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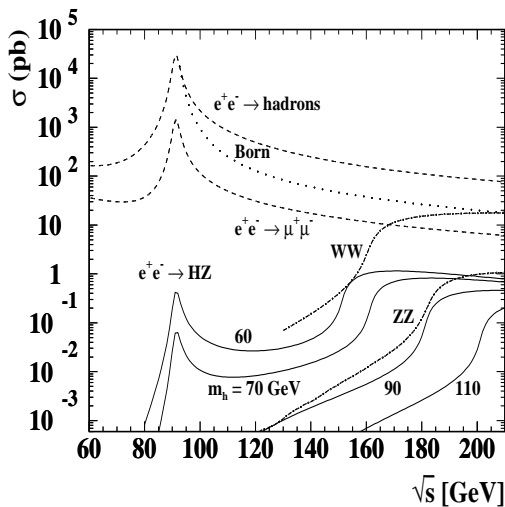
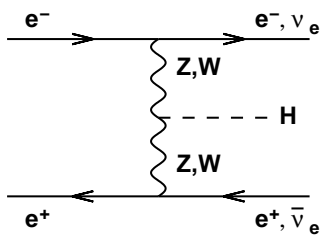
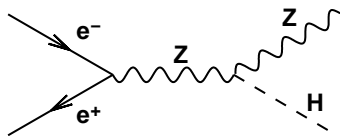
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Lecture 2

(Searching for the Higgs)

Collider	Process	max \sqrt{s}	experiments	status
SLC	e^+e^-	100 GeV	SLD	closed 1998
LEP	e^+e^-	208 GeV	Aleph, Delphi, L3, Opal	closed 2000
HERA	$e^\pm p$	330 GeV	H1, ZEUS (& Hermes)	running
Tevatron	$p\bar{p}$	1.96 TeV	CDF, DØ	running
LHC	pp	14 TeV	Atlas, CMS, LHCb, Alice	starts 2007

Production channels, e.g.

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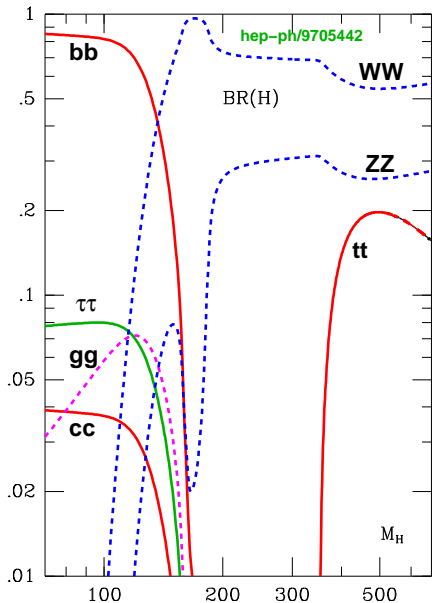
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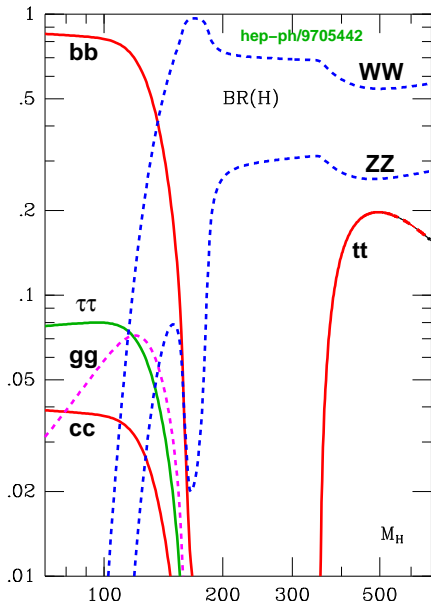


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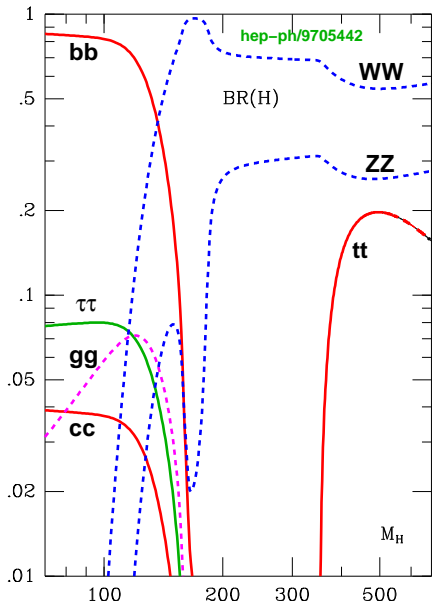


