      | 15              | 20              | 10              |

- Combining three analyzed channels there are **50.6** expected events from known SM processes and **45** observed events
- 3.71 signal events** expected for Higgs mass of 160 GeV

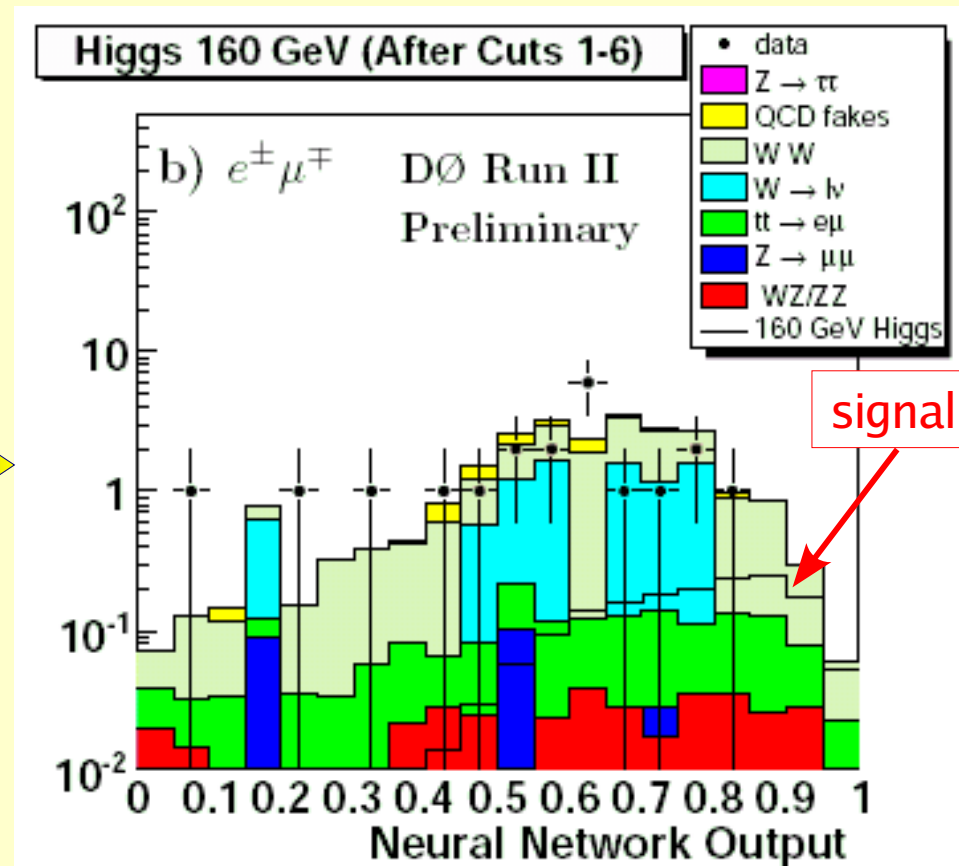


# DØ – final discriminant

- Kinematic distributions are used as inputs for the NN



- NN trained on WW background samples, run on all backgrounds; separate optimization for each channel and Higgs mass



