

# **Higgs in ep at the LHeC**

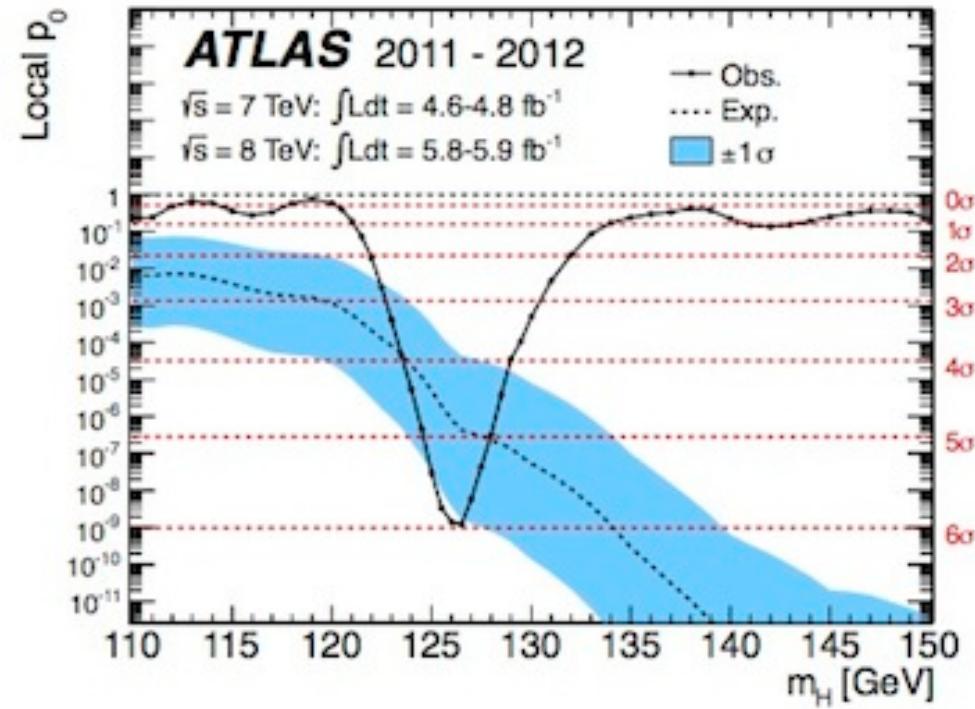
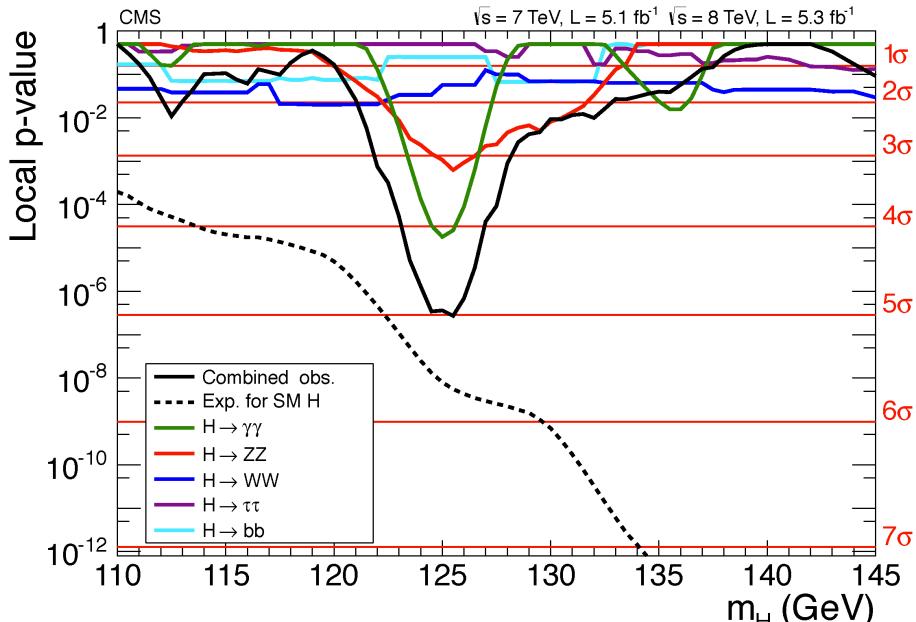
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# Habemus novum Boson

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

# ATLAS Preliminary

$W, Z H \rightarrow bb$

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}; \int L dt = 4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}; \int L dt = 13 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

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$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

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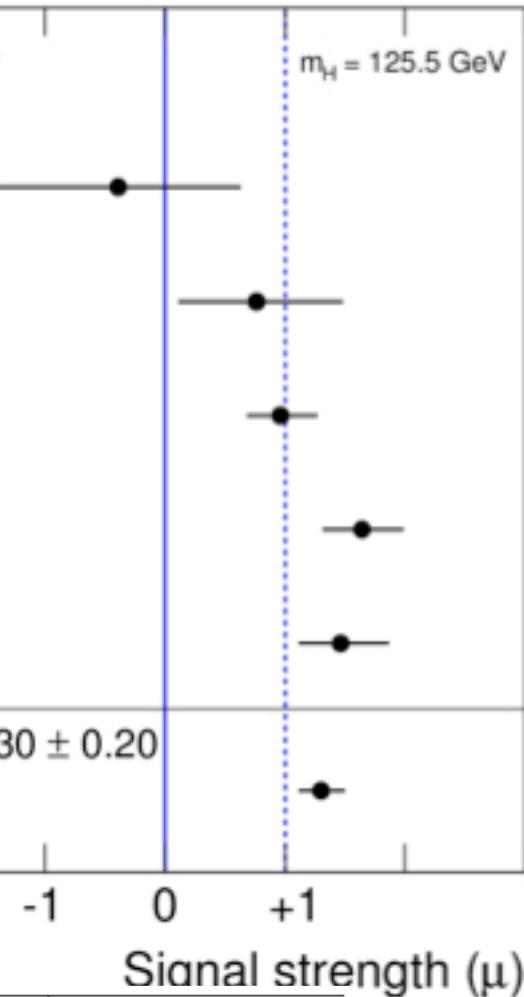
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$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$

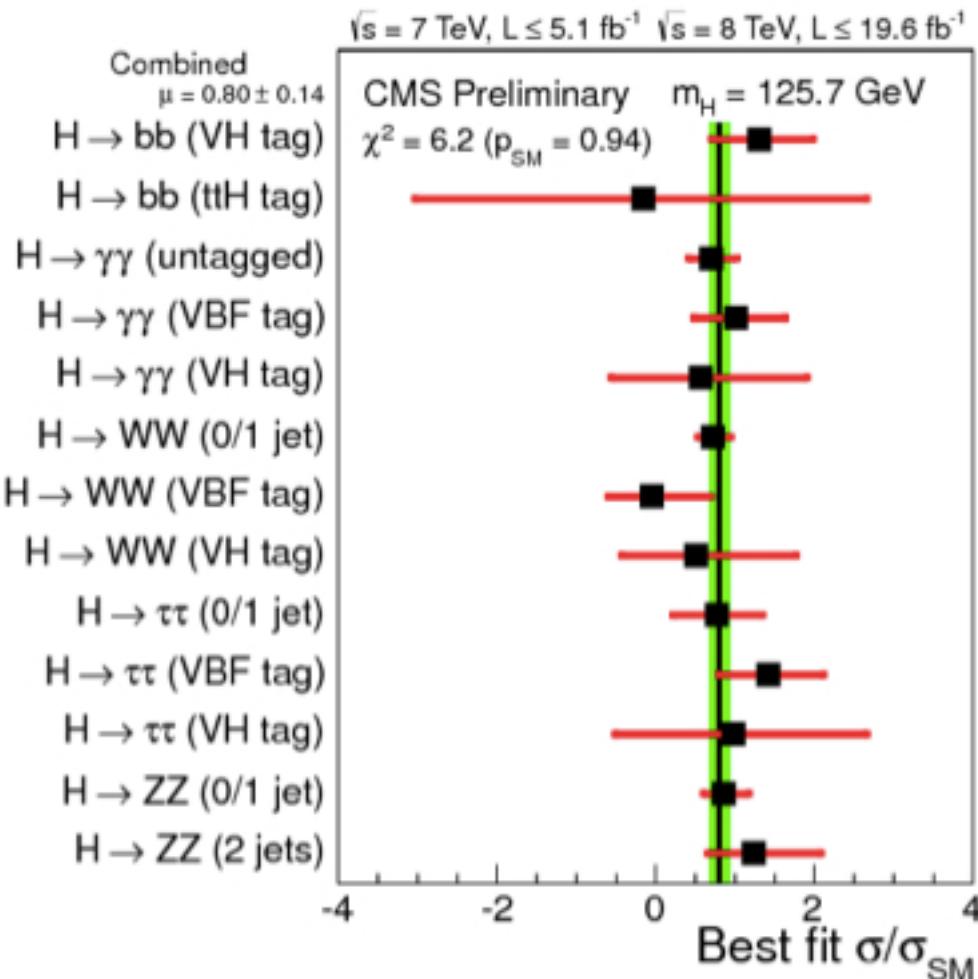
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Combined  $\mu = 1.30 \pm 0.20$

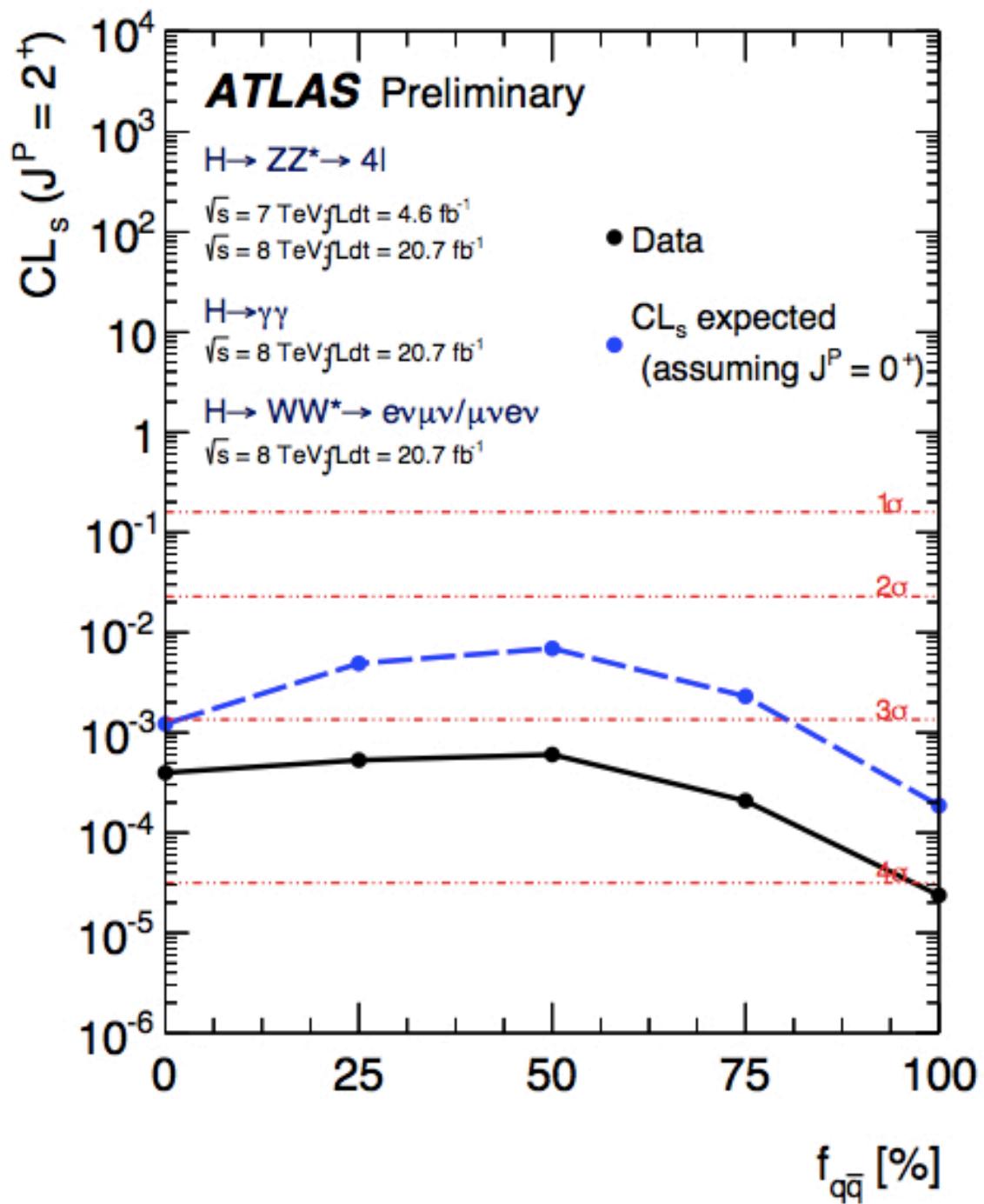
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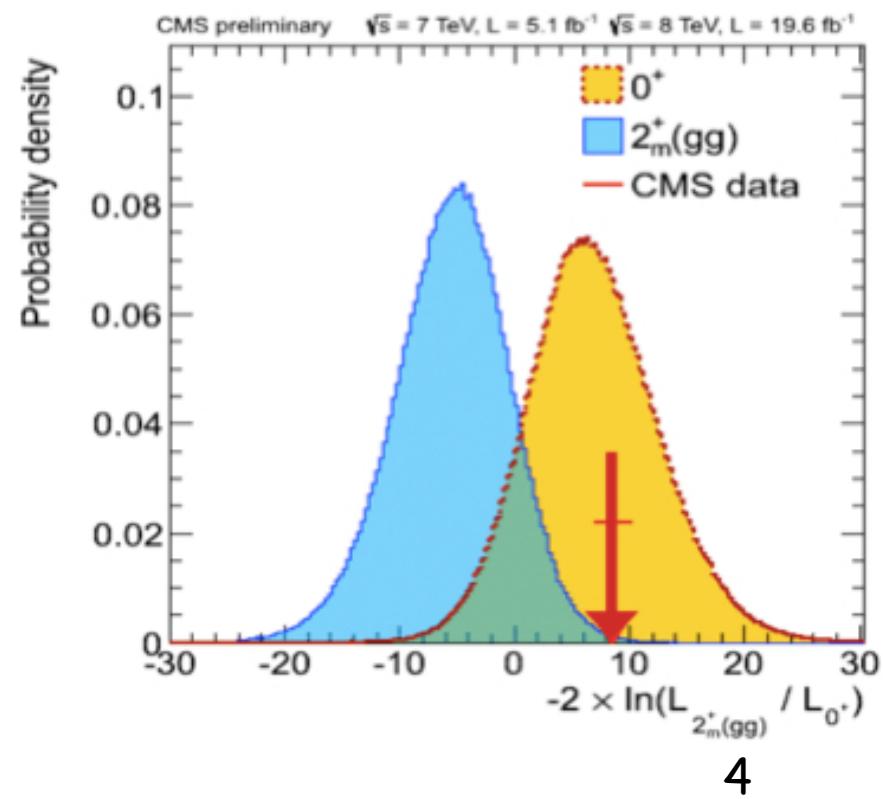
Higgs Boson Decay	$\mu$ ( $m_H=125.5 \text{ GeV}$ )
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	$-0.4 \pm 1.0$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.8 \pm 0.7$
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$	$1.0 \pm 0.3$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$1.6 \pm 0.3$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	$1.5 \pm 0.4$
Combined	$1.30 \pm 0.20$