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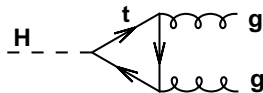


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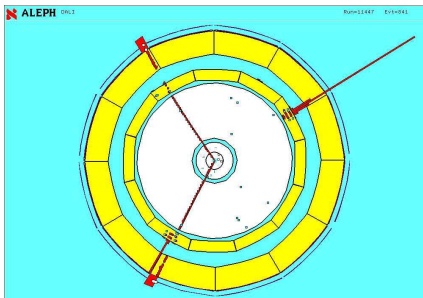
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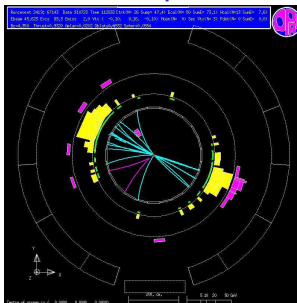
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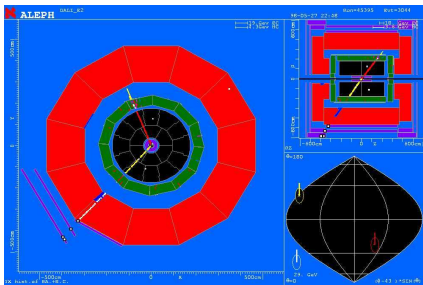
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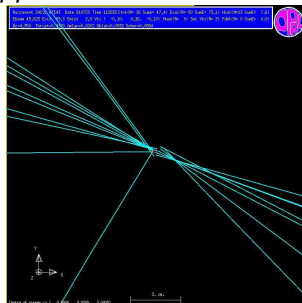
