

# Combination of Standard Model Higgs Boson Searches at the Tevatron

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# Introduction

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- Tevatron is closing in on SM Higgs boson
- Extract as much as possible out of dataset
  - Cover as many possible production and decay channels as possible (see P. Totaro and K. Petridis talks)
    - Use multi-variate analysis methods
  - Combine these channels
  - Double dataset by combining CDF and D0
- Combination covers  $m_H = 100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  to  $200 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 
  - “Low mass”: all channels,  $m_H < 150 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 
    - Last updated summer 2010
  - “High mass”: primarily  $H \rightarrow WW$ ,  $m_H > 130 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 
    - **New** for this conference

# Channels considered: Summer 2010

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CDF

56 mutually exclusive final states

Channel		Luminosity (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	$m_H$ range (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )
$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ 2-jet channels	$4 \times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT}, \text{ST}, \text{LDTX})$	5.7	100-150
$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ 3-jet channels	$2 \times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT}, \text{ST})$	5.6	100-150
$ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$	(TDT, LDT, ST)	5.7	100-150
$ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b}$	$4 \times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT}, \text{ST})$	5.7	100-150
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^-$	$2 \times (0,1 \text{ jets}) + (2+ \text{ jets}) + (\text{low-}m_{\ell\ell}) + (e-\tau_{had}) + (\mu-\tau_{had})$	5.9	110-200
$WH \rightarrow WW^+ W^-$	(same-sign leptons 1+ jets) + (tri-leptons)	5.9	110-200
$ZH \rightarrow ZW^+ W^-$	(tri-leptons 1 jet) + (tri-leptons 2+ jets)	5.9	110-200
$H + X \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	(1 jet) + (2 jets)	2.3	100-150
$WH + ZH \rightarrow jj b\bar{b}$	$2 \times (\text{TDT}, \text{LDT})$	4.0	100-150
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$		5.4	100-150

D0

73 mutually exclusive final states

Channel		Luminosity (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	$m_H$ range (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )
$WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$	(ST, DT, 2,3 jet)	5.3	100-150
$VH \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- b\bar{b}/q\bar{q}\tau^+ \tau^-$		4.9	105-145
$ZH \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$	(ST, TLDT)	5.2-6.4	100-150
$ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b}$	(ST, DT, ee, $\mu\mu$ , ee <sub>JCR</sub> , $\mu\mu_{trk}$ )	4.2-6.2	100-150
$VH \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\pm + X$		5.3	115-200
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow e^\pm \nu e^\mp \nu, \mu^\pm \nu \mu^\mp \nu$		5.4	115-200
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow e^\pm \nu \mu^\mp \nu$	(0,1,2+ jet)	6.7	115-200
$H \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow \ell\bar{\nu} jj$		5.4	130-200
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$		4.2	100-150
$t\bar{t}H \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	(ST, DT, TT, 4,5+ jets)	2.1	105-155

# Channels considered: New (high mass)

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CDF

12 mutually exclusive final states

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Channel	Luminosity (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	$m_H$ range (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )
$H \rightarrow W^+W^-$ 2×(0,1 jets)+(2+ jets)+(low- $m_{\ell\ell}$ )+(e- $\tau_{had}$ )+(μ- $\tau_{had}$ )	7.1	110-200
$WH \rightarrow WW^+W^-$ (same-sign leptons 1+ jets)+(tri-leptons)	7.1	110-200
$ZH \rightarrow ZW^+W^-$ (tri-leptons 1 jet)+(tri-leptons 2+ jets)	7.1	110-200

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D0

35 mutually exclusive final states

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Channel	Luminosity (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	$m_H$ range (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )
$H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow l^\pm\nu l^\mp\nu$ (0,1,2+ jet)	8.1	115-200
$H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow \mu\nu\tau_{had}\nu$	7.3	115-200
$H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow \ell\bar{\nu}jj$	5.4	115-200
$VH \rightarrow \ell^\pm\ell^\pm + X$	5.3	115-200
$VH \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- b\bar{b}/q\bar{q}\tau^+\tau^-$	5.3	105-200
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	8.2	100-150

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# Combining

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- Perform combination using two techniques
  - Require agreement within 5% at each  $m_H$  and 2% on average
- Both methods
  - Use distribution of final discriminants
  - Poisson statistics in all bins
  - Systematics as nuisance parameters (133 in all!), determined from fit to data
- Method 1: Bayesian method
  - Based on credibility, using flat prior
- Method 2: Modified frequentist method
  - Uses  $CL_s$  method- compare b only and s+b hypotheses
  - Based on coverage

# Systematics

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- Systematics on signal and background estimates in two categories
  - Rate: affects overall normalization (e.g. tag uncertainty)
  - Shape: affects distribution (e.g. jet energy scale)
- Correlated between CDF and D0
  - Integrated luminosity (4% correlated, ~6% total)
  - Theoretical cross sections for signal and background (5-20%)
- Correlated amongst analyses of a single experiment
  - b-quark tagging efficiency uncertainty
  - Lepton selection efficiency
  - Jet energy scale
  - QCD ISR/FSR
  - Jet/missing  $E_T$  modeling
  - Background modeling

# Cooperation, not competition

- Prior Run 2 CDF+D0 combinations (e.g.  $m_{top}$ ) performed after analyses complete and approved separately
- Higgs combinations approved in parallel with analyses
- Inputs shared when still “confidential”!
- We hope this spirit continues in the LHC era