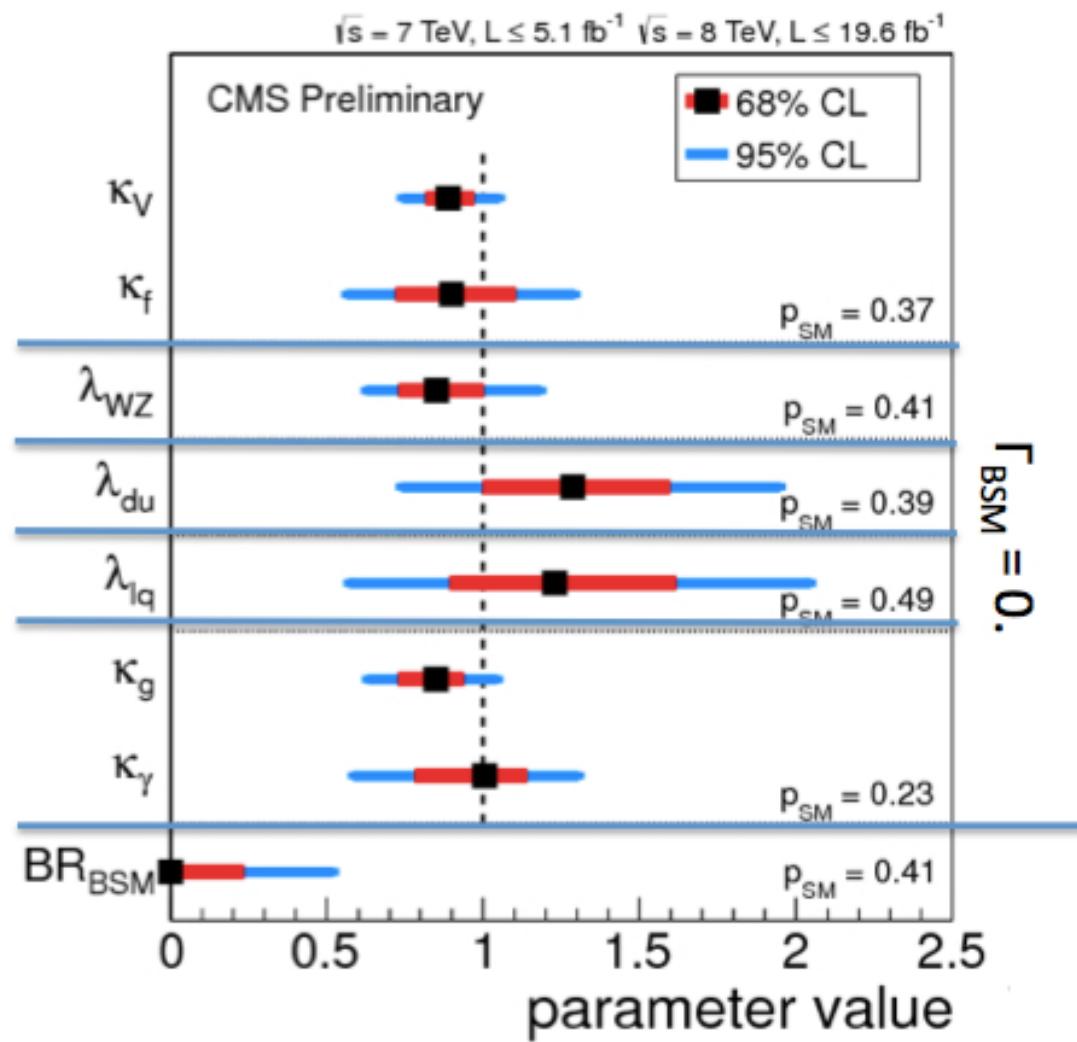
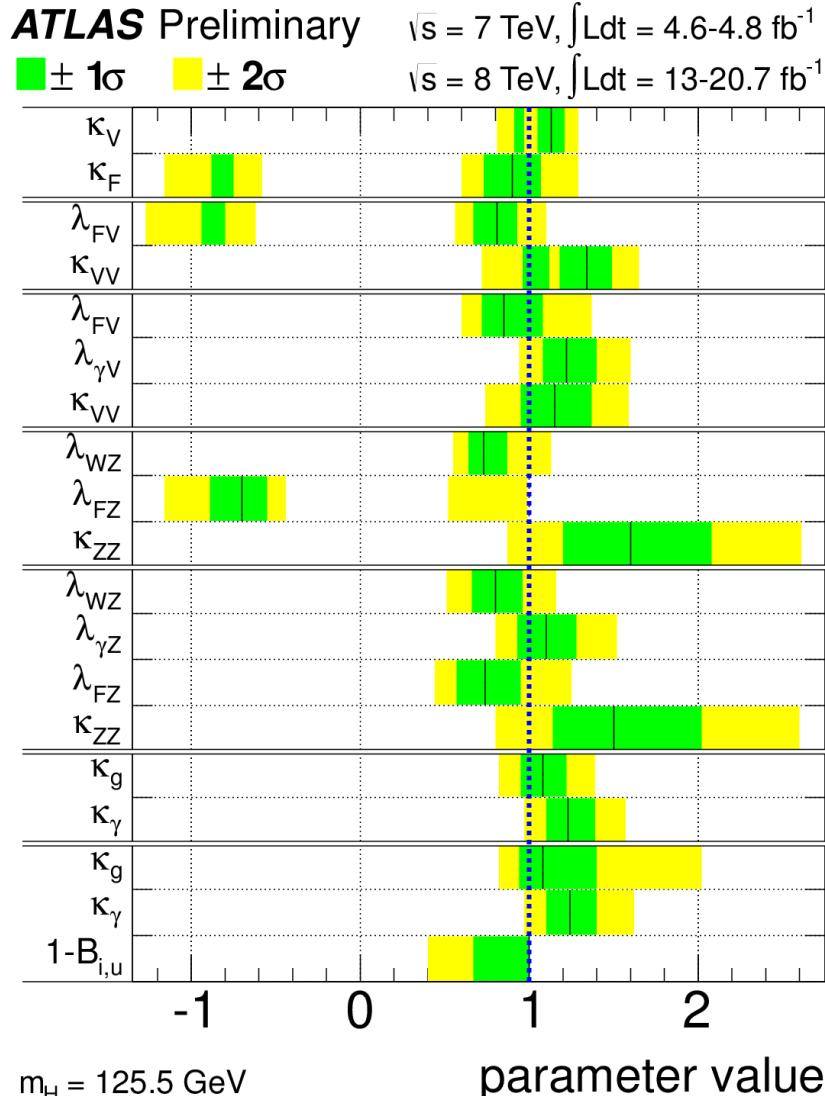
$\mu = 0.80 \pm 0.14$