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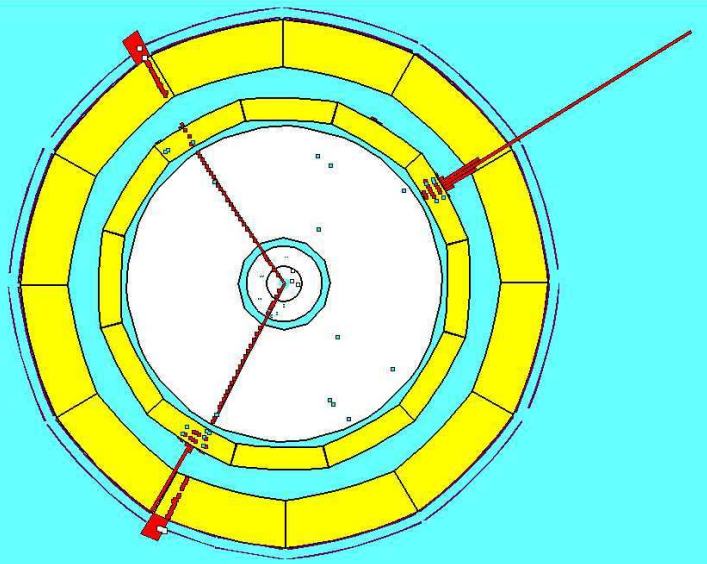
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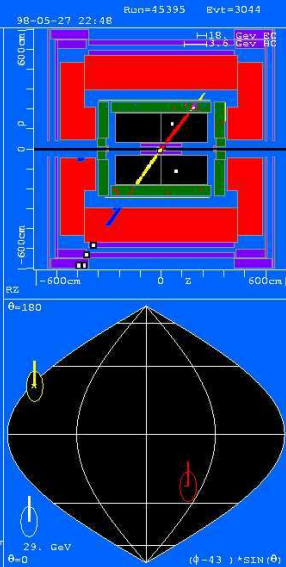
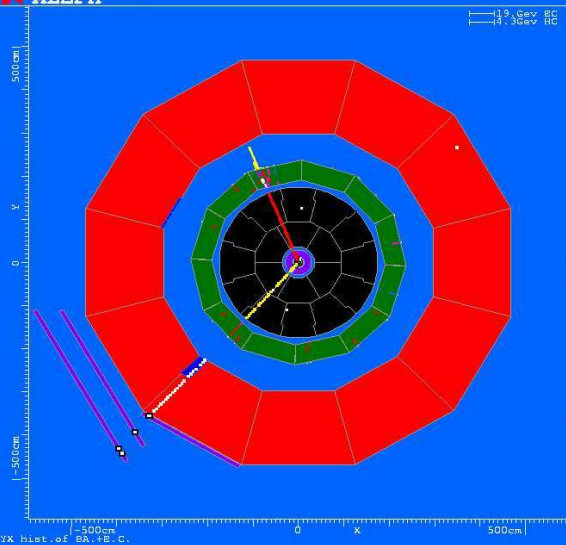
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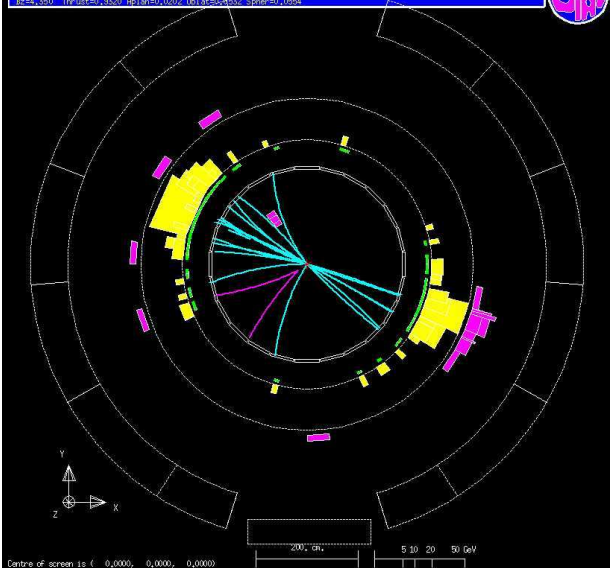
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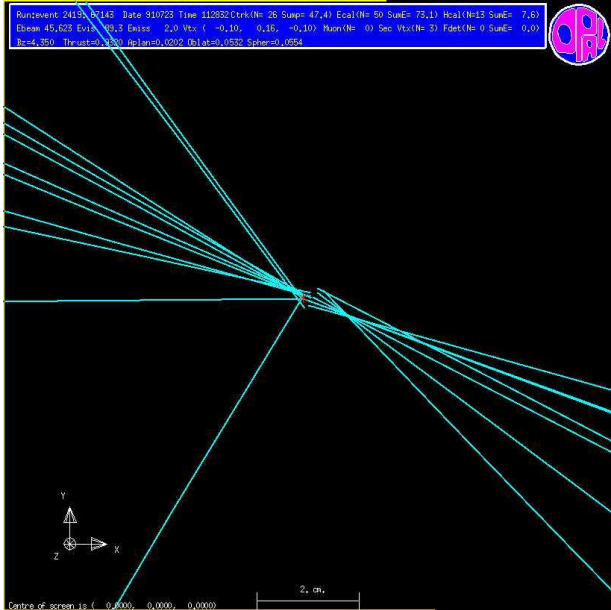
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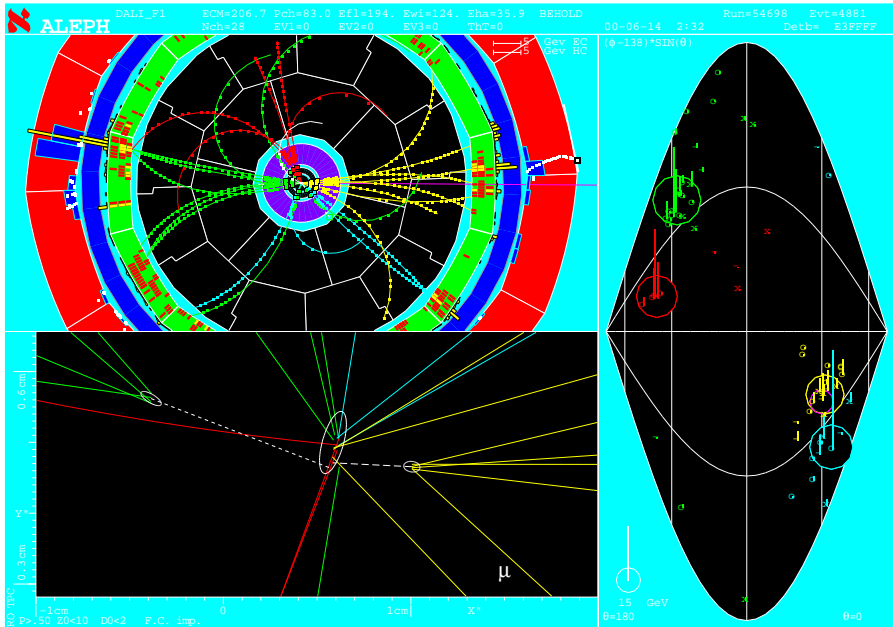