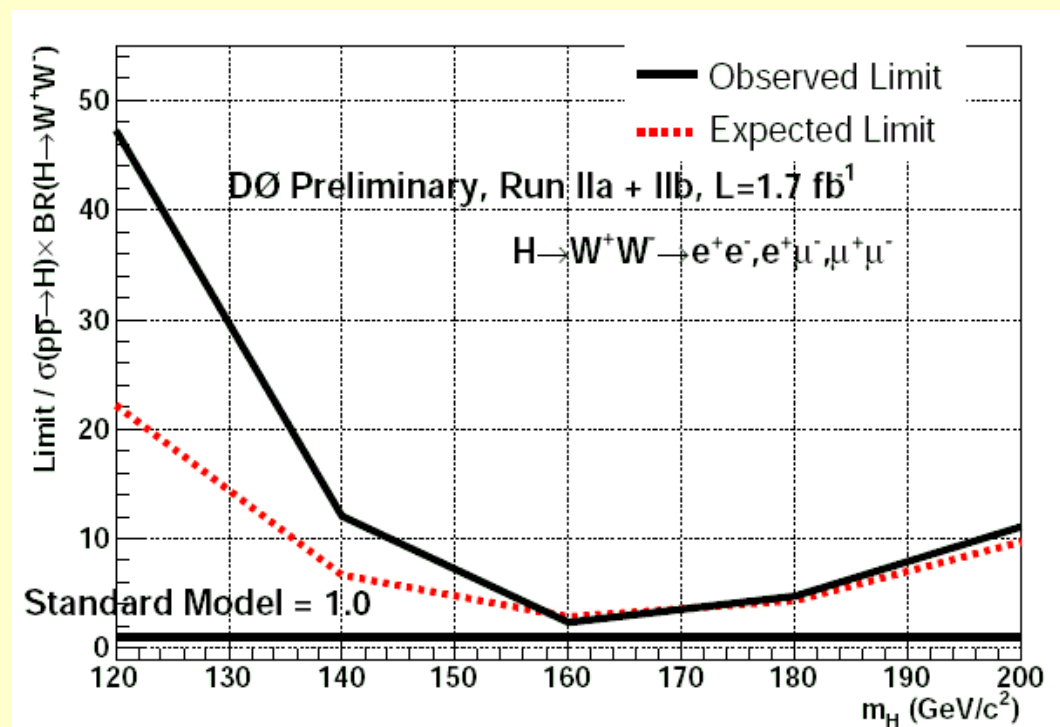
- Final result determined from fit to NN output



# DØ – result



- Various sources of systematic uncertainties affect the background estimation and the signal efficiency:
  - **Dominated by background normalization (6-20%),** others include