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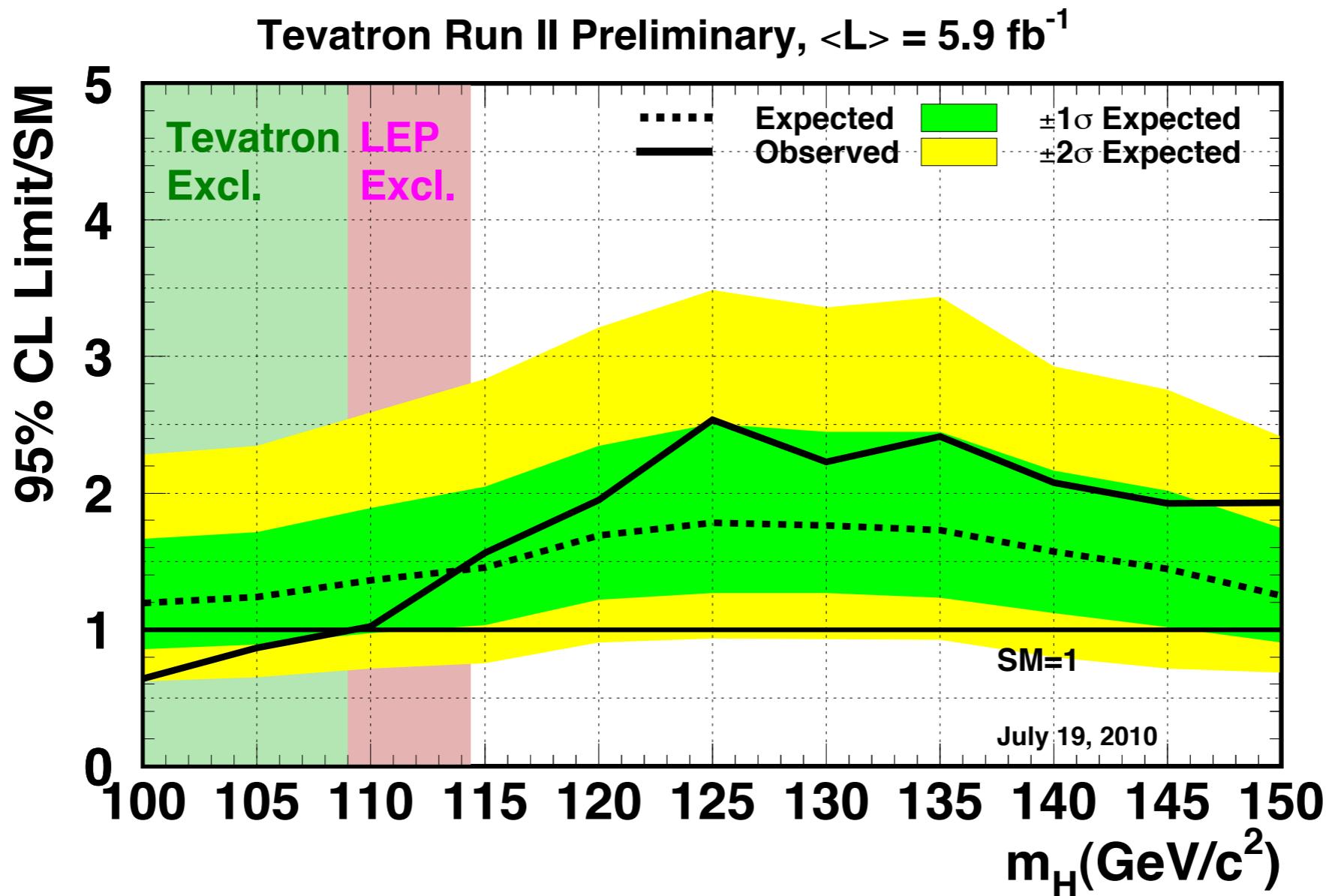
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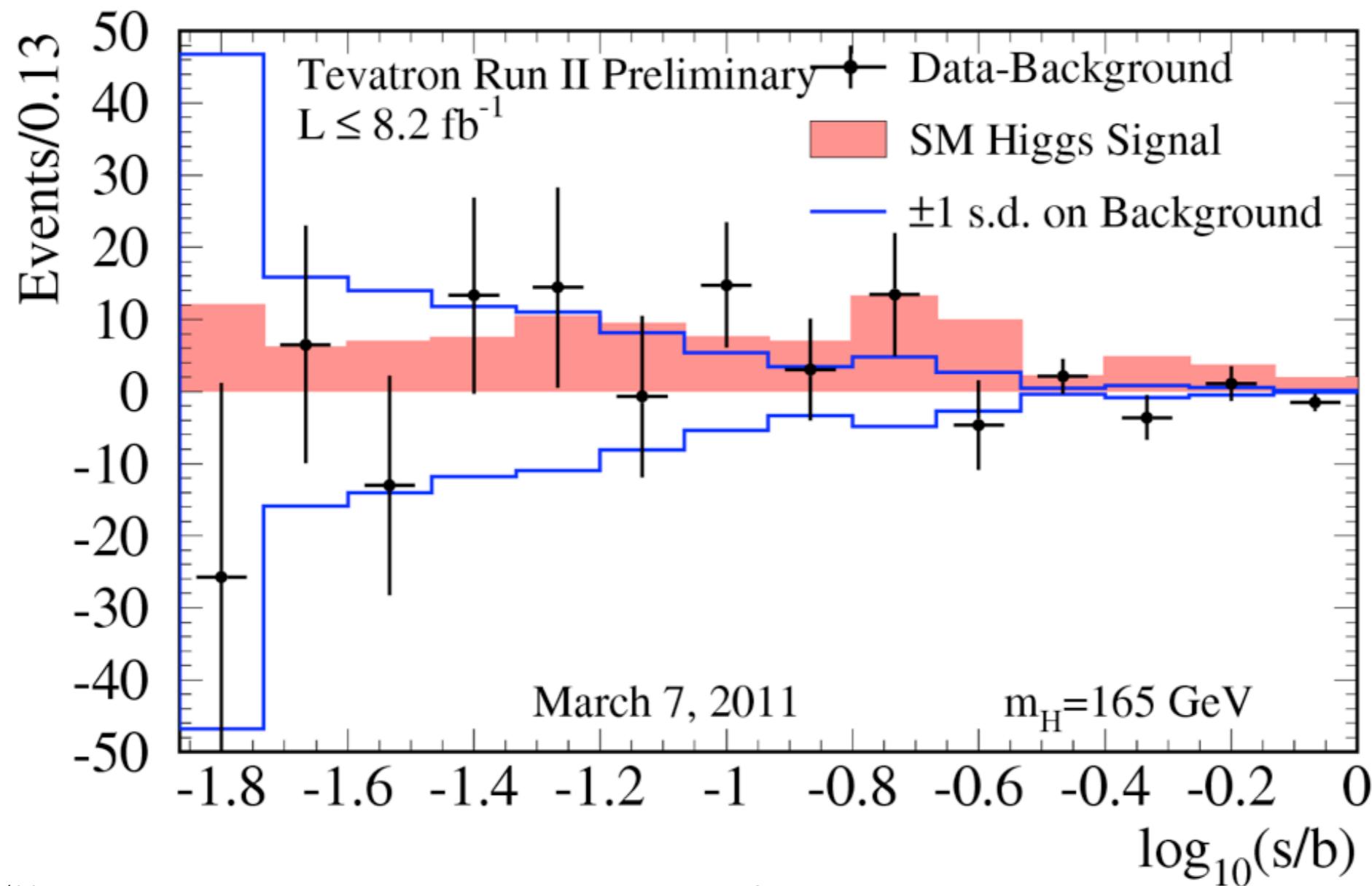
# Low mass result