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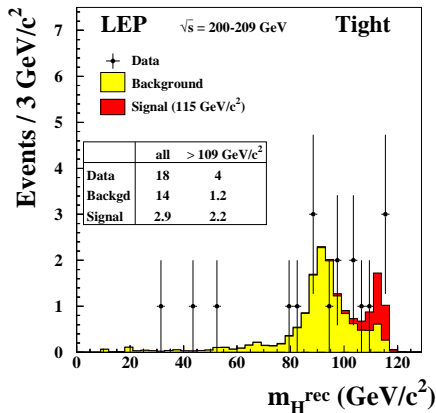
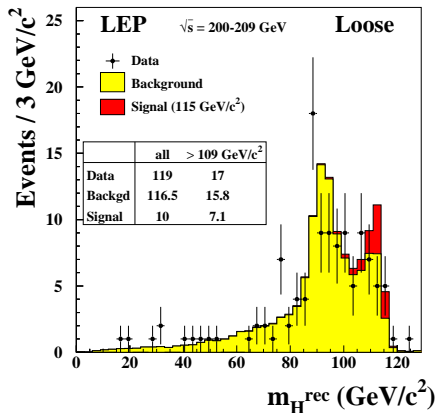
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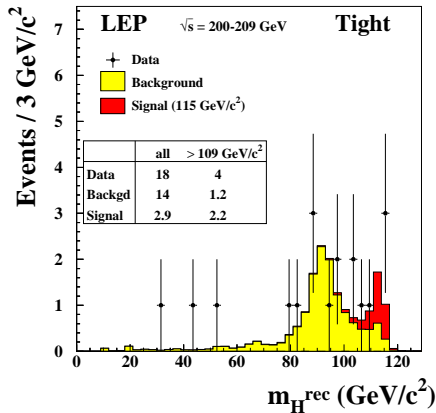
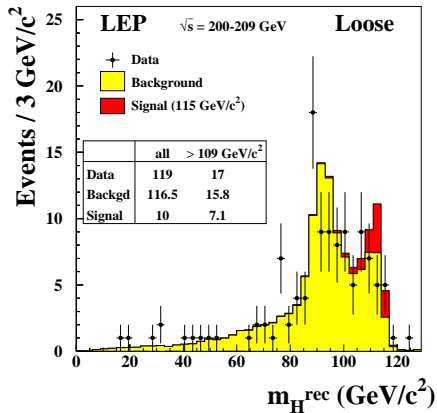
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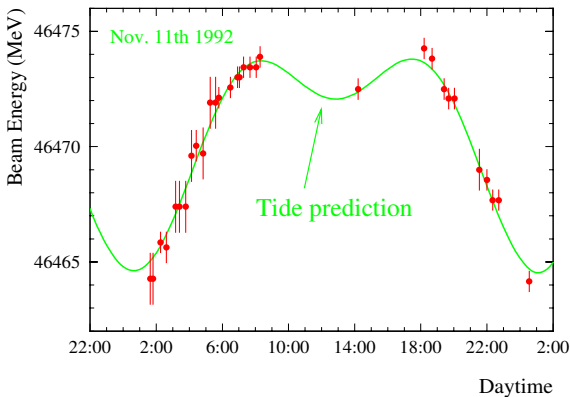
- Next generation e^+e^- collider will be *linear*. Not before ~ 2015 .
- For now have *hadron colliders* (at same energy, synchrotron energy loss $(m_e/m_p)^4 \sim 10^{-13}$ smaller).