**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**

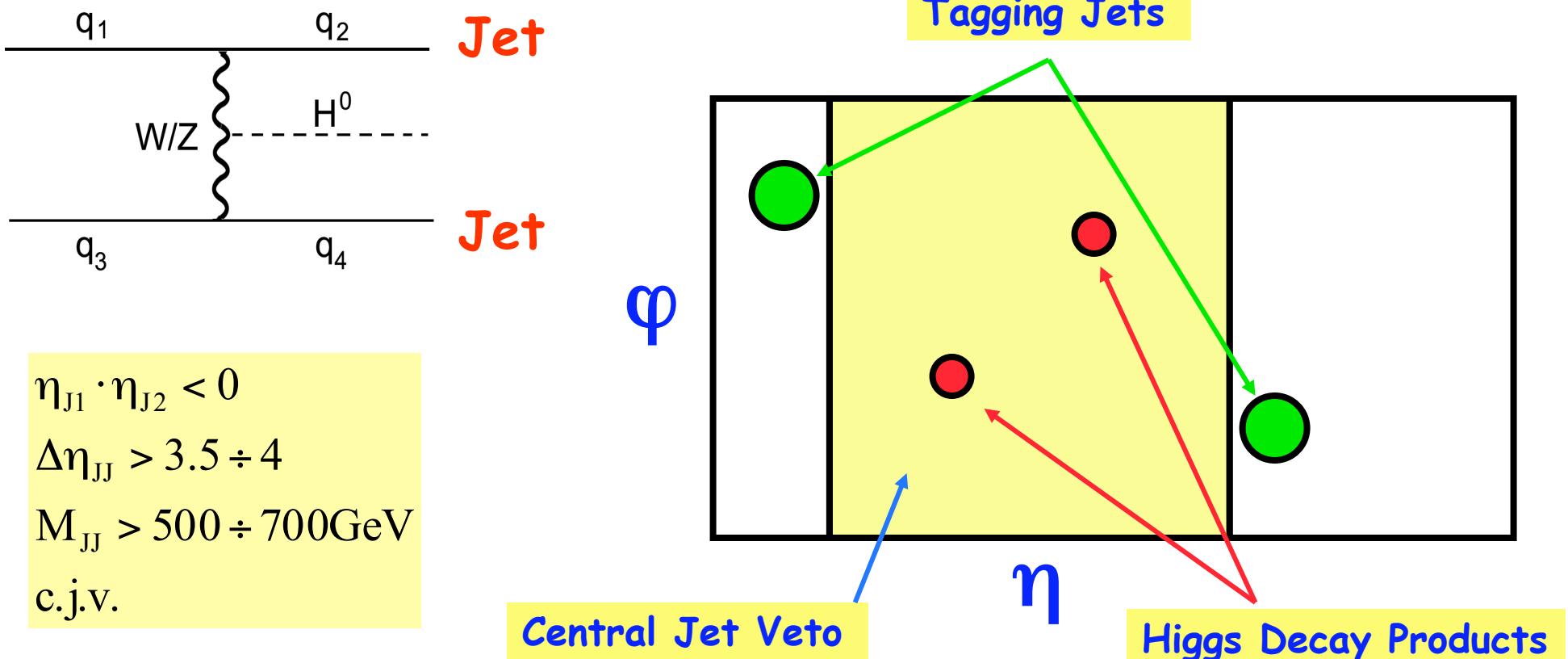


# Tests performed so far indicate compatibility with the SM Higgs boson hypothesis



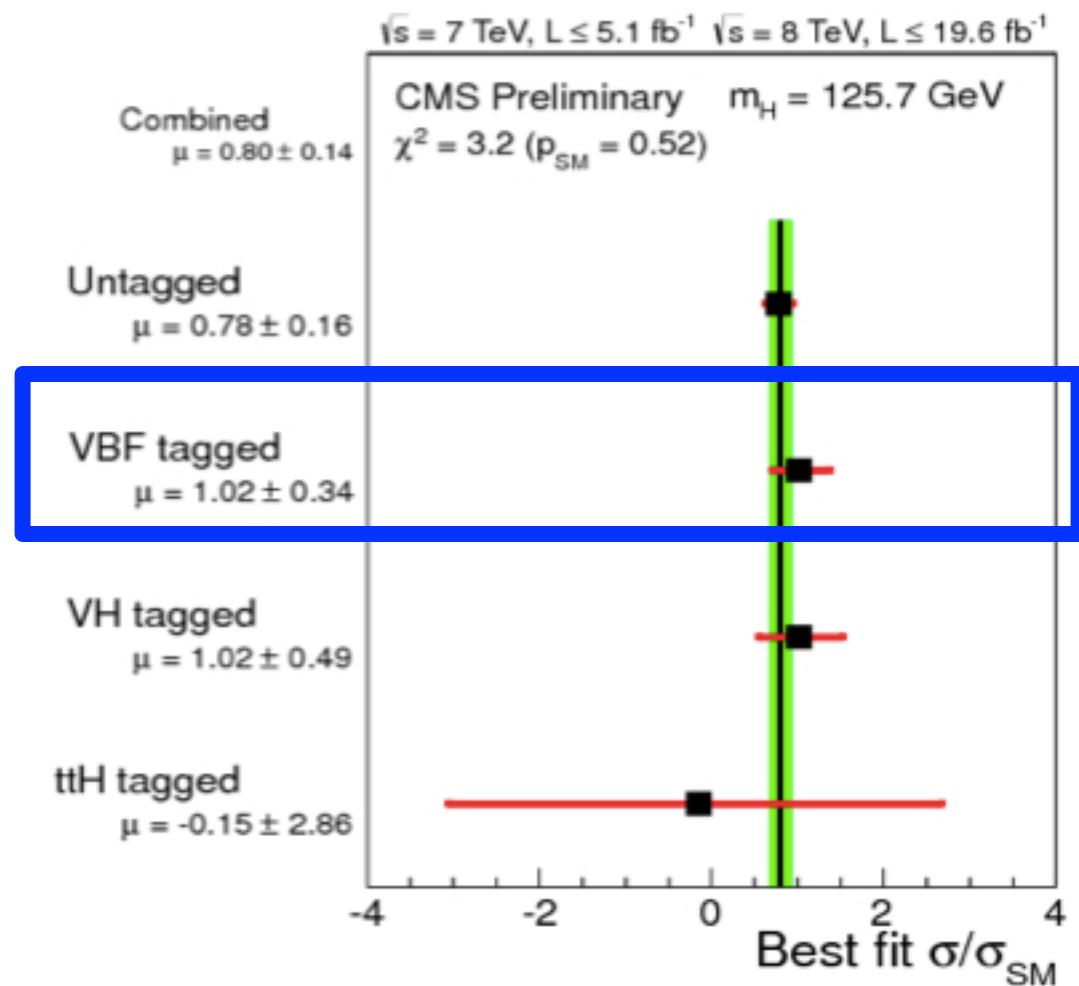
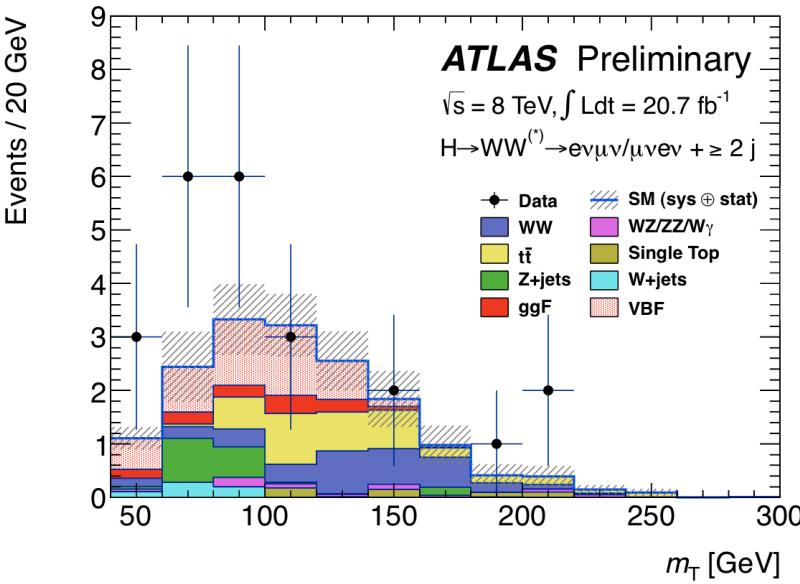
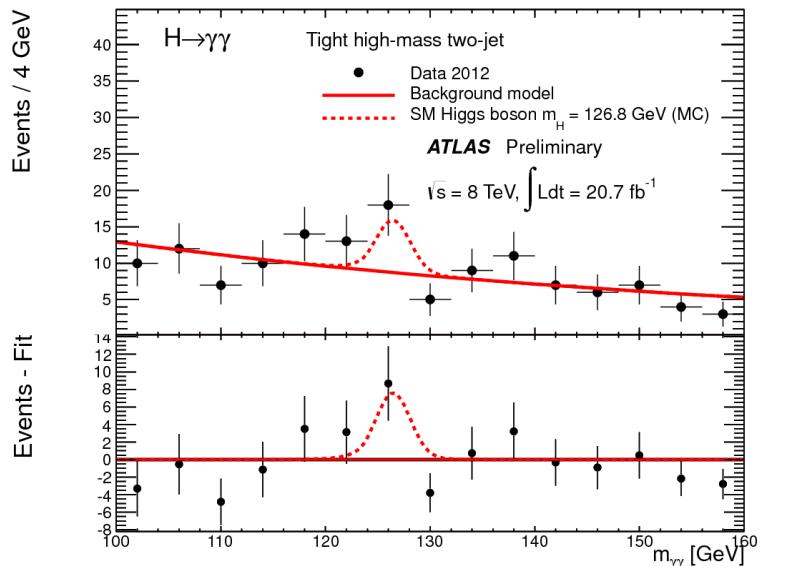
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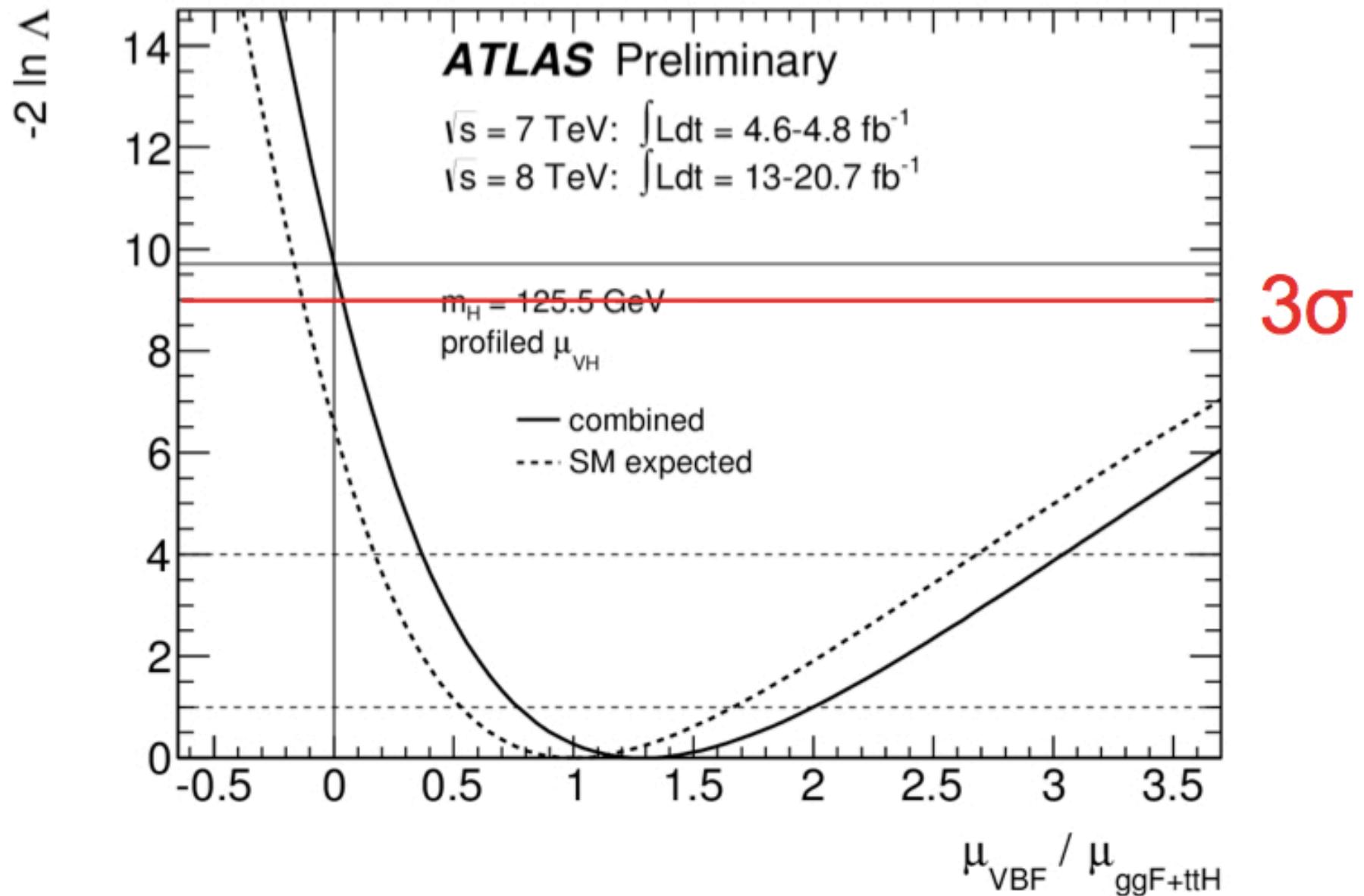


Use of forward jet tagging is not established at the LHC

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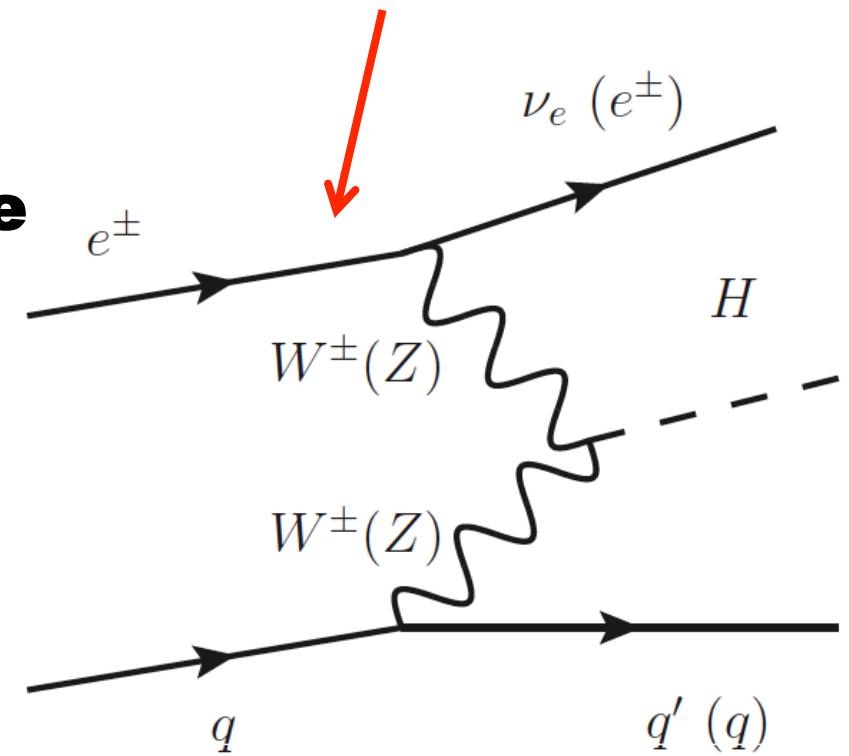


# Higgs at LHeC

At LHeC replace  
Lepton line by quark line

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

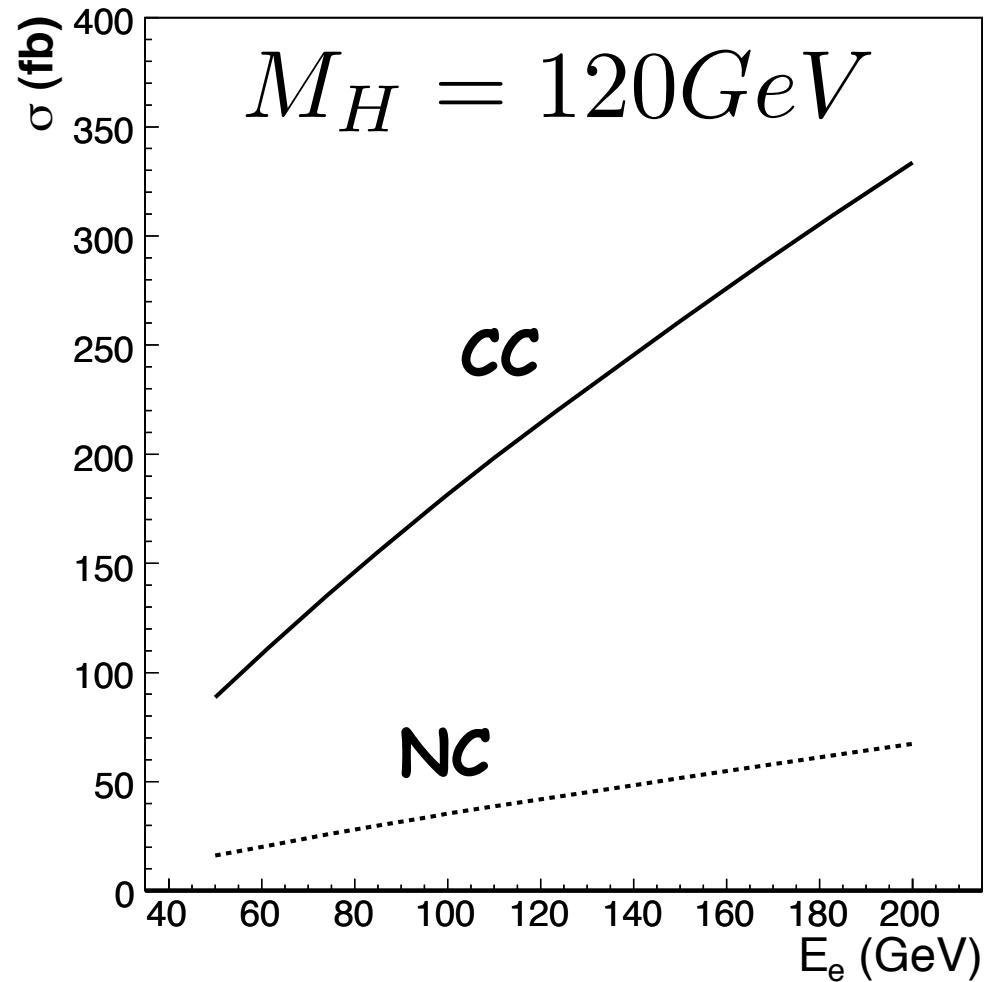
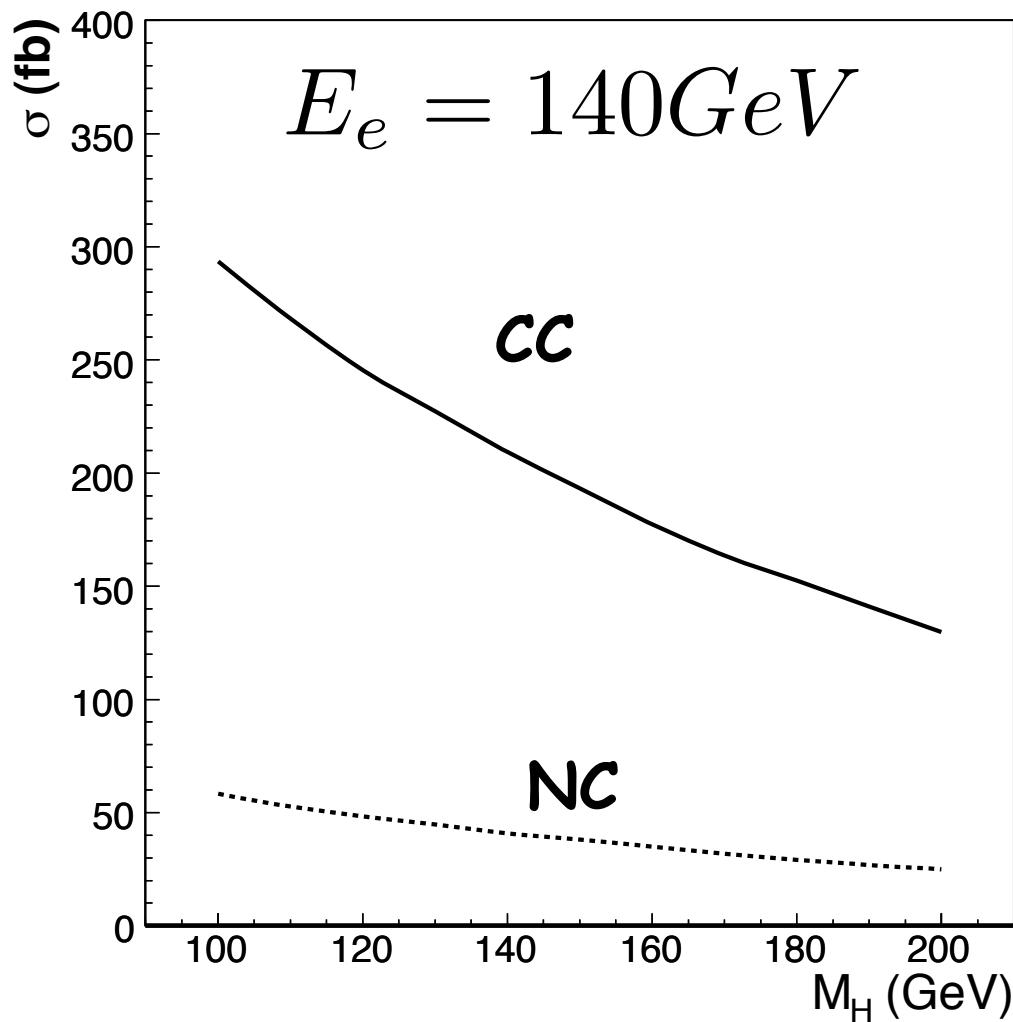
- Consider feasibility for the following point:



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

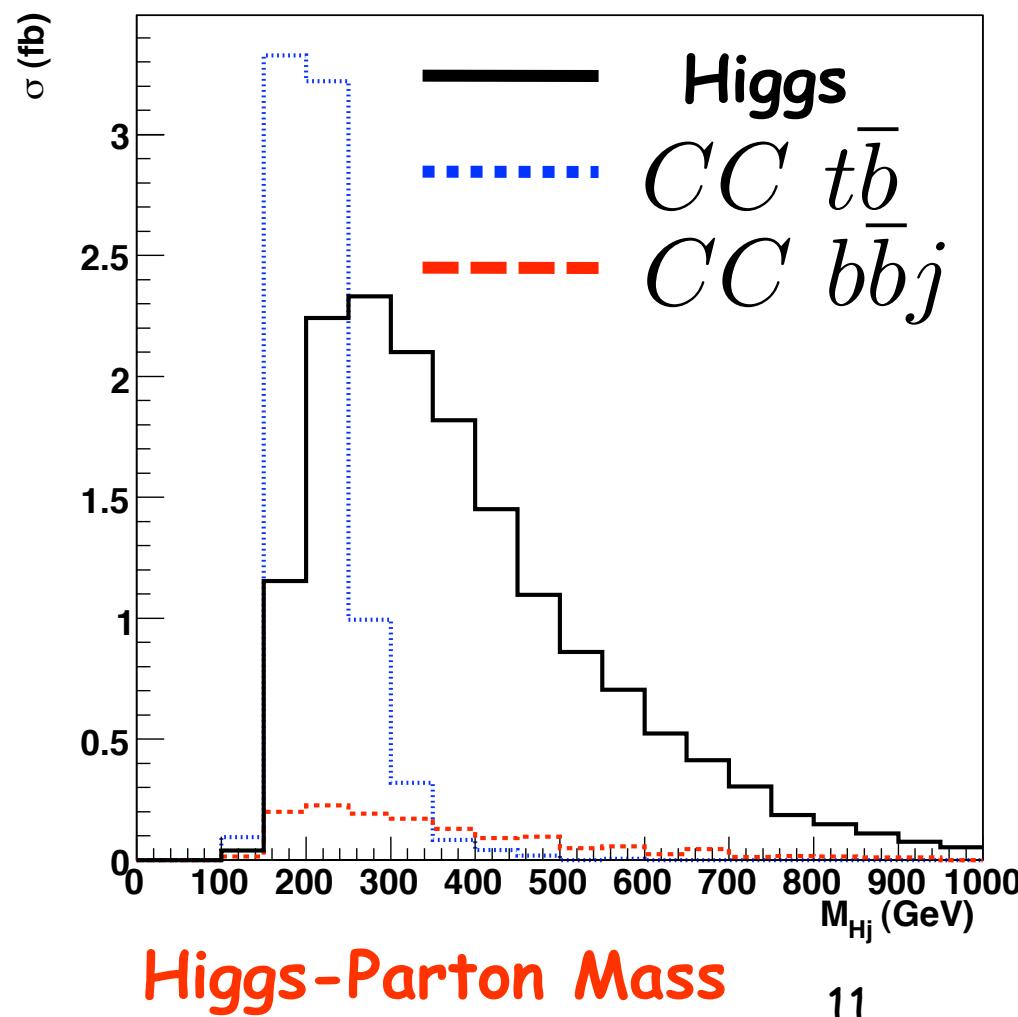
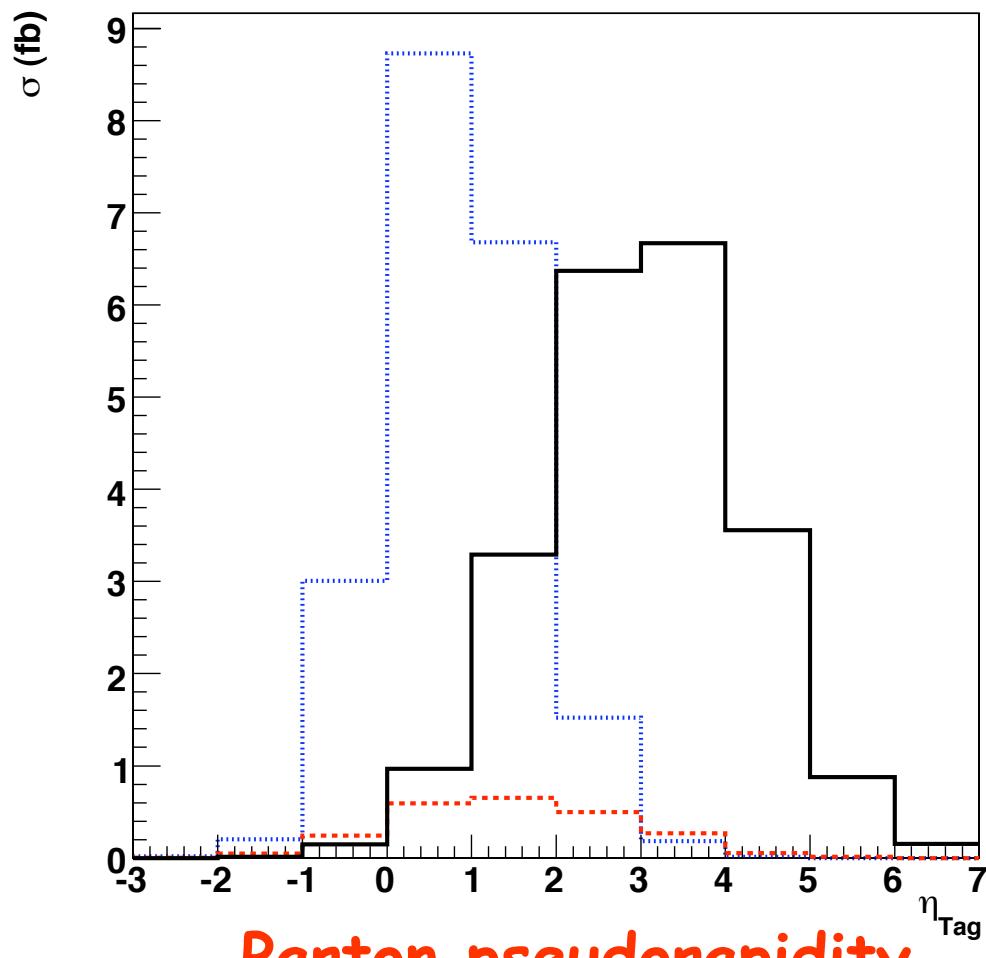
# Cross-Sections

- Used Madgraph and CTEQ6L for e-p scattering
  - Set scales to  $M_H$ . Little scale dependence



# Kinematics in Charge Current Analysis

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

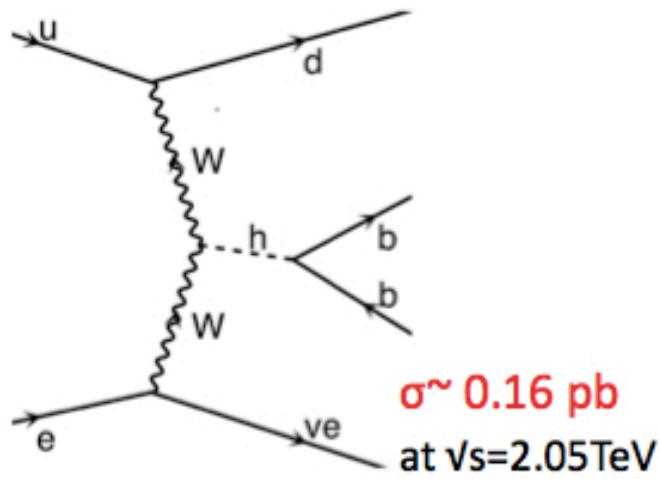


# MC Samples in Hadron-level study

U.Klein et al.

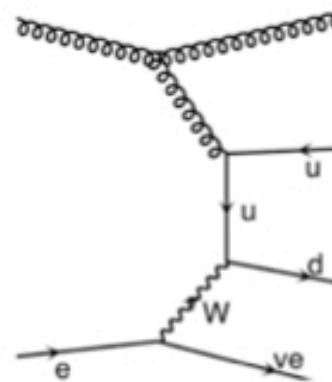
## Signal

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

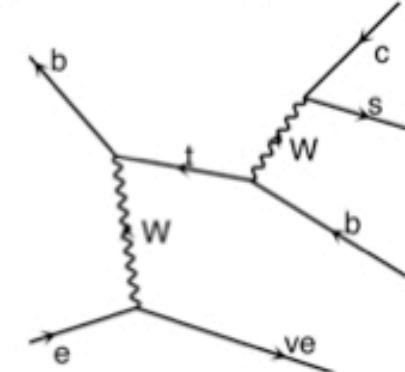


## Background (examples)

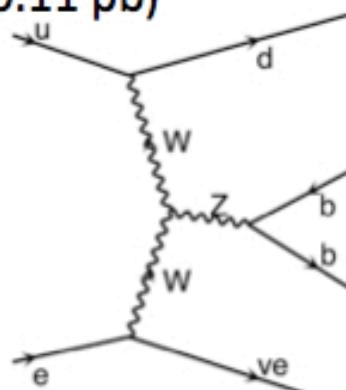
CC: 3 jets ( $\sim 57 \text{ pb}$ )



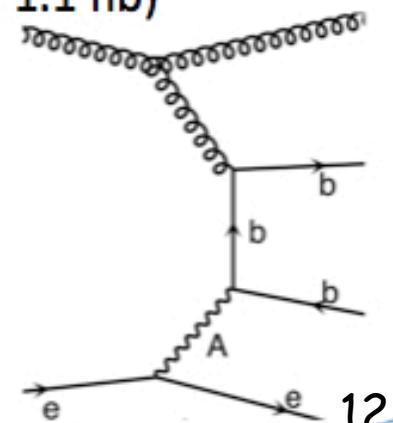
CC: single top production ( $\sim 4.1 \text{ pb}$ )



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



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

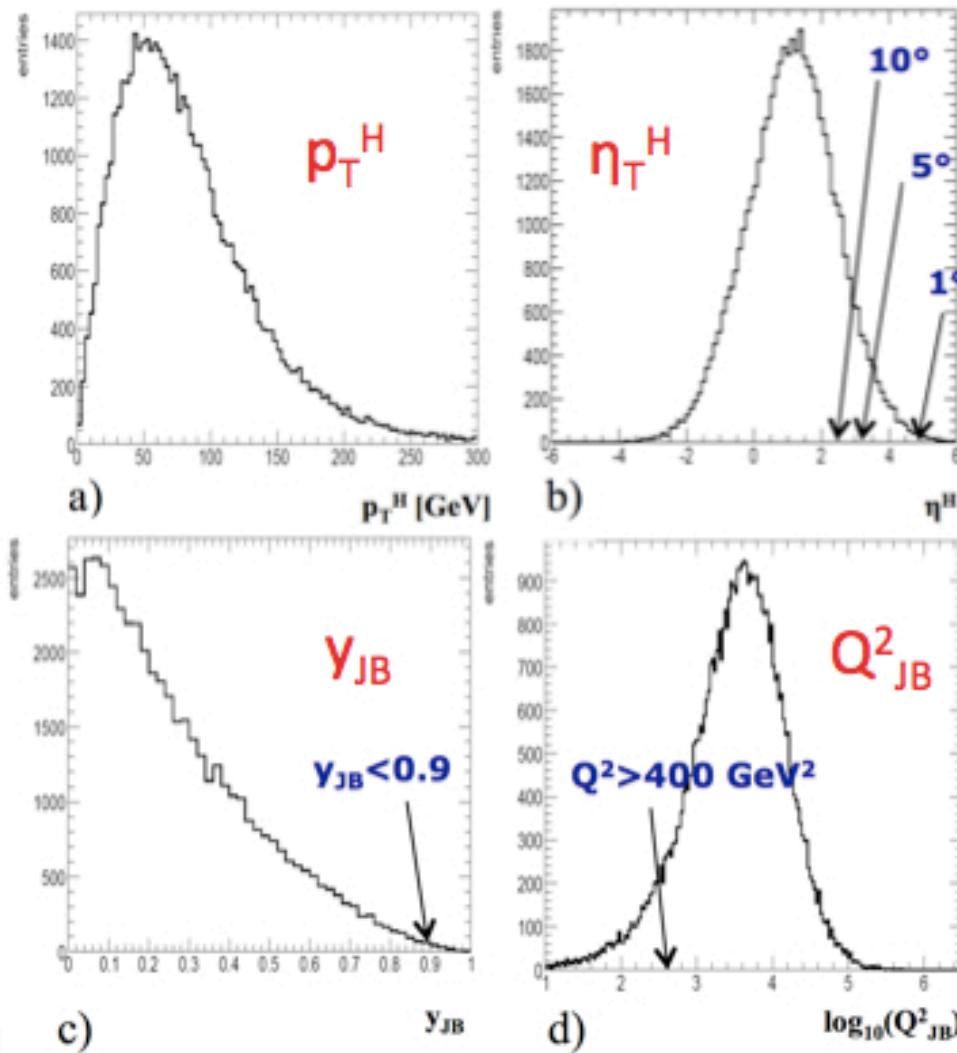


NOTE: Background sample numbers are after pre-selection in generator

# Kinematic distributions

[ $M_H=120 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_e=150 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_p=7 \text{ TeV}$ ]