theoretical uncertainty of background production cross sections (~4%), Jet Energy Scale – JES (5-10%), electron and muon reconstruction efficiencies and resolutions (2-11%), trigger efficiency (~5%)

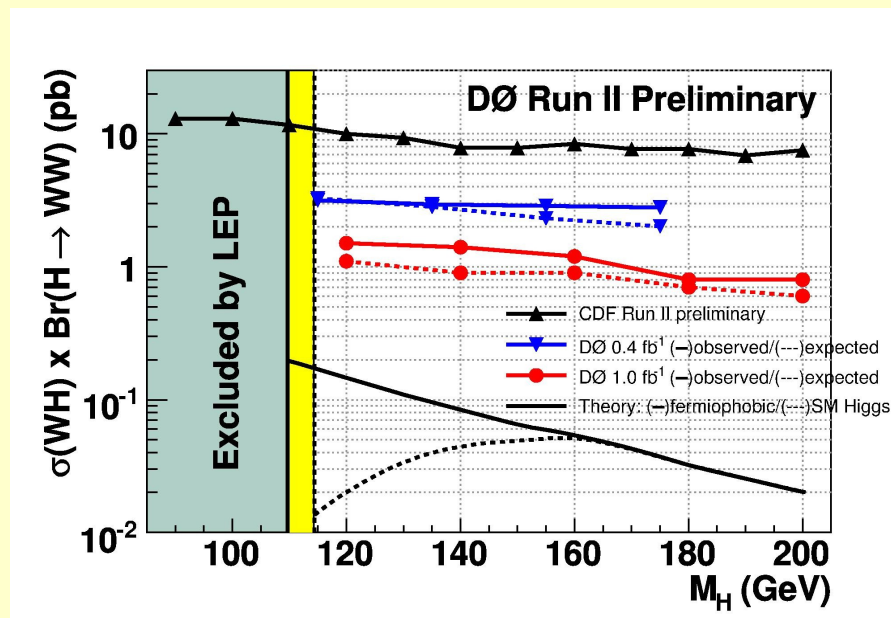
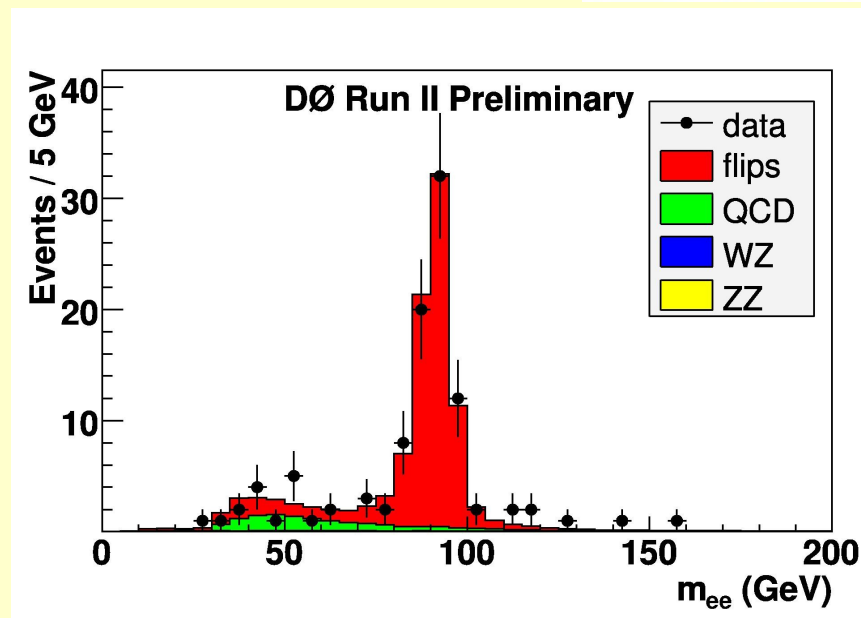