Moonrise over LEP



Fall of 1992 : The historic tide experiment !



The total strain is 4×10^{-8} ($\Delta C = 1 \text{ mm}$)

Success in the Press !

Moon Found Behind Particle-Accelerator Puzzle

By MALCOLM W. BRIDGEMAN

For more than a year, physicists at the largest particle accelerator in the world, CERN's LEP, have been puzzled by an unexplained feature of the electron-positron collisions.

In Physics, the Moon Factor

GENEVA (IHT) — Scientists at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics will have to consult the phase of the moon in future before calibrating instruments on the Large Electron Positron collider outside Geneva.

Long puzzled by variations in the energy of the circulating beam made up of hundreds of millions of subatomic particles, physicists have now discovered that these correspond exactly to minute deformations in the Earth's crust caused by lunar attraction. Over the 27 kilome-

ter suggested that their local offices might be responsible, one conducted experiments that proved beyond doubt that he was right.

The LEP accelerator protrudes the length of a football field from the edge of France and Switzerland, at the Large Electron-Positron collider. It is operated by the 15-nation European Organization for Particle Physics, CERN.

verse collisions in more than three decades of studies. As a subsequent interview in London, Dr. Evans said that none of the effects of lunar cycles on the energies of LEP's particle beams was known, and while corrections could be applied to all the data that the machine produces, "There was an, high-energy physicist said, 'I don't know how they do their calculations'."

When Dr. Albert Hildebrand of CERN and his colleagues tested the complex and the subsequent investigation with a long and exhausting experiment last week, they revealed a complete picture of the phenomenon in the mor-

phism of LEP's particle beams only matched the moon's position in the sky.

Change in Tunnel's Size
The moon's gravitational pull does not directly affect electron-positron collisions, particle physicists agreed in opposite directions of the moon slightly larger tract of LEP in the tunnel is contained, the effect is 3.3-billionths of an inch, but it is enough to cause small changes in the acceleration of the particles.



SCIENCES

Au LEP, près de Genève

Les effets de Lune dévoilés par les physiciens

Dans le grand accélérateur européen de particules, les mesures... parfois...

Physicists look to the moon for atomic answers

PHYSIQUE DES PARTICULES Mystère élucidé Comment la lune a trompé le CERN : les physiciens expliquent

Les scientifiques ont enfin trouvé l'origine d'une imprécision qui entachait leurs expériences : des marées terrestres - provoquées par la lune.

La lune trouble le CERN

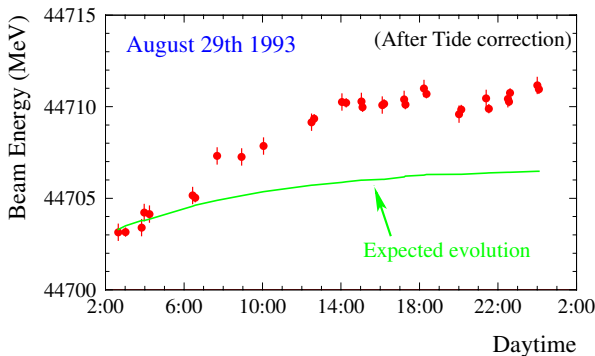
L'énergie des particules circulant dans l'anneau du LEP se modifie en fonction des phases lunaires.

The Crack in the Model

Spring of 1994 : the beam energy model seemed to explain all observed sources of energy fluctuations...

EXCEPT :

An unexplained energy increase of 5 MeV was observed in **ONE** experiment.



It will remain unexplained for two years...

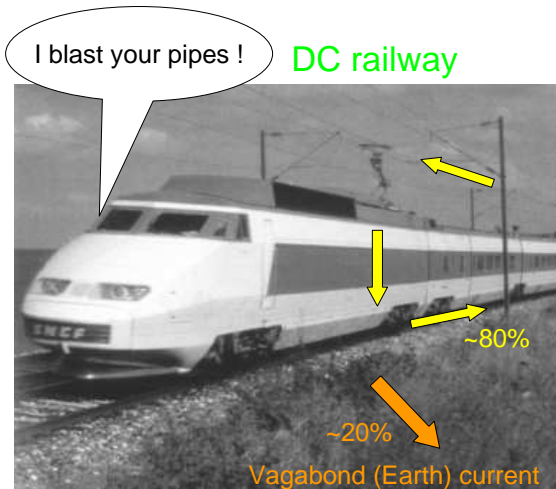
Pipebusters

The explanation was given by the Swiss electricity company EOS...