- 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:  $1\% \oplus 5\%/\sqrt{E}$
  - Hadron:  $60\%/\sqrt{E}$
  - 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
- $E_{T,\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $N_{\text{jet}} (p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}) \geq 3$
- $E_{T,\text{total}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- $y_{JB} < 0.9, Q^2_{JB} > 400 \text{ GeV}^2$

## b-tag requirement

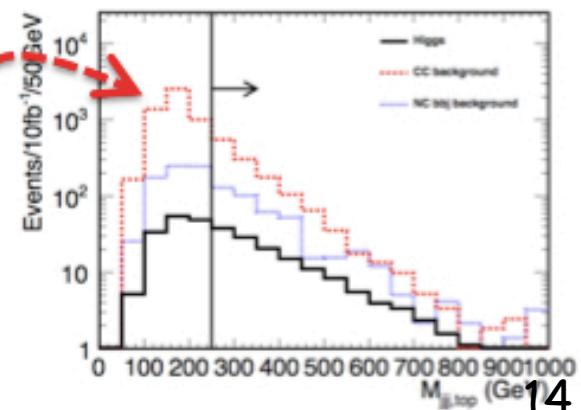
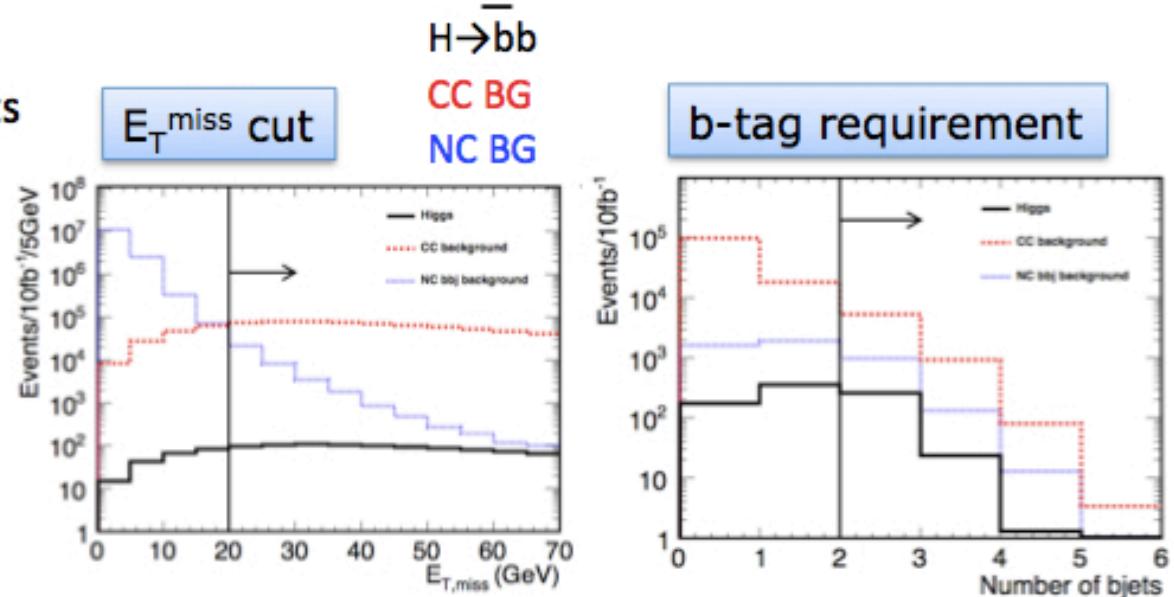
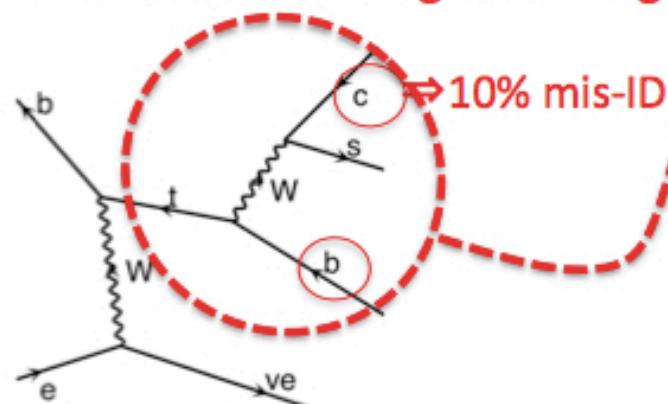
- $N_{\text{b-jet}} (p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}) \geq 2$

## Higgs invariant mass

- $90 < M_H < 120 \text{ GeV}$  ⇒ 44% of remaining BG is single-top...

## Single top rejection

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



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

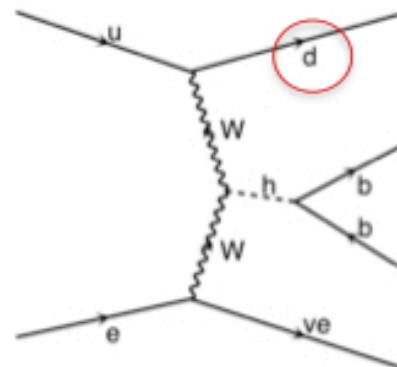
Coordinate:  
Fwd: +z-axis along proton beam

- Higgs invariant mass after all selection

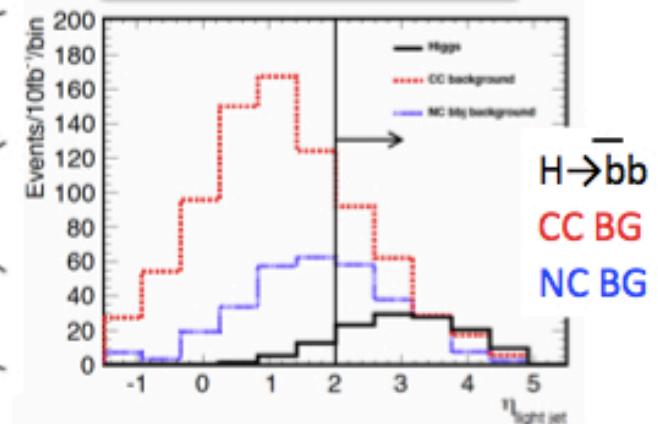
E<sub>e</sub>=150 GeV

**Expect 500 H- $\rightarrow$ bb events at 60 GeV for 100 fb $^{-1}$  -> 3% cross section measurement**

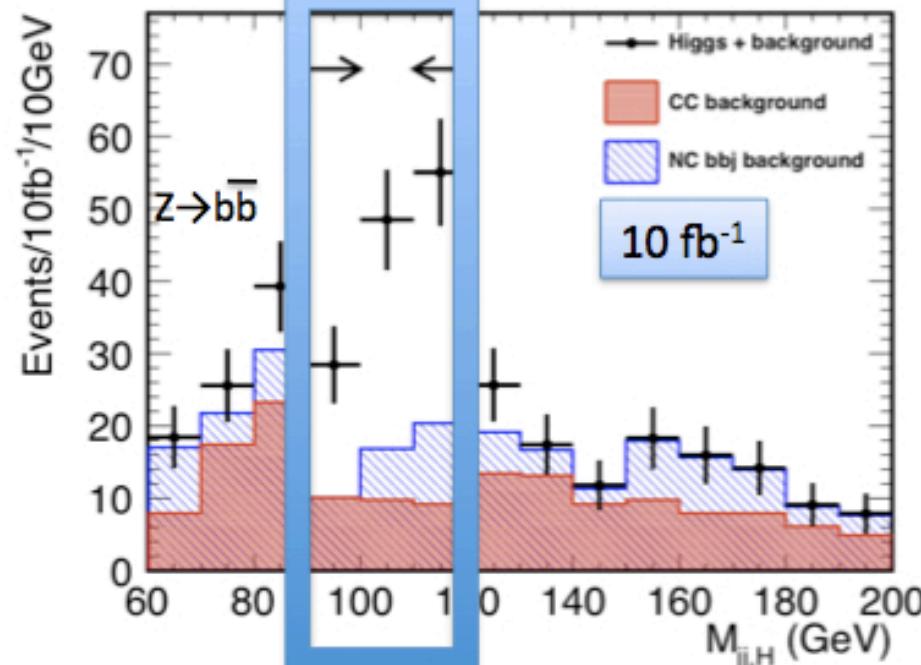
H  $\rightarrow$  b $\bar{b}$  signal



Forward jet  $\eta$  tag

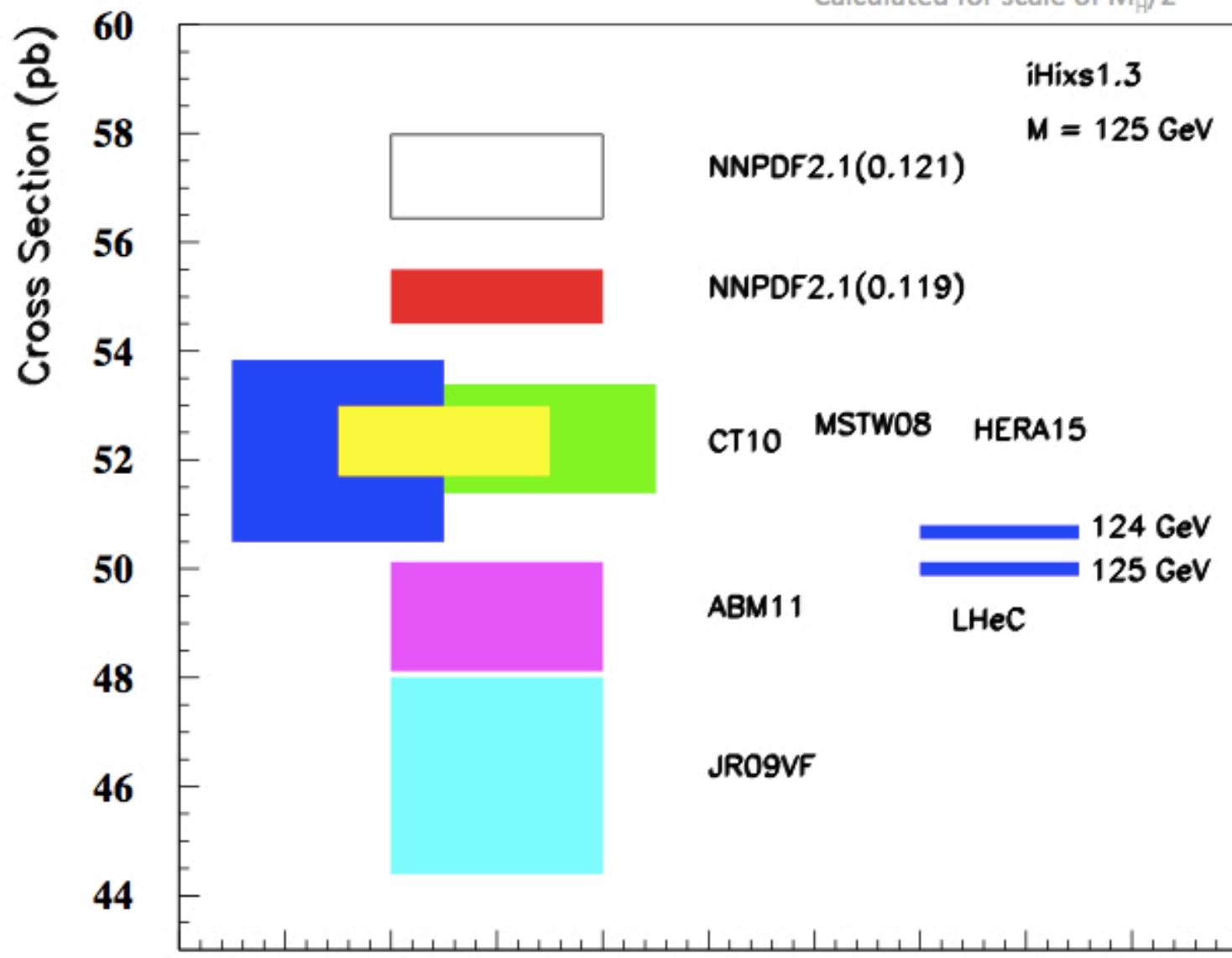


E<sub>e</sub>=150 GeV



Clear signal obtained with just cut based analysis already!