- Upper limit for  $m_H=115 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  of  $1.56 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$  @95% CL
- Tevatron-only exclusion at 95% CL of  $100 < m_H < 109 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

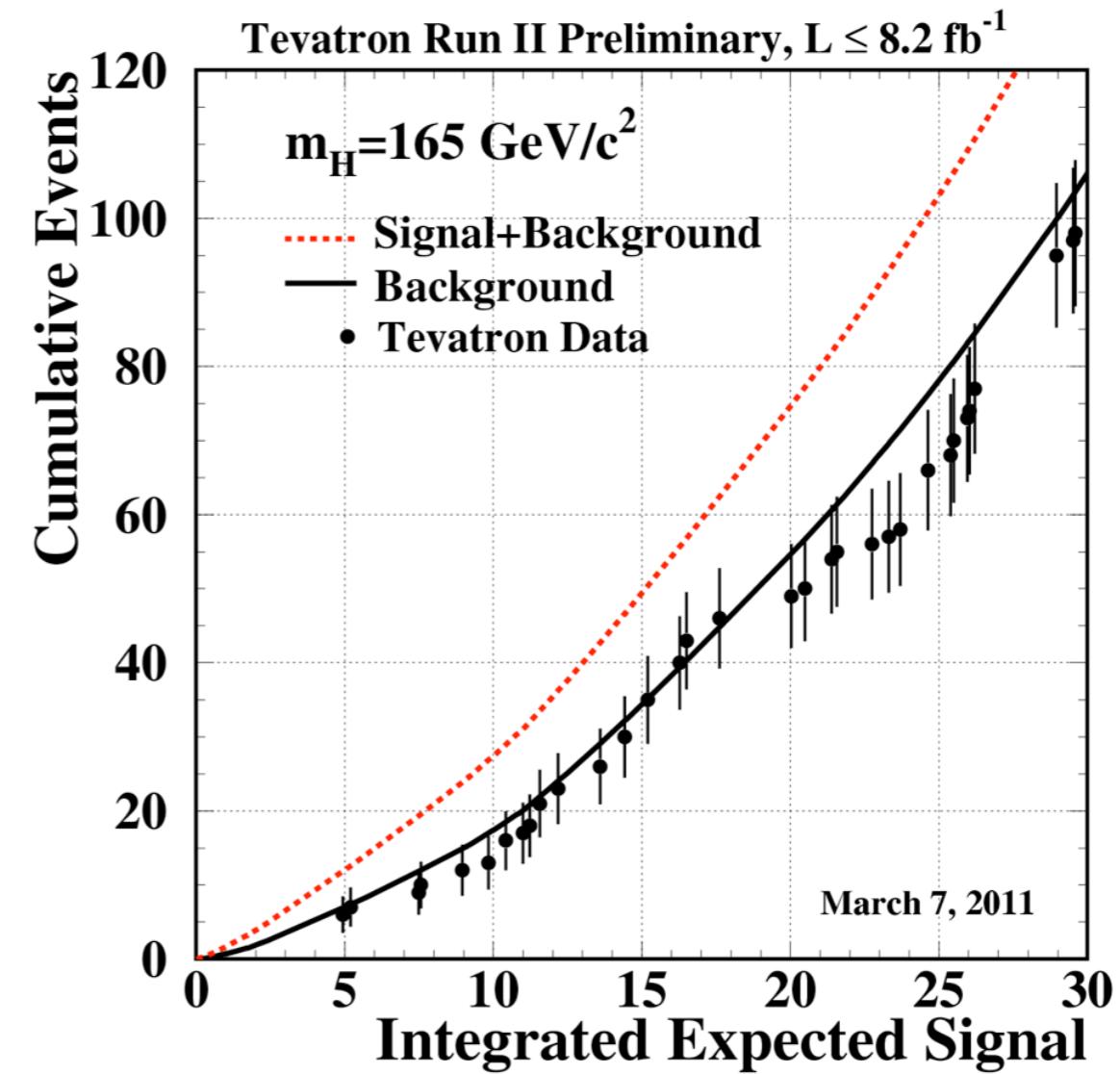
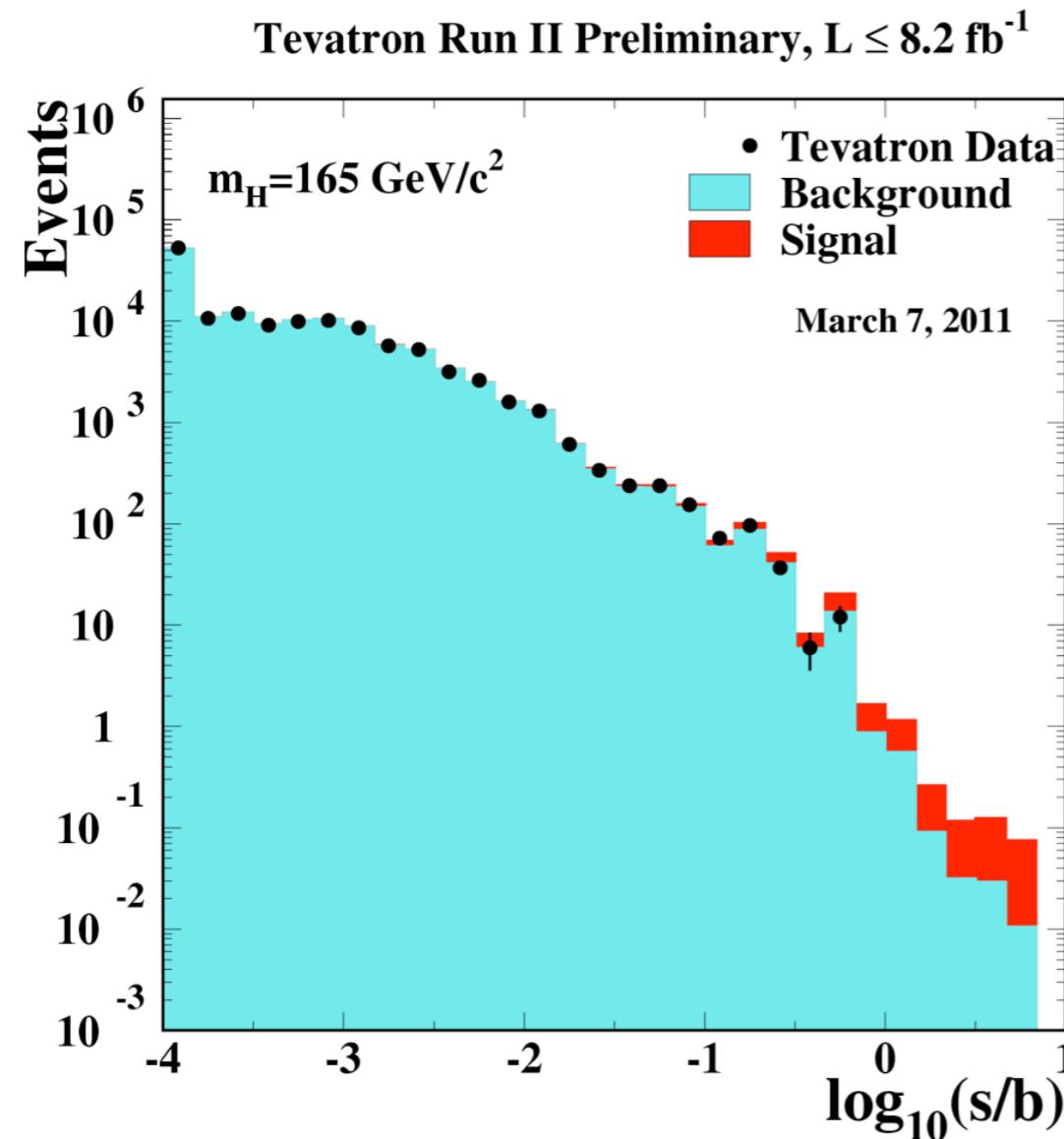
# Background subtracted data