**Vagabond currents
from
trains and subways**



Source of electrical noise
and corrosion
(first discussed in ...1898 !)



TGV for Paris

November 1995 : Measurements of

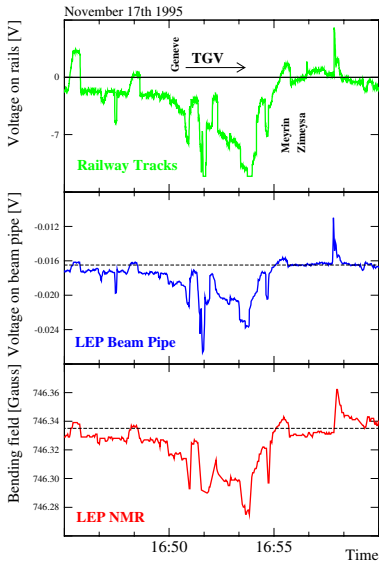
- The current on the railway tracks
- The current on the vacuum chamber
- The dipole field in a magnet

correlate perfectly !

Because energy calibrations were usually performed :

- At the end of fills (saturation)
- During nights (no trains !)

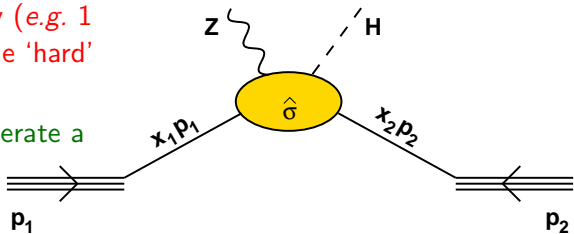
**we “missed” the trains
for many years !**



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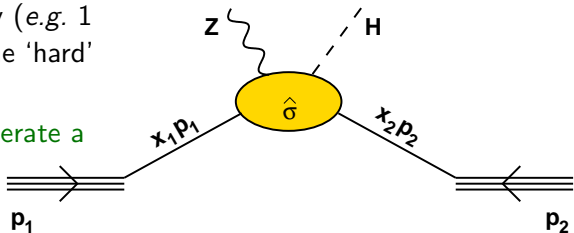
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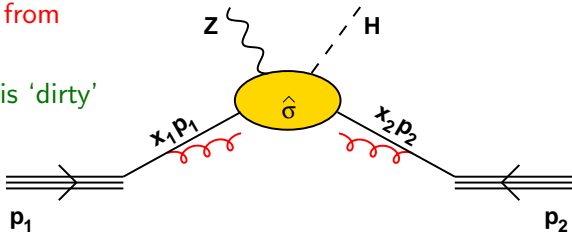