Observed Limit/ $\sigma_{SM}$  (NNLL)  $\sim 2.4$   
 Expected Limit/ $\sigma_{SM}$  (NNLL)  $\sim 2.8$

# WH $\rightarrow$ WWW(\*) $\rightarrow$ $l^{\pm}\nu l^{\pm}\nu + X$



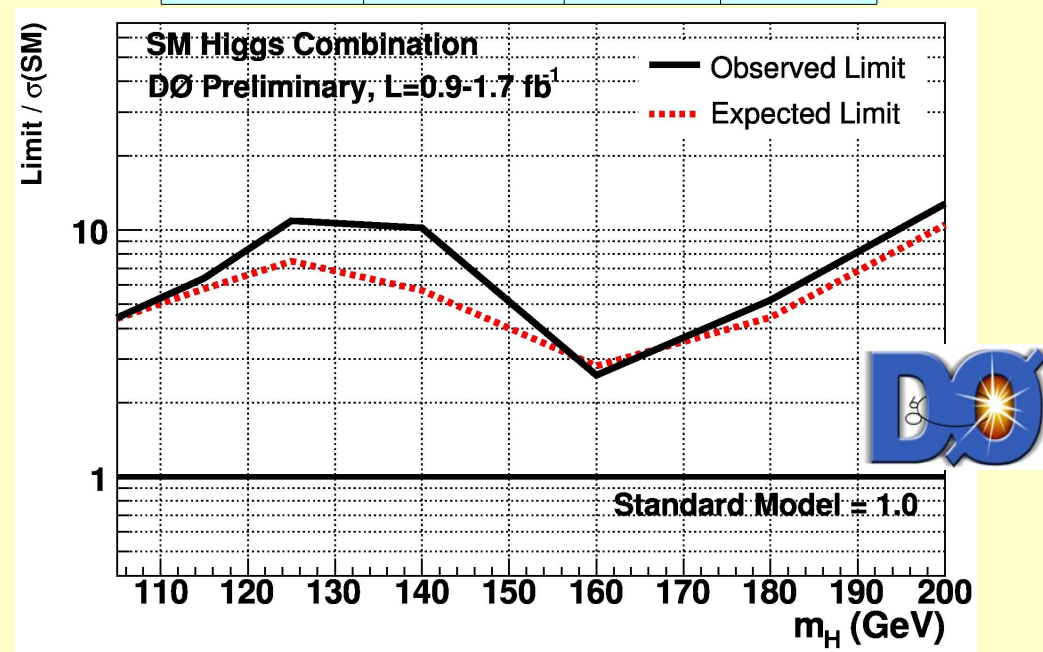
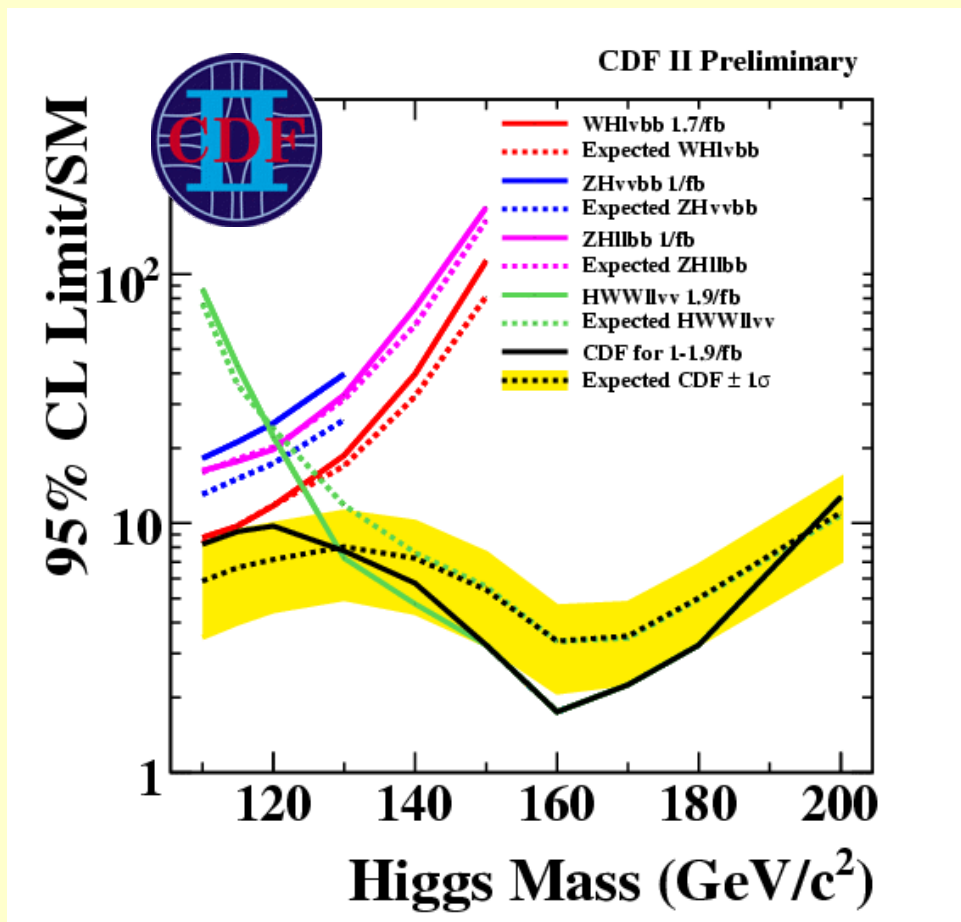
- Helps to cover intermediate mass region
- Basic selection requires two **same** charge leptons with  $p_T > 15$  GeV
- Two main types of backgrounds:
  - With two real same charge leptons like  $WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$
  - Instrumental – measured from data:
    - “QCD” with misidentified lepton
    - “flip charge” when charge of the lepton is mismeasured
- Main source of systematic uncertainty is coming from instrumental background (~30%)
- **Limit: 0.9 pb at 95% CL for  $m_H = 160$  GeV**