- Subtract background model that has been fit to data
  - Independent of any assumed Higgs cross section
- **No excess** above background observed
  - Proceed to set a limit

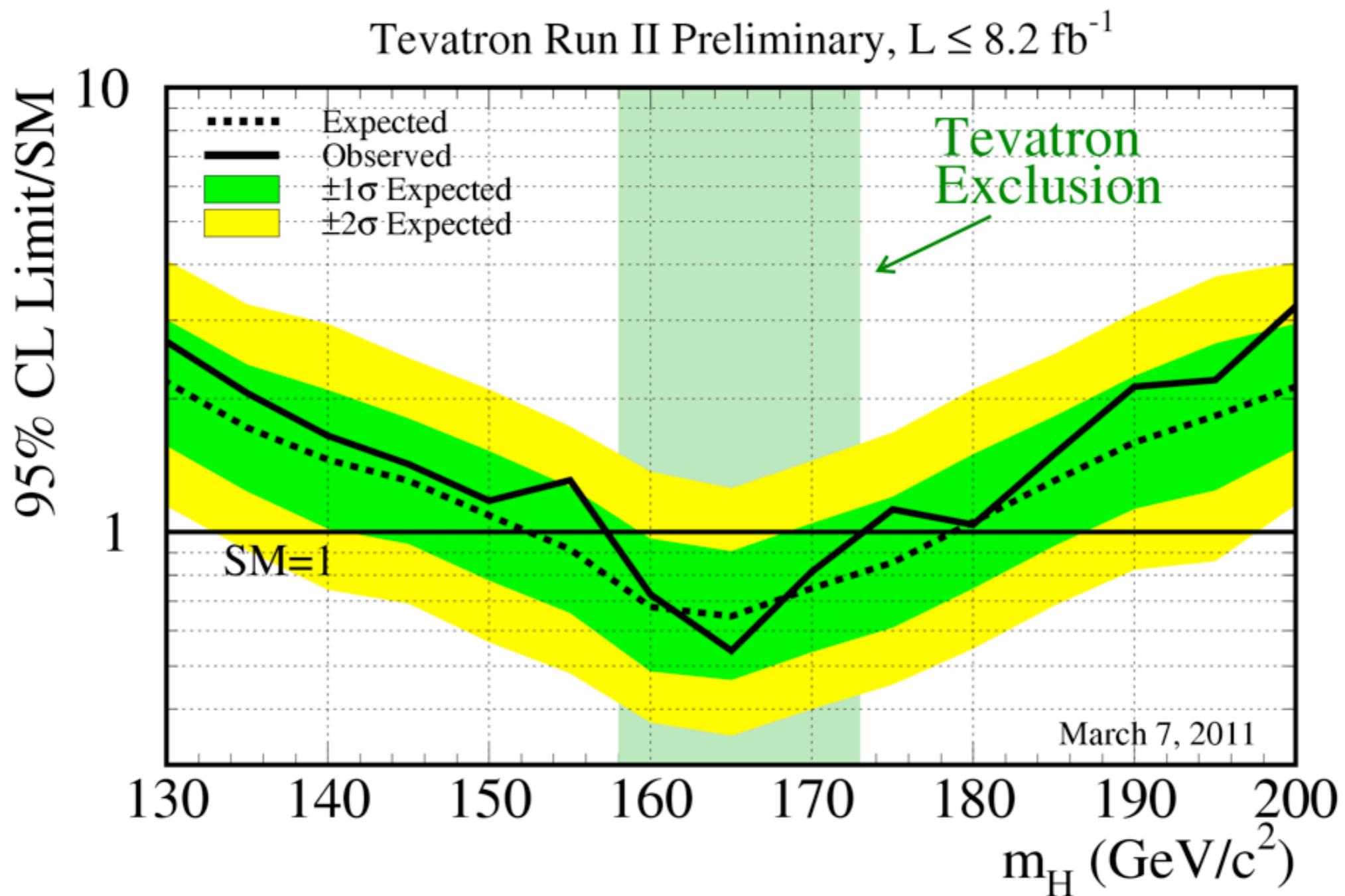


# Data distributions

- Rebin histograms of final discriminants for all channels in log(S/B)