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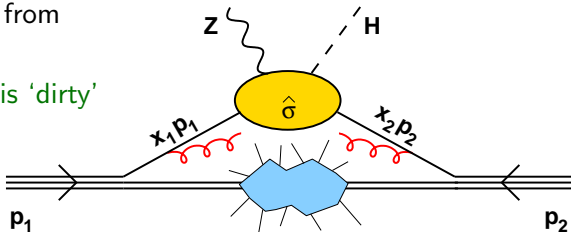
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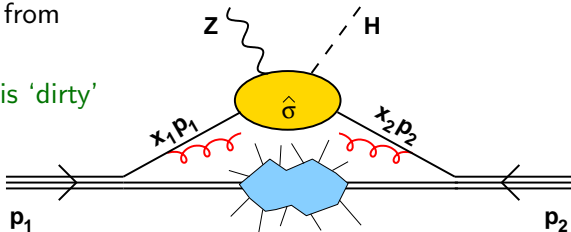
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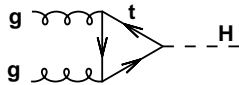
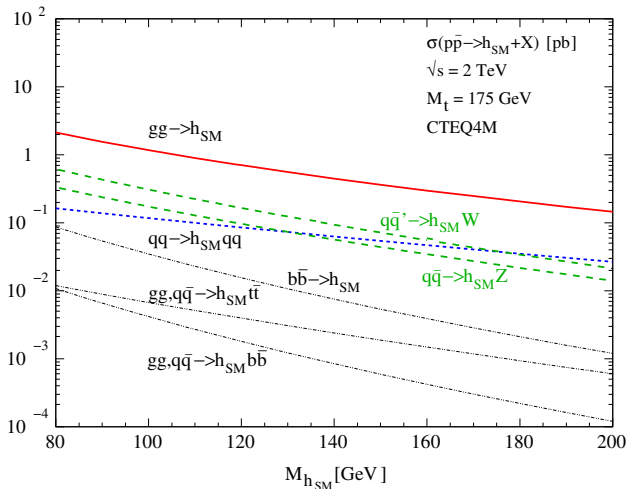
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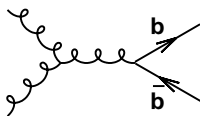
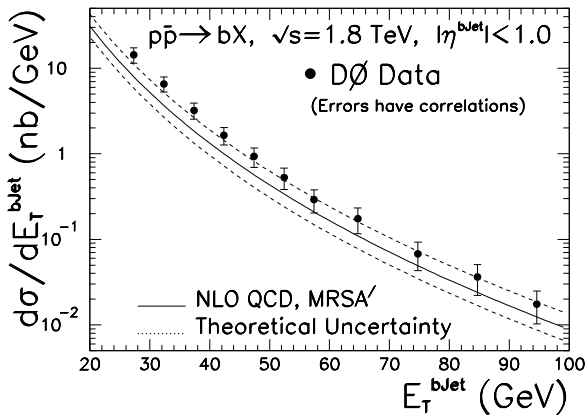
Largest production channel: $gg \rightarrow H$, with decay $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (for $M_H \lesssim 135$ GeV).



For 115 GeV Higgs, production cross section is ~ 1 pb.

[1 barn (b) = 10^{-28} m²]

[1 mb $\simeq 2.56$ GeV⁻² ($\hbar c$)²]



$$m_{b\bar{b}} \simeq 115 \text{ GeV} \equiv E_T \simeq 50 \text{ GeV}$$

Cross section $\sim 1 \text{ nb}$

Background is $\sim 10^3 \times$ signal.



Final State Modes and Backgrounds



Signal Production and Final State:

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

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow WH \rightarrow q\bar{q}' b\bar{b}$$

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$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow q\bar{q} b\bar{b}$$


$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b}$$

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Primary Background Processes:

QCD Dijet Background...Huge 

QCD Jet Background/W+jets 

W+b \bar{b} /c \bar{c} , Single top, t \bar{t} 

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W/Z+b \bar{b} /c \bar{c} , t \bar{t} (Poor BR) 

W/Z+b \bar{b} /c \bar{c} , t \bar{t} , QCD Jets 

Essentials:

Lepton Acceptance, b-tagging eff/Acceptance, dijet Mass Resolution

Event Rates/fb⁻¹



Rates determined from a combination of MC and data.