## 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  $N^3\text{LO}$

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

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

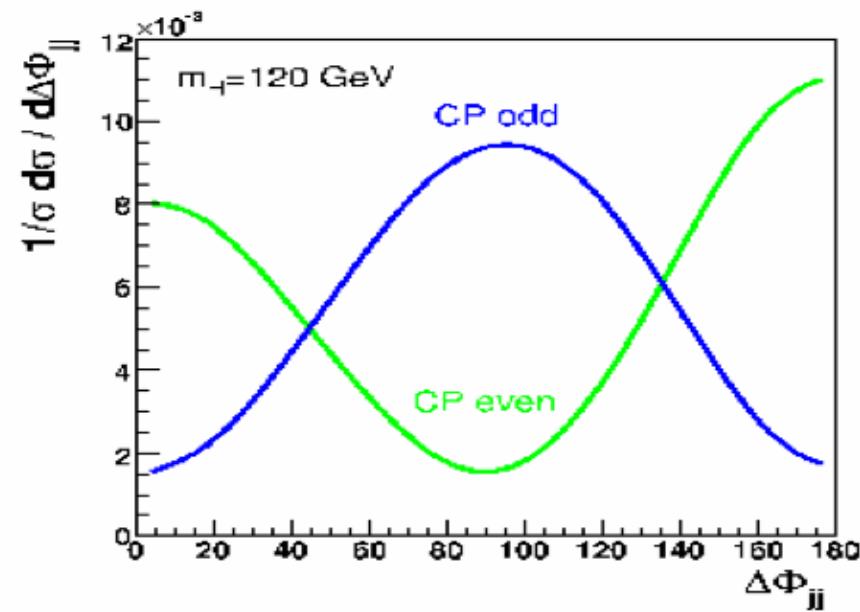
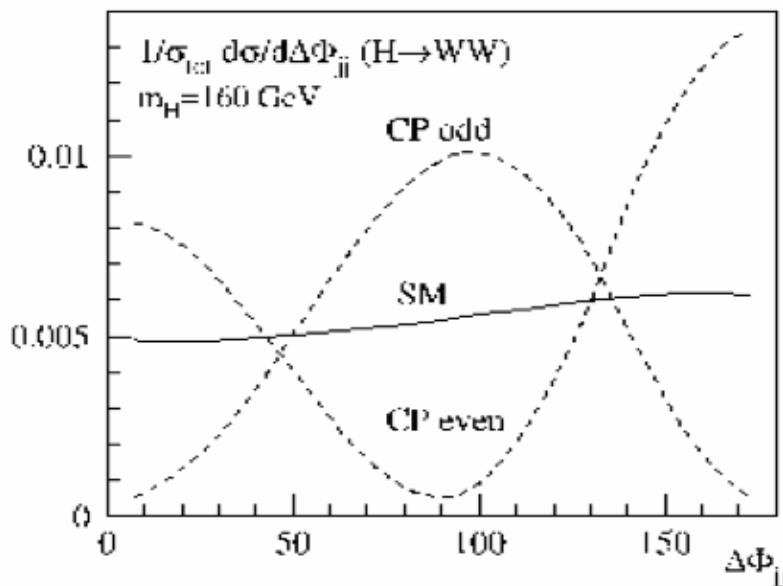
$$H f \bar{f} : -\frac{g m_f}{2 M_W} \bar{f} (a_f + i b_f \gamma_5) f H$$

**HVV:**

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

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

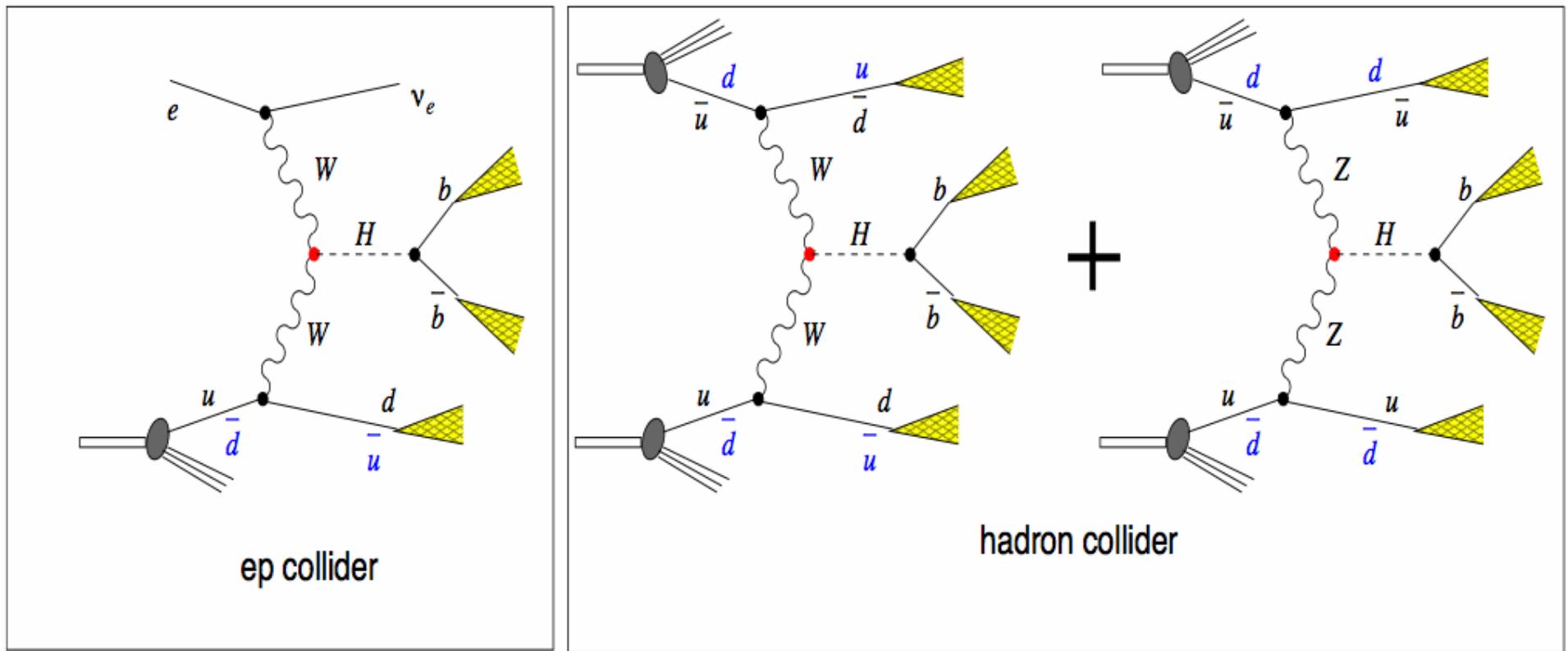
Study by Zeppenfeld et al:



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.

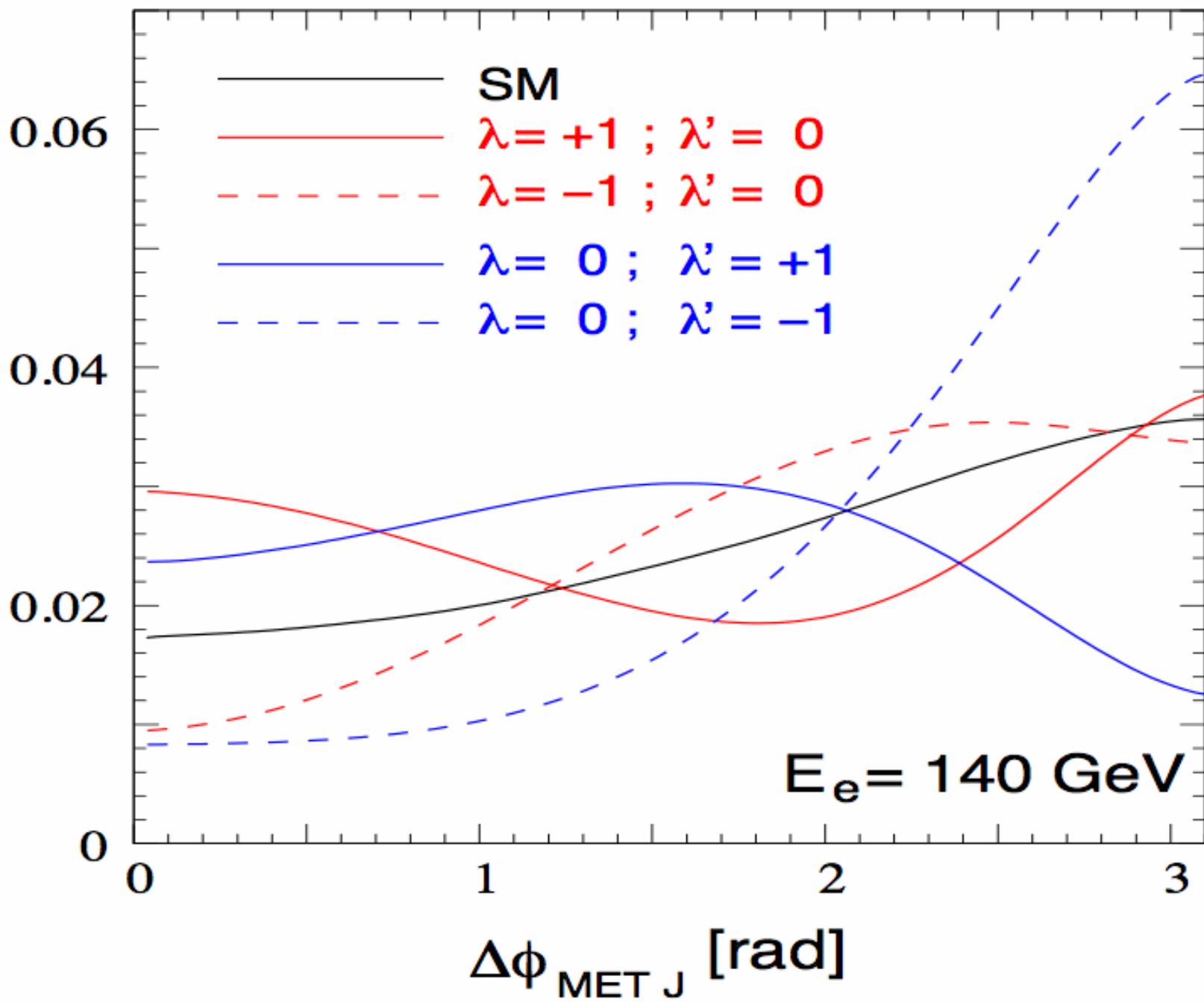
higgs + 2jets: VBF (LHC), higgs + jet + missing  $E_T$  (LHeC)



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

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

Normalised Cross-section/bin [arb.unit]



The behaviour very similar to that seen for  $pp$ . So the distribution can look at CP property of the Higgs cleanly.

This behaviour essentially follows from the behaviour of matrix element square.

In LHC studies, the modification in the  $\phi$  distribution (dips and peaks) were used with VBF specific cuts. We see that the structure is there even w/out those cuts.

Further no ambiguity about sign of  $\phi$ .

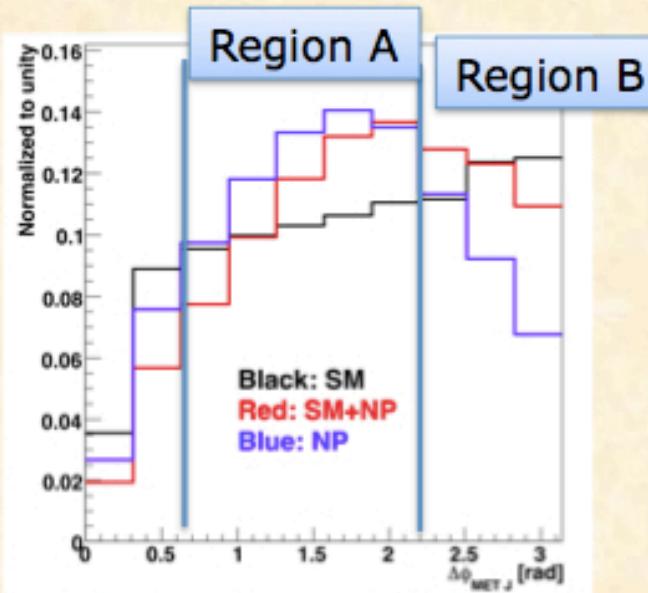
At LHeC the entire range of  $\phi$  is available.

What happens with cuts and reality?