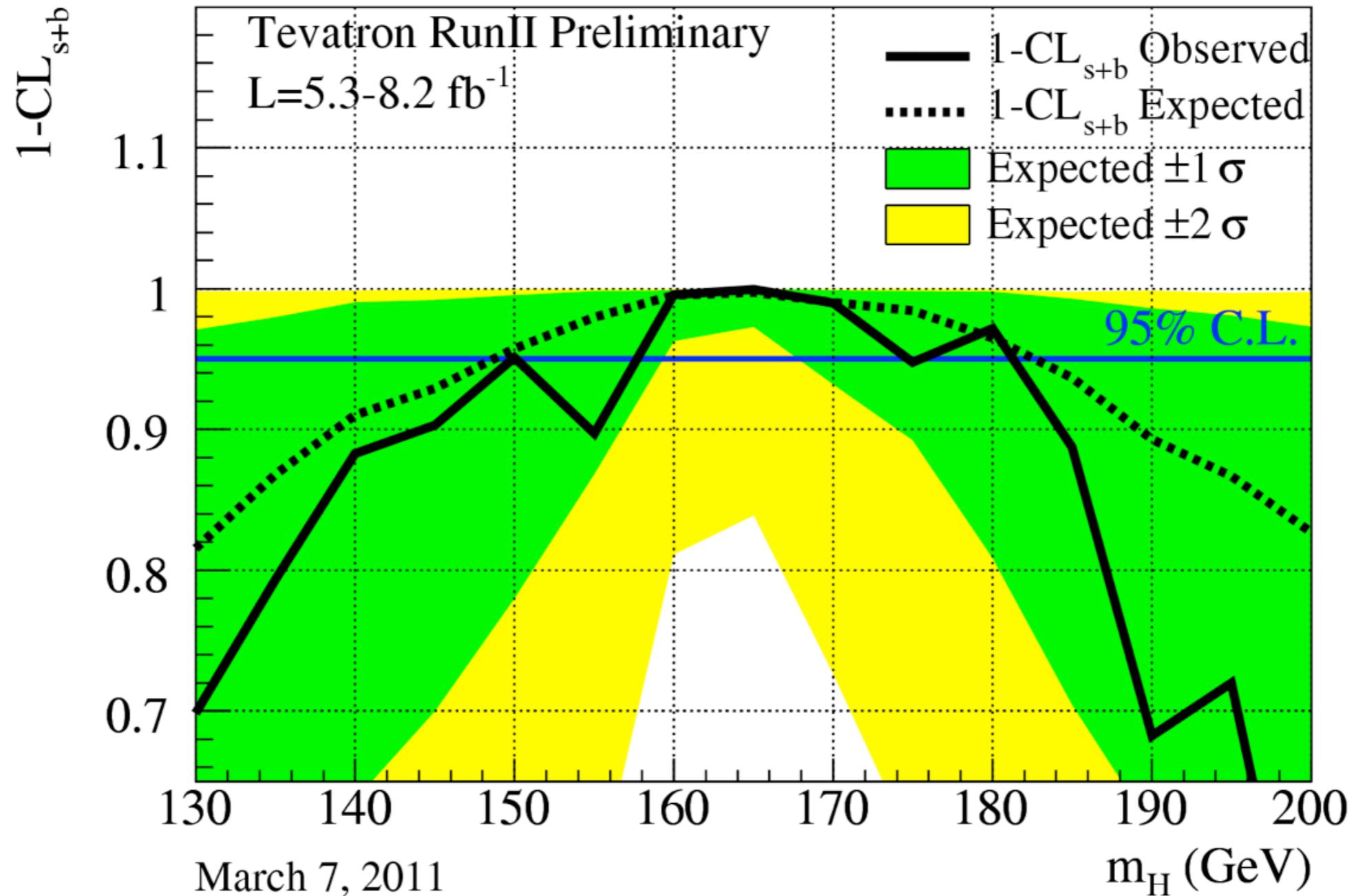


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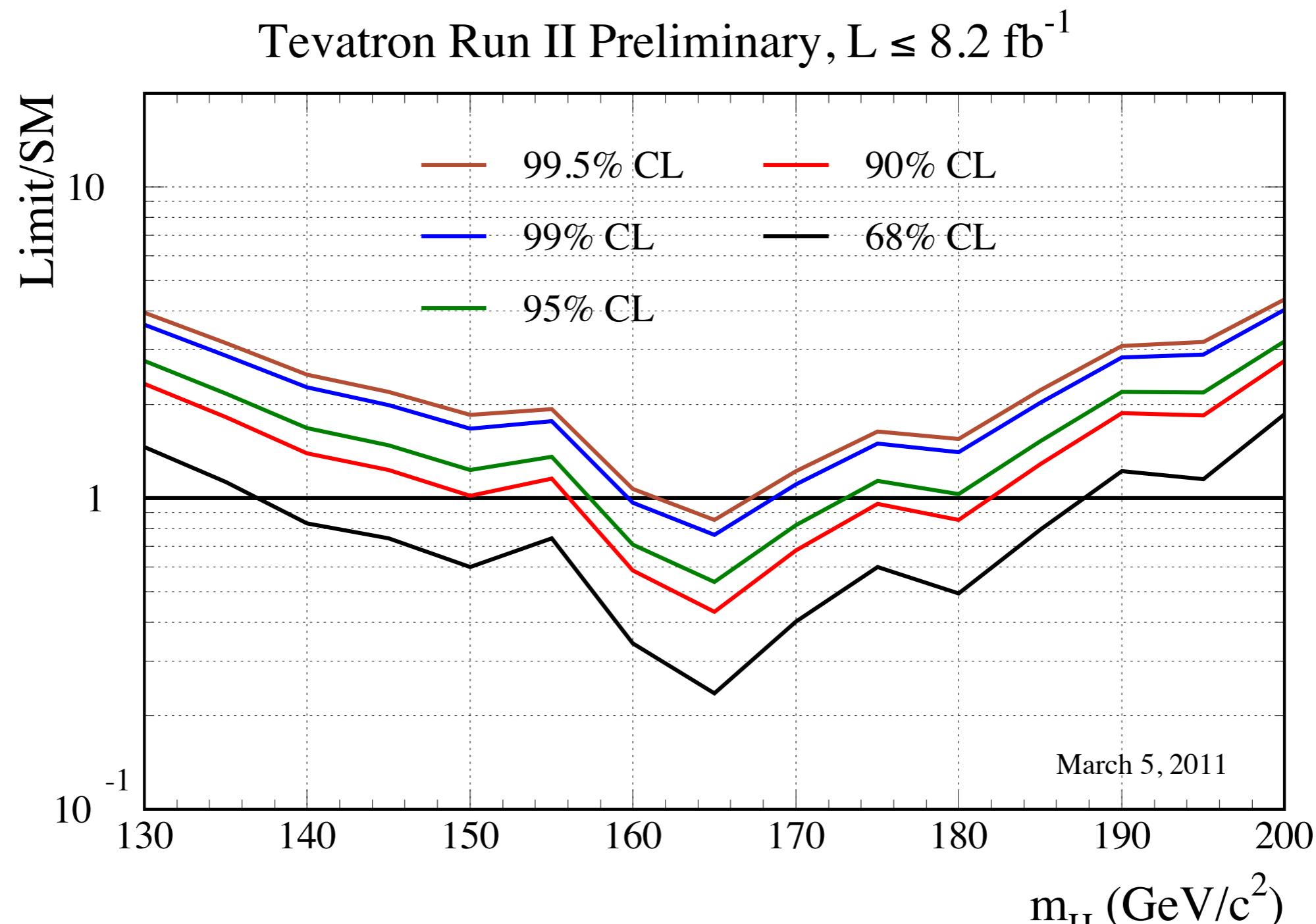
- SM Higgs boson **excluded** at 95% CL for  $158 < m_H < 173 \text{ GeV}$
- Expected exclusion at 95% CL for  $153 < m_H < 179 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Compare to summer 2010 expected exclusion of  $156 < m_H < 173 \text{ GeV}$