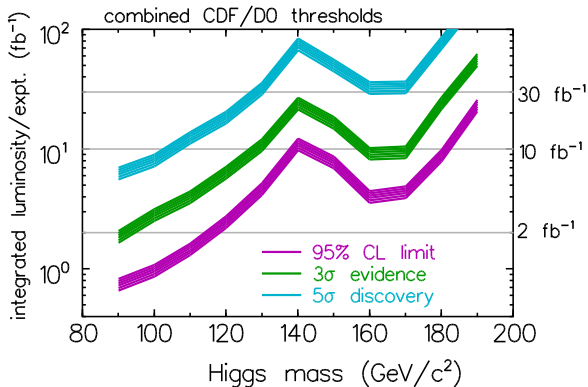
Missed
Chg Lepton

	No Mass Window	Mass Window
WH Signal(115)	1.7	1.5
ZH Signal(115)	2.5	2.3
Total Signal	4.2	3.8
tt	8.8	2.2
t(W*)	3.3	0.7
t(Wg)	2.4	0.5
W/Z bb	22.3	3.3
WZ/ZZ	16.5	2.7
QCD	61.2	10.2
Total Bkg	114	19.6
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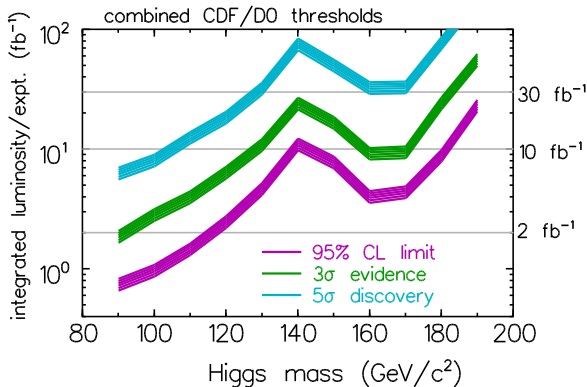
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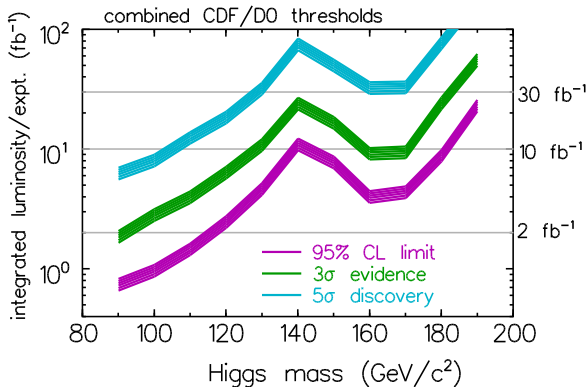
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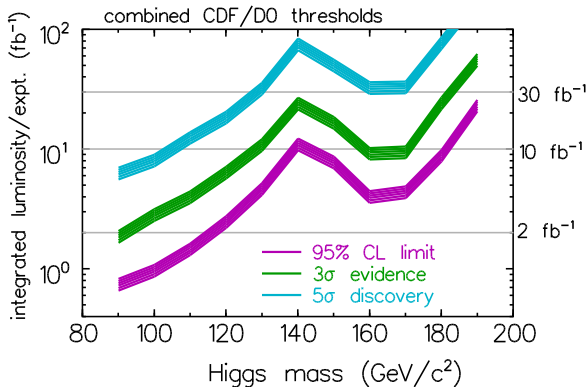
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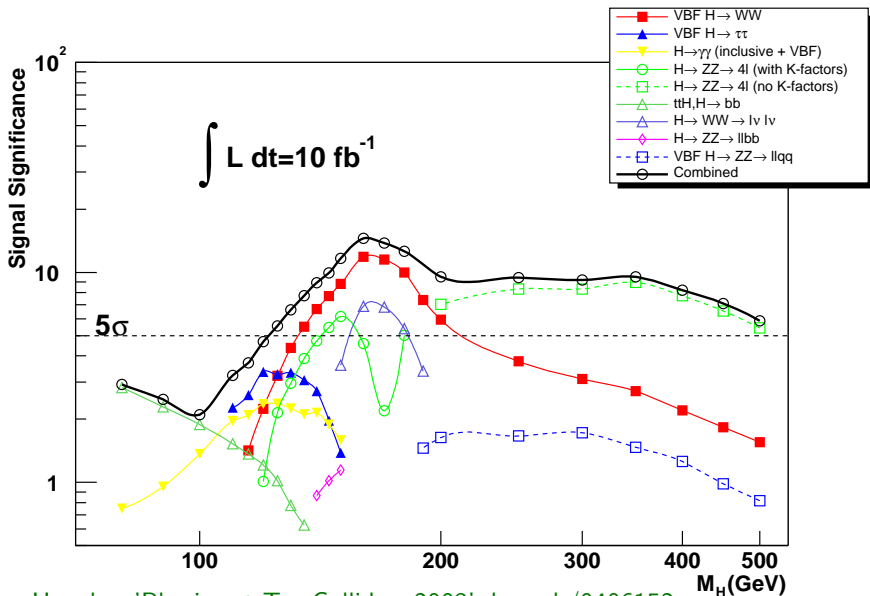
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LHC Higgs search: prospects



Les Houches 'Physics at TeV Colliders 2003', hep-ph/0406152

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