# Combined limits – CDF and DØ

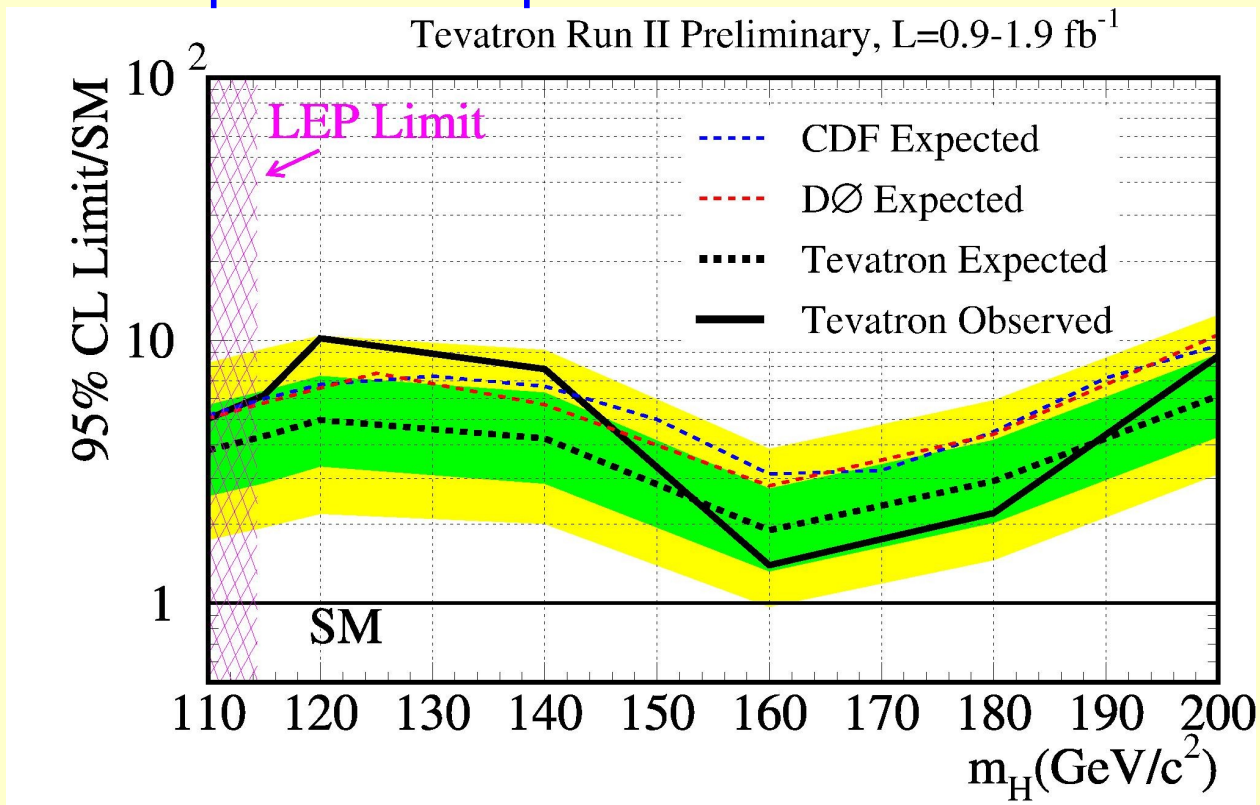
- Combined limits from December 2007
  - **New results shown today not yet included!**
- Expect both experiments to show improved limits next week

|          | $m_H$ [GeV] | CDF | DØ  |
|----------|-------------|-----|-----|
| expected | 115         | 6   | 5.7 |
|          | 160         | 3.1 | 2.8 |
| observed | 115         | 9.6 | 6.4 |
|          | 160         | 2   | 2.5 |



# Combined limits – Tevatron

- **New results shown today not yet included!**
- CDF limits improved more than 20% (10% from improved analysis)
  - $m_H = 160$  GeV: (exp) 3.1  $\rightarrow$  2.4
- **We expect significant improvement of DØ limits (next week)**
- **Expect new improved combination from Tevatron (next week)**



|          | $m_H$ [GeV] | Tevatron |
|----------|-------------|----------|
| expected | 115         | 4.3      |
|          | 160         | 1.9      |
| observed | 115         | 6.2      |
|          | 160         | 1.4      |