# Another approach: $CL_{s+b}$



- Roughly comparable to Power constrained  $CL_{s+b}$  approach used by ATLAS

# Just how excluded is it?



- SM Higgs of  $162 < m_H < 166 \text{ GeV}$  excluded **@99.5% CL**

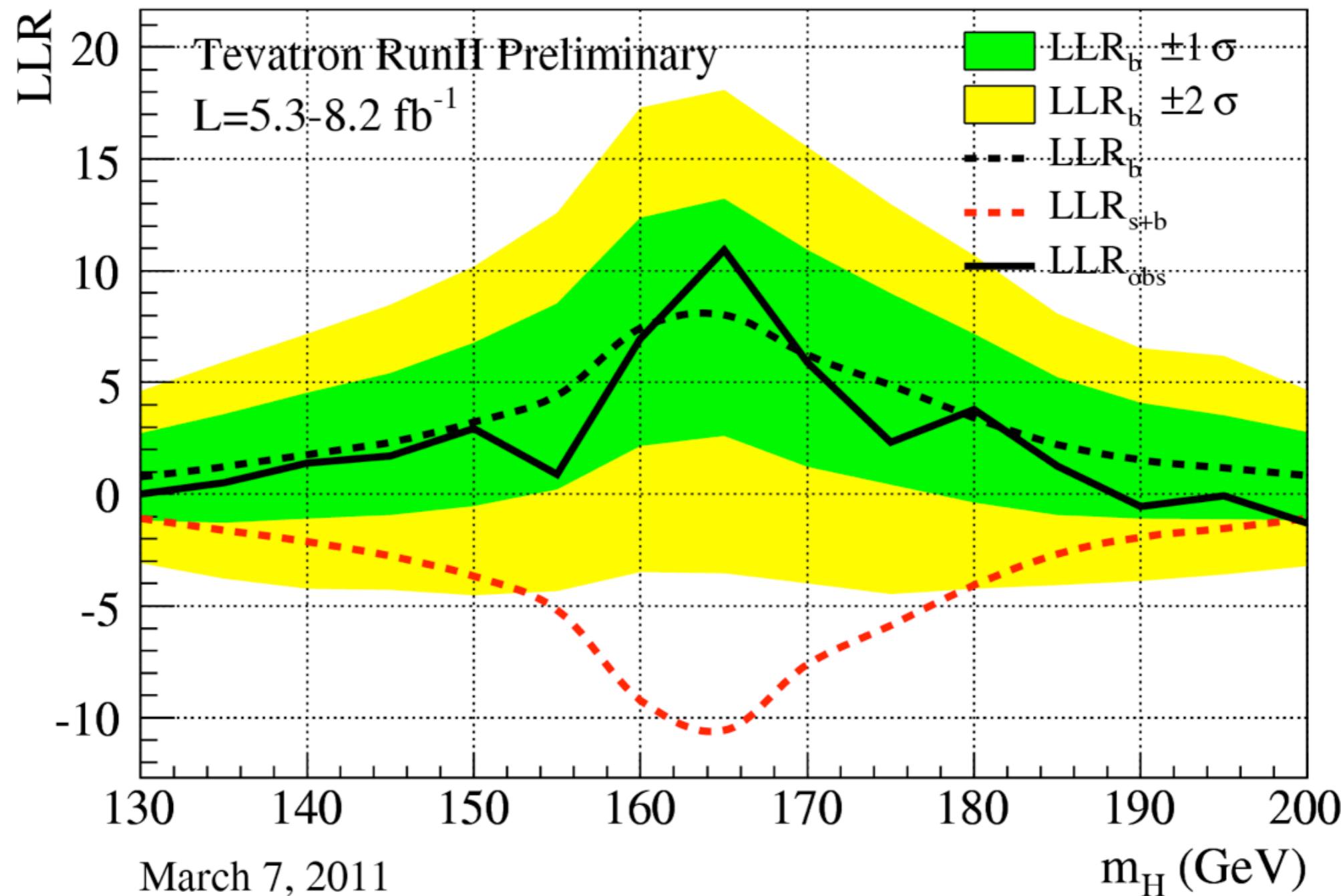
# Conclusion

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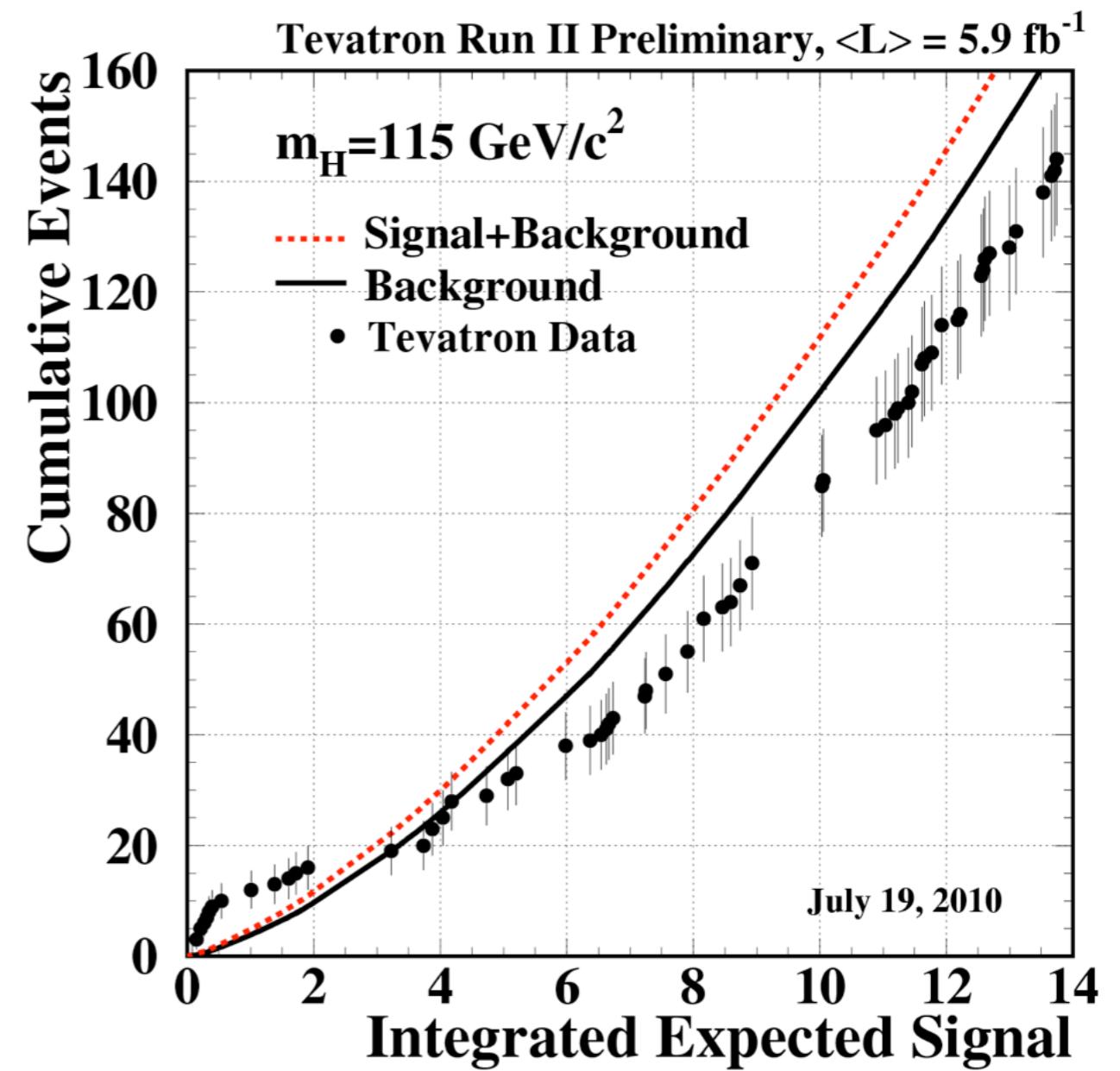
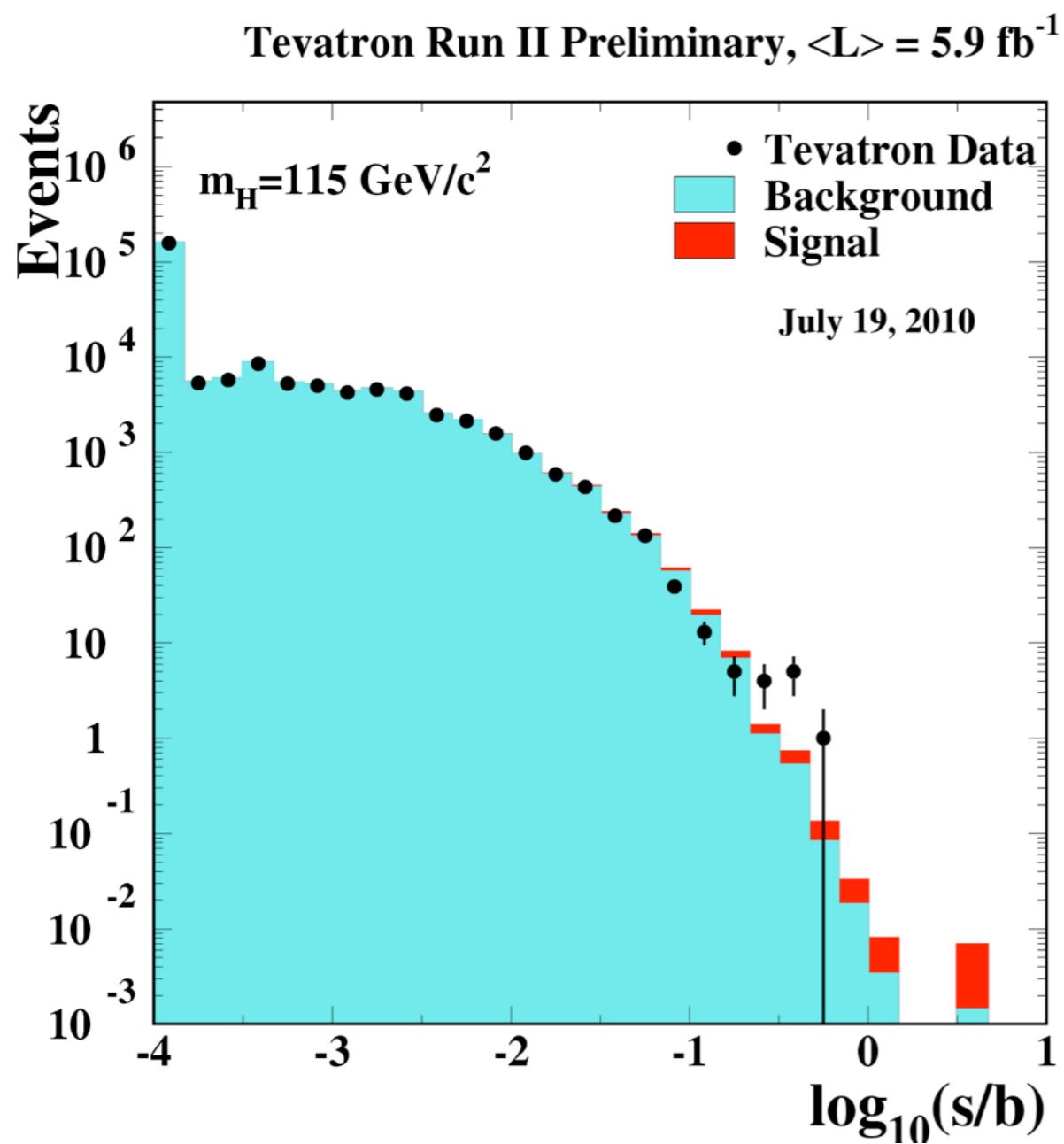
- Combination of all Tevatron searches has been performed
  - Up to  $5.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data for  $100 < m_H < 130 \text{ GeV}$
  - Up to  $8.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data for  $130 < m_H < 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Tevatron results **exclude** at **95% CL**
  - $100 < m_H < 109 \text{ GeV}$
  - **$158 < m_H < 173 \text{ GeV}$**
- Expected exclusion of  **$153 < m_H < 179 \text{ GeV}$** 
  - Up from  $156 < m_H < 173 \text{ GeV}$
- Individual experiment exclusions now from both CDF and D0
- Tevatron exclusion now at **99.5% CL** for some masses
- CDF and D0 strategies continue to leave the Higgs nowhere to hide
- End of Run 2 (this year) will leave  $\sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data for each experiment
  - As always, more analysis improvements are underway
  - Plenty left to do- expect new results soon!