# Case Study for $M_H=120$ GeV

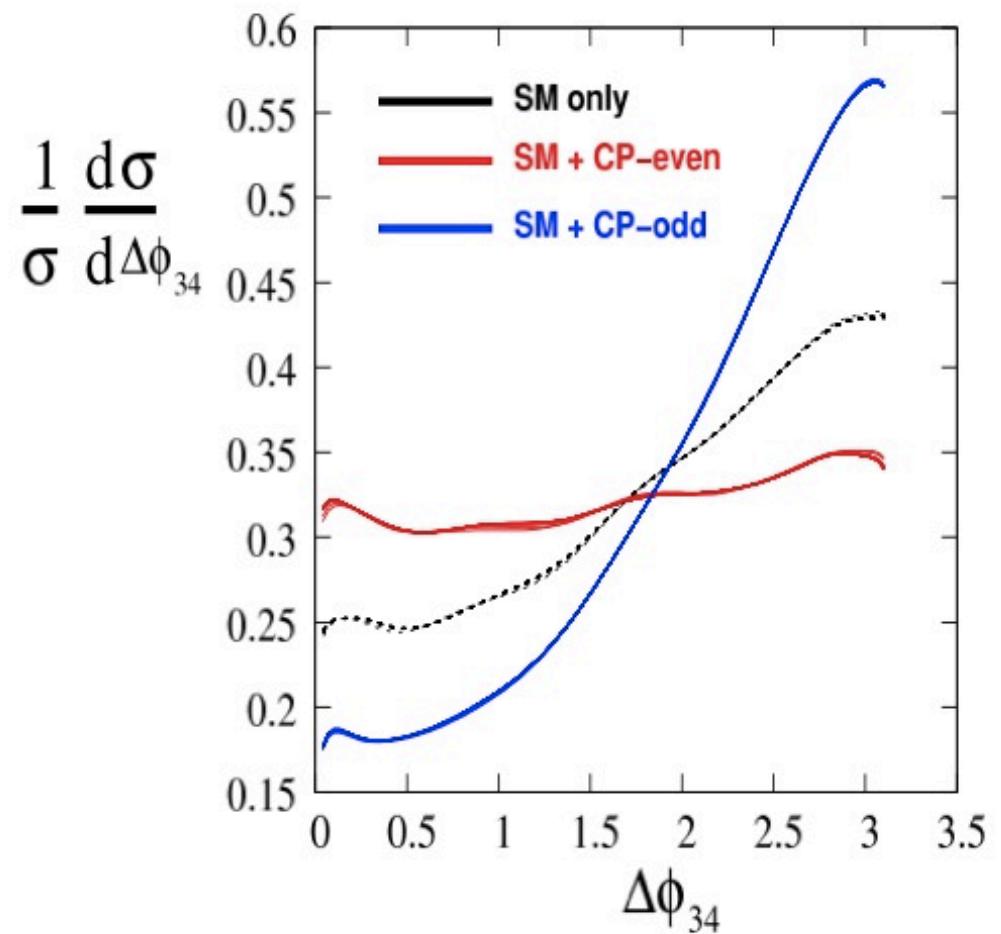
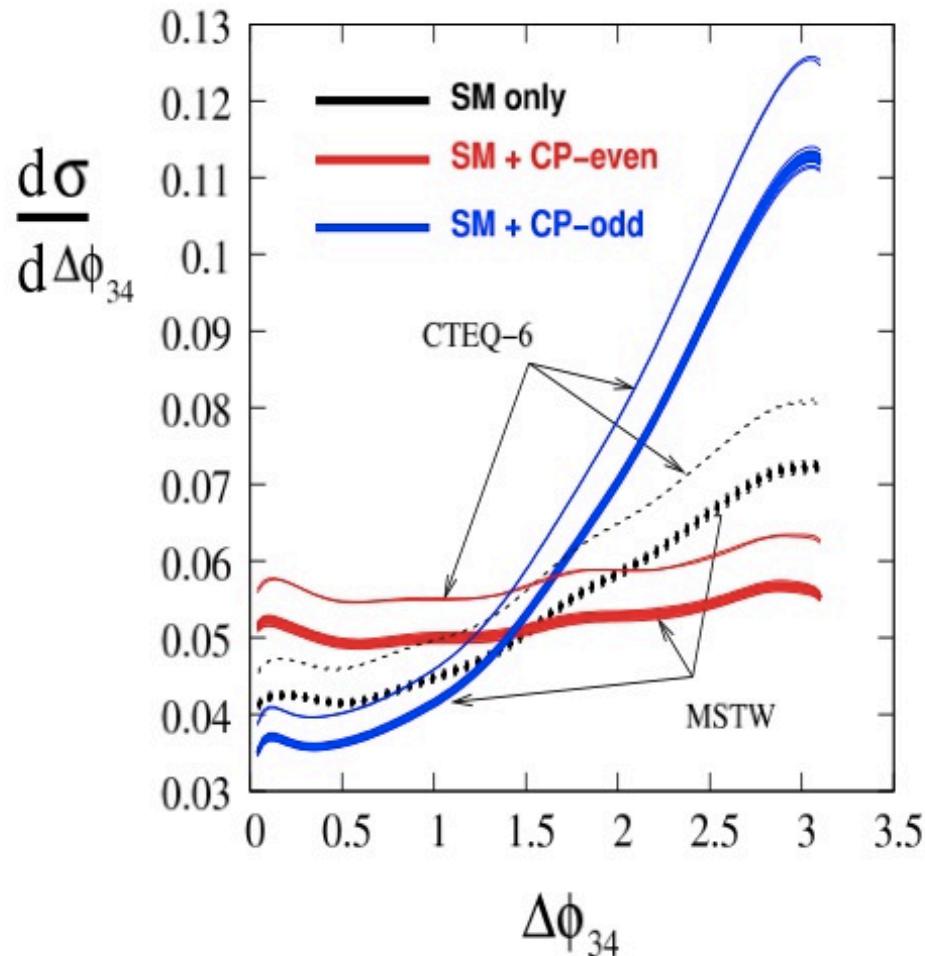
- Measure deviation of the Higgs production with respect to the SM using the absolute rate of events
- The ratio of the number of events in region B to that of region A in the  $\Delta\phi_{\text{MET},J}$  spectrum

CP-odd case



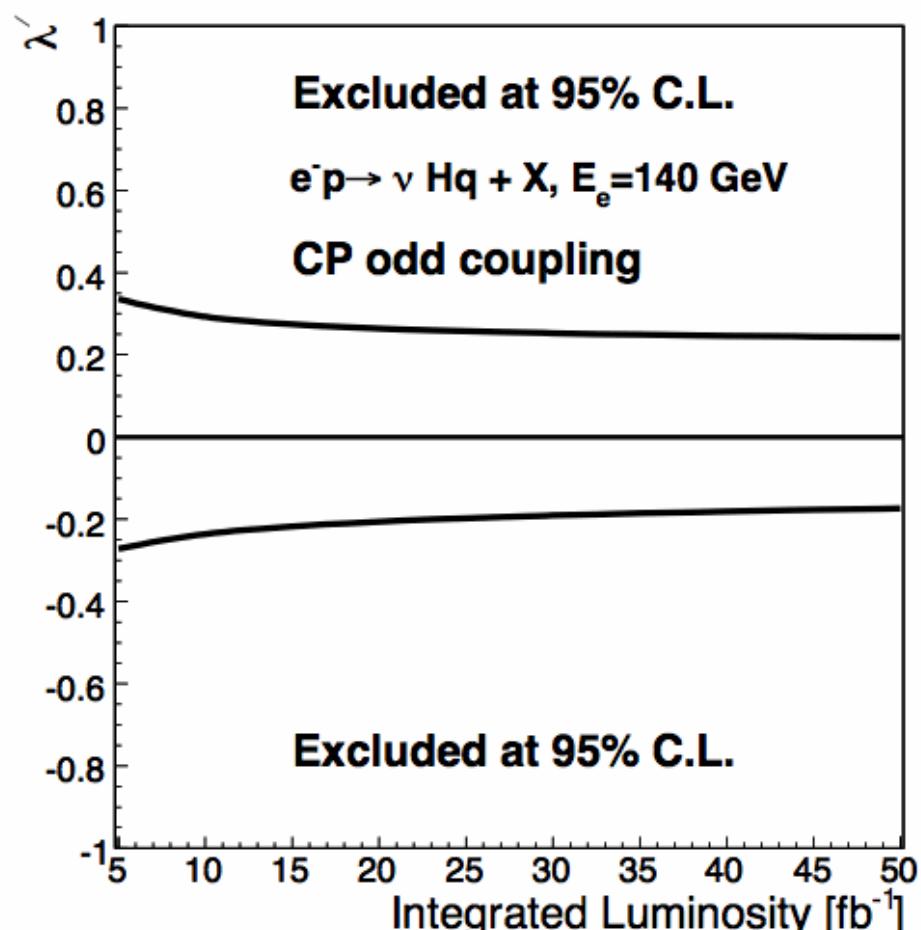
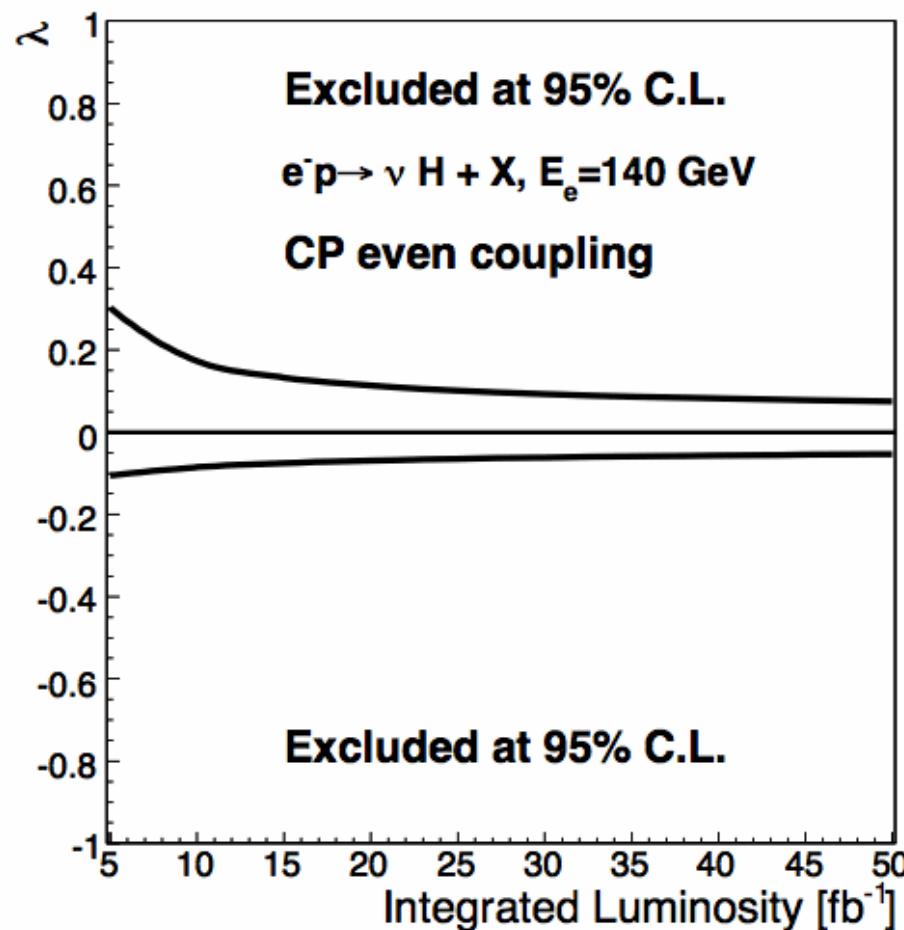
- Assume Gaussian errors and the following systematics:
  - 10% on the background rate
  - 5% on the shape of the  $\Delta\phi_{\text{MET},J}$  in background
  - 5% on the rate of the SM Higgs
  - Evaluating theoretical error on  $\Delta\phi_{\text{MET},J}$  shape

# Effect of PDF uncertainties and pdf choice

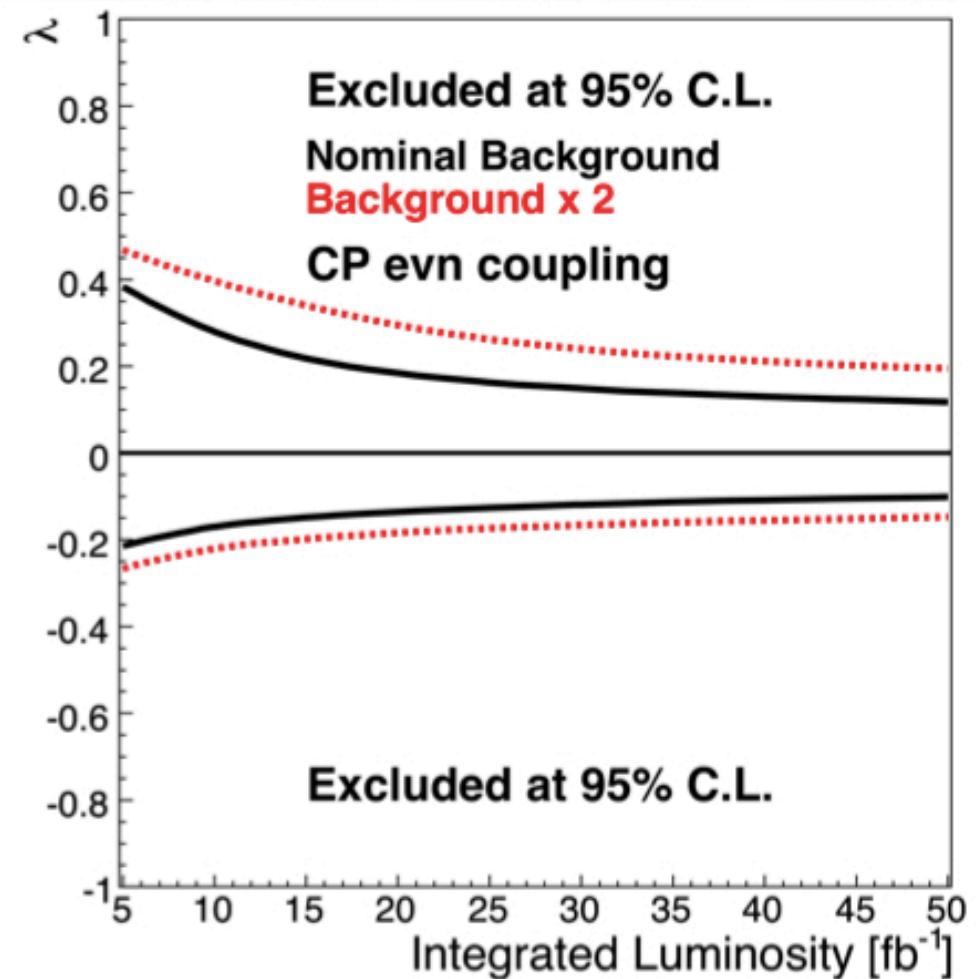
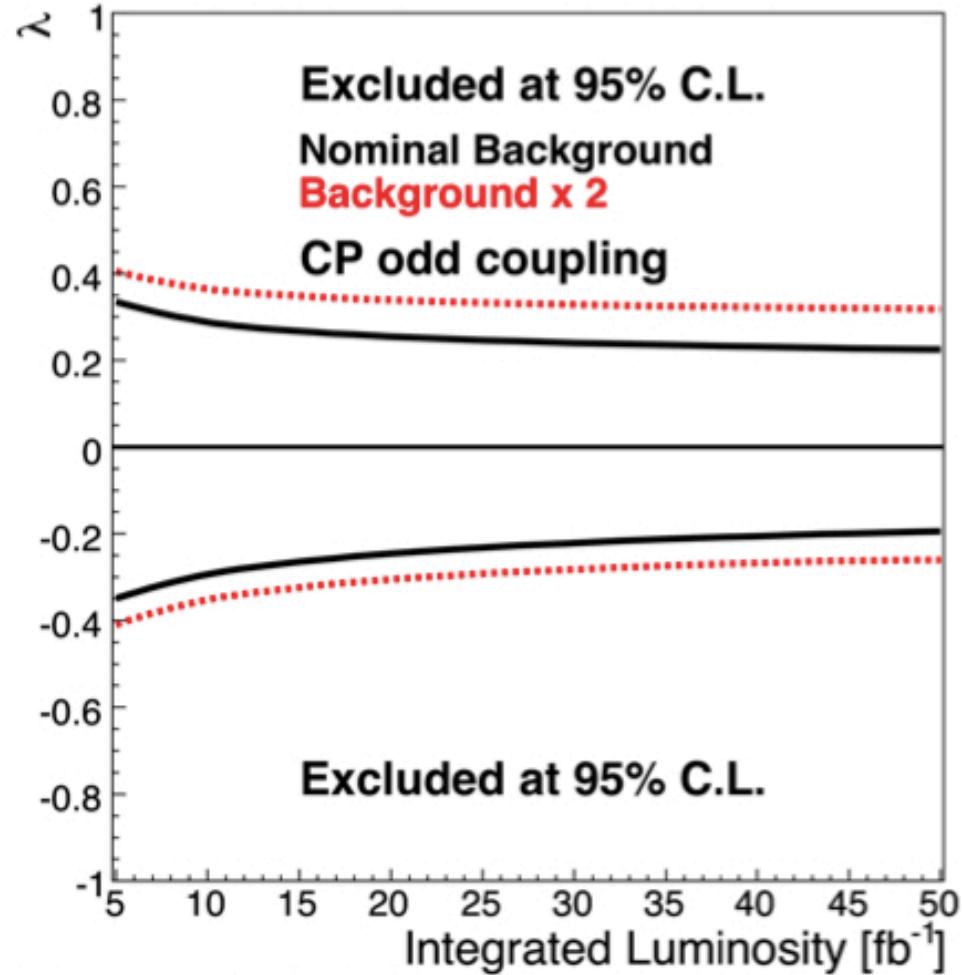