<http://arxiv.org/abs/0712.2383>

# Summary and Future Perspectives

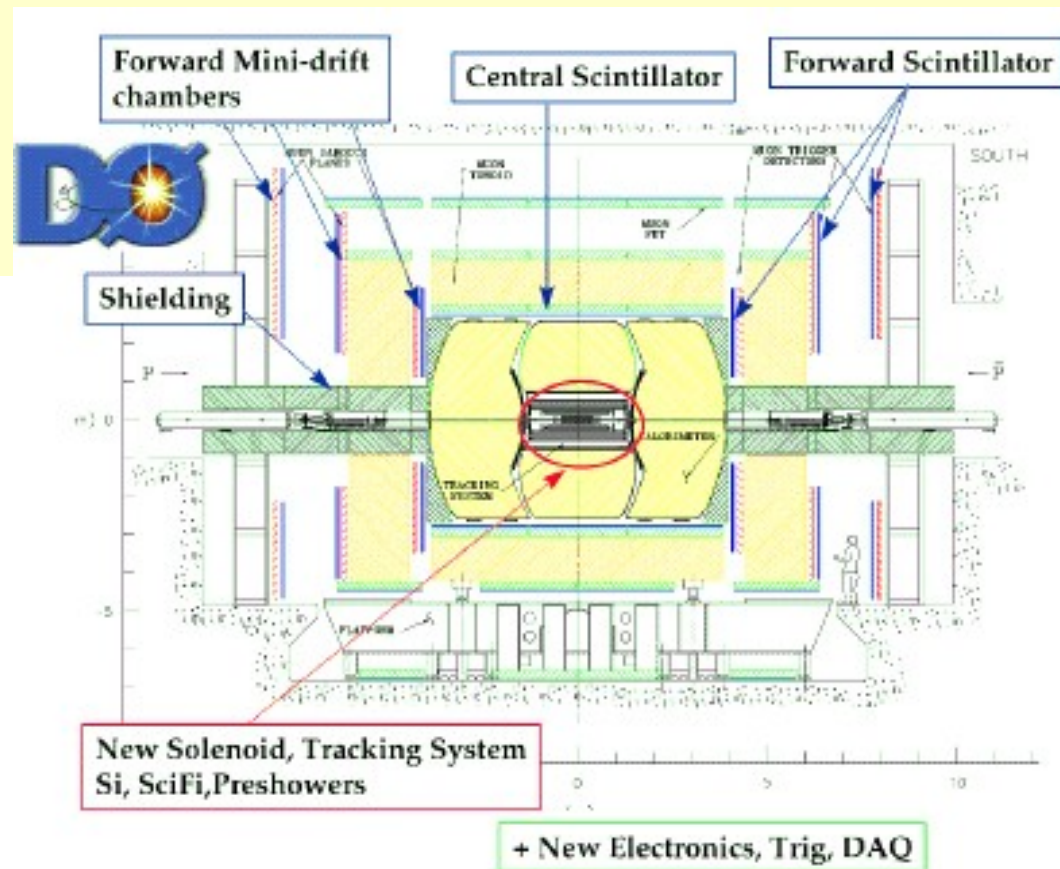
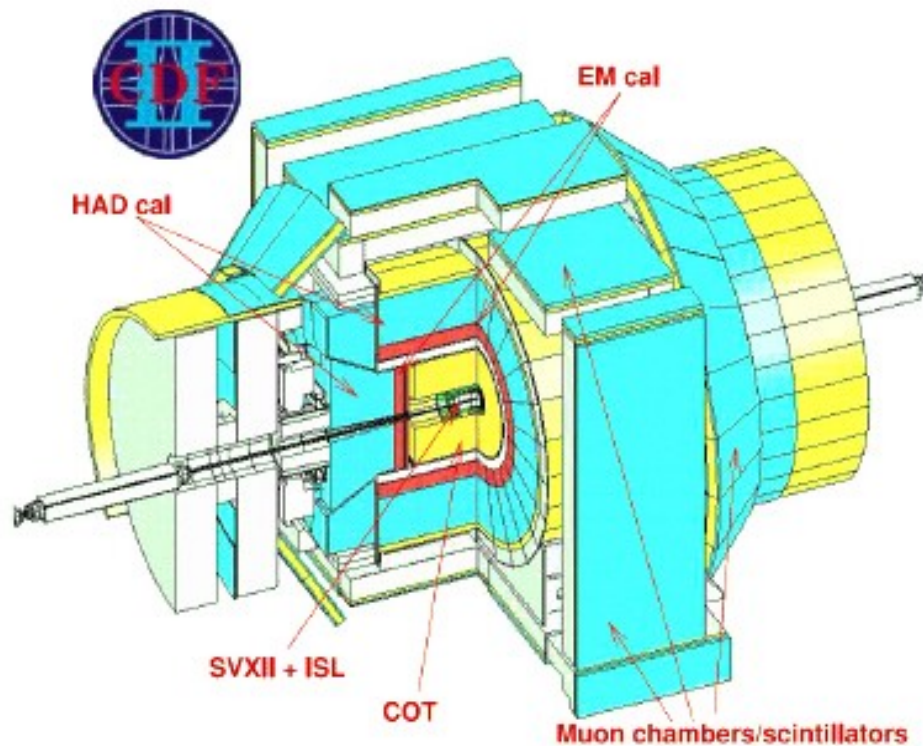
- Still no evidence for Higgs boson but the Tevatron is closing in on the SM at large values of Higgs mass
  - Current limit on the cross-section is only 1.4 times bigger than what we expect from Standard model for  $m_H = 160$  GeV
- We expect further improvements from
  - More data (luminosity)
  - Further improvement of lepton identification
  - Optimization of multivariate techniques
  - Including new channels
- Look for better limits already next week and expect exciting summer