# Backup

# LLR from CL<sub>s</sub> method



# Data distributions: low mass



# Theoretical Issues

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- Are we treating cross-section uncertainty due to scale variations ( $\mu_R$  &  $\mu_F$ ) correctly?
  - We obtain gluon fusion cross sections from:
    - D. de Florian, M. Grazzini, Phys. Lett. **B674**, 291-294 (2009). [arXiv:0901.2427 [hep-ph]].
    - C. Anastasiou, R. Boughezal, F. Petriello, JHEP **0904**, 003 (2009). [arXiv:0811.3458 [hep-ph]].
- Use a scale variation factor of 2 from the central value to estimate impact of potential high-order contributions
- Authors confirm high-order effects are small
- Another recent publication argues for even smaller scale uncertainties
  - V. Ahrens, T. Becher, M. Neubert *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. **C62**, 333-353 (2009). [arXiv:0809.4283 [hep-ph]];  
V. Ahrens, T. Becher, M. Neubert *et al.*, [arXiv:1008.3162 [hep-ph]].
- We feel our treatment is adequate, if not conservative, and generally supported by the theoretical community

# Theoretical issues (II)

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- Do we need additional uncertainties assigned to our gluon fusion cross section resulting from EFT approach used to integrate loop contributions?
- Such an uncertainty is already included:

C. Anastasiou, R. Boughezal, F. Petriello, JHEP **0904**, 003 (2009).  
[arXiv:0811.3458 [hep-ph]].
- Uncertainties on gluon fusion cross sections used in our searches include ~2% to account for this
- Authors find entirely removing corrections from light quark diagrams changes the total cross section by less than 4%
- We feel our treatment of EFT effects is sound