Results on the sensitivity with updated background as per the simulations of U. Klein (DIS 2011)

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



## Effect of background normalization on



Considering high luminosity scenarios (contribution to IPAC13)

Aim: to turn the LHeC into a Higgs factory

Exploration of Higgs Boson Properties with the LHeC

Observe the Higgs in decays not accessible by the LHC

Number of events for  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . Exploring higher lumi scenarios

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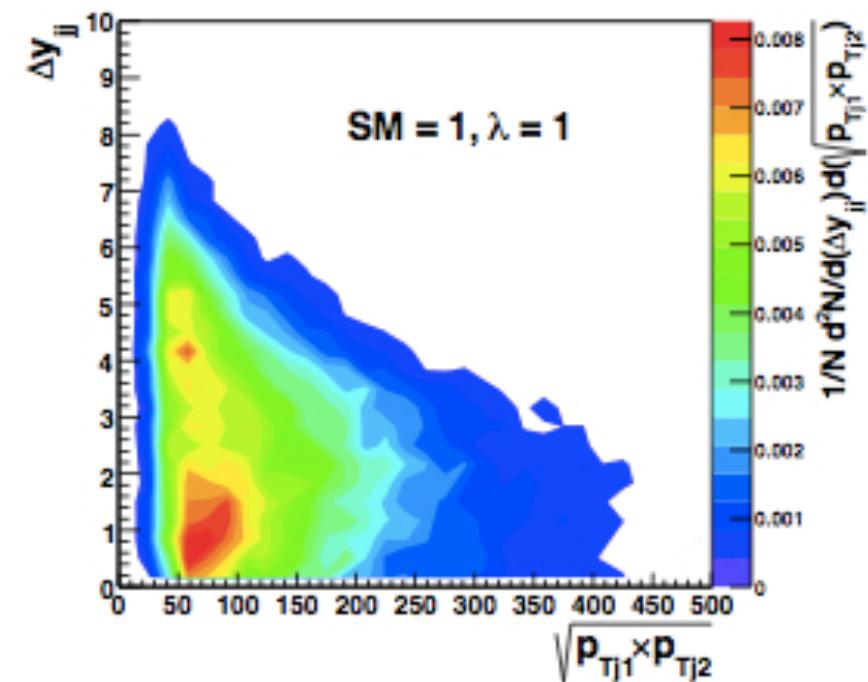
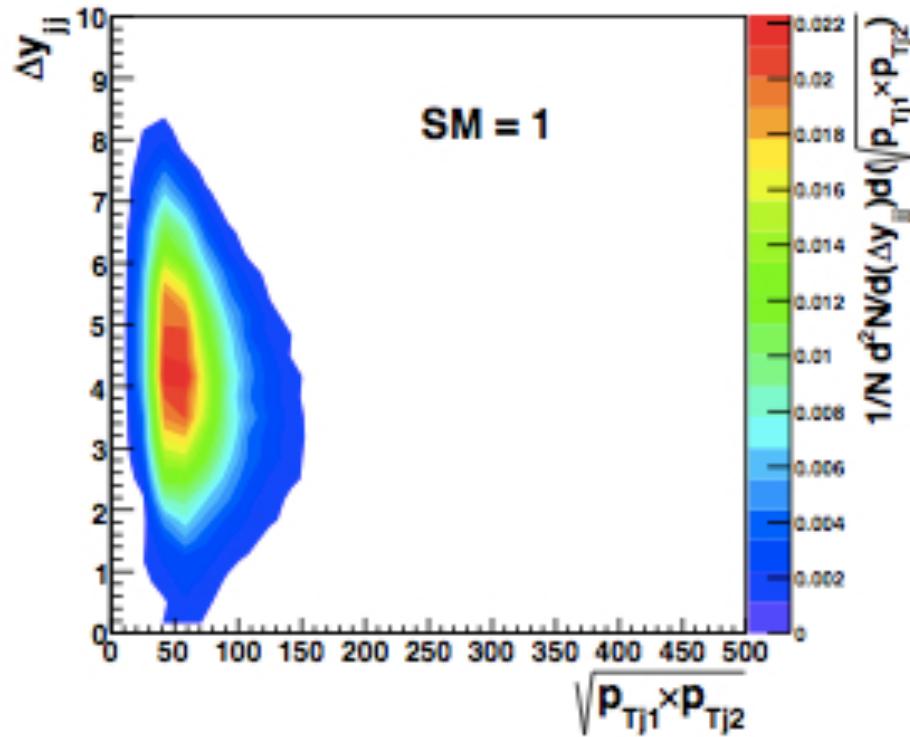
kinematic requirements	CC $e^- p$	CC $e^+ p$	NC $e^\pm p$
cross section	109 fb	58 fb	20 fb
acceptance	0.92	0.94	0.93
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	6500	3500	1200
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	330	180	60
$H \rightarrow gg$	900	480	160
$H \rightarrow WW$	1400	760	260
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	160	190	30
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	570	310	100
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	20	12	4

# 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

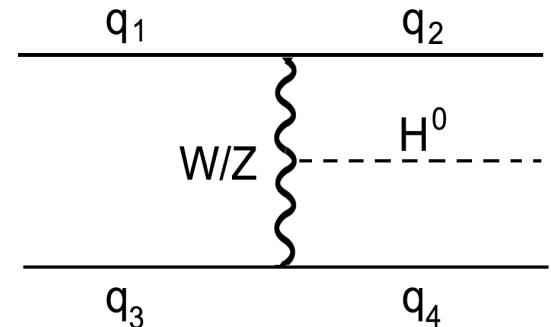
**Extra Slides**

# Higgs via VBF Qualitative remarks

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

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

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

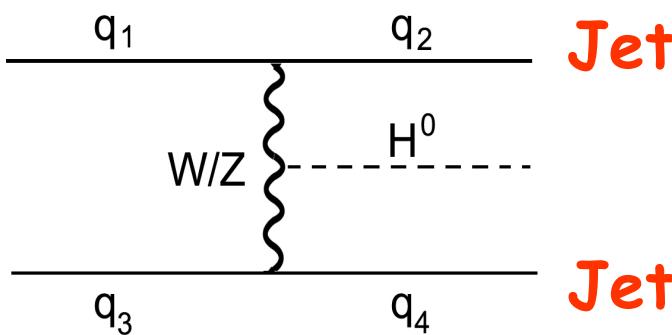


□ **Unlike QCD partons that scale like  $1/P_T^2$ , here  $P_T \sim \text{sqrt}(1-x)M_W$**

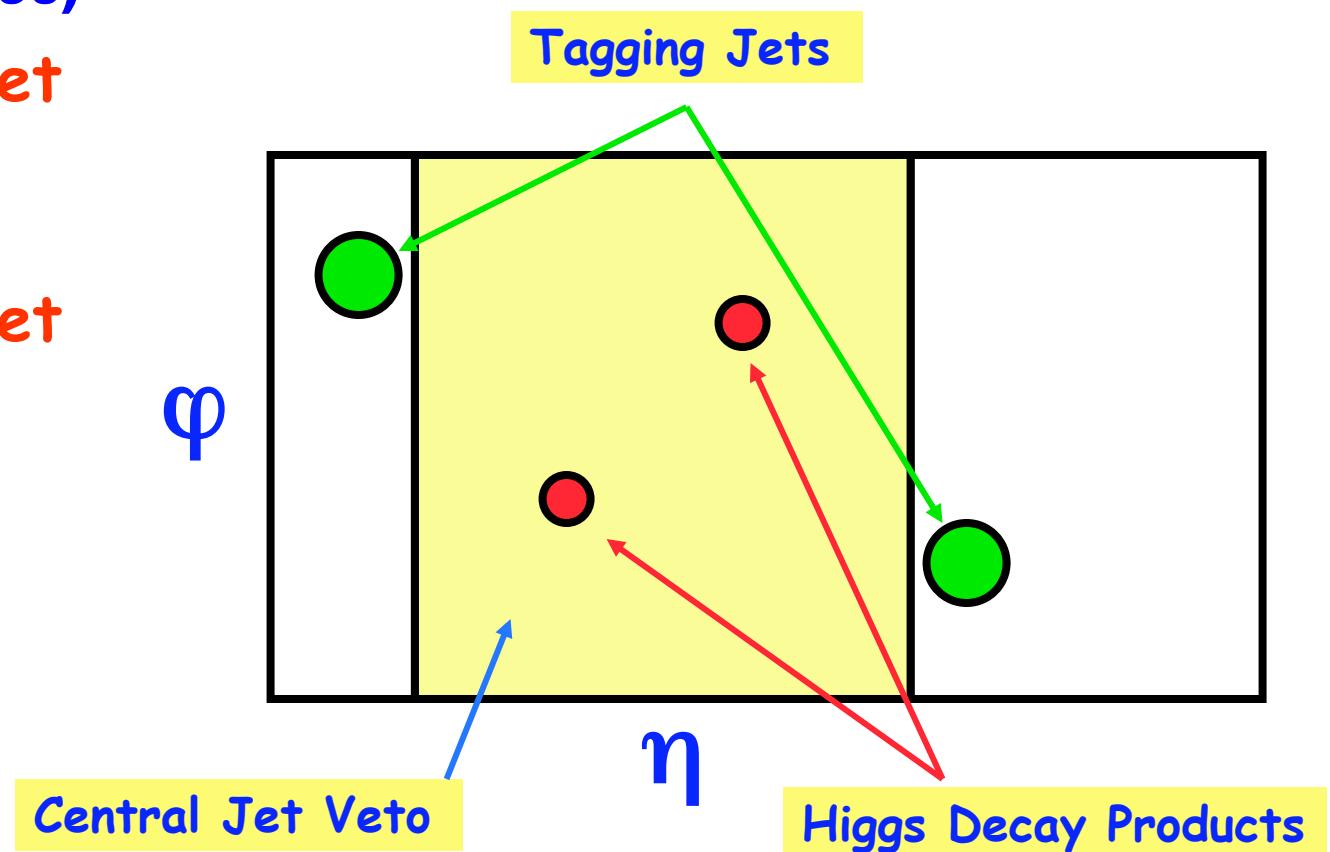
- Due to the  $1/x$  behavior of the Weak boson the outgoing parton energy  $(1-x)E$  is large → forward jets
- At high  $P_T$   $P_{V/f}^T \sim 1/p_T^2$  and  $P_{V/f}^L \sim 1/p_T^4$
- Contribution from longitudinally polarized Weak bosons is suppressed (Higgs couples to longitudinally polarized WB)

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$\eta_{J1} \cdot \eta_{J2} < 0$   
 $\Delta\eta_{JJ} > 3.5 \div 4$   
 $M_{JJ} > 500 \div 700 \text{ GeV}$   
c.j.v.



# Signal Efficiency for Different $E_e$

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

# Charge Current Analysis (results)

# Effect of Jet Energy Resolution

Nominal

Cuts	Higgs	CC			Photo-prod.		<i>S/B</i>
		<i>t</i> <i>b</i>	<i>b</i> <i>b</i> <i>j</i>	<i>j</i> <i>j</i> <i>j</i>	<i>b</i> <i>b</i> <i>j</i>	<i>t</i> <i>t</i>	
Generator level	167	3800	810	26000	48000	250	-
a	27.95	152.70	86.25	3.77	6.92	2.29	0.11
b	22.33	20.35	2.37	0.36	0.67	0.27	0.93
c	15.64	8.10	1.36	0.12	0.25	0.14	1.57
d	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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		<i>t</i> <i>b</i>	<i>b</i> <i>b</i> <i>j</i>	<i>j</i> <i>j</i> <i>j</i>	<i>b</i> <i>b</i> <i>j</i>	<i>t</i> <i>t</i>	
a	27.87	153.33	85.46	3.75	33.96	2.28	0.10
b	18.55	20.04	3.51	0.36	4.70	0.27	0.64
c	13.03	7.93	2.24	0.12	1.91	0.14	1.06
d	10.27	1.57	1.64	0.06	1.31	0.03	2.23

## Charge Current Analysis (results)

# Effect of Range of b-tagging

Cuts	Higgs	CC			Photo-prod.		<i>S/B</i>
		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$jjj$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
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$$|\eta_b| < 2.5 \rightarrow |\eta_b| < 3$$

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

Nominal

# Charge Current Analysis (results)

# Effect of Jet $P_T$

Cuts	Higgs	CC			Photo-prod.		$S/B$
		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$jjj$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
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b	22.33	20.35	2.37	0.36	0.67	0.27	0.93
c	15.64	8.10	1.36	0.12	0.25	0.14	1.57
d	12.37	1.46	0.92	0.06	0.14	0.04	4.73

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

Cuts	Higgs	CC			Photo-prod.		$S/B$
		$t\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}j$	$jjj$	$b\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	
a	33.48	208.46	134.97	5.85	8.12	2.62	0.09
b	26.52	24.90	2.91	0.47	0.88	0.30	0.90
c	21.47	10.16	1.79	0.26	0.42	0.16	1.68
d	16.24	1.71	1.18	0.10	0.32	0.04	4.84

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