# Backup



# CDF and DØ experiments in Run II

- Both detectors are upgraded in Run II
  - New silicon micro-vertex trackers
  - New tracking systems
  - Upgraded muon chambers

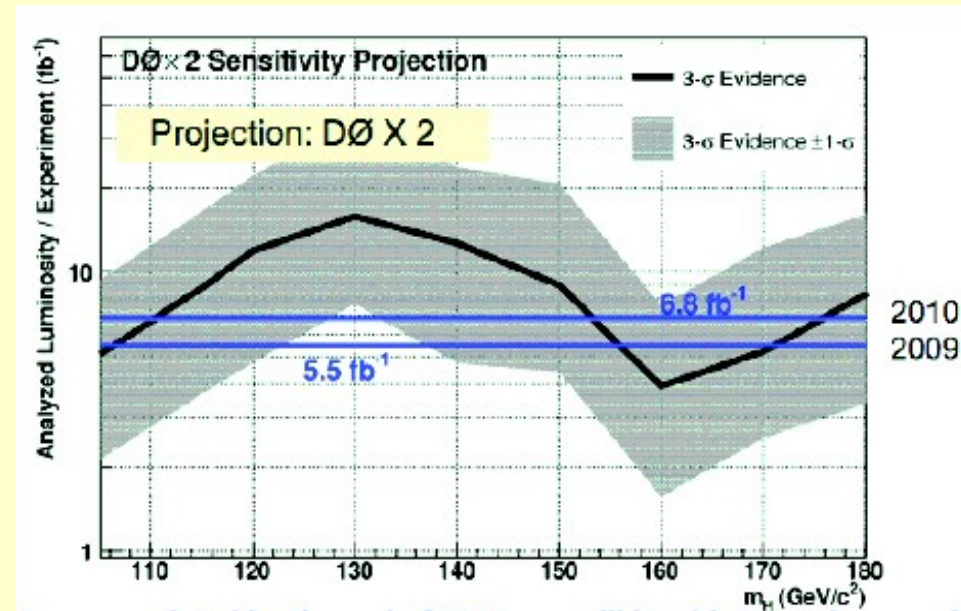
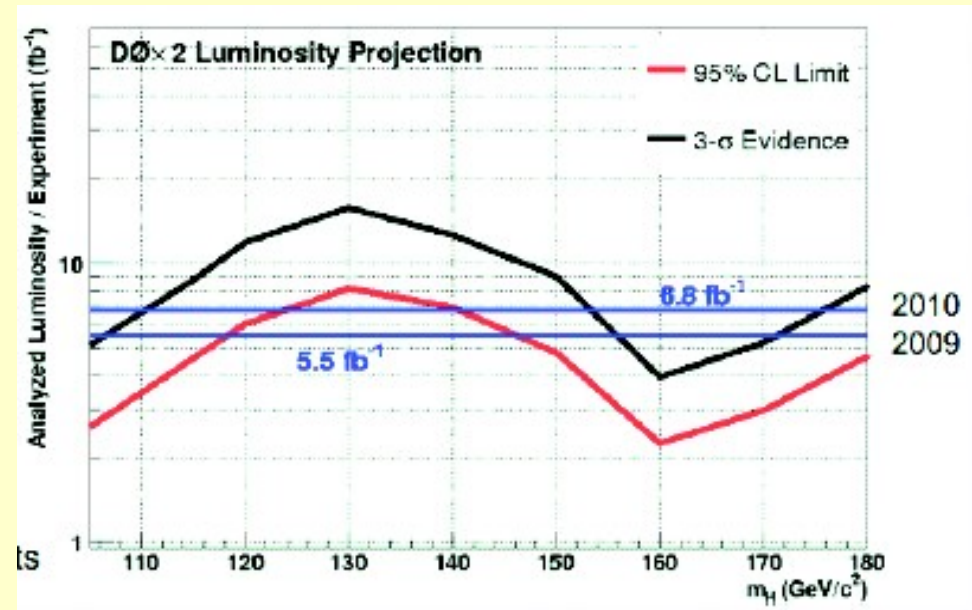


DØ: new solenoid, new pre-showers, LØ for SMT in RunIIb, new L1Cal trigger

CDF: new Plug Calorimeters, new TOF

# Tevatron projections

- Including data taking efficiency projected full data set will be:
  - 5.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> by the end of 2009
  - 6.8 fb<sup>-1</sup> by the end of 2010
- Assumption: projected sensitivity for m<sub>H</sub> = 115 GeV 2 times higher than current for full data set
  - Improvement from 2005-2007 was ~1.7
  - Possibilities:
    - Better b-tagging
    - Better dijet mass resolution
    - Better multivariate techniques





# CDF WW limits

| CDF WW                                   | 110          | 120          | 130         | 140         | 150         | 160         | 170         | 180         | 190         | 200         |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| $-2\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$                   | 31.24        | 9.99         | 4.85        | 3.05        | 2.21        | 1.31        | 1.43        | 2.05        | 3.19        | 4.31        |
| $-1\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$                   | 42.00        | 13.45        | 6.49        | 4.08        | 2.98        | 1.76        | 1.88        | 2.73        | 4.26        | 5.79        |
| <b>Median/<math>\sigma_{SM}</math></b>   | <b>58.85</b> | <b>18.83</b> | <b>9.10</b> | <b>5.75</b> | <b>4.14</b> | <b>2.44</b> | <b>2.64</b> | <b>3.79</b> | <b>5.93</b> | <b>8.09</b> |
| $+1\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$                   | 83.87        | 26.82        | 12.82       | 8.07        | 5.84        | 3.44        | 3.74        | 5.34        | 8.38        | 11.50       |
| $+2\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$                   | 116.11       | 36.63        | 17.77       | 11.14       | 8.04        | 4.78        | 5.11        | 7.41        | 11.44       | 15.83       |
| <b>Observed/<math>\sigma_{SM}</math></b> | <b>54.31</b> | <b>15.84</b> | <b>5.40</b> | <b>3.23</b> | <b>2.44</b> | <b>1.56</b> | <b>1.79</b> | <b>2.81</b> | <b>5.19</b> | <b>9.98</b> |

Table 1: 95% C.L. using the Neural Network output templates.

# DØ, Tevatron limits

## DØ

TABLE IV: Combined 95% C.L. limits on  $\sigma \times BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}/W^+W^-)$  for SM Higgs boson production. The limits are reported in units of the SM production cross section times branching fraction.

| $m_H$ (GeV/ $c^2$ ) | 105 | 115 | 125  | 140  | 160 | 180 | 200  |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| Expected            | 4.4 | 5.8 | 7.5  | 5.7  | 2.8 | 4.4 | 10.5 |
| Observed            | 4.5 | 6.4 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 12.7 |

## Tevatron

TABLE XII: Median expected and observed 95% CL cross section ratios for the combined CDF and DØ analyses.

|          | 110 GeV/ $c^2$ | 115 GeV/ $c^2$ | 120 GeV/ $c^2$ | 140 GeV/ $c^2$ | 160 GeV/ $c^2$ | 180 GeV/ $c^2$ | 200 GeV/ $c^2$ |
|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expected | 3.8            | 4.3            | 5.0            | 4.2            | 1.9            | 2.9            | 6.2            |
| Observed | 5.0            | 6.2            | 10.2           | 7.8            | 1.4            | 2.2            | 8.7            |



# DØ, Tevatron LLR plots

Distributions can be interpreted as follows:

- The separation between  $LLR_b$  and  $LLR_{s+b}$  provides a measure of the discriminating power of the search. This is the ability of the analysis to separate the  $s + b$  and  $b$ -only hypotheses.
- The width of the  $LLR_b$  distribution provides an estimate of how sensitive the analysis is to a signal-like fluctuation in data, taking account of the presence of systematic uncertainties. For example, when a  $1\sigma$  background fluctuation is large compared to the signal expectation, the analysis sensitivity is thereby limited.
- The value of  $LLR_{obs}$  relative to  $LLR_{s+b}$  and  $LLR_b$  indicates whether the data distribution appears to be more signal-like or background-like. As noted above, the significance of any departures of  $LLR_{obs}$  from  $LLR_b$  can be evaluated by the width of the  $LLR_b$  distribution.

